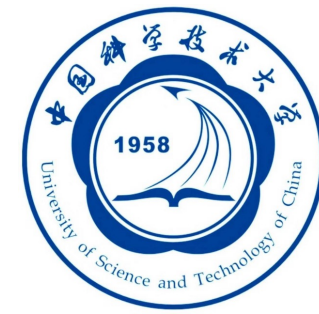




Preliminary Study of Quantum Entanglement in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ under $\sqrt{s} = 7$ GeV at STCF

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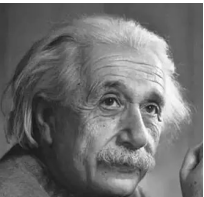
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Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*
(Received March 25, 1935)



Albert Einstein, Boris Podolsky, and Nathan Rosen questioned whether QM gives a complete description of reality. They introduced a thought experiment (a.k.a EPR paradox)

1935

1964

J.S. Bell's Theorem Formulated Bell's Inequality: predictions of local hidden variable theories must obey specific statistical limits Provided a testable framework

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Experimental Tests of Realistic Local Theories via Bell's Theorem

Alain Aspect, Philippe Grangier, and Gérard Roger
Institut d'Optique Théorique et Appliquée, Université Paris-Sud, F-91406 Orsay, France
(Received 30 March 1981)



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Alain Aspect's Bell test experiments (1981-1982)
Used polarized photon pairs to test Bell's inequalities

1981-1982

Today

ATLAS, CMS, BelleII test quantum entanglement in high energy particle pairs ($\bar{t}t$, $\tau^+\tau^-$)

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Observation of quantum entanglement with top quarks at the ATLAS detector

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Introduction: Theory



❑ Bit

In classical computing, a bit can only be in one state, either 0 or 1

❑ Qubit

Unlike classical bits, qubits can exist in a superposition.

They can represent both 0 and 1 simultaneously.

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad (|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1).$$

❑ Quantum mixed state

Quantum mixed state can be described by a density matrix

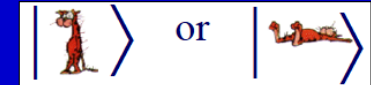
$$\rho = \sum p_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$$

❑ General density matrix for a qubit

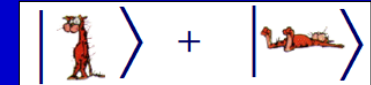
For single bit, $\rho = \frac{I_2 + \sum B_i \sigma^i \otimes I_2}{2}$, where $\mathbf{B}$ is a spin polarization and are Pauli matrices

Quantum Superposition

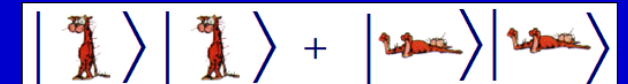
Classical Physics:
"bit"



Quantum Physics:
"qubit"



Entanglement:



Quantum foundations: Bell's inequality, quantum nonlocality...
Quantum information processing: quantum communication,
quantum computation, quantum simulation etc ...

Introduction: Entanglement observables



□ Spin Density Matrix (SDM) for Two-qubit system ($\tau^+ \tau^-$)

- Spin quantum state of a τ -pair is described by the spin density matrix

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} [I \otimes I + \sum_i B_i^+ (\sigma_i \otimes I) + \sum_j B_j^- (I \otimes \sigma_j) + \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} (\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j)]$$

where B_i^+ / B_j^- is spin polarization of τ^+ / τ^- , C_{ij} is correlation matrix connecting spin of τ^+ / τ^-

□ QE observables based on SDM:

- Concurrence $\mathcal{C}[\rho]$:**

For a bipartite qubit system, an entanglement monotone can be defined as:

no entanglement $0 \leq \mathcal{C}[\rho] = \max\{0, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4\} \leq 1$ maximally entangled

where λ_i are the eigenvalues, in decreasing order, of the matrix

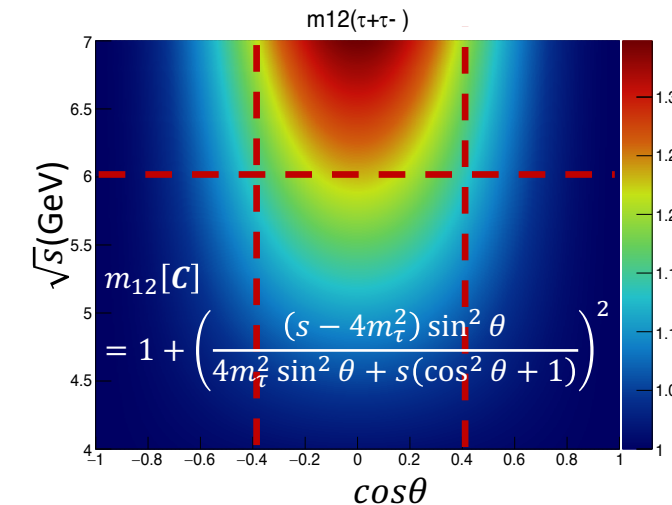
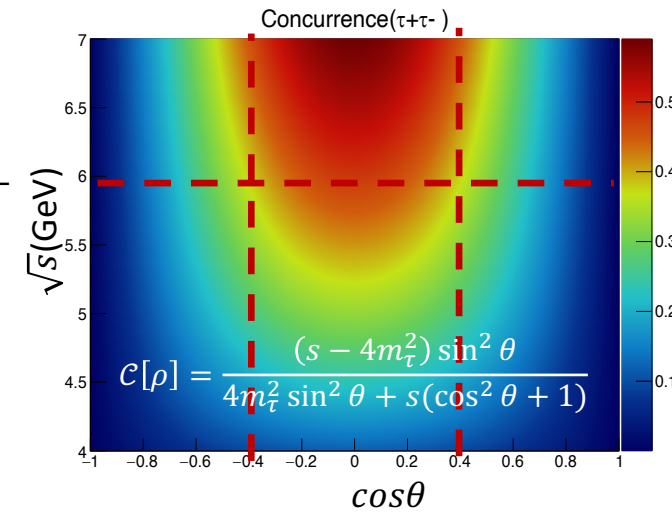
$$R = \sqrt{\sqrt{\rho} \tilde{\rho} \sqrt{\rho}}, \text{ with } \tilde{\rho} = (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2) \rho^* (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2)$$

- Bell-inequality:** an optimized operator $m_{12}[C]$:

$$m_{12}[C] = m_1 + m_2 \quad m_{12}[C] > 1 \text{ Bell-inequality is violated}$$

where $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq m_3$ are the eigenvalues of the positive semi-definite matrix $M = C^T C$

theoretical signal region



Introduction: Entanglement observables



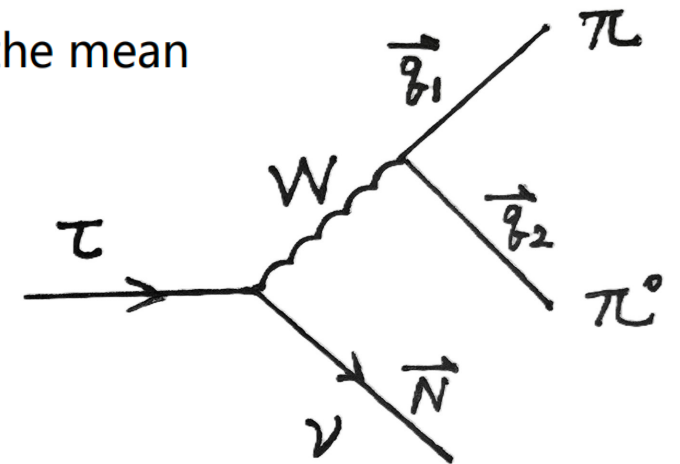
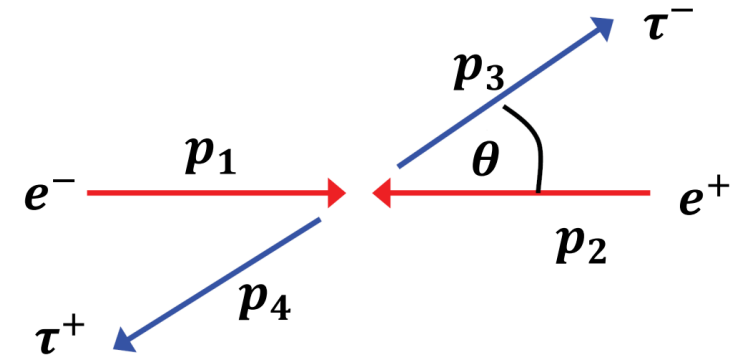
□ B, C

- $\rho = \frac{1}{4} [I \otimes I + \sum_i B_i^+ (\sigma_i \otimes I) + \sum_j B_j^- (I \otimes \sigma_j) + \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} (\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j)]$, where:

$$B_i^\pm = \frac{3}{\kappa_\pm} \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d\Omega^\pm \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega^\pm} (\vec{h}^\pm \cdot \hat{e}_i)$$

$$C_{ij} = \frac{9}{\kappa_+ \kappa_-} \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d\Omega^+ d\Omega^- \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega^+ d\Omega^-} (\vec{h}^+ \cdot \hat{e}_i) (\vec{h}^- \cdot \hat{e}_j)$$

- $\kappa_\pm = \pm 1.0$, $\vec{h}^\pm$ are polarimetric vectors for $\tau^\pm$.
- So the **key point is to retrieve $\vec{h}^\pm$** , and B, C coefficients correspond to the mean value of $\vec{h}^\pm$ in different directions of $\{\hat{e}_i\} (i = 1, 2, 3)$, usually $\{\hat{n}, \hat{r}, \hat{k}\}$.
- $\vec{h} \propto -[2(q^\mu N_\mu) \vec{q} - (q^\mu q_\mu) \vec{N}]$



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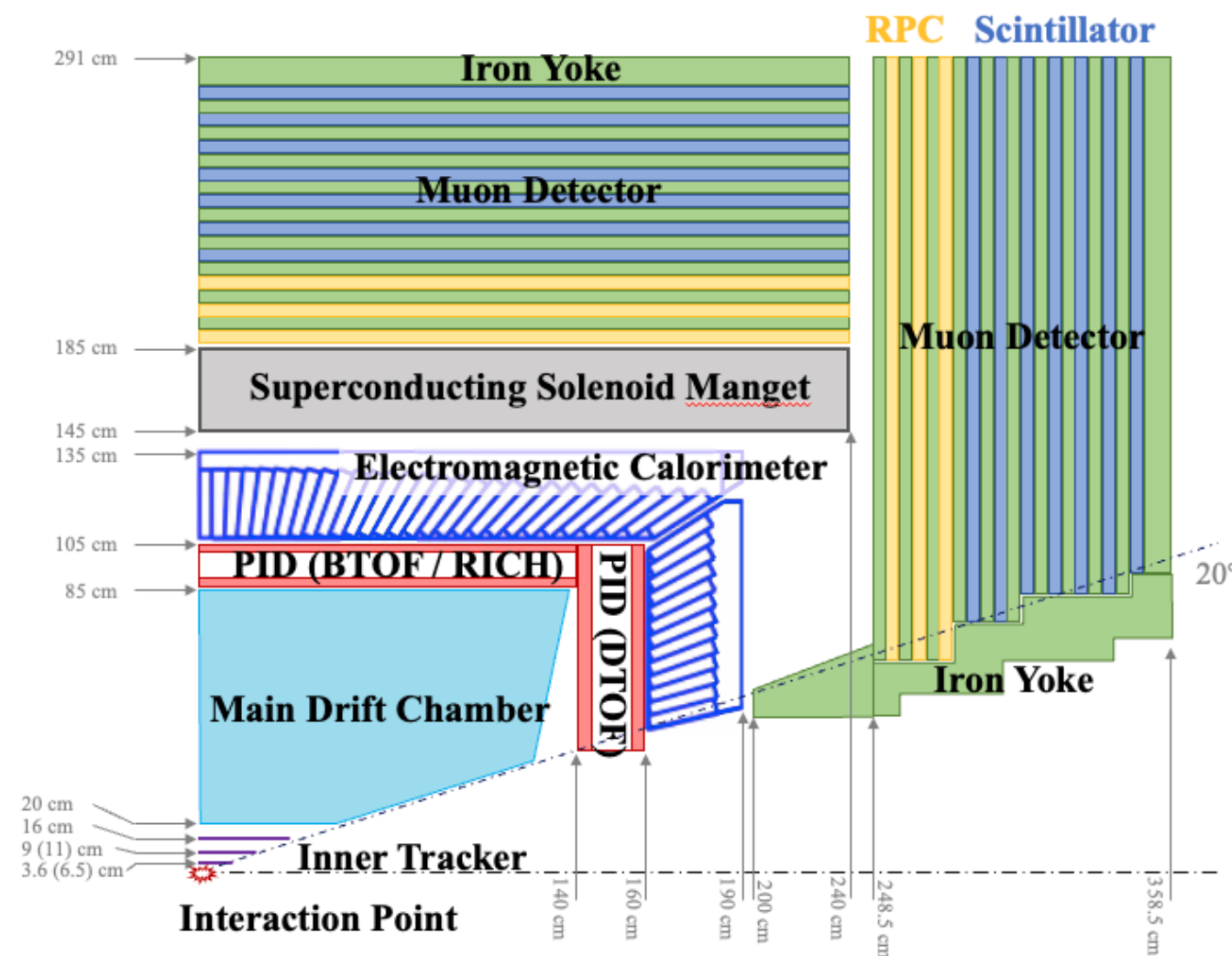
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STCF Detector



- ❑ **ITK:** Inner Tracker
 - ITKW: cylindrical MPGD
 - ITKM: CMOS M-MAPS
- ❑ **MDC:** Main Drift Chamber, Central tracker
 - π^+/π^- track Reconstruction
- ❑ **PIDE:** Particle Identification-Endcap
 - DToF: DIRC-like TOF
- PIDB:** Particle Identification-Barrel
 - RICH: Ring Imaging Cherenkov detectors CsI-MPGD
 - BTOF: Barrel-TOF
 - π^+/π^- Identification
- ❑ **ECAL(EMC):** Electromagnetic Calorimeter pure CsI + APD
 - π^0 Reconstruction
- ❑ **MUD:** Muon Detector RPC + scintillator

τ -pair Production on STCF



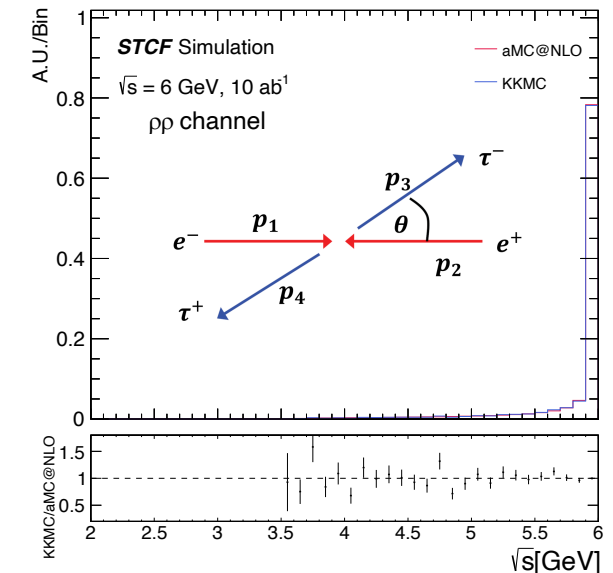
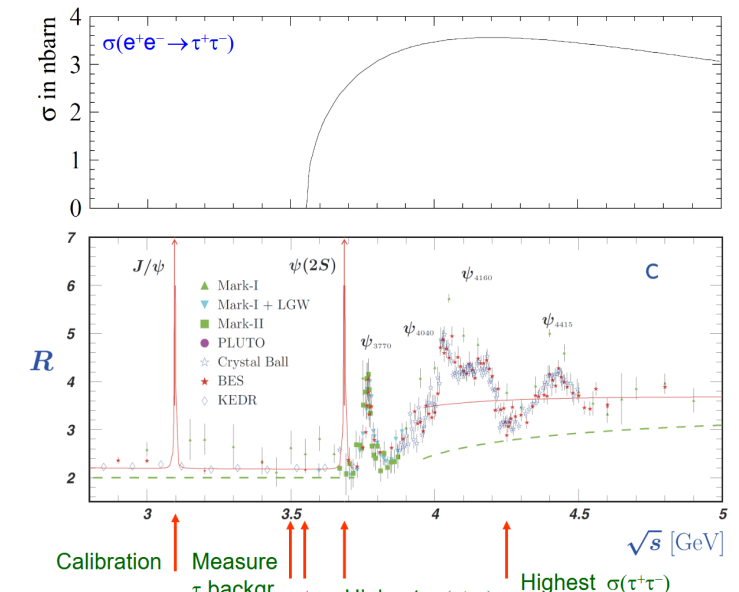
□ τ -pair Production on STCF

- STCF: 2-7GeV event rate: $3.5 \times 10^9 / y (4.26 \text{ GeV})$
- $E_{cm} = 4.26 \text{ GeV}$: highest $\sigma(\tau^+\tau^-)$
- $E_{cm} = 6.0\text{--}7.0 \text{ GeV}$: higher significance of Quantum Entanglement
- Main decay channel: $\tau \rightarrow \pi \nu_\tau, \tau \rightarrow \rho \nu_\tau, \tau \rightarrow a_1 \nu_\tau, \tau \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\tau, \tau \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$

□ Tau pair production on **Oscar 2.6.2** (Fullsim + digi + reco):

- ✓ $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ GeV}, 100 \text{ million events} \sim 0.052 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ with ISR
- ✓ Matrix element (LHE) simulated via aMC@NLO
- ✓ Tau decay simulated via aMC@NLO(taudecay_UFO)
- ✓ Spin correlations between tau and their decay products are fully considered

□ Background Simulation: Considered different tau decay channel



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□ Signal decay: $\tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow \rho^+\rho^-\nu\bar{\nu}$

main background: $\tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow \rho\pi\pi^0\pi^0, \tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi^0\pi^0, \tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow \rho K^*, \text{etc}$

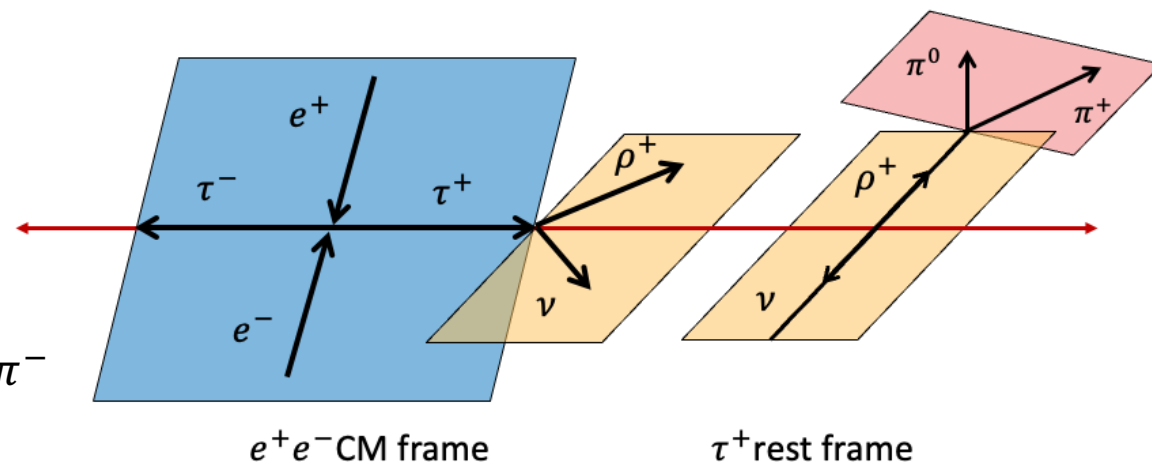
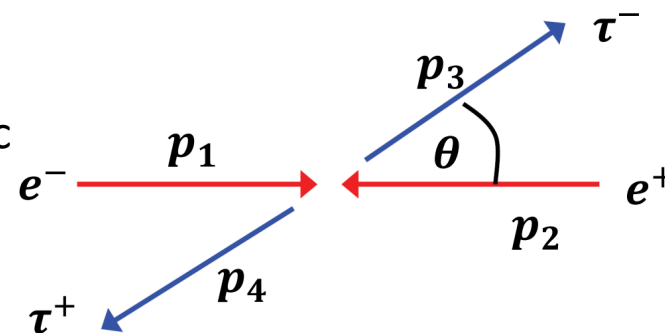
□ Selection criteria:

γ energy $E > 0.05 \text{ GeV}(\text{endcap}), E > 0.025 \text{ GeV}(\text{barrel})$

geometric acceptance: $20^\circ < \theta < 160^\circ$

□ Reconstruction step:

0. Number of $\pi^+ = 1$, Number of $\pi^- = 1$
1. Passed γ -level machine learning selection,
Number of $\gamma = 4$ (separate signal from bkg)
2. Passed pairing of γ , Passed pairing of π^0 and π^+ / π^-
3. Passed event-level machine learning selection



Step1: π^0 gamma Reconstruction



- ❑ Beam background gamma: cut by ECAL(~ 200 ps)
- ❑ ISR feature: **low energy, relatively forward**
- ❑ Use BDTG to Select π^0 gamma from other gamma(ISR gamma)
- ❑ Input train variable

E_{seed} : energy deposited in the center crystal of the shower

E_{total} hits $\cos(\theta)$

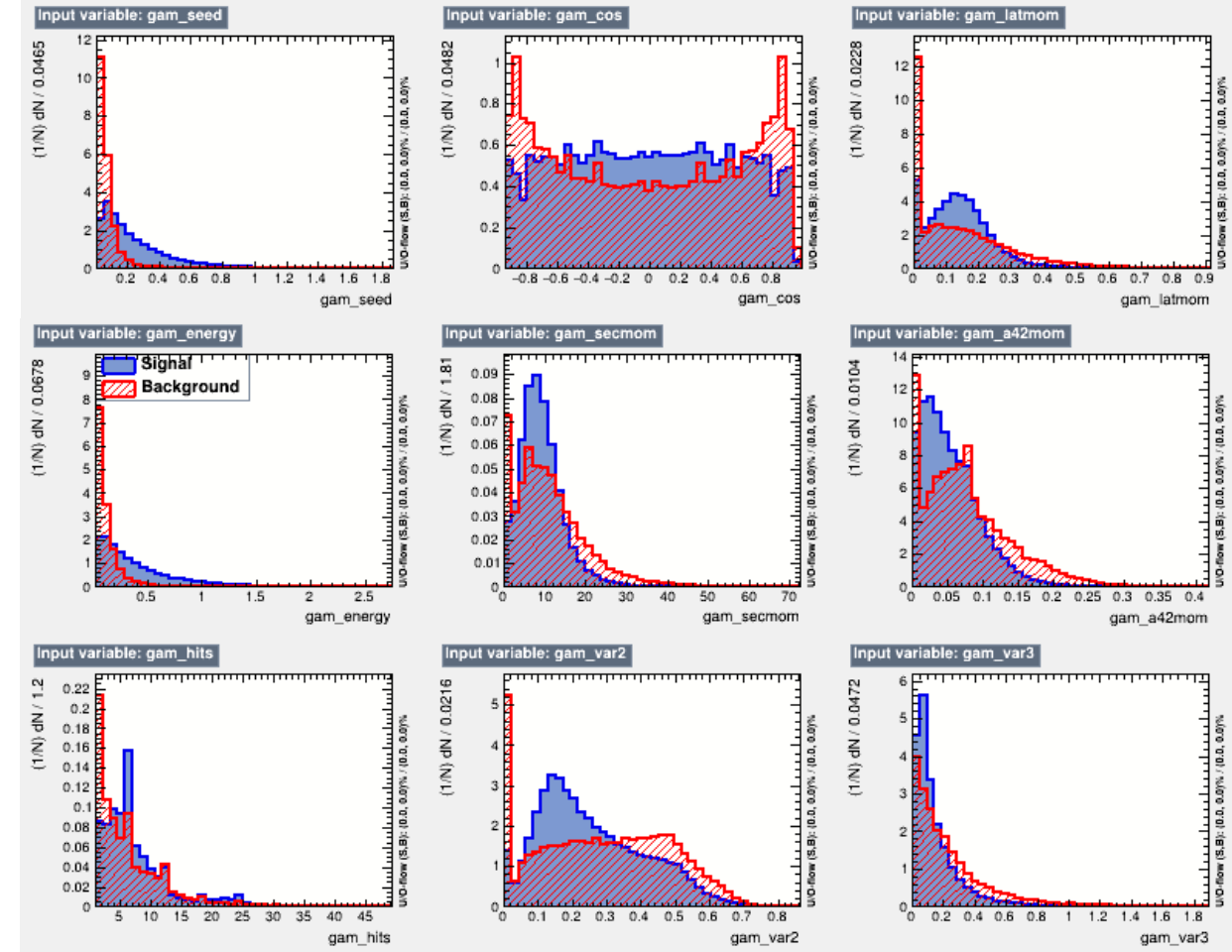
secondary moment: $\sum E_i r_i^2 / \sum E_i$

Lateral moment: $\sum_{i=3}^n E_i r_i^2 / (E_1 r_0^2 + E_2 r_0^2 + \sum_{i=3}^n E_i r_i^2)$

A_{42} moment: $\sum \frac{E_i}{E_{tot}} f_{4,2} \left(\frac{r_i}{R_0} \right) e^{im\phi}$

Variable2 = $1 - \frac{E_{seed}}{E_{3x3}}$

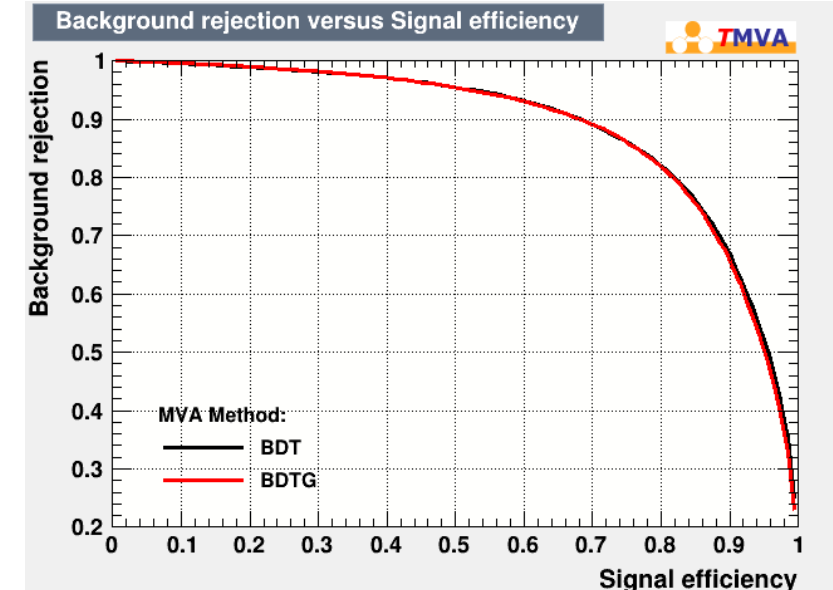
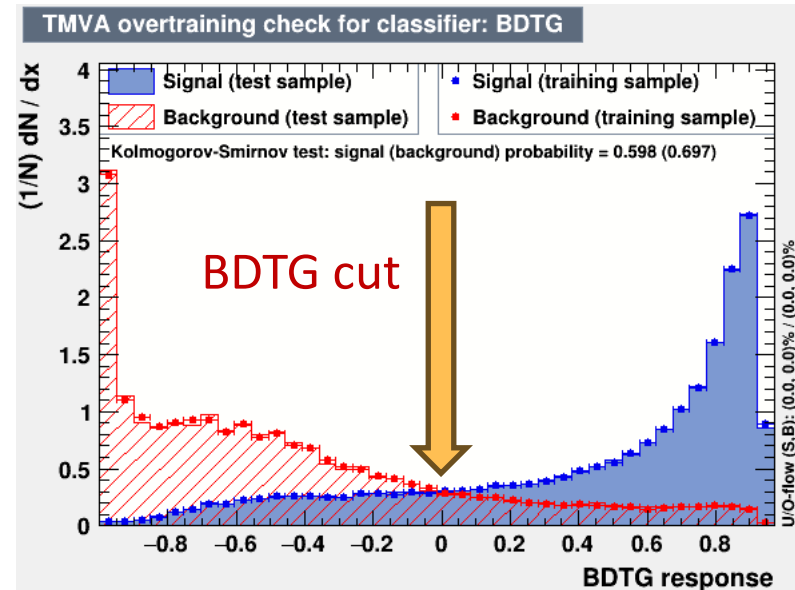
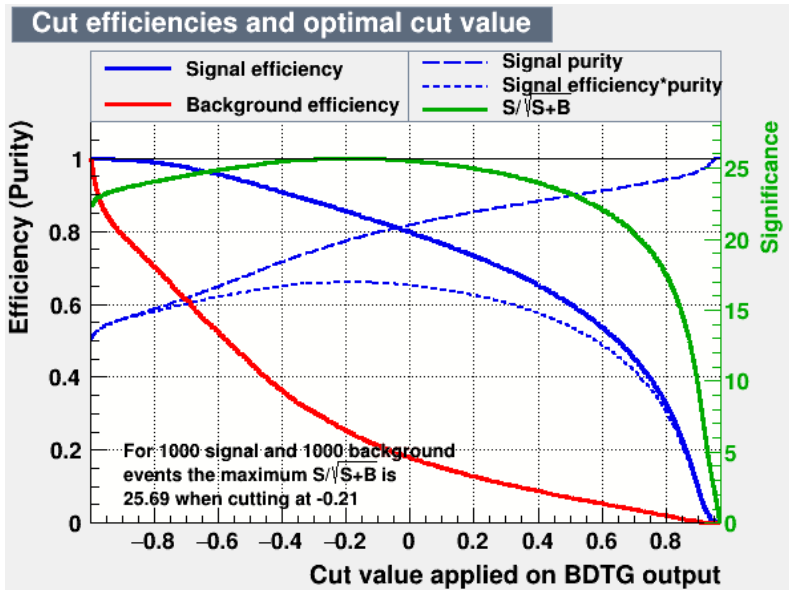
Variable3 = $\begin{cases} 0, & hits = 1 \\ (\frac{E_{tot}}{E_{seed}} - 1) / (hits - 1), & hits > 1 \end{cases}$



Step1: π^0 gamma Reconstruction



- ❑ Main background: ISR gamma
- ❑ Set BDTG cut = 0
- ❑ retaining about 80% π^0 gamma and 20% other gamma(ISR)
- ❑ Efficiency : $\rho\rho$ decay channel(25.2%), all channel(7.3%)



Step2: Event Pairing



❑ Loop all pairing schemes and select

❑ Kalman Kinematic Fit (BES)

Pairing gamma

- Using mass constraints of π^0

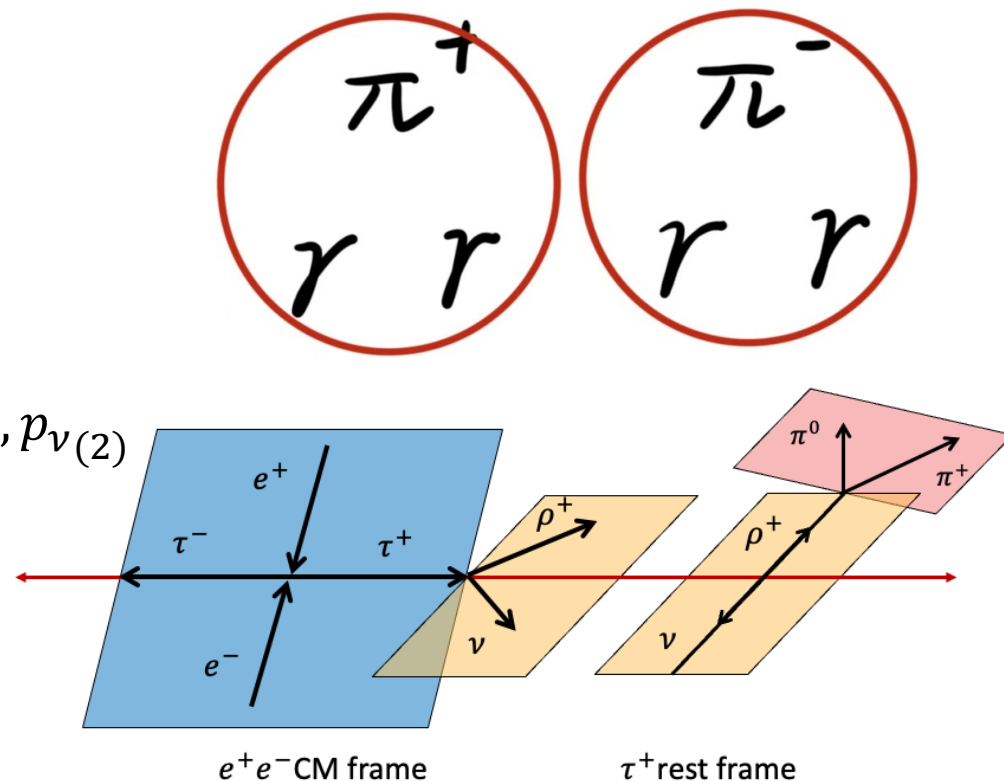
Pairing π^0 with π^+/π^- , Solve the ν energy-momentum $p_{\nu(1)}, p_{\nu(2)}$

- Add Missing Momentum ν_1, ν_2 (6 unknown quantities)
- Add Energy-momentum conservation (4 equation)
- Add Mass constraints of τ (2 equation)

❑ passed the pairing cut: $\chi^2 < 20$ & $p_\nu = p_{\nu(1)} + p_{\nu(2)} < \frac{E_{total}}{2}$ and select less χ^2

❑ Efficiency : $\rho\rho$ decay channel(45.9%), all channel(22.4%)

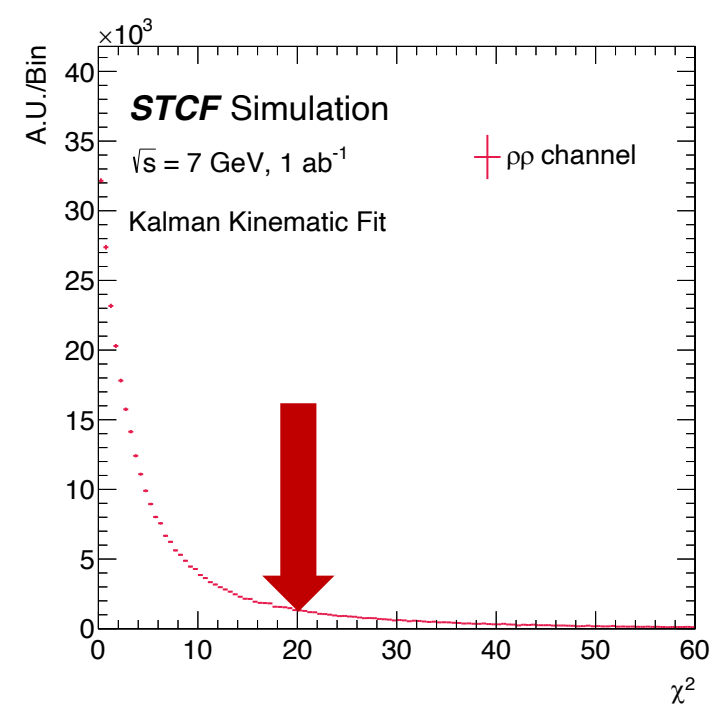
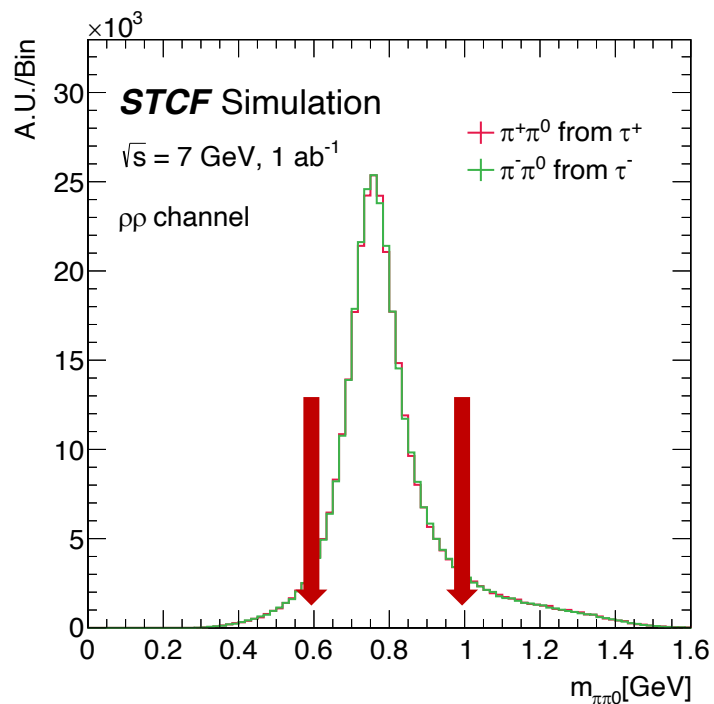
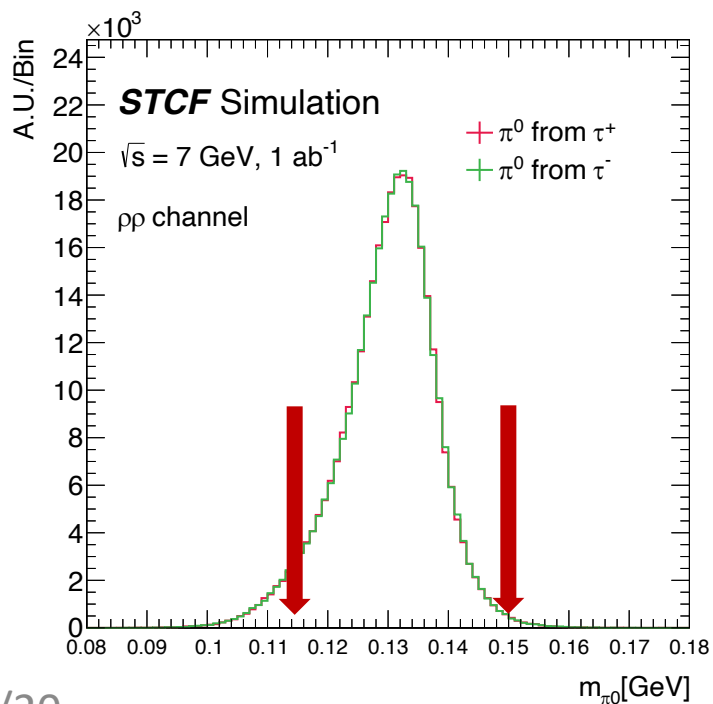
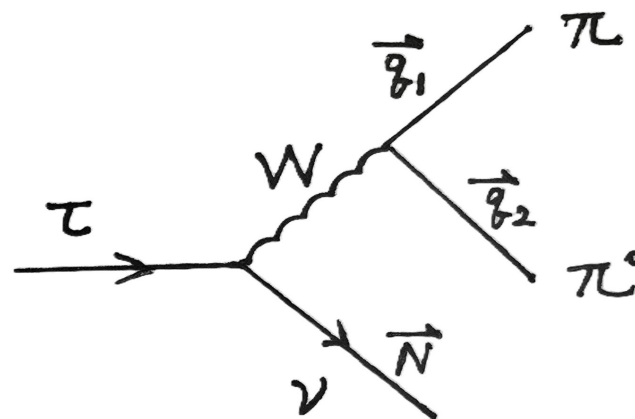
❑ For $\rho\rho$ decay channel: true pairing: 98.25% , wrong pairing: 0.92% , include ISR: 0.83%



Step2: Event Pairing



- ❑ mass constraints of π^0 : $0.115\text{GeV} < m_{\pi^0} < 0.150\text{GeV}$
- ❑ mass constraints of $\pi\pi^0$: $0.6\text{GeV} < m_{\pi\pi^0} < 1.0\text{GeV}$
- ❑ Kalman Kinematic Fit cut: $\chi^2 < 20$
- ❑ Apply this cut at final step to optimize efficiency and reconstruction quality



Step3: $\rho\rho$ event Reconstruction



❑ Main background event: $\rho a(\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi^0, a \rightarrow \pi\pi^0\pi^0)$, etc

❑ Use BDTG

❑ Input train variable

momentum $p_{\nu(1)}, p_{\nu(2)}, p_{\pi^+}, p_{\pi^-}, 4 p_\gamma$

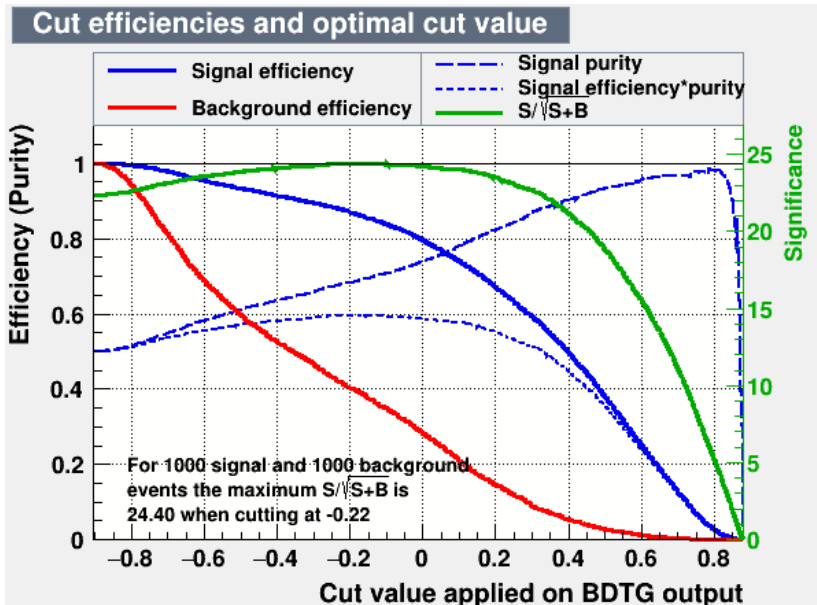
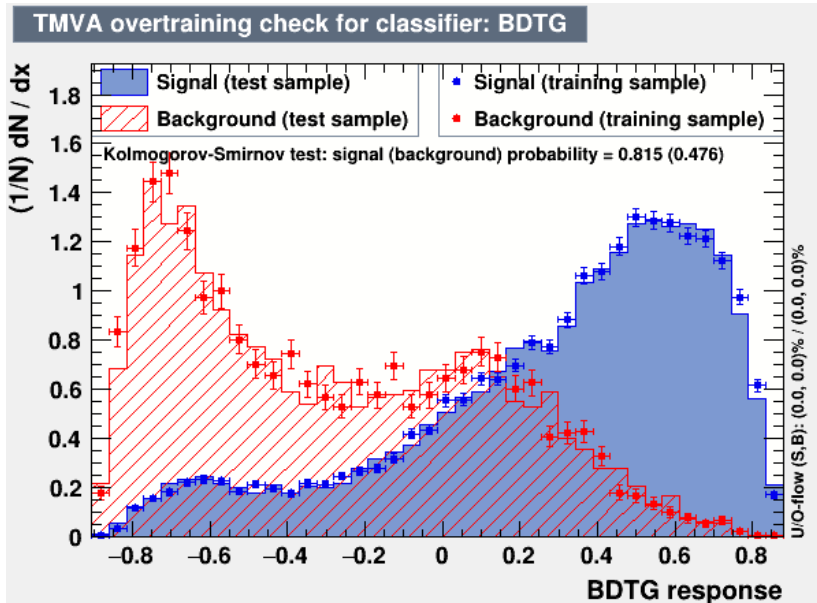
Pairing χ^2, p_ν

PID: probPi, probMu, probK

nGamma before gamma-level BDTG cut

❑ Set BDTG cut = -0.2 , retaining about 87% signal event
and 40% other event

❑ Efficiency : $\rho\rho$ decay channel(87.5%), all channel(78.8%)



Reconstruction: cutflow



□ $\rho\rho$ decay channel (1000W events test)

step	Percentage of previous step		Signal purity
	Signal + BKG	Signal	
Total events	-	-	6.9%
Number of charged tracks = 2, total charge = 0	64.8%	78.1%	8.3%
Number of photons = 4	6.4%	21.7%	28.1%
Number of $\pi^+ = 1$, Number of $\pi^- = 1$	67.4%	79.6%	33.2%
Passed the particle pairing	19.0%	45.2%	78.9%
Passed event-level machine learning selection	75.8%	86.3%	89.9%
Passed the τ momentum reconstruction	95.0%	95.4%	90.3%

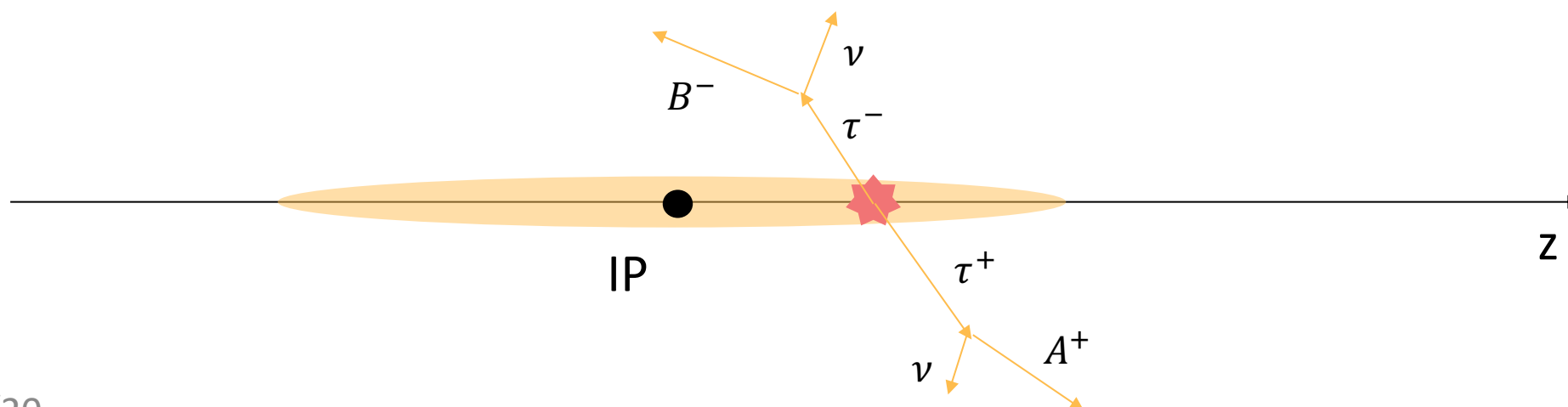
Overall efficiency: 0.38% , Signal efficiency: 5.0% , Signal purity: 90.3%

Signal region: true pairing: 88.71% , $\rho\rho$ wrong pairing: 0.83% , include ISR: 0.75% , Background event: 9.71%

Reconstruction: P_τ



- ❑ P_τ reconstruction: solving a set of analytic equations
- ❑ Existing problem:
 - Because of two missing ν , the τ flight direction is calculated with a two-fold ambiguity
 - Vertex resolution(σ_z, σ_T), Beam size(IP $\sigma_z \sim 0.3mm$), τ pair flight length($\sim 0.2mm$)
- ❑ BelleII:
 - huge error method, freely vary the position of the τ decay vertex along π track
 - The reconstructed τ axis and the beam axis intersect



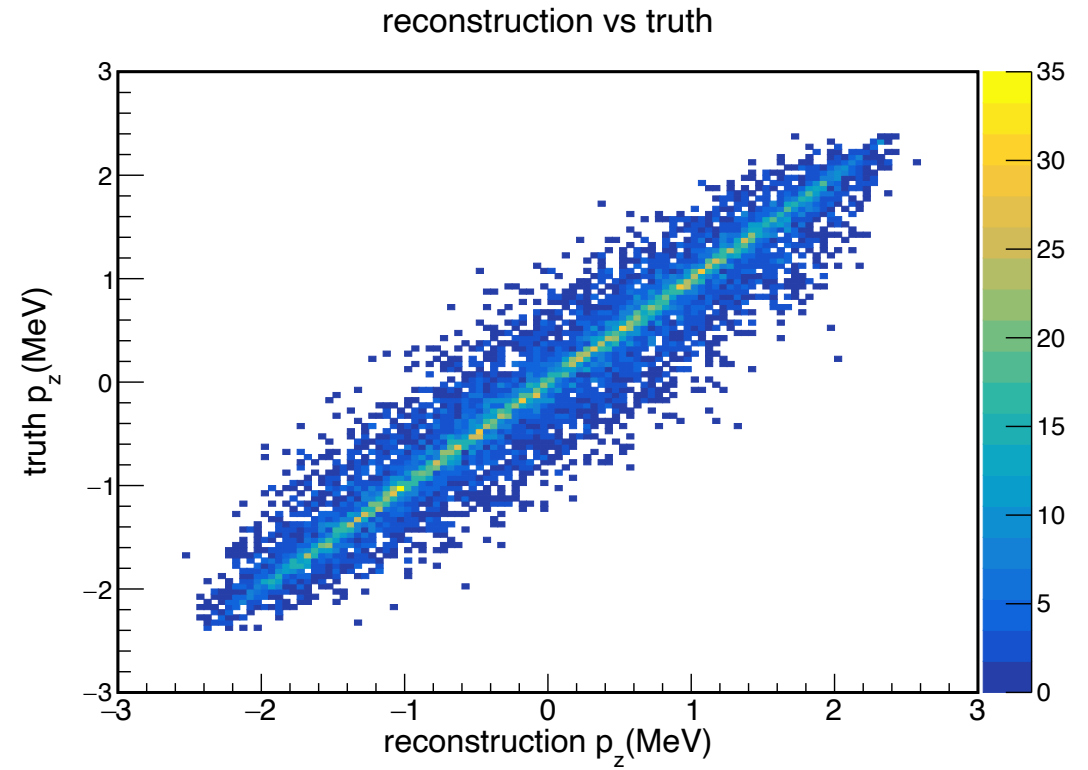
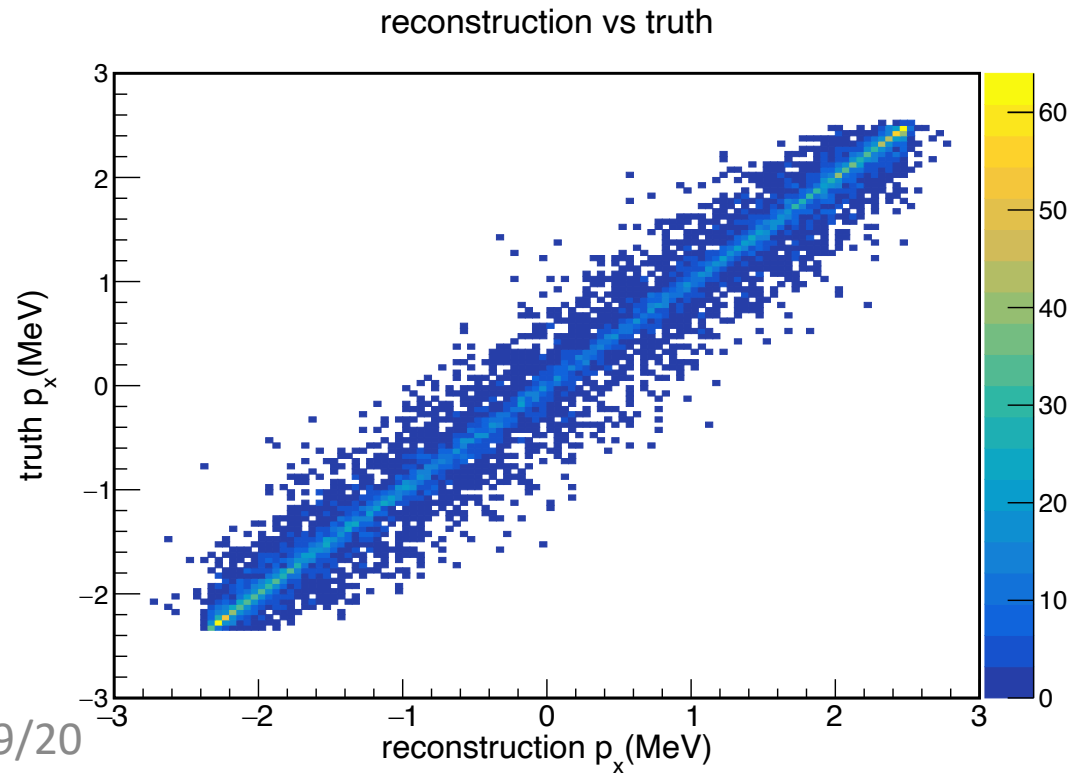
Reconstruction validation: based on truth P_τ



□ P_τ reconstruction: Kalman Kinematic Fit (BES)

□ Event cut:

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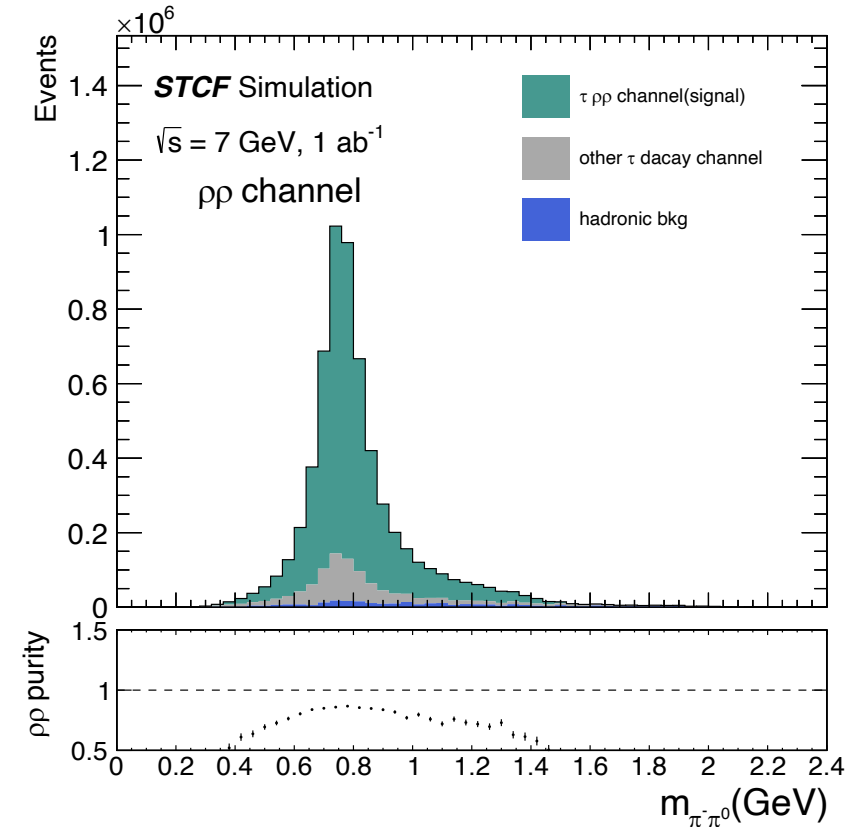
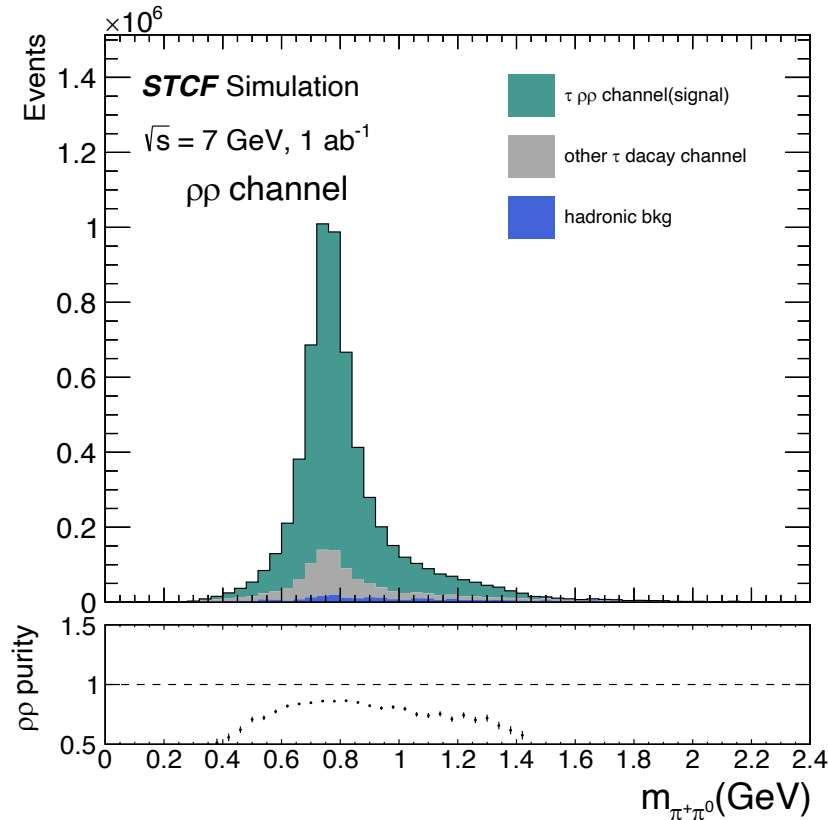
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Physical Background



- ❑ Produced other tau decay channel sample (30 million) and hadronic background sample (20 million)--ongoing
- ❑ rare tau decay channel, events: $3.7 \times 10^8 (1 \text{ ab}^{-1})$ select efficiency: 0.0008%
- ❑ Hadronic background, events: $6.2 \times 10^9 (1 \text{ ab}^{-1})$ select efficiency: 0.004%
- ❑ Scale all sample to 1 ab^{-1}



Background and SDM Reconstruction

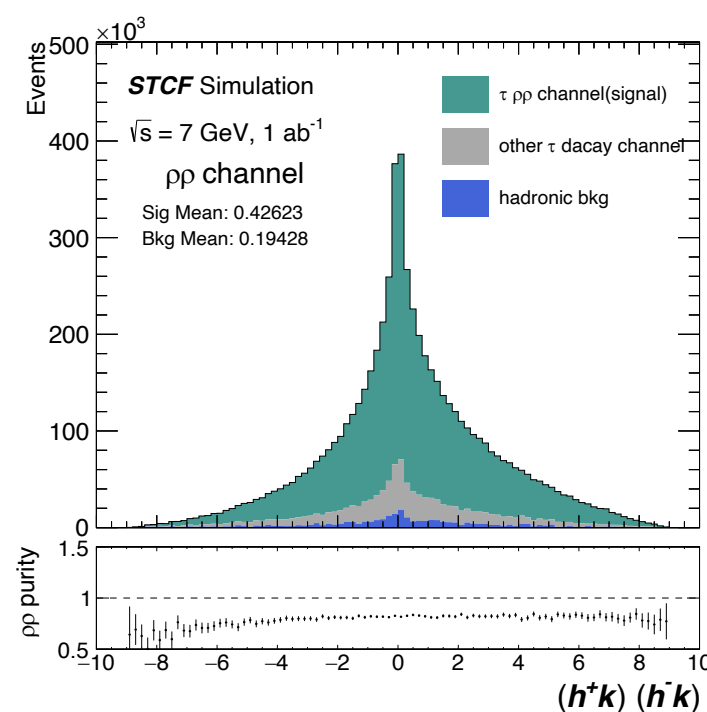
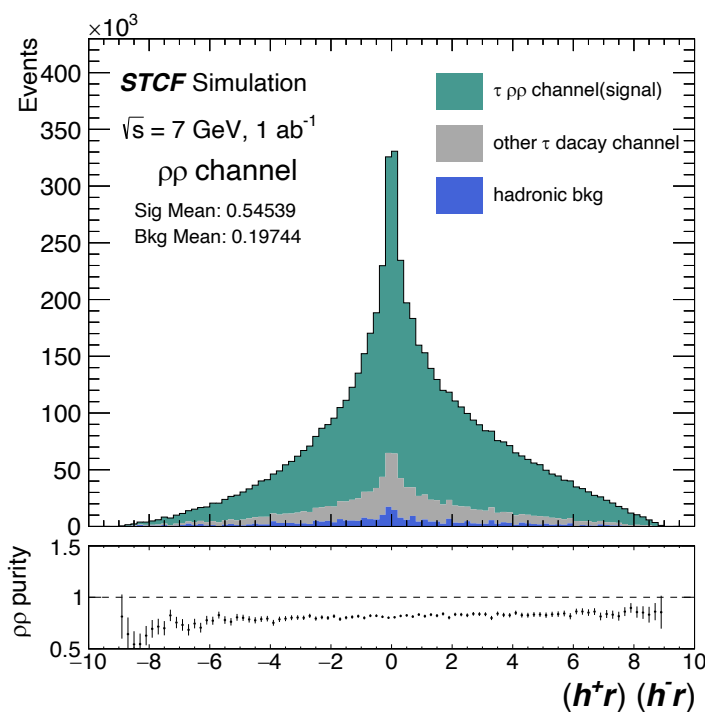
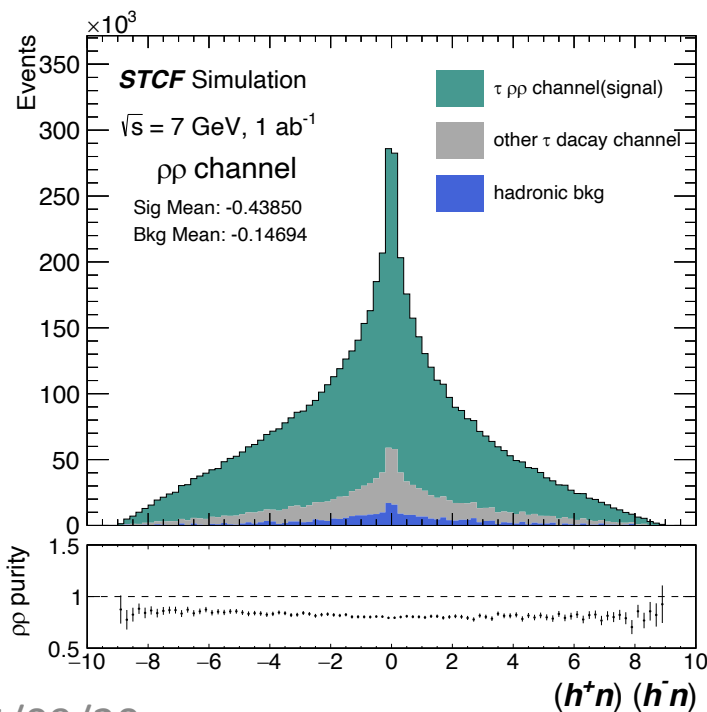
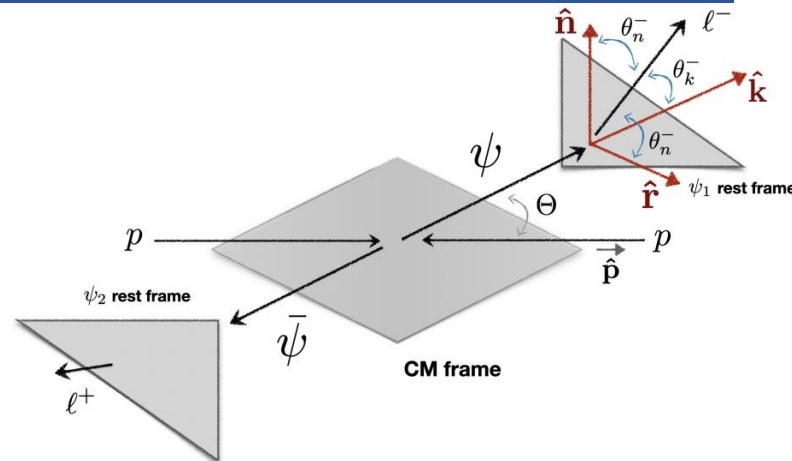


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B_i^+ / B_j^- is spin polarization of $\tau^+ \tau^-$, C_{ij} is spin correlation matrix

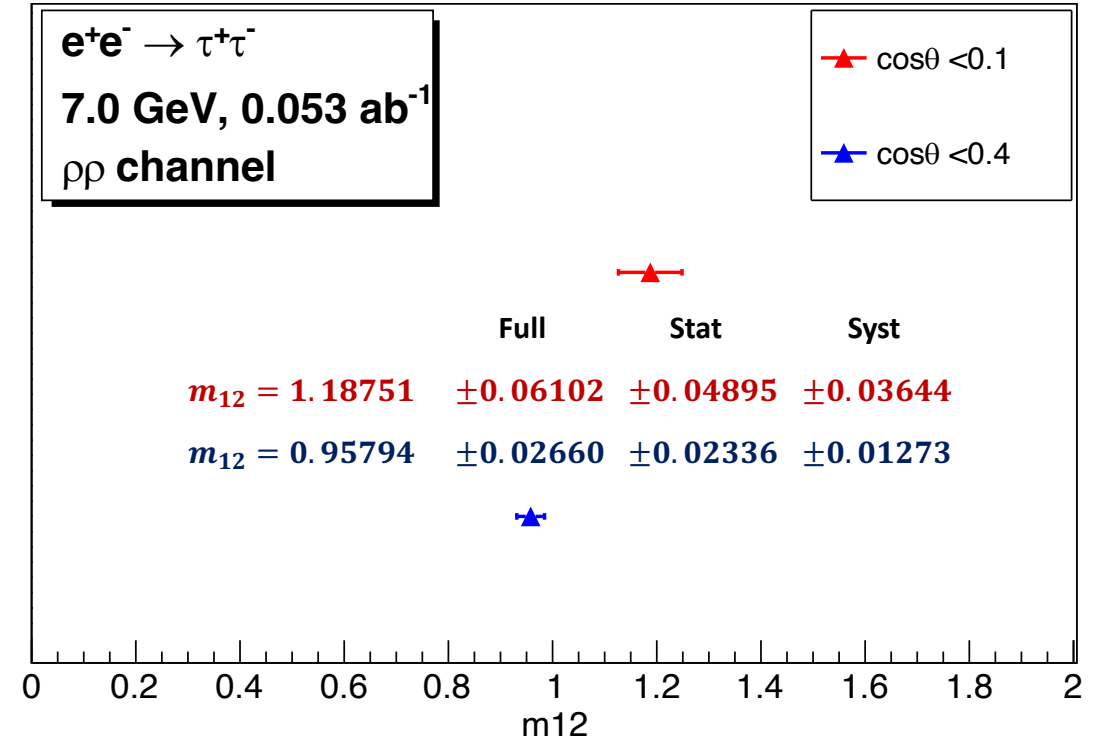
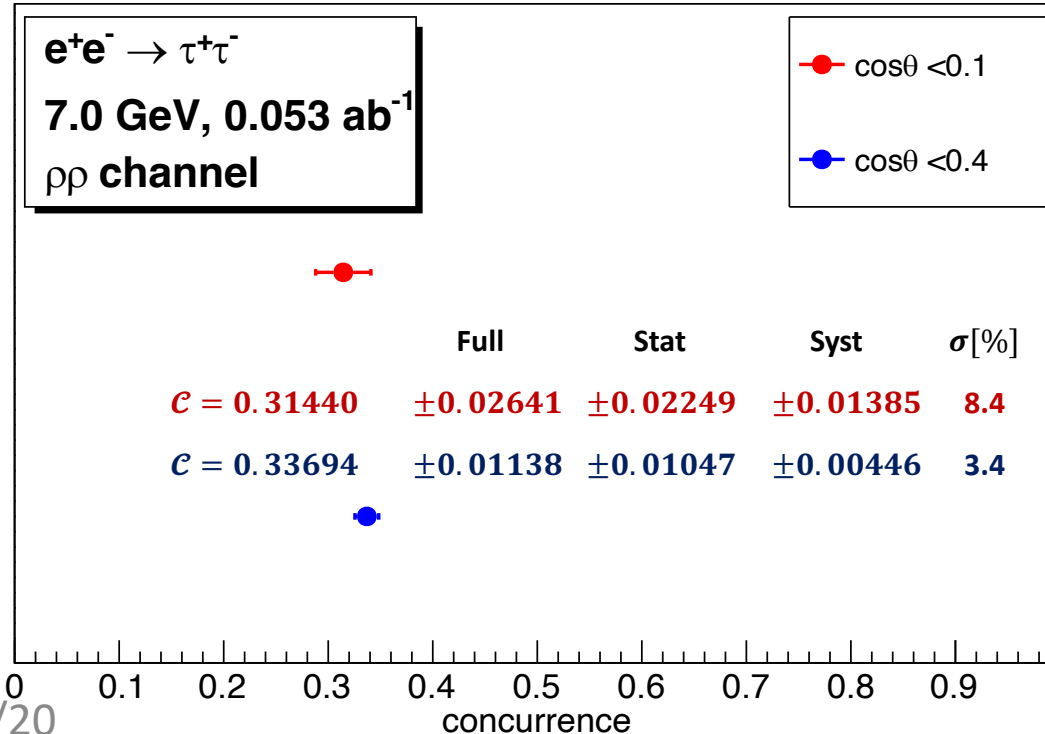
- Using moment method, $B_i^\pm = 3 \langle h_i^\pm \rangle$, $C_{ij}^\pm = 9 \langle h_i^\pm h_j^\pm \rangle$



Uncertainties and Systematics



- ❑ A sample of 100 million MC events with ISR under **Oscar** full detector simulation
- ❑ Only considering $\rho\rho$ channel
- ❑ For systematics, we simulate the experimental resolution by randomly varying (“**smearing**”) the four-vectors of the charged and neutral particles produced in the τ decays before applying kinematic cut and fit



- ❑ The prospective value for tau pair concurrence under the STCF luminosity :

$$\mathcal{C} = 0.31440 \pm 0.02249[stat.] \pm 0.01385[syst.]$$

Promising for an witness ($>5\sigma$) of the entanglement

- ❑ For the **witness** m_{12}

$$m_{12} = 1.18751 \pm 0.04895[stat.] \pm 0.03644[syst.]$$

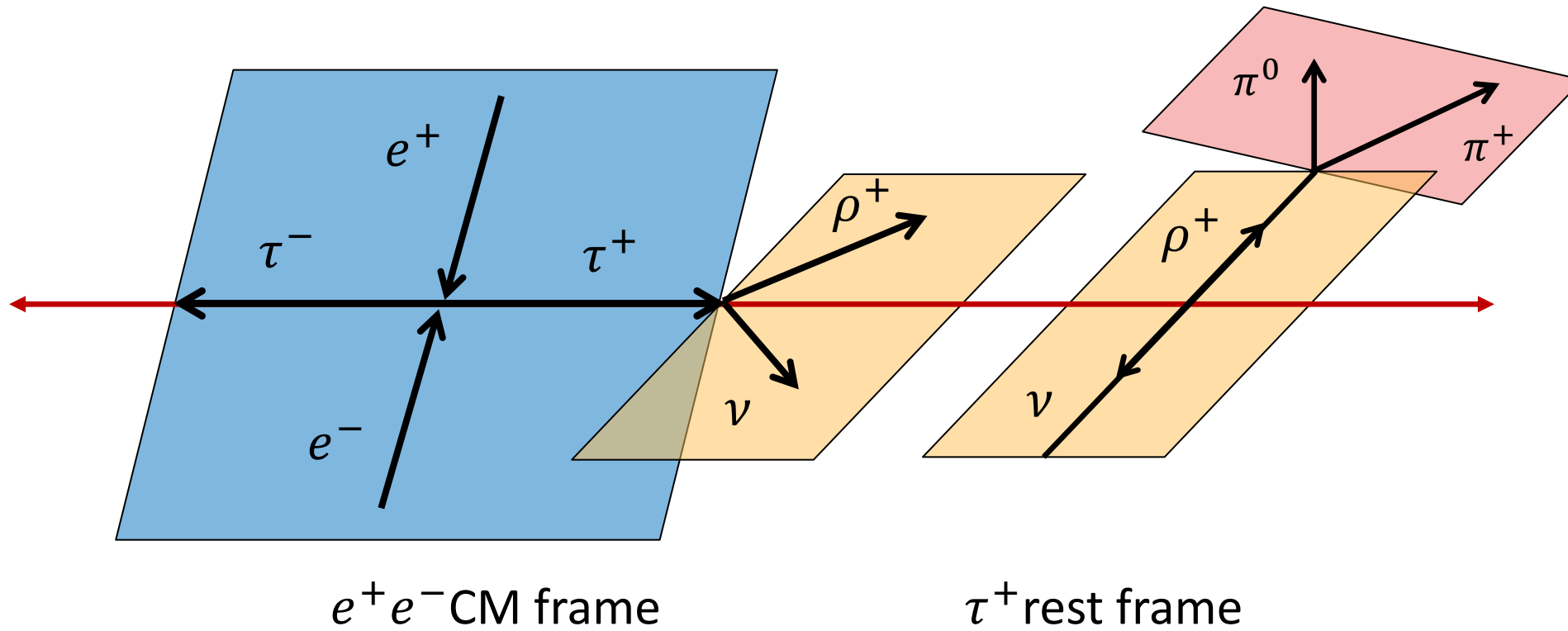
Promising for an witness ($>3\sigma$) of the violation of Bell's Inequality, to optimize m_{12}

result, we need:

- Vertex fit algorithm for tau pair

BACKUP

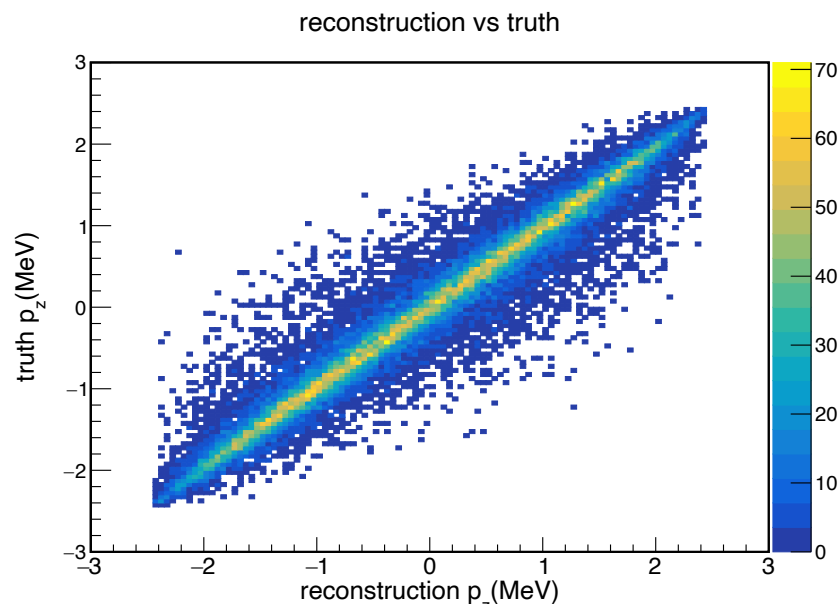
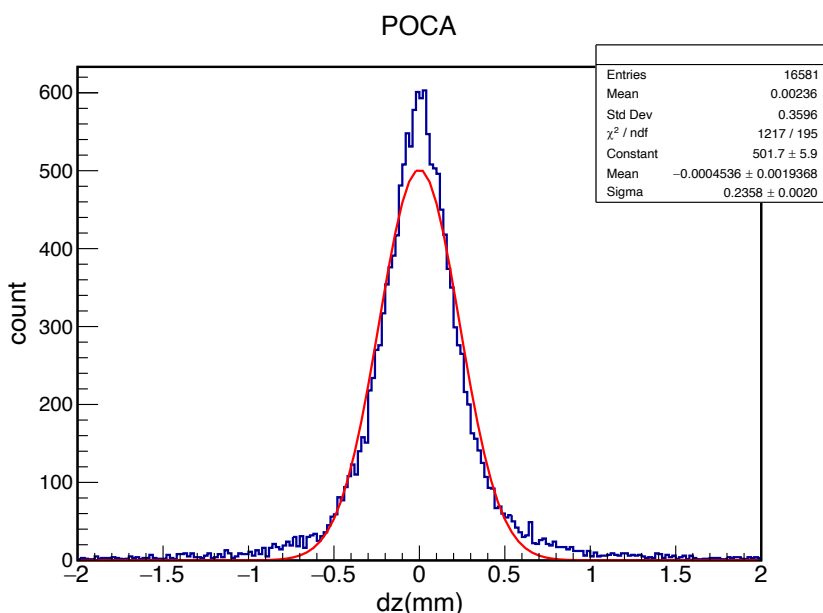
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 - Vertex resolution/POCA point resolution ($\sigma_z \sim 235\mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_T \sim 80\mu\text{m}$)
- ❑ Assuming higher resolution ($\sigma'_z \sim 80\mu\text{m}$, $\sigma'_T \sim 27\mu\text{m}$)
 - Replace reconstruction vertex by smearing vertex
 - We can solve the two-fold ambiguity and reconstruction P_τ



truth $-0.1 < \cos\theta < 0.1$

$\omega = \sin(\alpha/2)$	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4
Events	8491	18639	27019	33057	36837	38816	39573
C11	-0.83305+/- 0.03267	-0.83400+/- 0.02298	-0.80628+/- 0.01904	-0.79281+/- 0.01659	-0.75765+/- 0.01628	-0.73597+/- 0.01594	-0.72234+/- 0.01505
C22	0.79958+/- 0.03082	0.82032+/- 0.02088	0.86102+/- 0.01733	0.90361+/- 0.01634	0.92631+/- 0.01517	0.95014+/- 0.01503	0.95993+/- 0.01427
C33	0.53357+/- 0.03236	0.46969+/- 0.02031	0.43612+/- 0.01655	0.42276+/- 0.01475	0.40934+/- 0.01364	0.40405+/- 0.01268	0.40145+/- 0.01361
m_{12}	1.34316 +/- 0.06928	1.37160 +/- 0.04541	1.39159 +/- 0.04246	1.44545 +/- 0.03846	1.43234 +/- 0.03698	1.44466 +/- 0.03427	1.44351 +/- 0.03307

- Event sample: 1亿 （其中 $\rho\rho \sim 600W$ ）
- $\rho\rho : 34W$ （purity $\sim 90\%$ ）
- 用于构建密度矩阵SDM:2W-3W （仅考虑统计误差）

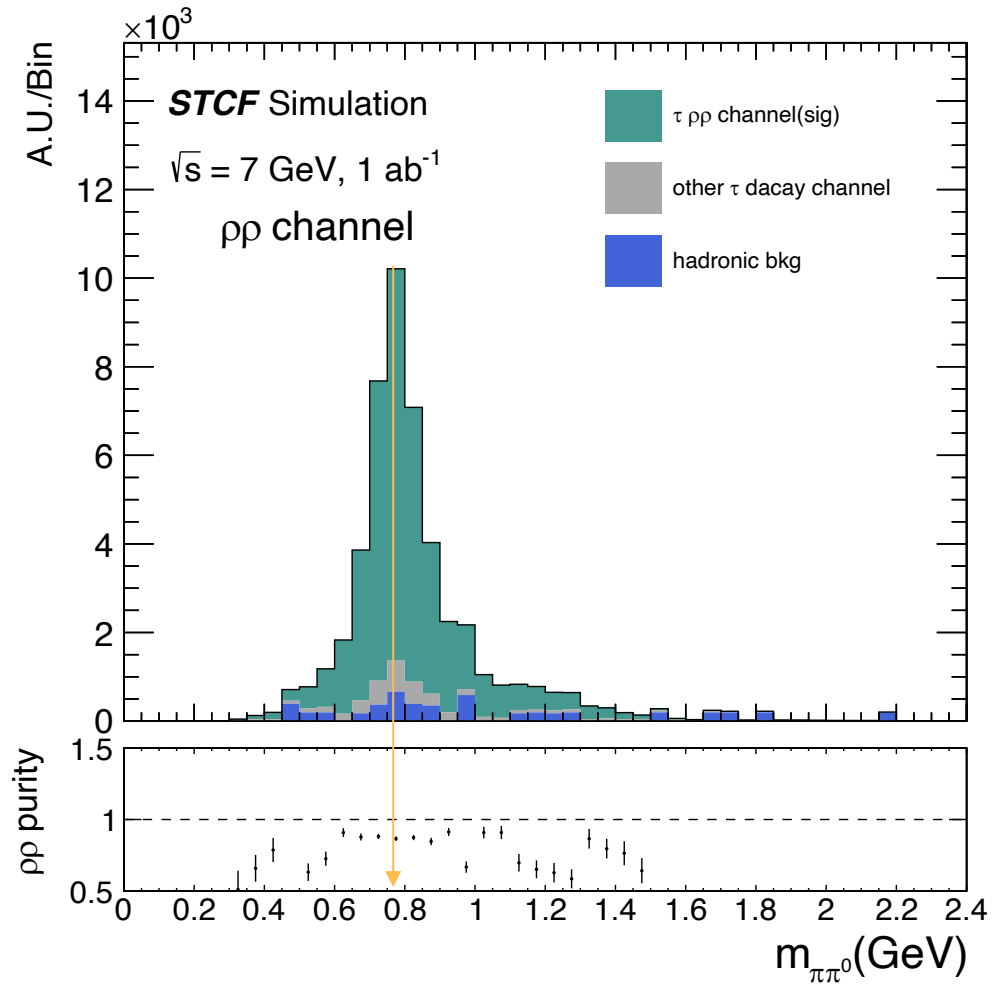
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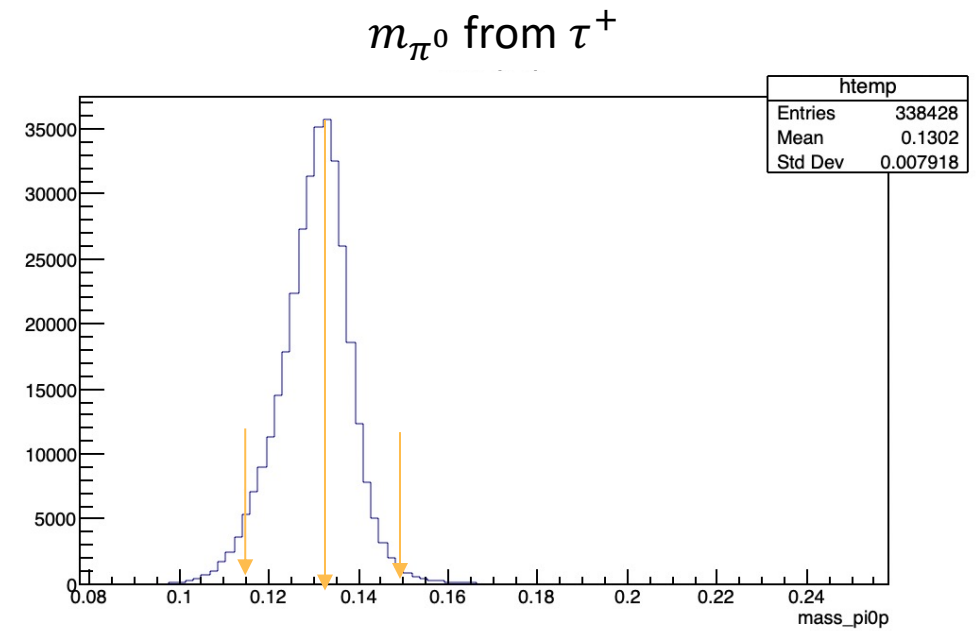
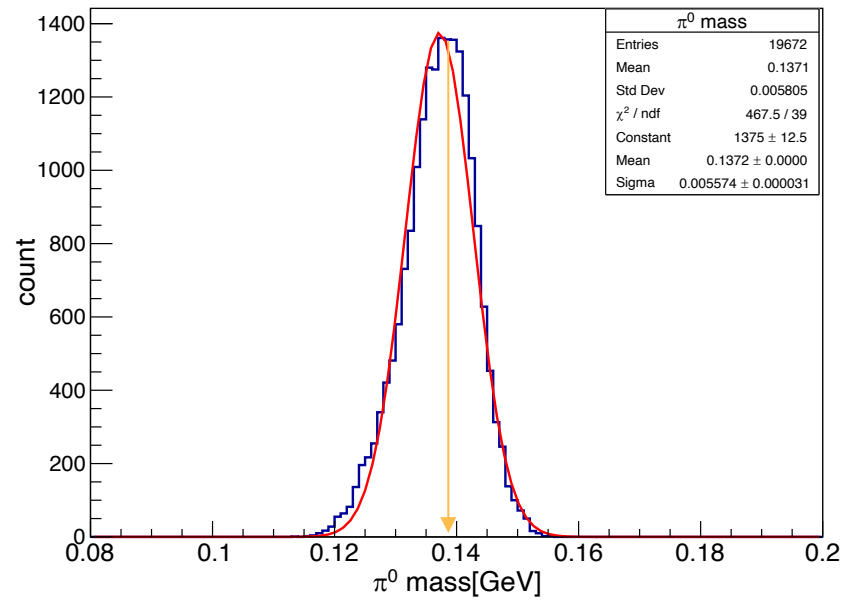
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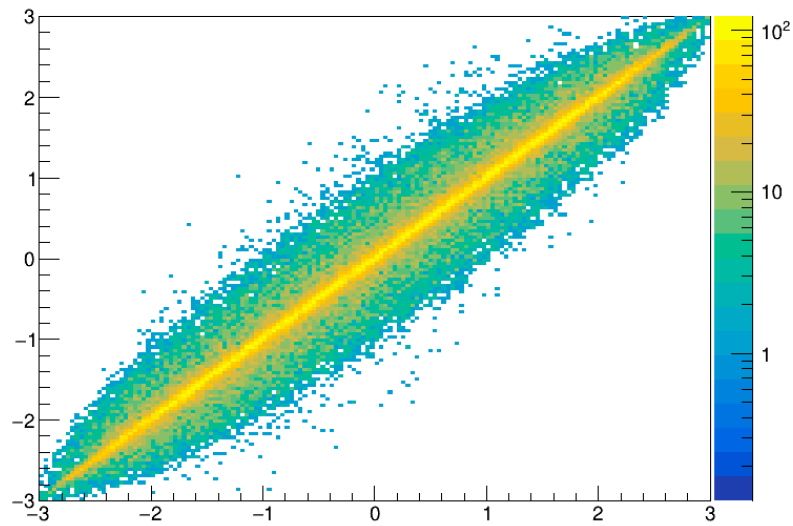
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m12: 1.04791 ± 0.04141

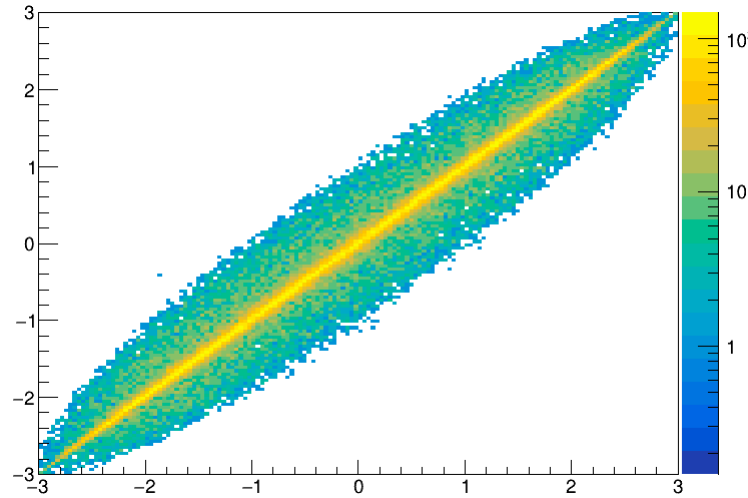


Tau的主要衰变道 1亿
Tau的次要衰变道 3000W
强子本底 2000W

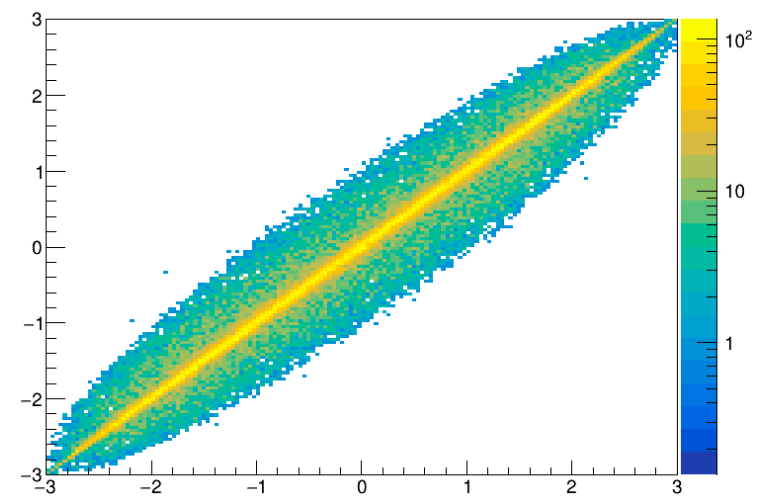




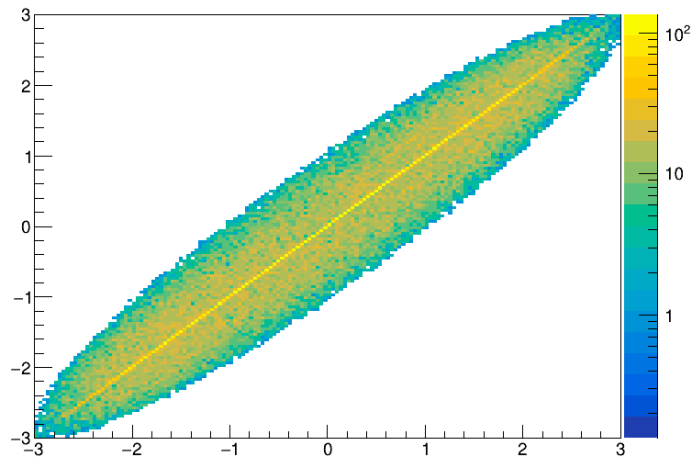
P_z^{truth} vs P_z^{fit}



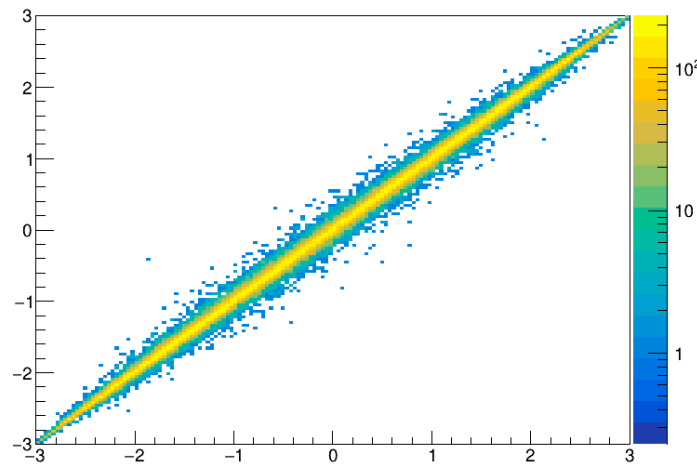
P_z^{fit} vs $P_z^{calculate1}$



P_z^{fit} vs $P_z^{calculate2}$



$P_z^{calculate1}$ vs $P_z^{calculate2}$



P_z^{fit} vs $P_z^{calculate}$ (选取夹角更小的解)

