

Signal reconstruction in $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

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Novel aspects of $b \rightarrow s$ transitions

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Overview

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- Challenging aspects of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
- Signal reconstruction in $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
 - Kinematic equations
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 - Latest developments
- Conclusions and Prospects

Measured values of \mathcal{BR} of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ rule out large New Physics effects

Still room for New Physics in processes involving 3rd generation

- Third family quite peculiar, required for CP violation
 - Anomalous like-sign dimuon charge asymmetry
 - Correlations with $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s$
[Dighe *et al.* PRD82 031502, (2010)]
- } Can be related to
($\bar{b}\mathcal{O}_S$)($\bar{\tau}\mathcal{O}_\tau$)
operators
- Hints of LFU violation: $R_K \equiv \frac{\mathcal{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}$, $R_{D^{(*)}} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{BR}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{BR}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu_\ell)}$
 - Anomalous excess in $h \rightarrow \tau \mu$ channel

Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

Standard Model predictions and current status

In the Standard Model (SM) [Bobeth *et al.*, arXiv:1311.0903v1]:

$$\mathcal{BR}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) = (7.73 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\mathcal{BR}(B_d^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) = (2.22 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-8}$$

- respecting all the constraints on other B_s^0 decays it might be as large as **15%**
- in models with a flavor depending Z' coupling it might be up to 5%
- in models with scalar Leptoquark it might be up to 0.3%

Model independent analysis [R. Alonso *et al.*, arXiv:1505.05164v1] allows for an enhancement of $\sim 10^3$ in \mathcal{BR} of modes involving $(\bar{b}s)(\bar{\tau}\tau)$ operators

$$(i.e. B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau\tau, B^0 \rightarrow K^* \tau\tau)$$

• Current status:

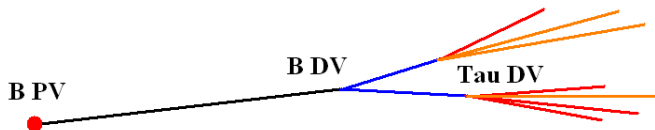
- $\mathcal{BR}(B_d^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 4 \cdot 10^{-3}$ @ 90% CL by BaBar [PRL 96 (2006) 241802]
- $\mathcal{BR}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)$ has **not yet been constrained**

Challenging issues of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

τ have a very short lifetime \implies we must reconstruct them from their daughter particles

At least one neutrino for each τ decay (1 for hadronic or 2 for leptonic channels) \implies at least **2 undetectable neutrinos**

B_s
 τ
 visible tracks
 ν

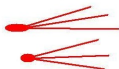


The $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi \nu_\tau$ decay final state



B production vertex

Tau decay vertices

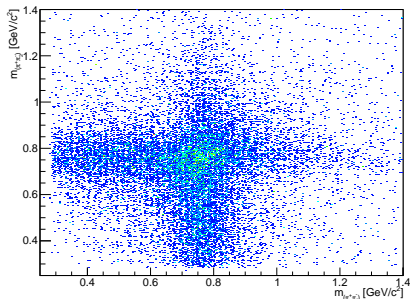


- Only 2 neutrinos
- 2 3-prong vertexes
- Reconstruction of the decay plane: kinematic constraints & partial neutrino momentum reconstruction
- Needs 6-charged tracks in the detector acceptance
- $\mathcal{BR}(\tau \rightarrow 3\pi \nu_\tau) = 9.31\%$
- $\mathcal{BR}^{\text{SM}}(B_s \rightarrow 6\pi \nu \bar{\nu}) \simeq 6.7 \times 10^{-9}$

The $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi \nu_\tau$ decay chain proceeds through the a_1 and ρ resonances, *i.e.*

$$\tau^- \rightarrow a_1^- \nu$$

$$a_1^- \rightarrow \rho^0 \pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi_1^- \pi_2^-$$

 a_1 Dalitz plane

Sources of background

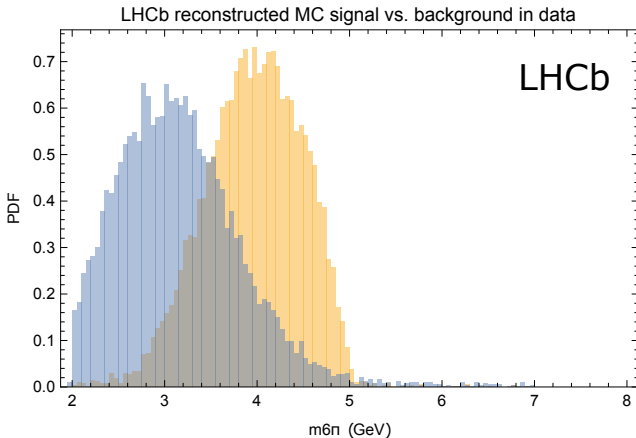
- $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$ backgrounds:

- **combinatorial** τ : 3 random π
- **true particles**: $D_{(s)}^{(*)} \rightarrow 3\pi X$

	Mass (MeV)	τ (10^{-15} s)	Spin
τ	1776	290	1/2
D	1869	1040	0 ⁻
D_s	1968	500	0 ⁻

- $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$ backgrounds:

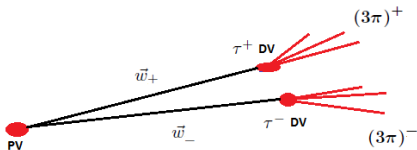
- **2 combinatorial** τ
- from **two b -hadron decays**
- from **one b -hadron decay**:
 - hadronic or semileptonic decay of a b -hadron with ≥ 6 charged tracks

What we start with: $M_{6\pi}$ 

Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

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- B origin vertex
- 3D sides of triangle \vec{w}_\pm
- 4-momenta p_\pm^μ of $(3\pi)_\pm$ system

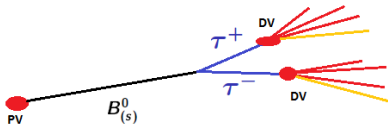


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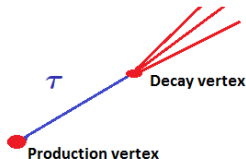
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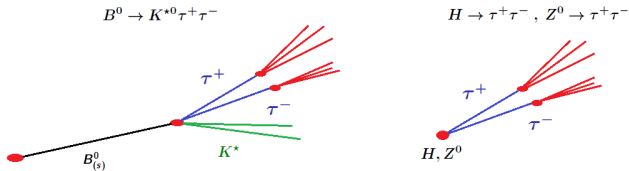
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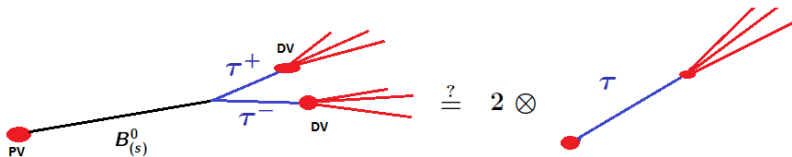
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The answer is “yes” (at least formally) if

- **manifest Lorentz-covariance** is kept
- **particular choice of unknown** momenta are made

Let's define:

$$w_{\pm} \equiv (\mathbf{w}_{\pm}^0, \vec{w}_{\pm})$$

and

$$W \equiv (w_+, w_-) \quad , \quad P \equiv (p_+, p_-)$$

$$W = H \cdot P$$

← Formally equal to the 1D case

with $(\hat{\tau}_i \equiv \frac{\tau_i}{m_i})$

$$H \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_B + \hat{\tau}_+ & \hat{\tau}_B \\ \hat{\tau}_B & \hat{\tau}_B + \hat{\tau}_- \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: if $\tau_B \rightarrow 0$, $2 \otimes 1\text{D}$ -case trivially

Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

H is a real 2×2 symmetric matrix. Diagonalizing:

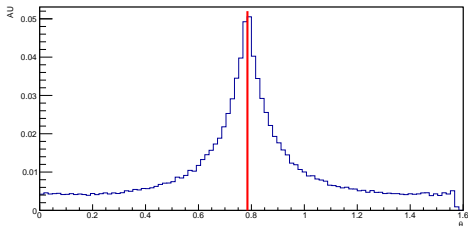
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_B + \hat{\tau}_+ & \hat{\tau}_B \\ \hat{\tau}_B & \hat{\tau}_B + \hat{\tau}_- \end{pmatrix} = R(\theta) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & h_- \end{pmatrix} \cdot R^{-1}(\theta)$$

$$(\hat{\tau}_B, \hat{\tau}_\pm) \leftrightarrow (\theta, h_\pm)$$

$$\cos(\theta) \simeq \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\tau}_+ - \hat{\tau}_-)$$

θ sensitive to the asymmetry of the triangle in the proper time dimension of each τ

θ -distribution for Signal MC



Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

Using the "rotated" sides & momenta

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{w}_+ \\ \tilde{w}_- \end{pmatrix} \equiv R^{-1}(\theta) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} w_+ \\ w_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{p}_+ \\ \tilde{p}_- \end{pmatrix} \equiv R^{-1}(\theta) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} p_+ \\ p_- \end{pmatrix}$$

the following relation holds:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{w}_+ \\ \tilde{w}_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & h_- \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{p}_+ \\ \tilde{p}_- \end{pmatrix}$$

Formally equal to $2 \otimes 1D$ cases

Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

Constraints:

- "mass-shell" condition for $\tilde{p}_\pm^2 = m_\tau^2 \pm p_+ p_- \sin(2\theta)$
- direction of $\vec{\tilde{p}}_\pm = \sigma_\pm \vec{w}_\pm$, with $\sigma_\pm \equiv h_\pm^{-1}$
- $p_\pm \cdot p^{(3\pi)\pm} = \frac{m_\tau^2 + m_{3\pi\pm}^2}{2}$

These constraints give 2 equations of 2^{nd} degree in σ_\pm ,

$$\mathcal{P}_\pm^{(2)}(\sigma_\pm, \theta) = 0,$$

which linearly depend on $p_+ p_-$

An additional constraint (trivially linear in $p_+ p_-$) can be imposed on

$$p_+ p_- = \frac{M_B^2 - 2m_\tau^2}{2} = 11.24 \frac{\text{GeV}^2}{c^4}$$

In total 3 equations for 3 unknowns (σ_\pm, θ)

What has been done so far...

Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

- Fix $p_+ p_-$ to its signal value, approximate θ (see next slide) and solve

$$\mathcal{P}_{\pm}^{(2)}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta) = 0$$

- This system geometrically represents **the intersection of two hyperbola**
- Solutions σ_{\pm} are expressed in term of the root of a 4th degree polynomial:

$$P(\xi) = \sum_{i=0}^4 a^{(i)}(\theta) \xi^i = 0$$

with $a^{(i)}(\theta)$ **functions of measurable quantities and the θ angle**

There exist analytical solutions

- For signal events **there must exist real solutions ξ with $\sigma_{\pm} \geq 0$**

Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

Some options to deal with θ -dependence:

- **substitute θ with its average value $\bar{\theta} = \frac{\pi}{4}$**
 - it's much better for signal than for exclusive backgrounds (with D and τ)
- **approximate θ by using measurable quantities**
 - θ as a (Lorentz invariant) function of \vec{w}_+ and \vec{w}_-

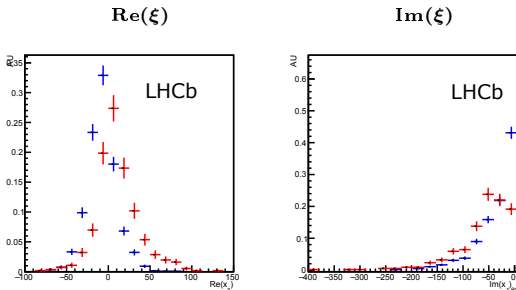
Due to

- approximation of θ
- detector resolution
- radiation emission from π^\pm

imaginary solutions of $P(\xi) = 0$ will appear also for signal events

Discriminating variables

- In principle:** only the two reconstructed eigenvalues h_{\pm} of the H matrix ($m_{\tau, \nu, B}$ used as external constraints)
- In practice:** also other functions of measurable quantities (*e.g.* the four complex ξ solutions) can be used to discriminate signal against background



Signal MC, Background

- The most discriminating ones are used as input of a Decision Tree whose output is used for the signal search

Latest developments

Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

Explore other ways to exploit the available information

- use in a different way the kinematic equations
 - in total 3 equations, can be re-arranged into
 - two p_+p_- independent equations: $\mathcal{S}_{\pm}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta) = 0$
 - one p_+p_- linearly dependent equations: $p_+p_- = \mathcal{S}_0(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta)$
 - $\mathcal{S}_{\pm,0}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta) = 0$ equations of hyperbola
- improve the approximation of θ

Signal reconstruction for $B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (3\pi\nu)(3\pi\nu)$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{\pm}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta) = 0 \\ p_+ p_- = \mathcal{S}_0(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta) \end{cases}$$

Two possible strategies:

- **full reconstruction**: use $\mathcal{S}_{\pm}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta) = 0$ to find $\sigma_{\pm}(\theta)$ and fix θ with $\mathcal{S}_0(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta)$
 - only the $\tau_{B, \tau^{\pm}}$ as discriminating variables
 - use a Dirac peak ($p_+ p_-$) to approximate a non-trivial function (θ)
- **$p_+ p_-$ as a function of θ** : find $\sigma_{\pm}(\theta)$ with $\mathcal{S}_{\pm}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta) = 0$, use $\mathcal{S}_0(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta)$ to approximate $p_+ p_-$
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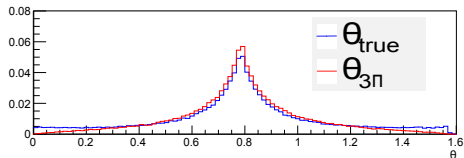
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θ approximation and estimation of $p_+ p_-$

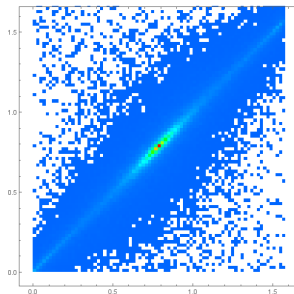
Use the relation $W = HP$ in 3D with $P = P_{3\pi}$:

$$H_{3\pi} = (P_{3\pi} P_{3\pi}^T)^{-1} [P_{3\pi} P_{3\pi}^T W W^T]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Use $\theta_{3\pi}$ which diagonalizes $H_{3\pi}$ as approximation of the true θ



θ vs $\theta_{3\pi}$

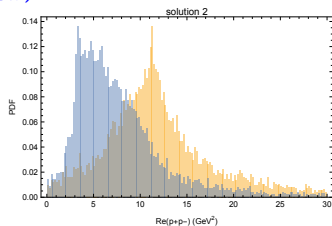
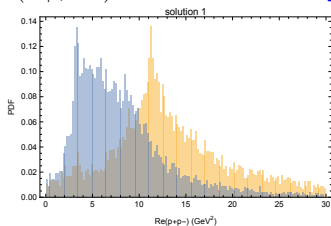


Find $\sigma_{\pm}(\theta_{3\pi})$ using $\mathcal{S}_{\pm}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta_{3\pi}) = 0$

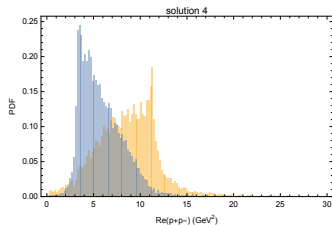
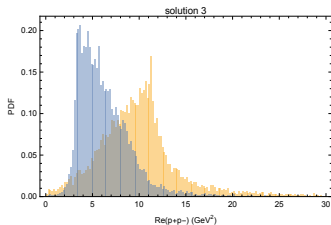
Replace $\sigma_{\pm}(\theta_{3\pi})$ and $\theta_{3\pi}$ in
 $\mathcal{S}_0(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta)$ to estimate $p_+ p_-$

$p_+ p_-$ distribution: multiple solutions in the ideal case

4 pairs (σ_+, σ_-) are solutions of $\mathcal{S}_{\pm}(\sigma_{\pm}, \theta_{3\pi}) = 0$

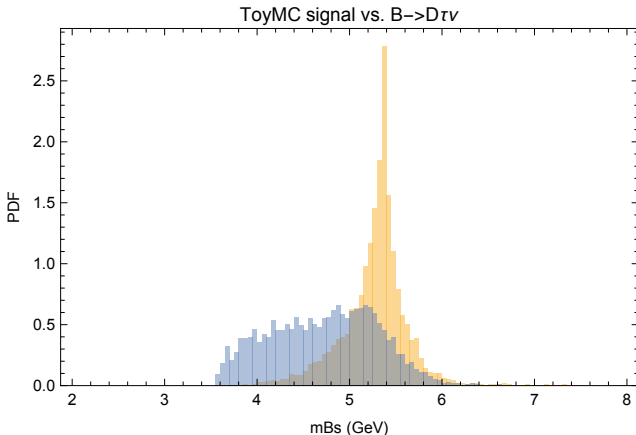


Distribution of $p_+ p_-$ for **Signal MC** (68% of events with real solutions),
 $B \rightarrow D\tau\nu$ background (44% of events with real solutions)

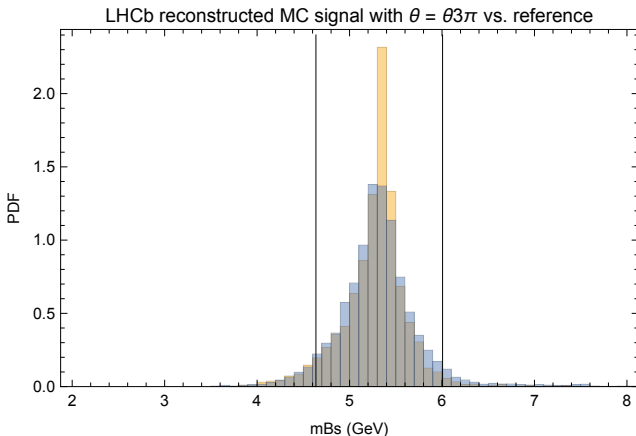


$M_{B_s^0}$ distribution: choice of the best solution in the ideal case

Distribution of M_{B_s} for **Signal MC**, $B \rightarrow D\tau\nu$ background for events with real solutions and choosing p_+p_- closest to the exact signal value ($11.24 \frac{\text{GeV}^2}{c^4}$)

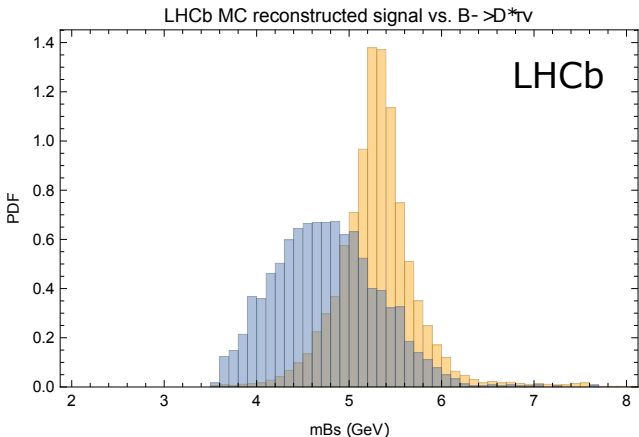


This choice **does not create** a false peak in the signal region for background!

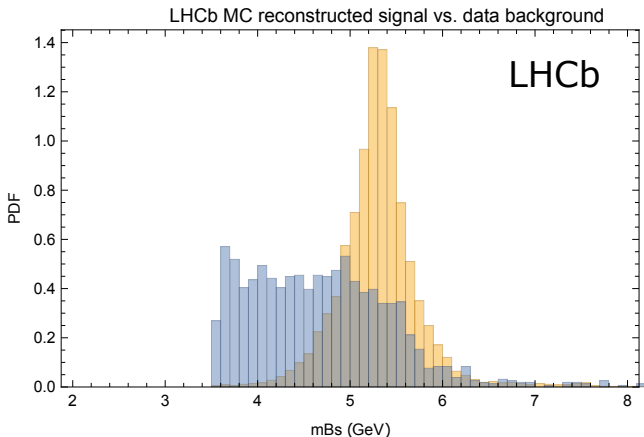
$M_{B_s^0}$ distribution: detector resolution effect

Distribution of M_{B_s} for **Signal MC**, **Signal MC** with detector resolution

Only small $M_{B_s^0}$ resolution degradation due to detector resolution is observed

$M_{B_s^0}$ distribution: $B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu_\tau$ 

Distribution of M_{B_s} for **Signal MC** (36% of events with real solutions),
 $B^0 \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu_\tau$ background (24% of events with real solutions)

$M_{B_s^0}$ distribution: generic background from data

Distribution of M_{B_s} for **Signal MC** (36% of events with real solutions),
background in data (16% of events with real solutions)

Conclusions & Prospects - $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ is a window to test several New Physics scenarios

- **Pioneer analysis:**

- missing energy makes signal reconstruction very challenging
 - a method for the $M_{B_s^0}$ has been presented
 - some discriminating variables already used in the experimental search
 - new strategies under study to leave $M_{B_s^0}$ a free variable
 - issues about multiple and complex solutions and ways to estimate θ
- Still to study how to use these variables from the latest development in the experimental search

Backup

4th degree equation

$$ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$$

Solutions:

$$x_{1,2} = -\frac{b}{4a} - S \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-4S^2 - sp + \frac{q}{S}}$$

$$x_{3,4} = -\frac{b}{4a} + S \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-4S^2 - sp + \frac{q}{S}}$$

with

$$\blacksquare p = \frac{8ac - 3b^2}{8a^2}$$

$$\blacksquare q = \frac{b^3 - 4abc + 8a^2d}{8a^3}$$

$$\blacksquare S = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\frac{2}{3}p + \frac{1}{3a} \left(Q + \frac{\Delta_0}{Q} \right)}$$

$$\blacksquare Q = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta_1 + \sqrt{\Delta_1^2 - 4\Delta_0^3}}{2}}$$

$$\blacksquare \Delta_0 = c^2 - 3bd + 12ae$$

$$\blacksquare \Delta_1 = 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27b^2e + 27ad^2 - 72ace$$

Distribution of the 4 solutions - $\theta = \theta_{true}$

Distributions of the real part of the 4 solutions

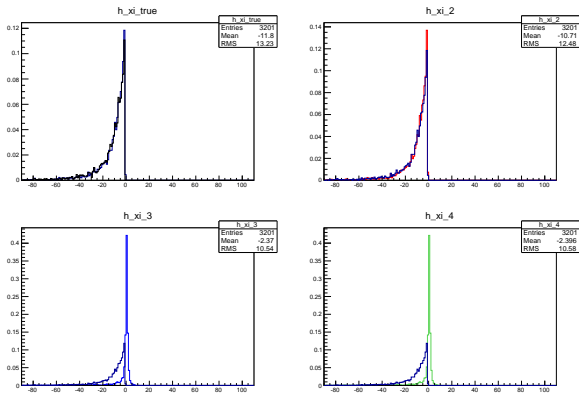
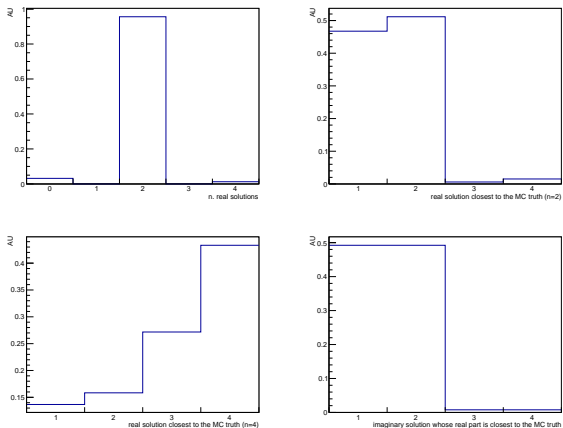


Figure: Distribution of $Re(\xi_i)$ and of ξ_{true} superimposed

Distribution of the 4 solutions - $\theta = \theta_{true}$ Figure: Behavior of the solutions for $\theta = \theta_{true}$

θ approximation

Define a matrix \bar{H} function of measurable quantities with the following structure

$$\bar{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \bar{t}_+ & 1 \\ 1 & 1 + \bar{t}_- \end{pmatrix}$$

with \bar{t}_\pm functions of (\vec{w}_+, \vec{w}_-)

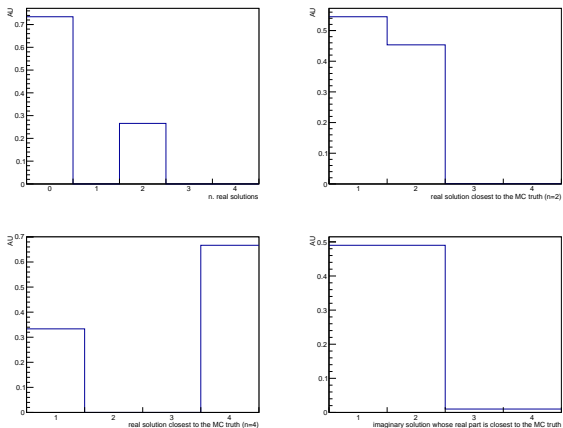
Use $\bar{\theta}$ (which diagonalizes \bar{H}) to approximate θ

- For analogy with the H matrix :
 - \bar{H} must transform as H for exchange $+ \leftrightarrow -$ (i.e. $\bar{H}_{11} \leftrightarrow \bar{H}_{22}$),
 - the functions $\bar{t}_\pm(\vec{w}_+, \vec{w}_-)$ must be adimensional and
 - Lorentz invariant
- The functions

$$\bar{t}_\pm \equiv \frac{|\vec{w}_\pm|}{|\vec{w}_+ + \vec{w}_-|}$$

have the required properties

- An **improved approximation** θ_{imp} has been found using a **recursive method** with zeroth order $\bar{\theta}$.

Distribution of the 4 solutions - $\theta = \bar{\theta}$ Figure: Behavior of the solutions for $\theta = \bar{\theta}$

τ -reconstruction

To fix θ the general relation between \tilde{s} and s :

$$\tilde{s}(\theta) = s \cos 2\theta \quad (1)$$

can be exploited.

By developing both sides of the previous equation around θ^* the following relation is found:

$$\tilde{s}(\theta^* + \delta\theta) = \tilde{s}(\theta^*) + \delta\theta \left. \frac{d\tilde{s}}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta^*} = s(\cos^2 \theta^* - \sin^2 \theta^* - 4\delta\theta \cos \theta^* \sin \theta^*). \quad (2)$$

where the quantities on the l.h.s. are meant to be computed by solving the main equation.

- The value of $\left. \frac{d\tilde{s}}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta^*}$ must be evaluated numerically, by solving the fundamental equation with $\theta = \theta^* \pm d\theta$ and for each of these two values computing the value $\tilde{s}(\theta^* \pm d\theta)$ and then the incremental ratio $\frac{\tilde{s}(\theta^* + d\theta) - \tilde{s}(\theta^* - d\theta)}{2d\theta}$

τ -reconstruction

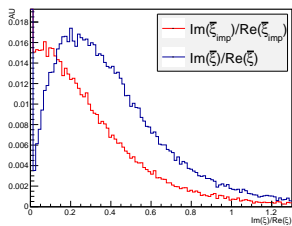
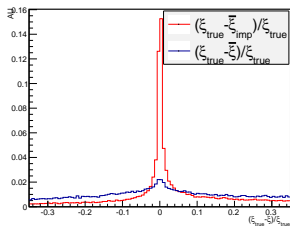
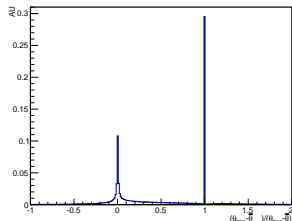
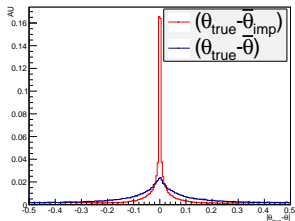
From the previous equation follows follows that

$$\delta\theta = \frac{s(\cos^2 \theta^* - \sin^2 \theta^*) - \tilde{s}(\theta^*)}{4s \cos \theta^* \sin \theta^* + \frac{d\tilde{s}}{d\theta} \Big|_{\theta^*}} \quad (3)$$

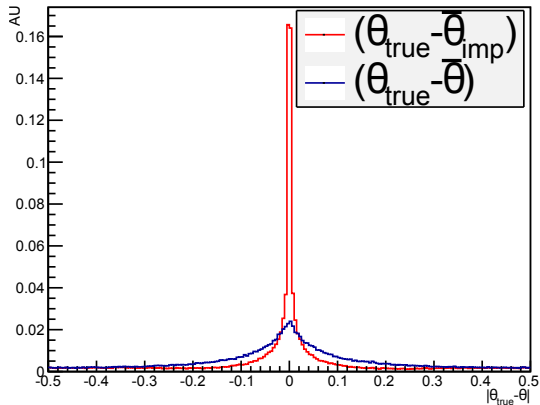
By iterating the process 10 times, with $d\theta_n = \frac{0.0075}{2^n}$, stopping the process as soon:

- $|\delta\theta_{n+1}| > |\bar{\theta}_n|$
- $|\delta\theta_{n+1}| > |d\theta_n|$
- $|\delta\theta| < 10^{-4}$

τ -reconstruction

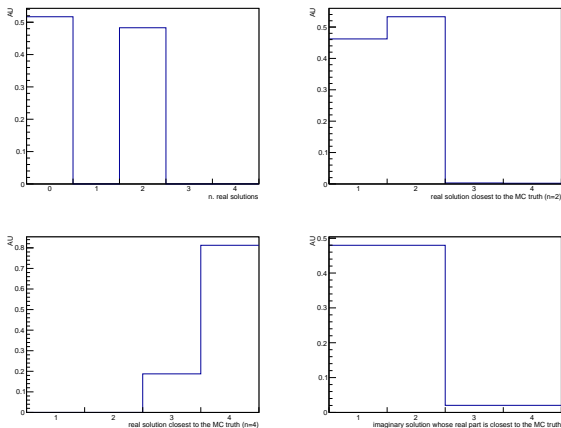


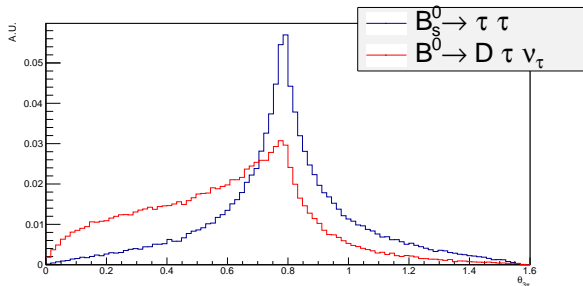
Efficiency to find a real solution ($\text{Im}(\xi)/\text{Re}(\xi) < 5\%$): $\sim 53\%$ on 10^5 events.

θ approximation

Fraction of events
with a real solution ε

θ approx	ε
$\pi/4$	$\sim 21\%$
$\bar{\theta}$	$\sim 27\%$
$\bar{\theta}_{\text{imp}}$	$\sim 50\%$

Distribution of the 4 solutions - $\theta = \bar{\theta}_{recursion}$ Figure: Behavior of the solutions for $\theta = \bar{\theta}_{recursion}$

$\theta_{3\pi}$ distribution for signal an $B^0 \rightarrow D\tau\nu_\tau$ 

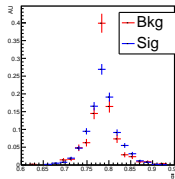
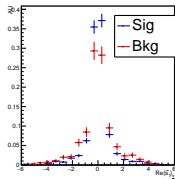
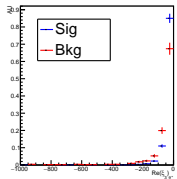
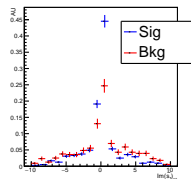
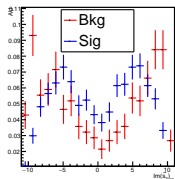
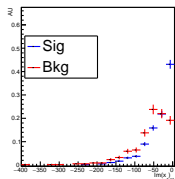
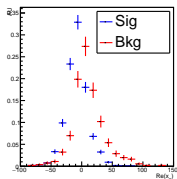
Reconstructed $M_{B_s^0}$ resolution in ($\frac{MeV}{c^2}$)

θ	Mean $M_{B_s^0}$	$\sigma(M_{B_s^0})$	Median $M_{B_s^0}$	Median deviation
θ_{true}	5368.23	92.74	5366.27	1.94
$\theta_{3\pi}$	5294.95	428.66	5326.86	167.37
$\theta_{3\pi} \oplus$ resolution	5330.68	530.639	5302.48	210.56

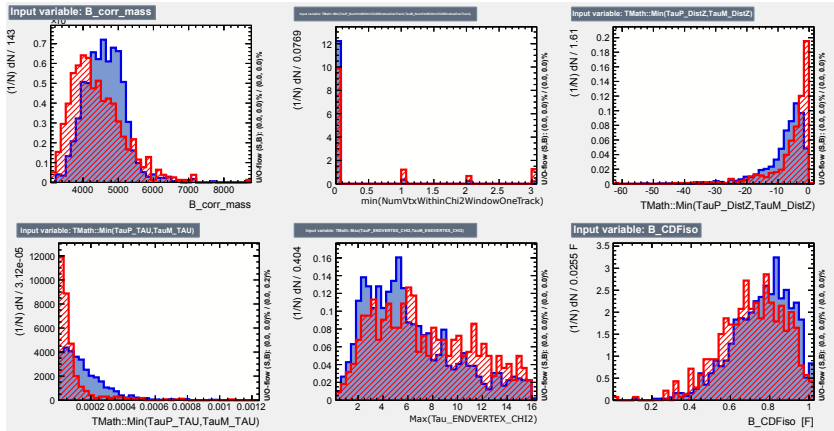
BDT input variables

- The following set of 13 variables has been used to train a new BDT:
 - Re_x_3
 - Max(Tau_DistZ)
 - Min(Tau_DistZ)
 - B_corr_mass
 - Im_x_1_ar
 - Im_stildepm_1_ar
 - Im_stildepm_3_ar
 - Min(Tau_NumVtxWithinChi2WindowOneTrack)
 - Re_stildepm_1_Pi4
 - Max(Tau_ENDVERTEX_CHI2)
 - Re_xi_1_ar
 - theta_bar_W
 - B_CDFiso

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