

$B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- (\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu)$ decays in LHCb simulation

Generator Level Studies

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Introduction

Context :

- ▶ Preliminary result: $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.4 (3.0) \times 10^{-3}$ [LHCb-CONF-2016-011]
 - using the hadronic decay $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$
 - limit obtained using EvtGen to decay the τ s
 - result is model dependant
- ▶ For final result, study further the effects associated with the tau-decay modelling

This talk :

- ▶ Generator level comparison of $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ decays
- ▶ Spin correlation in $B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ decays

Outline

- 1 $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ decay models
 - Used MC generator models
 - Model comparison
 - Monte Carlo reweighting
- 2 Spin correlation in $B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
- 3 Conclusion

Some available $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ Monte Carlo models

EvtGen's TauHadNu:

- ▶ Theoretical model from Kuhn and Santamaria [1990]
- ▶ Tuned to CLEO results for $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ [1999]
- ▶ Used in LHCb (baseline for $B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ search so far)

DOI:10.1007/BF01572024

arxiv:hep-ex/9910046

Tauola (CLEO-tune):

- ▶ Combination of Breit-Wigner resonances
- ▶ Tuned to CLEO results for $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ [1999]
- ▶ Used in LHCb

arxiv:hep-ex/9902022

Tauola (BaBar-tune):

- ▶ Resonance Chiral Lagrangian model [2013]
- ▶ Tuned to BaBar results for $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$ [2013]
- ▶ Not yet released in LHCb simulation

arxiv:1310.1053

arxiv:1301.7105

Tauola (CLEO Isospin Intricate-tune):

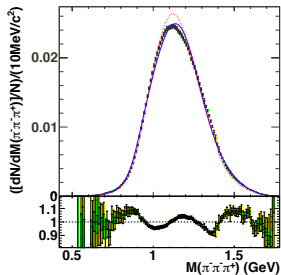
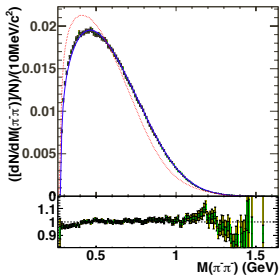
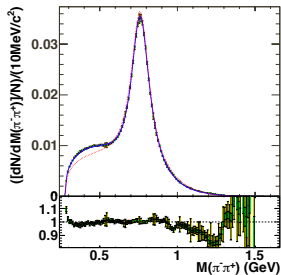
- ▶ CLEO-tune modified to account for isospin relations
- ▶ Hidden in Tauola ! (minor modifications of the fortran code needed)

arxiv:1508.06424v1

More models ▶ bonus slide 3

Tauola CLEO -VS- BaBar Tunes : comparison with experimental data

From [arxiv:1310.1053](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.1053)



- ▶ Points: data from BaBar ([arxiv:1301.7105](https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.7105))
- ▶ red dotted line : CLEO Tauola tune
- ▶ blue dotted line : Babar Tauola tune

Tests setup

- ▶ Local version of MC packages : Pythia8, Tauola, EvtGen
- ▶ Adapting examples given with the packages to generate $X \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ decays
- ▶ Using Tauola with Pythia or with EvtGen

Pythia8

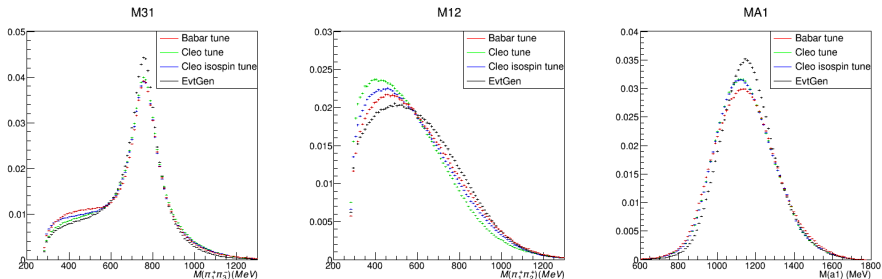
1. Pythia : $e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
 - with $\sqrt{s} = 92 \text{ GeV}$
 - using `WeakSingleBoson:ffbar2gmZ`
2. $\tau\tau$ decay with :
 - Pythia, or with
 - Tauola.

EvtGen

1. EvtGen : $\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
 - *VLL* decay model
 - γ^* "at rest"
 - E_{γ^*} can be set to M_Z, M_B, \dots
2. $\tau\tau$ decay with :
 - EvtGen, or with
 - Tauola.

Generator level comparison of $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ distributions

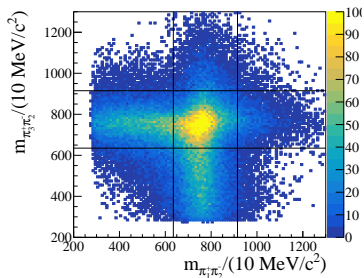
Using Tauola from EvtGen (using pythia gives completely consistent distributions) :



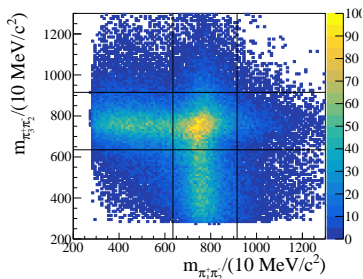
- ▶ **Babar tune** describes BaBar 1D mass distributions data correctly
- ▶ **Cleo isospin intricate** goes in the right direction but still differs from BaBar.

Effect on selection efficiency

EvtGen



Tauola (BaBar-tune)



Signal efficiencies computed at generator level ($\pm 0.1\%$) :

EvtGen	= 14.0%
Tauola Cleo-tune	= 10.9%
Tauola BaBar-tune	= 09.9%
Tauola Cleo-intricate	= 10.3%

Up to 10% effect among Tauola models

Event reweighting

Reweighting the data event by event to simulate an other model :

Tauola :

- ▶ Use methods from the TauSpinner package provided with Tauola
- ▶ Compute the decay amplitudes for τ^+ and τ^- from the 4-momenta of their daughters
- ▶ Amplitudes can be computed for any Tauola tune

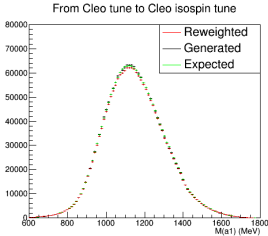
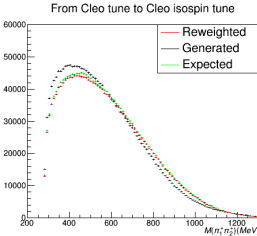
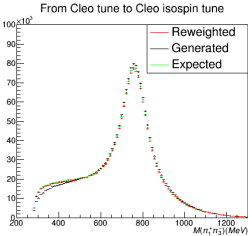
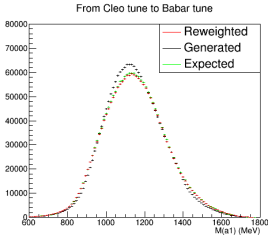
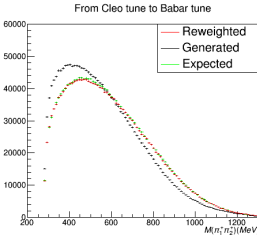
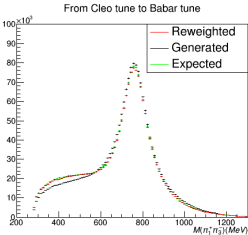
EvtGen :

- ▶ Use the decayProb() method of EvtParticle for each τ
- ▶ Not available outside EvtGen
- ▶ Can not be recomputed easily a posteriori (as we know of at least)

Reweighting :

- ▶ ω_{gen}^{\pm} : the amplitudes of the process used at generation
- ▶ ω_{new}^{\pm} : the amplitudes of the process that we want to simulate
- ▶ $\omega = \frac{\omega_{new}^+ \times \omega_{new}^-}{\omega_{gen}^+ \times \omega_{gen}^-}$: the event weight

Rewighting from Tauola Cleo Tune



Perfect agreement !

Note: Reweighting from EvtGen still not fully understood ▶ bonus slide 4 - 7

Conclusion on $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ models

Many models on the market :

- ▶ Discussed in [arxiv:1508.06424v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.06424v1) (Tauola authors)
- ▶ The BaBar-tune from Tauola is the one which seems to best match the data
- ▶ The hidden model implemented in Tauola using isospin relations seems more realistic than the simple Tauola Cleo-tune model

Reweighting :

- ▶ Data generated with any Tauola model can probably be reweighted to simulate an other Tauola model
- ▶ EvtGen weights not fully understood

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- ▶ Tauola decays τ s always in pair : $X \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
- ▶ inputs: 4-momenta of X, τ^+ and τ^-
- ▶ decays both τ s and computes a proba using the helicity density matrix R :
 $w = R \cdot h^+ \cdot h^- / 4$ where $h^{+,-}$ are the τ s "polarimetric vectors" (?)
 NB : the "polarimetric vectors" are computed using the τ s decay products

$$\underline{H^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-}$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-}$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{Z/\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-}$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ z & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where : $z = 2P_z(\cos\beta, s) - 1$

- ▶ β : angle between the beam and the τ^+
- ▶ \sqrt{s} : CM energy

NB: longitudinal polarisation only

Others

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow w = 0.25$ (!)

For generator level comparison see backup slides ▶ slide 11

Spin Correlation in B decays

From Aoife Bharucha and Jérôme Charles (Centre de Physique Théorique - Marseille)

They compute the R helicity density matrix for $B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
(following S. Jadach and Z. Was, *Acta Phys. Polon. B* **15** (1984) 1151)

General case : (pseudo)scalar state decaying into $\tau^+ \tau^-$ through the interaction

$$\tau^+ (k_S + k_P \gamma_5) \tau^-$$

where $k_{S,P}$ are complex couplings.

With $z = \frac{\beta k_S}{k_P}$ where $\beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m^2}$, they get :

$$R(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2\text{Re}(z)}{1+|z|^2} \\ 0 & \frac{-1+|z|^2}{1+|z|^2} & \frac{2\text{Im}(z)}{1+|z|^2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{2\text{Im}(z)}{1+|z|^2} & \frac{-1+|z|^2}{1+|z|^2} & 0 \\ -\frac{2\text{Re}(z)}{1+|z|^2} & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ case :

$$k_S = m_b(C_S - C'_S) \frac{m_{B_S}^2 f_{B_S}}{m_b + m_s} ; k_P = m_b(C_P - C'_P) \frac{m_{B_S}^2 f_{B_S}}{m_b + m_s} + 2m_\tau(C_{10} - C'_{10})$$

- Standard Model (only $C_{10} \neq 0$) :

$$R_{SM} = R(z=0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- With BSM contributions, the coupling ratio z can take any value.
As “extreme” (but reasonable) cases, they suggest : $z = 1, -1, i, -i$

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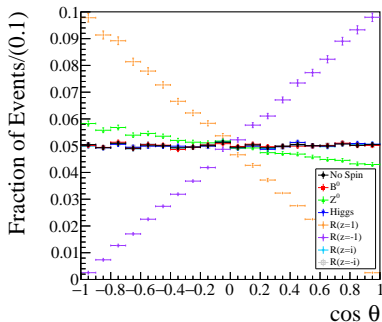
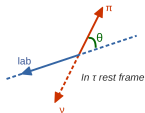
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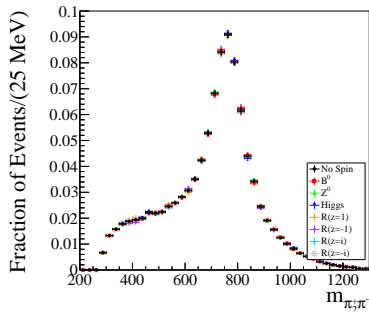
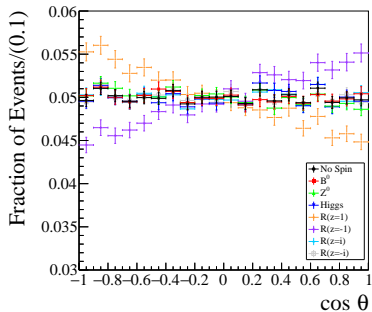
Spin correlation with different helicity matrices

- ▶ Spin effects not easy to spot in $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ decays
- ▶ Using $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ instead
- ▶ θ : angle between the π^+ and the lab in the τ rest frame
- ▶ Comparing the $\cos\theta$ distributions obtained by reweighting the events with the amplitude associated to the different helicity matrices :



Note : $R(z)$ holds for a \bar{B} event, $R^*(z)$ should be used for B

Effect of helicity matrices with $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ decays



- ▶ More angles to be looked at
- ▶ Visible effect on $\cos(\theta)$ for $z = \pm 1$
- ▶ No visible effect on the mass distributions
- ▶ Effect on selection efficiency below 0.1%

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Summary :

- ▶ Several models available for $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ decays
 - Tauola Babar-tune seems to be the one which best describes the 1D mass distributions
 - Tauola Cleo-intricate tune could also be a model worth looking at
- ▶ Proper helicity matrices for B decays (SM and BSM) have been computed ... Many thanks to Aoife and Jérôme !
 - Effect on mass distributions seems to be limited
 - Effect on angular variables seems small but can be visible on extreme cases.
Is the analysis sensitive to such effects ?

Implementation in LHCb simulation :

- ▶ Modifications have been done to allow the use of the BaBar-tune and Cleo-intricate models. New samples should be generated soon
- ▶ Effects of spin correlation will be studied by reweighting sample produced without correlation

Backup:

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5 Spin correlation in $B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

Pythia 8 (meMode 1541):

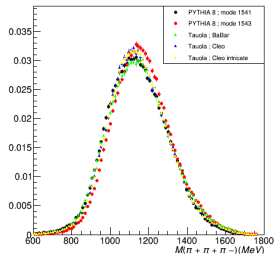
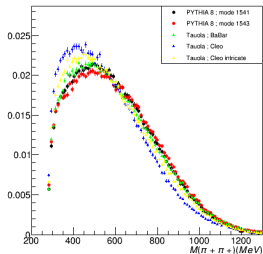
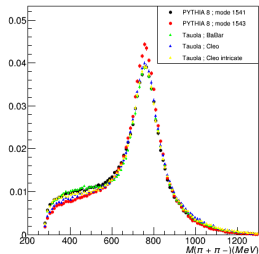
- Tuned to CLEO results for $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ [1999]

arxiv:hep-ex/9902022

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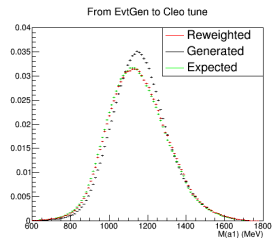
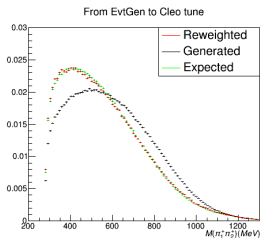
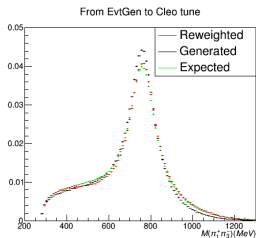
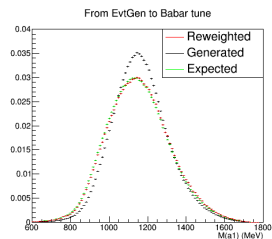
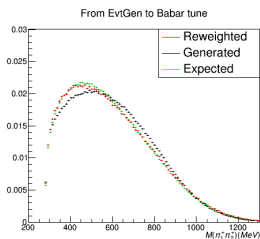
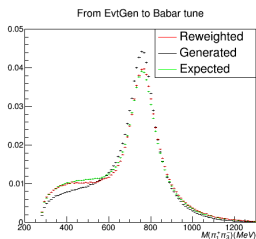
- General parametrisation of tau to 3 pseudoscalar mesons

R. Decker, et al., Z.Phys. C58 (1993)



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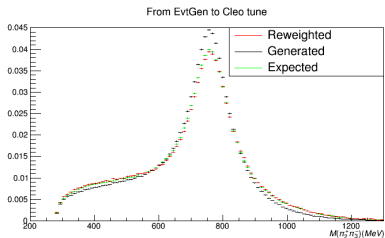
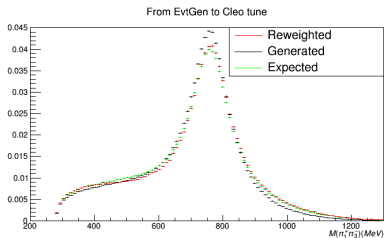
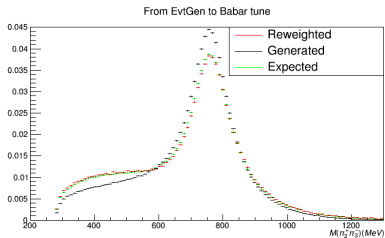
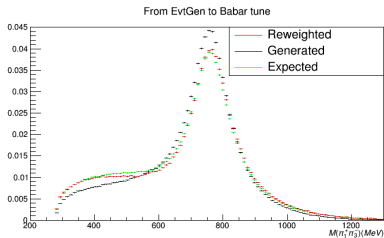
Starting From EvtGen



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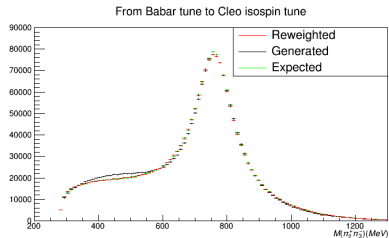
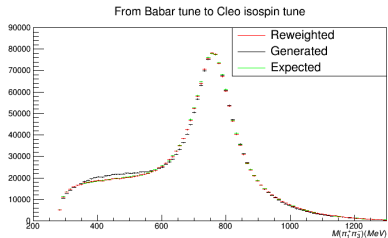
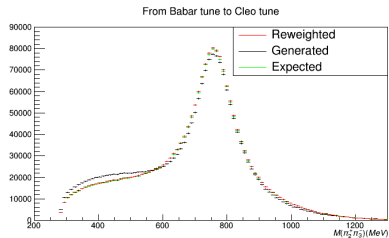
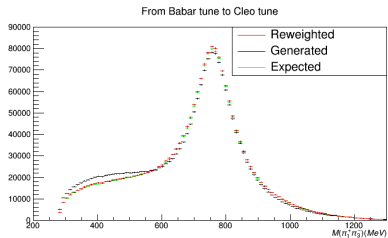
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Starting From EvtGen : differences between $m(\pi_1^+ \pi_3^-)$ and $m(\pi_2^+ \pi_3^-)$!!!



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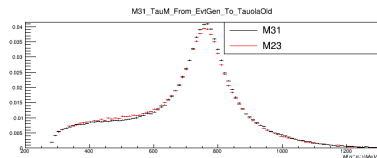
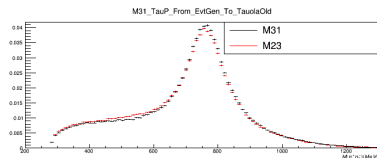
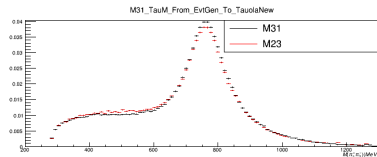
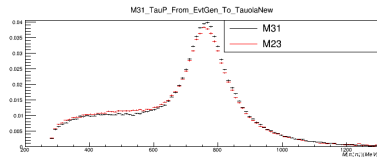
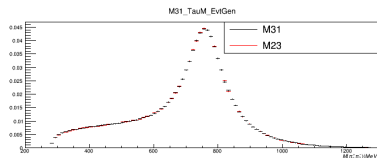
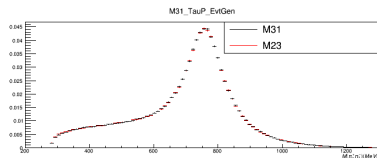
Starting From Tauola BaBar : agreement between $m(\pi_1^+\pi_3^-)$ and $m(\pi_2^+\pi_3^-)$



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Starting From EvtGen : differences between $m(\pi_1^+\pi_3^-)$ and $m(\pi_2^+\pi_3^-)$!!!

Distributions of $m(\pi_1^+\pi_3^-)$ and $m(\pi_2^+\pi_3^-)$ are compatible when generated by EvtGen but start to differ once the weights are applied.



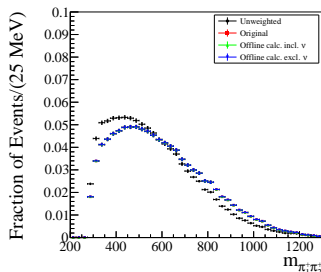
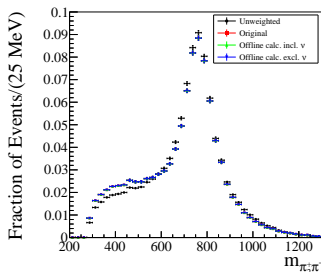
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Reweighting using available variables

Further check : towards a more realistic way to compute the weights

- ▶ store the particles 4-momenta for each event
- ▶ recompute the weights “offline”

Example : reweighting from Tauola BaBar-tune to Tauola Cleo-tune



Conclusion : Reweighting can be applied on ntuple made from stripped data.

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Spin Correlation in Pythia

$$\underline{Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-}$$

For electroweak processes, spin correlations are fully handled if the incoming fermions producing the γ , Z , or W are known. If the W is not produced from fermions or the fermions are unavailable, the τ -lepton is given a polarization of $\mathcal{P} = -1$, e.g. $H \rightarrow W \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau$. For γ or Z hard processes not produced from fermions or with unavailable fermion information, the γ or Z is assumed to be unpolarized, e.g. $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\tau$.

$$\underline{B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-}$$

The τ -lepton can also be produced from a variety of B and D meson decays. For these decays, the constituent quarks of the meson are approximated, and the spin correlations are calculated using an $f\bar{f}' \rightarrow W \rightarrow f\bar{f}'$ matrix element. For any τ -lepton from an unknown process, the τ -lepton is assumed to be unpolarized.

Tau Decays in Pythia 8, P. Ilten

$$\underline{\tau \rightarrow \pi\nu}$$

The slope of the energy distribution for pions from $\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^-$ decays in the rest frame of the parent bosons is proportional to the average τ -lepton polarization. In Figure 1 this distribution, from PYTHIA simulation, is given for τ -leptons produced from electroweak and Higgs processes. Note the the opposite polarization of τ -leptons produced from a W and H^\pm , the unpolarized τ -leptons produced from neutral Higgses, and the slight polarization of τ -leptons produced from Z bosons at a pp collider.

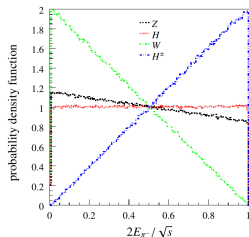
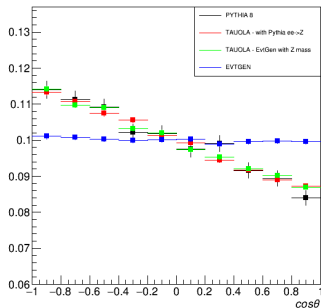
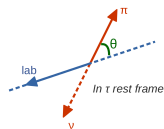


Figure 1: Distribution of the fractional energy of the pion from a $\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^-$ decay in the rest frame of the producing boson. The τ -leptons are produced from Z (dashed black), H (dotted red), W (dash-dotted green), and H^\pm (dash-dot-dotted blue) bosons.

Spin correlation in $Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ generated by Pythia, EvtGen and Tauola

- ▶ Spin effects not easy to spot in $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ decays
- ▶ Using $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ instead
- ▶ θ : angle between the π^+ and the lab in the τ rest frame

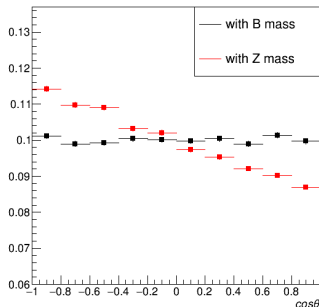
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + P_\tau \cos\theta)$$



- ▶ No spin correlation observed w/ EvtGen ? (should be implemented in principle)

Spin correlation in $\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ changing the CM Energy

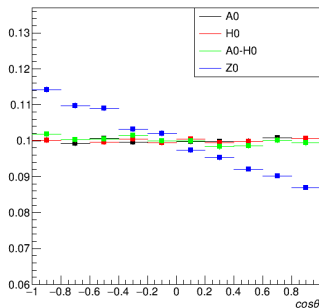
1. Using EvtGen to generate $\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
2. Setting either $E_{\gamma^*} = M_Z$ or $E_{\gamma^*} = M_B$



- ▶ NB : with $E_{\gamma^*} = M_Z$, $R_{0,3} = R_{3,0} = 0.149$ ($\cos\beta = 0$ always - no incoming beams)
- ▶ with $E_{\gamma^*} = M_B$, $R_{0,3} = R_{3,0} = 0.000$

Spin correlation in $X \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ using different propagators in Tauola

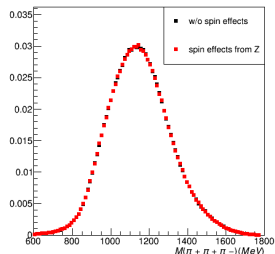
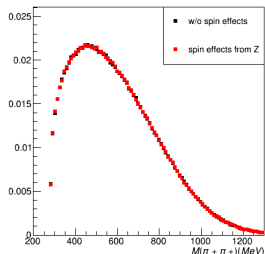
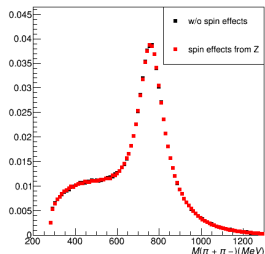
1. Use EvtGen to generate $\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ with $E_{\gamma^*} = M_Z$
2. Change the mother PID to be a Z^0 , a H^0 or a A^0
3. Let Tauola decay the τ s



► NB: this is consistent with Pythia documentation ► [slide 10](#)

► [slide 13](#)

Spin effects on the inv. masses in the $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ mode



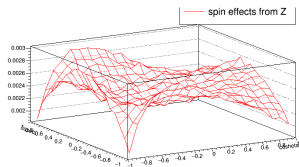
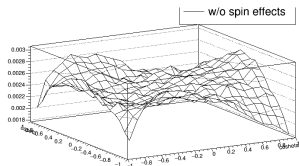
Signal efficiencies ($635 < m(\pi^+ \pi^-) < 915$ (MeV) for both τ s) :

- ▶ EvtGen : $(14.38 \pm 0.11)\%$ (ref. point from current analysis)
- ▶ Tauola without spin effects : $(8.92 \pm 0.03)\%$
- ▶ Tauola with spin effects from Z^0 : $(8.98 \pm 0.03)\%$

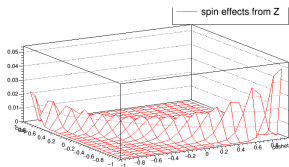
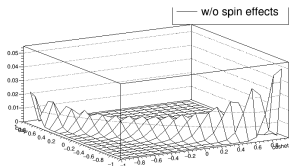
No effects observed on the invariant mass distributions

Spin effects on angular distributions in the $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ mode

$$\cos\beta - VS - \cos\theta$$



$$\cos\psi - VS - \cos\theta$$



where :

- ▶ θ : angle between the $a1$ and the lab in the τ rest frame
- ▶ β : angle between the normal to the 3π plane and the lab in the $a1$ rest frame
- ▶ ψ : angle between the τ and the lab in the $a1$ rest frame

Effect on selection efficiency

$B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ events selection requires : $635 \leq m(\pi^+ \pi^-) \leq 915$ MeV (x4 !!)

Signal efficiencies computed at generator level ($\pm 0.1\%$) :

Effect of $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$ model

EvtGen	= 14.0%
Tauola Cleo-tune	= 10.9%
Tauola BaBar-tune	= 09.9%
Tauola Cleo-intricate	= 10.3%

Up to 10% effect among Tauola models

Effect of spin correlation

spin model No	= 10.9%
spin model B0	= 10.9%
spin model Z0	= 11.0%
spin model Higgs	= 10.9%
spin model R(z=1)	= 11.0%
spin model R(z=-1)	= 10.8%
spin model R(z=i)	= 10.9%
spin model R(z=-i)	= 10.9%

Very minor effect of spin correlation