

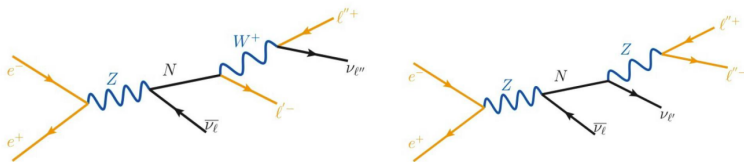
Heavy Neutral Lepton study with CLD Full Simulation

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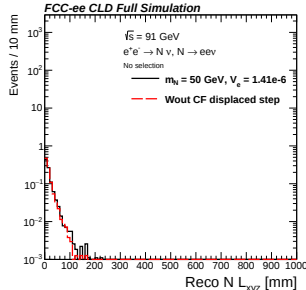
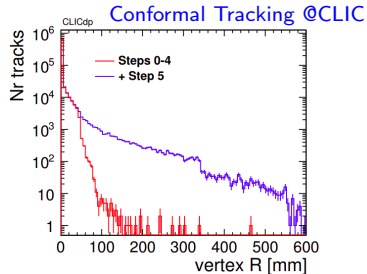
- First attempt for **physics analysis** with **long lived particle** in **Full Simulation**
 - ▶ **CLD_01_v04** geometry used (updates with more recent geometries planned)
 - ▶ Analysis performance is highly dependent on tracking performances
- Generation of Long Lived Particle within the Heavy Neutral Lepton model
- Reproduce the analysis from (Alimena&al [arXiv:2203.05502v4](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.05502v4)) with **Full Simulation**
- Allow for FastSim / FullSim comparison
- Di-electrons channel
- The lighter the HNL particle, the longer the lifetime.



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Tracking issue – Investigation in conformal tracking

- ▶ **VXDBarrel**: build track seeds in the vertex barrel
- ▶ **VXDEndcap**: extend track seed through the vertex endcaps
- ▶ **LowerCellAngle1**: build track candidates with tight cuts for high- p_T tracks
- ▶ **LowerCellAngle2**: build track candidates with looser cuts to reconstruct low- p_T tracks
- ▶ **Tracker**: extends all existing partial tracks through the tracker
- ▶ **Displaced (step5)**: build additional tracks with optimised cuts for displaced tracks from all the leftover hits



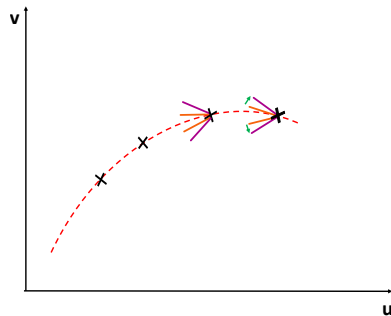
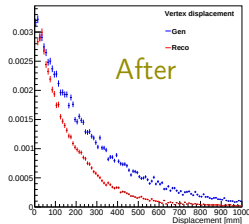
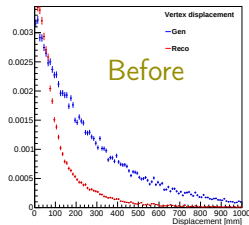
⇒ In latests reconstruction, the Step5 does not provide the expected tracking efficiency

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Tracking issue – Investigation in Conformal Tracking

Parameters in step 5:

- ▶ MaxCellAngle: 0.1 → 0.5
- ▶ MaxCellAngleRZ: 0.1 → 0.5
- ▶ Chi2Cut
- ▶ MinClustersOnTrack
- ▶ MaxDistance
- ▶ SlopeZRange
- ▶ HighPTCut

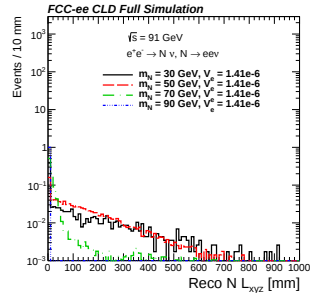
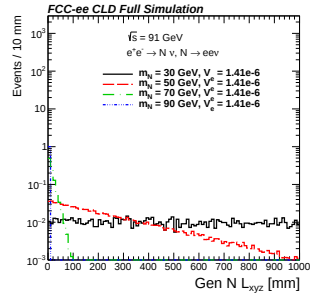


×2 vertices, window for extension to next hit was too small for the displaced step in conformal tracking

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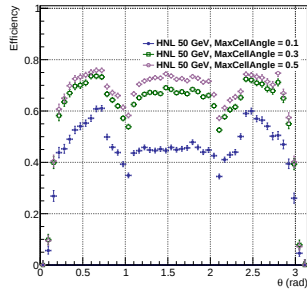
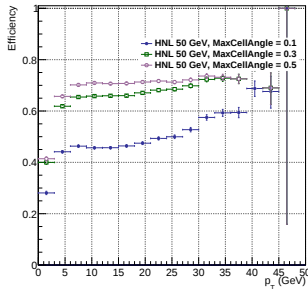
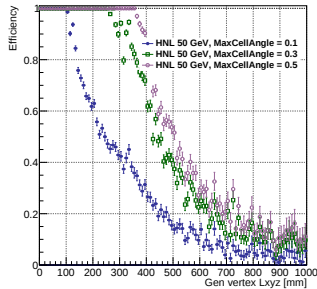
Tracking issue – Vertex reconstruction (considering all reconstructed tracks)

- Reconstructed vertices up to 600 mm displacement, as expected from Conformal Tracking paper



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Tracking issue – Investigation in Conformal Tracking – Efficiency and Fake Rate



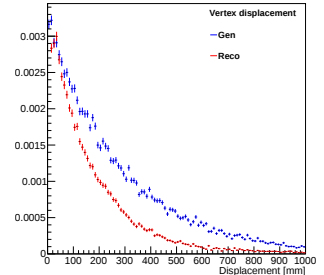
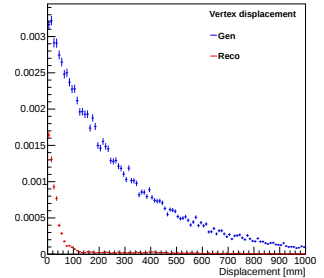
- ▶ Increasing *MaxCellAngle* and *MaxCellAngleRZ* improves tracking efficiency significantly
- ▶ Therefore, the value 0.5 is adopted for the rest of the analysis
- ▶ Fake rate remains elevated (10–20%) and exceeds expectations from CLD baseline *

*arxiv.org/pdf/1911.12230

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Track - Cluster association issue

- Issue with electron reconstruction
 - ▶ Electrons reconstruction efficiency
top plot → HNL vertices with **reconstructed electron tracks**
bottom plot → HNL vertices with **all reconstructed tracks**
 - ▶ Tracks are present
 - ▶ Pandora particles are mainly photons
⇒ e^- are not reconstructed properly
 - ▶ Issue also observed for prompt tracks [CLDConfig/issues/43](#)



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Analysis

- **"Reco electron"**: a reconstructed track matched to a status-1 MC electron within $\Delta R < 0.2$
 - ▶ Final electron candidate: Pandora particle matched to both a reco track and an MC electron ($\Delta R < 0.2$)
- **Object selection:**
- "Reco electrons" momentum > 1 GeV
- **Event selection:**
 - ▶ Exactly 2 "reco electrons" with sum charge $== 0$
 - ▶ Invariant mass incompatible with a Z boson : $2 \text{ GeV} < m_{ee} < 50 \text{ GeV}$
 - ▶ Missing transverse energy $\cancel{p} > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Vertices are reconstructed using the two selected electron tracks
- Cross section for $Z \rightarrow \tau \bar{\tau}$ from [fcc-ee/delphes/spring2021/idea/](https://fcccdd.org/delphes/spring2021/idea/)

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Analysis cut flow – $\times 10^5$ HNL cross sections

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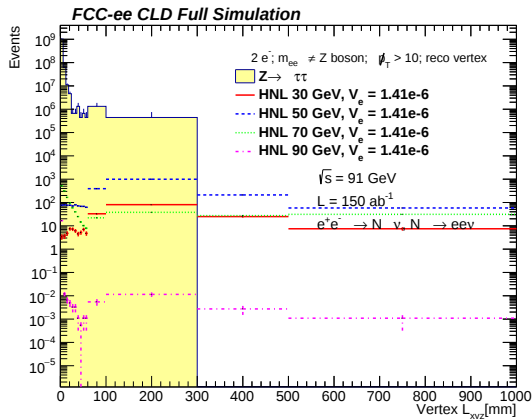
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Before selection	$(1.00 \pm 0.00) \times 10^4$	$(6.80 \pm 0.03) \times 10^3$	$(2.95 \pm 0.01) \times 10^3$	$(2.62 \pm 0.01) \times 10^1$
Exactly 2 reco e	$(2.24 \pm 0.23) \times 10^1$	$(6.18 \pm 0.09) \times 10^2$	$(1.65 \pm 0.01) \times 10^3$	$(1.66 \pm 0.01) \times 10^1$
Invariant mass $\neq Z$ boson	$(2.17 \pm 0.22) \times 10^1$	$(6.16 \pm 0.09) \times 10^2$	$(1.54 \pm 0.01) \times 10^3$	$(1.60 \pm 0.01) \times 10^1$
$p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$	$(2.04 \pm 0.21) \times 10^1$	$(5.31 \pm 0.09) \times 10^2$	$(1.41 \pm 0.01) \times 10^3$	$(1.57 \pm 0.01) \times 10^1$
Reconstructed vertex	$(1.97 \pm 0.21) \times 10^1$	$(5.21 \pm 0.08) \times 10^2$	$(1.37 \pm 0.01) \times 10^3$	$(1.54 \pm 0.01) \times 10^1$

Process	$Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$Z \rightarrow b \bar{b}$	$Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	$Z \rightarrow e^+ e^- \nu \bar{\nu}$
Cross Section [pb]	1.46×10^3	6.65×10^3	1.48×10^3	$(3.05 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-4}$
Before selection	$(2.19 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{11}$	$(9.97 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{11}$	$(2.21 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{11}$	$(4.57 \pm 0.02) \times 10^4$
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- Cut on $|d_0| < 0.5$ removes several of magnitude of background

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Analysis stack – $\times 10^5$ HNL cross sections

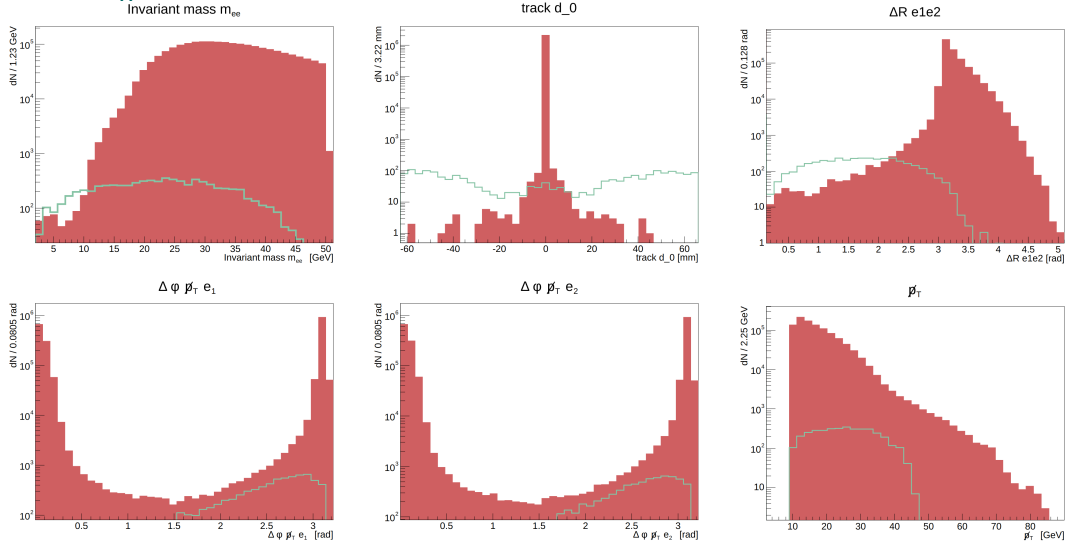


Strategy for signal extraction to be precisely defined:

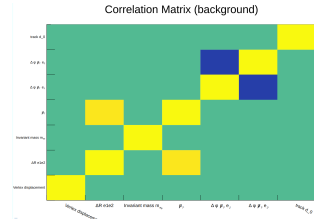
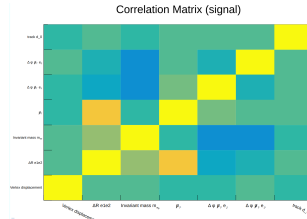
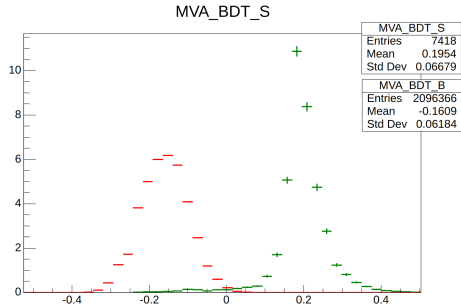
- Apply baseline selection to selected the event signatures, focus on the Ztautau background for simplicity,
- Identify discriminating variables, to be combined with a Boosted Decision Tree,
- Estimate the sensitivity (Limits) by fitting the BDT score, using the CMS "Combine" tool.

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Discriminating variables – $\times 10^5$ HNL cross sections – 50 GeV HNL



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BDT and limits – $\times 10^5$ HNL cross sections – 50 GeV HNL

- Signal extraction is challenging, a very large MC production for the backgrounds is needed

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Conclusion

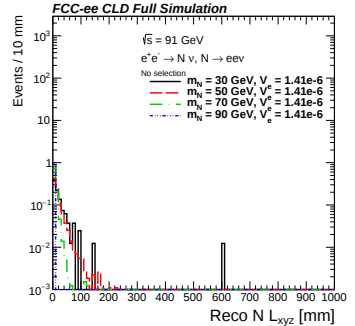
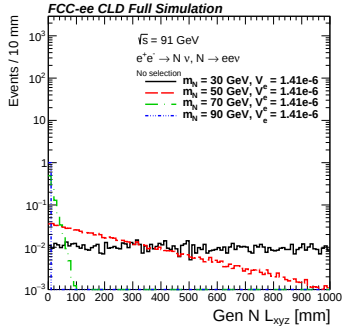
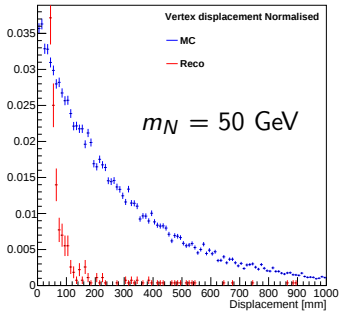
- Displaced tracks are now reconstructed better
- Discriminating variables have been identified and tested, and an initial selection has been implemented
- Signal extraction appears to be challenging
- Tracks are not associated to clusters
 - ▶ need to replace "2 electron selection" with tracks+constraints for highly displaced vertices
- Next steps
 - ▶ Extract limits
 - ▶ Study impact of tracker geometry on physics performance

Backup

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Tracking issue for displaced tracks

- No reconstructed tracks for >10 cm displacement

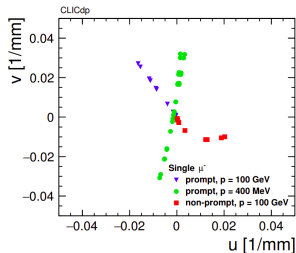
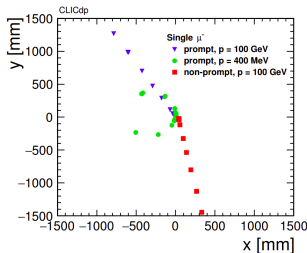


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Conformal Tracking[†]

- **Conformal mapping:** coordinates (x, y) in Euclidean space are converted to coordinates (u, v) in conformal space, circles passing through the origin are transformed into straight lines

$$u = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad v = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$



- Conformal Tracking makes hypothesis that tracks are prompt
- **Cellular Automaton Track Finding:** for pattern recognition

[†]Conformal Tracking @CLIC

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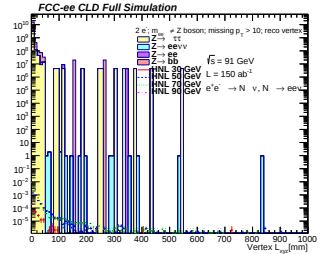
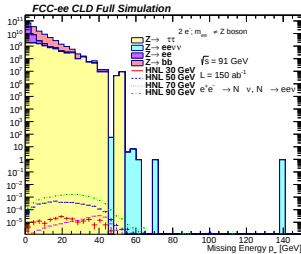
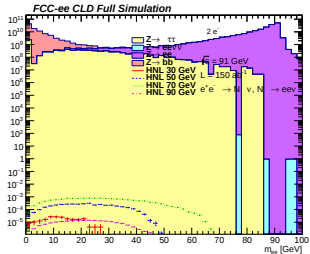
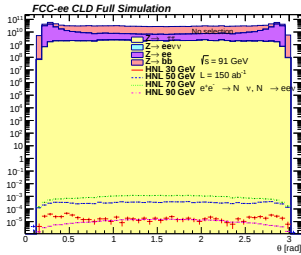
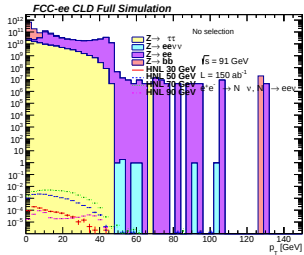
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Exactly 2 reco e	$(2.09 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$	$(4.07 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$	$(1.48 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-2}$	$(2.03 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-4}$
Invariant mass $\neq Z$ boson	$(2.09 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$	$(4.07 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$	$(1.48 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-2}$	$(2.02 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-4}$
$p_T > 10$ GeV	$(1.83 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$	$(3.45 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$	$(1.35 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-2}$	$(1.97 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-4}$
Reconstructed vertex	$(1.74 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$	$(3.32 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$	$(1.29 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-2}$	$(1.94 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-4}$
$ d_0 > 5$ mm	$(1.29 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$	$(2.59 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3}$	$(9.17 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$	0

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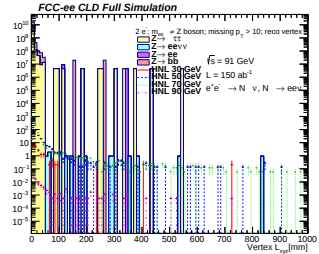
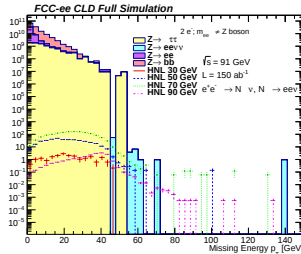
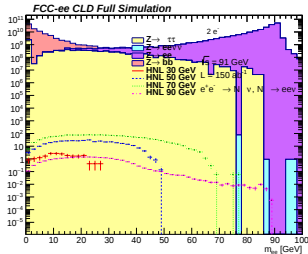
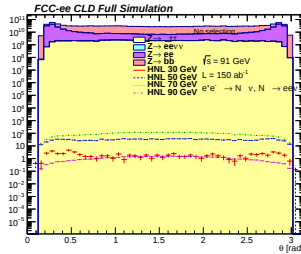
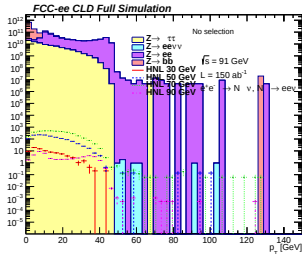
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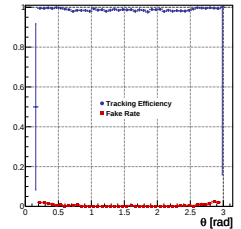
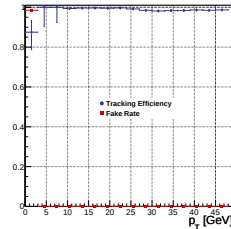
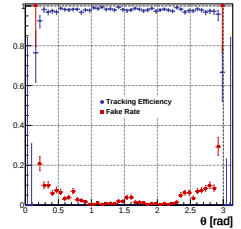
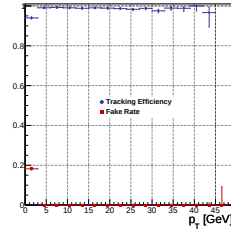
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Tracking Efficiency

Tracking Efficiency defined as $\frac{GenElectronsMatched2Tracks}{AllGenElectrons}$
Fake Rate defined as $\frac{TracksNotMatched}{AllRecoElectrons}$

- Tracking Efficiency and Fake Rate for $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 - ▶ Good tracking efficiency and low fake rate
- Tracking Efficiency and Fake Rate for $Z \rightarrow ee$
 - ▶ Good tracking efficiency and low fake rate



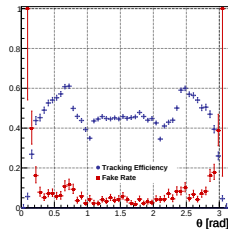
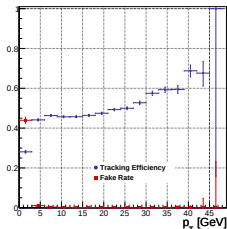
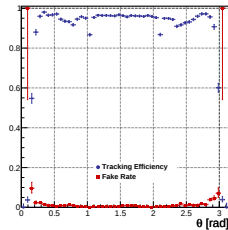
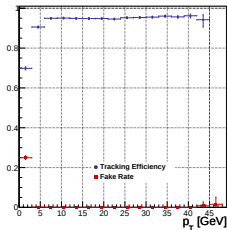
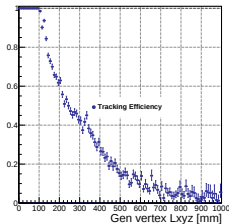
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Tracking Efficiency

Tracking Efficiency defined as $\frac{GenElectronsMatched2Tracks}{AllGenElectrons}$

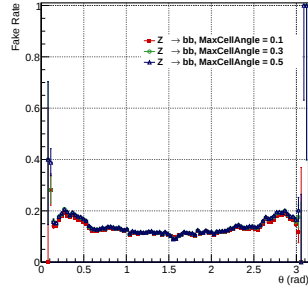
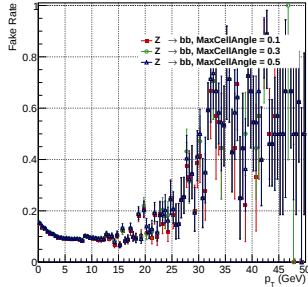
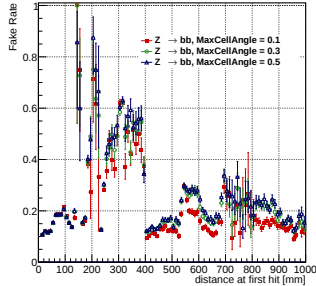
Fake Rate defined as $\frac{TracksNotMatched}{AllRecoElectrons}$

- Tracking Efficiency and Fake Rate for HNL $m_N = 70$ GeV
 - Lower efficiency compared to 90 GeV
- Tracking Efficiency and Fake Rate for HNL $m_N = 50$ GeV
 - The more vertices are displaced, the lower the efficiency



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- Although the values of $MaxCellAngle$ and $MaxCellAngleRZ$ do not significantly affect the Fake Rate, it remains higher than expected compared to the CLD note [‡].

[‡]arxiv.org/pdf/1911.12230