

Kinematic fitting

A powerful tool of event selection and reconstruction

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Introduction: kinematic fitting as a part of data processing

- > Raw data processing
- > Detector calibrations
- > Track search and reconstruction
- > Momentum reconstruction
- > Event selection and reconstruction
 - At this stage 3-momenta of all found tracks are reconstructed
 - Combine individual tracks to events
 - Apply certain requirements (cuts) on track correlations to select events of interest and reject the background
 - Alternatively use kinematic fitting
- > Physics analysis

Introduction: kinematic fitting as a tool of event selection

- > Kinematic fitting – adjustment of measured kinematic parameters under certain assumptions (conditions, constraints)
- > Aims
 - Test if assumptions are true
 - Improve accuracy of measurements
 - Check if the knowledge of measurement uncertainties is correct
 - Check for possible systematic uncertainties
- > Has been used for more than 50 years in particle physics, considered as a standard tool of event selection and reconstruction
- > But also often considered as too complicated and not really necessary

Example 1

- > Decay of a particle **a** to 3 particles **a** \rightarrow 1+2+3
- > Energy of the primary particle is precisely known and equal to $E_a = 30$ GeV
- > Energies of the secondary particles are equal to $E_1 = 5$ GeV, $E_2 = 10$ GeV and $E_3 = 15$ GeV and measured with errors distributed by Gaussian with sigmas $\sigma_1 = 1$ GeV, $\sigma_2 = 1$ GeV and $\sigma_3 = 1$ GeV
- > Minimization of least-squares functional

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 (E_i - E_i^{fit})^2 / \sigma_i^2$$

- > under condition $E_1^{fit} + E_2^{fit} + E_3^{fit} - E_a = 0$

- > If measurement errors are the same the result is trivial:

$$E_i^{fit} = E_i - \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon = (E_1 + E_2 + E_3 - E_a) / 3$$

Results of example 1

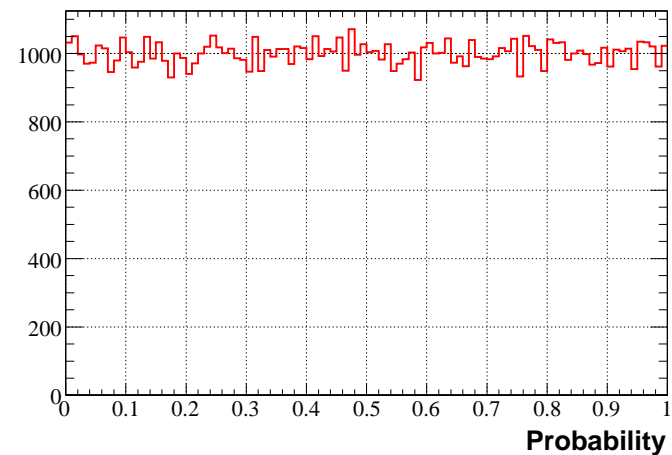
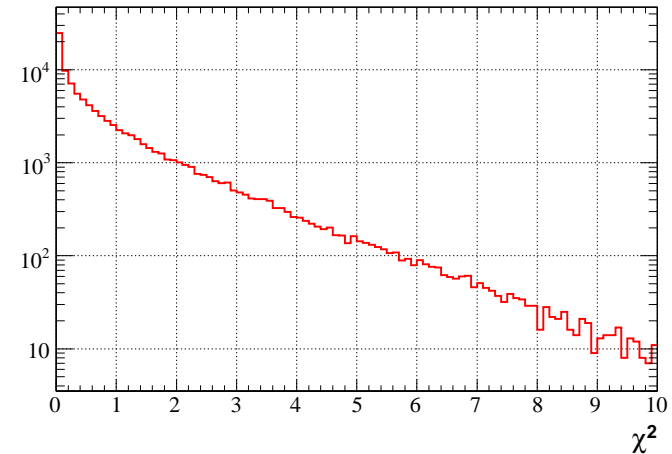
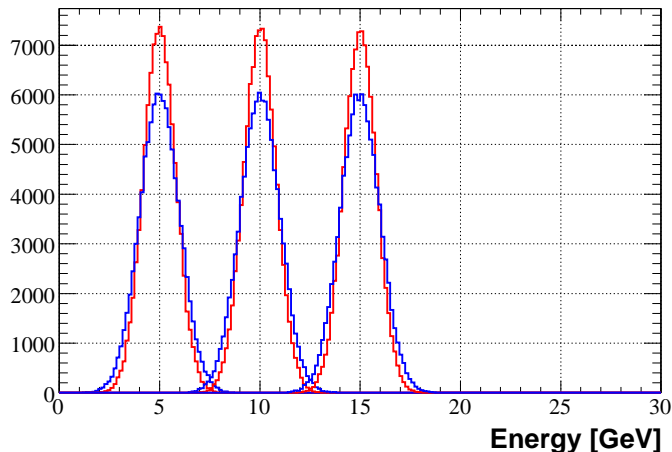
> Chi square distributed as chi square for one degree of freedom

> Probability distribution

$$\int_{\chi^2}^{\infty} f(z;n) dz$$

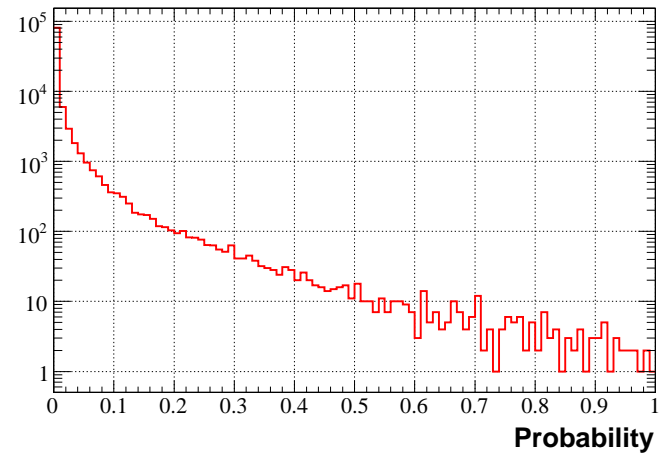
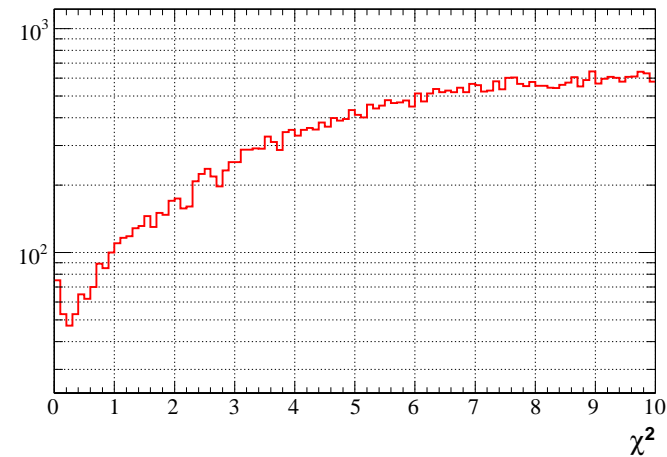
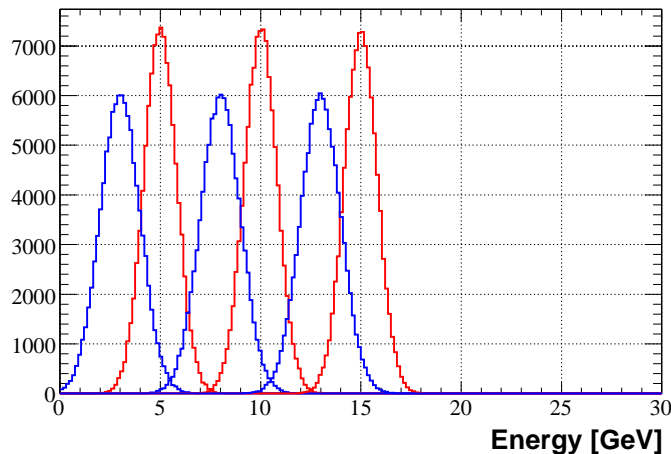
> A measure of the probability that a chi square from the theoretical distribution is greater than chi square obtained from the fit

> Improvement of accuracies of energy measurements by factor of $\sqrt{2/3}$



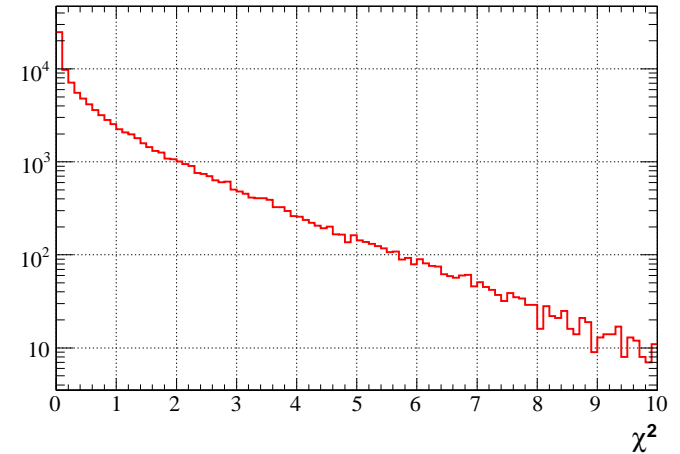
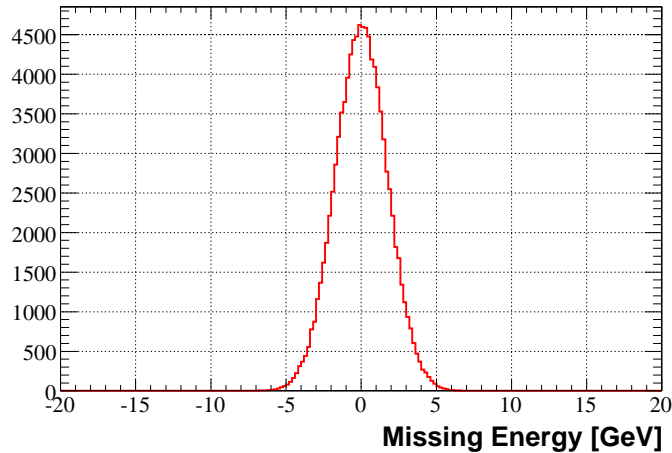
Background process

- > Decay of a particle **a** to 4 particles **a** \rightarrow 1+2+3+4
- > Energy of the primary particle is precisely known and equal to $E_a = 30$ GeV
- > Energies of the secondary particles are equal to $E_1 = 3$ GeV, $E_2 = 8$ GeV and $E_3 = 13$ GeV and measured with errors distributed by Gaussian with sigma $\sigma_1 = 1$ GeV, $\sigma_2 = 1$ GeV and $\sigma_3 = 1$ GeV
- > Particles 4 with energy of 6 GeV is unmeasured (missed particle)
- > Fitting assuming **a** \rightarrow 1+2+3 hypothesis

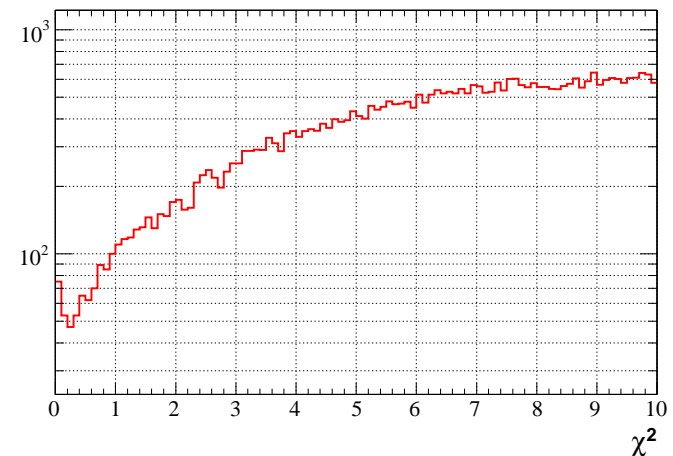
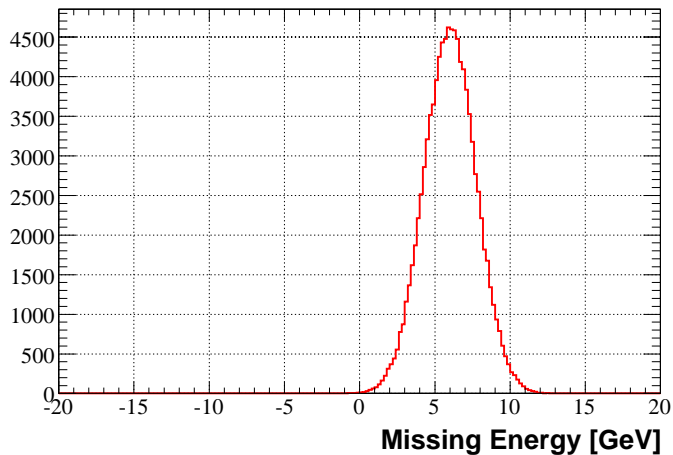


Missing energy method vs kinematic fitting

- > Process of interest: missing energy is peaked near zero, chi square is distributed as chi square for 1 degree of freedom

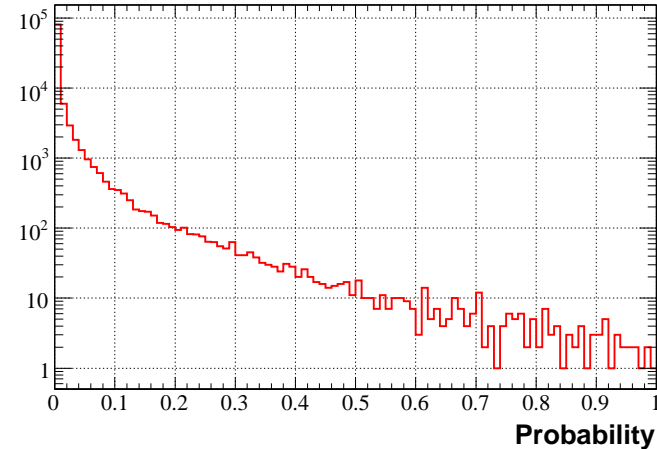
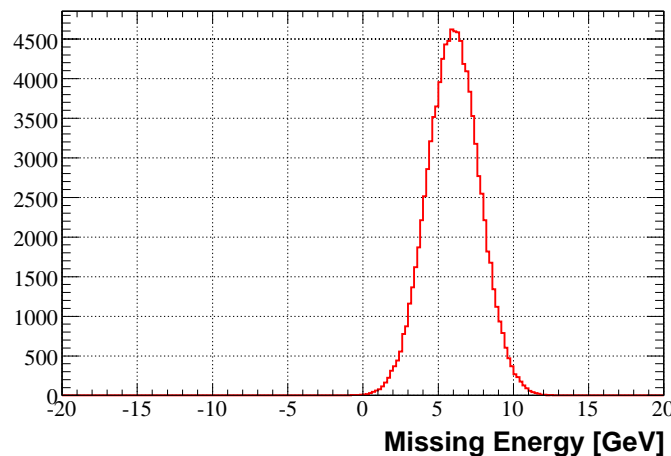
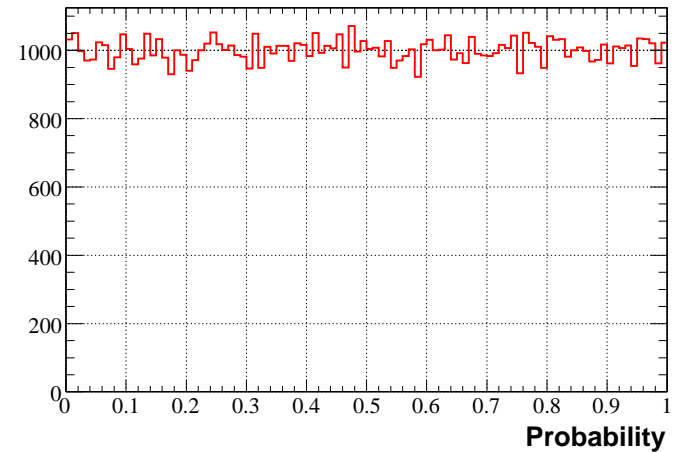
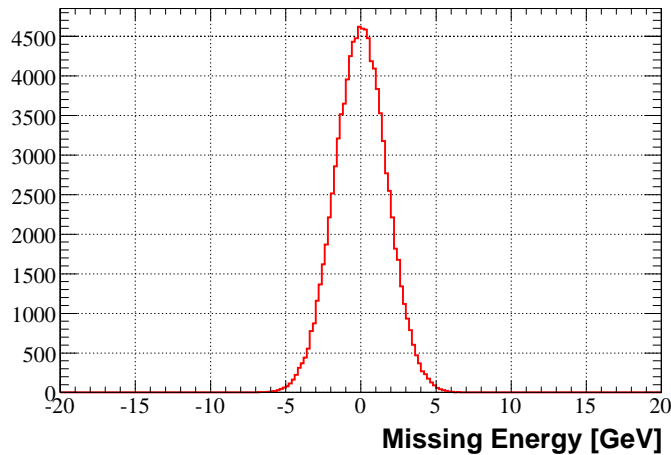


- > Background process: missing energy peak is shifted, chi square distribution is completely different



Missing energy method vs kinematic fitting

- > Apply a cut on the missing energy or to chi-square or probability distribution to select the process of interest and reject the background



Kinematic fitting technique

- > Minimization of least squares functional

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \eta_i)^2 / \sigma_i^2$$

under constraints

$$f_1(\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n) = 0$$

$$f_2(\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n) = 0$$

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$$f_m(\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n) = 0$$

y_i – measured kinematic parameters, η_i – fit parameters,
 σ_i – measurement errors, n – number of kinematic parameters,
 m – number of constraints

- > In case of correlations between kinematic parameters, covariance matrix G_y should be used

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (y_i - \eta_i) G_{y(i,j)} (y_j - \eta_j)$$

Minimization of least-squares functions with constraints

> Method of elements

- Using q equations of constraints eliminate q of the n kinematic parameters as functions of $n-q$ parameters
- Not always possible, procedure is not automatic

> Method of Lagrange multipliers

- Automatic procedure, widely used
- Exact solution if constraints depend linearly on parameters
- Simple iterative procedure if constraints are non-linear

> Method of orthogonal transformation

- Mentioned in one textbook, not widely used

> Method of penalty functions

- Automatic procedure
- Can be effectively used with constraints of inequality type

Method of Lagrange multipliers

- > Measurements give instead of true quantities η_i values y_i
- > Measurement errors are normally distributed about zero with standard deviations σ_i
- > m equations of constraints
- > If equations are linear write in the matrix form
- > Define
- > Minimization of Lagrange function
- > Total derivative should vanish

$$y_i = \eta_i + \varepsilon_i$$

$$E(\varepsilon_i) = 0,$$

$$E(\varepsilon_i^2) = \sigma_i^2$$

$$f_k(\vec{\eta}) = 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$B\vec{\eta} + \vec{b}_0 = 0$$

$$\vec{c} = B\vec{y} + \vec{b}_0$$

$$L = \vec{\varepsilon}^T G_y \vec{\varepsilon} + 2\vec{\lambda}^T (\vec{c} - B\vec{\varepsilon})$$

$$dL = 2\vec{\varepsilon}^T G_y d\vec{\varepsilon} - 2\vec{\lambda}^T B d\vec{\varepsilon} = 0$$

Method of Lagrange multipliers

- > Solve system of linear equations
- > Obtain
- > Can be easily solved
- > Estimators of the measurement errors
- > Estimators for fit parameters
- > Using abbreviation
- > Obtain by applying error propagation

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\varepsilon}^T G_y - \vec{\lambda}^T B = 0 \\ \vec{c} - B\vec{\varepsilon} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{c} - BG_y^{-1}B^T\vec{\lambda} = 0$$

$$\vec{\lambda} = (BG_y^{-1}B^T)^{-1}\vec{c}$$

$$\vec{\varepsilon} = G_y^{-1}B^T(BG_y^{-1}B^T)^{-1}\vec{c}$$

$$\vec{\eta} = \vec{y} - \vec{\varepsilon}$$

$$G_B = (BG_y^{-1}B^T)^{-1}$$

$$G_{\vec{\eta}}^{-1} = G_y^{-1} - G_y^{-1}B^T G_B B G_y^{-1}$$

Solution of example 1

> In the example 1 $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

> Vector $\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \end{pmatrix} - E_a = E_1 + E_2 + E_3 - E_a$

$$G_B = \begin{pmatrix} (1 & 1 & 1) \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

> Estimation of fit parameters

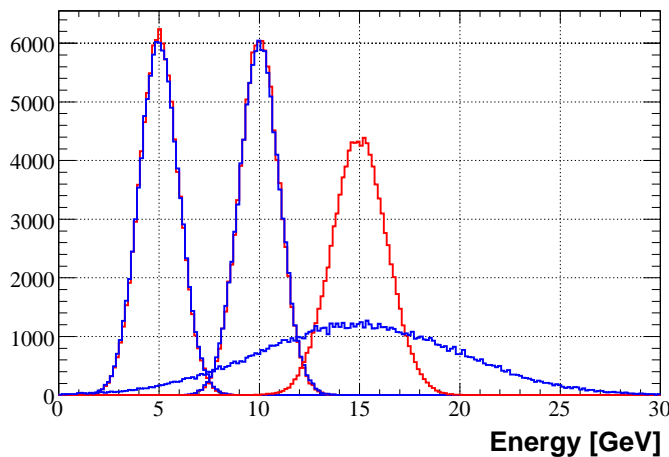
$$\tilde{\eta}_i = E_i - \frac{1}{3}(E_1 + E_2 + E_3 - E_a)$$

> Estimation of error matrix of fit parameters

$$G_{\tilde{\eta}}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

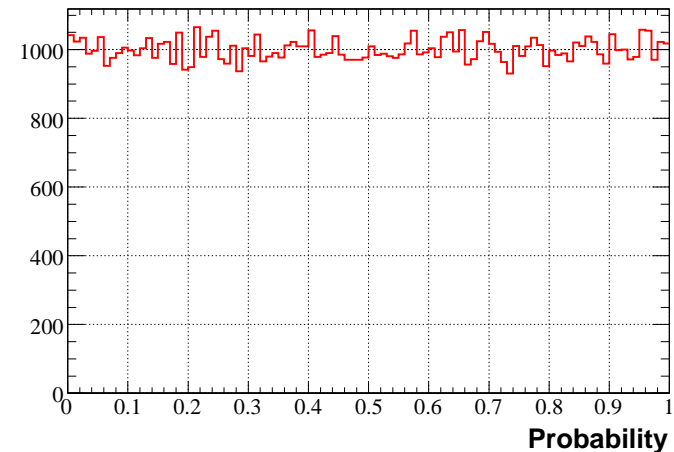
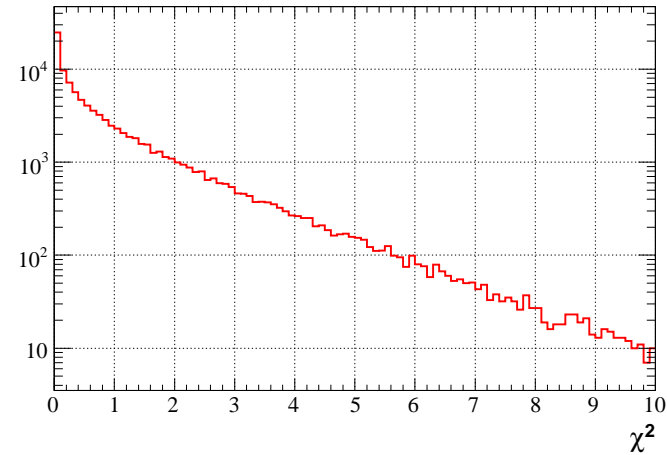
Example 2

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- > Energies of the secondary particles are equal to $E_1 = 5 \text{ GeV}$, $E_2 = 10 \text{ GeV}$ and $E_3 = 15 \text{ GeV}$ and measured with errors distributed by Gaussian with sigma $\sigma_1 = 1 \text{ GeV}$, $\sigma_2 = 1 \text{ GeV}$ and $\sigma_3 = 5 \text{ GeV}$



$$E_i^{fit} = E_i - \varepsilon_i$$

$$\varepsilon_i = (E_1 + E_2 + E_3 - E_a) \cdot \sigma_i^2 / (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2)$$

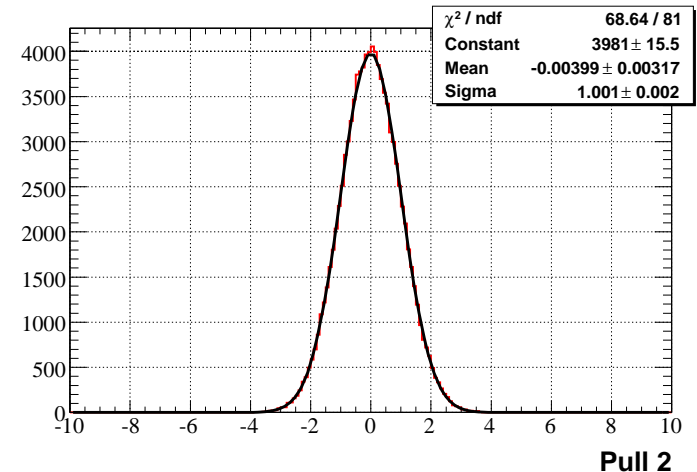
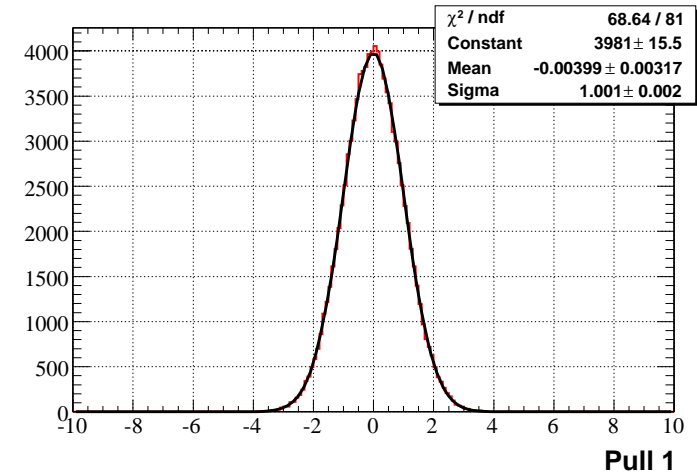
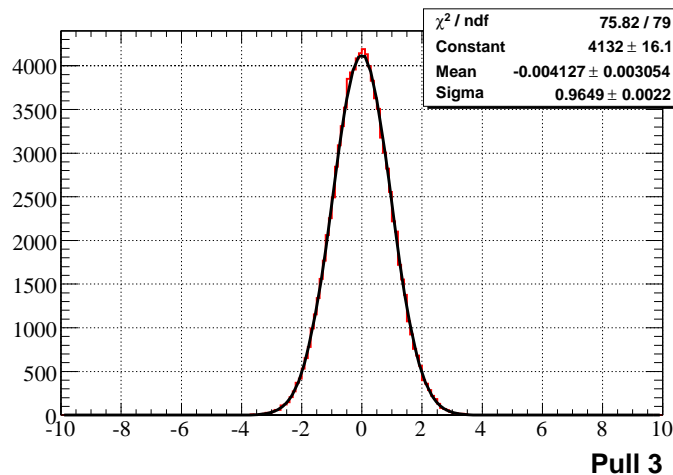


Results of example 2

- > Pull distributions defined as

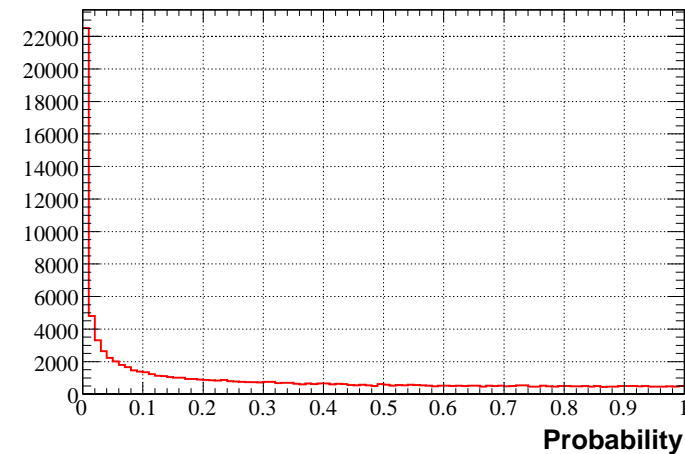
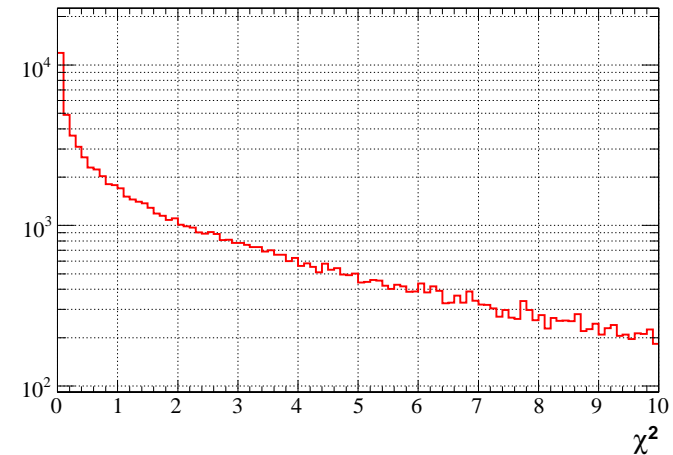
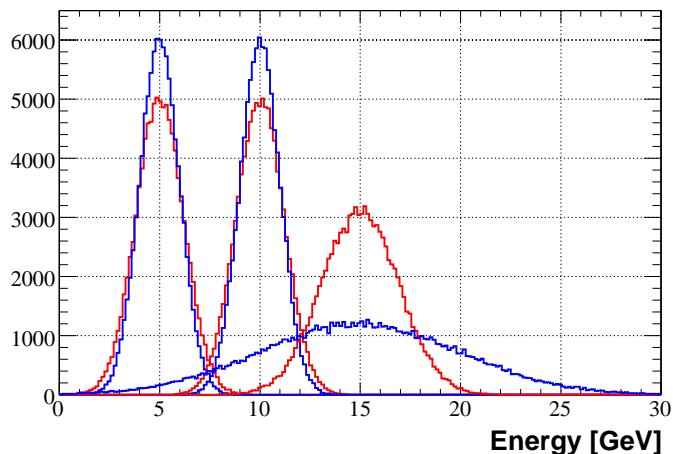
$$pull_i = \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\sigma_i(\varepsilon_i)} = \frac{y_i - \eta_i}{\sqrt{\sigma^2(y_i) - \sigma^2(\eta_i)}}$$

- > Should be normally distributed around zero with standard deviation equal to unity
- > Help to understand if measurement errors are known correctly
- > Check for possible systematic effects



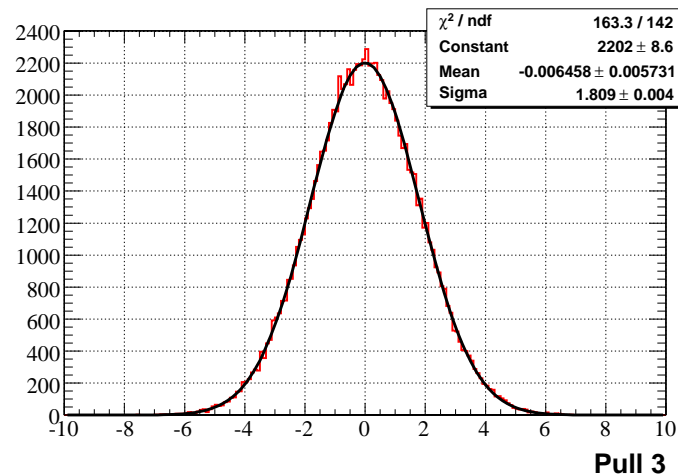
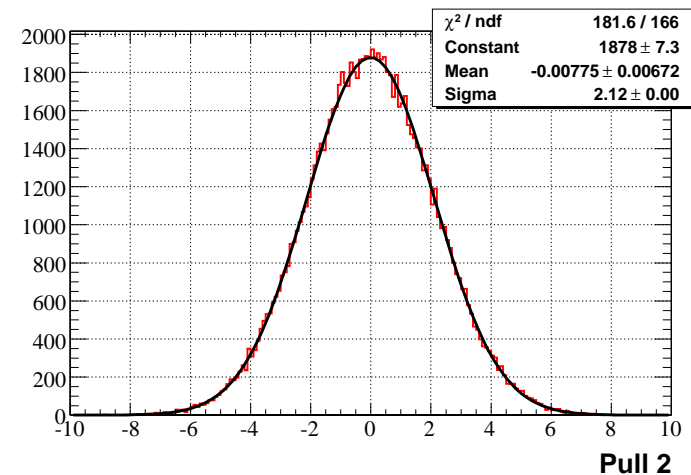
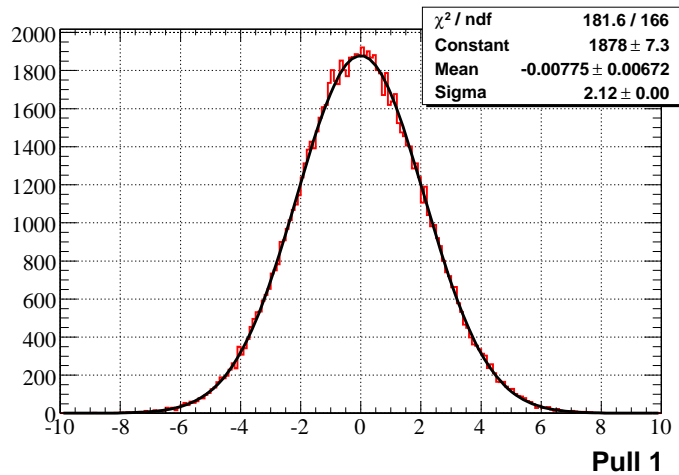
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- > Measurement of error of E_3 is not known and assumed to be 2 GeV



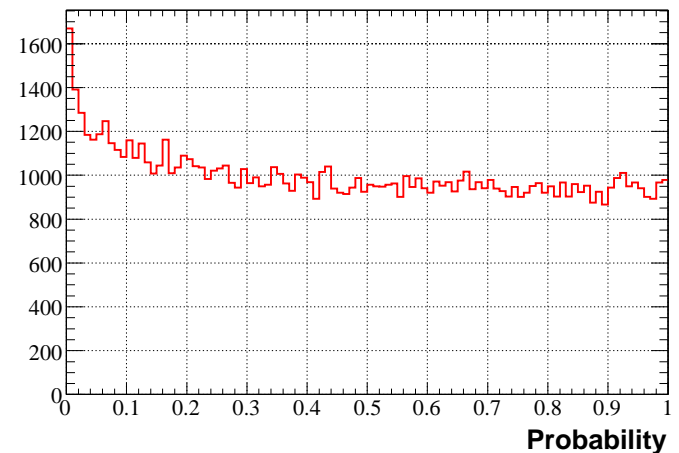
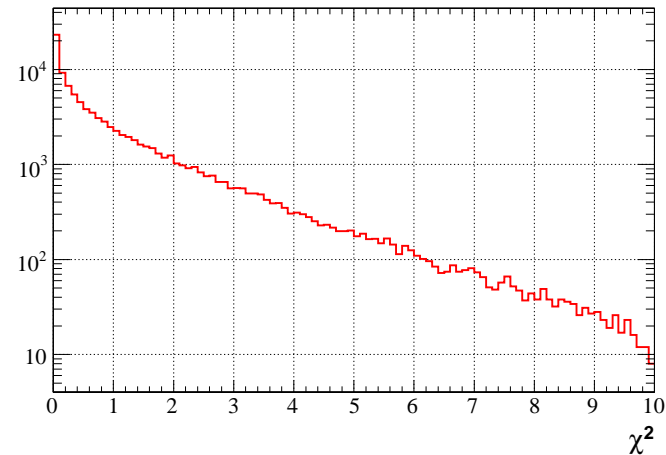
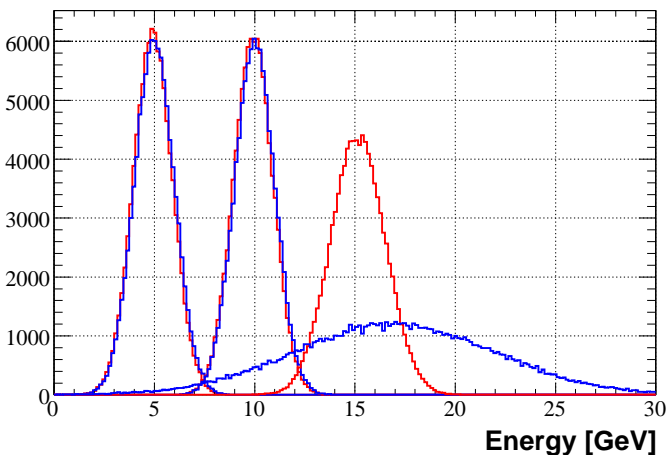
Results of example 3

- > Pull distributions are wider, indication that something is wrong with the knowledge of measurement errors



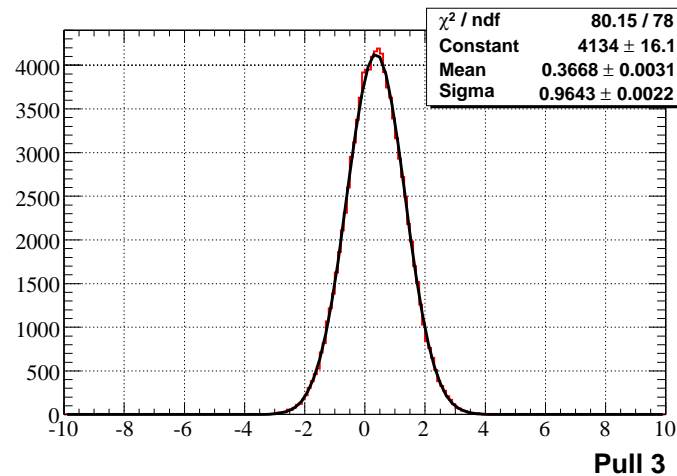
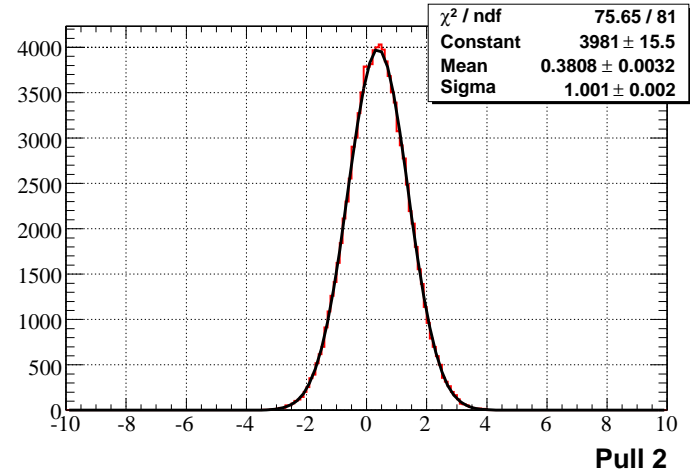
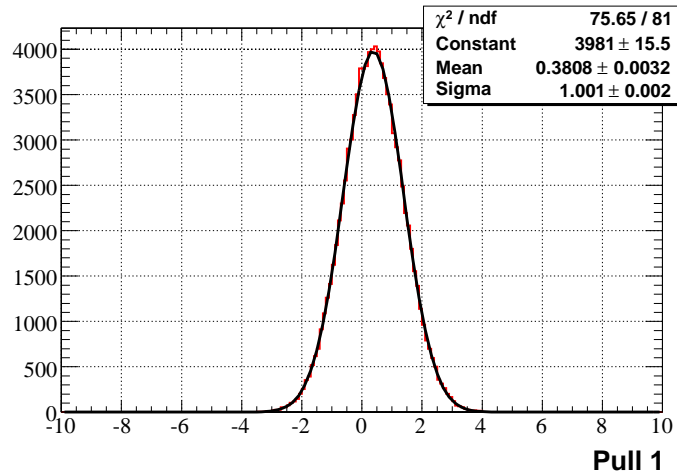
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- > Bias in the measurement of E_3 : **17 GeV** instead of **15 GeV**



Results of example 4

> Pull distributions are shifted



Applications of kinematic fitting

- > Event selection
- > Background rejection
- > Improvement of resolution
- > Better understanding of measurement errors, search for possible sources of systematic uncertainties
 - Analysis of chi square (probability) and pull distributions
- > Detector calibration
 - If number of constraints is enough, some measurements can be considered as unknown parameters, reconstructed by kinematic fitting and then used for calibration

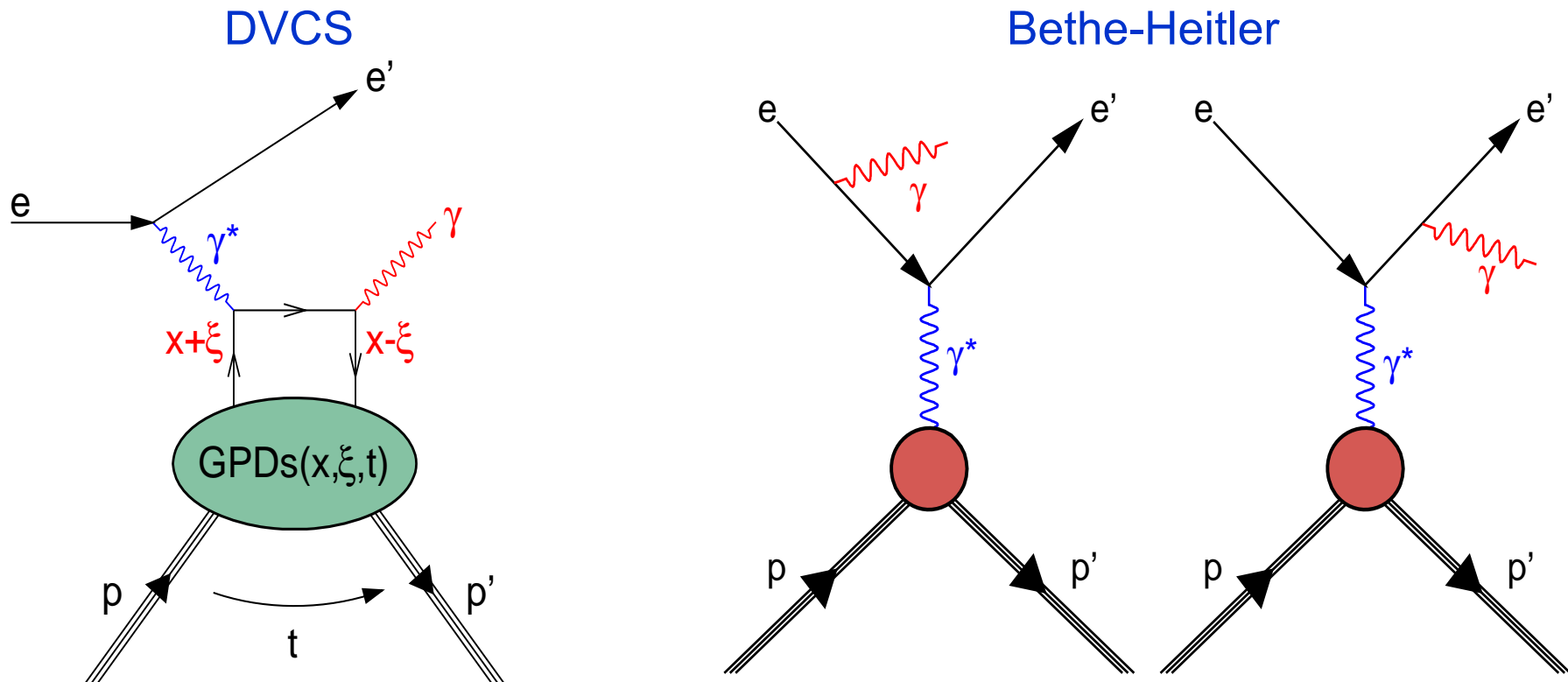
Possible problems

- > Measurement errors are not known precisely
- > Systematic uncertainties
- > Measurement errors are not Gaussian
- > If different particles are measured in different coordinate systems – misalignment between these systems
- > Multiple scattering and radiative effects usually lead to tails in chi-square and pull distributions

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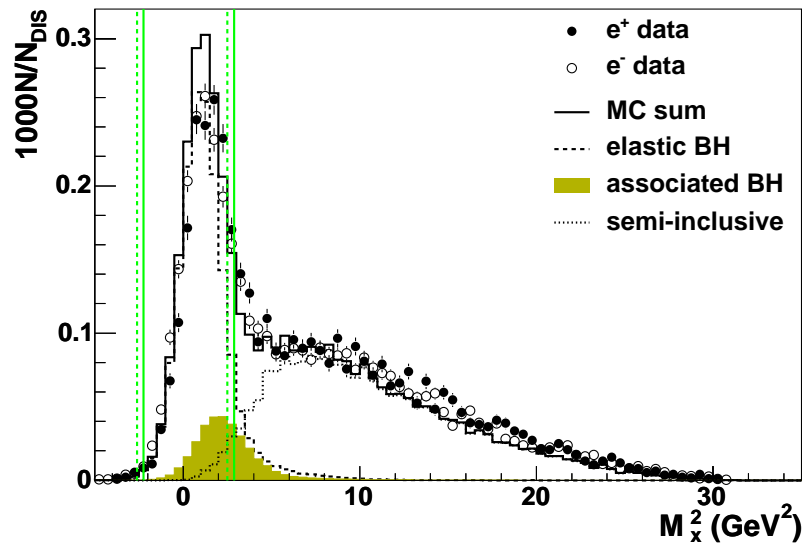
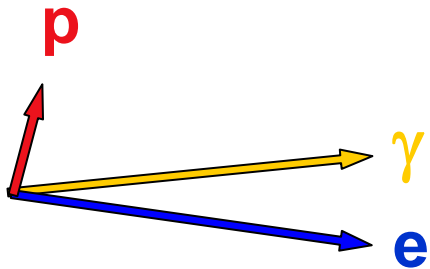
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Deeply virtual Compton scattering (DVCS) at HERMES



- > DVCS and Bethe-Heitler: the same initial and final state
- > Bethe-Heitler dominates at HERMES kinematics
- > Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs) accessible through cross section differences and azimuthal asymmetries via interference term

DVCS/BH measurement with the Recoil Detector

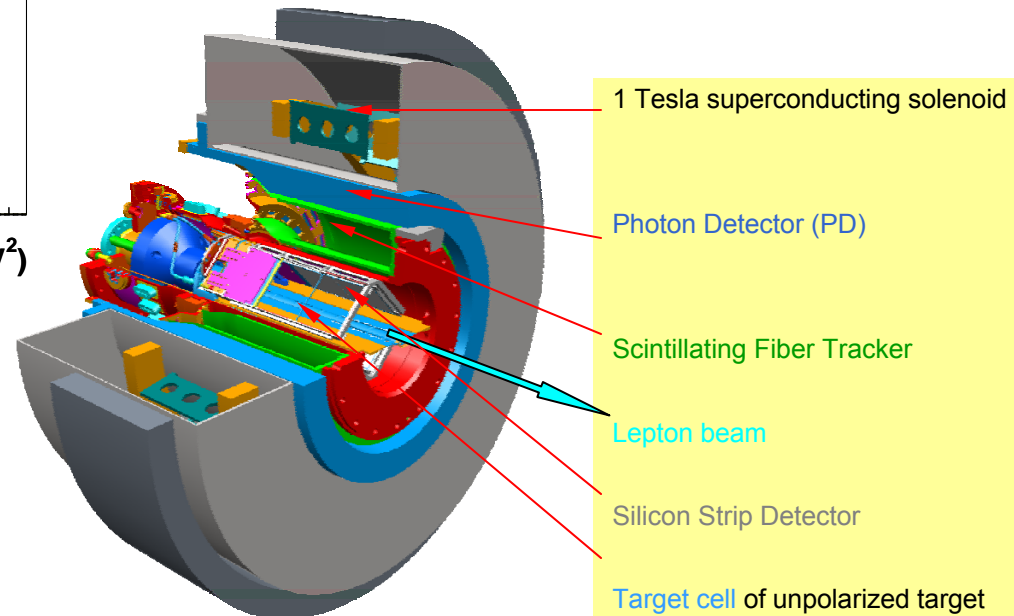


> Recoil data

- Detection of recoil proton
- Suppression of the background to **<1%** level

> Pre-Recoil data

- Scattered lepton and photon were detected in the forward spectrometer
- Recoil proton was not detected
- Exclusivity achieved via missing mass technique
- Associated processes ($ep \rightarrow e\Delta\gamma$) were not resolved (**12%** contribution in the signal)

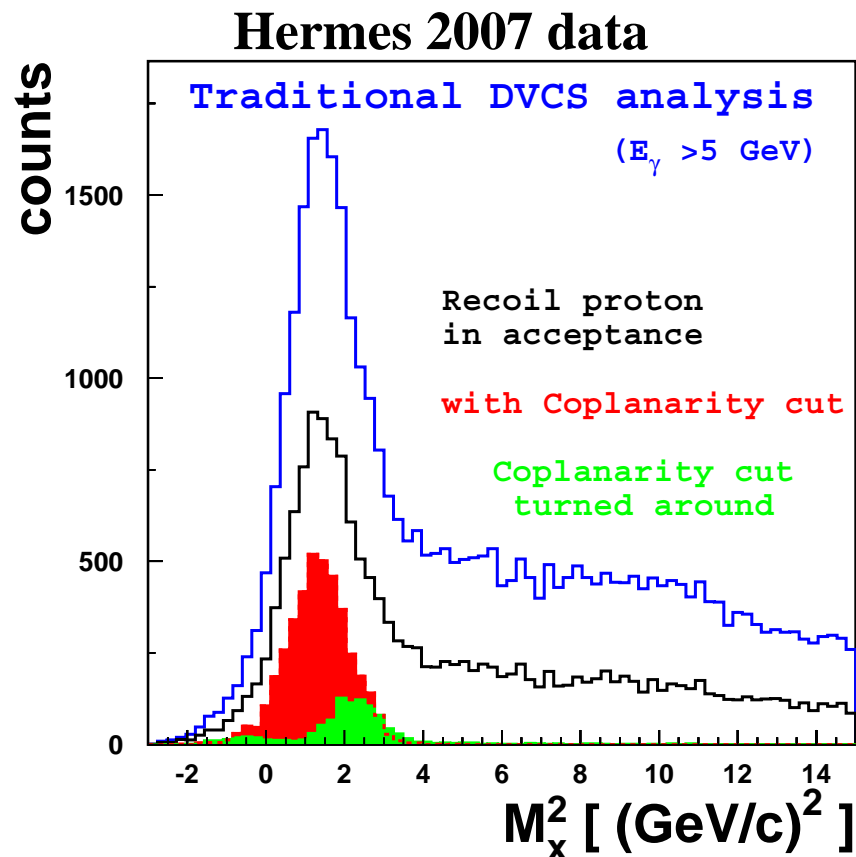


Elastic DVCS/BH and associated background

- > Elastic DVCS/BH: $ep \rightarrow e\gamma$
 - Beam 3-momentum is known precisely (in comparison with 3-momenta of secondary particles)
 - Target proton is at rest
 - For e , p , and γ , 3-momenta are measured with certain precision
- > Background from associated process $ep \rightarrow e\Delta^+\gamma$ with $\Delta^+ \rightarrow p\pi^0$
- > Not possible to separate by missing mass only
- > Low efficiency of selection if one-dimensional cuts (coplanarity, momentum-momentum correlations) are applied

Selection of elastic DVCS/BH using simple cuts

- > One-dimensional cuts
 - Momentum-momentum correlations
 - Coplanarity condition
- > Efficiency of **70%** at background contamination of **5%**
- > background contamination of **2%** can be achieved but efficiency drops below **50%**
- > No improvement of resolutions



Kinematic fitting for elastic DVCS/BH

> **Nine** kinematic parameters:

Scattered electron

$$y_1 = \tan(p_{x1} / p_{z1})$$

$$y_2 = \tan(p_{y1} / p_{z1})$$

$$y_3 = 1 / p_1$$

Photon

$$y_4 = \tan(p_{x2} / p_{z2})$$

$$y_5 = \tan(p_{y2} / p_{z2})$$

$$y_6 = e_2$$

Proton

$$y_7 = \varphi_3$$

$$y_8 = \theta_3$$

$$y_9 = 1 / (p_3 \sin \theta_3)$$

> **Four** equations of constraints

$$f_1 = p_{x1} + p_{x2} + p_{x3} = 0$$

$$f_2 = p_{y1} + p_{y2} + p_{y3} = 0$$

$$f_3 = p_{z1} + p_{z2} + p_{z3} - p_{beam} = 0$$

$$f_4 = e_1 + e_2 + e_3 - e_{beam} - m_p = 0$$

Constraints as functions of parameters

- > Constraints are non-linear

$$f_1 = y_1 / y_3 / \sqrt{1 + y_1^2 + y_2^2} + y_4 \cdot y_6 / \sqrt{1 + y_4^2 + y_5^2} + \cos(y_7) / y_9$$

$$f_2 = y_2 / y_3 / \sqrt{1 + y_1^2 + y_2^2} + y_5 \cdot y_6 / \sqrt{1 + y_4^2 + y_5^2} + \sin(y_7) / y_9$$

$$f_3 = 1 / y_3 / \sqrt{1 + y_1^2 + y_2^2} + y_6 / \sqrt{1 + y_4^2 + y_5^2} + 1 / (y_9 \tan(y_8)) - p_{beam}$$

$$f_4 = \sqrt{1 / y_3^2 + m_e^2} + y_6 + \sqrt{1 / (y_9^2 \cdot \sin^2(y_8)) + m_p^2} - e_{beam} - m_p$$

- > Derivatives of constraints can be calculated analytically or numerically

Fitting procedure

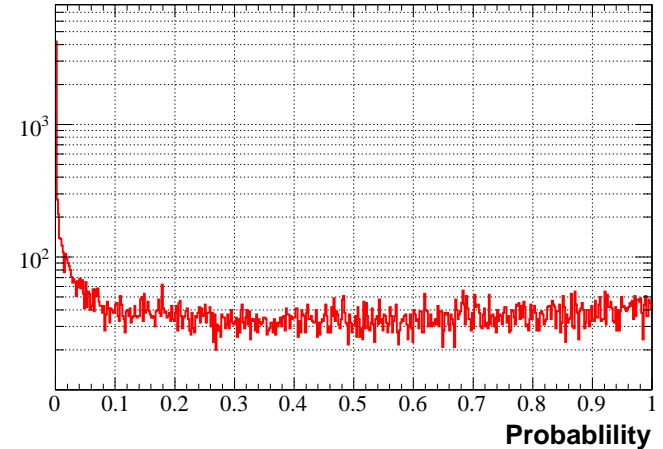
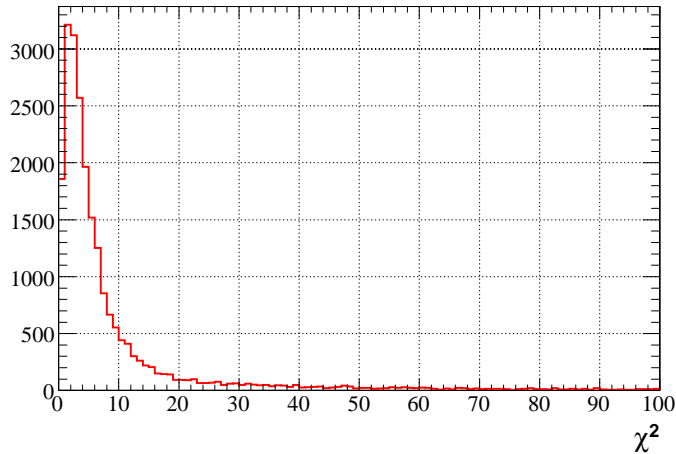
- > Minimization of chi square with constraints using penalty term

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (y_i - \eta_i) G_{y(i,j)} (y_j - \eta_j) + T \cdot \sum_{k=0}^m f_k^2 / \sigma_{ck}^2$$

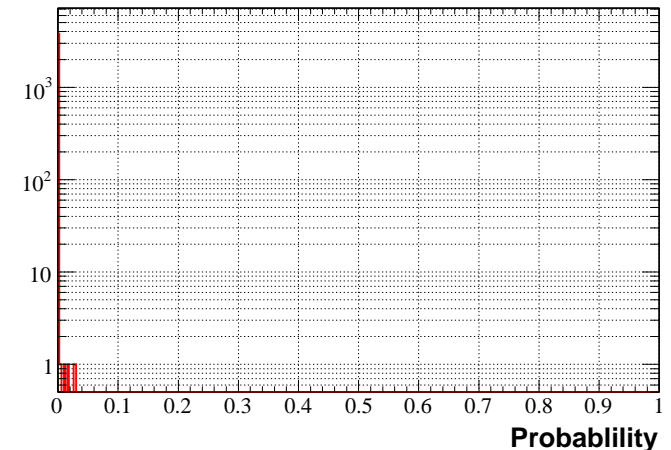
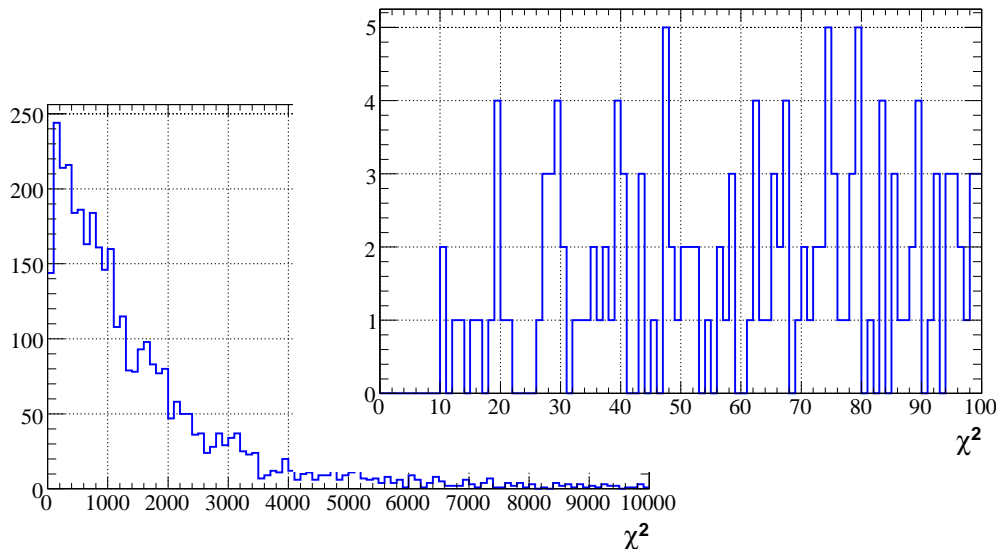
- > If T is large enough constraints are satisfied automatically during the fitting procedure
- > In order to equalize penalty contributions from different constraints errors of constraints are formally calculated using error propagation
- > Non-linear constraints of inequality type can be included

Results for elastic DVCS/BH and associated background

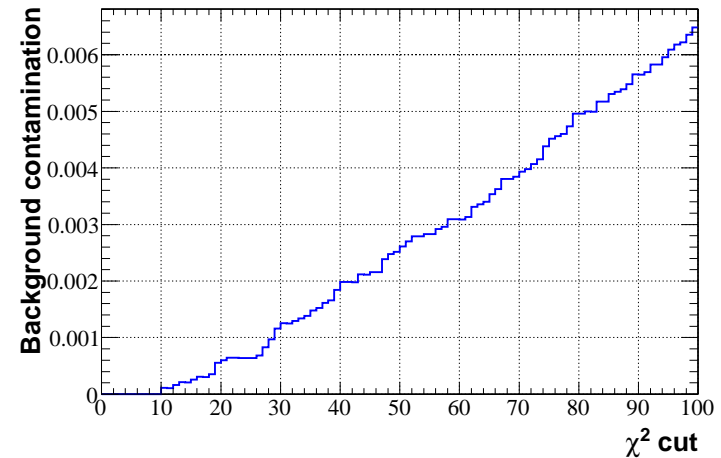
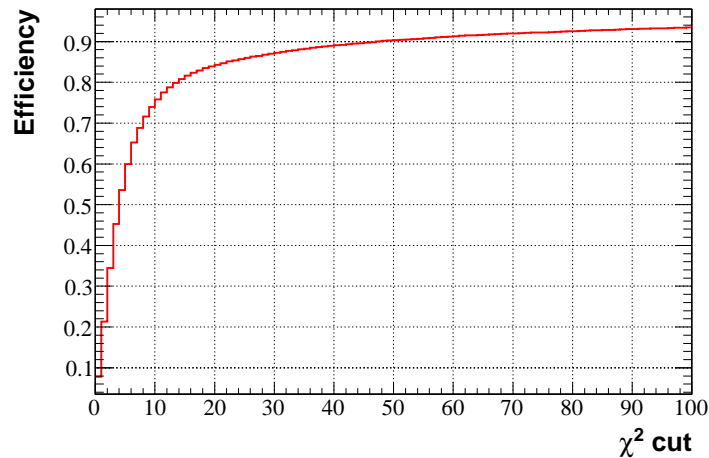
> For elastic DVCS/BH (Monte Carlo)



> For associated background



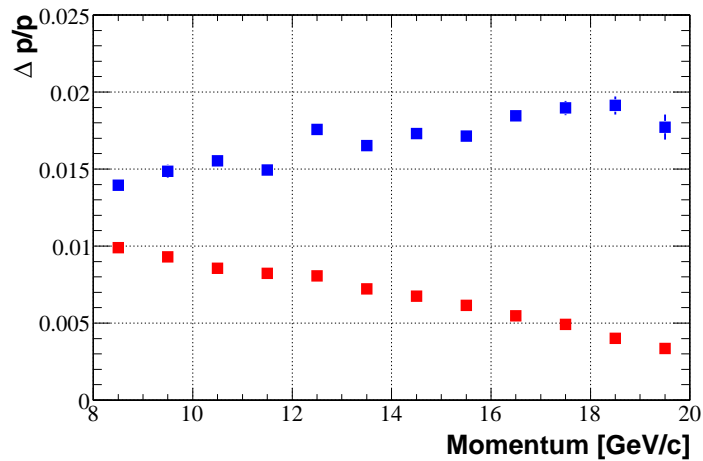
Efficiency of elastic event selection



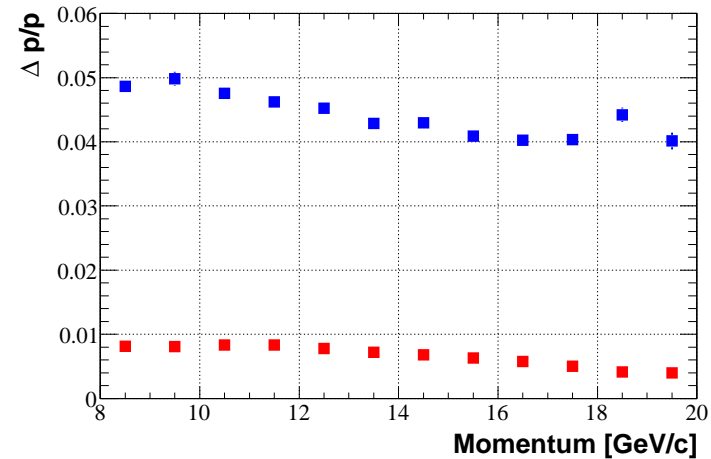
- > Efficiency of event selection of elastic DVCS/BH events is high at a reasonable cut on chi-square
- > Contamination of associated process is well below 1%
- > In addition, improvement of resolutions

Improvement of kinematic parameter reconstruction

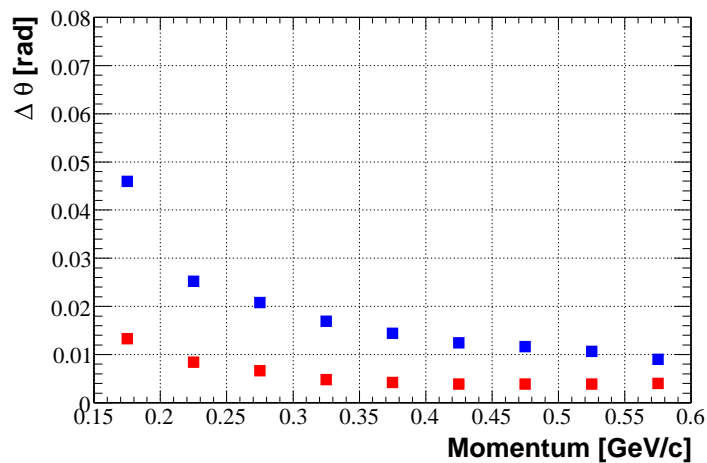
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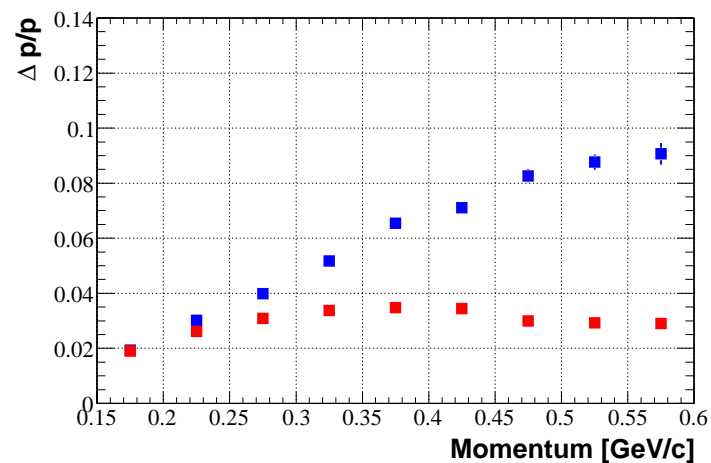
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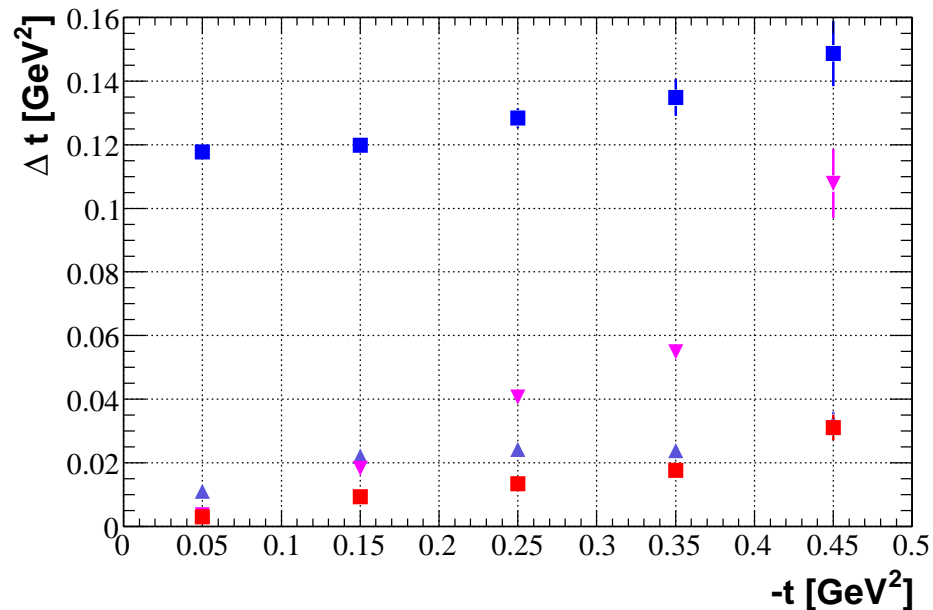


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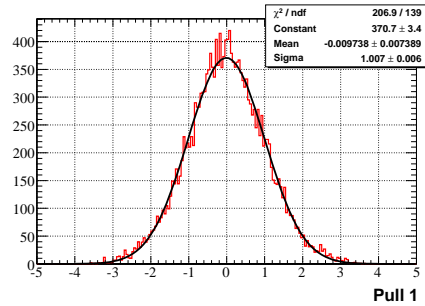
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- > Mandelstam $t=(p-p')^2$, important physical observable
- > **Blue squares** – reconstruction using measured kinematic parameters of electron and photon
- > **Magenta triangles** - reconstruction using measured kinematic parameters of recoil proton
- > **Light blue triangles** - reconstruction using measured kinematic parameters of electron and photon (excluding photon energy) assuming proton mass
- > **Red squares** – reconstruction using kinematic fitting



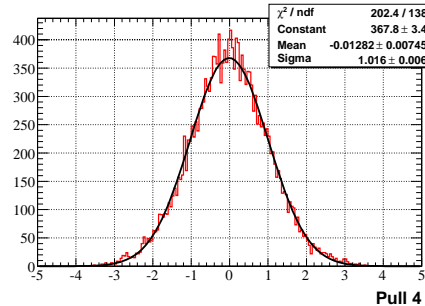
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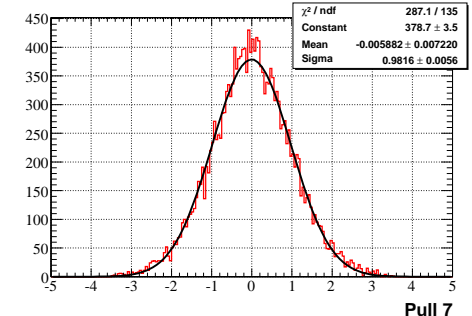
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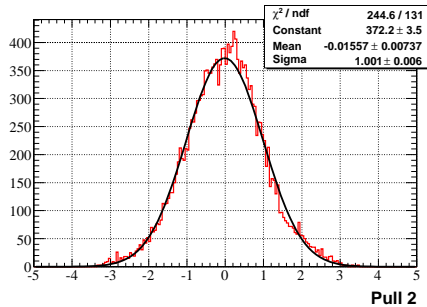


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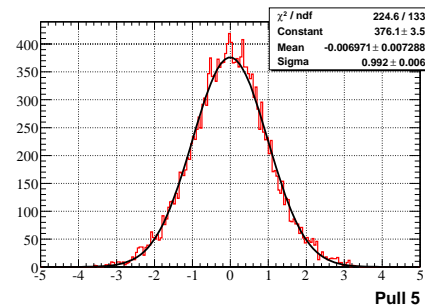
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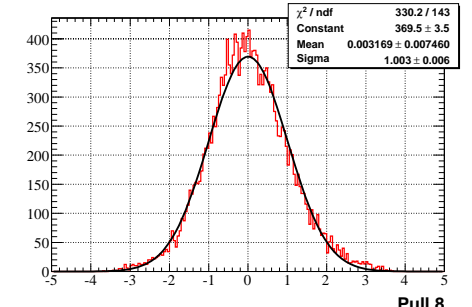
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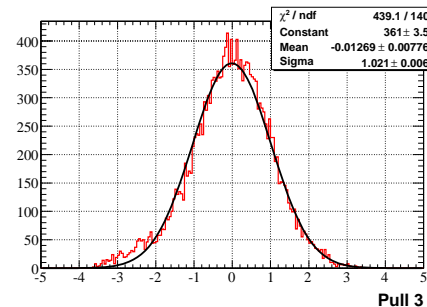
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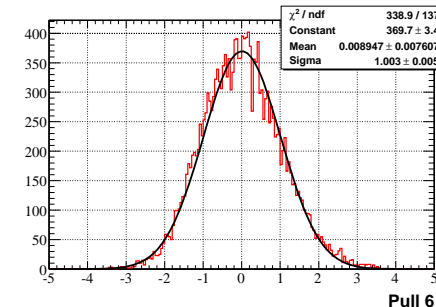
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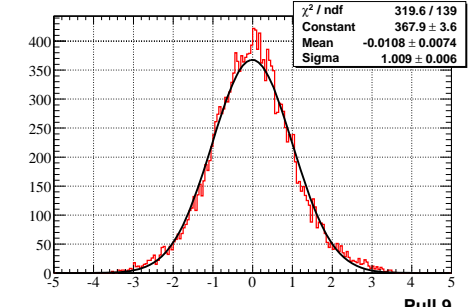
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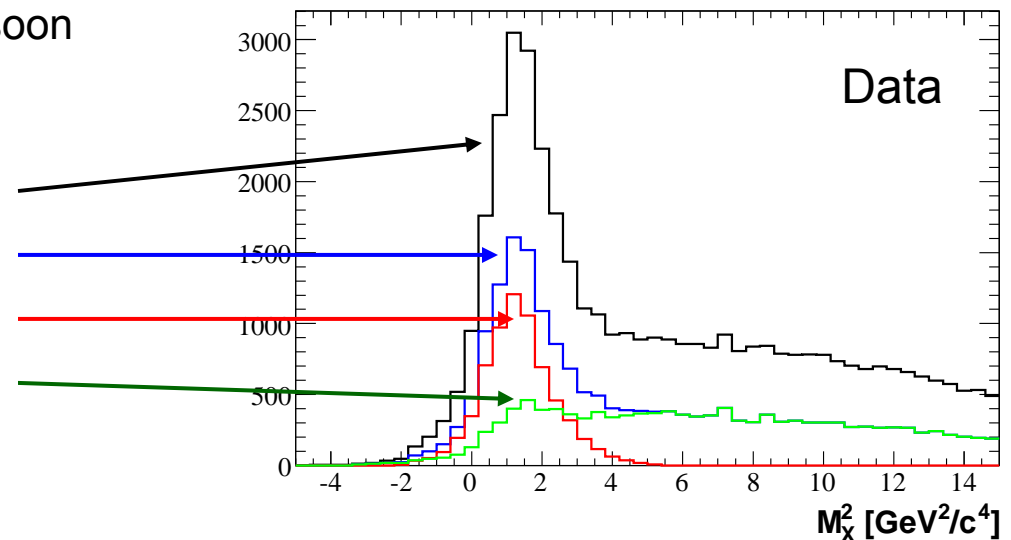
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Selection of elastic DVCS/BH events (HERMES data)

- > Kinematic fitting is developed and tested on Monte-Carlo
 - 3 particles detected \rightarrow 4 constraints from energy-momentum conservation
 - Allows to suppress the associated processes and semi-inclusive background to negligible level
- > Applied for data for physics analysis
 - Systematic studies in progress
 - First physics results expected soon

> Missing mass distribution

- No requirement for Recoil
- Positively charged Recoil track
- Kinematic fit probability $> 1\%$
- Kinematic fit probability $< 1\%$



Summary

- > Kinematic fitting is a powerful tool of event selection and reconstruction
- > Many applications
 - Improvement of resolution
 - Better understanding of measurement errors, search for possible sources of systematic uncertainties
 - Detector calibration
- > Kinematic fitting technique is well developed and described in literature
- > Different problems could appear in different experiments, solutions are not always straightforward

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