

# Powerweek Data Analysis

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Slides and initial versions of the macros for the hands-on tutorials:

<http://www.physi.uni-heidelberg.de/~reygers/lectures/2010/Powerweek/pw.tgz>

Part I:

Invariant mass analyses (example:  $\pi^0$  analysis)

# Lorentz Invariant Phase Space Element

Lorentz transformation for a momentum space element  $d^3 \vec{p} = dp_x \cdot dp_y \cdot dp_z$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p'_x &= \gamma(p_x - \beta E) \\
 E' &= \gamma(E - \beta p_x) \\
 p'_y &= p_y \\
 p'_z &= p_z
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \frac{\partial(p_x, p_y, p_z)}{\partial(p'_x, p'_y, p'_z)} =
 \begin{vmatrix}
 \frac{\partial p_x}{\partial p'_x} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & \frac{\partial p_y}{\partial p'_y} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial p_z}{\partial p'_z}
 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{E}{E'}$$

$$dp_x dp_y dp_z = \frac{\partial(p_x, p_y, p_z)}{\partial(p'_x, p'_y, p'_z)} \cdot dp'_x dp'_y dp'_z = \frac{E}{E'} \cdot dp'_x dp'_y dp'_z$$

Lorentz invariant momentum space element:  $\frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{E}$

Invariant cross section:  $\frac{d\sigma}{d^3 \vec{p} / E} = E \frac{d\sigma}{d^3 \vec{p}}$

# Invariant Cross Section

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3 / E} = E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3} = E \frac{1}{p_T} \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_T dp_L d\varphi}$$

$$\frac{dp_L}{dy} = m_T \cosh y = E$$

$$= \frac{1}{p_T} \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_T dy d\varphi}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{symmetry in } \varphi}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_T dy}$$

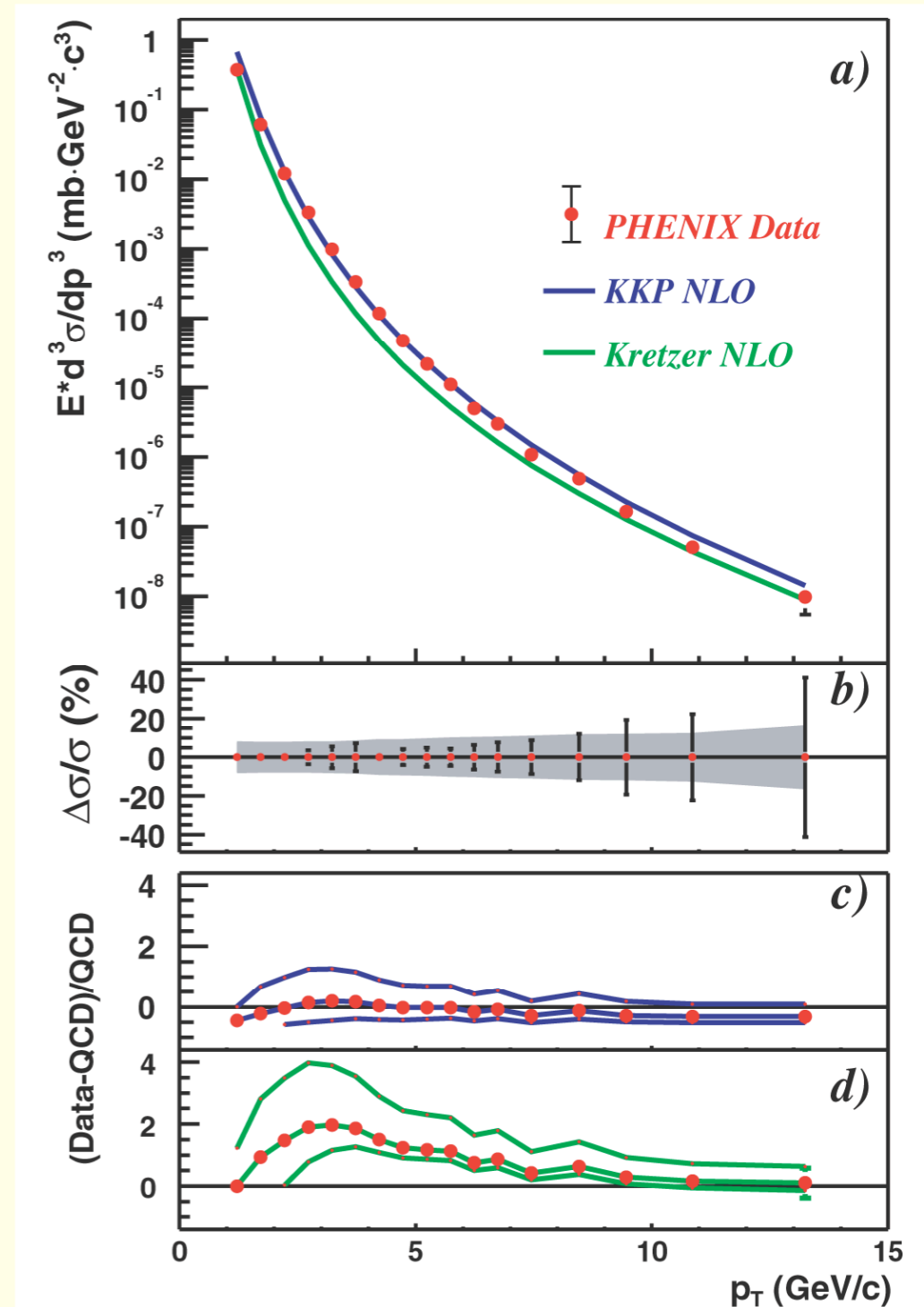
Integral of the invariant cross section:

$$\int p_T dp_T dy d\varphi E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3} = \langle N \rangle \cdot \sigma_{\text{inel}}$$

Average number of particles  
per event

Total cross section  
for the considered events

$p + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV



# Invariant Mass

Consider the decay of a particle into two daughter particles:

In terms of CPU time this formula is better than the one with  $\cos \vartheta$

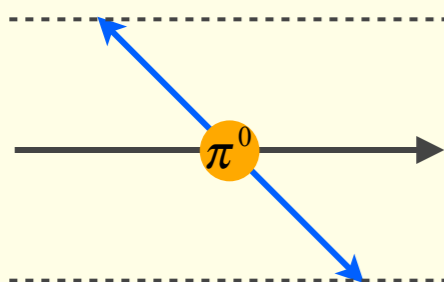
Invariant mass  $M$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 M^2 &= \left[ \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ \vec{p}_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_2 \\ \vec{p}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right]^2 = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - (\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2)^2 \\
 &= \underbrace{E_1^2 - \vec{p}_1^2}_{m_1^2} + \underbrace{E_2^2 - \vec{p}_2^2}_{m_2^2} + 2E_1E_2 - 2\vec{p}_1\vec{p}_2 \\
 &= m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2E_1E_2 - 2p_1p_2 \cos \vartheta
 \end{aligned}$$

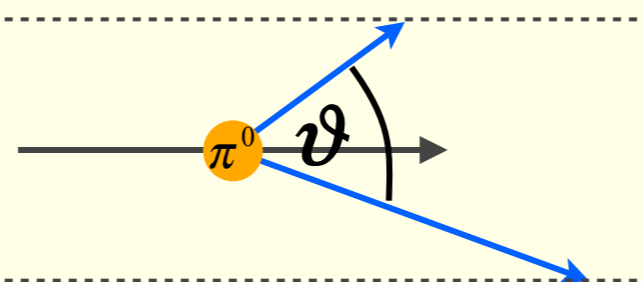
Example:  $\pi^0$  decay

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma, \quad m_1 = m_2 = 0, \quad E_i = p_i$$

rest frame:

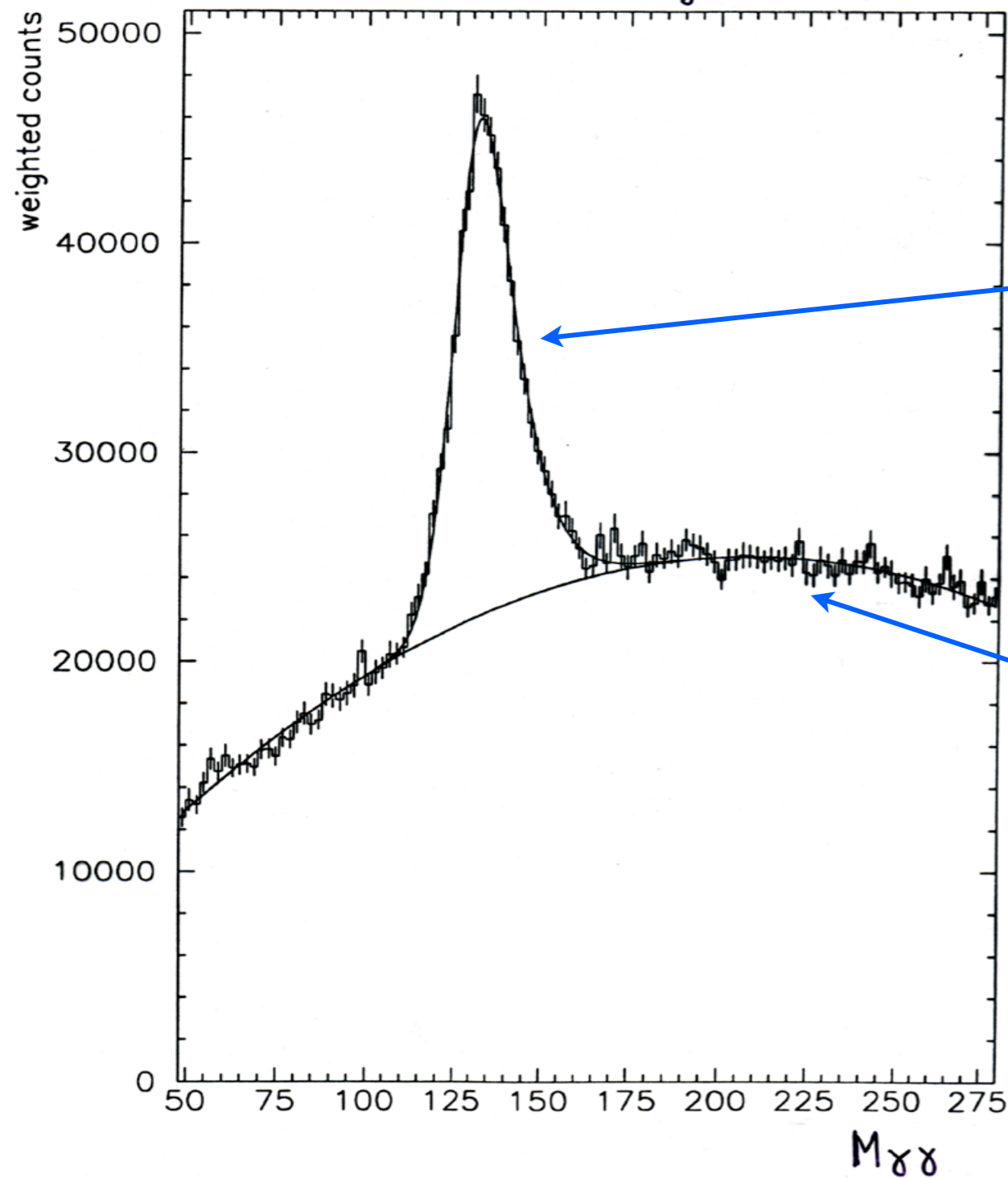
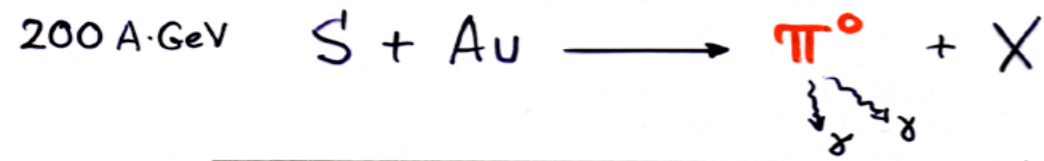


lab frame:



$$M = \sqrt{2E_1E_2(1 - \cos \vartheta)}$$

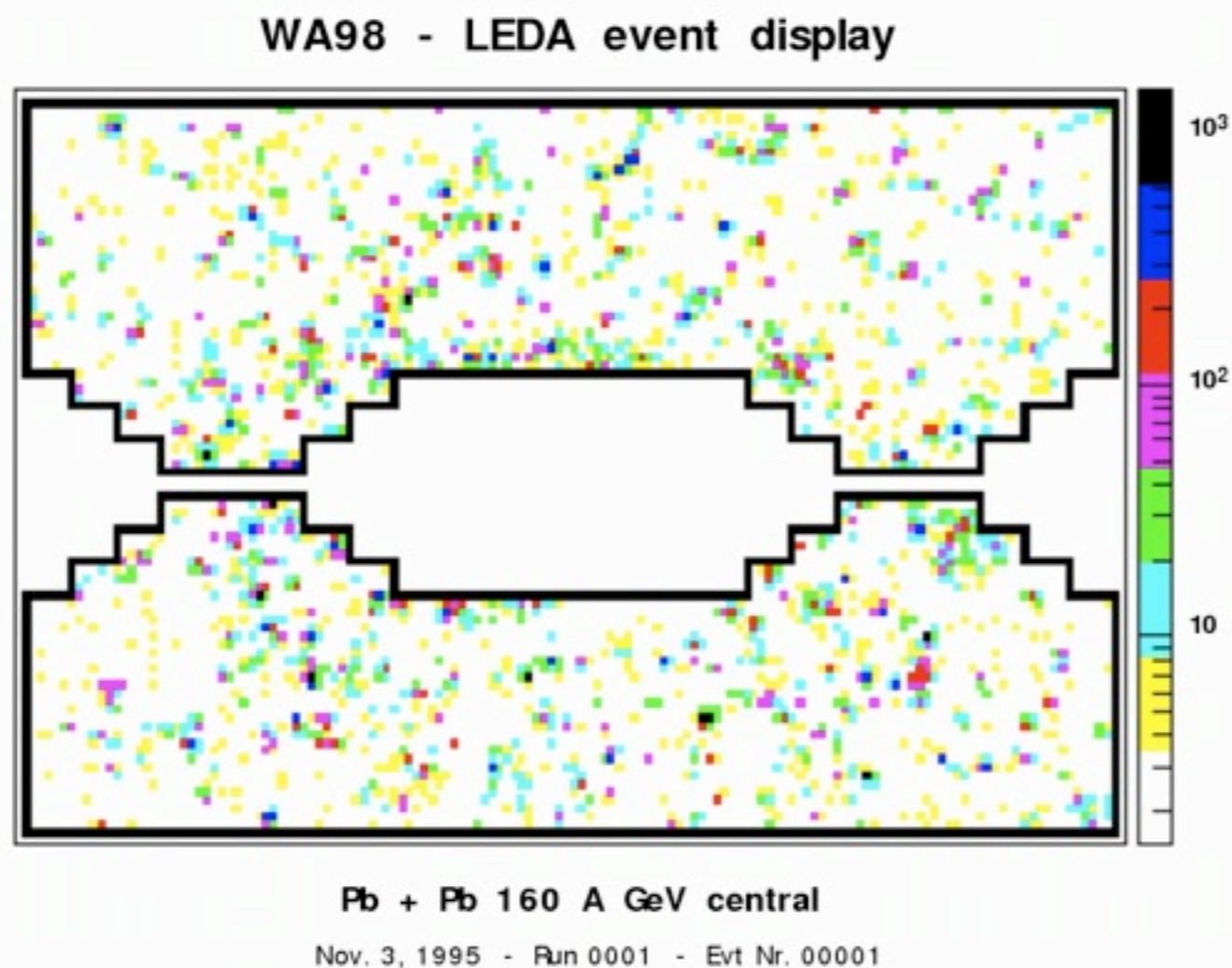
# Invariant Mass



Width caused by finite energy resolution (natural width of the  $\pi^0$ :  $\Gamma = 7.8$  eV)

combinatorial background

# Two Ways to Measure Photons (I): With Calorimeters ...



- Two types of calorimeters
  - ▶ homogeneous calorimeters (e.g. lead glass)
  - ▶ sampling calorimeters (alternating layers of absorber material and scintillators)
- Energy resolution improves with increasing energy

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \approx \frac{\sqrt{N_{tot}}}{N_{tot}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{tot}}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

- Good homogeneous calorimeters reach

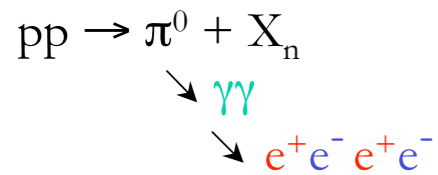
$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \approx \frac{6\%}{\sqrt{E / \text{GeV}}}$$



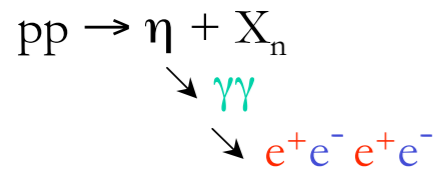
# Two Ways to Measure Photons (II): ... and via Photon Conversions



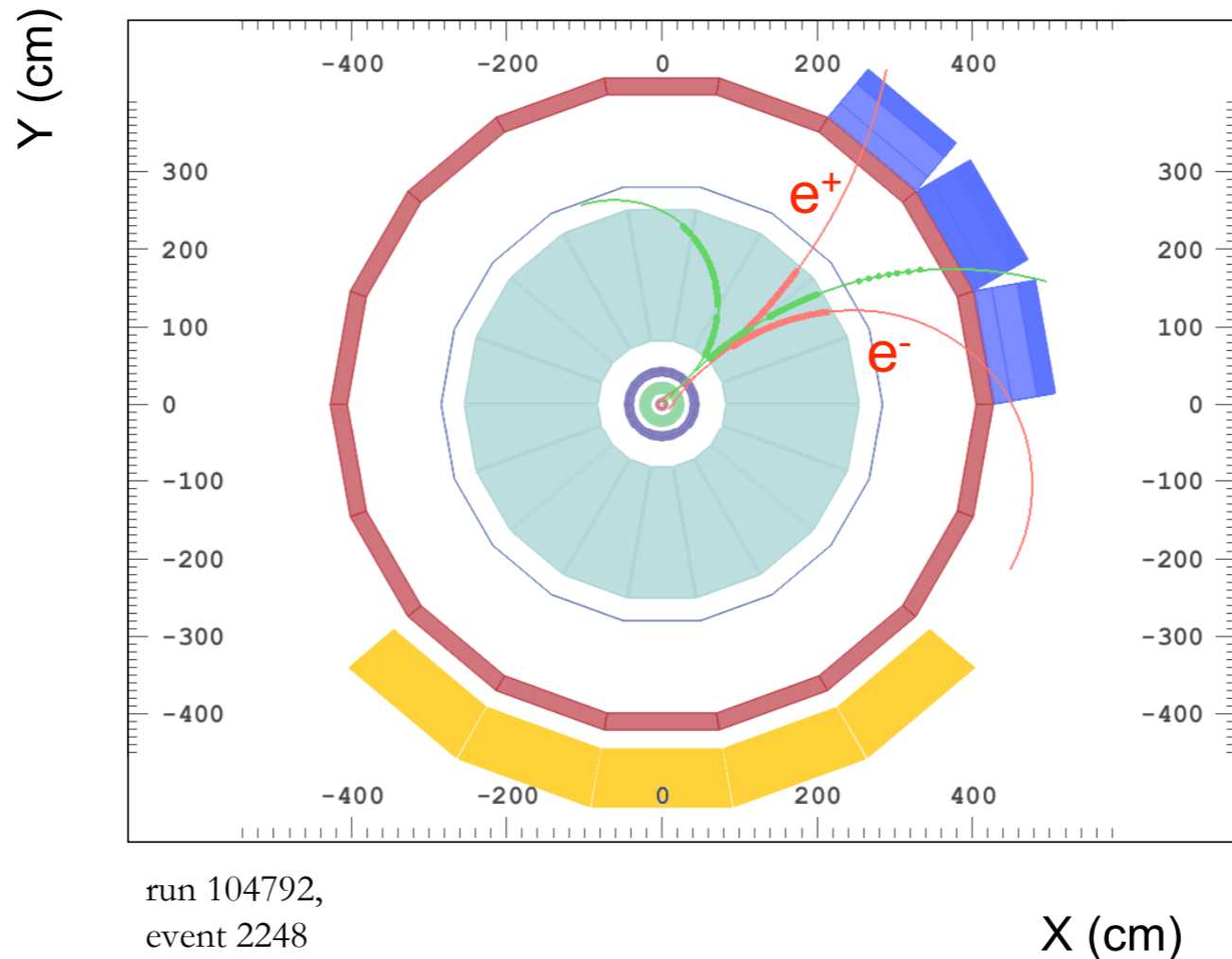
$\pi^0$  event display from pp collisions at 900 GeV



( $m_{\pi^0} = 0.135 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , BR = 0.988,  
 $\tau = 25.1 \text{ nm}$ )



( $m_{\eta} = 0.548 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , BR = 0.393)



- Very good momentum resolution at low  $p_T$
- However, photon conversion probability typically small ( $\sim 8\%$  in Alice)

# $\pi^0$ Decay Kinematics with Mathematica (1/7)

## Kinematics of the $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Decay

Definition of the relativistic  $\gamma$  factor

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In[1]:=  $\gamma = 1 / \sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$ 
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Out[1]=  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$ 
```

Energy of the decay photons in the CMS

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In[2]:= Egamcms = m / 2
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Out[2]=  $\frac{m}{2}$ 
```

z component of the momentum of photon 1 as a function of the decay angle in the CMS:

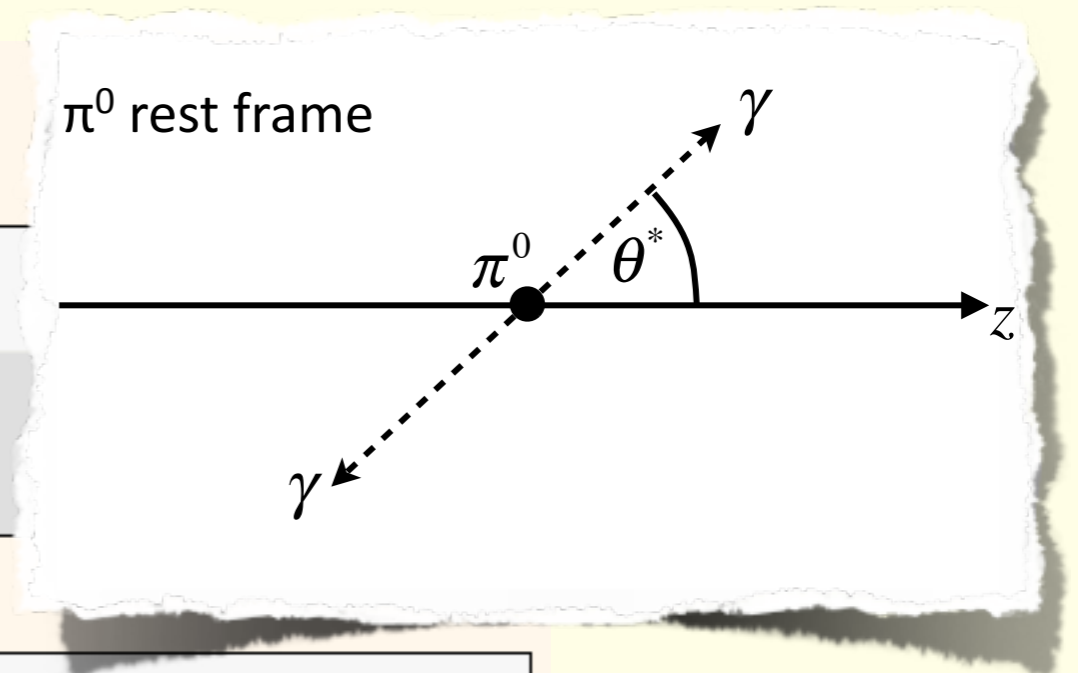
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In[3]:= p1zcms = Egamcms Cos [  $\theta$  ]
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Out[3]=  $\frac{1}{2} m \text{Cos} [\theta]$ 
```

Same for photon 2:

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In[4]:= p2zcms = - p1zcms
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Out[4]=  $-\frac{1}{2} m \text{Cos} [\theta]$ 
```



# $\pi^0$ Decay Kinematics with Mathematica (2/7)

Lorentz transformation of the z components of the momentum vector of the two decay photons

In[5]:= **p1zlab =  $\gamma$  (p1zcms +  $\beta$  Egamcms)**

Out[5]= 
$$\frac{\frac{m\beta}{2} + \frac{1}{2} m \cos[\theta]}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

In[6]:= **p2zlab =  $\gamma$  (p2zcms +  $\beta$  Egamcms)**

Out[6]= 
$$\frac{\frac{m\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{2} m \cos[\theta]}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

3-vectors of the decay photons in the lab system

In[7]:= **p1lab = {Egamcms Sin[ $\theta$ ], 0, p1zlab}**

Out[7]= 
$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2} m \sin[\theta], 0, \frac{\frac{m\beta}{2} + \frac{1}{2} m \cos[\theta]}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \right\}$$

In[8]:= **p2lab = {-Egamcms Sin[ $\theta$ ], 0, p2zlab}**

Out[8]= 
$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} m \sin[\theta], 0, \frac{\frac{m\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{2} m \cos[\theta]}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \right\}$$

# $\pi^0$ Decay Kinematics with Mathematica (3/7)

Asymmetry of the photon energies in the lab system:

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In[9]:=  $\alpha = \text{Simplify}[\text{Abs}[\text{Norm}[\text{p1lab}] - \text{Norm}[\text{p2lab}]] /$   

 $(\text{Norm}[\text{p1lab}] + \text{Norm}[\text{p2lab}]), \{m > 0, \beta > 0, \beta < 1, \gamma > 1, \theta \geq 0, \theta \leq \text{Pi}\}]$ 
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Out[9]=  $\beta \text{Abs}[\text{Cos}[\theta]]$ 
```

$$\alpha := \frac{|E_1 - E_2|}{E_1 + E_2}$$

$$\alpha = \beta |\cos \vartheta^*|$$

Cosine of the opening of the two decay photons in the lab system (costhetalab)

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In[10]:= costhetalab[\theta_] =  

TrigFactor[Simplify[\text{p1lab} . \text{p2lab} / (\text{Norm}[\text{p1lab}] \text{Norm}[\text{p2lab}]),  

\{m > 0, \beta > 0, \beta < 1, \gamma > 1, \theta \geq 0, \theta \leq \text{Pi}\}]]
```

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Out[10]=  $\frac{2 - 3\beta^2 + \beta^2 \text{Cos}[2\theta]}{-2 + \beta^2 + \beta^2 \text{Cos}[2\theta]}$ 
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In[11]:= Simplify[\text{costhetalab}[\theta] /. {\text{Cos}[2 x_] -> 2 \text{Cos}[x]^2 - 1}]
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Out[11]=  $\frac{1 - 2\beta^2 + \beta^2 \text{Cos}[\theta]^2}{-1 + \beta^2 \text{Cos}[\theta]^2}$ 
```

$$\cos \vartheta_{lab} = \frac{\beta^2 \cos^2 \vartheta^{*2} + 1 - 2\beta^2}{\beta^2 \cos^2 \vartheta^{*2} - 1}$$

opening angle  
in the lab system

# $\pi^0$ Decay Kinematics with Mathematica (4/7)

Write  $\beta$  in terms of the mass  $m$  and the momentum  $p$  of the particle

In[12]:=

$$\mathbf{t1 = Simplify} \left[ \mathbf{costhetalab}[\theta] /. \beta \rightarrow 1 / \sqrt{1 + \frac{m^2}{p^2}} \right]$$

Out[12]=

$$\frac{-2 m^2 + p^2 - p^2 \cos[2 \theta]}{2 m^2 + p^2 - p^2 \cos[2 \theta]}$$

In[13]:=

$$\mathbf{t2 = Simplify}[\mathbf{t1} /. \{\mathbf{Cos}[2 \mathbf{x}_] \rightarrow 2 \mathbf{Cos}[\mathbf{x}]^2 - 1\}]$$

Out[13]=

$$\frac{m^2 - p^2 + p^2 \cos[\theta]^2}{m^2 + p^2 - p^2 \cos[\theta]^2}$$

In[14]:=

$$\mathbf{ctlab}[\theta_] = \mathbf{t2} /. \{\mathbf{a}_^2 - \mathbf{a}_^2 \mathbf{Cos}[\mathbf{x}_]^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{a}^2 \mathbf{Sin}[\mathbf{x}]^2\}$$

Out[14]=

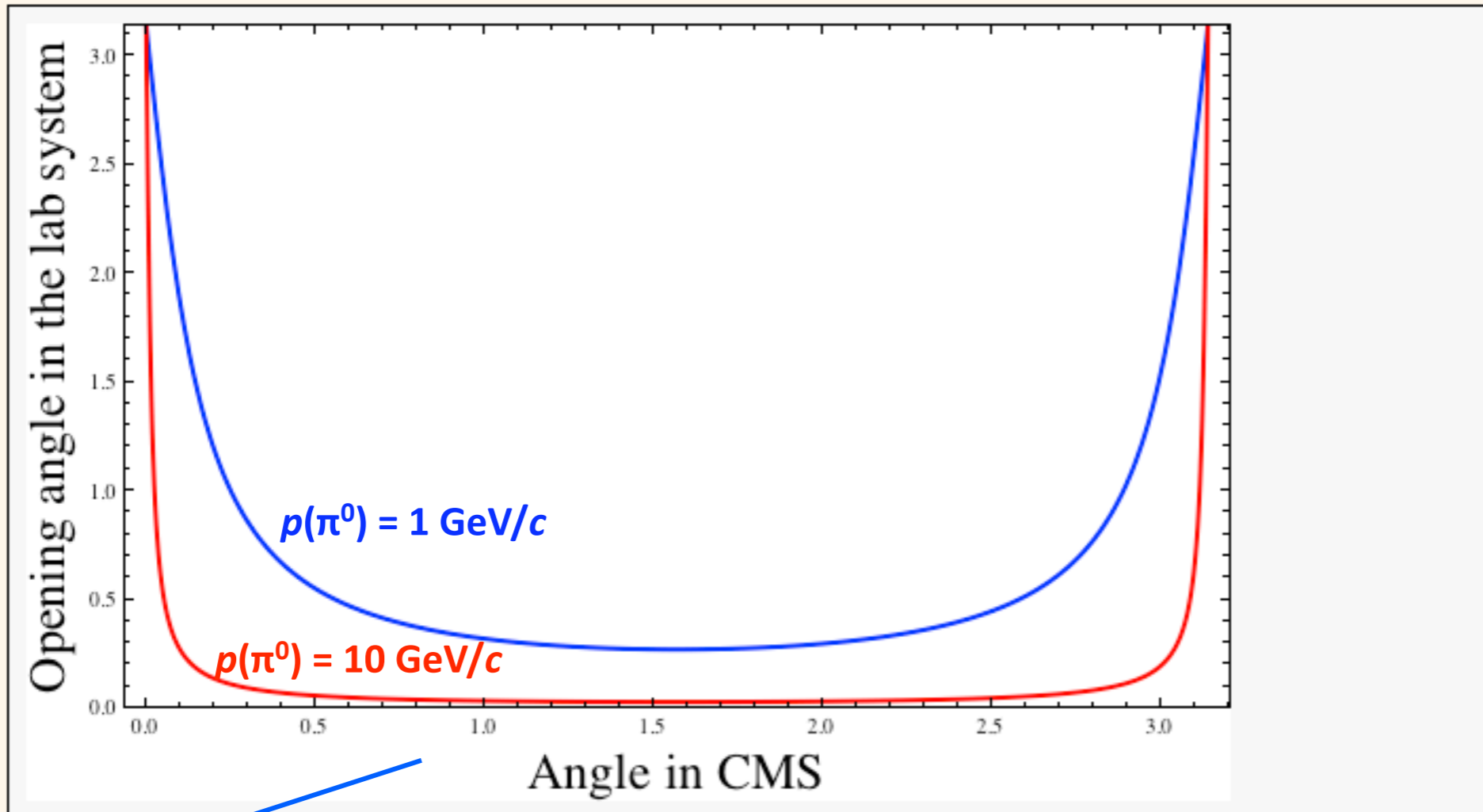
$$\frac{m^2 - p^2 + p^2 \cos[\theta]^2}{m^2 + p^2 \sin[\theta]^2}$$

# $\pi^0$ Decay Kinematics with Mathematica (5/7)

In[29]:=

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Plot[{ArcCos[ctlab[ $\theta$ ]] /. {m → 0.135, p → 1},  
      ArcCos[ctlab[ $\theta$ ]] /. {m → 0.135, p → 10}}, { $\theta$ , 0, Pi},  
PlotRange → {0, Pi}, PlotStyle → {{Blue, Thick}, {Red, Thick}},  
Frame → True,  
FrameLabel → {Style["Angle in CMS", 24],  
               Style["Opening angle in the lab system", 24]}, Background → White]
```

Out[29]=



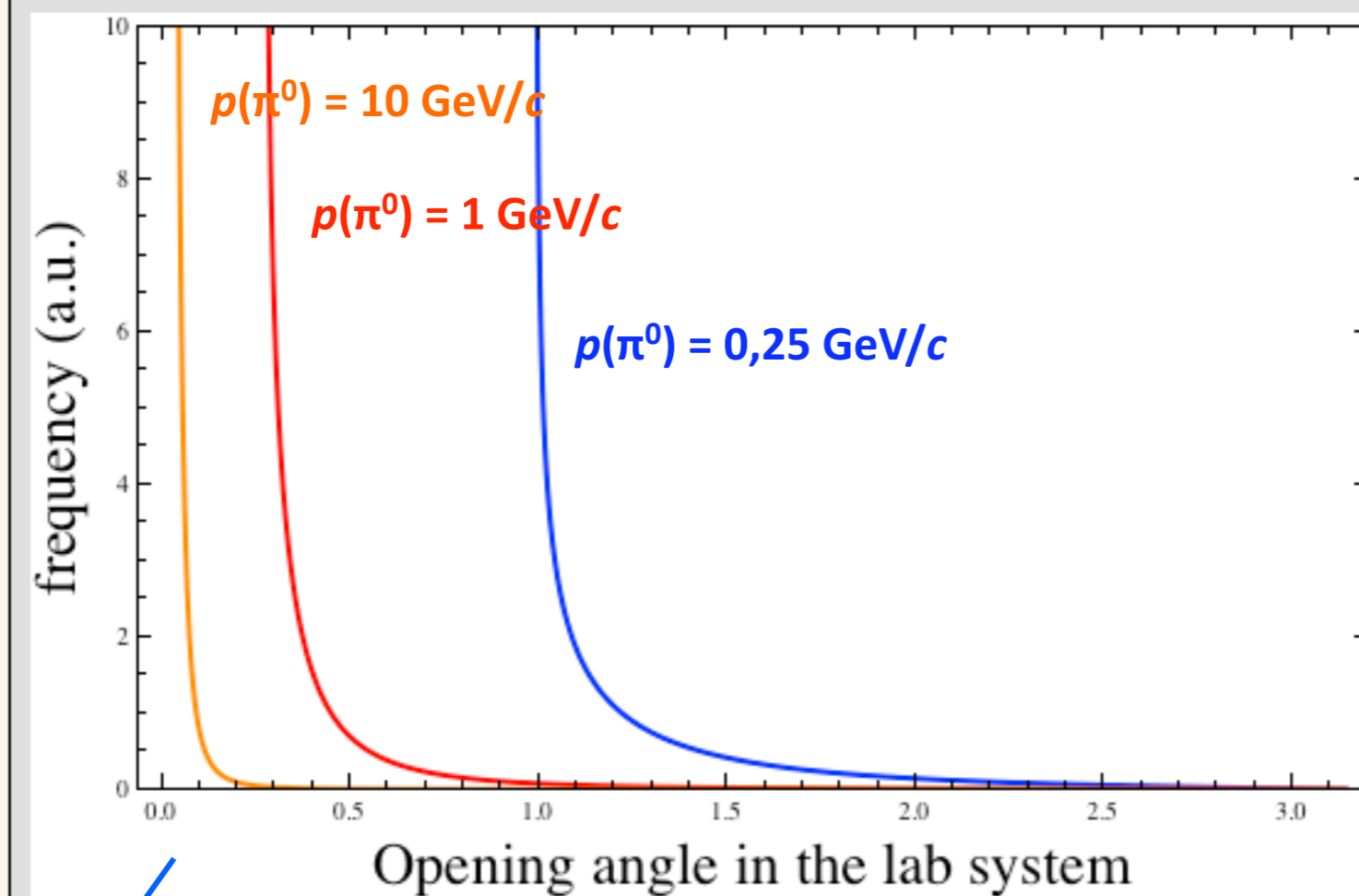
$\vartheta^* = 90$  degrees corresponds to the minimum opening angle in the lab system

# $\pi^0$ Decay Kinematics with Mathematica (6/7)

In[26]:=

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Plot[{dndtlab /. {m -> 0.135, p -> 0.25}, dndtlab /. {m -> 0.135, p -> 1},  
dndtlab /. {m -> 0.135, p -> 10}}, {tlab, 0, Pi}, PlotRange -> {0, 10},  
PlotStyle -> {{Blue, Thick}, {Red, Thick}, {Orange, Thick}},  
AxesOrigin -> {0, 0}, Frame -> True,  
FrameLabel -> {Style["Opening angle in the lab system", 24],  
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Out[26]=



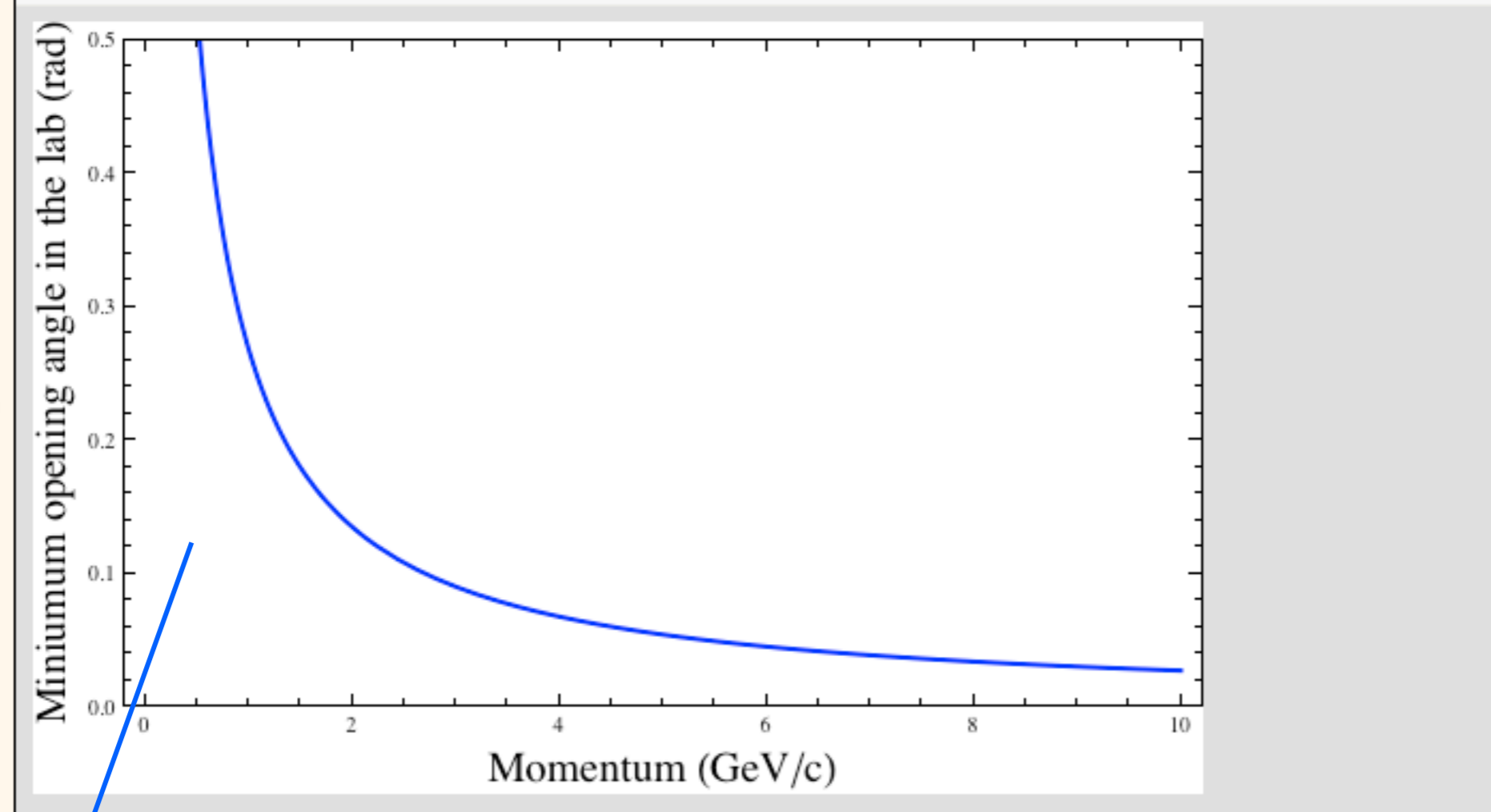
Most decays have opening angles close to the minimum

# $\pi^0$ Decay Kinematics with Mathematica (7/7)

Also plot the minimum opening angle as a function of the momentum of the mother particle

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In[28]:= Plot[2 * ArcTan[m / p] /. {m → 0.135}, {p, 0.5, 10}, AxesOrigin → {0, 0},  
PlotRange → {0, 0.5}, PlotStyle → {Blue, Thick}, Frame → True,  
FrameLabel → {Style["Momentum (GeV/c)", 20],  
Style["Minimum opening angle in the lab (rad)", 20]},  
Background → White]
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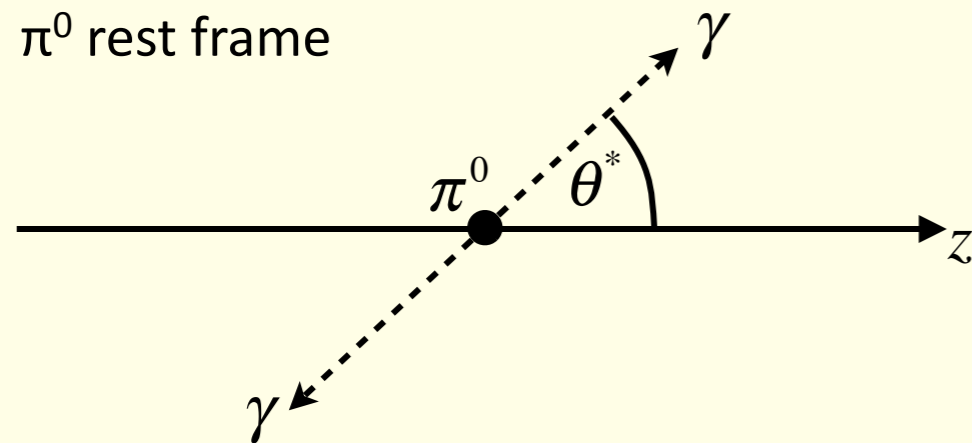
Out[28]=



Minimum opening angle as a function of the momentum of the neutral pion



# Asymmetry Cut



In the  $\pi^0$  rest frame  $\cos \theta^*$  is uniformly distributed

With  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  denoting the decay photon energies in the lab frame the energy asymmetry is defined as:

$$\alpha := \frac{|E_1 - E_2|}{E_1 + E_2}$$

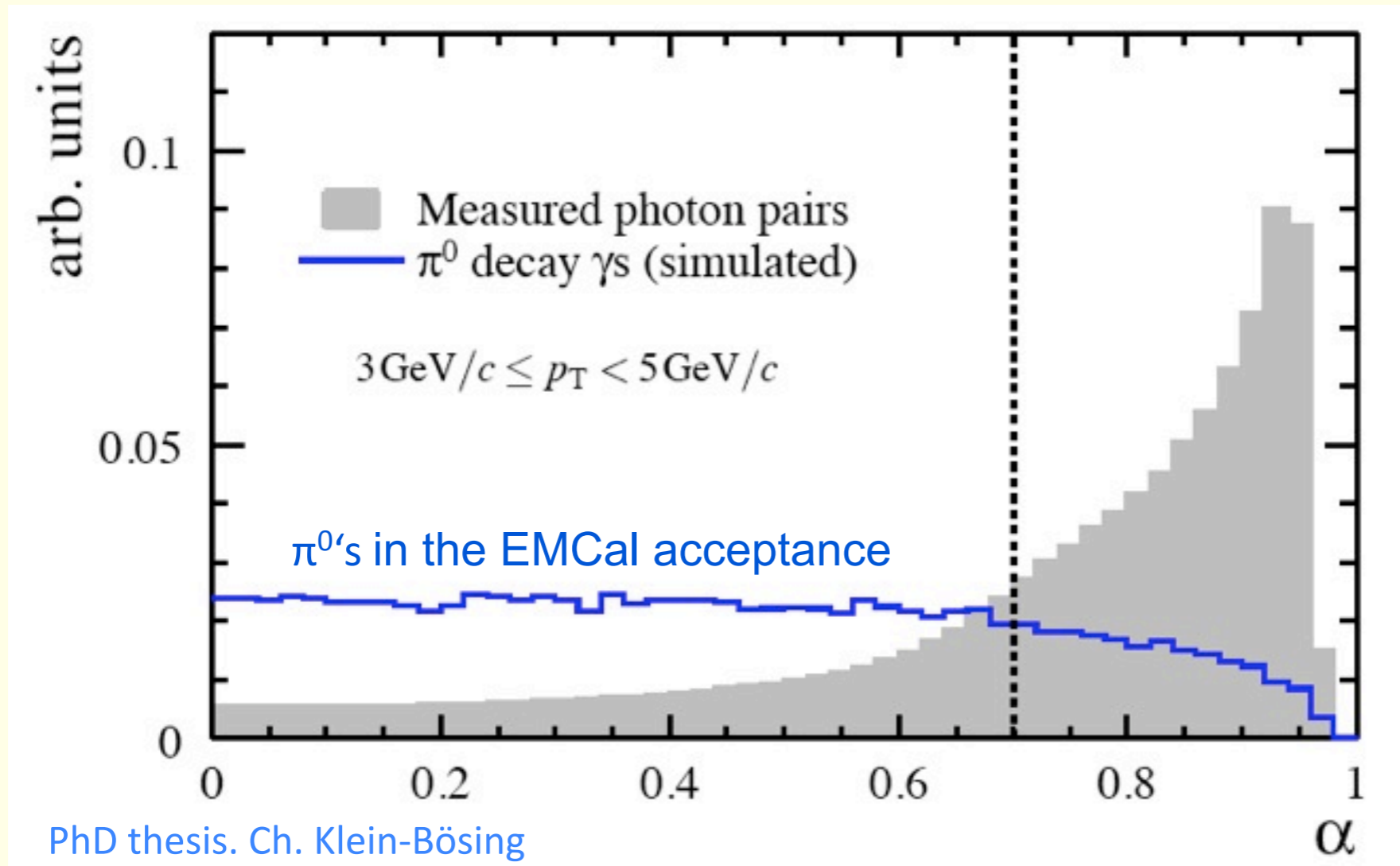
velocity of the pion in the lab frame (in units of c)

We have shown that:

$$\alpha = \beta |\cos \theta^*|$$

$\beta$  is typically close to unity. So for photons pairs from a  $\pi^0$  decay the asymmetry  $\alpha$  is approximately uniformly distributed between 0 and 1.

# An Example from Phenix

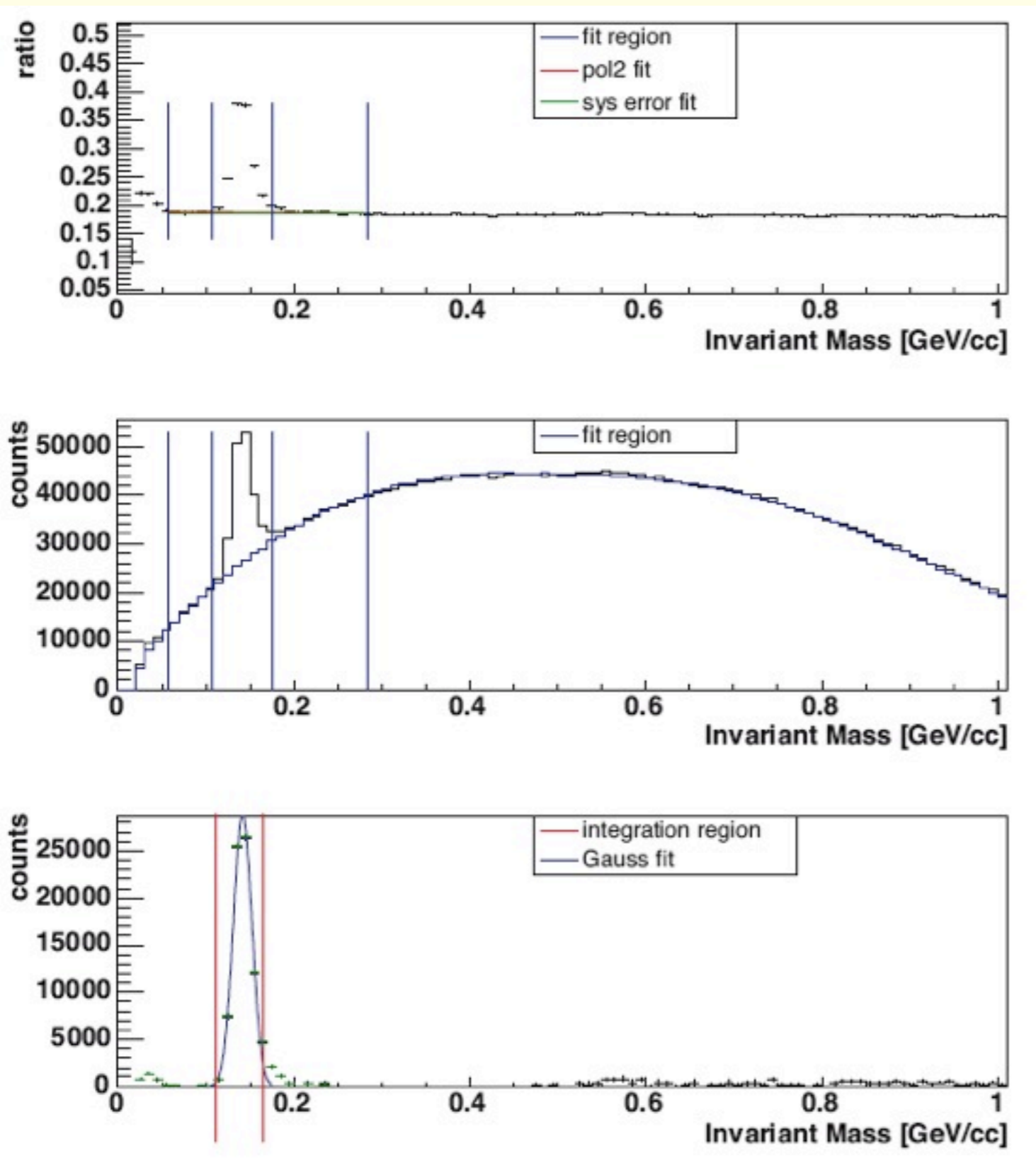


- The asymmetry cut can help to improve the signal/background ratio of the  $\pi^0$  peaks
  - ▶ Steeply falling spectra lead to large asymmetries in the combinatorial background
- Comparing  $\pi^0$  yields for different asymmetry cuts turned out to be a very useful systematic check in Phenix (e.g., no asymmetry cut vs.  $\alpha < 0.7$ )

# Combinatorial Background: Event Mixing

- Calculate inv. mass for combinations where photon 1 comes from the current event and photon 2 comes from an old event
- Make sure that the old event has the same global properties as the current one. Typically events are categorized according to
  - ▶ Event multiplicity
  - ▶ Position of the vertex
  - ▶ Angle w.r.t. reaction plane
- In Phenix, even within a vertex class the photon momentum vectors were recalculated with respect to a new vertex  $z_{\text{mix}} = (z_{\text{current}} + z_{\text{old}})/2$

# Peak Extraction: $\pi^0$ peak in Au+Au at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV

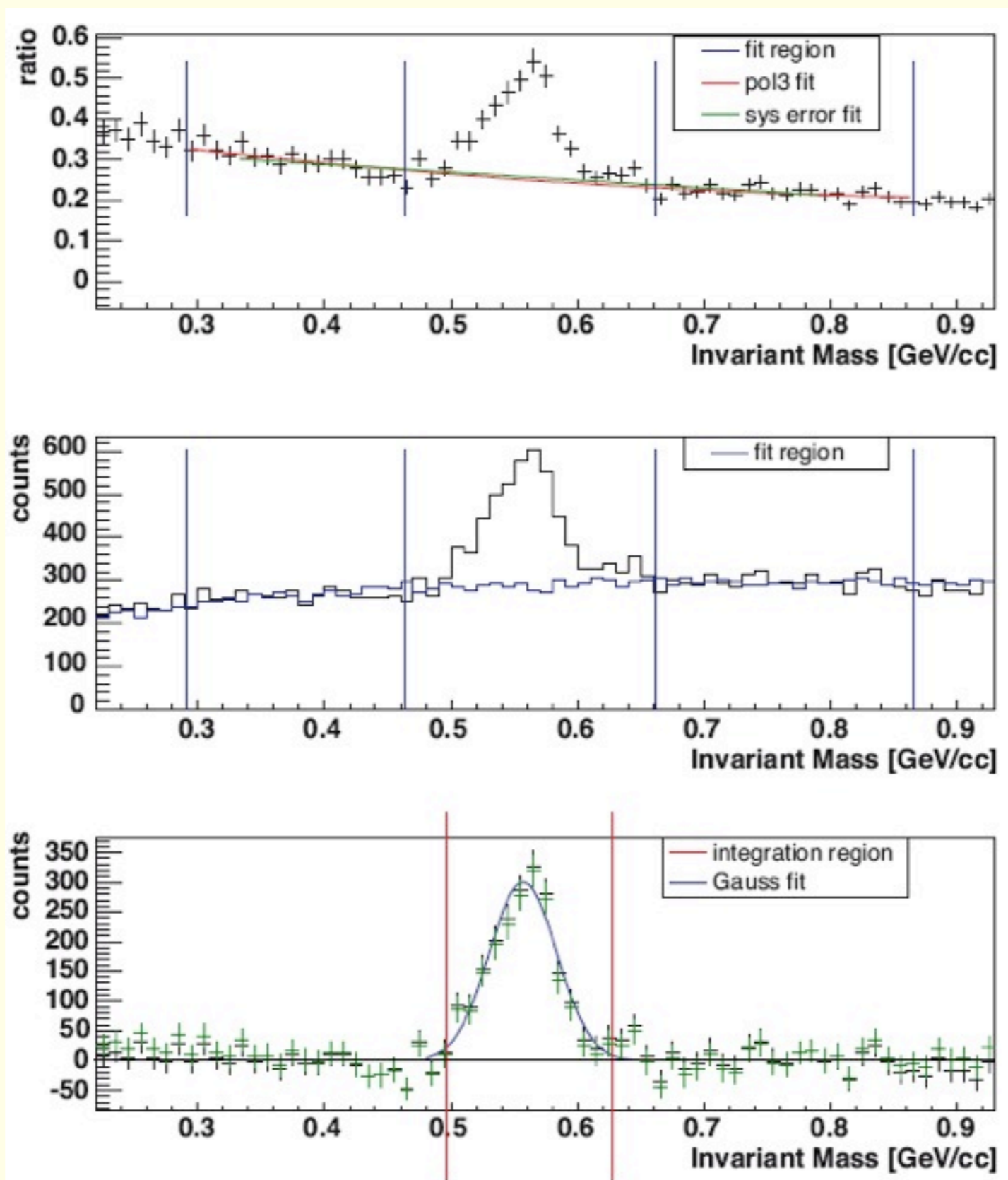


Ratio foreground / background

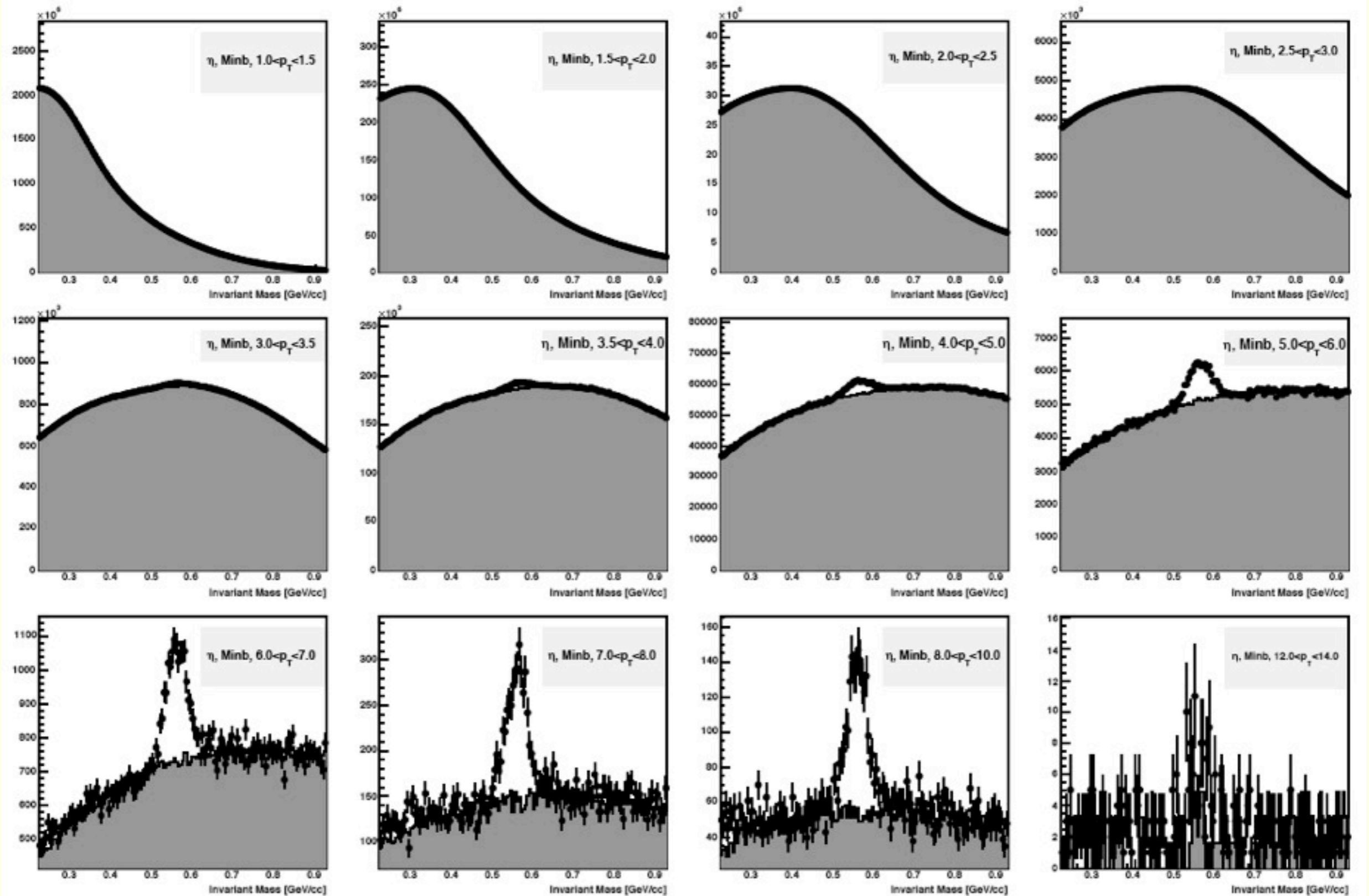
foreground and scaled background

peak after background subtraction

# Peak Extraction: $\eta$ peak in Au+Au at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV



# $\eta$ Peaks in Au+Au at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV for various $p_T$ Bins





# Peak Extraction: Statistical Error

Simple example:

Measure count rate of a radioactive source in the presence background

Measurement with Signal + Background:  $O = \tilde{S} + \tilde{B}$

Background measurement:  $B$

Extracted signal:  $S = O - B = \tilde{S} + \tilde{B} - B$       Statistical Error:  $\sigma^2 = S + 2B$

Background from  
event mixing

In case of the  $\pi^0$  yield extraction the background is estimated as  $B = f \cdot M$

Background scaling factor

Extracted signal:  $S = O - f \cdot M = \tilde{S} + \tilde{B} - f \cdot M$

The statistical error of the extracted yield is then given by:

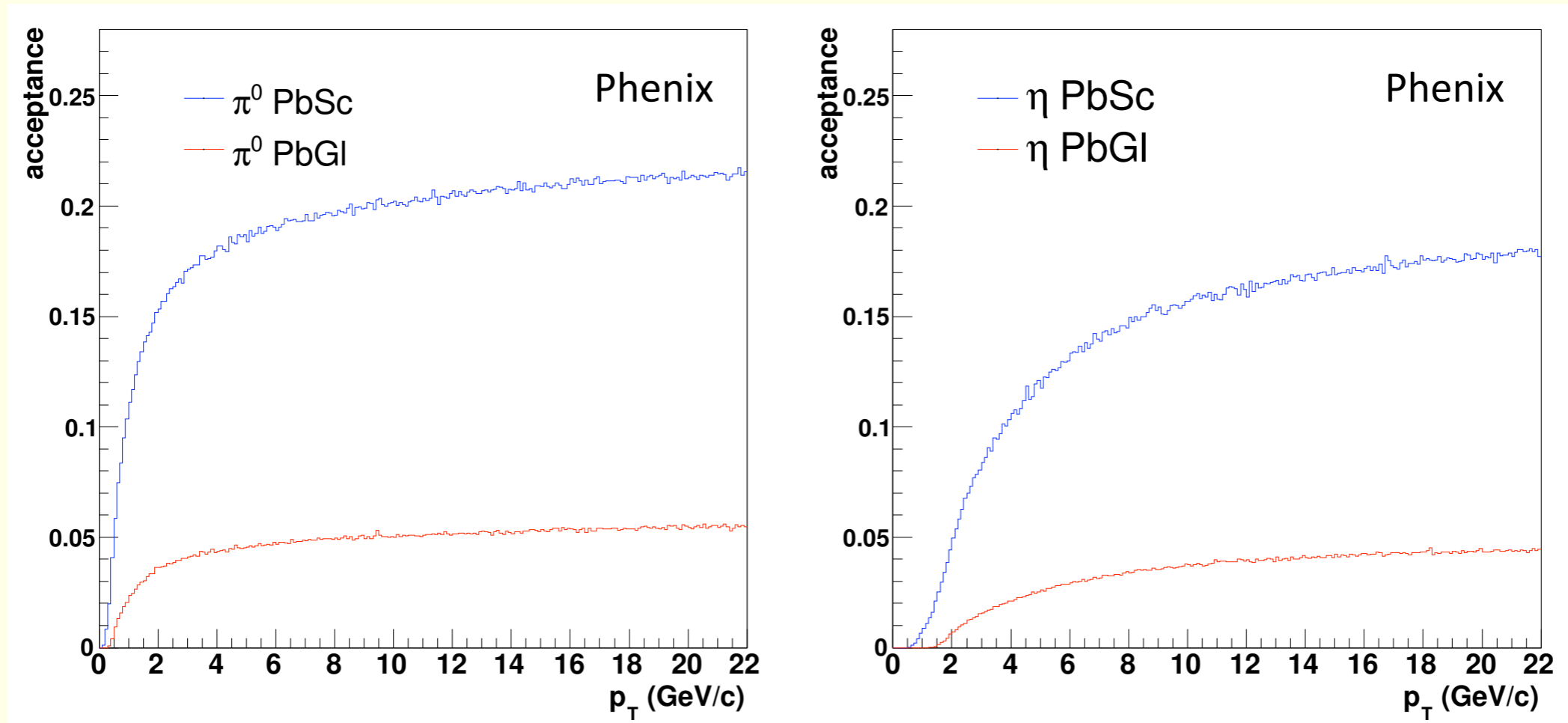
$$\sigma^2(S) = S + B + \sigma^2(f)M^2 + f^2M$$

Hands-on exercise 1: peak extraction

# Geometrical Acceptance

Geometric acceptance:  $a = \frac{\# \pi^0 \text{ with both photons on the detector surface}}{\# \pi^0 \text{ generated in a certain } \eta \text{ window}}$

Low  $p_T \pi^0$  on average have larger opening angles and therefore more like escape detection. Thus, the  $\pi^0$  acceptance typically increases with  $p_T$ .



Hands-on exercise 2: acceptance calculation



# Efficiency (Correction of Detector Effects)

Efficiency:

(or better: correction function, it can be greater than unity)

$$\varepsilon(p_T) = \frac{\text{reconstructed } \pi^0 \text{ spectrum}}{\text{true } \pi^0 \text{ spectrum in the acceptance}}$$

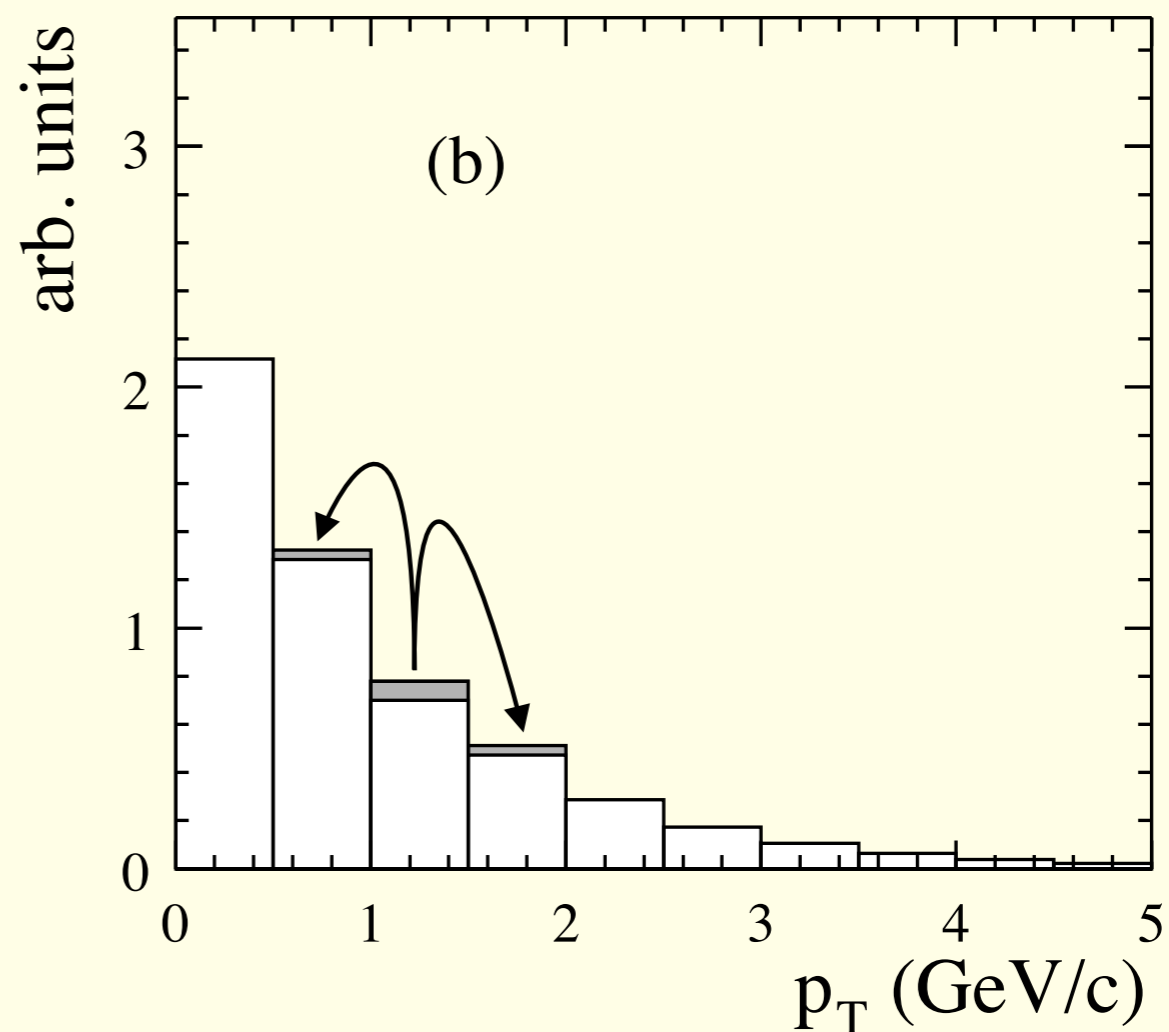
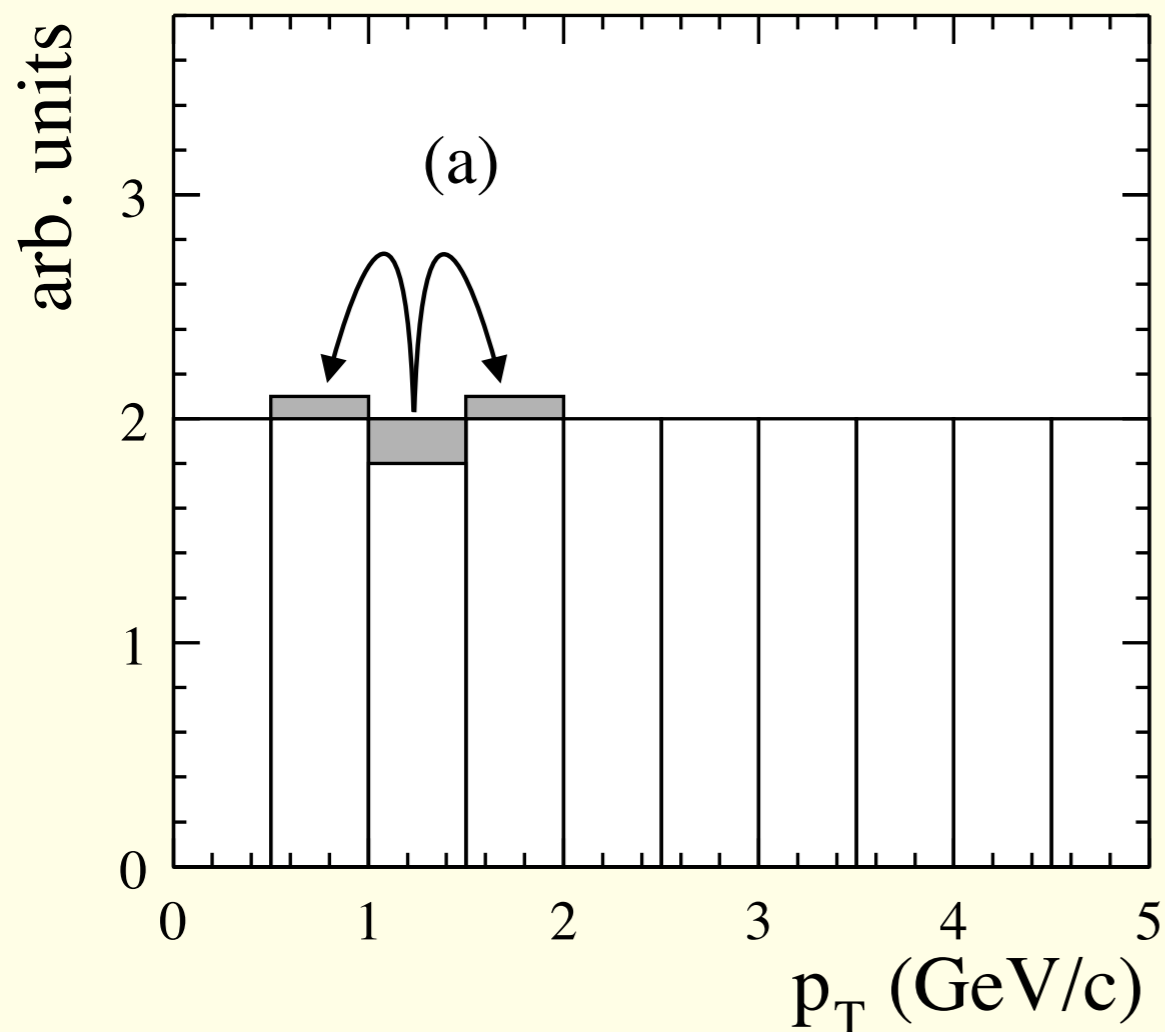
Since the true spectrum is not know one can start with a reasonable guess an then iterate until the efficiency converges

Efficiency accounts for

- Any kind of signal loss
  - ▶ due to analysis cuts (and possibly dead detector areas)
  - ▶ intrinsic limitations (e.g., conversion probability in the conversion method)
- Distortions of the signal due to limited detector resolution
  - ▶ In particular important in case of steeply falling spectra
  - ▶ In heavy-ion collisions the presence of other particles can lead to additional distortions (calorimeter: showers from different particles start to overlap and merge)

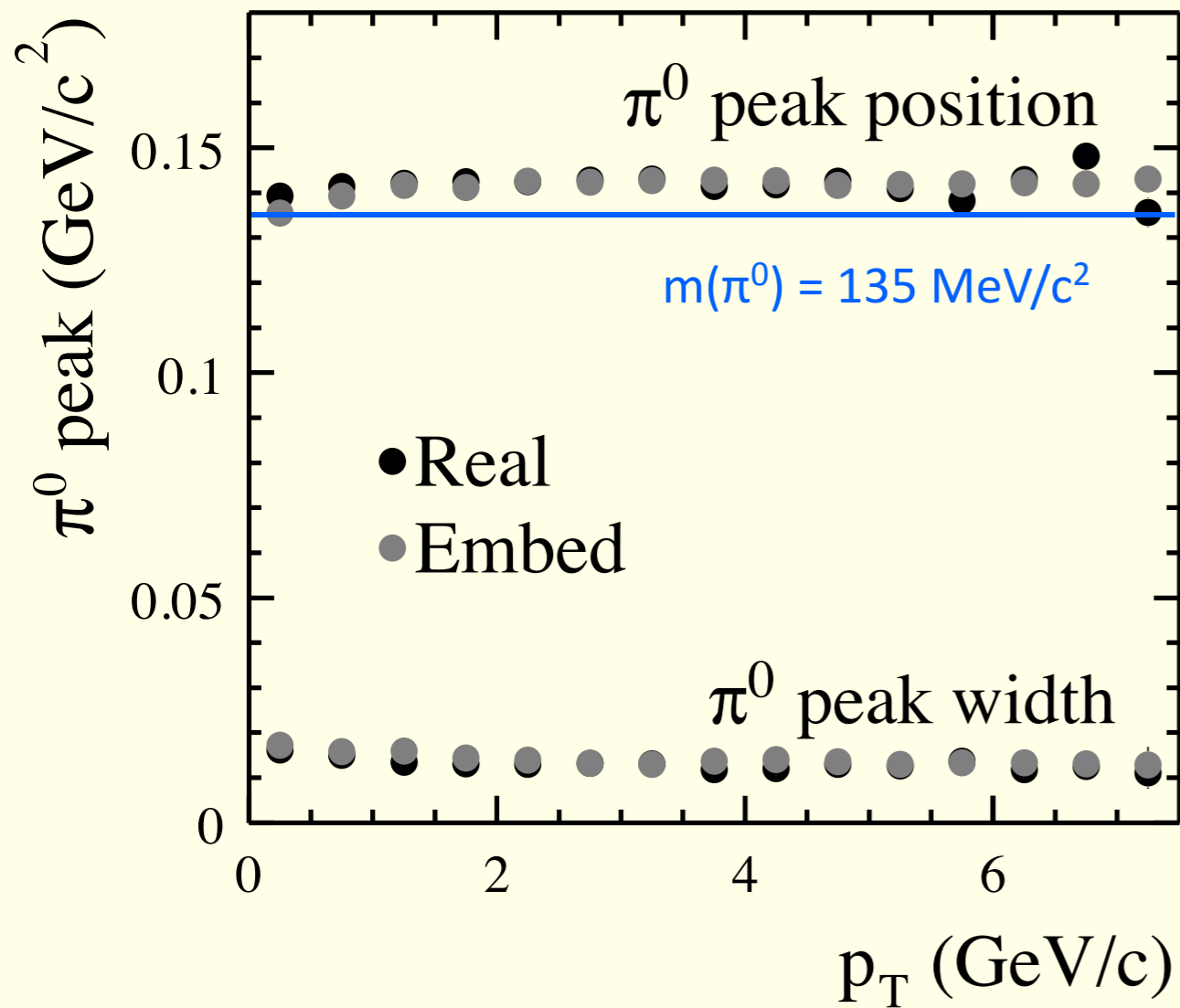
Hands-on exercise 3: efficiency calculation

# Limited Resolution and Steeply Falling Spectra (I)



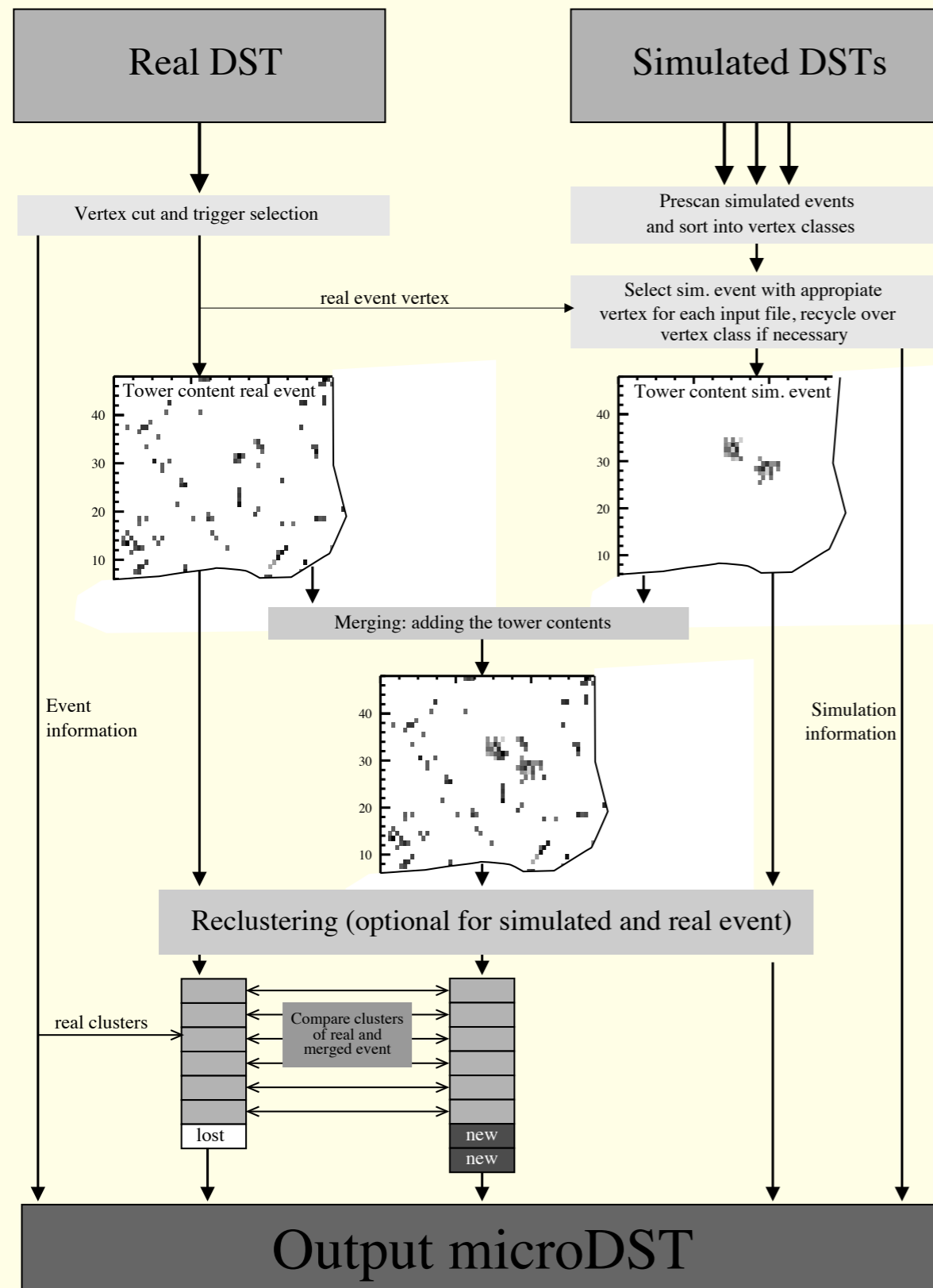
- In case of steeply falling spectra finite energy resolution leads to an overall shift of the yield toward higher transverse momenta
- The „efficiency“ can thus be larger than unity

# Limited Resolution and Steeply Falling Spectra (II)



- A consequence of limited energy resolution:  
The measured peak position of a correctly calibrated detector lies above the nominal meson mass

# A Tool to Study Effects of Large Detector Occupancy: Embedding



- In calorimeters showers are found by merging calorimeter cells („towers“) into so-called clusters
- Simulated showers are
  - ▶ analyzed on the empty detector
  - ▶ merged with a real event and the analyzed
- From this one can determine the multiplicity dependent energy smearing effect

# Fully Corrected Spectrum

Lorentz invariant yield:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi p_T N_{\text{in}}} \cdot \frac{d^2 N^{\pi^0}}{dp_T dy} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T \tilde{N}_{\text{mb}}} \cdot \frac{1}{a_{\Delta y}(p_T) \varepsilon(p_T) c_{\text{conv}} c_{2\gamma}} \cdot \frac{\Delta N_{\text{raw}}^{\pi^0}}{\Delta p_T \Delta y}$$

acceptance
efficiency

Number of analyzed events
 $\pi^0$  loss due to photonconversion
branching ratio for  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (0.988)

# Bin Shift Correction (1/6):

## Where to Plot Your Data Points within Wide Bins?

Lafferty, Wyatt, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 355, 541, 1995

### What's the problem?

When measuring hadron yields as a function of  $p_T$  we have to deal with steeply falling spectra. Lack of statistics forces one to use wide bins at high  $p_T$ . Let  $f(x)$  denote the true spectrum. The measured quantity then is

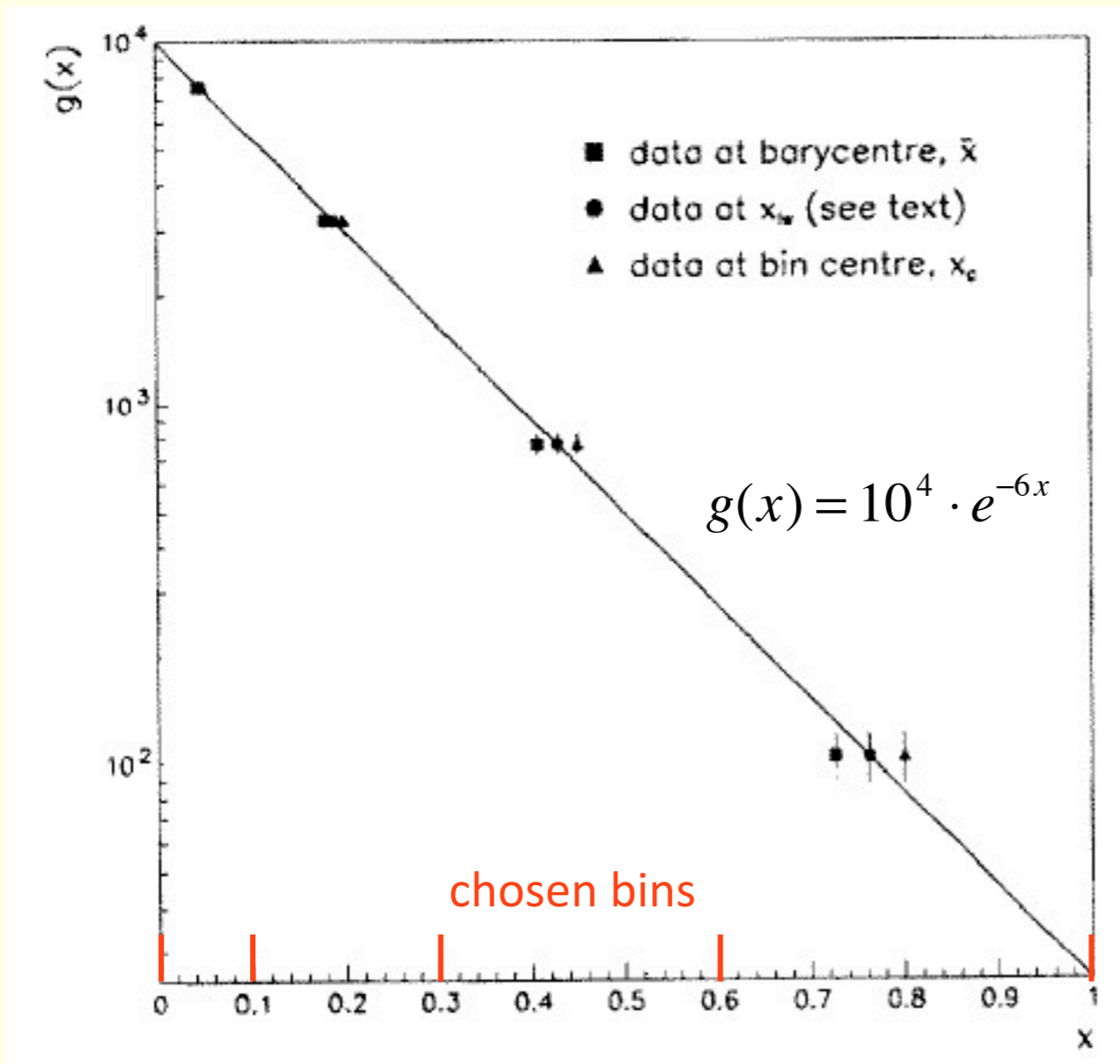
$$\langle g_{meas} \rangle = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} g(x) dx \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta x = x_2 - x_1$$

The question is where to plot the data point in this case. One frequently observes one of the following two methods

- the data point is plotted at the bin center  $x_c = x_1 + \Delta x / 2$
- the data point is plotted at the center-of-gravity within the bin:  $\bar{x} = \frac{\int_{x_1}^{x_2} x g(x) dx}{\int_{x_1}^{x_2} g(x) dx}$

Both methods are wrong!

# Bin Shift Correction (2/6): An Example



Data points at the bin center and the center-of-gravity (‘barycentre’) both don’t lie on the curve!

The correct position can be calculated by solving (either analytically or numerically):

$$g(x_{lw}) = \langle g_{meas} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} g(x) dx$$

↑  
lw = large width

$g(x)$  is a priori not known so one has to work with a good approximation of  $g(x)$

## Bin Shift Correction (3/6): Analytical Solution for an Exponential

Typically an exponential is a good approximation within a bin and so the following result is useful:

$$g(x) = ae^{-bx} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_{lw} = x_1 + \frac{1}{b} \left\{ \ln(b\Delta x) - \ln(1 - e^{-b\Delta x}) \right\}$$

Note that in the special case that  $g(x)$  varies linearly with  $x$  there is no ambiguity as to where to plot the data point:

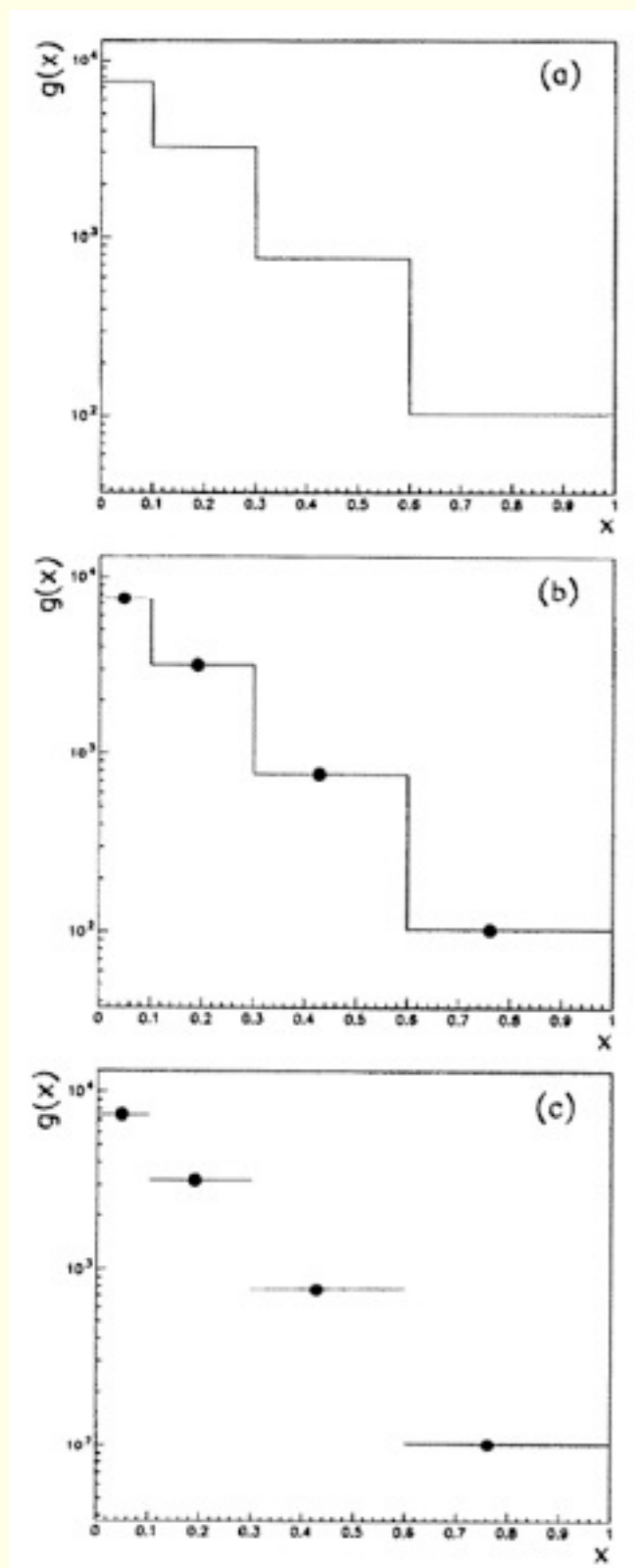
$$g(x) = ax + b \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_{lw} = \bar{x} = x_c$$

So in case of small bins where the spectrum is well approximated by a linear function the problem disappears



# Bin Shift Correction (4/6):

## Data Presentation: Three Examples with Drawbacks



A well defined solution would be to publish a histogram. For comparison with theory the theory curve would have to be binned in the same way.

Drawbacks:

- hard to read off the shape of the underlying distribution
- difficult to compare to other data with different binning



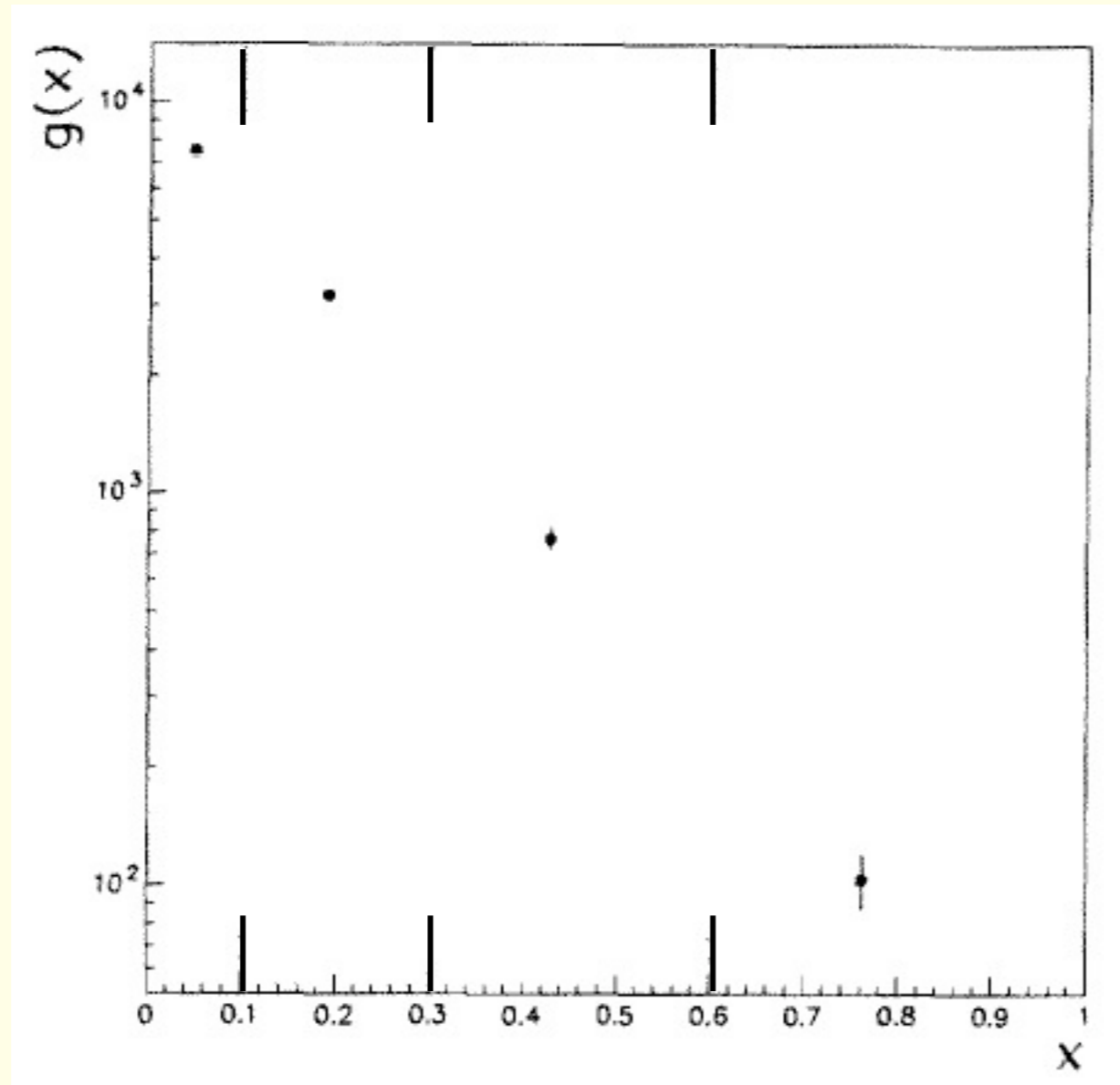
Better: Add points plotted at  $x_{lw}$  (easier to see the shape)



Vertical lines can be removed. However, horizontal lines indicating the bins can easily be confused with vertical error bars (and vice versa)

# Bin Shift Correction (5/6): Suggestion by Lafferty and Wyatt

Use short vertical lines to indicate bins:



# Bin Shift Correction (6/6): The Phenix Solution

The data point can also be moved along the ordinate (y axis). Lafferty and Wyatt do not recommend that

- Philosophical argument: The primary experimental result ( $g_{\text{meas}}$ ) is modified
- Sum of all bins no longer gives the total number of entries

For Phenix the key argument to nevertheless do it this way was that it is the only methods that allows a straightforward calculation of ratios between spectra (e.g.  $R_{AA}$ )

Here is the procedure:

1. Fit the raw spectrum (i.e., the spectrum not corrected for the bin shift effect) with  $g(x)$
2. For each bin calculate the correction as

$$g_{\text{meas}}^{\text{corr}} = g_{\text{meas}} / r \quad \text{where } r = \frac{\frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} g(x) dx}{g(x_c)}$$

3. Repeat steps 1. and 2. until  $r \approx 1$  (typically less than  $\sim 5$  iterations needed)

Numerical example (RHIC):  $g(x) \propto 1/x^7$ ,  $x_1 = 14$ ,  $x_2 = 16 \Rightarrow r = 1.042$

Hands-on exercise 4: bin shift correction

# Sources of Systematic Errors

TABLE I. Summary of the dominant sources of systematic errors on the PbSc and PbGl  $\pi^0$  yields and total errors on the combined measurements. The error ranges are quoted for the lowest to highest  $p_T$  values.

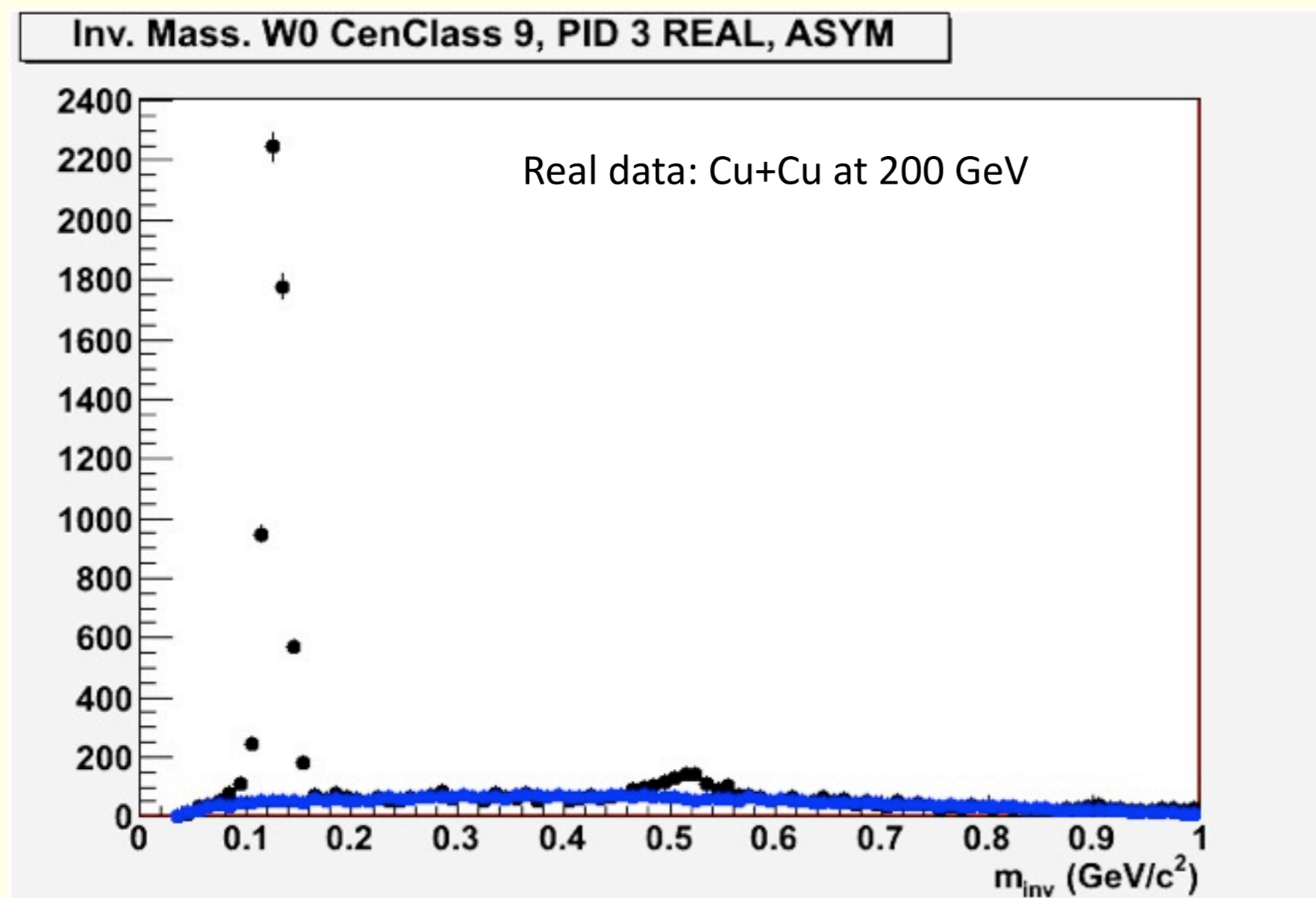
Source	Syst. error PbSc	Syst. error PbGl		
Yield extraction	10%	6%–7%		
Yield correction	8%	8%		
Energy scale	3%–11%	7%–13%		
		Normalization		
Total error (%)	Stat.	Syst.	Central	Peripheral
Comb. $\pi^0$ spectra	2–40	10–17	5	5
$R_{AA}$	2–45	11–22	14	30

Phenix,  $\pi^0$  in Au+Au at 200 GeV:  
[Phys.Rev.Lett.91:072301,2003](#)

Hands-on exercise 5:  
 Energy scale uncertainties

In neutral pion measurements with calorimeters the uncertainty of the energy scale is typically among the dominant sources of systematic errors

# Hands-On Exercise 1: Extract Peak Content and Statistical Error



- Goto to „hands-on/inv\_mass/01\_peak\_extr\_CuCu“
- Run macro „real\_mix\_fit\_v0.C“
- Modify it to extract the peak content of the  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  peak with statistical errors



# Hands-On Exercise 2: Acceptance Calculation



- Starting point „hands-on/inv\_mass/02\_pi0\_acc/pi0\_toy\_mc\_v0.C“
- The macro simulates  $\pi^0$  decays
- Calculate the acceptance for  $\pi^0$ s with  $|\eta| < 0.5$  in the range  $0 < p_T < 10$  GeV/c for a virtual calorimeter „VCal“ which covers the full azimuth and  $|\eta| < 0.5$
- Make the macro more efficient at high  $p_T$  by using a flat  $p_T$  distribution and  $p_T$  weights
- How important is the use of  $p_T$  weights in the acceptance calculation?
- Modify the macro to calculate the  $\pi^0$  acceptance for the Alice detector „PHOS“ ( $|\eta| < 0.12$ ,  $\Delta\phi = 100^\circ$ )



# Hands-On Exercise 3: Calculate the Efficiency of VCal



- The energy resolution of calorimeters can be parameterized as

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{E / \text{GeV}}}\right)^2 + b^2} \equiv \frac{a}{\sqrt{E / \text{GeV}}} \oplus b$$

- The first term is related to the Poisson statistics of the electromagnetic shower (e.g., fluctuations in the number of produced scintillation photons)
- The second term corresponds to detector noise or tower-by-tower variations of the gain

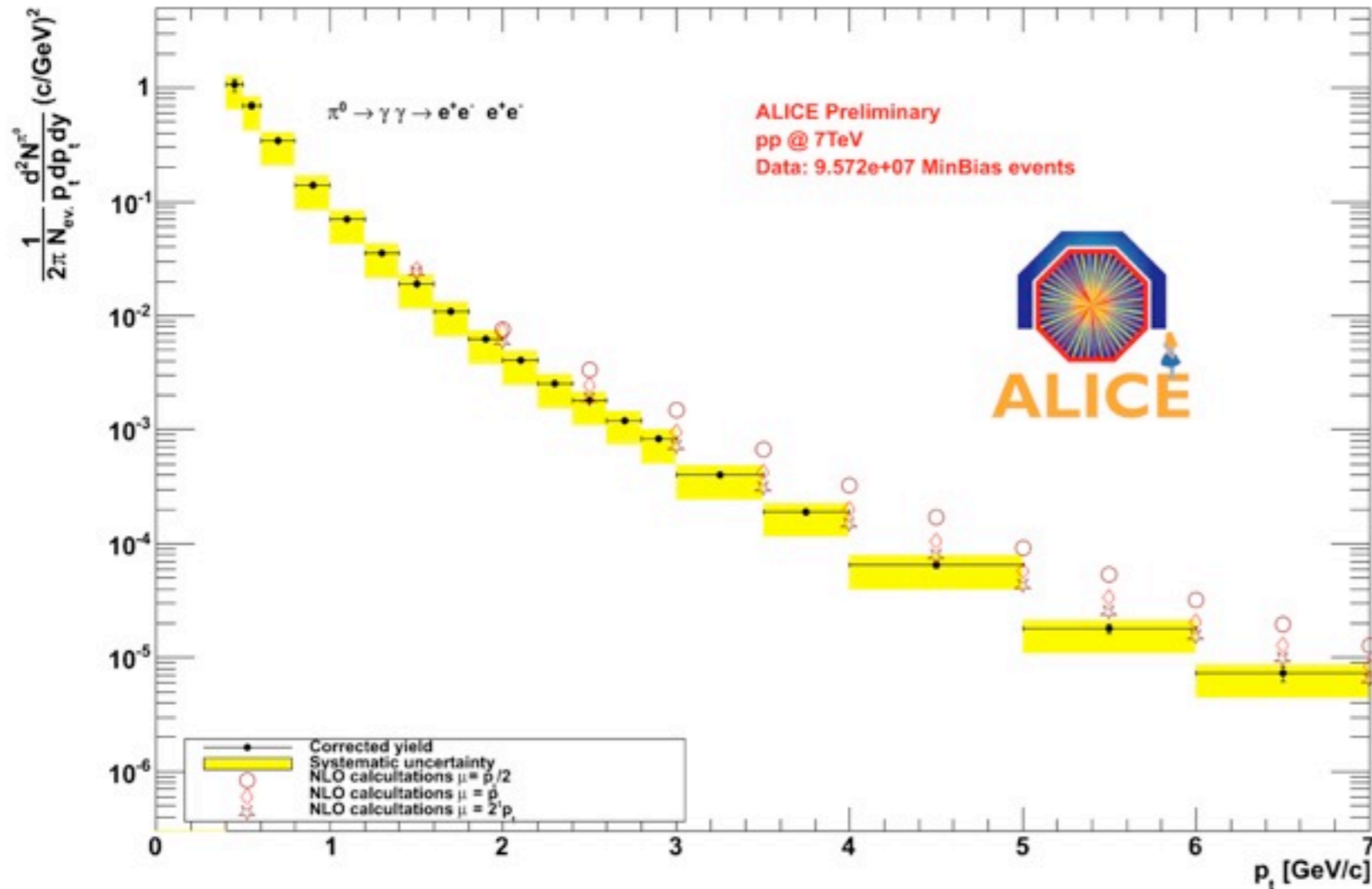
VCal efficiency:

- Calculate the efficiency of VCal
  - ▶  $a = 8\%$  and  $b = 5\%$ , lower energy threshold of VCAL: 100 MeV
  - ▶ Asymmetry cut  $\alpha < 0.7$
- Try different functional forms for the input spectrum. How sensitive is the calculated efficiency to the shape of the input spectrum?





# Hands-On Exercise 4: Calculate Bin Shift Corrections



Hagedorn parameterization:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi N_{evt}} \frac{1}{p_T} \frac{d^2 N^{\pi^0}}{dp_T dy} = \frac{A}{\left(1 + \frac{p_T}{p_0}\right)^n}$$

$$A = 13.5214,$$

$$p_0 = 1.02383,$$

$$n = 7.25756$$

- The shown spectrum is not corrected for bin shift. It can be parameterized with a so-called Hagedorn function.
- Calculate (numerically)
  - ▶ The vertical bin shift correction for the bin from 6-7 GeV
  - ▶ The horizontal bin shift correction (i.e.,  $x_{lw}$ ) for the same bin





## Hands-On Exercise 5:

# Systematic Errors Related to Energy Scale Uncertainties



- Calculate the uncertainty of the yield resulting from a 1% uncertainty of the  $p_T$  scale for the following two functional forms. Plot the ratio of the  $p_T$  spectrum for the modified and correct energy scale.

a) 
$$\frac{dN}{dp_T} = A \exp(-bp_T), \quad b = 6 \text{ (GeV/c)}^{-1}$$

b) 
$$\frac{dN}{dp_T} = \frac{A}{p_T^n}, \quad n = 7$$

Hint:  $\tilde{p}_T = (1 + \varepsilon)p_T, \quad dN / d\tilde{p}_T = \dots$

- Monte Carlo exercise:  
Employ the macro for the  $\pi^0$  efficiency to estimate the uncertainty of the  $\pi^0$  yields resulting from a 1% uncertainty of the photon energy scale. Use the two functions above as  $\pi^0$  input spectra.



# Hands-On Exercise 6:

## The final project (I): Putting it all together



- Objective:
  - ▶ Analyze the pi0\_vcal\_data.root data set (in directory „06\_pi0\_analysis“)
  - ▶ Determine a fully corrected invariant  $\pi^0$  yield as a function of  $p_T$
- Answer the following questions
  - ▶ What is the average  $\pi^0$  multiplicity per event ?
  - ▶ What are the parameters of a Hagedorn fit in the range  $1 < p_T < 8$  GeV/c



# Hands-On Exercise 6:

## The final project (II): Putting it all together



### ■ Intermediate steps

- ▶ extract the  $\pi^0$  yields in different  $p_T$  intervals
- ▶ apply acceptance and efficiency corrections (use an alpha cut of 0.7)
- ▶ apply a bin shift corrections

### ■ Detailed Instructions

- ▶ Form **analysis teams** of  $\sim 4$  people to share the work
- ▶ Starting point: macro `,06_pi0_analysis/ana_v0.C'`
- ▶ Task 1a) Add a subroutine that calculates the invariant mass
- ▶ Task 1b) `ana_v0.C` only contains a loop for mixed events, add the corresponding loop for real photon pairs
- ▶ Task 1c) Add a 2D histogram `,pT vs.  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ '`, write this histogram into an output file
- ▶ Task 2: Write a peak extraction macro that reads the output of `ana.C` (starting point: macro `,06_pi0_analysis/peak_extract_v0.C`)
- ▶ Task 3: Write a macro that applies the corrections to the yields
- ▶ Compare your final spectrum with that of other analysis teams

