

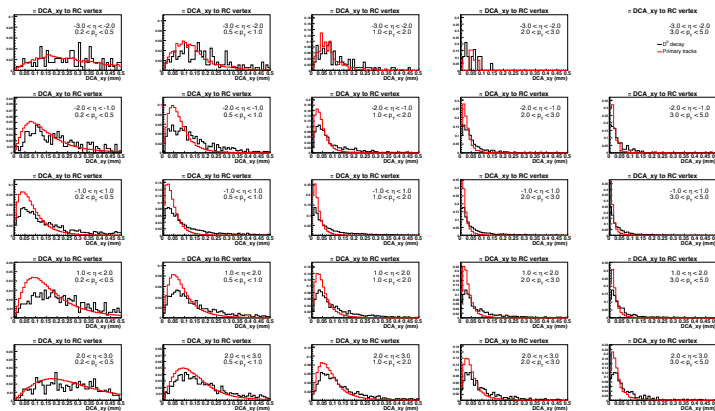
# Topological reconstruction of $D^0$

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# Reminder

- Presented single track DCA based on ACTS functionality last time
- Two-track DCA calculation was (is?) not available with ACTS



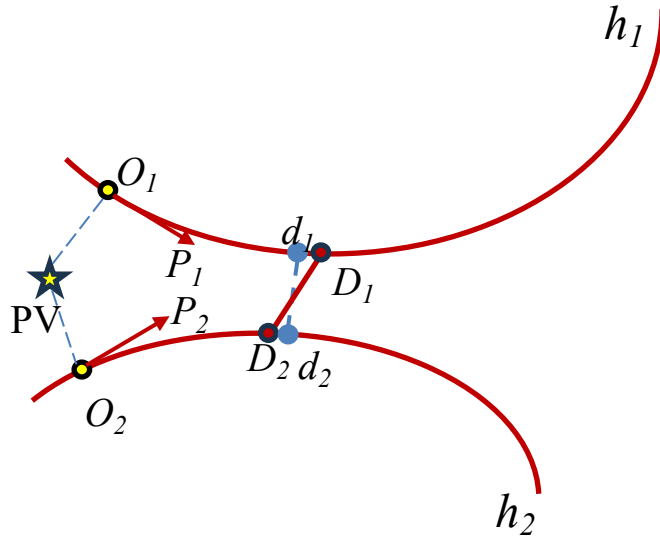
$DCA_{xy}$  for pion: primary vs. secondary

- This presentation: **single-track and two-track DCA based on Helix method**

# Analysis setup

- PYTHIA 8.306 ep@18x275, NC,  $Q_{\min}^2 = 100$
- With beam effects
- $D^0$ -enriched sample: each event contains at least one  $D^0$  or anti- $D^0$
- Select events with  $D^0$  or anti- $D^0$  that decays into  $\pi + K$ 
  - Branching ratio:  $(3.947 \pm 0.030)\%$
  
- EIC geometry: *epic-24.09.0*
- EICrecon: **default realistic seeding**

# Helix method for DCA calculation



Track helix construction: (3D momentum, 3D position, B, q)

Pros:

- 1) Simple, fast, flexible with good precision
- 2) Many functions available and widely tested

Cons:

- 1) No error estimation / KF propagation
- 2) Do not account for detector material
- 3) Constant magnetic field (can be improved)

Two-helix DCA calculation:

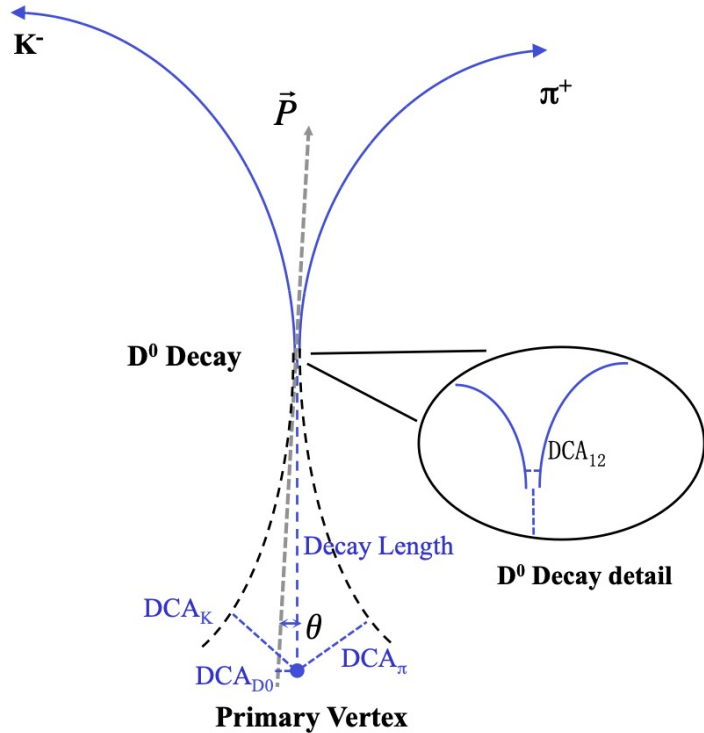
Step 1: DCA positions in bending plane - analytical ( $d_1, d_2$ )

Step 2: Scan the vicinity around ( $d_1, d_2$ ) iteratively to find the minimum distance ( $D_1 - D_2$ )

- Decreasing step size in each iteration (coarse  $\sim 10$  cm to fine  $\sim 1$  mm in default)

Courtesy: X. Dong

# Topological reconstruction

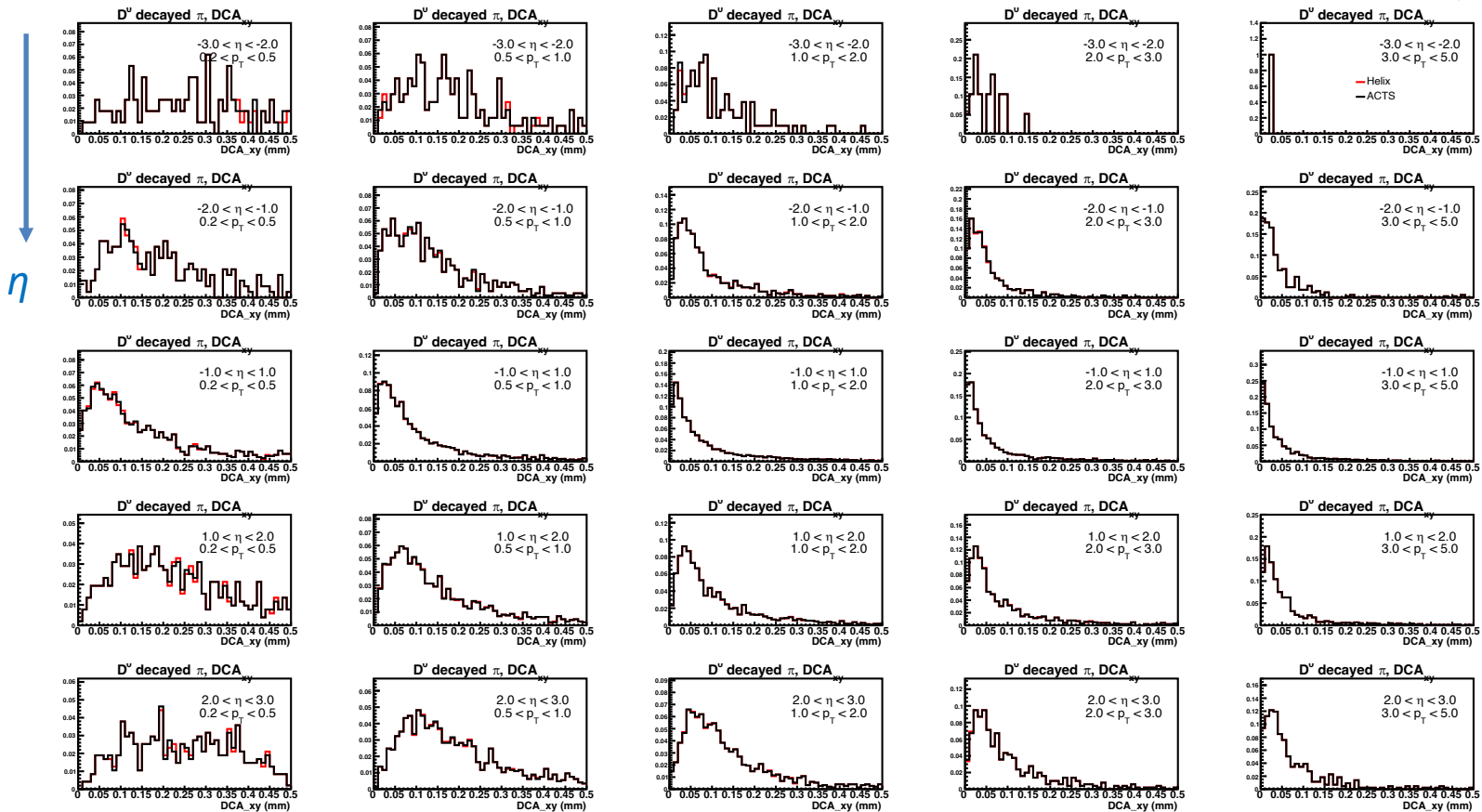


- Topological variables
  - $DCA_{\pi}$ ,  $DCA_K$ ,  $DCA_{12}$
  - $DCA_{D^0}$ , decay length,  $\cos(\theta)$
- Calculated based on helix swimming in a constant magnetic field
  - Adopted from STAR code
  - $B = -1.7$  T

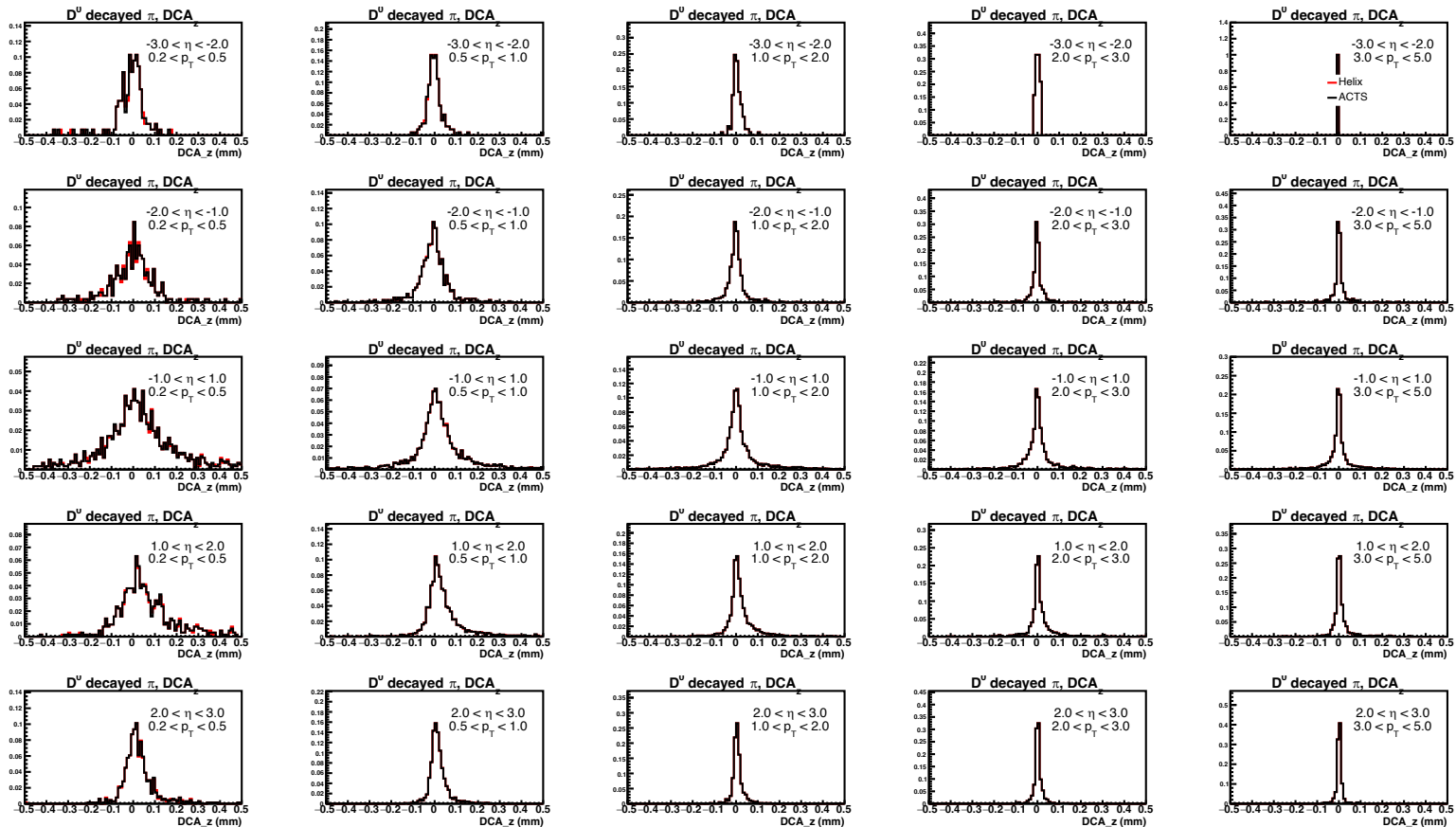
Compare secondary track DCA:  
ACTS vs. helix

# DCA<sub>xy</sub> for secondary pion: ACTS vs. helix

$p_T$



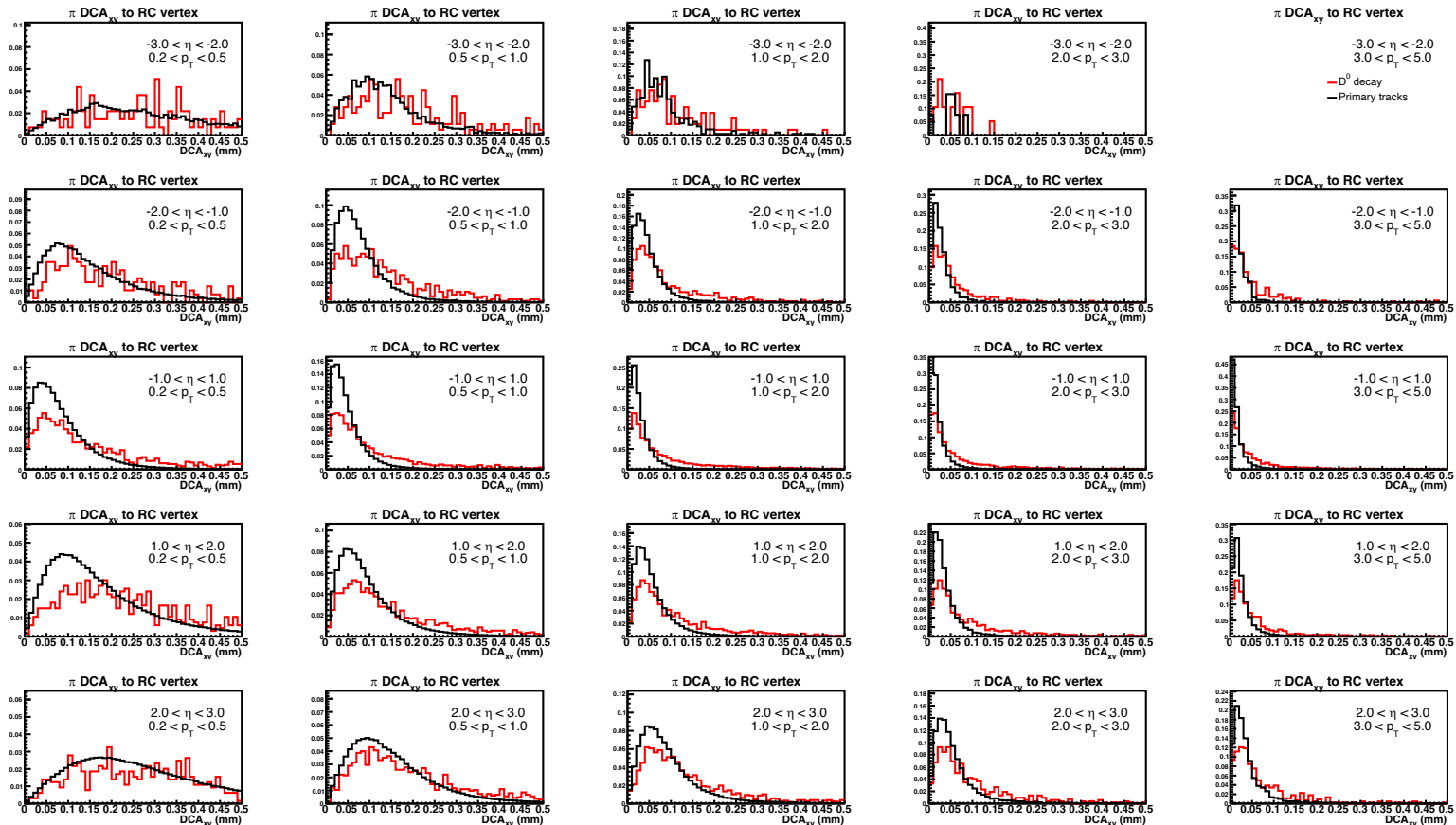
# DCA<sub>z</sub> for secondary pion: ACTS vs. helix



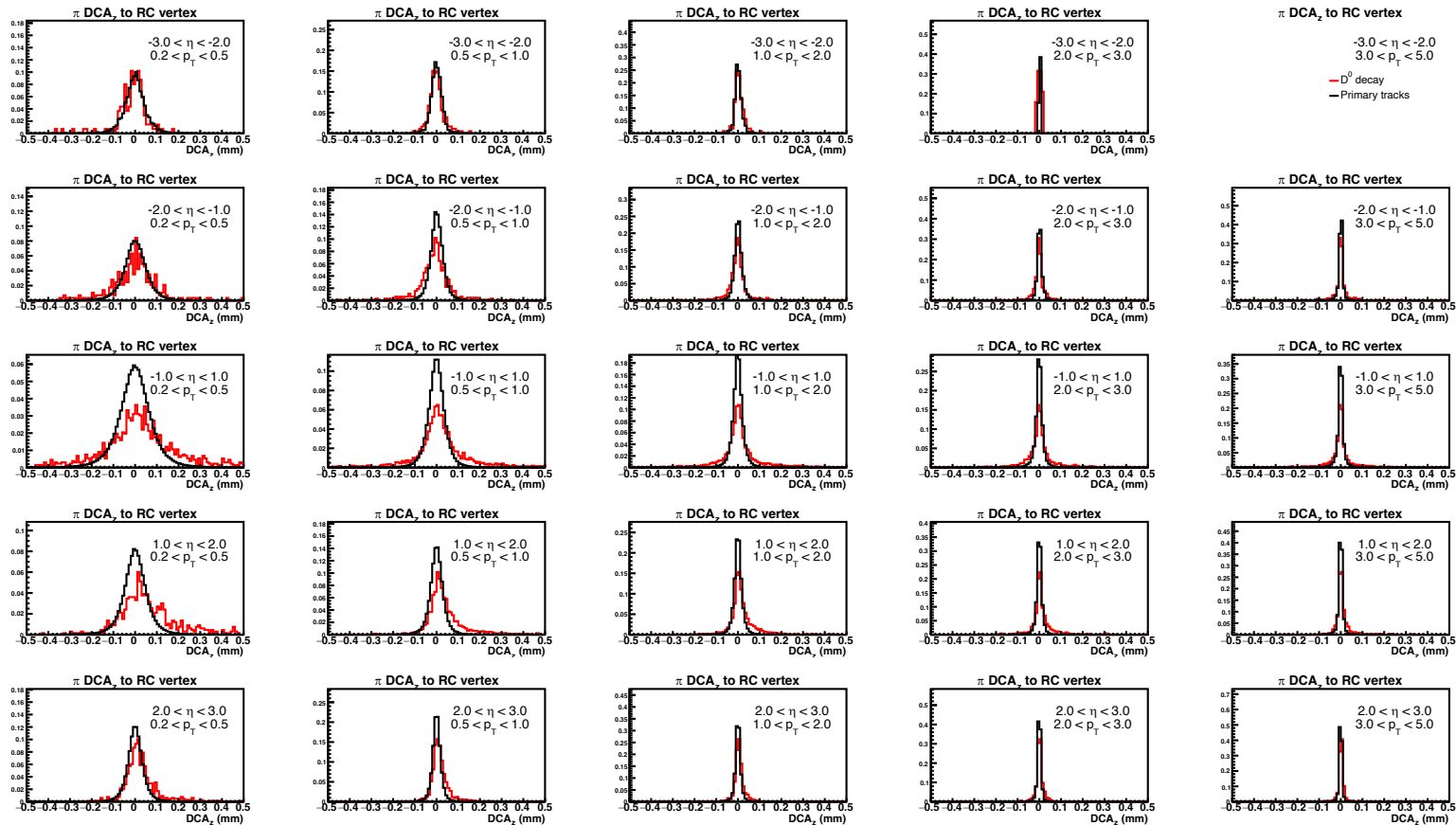


Compare topological variables

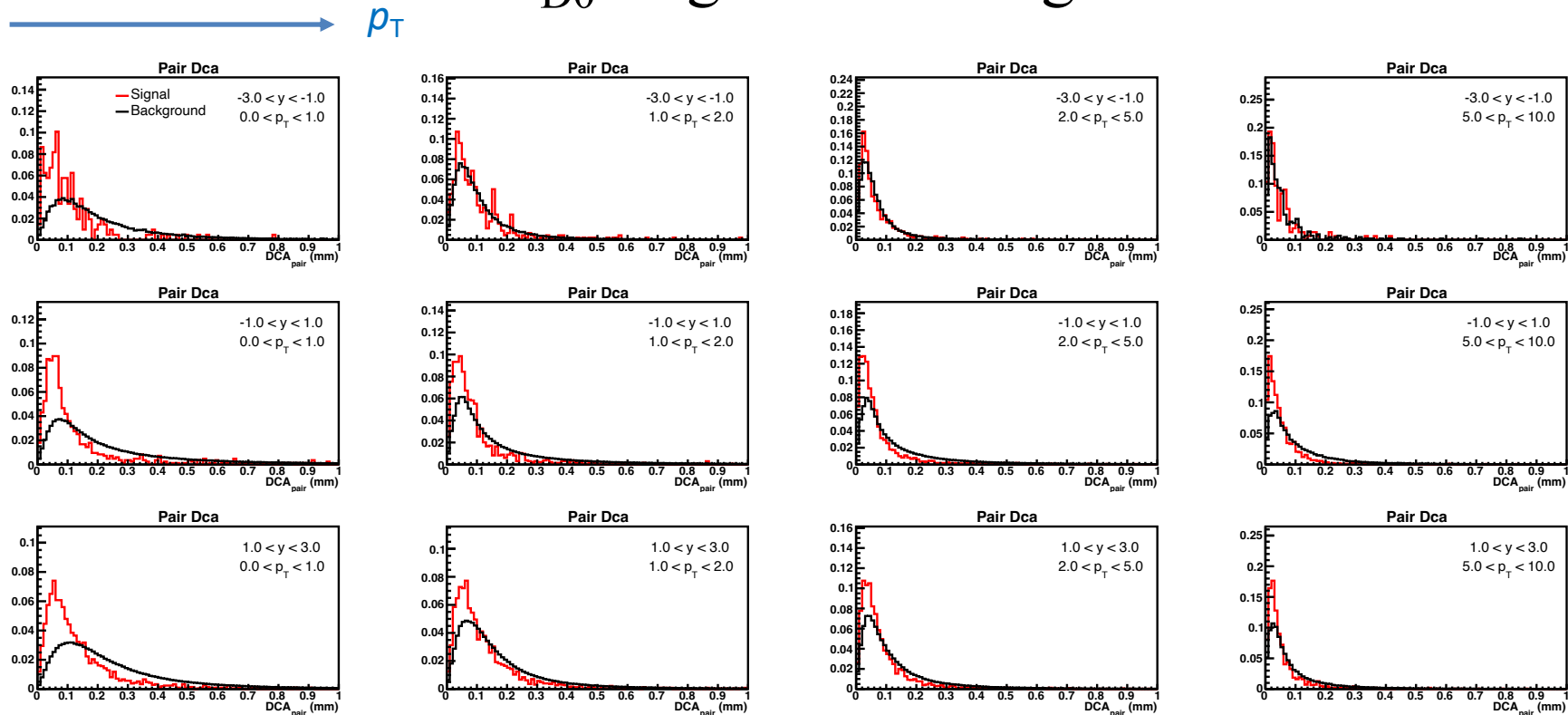
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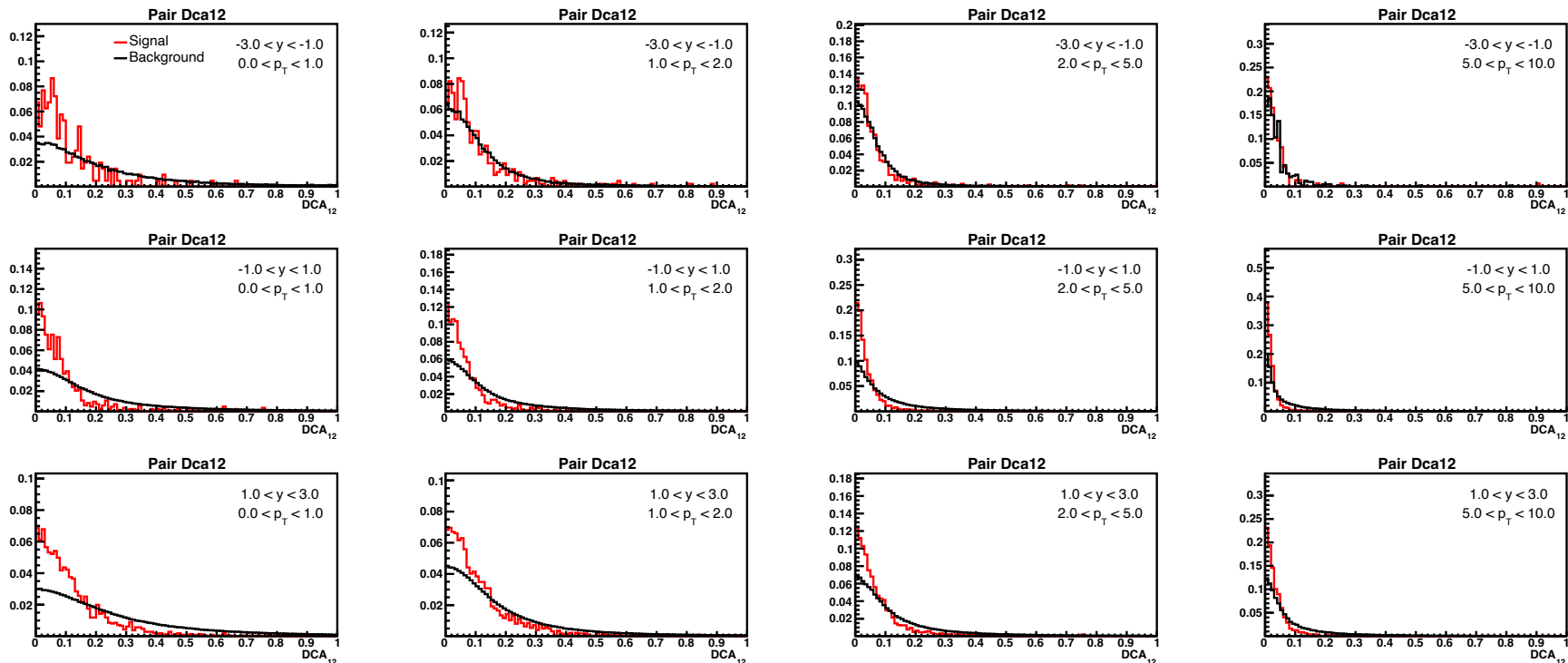


# DCA<sub>D0</sub> : signal vs. background



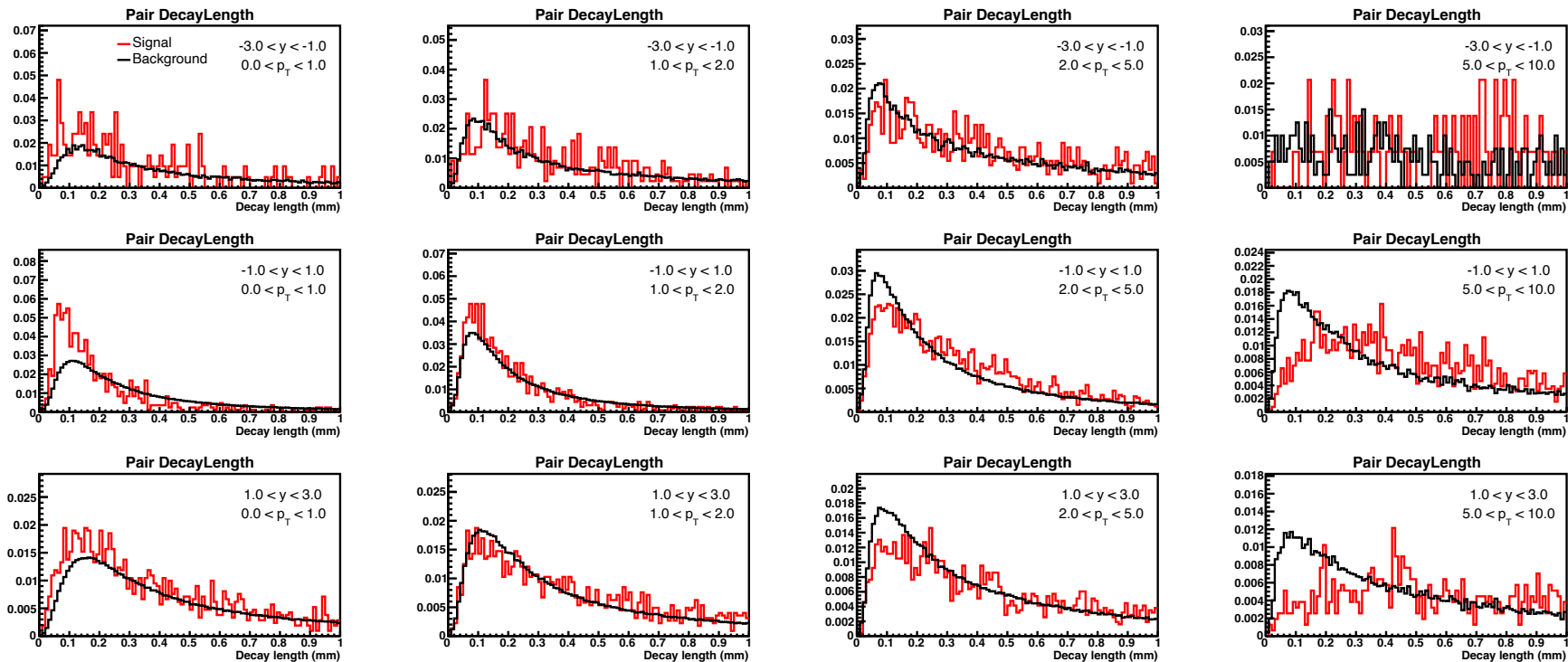
- $DCA_{\pi}, DCA_K > 20 \mu\text{m}$

# DCA<sub>12</sub>: signal vs. background



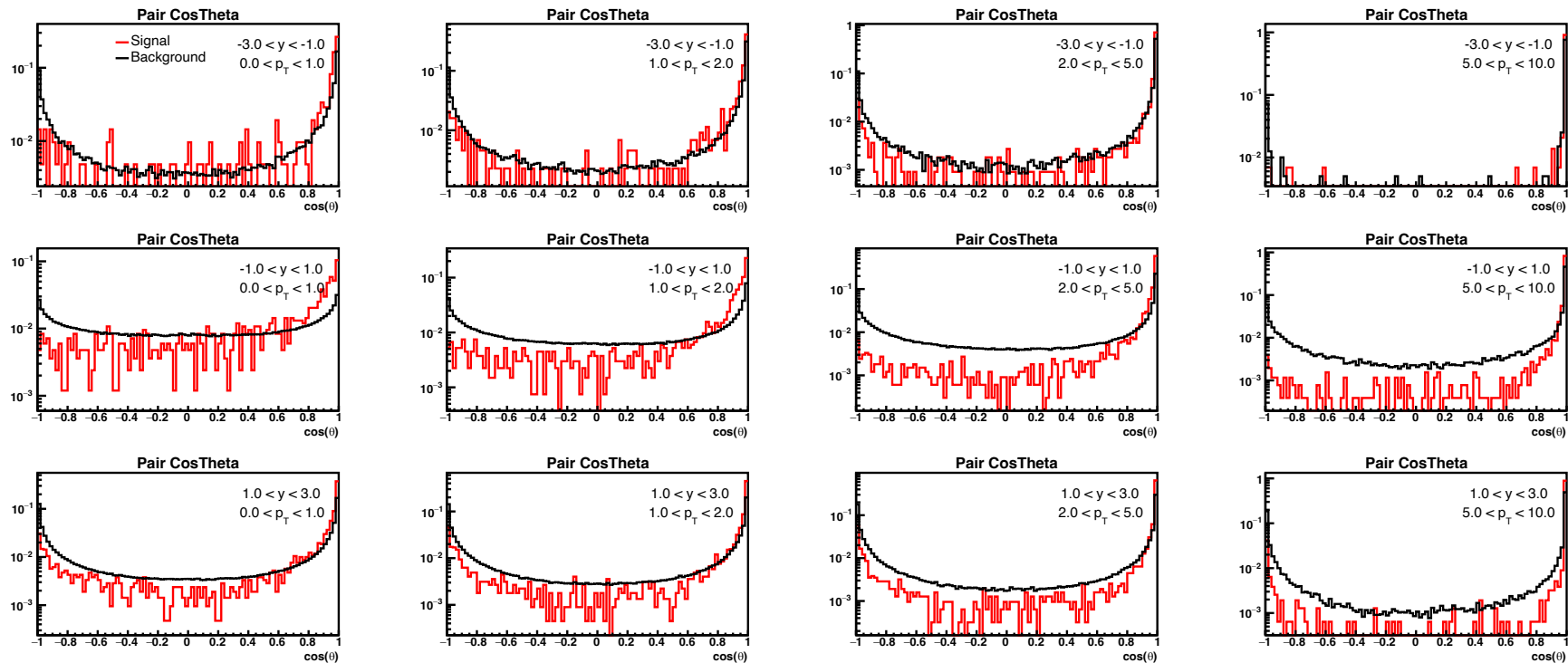
- DCA<sub>π</sub>, DCA<sub>K</sub> > 20 μm

# Decay length: signal vs. background



- $DCA_{\pi}, DCA_K > 20 \mu\text{m}$

# $\cos\theta$ : signal vs. background



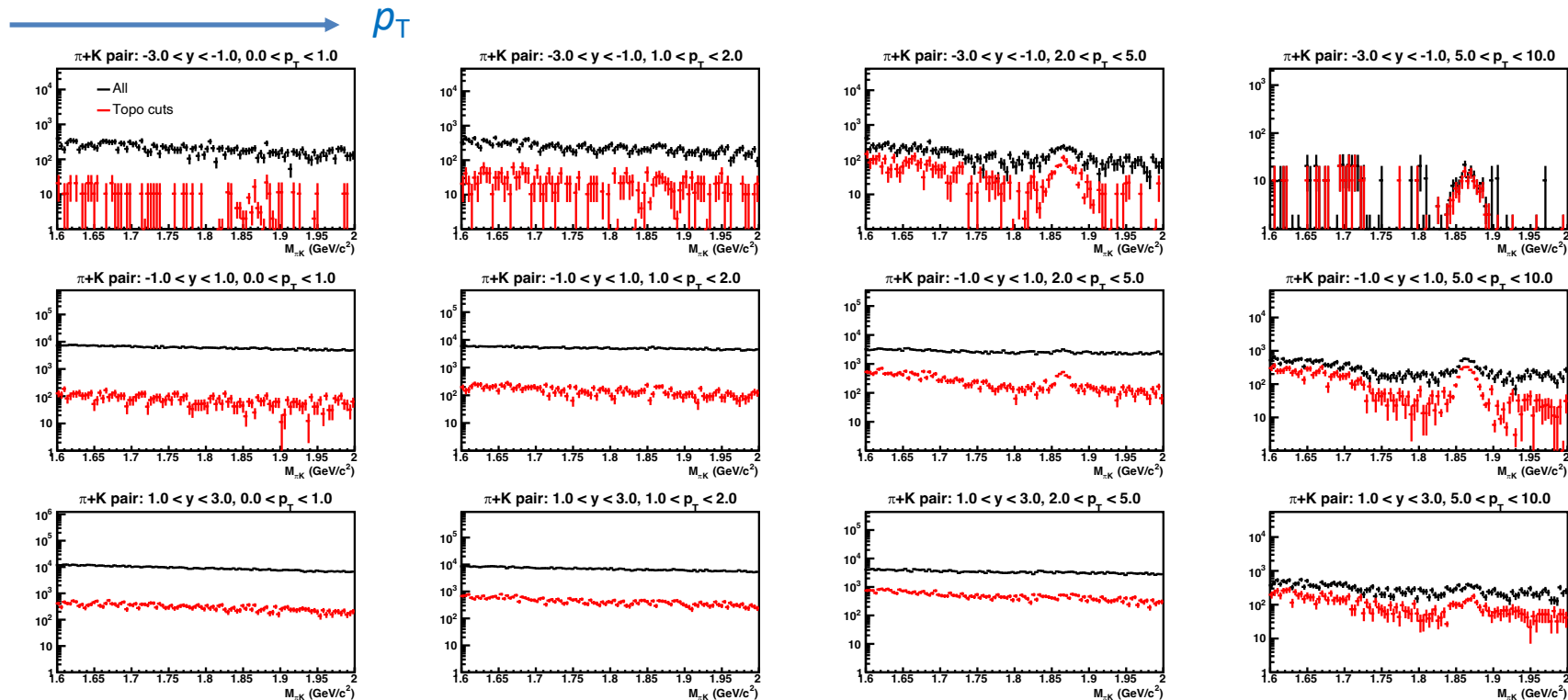
- $DCA_{\pi}, DCA_K > 20 \mu\text{m}$

# D<sup>0</sup> reconstruction

- Truth PID
- Topological cuts
  - $DCA_{\pi} > 20 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $DCA_K > 20 \mu\text{m}$
  - $DCA_{12} < 70 \mu\text{m}$
  - $DCA_{D^0} < 100 \mu\text{m}$
  - Decay length  $> 50 \mu\text{m}$
  - $\cos\theta > 0.95$
- Take events with D<sup>0</sup> that do not decay to the  $\pi+K$  channel as background, and scale them (x10.4) to approximate true background in DIS events
  - DIS : D<sup>0</sup> events = 9:1
  - Potentially over-estimating the background



# Invariant mass distribution



# Info

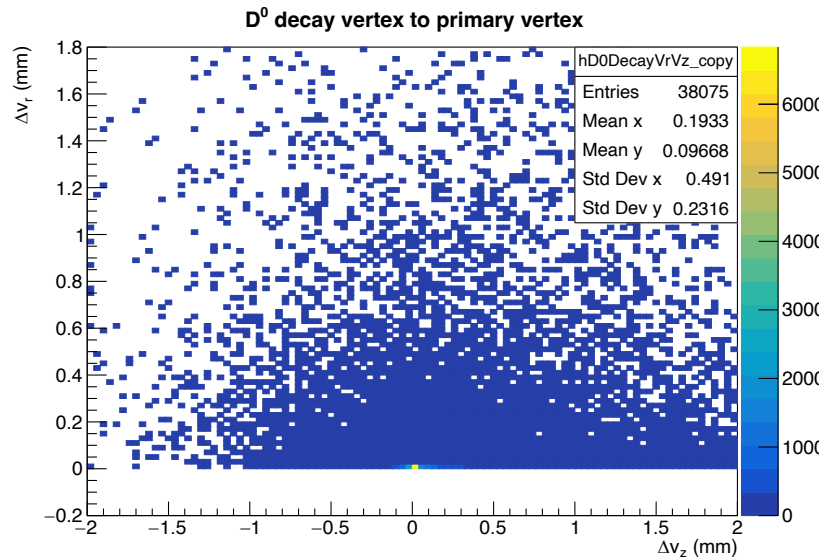
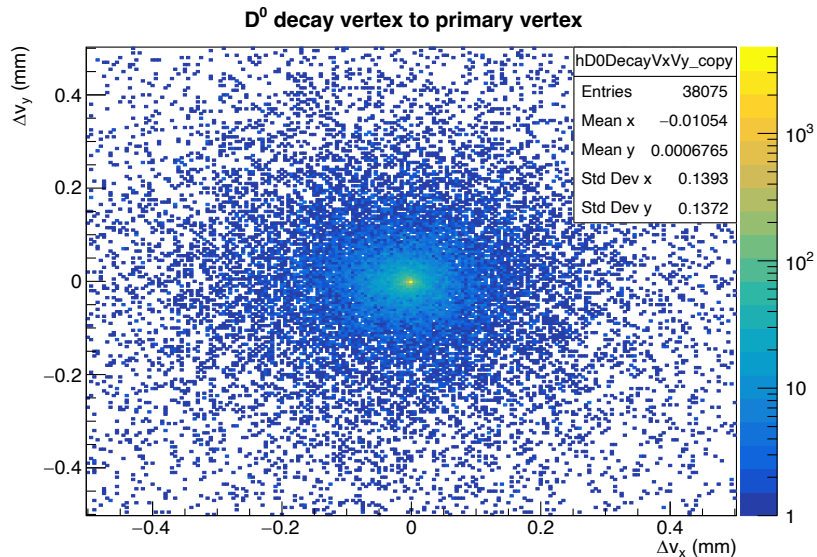
- Code: [https://github.com/marrbnl/ePIC/tree/main/HF\\_reco/helix](https://github.com/marrbnl/ePIC/tree/main/HF_reco/helix)
- D0 sample: /gpfs/mnt/gpfs02/eic/rongrong/D0/Geo202409\_Real\_default

# What's next?

- Use machine learning to optimize cuts on topological variables to improve signal-to-background ratio in different  $D^0$  ( $p_T, y$ ) bins
- Need a large  $D^0$  sample for training

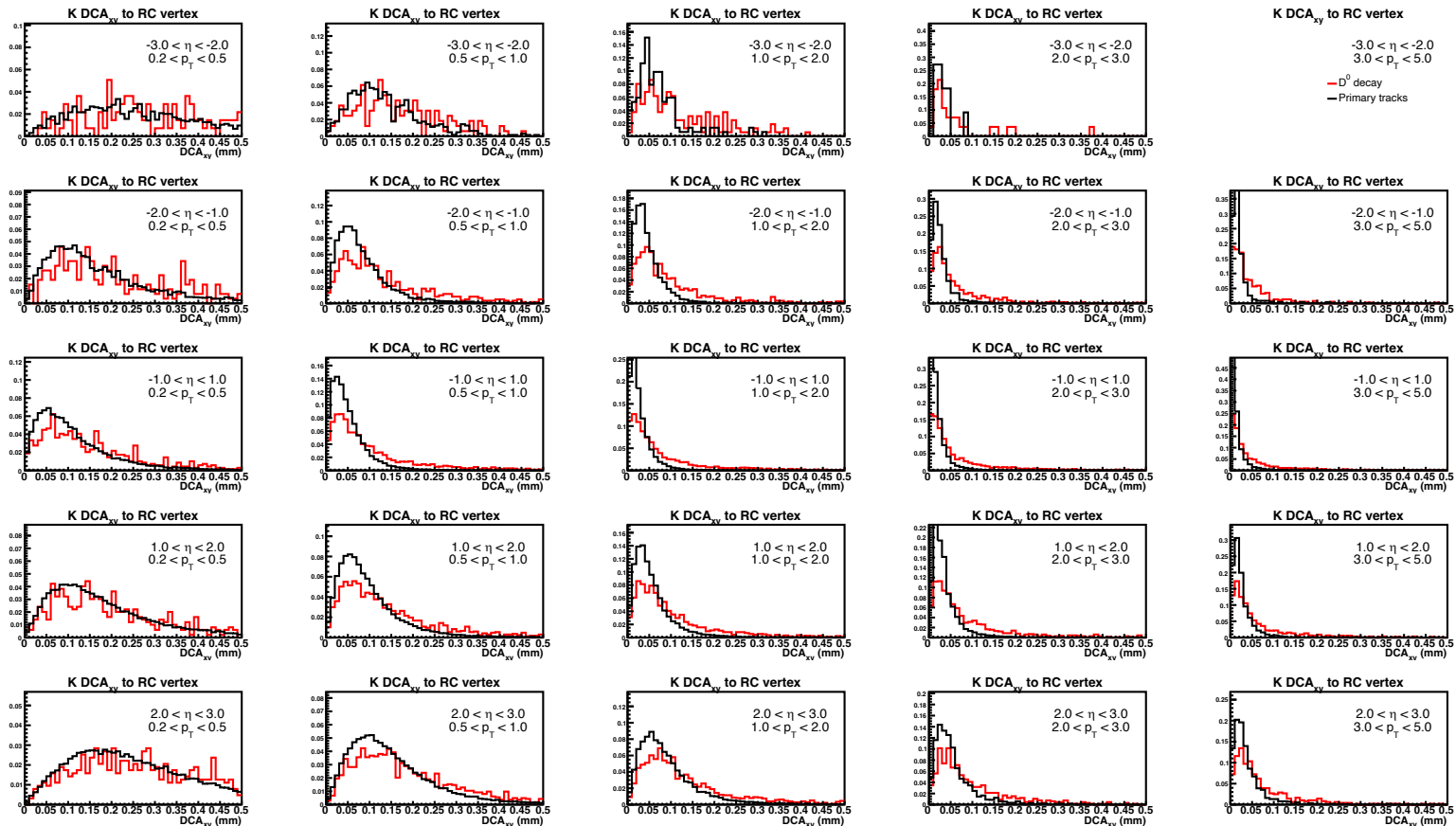
Backup

# D<sup>0</sup> decay vertex w.r.t. primary vertex

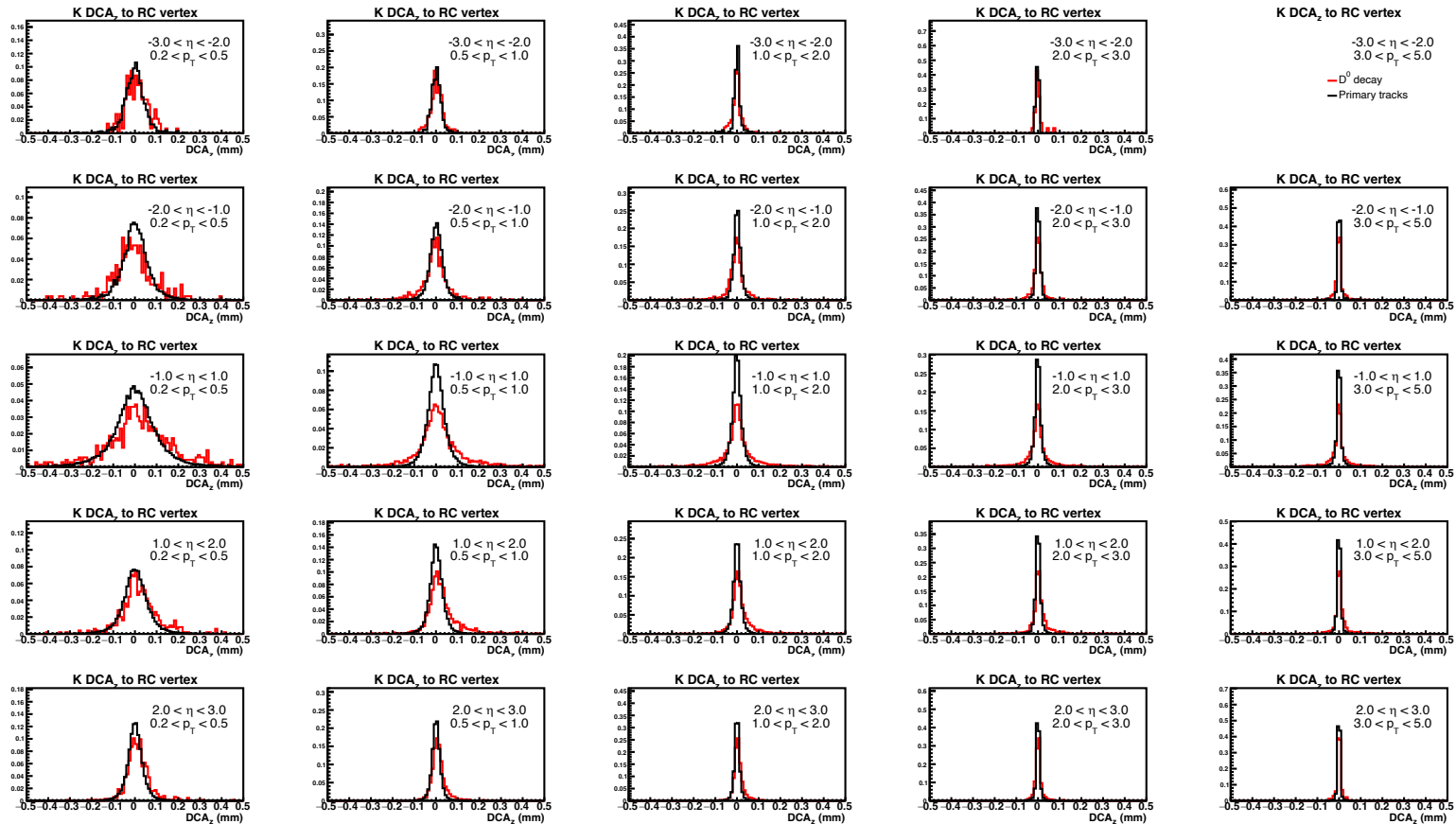


- MC information

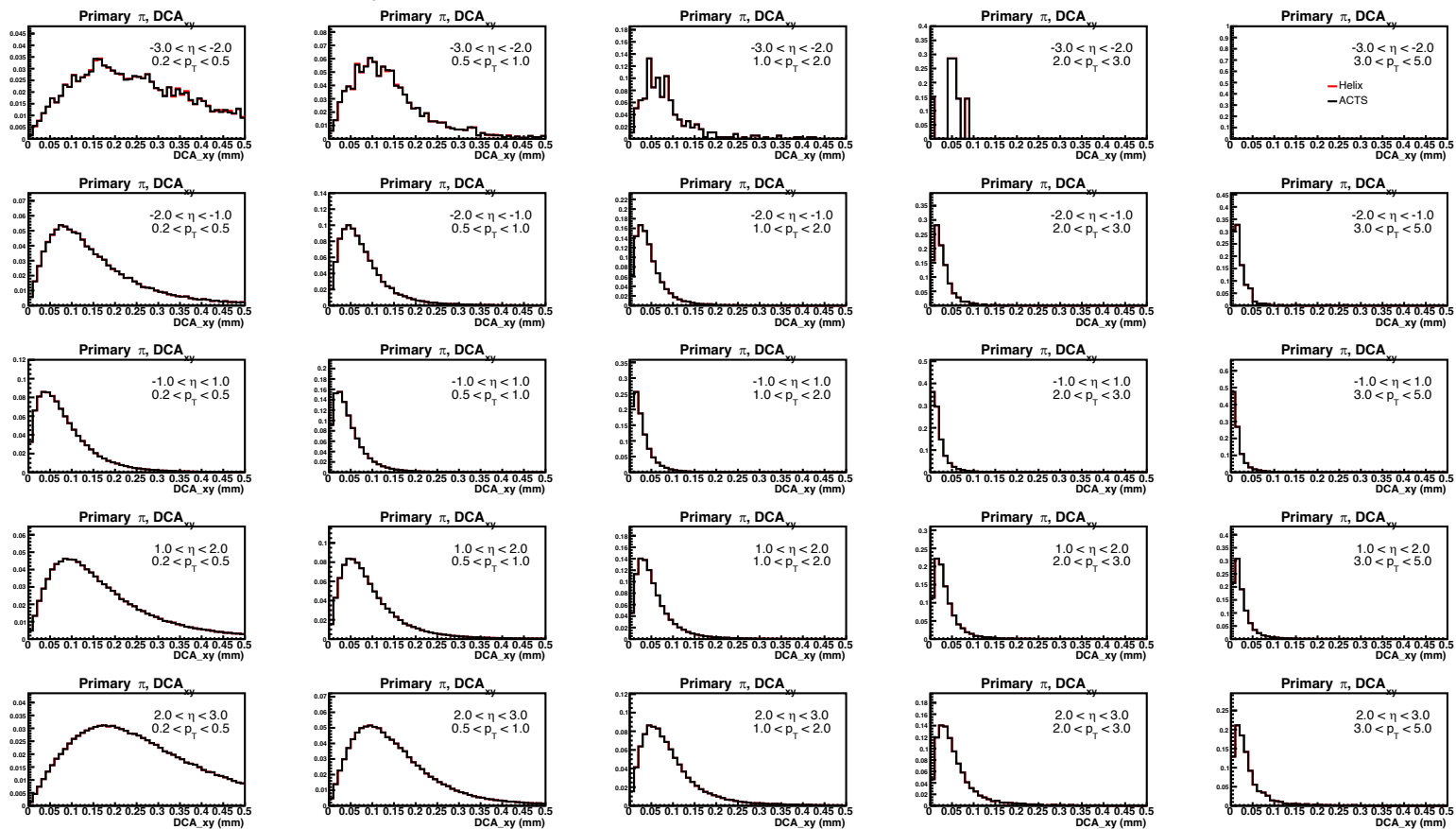
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