

Secondary Vertexing

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Primary Vertex Reconstruction:

- **CentralTrackVertices**
- AdaptiveMultiVertexFinder (in development: Bishoy)

Primary vertex: allows access to the DCA of daughter tracks

Secondary vertex: allows access to more topological variables, e.g., decay length, pointing angle ($\cos\theta$), DCA_{D^0} or DCA_{Λ_c} etc.

Topological Variables

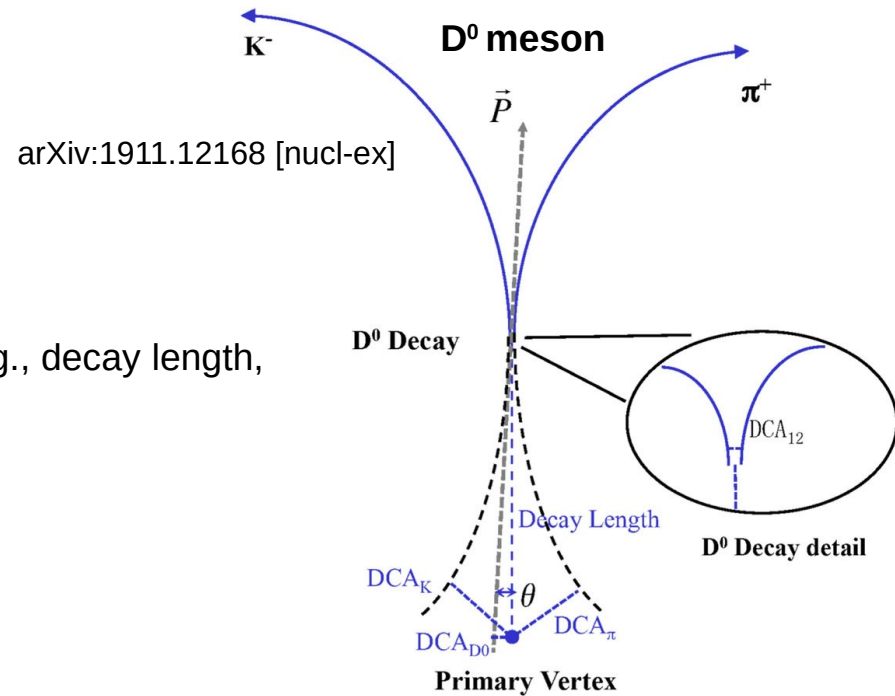
$$\vec{dl} = S\vec{V} - P\vec{V}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\vec{dl} \cdot \vec{p}_{D^0}}{|\vec{dl}| |\vec{p}_{D^0}|}$$

$$DCA_{D^0} = |\vec{dl}| \sin\theta$$

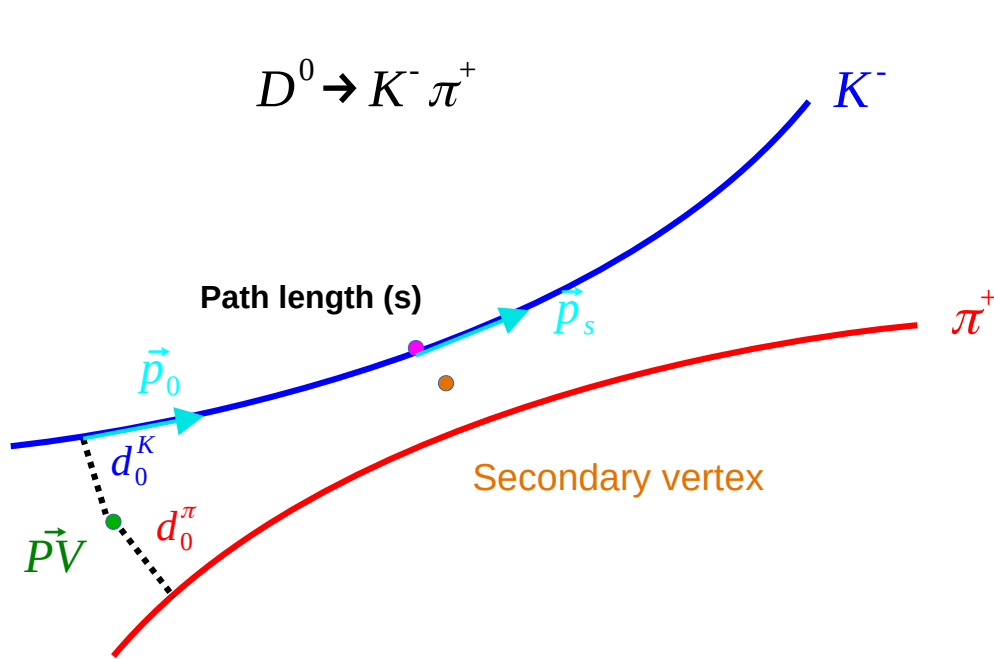
$$\text{Invariant mass: } m_{D^0} = \sqrt{(E_{K^-} + E_{\pi^+})^2 - (\vec{p}_{K^-} + \vec{p}_{\pi^+})^2}$$

Secondary vertex is important for the reconstruction of HF-hadrons

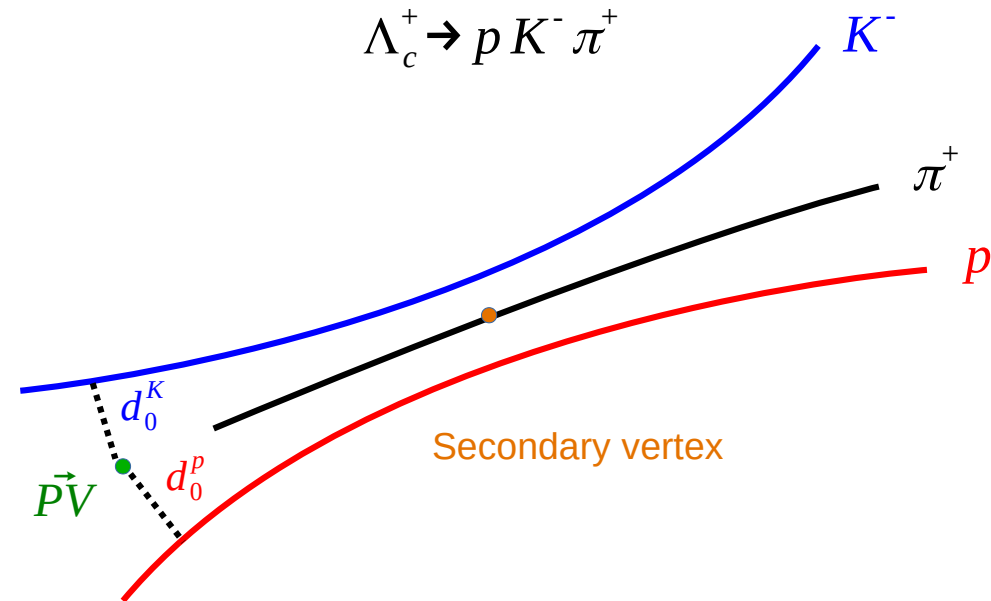


Secondary Vertex Reconstruction

- Perform the combinatorics between two tracks (D^0 meson) and three tracks for Λ_c^+ baryon [Λc+ Reconstruction code](#)
- Find the closest space point to the helices properly considering the track errors



Signal pairs: From HF-hadron decay



Bkg pairs: One of them is not from an HF-hadron decay

AdaptiveMultiVertexFinder and KFParticle for secondary vertex, as they account for proper track errors once available

Various approaches for secondary vertex reconstruction

Secondary Vertex Reconstruction (D^0)

Particle	Mass (GeV/c ²)	cτ (μm)
$D^\pm$	1.869	312
D^0	1.864	123
$B^\pm$	5.279	491
B^0	5.280	456
Λ_c^+	2.286	60

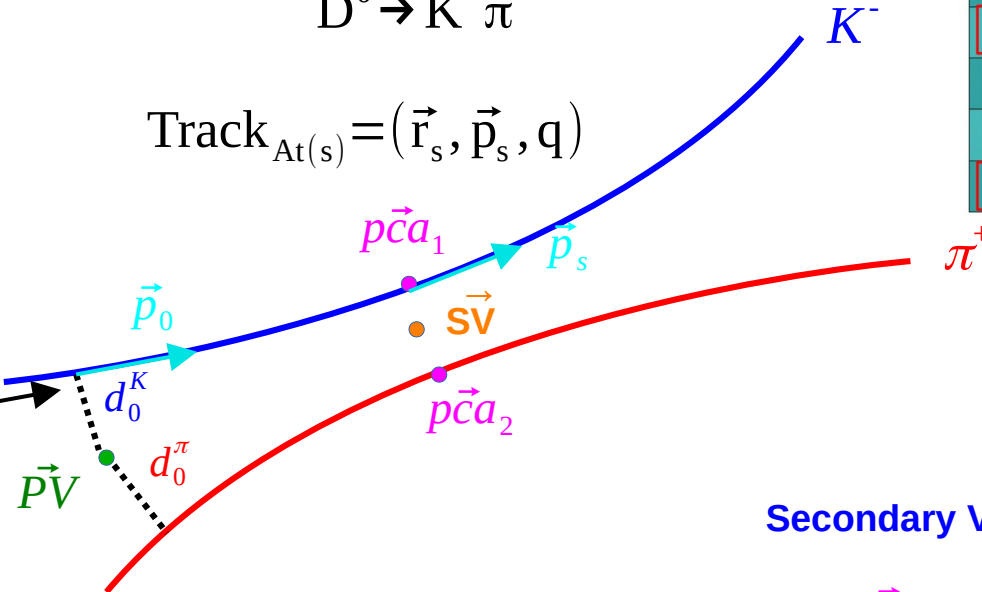
Approach 1 (Analytical ignoring tracking errors)
from the STAR helix calculation

$$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$$

$$\text{Track}_{\text{At}(s)} = (\vec{r}_s, \vec{p}_s, q)$$

s: path length

$$\text{Track}_{\text{DCA}} = (\vec{r}_0, \vec{p}_0, q)$$



Secondary Vertex

$$\vec{SV} = \frac{p\vec{ca}_1 + p\vec{ca}_2}{2}$$

Vertex position $SV = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.124.172301>

STAR experiment

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Secondary Vertex Reconstruction (D^0)

Approach 2 (ignoring tracking errors)
Minimization of square of distance

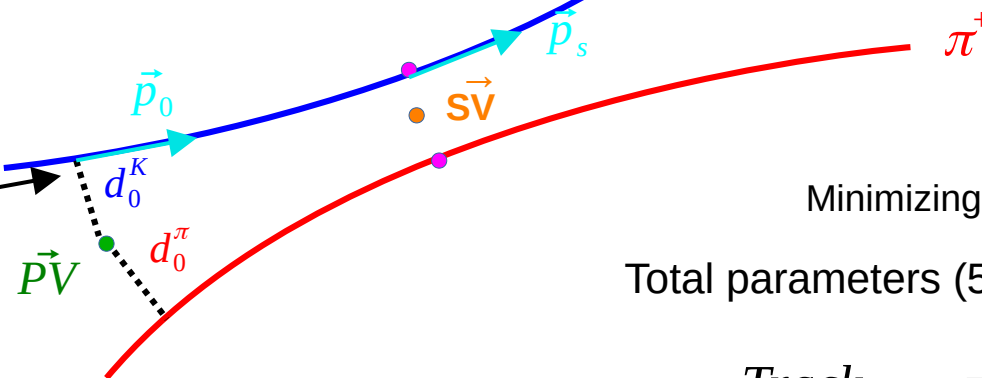
Vertex position $SV = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$ parameters

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Minimizing the distance

Total parameters (5): $(v_x, v_y, v_z, s_1, s_2)$

$$\text{Track}_{At(s_1)} = (\vec{r}_{s_1}, \vec{p}_1, q_1)$$

$$\text{Track}_{At(s_2)} = (\vec{r}_{s_2}, \vec{p}_2, q_2)$$

From fit:

Parameters

$$1. \quad \vec{SV} = \frac{\vec{p}\vec{c}a_1 + \vec{p}\vec{c}a_2}{2}$$

$$2. \quad \vec{SV} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$$

$$\text{Minimize} \quad d^2 = (\vec{r}_{s_1} - \vec{v})^2 + (\vec{r}_{s_2} - \vec{v})^2$$

Code to Minimize the square of the distance

```
// Define function for Distance2 minimization between two helices
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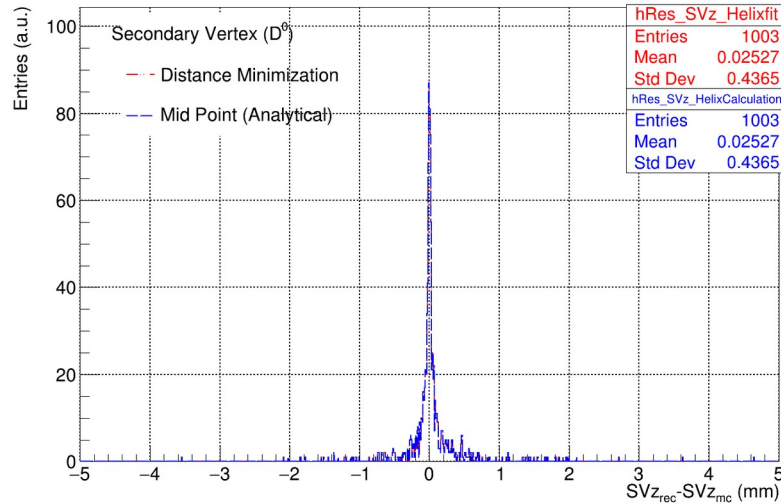
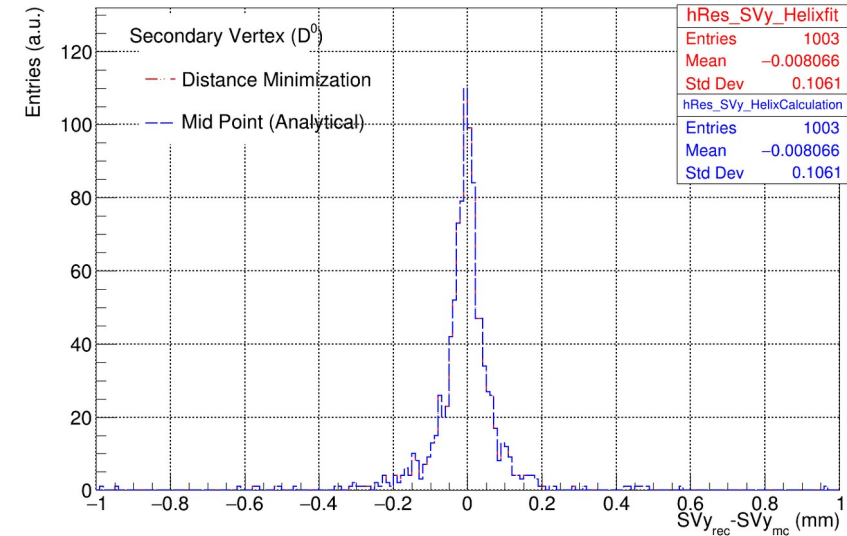
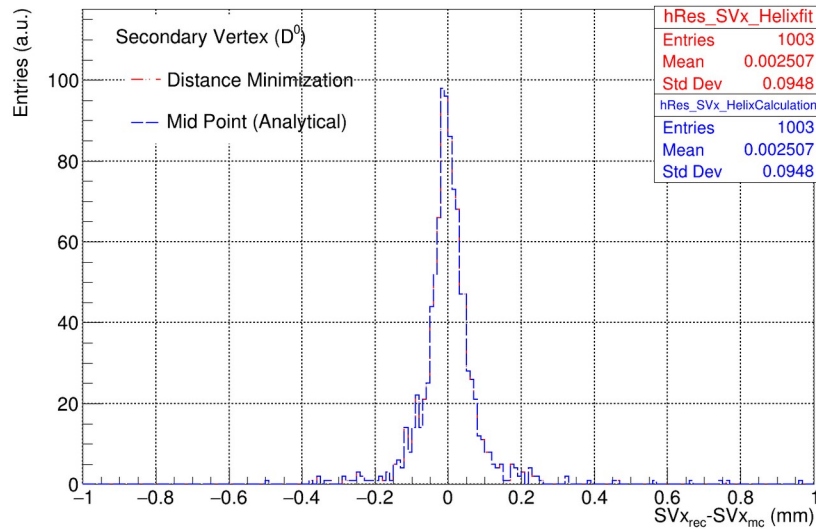
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struct Distance2Minimization {  
    StPhysicalHelix fhelix1, fhelix2;  
    Distance2Minimization(StPhysicalHelix helix1, StPhysicalHelix helix2) : fhelix1(helix1),fhelix2(helix2) {}  
    // Implementation of the function to be minimized  
    double operator() (const double *par) {  
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        double y = par[1];  
        double z = par[2];  
        double s1 = par[3];  
        double s2 = par[4];  
        double f = 0;  
        TVector3 vertex(x, y, z);  
        TVector3 p1 = fhelix1.at(s1);  
        TVector3 p2 = fhelix2.at(s2);  
  
        double d1 = (vertex - p1).Mag2();  
        double d2 = (vertex - p2).Mag2();  
        f = d1 + d2; // minimize total squared distance  
        return f;  
    }  
};
```

Initialization of parameters for fit function: can be improved in the future

```
StPhysicalHelix helix1(mom1, pos1, bField * tesla, charge1);  
StPhysicalHelix helix2(mom2, pos2, bField * tesla, charge2);  
pair<double, double> const ss = helix1.pathLengths(helix2);  
TVector3 const p1_init = helix1.at(ss.first);  
TVector3 const p2_init = helix2.at(ss.second);  
// Perform Minimization  
const Int_t nPar = 5;  
Distance2Minimization d2Function(helix1,helix2);  
ROOT::Math::Functor fcn(d2Function,nPar); // 5 parameters  
ROOT::Fit::Fitter fitter;
```

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double x0 =0.5*(p1_init.X() + p2_init.X()); double y0 =0.5*(p1_init.Y() + p2_init.Y()); double z0 =0.5*(p1_init.Z() + p2_init.Z());  
double pStart[nPar] = {x0,y0,z0,ss.first,ss.second};
```

Comparison of Results



➤ **Distance minimization** and **mid point** estimation both works well for the true D^0

Comparison of MC secondary vertex to the reco vertex

86 files used

25.03.1/epic_craterlake/SIDIS/D0_ABCONV/pythia8.306-1.0/18x275

Comparison of Results

Analytical
Fit Parameters
Fit Parameters

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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (-0.0453003,-0.016514,-0.064341)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.0453881,-0.016548,-0.0642932)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.0453003,-0.016514,-0.064341)
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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (0.0131281,-0.0119958,-0.0965499)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (0.0126326,-0.0121878,-0.0962801)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (0.0131281,-0.0119958,-0.0965499)
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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (-0.00270488,0.000410106,-0.0686854)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.00275871,0.000404454,-0.0686431)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.00270488,0.000410106,-0.0686854)
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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (0.0135671,-0.00890401,-0.0799287)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (0.0134079,-0.0089207,-0.0798036)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (0.0135671,-0.00890401,-0.0799287)
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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (-0.00679701,4.20239e-05,-0.0727941)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.00669404,0.000683956,-0.0726065)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.00679701,4.20239e-05,-0.0727941)
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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (52.8759,17.5094,-896.419)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (52.8759,17.5094,-896.418)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (52.8759,17.5094,-896.419)
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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (-0.470943,0.836423,9.68468)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.470943,0.836426,9.68465)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.470943,0.836423,9.68468)
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Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from Helix Calculation = (-0.0203246,-0.0101872,-0.0647636)
Mid Point (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.0203641,-0.0100814,-0.0659648)
Secondary vertex (vx, vy, vz) from fit = (-0.0203246,-0.0101872,-0.0647636)
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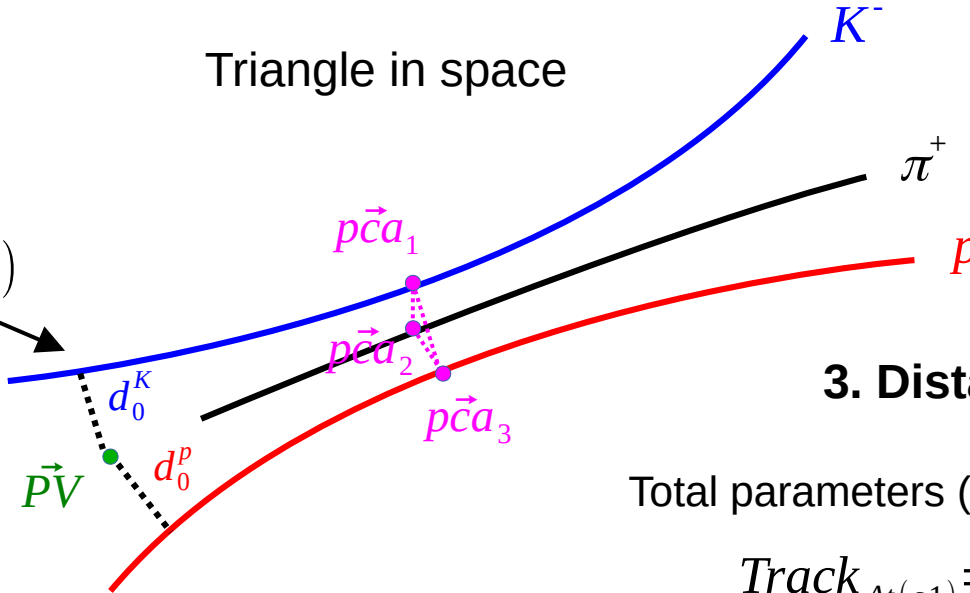
Dimensions are in cm

Secondary Vertex Reconstruction (Λ_c)

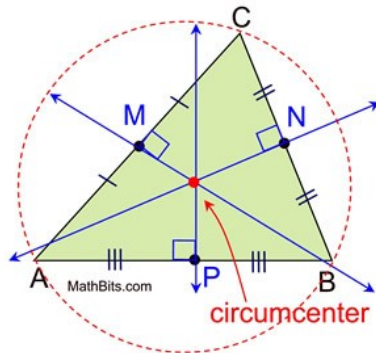
Secondary Vertex (Analytical approach)

$$1. \quad \vec{SV} = \frac{p\vec{ca}_1 + p\vec{ca}_2 + p\vec{ca}_3}{3}$$

$$\text{Track}_{\text{DCA}} = (\vec{r}_0, \vec{p}_0, q)$$



2. CircumCircle Center



SV for preliminary studies:
Tracking errors are currently ignored

3. Distance2 Minimization

Total parameters (6) = $(v_x, v_y, v_z, s_1, s_2, s_3)$

$$\text{Track}_{\text{At}(s_1)} = (\vec{r}_{s_1}, \vec{p}_1, q_1)$$

$$\text{Track}_{\text{At}(s_2)} = (\vec{r}_{s_2}, \vec{p}_2, q_2)$$

$$\text{Track}_{\text{At}(s_3)} = (\vec{r}_{s_3}, \vec{p}_3, q_3)$$

Minimize $d^2 = (\vec{r}_{s_1} - \vec{v})^2 + (\vec{r}_{s_2} - \vec{v})^2 + (\vec{r}_{s_3} - \vec{v})^2$

Distance2 Minimization

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    // Implementation of the function to be minimized
    double operator() (const double *par) {
        double x = par[0];
        double y = par[1];
        double z = par[2];
        double s1 = par[3];
        double s2 = par[4];
        double s3 = par[5];
        double f = 0;

        TVector3 vertex(x, y, z);
        TVector3 p1 = fhelix1.at(s1);
        TVector3 p2 = fhelix2.at(s2);
        TVector3 p3 = fhelix3.at(s3);

        double d1 = (vertex - p1).Mag2();
        double d2 = (vertex - p2).Mag2();
        double d3 = (vertex - p3).Mag2();
        f = d1 + d2 + d3; // minimize total squared distance
        return f;
    }
};
```

Function to minimize

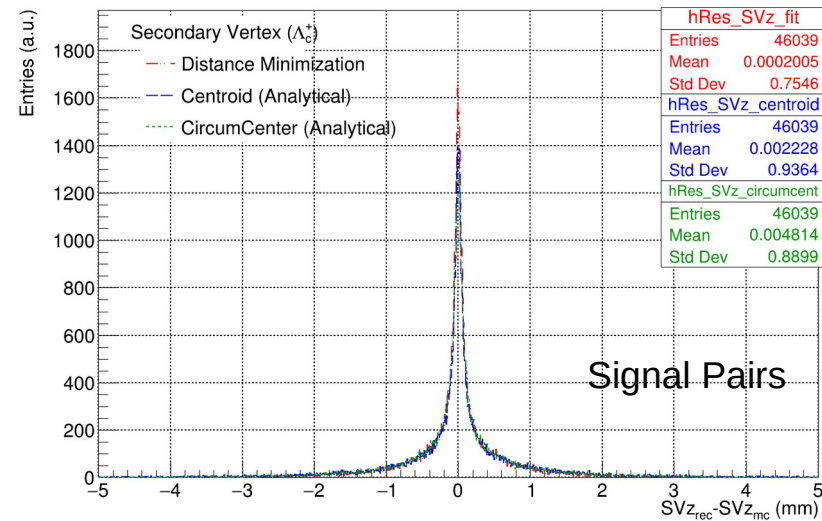
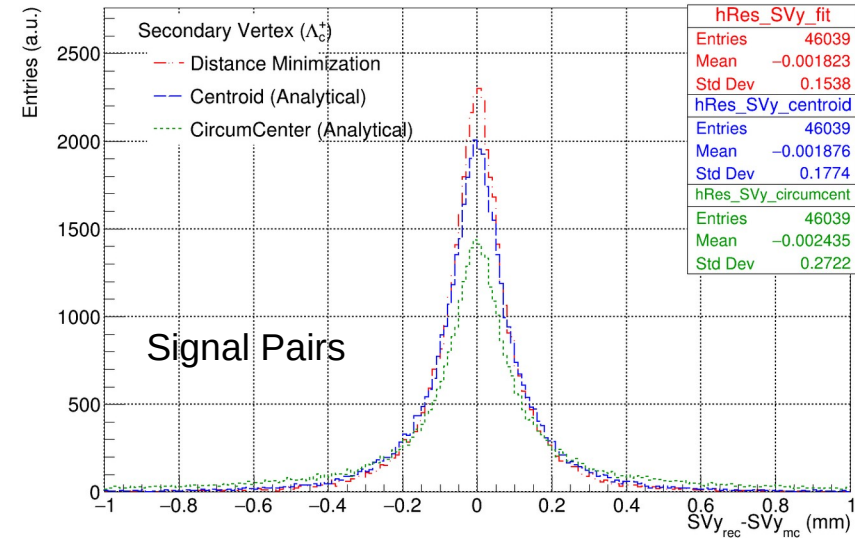
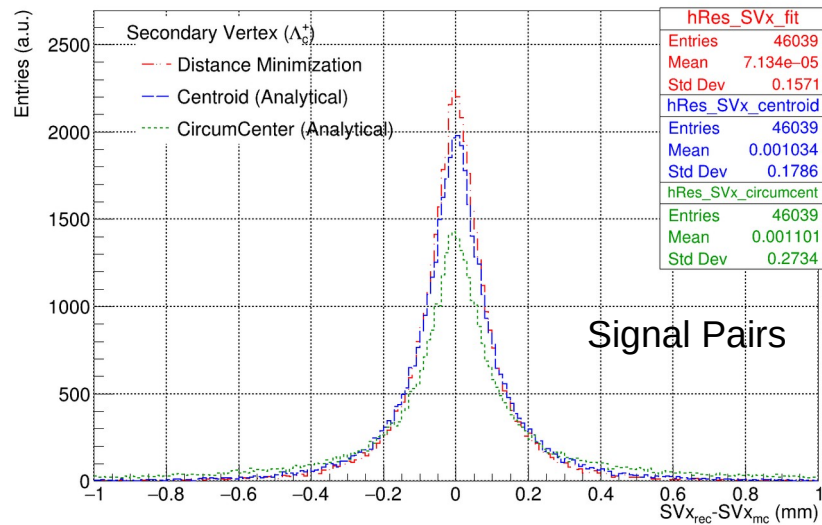
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pair<double, double> const ss12 = helix1.pathLengths(helix2);
pair<double, double> const ss13 = helix1.pathLengths(helix3);
TVector3 const p1_init = helix1.at(ss12.first);
TVector3 const p2_init = helix2.at(ss12.second);
TVector3 const p3_init = helix3.at(ss13.second);
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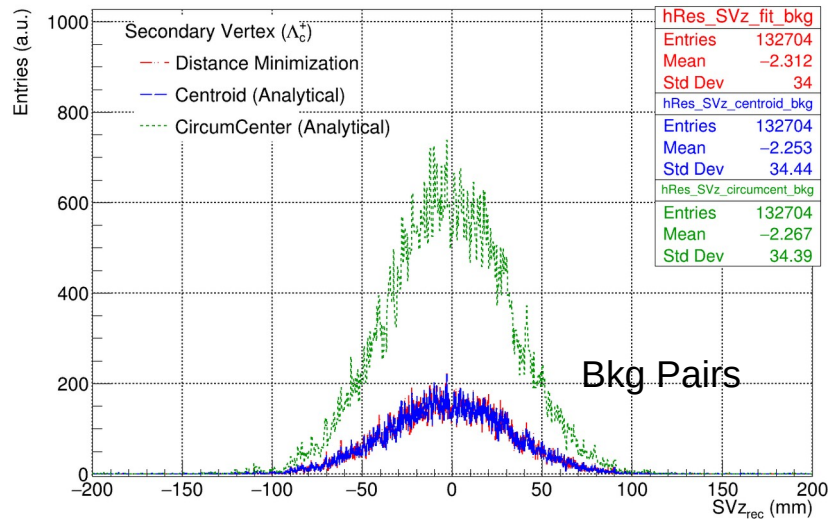
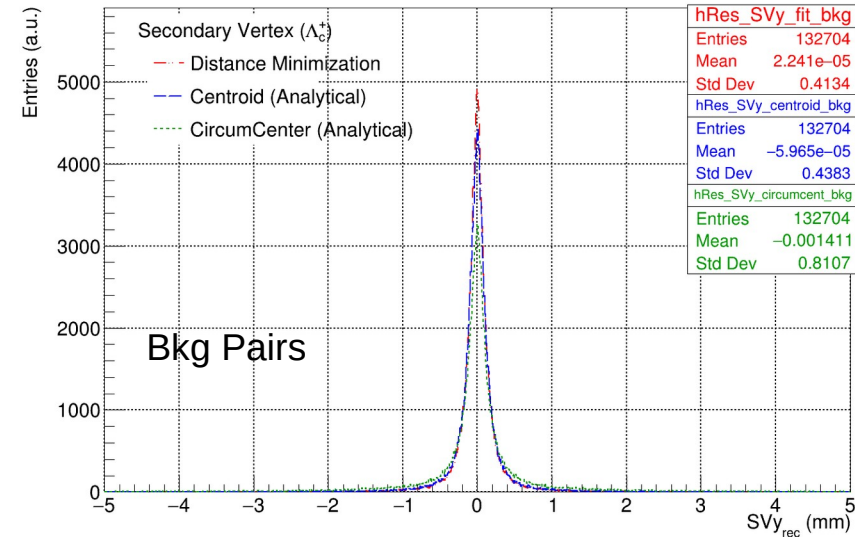
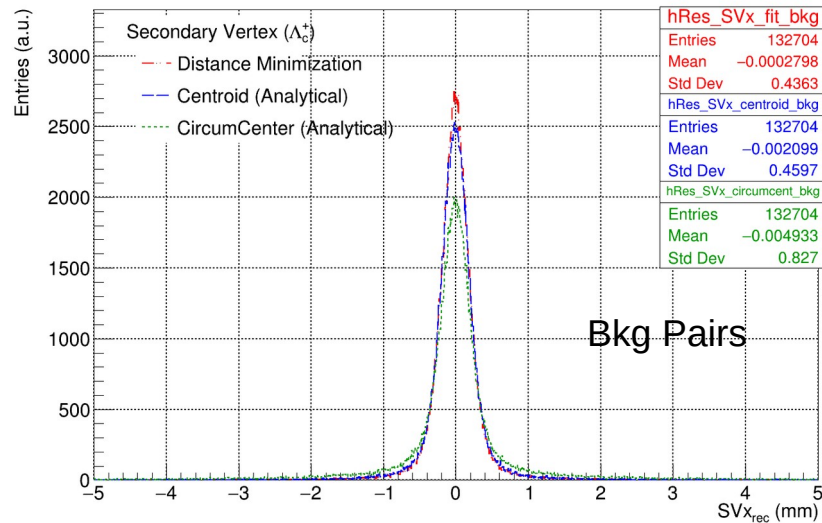
double x0 =1./3*(p1_init.X() + p2_init.X() + p3_init.X()); double y0 =1./3*(p1_init.Y() + p2_init.Y() + p3_init.Y()); double z0 =1./3*(p1_init.Z() + p2_init.Z() + p3_init.Z());
double pStart[nPar] = {x0,y0,z0,ss12.first,ss12.second,ss13.second};
fitter.SetFCN(fcn, pStart,nPar,1);
```

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Approach 3 (considering the tracking errors)
Minimization of chi-square

Vertex position SV = (v_x, v_y, v_z) parameters

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$

$\text{Track}_{\text{At}(s)} = (\vec{r}_s, \vec{p}_s, q)$

K^-

If we know the covariance at this point

s: path length

$\text{Track}_{\text{DCA}} = (\vec{r}_0, \vec{p}_0, q)$

$\vec{p}_0$
 d_0^K
 $\vec{p}_V$
 d_0^π

Minimize chi2:

$\vec{r}_{s1} = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ $\vec{r}_{s1} = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(x_1 - v_x)^2}{\sigma_{x1}^2} + \frac{(x_2 - v_x)^2}{\sigma_{x2}^2} + \frac{(y_1 - v_x)^2}{\sigma_{y1}^2} + \frac{(y_2 - v_x)^2}{\sigma_{y2}^2} + \frac{(z_1 - v_x)^2}{\sigma_{z1}^2} + \frac{(z_2 - v_x)^2}{\sigma_{z2}^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial v_x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial v_y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial v_z} = 0$$

Secondary Vertex Reconstruction (D^0)

$$v_x = \frac{\left(\frac{x_1}{\sigma_{x1}^2} + \frac{x_2}{\sigma_{x2}^2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{x1}^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{x2}^2} \right)} \quad v_y = \frac{\left(\frac{y_1}{\sigma_{y1}^2} + \frac{y_2}{\sigma_{y2}^2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{y1}^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{y2}^2} \right)} \quad v_z = \frac{\left(\frac{z_1}{\sigma_{z1}^2} + \frac{z_2}{\sigma_{z2}^2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{z1}^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{z2}^2} \right)}$$

$$x = -l_0 \sin\phi, \quad y = l_0 \cos\phi, \quad z = l_1$$

For a given track:

$$\sigma_{x2} = \sin^2\phi \cdot \sigma_{l0}^2 + l_0^2 \cos^2\phi \cdot \sigma_{\phi}^2 + 2 \cdot l_0 \sin\phi \cos\phi \cdot \text{Cov}(l_0, \phi)$$

$$\sigma_{y2} = \cos^2\phi \cdot \sigma_{l0}^2 + l_0^2 \sin^2\phi \cdot \sigma_{\phi}^2 - 2 \cdot l_0 \sin\phi \cos\phi \cdot \text{Cov}(l_0, \phi)$$

$$\sigma_{z2} = \sigma_{l1}^2$$

We need covariances at pca_1 and pca_2

Further χ^2 minimization can be performed in the code

Chi2 Minimization Code

These covariances must be at pca1 and pca2 points

```
// Define function for Chi2 minimization between two helices
struct Chi2Minimization {
    StPhysicalHelix fhelix1, fhelix2;
    std::array<float, 21> fcov1, fcov2; // full covariance matrix

    Chi2Minimization(StPhysicalHelix helix1, StPhysicalHelix helix2, std::array<float, 21> cov1, std::array<float, 21> cov2) : fhelix1(helix1), fhelix2(helix2), fcov1(cov1), fcov2(cov2) {}
    // Implementation of the function to be minimized
    double operator() (const double *par) {
        double x = par[0];
        double y = par[1];
        double z = par[2];
        double s1 = par[3];
        double s2 = par[4];
        double f = 0;
        TVector3 vertex(x, y, z);
        TVector3 p1 = fhelix1.at(s1);
        TVector3 p2 = fhelix2.at(s2);
        TVector3 mom1 = fhelix1.momentumAt(s1, bField * tesla);
        TVector3 mom2 = fhelix2.momentumAt(s2, bField * tesla);

        // x = -l0 sinφ , y = l0 cosφ , z = l
        // Recalculate l0 at PCA for error propagation
        float l0_track1 = p1.Pt(); float l1_track1 = p1.Z(); double phi_track1 = mom1.Phi();
        float l0_track2 = p2.Pt(); float l1_track2 = p2.Z(); double phi_track2 = mom2.Phi();
        // Track1: σx^2=sin^2φ·σl0^2+l0^2cos^2φ·σφ^2+2·l0sinφcosφ·Cov(l0,φ)
        float sigx1_2 = sin(phi_track1)*sin(phi_track1)*fcov1[0] + l0_track1*l0_track1*cos(phi_track1)*cos(phi_track1)*fcov1[5] + 2.0*l0_track1*sin(phi_track1)*cos(phi_track1)*fcov1[3];
        float sigx2_2 = sin(phi_track2)*sin(phi_track2)*fcov2[0] + l0_track2*l0_track2*cos(phi_track2)*cos(phi_track2)*fcov2[5] + 2.0*l0_track2*sin(phi_track2)*cos(phi_track2)*fcov2[3];

        // σy^2=cos^2φ·σl0^2+l0^2sin^2φ·σφ^2-2·l0sinφcosφ·Cov(l0,φ)
        float sigy1_2 = cos(phi_track1)*cos(phi_track1)*fcov1[0] + l0_track1*l0_track1*sin(phi_track1)*sin(phi_track1)*fcov1[5] - 2.0*l0_track1*sin(phi_track1)*cos(phi_track1)*fcov1[3];
        float sigy2_2 = cos(phi_track2)*cos(phi_track2)*fcov2[0] + l0_track2*l0_track2*sin(phi_track2)*sin(phi_track2)*fcov2[5] - 2.0*l0_track2*sin(phi_track2)*cos(phi_track2)*fcov2[3];

        // σz^2
        float sigz1_2 = fcov1[2];
        float sigz2_2 = fcov2[2];
        double d1_x = 10.*(vertex - p1).X(); double d2_x = 10.*(vertex - p2).X();
        double d1_y = 10.*(vertex - p1).Y(); double d2_y = 10.*(vertex - p2).Y();
        double d1_z = 10.*(vertex - p1).Z(); double d2_z = 10.*(vertex - p2).Z();

        f = d1_x*d1_x/sigx1_2 + d2_x*d2_x/sigx2_2 + d1_y*d1_y/sigy1_2 + d2_y*d2_y/sigy2_2 + d1_z*d1_z/sigz1_2 + d2_z*d2_z/sigz2_2; // chi2
        return f;
    }
}
```

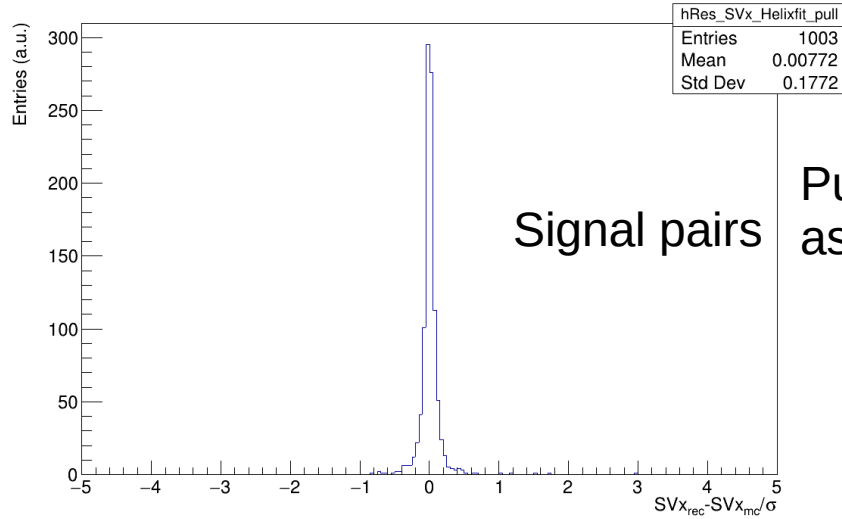
Root files store the covariance at the DCA, I did a quick try with that

Note: Covariances are taken from DCA to primary vertex
Need to estimate at pca1 and pca2 can be done in ACTs

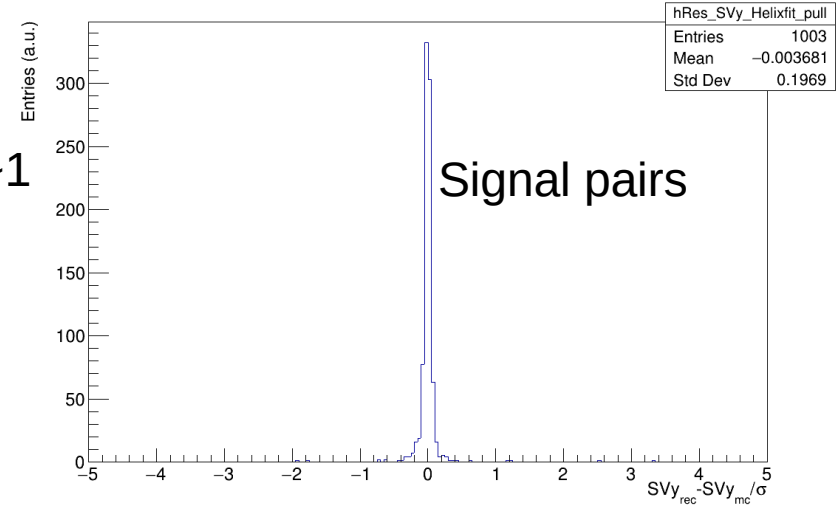
Chi2 Minimization Results

Covariance can be improved (required at the DCA between two tracks)

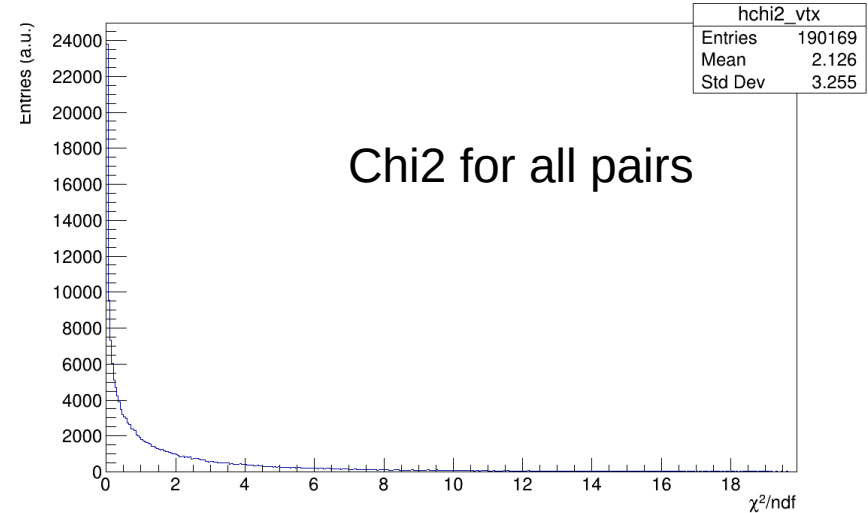
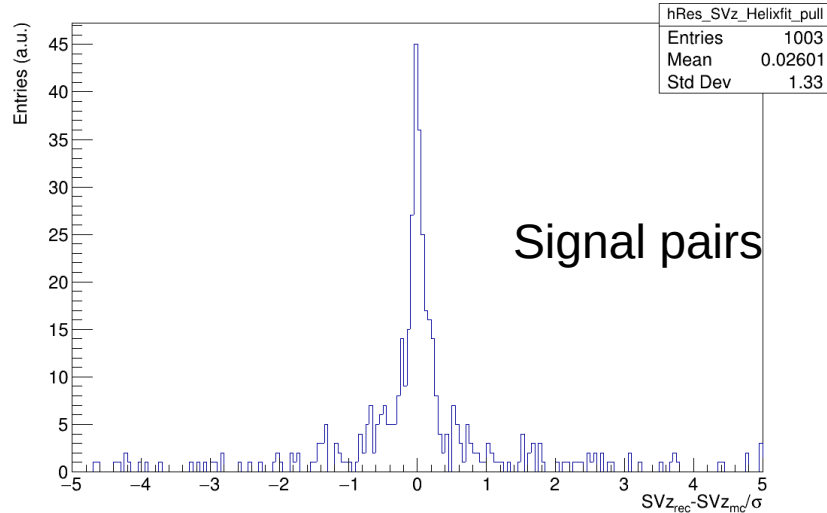
Fit method: Pull of SVx



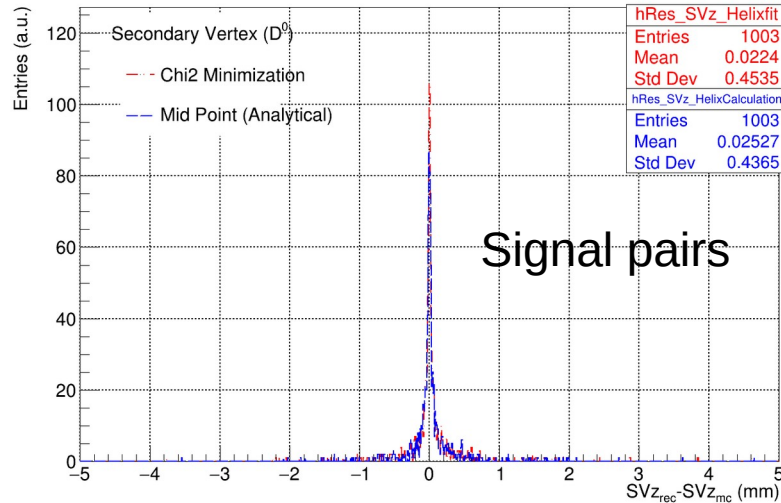
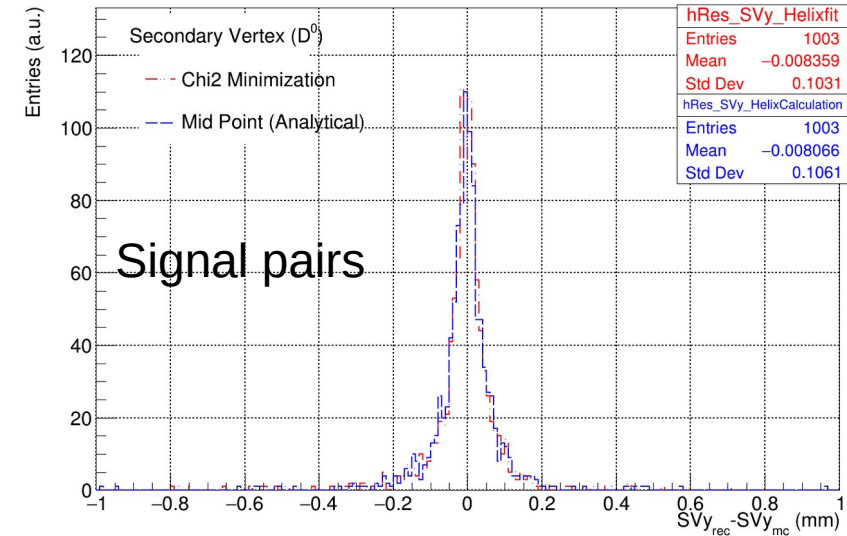
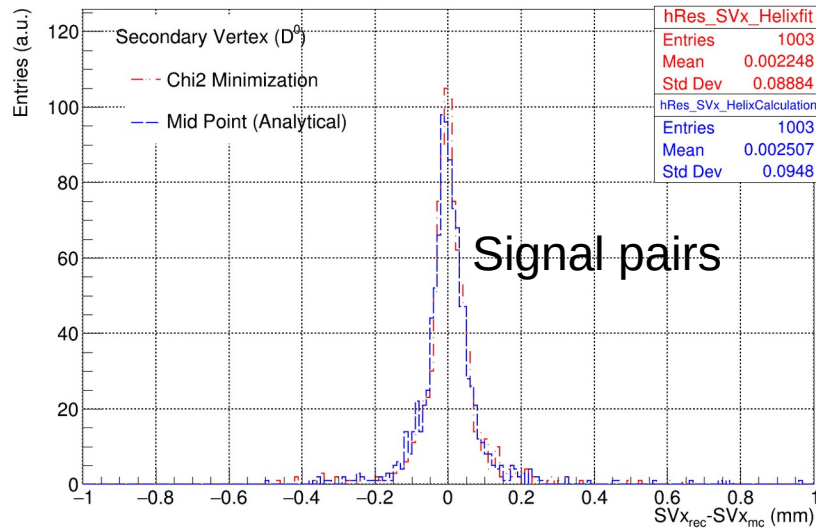
Fit method: Pull of SVy



Fit method: Pull of SVz



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Summary

- I investigated different approaches to improve secondary vertexing
- Distance minimization can be a good solution until KFParticle or the AdaptiveMultiVertexFinder becomes available
- Chi2 minimization can also be implemented, but it requires knowledge of the covariances at the DCA points between two tracks
- The expectation is to have pulls consistent with unity after using the proper covariances
- For three-daughter decays, distance minimization can be a good solution for the moment

Thank you for your attention!

Covariance Matrix

Track Parameters $(l_0, l_1, \phi, \theta, q/p, \text{time})$

For each fitted track we get track parameters and covariance matrix

	l_0	l_1	ϕ	θ	q/p	time
l_0	$\sigma^2(l_0)$	$\text{cov}(l_0, l_1)$	$\text{cov}(l_0, \phi)$	$\text{cov}(l_0, \theta)$	$\text{cov}(l_0, q/p)$	$\text{cov}(l_0, t)$
l_1	.	$\sigma^2(l_1)$	$\text{cov}(l_1, \phi)$	$\text{cov}(l_1, \theta)$	$\text{cov}(l_1, q/p)$	$\text{cov}(l_1, t)$
ϕ	.	.	$\sigma^2(\phi)$	$\text{cov}(\phi, \theta)$	$\text{cov}(\phi, q/p)$	$\text{cov}(\phi, t)$
θ	.	.	.	$\sigma^2(\theta)$	$\text{cov}(\theta, q/p)$	$\text{cov}(\theta, t)$
q/p	.	.	.	.	$\sigma^2(q/p)$	$\text{cov}(q/p, t)$
time	.	.	.	.	.	$\sigma^2(t)$

Symmetric matrix: Independent entries = $n(n+1)/2 = 6*7/2 = 21$

Processing ReadCovarianceArray_new.C...

Event 0, number of tracks: 8

Track 0 covariance:

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cov[0] = 0.0104456
cov[1] = 2.366e-06
cov[2] = 0.0103324
cov[3] = -0.000289634
cov[4] = 7.52669e-07
cov[5] = 8.04972e-06
cov[6] = -8.12589e-07
cov[7] = 0.000284166
cov[8] = 4.50904e-08
cov[9] = 7.82997e-06
cov[10] = 0.000153944
cov[11] = 7.02629e-07
cov[12] = -4.94218e-06
cov[13] = 5.14138e-09
cov[14] = 0.00011838
cov[15] = -1.41347e-06
cov[16] = -3.20263e-06
cov[17] = 3.89044e-08
cov[18] = -8.82041e-08
cov[19] = 2.242e-09
cov[20] = 0.00033556
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Cov[0] = cov(l0, l0)
Cov[1] = cov(l0, l1)
Cov[2] = cov(l1, l1)
Cov[3] = cov(l0, phi)
cov[4] = cov(l1, phi)
cov[5] = cov(phi, phi)
cov[6] = cov(l0, theta)
cov[7] = cov(l1, theta)
cov[8] = cov(phi, theta)
cov[9] = cov(theta, theta)
cov[10] = cov(l0, q/p)
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Cov[11] = cov(l1, q/p)
Cov[12] = cov(phi, q/p)
Cov[13] = cov(theta, q/p)
Cov[14] = cov(q/p, q/p)
Cov[15] = cov(l0, time)
Cov[16] = cov(l1, time)
Cov[17] = cov(phi, time)
Cov[18] = cov(theta, time)
Cov[19] = cov(q/p, time)
Cov[20] = cov(time, time)
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$$\sigma_{l_0} = \sqrt{\text{Cov}[0]} \quad \sigma_{l_1} = \sqrt{\text{Cov}[2]}$$

$$\sigma_{\phi} = \sqrt{\text{Cov}[5]} \quad \sigma_{\theta} = \sqrt{\text{Cov}[9]}$$

$$\sigma_{q/p} = \sqrt{\text{Cov}[14]}$$