Studies for Barrel ToF with $\phi\phi\pi^0$

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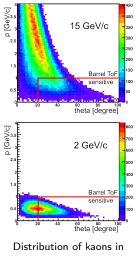
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Monte Carlo data of signal

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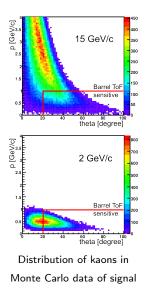
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- the analysis was done with a detector setup described in the PANDA Physics Book
- a Barrel ToF device is not considered
- PID is not taken into account
- the analysis was done with the BaBar-like software

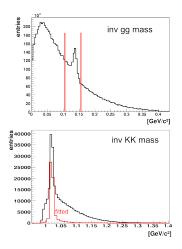
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Event reconstruction and selection

- the decay chain is recombined from its detected final state particles
- **no PID**: all charged tracks as kaon candidates
- mass window to select π^0
- constraints: π^0 mass, beam energy, momentum and vertex
- selection of best candidate per event
- analysis of background decay with same selection criteria



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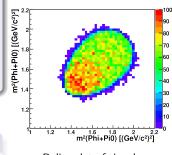
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Signal to background ratio is:

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$$\frac{S}{N} = \sigma_S \epsilon_S \mathcal{B}_S \cdot \frac{\eta_B}{\sigma_B \mathcal{B}_B} \quad \iff \quad \sigma_S = \frac{S}{N} \cdot \frac{\sigma_B \mathcal{B}_B}{\epsilon_S \mathcal{B}_S \eta_B} \qquad (1)$$

for $\frac{S}{N} = 10$ this analysis would be sensitive for the signal up to¹

$$\sigma_S \approx 1.11 \,\mathrm{nb} \tag{3}$$

estimate for additional cut on Kaon PID (5% miss ID per pion):

$$\sigma_S \approx 2.8 fb$$
 (4)

branching fraction $\mathcal{B}_{S} = \mathcal{B}_{(\phi\phi\pi^{0})} = 0,2392 \pm 0,0058$ $\mathcal{B}_{B} = \mathcal{B}_{(\pi^{0})} = 0,98798 \pm 0,00032$ efficiency $\epsilon_{S} = 19\%$ (2) $\eta_{B} > 10^{7}$ cross section $\sigma_{B} \approx 51 \,\mu\mathrm{b}$

Conclusions

- analysis of $\phi\phi\pi^0$ at $2\,{\rm GeV/c}$ considering $\pi^+\pi^-{\cal K}^+{\cal K}^-\pi^0$ as background
- PID was not taken into account
- $\bullet\,$ reached background suppression of $\eta_B>10^7$
- PANDA is sensitive up to $\sigma_{\phi\phi\pi^0}pprox 1.11\,\mathrm{nb}$
- \Rightarrow Barrel ToF not necessary