



Search for the Rare Decay $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$

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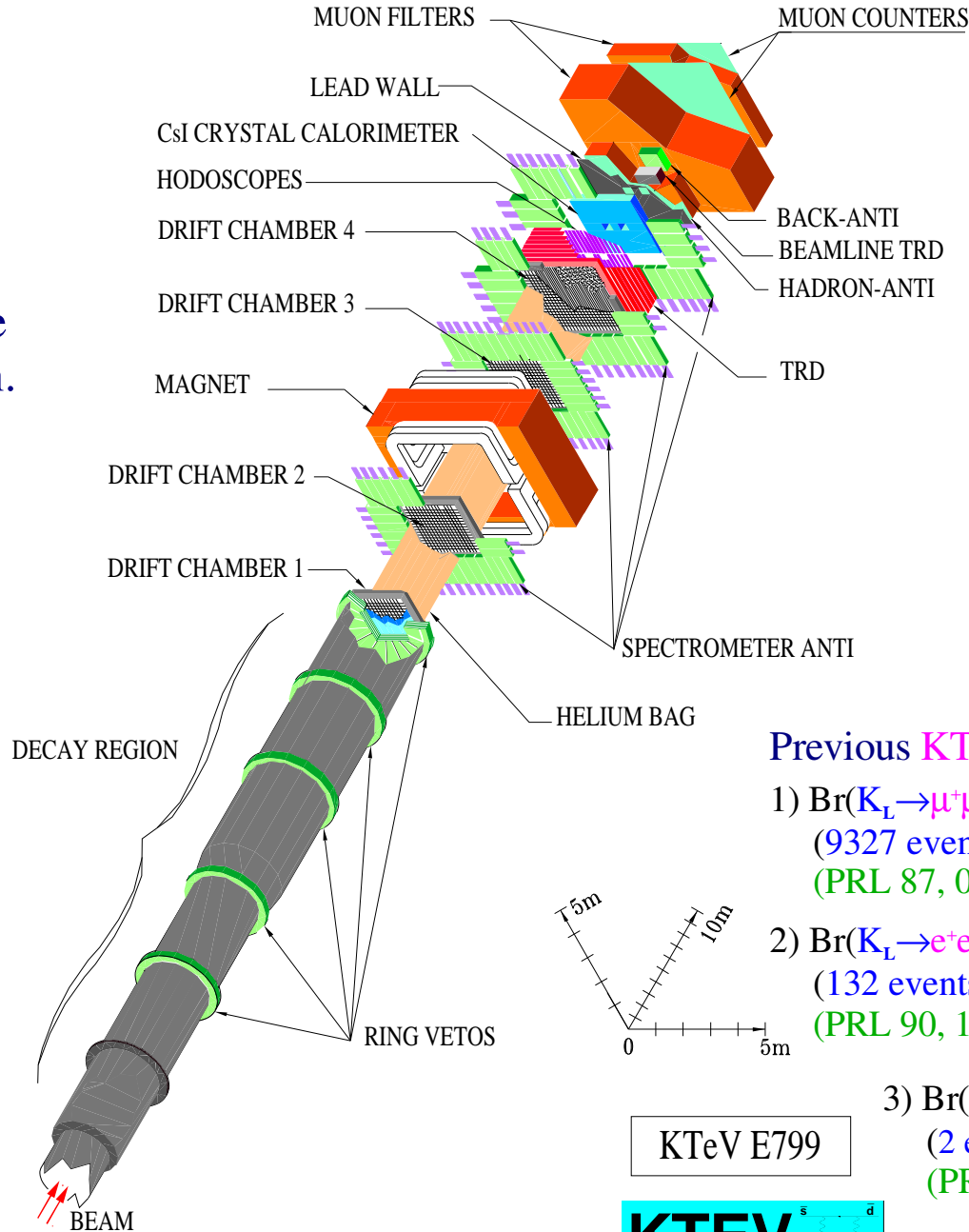
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The KTeV Detector

KTeV's coordinate system is:

- 1) right-handed
- 2) defined such that the target is at the origin.



Previous KTeV Dimuon Results:

1) $\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma) = (3.62 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-7}$
 (9327 events)
 (PRL 87, 071801 (2001))

2) $\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.69 \pm 0.24_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.12_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-9}$
 (132 events)
 (PRL 90, 141801 (2003))

3) $\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.8 \times 10^{-10}$
 (2 events obs.; 0.87 ± 0.15 bkgd. events)
 (PRL 84, 5279-5282 (2000))

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Motivation for the Study of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$

- There's no published calculation within the Standard Model for $\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)$, but Heiliger and Sehgal have a paper on $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 e^+ e^-$. (Phys. Lett. B307, 182-186 (1993))

- HyperCP reported evidence of the '*hypothetical*' neutral boson X^0 in a claimed observation of $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$. They determined the following branching ratios:

$$\text{Br}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-) = (8.6_{-5.4}^{+6.6}(\text{stat}) \pm 5.5(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-8}, \quad \text{(PRL 94, 021801 (2005))}$$

$$\text{Br}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p X^0 \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.1_{-1.9}^{+2.4}(\text{stat}) \pm 1.5(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-8}$$

3 events observed!

- HyperCP determined the mass of the X^0 to be: $(214.3 \pm 0.5) \text{ MeV}$
- Outside the Standard Model, this decay is possible via the same hypothetical X^0 neutral boson, which will be described in the coming slides.
- there is *no current experimental upper limit* on $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ or $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$.

Theoretical Estimates for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$

- the decay $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ is feasible within the Standard Model although its' phase space is limited to a paltry 16.35 MeV.
- Valencia *et al.* and Deshpande *et al.* calculate $\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)$ assuming that X^0 couples to $\bar{d}s$ (and $\mu^+ \mu^-$). They also assume that the X^0 's are short lived, do not interact strongly and possess a mass of 214.3 MeV.
- Deshpande *et al.* estimates constraints on scalar and pseudoscalar X^0 's.
- finding that pseudoscalar couplings have the largest contribution, they find:

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0_P \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = 8.0 \times 10^{-9} \quad (\text{Phys. Lett. B 632 (2006) 212-214})$$

- Valencia *et al.* take things a step further and consider scalar, pseudoscalar, vector and axial vector particle possibilities for the X^0 state.

- the decay $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ places serious constraints on scalar and vector particle possibilities. The branching ratio for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ has been measured to be:

$$\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = (8.1 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-8} \quad (\text{PRL 88, 111801 (2002)})$$

2004 PDG Average

- combining the upper result with constraints on scalar and vector couplings, Valencia *et al.* calculates theoretical upper limits on $\text{Br}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p X^0 \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-)$:

$$\text{Br}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p X_s^0 \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-) < 6 \times 10^{-11}, \quad \text{Br}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p X_v^0 \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3 \times 10^{-11}$$

- the above upper limits effectively eliminate both scalar and vector particles as explanations of the HyperCP result.
- Valencia *et al.* have ruled out the possibility of scalar or vector X^0 's. Using existing constraints on pseudoscalar and axial vector X^0 's, they predict:

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X_p^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (8.3_{-6.6}^{+7.5}) \times 10^{-9}$$

(Phys. Lett. B 631 (2005) 100-108)

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X_A^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.0_{-0.8}^{+0.9}) \times 10^{-10}$$

Other Searches and Theories for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0$

- using an sgoldstino model, the branching ratio for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0$ (where $X^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) was predicted to be:

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \gamma\gamma) < 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \quad (\text{Phys. Rev. D73, 035002 (2006)})$$





- E391a (KEK) will report on their search for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0$ (where $X^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) in the next talk.
- a recent theoretical study suggests that the hypothetical X^0 neutral boson could be the lightest (pseudoscalar) Higgs boson in the *next-to-minimal supersymmetric standard model* (NMSSM). (PRL 98, 081802 (2007))

Status of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Analysis

- This analysis has addressed/will address various issues, such as the following:
 - ~ this is a blind analysis with two signal boxes: one signal box for K_L and one signal box for X^0 .
 - ~ the boxes for 1997 *AND* 1999 have been opened!
 - ~ completed identification and estimation of signal mode background.
 - ~ normalization mode ($K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$) acceptance has been obtained. Negligible background. Systematic studies have been finished.

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Event Reconstruction

-Crunch Requirements-

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Crunch Requirement*	1997 Data 	1997 MC 	1999 Data 	1999 MC 
Generation Level (MC)	-----	0.092	-----	0.091
Require 2 tracks	0.666	0.970	0.466	0.971
$C_{\text{track1}} = -C_{\text{track2}}$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
$E_{\text{cl}}(\text{track}) \leq 2.0 \text{ GeV}$	0.391	0.913	0.436	0.904
$E_{\text{cl}}(\text{track}) / p_{\text{track}} \leq 0.9$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
NHCLUS ≥ 4	0.056	0.636	0.050	0.686
# hits in μ planes ≥ 1	0.980	0.999	0.989	0.999
# γ clus (not assoc. w/tracks) = 4	0.444	0.964	0.471	0.970
$ M_{\text{rec.pi0}} - M_{\text{pi0}} \leq 15 \text{ MeV}$	0.437	0.967	0.443	0.973
$90.0 \text{ m} \leq Z_{\text{VTX}} \leq 160.0 \text{ m}$	0.265	0.985	0.310	0.984
Bad Spill	0.813	0.803	0.940	0.966
$p_T^2 \leq 0.06 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$	0.569	0.999	0.700	0.999
Total Acceptance	0.00034	0.0380	0.00043	0.0492

* = listed in chronological order,  = initial # data events was $\sim 291 \text{ M}$ (1997) and $\sim 153 \text{ M}$ (1999),
 = initial # MC events for 1997 and 1999 was $\sim 2.0 \text{ M}$ (# generated MC events was $\sim 20 \text{ M}$).

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Analysis Results

-Analysis Requirements-

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Analysis Requirement*	γ^* Signal MC (1997)	X^0 Signal MC (1997)	γ^* Signal MC (1999)	X^0 Signal MC (1999)
$480 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\mu\mu\gamma\gamma\gamma} \leq 520 \text{ MeV}$	0.962	0.966	0.961	0.965
$p_T^2 \leq 0.001 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$	0.982	0.980	0.984	0.983
$E_{cl}(\text{track}) \leq 1.0 \text{ GeV}$	0.974	0.974	0.966	0.965
$P_{\text{track}} \leq 7.0 \text{ GeV}$	0.999	0.999	0.994	0.995
$ M_{\text{rec.pi}0} - M_{\text{pi}0} \leq 9 \text{ MeV}$	0.997	0.997	0.997	0.997
$M_{\mu\mu} \leq 232 \text{ MeV}$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
$495 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\mu\mu\gamma\gamma\gamma} \leq 501 \text{ MeV} \&$ $p_T^2 \leq 0.00013 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$	0.901	0.891	0.906	0.902
$213.8 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\mu\mu} \leq 214.8 \text{ MeV} \&$ $p_{T,\mu\mu}^2 \leq 0.0007 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$	-----	0.954	-----	0.954
Total Acceptance (all inclusive)	0.0314	0.0280	0.0403	0.0374

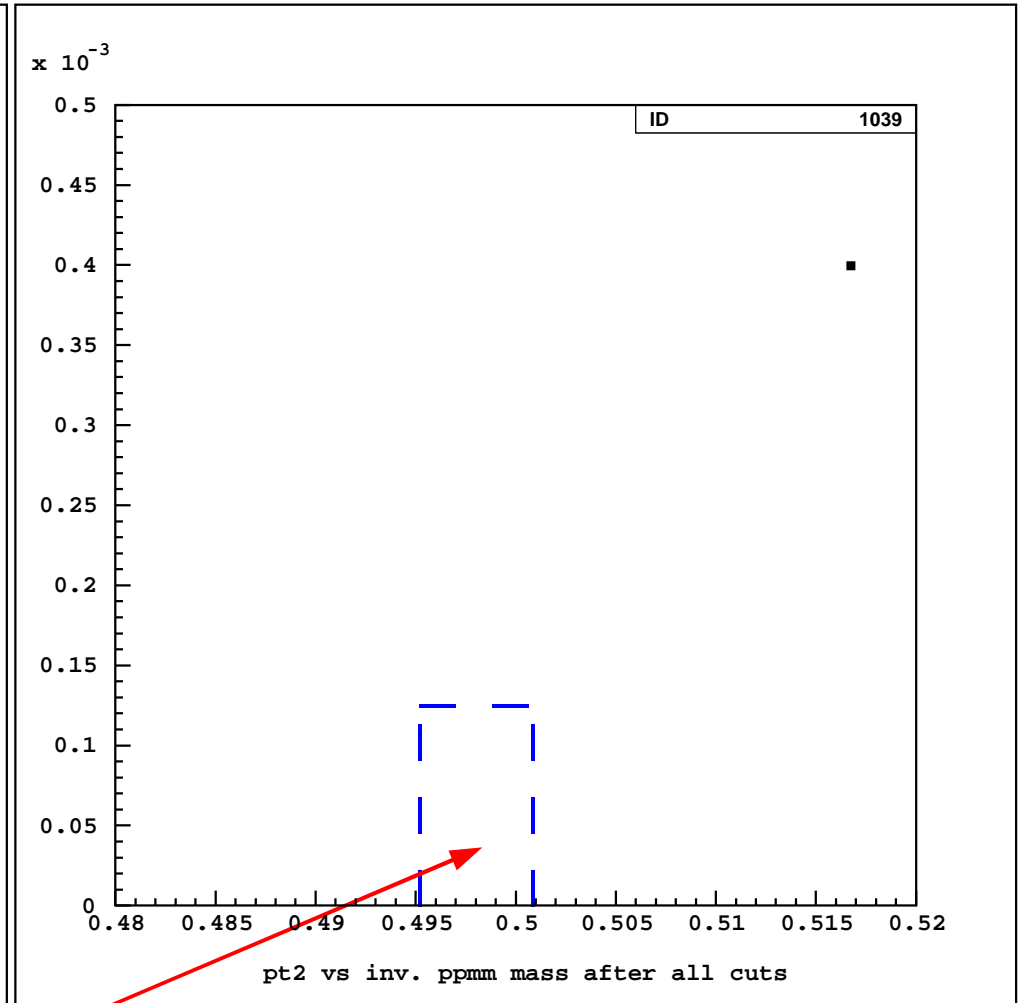
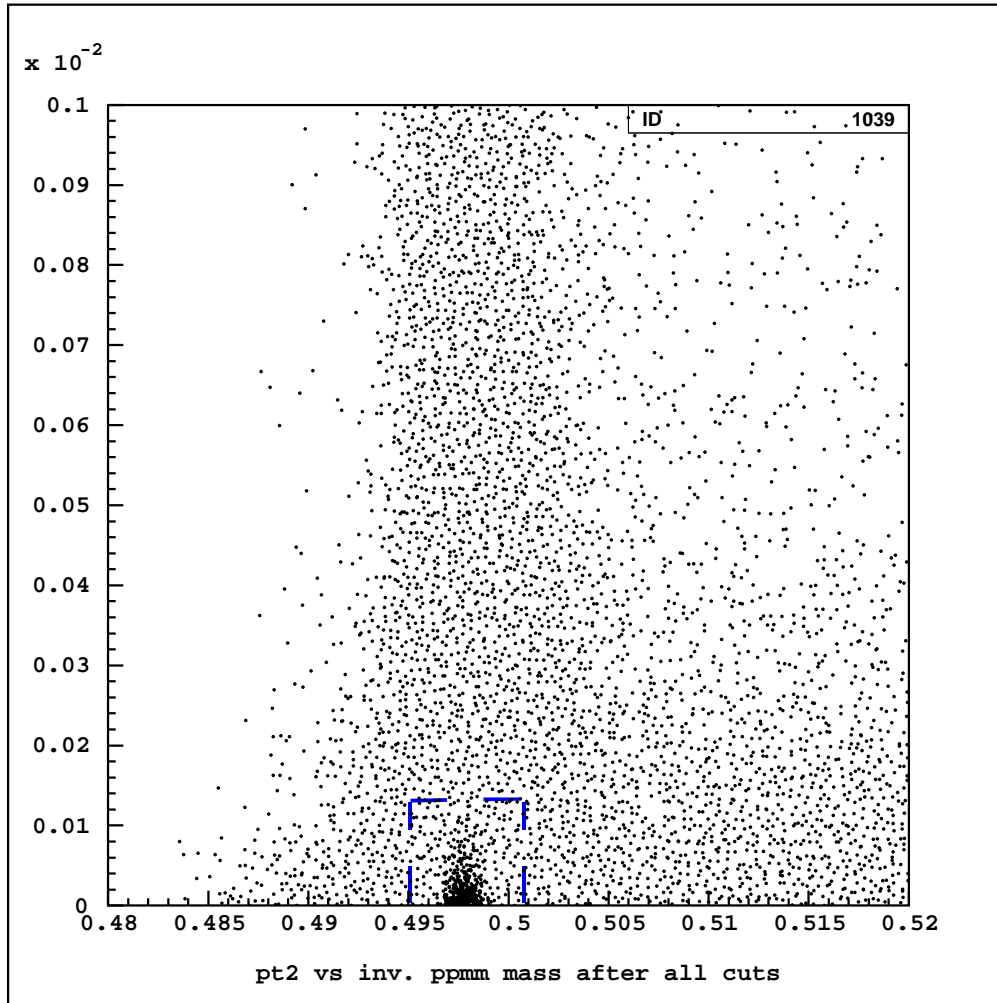
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Summary of Backgrounds

No background survive analysis cuts!!!

Decay Mode	# '97 MC events generated	# '99 MC events generated
$K_{\mu 3}^0$ (punch through)	~ 2.6 Billion (0.039 <i>f</i>)	1,752,020,868 (0.027 <i>f</i>)
$K_{\mu 3}^0$ (pion decay = $\pi^{+\cdot} \rightarrow \mu^{+\cdot} \nu_{\mu}$)	244,692,689 (0.0037 <i>f</i>)	421,656,663 (0.0064 <i>f</i>)
$K_{\mu 4}^0$ (punch through)	120,066,571 (8.38 <i>f</i>)	96,372,292 (6.72 <i>f</i>)
$K_{\mu 4}^0$ (pion decay) *	93,373,819 (6.51 <i>f</i>)	109,831,267 (7.66 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ (2x punch through)	1,848,796,492 (0.060 <i>f</i>)	1,062,004,339 (0.035 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ (2x pion decay)	85,552,978 (0.0028 <i>f</i>)	106,912,811 (0.0035 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ (punch & decay)	455,374,316 (0.015 <i>f</i>)	456,480,690 (0.015 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ (2x punch through)	15,034,557 (1.41 <i>f</i>)	21,646,250 (2.03 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ (2x pion decay)	20,304,857 (1.90 <i>f</i>)	16,311,114 (1.53 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ (punch & decay)	14,249,908 (1.34 <i>f</i>)	14,495,323 (1.36 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ (2x punch through)	683,676,428 (1.35 <i>f</i>)	671,923,195 (1.32 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ (2x pion decay)	8,529,573 (0.017 <i>f</i>)	21,840,183 (0.044 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ (punch & decay)	50,306,906 (0.100 <i>f</i>)	26,557,616 (0.053 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	1,183,635 (670.0 <i>f</i>)	5,240,705 (2967 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$	9,582,978 (109.8 <i>f</i>)	119,650,358 (1372 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma \gamma$	10,869,003 (4473 <i>f</i>)	48,801,465 (20084 <i>f</i>)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	11,042,193	13,008,645

Opening of the $1997 K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Signal Box!



1997 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ MC

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$495 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma\mu\mu} \leq 501 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 130 \text{ MeV}^2$$

Signal Box Opened
and is EMPTY!

EMPTY = No Signal Events
AND No Bkgd Events!

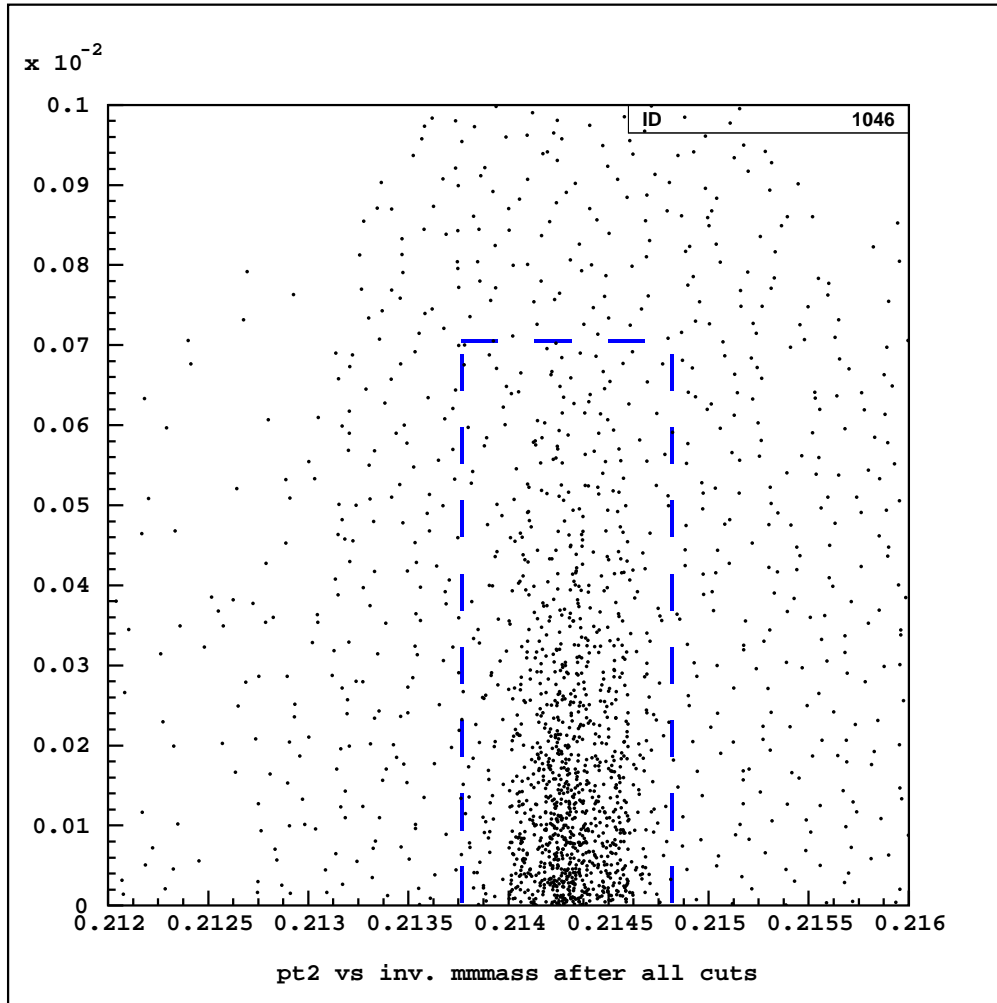
1997 KTeV Data

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$495 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma\mu\mu} \leq 501 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 130 \text{ MeV}^2$$

Opening of the $1997 X^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Signal Box!

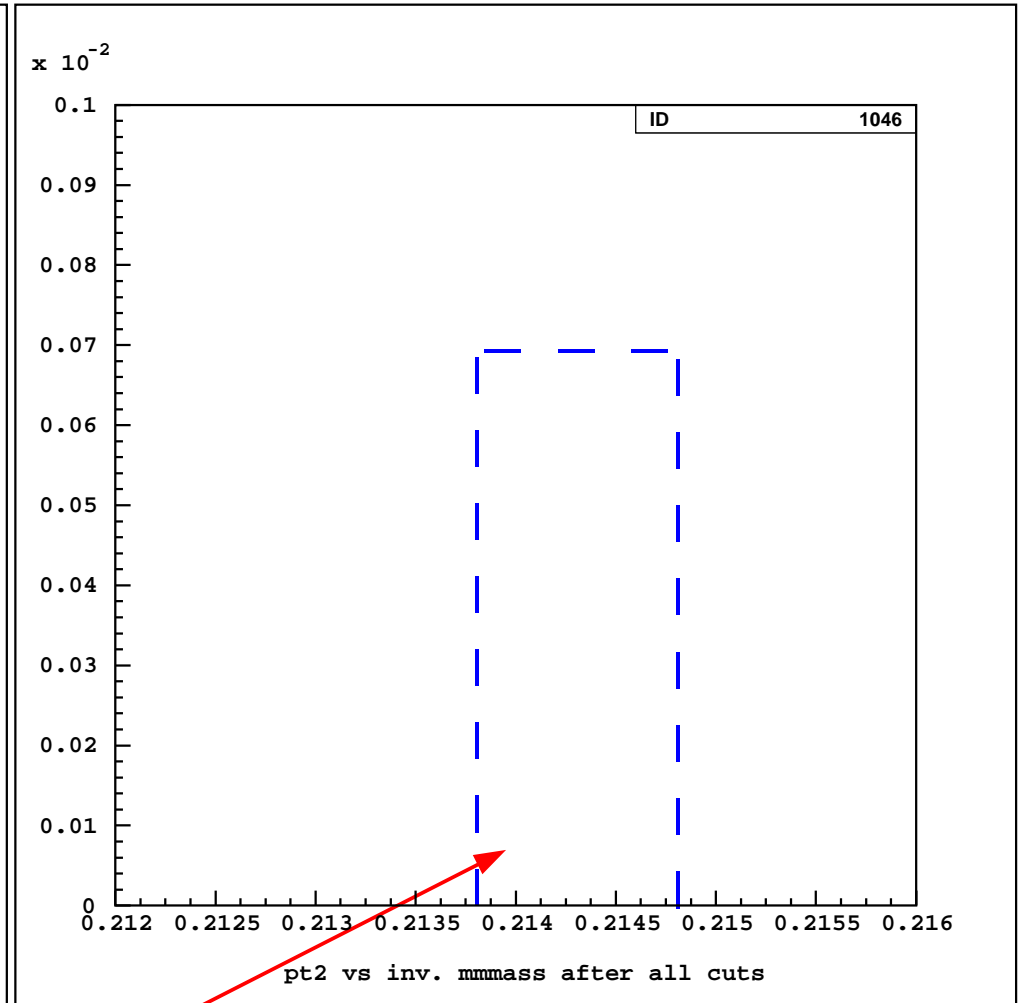


1997 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ MC

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$213.8 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\mu\mu} \leq 214.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 700 \text{ MeV}^2$$



1997 KTeV Data

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$213.8 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\mu\mu} \leq 214.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 700 \text{ MeV}^2$$

Signal Box Opened
and is EMPTY!

Normalization Mode ($K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$) Results

Requirement*	1997 Data [♪]	1997 MC [♪]	1999 Data [♪]	1999 MC [♪]
Trigger Level		0.027		0.034
Require 2 tracks	0.889	0.985	0.965	0.985
$C_{\text{track1}} = -C_{\text{track2}}$	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
$0.95 \leq E_{\text{cl}}(\text{track}) / p_{\text{track}} \leq 1.05$	0.679	0.886	0.848	0.851
NHCLUS ≥ 5	0.916	0.967	1.000	0.972
# γ clus (not assoc. w/tracks) = 5	0.374	0.447	0.999	0.463
$ M_{\text{rec.pi0}} - M_{\text{pi0}} \leq 15 \text{ MeV}$	0.066	0.067	0.071	0.072
$90.0 \text{ m} \leq Z_{\text{VTX}} \leq 160.0 \text{ m}$	0.977	0.985	0.970	0.982
Bad Spill	0.792	0.789	0.934	0.944
$p_T^2 \leq 0.06 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$	0.928	0.934	0.928	0.937
$473 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\text{eeYYYY}} \leq 523 \text{ MeV}$	0.471	0.477	0.494	0.504
$p_T^2 \leq 0.001 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$	0.259	0.255	0.325	0.323
$ M_{\text{rec.pi0}} - M_{\text{pi0}} \leq 14 \text{ MeV}$	0.992	0.992	0.993	0.993
$94.0 \text{ m} \leq Z_{\text{VTX}} \leq 158.0 \text{ m}$	0.987	0.990	0.986	0.990
Total Acceptance	131526 events	0.006%	363531 events	0.013%

Used a precrunched data set!

Beginning of analysis

109,532 events

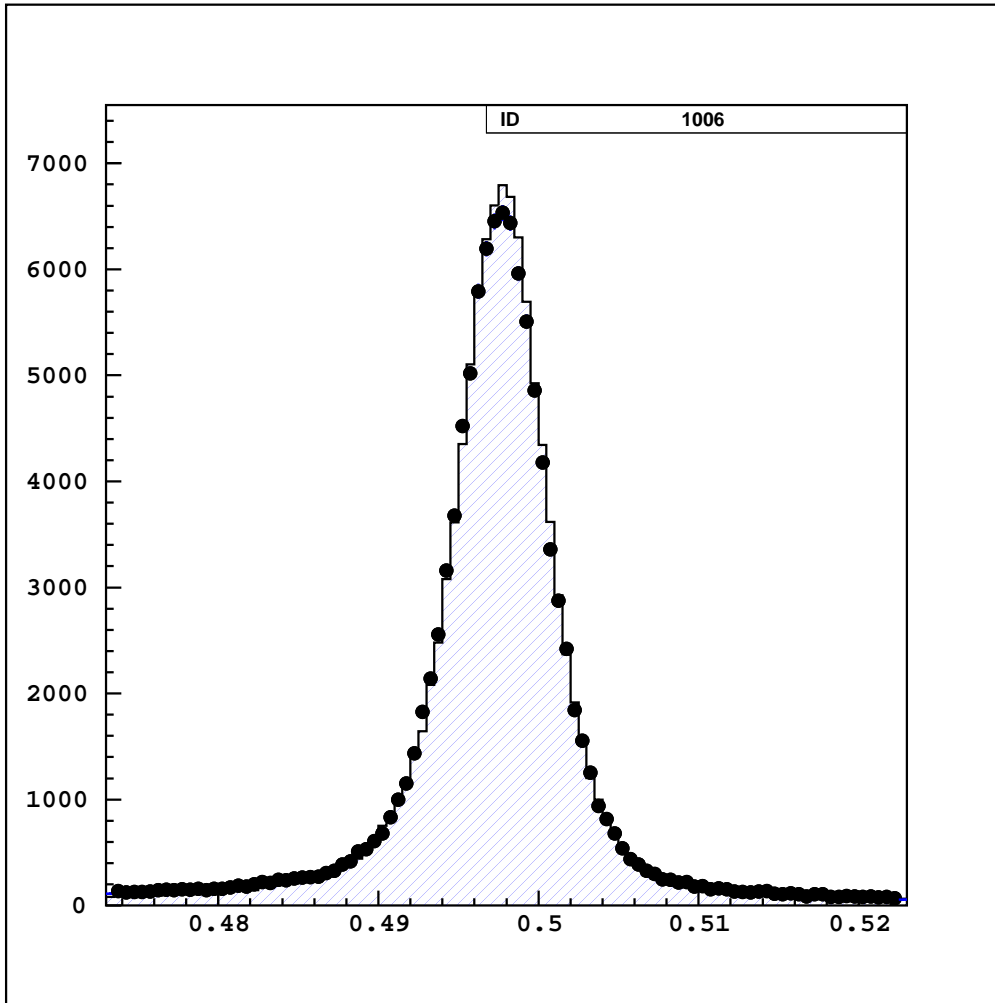
183,131 events

* = requirements listed in chronological order,

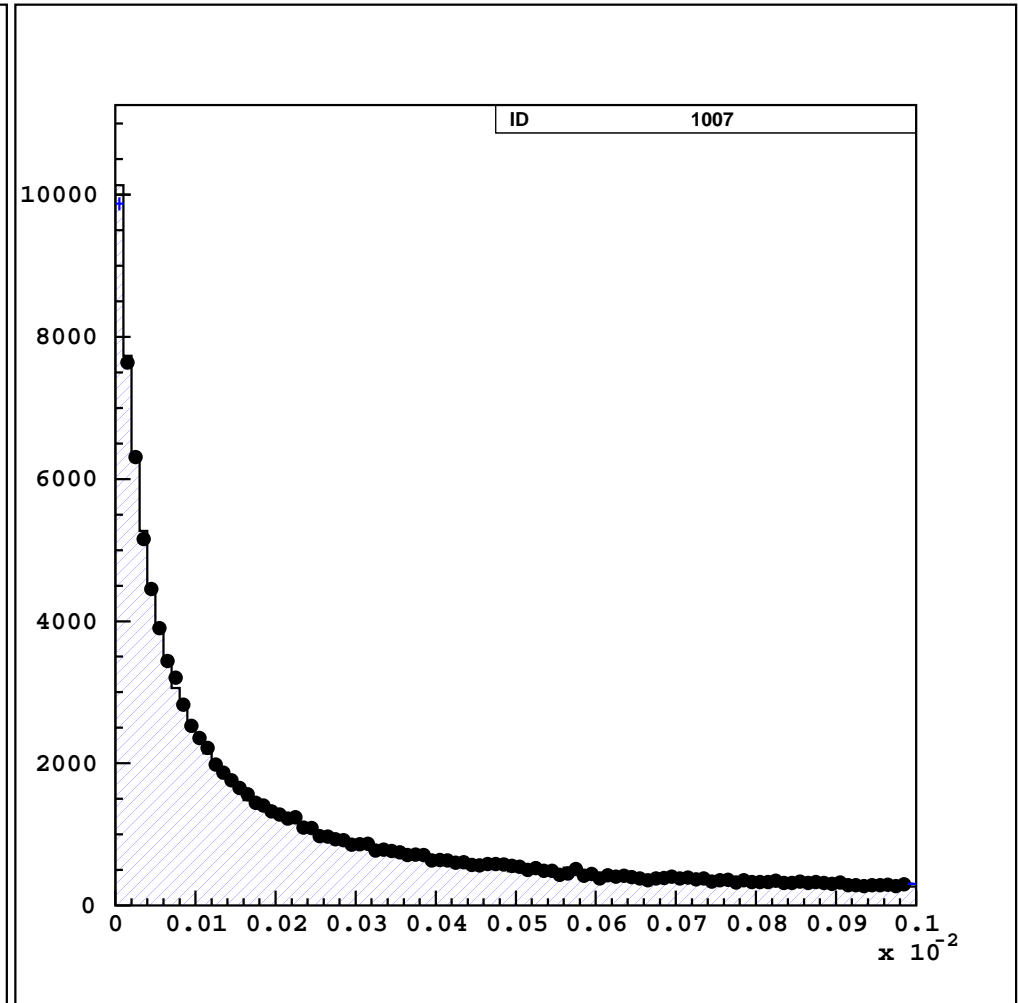
♪ = initial # data events was ~47.2 M (# generated MC events was ~1.41 G),

♪ = initial # data events was ~50.4 M (# generated MC events was ~1.84 G).

1997 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ Inv. Mass and P_T^2 After All Cuts



1997 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ Inv. Mass

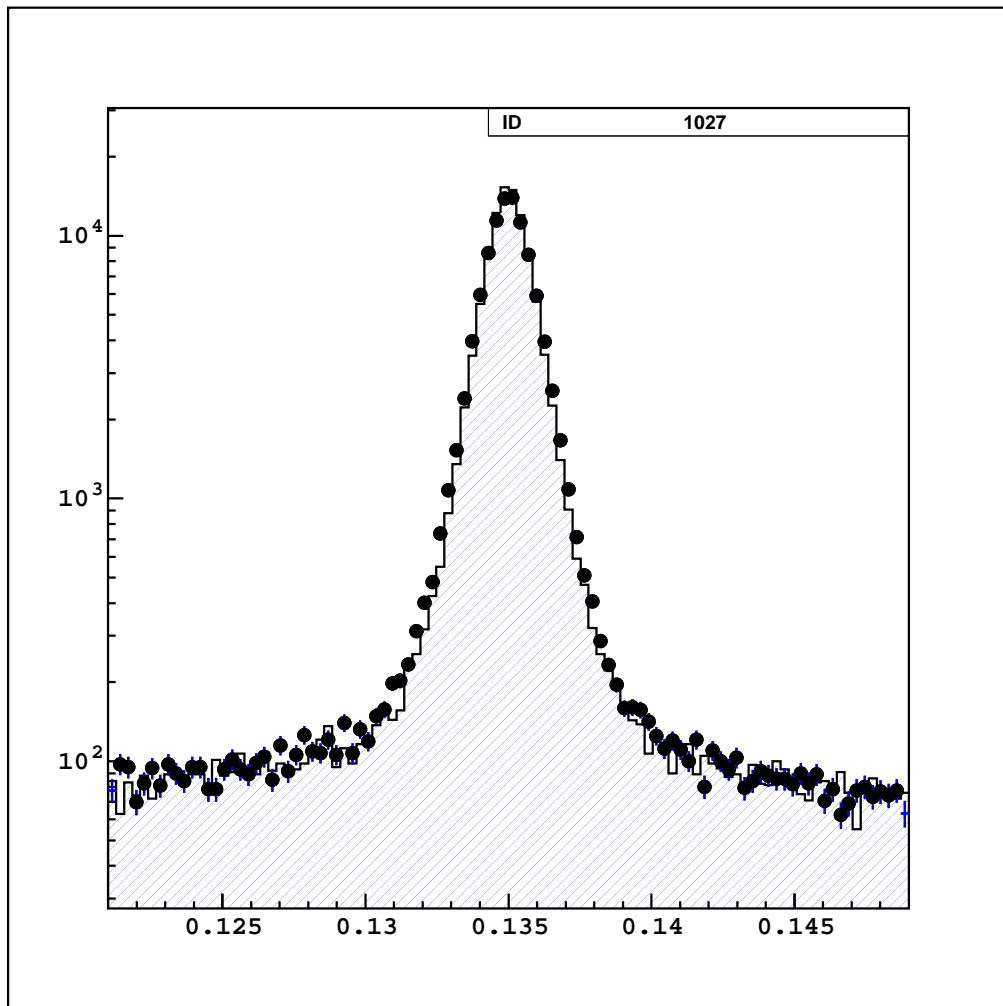


1997 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ P_T^2

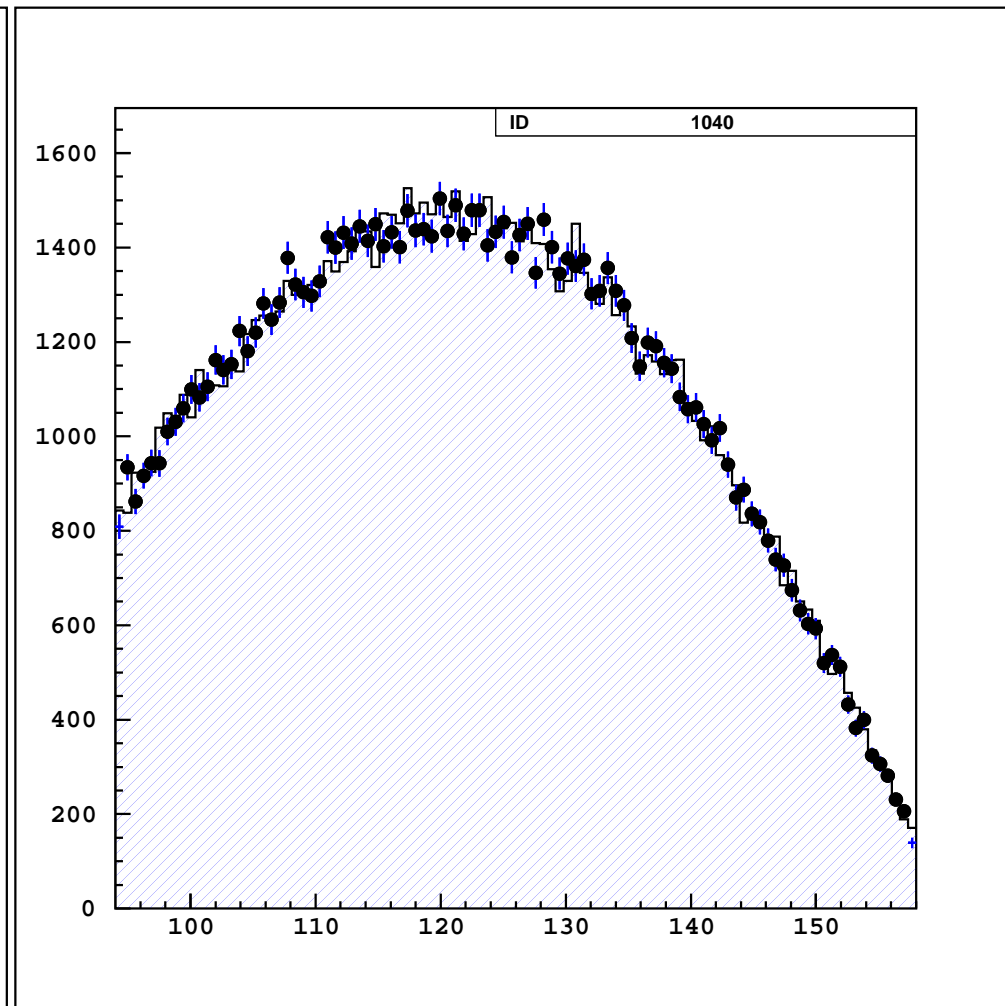
● = Data

□ = MC

1997 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ 1st π^0 Mass and Zvtx After All Cuts



1997 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ 1st π^0 Mass



1997 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ Zvtx

● = Data

□ = MC

Acceptance Results

$$1997 \text{ Acceptance } (\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.14 \pm 0.004_{stat.}) \%$$

$$1997 \text{ Acceptance } (\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.80 \pm 0.004_{stat.}) \%$$

$$1997 \text{ Acceptance } (\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D) = (5.94 \pm 0.02_{stat.}) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$1999 \text{ Acceptance } (\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (4.03 \pm 0.005_{stat.}) \%$$

$$1999 \text{ Acceptance } (\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.74 \pm 0.004_{stat.}) \%$$

$$1999 \text{ Acceptance } (\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D) = (1.29 \pm 0.003_{stat.}) \times 10^{-4}$$

K_L Flux Calculation

$$N_{Norm}^{Data} = F_K \times BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi_D^0) \times A_{Norm}, \text{ where } A_{Norm} = \frac{N_{acc}}{N_{gen}}.$$

N_{Norm}^{Data} = number of data events after all normalization mode cuts.

N_{acc} = number of MC events after all normalization mode cuts.

N_{gen} = number of MC events generated.

$$A_{Norm, 1997} = \frac{109532}{1842926908} = 5.94 \times 10^{-5} \quad A_{Norm, 1999} = \frac{183131}{1414181218} = 1.29 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi_D^0) = 3BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0) \times BR(\pi_D^0) \times BR(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)^2 = (6.85 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$N_{Norm, 1997}^{Data} = 131526 \text{ events}$$

$$N_{Norm, 1999}^{Data} = 363531 \text{ events}$$

Putting everything together yields $\longrightarrow F_{K, 1997} = 3.23 \times 10^{11} \text{ events}$

$$F_{K, 1999} = 4.10 \times 10^{11} \text{ events}$$

Systematic Errors in Flux from $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$

Source of Systematic Error	$\frac{\Delta F_{Norm, 1997}}{F_{Norm, 1997}}$	$\frac{\Delta F_{Norm, 1999}}{F_{Norm, 1999}}$
$(473 \mp 1) \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\text{reco}} \leq (523 \pm 1) \text{ MeV}$	+0.04% -0.05%	+0.05% -0.06%
$ M_{\text{rec.}\pi^0} - M_{\pi^0} \leq (14 \pm 1) \text{ MeV}$	+0.02% -0.03%	+0.02% +0.01%
$(94.0 \mp 1.0) \text{ m} \leq Z_{\text{VTX}} \leq (158.0 \pm 1.0) \text{ m}$	+0.16% +0.02%	+0.20% -0.10%
$P_T^2 \leq (1.0 \pm 0.1) * 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$	+0.11% +0.02%	+0.06% -0.08%
$(0.95 \mp 0.1) \leq E_{\text{cl}}(\text{track}) / p_{\text{track}} \leq (1.05 \pm 0.1)$	+1.24% -2.41%	+2.23% -4.05%
P_z Weighting	-----	1.87%
Cracks in μ Counting Planes	0.50%	0.50%
Energy Loss in μ Filters	0.40%	0.40%
$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0)$	0.61%	0.61%
Total Systematic Error from Flux	+1.54% - 2.57%	+3.05% - 4.55%

$$F_{Norm} = \frac{N_{Norm}^{Data}}{A_{Norm}} = F_K \times BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D),$$

$$\Delta F_{Norm} = \frac{N_{Norm}^{Data} \pm \Delta N}{A_{Norm} \pm \Delta A} - F_{Norm}$$

- after all analysis cuts, there were **ZERO** signal events found in the **Data** and **ZERO** background events found in **MC**.
- in the case of **ZERO** signal events and **ZERO** background events, the upper limit of the branching ratio (at **90% CL**) may be found by:

[1]

$$\text{Br} = 2.30 * (1 + 2.30\sigma_r^2/2) * \text{SES}_{\text{total}},$$

$$\text{where } \text{SES}_{\text{total}} = (F_{K,1997} * A_{1997} + F_{K,1999} * A_{1999})^{-1}$$

- this result holds for either a Bayesian or a Classical viewpoint [2] and can also be found in the 2008 PDG [3].

[1] R.D. Cousins and V.L. Highland, *Incorporating Systematic Uncertainties into an Upper Limit*, NIM A320 (1992), 331-335.

[2] W.T. Eadie, D. Drijard, F.E. James, M. Roos and B. Sadoulet, *Statistical Methods in Experimental Physics*, American Elsevier, New York, 1971, p. 190-202, 213. Ref. [10] explains the Poisson Upper Limit in this scenario.

[3] C. Amsler *et al.*, **Physics Letters B667**, Table 32.3, Chapter 32, p. 23 (2008)

- Using $F_{K,1997} = 3.23 \times 10^{11}$, $F_{K,1999} = 4.10 \times 10^{11}$ and σ_r^2 , one finds the following upper limits at 90% CL:

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 8.63 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 9.44 \times 10^{-11}$$

Preliminary!!!

Compare with:

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X_p^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (8.3_{-6.6}^{+7.5}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X_A^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.0_{-0.8}^{+0.9}) \times 10^{-10}$$

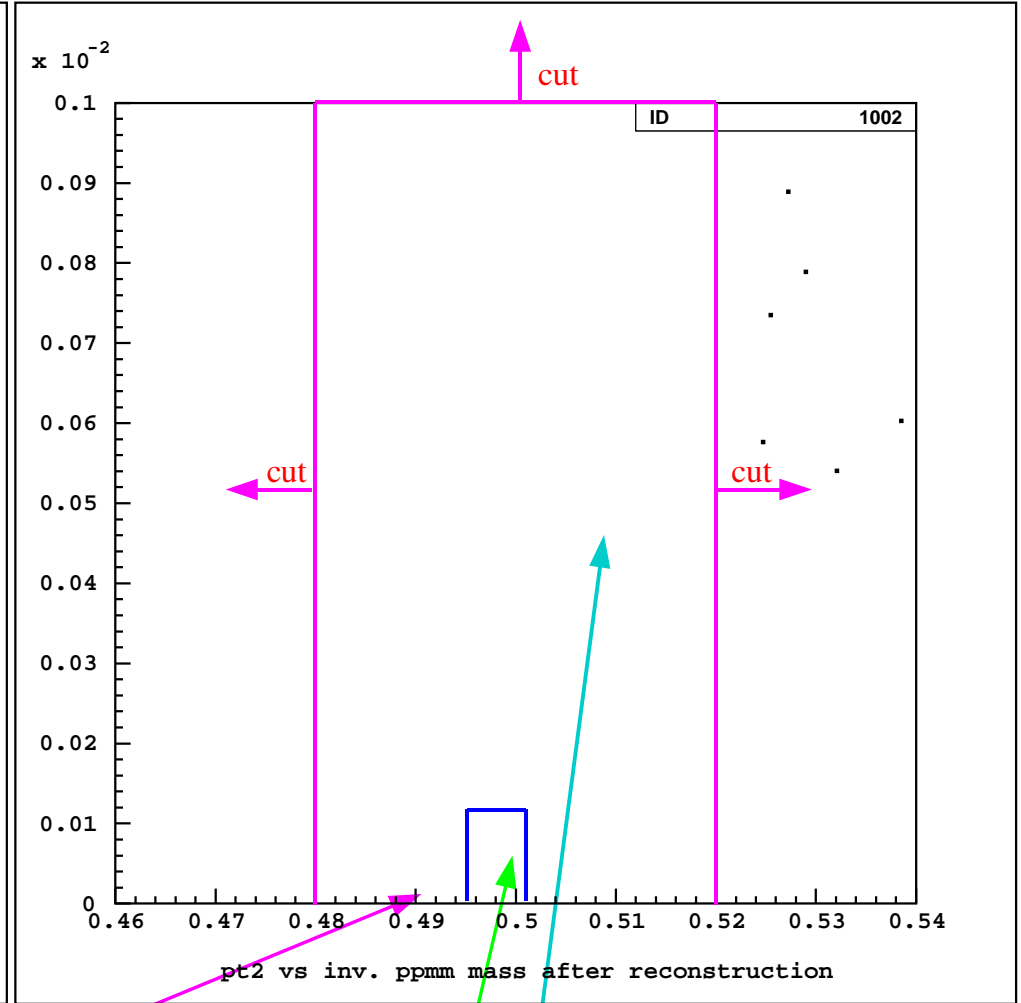
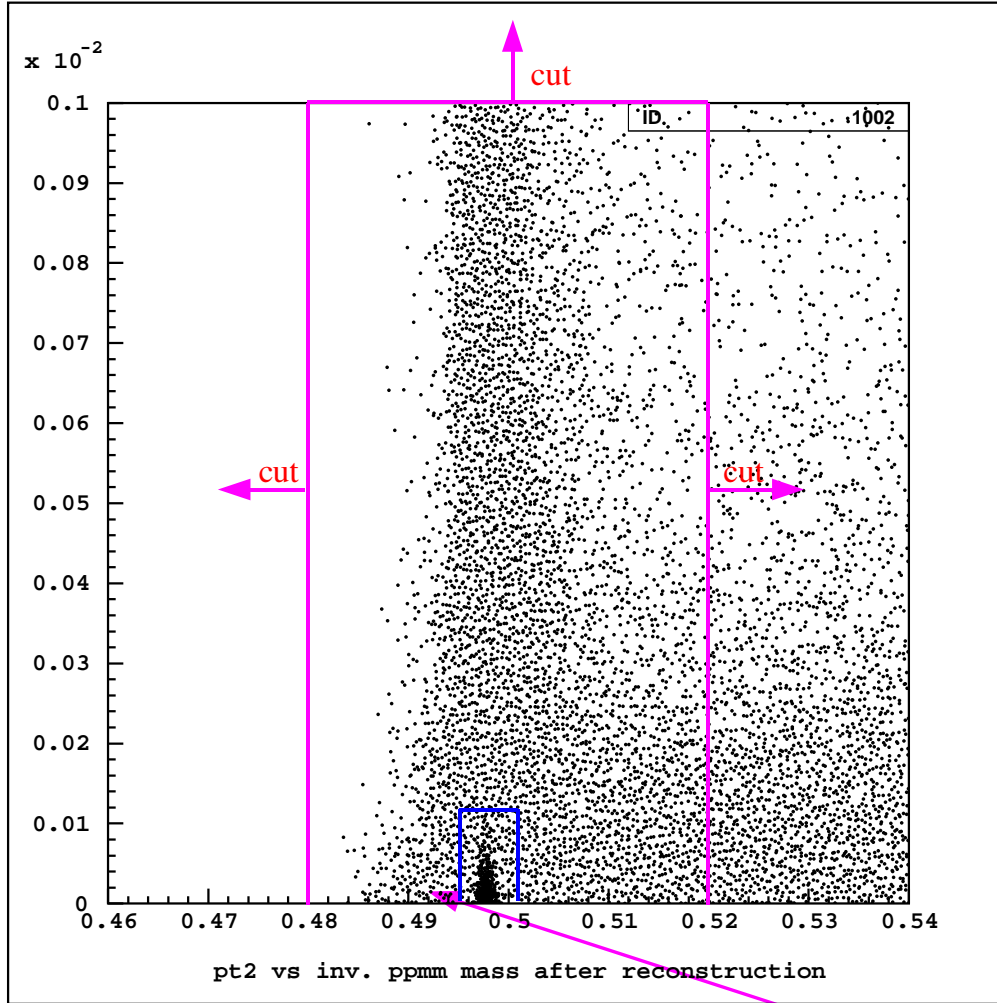
Preliminary Conclusions and Future Plans

- the preliminary upper limit for $\text{Br}(\text{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)$ is roughly two orders of magnitude less than the theoretical prediction of the same decay with a **pseudoscalar X^0** .
- based on these preliminary results, the pseudoscalar X^0 candidate has been ruled out as an explanation for the neutral boson X^0 observed by HyperCP. However, an axial vector X^0 candidate has not been ruled out.

~ Backup Slides ~

Cut on P_T^2 vs. Inv. K_L Mass

(1997 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Analysis - 1st Cut)



1997 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ MC

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$495 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\pi\pi\mu\mu} \leq 501 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 130 \text{ MeV}^2$$

Signal box for MC is open,
but for Data remains closed!

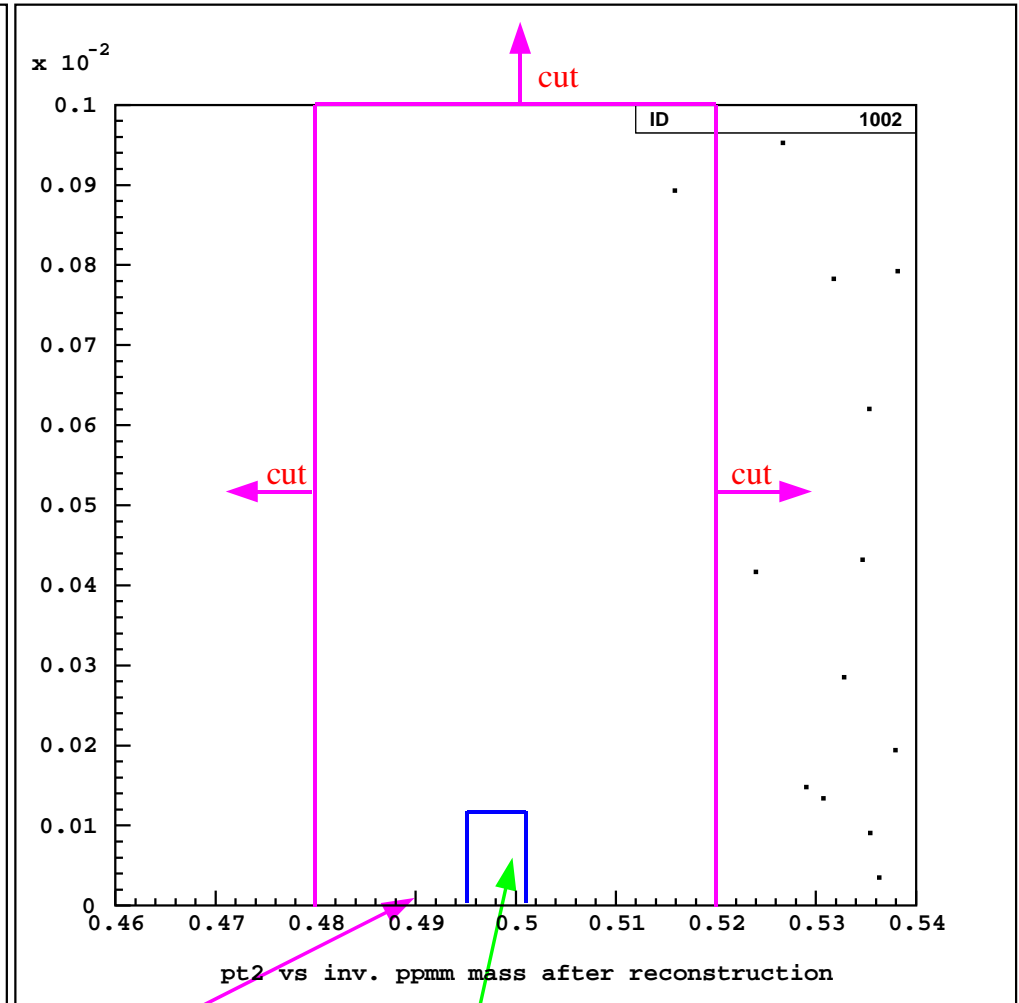
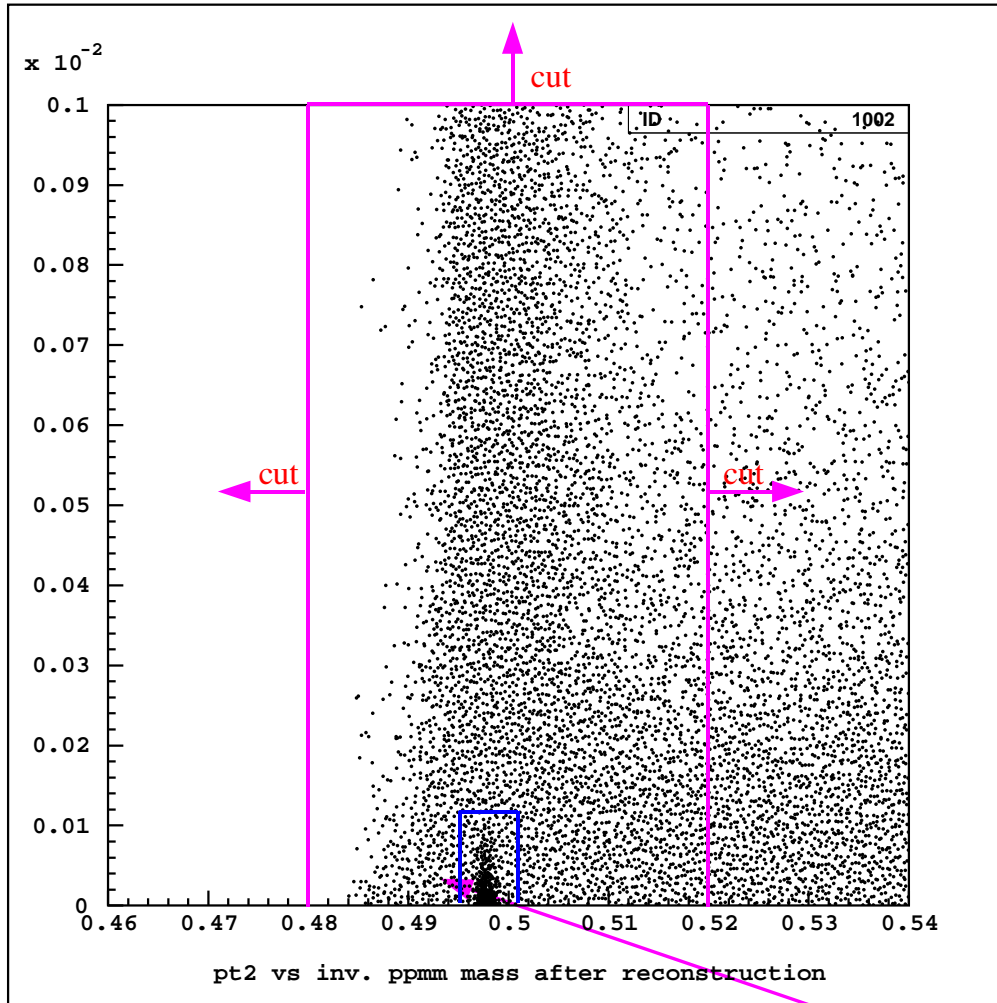
According to MC, no $K_{\mu 4}^0$ events in the signal box.

1997 $K_{\mu 4}^0$ MC Background

* $K_{\mu 4}^0$ is the most dangerous bkgd,
but is not really so dangerous.

Cut on P_T^2 vs. Inv. K_L Mass

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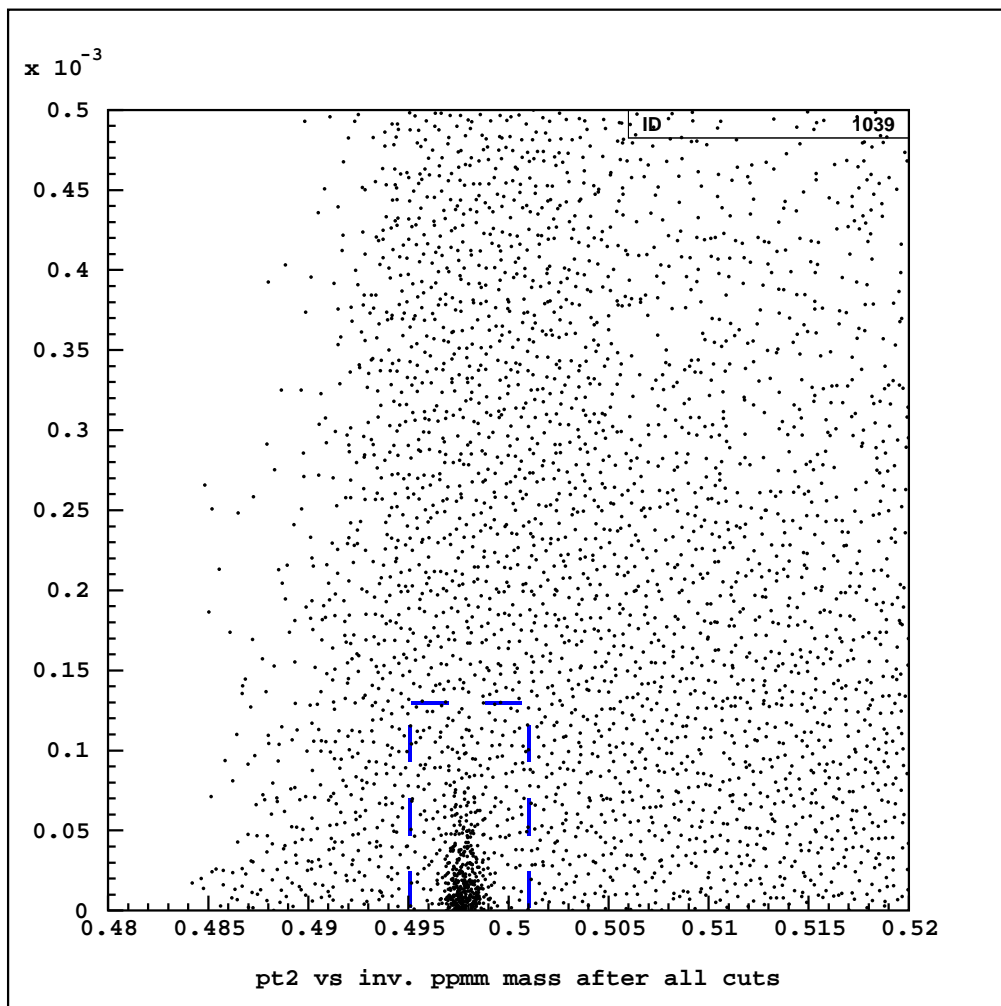
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1999 $K^0_{\mu 4}$ MC Background

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Opening of the 1999 K_L Signal Box!



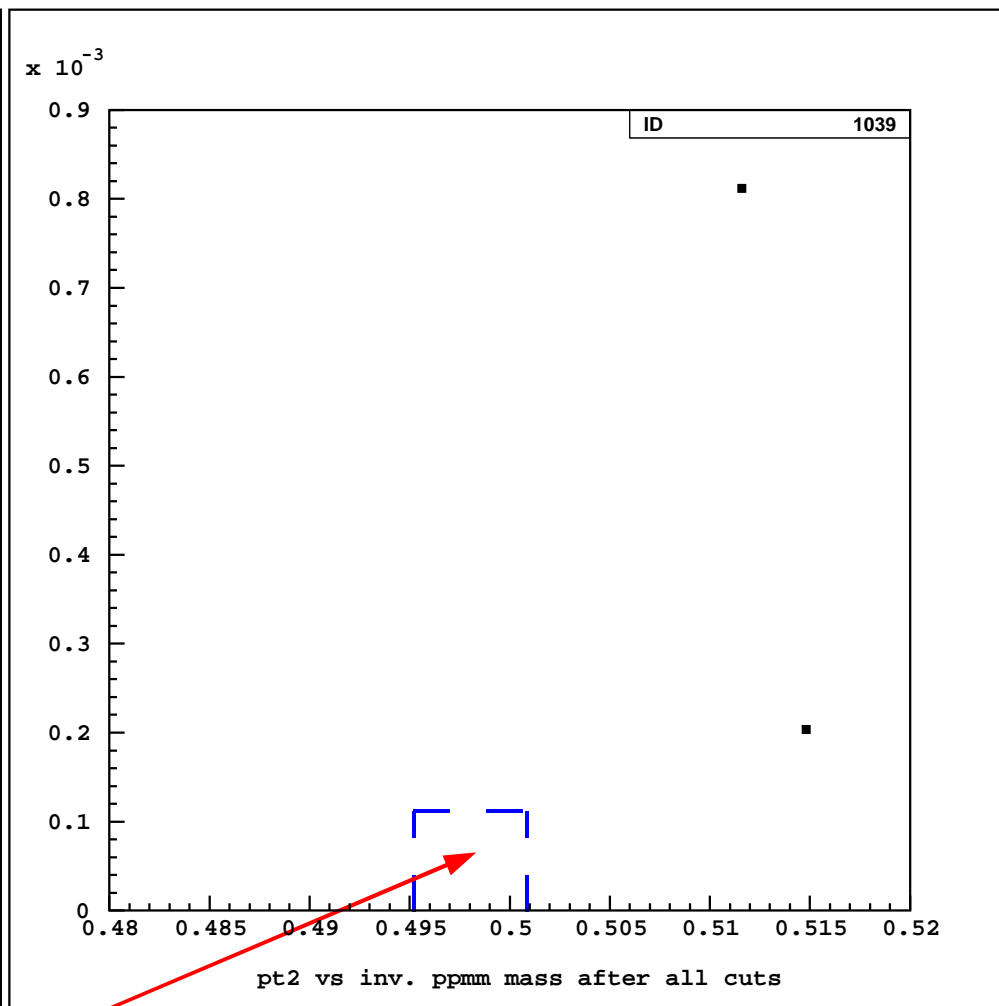
1999 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ MC

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$495 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma\mu\mu} \leq 501 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 130 \text{ MeV}^2$$

K_L Signal Box Opened
and is EMPTY!



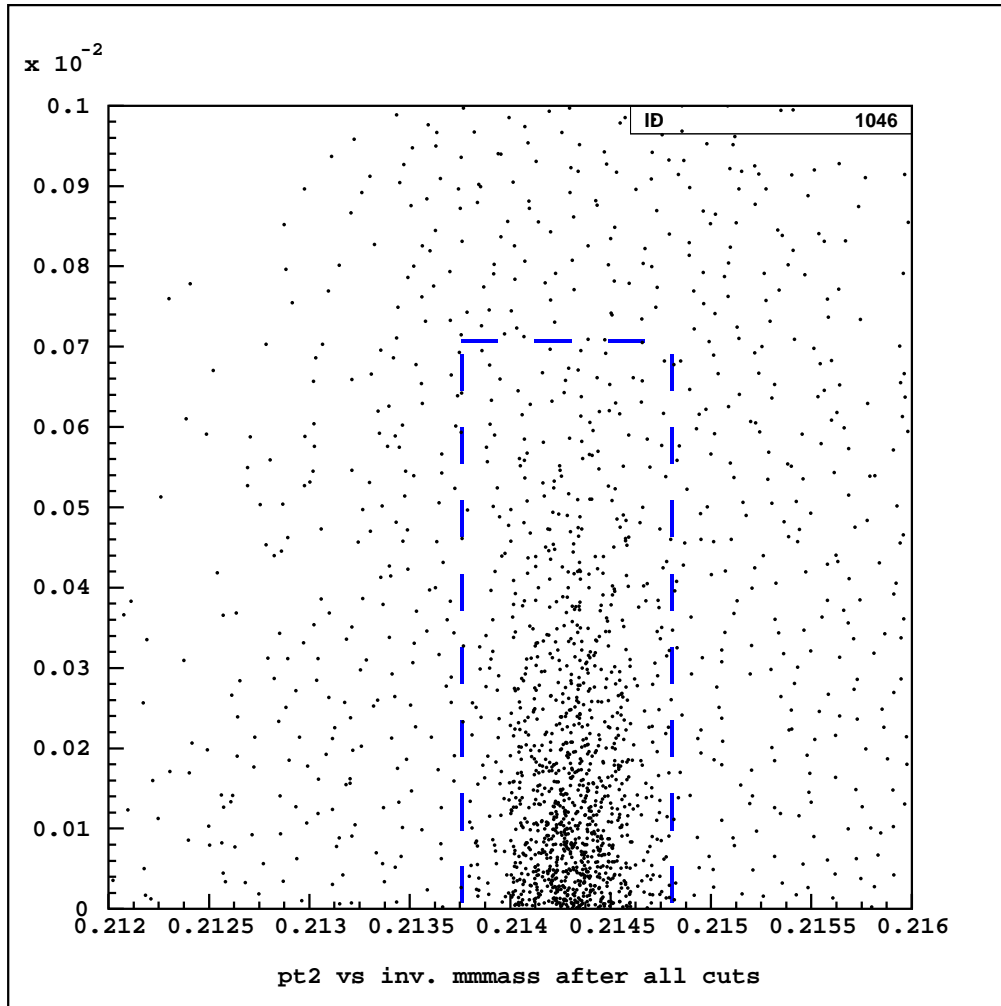
1999 KTeV Data

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$495 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma\mu\mu} \leq 501 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 130 \text{ MeV}^2$$

Opening of the $1999 X^0$ Box!



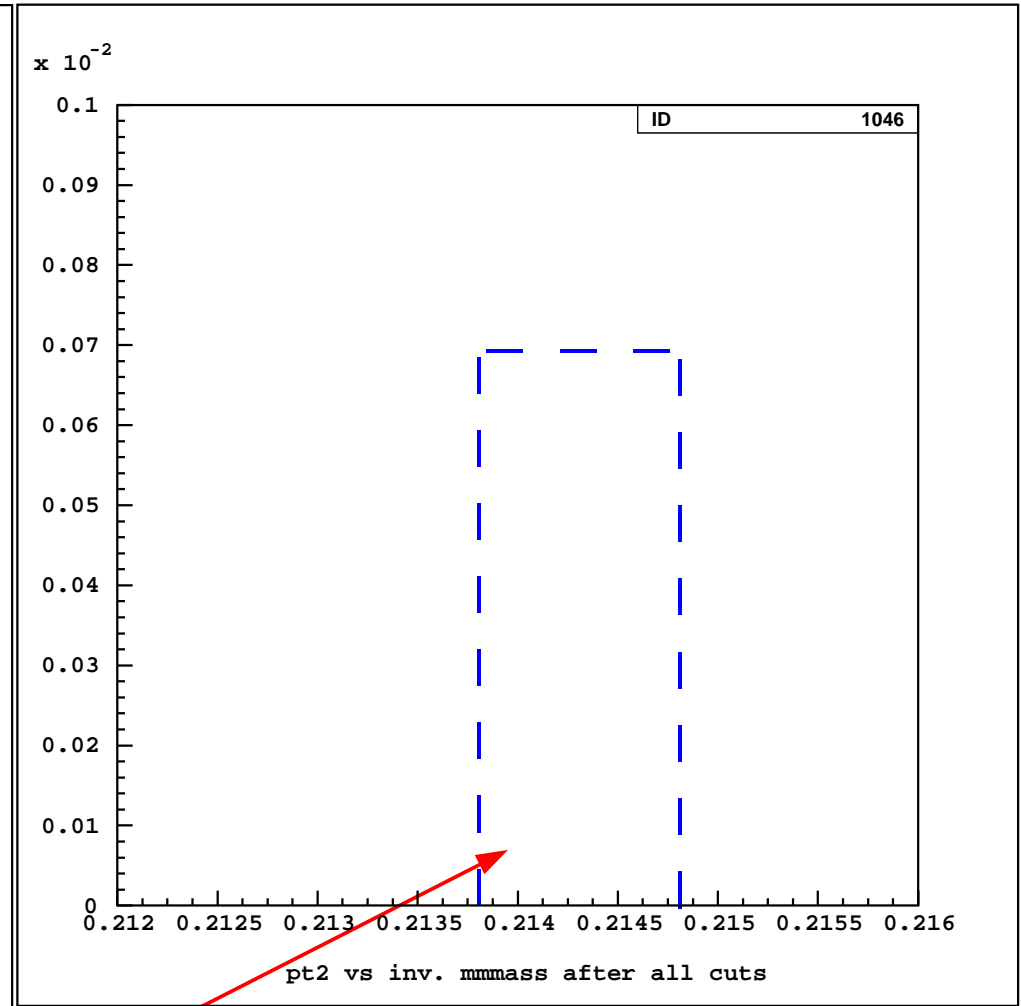
1999 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ MC

~ Box Dimensions ~

$$213.8 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\mu\mu} \leq 214.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 700 \text{ MeV}^2$$

X^0 Signal Box Opened
and is EMPTY!



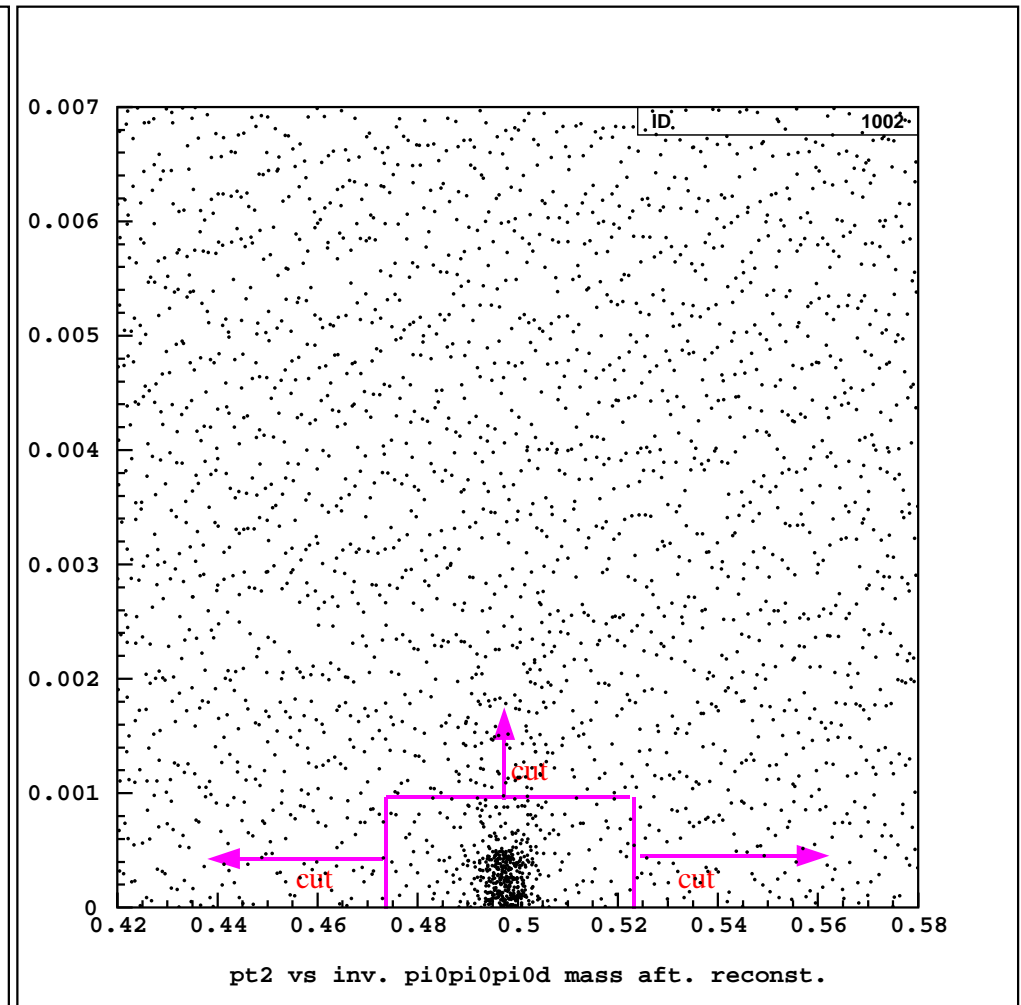
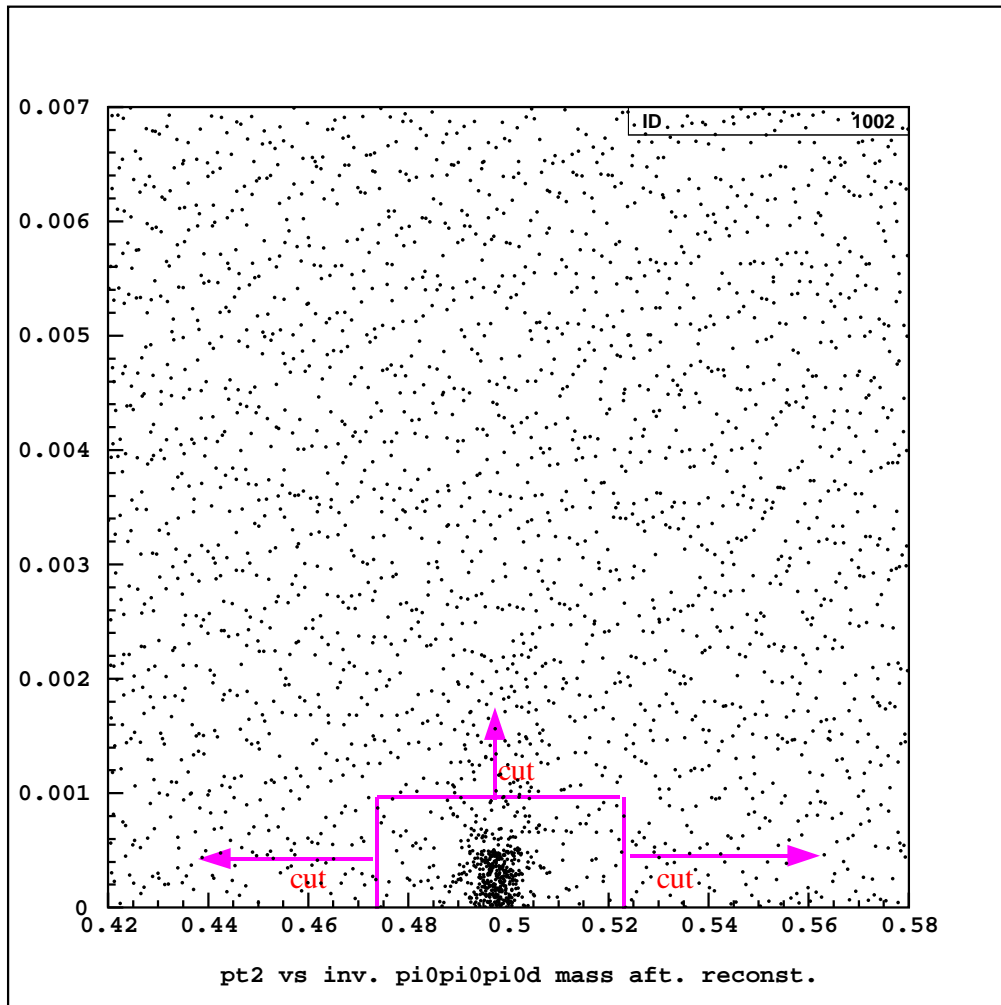
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1997 Normalization Mode ($K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$)



1997 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ MC

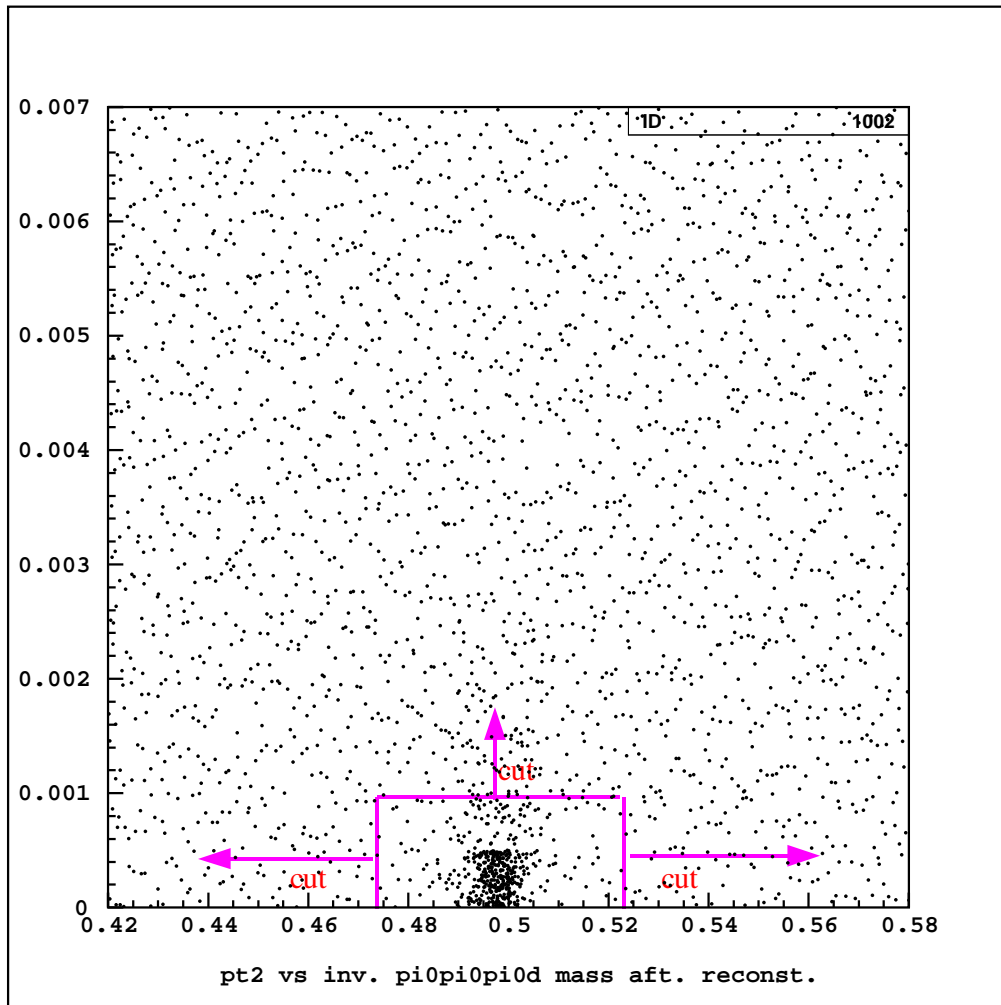
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~ Initial $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ Analysis Cuts ~

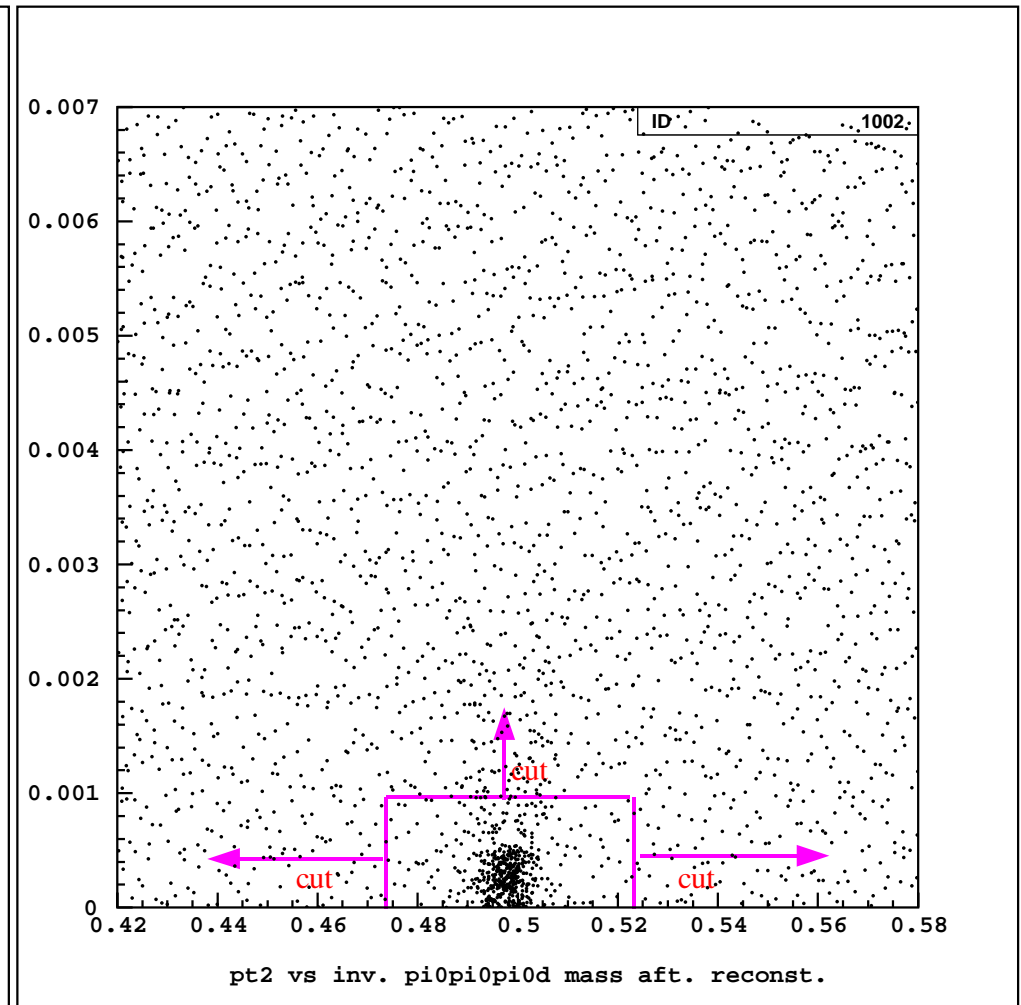
$$473 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\pi\pi\pi\pi} \leq 523 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_T^2 \leq 0.001 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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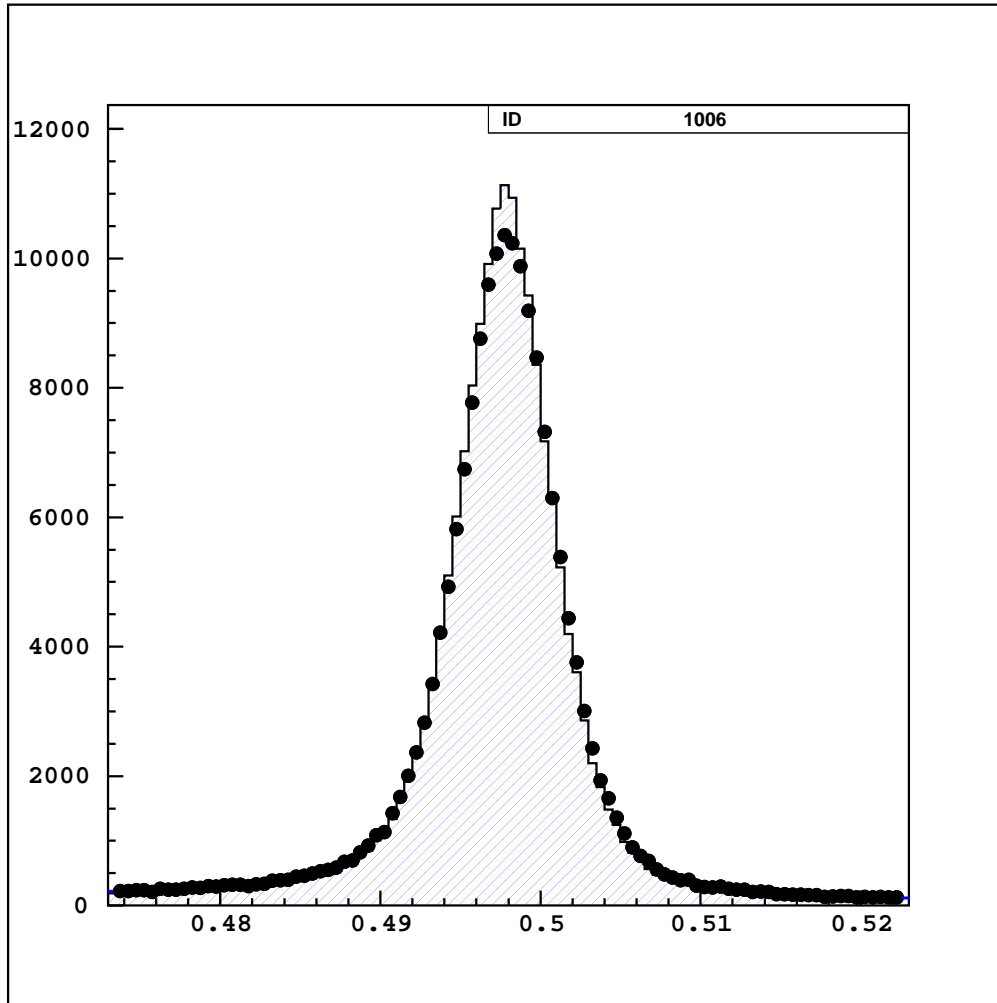
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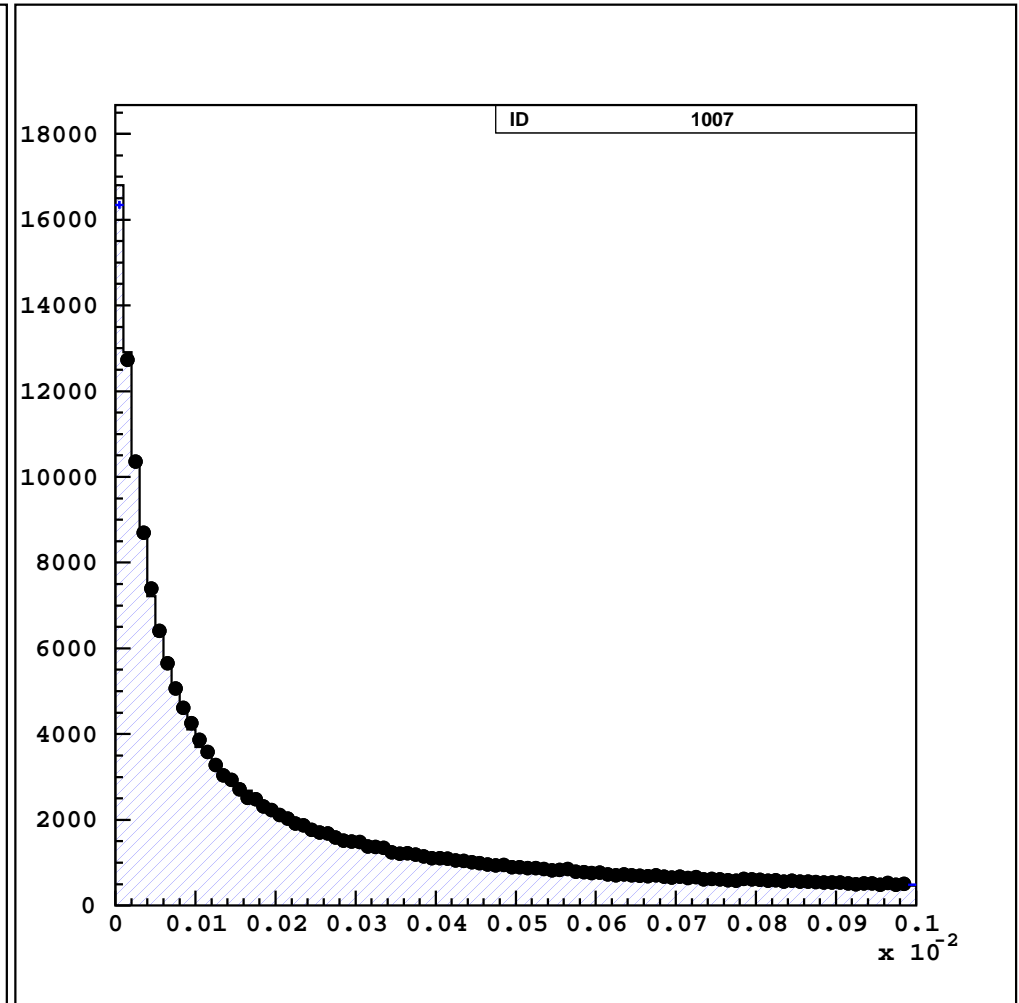
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1999 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ Inv. Mass and P_T^2 After All Cuts



1999 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ Inv. Mass

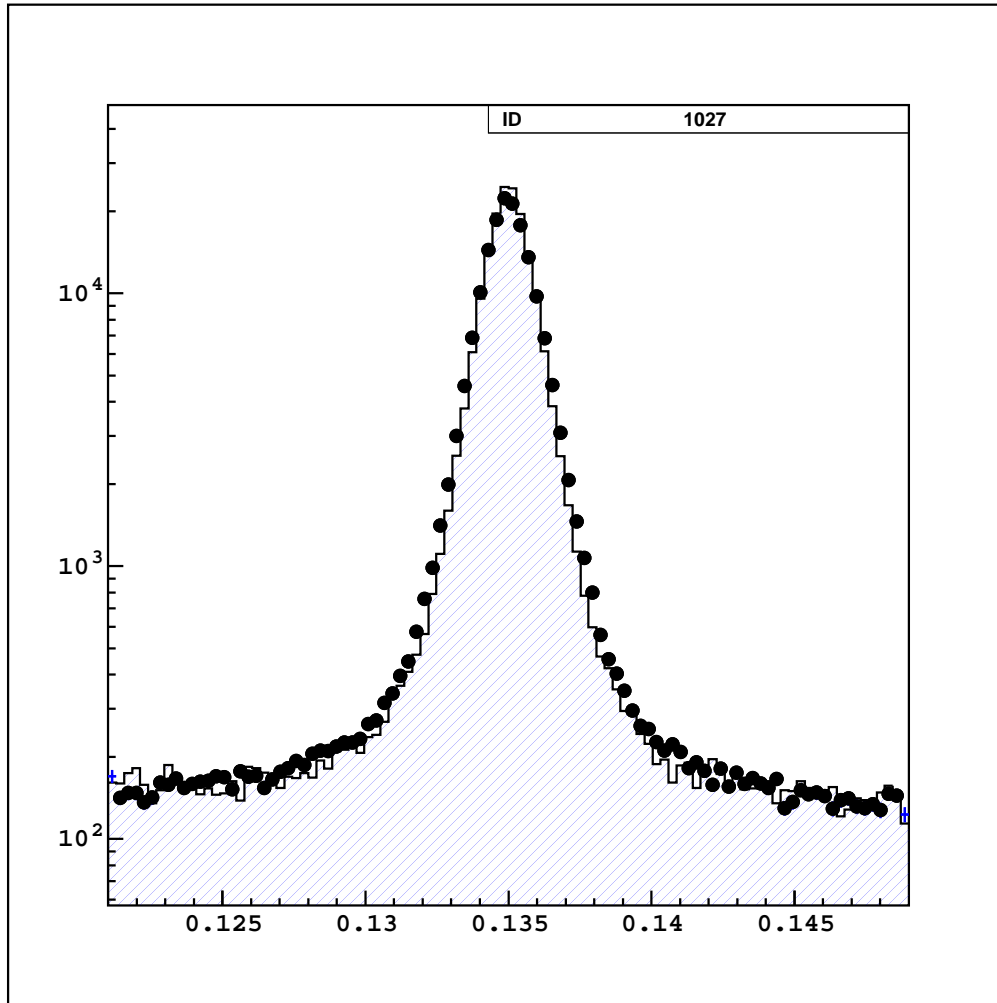


1999 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ P_T^2

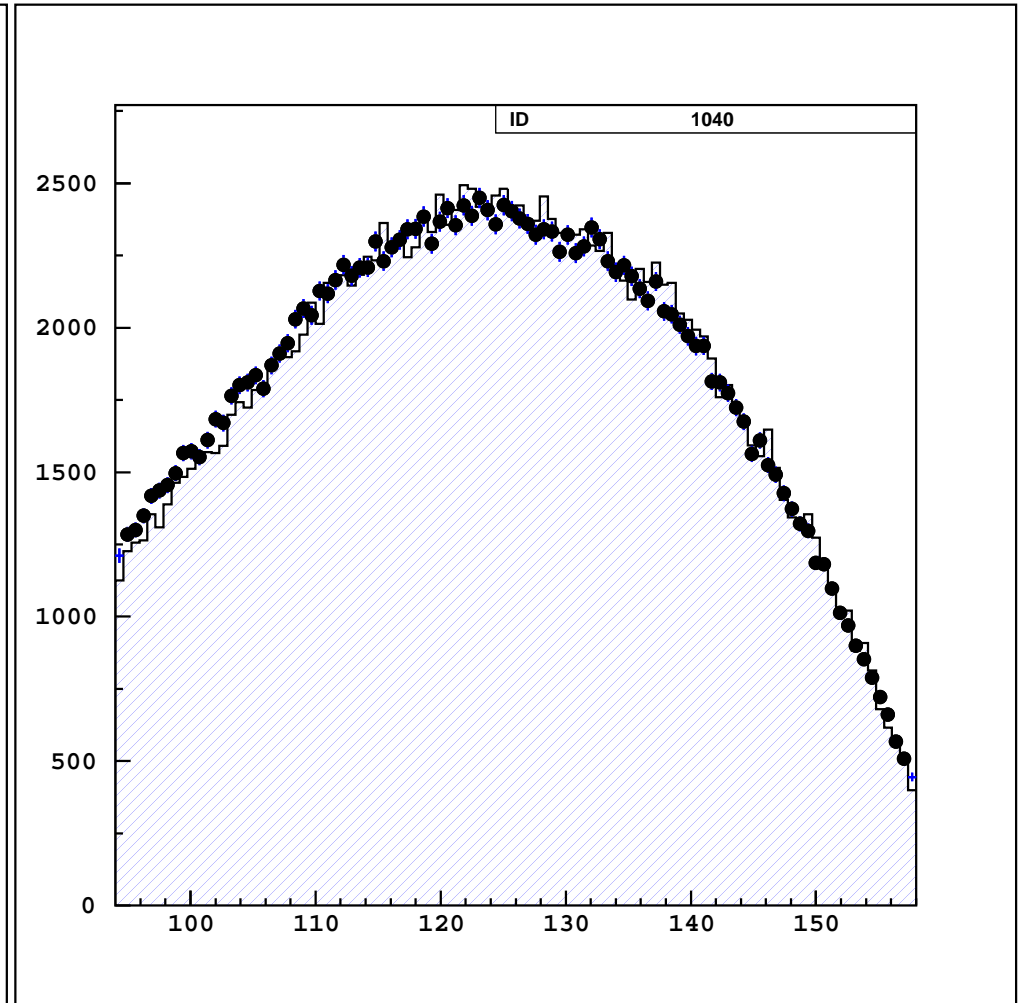
● = Data

□ = MC

1999 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ 1st π^0 Mass and Zvtx After All Cuts



1999 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ 1st π^0 Mass



1999 $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$ Zvtx

● = Data

□ = MC