#### Analysis report: Neutral pions in D-meson decays

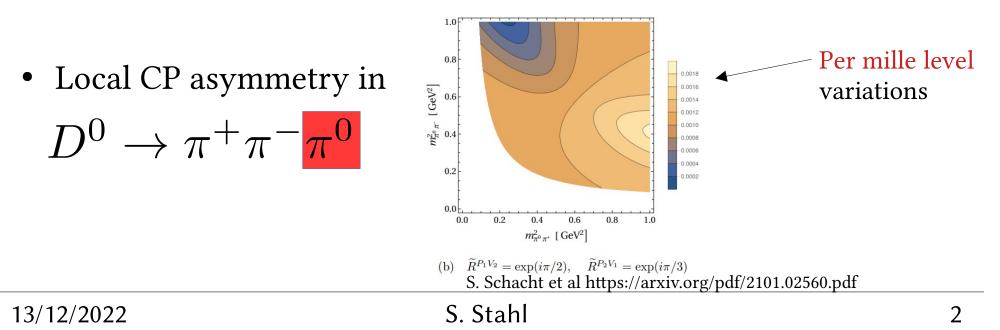
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## Physics case

- Discovered CP violation in two body charm decays:  $\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(D^0 \to K^+K^-) - A_{CP}(D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-)$   $\Delta A_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$ PRL 122 (2019) 211803
- Hard to interpret result due to unknown strong phases.
- Multi-body decays allow to disentangle strong and weak phases as strong phases vary over the Dalitz plot.



# Stating the (not so) obvious

- Neutral pions predominantly decay instantaneously to two photons (98%)  $\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$ 

Side View

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SciFi TORCH

Magnet &

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Magnet Stations

Tungsten

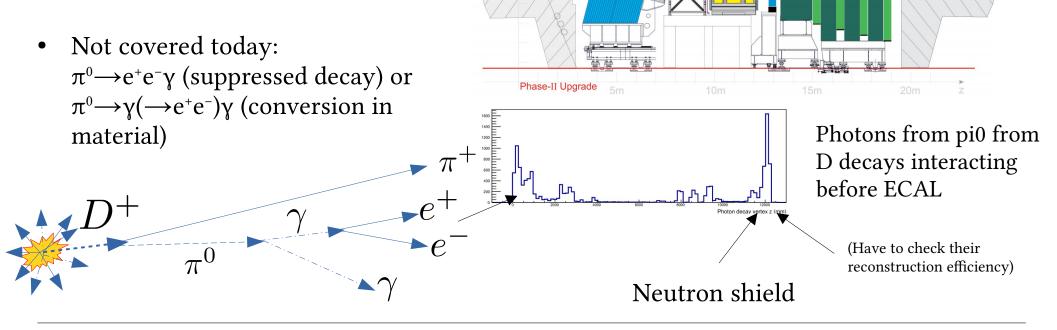
ECAL

M4

M3

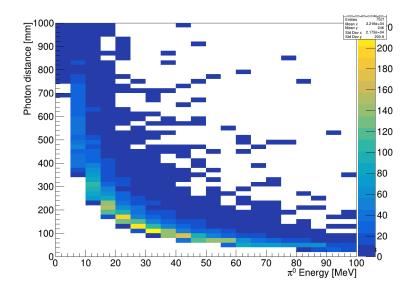
M2

 Reconstructed with 2 or 1 clusters in the ECAL (momentum dependent)

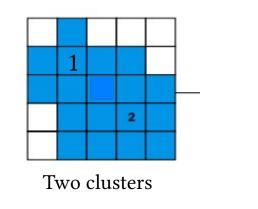


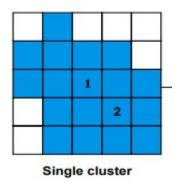
#### $\pi^0$ reconstruction

• Reminder: Clusters (3x3) can be separated if there is at least one cell between two local maxima (seed cells).

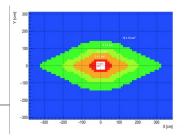


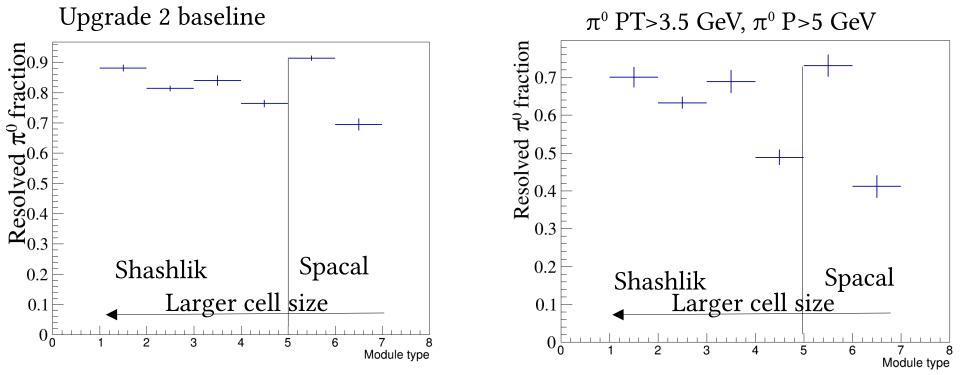
- Two cases:
  - Resolved  $\pi^0 \rightarrow$  each photon creates one cluster
  - Merged  $\pi^0 \rightarrow$  one cluster for both photons





## Fraction resolved versus merged

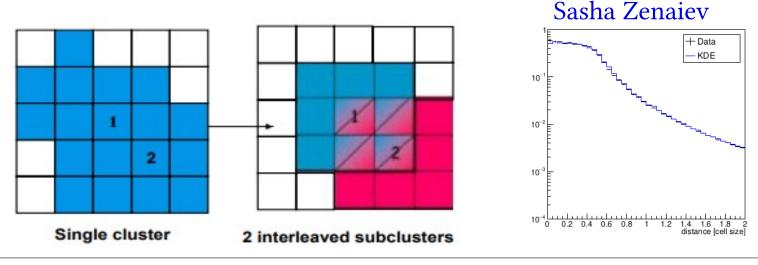




- Pi0 from D have lower momenta than from  $B \rightarrow$  more resolved
- Resolved π<sup>0</sup> have much more background due to lower momentum photons → Most analyses use both types and sometimes only merged π<sup>0</sup>.

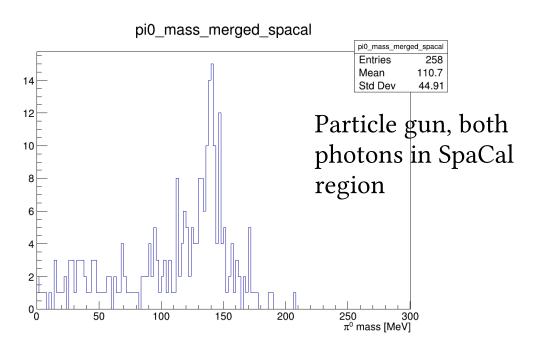
# (Classical) merged $\pi^0$ reconstruction

- Follow approach from Run1/2 https://cds.cern.ch/record/691634 and use input from Sasha Zenaiev's studies.
- Algorithm:
  - 1. Take 3x3 cluster and look for cell with second highest energy
  - 2. Define two subclusters, first identical with original, second 3x3 around second seed.
  - 3. Distribute energy in each cell among subclusters:
    - Use expected transverse showershape to assign fraction per subcluster
    - Recalculate position and energy of each subcluster and repeat until energies stay constant



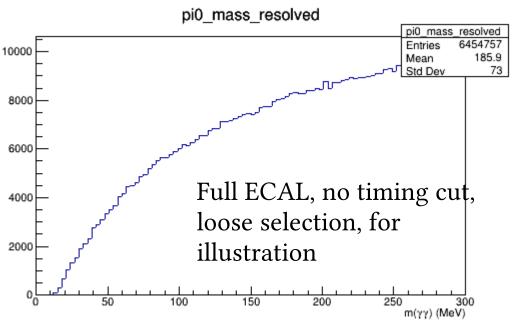
# (Example) merged $\pi^0$ reconstruction

- Implemented procedure in reconstruction of standalone simulation of ECAL.
- Assume photons coming from (0,0,0)
  → calculate invariant mass
- Basic reconstruction working but room for improvements
  - See also next talks
  - Use of timing
  - Machine learning



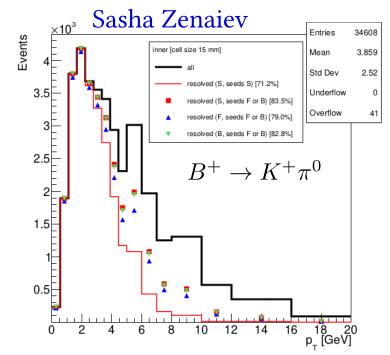
#### TODO: Run 4 studies

- Next step is to do studies with signal and background for Run 4 configuration
  - Simulation running but started to late for this workshop.
- How much does timing in the inner region reduce backgrounds on overall scale?



#### TODO: Run 5 studies

- Start studies with rotated modules for this channel.
- Include timing and segmentation in π<sup>0</sup> reconstruction for merged and resolved π<sup>0</sup>s.
  - For example seeding clusters with front and back separately, increases fraction of resolved pi0



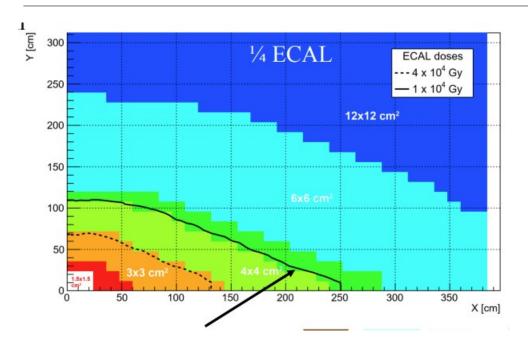
- Integrate with Velo+Calo setup  $\rightarrow$  see Laurent's talk.
  - Allows to have more realistic cuts on time at decay vertex and Calo.

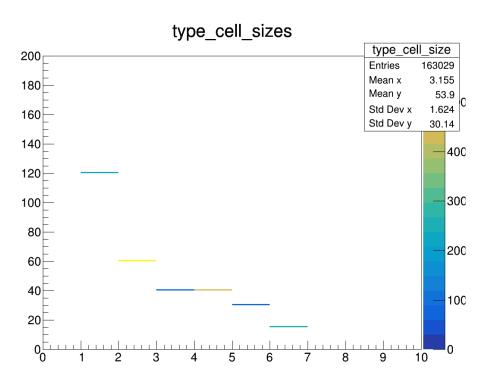
#### Conclusion

- Have to learn how to use improved detector for  $\pi^0$  reconstruction.
  - See next two talks for examples but more to do.
- More people working on  $\pi^0$  identification and reconstruction are welcome (already interesting for Run 3).

## Backup

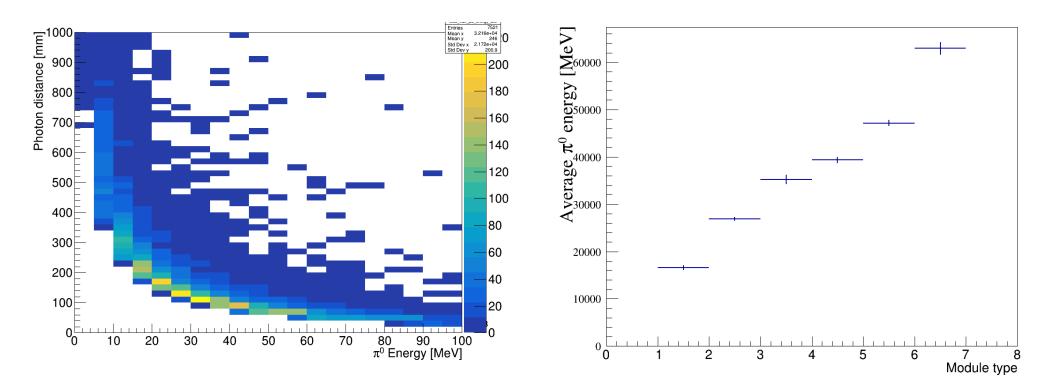
#### Module types





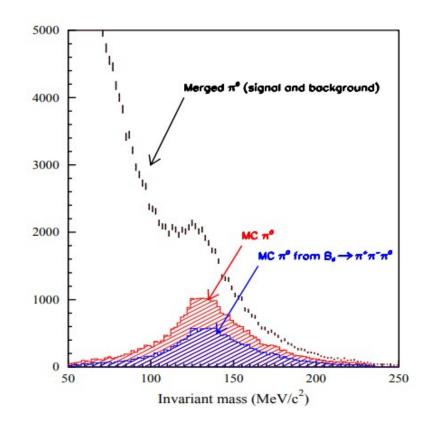
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#### Some plots



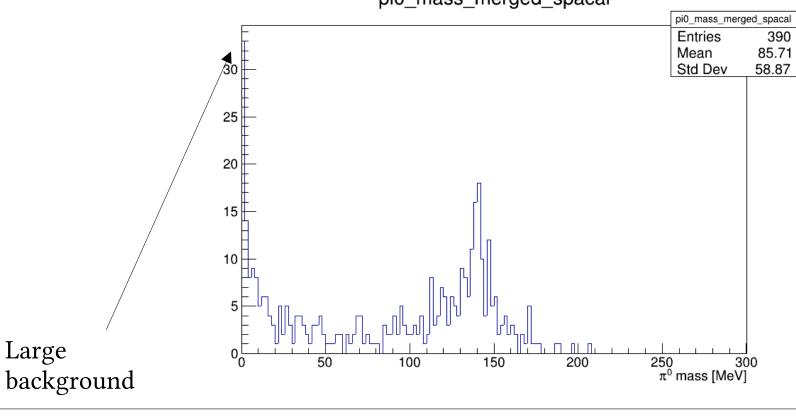
## Merged pi0 reconstruction

- Invariant mass calculated from cluster positions and energies assuming both photons come from 0,0,0.
- Plot from old note



## Merged pi0 reconstruction, SpaCal

- Energy sharing also a problem for resolved pi0 so Sasha had fitted the energy fraction as function of distance for the SpaCal region → Took the same function to get weights.
- Shashlik region todo.

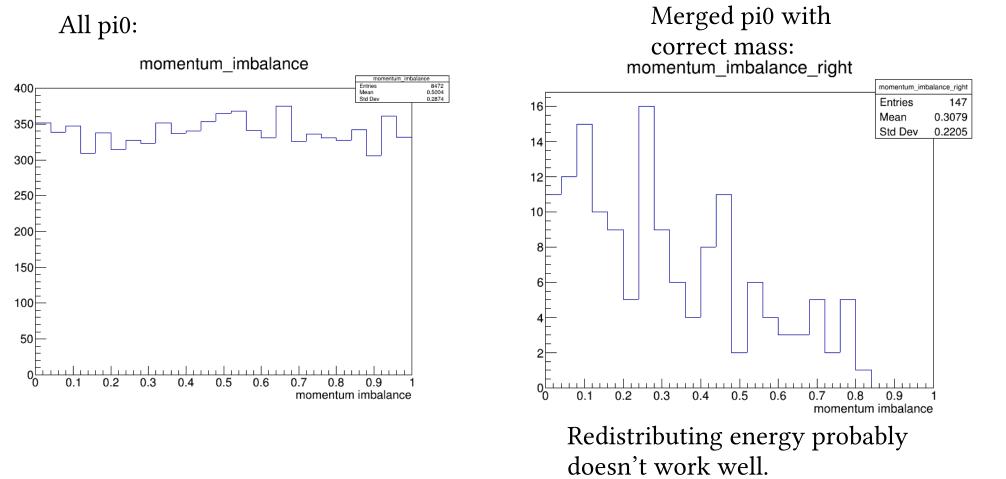


pi0\_mass\_merged\_spacal

## More plots

• Look at momentum imbalance of photons

 $\frac{p_1 - p_2}{p_1 + p_2}, p_1 > p_2$ 



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#### Next steps

- Implement something working for Shashlik region.
  - Star with functions from Run 2.
- Study with backgrounds.
- Try using timing and segmentation.

• Project: How about using machine learning for merged pi0 identification?