

Measurement of $\mathcal{B}\left(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0\right)$ with Run 2 LHCb data

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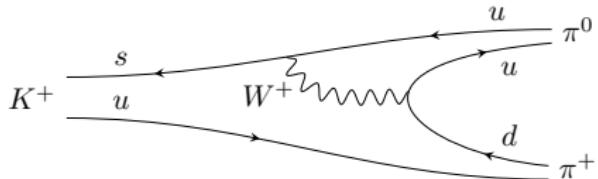
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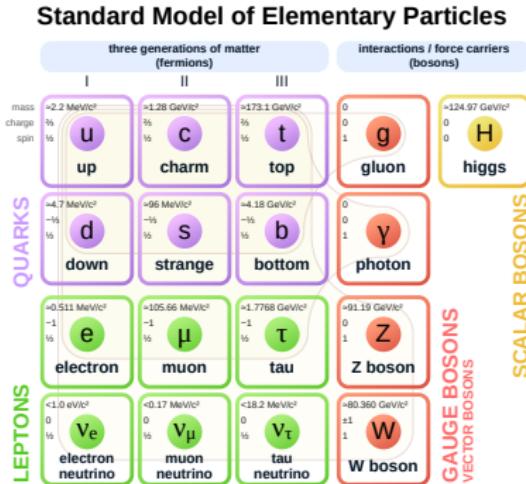
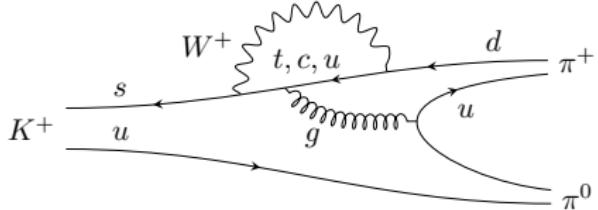
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Introduction. Flavor-changing neutral currents

- Protons (uud), neutrons (udd), and electrons (e) make up the visible universe nowadays, but many more particles exist
 - Fundamental: 6 quarks, 6 leptons, 5 bosons
 - Quark transitions: W^\pm bosons (and not Z)
 - Same quark charges: two W^\pm interactions
 - Suppression in the SM gives sensitivity to new physics



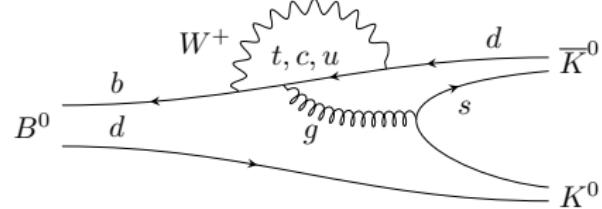
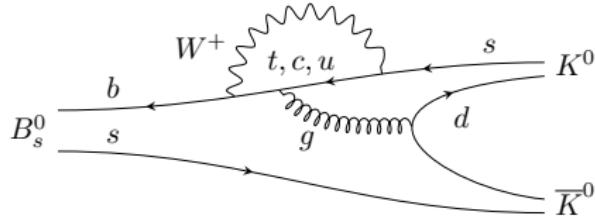
Feynman diagrams for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$: charged and neutral currents



Motivation. $B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0$ ($b \rightarrow s d \bar{d}$) and $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0$ ($b \rightarrow d s \bar{s}$) proceed via flavor-changing neutral currents: sensitive to new physics

$$\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0)$$

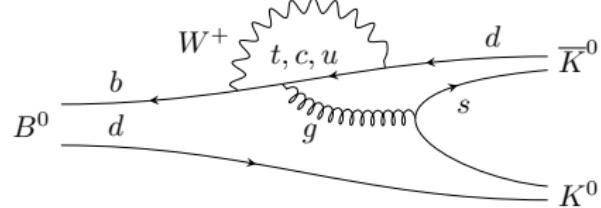
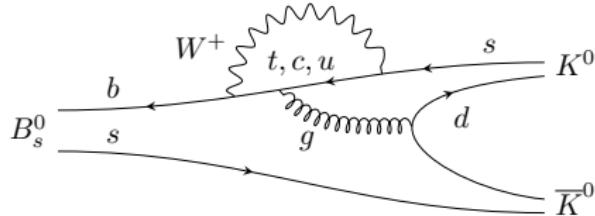


Motivation. Tensions with the SM

- B_s^0 : measured by Belle [PRL 116, 161801] and then LHCb [PRD 102, 012011]
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- Y. Amhis *et al.* [2212.03874] discuss a puzzle with

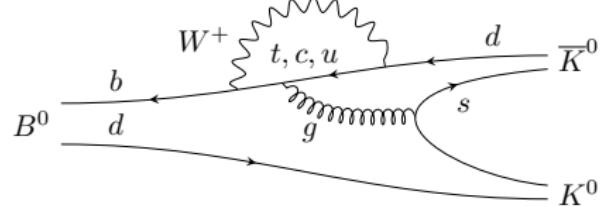
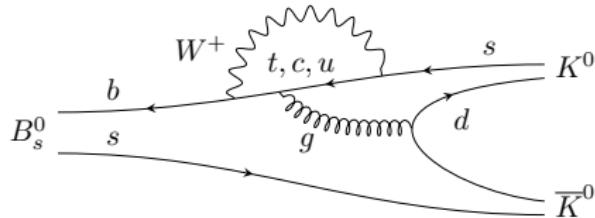
$$\frac{\Gamma(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0)}{\Gamma(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-)} = 0.66 \pm 0.13 \quad \left| \frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}} \right|^2 \frac{\Gamma(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0)}{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0)} = 0.61 \pm 0.13 \quad \frac{\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0)}{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^- K^+)} = 1.12 \pm 0.05$$

all of which should be 1 — there is tension with the SM



Motivation. LHCb improvements

- The existing LHCb measurement used 2011–2016 data ($\mathcal{L} = 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
- Exclusive $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ trigger introduced in 2017
More than 3.8 times better trigger efficiency
- The current analysis uses 2016–2018 data ($\mathcal{L} = 5.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)



Analysis strategy

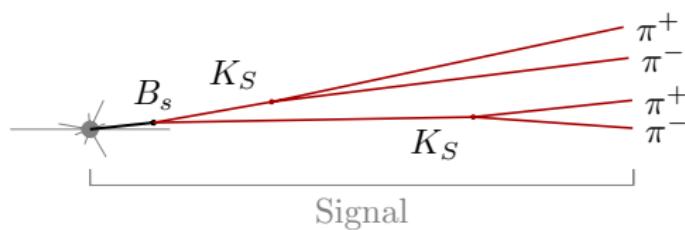
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- Choose a normalization decay: many effects cancel in the ratio
- Select normalization decay events
- ❑ Implement corrections for the simulation
- ❑ Extract normalization yields
- ❑ Select signal decay events
- Estimate full efficiency and signal yields ← we are here
- ❑ Study systematic uncertainties
- ❑ Extract signal yields

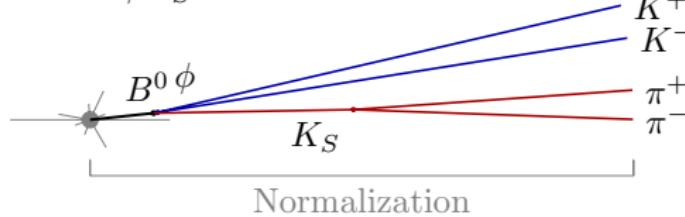
Signal and normalization decay topology

- Only long tracks
- Long or downstream tracks

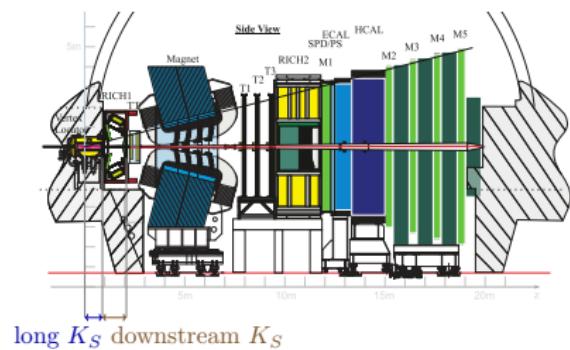
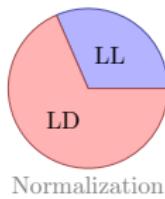
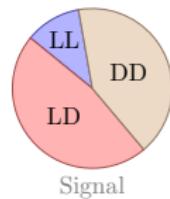
$$B_s \rightarrow K_S K_S$$



$$B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S$$



Shares of events



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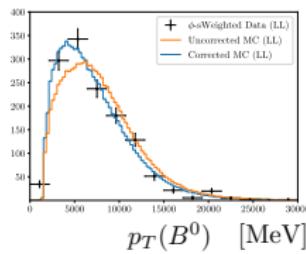
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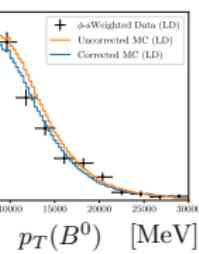
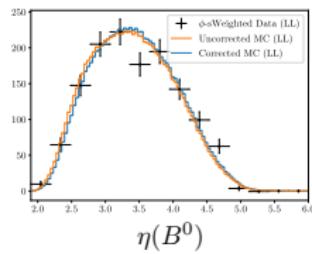
	LL	LD
Signal efficiency	0.8205(5)	0.6930(4)
Background rejection	$2.17(8) \times 10^{-4}$	$4.65(11) \times 10^{-4}$

Corrections to the simulation

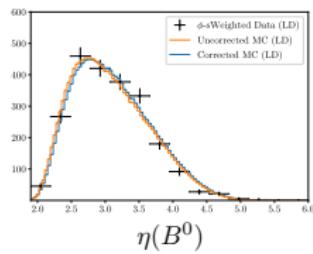
- B -meson corrections are already implemented
Derived from $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$
- Most BDT variables are correctly modeled
- The few that are not will be corrected



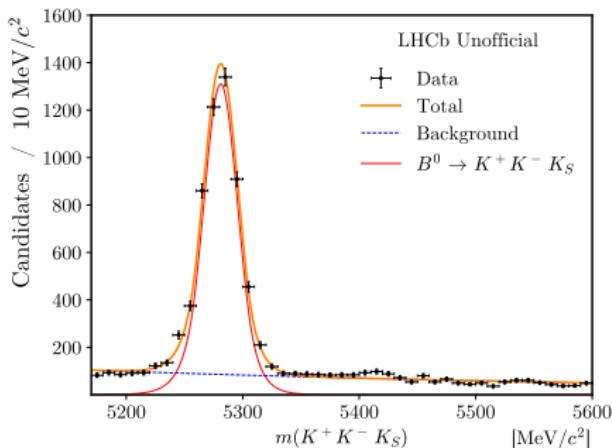
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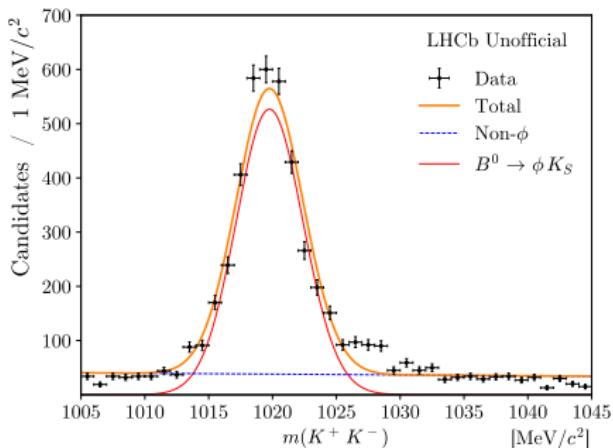


Normalization $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$ mass fits



$$N_{B^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- K_S^0 (\text{LL})} = 1990 \pm 35$$

$$N_{B^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- K_S^0 (\text{LD})} = 3070 \pm 40$$



$$N_{B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0 (\text{LL})} = 1298 \pm 30$$

$$N_{B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0 (\text{LD})} = 2170 \pm 40$$

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Signal BDT performance

	LL	LD	DD
Signal efficiency	0.5961(23)	0.3032(13)	0.0467(5)
Background rejection	$1.58(25) \times 10^{-5}$	$2.92(13) \times 10^{-5}$	$8.5(9) \times 10^{-6}$

Estimated signal yields

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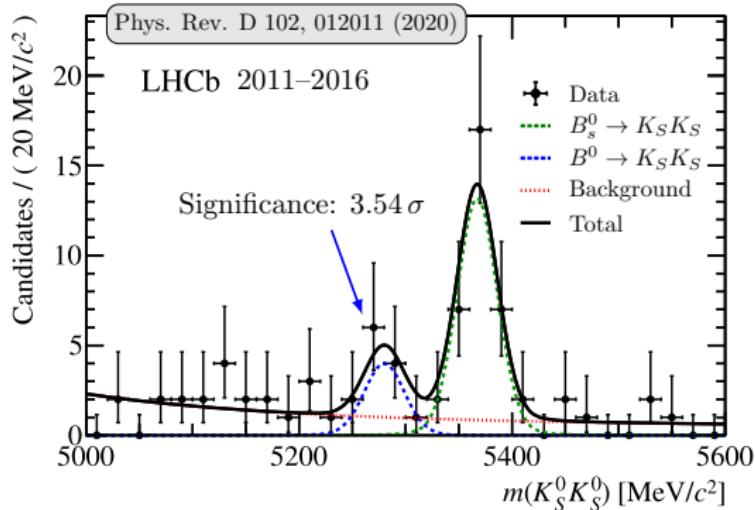
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$$N_{B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0}^{\text{prev, total}} = 32 \pm 4$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0)} = 2.3 \pm 0.5$$

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Thank you!

Backup

Normalization $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$ selection

Trigger selection:

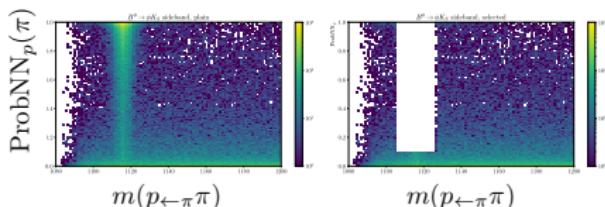
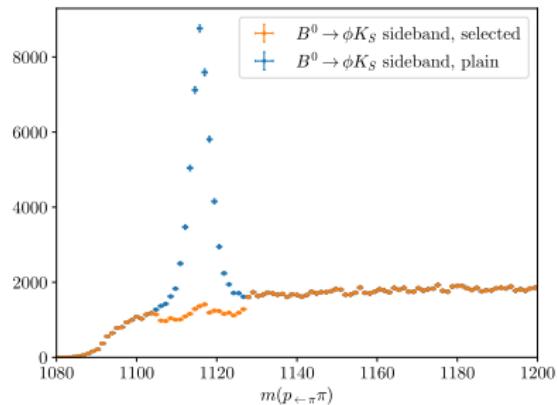
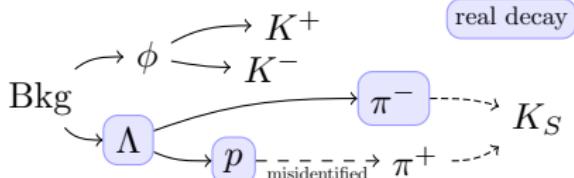
- LOHadron, LOGlobal_TIS
- Hlt1(Two)TrackMVA, Hlt1(Phi)IncPhi
- Hlt2Topo(2,3,4)Body, Hlt2(Phi)IncPhi

Loose selection:

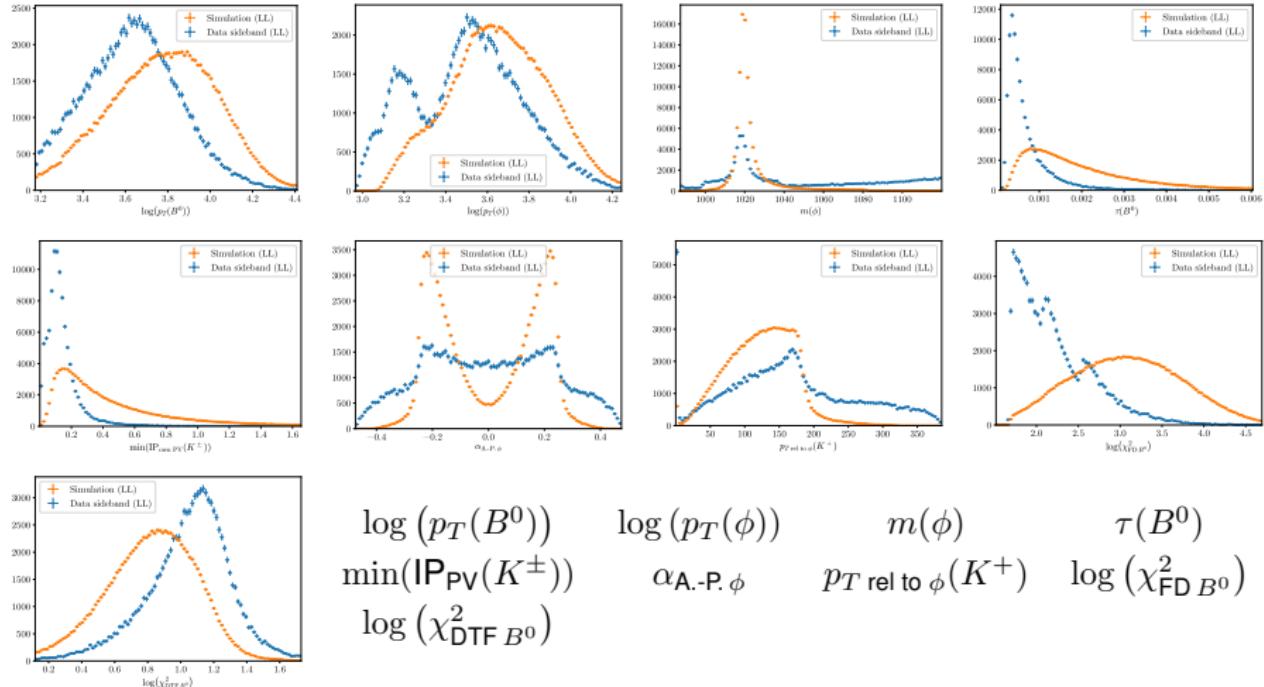
- B^0 DTF converged
- $\text{ProbNN}_K(K^\pm) > 0.02$
- Veto on Λ misidentified as K_S^0 :
 $\text{ProbNN}_p(\pi) < 0.1$ within the Λ peak

Differences from the previous analysis:

- No `isMuon = False` requirement
- No $z_{K_S^0} - z_{B^0} > 15$ mm cut

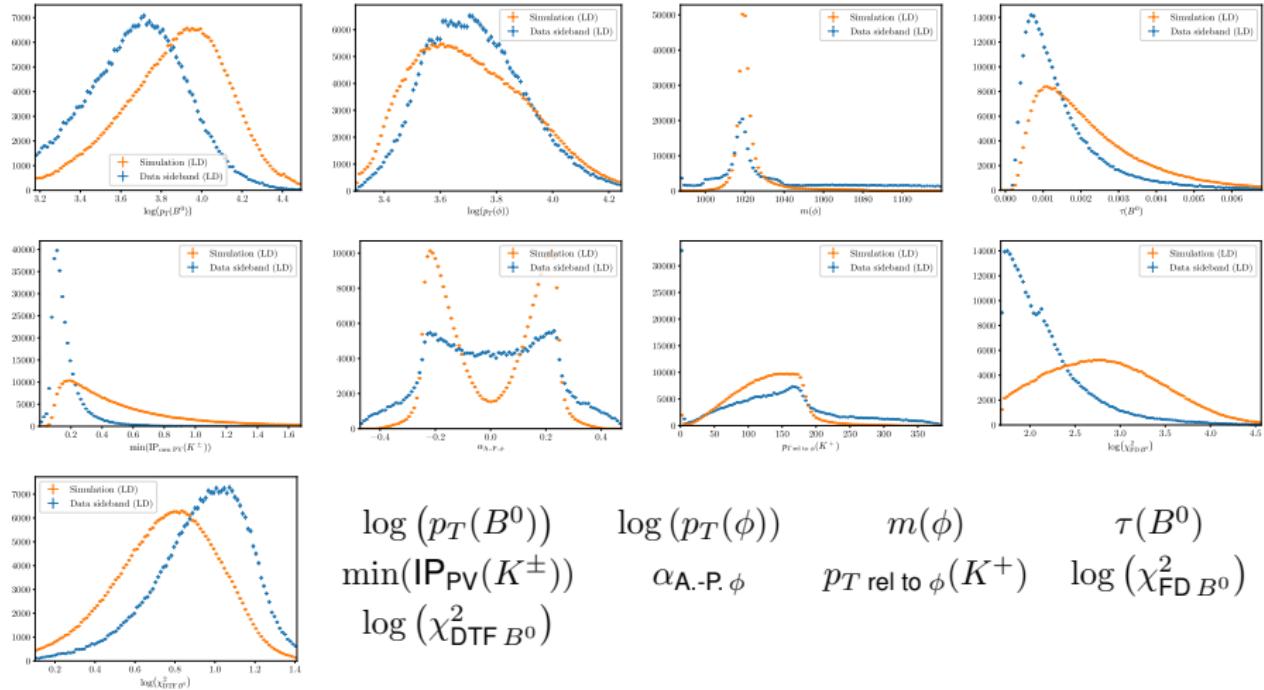


Normalization BDT variables (LL)

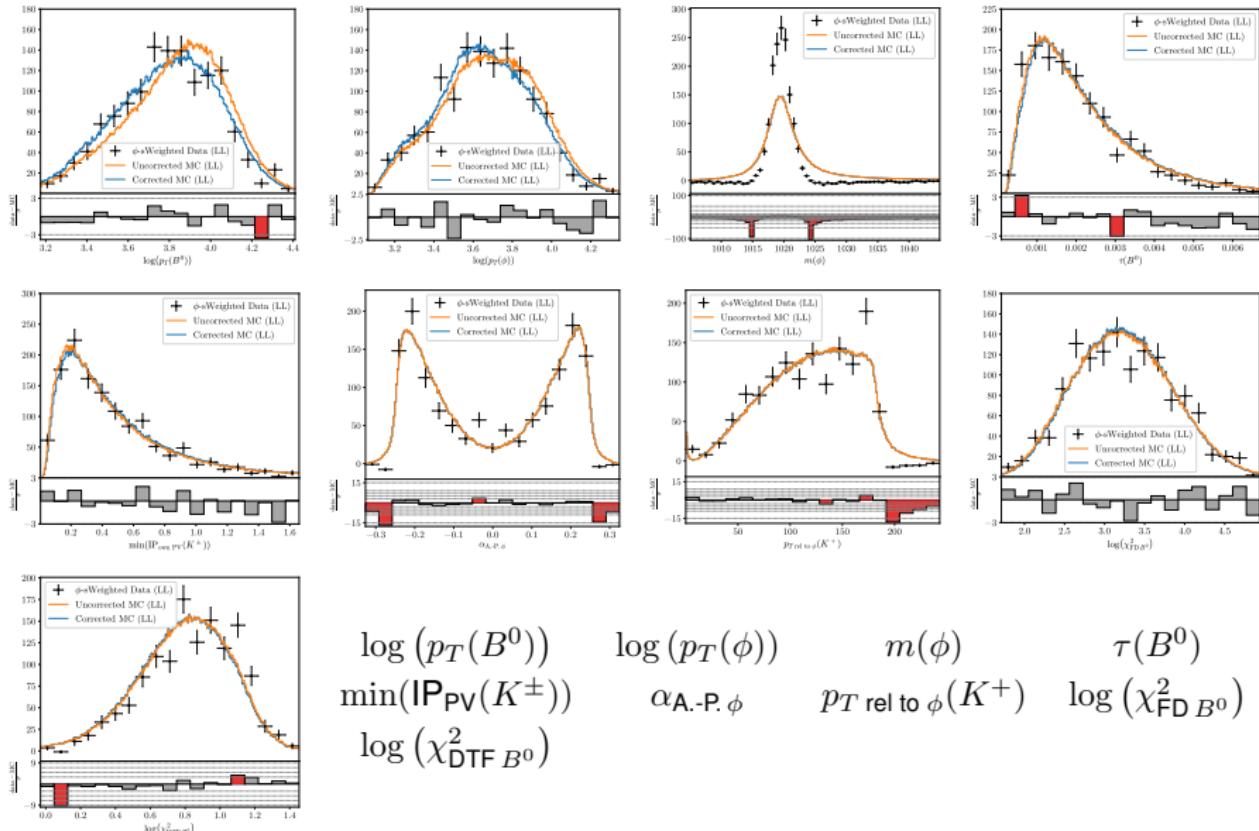


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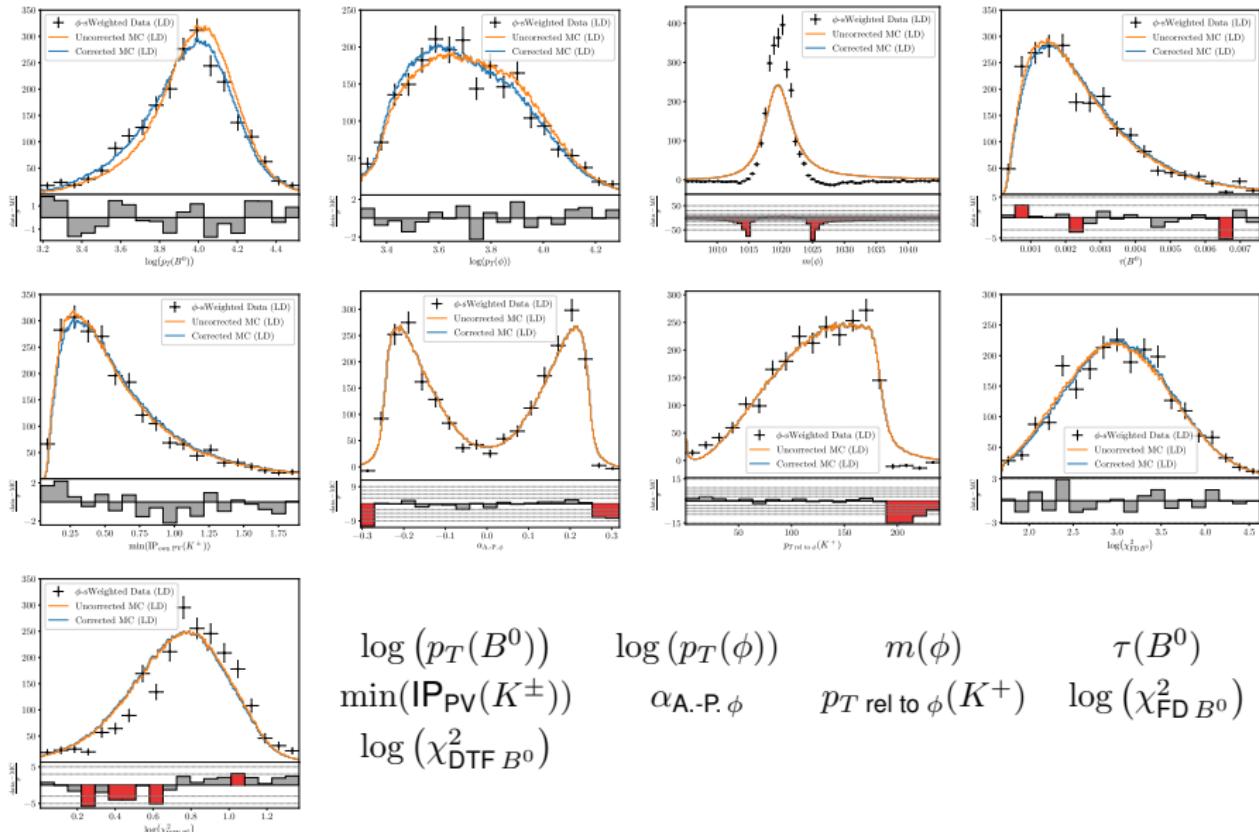
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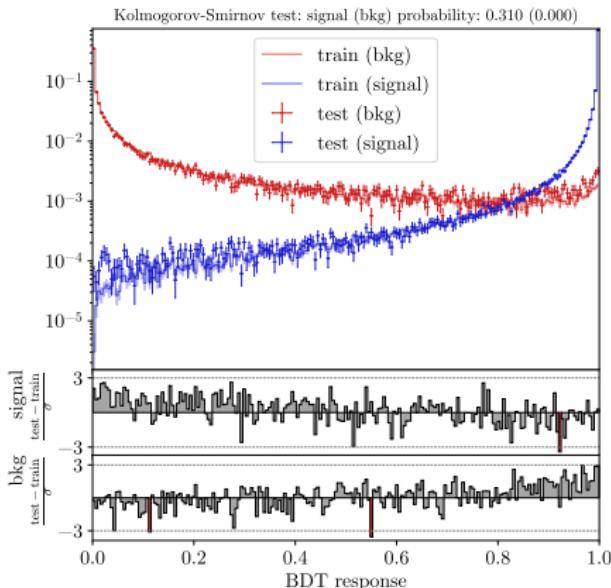


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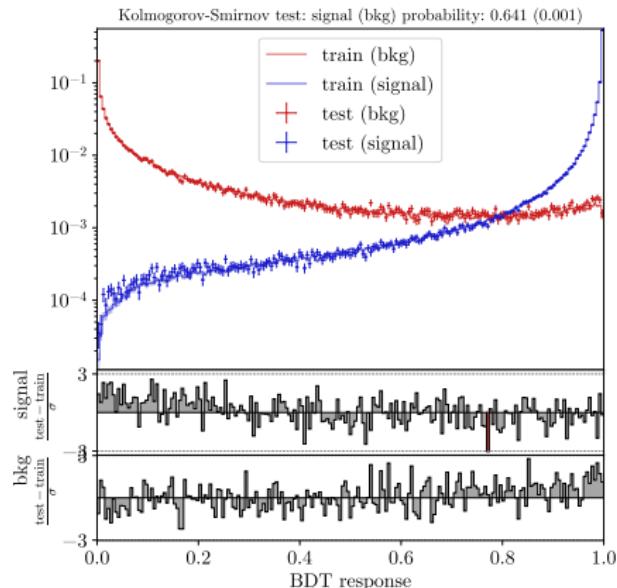
Normalization BDT response

Bkg: $m_{B^0} > 5400$ MeV data
9 variables 8-fold cross-validation

Signal: MC
separate for LL, LD



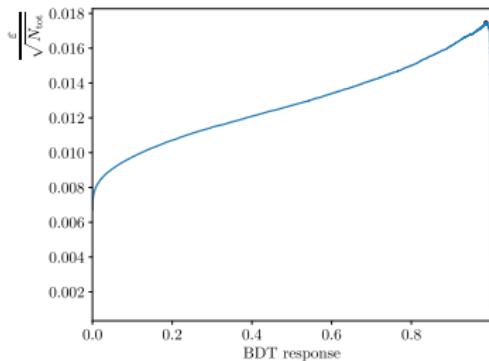
ROC AUC = 0.99084 (LL)



0.97985 (LD)

Normalization BDT cut

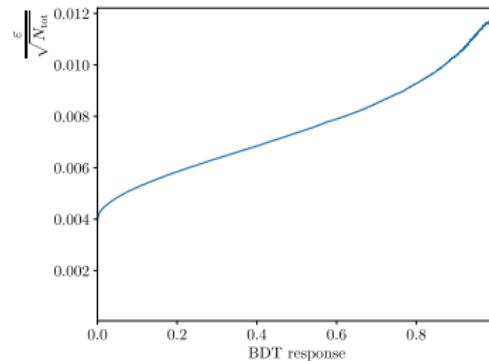
- $\mathcal{F} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}}{\sqrt{N_{\text{total}}}}$
- $\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}$: determined from MC
- N_{total} : taken directly from data – $m_{B^0} \in (5236, 5326)$ MeV – 3σ region



$\text{response}_{\text{LL}} > 0.98722\dots$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}^{\text{LL}} = 0.8205(5)$$

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$\text{response}_{\text{LD}} > 0.98688\dots$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}^{\text{LD}} = 0.6930(4)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{LD}} = (4.65 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-4}$$

Normalization efficiency

Efficiency	2016 (prev)	2016	2017	2018
ε_{gen}	0.1695(16)	0.27126(31)	0.27114(31)	0.27120(30)
$\varepsilon_{\text{strip}}$	0.008482(29)	0.008811(10)	0.009788(11)	0.008214(10)
$\varepsilon_{\text{topo}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.3146(16)	0.3337(6)	0.3071(5)	0.2965(5)
$\varepsilon_{\text{trigger}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.9290(16)	0.9136(6)	0.9219(6)	0.9157(6)
$\varepsilon_{\text{sel}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.9197(17)	0.98482(27)	0.98544(27)	0.98474(28)
$\varepsilon_{\text{bdt}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.7964(27)	0.8068(9)	0.8286(8)	0.8257(9)
$\varepsilon_{\text{topo}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.6854(16)	0.6663(6)	0.6929(5)	0.7035(5)
$\varepsilon_{\text{trigger}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.9203(11)	0.9086(4)	0.9160(4)	0.9123(4)
$\varepsilon_{\text{sel}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.9265(11)	0.98023(21)	0.98050(21)	0.97974(21)
$\varepsilon_{\text{bdt}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.5339(23)	0.6877(7)	0.6925(7)	0.6976(7)
$\varepsilon_{\text{strip, topo, trig}}^{\text{LL}}$	$2.479(16) \times 10^{-3}$	$2.687(6) \times 10^{-3}$	$2.770(6) \times 10^{-3}$	$2.230(5) \times 10^{-3}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{strip, topo, trig}}^{\text{LD}}$	$5.350(23) \times 10^{-3}$	$5.334(8) \times 10^{-3}$	$6.213(9) \times 10^{-3}$	$5.272(8) \times 10^{-3}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{total}}^{\text{LL}}$	$2.96(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$5.790(15) \times 10^{-4}$	$6.134(17) \times 10^{-4}$	$4.918(13) \times 10^{-4}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{total}}^{\text{LD}}$	$4.53(5) \times 10^{-4}$	$9.754(21) \times 10^{-4}$	$1.1438(24) \times 10^{-3}$	$9.771(20) \times 10^{-4}$
adjusted for ε_{gen}		$3.62(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$3.83(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$3.074(31) \times 10^{-4}$
		$6.09(6) \times 10^{-4}$	$7.15(7) \times 10^{-4}$	$6.11(6) \times 10^{-4}$

Signal $B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ selection

Trigger selection:

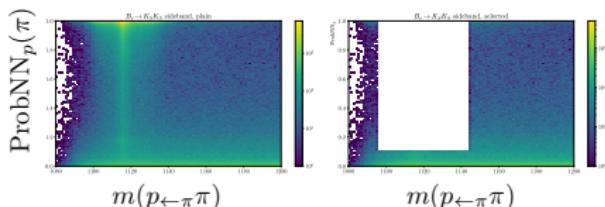
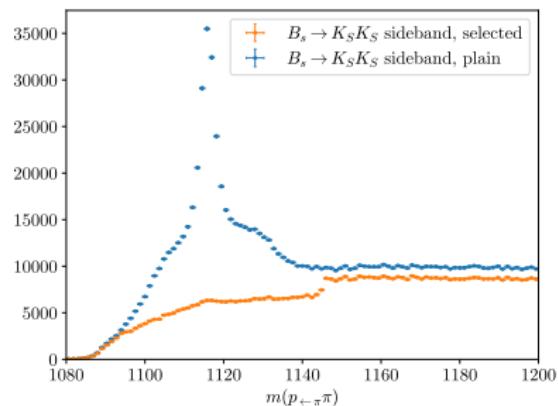
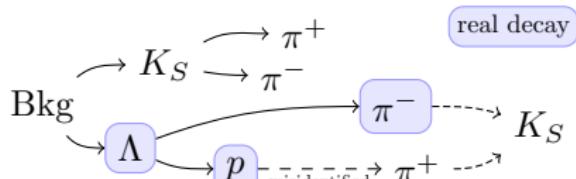
- L0Hadron, L0Global_TIS
- Hlt1(Two)TrackMVA, Hlt1Phys_TIS
- Hlt2Topo(2,3,4)Body,
Hlt2Hb2V0V0Hb2KSks(LL,LD,DD)

Loose selection:

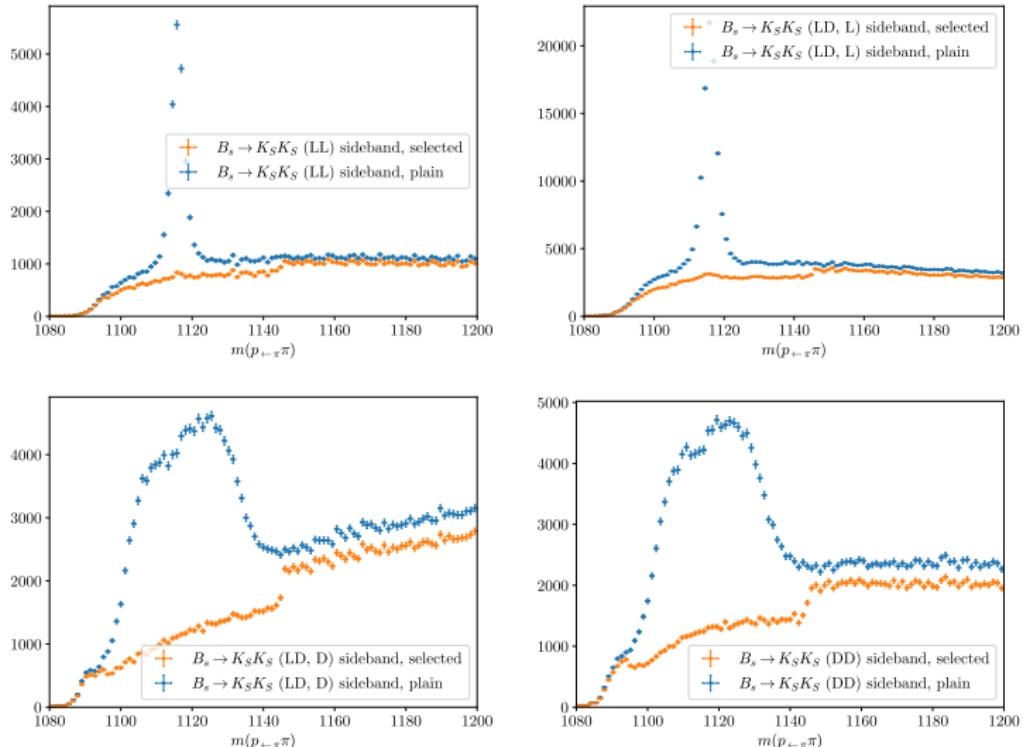
- Generator-level cuts on $p(B_s^0)$, $p(\pi)$, $p(K_S^0)$, $p_T(K_S^0)$
- B_s^0 DTF converged, $\chi_{\text{DTF } B_s^0}^2 < 60$
- $\chi_{\text{IP } B_s^0}^2 < 20$, $\tau(B_s^0) > 0$, $\tau(K_S^0) > 0$
- Veto on Λ misidentified as K_S^0 :
 $\text{ProbNN}_p(\pi) < 0.1$ within the Λ peak

Differences from the previous analysis:

- No `isMuon = False` requirement
- No $z_{K_S^0} - z_{B^0} > 15$ mm cut

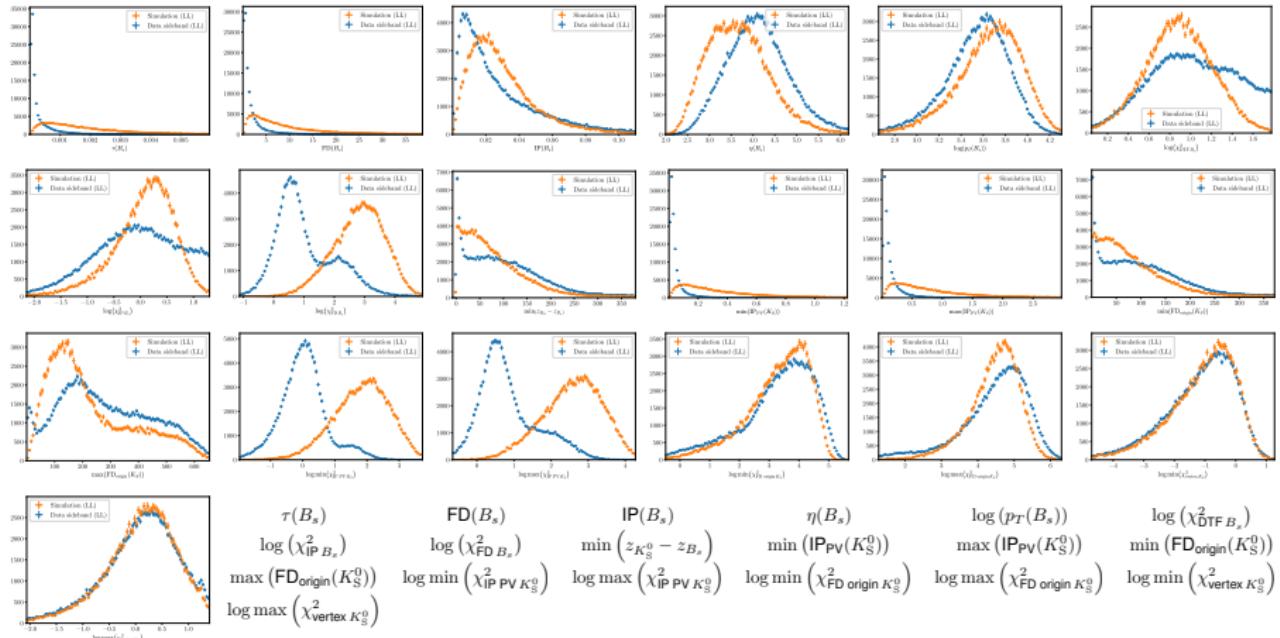


Signal selection: misreconstructed Λ veto

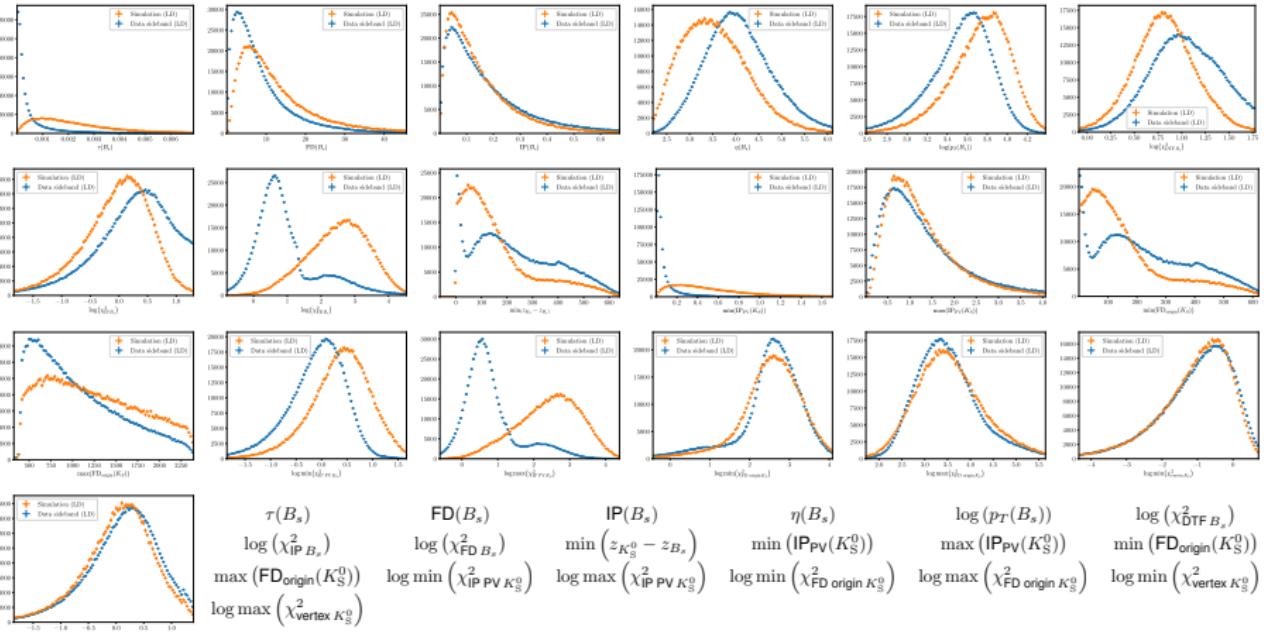


Veto efficiency: $0.96398^{+0.00025}_{-0.00026}$

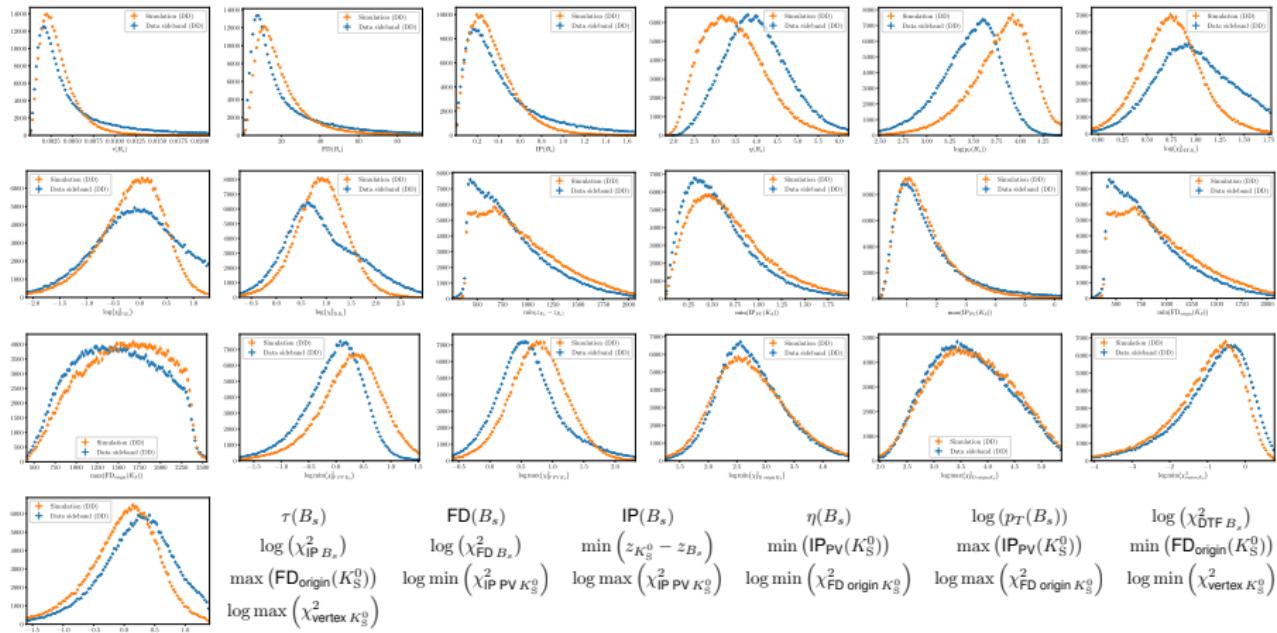
Signal BDT variables (LL)



Signal BDT variables (LD)



Signal BDT variables (DD)



Signal BDT response

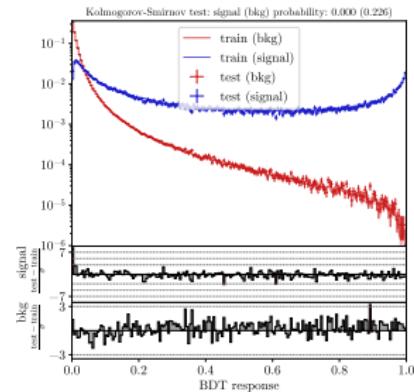
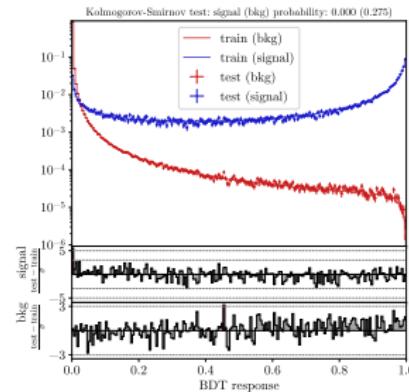
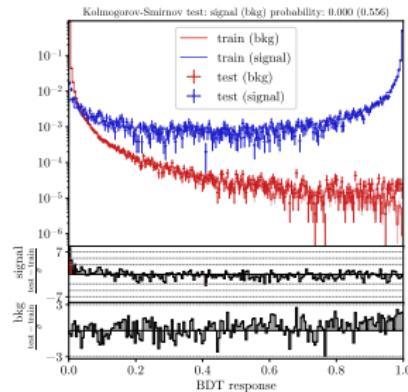
Bkg: $m_{B_s^0} > 5450$ MeV data

19 variables

8-fold cross-validation

Signal: MC

separate for LL, LD, DD



ROC AUC = 0.98976 (LL)

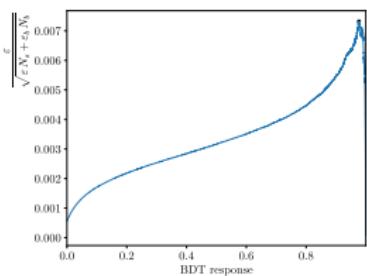
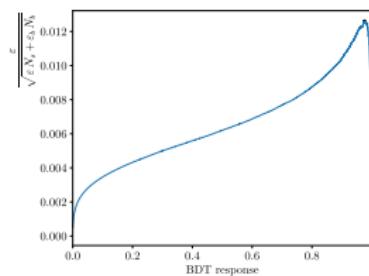
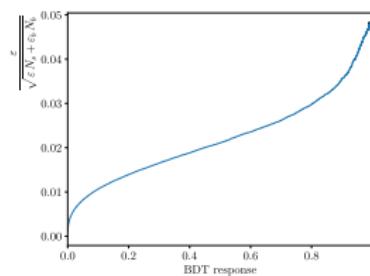
0.9795 (LD)

0.8962 (DD)

- A bit of overtraining is observed
- BDT for LD and especially DD has to be improved

Signal BDT cut

- $\mathcal{F} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}}{\sqrt{N_{\text{total, est}}} } = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}}{\sqrt{N_{\text{signal, est}} \varepsilon_{\text{signal}} + N_{\text{bkg}} \varepsilon_{\text{bkg}}}}$
- $N_{\text{signal, est}} = N_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0} \frac{\varepsilon_{B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0}^{\text{before BDT}}}{\varepsilon_{B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0)} \frac{f_s}{f_d} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-)}$
- ε_{bkg} – background rejection rate for $m_{B_s^0} > 5450$ MeV data
- N_{bkg} – total number of events from data before the BDT within 3σ of B_s^0



$\text{response}_{\text{LL}} > 0.9911\dots$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}^{\text{LL}} = 0.5961(23)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{LL}} = (1.58^{+0.25}) \times 10^{-5}$$

$\text{response}_{\text{LD}} > 0.9759\dots$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}^{\text{LD}} = 0.3032(13)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{LD}} = (2.92 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$$

$\text{response}_{\text{DD}} > 0.9767\dots$

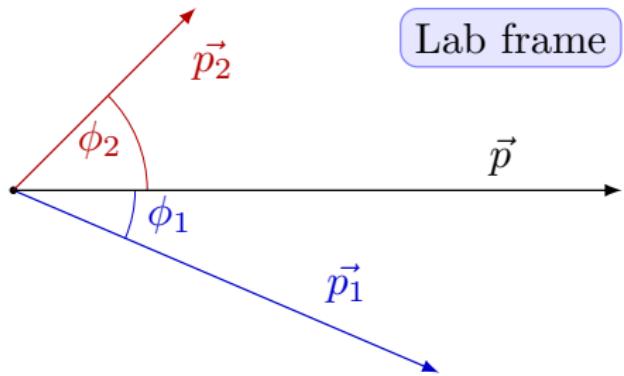
$$\varepsilon_{\text{signal}}^{\text{DD}} = 0.0467(5)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{DD}} = (8.5^{+1.0})_{-0.9} \times 10^{-6}$$

Signal efficiency

Efficiency	2016 (prev)	2016	2017	2018
ε_{gen}	0.1585(4)	0.15878(20)	0.15864(20)	0.15859(20)
$\varepsilon_{\text{strip}}$	0.01245(5)	0.019101(21)	0.019711(21)	0.019753(21)
$\varepsilon_{\text{topo}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.1799(17)	0.1133(4)	0.11070(34)	0.11034(34)
$\varepsilon_{\text{trigger}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.1069(32)	0.1082(10)	0.3039(15)	0.2445(14)
$\varepsilon_{\text{sel}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.715(14)	0.9264(27)	0.9544(12)	0.9500(15)
$\varepsilon_{\text{bdt}}^{\text{LL}}$	0.598(4)	0.690(5)	0.5517(30)	0.5519(34)
$\varepsilon_{\text{topo}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.7285(20)	0.4702(6)	0.4678(5)	0.4671(5)
$\varepsilon_{\text{trigger}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.0698(13)	0.0700(4)	0.3181(7)	0.2586(7)
$\varepsilon_{\text{sel}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.772(8)	0.9131(18)	0.9408(7)	0.9388(8)
$\varepsilon_{\text{bdt}}^{\text{LD}}$	0.2295(21)	0.4073(32)	0.2467(12)	0.2597(14)
$\varepsilon_{\text{topo}}^{\text{DD}}$	–	0.4164(6)	0.4215(5)	0.4226(5)
$\varepsilon_{\text{trigger}}^{\text{DD}}$	–	0.0 ± 0.0	0.3417(8)	0.2838(8)
$\varepsilon_{\text{sel}}^{\text{DD}}$	–	0.0 ± 0.0	0.9471(6)	0.9448(7)
$\varepsilon_{\text{bdt}}^{\text{DD}}$	–	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0642(7)	0.0719(8)
$\varepsilon_{\text{strip, topo, trig}}^{\text{LL}}$	$2.40(8) \times 10^{-4}$	$2.342(24) \times 10^{-4}$	$6.63(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$5.328(35) \times 10^{-4}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{strip, topo, trig}}^{\text{LD}}$	$6.33(12) \times 10^{-4}$	$6.29(4) \times 10^{-4}$	$2.933(8) \times 10^{-3}$	$2.385(7) \times 10^{-3}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{strip, topo, trig}}^{\text{DD}}$	–	0.0 ± 0.0	$2.839(8) \times 10^{-3}$	$2.369(7) \times 10^{-3}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{total}}^{\text{LL}}$	$1.62(6) \times 10^{-5}$	$2.377(31) \times 10^{-5}$	$5.54(5) \times 10^{-5}$	$4.43(4) \times 10^{-5}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{total}}^{\text{LD}}$	$1.78(4) \times 10^{-5}$	$3.71(4) \times 10^{-5}$	$1.080(6) \times 10^{-4}$	$9.22(6) \times 10^{-5}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{total}}^{\text{DD}}$	–	0.0 ± 0.0	$2.738(32) \times 10^{-5}$	$2.553(31) \times 10^{-5}$

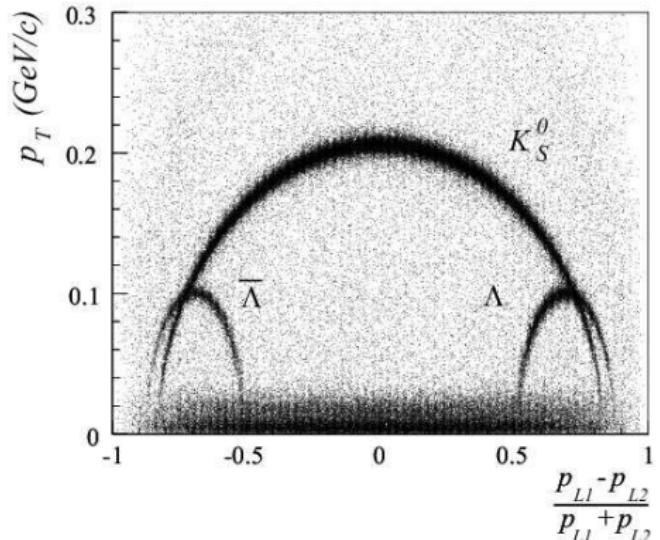
Armenteros-Podolanski variables and plot



For $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$:

$$p_1 \sin \phi_1 = p_2 \sin \phi_2 = p_T \text{ rel to } \phi(K^+)$$

$$\frac{p_1 \cos \phi_1 - p_2 \cos \phi_2}{p_1 \cos \phi_1 + p_2 \cos \phi_2} = \alpha_{\text{A.-P.}} \phi$$



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$$\frac{p_{L1} - p_{L2}}{p_{L1} + p_{L2}}$$