Why do we need segmented Pb target for charm data taking?

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Motivation





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006 Counts 008 Counts func = gauss_gauss_exp $\sigma_{M} = 8.12 \text{ MeV}$ 700 M = 1867.06 MeV D^0 yield = 1044 600 D^0 yield_{BB} = 40 500 SNR = 23.80 400 SNR_{BR} = 1.68 300 Bckg = 881 200 $Bckg_{BR} = 542$ 100 0 1.2 2.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2 2.4 M_{# K} [GeV/c²]

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Simulation with segmented target





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That's all, thank you.

BACKUP SLIDES





Comparison between solid and segmented target in each segments



More segmented target

Question: Maybe more segmentd target it's better?





Combinatorial mass distribution

Comparison between the segmented targets (3 segments each 1 mm vs 6 segments each 0.5 mm)



Parent impact parameter distribution (all combination) for solid target segments



Parent impact parameter distribution (all combination) for different target



In my analysis, I accept particles (or particle pairs, depending on the cut) that pass through the following cuts:

- ▶ $p_T \in (0.35, 1.8) \text{ GeV}/c^2$,
- ▶ $d \in (0.055, 1)$ mm,
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