

# DCA Calculation using the Stand Alone Tracking Algorithm

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# Motivation for this alternate Method

- In the past, studies were done using the Kalman filter to calculate the DCA
- The results were not ideal
  - How does the kalman filter project the track back to find the dca?
- So the idea of using the stand alone tracking algorithm to calculate the dca was put forth and is being studied currently

# Overview of Simulation

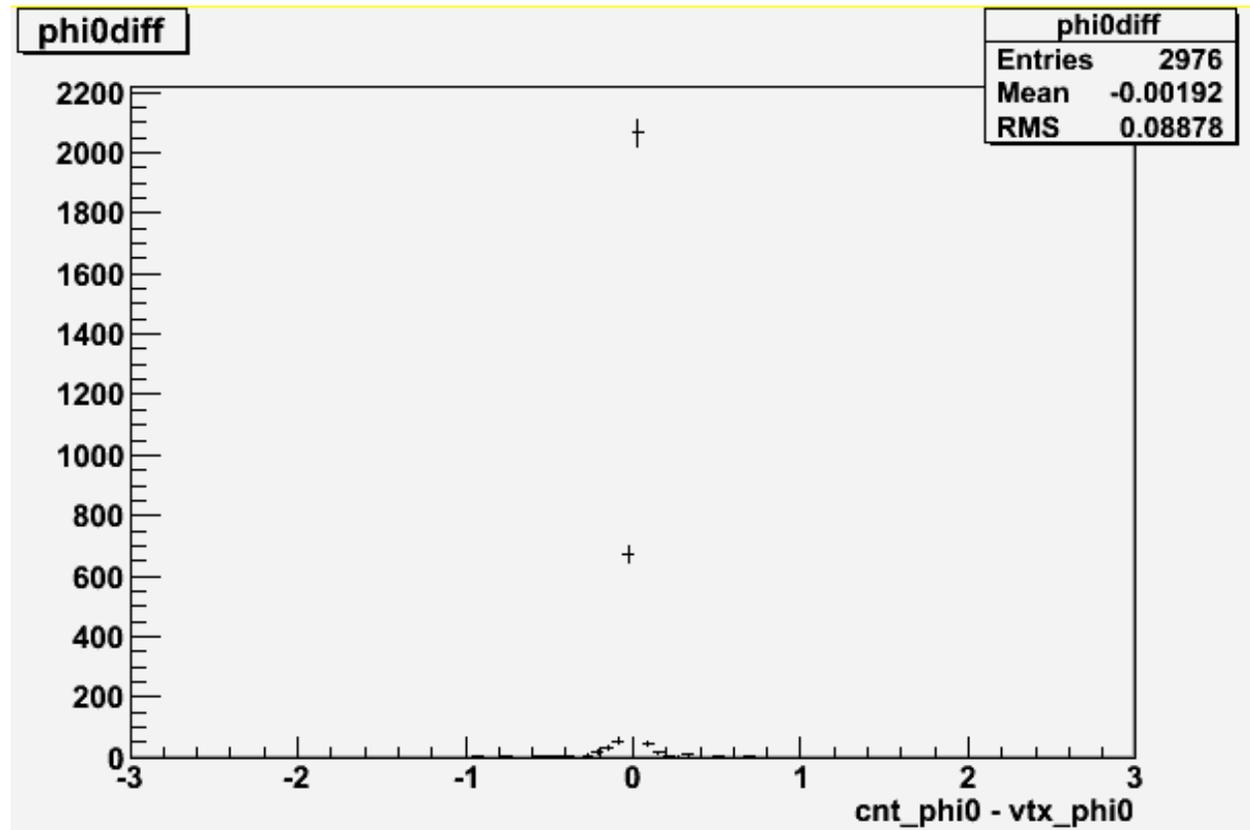
- Events of interest are processed through PISA
- The stand alone tracking is run
- Central arm tracks are matched to stand alone tracks
  - Right now only matching in  $\phi_0$  ( $svx\_phi_0 - cnt\_phi_0 < 0.01$ ), but also plan to match in  $\theta_0$  as well
  - Matching in this way may not be sufficient, will use the Kalman filter for track associations in the future
- The momentum found by the drift chamber is used for the track and the track is refit in the vtx layers
- The DCA (distance of closest approach) to the vertex is calculated
- Note: Currently using the exact vertex known from Monte Carlo

# Track Matching

- Match the svx track and dch track to phi0, the phi angle made at the vertex
- Needs work

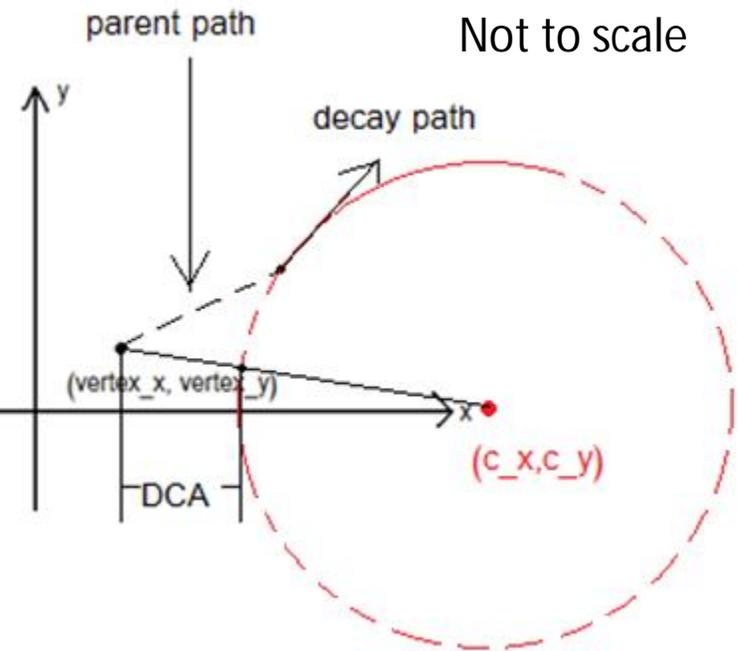
Assuming straight line track:

- Mean = -0.00192
- RMS = 0.08878



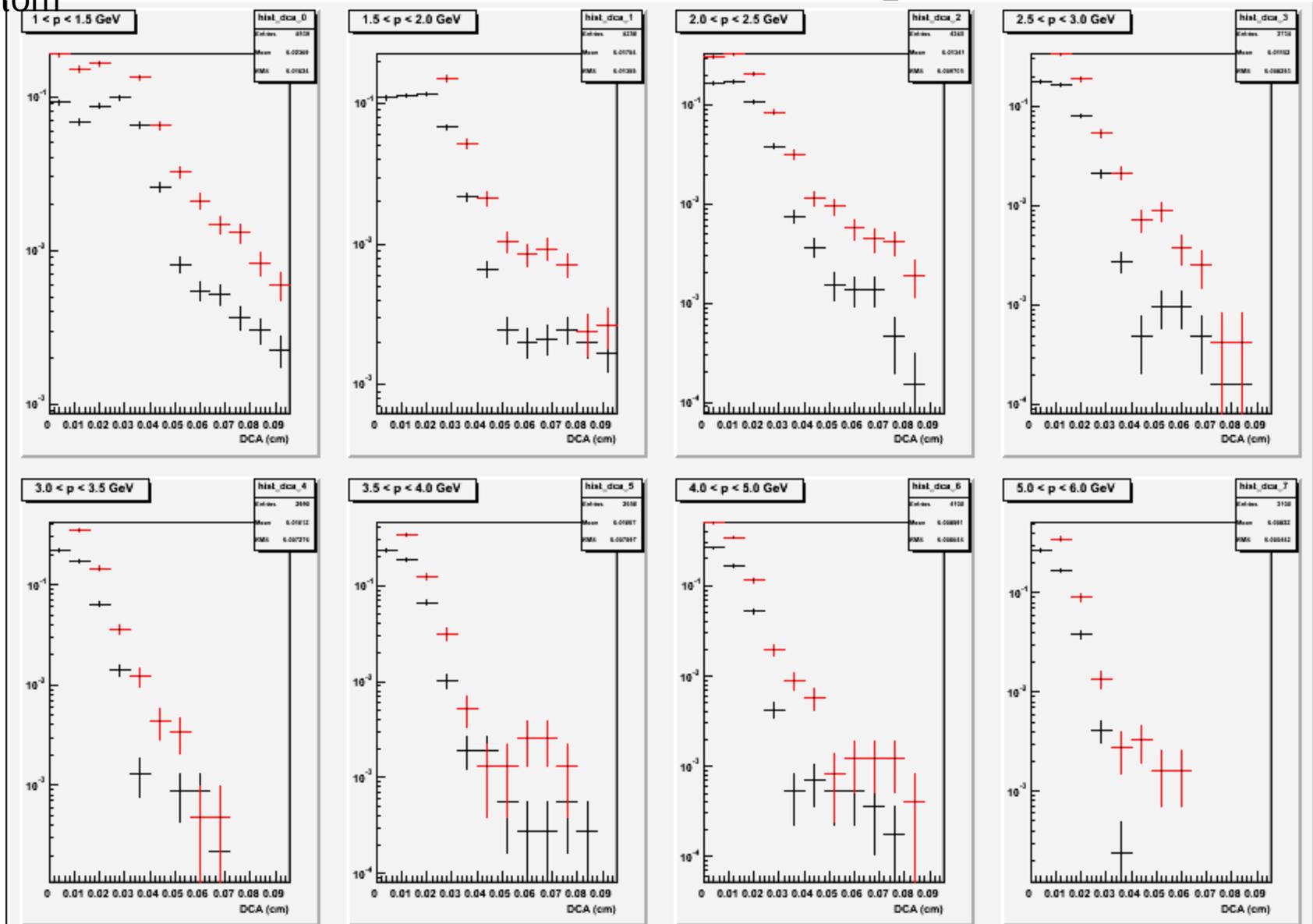
# Calculating DCA

- The stand alone tracking fits the track to a helix
- Projected onto the x-y plane, this helix is a circle
- The intersection between the circle and the line connecting the vertex position and the center of the helix is the DCA in the transverse plane



# Reconstructed DCA for electrons from D and B Meson Decays

Red – charm  
Black - bottom



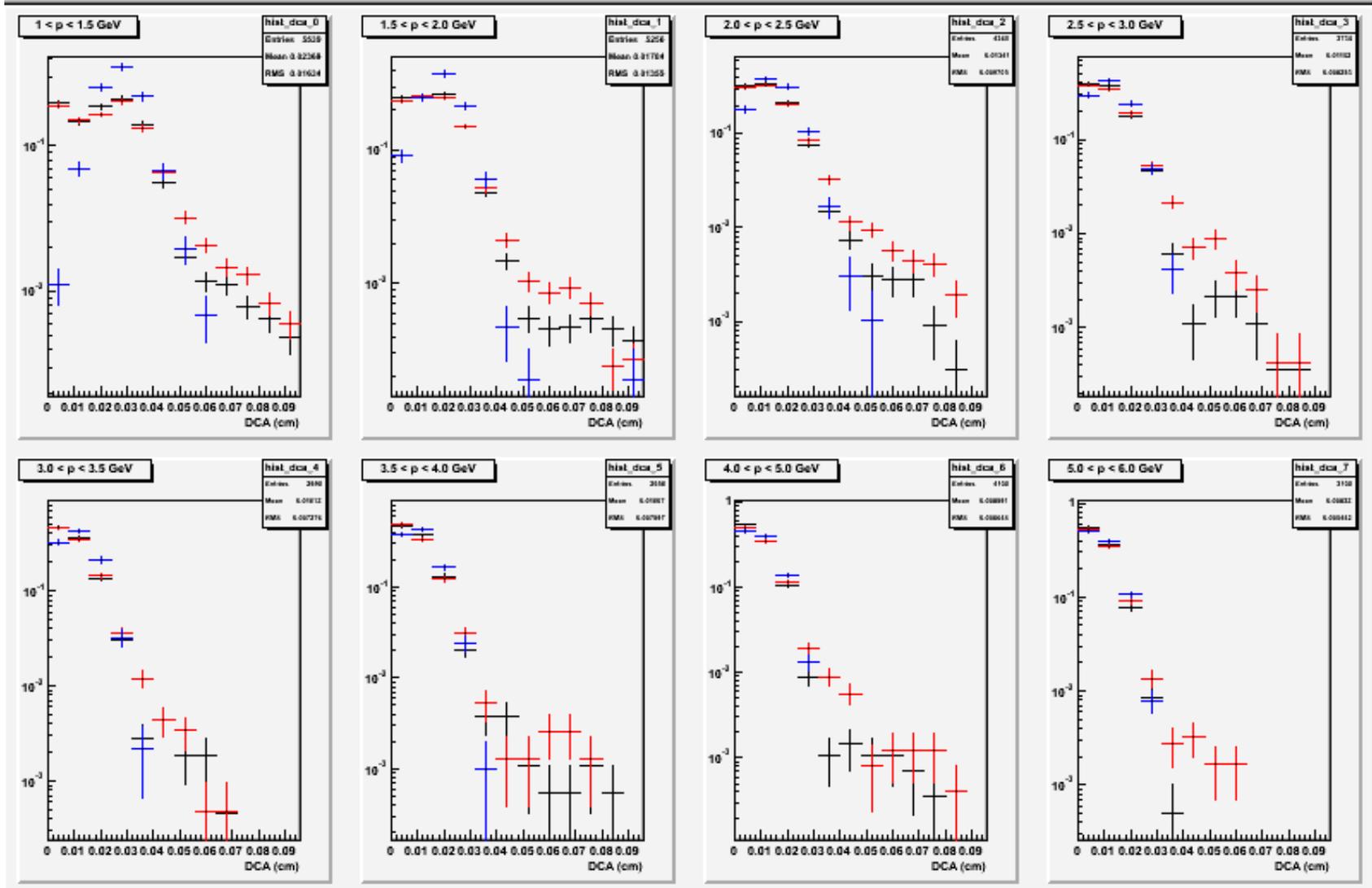
# DCA with electrons from the Vertex

Red – charm

Black – bottom

Blue – from vertex

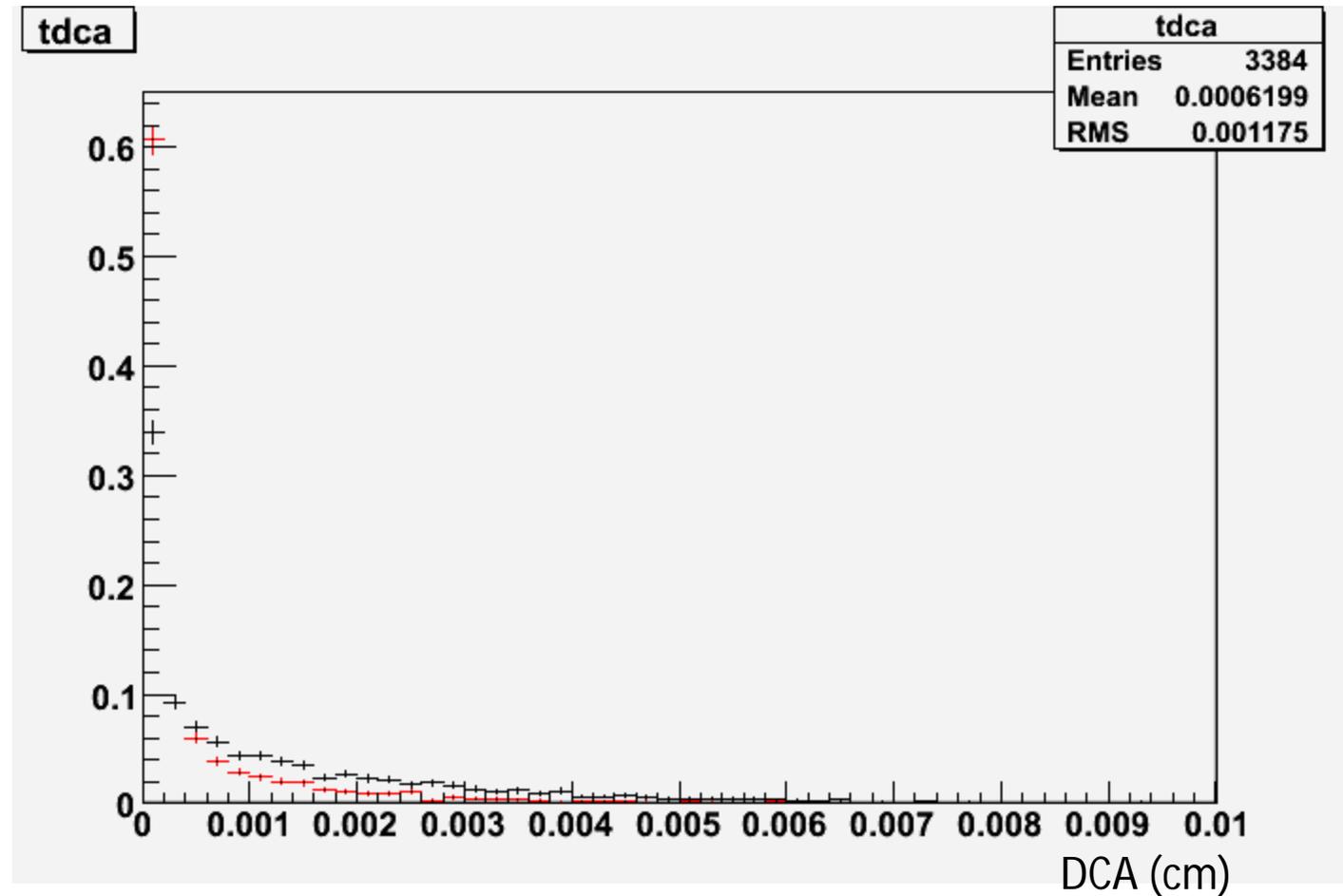
All distributions normalized to 1



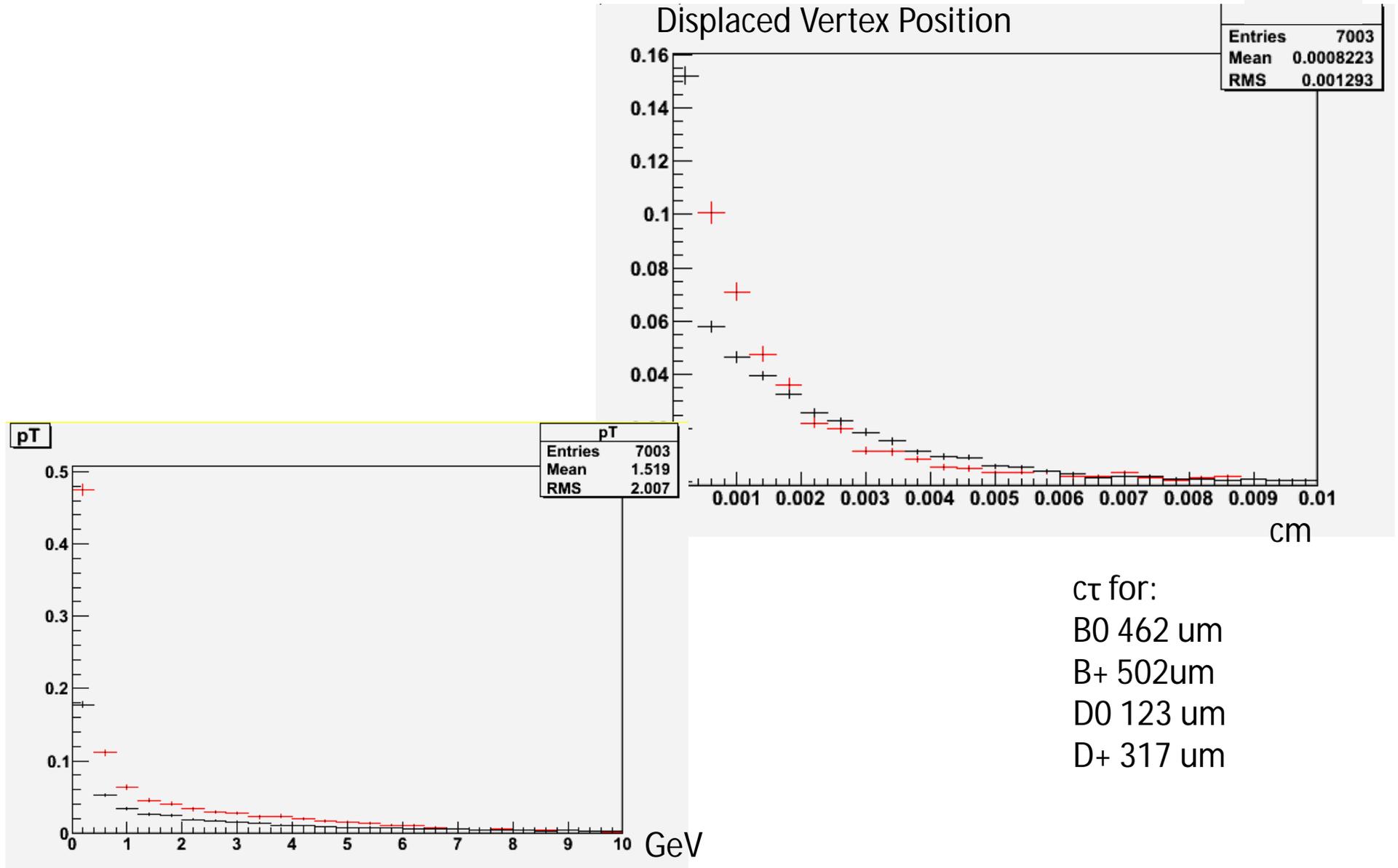
# True DCA

Red – charm  
Black - bottom

$c\tau$  for:  
B0 462  $\mu\text{m}$   
B+ 502  $\mu\text{m}$   
D0 123  $\mu\text{m}$   
D+ 317  $\mu\text{m}$



# Monte Carlo Information



# To Do List

- Calculate the true DCA and an idealized DCA
- Smear the known vertex
- Use the kalman filter for the track cluster identifications