

LHCb summary

1 Week 1

- test data to analyse invariant mass of B meson assuming KKK decay, using known kaon mass
- looked at kaon/pion probabilities
- started analysing $B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay
 - selection: only include $P(kaon) > 0.9$ and $P(pion) > 0.7$
 - selection: also excluded all muons
 - assigned new variables for pion and kaon variables
 - selection: pion charge sums to 0
 - found invariant mass of B meson with same technique as before
 - *what are the sidebands?*
- looked at two body resonance - intermediate decay via neutral particle
 - want to get rid of D meson decay as we only study direct decay
 - selected data of B meson mass $\pm 60 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ from mass plot - *need to implement that this cut is only applied for this section*
 - three possible intermediate decays: $\pi^+ \pi^-$, $K^+ \pi^+$ and $K^- \pi^+$
 - computed invariant mass for all three possible cases
 - plot under condition that charges sum to zero - reoccurring events form peak
 - found multiple peaks: D meson from $K\pi$ decay and two relatively slightly shifted peaks in both $K\pi$ and $\pi\pi$
 - applied D meson cut: reject all events with D meson mass $\pm 30 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 - *find out what other peaks are*
 - no need to exclude muon tracks misidentified as pions - excluded muons from the start
 - *why do muon get easily misidentified as pions?*