

# First observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$ decays

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## Abstract

The first observation of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  decays is reported using  $6.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of proton-proton collision data collected by the LHCb experiment. The  $D_s^{*+}$  mesons are reconstructed through the decay chain  $D_s^{*+} \rightarrow \gamma (D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+)$ . The branching fraction relative to that for XXXX decays is measured to be:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-})}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow XX)} = XXXX \pm XXX \pm XXXX$$
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow XX)} = XXXX \pm XXX \pm XXXX$$

where the first uncertainty is statistical, and the second is systematic. Using a recent measurement of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow XX$  the absolute branching fraction of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  are measured as

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-) = (XX \pm XX \pm XX(sys) \pm XX(norm)) \times 10^{-5}$$
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}) = (XX \pm XX \pm XX(sys) \pm XX(norm)) \times 10^{-5}$$

where the third uncertainty is due to the uncertainty on the branching fraction of the normalisation channel.



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# 1 Introduction

The precise measurement of the angle  $\gamma$  of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) unitarity triangle is on the top of the flavour physics program of LHCb experiments. The CKM angle  $\gamma$  is one of the least well-determined CKM parameters and may be extracted using time-independent rates of decays such as  $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^+$  or by the time-dependent study of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)\pm} K^\mp$  decays or the analogous  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)\pm} \pi^\mp$ . In the time-dependent measurements with the family of  $B_{s,d} \rightarrow D_{s,d} h$  decays the sensitivity to results from the interference between the  $b\bar{q} \rightarrow (c\bar{q})(\bar{u}q)$  and  $b\bar{q} \rightarrow (u\bar{q})(\bar{c}q)$  transitions that occurs through the  $B^0 \bar{B}^0$  and  $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$  mixing.

Determination of the CKM angle  $\gamma$  in tree-level open-charm b-hadron decays are theoretically clean. It is a good opportunity to measure sensitive to New Physics beyond the Standard Model effects. The precision obtained at LHCb experiment allows the angle  $\gamma$  to be determined with an uncertainty of around  $5^\circ$ . This precision is obtained by combining various measurements performed at LHCb as the most accurate measurements have an accuracy of  $10^\circ$  to  $20^\circ$ .

The analysis of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  decay is believed to be challenging because it requires the selection of soft photon from  $D_s^{*+} \rightarrow D_s^+ \gamma$  and ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  analysis) reconstruction of resonance state  $K^{*-}$  which decay to  $K_S^0$  and another pion. Since the  $K_S^0$  mesons are reconstructed at LHCb using a different type of track, the selection of candidates is divided to events with  $K_S^0$  reconstructed using downstream and long track respectively. The  $D_s^+$  meson is reconstructed only  $D_s^{*+} \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$  mode.

This decay has not been observed before. In this note, we describe the reconstruction of,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$ ,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$  and XXXX using the full Run 2 data sample. The XXXX has already been observed, and its branching fraction is. Here we report the first observation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$ . This is the first step towards of the future measurement of time-dependent CP asymmetry in  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  decay.

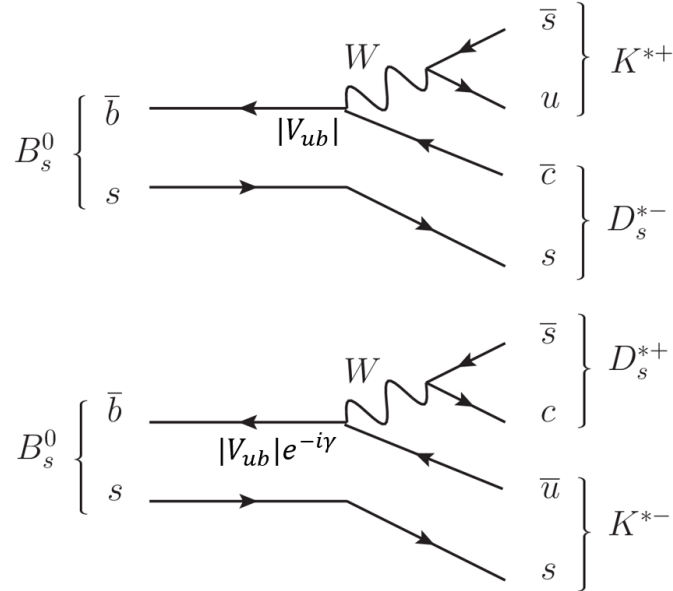


Figure 1: Feynman diagram for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  decay.

## 2 Analysis strategy

This section presents an analysis strategy for branching fraction calculation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  decays and analysis of reference channel  $XX$ . It is organised as follows: Chapter 3 describe data sample, stripping selection, trigger lines used in this analysis and simulated samples. Chapter 4 describes preliminary selection  $D_s^+$ ,  $K_S^0$ , and  $D^*$ , multivariate analysis using BDT and post-MVA selection.

## 3 Data Samples

This analysis is based on a data sample over LHCb Runs 2, collected between 2015-2018. The total integrated luminosity for LHCb during this time is approximately  $6.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . Data is taken from different stripping lines for different years (Tab.1).

Year	Stripping Used	Integrated luminosity ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )	Energy (TeV)
2015	Stripping24r1	0.328	6.5
2016	Stripping28r1	1.665	6.5
2017	Stripping29r2	1.609	6.5
2018	Stripping34	X.XX	6.5

Table 1: Summary of the data used in the analysis, where  $\sqrt{s}$  represents the center of the mass-energy of the proton-proton collisions

Data is taken from B02DsstKsPiLLDsst2DGammaD2HHHBeauty2CharmLine and B02DsstKsPiDDDsst2DGammaD2HHHBeauty2CharmLine line in the BHADRON stripping stream which produce two sets of candidates, one set of LL candidates and one set of DD candidates. Below, in the Tab.2-Tab.10 there are listed details of stripping selection.

KS0DDDInputsBeauty2CharmFilter	
PT	$> 250 \text{ MeV}$
M	$\in (467, 527) \text{ MeV}$

Table 2:  $K_S^0$  downstream stripping selection.

PiInputsBeauty2CharmFilter	
Track $\chi^2$	$< 4$
PT	$> 100 \text{ MeV}$
P	$> 1000 \text{ MeV}$
Min. IP	$> 4$
TRGHP	$< 0.4$

Table 3:  $\pi$  from  $D_s^+$  stripping selection.

<b>PiPIDTopoInputsBeauty2CharmFilter</b>	
PT	> 500 MeV
P	> 5000 MeV
<b>PiPIDInputsBeauty2CharmFilter</b>	
PIDK	< 20

Table 4: Additional  $\pi$  stripping selection.

<b>GammaBeauty2CharmFilter</b>	
PT	> 90 MeV
CL	> 0.25

Table 5:  $\gamma$  stripping selection.

<b>PiInputsBeauty2CharmFilter</b>		<b>KInputsBeauty2CharmFilter</b>	
$\chi^2$ śladu	< 4	$\chi^2$ śladu	< 4
PT	> 100 MeV	PT	> 100 MeV
P	> 1000 MeV	P	> 1000 MeV
Min. IP	> 4	Min. IP	> 4 mm
TRGHP	< 0.4	TRGHP	< 0.4

<b>D2HHHPIDBeauty2CharmFilter</b>	
Liczba $\pi$ : PIDp	< 10 = 0
Liczba $\pi$ : PIDK	> 20 = 0
Liczba $K$ : PIDK	< -10 = 0

Table 6:  $\pi$  and  $K$  from  $D_s^+$  stripping selection.

<b>Dsst2DGammaCPVD2HHHBeauty2Charm</b>	
$ \Delta_M $	$\in (80, 250)$ MeV

Table 7:  $D_s^{*+}$  stripping selection.

<b>B02DsstKsPiDDDsst2DGammaD2HHHBeauty2Charm</b>	
$\chi^2$ śladu	< 4
DIRA	> 0.999
$\tau$	> 0.2 ps
IP $\chi^2$	< 25
PT	> 500 MeV
P	> 5000 MeV
BPVVDCHI2	> 1000
VFASPF(VCHI2/VDOF)	< 10

Table 8:  $B_s^0$  stripping selection.

<b>First <math>B_s^0</math> daughter</b>	
P	$> 10000$ MeV
PT	$> 1700$ MeV
$\chi^2$ $\acute{s}$ ladu	$< 4$
Min. IP	$< 16$
Min. IP PV	$> 0.1$ mm

Table 9:  $B_s^0$  daughter stripping selection.

<b>Second <math>B_s^0</math> daughter</b>	
$\chi^2$ $\acute{s}$ ladu	$< 4$
PT	$> 500$ MeV
P	$> 5000$ MeV
<b>or</b>	
ID	$K_s^0$
PT	$> 500$ MeV
P	$> 5000$ MeV

Table 10:  $B_s^0$  daughter stripping selection.

42 The additional requirement was made in  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  analysis. Since there is no  
43 stripping selection for the  $K^{*-}$  the preselection of  $K^*$  base on the cut on invariant mass  
44 of  $K_s^0 \pi^-$ :  $m(K_s^0 \pi^-) < 1400$  MeV. The Fig. 2 present invariant mass of  $K_s^0 \pi^-$  candidates  
45 after  $m(K_s^0 \pi^-) < 1400$  MeV for 2015 data sample. The red colour indicates 75 MeV mass  
46 windows around the nominal mass of  $K^{*-}$ . Only events with  $K^{*-}$  mass within this mass  
47 window will be considered in the  $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  analysis.

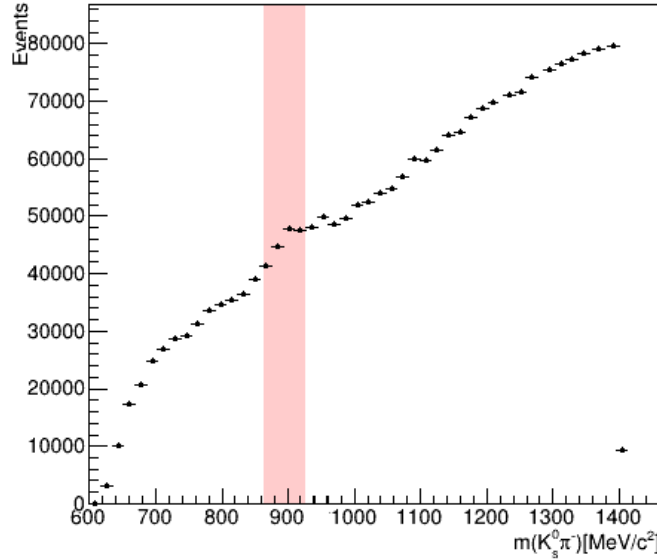


Figure 2: Invariant mass of  $K_s^0 \pi^-$  candidates for 2015 data sample with  $m(K_s^0 \pi^-) < 1400$  MeV cut. The red color indicate 75 MeV mass windows around nominal mass of  $K^{*-}$  (892)

### 3.1 Trigger

All candidates used in this analysis are required to have passed the following triggers:

- L0HadronDecision
- L0MuonDecision
- L0DiMuonDecision
- L0ElectronDecision
- L0PhotonDecision
- Hlt1TrackMVADecision
- Hlt1TwoTrackMVADecision
- Hlt2IncPhiDecision
- Hlt2Topo2BodyDecision
- Hlt2Topo3BodyDecision
- Hlt2Topo4BodyDecision

### 3.2 Simulated events

Several Monte Carlo simulated samples were used in several parts of this analysis. These samples have been divided due to the method of production. MC is generated for both the signal mode and all considered background modes.

#### 3.2.1 Full simulated events

Full simulation samples have been generated for signal and background modes. Both magnet polarities were generated, the 2016 sample was generated with Pythia8 and Sim09, the 2020 sample was generated with PythiaX and SimX. All samples were generated with all daughters in LHCb acceptance. The signal sample is produced with the  $D_s^+$  decay to  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$ . The specific MC data samples requested may be found in Tab.11.

Event type number	Year	Decay	Options	Type
13266301	2016	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$	sqDalitz, DecProdCut	DST
XXXXXXX	2020	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K_S^0 \pi^-$	sqDalitz, DecProdCut	
XXXXXXX	2020	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D^+ K_S^0 \pi^-$	sqDalitz, DecProdCut	
13264221	2018	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} \pi^-$	sqDalitz, DecProdCut	DST

Table 11: Full MC samples used in analysis



### 3.2.2 Simplify simulated events

The simplify simulated events have been generated using RapidSim simulation package. RapidSim allows for the fast simulation of phase space decays of beauty and charm quark hadrons, allowing quick studies of the properties of signal and background decays in physics analysis. RapidSim features generations of events using different identification hypotheses, different range of momentum, and angular acceptance of the detector. The specific MC data samples generated using RapidSim may be found in Tab.12.

Sample Number	Decay	Options
1	XXXXXXX	option

Table 12: Simplify MC samples used in analysis

### 3.2.3 MC application in MVA

As the simulated events pass the stripping line condition, they represent the decay signal and can be used in training of multivariate analysis method. As the number of events useful in Multivariate Analysis' method training was low (what can result in overtraining the method ..... , \*multiplication?\*).

### 3.2.4 MC application in efficiency calculation

Another application of simulated events is a calculation of efficiency of both selection criteria and BDT method. Efficiency is calculated for each criterion as the number of MC events that pass the requirements to the total number of simulated events. Since the expected number of data events is low, both efficiencies should be as big as possible. Selection efficiency is used in the calculation of total efficiency, which is taken into account during relative branching fraction calculation.

## 4 Offline Selection

The offline selection focuses on selecting intermediate states  $D_s^+$  and  $K_S^0$  and resonance states  $D_s^{*+}$  and  $K^{*-}$ . Tables and summarize all selection requirements, which are described in the following paragraph. Tables 3.1 and 3.2 summarize all selection requirements. The high number of proton-proton interactions during data taking resulted in a large fraction of events having more than one reconstructed PV. These events are called multiple events. There are no multiply events after all selection stages in this analysis, and we didn't perform the best candidates selection. More information can be found in section 4.4. The preliminary selection of candidates is divided into a selection of each type of particle in the full decay chain.

### 4.1 Selection of $K_S^0$

In LHCb  $K_S^0$  mesons can be reconstructed using a different type of tracks. The type of track depends on detectors, which particle pass after proton-proton collision in LHC. Long tracks are reconstructed from hits recorded in VELO, TT detector, and T stations. Downstream are a track of particle which did not pass VELO detector and are reconstructed only from TT and T stations hits. As a result, this particle's mass resolution is worse than for the long track, but the number of candidates is significantly bigger. The number and quality of candidates imply separate selection for long (LL) tracks and downstream (DD).

	Variable	Cut	Justification
DD	$m(\pi\pi)$	$= m_{K_S^0(PDG)} \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$	Selection genuine $K_S^0$
	$K_S^0 FD_{sig}$	$> 7$	Removing random combinations
LL	$m(\pi\pi)$	$= m_{K_S^0(PDG)} \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$	Selection genuine $K_S^0$

Table 13: Offline selection requirements for  $K_S^0$  candidates.

The  $FD_{sig}$  stands for flight distance significance defined as:

$$FD_{sig} = \frac{z_{K_S^0} - z_B}{\sqrt{\sigma_{K_S^0}^2 - \sigma_B^2}} \quad (1)$$

where  $\sigma_{K_S^0}$  and  $\sigma_B$  are the errors in the  $z$  position of the  $K_S^0$  and  $B$  decay vertex. Flight distance significance is defined as the  $z$  distance between the particle and  $B_s^0$  end vertices divided by the sum in the quadrature of this position's uncertainties. The same requirement is also made for  $D_s^+$  mesons to separate prompt  $D_s^+$  mesons created in proton-proton collisions from that one from  $B$  mesons decays.

The efficiency of selection criteria is calculated using simulated events. Table 14 shows efficiency of each selection requirement for  $K_S^0$  candidates.

### 4.2 Selection of $D_s^+$

The  $D_s^+$  meson can be reconstructed using 3 decay modes:  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$ ,  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+$  and  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$  since the branching fraction for  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$  is around 5 - 10

	Variable	Cut	Signal Efficiency (%)
DD	$m(\pi\pi)$	$= m_{K_S^0(PDG)} \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$	96.6
	$K_S^0 FD_{sig}$	$> 7$	92.7
LL	$m(\pi\pi)$	$= m_{K_S^0(PDG)} \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$	96.3

Table 14: Efficiency of cuts ( $K_S^0$  candidates).

times bigger than for  $K^+\pi^-\pi^+$  and  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$  combination respectively only  $K^+K^-\pi^+$  combination is considered in this analysis.

Mode	BR
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+$	$(5.45 \pm 0.17) \%$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^+$	$(0.66 \pm 0.04) \%$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$	$(1.09 \pm 0.05) \%$

Table 15: Branching fraction of  $D_s^+$  meson decay to  $3h$  final states

Following requirements was made to remove the combinatorial background from misidentifying of kaons or pions and physical background from misidentification of  $D^+$  or  $\Lambda_c^+$  meson or a random combination of  $K$  or  $\pi$  with  $D^0$ . This combination can mimic signal final state.

1.  $D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^+\pi^-$   
Misidentification of kaon from  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+$  with  $D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^+$ . Removed if the mass of combination under  $\pi$  hypothesis is within  $D^+ \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$  mass window unless the combination under  $K$  hypothesis is within  $D_s^+ \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$  mass window and kaon fulfill the stronger requirement of  $\text{PIDK}(K)$ .
2.  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$  or  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$   
Combination of  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$  or  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$  meson with random  $K^+$  or  $\pi^+$ . removed if a combination of  $K^+\pi^-$  or  $K^+K^- > 1850$ .
3.  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow K^+p\pi^-$   
Misidentification of kaon from  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+$  with  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow K^+p\pi^+$ . Removed if the mass of combination under  $p$  hypothesis is within  $\Lambda_c^+ \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$  window unless the combination under  $K$  hypothesis is within  $D_s^+ \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$  mass window and kaon fulfill the stronger requirement of  $\text{PIDK}(K)$ .

The Fig. 5 show contributions from  $\Lambda_c^+$  decay where the  $p$  is misidentified as  $K$ , contributions from  $D^0$  decay where the  $\pi$  is misidentified as  $K$ ,  $K\pi$  and  $KK$  mass distribution with visible background contribution of  $D^0$  meson. All of them were removed by applying vetos. Histograms were created using the 2015 data sample.

Since the  $D_s^+$  meson decay to the combination of kaons and pions, it can decay by intermediate state  $D_s^+ \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)\pi^+$ ,  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ (K^{*0} \rightarrow K^-\pi^+)$  or by no-resonance mode to  $K^+\pi^-\pi^+$  final state.  $\phi$  and  $K^{*0}$  has been investigated, but no additional requirements were made (Fig. 5).

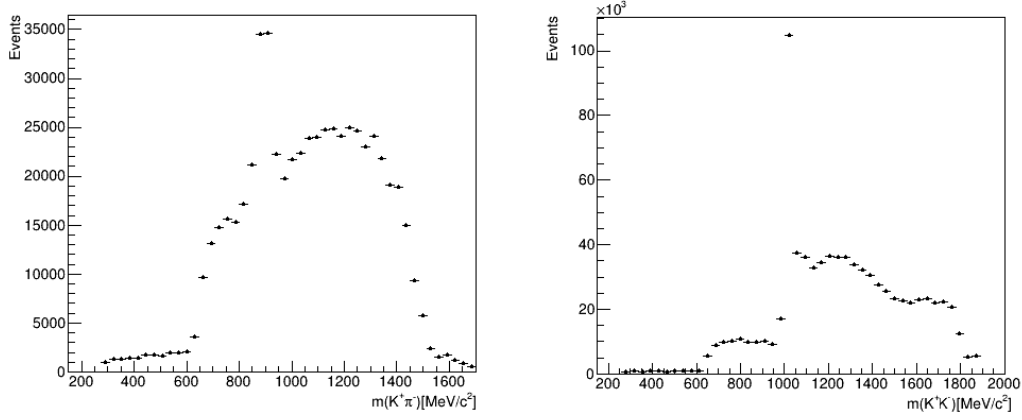


Figure 3: Mass distribution of  $K^+K^-$  (left) and  $K^+\pi^-$  (right) candidates from  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^-$  (the 2015 data sample).

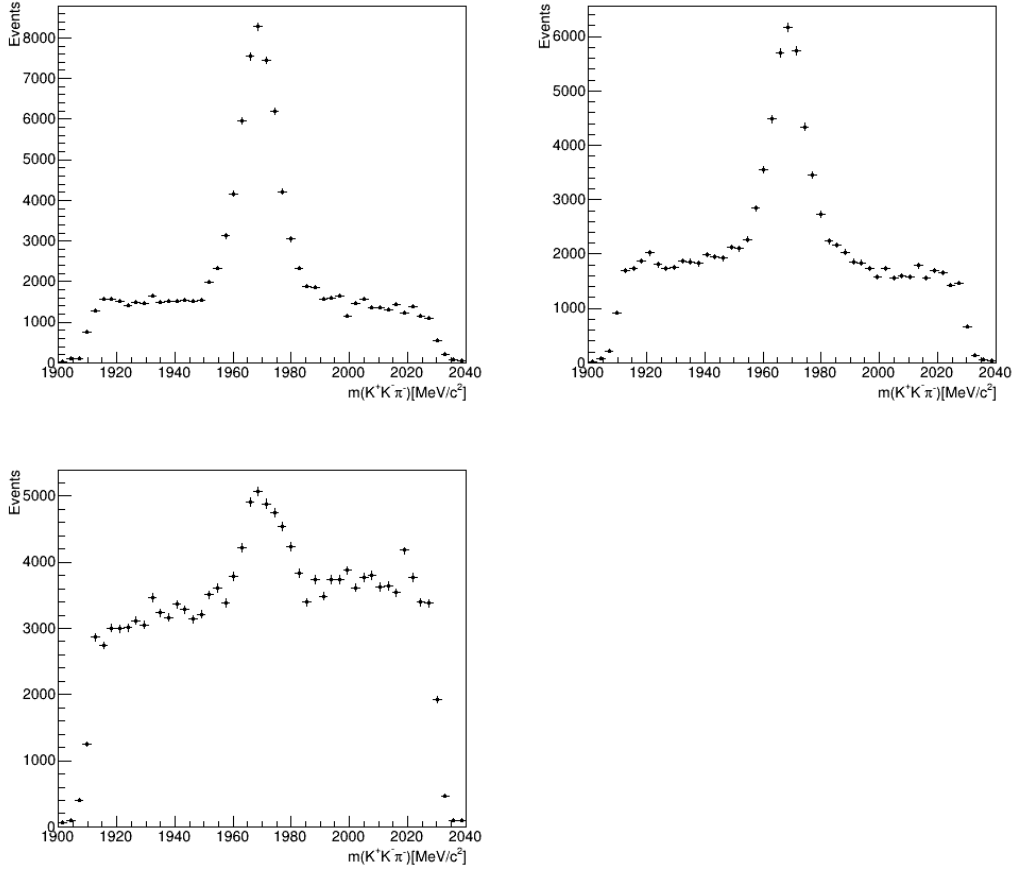


Figure 4: Mass distribution  $D_s^+ \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)\pi^+$  (left),  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ (K^{*0} \rightarrow K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$  (right) and no-resonance  $K^+\pi^-\pi^+$  candidates mass distribution (bottom, the 2015 data sample).

147 The Fig. 4 show  $D_s^+ \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)\pi^+$  (left),  $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ (K^{*0} \rightarrow K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$  (right)  
 148 and no-resonance  $K^+\pi^-\pi^+$  (bottom) candidates mass distribution. Visible is difference

149 between signal to background ratio for each distribution.

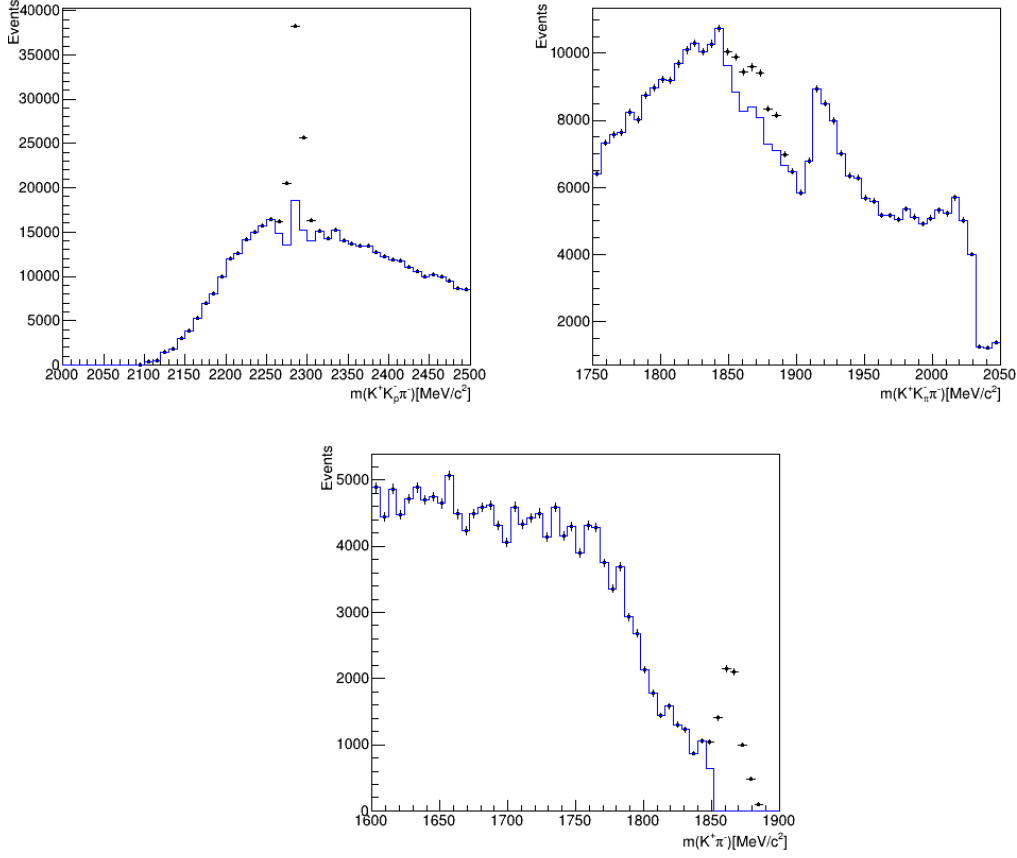


Figure 5: Background contributions from  $\Lambda_c^+$  decay where the  $p$  is misidentified as  $K$ . The  $D_s^+$  invariant mass is recalculated under proton mass hypothesis for the kaon, black dots are the mass distribution of  $K^+ p \pi^+$  before removing  $\Lambda_c^+$  contribution, blue line - after (top left). Background contributions from  $D^0$  decay where the  $\pi$  is misidentified as  $K$ . The  $D_s^+$  invariant mass is recalculated under pion mass hypothesis for the kaon, black dots are the mass distribution of  $K^+ \pi^- \pi^+$  before removing  $D^0$  contribution, blue line - after (top right).  $K\pi$  and  $KK$  mass distribution with visible background contributions from  $D^0$  meson before (black dots) and after (blue line) removing  $D^0$  meson contribution (bottom).

150 Since the  $D^+$  meson contribution is removed by stripping, we do not expect  $D^+$  mass  
151 peak to be visible on  $K^+ K^- \pi^- \pi^+$  mass distribution.

152 The efficiency of selection criteria was calculated for kinematic cut of  $D_s^+$  candidates  
153 (Tab. 17).

### 154 4.3 Selection of and $D_s^{*+}$

155 Following paragraph describe the selection of resonance states  $D_s^{*+}$ . The offline selection  
156 of  $D_s^{*+}$  base on the selection of  $D_s^+$  mesons and  $\gamma$ . The selection of  $\gamma$  is done by BDT  
157 described in the following paragraph. For  $D_s^{*+}$  resonances, an additional requirement is  
158 made. The  $\Delta_M$  variable describes the mass difference between  $D_s^{*+}$  and  $D_s^+$ . The mass of

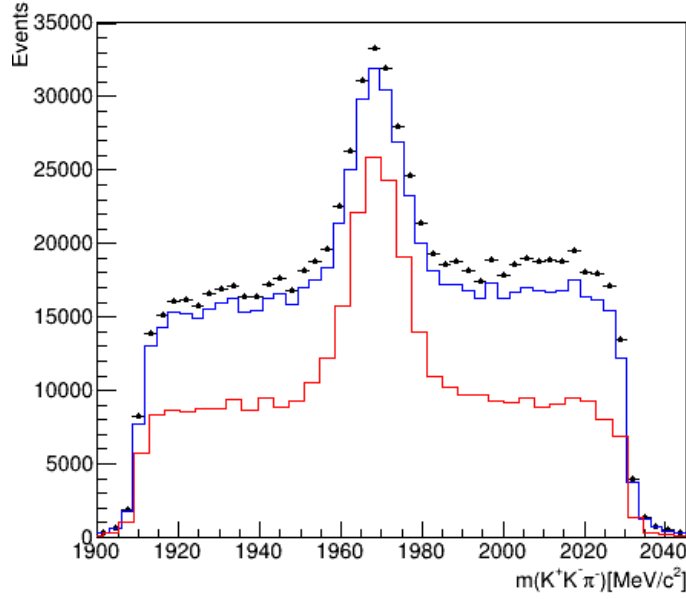


Figure 6: The  $K^+K^-\pi^+$  candidates mass distribution after stripping and PID cut (black dot), after applying vetos (blue line), after stripping, PID cut, applying vetos and kinematic cuts (red line, the 2015 data sample).

the particle is well-known, and the difference of these masses should be around 144 MeV so,  $\Delta_M$  requirement is  $\Delta_M \in (104, 184)$  MeV.

#### 4.4 Multiple candidates selection

Reconstruction of events may result in more than one signal candidate for the same  $B_s^0$  events. It is generally associated with a number of candidates for a photon and combinations of  $D_s^+$  meson daughters. The multiplication factor was calculated after each stage of selection to ensure that at the end, no more than one candidate per event left. In the table Tab. 26-33 there are multiple candidates rate for stripping and preselected, Run 2 sample (Appendix A). Since no more than 1 or 2 events with no more than 2 candidates per event left after all selection criteria (Tab. 20), no additional action has been taken.

#### 4.5 Selection of $K^{*-}$ (construction works)

In the analysis of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  the non-resonant background is reduced by removing events in which the  $K_S^0\pi$  invariant mass is greater than 75 MeV from the nominal  $K^{*-}$  mass. The  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} K^{*-}$  is a pseudoscalar to vector-vector, decay, which means the  $K^{*-}$  must be longitudinally polarised, so the  $K_S^0$  helicity angle follows a  $\cos^2\theta$  distribution \*\*\* Removing events with an absolute value of  $\cos^2\theta$  less than 0.3 improves the

	Description	Requirement
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$	$m(K^+ K^- \pi^+)$	$= m_{D_s^+} \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$
	PIDK( $K$ )	$> 5$
	PIDK( $\pi$ )	$< 5$
	hasRich( $K / \pi$ )	$= 1$
	isMuon( $K / \pi$ )	$= 0$
	$FD_{sig}$	$> 0$
$D^0$ veto	$m(K^+ K^-)$	$< 1850 \text{ MeV}$
	$m(K^+ \pi^-)$	$< 1850 \text{ MeV}$
$\Lambda_c^+$ veto	$m(K^+ K^- p \pi^+)$	$\neq m(\Lambda_c^+) \pm 40 \text{ MeV} \parallel \text{PIDK}(K^-) - \text{PIDp}(K^-) > 5$
$D^+$ veto	$m(K^+ K^- \pi^- \pi^+)$	$\neq m(D^+) \pm 20 \text{ MeV} \parallel \text{PIDK}(K^-) > 7$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$m(K^+ \pi^- \pi^+)$	$= m_{D_s^+} \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$
	PIDK( $K$ )	$> 5$
	PIDK( $\pi$ )	$< 5$
	hasRich( $K / \pi$ )	$= 1$
	isMuon( $K / \pi$ )	$= 0$
	$FD_{sig}$	$> 0$
$D^0$ veto	$m(K^+ \pi^-)$	$< 1850 \text{ MeV}$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$m(\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+)$	$= m_{D_s^+} \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$
	PIDK( $\pi$ )	$< 0$
	hasRich( $K / \pi$ )	$= 1$
	isMuon( $K / \pi$ )	$= 0$
	$FD_{sig}$	$> 0$

Table 16: Offline selection requirements for  $D_s^+$  candidates.

Variable	Cut	Signal Efficiency (%)
$m(K^+ K^- \pi^+)$	$= m_{D_s^+} \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$	83.9
hasRich( $K / \pi$ )	$= 1$	99.1
isMuon( $K / \pi$ )	$= 0$	96.3
$D_s^+ FD_{sig}$	$> 0$	92.7

Table 17: Efficiency of cuts ( $D_s^+$  candidates).

	Description	Requirement
$D_s^{*+}$	$\Delta_M$	$\in (104, 184)$

Table 18: Offline selection requirements for  $D_s^{*+}$  candidates.

Variable	Cut	Signal Efficiency (%)
$\Delta_M$	$\in (104, 184)$	82.6

Table 19: Efficiency of cuts ( $D_s^{*+}$  candidates).

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
Run Downstream			Run 2 Long		
1	1638	99,9	1	1195	99,9
2	2	0,01	2	2	0,01

Table 20: Multiple candidate rate for Run 2 data sample after selection.

	Description	Requirement
$K^*$	PIDK( $\pi$ )	$< 0$

Table 21: Offline selection requirements for  $K^*$  candidates.

Variable	Cut	Signal Efficiency (%)
PIDK( $\pi$ )	$< 0$	86.6

Table 22: Efficiency of cuts ( $K^*$  candidates).



## 4.6 Boosted Decision Tree

Several MVA algorithms have been investigated, and a BDT algorithm with the gradient boost method using the XGBoost framework [1] has been used to reduce the contribution of combinatorial background. The XGBoost library offers implementation of gradient boosting algorithms,

Separate algorithms have been developed to reduce combinatorial background ( $B_s^0$  BDT) and another to improve selection of  $K^{*-}$  (892) candidates ( $K^{*-}$  BDT). Since the downstream and long tracks have different properties, a separate algorithm was trained for both types of tracks. This approach is applied for both algorithms:  $B_s^0$  BDT and  $K^{*-}$  BDT.

### 4.6.1 Configuration of the algorithm

In order to reduce this dangerous over-fitting, some hyperparameters of the classifier are adjusted:

- *learning rate* -  $\eta$  is used to prevent overfitting.  $\eta$  Learning rate after each boosting step, shrinks the feature weights to make the boosting process more conservative.
- *maximum depth* of a tree. Higher maximum depth makes the model more complex and more likely to overfit.
- *minimum child weight* is a minimum sum of instance weight needed in a child. If the leaf node with the sum of instance weight is less than minimum child weight then the building process will give up further partitioning.
- *gamma* is a minimum loss reduction required to make a further partition on a leaf node of the tree. The larger gamma is, the more conservative the algorithm will be.
- *subsample*: is a ratio of the training sample. As a default is set to 0.5 what means that algorithm would randomly sample half of the training data prior to growing trees. and this will prevent overfitting. Subsampling will occur once in every boosting iteration.

The following parametrisation has been chosen in order to increase efficiency of algorithm:

### 4.6.2 Description of physics variables

Besides a number of standard variables, a feature that estimates the imbalance of  $p_T$  around the  $B_s^0$  candidate momentum vector is also used. It is defined as

$$I_{p_T} = \frac{p_T(B_s^0) - \sum p_T}{p_T(B_s^0) + \sum p_T} \quad (2)$$

where the sum is taken over all other charged tracks inconsistent with  $B_s^0$  candidate. This cone is defined by a circle with a radius of 1.5 units in the plane of pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle (both defined below and expressed in radians). The  $I_{p_T}$  enhance the selection of  $B_s^0$  candidates.

Hyperparamter	Value
learning rate	1638
maximum depth	1638
minimum child	1638
weighte	
gamma	1638
subsample	1638

Table 23: kk

Another variables related to resonance states is  $\Delta_R$ :

$$\Delta_R(D_s^+) = \sqrt{(\eta(D_s) - \eta(\gamma))^2 + (\phi(D_s) - \phi(\gamma))^2} \quad (3)$$

is also defined similarly for  $K^{*-}$  resonance, where  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  are the pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle in the LHCb lab. frame (the right-handed Cartesian system is being used, with the  $z$  axis pointing along the beams direction). The polar angle -  $\theta$ , is measured with respect to the  $z$  axis, the azimuthal angle -  $\phi$ , is the angle with respect to the  $x$  axis of the projection in the  $xy$  plane. The rapidity and pseudorapidity are defined as :

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}\right) \quad (4)$$

$$\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \quad (5)$$

The  $\Delta_R$  is known to be invariant under boost along the beams axis. As the typical radius of a hadron jet in the  $\eta - \phi$  plane has been measured to be about 1, expected value of  $\Delta_R$  should be below 1.

The radial flight distance is defined as:

$$RFD(D_s^+) = \frac{Vx(D_s^+, z) - Vx(B_s^0, z)}{\sigma_{Vx(D_s^+, z)}^2 + \sigma_{Vx(B_s^0, z)}^2} \quad (6)$$

where  $\sigma_z$  stands for error in  $z$  vertex position of particle. The  $RFD$  variables is also used in selection of  $K_S^0$  mesons.

#### 4.6.3 Description of $B_s^0$ algorithm

For  $B_s^0$  BDT, a simulated sample was employed with generator level cuts and true matching applied. The background sample is data high mass sideband region of the  $B_s^0$  mass (above 5600 MeV). For  $K^{*-}$  BDT, the same simulated sample with the same true matching selection and  $K^{*-}$  low and high mass sideband region (below 847 MeV and above 937 MeV).

#### 228 4.6.4 Description of $K^*$ algorithm

#### 229 4.6.5 $B_s^0$ algorithm

230 Initial set of variables was investigated:

##### 231 1. $D_s^{*+}$ and $D_s^{*+}$ daughters

232 The  $\Delta_R$  distance for  $D_s^{*+}$ :  $\Delta_R(D_s^{*+})$ , the  $D_s^+$  impact parameter  $\chi^2$  w.r.t PV:  $D_s^+$   
 233  $\text{IP}\chi^2$ , the  $D_s^+$  radial flight distance,  $\text{RFD}(D_s^+)$ , the  $D_s^+$   $\chi^2$  of the vertex:  $D_s^+$   $\text{Vx}\chi^2$ ,  
 234 the  $\gamma$  transverse momentum:  $\gamma P_T$ , the  $\gamma$  condence level,  $\gamma \text{CL}$ , condence level is  
 235 the probability that the Calo object tagged as a photon is indeed a photon. For  
 236 true photons this variable peaks at 1, for fake photons - at 0.

##### 237 2. $D_s^+$ daughters

238 The ProbNN variables built using multivariate techniques by combining tracking  
 239 and PID information from each sub-system into a single probability value for each  
 240 particle hypothesis (kaon, pion, proton):  $K^+$ ,  $K^-$  ProbNNK and  $\pi^+$  ProbNNpi.

##### 241 3. $B_s^0$ meson

242 The impact parameter  $\chi^2$  w.r.t PV:  $B_s^0 \text{IP}\chi^2$ , the  $P_T$  asymmetry:  $I_{p_T}$ , the  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$   
 243 of the lifetime:  $B_s^0 \tau \chi^2/\text{ndf}$ , the  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$  of the end vertex:  $B_s^0 \text{Vx}\chi^2$

Track type	Variable
	$B_s^0 \text{IP}\chi^2$
	$I_{p_T}$
	$B_s^0 \tau \chi^2/\text{ndf}$
	$B_s^0 \text{Vx}\chi^2/\text{ndf}$
	$\gamma P_T$
	$\gamma \text{CL}$
	h1 ProbNNk
	h2 ProbNNk(pi)
	h3 ProbNNk(pi)
	$\Delta_R D_s^{*+}$
	$D_s^+ \text{IP}\chi^2$
	$\text{RFD}(D_s^+)$
	$D_s^+ \text{Vx}\chi^2$
	$\Delta_R D_s^{*+}$

Table 24: BDT input variables

#### 244 4.6.6 $K^{*-}$ algorithm

245 Again, initial set of variables was investigated:

##### 246 1. $K^{*-}$ and $K^{*-}$ daughters

247 The  $\Delta_R$  distance for  $K^{*-}$ :  $\Delta_R(K^{*-})$

Track type	Variable
	$\Delta_R K^*$
	$K_S^0 \text{ FD} \chi^2$
DD	$K_S^0$ daughter 1 $P_T$
DD	$K_S^0$ daughter 2 $P_T$
LL	$K_S^0$ daughter 1 $\text{IP} \chi_{max}^2$
LL	$K_S^0$ daughter 2 $\text{IP} \chi_{max}^2$
LL	$K_S^0$ daughter 1 $\text{IP} \chi_{min}^2$
LL	$K_S^0$ daughter 2 $\text{IP} \chi_{min}^2$
LL	$K_S^0 \chi_{IP}^2$

Table 25: BDT input variables

248 Classifier for long tracks: minimum and maximum impact parameter  $\chi^2$  w.r.t PV  
 249 of  $K_S^0$  daughters:  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$   $\text{IP} \chi_{max}^2$ ,  $\text{IP} \chi_{min}^2$ , the  $K_S^0$  flight distance  $\chi^2$ :  $K_S^0 \text{ FD} \chi^2$ , the  
 250  $K_S^0$  impact parameter  $\chi^2$  w.r.t PV:  $K_S^0 \text{ IP} \chi^2$   
 251 Classifier for downstream tracks: the  $K_S^0$  transverse momentum:  $K_S^0 P_T$

## 5 MC and data comparison

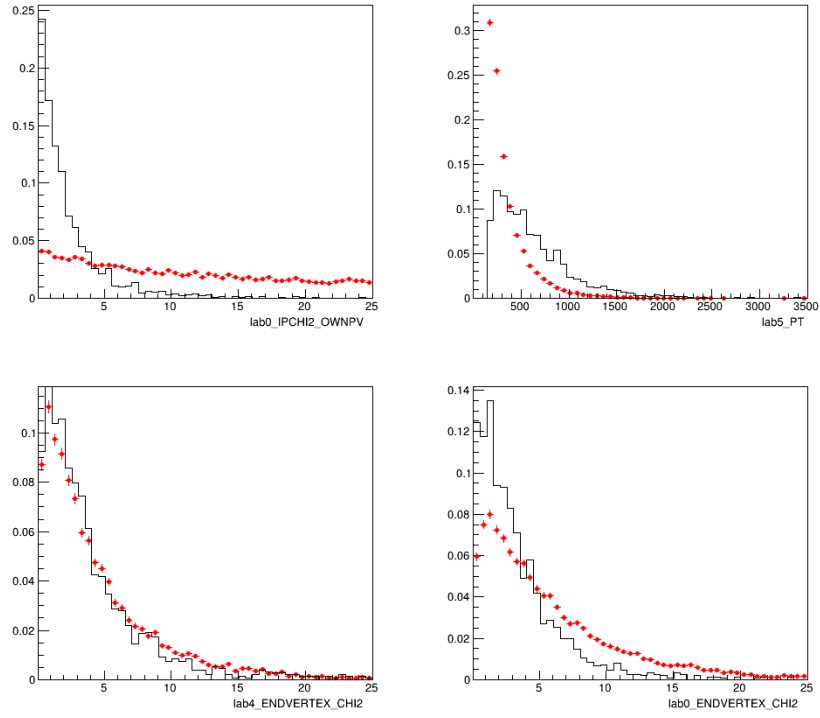


Figure 7: The comparison of simulated data (black lines) and Run 2 data (red dots) for selected variable, downstream tracks, data after preselection.

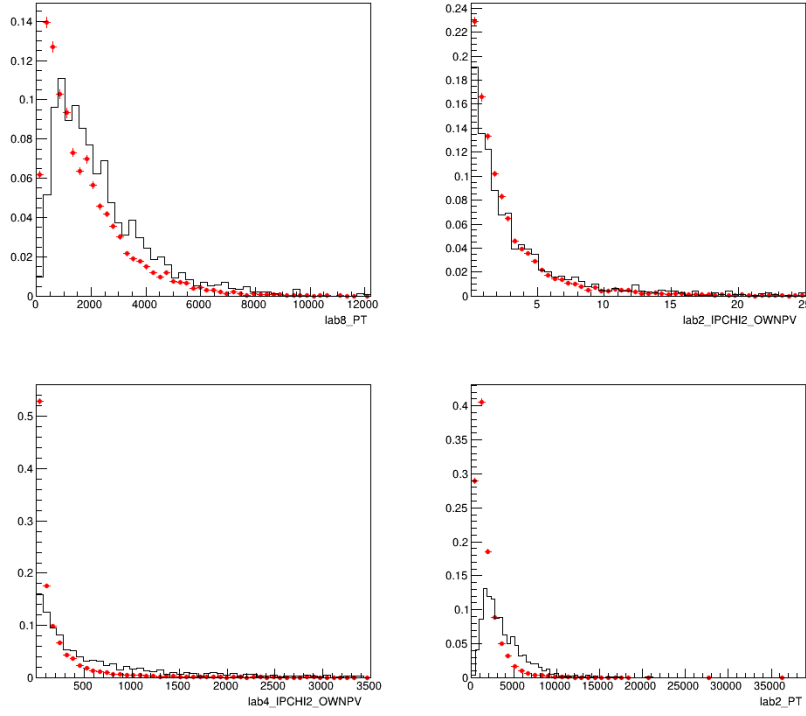


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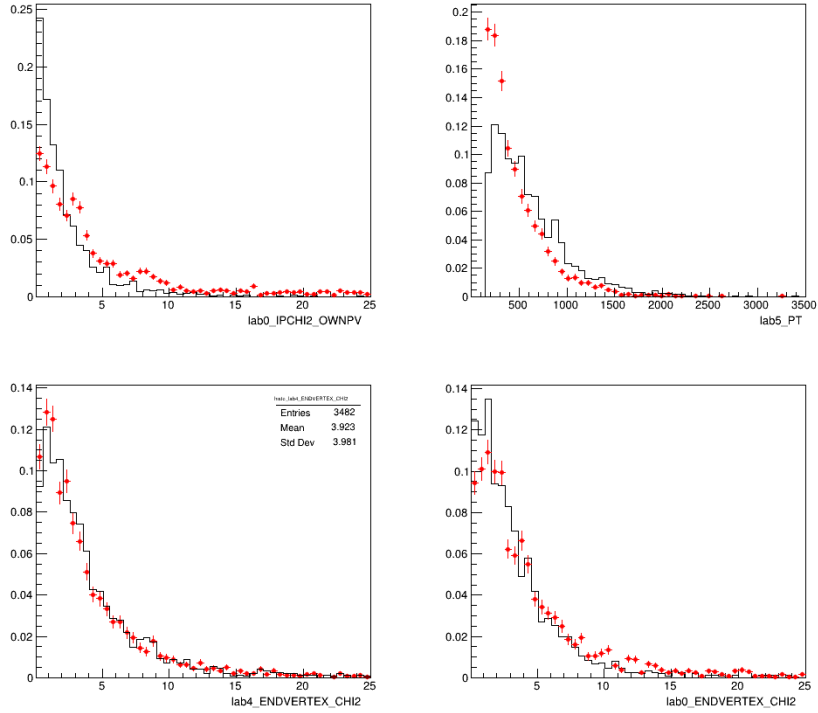


Figure 9: The comparison of simulated data (black lines) and Run 2 data (red dots) for selected variable, downstream tracks, data after preselection and BDT cut:  $BDT > 0.1$

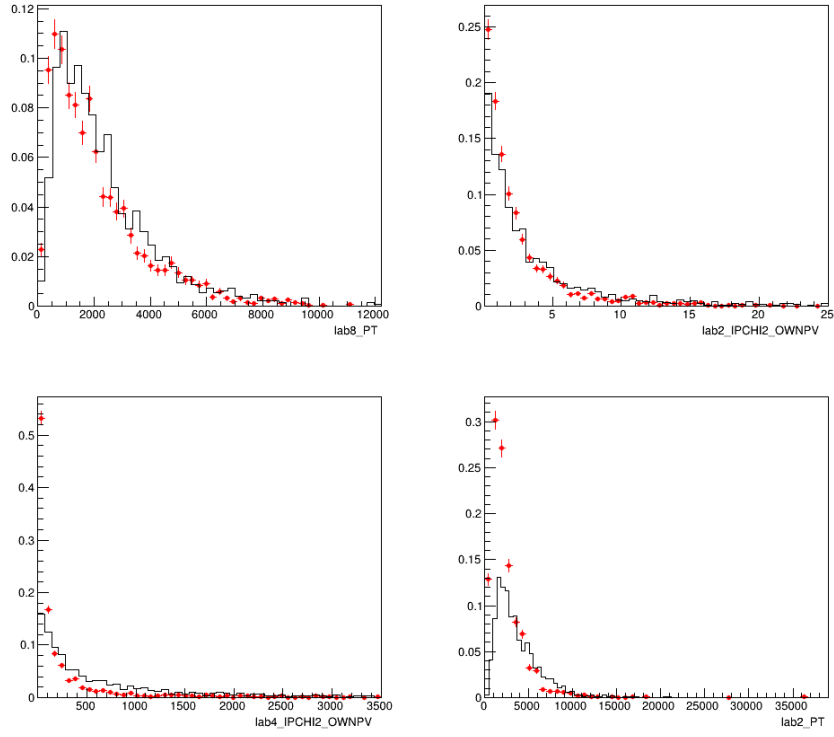


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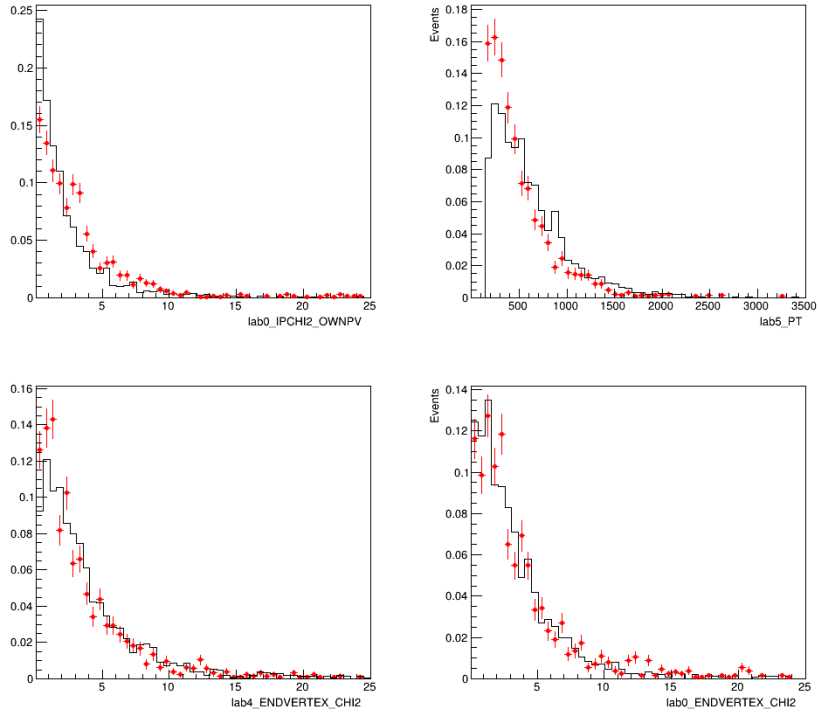


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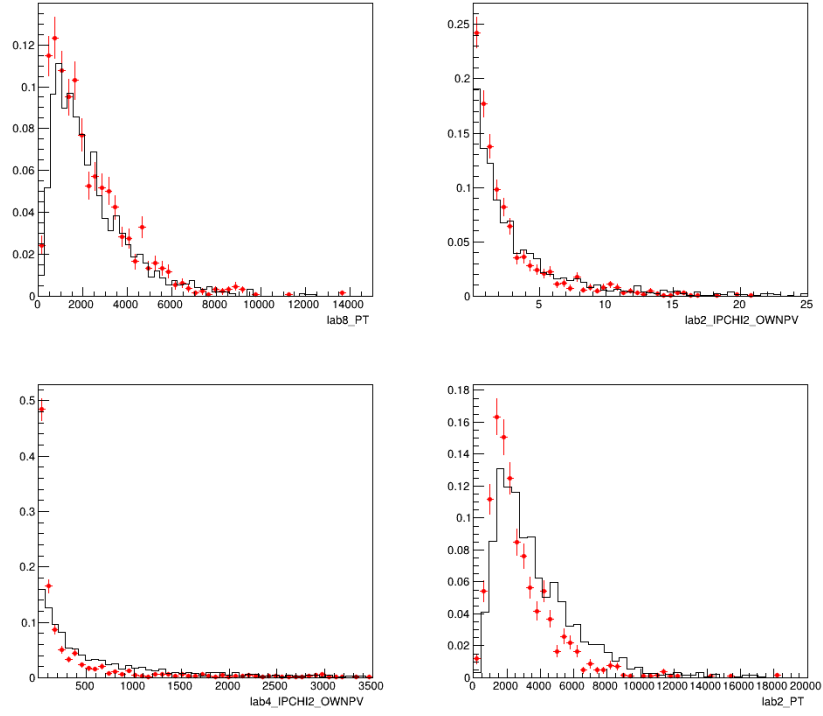


Figure 12: The comparison of simulated data (black lines) and Run 2 data (red dots) for selected variable, downstream tracks, data after preselection and BDT cut:  $BDT > 0.8$

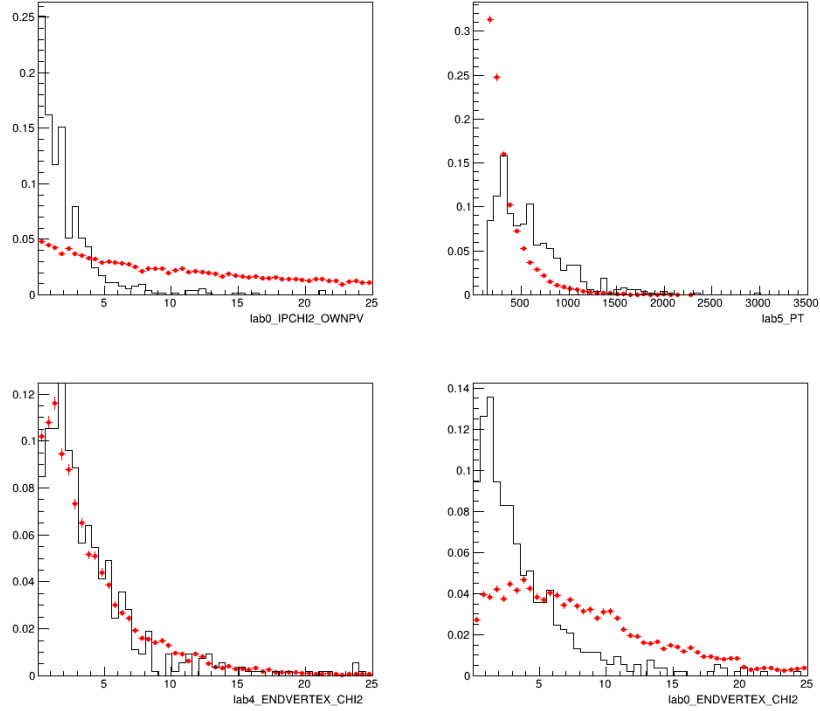


Figure 13: The comparison of simulated data (black lines) and Run 2 data (red dots) for selected variable, long tracks, data after preselection.



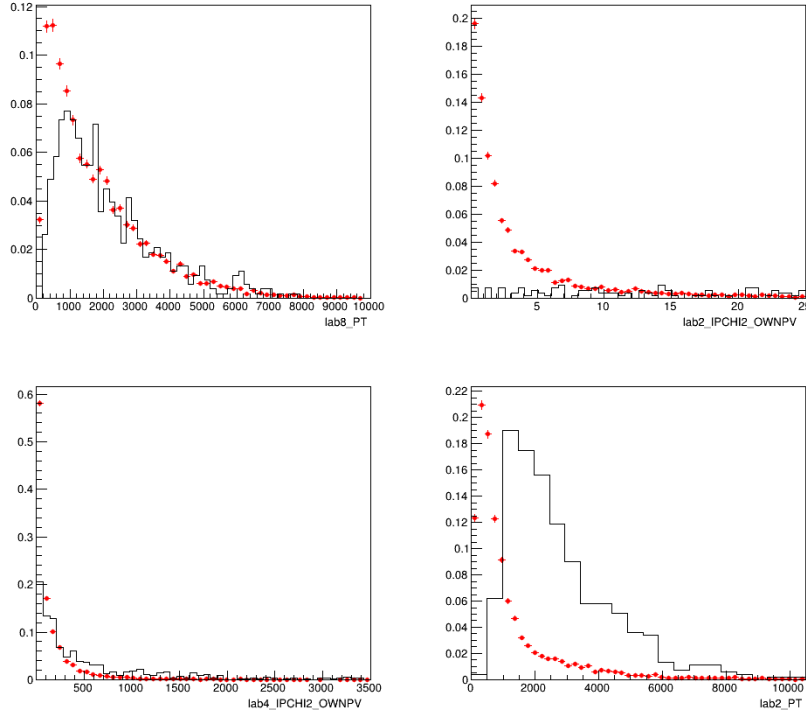


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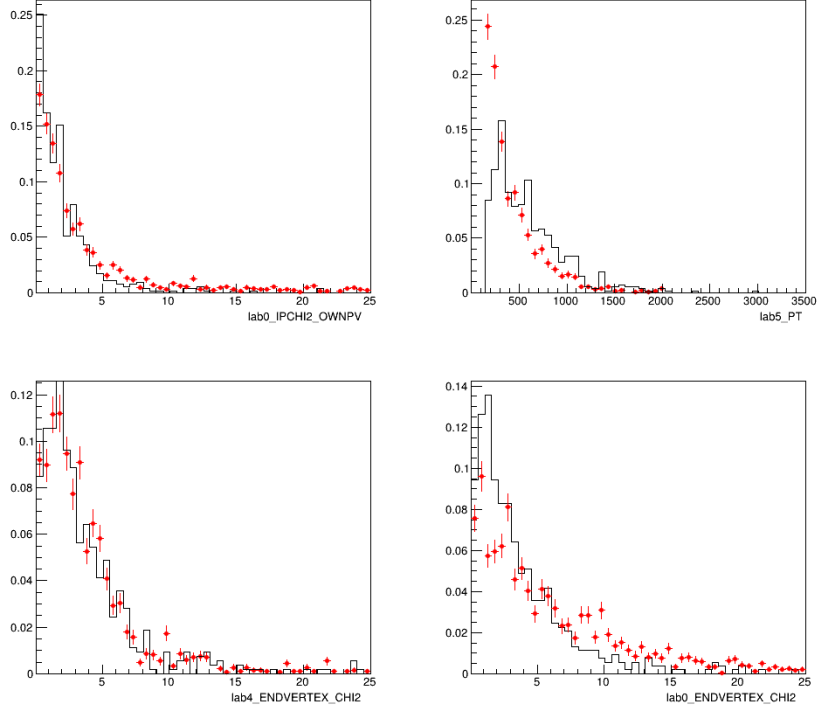


Figure 15: The comparison of simulated data (black lines) and Run 2 data (red dots) for selected variable, long tracks, data after preselection and BDT cut:  $\text{BDT} > 0.1$

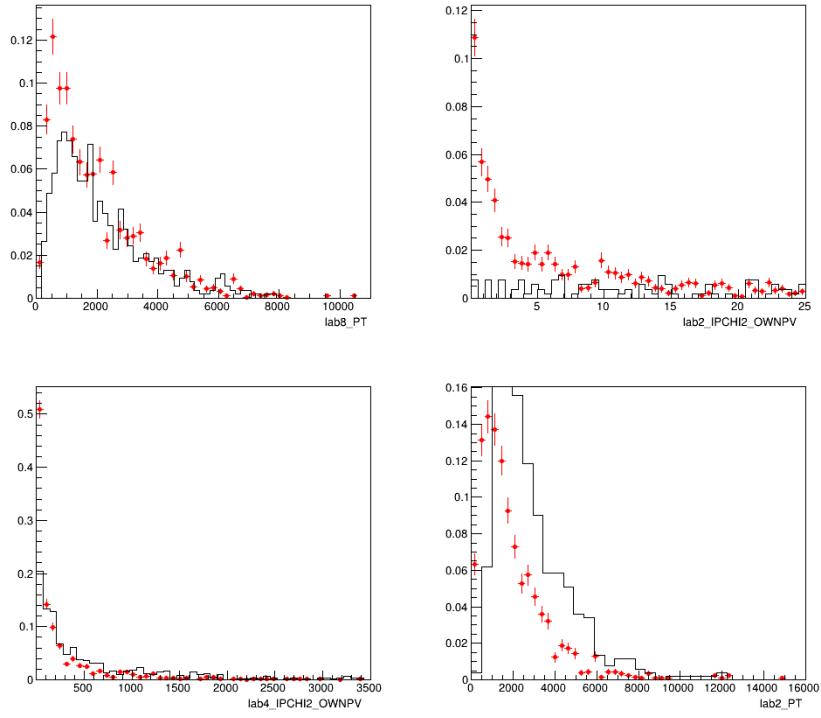


Figure 16: The comparison of simulated data (black lines) and Run 2 data (red dots) for selected variable, long tracks, data after preselection and BDT cut:  $\text{BDT} > 0.1$

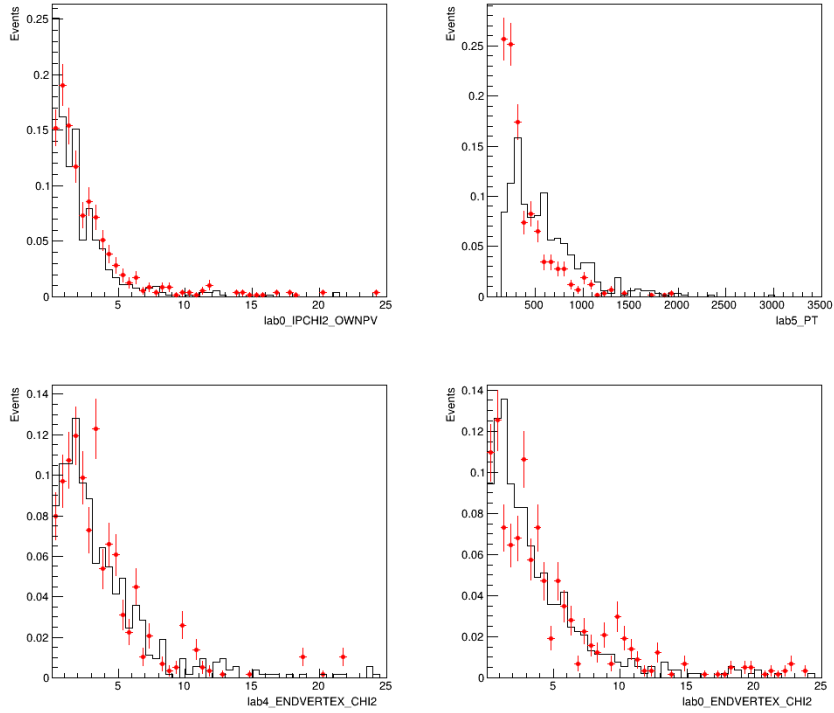


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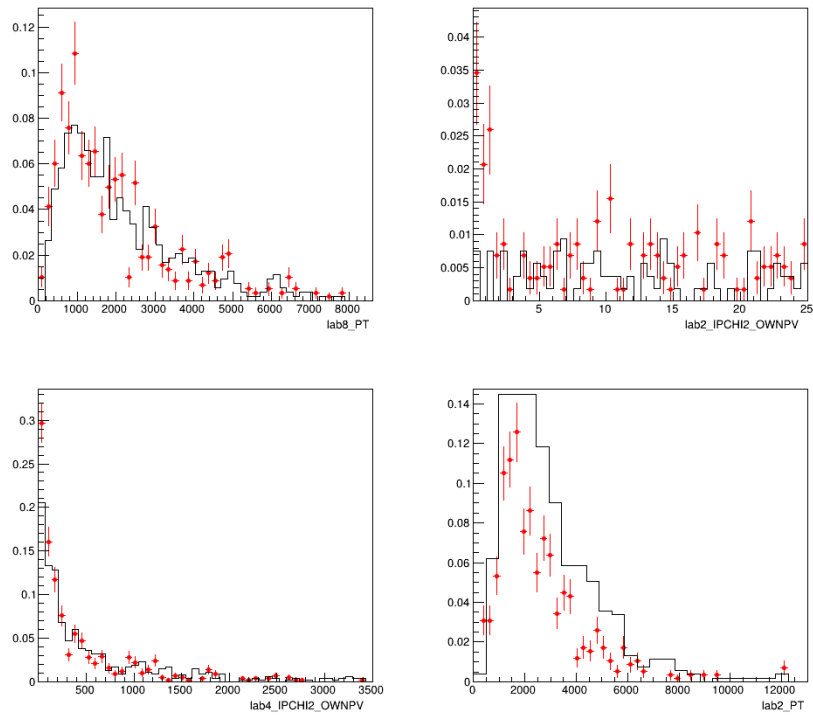


Figure 18: The comparison of simulated data (black lines) and Run 2 data (red dots) for selected variable, long tracks, data after preselection and BDT cut:  $\text{BDT} > 0.8$



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Below, can be found summary of multiple candidates after stripping and preselecion for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2015 Downstream			2015 Long		
1	436053	37,5	1	464700	26,7
2	334000	28,7	2	353080	20,3
3	213991	18,4	3	228491	13,1
4	213991	15,1	4	190532	11,0
5	175635	9,1	5	116185	6.6
6	106540	7,8	6	99605	5.7
7	91041	4,3	7	57310	3,2
8	50915	3,9	8	51504	2,9
...	...	...	...	...	...
678	1	-	732	1	-
1072	1	-	1020	1	-

Table 26: Multiple candidate rate for 2015 stripping data.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2016 Downstream			2016 Long		
1	3787227	27,5	1	464700	26,7
2	2869520	20,9	2	353080	20,3
3	1835820	13,4	3	228491	13,1
4	1490482	10,9	4	190532	11,0
5	898392	6,5	5	116185	6.6
6	757719	5,5	6	99605	5.7
7	428491	3,1	7	57310	3,2
8	380089	2,7	8	51504	2,9
...	...	...	...	...	...
640	1	-	1523	1	-
735	1	-	1384	1	-

Table 27: Multiple candidate rate for 2016 stripping data.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2017 Downstream			2017 Long		
1	4639174	27,1	1	3248619	26,4
2	3498859	20,4	2	2409999	20,6
3	2235461	13,0	3	1557358	13,7
4	1814863	10,6	4	1271315	10,3
5	1091647	6,3	5	782624	6,4
6	921116	5,3	6	660226	5,4
7	519122	3,0	7	379905	3,0
8	460521	2,7	8	338375	3,7
...	...	...	...	...	...
519	1	-	1205	1	-
638	1	-	1902	1	-

Table 28: Multiple candidate rate for 2017 stripping data.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2018 Downstream			2018 Long		
1	3071762	25,5	1	3765491	25,1
2	2326876	17,1	2	2830697	18,8
3	1488581	16,3	3	1826930	12,1
4	1209598	14,0	4	1504148	10,0
5	729515	8,5	5	919360	6,1
6	614482	6,1	6	785668	5,2
7	347626	3,1	7	448144	2,9
8	308082	3,0	8	405995	2,7
...	...	...	...	...	...
778	1	-	1416	1	-
1077	1	-	1524	1	-

Table 29: Multiple candidate rate for 2018 stripping data.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2015 Downstream			2015 Long		
1	963	73.065	1	763	68,1
2	283	21.47	2	203	18,1
3	53	4.021	3	119	10,6
4	9	6.83	4	22	01,9
5	8	6.07	5	7	0,6
6	2	1.52	6	5	0,5

Table 30: Multiple candidate rate for 2015 preselected data.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2016 Downstream			2016 Long		
1	17873	72,7	1	6503	72,8
2	5230	21,3	2	1872	20,9
3	1019	10,4	3	364	4,1
4	348	1,4	4	140	1,6
5	51	2,1	5	38	0,4
6	39	1,6	6	17	0,2
7	12	0,1			

Table 31: Multiple candidate rate for 2016 preselected data.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2017 Downstream			2017 Long		
1	17873	72,7	1	6503	72,8
2	5230	21,3	2	1872	20,9
3	1019	10,4	3	364	4,1
4	348	1,4	4	140	1,6
5	51	2,1	5	38	0,4
6	39	1,6	6	17	0,2
7	12	0,1	6		

Table 32: Multiple candidate rate for 2017 preselected data.

Multip.	Number of events	%	Multip.	Number of events	%
2018 Downstream			2018 Long		
1	13691	73,2	1	8501	71,9
2	3853	20,6	2	2549	21,5
3	809	4,3	3	525	4,4
4	269	1,4	4	192	1,6
5	38	0,2	5	30	0,2
6	24	0,1	6	21	0,1
7	14	0,1			
8	4	0,1			

Table 33: Multiple candidate rate for 2018 preselected data

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