

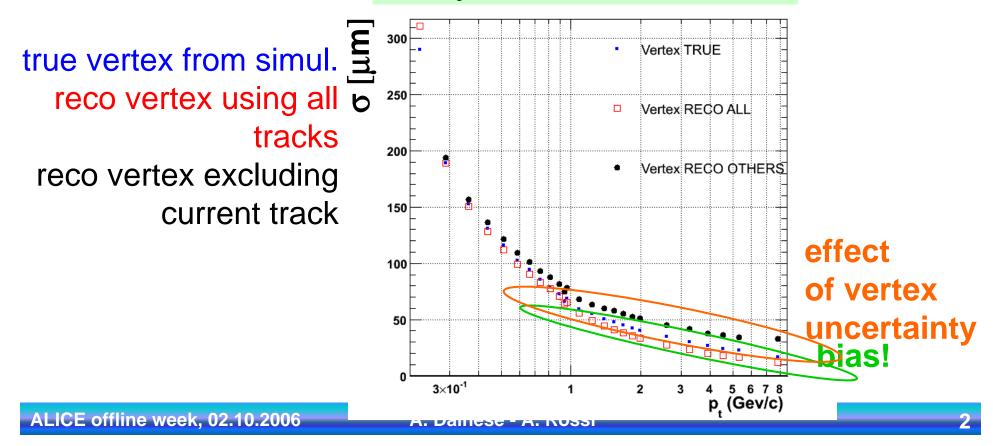
Evaluation of the d₀ resolution from data

- Pulls on the impact parameter
- First ideas to extract the resolution from real data

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Track impact parameter measurement in pp collisions

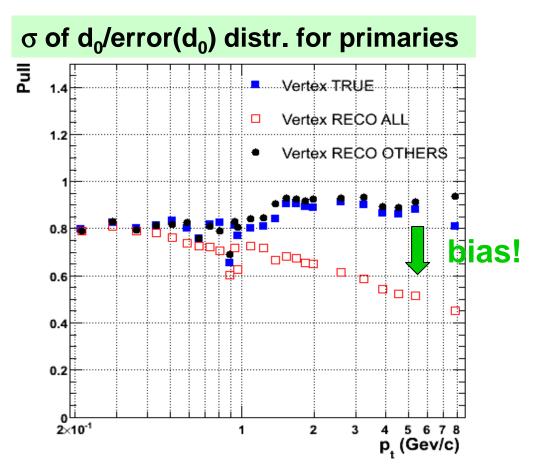
- Track impact parameter resolution: $\sigma_{d0} = \sigma_{vtx} \oplus \sigma_{track}$
- Vertex reconstructed from tracks
- Bias (underestimate of d₀) if the considered track is used for vertex fit:
 σ of d₀ distribution for primaries







Bias is visible also if one looks at the pulls:



true vertex from simul. reco vertex using all tracks reco vertex excluding

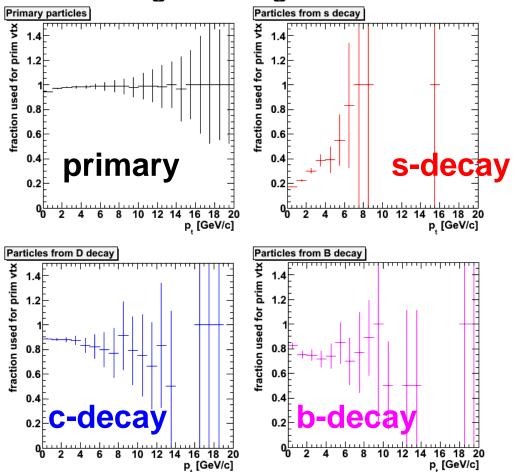
current track





Tracks used for vertex reco

Fraction of tracks of given origin used in vertex fit:



→ this bias could be relevant for charm/beauty studies

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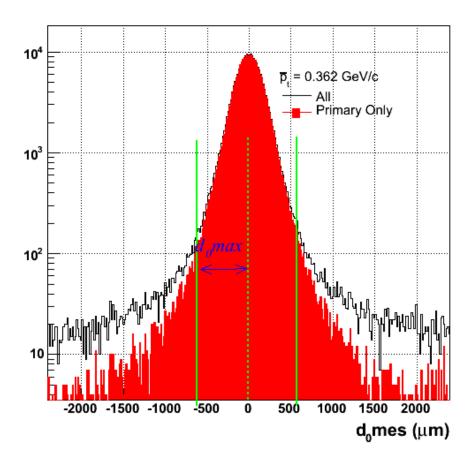


Motivation: For all analyses using d_0 cuts (charm and beauty in particular), very important to extract d_0 resolution from data in order to check whether it is reproduced by the simulation

First-day approach:

d₀ distribution is dominated by primary particles for |d₀|<d₀MAX

Gaussian fit in this range provides the resolution

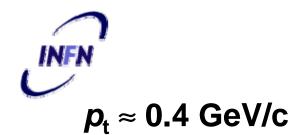




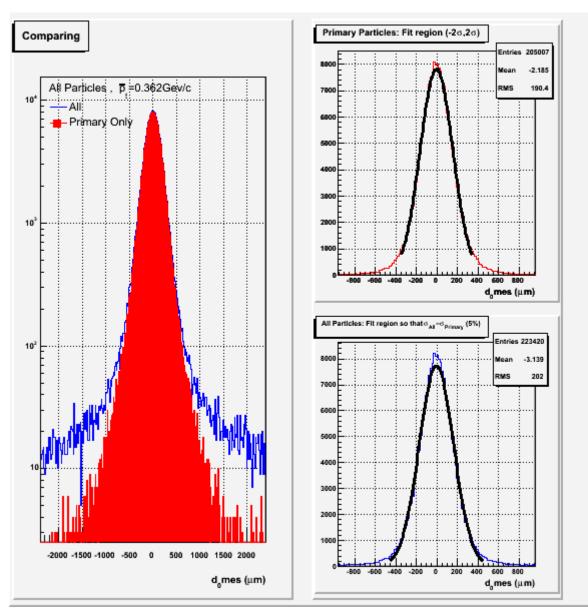




- Used PYTHIA pp events (PDC06-like cocktail)
- Vertex reconstructed using the tracks
- In bins of p_t, consider distribution of d₀ w.r.t. reco vertex, for primaries and for all tracks
- Fit of primaries gives d₀ resolution
- On distribution of all tracks, used iterative procedure to fit in interval |d₀|<d₀MAX, with d₀MAX gradually decreasing
- Stop when extracted σ is equal (within 5%) to σ of primaries
- Get d₀MAX values to be used on the data, as function of p_t
 - WARNING: possible bias due to differences on secondary/primary ratio in simulation and in real events

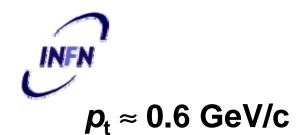




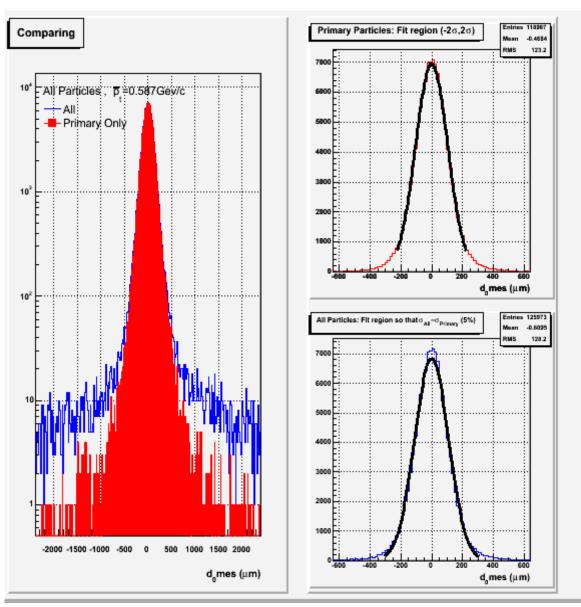


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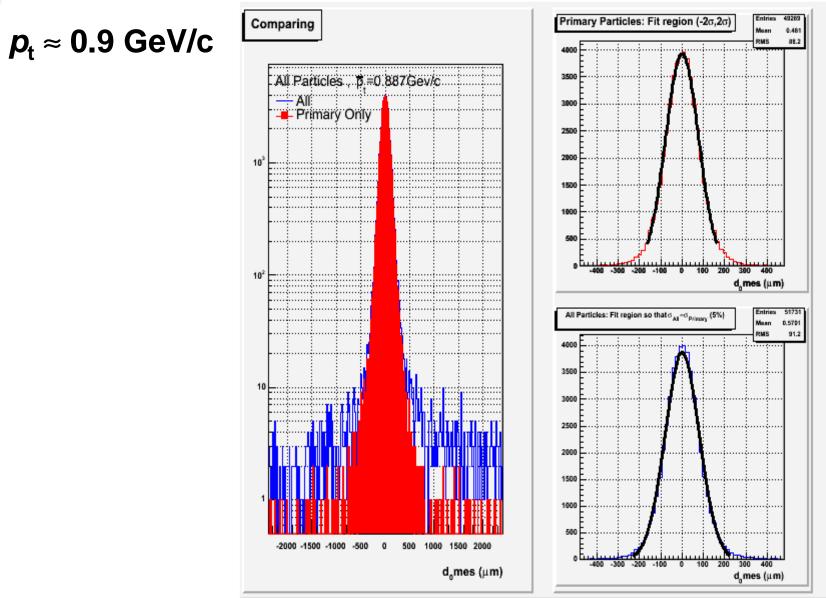
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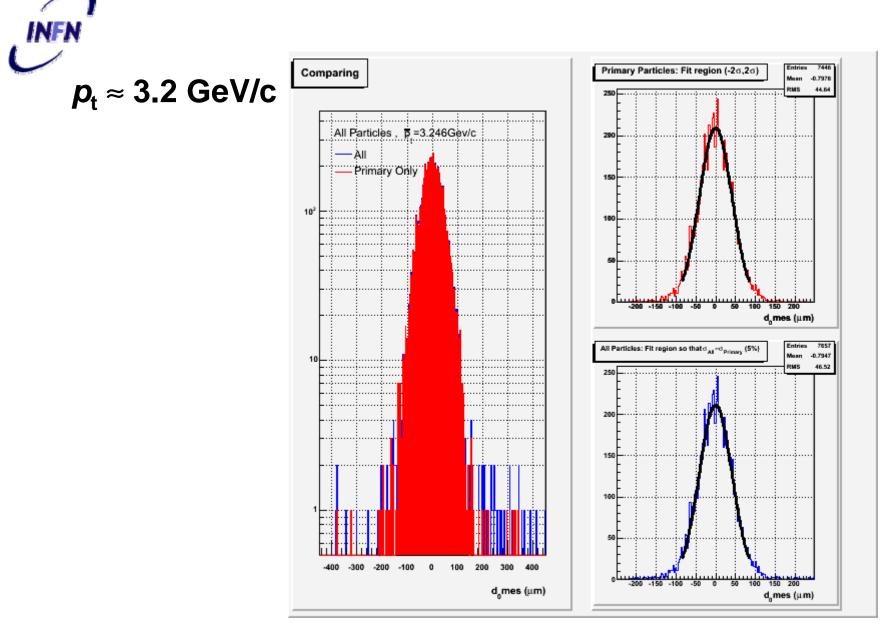


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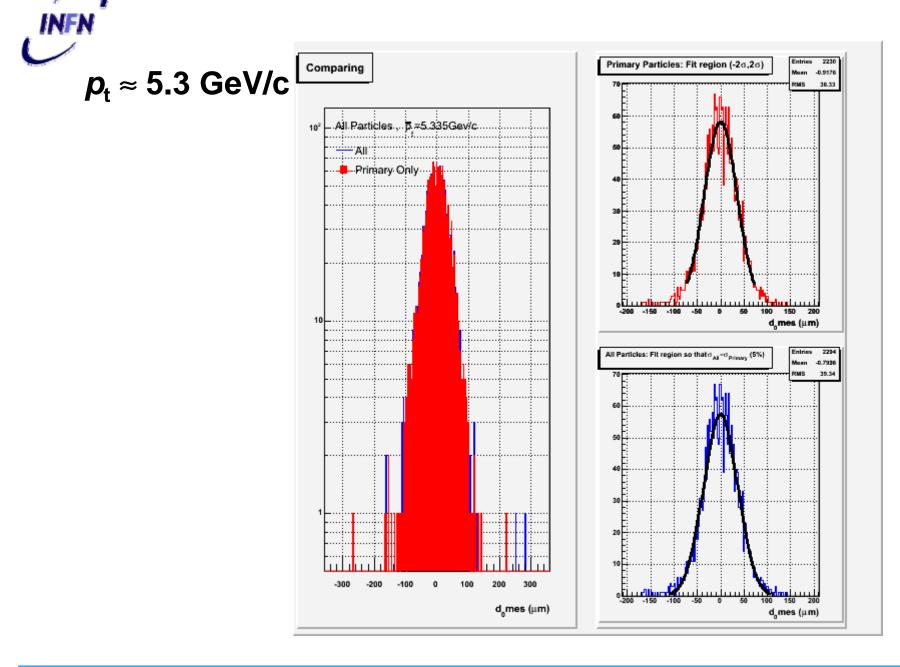
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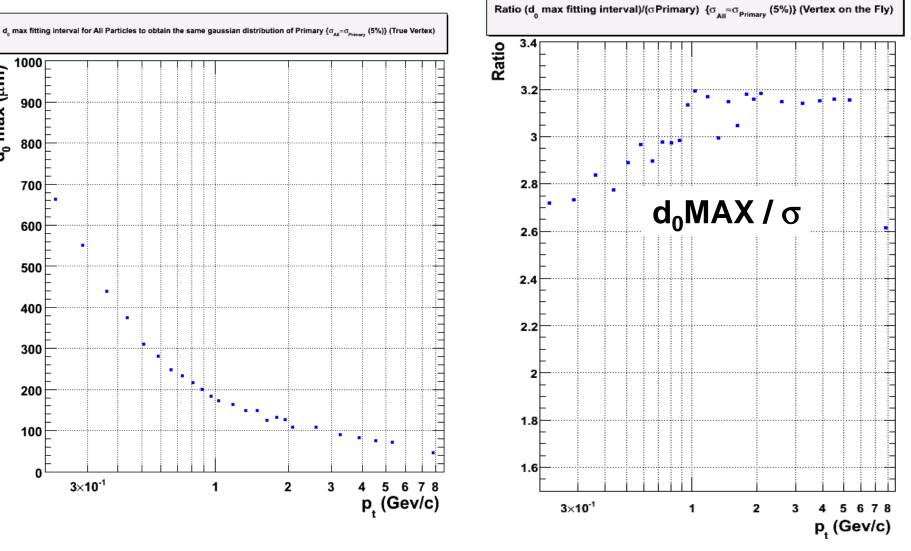








Fit range for evaluation of resolution



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d₀ max (µm)





Conclusions and Outlook

- A gaussian fit of all tracks' d₀ distr. in the range ~ (-3σ, +3σ) allows to extract the d₀ resolution from the data
- Extracted resolution is a convolution of track position resolution and primary vertex resolution (the latter is relevant only for high-p_t tracks)
- Need to devise method to separate track and vertex contributions
 - Idea to get track position resolution at high-p_t: use distribution of DCA between pairs of high-p_t tracks (exploiting the fact that most high-p_t tracks are primary)
- Consider other methods
 - Idea (to be checked): use cosmics crossing all detector

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