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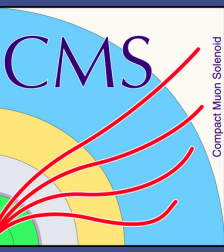
# Search for CP violation in the tau Yukawa coupling with CMS



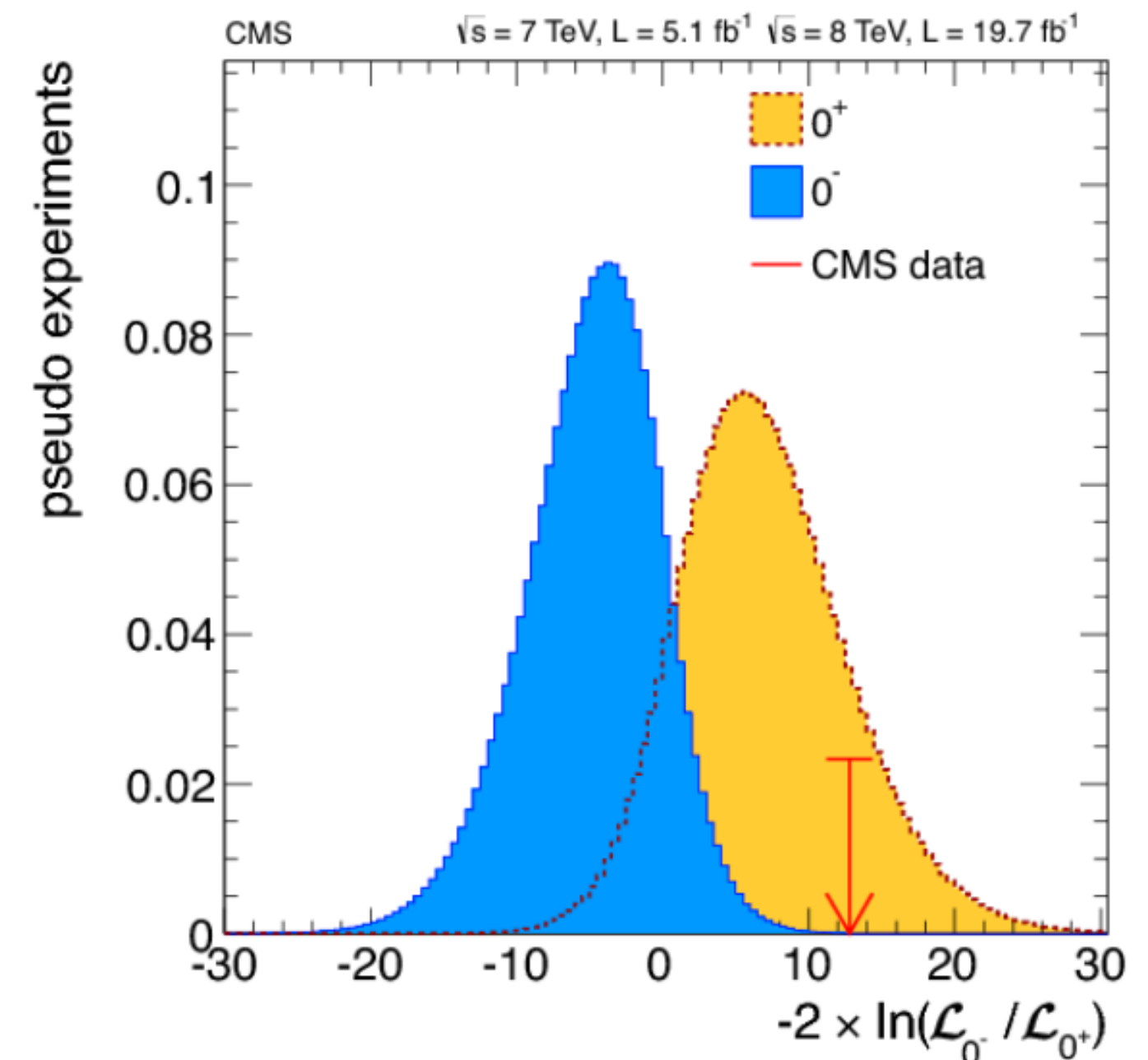
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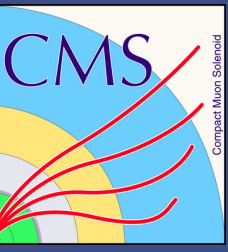
# Overview



- One of the SM predictions about the Higgs boson is a  $0^+$  spin-parity
- Measurement of CP properties in diboson couplings (Z,W) in 4 leptons final states and VBF production mode excluded the purely pseudo-scalar hypothesis ([doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.89.092007](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.89.092007))
- A mixed coupling is still possible in Yukawa couplings to fermions :
  - gg  $\rightarrow$  ttH production mode, e.g. ([doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.125.061801](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.125.061801))
  - **H  $\rightarrow$  tautau decays**, e.g. ([doi:10.1007/JHEP06\(2022\)012](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP06(2022)012))
- This talk aims to introduce various techniques used in search of CP violation in the tau Yukawa coupling



# CP properties of the tau Yukawa coupling



- Each fermionic interaction can be decomposed into a **CP-even** and a **CP-odd** coupling to the Higgs boson :

$$L_Y = -\frac{m_f \phi}{v} (\kappa_f \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f + \tilde{\kappa}_f \bar{\psi}_f i \gamma_5 \psi_f)$$

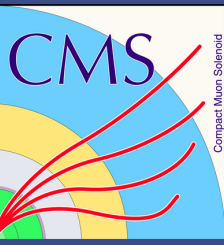
- The CP mixing is encoded in a mixing angle  $\alpha^{Hll}$  through the expression of the CP-odd fraction of the coupling

$$f_{CP}^{Hff} = \frac{|\tilde{\kappa}_f|^2}{|\kappa_f|^2 + |\tilde{\kappa}_f|^2} = \sin^2(\alpha^{Hff})$$

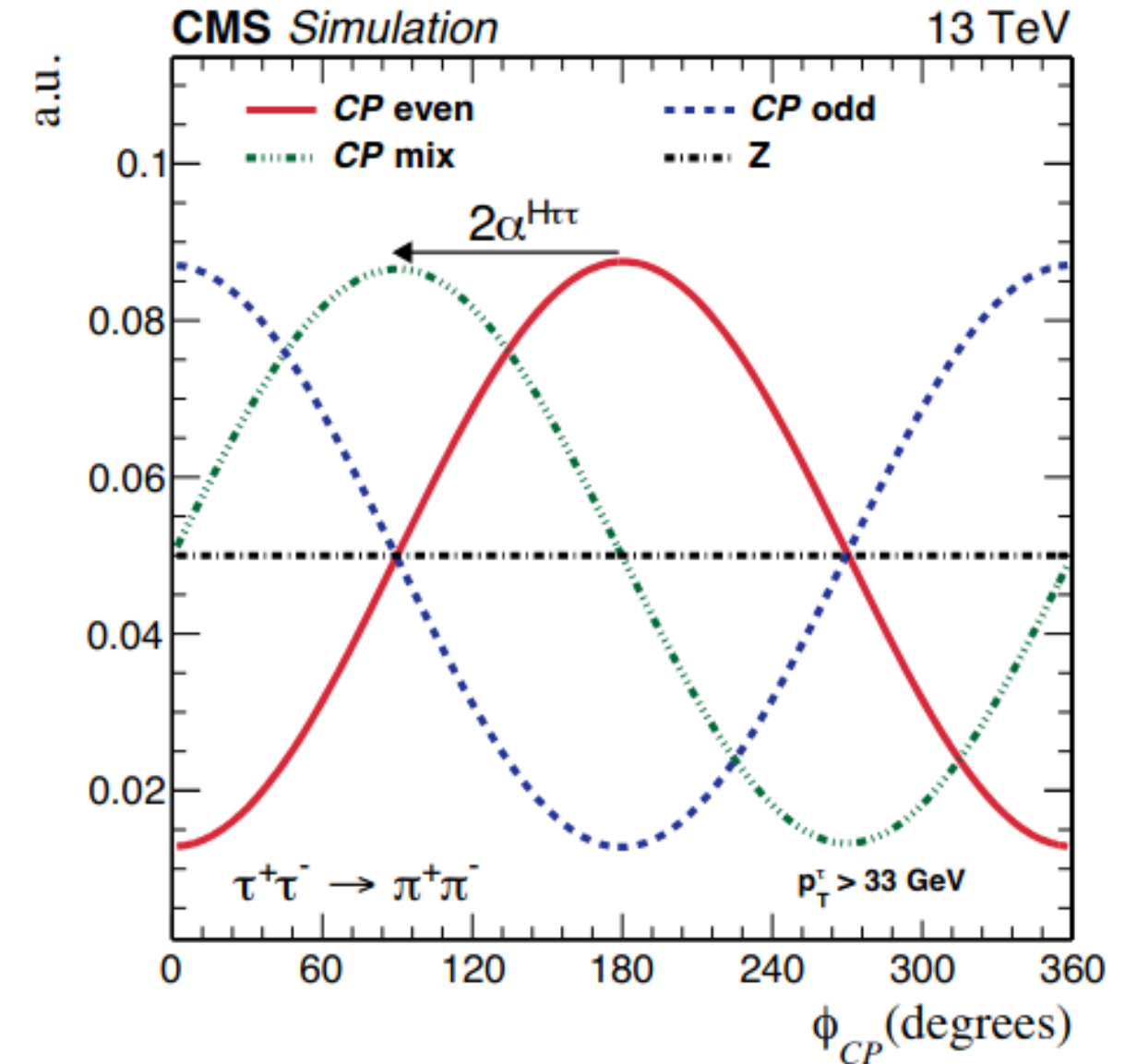
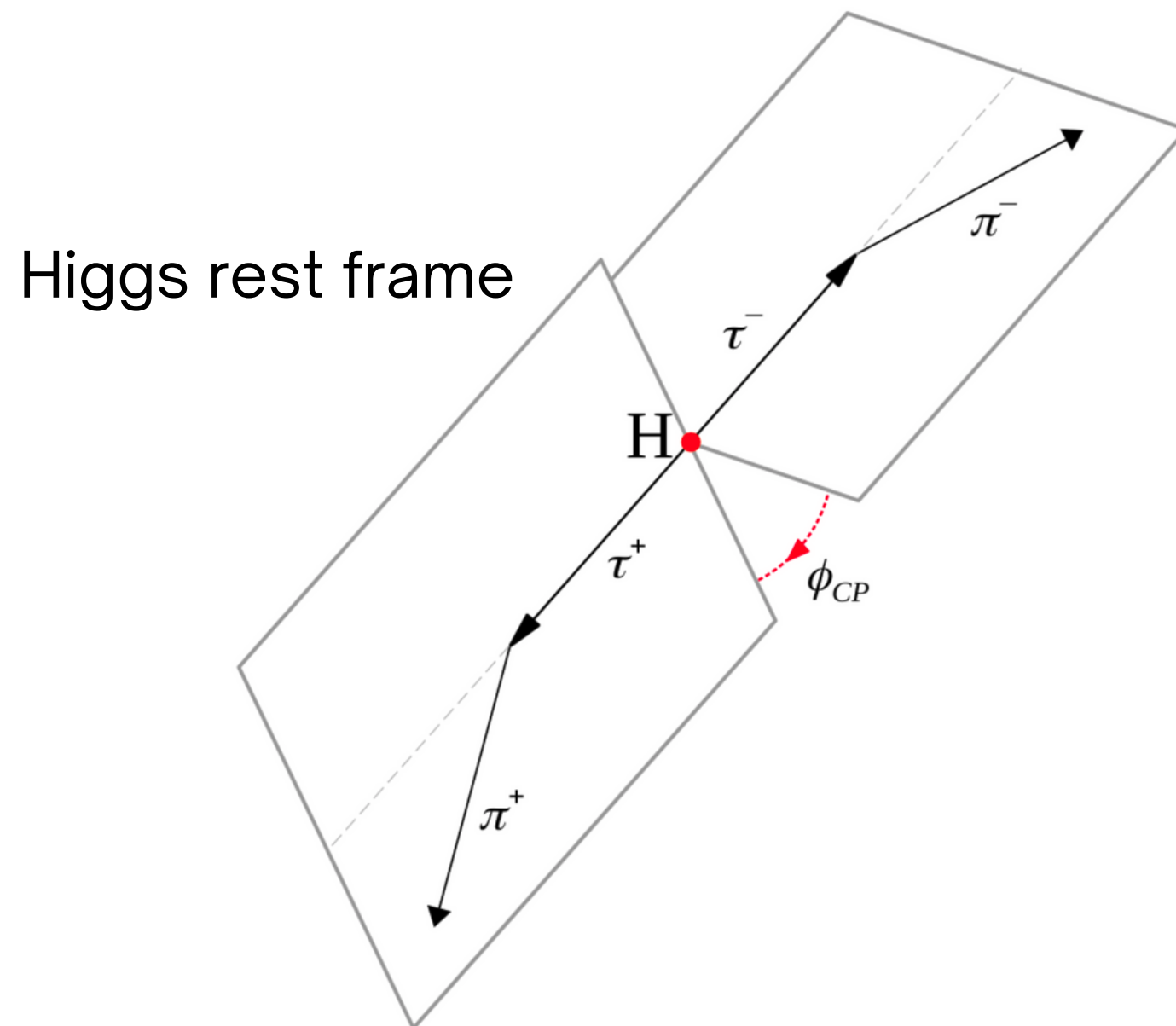
- In tau decays the CP mixing state is carried over to tau leptons through **transverse-spin** correlation

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) = \Gamma^{unpol} (1 - s_{\parallel}^- s_{\parallel}^+ + s_{\perp}^- R(\alpha^{H\tau\tau}) s_{\perp}^+)$$

# CP sensitive observable in tau decays



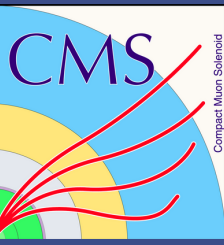
- The acoplanar angle  $\phi_{CP}$  is defined as the angle between tau decay planes
  - Assessible through visible decay products



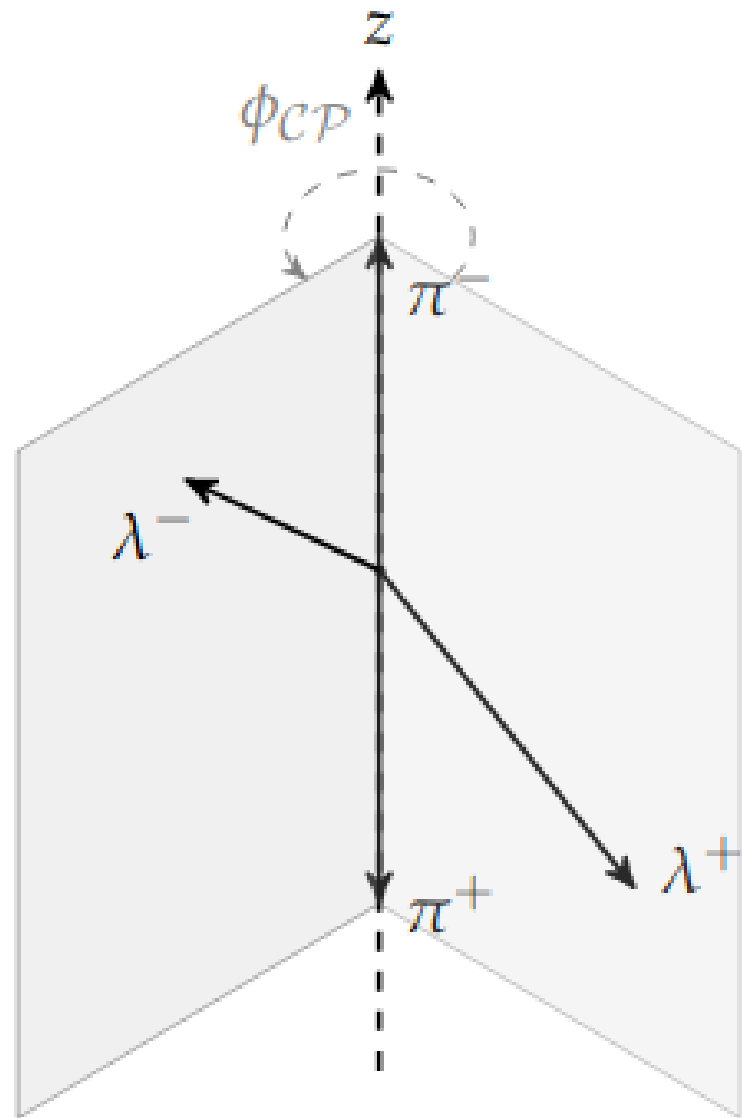
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\phi_{CP}}(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) \propto \text{const} - \cos(\phi_{CP} - 2\alpha^{H\tau\tau})$$

- Spin correlation creates a sinusoidal dependence in Higgs decay rate

# Observable measurement



- Using visible decay products, planes are defined by a particle momentum and another vector



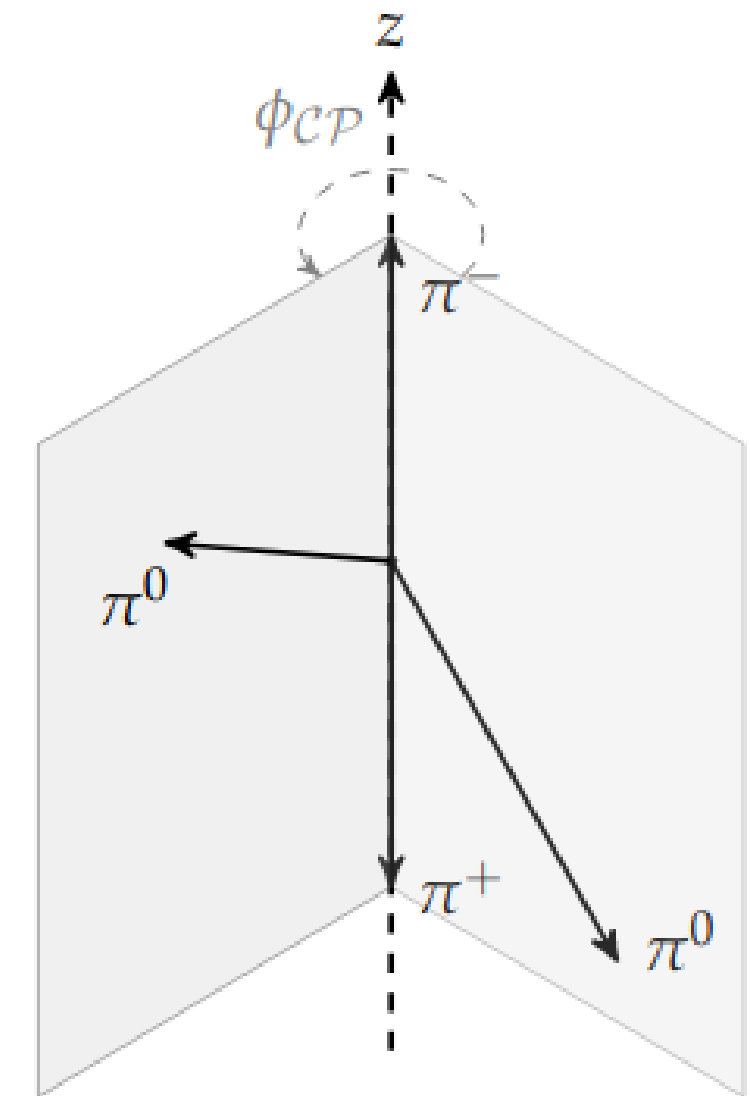
Impact parameter

$$\tau \rightarrow \pi, \mu, e$$

- Impact parameter for single momentum final states

- Another momentum for multi momenta final states

**Methods can be used together when taus are decaying differently**

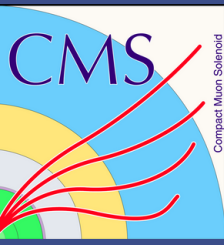


Neutral pion

$$\tau \rightarrow \rho, a_1$$



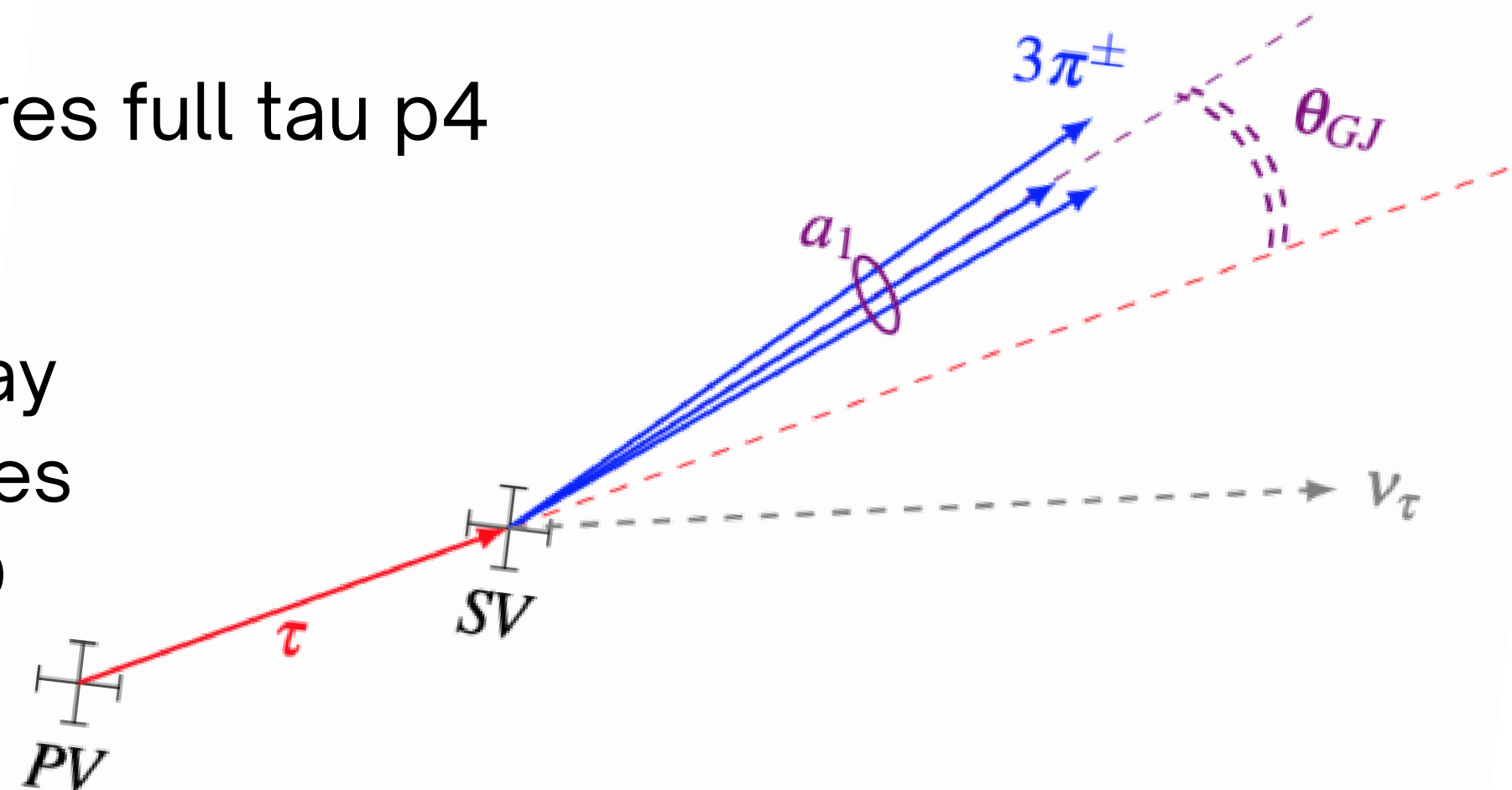
# Polarimetric vector method



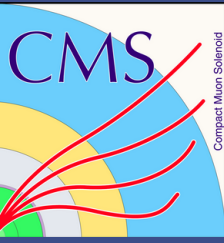
- Uses the polarimetric vector (most probable tau spin direction) and the undecayed tau momentum to define planes

$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{2m_\tau} |\overline{M}|^2 (1 + h_\mu s^\mu) dLips$$

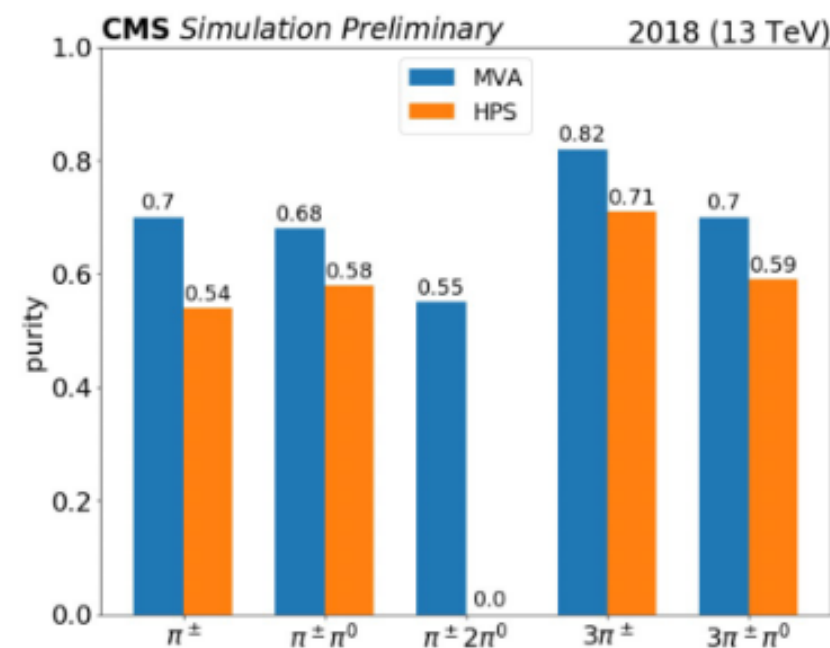
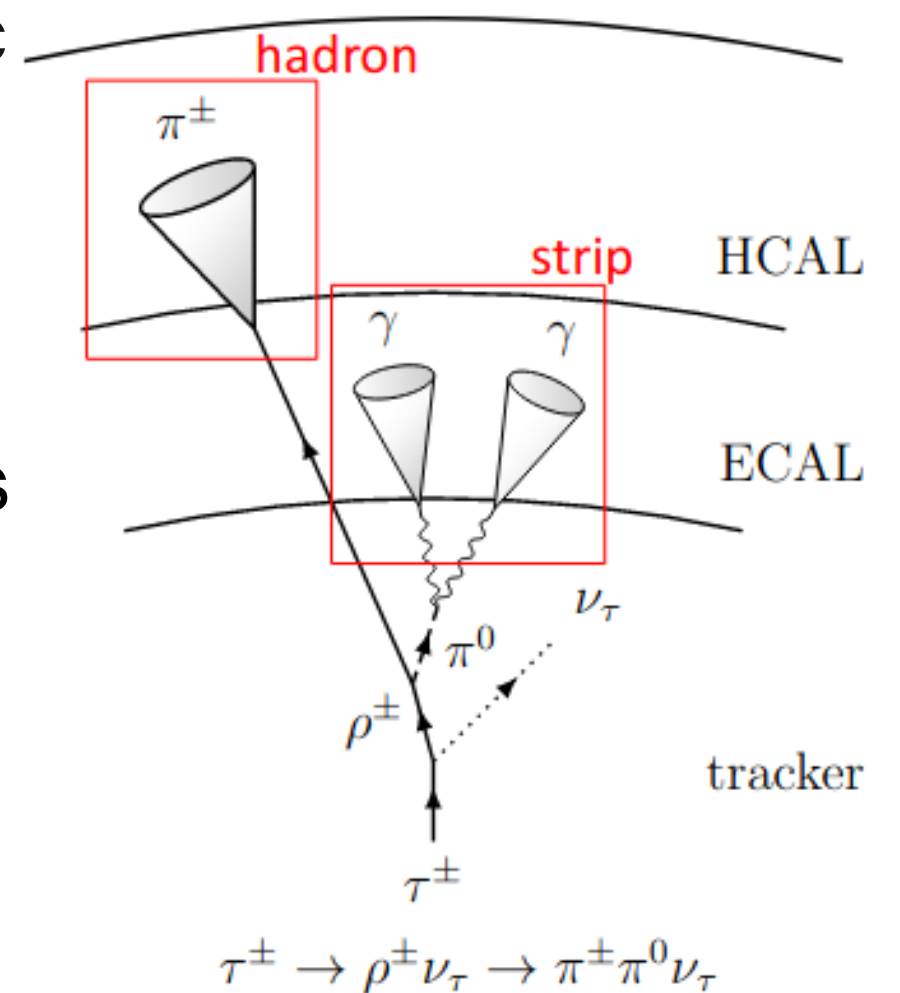
- $s$  is the tau spin and  $h$  the polarimetric vector, function of the tau momentum and its decay products
  - Most CP sensitive technique but requires full tau p4 reconstruction
- Successfully implemented in the  $a_1^{3pr} a_1^{3pr}$  decay mode using constraints on secondary vertices
  - $a_1$  hadronic resonance model from CLEO ([Phys. Rev. D61 \(1999\) 012002](#)).



# Tau identification in CMS

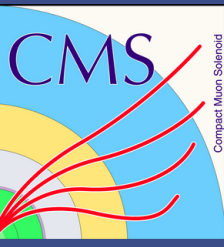


- The Hadron-Plus-Strip (HPS) algorithm is used to reconstruct hadronic taus from collimated ak4 jets ([doi:10.1088/1748-0221/13/10/P10005](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/13/10/P10005))
  - PF charged hadrons and PF e/gammas from neutral hadrons are associated and a decay mode is assigned
- DeepTau algorithm used for tau identification with four output classes
  - Electron, muon, jet, tau ([doi:10.1088/1748-0221/17/07/P07023](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/17/07/P07023))
  - Three final discriminants : genuine tau vs ele, mu, jet
- Dedicated BDT for decay mode identification of hadronic taus
  - Optimized for best purity ([CMS-DP-2020-041](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.041)), HPS DM as input



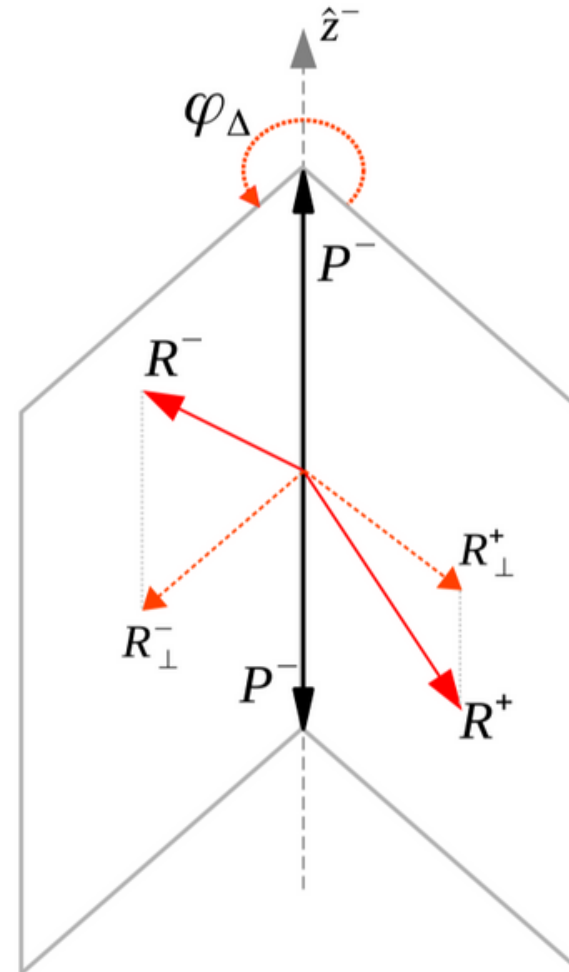
- DM 0 :  $\tau_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm$
- DM 1 :  $\tau_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm + \pi^0$
- DM 2 :  $\tau_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm + 2\pi^0$
- DM 10 :  $\tau_h \rightarrow 2\pi^\pm + \pi^\mp$
- DM 11 :  $\tau_h \rightarrow 2\pi^\pm + \pi^\mp + \pi^0$

# Event categorization



- 17 final states considered in Run II analysis, three categories :  $\tau_h\tau_h, \tau_\mu\tau_h, \tau_e\tau_h$
- Events are further on categorized in three classes :
  - Signal, fakes, taus
  - DNN for  $\tau_l\tau_h$  channels, BDT for  $\tau_h\tau_h$
- Summary of methods used according to decay mode :

| Channel   | Vectors             |                    |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | P1                  | R1                 | P2                  | R2                  |
| $\tau_{l,\pi} \times \tau_{l,\pi}$                  | $\vec{p}_{l,\pi}$   | $\vec{IP}_{l,\pi}$ | $\vec{p}_{l,\pi}$   | $\vec{IP}_{l,\pi}$  |
| $\tau_{l,\pi} \times \tau_{\rho,a_1^{1Pr}}$         | $\vec{p}_{l,\pi}$   | $\vec{IP}_{l,\pi}$ | $\vec{p}_{\pi^\pm}$ | $\vec{p}_{\pi^0}$   |
| $\tau_{l,\pi} \times \tau_{a_1^{3Pr}}^\pm$          | $\vec{p}_{l,\pi}$   | $\vec{IP}_{l,\pi}$ | $\vec{p}_{\pi^\pm}$ | $\vec{p}_{\pi^\mp}$ |
| $\tau_{\rho,a_1^{1Pr}} \times \tau_{a_1^{3Pr}}^\pm$ | $\vec{p}_{\pi^\pm}$ | $\vec{p}_{\pi^0}$  | $\vec{p}_{\pi^\pm}$ | $\vec{p}_{\pi^\mp}$ |
| $\tau_{a_1^{3Pr}} \times \tau_{a_1^{3Pr}}^\pm$      | $\vec{p}_\tau$      | $\vec{h}$          | $\vec{p}_\tau$      | $\vec{h}$           |

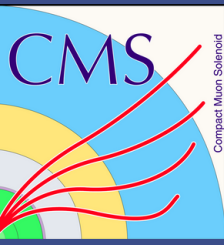


| Observable                                     | $\tau_\ell\tau_h$ | $\tau_h\tau_h$ |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| $p_T$ of leading $\tau_h$                      | ✓                 | ✓              |
| $p_T$ of trailing $\tau_h$                     | —                 | ✓              |
| $p_T$ of $\tau_\ell$                           | ✓                 | —              |
| $p_T$ of visible di- $\tau$                    | ✓                 | ✓              |
| $p_T$ of di- $\tau_h + p_T^{\text{miss}}$      | —                 | ✓              |
| $p_T$ of $\tau_\ell\tau_h + p_T^{\text{miss}}$ | ✓                 | —              |
| Visible di- $\tau$ mass                        | ✓                 | ✓              |
| Di- $\tau$ mass (using SVFIT)                  | ✓                 | ✓              |
| Leading jet $p_T$                              | ✓                 | ✓              |
| Trailing jet $p_T$                             | ✓                 | —              |
| Jet multiplicity                               | ✓                 | ✓              |
| Dijet invariant mass                           | ✓                 | ✓              |
| Dijet $p_T$                                    | ✓                 | —              |
| Dijet $ \Delta\eta $                           | ✓                 | —              |
| $p_T^{\text{miss}}$                            | ✓                 | ✓              |

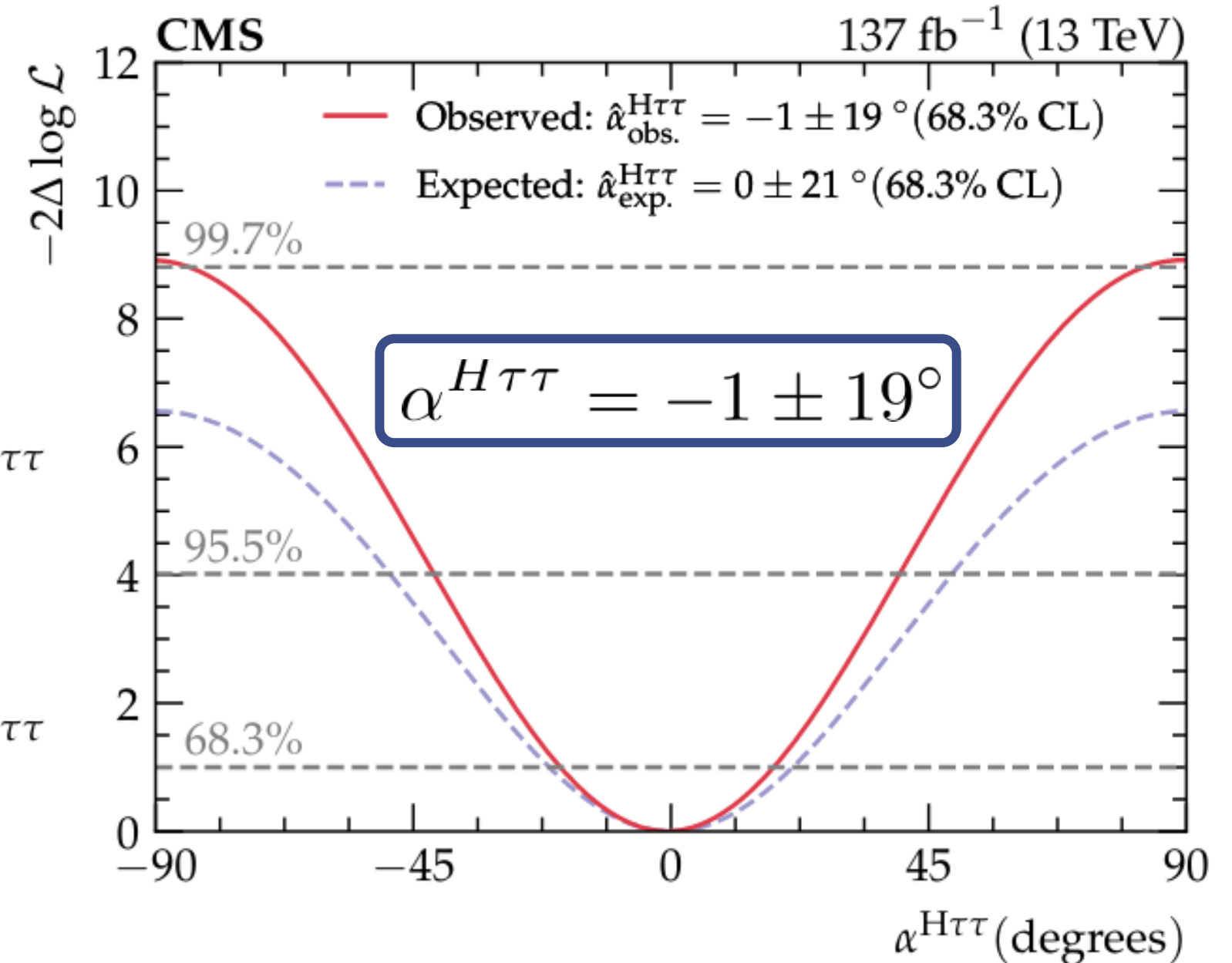
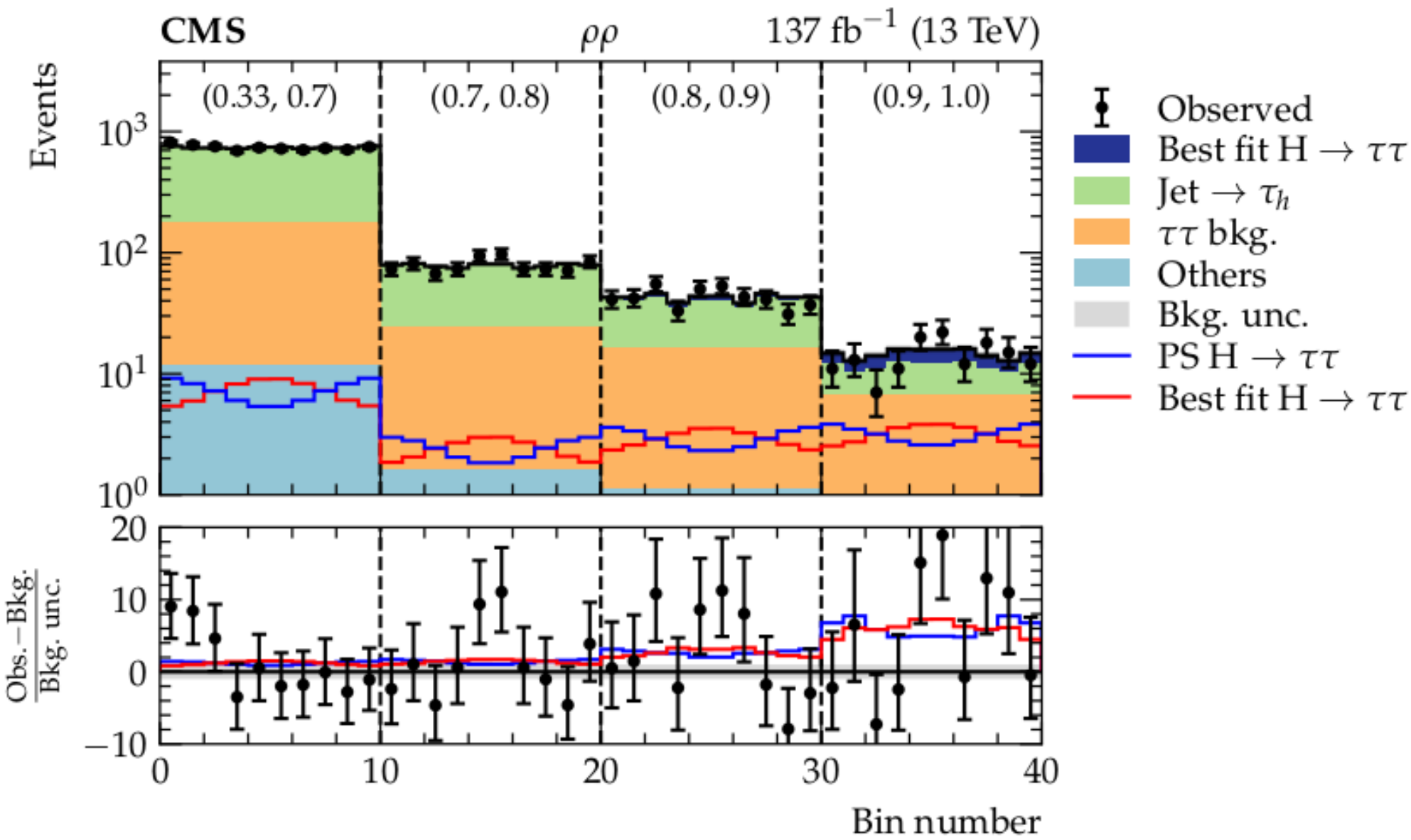
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# CP mixing angle measurement



- Simultaneous fit of the data
  - Example in signal category for rho-rho channel

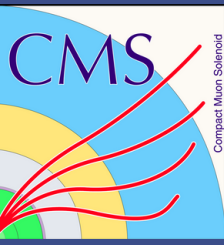


$$\alpha^{H\tau\tau} = -1 \pm 19(stat) \pm 1(syst) \pm 2(bin) \pm 1(theo)^\circ$$

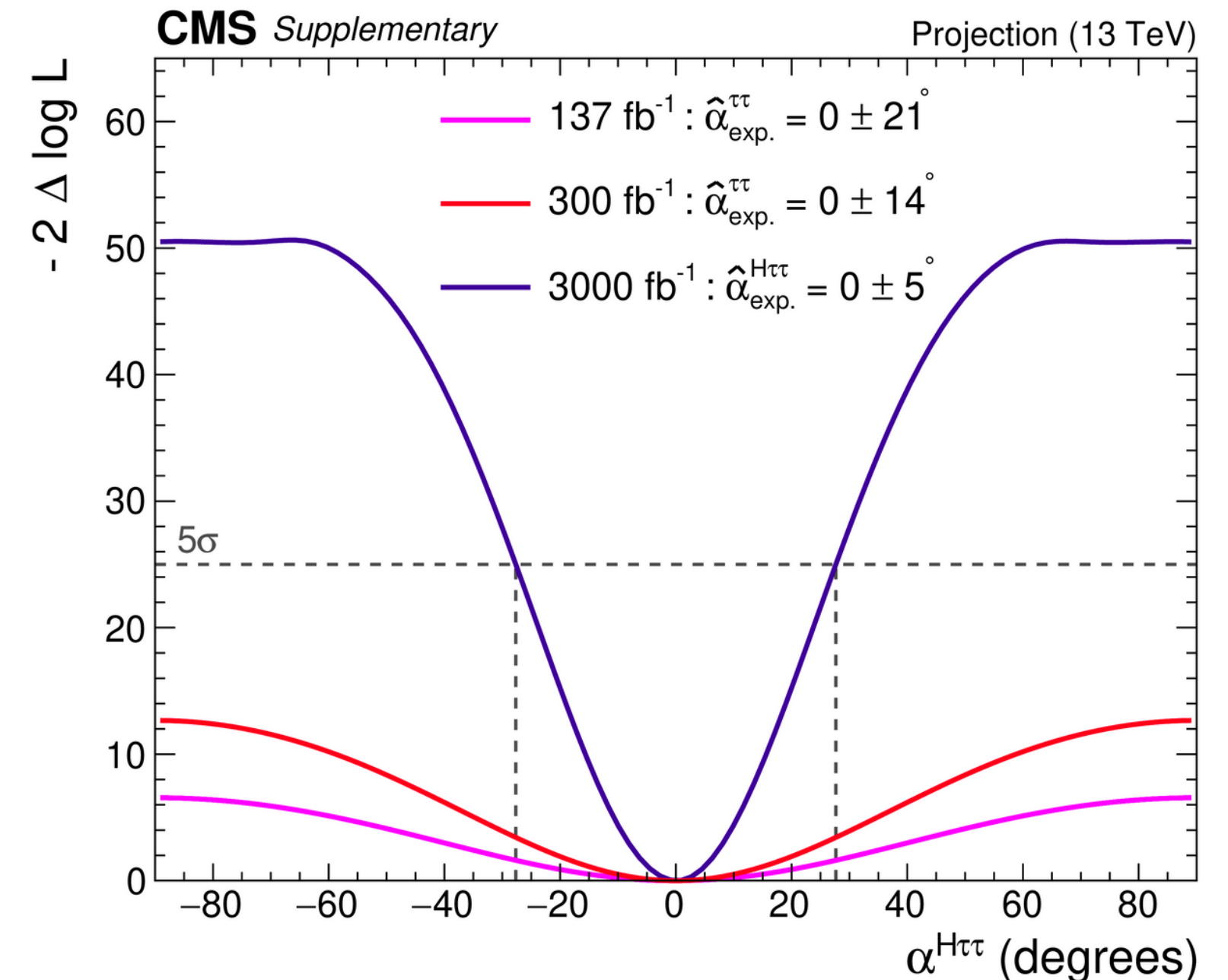
Exclusion of CP-odd hypothesis :

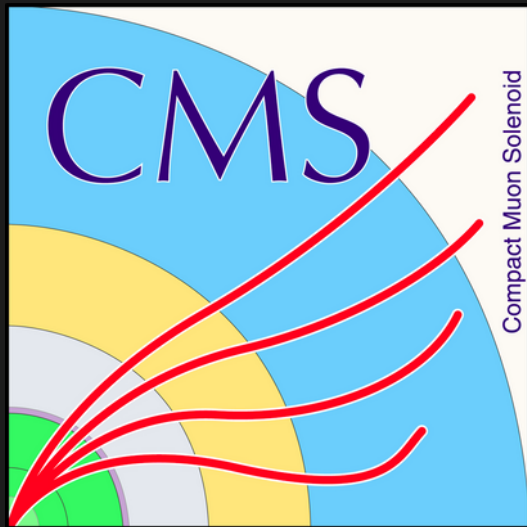
- Observed (exp.) significance = 3.0(2.6) $\sigma$

# Conclusion and prospects



- Run II analysis results are still compatible with SM predictions within the experimental uncertainties
- Run 3 is expected to bring more data and therefore reduce the dominant uncertainty on this measurement
- Wider use of the polarimetric vector method for greater sensitivity
  - Possible in channels employing an  $a_1$  resonance with the GEF algorithm ([doi:10.48550/arXiv.1805.06988](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.1805.06988))
  - New tau reconstruction techniques will be developed for this purpose





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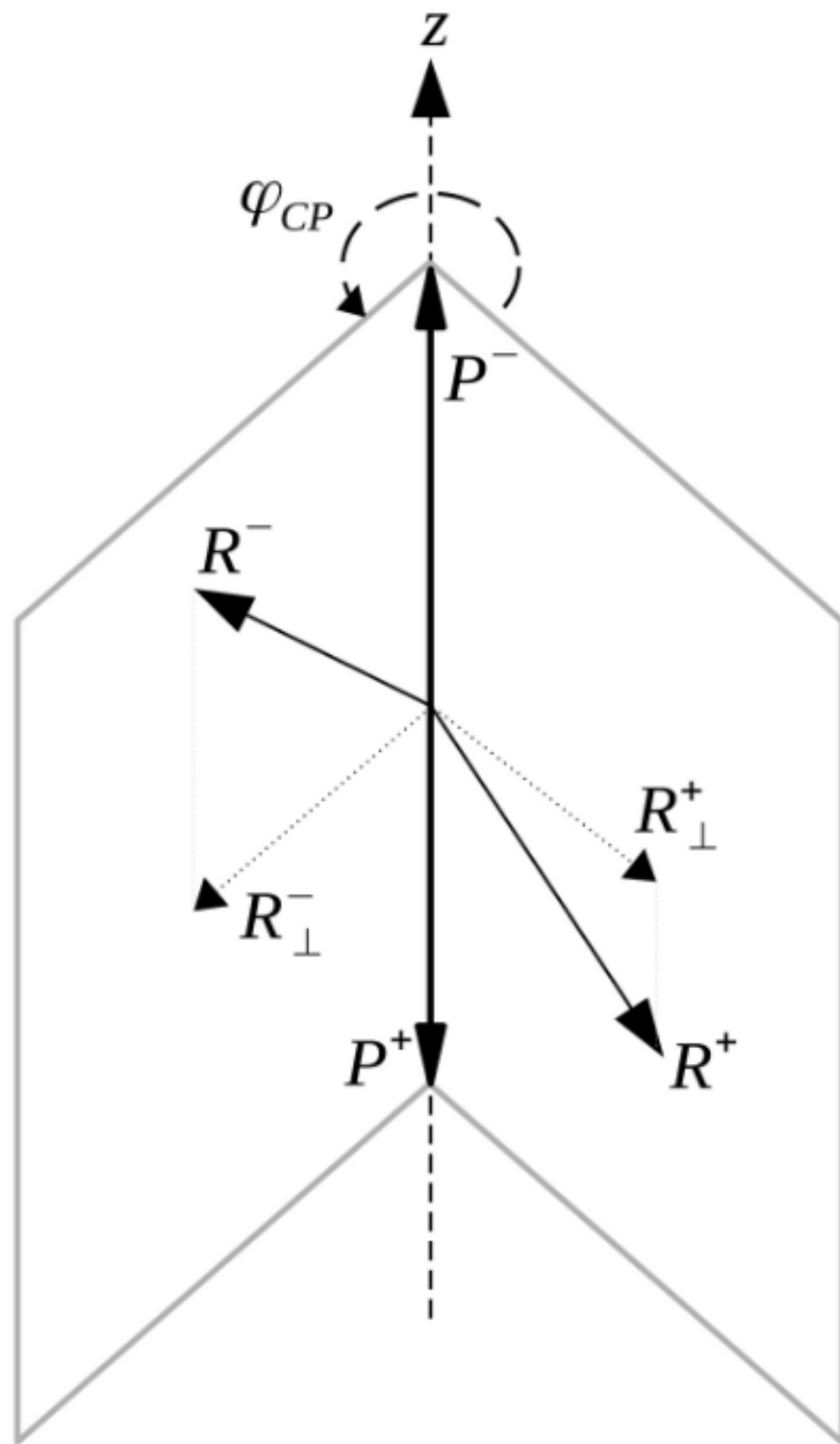
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# Acoplanar angle measurement



- Define planes using for each tau a momentum  $P$  and a vector  $R$  defined according to method
- Boost all vectors in zero momentum frame defined by the two momenta sum
- Use transverse component of each vector  $R$  w.r.t to its associated momentum  $P$

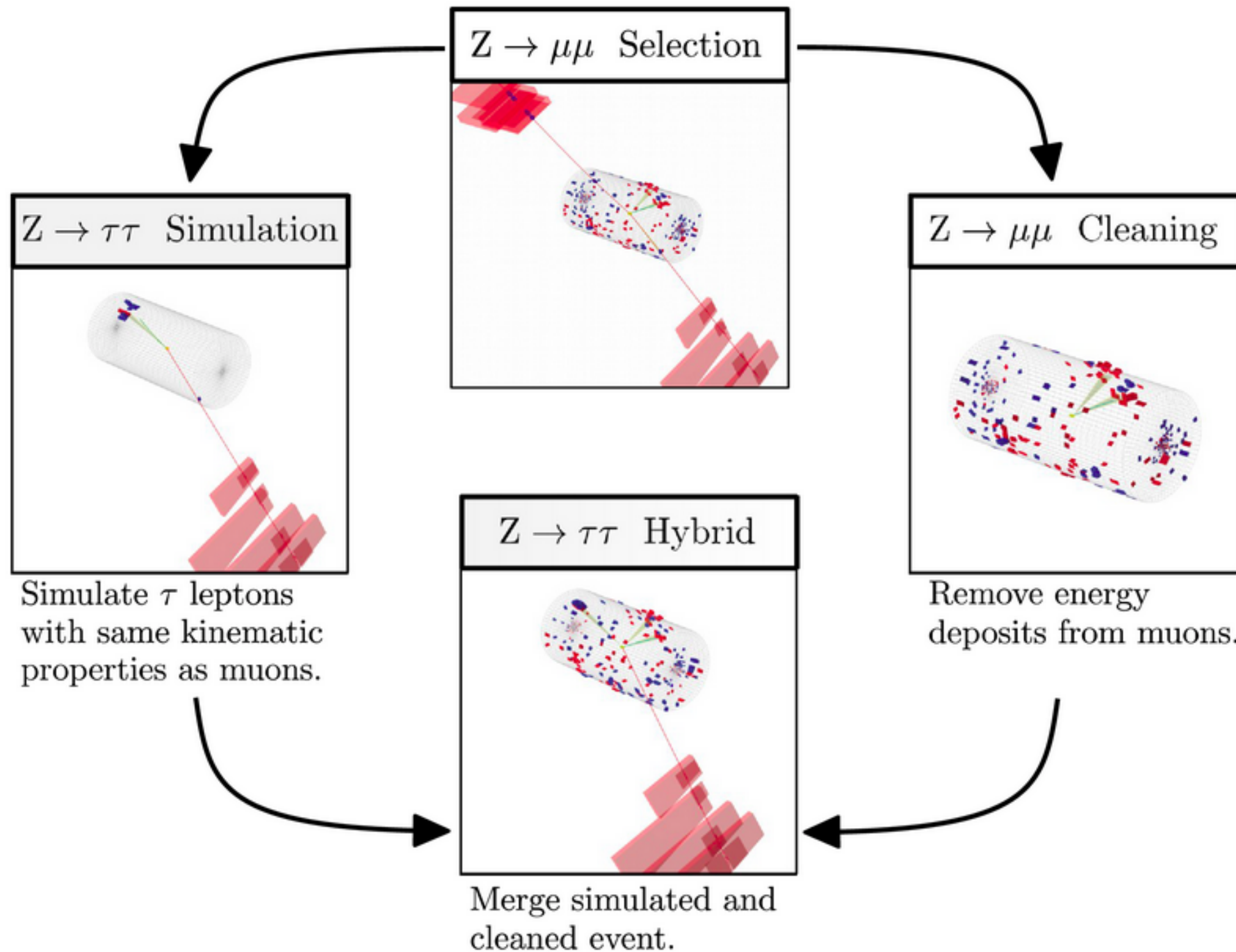
$$\phi^* = (\hat{R}_{\perp}^+ \cdot \hat{R}_{\perp}^-)$$

$$O_{CP}^* = \hat{P}^- \cdot (\hat{R}_{\perp}^+ \times \hat{R}_{\perp}^-)$$

$$\phi_{CP} = \begin{cases} \phi^* & \text{if } O_{CP}^* \geq 0 \\ 2\pi - \phi^* & \text{if } O_{CP}^* < 0 \end{cases}$$



# Embedding technique



- Used to estimate processes involving a pair of genuine taus
- Relies on lepton universality
- No need to simulate jets and pile up

# Tau reconstruction in CMS

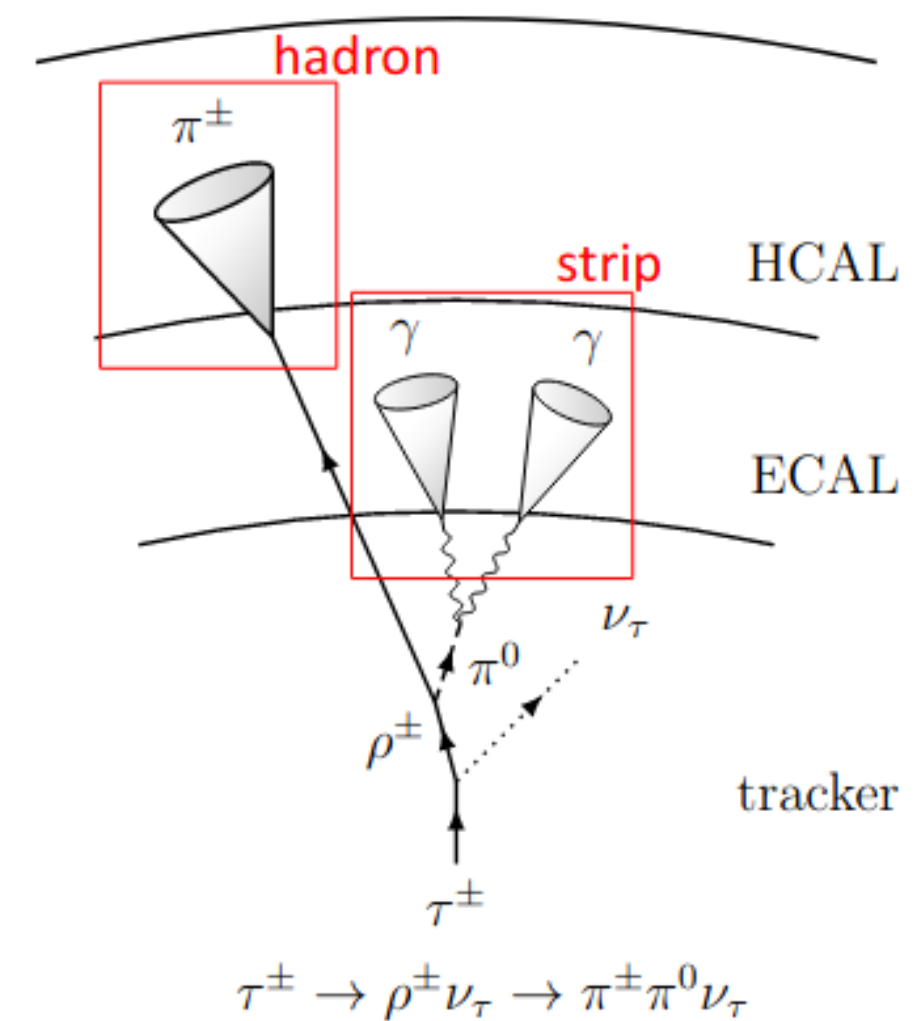
- Electrons, muons, photons, and hadrons are reconstructed by the Particle Flow algorithm
- HPS combines PF charged hadrons to neutral hadrons identified as strips in the ECAL from PF e/gammas
- 4 decay modes identified by HPS :

$$\tau_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm$$

$$\tau_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm + \pi^0$$

$$\tau_h \rightarrow 2\pi^\pm + \pi^\mp$$

$$\tau_h \rightarrow 2\pi^\pm + \pi^\mp + \pi^0$$



# Decay mode identification

- Good CP sensitivity relies on good DM purity
- HPS not optimized for this task : dedicated BDT for DM identification
- Increases sensitivity of about 20% and identify 1 additional DM

$$\tau_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm + 2\pi^0$$

|            | $\pi$ | $\rho$ | $a_1^{1pr}$ | $a_1^{3pr}$ | $\pi^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^0$ |
|------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Purity     | 70%   | 68%    | 55%         | 82%         | 71%                             |
| Efficiency | 83%   | 79%    | 39%         | 87%         | 65%                             |

