

Motivation:

## **Slow Pions as Flavor Taggers**



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Problem: Estimates of PXD data size at full lumi will exceed rest of
Belle II detectors by ~ a factor 10 (main bg: QED 2photon events).
-> Some day (?) the ROI selection will be turned on

SVD-only recontruction has problems at low momenta PXD-Pixels from unreconstructed tracks will get lost

Idea to "rescue" the valuable PXD hits stand-alone:

- try to identify PXD clusters from slow pions against electron (QED) bg without any external detector (no ROIs from SVD needed)
- form clusters at the DHH-Level and subject them to a pattern recognition algorithm (e.g. neural nets) in the DHH FPGA
- send clusters identified as "pions" to ONSEN (-> additional "ROIs")
- Option: "6 layer online tracking" with selected PXD clusters via DATCON







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Slow pions may not traverse all 4 SVD layers, so are lost !

Slow Pion could be reconstructed (with a NEW algorithm to be written), if PXD clusters are also considered .....

Beat combintorial BG: PXD hits selected by pattern recognition algorithm

Could SVD clusters also be used for PID (?)

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## **Dominant PXD Clusters from QED Events**





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## **PXD Clusters, pions vs QED electrons**



MC productions: Slow Pion from  $B^0 \rightarrow D^* e^- \nu$ ,  $D^* \rightarrow D \pi^-$ ,  $D \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  (+  $B^0 \rightarrow \nu \nu$ ) -> Ntuple with MC, reco and associated clusters



p:pxdClusterCharge\_0 {SlowPioninfo\_211---1 && pxdClusterCharge\_0 > 0 && pxdClusterCharge\_0 < 250 && p < 0.25}



The clusters show (hopefully) different patterns between electrons and (slow) pions



## **Some Sample Quantities**





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Slow pions (slow particles in general) are physically very relevant (see coming presentations)

PXD clusters could be used (to some extent) for the identification of slow pions against other (high momentum) particles or the dominating electron background

PXD clusters could then be used to help the VXD-only track reconstruction

Combinatorial background from QED could be beaten by pattern recognition (remove a sufficiently large fraction of the background)

Plan:

- Search for algorithms to efficiently mark slow pion (particle) clusters **online**
- check performance of algorithms (PID & VXD reconstruction) with real data
- when promising, consider implementation in DHH/Onsen (mark selected cluster as additional "ROIs" to be sent to HLT)