

1PON and 3PON Tau Reconstruction in MAIA

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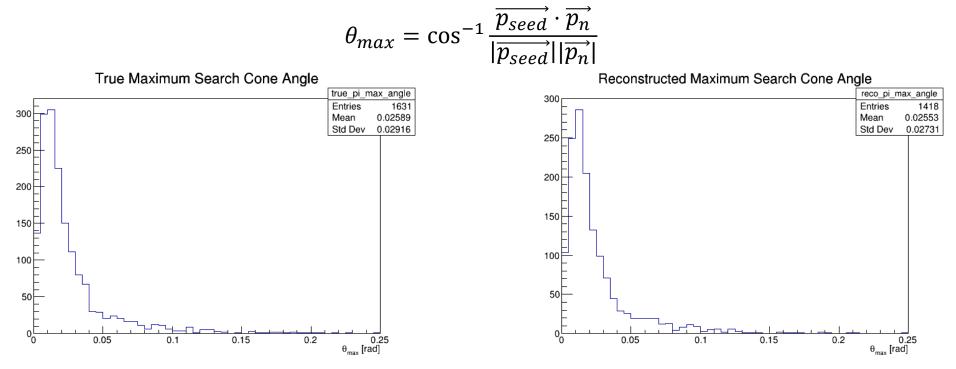


Overview

- Optimizing 1P0N and 3P0N TauFinder reconstruction without BIB
- Limitations of PandoraPFA reconstruction
- Conclusions and next steps



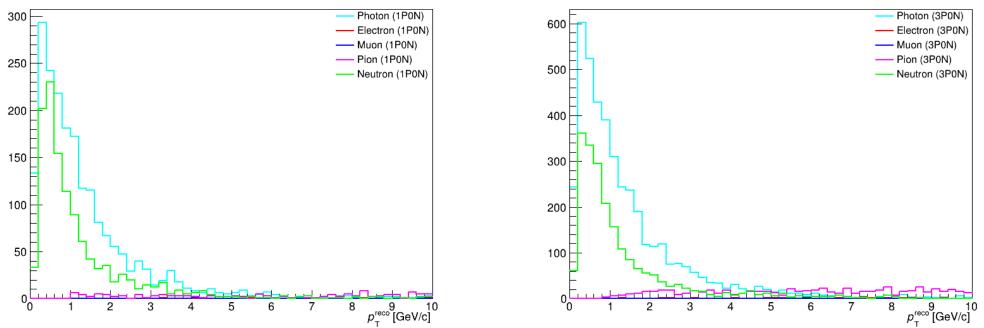
Scan for Search Cone Opening Angle



- θ_{max} calculated between charged particle seed and each π^{\pm} in all true 3P0N events
 - Seed given by charged particle with highest p_T as done in TauFinder
- True and reconstructed distributions show that search cone opening angle at 0.25 rad will accept all reconstructed π^{\pm} s
 - However, this will associate too many PFOs with reconstructed au candidates
 - Decided to set search cone opening angle to 0.15 rad instead



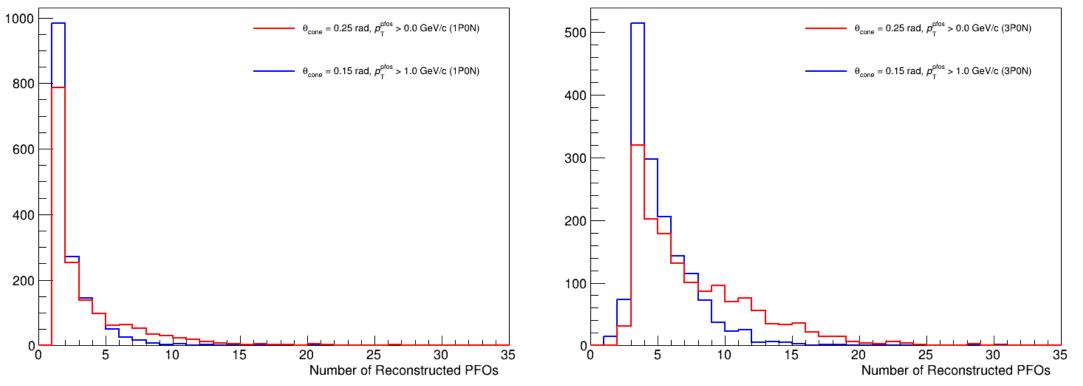
Removing Non- π^{\pm} PFOs



- Reconstructed p_T of PFOs associated with reconstructed τ candidates with a search cone opening angle of 0.25 rad for true 1P0N and 3P0N events
- Photons and neutrons dominate distribution at low p_T
 - p_T cut of 1 GeV/c removes large number of photons and neutrons associated with reconstructed τ candidate and keeps almost all reconstructed π^{\pm} s



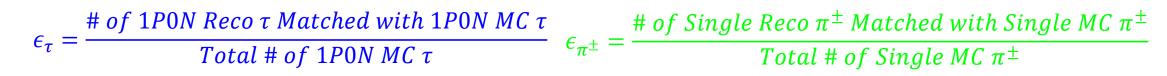
Decreased Number of PFOs

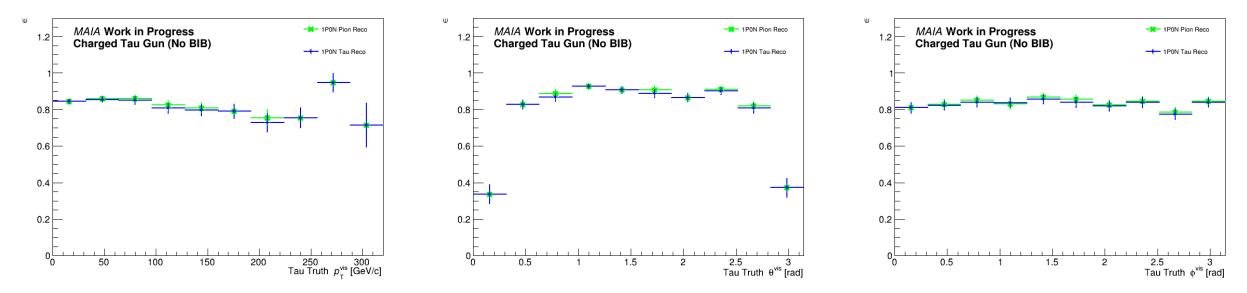


- TauFinder rejects reconstructed τ candidates with more than 10 associated PFOs
- Number of PFOs associated with reconstructed τ candidates decreases for 1P0N and 3P0N with "new" τ reconstruction
 - More τ candidates with less than 10 PFOs
 - Less τ candidates with more than 10 PFOs



Updated 1P0N Efficiencies

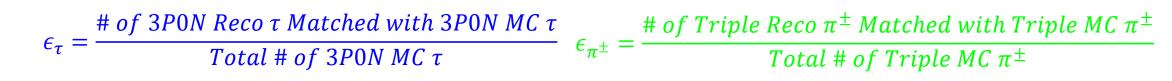


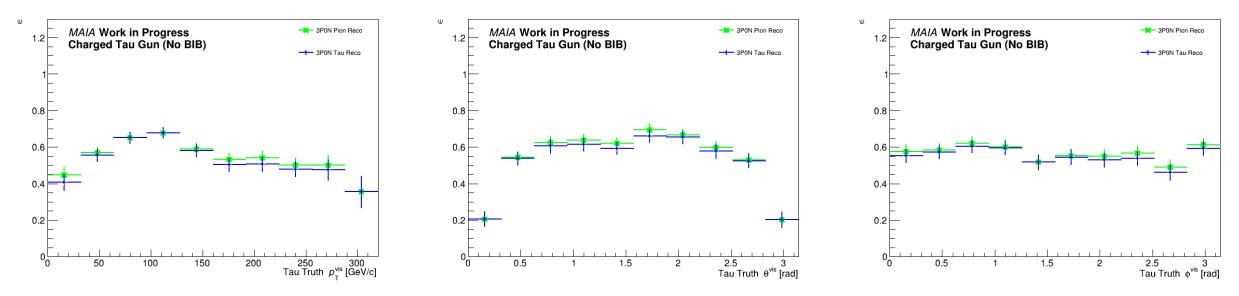


- 1P0N tau reconstruction efficiency matches single charged pion reconstruction efficiency
 - Average of ~85%
- Improvement in efficiencies requires improvement in charged pion reconstruction



Updated 3P0N Efficiencies

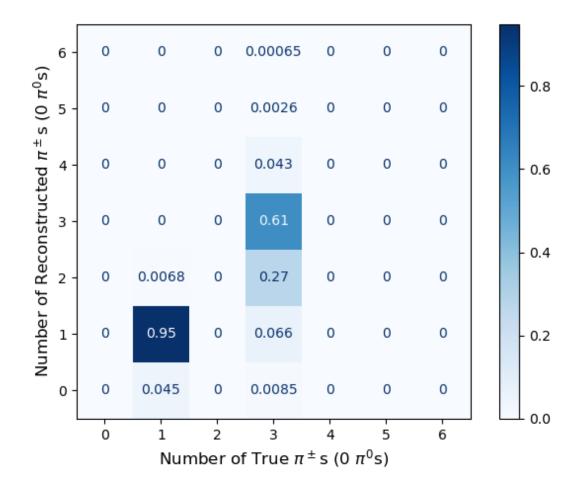




- 3P0N tau reconstruction efficiency nearly matches triple charged pion reconstruction efficiency
 - Average of ~55%
 - Inefficiencies are due to too many PFOs and too small of a search cone
- Improvement in efficiencies requires improvement in charged pion reconstruction



π^{\pm} Reconstruction with PandoraPFA



- au reconstruction limited by reconstruction of π^{\pm} s with PandoraPFA
 - Number of reconstructed π^{\pm} s < number of true π^{\pm} s implies misidentification
 - Number of reconstructed π^{\pm} > number of true π^{\pm} s implies track duplication
- Mostly a concern for 3P0N events
 - Efficiency would improve by ~27% if reconstructing 2/3 π^{\pm} s is included in efficiency definition
- π^{\pm} s are misidentified as either electrons, muons, or neutrons



Conclusions and Next Steps

- 1P0N and 3P0N TauFinder reconstruction efficiency can be optimized with search cone angle at 0.15 rad and p_T cut at 1 GeV/c
 - Need to do further studies of isolation energy and invariant mass
- Tau reconstruction limited by charged pion reconstruction
 - Inefficiencies come from misidentification and track duplication
 - Can redefine 3P0N efficiency to improve by ~27%
- Starting BIB simulation/overlay this week



Removing Non- π^{\pm} PFOs

240 F

180 🕂

160 🗄

0.1

0.2

0.3

0.4

