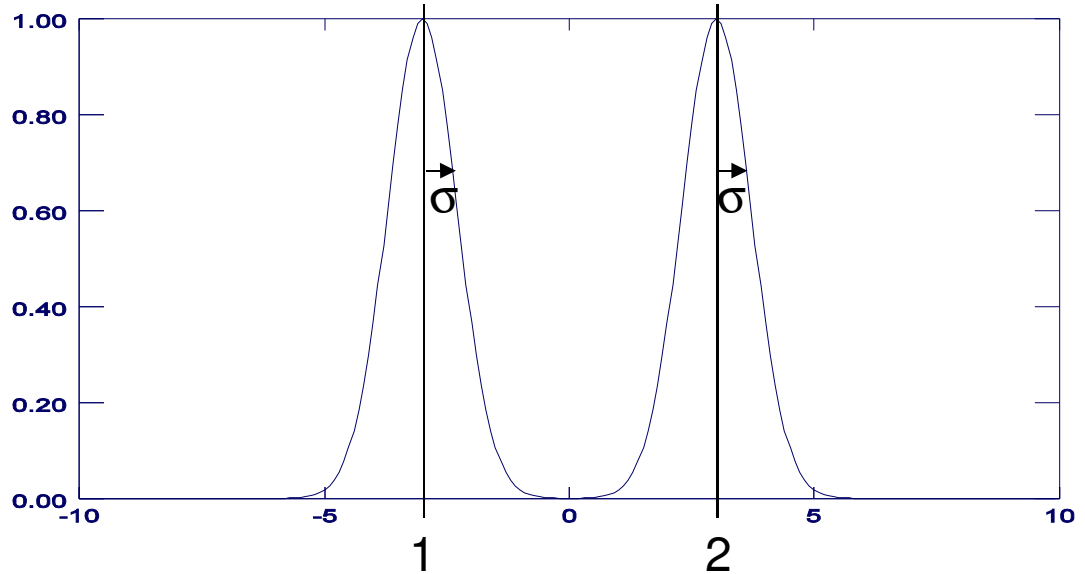


Definition of σ_{RES}

$$N_\sigma = \frac{|p_1 - p_2|}{\sigma_{RES}}$$

what do we do if
distribution widths
are not the same?



$$\sigma_{RES} := (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)/2$$

CLEO

TAG definiton agreed at GSI

consistent with formula in B. Seitz talk

$$\sigma_{RES} := \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

COMPASS

came up in Erlangen

error value for (p_1+p_2) or
for (p_1-p_2) , but we measure
one single value p_i

p_1 and p_2 define the scale

$|p_1-p_2|$ determined accurately
(high statistics or by calculations)

$$\sigma_{RES} := \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$$

same information
content as formula
on the left

$$N_\sigma \approx \frac{|m_1^2 - m_2^2|}{2p^2 \sigma(\vartheta_C) \sqrt{n^2 - 1}}$$

(Particle Data Book)

N.B. $\beta = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}} \approx 1 - 1/2 \frac{m^2}{p^2}$

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