

HYPERON DALITZ DECAYS

WITH PANDA@HADES

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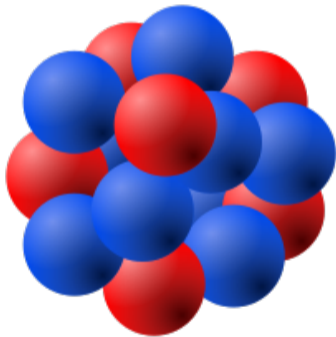
Λ Identification with Machine Learning

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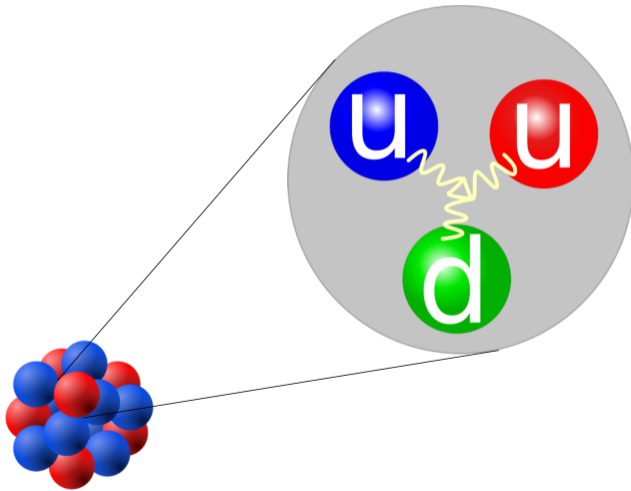
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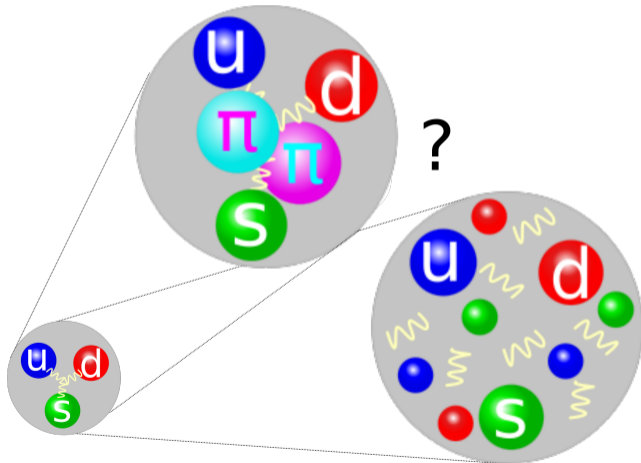
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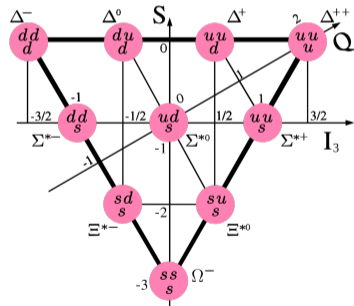
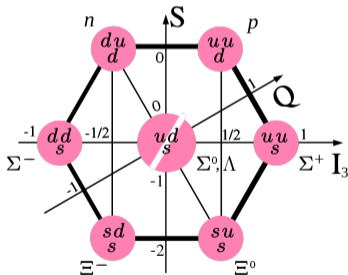
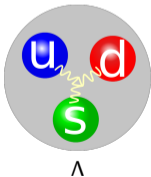
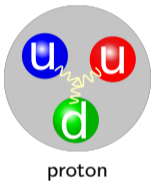


Motivation: Hadron Structure



Hyperons

What if we add strangeness?



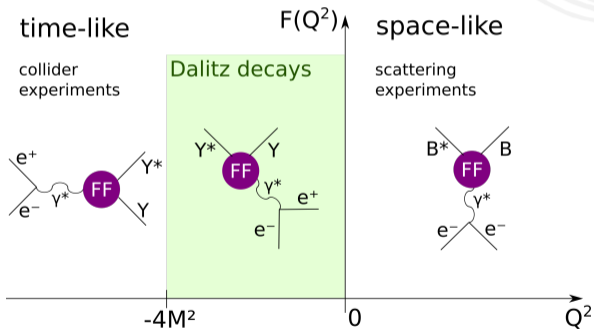
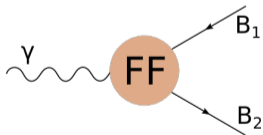


Motivation:

Time-Like Electromagnetic Transition Form Factors

Coupling of virtual photon to hadron, dependent on four-momentum transfer $Q^2 = -q^2$

→ Describe non-point-like character of particles



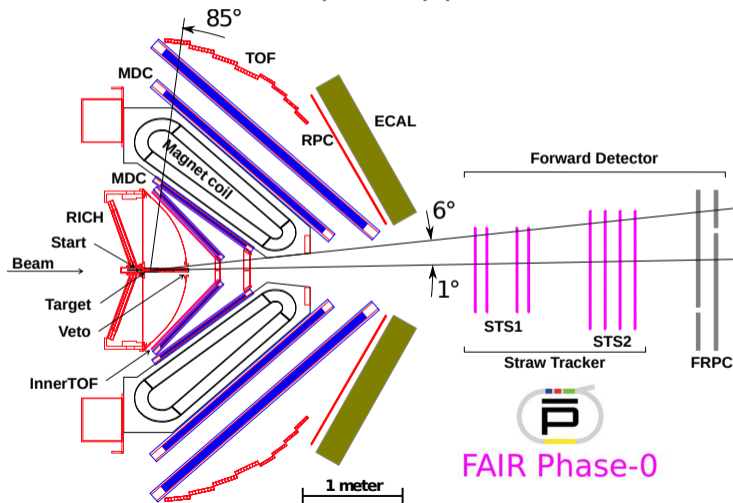


Branching Ratios

- Hyperon electromagnetic Dalitz decays not observed yet
- Predicted to be $\approx 1\%$ of radiative decay
- Background from photon conversion of same order

Hyperon	Λ_γ	$\Lambda e^+ e^-$ (prediction)
Σ^0	100%	0.5%
$\Sigma^0(1385)$	1.25 %	$1.25 \cdot 10^{-2}\%$
$\Lambda(1520)$	0.85 %	$0.85 \cdot 10^{-2}\%$

\bar{P} ANDA @HADES – Setup for pp @ 4.5 GeV Beam Time

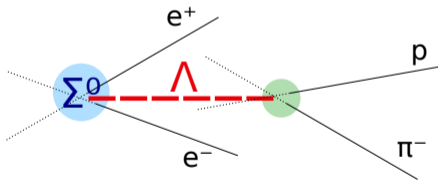


General Event Selection – Dalitz Decays

Event must contain at least

- 1 electron
- 1 positron
- 1 proton (Forward or HADES)
- 1 pion

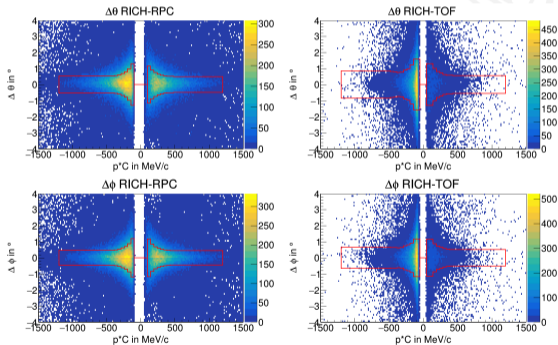
Hyperon Dalitz decay



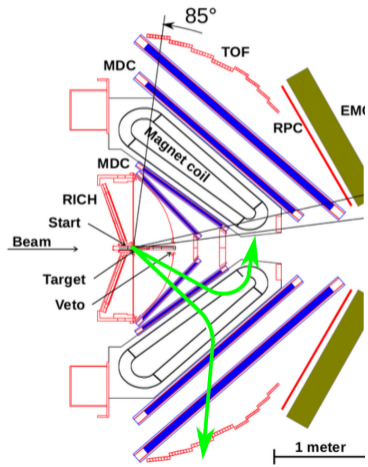
Full Lepton Tracks

Selection

- Tracks flagged as leptons
- $z(\text{vertex}) > -1000\text{mm}$
- RICH $r(\text{ring}) > 17\text{mm}$
- 2σ RICH-META $\Delta\theta$ cut
- 2σ RICH-META $\Delta\phi$ cut



The Idea Behind Mini Tracklets



Challenges:

- Low $\Sigma^0 - \Lambda$ mass difference \rightarrow slow leptons
- Escape detector in magnetic field

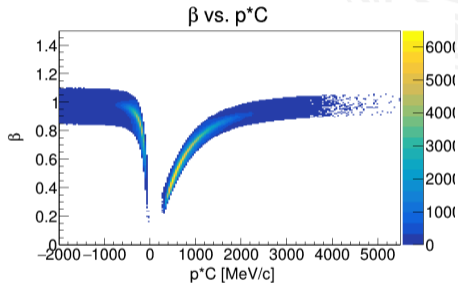
Idea:

- Require 1 full lepton track + 1 mini-tracklet
- Mini-tracklet = RICH ring + MDC I+II
- Assign charge opposite to fully detected lepton
- Cleanup: 2σ RICH-Track cuts in θ and ϕ

Hadron Selection

- **PID** cut around theoretical β vs. p
- **Missing mass** of detected particles
 $MM(p + \pi^- + e^{+/-}) > M(p + K) - 20 \text{ MeV}$
($M(p + K) = 1432 \text{ MeV}$)
- **Invariant mass** of Λ daughters
 $1060 \text{ MeV} < M(p + \pi^-) < 1170 \text{ MeV}$

+ protons from Forward Detector





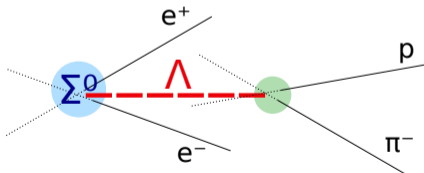
Σ^0 Dalitz Specific Selection

Safe cuts from kinematics: 0 signal loss

- $m_p + m_K < MM(\Lambda e^{+/-}) < 2300 \text{ MeV}$
- $p_{e^{+/-}} < 450 \text{ MeV}$
- Mini tracklet polar angle $< 90^\circ$

Cleanup cuts, chosen from simulation

- e^+e^- track distance (primary vertex)
- z coordinate of primary vertex
- Vertex distance
- $p\pi^-$ track distance (secondary vertex)



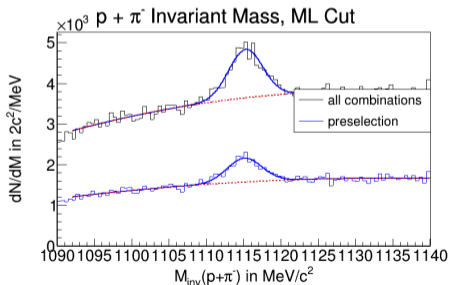


Λ Selection – Machine Learning based

Step 1: Apply pre-selection cuts

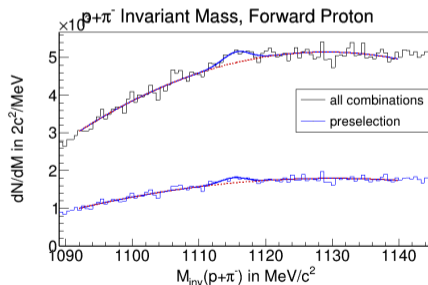
Dalitz+Conversion

pp data, 7 days



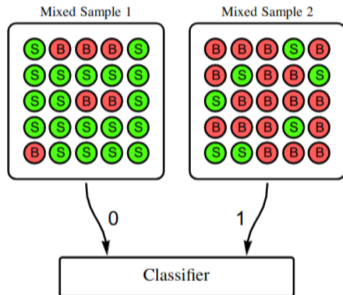
proton in Forward Detector

pp data, 7 days



TMVA Analysis

Training on DATA



Classification without labels: Neymann-Pearson Lemma: the optimal classifier is the ratio of probabilities of the event being signal and background respectively, or any classifier that is monotonically related to it



Λ Selection – ML based

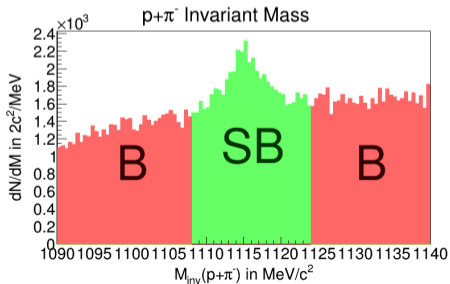
Step 2: Divide the pp data, 7 days into S+B and B sample

Signal + Background: $1108 < m_\Lambda < 1124$

Background: $1090 < m_\Lambda < 1108$ or $1124 < m_\Lambda < 1142$

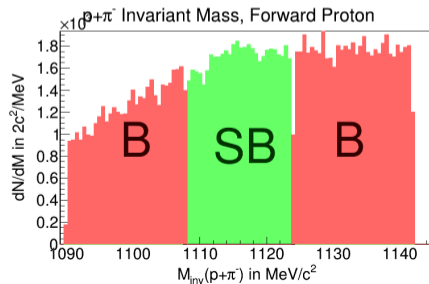
proton in HADES

pp data, 7 days



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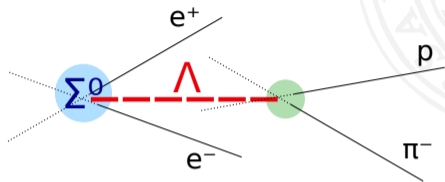
pp data, 7 days



Λ Selection – ML based

Step 3: Define input variables

- Opening angle of p and π
- Opening angle of e^+ and e^-
- Coordinates of POCA of e^+ and e^-
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- Distance of closest approach of e^+ and e^-
- Distance of closest approach of p and π
- Pointing vector angle

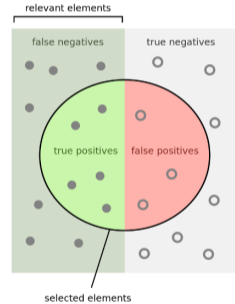
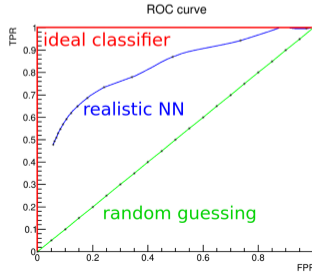


TMVA Evaluation

ROC Curve

Illustrate the performance of a trained network

- **True Positive Rate (TPR):**
True positives / all positives
- **False Positive Rate (FPR):**
False positives / all negatives



How many selected items are relevant?

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false positives}}$$

How many relevant items are selected?

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false negatives}}$$



A Selection – ML based

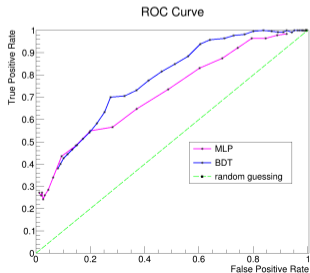
Step 4: Perform the training

Train on 200000 events

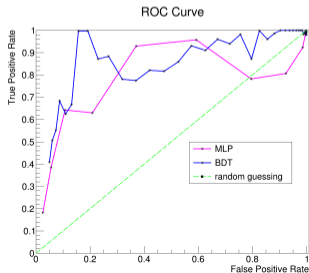
Training methods that have been applied:

Boosted Decision Tree and **Multi Layer Perceptron, 4x4 Layers**

proton in HADES
pp data, 7 days



proton in Forward Detector
pp data, 7 days



Λ Selection – ML based

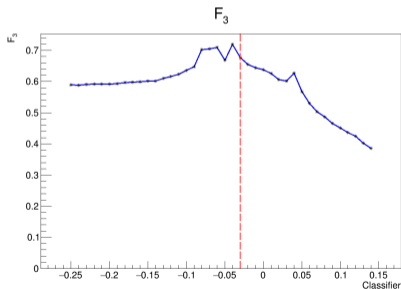
Step 5: Find the best cut position

Use F_β with $\beta = 3$ for **Boosted Decision Tree**

$$F_\beta = (1 + \beta^2) \frac{\text{precision} \cdot \text{recall}}{\beta^2 \cdot \text{precision} + \text{recall}}$$

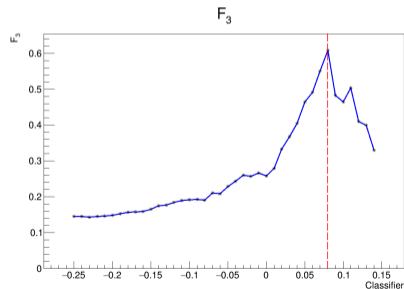
proton in HADES

Maximum at classifier = -0.03



proton in Forward Detector

Maximum at classifier = 0.08



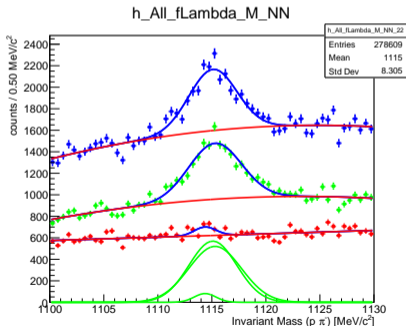


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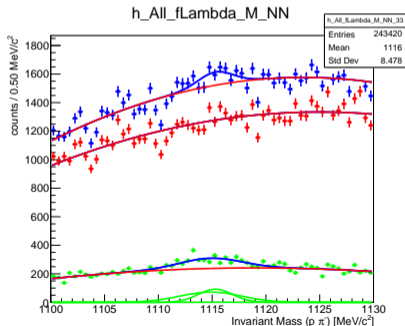
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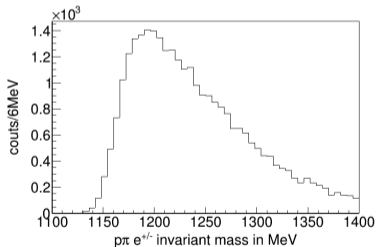




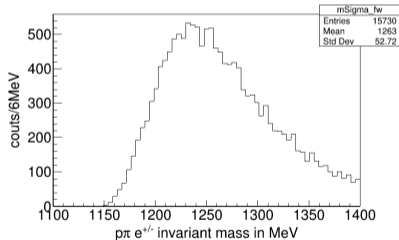
$\Lambda e^{+/-}$ Invariant Mass Spectrum

pp data, 7 days

proton in HADES

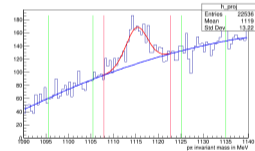
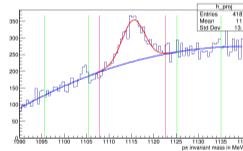
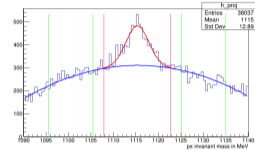
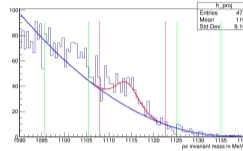
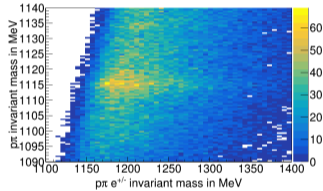


proton in Forward Detector



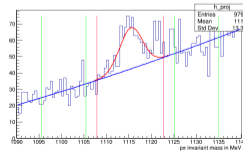
Sideband Analysis

ρ in HADES



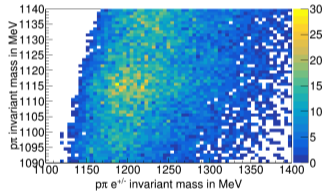
Divide into 5 $\rho\pi^-e^{+/-}$ invariant mass regions

→ Can be done bin by bin with full data set

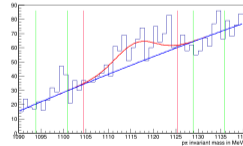
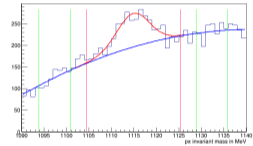
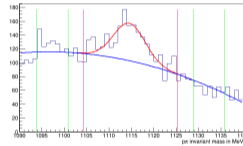


Sideband Analysis

p in Forward Detector



Divide into 3 $p\pi^- e^{+/-}$ invariant mass regions

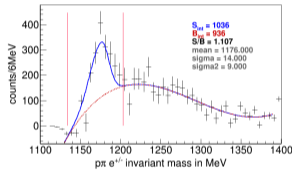


$\Lambda e^{+/-}$ Invariant Mass, Sideband Subtracted

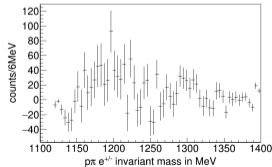
Only Lambda selection

- Fit bifurcated Gaussian to signal
- Limit parameters from sim result
- Fit signal function + pol3 background to pp data, 7 days

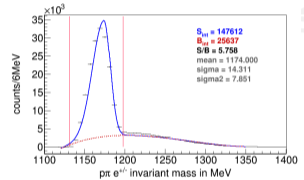
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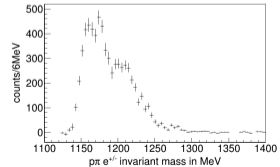
p in Forward Detector



pp sim, 100 million events
p in HADES



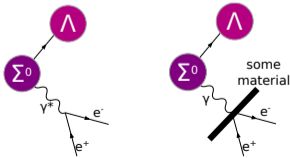
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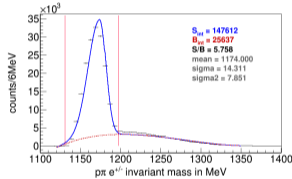
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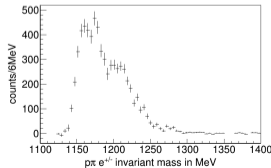
- Fit bifurcated Gaussian + pol3 background
- For $BR = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$: almost 5 x more Dalitz decays than photon conversion in peak
- No conversion events in Forward Detector



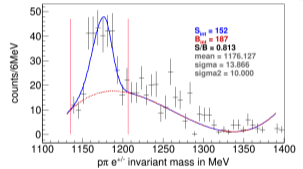
pp sim, $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ e^-$,
100 million events
p in HADES



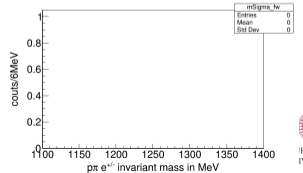
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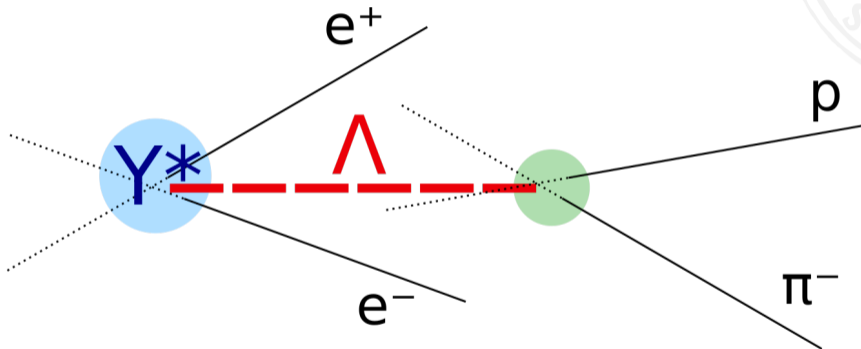
pp sim, $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$,
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p in Forward Detector



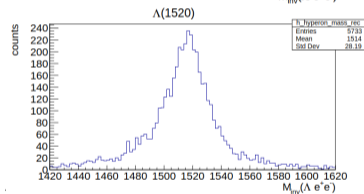
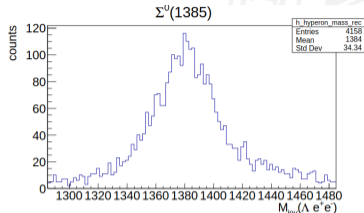
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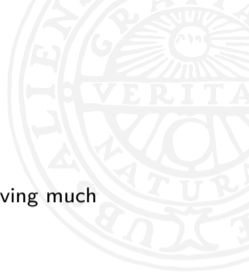
BOTH LEPTON TRACKS FULLY RECONSTRUCTED

Expectations from Simulations

- True Λ and π^- from Λ , e^+ and e^- in acceptance
- 500 000 events analyzed
- Assumed Luminosity $\mathcal{L} = 6.47 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



Hyperon	$\Lambda\gamma$	$\Lambda e^+ e^-$ (prediction)	cross section	expected counts
$\Sigma^0(1385)$	1.25 %	$1.25 \cdot 10^{-2} \%$	$56.2 \mu\text{b}$	378
$\Lambda(1520)$	0.85 %	$0.85 \cdot 10^{-2} \%$	$69.6 \mu\text{b}$	439



Conclusions and Outlook

- Inclusive analysis with mini tracklet seems promising
- Boosted Decision Trees make good background suppression possible while preserving much of Λ signal
- Clear Σ^0 after side-band analysis
- **HADES can do first measurement of the Σ^0 Dalitz decay!**

Outlook

- Fine-tune analysis
- Run on full pp@4.5 GeV data set
- Do $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$ analysis
 - Measure Dalitz decay branching ratio
 - Measure electromagnetic Transition Form Factor (find estimation of mini-tracklet momentum)
- Do full analysis for Heavy hyperon Dalitz decays
 - Measure upper limit of Dalitz decay branching ratio

BACKUP

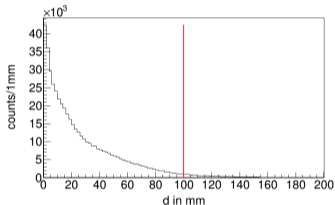




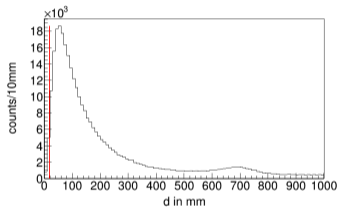
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Use Simulations to select good cut positions

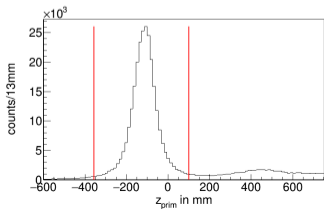
e^+e^- track distance < 100 mm (primary vertex)



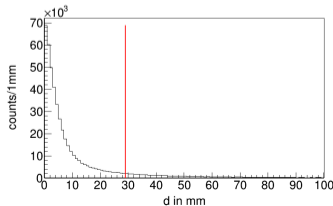
Vertex distance > 19 mm



-357 mm $< z_{\text{prim}} < 100$ mm



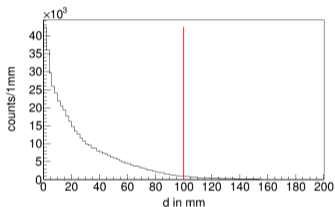
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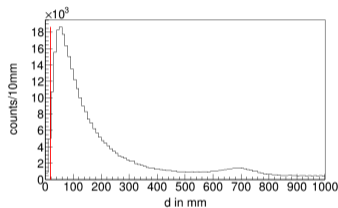
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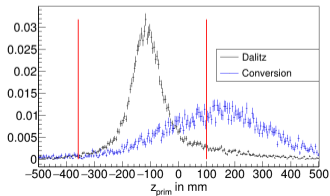


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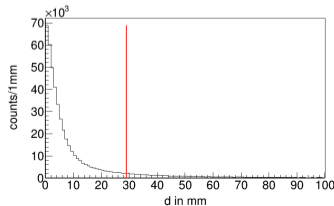


$-357 \text{ mm} < z_{\text{prim}} < 100 \text{ mm}$

MC True



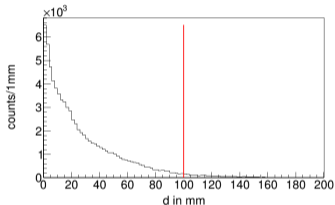
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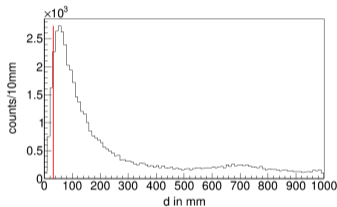
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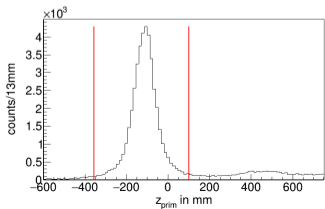
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