

# Sphericity-Dependent study of $K^*(892)$ production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$

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# Introduction $K^*(892)$ Resonance

- Invariant mass  $M_{K^*(892)}$  is  $891.66 \pm 0.26$  MeV
- Decay width  $\Gamma$  of  $K^*(892)$  is  $46.2 \pm 1.3$  MeV
- Mean lifetime of  $K^*(892)$  in its rest frame is  $\sim 4fm/c$
- Some dominant decay modes of  $K^*(892)$  resonance,
  - 1  $K^* \rightarrow K\pi$
  - 2  $K^* \rightarrow K\gamma$
  - 3  $K^* \rightarrow K\pi\pi$
- Branching Ratio  $\Gamma(K\pi)/\Gamma_{Total}$  is  $99.901 \pm 0.009$  to  $\sim 100$

ref: Particle Data Group

# Qark-Gluon Plasma and its Evolution

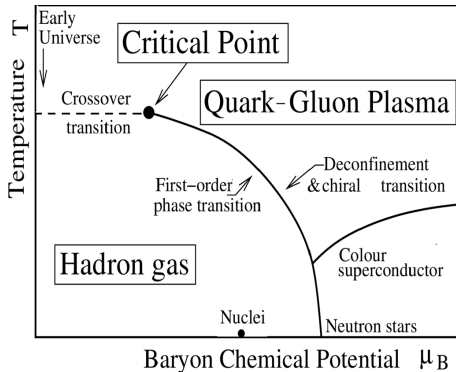


Figure: Phase Transition to QGP

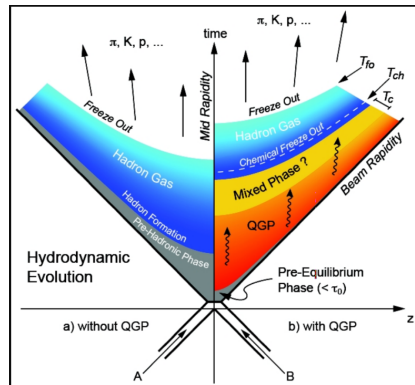
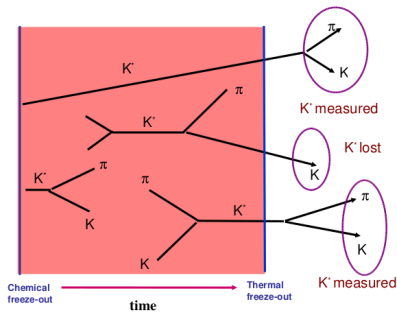


Figure: Spacetime Evolution of QGP

# Motivation

- $K^*$ 's short lifetime( $\tau$ )  $\sim 4 \text{ fm}/c$ . (avg.)
- So, decays, re-scatter, and re-generate within QGP's hadronic medium.
- $K^*$  has a strange quark  $\rightarrow$  Helps strangeness production study  $\rightarrow$  leads to QGP Formation.



**Figure:** Decay, Re-scatter, and Re-generation of  $K^*$  in QGP phase

Spherocity-dependent perspective  $\rightarrow$  Identity the Jetty and Isotropic Events.

# Transverse Sphericity

An event shape variable,

Def: Transverse Sphericity

$$S_0 = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \min_{\hat{n}} \left( \frac{\sum_i |\vec{P}_{T_i} \times \hat{n}|}{\sum_i |\vec{P}_{T_i}|} \right)^2 \quad \forall |\vec{P}_{T_i}| = 1$$

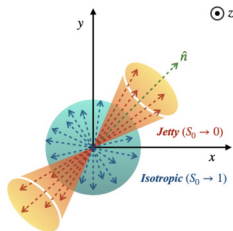


Figure: Event Shape corresponds p-p collisions

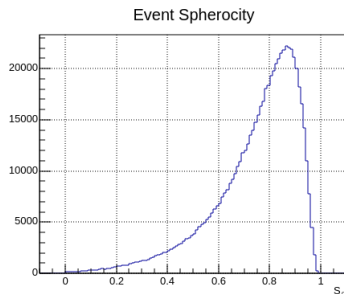


Figure: Transverse Sphericity distribution in p-p collision

# Event and Track Selection Condition

## p-p Collision

Center of Mass energy,  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$

## Data Set

LHC22o pass4 medium

## Event Selection

- $|V_z| < 10 \text{ cm}$
- sel8() Trigger

## Track Selection

- $P_T > 0.15 \text{ GeV/c}$
- $|\eta| < 0.8$
- $|DCA_z| < 1 \text{ cm}$
- $|DCA_{xy}| < 0.1 \text{ cm}$
- GlobalTracks() and PVContributor()

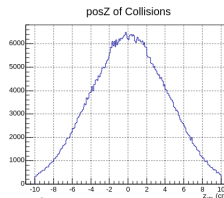


Figure:  $\Delta Z$  distribution around the Primary Vertex

# TPC and TOF PID for Kaons and Protons

## PID Selections

- TPC only cuts  $P_T \leq 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c$  for Pions
  - $|n\sigma_{\text{TPC}}| < 3 \quad \forall 0.15 \leq P_T < 1.1$
- TPC only cuts  $P_T \leq 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c$  for Kaons,
  - $|n\sigma_{\text{TPC}}| < 3 \quad \forall 0.15 \leq P_T < 0.6$
- TPC + TOF cuts for  $P_T \geq 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c$  for Pions and  $P_T \geq 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c$  for Kaons,
  - $|n\sigma_{\text{TOF}}| < 3$  and  $|n\sigma_{\text{TPC}}| < 3$
  - Only those TPC tracks are selected which are also present in TOF otherwise, they are discarded

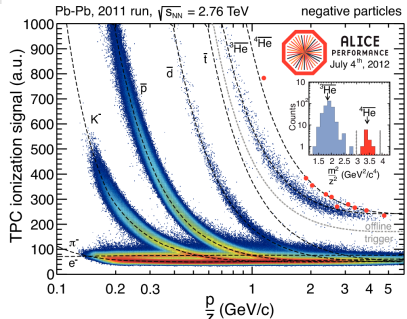


Figure: Specific energy loss (dE/dx) in the TPC versus particle momentum



# Quality Assurance PID : before PID

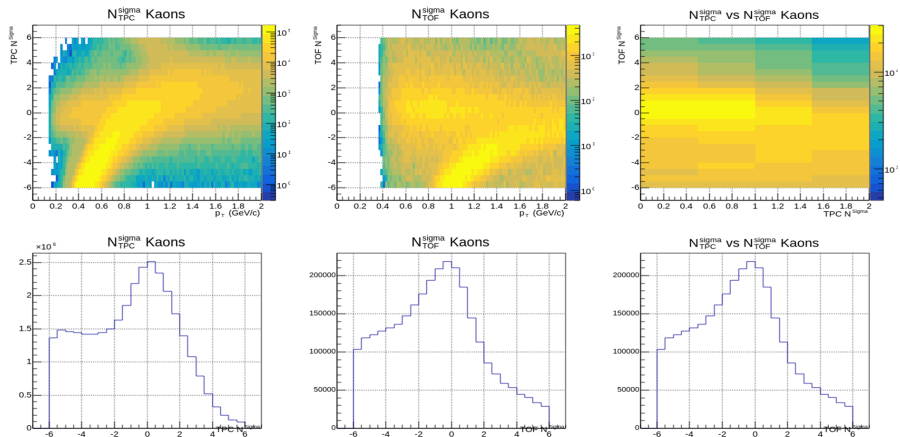


Figure: before PID : Kaons

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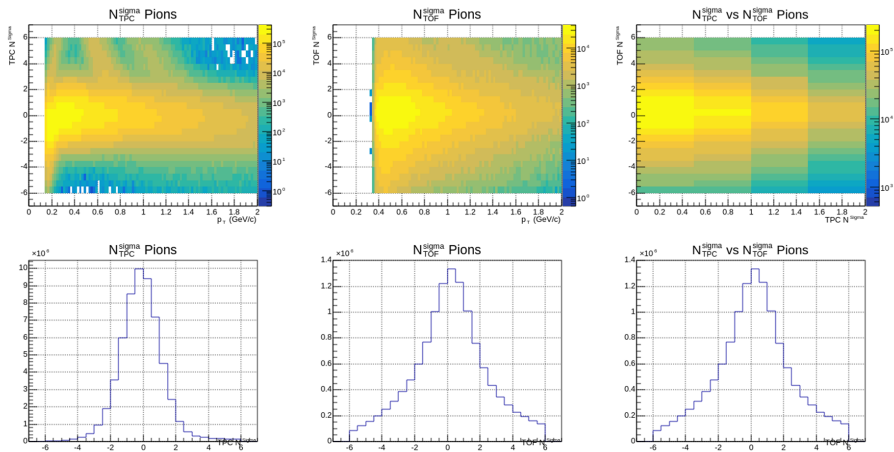


Figure: before PID : Pions

# Quality Assurance PID : After PID

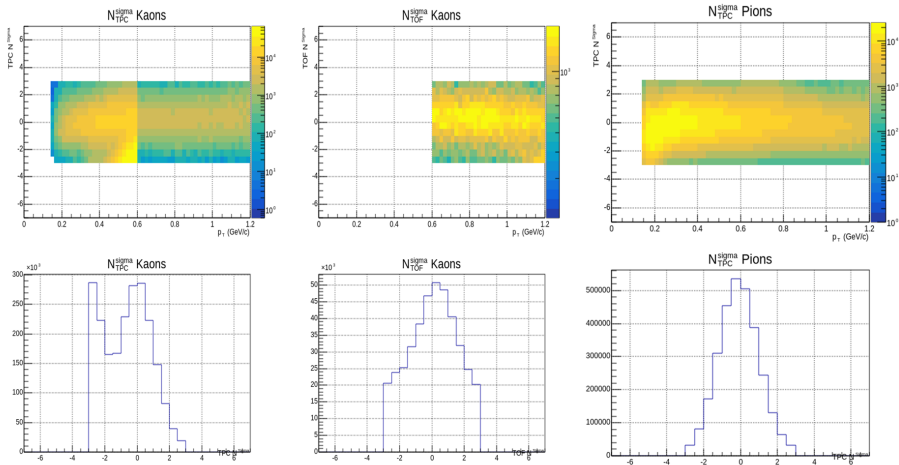


Figure: After PID

# Results

# Analysis Details

## ● Spherocity Classes :

- 0 – 100 % FT0M 20 % Jetty :: Spherocity Range : 0.00 - 0.62.
- 0 – 100 % FT0M 20 % Jetty & Isotropic Mixed :: Spherocity Range : 0.62 - 0.88.
- 0 – 100 % FT0M 20 % Isotropic :: Spherocity Range : 0.88 - 1.00.
- Normalization mass range for like Sign Background in all Spherocity Classes : 1.1 - 1.4.
- Fitting is done using the Breit-Wigner Function.
- Fitting range : 0.64 - 1.14 (for all Spherocity( $S_0$ ) classes).

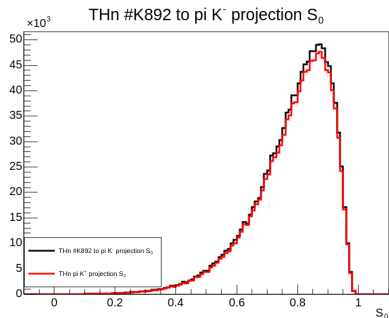


Figure: Transverse Spherocity distribution

# $K^*(892)$ Invariant Mass

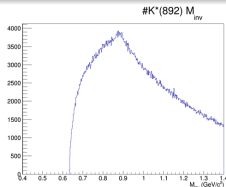


Figure: Unlike  
Sign( $K^+\pi^-$  or  $K^-\pi^+$ )

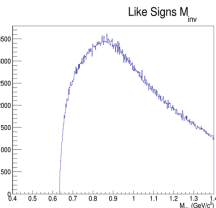


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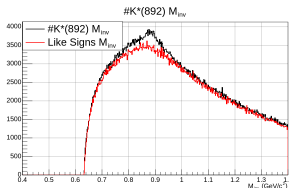


Figure: Unlike and Like Sign  
together

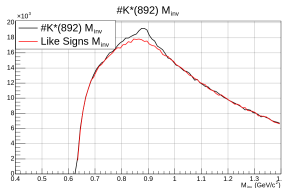


Figure: Normalization of  
Like Sign

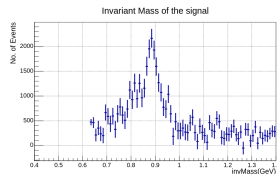


Figure: Extracted  
Signal(integrated  $P_T$  bins)

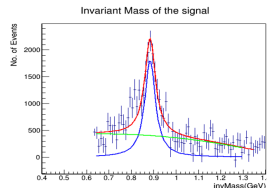
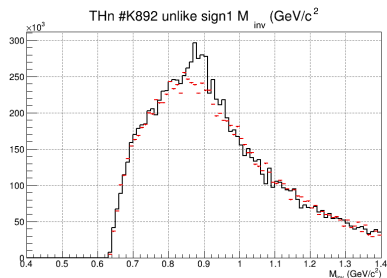
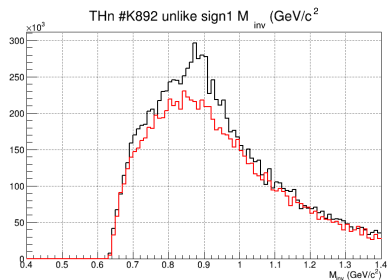
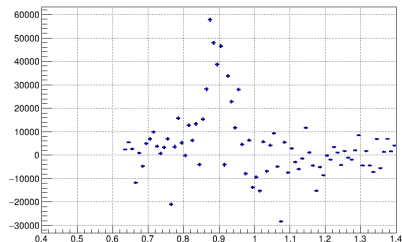


Figure: Fitting with  
Breit-Wigner Function

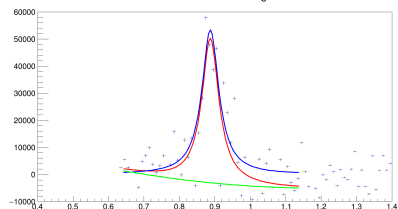
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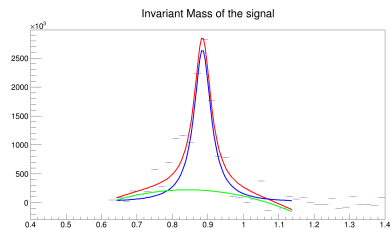
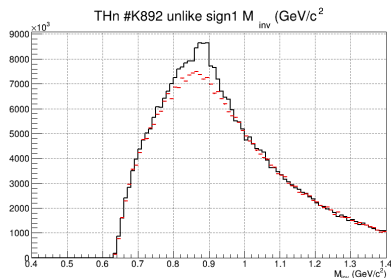
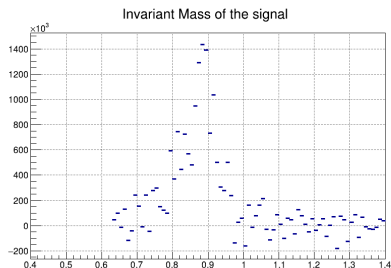
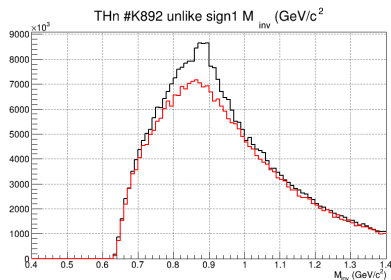
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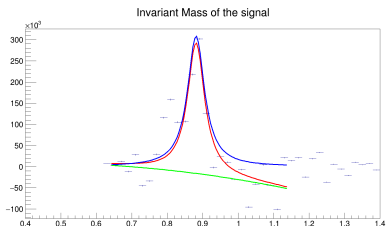
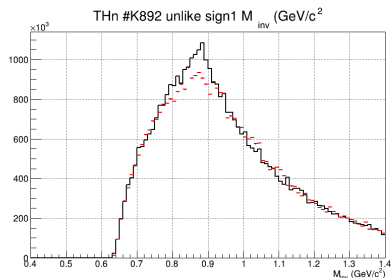
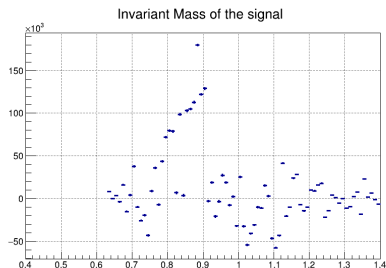
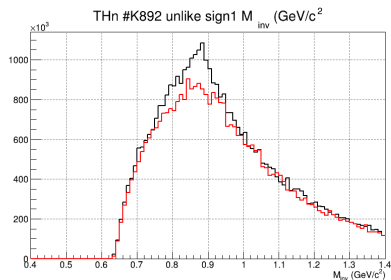


# 0 — 100% FT0M : 20 — 80% Jetty & Isotropic Mixed





# 0 — 100% FT0M : 20% Isotropic



# Conclusion and Future Work

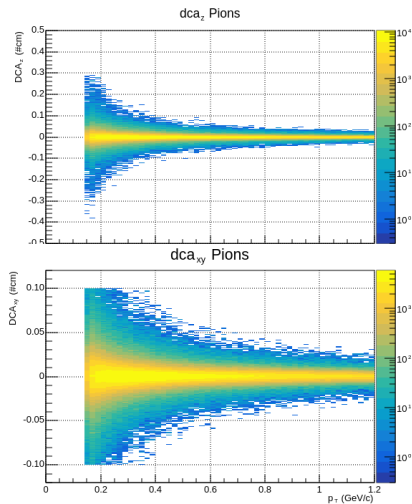
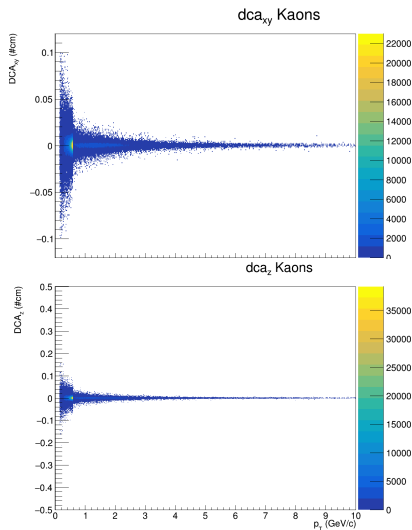
- Reconstruction of invariant mass distribution in integrated  $P_T$  bins was achieved successfully. Need to do it in the differential  $P_T$  bins.
- Peaks in the invariant mass distribution indicate a mass shift in the true mass of  $K^*(892)$ . Also need to see whether it also happens in differential  $P_T$  bins.
- We need to perform corrections and need higher statistics for that.

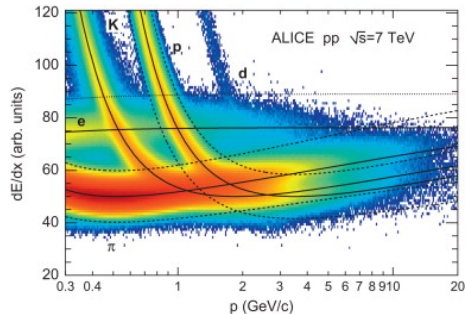
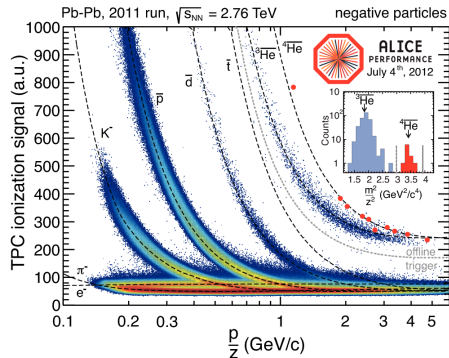
# Comments, Questions?



# Backup

# Quality Assurance





**Specific energy loss ( $dE/dx$ ) in the TPC v/s particle momentum**

# Fast Interaction Trigger

