

0.0.1 Λ Reconstruction

The following cuts, in addition to the misidentification and shared daughter cuts presented in Sec. ??, were used to select good $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ candidates:

Λ selection		
$ \eta $		< 0.8
p_T		$> 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$
$ m_{\text{inv}} - m_{\text{PDG}} $		$< 3.8 \text{ MeV}$
DCA to prim. vertex		$< 0.5 \text{ cm}$
Cosine of pointing angle		> 0.9993
OnFlyStatus		false
Decay Length		$< 60 \text{ cm}$
Shared Daughter Cut		true
Misidentification Cut		true
Daughter Cuts (π and p)		
$ \eta $		< 0.8
Number of clusters in the TPC		> 80
Daughter status		kTPCrefit
DCA πp Daughters		$< 0.4 \text{ cm}$
π -specific cuts		
p_T		$> 0.16 \text{ GeV}/c$
DCA to prim vertex		$> 0.3 \text{ cm}$
TPC and TOF $N\sigma$ Cuts		
$p < 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$		$N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3$
$p > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$	if TOF & TPC available	$N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3 \text{ \& } N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$
	else	$N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$
p -specific cuts		
p_T		$> 0.5(p) [0.3(\bar{p})] \text{ GeV}/c$
DCA to prim vertex		$> 0.1 \text{ cm}$
TPC and TOF $N\sigma$ Cuts		
$p < 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c$		$N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3$
$p > 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c$	if TOF & TPC available	$N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3 \text{ \& } N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$
	else	$N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$

Table 1: Λ selection

Figure 1a shows the mass assuming K_S^0 hypothesis for the Λ collection, i.e. assume the daughters are $\pi^+\pi^-$ instead of $p^+\pi^-$. Figure 1b is a similar plot, but is for the $\bar{\Lambda}$ collection, i.e. assume the daughters are $\pi^+\pi^-$ instead of $\pi^+\bar{p}^-$. The K_S^0 contamination is visible, although not profound, in both, in the slight peaks around $m_{\text{inv}} = 0.497 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. If one simply cuts out the entire peak, good Λ particles will be lost. Ideally, the Λ selection and K_S^0 misidentification cuts are selected such that the peak is removed from this plot while leaving the underlying distribution continuous. To attempt to remove these K_S^0 contaminations without throwing away good Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ particles, the misidentification cuts introduced in Sec. ?? were imposed.

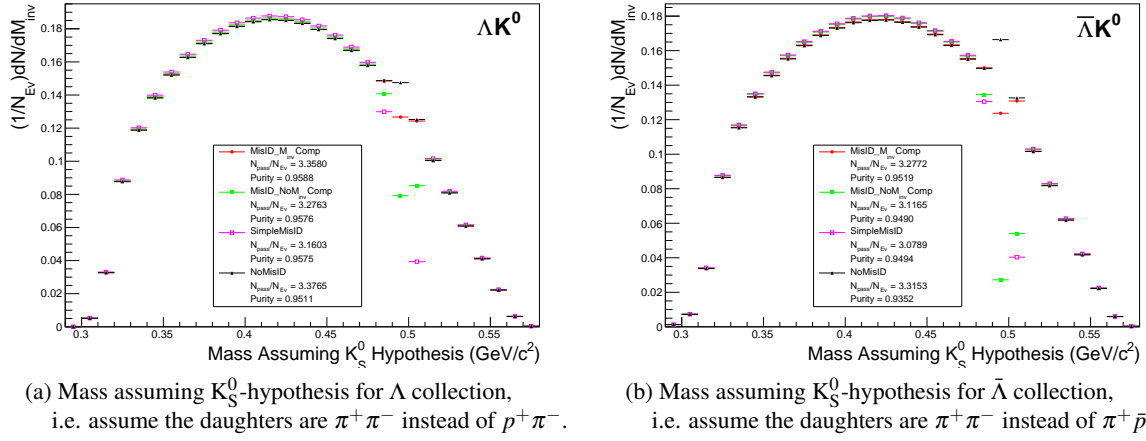


Fig. 1: Mass assuming K_S^0 -hypothesis for V0 candidates passing all Λ (1a) and $\bar{\Lambda}$ (1b) cuts. The “NoMisID” distribution (black triangles) uses the V0 finder without any attempt to remove misidentified K_S^0 . The slight peak in the “NoMisID” distribution around $m_{\text{inv}} = 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ contains misidentified K_S^0 particles in our $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ collection. “SimpleMisID” (pink squares) simply cuts out the entire peak, which throws away some good Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ particles. “MisID_NoM_{inv}Comp” (green squares) uses the misidentification cut outlined in the text, but does not utilize the final invariant mass comparison step. “MisID_M_{inv}Comp” (red circles) utilizes the full misidentification methods, and is currently used for this analysis. “ $N_{\text{pass}}/N_{\text{ev}}$ ” is the total number of $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ particles found, normalized by the total number of events. The purity of the collection is also listed.