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## Lambda-Kaon and Cascade-Kaon Femtoscopy in Pb-Pb Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV from the LHC ALICE Experiment

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### Abstract

We present results from a femtoscopic analysis of Lambda-Kaon correlations in Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV by the ALICE experiment at the LHC. All pair combinations of  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  with  $K^+$ ,  $K^-$  and  $K_S^0$  are analyzed. The femtoscopic correlations are the result of strong final-state interactions, and are fit with a parametrization based on a model by R. Lednicky and V. L. Lyuboshitz [1]. This allows us to both characterize the emission source and measure the scattering parameters for the particle pairs. We observe a large difference in the  $\Lambda$ - $K^+$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ - $K^-$ ) and  $\Lambda$ - $K^-$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ - $K^+$ ) correlations in pairs with low relative momenta ( $k^* \lesssim 100$  MeV). Additionally, the average of the  $\Lambda$ - $K^+$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ - $K^-$ ) and  $\Lambda$ - $K^-$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ - $K^+$ ) correlation functions is consistent with our  $\Lambda$ - $K_S^0$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ - $K_S^0$ ) measurement. The results suggest an effect arising from different quark-antiquark interactions in the pairs, i.e.  $s\bar{s}$  in  $\Lambda$ - $K^+$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ - $K^-$ ) and  $u\bar{u}$  in  $\Lambda$ - $K^-$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ - $K^+$ ). To gain further insight into this hypothesis, we currently are conducting a  $\Xi$ -K femtoscopic analysis.



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## 23 2 Data Sample and Software

### 24 2.1 Data Sample

25 The analysis used “pass 2” reconstructed Pb-Pb data from LHC11h (AOD145). The runlist was selected  
 26 from runs with global quality tag “1” in the ALICE Run Condition Table. Approximately 40 million  
 27 combined central, semi-central, and minimum bias events were analyzed. Runs from both positive (++)  
 28 and negative (--) magnetic field polarity settings were used.

29 Run list: 170593, 170572, 170388, 170387, 170315, 170313, 170312, 170311, 170309, 170308, 170306,  
 30 170270, 170269, 170268, 170230, 170228, 170207, 170204, 170203, 170193, 170163, 170159, 170155,  
 31 170091, 170089, 170088, 170085, 170084, 170083, 170081, 170040, 170027, 169965, 169923, 169859,  
 32 169858, 169855, 169846, 169838, 169837, 169835, 169591, 169590, 169588, 169587, 169586, 169557,  
 33 169555, 169554, 169553, 169550, 169515, 169512, 169506, 169504, 169498, 169475, 169420, 169419,  
 34 169418, 169417, 169415, 169411, 169238, 169167, 169160, 169156, 169148, 169145, 169144, 169138,  
 35 169099, 169094, 169091, 169045, 169044, 169040, 169035, 168992, 168988, 168826, 168777, 168514,  
 36 168512, 168511, 168467, 168464, 168460, 168458, 168362, 168361, 168342, 168341, 168325, 168322,  
 37 168311, 168310, 168315, 168108, 168107, 168105, 168076, 168069, 167988, 167987, 167985, 167920,  
 38 167915

39 Analysis was also performed on the LHC12a17a\_fix (AOD149) Monte Carlo HIJING events for certain  
 40 checks. THERMINATOR2 was also used for certain aspects, such as transform matrices described feed-  
 41 down contributions.

### 42 2.2 Software

43 The analysis was performed on the PWGCF analysis train using AliRoot v5-08-18-1 and AliPhysics  
 44 vAN-20161027-1.

45 The main classes utilized include: AliFemtoVertexMultAnalysis, AliFemtoEventCutEstimators, AliFem-  
 46 toESDTrackCutNSigmaFilter, AliFemtoV0TrackCutNSigmaFilter, AliFemtoXiTrackCut, AliFemtoV0PairCut,  
 47 AliFemtoV0TrackPairCut, AliFemtoXiTrackPairCut, and AliFemtoAnalysisLambdaKaon. All of these  
 48 classes are contained in /AliPhysics/PWGCF/FEMTOSCOPY/AliFemto and .../AliFemtoUser.

## 49 3 Data Selection

### 50 3.1 Event Selection and Mixing

51 The events used in this study were selected with the class AliFemtoEventCutEstimators according to the  
 52 following criteria:

- 53        – Triggers
- 54            – minimum bias (kMB)
- 55            – central (kCentral)
- 56            – semi-central (kSemiCentral)
- 57        – z-position of reconstructed event vertex must be within 10 cm of the center of the ALICE detector
- 58        – the event must contain at least one particle of each type from the pair of interest
- 59     The event mixing was handled by the AliFemtoVertexMultAnalysis class, which only mixes events with
- 60     like vertex position and centrality. The following criteria were used for event mixing:
- 61            – Number of events to mix = 5
- 62            – Vertex position bin width = 2 cm
- 63            – Centrality bin width = 5
- 64     The AliFemtoEventReaderAODChain class is used to read the events. Event flattening is not currently
- 65     used. FilterBit(7). The centrality is determined by the “V0M” method of AliCentrality, set by calling Al-
- 66     iFemtoEventReaderAOD::SetUseMultiplicity(kCentrality). I utilize the SetPrimaryVertexCorrectionT-
- 67     PCPoints switch, which causes the reader to shift all TPC points to be relative to the event vertex.
- 68     **3.2 K<sup>±</sup> Track Selection**
- 69     Charged kaons are identified using the AliFemtoESDTrackCutNSigmaFilter class. The specific cuts used
- 70     in this analysis are as follows:
- 71     Track Selection:
- 72            – Kinematic range:
- 73                  –  $0.14 < p_T < 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- 74                  –  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- 75            – FilterBit(7)
- 76                  – TPC tracks
- 77            – Track Quality
- 78                  – Minimum number of clusters in the TPC (fminTPCncls) = 80
- 79                  – Maximum allowed  $\chi^2/N_{DOF}$  for ITS clusters = 3.0
- 80                  – Maximum allowed  $\chi^2/N_{DOF}$  for TPC clusters = 4.0
- 81            – Primary Particle Selection:
- 82                  – Maximum XY impact parameter = 2.4 cm
- 83                  – Maximum Z impact parameter = 3.0 cm
- 84            – Remove particles with any kink labels (fRemoveKinks = true)
- 85            – Maximum allowed sigma to primary vertex (fMaxSigmaToVertex) = 3.0

86 K $^\pm$  Identification:

87 – PID Probabilities:

- 88 – K: > 0.2
- 89 –  $\pi$ : < 0.1
- 90 –  $\mu$ : < 0.8
- 91 – p: < 0.1

92 – Most probable particle type must be Kaon (fMostProbable=3)

93 – TPC and TOF N $_\sigma$  cuts:

- 94 –  $p < 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma K, \text{TPC}} < 2$
- 95 –  $0.4 < p < 0.45 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma K, \text{TPC}} < 1$
- 96 –  $0.45 < p < 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma K, \text{TPC}} < 3 \& N_{\sigma K, \text{TOF}} < 2$
- 97 –  $0.8 < p < 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma K, \text{TPC}} < 3 \& N_{\sigma K, \text{TOF}} < 1.5$
- 98 –  $p > 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma K, \text{TPC}} < 3 \& N_{\sigma K, \text{TOF}} < 1$

99 – Electron Rejection: Reject if N $_{\sigma e^-, \text{TPC}} < 3$

100 – Pion Rejection: Reject if:

- 101 –  $p < 0.65 \text{ GeV}/c$ 
  - 102 \* if TOF and TPC available: N $_{\sigma \pi, \text{TPC}} < 3 \& N_{\sigma \pi, \text{TOF}} < 3$
  - 103 \* else
    - 104 ·  $p < 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma \pi, \text{TPC}} < 3$
    - 105 ·  $0.5 < p < 0.65 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma \pi, \text{TPC}} < 2$
- 106 –  $0.65 < p < 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma \pi, \text{TPC}} < 5 \& N_{\sigma \pi, \text{TOF}} < 3$
- 107 –  $p > 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ : N $_{\sigma \pi, \text{TPC}} < 5 \& N_{\sigma \pi, \text{TOF}} < 2$

108 The purity of the K $^\pm$  collections was estimated using the MC data, for which the true identity of each  
109 reconstructed K $^\pm$  particle is known. Therefore, the purity may be estimated as:

$$\text{Purity}(K^\pm) = \frac{N_{\text{true}}}{N_{\text{reconstructed}}} \quad (1)$$

110 Purity(K $^+$ )  $\approx$  Purity(K $^-$ )  $\approx$  97%

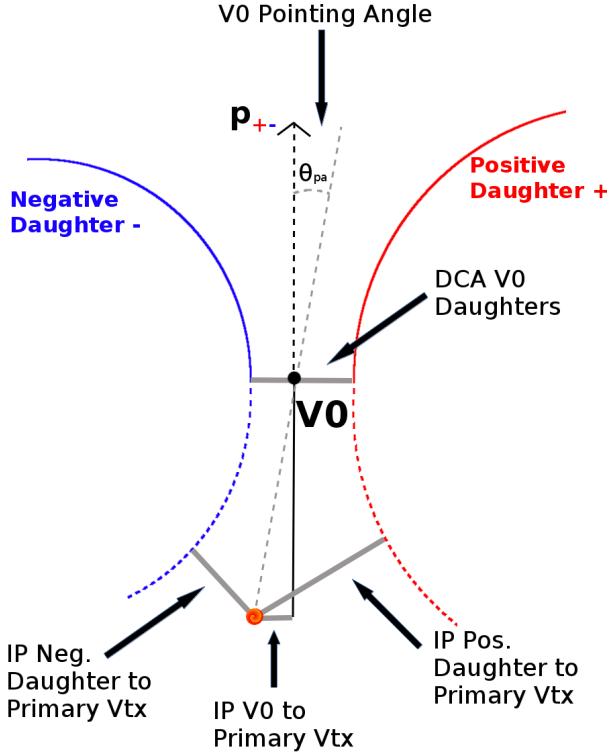
### 111 3.3 V0 Selection

112  $\Lambda$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ ) and K $_S^0$  are neutral particles which cannot be directly detected, but must instead be reconstructed  
113 through detection of their decay products, or daughters. This process is illustrated in Figure 1. In  
114 general, particles which are topologically reconstructed in this fashion are called V0 particles. The  
115 class AliFemtoV0TrackCutNSigmaFilter (which is an extension of AliFemtoV0TrackCut) is used to  
116 reconstruct the V0s.

117 In order to obtain a true and reliable signal, one must ensure good purity of the V0 collection. The purity  
118 of the collection is calculated as:

$$\text{Purity} = \frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Signal} + \text{Background}} \quad (2)$$

To obtain both the signal and background, the invariant mass distribution ( $m_{inv}$ ) of all V0 candidates must be constructed immediately before the final invariant mass cut. Examples of such distributions can be found in Figures 3 and 5. It is vital that this distribution be constructed immediately before the final  $m_{inv}$  cut, otherwise it would be impossible to estimate the background. As shown in Figures 3 and 5, the background is fit (with a polynomial) outside of the peak region of interest to obtain an estimate for the background within the region. Within the  $m_{inv}$  cut limits, the background is the region below the fit while the signal is the region above the fit.



**Fig. 1:** V0 Reconstruction

### 3.3.1 $\Lambda$ Reconstruction

The following cuts were used to select good  $\Lambda$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ ) candidates:

#### 1. Daughter Particle Cuts

##### (a) Cuts Common to Both Daughters

- i.  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- ii. SetTPCnclsDaughters(80)
- iii. SetStatusDaughters(AliESDtrack::kTPCrefit)
- iv. DCA  $\pi p$  Daughters  $< 0.4$  cm

##### (b) Pion Specific Daughter Cuts

- i.  $p_T > 0.16$  GeV/c
- ii. DCA to prim vertex  $> 0.3$  cm
- iii. TPC and TOF N $\sigma$  Cuts
  - A.  $p < 0.5$  GeV/c : N $\sigma$ <sub>TPC</sub>  $< 3$
  - B.  $p > 0.5$  GeV/c :

- if TOF & TPC available:  $N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3$  &  $N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$
- else  $N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$

142 (c) Proton Specific Daughter Cuts

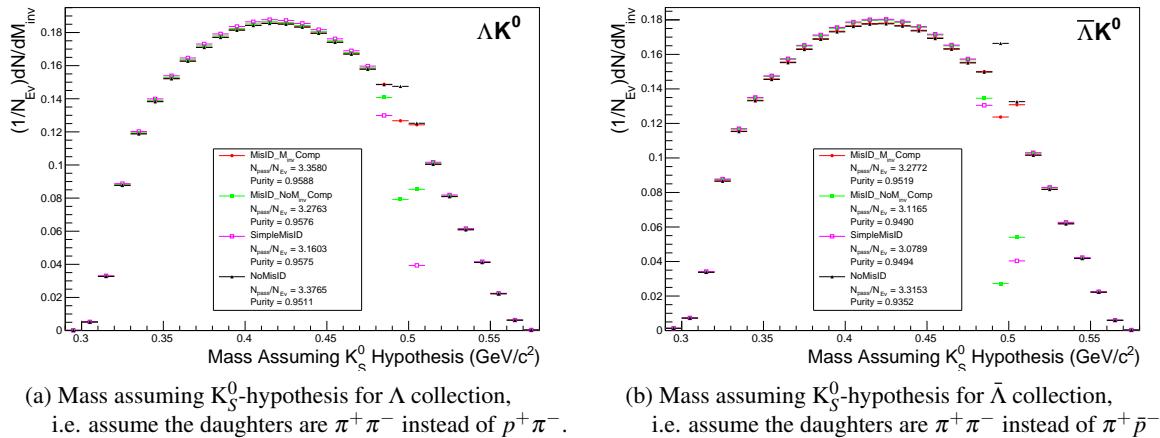
- i.  $p_T > 0.5(p)[0.3(\bar{p})] \text{ GeV}/c$
- ii. DCA to prim vertex  $> 0.1 \text{ cm}$
- iii. TPC and TOF  $N\sigma$  Cuts
  - A.  $p < 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c : N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3$
  - B.  $p > 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c :$ 
    - if TOF & TPC available:  $N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3$  &  $N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$
    - else  $N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$

150 2. V0 Cuts

- (a)  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- (b)  $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$
- (c)  $|m_{\text{inv}} - m_{\text{PDG}}| < 3.8 \text{ MeV}$
- (d) DCA to prim. vertex  $< 0.5 \text{ cm}$
- (e) Cosine of pointing angle  $> 0.9993$
- (f) OnFlyStatus = false
- (g) Decay Length  $< 60 \text{ cm}$

155 3. Shared Daughter Cut for V0 Collection

- Iterate through V0 collection to ensure that no daughter is used in more than one V0 candidate

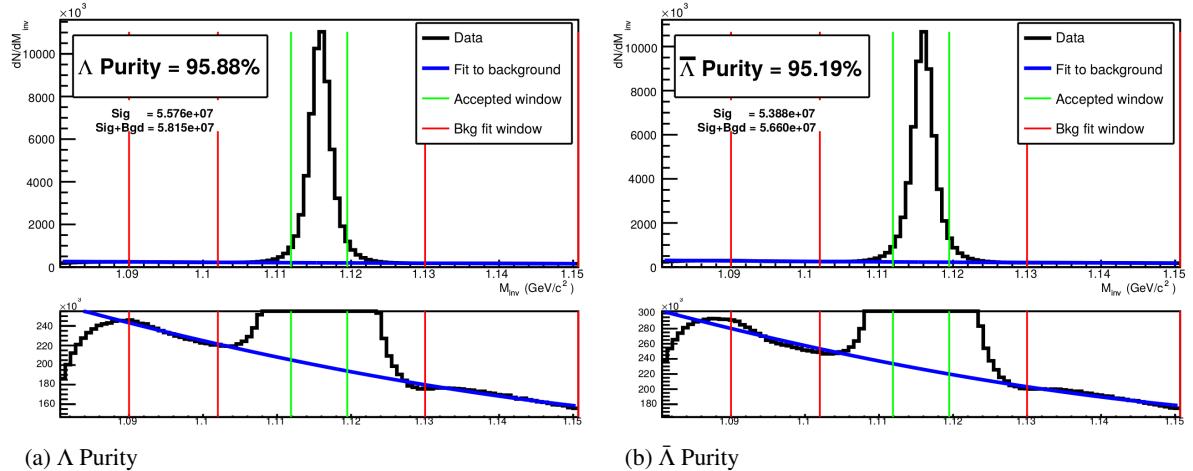


**Fig. 2:** Mass assuming  $K_S^0$ -hypothesis for V0 candidates passing all  $\Lambda$  (2a) and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  (2b) cuts. The “NoMisID” distribution (black triangles) uses the V0 finder without any attempt to remove misidentified  $K_S^0$ . The slight peak in the “NoMisID” distribution around  $m_{\text{inv}} = 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  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  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  particles. “MisID\_NoM<sub>inv</sub>Comp” (green squares) uses the misidentification cut outlined in the text, but does not utilize the invariant mass comparison method. “MisID\_M<sub>inv</sub>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.

Figure 2a shows the mass assuming  $K_S^0$  hypothesis for the  $\Lambda$  collection, i.e. assume the daughters are  $\pi^+\pi^-$  instead of  $\pi^+\bar{p}$ . Figure 2b 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  $\Lambda$  particles will be lost. Ideally, the  $\Lambda$  selection and  $K_S^0$  misidentification cuts are selected such that the peak is removed from this plot while leaving the distribution continuous. To attempt to remove these  $K_S^0$  contaminations without throwing away good  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  particles, the following misidentification cuts are imposed; a  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  candidate is rejected if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

- $|m_{\text{inv}, K_S^0 \text{ Hypothesis}} - m_{\text{PDG}, K_S^0}| < 9.0 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Positive and negative daughters pass  $\pi$  daughter cut implemented for  $K_S^0$  reconstruction
- $|m_{\text{inv}, K_S^0 \text{ Hypothesis}} - m_{\text{PDG}, K_S^0}| < |m_{\text{inv}, \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) \text{ Hypothesis}} - m_{\text{PDG}, \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})}|$

Figure 3 shows the invariant mass ( $m_{\text{inv}}$ ) distribution of all  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  candidates immediately before the final invariant mass cut. These distributions are used to calculate the collection purities. The  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  purities are found to be: Purity( $\Lambda$ )  $\approx$  Purity( $\bar{\Lambda}$ )  $\approx$  95%.



**Fig. 3:** Invariant mass ( $m_{\text{inv}}$ ) distribution of all  $\Lambda$  (a) and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  (b) candidates immediately before the final invariant mass cut. The bottom figures are zoomed to show the background with fit. The vertical green lines represent the  $m_{\text{inv}}$  cuts used in the analyses, the red vertical lines delineate the region over which the background was fit, and the blue line shows the background fit. These distributions are used to calculate the collection purities, Purity( $\Lambda$ )  $\approx$  Purity( $\bar{\Lambda}$ )  $\approx$  95%.

### 3.3.2 $K_S^0$ Reconstruction

The following cuts were used to select good  $K_S^0$  candidates:

#### 1. Pion Daughter Cuts

- (a)  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- (b) SetTPCnclsDaughters(80)
- (c) SetStatusDaughters(AliESDtrack::kTPCrefic)
- (d) DCA  $\pi^+\pi^-$  Daughters  $< 0.3 \text{ cm}$

- 181 (e)  $p_T > 0.15 \text{ GeV}/c$
- 182 (f) DCA to prim vertex  $> 0.3 \text{ cm}$
- 183 (g) TPC and TOF  $N\sigma$  Cuts
  - 184 i.  $p < 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c : N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3$
  - 185 ii.  $p > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c :$ 
    - 186 – if TOF & TPC available:  $N\sigma_{\text{TPC}} < 3 \& N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$
    - 187 – else  $N\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 3$

188 2.  $K_S^0$  Cuts

- 189 (a)  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- 190 (b)  $p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- 191 (c)  $m_{\text{PDG}} - 13.677 \text{ MeV} < m_{\text{inv}} < m_{\text{PDG}} + 2.0323 \text{ MeV}$
- 192 (d) DCA to prim. vertex  $< 0.3 \text{ cm}$
- 193 (e) Cosine of pointing angle  $> 0.9993$
- 194 (f) OnFlyStatus = false
- 195 (g) Decay Length  $< 30 \text{ cm}$

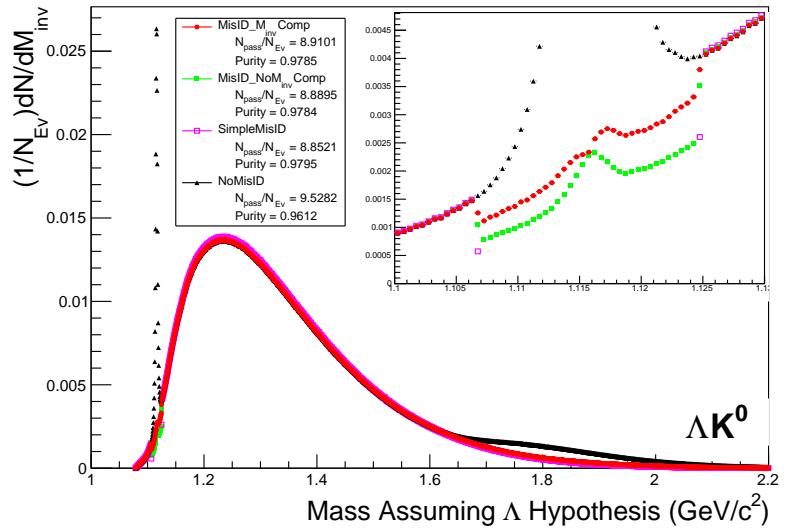
196 3. Shared Daughter Cut for V0 Collection

- 197 – Iterate through V0 collection to ensure that no daughter is used in more than one V0 candidate

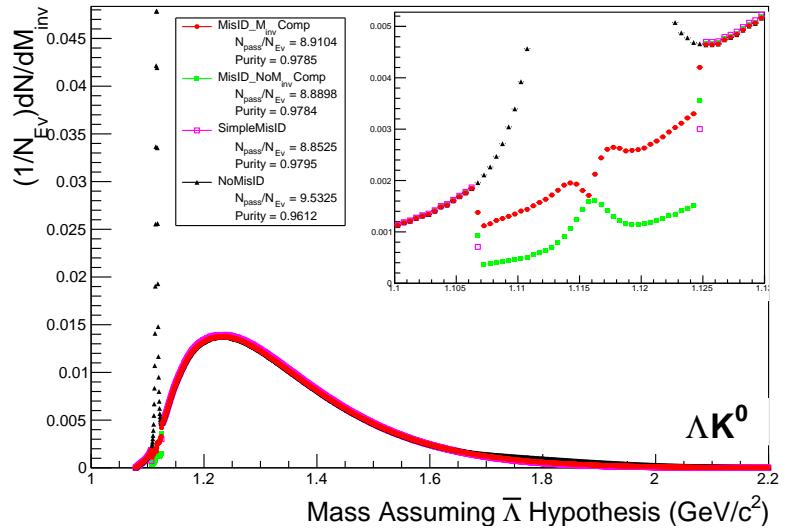
198 As can be seen in Figure 4, some misidentified  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  particles contaminate our  $K_S^0$  sample. Figure  
 199 4a shows the mass assuming  $\Lambda$ -hypothesis for the  $K_S^0$  collection, i.e. assume the daughters are  $p^+\pi^-$   
 200 instead of  $\pi^+\pi^-$ . Figure 4b is similar, but shows the mass assuming  $\bar{\Lambda}$  hypothesis for the collection,  
 201 i.e. assume the daughters are  $\pi^+\bar{p}^-$  instead of  $\pi^+\pi^-$ . The  $\Lambda$  contamination can be seen in 4a, and the  
 202  $\bar{\Lambda}$  contamination in 4b, in the peaks around  $m_{\text{inv}} = 1.115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ . Additionally, the  $\bar{\Lambda}$  contamination is  
 203 visible in Figure 4a, and the  $\Lambda$  contamination visible in Figure 4b, in the region of excess around  $1.65$   
 204  $< m_{\text{inv}} < 2.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ . This is confirmed as the number of misidentified  $\Lambda$  particles in the sharp peak  
 205 of Figure 4a (misidentified  $\bar{\Lambda}$  particles in the sharp peak of Figure 4b) approximately equals the excess  
 206 found in the  $1.65 < m_{\text{inv}} < 2.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  region of Figure 4a (Figure 4b).

207 The peaks around  $m_{\text{inv}} = 1.115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  in Figure 4 contain both misidentified  $\Lambda$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ ) particles and good  
 208  $K_S^0$ . If one simply cuts out the entire peak, some good  $K_S^0$  particles will be lost. Ideally, the  $K_S^0$  selection  
 209 and  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  misidentification cuts can be selected such that the peak is removed from this plot while leaving  
 210 the distribution continuous. To attempt to remove these  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  contaminations without throwing away  
 211 good  $K_S^0$  particles, the following misidentification cuts are imposed; a  $K_S^0$  candidate is rejected if all of  
 212 the following criteria are satisfied (for either  $\Lambda$  or  $\bar{\Lambda}$  hypothesis):

- 213 –  $|m_{\text{inv}, \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) \text{ Hypothesis}} - m_{\text{PDG}, \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})}| < 9.0 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- 214 – Positive daughter passes  $p^+(\pi^+)$  daughter cut implemented for  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  reconstruction
- 215 – Negative daughter passes  $\pi^-(\bar{p}^-)$  daughter cut implemented by  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  reconstruction
- 216 –  $|m_{\text{inv}, \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) \text{ Hypothesis}} - m_{\text{PDG}, \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})}| < |m_{\text{inv}, K_S^0 \text{ Hypothesis}} - m_{\text{PDG}, K_S^0}|$

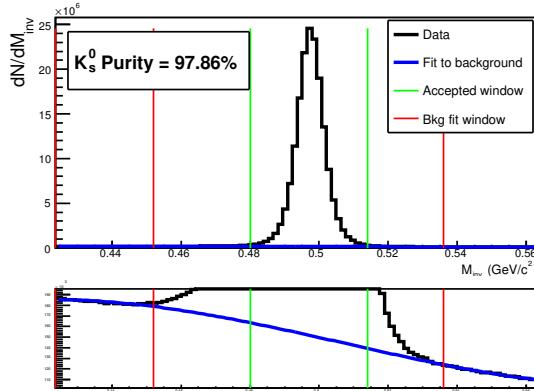


(a) Mass assuming  $\Lambda$ -hypothesis for  $K_S^0$  collection, i.e. assume the daughters are  $p^+ \pi^-$  instead of  $\pi^+ \pi^-$ .



(b) Mass assuming  $\bar{\Lambda}$ -hypothesis for  $K_S^0$  collection, i.e. assume the daughters are  $\pi^+ \bar{p}^-$  instead of  $\pi^+ \pi^-$ .

**Fig. 4:** Mass assuming  $\Lambda$ -hypothesis (4a) and  $\bar{\Lambda}$ -hypothesis (4b) for  $K_S^0$  collection. The “NoMisID” distribution (black triangles) uses the V0 finder without any attempt to remove misidentified  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$ . The peak in the “NoMisID” distribution around  $m_{\text{inv}} = 1.115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  contains misidentified  $\Lambda$  (4a) and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  (4b) particles in our  $K_S^0$  collection. “SimpleMisID” (pink squares) simply cuts out the entire peak, which throws away some good  $K_S^0$  particles. “MisID\_NoM<sub>inv</sub>Comp” (green squares) uses the misidentification cut outlined in the text, but does not utilize the invariant mass comparison method. “MisID\_M<sub>inv</sub>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  $K_S^0$  particles found, normalized by the total number of events. The purity of the collection is also listed. Also note, the relative excess of the “NoMisID” distribution around  $1.65 < m_{\text{inv}} < 2.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  shows misidentified  $\bar{\Lambda}$  (4a) and  $\Lambda$  (4b) particles in our  $K_S^0$  collection.



**Fig. 5:** Invariant mass ( $m_{inv}$ ) distribution of all  $K_s^0$  candidates immediately before the final invariant mass cut. The bottom figure is zoomed to show the background with fit. The vertical green lines represent the  $m_{inv}$  cut used in the analyses, the red vertical lines delineate the region over which the background was fit, and the blue line shows the background fit. This distribution is used to calculate the collection purity,  $Purity(K_s^0) \approx 98\%$ .

### 217 3.4 Cascade Reconstruction

218 Our motivation for studying  $\Xi K^\pm$  systems is to hopefully better understand the striking difference in the  
219  $\Lambda K^+$  and  $\Lambda K^-$  data at low  $k^*$  (Figure 14).

220 The reconstruction of  $\Xi$  particles is one step above V0 reconstruction. V0 particles are topologically  
221 reconstructed by searching for the charged daughters' tracks into which they decay. With  $\Xi$  particles, we  
222 search for the V0 particle and charged daughter into which the  $\Xi$  decays. In the case of  $\Xi^-$ , we search  
223 for the  $\Lambda$  (V0) and  $\pi^-$  (track) daughters. We will refer to this  $\pi$  as the “bachelor  $\pi$ ”.

224 The following cuts were used to select good  $\Xi^-$  ( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ ) candidates:

225 1. V0 Daughter Reconstruction

226 (a) V0 Daughter Particle Cuts

227 i. Cuts Common to Both Daughters

- 228 A.  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- 229 B. SetTPCnclsDaughters(80)
- 230 C. SetStatusDaughters(AliESDtrack::kTPCrefic)
- 231 D. SetMaxDcaV0Daughters(0.4)

232 ii. Pion Specific Daughter Cuts

- 233 A.  $p_T > 0.16$
- 234 B. DCA to prim vertex  $> 0.3$
- 235 iii. Proton Specific Daughter Cuts
- 236 A.  $p_T > 0.5(p) [0.3(\bar{p})]$  GeV/ $c$
- 237 B. DCA to prim vertex  $> 0.1$

238 (b) V0 Cuts

- 239 i.  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- 240 ii.  $p_T > 0.4$  GeV/ $c$
- 241 iii.  $|m_{inv} - m_{PDG}| < 3.8$  MeV
- 242 iv. DCA to prim. vertex  $> 0.2$  cm
- 243 v. Cosine of pointing angle to  $\Xi$  decay vertex  $> 0.9993$

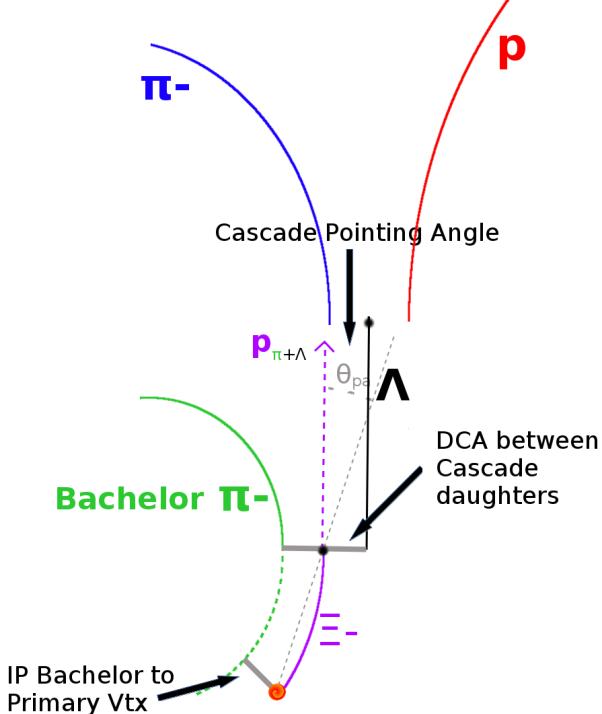
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244     vi. OnFlyStatus = false
245     vii. Decay Length < 60 cm
246     viii. The misidentification cuts described in Section 3.3.1 are utilized
247 2. Bachelor  $\pi$  Cuts
248    (a)  $|\eta| < 0.8$ 
249    (b)  $p_T < 100 \text{ GeV}/c$ 
250    (c) DCA to prim vertex  $> 0.1 \text{ cm}$ 
251    (d) SetTPCnclsDaughters(70)
252    (e) SetStatusDaughters(AliESDtrack::kTPCrefic)

253 3.  $\Xi$  Cuts
254    (a)  $|\eta| < 0.8$ 
255    (b)  $0.8 < p_T < 100 \text{ GeV}/c$ 
256    (c)  $|m_{inv} - m_{PDG}| < 3.0 \text{ MeV}$ 
257    (d) DCA to prim. vertex  $< 0.3 \text{ cm}$ 
258    (e) Cosine of pointing angle  $> 0.9992$ 

259 4. Shared Daughter Cut for  $\Xi$  Collection
260    – Iterate through  $\Xi$  collection to ensure that no daughter is used in more than one  $\Xi$  candidate

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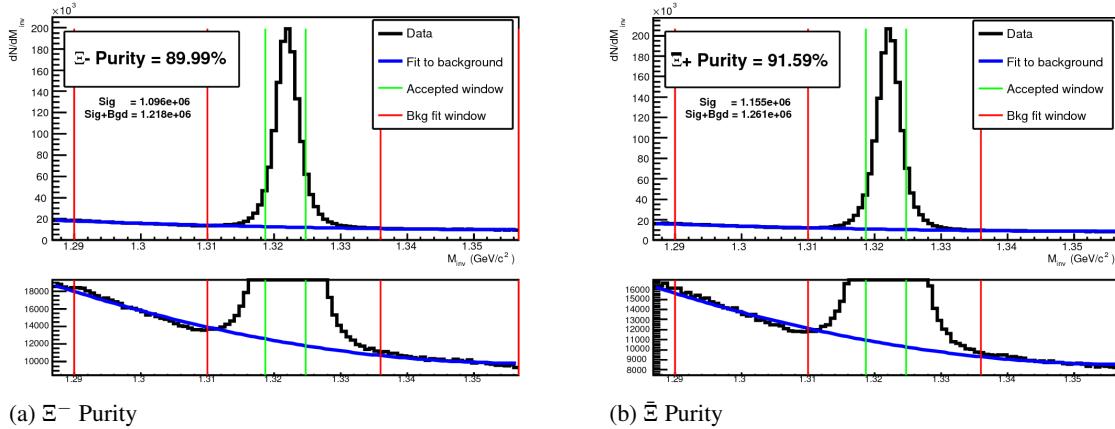


**Fig. 6:**  $\Xi$  Reconstruction

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261 The purity of our  $\Xi$  and  $\bar{\Xi}$  collections are calculated just as those of our V0 collections 3.3. Figure 7,
262 which is used to calculate the purity, shows the  $m_{inv}$  distribution of our  $\Xi(\bar{\Xi})$  candidates just before the
263 final  $m_{inv}$  cut. Currently, we have Purity( $\Xi^-$ )  $\approx 90\%$  and Purity( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ )  $\approx 92\%$ .

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**Fig. 7:**  $\Xi^-$  ( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ ) Purity 0-10%: Purity( $\Xi^-$ )  $\approx$  90% and Purity( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ )  $\approx$  92%.

### 3.5 Pair Selection

It is important to obtain true particle pairs in the analysis. In particular, contamination from pairs constructed with split or merged tracks, and pairs sharing daughters, can introduce an artificial signal into the correlation function, obscuring the actual physics.

#### 1. Shared Daughter Cut for Pairs

##### (a) V0-V0 Pairs (i.e. $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ analyses)

- Remove all pairs which share a daughter
  - Ex.  $\Lambda$  and  $K_S^0$  particles which share a  $\pi^-$  daughter are not included

##### (b) V0-Track Pairs (i.e. $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$ analyses)

- Remove pairs if Track is also used as a daughter of the V0
  - In these analyses, this could only occur if, for instance, a  $K$  is misidentified as a  $\pi$  or  $p$  in the V0 reconstruction

##### (c) $\Xi$ -Track Pairs

- Remove pairs if Track is also used as a daughter of the  $\Xi$ 
  - In these analyses, this could only occur if, for instance, a  $K$  is misidentified as a  $\pi$  or  $p$  in the V0 reconstruction, or misidentified as bachelor  $\pi$ .
- Remove pair if bachelor  $\pi$  is also a daughter of the  $\Lambda$ 
  - This is not a pair cut, but is included here because this cut occurs in the AliFemtoXiTrackPairCut class

#### 2. Average Separation Cuts

- Used to cut out splitting and merging effects
- The motivation for these cuts can be seen in Figures 8, 9, and 10, in which average separation correlation functions are presented

##### (a) $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ Analyses

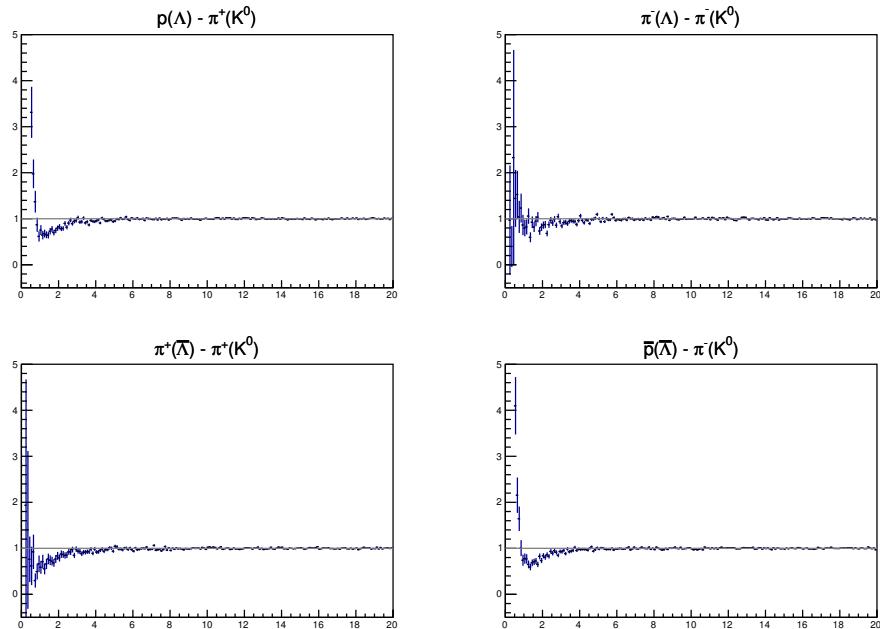
- Average separation  $> 6.0$  cm for like charge sign daughters
  - ex.  $p$  daughter of  $\Lambda$  and  $\pi^+$  daughter of  $K_S^0$
  - No cut for unlike-sign daughters

291 (b)  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$  Analyses

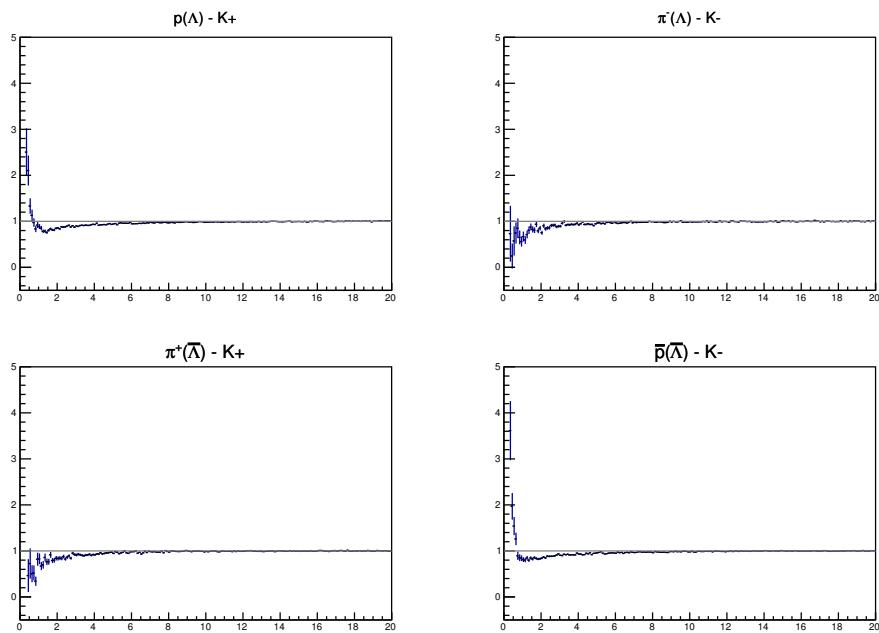
- 292 – Average Separation  $> 8.0$  cm for daughter of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  sharing charge sign of  $K^\pm$   
 293 – ex. in  $\Lambda K^+$  analysis,  $p$  daughter of  $\Lambda$  with  $K^+$   
 294 – No cut for unlike signs

295 (c)  $\Xi(\bar{\Xi})K^\pm$  Analyses

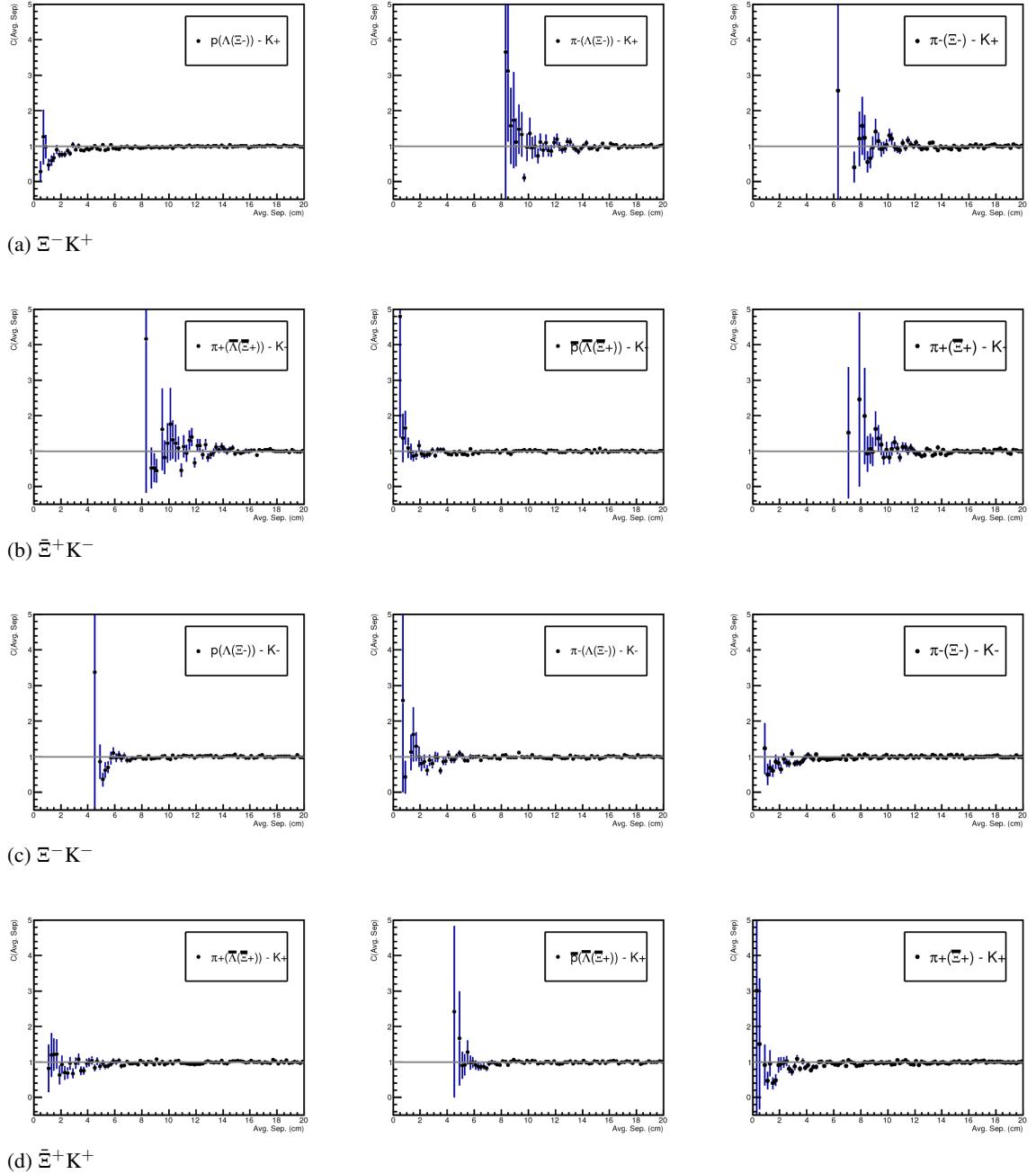
- 296 – Average Separation  $> 8.0$  cm for any daughter of  $\Xi$  sharing charge sign of  $K^\pm$   
 297 – ex. in  $\Xi^- K^-$  analysis,  $\pi^-$  daughter of  $\Lambda$  daughter with  $K^-$ , and bachelor  $\pi^-$  daugh-  
 298 ter with  $K^-$   
 299 – No cut for unlike signs



**Fig. 8:** Average separation (cm) correlation functions of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  and  $K_S^0$  Daughters. Only like-sign daughter pairs are shown (the distributions for unlike-signs were found to be flat). The title of each subfigure shows the daughter pair, as well as the mother of each daughter (in “()”), ex. top left is  $p$  from  $\Lambda$  with  $\pi^+$  from  $K_S^0$ .



**Fig. 9:** Average separation (cm) correlation functions of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Daughter and  $K^\pm$ . Only like-sign pairs are shown (unlike-signs were flat). In the subfigure titles, the particles in “( )” represent the mothers, ex. top left is  $p$  from  $\Lambda$  with  $K^+$ .



**Fig. 10:** Average separation (cm) correlation functions of  $\Xi$  Daughter and  $K^\pm$ . In the subfigure titles, the particles in “( )” represent the mothers, ex. top left is  $p$  from  $\Lambda$  with  $K^+$ .

## 300 4 Correlation Functions

301 This analysis studies the momentum correlations of both  $\Lambda$ -K and  $\Xi$ -K pairs using the two-particle correlation function, defined as  $C(k^*) = A(k^*)/B(k^*)$ , where  $A(k^*)$  is the signal distribution,  $B(k^*)$  is the reference (or background) distribution, and  $k^*$  is the momentum of one of the particles in the pair rest frame. In practice,  $A(k^*)$  is constructed by binning in  $k^*$  pairs from the same event. Ideally,  $B(k^*)$  is similar to  $A(k^*)$  in all respects excluding the presence of femtoscopic correlations [2]; as such,  $B(k^*)$  is used to divide out the phase-space effects, leaving only the femtoscopic effects in the correlation function.

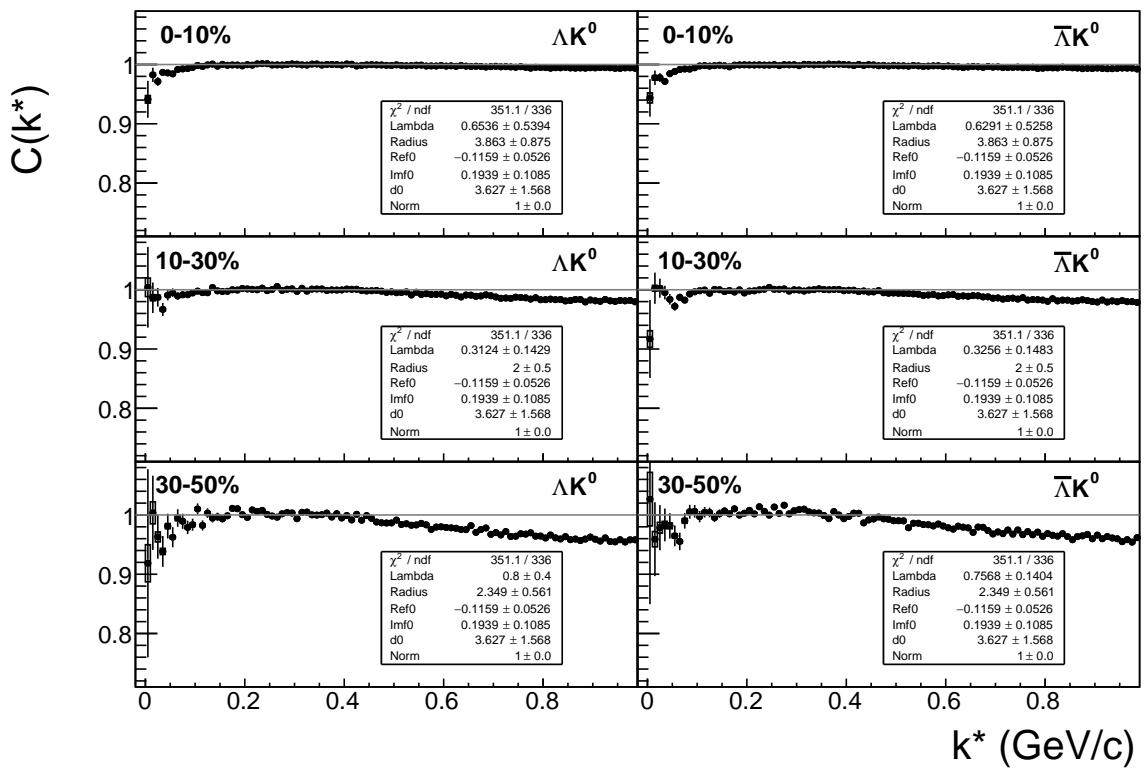
307 In practice,  $B(k^*)$  is obtained by forming mixed-event pairs, i.e. particles from a given event are paired with particles from  $N_{mix}(= 5)$  other events, and these pairs are then binned in  $k^*$ . In forming the background distribution, it is important to mix only similar events; mixing events with different phase-spaces can lead to artificial signals in the correlation function. Therefore, in this analysis, we mix events with primary vertices within 2 cm and centralities within 5% of each other. Also note, a vertex correction is also applied to each event, which essentially re-centers the primary vertices to  $z = 0$ .

313 This analysis presents correlation functions for three centrality bins (0-10%, 10-30%, and 30-50%), and is currently pair transverse momentum ( $k_T = 0.5|\mathbf{p}_{T,1} + \mathbf{p}_{T,2}|$ ) integrated (i.e. not binned in  $k_T$ ).  
 314 The correlation functions are constructed separately for the two magnetic field configurations, and are  
 316 combined using a weighted average:

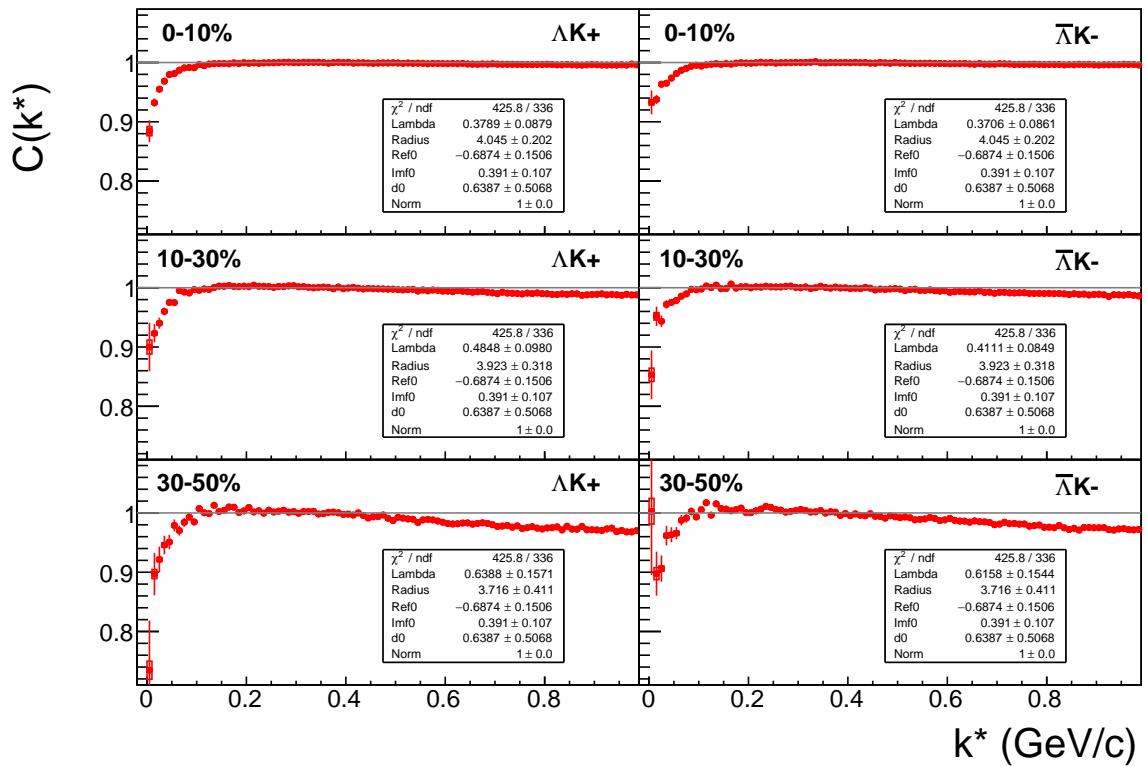
$$C_{combined}(k^*) = \frac{\sum_i w_i C_i(k^*)}{\sum_i w_i} \quad (3)$$

317 where the sum runs over the correlation functions to be combined, and the weight,  $w_i$ , is the number of  
 318 numerator pairs in  $C_i(k^*)$ . Here, the sum is over the two field configurations.

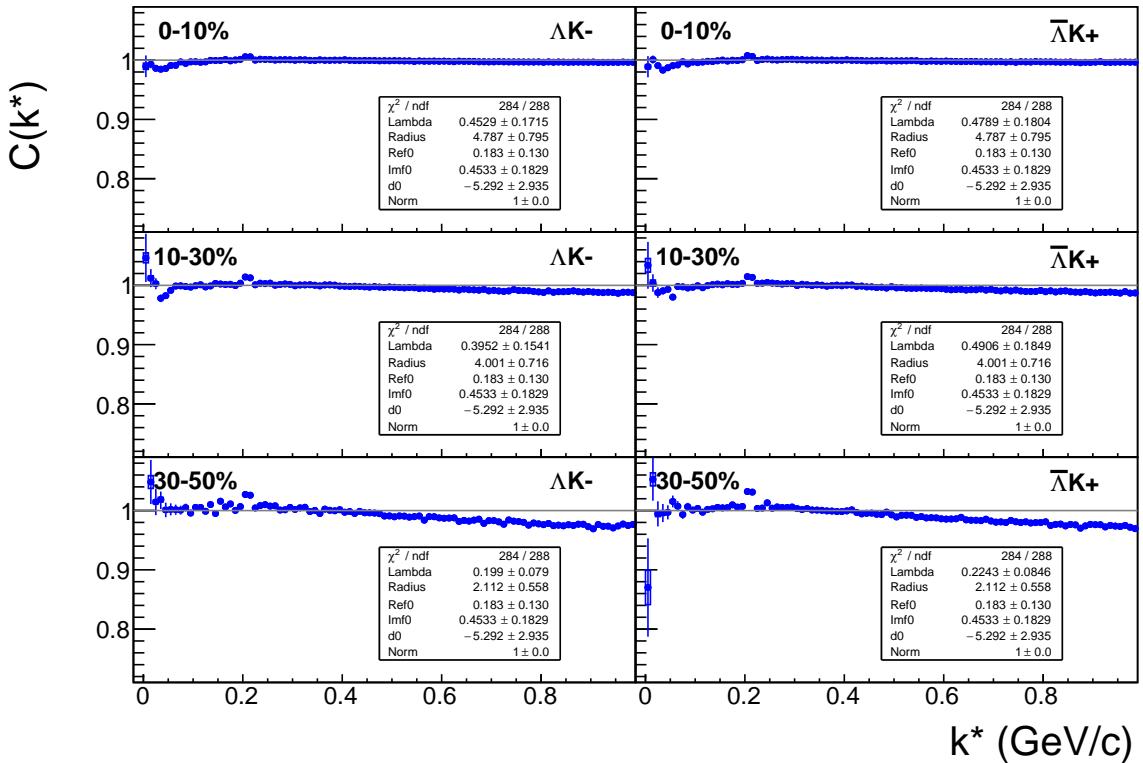
319 Figures 11, 12, and 13 show the correlation functions for all centralities studied for  $\Lambda K_S^0(\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0)$ ,  $\Lambda K^+(\bar{\Lambda} K^-)$ ,  
 320 and  $\Lambda K^-(\bar{\Lambda} K^+)$ , respectively. All were normalized in the range  $0.32 < k^* < 0.4$  GeV/c.



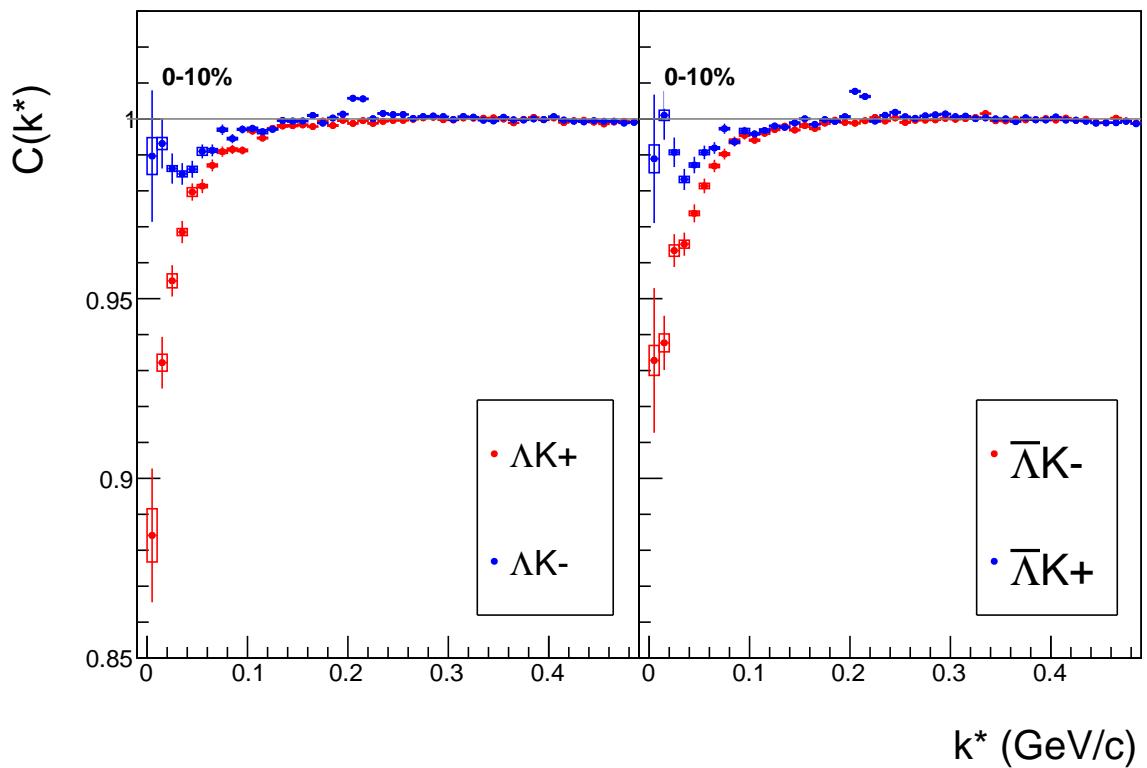
**Fig. 11:**  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$  (right) correlation functions for 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom) centralities. The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors.



**Fig. 12:**  $\Lambda K^+$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  (right) correlation functions for 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom) centralities. The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors.



**Fig. 13:**  $\Lambda K^-$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (right) correlation functions for 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom) centralities. The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. The peak at  $k^* \approx 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$  is due to the  $\Omega^-$  resonance.



**Fig. 14:** Correlation Functions:  $\Lambda K^+$  vs  $\Lambda K^-$  ( $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  vs  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$ ) for 0-10% centrality. The peak in  $\Lambda K^-$  ( $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ ) at  $k^* \approx 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$  is due to the  $\Omega^-$  resonance. The lines represent the statistical errors. (NOTE: This figure is slightly dated, and a new one will be generated which includes both statistical and systematic uncertainties)

321 **5 Fitting**

322 **5.1 Model:**  $\Lambda K_S^0$ ,  $\Lambda K^\pm$ ,  $\Xi^{ch} K_S^0$

323 The two-particle relative momentum correlation function may be written theoretically by the Koonin-  
324 Pratt equation [3, 4]:

$$C(\mathbf{k}^*) = \int S(\mathbf{r}^*) |\Psi_{\mathbf{k}^*}(\mathbf{r}^*)|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r}^* \quad (4)$$

325 In the absence of Coulomb effects, and assuming a spherically gaussian source of width  $R$ , the 1D  
326 femtoscopic correlation function can be calculated analytically using:

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \lambda [C_{QI}(k^*) + C_{FSI}(k^*)] \quad (5)$$

327  $C_{QI}$  describes plane-wave quantum interference:

$$C_{QI}(k^*) = \alpha \exp(-4k^{*2}R^2) \quad (6)$$

328 where  $\alpha = (-1)^{2j}/(2j+1)$  for identical particles with spin  $j$ , and  $\alpha = 0$  for non-identical particles.  
329 Obviously,  $\alpha = 0$  for all analyses presented in this note.  $C_{FSI}$  describes the s-wave strong final state  
330 interaction between the particles:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{FSI}(k^*) &= (1 + \alpha) \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f(k^*)}{R} \right|^2 \left( 1 - \frac{d_0}{2\sqrt{\pi}R} \right) + \frac{2\Re f(k^*)}{\sqrt{\pi}R} F_1(2k^*R) - \frac{\Im f(k^*)}{R} F_2(2k^*R) \right] \\ f(k^*) &= \left( \frac{1}{f_0} + \frac{1}{2} d_0 k^{*2} - ik^* \right)^{-1}; \quad F_1(z) = \int_0^z \frac{e^{x^2-z^2}}{z} dx; \quad F_2(z) = \frac{1-e^{-z^2}}{z} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

331 where  $R$  is the source size,  $f(k^*)$  is the s-wave scattering amplitude,  $f_0$  is the complex scattering length,  
332 and  $d_0$  is the effective range of the interaction.

333 **5.2 Model:**  $\Xi^{ch} K^{ch}$

334 The two-particle correlation function may be written as:

$$C(\mathbf{k}^*) = \sum_S \rho_S \int S(\mathbf{r}^*) |\Psi_{\mathbf{k}^*}^S(\mathbf{r}^*)|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r}^* \quad (8)$$

335 where  $\rho_S$  is the normalized emission probability of particles in a state with spin  $S$ ,  $S(\mathbf{r}^*)$  is the pair  
336 emission source distribution (assumed to be Gaussian), and  $\Psi_{\mathbf{k}^*}^S(\mathbf{r}^*)$  is the two-particle wave-function  
337 including both strong and Coulomb interactions [5]:

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{k}^*}(\mathbf{r}^*) = e^{i\delta_c} \sqrt{A_c(\eta)} [e^{i\mathbf{k}^* \cdot \mathbf{r}^*} F(-i\eta, 1, i\xi) + f_c(k^*) \frac{\tilde{G}(\rho, \eta)}{r^*}] \quad (9)$$

338 where  $\rho = k^* r^*$ ,  $\eta = (k^* a_c)^{-1}$ ,  $\xi = \mathbf{k}^* \cdot \mathbf{r}^* + k^* r^* \equiv \rho(1 + \cos \theta^*)$ , and  $a_c = (\mu z_1 z_2 e^2)^{-1}$  is the two-  
339 particle Bohr radius (including the sign of the interaction).  $\delta_c$  is the Coulomb s-wave phase shift,  $A_c(\eta)$   
340 is the Coulomb penetration factor,  $\tilde{G} = \sqrt{A_c}(G_0 + iF_0)$  is a combination of the regular ( $F_0$ ) and singular  
341 ( $G_0$ ) s-wave Coulomb functions.  $f_c(k^*)$  is the s-wave scattering amplitude:

$$f_c(k^*) = \left[ \frac{1}{f_0} + \frac{1}{2} d_0 k^{*2} - \frac{2}{a_c} h(\eta) - ik^* A_c(\eta) \right]^{-1} \quad (10)$$

342 where, the “h-function”,  $h(\eta)$ , is expressed through the digamma function,  $\psi(z) = \Gamma'(z)/\Gamma(z)$  as:

$$h(\eta) = 0.5[\psi(i\eta) + \psi(-i\eta) - \ln(\eta^2)] \quad (11)$$

343 **5.3 Momentum Resolution Corrections**

344 Finite track momentum resolution causes the reconstructed momentum of a particle to smear around the  
 345 true value. This, of course, also holds true for V0 particles. The effect is propagated up to the pairs  
 346 of interest, which causes the reconstructed relative momentum ( $k_{Rec}^*$ ) to differ from the true momentum  
 347 ( $k_{True}^*$ ). Smearing of the momentum typically will result in a suppression of the signal.

348 The effect of finite momentum resolution can be investigated using the MC data, for which both the true  
 349 and reconstructed momenta are available. Figure 15 shows sample  $k_{True}^*$  vs.  $k_{Rec}^*$  plots for  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$  0-  
 350 10% analyses; Figure 15a was generated using same-event pairs, while Figure 15b was generated using  
 351 mixed-event pairs (with  $N_{mix} = 5$ ).

352 If there are no contaminations in our particle collection, the plots in Figure 15 should be smeared around  
 353  $k_{True}^* = k_{Rec}^*$ ; this is mostly true in our analyses. However, there are some interesting features of our results  
 354 which demonstrate a small (notice the log-scale on the z-axis) contamination in our particle collection.  
 355 The structure around  $k_{Rec}^* = k_{True}^* - 0.15$  is mainly caused by  $K_0^0$  contamination in our  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  sample. The  
 356 remaining structure not distributed about  $k_{Rec}^* = k_{True}^*$  is due to  $\pi$  and  $e$  contamination in our  $K^\pm$  sample.  
 357 These contaminations are more visible in Figure 16, which show  $k_{Rec}^*$  vs.  $k_{True}^*$  plots (for a small sample  
 358 of the  $\Lambda K^\pm$  0-10% central analysis), for which the MC truth (i.e. true, known identity of the particle)  
 359 was used to eliminate misidentified particles in the  $K^+(a)$  and  $\Lambda(b)$  collections. (NOTE: This is an old  
 360 figure and is for a small sample of the data. A new version will be generated shortly. It, nonetheless,  
 361 demonstrates the point well).

362 Information gained from looking at  $k_{Rec}^*$  vs  $k_{True}^*$  can be used to apply corrections to account for the  
 363 effects of finite momentum resolution on the correlation functions. A typical method involves using the  
 364 MC HIJING data to build two correlation functions,  $C_{Rec}(k^*)$  and  $C_{True}(k^*)$ , using the generator-level  
 365 momentum ( $k_{True}^*$ ) and the measured detector-level momentum ( $k_{Rec}^*$ ). The data is then corrected by  
 366 multiplying by the ratio,  $C_{True}/C_{Rec}$ , before fitting. This essentially unsmears the data, which that can  
 367 be compared directly to theoretical predictions and fits. Although this is conceptually simple, there are  
 368 a couple of big disadvantages to this method. First, HIJING does not incorporate final-state interactions,  
 369 so weights must be used when building same-event (numerator) distributions. These weights account for  
 370 the interactions, and, in the absence of Coulomb interactions, can be calculated using Eq. 5. Of course,  
 371 these weights are valid only for a particular set of fit parameters. Therefore, in the fitting process, during  
 372 which the fitter explores a large parameter set, the corrections will not remain valid. As such, applying  
 373 the momentum resolution correction and fitting becomes a long and drawn out iterative process. An initial  
 374 parameter set is obtained (through fitting without momentum resolution corrections, theoretical models,  
 375 or a good guess), then the MC data is run over to obtain the correction factor, the data is fit using the  
 376 correction factor, a refined parameter set is extracted, the MC data is run over again to obtain the new  
 377 correction factor, etc. This process continues until the parameter set stabilizes. The second issue concerns  
 378 statistics. With the MC data available on the grid, we were not able to generate the statistics necessary  
 379 to use the raw  $C_{True}/C_{Rec}$  ratio. The ratio was not stable, and when applied to the data, obscured the  
 380 signal. Attempting to fit the ratio to generate the corrections also proved problematic. However, as  
 381 HIJING does not include final-state interactions, the same-event and mixed-event pairs are very similar  
 382 (with the exception of things like energy and momentum conservation, etc). Therefore, one may build  
 383 the numerator distribution using mixed-event pairs. This corresponds, more or less, to simply running a  
 384 the weight generator through the detector framework.

385 A second approach is to use information gained from plots like those in Figure 15, which can be consid-

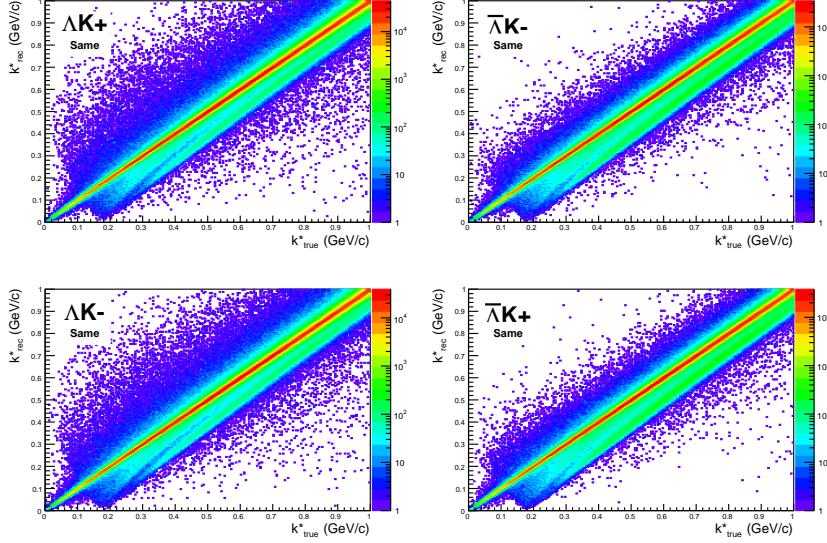
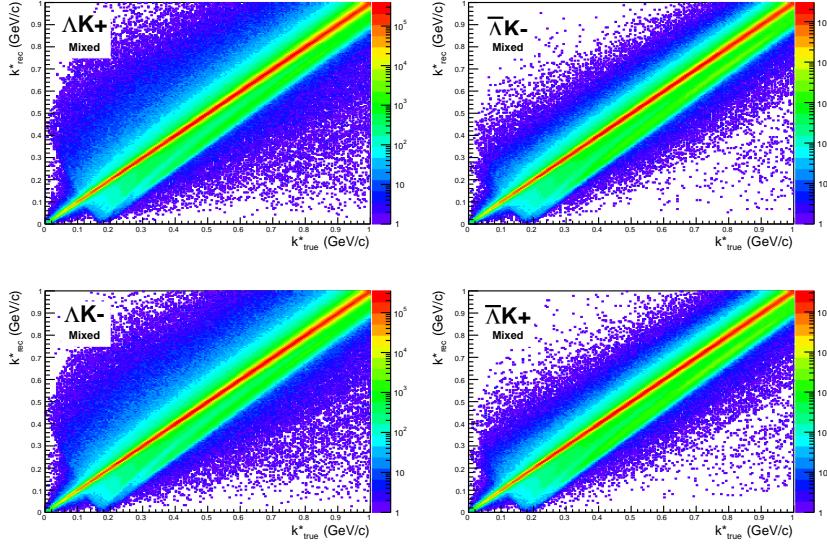
386    ered response matrices. The reponse matrix describes quantitatively how each  $k_{Rec}^*$  bin receives contribu-  
 387    tions from multiple  $k_{True}^*$  bins, and can be used to account for the effects of finite momentum resolution.  
 388    With this approach, the resolution correction is applied on-the-fly during the fitting process by propagat-  
 389    ing the theoretical (fit) correlation function through the response matrix, according to:

$$C_{fit}(k_{Rec}^*) = \frac{\sum_{k_{True}^*} M_{k_{Rec}^*, k_{True}^*} C_{fit}(k_{True}^*)}{\sum_{k_{True}^*} M_{k_{Rec}^*, k_{True}^*}} \quad (12)$$

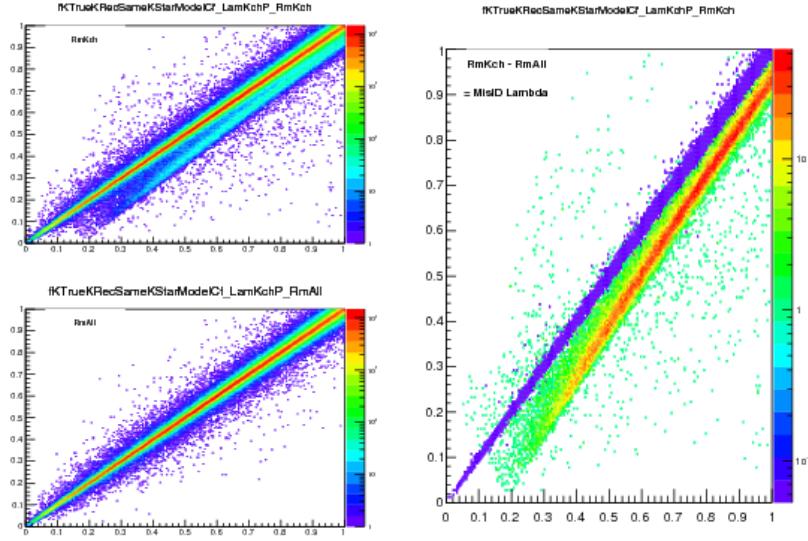
390    where  $M_{k_{Rec}^*, k_{True}^*}$  is the response matrix (Figure 15),  $C_{fit}(k_{True}^*)$  is the fit binned in  $k_{True}^*$ , and the denomina-  
 391    tor normalizes the result.

392    Equation 12 describes that, for a given  $k_{Rec}^*$  bin, the observed value of  $C(k_{Rec}^*)$  is a weighted average of  
 393    all  $C(k_{True}^*)$  values, where the weights are the normalized number of counts in the  $[k_{Rec}^*, k_{True}^*]$  bin. As  
 394    seen in Figure 15, overwhelmingly the main contributions comes from the  $k_{Rec}^* = k_{True}^*$  bins. Although  
 395    the correction is small, it is non-negligible for the low- $k^*$  region of the correlation function.

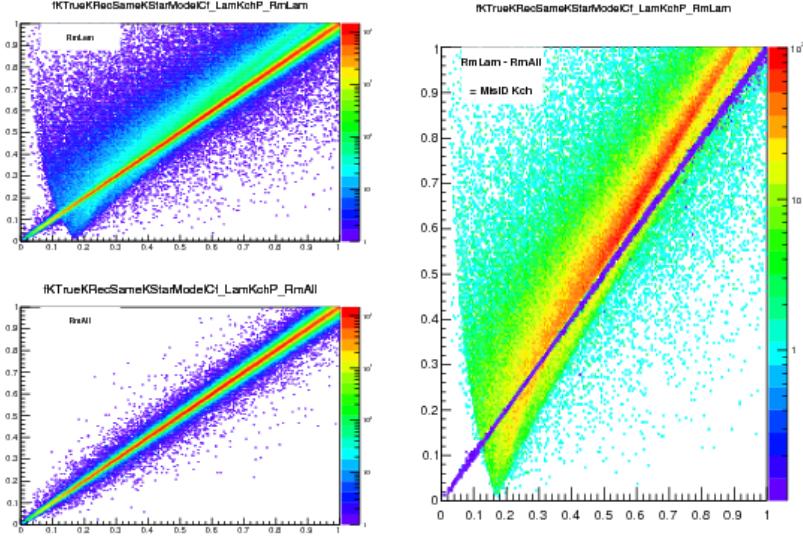
396    Here, the momentum resolution correction is applied to the fit, not the data. In other words, during  
 397    fitting, the theoretical correlation function is smeared just as real data would be, instead of unsmearing  
 398    the data. This may not be ideal for the theorist attempting to compare a model to experimental data, but  
 399    it leaves the experimental data unadulterated. The current analyses use this second approach to applying  
 400    momentum resolution corrections because of two major advantages. First, the MC data must be analyzed  
 401    only once, and no assumptions about the fit are needed. Secondly, the momentum resolution correction  
 402    is applied on-the-fly by the fitter, delegating the iterative process to a computer instead of the user.

(a) Same Event Pairs ( $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$ , 0-10% Centrality)(b) Mixed Event Pairs ( $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$ , 0-10% Centrality)

**Fig. 15:** Sample  $k_{True}^*$  vs.  $k_{Rec}^*$  plot for  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$  0-10% analyses. The structure which appears around  $k_{Rec}^* = k_{True}^* - 0.15$  is mainly caused by  $K_S^0$  contamination in our  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  sample. The remaining structure not distributed about  $k_{Rec}^* = k_{True}^*$  is due to  $\pi$  and  $e$  contamination in our  $K^\pm$  sample. These contaminations are more clearly visible in Figure 16



(a) (Top Left) All misidentified  $K^+$  excluded. (Bottom Left) All misidentified  $\Lambda$  and  $K^+$  excluded. (Right) The difference of (Top Left) - (Bottom Left), which reveals the contamination in our  $\Lambda$  collection. The structure which appears around  $k_{Rec}^* = k_{True}^* - 0.15$  is mainly caused by  $K_S^0$  contamination in our  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  sample.



(b) (Top Left) All misidentified  $\Lambda$  excluded. (Bottom Left) All misidentified  $\Lambda$  and  $K^+$  excluded. (Right) The difference of (Top Left) - (Bottom Left), which reveals the contamination in our  $K^+$  collection. The structure not distributed about  $k_{Rec}^* = k_{True}^*$  is due to  $\pi$  and  $e^-$  contamination in our  $K^+$  sample.

**Fig. 16:** Note: This is an old figure and is for a small sample of the data. A new version will be generated shortly.  
y-axis =  $k_{Rec}^*$ , x-axis =  $k_{True}^*$ .  
(Left)  $k_{Rec}^*$  vs.  $k_{True}^*$  plots for a small sample of the  $\Lambda K^+$  0-10% central analysis, MC truth was used to eliminate misidentified particles in the  $K^+$ (a) and  $\Lambda$ (b) collections. (Right) The difference of the top left and bottom left plots. Contaminations in our particle collections are clearly visible. Figure (a) demonstrates a  $K_S^0$  contamination in our  $\Lambda$  collection; Figure (b) demonstrates a  $\pi$  and  $e^-$  contamination in our  $K^\pm$  collection.

403 **5.4 Residual Correlations**

404 The purpose of this analysis is study the interaction and scale of the emitting source of the pairs. In  
 405 order to obtain correct results, it is important for our particle collections to consist of primary particles.  
 406 In practice, this is difficult to achieve for our  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  collections. Many of our  $\Lambda$  particles are not  
 407 primary, but originate as decay products from other hyperons, including  $\Sigma^0$ ,  $\Xi^0$ ,  $\Xi^-$  and  $\Sigma^{*(+,-,0)}$ (1385).  
 408 Additionally, many of our K particles are not primary, but decay from  $K^{*(+,-,0)}$ (892) parents. In these  
 409 decays, the  $\Lambda$  carries away a momentum very similar to that of its parent. As a result, the correlation  
 410 function between a secondary  $\Lambda$  and, for instance, a  $K^+$  will be sensitive to, and dependent upon, the  
 411 interaction between the parent of the  $\Lambda$  and the  $K^+$ . In effect, the correlation between the parent of  
 412 the  $\Lambda$  and the  $K^+$  (ex.  $\Sigma^0 K^+$ ) will be visible, although smeared out, in the  $\Lambda K^+$  data. We call this a  
 413 residual correlation resulting from feed-down. Residual correlations are important in an analysis when  
 414 three criteria are met [6]: i) the parent correlation signal is large, ii) a large fraction of pairs in the sample  
 415 originate from the particular parent system, and iii) the decay momenta are comparable to the expected  
 416 correlation width in  $k^*$ .

417 As it is difficult for us to eliminate these residual correlations in our analyses, we must attempt to account  
 418 for them in our fitter. To achieve this, we will simultaneously fit the data for both the primary correlation  
 419 function and the residual correlations. For example, in the simple case of a  $\Lambda K^+$  analysis with residuals  
 420 arising solely from  $\Sigma^0 K^+$  feed-down:

$$C_{measured}(k_{\Lambda K^+}^*) = 1 + \lambda_{\Lambda K^+}[C_{\Lambda K^+}(k_{\Lambda K^+}^*) - 1] + \lambda_{\Sigma^0 K^+}[C_{\Sigma^0 K^+}(k_{\Lambda K^+}^*) - 1]$$

$$C_{\Sigma^0 K^+}(k_{\Lambda K^+}^*) \equiv \frac{\sum_{k_{\Sigma^0 K^+}^*} C_{\Sigma^0 K^+}(k_{\Sigma^0 K^+}^*) T(k_{\Sigma^0 K^+}^*, k_{\Lambda K^+}^*)}{\sum_{k_{\Sigma^0 K^+}^*} T(k_{\Sigma^0 K^+}^*, k_{\Lambda K^+}^*)} \quad (13)$$

421  $C_{\Sigma^0 K^+}(k_{\Sigma^0 K^+}^*)$  is the  $\Sigma^0 K^+$  correlation function from, for instance, Equation 5, and  $T$  is the transform  
 422 matrix generated with THERMINATOR. The transform matrix is formed for a given parent pair, AB,  
 423 by taking all  $\Lambda K$  pairs originating from AB, calculating the relative momentum of the parents ( $k_{AB}^*$ )  
 424 and daughters ( $k_{\Lambda K}^*$ ), and filling a two-dimensional histogram with the values. The transform matrix  
 425 is essentially an unnormalized probability distribution mapping the  $k^*$  of the parent pair to that of the  
 426 daughter pair when one or both parents decay. An example of such transform matrices can be found in  
 427 Figures 17 and 18.

428 The above equation can be easily extended to include feed-down from more sources:

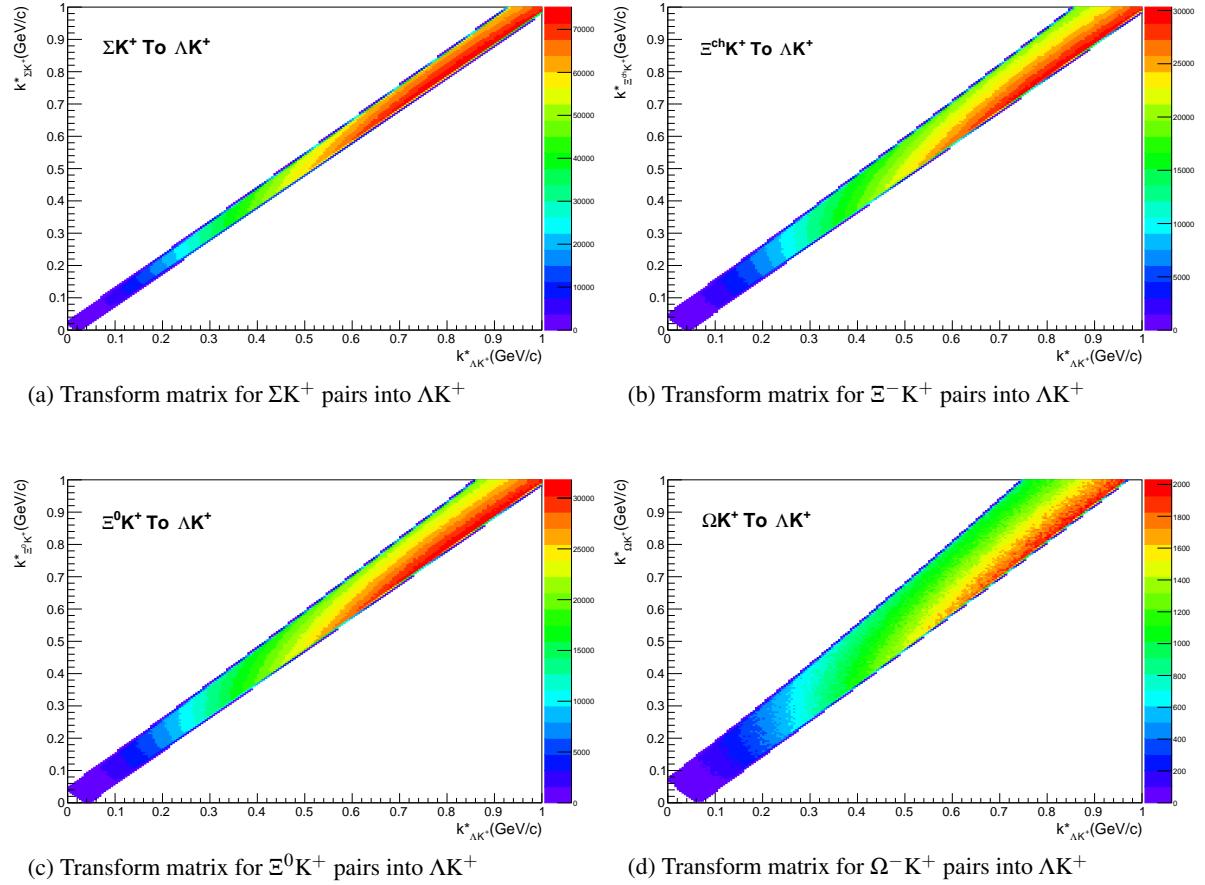
$$C_{measured}(k_{\Lambda K}^*) = 1 + \lambda_{\Lambda K}[C_{\Lambda K}(k_{\Lambda K}^*) - 1] + \lambda_{\Sigma^0 K}[C_{\Sigma^0 K}(k_{\Lambda K}^*) - 1] + \dots$$

$$+ \lambda_{P_1 P_2}[C_{P_1 P_2}(k_{\Lambda K}^*) - 1] + \lambda_{other}[C_{other}(k_{\Lambda K}^*) - 1]$$

$$C_{P_1 P_2}(k_{\Lambda K}^*) \equiv \frac{\sum_{k_{P_1 P_2}^*} C_{P_1 P_2}(k_{P_1 P_2}^*) T(k_{P_1 P_2}^*, k_{\Lambda K}^*)}{\sum_{k_{P_1 P_2}^*} T(k_{P_1 P_2}^*, k_{\Lambda K}^*)} \quad (14)$$

429 Or, more compactly:

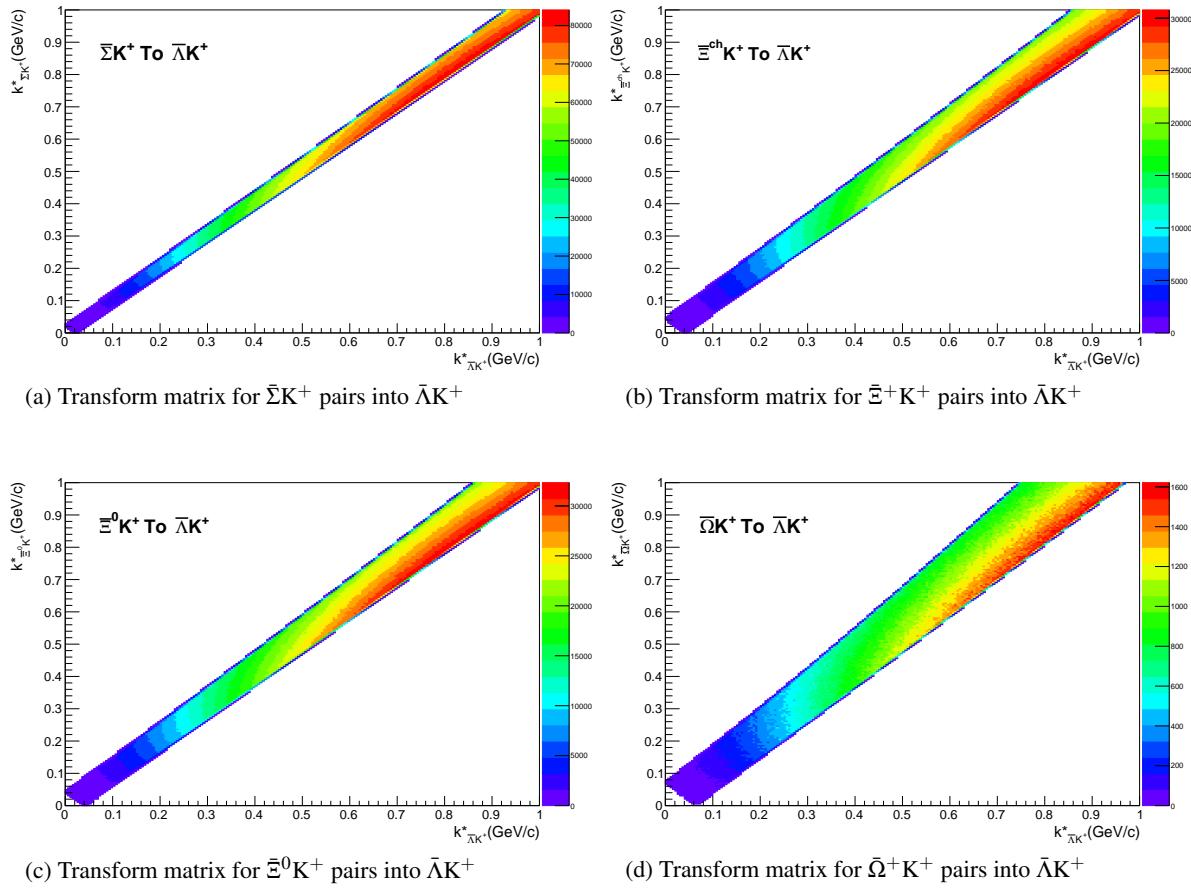
$$C_{measured}(k_{\Lambda K}^*) = 1 + \sum_i \lambda_i [C_i(k_{\Lambda K}^*) - 1] \quad (15)$$



**Fig. 17:** Transform Matrices generated with THERMINATOR for  $\Lambda K^+$  Analysis

430 So, in practice, we model the correlation function of the parents, and run the correlation function through  
 431 the appropriate transform matrix to determine the contribution to the daughter correlation function. A  
 432 few questions still remain. First, what  $\lambda$  values should be used in the above equation? One option  
 433 would be to leave all of these  $\lambda$ -parameters free during the fit process. However, this would introduce  
 434 a huge number of new parameters into the fitter, and would make the fit results less trustworthy. The  $\lambda$   
 435 parameters roughly dictate the strength of the parent contribution to the daughter pair. Additionally, as  
 436 found in [7], the reconstruction efficiency for primary  $\Lambda$  particles is nearly equal to that of  $\Lambda$  particles  
 437 originating from  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma^*$ ,  $\Xi^0$ ,  $\Xi^-$ , and  $\Omega$  hyperons. Therefore, the  $\lambda$  parameter for parent system AB can  
 438 be estimated using THERMINATOR as the total number of  $\Lambda K$  pairs originating from AB ( $N_{AB}$ ) divided  
 439 by the total number of  $\Lambda K$  pairs ( $N_{Total}$ ):

$$\lambda_{AB} = \frac{N_{AB}}{N_{Total}} \quad (16)$$



**Fig. 18:** Transform Matrices generated with THERMINATOR for  $\bar{\Lambda}K^+$  Analysis

AK <sup>+</sup> Residuals		ĀK <sup>-</sup> Residuals	
Pair System	λ value	Pair System	λ value
ΛK <sup>+</sup>	0.154	ĀK <sup>-</sup>	0.158
Σ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.099	Ā <sup>0</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.102
Ξ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.072	ĀΞ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.067
Ξ <sup>-</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.069	ĀΞ <sup>+</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.065
Other	0.558	Other	0.560
Fakes	0.048	Fakes	0.048

**Table 1:**  $\lambda$  values for the individual components of the  $\Lambda K^+$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  (right) correlation functions for the case of 3 residual contributions.

AK <sup>+</sup> Residuals		ĀK <sup>-</sup> Residuals	
Pair System	λ value	Pair System	λ value
ΛK <sup>+</sup>	0.154	ĀK <sup>-</sup>	0.158
Σ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.099	Ā <sup>0</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.102
Ξ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.072	ĀΞ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.067
Ξ <sup>-</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.069	ĀΞ <sup>+</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.065
Σ <sup>*+</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.046	ĀΣ <sup>*-</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.046
Σ <sup>*-</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.042	ĀΣ <sup>*+</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.045
Σ <sup>*0</sup> K <sup>+</sup>	0.042	ĀΣ <sup>*0</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	0.040
ΛK <sup>*0</sup>	0.039	ĀΛK <sup>*0</sup>	0.041
Σ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>*0</sup>	0.035	ĀΣ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>*0</sup>	0.036
Ξ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>*0</sup>	0.025	ĀΞ <sup>0</sup> K <sup>*0</sup>	0.024
Ξ <sup>-</sup> K <sup>*0</sup>	0.024	ĀΞ <sup>+</sup> K <sup>*0</sup>	0.023
Other	0.305	Other	0.305
Fakes	0.048	Fakes	0.048

**Table 2:**  $\lambda$  values for the individual components of the  $\Lambda K^+$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  (right) correlation functions for the case of 10 residual contributions.

$\Lambda K^-$ Residuals		$\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ Residuals	
Pair System	$\lambda$ value	Pair System	$\lambda$ value
$\Lambda K^-$	0.154	$\bar{\Lambda} K^+$	0.158
$\Sigma^0 K^-$	0.099	$\bar{\Sigma}^0 K^+$	0.103
$\Xi^0 K^-$	0.071	$\bar{\Xi}^0 K^+$	0.068
$\Xi^- K^-$	0.068	$\bar{\Xi}^+ K^+$	0.066
Other	0.561	Other	0.557
Fakes	0.048	Fakes	0.048

**Table 3:**  $\lambda$  values for the individual components of the  $\Lambda K^-$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (right) correlation functions for the case of 3 residual contributions.

$\Lambda K^-$ Residuals		$\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ Residuals	
Pair System	$\lambda$ value	Pair System	$\lambda$ value
$\Lambda K^-$	0.154	$\bar{\Lambda} K^+$	0.158
$\Sigma^0 K^-$	0.099	$\bar{\Sigma}^0 K^+$	0.103
$\Xi^0 K^-$	0.071	$\bar{\Xi}^0 K^+$	0.068
$\Xi^- K^-$	0.068	$\bar{\Xi}^+ K^+$	0.066
$\Sigma^{*+} K^-$	0.046	$\bar{\Sigma}^{*-} K^+$	0.046
$\Sigma^{*-} K^-$	0.041	$\bar{\Sigma}^{*+} K^+$	0.045
$\Sigma^{*0} K^-$	0.041	$\bar{\Sigma}^{*0} K^+$	0.041
$\Lambda \bar{K}^{*0}$	0.039	$\bar{\Lambda} K^{*0}$	0.041
$\Sigma^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$	0.035	$\bar{\Sigma}^0 K^{*0}$	0.036
$\Xi^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$	0.025	$\bar{\Xi}^0 K^{*0}$	0.024
$\Xi^- \bar{K}^{*0}$	0.024	$\bar{\Xi}^+ K^{*0}$	0.023
Other	0.308	Other	0.301
Fakes	0.048	Fakes	0.048

**Table 4:**  $\lambda$  values for the individual components of the  $\Lambda K^-$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (right) correlation functions for the case of 10 residual contributions.

$\Lambda K_S^0$ Residuals		$\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ Residuals	
Pair System	$\lambda$ value	Pair System	$\lambda$ value
$\Lambda K_S^0$	0.165	$\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	0.169
$\Sigma^0 K_S^0$	0.107	$\bar{\Sigma}^0 K_S^0$	0.111
$\Xi^0 K_S^0$	0.077	$\bar{\Xi}^0 K_S^0$	0.073
$\Xi^- K_S^0$	0.075	$\bar{\Xi}^+ K_S^0$	0.071
Other	0.528	Other	0.528
Fakes	0.048	Fakes	0.048

**Table 5:**  $\lambda$  values for the individual components of the  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$  (right) correlation functions for the case of 3 residual contributions.

$\Lambda K_S^0$ Residuals		$\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ Residuals	
Pair System	$\lambda$ value	Pair System	$\lambda$ value
$\Lambda K_S^0$	0.165	$\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	0.169
$\Sigma^0 K_S^0$	0.107	$\bar{\Sigma}^0 K_S^0$	0.111
$\Xi^0 K_S^0$	0.077	$\bar{\Xi}^0 K_S^0$	0.073
$\Xi^- K_S^0$	0.075	$\bar{\Xi}^+ K_S^0$	0.071
$\Sigma^{*+} K_S^0$	0.050	$\bar{\Sigma}^{*-} K_S^0$	0.050
$\Sigma^{*-} K_S^0$	0.045	$\bar{\Sigma}^{*+} K_S^0$	0.049
$\Sigma^{*0} K_S^0$	0.045	$\bar{\Sigma}^{*0} K_S^0$	0.044
$\Lambda K^{*0}$	0.019	$\bar{\Lambda} K^{*0}$	0.020
$\Sigma^0 K^{*0}$	0.017	$\bar{\Sigma}^0 K^{*0}$	0.017
$\Xi^0 K^{*0}$	0.012	$\bar{\Xi}^0 K^{*0}$	0.011
$\Xi^- K^{*0}$	0.012	$\bar{\Xi}^+ K^{*0}$	0.011
Other	0.329	Other	0.326
Fakes	0.048	Fakes	0.048

**Table 6:**  $\lambda$  values for the individual components of the  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$  (right) correlation functions for the case of 10 residual contributions.

Now, the remaining question is how do we model the parent correlation functions? In an ideal world, we would simply look up the parent interaction in some table, and input this into our Lednicky equation (for the case of one or more charge neutral particle in the pair), or run it through the CoulombFitter machinery described in Sec. 5.2. Unfortunately, the world in which we live is not perfect, such a table does not exist, and little is known about the interaction between the residual pairs in this study. One solution would be to introduce a set of scattering parameters and radii for each residual system. However, as will be the case of the  $\lambda$ -parameters above, this would introduce a large number of additional fit parameters, and would make our fitter too unconstrained and would yield untrustworthy results. The second option, which is adopted in this analysis, is to assume all residual pairs have the same source size as the daughter pair, and all Coulomb-neutral residual pairs also share the same scattering parameters as the daughter pair (the case of charged pairs will be described below).

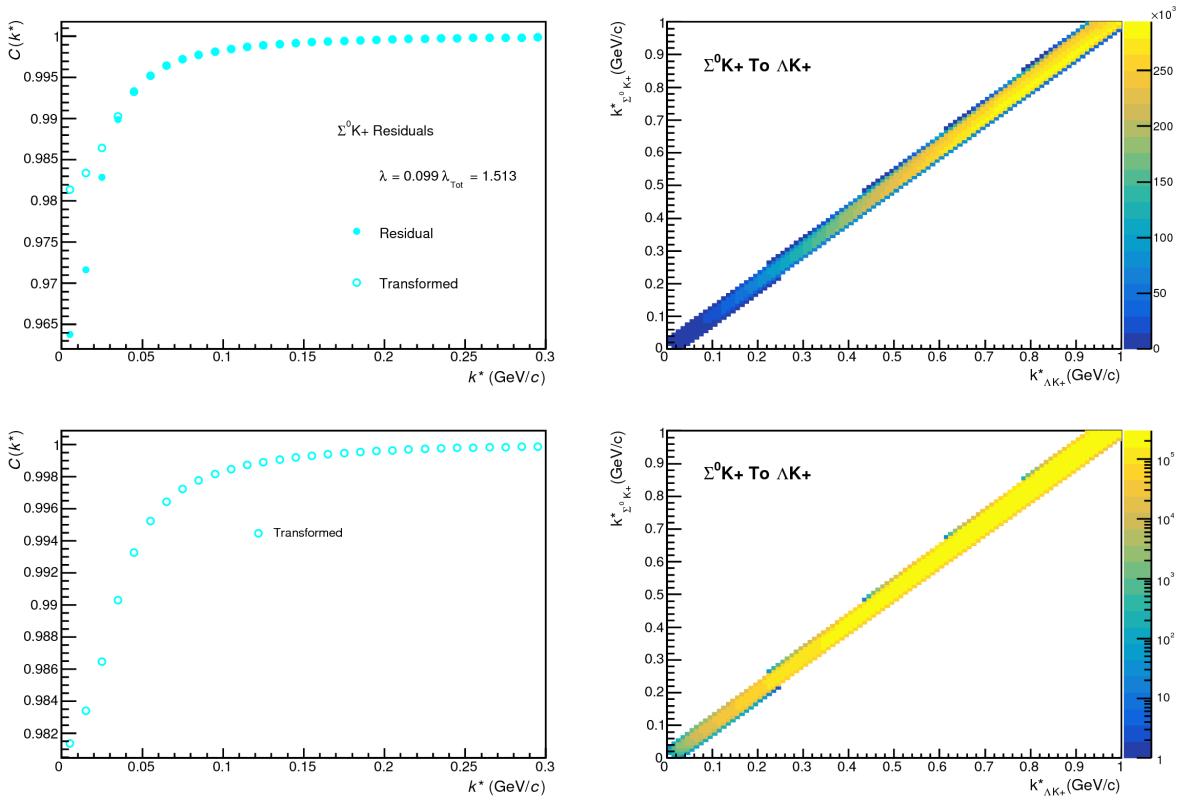
Concerning the radii of the residual parent pairs, it was suggested that these should be set to smaller values. In the interest of minimizing the number of parameters in the fitter, we tested this by introducing an  $m_T$ -scaling of the parent radii. The motivation for this scaling comes from the approximate  $m_T$ -scaling of the radii observed in 39. To achieve this scaling, we assume the radii follow an inverse-square-root distribution:  $R_{AB} = \alpha m_T^{-1/2}$ . Then, it follows that we should scale the parent radii as:

$$R_{AB} = R_{\Lambda K} \left( \frac{m_{T,AB}}{m_{T,\Lambda K}} \right)^{-1/2} \quad (17)$$

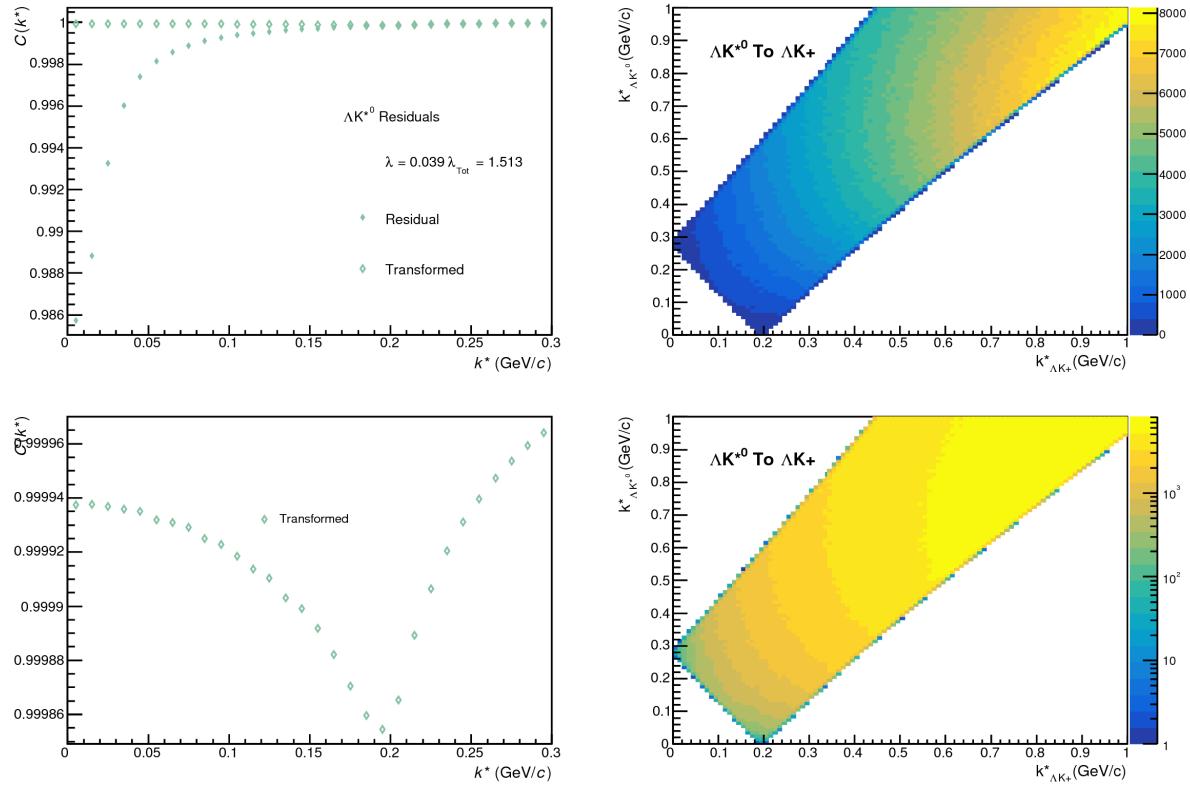
456 The values for  $m_T$  for each pair system was taken from THERMINATOR. As the fitter dances around  
 457 parameter space and selects new radii for the  $\Lambda K$  pairs, the radii of the residuals is scaled by the above  
 458 factor. In the end, this scaling factor made no significant difference in our fit results, so this complication  
 459 is excluded from our final results. Note that this is not surprising, as the most extreme scaling factor  
 460 was, in the case of using 10 residual systems, between  $\Lambda K^+$  with  $m_{T,\Lambda K^+} \approx 1.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and  $\Xi^- K^{*0}$  with  
 461  $m_{T,\Xi^- K^{*0}} \approx 1.8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , resulting in a scale factor of  $\approx 0.9$ .

462 Now, as hinted above, accounting for charged residuals adds a complication in that they necessitate the  
 463 inclusion of the CoulombFitter into the process. The complication of combining the two fitters is not  
 464 troubling, but it increases the fitting time drastically (the parallelization of the CoulombFitter across a  
 465 large number of GPU cores, to drastically decrease run-time, is currently underway). We have two so-  
 466 lutions to bypass such a large increase in run time. First, we can use our experimental  $\Xi^{\text{ch}} K^{\text{ch}}$  data to  
 467 represent all charged parent pair system. In this case, there is no need to make any assumption about  
 468 scattering parameters or source sizes, as we already have the experimental data. The downside is that,  
 469 especially in the 30-50% centrality bin, the error bars on the data are large. Alternatively, we can assume  
 470 the strong interaction is negligible in the charged residual, and generate the parent correlation function  
 471 given radius and  $\lambda$  parameters. We find in our  $\Xi^{\text{ch}} K^{\text{ch}}$  study that a Coulomb-only description of the sys-  
 472 tem describes, reasonably well, the broad features of the correlation. The strong interaction is necessary  
 473 for the fine details. However, as these correlations are run through a transform matrix, which largely  
 474 flattens out and fine details, a Coulomb-only description should be sufficient. In practice, this Coulomb-  
 475 only scenario is achieved by first building a large number of Coulomb-only correlations for various radii  
 476 and  $\lambda$  parameter values, and interpolating from this grid during the fitting process. We find consistent  
 477 results between using the  $\Xi K$  data and the Coulomb-only interpolation method. When the number of  
 478 residual pairs used is increased to 10, so that pairs such as  $\Sigma^{*+} K^-$  enter the picture, the Coulomb-only  
 479 interpolation method is used. In other words, the  $\Xi K$  experimental data is only used to model the  $\Xi K$   
 480 residual contribution, all other charged pairs are treated with the Coulomb-only interpolation method.

481 Two examples of how very different transform matrices can alter a correlation function are shown in  
 482 Figures 19 and 20 below. These figures were taken using parameter values obtained from fits to the data.  
 483 In the top left corner of the figures, the input correlation function (closed symbols) is shown together  
 484 with the output, transformed, correlation function (open symbols). In the bottom left, the transformed  
 485 correlation is shown by itself. This is especially helpful when the  $\lambda$  parameter is very small, in which  
 486 case the contribution in the top left can look flat, but the zoomed in view in the bottom left shows the  
 487 structure. The right two plots in each figure show the transform matrix without (top right) and with  
 488 (bottom right) a log-scale on the z-axis. Note, more examples of these transforms can be found in Sec.  
 489 9.



**Fig. 19:**  $\Sigma^0 K^+$  Transform. These figures were taken using parameter values obtained from fits to the data. In the top left corner of the figures, the input correlation function (closed symbols) is shown together with the output, transformed, correlation function (open symbols). In the bottom left, the transformed correlation is shown by itself. The right two plots in each figure show the transform matrix without (top right) and with (bottom right) a log-scale on the z-axis.



**Fig. 20:**  $\Sigma^0 K^+$  Transform. These figures were taken using parameter values obtained from fits to the data. In the top left corner of the figures, the input correlation function (closed symbols) is shown together with the output, transformed, correlation function (open symbols). In the bottom left, the transformed correlation is shown by itself. The right two plots in each figure show the transform matrix without (top right) and with (bottom right) a log-scale on the z-axis.

490 **5.5 Non-Flat Background**

491 Non-flat background

492 **5.6 LednickyFitter**

493 The code developed to fit the data is called “LednickyFitter”, and utilizes the ROOT TMinuit implemen-  
 494 tation of the MINUIT fitting package. In short, given a function with a number of parameters, the fitter  
 495 explores the parameter space searching for the minimum of the equation. In this implementation, the  
 496 function to be minimized should represent the difference between the measure and theoretical corre-  
 497 lation functions. However, a simple  $\chi^2$  test is inappropriate for fitting correlation functions, as the ratio  
 498 two Poisson distributions does not result in a Poisson distribution. Instead, a log-likelihood fit function  
 499 of the following form is used [2]:

$$\chi_{PML}^2 = -2 \left[ A \ln \left( \frac{C(A+B)}{A(C+1)} \right) + B \ln \left( \frac{A+B}{B(C+1)} \right) \right] \quad (18)$$

500 where  $A$  is the experimental signal distribution (numerator),  $B$  is the experimental background distribu-  
 501 tion (denominator), and  $C$  is the theoretical fit correlation function.

502 The LednickyFitter uses Equations 5 – 7 to build the theoretical fit, and Equation 18 as the statistic  
 503 quantifying the quality of the fit. The parameters to be varied by MINUIT are:  $\lambda$ ,  $R$ ,  $f_0$  ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$  and  $\mathbb{I}f_0$   
 504 separately),  $d_0$ , and normalization  $N$ . The fitter currently includes methods to correct for momentum  
 505 resolution and a non-flat background. These corrections are applied to the fit function, the data is never  
 506 touched. The fitter is able to share parameters between different analyses and fit all simultaneously.

507 In a typical fit, a given pair is fit with its conjugate (ex.  $\Lambda K^+$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$ ) across all centralities (0-10%,  
 508 10-30%, 30-50%), for a total of 6 simultaneous analyses. Each analysis has a unique  $\lambda$  and normalization  
 509 parameter. The radii are shared between analyses of like centrality, as these should have similar source  
 510 sizes. The scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all.

511 Figures 25, 27, and 29 (32, 33, and 34, or 36, 37, and 38), in Section 7, show experimental data with fits  
 512 for all studied centralities for  $\Lambda K_S^0$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ ,  $\Lambda K^+$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$ , and  $\Lambda K^-$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ , respectively. In the  
 513 figures, the black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects  
 514 nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points  
 515 show the fit after momentum resolution, non-flat background, and residual correlations (if applicable)  
 516 corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values  
 517 with uncertainties.

518 **5.7 Coulomb Fitter**

519 When fitting the  $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+)K^\pm$  results, it is necessary to include both strong and Coulomb effects. In this  
 520 case, Equation 5 is no longer valid, and, in fact, there is no analytical form with which to fit. Therefore,  
 521 we must begin with the wave function describing the pair interaction, and simulate many particle pairs  
 522 to obtain a theoretical fit correlation function. The code developed to achieve this functionality is called  
 523 “CoulombFitter”. Currently, in order to generate the statistics needed for a stable fit, we find that  $\sim 10^4$   
 524 simulated pairs per 10 MeV bin are necessary. Unfortunately, the nature of this process means that the  
 525 “CoulombFitter” takes much longer to run than the “LednickyFitter” of Section 5.1.

526 Unfortunately, with this analysis, we are not sensitive to, and therefore not able to distinguish between,  
 527 the iso-spin singlet and triplet states. We proceed with our analysis, but the results must be interpreted  
 528 as iso-spin averaged scattering parameters.

529 As stated before, to generate a fit correlation function, we must simulate a large number of pairs, calculate

530 the wave-function, and average  $\Psi^2$  over all pairs in a given  $\mathbf{k}^*$  bin. Essentially, we calculate Equation 8  
 531 by hand:

$$\begin{aligned} C(\mathbf{k}^*) &= \sum_S \rho_S \int S(\mathbf{r}^*) |\Psi_{\mathbf{k}^*}^S(\mathbf{r}^*)|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r}^* \\ &\longrightarrow C(|\mathbf{k}^*|) \equiv C(k^*) = \sum_S \rho_S \langle |\Psi^S(\mathbf{k}_i^*, \mathbf{r}_i^*)|^2 \rangle_i \\ &\longrightarrow C(k^*) = \lambda \sum_S \rho_S \langle |\Psi^S(\mathbf{k}_i^*, \mathbf{r}_i^*)|^2 \rangle_i + (1 - \lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

532 where  $\langle \rangle_i$  represents an average over all pairs in a given  $\mathbf{k}^*$  bin.

533 In summary, for a given  $\mathbf{k}^*$  bin, we must draw  $N_{pairs} \sim 10^4$  pairs, and for each pair:

534 1. Draw a random  $\mathbf{r}^*$  vector according to our Gaussian source distribution  $S(\mathbf{r}^*)$

535 2. Draw a random  $\mathbf{k}^*$  vector satisfying the  $|\mathbf{k}^*|$  restriction of the bin

536 – We draw from real  $k^*$  vectors obtained from the data

537 – However, we find that drawing from a distribution flat in  $k^*$  gives similar results

538 3. Construct the wave-function  $\Psi$

539 After all pairs for a given  $\mathbf{k}^*$  bin are simulated and wave-functions obtained, the results are averaged to  
 540 give the fit result.

541 Construction of the wave-functions, Equation 9, involves a number of complex functions not included  
 542 in standard C++ or ROOT libraries (namely,  $h(\eta)$ ,  $\tilde{G}(\rho, \eta)$ ), and  $F(-i\eta, 1, i\xi)$ . These functions were  
 543 even difficult to find and implement from elsewhere. Our solution was to embed a Mathematica kernel  
 544 into our C++ code to evaluate these functions. However, having Mathematica work on-the-fly with the  
 545 fitter was far too time consuming (fitter would have taken day, maybe weeks to finish). Our solution  
 546 was to use Mathematica to create matrices representing these functions for different parameter values.  
 547 During fitting, these matrices were then interpolated and the results used to build the wave-functions.  
 548 This method decreased the running time dramatically, and we are not able to generate results in under ~  
 549 1 hour. This process will be explained in more detail in future versions of the note.

## 550 6 Systematic Errors

551 In order to understand my systematic uncertainties, the analysis code was run many times using slightly  
 552 different values for a number of important cuts, and the results were compared.

553 In order to quantify the systematic errors on the data, all correlation functions built using all varied cut  
 554 values were bin-by-bin averaged, and the resulting variance of each bin was taken as the systematic error.  
 555 The cuts which were utilized in this study are presented in Sections 6.1.1 ( $\text{AK}_S^0$ ) and 6.2.1 ( $\text{AK}^\pm$ ).

556 Similarly, the fit parameters extracted from all of these correlation functions were averaged, and the  
 557 resulting variances were taken as the systematic errors for the fit parameters. As with the systematic  
 558 errors on the data, this was performed for all varied cut values. Additionally, a systematic analysis was  
 559 done on our fit method (which, for now, just includes our choice of fit range). These two sources of  
 560 uncertainty were combined in quadrature to obtain the final systematic uncertainties on the extracted fit  
 561 parameters.

562    **6.1 Systematic Errors:  $\Lambda K_S^0$**

563    ***6.1.1 Particle and Pair Cuts***

564    The cuts included in the systematic study, as well as the values used in the variations, are listed below.  
 565    Note, the central value corresponds to that used in the analysis.

- 566    1. DCA  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {4, 5, 6 mm}
- 567    2. DCA  $K_S^0$ : {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 568    3. DCA  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Daughters: {3, 4, 5 mm}
- 569    4. DCA  $K_S^0$  Daughters: {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 570    5.  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Cosine of Pointing Angle: {0.9992, 0.9993, 0.9994}
- 571    6.  $K_S^0$  Cosine of Pointing Angle: {0.9992, 0.9993, 0.9994}
- 572    7. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $p(\bar{p})$  Daughter of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {0.5, 1, 2 mm}
- 573    8. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $\pi^-(\pi^+)$  Daughter of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 574    9. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $\pi^+$  Daughter of  $K_S^0$ : {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 575    10. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $\pi^-$  Daughter of  $K_S^0$ : {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 576    11. Average Separation of Like-Charge Daughters: {5, 6, 7 cm}

577    ***6.1.2 Non-Flat Background***

578    We fit our non-flat background with a linear function. To study the contribution of this choice to our sys-  
 579    tematic errors, we also fit with a quadratic and Gaussian form. The resulting uncertainties are combined  
 580    with the uncertainties arising from our particle cuts.

581    ***6.1.3 Fit Range***

582    Our choice of  $k^*$  fit range was varied by  $\pm 25\%$ . The resulting uncertainties in the extracted parameter  
 583    sets were combined with our uncertainties arising from our particle and pair cuts.

584    **6.2 Systematic Errors:  $\Lambda K^\pm$**

585    ***6.2.1 Particle and Pair Cuts***

586    The cuts included in the systematic study, as well as the values used in the variations, are listed below.  
 587    Note, the central value corresponds to that used in the analysis.

- 588    1. DCA  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {4, 5, 6 mm}
- 589    2. DCA  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Daughters: {3, 4, 5 mm}
- 590    3.  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Cosine of Pointing Angle: {0.9992, 0.9993, 0.9994}
- 591    4. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $p(\bar{p})$  Daughter of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {0.5, 1, 2 mm}
- 592    5. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $\pi^-(\pi^+)$  Daughter of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 593    6. Average Separation of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Daughter with Same Charge as  $K^\pm$ : {7, 8, 9 cm}
- 594    7. Max. DCA to Primary Vertex in Transverse Plane of  $K^\pm$ : {1.92, 2.4, 2.88}
- 595    8. Max. DCA to Primary Vertex in Longitudinal Direction of  $K^\pm$ : {2.4, 3.0, 3.6}

596 **6.2.2 Non-Flat Background**

597 We fit our non-flat background with a linear function. To study the contribution of this choice to our sys-  
 598 tematic errors, we also fit with a quadratic and Gaussian form. The resulting uncertainties are combined  
 599 with the uncertainties arising from our particle cuts.

600 **6.2.3 Fit Range**

601 Our choice of  $k^*$  fit range was varied by  $\pm 25\%$ . The resulting uncertainties in the extracted parameter  
 602 sets were combined with our uncertainties arising from our particle and pair cuts.

603 **6.3 Systematic Errors:  $\Xi K^\pm$**

604 **6.3.1 Particle and Pair Cuts**

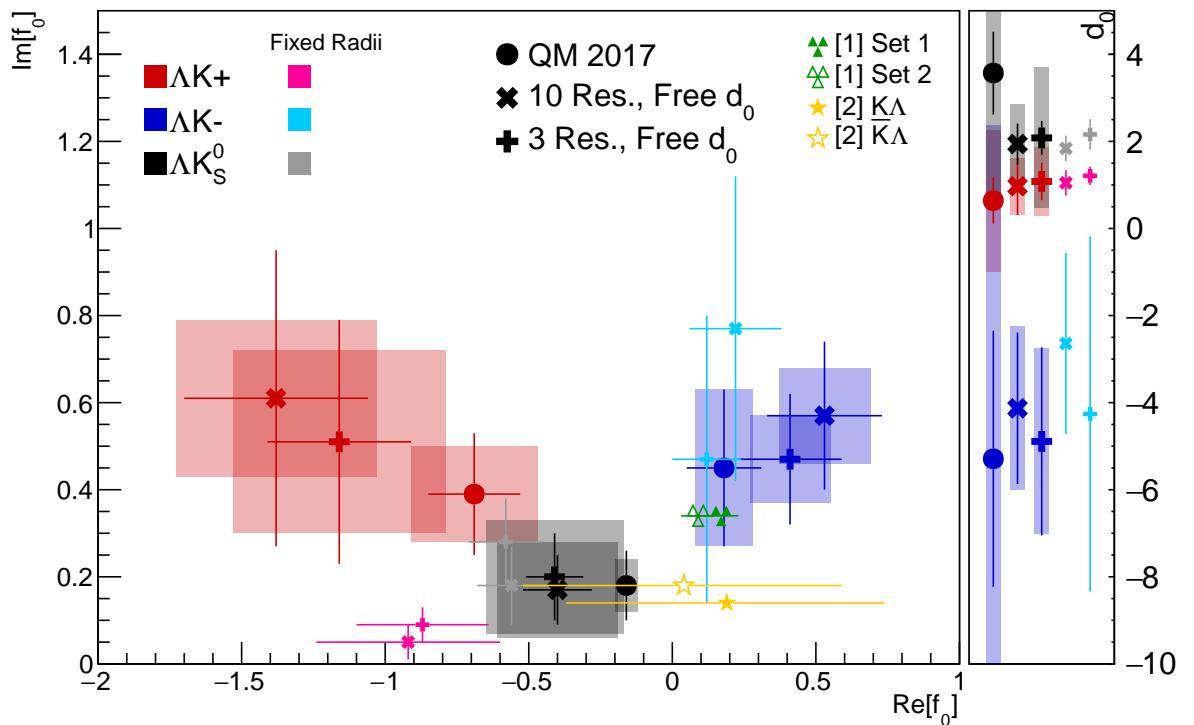
605 The cuts included in the systematic study, as well as the values used in the variations, are listed below.  
 606 Note, the central value corresponds to that used in the analysis.

- 607 1. Max. DCA  $\Xi(\bar{\Xi})$ : {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 608 2. Max. DCA  $\Xi(\bar{\Xi})$  Daughters: {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 609 3. Min.  $\Xi(\bar{\Xi})$  Cosine of Pointing Angle to Primary Vertex: {0.9991, 0.9992, 0.9993}
- 610 4. Min.  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Cosine of Pointing Angle to  $\Xi(\bar{\Xi})$  Decay Vertex: {0.9992, 0.9993, 0.9994}
- 611 5. Min. DCA Bachelor  $\pi$ : {0.5, 1, 2 mm}
- 612 6. Min. DCA  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {1, 2, 3 mm}
- 613 7. Max. DCA  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Daughters: {3, 4, 5 mm}
- 614 8. Min. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $p(\bar{p})$  Daughter of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {0.5, 1, 2 mm}
- 615 9. Min. DCA to Primary Vertex of  $\pi^-(\pi^+)$  Daughter of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ : {2, 3, 4 mm}
- 616 10. Min. Average Separation of  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  Daughter and  $K^\pm$  with like charge: {7, 8, 9 cm}
- 617 11. Min. Average Separation of Bachelor  $\pi$  and  $K^\pm$  with like charge: {7, 8, 9 cm}
- 618 12. Max. DCA to Primary Vertex in Transverse Plane of  $K^\pm$ : {1.92, 2.4, 2.88}
- 619 13. Max. DCA to Primary Vertex in Longitudinal Direction of  $K^\pm$ : {2.4, 3.0, 3.6}

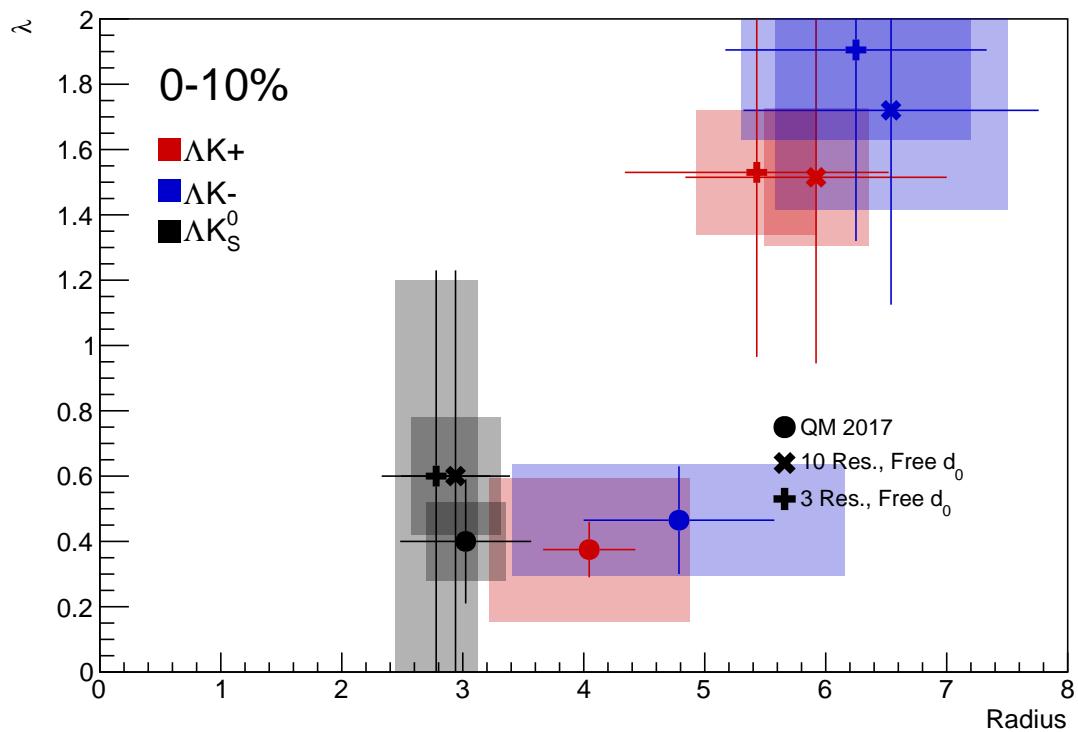
620 **7 Results and Discussion**

621 **7.1 Results:  $\Lambda K_S^0$  and  $\Lambda K^\pm$**

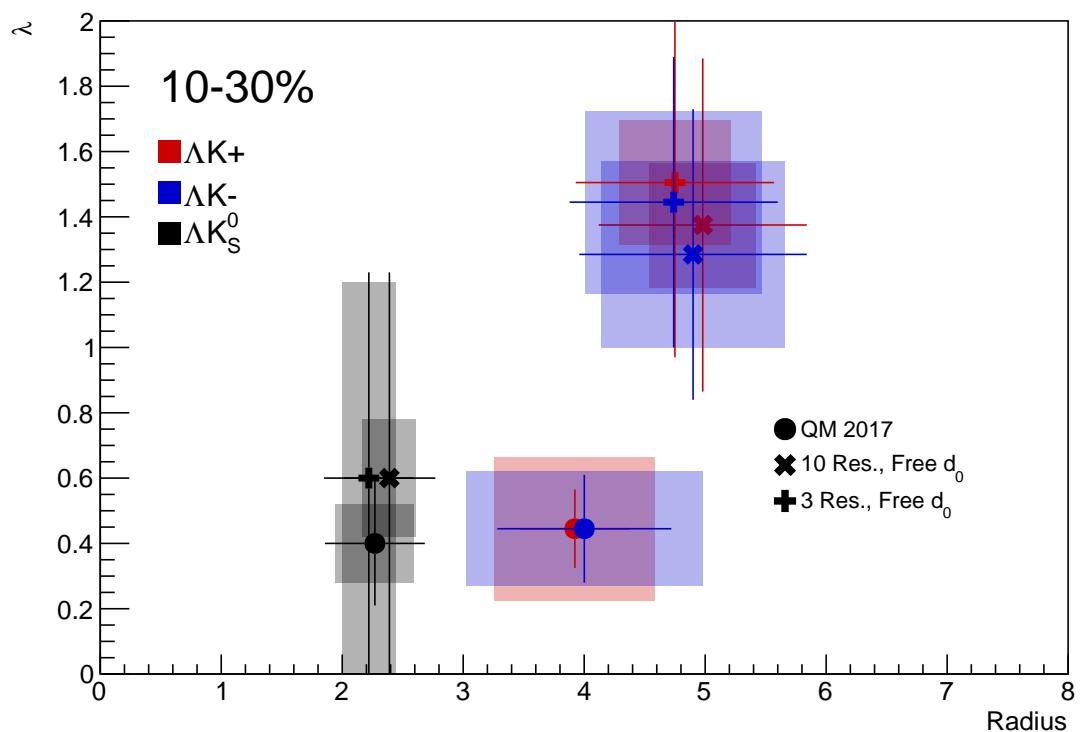
622 I first collect all of the summary results, and will show the actual fits to the data in Sections 7.1.1, 7.1.2,  
 623 and 7.1.3. In the first of the summary plots, we show the extracted scattering parameters in the form of a  
 624  $\text{Im}[f_0]$  vs  $\text{Re}[f_0]$  plot, which includes the  $d_0$  values to the right side. The next three summary plots show  
 625 the  $\lambda$  vs. Radius parameters. The first group of plots shows: 1) results without any residual correlations  
 626 included in the fit (marked as "QM 2017"), 2) results with 10 residual pairs included, and 3) results  
 627 with 3 residual pairs included. The second group of plots also includes the case where we fixed the  $d_0$   
 628 parameter to zero.



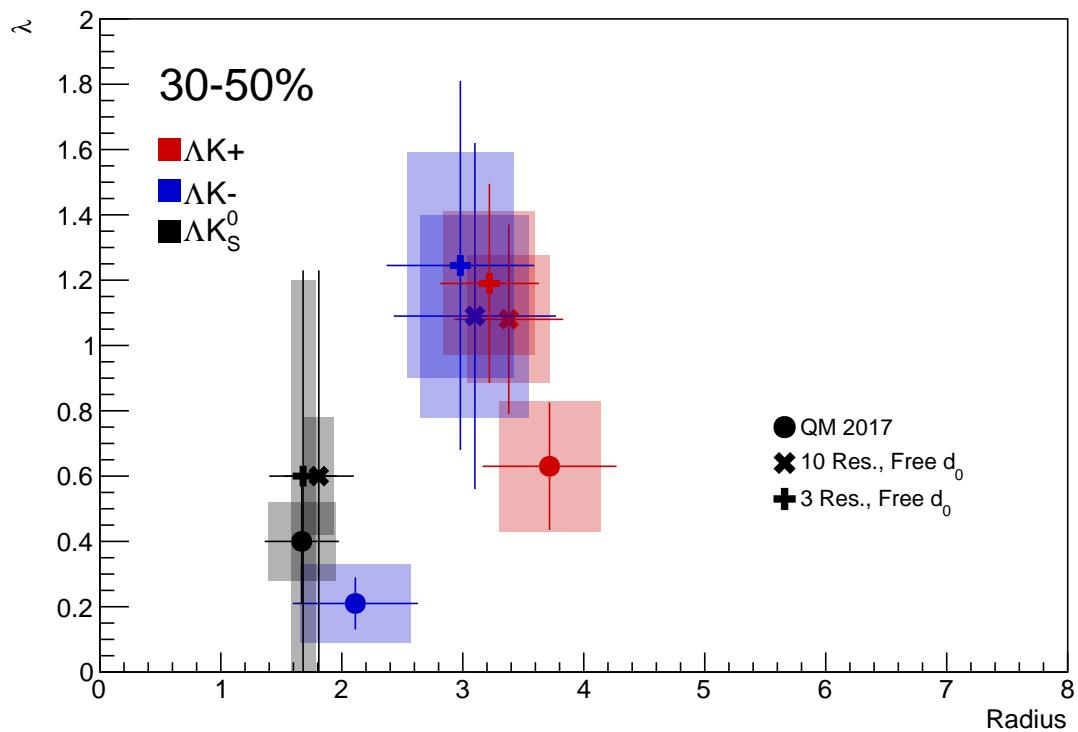
**Fig. 21:** Extracted scattering parameter results,  $\text{Im}[f_0]$  vs.  $\text{Re}[f_0]$ , together with  $d_0$  to the right, for all of our  $\Lambda K$  systems. The plot shows results including no residuals (circles), 10 residual pairs ( $X$ ), and 3 residual pairs ( $+$ ). The lighter color markers (pink, sky blue, gray) show the extracted parameters when we fix the radii to roughly align with the  $m_T$ -scaling plot, Fig. 31. The green [8] and yellow [9] points show theoretical predictions made using chiral perturbation theory. Note,  $\Lambda K^+$  on the plot is shorthand for  $\Lambda K^+$  and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$ , and similar for the others.



**Fig. 22:** Extracted  $\lambda$  vs Radius results, for the 0-10% centrality bin, for all of our  $\Lambda K$  systems. The plot shows results including no residuals (circles), 10 residual pairs (X), and 3 residual pairs (+). Note,  $\Lambda K^+$  on the plot is shorthand for  $\Lambda K^+$  and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$ , and similar for the others.



**Fig. 23:** Extracted  $\lambda$  vs Radius results, for the 10-30% centrality bin, for all of our  $\Lambda$ K systems. The plot shows results including no residuals (circles), 10 residual pairs (X), and 3 residual pairs (+). Note,  $\Lambda\bar{K}^+$  on the plot is shorthand for  $\Lambda\bar{K}^+$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}\bar{K}^-$ , and similar for the others.



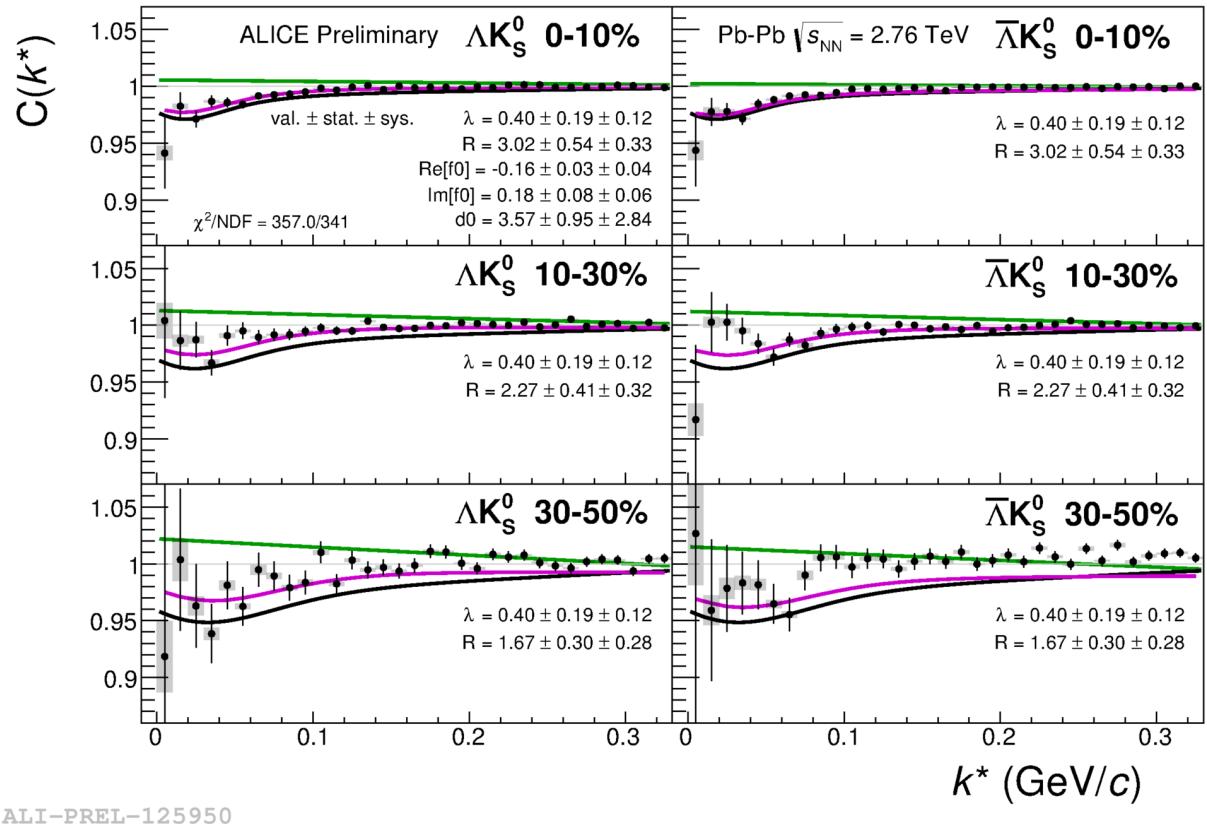
**Fig. 24:** Extracted  $\lambda$  vs Radius results, for the 30-50% centrality bin, for all of our  $\Lambda K$  systems. The plot shows results including no residuals (circles), 10 residual pairs (X), and 3 residual pairs (+). Note,  $\Lambda K^+$  on the plot is shorthand for  $\Lambda K^+$  and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$ , and similar for the others.

629 **7.1.1 Results:  $\Lambda K_S^0$  and  $\Lambda K^\pm$ : No Residual Correlations Included in Fit**

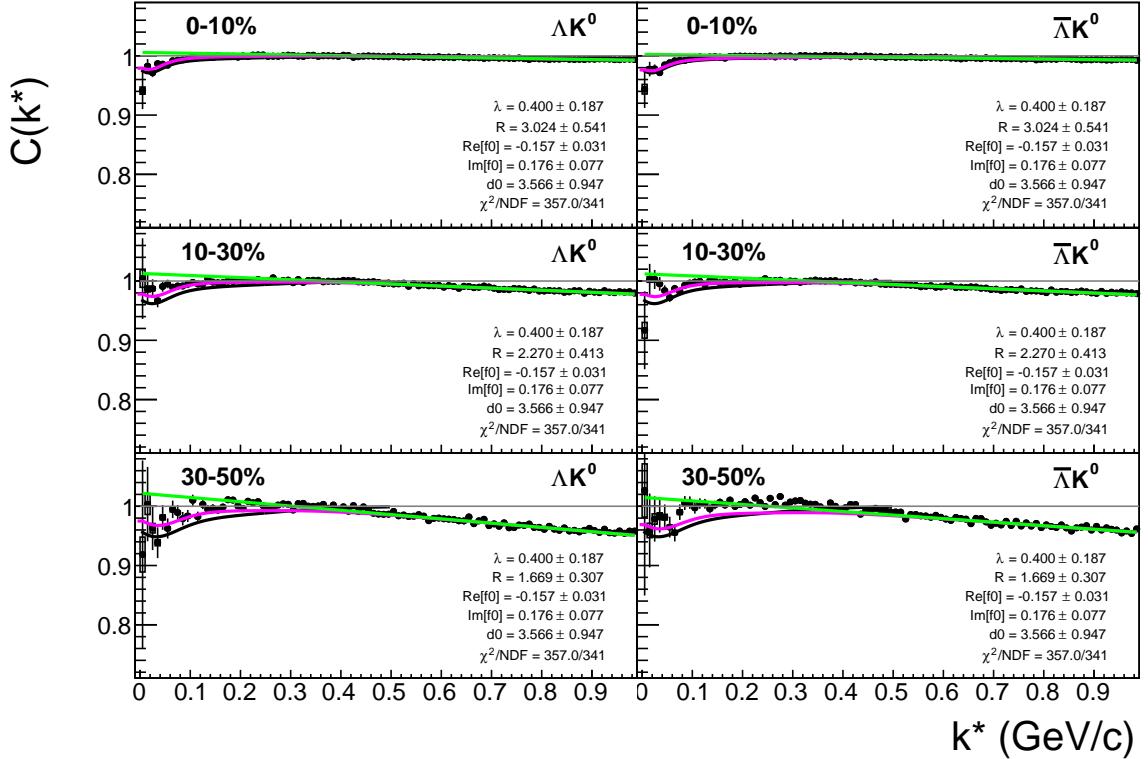
630 Figures 25, 27, and 29 (Section 7) show experimental data with fits for all studied centralities for  $\Lambda K_S^0$   
 631 with  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ ,  $\Lambda K^+$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$ , and  $\Lambda K^-$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ , respectively. The parameter sets extracted from the fits  
 632 can be found in Tables ?? and ???. All correlation functions were normalized in the range  $0.32 < k^* <$   
 633  $0.40 \text{ GeV}/c$ , and fit in the range  $0.0 < k^* < 0.30 \text{ GeV}/c$ . For the  $\Lambda K^-$  and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  analyses, the region  $0.19$   
 634  $< k^* < 0.23 \text{ GeV}/c$  was excluded from the fit to exclude the bump caused by the  $\Omega^-$  resonance. The  
 635 non-flat background was fit with a linear form from  $0.6 < k^* < 0.9 \text{ GeV}/c$ . The theoretical fit function  
 636 was then multiplied by this background during the fitting process.

637 In the figures (25, 27, and 29), the black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momen-  
 638 tum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background.  
 639 The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been  
 640 applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.

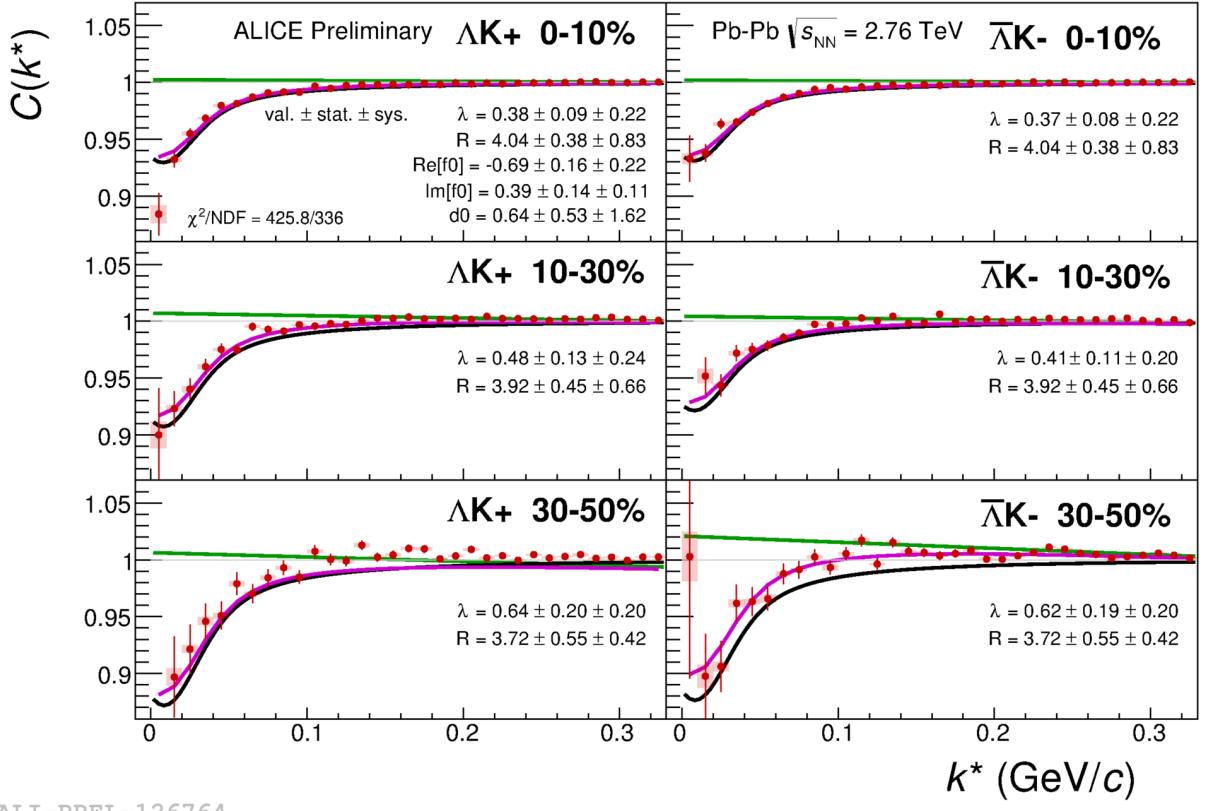
641 For the  $\Lambda K_S^0$  fits without residuals,  $\lambda$  was restricted to [0.4, 0.6].



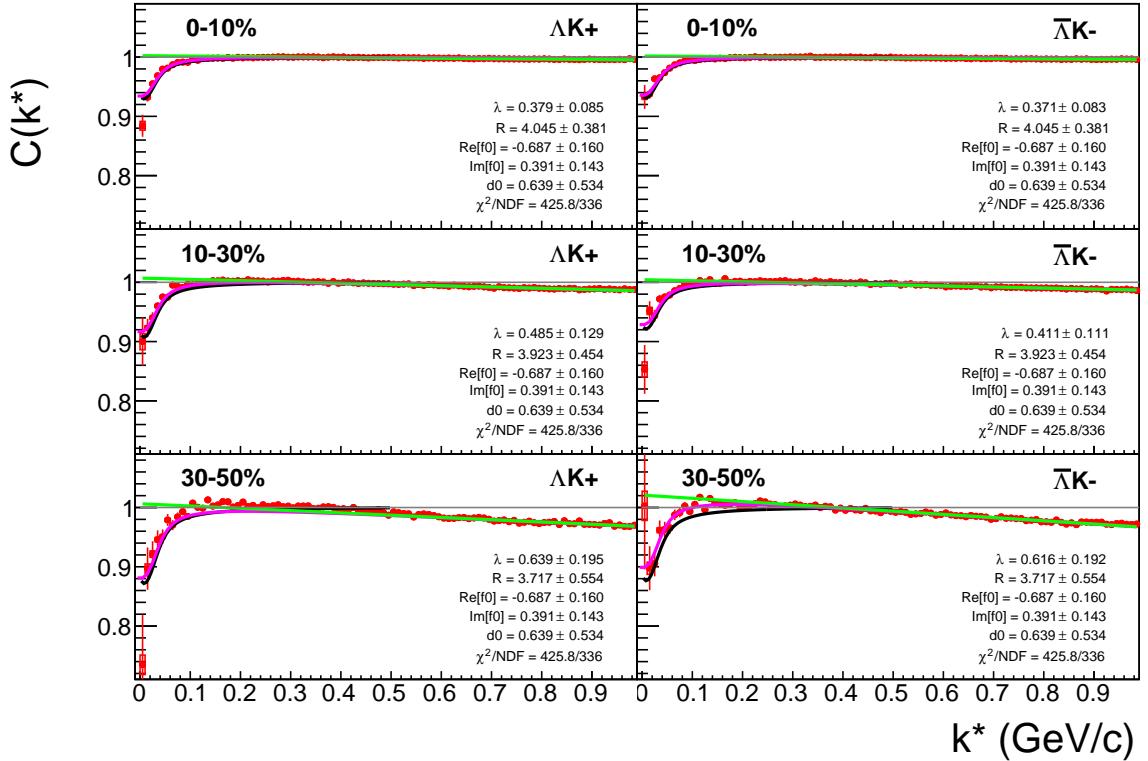
**Fig. 25:** Fits, with NO residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0, \mathbb{I}f_0, d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties. Here,  $R$  was restricted to [2.,10.] and  $\Lambda$  was restricted to [0.1,0.8].



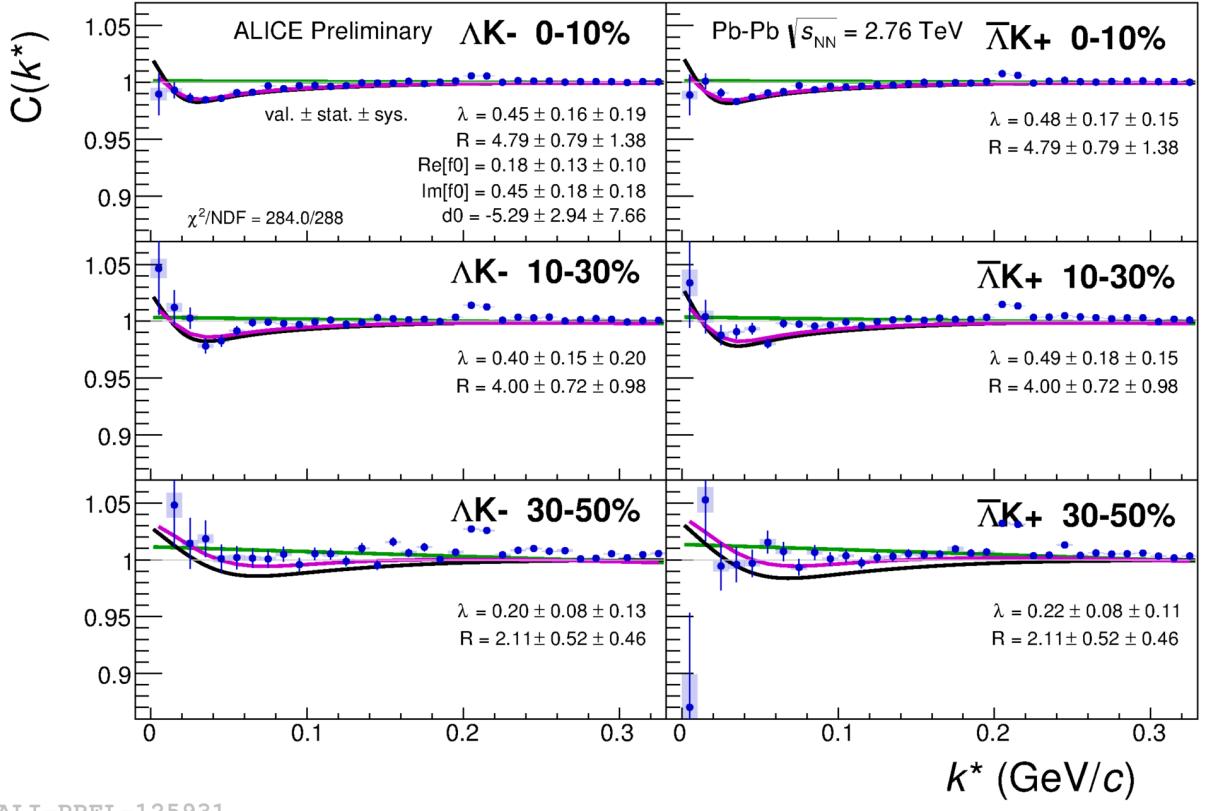
**Fig. 26:** Same as Fig. 25, but with a wider range of view. Fits, with NO residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R} f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I} f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties. Here,  $R$  was restricted to [2.,10.] and  $\Lambda$  was restricted to [0.1,0.8].



**Fig. 27:** Fits to the  $\Lambda K^+$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\text{Re}[f_0]$ ,  $\text{Im}[f_0]$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.

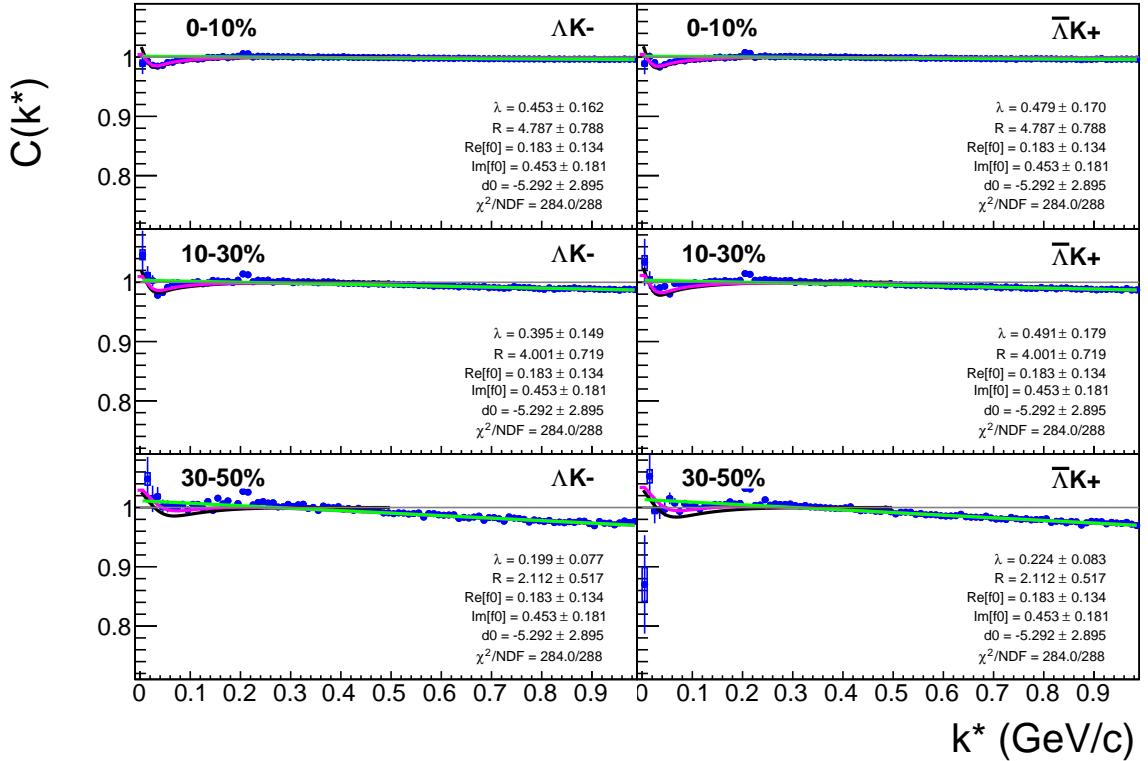


**Fig. 28:** Same as Fig. 27, but with a wider range of view. Fits, with NO residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K^+$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.



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**Fig. 29:** Fits, with NO residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K^-$  (left) with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $Re[f_0]$ ,  $Im[f_0]$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.



**Fig. 30:** Same as Fig. 29, but with a wider range of view. Fits, with NO residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K^-$  (left) with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.

		Fit Results $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$				
Pair Type	Centrality	Fit Parameters				
		$\lambda$	$R$	$\mathbb{R}f_0$	$\mathbb{I}f_0$	$d_0$
$\Lambda K_S^0$	0-10%	$0.400 \pm 0.187 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.116 \text{ (sys.)}$	3.024 $\pm 0.541 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.329 \text{ (sys.)}$	-0.157 $\pm 0.031 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.043 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.176 \pm 0.077 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.059 \text{ (sys.)}$	$3.566 \pm 0.947 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.836 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		2.270 $\pm 0.413 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.324 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		1.669 $\pm 0.307 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.280 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	0-10%		3.024 $\pm 0.541 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.329 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	10-30%		2.270 $\pm 0.413 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.324 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		1.669 $\pm 0.307 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.280 \text{ (sys.)}$			
$\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	0-10%	$0.400 \pm 0.187 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.116 \text{ (sys.)}$	2.270 $\pm 0.413 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.324 \text{ (sys.)}$	-0.157 $\pm 0.031 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.043 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.176 \pm 0.077 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.059 \text{ (sys.)}$	$3.566 \pm 0.947 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.836 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		1.669 $\pm 0.307 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.280 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		2.270 $\pm 0.413 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.324 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	0-10%		1.669 $\pm 0.307 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.280 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	10-30%		2.270 $\pm 0.413 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.324 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		3.024 $\pm 0.541 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.329 \text{ (sys.)}$			

**Table 7:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ , with NO residual correlations included. Each pair is fit simultaneously with its conjugate (ie.  $\Lambda K_S^0$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ ) across all centralities (0-10%, 10-30%, 30-50%), for a total of 6 simultaneous analyses in the fit. Each analysis has a unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameter. The radii are shared between analyses of like centrality, as these should have similar source sizes. The scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The fit is done on the data with only statistical error bars. The errors marked as “stat.” are those returned by MINUIT. The errors marked as “sys.” are those which result from my systematic analysis (as outlined in Section 6).

		Fit Results $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$				
Pair Type	Centrality	Fit Parameters				
		$\lambda$	$R$	$\mathbb{R}f_0$	$\mathbb{I}f_0$	$d_0$
$\Lambda K^+$	0-10%	$0.379 \pm 0.085 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.220 \text{ (sys.)}$	4.045 $\pm 0.381 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.830 \text{ (sys.)}$	-0.687 $\pm 0.160 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.223 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.391 \pm 0.143 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.111 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.639 \pm 0.534 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.621 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		0.485 $\pm 0.129 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.241 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		0.639 $\pm 0.195 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.204 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	0-10%		3.717 $\pm 0.554 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.420 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	10-30%		3.923 $\pm 0.454 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.663 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		3.717 $\pm 0.554 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.420 \text{ (sys.)}$			
$\bar{\Lambda} K^-$	0-10%	$0.371 \pm 0.083 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.217 \text{ (sys.)}$	4.045 $\pm 0.381 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.830 \text{ (sys.)}$	0.183 $\pm 0.134 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.095 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.453 \pm 0.181 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.184 \text{ (sys.)}$	$-5.292 \pm 2.895 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 7.658 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		0.411 $\pm 0.111 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.201 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		0.616 $\pm 0.192 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.203 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	0-10%		3.717 $\pm 0.554 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.420 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	10-30%		3.923 $\pm 0.454 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.663 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		3.717 $\pm 0.554 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.420 \text{ (sys.)}$			
$\Lambda K^-$	0-10%	$0.453 \pm 0.162 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.186 \text{ (sys.)}$	4.787 $\pm 0.788 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.375 \text{ (sys.)}$	-0.157 $\pm 0.031 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.043 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.176 \pm 0.077 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.059 \text{ (sys.)}$	$3.566 \pm 0.947 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.836 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		0.395 $\pm 0.149 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.198 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		0.199 $\pm 0.077 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.132 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	0-10%		2.112 $\pm 0.517 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.457 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	10-30%		4.001 $\pm 0.719 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.978 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		4.787 $\pm 0.788 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.375 \text{ (sys.)}$			
$\bar{\Lambda} K^+$	0-10%	$0.479 \pm 0.170 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.152 \text{ (sys.)}$	4.787 $\pm 0.788 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.375 \text{ (sys.)}$	0.176 $\pm 0.077 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.059 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.176 \pm 0.077 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.059 \text{ (sys.)}$	$3.566 \pm 0.947 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.836 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		0.491 $\pm 0.179 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.148 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		0.224 $\pm 0.083 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.106 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	0-10%		2.112 $\pm 0.517 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.457 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	10-30%		4.001 $\pm 0.719 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.978 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		4.787 $\pm 0.788 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.375 \text{ (sys.)}$			

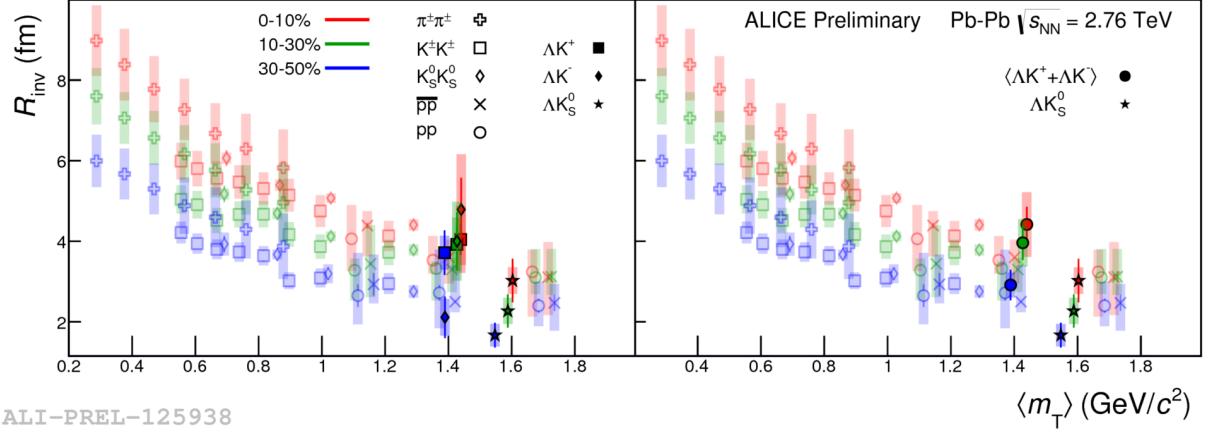
**Table 8:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$ , with NO residual correlations included. Each pair is fit simultaneously with its conjugate (ie.  $\Lambda K^+$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  and  $\Lambda K^-$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ ) across all centralities (0-10%, 10-30%, 30-50%), for a total of 6 simultaneous analyses in the fit. Each analysis has a unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameter. The radii are shared between analyses of like centrality, as these should have similar source sizes. The scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The fit is done on the data with only statistical error bars. The errors marked as “stat.” are those returned by MINUIT. The errors marked as “sys.” are those which result from my systematic analysis (as outlined in Section 6).

**Fit Parameters (value  $\pm$  statistical error  $\pm$  systematic error)**

<b>Pair Type</b>	<b>Centrality</b>	<b>R</b>		
$\Lambda K^+ & \bar{\Lambda} K^-$	<b>0-10%</b>	<b><math>4.04 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.83</math></b>		
	<b>10-30%</b>	<b><math>3.92 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.66</math></b>		
	<b>30-50%</b>	<b><math>3.72 \pm 0.55 \pm 0.42</math></b>		
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>-0.69 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.22</math></b>	<b><math>0.39 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.11</math></b>	<b><math>0.64 \pm 0.53 \pm 1.62</math></b>
$\Lambda K^- & \bar{\Lambda} K^+$	<b>0-10%</b>	<b><math>4.79 \pm 0.79 \pm 1.38</math></b>		
	<b>10-30%</b>	<b><math>4.00 \pm 0.72 \pm 0.98</math></b>		
	<b>30-50%</b>	<b><math>2.11 \pm 0.52 \pm 0.46</math></b>		
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>0.18 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.10</math></b>	<b><math>0.45 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.18</math></b>	<b><math>-5.29 \pm 2.94 \pm 7.66</math></b>
$\Lambda K_S^0 & \bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	<b>0-10%</b>	<b><math>3.02 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.33</math></b>		
	<b>10-30%</b>	<b><math>2.27 \pm 0.41 \pm 0.32</math></b>		
	<b>30-50%</b>	<b><math>1.67 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.28</math></b>		
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>-0.16 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.04</math></b>	<b><math>0.18 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.06</math></b>	<b><math>3.57 \pm 0.95 \pm 2.84</math></b>

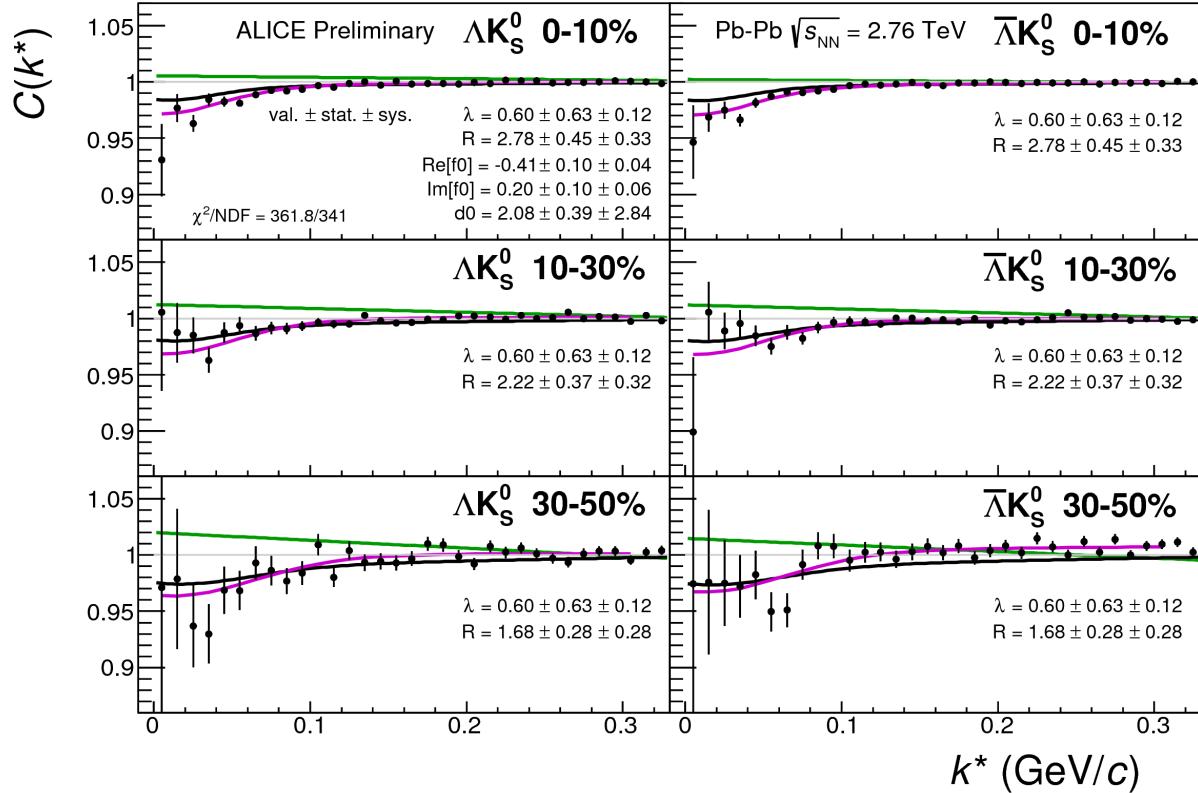
**Table 9:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$  and  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ , with NO residual correlations included ( $\lambda$  parameters not shown). This table is a condensed version of Tables 7 and ??

642 Figure 39 shows extracted  $R_{\text{inv}}$  parameters as a function of transverse mass ( $m_T$ ) for various pair systems  
 643 over several centralities. The published ALICE data [10] is shown with transparent, open symbols. The  
 644 new  $\Lambda K$  results are shown with opaque, filled symbols. The radii show an increasing size with increas-  
 645 ing centrality, as is expected from the simple geometric picture of the collisions. The radii decrease  
 646 in size with increasing  $m_T$ , and we see an approximate scaling of the radii with transverse mass, as is  
 647 expected in the presence of collective flow in the system.

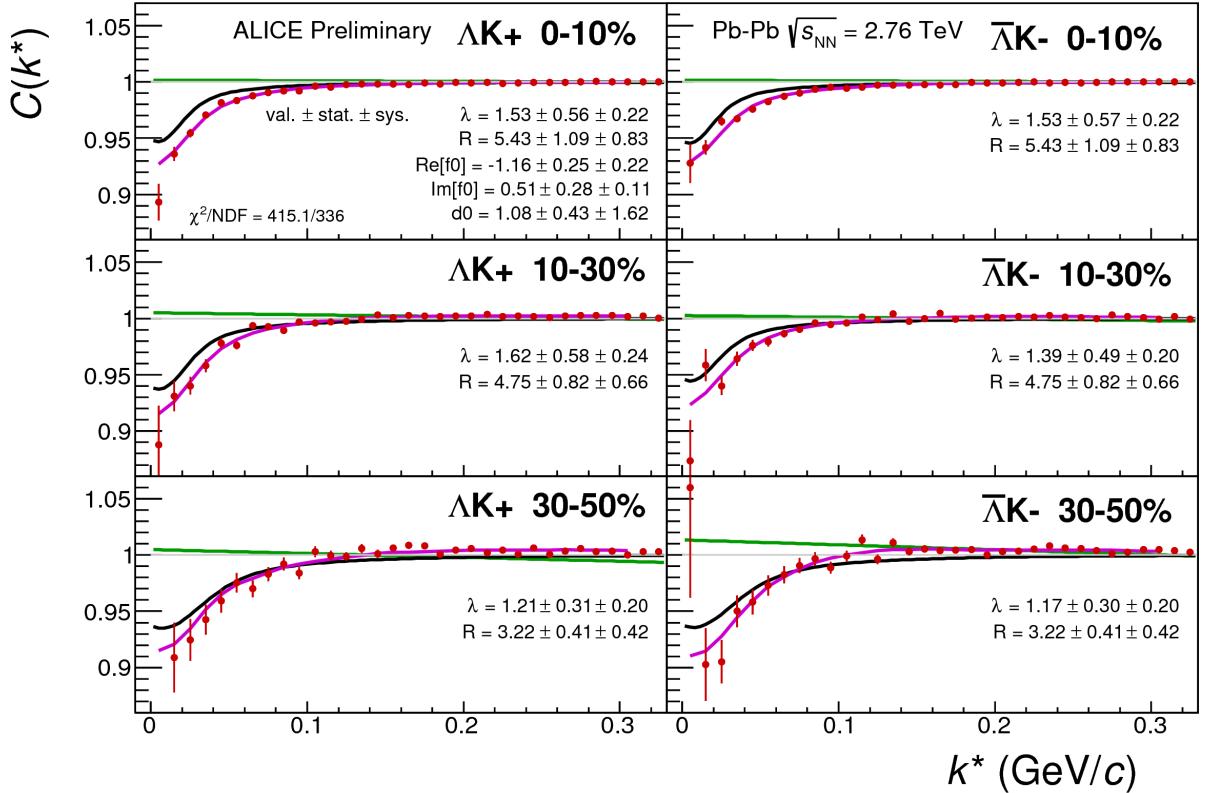


**Fig. 31:** No residual correlations in  $\Lambda K$  fits. Extracted fit  $R_{\text{inv}}$  parameters as a function of pair transverse mass ( $m_T$ ) for various pair systems over several centralities. The ALICE published data [10] is shown with transparent, open symbols. The new  $\Lambda K$  results are shown with opaque, filled symbols. In the left, the  $\Lambda K^+$  (with its conjugate pair) results are shown separately from the  $\Lambda K^-$  (with its conjugate pair) results. In the right, all  $\Lambda K^\pm$  results are averaged.

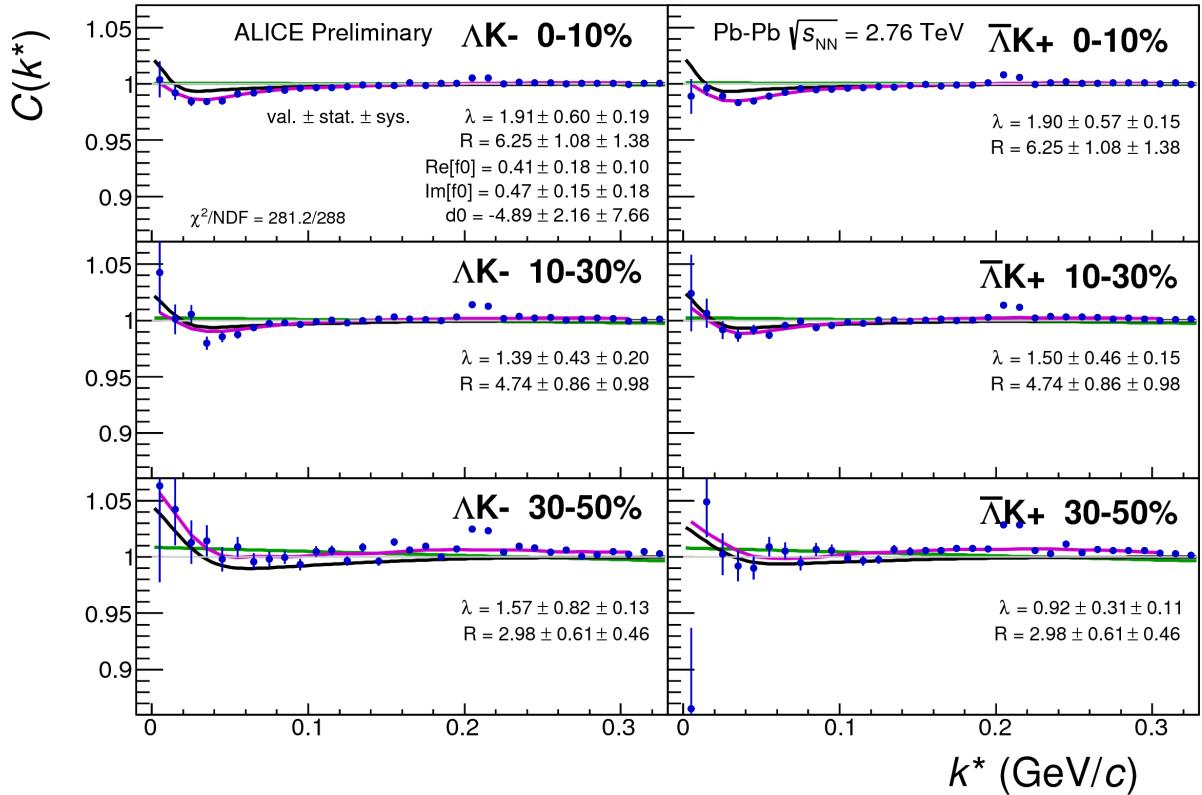
### 7.1.2 Results: $\Lambda K_S^0$ and $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ : 3 Residual Correlations Included in Fit



**Fig. 32:** Fits, with 3 residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $Re[f_0]$ ,  $Im[f_0]$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties. Here,  $R$  was restricted to [2.,10.] and  $\Lambda$  was restricted to [0.1,0.8].



**Fig. 33:** Fits, with 3 residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K^+$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.



**Fig. 34:** Fits, with 3 residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K^-$  (left) with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.

Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ 

Pair Type	Centrality	Fit Parameters				
		$\lambda$	$R$	$\mathbb{R}f_0$	$\mathbb{I}f_0$	$d_0$
$\Lambda K_S^0$	0-10%	$0.60 \pm 0.63 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.16 \text{ (sys.)}$	$2.78 \pm 0.45 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.33 \text{ (sys.)}$	$-0.41 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.16 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.20 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.13 \text{ (sys.)}$	$2.08 \pm 0.39 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.62 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		$2.22 \pm 0.37 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.23 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		$1.68 \pm 0.28 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (sys.)}$			
$\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	0-10%	$0.60 \pm 0.63 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.16 \text{ (sys.)}$	$2.78 \pm 0.45 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.33 \text{ (sys.)}$	$-0.41 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.16 \text{ (sys.)}$	$0.20 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.13 \text{ (sys.)}$	$2.08 \pm 0.39 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.62 \text{ (sys.)}$
	10-30%		$2.22 \pm 0.37 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.23 \text{ (sys.)}$			
	30-50%		$1.68 \pm 0.28 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (sys.)}$			

**Table 10:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ , with 3 residual correlations included. Each pair is fit simultaneously with its conjugate (ie.  $\Lambda K_S^0$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ ) across all centralities (0-10%, 10-30%, 30-50%), for a total of 6 simultaneous analyses in the fit. Each analysis has a unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameter. The radii are shared between analyses of like centrality, as these should have similar source sizes. The scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The fit is done on the data with only statistical error bars. The errors marked as “stat.” are those returned by MINUIT. The errors marked as “sys.” are those which result from my systematic analysis (as outlined in Section 6).

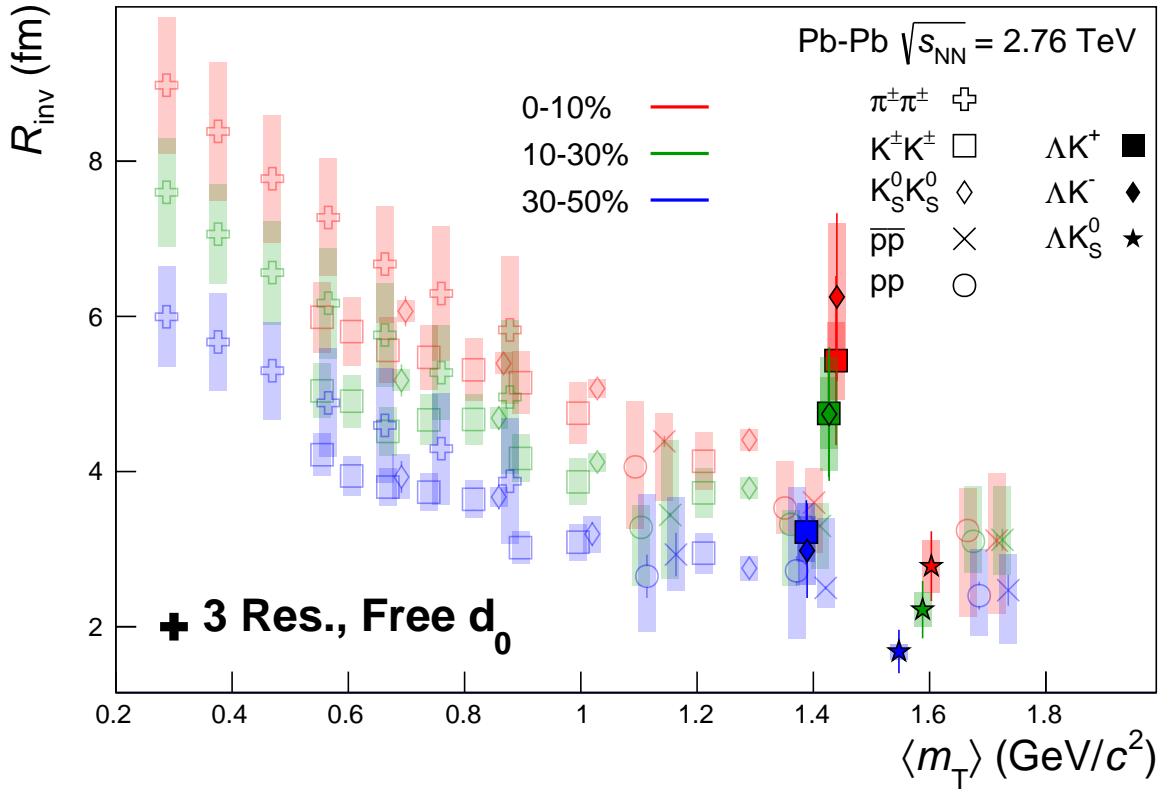
Fit Results $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$						
Pair Type	Centrality	Fit Parameters				
		$\lambda$	$R$	$\mathbb{R}f_0$	$\mathbb{I}f_0$	$d_0$
$\Lambda K^+$	0-10%	$1.53 \pm 0.56$ (stat.) $\pm 0.28$ (sys.)	$5.43 \pm 1.09$ (stat.) $\pm 0.54$ (sys.)	$-1.16 \pm 0.25$ (stat.) $\pm 0.36$ (sys.)	$0.51 \pm 0.28$ (stat.) $\pm 0.23$ (sys.)	$1.08 \pm 0.43$ (stat.) $\pm 0.53$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.62 \pm 0.58$ (stat.) $\pm 0.36$ (sys.)	$4.75 \pm 0.82$ (stat.) $\pm 0.42$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$1.21 \pm 0.31$ (stat.) $\pm 0.31$ (sys.)	$3.22 \pm 0.41$ (stat.) $\pm 0.32$ (sys.)			
$\bar{\Lambda} K^-$	0-10%	$1.53 \pm 0.57$ (stat.) $\pm 0.33$ (sys.)	$5.43 \pm 1.09$ (stat.) $\pm 0.54$ (sys.)	$0.41 \pm 0.18$ (stat.) $\pm 0.14$ (sys.)	$0.47 \pm 0.15$ (stat.) $\pm 0.11$ (sys.)	$-4.89 \pm 2.16$ (stat.) $\pm 1.33$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.39 \pm 0.49$ (stat.) $\pm 0.29$ (sys.)	$4.75 \pm 0.82$ (stat.) $\pm 0.42$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$1.17 \pm 0.30$ (stat.) $\pm 0.19$ (sys.)	$3.22 \pm 0.41$ (stat.) $\pm 0.32$ (sys.)			
$\Lambda K^-$	0-10%	$1.91 \pm 0.60$ (stat.) $\pm 0.24$ (sys.)	$6.25 \pm 1.08$ (stat.) $\pm 0.81$ (sys.)	$0.41 \pm 0.18$ (stat.) $\pm 0.14$ (sys.)	$0.47 \pm 0.15$ (stat.) $\pm 0.11$ (sys.)	$-4.89 \pm 2.16$ (stat.) $\pm 1.33$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.39 \pm 0.43$ (stat.) $\pm 0.27$ (sys.)	$4.74 \pm 0.86$ (stat.) $\pm 0.60$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$1.57 \pm 0.82$ (stat.) $\pm 0.57$ (sys.)	$2.98 \pm 0.61$ (stat.) $\pm 0.38$ (sys.)			
$\bar{\Lambda} K^+$	0-10%	$1.90 \pm 0.57$ (stat.) $\pm 0.27$ (sys.)	$6.25 \pm 1.08$ (stat.) $\pm 0.81$ (sys.)	$0.41 \pm 0.18$ (stat.) $\pm 0.14$ (sys.)	$0.47 \pm 0.15$ (stat.) $\pm 0.11$ (sys.)	$-4.89 \pm 2.16$ (stat.) $\pm 1.33$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.50 \pm 0.46$ (stat.) $\pm 0.26$ (sys.)	$4.74 \pm 0.86$ (stat.) $\pm 0.60$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$0.92 \pm 0.31$ (stat.) $\pm 0.37$ (sys.)	$2.98 \pm 0.61$ (stat.) $\pm 0.38$ (sys.)			

**Table 11:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$ , with 3 residual correlations included. Each pair is fit simultaneously with its conjugate (ie.  $\Lambda K^+$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  and  $\Lambda K^-$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ ) across all centralities (0-10%, 10-30%, 30-50%), for a total of 6 simultaneous analyses in the fit. Each analysis has a unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameter. The radii are shared between analyses of like centrality, as these should have similar source sizes. The scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The fit is done on the data with only statistical error bars. The errors marked as “stat.” are those returned by MINUIT. The errors marked as “sys.” are those which result from my systematic analysis (as outlined in Section 6).

**Fit Parameters (value  $\pm$  statistical error  $\pm$  systematic error)**

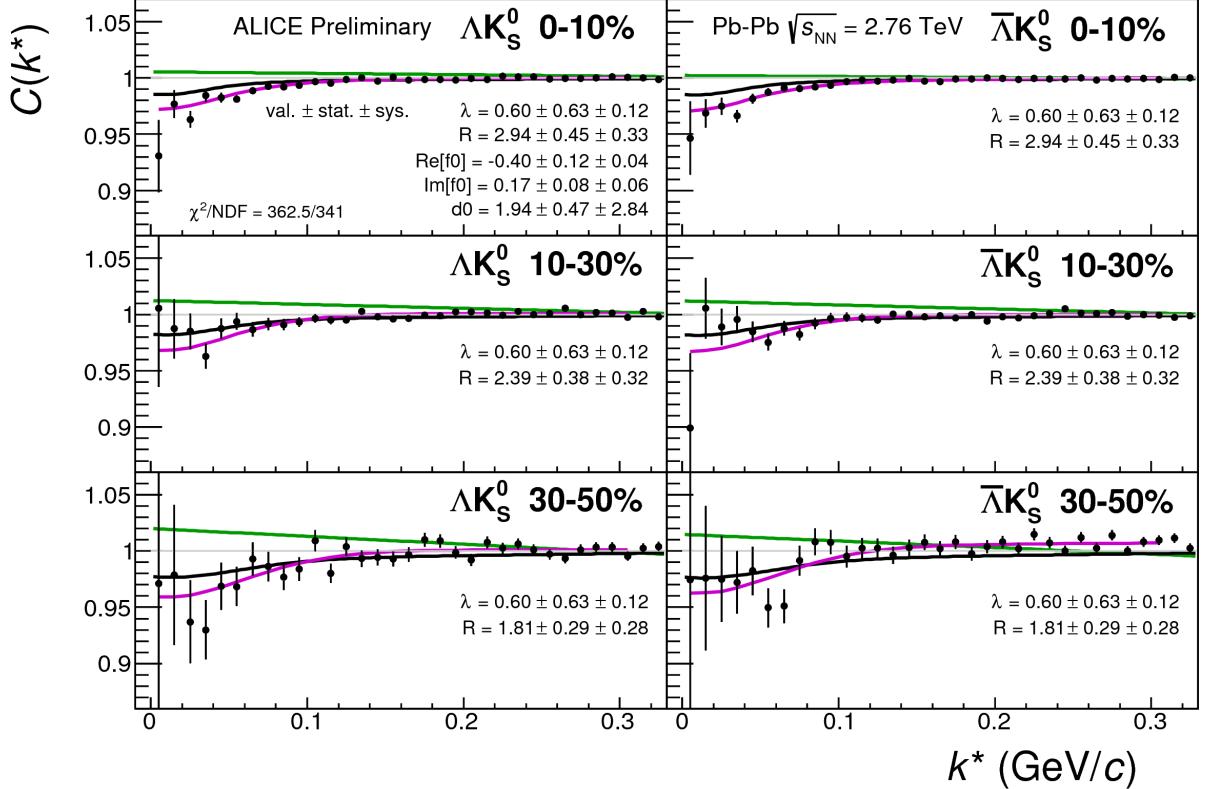
<b>Pair Type</b>	<b>Centrality</b>	<b>R</b>		
$\Lambda K^+ \& \bar{\Lambda} K^-$	<b>0-10%</b>		<b><math>5.43 \pm 1.09 \pm 0.54</math></b>	
	<b>10-30%</b>		<b><math>4.75 \pm 0.82 \pm 0.42</math></b>	
	<b>30-50%</b>		<b><math>3.22 \pm 0.41 \pm 0.32</math></b>	
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>-1.16 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.36</math></b>	<b><math>0.51 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.23</math></b>	<b><math>1.08 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.53</math></b>
$\Lambda K^- \& \bar{\Lambda} K^+$	<b>0-10%</b>		<b><math>6.25 \pm 1.08 \pm 0.81</math></b>	
	<b>10-30%</b>		<b><math>4.74 \pm 0.86 \pm 0.60</math></b>	
	<b>30-50%</b>		<b><math>2.98 \pm 0.61 \pm 0.38</math></b>	
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>0.41 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.14</math></b>	<b><math>0.47 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.11</math></b>	<b><math>-4.89 \pm 2.16 \pm 1.33</math></b>
$\Lambda K_S^0 \& \bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	<b>0-10%</b>		<b><math>2.78 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.33</math></b>	
	<b>10-30%</b>		<b><math>2.22 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.23</math></b>	
	<b>30-50%</b>		<b><math>1.68 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.11</math></b>	
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>-0.41 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.16</math></b>	<b><math>0.20 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.13</math></b>	<b><math>2.08 \pm 0.39 \pm 0.62</math></b>

**Table 12:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$  and  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ , with 3 residual correlations included ( $\lambda$  parameters not shown). This table is a condensed version of Tables 10 and 11

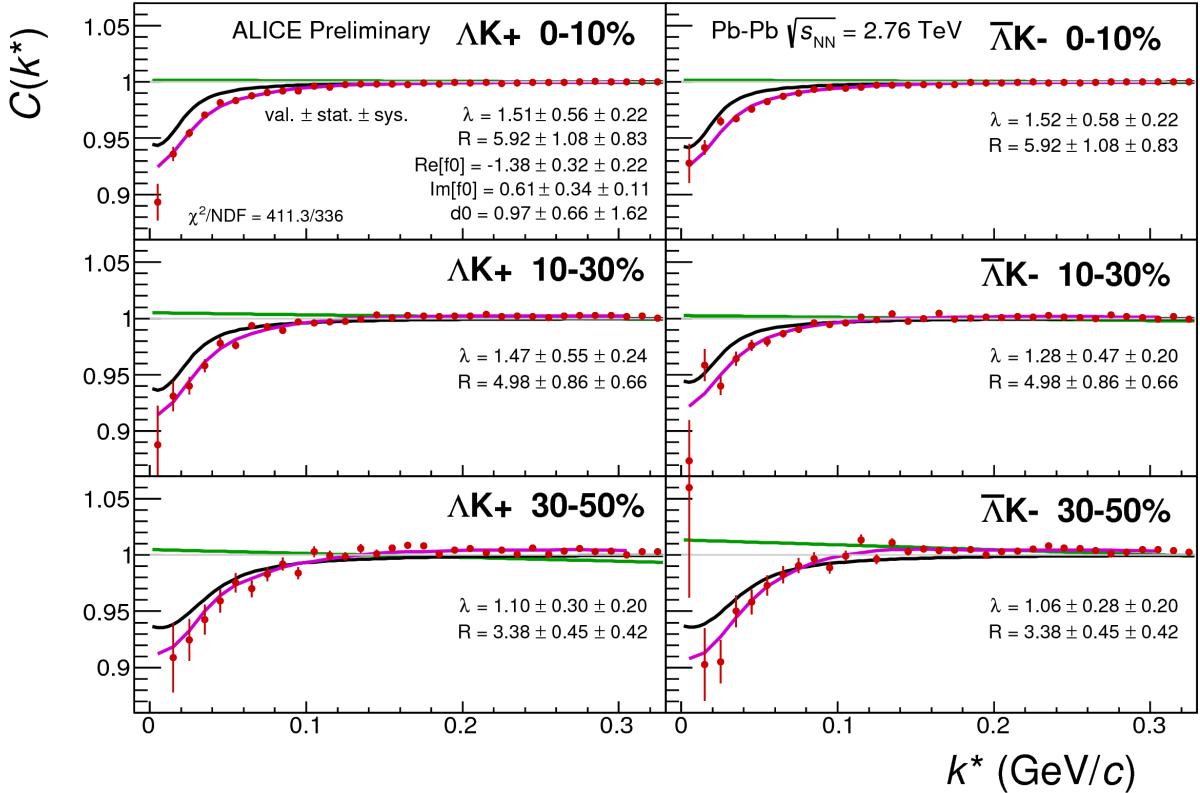


**Fig. 35:** 3 residual correlations in  $\Lambda K$  fits. Extracted fit  $R_{\text{inv}}$  parameters as a function of pair transverse mass ( $m_T$ ) for various pair systems over several centralities. The ALICE published data [10] is shown with transparent, open symbols. The new  $\Lambda K$  results are shown with opaque, filled symbols. In the left, the  $\Lambda K^+$  (with it's conjugate pair) results are shown separately from the  $\Lambda K^-$  (with it's conjugate pair) results. In the right, all  $\Lambda K^\pm$  results are averaged.

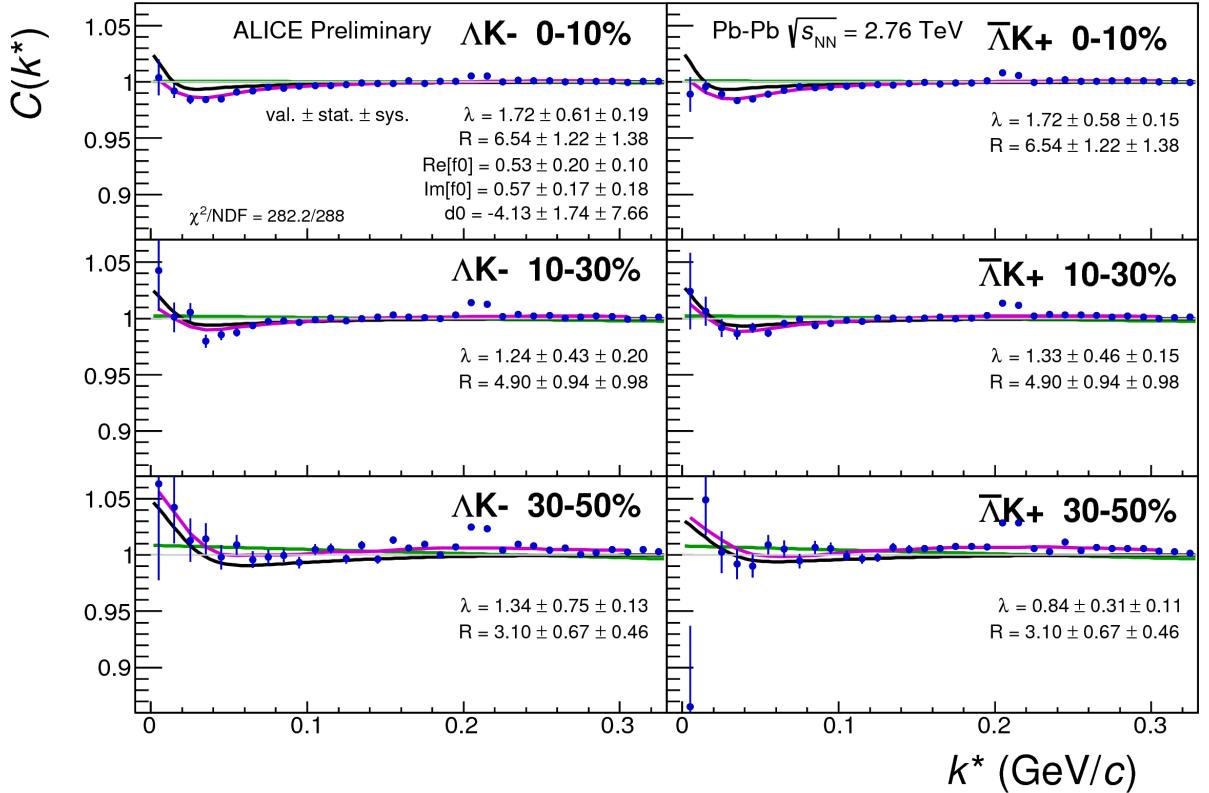
649 7.1.3 Results:  $\Lambda K_S^0$  and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ : 10 Residual Correlations Included in Fit



**Fig. 36:** Fits, with 10 residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\text{Re}[f_0], \text{Im}[f_0], d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties. Here,  $R$  was restricted to [2.,10.] and  $\Lambda$  was restricted to [0.1,0.8].



**Fig. 37:** Fits, with 10 residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K^+$  (left) and  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0, \mathbb{I}f_0, d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.



**Fig. 38:** Fits, with 10 residual correlations included, to the  $\Lambda K^-$  (left) with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (right) data for the centralities 0-10% (top), 10-30% (middle), and 30-50% (bottom). The lines represent the statistical errors, while the boxes represent the systematic errors. Each has unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameters. The radii are shared amongst like centralities; the scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The black solid line represents the “raw” fit, i.e. not corrected for momentum resolution effects nor non-flat background. The green line shows the fit to the non-flat background. The purple points show the fit after momentum resolution and non-flat background corrections have been applied. The initial values of the parameters is listed, as well as the final fit values with uncertainties.

		Fit Results $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$				
Pair Type	Centrality	Fit Parameters				
		$\lambda$	$R$	$\mathbb{R}f_0$	$\mathbb{I}f_0$	$d_0$
$\Lambda K_S^0$	0-10%	$0.60 \pm 0.63$ (stat.) $\pm 0.17$ (sys.)	$2.94 \pm 0.45$ (stat.) $\pm 0.35$ (sys.)	$-0.40 \pm 0.12$ (stat.) $\pm 0.17$ (sys.)	$0.17 \pm 0.08$ (stat.) $\pm 0.12$ (sys.)	$1.94 \pm 0.47$ (stat.) $\pm 0.77$ (sys.)
	10-30%		$2.39 \pm 0.38$ (stat.) $\pm 0.25$ (sys.)			
	30-50%		$1.81 \pm 0.29$ (stat.) $\pm 0.12$ (sys.)			
$\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	0-10%	$0.60 \pm 0.63$ (stat.) $\pm 0.17$ (sys.)	$2.94 \pm 0.45$ (stat.) $\pm 0.35$ (sys.)	$-0.40 \pm 0.12$ (stat.) $\pm 0.17$ (sys.)	$0.17 \pm 0.08$ (stat.) $\pm 0.12$ (sys.)	$1.94 \pm 0.47$ (stat.) $\pm 0.77$ (sys.)
	10-30%		$2.39 \pm 0.38$ (stat.) $\pm 0.25$ (sys.)			
	30-50%		$1.81 \pm 0.29$ (stat.) $\pm 0.12$ (sys.)			

**Table 13:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ , with 10 residual correlations included. Each pair is fit simultaneously with its conjugate (ie.  $\Lambda K_S^0$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$ ) across all centralities (0-10%, 10-30%, 30-50%), for a total of 6 simultaneous analyses in the fit. Each analysis has a unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameter. The radii are shared between analyses of like centrality, as these should have similar source sizes. The scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The fit is done on the data with only statistical error bars. The errors marked as “stat.” are those returned by MINUIT. The errors marked as “sys.” are those which result from my systematic analysis (as outlined in Section 6).

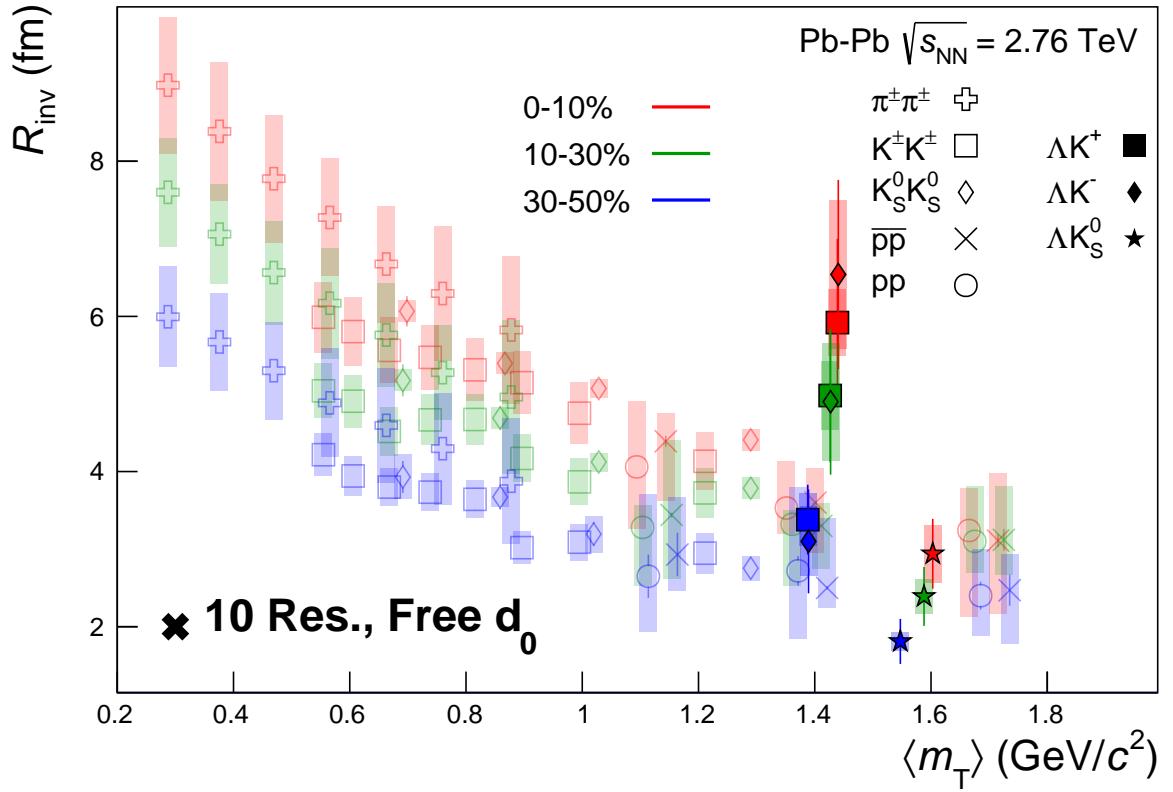
Fit Results $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$						
Pair Type	Centrality	Fit Parameters				
		$\lambda$	$R$	$\mathbb{R}f_0$	$\mathbb{I}f_0$	$d_0$
$\Lambda K^+$	0-10%	$1.51 \pm 0.56$ (stat.) $\pm 0.27$ (sys.)	$5.92 \pm 1.08$ (stat.) $\pm 0.51$ (sys.)	$-1.38 \pm 0.32$ (stat.) $\pm 0.34$ (sys.)	$0.61 \pm 0.34$ (stat.) $\pm 0.20$ (sys.)	$0.97 \pm 0.66$ (stat.) $\pm 0.42$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.47 \pm 0.55$ (stat.) $\pm 0.31$ (sys.)	$4.98 \pm 0.86$ (stat.) $\pm 0.40$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$1.10 \pm 0.30$ (stat.) $\pm 0.27$ (sys.)	$3.38 \pm 0.45$ (stat.) $\pm 0.28$ (sys.)			
$\bar{\Lambda} K^-$	0-10%	$1.52 \pm 0.58$ (stat.) $\pm 0.33$ (sys.)	$5.92 \pm 1.08$ (stat.) $\pm 0.51$ (sys.)	$0.53 \pm 0.20$ (stat.) $\pm 0.15$ (sys.)	$0.57 \pm 0.17$ (stat.) $\pm 0.11$ (sys.)	$-4.13 \pm 1.74$ (stat.) $\pm 1.53$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.28 \pm 0.47$ (stat.) $\pm 0.25$ (sys.)	$4.98 \pm 0.86$ (stat.) $\pm 0.40$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$1.06 \pm 0.28$ (stat.) $\pm 0.16$ (sys.)	$3.38 \pm 0.45$ (stat.) $\pm 0.28$ (sys.)			
$\Lambda K^-$	0-10%	$1.72 \pm 0.61$ (stat.) $\pm 0.28$ (sys.)	$6.54 \pm 1.22$ (stat.) $\pm 0.90$ (sys.)	$0.53 \pm 0.20$ (stat.) $\pm 0.15$ (sys.)	$0.57 \pm 0.17$ (stat.) $\pm 0.11$ (sys.)	$-4.13 \pm 1.74$ (stat.) $\pm 1.53$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.24 \pm 0.43$ (stat.) $\pm 0.25$ (sys.)	$4.90 \pm 0.94$ (stat.) $\pm 0.64$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$1.34 \pm 0.75$ (stat.) $\pm 0.42$ (sys.)	$3.10 \pm 0.67$ (stat.) $\pm 0.40$ (sys.)			
$\bar{\Lambda} K^+$	0-10%	$1.72 \pm 0.58$ (stat.) $\pm 0.31$ (sys.)	$6.54 \pm 1.22$ (stat.) $\pm 0.90$ (sys.)	$0.53 \pm 0.20$ (stat.) $\pm 0.15$ (sys.)	$0.57 \pm 0.17$ (stat.) $\pm 0.11$ (sys.)	$-4.13 \pm 1.74$ (stat.) $\pm 1.53$ (sys.)
	10-30%	$1.33 \pm 0.46$ (stat.) $\pm 0.26$ (sys.)	$4.90 \pm 0.94$ (stat.) $\pm 0.64$ (sys.)			
	30-50%	$0.84 \pm 0.31$ (stat.) $\pm 0.31$ (sys.)	$3.10 \pm 0.67$ (stat.) $\pm 0.40$ (sys.)			

**Table 14:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$ , with 10 residual correlations included.. Each pair is fit simultaneously with its conjugate (ie.  $\Lambda K^+$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^-$  and  $\Lambda K^-$  with  $\bar{\Lambda} K^+$ ) across all centralities (0-10%, 10-30%, 30-50%), for a total of 6 simultaneous analyses in the fit. Each analysis has a unique  $\lambda$  and normalization parameter. The radii are shared between analyses of like centrality, as these should have similar source sizes. The scattering parameters ( $\mathbb{R}f_0$ ,  $\mathbb{I}f_0$ ,  $d_0$ ) are shared amongst all. The fit is done on the data with only statistical error bars. The errors marked as “stat.” are those returned by MINUIT. The errors marked as “sys.” are those which result from my systematic analysis (as outlined in Section 6).

**Fit Parameters (value  $\pm$  statistical error  $\pm$  systematic error)**

<b>Pair Type</b>	<b>Centrality</b>	<b>R</b>		
$\Lambda K^+ \& \bar{\Lambda} K^-$	<b>0-10%</b>		<b><math>5.92 \pm 1.08 \pm 0.51</math></b>	
	<b>10-30%</b>		<b><math>4.98 \pm 0.86 \pm 0.40</math></b>	
	<b>30-50%</b>		<b><math>3.38 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.28</math></b>	
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>-1.38 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.34</math></b>	<b><math>0.61 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.20</math></b>	<b><math>0.97 \pm 0.66 \pm 0.42</math></b>
$\Lambda K^- \& \bar{\Lambda} K^+$	<b>0-10%</b>		<b><math>6.54 \pm 1.22 \pm 0.90</math></b>	
	<b>10-30%</b>		<b><math>4.90 \pm 0.94 \pm 0.64</math></b>	
	<b>30-50%</b>		<b><math>3.10 \pm 0.67 \pm 0.40</math></b>	
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>0.53 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.15</math></b>	<b><math>0.57 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.11</math></b>	<b><math>-4.13 \pm 1.74 \pm 1.53</math></b>
$\Lambda K_S^0 \& \bar{\Lambda} K_S^0$	<b>0-10%</b>		<b><math>2.94 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.35</math></b>	
	<b>10-30%</b>		<b><math>2.39 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.25</math></b>	
	<b>30-50%</b>		<b><math>1.81 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.12</math></b>	
		<b><math>\Re f_0</math></b>	<b><math>\Im f_0</math></b>	<b><math>d_0</math></b>
		<b><math>-0.40 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.17</math></b>	<b><math>0.17 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.12</math></b>	<b><math>1.94 \pm 0.47 \pm 0.77</math></b>

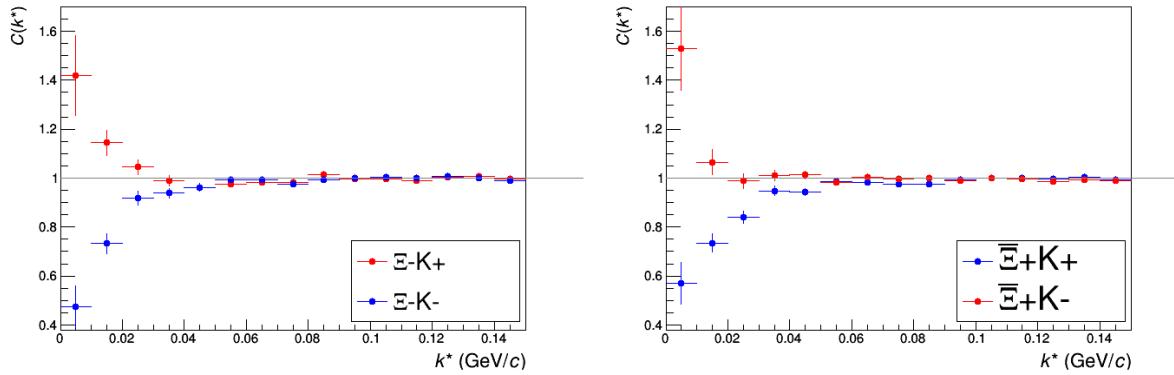
**Table 15:** Fit Results  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K^\pm$  and  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})K_S^0$ , with 10 residual correlations included. ( $\lambda$  parameters not shown). This table is a condensed version of Tables 13 and 14



**Fig. 39:** 10 residual correlations in  $\Lambda K$  fits. Extracted fit  $R_{\text{inv}}$  parameters as a function of pair transverse mass ( $m_T$ ) for various pair systems over several centralities. The ALICE published data [10] is shown with transparent, open symbols. The new  $\Lambda K$  results are shown with opaque, filled symbols. In the left, the  $\Lambda K^+$  (with its conjugate pair) results are shown separately from the  $\Lambda K^-$  (with its conjugate pair) results. In the right, all  $\Lambda K^\pm$  results are averaged.

## 650 7.2 Results: $\Xi K^\pm$

651 Even without any fits to the data, the fact that the  $\Xi^- K^+$  data dips below unity (Fig. 40) is exciting, as  
 652 this cannot occur purely from a Coulomb interaction. We hope that this dip signifies that we are able to  
 653 peer through the overwhelming contribution from the Coulomb interaction to see the effects arising from  
 654 the strong interaction.

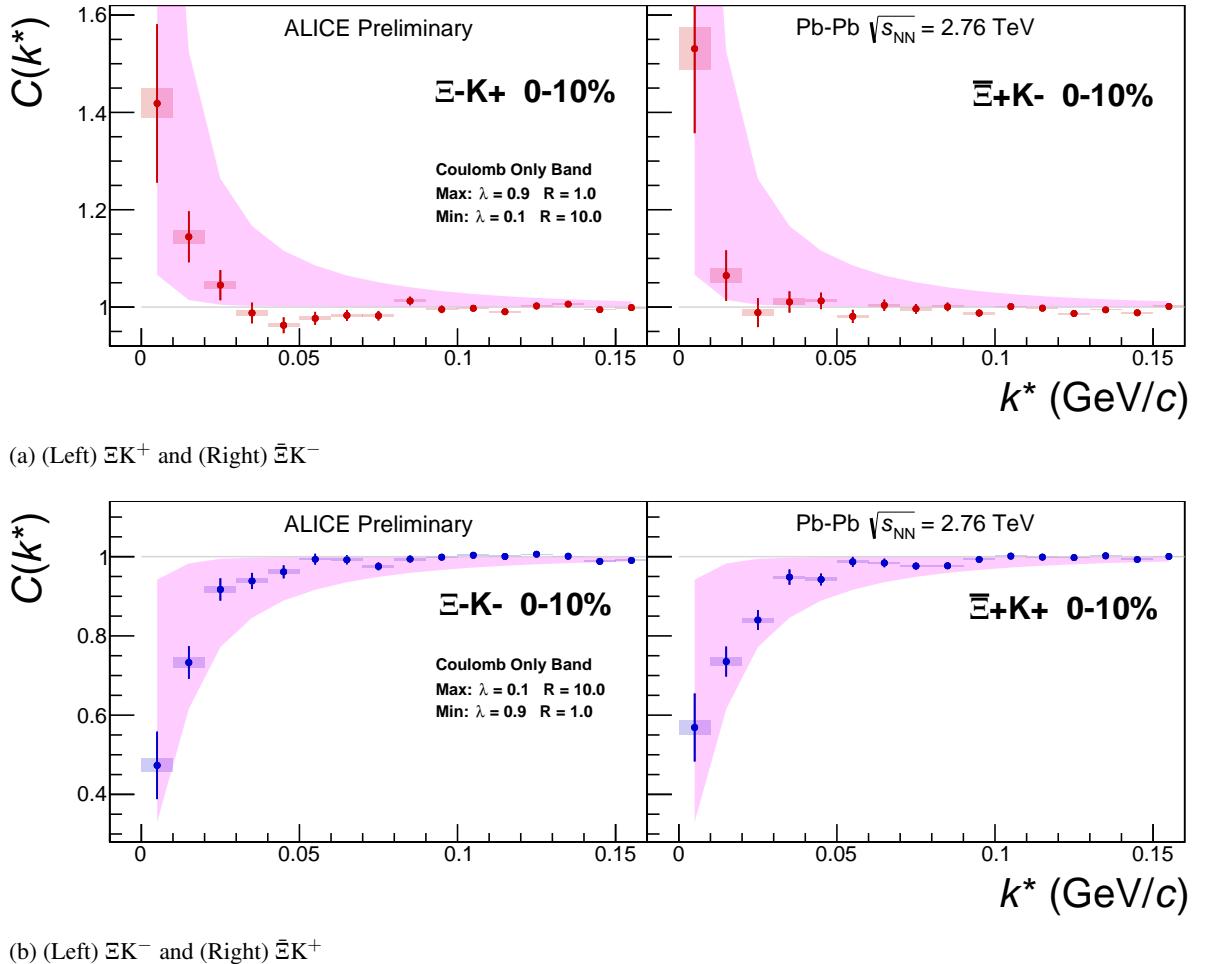


**Fig. 40:**  $\Xi K^\pm$  Results for 0-10% Centrality. (Left)  $\Xi^- K^+$  and  $\Xi^- K^-$  (Right)  $\Xi^+ K^+$  and  $\Xi^+ K^-$

655 Figure 41 demonstrates graphically, that the  $\Xi^- K^+$  results cannot be described by solely the Coulomb  
 656 interaction. In this figure, we present the data along with a Coulomb-only band. The Coulomb-only  
 657 band is spanned by two Coulomb-only curves, whose parameters are given in the figure. The Coulomb-  
 658 only curves were generated using a technique identical to the generation of the fit function, described  
 659 in Sec. 5.2, except, of course, with the nuclear scattering parameters all set to zero. The Coulomb-only  
 660 curves change monotonically with varying  $\lambda$  or varyin radius parametre, therefore, any curves built with  
 661 parameter sets intermediate to those use in the Coulomb-only band will be contained in the band.

662 Including the strong interaction into the simulation can dramatically change the resulting correlation  
 663 function, as shown in Figure 42. In the figure, the solid line represents a Coulomb-only curve, i.e. a  
 664 simulated correlation function with the strong interaction turned off. The dashed lines represent a full  
 665 simulation, including both the strong and Coulomb interactions. The two dashed lines differ only in the  
 666 real part of the assumed scattering length: positive in Set 1, and negative in Set 2. In the top figure,  
 667 for the  $\Xi^- K^+$  simulation, we see that parameter set 2, with a negative real part of the scattering length,  
 668 causes the simulated curve to dip below unity, as is seen in the data. If there is a parallel to be drawn  
 669 between this analysis and the  $\Lambda K$  analysis, we expect to see similar effects in the  $\Lambda K^+$  system and the  
 670  $\Xi^- K^+$  systems. In these systems, we could have an  $s\bar{s}$  annihilation picture. Or, another possible way of  
 671 thinking about these systems is in terms of net strangeness. The  $\Lambda K^+$  system has  $S=0$ , while the  $\Lambda K^-$   
 672 has  $S=-2$ . The  $\Xi^- K^+$  has  $S=-1$ , while the  $\Xi^- K^-$  has  $S=-3$ .

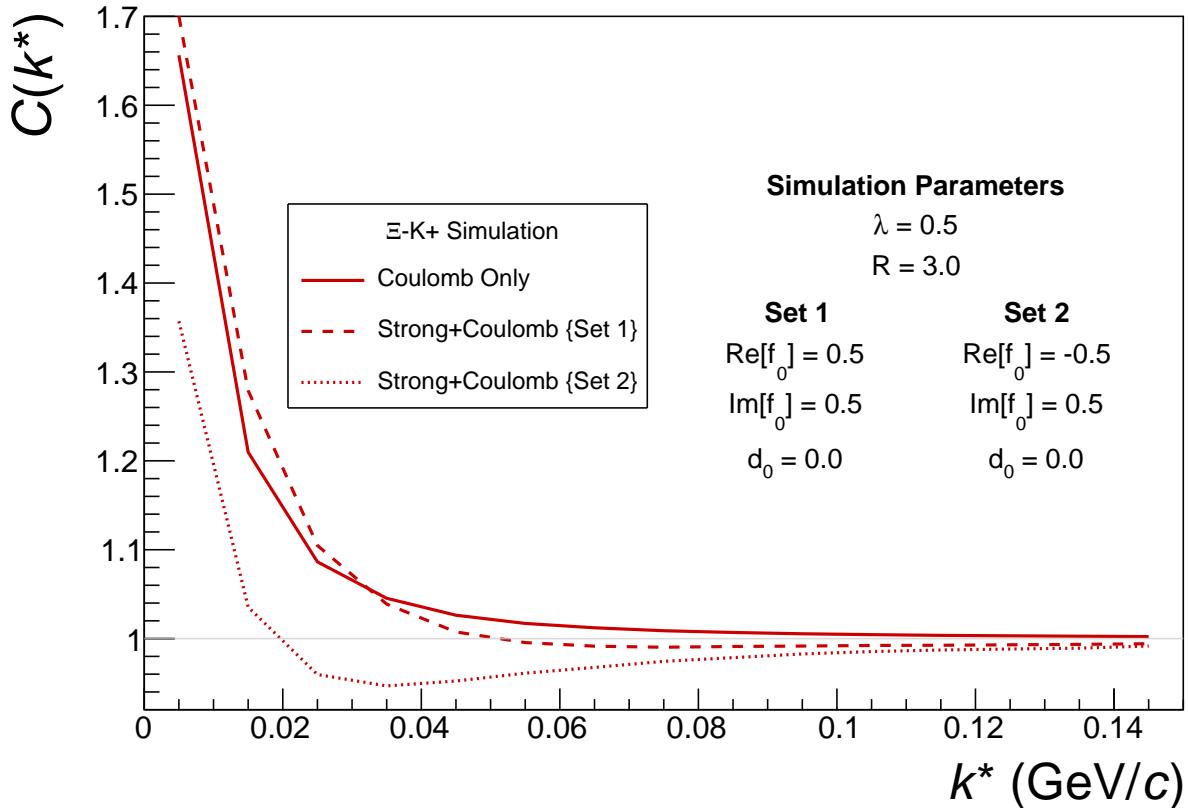
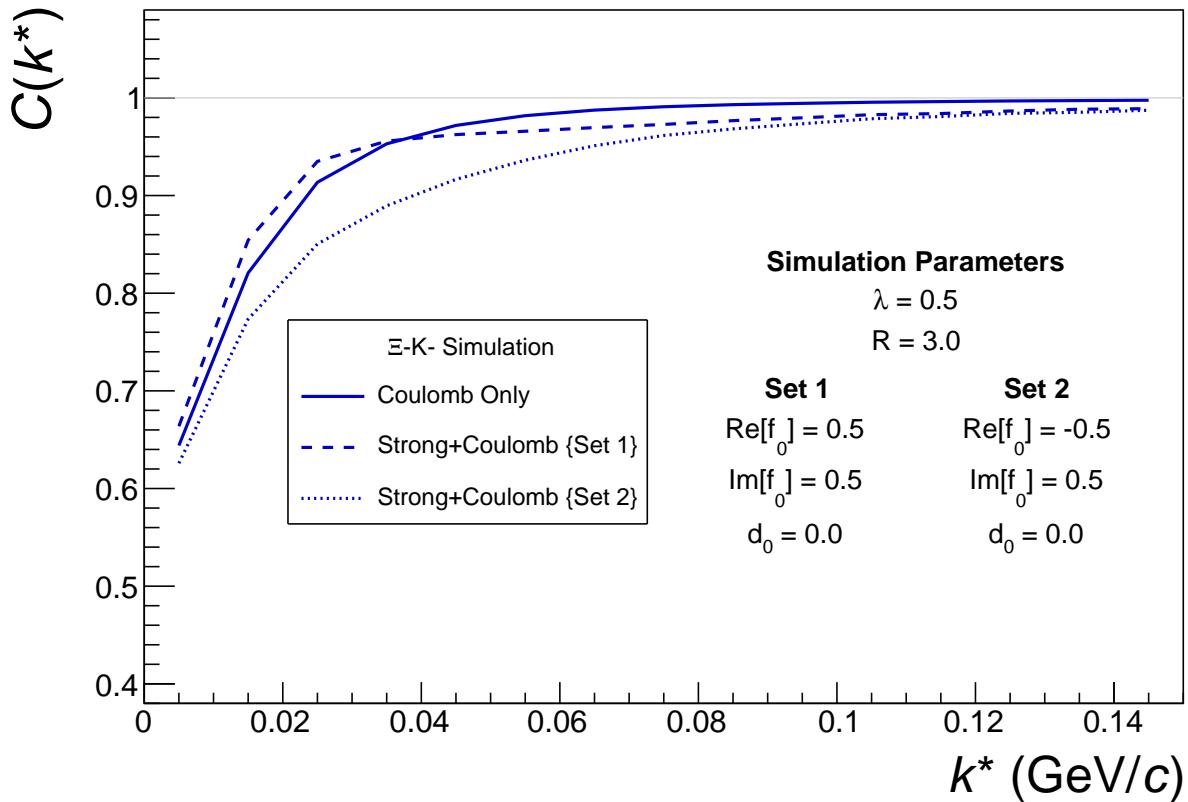
673 The author was asked to perform a global Coulomb-only fit to the data, to ensure that the system truly  
 674 could not be described simply by the Coulomb interaction. In order words, in the fit, the strong force was  
 675 turned off, and the  $\Xi^- K^+$ ,  $\Xi^+ K^-$ ,  $\Xi^- K^-$ ,  $\Xi^+ K^+$  systems all share one sinlge radius parameter, while the  
 676 pair and conjugate pair systems share a  $\lambda$  parameter. The results of this fit are shown in Figures 43 and  
 677 44. In Fig. 43, there was a lower limit of 0.1 fm placed on the radius parameter, and the radius parameter  
 678 was initialized to 3 fm (as seems reasonable, when considering the transverse mass of the system and  
 679 looking at Fig. 39). As is shown in the results, the radius parameter reached this unrealistic lower bound  
 680 of 0.1 fm. In Fig. 44, the parameters were all unbounded, and the radius parameter was initialized to 10  
 681 fm. In this case, the radius parameters reamins high, and ends at an unrealistic value of 10.84 fm. In both  
 682 cases, the  $\lambda$  parameters are too low. From these figures, we conclude that a global Coulomb-only fit is  
 683 not suitable for the data.



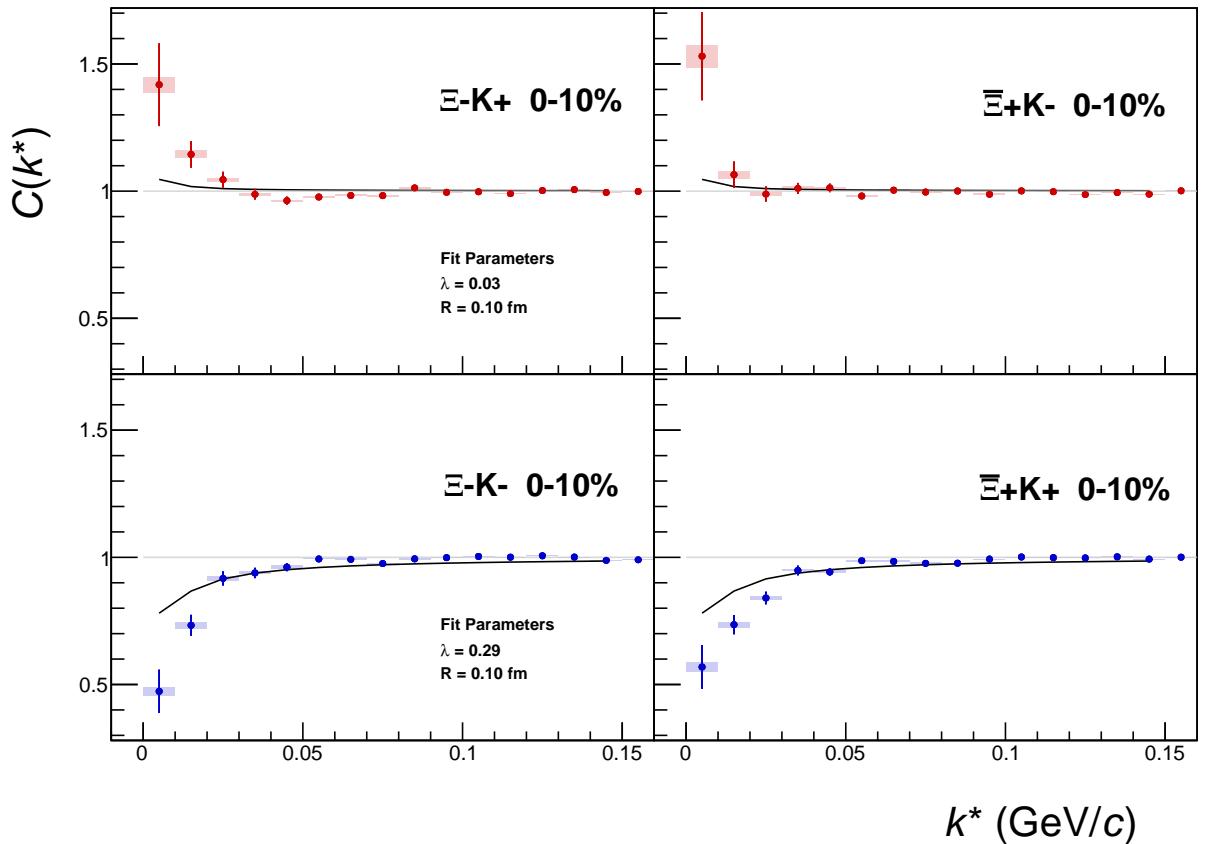
**Fig. 41:**  $\Xi K^\pm$  data with Coulomb-only bands for the 0-10% centrality bin. The Coulomb-only bands span two sets of Coulomb-only curves: (1)  $\lambda = 0.9$ ,  $R = 1.0$  fm and (2)  $\lambda = 0.1$ ,  $R = 10.0$  fm. The Coulomb-only curves are simulated correlation functions for the respective pair system assuming only a Coulomb interaction, i.e. ignoring the strong interaction. The Coulomb-only curves change monotonically with varying  $\lambda$  and varying  $R$ , therefore, any intermediate parameter set will fall within this Coulomb-only band.

684 Although the global Coulomb-only fit failed, it is possible that a Coulomb-only fit performed on  $\Xi^- K^+$   
 685 and  $\bar{\Xi}^+ K^-$  separately from  $\Xi^- K^-$  and  $\bar{\Xi}^+ K^+$  could be suitable. The result of such fits are shown in  
 686 Figures 45 and 46. Figure 45, shows that the fit is not able to describe the dip in the  $\Xi^- K^+$  data below  
 687 unity. Of course, this is obviously true for an attractive Coulomb-only fit. The radius parameter of  
 688 8.43 fm extracted from this fit is unrealistically large. In Figure 46 shows the Coulomb-only fit can  
 689 described the  $\Xi^- K^-$  data reasonable well; although the extracted radius of 3.73 fm is somewhat larger  
 690 than expected.

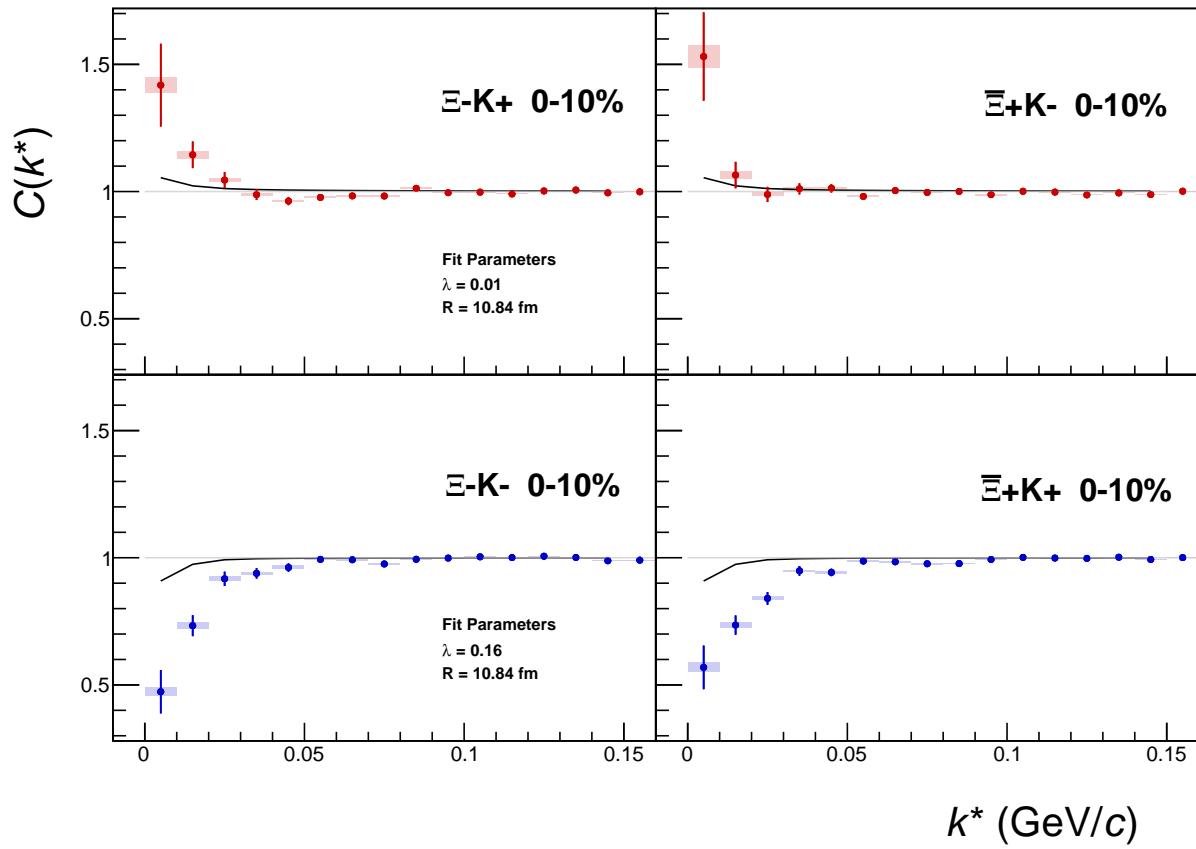
## 691 8 To Do

(a)  $\Xi K^+$  and  $\bar{\Xi} K^-$  simulation(b)  $\Xi K^-$  and  $\bar{\Xi} K^+$  simulation

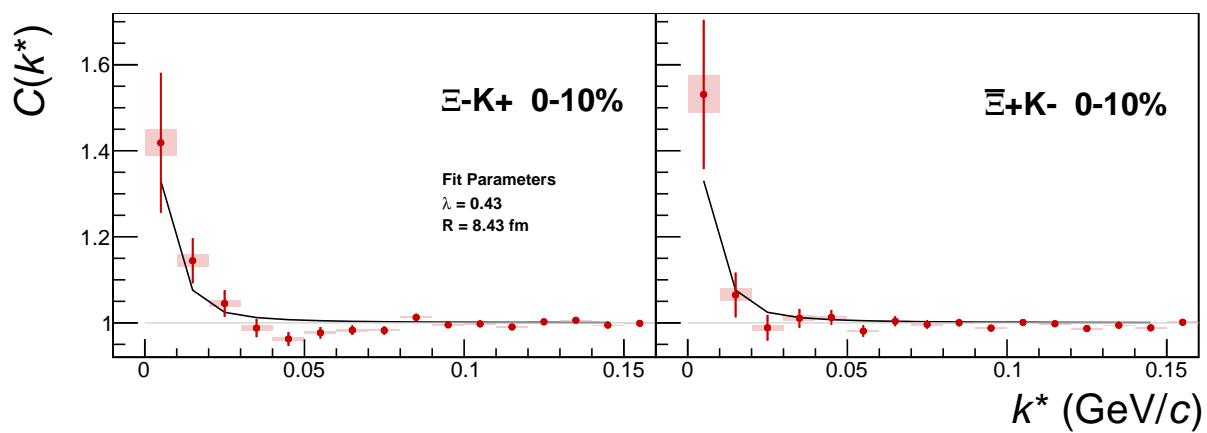
**Fig. 42:** Effect on the Coulomb-only curve of including the strong interaction for  $\Xi K^\pm$  systems. The solid line represents a Coulomb-only curve, i.e. a simulated correlation function with the strong interaction turned off. The dashed lines represent a full simulation, including both the strong and Coulomb interactions. The two dashed lines differ only in the real part of the assumed scattering length: positive in Set 1, and negative in Set 2.



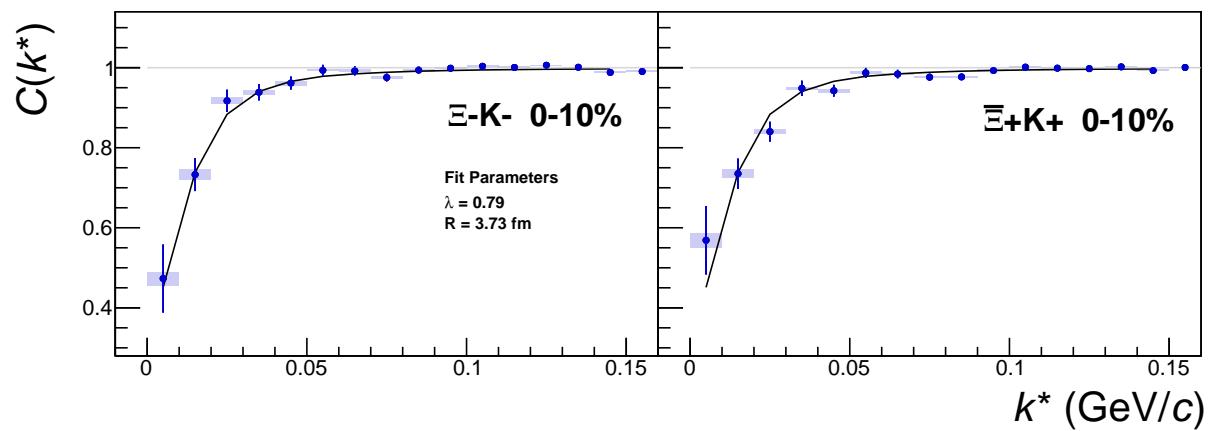
**Fig. 43:**  $\Xi K^\pm$  Global Coulomb-only fit (Set 1) for 0-10% centrality. In this fit, there was a lower limit of 0.1 fm placed on the radius parameter, and the radius parameter was initialized to 3 fm (as seems reasonable, when considering the transverse mass of the system and looking at Fig. 39). As is shown in the results, the radius parameter reached this unrealistic lower bound of 0.1 fm. Also, the extracted  $\lambda$  parameters are too low.



**Fig. 44:**  $\Xi K^\pm$  Global Coulomb-only fit (Set 2) for 0-10% centrality. In this fit, the parameters were all unbounded, and the radius parameter was initialized to 10 fm. In this case, the radius parameters remains high, and ends at an unrealistic value of 10.84 fm. Also, the extracted  $\lambda$  parameters are too low.



**Fig. 45:**  $\Xi^- K^+$  Coulomb-only fit for 0-10% centrality

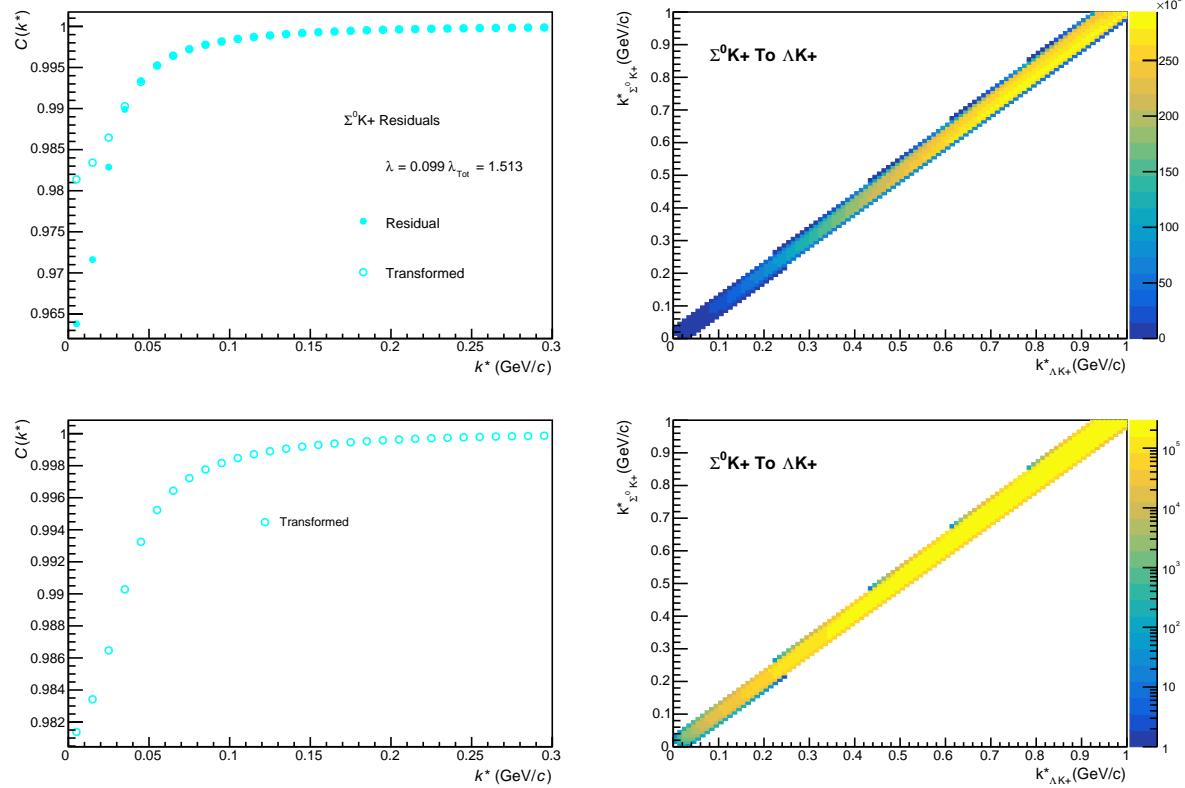


**Fig. 46:**  $\Xi^-$ K $^-$  Coulomb-only fit for 0-10% centrality

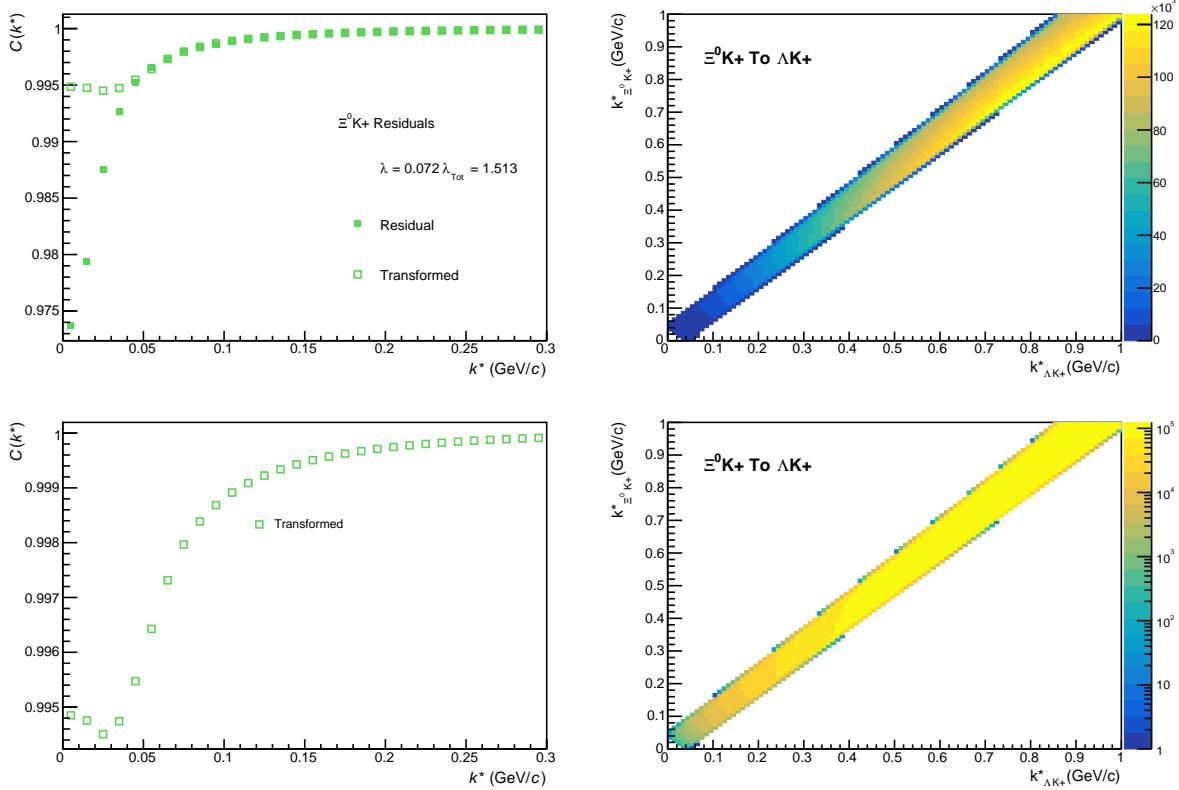
692 **9 Additional Figures**

693 **9.1 Residuals**

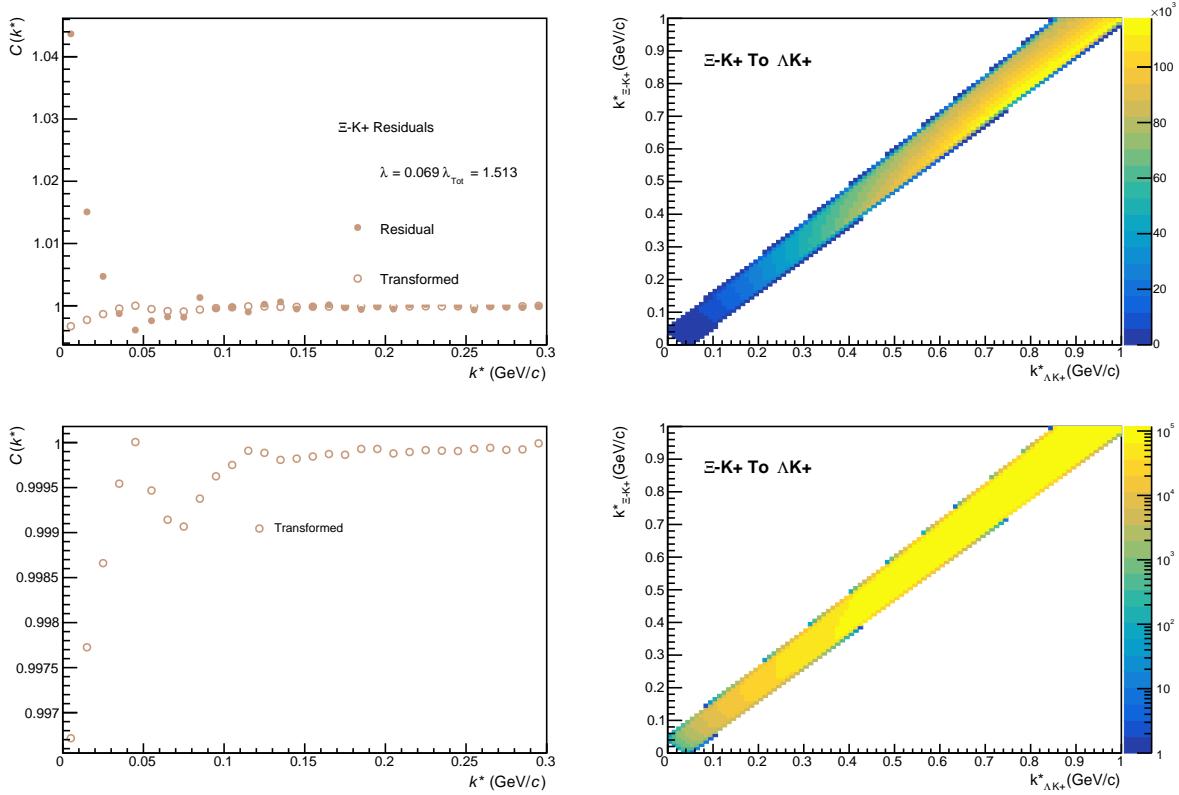
694 **9.1.1  $\Lambda K^+$  Residuals**



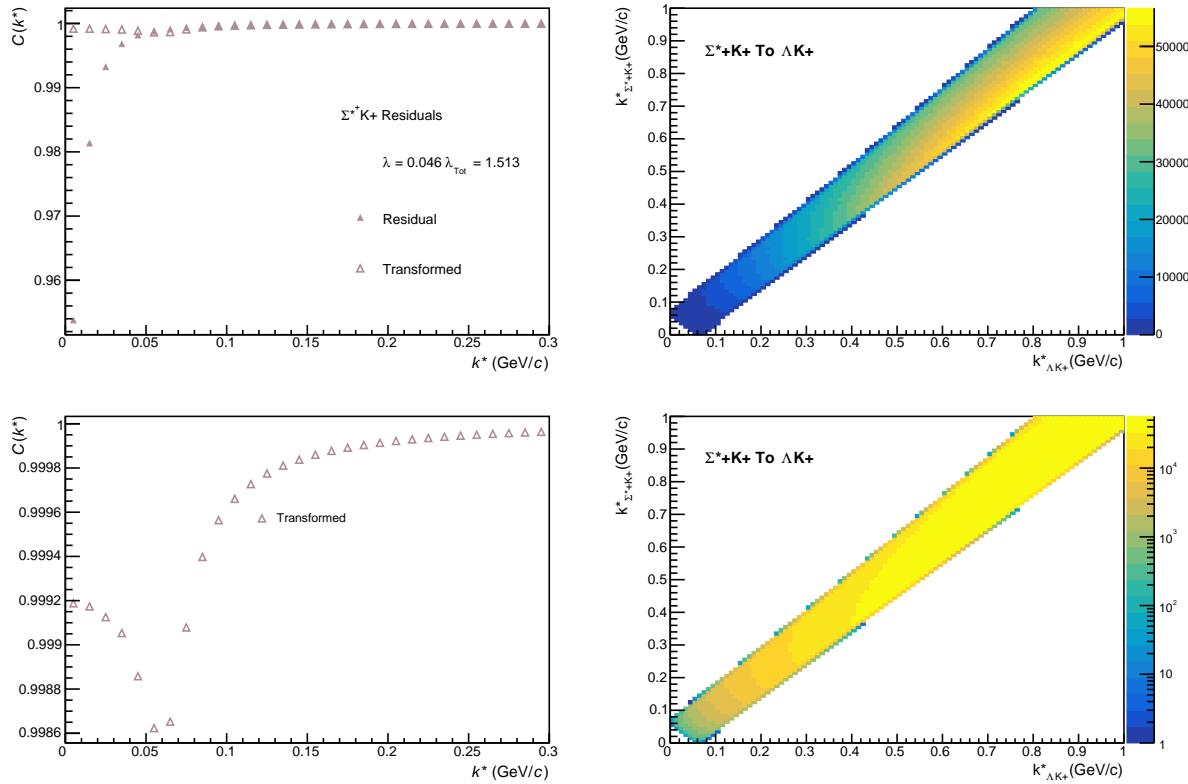
**Fig. 47:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^0 K^+$  to  $\Lambda K^+$  (0-10% Centrality)



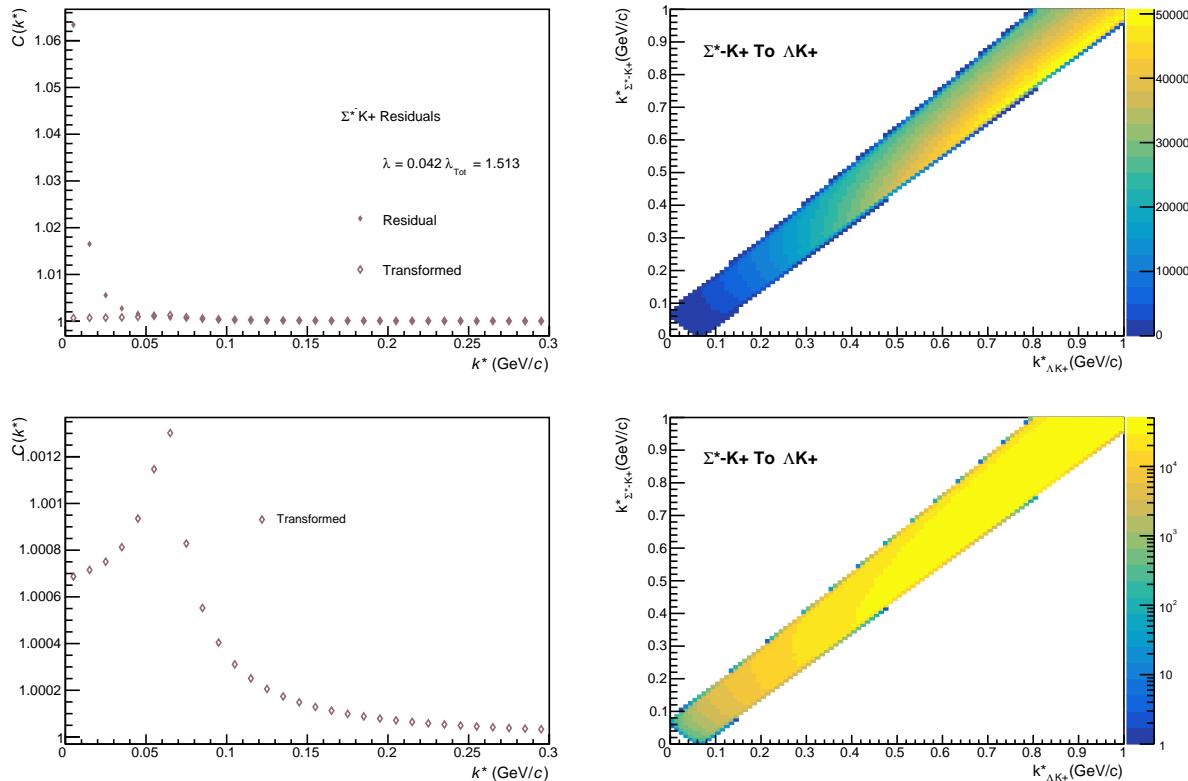
**Fig. 48:** Residuals:  $\Xi^0 \text{K}^+$  to  $\Lambda \text{K}^+$  (0-10% Centrality)



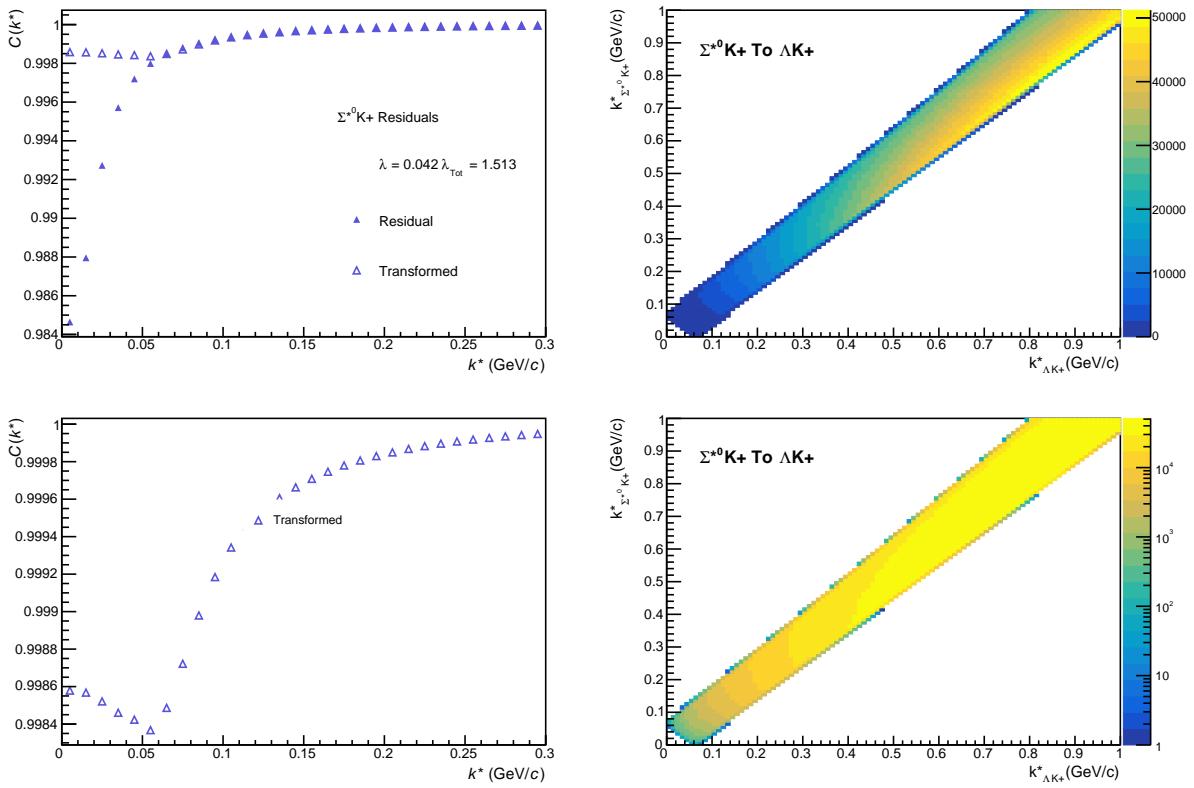
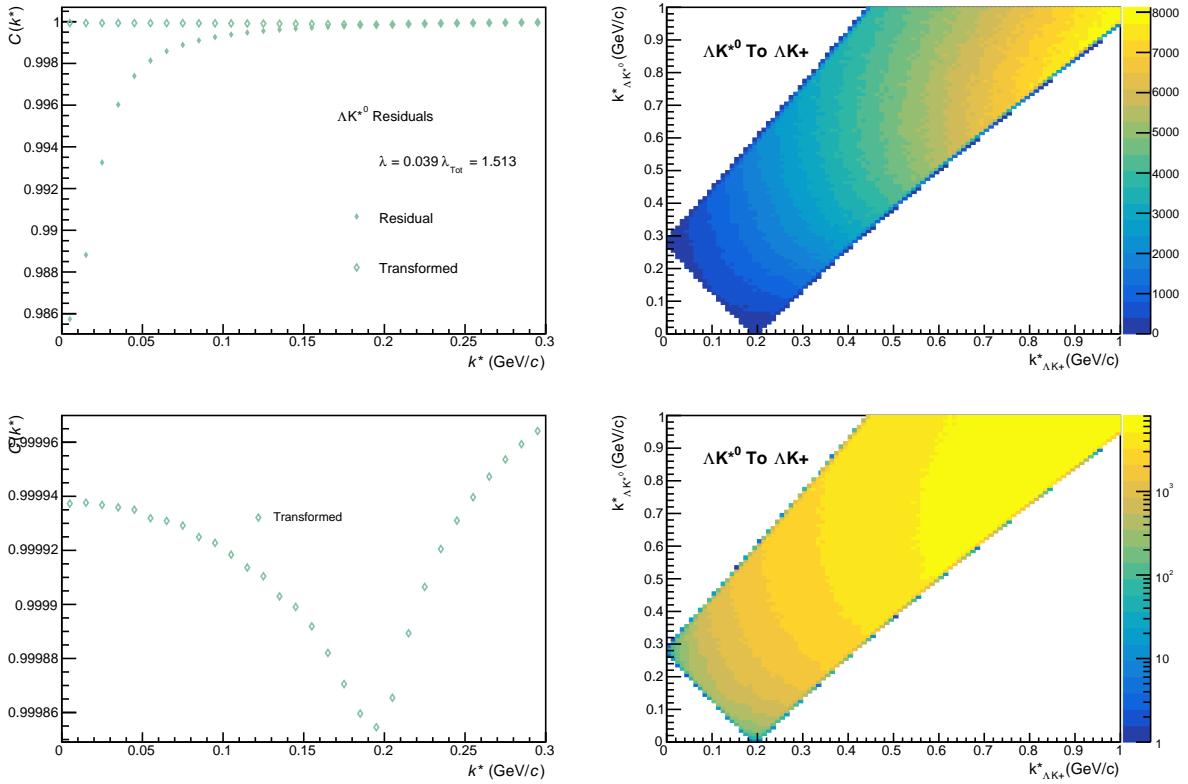
**Fig. 49:** Residuals:  $\Xi^- \text{K}^+$  to  $\Lambda \text{K}^+$  (0-10% Centrality)

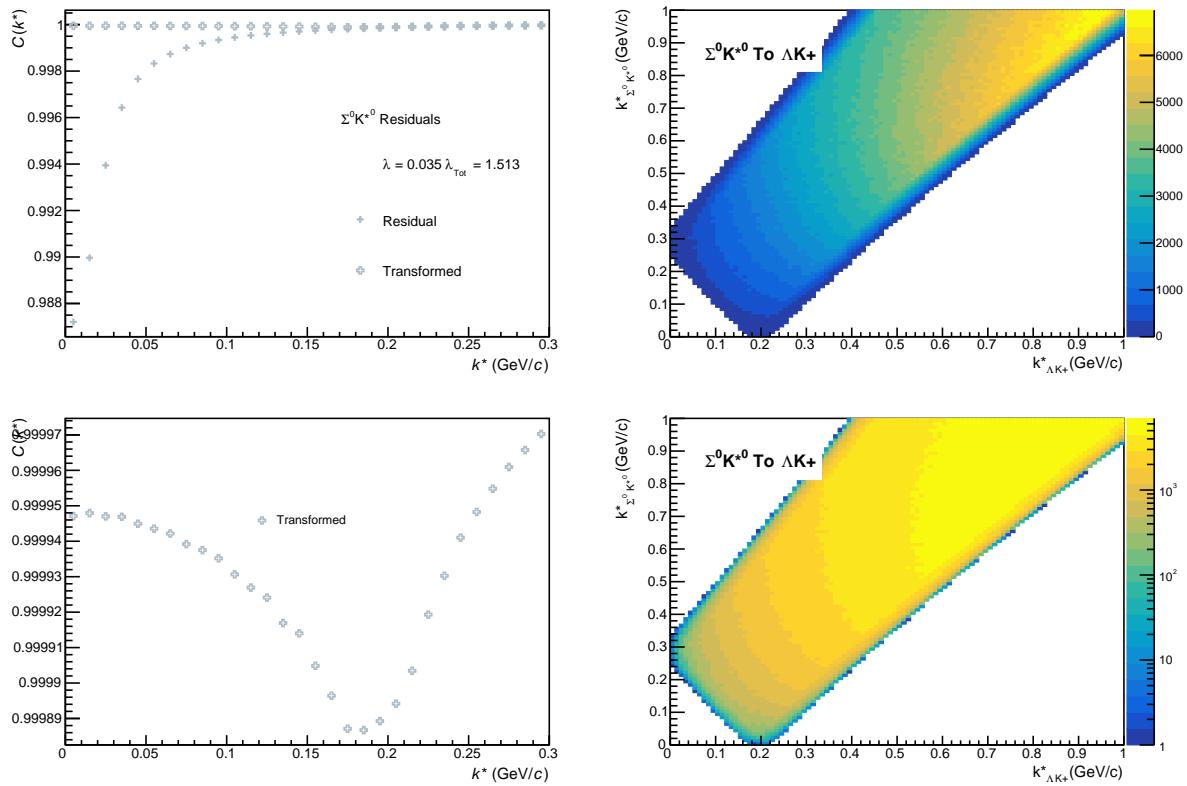


**Fig. 50:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^+ K^+$  to  $\Lambda K^+$  (0-10% Centrality)

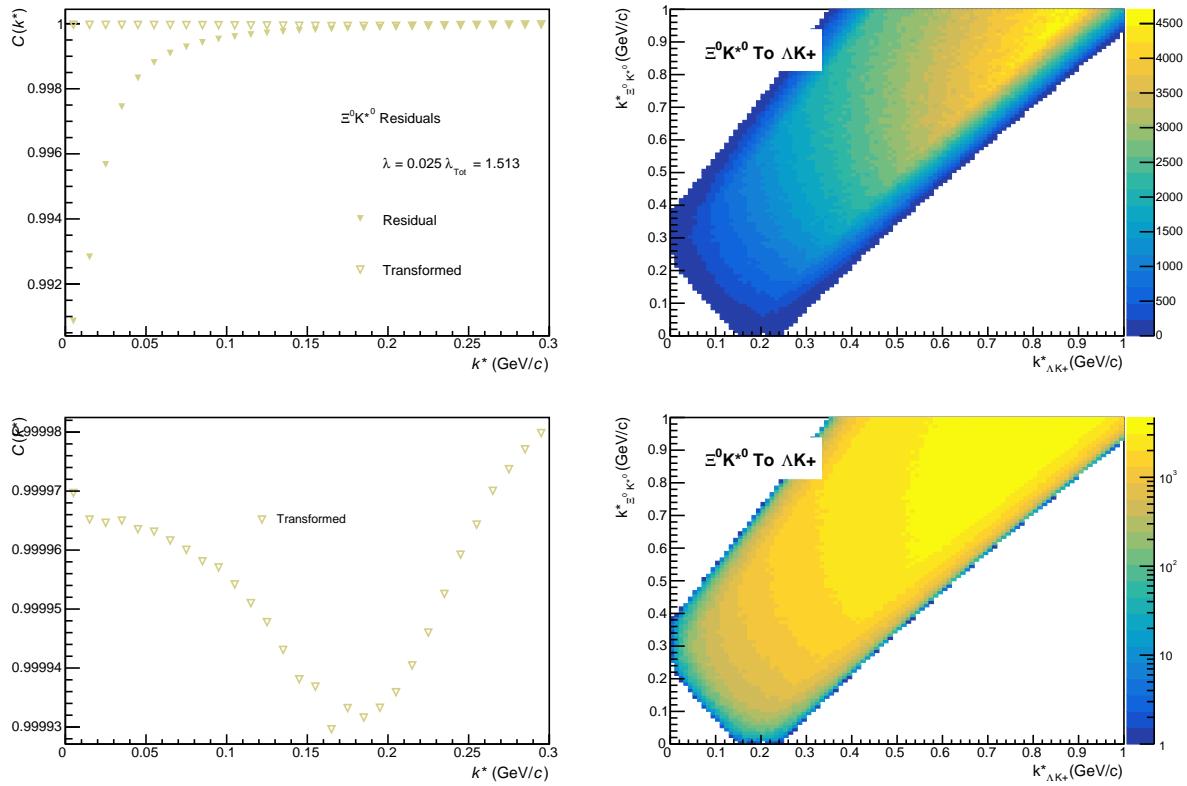


**Fig. 51:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^- K^+$  to  $\Lambda K^+$  (0-10% Centrality)

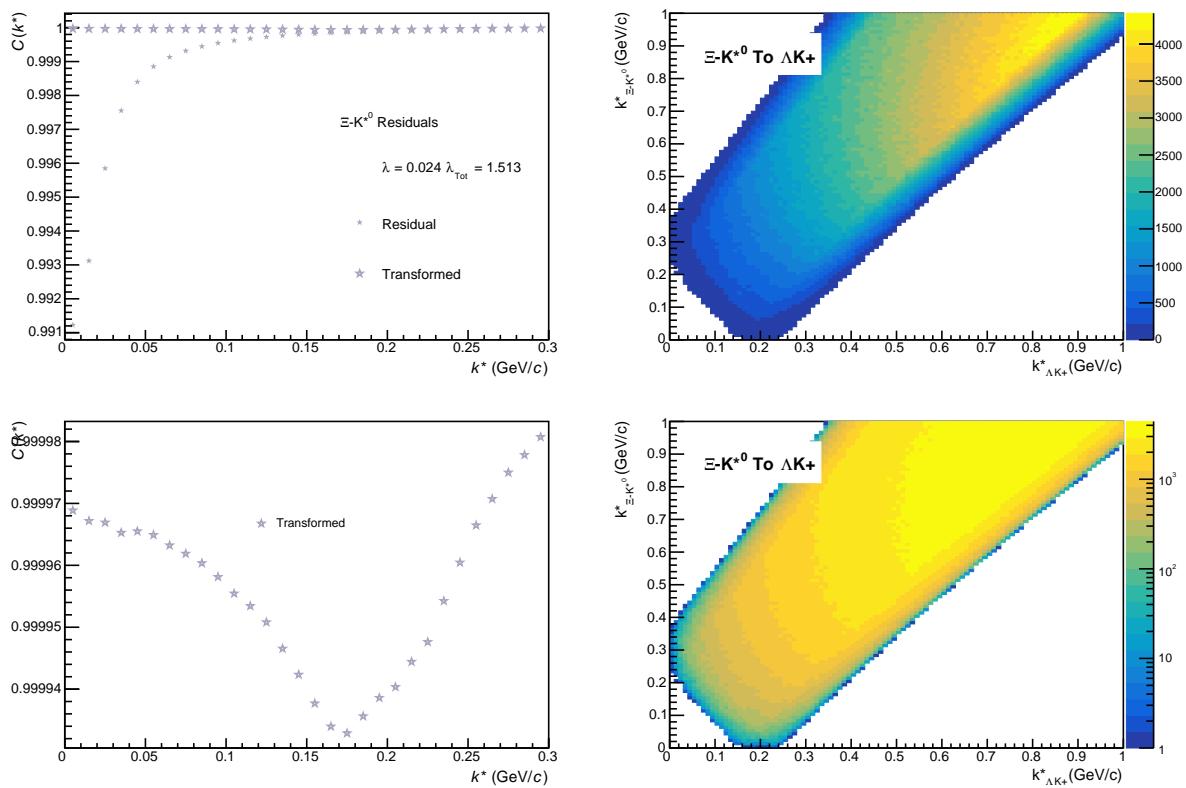

**Fig. 52:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^{*0} \text{K}^+$  to  $\Lambda \text{K}^+$  (0-10% Centrality)

**Fig. 53:** Residuals:  $\Lambda \text{K}^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda \text{K}^+$  (0-10% Centrality)



**Fig. 54:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^0 K^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K^+$  (0-10% Centrality)

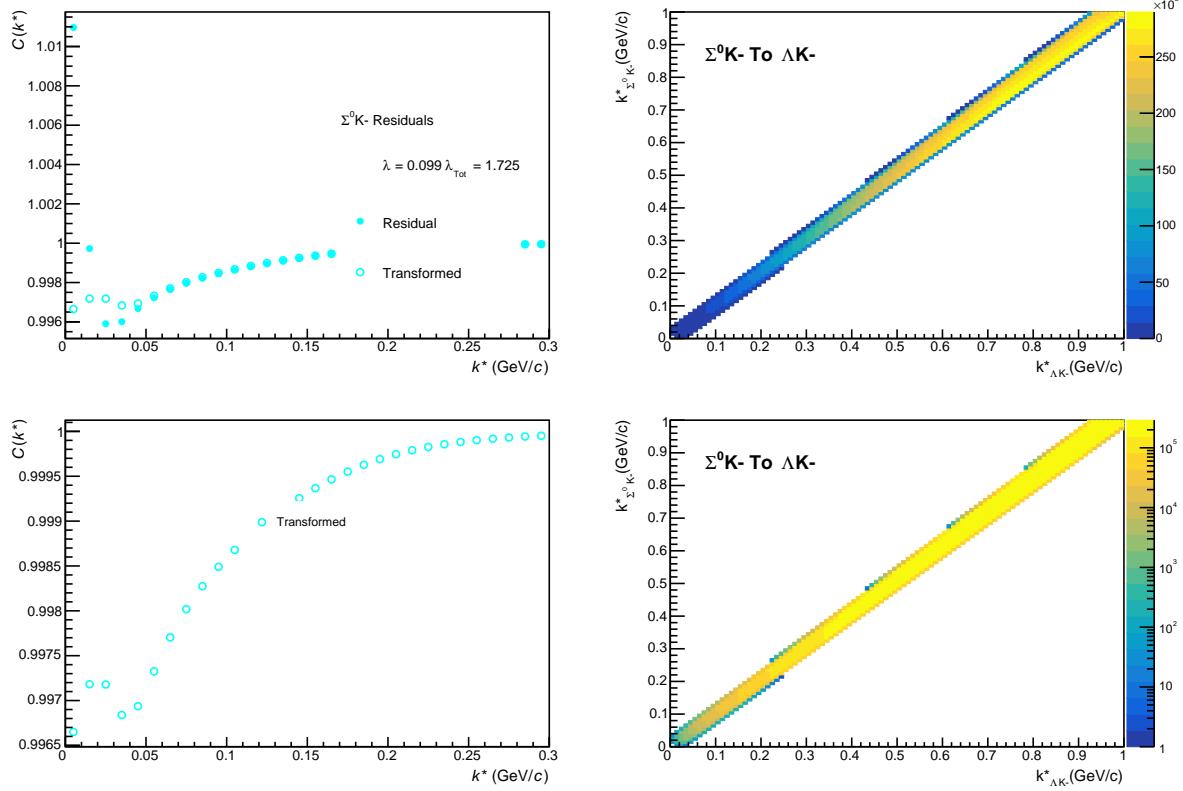


**Fig. 55:** Residuals:  $\Xi^0 K^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K^+$  (0-10% Centrality)

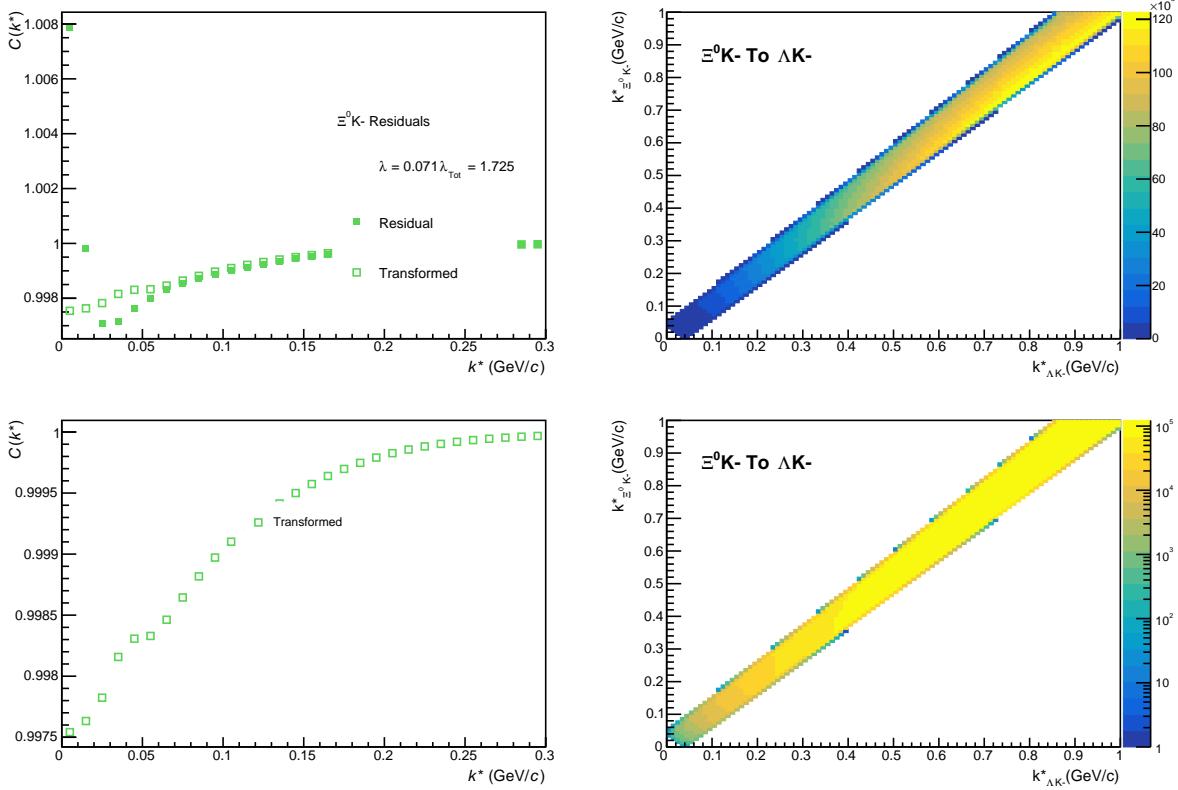
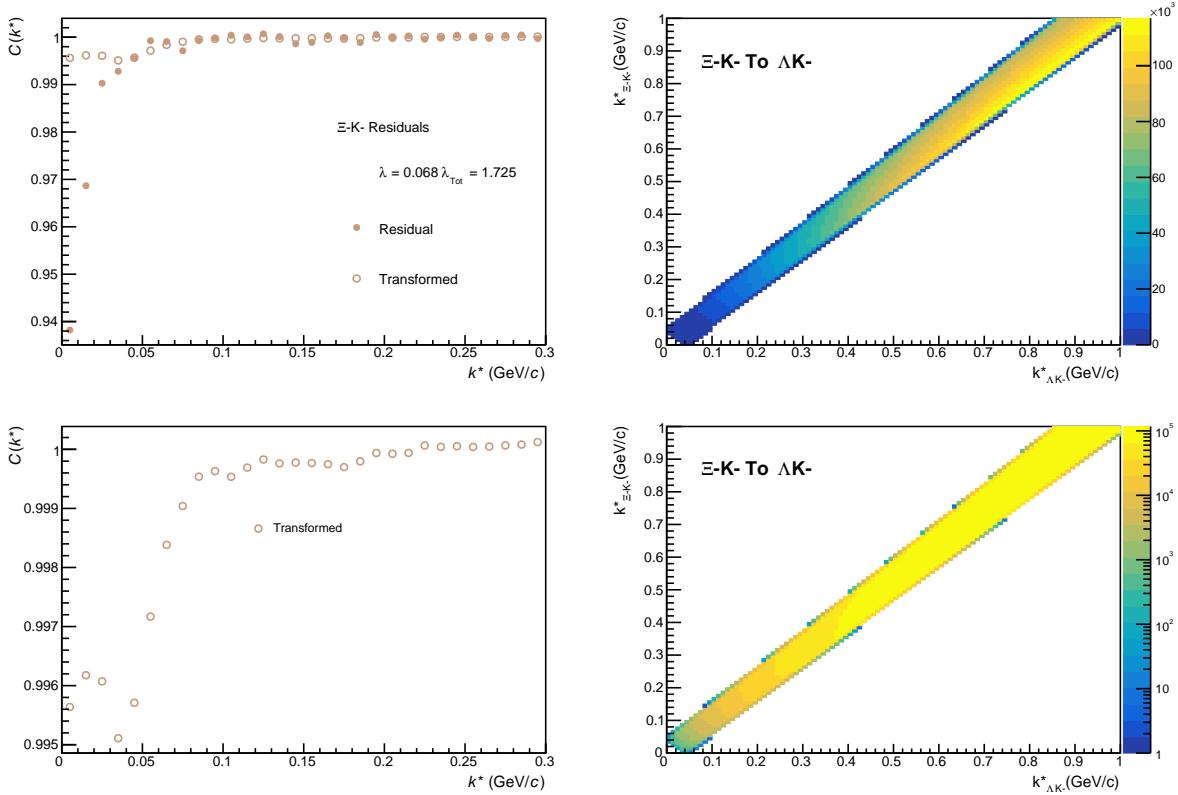


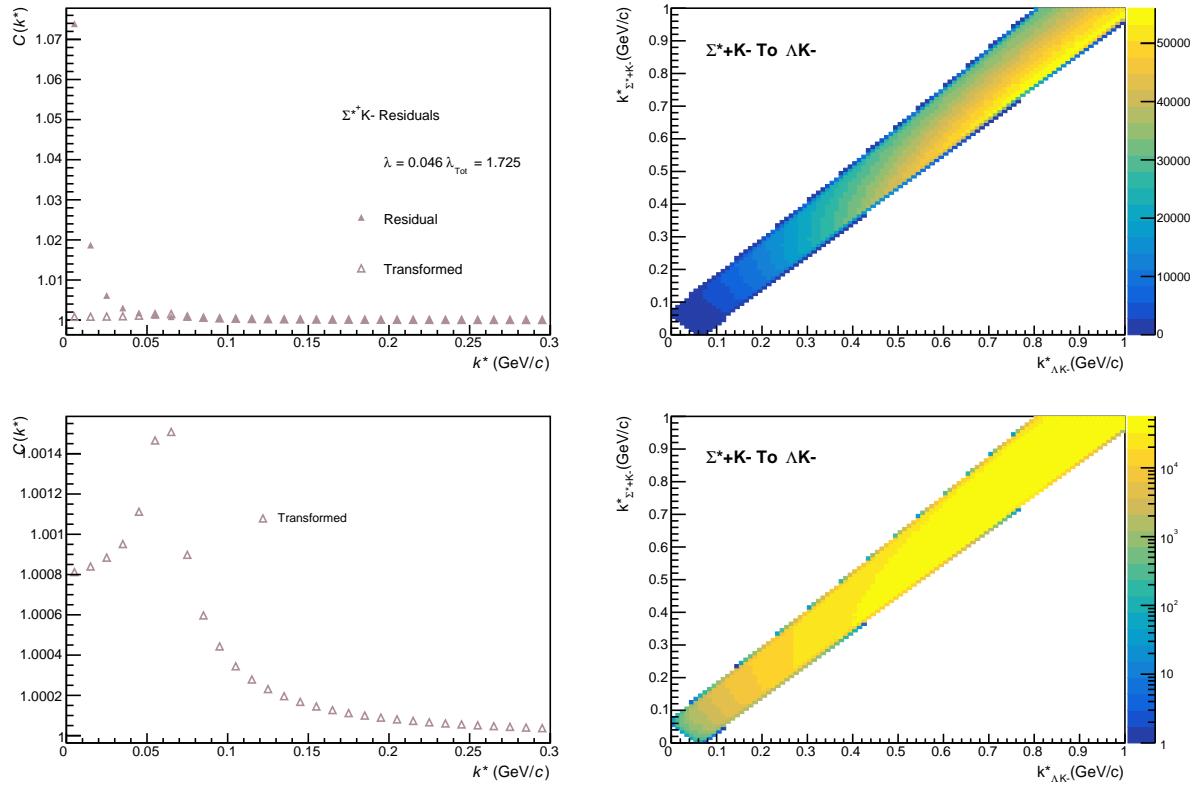
**Fig. 56:** Residuals:  $\Xi^- K^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K^+$  (0-10% Centrality)

695 **9.1.2  $\Lambda K^-$  Residuals**

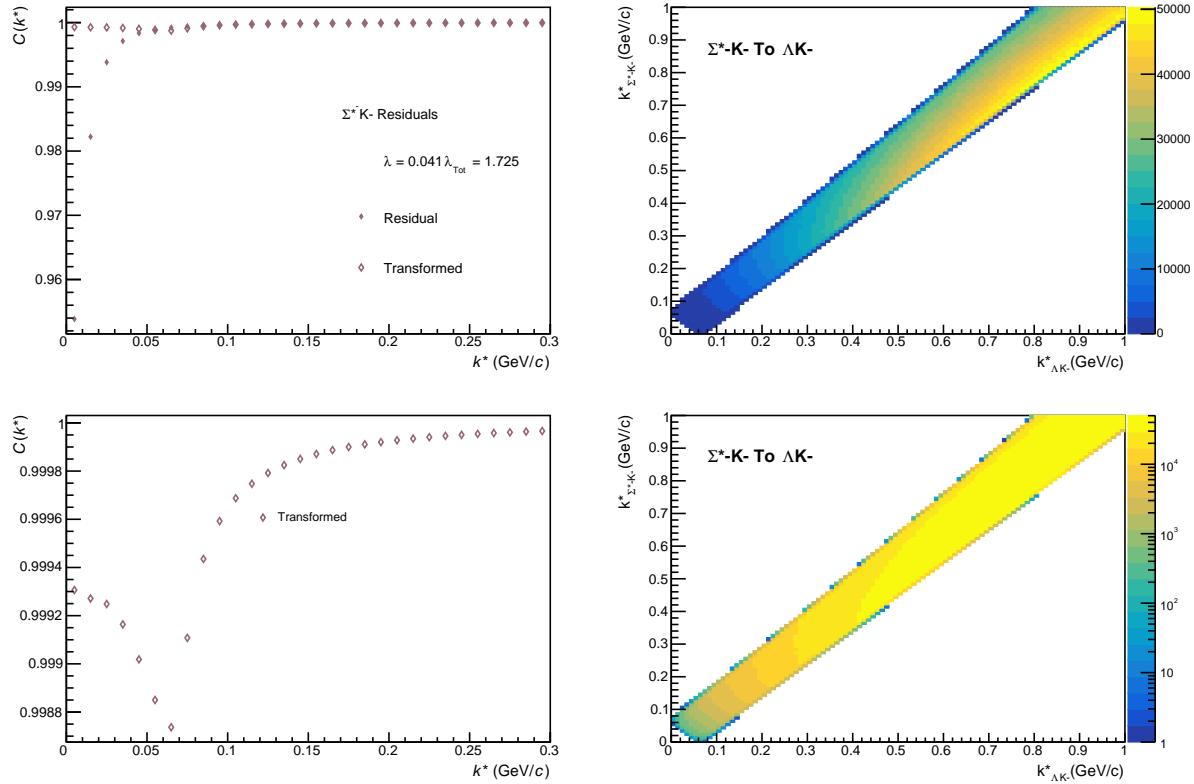


**Fig. 57:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^0 K^-$  to  $\Lambda K^-$  (0-10% Centrality)

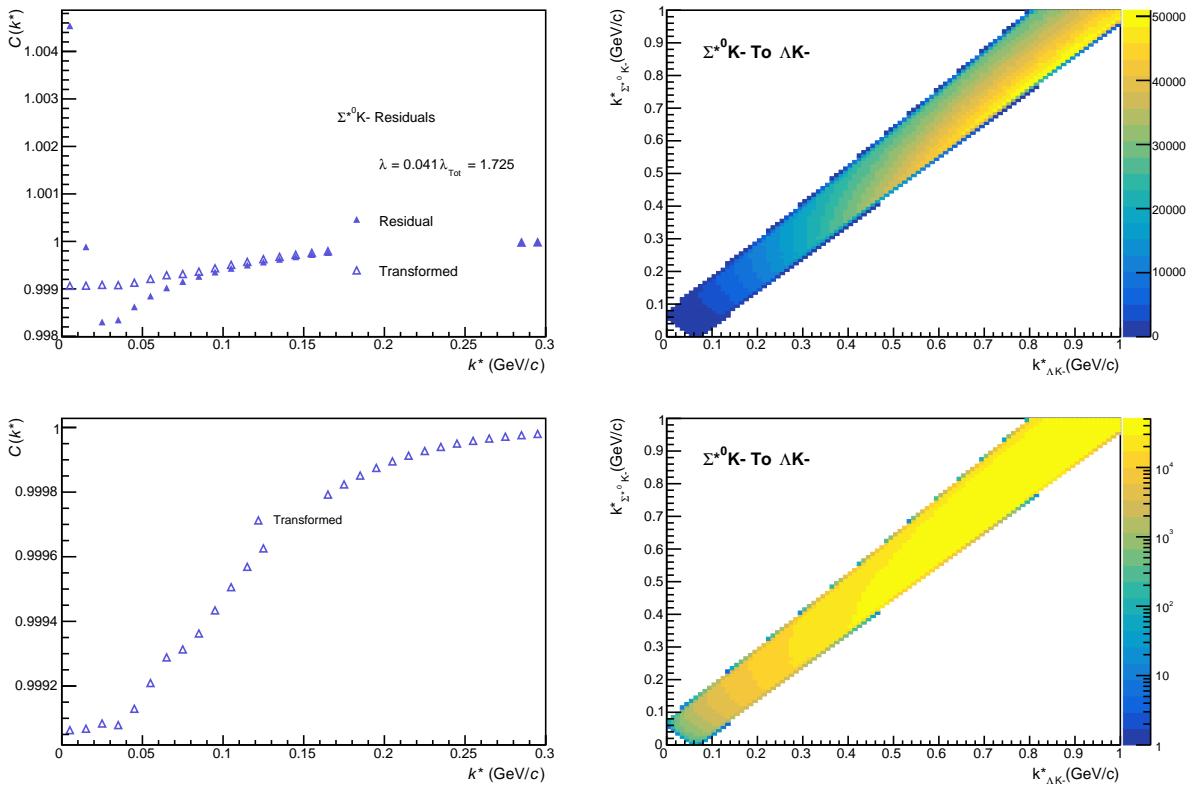
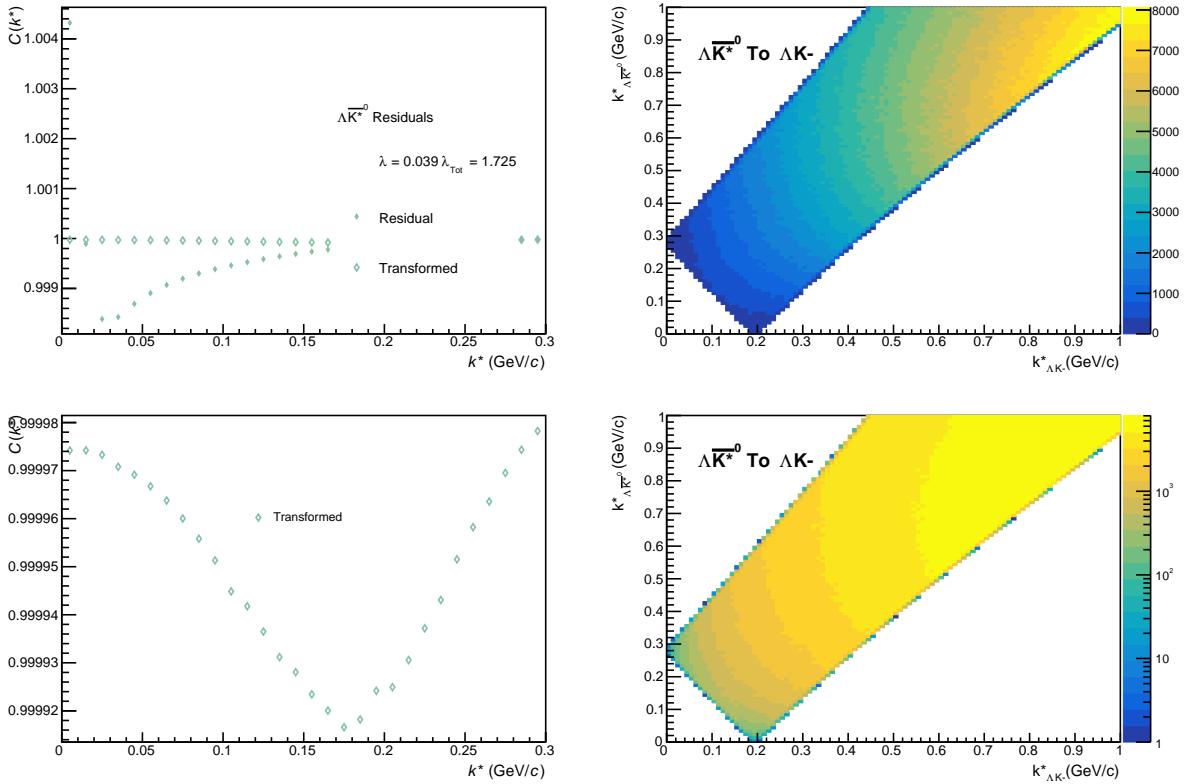

 Fig. 58: Residuals:  $\Xi^0 \text{K}^-$  to  $\Lambda \text{K}^-$  (0-10% Centrality)

 Fig. 59: Residuals:  $\Xi^- \text{K}^-$  to  $\Lambda \text{K}^-$  (0-10% Centrality)

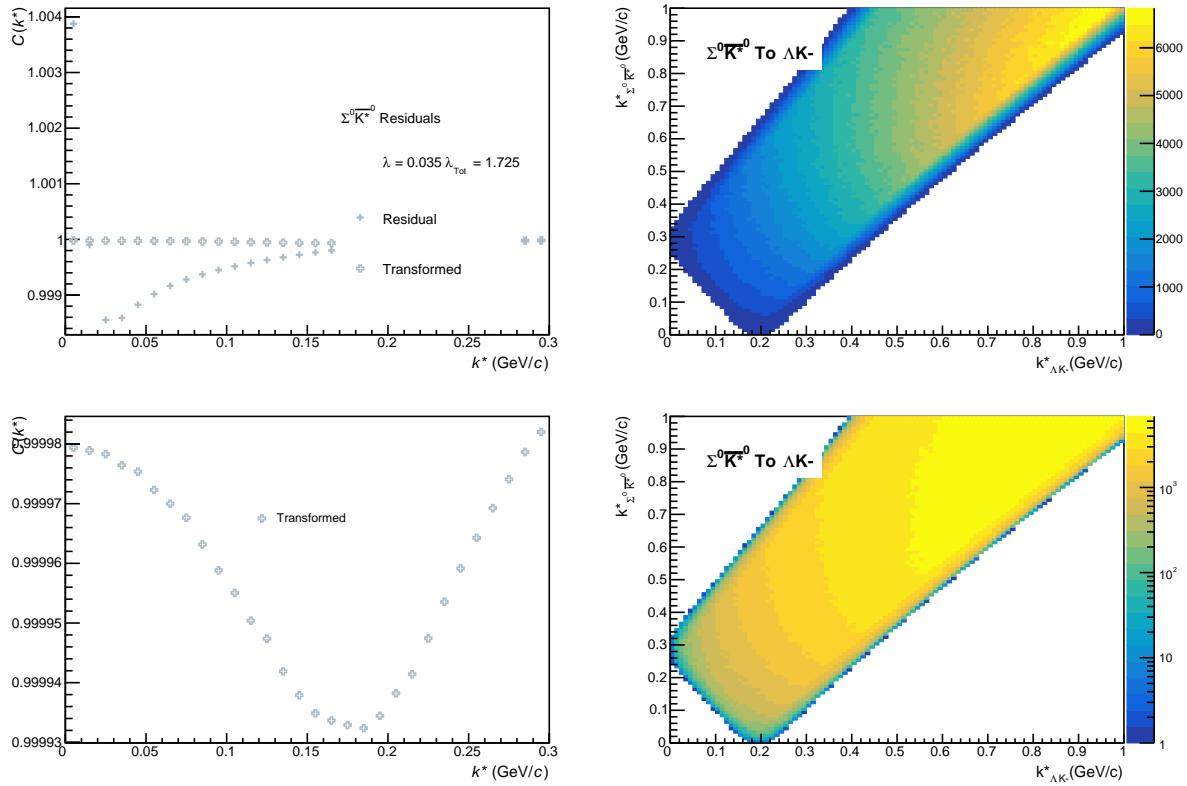


**Fig. 60:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^+ K^-$  to  $\Lambda K^-$  (0-10% Centrality)

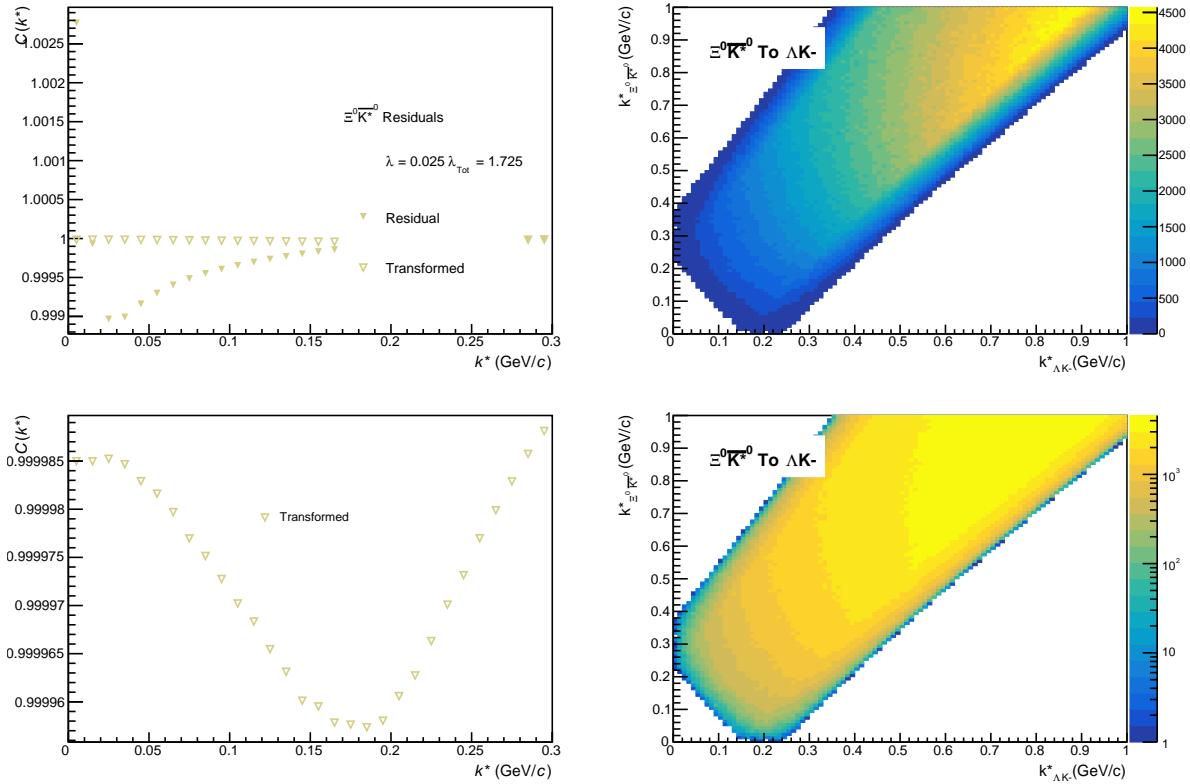


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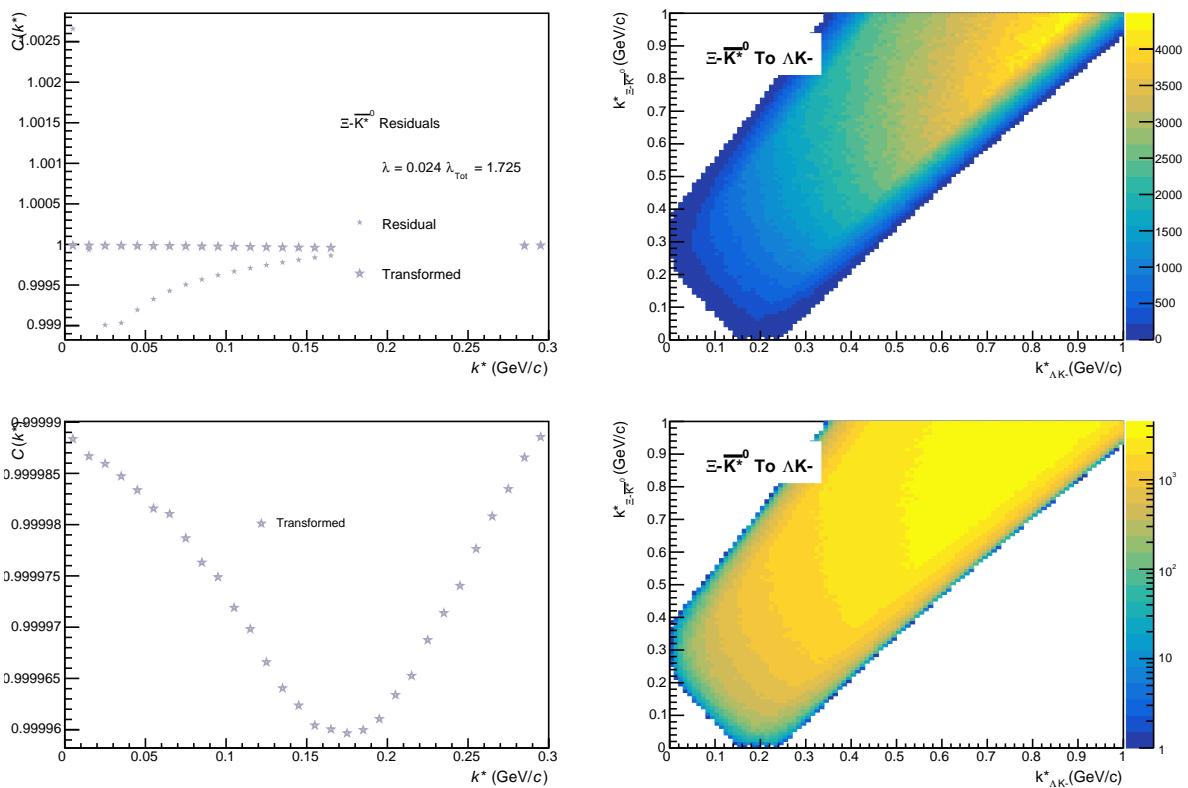

**Fig. 62:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^{*0} \text{K-}$  to  $\Lambda \text{K-}$  (0-10% Centrality)

**Fig. 63:** Residuals:  $\Lambda \bar{\text{K}}^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda \text{K-}$  (0-10% Centrality)



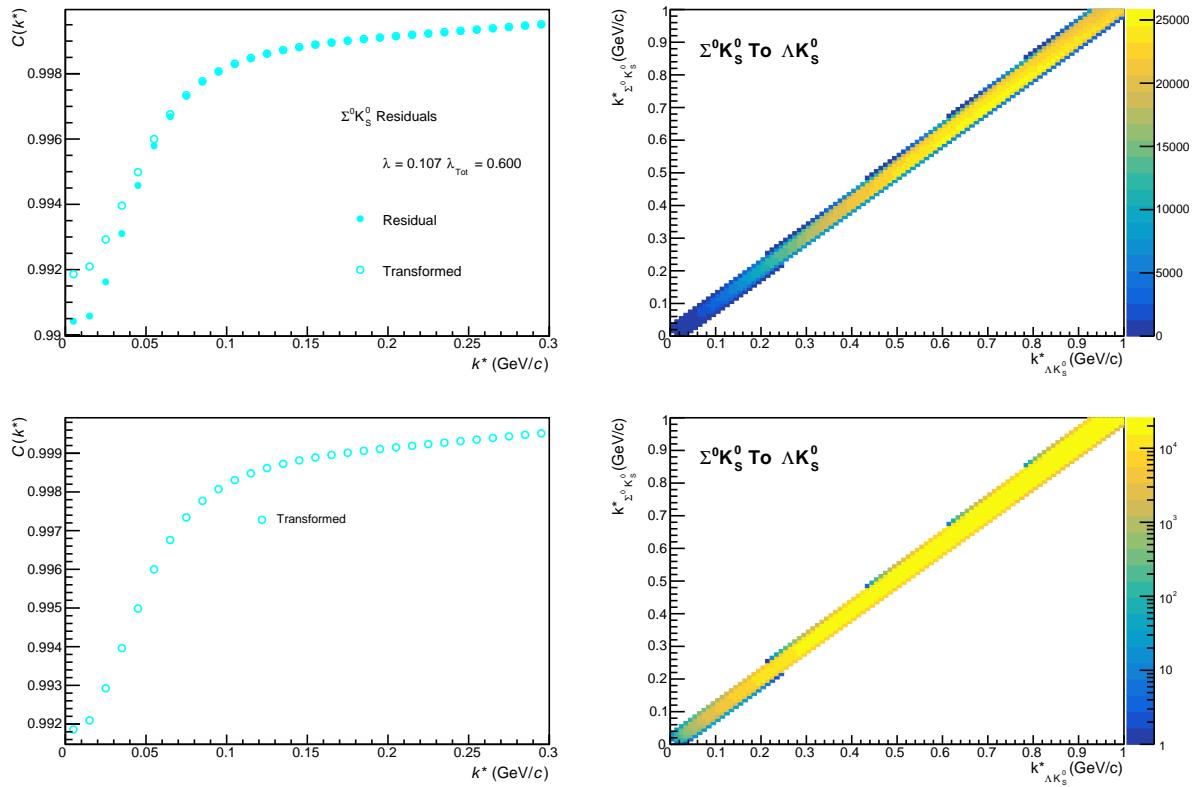
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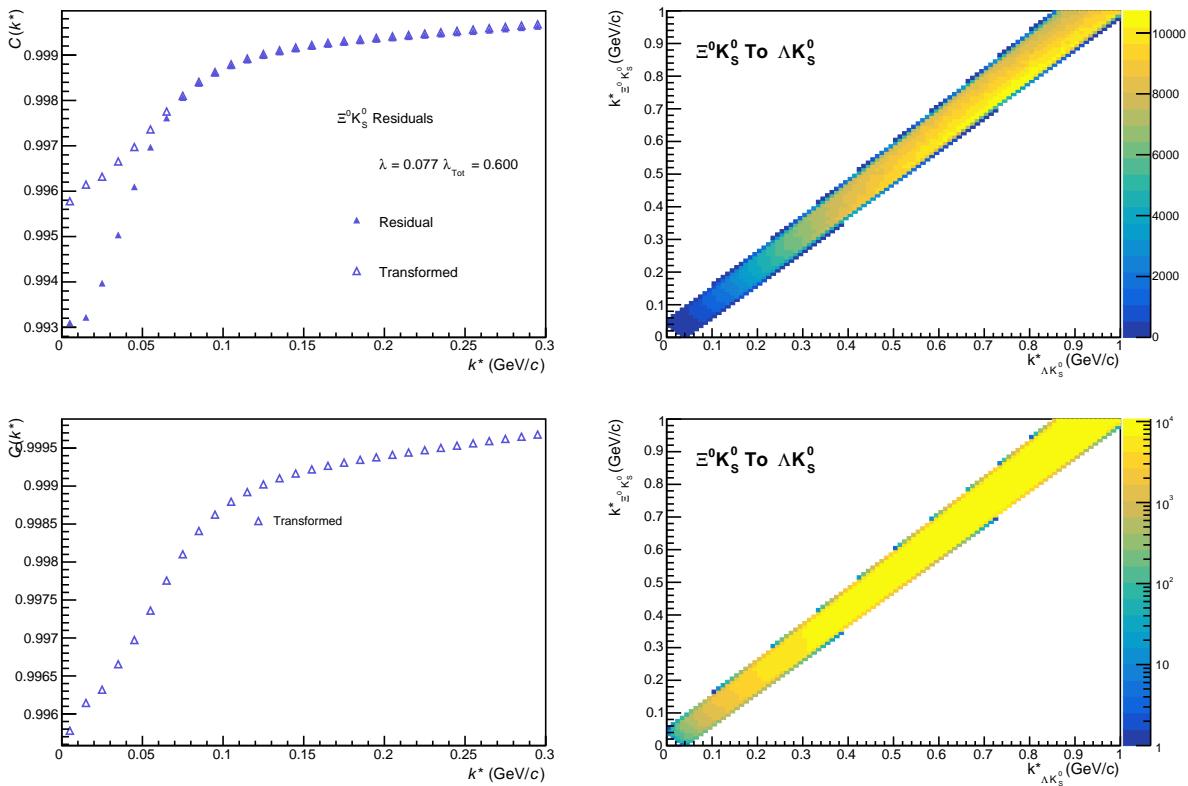
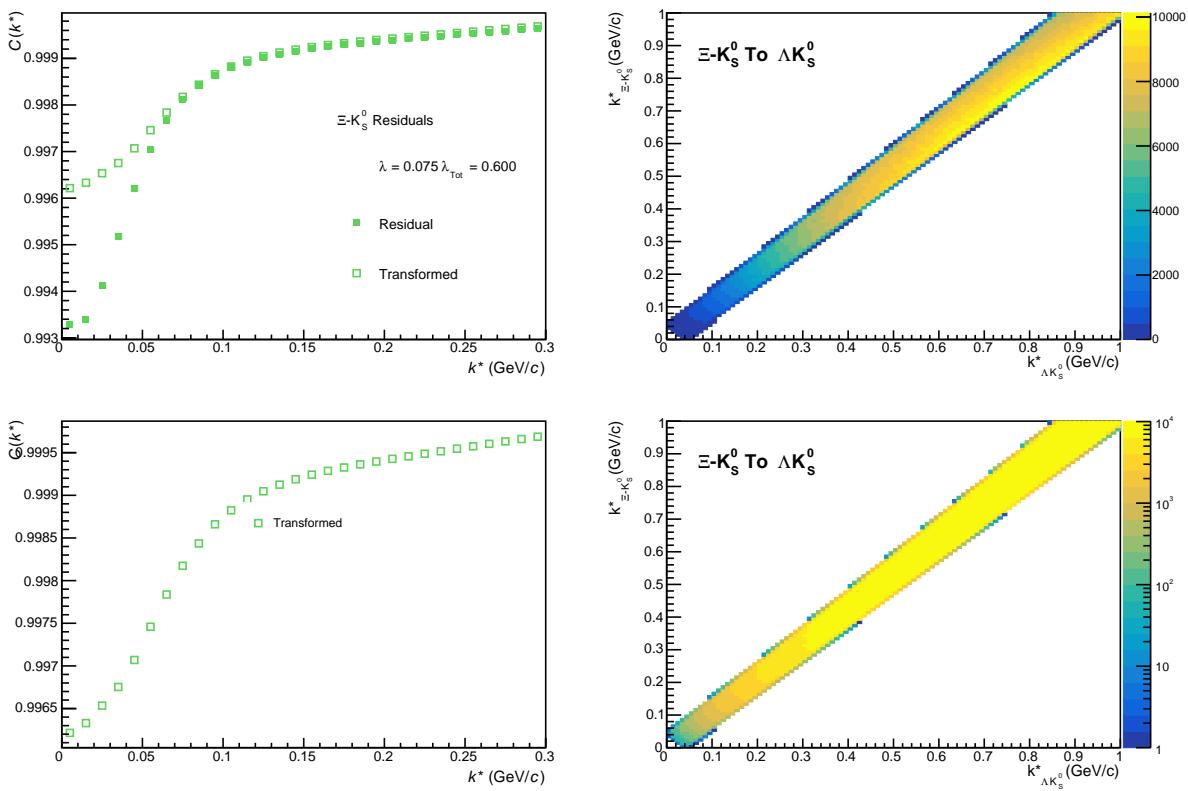


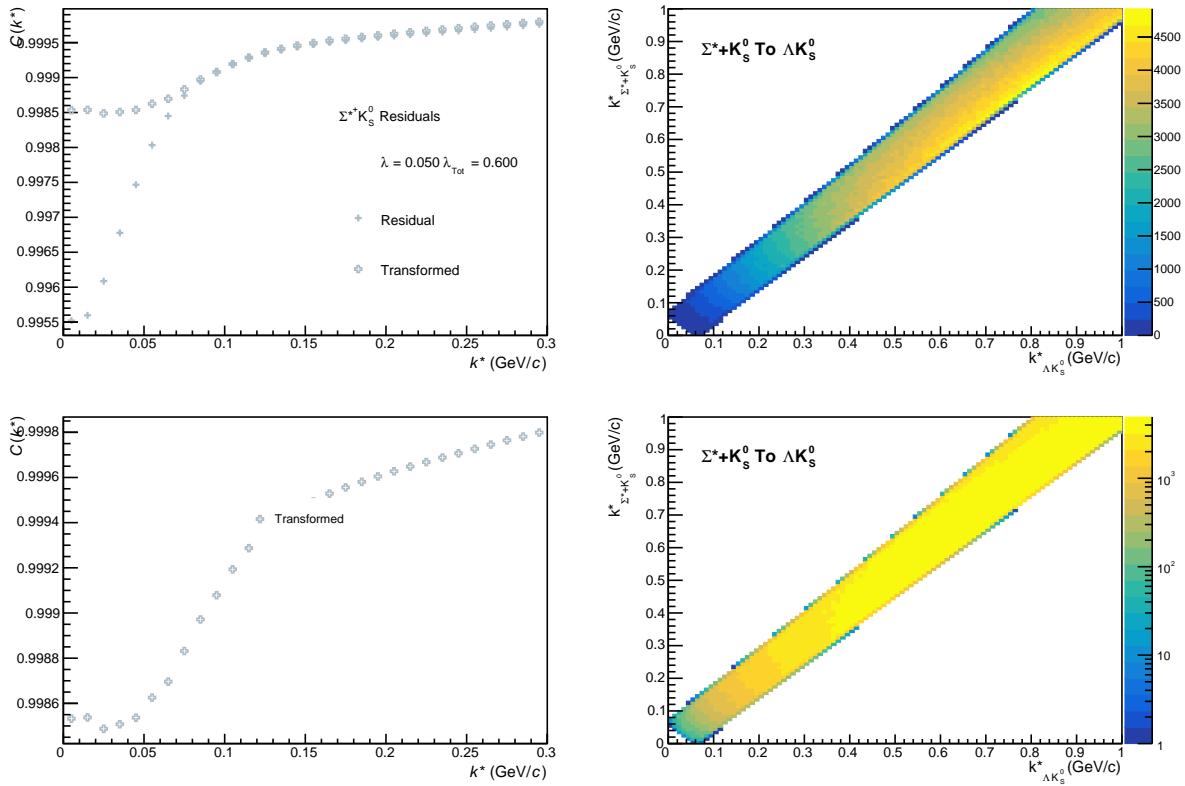
**Fig. 65:** Residuals:  $\Xi^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K^-$  (0-10% Centrality)



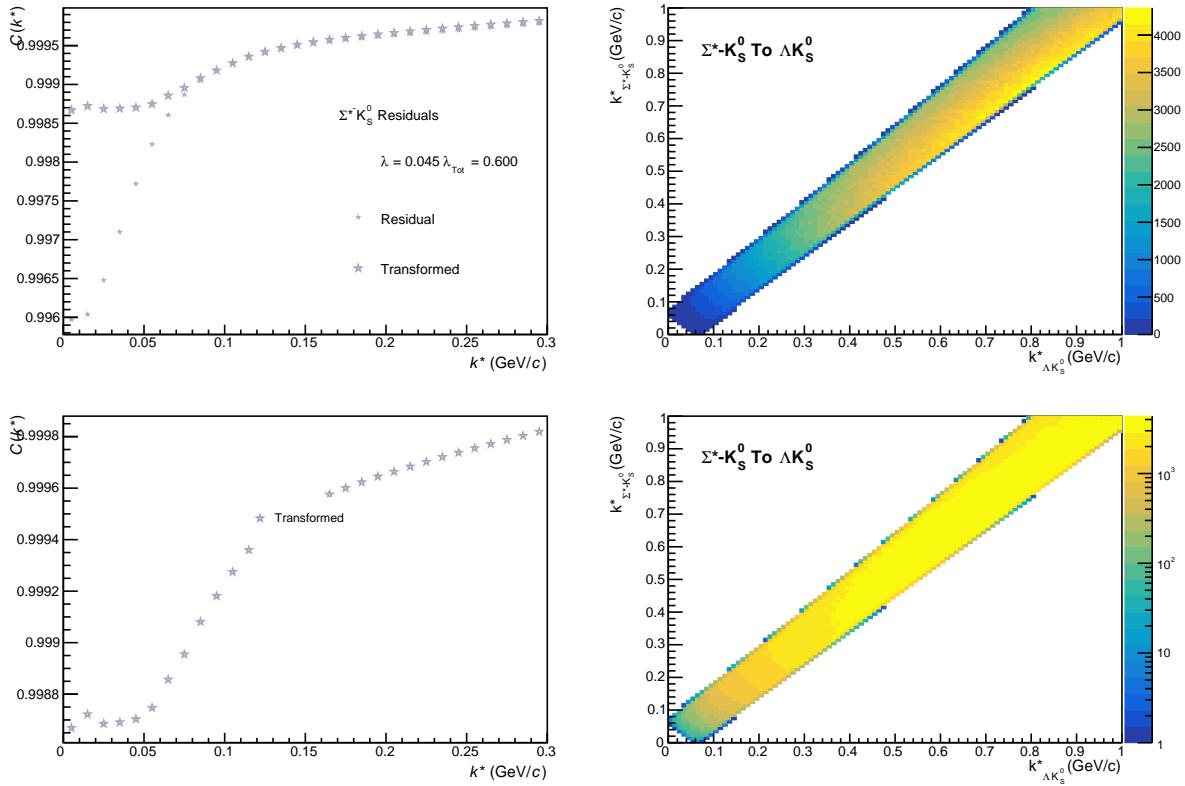
**Fig. 66:** Residuals:  $\Xi\bar{K}^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K^-$  (0-10% Centrality)

696 **9.1.3  $\Lambda K_S^0$  Residuals****Fig. 67:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^0 K_s^0$  to  $\Lambda K_s^0$  (0-10% Centrality)

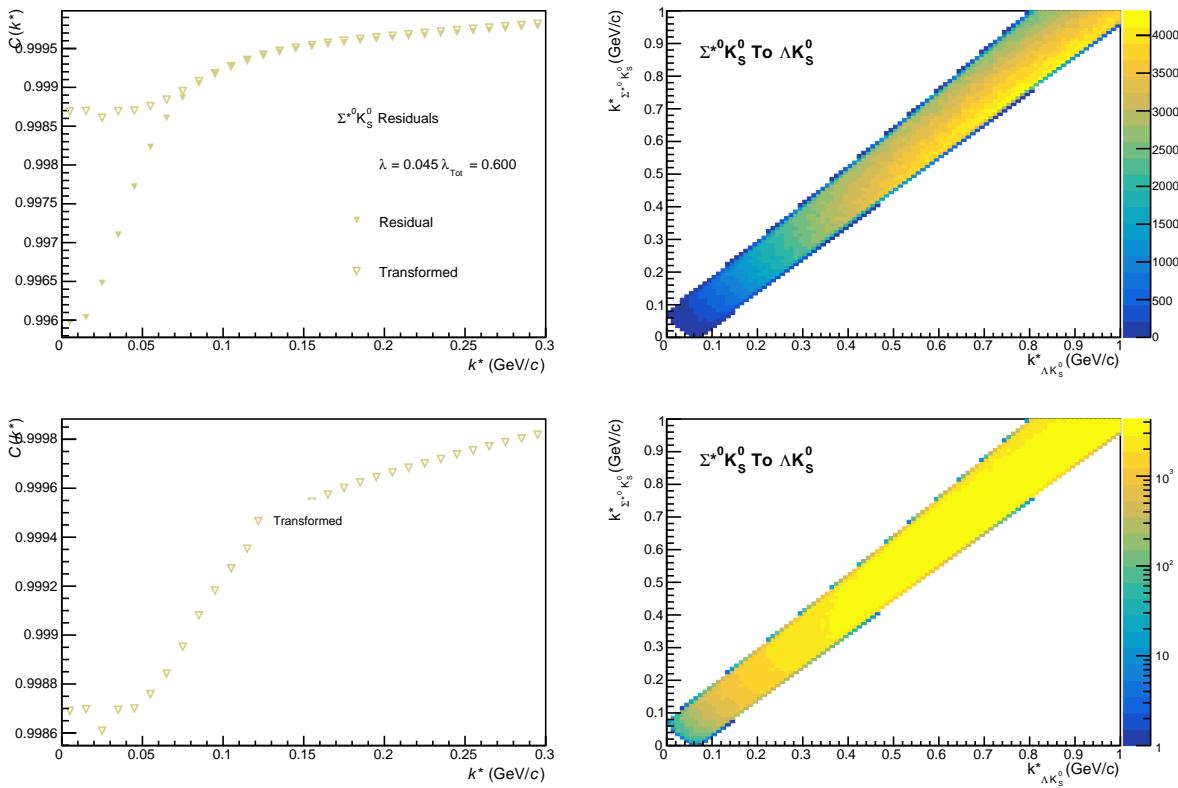

**Fig. 68:** Residuals:  $\Xi^0 K_s^0$  to  $\Lambda K_s^0$  (0-10% Centrality)

**Fig. 69:** Residuals:  $\Xi^- K_s^0$  to  $\Lambda K_s^0$  (0-10% Centrality)



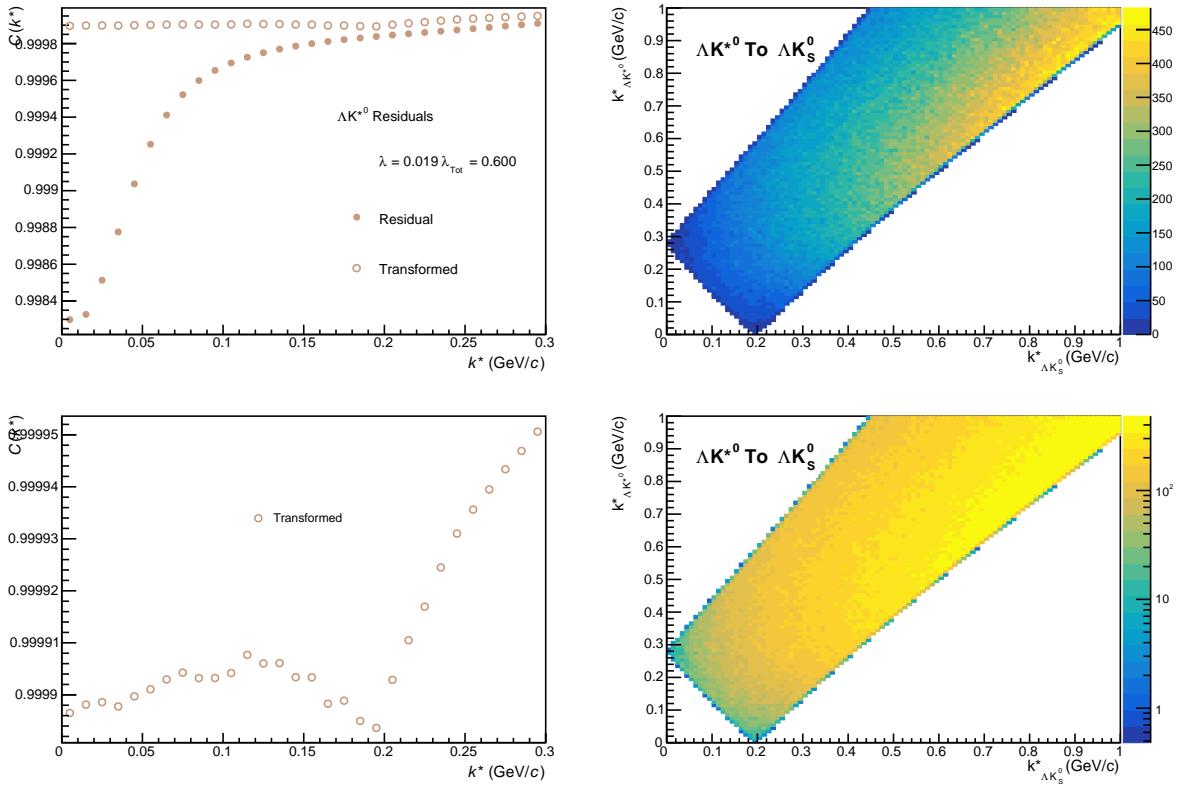
**Fig. 70:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^*+K_S^0$  to  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (0-10% Centrality)



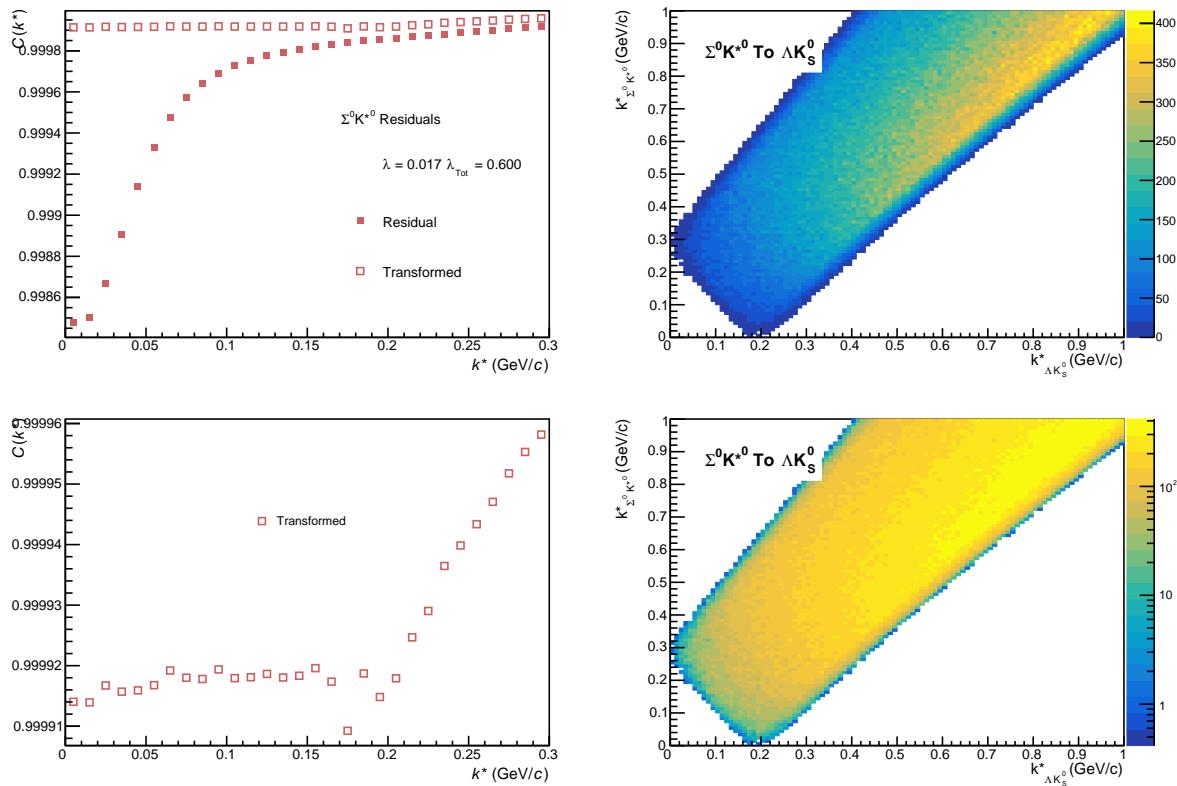
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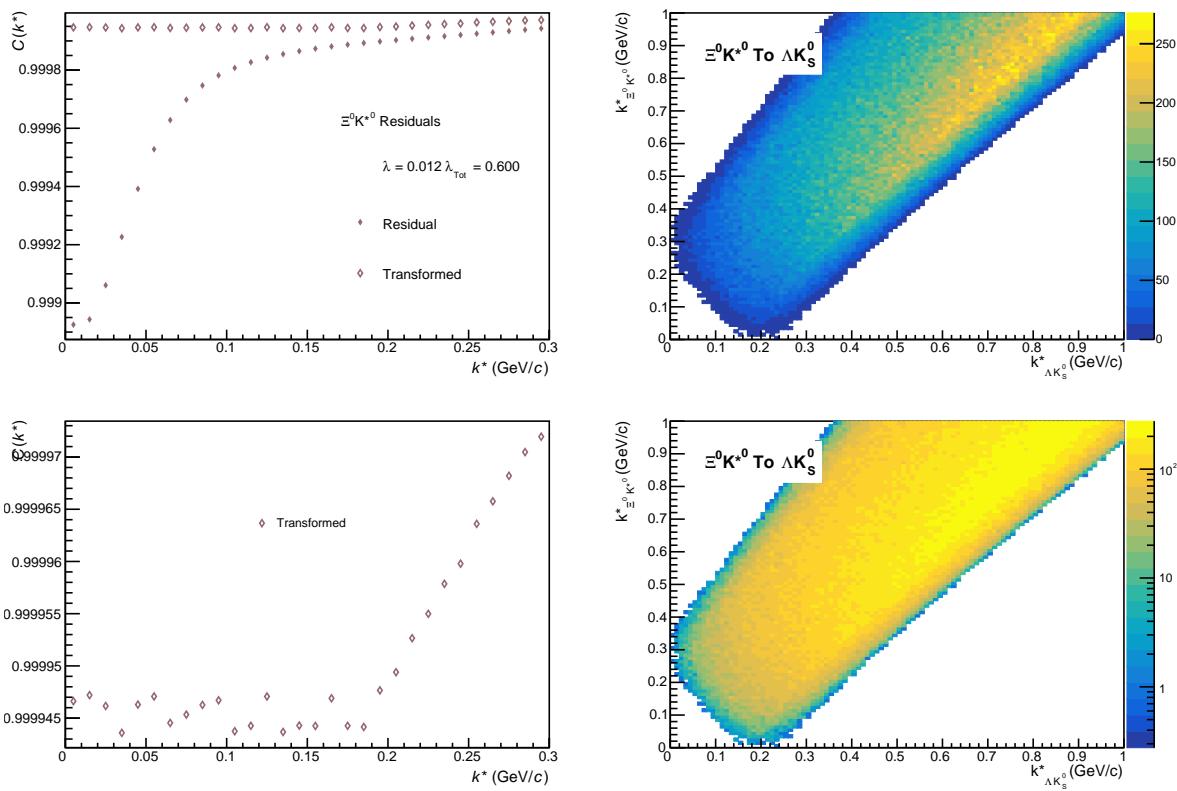
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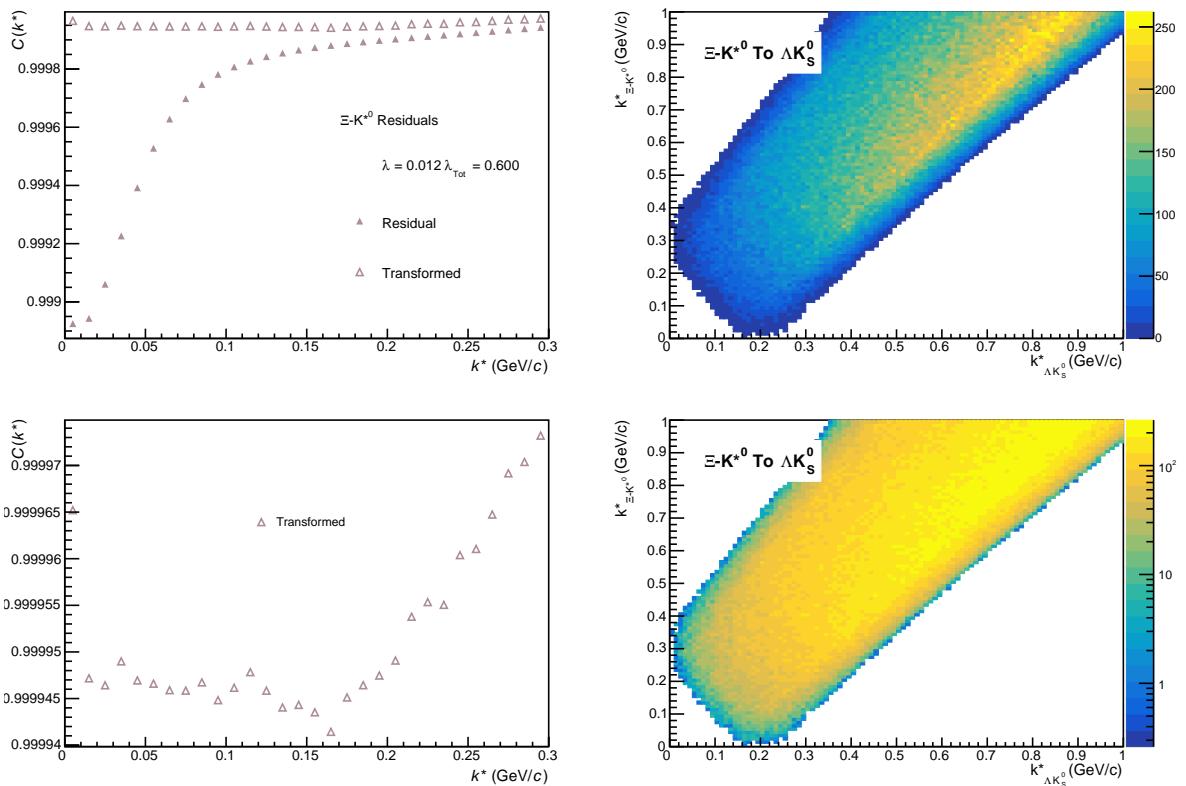
**Fig. 73:** Residuals:  $\Lambda K^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (0-10% Centrality)



**Fig. 74:** Residuals:  $\Sigma^0 K^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (0-10% Centrality)



**Fig. 75:** Residuals:  $\Xi^0 K^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (0-10% Centrality)



**Fig. 76:** Residuals:  $\Xi\text{-}K^{*0}$  to  $\Lambda K_S^0$  (0-10% Centrality)

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