

0.0.1 K_S^0 Reconstruction

The following cuts, in addition to the misidentification and shared daughter cuts presented in Sec. ??, were used to select good K_S^0 candidates:

K_S^0 reconstruction		
$ \eta $		< 0.8
p_T		$> 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$
$m_{PDG} - 13.677 \text{ MeV} < m_{inv} < m_{PDG} + 2.0323 \text{ MeV}$		
DCA to prim. vertex		$< 0.3 \text{ cm}$
Cosine of pointing angle		> 0.9993
OnFlyStatus		false
Decay Length		$< 30 \text{ cm}$
Shared Daughter Cut		true
Misidentification Cut		true
π^\pm Daughter Cuts		
$ \eta $		< 0.8
Number of clusters in TPC		> 80
Daughter Status		kTPCrefit
DCA $\pi^+\pi^-$ Daughters		$< 0.3 \text{ cm}$
p_T		$> 0.15 \text{ GeV}/c$
DCA to prim vertex		$> 0.3 \text{ cm}$
TPC and TOF $N\sigma$ Cuts		
$p < 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$		$N\sigma_{TPC} < 3$
$p > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$	if TOF & TPC available	$N\sigma_{TPC} < 3 \text{ \& } N\sigma_{TOF} < 3$
	else	$N\sigma_{TOF} < 3$

Table 1: K_S^0 reconstruction

As can be seen in Figure 1, some misidentified Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ particles contaminate our K_S^0 sample. Figure 1a shows the mass assuming Λ -hypothesis for the K_S^0 collection, i.e. assume the daughters are $p^+\pi^-$ instead of $\pi^+\pi^-$. Figure 1b is similar, but shows the mass assuming $\bar{\Lambda}$ -hypothesis for the collection, i.e. assume the daughters are $\pi^+\bar{p}^-$ instead of $\pi^+\pi^-$. The Λ contamination can be seen in 1a, and the $\bar{\Lambda}$ contamination in 1b, in the peaks around $m_{inv} = 1.115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. Additionally, the $\bar{\Lambda}$ contamination is visible in Figure 1a, and the Λ contamination visible in Figure 1b, in the region of excess around $1.65 < m_{inv} < 2.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. This is confirmed as the number of misidentified Λ particles in the sharp peak of Figure 1a (misidentified $\bar{\Lambda}$ particles in the sharp peak of Figure 1b) approximately equals the excess found in the $1.65 < m_{inv} < 2.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ region of Figure 1a (Figure 1b).

The peaks around $m_{inv} = 1.115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ in Figure 1 contain both misidentified $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ particles and good 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 and $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ misidentification cuts can be selected such that the peak is removed from this plot while leaving the underlying distribution continuous. To attempt to remove these Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ contaminations without throwing away good K_S^0 particles, the misidentification cuts introduced in Sec. ?? were imposed.

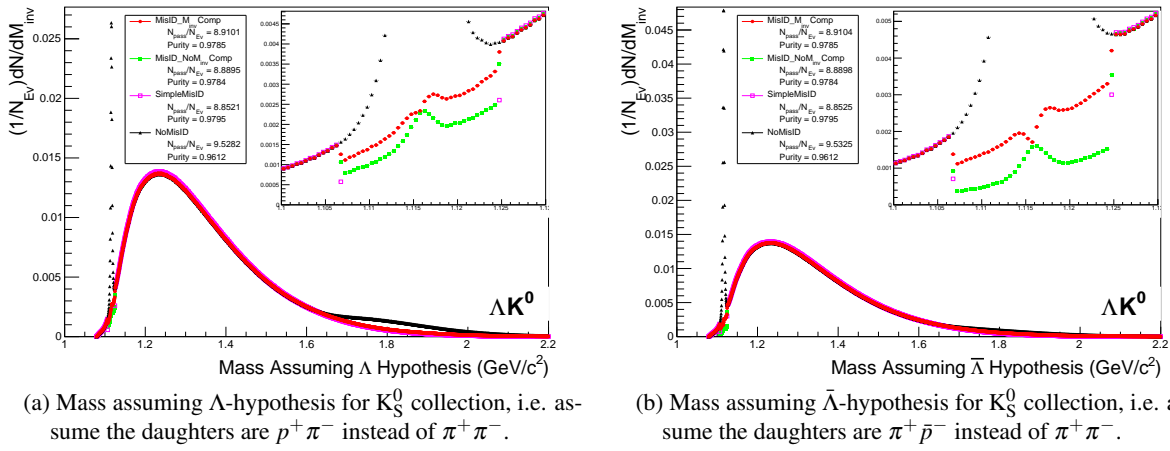


Fig. 1: Mass assuming Λ -hypothesis (1a) and $\bar{\Lambda}$ -hypothesis (1b) for K_S^0 collection. The “NoMisID” distribution (black triangles) uses the V0 finder without any attempt to remove misidentified Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$. The peak in the “NoMisID” distribution around $m_{\text{inv}} = 1.115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ contains misidentified Λ (1a) and $\bar{\Lambda}$ (1b) 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_{inv}Comp” (green squares) uses the misidentification cut outlined in the text, but does not utilize the final invariant mass comparison step. “MisID.M_{inv}Comp” (red circles) utilizes the full misidentification methods, and is currently used for this analysis. “N_{pass}/N_{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 $\bar{\Lambda}$ (1a) and Λ (1b) particles in our K_S^0 collection.