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# Kinematic Fitting

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# Introduction

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***Kinematic fitting*** is a mathematical procedure in which one uses the physical laws governing a particle interaction or decay ***to improve the measurements of the process, test hypothesis and to find unknown parameters.***

Physical information is supplied via ***constraints***. Each constraint is expressed in the form of an equation manifesting some physical condition that the process must satisfy.

Constraints are generally implemented through a ***least-squares procedure***. Each constraint equation is added via the ***Lagrange multiplier technique*** to the  $\chi^2$  equation of the tracks using the covariance matrices of the tracks.



# General algorithm

The expression for  $\chi^2$  and constraints can be written in the matrix form:

$$\chi^2 = (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}_0)^T \mathbf{V}_{\alpha_0}^{-1} (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{-- constraints}$$

parameters for a  
set of tracks

$$\mathbf{a} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

measurement  
parameters

$$\mathbf{a}_0 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{01} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{0n} \end{pmatrix}$$

the inverse measurement  
covariant matrix

$$\mathbf{V}_{\alpha_0}^{-1} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1/\sigma_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Vector of  $r$  constraints (nonlinear equality)

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{a}) \equiv (H_1(\mathbf{a}), \dots, H_r(\mathbf{a}))$$

# General algorithm

In the mathematics this problem known as *nonlinear minimization problem with nonlinear equality constraints*.

*Simplification: Linearization of the equation – expanding around a convenient point  $\alpha_A$*

$$\mathbf{H}(\alpha) = 0$$



$$[\mathbf{H}(\alpha_A) + \partial\mathbf{H}(\alpha_A) / \partial\alpha](\alpha - \alpha_A) \equiv \mathbf{D}\delta\alpha + \mathbf{d} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{D} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial \alpha_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial \alpha_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial H_n}{\partial \alpha_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial H_n}{\partial \alpha_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\delta\alpha = \alpha - \alpha_A$$

$$\mathbf{d} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} H_1(\alpha_A) \\ \vdots \\ H_r(\alpha_A) \end{pmatrix}$$

# General algorithm

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The constraints are incorporated by using the method of Lagrange multipliers in which the  $\chi^2$  is written as a sum of two terms:

$$\chi^2 = (\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0)^T \mathbf{V}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_0}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0) + 2\boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (\mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{d})$$

$\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  is a vector of Lagrange multipliers

Minimizing the  $\chi^2$  with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  yields two vector equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_0}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0) &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{d} &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

*which can be solved for the parameters and their covariance matrix.*

# General algorithm

The solution of the system  
of vector equations

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} &= \mathbf{a}_0 - \mathbf{V}_{\alpha_0} \mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \mathbf{V}_D (\mathbf{D} \delta \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{d}) \\ \mathbf{V}_D &= (\mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}_{\alpha_0} \mathbf{D}^T)^{-1} \\ \delta \mathbf{a}_0 &= \mathbf{a}_0 - \mathbf{a}_A\end{aligned}$$

New  $\chi^2$  and covariant matrix

$$\mathbf{V}_\alpha = \mathbf{V}_{\alpha_0} - \mathbf{V}_{\alpha_0} \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{V}_D \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}_{\alpha_0}$$

$$\chi^2 = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{V}_D^{-1} \boldsymbol{\lambda} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (\mathbf{D} \delta \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{d})$$

*Iterative procedure:*

- 1 step:  $\alpha_A = \alpha_0$  first approximation  $\alpha^{(0)}$
- 2 step:  $\alpha_A = \alpha^{(0)}$  second approximation  $\alpha^{(1)}$
- ...

*Convergence criterion*

$$|(\chi^2)^{i+1} - (\chi^2)^i| < \varepsilon$$

# Test of the fitting algorithm

The *kinematic fitting* procedure was applied for the analysis of the  $K_S^0$  decay



*The set of the fitting parameters  
for each particle*

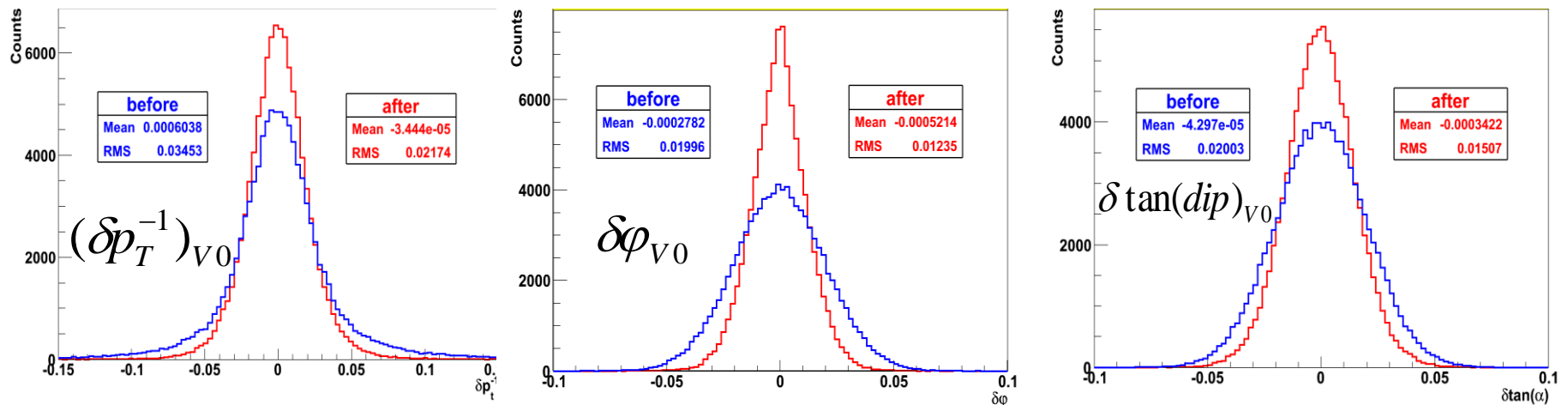
$$\alpha = (1/p_T, \varphi, \tan(\text{dip}))$$

*Constraints*

*(4-momentum conservation law)*

$$p_{K_S^0}^\mu - p_{\pi^+}^\mu - p_{\pi^-}^\mu = 0, \quad \mu = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

*Toy Monte Carlo simulation with Gaussian shape errors*



*The resolution of “experimental“ measurements improved*

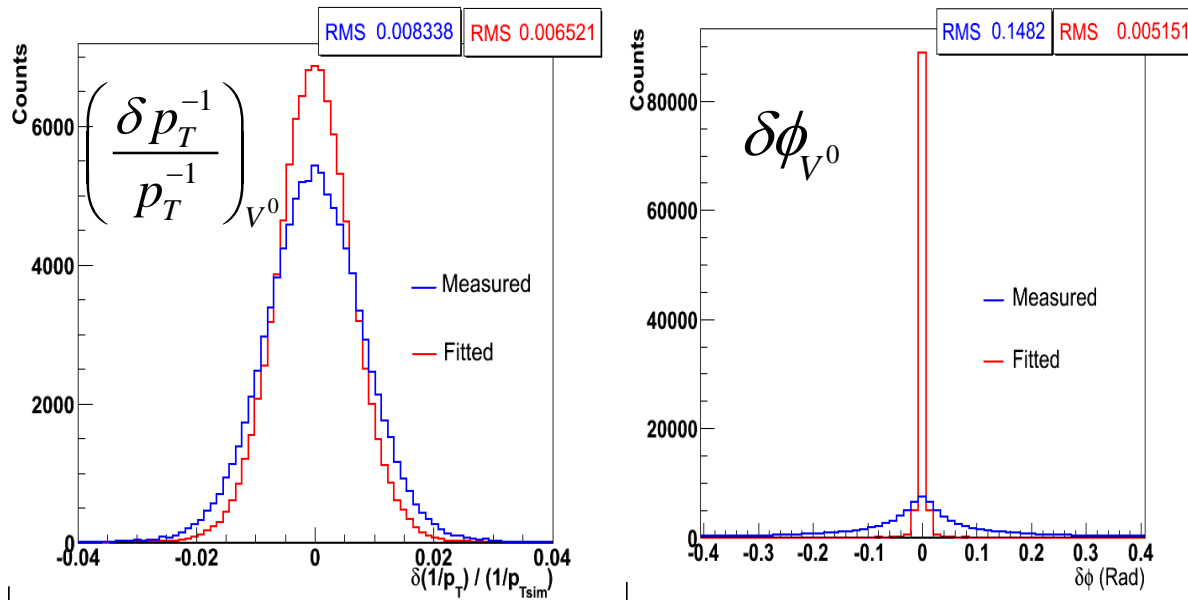


# Test of kinematic & geometrical fitting

*The set of the fitting parameters  
for each particle*

$$\alpha = (1/p_T, \phi, \tan(\text{dip}), x, y, z)$$

*Toy Monte Carlo simulation with Gaussian shape errors*



$$\delta Par = Par_{meas(fit)} - Par_{sim}$$

$$Par \equiv (1/p_T)_{V^0}, \phi_{V^0}, \tan(\text{dip}_{V^0}), x_{V^0}, y_{V^0}, z_{V^0}$$

*Kinematical constraints*

$$p_{K_s^0}^\mu - p_{\pi^+}^\mu - p_{\pi^-}^\mu = 0, \quad \mu = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

*Geometrical constraints*

*(helices intersection)*

$$\vec{r}_{\pi^+}(s_1) - \vec{r}_{\pi^-}(s_2) = 0$$

$$\vec{r}(s) \equiv (x(s), y(s), z(s))$$

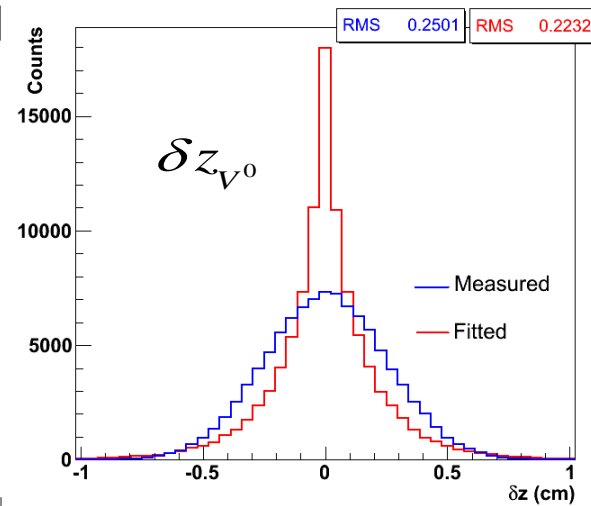
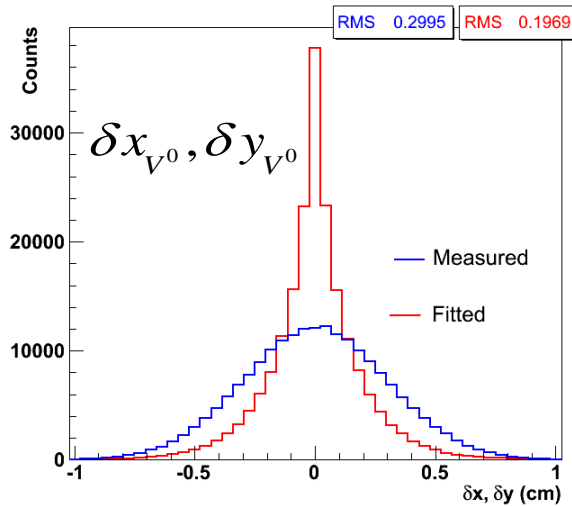
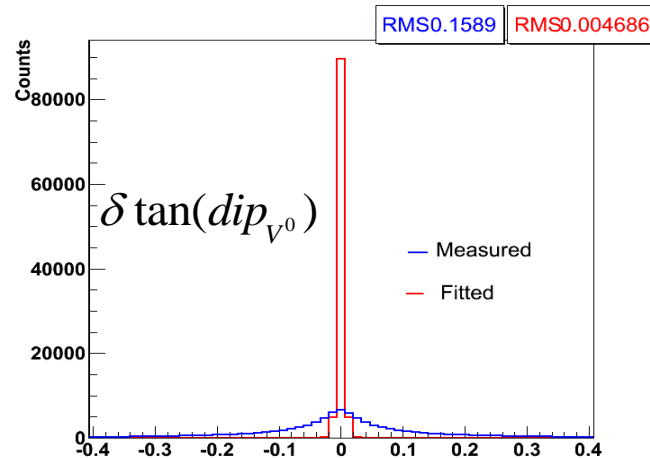
| Parameters         | $\sigma$  |
|--------------------|-----------|
| $1/p_T$            | 1%        |
| $\phi$             | 0.005 Rad |
| $\tan(\text{dip})$ | 0.005     |
| $x_0, y_0$         | 0.085 cm  |
| $z_0$              | 0.125 cm  |
| $x_{V^0}, y_{V^0}$ | 0.3 cm    |
| $z_{V^0}$          | 0.25 cm   |



*The resolution of “experimental” measurements improved*



# Test of kinematic & geometrical fitting (con'd)



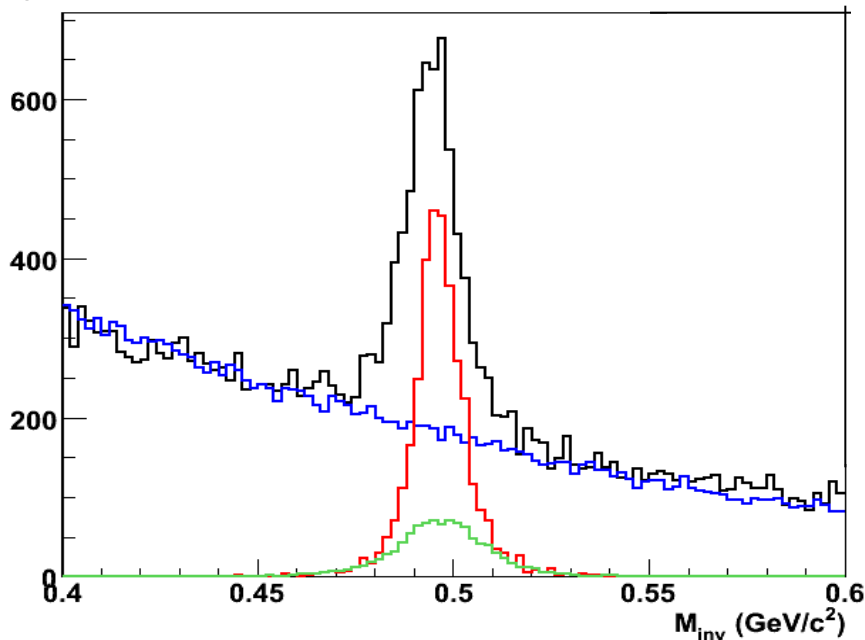
*V0 vertex space resolution is improved*

# STAR Simulation & dAu@200 GeV

$$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$$

**HIJING-3.82 + GEANT + Reconstruction**      **175K MinBais events**

**K<sub>S</sub><sup>0</sup> d+Au 200 GeV**

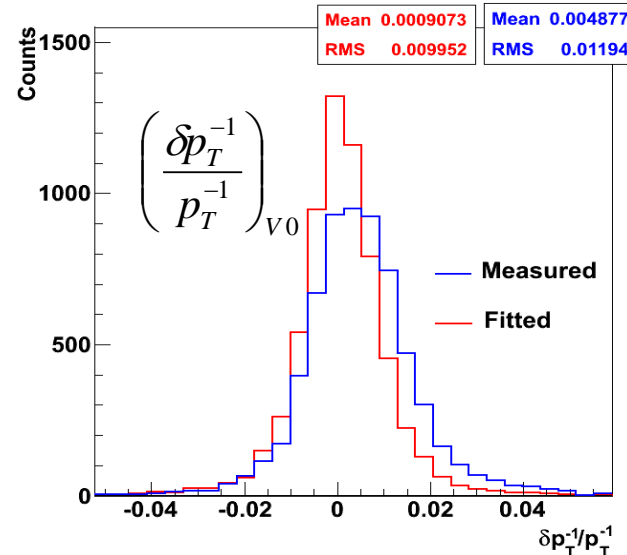
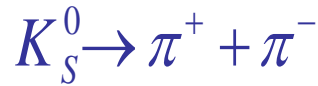


- topological cuts
- background (mix)
- kinematic fit
- background V<sup>0</sup>'s after fit

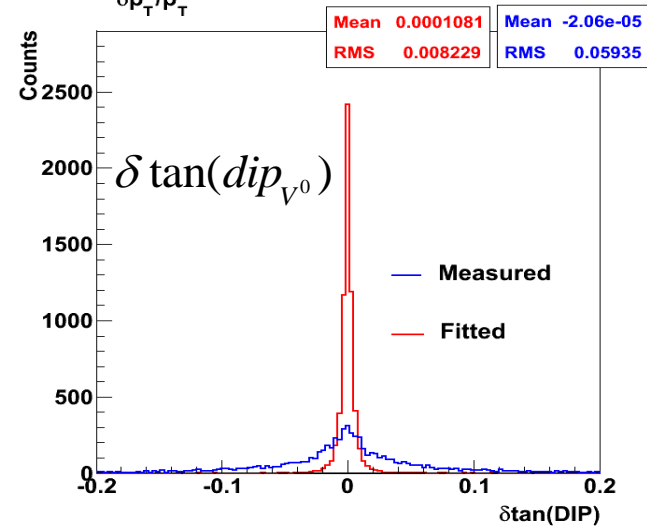
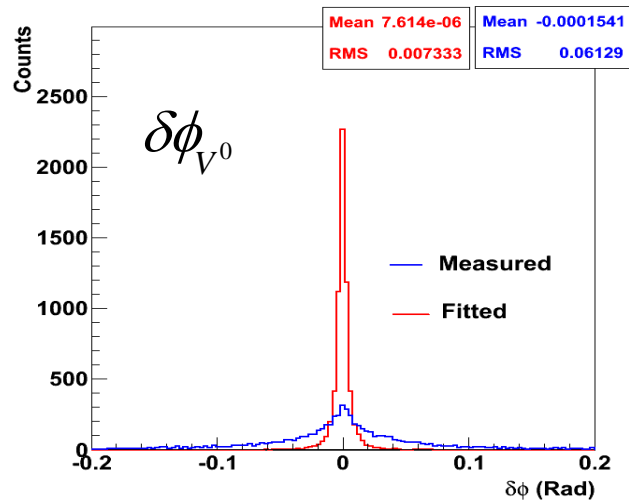
Signal / Background  $\approx 3.4$

*Strong suppression of background*

# STAR Simulation & dAu@200 GeV (con'd)



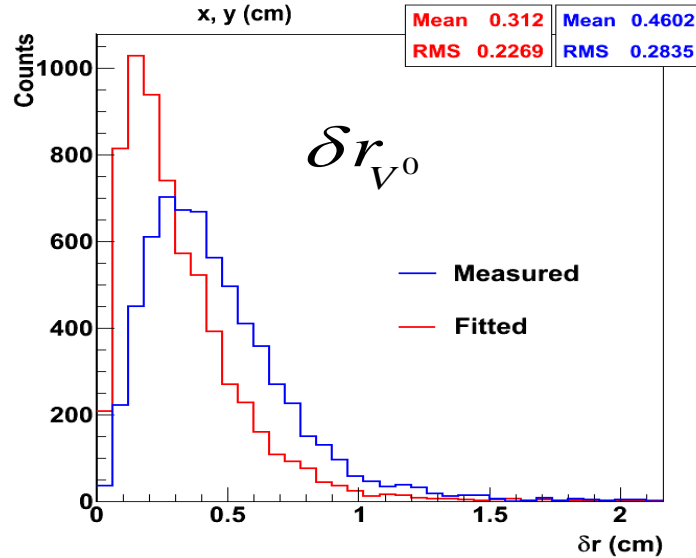
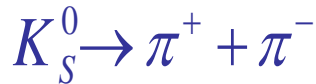
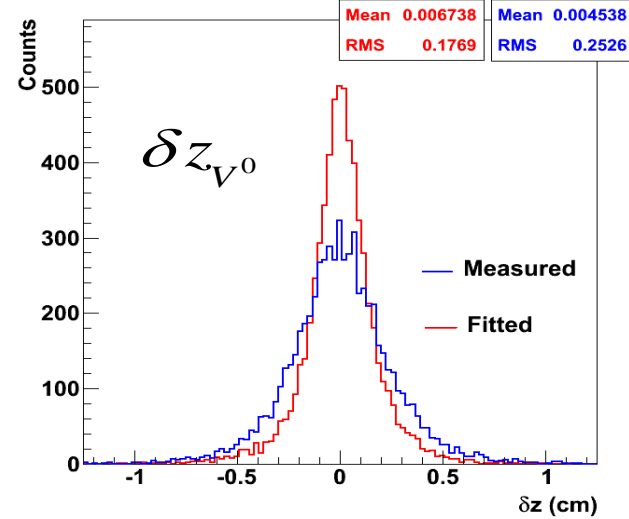
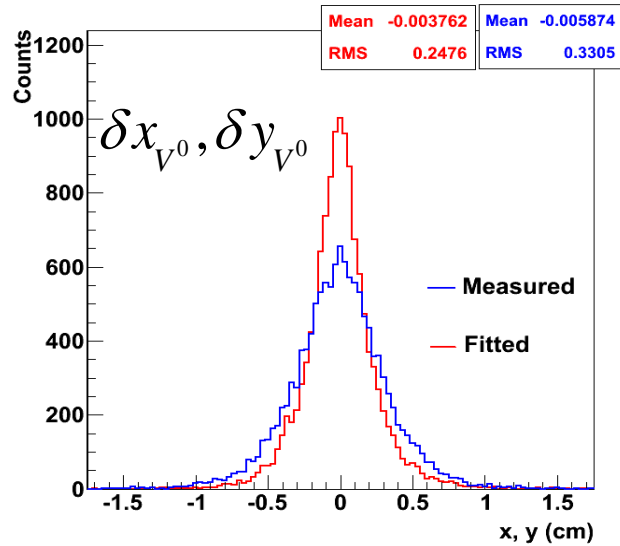
*The mean value is corrected*



*The resolution of "experimental" measurements are improved*



# STAR Simulation & dAu@200 GeV (con'd)



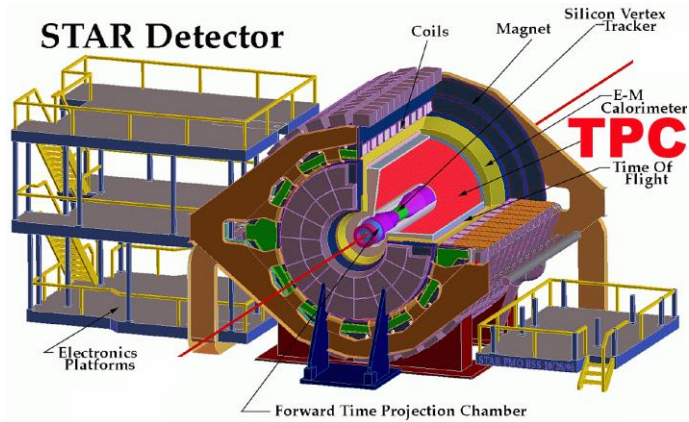
$$\delta r_{V^0} = \left| \vec{r}_{\text{exp/fit}V^0} - \vec{r}_{\text{MC}V^0} \right|$$



*V<sup>0</sup> vertex space resolution is significantly improved*



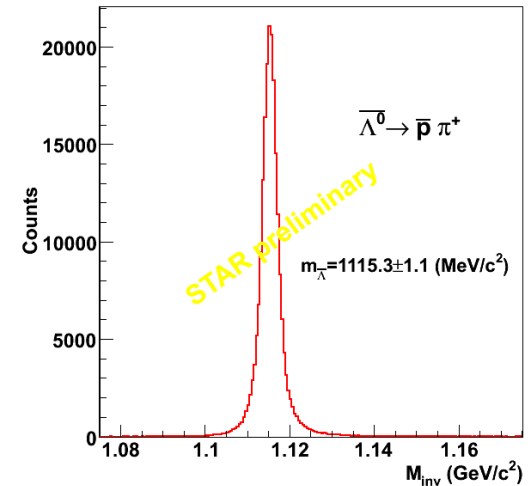
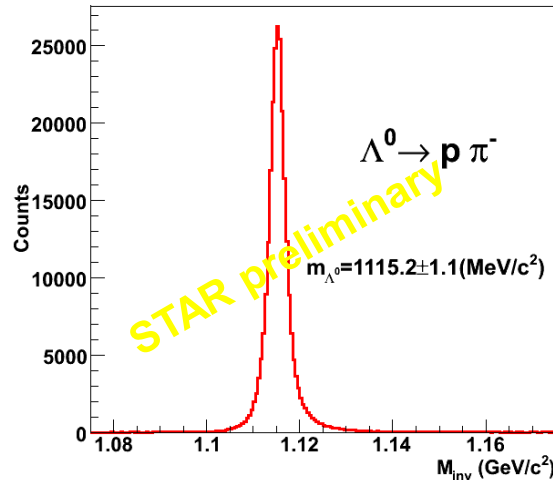
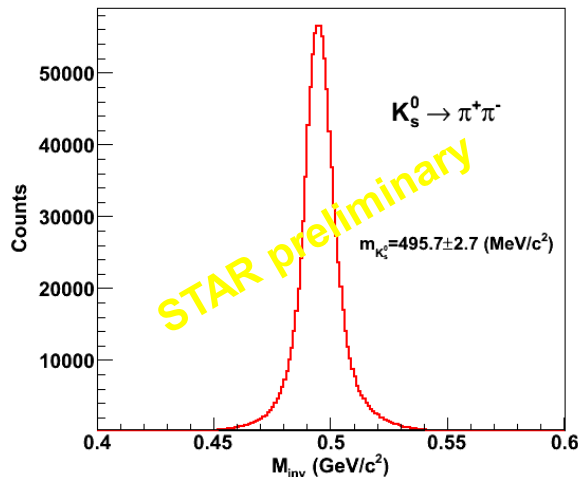
# STAR Data Sample



**dAu @ 200 GeV**

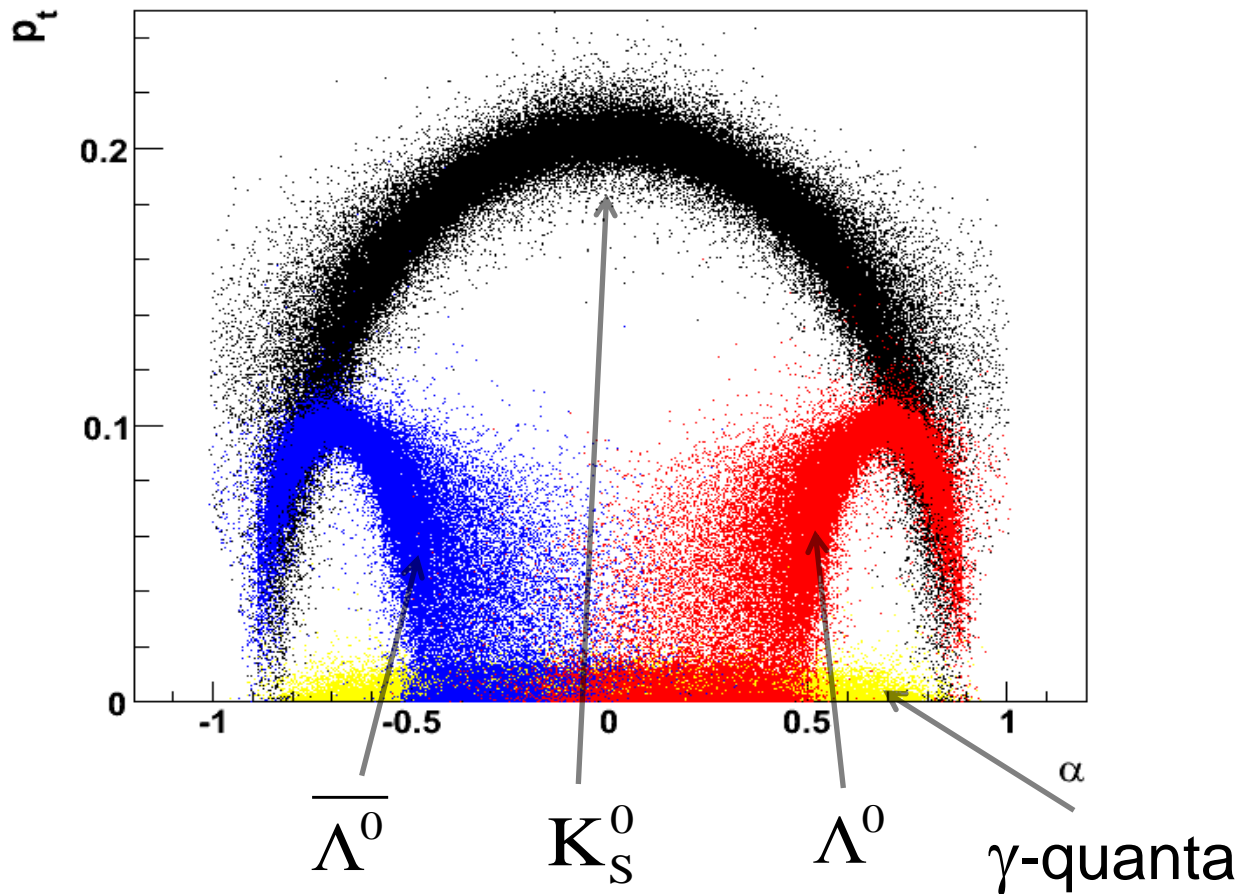
- ~13 M minbias events
- PID by  $dE/dx$ ,  $p/\pi$
- $V^0$  topological cats
- Kinematic fitting

| particle          | No. of evts |
|-------------------|-------------|
| $\Lambda^0$       | 219K        |
| $\bar{\Lambda}^0$ | 181K        |
| $K_S^0$           | 786K        |



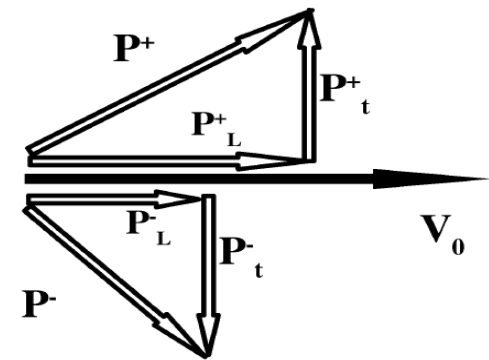
*The invariant mass distributions*

# Armenteros-Podolanski plot



$$p_t(\alpha) = P_t^+ = P_t^-$$

$$\alpha = \frac{P_L^+ - P_L^-}{P_L^+ + P_L^-}$$

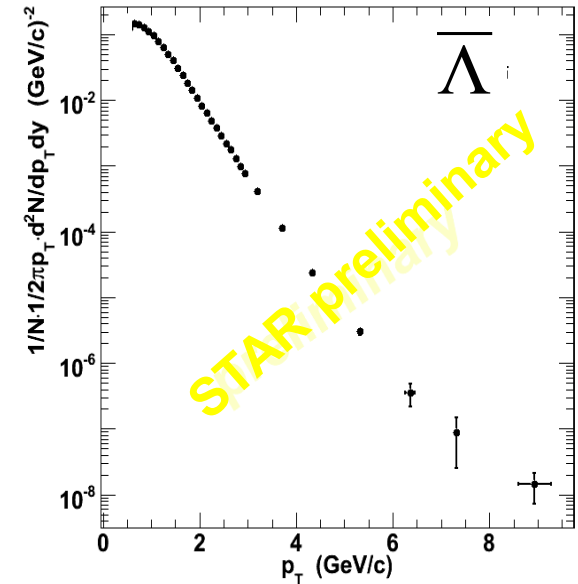
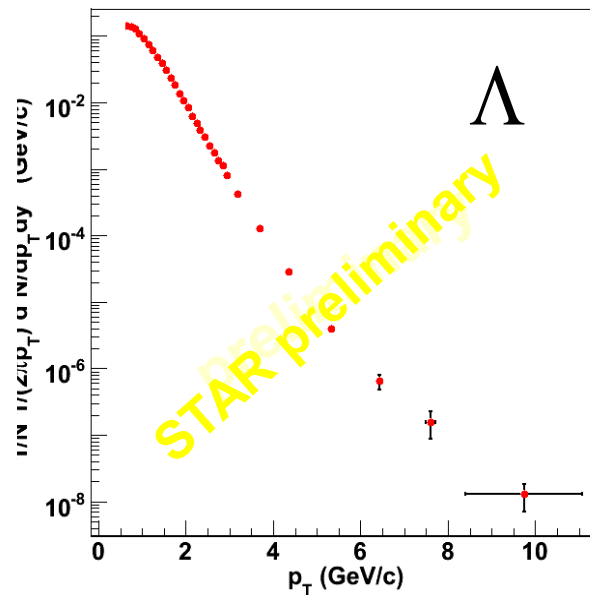
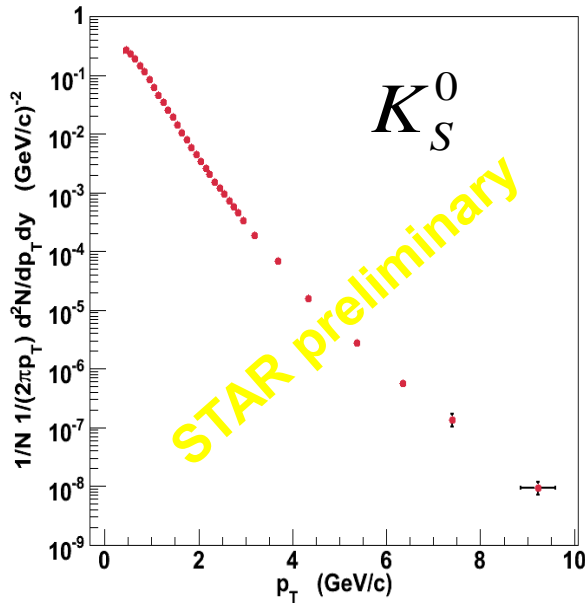


*Good separation of the hypothesis*

# High transverse momentum spectra

*dAu @ 200 GeV*

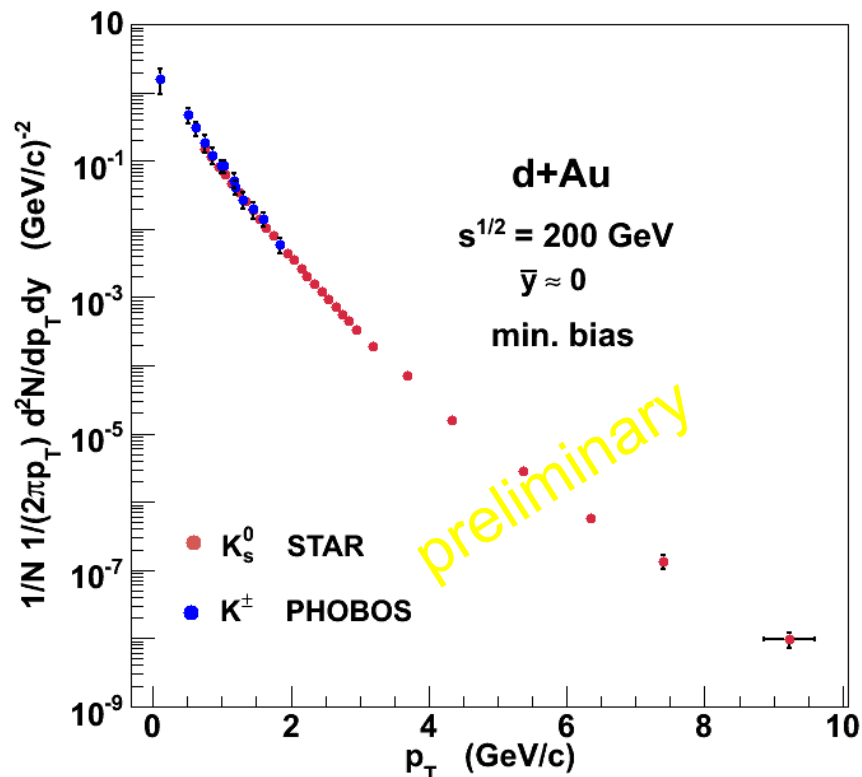
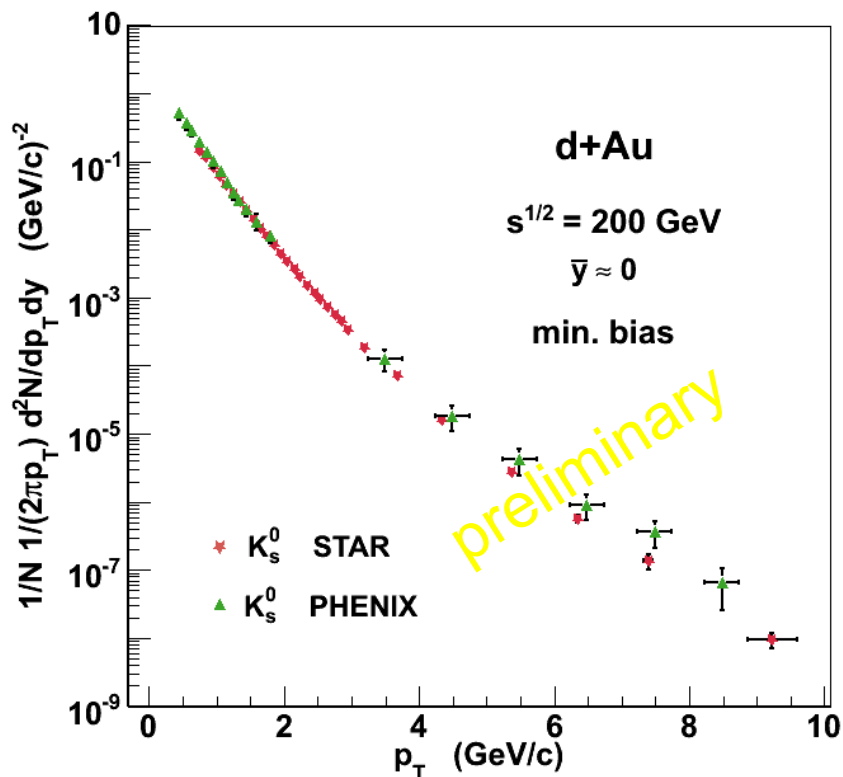
$|\eta| < 1, p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV/c}$



*High statistics of spectra for high- $p_T$  range*



# STAR vs. PHENIX, PHOBOS spectra



*STAR data are in a good agreement with the PHENIX & PHOBOS data in the overlapping range*

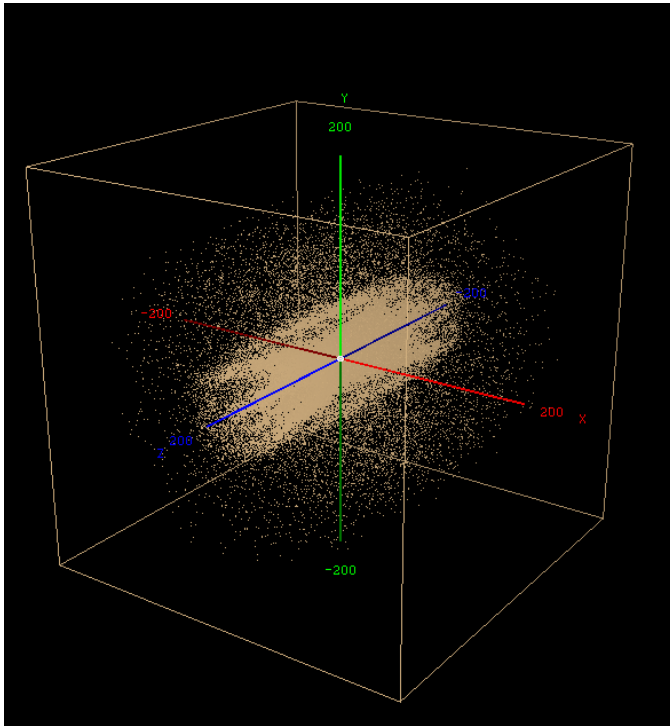


# Gamma quanta & $\pi^0$

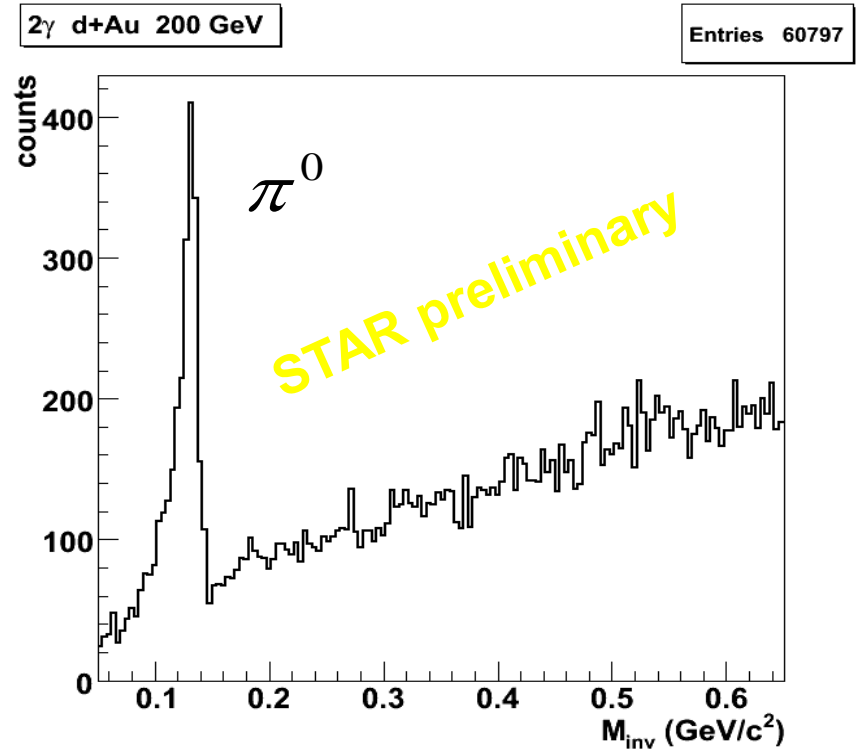
*dAu @ 200 GeV*

*Gamma ray picture of STAR detector*

*Invariant mass distribution for  $2\gamma$*

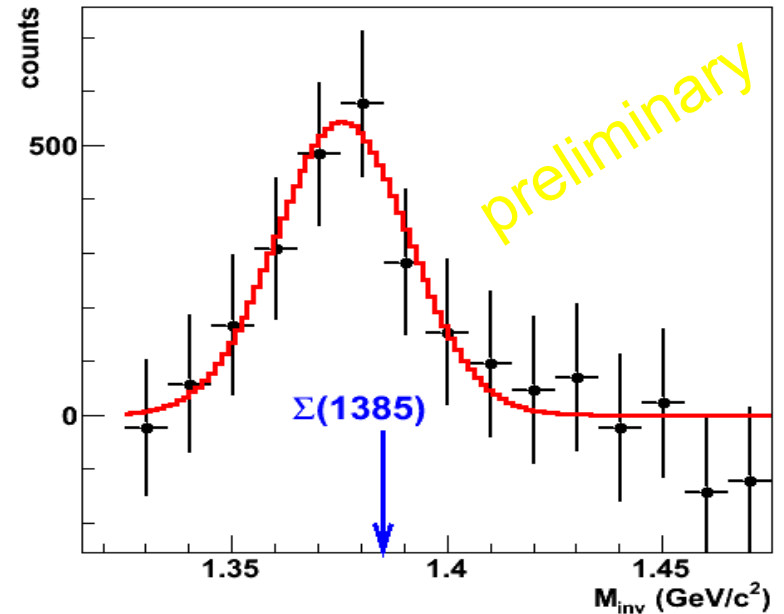
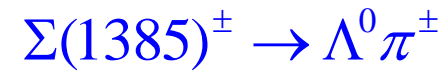
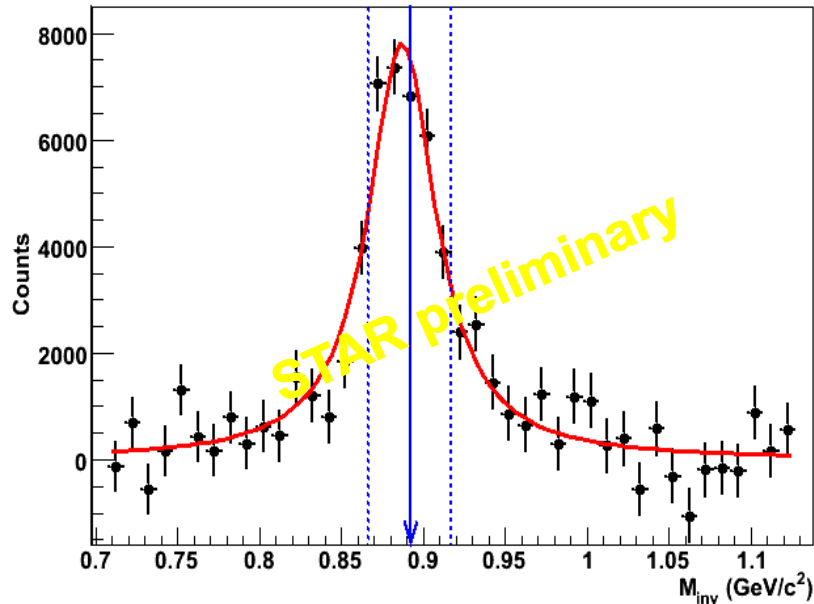
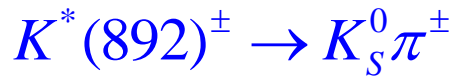


x,y,z coordinates of  $\gamma$  conversion points



Reconstruction  $\pi^0$  in TPC

# Strange resonances



*Fit function = Non Relativistic Breit-Wigner*

Fit data

mass  $0.8867 \pm 0.0013 \text{ GeV}/c^2$   
 width  $0.0498 \pm 0.0051 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

PDG data

$0.89166 \text{ GeV}/c^2$   
 $0.0508 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



# Summary

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- *Kinematic fitting was suggested and tested using MC data.*
- *This method was applied for reconstruction of  $V^0$  particles from the **STAR** data.*
- *Transverse yields of  $K_S^0$ ,  $\Lambda^0$ ,  $\overline{\Lambda^0}$  particles in  $dAu$  collisions at  $200\text{ GeV}$  at **high  $p_T$**  were obtained.*
- *Possibility of  $\gamma$  and  $\pi^0$  reconstruction in the TPC by using the kinematic fit was shown.*
- *The improved resolution of the  **$V^0$**  kinematic and geometrical parameters was obtained.*

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*Thanks for Your Attention !*



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