



The measurement of $p - E^-$ Correlation function in Au + Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.5$ GeV(P23ie)

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The analysis @ 3.5GeV(P21id):

https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/system/files/yingjie_pXicf_BESII_fxt_sys.pdf

The analysis @ 3.2GeV:

https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/system/files/Measurement_pXiCF_3p2.pdf



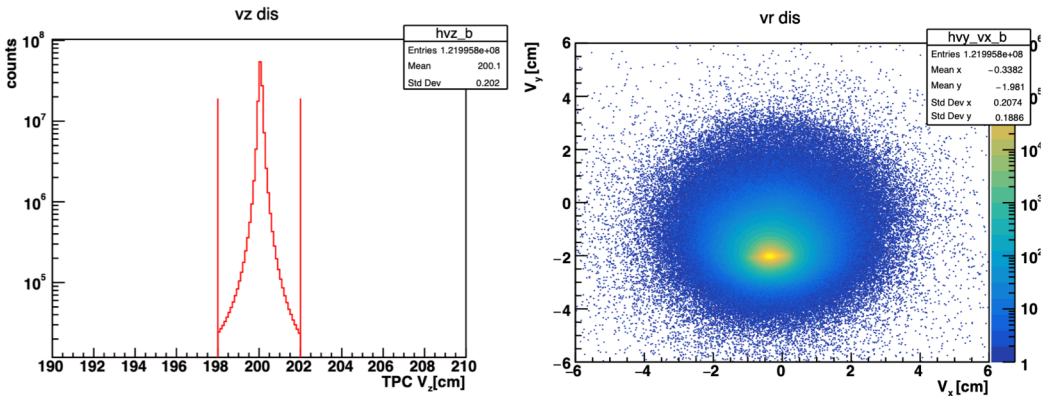
- Data set and event, track selection
- Proton candidate selection
- E^- candidate reconstruction
- $p - E^-$ correlation function calculation
- Summary and Outlook
- The comparison between the dataset at P23ie and P21id are shown in the backup

Data set and event, track selection

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.5$ GeV (Run 20 Fixed target Au + Au 5.75 GeV data)

Data form: production_5p75GeV_fixedTarget_2020 (P23ie)

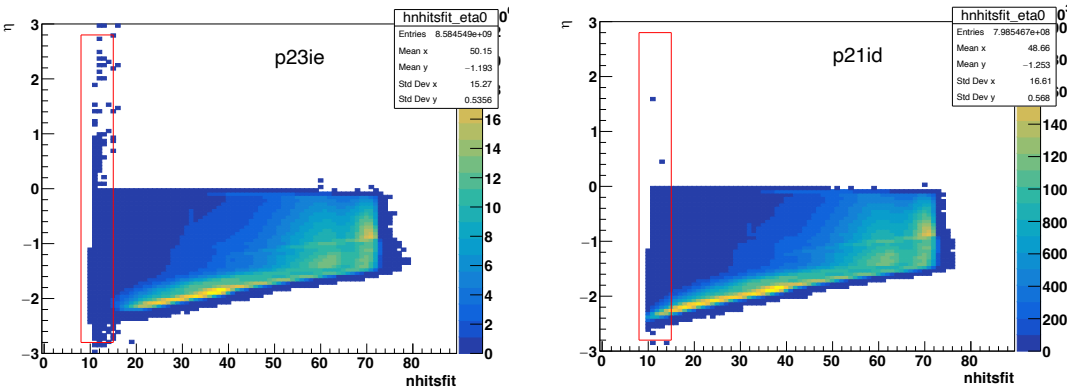
Energy ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ GeV)	Trigger ID	Total Events(M)	V_z (cm)	V_r ((0, 2)cm)	Good Events(M)
3.5	720000	~122	[198, 202]	$\sqrt{(V_x)^2 + (V_y+2)^2} < 2$	~119



Bad run list, Centrality definition and Pile-up:

https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/system/files/Centrality_Determination_for_3_5_GeV_Production_0.pdf

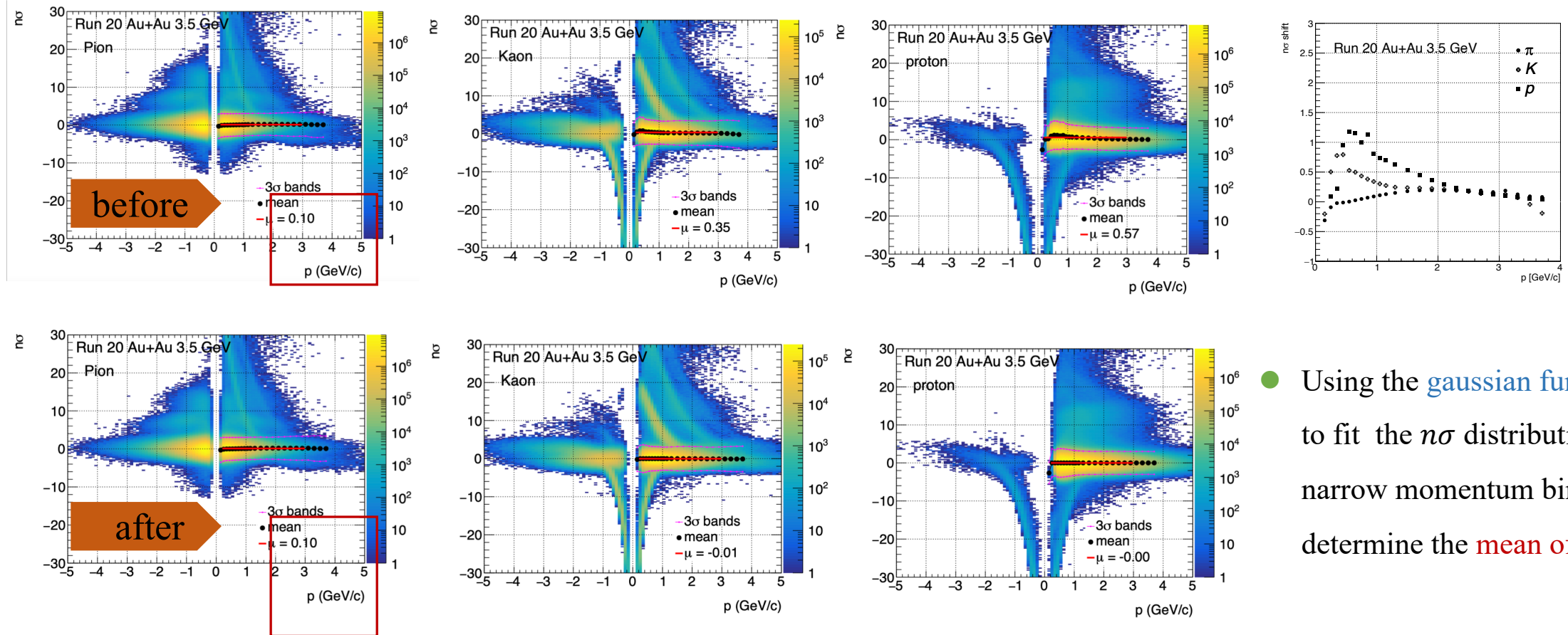
Track cuts	p_T	nHitsFit	nHitsFit / nHitsMax	nHitsdEdx
	≥ 0.15	≥ 15	≥ 0.52	≥ 5



Particle Identification Recalibration



Particle Identification recalibration of π^- , k and p

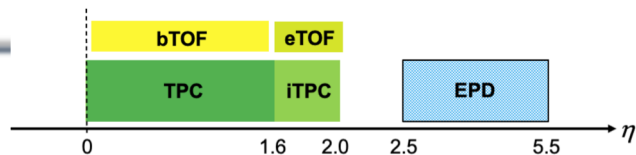


- Using the gaussian function to fit the $n\sigma$ distribution in narrow momentum bin and determine the mean of $n\sigma$
- $n\sigma$ (recalibration) = $n\sigma - \text{mean}$

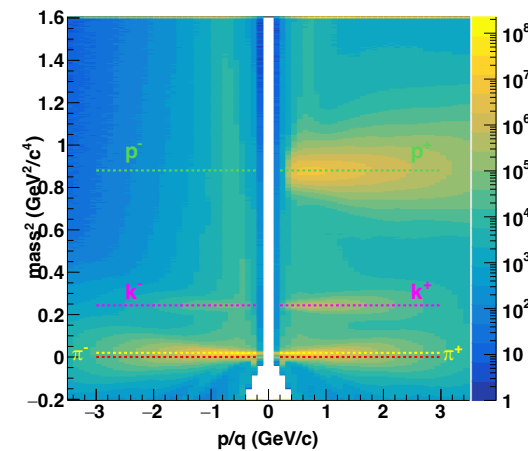
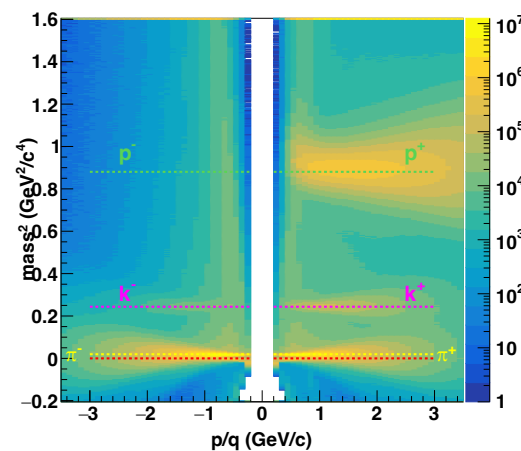
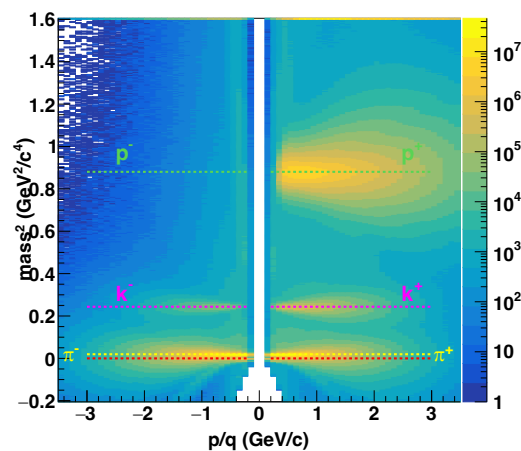


Add the eTOF

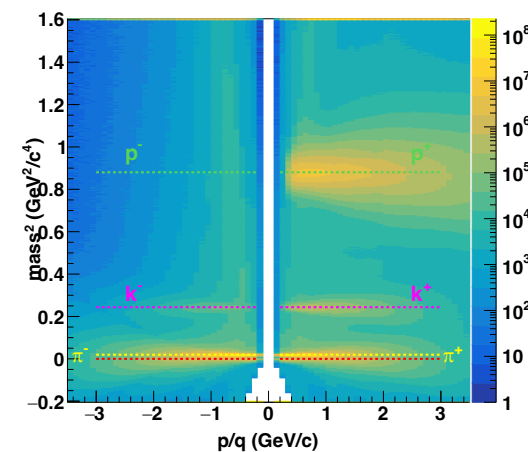
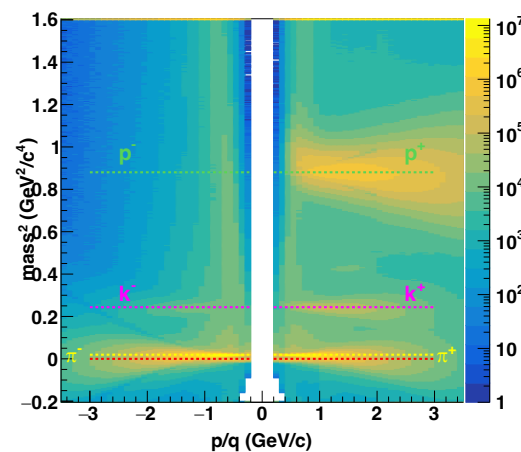
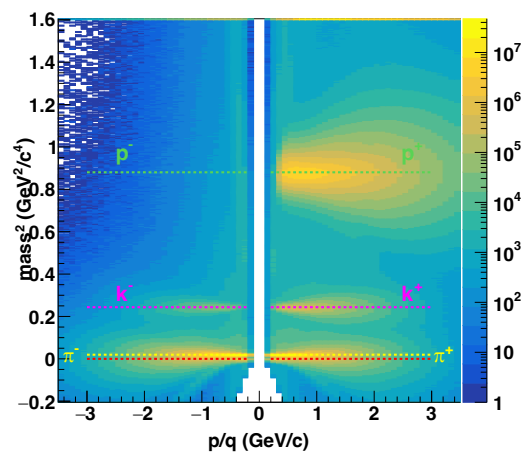
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W/O T0
recalibration



W/ T0
recalibration



bTOF

eTOF

Mix bTOF + eTOF

Proton purity calculation



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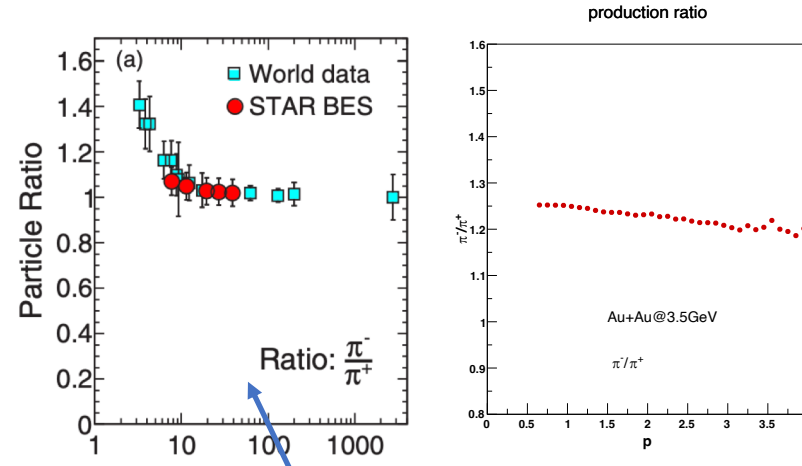
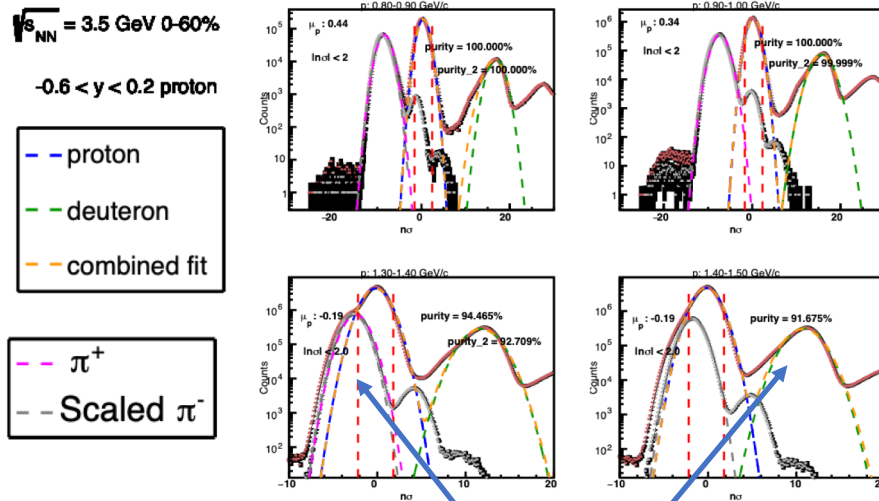
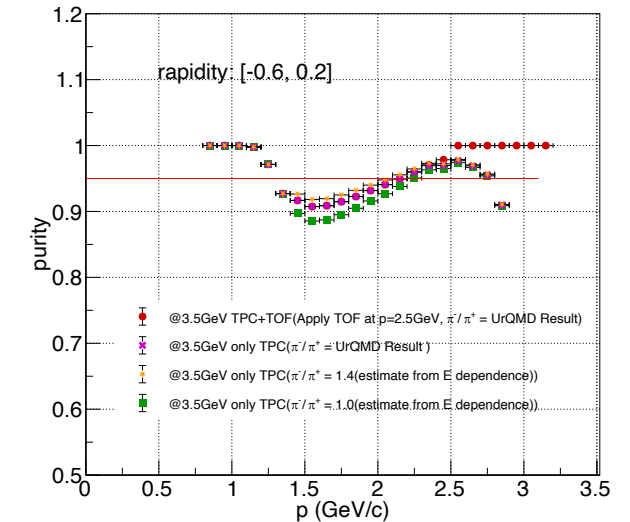


FIG.1: The energy dependence of π^-/π^+ particle ratio from world data

FIG.2: Particle ratio of π^-/π^+ from UrQMD model

Proton purity estimation in two methods:

- $p \in [0, 1.4] \text{ GeV/c}$, Using the three gaussian functions to fit the π^+ , p, d in each momentum bin with determined mean/width of each particle's $n\sigma$ distribution
- $p \in [1.4, 3.0] \text{ GeV/c}$, Using the π^- to estimate the π^+ (refer the particle ratio of π^-/π^+), combine with the p, d (fitted by the two gaussian functions) to calculate the purity of proton
- Purity = total- π^+ - d / total



Ξ^- reconstruction

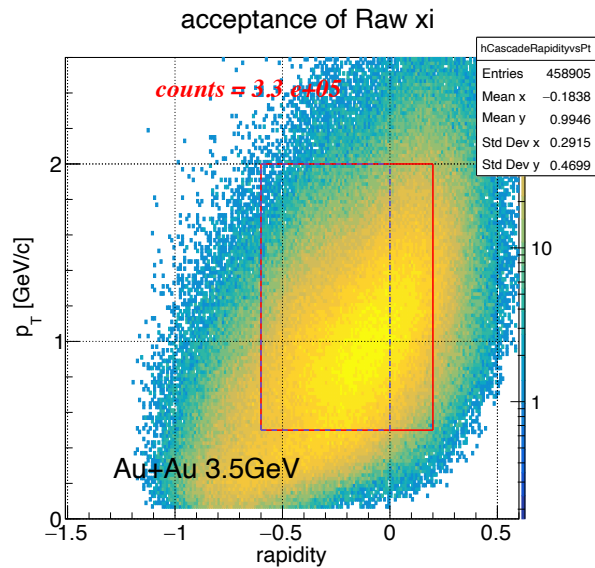


- According to the significance, purity and signal counts, we tuning the topological variables cuts to get the Ξ^- with the higher quality from wide step to the narrow step and wider region :

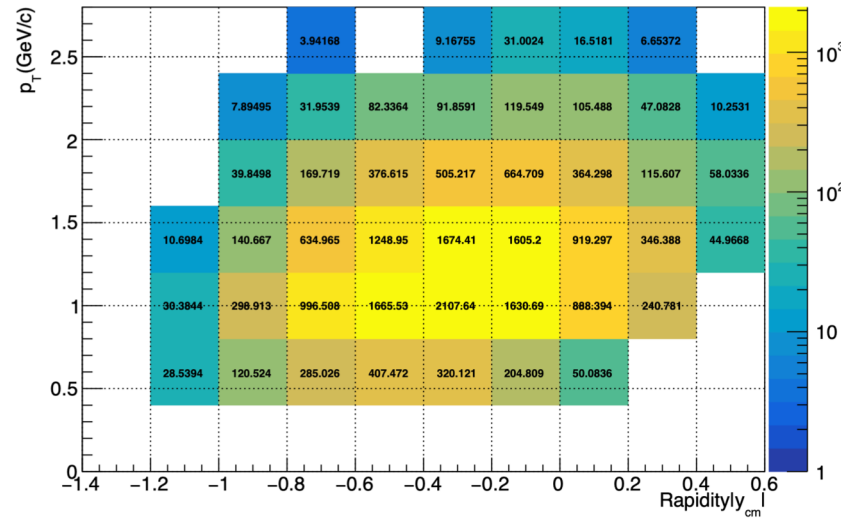
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Remove the fake Ξ^-				fake mass – 1.1157 > 0.00504			
Topological cuts	3GeV	$LdL_{\Xi^-} > 6$	$\chi^2_{NDF} < 10$	Ξ^- decay length < Λ ($\leftarrow \Xi^-$)			$L_{\Xi^-} > 1\text{cm}$
		$DCA_{\Lambda-\pi^-} < 0.8\text{ cm}$	$DCA_{p-\pi^-} < 0.8\text{ cm}$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_proton}} > 10$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion}} > 10$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion(bach)}} > 10$	$\chi^2_{\text{topo}} < 10$
	3.2GeV	$LdL_{\Xi^-} > 6$	$\chi^2_{NDF} < 10$	Ξ^- decay length < Λ ($\leftarrow \Xi^-$)			$L_{\Xi^-} > 3\text{cm}$
		$DCA_{\Lambda-\pi^-} < 0.8\text{ cm}$	$DCA_{p-\pi^-} < 0.8\text{ cm}$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_proton}} > 7$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion}} > 10$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion(bach)}} > 14$	$\chi^2_{\text{topo}} < 4.3$
	3.5GeV	$LdL_{\Xi^-} > 6$	$\chi^2_{NDF} < 10$	Ξ^- decay length < Λ ($\leftarrow \Xi^-$)			$L_{\Xi^-} > 3\text{cm}$
		$DCA_{\Lambda-\pi^-} < 0.9\text{ cm}$	$DCA_{p-\pi^-} < 1.0\text{ cm}$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_proton}} > 7$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion}} > 10$	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion(bach)}} > 17$	$\chi^2_{\text{topo}} < 4.3$
Centrality region			p_{T} region		Rapidity region		
0-60%			$0.5 < p_{\text{T}} < 2.0$		$-0.6 < y < 0.2$		

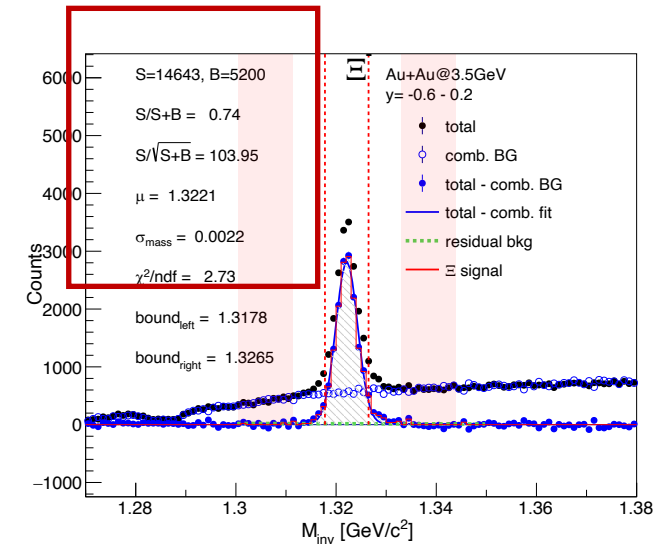
Acceptance and signal extraction



Acceptance of E^-



Acceptance of E^- with
deducting the background



Extracting the signal

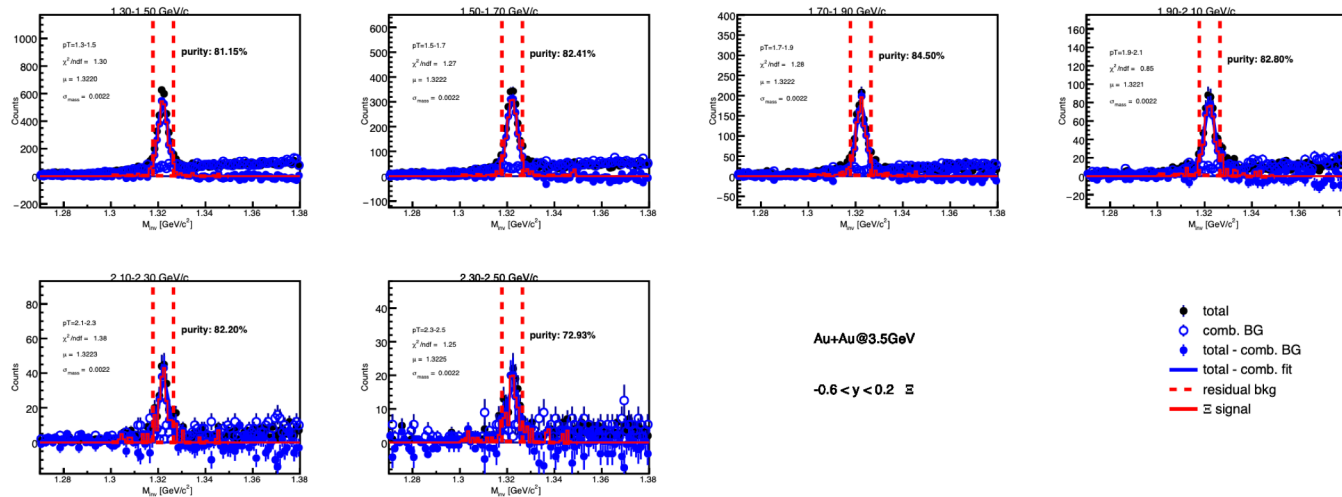
- **Raw signal:** Using the KF-Particle package to reconstruct the E^- with tuning topological cuts and veto mass cut
- **Background(Rotation background):** Rotate π^- by $(150, 210)^\circ$
- **Signal bin counts region :** $[1.3178, 1.3265]$ (mass window is $\mu \pm 2\sigma$)

Ξ^- purity calculation

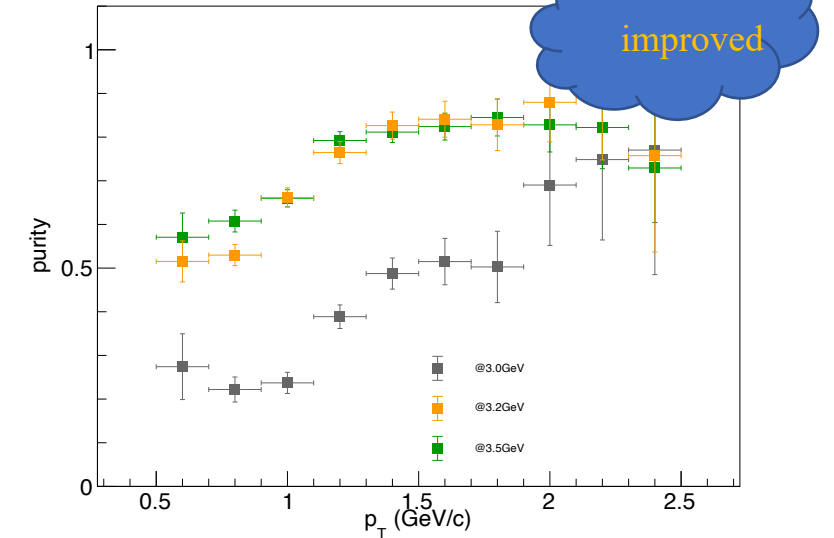


Calculate the purity of Ξ^- in small p_T region

Acceptance and centrality region same as proton



0-60%(centrality)
$-0.6 < y < 0.2$
the region of $\mu \pm 2\sigma$ is fixed as total p_T region

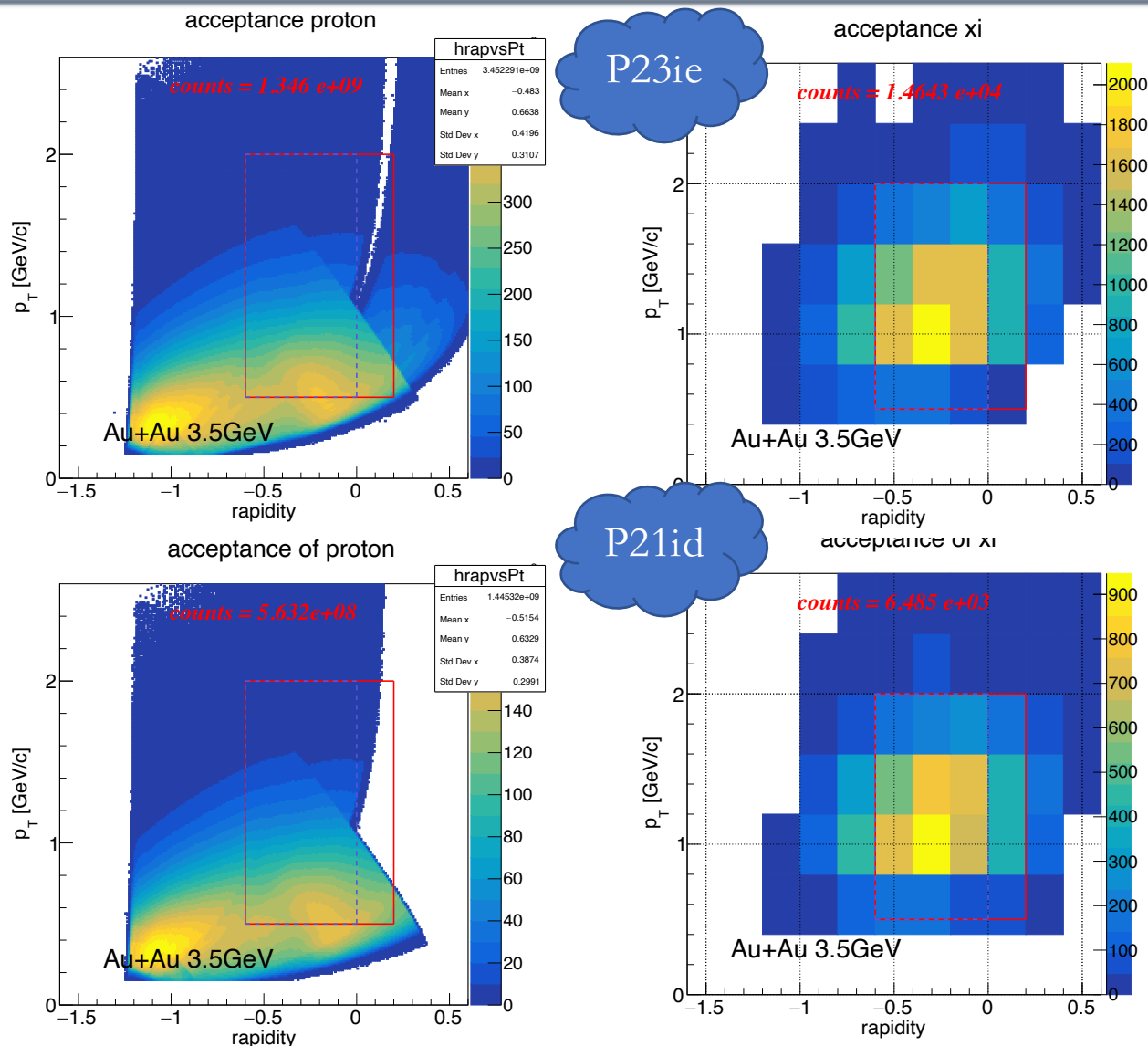


Proton purity estimation in two method:

- After subtraction of the rotation background, use the **gaussian and linear function** to fit **signal** in small p_T region

- Purity =
$$\frac{\text{total counts} - \text{rotation bkg counts} - \text{residual bkg counts}}{\text{total counts}}$$

comparison



	Good Events	E^- counts	Proton counts
P23ie (eTOF)	119.262M	14643	1.346 e+09
p21id	52.827M	6485	5.632 e+08
ratio	~ 2.2576	~ 2.2579	~ 2.3899

Applying the eTOF improve the statistics of primary proton

Raw correlation function



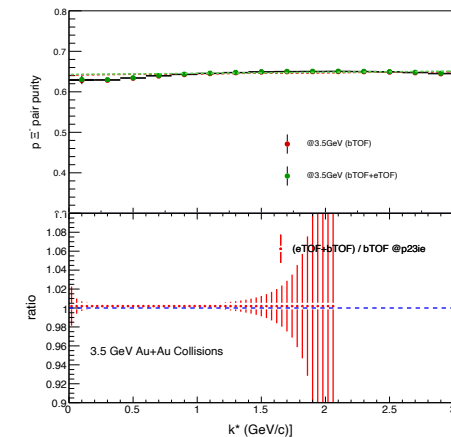
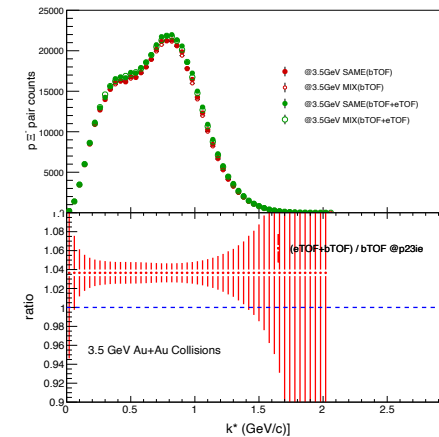
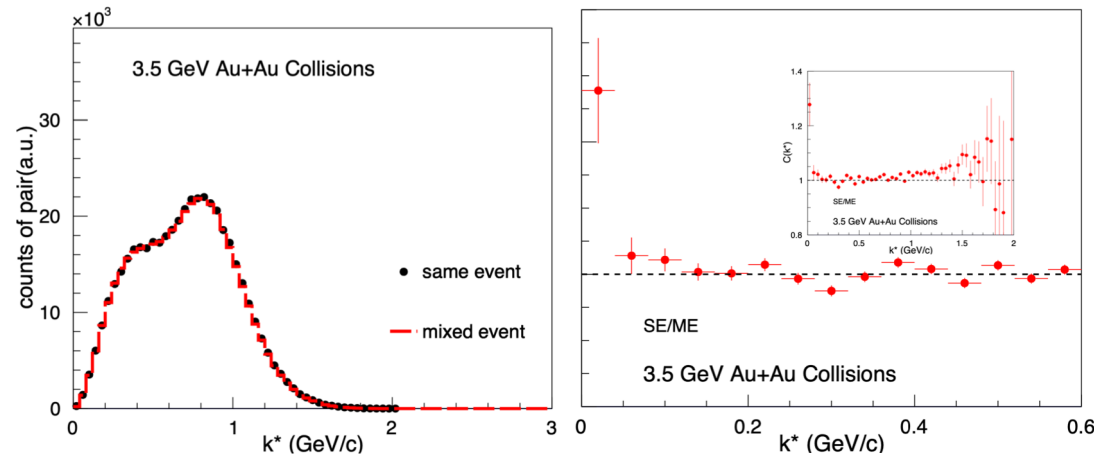
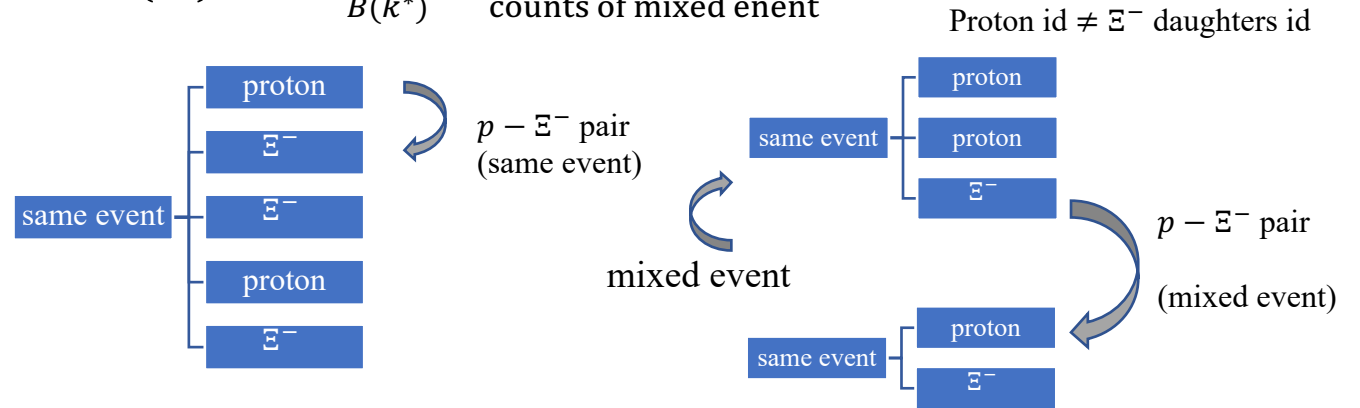
Derivation of p - Ξ^- experimental correlation function:

$$C(p_1, p_2) = \frac{P(p_1, p_2)}{P(p_1)P(p_2)} \quad k^* = \frac{1}{2} |p_1^* - p_2^*|$$

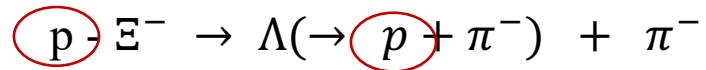
$$C(k^*) = N \frac{A(k^*)}{B(k^*)} = \frac{\text{counts of same event}}{\text{counts of mixed event}}$$

Normalization region is: $k^* \in [0.3, 0.5]$

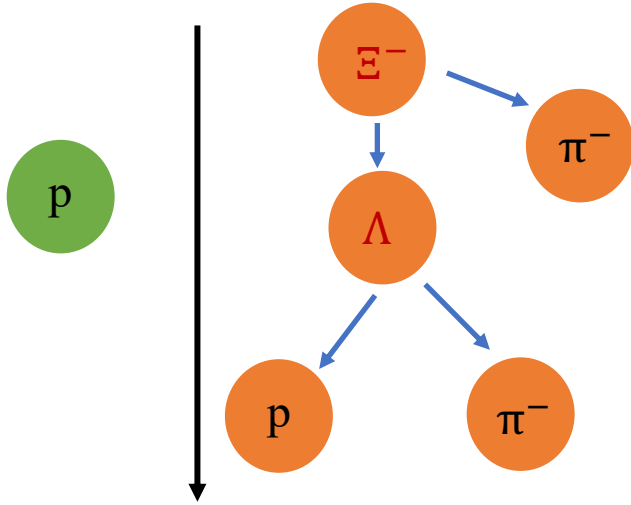
signal region is $[0.000, 0.0044]$ ($|\mu \pm 2\sigma|$)



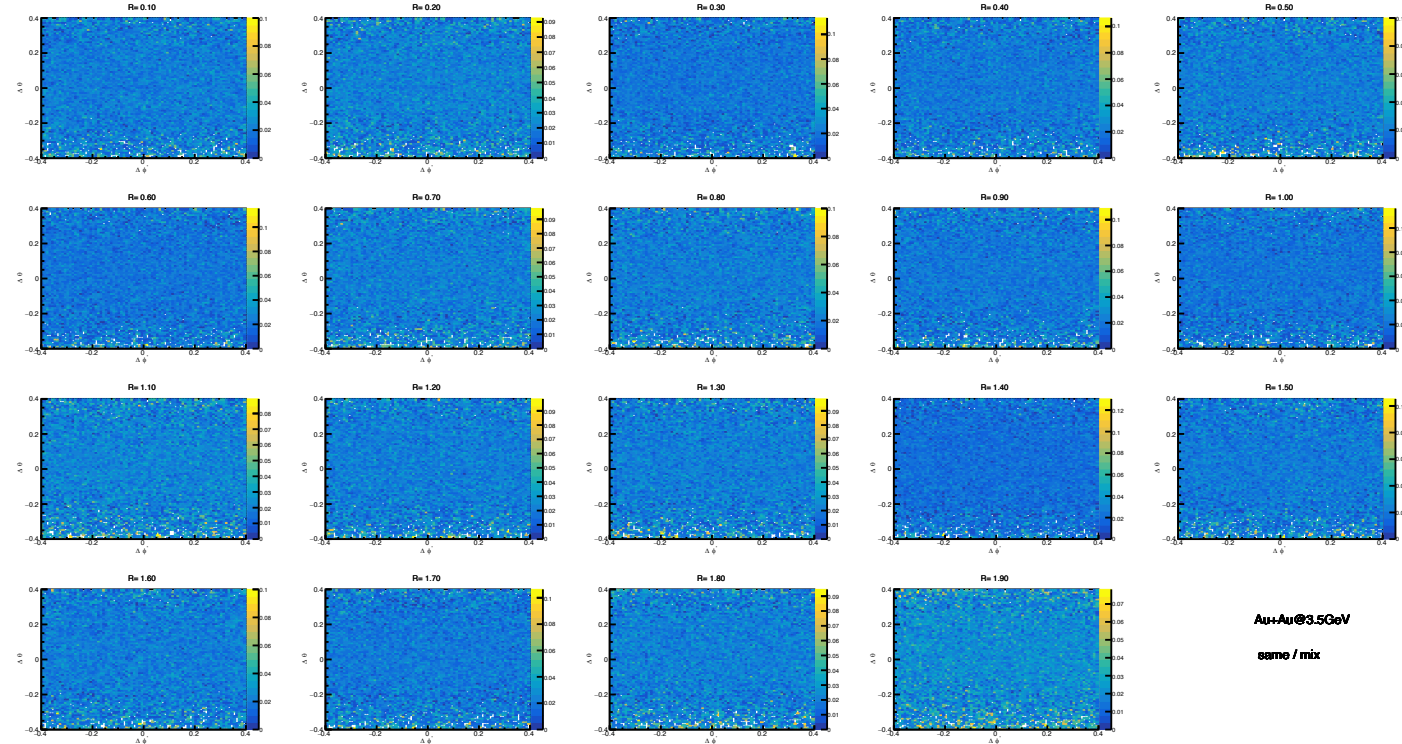
Track merging and splitting check



$\Delta\theta$ v.s $\Delta\phi^*$



$R = 0.1 - 1.9$



Au+Au@3.5GeV
same / mix

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- There are **no track merging and splitting effect** between primary proton and proton(decayed from Λ)
- Same method using to check the track-merging effect between the π^- (decayed from Ξ^-) and π^- (decayed from Λ), **positive and negative** particle daughters, and get the same conclusions

Decomposition of the Correlation Function



p – Ξ^- signal is diluted with contributions from the two aspects :

- First, particle misidentifications due to the experimental techniques and the experimental setup:
 - **Misidentified Ξ^-** (After being identified by TPC and TOF detectors, the proton purity ~ 1 , can be ignored)
- Second, weakly decaying resonances :
 - Decays of the $\Xi(1530)$ resonance ($\Xi^-(1530) \rightarrow \Xi^- + \pi^-$)

The correlation functions stemming from **resonances** or **impurities** of the sample are weighted with the so-called λ parameters and the correlation function can be described as :

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \lambda_{\text{genuine}} \cdot [C_{\text{genuine}}(k^*) - 1]$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j} \lambda_{ij} [C_{ij}(k^*) - 1],$$

$$\lambda_{i,j}(XY) = \mathcal{P}(X_i) \underline{f(X_i)} \mathcal{P}(Y_j) \underline{f(Y_j)}.$$

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$$C_{\text{Raw}}(k^*) = \lambda_{\text{gen}} C_{\text{gen}} + \lambda_{\text{bkg}} C_{\text{bkg}} + \lambda_{\text{feed}} C_{\text{feed}} + \dots$$

genuine misidentifications feed-down

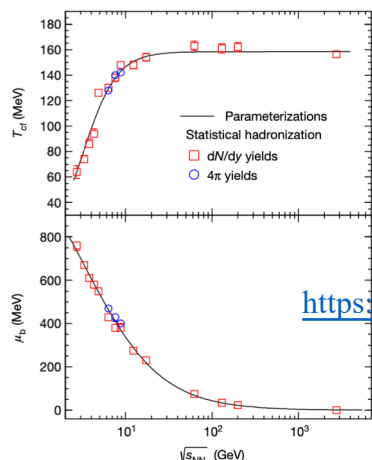
where the i, j denote all **possible impurity** and **feed-down contributions**.

Particle channel fraction and λ_{ij} parameter



Using the **Thermal-FIST** (Thermal, Fast and Interactive Statistical Toolkit) model to obtain the composition of the contribution of resonances to the yield of Ξ^- baryons and proton primordial fraction :

Fig. 3 | Energy dependence of chemical freeze-out parameters T_{cf} and μ_b . The results are obtained from the statistical hadronization analysis of hadron yields (at mid-rapidity, dN/dy , and in full phase space, 4π) for central collisions at different energies. The parameterizations shown are: $T_{cf} = T_{cf}^{lim} / \{1 + \exp[2.60 - \ln(\sqrt{s_{NN}})/0.45]\}$ and $\mu_b = a / (1 + 0.288\sqrt{s_{NN}})$, with $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ in gigaelectronvolts, $T_{cf}^{lim} = 158.4$ MeV and $a = 1,307.5$ MeV. The uncertainty of the limiting temperature T_{cf}^{lim} , determined from the fit of the five points that represent the highest energies, is 1.4 MeV.



When $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.5$ GeV :

$$T_{cf} \approx 86.4 \text{ MeV}$$

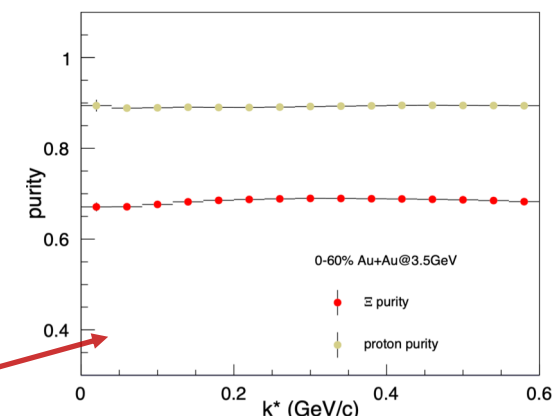
$$\mu_b \approx 651 \text{ MeV}$$

<https://github.com/vlvovch/Thermal-FIST>

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Production of Ξ^-		
Primordial density = $2.13994 \times 10^{-5} \text{ fm}^{-3}$		
Primordial yield = 0.0458944		
Total yield = 0.0551354		
Primordial + strong decays = 0.0551354		
Primordial + strong + EM decays = 0.0551354		
Primordial + strong + EM + weak decays = 0.0551752		
Source	Multiplicity	Fraction (%)
Primordial	0.0458944	83.2394
Decays from primordial $\Xi(1530)0$	0.00566825	10.2806
Decays from primordial $\Xi(1530)-$	0.00319793	5.80014
Decays from primordial $\Xi(1690)0$	0.000172307	0.312515
Decays from primordial $\Xi(1690)-$	0.000100598	0.182456
Decays from primordial $\Xi(1950)0$	4.74195e-05	0.0860055
Decays from primordial $\Xi(1950)-$	2.76851e-05	0.0502129
Decays from primordial $\Omega(2012)$	1.17849e-05	0.0213745
Decays from primordial $\Sigma(2030)-$	8.02627e-06	0.0145574
Decays from primordial $\Sigma(2030)0$	3.43689e-06	0.00623355
Decays from primordial $\Lambda(2100)$	2.40801e-06	0.00436746
Decays from primordial $\Omega(2250)$	1.15506e-06	0.00209496

Production of p		
Primordial density = $0.0138019 \text{ fm}^{-3}$		
Primordial yield = 29.6003		
Total yield = 35.9929		
Primordial + strong decays = 35.9929		
Primordial + strong + EM decays = 35.9929		
Primordial + strong + EM + weak decays = 38.1076		
Source	Multiplicity	Fraction (%)
Primordial	29.6003	82.2393
Decays from primordial $\Delta(1232)++$	2.48245	6.89707
Decays from primordial $\Delta(1232)+$	1.93245	5.36898
Decays from primordial $\Delta(1232)0$	1.12799	3.13393
Decays from primordial $N(1520)0$	0.0923308	0.256525
Decays from primordial $N(1440)+$	0.0887602	0.246605
Decays from primordial $N(1440)0$	0.0859461	0.238787
Decays from primordial $N(1520)+$	0.0673591	0.187146
Decays from primordial $\Delta(1600)++$	0.0596456	0.165715
Decays from primordial $\Delta(1600)+$	0.050377	0.139964
Decays from primordial $N(1535)+$	0.0427554	0.118789
Decays from primordial $\Delta(1600)0$	0.0363271	0.100929
Decays from primordial $N(1675)+$	0.0238499	0.0662628
Decays from primordial $N(1535)0$	0.0229506	0.0637643
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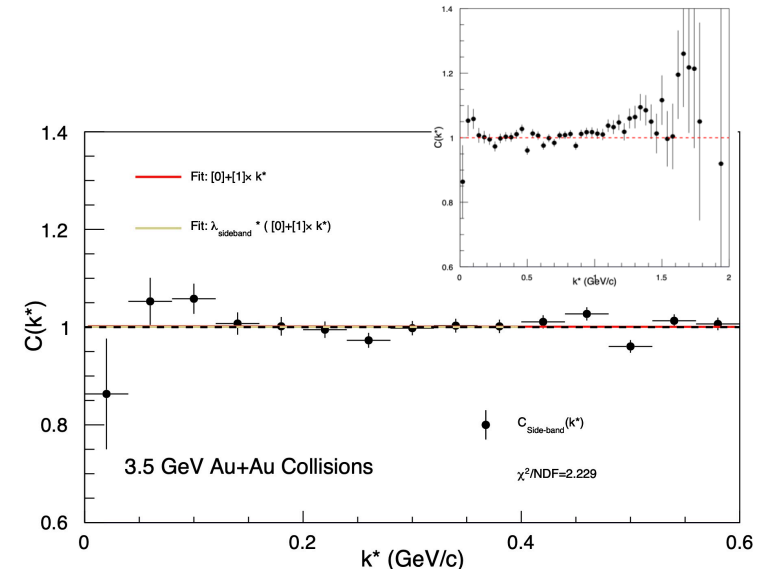
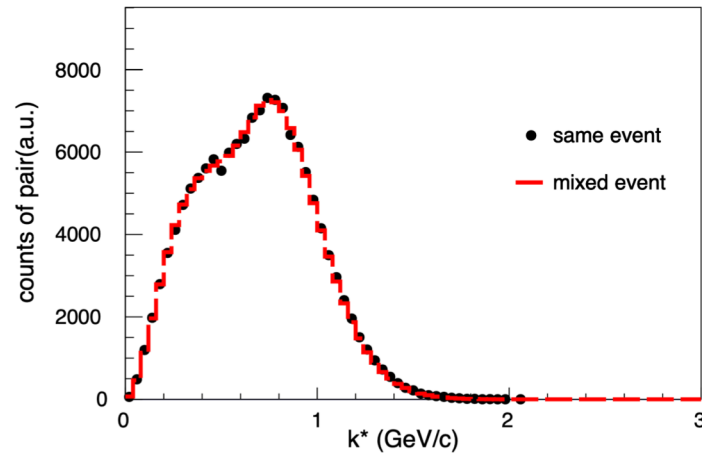


- The primordial fraction of Ξ^- : 83.2394% The primordial fraction of proton: $\sim 99\%$
- The pair purity and mis-identification pair purity(proton paired with the side-band Ξ^-) extracted from the data.

$$\lambda_{ij} (p\Xi^-_{\Xi(1530)}) = \text{proton purity} * \Xi^- \text{ purity} * \text{proton primordial fraction}(0.99) * \Xi^- \text{ (from the } \Xi^-_{(1530)}) \text{ fraction } (1-0.832) = 0.1073$$

$$\lambda_{ij} (\text{misid}) = \text{proton purity} * \Xi^- \text{ impurity} * \text{proton primordial fraction}(0.99) * \Xi^- \text{ primordial fraction } (0.832) = 0.2019$$

Mis-identification correction



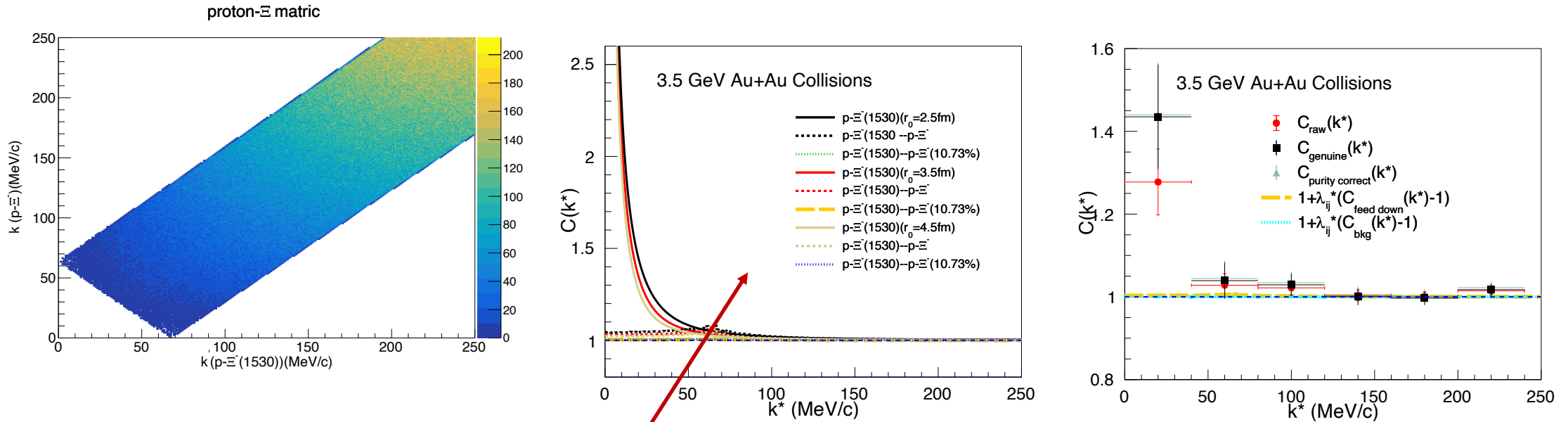
- Non-zero probability to misidentify the particles of interest:

- proton paired with the side-band Ξ^-
- Side-band region: $[0.011, 0.0176]$ ($[|\mu \pm 5\sigma|, |\mu \pm 8\sigma|]$)
- The fit function (which to fit the background correlation function) is defined as a polynomial of first order.



$$C_{\text{genuine}}(k^*) = 1 + \frac{C_{\text{raw}}(k^*)}{\lambda_{\text{genuine}}} - \frac{(1 + \lambda_{\text{bkg}} (C_{\text{bkg}}(k^*) - 1))}{\lambda_{\text{genuine}}} - \frac{(1 + \lambda_{\text{feed down}} (C_{\text{feed down}}(k^*) - 1))}{\lambda_{\text{genuine}}}$$

Feed down correction

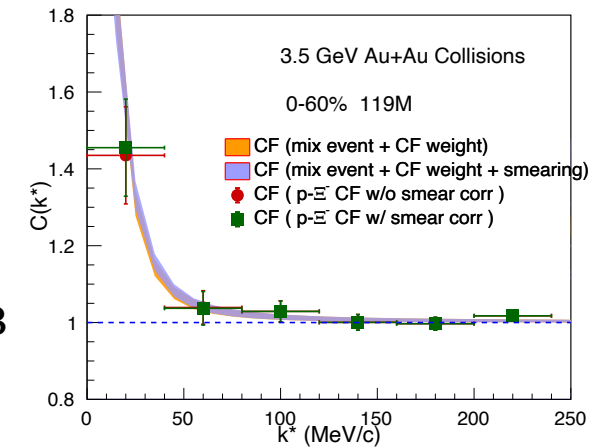
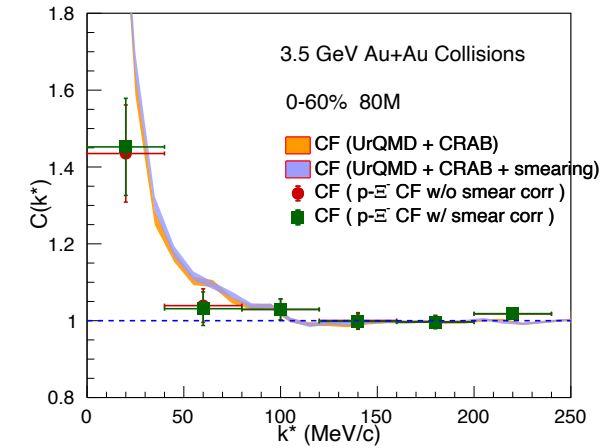
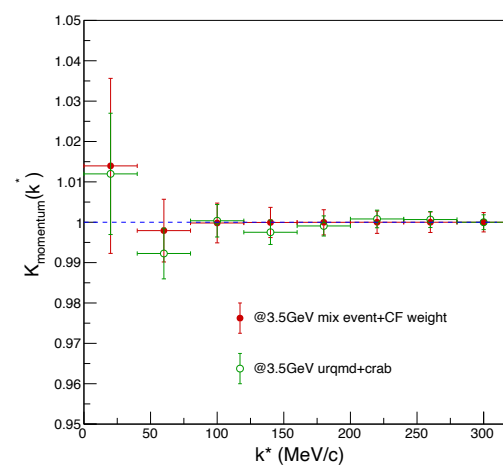
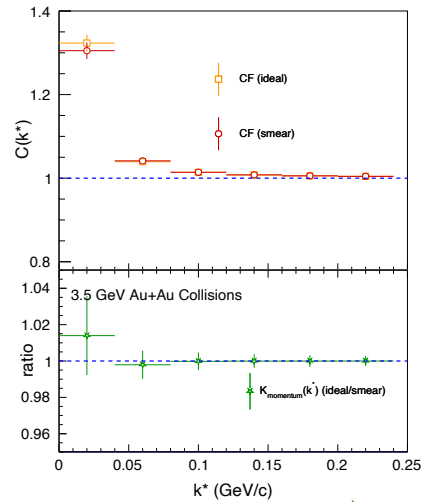
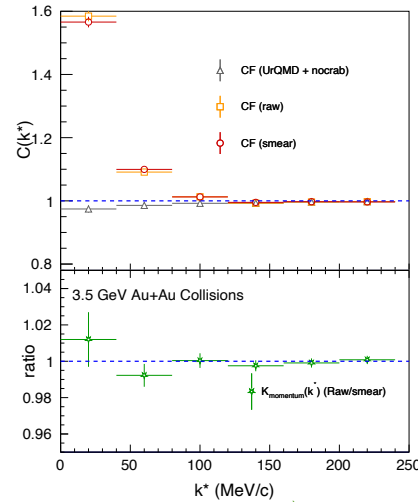


- Feed-down to the particles of interest:

- Secondaries with $c\tau \geq 20$ fm, eg: weak decays or electromagnetic decays, or $\Xi(1530) \rightarrow \Xi^- + \pi^\pm$ with $c\tau \sim 20$ fm
- Only Coulomb interaction is considered for p- $\Xi(1530)$ correlation function
- Feed-down matrix, converting the initial p- $\Xi(1530)$ k' to the measured k^* of the p- Ξ^- pair
- Check the influence of different source size to p-Xi(1530) correlation function(Source size: 2.5fm, 3.5fm, 4.5fm)

$$C_{\text{genuine}}(k^*) = 1 + \frac{C_{\text{raw}}(k^*)}{\lambda_{\text{genuine}}} - \frac{(1 + \lambda_{\text{bkg}} (C_{\text{bkg}}(k^*) - 1))}{\lambda_{\text{genuine}}} - \frac{(1 + \lambda_{\text{feed down}} (C_{\text{feed down}}(k^*) - 1))}{\lambda_{\text{genuine}}}$$

Momentum resolution correction



UrQMD+CRAB

Mix event+CF weight

The first point

Mix

UrQMD+CRAB

@3.5GeV

~1.014

~1.012

- We can also use the UrQMD data to instead of mix event data, and use the CRAB (v3.0b) to add the final state interactions(Coulomb + Strong interaction)
- The results by mix event + CF weight and UrQMD + CRAB are basically **consistent**

systematic error estimate



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The systematic uncertainty source in Proton candidates selection:

Single track efficiency : nhitsfit > (15 19, 23)	DCA < (1, 0.5, 1.5)	nσ < (2, 2.5, 3)	production ratio(π^-/π^+) : 1.0, 1.23, 1.4
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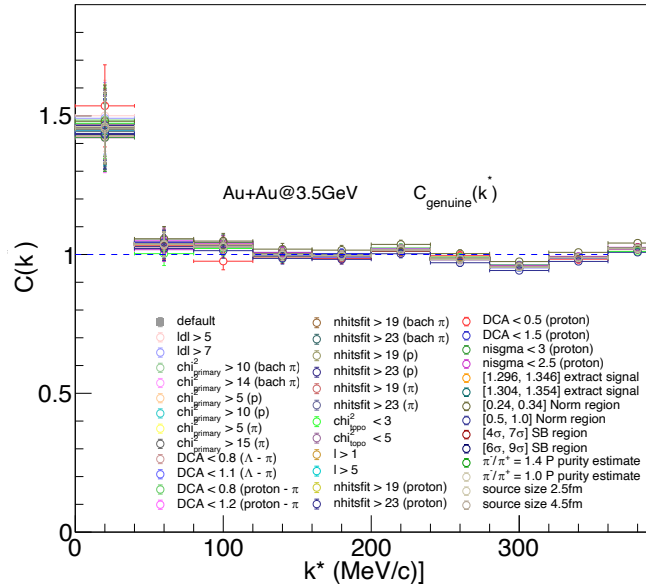
The systematic uncertainty source in E^- candidates reconstruction:

Remove the fake E^-			$ \text{fake mass} - 1.1157 > 0.00504$			
Single track efficiency (daughter particles): nhitsfit > (15 19, 23)			Signal extraction: $E^-_{\text{invM}} \in ([1.300, 1.350]$ [1.296, 1.346], [1.304 1.354])			
Topological cut	$LdL_{E^-} >$ (5, 6, 7)	$\chi^2_{NDF} < 10$	E^- decay length < Λ ($\leftarrow E^-$)			$L_{E^-} > 3\text{cm}$
	$DCA_{\Lambda-\pi^-}$ < (0.8, 0.9, 1.1) cm	$DCA_{p-\pi^-}$ < (0.8, 1.0, 1.2) cm	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_proton}}$ > (5, 7, 10)	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion}}$ > (5, 10, 15)	$\chi^2_{\text{prim_pion(bach)}}$ > (10, 14, 17)	$\chi^2_{\text{topo}} < (3, 4.3, 5)$

The systematic uncertainty source in Correlation function calculate:

Side-band mass window: [$ \mu \pm 4\sigma $, $ \mu \pm 7\sigma $], [$ \mu \pm 5\sigma $, $ \mu \pm 8\sigma $], [$ \mu \pm 6\sigma $, $ \mu \pm 9\sigma $]	Normalization region in same event/mix event: $k^* \in [0.24, 0.34]$, [0.3, 0.5], [0.5, 1.0]	Source size in feed-down correction: 2.5fm, 3.5fm, 4.5fm
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correlation function in different systematic source



Genuine correlation function

- Calculate the statistical uncertainty:

$$\text{statistical uncertainty} = \sqrt{|\text{statistical error}_{def}^2 - \text{statistical error}_{sys}^2|}$$

- Calculate the systematic difference:

$$\text{systematic difference} = |C(k^*)_{def} - C(k^*)_{sys}|$$

- Calculate the final systematic error of one cut variable:

$$\sqrt{|C(k^*)_{def} - C(k^*)_{sys}|^2 - |\text{stat error}_{def}^2 - \text{stat error}_{sys}^2|}$$

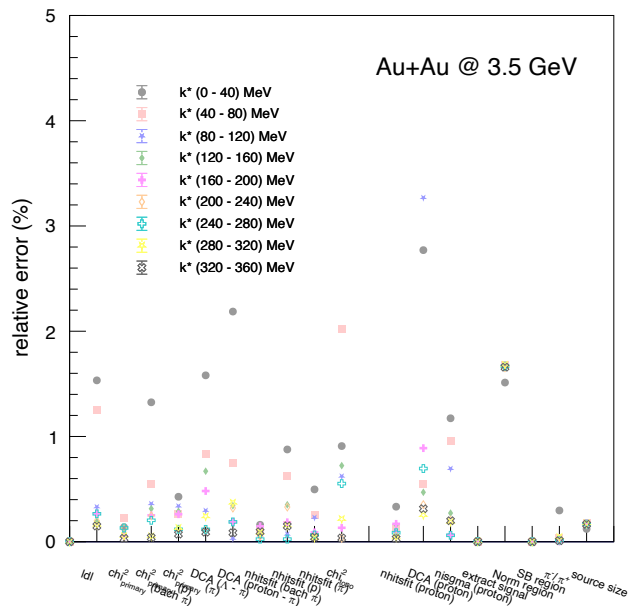
- Barlow test: if $|C(k^*)_{def} - C(k^*)_{sys}|^2 - |\text{stat error}_{def}^2 - \text{stat error}_{sys}^2| < 0$,
systematic uncertainty = 0
- For multiple variations of a variable, quotes the average of the maximum and minimum of the variations as its systematic uncertainty: $(C(k^*)_{max} - C(k^*)_{min})/2$
- The final systematic error is to add all systematic sources in quadrature:

$$\text{systematic uncertainty} = \sqrt{\text{error}_{sys1}^2 + \text{error}_{sys2}^2 + \dots}$$

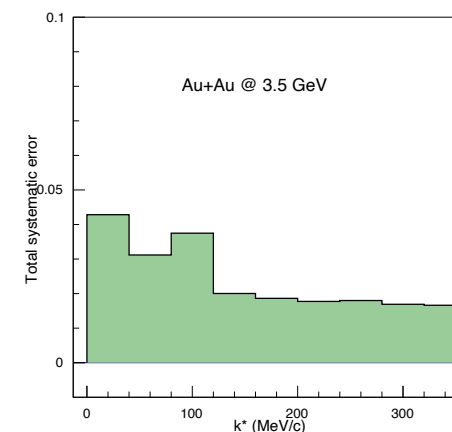
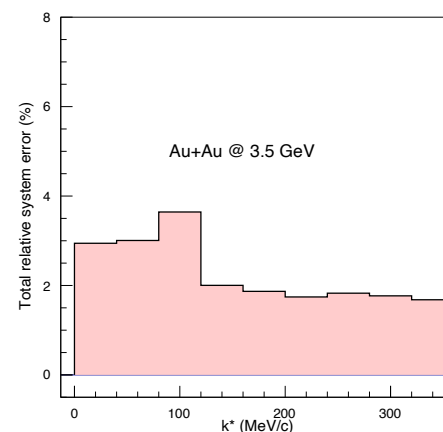
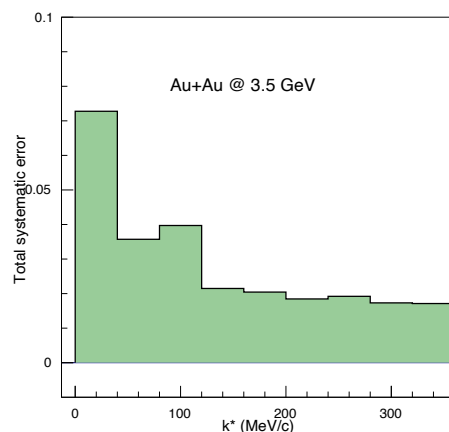
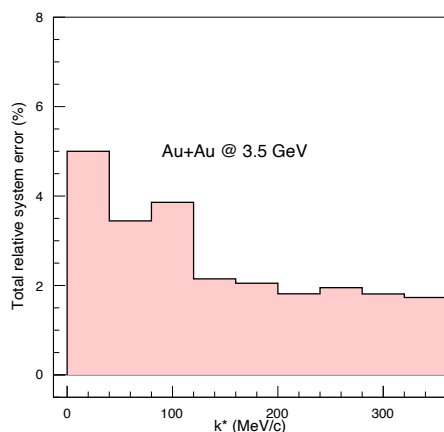
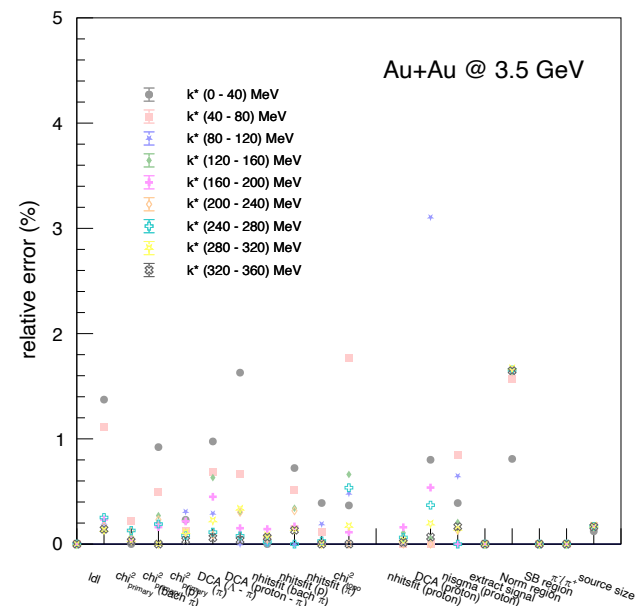
Genuine CF with systematic error bars



No Barlow test



With Barlow test



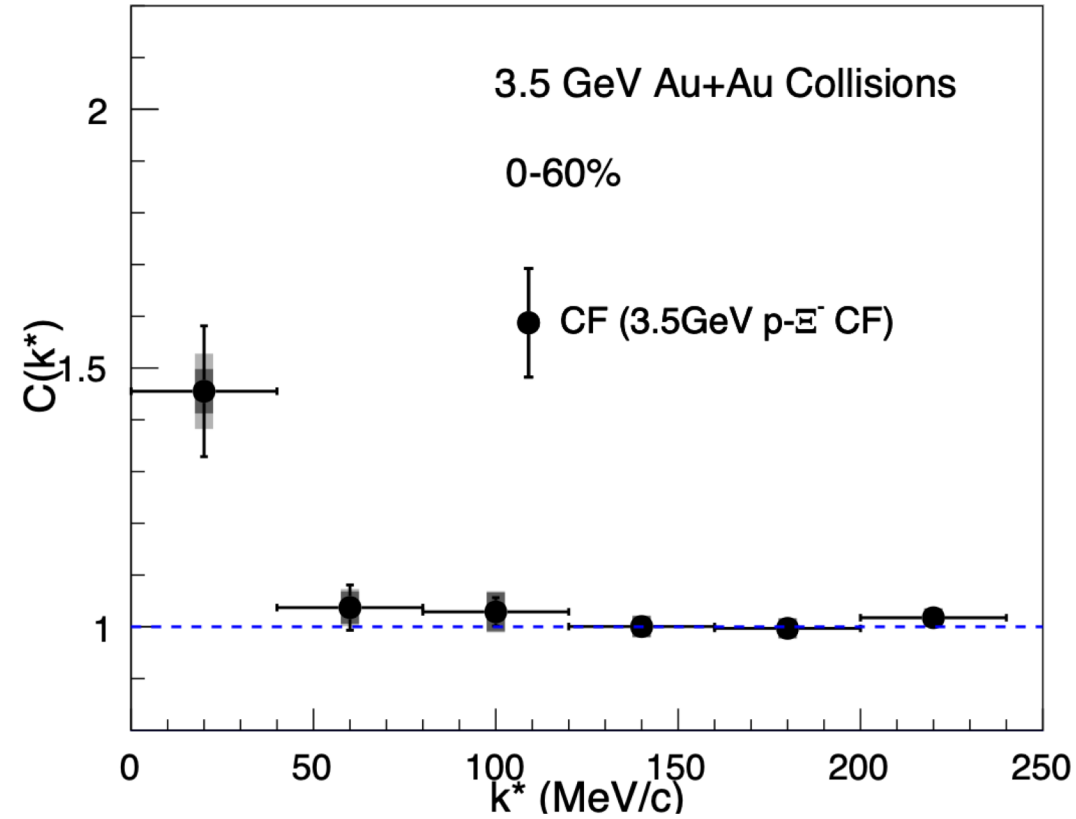
systematic error



$k^* \in [0, 40] \text{ MeV/c}$

	Systematic error source	3.5 GeV (%) (barlow test)	3.5 GeV (%)
Systematic source for Ξ selection	Ldl	1.3729	1.53315
	chi2_primary(bach π)	0	0.137823
	chi2_primary(proton)	0.921501	1.32475
	chi2_primary(π)	0.230758	0.427215
	DCA(Λ - π)	0.97535	1.58089
	DCA(p- π)	1.62901	2.18683
	nhitsfit(bach π)	0	0.16093
	nhitsfit(proton)	0.722764	0.876625
	nhitsfit(π)	0.39039	0.497024
	chi2_topo	0.367561	0.908876
	extract signal range	0	0.00837038
Systematic source for proton selection	DCA(proton)	0.801163	2.7705
	nhitsfit(proton)	0	0.33296
	Sigma (proton)	0.390149	1.17292
	production ratio between the π^- and π^+	0	0.296981
Systematic source of the correlation function	Normal region	0.809572	1.51233
	SB region	0	0
	source size	0.12145	0.12145
Total	Total	~ 2.94387	~ 5.001

Check the systematic error w/o Barlow test



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systematic error with Barlow test
- The light box :
systematic error without Barlow test

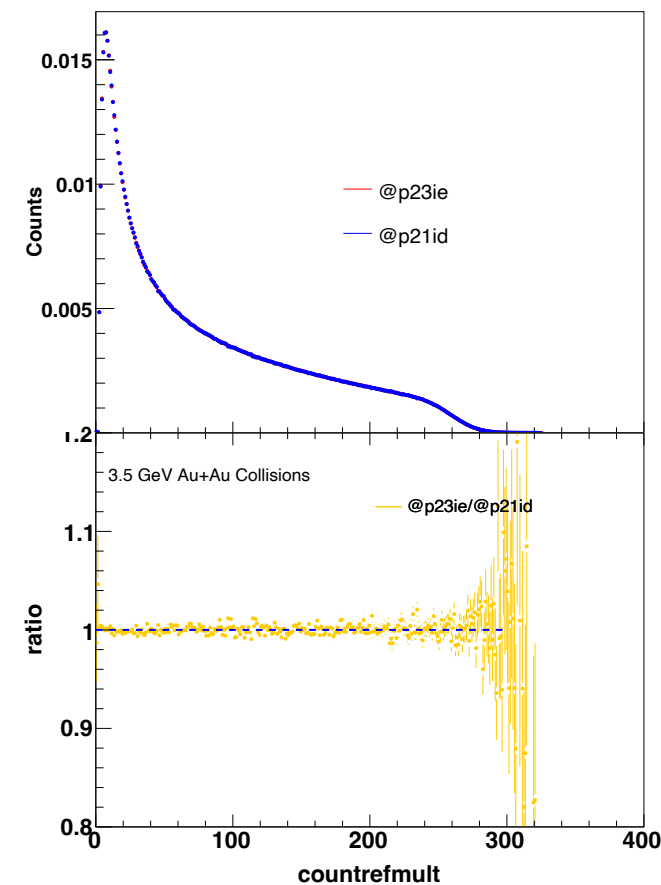
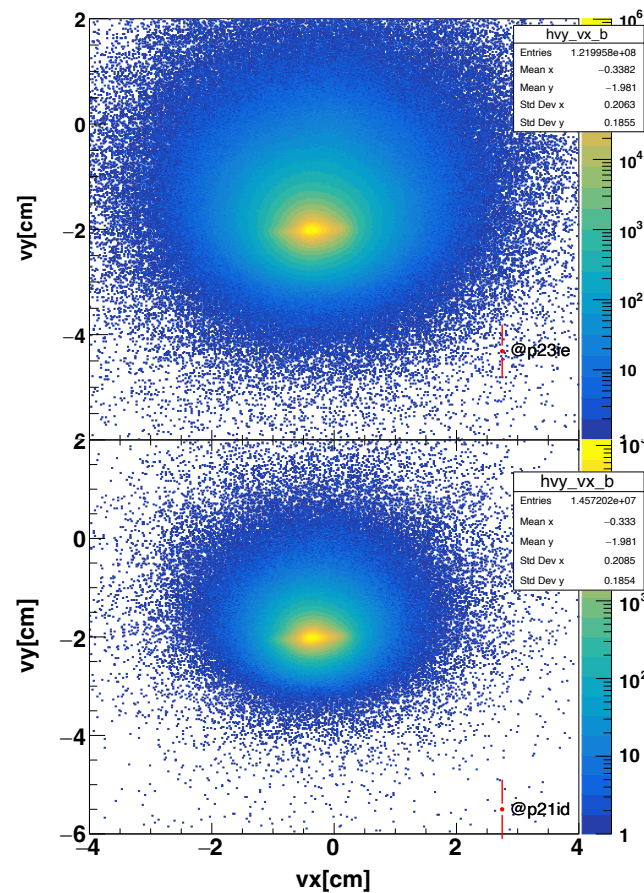
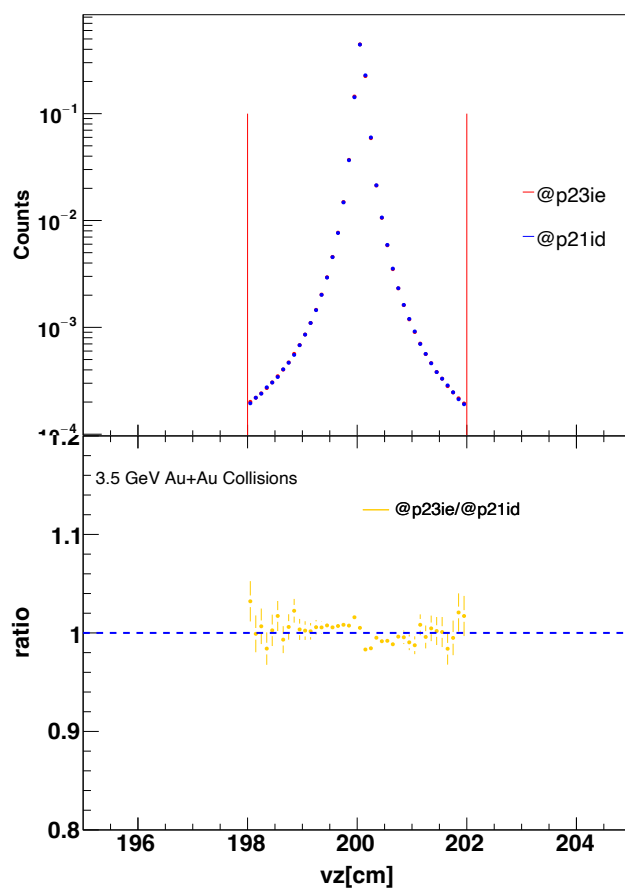
Summary:

- Measured the proton- E^- raw correlation function in Au + Au collision at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.5$ GeV
- Track merging and splitting checking has been done
- The mis-identification, feed down and momentum smearing correction have been done
- Calculated the systematic error of proton- E^- correlation function

To do list:

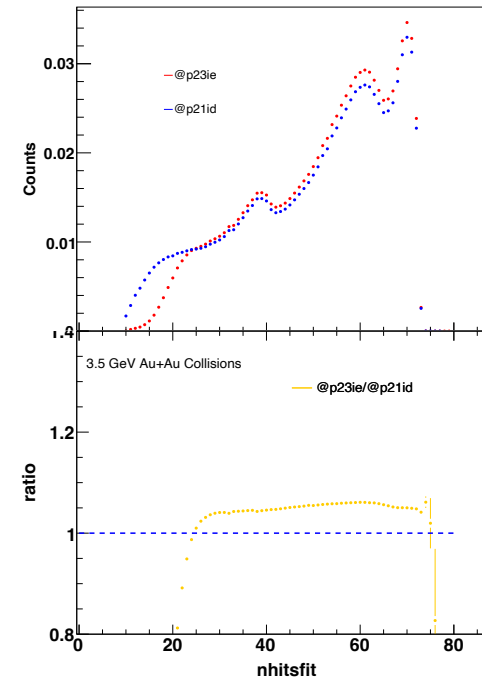
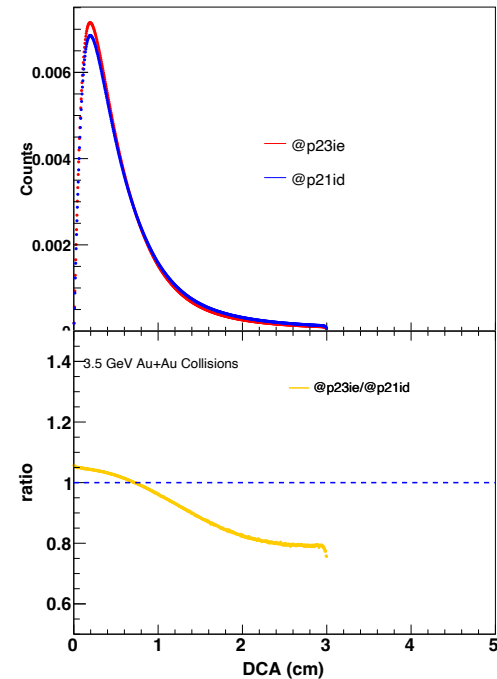
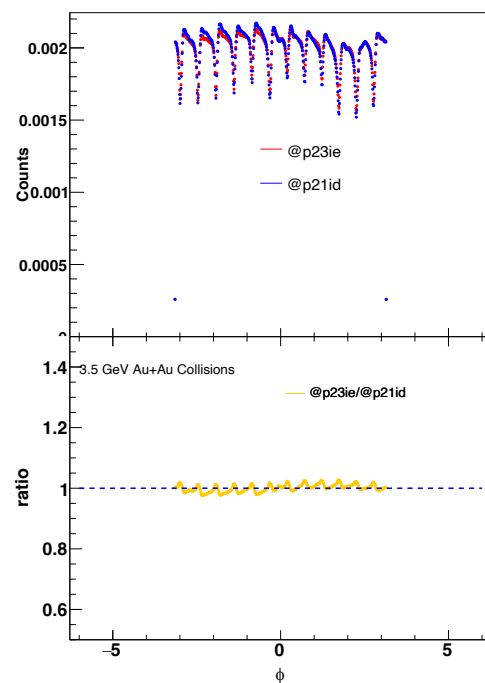
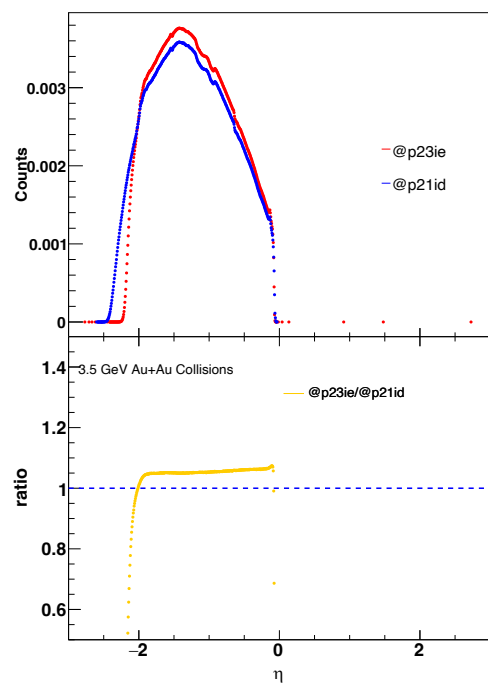
- Model calculations via the UrQMD plus CRAB afterburner
- the CF calculation based on Lednicky-Lyuboshitz model

Data QA (event level)

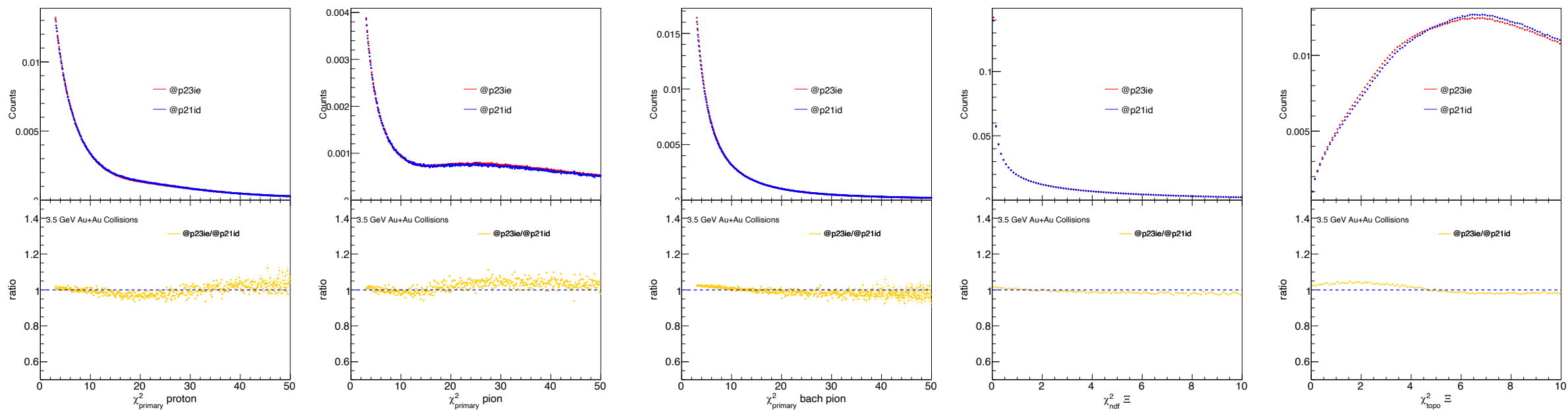


We may apply the official centrality definition(p21id) into new dataset(p23ie)

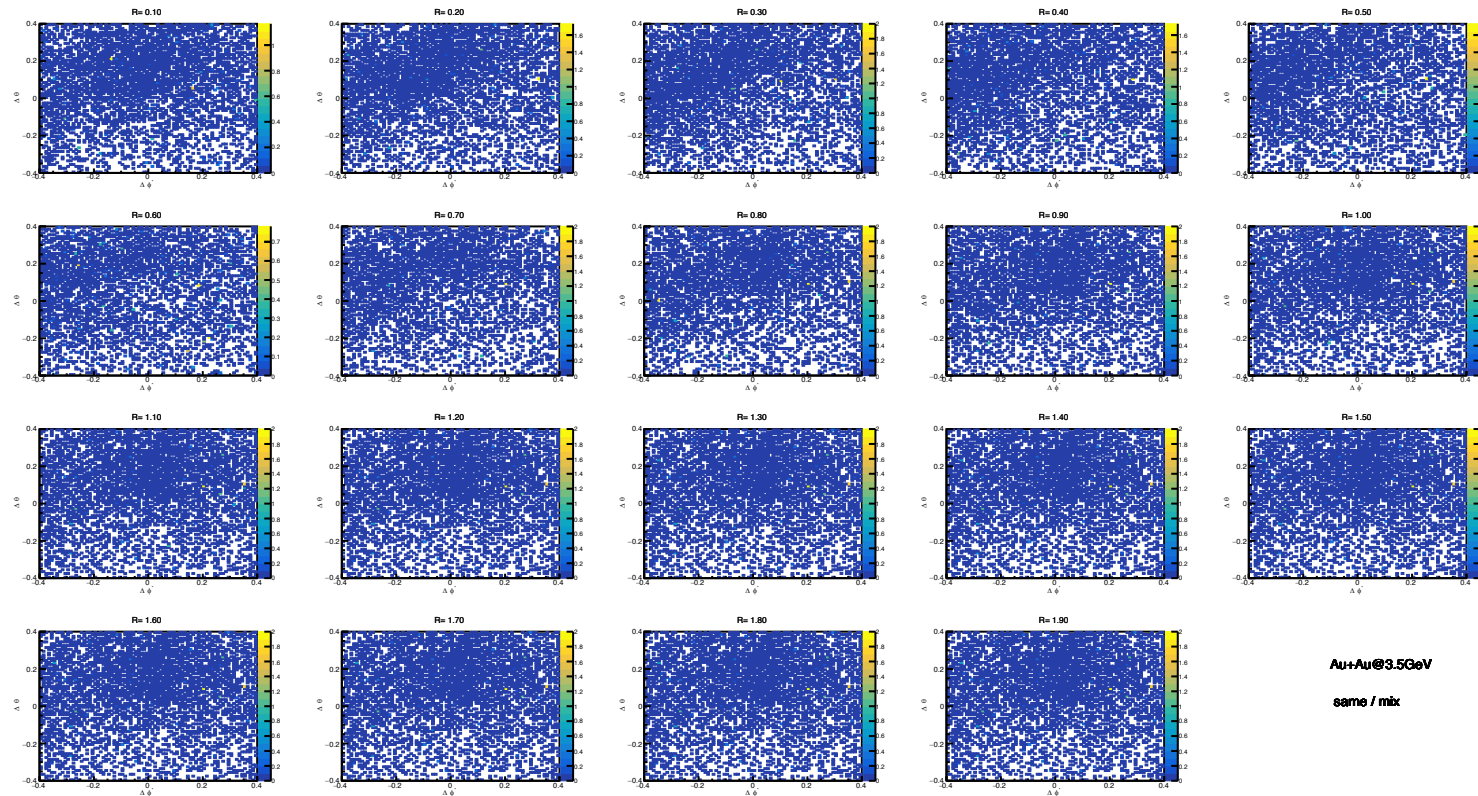
Data QA (track level)



Data QA (topological variables of E^-)

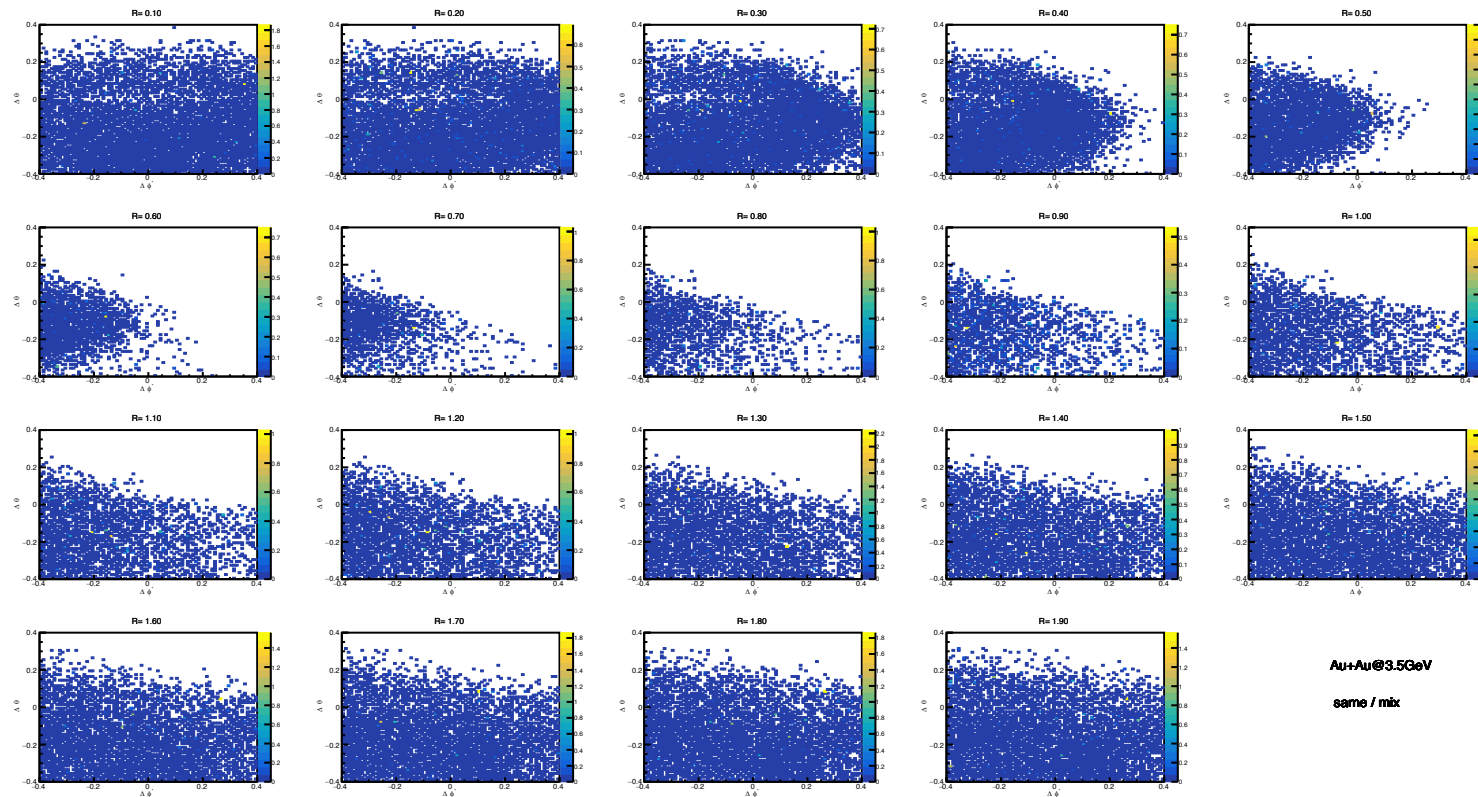


Check track merge($\pi(\Xi^-) - \pi(\Lambda)$)



- There are no track merging effect between pion(decayed by Ξ^-) and pion(decayed by Λ)

Check track merge(proton(Λ) - $\pi(\Lambda)$)

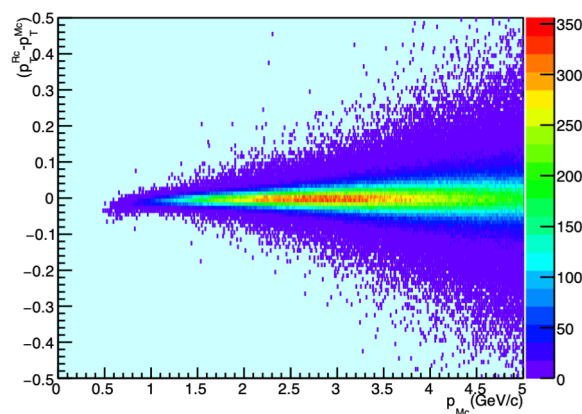


- There are no track merging effect between proton(decayed by Λ) and pion(decayed by Λ)

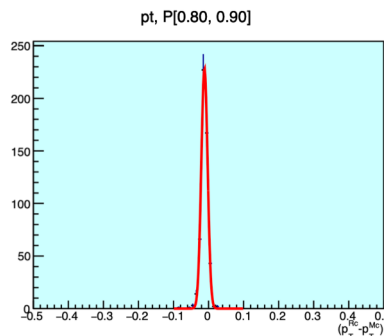
Momentum resolution of Ξ^-



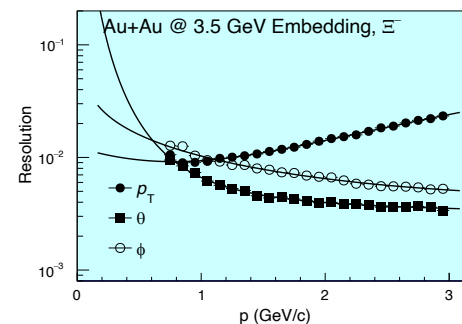
- Embedding request ID: Ξ^- 20231202 proton 20221601 (at 3.2 GeV)



gaussian function fitting



Fit function: $p[0] + p[1]x^{p[2]} + p[3]x$



- Using the gaussian sampling to get the p_x^s , p_y^s , p_z^s

$$p_T^s = \text{gRandom} \rightarrow \text{Gaus}(p_T, \sigma_{p_T}) \quad p_x^s = p_T^s \times \cos(\phi^s)$$

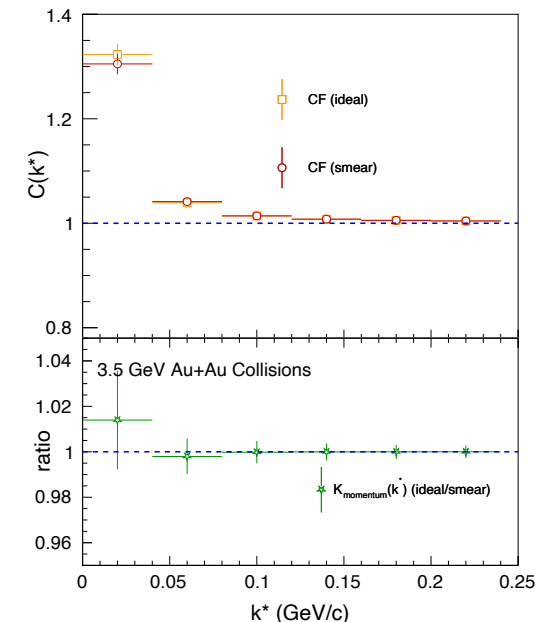
$$\theta^s = \text{gRandom} \rightarrow \text{Gaus}(\theta, \sigma_\theta) \quad p_y^s = p_T^s \times \sin(\phi^s)$$

$$\phi^s = \text{gRandom} \rightarrow \text{Gaus}(\phi, \sigma_\phi) \quad p_z^s = p_T^s / \tan(\phi^s)$$

- Using the k^* under the Mix event to estimate the real correlation function

$$K = \text{CF}_{\text{ideal}}^{\text{mix}} / \text{CF}_{\text{smeared}}^{\text{mix}} = \frac{A(\vec{p}_{1,\text{ideal}}, \vec{p}_{2,\text{ideal}})}{B(\vec{p}_{1,\text{ideal}}, \vec{p}_{2,\text{ideal}})} \bigg/ \frac{A(\vec{p}_{1,\text{smeared}}, \vec{p}_{2,\text{smeared}})}{B(\vec{p}_{1,\text{smeared}}, \vec{p}_{2,\text{smeared}})}$$

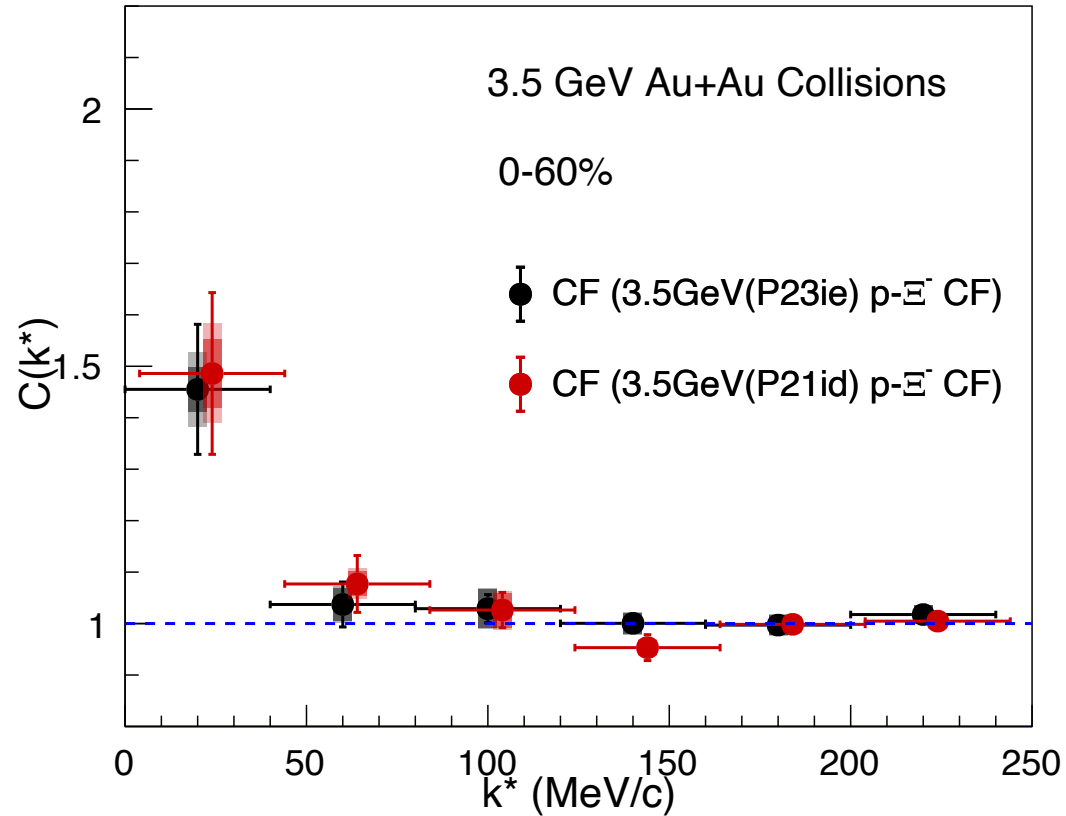
$$\text{CF}_{\text{real}}^{\text{Data}} = \text{CF}_{\text{smeared}}^{\text{Data}} \times K \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Each pair in the numerator is weighted by data correlation function}$$



Comparison



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The Correlation function at P23ie is consistent with the result at P21id