

HADES

Analysis VIII

GLOBAL LAMBDA POLARIZATION ANALYSIS IN AU+AU COLLISIONS: CHASING STATISTICS

Feb24 & Apr25 beamtime @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.25$ GeV

MOTIVATION

- Mean polarization is connected to vorticity by:

$$P = \frac{N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}}{N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}} \approx \frac{\omega}{2T} \quad (\text{thermalized system})$$

- Angular dependency due to parity violation of weak interaction decay:

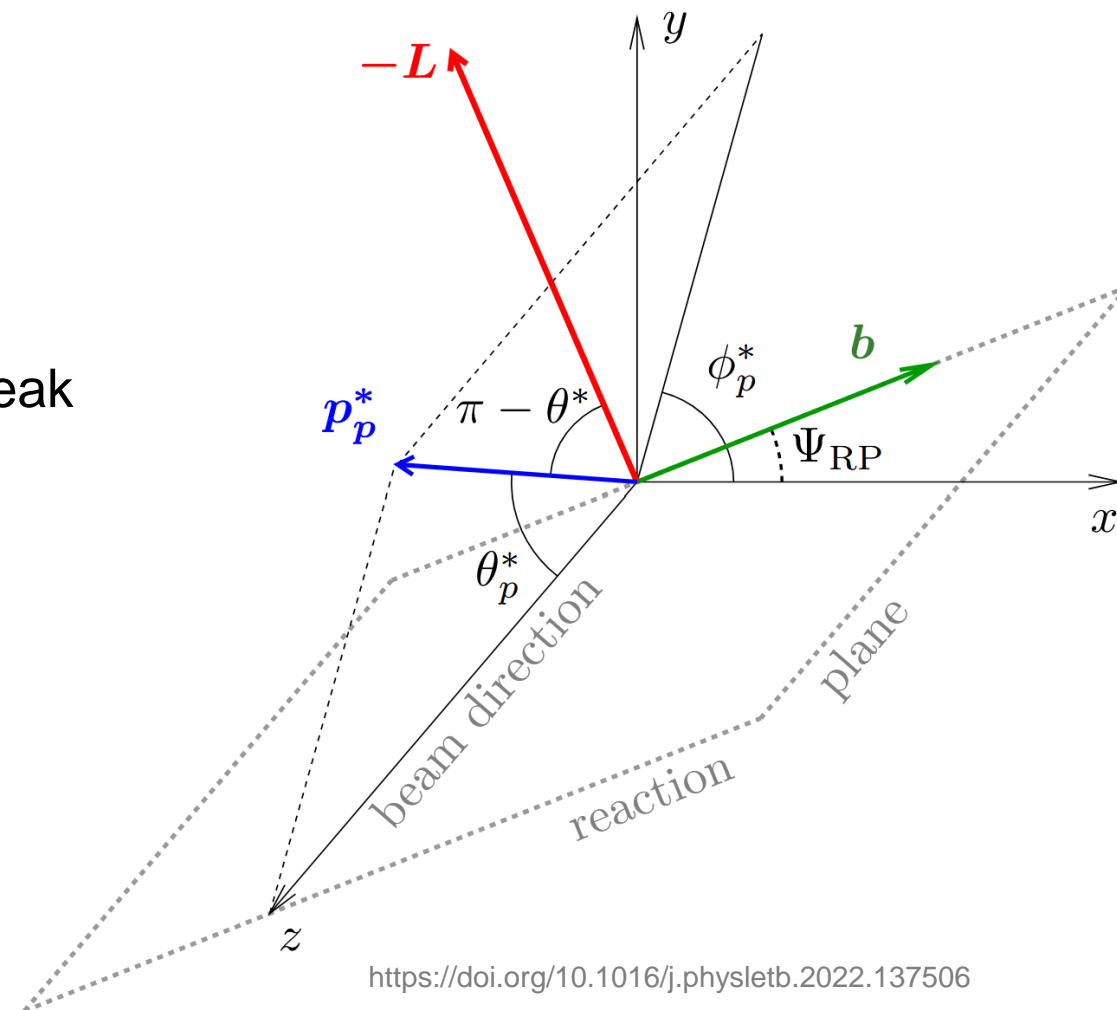
$$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^{-} \quad (\approx 63.9\%)$$

$$\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^0 + n \quad (\approx 35.8\%)$$

ϕ_p^* : rest frame of Λ

$$P_{\Lambda} = \frac{8}{\pi \alpha_{\Lambda}} \frac{\langle \sin(\psi_{RP} - \phi_p^*) \rangle}{R_{EP}}$$

with¹ $\alpha_{\Lambda} = 0.749 \pm 0.008$



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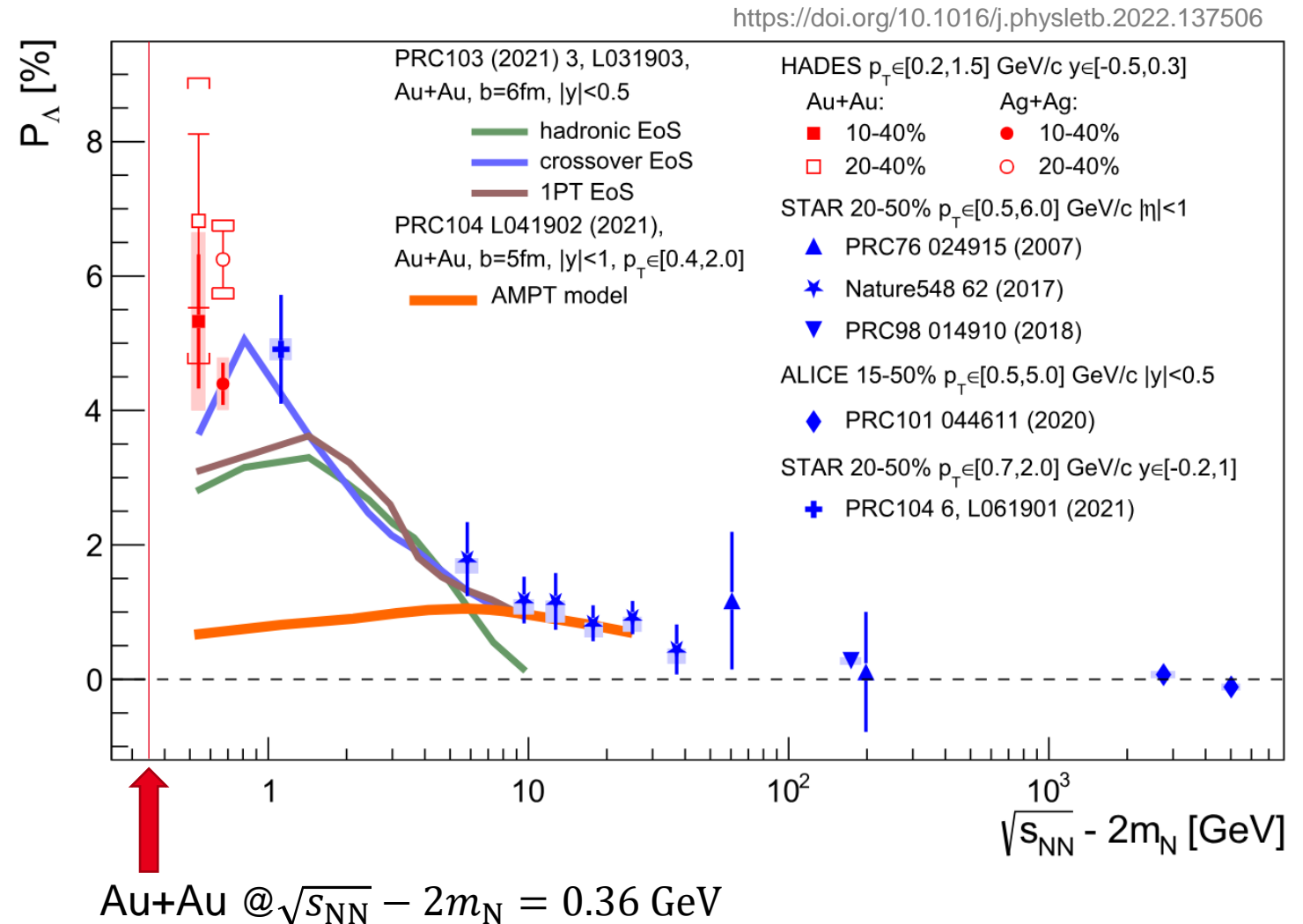
(1) S. Navas et al. (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D 110, 030001 (2024)

MOTIVATION

- $P_\Lambda \rightarrow 0$ for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \rightarrow 0$
- Where is maximum of P_Λ ?
- How does P_Λ changes if we go from QGP to hadronic degrees of freedom?

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.25$ GeV challenges:

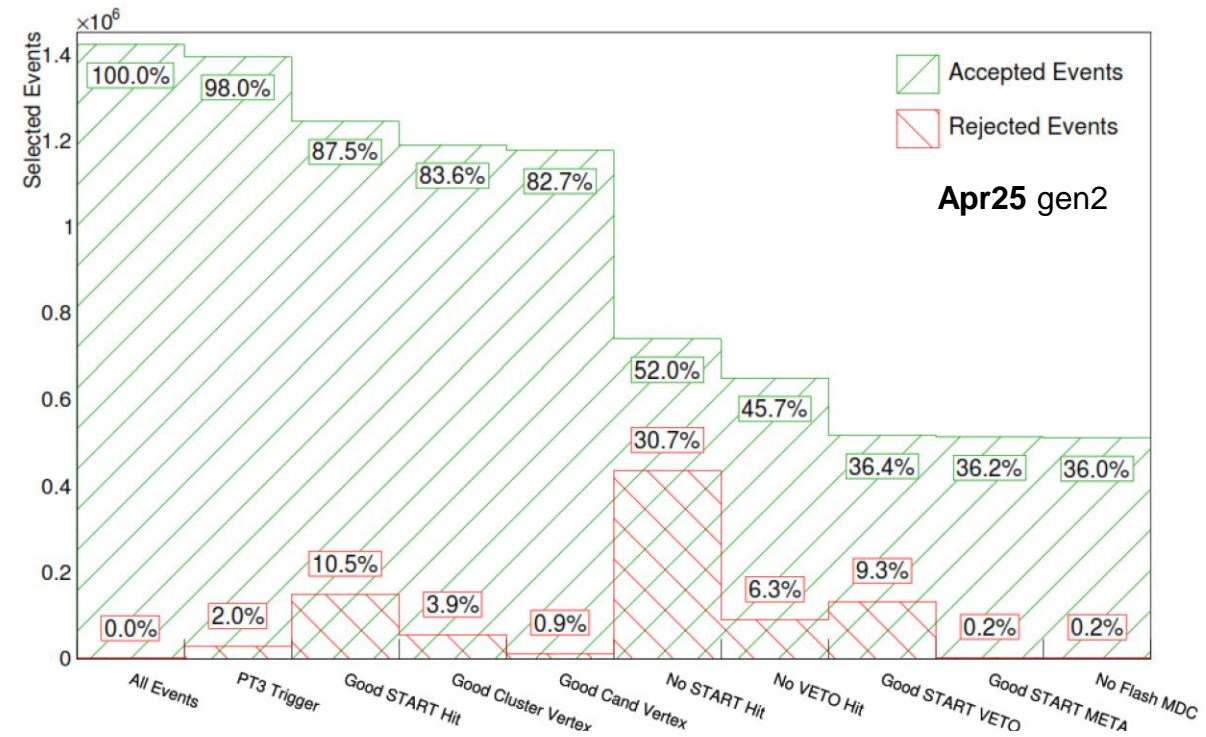
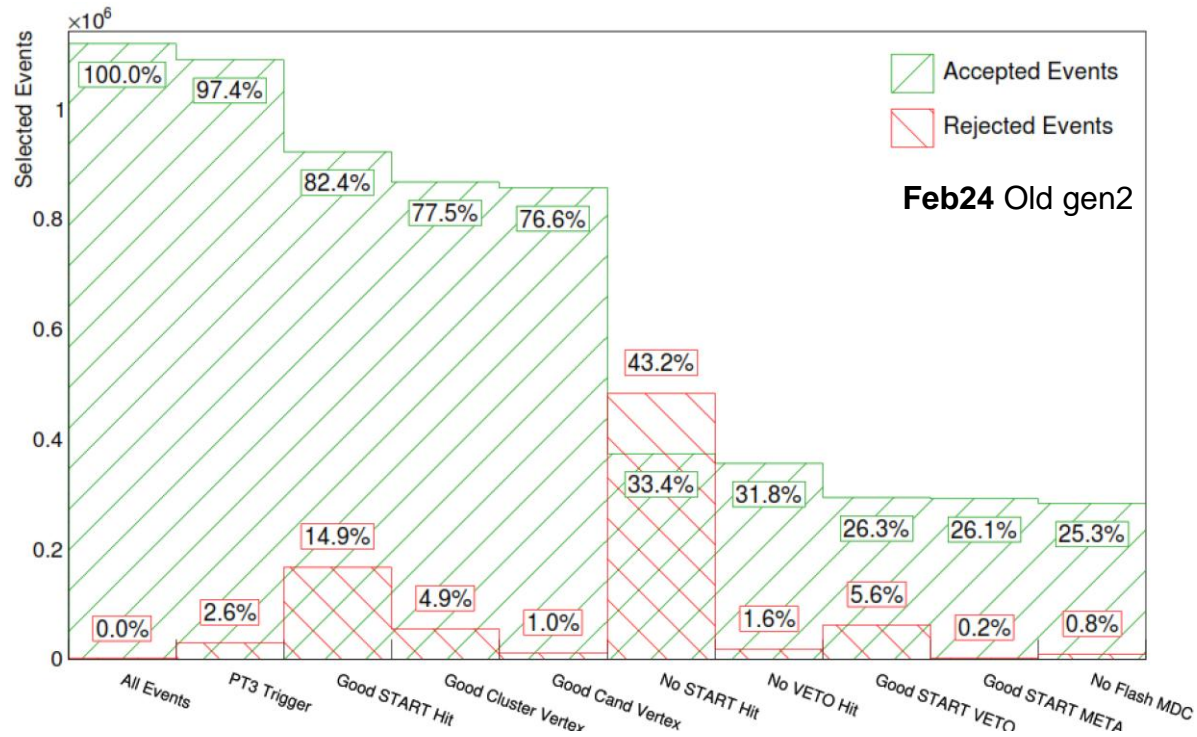
- Lower energy \rightarrow less Λ production
- More combinatorial background in Au+Au compared to lighter Ag+Ag system



STATISTICS IN FEB24 VS. APR25

- $N_{\Lambda, \text{Feb24}} \approx 0.5 N_{\Lambda, \text{Apr25}}$ while $N_{\text{All Evts}, \text{Feb24}} \approx N_{\text{All Evts}, \text{Apr25}}$

→ Initial guess: look at "mismatch" caused by event selection



Figures: Simon Spies



STATISTICS IN FEB24 VS. APR25

- MDC offset found to cause issues in Feb24
→ Rerun of gen2 DSTs
- Increase in particle yield

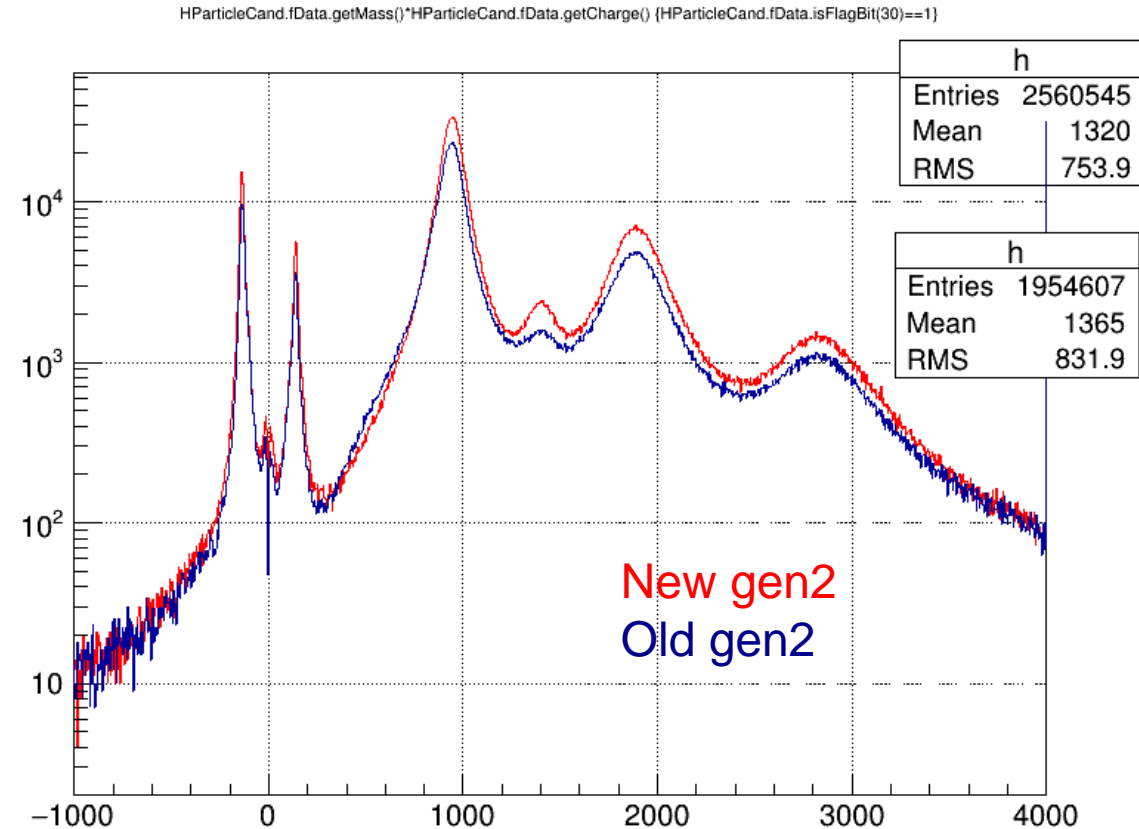
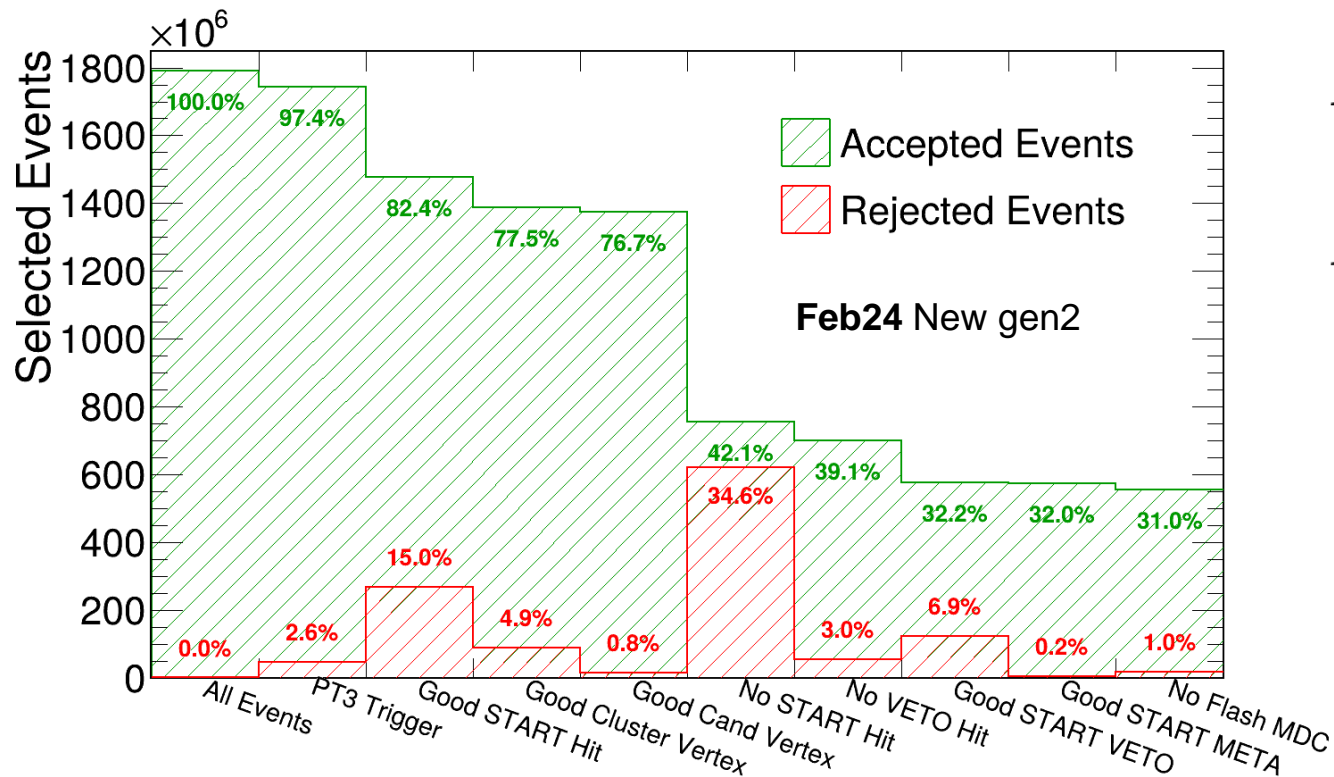
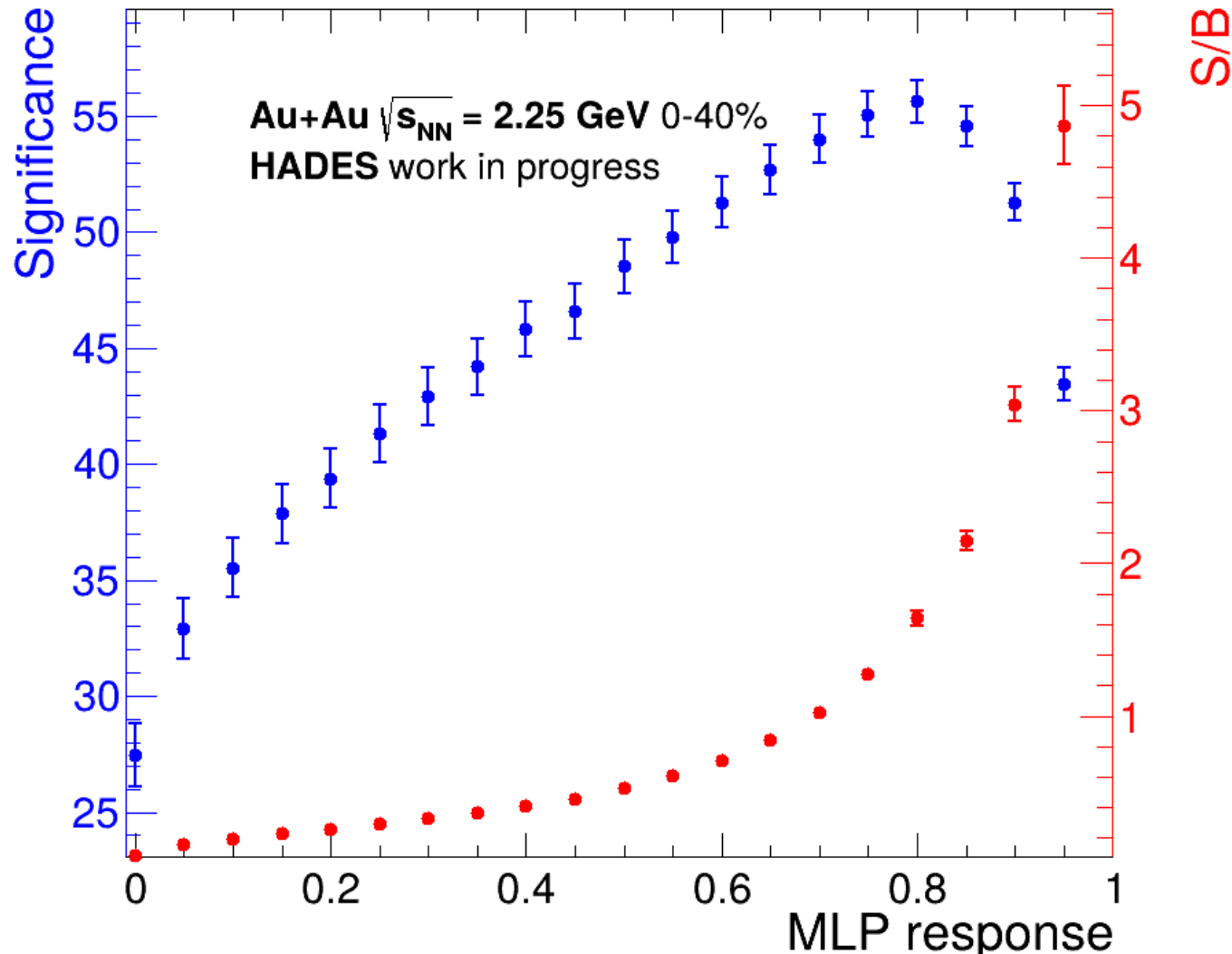


Figure: Jochen Markert

TMVA PERFORMANCE PLOTS



- Input samples for TMVA training based on decay topology:
 - **Signal:** emb. to real data PLUTO
 - **Background:** MEBG
- Choosing final cut value: statistics vs. purity
- Significance takes both into account:

$$SIG = \frac{S}{\sqrt{S+B}}$$

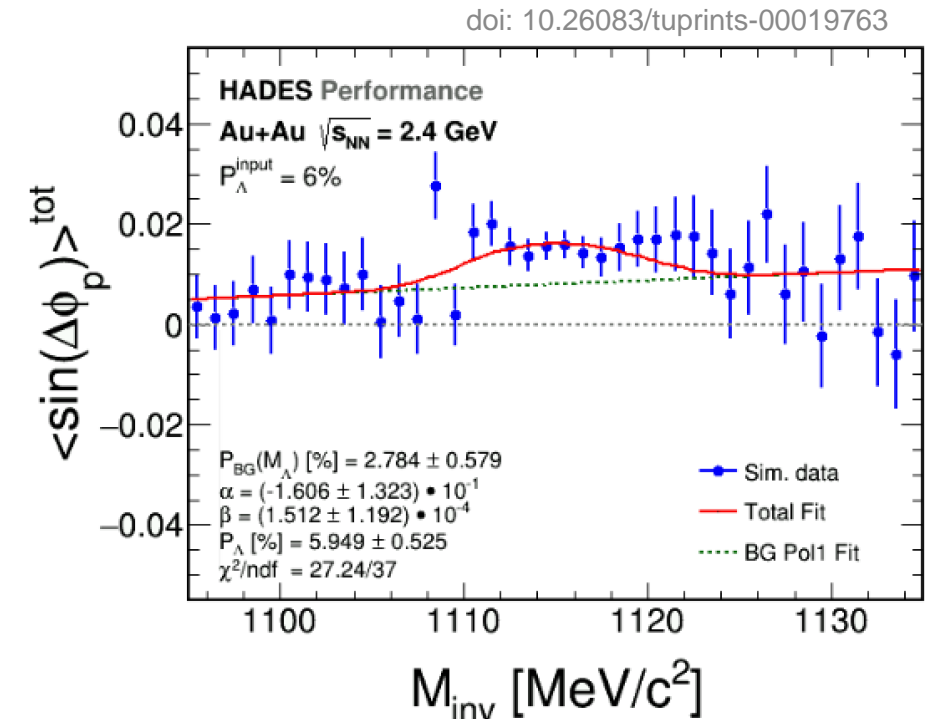
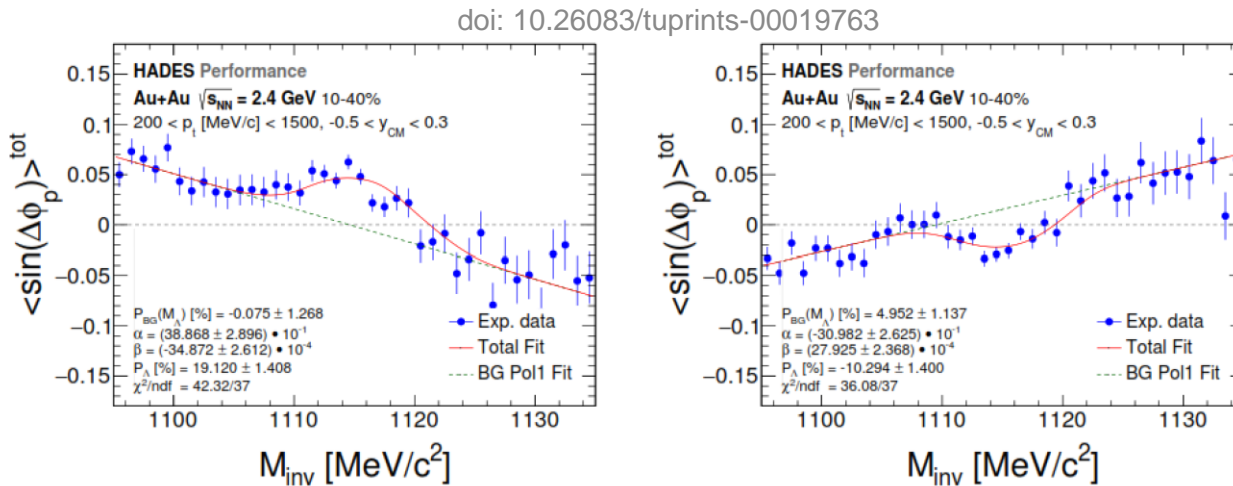
- For final analysis: $D > 0.8$

R CORRECTION

$$R(x_{\text{vertex}}, y_{\text{vertex}}) = y_{\text{track}} d_x - x_{\text{track}} d_y + x_{\text{vertex}} \sin(\phi) - y_{\text{vertex}} \cos(\phi)$$

* *minimum distance to any line parallel to z-axis, here EV**

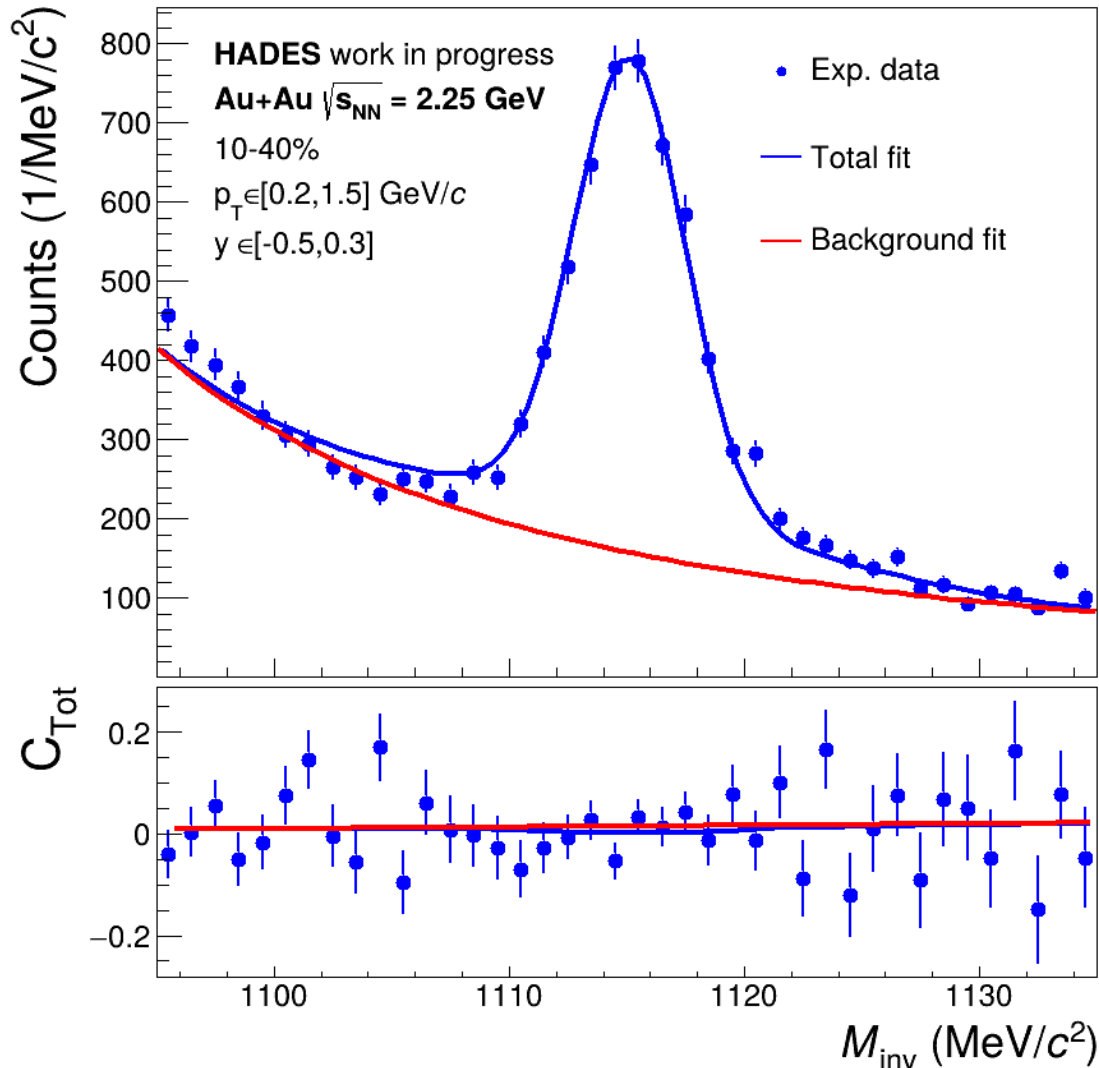
- Non vanishing BG found even in simulation (including directed flow as shown in right figure)
- Strong correlation between P_{Λ} and R (see below)



Should be symmetrical for aligned beam  correction for this effect needed:

$$w_x = \frac{N_{R' < -6}^{\text{Sig}} + N_{R' > 6}^{\text{Sig}}}{2N_x}$$

FEB24 + APR25 C_{tot}



$$P_{\Lambda}[\%] = -0.01 \pm 7.13$$

$$P_{BG}[\%] = 5.29 \pm 5.75$$

$$\beta = (0.33 \pm 1.13) * 10^{-3}$$

$$\alpha = -0.36 \pm 1.25$$

$$N_{\Lambda}(2\sigma) = 3788 \pm 83$$

Gain due to MDC offset calibration:

$\Delta N_{\Lambda}[\%] \sim 40\%$ (old: $N_{\Lambda}(2\sigma) = 2696 \pm 77$)

Reducing $\sim 20\%$ of the statistical error of P_{Λ}

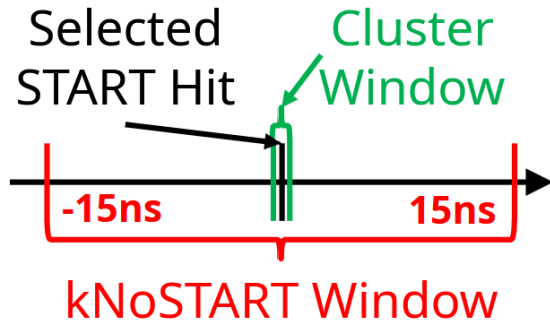
$$C_{tot}(M_{inv}) = \langle \sin(\Delta\phi_p^*) \rangle_{Tot}(M_{inv})$$

+ EP resolution
 + R-Correction
 + Efficiency

HADES EVENT SELECTION FLAGS

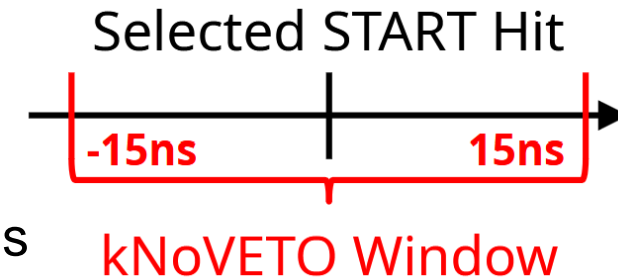
kNoSTART

- Requires no START hits in a time window of -15ns to 15ns around selected START hit
- Hits within cluster window of ± 2 ns around selected START hit are allowed



kNoVETO

- Requires no VETO hits in a time window of -15ns to 15ns around selected START hit



kGoodSTARTVETO

- Requires no START hit without a VETO hit between 15ns and 350ns
- Secondary START hit allowed if corresponding VETO hit within cluster time window of ± 2 ns
→ otherwise event will be discarded

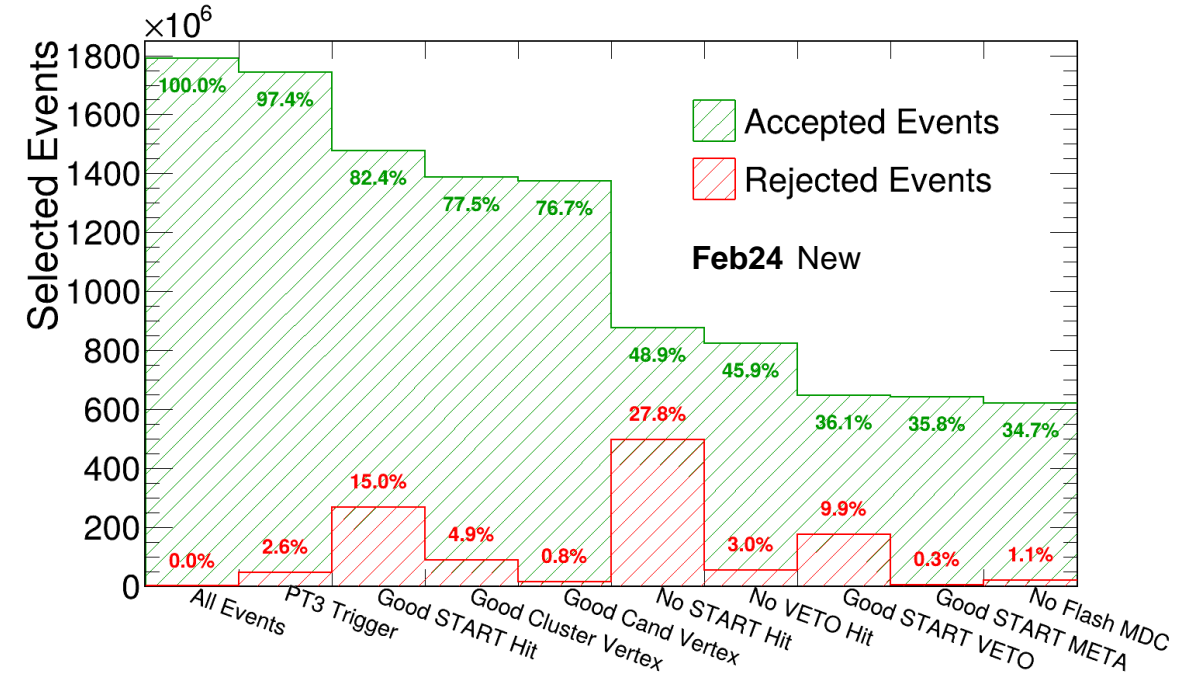
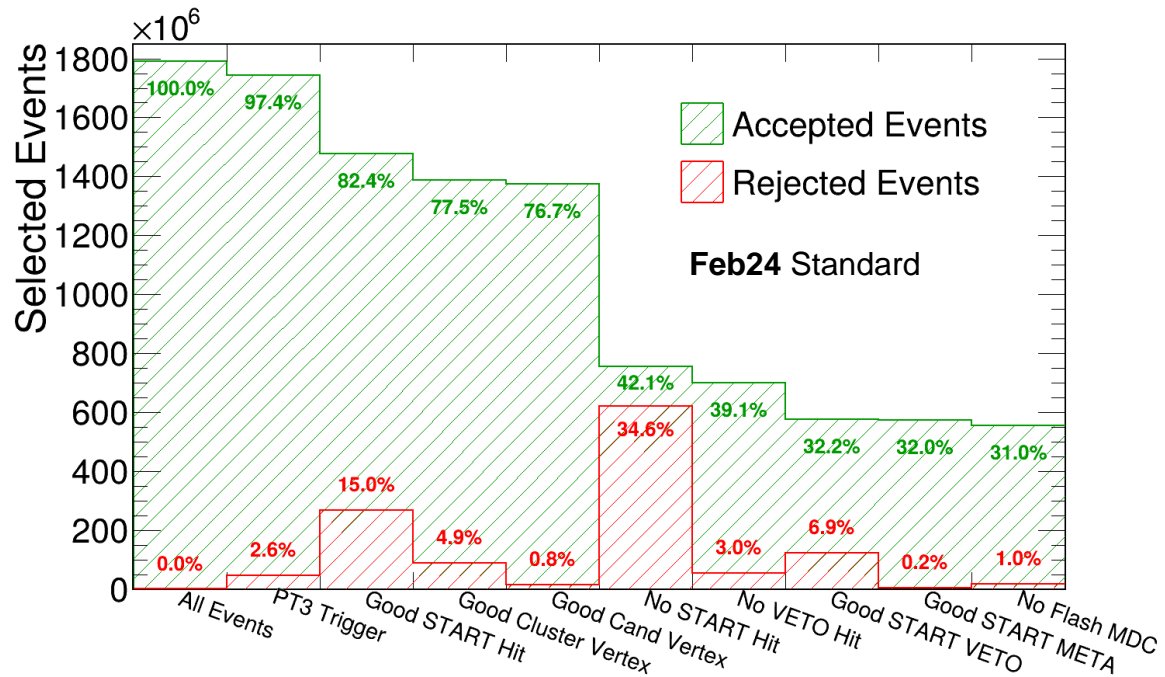


EVENT SELECTION ANALYSIS

- Apply event selection flags:
 - *kGoodTRIGGER*
 - *kGoodSTART*
 - *kGoodVertexClust*
 - *kGoodVertexCand*
 - *kNoSTART*
 - *kNoVeto*
 - *kGoodSTARTVETO*
 - *kGoodSTARTMETA*
 - *kNoFlashMDC*
- For *kNoSTART*, *kNoVETO* & *kGoodSTARTVETO* distinguish 2 cases:
 1. **Standard:** keep the "original" HADES event selection flags unchanged
 2. **New:** change time windows in *kNoSTART*/*kNoVETO* and *kGoodSTARTVETO*
 - *kNoSTART*/*kNoVETO* window: $[-5\text{ns}, 5\text{ns}]$ → flag gets less restrictive
 - *kGoodSTARTVETO* window: $[5\text{ns}, 350\text{ns}]$ → to cover gap $[5\text{ns}, 15\text{ns}]$

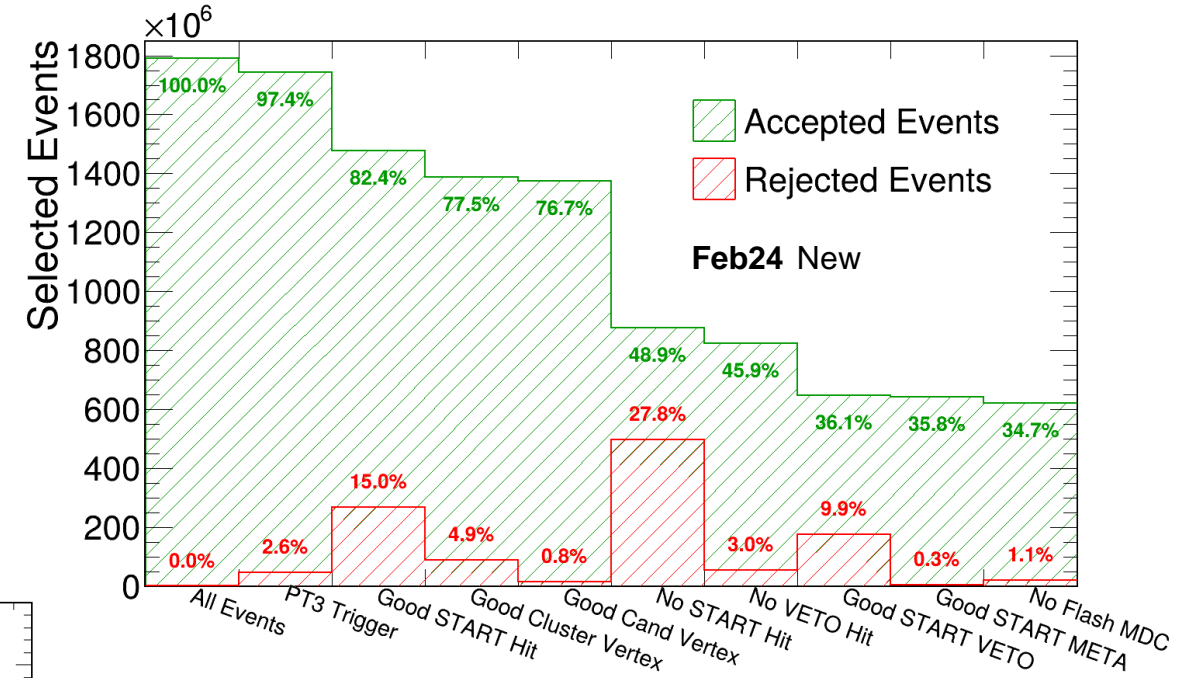
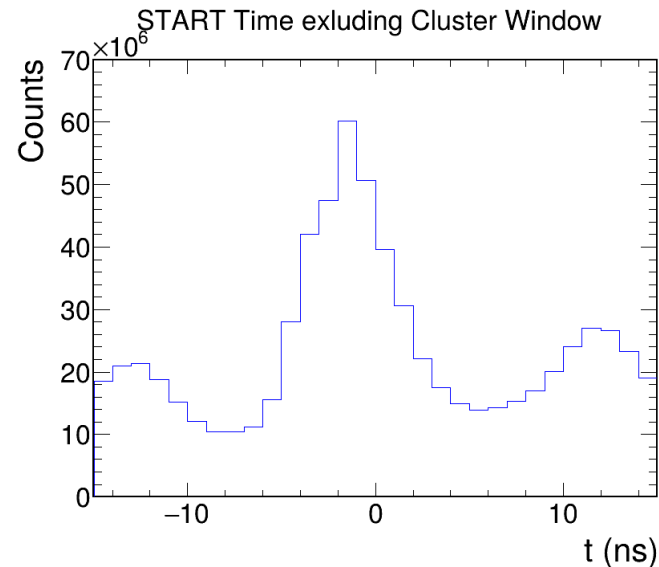
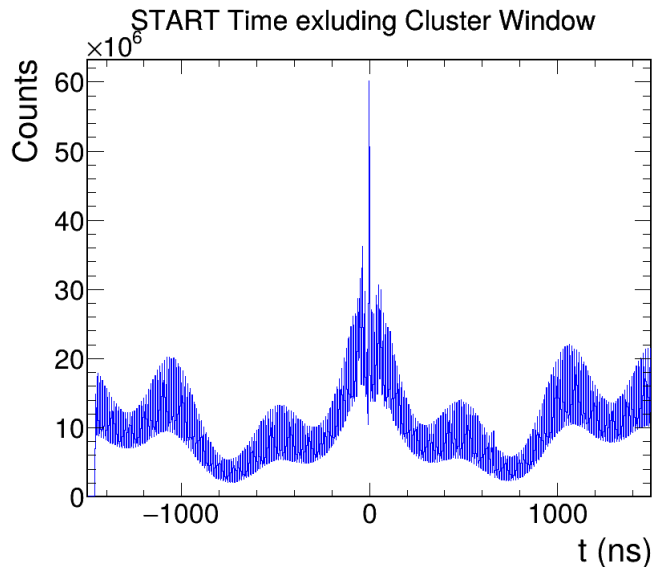
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- Start time distribution shows higher multiplicity around selected start hit (not visible in e.g. Mar19)



- Discussion and further investigation needed and ongoing

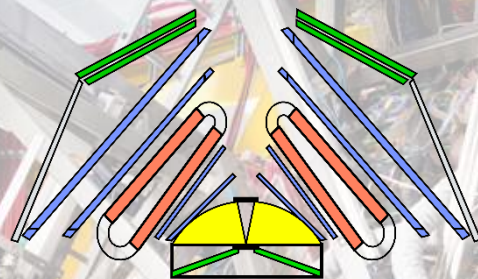
SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

Au+Au @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.25$ GeV

- ✓ First results for P_{Λ} far below free NN Lambda production threshold
- ✓ Neural Network training for maximizing significance of the data sample
- ✓ 40% more Lambdas due to MDC offset
→ reduction of statistical error of about 20%
- Extraction of P_{Λ} comes with high statistical errors due to larger collision system and subthreshold Λ production
 - Study event selection effects further
 - Extraction of systematic errors



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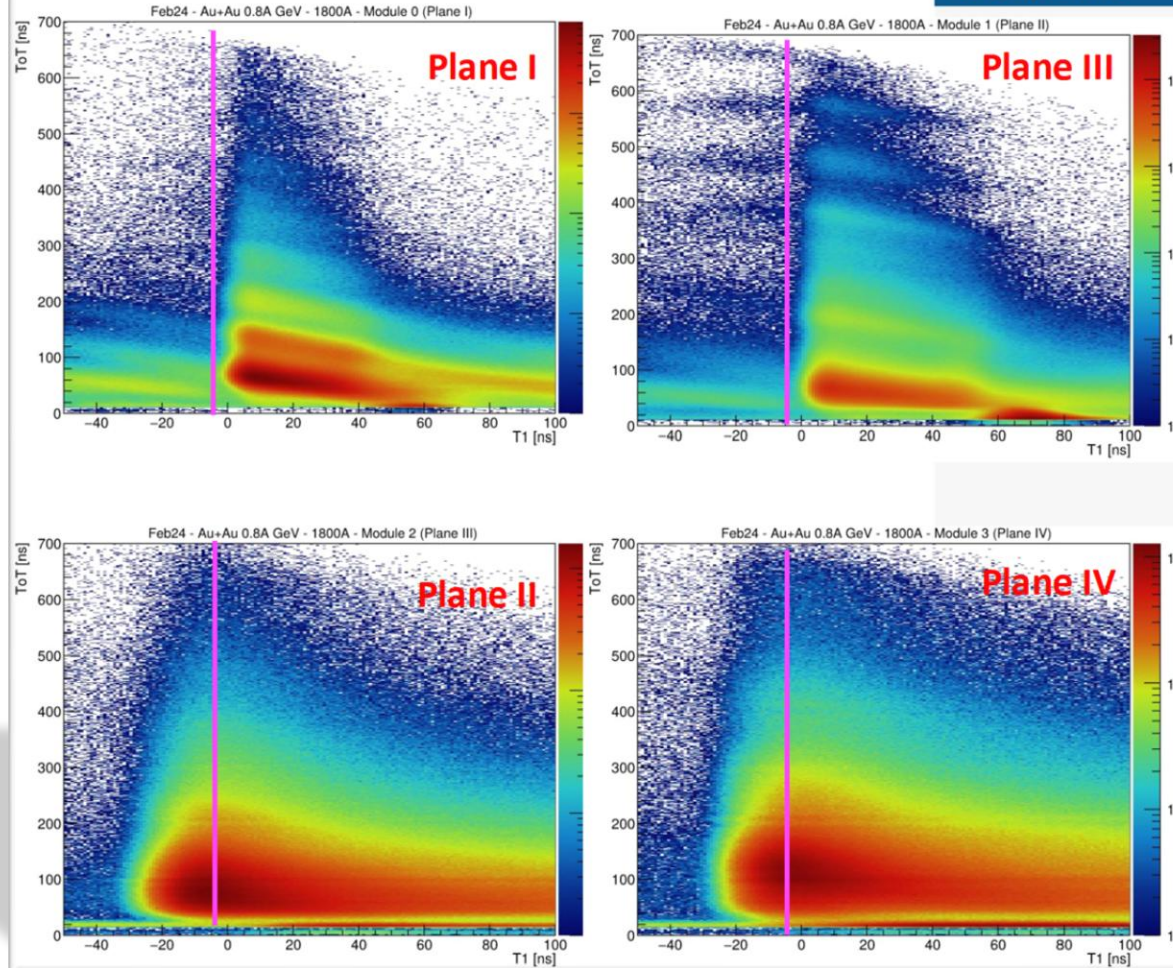
BACKUP

MDC OFFSET



Au+Au : MDC : T1 vs. ToT

Parameter Container: MdcTimeCut
Version: 1140



Version Comments:

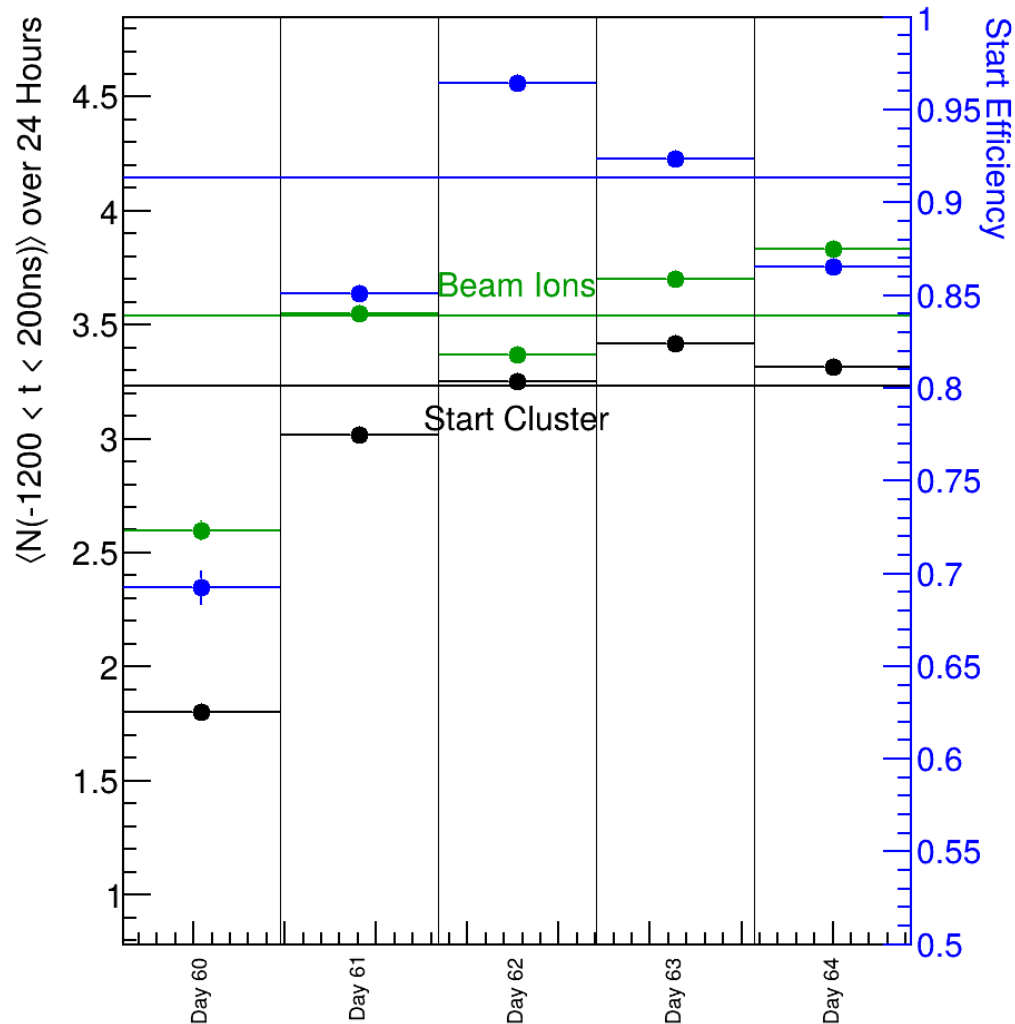
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MdcTimeCutProduction	Beam	506192315	O.Pechenova	MdcTimeCut for Feb24	29-MA

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1	1	-5	350	-1000	1000	10	700	0	0	
1	2	-5	350	-1000	1000	20	700	0	0	
1	3	-5	750	-1000	1000	25	800	0	0	
1	4	-5	750	-1000	1000	30	800	0	0	
2	1	-5	350	-1000	1000	10	700	0	0	
2	2	-5	350	-1000	1000	20	700	0	0	
2	3	-5	750	-1000	1000	25	800	0	0	
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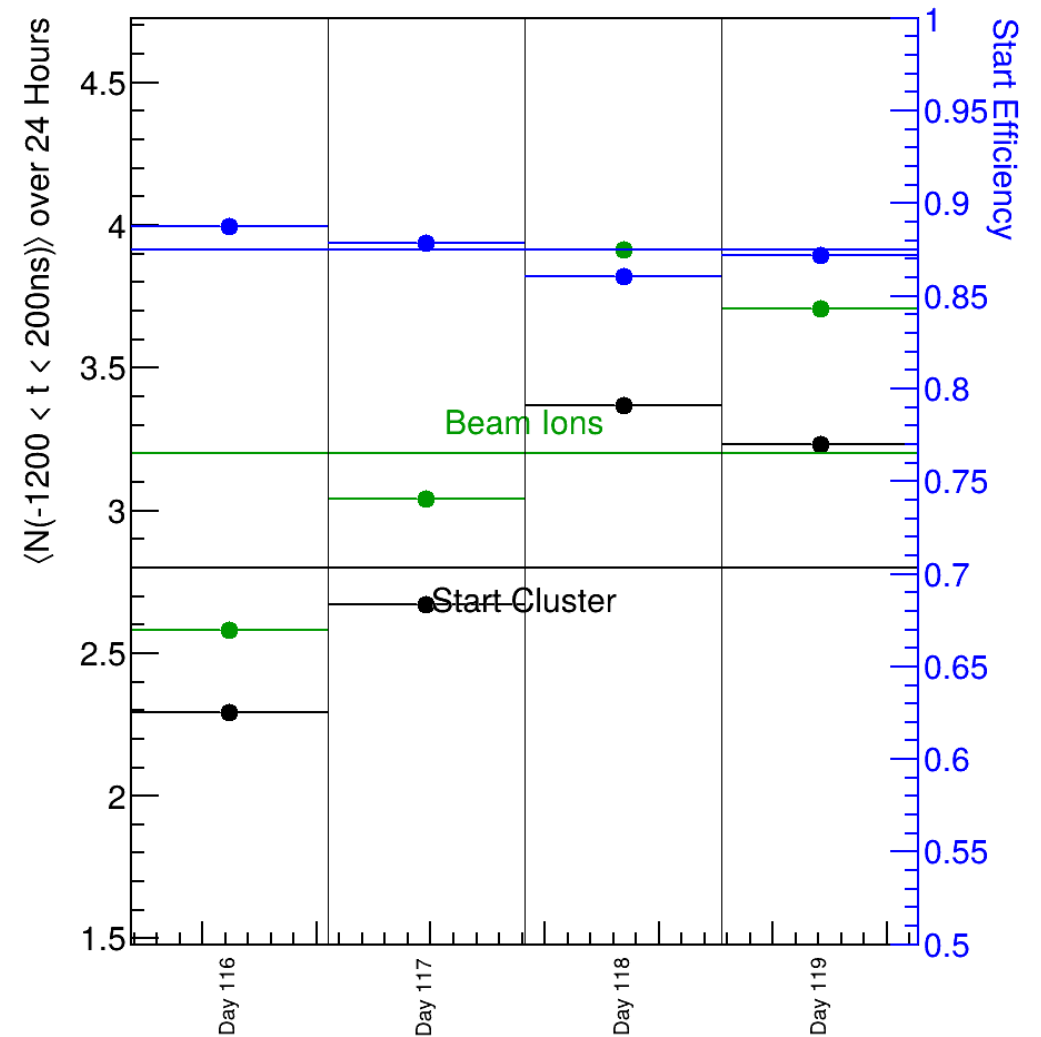
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START EFFICIENCY PER DAY

Feb24:



Apr25:



PRESELECTION HARD CUTS



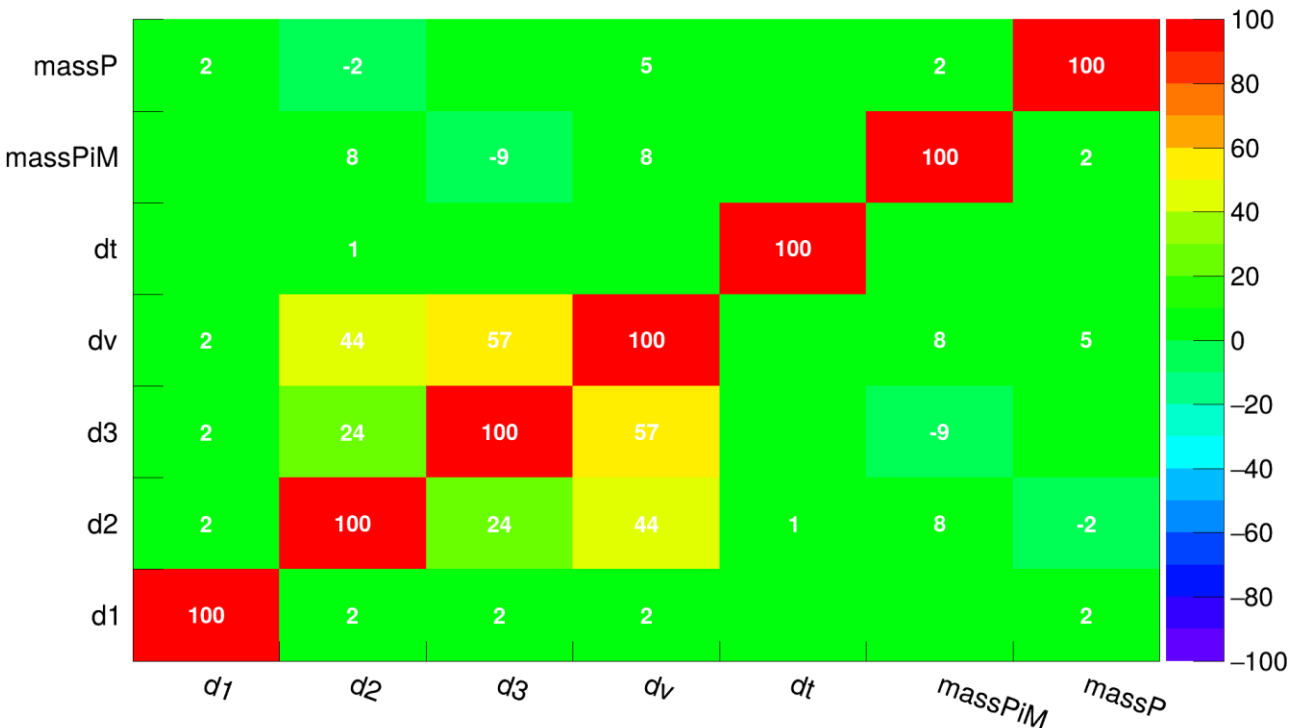
	AgAg @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$	AuAu @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.25$
d1	< 12 mm	< 8 mm
d2	> 5 mm	> 8 mm
d3	> 15 mm	> 26 mm
dv	> 50 mm	> 65 mm
dt	< 10 mm	< 10 mm
oa	>15°	>15°

TMVA PERFORMANCE PLOTS

Network architecture

- Sigmoid activation function
- 2 hidden layers: N+2, N neurons

Correlation Matrix (background)



Correlation Matrix (signal)



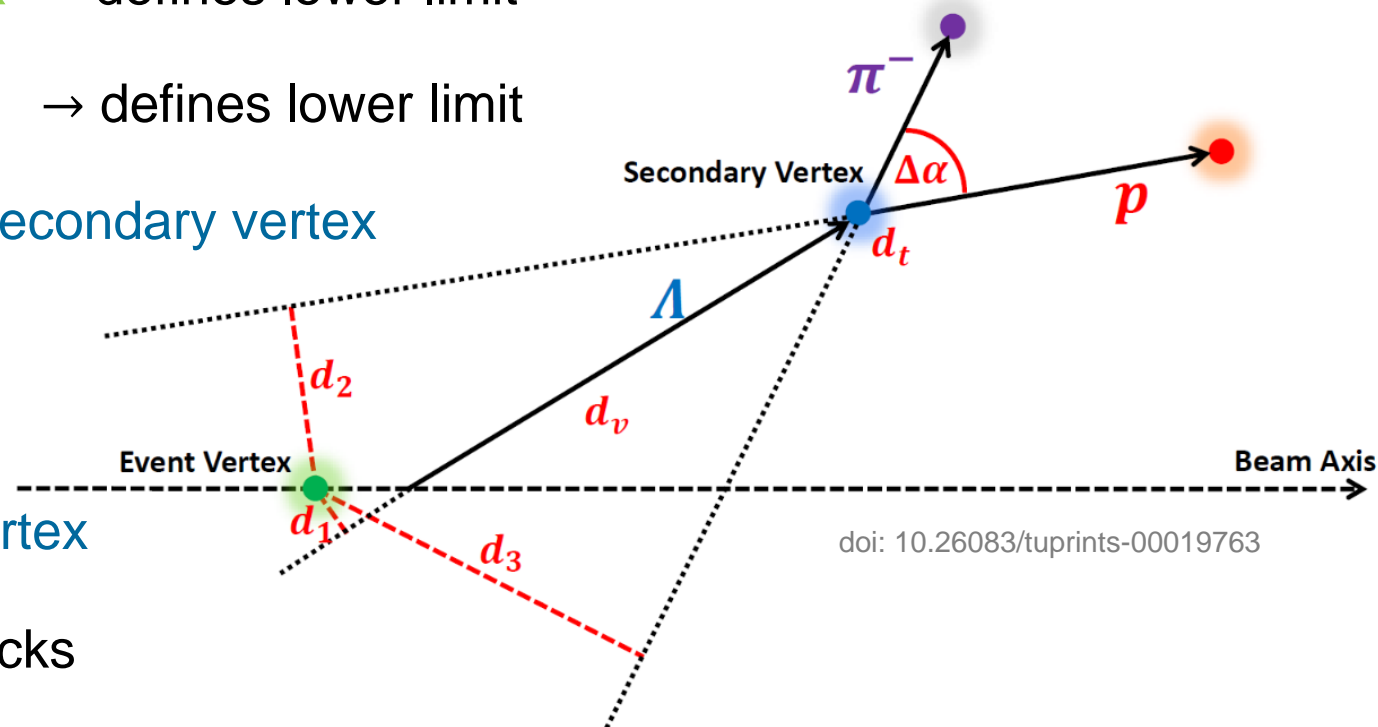
Training configuration

- Training epochs: 1500
- Loss function: Mean Square Error
- Test evaluation: every 10 cycles



Λ RECONSTRUCTION - TOPOLOGY

- d_1 : DCA of mother track and **event vertex** → defines upper limit
- d_2 : DCA of proton track and **event vertex** → defines lower limit
- d_3 : DCA of pion track and **event vertex** → defines lower limit
- d_v : distance between **event vertex** and **secondary vertex**
→ defines lower limit
- d_t : DCA between daughter tracks
→ defines upper limit
→ middle point defines **secondary vertex**
- $\Delta\alpha$: opening angle between daughter tracks



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➔ Neural network to optimize selection significance

R CORRECTION

$$R(x_{\text{vertex}}, y_{\text{vertex}}) = y_{\text{track}} d_x - x_{\text{track}} d_y + x_{\text{vertex}} \sin(\phi) - y_{\text{vertex}} \cos(\phi)$$

Should be symmetrical for aligned beam

➔ correction for this effect needed:

$$W_x = \frac{N_{R' < -6}^{\text{Sig}} + N_{R' > 6}^{\text{Sig}}}{2N_x}$$

- Correlated to d_2 :
cuts all tracks in sphere around EV with $r = 8$ mm
- Correction is very stable for varying R values

