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KF Particle Finder: Missing Mass Method for Reconstruction of Strange Particles





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Introduction to the Missing Mass Method

Consider the Missing Mass Method using the decay $\Sigma^- \rightarrow n\pi^-$.

The Missing Mass Method is based on the laws of conservation of energy and momentum:

 $\mathbf{E}_{\Sigma} = \mathbf{E}_{\pi} + \mathbf{E}_{n}$









The implementation of the method for $\Sigma \rightarrow n\pi^2$ (BR = 99.8%) decay has three steps:

- 1. Find the tracks of Σ and its charged daughter particle π in the tracking system.
- 2. Reconstruct the parameters of the neutral daughter particle **n** using the parameters of the mother particle and the charged daughter.
- 3. Reconstruct the mother particle Σ from the charged π and obtained neutral **n** daughter particles.



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 The Missing Mass Method significantly extends the possibilities of studying strange particles

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STAR, Run 20, HLT Online Production



* The Missing Mass Method was applied to real data 2016 offline, and to 2020 and 2021 BES-II FXT data processed on HLT.

* Here is a comparison of the initial and final versions on real STAR data collected in 2020, where the advantage of the final version became clearly evident in the pion decay channels.

In the final version in the channels $\pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}\nu$ the signal increased by a factor of 40, and the significance increased by a factor of 7, in the channels $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}\nu$ and $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^{0}$ the signal increased by a factor of 2, and the significance by 33%

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- * The task of the KF Particle Finder package is to search in real time for all short-lived particles of interest.
- * All procedures of the package are vectorized and parallelized, and its running time is on average 1.4 ms/event/core.
- * Currently the package contains procedures for searching more than 150 decays of short-lived particles of different types.
- * Based on the Missing Mass Method, the procedures for searching 9 neutral particles, 2 decays of light mesons, and 16 decays of strange particles have been created.

In the KF Particle Finder, 55% (16 of 29) of decays of strange particles are reconstructed by the Missing Mass Method