Analysis of 1.5 GeV/c $\ \overline{p}p \rightarrow \phi \phi$

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$\overline{p}p \rightarrow \phi \phi$: Important Channel in Meson Spectroscopy

- One of the benchmark channels in the design of PANDA
- Sensitivity to tensor glueball state predicted by lattice QCD around 2.4 GeV/c²
- $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \phi\phi$ cross section much above OZI rule estimate
- See talk at PANDA CM June 2019 by Iman Keshk:
 - very low reconstruction efficiencies for kaons at small angles
 - no proper PWA possible
- Further investigations, e.g. independent simulation studies, needed





$\overline{p}p \rightarrow \phi \phi$ PandaRoot Simulation Parameters

- $p_{\bar{p}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- 2 M events
- PHSP in $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \phi\phi$, VSS in $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$
- 100% decay branch for $\phi \to K^+ K^-$
- Standard PANDA setup
- Standard reconstruction
- Decay tree fitter
- Open PID (no MC info on particle species used)
- PandaRoot: trunk 30122 & 30127





Generated MC ϕ spectra











MC K θ vs P





150

100

500

0.2

0.1

0^L

0.2

0.4

0.6

0.8

MC truth partners of finally selected events:

 ϕ with small transverse momenta i.e. emitted at forward/backward cm angles poorly or not reconstructed















K⁺ K⁻ Pairs at Small Angles



- Few events with both K⁺ and K⁻ at $\theta < 10^{o}$
- Many events with both K⁺ and K⁻ at $\theta < 20^{\circ}$











MC K⁺ θ vs P (all stable)





No detection efficiency at polar angles above ~90°







No detection efficiency at momenta below ~0.2 GeV/c





MC K Pt vs Pz (final)







MC $K^{-} \theta$ vs P (all stable)





No detection efficiency at polar angles above ~90°







No detection efficiency at momenta below ~0.2 GeV/c











Reconstructed ϕ



φ emitted at forward and backward cm angles suppressed

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Reconstruction Efficiencies & Purities

Reco Cond.	# Entries / Events	n / n _{MC}
K^+ single rec.	2 465 809	0.616
K^- single rec.	2 413 439	0.603
R1: all stable cands.	741 064	0.371
3K: 3 kaons rec.	954 813	0.477
R3: final sample	162 637	0.0813
True $\phi\phi$ rec.	150 627	0.0753

- Single kaon reconstruction efficiency ~ 60 %
- True $\phi\phi$ reconstruction efficiency ~ 7.5 %
- Reconstructed signal purity ~ 92.6 %





Conclusion & Outlook

- 7.5 % reco efficiency, 92.6 % purity w.r.t. combinatorial background
- full cm angular distribution not accessible in exclusive reconstruction
- further steps:
 - kaon hypothesis for track reconstruction
 - semi-inclusive reconstruction with 3 out of 4 kaons
 - neutral decay $\phi \to K_S K_L$ for backward ϕ ?
 - 2.5 GeV/c momentum