

# Measurements of strangeness with HADES

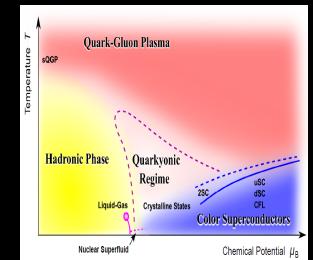
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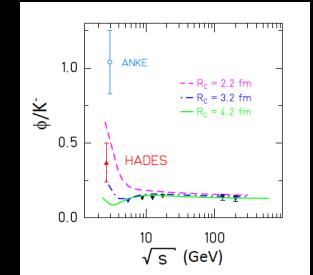


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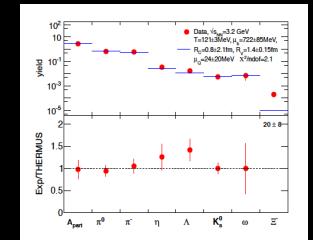
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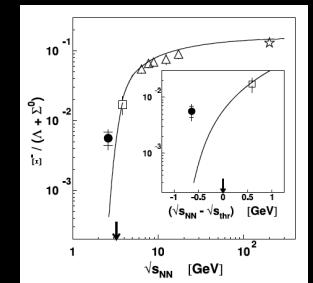
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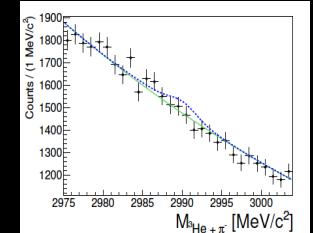
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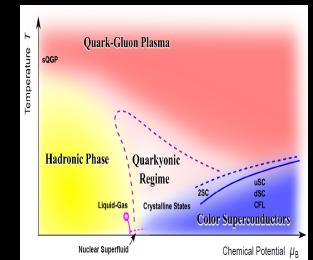
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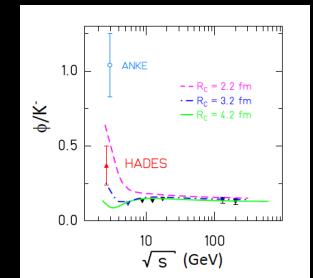
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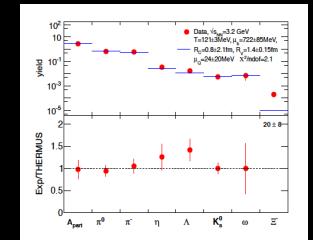
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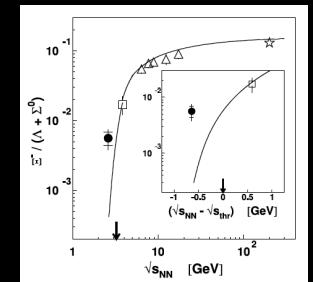


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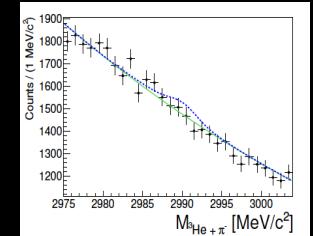


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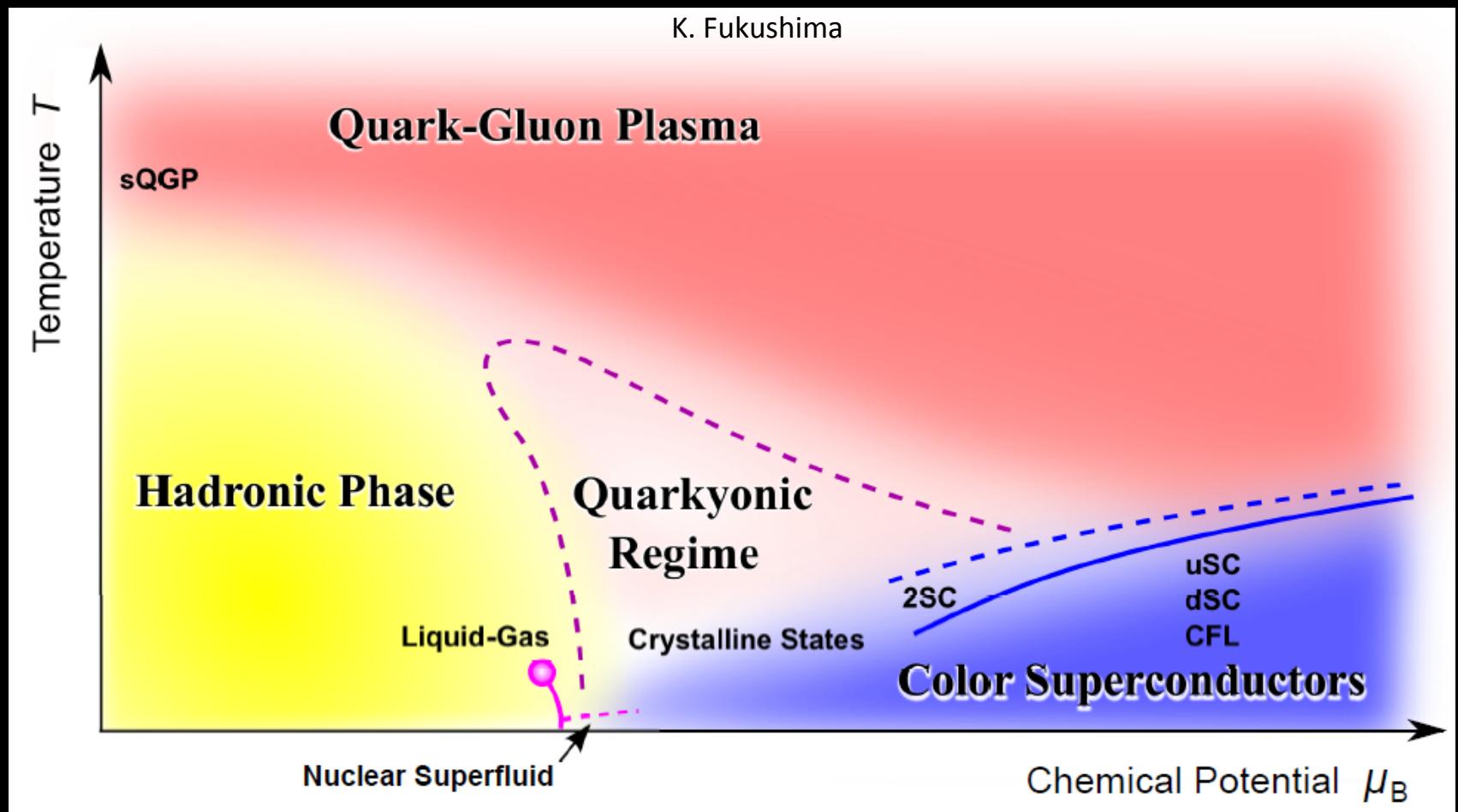
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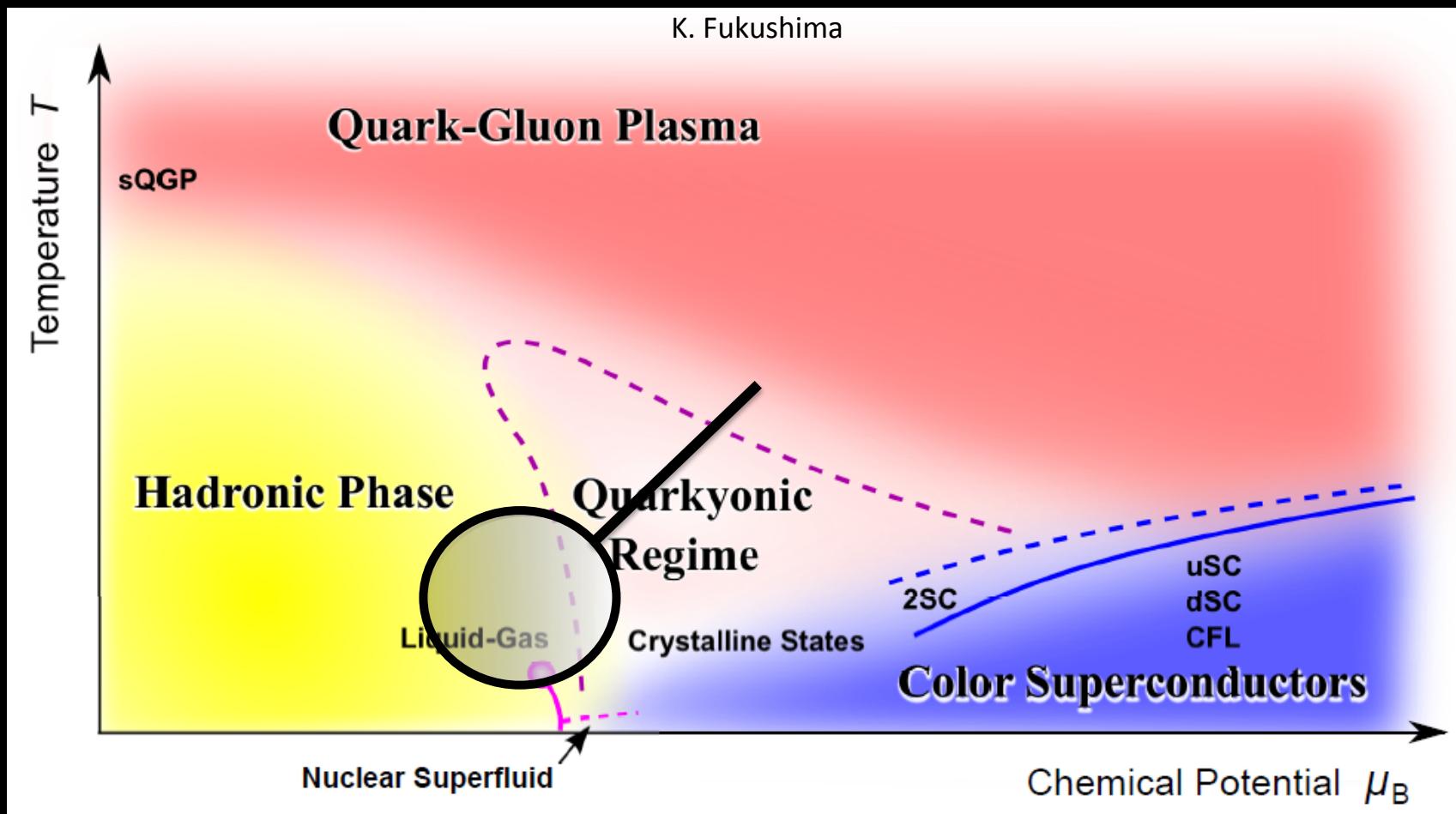
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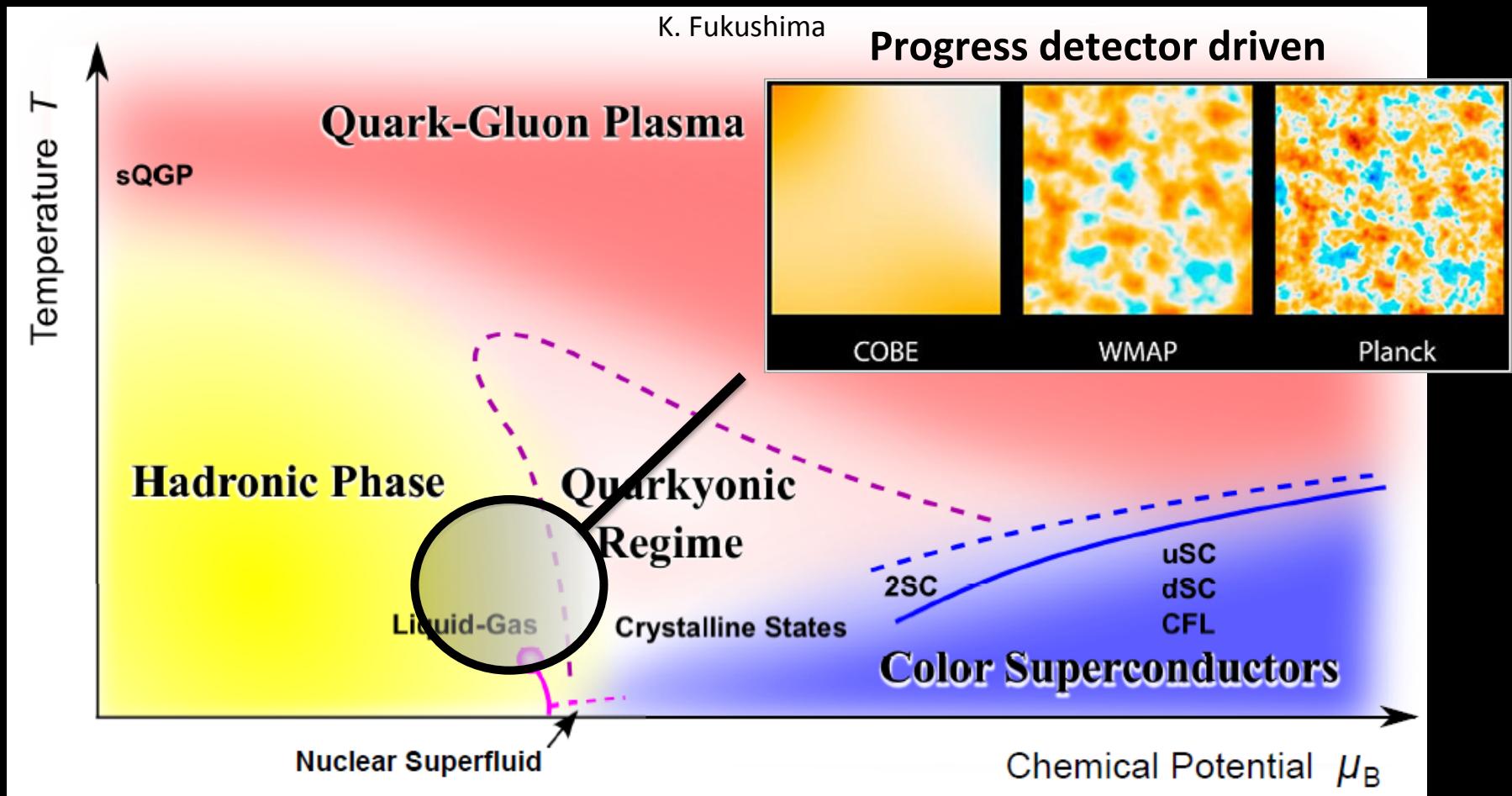


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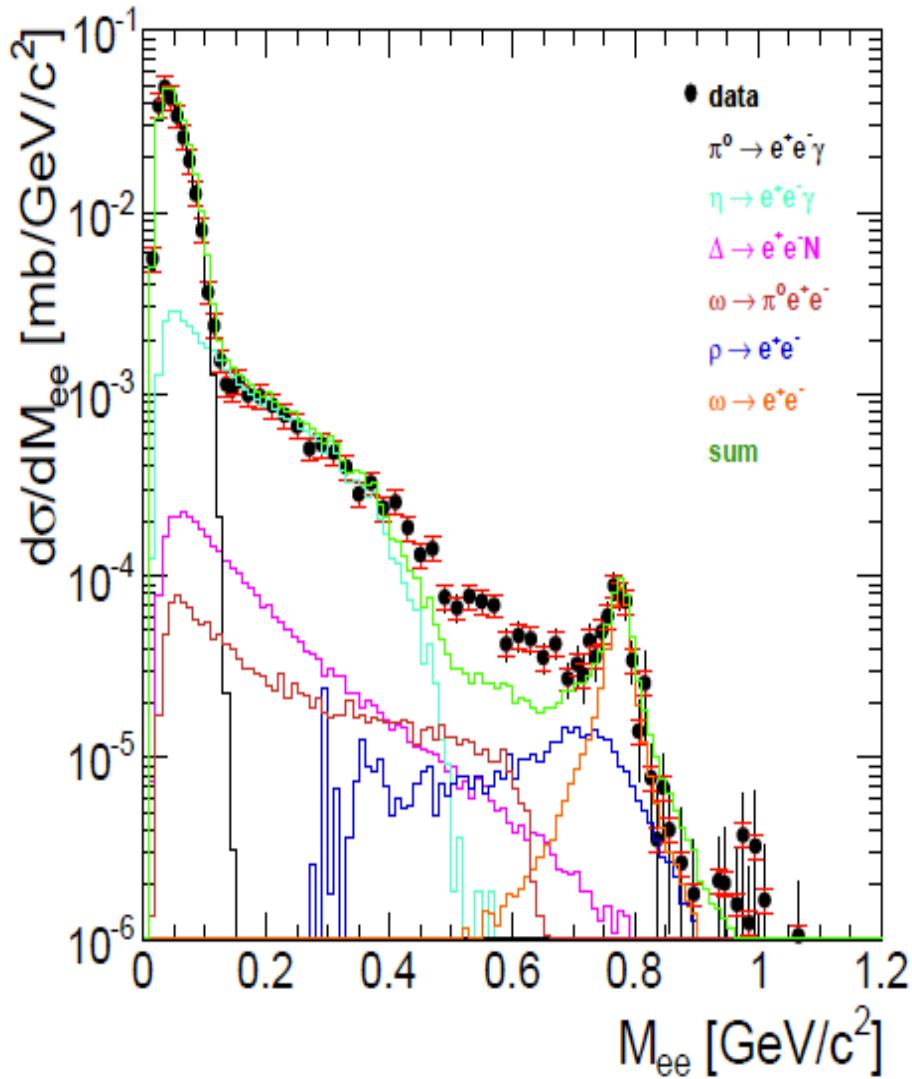
Probe baryonic interactions at low energies



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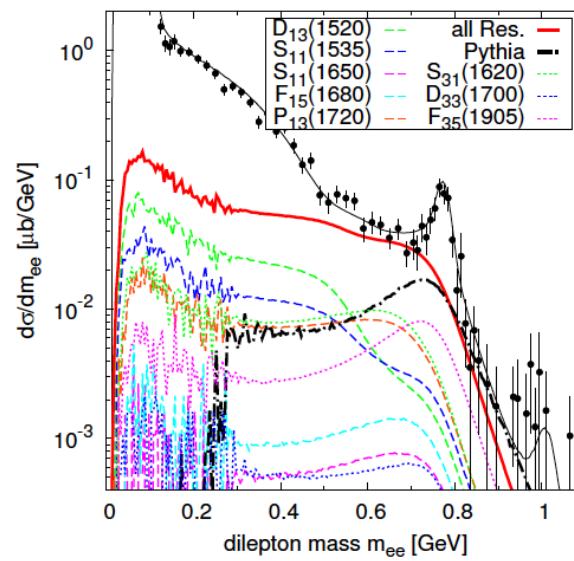
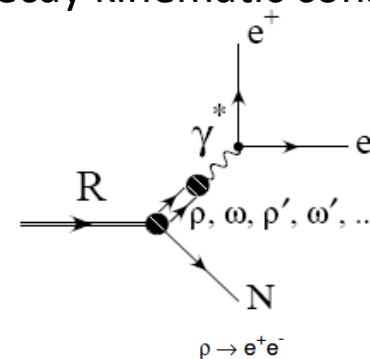
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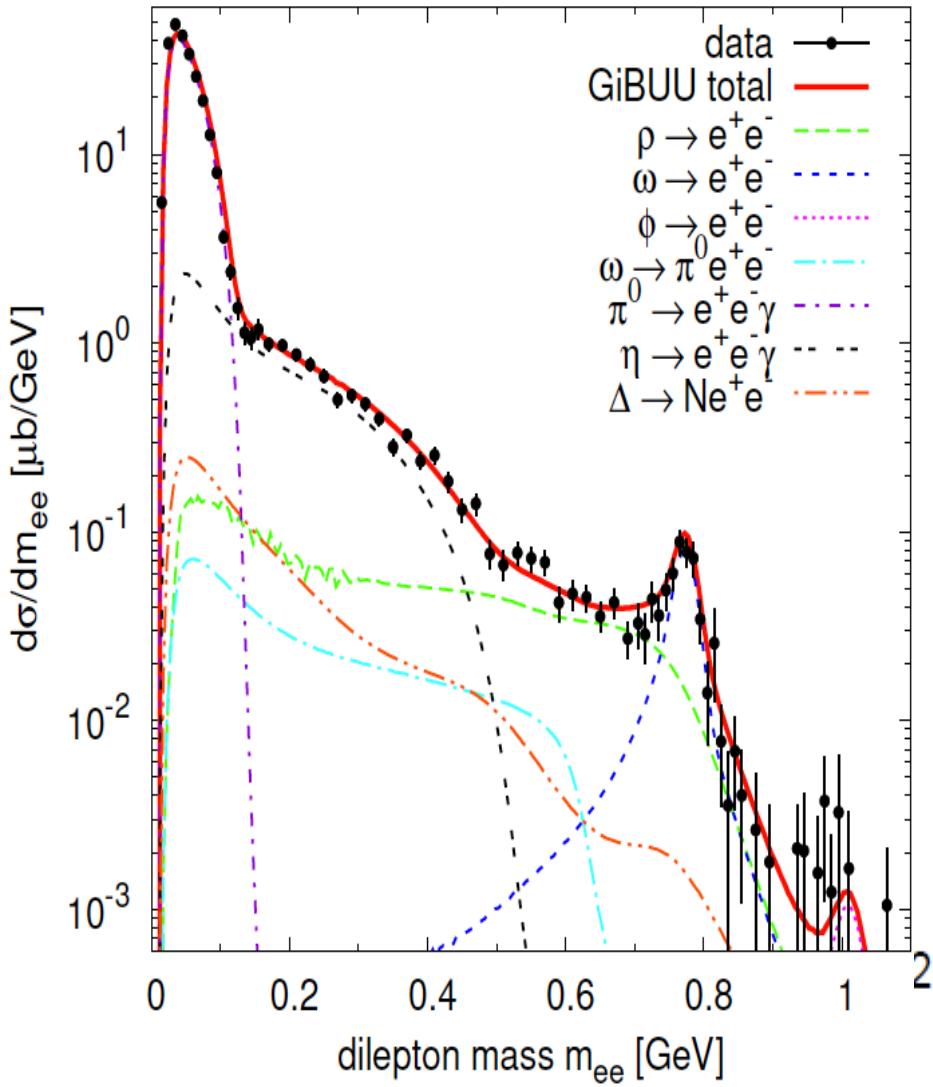
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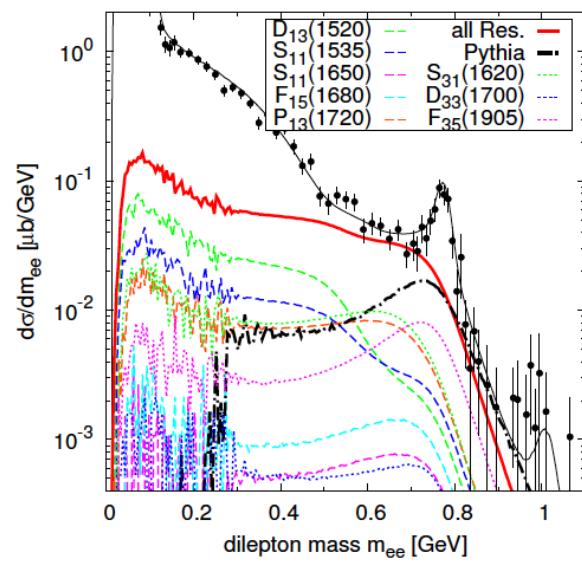
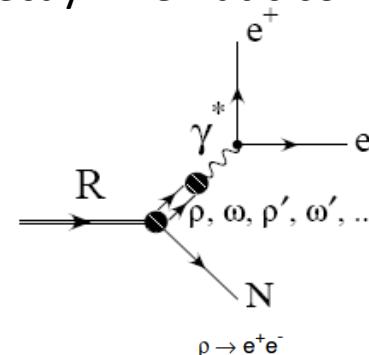
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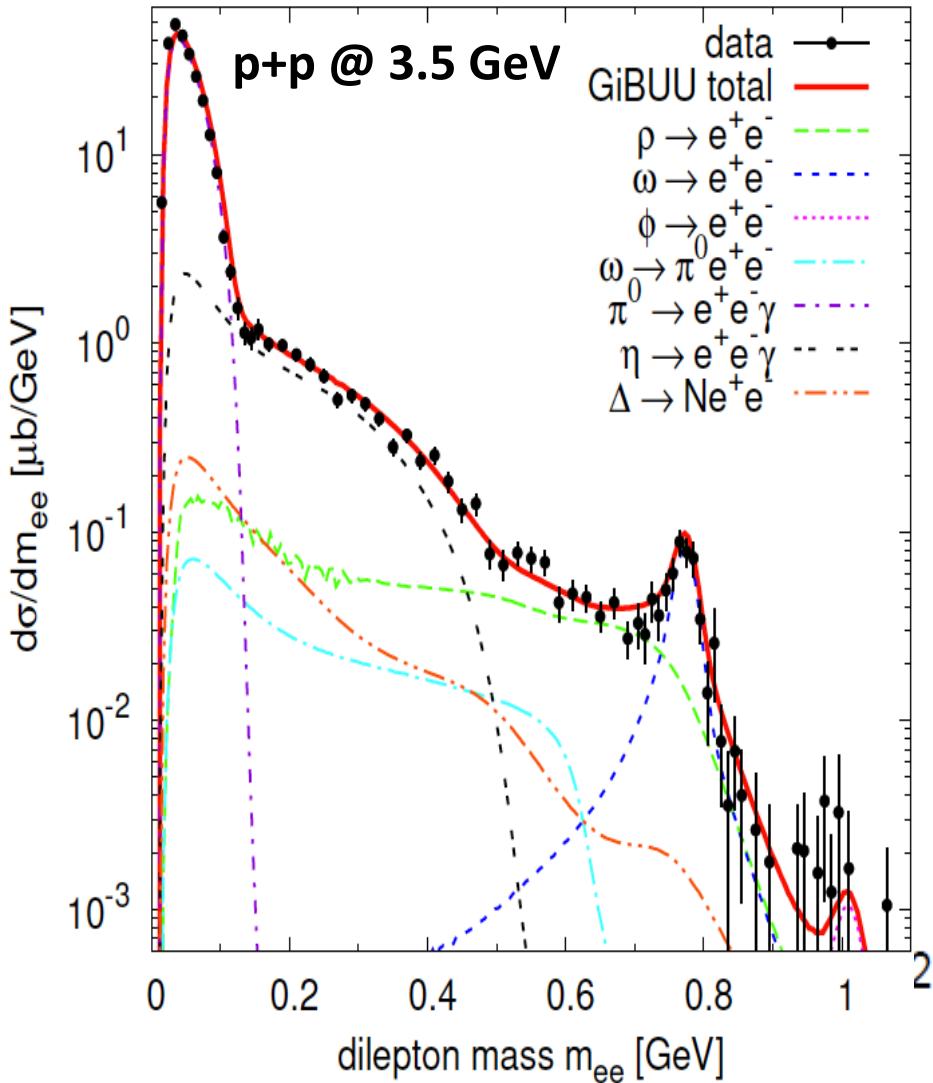
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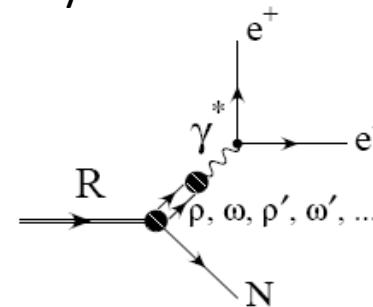
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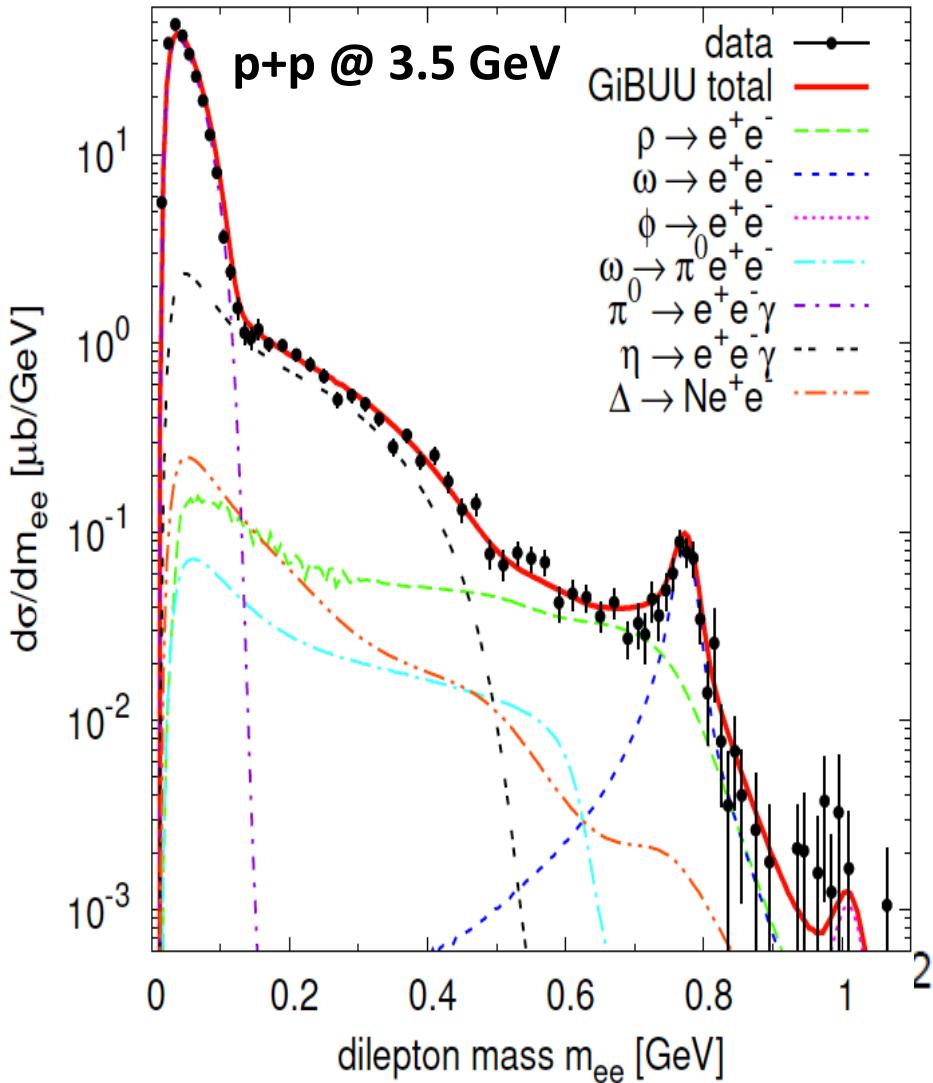
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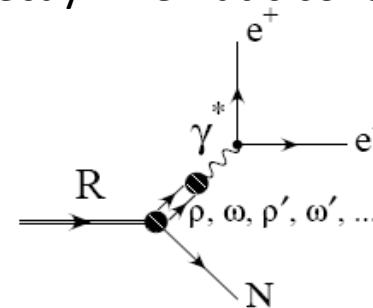
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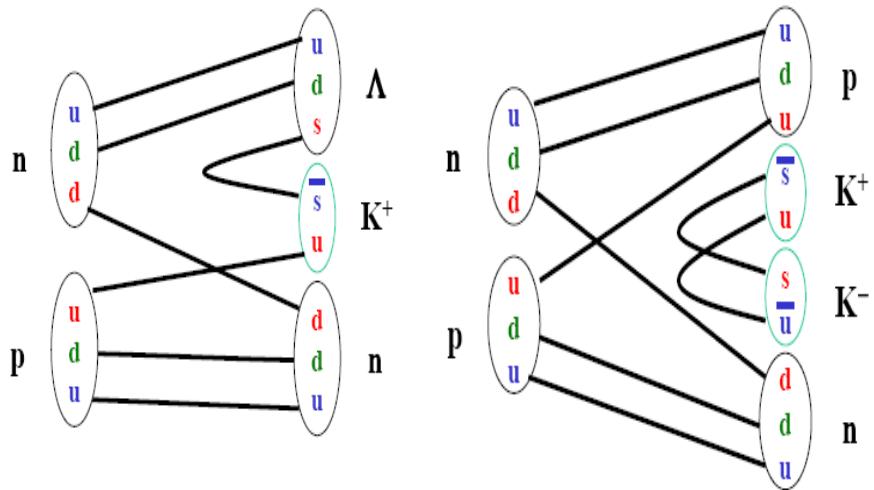
# Strangeness production at SIS 18

## Elementary collisions

$$NN \rightarrow NK^+\Lambda \quad (E_{thr} = 1.58 \text{ GeV})$$

$$NN \rightarrow NNK^+K^- \quad (E_{thr} = 2.49 \text{ GeV})$$

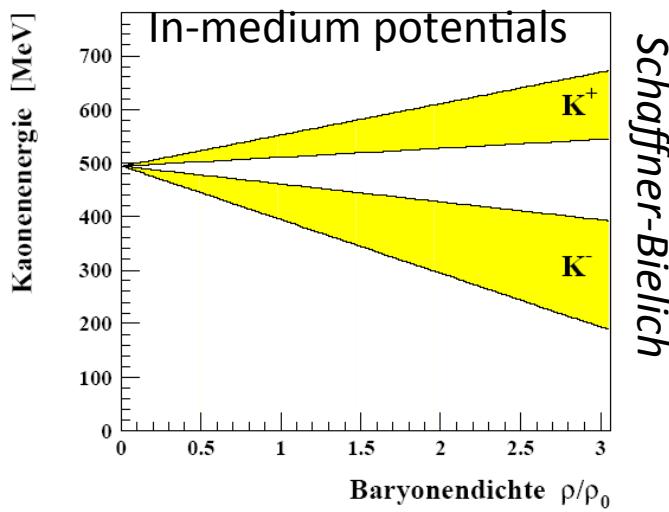
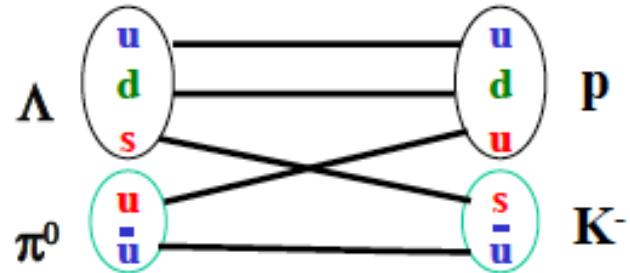
$$NN \rightarrow NN\varphi \quad (E_{thr} = 2.59 \text{ GeV})$$



Different production thresholds  
for  $K^+$ - due to quark content

## Heavy-ion collisions

- Accumulation of energy in multi-step processes
- Strangeness exchange reactions + potentials



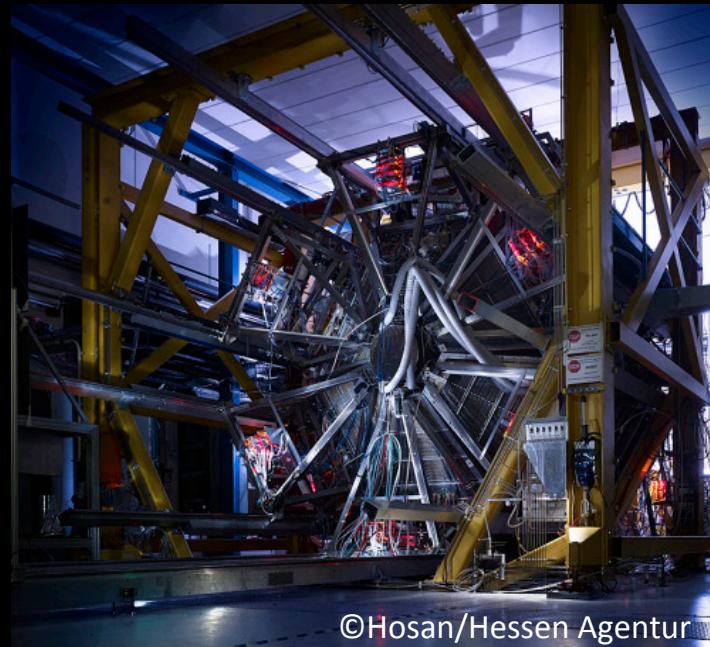
Schaffner-Bielich

# Main players at SIS18

KaoS decommissioned



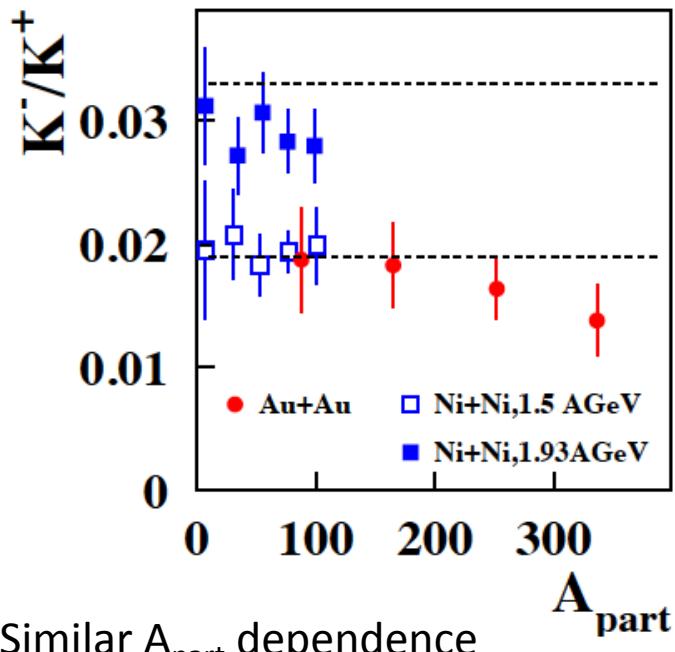
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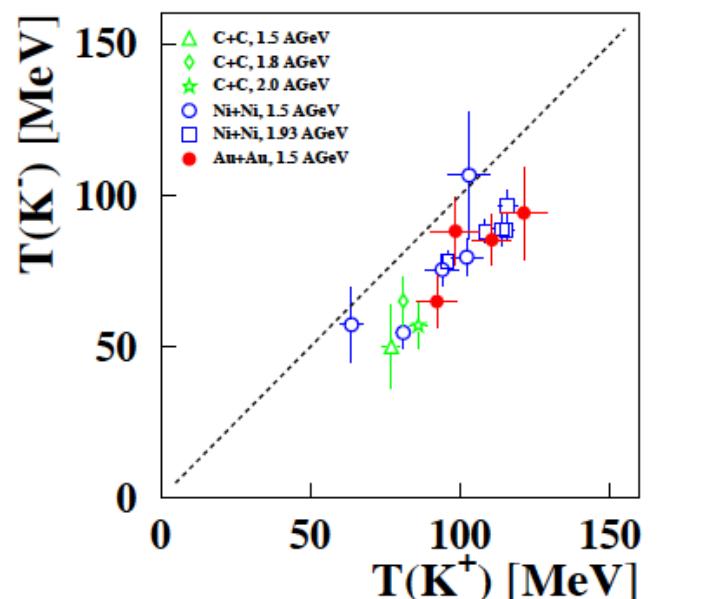
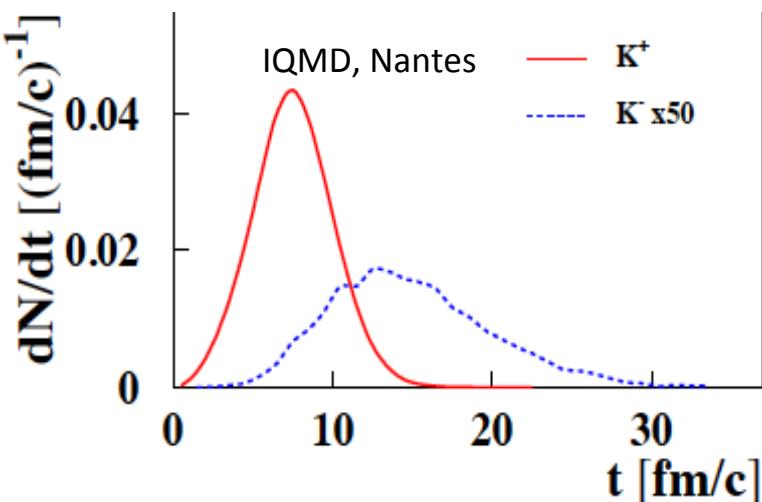
HADES active at SIS18 and SIS100

# Strangeness production (common wisdom)

Förster et. al (KaoS)



Similar  $A_{\text{part}}$  dependence



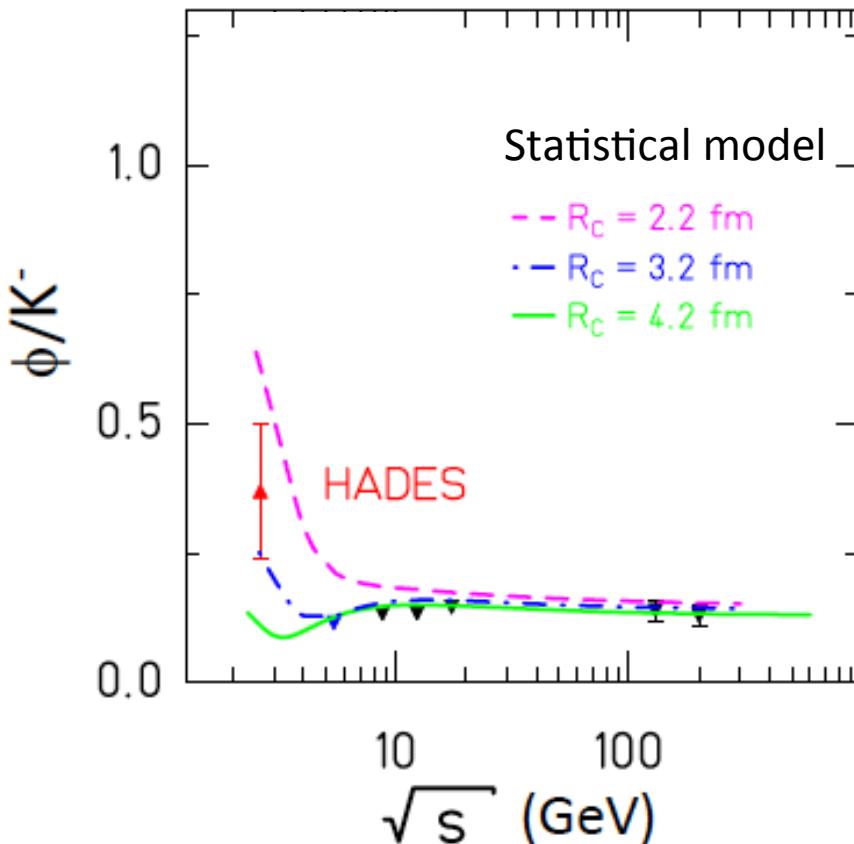
Different inverse slope parameters

## Conclusions:

- Production of  $K^+/K^-$  coupled
- “Strangeness exchange dominant for  $K^-$ ”
- “Later freeze-out of  $K^-$  compared to  $K^+$ , due to coupling to baryons”
- “Strangeness production in HIC is very different from that in elementary interaction”

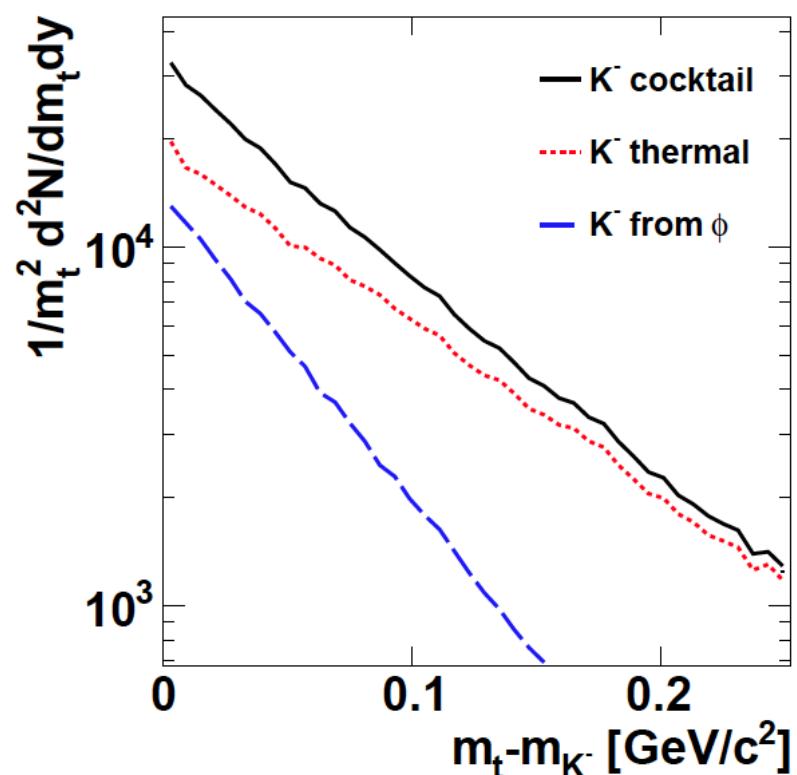
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Enhanced  $\Phi$  production at low beam energy  
First indication from FOPI



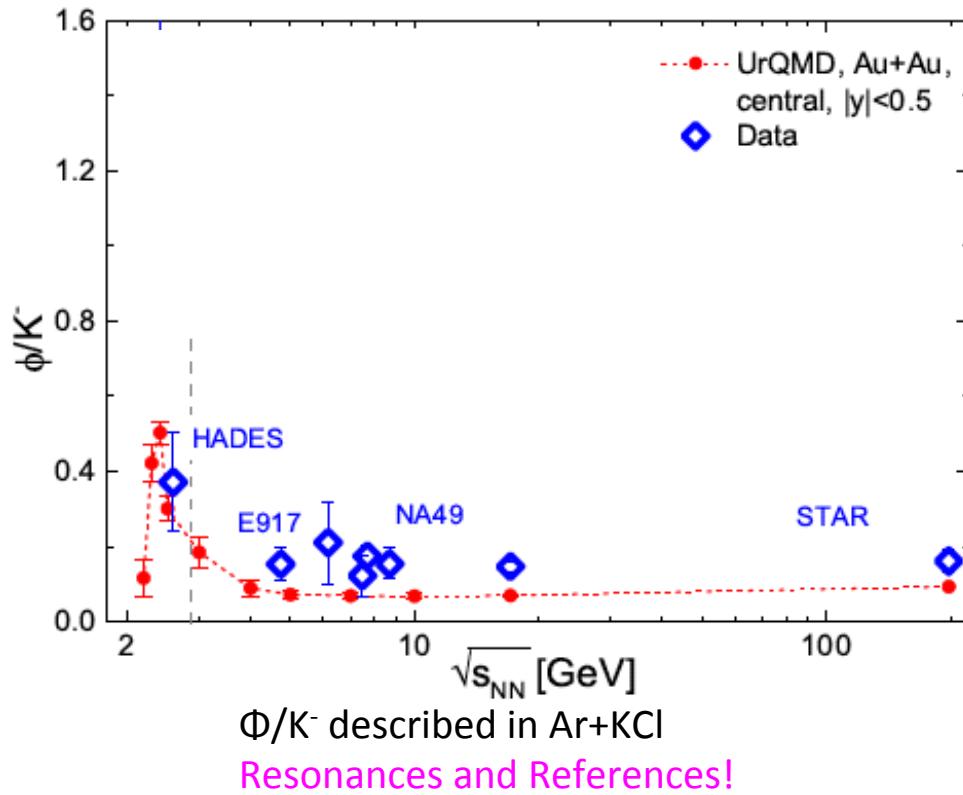
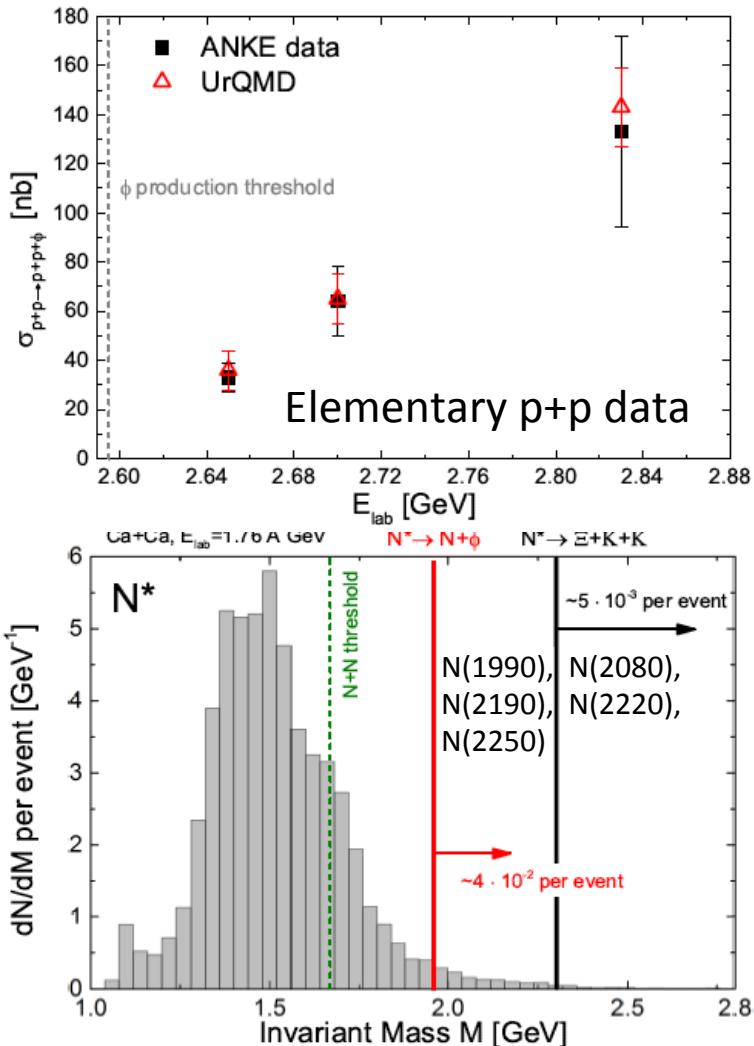
Predicted by stat. model

Feed-down of  $\Phi$  can explain  
different slope parameters of  $K^+$  and  $K^-$



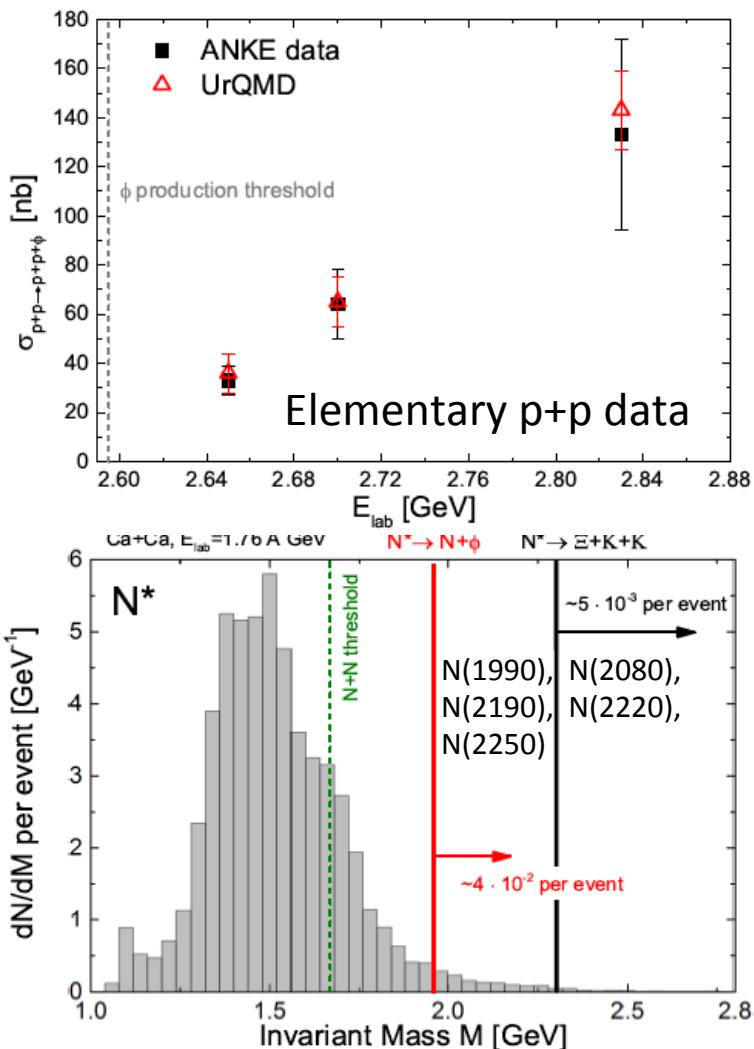
See also new data from FOPI in:  
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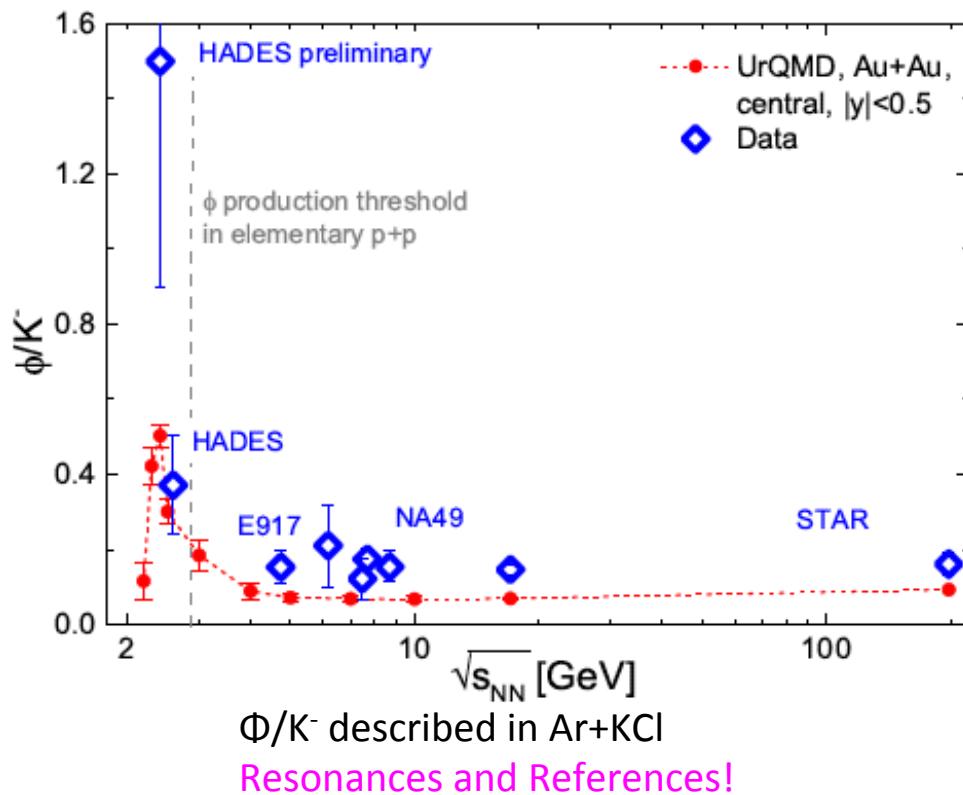


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## Au+Au@1.23 data:

Larger system, smaller energy

$\Phi/K^-$  predicted to rise by stat. model

Complete production of strangeness below NN-threshold

Preliminary ratio at mid-rapidity, PhD H. Schuldes

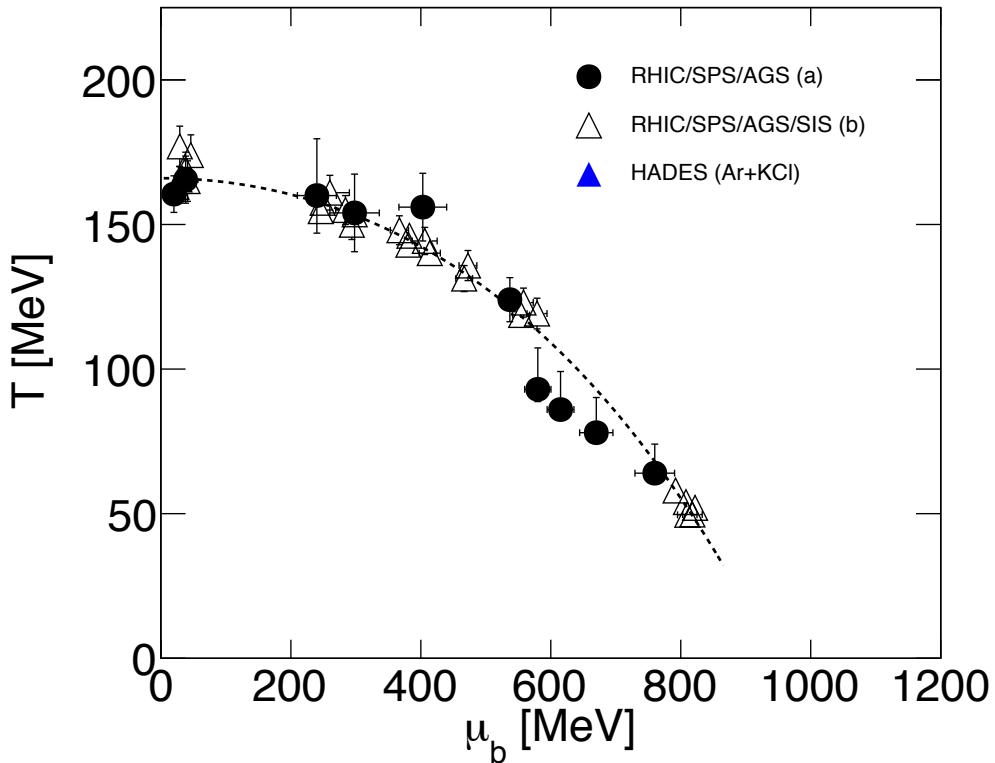
# Statistical model

Particle production from a homogeneous source:

$$\rho_{i,q} \propto \int_0^\infty p^2 dp \exp\left(\frac{-E_i + \vec{\mu}\vec{q}_i}{kT}\right)$$

- Grand canonical ensemble ( $T, \mu = \mu_B, \mu_s, \mu_Q, V$  and sometimes  $\gamma_s$ , usually  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_Q$  are constrained)
- Strangeness canonical ensemble ( $T, \mu = \mu_B, \mu_Q, R_c, R$ )  
(Strangeness canonically suppressed at low temperatures)
- Fits at low beam energies based on limited number of particle species

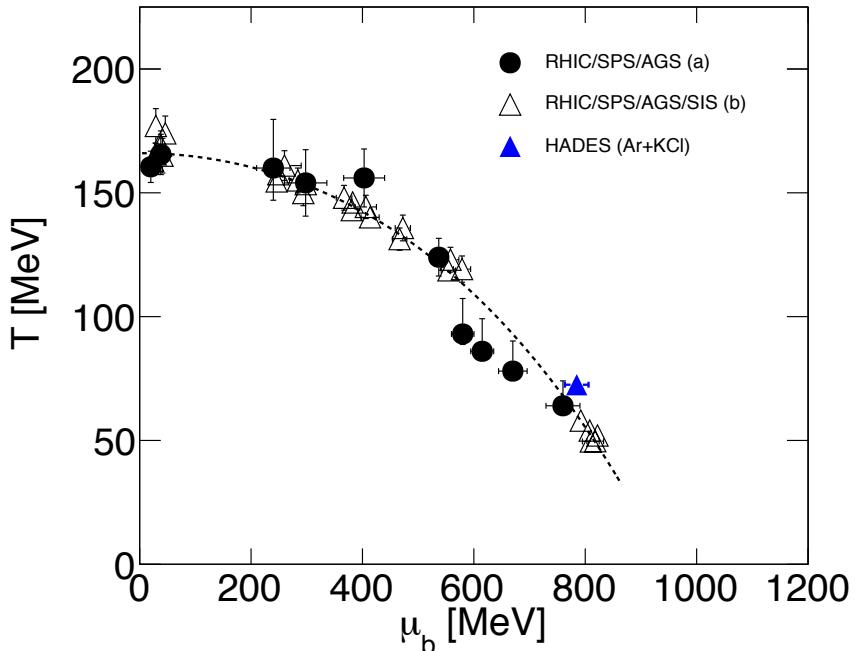
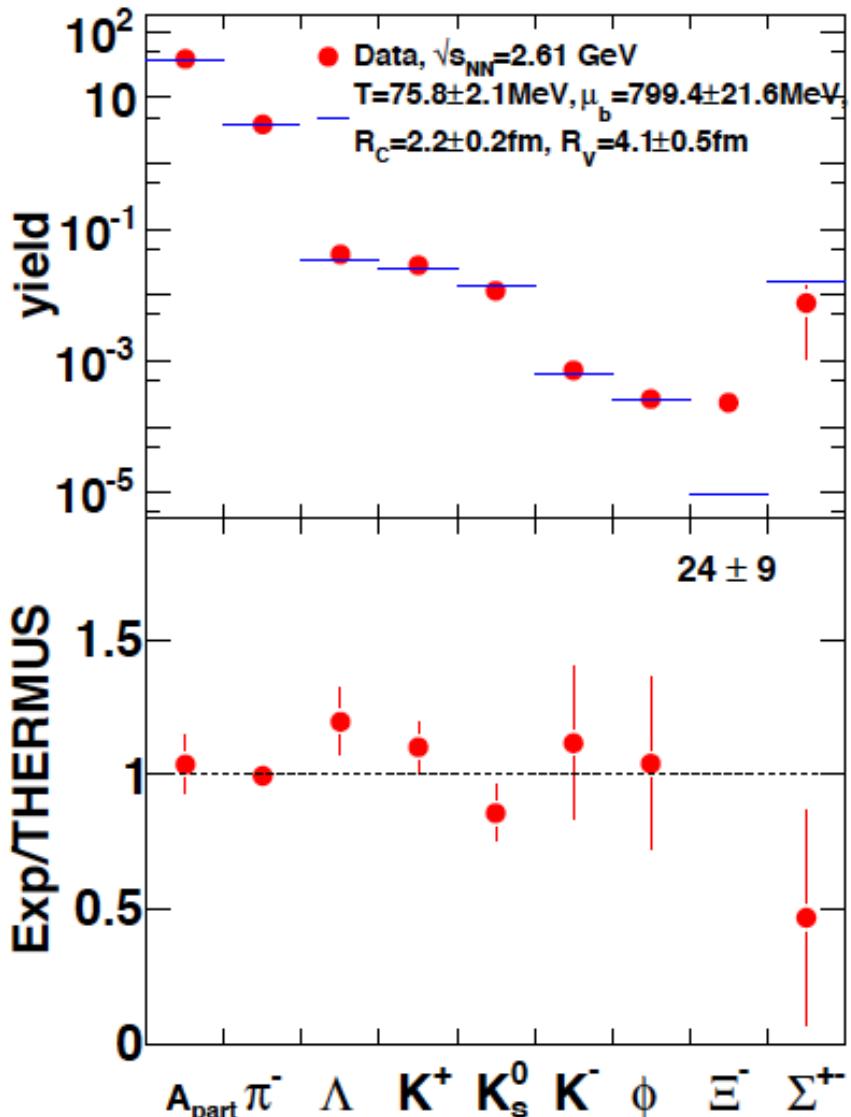
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How will it work for more particle species in Ar+KCl?

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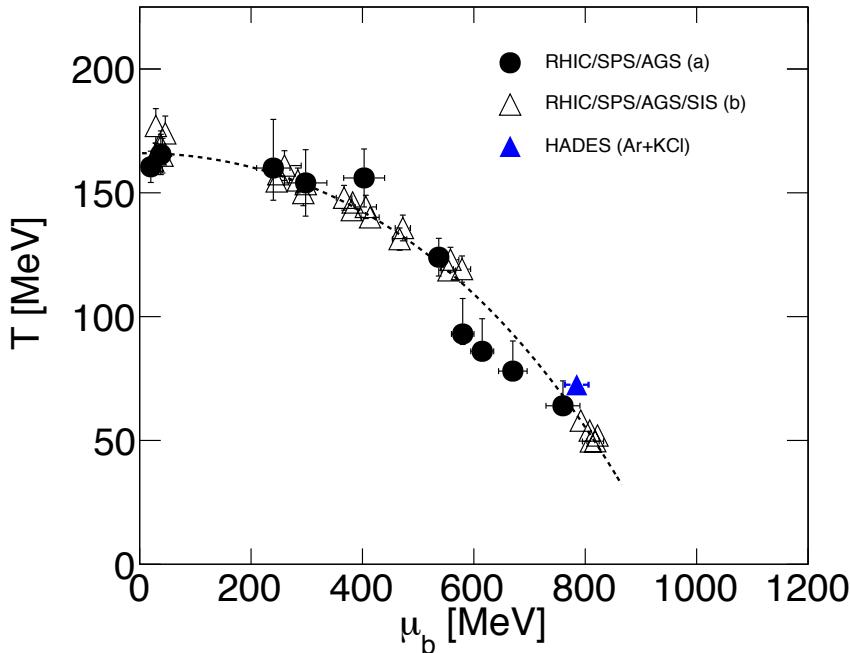
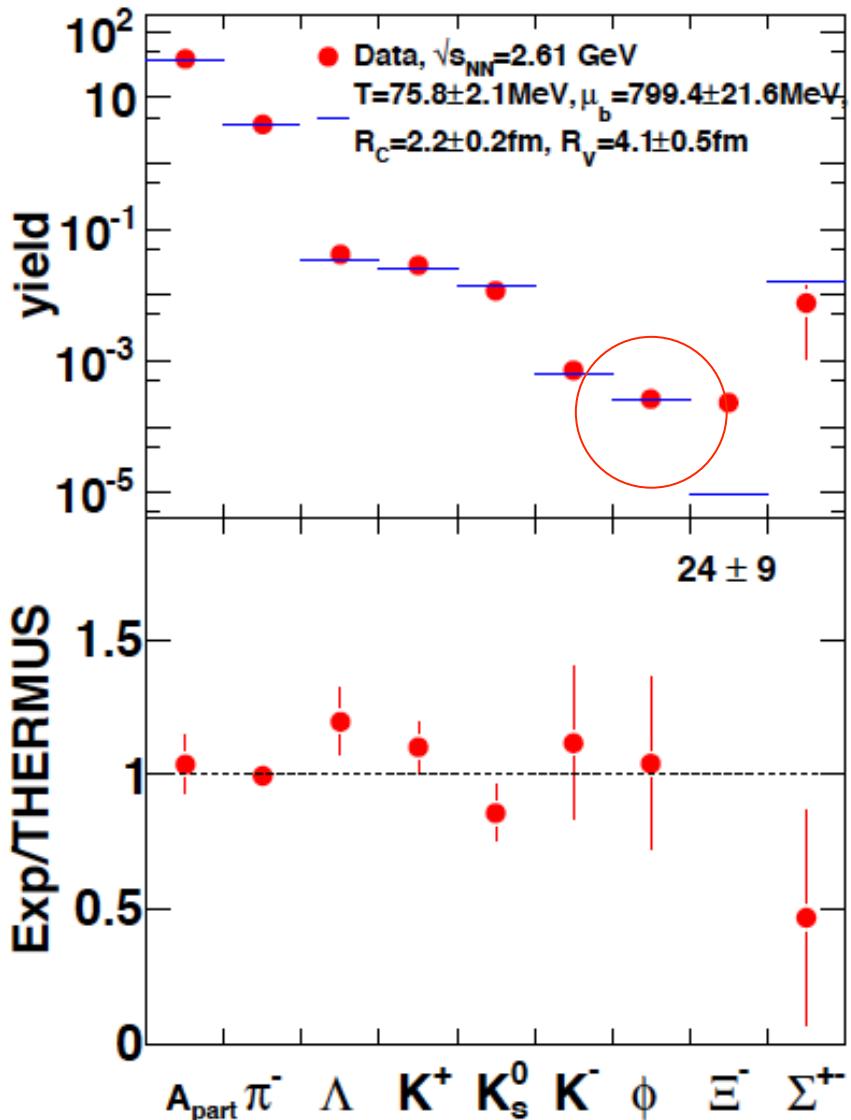
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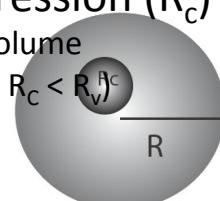
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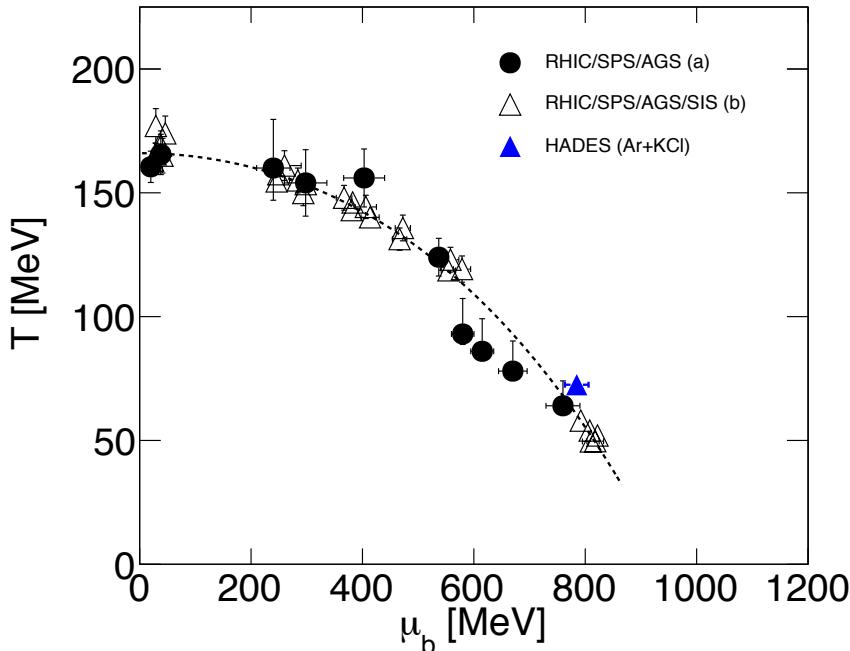
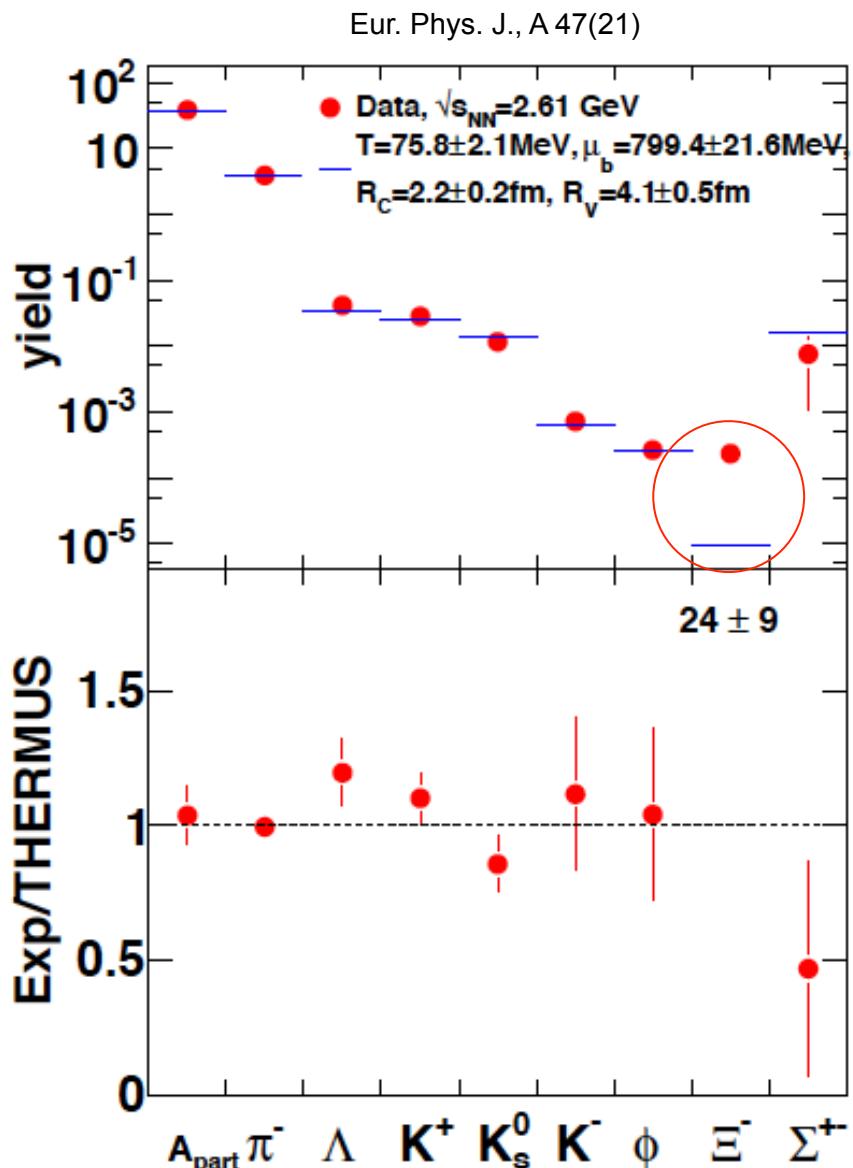


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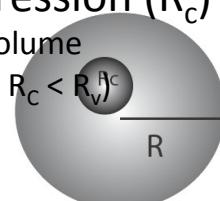


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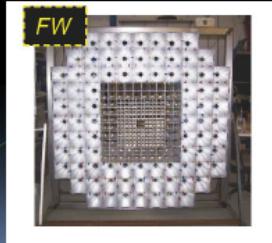
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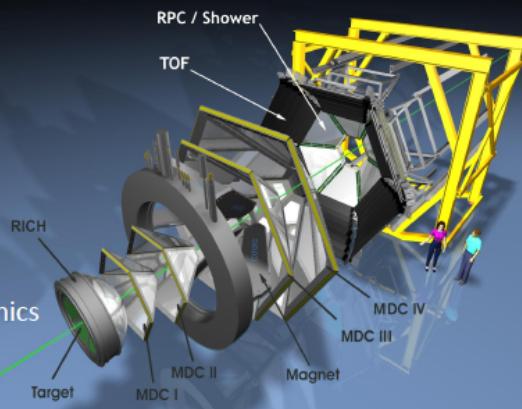
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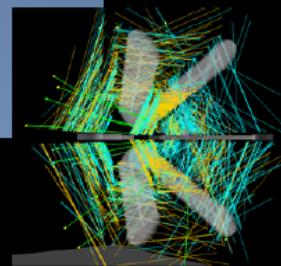
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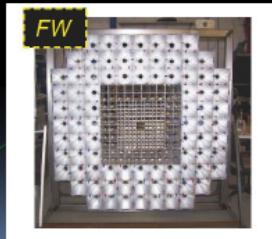


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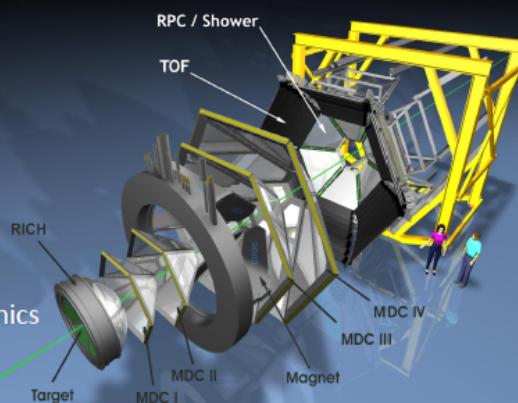
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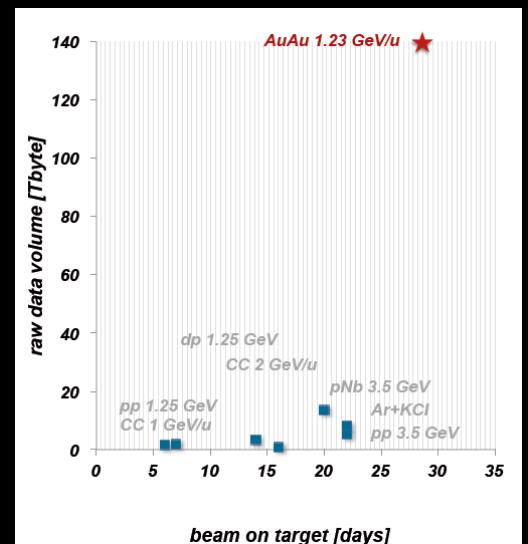
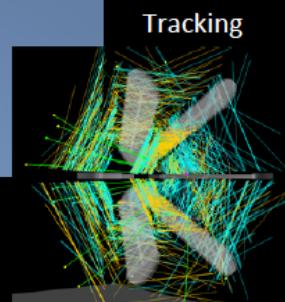
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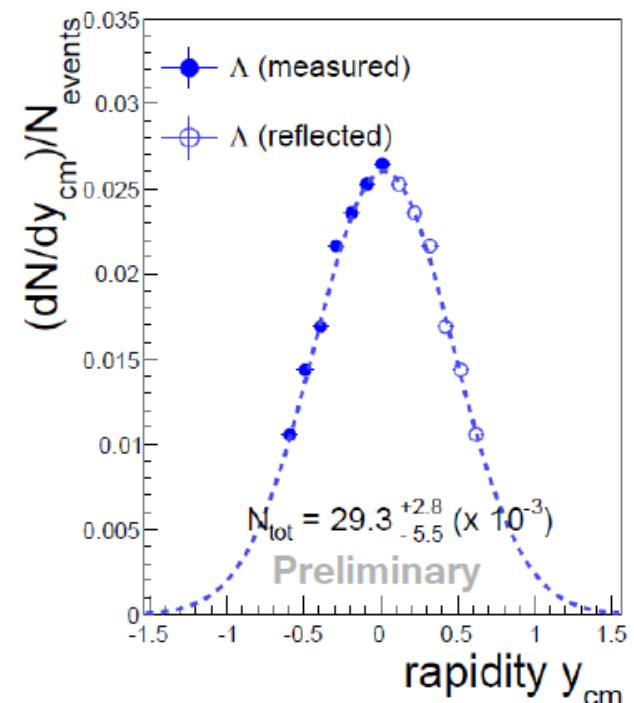
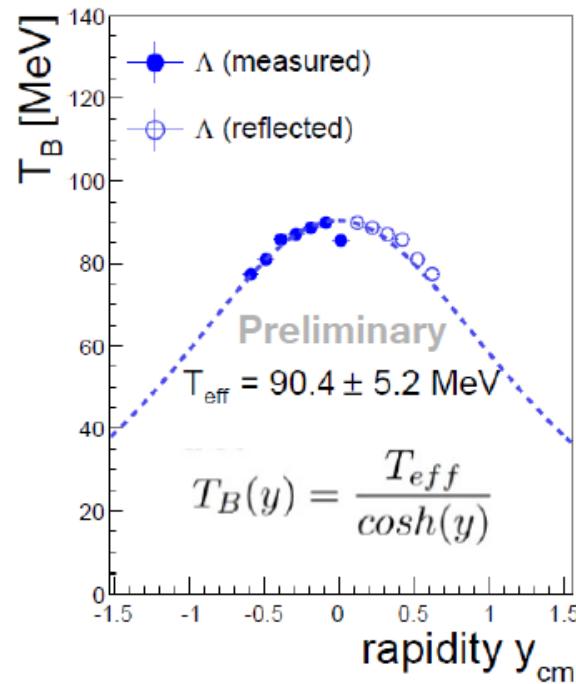
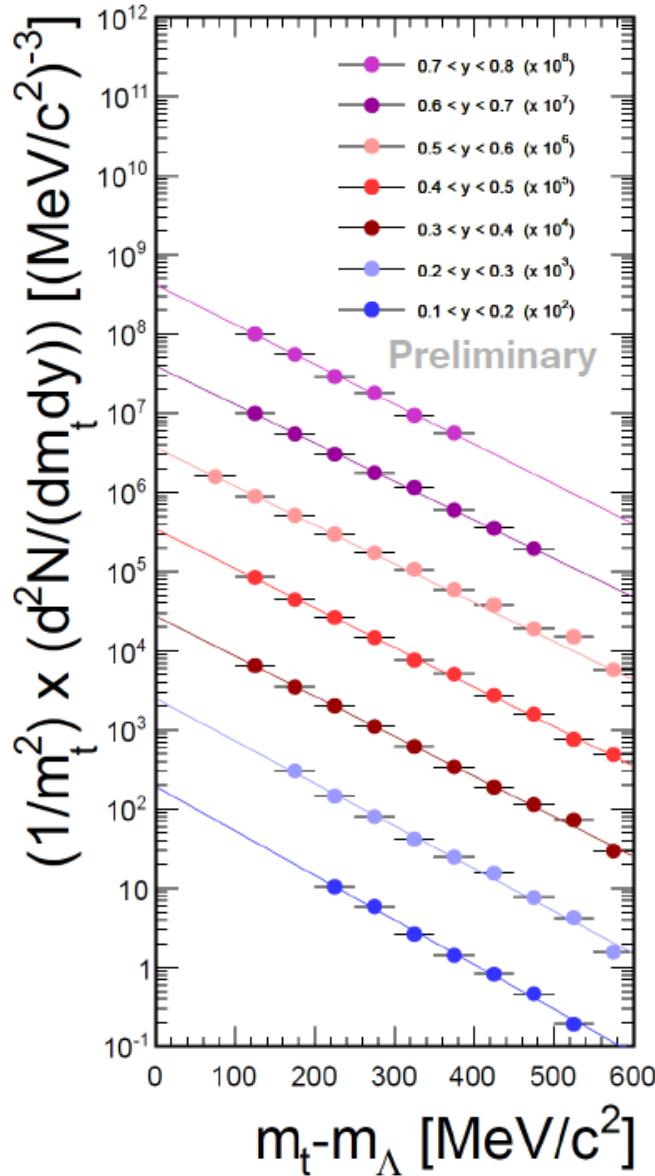
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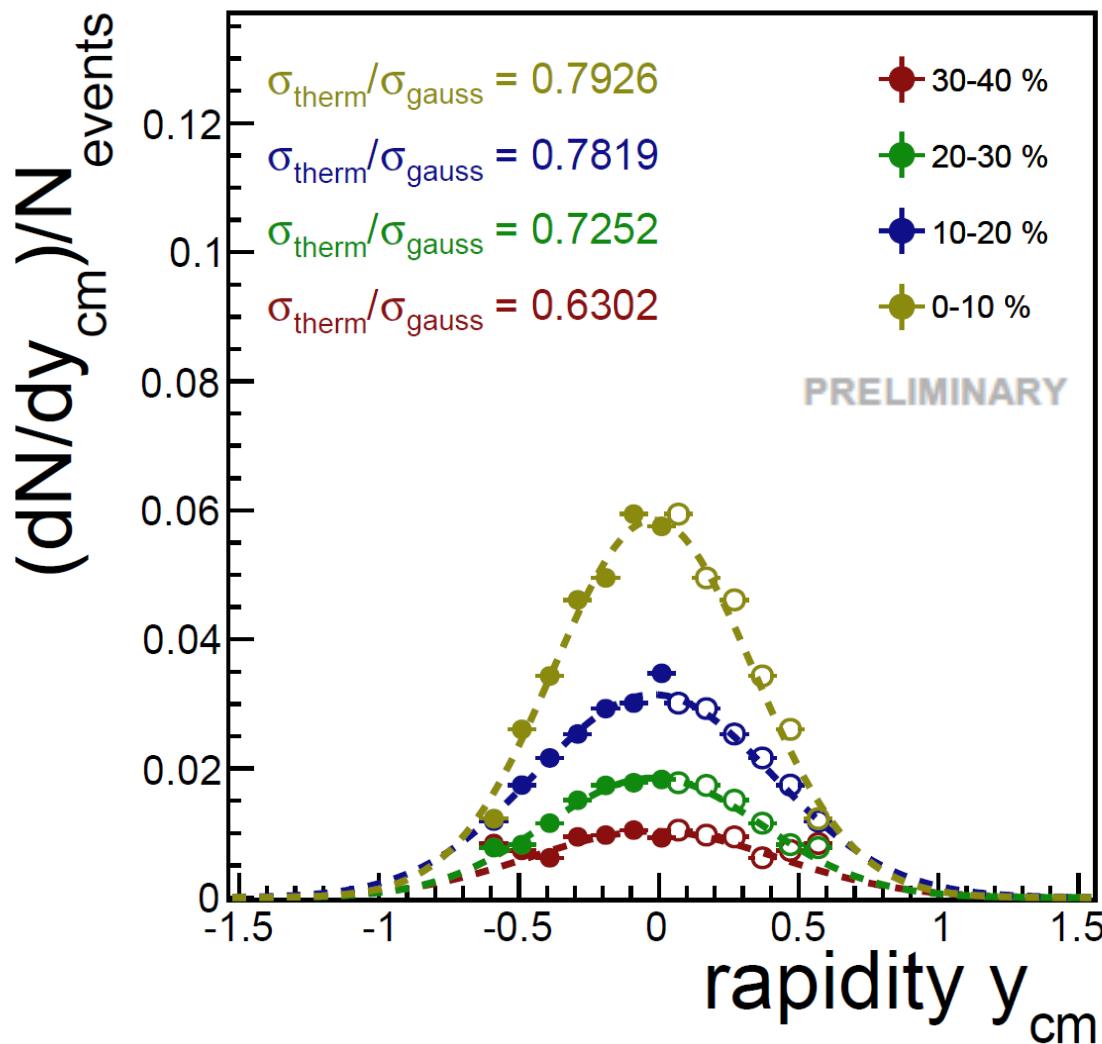
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# $\Lambda$ : spectra and $y$ -distribution

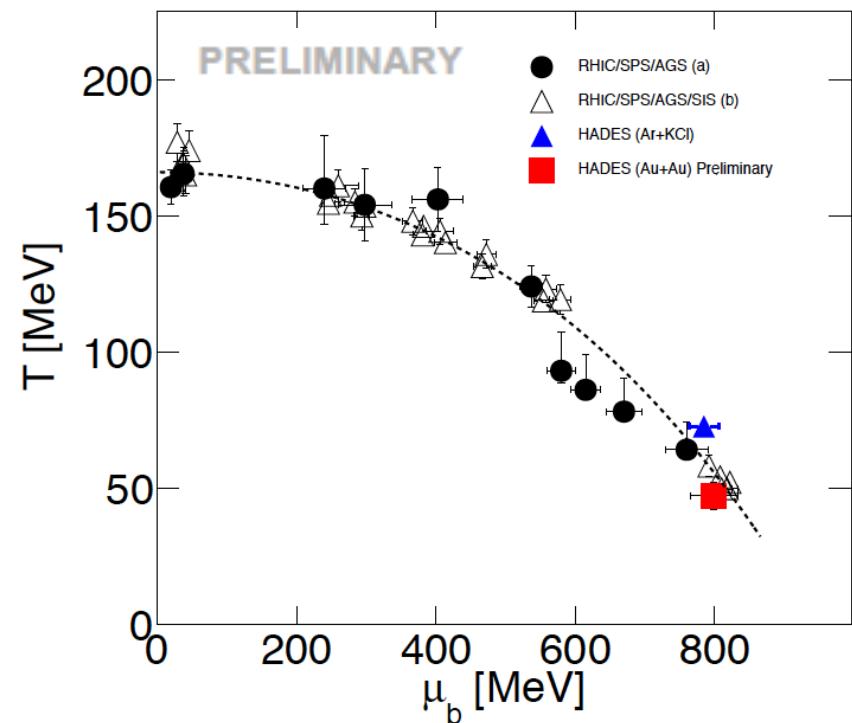
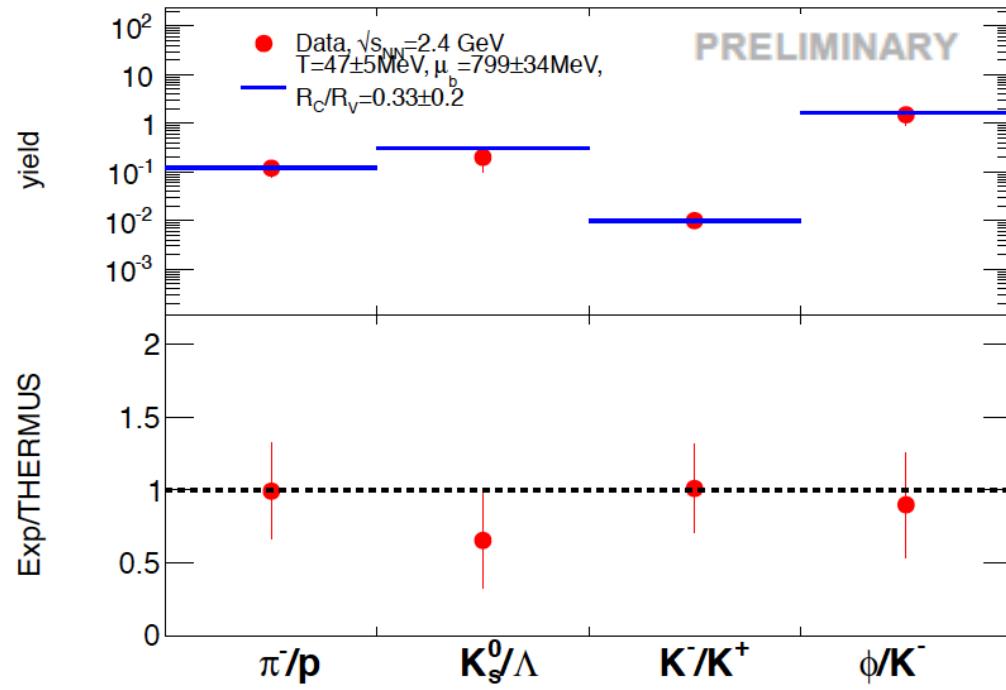


# Centrality dependence



Test stat. model in future for central Au+Au collisions, strangeness suppression?

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First attempt of statistical model fit to ratios gives reasonable values:

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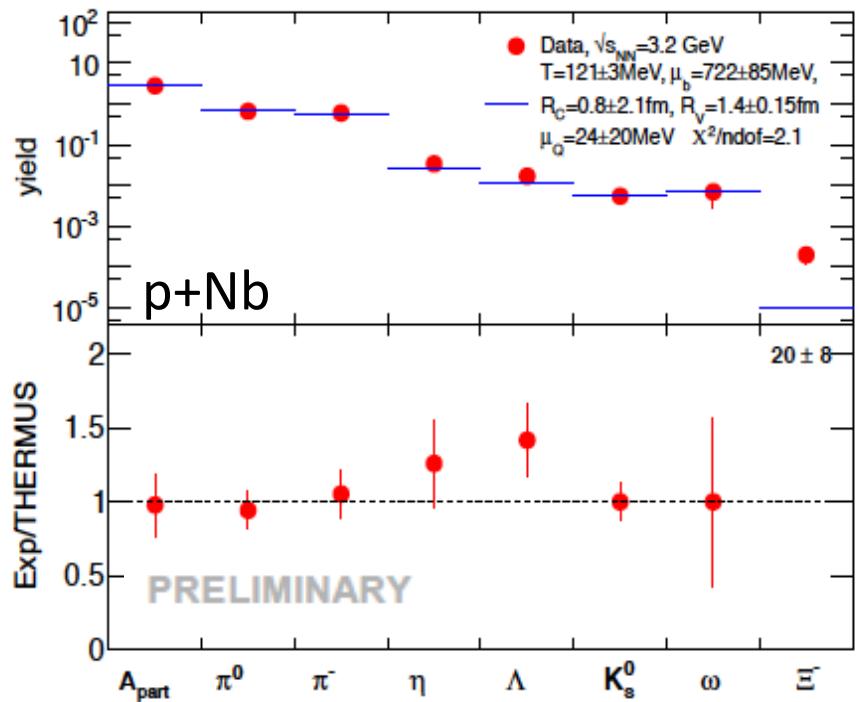
$$\mu_B = 799 \pm 34 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R_c/R_v = 0.3 \pm 0.2$$

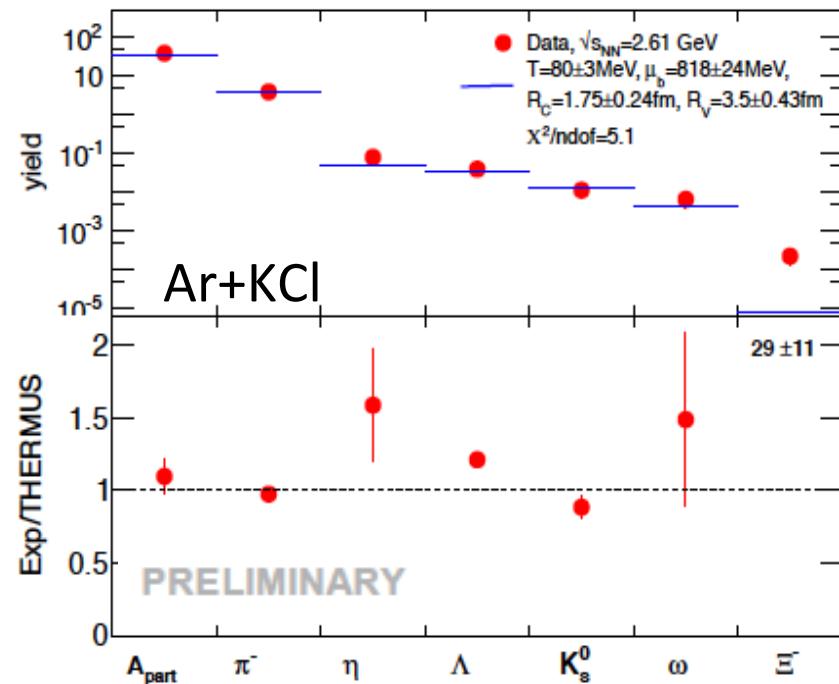
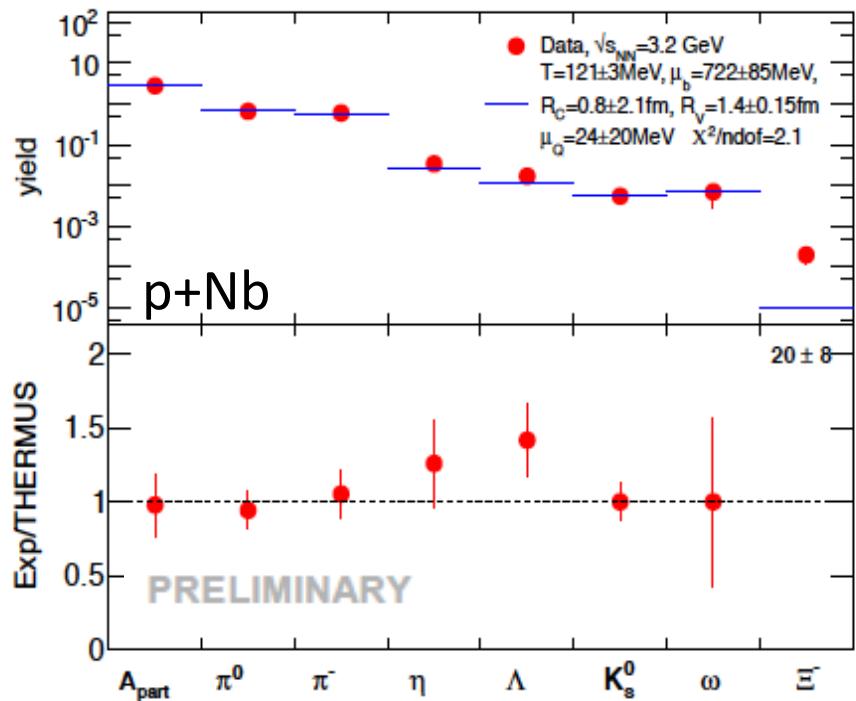
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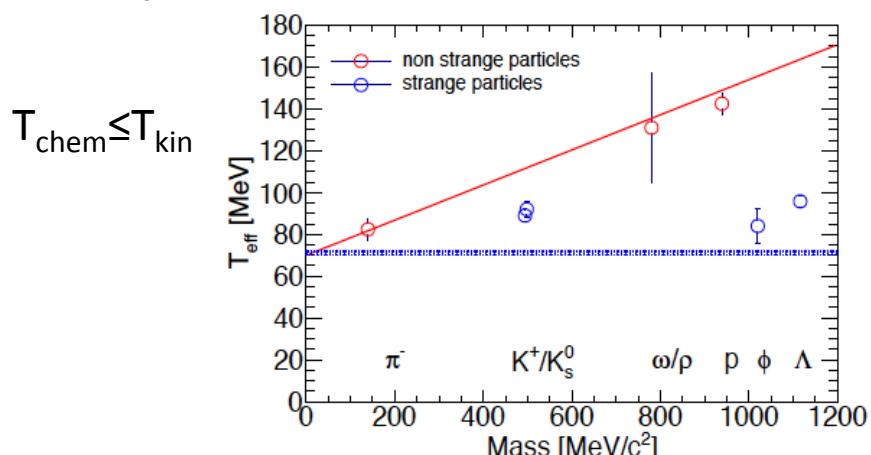
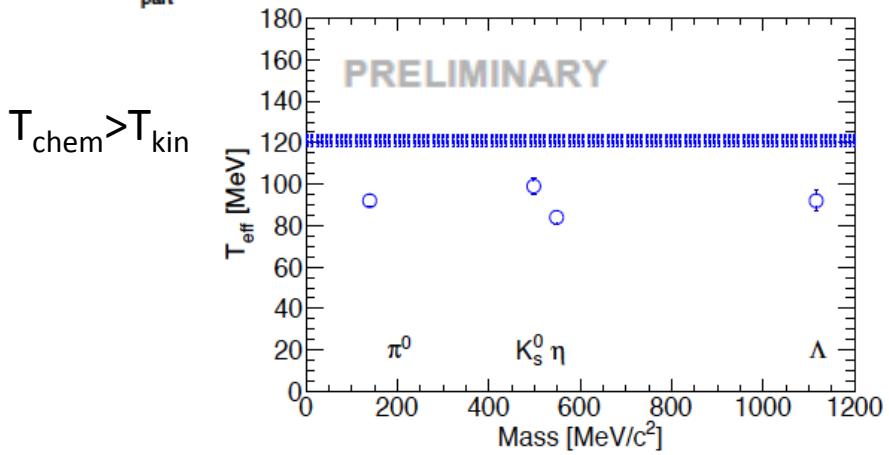
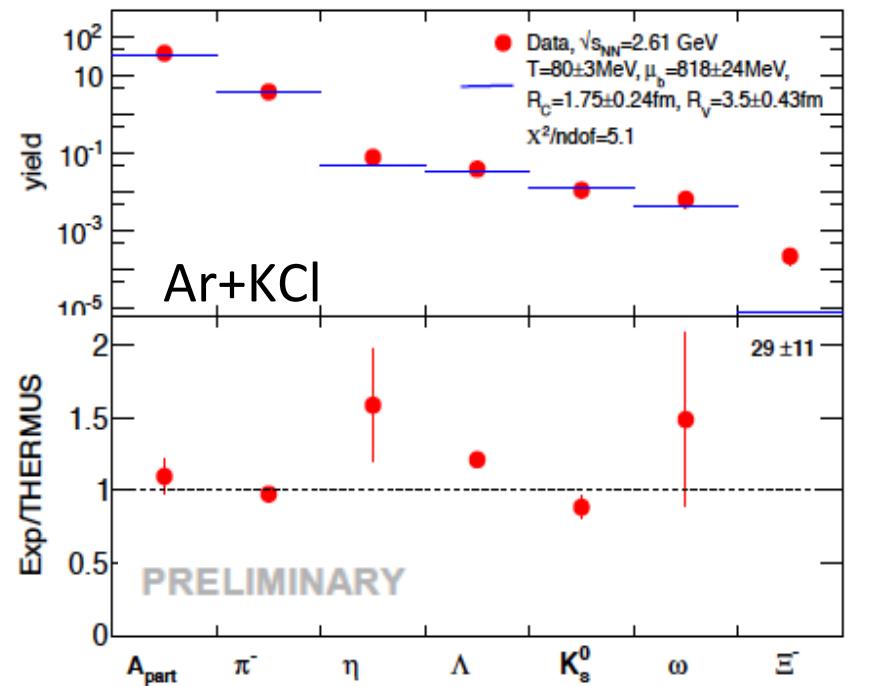
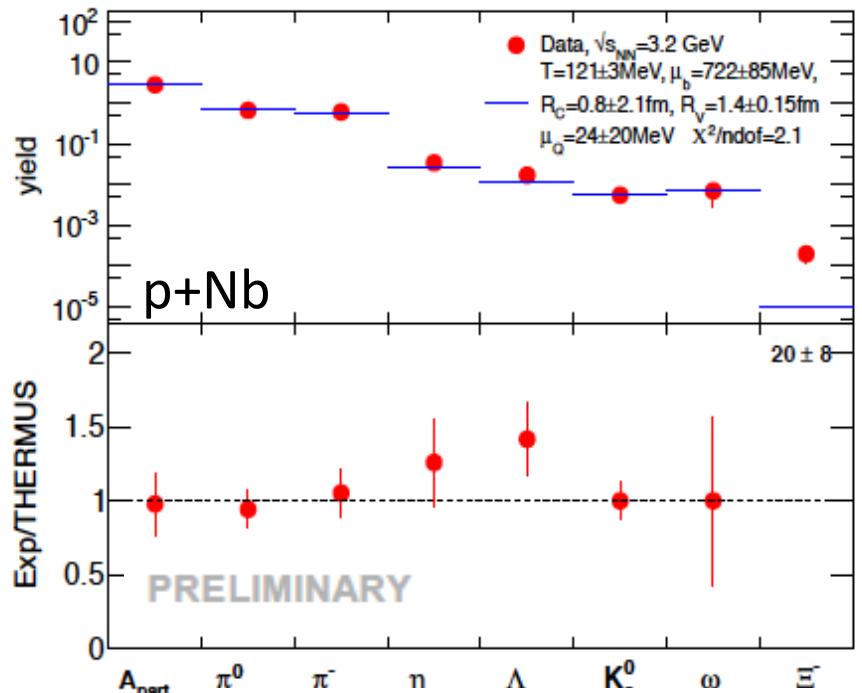
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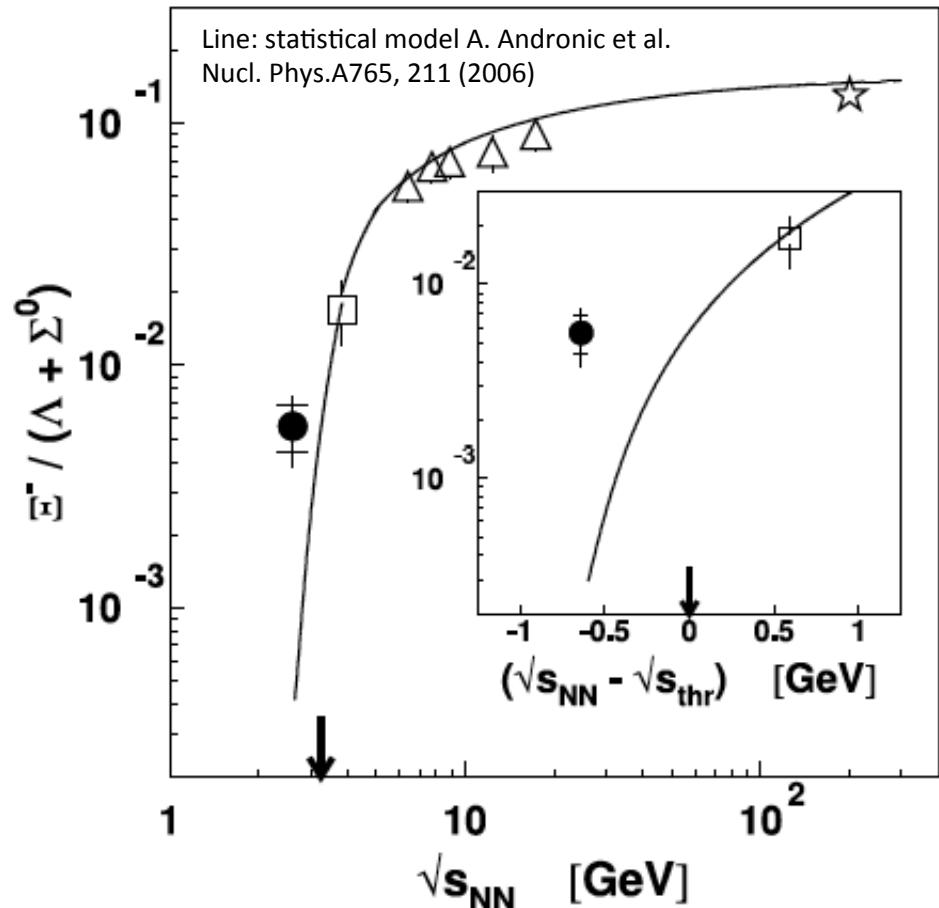
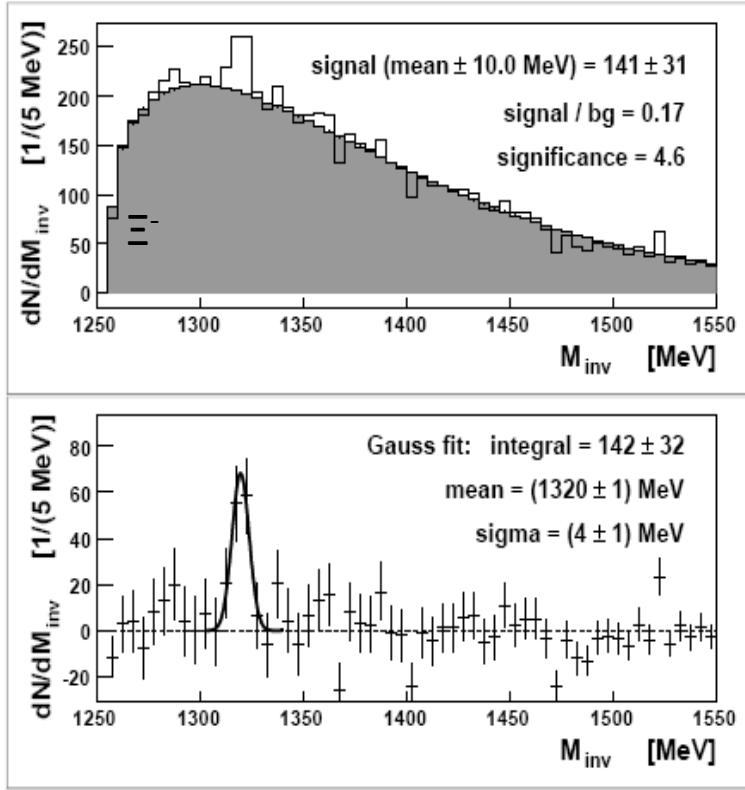


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Fit to p+Nb looks reasonable ..why? Reference (and Resonances??)

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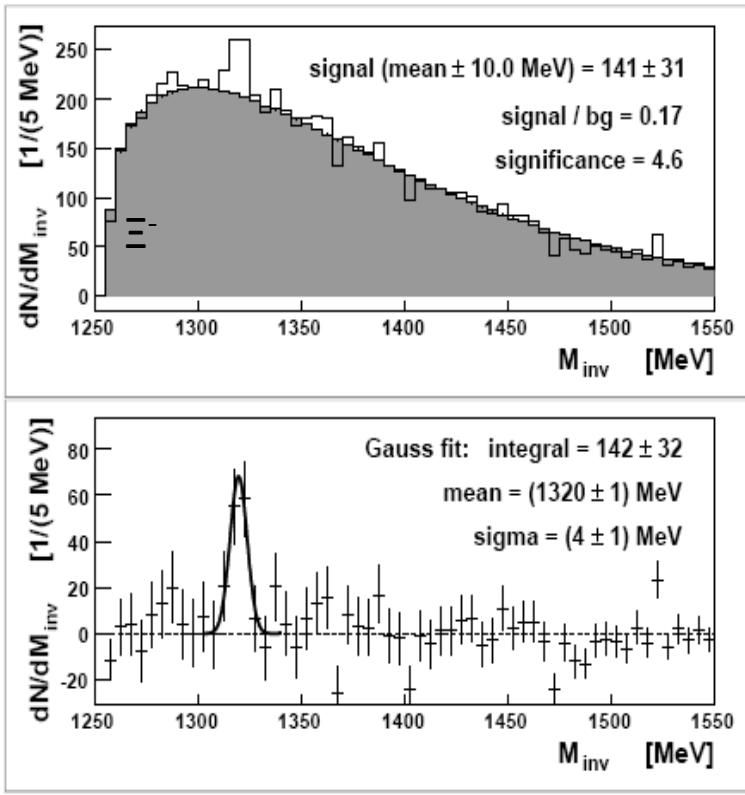


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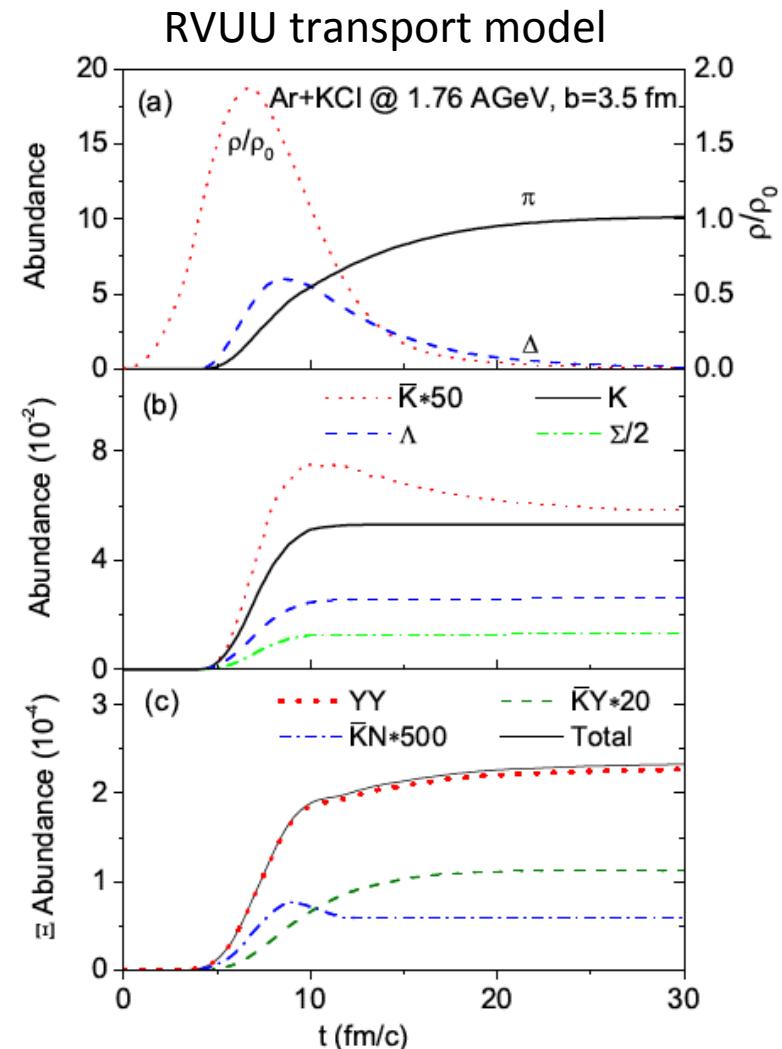
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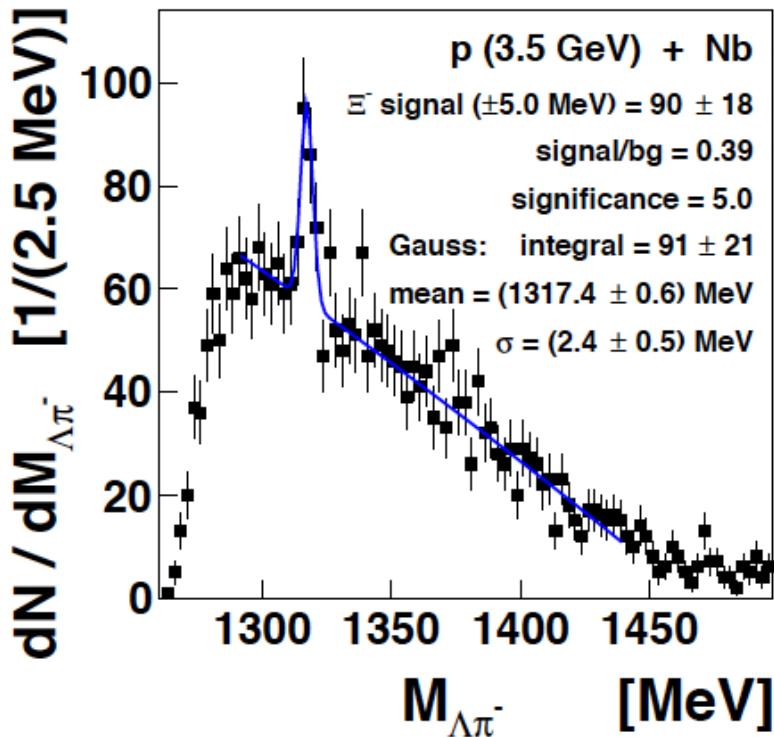
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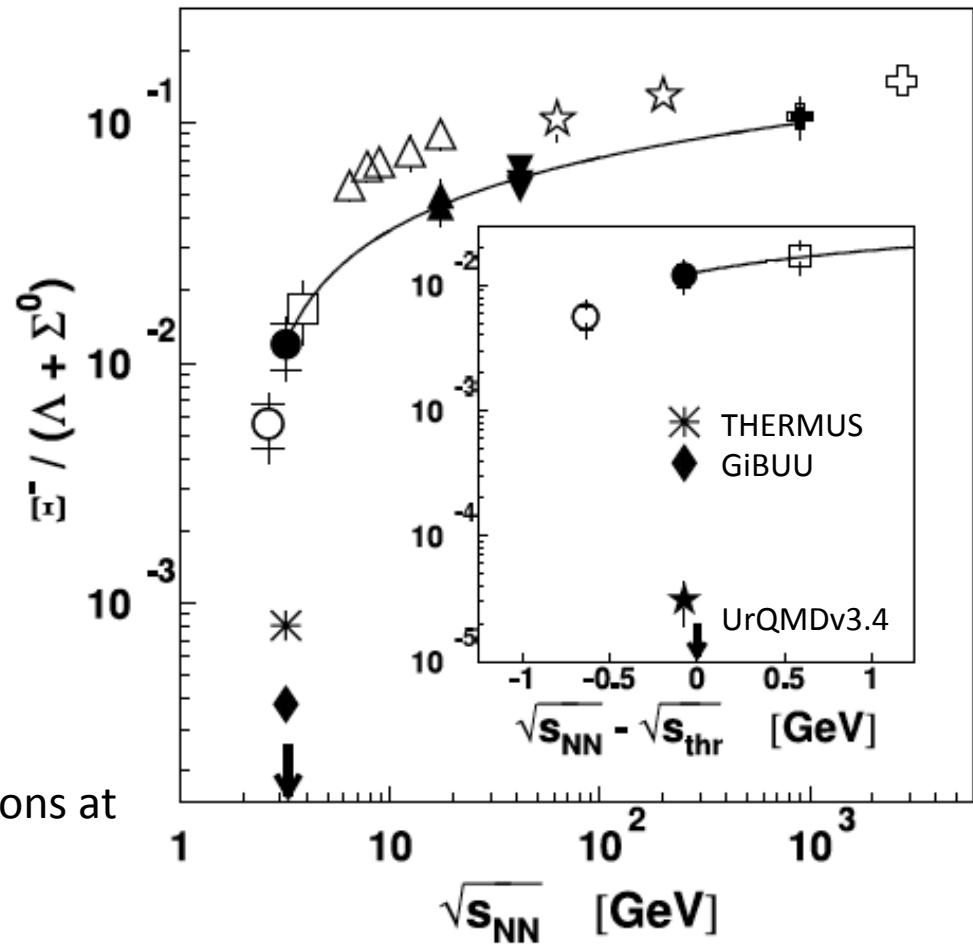
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Subthreshold  $\Xi^-$  production in p+Nb collisions at

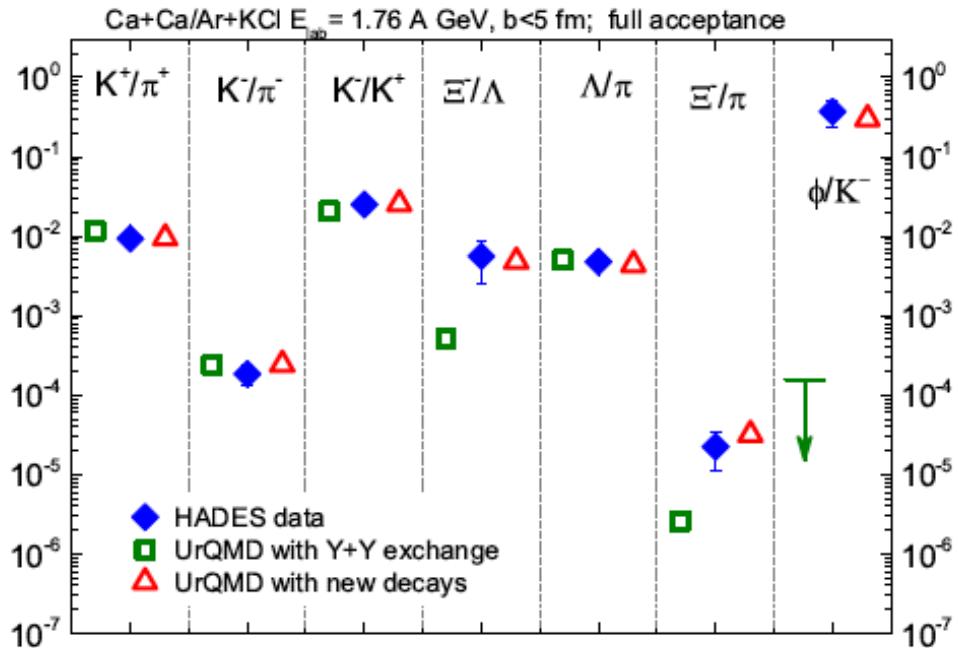
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Parameterization:  $f(x) = C(1 - (D/x)^G)^H$   
 Excess already present in cold nuclear matter!  
 Reference

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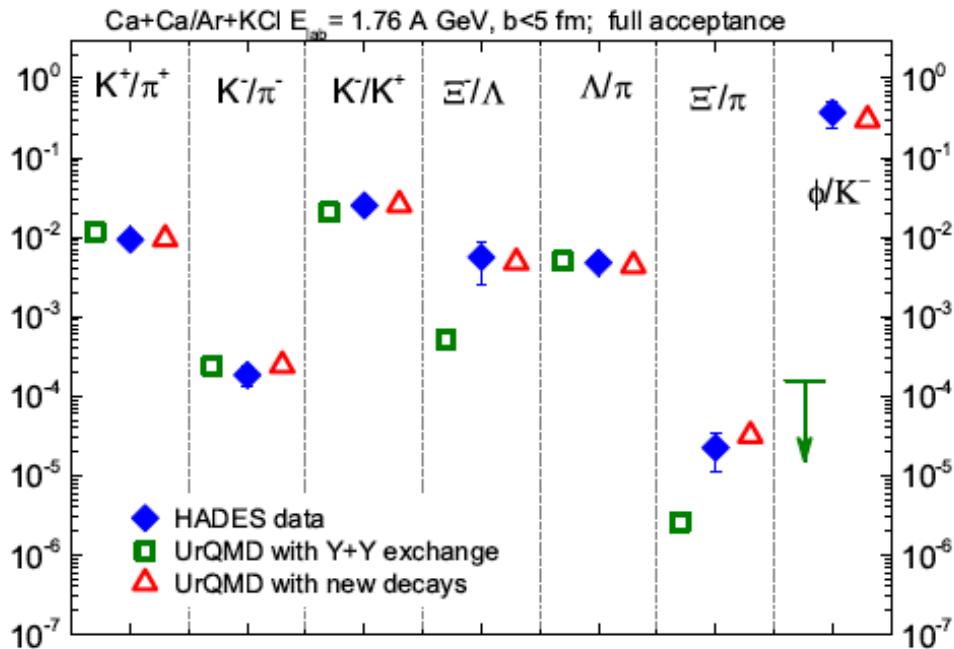
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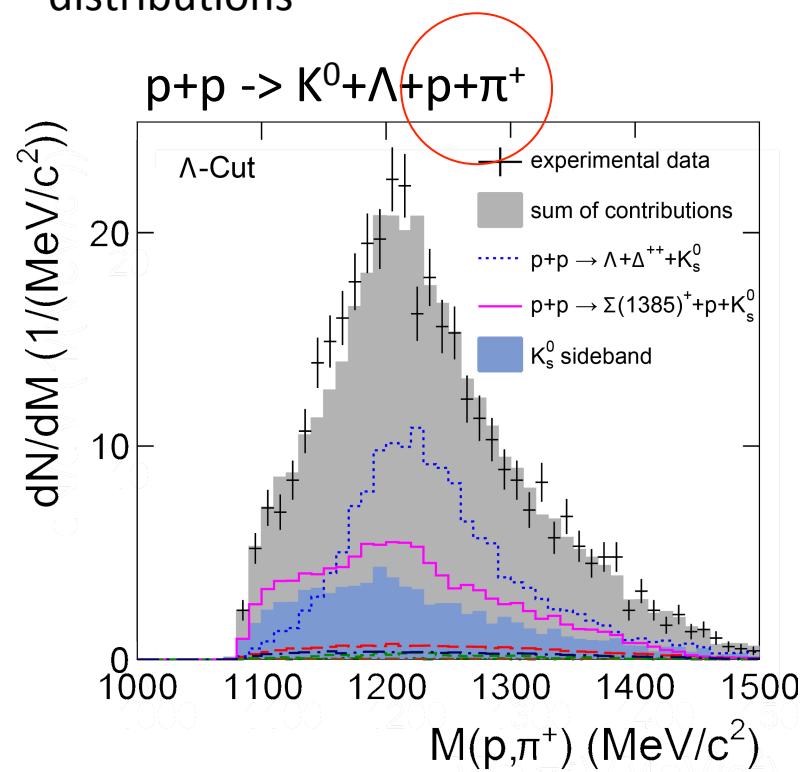
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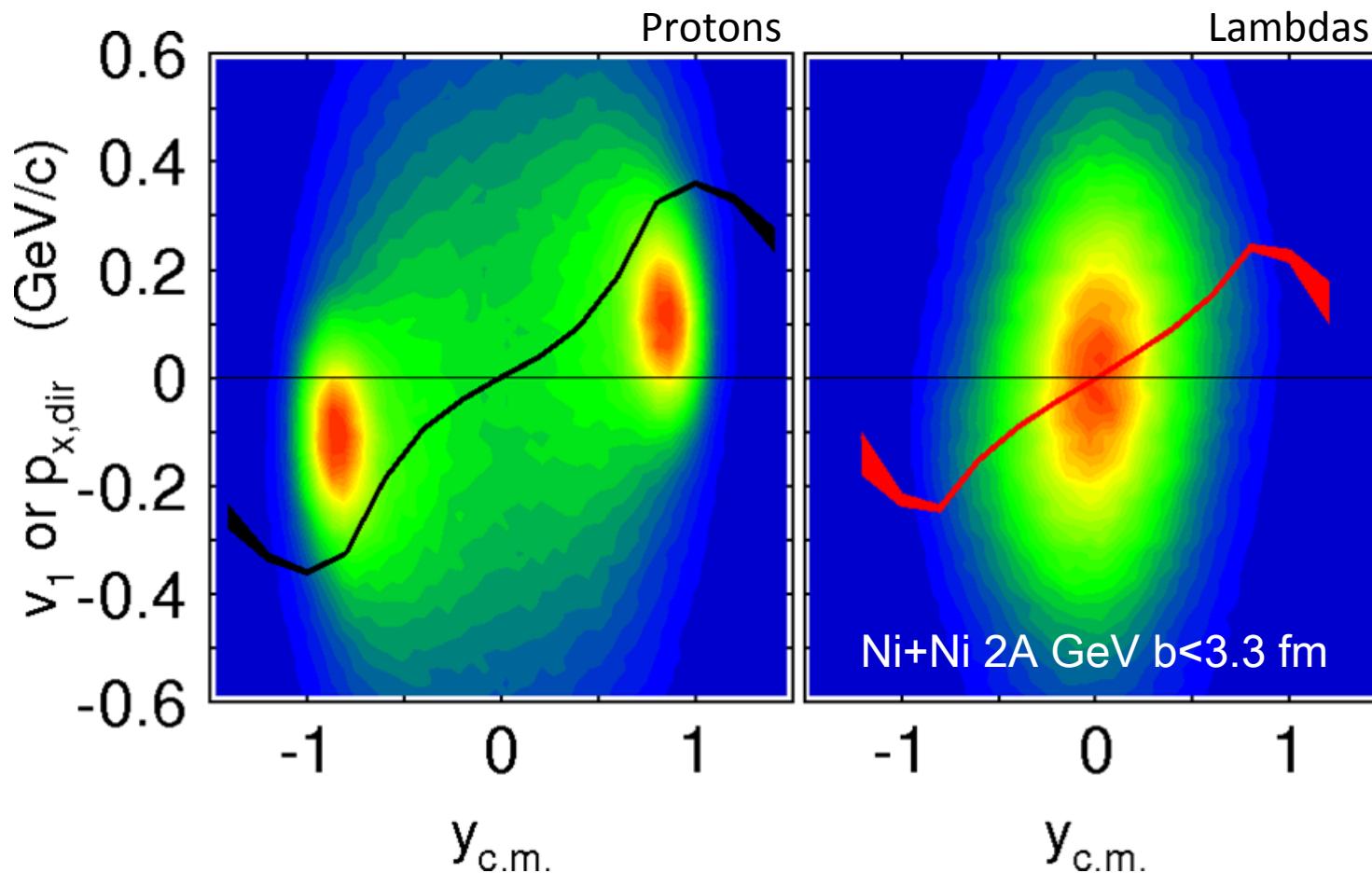
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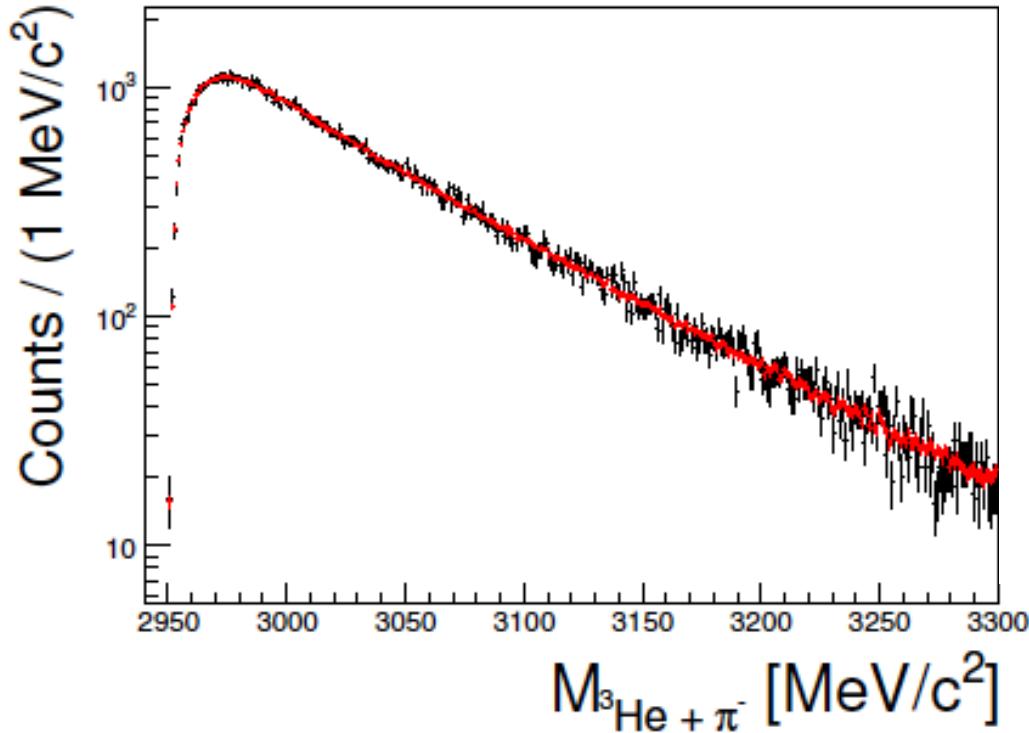


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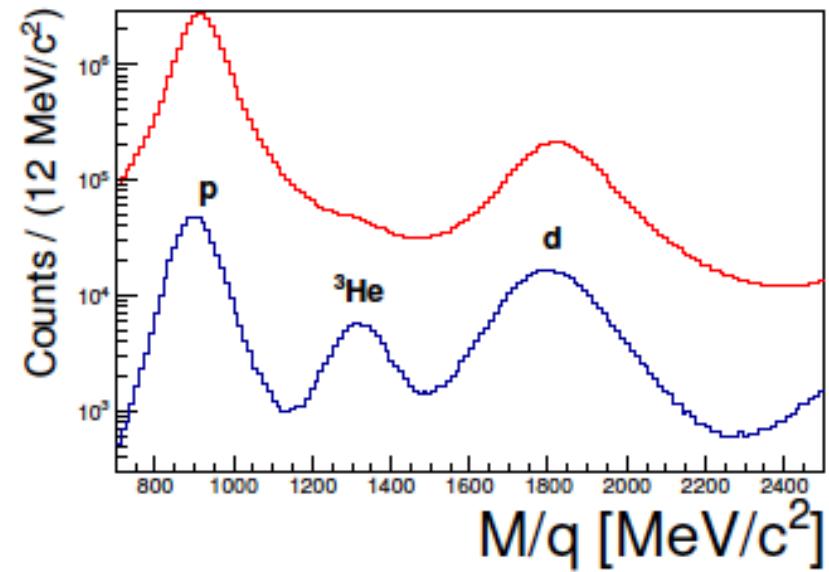
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**Upper limit:**

$$M_{UL} = 1.04 \times 10^{-3}$$

$${}^3\Lambda\text{He}/\Lambda < (2.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$$



**Future plans:**

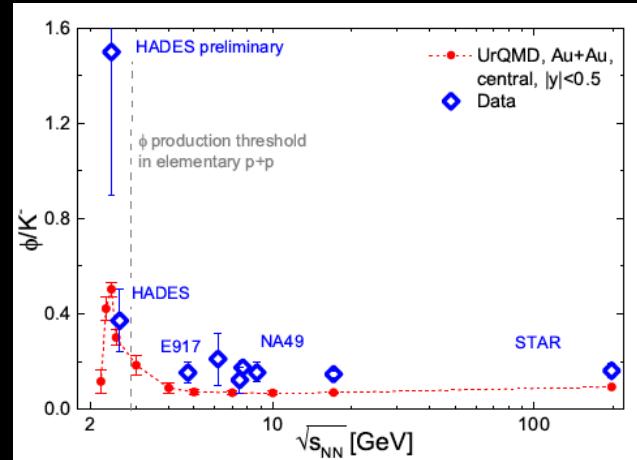
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and 3 body decay channel

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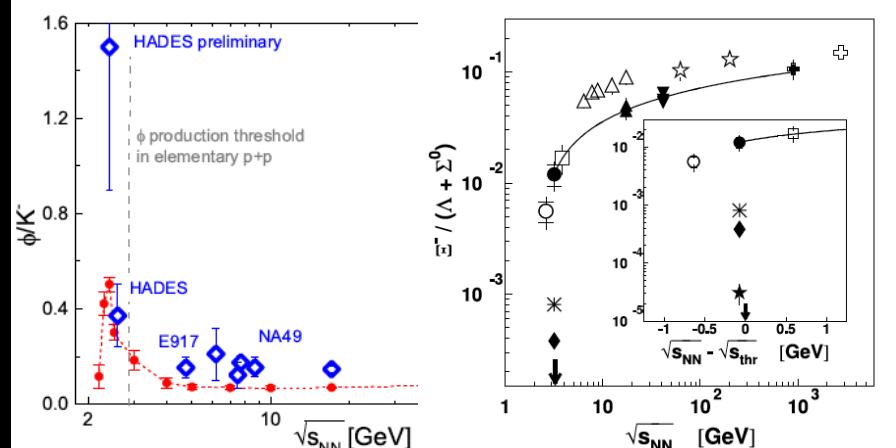
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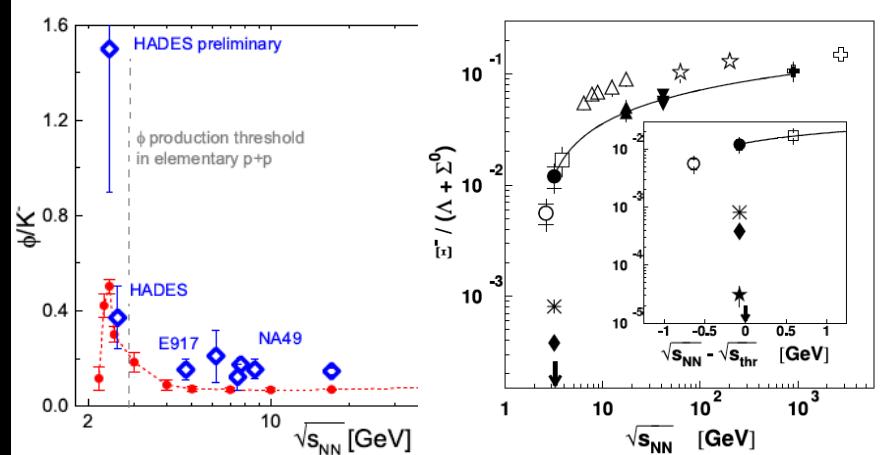
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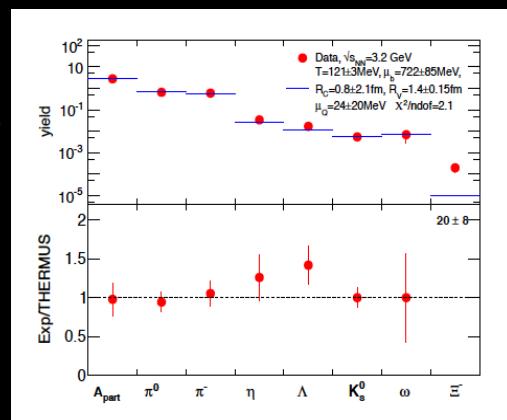
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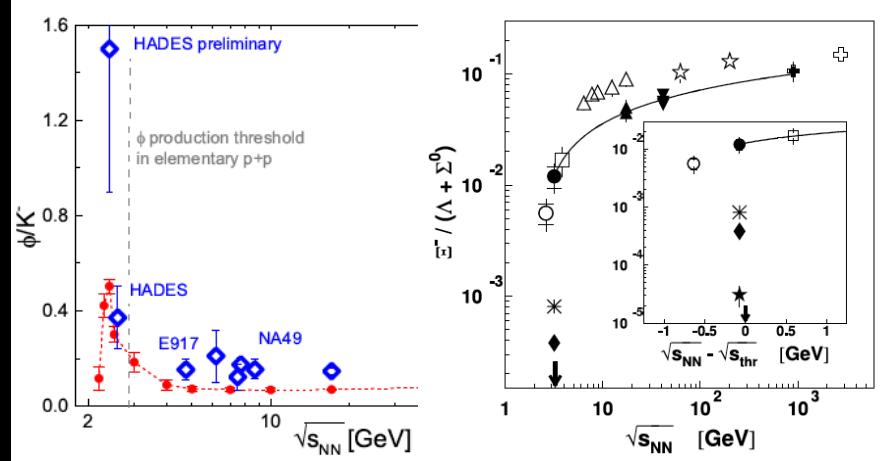
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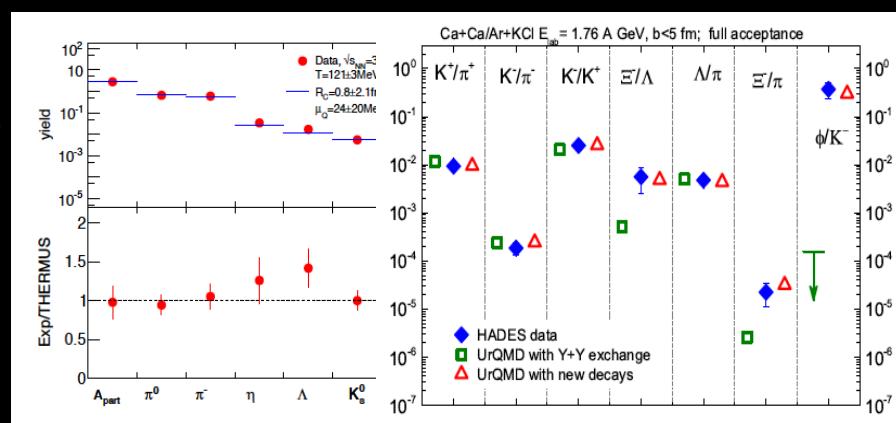
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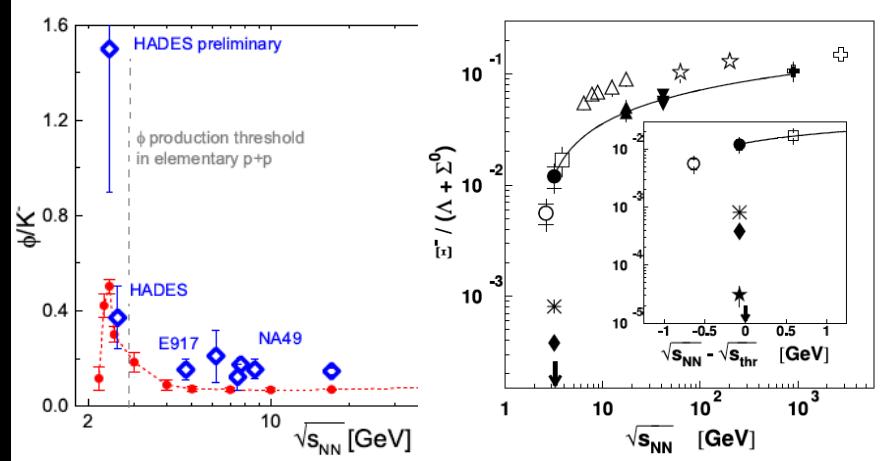
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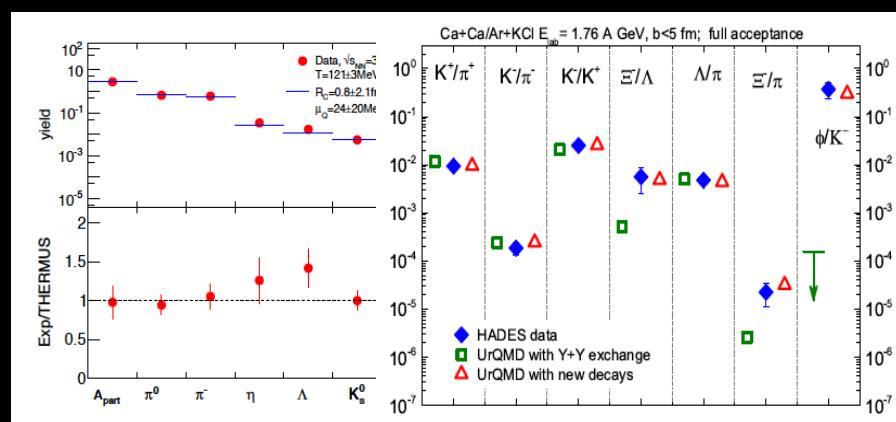


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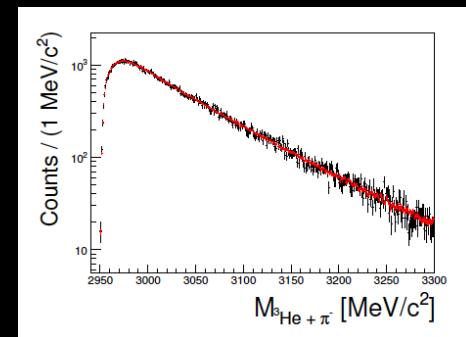


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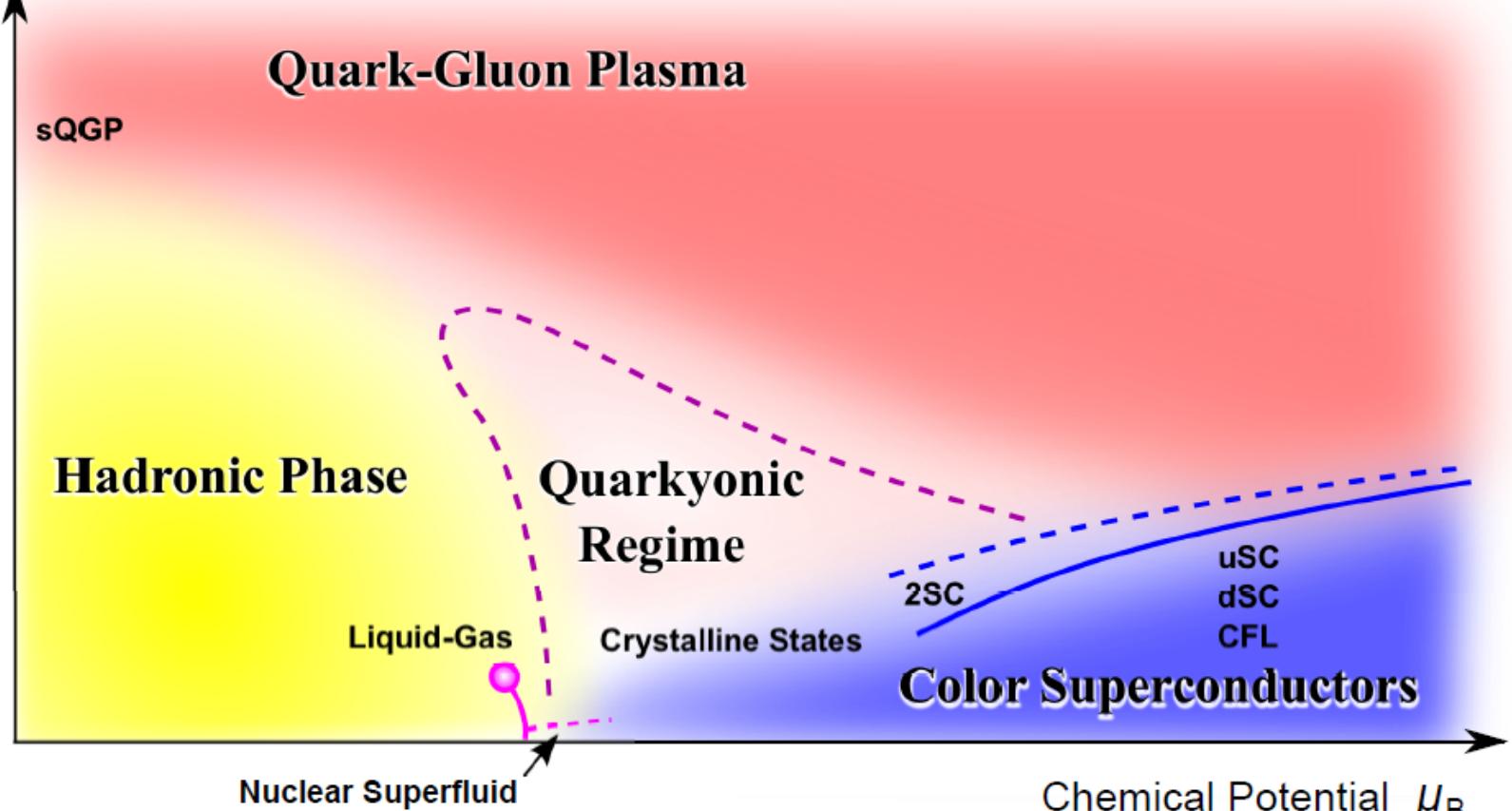
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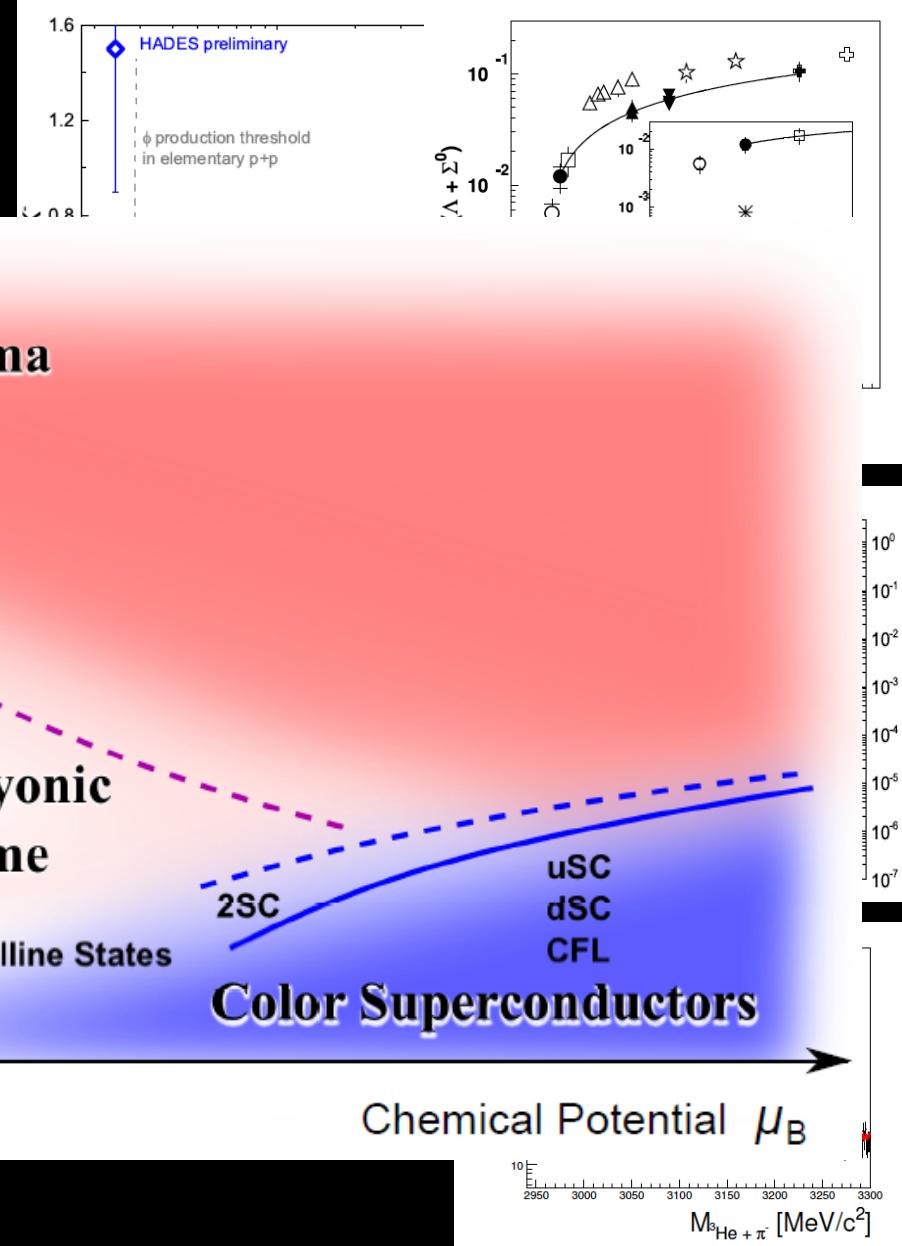
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# The HADES collaboration

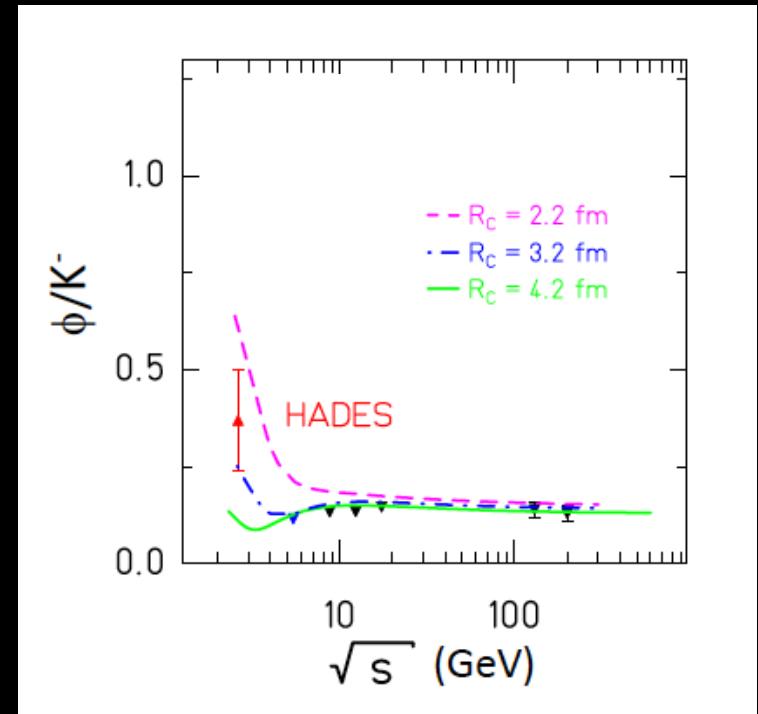
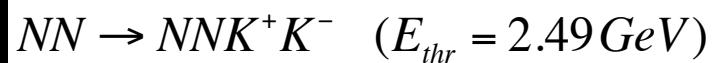
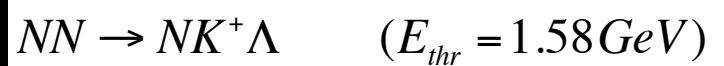


Thank you for your attention

Back up

# Au+Au @ 1.23 A GeV: Lower energy and heavier system

Complete strangeness production below NN-threshold  
(production and propagation)



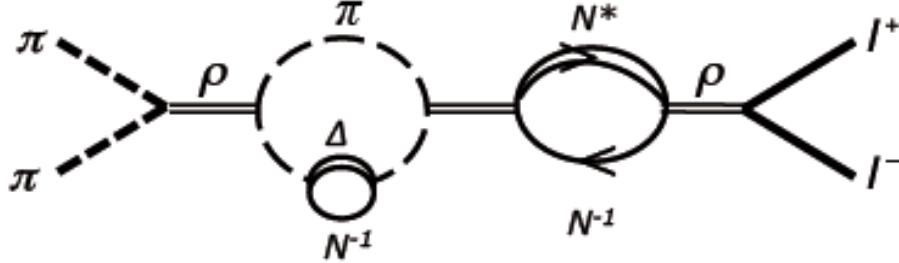
# In medium modifications by resonances

Chiral condensates can only be related to the integral over hadronic spectral functions by QCD sum rules: → spectral function constrained but not determined

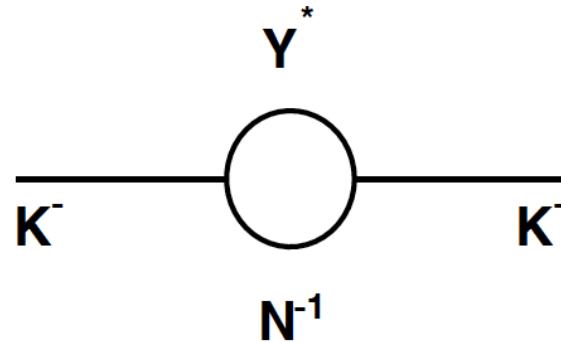
## Hadronic models needed to predict hadron properties inside the medium

Additional contributions to particle self energy by coupling to resonances inside the medium:

Example:  $\rho$  meson



Example:  $K$ -meson



**Probe:** dilepton decay

**Observable:** Lineshape modifications

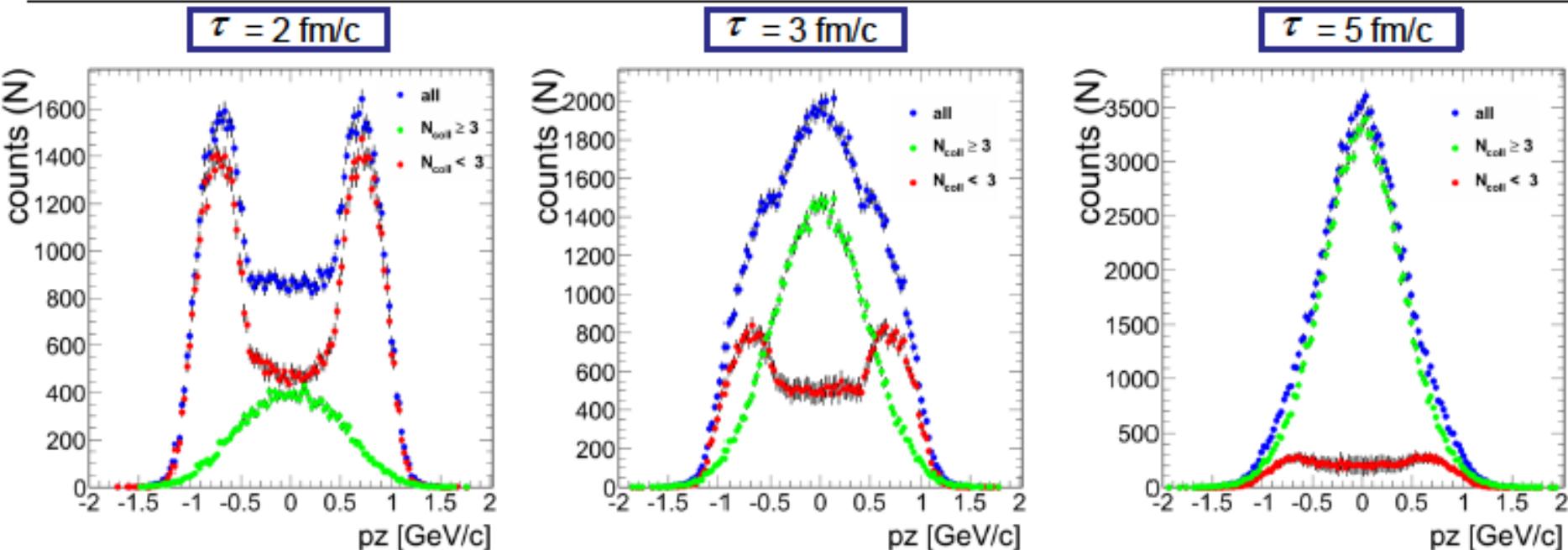
**Probe:** direct reconstruction of hadron

**Observable:** Production yields  
(steep excitation functions)  
and phasespace distributions

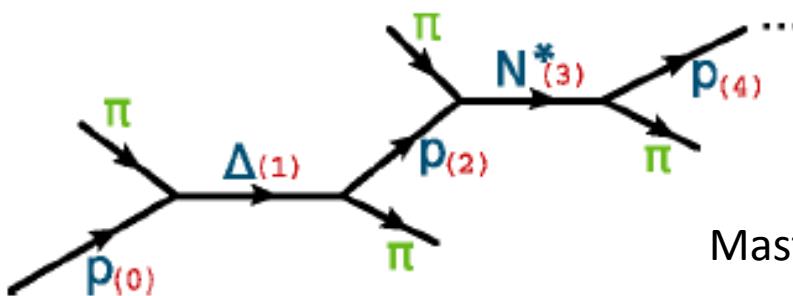
# Thermalization? Au+Au@1.23A GeV

## Momentum Evolution ( $N_{\text{coll}} \geq 3$ )

AuAu at 1.23 AGeV (Central Cell)

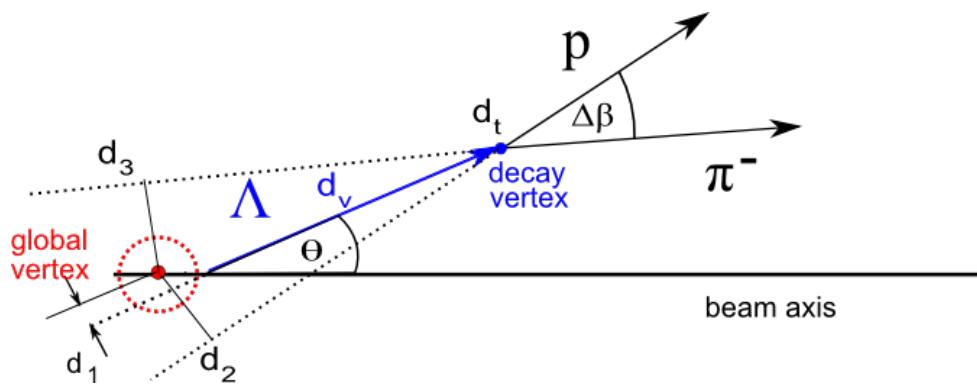
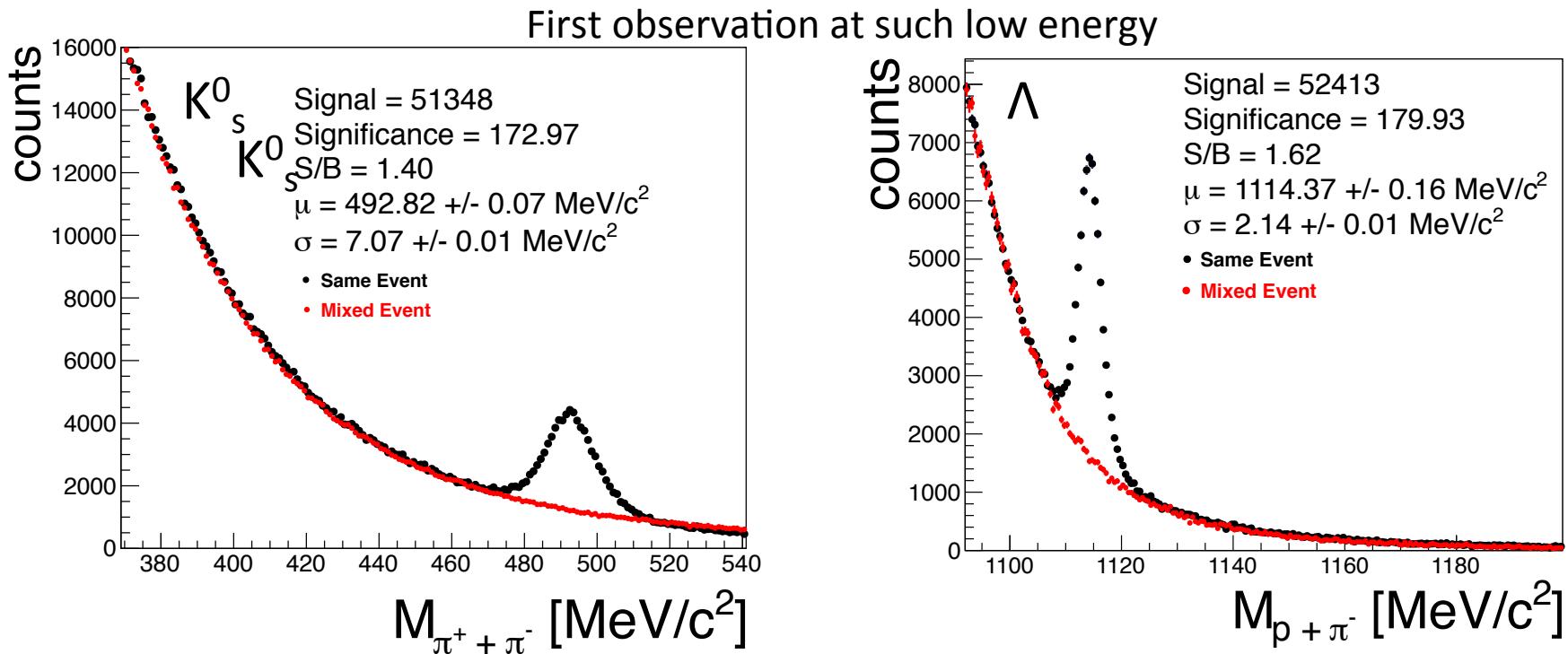


- Number of collisions a particle experiences is accumulated during the whole fireball evolution

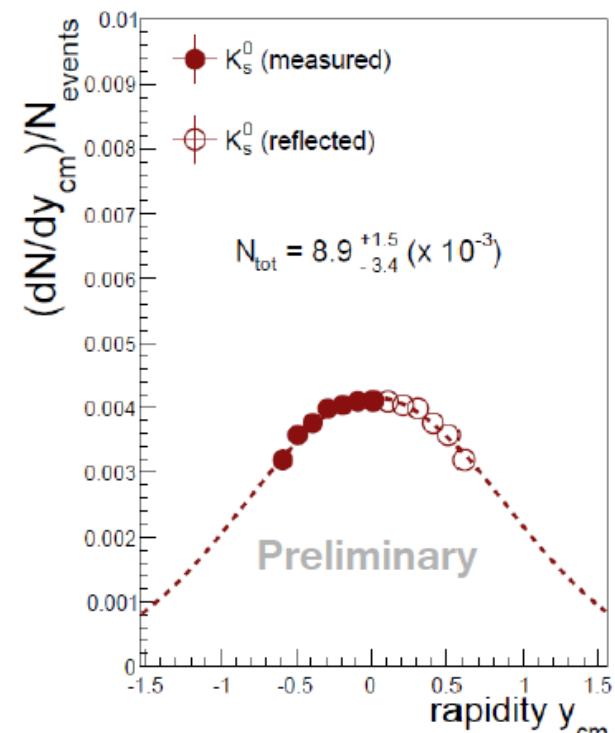
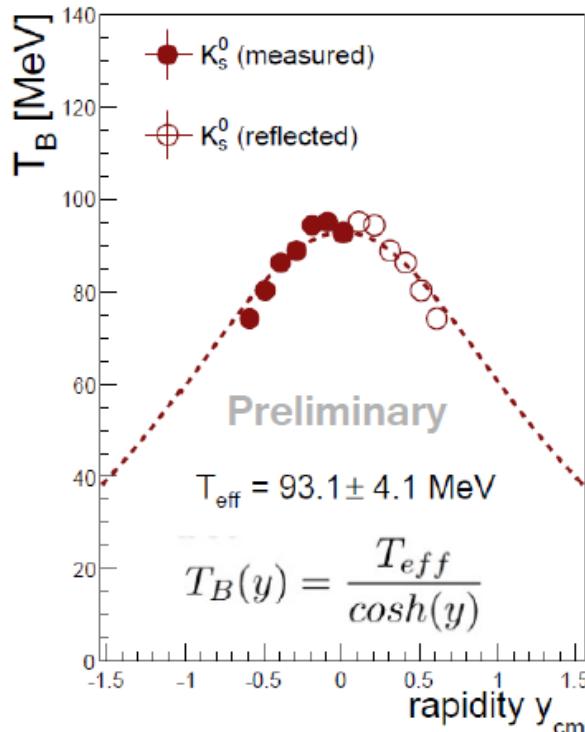
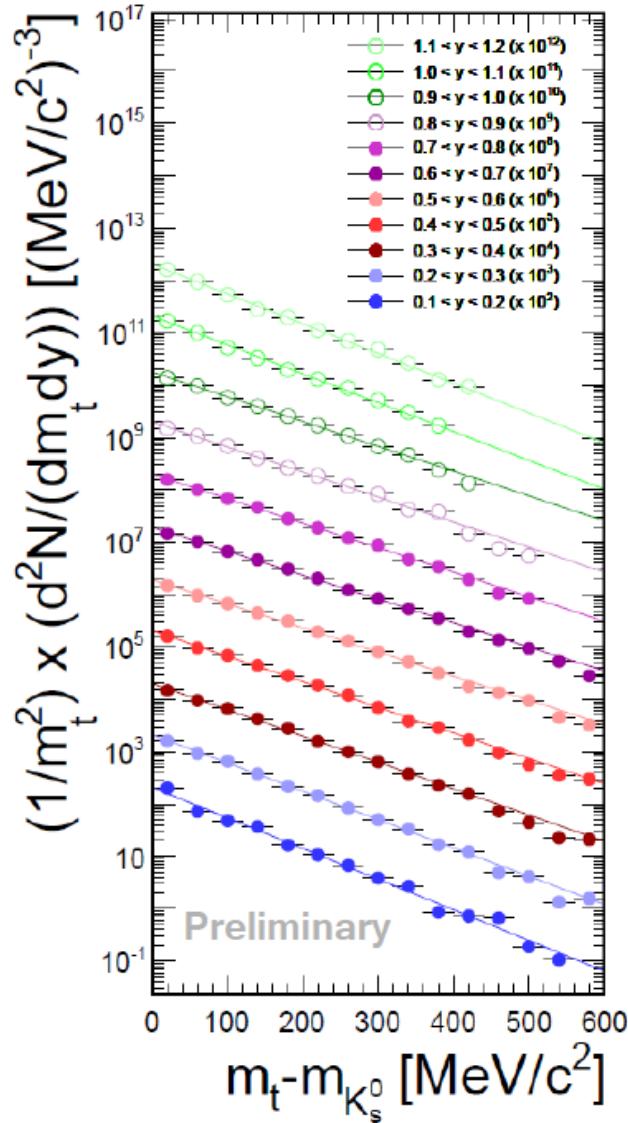


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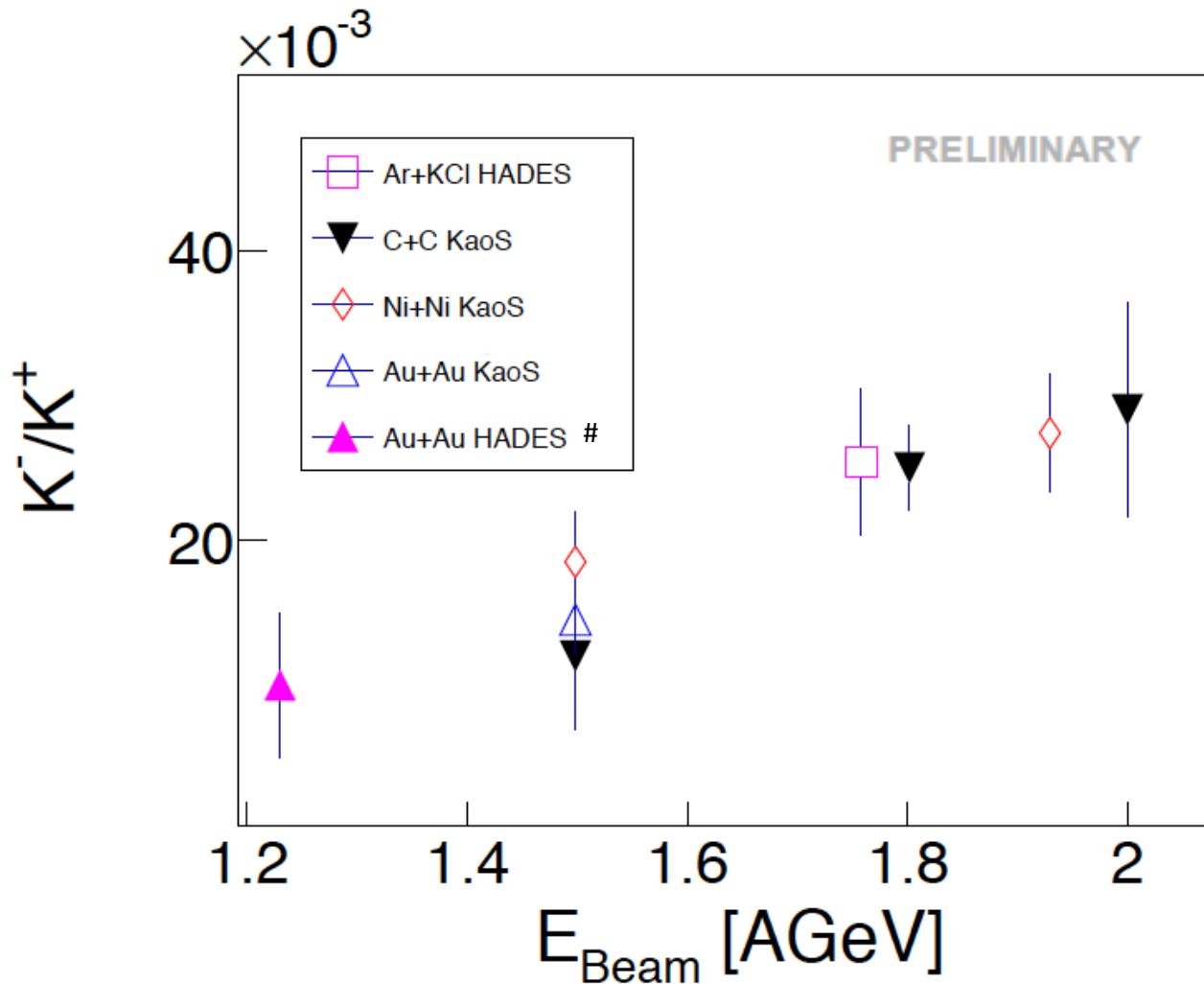
# Performance: Secondary vertices



# Neutral kaons: spectra and $y$ -distribution



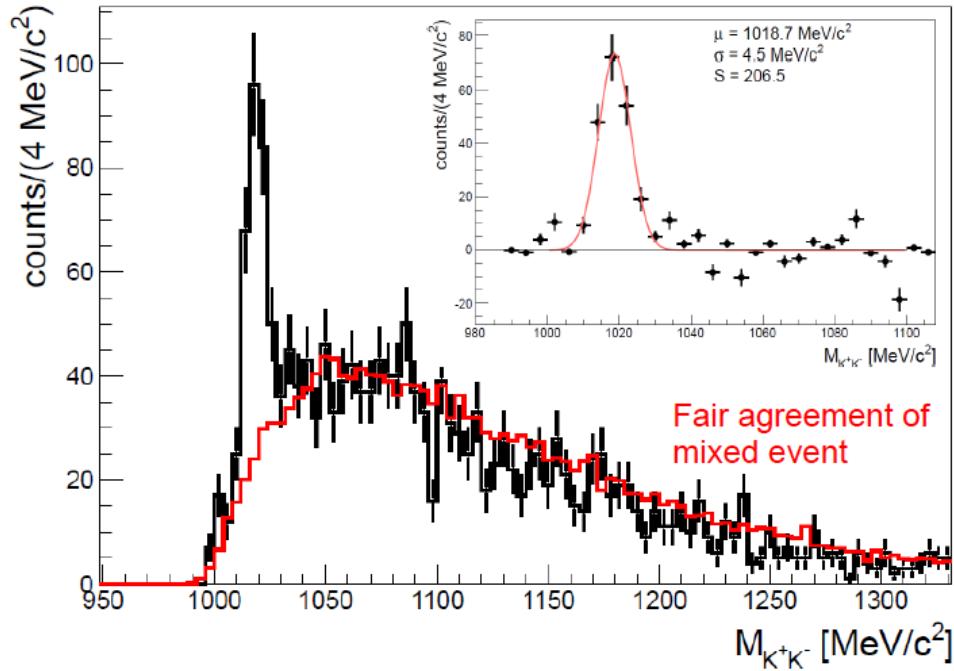
# Charged kaons: comparison to other experiments



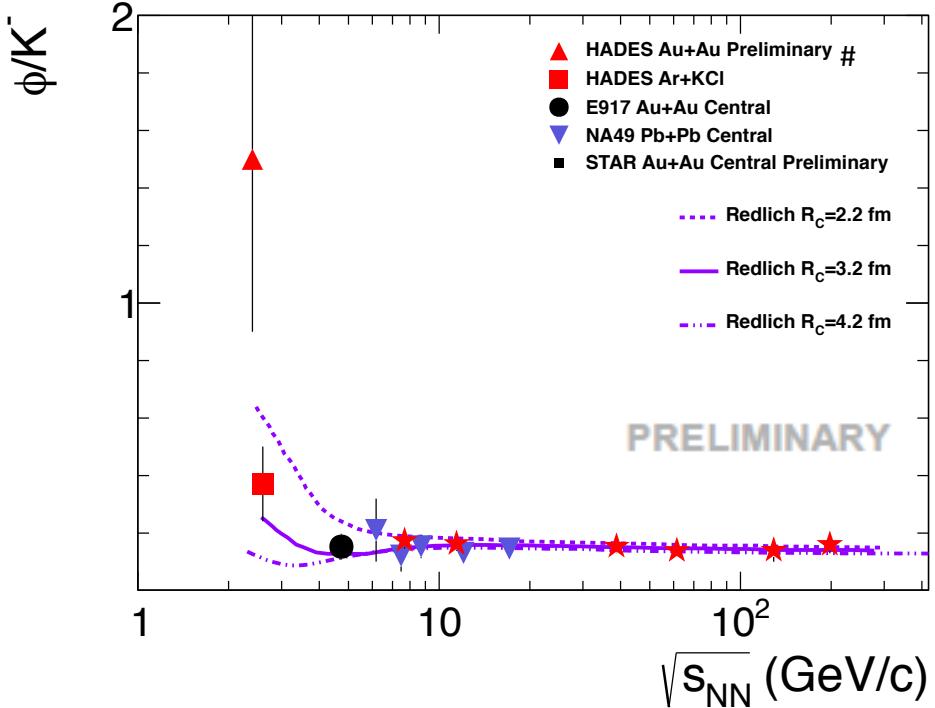
#First observation at such low energy

# ratio at mid-rapidity

# $\Phi$ and $K^-$

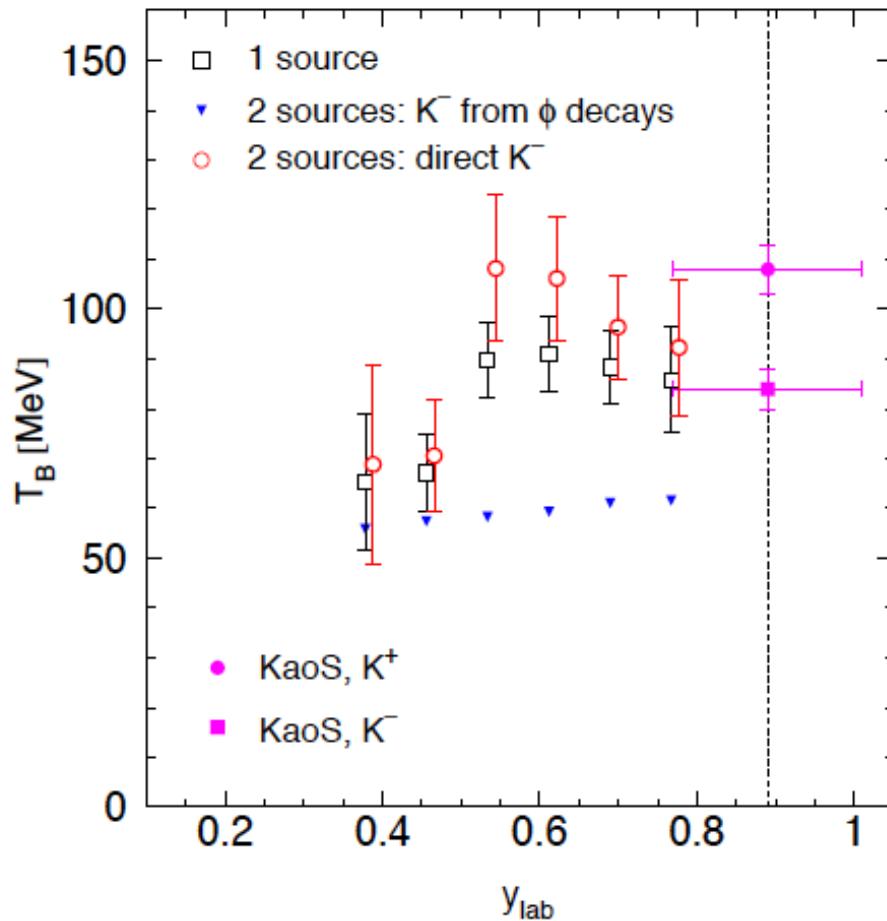


$\Phi$  meson reconstructed via charged kaons

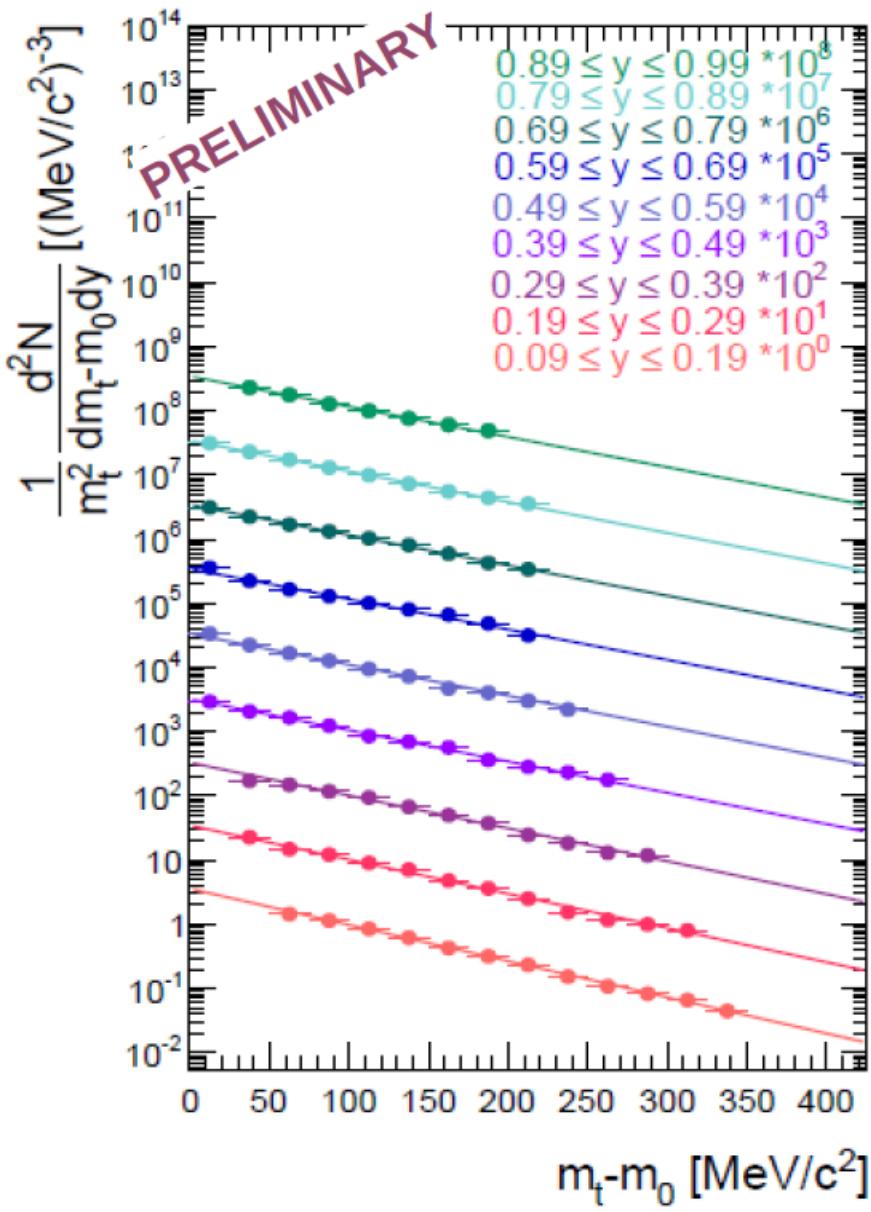


Strong rise of  $\Phi/K^-$  ratio with decreasing beam energy as predicted by stat. model

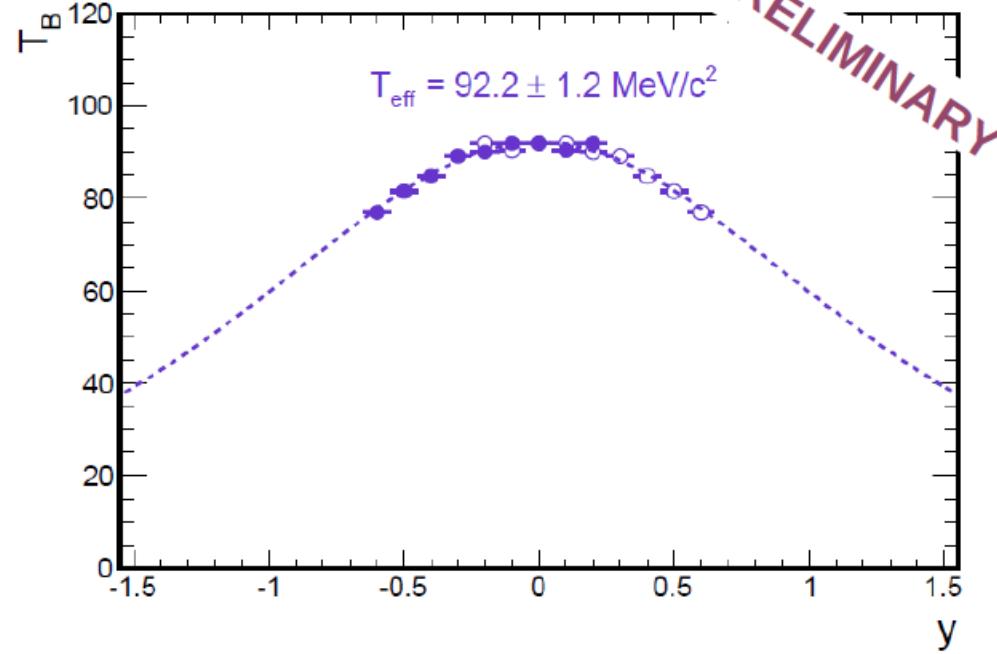
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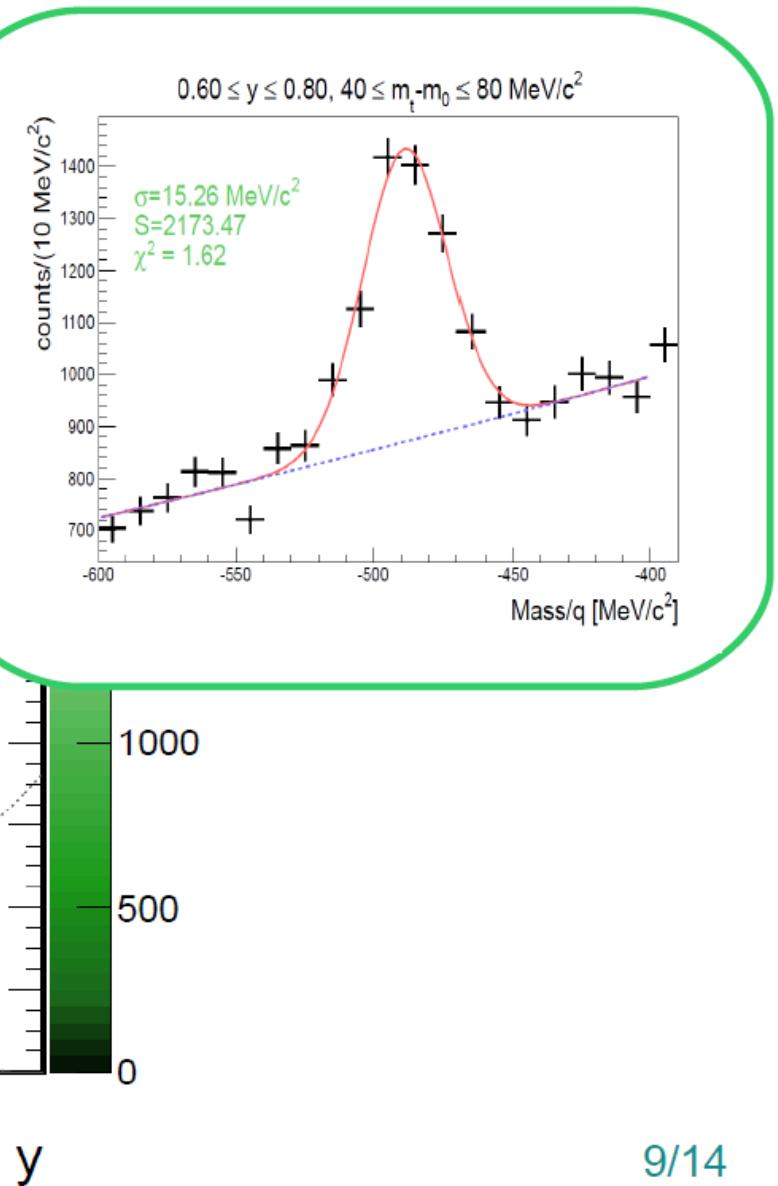
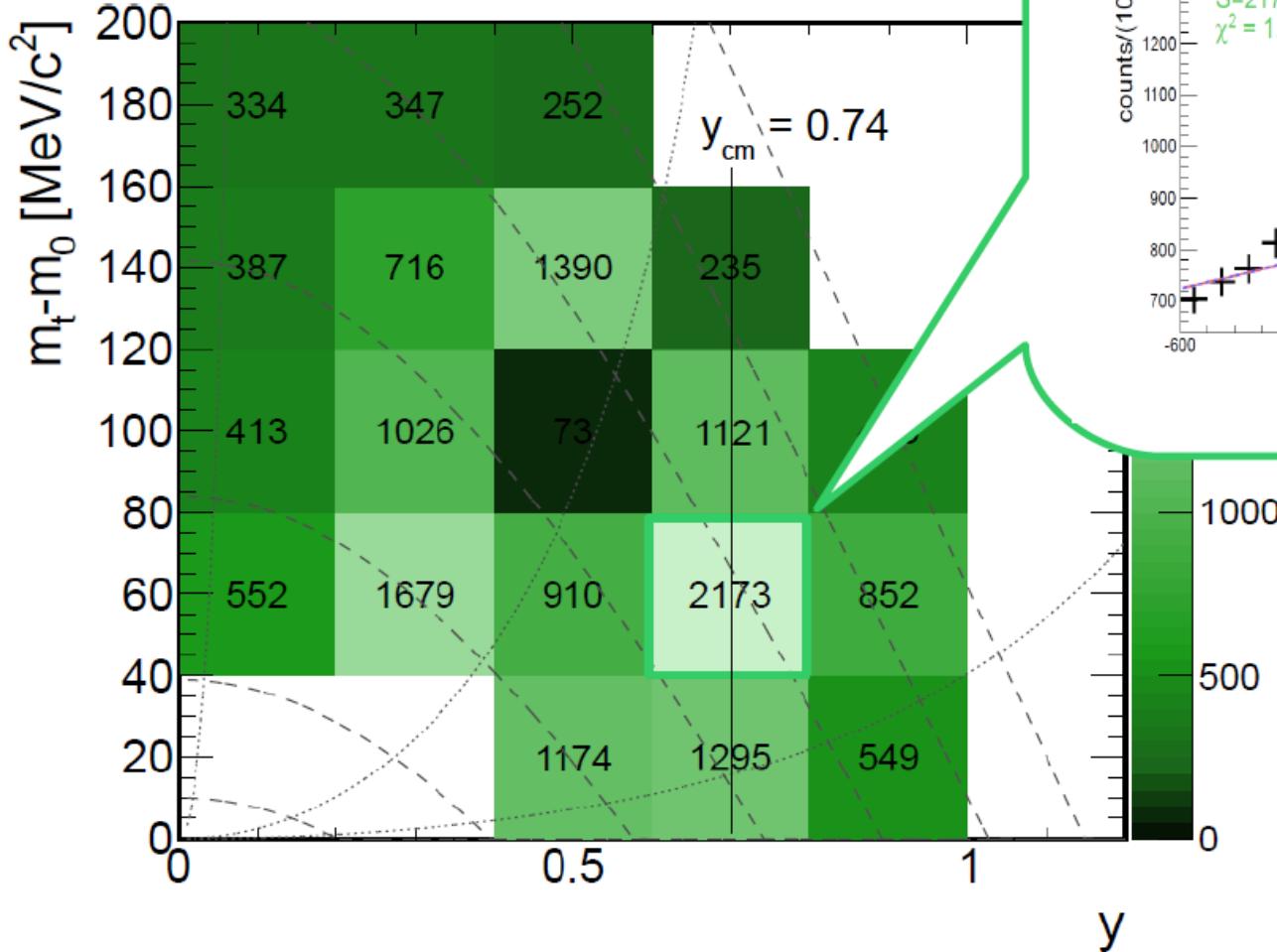
# $K^+$ : Phase space coverage



$$\frac{1}{m_t^2} \frac{d^2N}{dm_t dy} = C(y) \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{(m_t - m_0)c^2}{T_B(y)} \right)$$

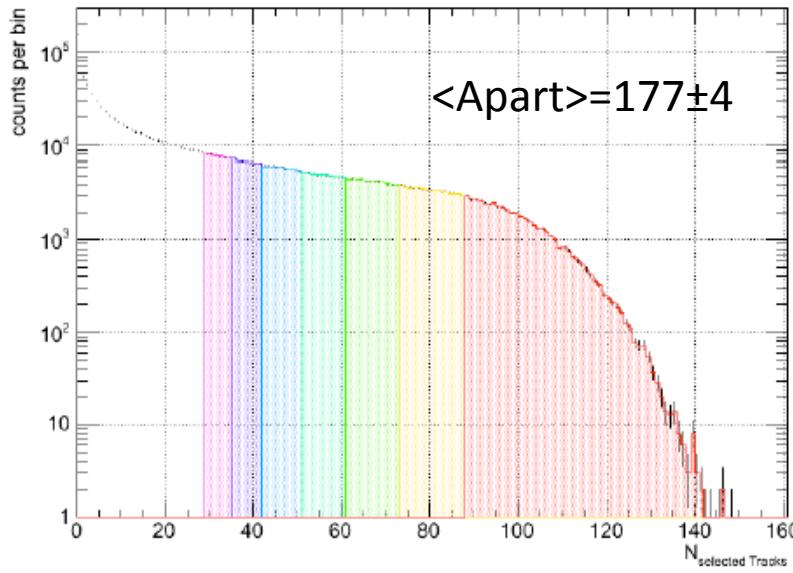


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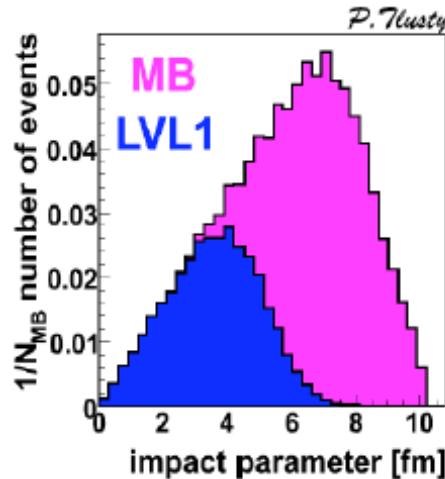
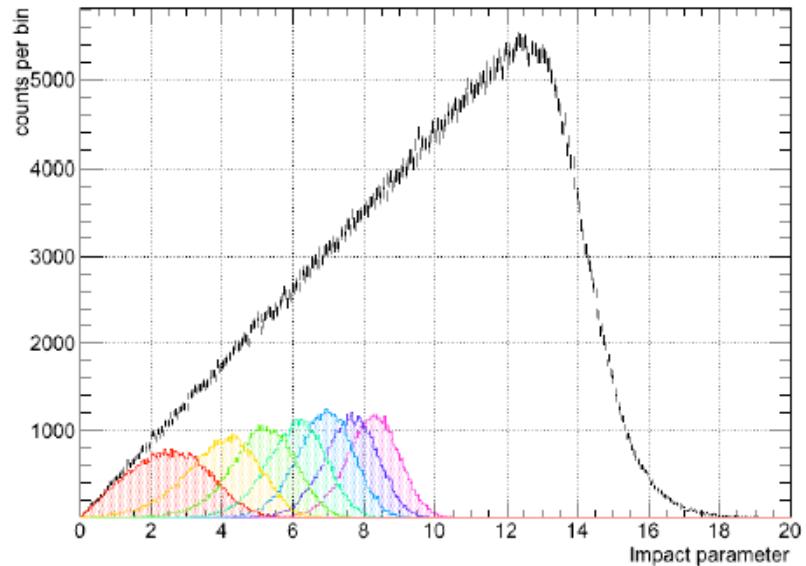


# Centrality selection

**N<sub>ch</sub>**

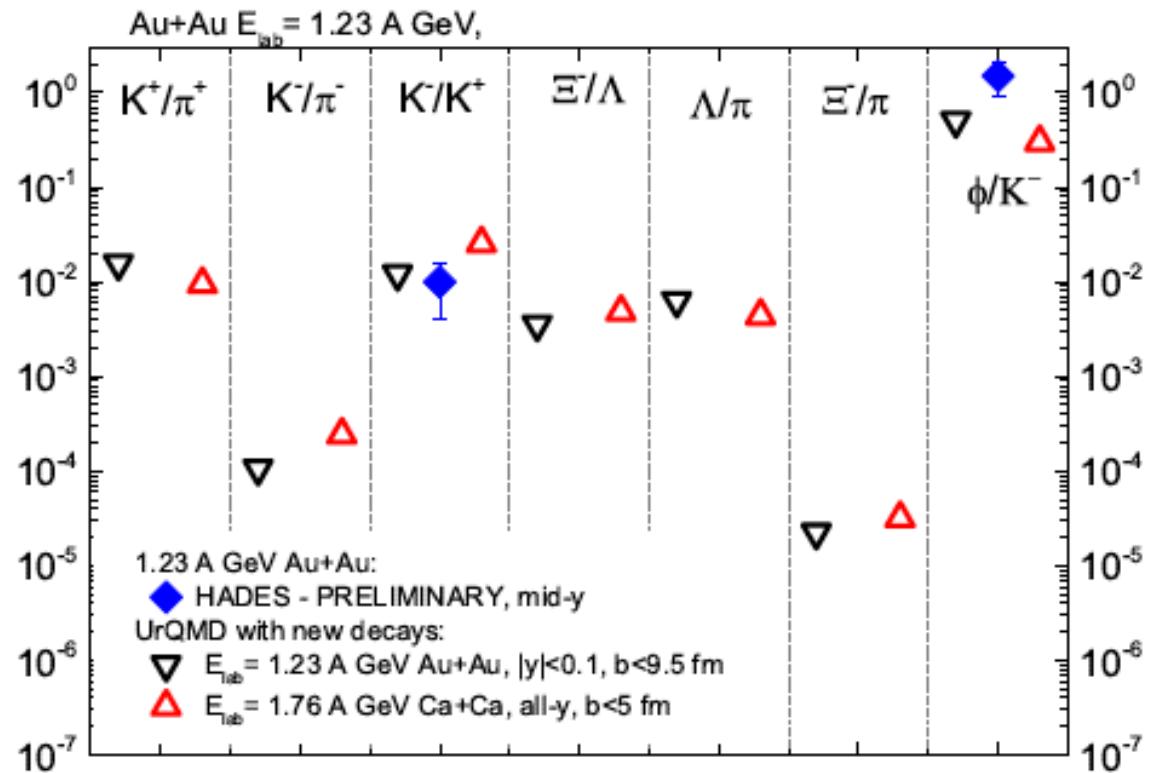


**Impact parameter**



Mean Apart= 177

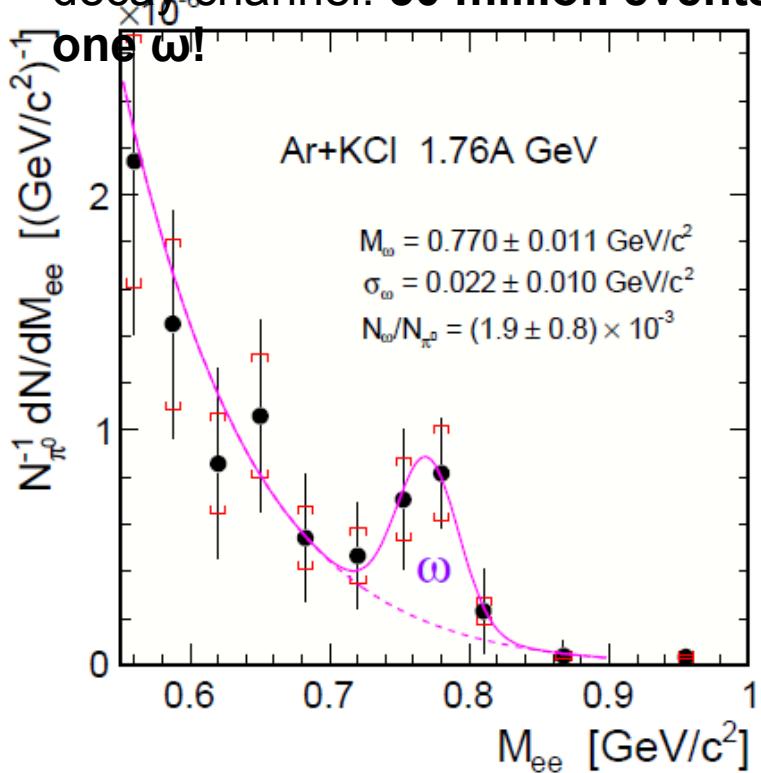
	$\langle b \rangle (\text{fm})$	$\langle N_{\text{part.}} \rangle$
min. bias	5.83	19.25
LVL1	3.54	38.5



# Ar+KCl: vector mesons

**$\omega$ -meson:**

subthreshold + electromagnetic  
decay channel: **50 million events for  
one  $\omega$ !**

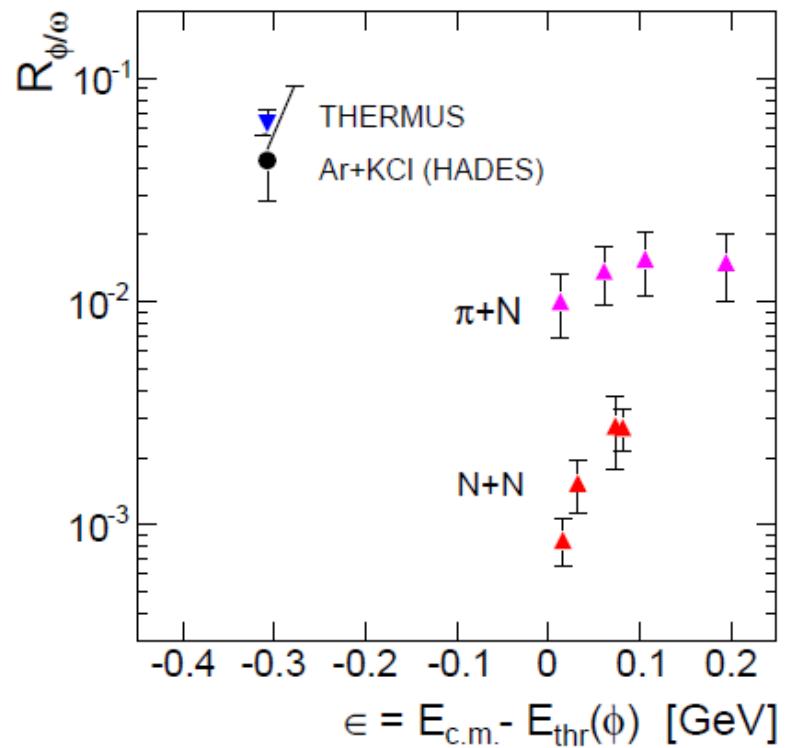


$\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ , multiplicity:  $(2.6 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{-4}$

$\omega \rightarrow e^+e^-$ , multiplicity:  $(6.7 \pm 2.8) \cdot 10^{-3}$

**$\Phi/\omega$  ratio:**

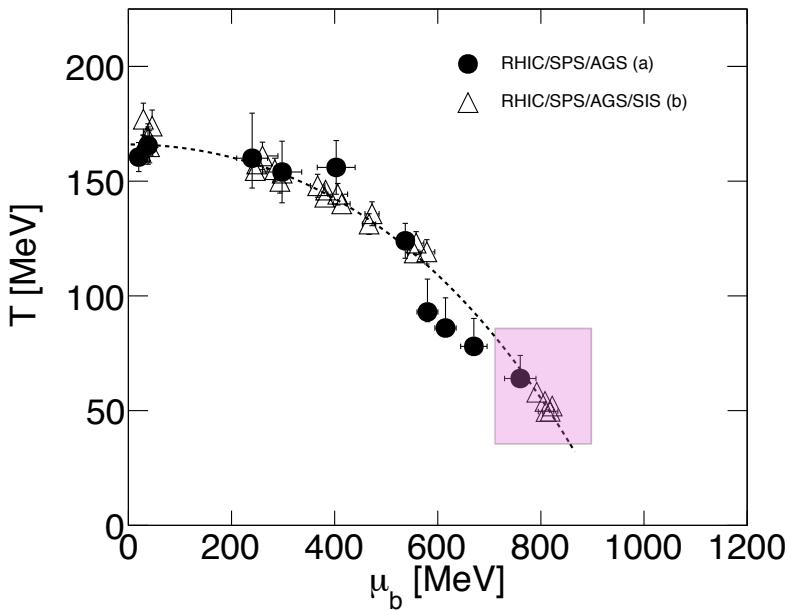
suppressed in elementary  
reactions due to OZI rule



>>  $R_{\phi/\omega}$  in NN and  $\pi N$  reactions !  
Impact of other channels besides NN  
and  $\pi N$  ? (e.g.  $\rho N$ ,  $\rho \Delta$ , ...) Effect of the  
medium?

# Statistical model

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Particle production from a homogeneous source:

$$\rho_{i,q} \propto \int_0^\infty p^2 dp \exp\left(\frac{-E_i + \vec{\mu}\vec{q}_i}{kT}\right)$$

## Grand canonical ensemble

Quantum numbers conserved on average using chemical potentials

Parameters:  $T, \mu = \mu_B \mu_s \mu_Q, V$

(usually  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_Q$  are constrained from initial conditions)

- Measurements at different  $\sqrt{s}$  line up in a hadron freeze-out curve ( $E/N \approx 1$  GeV)
- How to interpret this apparent equilibrium, or why does the model work so well?
- How well is well? Similar as at higher energies?  
Look also at reference systems e.g. p+A
- Focus on data at SIS18 energies, are they consistent?

Data sample a) Andronic et. al. (Grand canonical  $T, \mu_B$ )

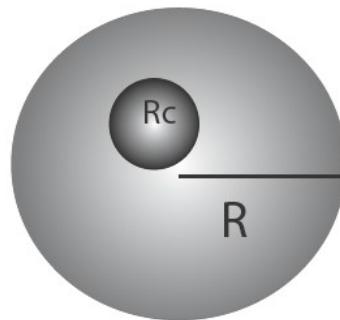
Data sample b) Cleymans, Becattini (Strangeness canonical+ $\gamma_S$ )

# Statistical model at SIS energies

**Strangeness canonical**  
(exactly conserved)

Yields reduced (canonical suppression)

- Not enough to explain data:
- Strangeness has to be conserved exactly in a volume smaller than the volume of the system (radius:  $R_c < R_v$ )
- Empirical under-saturation parameter ( $\gamma_s$ )
- $\phi$  meson (hidden strangeness, not canonically suppressed)



In the strangeness canonical ensemble

**$\mu_B$  constrained by:**

$\pi/p$ ,  $K^+/K^-$  (due to strangeness content in the  $\Lambda$ )

**T constrained by:**

$K/\pi$ ,  $\phi/K$  ( $p/\Lambda$ ) usually  $R_c$  or  $\gamma_s$  is also involved

**Additional input:**

Resonance states and their BR to final states

**Yields vs. ratios:**

Cancellation of systematic errors

$R$  and  $R_c$  determined

# HADES

## Acceptance:

full azimuthal angle  
polar angle from 18-85°

## Time resolution:

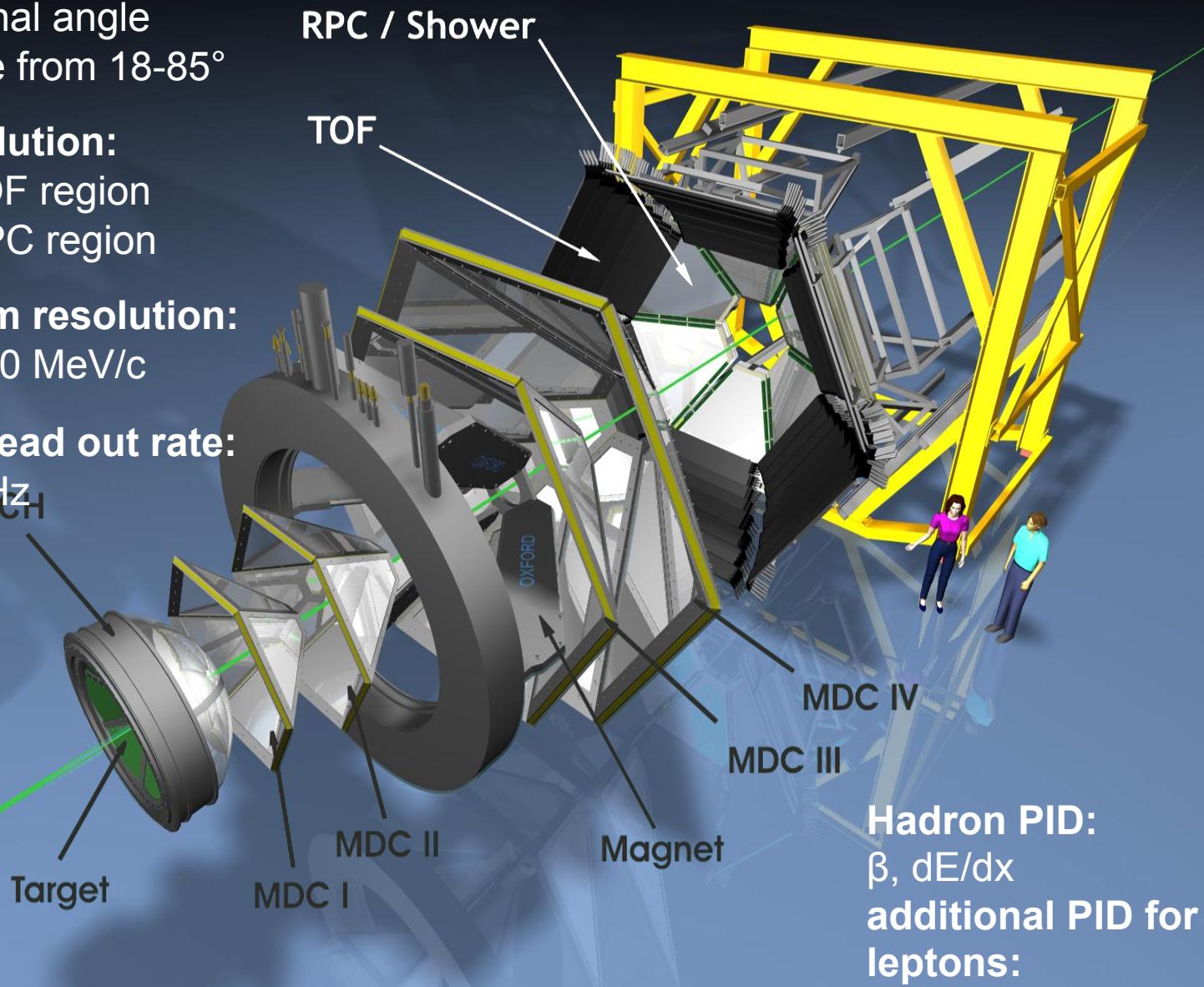
150 ps TOF region  
90 ps RPC region

## Momentum resolution:

1.5% at 500 MeV/c

## Detector read out rate:

max. 50 kHz



**Hadron PID:**  
 $\beta$ ,  $dE/dx$

**additional PID for leptons:**

# Performance: data taking and analysis

557 hours beam Au on Au target in April 2012

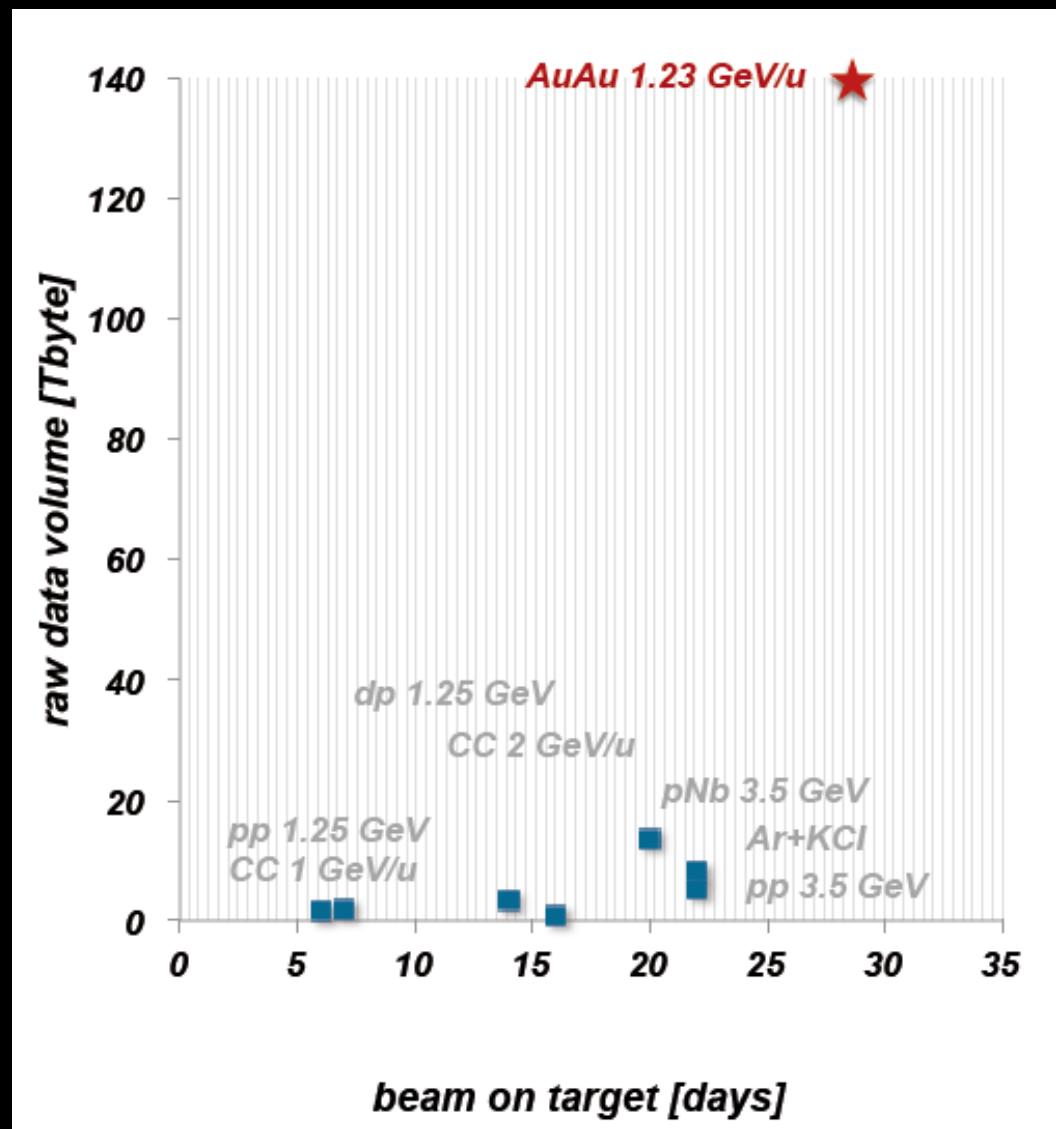
$(1.2 - 1.5) \times 10^6$  ions per second

8 kHz trigger rate

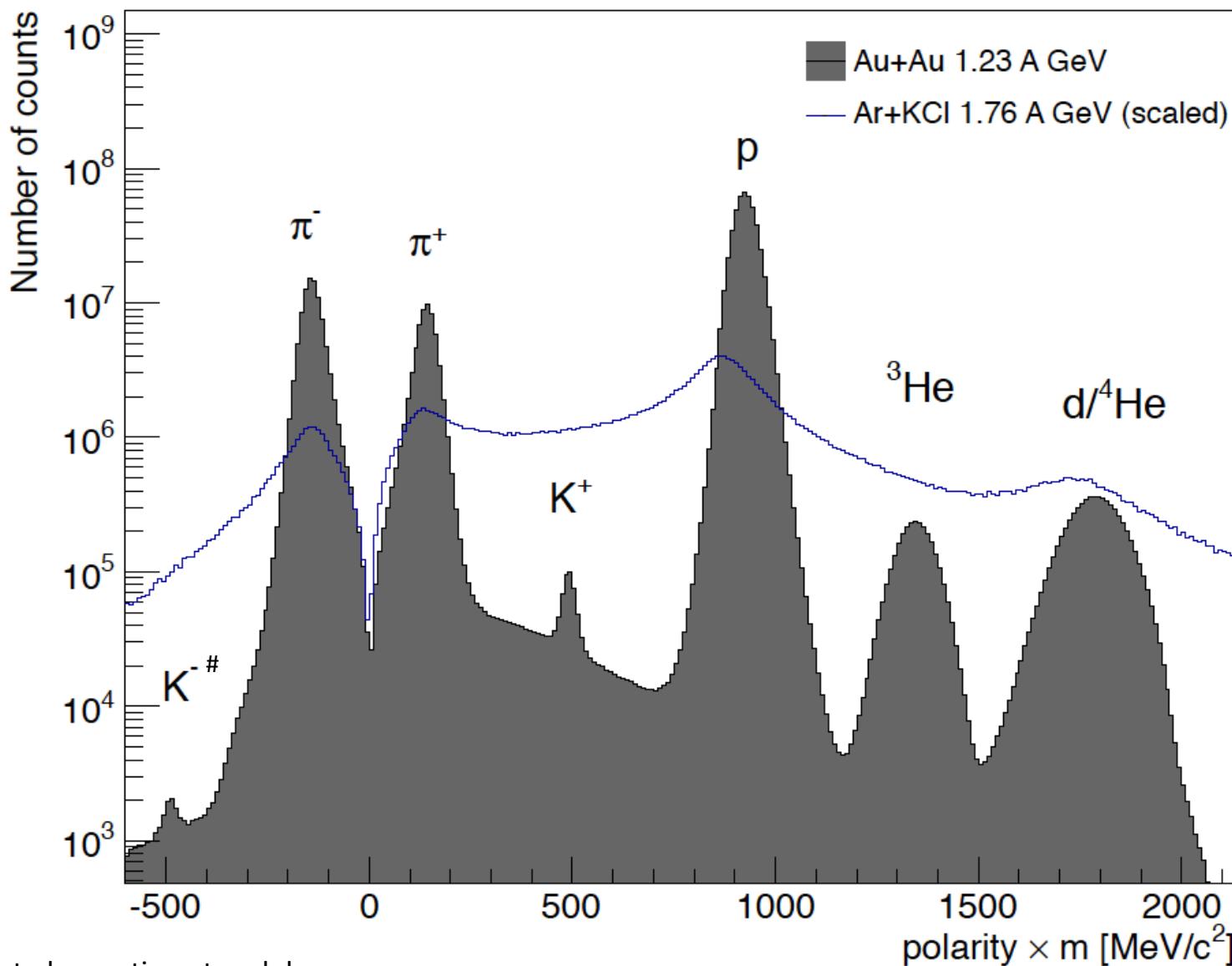
200 Mbyte/s data rate

$7.3 \times 10^9$  events

$140 \times 10^{12}$  Bytes of data

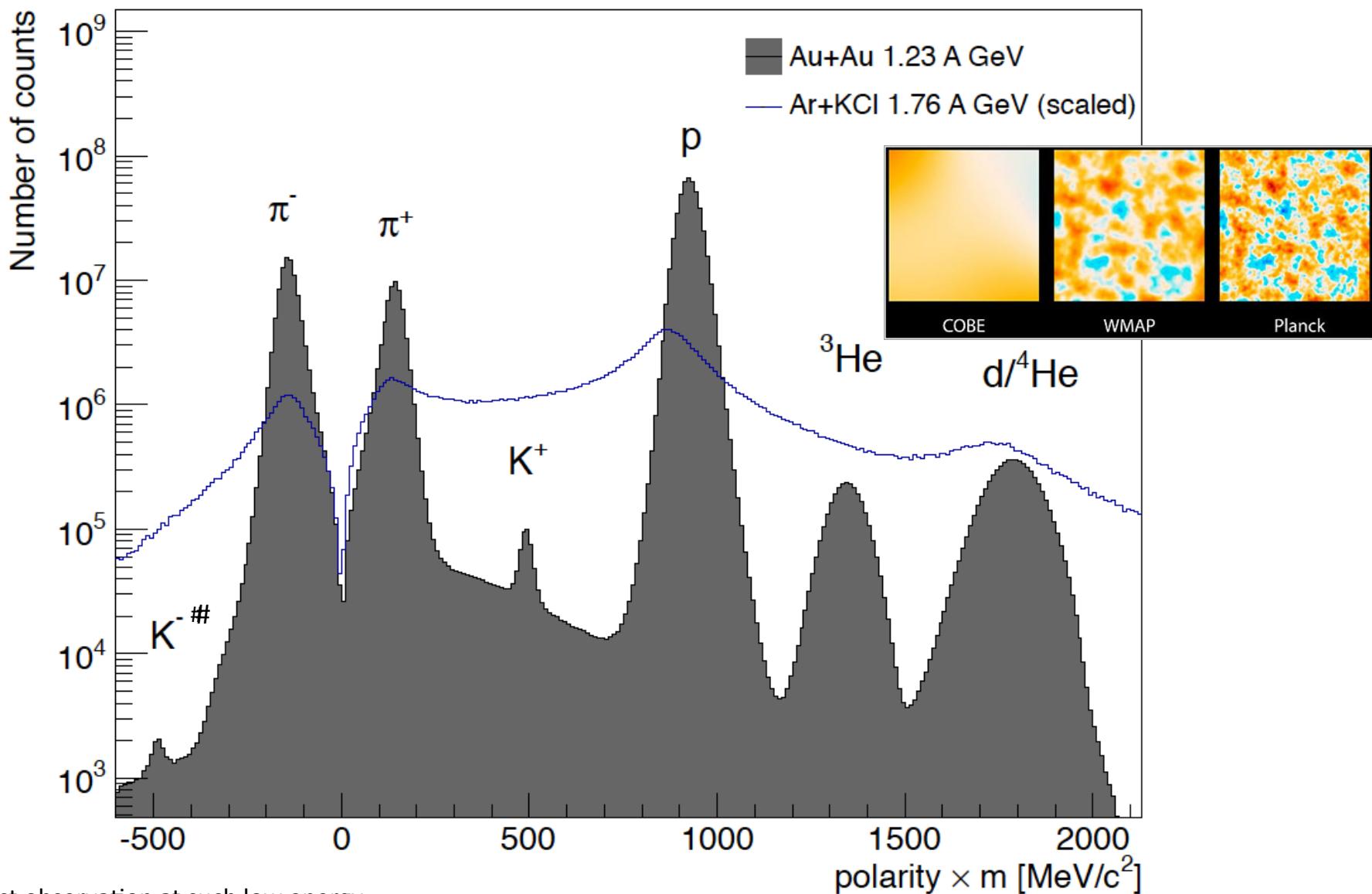


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