



Experimental Results on Hadron Production: Reviewing the AGS and the Fixed-Target Program at STAR



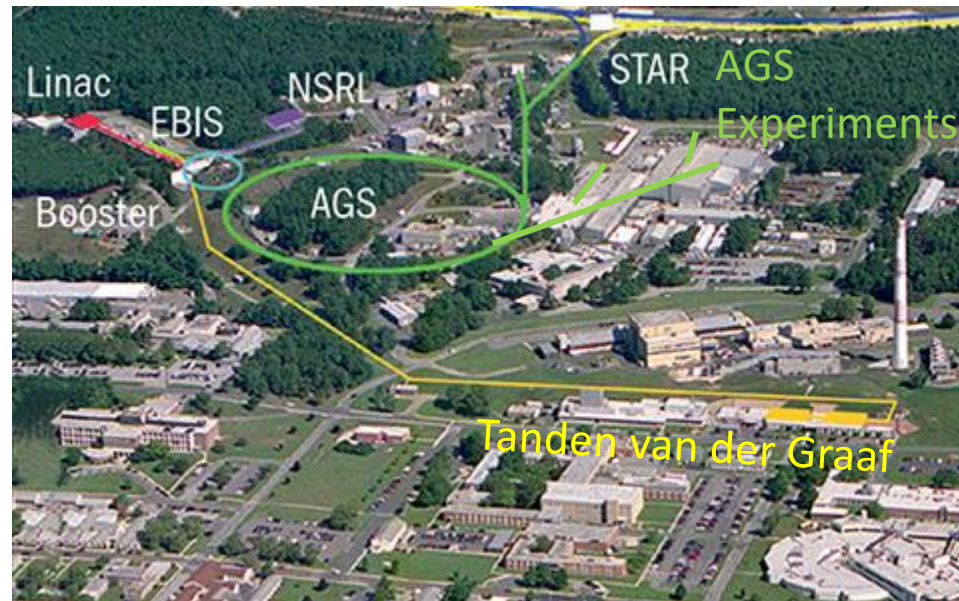
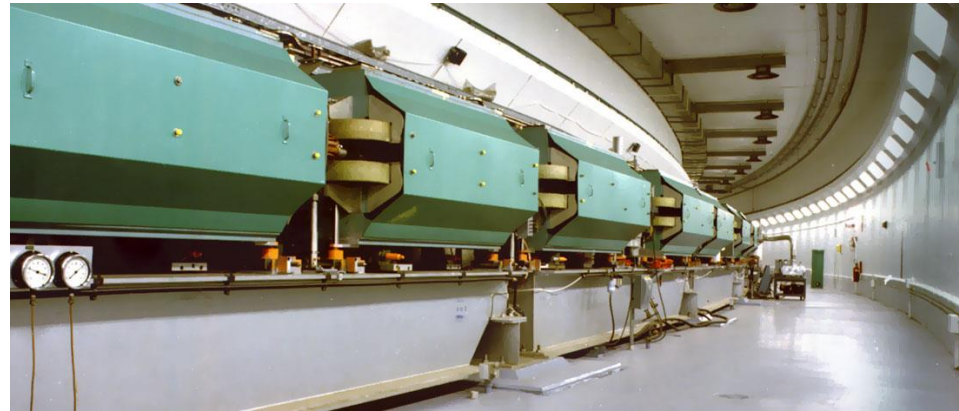
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Outline

- The AGS heavy-ion program
 - History and overview of AGS heavy-ion program
 - Particle spectra and yields
 - Collective Behavior
 - HBT
- The fixed-target program at STAR
 - History and overview
 - Review of test run results
 - Preview of 2018 – first physics run at 3.0 GeV
 - Plans for runs in 2019, 2020, and 2021
- Perspective and Conclusions

Alternating Gradient Synchrotron

- The first accelerator utilizing strong-focusing principle
- July 29, 1960: First beam, 33 GeV
- Three Nobel Prizes:
 - 1962: L. Lederman, M. Schwartz and J. Steinberger
muon neutrino
1988 Nobel Prize
 - 1964: J. Cronin and V. Fitch
CP violation in Kaon decay
1980 Nobel Prize
 - 1974: S. C.C. Ting
discovery of J/ψ
1976 Nobel Prize
- 1988-92: Silicon beams at 14.6 AGeV/c
- 1993-95: Gold beams, 2.8-11.7 AGeV/c
- 1999-present: Injector for RHIC



E802/E859/E866/E917 Experiment

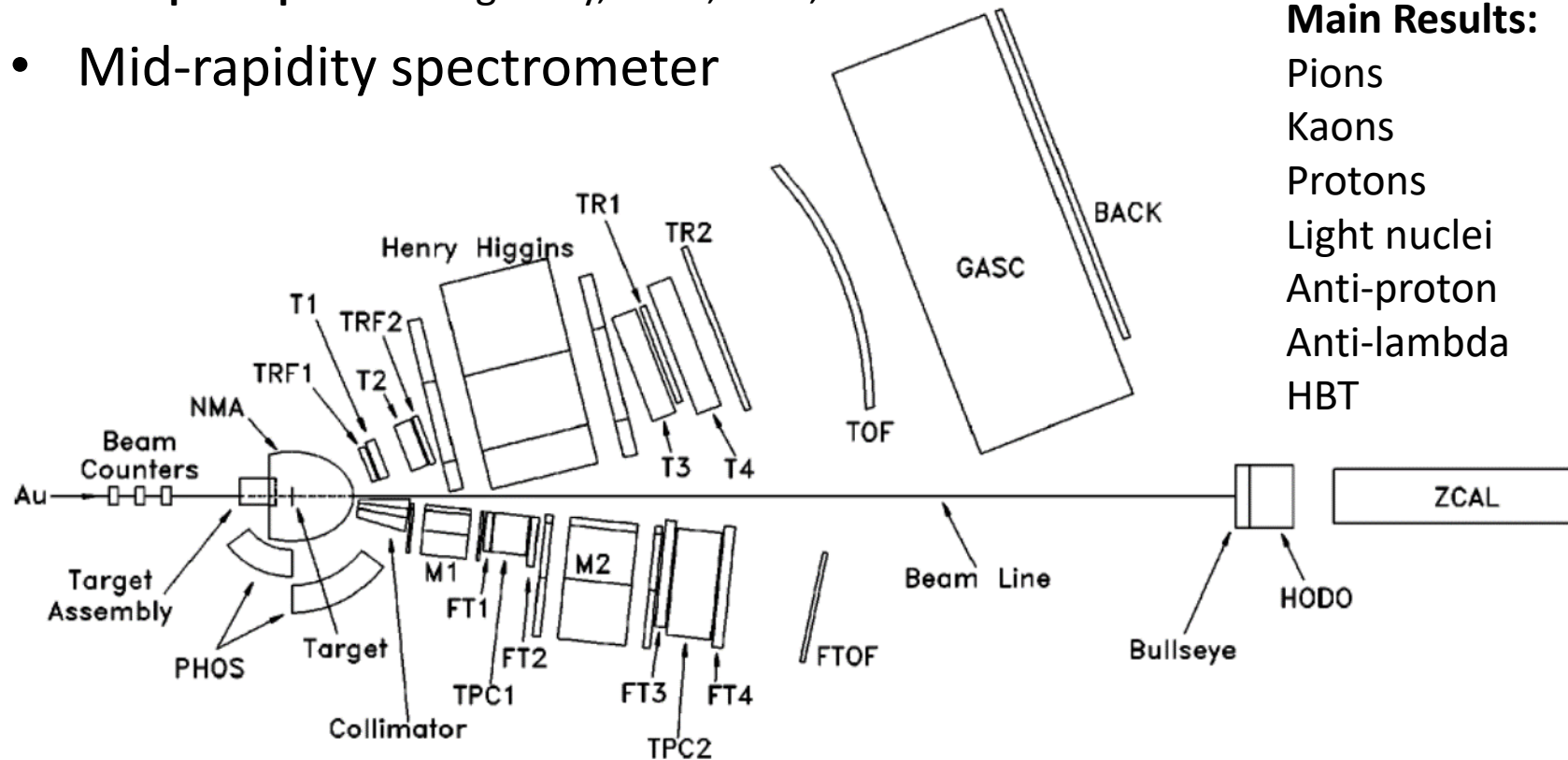
E802 – **Spokesperson:** Chellis Chasman, Shoji Nagamiya

E859 -- **Spokesperson:** Ledoux, Robert J.; Remsberg, Louis P.; Zajc, William A.

E866 -- **Spokesperson:** Chasman, Chellis; Hamagaki, Hideki; Steadman, Steve G.

E917 -- **Spokesperson:** Mignerey, Alice; Seto, R.K.

- Mid-rapidity spectrometer



E810/E891 Experiment

E810 – **Spokesperson:** Lindenbaum, S.J.; Platner, E.D.

E891 – **Spokesperson:** Platner, E.D.

- Time Projection Chamber

Main Results:

K^0 s (Si+Au)

Λ (Si+Au)



E814/E877 Experimental Setup

E814 – **Spokesperson:** Braun-Munzinger, Peter

E877 – **Spokesperson:** Braun-Munzinger, Peter

- Forward spectrometer
- TOF & Calorimetry

Main Results:

Pions

Protons

Light nuclei

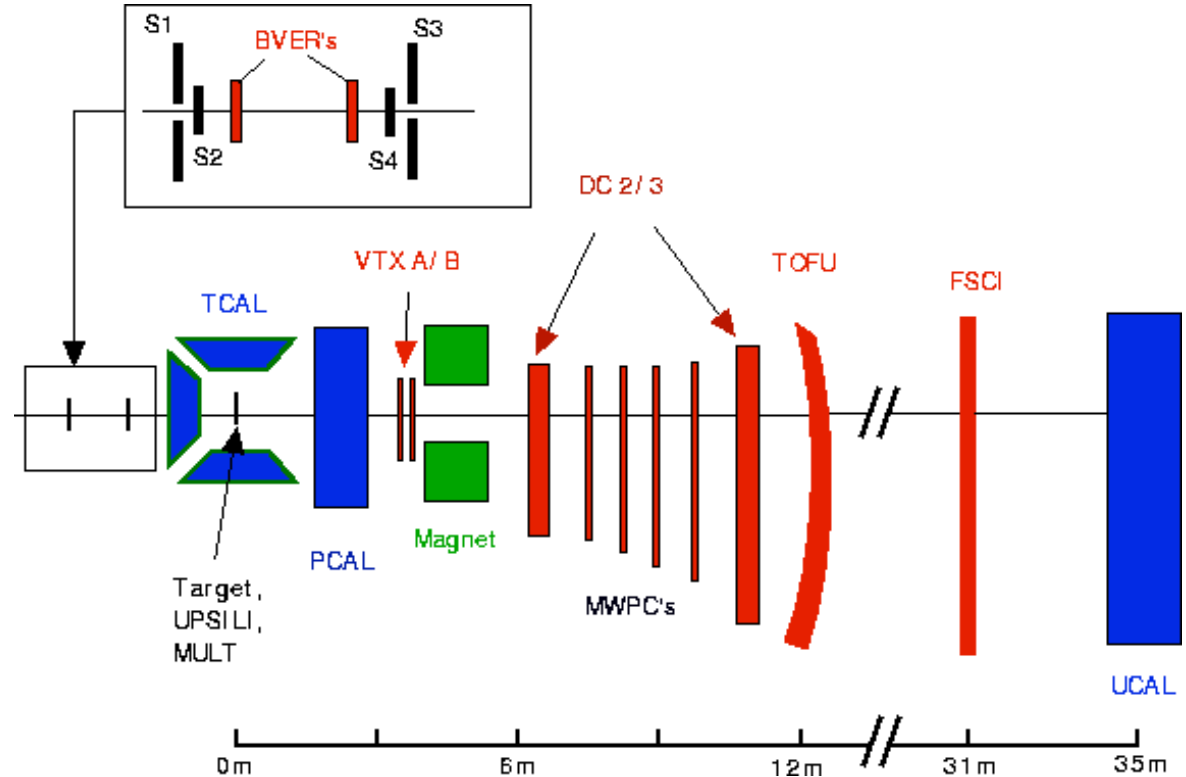
Lambda

Anti-lambda

Directed flow

Elliptic flow

HBT



E864 Experiment

E864 – **Spokesperson:** Majka, Richard D.; Sandweiss, Jack

E941 – **Spokesperson:** Huan Huang

- Forward spectrometer
- TOF & Calorimetry

Main Results:

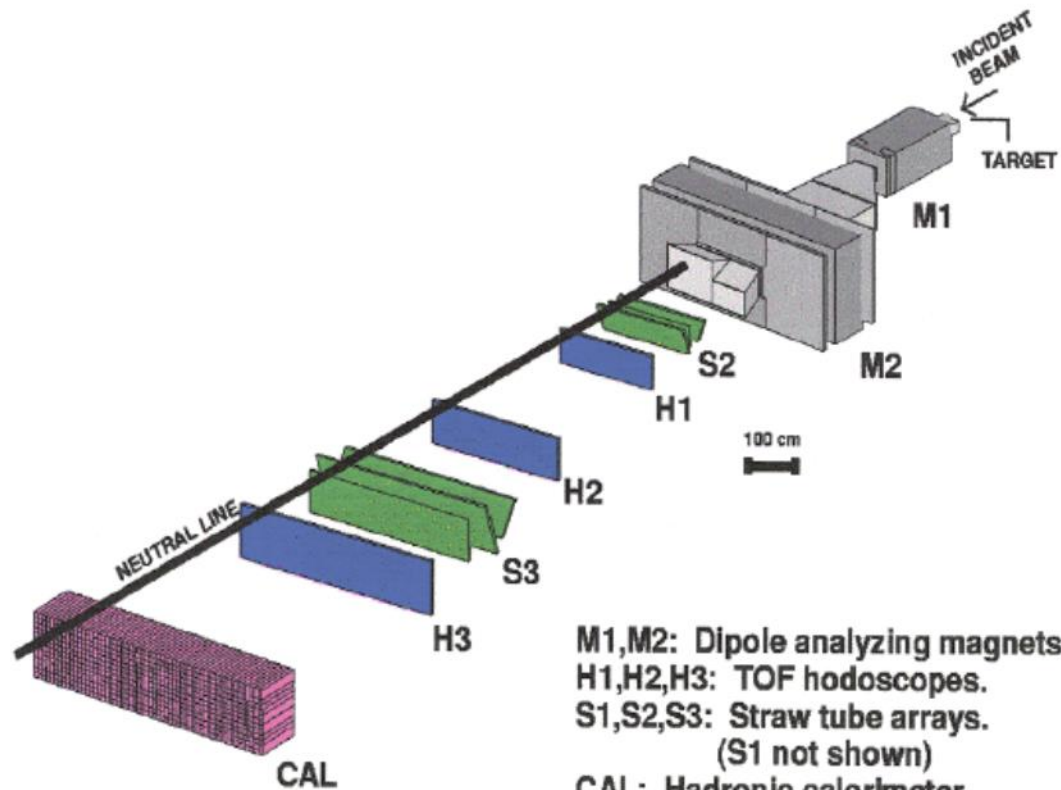
Protons

Light nuclei

Anti-proton

Anti-deuteron

Found no
strangelets



M1,M2: Dipole analyzing magnets.
H1,H2,H3: TOF hodoscopes.
S1,S2,S3: Straw tube arrays.
(S1 not shown)
CAL: Hadronic calorimeter.
Downstream vacuum chamber
not shown.

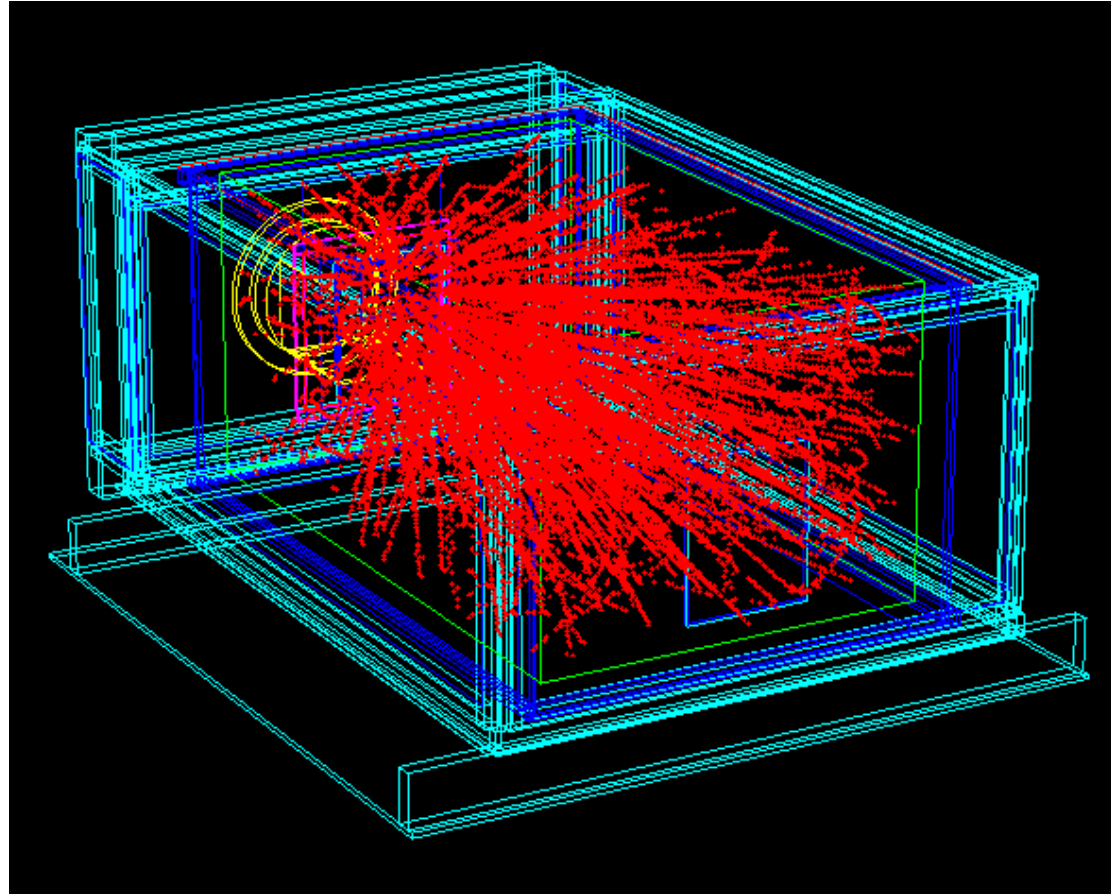
E895/E910 Experiment

E895 – **Spokesperson:** Gulshan Rai
E910 -- **Spokesperson:** Cole, Brian A.

- Time Projection Chamber

Main Results:

Pions
Protons
Lambdas
Directed flow
Elliptic flow
HBT



AGS Results: pion, kaon, proton spectra

Spectra – pions:

- E895_PRC68(2003)054905 – π^+ and π^- spectra and dN/dy at 2, 4, 6, 8 AGeV
- E802_PRC57(1998)R466 – π^+ and π^- spectra and dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV
- E877_PRC62(2000)024901 -- π^+ and π^- high rapidity spectra and dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV
- E917_PLB476(2000)1 – π^+ mid-rapidity spectra at 2, 4, 6, 8 AGeV

Spectra – Kaons:

- E866_PLB490(2000)53 – K^+ and K^- mid-rapidity spectra at 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.5 AGeV
- E866_NPA630(1998)571c – K^+ and K^- dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV

→ Need Charged kaon dN/dy for AGS scan energies

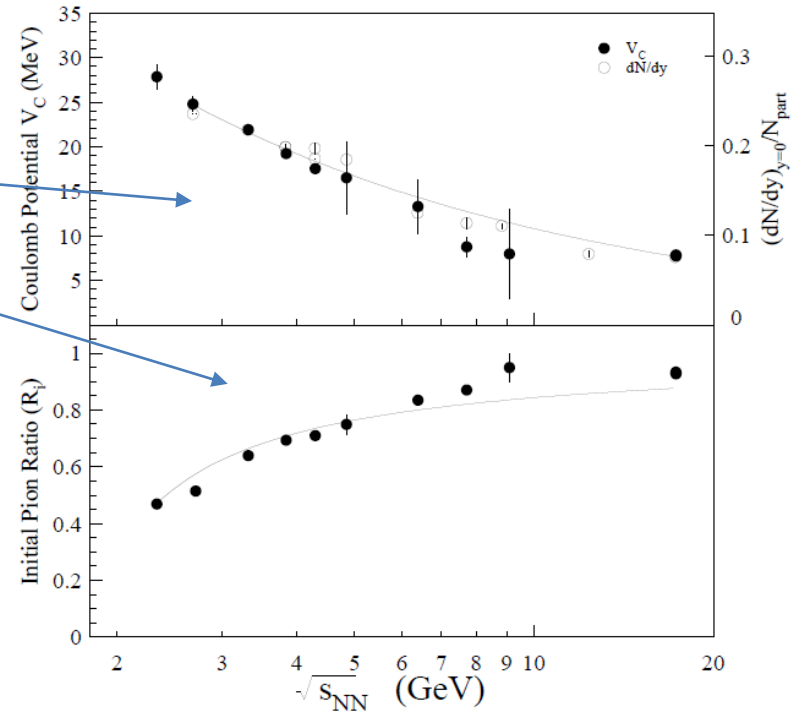
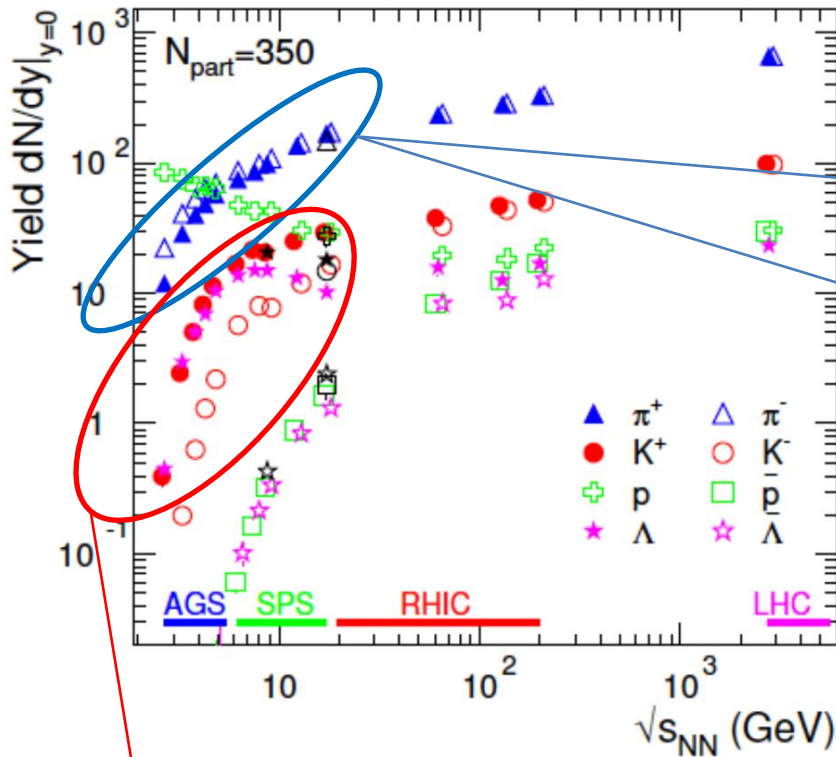
Spectra – Protons:

- E895_PRL88(2002)102301 – proton spectra and dN/dy at 2, 4, 6, 8 AGeV
- E917_PRL86(2001)1970 – proton spectra and dN/dy at 6, 8, 10.5 AGeV
- E802_PRC57(1998)R466 – proton spectra and dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV
- E802_PRC60(1999)064901 – proton spectra and dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV
- E877_PRC56(1997)3254 – forward rapidity proton spectra at 10.5 AGeV
- E877_PRC62(2000)024901 – forward rapidity proton spectra at 10.5 AGeV

} Some
issues

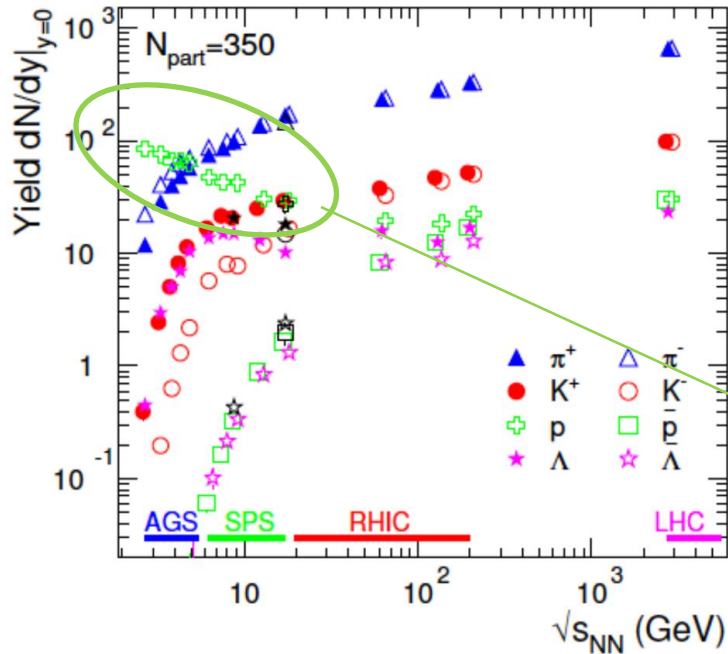
AGS Results: pion and kaon spectra

- pion ratio comes from initial n:p ratio as low p_T pions are produced primarily through the Δ channel \rightarrow accounted for by μ_Q is statistical models related to stopping
- Pion ratios provide another way to 'image' the size of the source

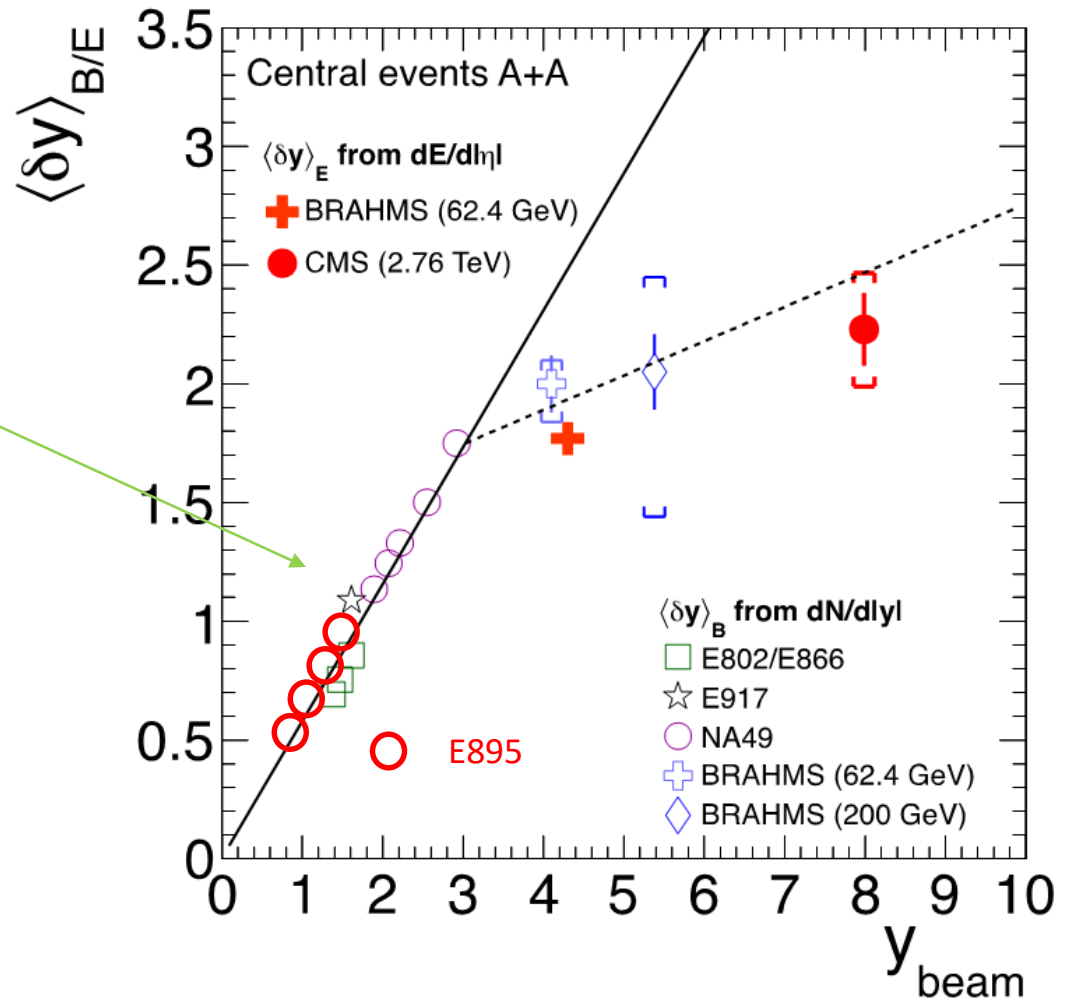


- Kaon ratios come from associated production, which feeds K^+ only

AGS Results: proton spectra



Evolution of stopping, a drop in stopping would indicate a development of transparency



AGS Results: anti-protons and light nuclei

Spectra – Other:

- E864_PRC60(2000)064903 – neutron spectra and dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV
- E864_PRC61(2000)064908 – p, d, t, ^3He , ^4He spectra and yields at 10.5 AGeV
- E864_PRL85(2000)2685 – anti-deuteron yields at 10.5 AGeV
- E864_PRL79(1997)3351 – anti-proton yields at 10.5 AGeV
- E917_PRL(2001)242301 – anti-proton spectra at 10.5 AGeV
- E802_PRL81(1998)2650 – anti-proton spectra at 10.5 AGeV
- E814_PRC61(2000)044906 – deuteron spectra at 10.5 AGeV
- E802_PRC60(1990)064901 – deuteron spectra and dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV
- E814_PRC61(2000)044906 – t and ^3He yields at 10.5 AGeV

Need to map these out across the AGS energy scan range

AGS Results: Strangeness (V^0 's)

V^0 s – Kaons:

- No spectra of yields

V^0 s – Lambdas:

- E877_PRC63(2001)014902 – Λ spectra and dN/dy at 10.5 AGeV
- E895_PRL91(2003)202301 – Λ yields at 6 AGeV

V^0 s – Anti-Lambdas:

- E917_PRL(2001)242301 – mid-rapidity yield at 10.5 AGeV

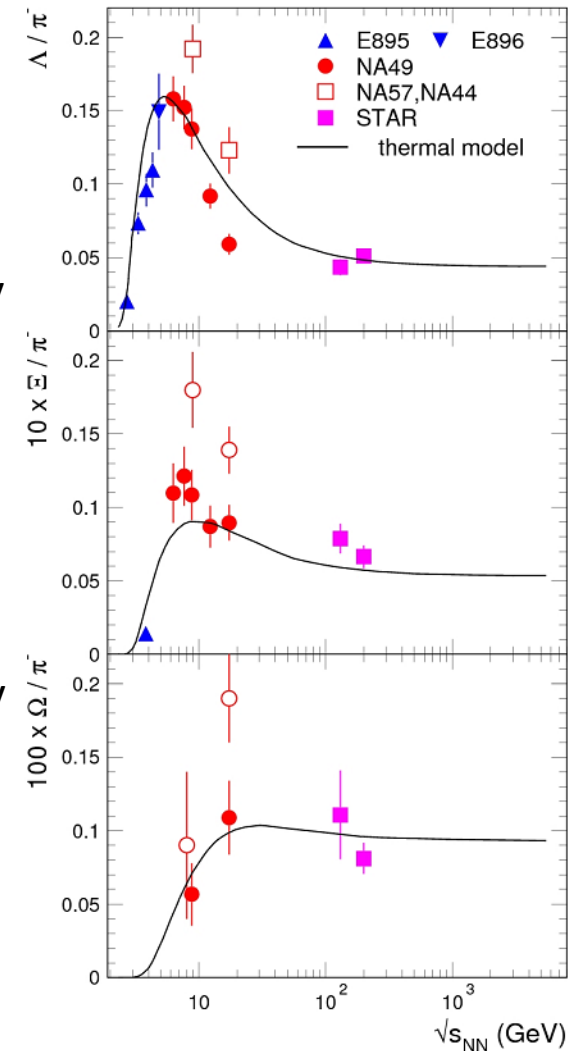
V^0 s – Phi:

- E917_PRC69(2004)054901 – ϕ mid-rapidity spectra t 10.5 AGeV

V^0 s – Cascades:

- E895_PRL91(2003)202301 – Ξ^- yields at 6 AGeV

Need energy scan results to identify the turn on of multi-strange baryons



AGS Results: Directed Flow

Directed Flow – pions:

- E877_PRC56(1997)3254 – π^+ and π^- at 10.5 AGeV

← Need energy scan

Influenced by shadowing and Coulomb

Directed Flow – Kaons:

- E895_PRL85(2000)940 – K_S^0 at 6 AGeV

← Need charged kaons

Influenced by shadowing

Directed Flow – Protons:

- E895_PRL84(2000)5488 – at 2, 4, 6, 8 AGeV
- E877_PRC56(1997)3254 – at 10.5 AGeV

No anticipated minimum →

Directed Flow – Anti-protons:

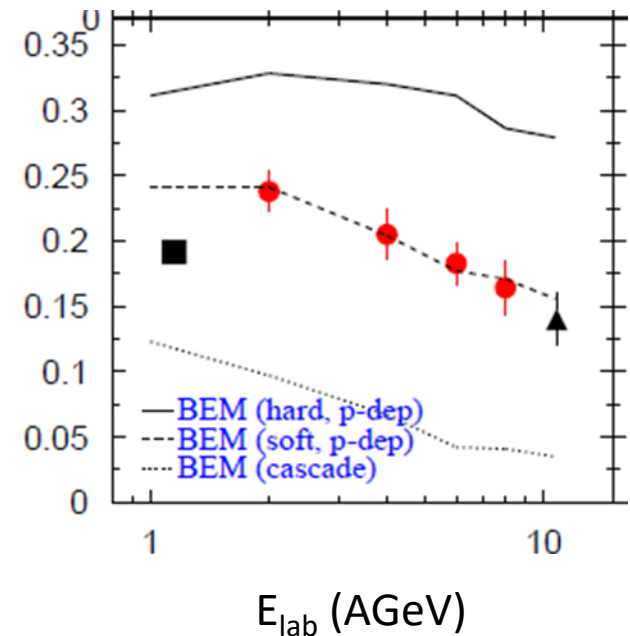
- E877_PLB485(2000)319 – at 10.5 AGeV

← Need energy scan

Directed Flow – Lambdas:

- E895_PRL86(2001)2533 – at 2, 4, 6 AGeV
- E877_PRC63(2001)014902 – at 10.5 AGeV

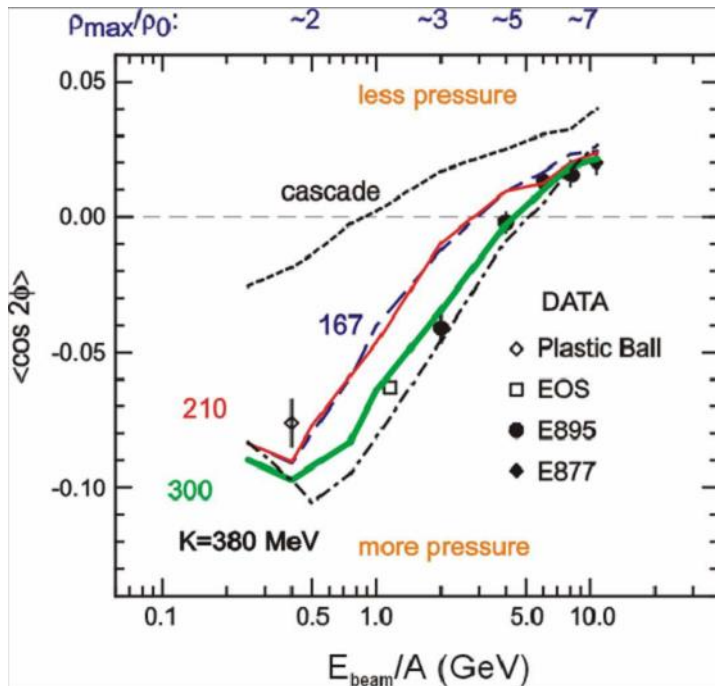
Follow protons



AGS Results: Elliptic Flow

Elliptic Flow – Protons:

- E895_PRL83(1999)1295 – at 2, 4, 6, 8 AGeV
- E877_PRC56(1997)3254 – at 10.5 AGeV
- E895_PRC66(2002)021901 – at 2, 4, 6 AGeV with centrality cuts



- Crossover from squeeze-out to in-plane at 4 AGeV
- Relevance to the change of stiffness of EoS?

Need other particle species

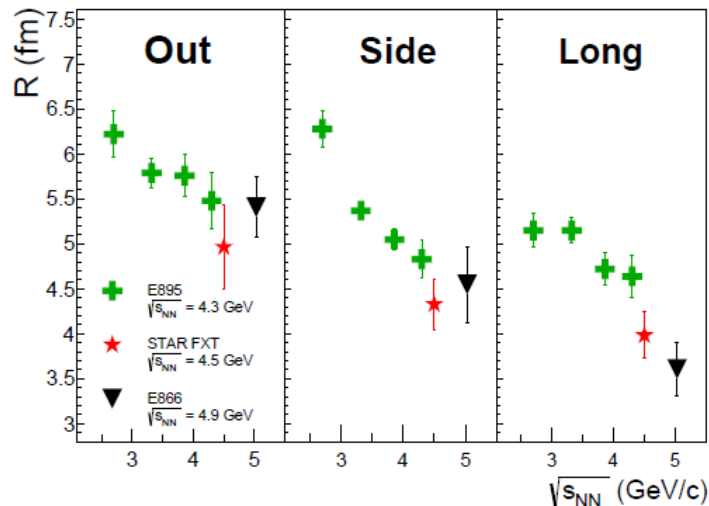
AGS Results: HBT

HBT – Pions:

- E895_PRL84(2000)2798 – $R_{\text{out}}, R_{\text{side}}, R_{\text{long}}$ at 2, 4, 6, 8 AGeV
- E802_PRC66(2002)054096 – $R_{\text{out}}, R_{\text{side}}, R_{\text{long}}$ at 10.5 AGeV
- E877_PRL78(1997)2916 – $R_{\text{out}}, R_{\text{side}}, R_{\text{long}}$ at 10.5 AGeV

HBT – protons:

- E814_PRC60(1999)054905 – correlation functions for protons



Across the AGS energy range, the source radii are falling

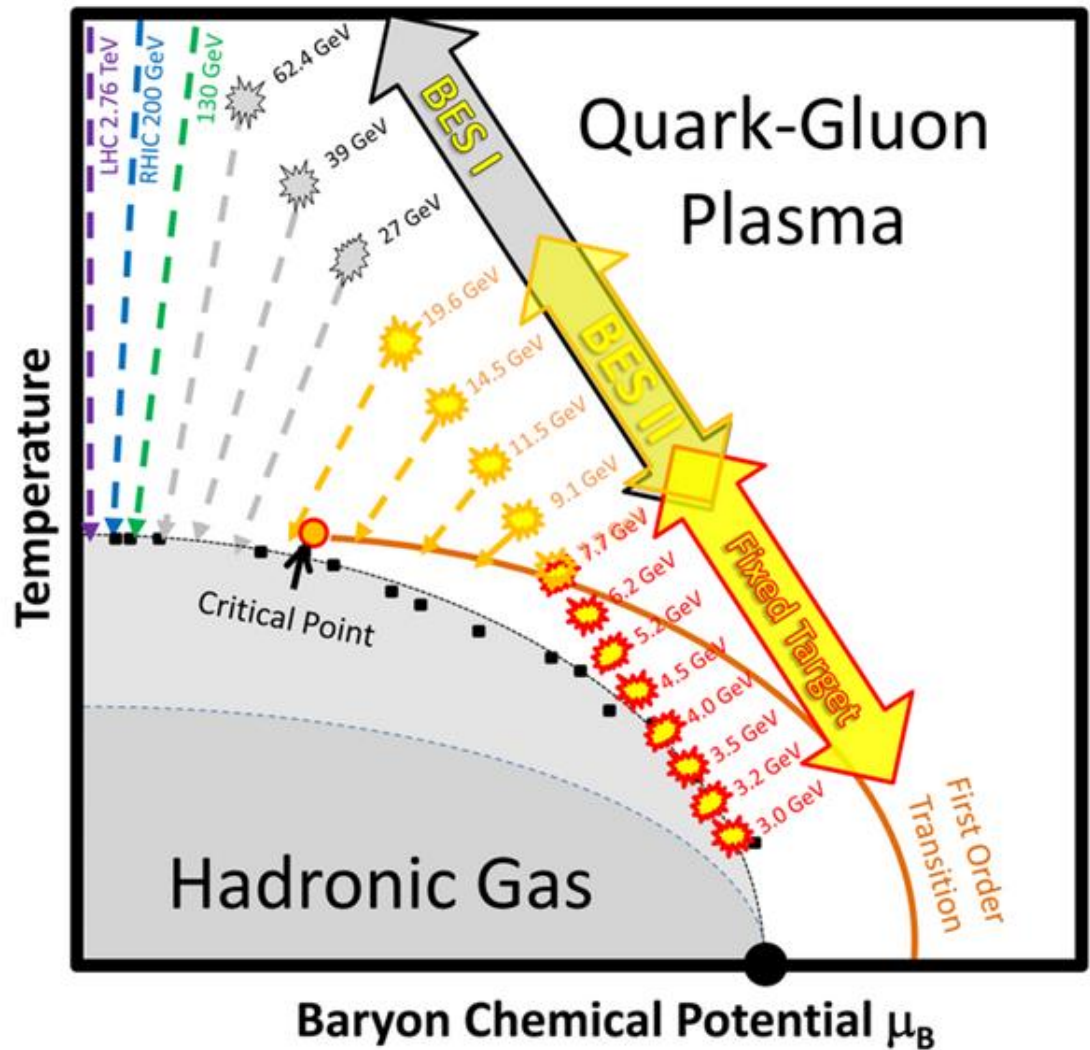
- Need to do negative pion positive pions separately
- Need to get the “tilt” angle
- Need more pp HBT

Fixed-Target Program

The Fixed-Target Program will extend the reach of the RHIC BES to higher μ_B .

Goals:

- 1) Search for evidence of the first entrance into the mixed phase
- 2) Control measurements for BES collider program searches for Onset of Deconfinement
- 3) Control measurements for Critical Point searches



History of Low Energy Running at RHIC

RHIC Runs at or Below Nominal Injection Energy:

1. Au+Au 19.6 GeV 2001		100 k events
2. Cu+Cu 22.4 GeV 2005		250 k events
3. Au+Au 9.0 GeV 2007	We learned that background was a serious concern	0 events
4. Au+Au 9.2 GeV 2008		7 k events
5. Au+Au 7.7 GeV 2010		4 M events
6. Au+Au 11.5 GeV 2010		12 M events
7. Au+Au 5.5 GeV 2010	We conclude that RHIC can not achieve a useful collider event rate at 5.0 GeV	0 events
8. Au+Au 19.6 GeV 2011		36 M events
9. Au+Au 5.0 GeV 2011		1 event
10. Au+Au 14.5 GeV 2014		20 M events

STAR and RHIC recognized the importance to run at energies down to and below 7.7 GeV

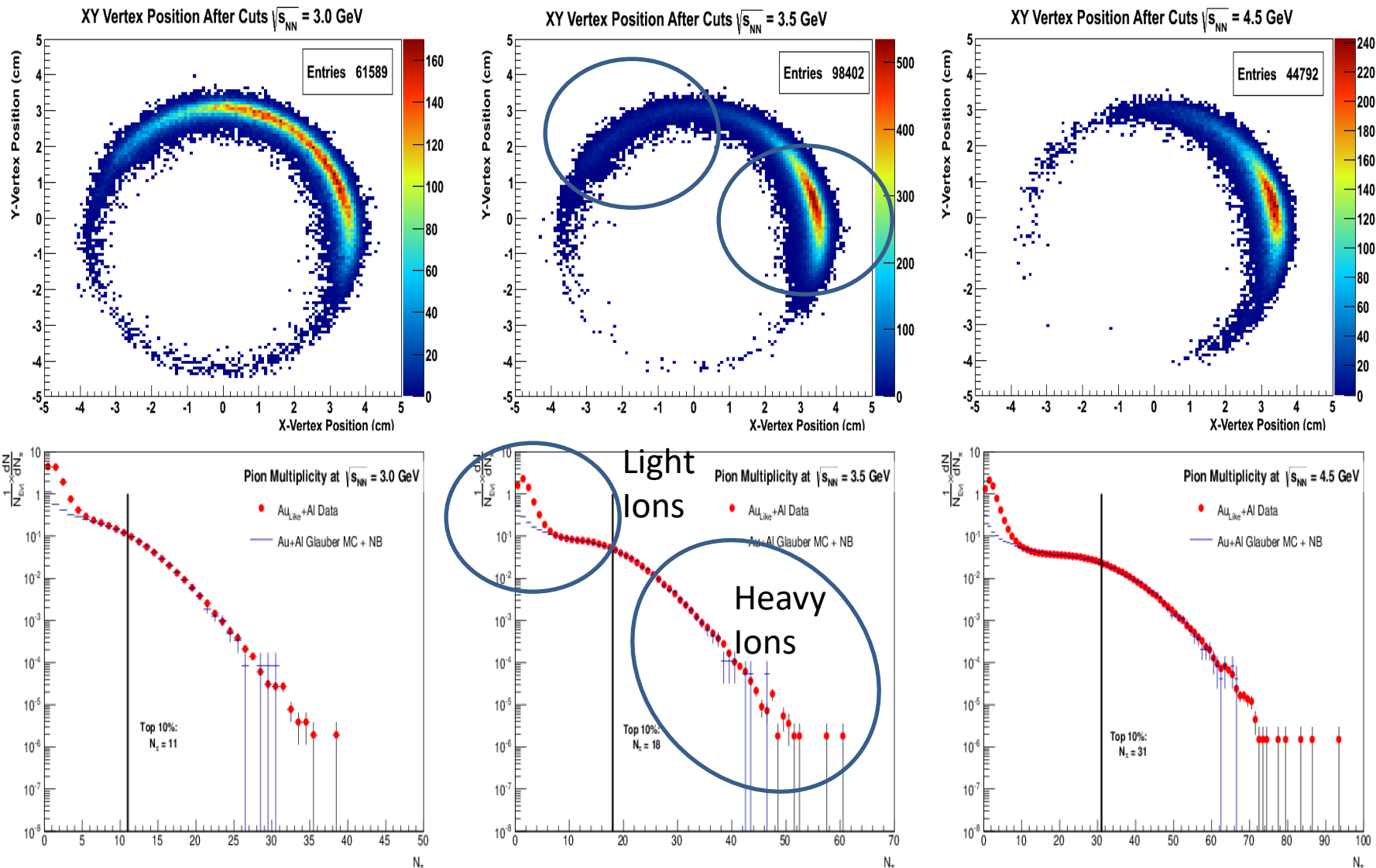
Studies using Beam Halo Background

2010 - 2014

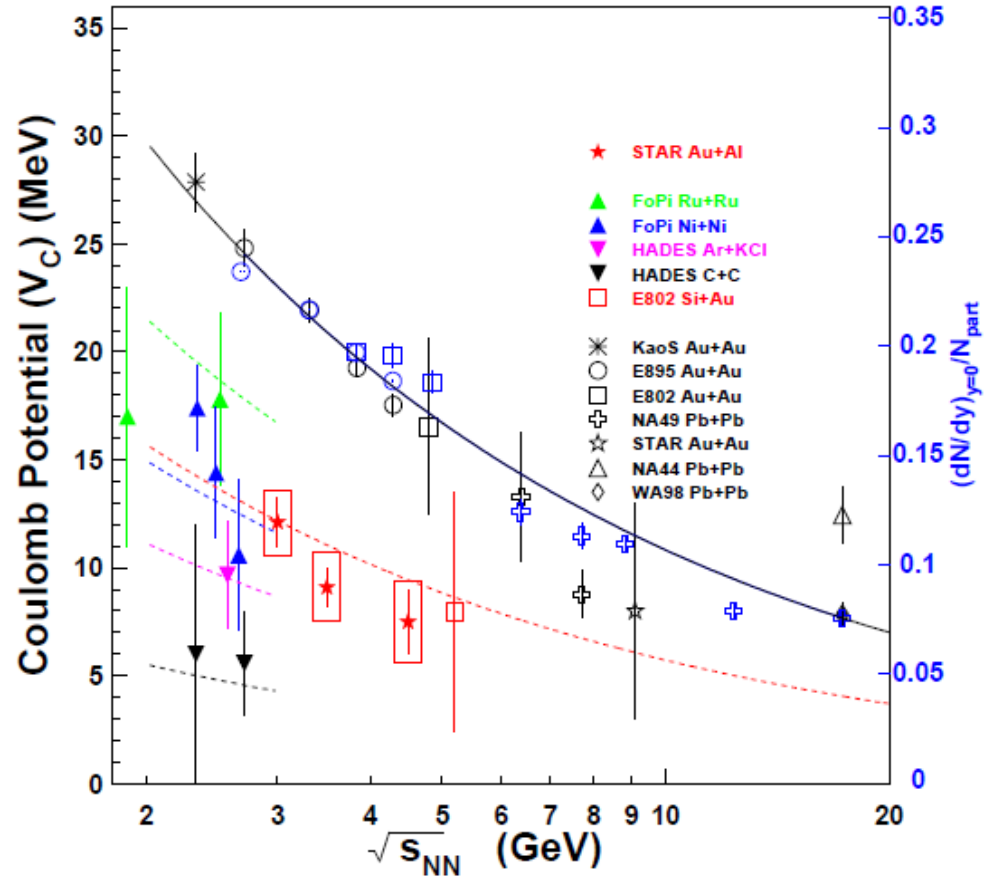
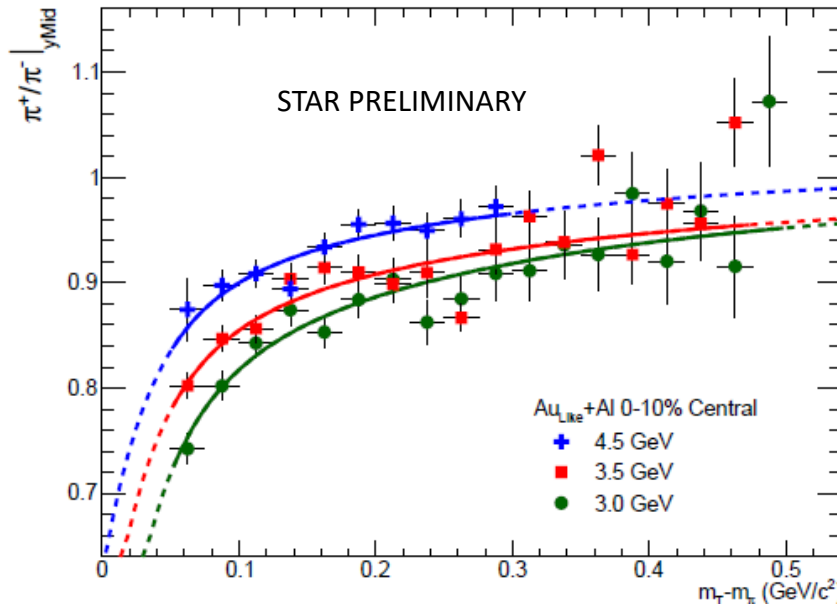
Goals:

- Understand the Beam Halo Background
- Determine the applicability of STAR for fixed-target
- First of FXT results → Au+Al

Beam Halo on Al Vacuum Pipe



Pion Ratio Analysis



We conclude that there are gold nuclei in the beam halo

Target Design 2014 and 2015

The success of the beam pipe studies motivated installing an internal gold target

Target design:

Gold foil

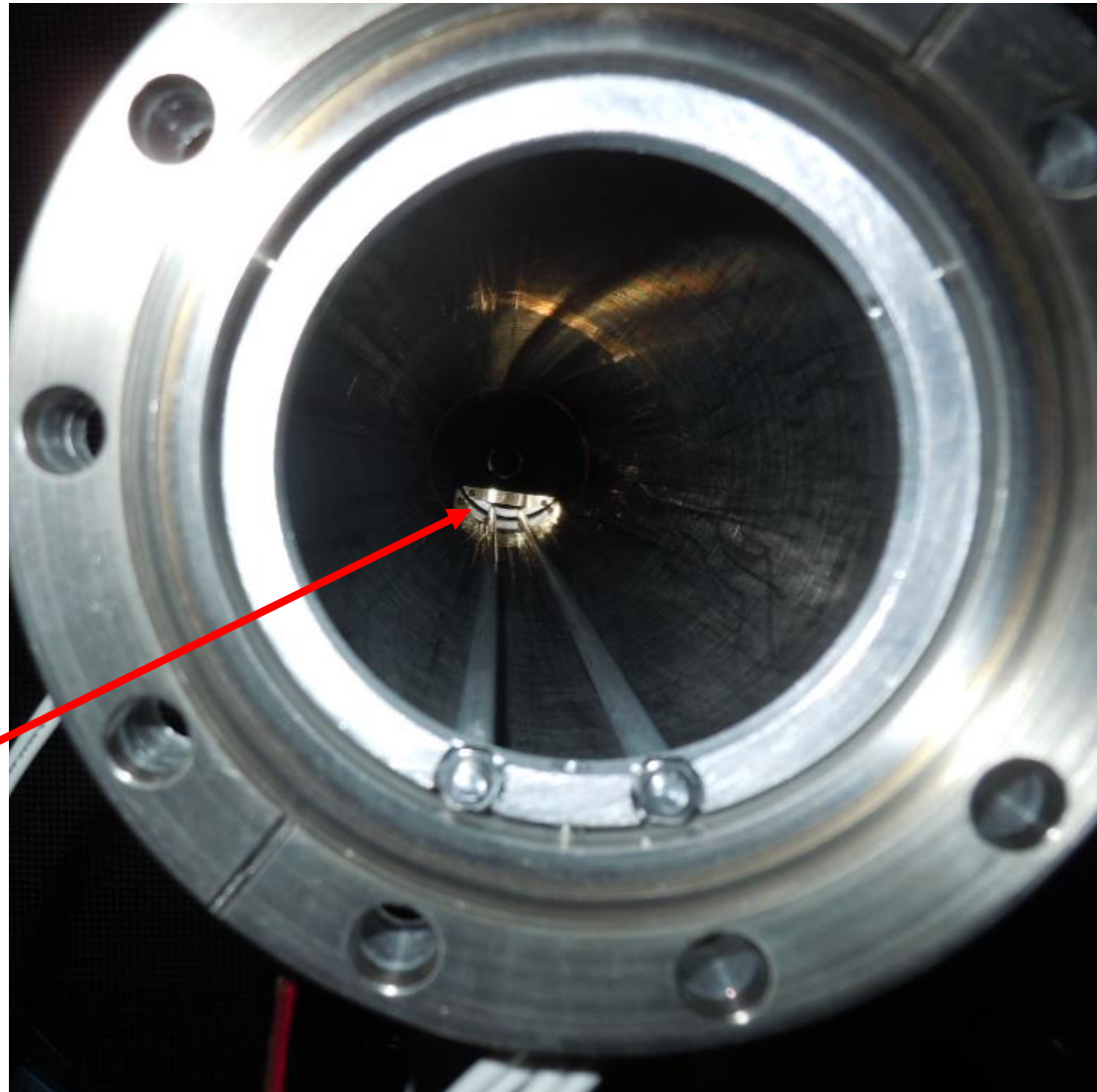
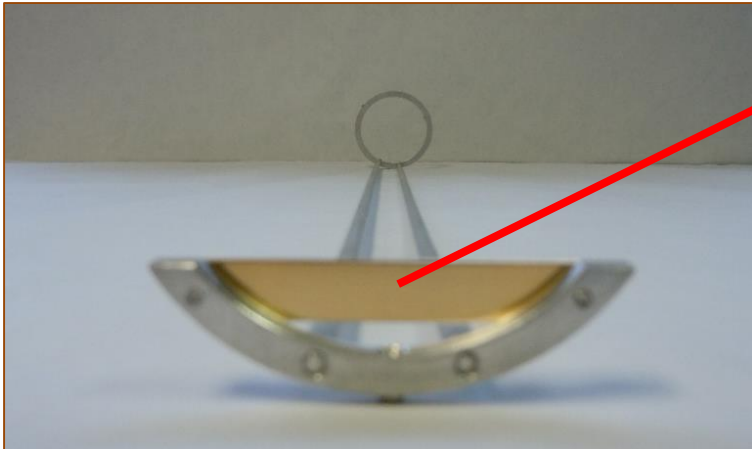
1 mm Thick (4%)

~1 cm High

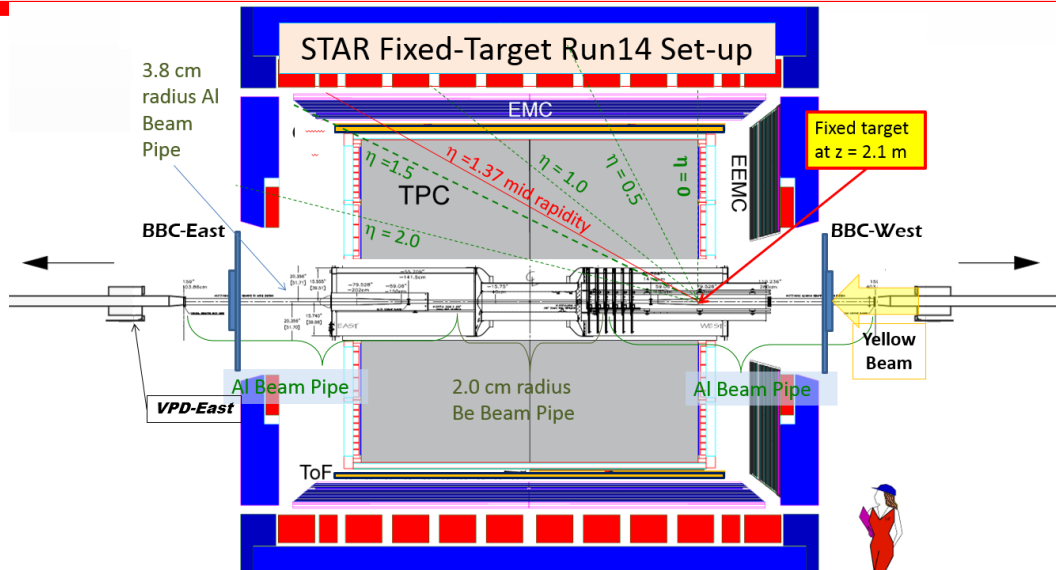
~4 cm Wide

~2 cm below beam axis

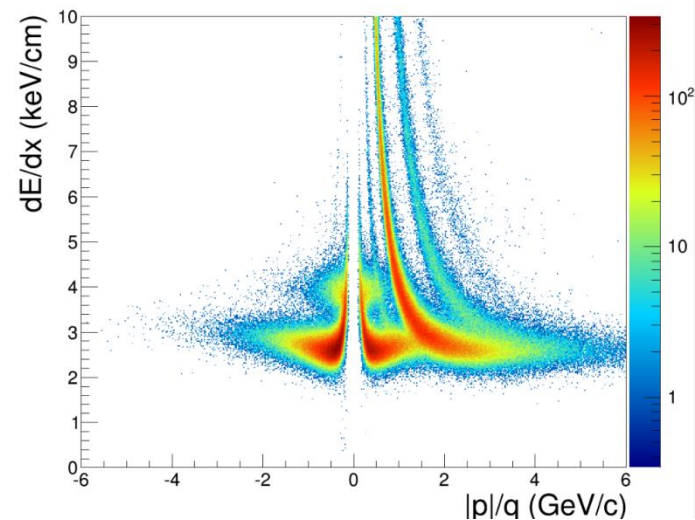
210 cm from IR



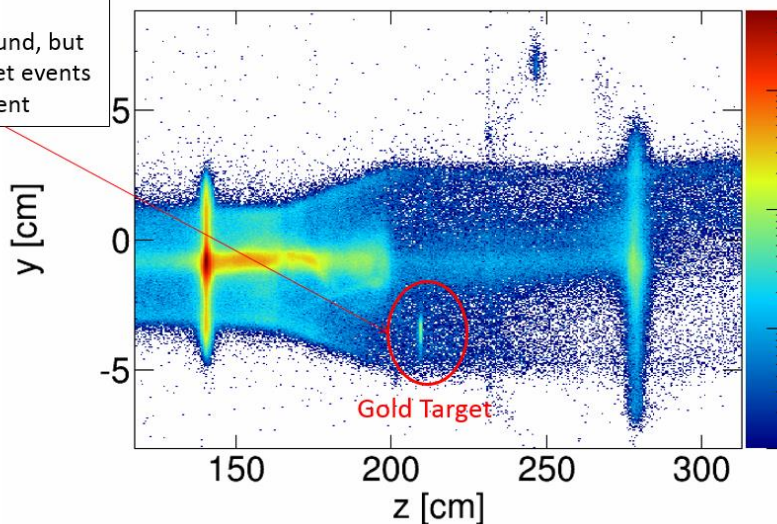
2014 → 3.9 GeV Au halo + Au target



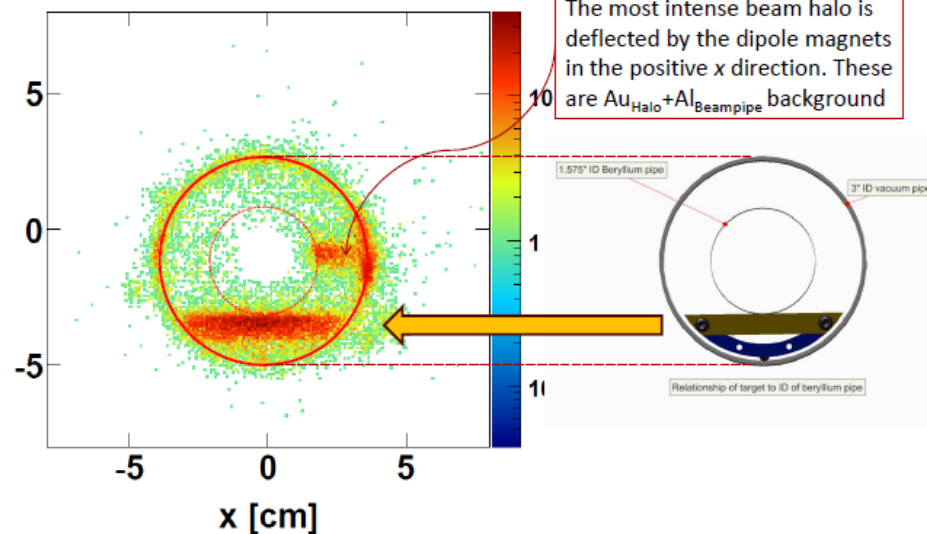
Energy Loss in TPC



Lots of background, but the target events are evident



The most intense beam halo is deflected by the dipole magnets in the positive x direction. These are Au_{Halo}+Al_{Beam pipe} background

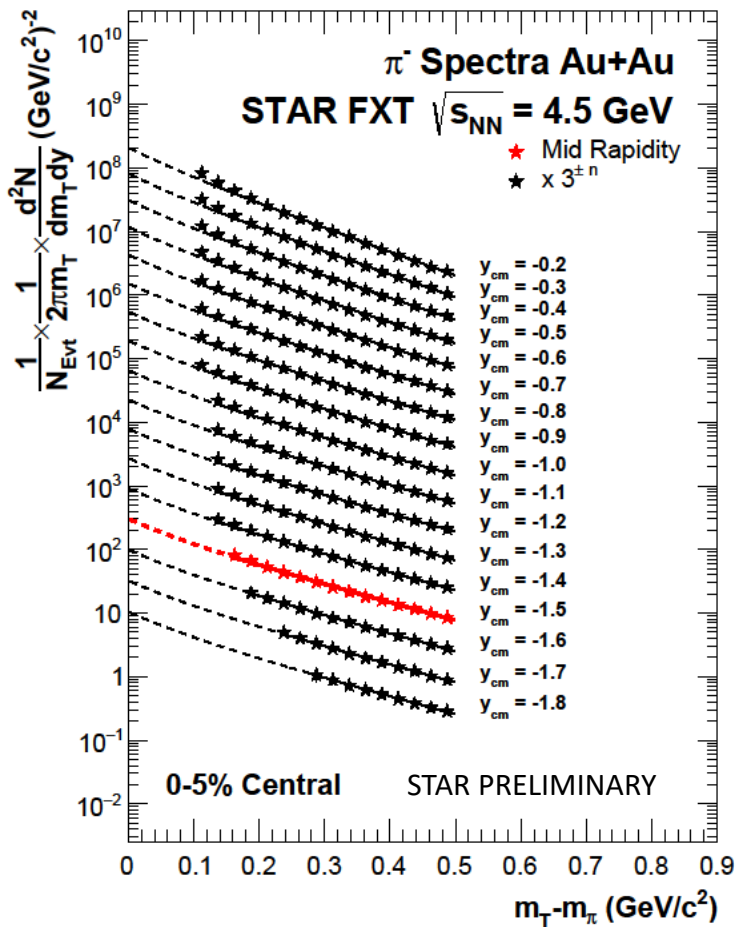


Direct Beam Test Run 2015

Goals:

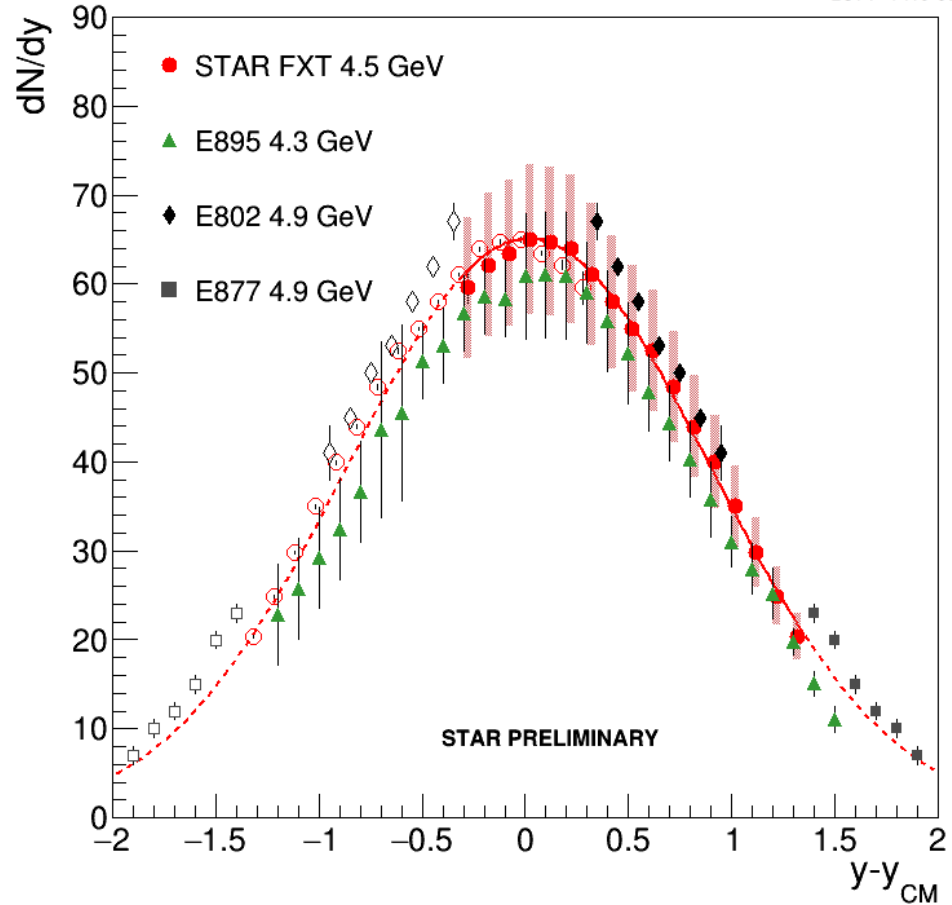
- Check the conclusion that there are gold ions in the halo
- Determine if the direct beam is a better conduct of operations
- Acquire enough data for significant feasibility studies
- Physics Analyses → Reproduction of AGS results

FXT Results: pion spectra



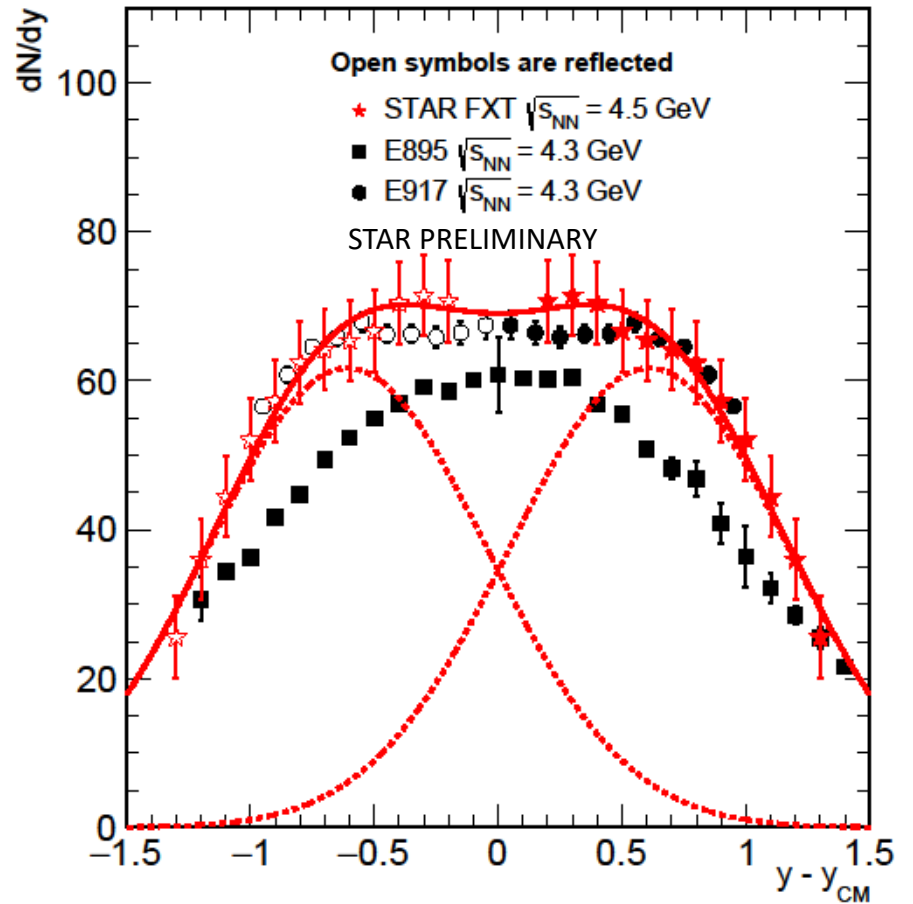
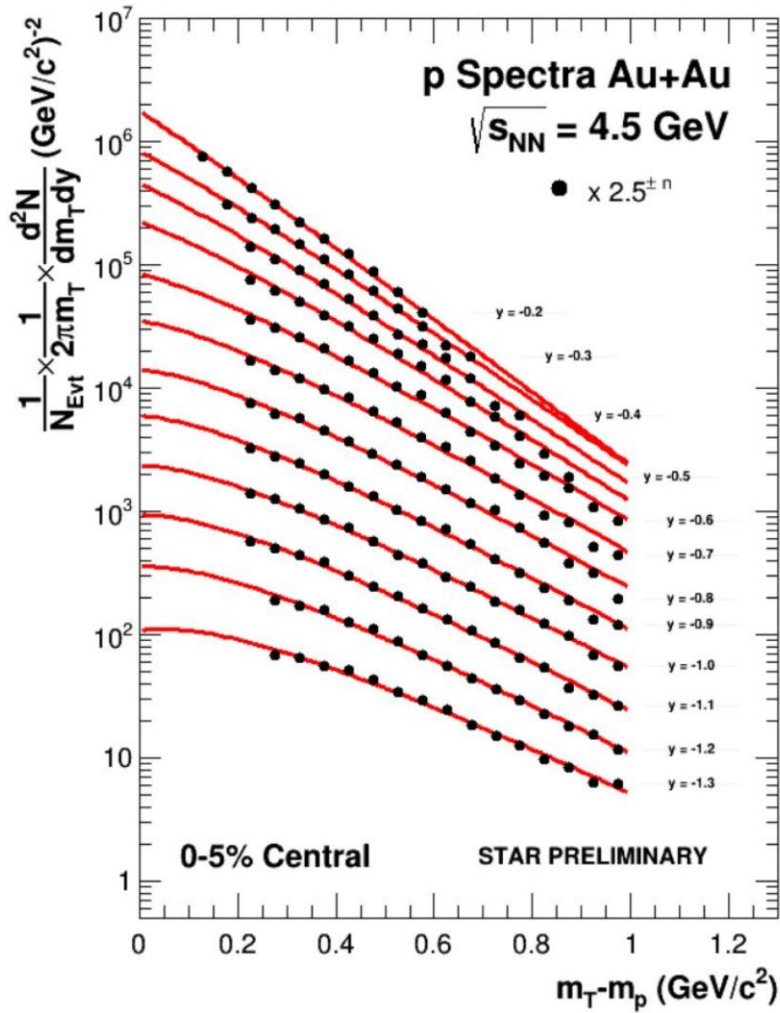
π^- Rapidity Density

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 E802 PRC 57 (1998) R466
 E877 PRC 62 (2000) 024901



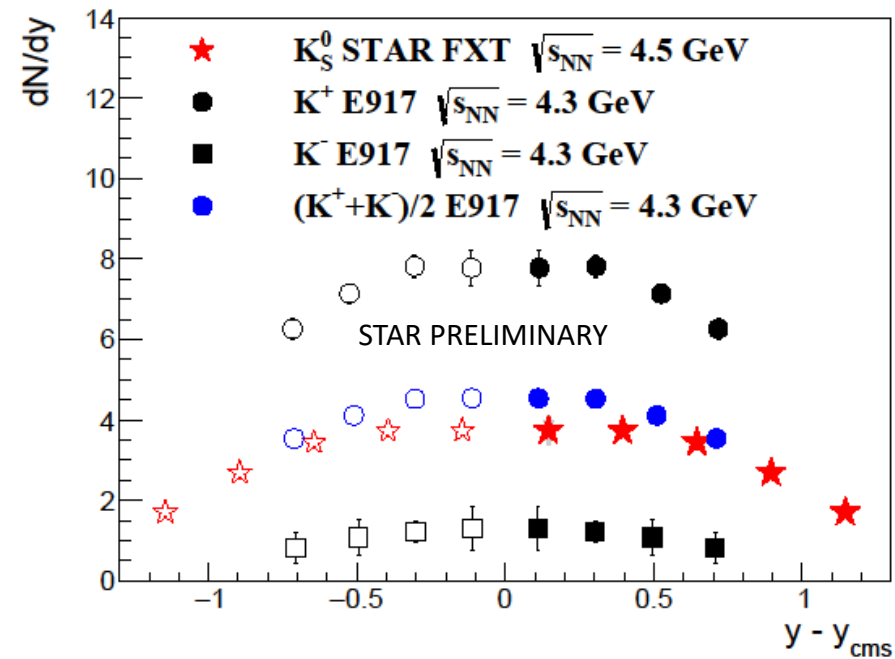
Consistent with AGS results

FXT Results: proton spectra

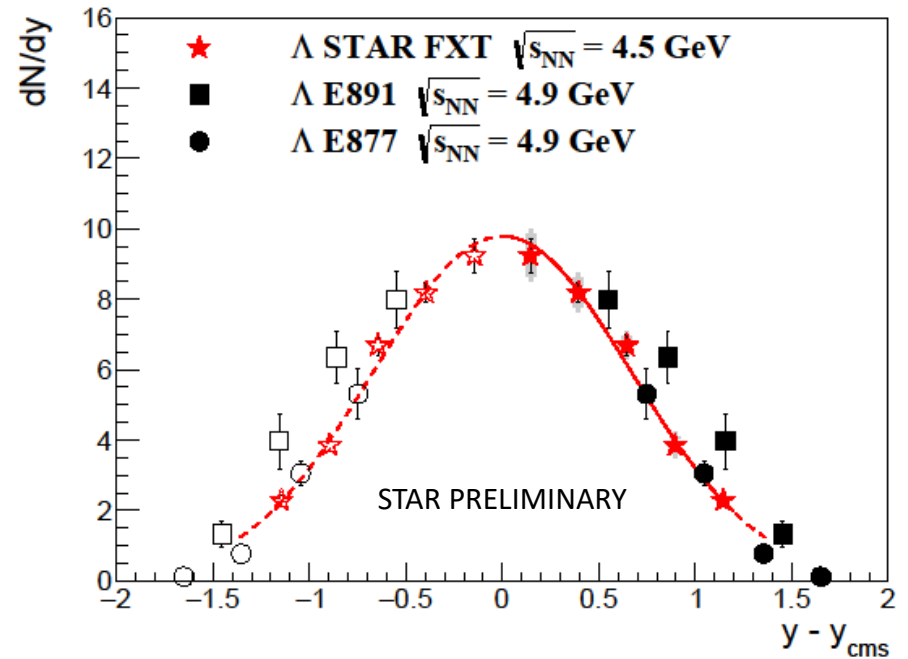


Consistent with AGS results (*)

FXT Results: V^0 yields

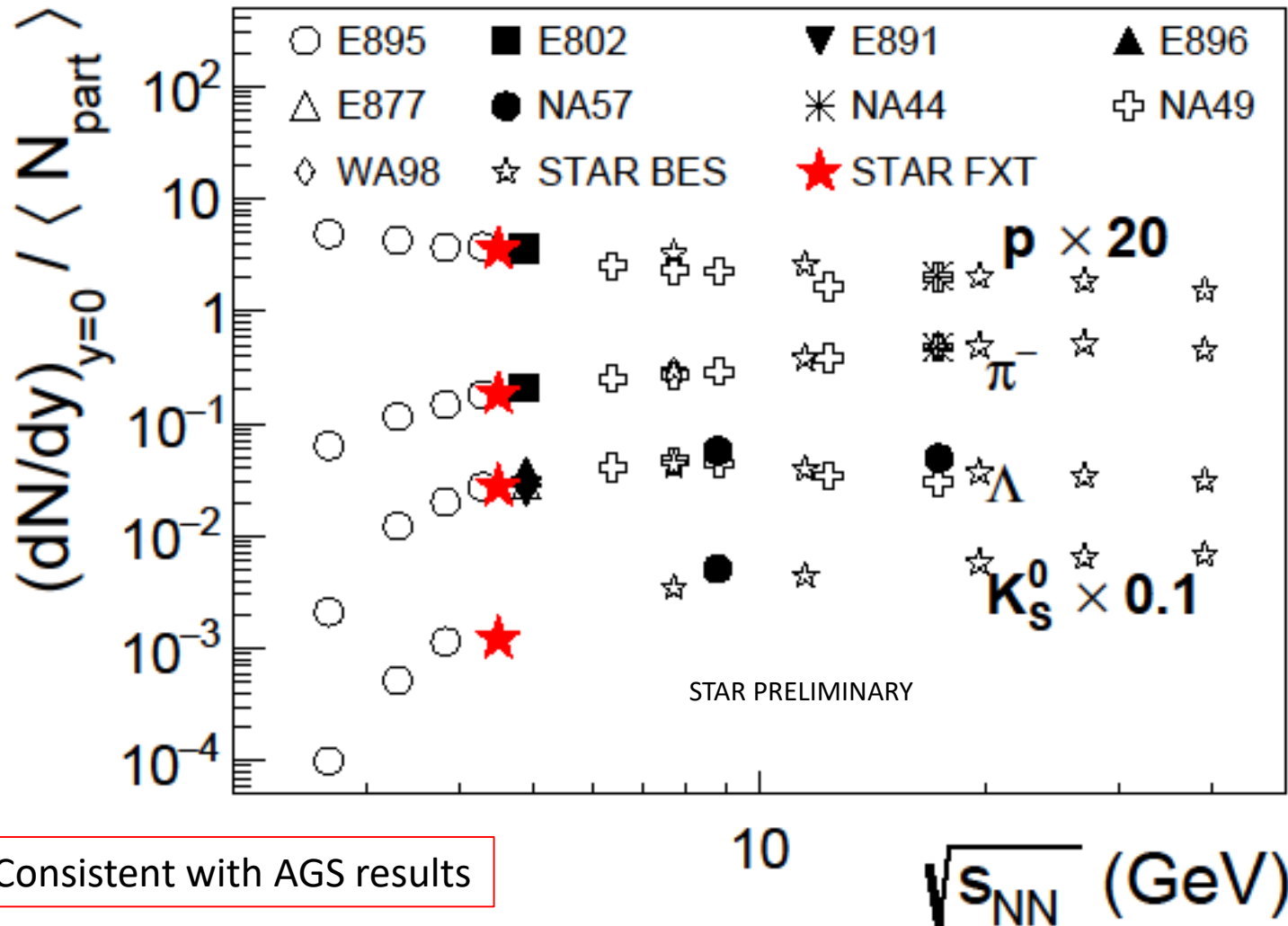


No AGS K_S^0 results at this energy
But similar to K^+/K^- average



Consistent with AGS results

FXT Results: spectra overview

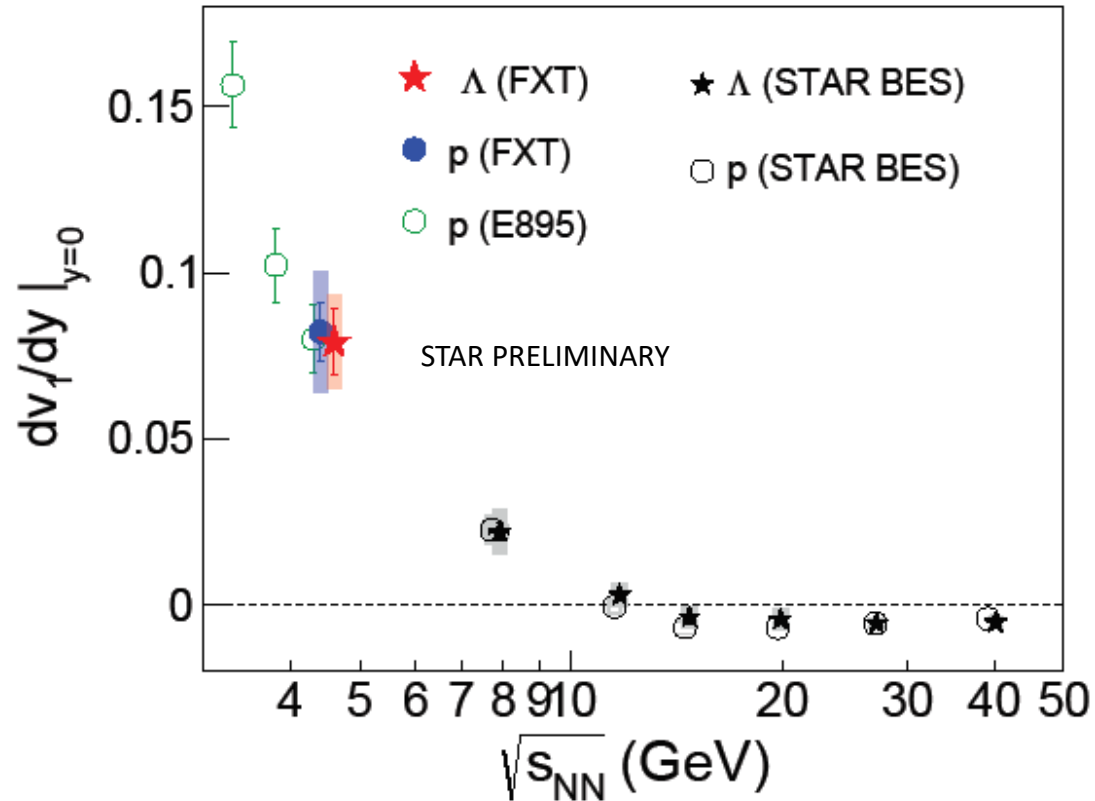
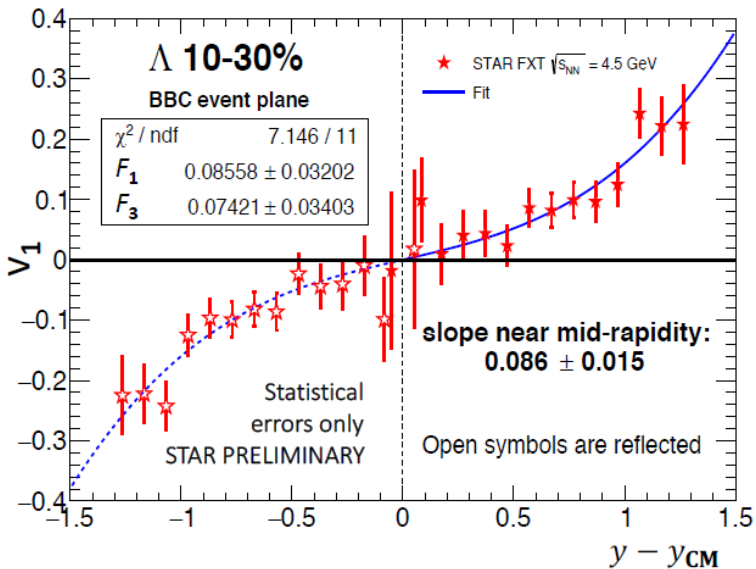
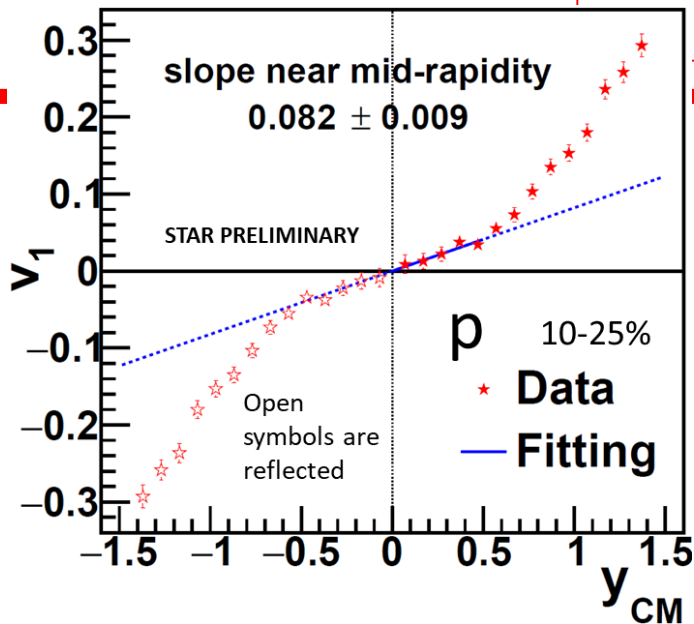


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 NA44 PRC 66 (2002) 044907
 NA49 JPG 30 (2004) S701
 NA49 PRL 93 (2004) 022302
 NA57 JPG:NPP 32 (2006) 2065
 WA98 PRC 67 (2003) 014906
 E895 RPC 68 (2003) 054905
 E895 NPA 698 (2002) 495c
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Consistent with AGS results

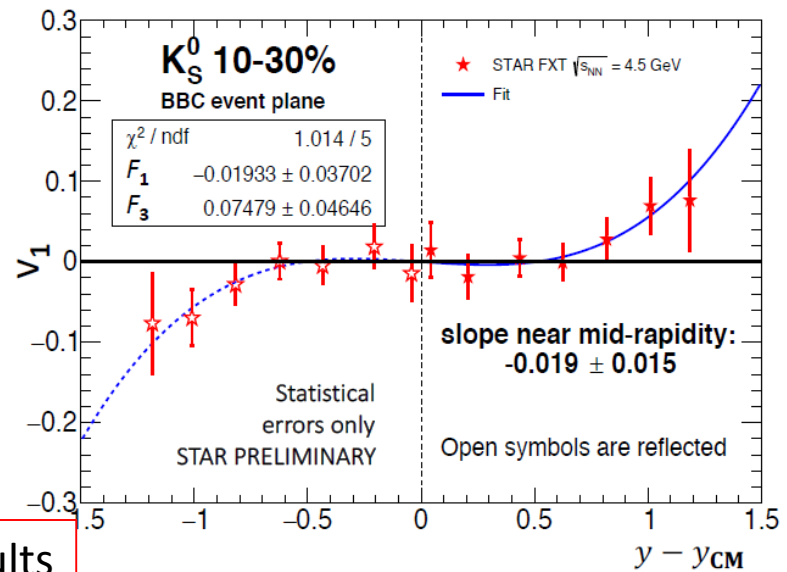
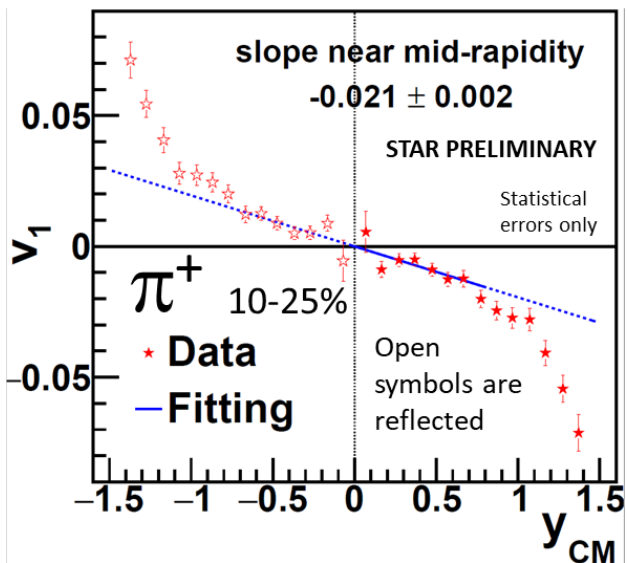
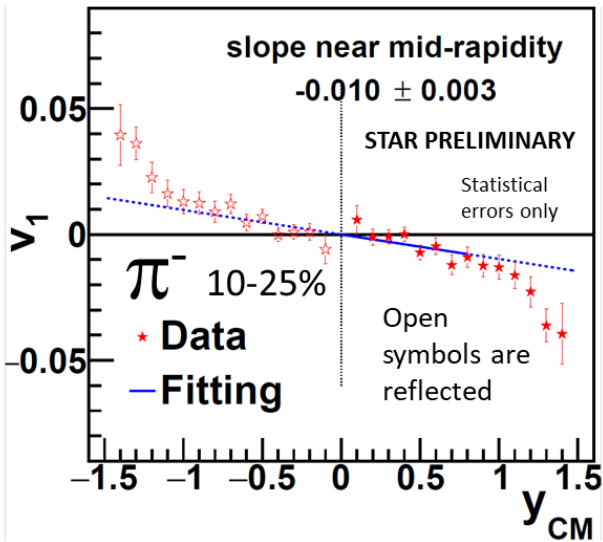
FXT Results: baryon directed flow

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STAR PRL 112 (2014) 162301

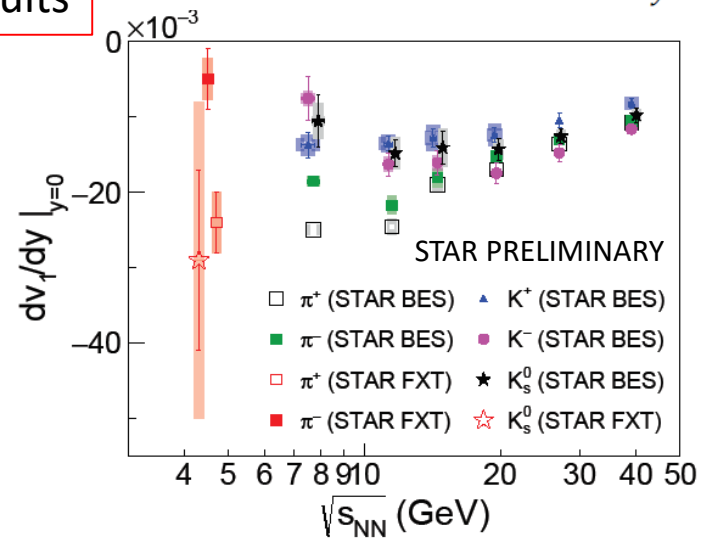


Consistent with proton results (*)

FXT Results: meson directed flow

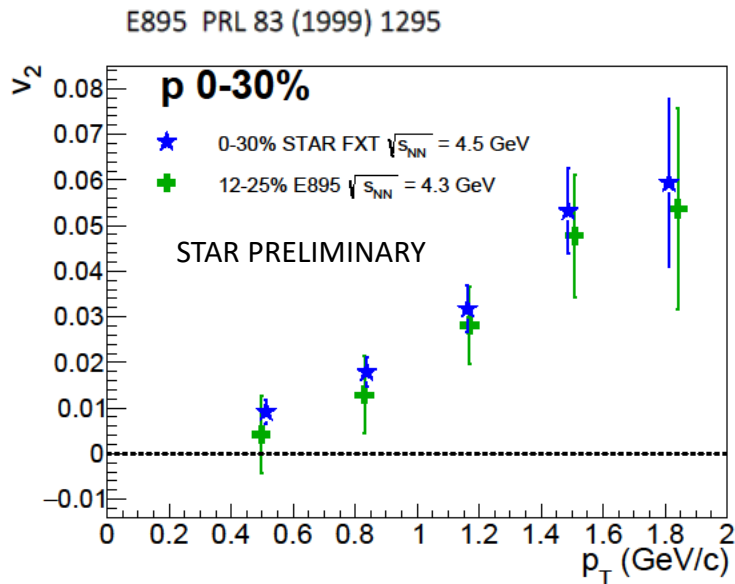


No AGS results

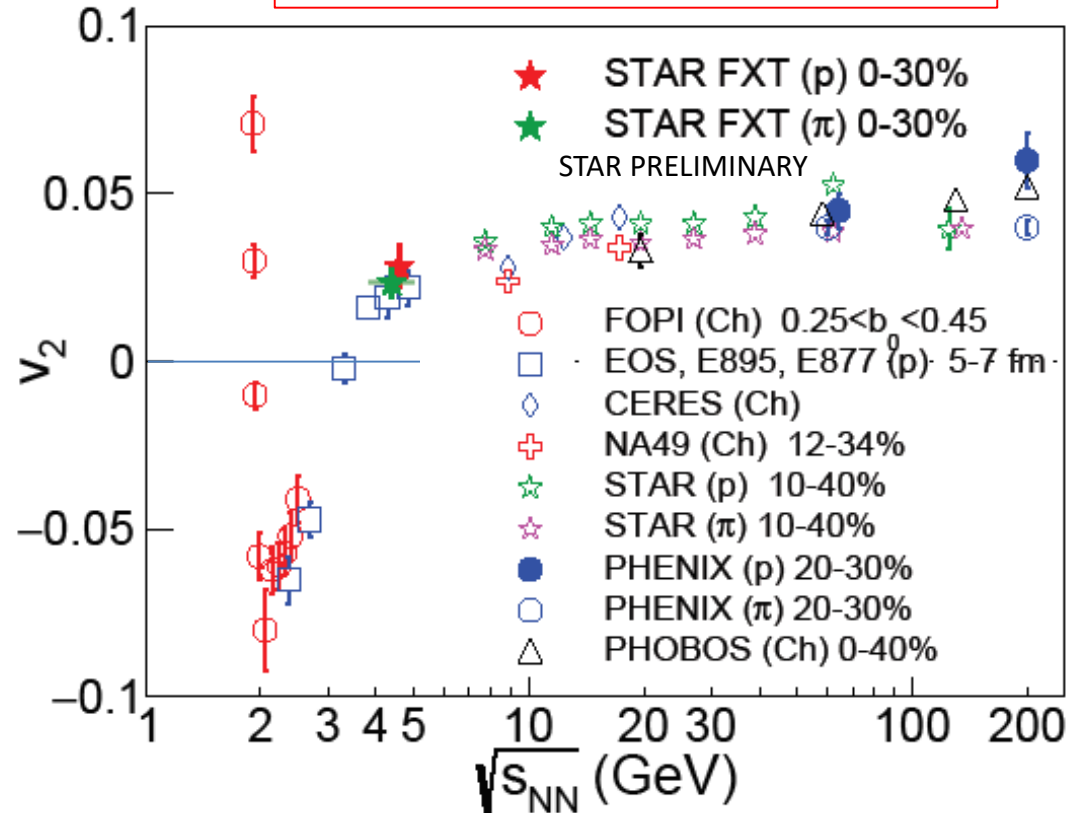


FXT Results: proton elliptic flow

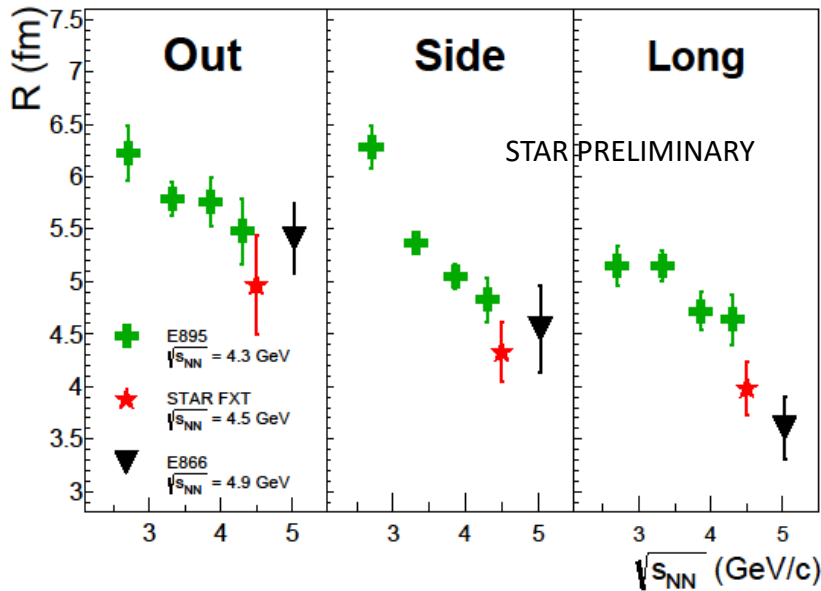
Consistent with AGS proton results
No AGS pion results



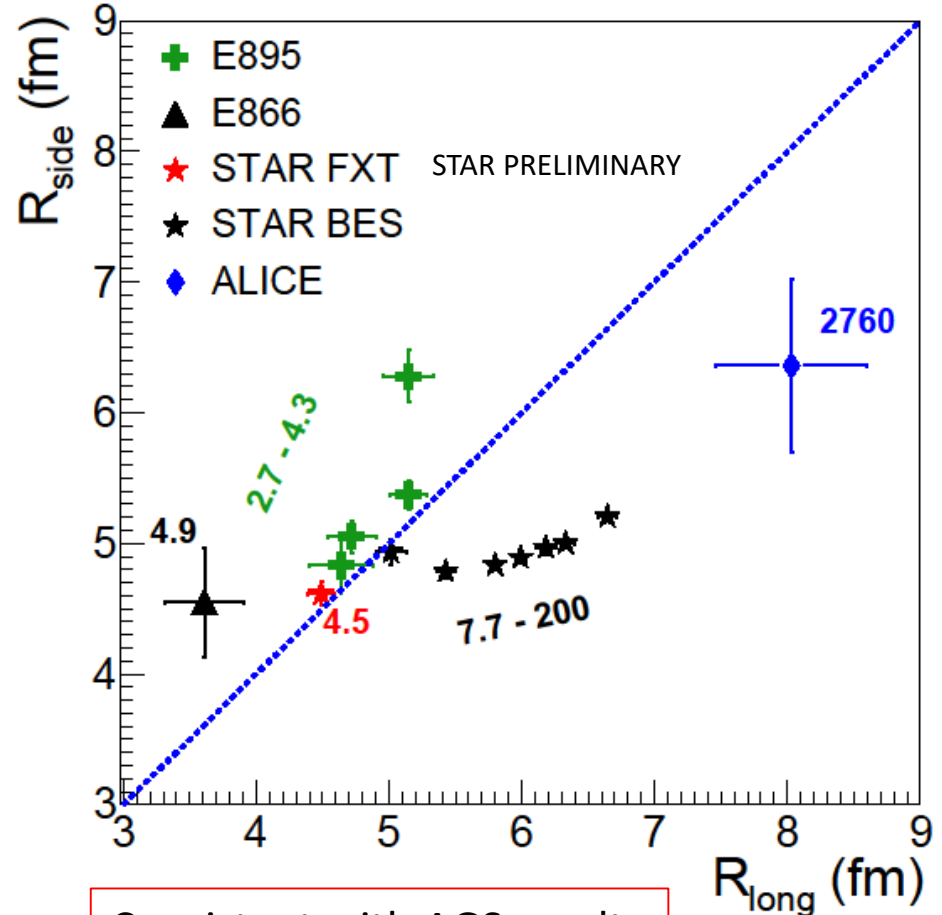
Consistent with AGS results



FXT Results: HBT



Consistent with AGS results



Consistent with AGS results

E866 PRC 66 (2002) 054096
 E895 PRL 84 (2000) 2798
 ALICE PRB 696 (2011) 328
 STAR PRC 92 (2015) 14904

2018 → 3.85 GeV Au+Au ($\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 3.0$ GeV) Data Set

Data taking started: Thursday 31 May 2018 03:19 EDT with Run 19151029

Data taking completed: Monday 04 June 2018 07:48 EDT with Run 19155021

Total hours of beam: 60

Total physics triggers: 340 Million

Total good events: 309 Million

Tigger efficiency: 90%

First FXT Physics Run
Result should be available soon

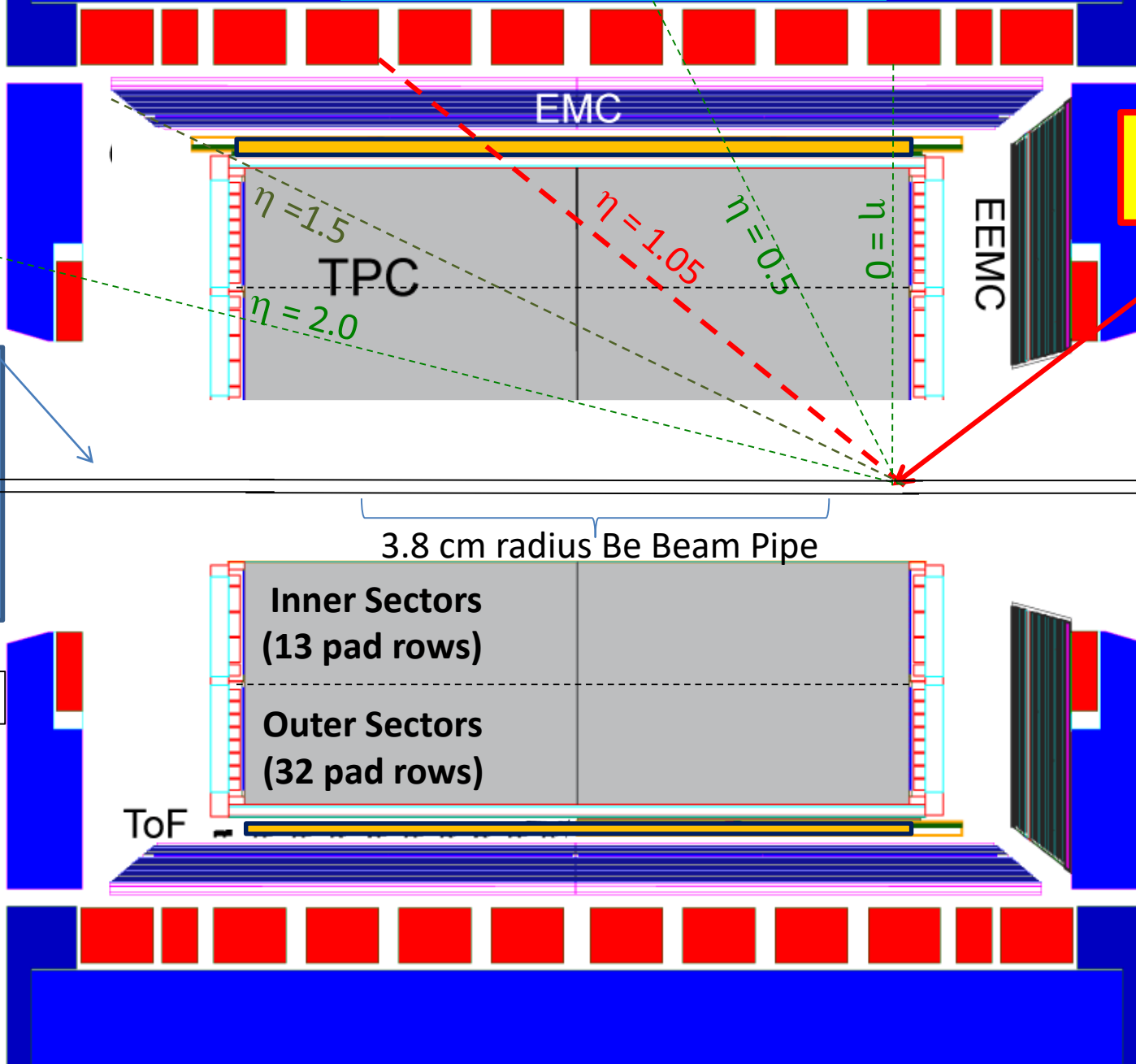
(Also, we took 7.2 GeV Au+Au FXT data for 72 hours, for a total of 237 M triggers)

Au+Au 3.0 GeV 2018

3.8 cm radius Al Beam Pipe

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VPD-East

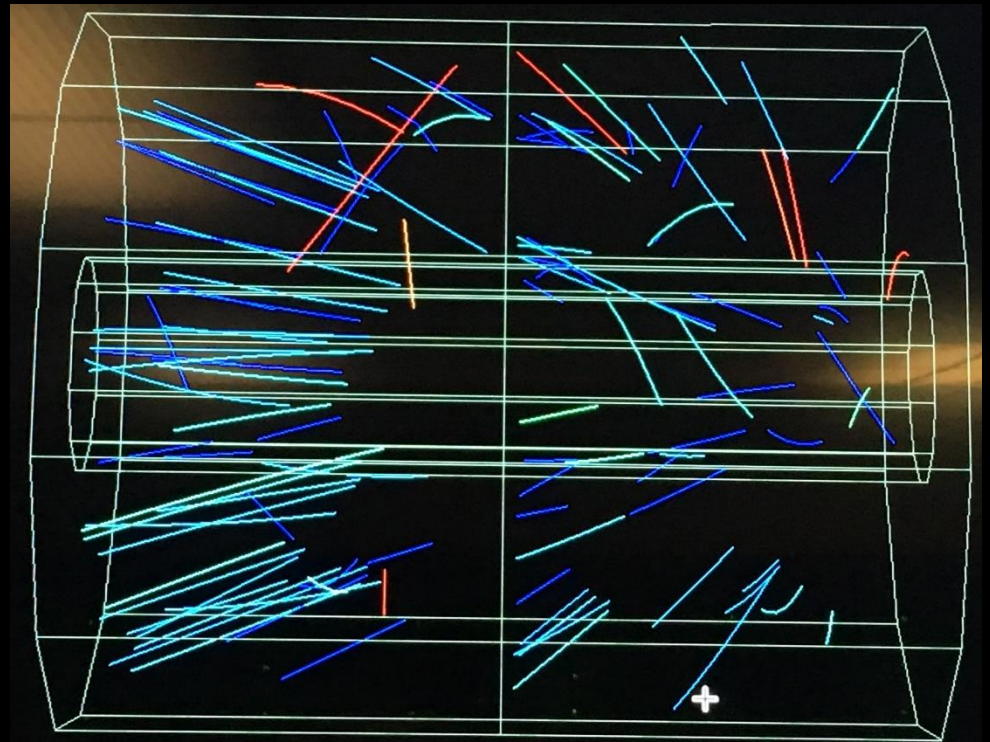
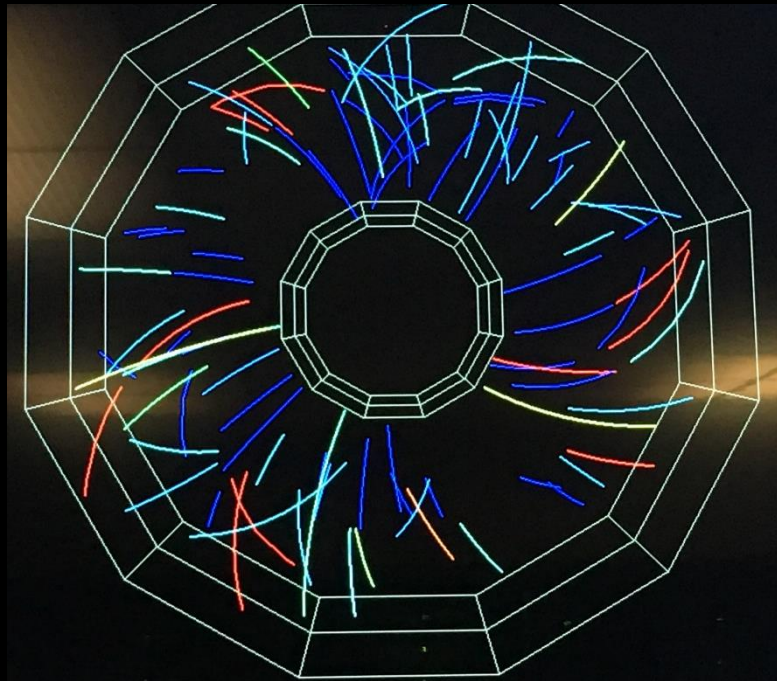


Fixed target at $z = 2.01$ m

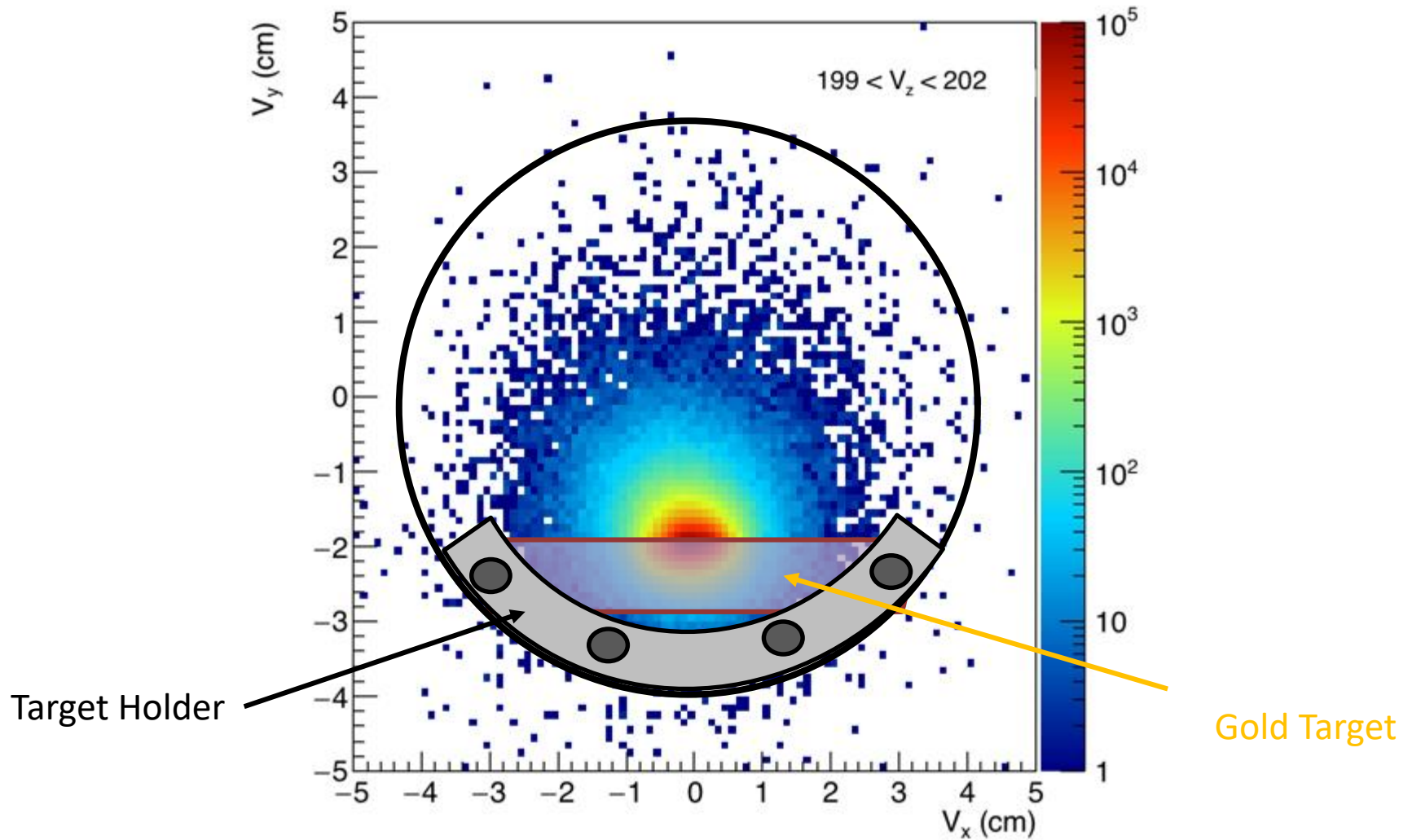
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Yellow Beam

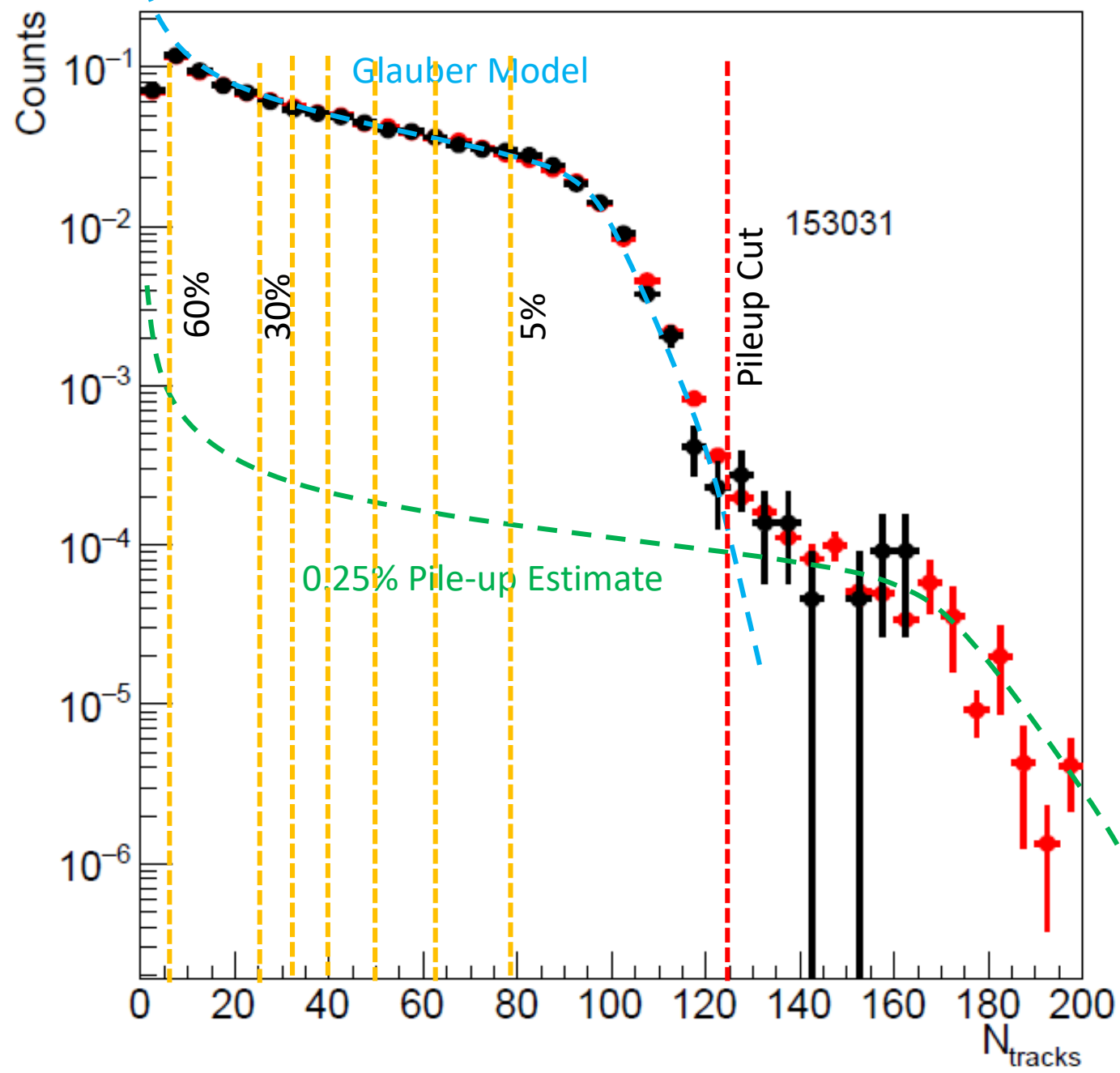




Well centered beam spot; no background



Centrality → established minimum bias trigger



Physics Goals of the FXT Program

The Onset of Deconfinement:

- High p_T suppression
- N_{CQ} scaling of Elliptic Flow
- LPV through three particle correlators (CME)
- Balance Functions
- Strangeness Enhancement

Compressibility → First Order Phase Transition

- Directed flow
- Tilt angle of the HBT source
- The Volume of the HBT source
- The width of the pion rapidity distributions (Dale)
- The zero crossing of the elliptic flow (~ 6 AGeV)
- Volume measures from Coulomb Potential

Criticality:

- Higher moments
- Particle Ratio Fluctuations

Chirality:

- Dilepton studies

Hyper nuclei: → Lifetime of the hypertriton

What a STAR FXT Program will not do:

- Omega's
- Charm
- Doubly Hyper nuclei
- p+p scan
- p+A scan
- peripheral collisions
- > 200 Million event per energy
- > two weeks of beam time

No
measurements in
this energy range

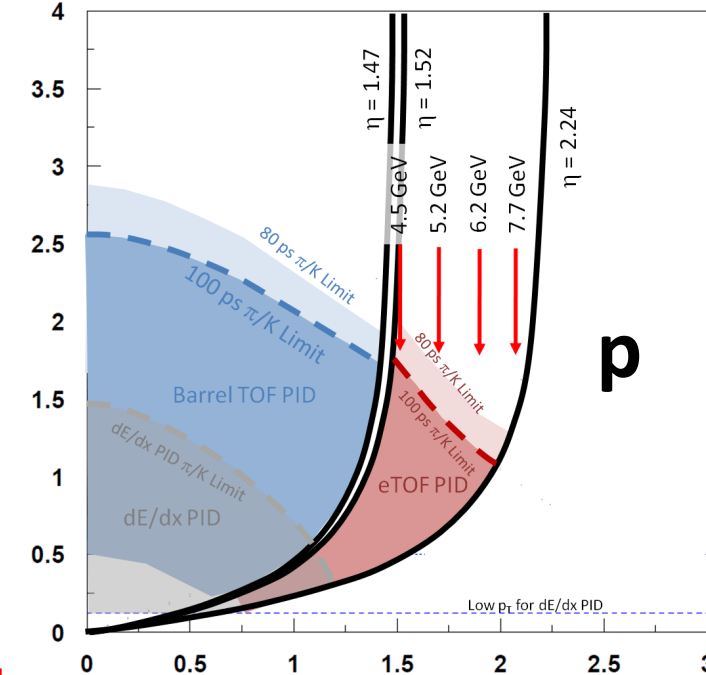
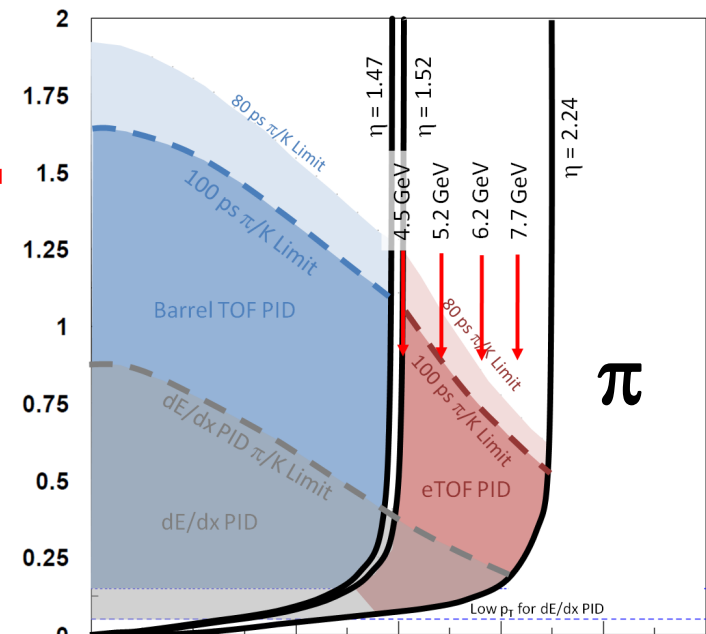
Plans for the Future 2019-2021

- Full FXT proposal was included in the May 2018 Beam Use Request
- Approved to run three energies in 2019
- Additional energies will be scheduled in 2020 and 2021

FXT Program

Collider Energy	Fixed-Target Energy	Single beam AGeV	Center-of-mass Rapidity	μ_B (MeV)	Year to complete
62.4	7.7	30.3	2.10	420	2019
39	6.2	18.6	1.87	487	2021?
27	5.2	12.6	1.68	541	2021?
19.6	4.5	8.9	1.52	589	2019
14.5	3.9	6.3	1.37	633	2019
11.5	3.5	4.8	1.25	666	2020
9.1	3.2	3.6	1.13	699	2020
7.7	3.0	2.9	1.05	721	2018

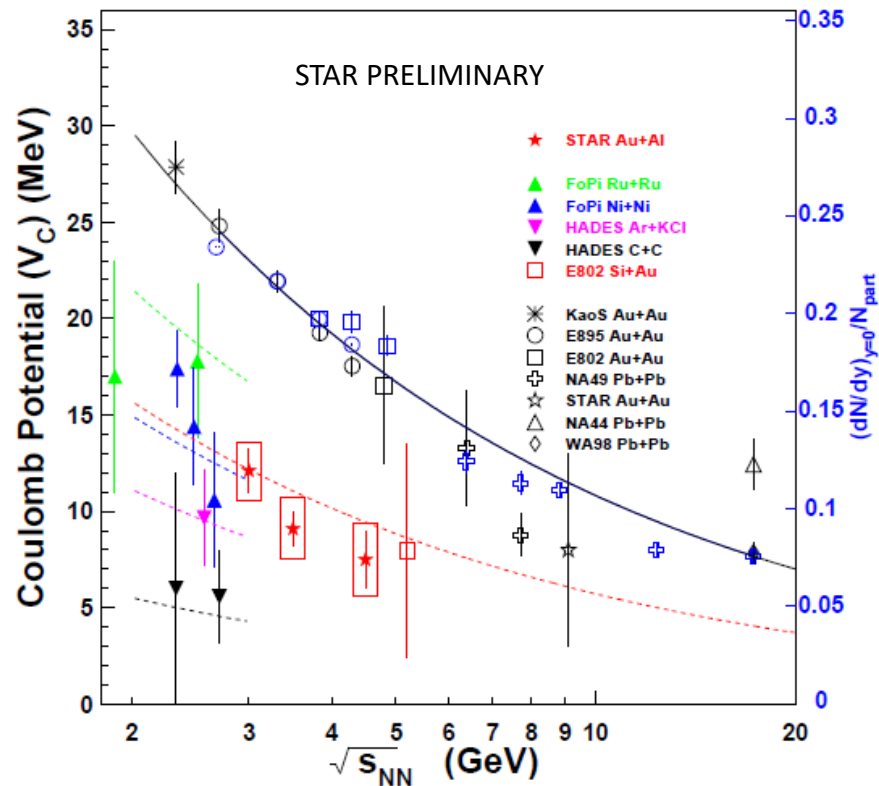
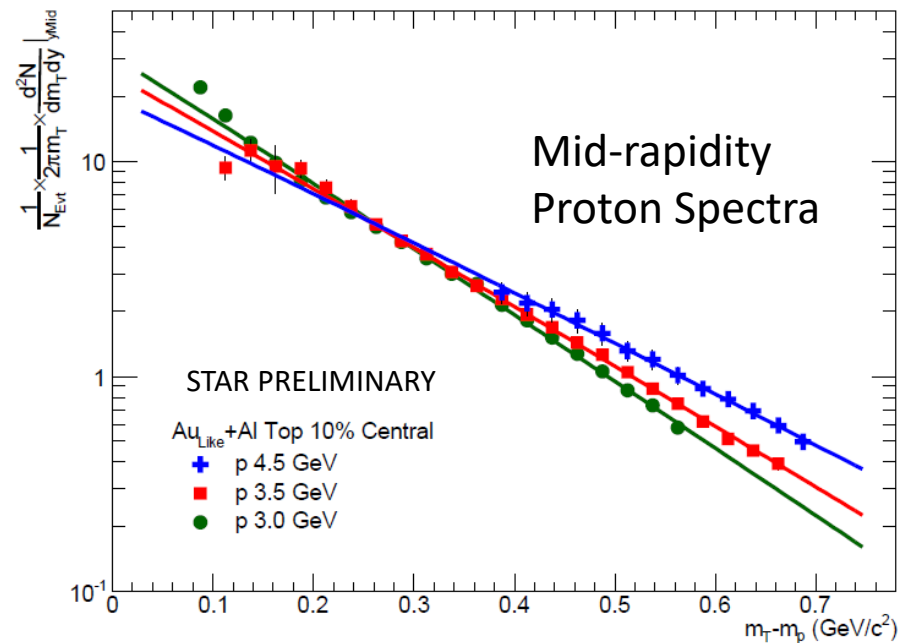
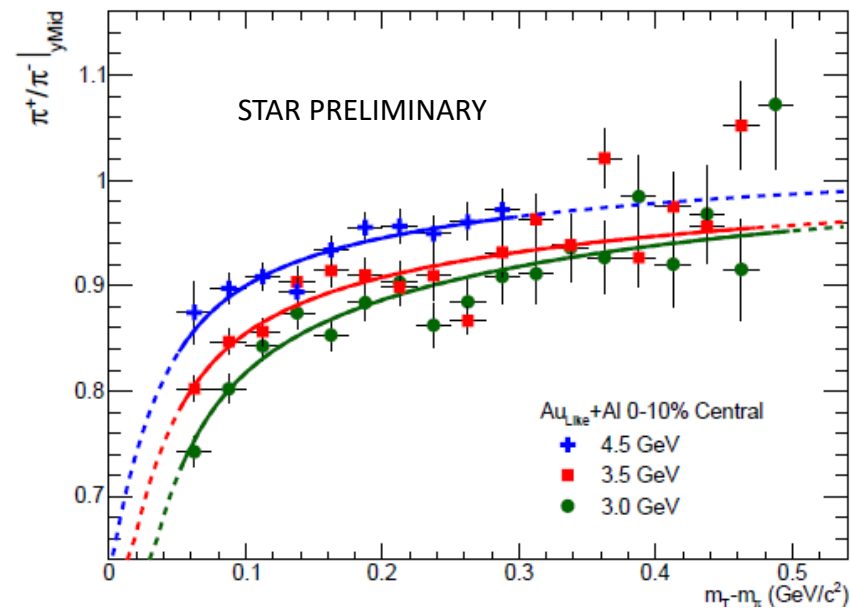
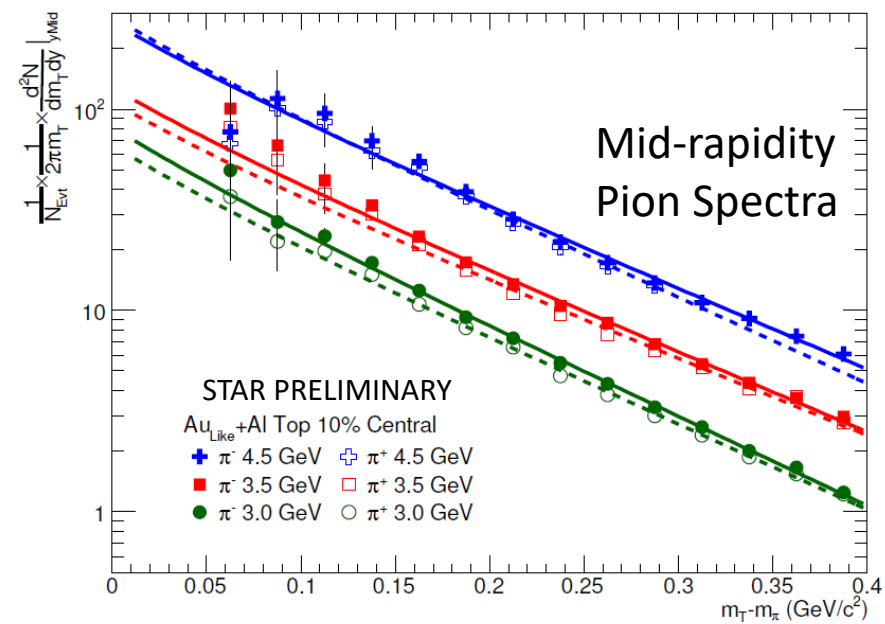
- Data rate is DAQ limited
- Would need 100 Million Events at each energy to make the sensitivity of BES-II
- Roughly one to two days per energy



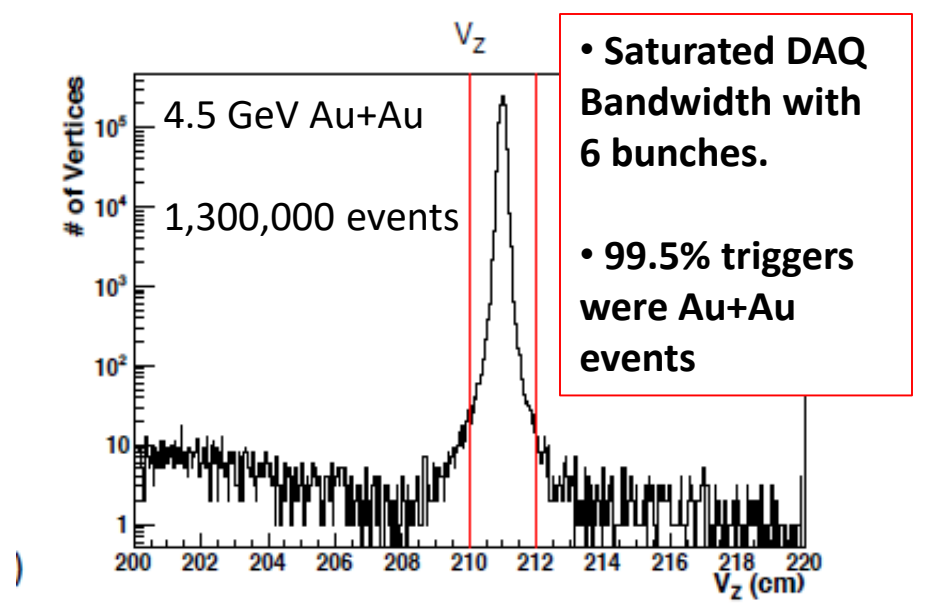
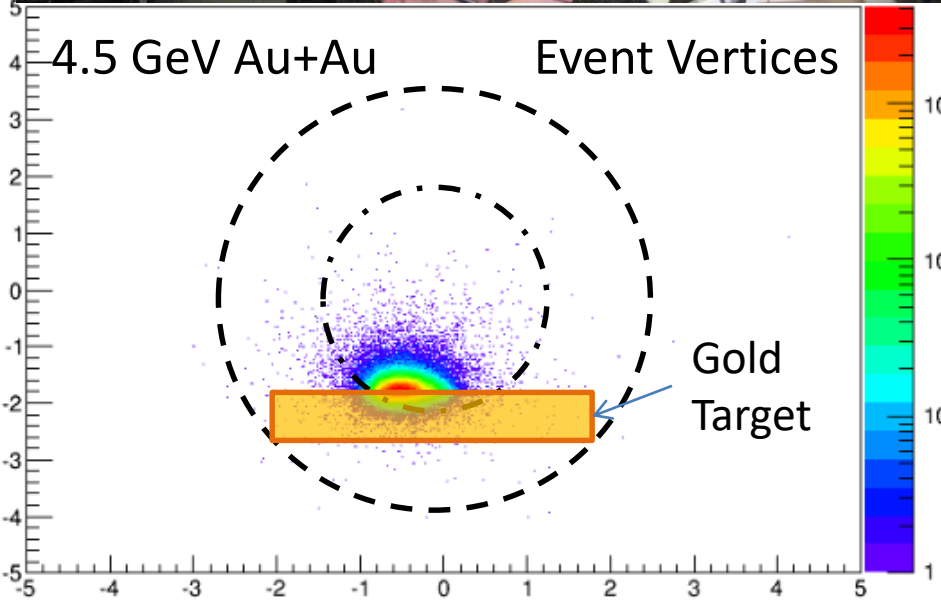
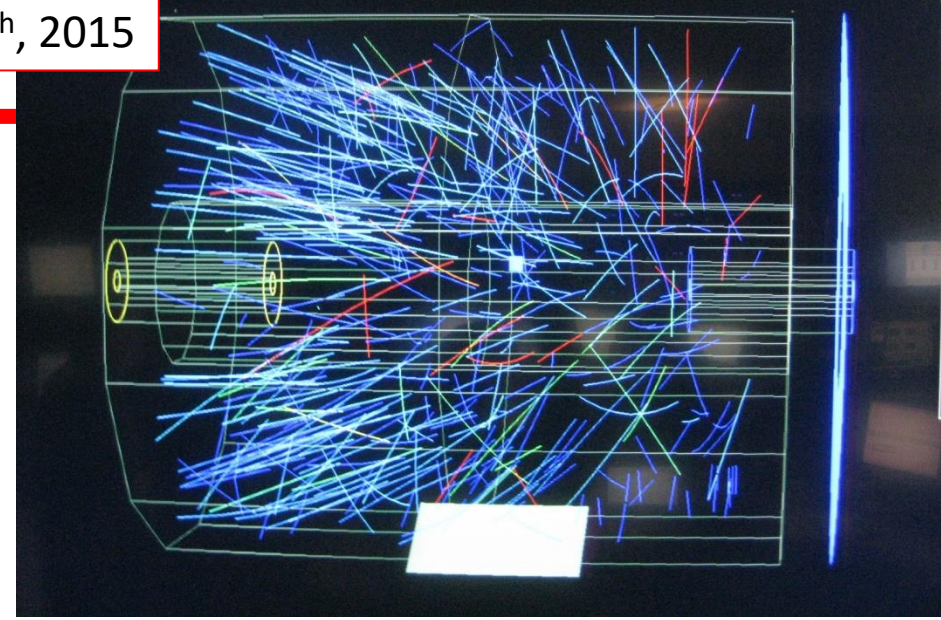
Conclusions

- AGS Program provided extensive results at the top energy, but left many observables unmeasured across the energy scan.
- FXT program will allow for comprehensive measurements below 7.7 GeV
- Acceptance and physics have been demonstrated in test runs and other studies

Extras

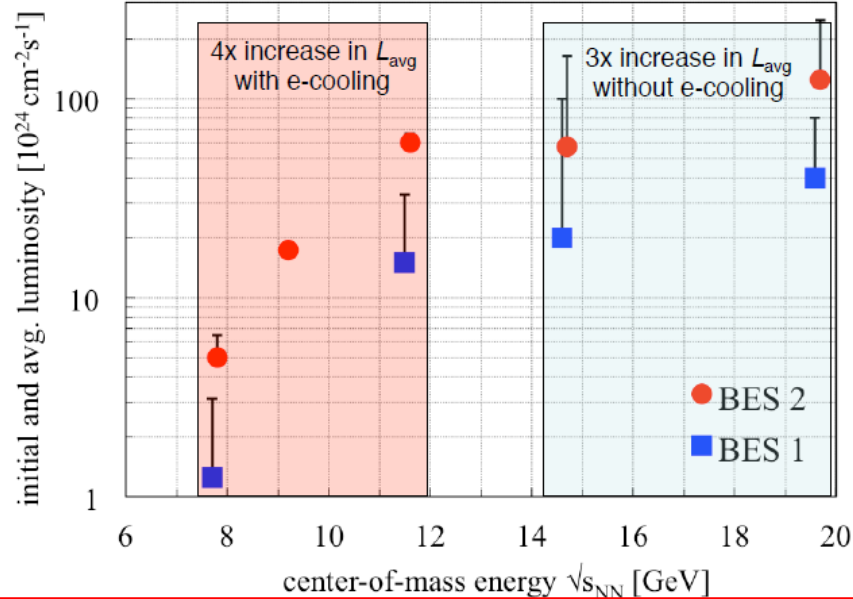


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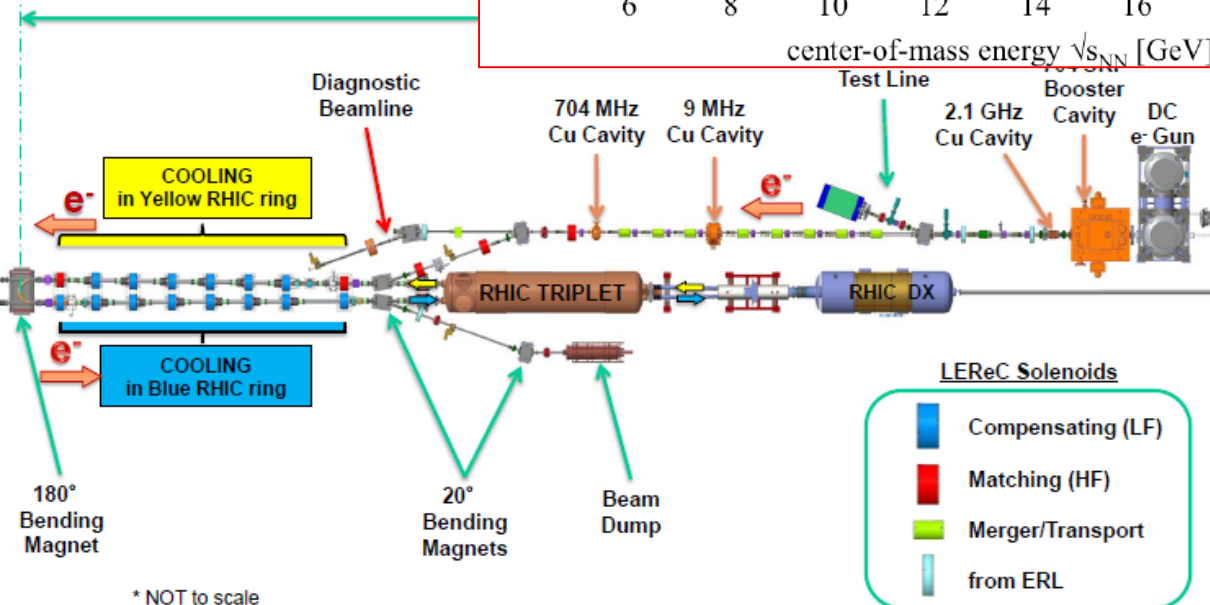


Low Energy Electron Cooling at RHIC

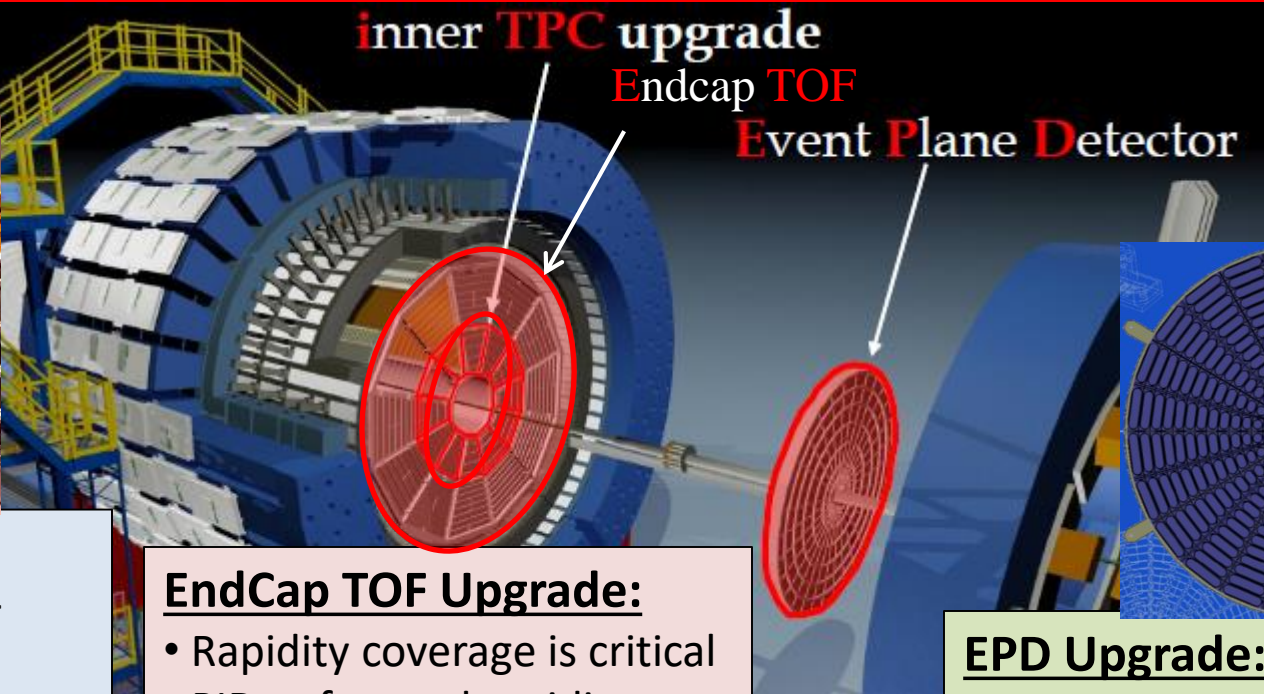
Improve luminosity for low energy beams with electron cooling



- Start with 14.5 and 19,6 3X improvement
- Following year, 7.7, 9.1, and 11.5, 4X improvement with eCooling
- Run 24 weeks



The STAR Upgrades and the FXT program



iTPC Upgrade:

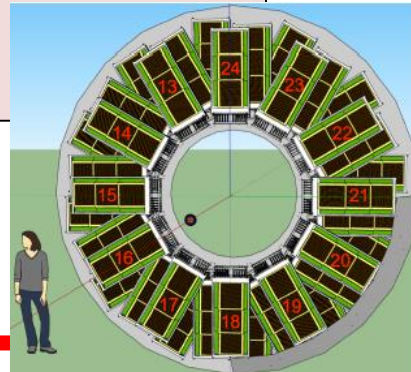
- Rebuilds the inner sectors of the TPC
- Continuous Coverage
- Improves dE/dx
- Extends η coverage from 1.5 to 2.2
- Lowers p_T cut-in from 125 MeV/c to 60 MeV/c
- Ready in 2019

EndCap TOF Upgrade:

- Rapidity coverage is critical
- PID at forward rapidity
- Allows higher energy range of FXT program
- Ready 2019

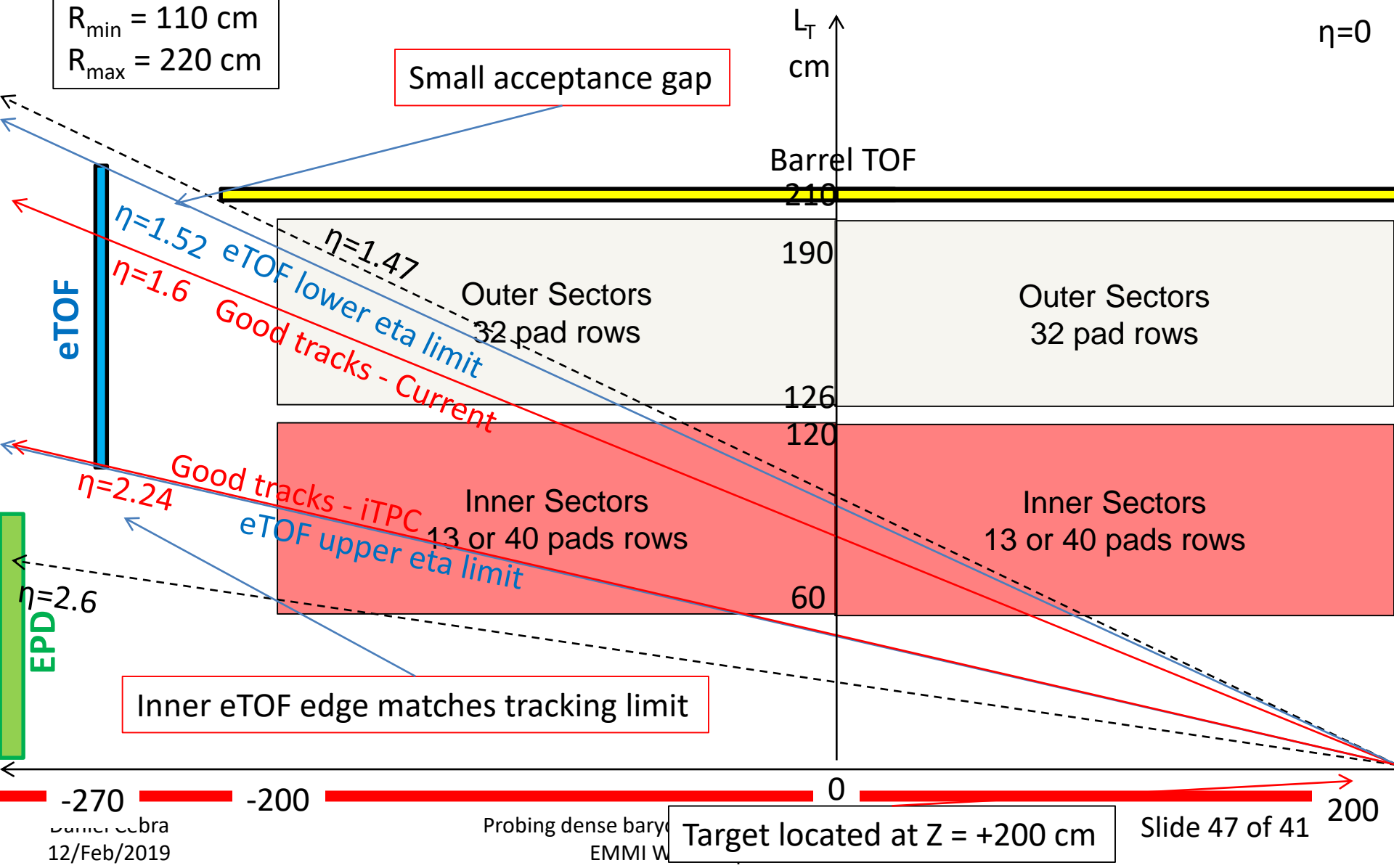
EPD Upgrade:

- Improves trigger
- Reduces background
- Allows a better and independent reaction plane measurement critical to BES physics
- Ready 2018



Internal Fixed Target PseudoRapidity Considerations

eTOF:
 $Z = -270$ cm
 $\Delta Z = 480$ cm
 $R_{\min} = 110$ cm
 $R_{\max} = 220$ cm



Comparison of Facilities

Facility	RHIC BESII	SPS	NICA	SIS-100 SIS-300	J-PARC HI
Exp.:	STAR +FXT	NA61	MPD + BM@N	CBM	JHITS
Start:	2019-20 2018	2009	2020 2017	2022	2025
Energy: $v_{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	7.7– 19.6 2.5-7.7	4.9-17.3	2.7 - 11 2.0-3.5	2.7-8.2	2.0-6.2
Rate: At 8 GeV	100 HZ 2000 Hz	100 HZ	<10 kHz	<10 MHZ	100 MHZ
Physics:	CP&OD	CP&OD	OD&DHM	OD&DHM	OD&DHM

Collider
Fixed Target

Fixed Target
Lighter ion
collisions

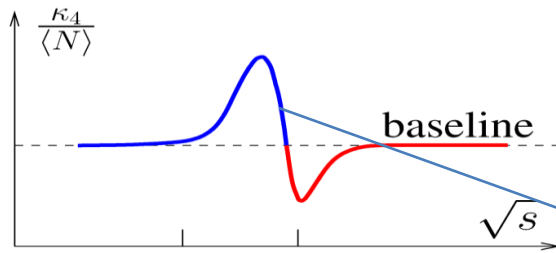
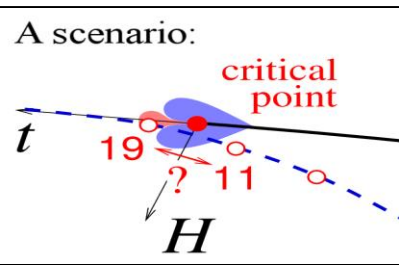
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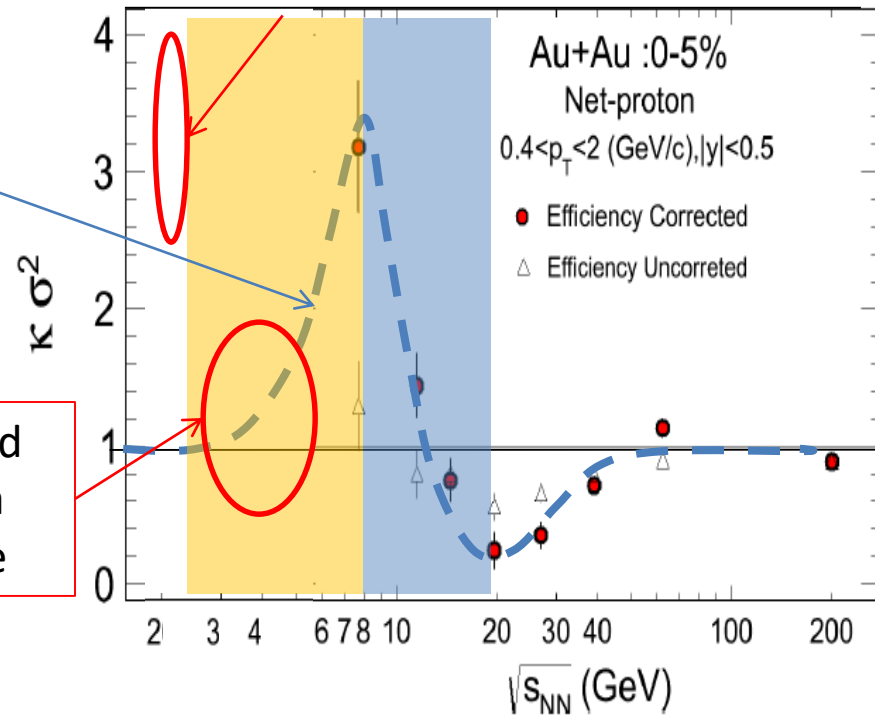
Fixed Target

CP = Critical Point
OD = Onset of Deconfinement
DHM = Dense Hadronic Matter

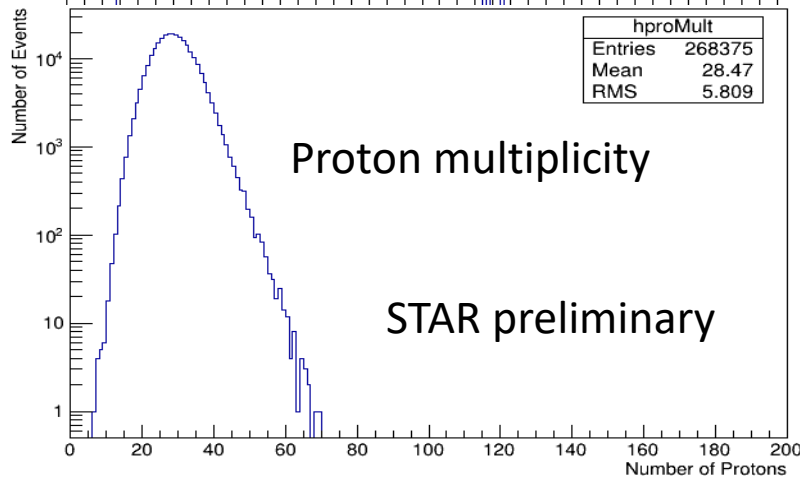
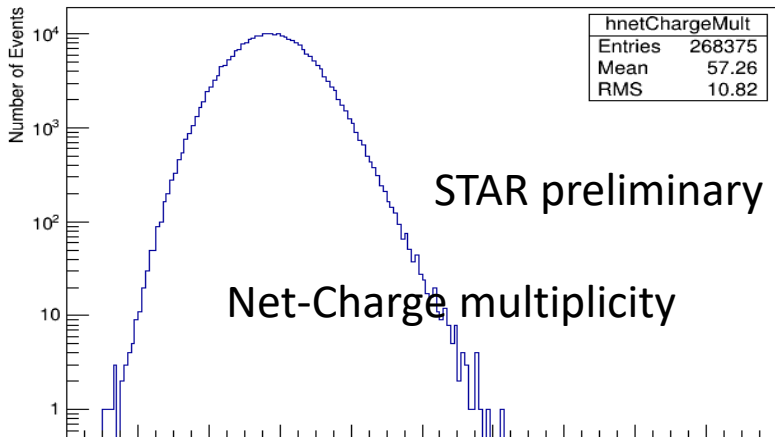
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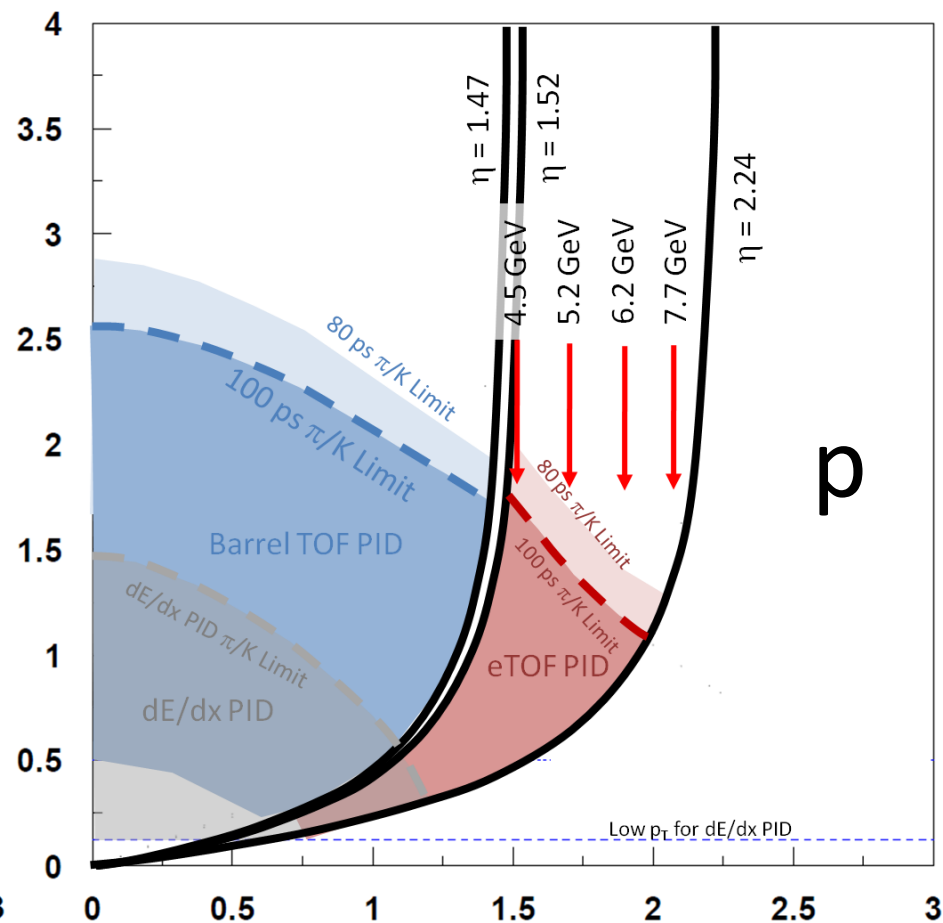
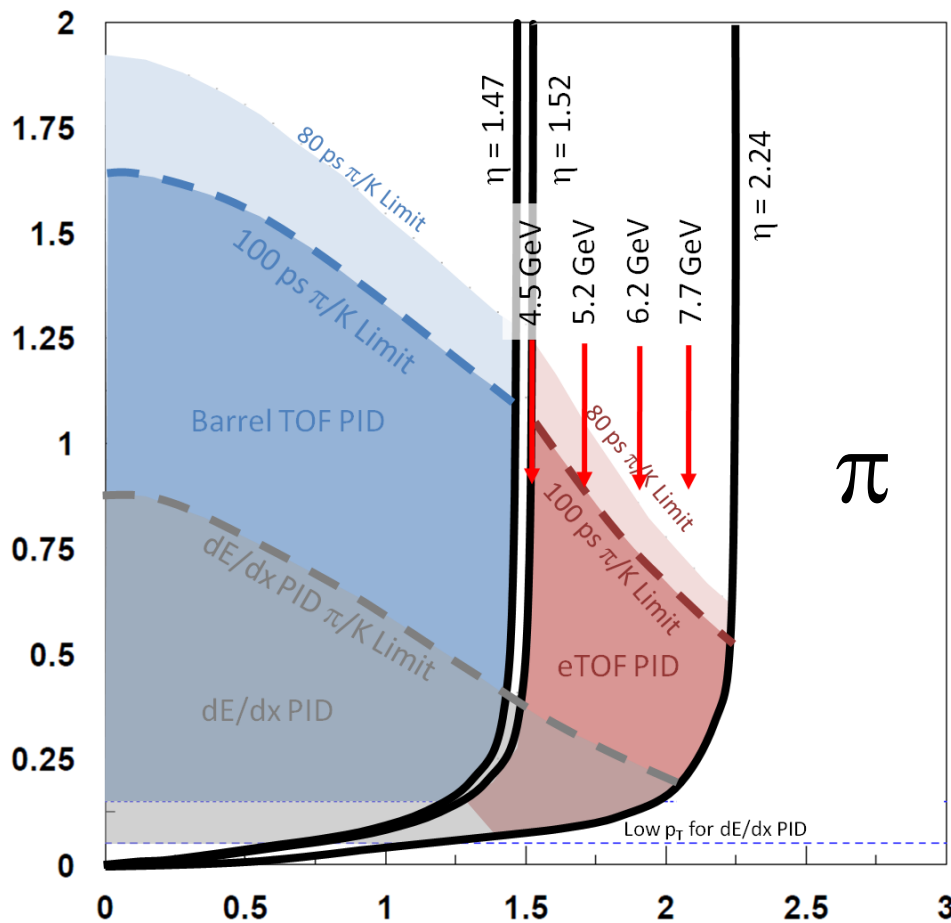
New HADES results



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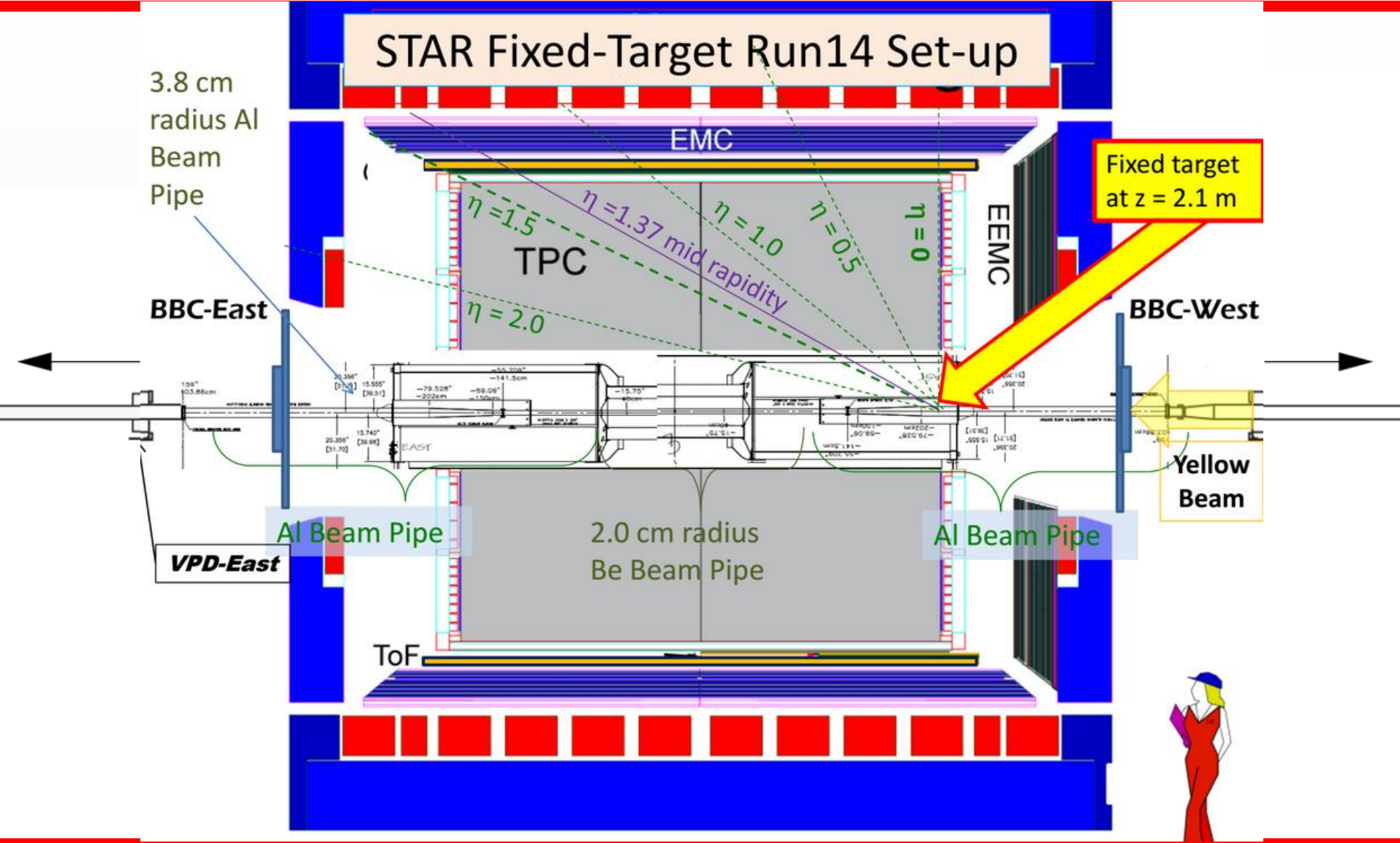


- Expect to have a sensitivity roughly comparable to the 7.7 GeV data point
- Analysis has not yet started
- Goal is to have preliminary result ready by April 2017 for use in the Beam Use Request



Collision Energy (GeV)	Single Beam Energy	Fixed Target Root s	Single Beam Rapidity	Center of Mass Rapidity	Chemical Potential μ_B	Events (Millions)
200	100	13.713	5.369	2.685	0.276	NA
130	65	11.083	4.938	2.469	0.325	NA
62.4	31.2	7.737	4.204	2.102	0.420	100
39	19.5	6.170	3.734	1.867	0.487	100
27	13.5	5.185	3.366	1.683	0.541	100
19.6	9.8	4.468	3.042	1.521	0.589	100
14.5	7.25	3.904	2.741	1.370	0.633	100
11.5	5.75	3.528	2.507	1.253	0.666	100
9.1	4.55	3.196	2.269	1.134	0.699	100
7.7	3.85	2.985	2.097	1.049	0.721	100
5.0	2.50	2.320	1.644	0.822	0.774	100

Run 14 and 15 Setup



BES Phase II Proposal

BES Phase II is planned for runs in 2019, 2020, and 2021

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	7.7	9.1	11.5	14.5	19.6
μ_B (MeV)	420	370	315	250	205
BES I (MEvts)	4.3	---	11.7	24	36
Rate(MEvts/day)	0.25		1.7	2.4	4.5
BES I \mathcal{L} ($1 \times 10^{25}/\text{cm}^2\text{sec}$)	0.13		1.5	2.1	4.0
BES II (MEvts)	100	160	230	300	400
Improvement (X)	4	4	4	3	3
Beam Time (weeks)	12	9.5	5.0	5.5	4.5

Revised
estimates

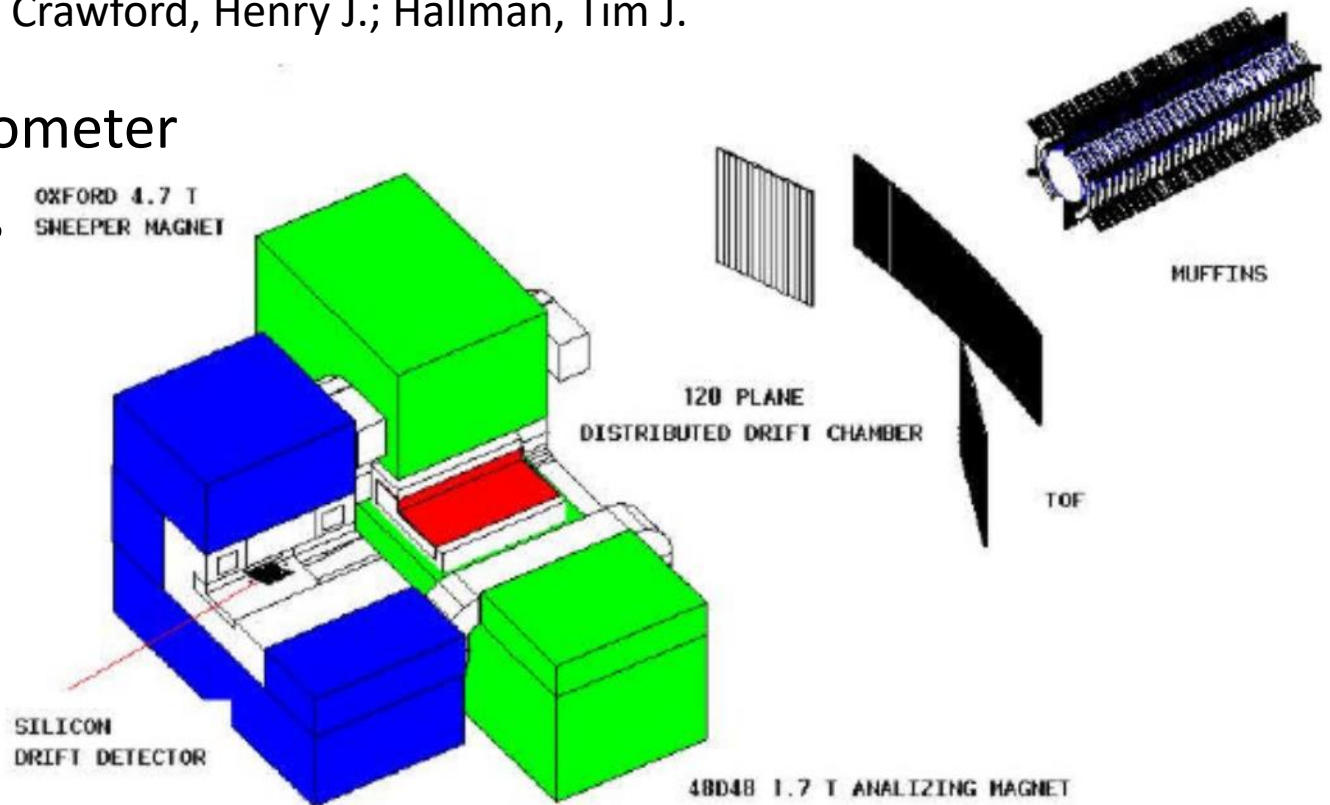
AGS E896 Experiment

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- Forward spectrometer
- TOF & neutrons

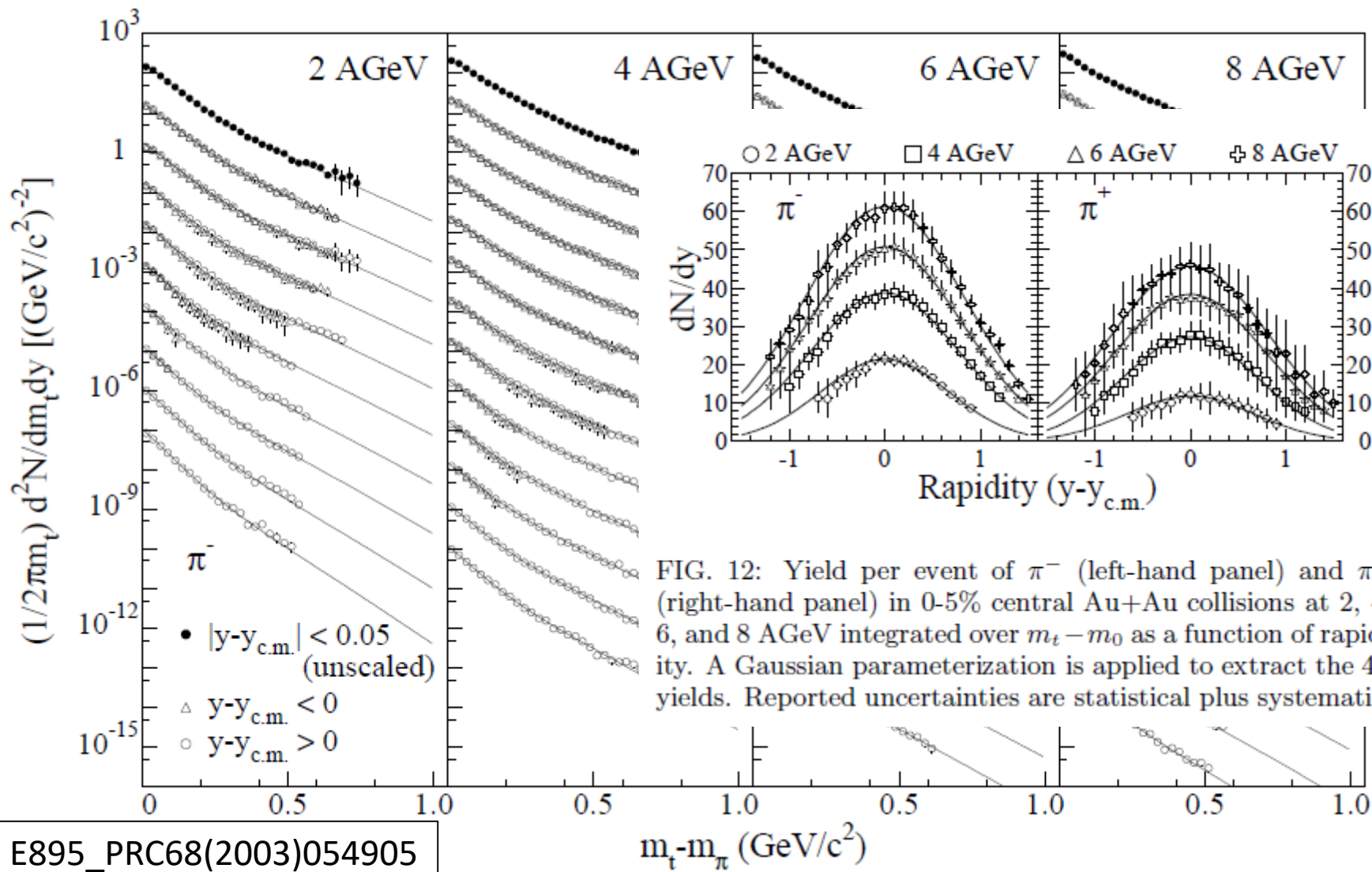
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Did not find the
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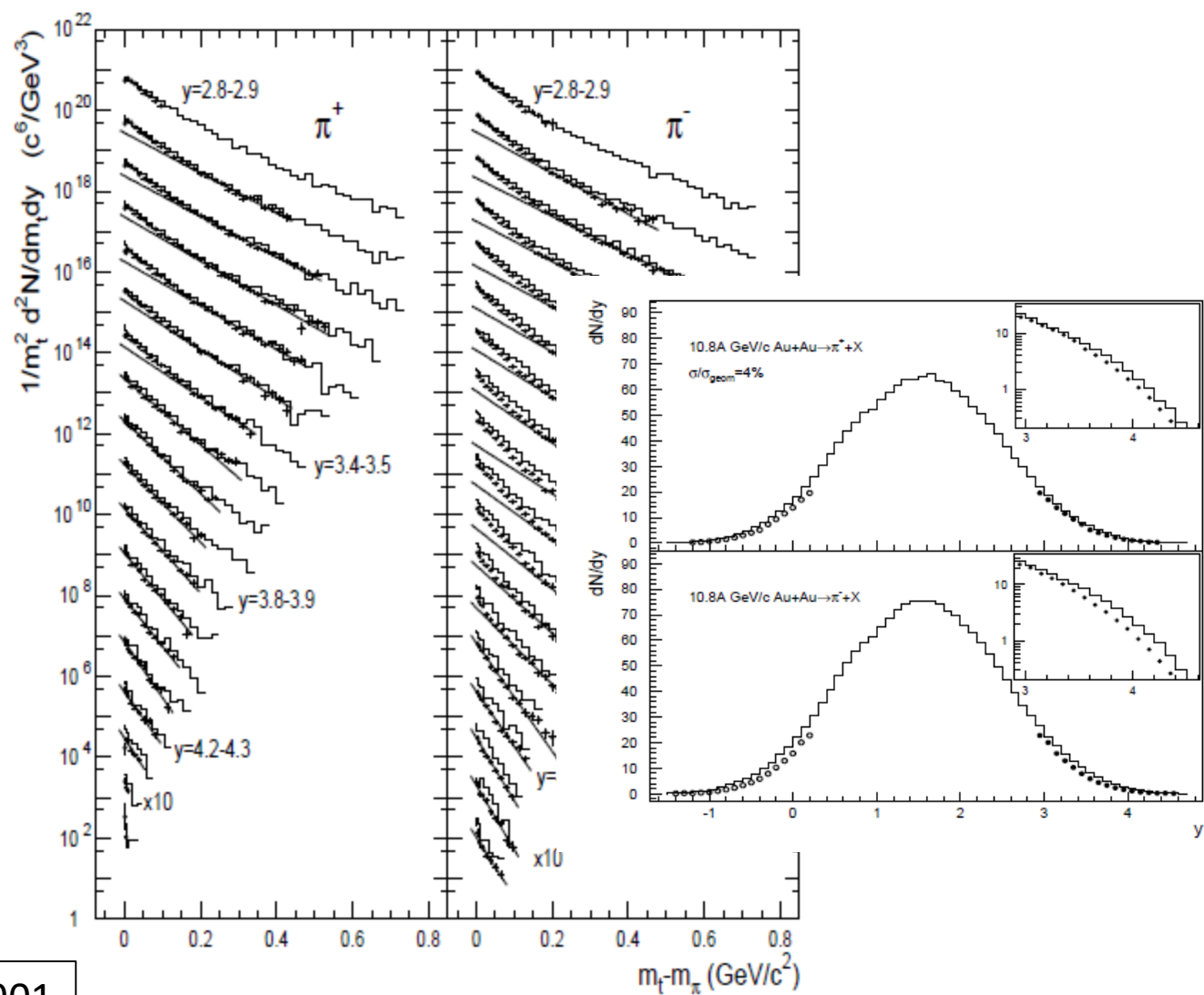
Spectra

Spectra -- pions



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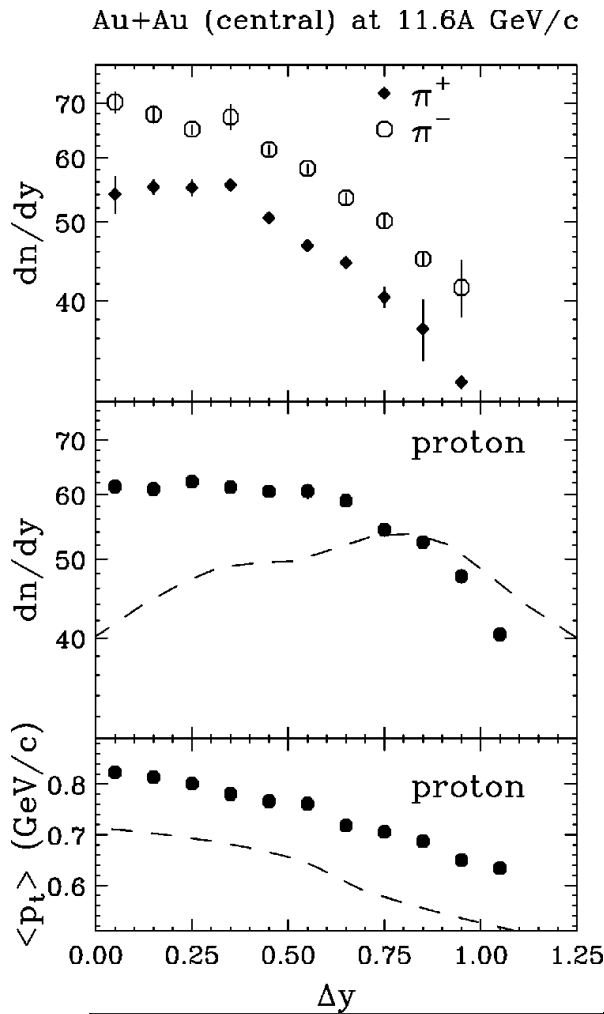


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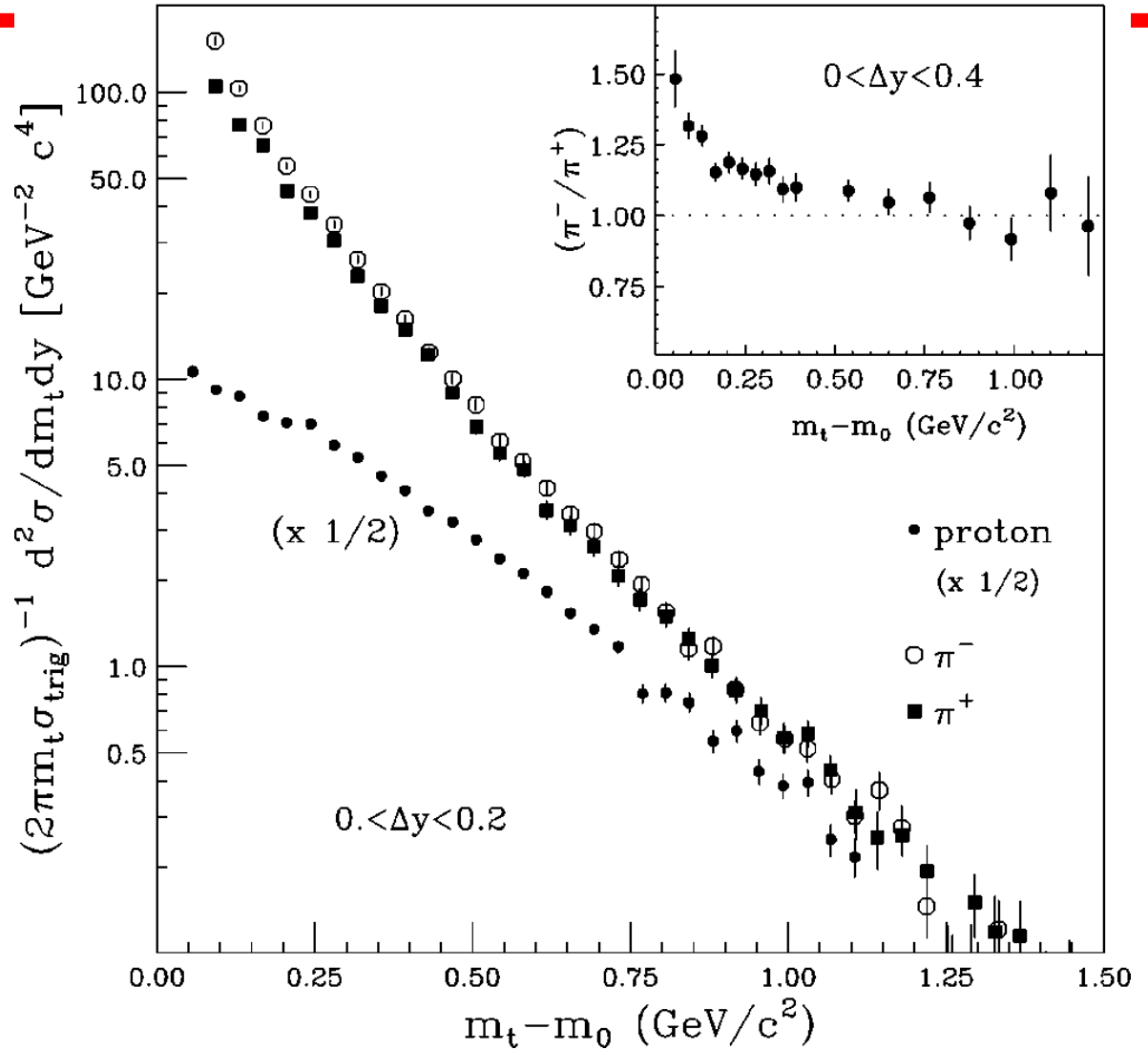
FIG. 6. Pion transverse mass spectra for central ($\sigma_{central}/\sigma_{geom}=0.04$) Au+Au collisions. Beginning with $y=4.4-4.5$, the spectra have been multiplied by successively increasing factors of ten. Full lines are the results of Boltzmann fits to the data over a limited range (see text). The histograms are ROMD predictions.

Spectra -- pions

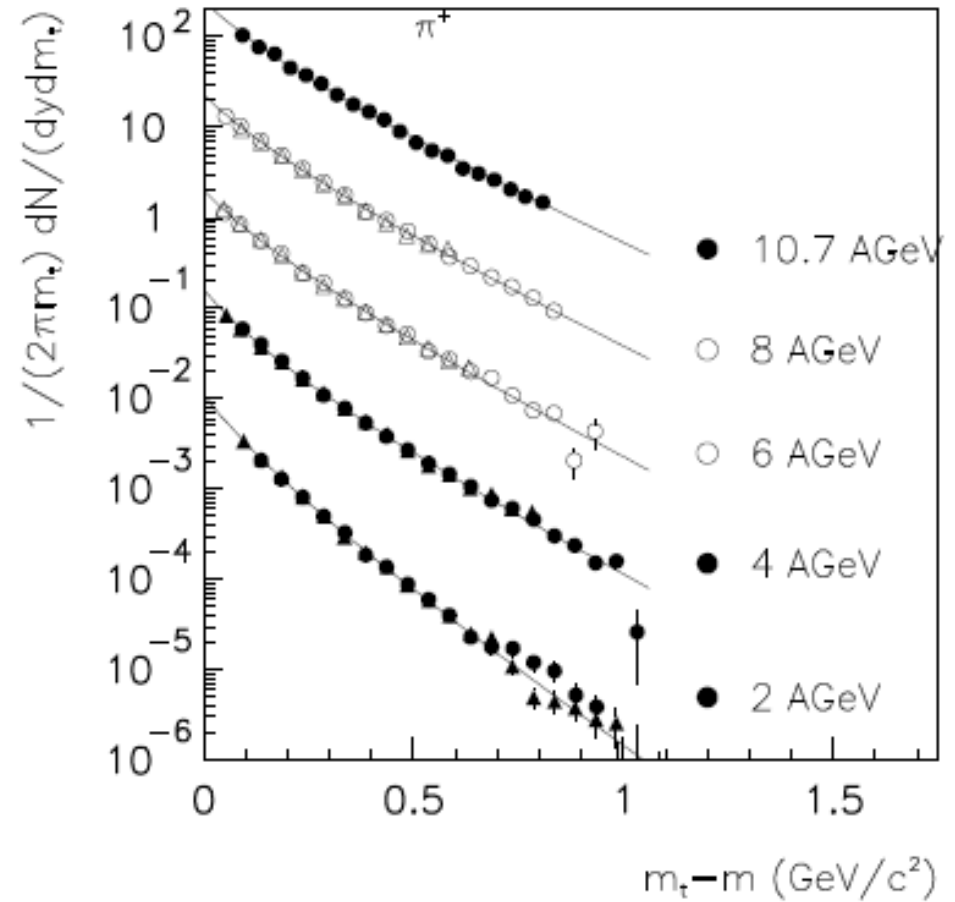
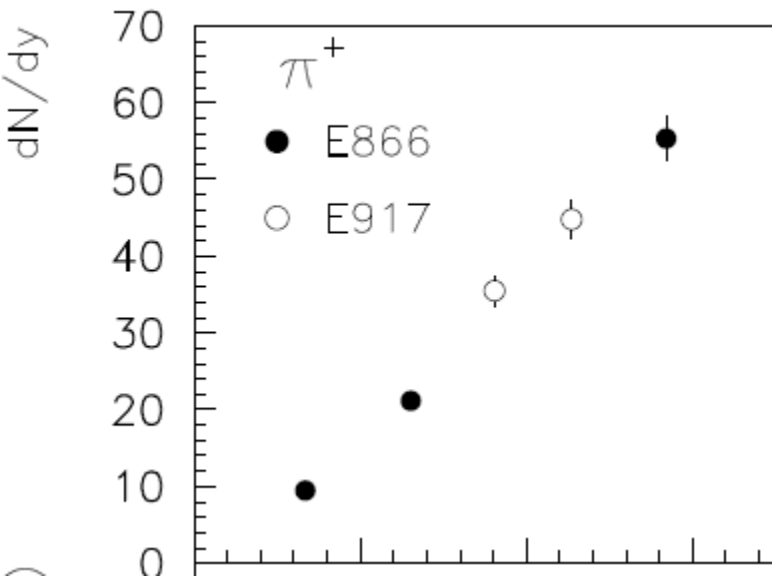
Au+Au (central) at 11.6A GeV/c



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Spectra -- pions



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Spectra - Kaons

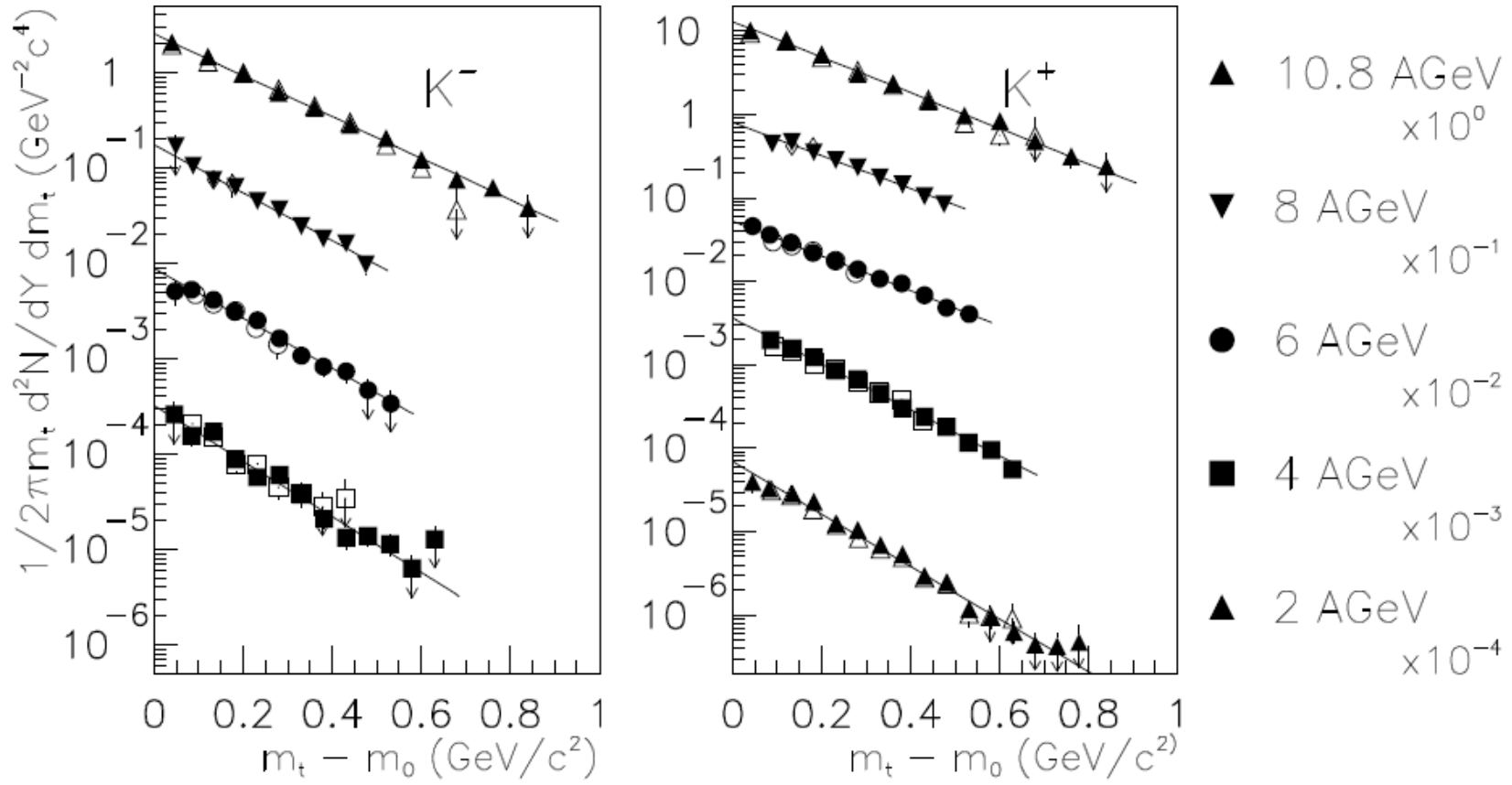
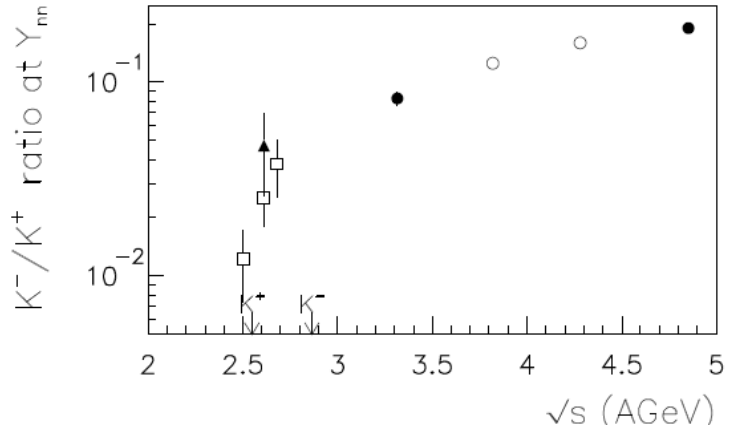
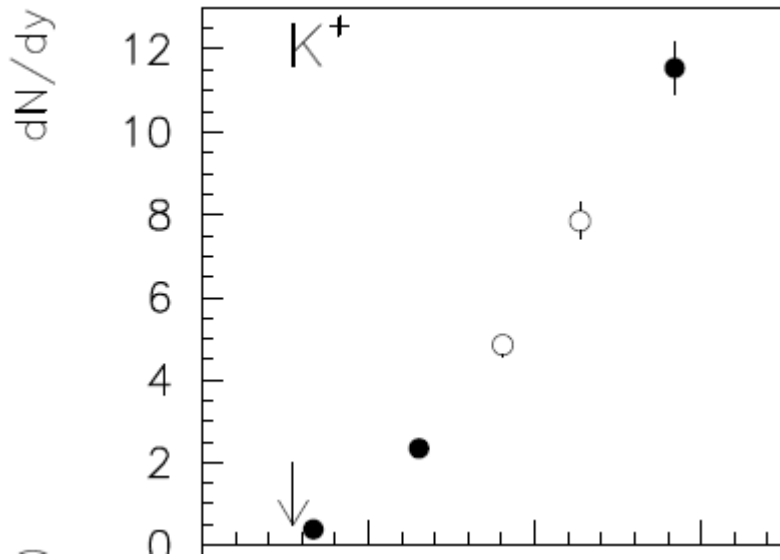


FIG. 1. The invariant yields of kaons plotted as a function of m_t (from only), 4, 6, 8, 10.7 AGeV. The left panel shows K^- spectra the right panel : mid-rapidity is shown with filled symbols, the spectrum just above mid-rap and 10.7 AGeV are from E866 and the data at 6, and 8 AGeV are from E91 to zero cross-section. The data at 10.7 AGeV are shown on the correct s successive powers of ten for clarity. The plotted errors are only statistical.



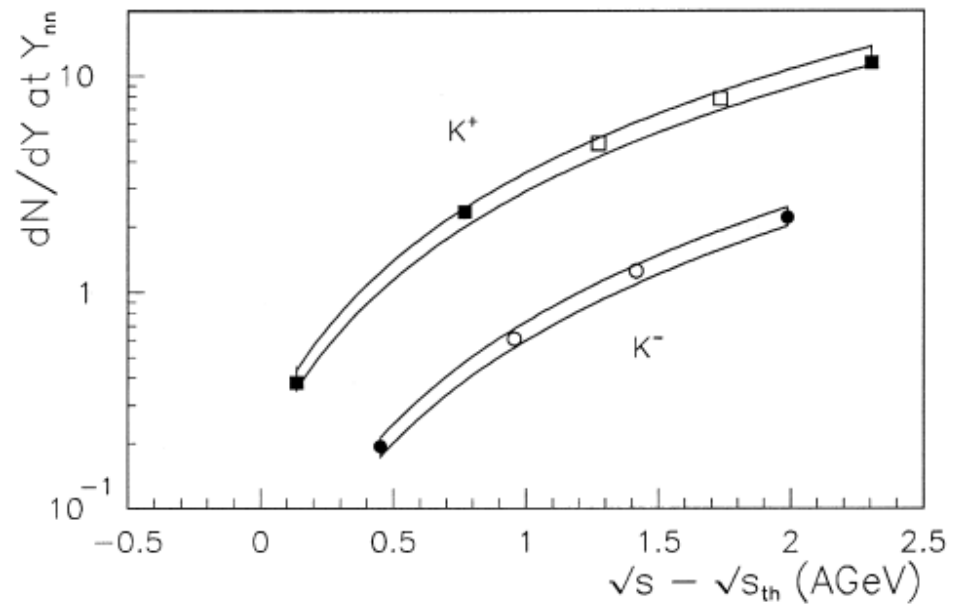
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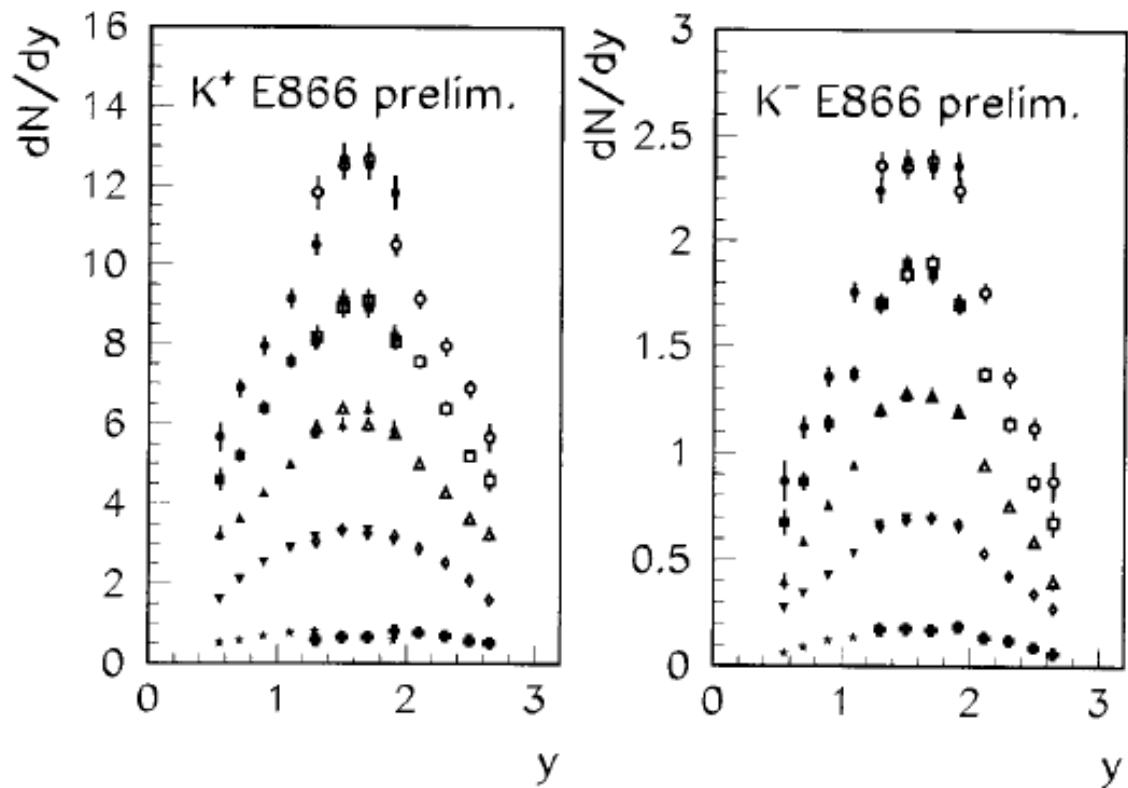


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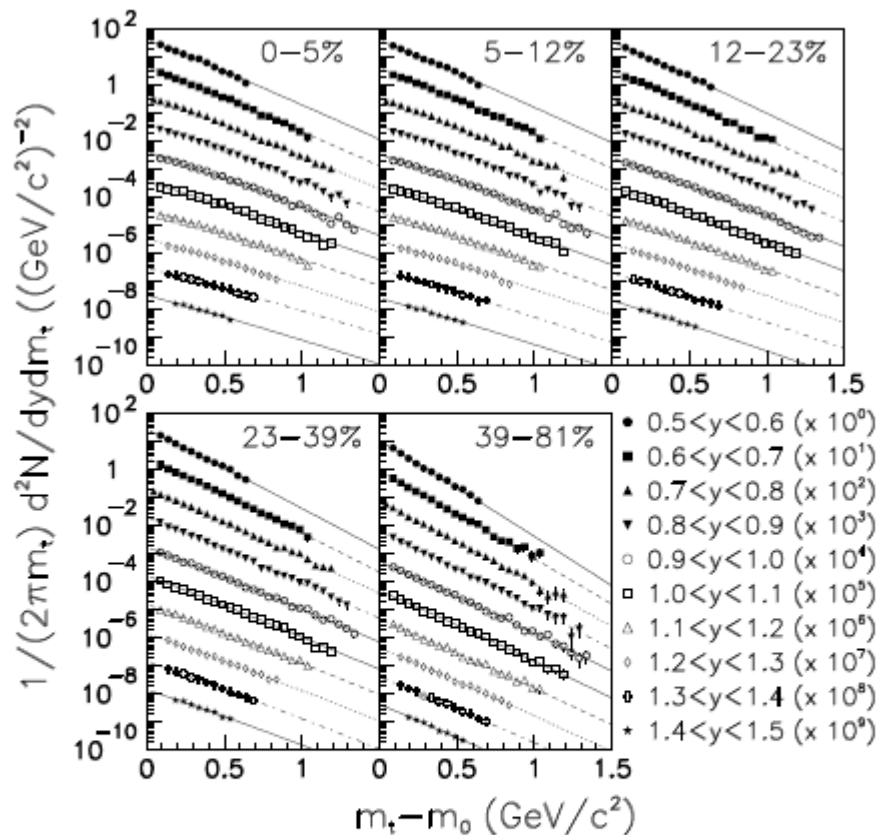


FIG. 1. Invariant yields of protons as a function of transverse mass for ten rapidity intervals for each centrality class of Au+Au collisions at 8 GeV/nucleon. The most backward rapidity in each panel is plotted on the correct scale, while successive spectra have been divided by ten for clarity. The errors are statistical only. The curves are Boltzmann fits described in the text.

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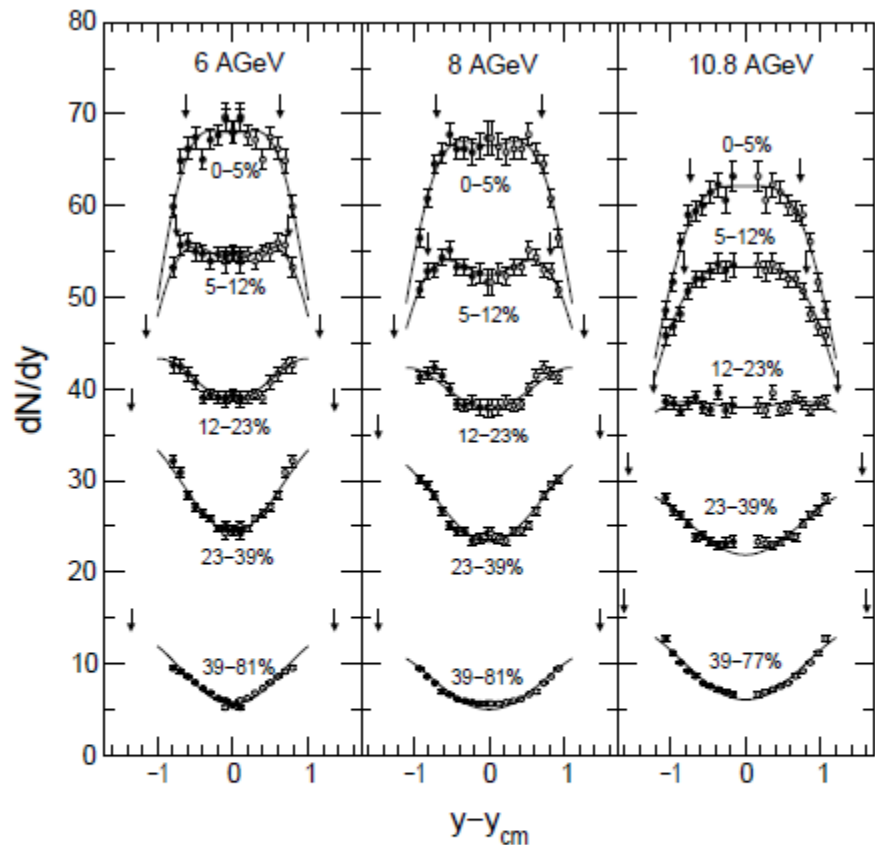
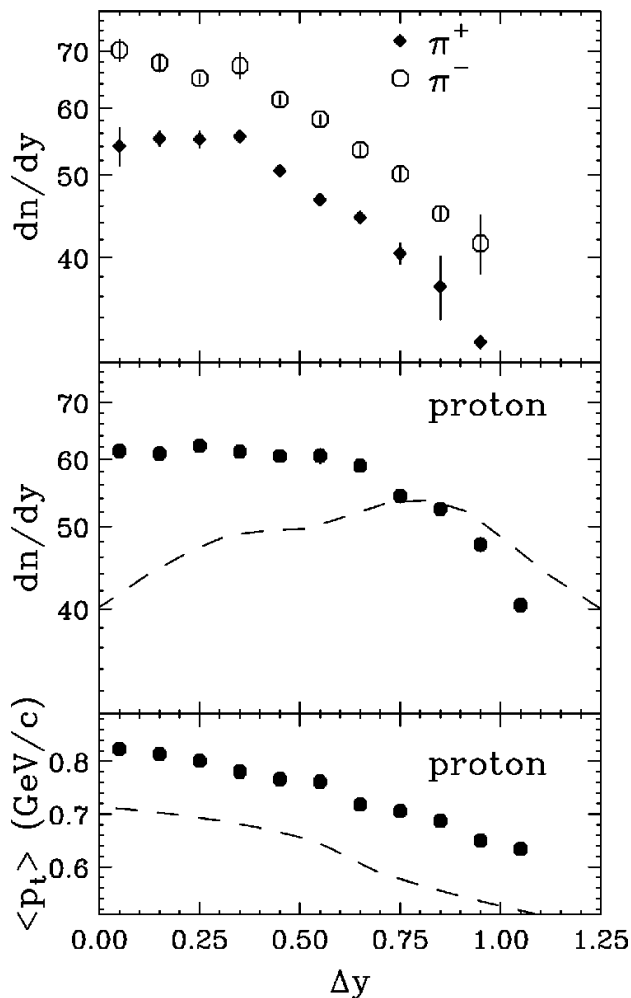


FIG. 2. Proton rapidity distributions for all centrality classes at all three beam energies from Boltzmann fits to the invariant cross sections. The open symbols are the data reflected about mid-rapidity. The errors are statistical only. The curves represent double Gaussian fits to the data (see text), the centroids of which are indicated by the arrows.

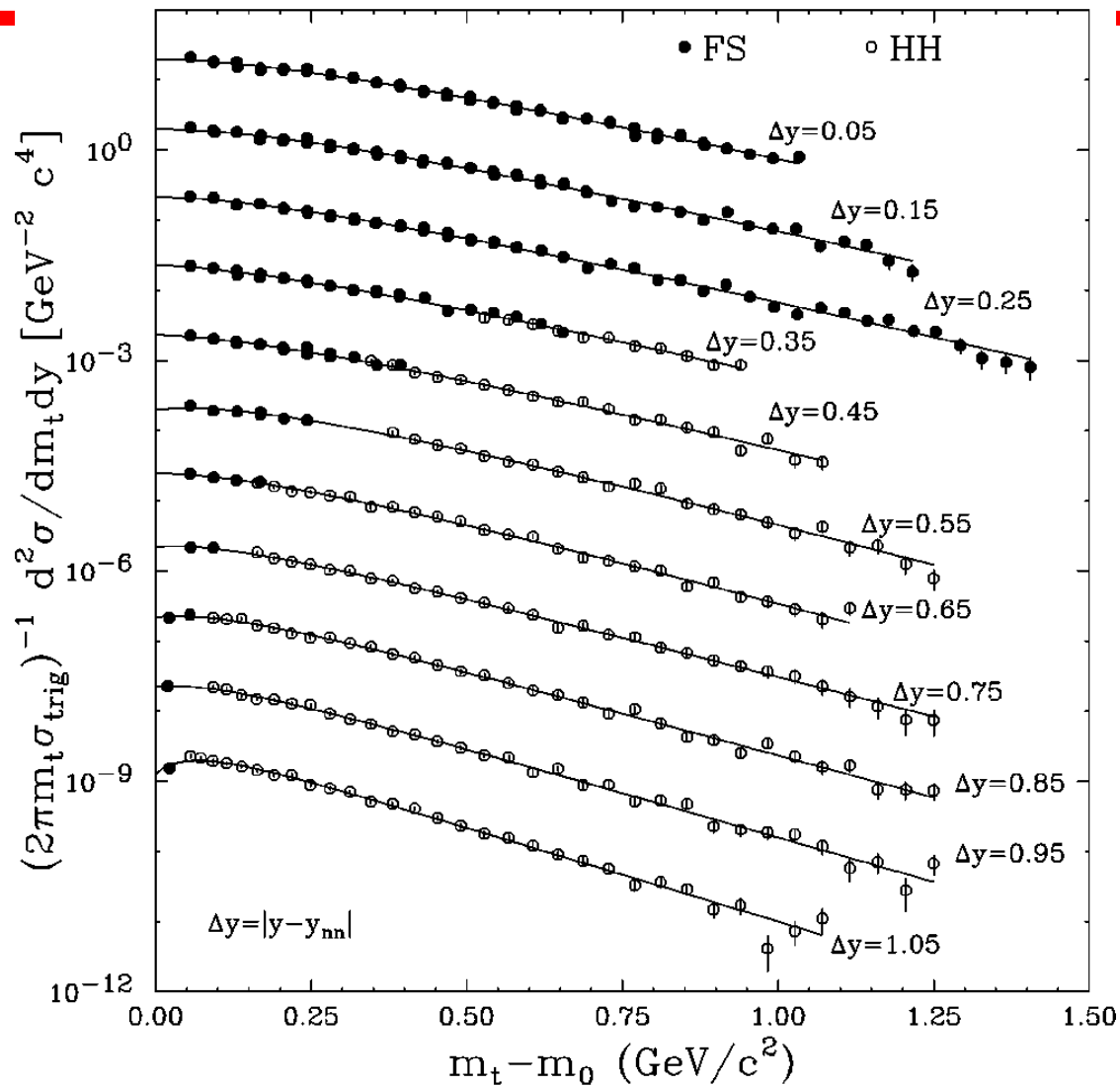
Spectra -- protons

Au+Au (central) at 11.6A GeV/c

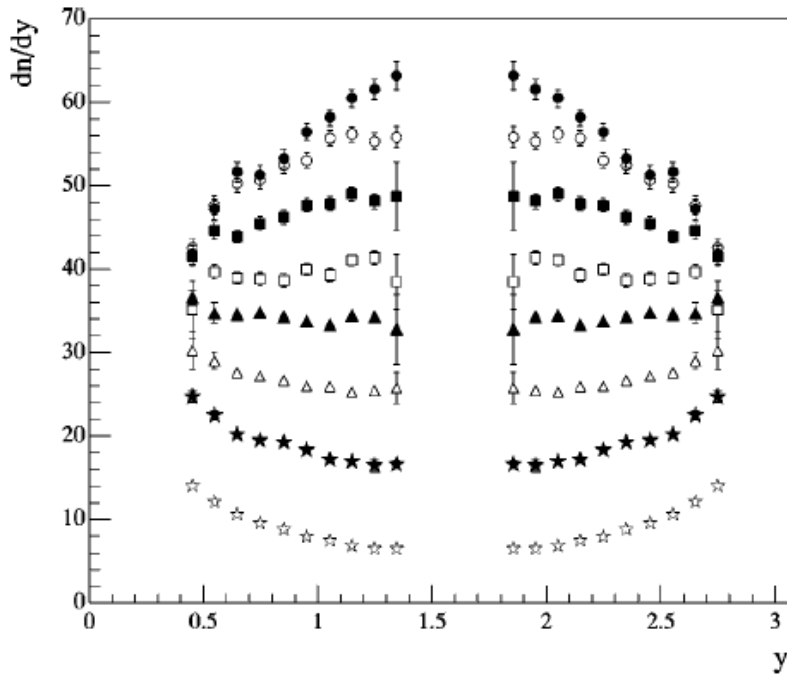


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Au+Au \rightarrow p+x (central) at 11.6A GeV/c



Spectra -- protons



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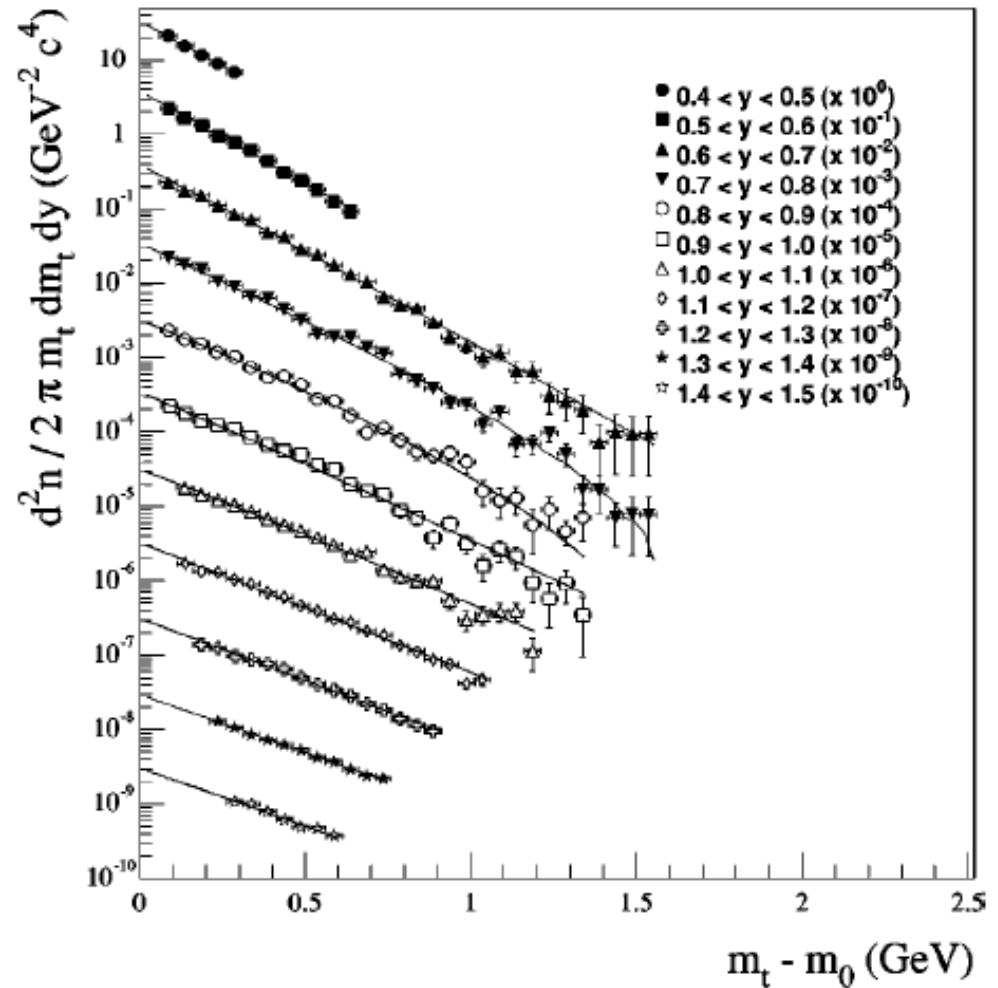
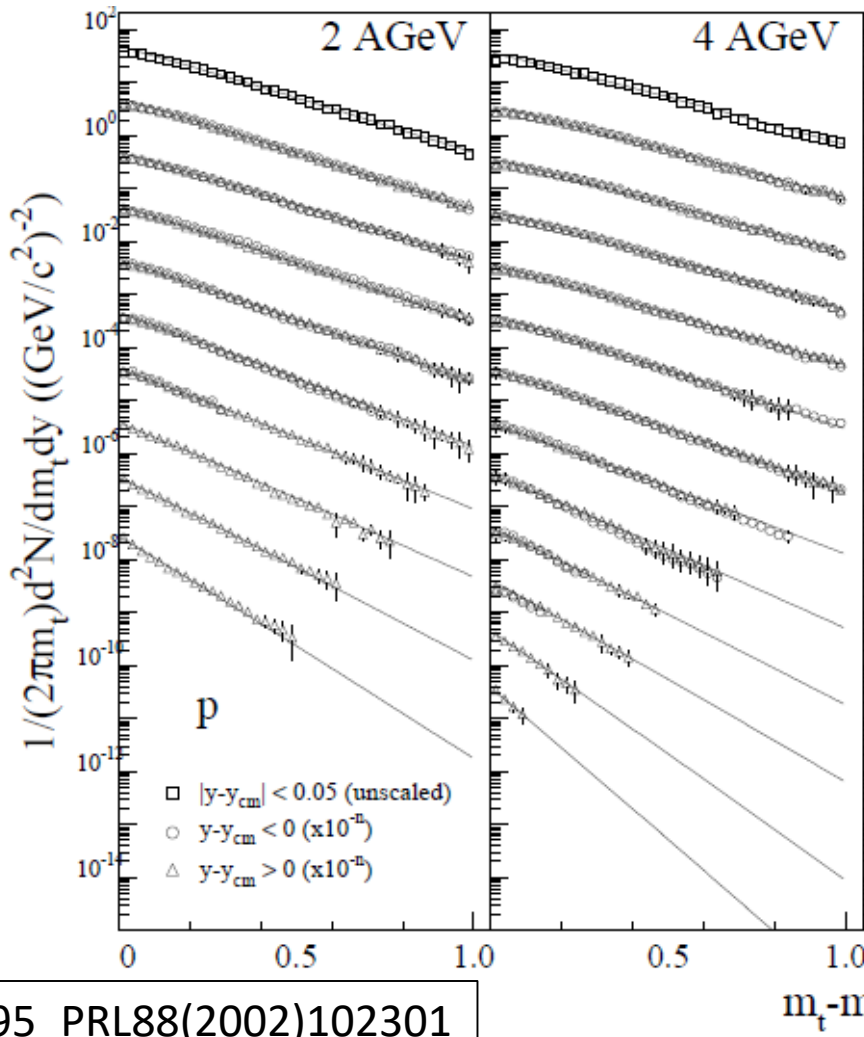


FIG. 5. Measured double differential yield for protons, in different rapidity intervals as a function of transverse kinetic energy $m_t - m_0$. This spectra is for the 0–3 % centrality cut. The lines are fits to Eq. (4) (see text). The error bars are only statistical; the systematic errors are discussed in the text.

Spectra -- protons



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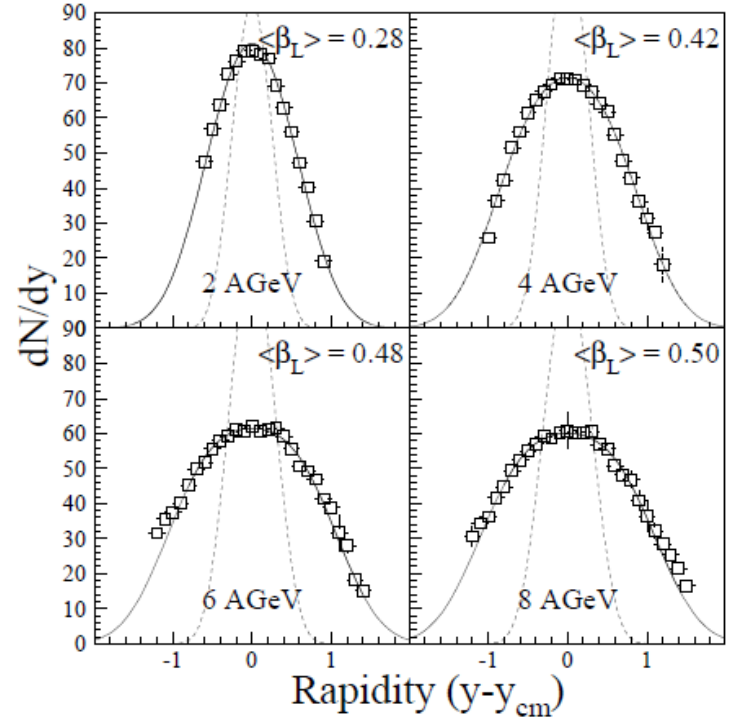
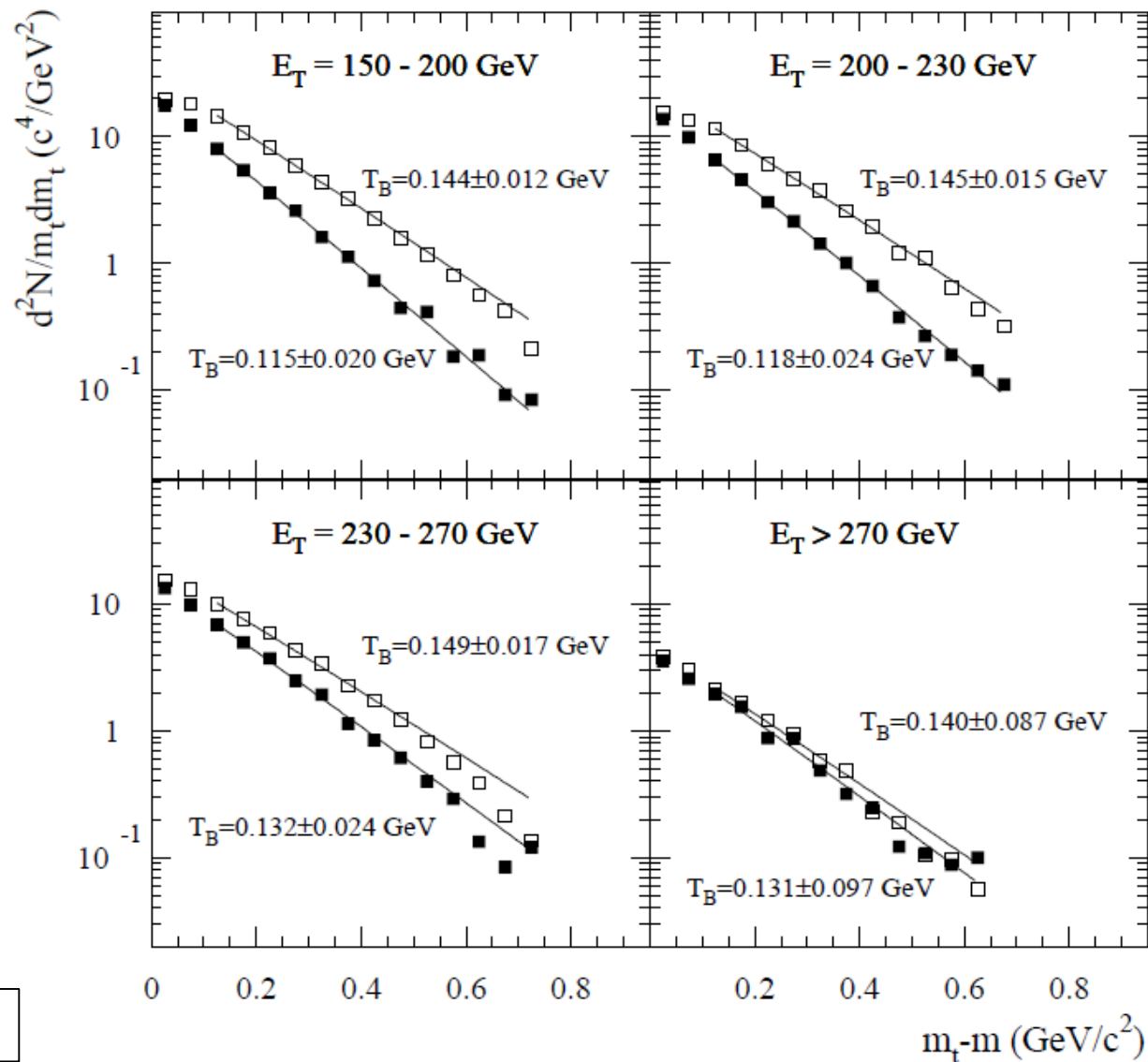


FIG. 2: Proton rapidity distributions in central Au+Au collisions at 2, 4, 6, and 8 AGeV. The dashed curves correspond to isotropic emission from a stationary thermal source with temperatures given by the mid-rapidity inverse slope parameters from the transverse mass fits (Eq. (2)), whereas the solid curves indicate fits with longitudinal flow (Eq. (3)).

FIG. 1: Invariant yield per event as a function of $m_t - m_0$ for protons in central Au+Au collisions at 2, 4, 6, and 8 AGeV. Midrapidity is shown unscaled, while the 0.1 unit forward/backward rapidity slices are scaled down by successive factors of 10.

Spectra -- protons



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FIG. 2. Proton m_t distributions in the rapidity interval $2.8 < y < 2.9$ for different centralities

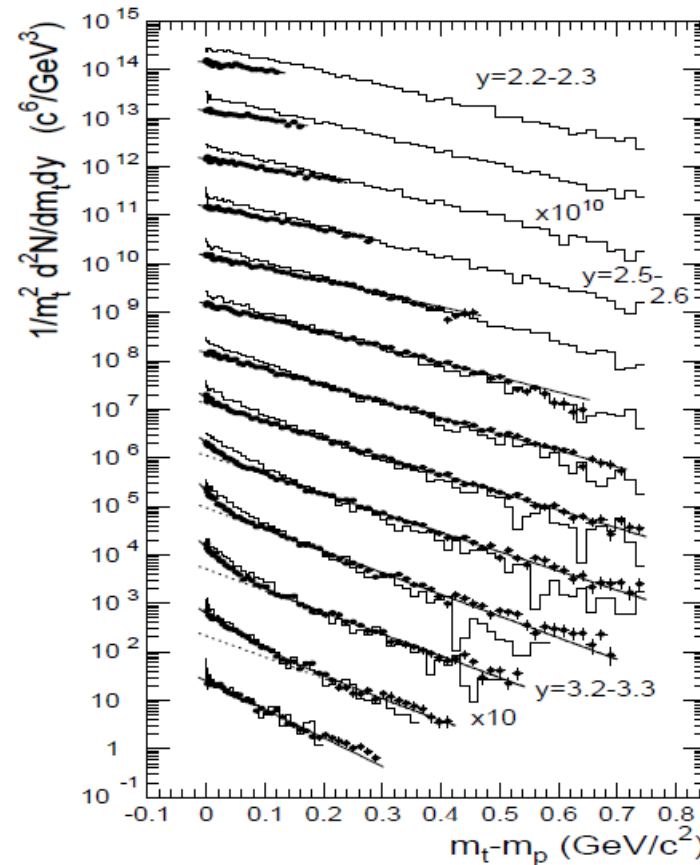


FIG. 1. Transverse mass spectra for protons produced in central ($\sigma_{central}/\sigma_{geom}=0.04$) Au+Au collisions. The dots correspond to constant p_t bins of 20 MeV, and y bins of 0.1 units. Beginning with rapidity bin $y=3.3-3.4$, spectra have been multiplied by successively increasing factors of ten. Full lines are two component exponential fits to the data. The histograms are RQMD predictions.

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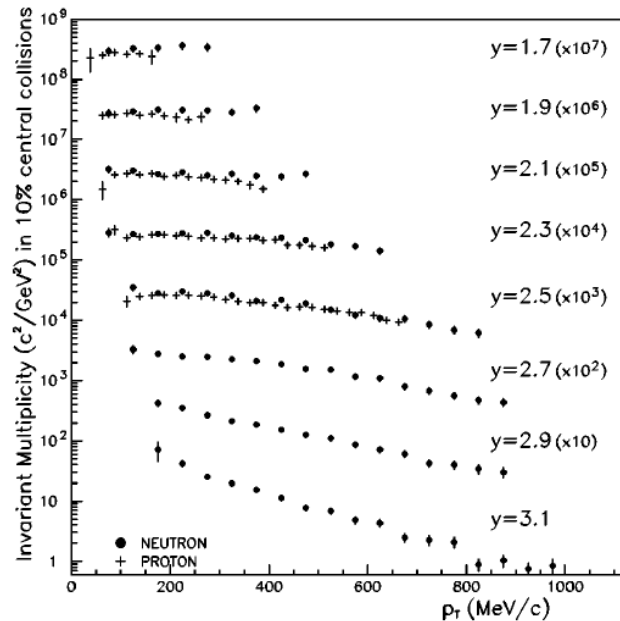


FIG. 5. Neutron invariant multiplicities in 10% most central Au+Pb collisions as a function of transverse momentum for rapidities from near center of mass ($y=1.6$) to beam ($y=3.2$). Each rapidity range is multiplied by a successive factor of 10 for presentational purposes. Proton multiplicities measured by E864 in central collisions are shown for comparison for rapidities 1.7 to 2.5.

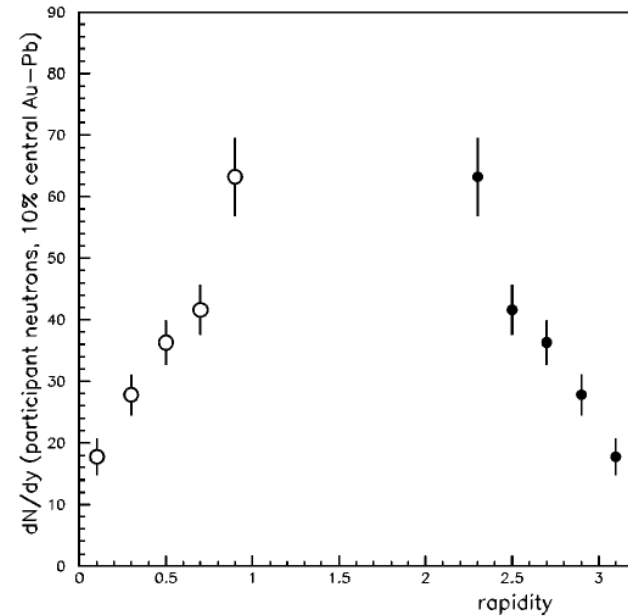
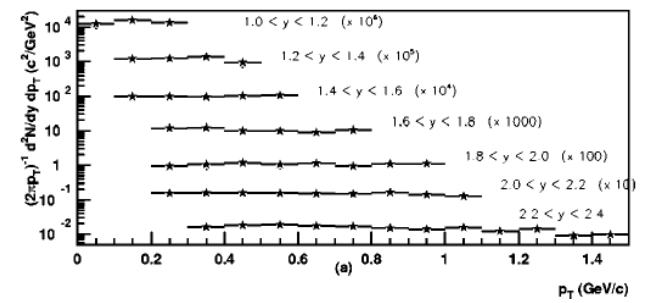
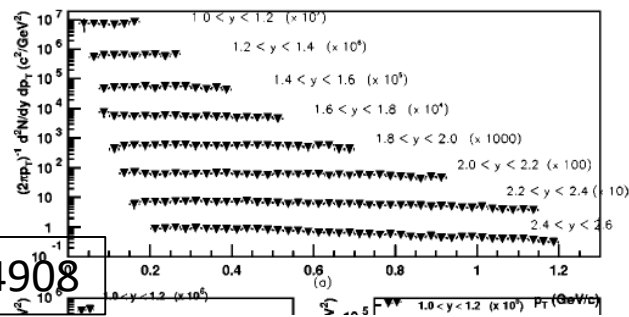
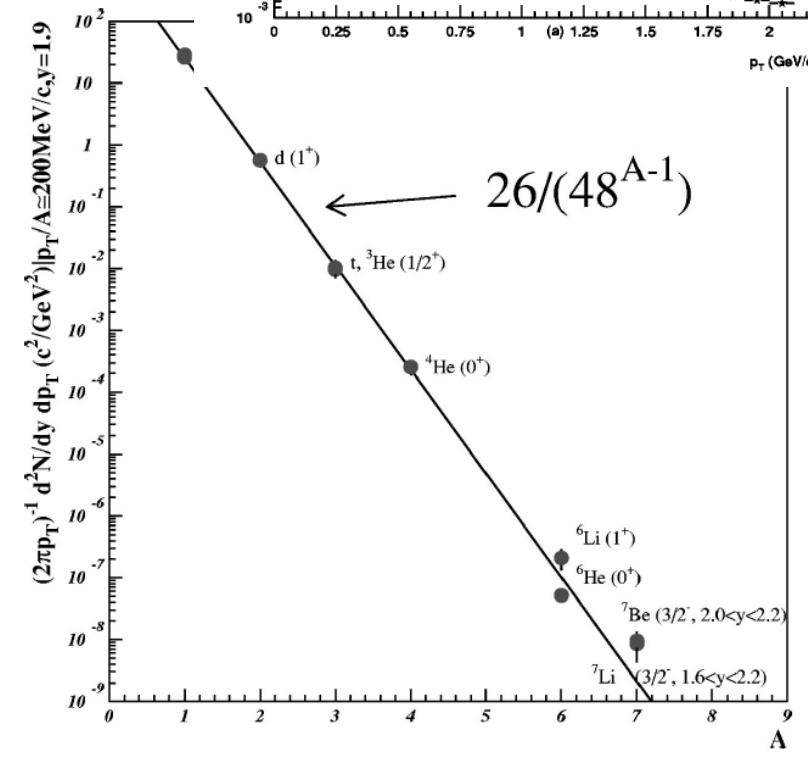
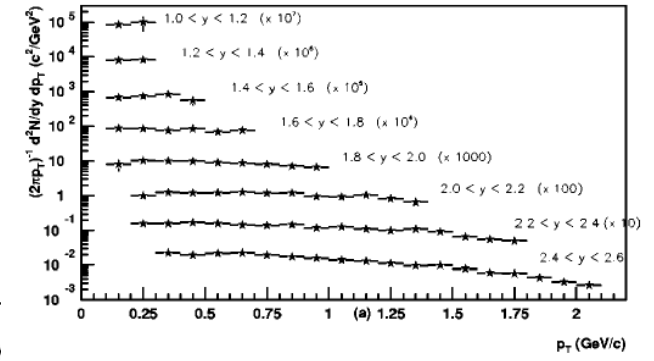
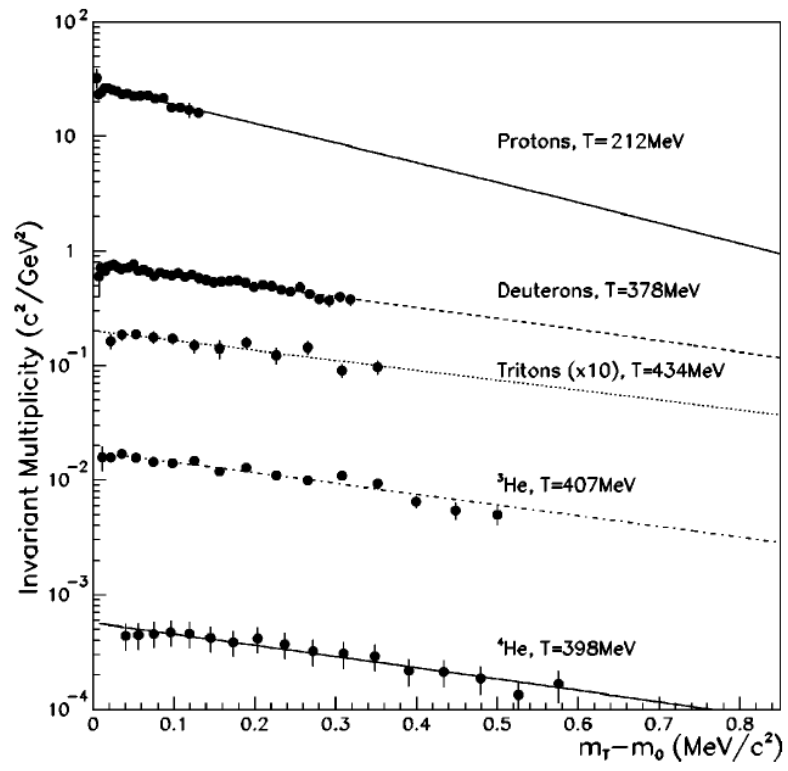


FIG. 10. dN/dy measured for ‘participant’ neutrons in central Au+Pb collisions. For those m_T ranges not covered by direct measurements (or having a large contribution from spectator neutrons), a Boltzmann fit is used for the integration in m_T . Hollow points denote a reflection about center-of-mass rapidity.

Spectra – Light Nuclei



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Comparison of the three experiments' measurements of deuterons and tritons shows close agreement and the measurements of E864 and E78 of α particle yields also agree within errors.

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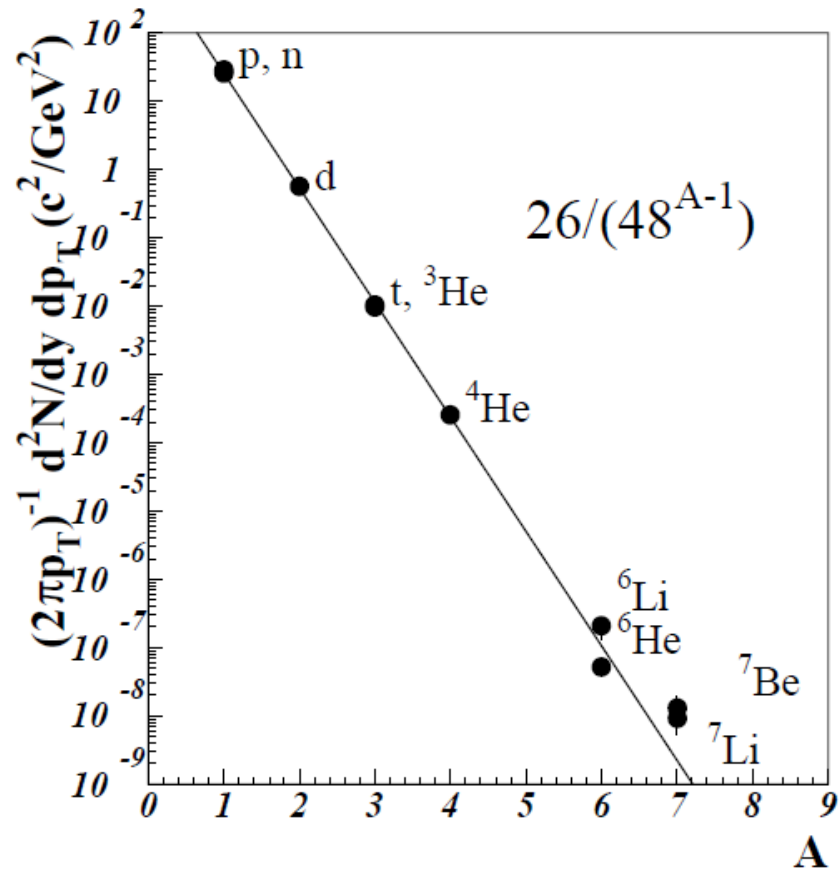


FIG. 1. Invariant yield as a function of nuclear number A . The bin size in rapidity is 0.2 (0.6 for ${}^7\text{Li}$). $p_T/A \leq 300$ MeV. The J^P 's of p , n , d , ${}^3\text{He}$, t , ${}^4\text{He}$, ${}^6\text{He}$, ${}^6\text{Li}$, ${}^7\text{Li}$, and ${}^7\text{Be}$ are $\frac{1}{2}^+$, $\frac{1}{2}^+$, 1^+ , $\frac{1}{2}^+$, $\frac{1}{2}^+$, 0^+ , 0^+ , 1^+ , $\frac{3}{2}^-$, and $\frac{3}{2}^-$, respectively. The line is a fit to the data with $26/(48^{A-1})$.

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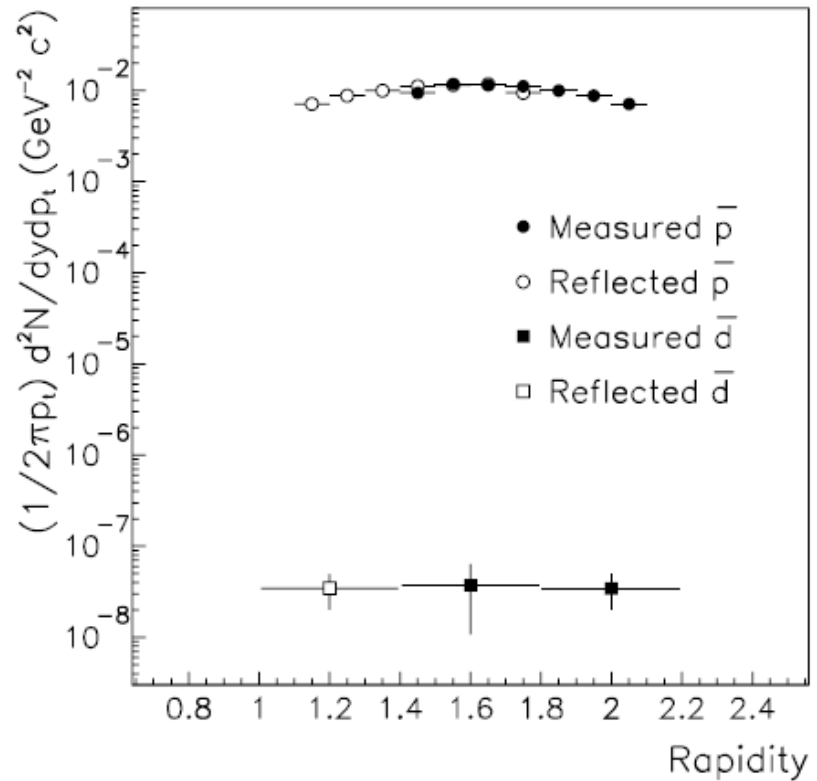


FIG. 3. Antimatter invariant yields measured by E864 in 10% central heavy ion collisions (statistical errors only).

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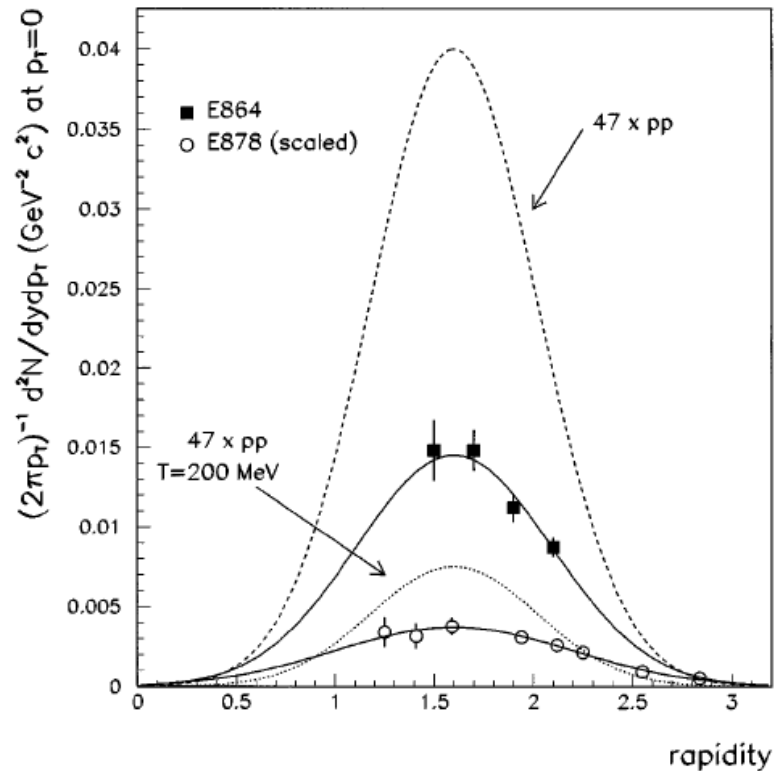


FIG. 3. \bar{p} invariant multiplicities as extrapolated to $p_T = 0$ in E864 and measured in E878 (scaled to 11.5A GeV/c), for 10% central Au + Pb and Au + Au collisions. Fits to the E864 and E878 data are also shown. The errors are statistical only. Two predictions based on first collision scaling (without annihilation) are also indicated.

Spectra – Anti-protons and anti-Lambdas

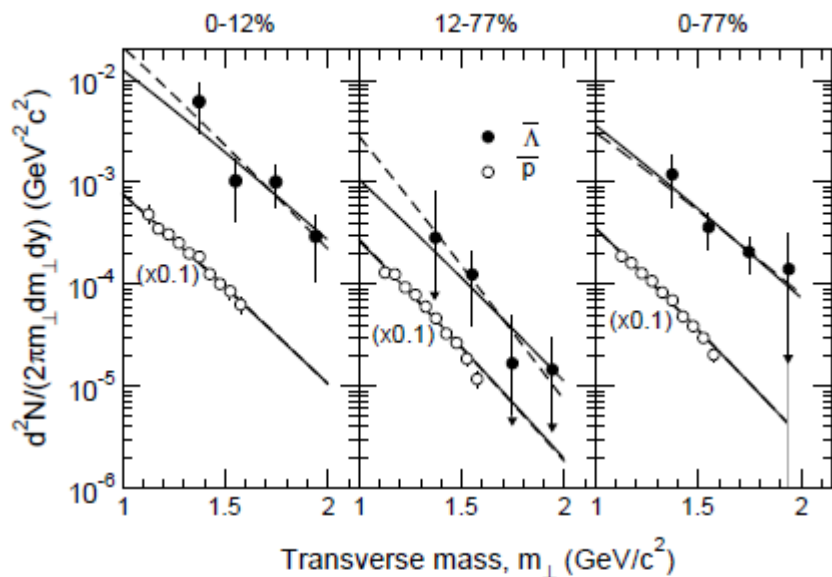


FIG. 1: Invariant spectra as a function of transverse mass $\bar{\Lambda}$ (solid circles) and \bar{p} (open circles, multiplied by 0.1 for clarity) in the three centrality classes. The error bars include a point-to-point systematic error due to acceptance correction. The solid lines are from the simultaneous fit as described in the text and the dashed lines are from independent fits to the $\bar{\Lambda}$ and \bar{p} spectra shown for comparison. Solid and dashed lines overlap for the \bar{p} spectra.

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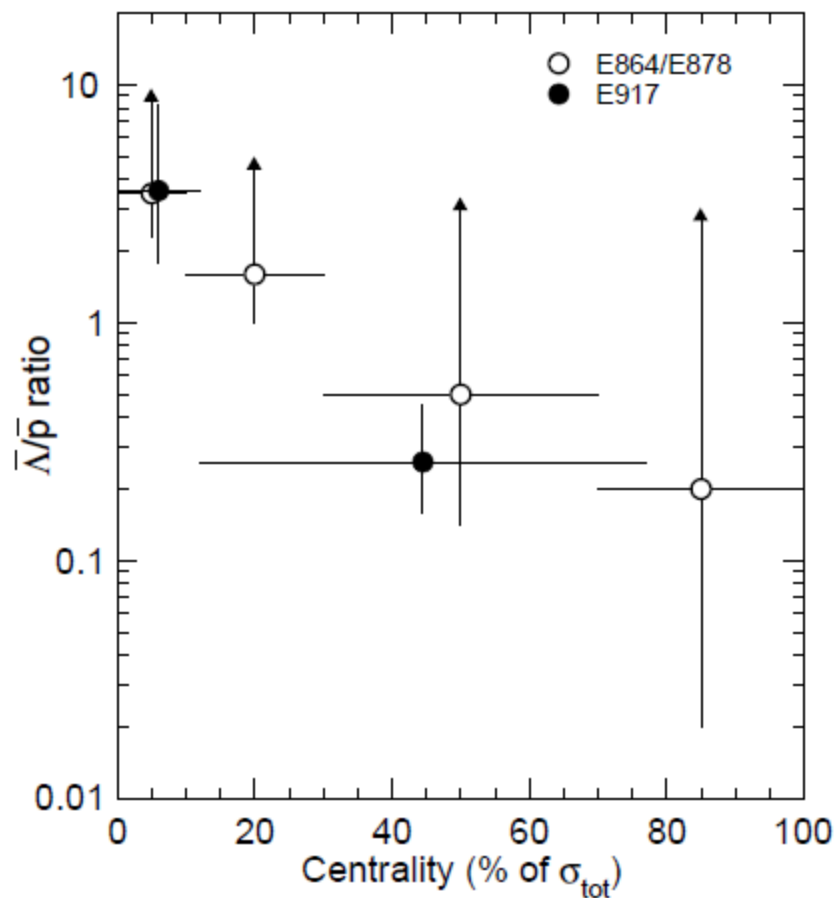


FIG. 3: The $\bar{\Lambda}/\bar{p}$ ratio is shown as a function of the centrality given in terms of the percentage of the total interaction cross section, σ_{tot} . The E917 data are integrated over all p_{\perp} and $1.0 < y < 1.4$ and are shown as solid circles with 1σ statistical error bars for the $\bar{\Lambda}/\bar{p}$ ratio. The E864/E878 indirect results [15] are at $p_{\perp} \sim 0$ and $y=1.6$ and are shown as most probable values with the 98% confidence level of the minimum value indicated by the lower error bar. Upper limits are not given. Horizontal bars indicate bin widths.

Spectra – anti-protons

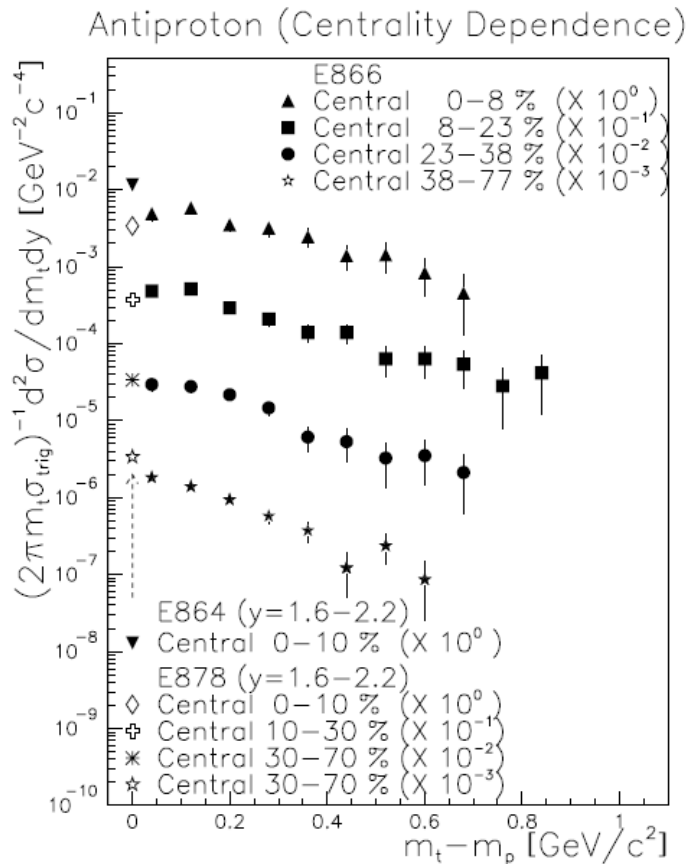


FIG. 2. Invariant differential yields of \bar{p} in $1.0 < y < 2.2$ in four centrality windows, 0%–8%, 8%–23%, 23%–38%, and 38%–77%, from top to bottom. Data from other AGS experiments are also shown. Error bars are statistical. See text for details.

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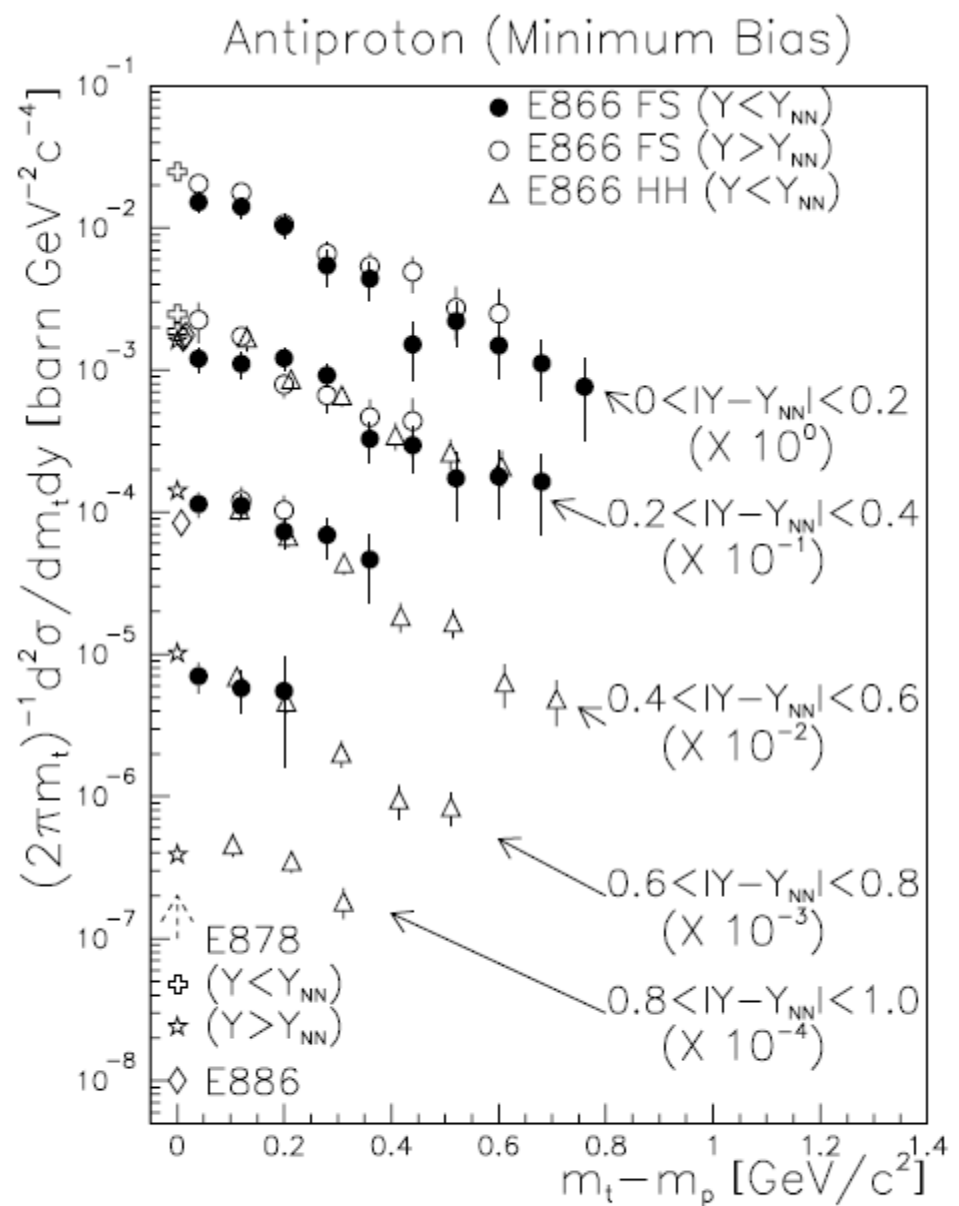
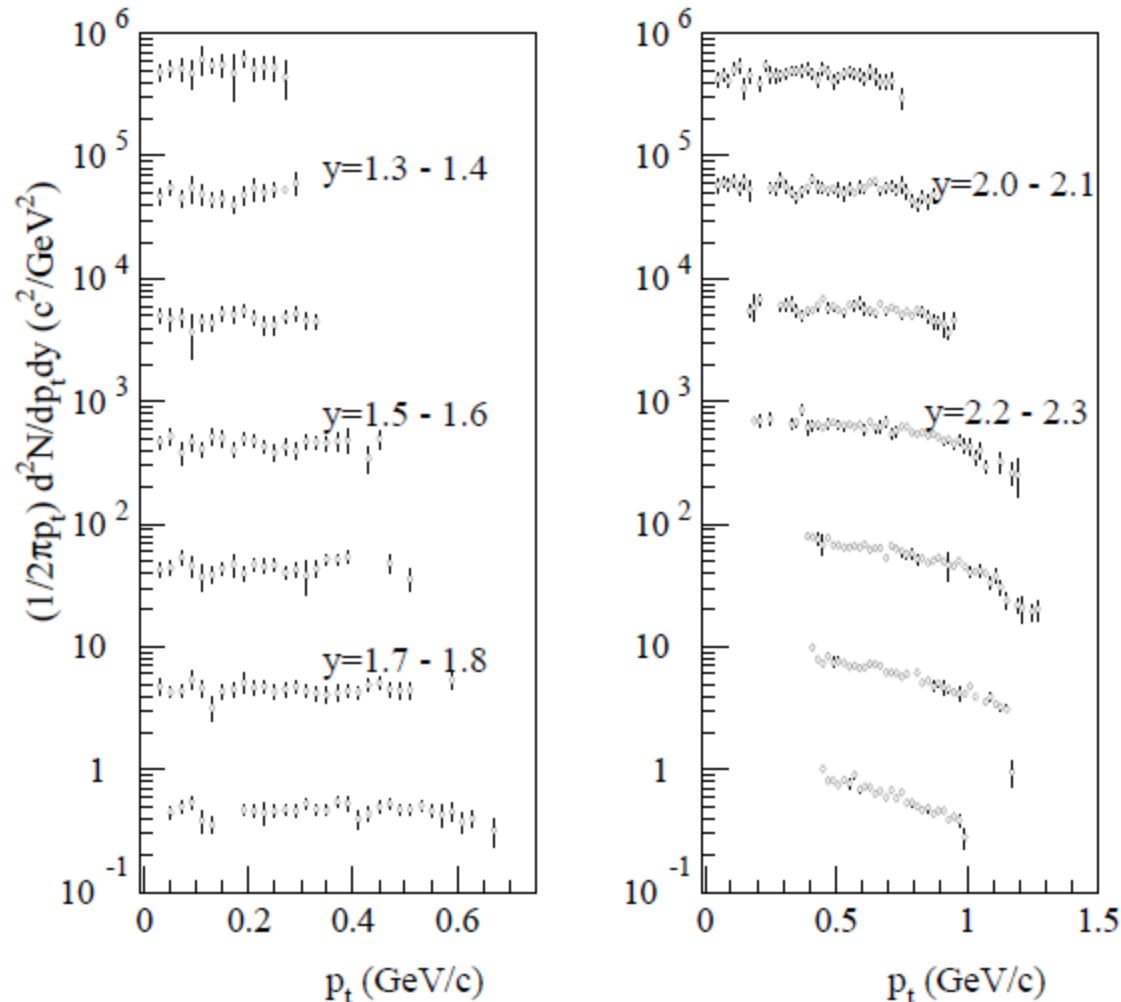


FIG. 1. Invariant differential cross sections of \bar{p} as a function of $m_t - m_p$ for minimum-bias events at each rapidity range. Data from other AGS experiments are also shown. Error bars are statistical. See text for details.

Spectra -- deuterons



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FIG. 7. Invariant multiplicities of deuterons for the 4% highest E_t events. The spectra are binned in units of .1 in rapidity and 20 MeV in p_t . The $y = 2.5 - 2.6$ and $y = 1.8 - 1.9$ spectra are properly normalized and the yields for the lower rapidity bins are multiplied by successive powers of 10 for clarity of the presentation. *e.g.* The $y = 1.7 - 1.8$ bin is multiplied by a factor of 10, the $y = 1.6 - 1.7$ bin is multiplied by a factor of 100, etc. The error bars reflect the statistical uncertainties.

Spectra -- deuterons

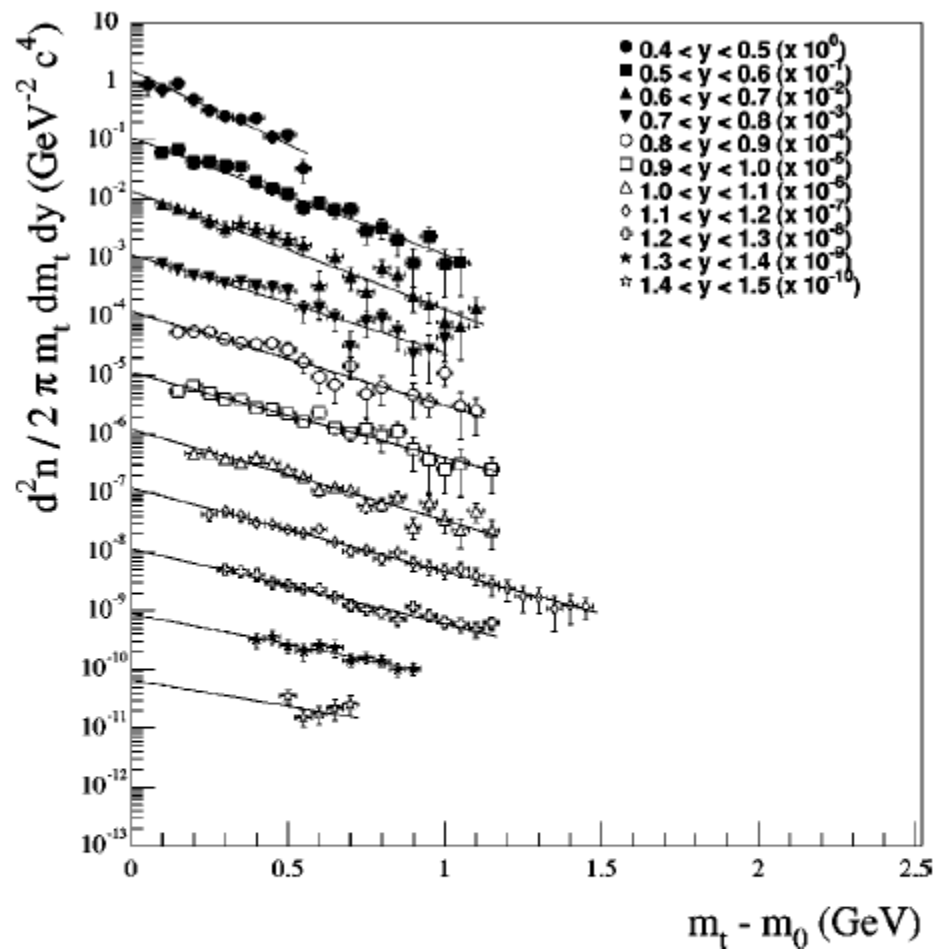
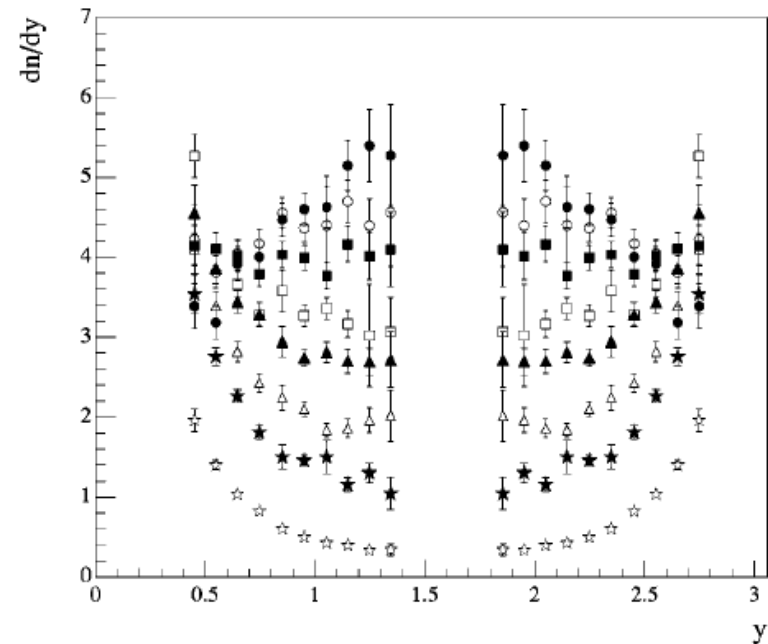
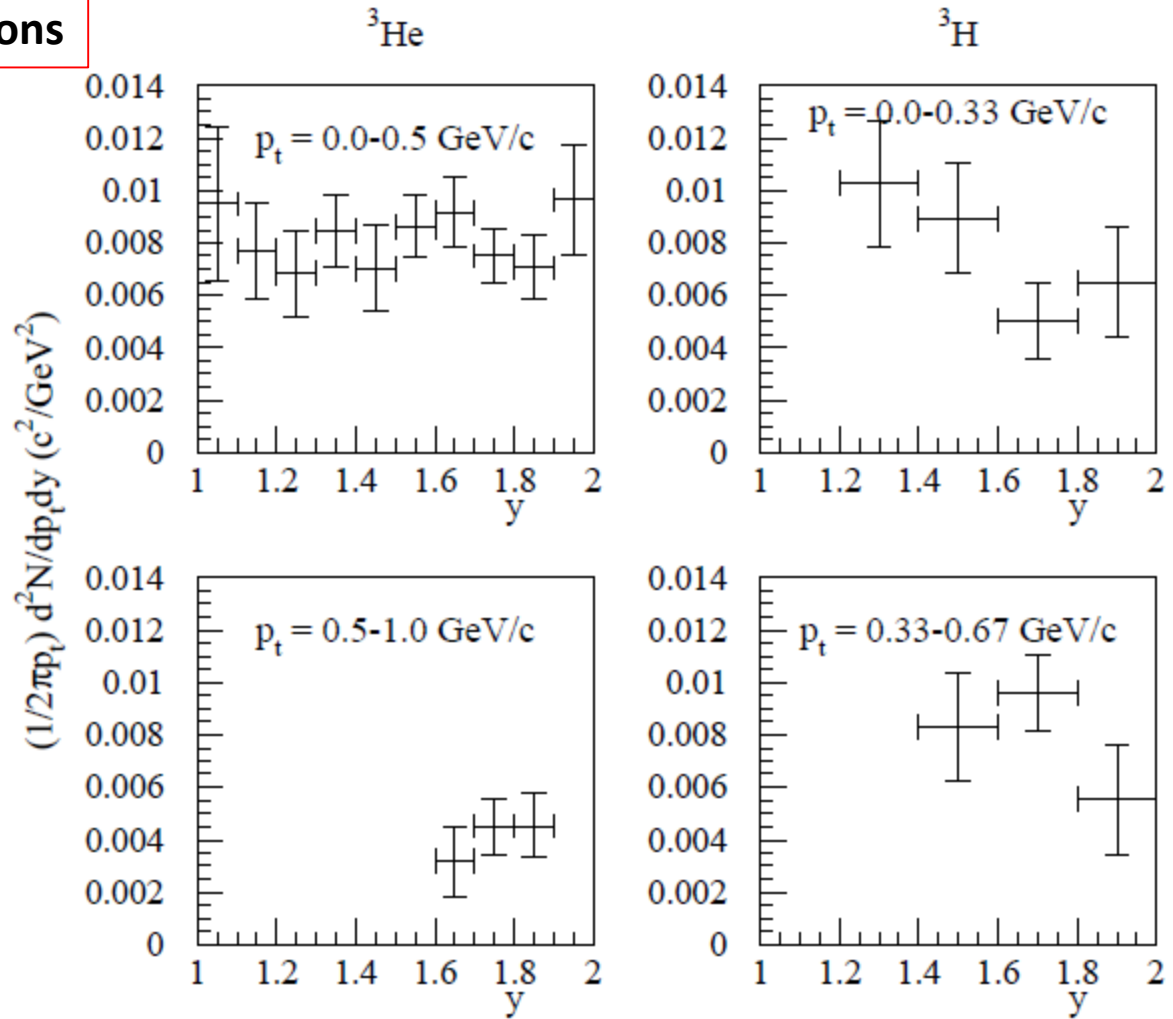


FIG. 6. Measured double differential yield for deuterons, in different rapidity intervals as a function of transverse kinetic energy $m_t - m_0$. These spectra are for the 0–3% centrality cut. The lines are fits to Eq. (4) (see text). The error bars are only statistical; the systematic errors are discussed in the text.

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Spectra – tritons and helions



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FIG. 8. Invariant multiplicities of ${}^3\text{He}$ and ${}^3\text{H}$ for the 4% inclusive E_t bin. Plotted is the invariant cross section at the center of the bin assuming an underlying thermal distribution similar to what is measured. Error bars reflect statistical uncertainties only.

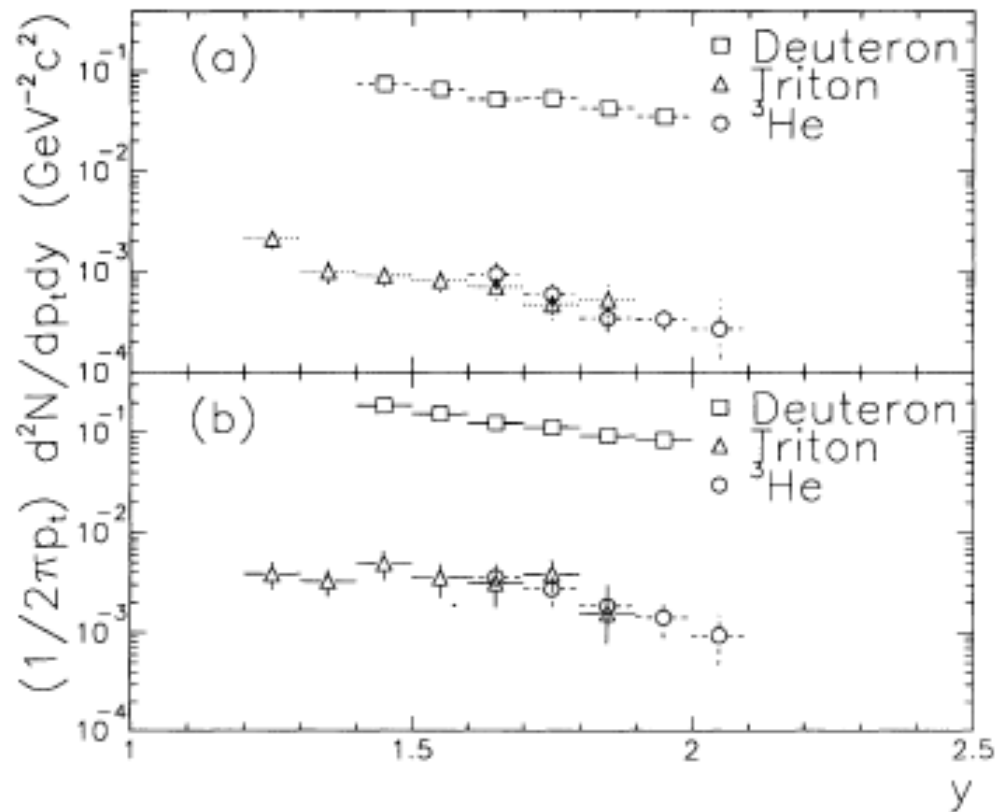


FIG. 4. The invariant yields of deuterons, tritons, and ^3He at $p_t = 0$ plotted as a function of rapidity for Si+Pb collisions. Multiplicity cuts correspond to (a) 89% and (b) 8%, respectively, of the geometrical cross section. The uncertainties shown are statistical only.

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Spectra – anti-proton and anti-deuteron

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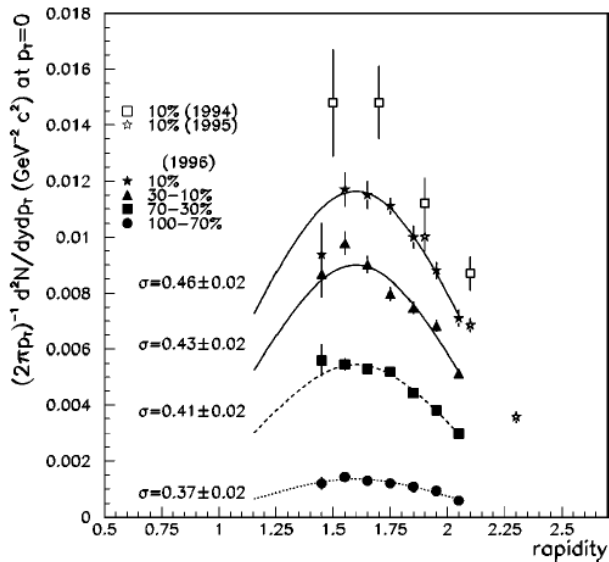


FIG. 6. Antiproton invariant multiplicities as a function of centrality showing the 1994, 1995, and 1996 data sets from E864. The error bars shown are statistical only. Systematic errors are estimated to be 20% on the 1994 data, 15% for the 1995 data, and 10% for the 1996 data, not including a 6% systematic error for the projection to $p_T=0$. The fits are constrained to have a mean value at midrapidity ($y=1.6$).

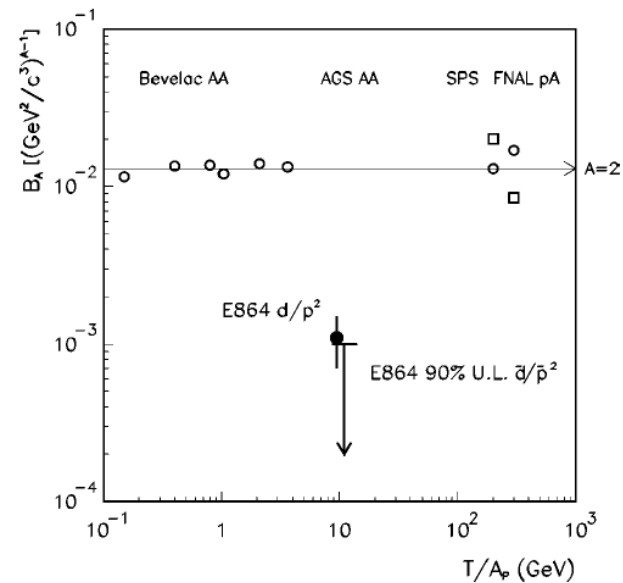


FIG. 16. Coalescence scale factors as a function of kinetic energy per nucleon of the colliding beam. The upper limit on B_2 from E864 is shown as an arrow. The E864 value for deuterons B_2 is also shown. The simple coalescence level is shown as a line with low-energy AA and high-energy pA results.

Strangeness

Strangeness - Lambdas

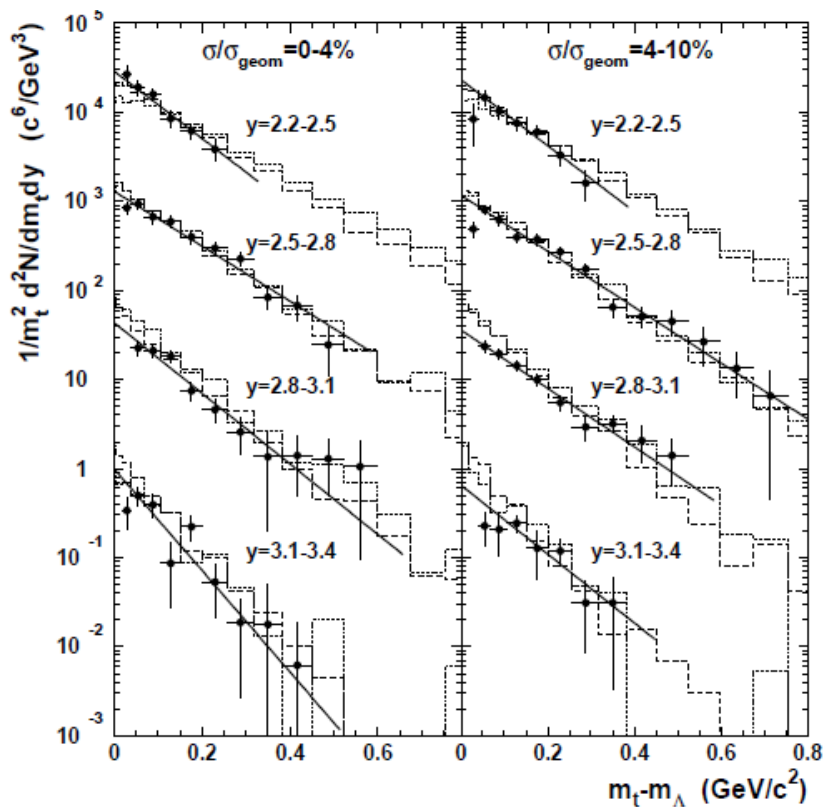


FIG. 5. Measured Λ transverse mass spectra for the most central ($0 - 4\% \sigma_{geom}$ - left side) semi-central ($4 - 10\% \sigma_{geom}$ - right side) Au+Au collisions. Beginning with rapidity bin $y=3.1$ spectra have been multiplied by successive factor of 10. The solid lines are the exponential Boltzmann fits to the data. The dashed lines and dotted lines are the predictions of RQMD v2.3 model run in *cascade* and *mean-field* modes, respectively.

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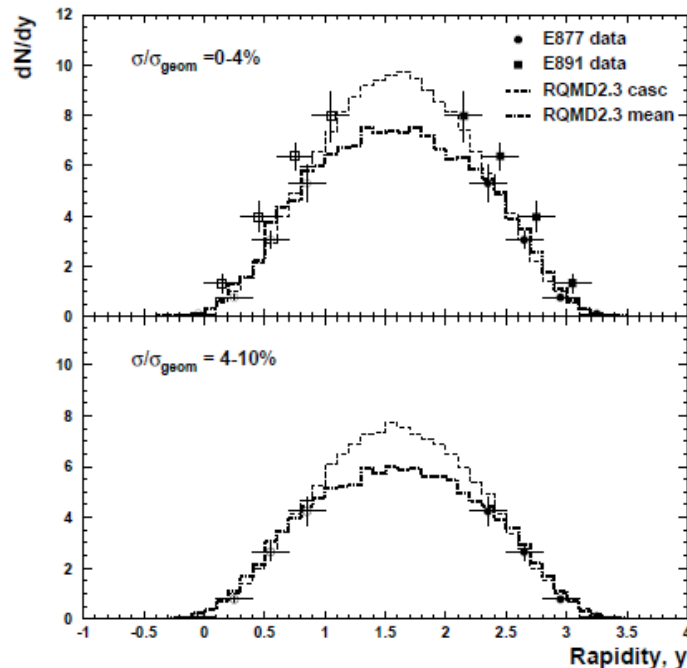


FIG. 7. Lambda rapidity distribution in the most central Au+Au collisions ($0 - 4\% \sigma_{geom}$ - upper panel) and semi-central ($4 - 10\% \sigma_{geom}$ - lower panel) Au+Au collisions. The data are represented by solid symbols and reflected about mid-rapidity (open symbols). The histograms correspond to RQMD v2.3 predictions.

Strangeness – Phi meson

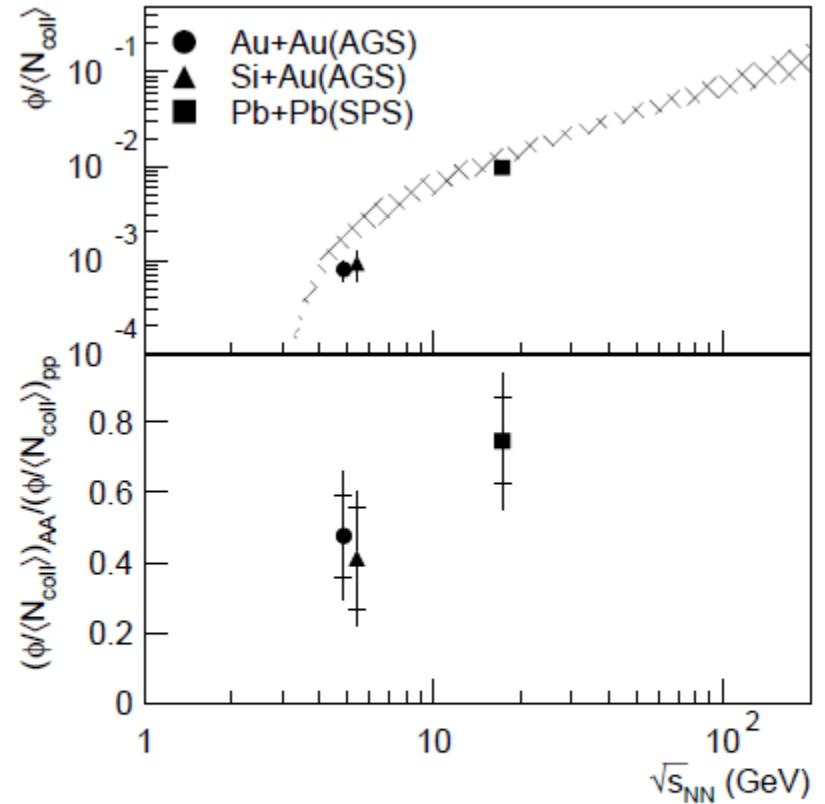
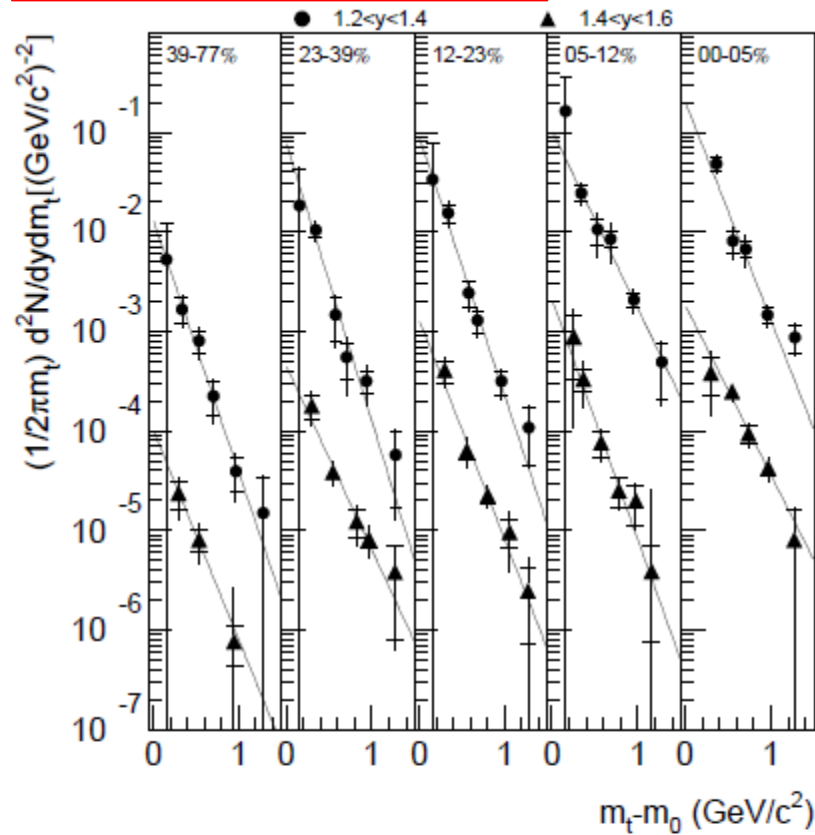


FIG. 4: The invariant yield of ϕ 's as a function of transverse mass ($m_t - m_0$) in five centrality bins labeled by σ/σ_{tot} . In each panel, the top set of points (circles) is for $1.2 < y < 1.4$, while the second set of points (triangles) is for $1.4 < y < 1.6$ and is divided by 100 for presentation. The total errors are calculated as the quadrature sum of the systematic and statistical errors, while the magnitudes of the latter are indicated by the cross bars. The lines are the results of the exponential fits described in the text.

FIG. 13: Same as Fig. 10 for the ratios of $\phi/\langle N_{coll} \rangle$, where $\langle N_{coll} \rangle$ is the number of binary collisions. For the E917 data point, an estimated total ϕ yield is plotted as described in the text.

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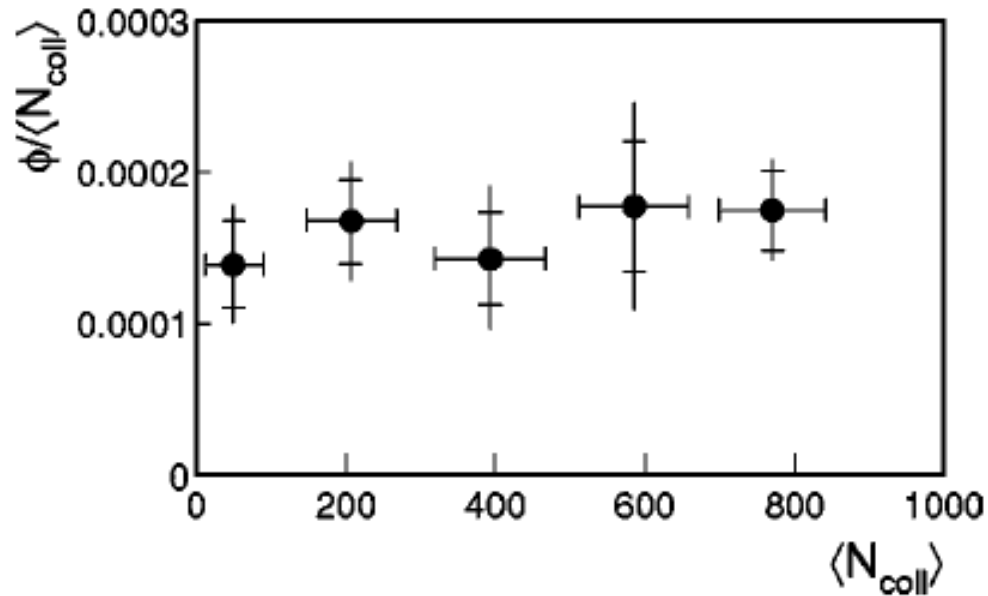
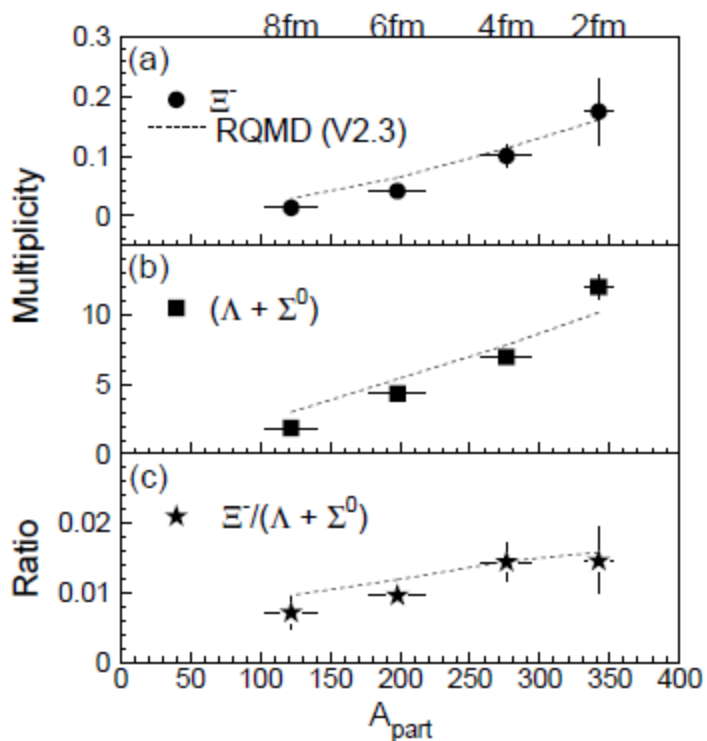


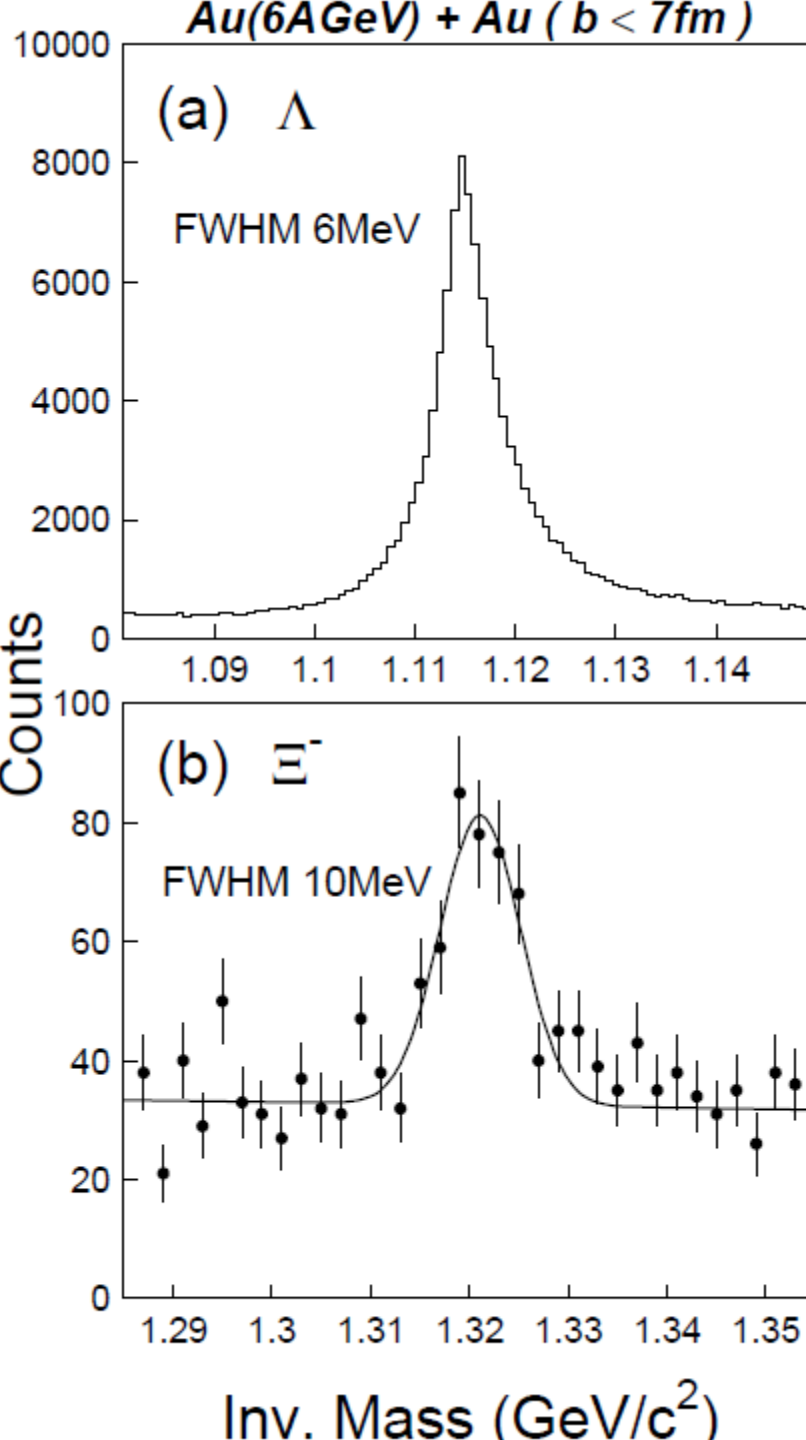
FIG. 9. The normalized fiducial yield of ϕ mesons per number of binary collisions $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$ as a function of $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$. The accepted rapidity region is $1.2 < y < 1.6$.

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Strangeness – Lambdas and Cascades



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Spectra – Anti-protons and anti-Lambdas

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Bin	$dN_{\bar{p}total}/dy$ ($\times 10^{-3}$)	$T_{\bar{p}total}$ (GeV)	$T_{\bar{p}direct}$ (GeV)	$dN_{\bar{\Lambda}}/dy$ ($\times 10^{-3}$)	$T_{\bar{\Lambda}}$ (GeV)	$\bar{\Lambda}/\bar{p}_{direct}$
0%–12%	$17.7 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.8$	$0.200 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.010$	$0.23_{-0.06-0.01}^{+0.15+0.1}$	19_{-5-2}^{+4+3}	$0.22_{-0.03-0.01}^{+0.04+0.01}$	$3.6_{-1.8-1.1}^{+4.7+2.7}$
12%–77%	$5.5 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.6$	$0.175 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.008$	$0.18_{-0.01-0.01}^{+0.02+0.01}$	$1.2_{-0.6-0.2}^{+0.7+0.2}$	$0.19_{-0.03-0.01}^{+0.06+0.01}$	$0.26_{-0.15-0.4}^{+0.19+0.5}$
0%–77%	$7.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.7$	$0.185 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.009$	$0.183_{-0.014-0.003}^{+0.017+0.014}$	$5.3_{-1.1-1.0}^{+1.1+1.0}$	$0.218_{-0.020-0.004}^{+0.026+0.020}$	$1.3_{-0.4-0.3}^{+0.6+0.6}$

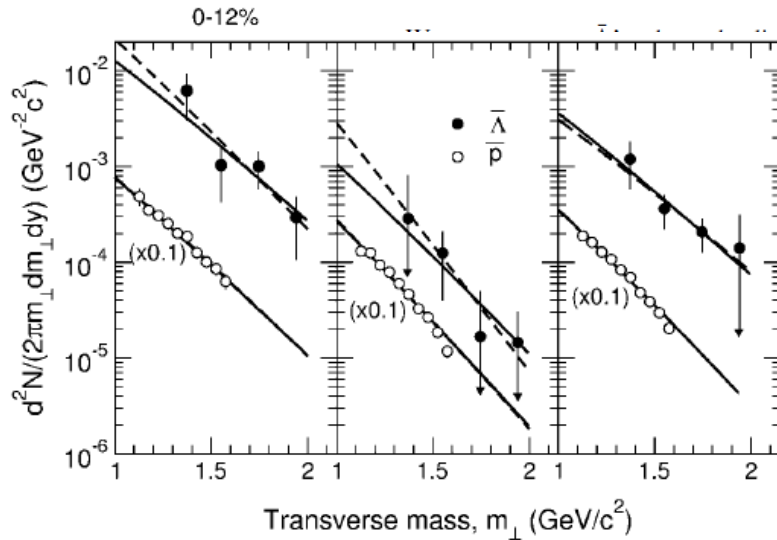


FIG. 1. Invariant yields as a function of transverse mass for $\bar{\Lambda}$ (solid circles) and total \bar{p} (open circles, multiplied by 0.1 for clarity) in the three centrality classes. The error bars include a 2% point-to-point systematic error due to acceptance corrections, and an arrow on the bottom error bar is to indicate it extends below the plot limits. The solid lines are from the simultaneous fit as described in the text and the dashed lines are from independent fits to $\bar{\Lambda}$ and \bar{p} data shown for comparison. Solid and dashed fit lines overlap for the \bar{p} spectra.

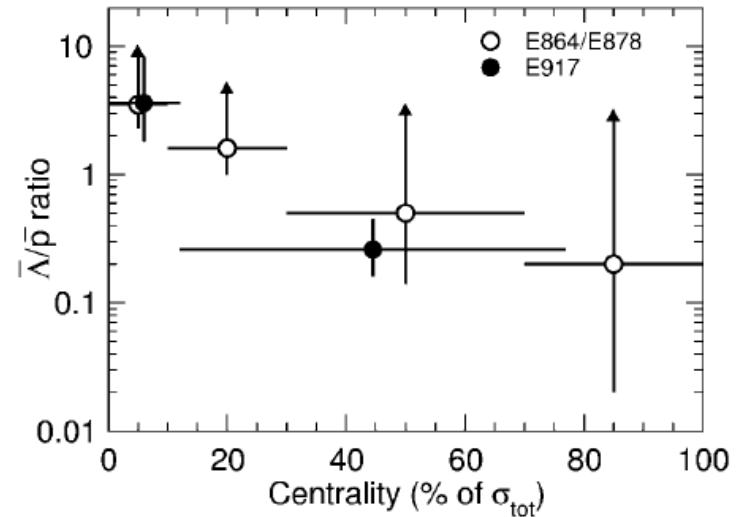
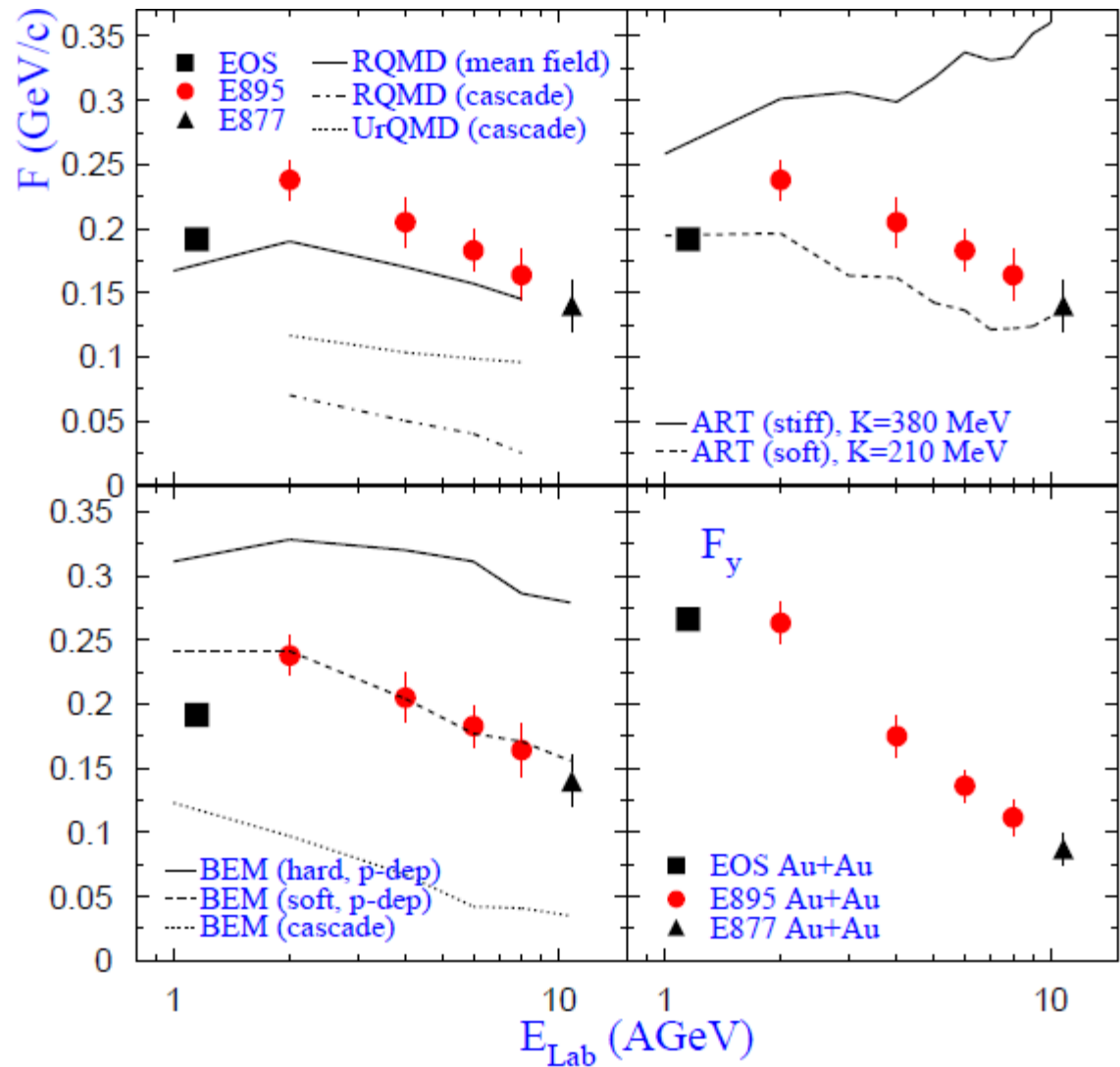


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Directed Flow



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FIG. 2. Proton flow magnitude as a function of beam energy; the lower right panel shows the measured F_y , while the other three panels show identical measurements of the parameter F with different transport model calculations superimposed. The error bars include systematic

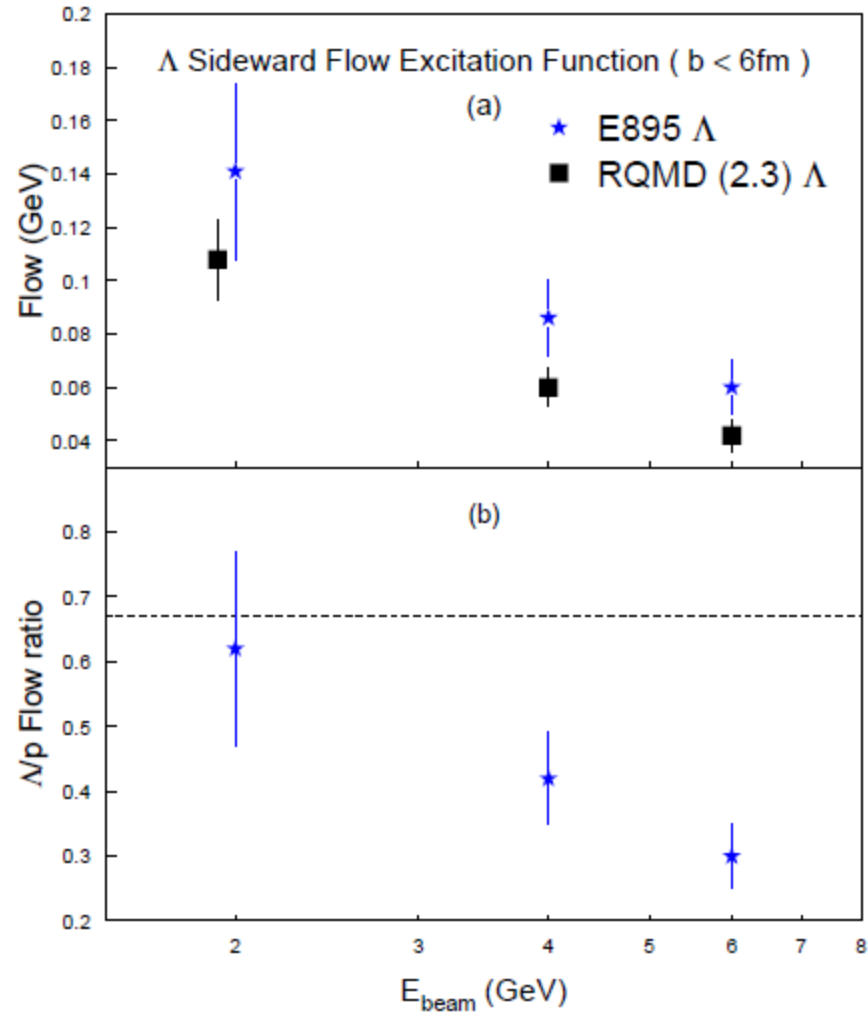
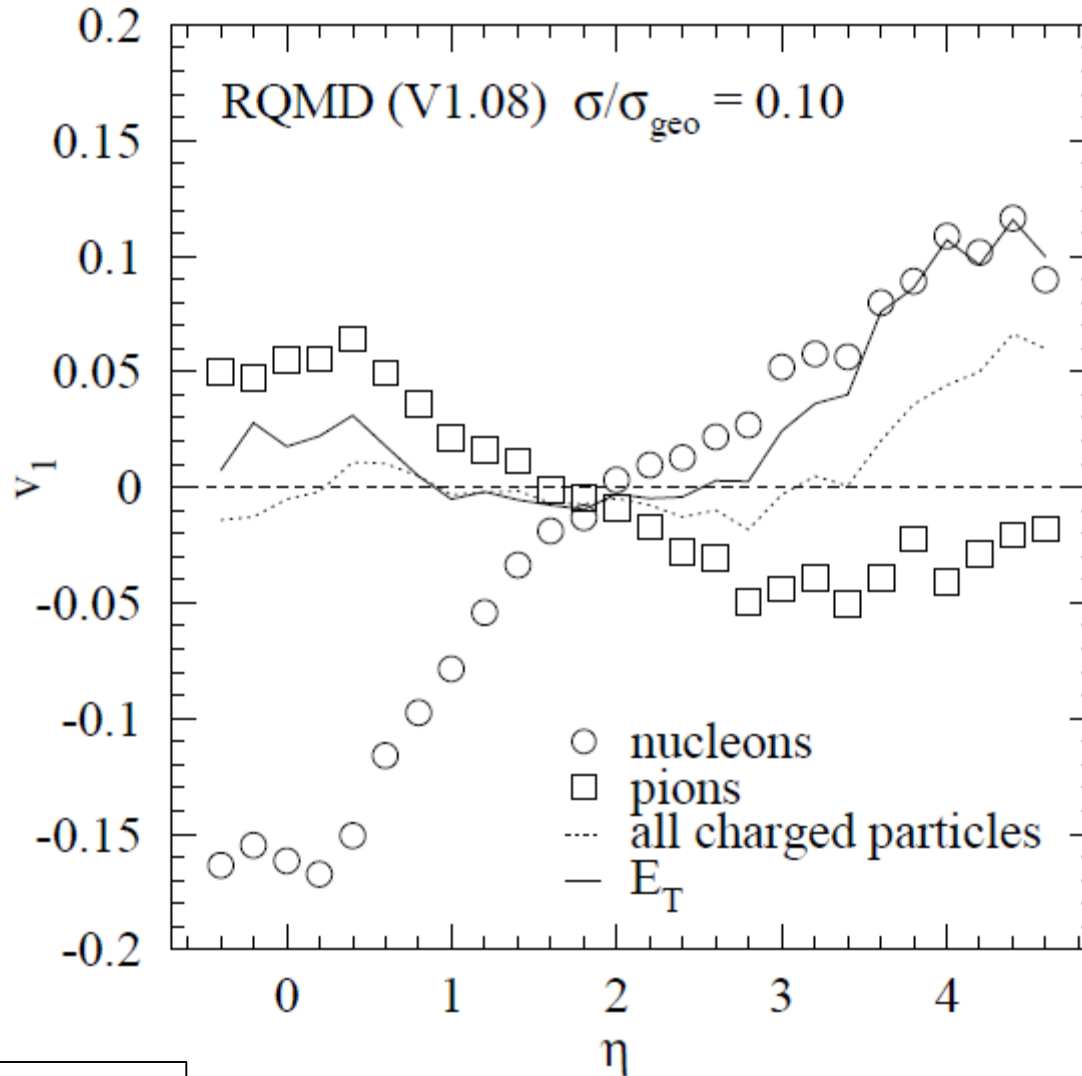


FIG. 4. (a) Λ hyperon flow vs beam energy. Filled stars and squares represent data and RQMD results respectively. (b) Λ/p flow ratio vs beam energy for the same impact-parameter range. The dashed line indicates a value of $2/3$.

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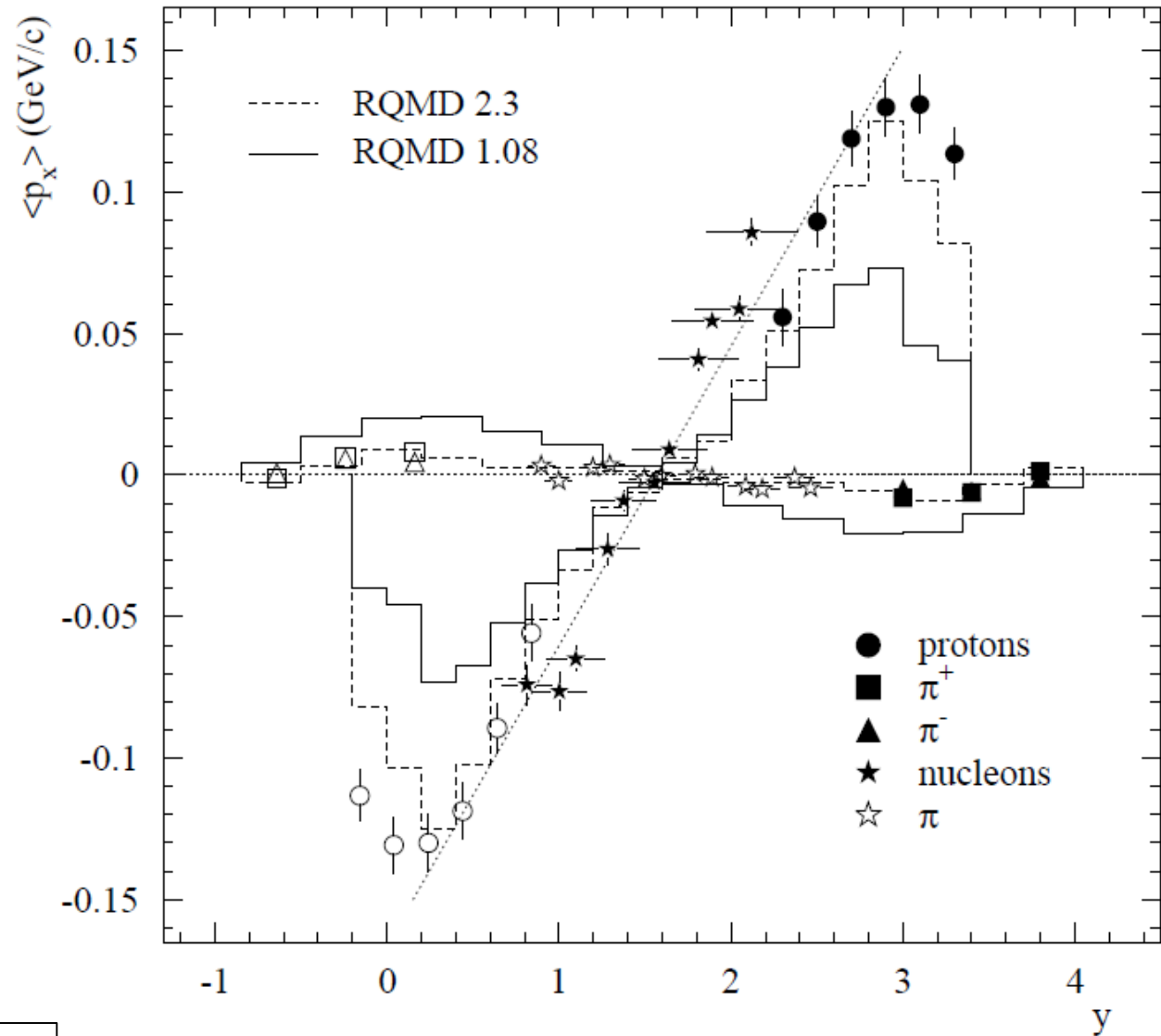
Directed Flow – pions and nucleons



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FIG. 11.

Directed Flow – protons and pions



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Fig. 11. Mean projection $\langle p_x \rangle$ of the proton and pion transverse momentum onto the reaction plane as a function of rapidity y for the reaction $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ at 41 A MeV. The data are compared with the results of the RQMD model with different parameters (1.08 and 2.3). The dotted line shows a linear fit to the data.

Directed Flow – Protons and anti-protons

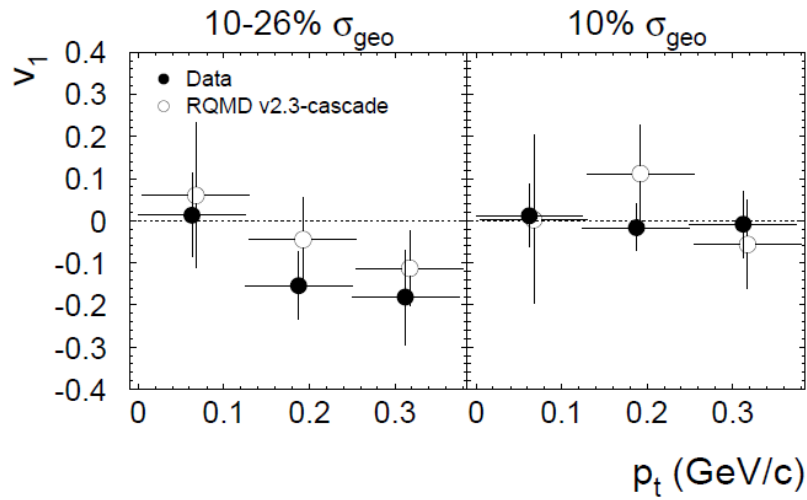


Fig. 5. $v_1(p_t)$ of antiprotons for rapidities $1.8 < y < 2.2$ and two collision centralities. The data (solid circles) are compared with the calculations using the RQMD v2.3 - *cascade mode* (open circles).

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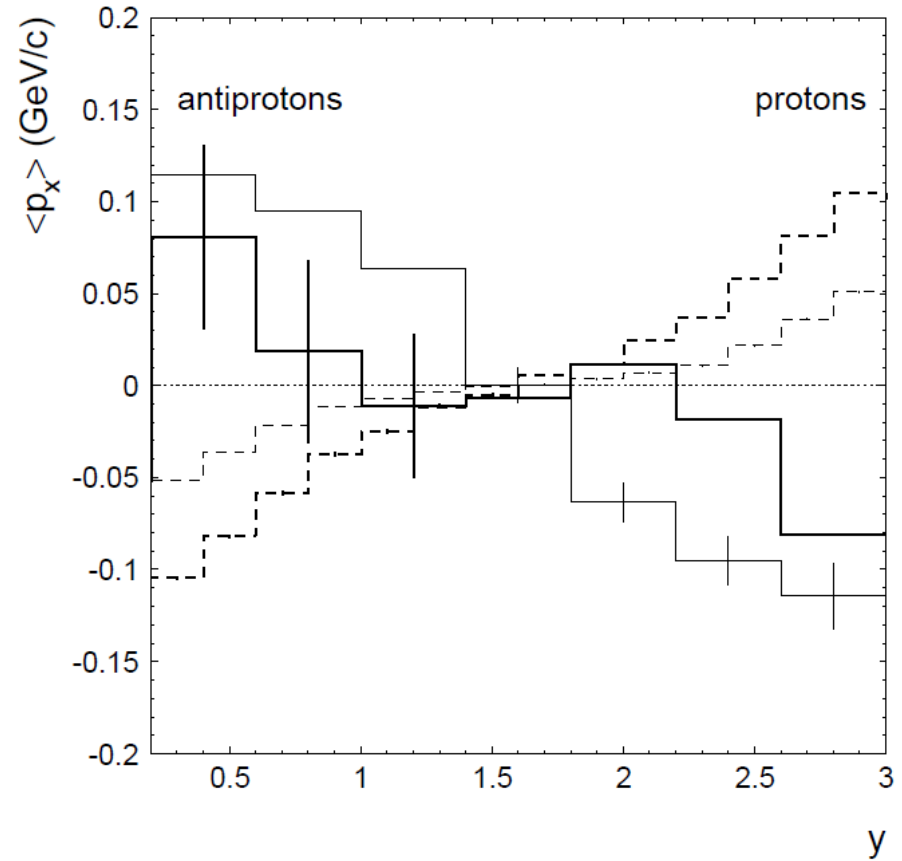


Fig. 6. Mean values of the transverse momentum projected into the reaction plane $\langle p_x \rangle$ of protons (dashed lines) and antiprotons (solid lines) as a function of rapidity for Au+Au collisions at 11.5A GeV/c with impact parameters $b < 10$ fm generated by using the RQMD v2.3 (*cascade mode* - thin lines; *mean field mode* - thick lines).

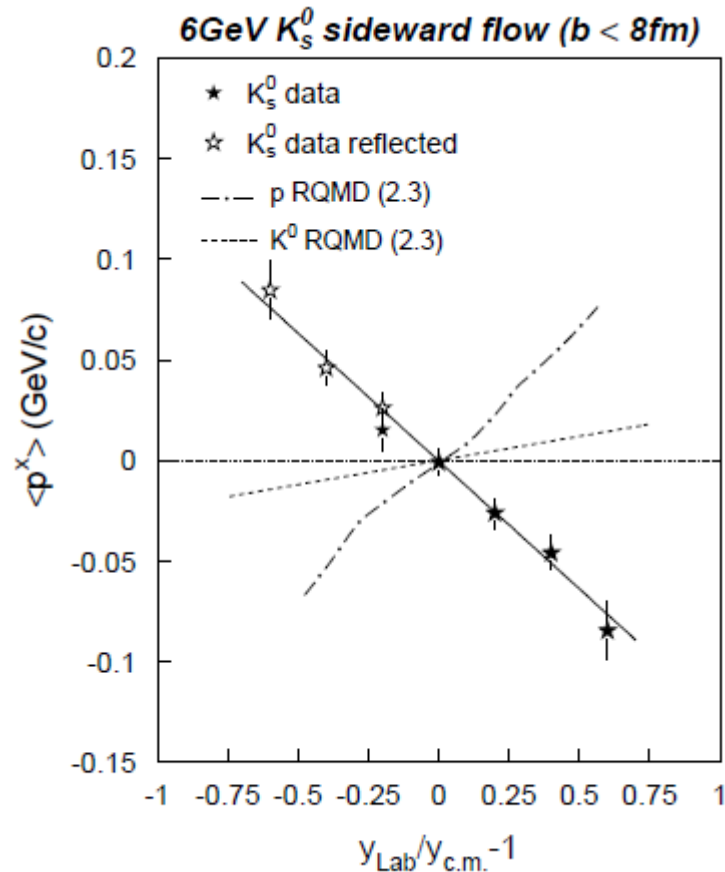


FIG. 3. Experimental $\langle p^x \rangle$ vs y_0 for K_s^0 mesons (stars). $\langle p^x \rangle$ values have been corrected for reaction plane dispersion. The solid curve represents a linear fit to the data. Error bars are statistical. The dashed-dot and dotted curves represent results obtained for protons and K_s^0 's from RQMD v (2.3) (with mean-field). The RQMD results have been obtained for the same impact parameter and p^t selection as that for the data.

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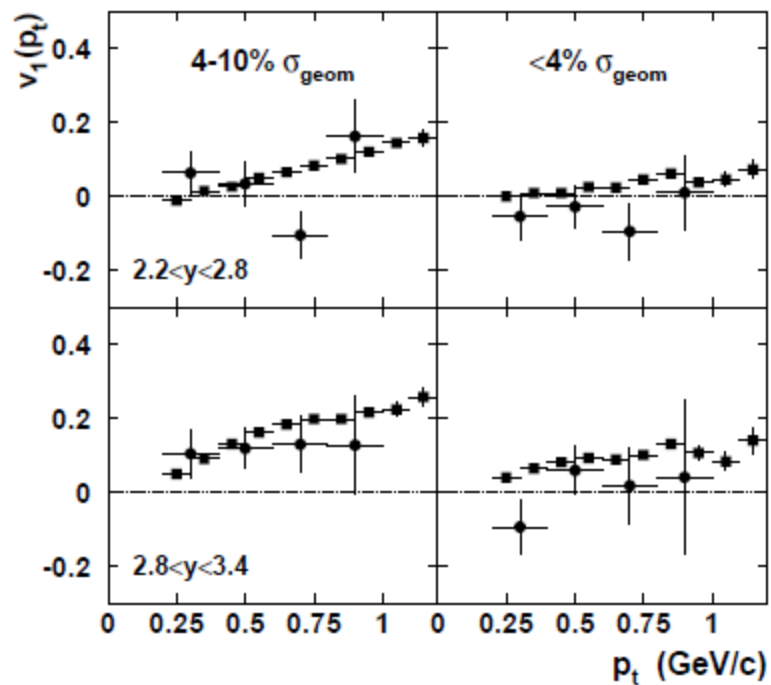
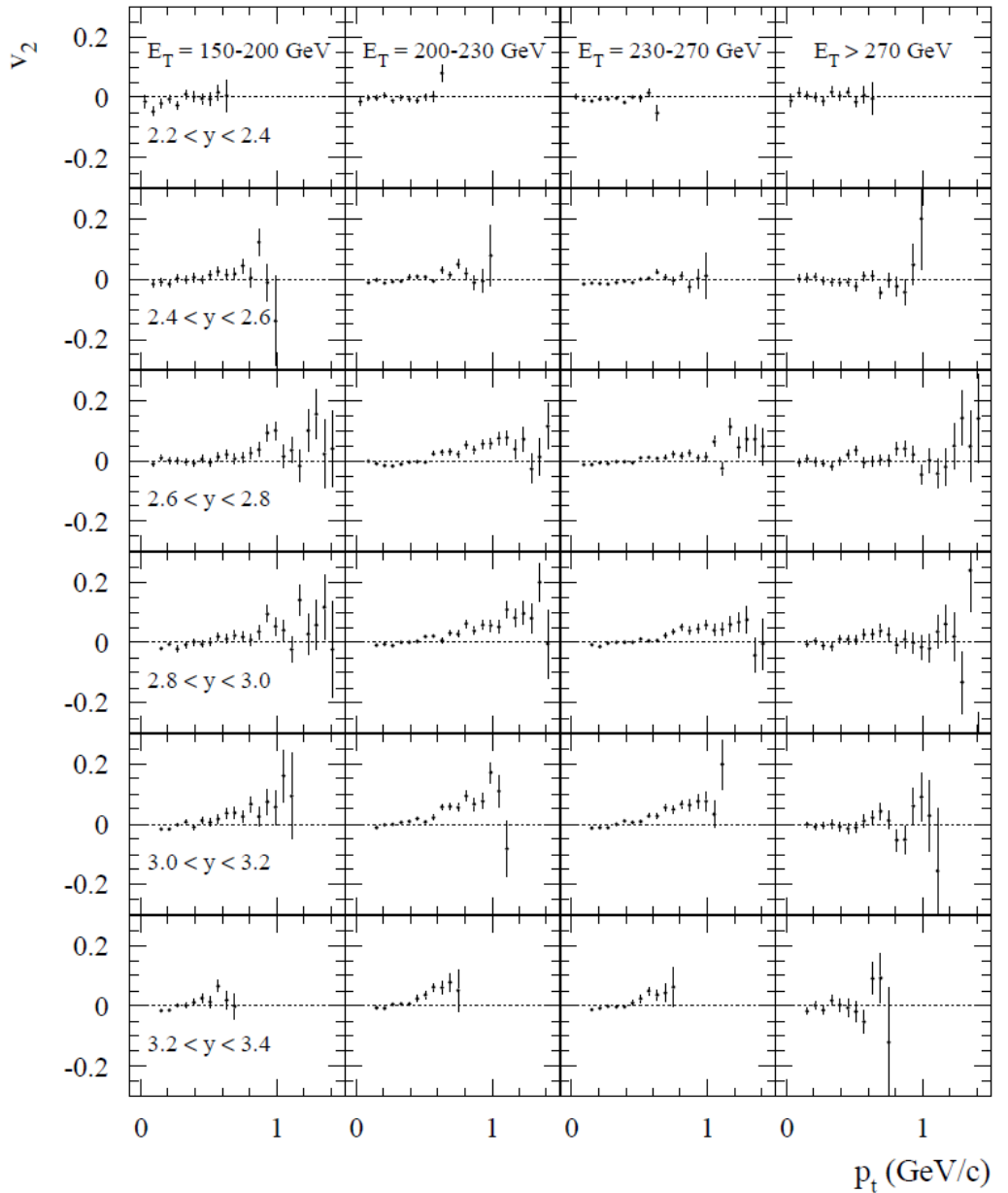


FIG. 9. Comparison of $v_1(p_t)$ data between Λ 's (solid circles) and protons (solid squares).

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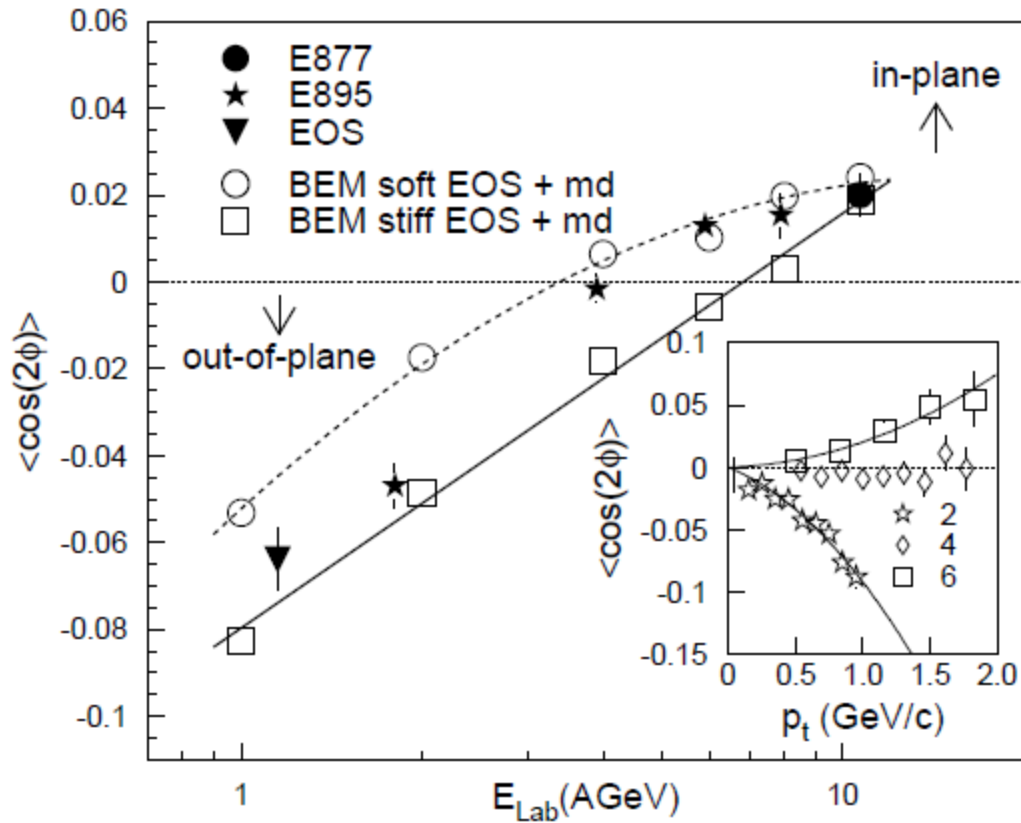
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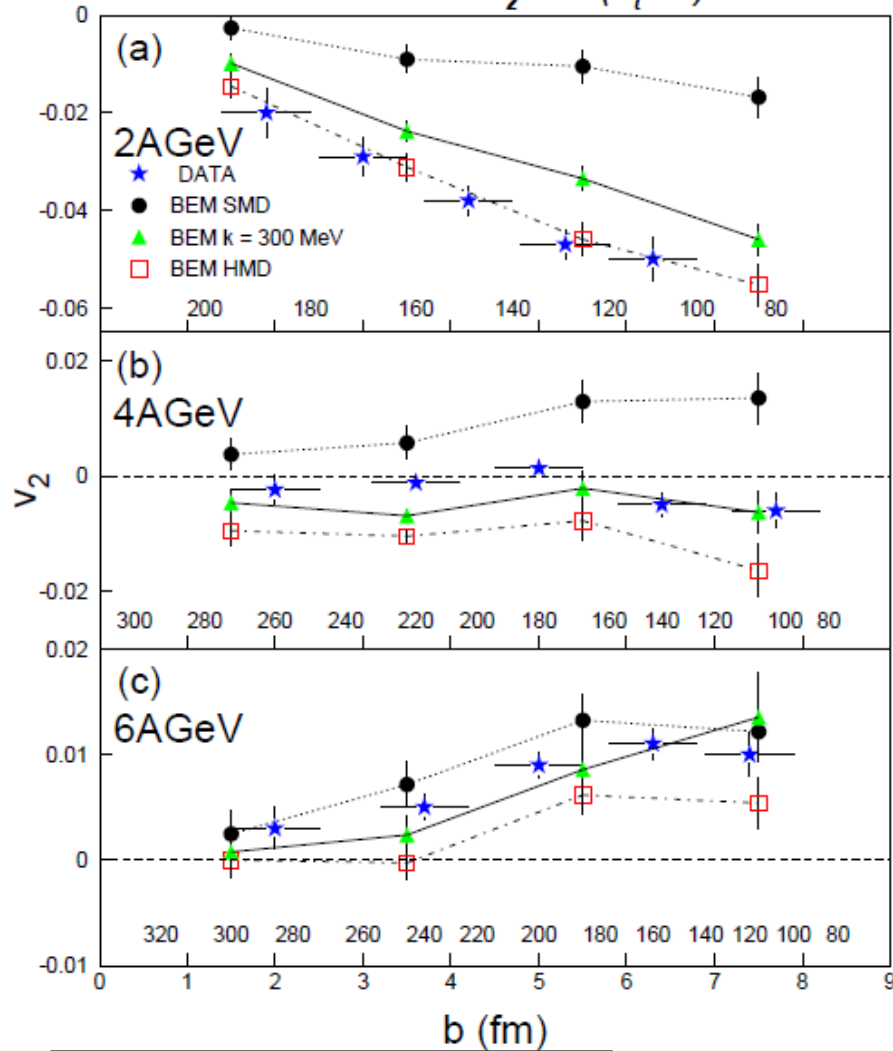
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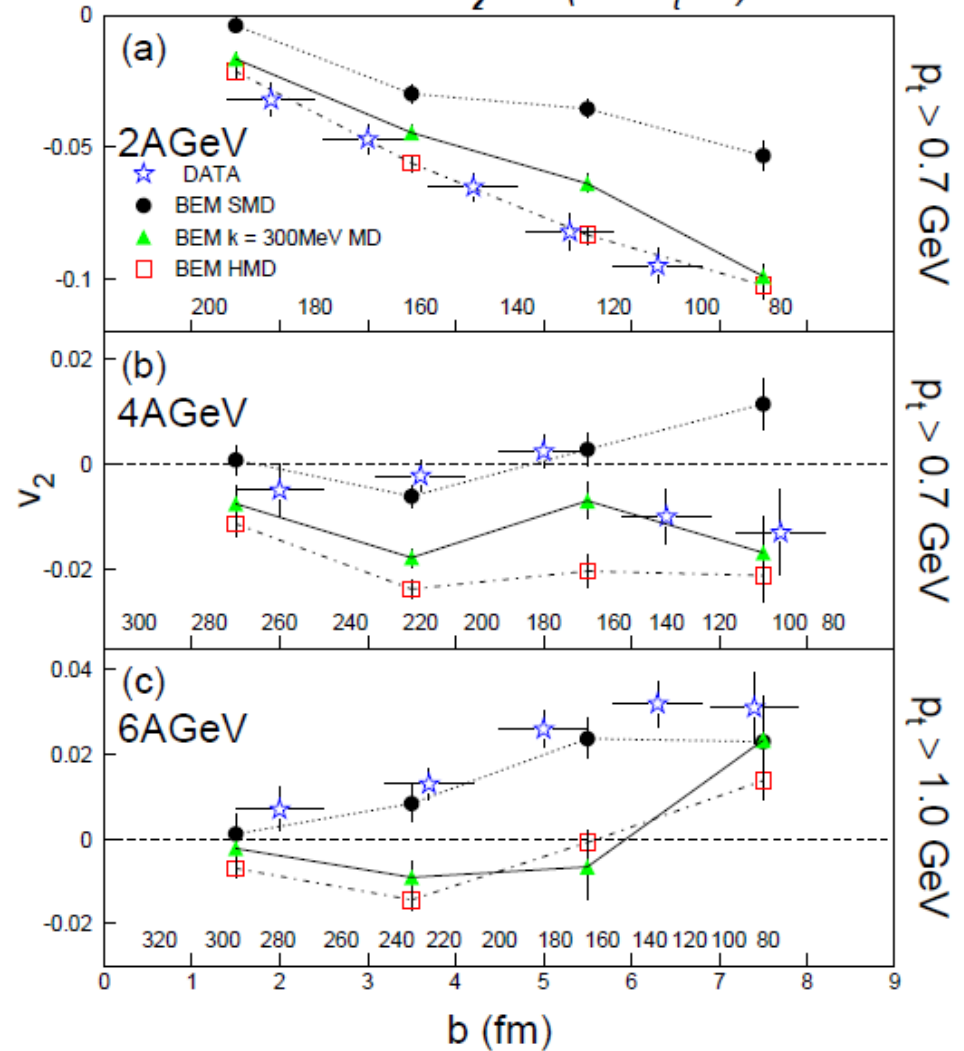
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Elliptic Flow --- protons

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E895 Proton V_2 vs b (with P_t cut)



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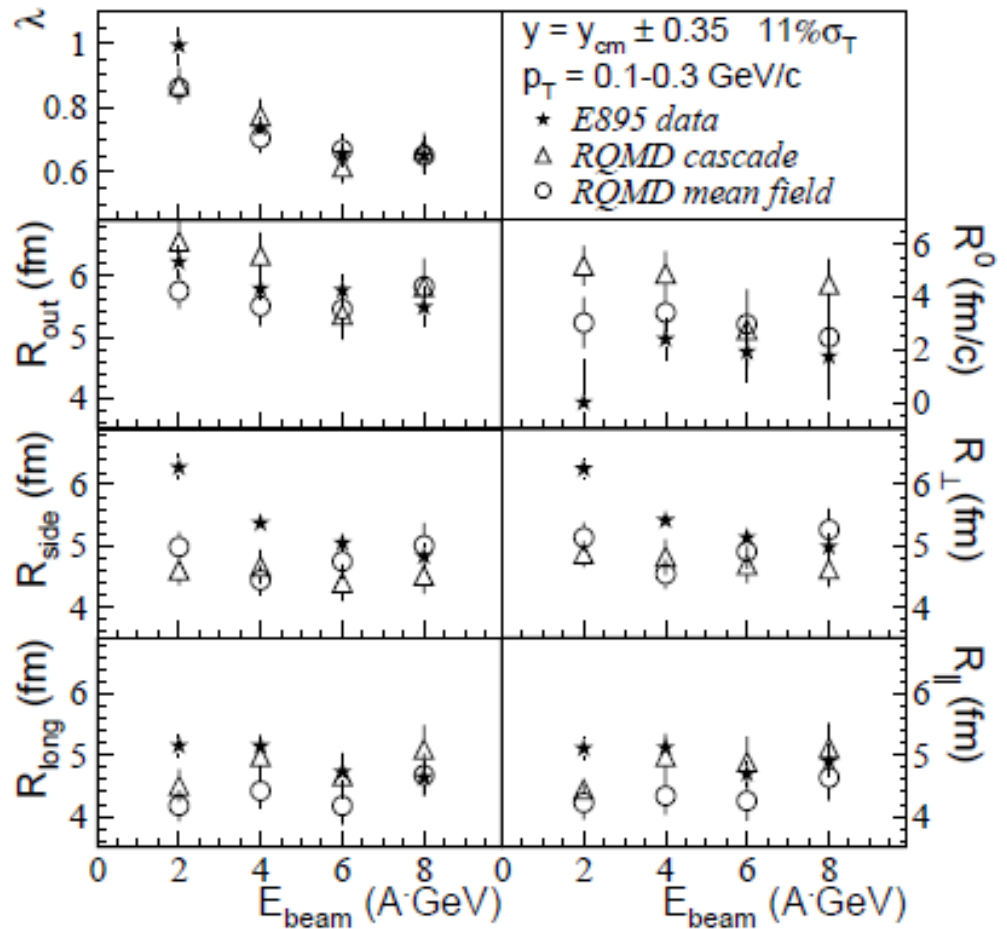
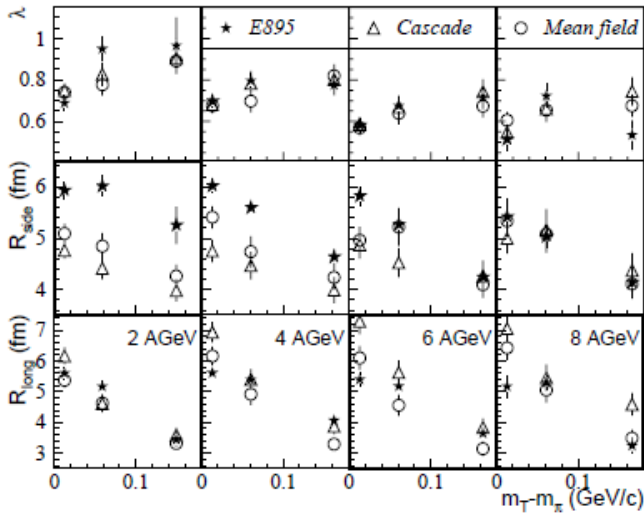


FIG. 2. Filled stars indicate the m_T dependence of the measured BP parameters for midrapidity ($y = y_{c.m.} \pm 0.5$) π^- for central (11% σ_T) collisions at four beam energies. Open symbols show the parameters from fits to correlation functions from RQMD calculations.

FIG. 1. Fit parameters for the measured correlation functions decomposed with the BP (left panels) and YKP (right panels) decompositions are shown as stars. Triangles and circles represent the results of fits to correlation functions from RQMD in cascade and mean field modes, respectively.

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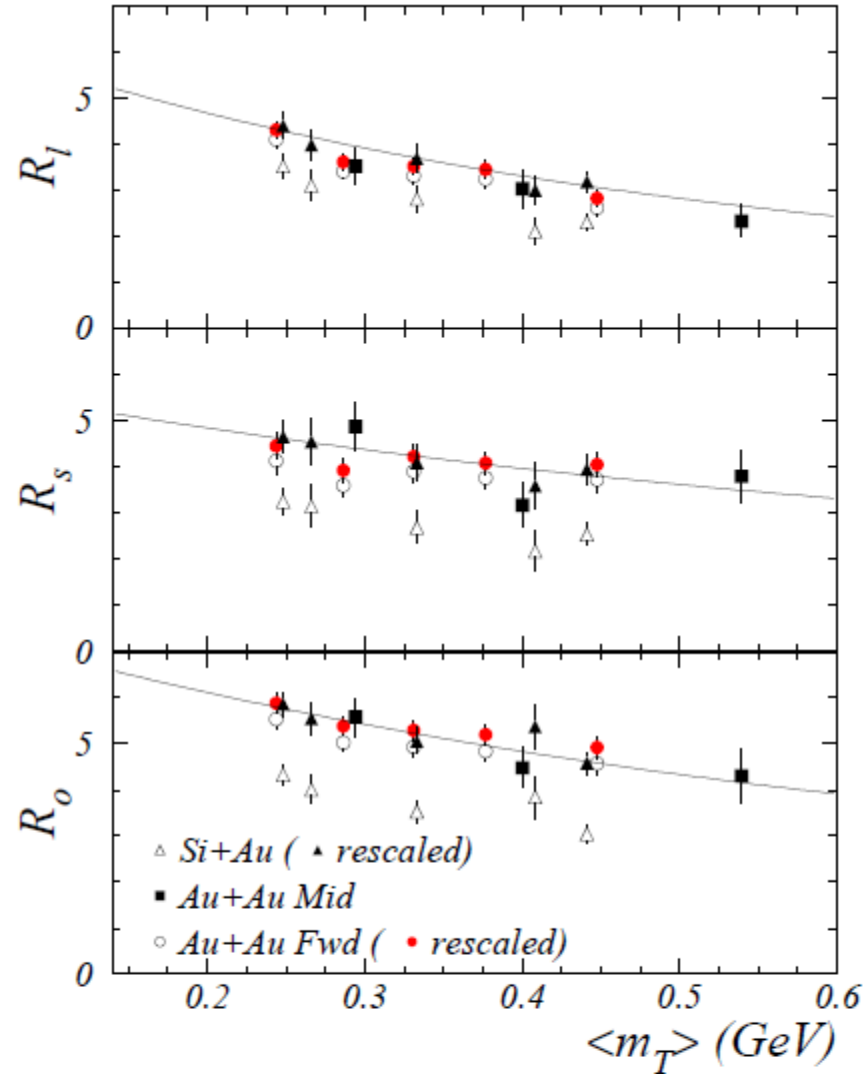


FIG. 8: m_T dependence of Bertsch-Pratt radii for Si+Au, Au+Au, Au+Au at forward rapidity [44], and for Si+Au rescaled by $N_{\text{total}}^{1/3}$ to match Au+Au. The solid line is a fit of the form $e^{(a+bm_T)}$ to the Si+Au points, rescaled according to the $N_{\text{total}}^{1/3}$ for Au+Au. The Au+Au forward rapidity data are also shown after being rescaled to match the mid-rapidity centrality condition.

TABLE II. Parameters of the fit to three-dimensional correlation functions $C(q_{\text{out}}, q_{\text{side}}, q_{\text{long}}) = 1 + \lambda \exp(-R_{\text{out}}^2 q_{\text{out}}^2 - R_{\text{side}}^2 q_{\text{side}}^2 + -R_{\text{long}}^2 q_{\text{long}}^2 - 2|R_{\text{ol}}|R_{\text{ol}}q_{\text{out}}q_{\text{long}})$. The fit results are corrected for momentum resolution. That is why λ 's differ from the values in Table I.

	λ	$R_{\text{out}}(\text{fm})$	$R_{\text{side}}(\text{fm})$	$R_{\text{long}}(\text{fm})$	$R_{\text{ol}}(\text{fm})$
$\pi^+\pi^+$	0.62 ± 0.06	5.8 ± 0.5	3.9 ± 0.8	5.5 ± 0.4	2.4 ± 0.7
$\pi^-\pi^-$	0.62 ± 0.05	6.5 ± 0.5	5.6 ± 0.7	5.8 ± 0.4	3.7 ± 0.8

TABLE III. Pion phase space density at freeze-out as a function of p_t and y . The statistical errors from d^3n/d^3p are about 2%. The systematic error from d^3n/d^3p , combined with the error from the correlation analysis, is 24% for π^+ and 18% for π^- . (This error acts on all numbers in the Table collectively.)

p_t (GeV/c)	π^+			π^-		
	$y=3.05$	$y=3.15$	$y=3.25$	$y=3.05$	$y=3.15$	$y=3.25$
0.05	0.190	0.167	0.146	0.158	0.134	0.115
0.10	0.124	0.110	0.094	0.100	0.083	0.071
0.20	0.039	0.033	0.027	0.028	0.022	0.018

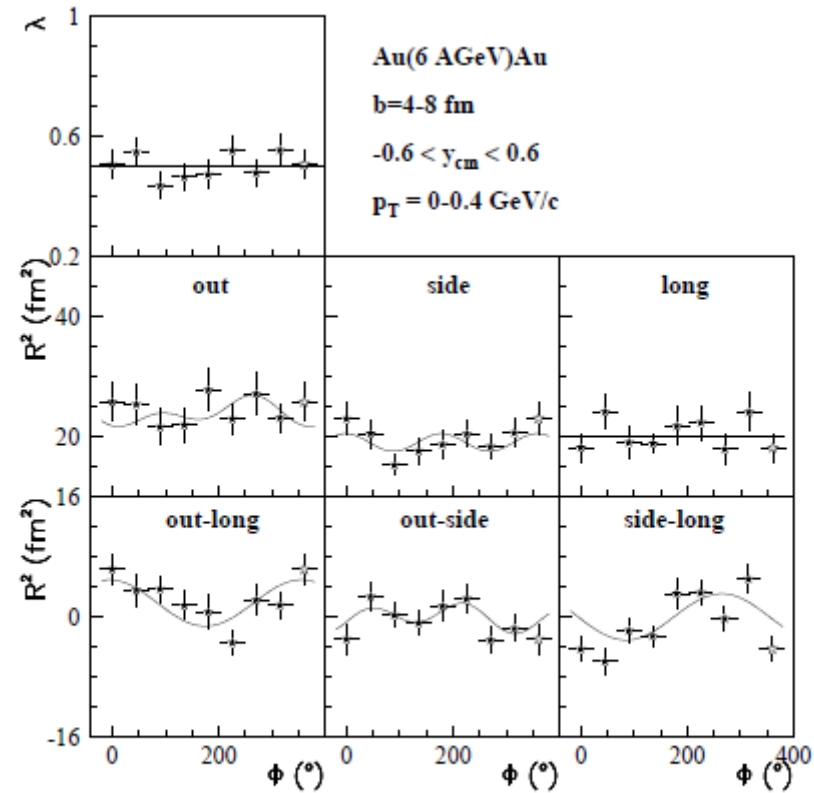
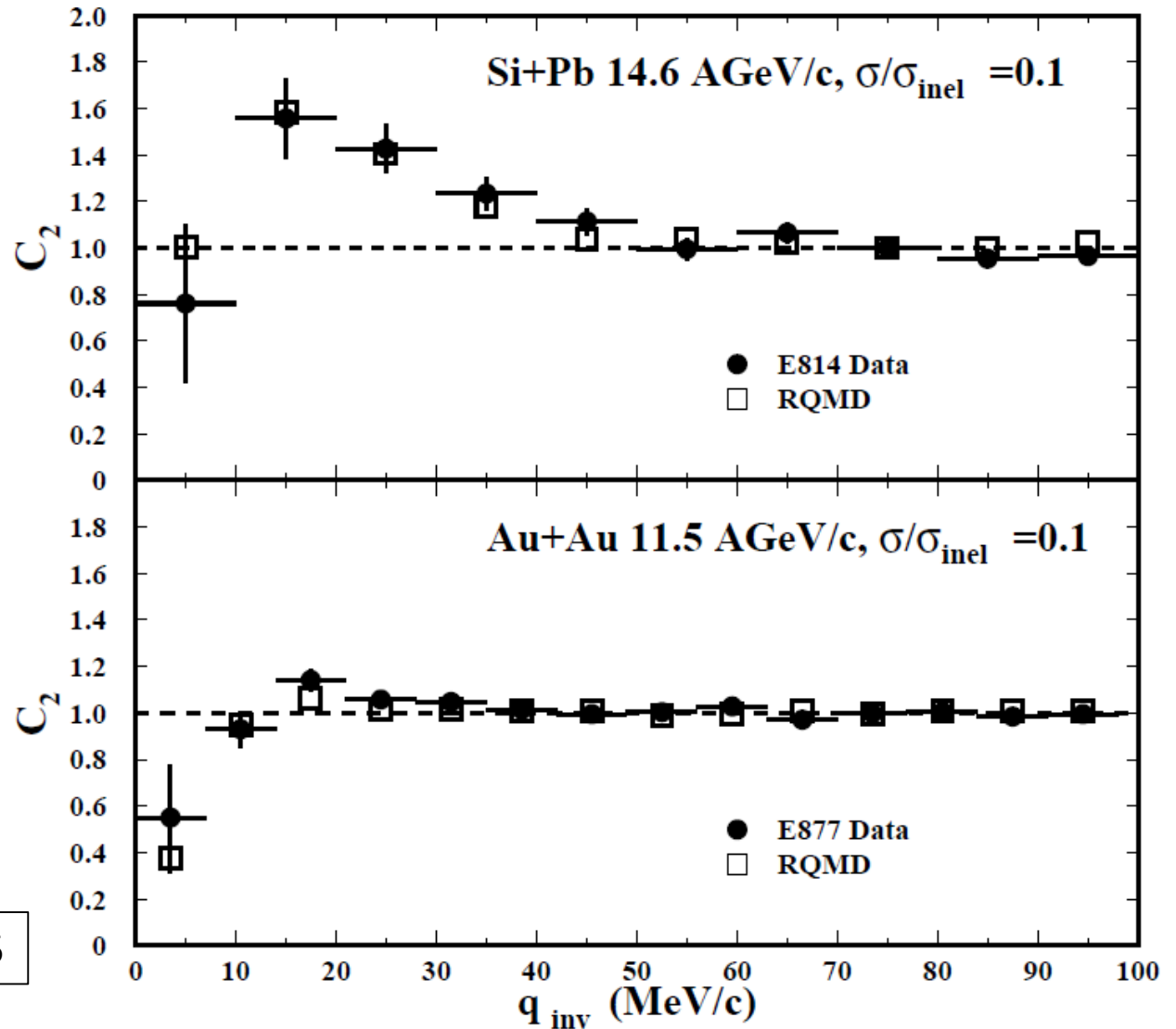


FIG. 5. Same as Figure 3, but for 6 AGeV collisions.

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3. 3. Two-proton correlation functions for Si+Pb (upper panel) and for Au+Au (lower panel) central collisions. Experimental results are shown as filled circles while the RQMD model predictions are shown as open squares.