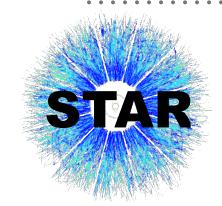


π, K, p Production and Thermodynamics
Beyond Mid-Rapidity $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 27 \text{ GeV Au+Au at STAR}$

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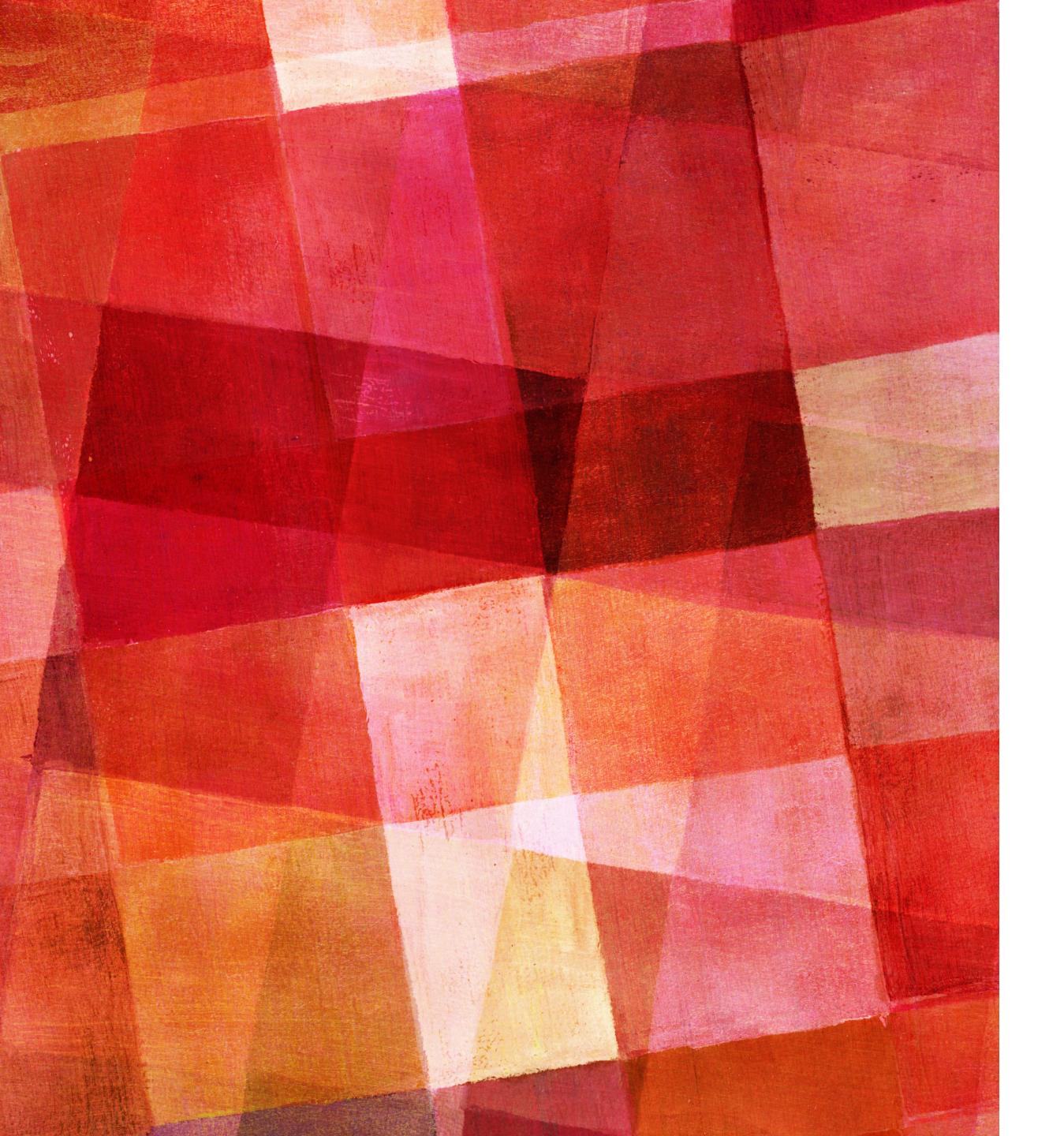








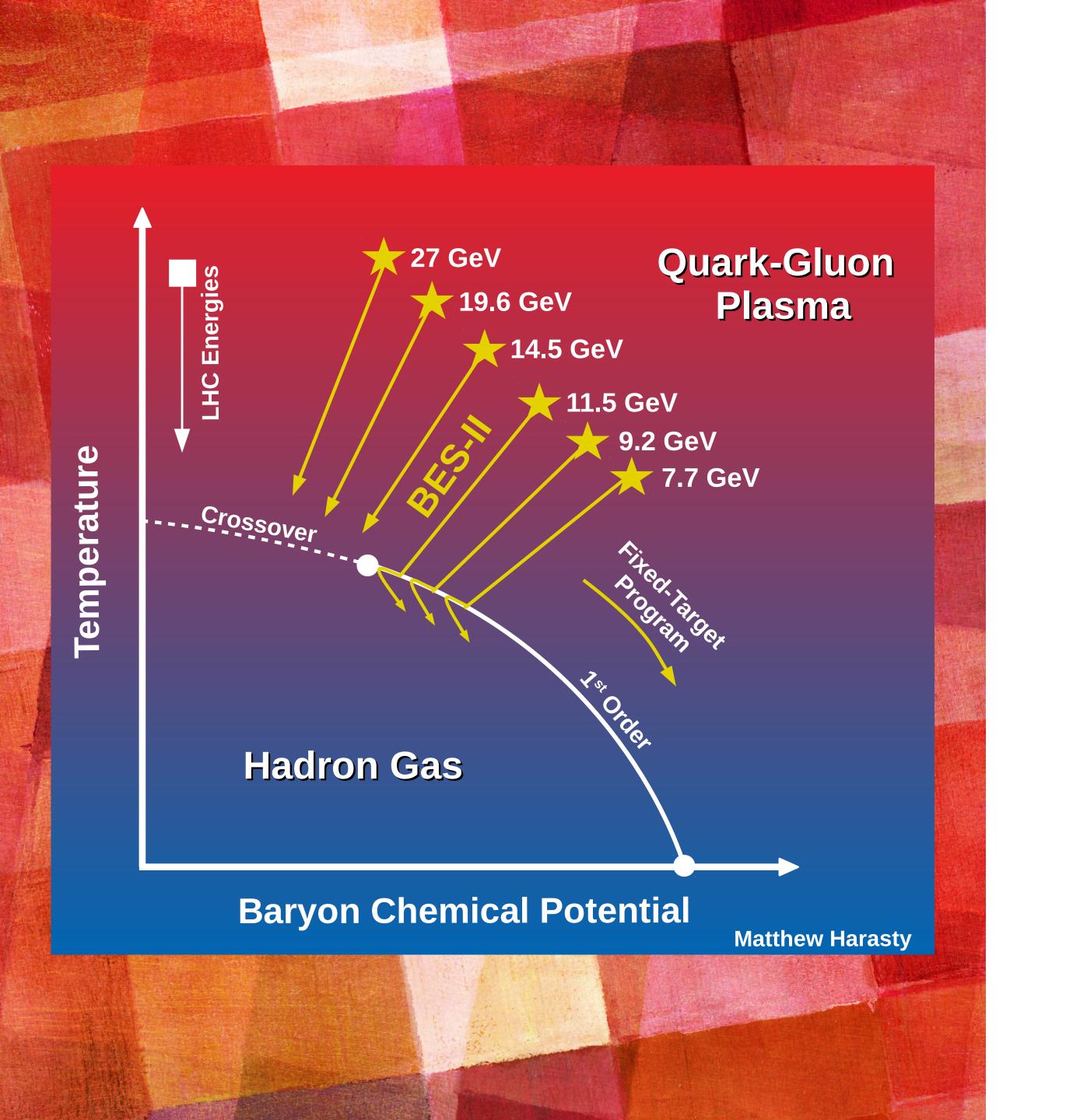
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OVERVIEW

- > Physics motivation
- ➤ The dataset
- ➤ Extraction of particle yields
- ➤ Corrections to yields
- ➤ Charged hadron ratios
- ➤ Baryon chemical potential
- ➤ Conclusions







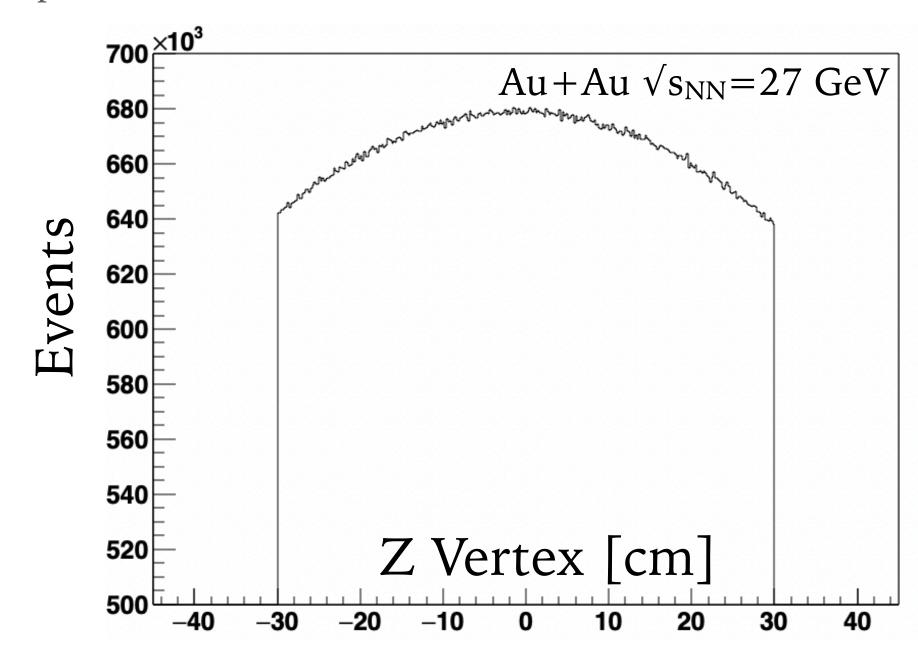
➤ Where we are on the QCD phase diagram?

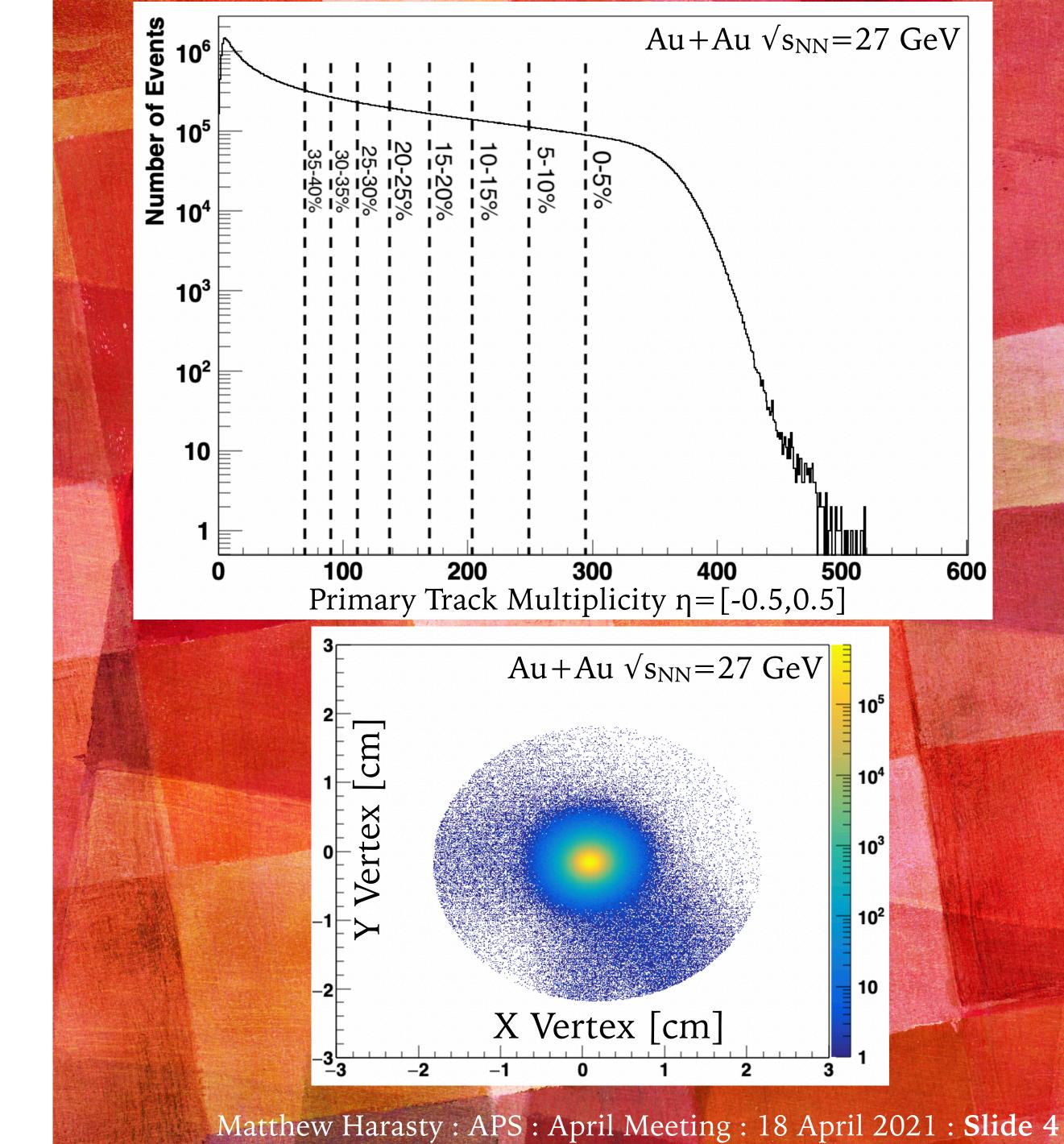
➤ How do modes of particle production change as a function of centrality and rapidity?

➤ How do the chemical freeze-out temperature and baryon chemical potential change with centrality and rapidity?

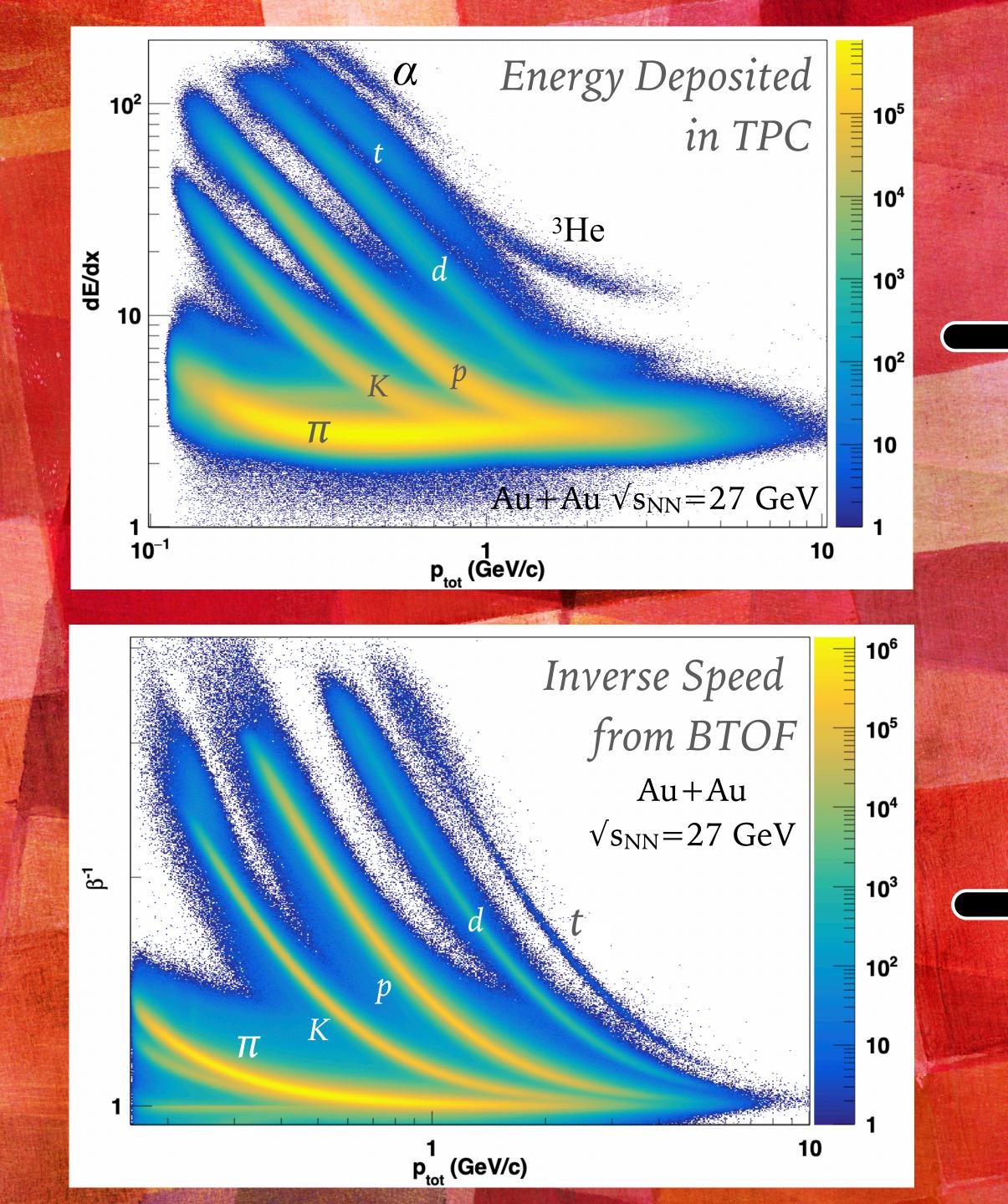
DATASET & EVENT QUALITY

- ➤ Beam Energy Scan II
- $> \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 27 \text{ GeV Au} + \text{Au } 2018$
- > Events used: 200M
- $V_z = [-30, 30] \text{ cm}$
- > V_r < 2.0 cm



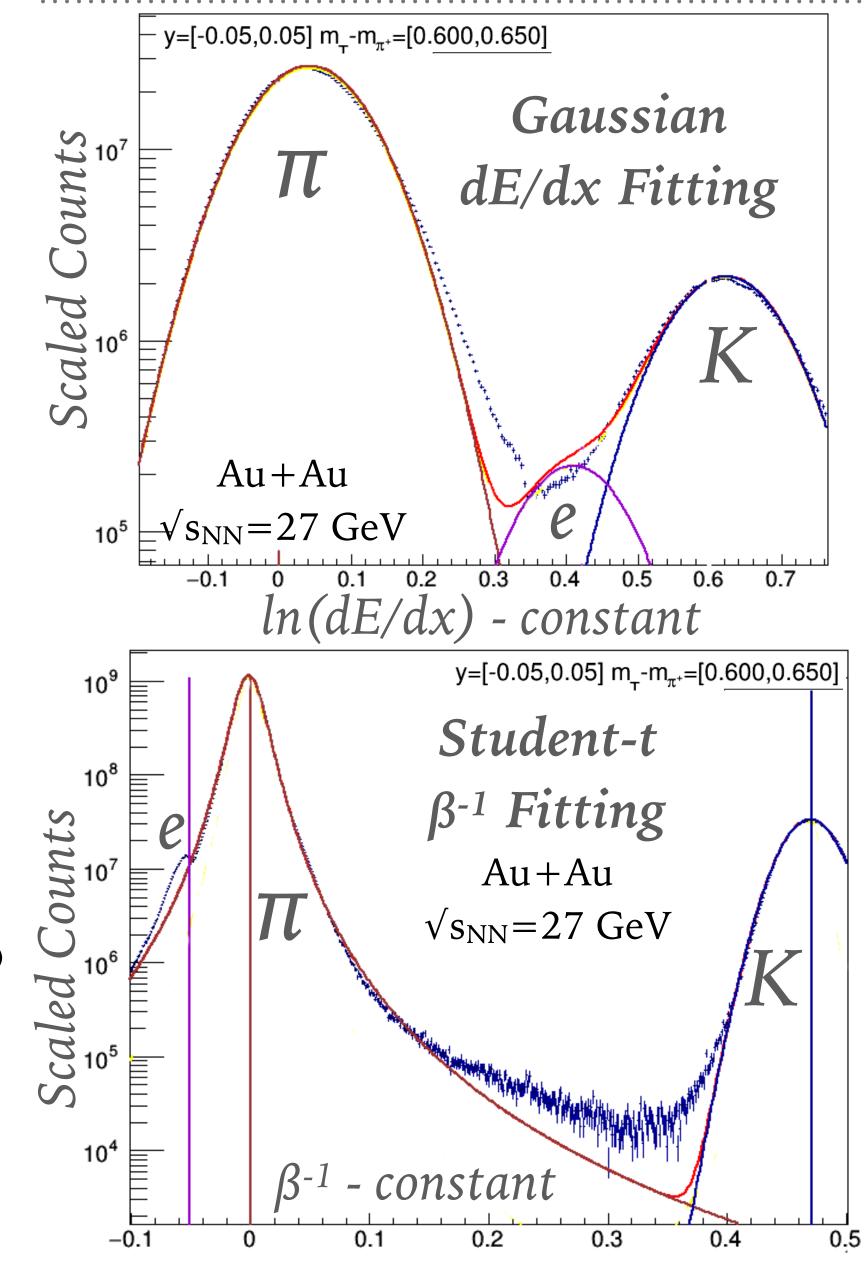


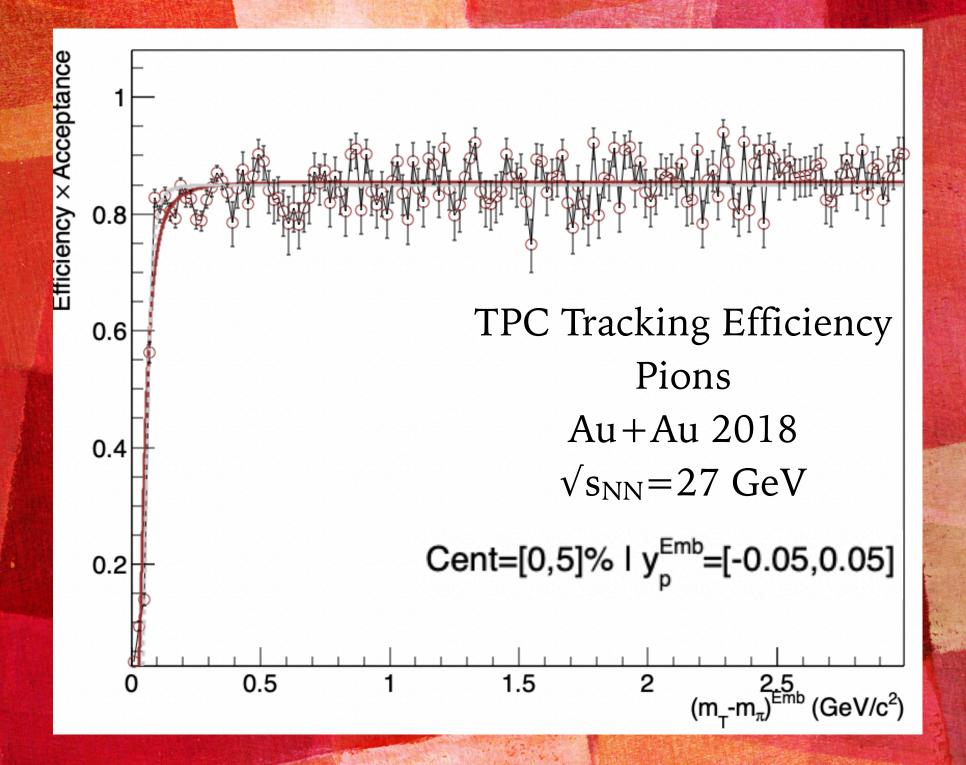


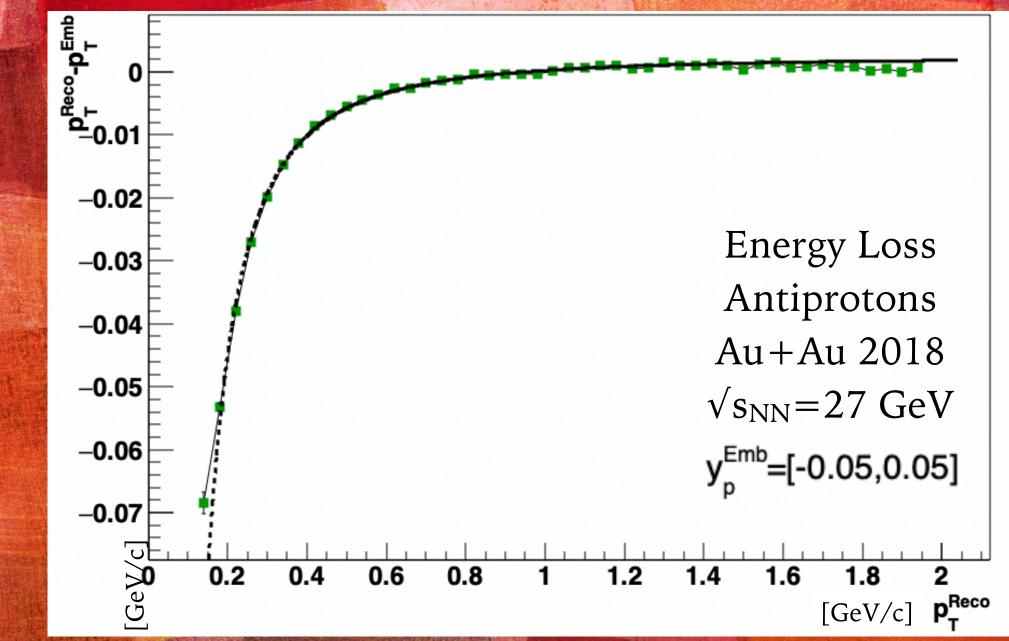


EXTRACTING RAW YIELDS









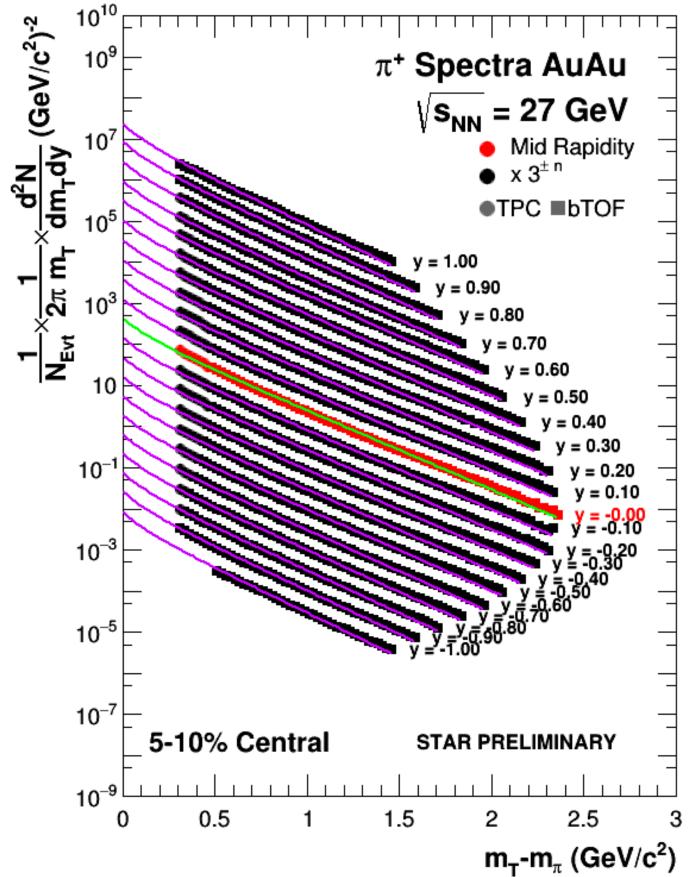


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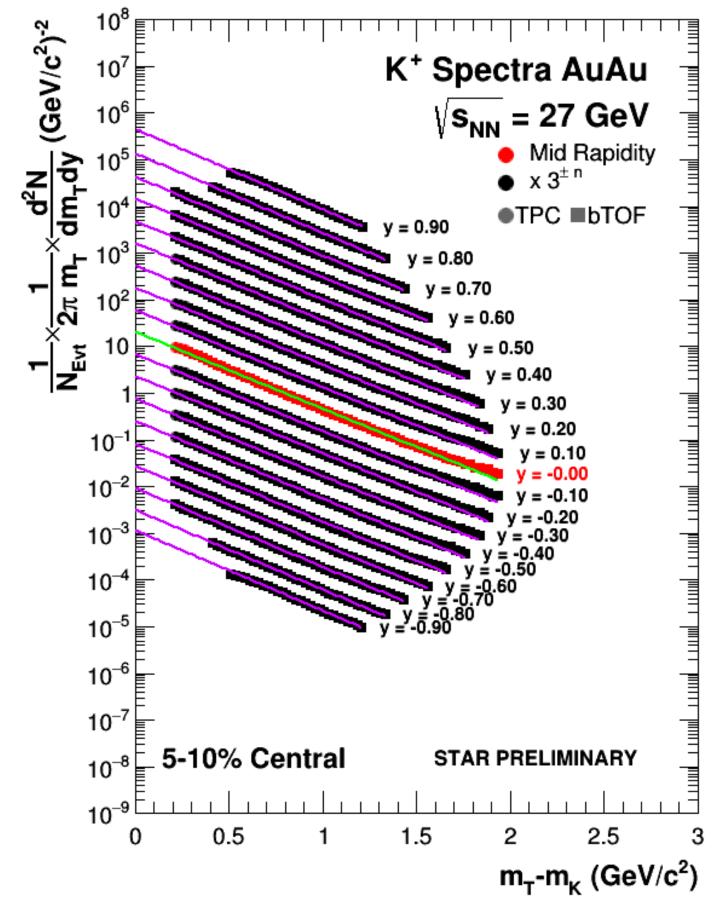
- ➤ bToF matching efficiency (data driven)
- ➤ TPC tracking efficiency
- ➤ Energy loss in TPC (K and p)
- Knockout protons (p Only)
 - ➤ Mainly beryllium beam pipe interactions
- > Feed-down correction (π and p)

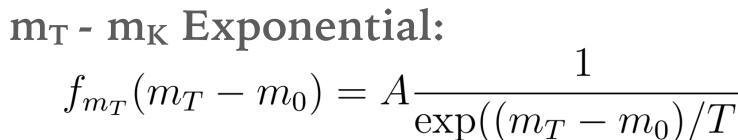
RAPIDITY DEPENDENT PARTICLE SPECTRA – 5–10% MOST CENTRAL COLLISIONS STAR

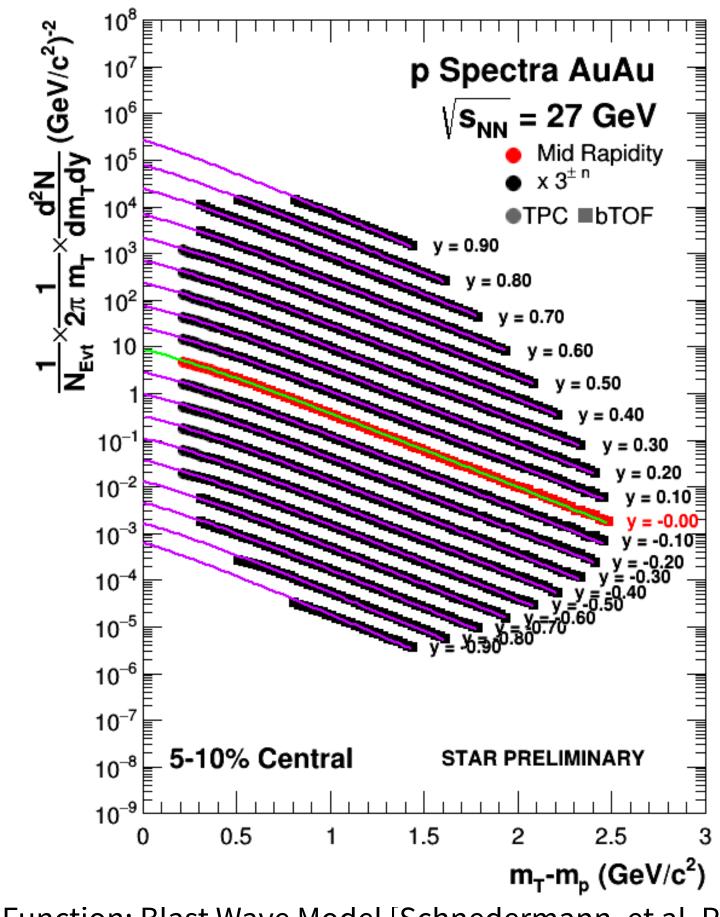




Bose-Einstein: $f_{\text{BE}}(m_T - m_0) = A \frac{1}{\exp(m_T/T) - 1}$







Fit Function: Blast Wave Model [Schnedermann, et al. PRC 48]

$$f_{m_T}(m_T - m_0) = A \frac{1}{\exp((m_T - m_0)/T)} \qquad \frac{d^2N}{m_T dm_T dy} = A \int_0^R r dr m_T \times I_0\left(\frac{p_T \sinh \rho(r)}{T_{Kin}}\right) K_1\left(\frac{m_T \cosh \rho(r)}{T_{kin}}\right)$$

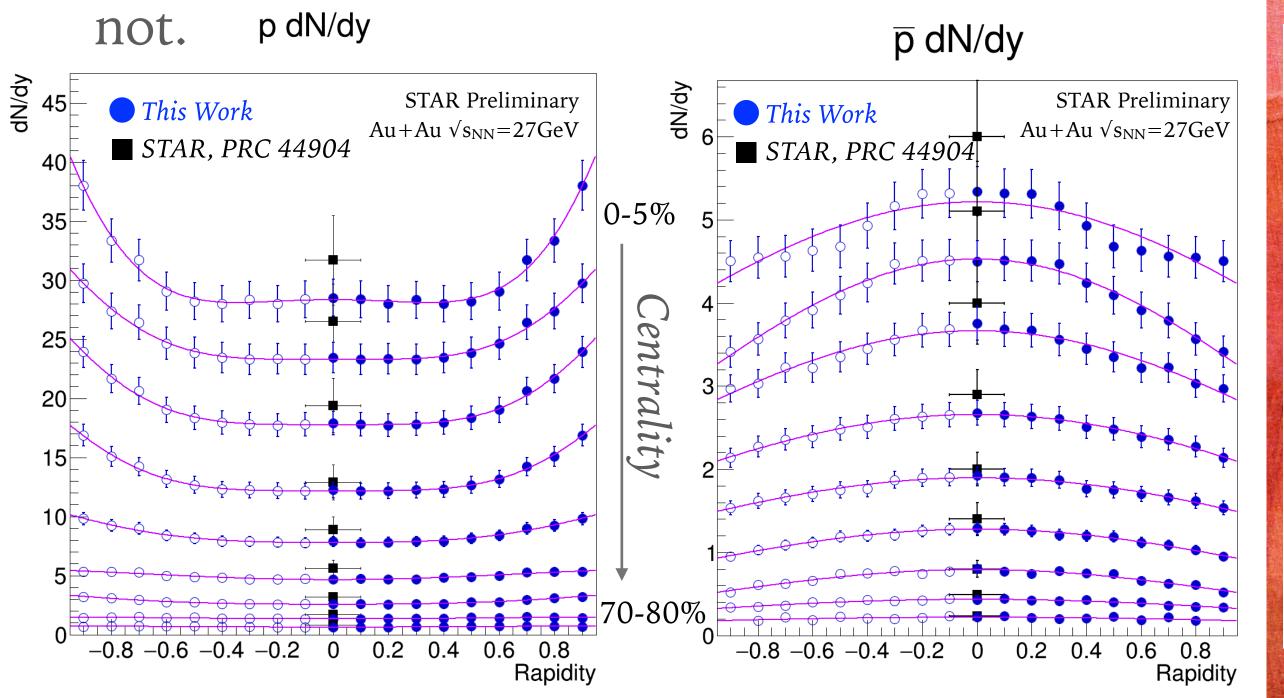
> Spectra fit over extended rapidity coverage

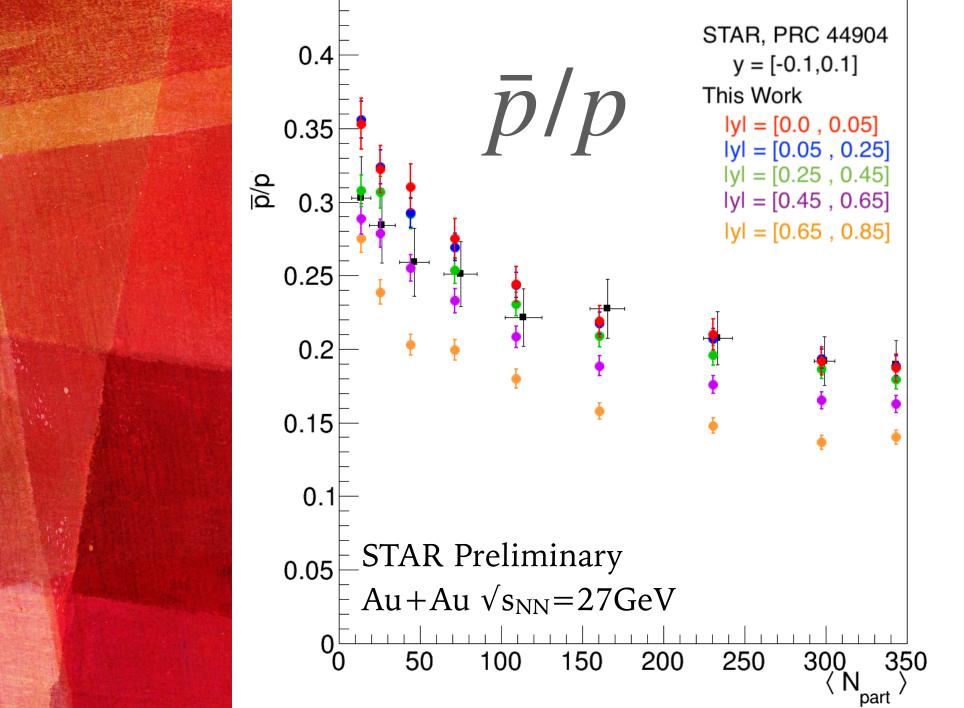
> Spectra fit over many centralities

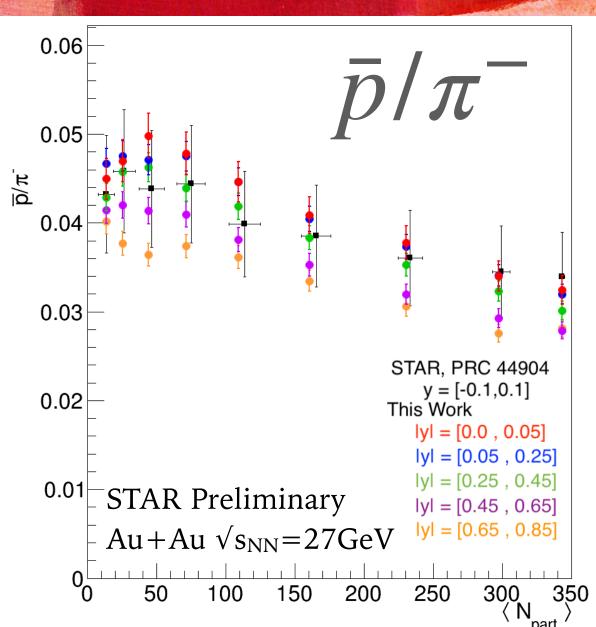


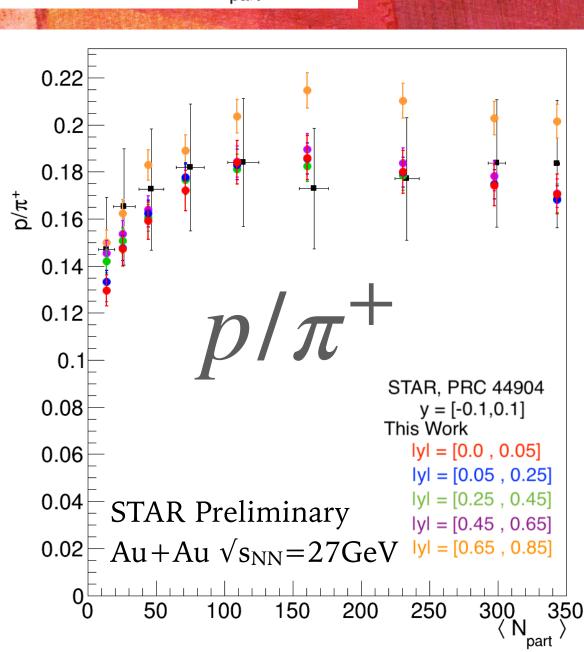
PROTON PRODUCTION

- ➤ Thermal and participant protons
- Baryon stopping
- \triangleright Baryon chemical potential (μ_B)
- ➤ New results were feed-down corrected based on UrQMD, while the previous results were



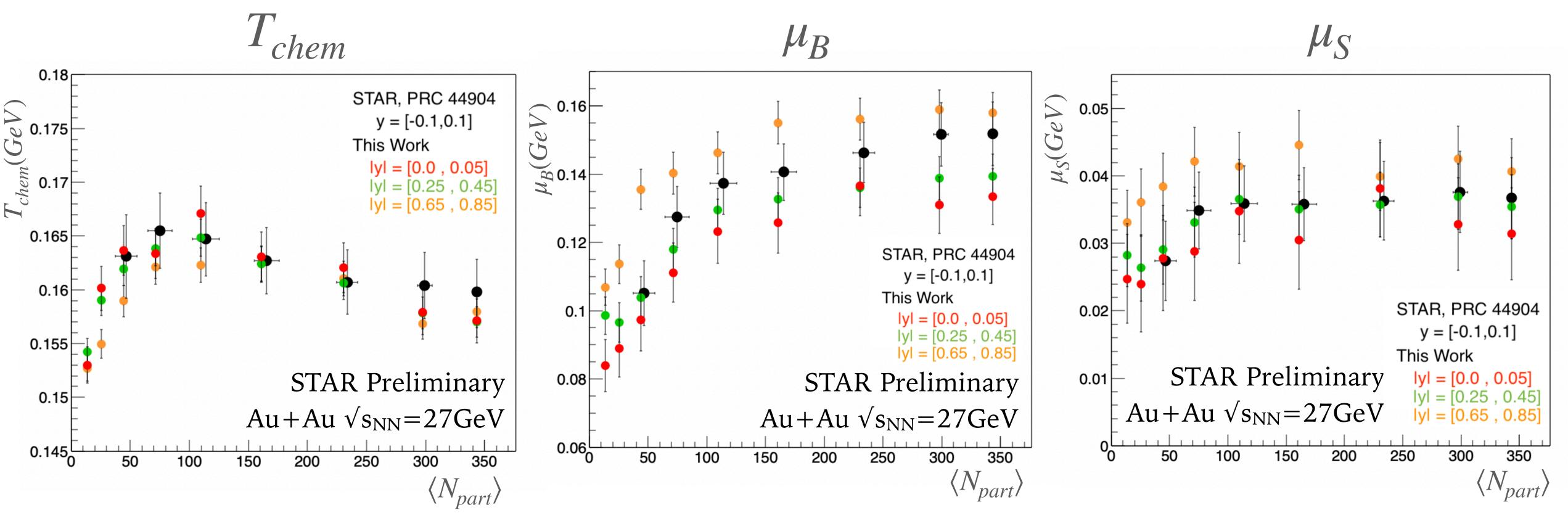






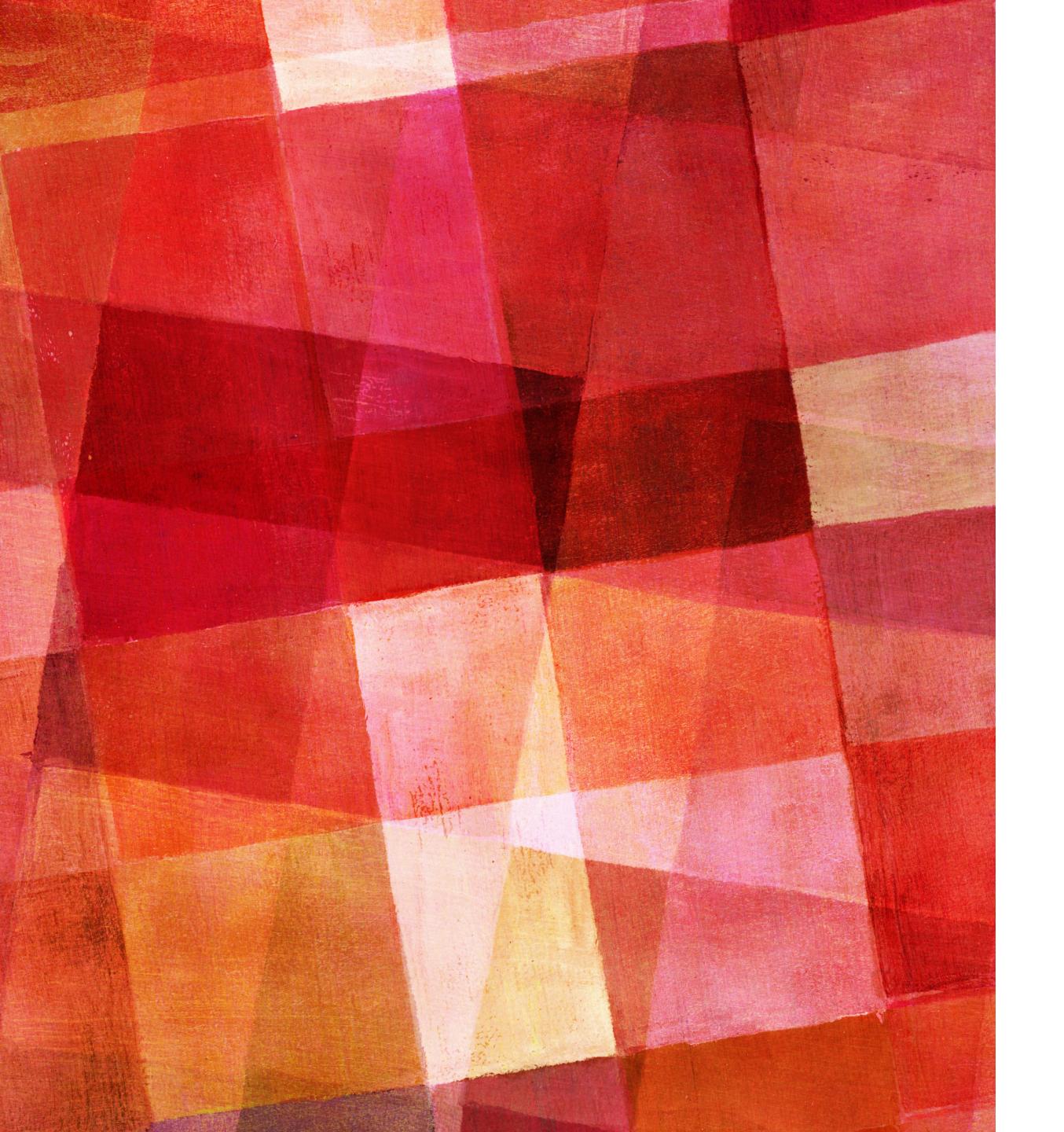
THERMUS RESULTS





- Only statistical errors are shown
- ➤ Grand-Canonical Ensemble
 - ➤ Energy and quantum numbers enforced on average

- $\rightarrow \Delta \mu_{\rm B} \sim 25$ MeV for 1 unit of rapidity
- ➤ Peripheral events extend coverage





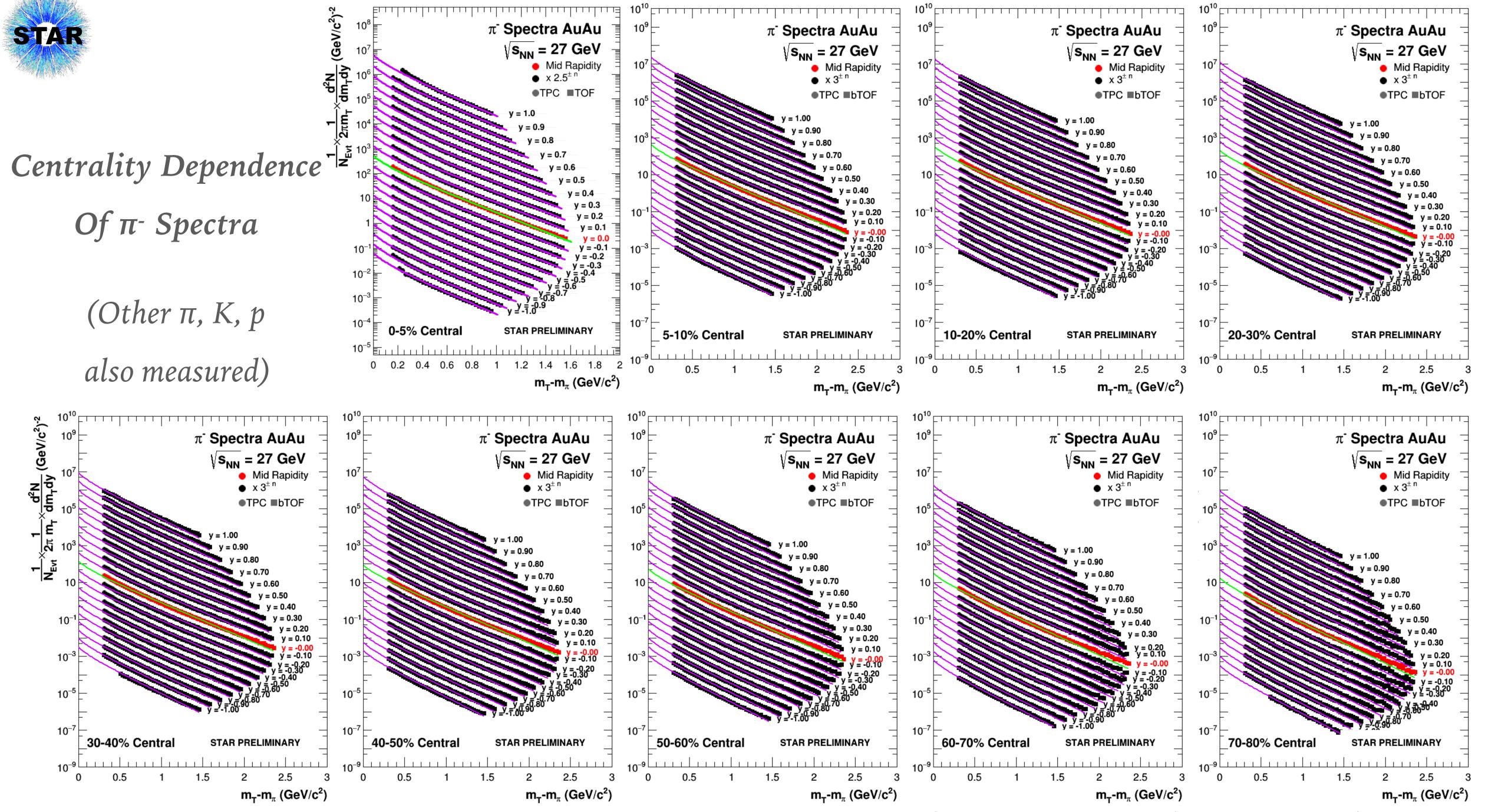
CONCLUSIONS

- ➤ Analysis of BES-II data underway
- $ightharpoonup \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 27$ GeV: π , K, p production has been measured beyond mid-rapidity
- ➤ Centrality dependence of particle production has been studied
- > Study of thermodynamic variables
- ➤ Future Work:
 - ➤ Other collider energies:
 - $ightharpoonup \sqrt{s_{NN}}$: 19.6, (17.1), 14.6, 11.5, 9.2, 7.7 GeV

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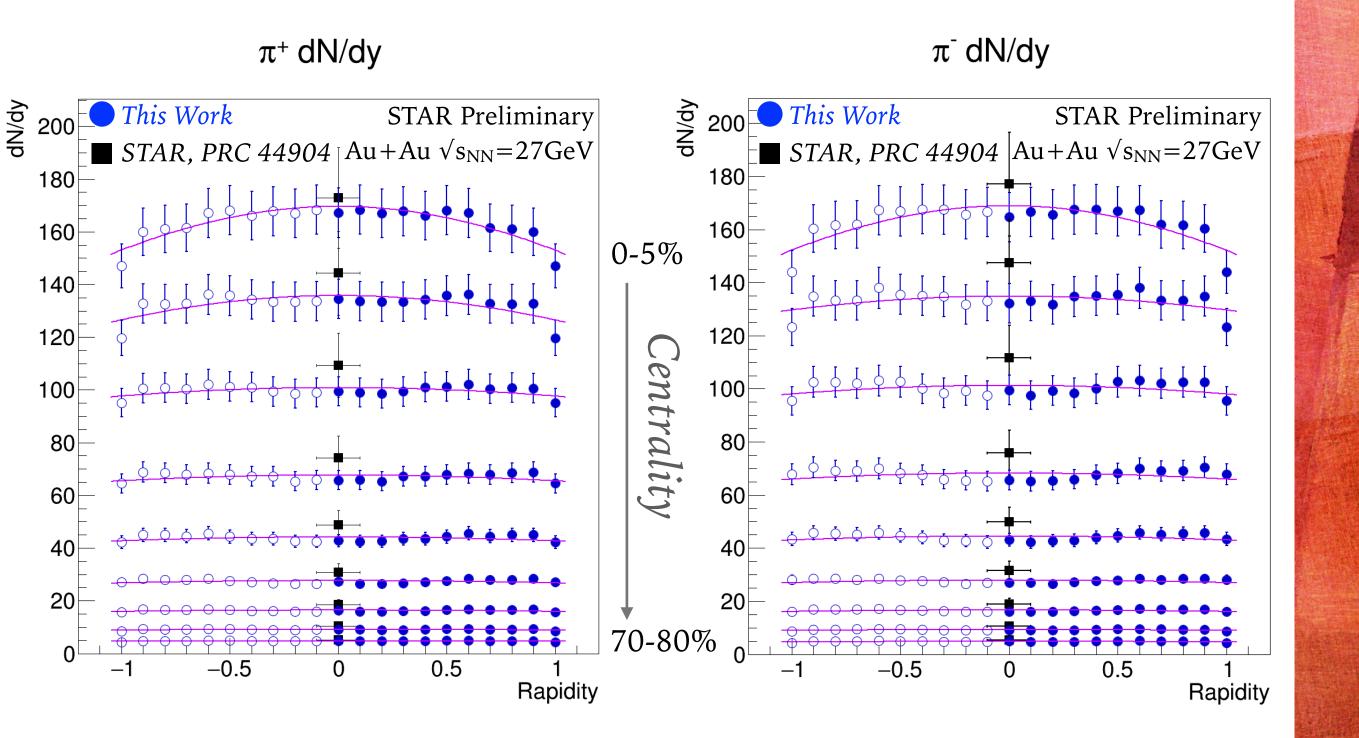


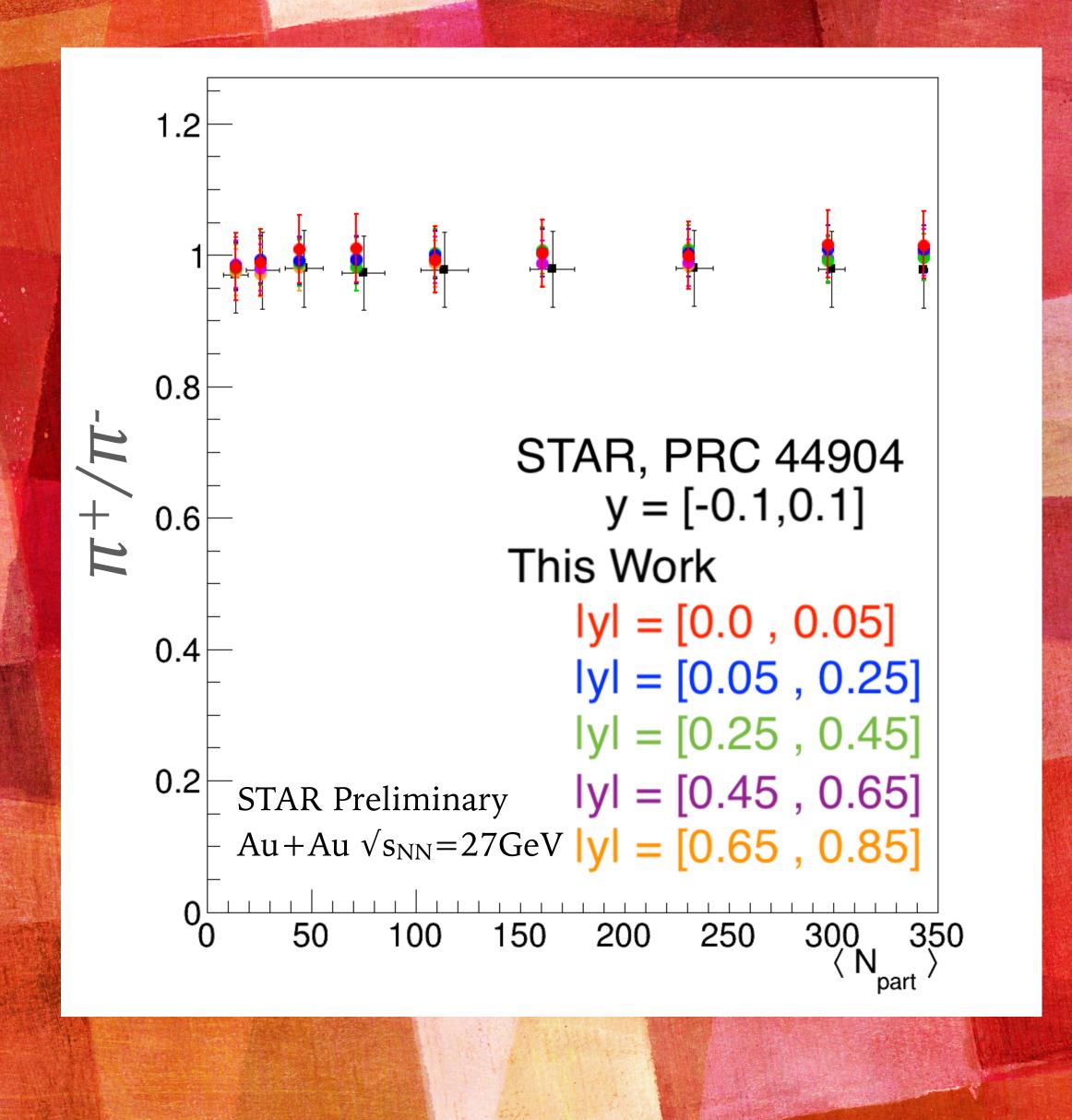
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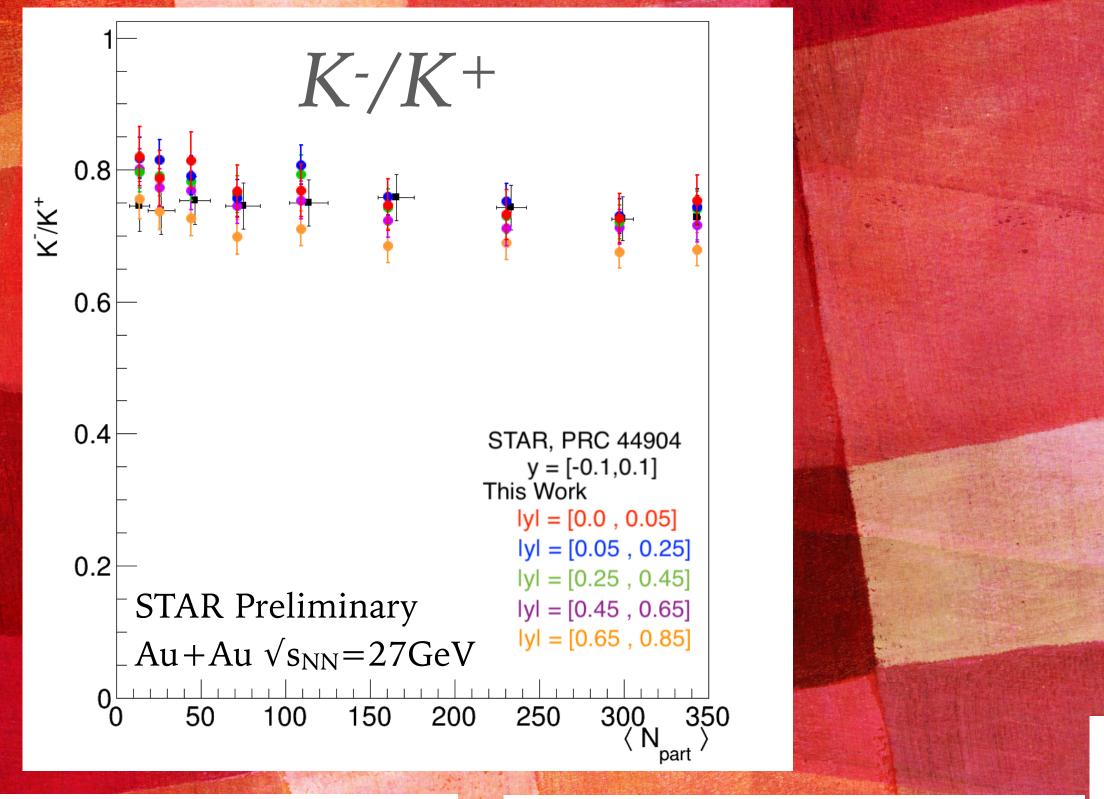
PION PRODUCTION

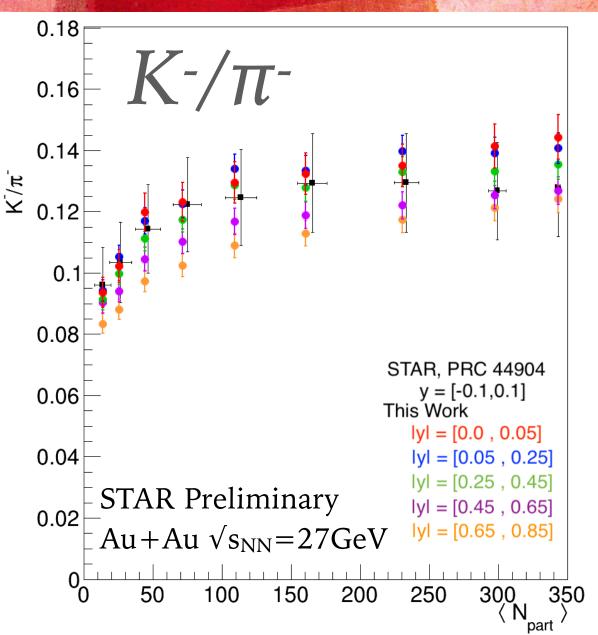
- ➤ Thermally produced
- \triangleright Charge chemical potential (μ_Q)
- ➤ Little variation in ratio by centrality

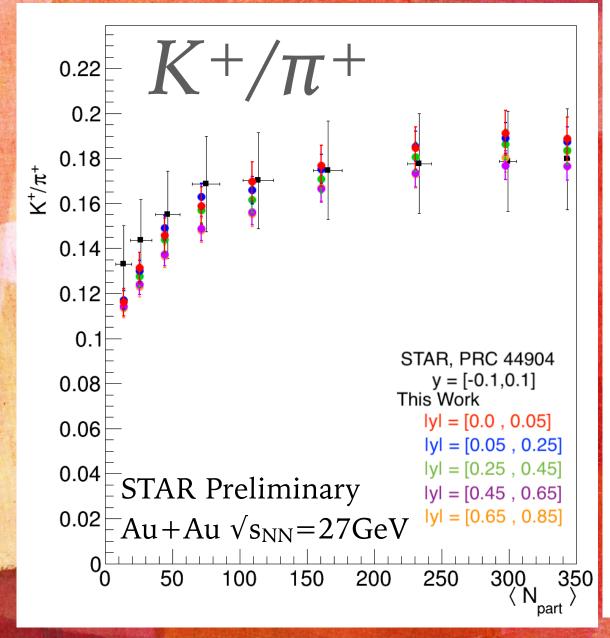




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KAON PRODUCTION

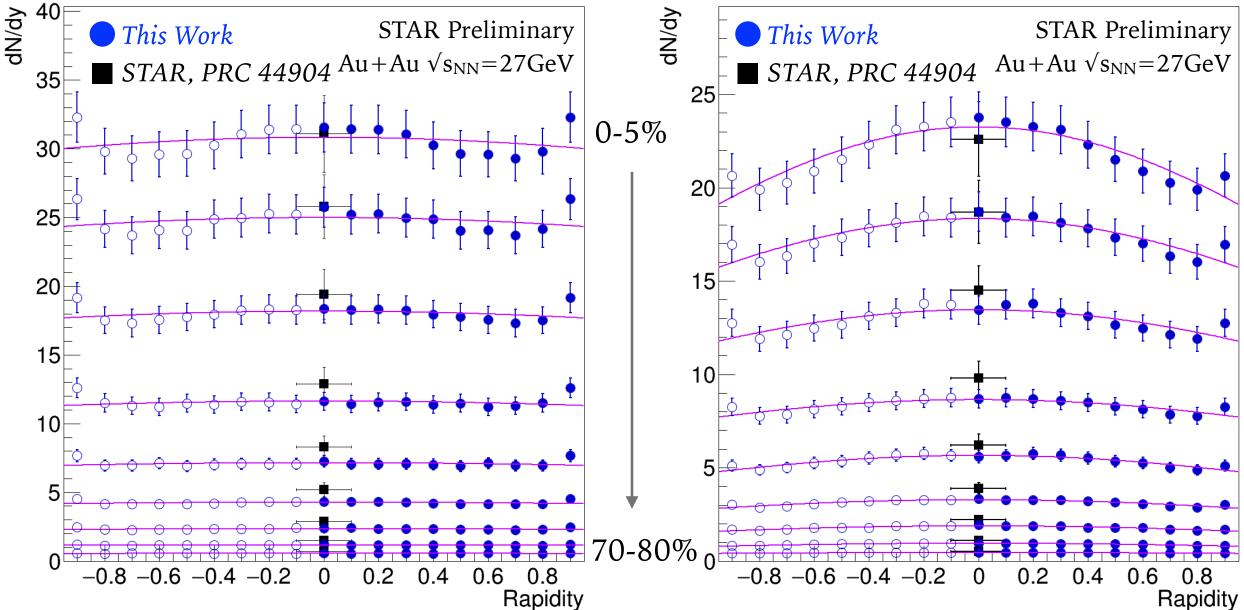


- ➤ Thermal production of K+ and K-
- ➤ ~1/3 of K+: associated production

$NN o N\Lambda K^+$

- ➤ Associated production increases with y
- \triangleright Strangeness chemical potential (μ_S)

 $K^{+} dN/dy$ $K^{-} dN/dy$



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BARYON CHEMICAL POTENTIAL FROM PROTON RATIO

$$\frac{N_{\bar{p}}}{N_{p}} = e^{-\frac{2(\mu_B + \mu_Q)}{T_{ch}}}$$

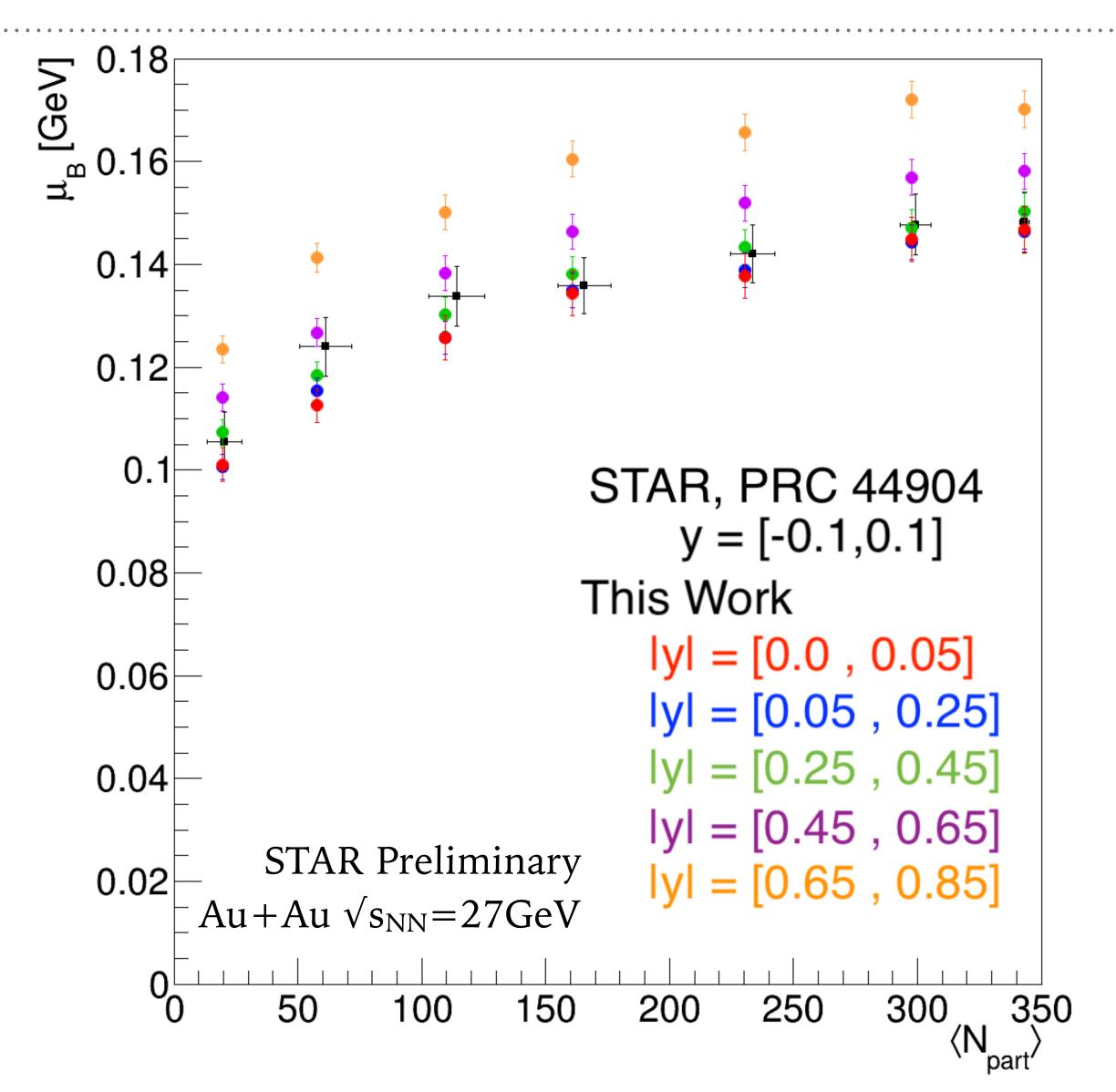
$$\mu_B = -\frac{T_{ch}}{2} \ln \frac{N_{\bar{p}}}{N_p} - \mu_Q$$

T_{ch} for each N_{part} are fixed

[STAR, PRC 44904 (2017)]

$$\mu_Q = -12.9 \text{ MeV}$$
[Mekjian, PLB 651 (1993)]

- \rightarrow $\Delta\mu_{\rm B}$ \sim 25 MeV for 1 unit of rapidity
- ➤ Peripheral events extend coverage:
 - $\blacktriangleright \mu_{\rm B} = [100 {\rm MeV}, 170 {\rm MeV}]$



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