

1 Investigating system size dependence of strange
2 hadron production at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$ GeV at STAR

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4 There are significant discussions in the field about the initial conditions, in-
5 cluding the size of the system, needed to generate a quark-gluon plasma (QGP).
6 Strangeness production serves as a sensitive probe into the properties of the
7 QGP. For example, it is expected that the Ω/ϕ ratios in different colliding sys-
8 tems may reveal the minimum colliding system size required to produce QGP.
9 In Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$ GeV and Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} =$
10 2.76 TeV, significant Ω enhancement over ϕ have been observed at intermediate
11 transverse momentum in central collisions, which can be explained by their pro-
12 ductions through coalescence of strange quarks in the QGP. The new datasets
13 of isobar (Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr), O+O and d+Au taken by the STAR detec-
14 tor provide us with an opportunity to look into different colliding systems to
15 investigate the dependence of strange hadron production on system size.

16 We will present the measurements of strange hadron ($\phi, \Omega, \bar{\Omega}$) production
17 in Au+Au, isobar, O+O and d+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$ GeV at mid-
18 rapidity ($y < |0.5|$), including transverse-momentum spectra and nuclear modi-
19 fication factors. Additionally, the Ω/ϕ ratios in those colliding systems will be
20 shown. The Au+Au, d+Au, and O+O systems have the extended kinematic
21 coverage benefit from the iTPC upgrade, which extended the rapidity coverage
22 and enhanced the particle identification capability compared to previous results.