



Highlights from STAR

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Physics Goals

Identify and study the properties of matter with partonic degrees of freedom:

- nuclear effects at intermediate and high p_T
initial conditions
parton energy loss due to interaction in dense matter
- bulk properties
collision dynamics
collective motion with partonic degrees of freedom
partonic equation of state

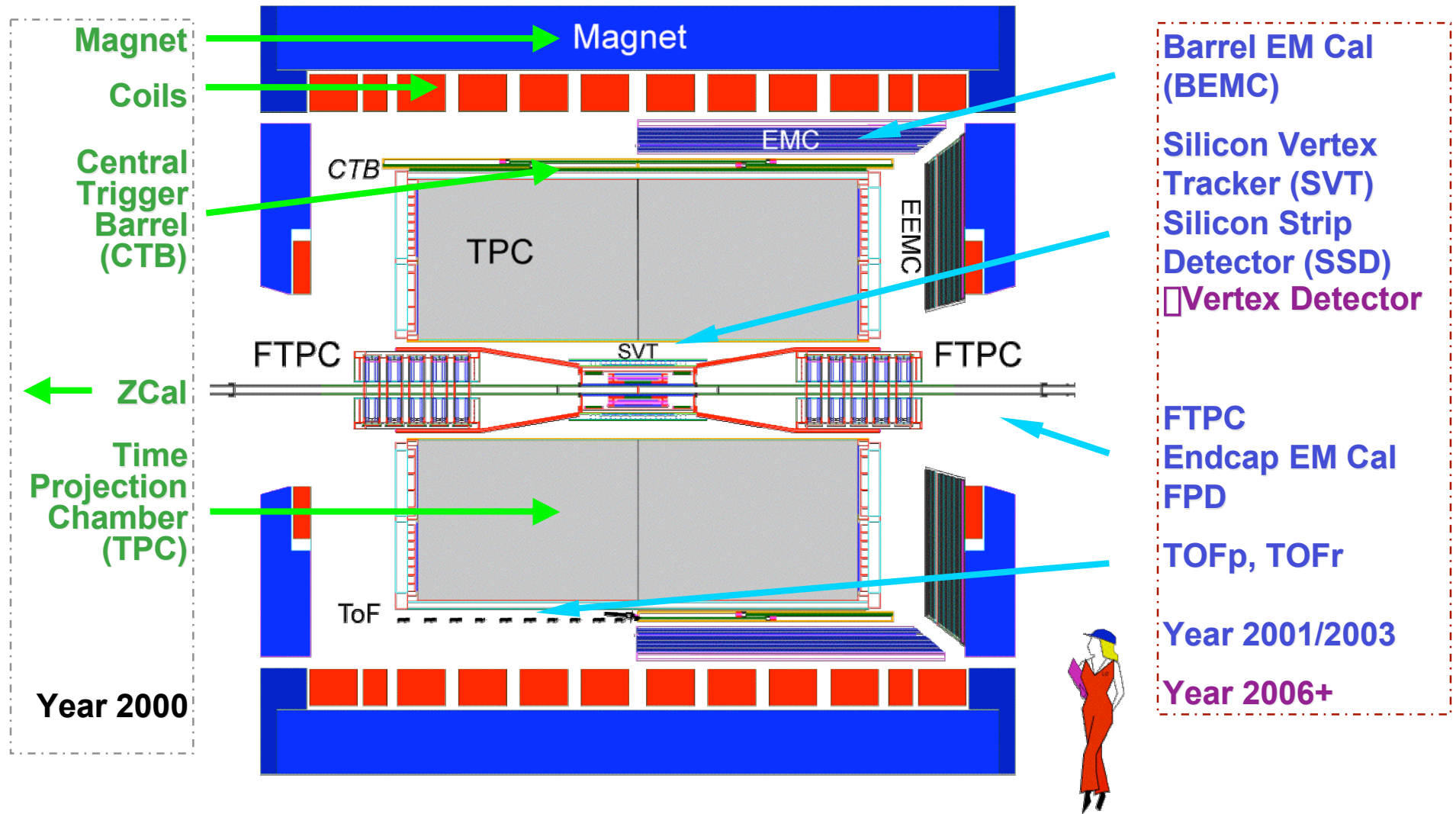


Outline

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Ultra peripheral collisions
- 3) Results from intermediate and high p_t (above 2GeV/c)
 - suppression of particle yields
 - jet-like correlations
- 4) Results of bulk properties
 - azimuthal anisotropy
 - particle distributions and yields
- 5) Open charm measurements in d + Au
- 6) Summary



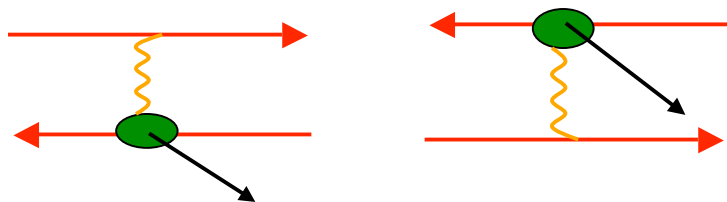
The STAR Detector





Ultra Peripheral Collisions in STAR:

Interference in Au + Au \rightarrow Au*Au* \rightarrow γ^0

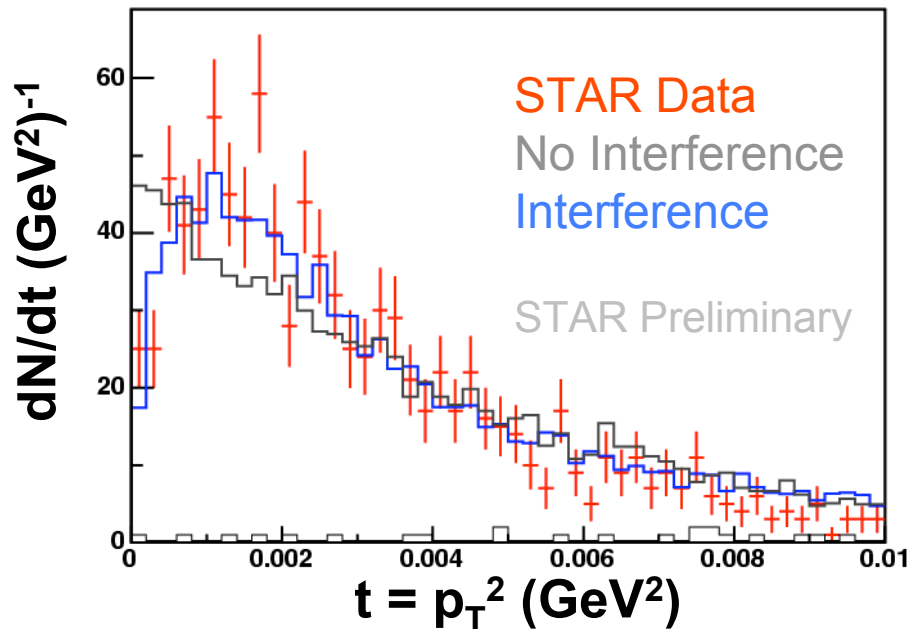


Au+Au at 200 GeV

Two indistinguishable possibilities:

- 1) A photon from nucleus 1 scatters from 2
- 2) A photon from nucleus 2 scatters from 1

- Clear signal of interference!
- γ^0 wave function non-local !
- Wave functions contains all amplitudes long after the γ^0 -decay

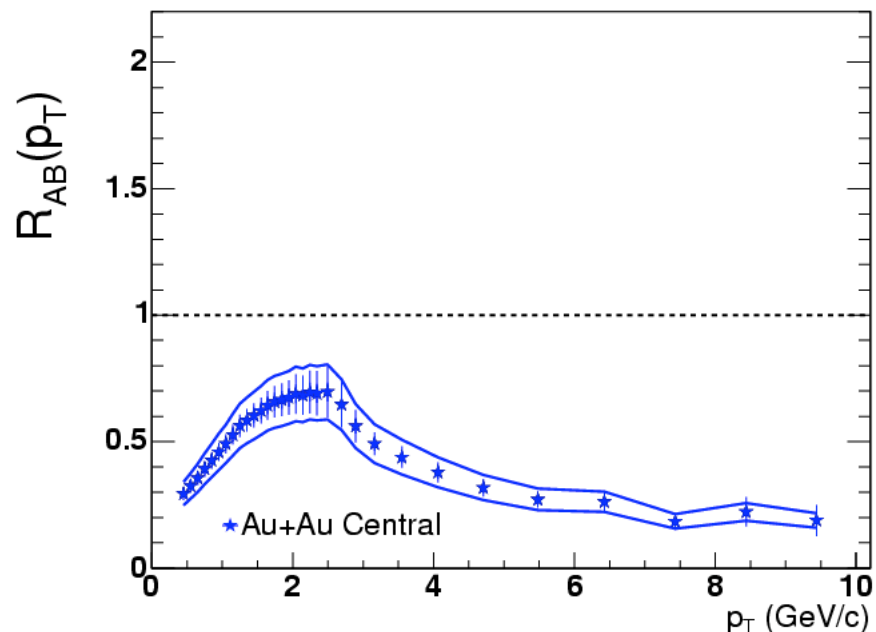


• AuAu \rightarrow Au*Au* e^+e^- : strong field QED

See poster by S.R. Klein, HBT10.



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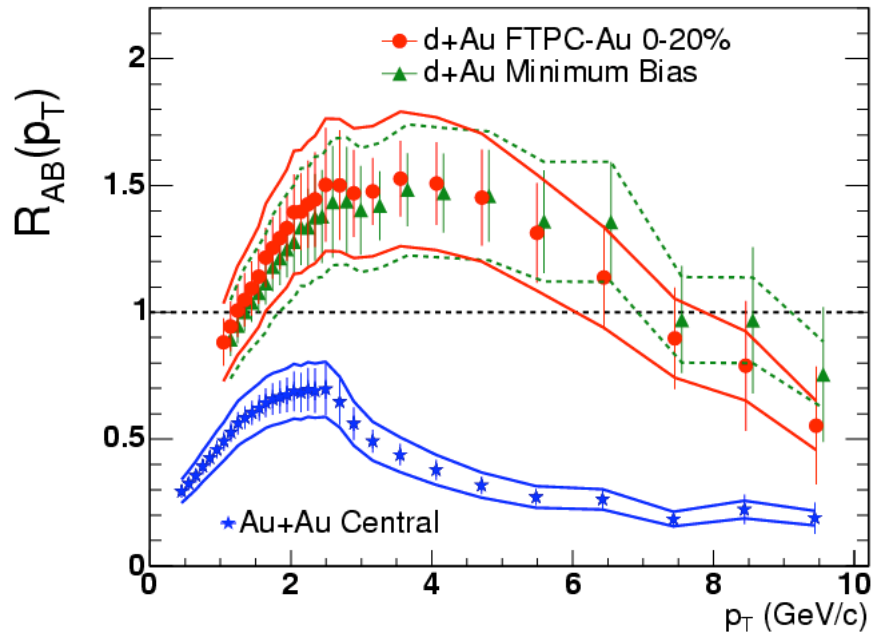


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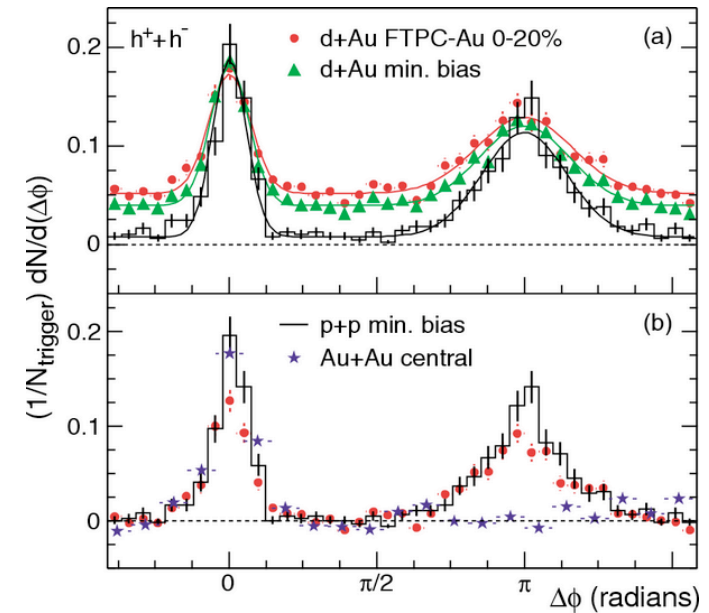
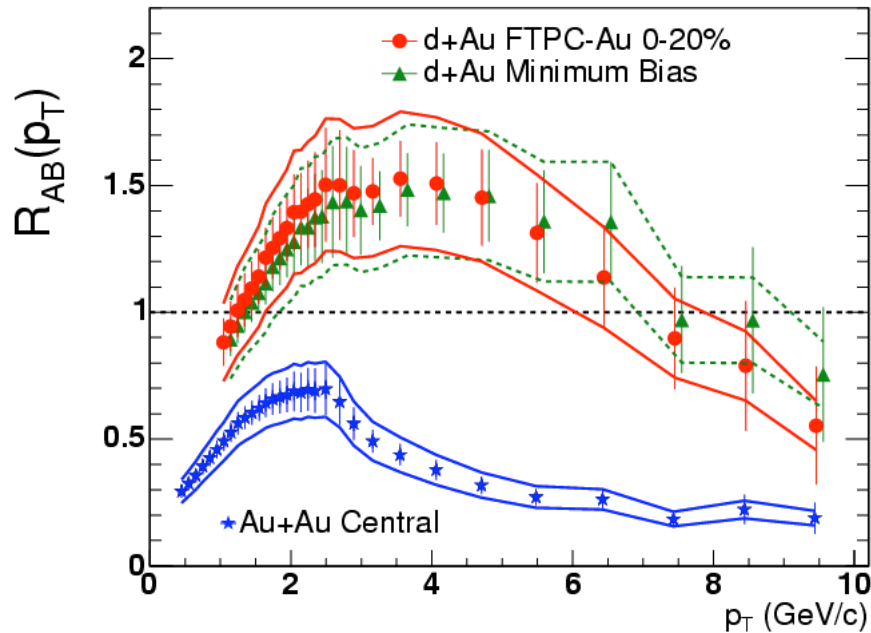


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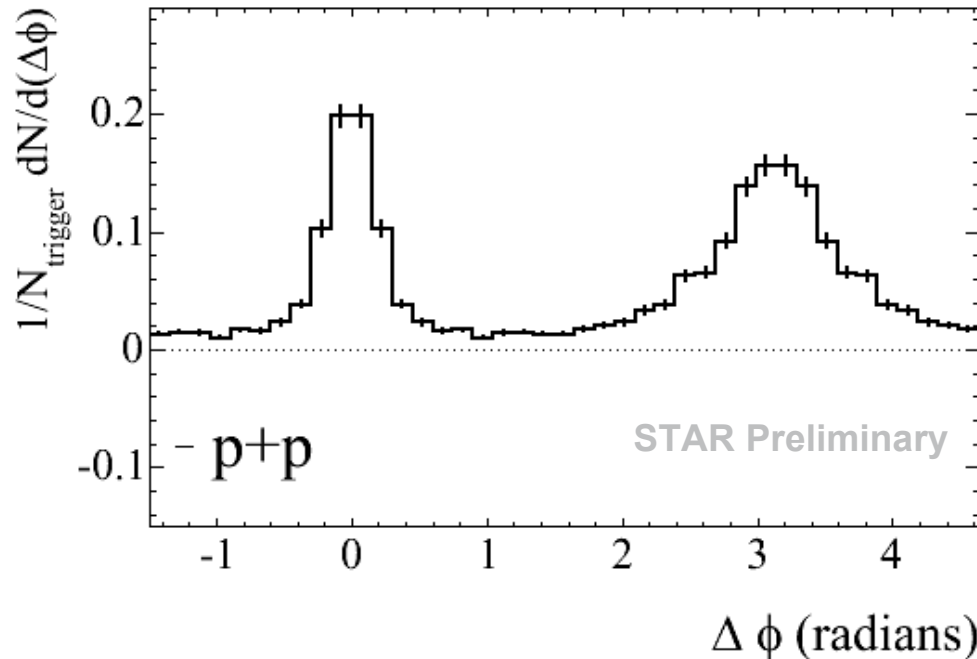


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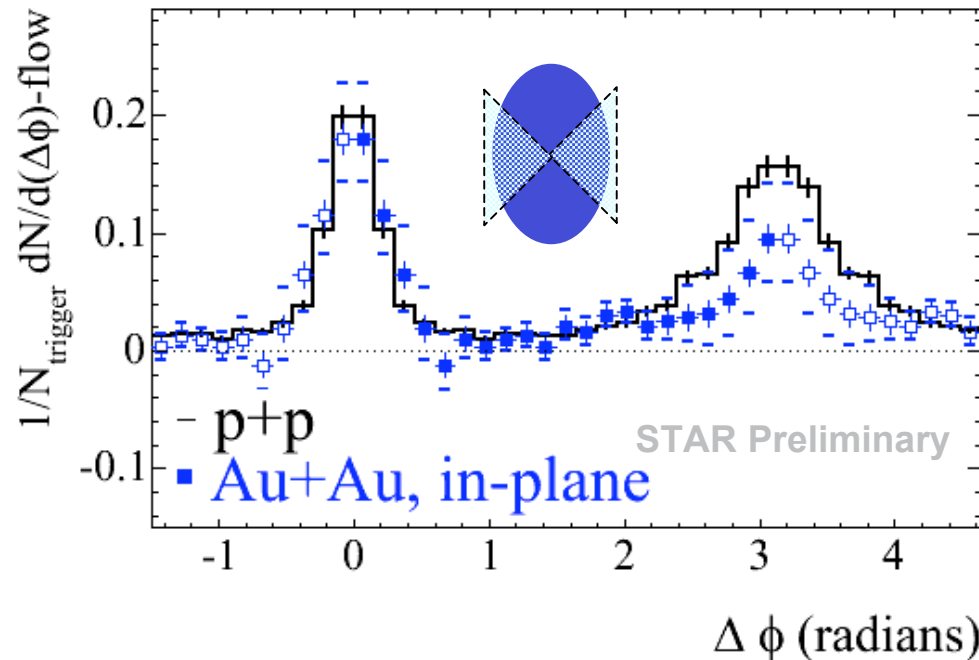
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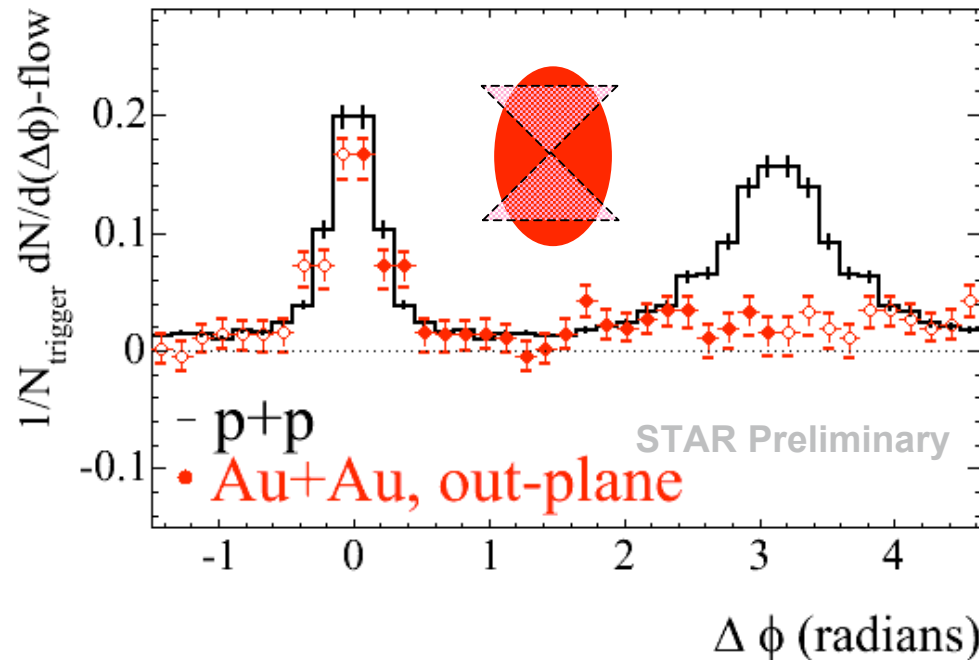
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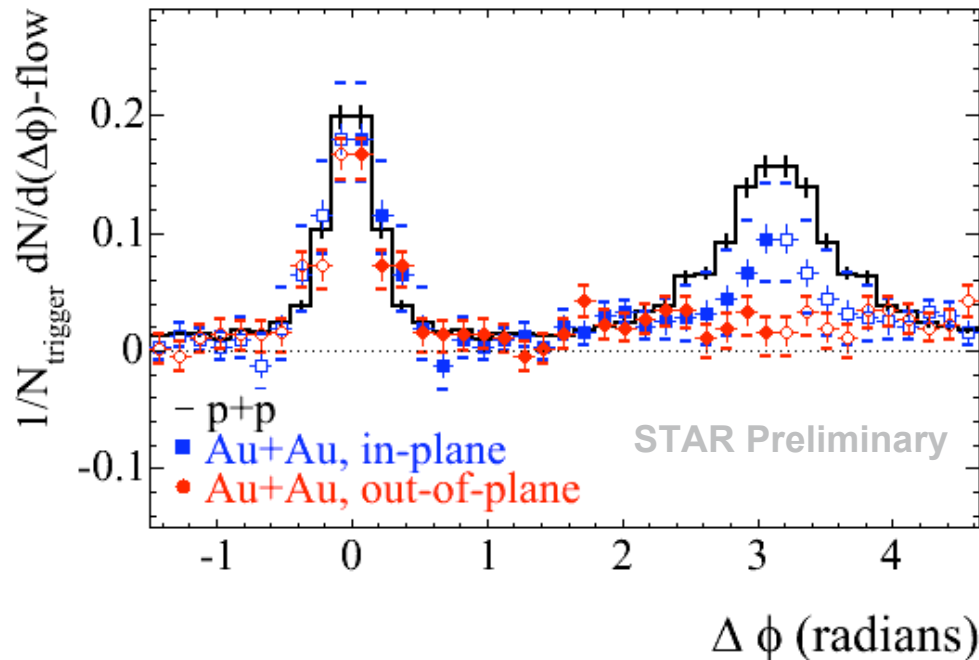
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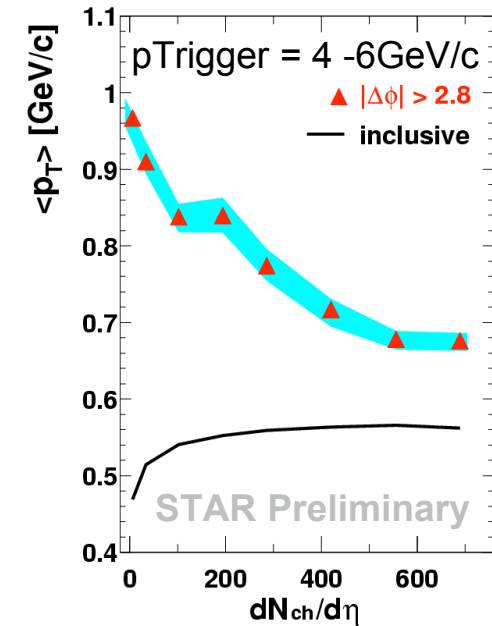
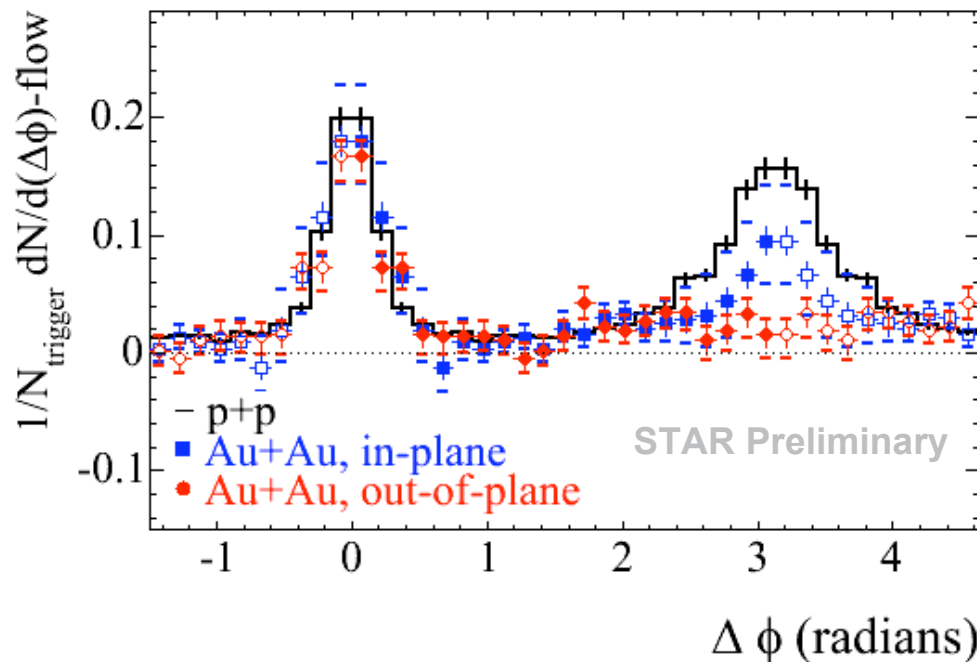
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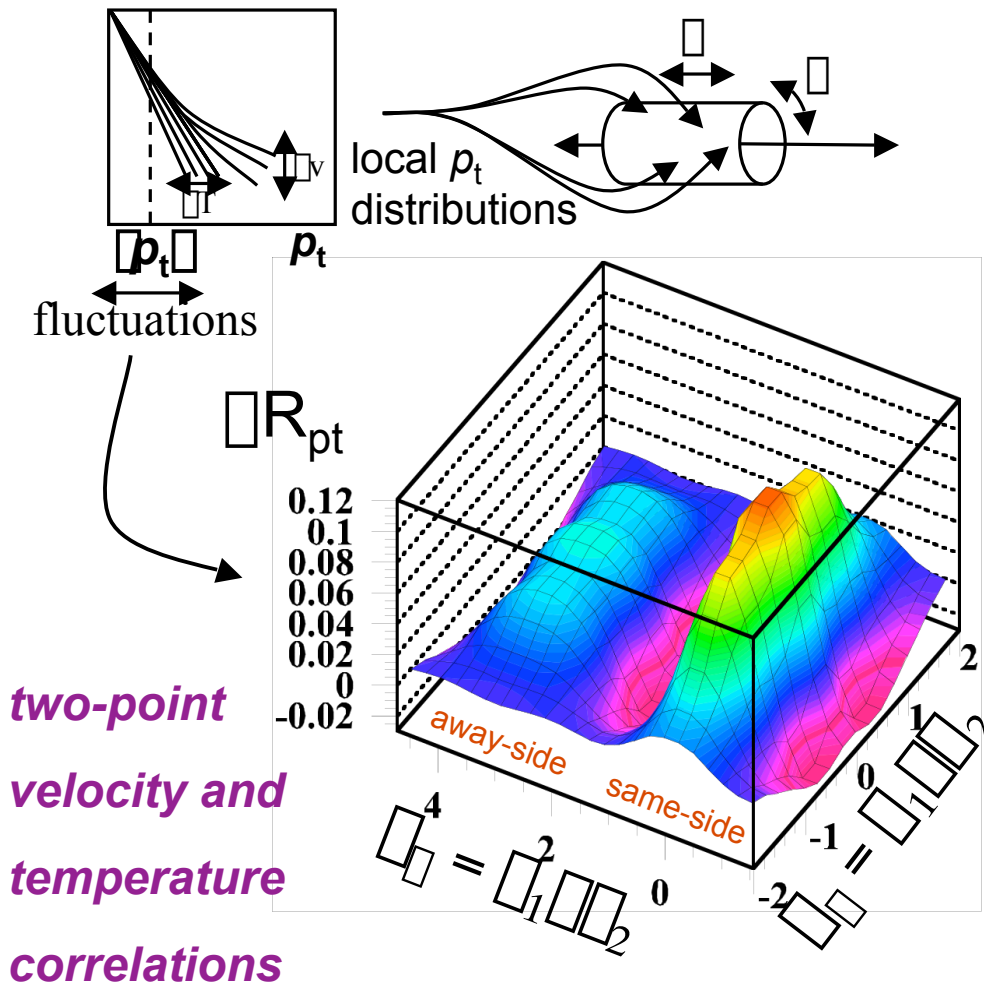


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Two-Particle p_t Correlations



two-point
velocity and
temperature
correlations

Au+Au @200GeV, 20 – 30% central, $|\Delta\eta| < 1$
Dipole and quadrupole terms removed.

Observation, with centrality
 $p_t = 0.15 - 2.00$ GeV/c

- Suppression of away/same-side amplitude ratio
- Elongation of same-side peak on $\Delta\phi$ (possibly related to longitudinal expansion)
- Narrowing of same-side peak on $\Delta\phi$

More on correlations from STAR:

See talk by G. Westfall, P4 Fluctuation and Corr. Fri;

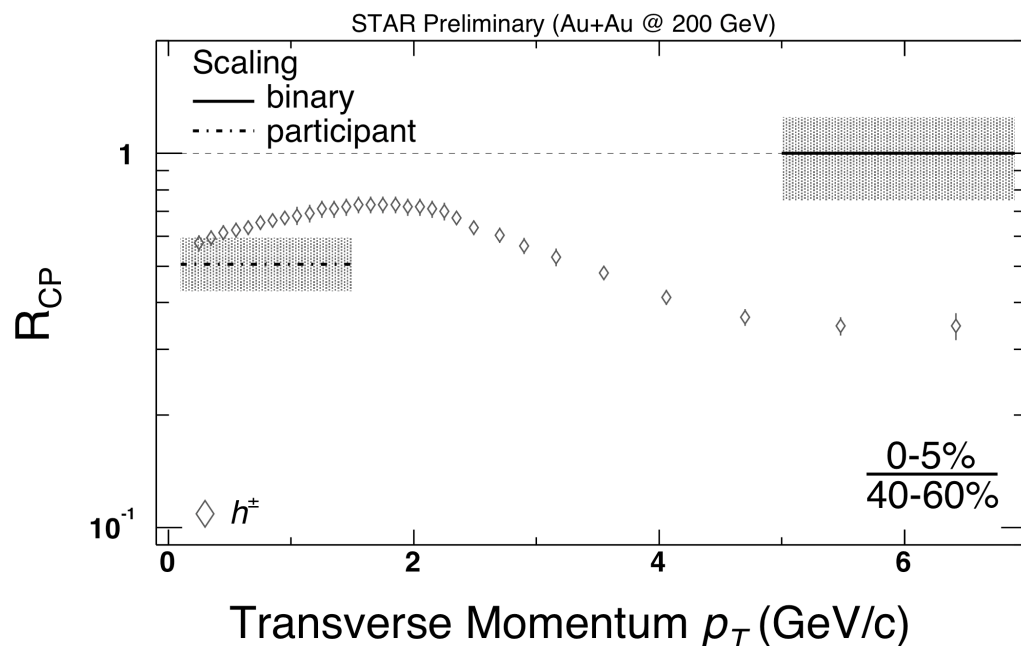
See posters by J.G. Cramer, M. Kopytine, J. Porter,

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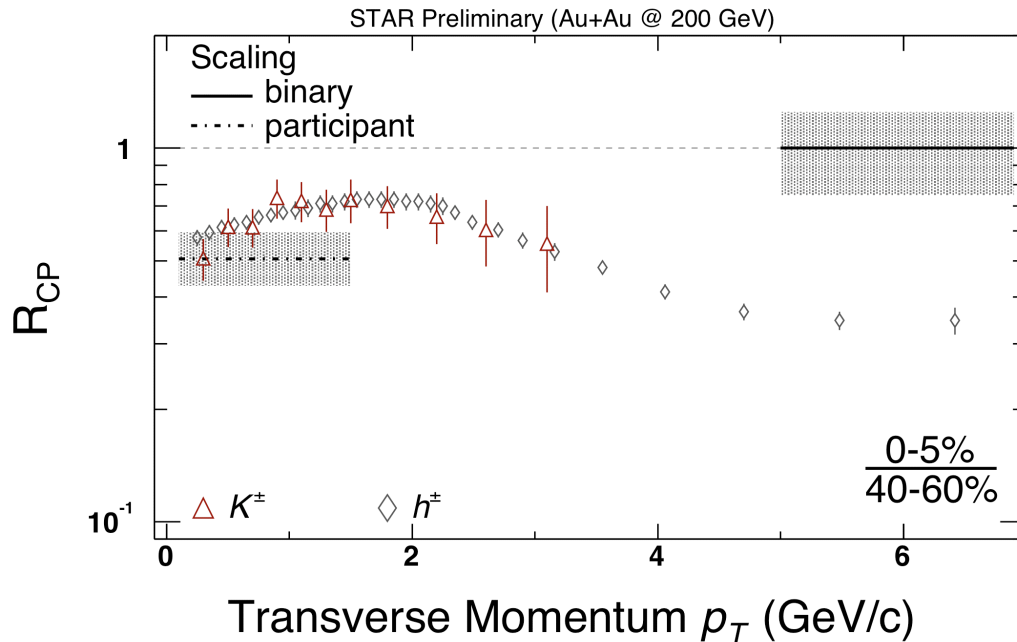
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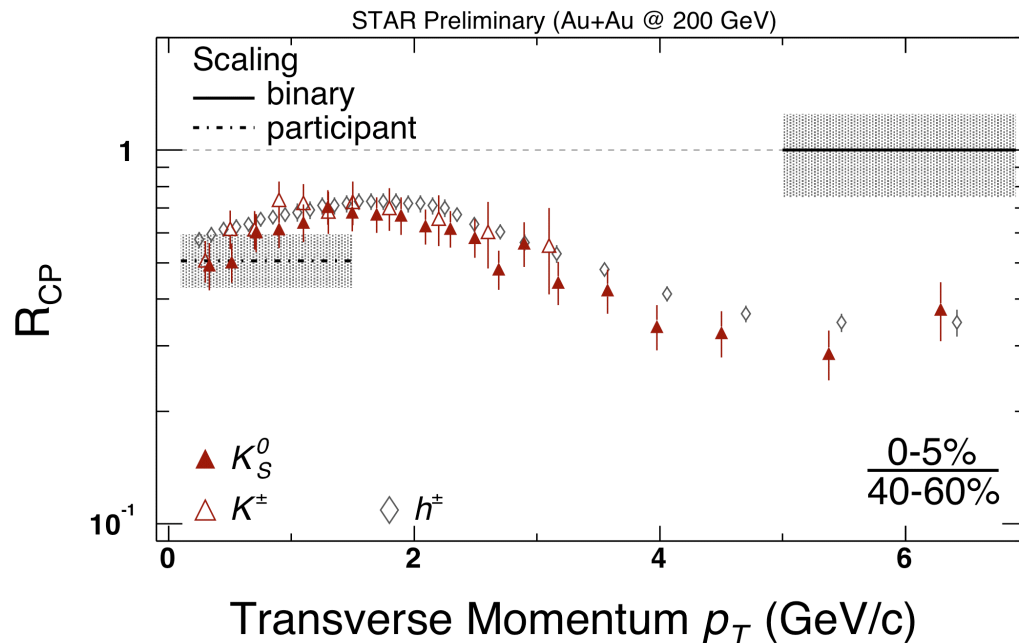
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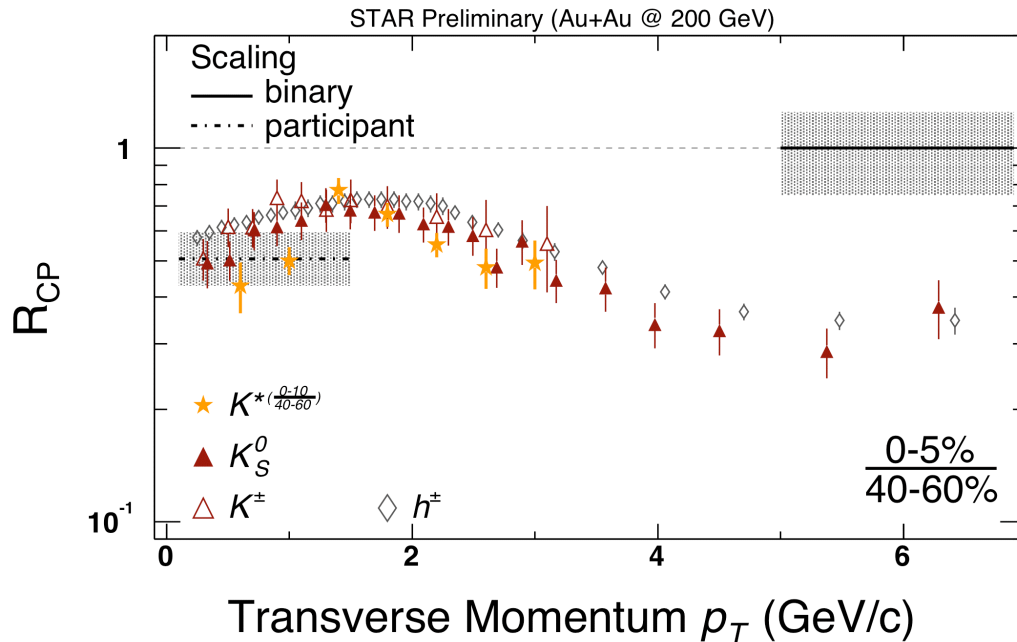
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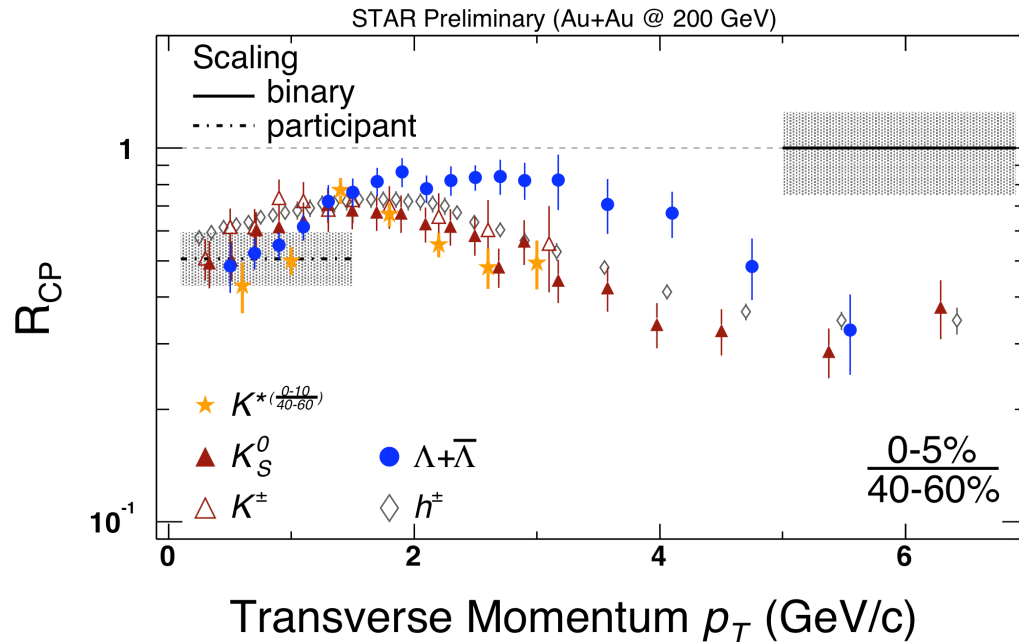
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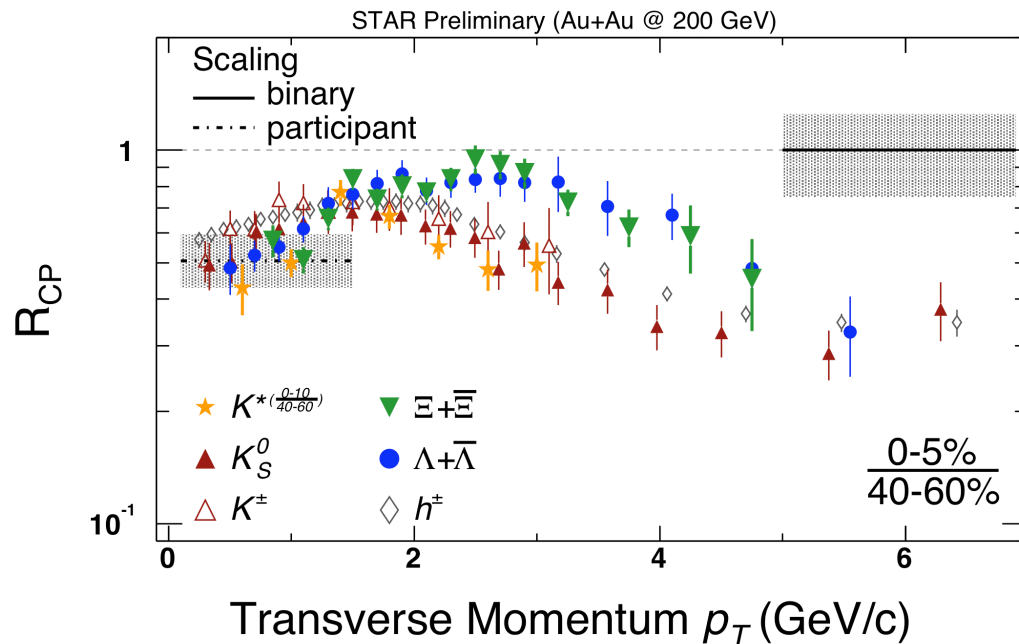
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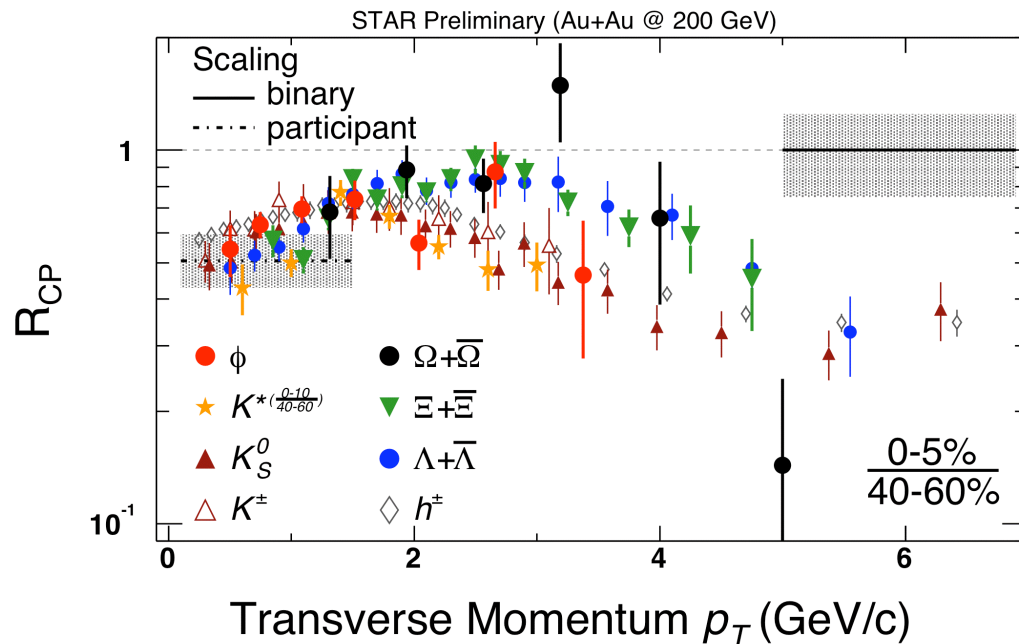
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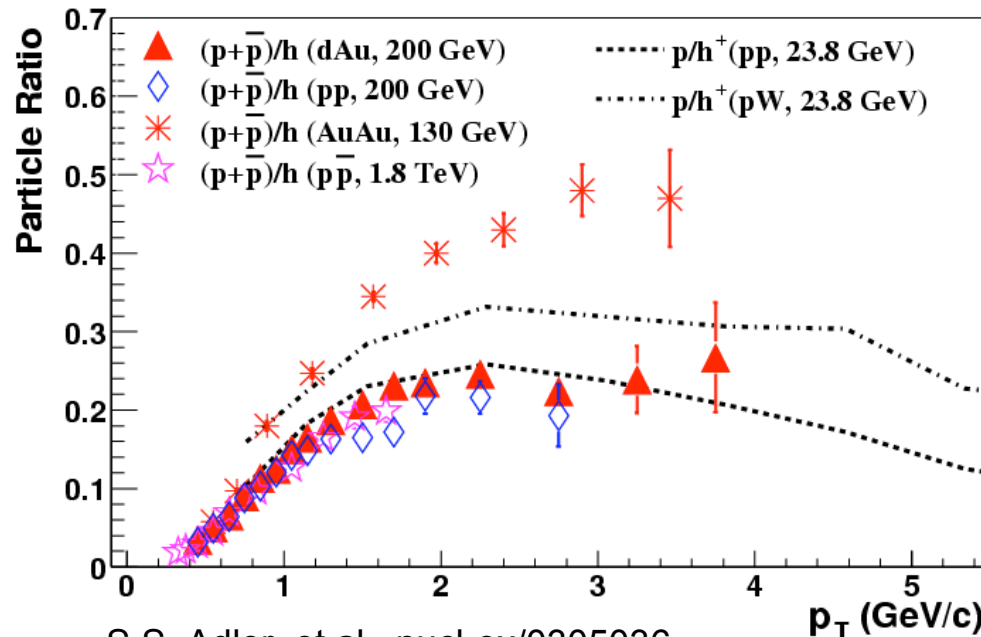
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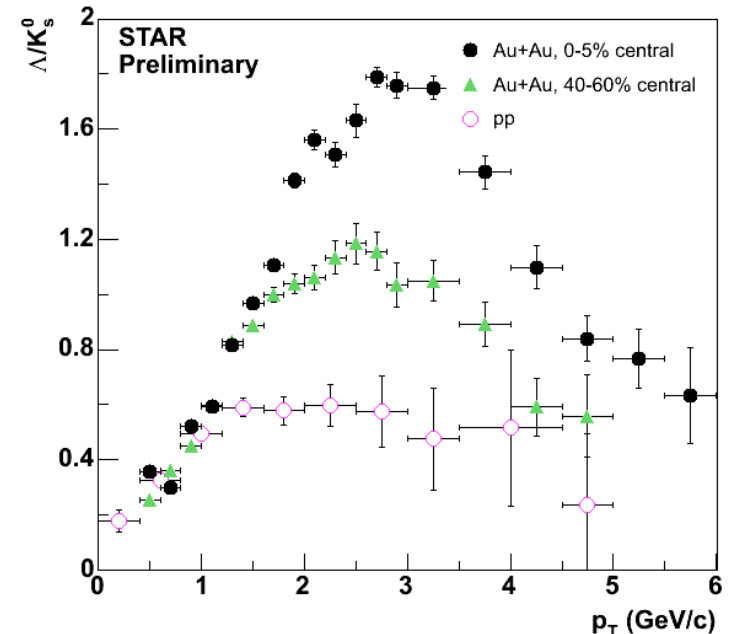
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Baryon Enhancement



S.S. Adler et al., nucl-ex/0305036.



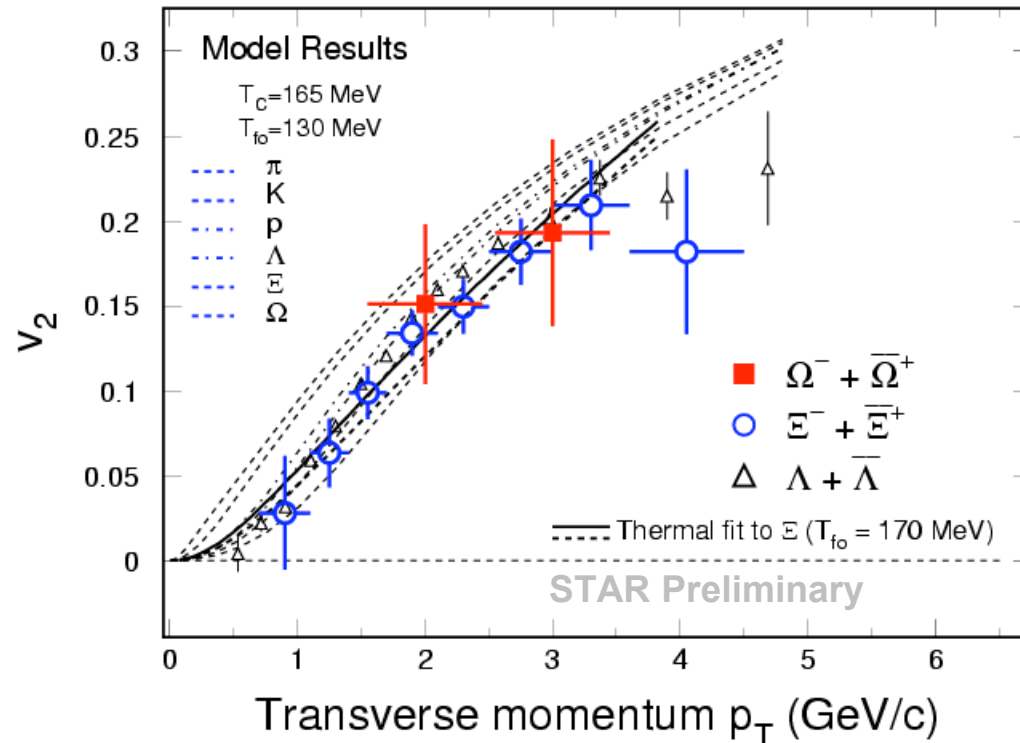
- ❑ p+pbar/h enhancement in Au + Au not fully explained by Cronin effect
- ❑ Strong baryon/meson modification in Au + Au also in Δ/K_s^0 ratio

See talks by L. Ruan, P2 Thu, L. Barnby, P1 Thu, M. A.C. Lamont, P1 Thu.



Multi-Strange Baryons v_2

Au + Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



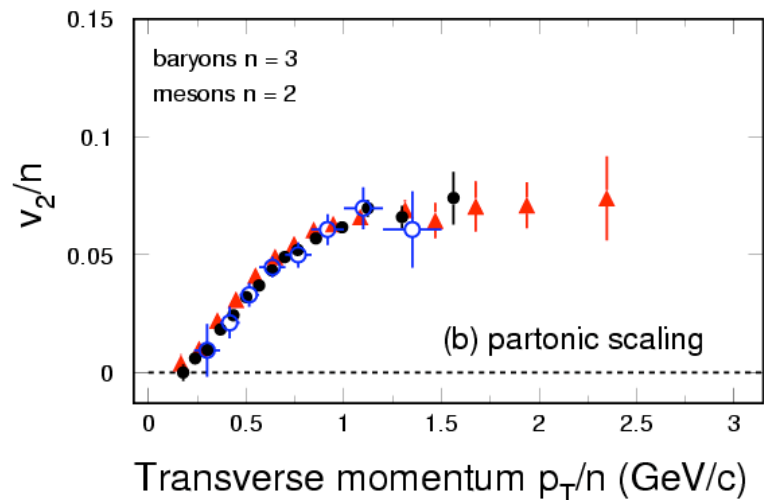
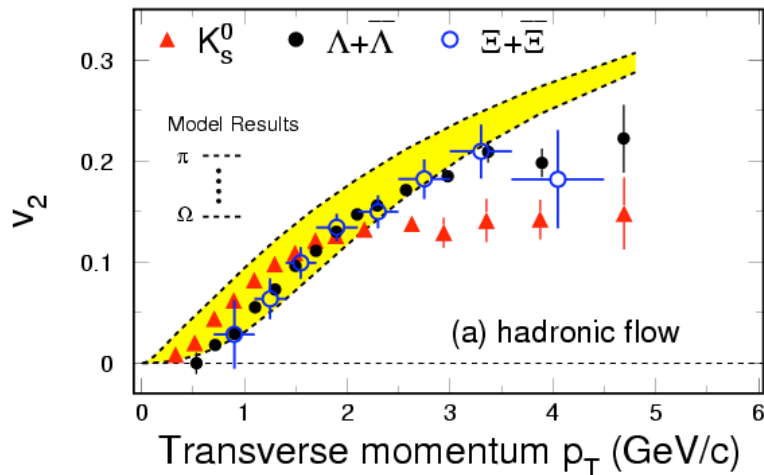
\blacksquare Multi-strange baryons
 \circ and \triangle show collectivity !

See talk by J. Castillo, P3 Thu.



Quark Coalescence

STAR: Au+Au at $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 200$ GeV



- Meson – baryon Effect ?
- Exp. data consistent with quark coalescence scenario
- We need v_2 of Ξ and Ξ^0
- Pentaquark* $\Xi^+(uudds)$, $n=5$?

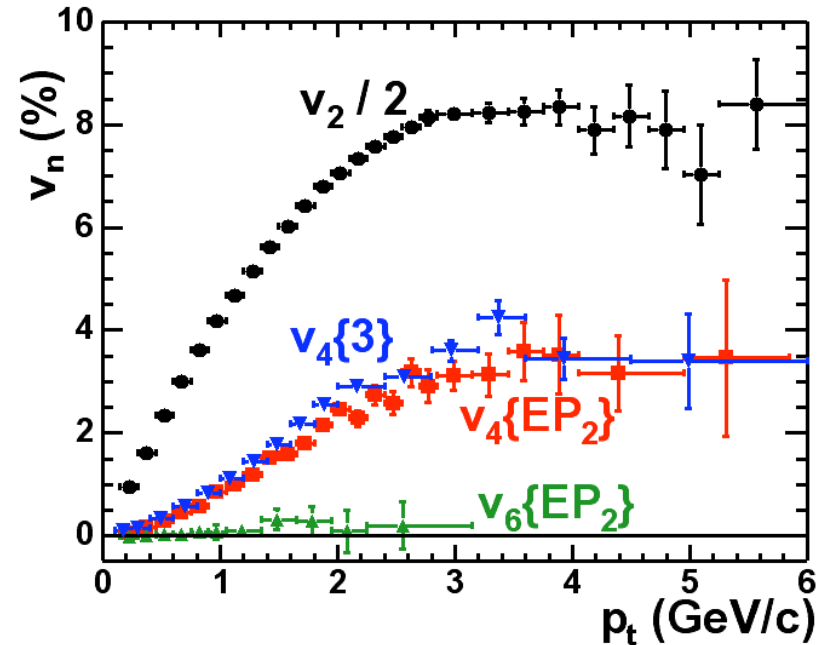
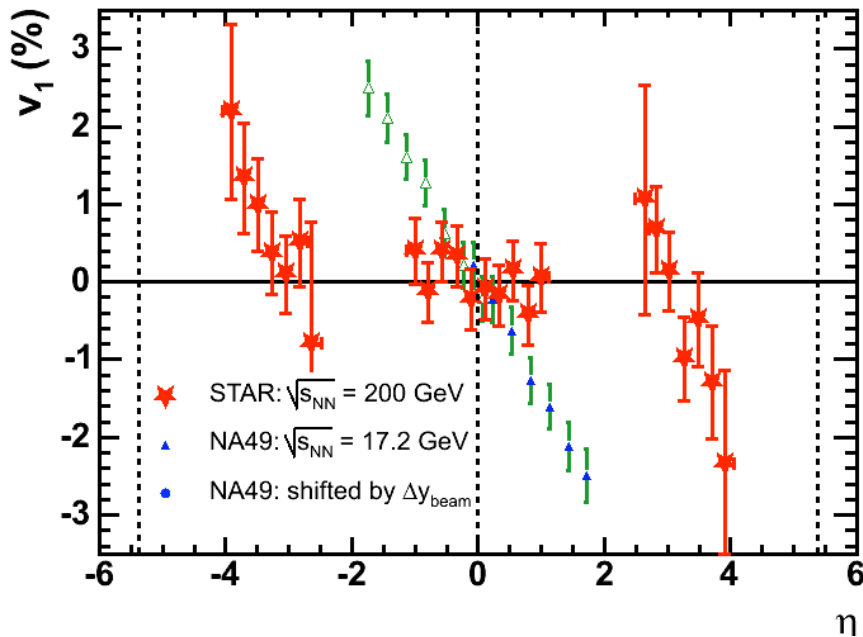
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*LEPS: Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 012002-1 (2003).

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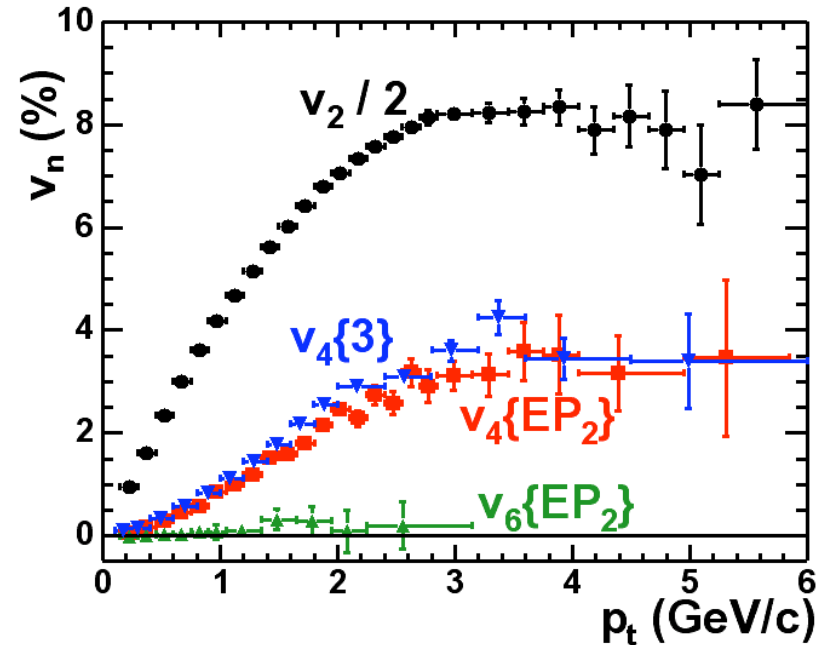
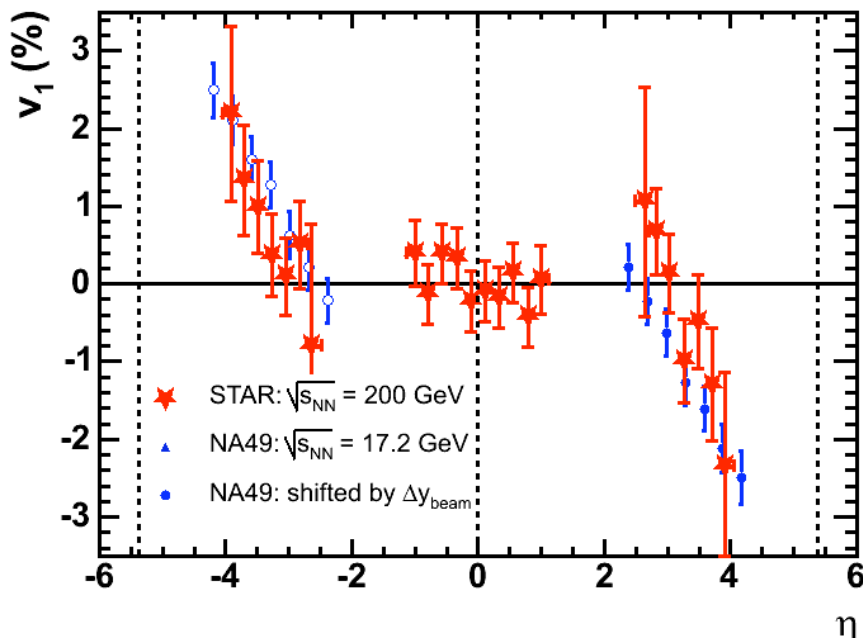


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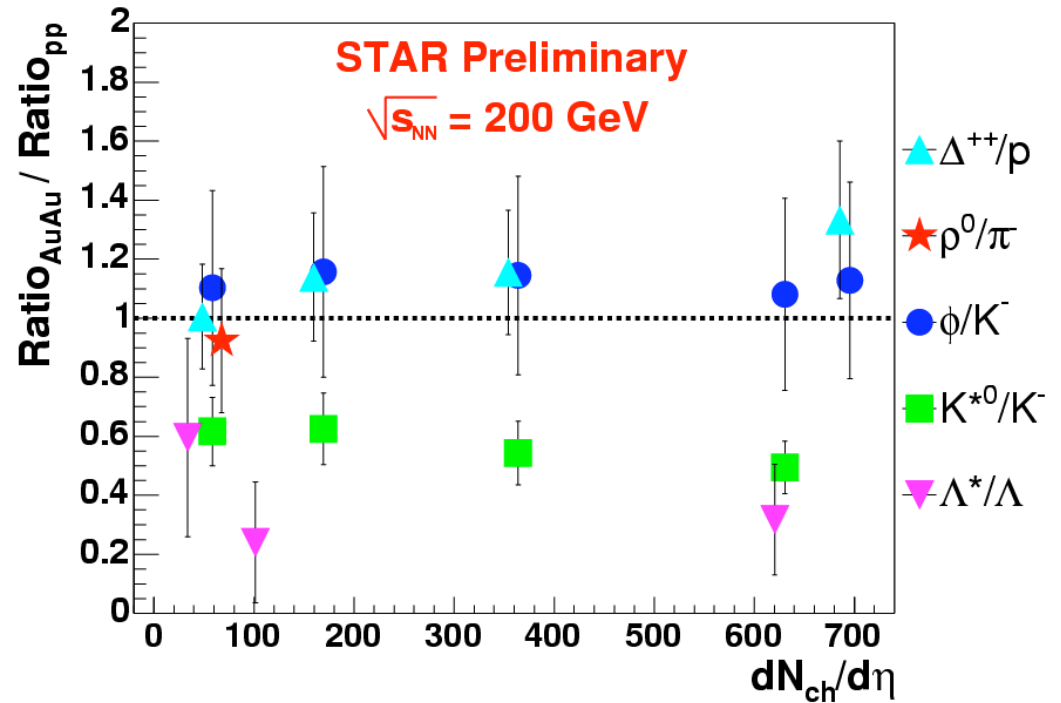
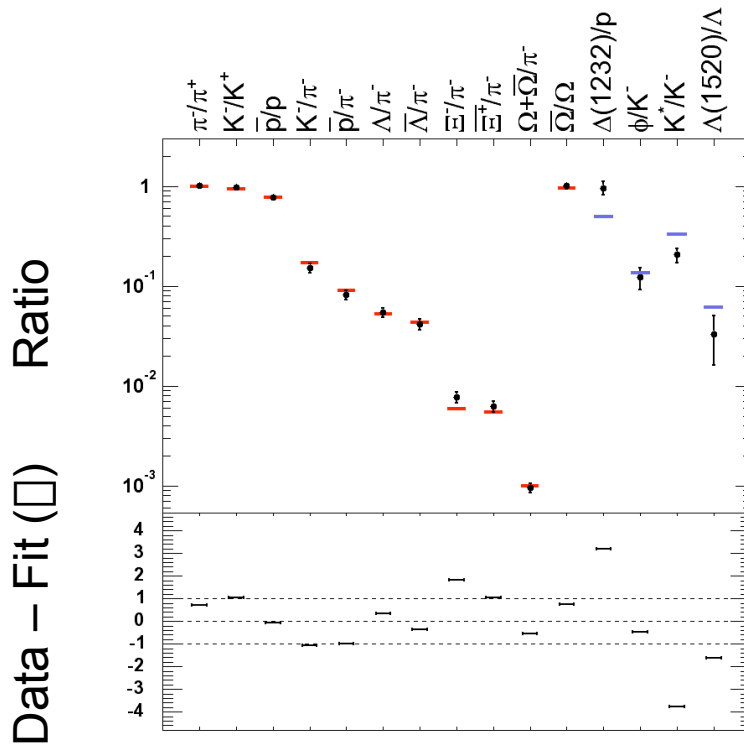


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Particle Yields and Ratios

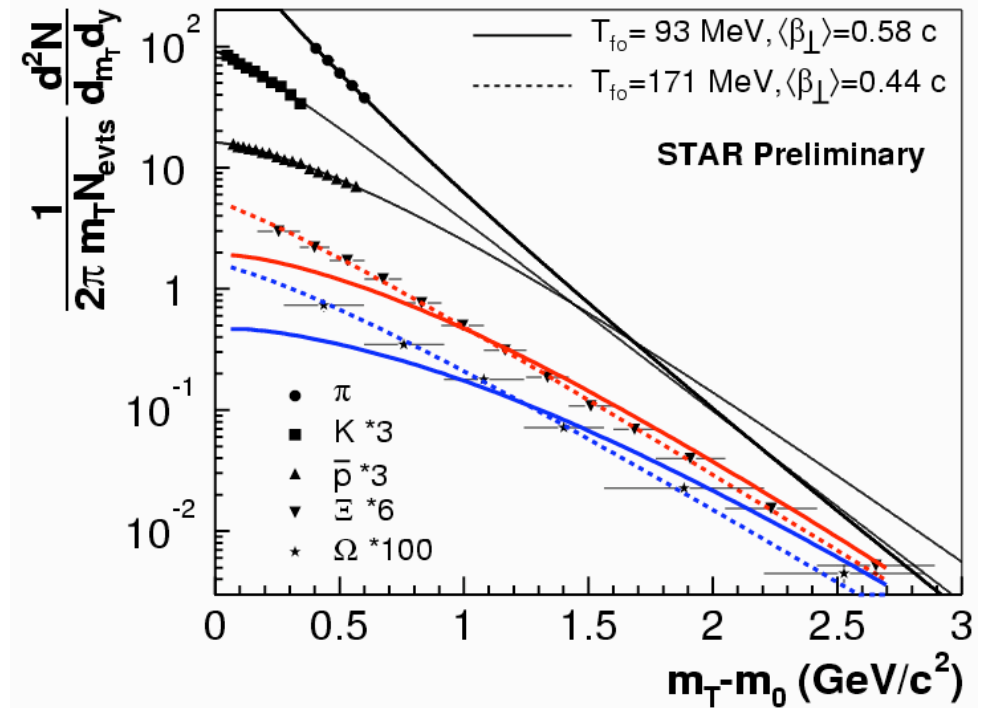
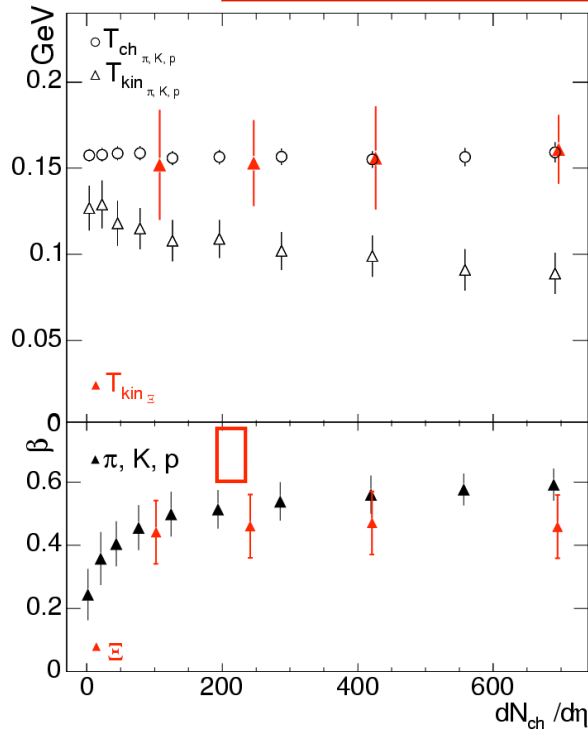


- ❑ Particle ratios well described by $T_{ch} = 160 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$, $\mu_B = 24 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$
 - ❑ Resonance ratios modified from pp to Au+Au $\mu_s = 1$
- Hadronic Re-scatterings!
- J.Sollfrank et al. PRC59(1999)1637.

See talk C. Markert, P2 Fri and posters by O. Barannikova Spectra25 and H. Zhang Spectra35.



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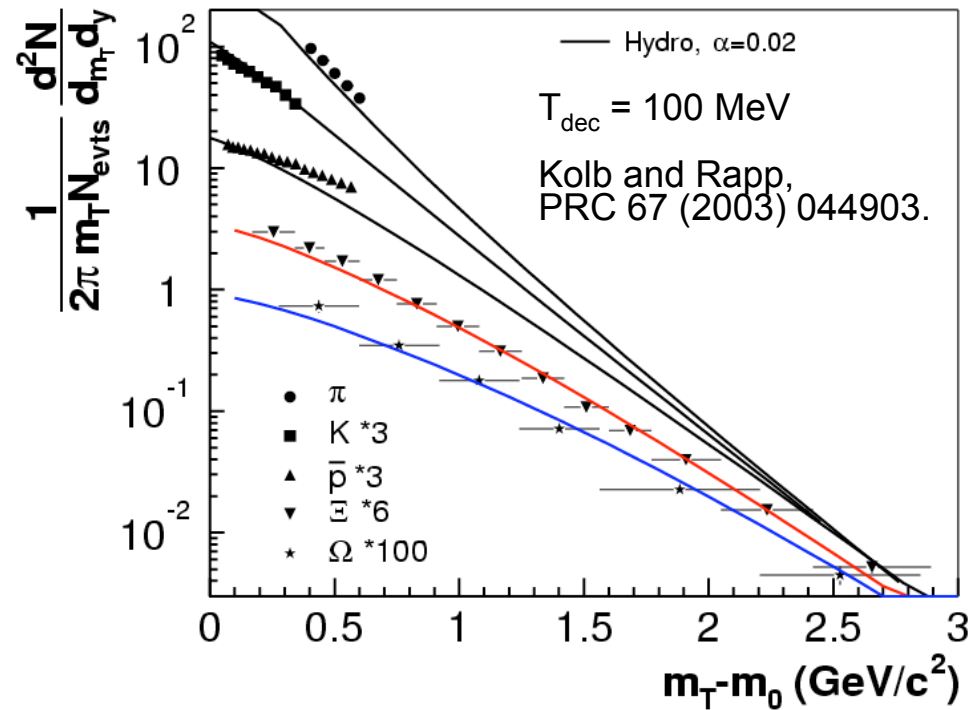
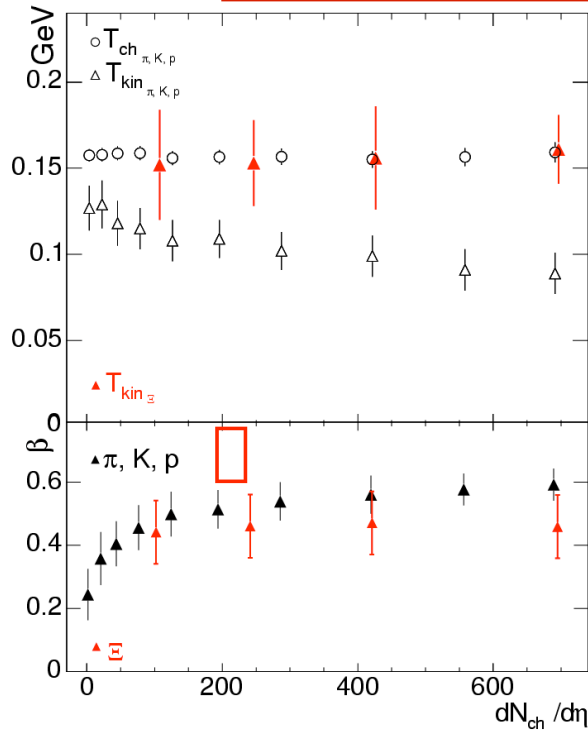
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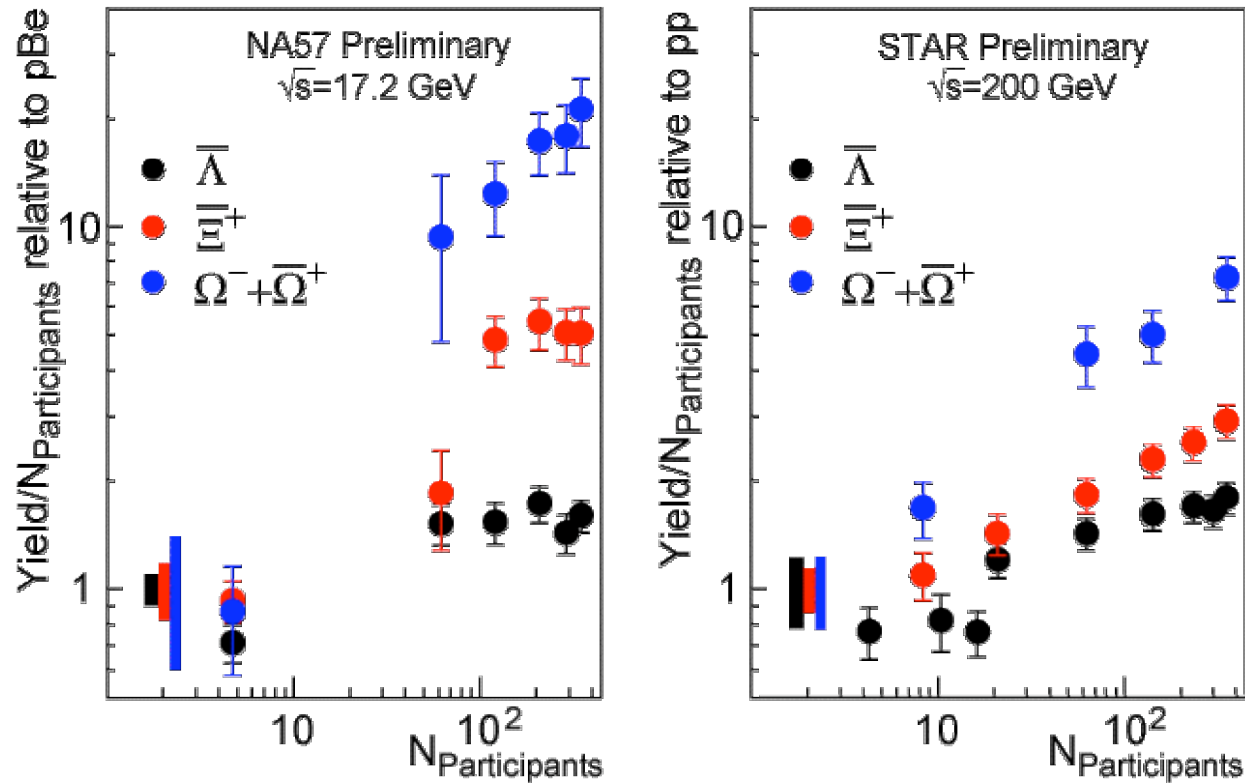
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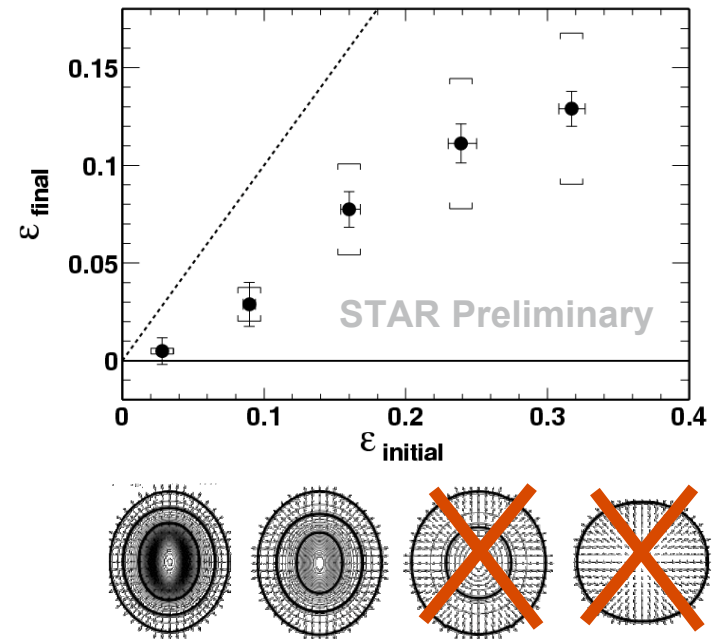
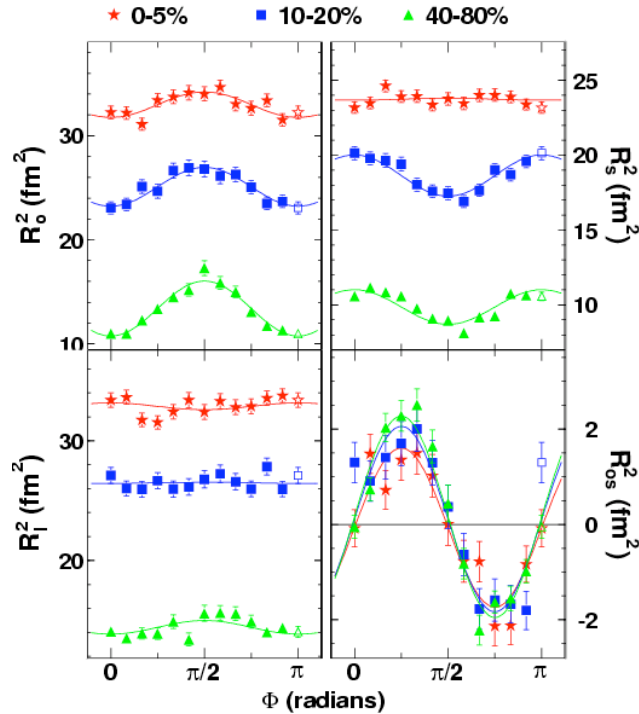
Strangeness Production



- d-Au shows same suppression for Λ as p-p
- Λ and K^0_S do not show N_{part} -scaling in Au-Au



HBT versus Reaction Plane



- HBT versus reaction-plane

- geometrical analog of v_2
- $R(\square)$ reveals anisotropic source
- probe of dynamical evolution

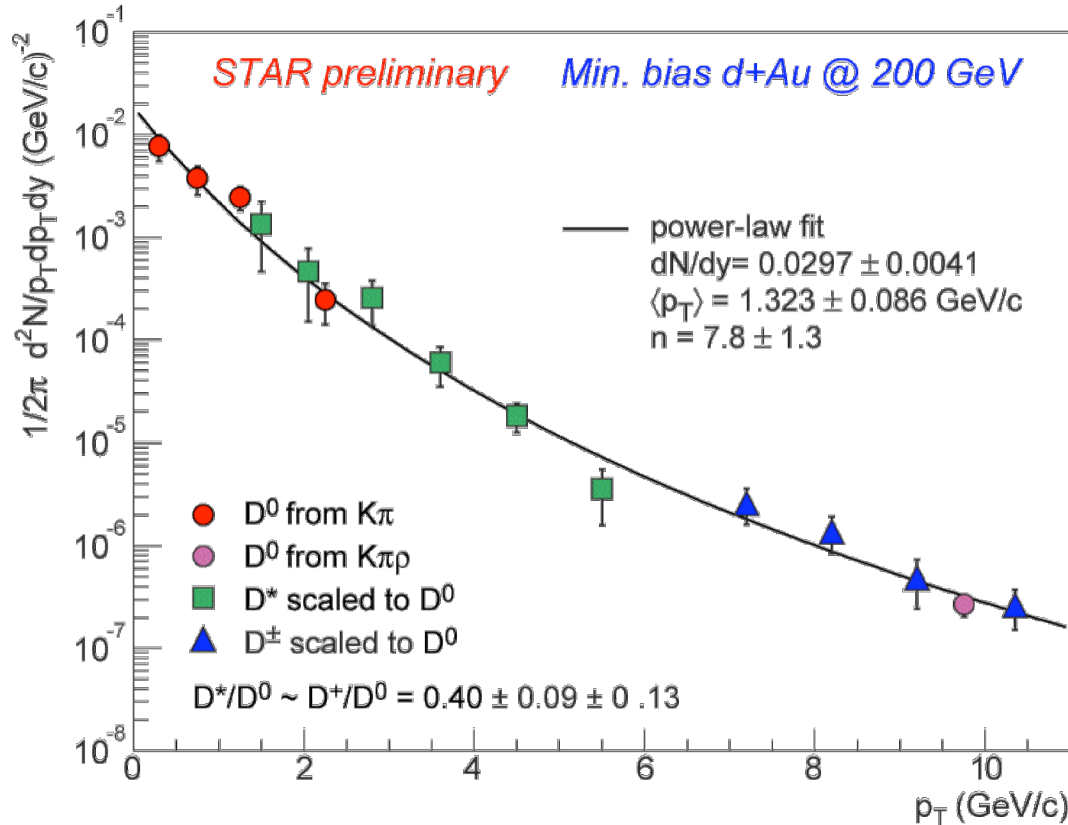
- Strong radial flow*

- HBT $R(m_T)$: flow-induced $\mathbf{x-p}$ correlations
 - extensive systematics
- non-identical particle correlations: shift in emission points

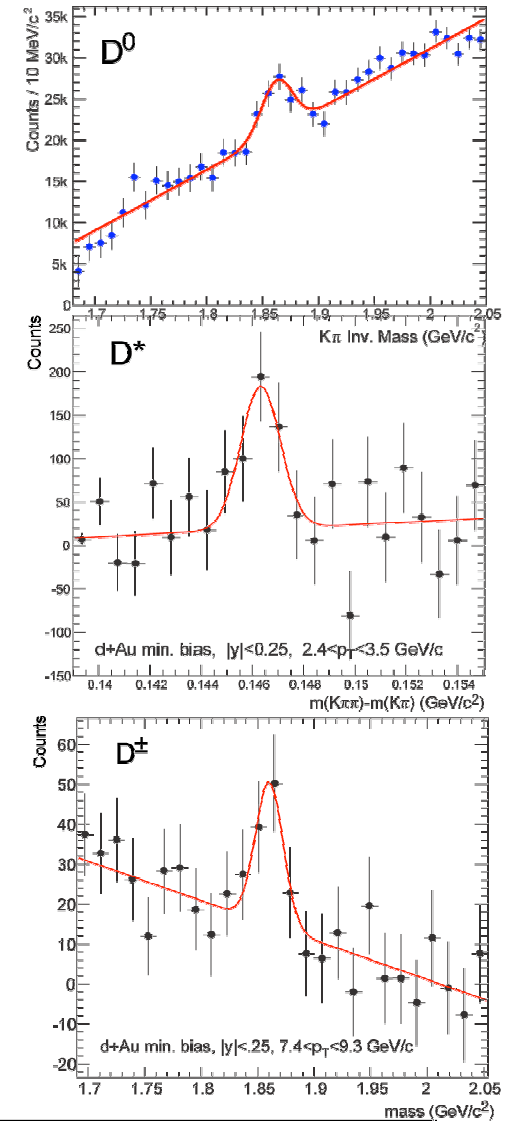
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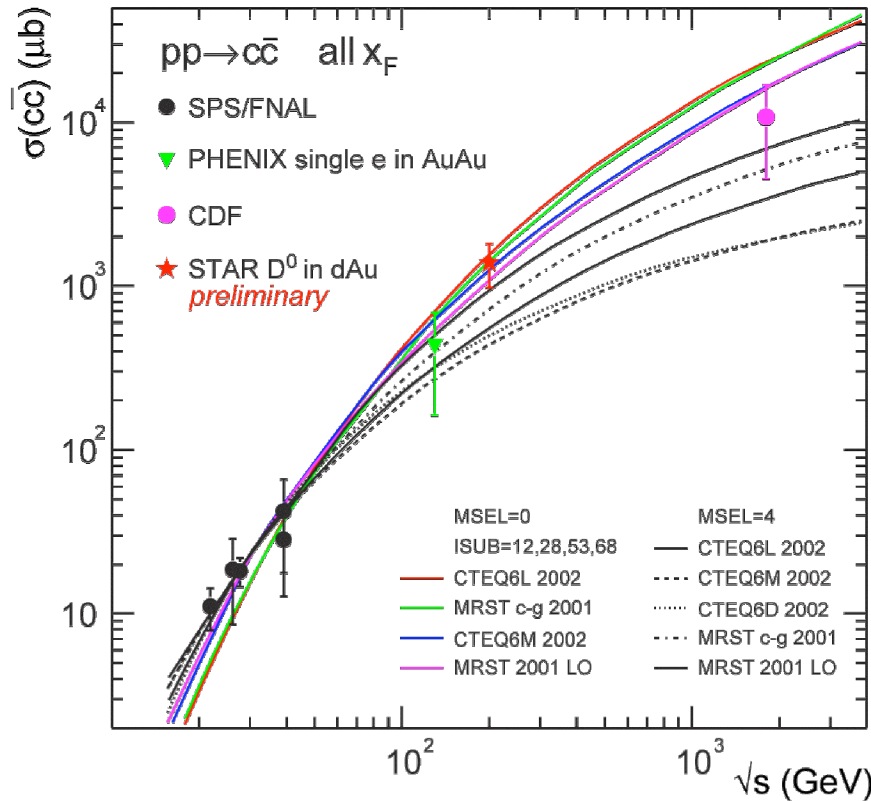
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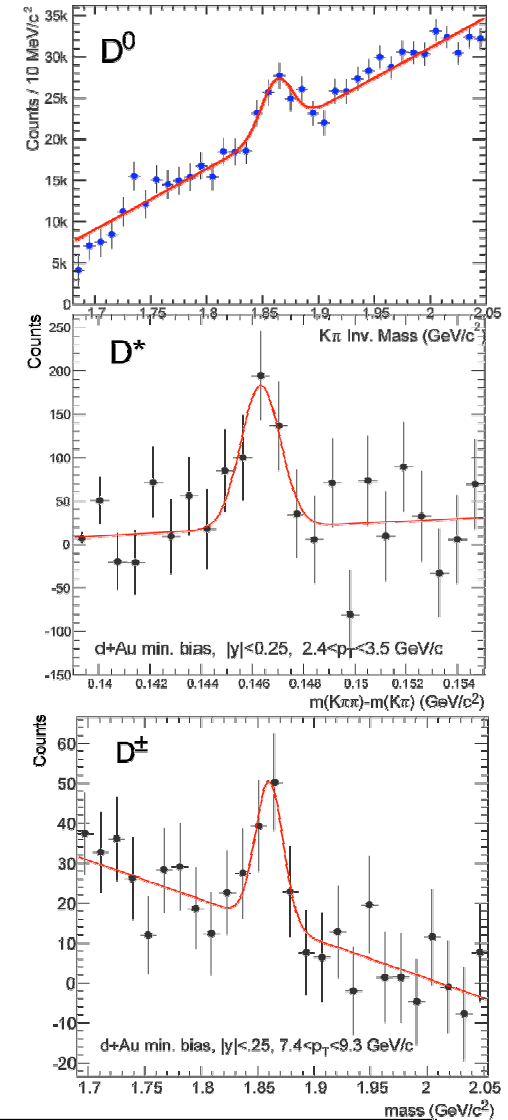
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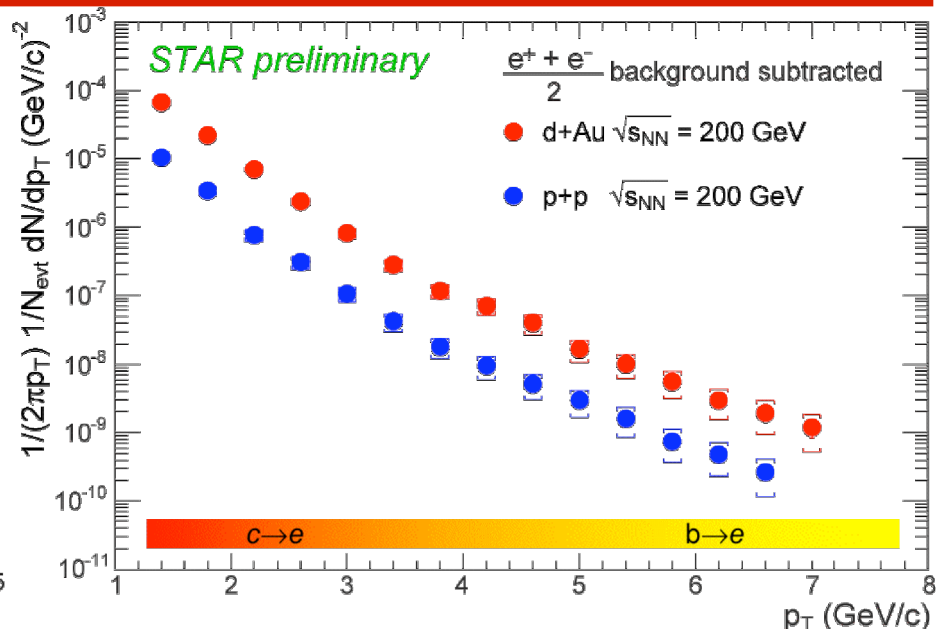
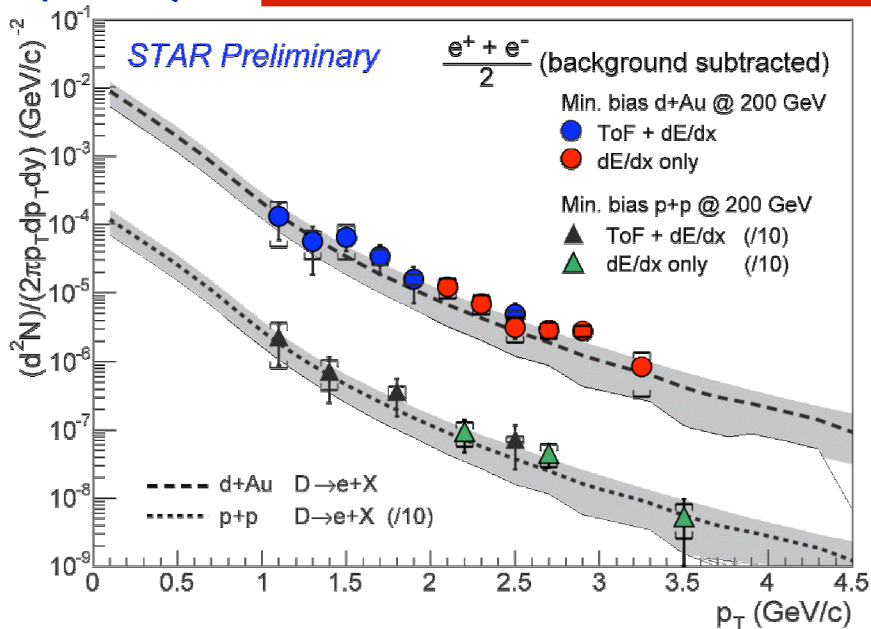
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Heavy Flavor $D, B \rightarrow e + X$



- $(e^+ + e^-)/2$ spectrum, background subtracted
- e-PID by TOF, dE/dx and EMC, measurements consistent
- Consistent with measured D meson yield
- PYTHIA: $c \rightarrow e$, dominates at $p_T \sim 2-4 \text{ GeV}/c$
 $b \rightarrow e$, dominates at $p_T > 4-5 \text{ GeV}/c$

See talks by L. Ruan P2 Thu, A. Suaide P2 Thu, and poster by X. Dong Instr28.



Summary

- High $p_t \rightarrow$ consistent with jet quenching scenario
- $v_2, R_{AB} \rightarrow$ quark coalescence seems to work
 \rightarrow partonic collectivity ?
- Bulk properties \rightarrow hadronic re-scatterings
 \rightarrow evidence of collectivity

- R_{AA} of particles carrying heavy flavor (c,b)
- Measure centrality dependence of spectra and v_2 of
d, π^0 , π , ρ , ω , ..., D^0 , D_s , Λ_c , J/ψ
- quantify partonic collectivity
- probe partonic eos

Talks:

A. Tai	<i>STAR measurements of open charm production in dAu collisions at 200 GeV</i>	Plenary, Wed 12:20
L. Barnby	<i>Production of f, K_s^0 and L and R_{dAu} from d+Au</i>	P1 Hadron Spectra Thu
J. Castillo	<i>Elliptic flow of multi-strange baryons X and W in Au+Au</i>	P3 Collective Flow Thu
T.W. Henry	<i>Jet Distributions in d+Au and p+p Collisions at STAR</i>	P1 High Pt Jets Fri
A. Kisiel	<i>Non-identical particle correlations at 130 and 200 GeV</i>	P3 HBT Tue
M.A.C. Lamont	<i>Identified particle ratios at large transverse momentum at 200 GeV</i>	P1 High Pt Tue
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