Multiplicity and Rapidity Dependent Study of (Multi)-strange Hadrons in Small Collision System using the STAR Detector

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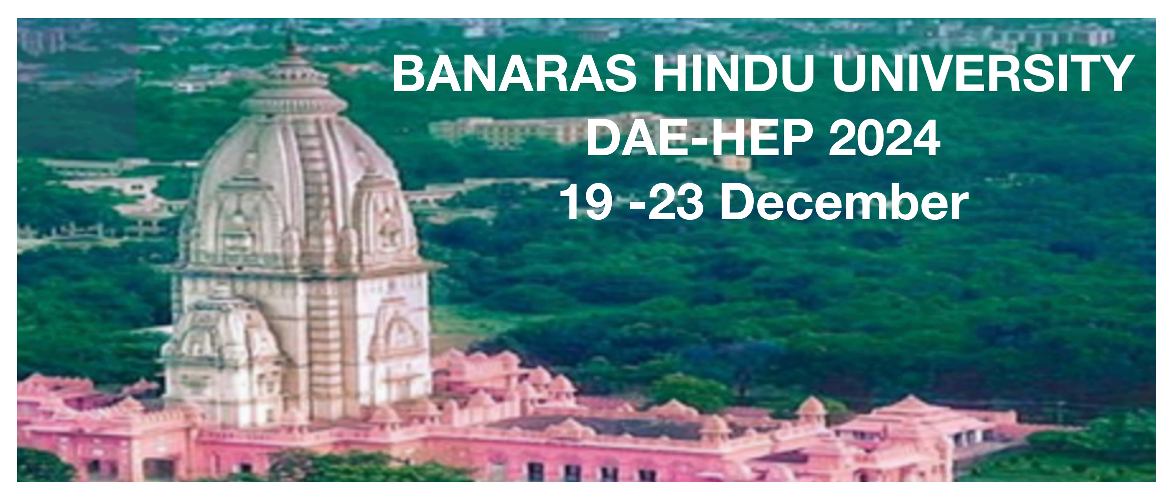

Motivation I : Strangeness as a Probe for Deconfinement

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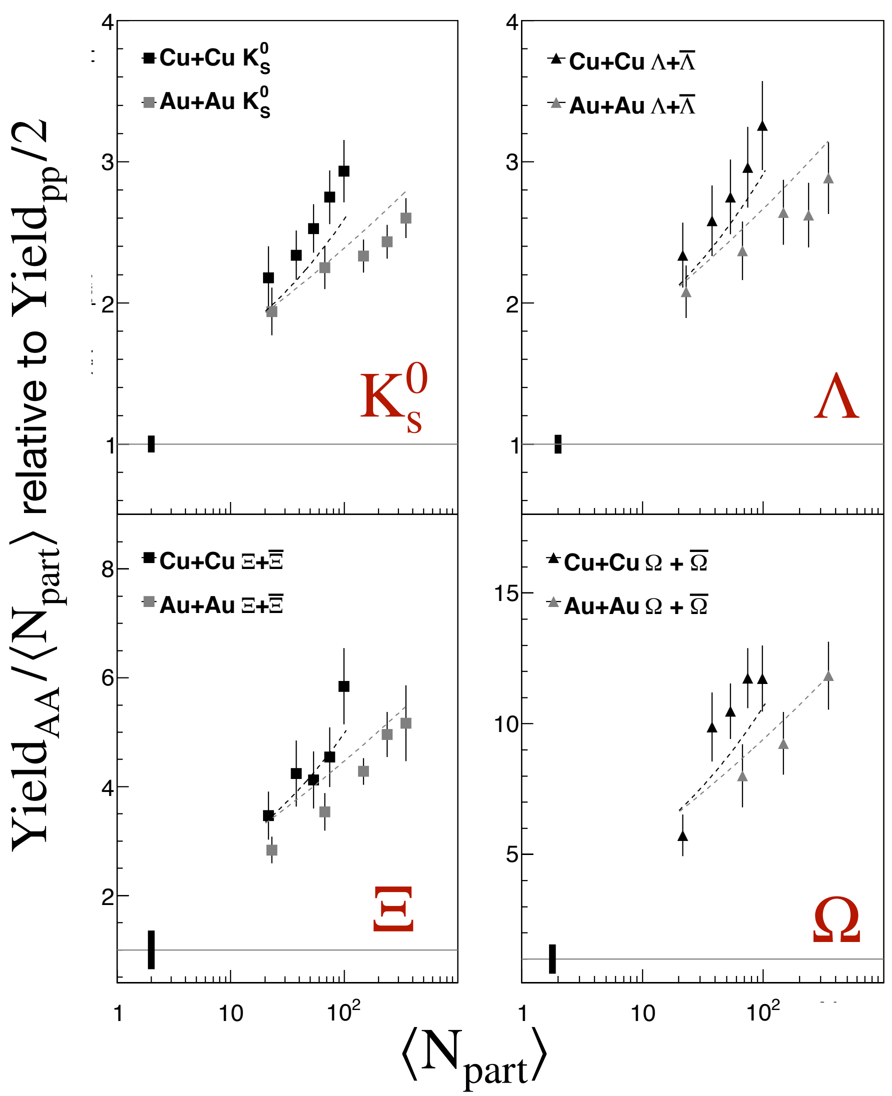

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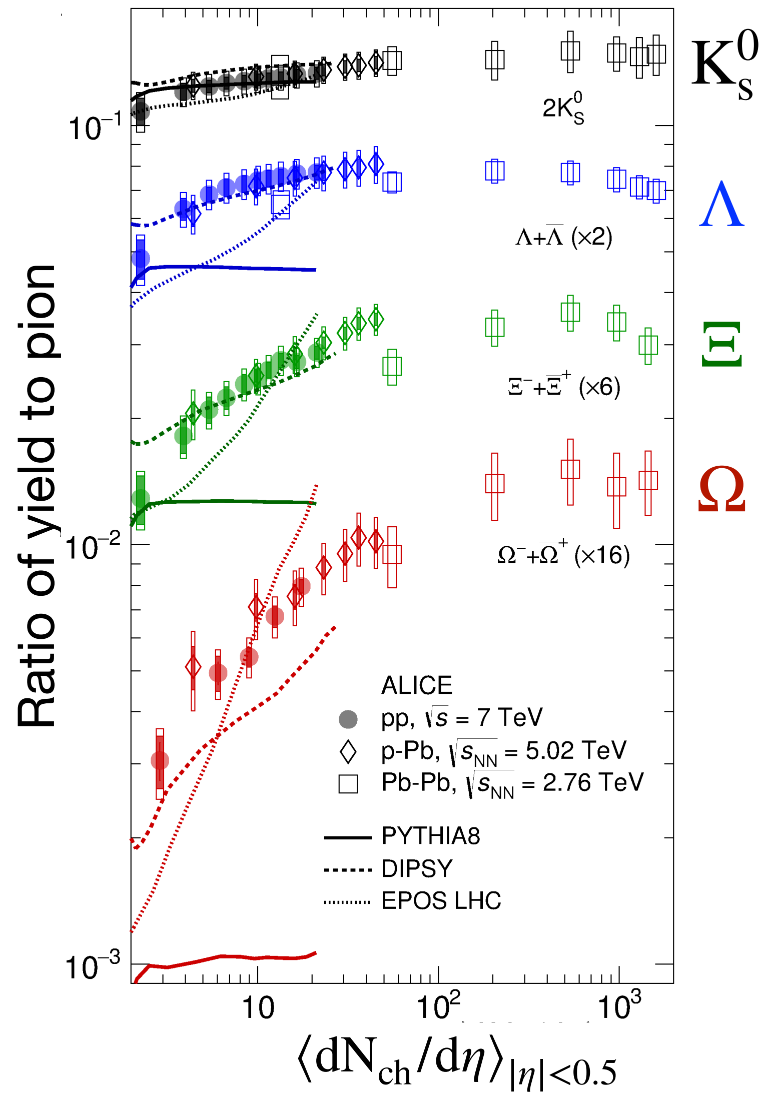


- Strangeness enhancement in A+A collisions w.r.t. p+p → a traditional signature of QGP formation
- Enhancement is more pronounced for (multi-)strange baryons

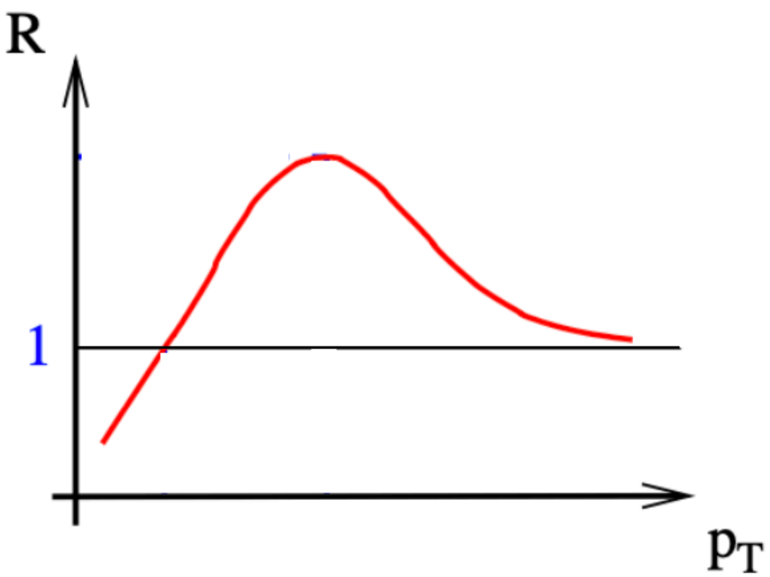
- Creation of QGP in smaller systems is still under intense debate
- Strangeness measurements in d+Au can bridge the multiplicity gap between peripheral A+A and p+p

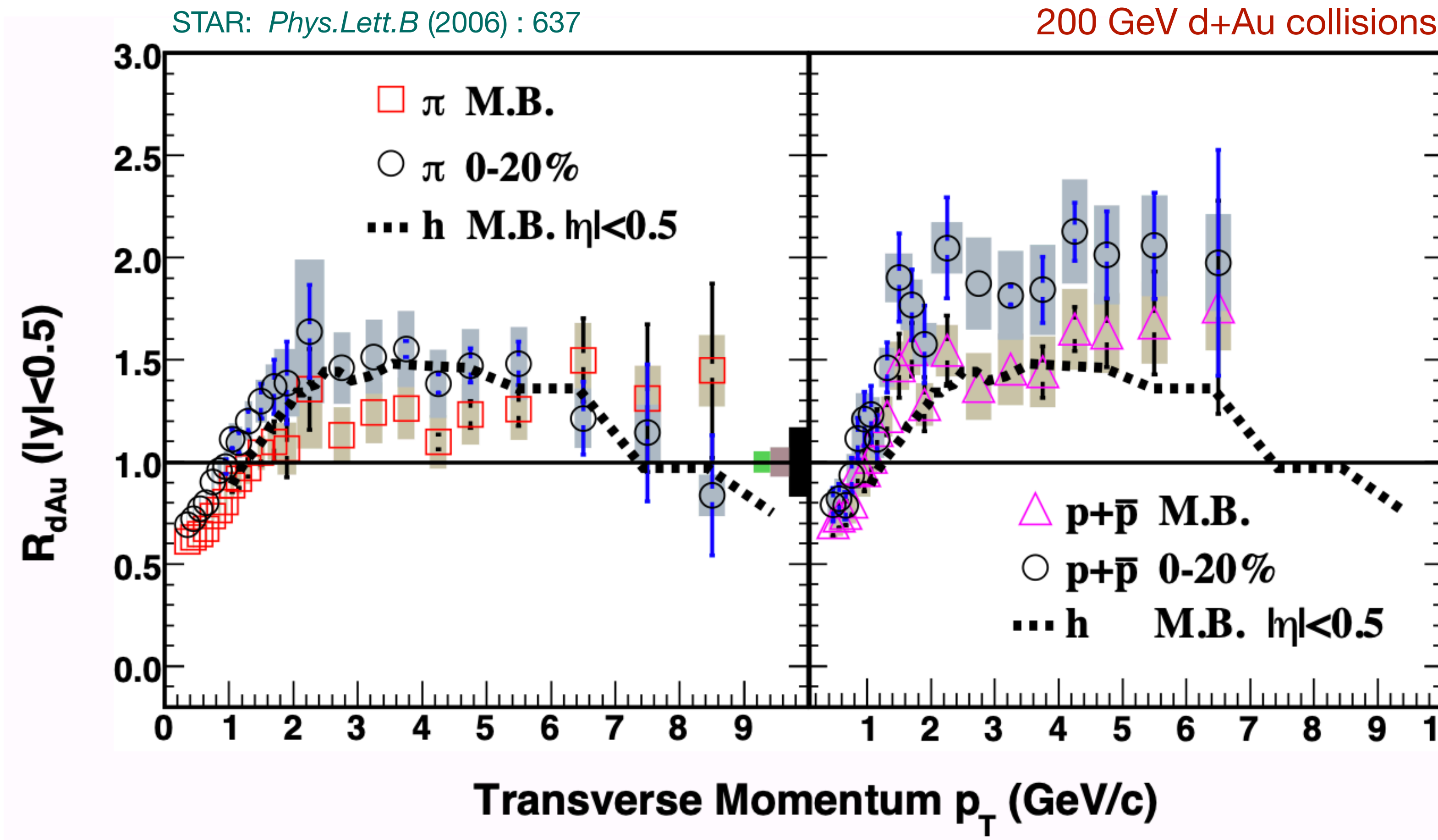
We want to look for strangeness enhancement for K^0_s, Λ, Ξ, Ω in d+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV

Motivation II : Probing Cold Nuclear Matter Effects

- Cronin effect studied using **Nuclear modification factor R**

$$R_{dAu}(p_T) = \frac{\text{Yield}_{AB}}{\langle N_{coll}\rangle \text{Yield}_{pp}}$$





Measurements of particle type and centrality dependence of R_{dAu} (p_T) may help us to understand the mechanism behind Cronin effect

- Hint of Cronin like enhancement has been observed at intermediate p_T for pions as well as for protons
- For $2 < p_T < 5$ GeV/c, R_{dAu} of proton is higher than for pion

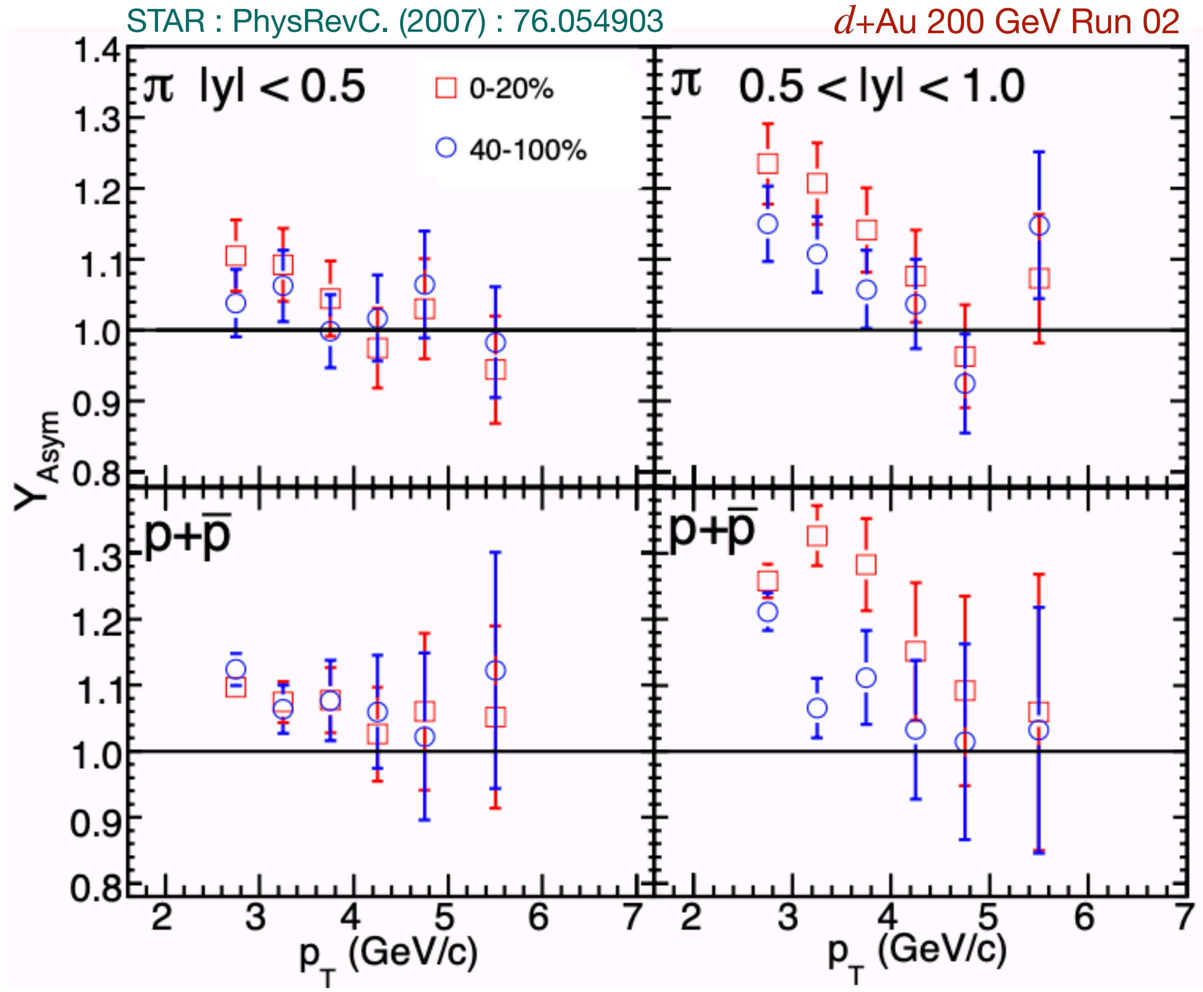
Motivation II : Probing Cold Nuclear Matter Effects

Rapidity Asymmetry :

$$Y_{Asym}(p_T) = \frac{d^2N/(dp_T dy)_{-b<y<-a}}{d^2N/(dp_T dy)_{a<y<b}}$$

Au going side - backward rapidity

d going side - forward rapidity

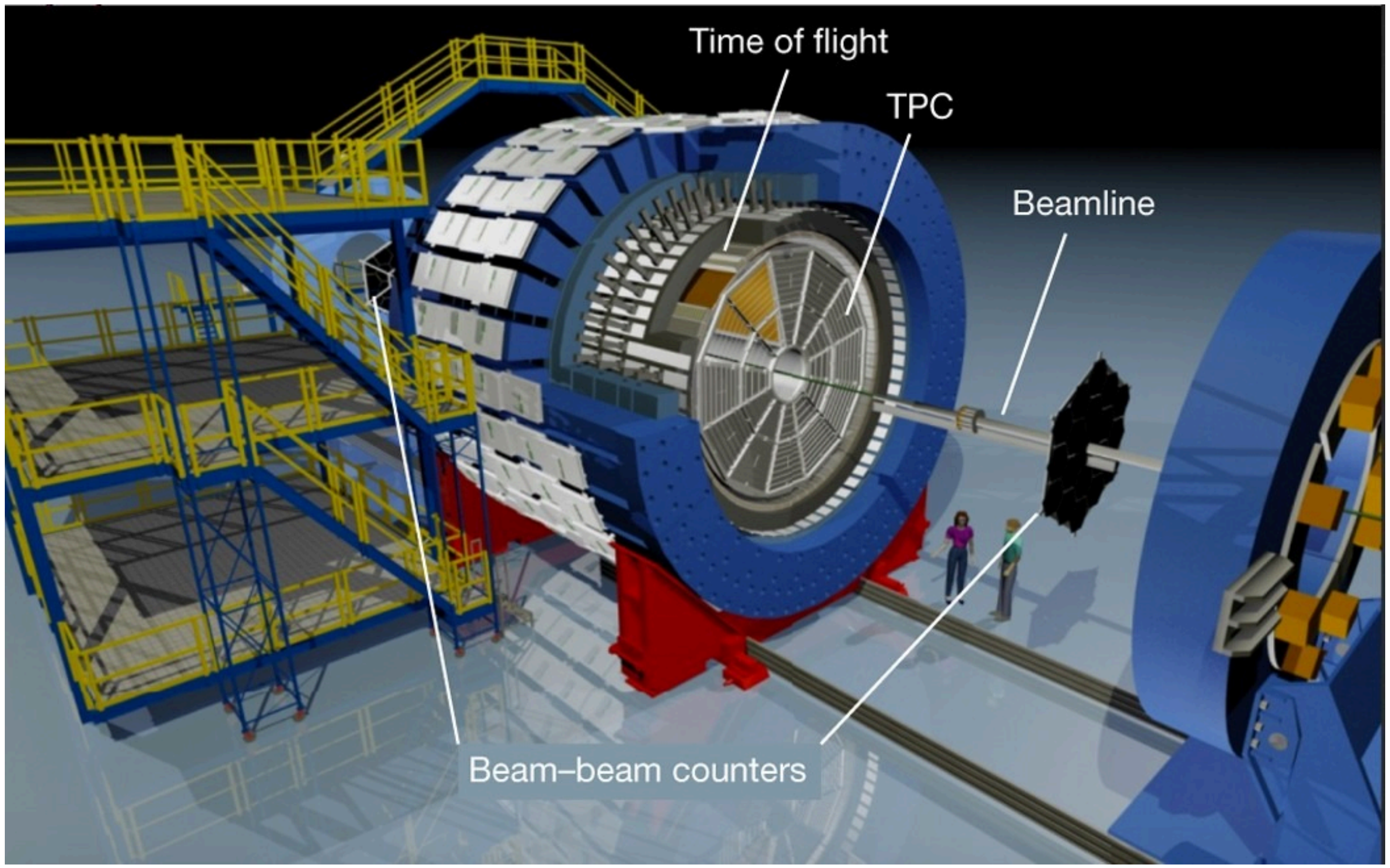


- Rapidity Asymmetry provides unique tool to study contributions from nuclear effects (nuclear shadowing, multiple scattering etc.) to the particle production

- At low p_T :
  $Y_{Asym} > 1 \rightarrow$ presence of nuclear effects
- At high p_T :
  Y_{Asym} is consistent with unity
- Deviations are higher for larger rapidity

A solid understanding in cold nuclear matter effects is essential to distill the potential QGP signal

Overview of STAR Detector



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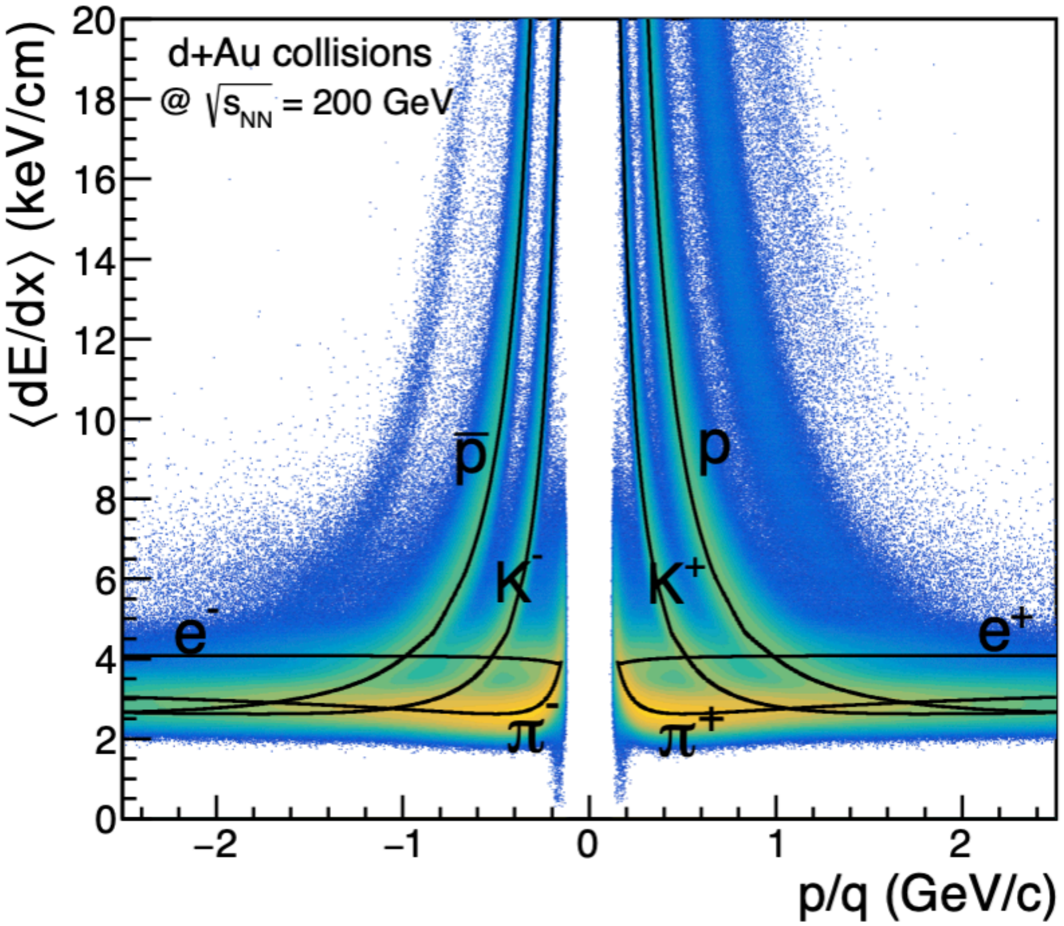
- The **S**olenoidal **T**racker **A**t **R**HIC, known as **STAR**, tracks the thousands of particles produced by heavy-ion collisions at RHIC
- STAR detector is used to study the signatures of the Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) formation
- Time Projection Chamber (TPC) is the main detector used for the analysis

Centrality is estimated by calculating number of charged tracks ($|\eta| < 0.9$) in d+Au 200 GeV and comparing it to the Glauber model simulations

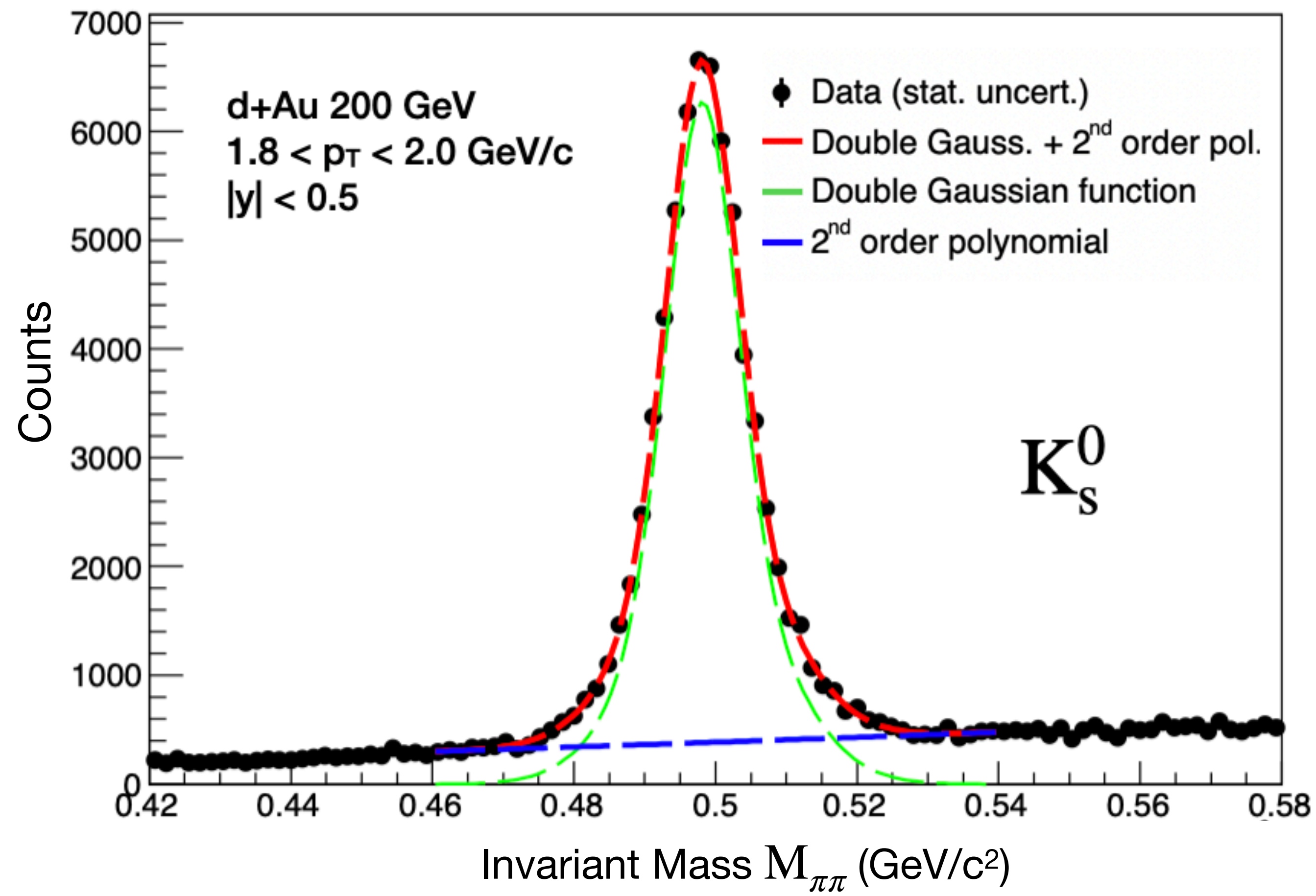
Dataset and Particle Identification

- d+Au collisions @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV
- Year : 2016
- Events analyzed ~100M
- Particles studied : K^0_S, Λ, Ξ & Ω



Particle identification is done via $\langle dE/dx \rangle$ measured in TPC

Invariant Mass Distribution of K^0_S



K^0_S, Λ, Ξ, Ω **are reconstructed via their hadronic decay channels :**

- $K^0_S \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$, B.R. 69.2%
- $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) \rightarrow p(\bar{p}) + \pi^-(\pi^+)$, B.R. 63.9%
- $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+) \rightarrow \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) + \pi^-(\pi^+)$, B.R. 99.8%
- $\Omega^-(\bar{\Omega}^+) \rightarrow \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) + K^-(K^+)$, B.R. 67.8%

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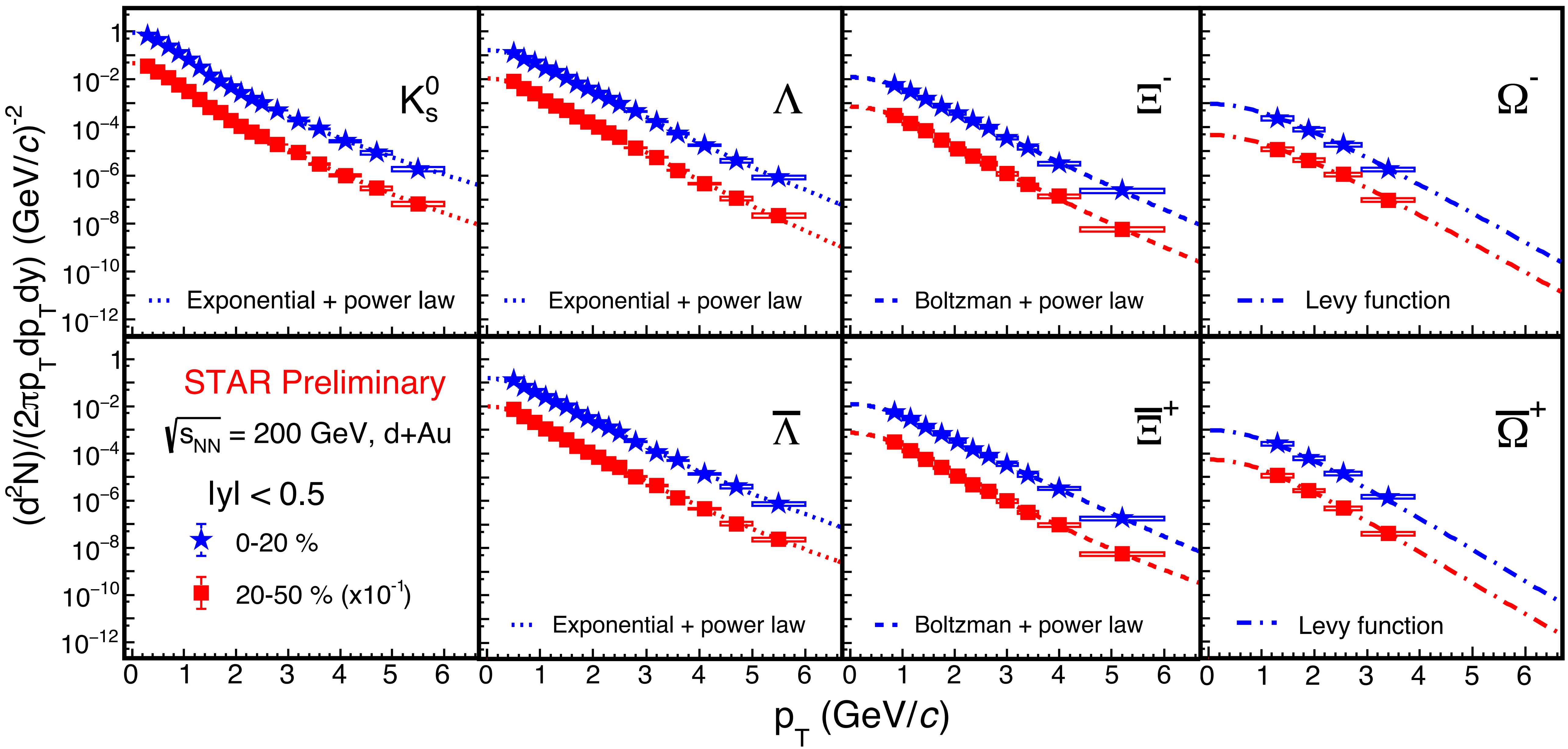
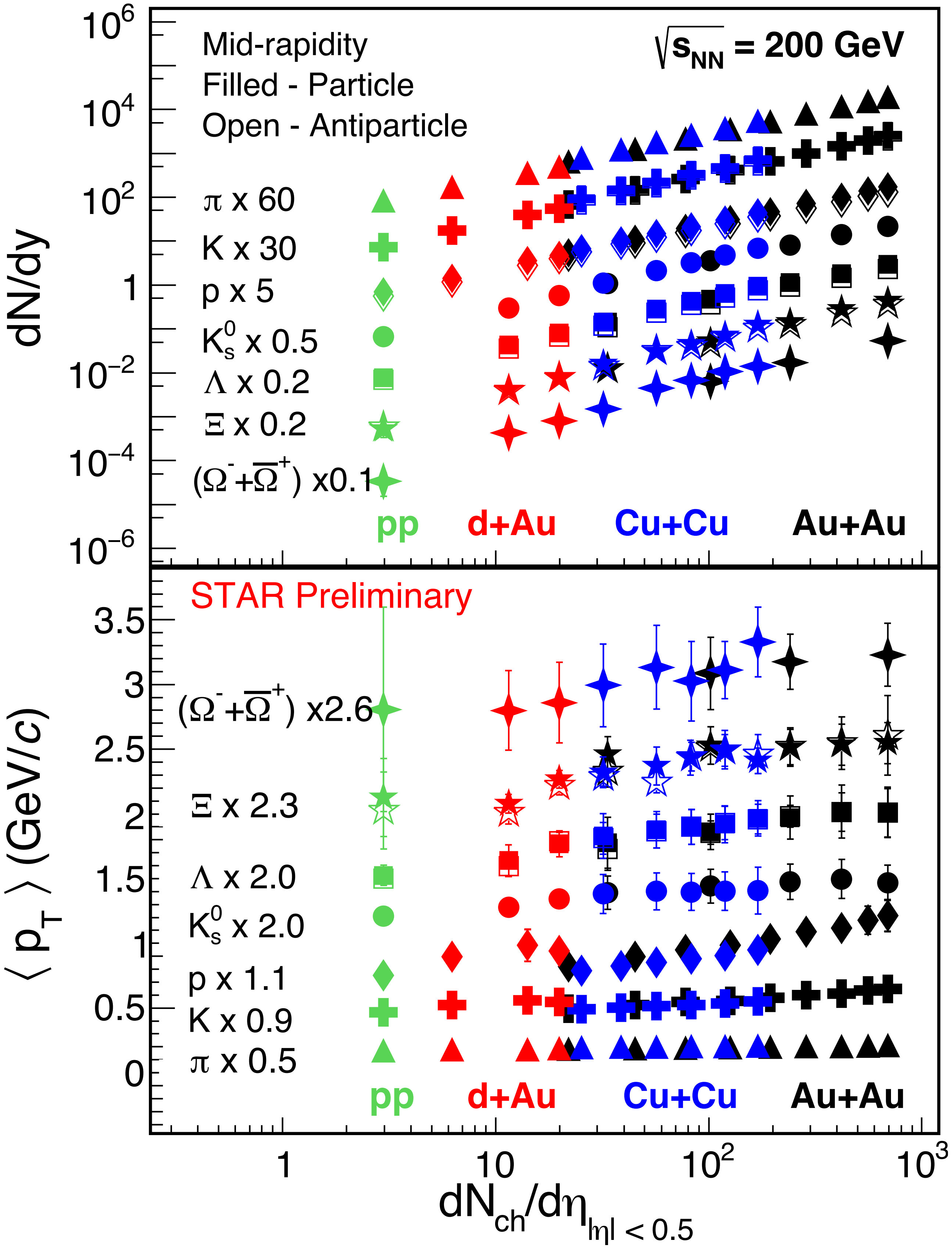
Transverse Momentum Spectra at Mid-rapidity (|y| < 0.5)



- p_T spectra of K^0_s, $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$, $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+)$ & $\Omega^-(\bar{\Omega}^+)$ are corrected for acceptance & efficiency and respective branching ratios
- Λ spectra are corrected for weak decay feed down from Ξ

Integrated yields and $\langle p_T \rangle$ as function of Multiplicity



- dN/dy increases as function of $dN_{ch}/d\eta$
- $\langle p_T \rangle$ is larger for heavier particles & hint of increase is observed as function of $dN_{ch}/d\eta$:
  - Supports the picture of collective evolution (radial flow)
- Particle production is driven by $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ not by collision species.

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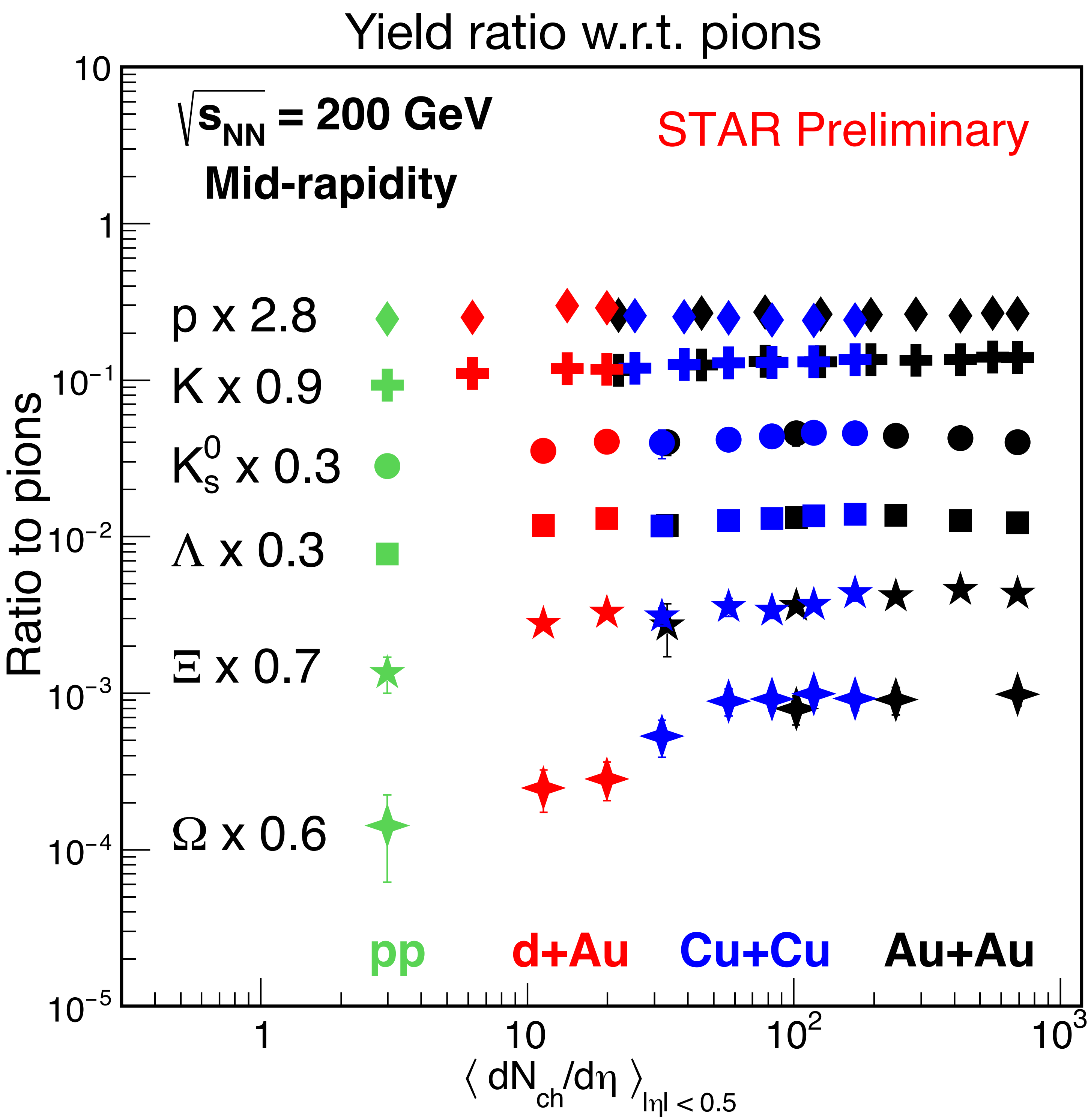
Integrated Particle-to-Pion ratios as function of Multiplicity



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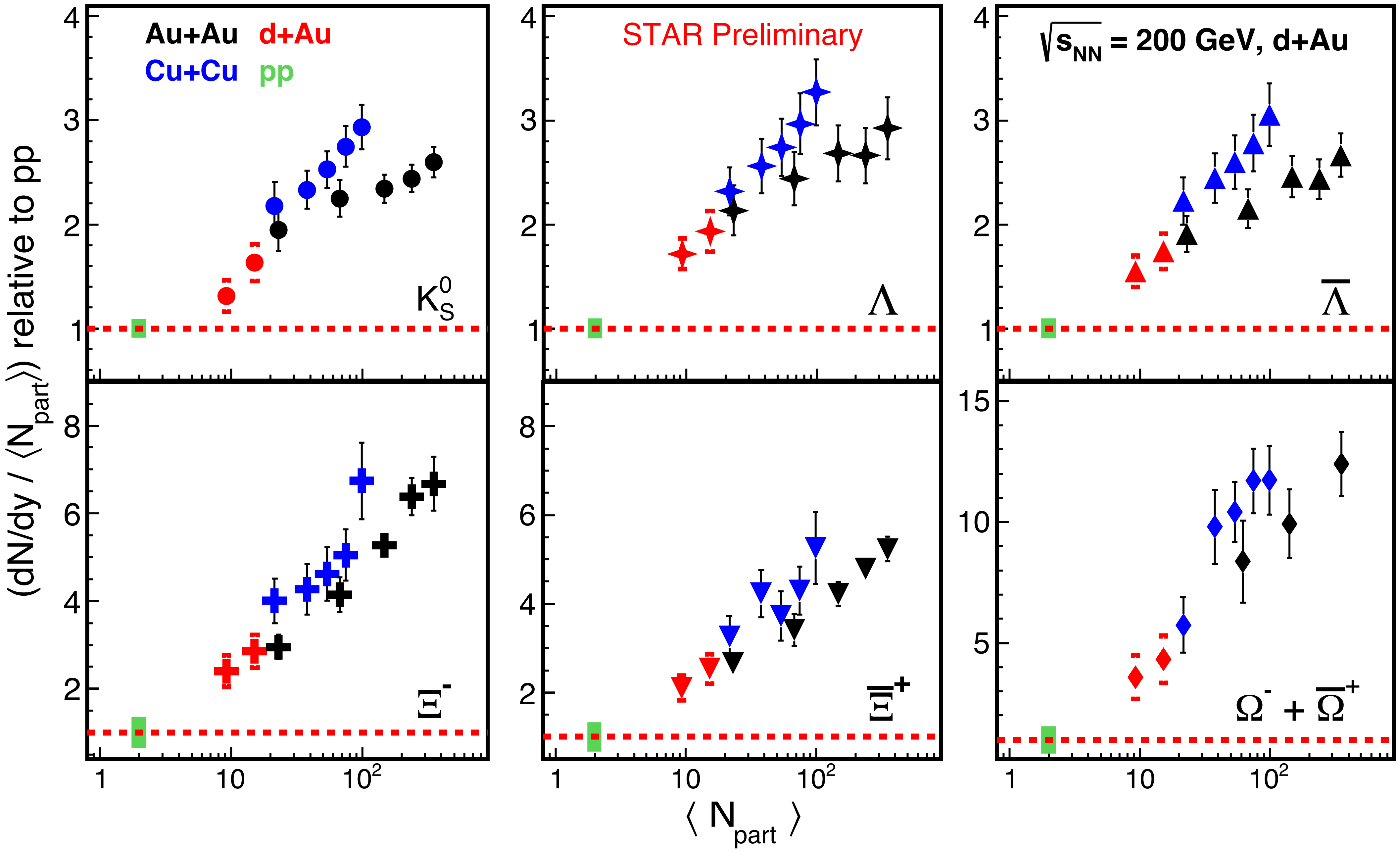
- Smooth transition of ratios of the particles from p+p to A+A collisions
- d+Au system fills the gap between p+p and peripheral Cu+Cu & Au+Au collisions
- Data from different collision systems follow similar trend
- Yield ratio of particles to pions with more strangeness content decrease faster from high to low multiplicity

Strangeness Enhancement



- Strange particle yields in d+Au 200 GeV are enhanced as compared to p+p collisions
- Strange particle yields increase as a function of $\langle N_{part} \rangle$

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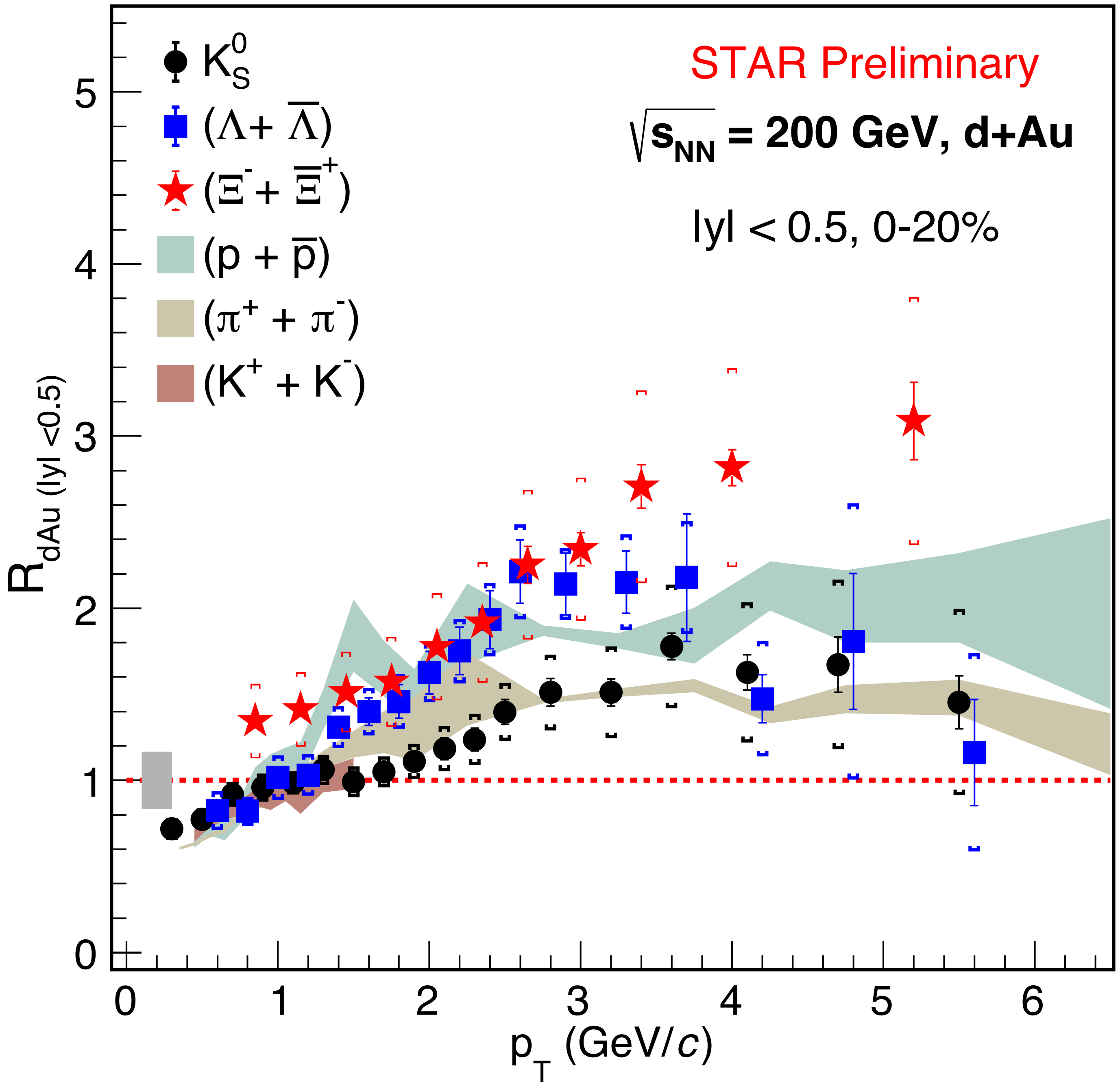
Nuclear Modification Factor



Λ data points are p_T shifted by 0.1 GeV/c for clarity.

π,K,p data are from
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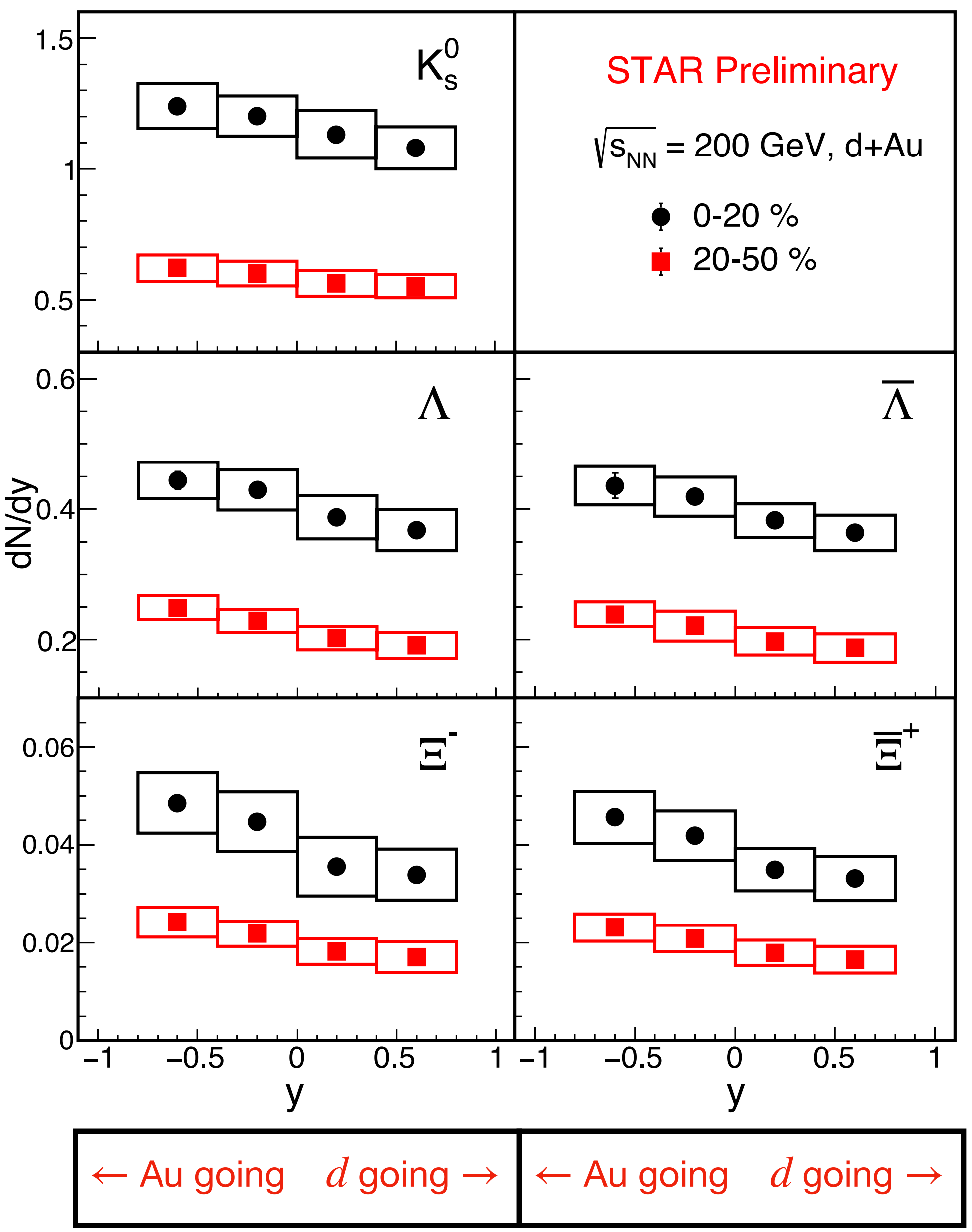
$$R_{dAu}(p_T) = \frac{\mathrm{Yield}_{AB}}{\langle N_{coll}\rangle \mathrm{Yield}_{pp}}$$

- Cronin like enhancement is observed for K^0_S, Λ & Ξ at intermediate p_T
- Enhancement in d+Au compared to p+p for p_T in 2-4 GeV/c is stronger for baryons (Ξ, Λ & p) compared to mesons (K^0_S, π)

Integrated yields and $\langle p_T \rangle$ as function of Rapidity

dN/dy w.r.t. to y



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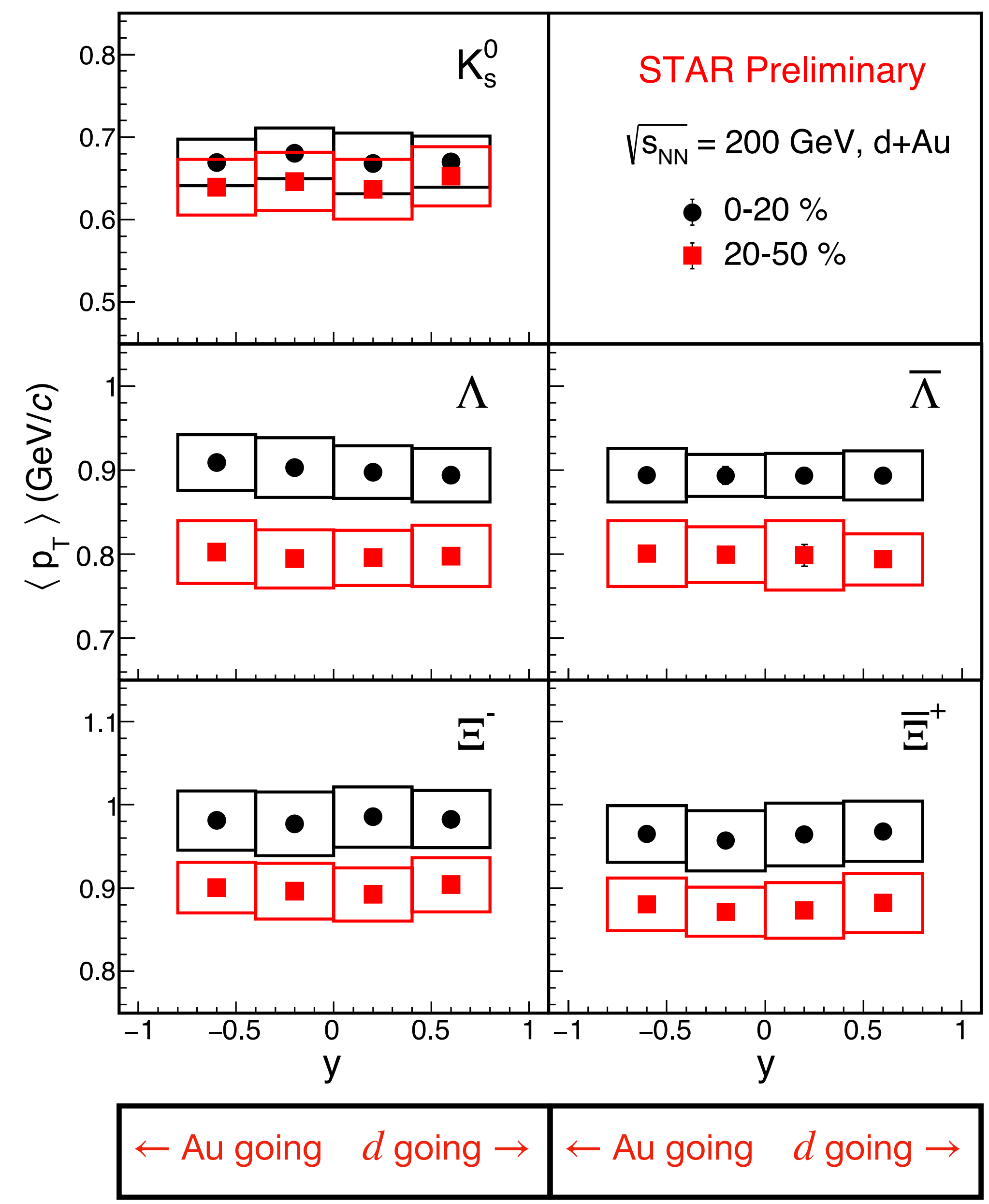
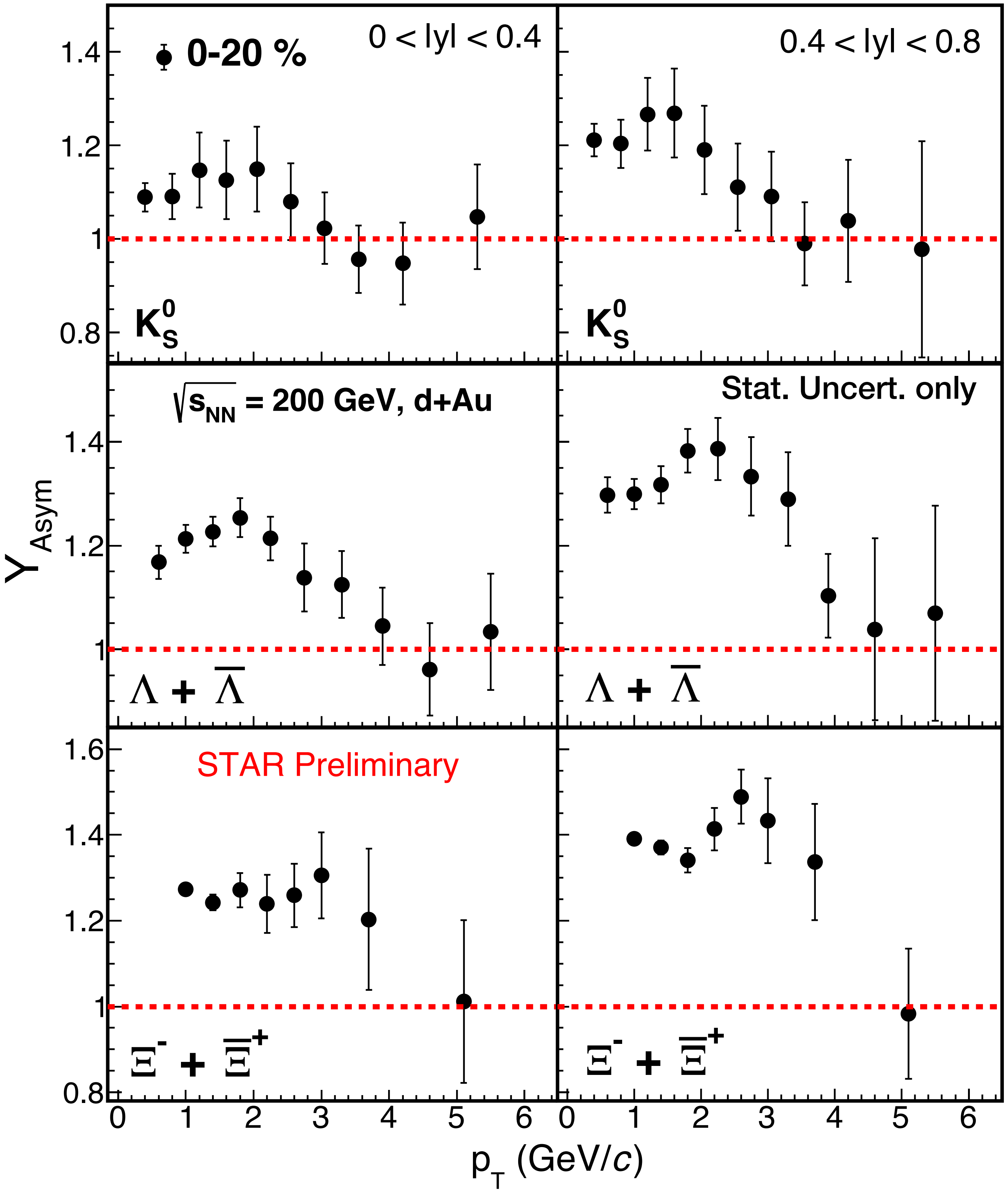


- dN/dy slightly decreases from negative to positive rapidities for K^0_s, $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ & $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+)$
- $\langle p_T \rangle$ is flat vs y for K^0_s, $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ & $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+)$: similar radial flow
- Theoretical calculations are welcome

Rapidity Asymmetry



$$Y_{\text{asym}}(p_T) = \frac{d^2N(p_T)/dy_{CM}dp_T|_{y_{CM}\in[-b,-a]}}{d^2N(p_T)/dy_{CM}dp_T|_{y_{CM}\in[a,b]}}.$$

- $Y_{Asym} > 1$ is observed at low p_T
  - Signifies the presence of nuclear effects
- Consistent with unity at high p_T.
- Asymmetry is more prominent for
  - Higher rapidity intervals (0.4 < |y| < 0.8)
  - Heavier mass particle

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Summary

- We have presented **Multiplicity and Rapidity dependent studies of K_s^0, Λ, Ξ and Ω in d+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV**
- **Particle production is independent of collision system** and mainly driven by multiplicity
- Yields of K_s^0, $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$, $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+)$ & $\Omega^-(\bar{\Omega}^+)$ in d+Au are observed to be higher than in p+p collisions at 200 GeV : **Strangeness enhancement**
- **Nuclear modification factors (R_{dAu})** for K_s^0, Λ and Ξ show Cronin like enhancement
- **Integrated yield as function of rapidity** decreases from negative to positive rapidity region while $\langle p_T \rangle$ remains flat.
- **Rapidity asymmetry** for K_s^0, Λ and Ξ is observed
  - At low p_T : indicating presence of nuclear effects
  - Asymmetry is more pronounced for higher rapidity region and for heavier mass particle

Thank You!

BACK UP

Probing Cold Nuclear Matter Effects in CMS

Rapidity Asymmetry Studied in CMS :

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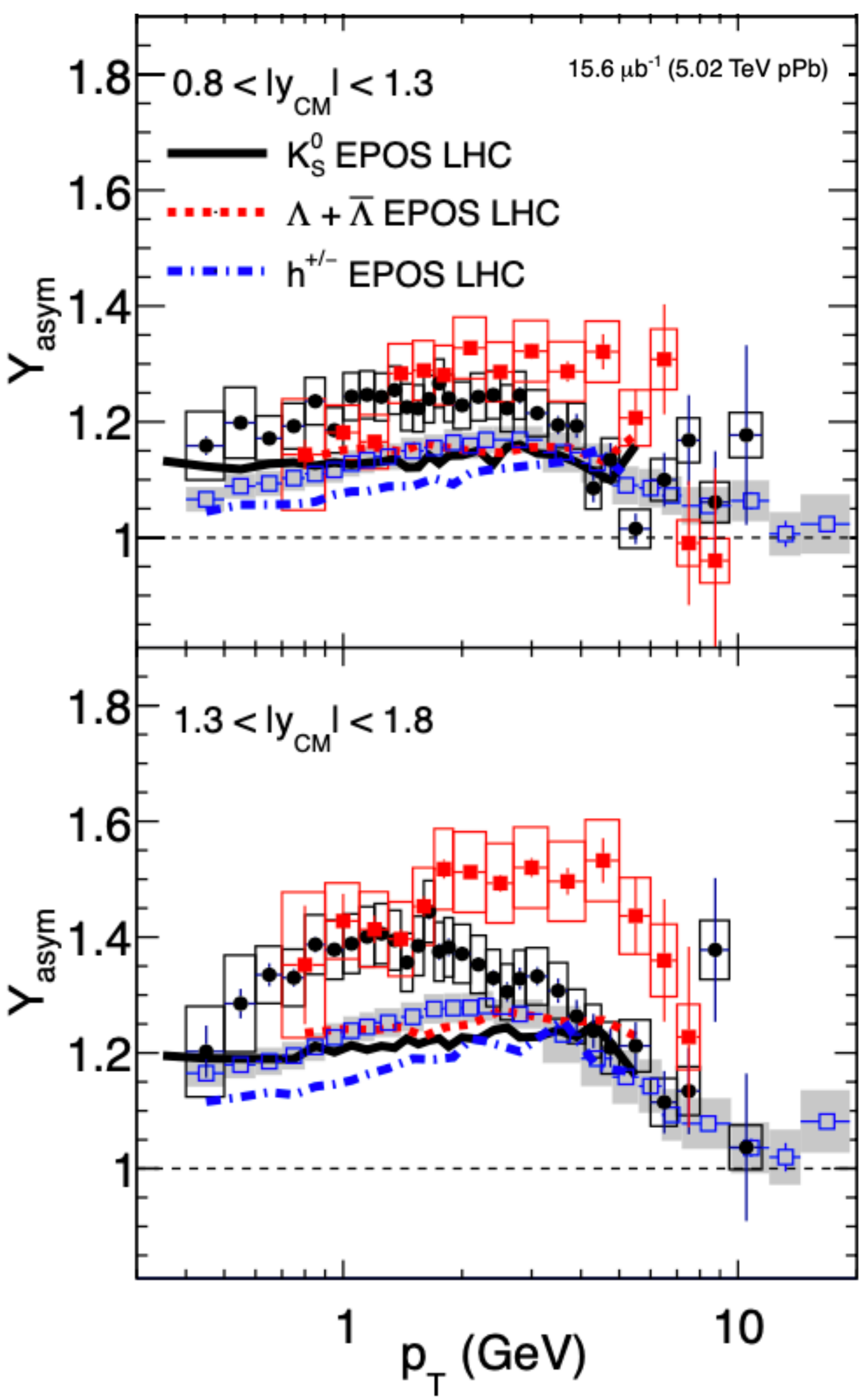
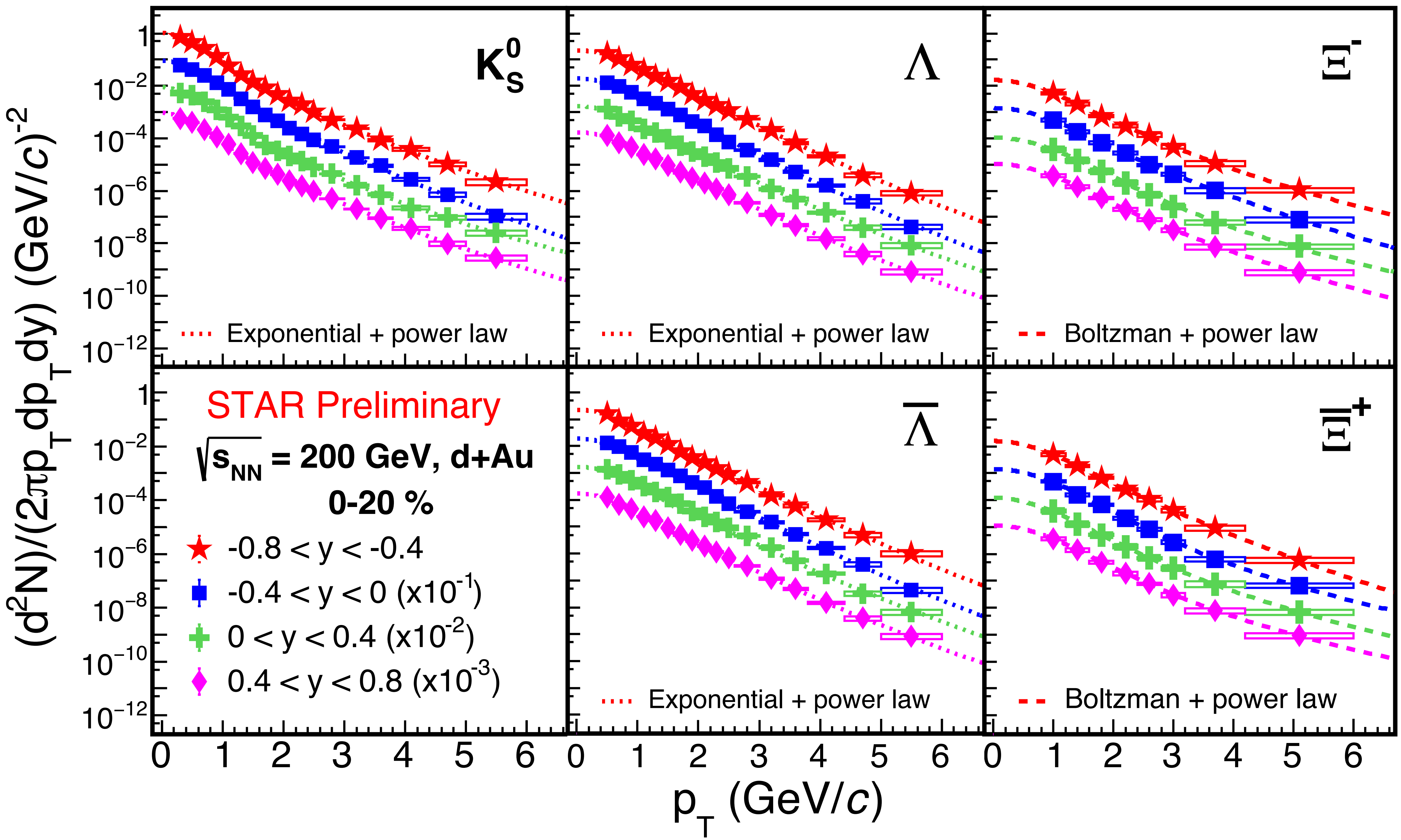


- $Y_{asym} > 1$ is observed at low p_T
  - Signifies the presence of nuclear effects
- Consistent with unity at high p_T
- More prominent for higher rapidity interval (1.3 < |y| < 1.8)
- Asymmetry is stronger for Λ as compared to that for K_s^0

Transverse Momentum Spectra at Different Rapidities



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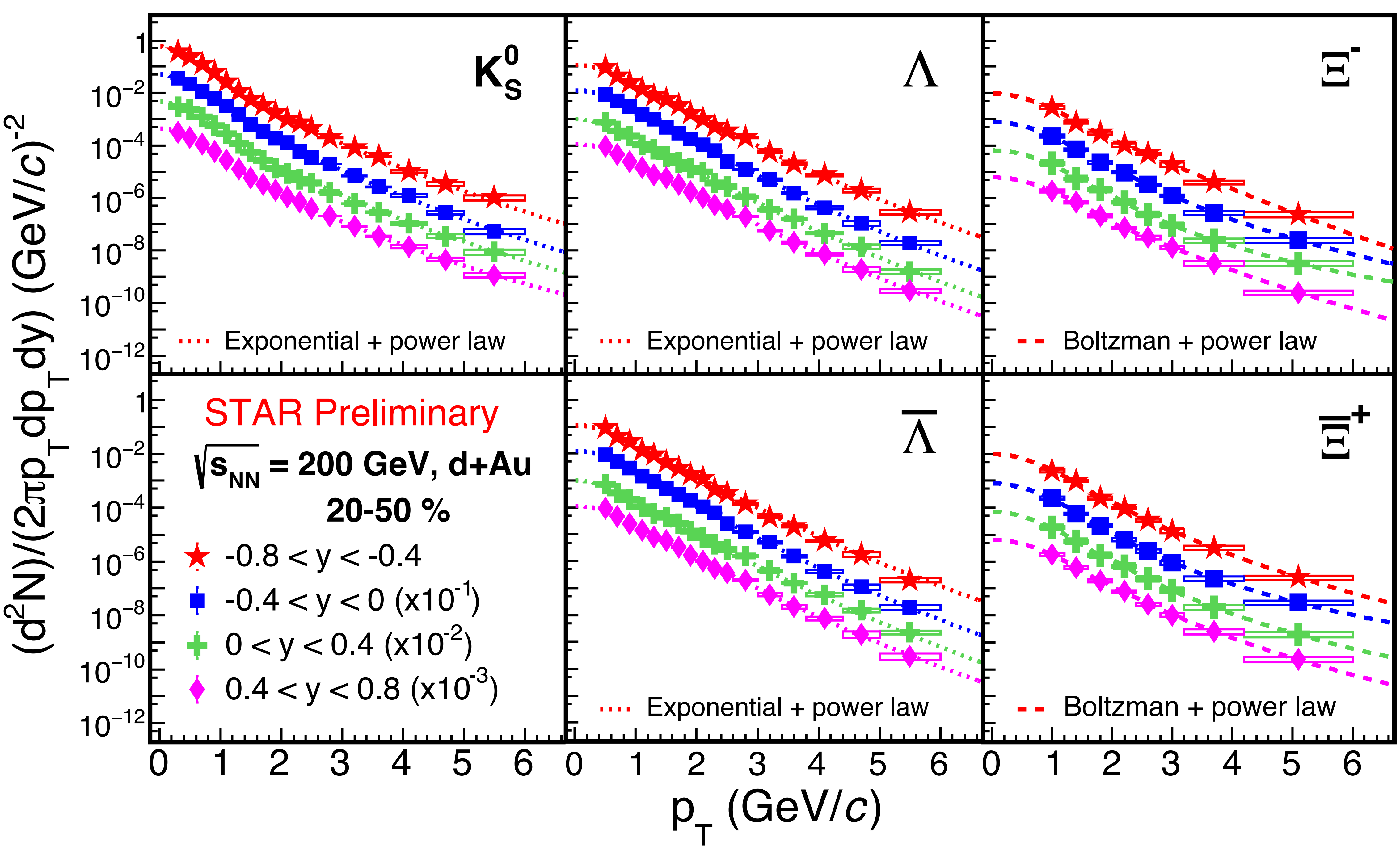

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