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BM@N
Baryonic Matter at Nuclotron

Production of Λ hyperons in 4.0 and 4.5 AGeV carbon-nucleus interactions at the Nuclotron

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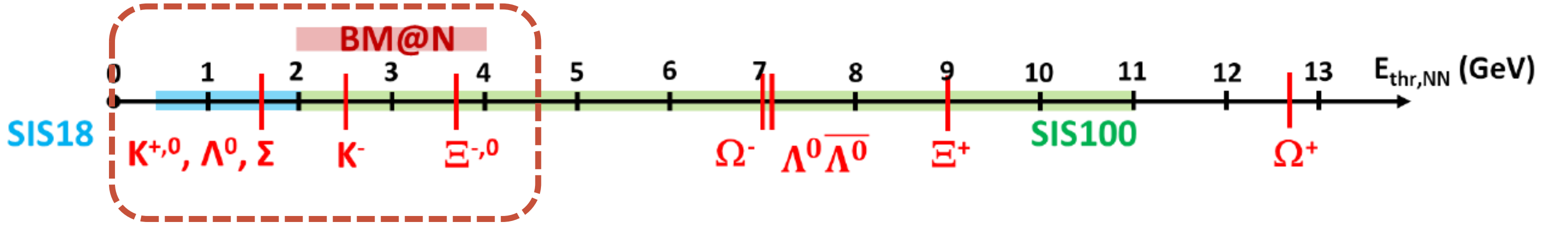
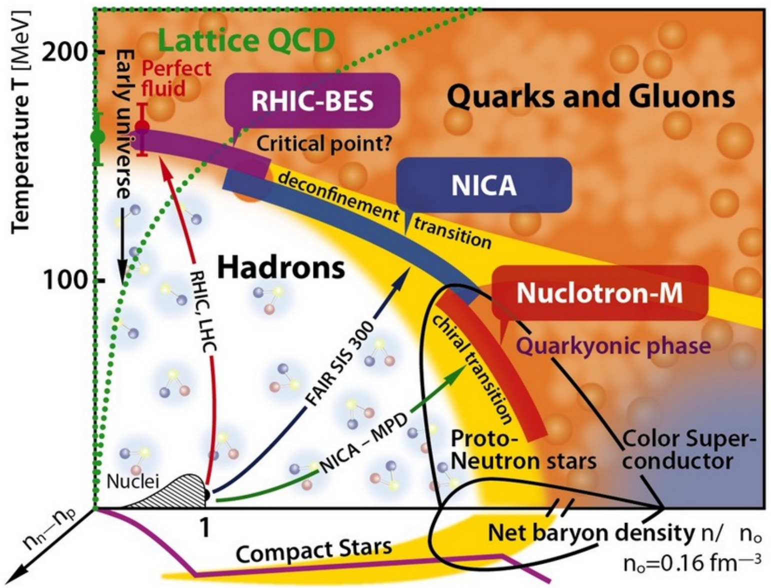
Physical motivation BM@N experiment

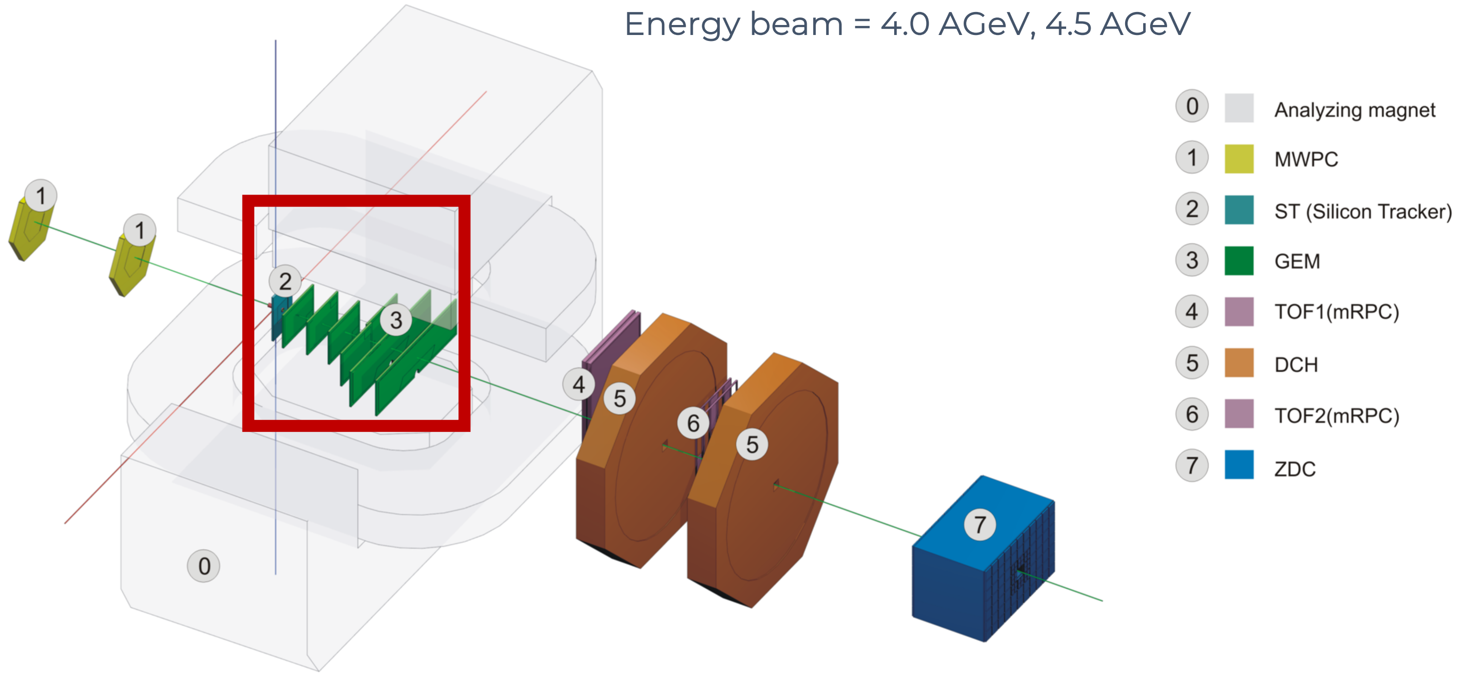


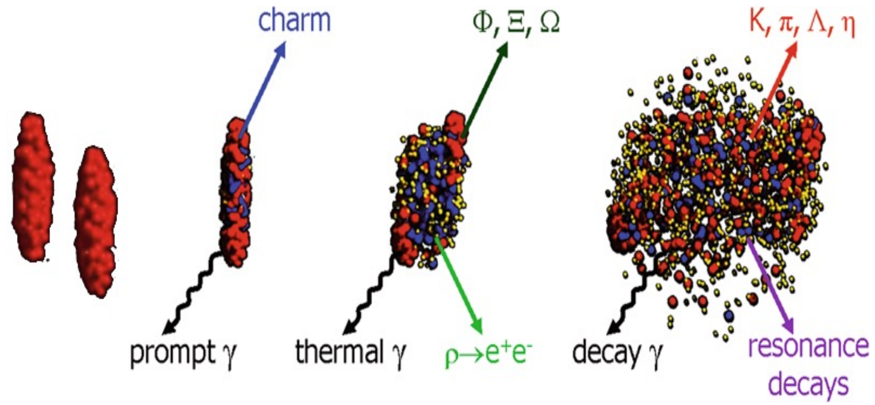


BM@N Setup

C + A → X , A : C, Al, Cu, Pb

Energy beam = 4.0 AGeV, 4.5 AGeV

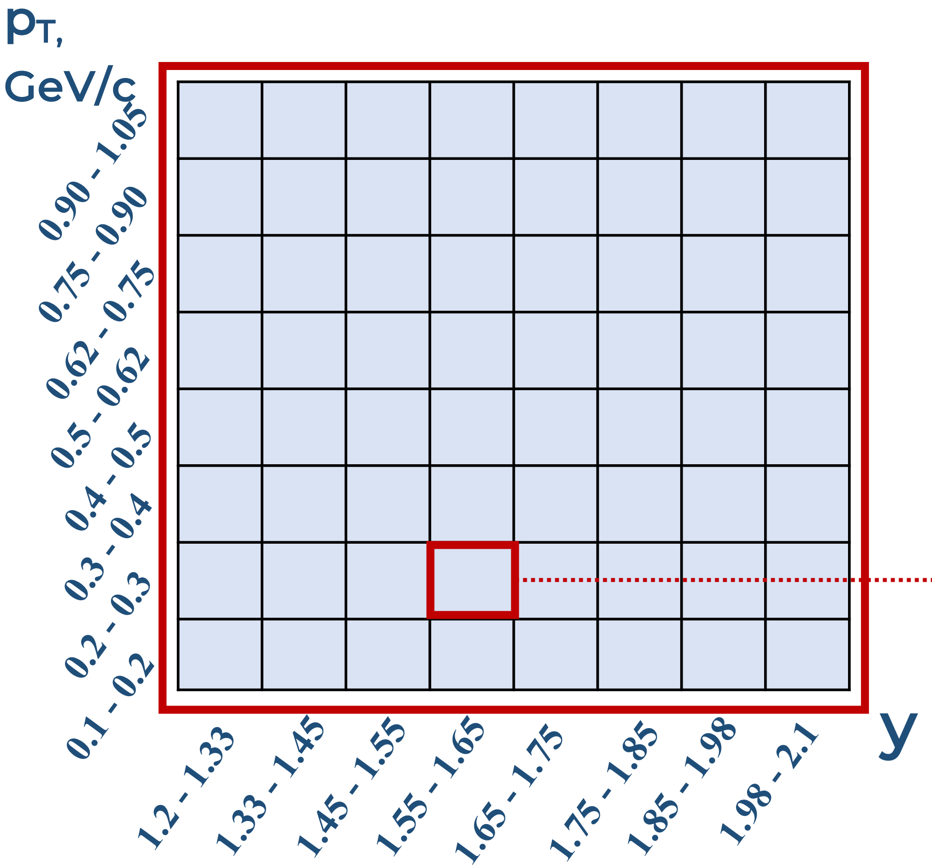




Acceptance evaluation procedure (DCM - QGSM)

Kinematic measuring range (4, 4.5 AGeV):

$0.1 < p_T < 1.05$ GeV/c
$1.2 < y_{lab} < 2.1$



1 Divide the kinematic measuring range by y, p_T into (8×8) cells in the MC simulation.

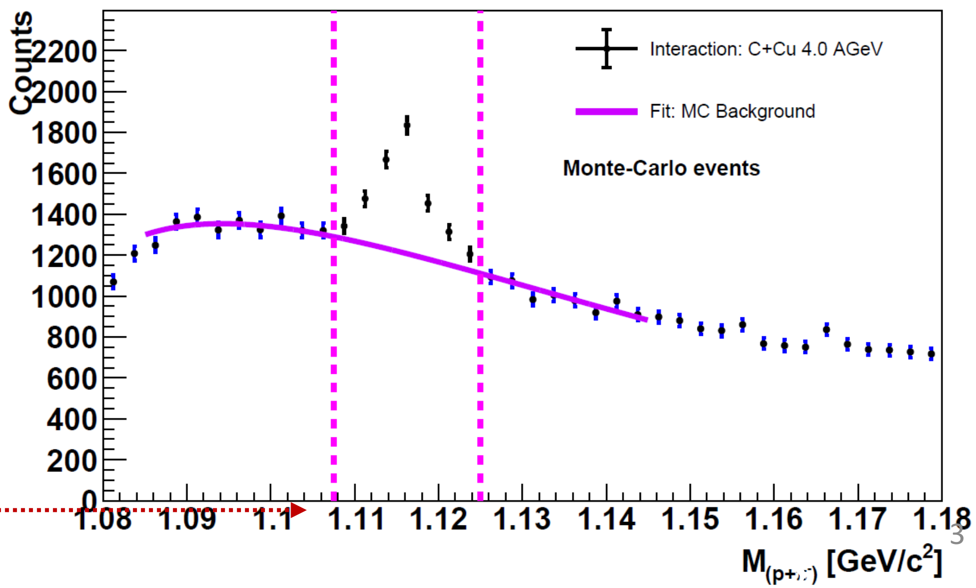
2 To get the number of events generated by the MC.

3 In each cells the invariant mass distribution fit with

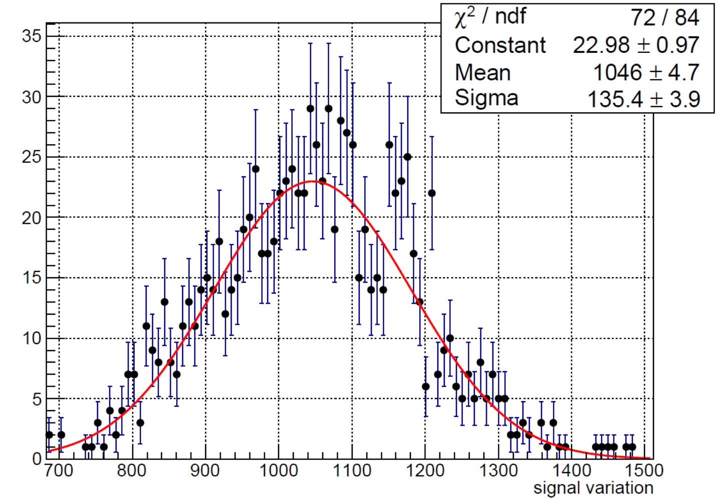
$$f_{bg} = N \cdot (m - M_0)^A \cdot e^{-B\cdot(m-M_0)}$$

N, A, B are free parameters,
$M_0 = 1.078$ **GeV/c²** is the threshold limit, **m** is the mass value.

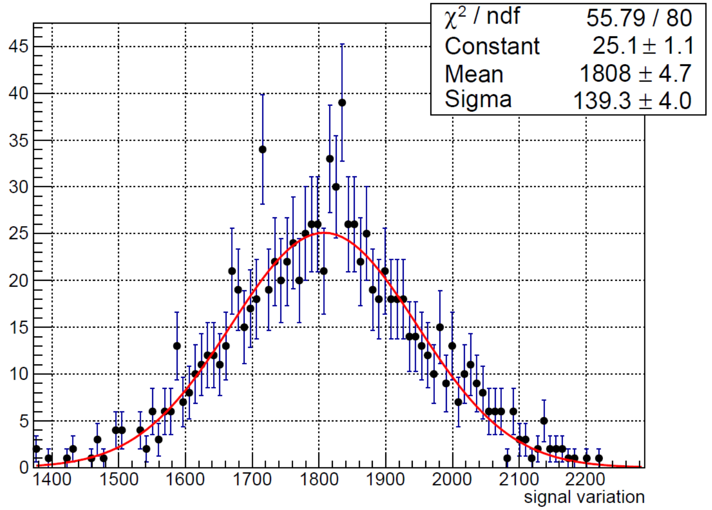
1.55<y<1.65, 0.20<pt<0.30



Evaluation of the precision of the acceptance



$1.2 < y_{lab} < 1.33,\ 0.1 < p_T < 0.2$



$1.33 < y_{lab} < 1.45,\ 0.2 < p_T < 0.3$

Pseudo-experiment

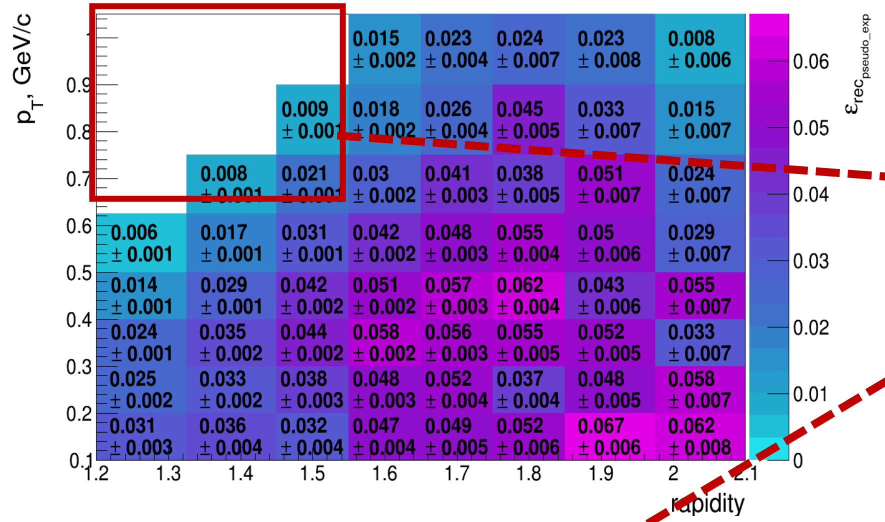
Gaussing smearing.
The **"new"** histogram was fit an the new signal was evaluated.
1000 times
Procedure was repeated.

Red Line – Fit function Gauss($< N^{\Lambda}_{recMC} >, \sigma_{N^{\Lambda}_{recMC}}$)

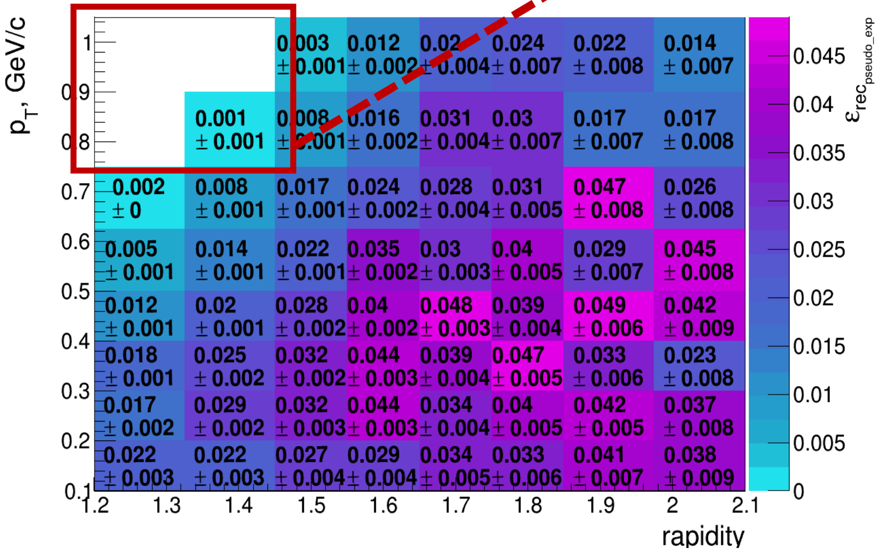
Each event is weighted with $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon_i} = < \boldsymbol{N^{\Lambda}_{recMC}} >_{\boldsymbol{i}} / \boldsymbol{N^{\Lambda}_{gen_i}}$ is evaluated number of $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$,
$\boldsymbol{N^{\Lambda}_{gen_i}}$ is the number of $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ generated; $\boldsymbol{\Delta\varepsilon_i} = \boldsymbol{\sigma_{N^{\Lambda}_{recMC\,i}}} / \boldsymbol{N^{\Lambda}_{gen_i}}$ is evaluated error.

Spectrometer acceptance $(\varepsilon_i \pm \Delta\varepsilon_i)$ for Λ in (y, p_T) cells

C+C, E_{kin} = 4 AGeV



C+Cu, Ekin= 4 AGeV



Extrapolation to low acceptance (y, p_T) cells

$$\varepsilon_i < (0.0007, 0.001)$$

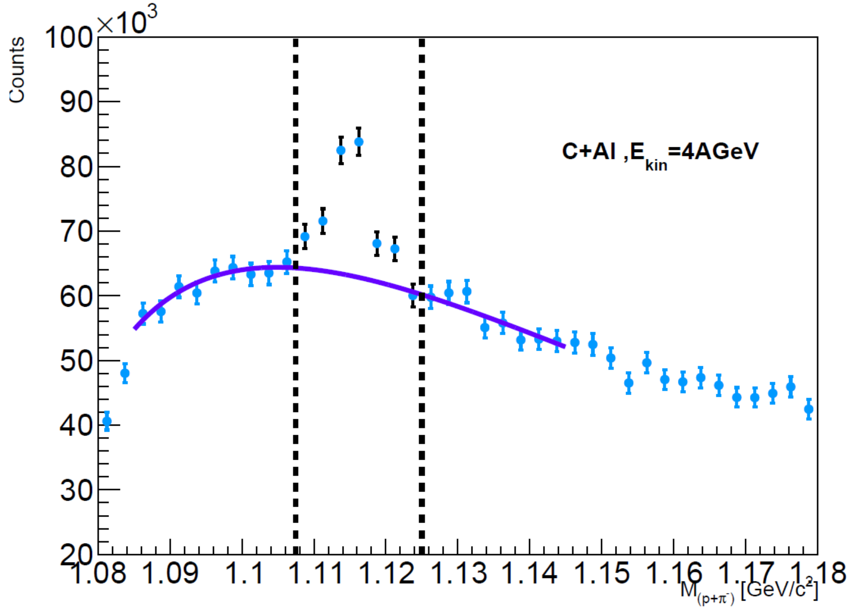
Extrapolation steps:

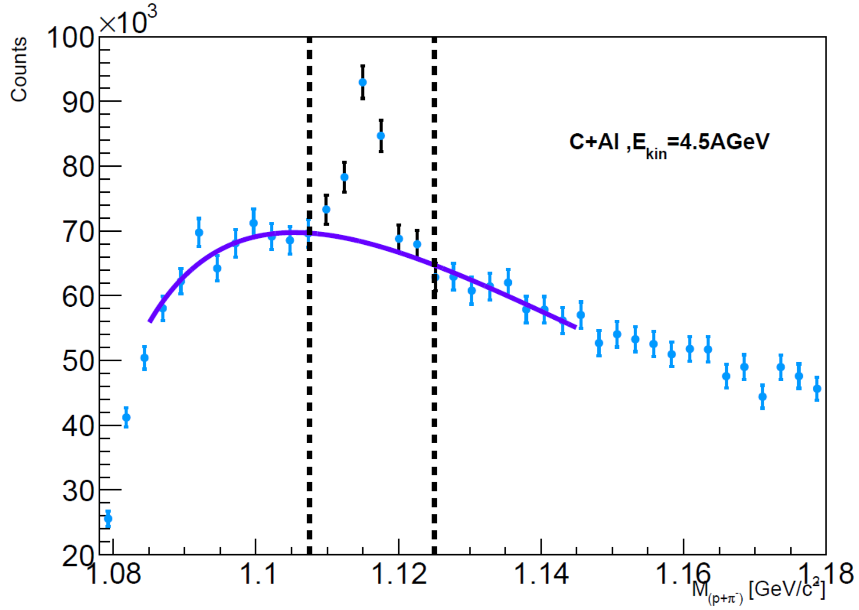
1 Extrapolation based on the DCM – QGSM model;

2 Extrapolation factor is calculated $f_{extr} = N_{all}/N_{con}$, N_{all} – sum of all generated events; N_{con} – sum of generated events in cells with high acceptance;

3 f_{extr} - is used for evaluation of production cross section in full acceptance range;

Mass distribution of the Λ (BM@N DATA)





Procedure in DATA C+A → X

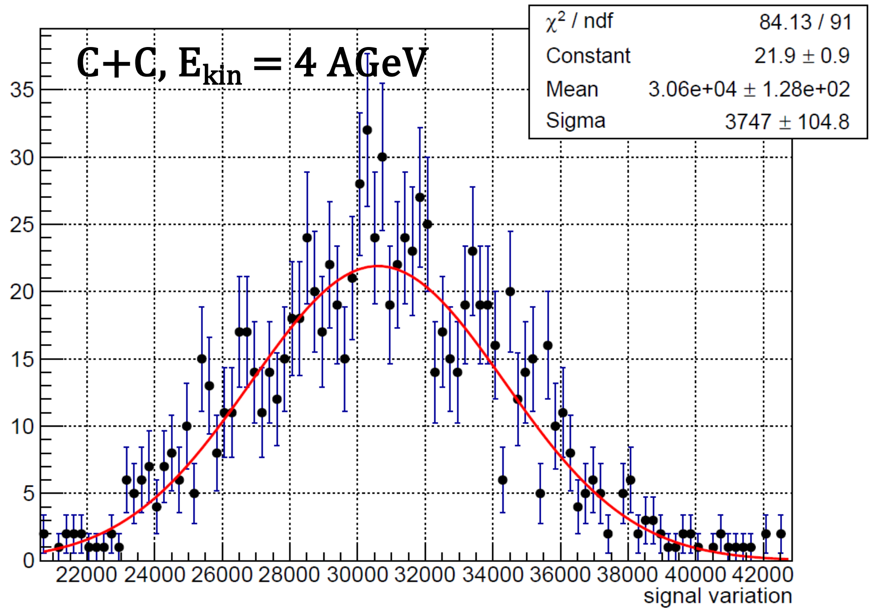
1) Split (y, pT) area in small cells for MC/DATA (8x8);
2) To each event assigned the weight $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon_{acc_i}}$;
3) Sum the cells by $\sum_{ij} y_{ij}$ and by $\sum_{ij} pT_{ij}$

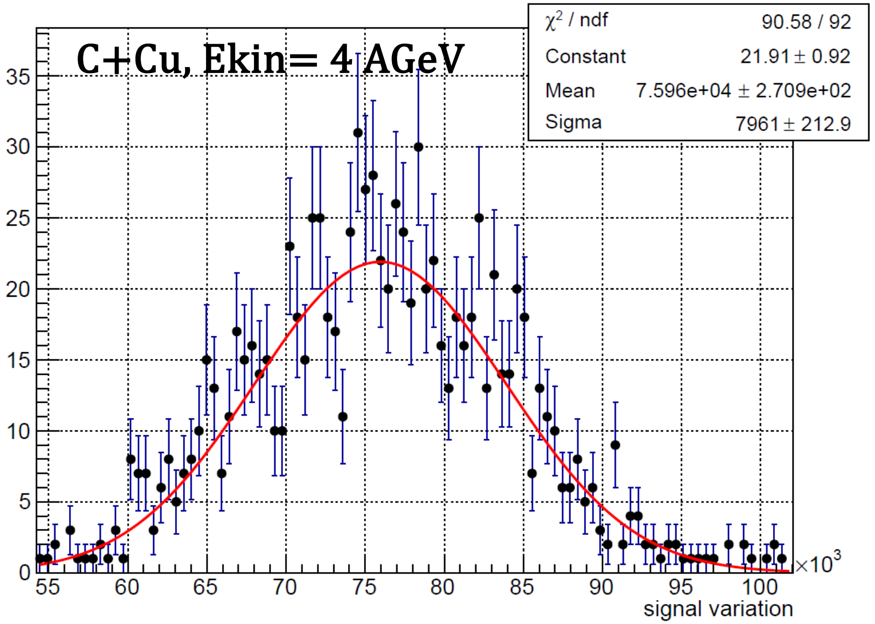
$0.1 < p_T < 1.05$
and
$1.2 < y_{lab} < 2.1$

Signal = hist – Background in 1075 - 1250 MeV/c²;

The violet lines represent the result of the fit by the sum of the threshold and exponential functions;

Uncertainties from signal variation (BM@N DATA)





Red Line – Fit function Gauss($< N^{\Lambda}_{recDATA} >, \sigma_{N^{\Lambda}_{recDATA}}$)

$0.1 < p_T < 1.05$
and
$1.2 < y_{lab} < 2.1$

$$\Delta\sigma_{\Lambda} = \sigma_{N^{\Lambda}_{recDATA}} / (\varepsilon_{trig} \times \varepsilon_{pileup} \times L)$$

$$\boxed{\Delta Y_{stat\Lambda} = \Delta\,\sigma_{\Lambda} / \sigma_{inel}}$$

Cross sections $\sigma_\Lambda(y/p_T)$ of the Λ and yields (BM@N)

The inclusive cross section $\boldsymbol{\sigma_\Lambda}$ and $\mathbf{Y_\Lambda}$ of Λ hyperon in C+A interactions are calculated in bins of (y, p_T) according to the formula:

$$\sigma_\Lambda(p_T) = \underbrace{\left[\textstyle\sum_y N_{rec}^\Lambda(y,p_T)/\varepsilon_{rec}(y,p_T)\right]}_{\text{weighted signal}} / \boxed{\varepsilon_{trig} \cdot \varepsilon_{pileup} \cdot L}$$

$$\sigma_\Lambda(y) = \left[\textstyle\sum_{p_T} N_{rec}^\Lambda(y,p_T)/\varepsilon_{rec}(y,p_T)\right] / \left[\varepsilon_{trig} \cdot \varepsilon_{pileup} \cdot L\right]$$

$$Y_\Lambda(y - p_T) = \sigma_\Lambda(y - p_T)/\sigma_{inel}$$

L is the luminosity, $\boldsymbol{N_{rec}^\Lambda}$ is the number of recontacted Λ-hyperons,
$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon_{rec}}$ is the combined efficiency of the Λ - hyperon reconstruction,
$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon_{trig}}$ is the trigger efficiency, $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon_{pileup}}$ is the suppression factors of reconstructed events.
$\boldsymbol{\sigma_{inel}}$ is the cross section for minimum bias inelastic C+A interactions (DCM-QGSM model vs Streamer Chamber).

Yield RESULTS (Preliminary)

Target	Energy, AGeV	$Y_\Lambda \pm \Delta Y_{stat\Lambda} \pm \Delta Y_{\Lambda sys}$	Energy, AGeV	$Y_\Lambda \pm \Delta Y_{stat\Lambda} \pm \Delta Y_{\Lambda sys}$
0.1 < p_T < 1.05 and 1.2 < y_{lab} < 2.1 (BM@N acceptance)				
C + C	4.0	0.023 ± 0.003 ± 0.005	4.5	0.027 ± 0.005 ± 0.006
C + Al		0.032 ± 0.008 ± 0.006		0.025 ± 0.006 ± 0.005
C + Cu		0.030 ± 0.003 ± 0.005		0.037 ± 0.004 ± 0.006
C + Pb		-		0.033 ± 0.010 ± 0.010

Systematic evaluation: Cut variation

An approach in the estimation of systematic uncertainties related to the variation of selection criteria for events with Λ-hyperons.

The selection criteria based only on two parameters **path, dca.**

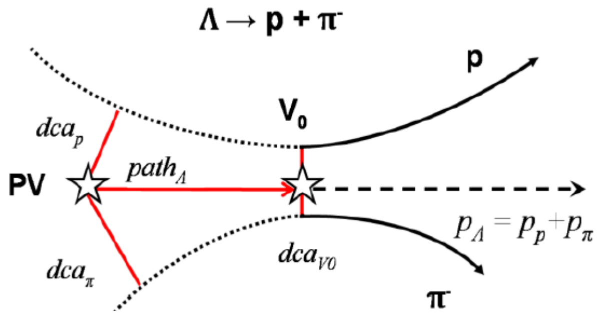
Nominal values:

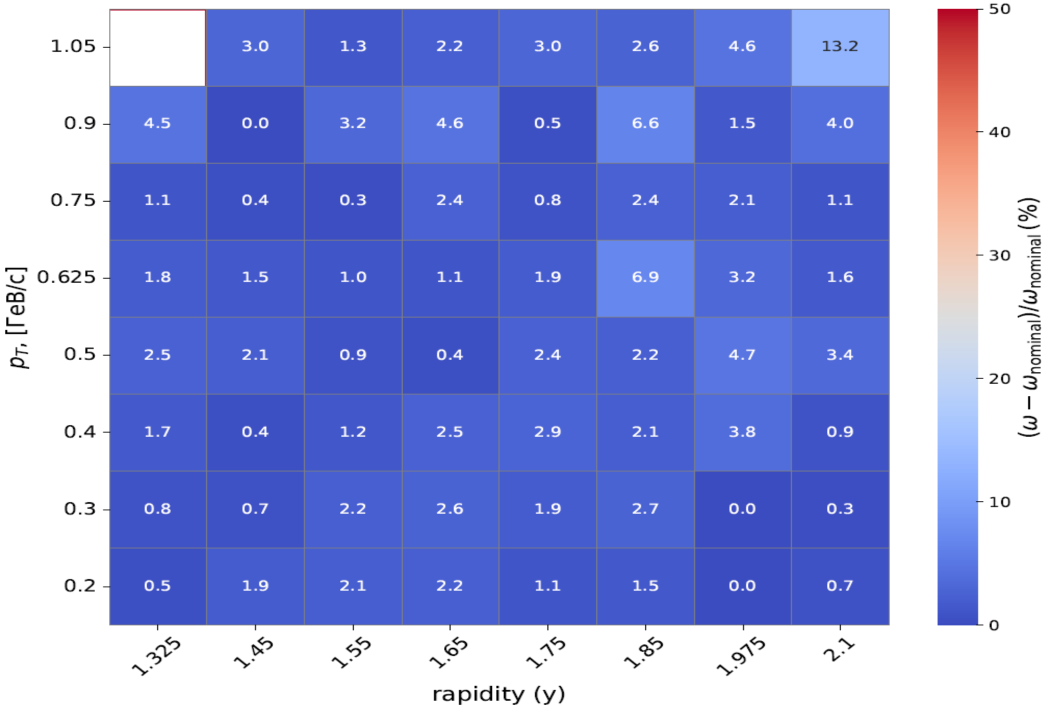
1 | **path** > 2.5 cm

2 | **dca** < 1 cm

±10%

Variation of nominal values





Event topology:

PV – primary vertex

V0 – vertex of hyperon decay

dca – distance of the closest approach

path – decay length

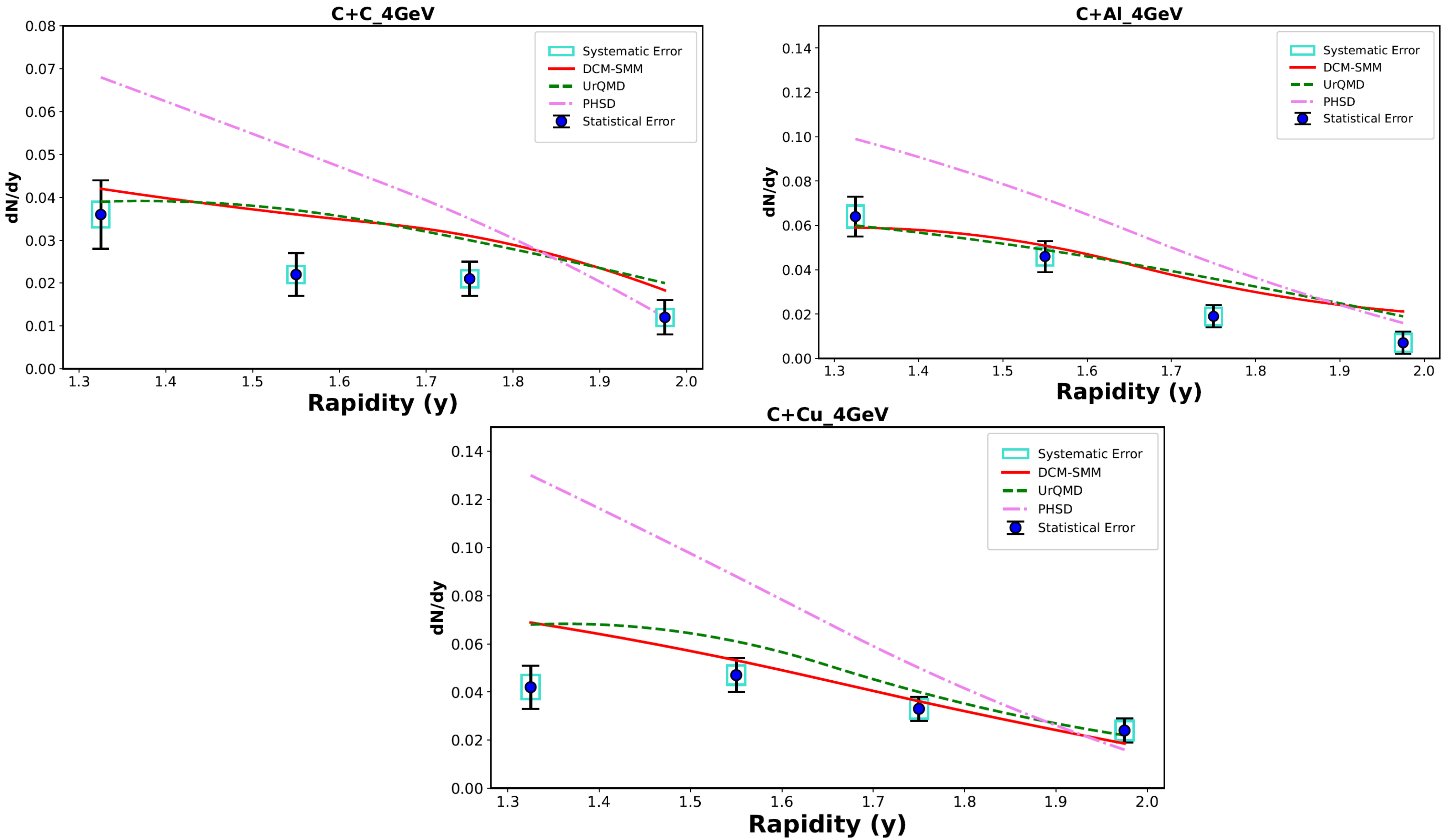
Calculation of systematic uncertainties yields of the Λ

1 $$\Delta Y_{\Lambda_{sys\_pseudo\_exp}}{}^2 = Y_\Lambda^2(\sigma_{N^\Lambda_{rec}{}_{DATA}}{}^2/<N^\Lambda_{rec_{DATA}}>^2 + \sigma_{N^\Lambda_{rec}{}_{MC}}{}^2/<N^\Lambda_{rec_{MC}}>^2);$$

2 $\Delta Y_{\Lambda_{sys_{cut\_var}}} = 0.004$ – from the variation of the Λ-hyperon selection criteria;

3 $\Delta Y_{\Lambda_{sys}} = \sqrt{\Delta Y_{\Lambda_{sys\_pseudo\_exp}}{}^2 + \Delta Y_{\Lambda_{sys_{cut\_var}}}{}^2}$ – total systematic uncertainty;

Rapidity (y) spectra of Λ hyperons vs models predictions (Preliminary)



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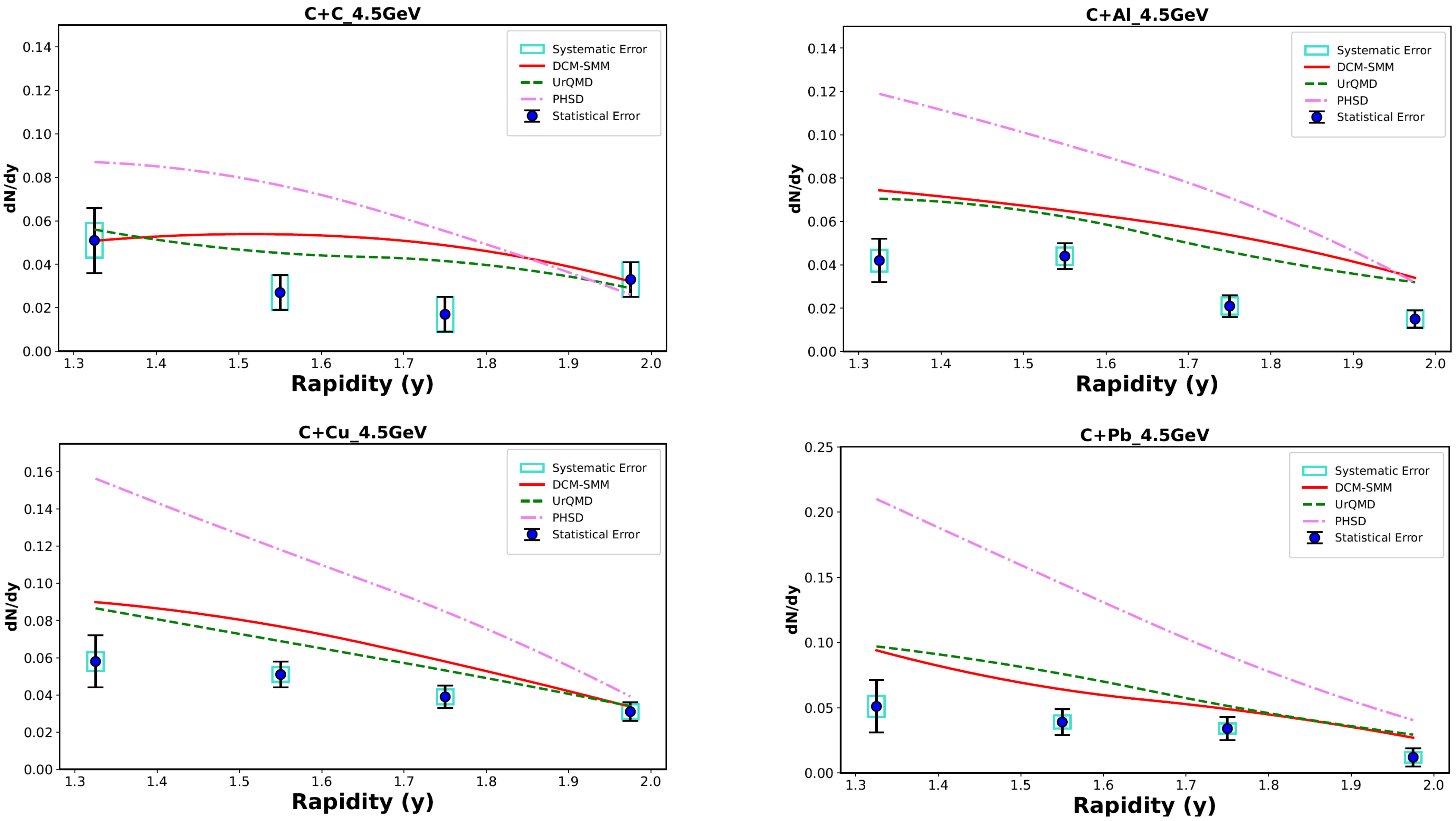
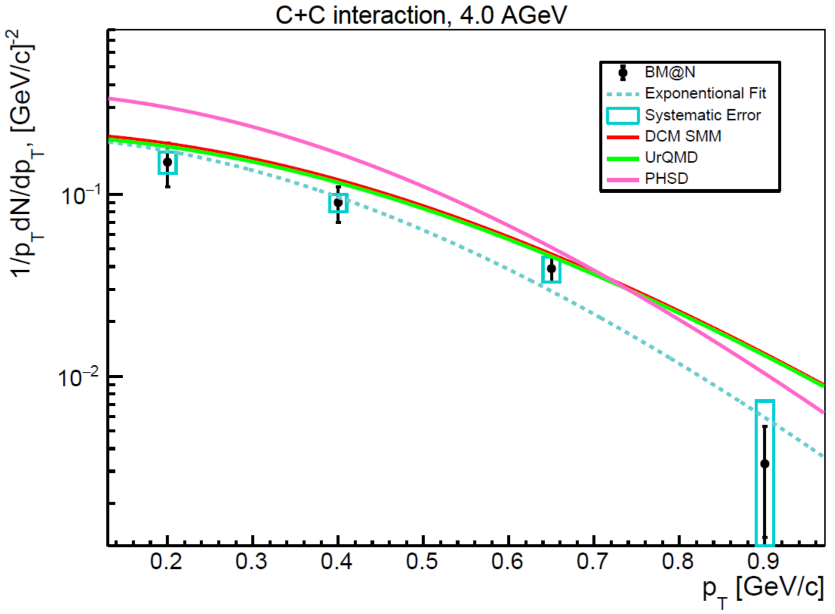


Invariant pT spectra of Λ hyperons vs models predictions (Preliminary)



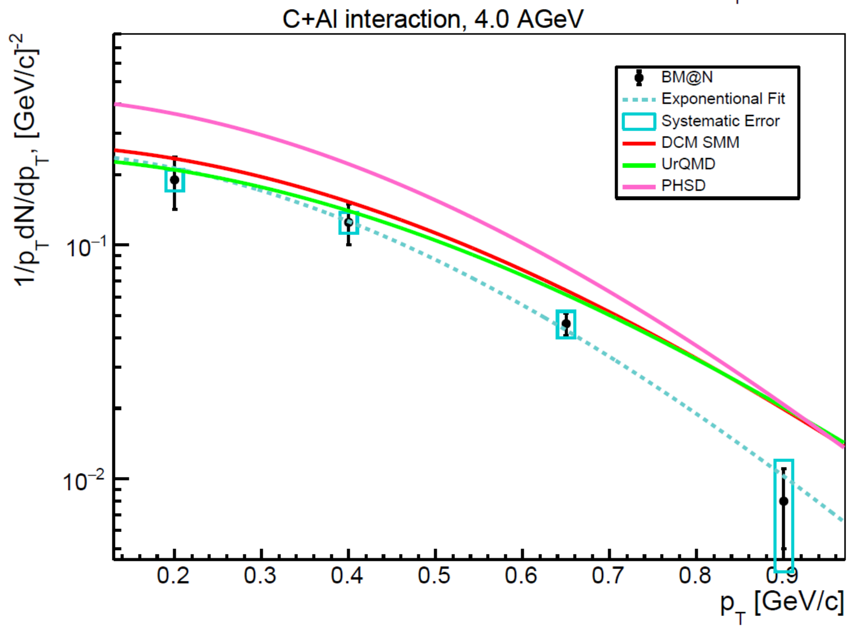
The measured spectra of the Λ yields in p_T are parameterized by the formula:

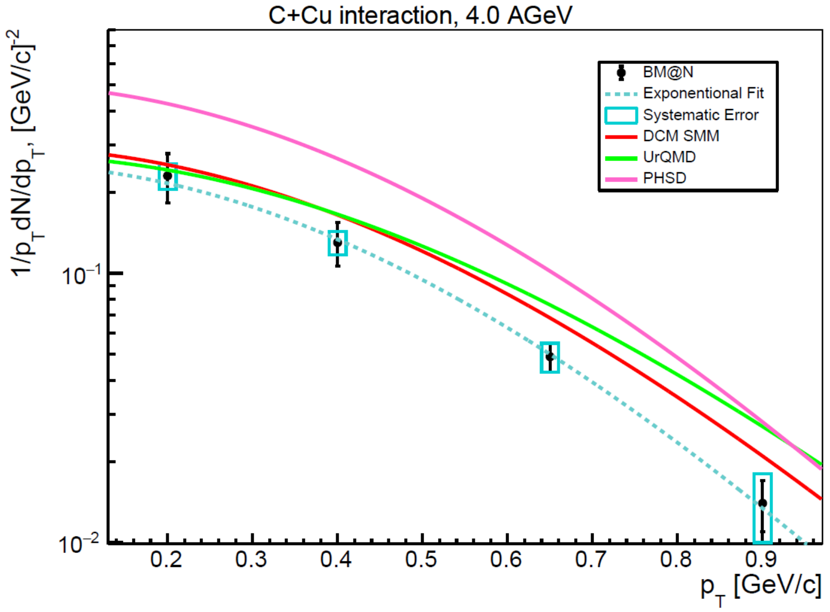
$$1/p_T\, d^2N/dp_T dy = N \cdot \exp(-(m_T - m_\Lambda)/T_0)$$

The transverse mass $m_T = \sqrt{m_\Lambda^2 + p_T^2}$,

The **N** normalization,

The inverse slope parameter **T_0** are free parameters of the fit;





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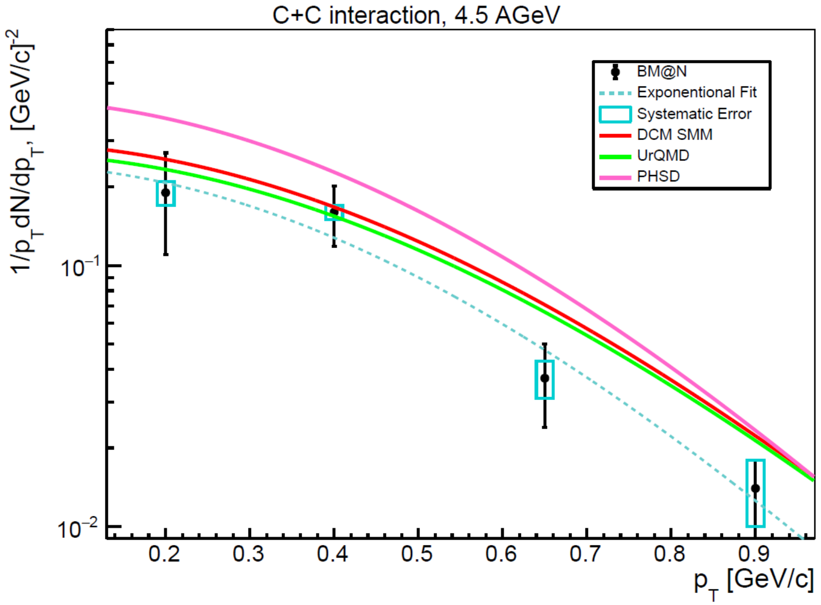
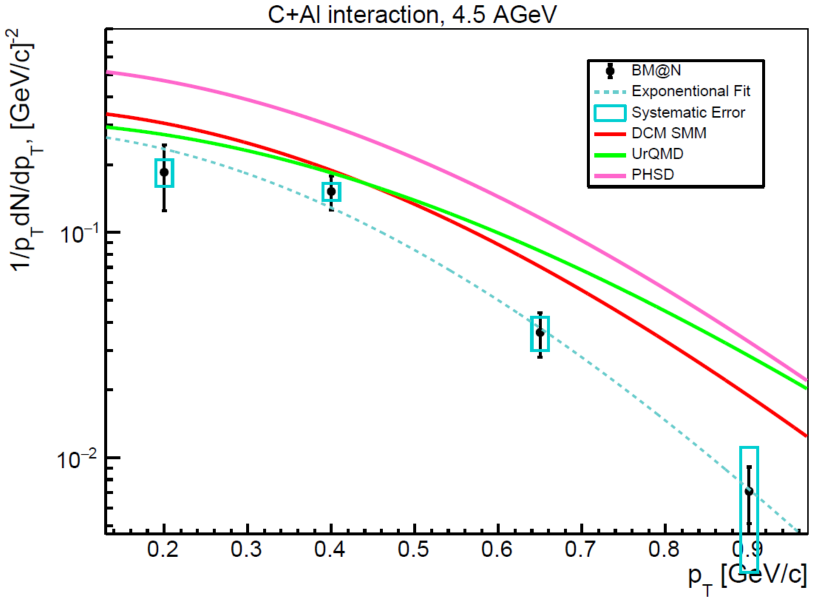
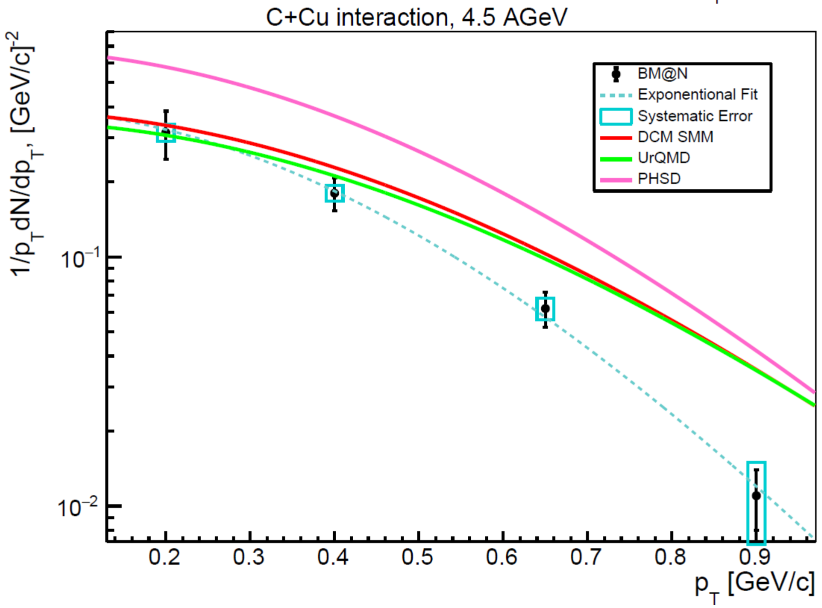
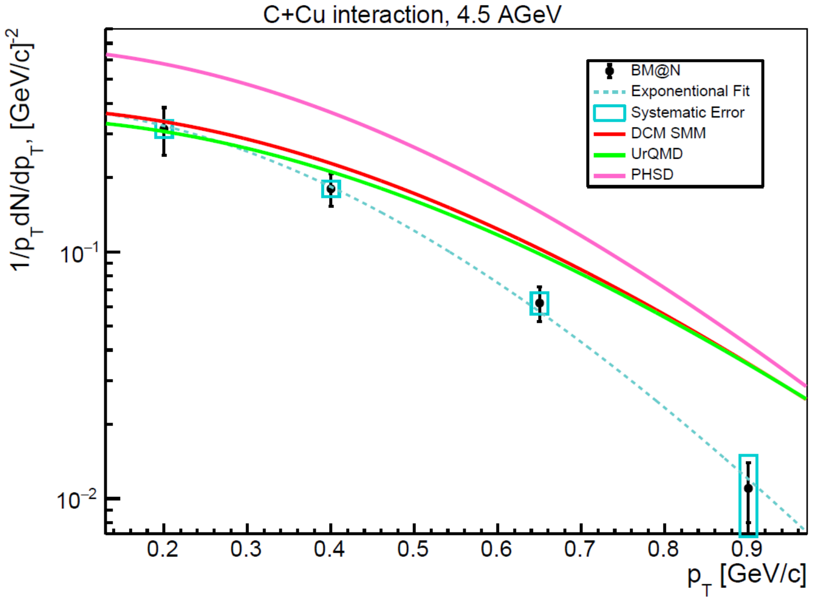








SLOPE RESULTS (Preliminary)

4.0 AGeV	T_0, MeV, C+C	T_0, MeV, C+Al	T_0 MeV, C+Cu	T_0 MeV, C+Pb
BM@N	89 ± 9 ± 17	99 ± 10 ± 16	108 ± 11 ± 14	Low statistic
DCM - SMM	109 ± 1	117 ± 3	117 ± 3	123 ± 4
UrQMD	114 ± 7	128 ± 7	137± 6	135 ± 8
PHSD	89 ± 3	105 ± 3	111 ± 7	102 ± 4

4.5 AGeV	T_0, MeV, C+C	T_0, MeV, C+Al	T_0, MeV, C+Cu	T_0, MeV, C+Pb
BM@N	107 ± 17 ± 17	86 ± 8 ± 17	91 ± 8 ± 15	99 ± 17 ± 20
DCM - SMM	118 ± 2	126 ± 4	129 ± 2	130 ± 1
UrQMD	125 ± 4	132 ± 7	138 ± 8	143 ± 6
PHSD	109 ± 5	113 ± 5	115 ± 5	113 ± 5

Extrapolation in full kinematic range

DCM-SMM

and

URQMD

The extrapolation factor was calculated as the arithmetic average of the two models

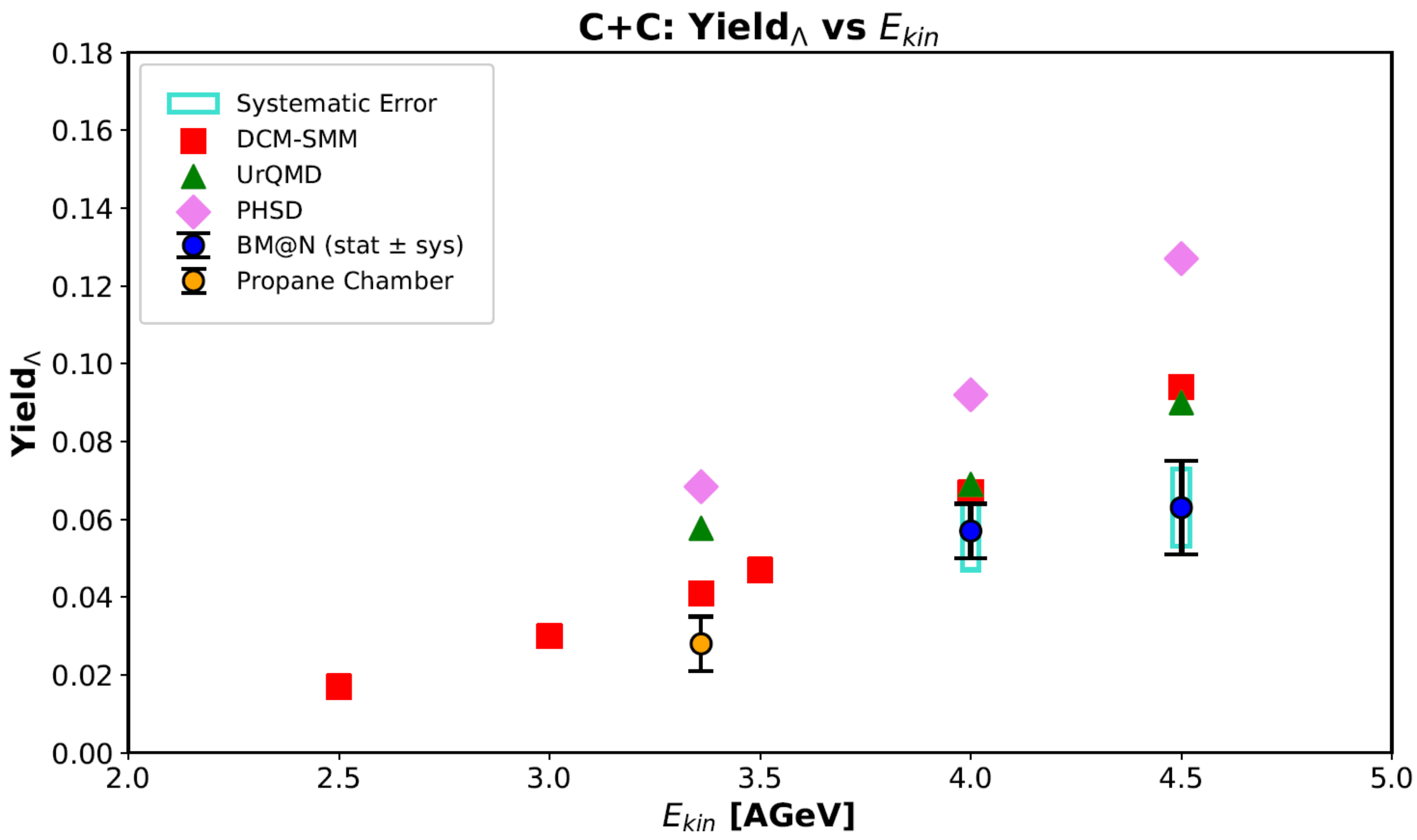
Measurement in BM@N acceptance

Yields of the Λ hyperon are multiplied by an extrapolation factor

Compare results

with other experiment and prediction model in full kinematic range

Energy dependence of Λ yields measured in C+C interactions



BM@N, 4 AGeV: (5.7±0.7±1.0)·10^{-2}

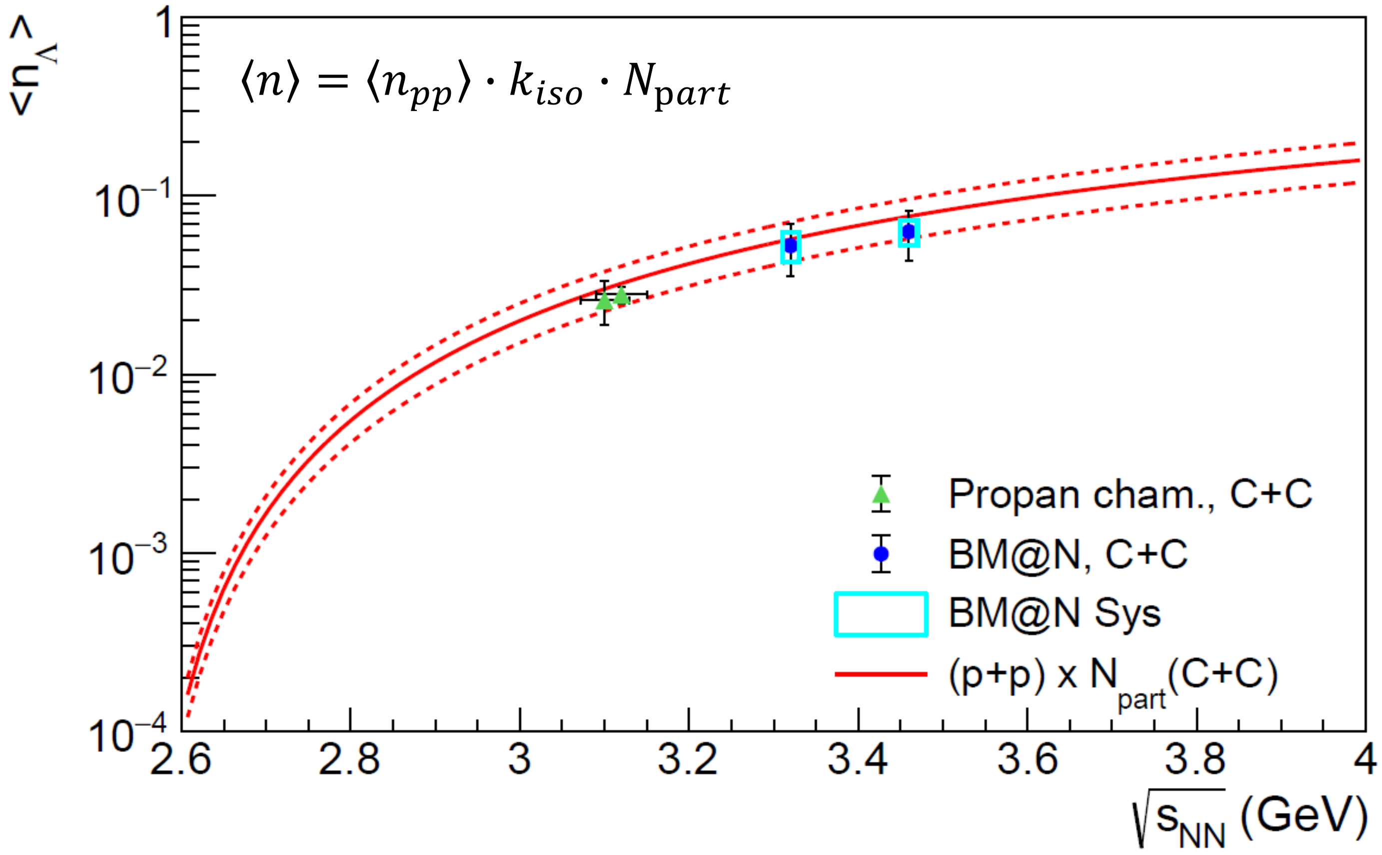
Propane Chamber, 3.36 AGeV: (2.89±0.72) ·10^{-2}

The predictions of the **DCM-SMM**, UrQMD and PHSD models

HADES , 2 AGeV : $0.0092 \pm 0.0012 \pm^{0.0034}_{0.0017}$

unpublished data

Parameterisation for proton-proton collisions (pp) scaled to the C + C system



The parameterisation was based on the Lund-String-Model (LSM) from **[1]**:

$$\langle \mathbf{n} \rangle = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{1})^{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{x}^{-\mathbf{c}})$$

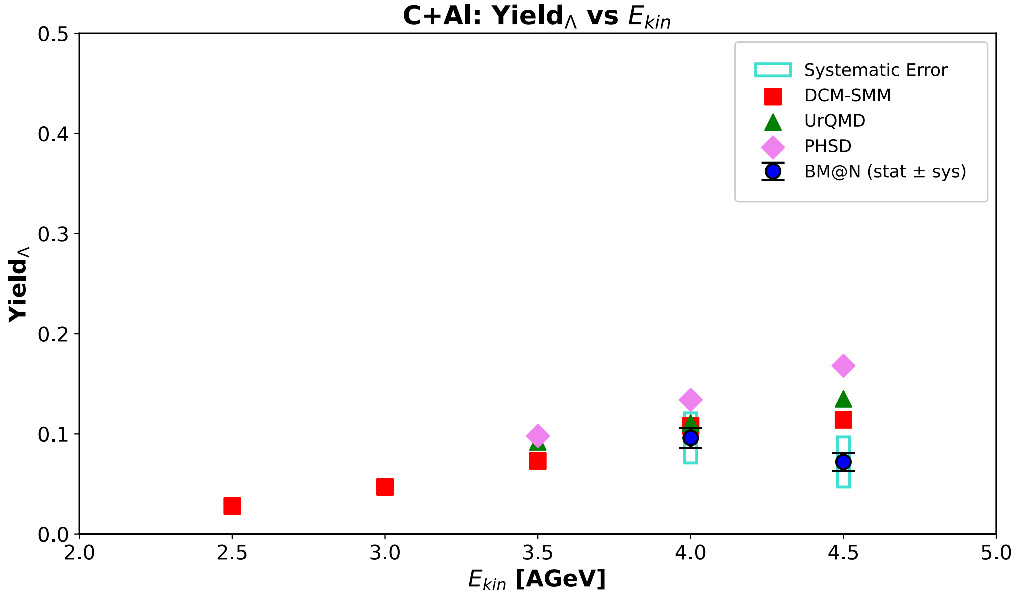
where $x = s/s_0$ is the square of the center-of-mass energy, s_0 is the square of the production threshold, and **a, b, c** are the fit parameters **[2]**.

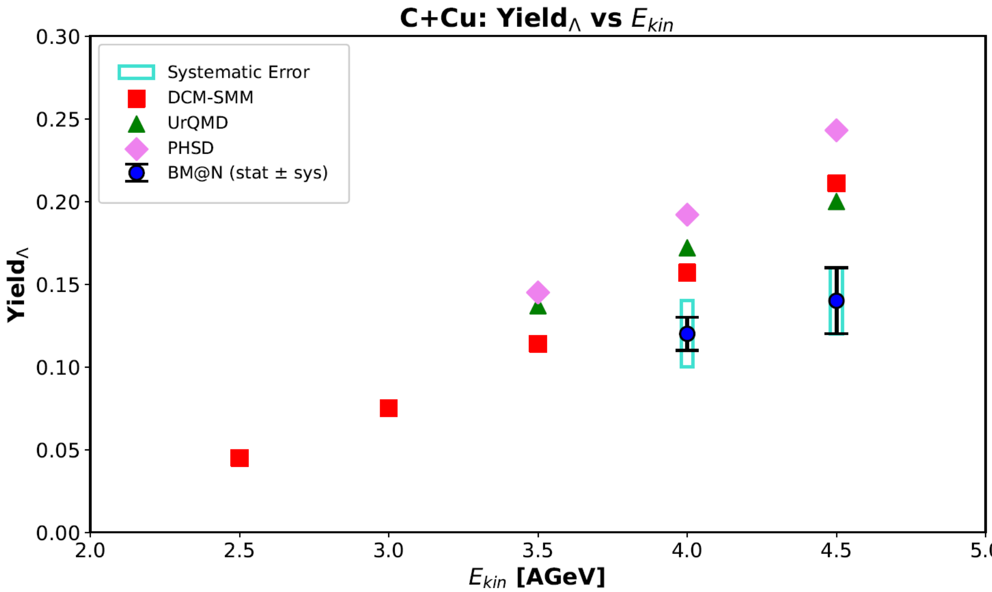
N_{part} = 9 (DCM – SMM);

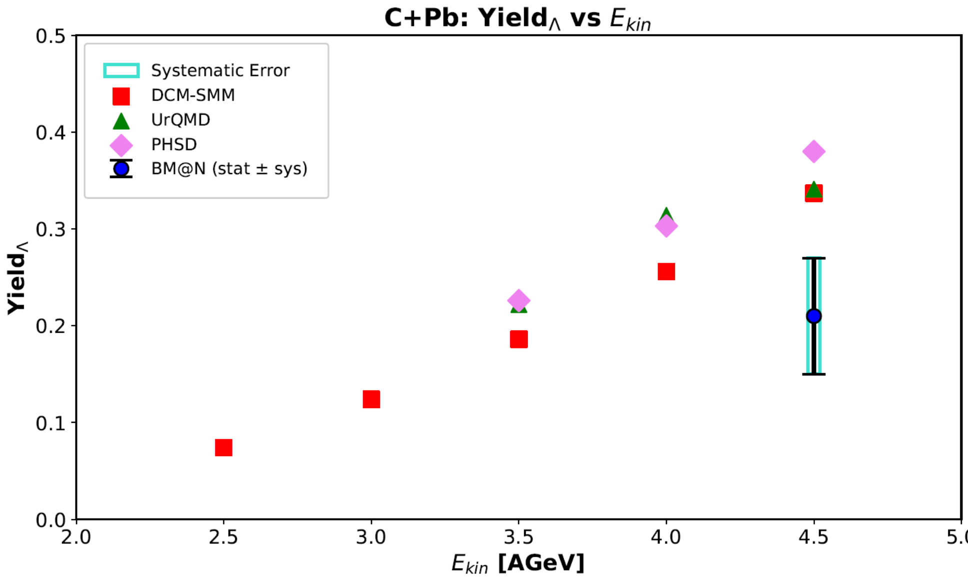
Dashed red lines indicate the uncertainties in the predicted excitation function (about 25%).

1. W. Cassing and E. L. Bratkovskaya, "Hadronic and electromagnetic probes of hot and dense nuclear matter," Phys. Rep. 308, 65 (1999).
2. V. Kolesnikov at al, A New Review of Excitation Functions of Hadron Production in pp Collisions in the NICA Energy Range, PEPAN Letters (2020), Vol. 17, №2, pp. 388 142-153.

Energy dependence of Λ yields measured in C+Al, C+Cu, C+Pb interactions

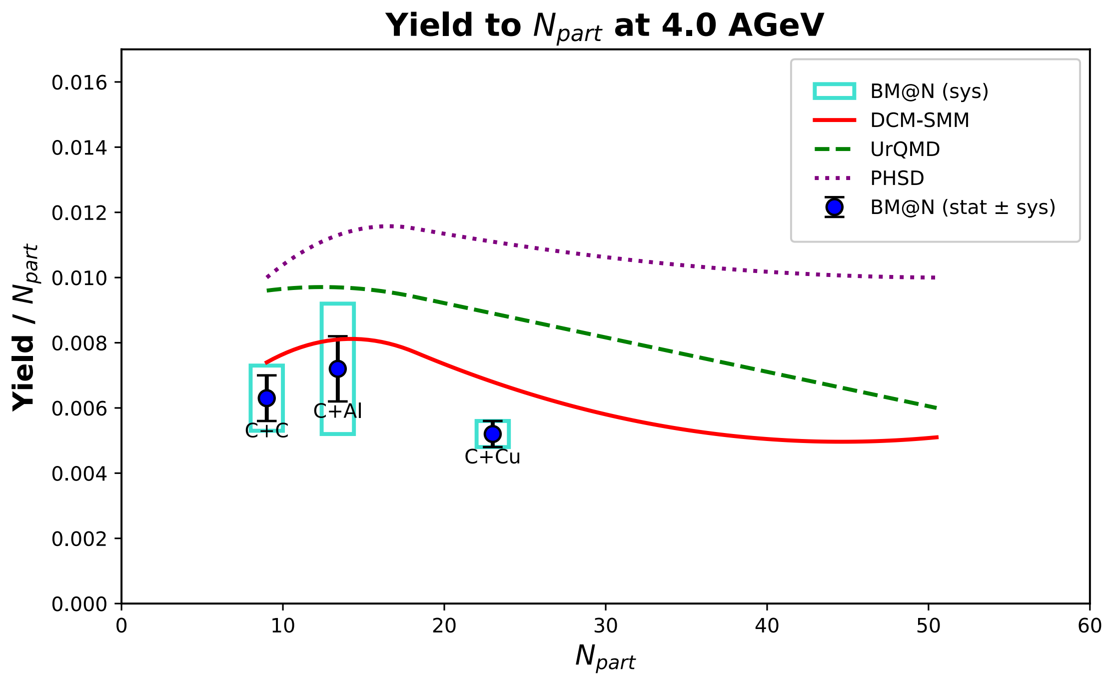


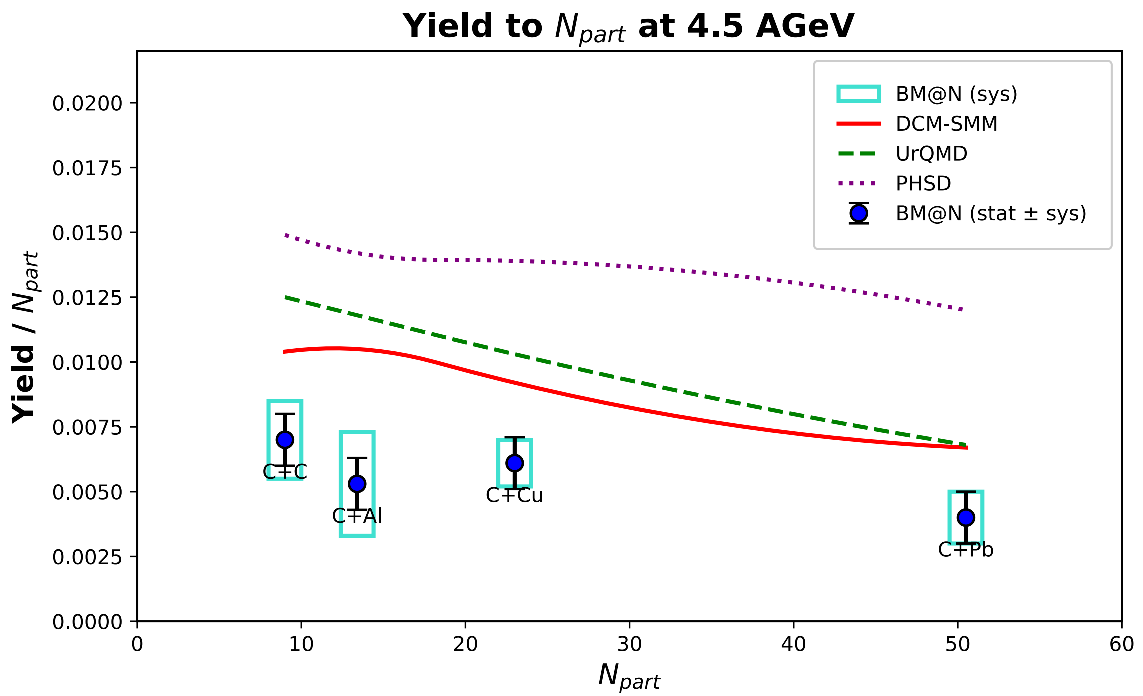




The predictions of the DCM-SMM, UrQMD and PHSD models

Ratios of the Λ hyperon yields to the number of nucleons-participants measured in BM@N carbon-nucleus interactions at 4.0 AGeV (left) and 4.5 AGeV (right)





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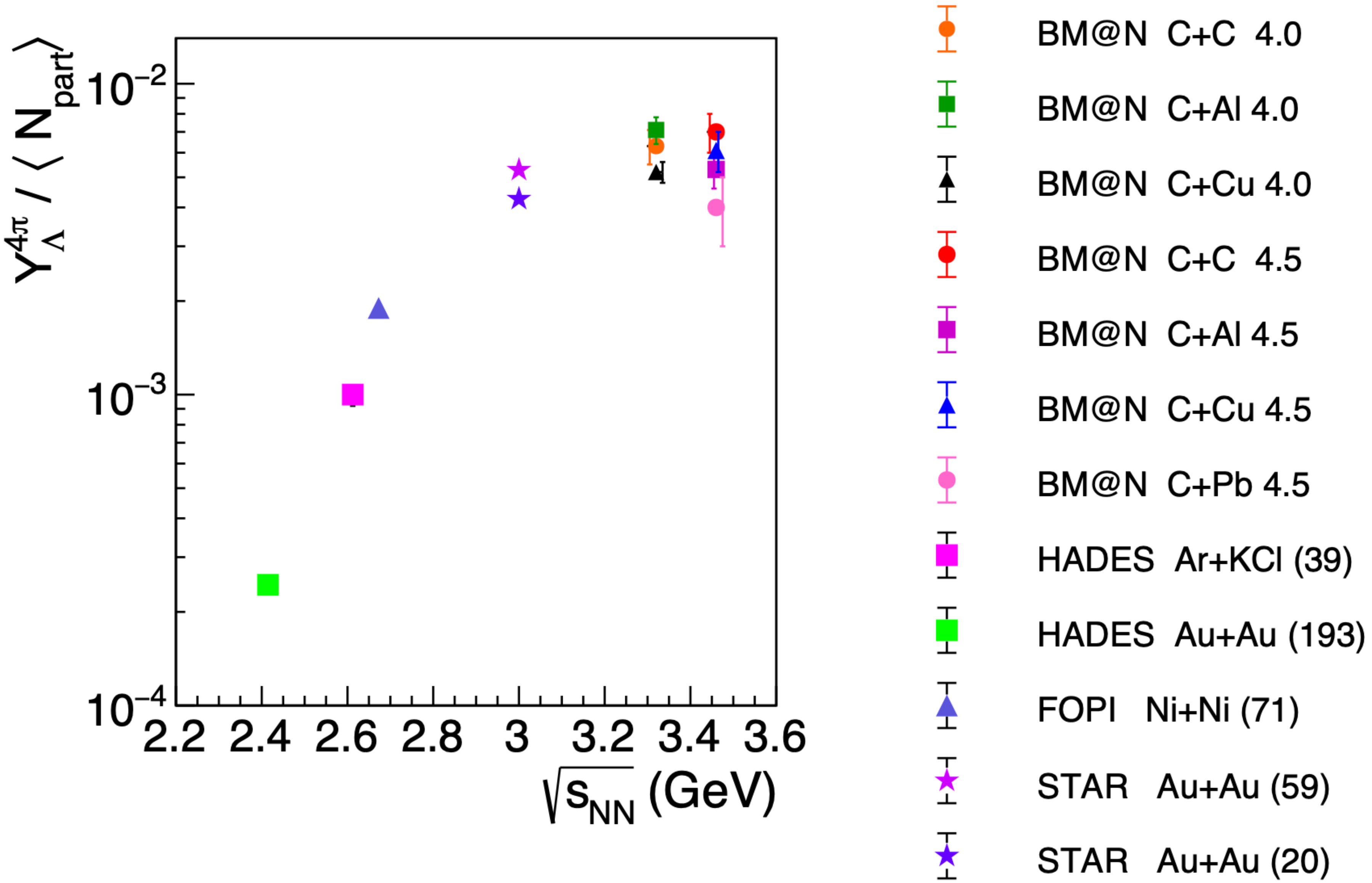
A comparison of the normalized Λ yields as a function of collision energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$



Summary

Cross sections(σ_Λ), yields (Y_Λ), slope T_0 were measured and compare prediction model

24 ± 6 mb

The results of the Propane Chamber experiment at energy of **3.36 AGeV**

47 ± 6 mb

Cross sections for carbon-carbon collisions at **4 AGeV** in the full kinematic range were obtained(BM@N)

52 ± 10 mb

Cross sections for carbon-carbon collisions at **4.5 AGeV** in the full kinematic range were obtained (BM@N)

Summary

In the energy range 4 - 4.5 AGeV this difference is not significant and the temperature values are close within the error.

4 AGeV

T_0 = **89 ± 9 ± 17** MeV (C+C interactions) to **108 ± 11 ± 14** MeV (C+Cu interactions)

4.5 AGeV

T_0 = **107 ± 15 ± 17** MeV (C+C interactions) to **99 ± 17 ± 20** MeV (C+Pb interactions)