

## net-proton moments baselines & efficiency corrections

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*net-proton paper GPC discussion*

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Xiaofeng has shared the basic histograms with me  
(net-p, tot-p, p, pbar) vs RM3corr

From these, I can reproduce the plots in the paper

...Moments products from data vs. centrality and/or root-s

...With and without efficiency corrections

Can also calculate (N)BD and Sampled Singles expectations...

[http://wjlllope.rice.edu/fluct/protected/moments\\_20130417.pps](http://wjlllope.rice.edu/fluct/protected/moments_20130417.pps)

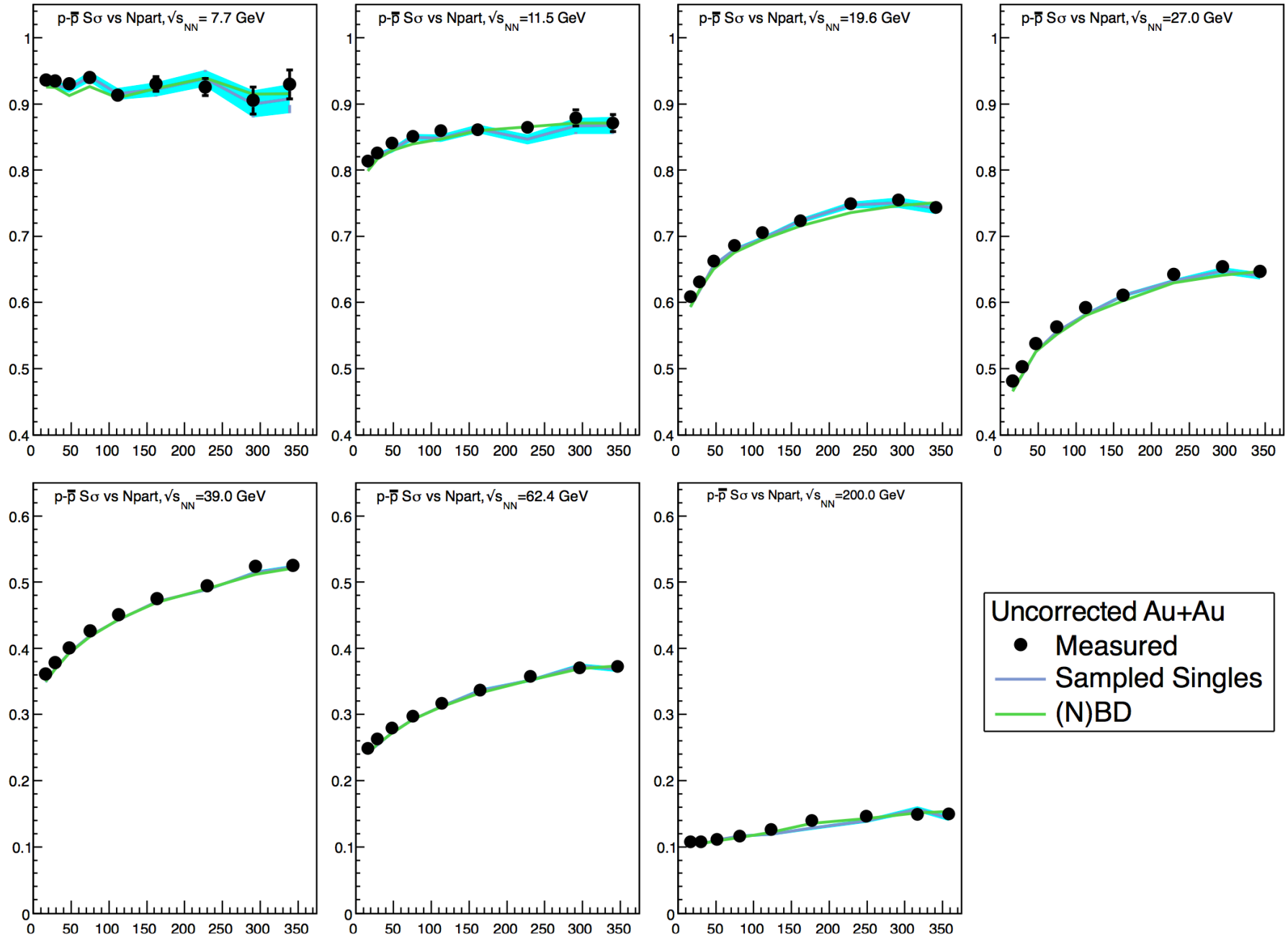
I have the same base TH2Ds from McDonald's net-p,net-K,net-q results

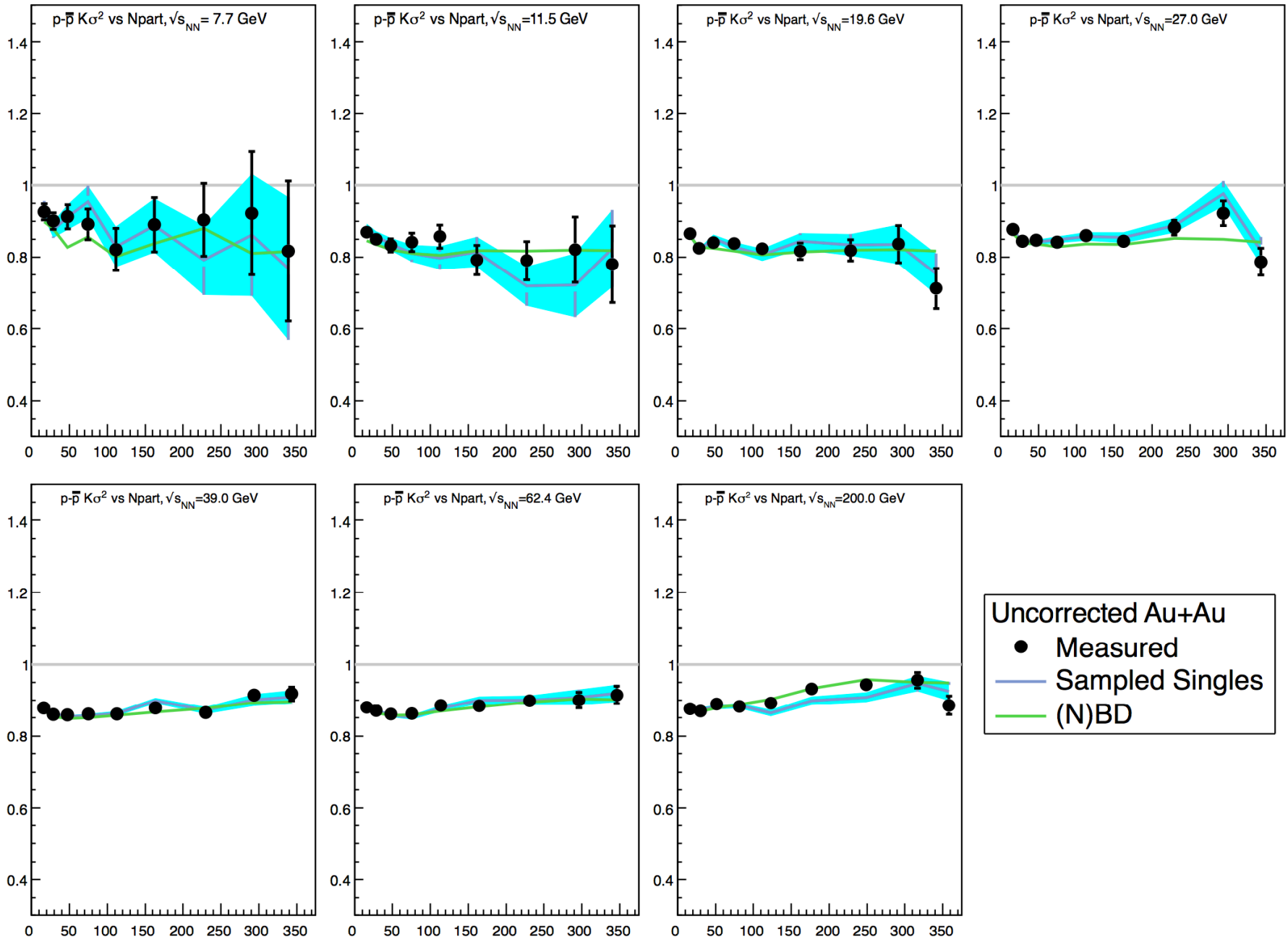
Here concentrate on results for this net-p paper.

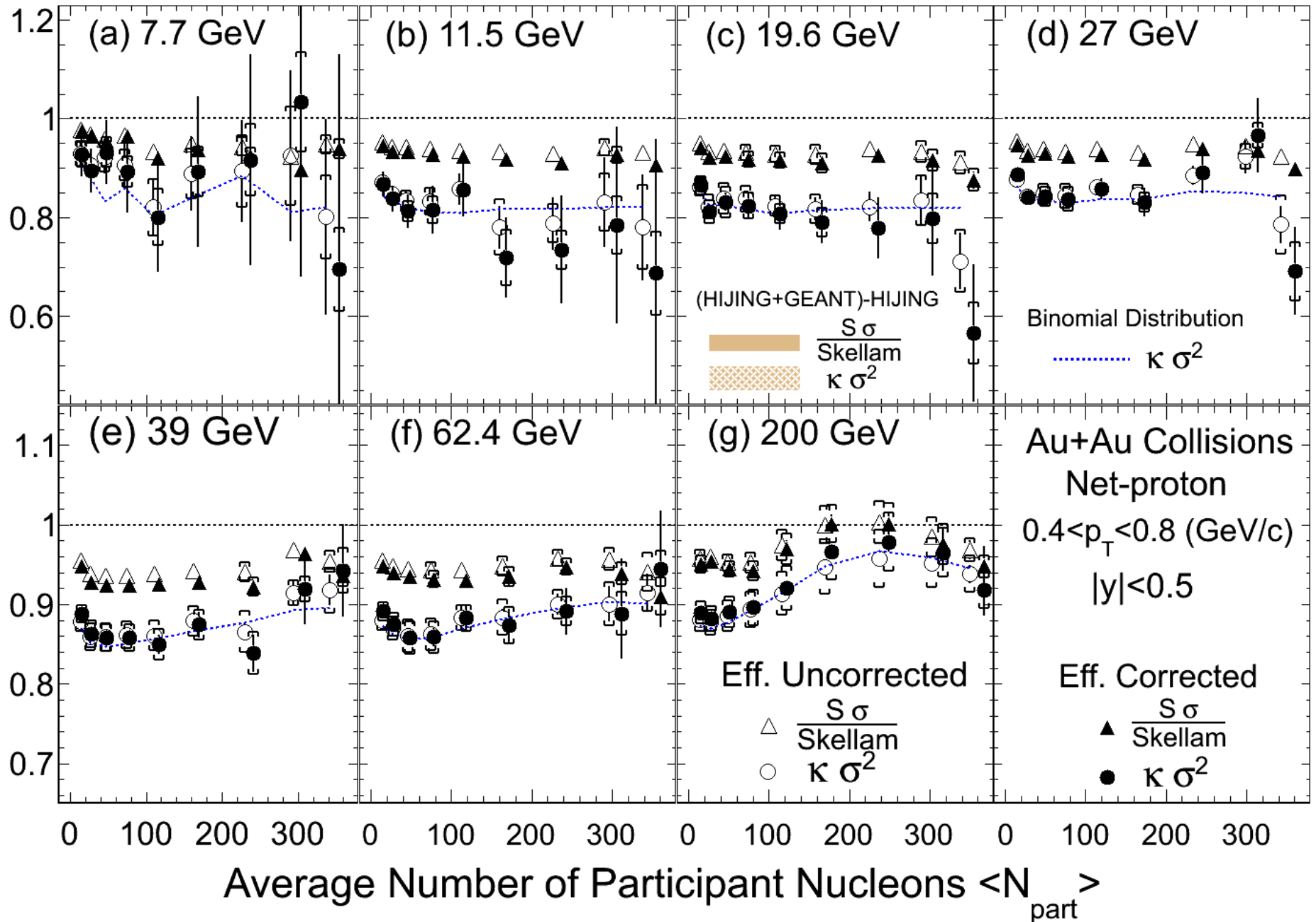
First, calculate uncorrected results and compare

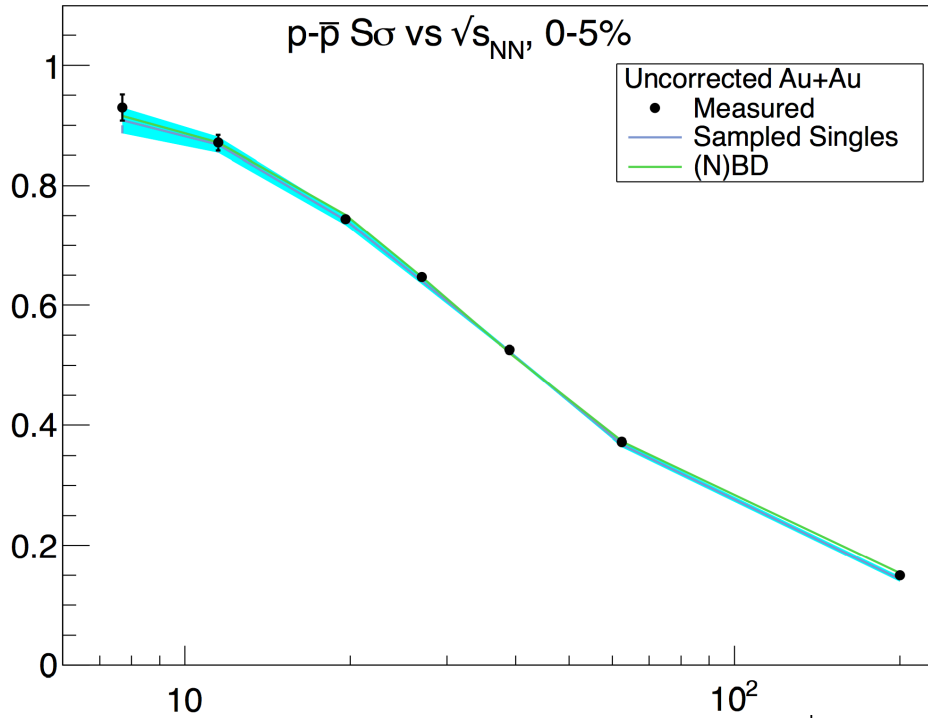
Then, perform the efficiency corrections and compare

Efficiency values are charge-independent and are taken from the analysis note.



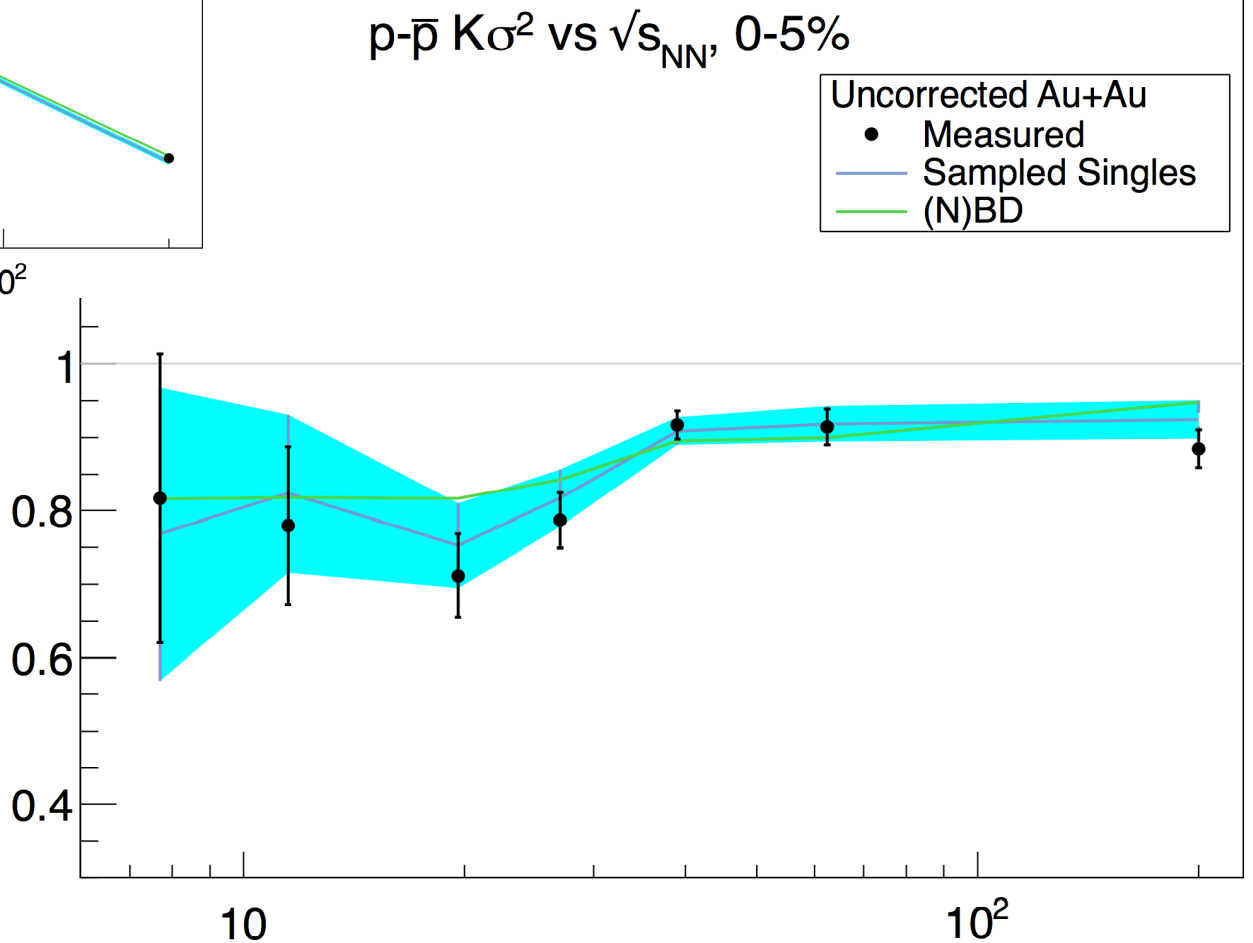


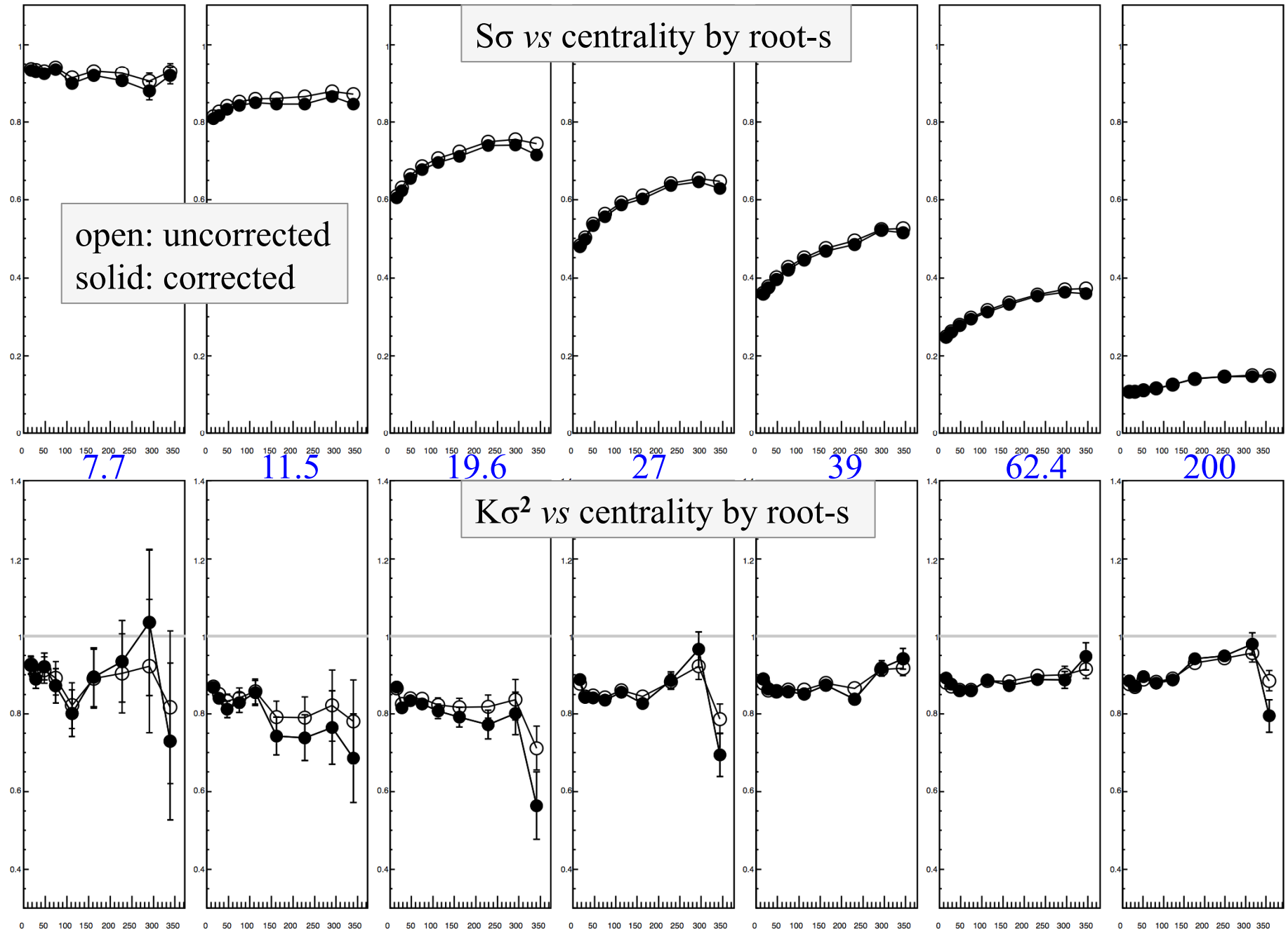


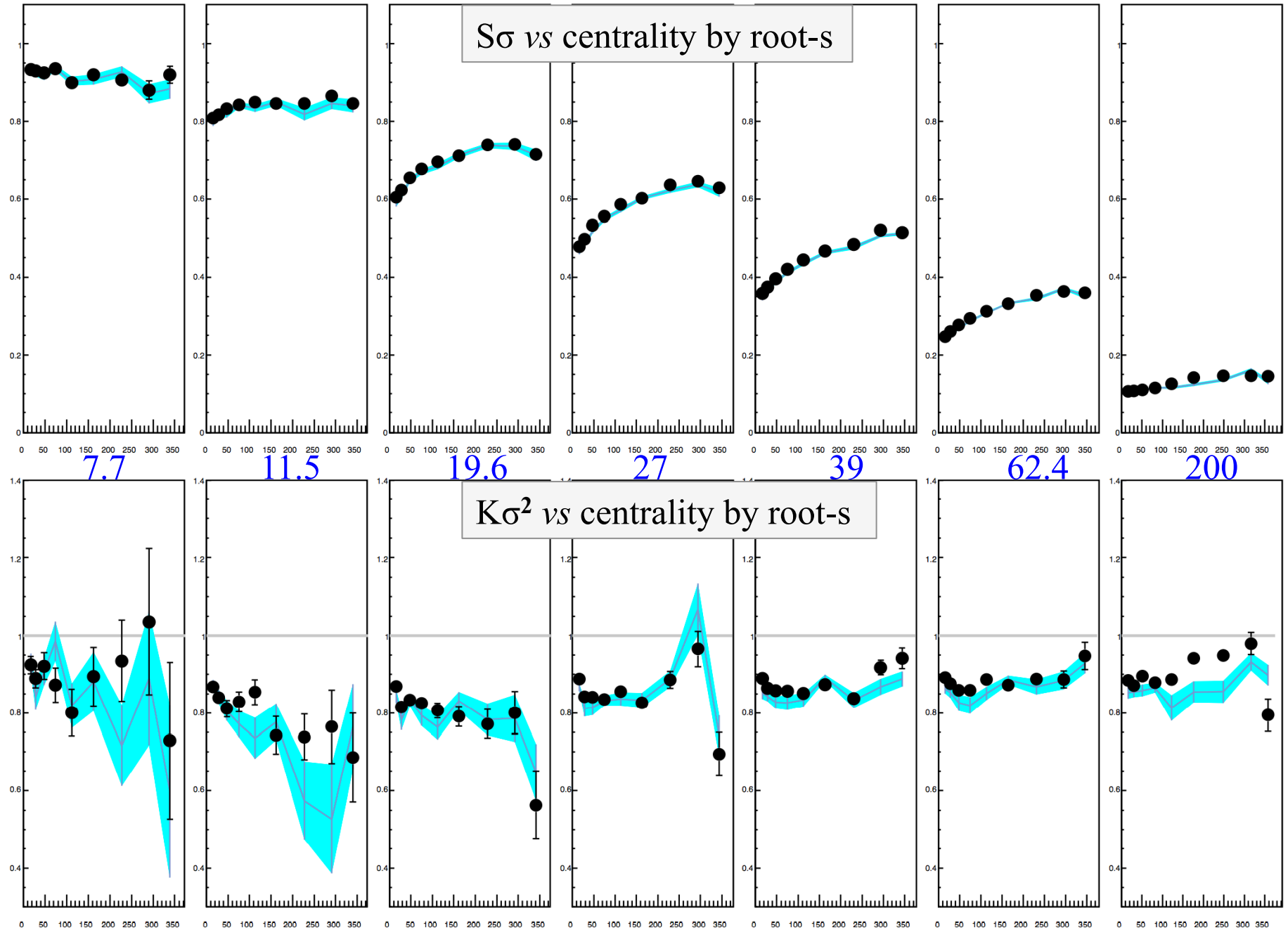


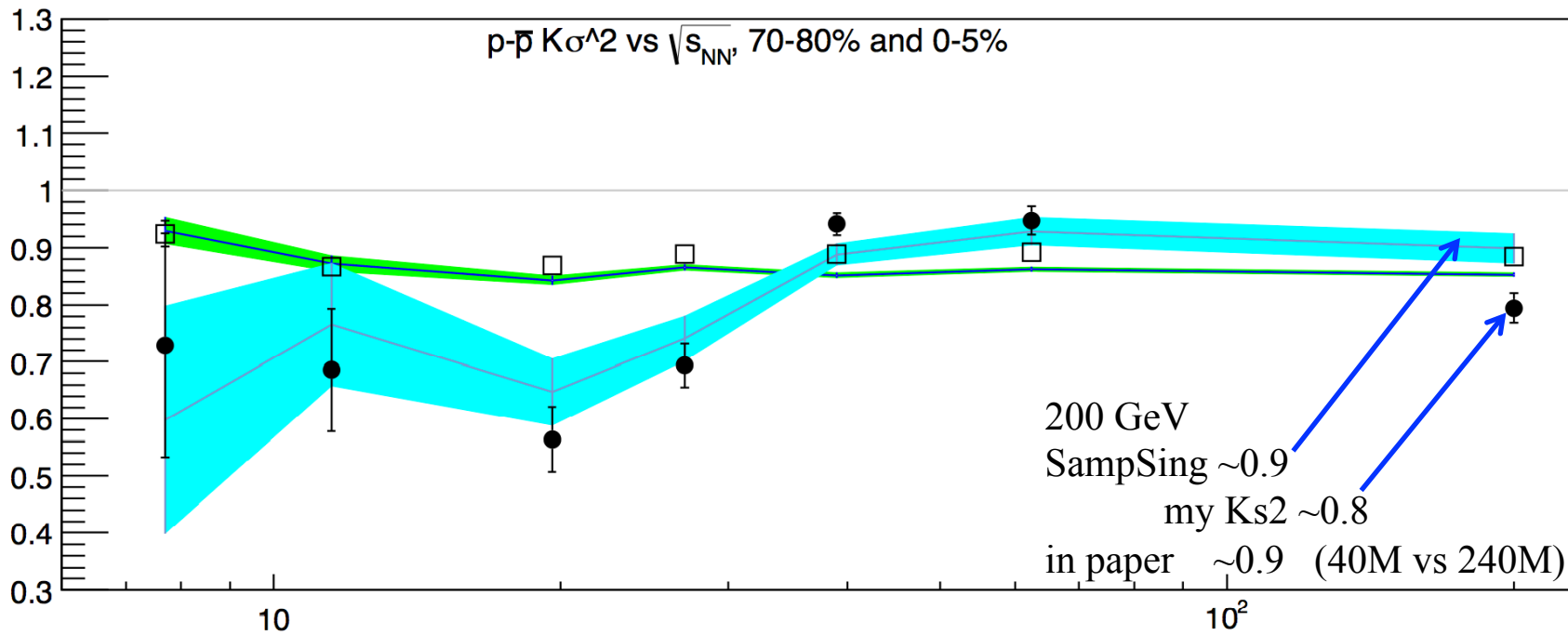
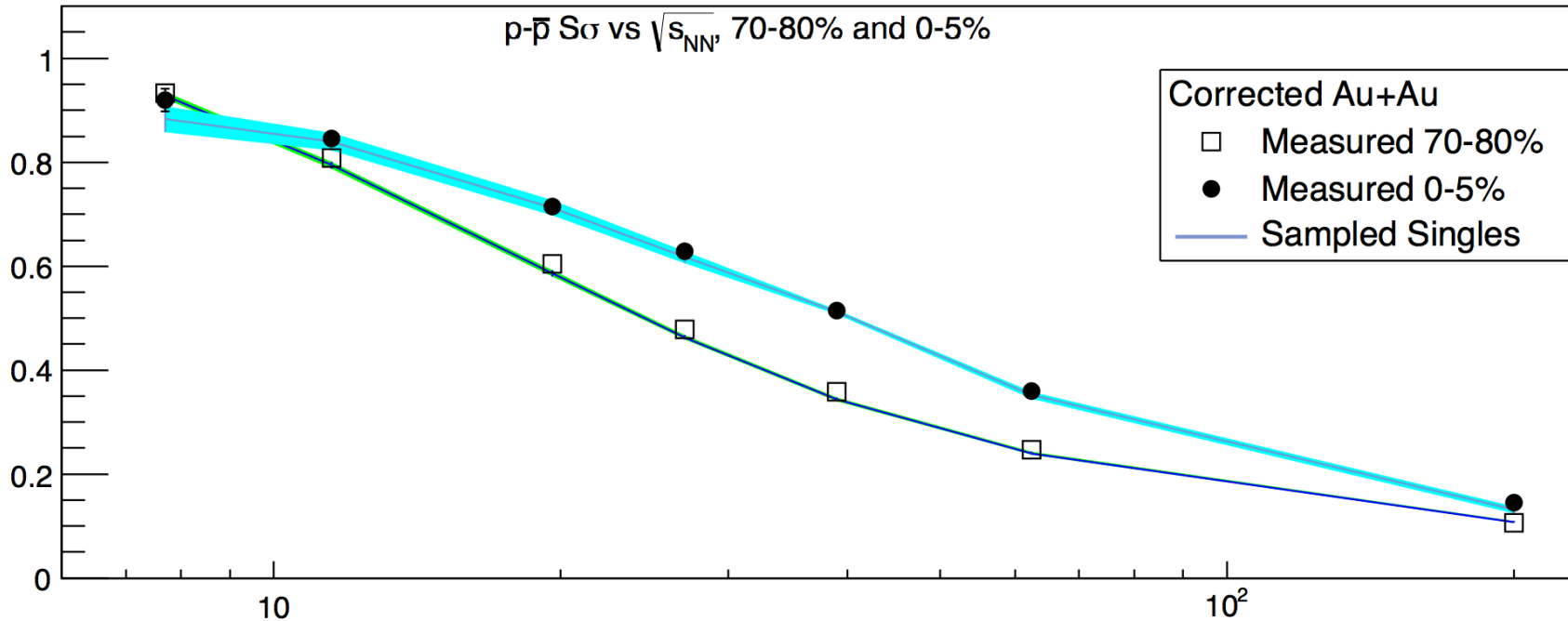
very good agreement to Xiaofeng's uncorrected results

(N)BD and Sampled Singles reproduce the data values

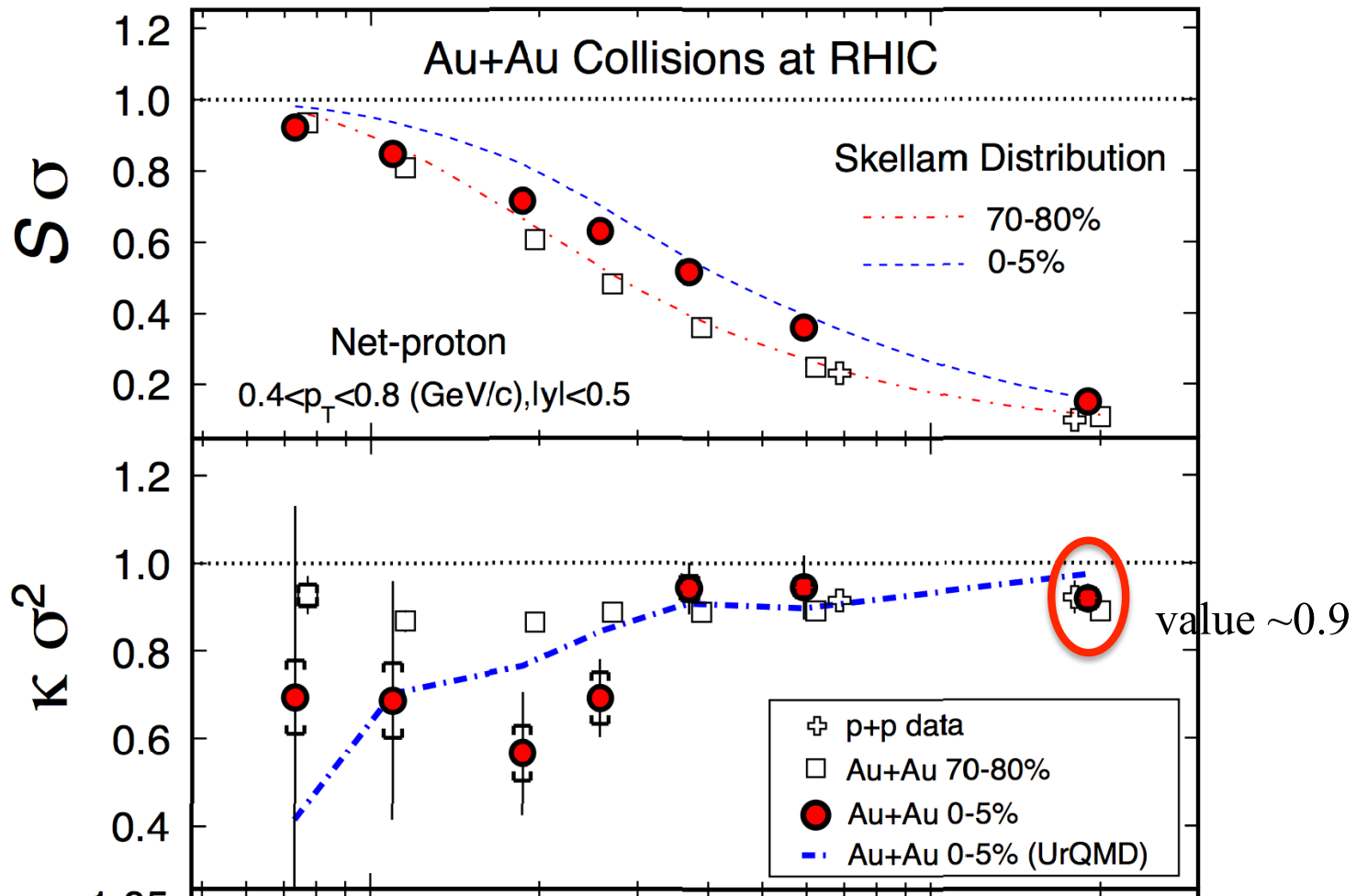












My data values agree with paper's values, except at 200 GeV

Corrected sampled singles values reproduce the efficiency-corrected points in the paper.  
 Sampled singles bands on previous pages are ready to include in the paper if of interest.

Sampled singles approaches and (N)BD compared to XFL's data before efficiency corrections.

Sampled singles approaches and compared to XFL's data after efficiency corrections.

Completely independent code both for the data and the (N)BD and sampled singles.  
Direct comparisons look quite good in general.

Sampled singles approach generally reproduces the moments in the paper both before and after the efficiency correction.

The sampled singles curves can quickly be made available to Xiaofeng if the GPC feels that this "expectation" provides useful new content to the paper.

Directly tests importance of intra-event correlations between  $N_p$  and  $N_{pbar}$  without any assumption on the shape of the singles distributions (unlike (N)BD)...

This basically completes the charge to me from the last GPC meeting. Your call.

Remaining slides are a few thoughts on the PID issue just FYI...

Couple of my own opinions on the PID issue...

BNL group mentioned Rice work showing a dependence of the moments on the PID method, and suggested that the PID approaches be compared and the difference considered as a systematic.  
...I don't think the situation is quite this simple...

Present response includes comparison to 'hybrid pid' approach and notes that matching efficiencies are not yet understood.  
...I am mildly uncomfortable with the former, and disagree with the latter...

**I am not suggesting any changes to the paper here.**

Just wanted to clarify some things and share my own opinions on others.

BNL group quoted Daniel's thesis re: a difference between the results from different PID methods... **This comparison was made 1.5+ years ago when we were all using similar centrality definitions and cuts.** I.e. direct comparisons were possible.

**This ship has long since sailed.** ...now:

Xiaofeng and Lizhu use `refmult3corr`,  $|y| < 0.5$ ,  $0.4 < p_t < 0.8$ , and `dE/dx-only`  
 Daniel (all), Me (all), Nihar (net-q), and Amal (net-K) use `refmult2corr`,  $|\eta| < 0.5$   
 Daniel, Amal, Gary, and I require TOF.

Acceptance of xiaofeng & RICE analyses is very different. See <net-p> at 7.7 GeV

The most direct comparisons possible at the time were described here (late 2011)

<http://www.star.bnl.gov/protected/bulkcorr/dmac/bulkcorr92611v3.pdf>

<http://www.star.bnl.gov/protected/bulkcorr/dmac/pwg20111130.pdf>

and additional comparisons to the xiaofeng/lizhu's hybrid PID approach (used in `refmult3!`)

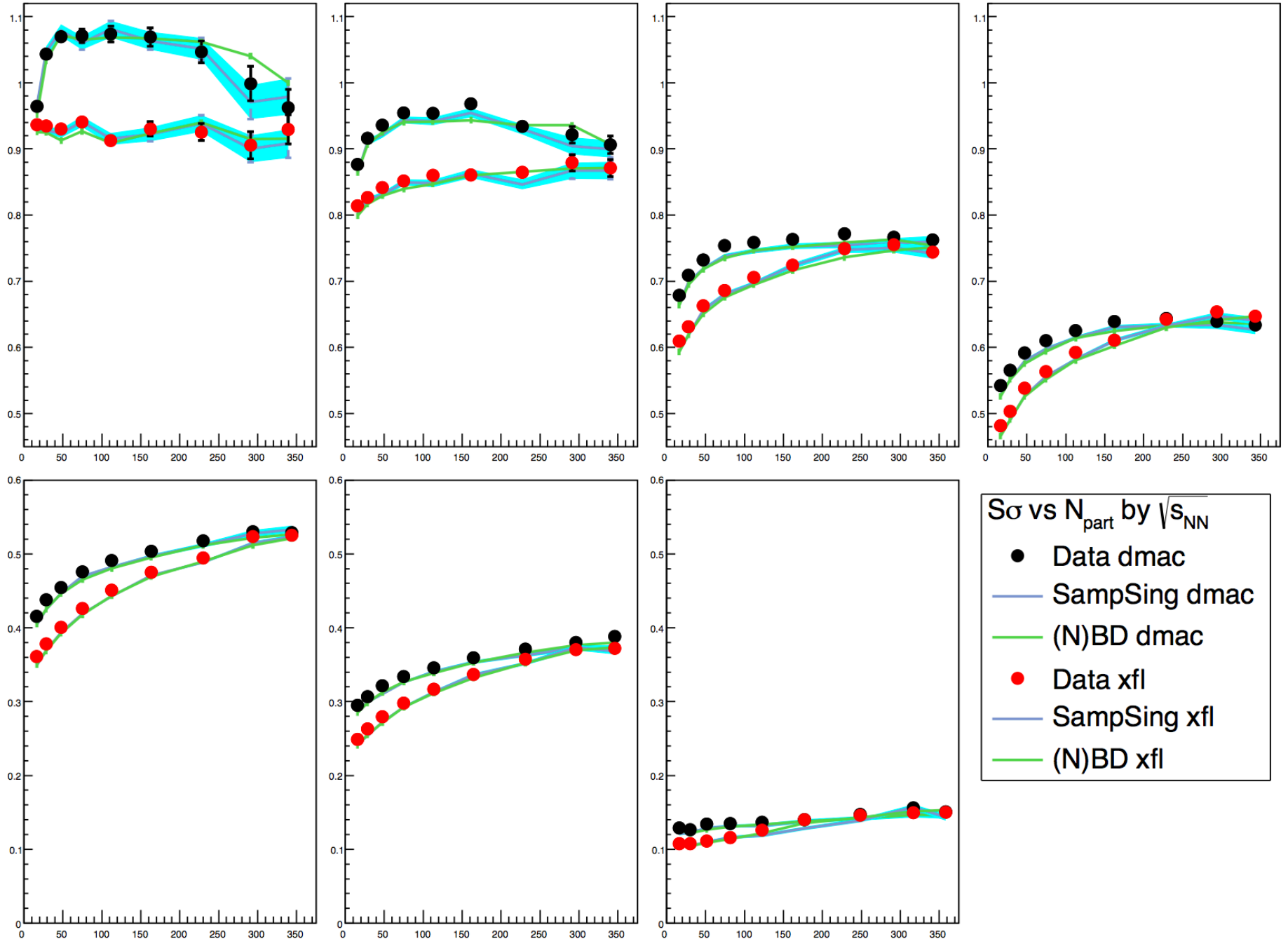
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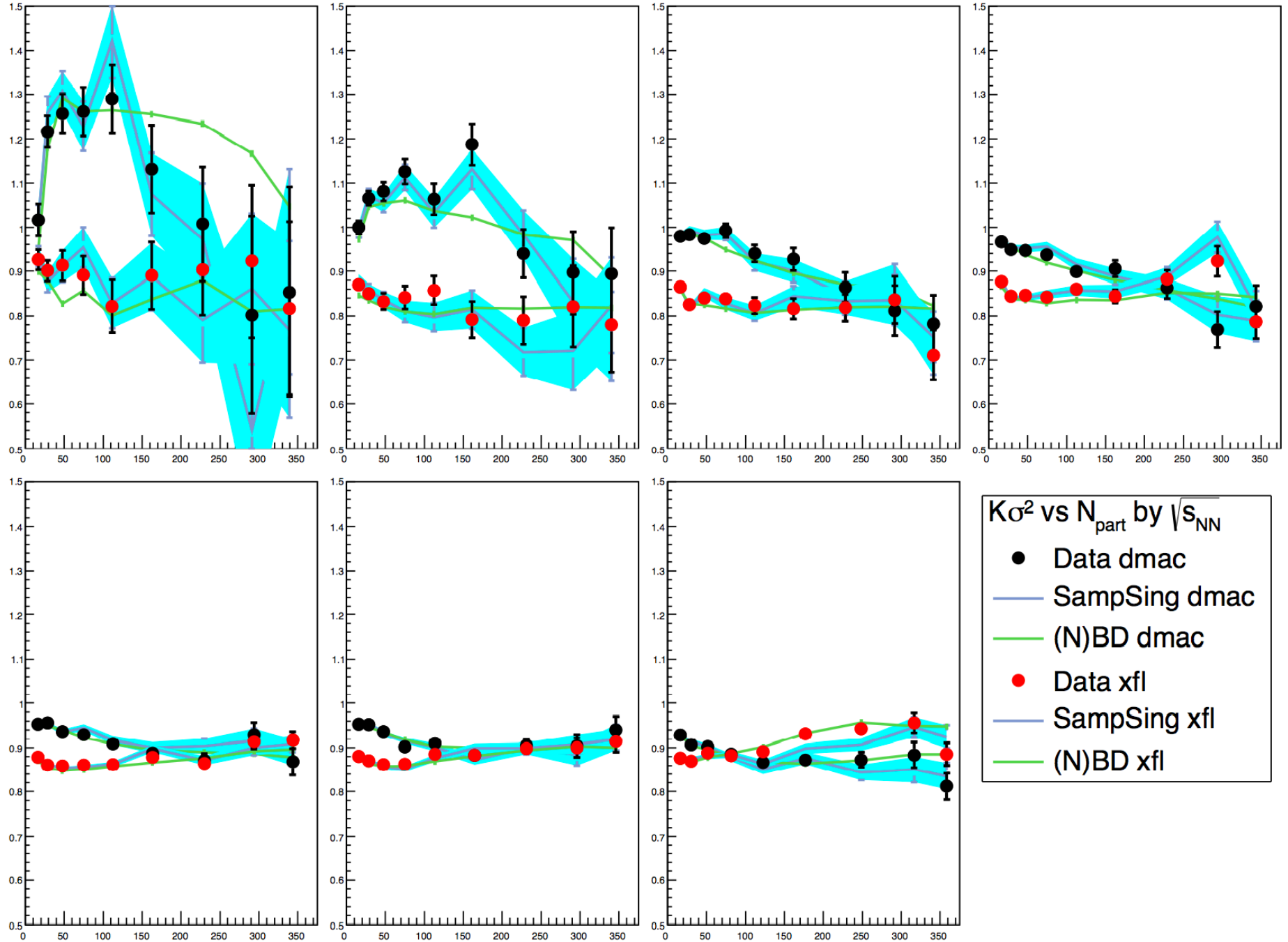
<http://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/system/files/collaborationmeeting20111116.pdf>

These comparisons showed differences between `dE/dx-only` *and* hybrid to “requiring TOF”

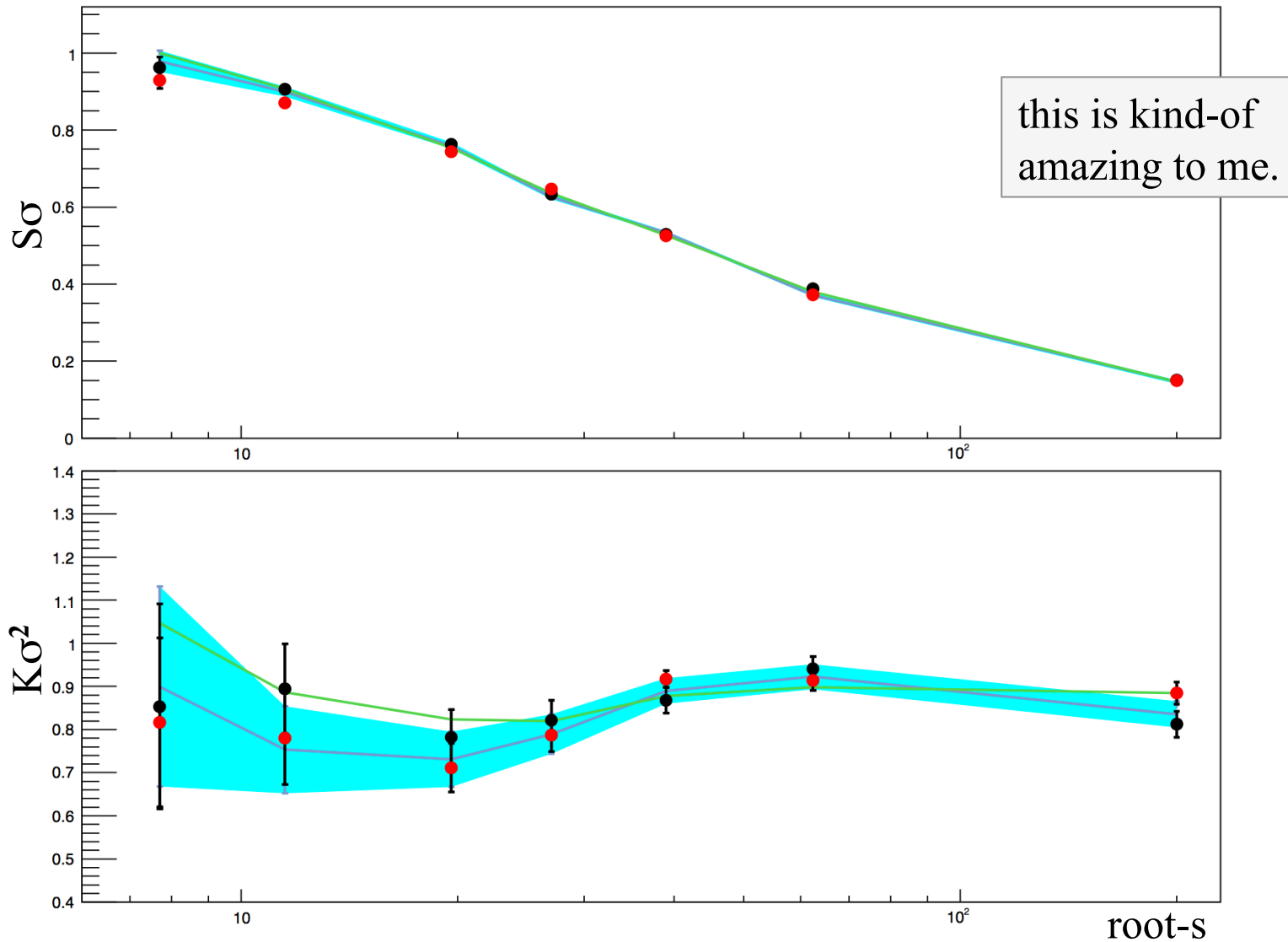
I'm not sure that comparing “hybrid PID” to “`dE/dx-only`” is a strong test because “hybrid PID” allows contamination in the tracks at  $p_t \sim 0.8$  & high- $\eta$  ( $p_{tot} > 0.9$ ) that do not have TOF information ( $\sim 30\%$ )... **But the other changes (wider  $|y|$  cut vs  $|\eta|$  cut, `refmult2` to `refmult3`, etc) have made direct comparisons to “requiring TOF” difficult at this point.**

Just for fun, I compare directly the latest results anyway now.





Despite widely different acceptances ( $\sim 50\%$  in  $\langle \text{net-p} \rangle$  at 7.7) the present dE/dx-only analysis and the RICE “requiring TOF” give the same answer for 0-5% collisions.



Direct comparisons between different analyses were possible in ~November 2011. Many changes in individual analyses since. **We've bifurcated into two camps really.**

The different PID approaches being used in the different analyses are accompanied by many other differences (centrality and acceptance).

**Which makes the latest results from different STAR institutions very difficult to compare...**

The two net-p results agree very well for 0-5%, despite very different acceptances (amazing)  
Large differences for more peripheral collisions... (acceptance? contamination? ...)

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It is not obvious to me that comparisons of present dE/dx-only PID to a hybrid PID are a rigorous indication that contamination is irrelevant.

**hybrid PID != requiring TOF**, because TOF efficiency is not perfect (~65-70%).

Contamination lives at lowest root-s. Where there is contamination, one is mixing  $K\sigma^2$  values from different particles that are each roughly ~1 already anyway.

I think the real question is obvious:

**How do the RICE "require-TOF" results compare to the present results if both are efficiency corrected (including the "extra" TOF inefficiency obviously).**

I have all the pbar and p embedding files (all 7 root-s values), and very well known ToFMatch efficiencies from my light nucleus studies. I.e. this is a comparison that I can do.

Example: [http://wjlllope.rice.edu/files/tofmatch\\_paprap\\_cuts1.ps.pdf](http://wjlllope.rice.edu/files/tofmatch_paprap_cuts1.ps.pdf)

**But there'd still be different eta/y and pt ranges.... so both camps should do this (long paper)**