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# STRANGENESS PRODUCTION IN MINIMUM BIAS EVENTS AT CDF

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## INTRODUCTION

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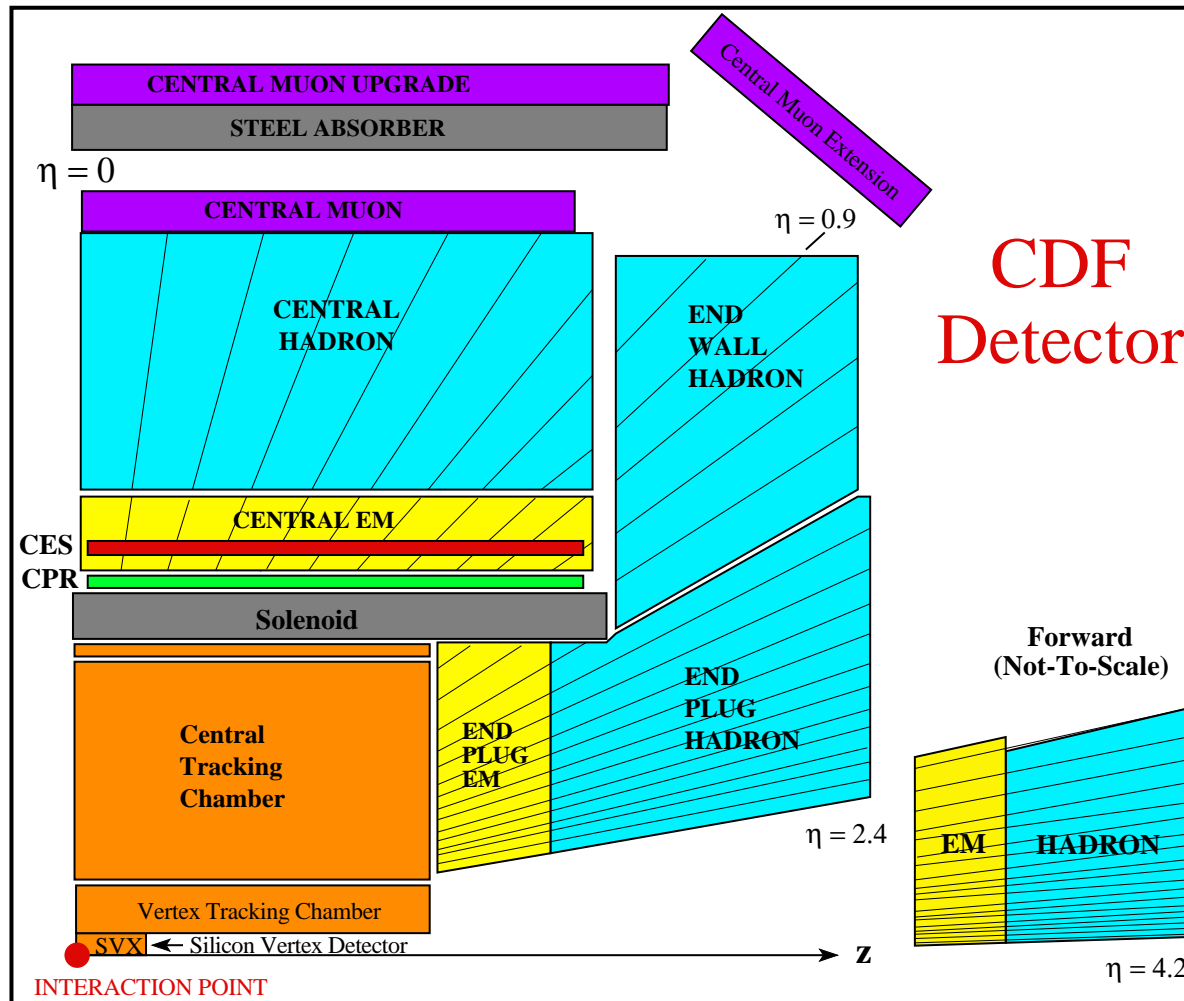
**The analysis of minimum-bias sample at 1800 and 630 GeV :**

- ◇  $K_s^0$  and  $\Lambda^0/\bar{\Lambda}^0$  multiplicities
- ◇  $K_s^0$  and  $\Lambda^0/\bar{\Lambda}^0$   $p_T$  inclusive distributions
- ◇ Correlation between  $\langle p_T(V^0) \rangle$  and event charged multiplicity
- ◇ Correlation between  $\langle N(V^0) \rangle$  and event charged multiplicity
- + **MB is splitted in a SOFT and HARD subsamples**

⇒ the analysis is repeated and compared.



# THE CDF APPARATUS



**VTX:** primary vertices

**CTC:**  $|\eta| \leq 1.0$  primary tracks  
 $|\eta| \leq 1.5$   $V^0$

**CAL:**  $|\eta| \leq 4.2$   $E_T$  clusters

**BBC:** trigger  $3.2 \leq |\eta| \leq 5.9$   
@ 5.8 m from origin



## DATA SAMPLES AND EVENT SELECTION

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### Data samples:

1800 GeV: run 1A+1B+1C  $\sim$  3,300,000 triggers  $\rightarrow$  2,079,558 events

630 GeV: run 1C  $\sim$  2,600,000 triggers  $\rightarrow$  1,963,157 events

### Offline event selection rejects events with:

- ▷ **cosmics (out of time CHA deposits)**
- ▷ **no tracks**
- ▷ **known calorimeter problems**
- ▷ **some CTC track but no central CAL tower  $>100$  MeV**
- ▷  **$>1$  primary vertex**
- ▷  **$Z^{vertex} >60$  cm away from detector center**
- ▷ **no primary vertex**



## TRACK SELECTION

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“Primary” tracks are selected by:

- quality of the track ( minimum number of hits and layers in the CTC)
- $|d_0| < 0.5$  cm
- $|Z_0^{track} - Z^{vertex}| < 5$  cm
- full CTC efficiency and acceptance:
  - ▷  $p_T \geq 0.4$  GeV/c
  - ▷  $|\eta| \leq 1.0$

⇒ “Multiplicity” of the event = num. of selected tracks.



## $V^0$ RECONSTRUCTION

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- ◇ use full sample of reconstructed CTC tracks;
- ◇ look for opposite sign track pairs converging to a common secondary vertex;
- ◇ fit secondary vertex with both the hypotheses of  $K_s^0/\Lambda^0$  decays and keep best fit (in this fit the  $V^0$  candidate is constrained to point to the event primary vertex);
- ◇ do not distinguish  $\Lambda^0/\bar{\Lambda}^0$ ;
- ◇ finally apply selection cuts.



## $V^0$ SELECTION CUTS

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- ▷ secondary vertex fit has probability  $> 5\%$
- ▷ fitted mass within  $3\sigma$  from  $V^0$  mass
- ▷ vertex displacement projected in  $x - y$  plane  $L_{yx} > 1$  cm
- ▷ decay products in  $p_T > 0.250$  GeV/c and  $|\eta| < 1.5$
- ▷  $|Z_0(V^0) - Z^{vertex}| < 6$  cm
- ▷  $p_T(V^0) \geq 0.4$  GeV/c
- ▷  $|\eta(V^0)| \leq 1.5$



## EFFICIENCY

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**Use MC to estimate the efficiency:**

- ▷ **generate Pythia MB events**
- ▷ **detector simulation and full event reconstruction**
- ▷ **check results by embedding generated  $V^0$  into real events**
- ▷ **efficiency obtained inclusively for each single distribution**
- ▷ **“fake”  $V^0$  attributed to reconstruction errors are subtracted**





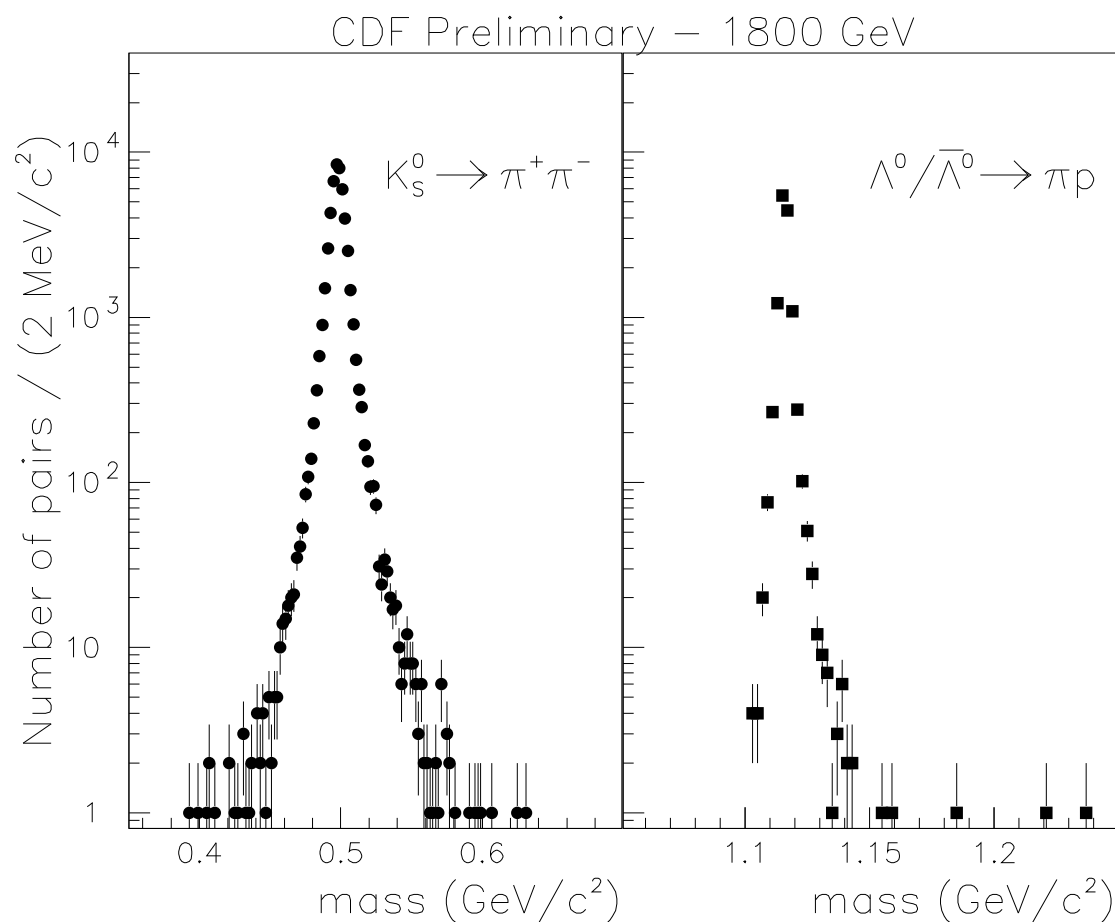
## EFFICIENCY II

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- 1. Efficiency for 1  $V^0$  is almost constant  $\simeq 60\%$  in:**  
 $|\eta(V^0)| < 1$   
 $p_T(V^0) > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ;
- 2. strongly decreasing outside this region, especially vs:**  
 $p_T$  of  $V^0$   
number of  $V^0$  in the event.
- 3. overall efficiency  $\simeq 23\%$  ( $K_S^0$ ) and  $\simeq 19\%$  ( $\Lambda^0$ ).**



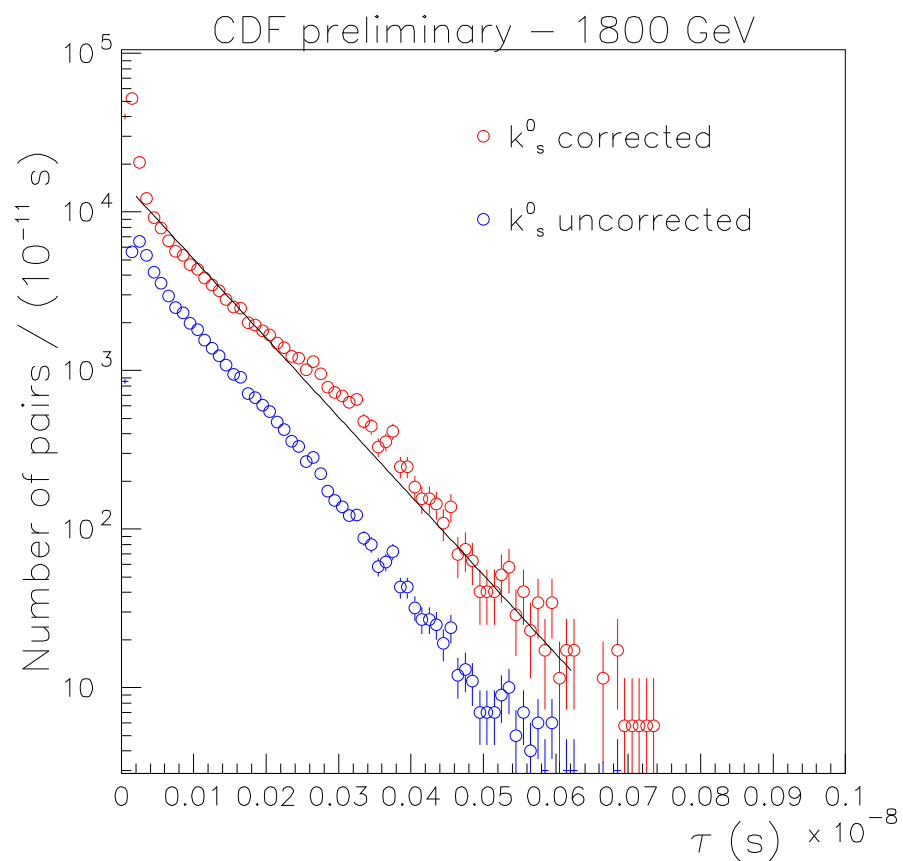
## MASS DISTRIBUTIONS



**Mass distributions after all selection cuts (no correction for efficiency is applied here). Negligible background after selection cuts.**



## LIFETIME DISTRIBUTIONS



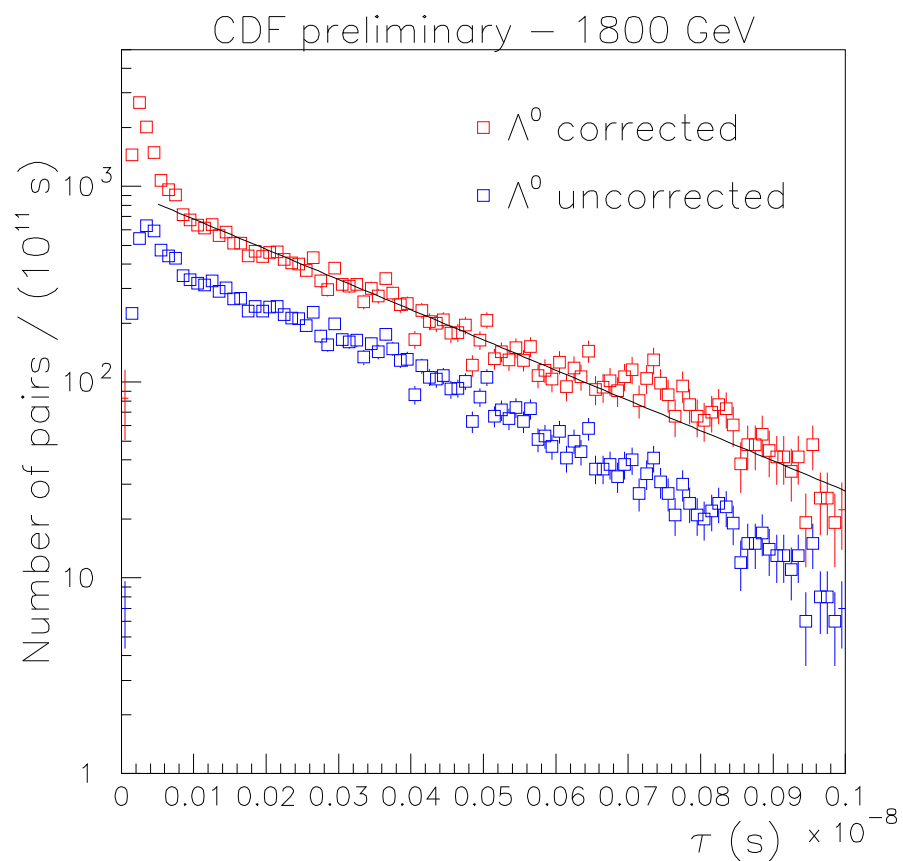
$K_S^0$  lifetime distribution.

Fit gives:

$$\langle \tau \rangle = (0.87 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}$$



## LIFETIME DISTRIBUTIONS



$\Lambda^0/\bar{\Lambda}^0$  lifetime distribution.

Fit gives:

$$\langle \tau \rangle = (2.82 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}$$



## EVENT CLASSIFICATION

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**MB is splitted in two sub-samples:**

**Hard = events with  $\geq 1$  energy cluster  
anywhere in the calorimeter ( $|\eta| \leq 4.2$ ).**

**Soft = anything else**

**We define a cluster as: two contiguous calorimeter towers  
of transverse energy  $1 + 0.1$  GeV  
in a cone  $\sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} = 0.7$**

**.OR.**

**track clustering in calorimeter cracks**

**$\Rightarrow$  Soft is  $\sim 46\%$  of MB (1800) and  $\sim 58\%$  (630)**



## SOME NUMBERS

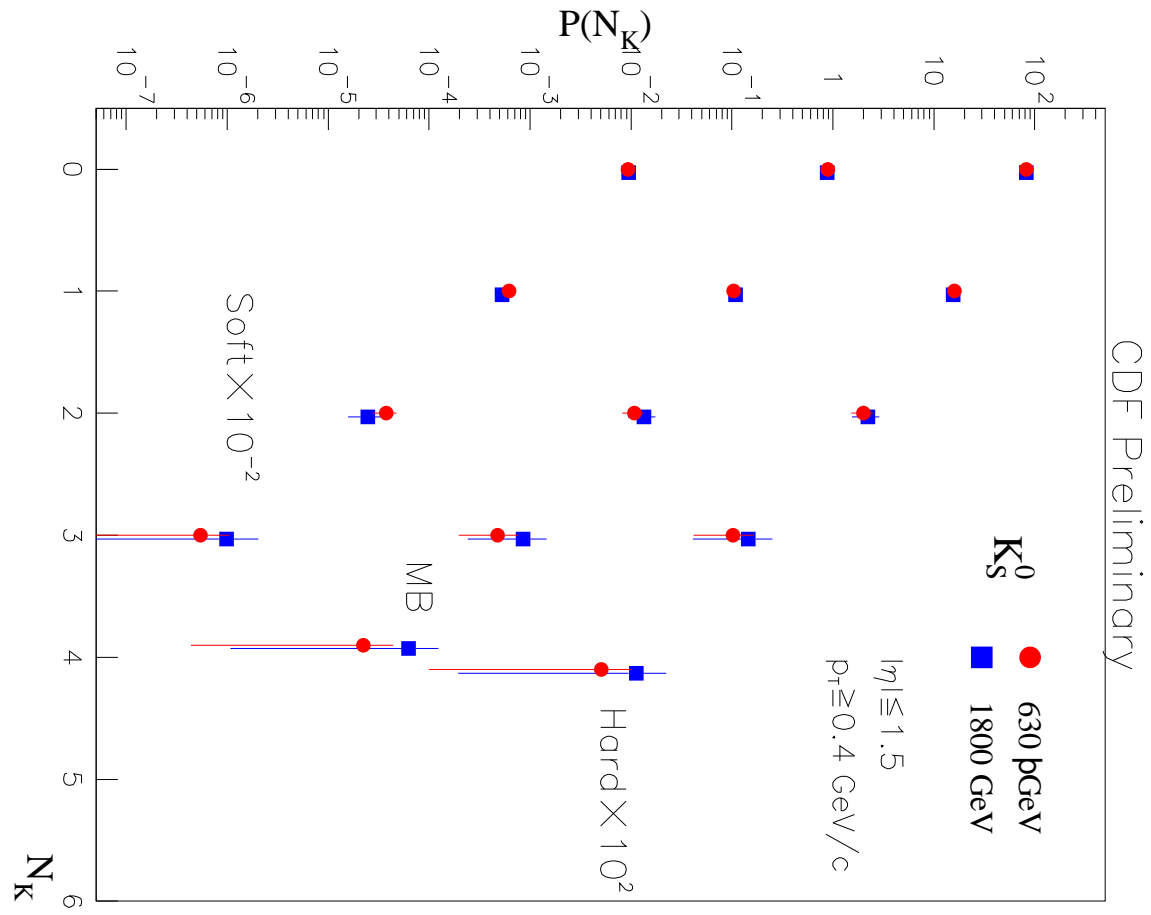
	1800 GeV	630 GeV	
full MB	51059	44858	$k_s^0$
	13117	9993	$\Lambda^0/\bar{\Lambda}^0$
soft	10220 (20%)	14313 (32%)	$k_s^0$
	1752 (13%)	2226 (22%)	$\Lambda^0/\bar{\Lambda}^0$
hard	40829	30545	$k_s^0$
	11365	7767	$\Lambda^0/\bar{\Lambda}^0$

Raw  $V^0$  countings after all selection cuts (no efficiency corrections).

Notice that the  $V^0$  fraction in the soft sample increases with decreasing energy.

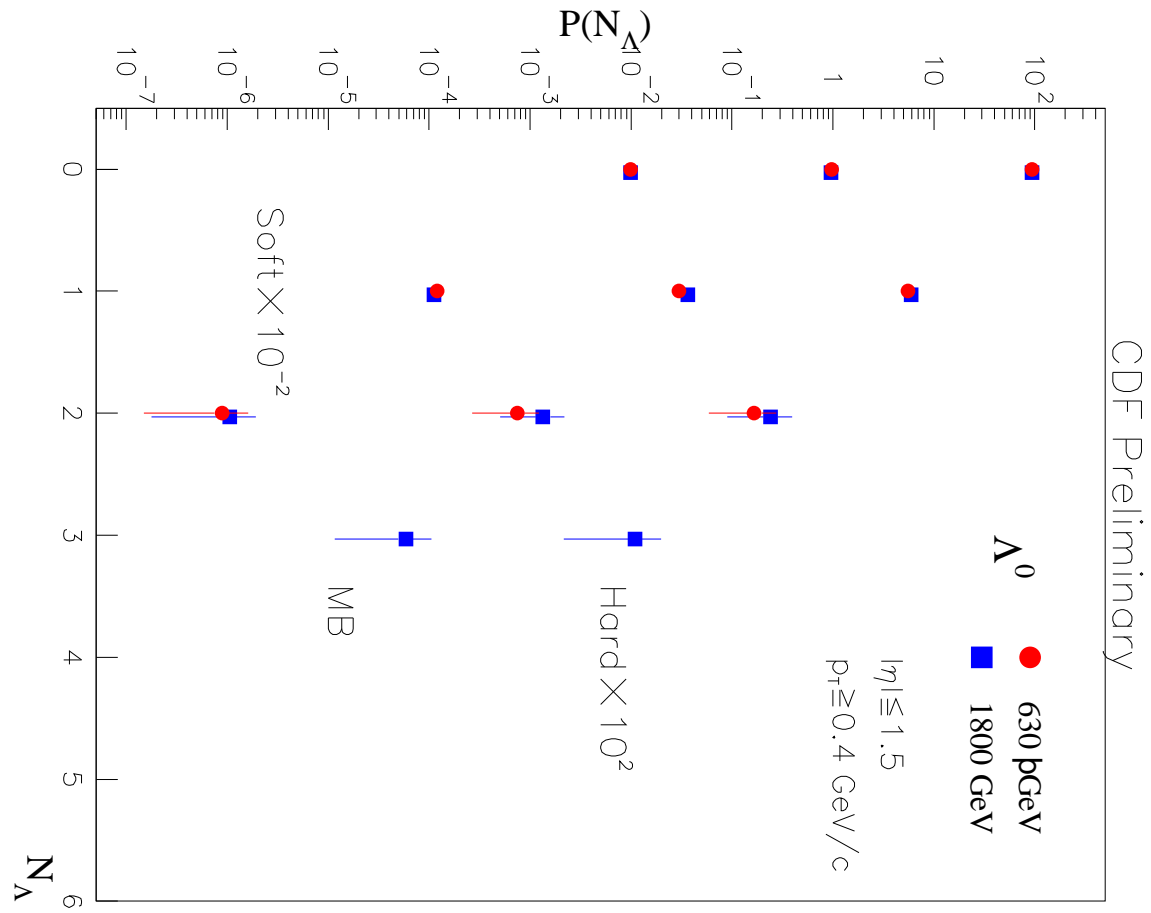


# $K_s^0$ MULTIPLICITY DISTRIBUTIONS





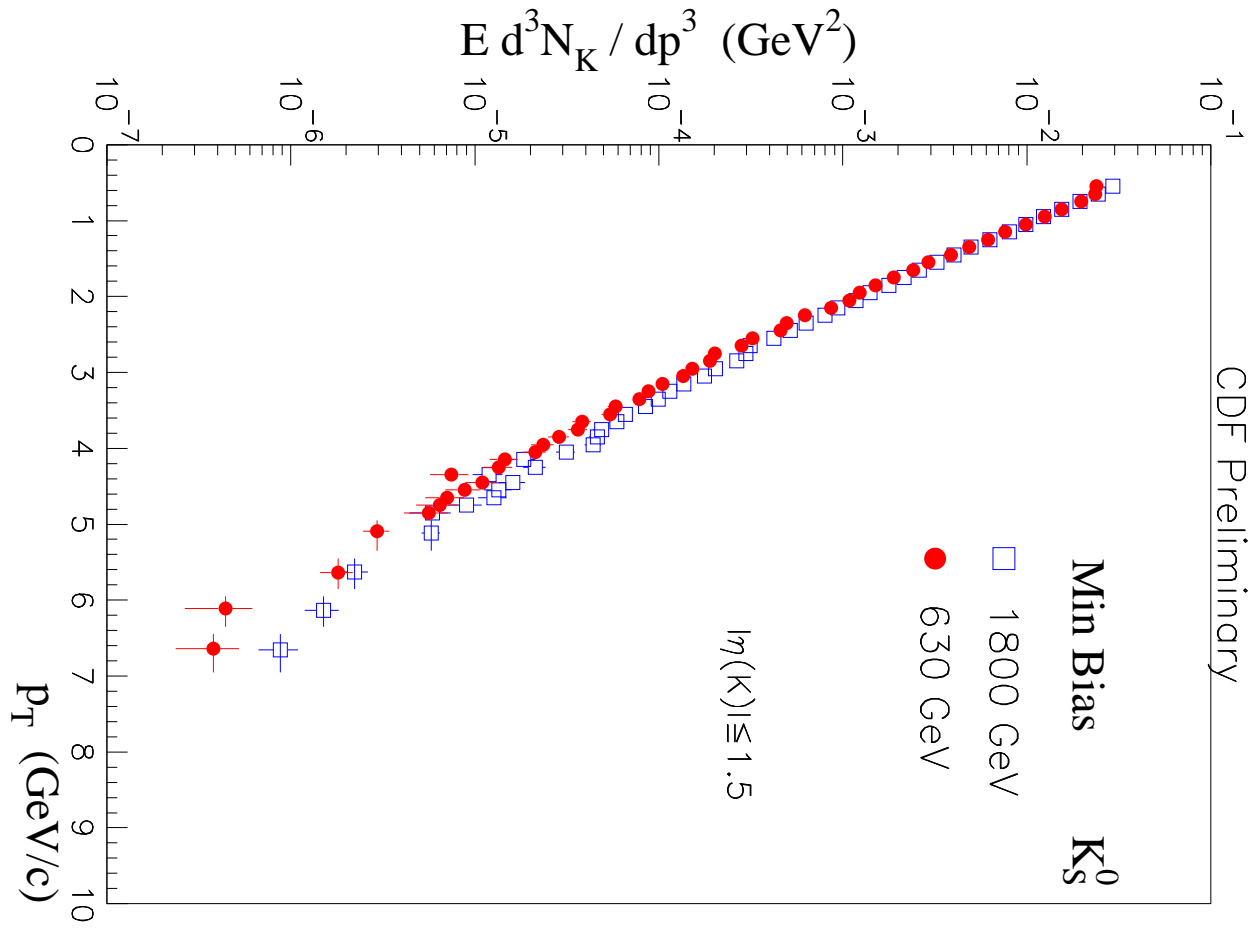
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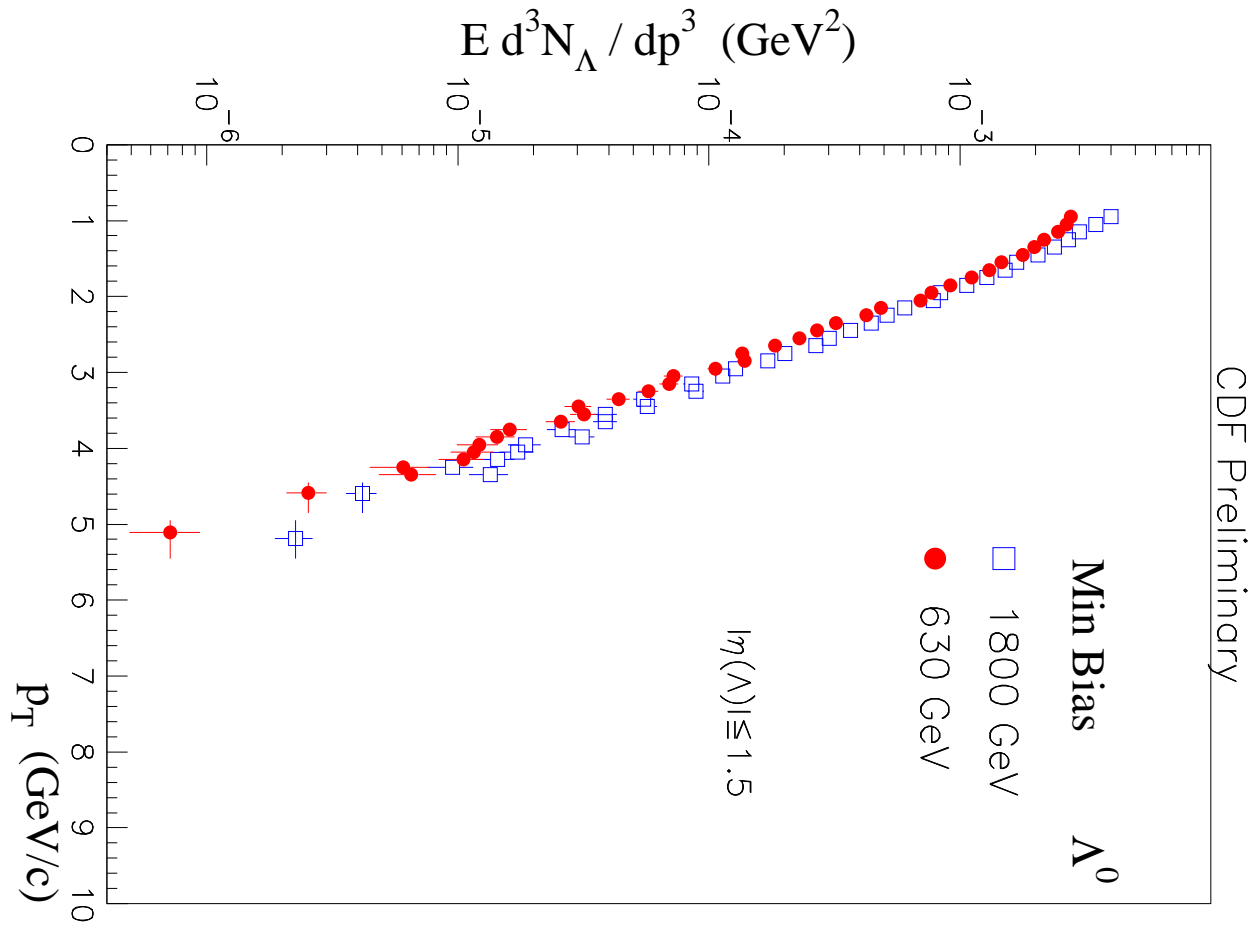


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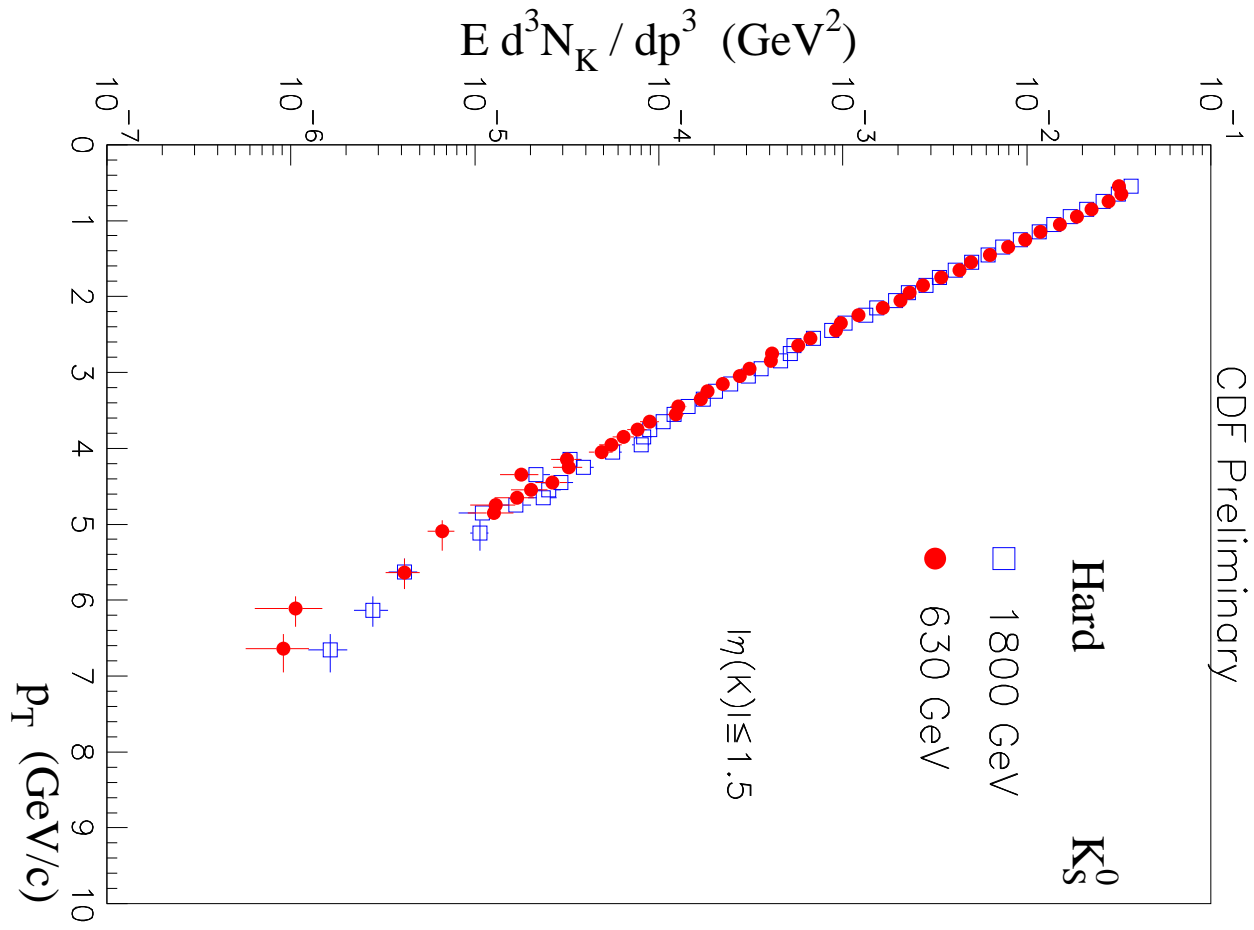


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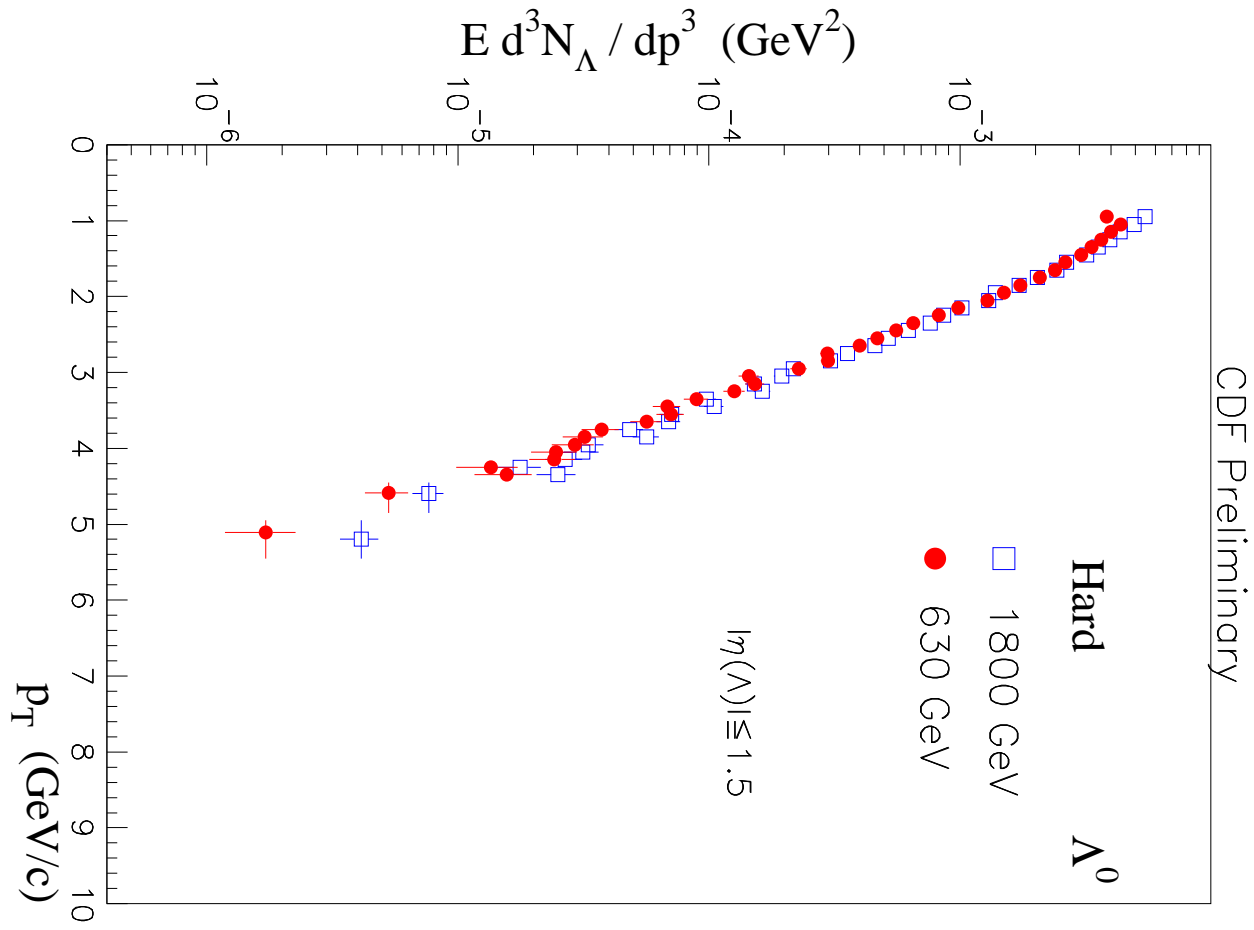


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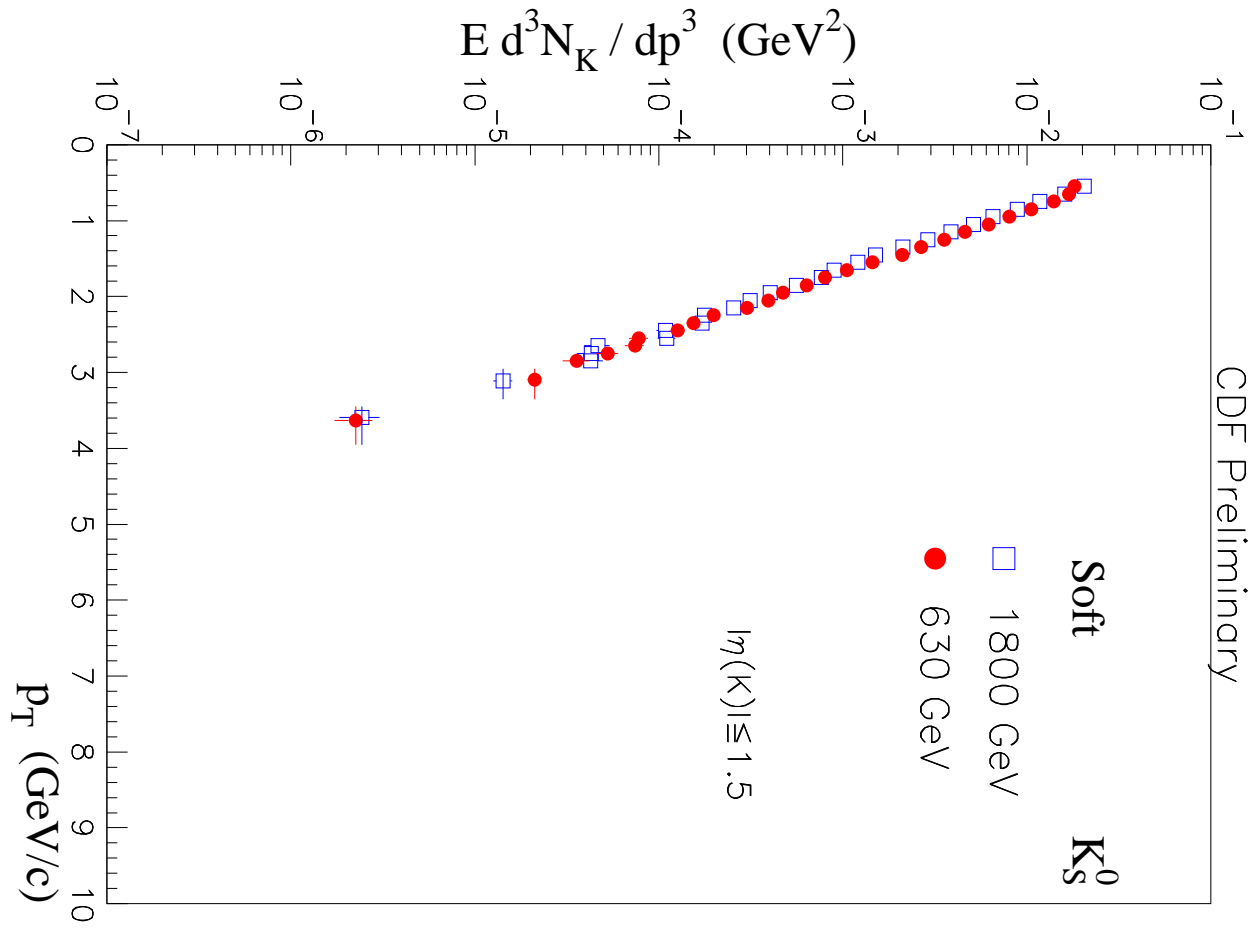


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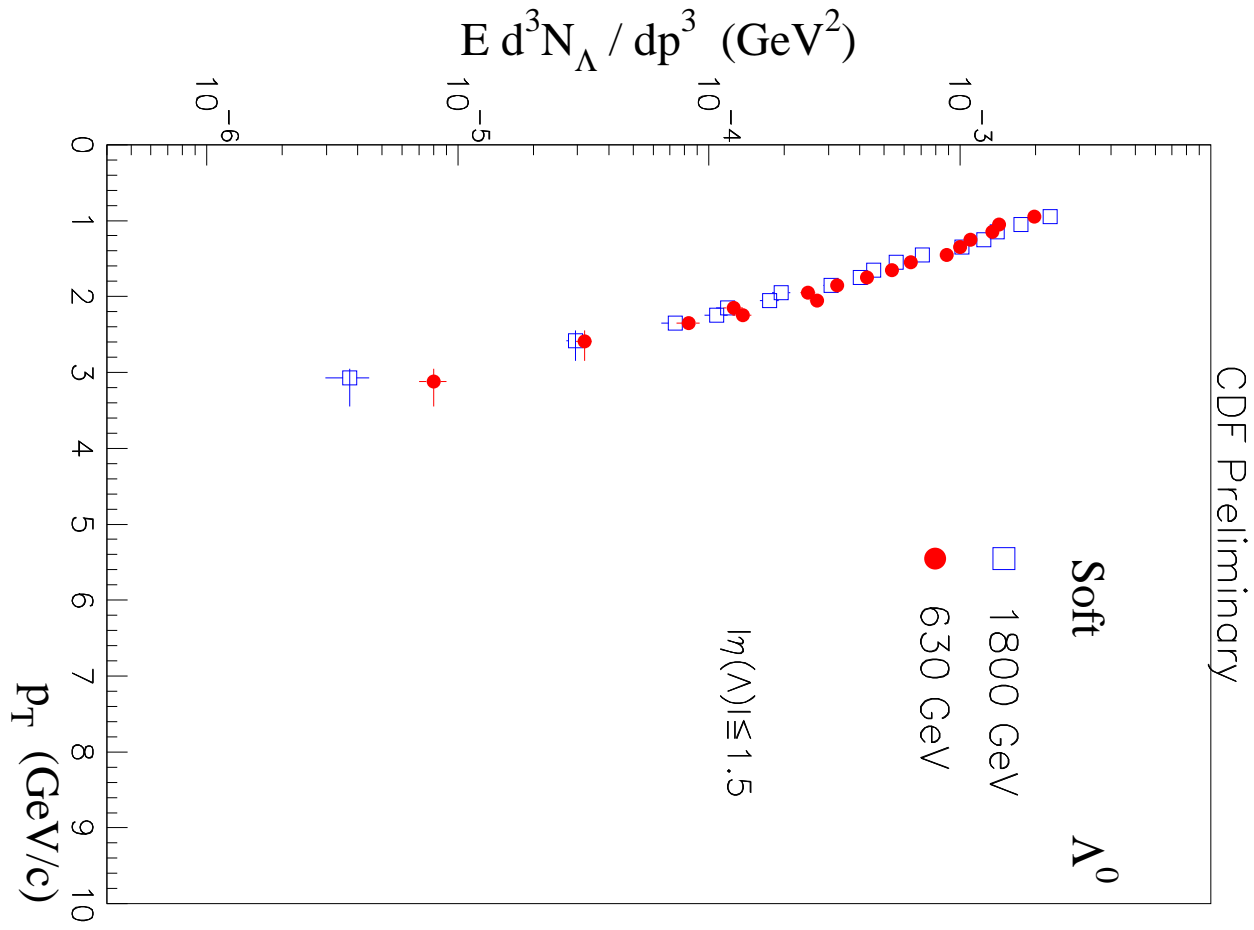


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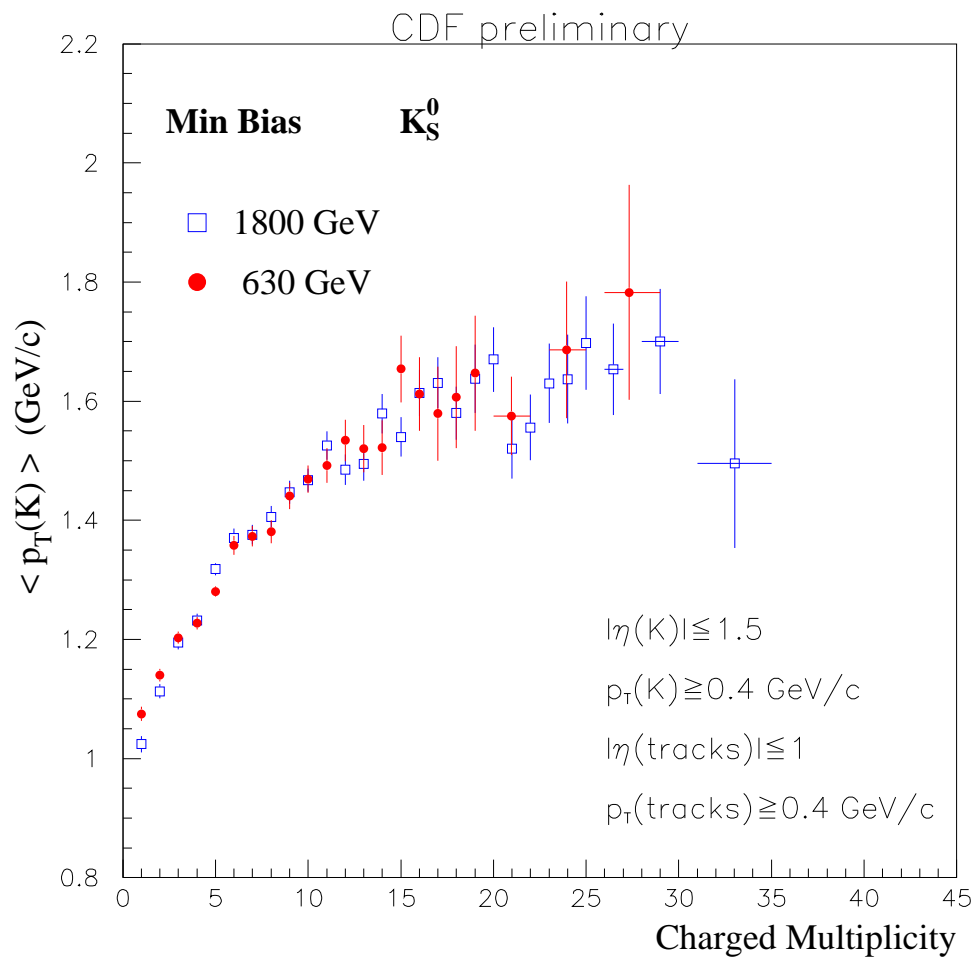


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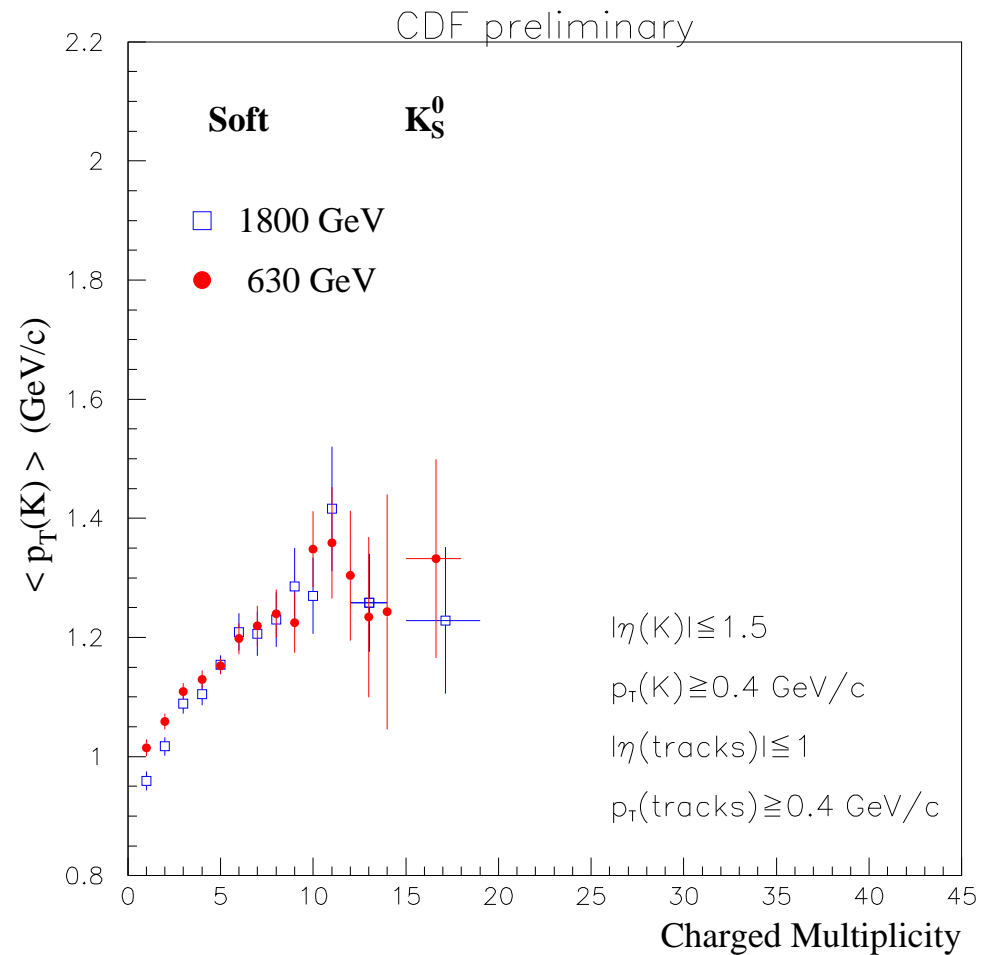


# $K_S^0$ MEAN $p_T$ VS MULTIPLICITY





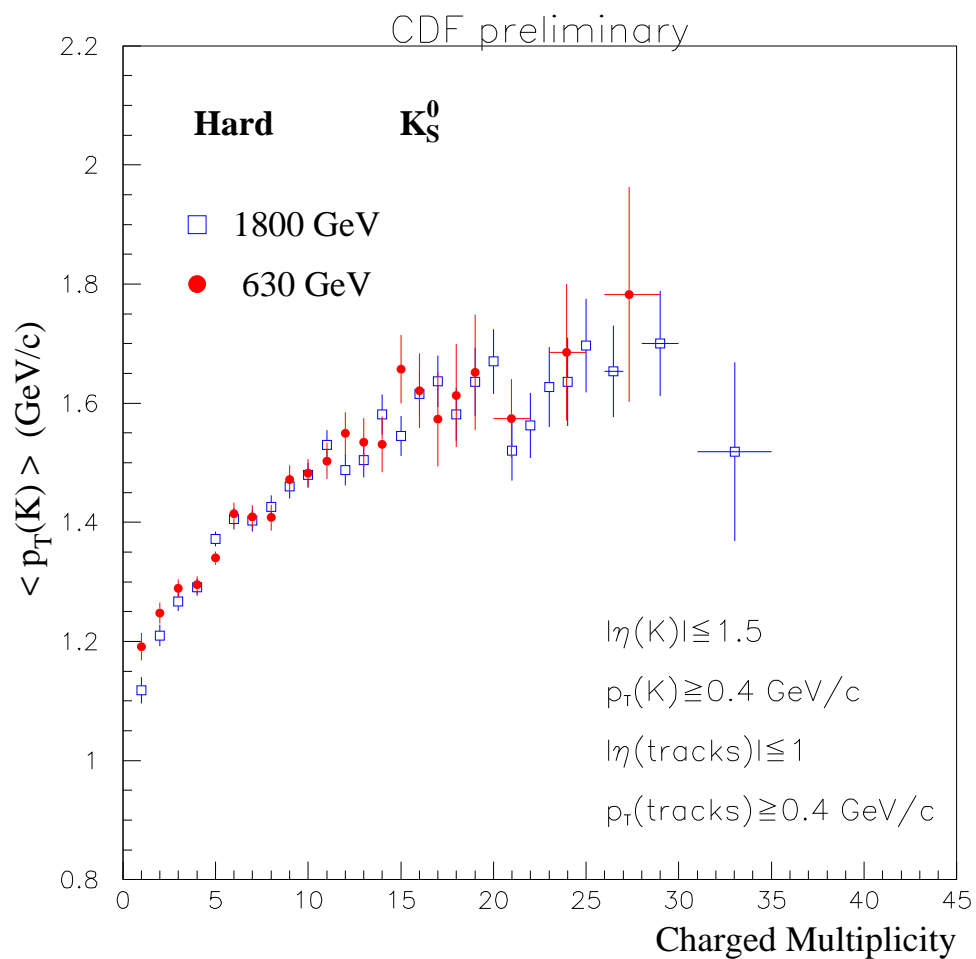
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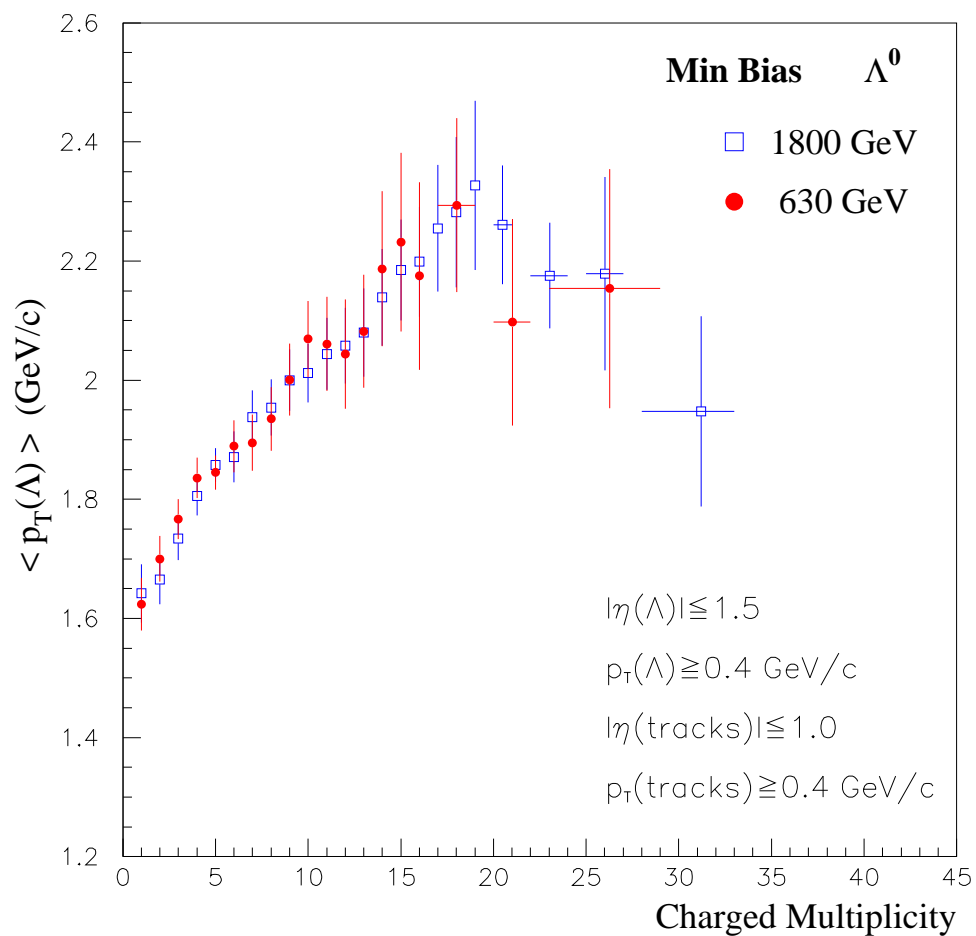


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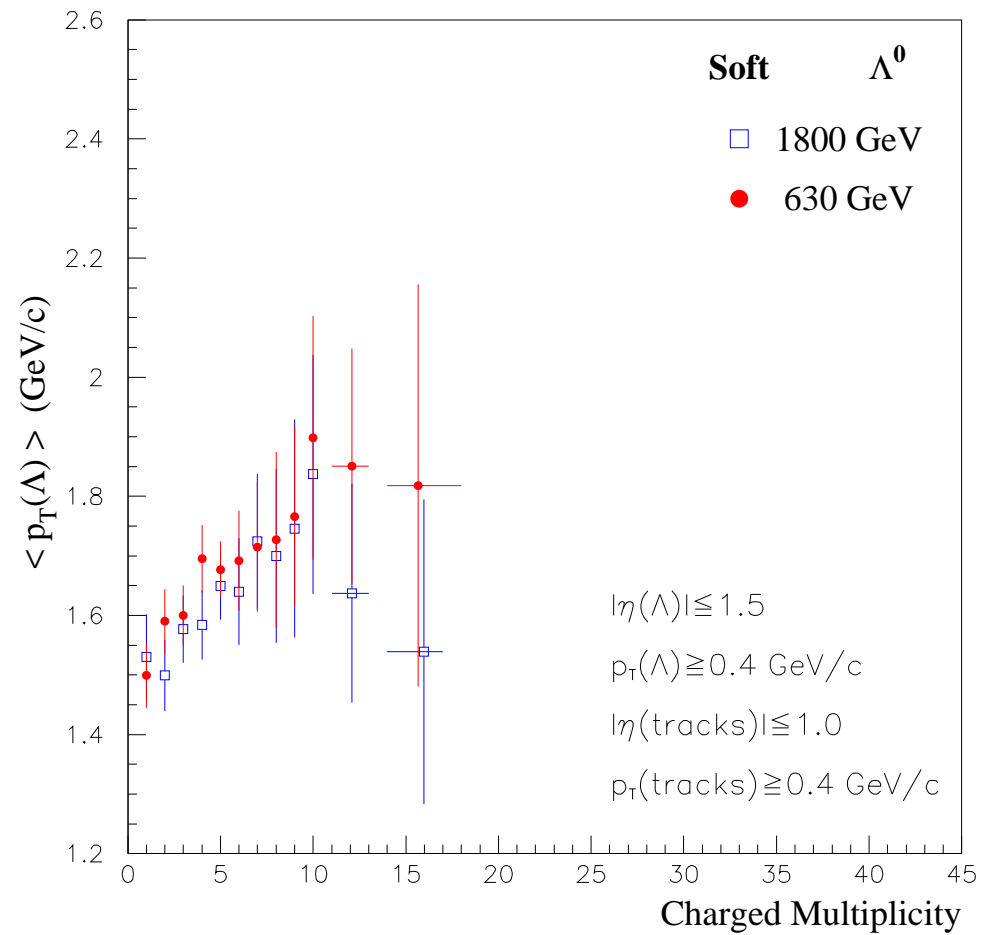


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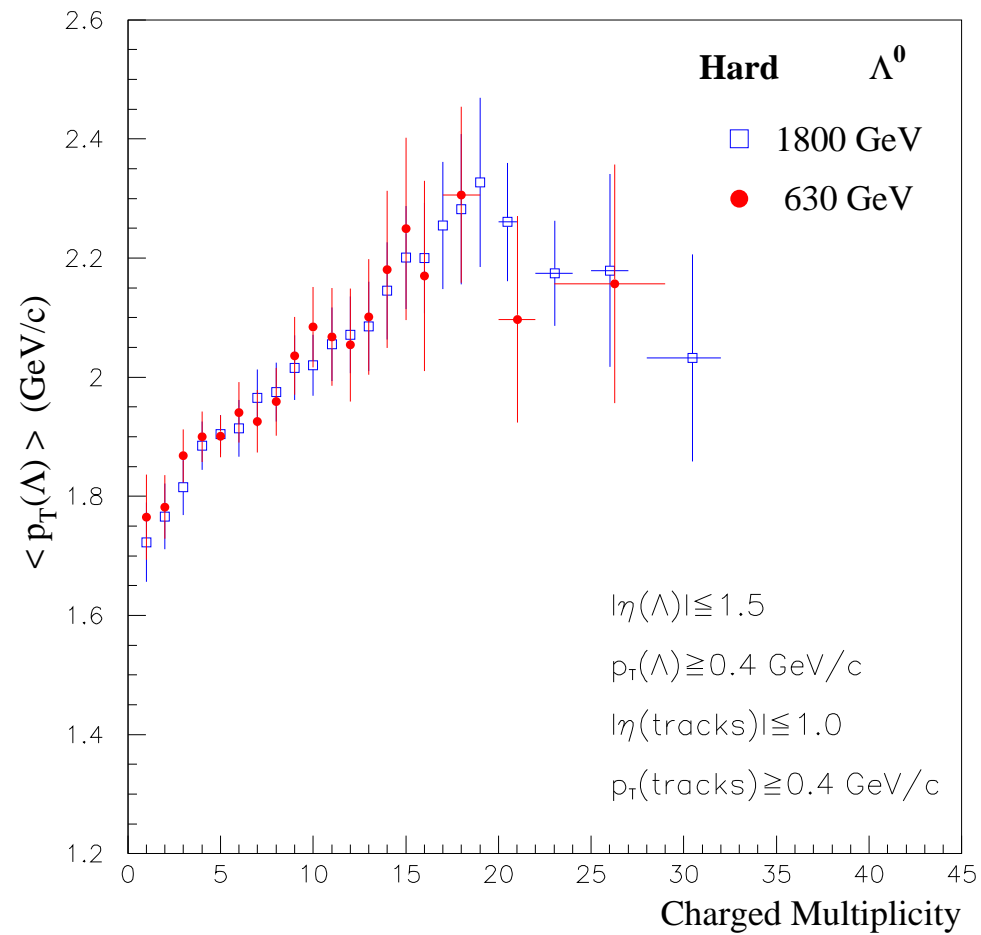


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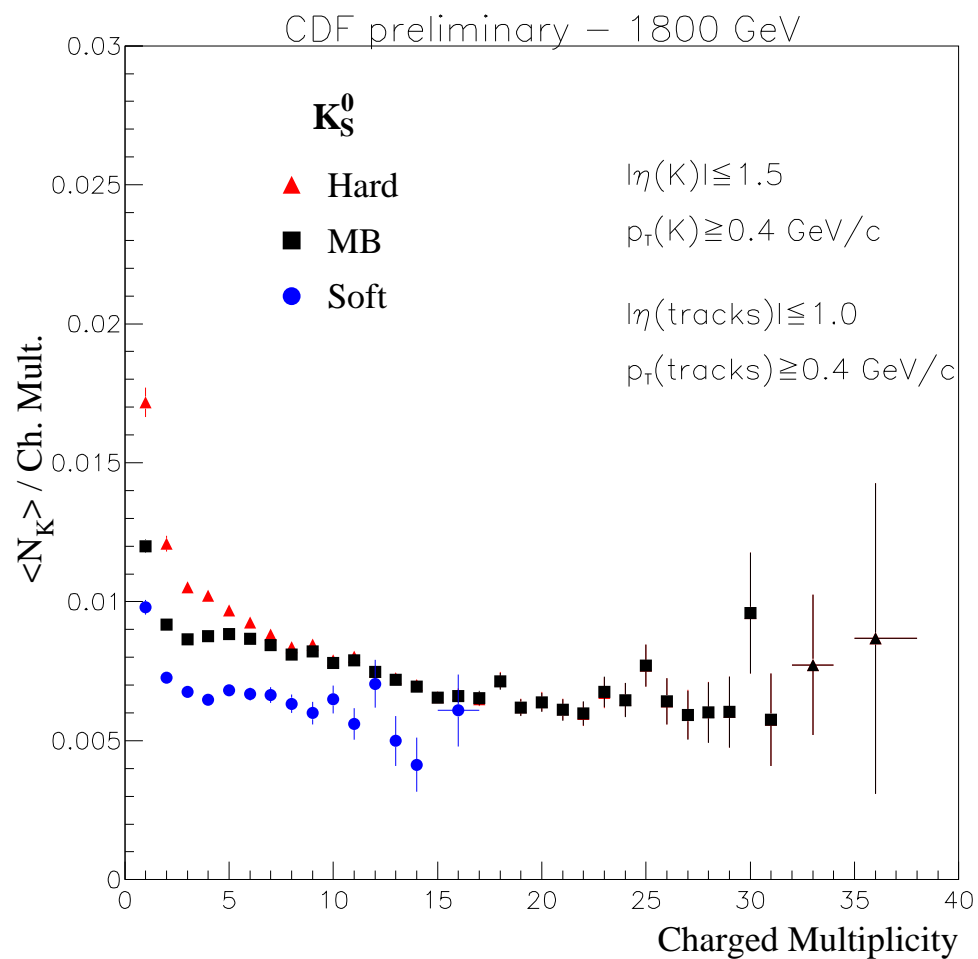


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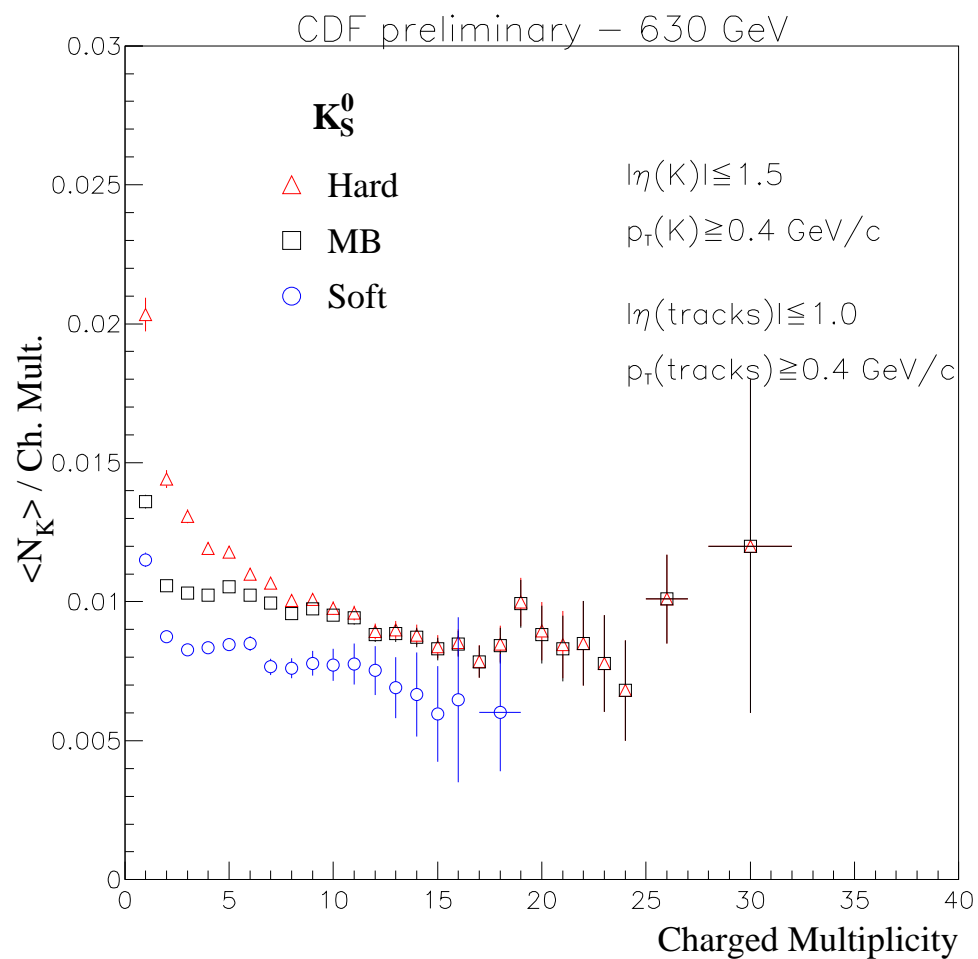


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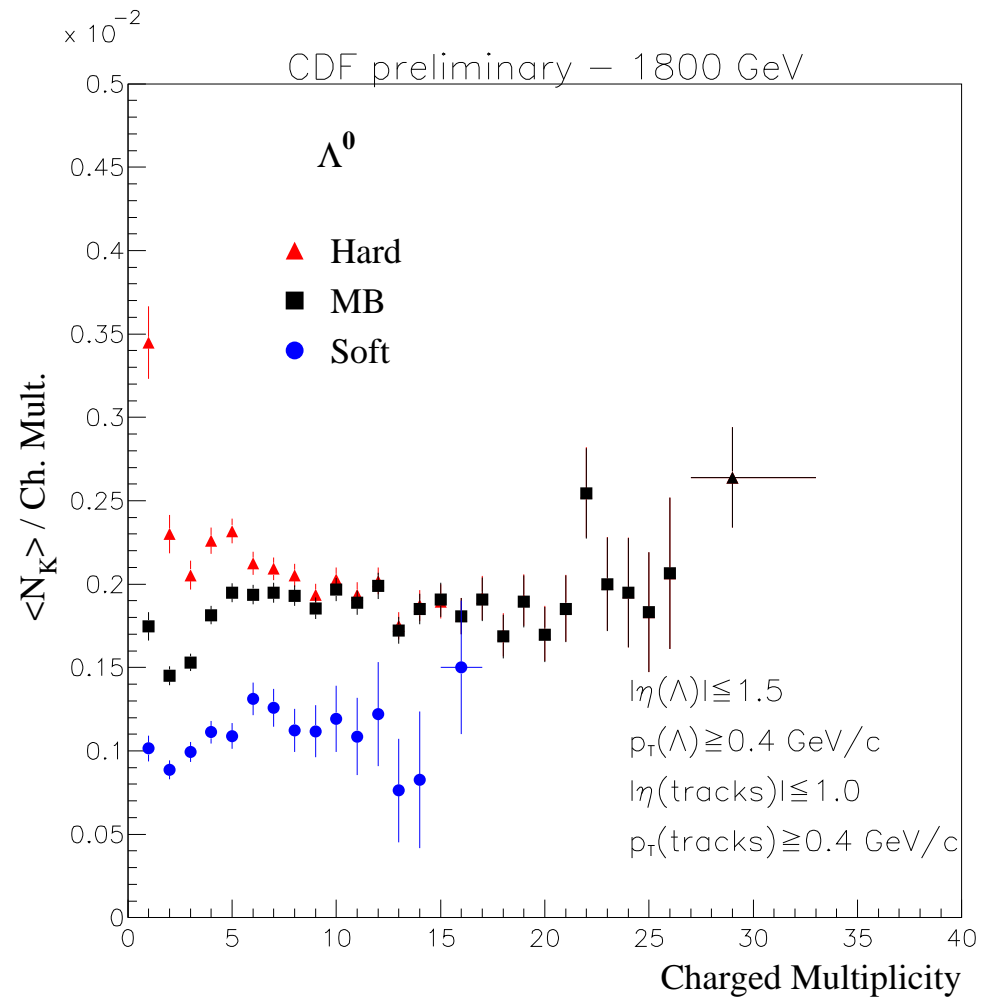


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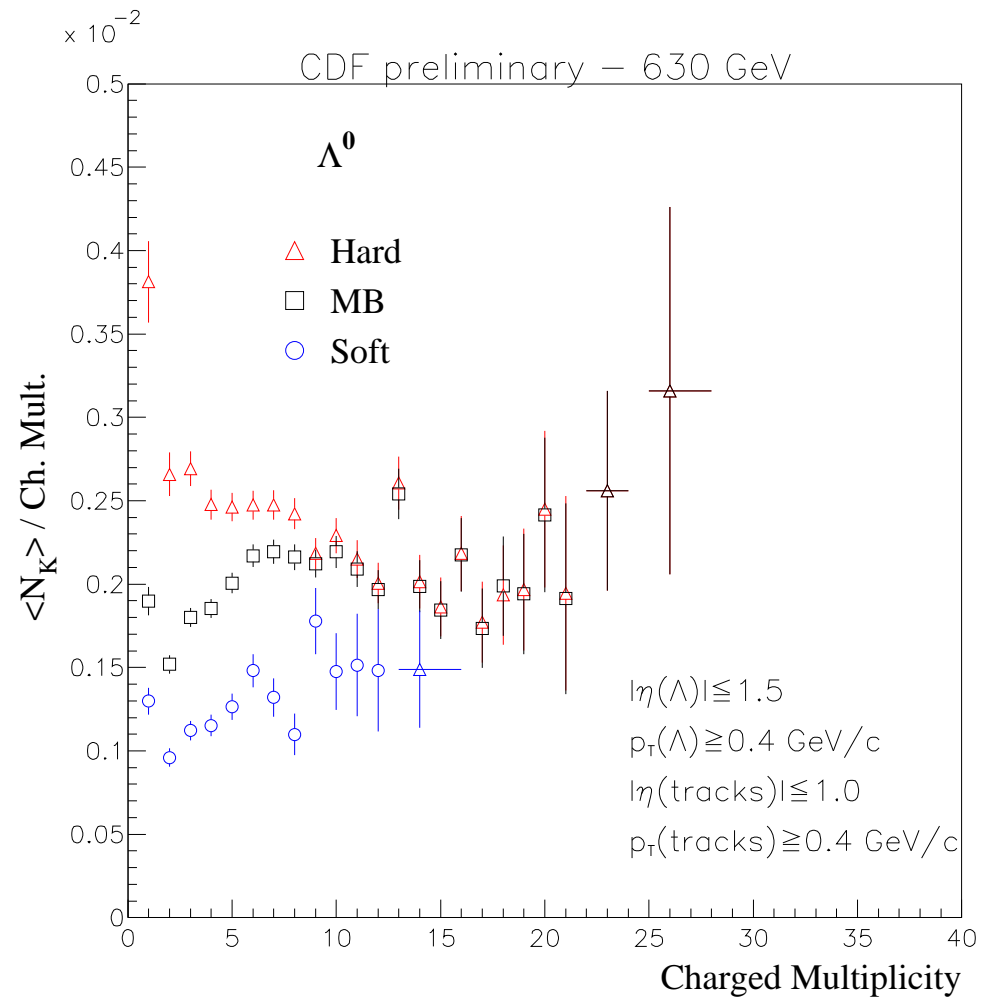


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## CONCLUSIONS

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- ★ we have analyzed some features of  $S$  production in minimum bias;
- ★ previous measures have been extended in range ( $p_T$  inclusive distributions), and some new ones done (multiplicity of  $V^0$ );
- ★ interesting features are showing up in the plots of correlations vs event charged multiplicity.

This is a preliminary analysis. In the more long term the goal of these studies is to compare strangeness production at the two available energies and investigate for new properties and c.m. energy invariances (as was previously done for charged hadron production). [PRD 65, 072005, 2002](#)