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Meson spectra and m_T scaling in pp, dAu and Au Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

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Many signals at RHIC point to the formation of Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) detailed properties of which are now under study. The mesons give the information on the type of interactions taking place in hot quark-gluon and hadronic media. They are also important for understanding the particle production mechanism in both the pp and heavy ion collisions. A detailed systematic of meson spectra is always important ingredient to get the hadronic decay backgrounds underneath photon, single lepton and dileptonic signals of QGP. An important property known as m_T scaling is used to obtain all mesonic spectra from a given meson spectrum. In this work, we test the m_T scaling on wide range of measurements in p+p, d+Au and Au+Au systems at 200 GeV energy in center of mass. First, pion spectra are parameterized and then using m_T scaling, we obtain the spectra of other light neutral mesons. The relative normalization of the m_T scaled spectra is then fitted to the experimental data for all mesons. The agreement of the m_T scaled and experimental data shapes are excellent. We obtain the relative normalization of pions with other mesons in pp, dAu and AuAu collisions. These numbers point to quantitative changes in the dynamics of the collisions in these systems.

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