

3rd simple benchmark:

Geant4 and Fluka validation
on inclusive π^\pm production in π^\pm, K^+, p, \bar{p}
interactions on Mg, Ag, Au,
at 100 and 320 (π^-) *GeV/c*

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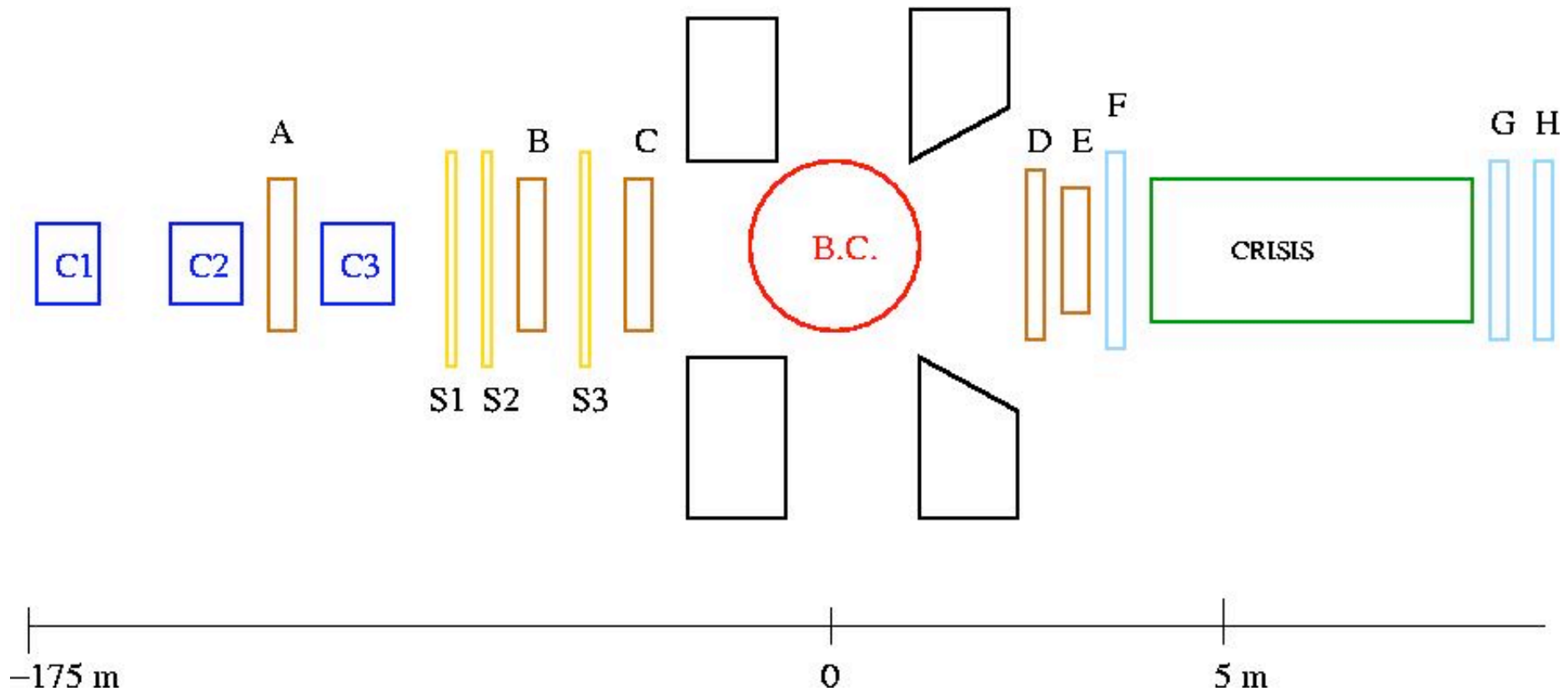
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- Simulation and analysis
- Results

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“Inclusive charged pion production in hadron–nucleus interactions on at 100 and 320 GeV/c ”

J.J.Whitmore et al, Z.Phys.C62 (1994) 199.



Description of the experiment

- ❑ Fermilab experiment E597 (1981-82).
Fermilab 30-inch bubble chamber spectrometer with the associated Downstream Particle Identifier (DPI).
- ❑ **C1, C2, C3** : Cherenkov counters for identification of beam particles (C1 and C3 contain helium; C2 contains nitrogen).
- ❑ **S1, S2, S3** : scintillators for the DPI trigger.
- ❑ **B.C.** : Bubble Chamber in a 2T magnetic field, filled with liquid H_2 , containing 6 thin foils of Mg, Ag, and Au.
- ❑ **A, B, C, D, E** : proportional wire chambers, for tracking.
- ❑ **F, G, H** : drift chambers, for tracking.
- ❑ **CRISIS** : (Considerably Reduced ISIS (Identification of Secondaries by Ionization Sampling)) a 1m x 1m x 3m ionization sampling drift chamber, which uses the logarithmic rise in ionization for identification of relativistic particles.

Reconstruction

- 582,000 pictures, which are scanned for nuclear interactions in the thin foils of Mg, Ag, or Au. For events with a charged multiplicity of 4-5, the estimated scan efficiency is $92 \pm 2\%$, while for events with more than 5 charged particles it is $96 \pm 2\%$.
- The momentum determination from the bubble chamber measurements alone is good only for low momentum tracks (few GeV/c).
- For faster particles, the momentum is determined by combining the bubble chamber measurements with the 7 planes of proportional chambers (D,E), and 3 drift chamber triplets (F, G, H), using the fringe field of the bubble chamber magnet.

Selection

- ❑ **Removal of electromagnetic events** : in order to eliminate electrons in the beam (contamination of the pion beam) causing pair conversions in the target foils, the events with:
multiplicity < 9 and $\log_{10}(\langle q_{\text{t}}^2 \rangle) < -5$
are removed from the data sample.
- ❑ **Removal of coherent events** : events which have
**no slow protons ($< 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c$) and
3 or 5 tracks with $\gamma > \gamma_{\text{CM}} + 1$**
are removed from the data sample (about 2%).
- ❑ Quasi elastic events do not contaminate the data sample as they were not measured.

Particle identification

- momentum $< 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c$: the ionization in the bubble chamber is used for particle identification.
 - all fragments heavier than a proton have been labeled as "protons".
 - less than $\sim 5\%$ of real pions are misclassified as "protons"; less than $\sim 15\%$ of real protons are misclassified as "pions"; data is corrected for these pion/proton misidentifications.
 - instead, kaons are not identified, so **most of K^\pm are called π^\pm** .
 - e^\pm with momenta $< 200 \text{ MeV}/c$ (most of them are due to photon conversions in the target foils) have been removed.
- momentum $> 5 \text{ GeV}/c$: the ionization in CRISIS is used for particle id (π/p separation; **most of K^\pm are called π^\pm**).
- the **distributions** are **corrected** for:
 1. unidentified e^\pm with momenta $> 200 \text{ MeV}/c$
 2. unidentified **protons** with momenta between **[1.3, 5.0] GeV/c**

Measured (corrected) distributions

The following two distributions are measured for all identified produced π^+ and π^- :

□ Laboratory **rapidity** distribution:

$$\frac{1}{N_T} \frac{dN}{dy}$$

where: $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z}\right)$
 $N_T =$ number of event

□ **Transverse momentum squared**:

$$\frac{1}{N_T} \frac{dN}{dP_T^2}$$

where: $N_T =$ number of event

Some numbers

- Dimension of the target foils:

foil		Mg	Mg	Ag	Ag	Au	Au
thickness (mm)		3.7	11.1	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.9
Width (mm)		9	9	14	9	17	9
λ (%)		0.5	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.3	0.9

- Number of selected events:

beam		Mg	Ag	Au
100 GeV/c	π^-	283	773	668
	π^+	83	212	179
	K^+	21	55	60
	p	58	352	180
	\bar{p}	218	582	465
320 GeV/c	π^-	51	140	130

Simulation

- ❑ Geant4 8.1.p01 , physics lists: LHEP, QGSP and QGSC; Fluka2006.3 (October version) with PEATHRES.
- ❑ Target : 1 mm x 1 μm x 1 μm .
- ❑ Consider all the tracks at 1 cm distance from the origin, excluding e^\pm / γ with momentum $< 200 \text{ MeV}/c$.
- ❑ Apply:
 - ❑ remove tracks with momenta $< \text{"reconstruction threshold"}$ (0-100 MeV/c);
 - ❑ cut to remove "electromagnetic events" (few%, due to δ -rays);
 - ❑ cut to remove "coherent events" (including heavier fragments as "protons" in the definition of "coherent event") ($\leq 1\%$).
- ❑ Calculate γ and P_T^2 for π^\pm and K^\pm using always π mass to calculate the rapidity.

Checks

A number of checks have been carried out to study the stability of the results:

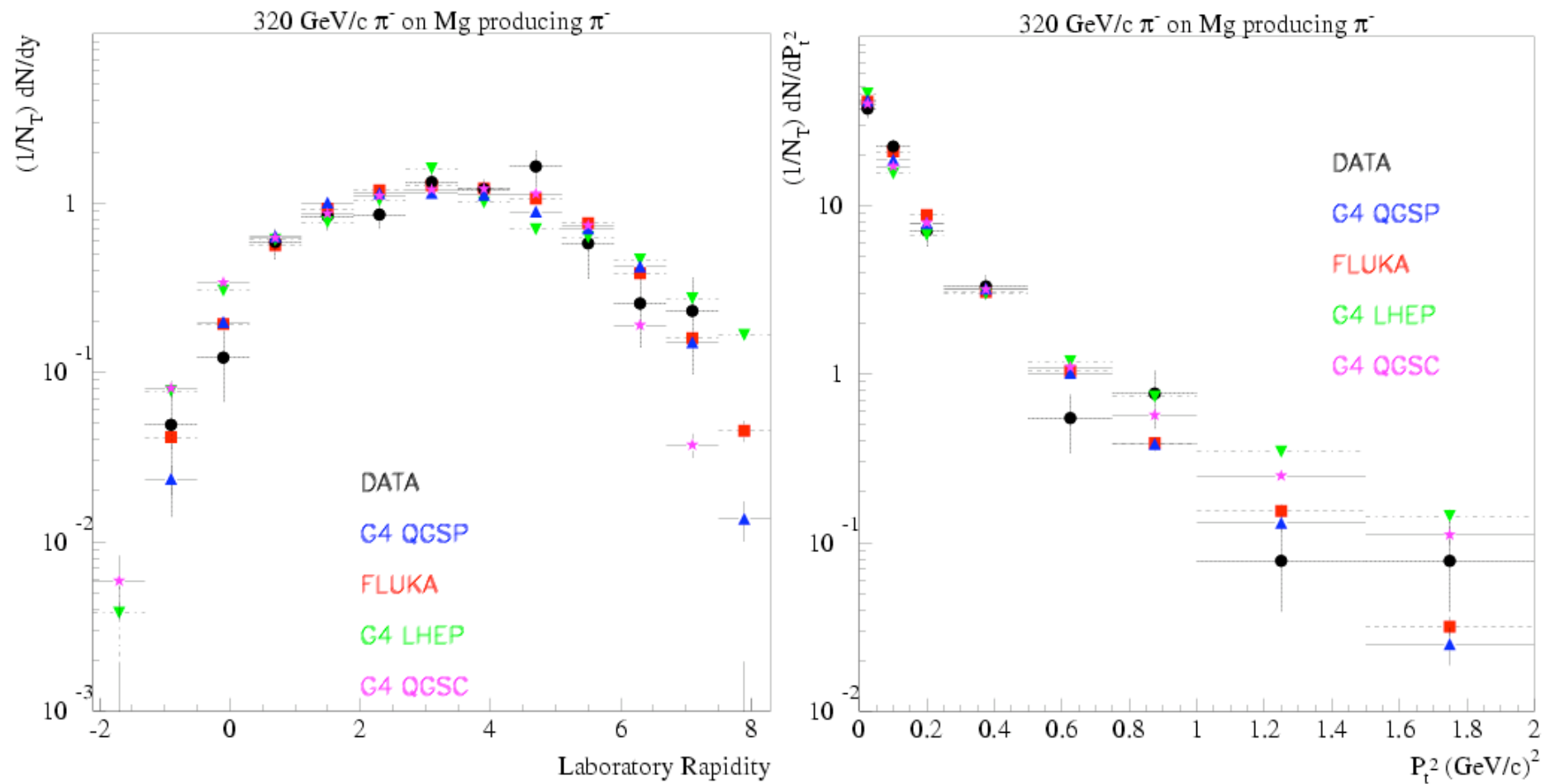
- ❑ variations of the "reconstruction threshold";
- ❑ change of the size of the target foil;
- ❑ removal of events with secondary hadronic interactions;
- ❑ only pure protons in the definition of "coherent event";
- ❑ K^+ misidentification as "proton" in the definition of "coherent event";
- ❑ Variation of the K^\pm misidentification as π^\pm from 50% to 100%.

Results of the simulations

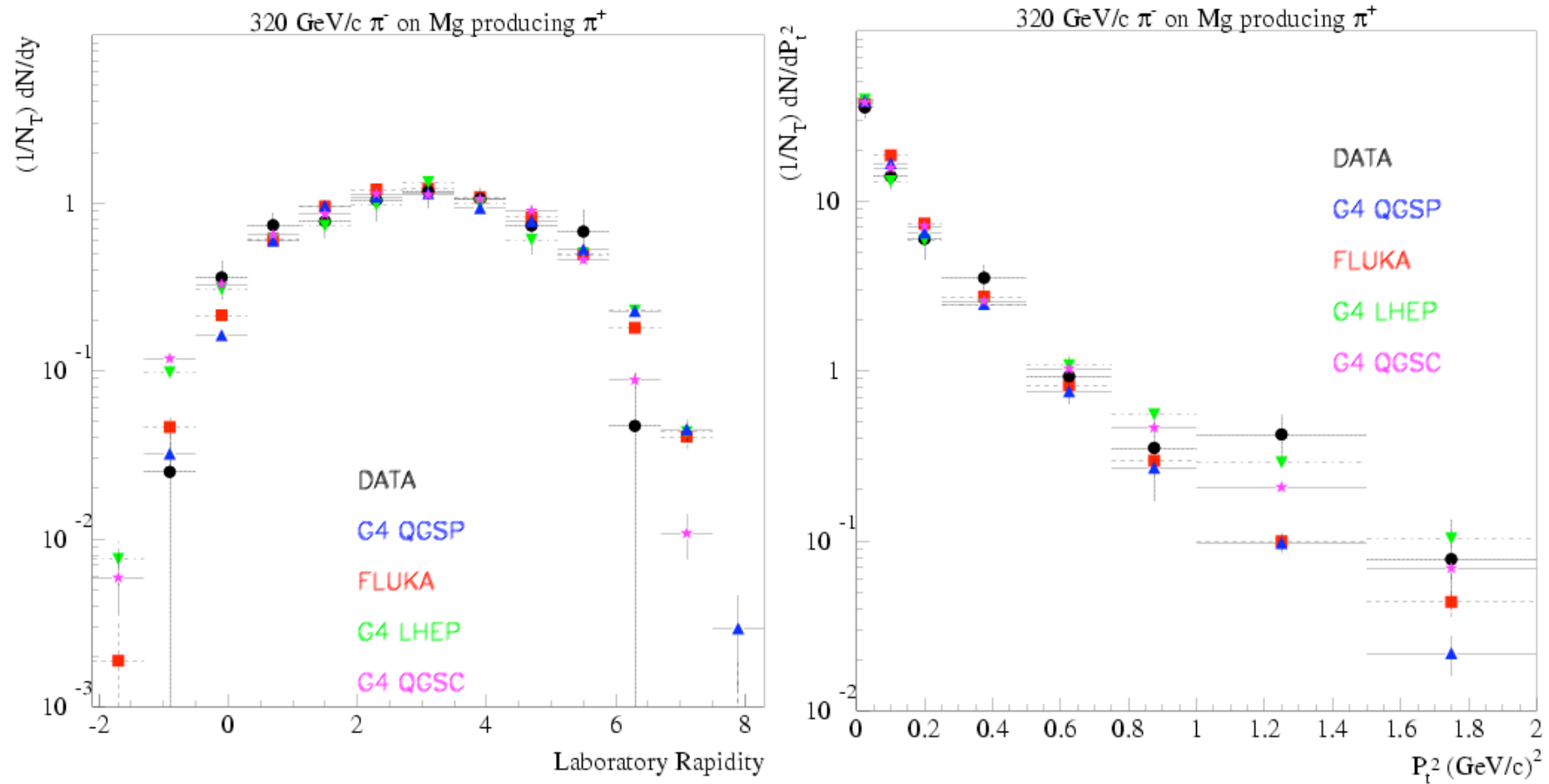
Number of selected events, from 1,000,000 generated events:

		QGSP	LHEP	FLUKA
100 GeV/c Mg	π^-	1387	1417	1282
	π^+	1305	1367	1269
	K^+	1122	1157	1130
	p	1749	1766	1685
	\bar{p}	1732	1741	1704
Ag	π^-	5232	5486	5295
	π^+	5399	5225	5356
	K^+	4977	5083	5028
	p	6623	6477	6695
	\bar{p}	5961	6045	6728
Au	π^-	8302	8559	8134
	π^+	8413	8220	8185
	K^+	7899	8063	7639
	p	9799	9859	9903
	\bar{p}	8804	8799	10212
320 GeV/c	Mg π^-	1285	1644	1322
	Ag π^-	5418	6250	5393
	Au π^-	8518	9740	7991

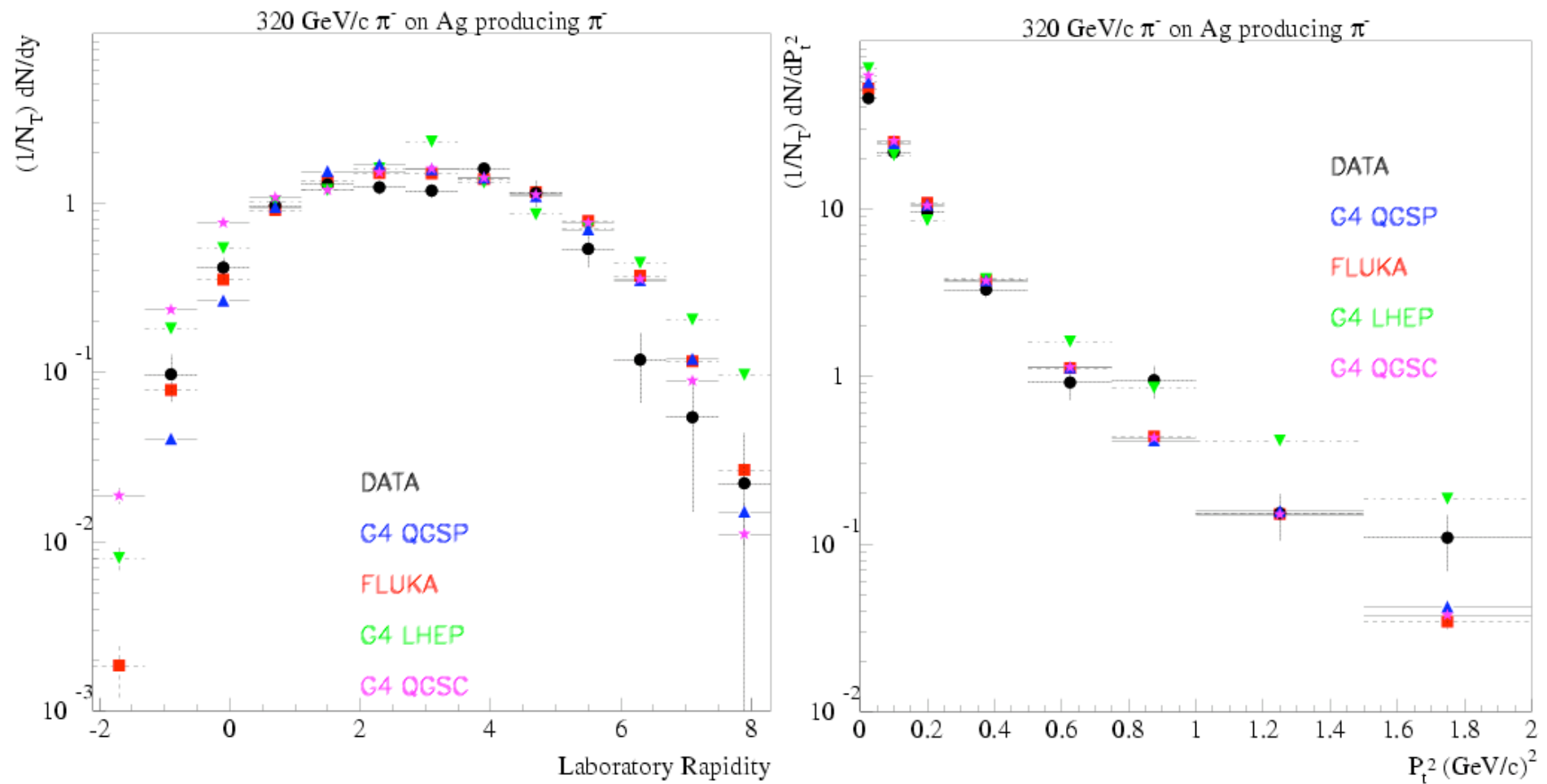
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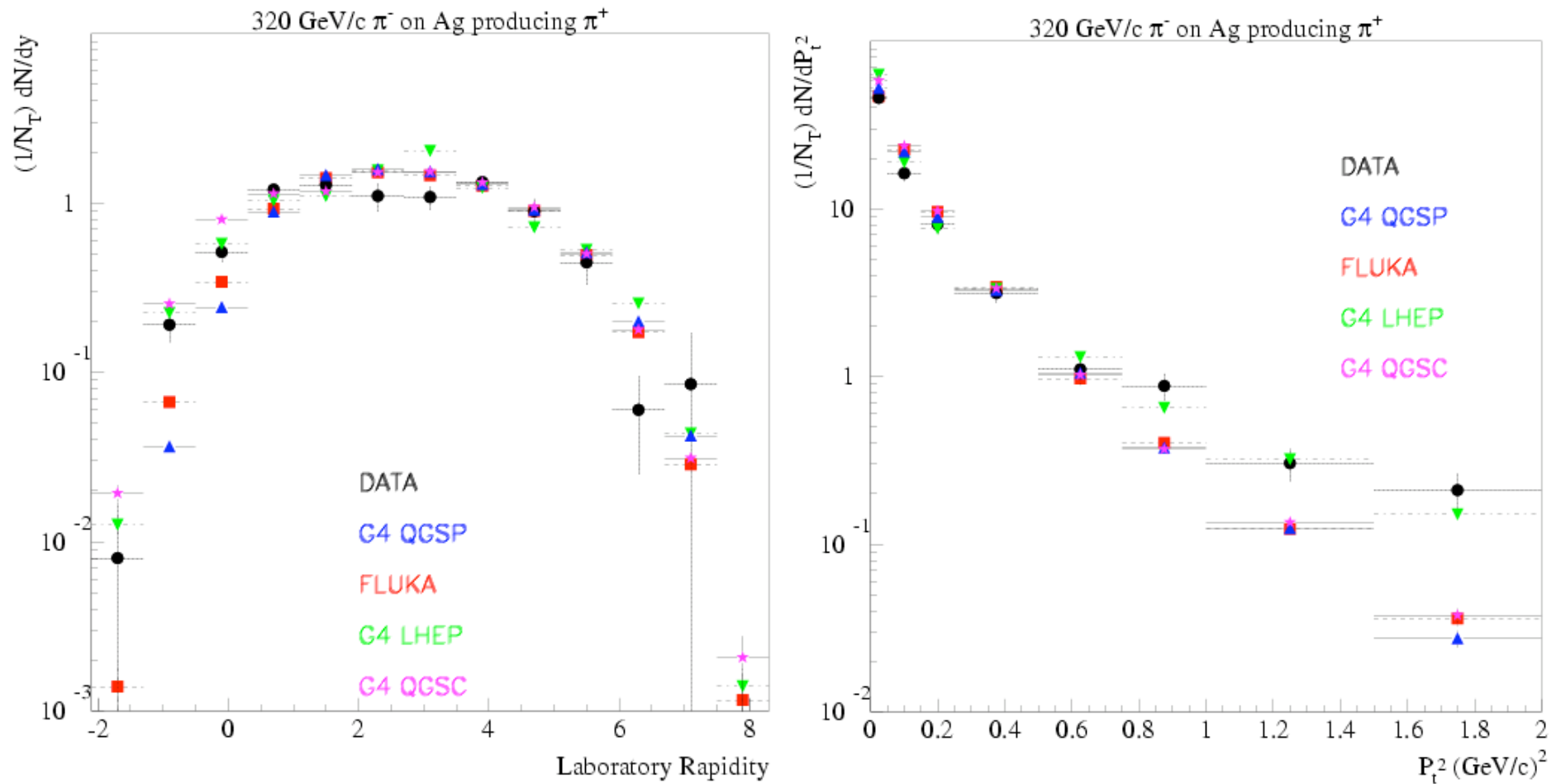
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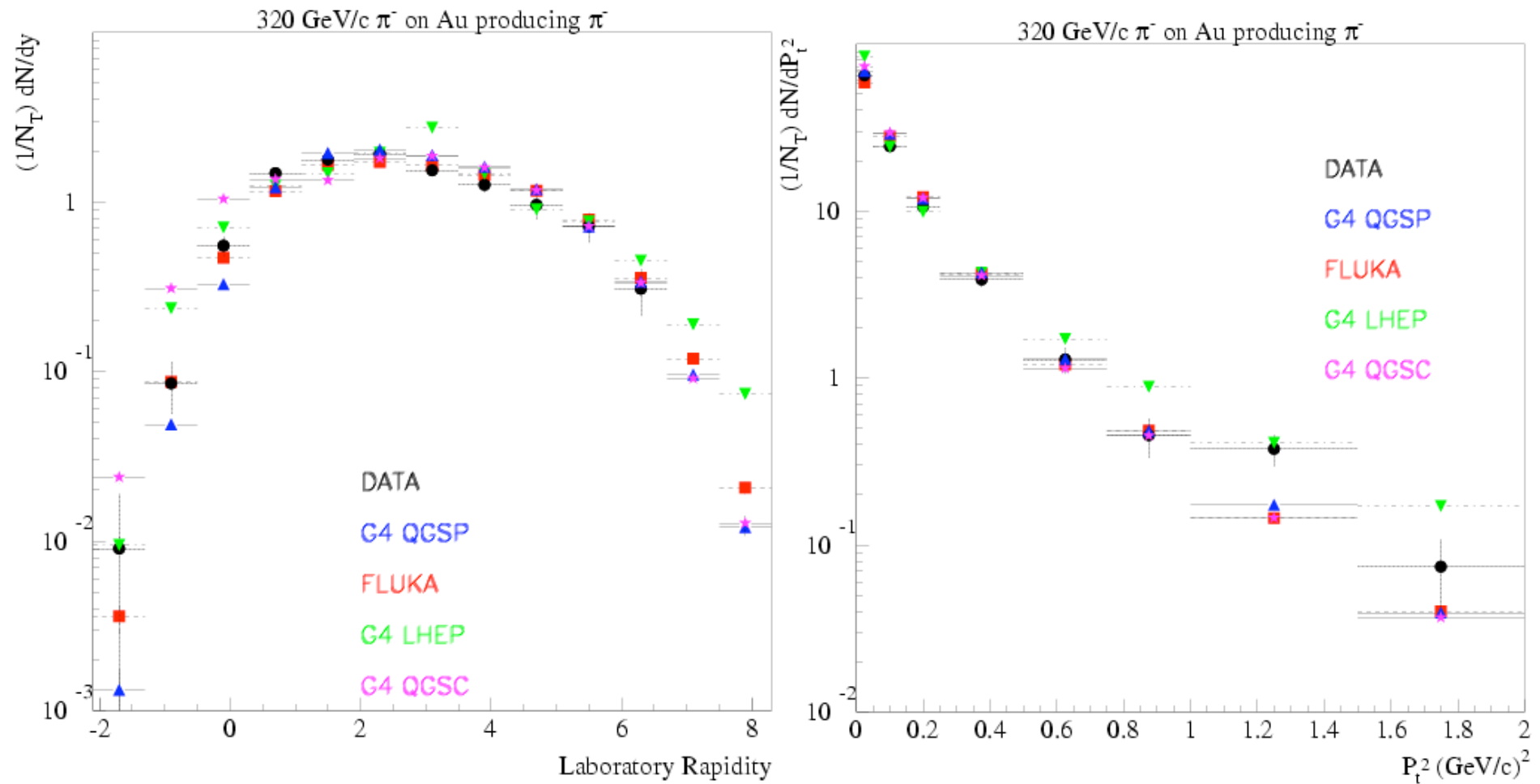
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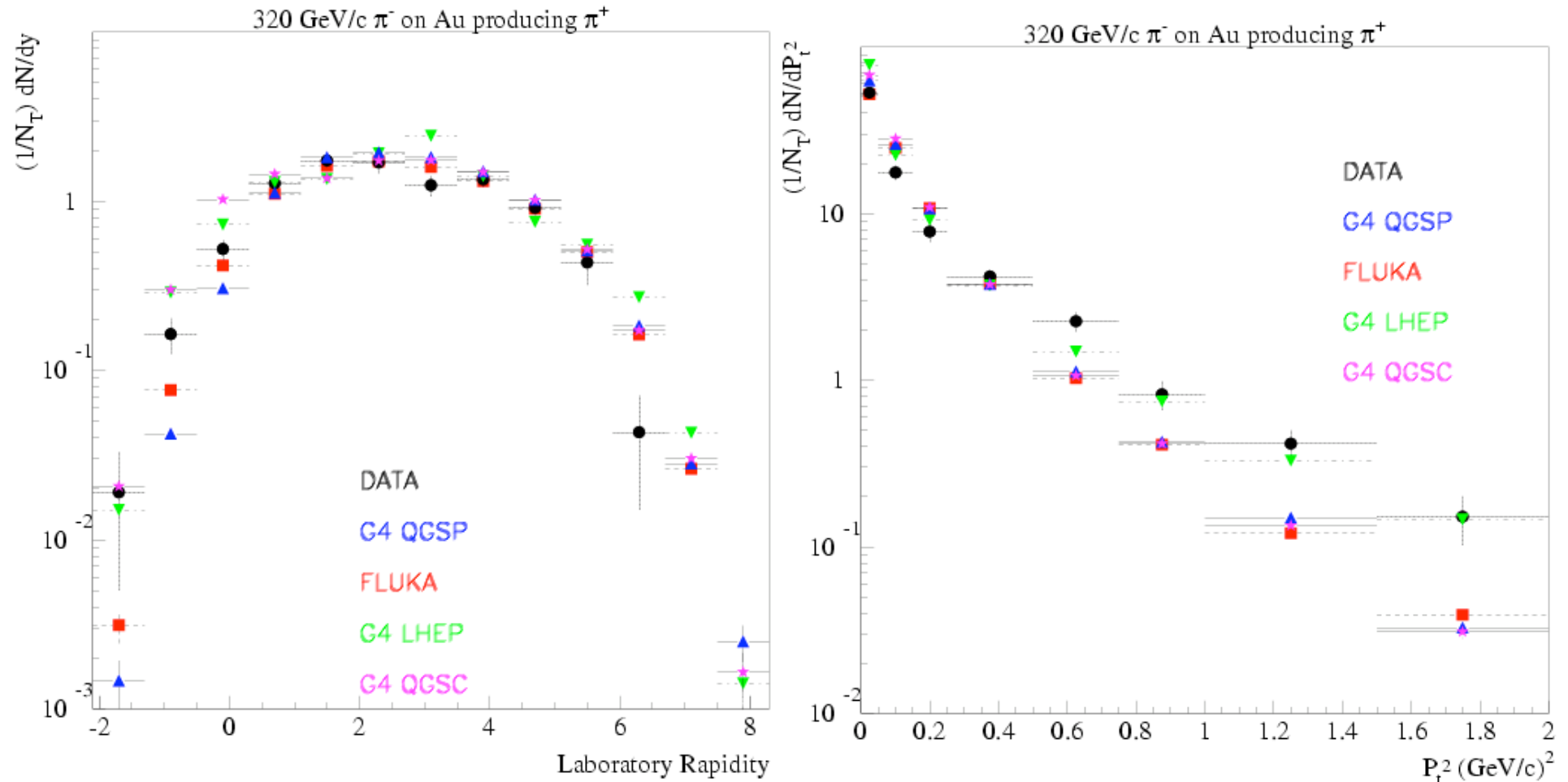
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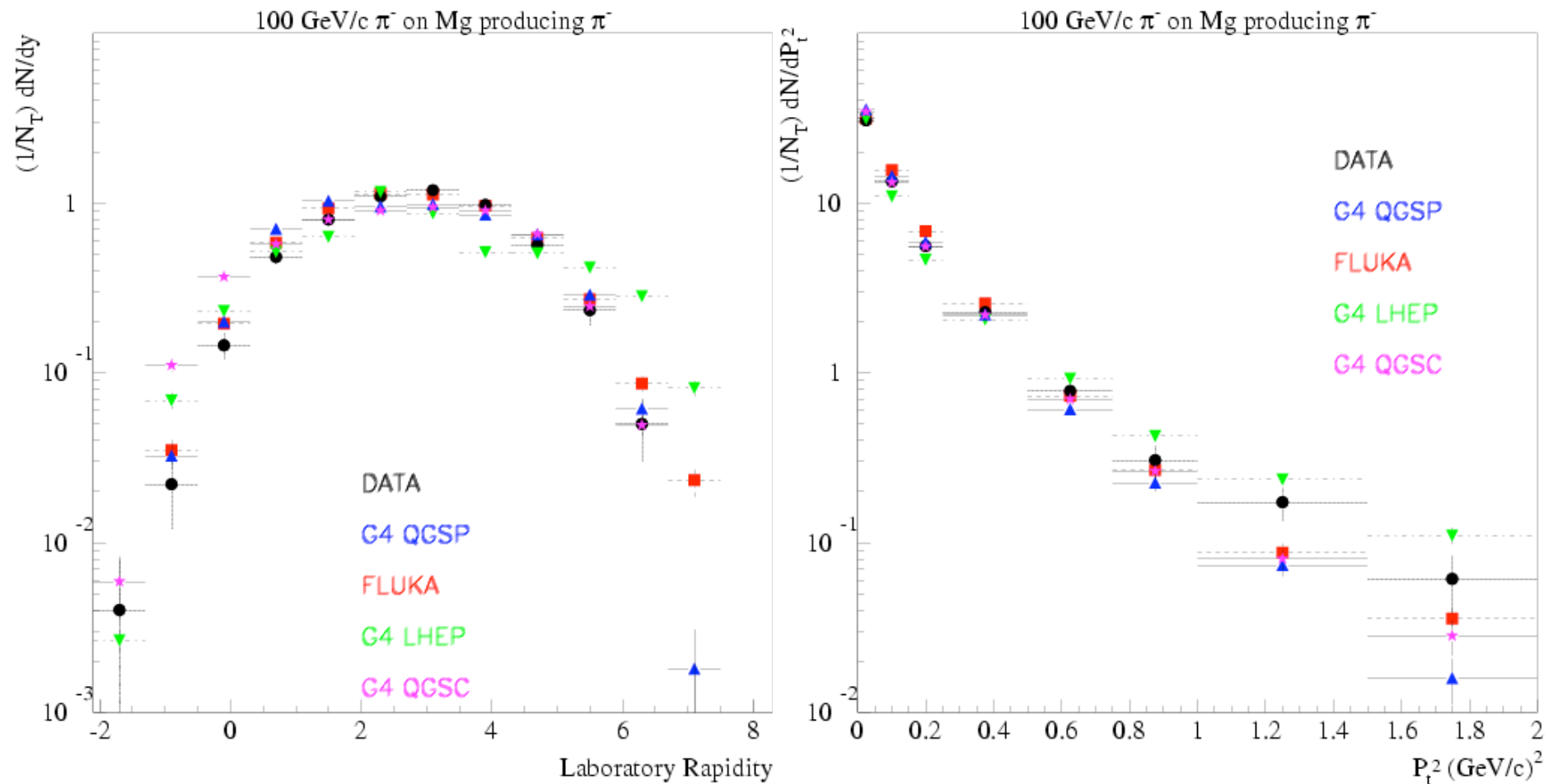
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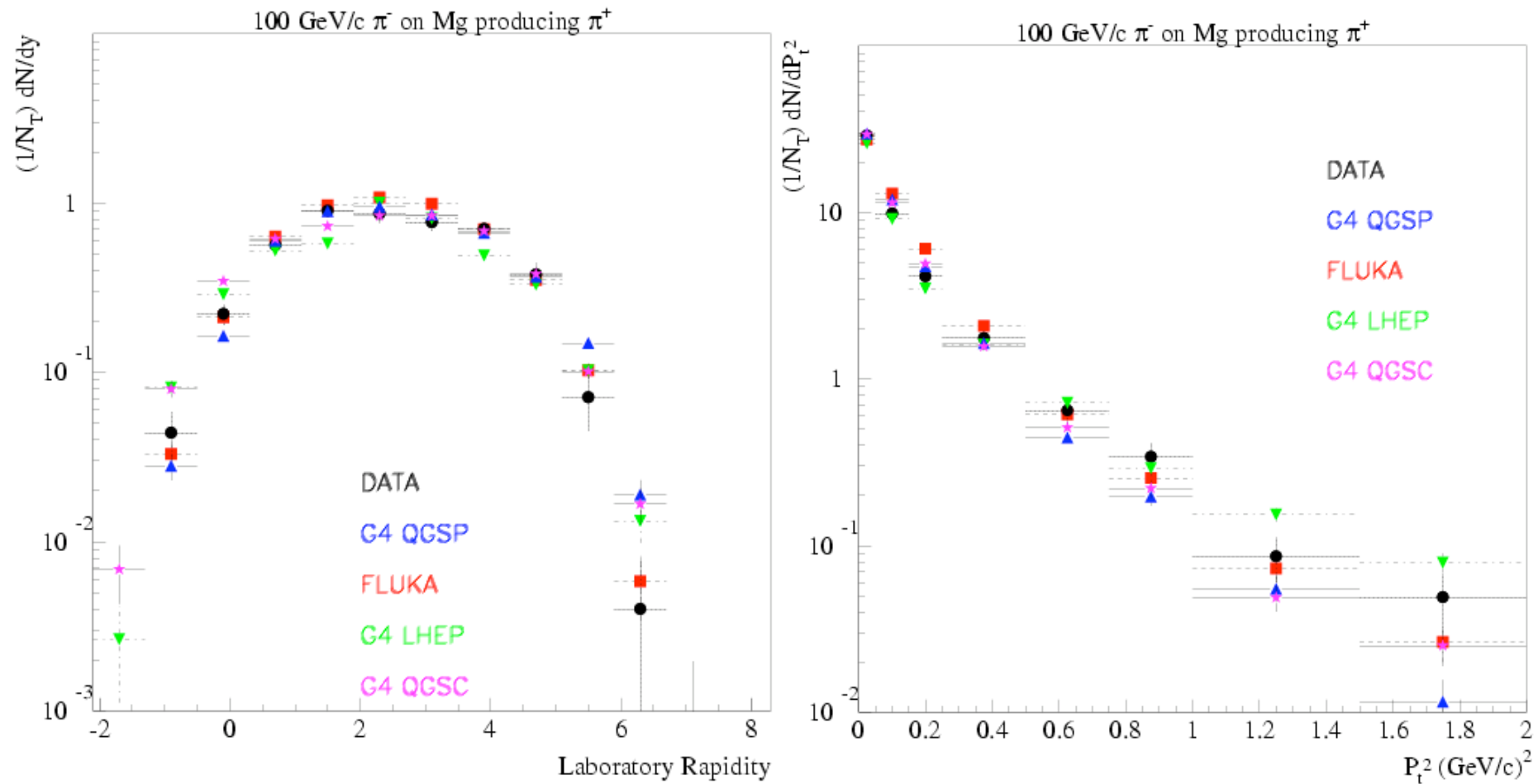
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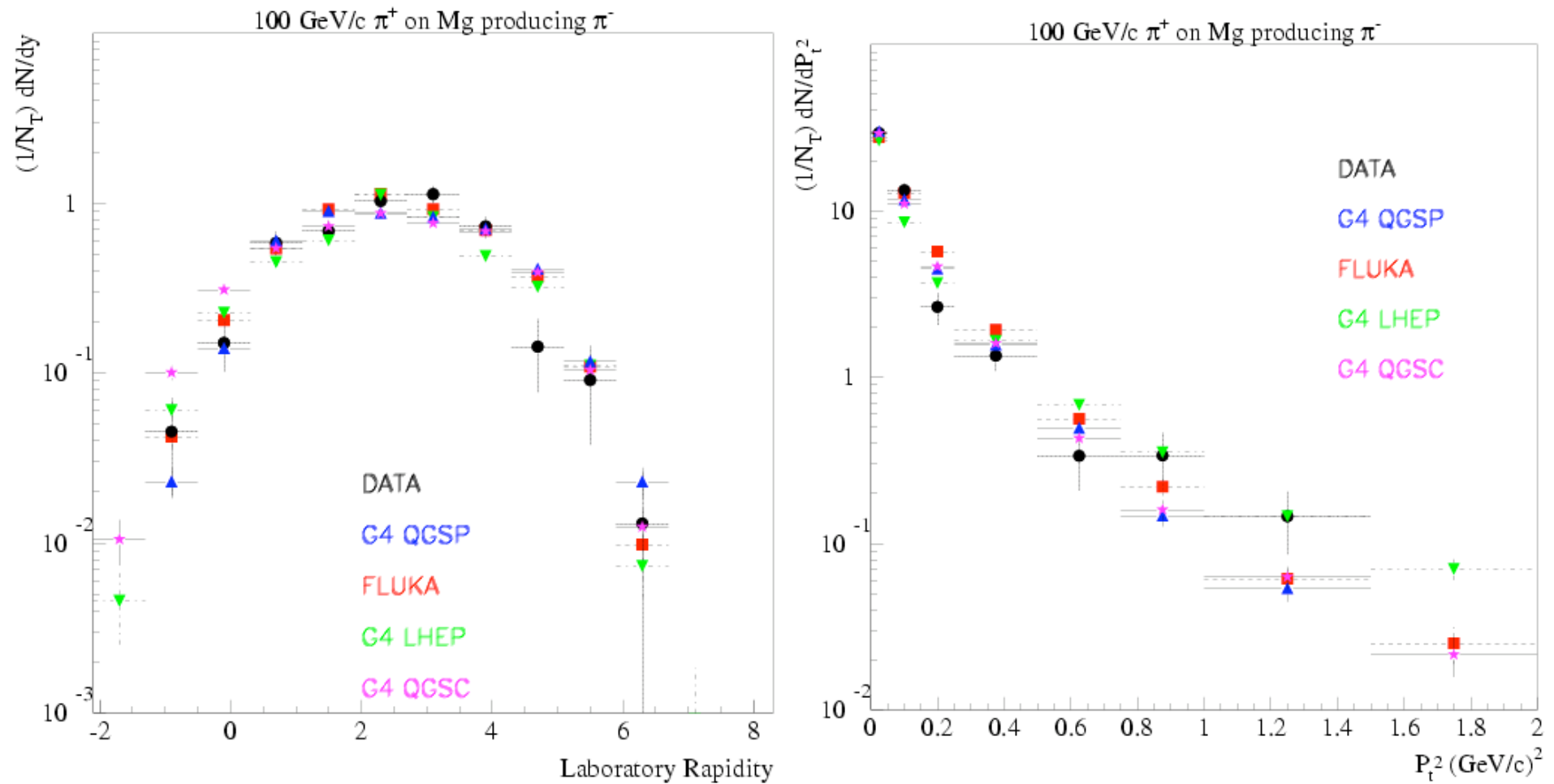
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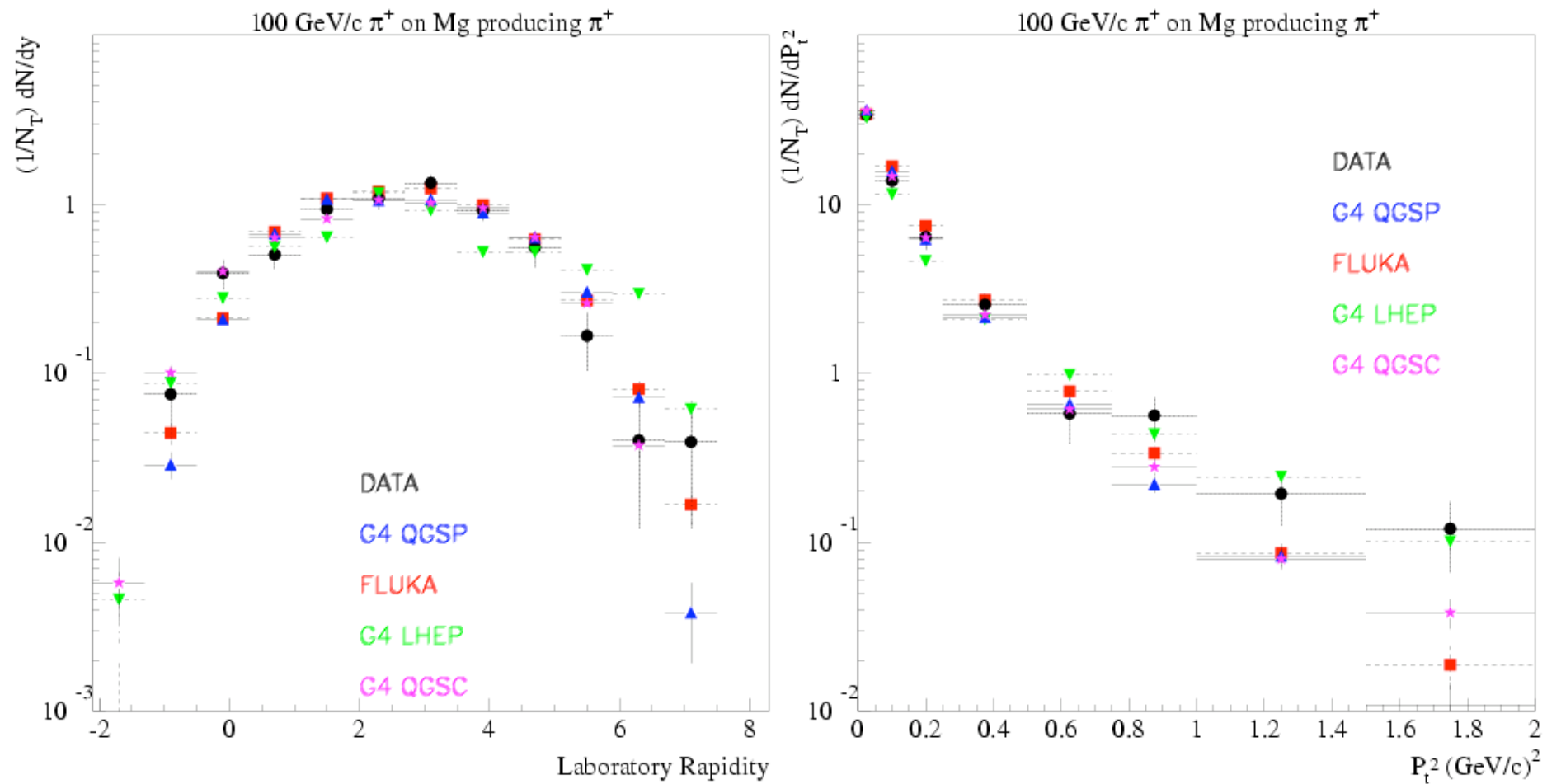
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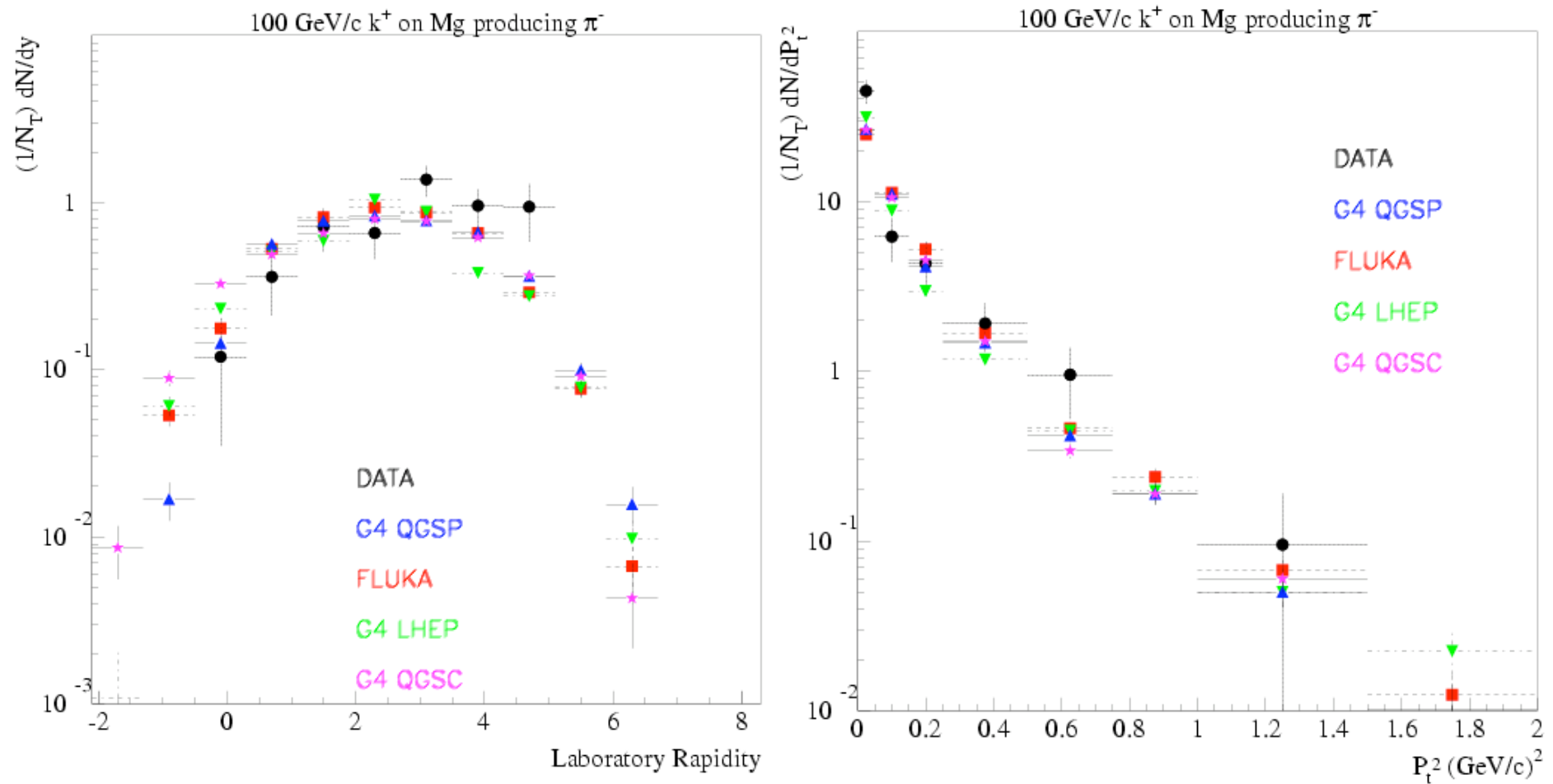
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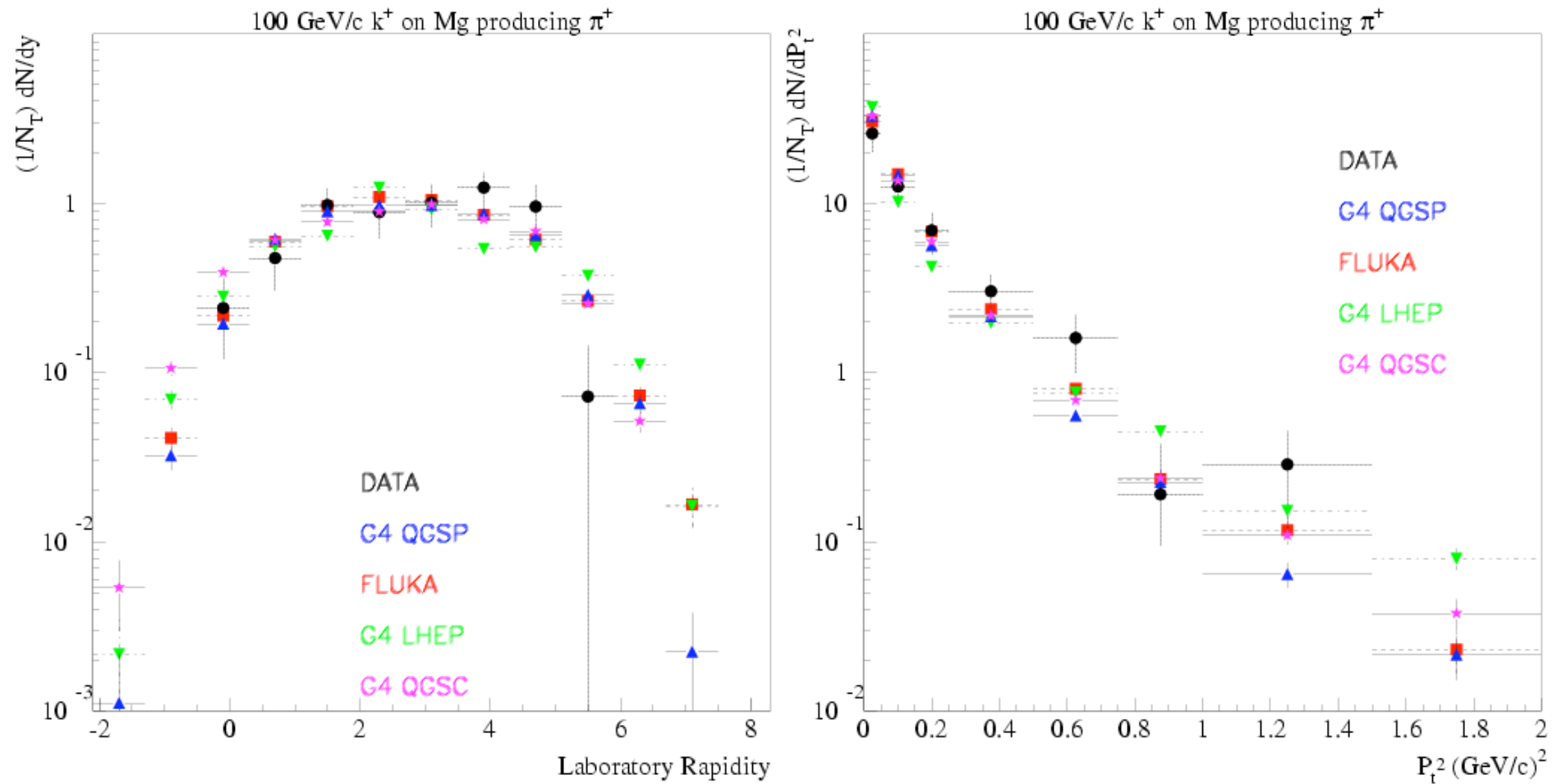
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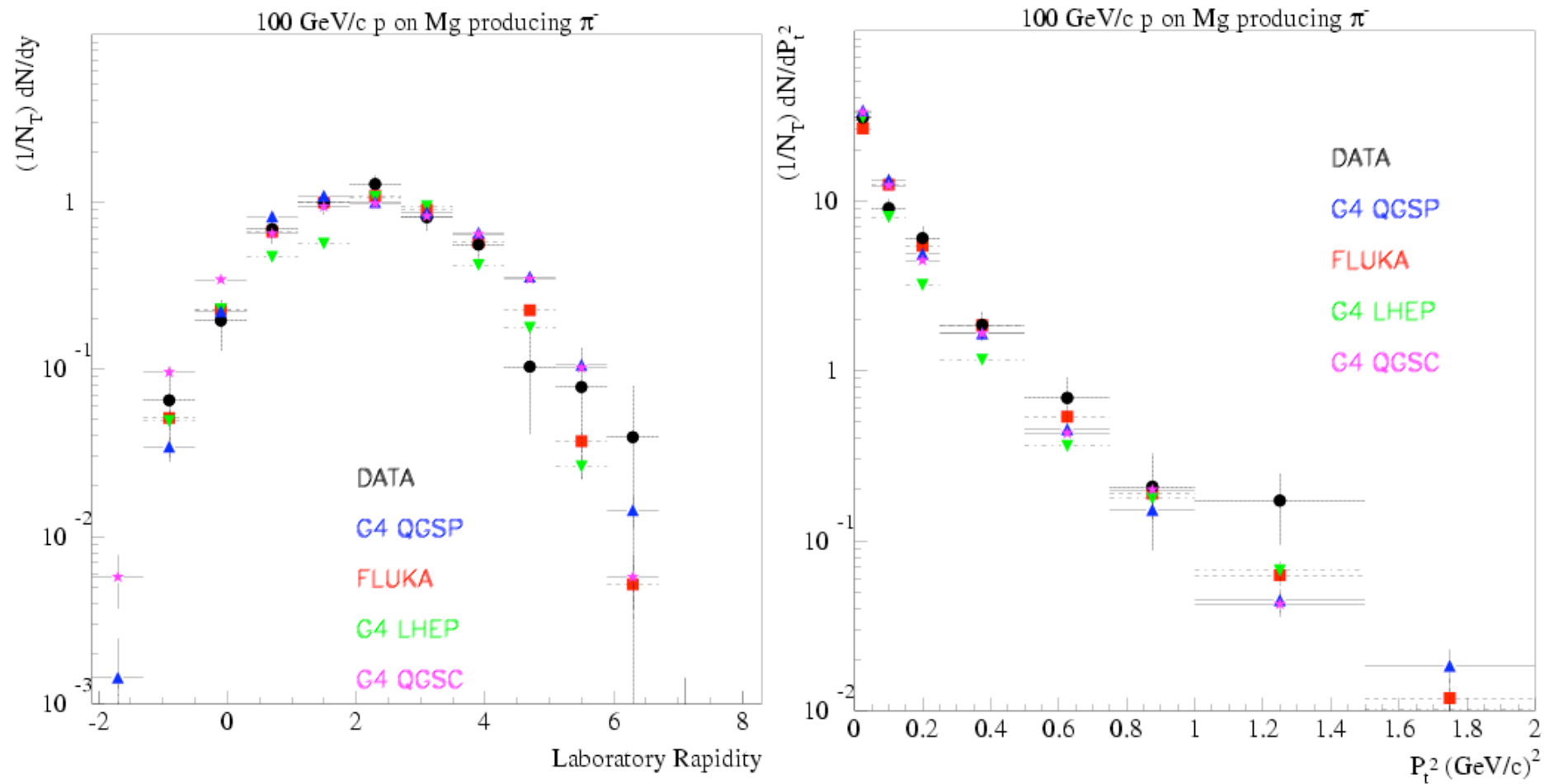
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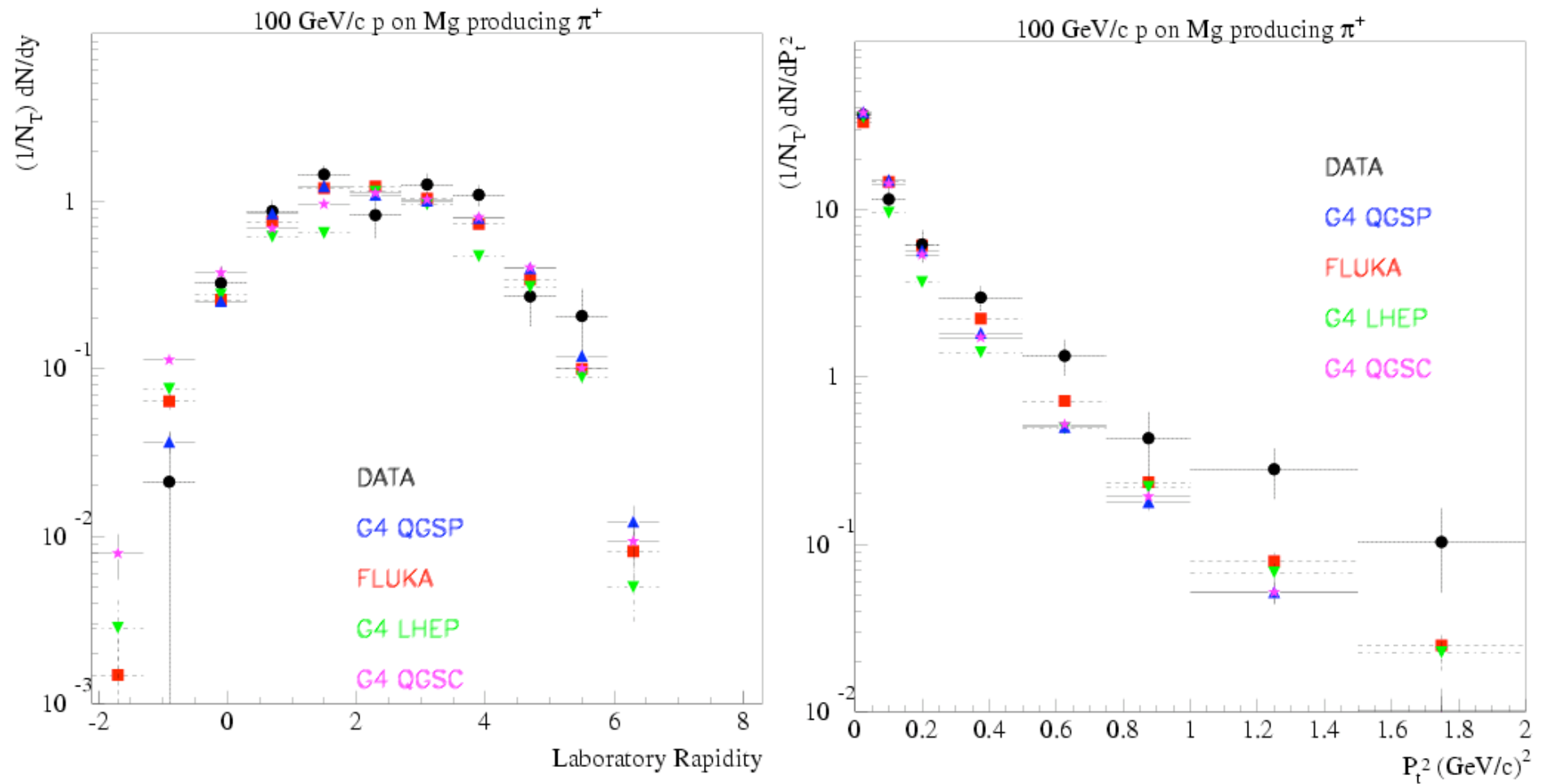
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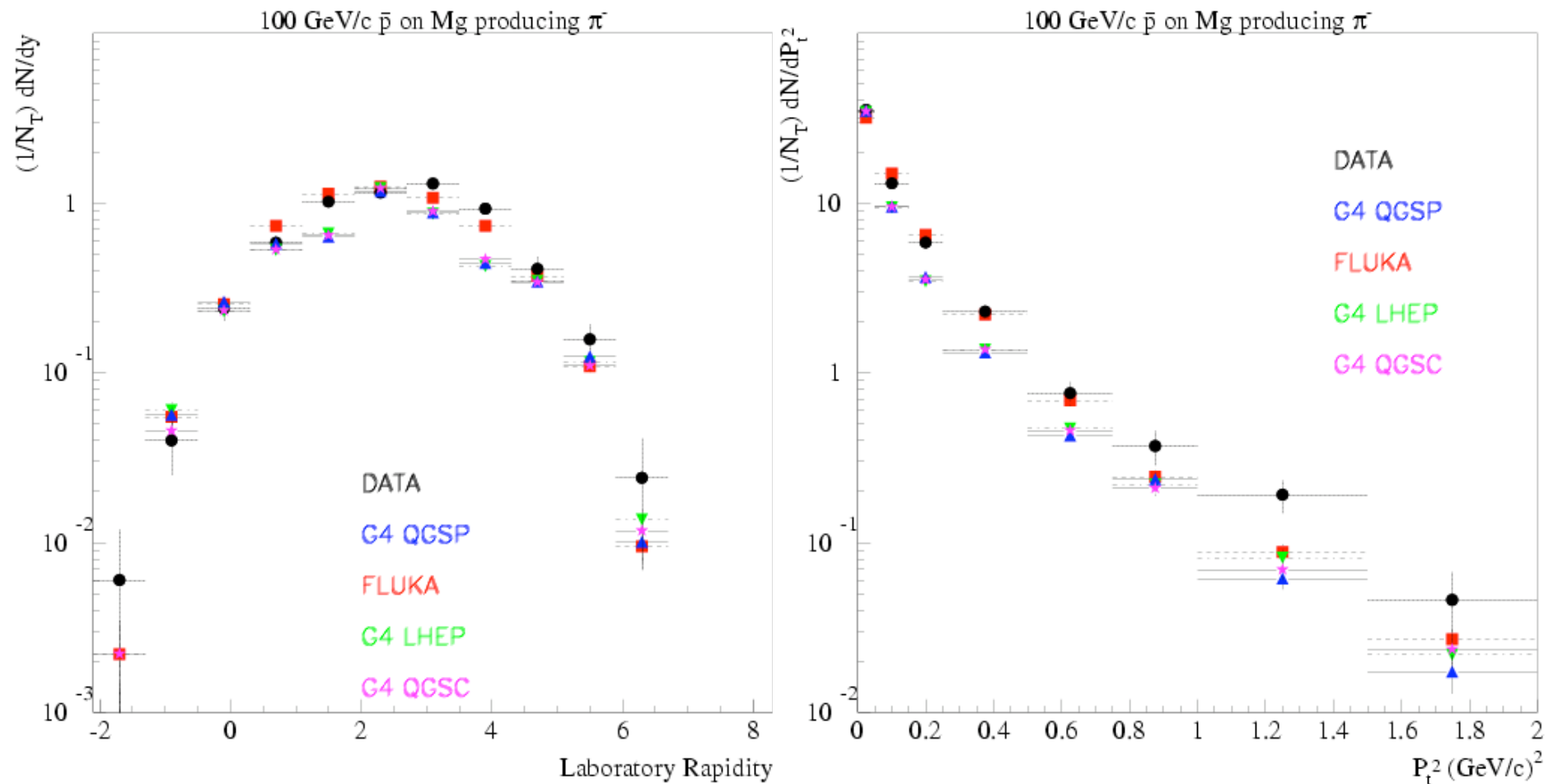
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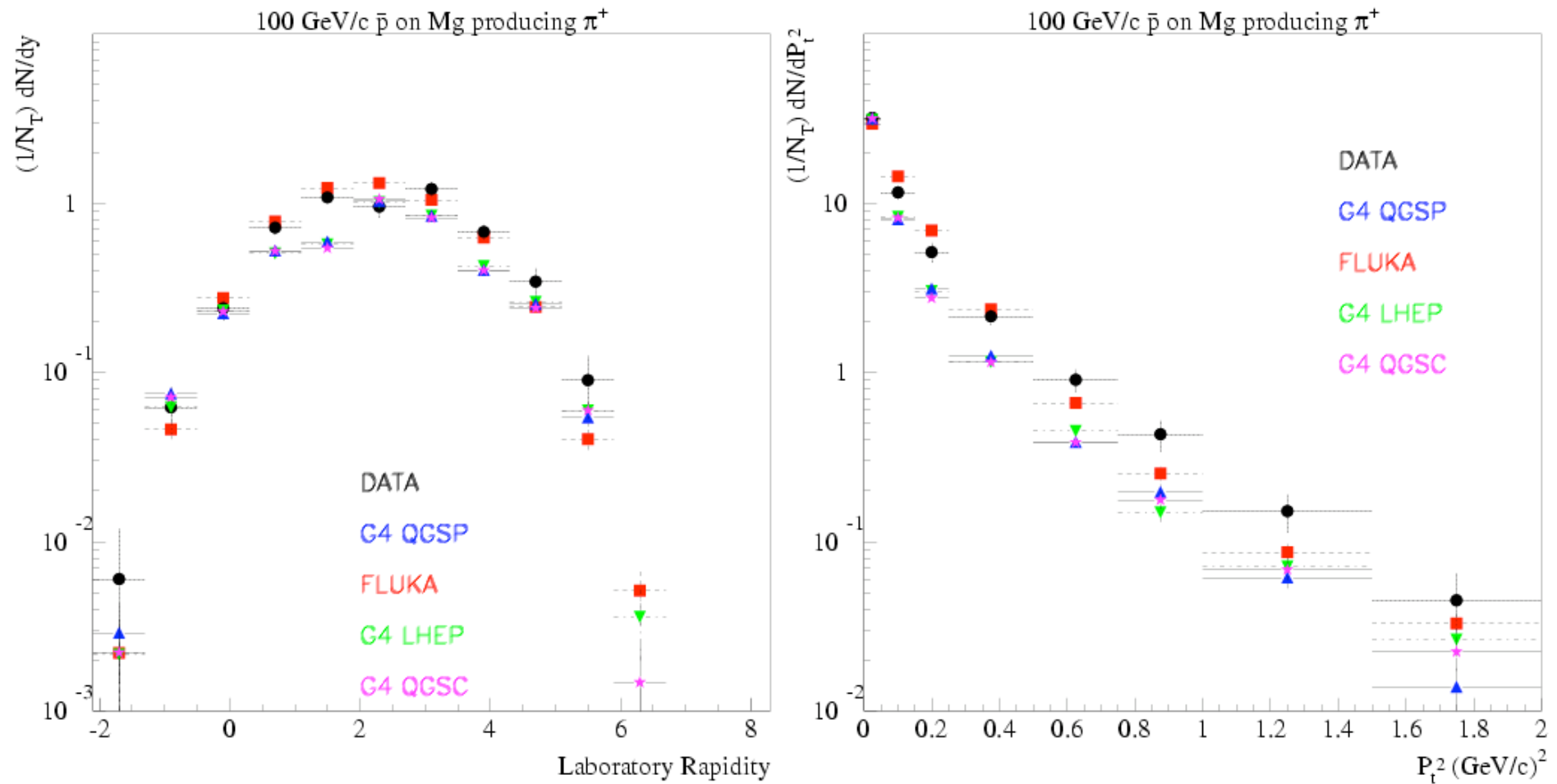
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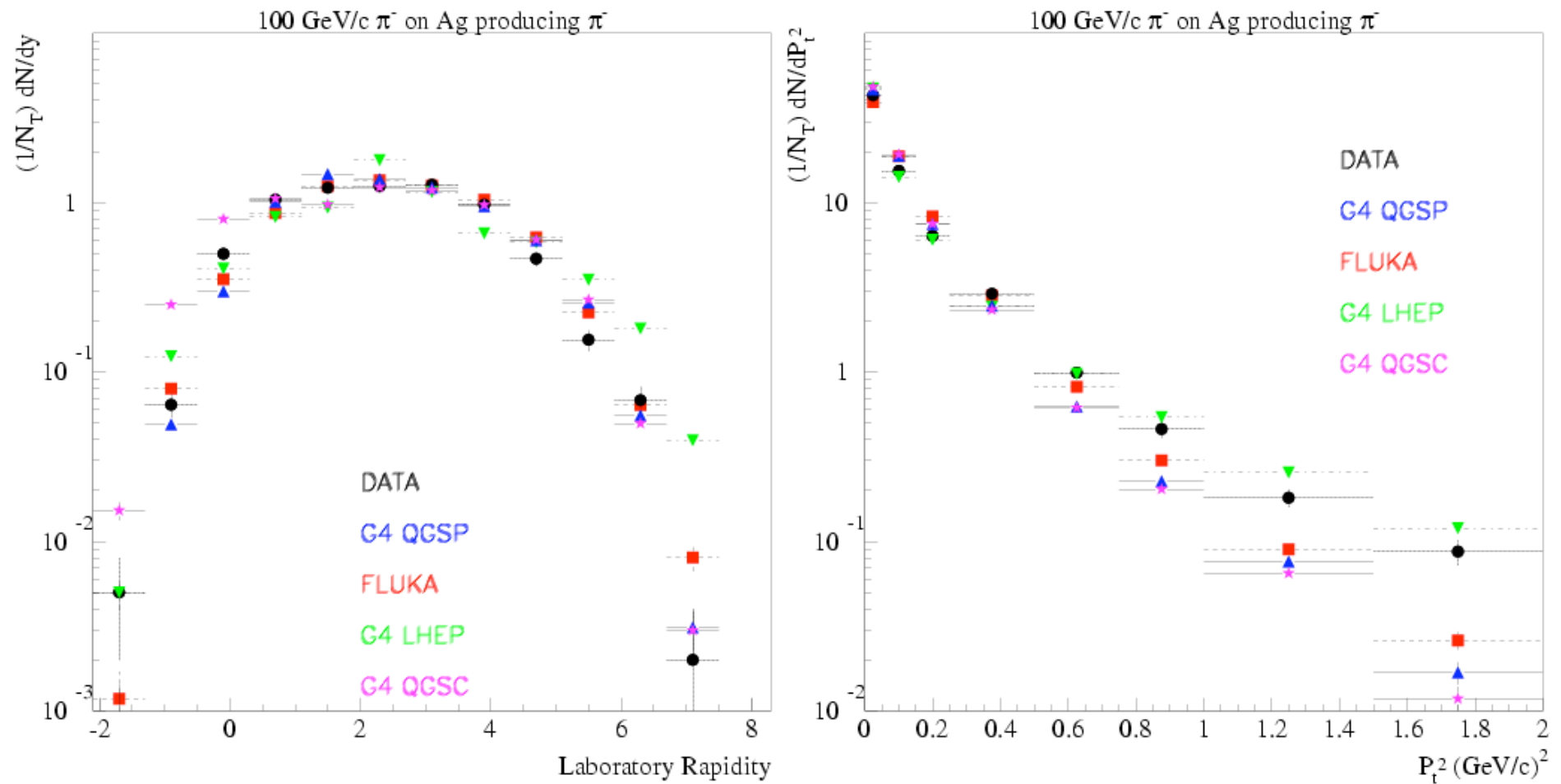
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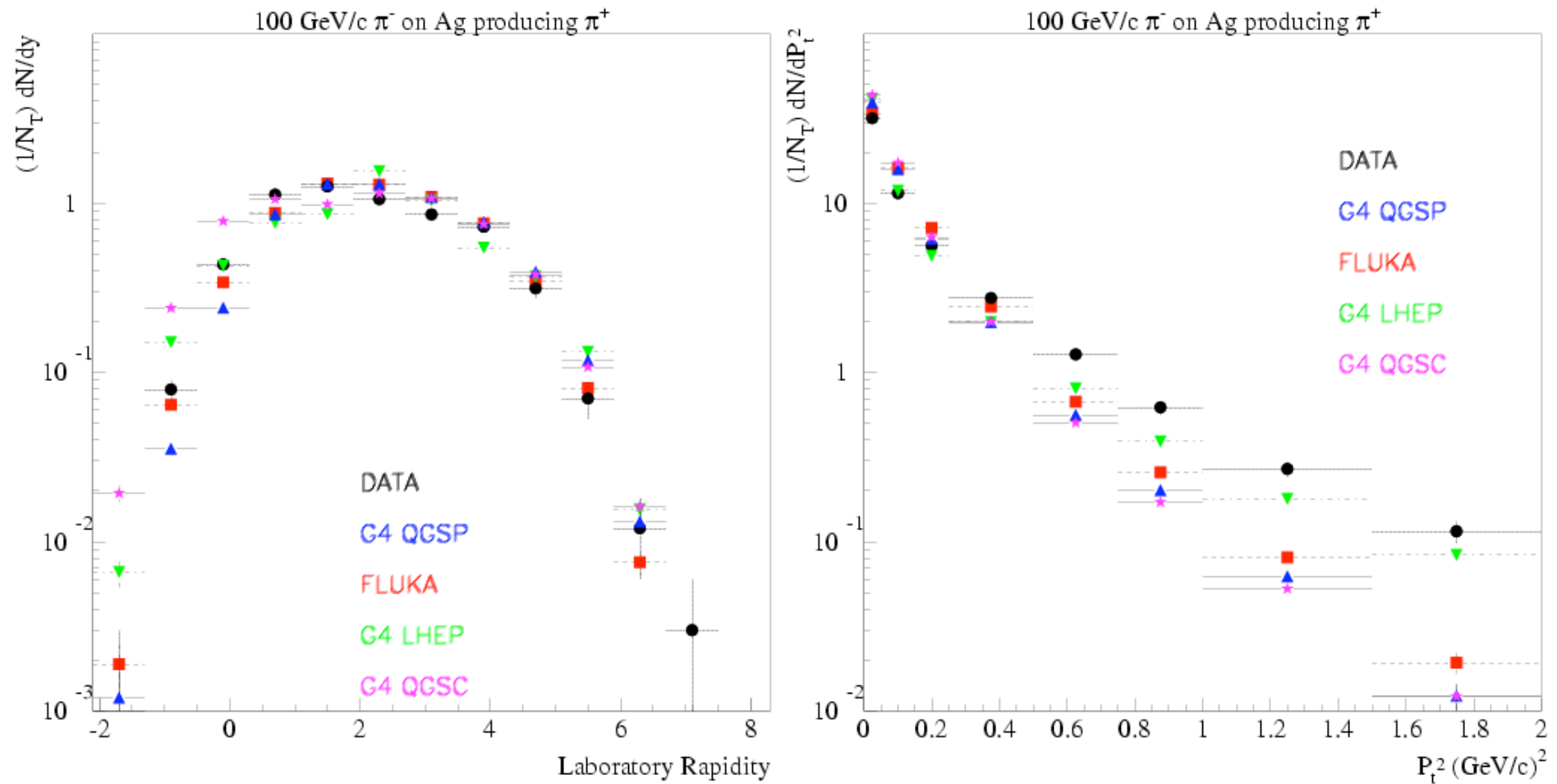
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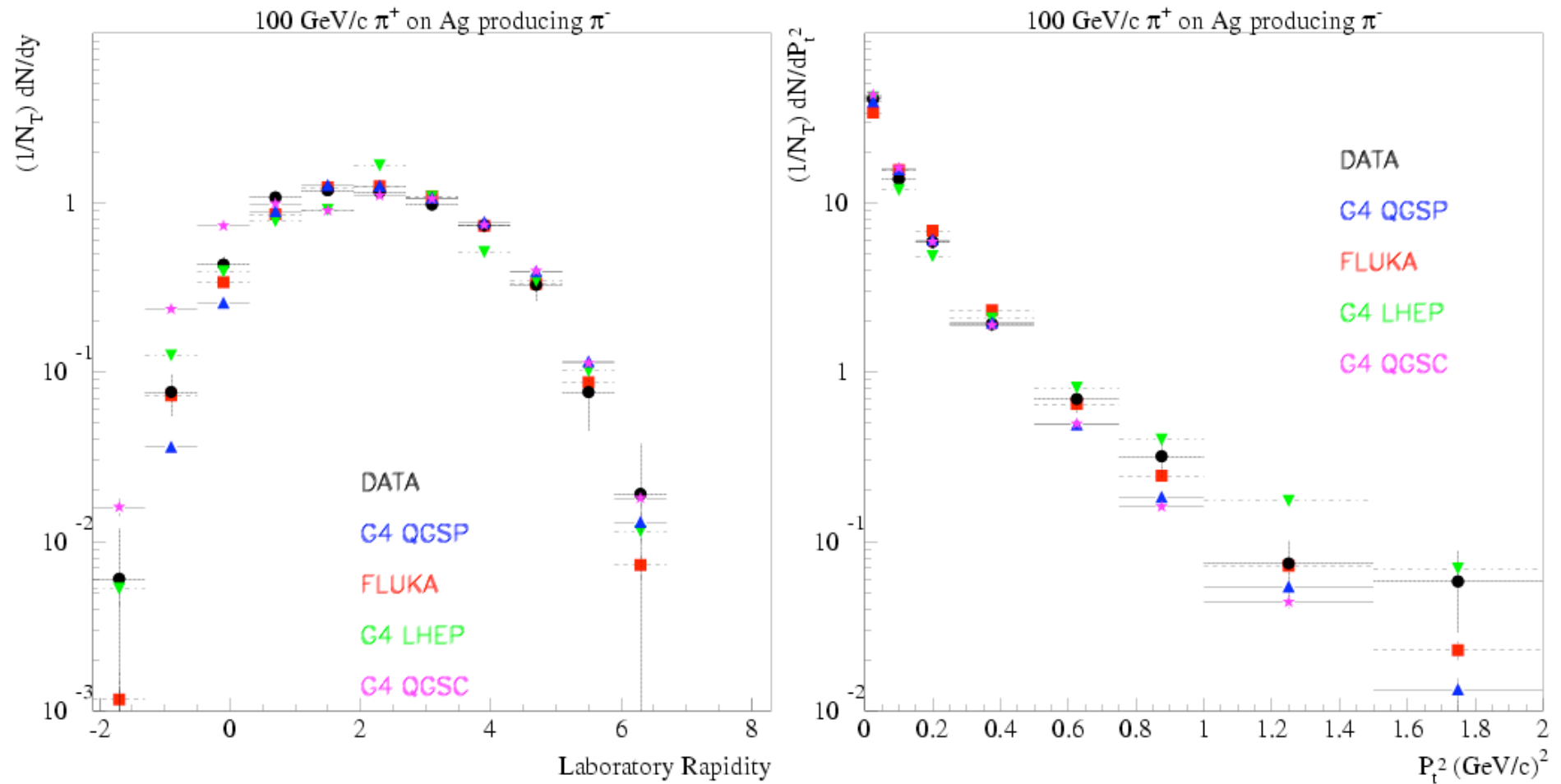
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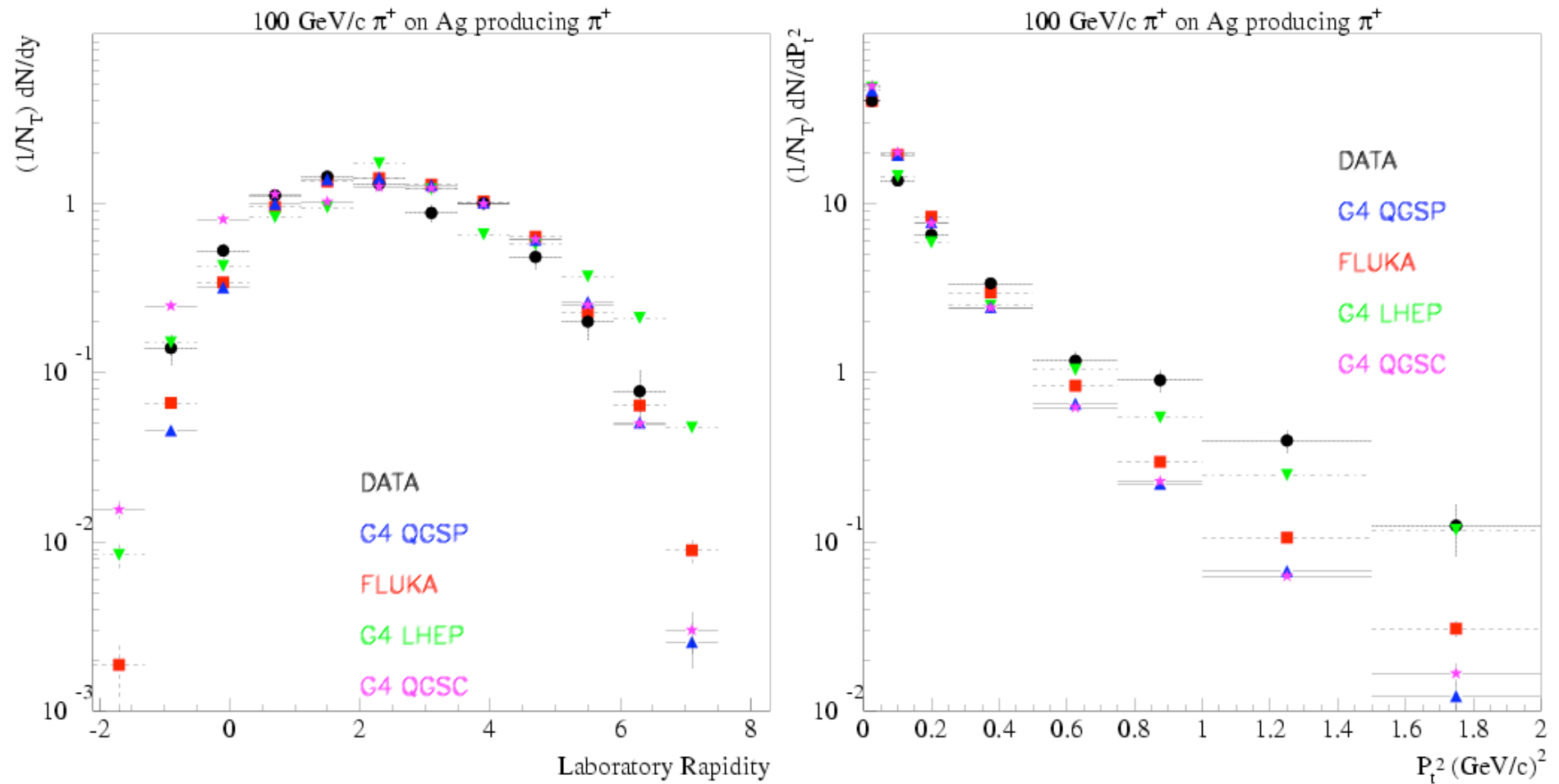
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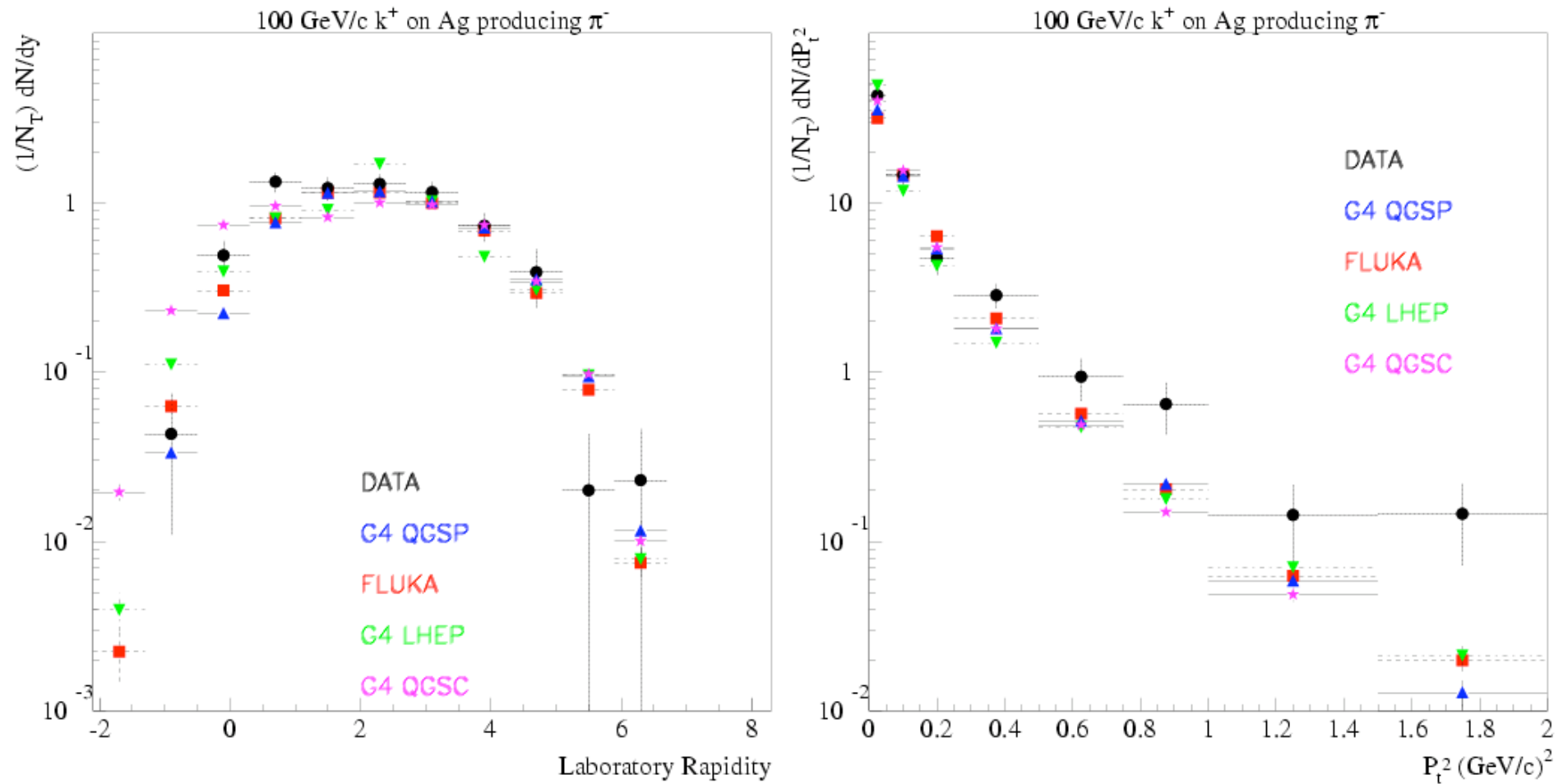
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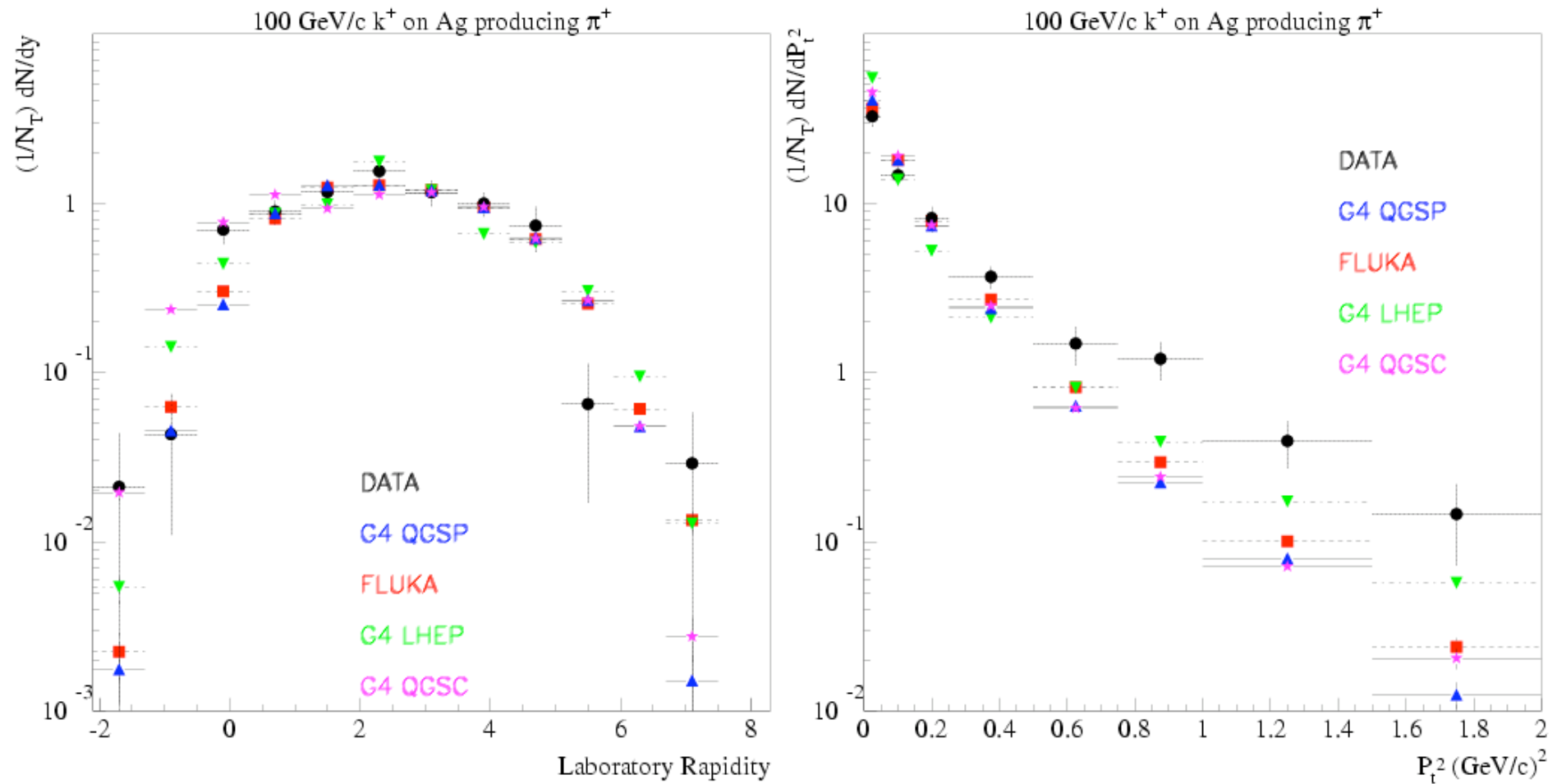
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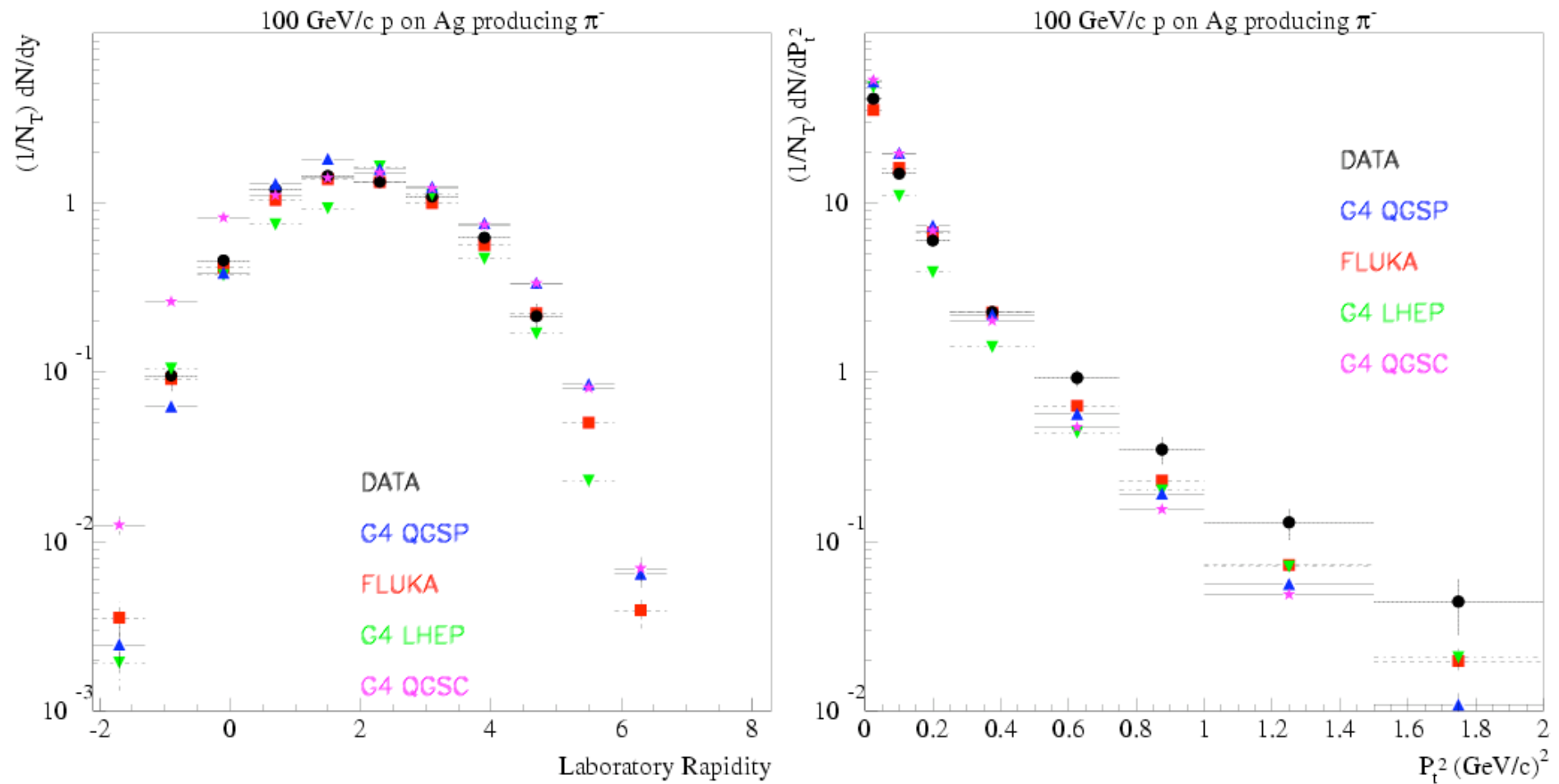
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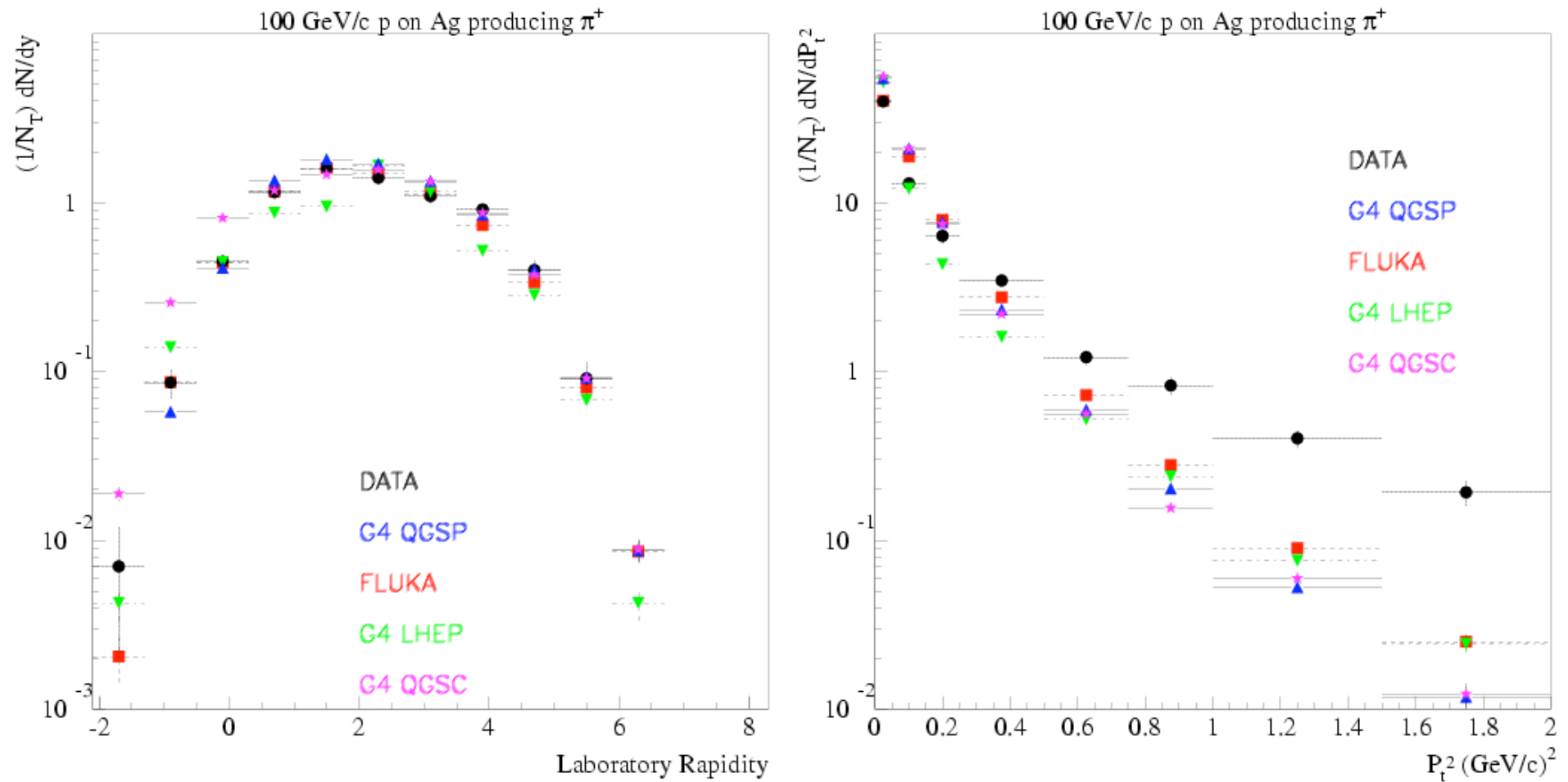
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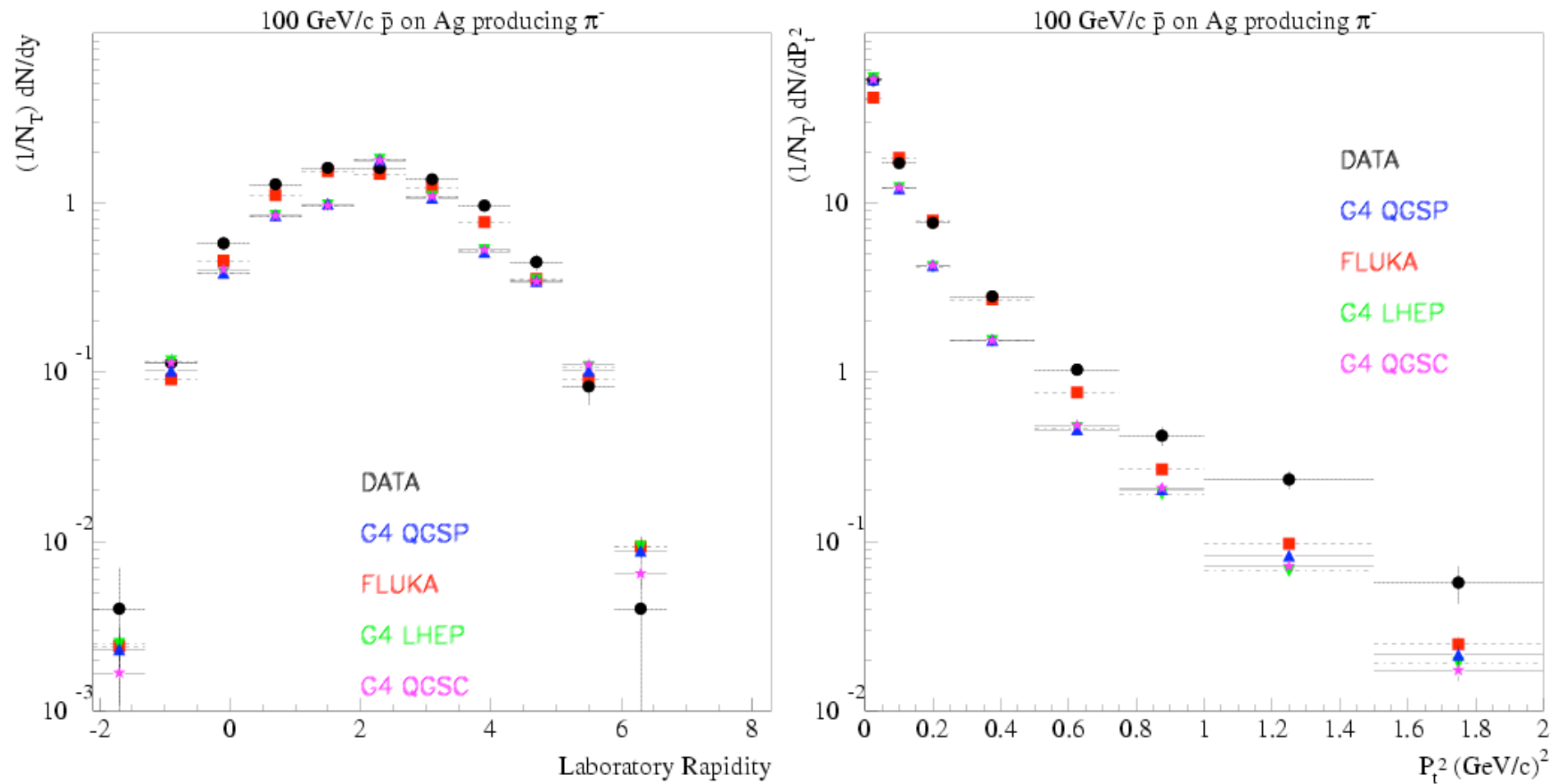
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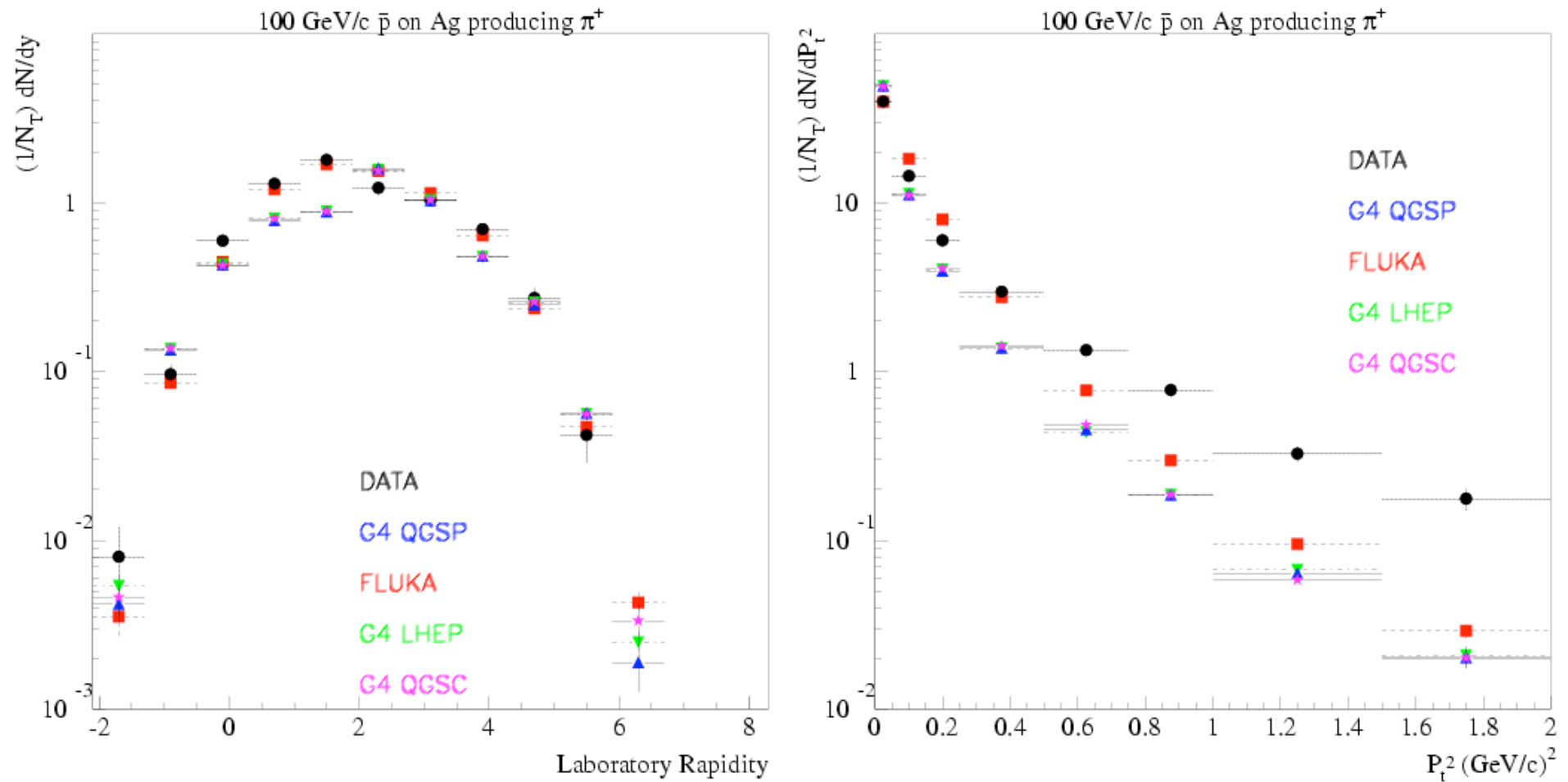
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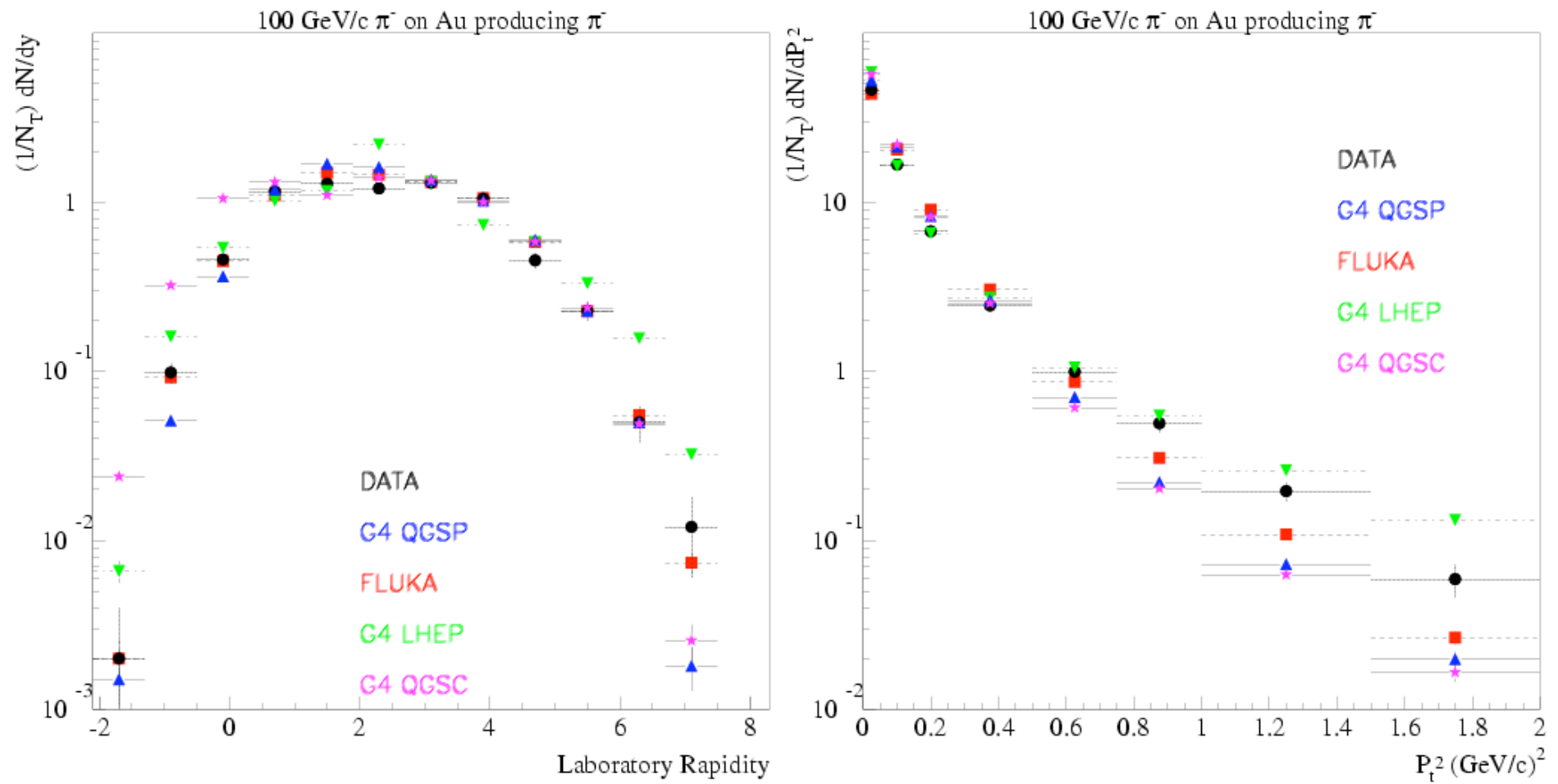
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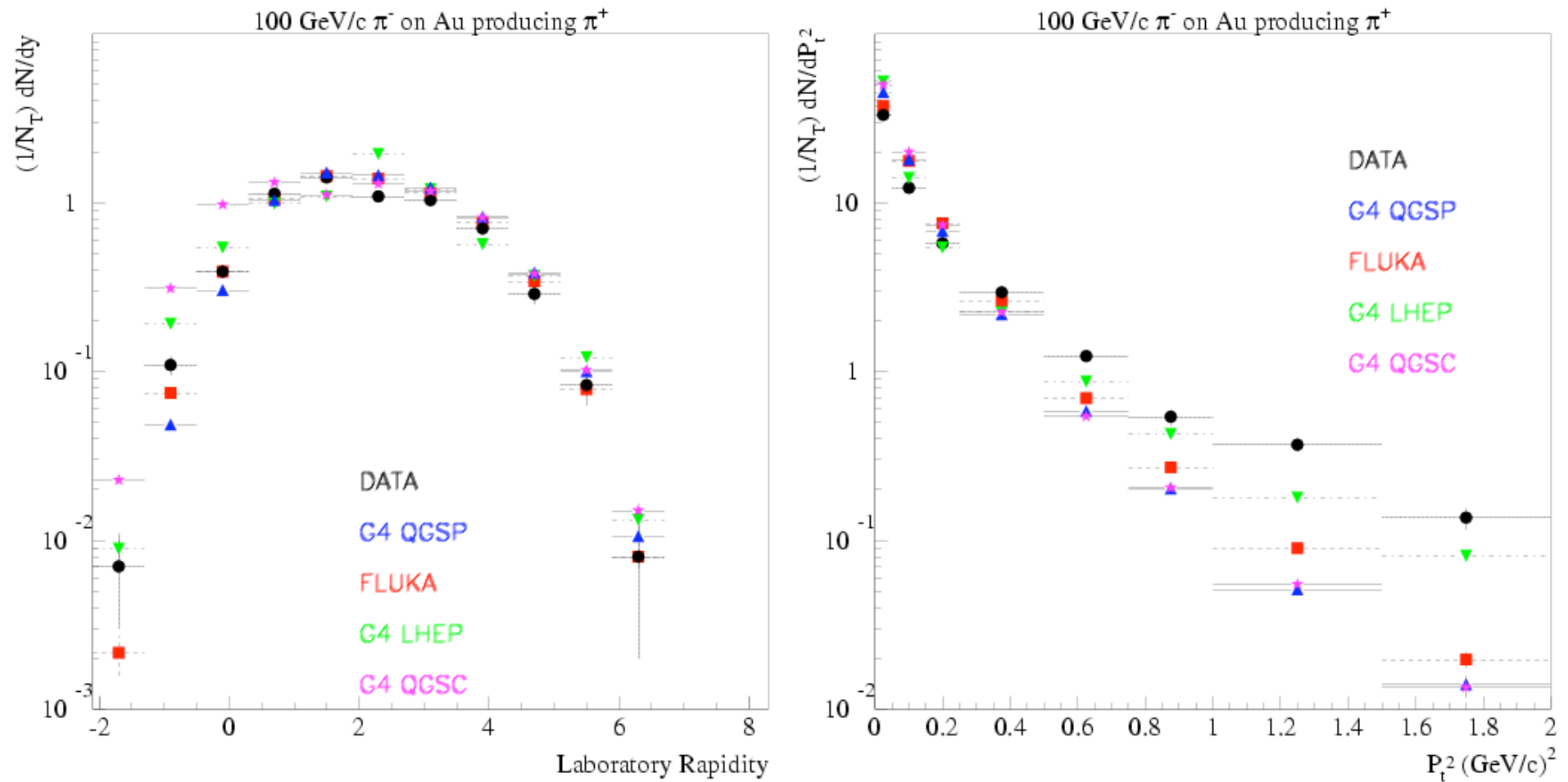
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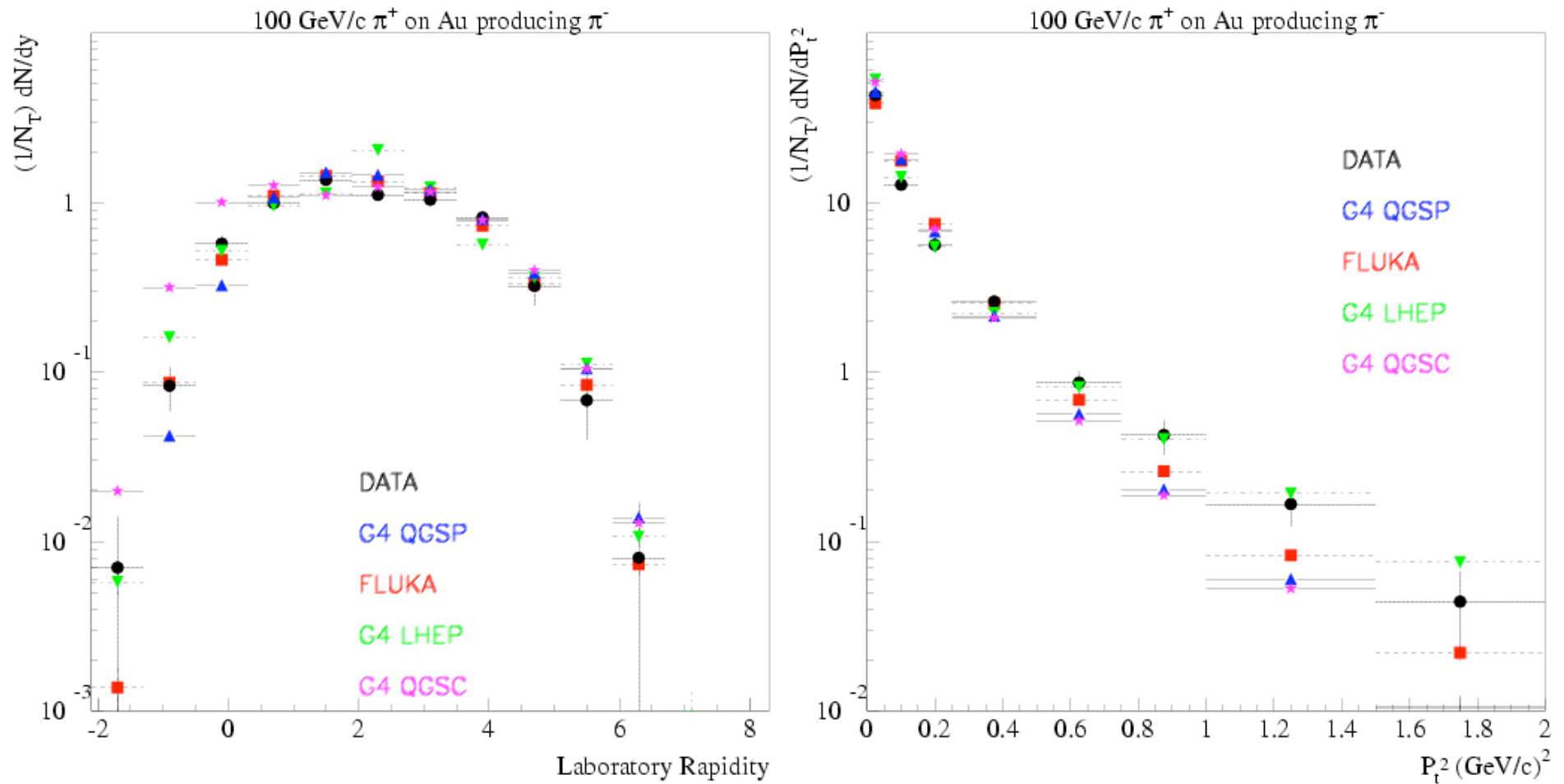
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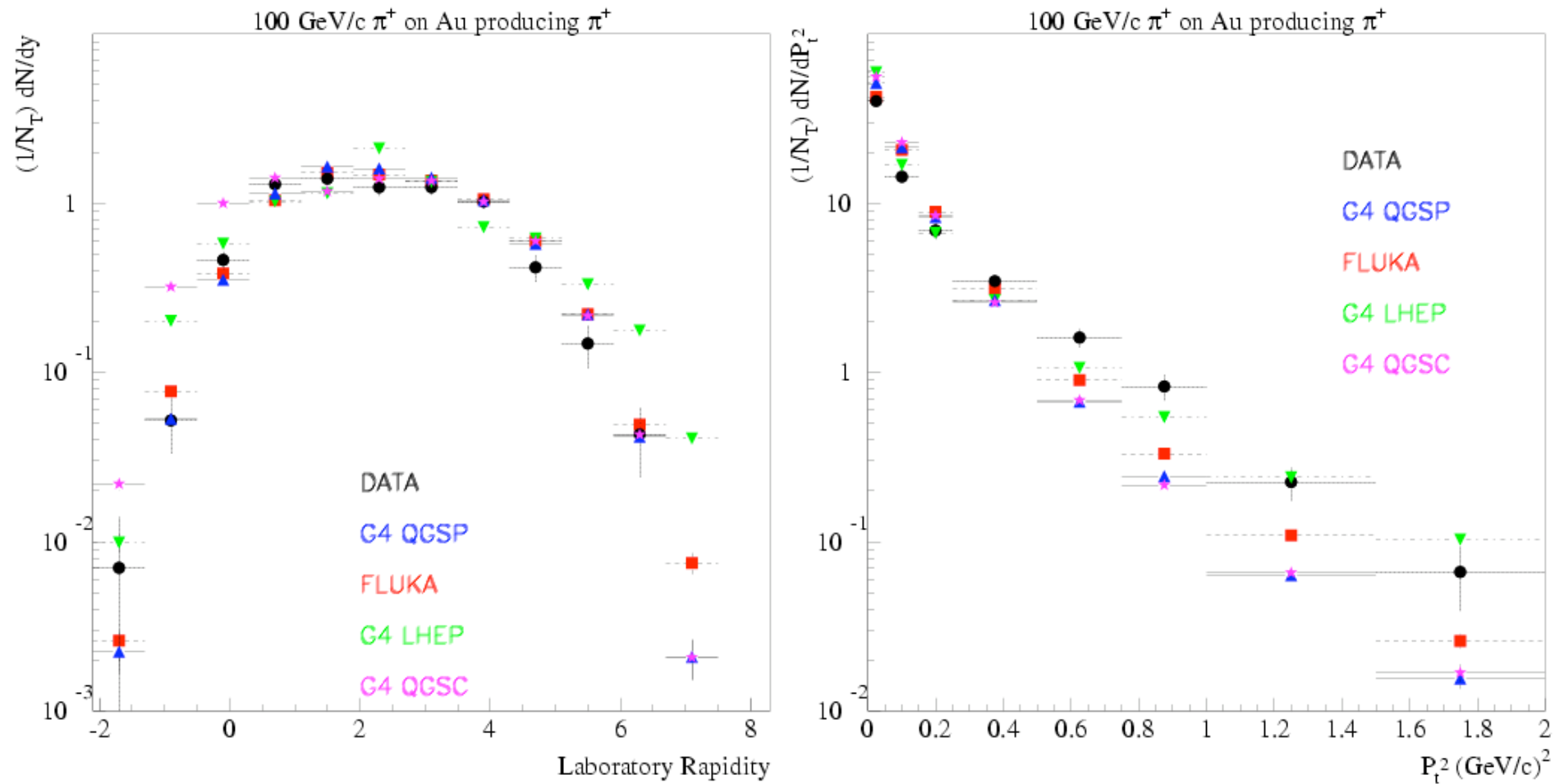
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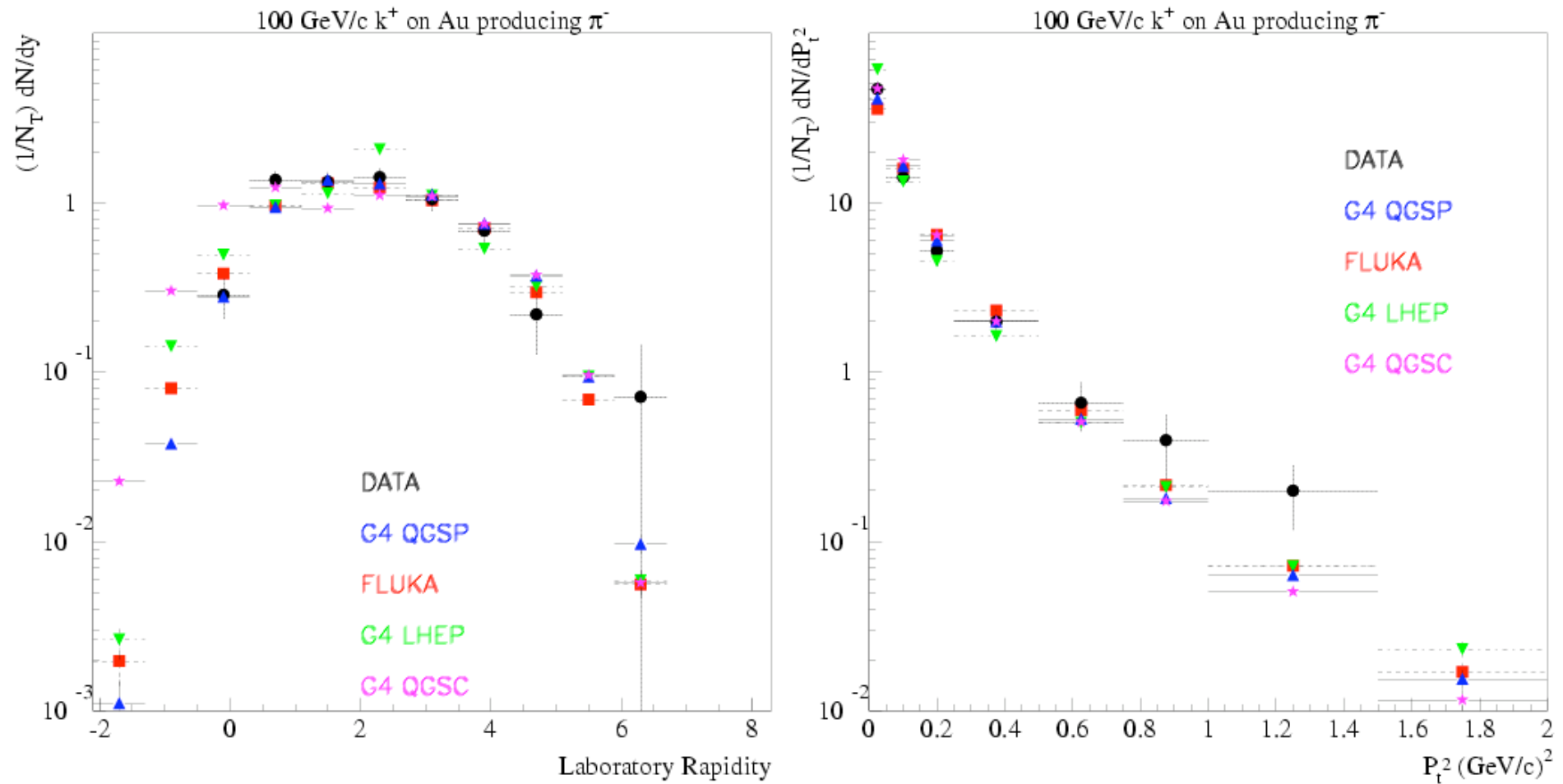
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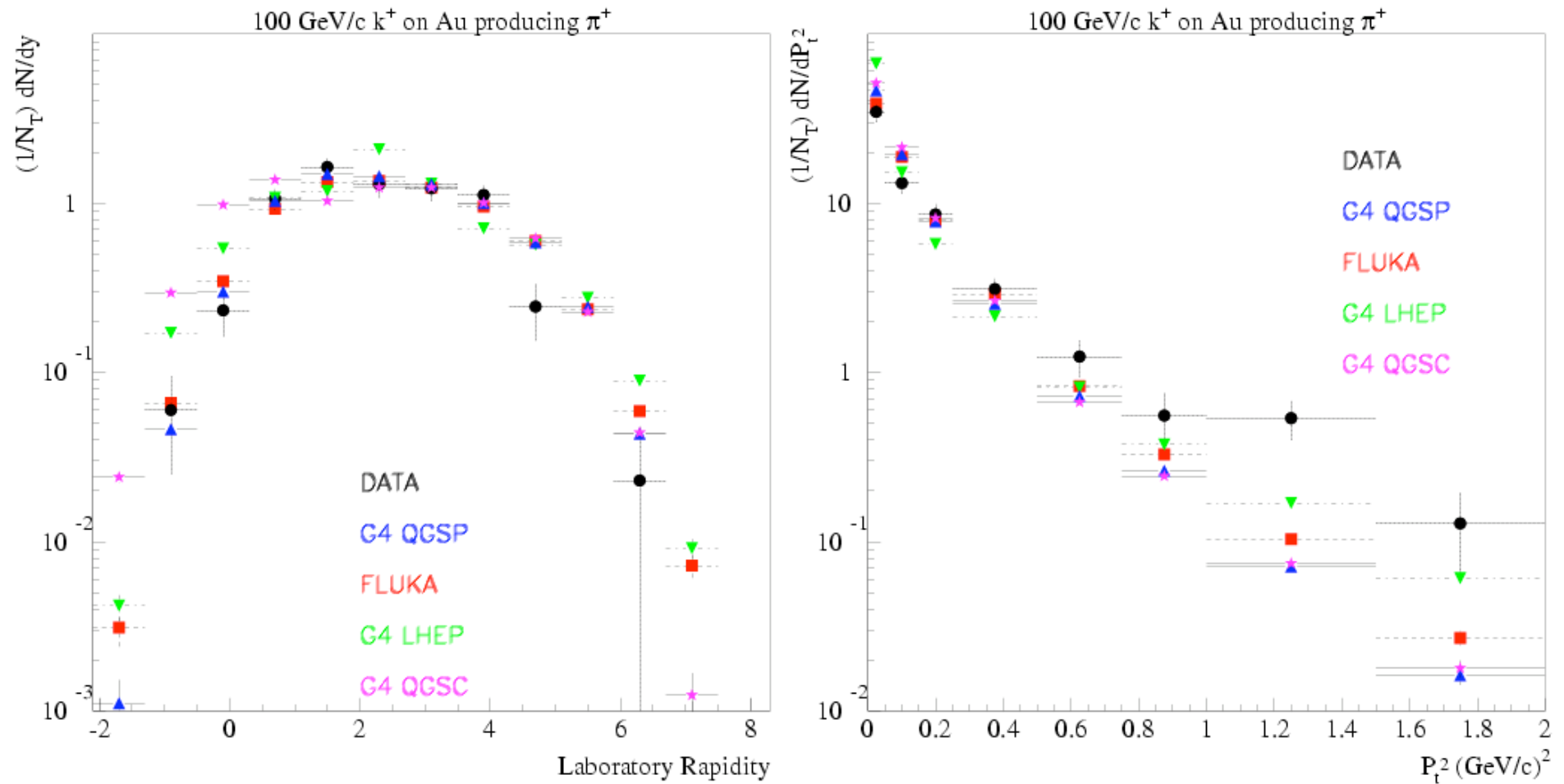
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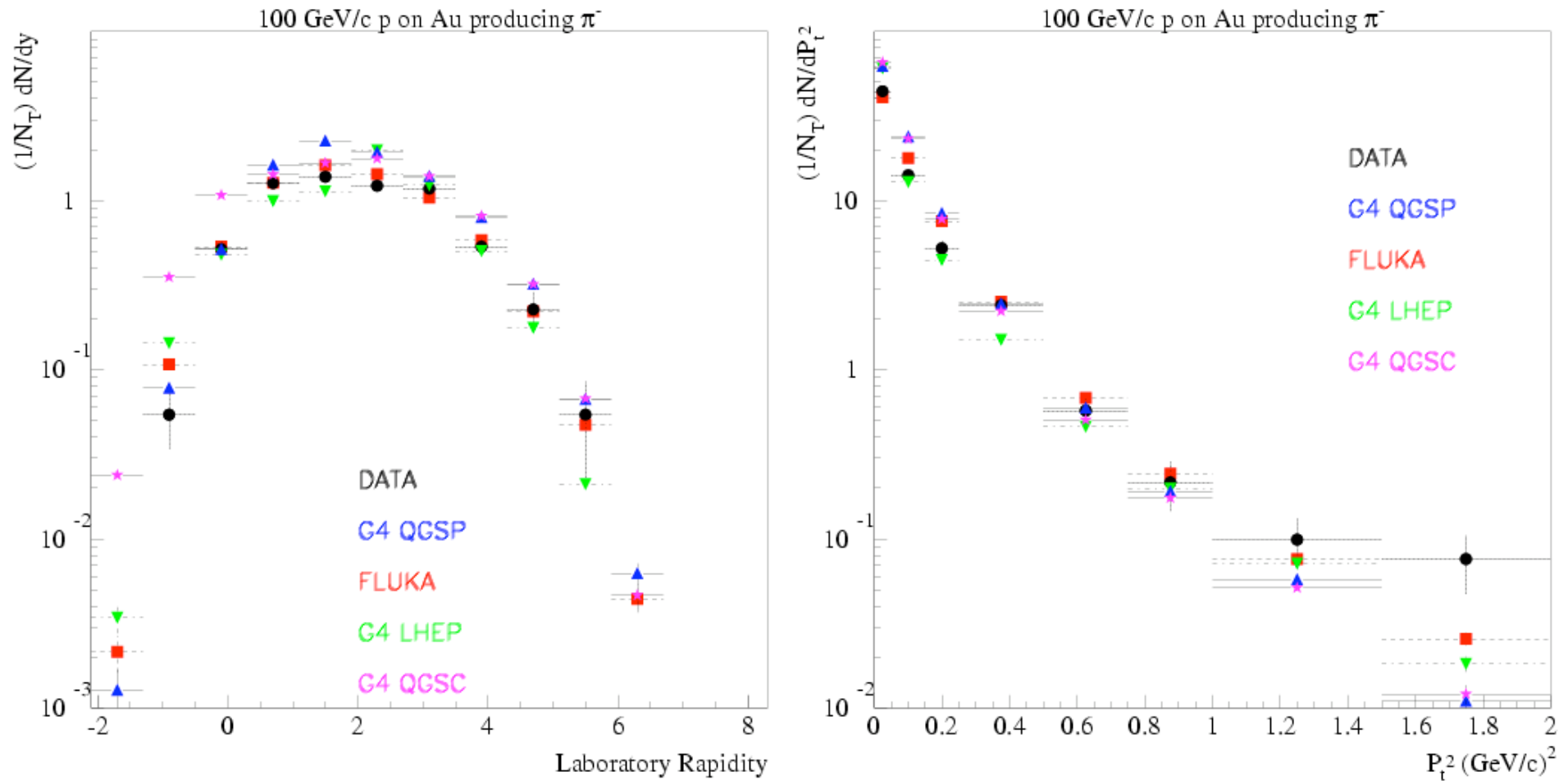
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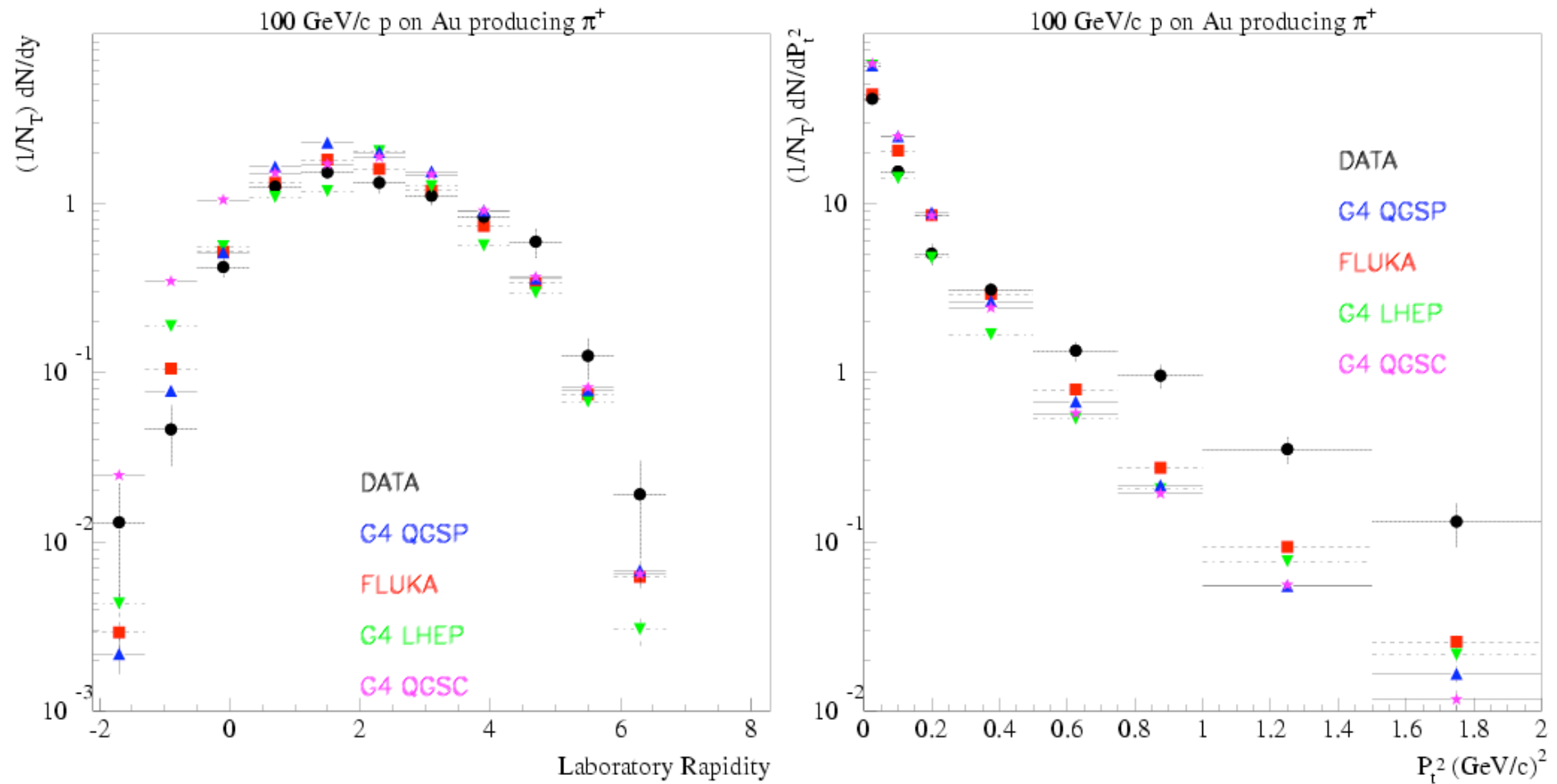
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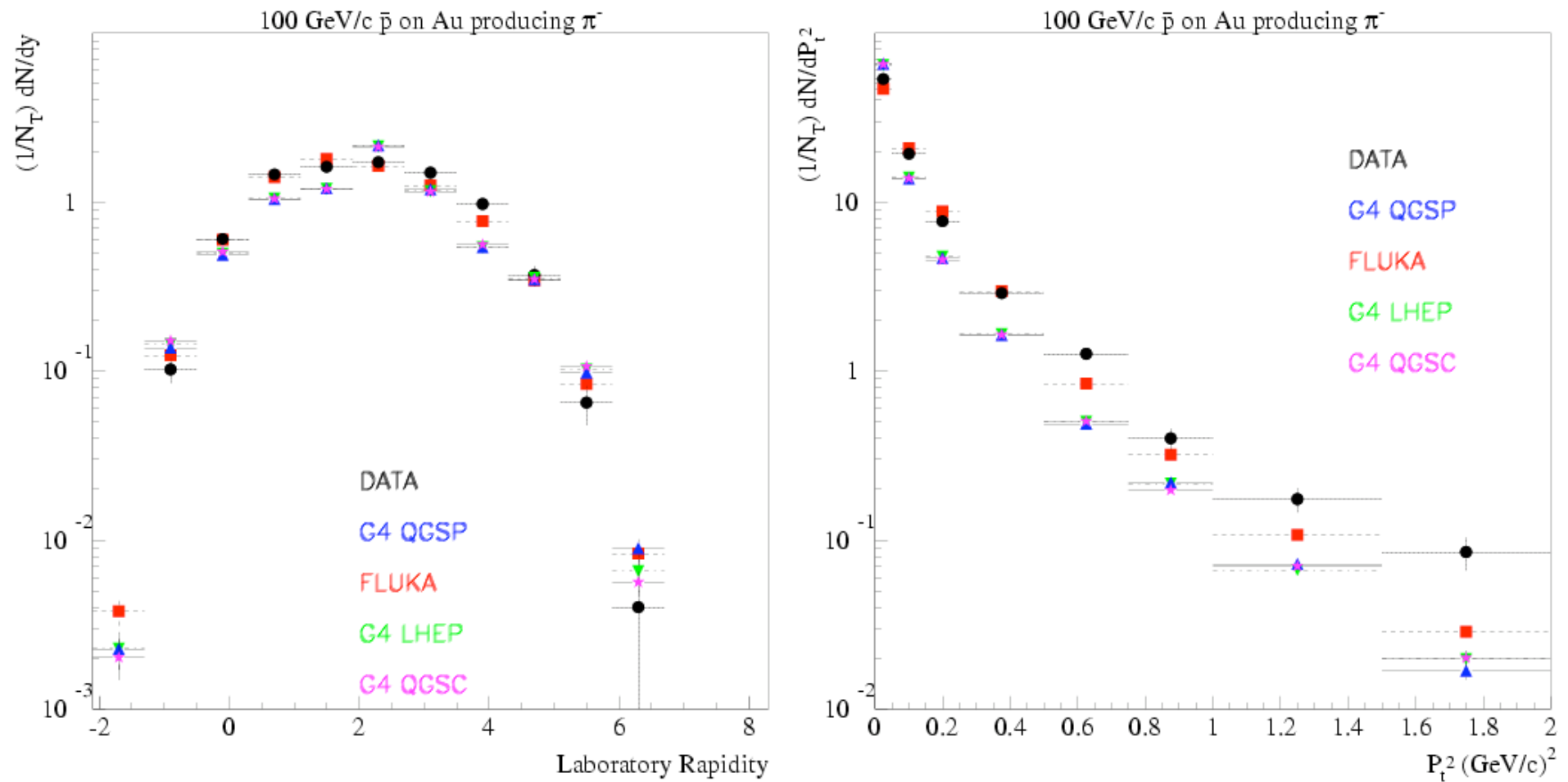
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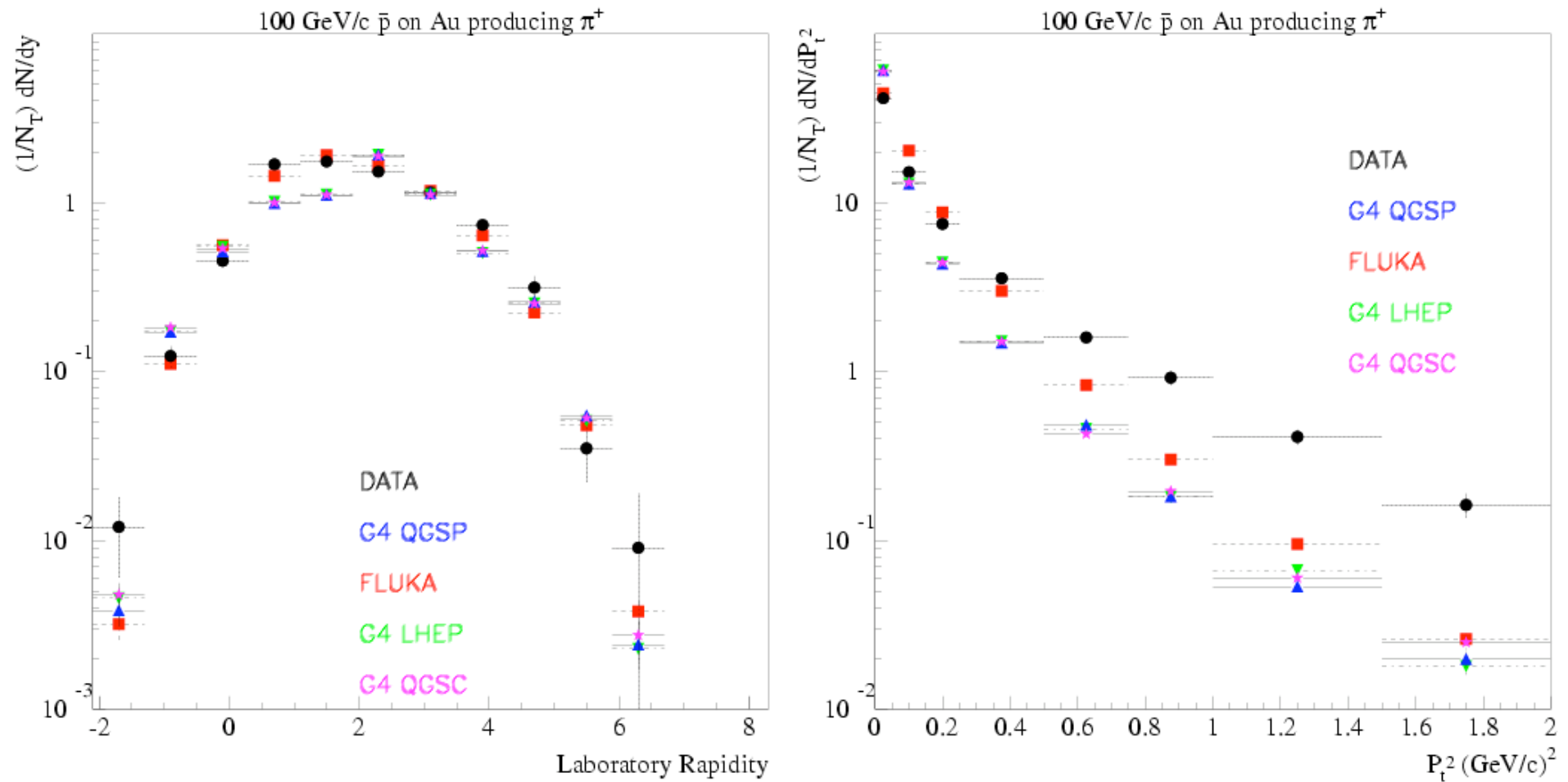
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π^- production by 100 GeV/c \underline{p} on Au



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Conclusions

- Overall, Fluka, Geant4 QGSP, QGSC and LHEP simulations are in reasonable good agreement with most of the data. Fluka has more points of agreement.
- More in detail:
 - γ distributions: G4 QGSP, QGSC and Fluka give a good description of the data; LHEP is less accurate.
 - P_T^2 distributions: G4 LHEP describes very well the data; Fluka is a bit narrower than data; G4 QGSP and QGSC are narrower still.