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K/π and p/π Fluctuations in Au+Au Collisions in STAR GARY WESTFALL, Michigan State University, STAR COLLABORATION — The freeze-out of an extended, strongly-interacting system created in a relativistic heavy ion collision near the QCD critical endpoint could create observable non-statistical fluctuations in net charge, strangeness and baryon number. We present results for K/π and p/π fluctuations from central Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 20, 62.4, 130$, and 200 GeV in terms of the variable σ_{dyn} . We compare these results with recent data from NA49 [1] for central Pb-Pb collisions. The energy dependence of the present data for central collisions extends smoothly from the NA49 measurements. We present the centrality dependence of K/π and p/π fluctuations from Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4$ and 200 GeV in terms of the variable $\nu_{\text{dyn}, K\pi}$. To minimize contributions from background protons, we restrict our measurements for p and \bar{p} to the transverse momentum range $0.4 < p_t < 1.0$ GeV/c. We present results for K/π and p/π fluctuations separated by sign as a function of centrality. In addition, we present results for net charge fluctuations (π^+/π^-), net strangeness fluctuations (K^+/K^-), and net baryon fluctuations (p/\bar{p}). We compare our results with the predictions of the Statistical Hadronization, HIJING, UrQMD, and HSD models.

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