Hadron Production at Intermediate p_T at RHIC

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Outline

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 - Baryon anomaly intermediate p_T (2-5 GeV/c) at RHIC.
- 2. Experimental data in Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =200 GeV
 - 1) ϕ meson (N_{coll} scaling property, R_{cp})
 - 2) Meson vs. baryon R_{cp}.
 - 3) Jet correlation with PID trigger.
 - 4) Models vs. data (hydro+jet, recombination).
- 3. Proton and antiproton production in Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =62.4 GeV
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1. Baryon Anomaly at RHIC PHIENIX

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p, pbar : No suppression, N_{coll} scaling at 1.5 GeV - 4.5 GeV π⁰: Suppression • Factor ~3 enhancement on both p/π and pbar/ π ratios in central Au+Au compared to peripheral Au+Au, p+p at Intermediate p_T .

• Peripheral Au+Au at high p_T : Consistent with gluon/quark jet fragmentation and IRS data.

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2.1 Scaling properties of $\phi(1020)$



• Similar mass as proton, but meson.

→ Ideal test particle whether the observed baryon anomaly is a mass effect or not.

p, pbar:

low p_T (< 1.5 GeV/c): different shape due to the radial flow, intermediate p_T : Ncoll scaling

does not scale with N_{coll}

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- Followed the π^0 data points, not protons!
- Indicates the absence of suppression of proton at intermediate p_T is not a mass effect.

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2.2 Compilation on R_{cp} from STAR



- Two distinct groups in R_{cp}, i.e. meson and baryon, not by particle mass.
- Separate at $p_T \sim 2$ GeV/c and come together at 5 GeV/c.

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2.3 Mid-p_T protons from fragmentation?

- Intermediate p_T is the transition region from soft to hard process.
- What is the origin of proton and antiproton production at the intermediate p_T ?
- Note: Recombination model of purely thermal quarks implies the observed baryon excess comes from soft, not from fragmentation (no jet partner hadrons).

 Jet correlation with identified particle trigger (p+pbar, π+K) are employed in Au+Au and d+Au.



Count associated low p_T particles with PID mid-p_T trigger
Near side: Number of jet associated particles from same jet.

• Away side: Number of fragments from opposing jet.

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• No apparent difference on jet partner yield between trigger baryons and mesons, perhaps except most central Au+Au for baryons.

• Suggested intermediate p_T baryon arises from a fragmentation from jet.



- Meson and baryon are comparable and decreasing at most central Au+Au collisions.
- In agreement with the disappearance/ broadening of back-to-back jet correlation in central Au+Au.

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• Excellent agreement in π^0 suppression pattern.

- Trend in Rcp(p) and p/pi ratio are right, but quantitative disagreement with data.



- Qualitative agreement with R_{cp} (proton) data.
- Better description when (thermal hard) is included, which supports the experimental result on jet correlations.

3. p, pbar production $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4$ GeV

Why 62.4 GeV?

- Located in the middle between SPS(17GeV) and RHIC top energy (200 GeV) in √s_{NN} (log scale).
- 2) Many reference data from ISR.
- 3) Provide a constraint on jet quenching model.
- 4) Allow to study the excitation function of baryon production/transport, further constrain on various models for hadron production at intermediate p_T .

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- Common reference $p+p \rightarrow$ charged+X is used, instead of ISR π^0 reference.
- π^0 yield is divided by (charged reference)/1.6.
- Clear difference between charged and π^0 at intermediate p_T up to 4 GeV/c.
- Suggests a large proton contribution in this p_T region, as seen in 200 GeV data.

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h^+/π^0 and h^-/π^0 ratios @ 62 GeV



 Monotonic increase for both ratios at measured p_T, starting from 1.6.

• Difference between negative and positive hadron to π^0 ratio.

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p/π^+ , pbar/ π^- ratios @ 62 GeV

- Large proton contribution at intermediate p_T 62.4 GeV.
- Less antiproton in central collisions at 62.4 GeV than 130/200 GeV.
- Indicating more baryon transport and less ppbar pair production at 62 GeV than 200 GeV.
- The 62 GeV p_T spectra will tell us more about the excitation function of chemical properties, scaling and radial flow at RHIC (stay tuned!).



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4. Summary

- Experimental data seems to have a better agreement with a recombination model with thermal-hard parton interactions.
- Important difference between Hydro+Jet and recombination model is the origin of flow, i.e. partonic flow or hadronic flow?
- Discriminatory measurements are essential to understand the hadron production at intermediate p_T.
 - High statistics identified trigger particle correlations.
 - v_2 for ϕ meson.
 - Charm: v_2 and R_{cp} for D meson, J/ψ .
 - Hadron PID (especially baryons) at higher p_T up to 10 GeV/c to study the fragmentation region at RHIC.

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High p_T PID Upgrade

		Pion-Kaon separation	Kaon-Proton separation
TOF	σ~100 ps	0 - 2.5 ⁰ ⁴ ⁸	-5
RICH	n=1.00044 γth~34	5-17 4 8	
Aerogel	n=1.01 γth~8.5		5-9 1 1 1

Aerogel & MRPC-TOF

• Together with the Aerogel, TOF and RICH, we can extend the PID **beyond 5 GeV/c.**

• Coverage: ~ 4 m² in west arm.

AEROGEL:

• Full installation for Run5. MRPC-TOF:

- Prototype installation in Run5
- Physics run in Run6.



MRPC-TOF Prototype Test

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Prototype Test @ KEK (June 1-8, 2004)



TOF resolution: 85 ps achieved.

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Hybrid model: Hydro + Jet



Hirano, Nara (Hydro+Jet model) • PRC 69, 034908 (2004). • nucl-th/0404039 (+CGC).

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• 3D Hydro calculation. Required QGP type EOS in order to reproduce p_T spectra and elliptic flow. Jet quenching included. Hydro push thermal distribution to higher pT at hadronic stage (mass effect). $T=T_{c}$, $<v_{T}>\sim0.25c$ T=100 MeV, <v_T>~0.55c • Intermediate $p_{\tau} = 2 - 4 \text{ GeV/c}$ • π : hard region • p : soft region \sim 1.8 GeV/c for π $p_{T,cross}$ 2.7 GeV/c for K 3.7 GeV/c for p

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Quark Recombination Models

Quarks in a densely populated phase space combine to form the final state hadrons.

1. Duke model (Fries, Muller, Nonaka, Bass)

Exponential thermal quark distribution, fragmentation for high pT (w/ eloss). Relative normalization (recombination \Leftrightarrow fragmentation).

No gluons in the system. Parameterized collective flow developed in the partonic phase $(v_T \sim 0.55c \text{ at } T=T_c)$.

2. Oregon model (Hwa and Yang)

All hadrons arise from recombination (NO fragmentation). Hard partons are allowed to fragment into a shower of partons. e.g.) thermal-thermal, thermal-shower, shower-shower (for mesons).

3. Texas model (Greco, Ko, Levai)

Allow recombination of hard partons with thermal partons by Monte-Carlo. Taking into account decays (e.g. $\rho \rightarrow 2\pi$) which produces low pt pions.



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Duke Model

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Another Scenarios...



- pQCD does not reproduce Bbar/B vs. p_T .
- Baryon Junction Mechanism ? (Vitev, Gyulassy PRC 65, 041902, 2002)
- Different formation time between baryons and mesons ?

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ϕR_{cp} by STAR



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