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## Particle Species Dependence of Yield Suppression in Au+Au @ RHIC

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From our recent publications

- S.S. Adler et al. (PHENIX), nucl-ex/0305036 [Accepted, PRL, 09/23/2003].
- S.S. Adler et al. (PHENIX), nucl-ex/0307022 [Accepted, PRC, 08/21/2003].



## **First Three Years of RHIC Run**

 High quality hadron data from RHIC!

> $\pi^{\pm}, \pi^{0}, \mathbf{K}^{\pm}, \mathbf{K}^{*0}, \mathbf{K}_{s}^{0}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{d}, \rho^{0}, \phi,$  Λ, Ω, Ξ (+ anti-particles)

#### – Hadron Measurements

- p<sub>T</sub> distribution (soft and hard process).
- Particle ratio, yield,  $< p_T >$ .
- HBT correlations.
- Event anisotropy (v<sub>2</sub>).
- Jet physics.



2000 summer: Au+Au 130 GeV			
2001/2002:	Au+Au	200	GeV
	p+p	200	GeV
2002/2003:	d+Au	200	GeV
	p+p	200	GeV

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### **Hard Scattered Partons**

- Used <u>"calibrated"</u> probe (p+p data).
- Hard scatterings in nucleon collisions
   produce jets of particles.
  - hadron structure function
  - hard scattering parton (pQCD)
  - fragmentation of partons
- In the presence of a color-deconfined medium, the partons lose their energy (~GeV/fm) via gluon bremsstrahlung.
  - "Jet Quenching"∝ Color Charge Density

#### "gluonometer"





#### How Quantify the Nuclear Modification



• Any departures from the expected binary collision scaling (N<sub>coll</sub>) behavior provide the information on the strong interacting medium in *AA* collisions.



### $R_{AA}$ vs. $R_{dA}$ for $h^{\pm}$ and $\pi^{0}$



- $\pi^0$  and charged are largely suppressed in central Au+Au at high  $p_T$ .
- No Suppression in d+Au, instead small enhancement observed !
- d-Au results rule out CGC (initial sate effect) as the explanation for high p<sub>T</sub> suppression of hadrons in AuAu central.



### **RHIC High p<sub>T</sub> Results**

#### $\pi^0$ and $h^{\pm}$

- 1. High  $p_T$  yield suppression in central Au+Au.
- 2. Disappearance of away-side jet in central Au+Au (STAR publication).
- 3. Absence of high  $p_T$  suppressions in d+Au (cold matter).

#### → Suppression in AuAu is the final state effect!

#### **Baryons are also suppressed in central Au+Au?**



## IN THIS TALK ...

- Focused on proton and anti-proton production in Au+Au @ measured by PHENIX experiment @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  = 200 GeV.
  - 1. Data Analysis

#### 2. Experimental Results

- Proton  $p_T$  spectra vs. centrality.
- $p/\pi$  ratio.
- Scaling behavior and suppression factor (R<sub>CP</sub>).
- Comparison with results for  $\pi^0$  and inclusive charged hadrons.

#### 3. Discussion

- Parton Recombination and Fragmentation Model.
- Hydrodynamics + Jet Model.
- Cronin effect from d+Au data.

#### 4. Summary



## Part I

## Identified Charged Particle Data Analysis

# **Collision Centrality Determination**



- Centrality selection : Used charge sum of Beam-Beam Counter (BBC, |η|=3~4) and energy of Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC) in minimum bias events (92% of total inelastic cross sections).
- Extracted  $N_{coll}$  and  $N_{part}$  based on Glauber model.



#### **Event and Track Selections**

- Event Selection
  - Minimum bias events
  - Z vertex cut : ±30 cm
  - Total number of events :
     20 M minimum bias (x 140 of 130 GeV analysis).



#### Track Selection

- Drift chamber tracks with z information from PC1.
- Track association at TOF within 2 $\sigma$  window in both  $\phi$  and z.
- Fiducial cut in z and  $\phi$  directions to remove the edge effect.



### **Charged Hadron PID**

#### Detectors for hadron PID

- DCH+PC1+TOF+BBC
- $\Delta \phi = \pi/8$ , -0.35 <  $\eta$  < 0.35
- Momentum Resolution

 $\delta p \, / \, p \approx 0.7\% \oplus 1.0\% \times p \; (\text{GeV}/c)$ 

- TOF resolution  $\sigma_{\rm TOF}$  ~ 115 ps.
- Hadron PID in *m*<sup>2</sup> vs. *p* space with asymmetric PID cuts.
  - 0.2<  $\pi$  < 3.0 GeV/c ,
  - 0.4< K < 2.0 GeV/c,
  - 0.6< p < 4.5 GeV/c.
- BG contamination level :
  - 10% K in  $\pi$  @ 3 GeV/c,
  - 10%  $\pi$  in K @ 2 GeV/c,
  - 5% K in p @ 4 GeV/c.





#### **Detector Occupancy Correction**







p and pbar spectra are corrected to remove the feed-down contribution from weak decays using HIJING.

#### **Assumptions:**

- 1. pbar/p,  $\Lambda$ bar/ $\Lambda$  ratios are independent of  $p_T$  and centrality.
- 2.  $m_T$  scaling for high  $p_T$  region.
- 3. No drastic change from 130 GeV to 200 GeV.

Tuned HIJING (central) output to reproduce  $\Lambda/p$  ( $\Lambda$ bar/pbar) measured ratio at 130 GeV AuAu.



Estimate fractional contributions of p (pbar) from  $\Lambda$  ( $\Lambda$ bar) decay in all measured p (pbar).



#### Final p<sub>T</sub> Spectra

#### **Invariant Yield**





## Part II

## Experimental Results on Identified Particles



#### **p**<sub>T</sub> Spectra (central vs. peripheral)

#### Central

- low p<sub>T</sub> slopes increase with particle mass
- proton and antiproton yields equal the pion yield at high p<sub>T</sub>.

#### **Peripheral**

- mass dependence is less pronounced
- ➢ similar to pp





#### $m_{T} - m_{0}$ Spectra



#### p<sub>T</sub> Spectra for All 4 Experiments and Hydrodynamical Model



Data: PHENIX: NPA715(03)151; STAR: NPA715(03)458; PHOBOS: NPA715(03)510; BRAHMS: NPA715(03)478 Hydro-calculations including chemical potentials: P.Kolb and R. Rapp, Phys. Rev. C 67 (03) 044903



Hydrodynamics describes all pT spectra up to 2 GeV/c.

## Proton and anti-proton spectra in AuAu 200 GeV



- Corrected for weak decay feed-down effect (~40% at 0.6 GeV/c, ~25% at 4 GeV/c).
- Strong centrality dependence in spectra shape at low  $p_T$  (< 1.5 GeV/c).

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#### **Consistency Check** (Charged vs. PID Spectra)

- Identified spectra were converted from  $y \rightarrow \eta$ .
- Compared to 2 GeV/c where kaon runs out.





#### p vs. π Spectra in Au+Au @ 200 GeV

 $\pi^{\pm}$  vs.  $\pi^{0}$ : Good agreement within 5-15%



- Clearly seen  $p-\pi$  merging at  $p_T \sim 2$  GeV/c in central.
- No  $p-\pi$  merging in peripheral.
- Suggested significant fraction of p, pbar at pt = 1.5 4.5 GeV/c in central.



#### $p/\pi$ ratio vs. $p_T$ and centrality



- Both  $p/\pi$  and  $pbar/\pi$  ratios are enhanced compared to peripheral Au+Au, p+p and e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> at p<sub>T</sub> = 1.5 ~ 4.5 GeV/c.
- Consistent with gluon/quark jet fragmentation in peripheral AuAu (> 3 GeV/c).

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### $N_{coll}$ scaled $p_T$ spectra



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### Centrality dep. of $R_{AA}$ for $\pi^0$ and h



• R<sub>AA</sub> is well below 1 for both charged hadrons and neutral pions in central.

• Suppression is larger in central events.

•The neutral pions fall below the charged hadrons since they do not contain contributions from protons and kaons.

**PHENIX AuAu 200 GeV**  $\pi^{0}$  data: PRL 91 072301 (2003), nucl-ex/0304022. charged hadron (preliminary) : NPA715, 769c (2003).







#### Centrality Dependence of R<sub>CP</sub>



- Proton data scales with N<sub>coll</sub> for all centrality bins (accidental?).
- Charged pions: decrease with N<sub>part</sub>, kaons: between pions and protons. RIKEN Internal Seminar Oct. 7th, 2003 @ RIKEN



#### **STAR Results**



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#### **Particle Composition at p\_T > 5 \text{ GeV}**

PHENIX (Au+Au) nucl-ex/0305036





## Part III

## Interpretations (Recombination vs. Hydro)

# **Recombination/Fragmentation Model**

Fries, Muller, Nonaka, Bass (Fragmentation/Recombination model) nucl-th/0306027

- Quarks and anti-quarks recombine into hadrons locally "at an instant"
  - qq-bar → Meson
  - qqq  $\rightarrow$  Baryon
- Thermal part (quark only) and power law tail (quarks and gluons) from pQCD.
- Modification of fragmentation function " $D_{i \rightarrow h}(z)$ " by energy loss of partons.
- Competition between recombination and fragmentations mechanism.
- Quark degrees of freedom play an important role.



FIG. 1. Schematic conception of contrasting hadronization mechanisms for (a) a superposition of hadronic jets and (b) a plasma with a jet caused by a fast quark escaping.

Lepez, Parikh, Siemens, PRL 53 (1984) 1216



#### **Recombination Tested**

The *complicated* observed flow pattern in  $v_2(p_T)$   $d^2n/dp_T d\phi \sim 1 + 2 v_2(p_T) \cos (2 \phi)$ is predicted to be *simple* at the quark level under  $p_T \rightarrow p_T / n$ ,  $v_2 \rightarrow v_2 / n$ , n = 2,3 for meson,baryon *if* the flow pattern is established at the quark level



## Another Approach (Hydro + Jet Model)





#### Model Comparison (1) - R<sub>CP</sub> -



- Recombination model, Hydro-jet model
   ⇒ Predicted baryon enhancement is limited up to ~ 4-5 GeV/c.
- Qualitative agreement with data for both models.



### Model Comparison (2) - $p/\pi$ vs. $p_T$ -



- Both Parton Recombination and Hydro+Jet models reproduce  $p/\pi$  ratio ( $p_T$  and centrality dep.) qualitatively.
- Both models predict  $p/\pi$  enhancement is limited < 5 GeV/c.
- Another scenarios: Different formation time between baryons and mesons ?
   or Baryon Junction Mechanism ?

(Vitev, Gyulassy PRC 65, 041902, 2002)

#### How about the Cronin effect ? $\rightarrow$ dAu results.



### $R_{dA}$ for charged hadrons and $\pi^0$



- <u>Different behavior between  $\pi^0$  and charged again</u> at  $p_T = 1.5 - 5.0$  GeV/c!
- d+Au data suggests the flavor dependent Cronin RIKEN Internal Seminar Offecta RIKEN
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# $R_{dAu}$ and p/h for $\pi$ , K, p in d+Au (STAR)



- Small particle species dependence of Cronin effect, compared to lower energies.
- Same (p+pbar)/h ratio in dAu as p+p.
- Indicated the Cronin effect alone is not enough to account for the relative baryon enhancement in AuAu central.



#### **Proton and anti-proton** ( $\Lambda$ )

- 1. Observed baryon enhancement relative to pion in central Au+Au at intermediate  $p_T$  (2 4 GeV/c).
- **2.** Absence of yield suppression for p and pbar ( $\Lambda$ ) at intermediate  $p_T$ .
- 3. dAu results suggest that the Cronin effect alone is not enough to account for the relative baryon enhancement in AuAu central.
- 4. Both Parton Recombination and Hydro+Jet models reproduce  $p/\pi$ ratio ( $p_T$  and centrality dep.) qualitatively and predicted that enhancement is limited < 5 GeV/c.



#### **Partonic Flow**



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### Azimuthal Distributions in d+Au (STAR)



• Near-side: p+p, d+Au, Au+Au similar

• Back-to-back: Au+Au strongly suppressed relative to p+p and d+Au

#### Suppression of the back-to-back correlation in central Au+Au is a finalstate effect



## **p/p ratio vs. p<sub>T</sub>**



# Constant within the experimental errors

• Baryon Junction model agrees well with the measured  $p_T$  dependence of pbar/p ratio.

• Parton recombination model also reproduce the ratio and its flat  $p_T$  dependence.



### **Jet Quenching Effect**



Au+Au $\rightarrow \pi^0$ +X at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  = 200 GeV



#### **CGC Model: Initial Effects**

- Gluon Saturation
  - (Color Glass Condensate: CGC)

Wave function of low x gluons overlap; the self-coupling gluons fuse, **saturating** the density of gluons in the initial state.

Braking QCD factorization!

 $\rightarrow$ gets  $N_{ch}$  right!

hep-ph/0212316; D. Kharzeev, E. Levin, M. Nardi



D.Kharzeev et al., PLB 561 (2003) 93



#### **Baryon Junction**







#### **Centrality Dependence**



- Dramatically different and opposite centrality evolution of Au+Au experiment from d+Au.
- High p<sub>T</sub> hadron suppression in AuAu is <u>clearly a final state effect.</u>