



# High $p_T$ identified hadron ratios in $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200\text{GeV}$ Au+Au collisions

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## Outline of the talk

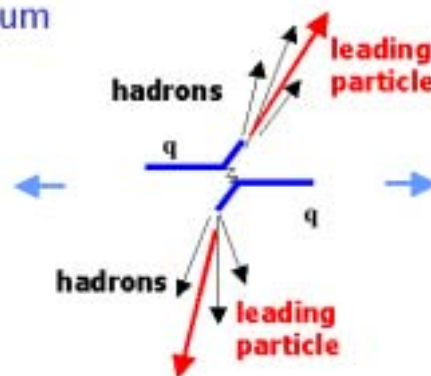
- Physics Motivation
- Detectors used for the analysis
- Ratios of several particles
- Comparison of Year-1 and Year-2
- Another Fun

# Physics at high $p_T$ particle ratio (I)

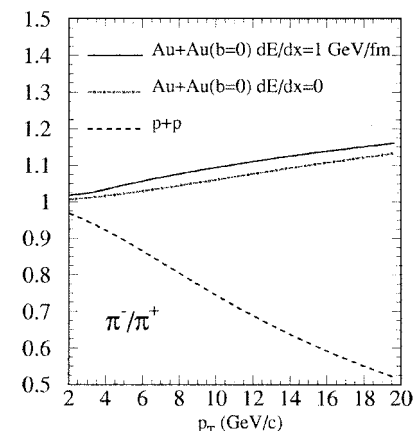
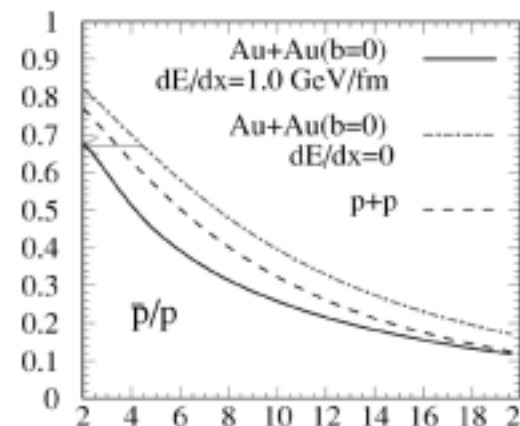
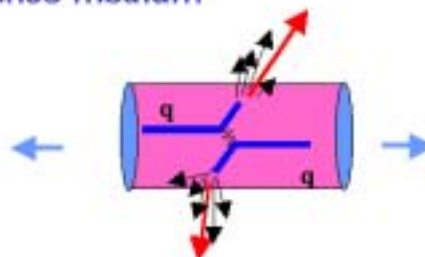
## Jet quenching

- Jets will lose its energy in the dense medium
  - In Year-1, suppression of high  $p_T$  hadrons are seen
    - Both  $\pi^0$  and  $h^+$ ,  $h^-$
  - At even higher  $p_T$ , will suppression be more dramatic?

In vacuum



In a dense medium



# Physics at high $p_T$ particle ratio (II)

## Baryon number transport

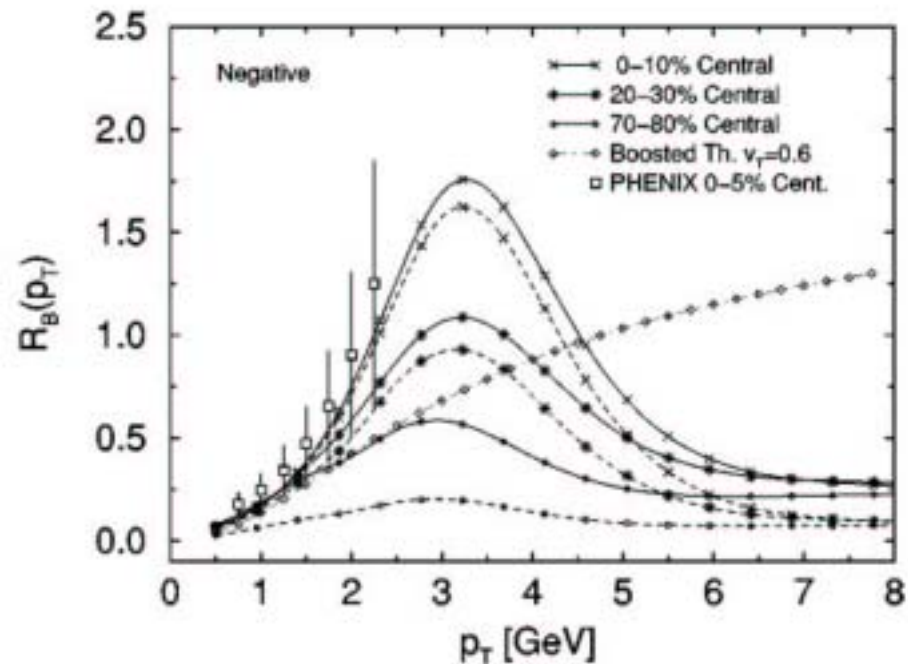


Baryon number will be transported via gluon junction

- Another  $p_T$  kick on baryon spectra (accelerated?)
- In Year-1, proton spectra reaches close to charged  $\pi$  spectra
- What will happen even more high  $p_T$ ? (return to pQCD base?)

Baryon/meson ratio will give an information on baryon number transport

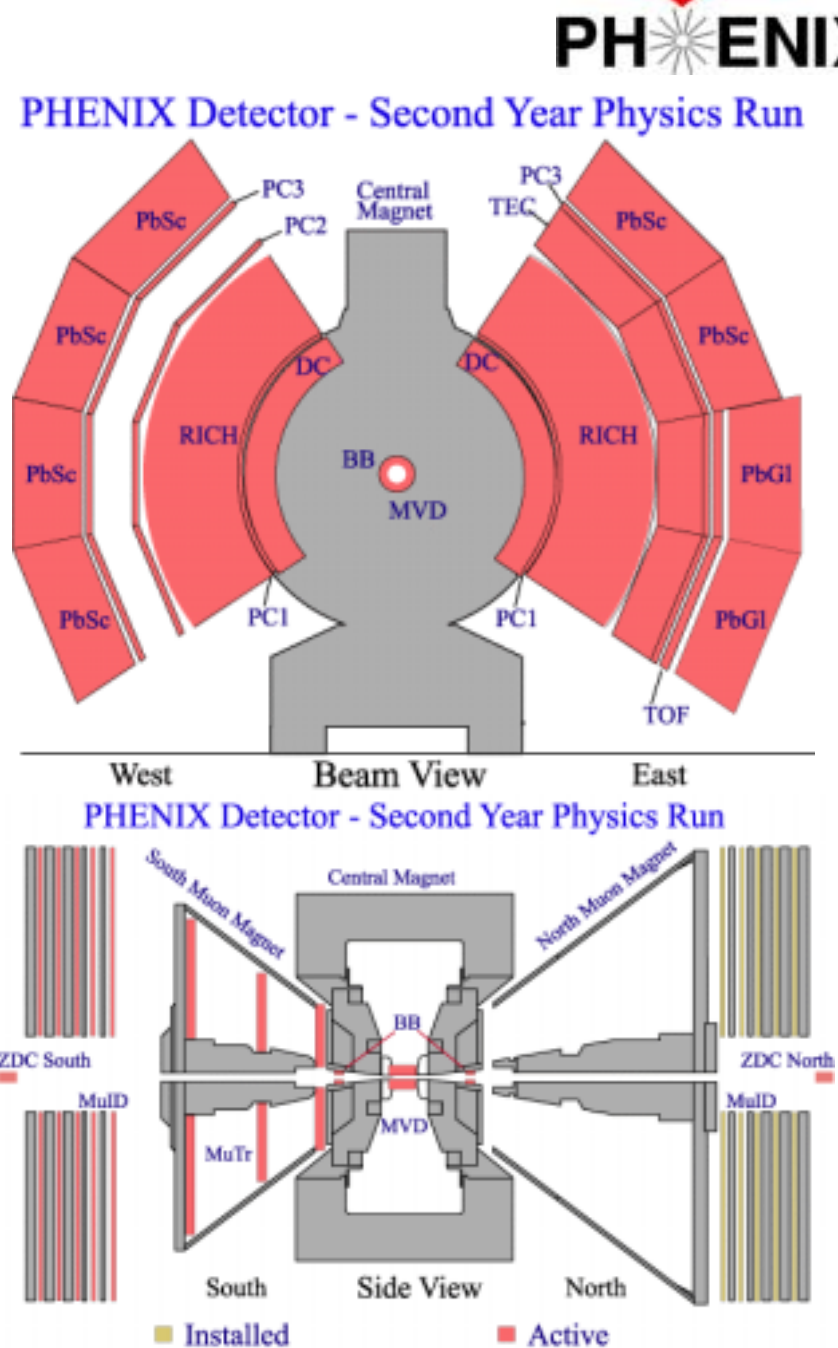
- Jet quenching enhances baryon transport?
- $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^0$  suppress,  $p$ bar,  $p$  enhance?



I. Vitev and M. Gyulassy, PRC65(2002)041902

# PHENIX detector

- Detectors used in the analysis
  - Tracking: DC and PC
  - Identified charged hadrons: TOF
  - Neutral  $\pi$ : PbSc and PbGl (EMCal)
  - High  $p_T$  charged  $\pi$ : RICH
- ~30 Million Minimum Bias Events @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200\text{GeV}$  Au+Au Collision are used
- Events triggered by BBC and ZDC
  - Centrality characterized



# Analysis (proton, pbar and $\pi^+$ , $\pi^-$ )

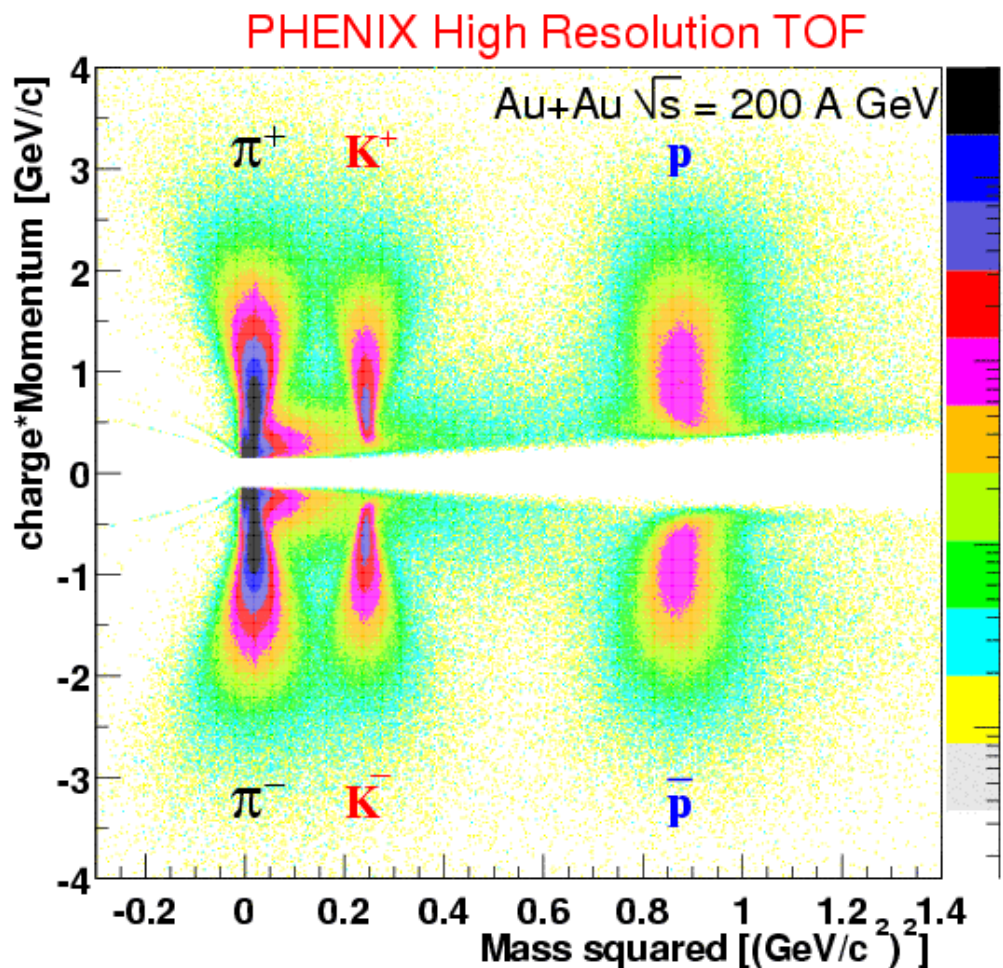


Using High Resolution  
TOF PID device and Drift  
Chamber.

Making  $p_T$  dependent  $2\sigma$   
cut in squared mass

Range and Systematic Error

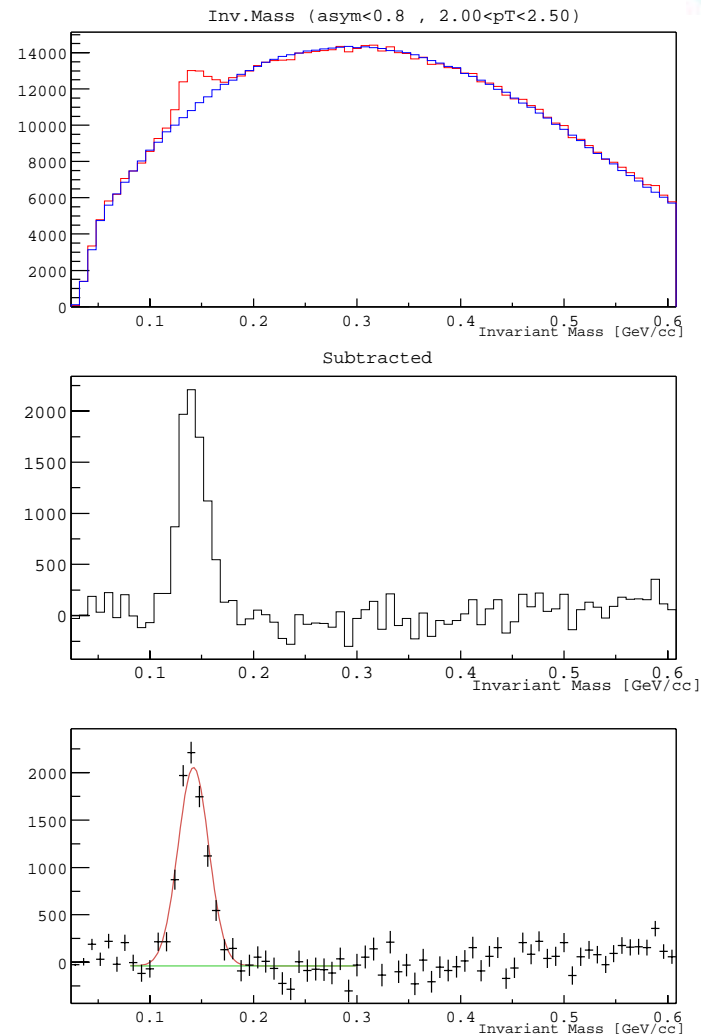
- proton, pbar: up to 4GeV/c
  - $p_T$  dependent: 11%
  - Overall normalization:  
Central 18%, Peripheral 16.4%
- $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$  : up to 2GeV/c
  - $p_T$  dependent 7%
  - Overall normalization:  
Central 14%, Peripheral 14%



# Analysis (Neutral $\pi$ )



- Using Electro-magnetic Calorimeter
  - $1\text{GeV}/c < p_T < 10\text{GeV}/c$  for  $\pi^0$  !
- Calculate  $\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass spectra and subtract combinatorial background
- Efficiency is evaluated by embedding simulated  $\pi^0$  into real event.
- Systematic Error
  - $p_T$  independent: 9%
  - Overall: 20-30%

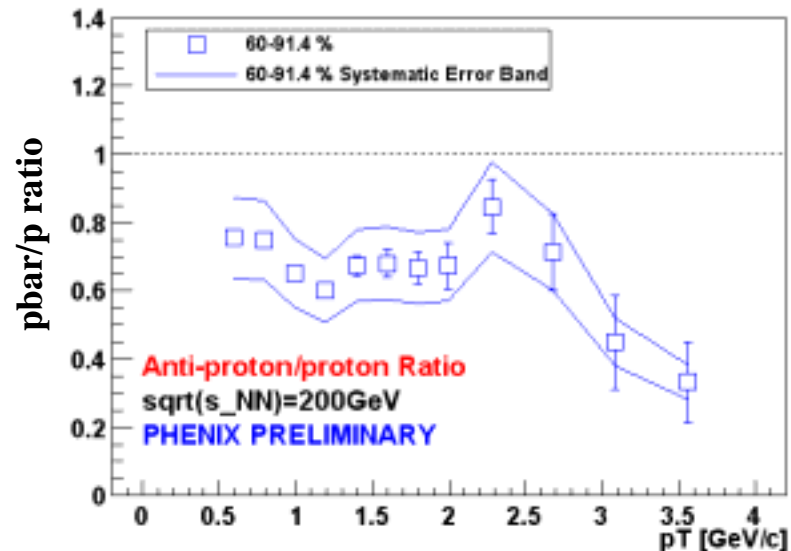
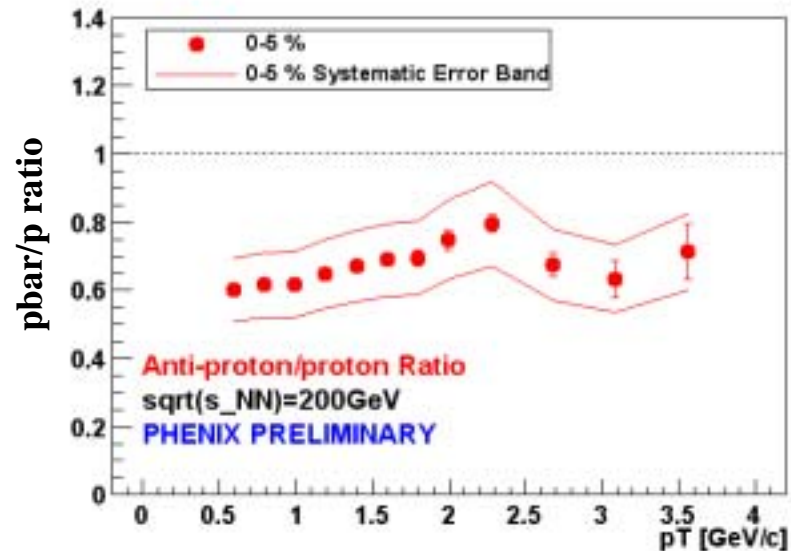




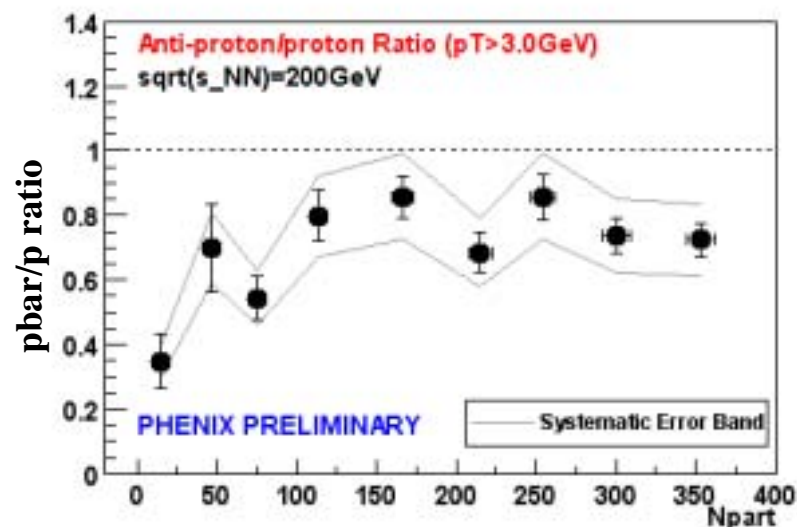
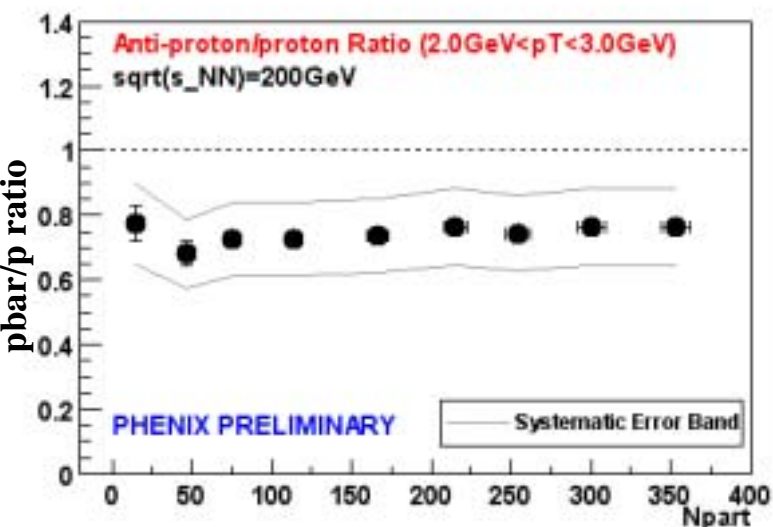
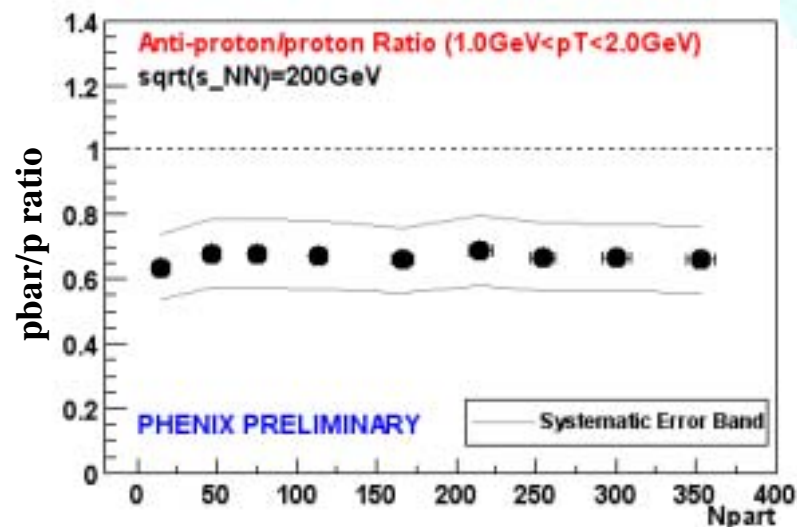
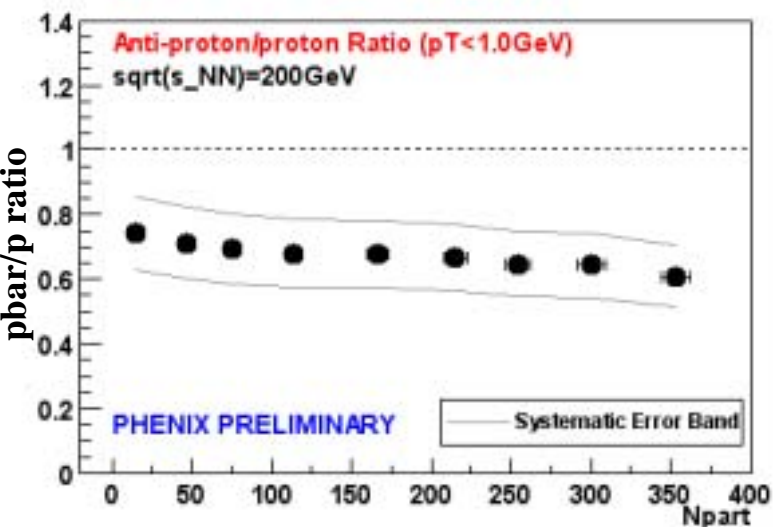
# $\bar{p}/p$ as a function of $p_T$



- $\bar{p}/p$  ratio extends up to 4 GeV/c in Year-2
- Point-by-Point Error: Statistical Error
- Bands by lines: Common Systematic Error
- It is almost flat over the entire  $p_T$



# Centrality dependences of $\bar{p}/p$





# $\bar{p}/\pi$ and $p/\pi$

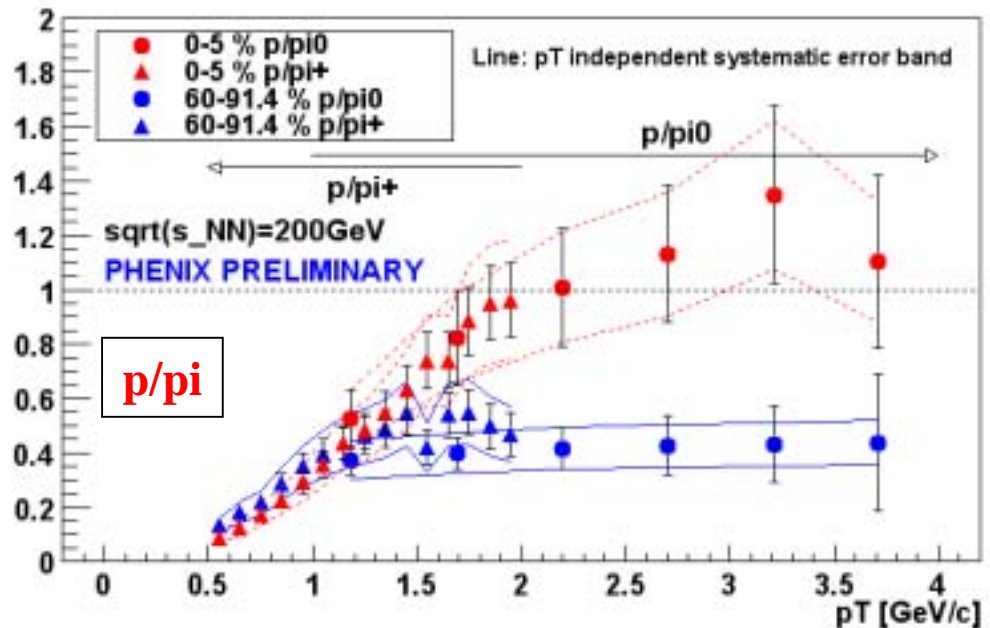
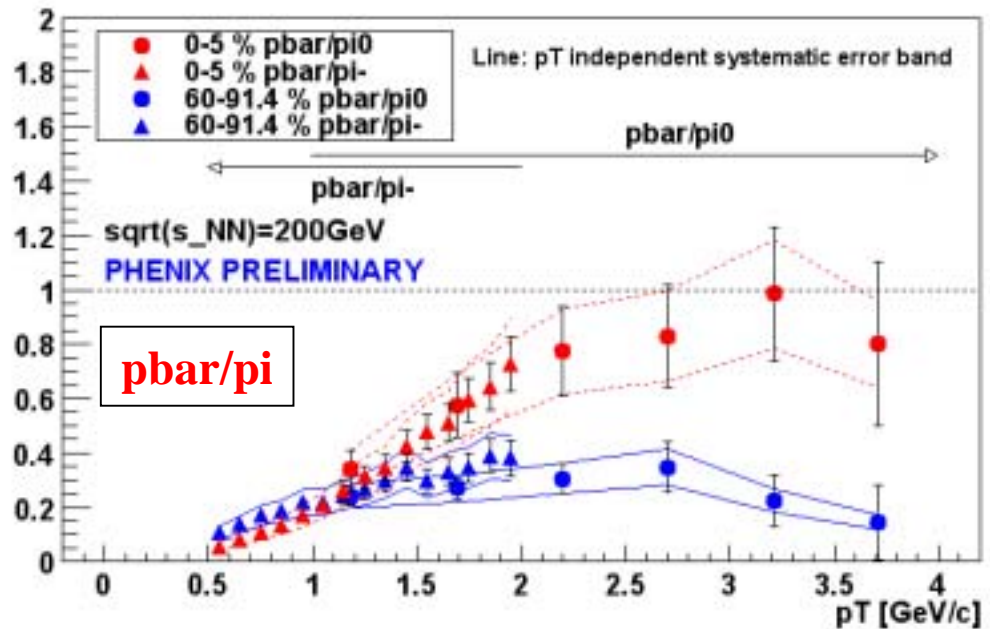
$\bar{p}/\pi$ ,  $p/\pi$  ratios

- $p_T < 2 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\bar{p}/\pi^-$ ,  $p/\pi^+$
- $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}$ , use  $\pi^0$  with  $\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^+$

Point-by-Point Errors  
include point-by-point  
statistics+systematic errors

Bands:  $p_T$  independent  
systematic errors

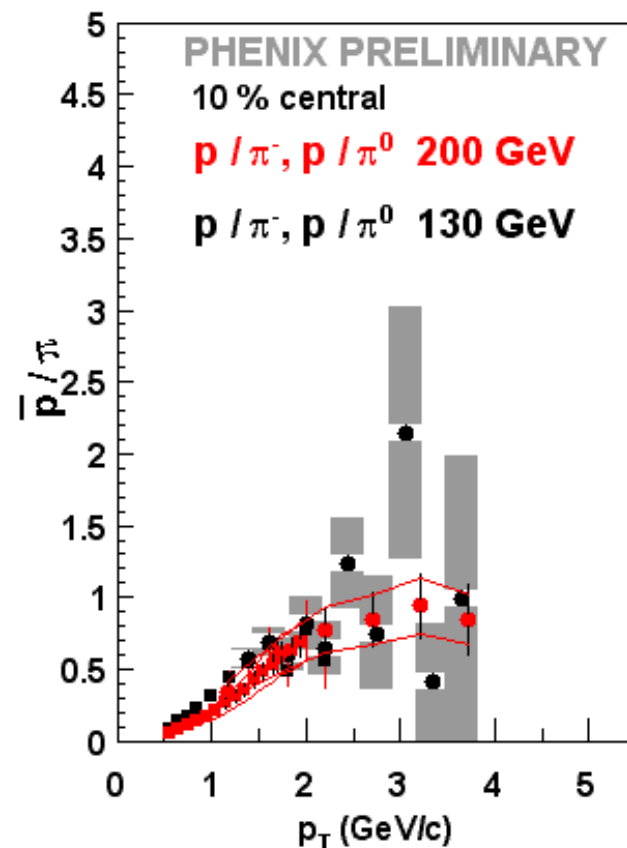
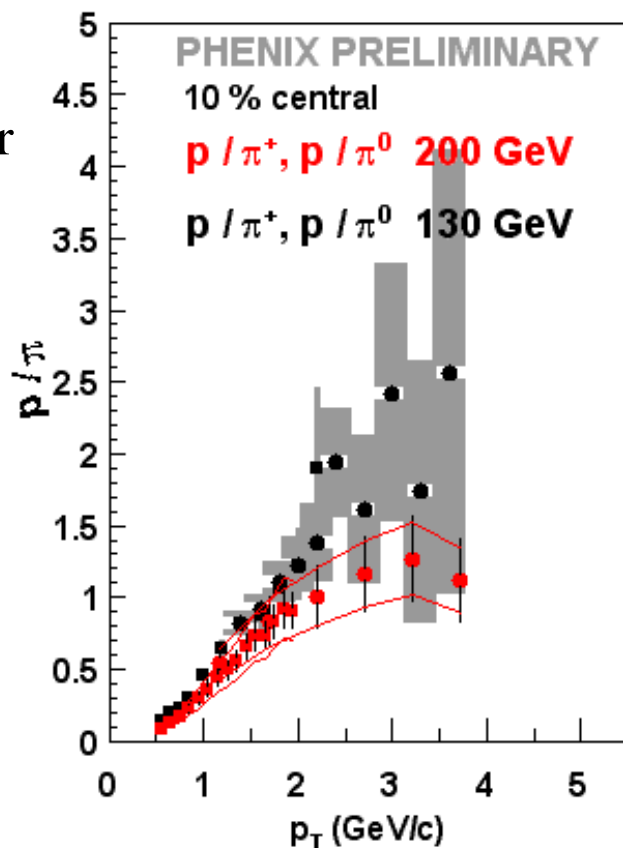
Decreasing at much more  
high  $p_T$ ?



# Comparison with Year-1 Data

- Data Compared to Year-1
- Both Year-1 and Year-2 are consistent within systematic errors

- Another hint.  
– More  $\pi$  rather than protons?



# Another Interesting Analysis

## High $p_T$ charged $\pi$

See F. Messer poster presentation!

### RICH detectors in PHENIX

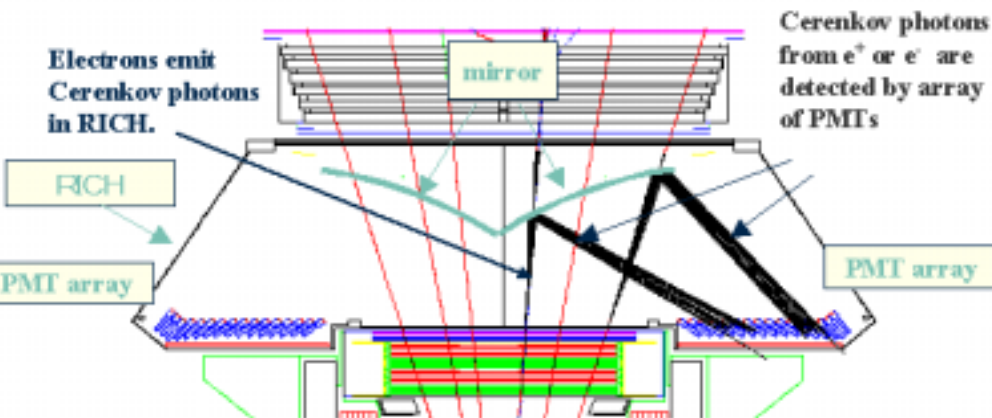
For electron and positron:

- Momentum Threshold : 18MeV
- Average number of PMT : 4-5
- Number of photo-electron is  $2 \times \text{PMT}$  : ~ 10

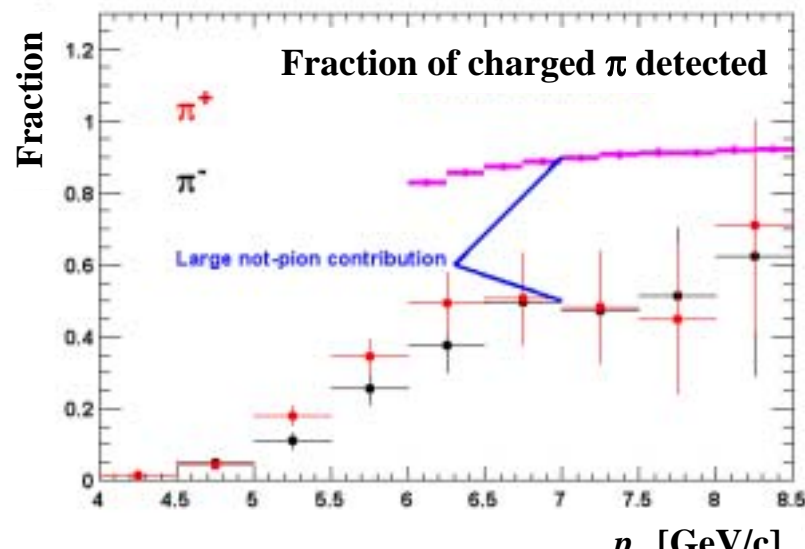
For pions:

- Momentum Threshold : 4.7GeV/c
- Number of photo-electrons strongly dependent on momentum
- Kaon Threshold: 15 GeV/c

P(GeV)	5	6	7	8	9
%max ph-el	4.7	39	56	66	73



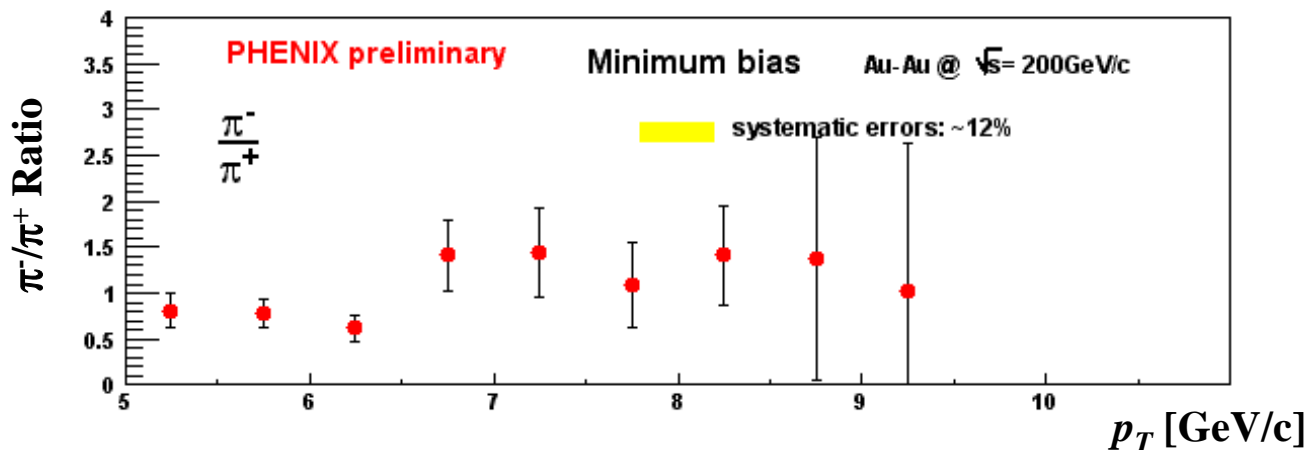
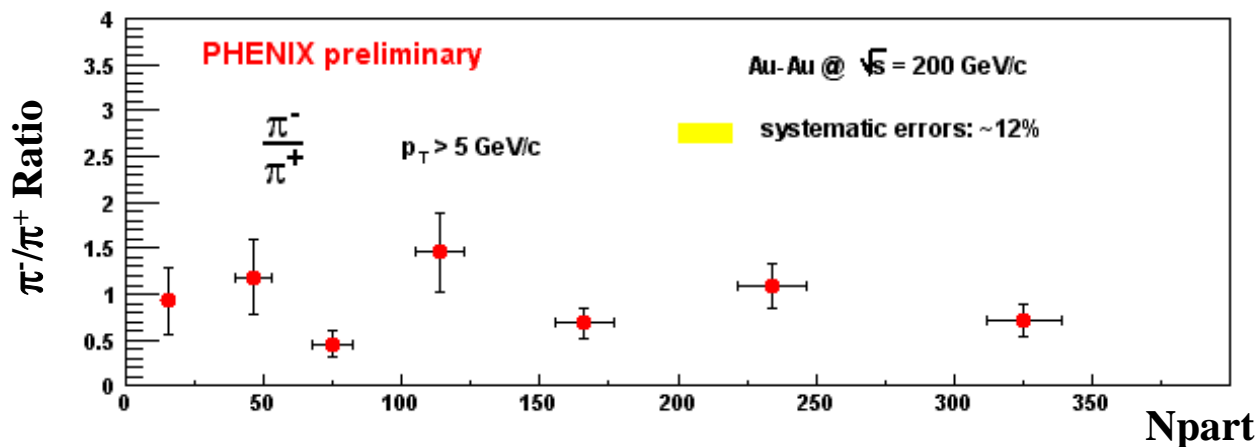
- RICH already tagged “electrons” excellently
  - See R. Averbeck(single electrons) and A. Frawley( $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ) talks!
- Also a strong device for tagging charged  $\pi$  for  $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}/c$



# High $p_T$ $\pi^-/\pi^+$ ratio

*See F. Messer poster presentation!*

- Still the ratio is  $\sim 1$  at high  $p_T$  in Minimum Bias data within systematic errors





# Conclusion

- Ratio of anti-proton/proton is measured up to  $4\text{GeV}/c$ 
  - The result is almost flat over the entire  $p_T$  and centrality within systematic error
- Ratio of baryon/meson through  $p_{\text{bar}}/\pi$  and  $p/\pi$  is measured up to  $4\text{GeV}/c$ 
  - Hints on the effect of dense medium
  - Consistent with Year-1 result within systematic errors
- High  $p_T$   $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio is measured ( $p_T > 5\text{GeV}/c$ )
  - Flat over  $p_T$  and centralities within systematic errors

Another Conclusion

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