

# $\pi K p$ Spectra in pp & dAu Collisions and Cronin Effect at $\sqrt{s}=200\text{GeV}$

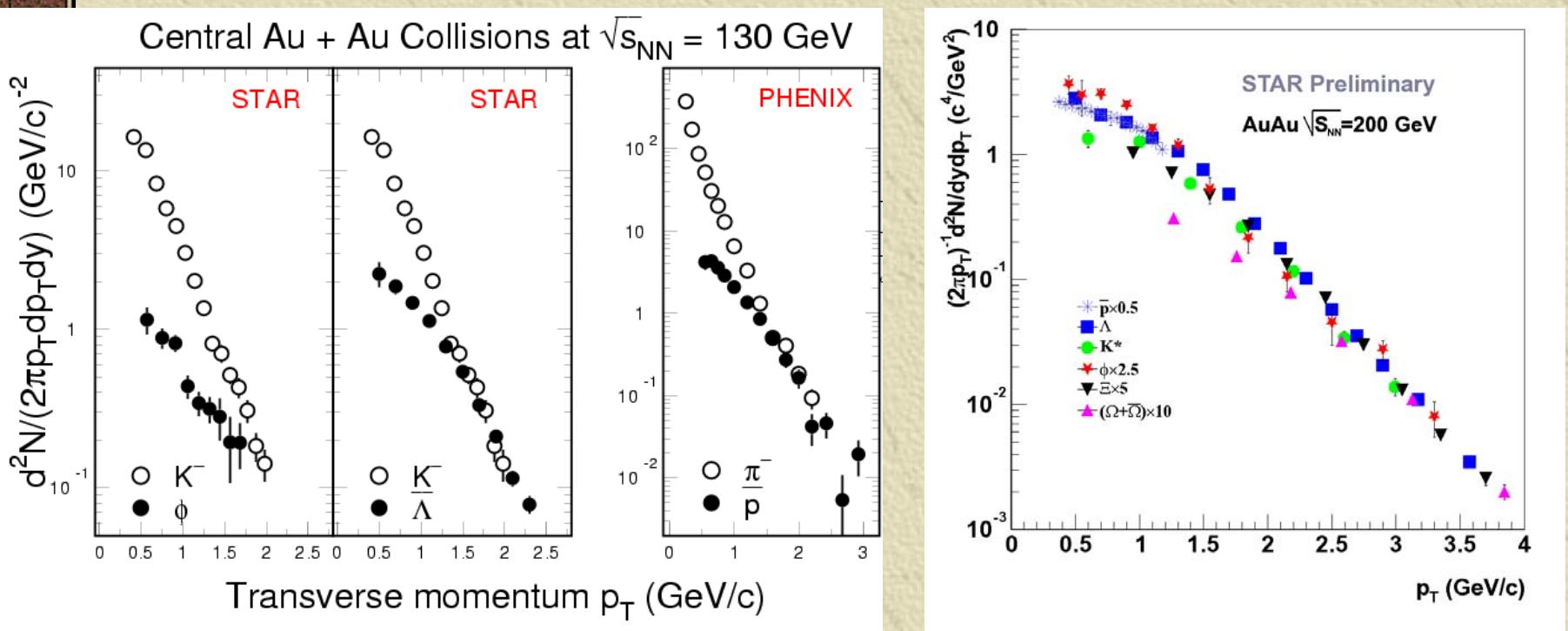
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for the STAR Collaboration

- **Motivation:** Particle Production at Intermediate pT
  - **Techonology:** Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chamber (MRPC) TOF
  - **Analysis:** Identified  $\pi K p$  Spectra in pp and dAu
  - **Conclusions:** Dependence of Cronin Effect on Beam Energy,  
System Size; Interpretation of AuAu data
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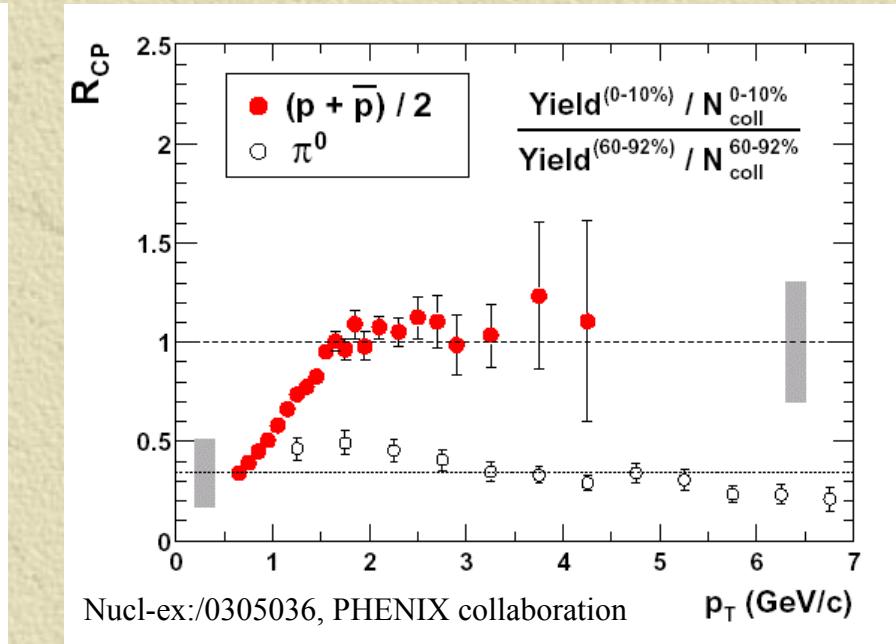
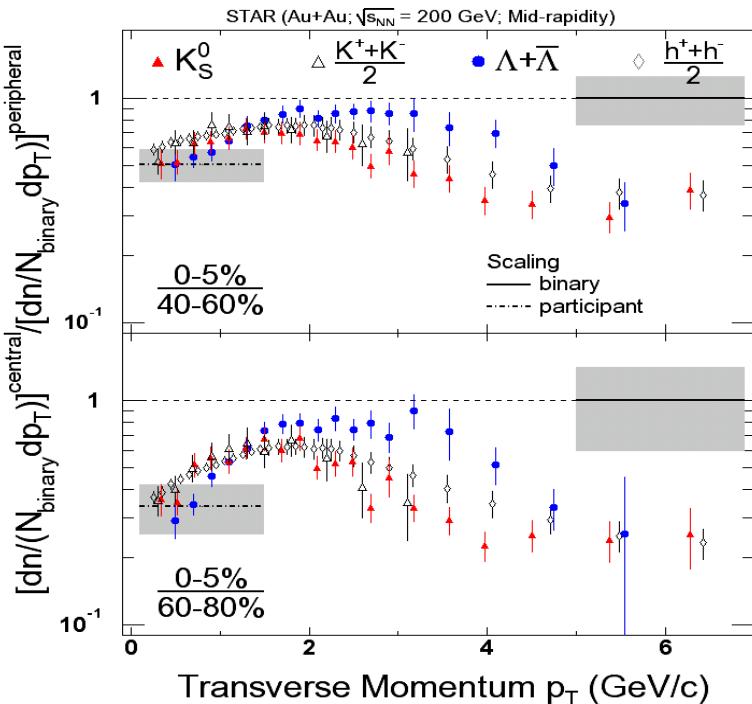
# Particle Production at Intermediate pT in AuAu Collisions at RHIC



Particle Yield in Central AuAu Collisions (Gross Anatomy):

- Orders of magnitude difference at low pT
- Similar yield and slope at intermediate pT (2—5 $\text{GeV}/c$ )

# Centrality Dependence: $R_{CP}$



- ✿ Baryons ( $p, \Lambda$ ) increase faster than mesons ( $\pi, K$ ) from peripheral to central
- ✿ Baryons:  $\sim N_{\text{bin}}$  Scaling

# Cronin Data

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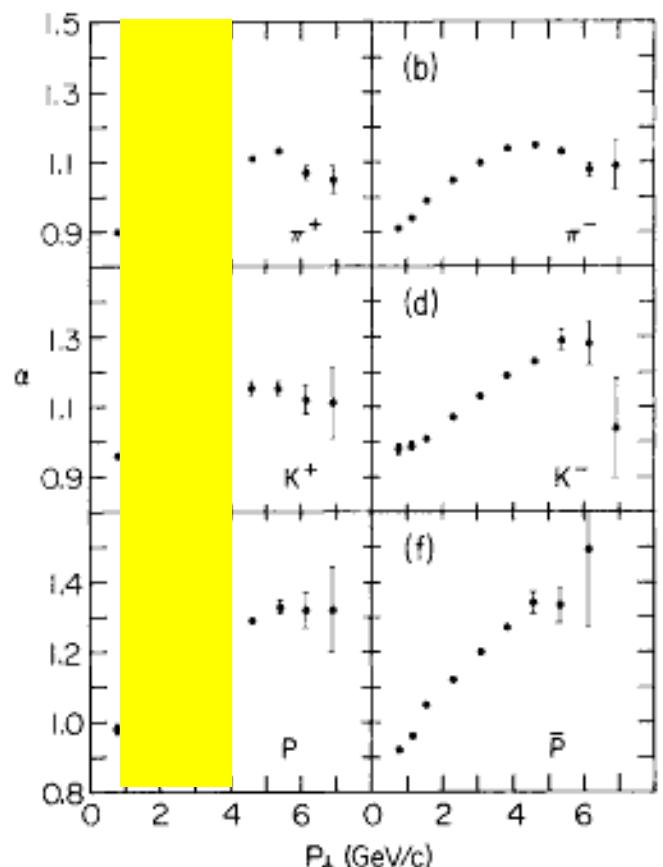


FIG. 2. The power  $\alpha$  of the  $A$  dependence of the invariant cross section vs  $p_{\perp}$  for the production of hadrons by 400-GeV protons; (a)  $\pi^+$ , (b)  $\pi^-$ , (c)  $K^+$ , (d)  $K^-$ , (e)  $p$ , and (f)  $\bar{p}$ . Unless indicated otherwise, the errors are smaller than or equal to the size of the points.

$$\sigma_{pA} = A^\alpha \sigma_{pp}$$

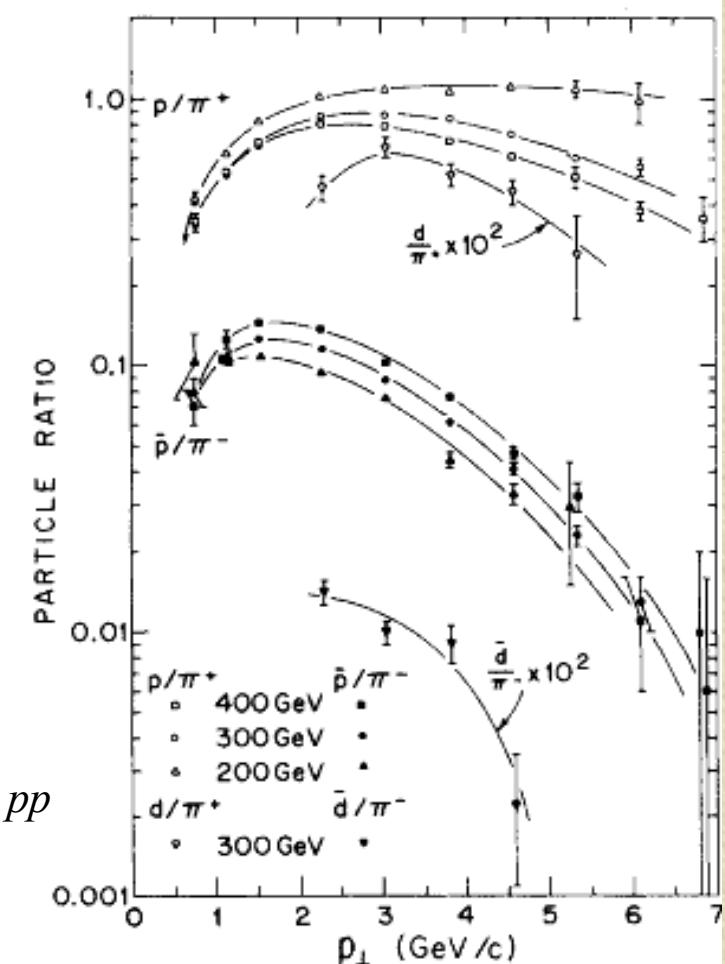


FIG. 13. Cross-section ratios  $p/\pi^+$ ,  $\bar{p}/\pi^-$ ,  $d/\pi^+$ , and  $\bar{d}/\pi^-$  versus  $p_{\perp}$  for  $W$  target.

Cronin effect larger for protons compared to pions

# Extrapolation & Predictions at RHIC

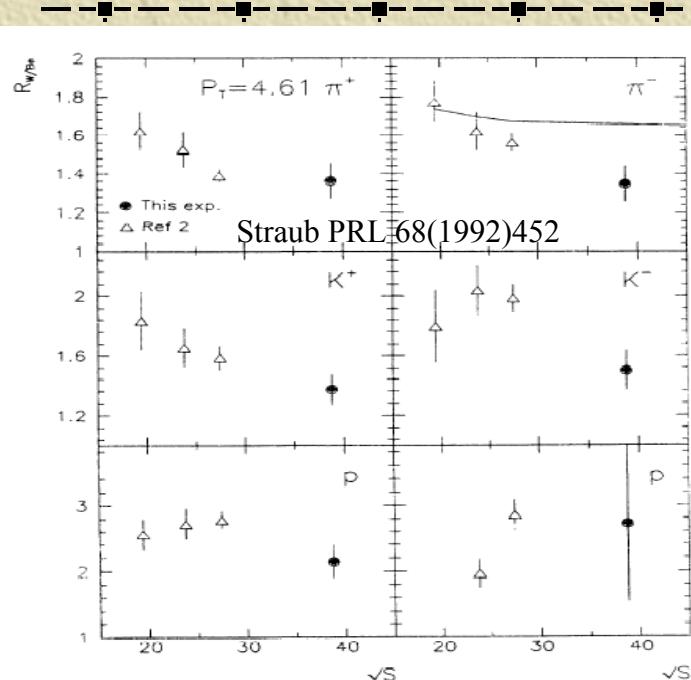


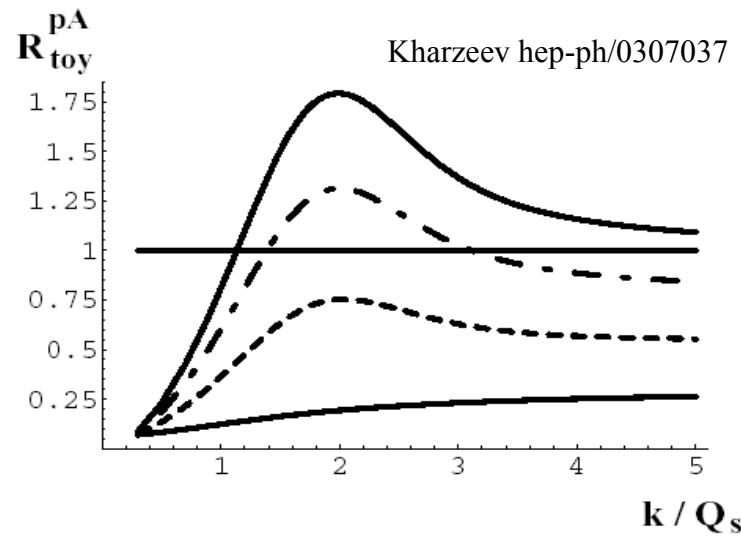
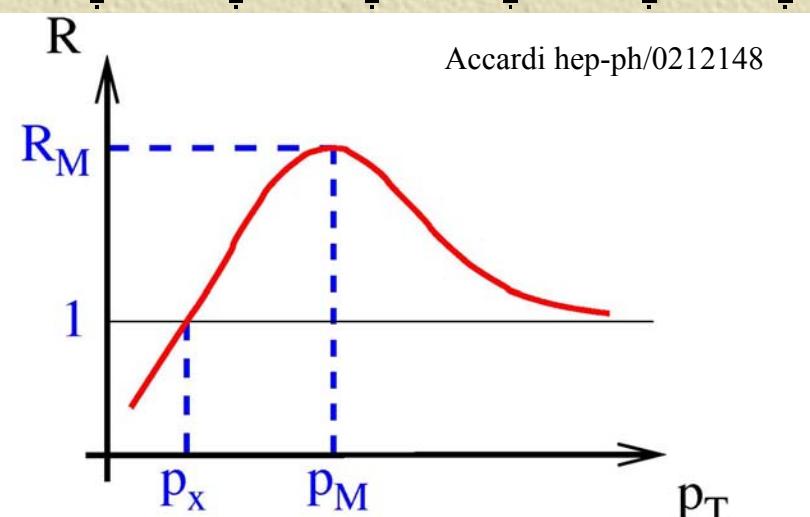
FIG. 2.  $R_{W/Be}$  vs  $\sqrt{s}$  at  $p_T = 4.61$  GeV/c for each hadron species using our results (error bars include scale error) and results from Ref. [2]. Also shown are model calculations [12] for  $\pi^-$ .

$R_{pA} < 1$ ,  $pT < \sim 1$  GeV/c

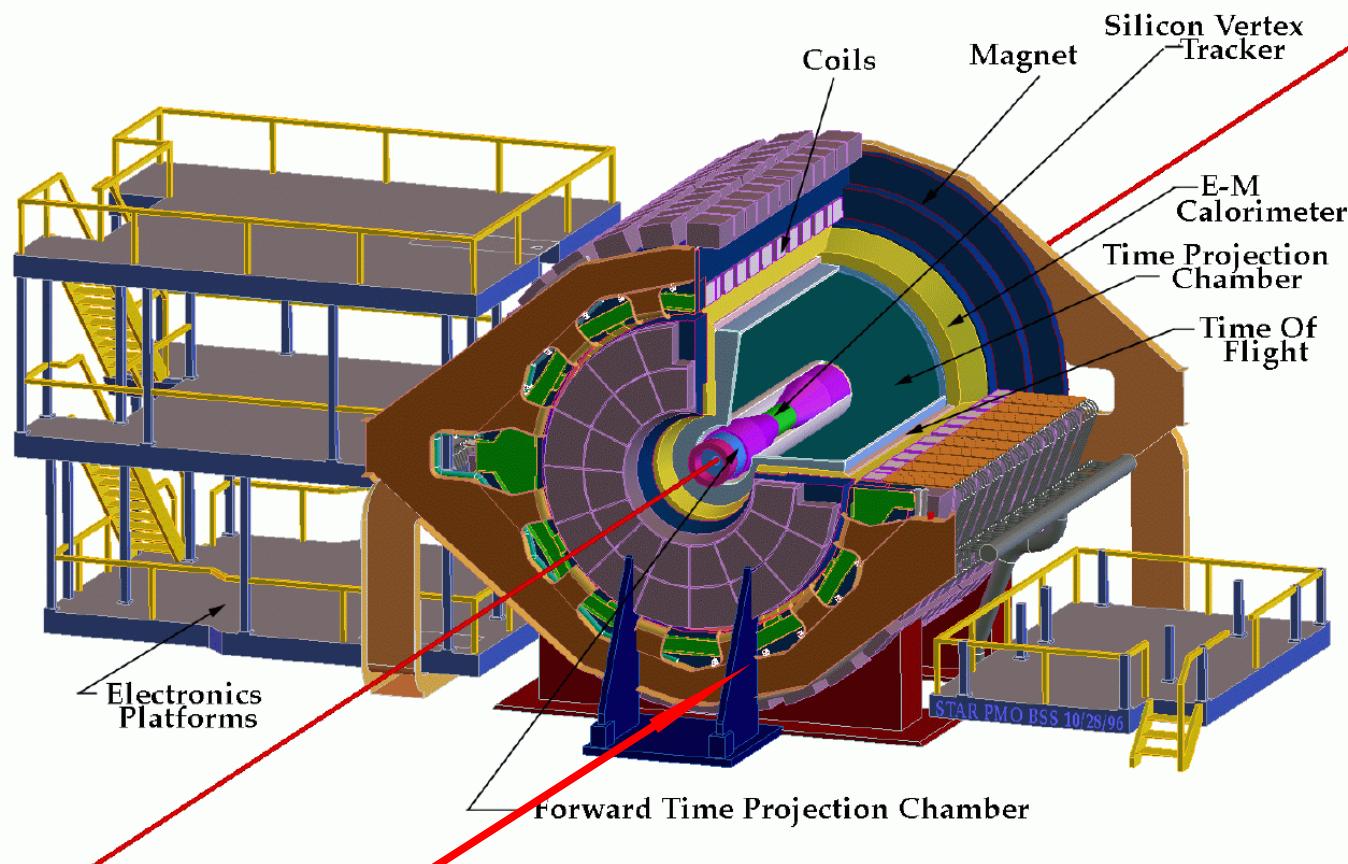
$R_{pA} > 1$ ,  $pT > \sim 1$  GeV/c

$1 < R_M < 2$ ,  $2.5 < P_M < 4.5$

Decrease vs beam Energy



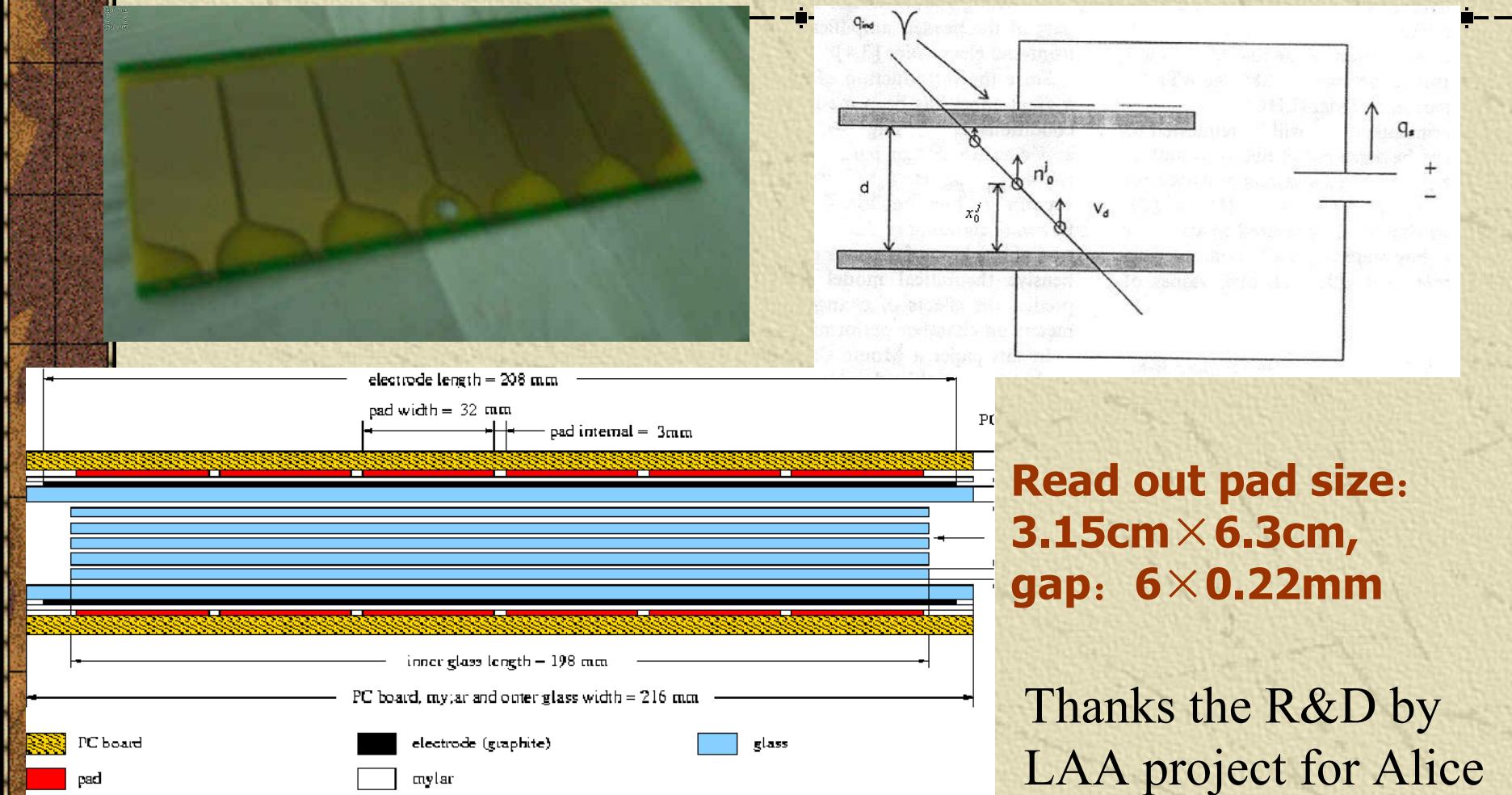
# STAR Detector



TOFr 1 of 120 trays, Au side

Pseudo Vertex Position Detector (pVPD)  $\pm 5.4\text{m}$

# Structure of MRPC Module

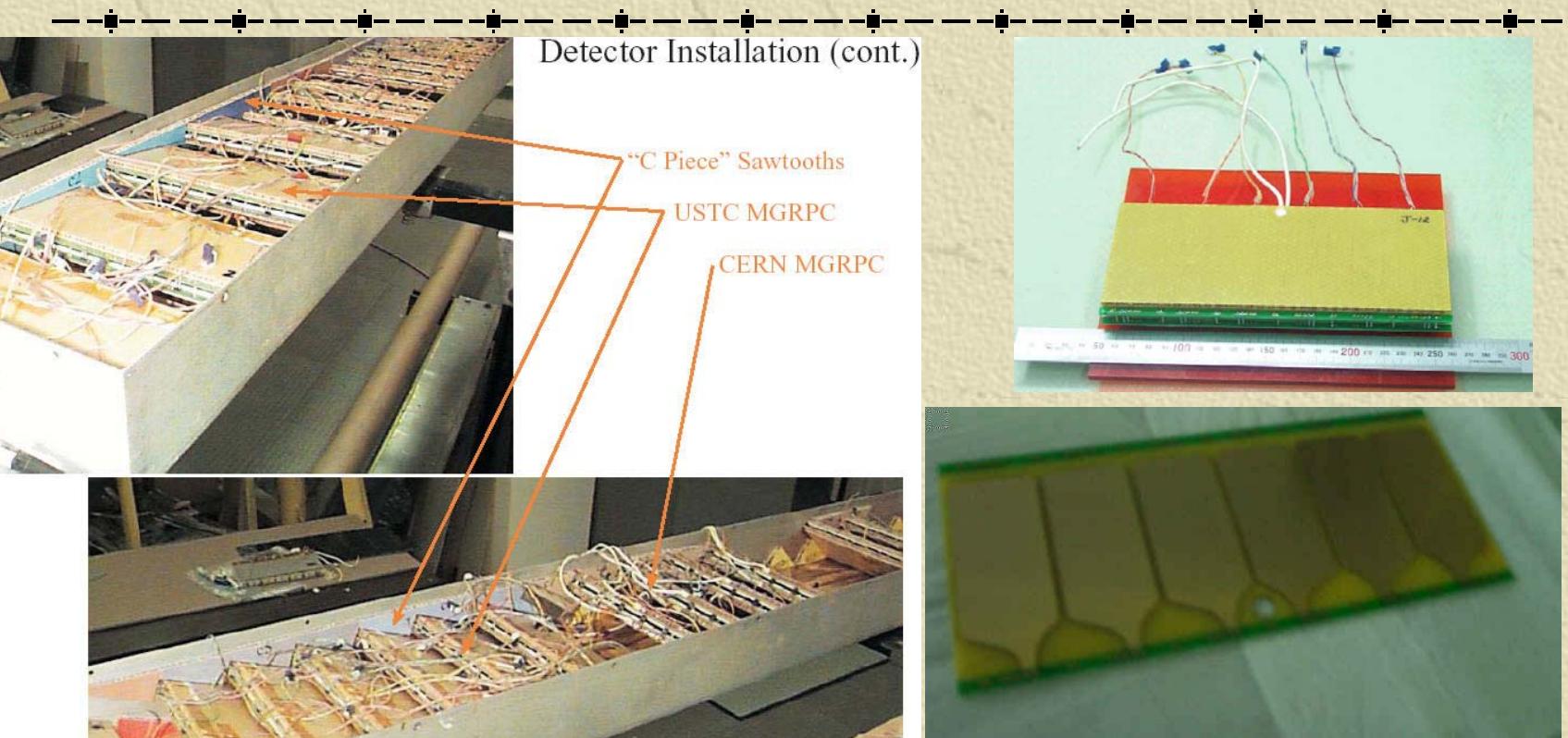


**Read out pad size:  
3.15cm × 6.3cm,  
gap: 6 × 0.22mm**

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LAA project for Alice

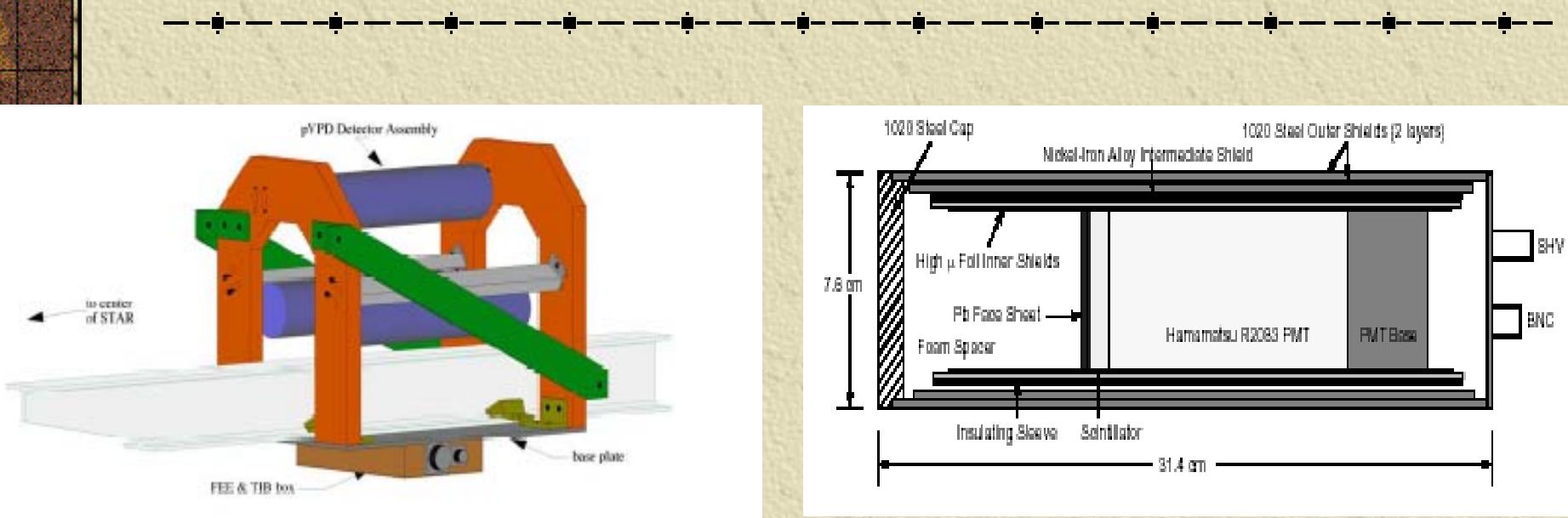
Multigap Resistive Plate Chamber  
New Technology, Low Cost, High Resolution (<100ps)

# MRPC TOFr 2003



- Just one tray: ~0.25% of TPC Coverage
- From dAu data: ~0.7% per event has hits matched with TPC primary tracks

# Pseudo Vertex Position Detector



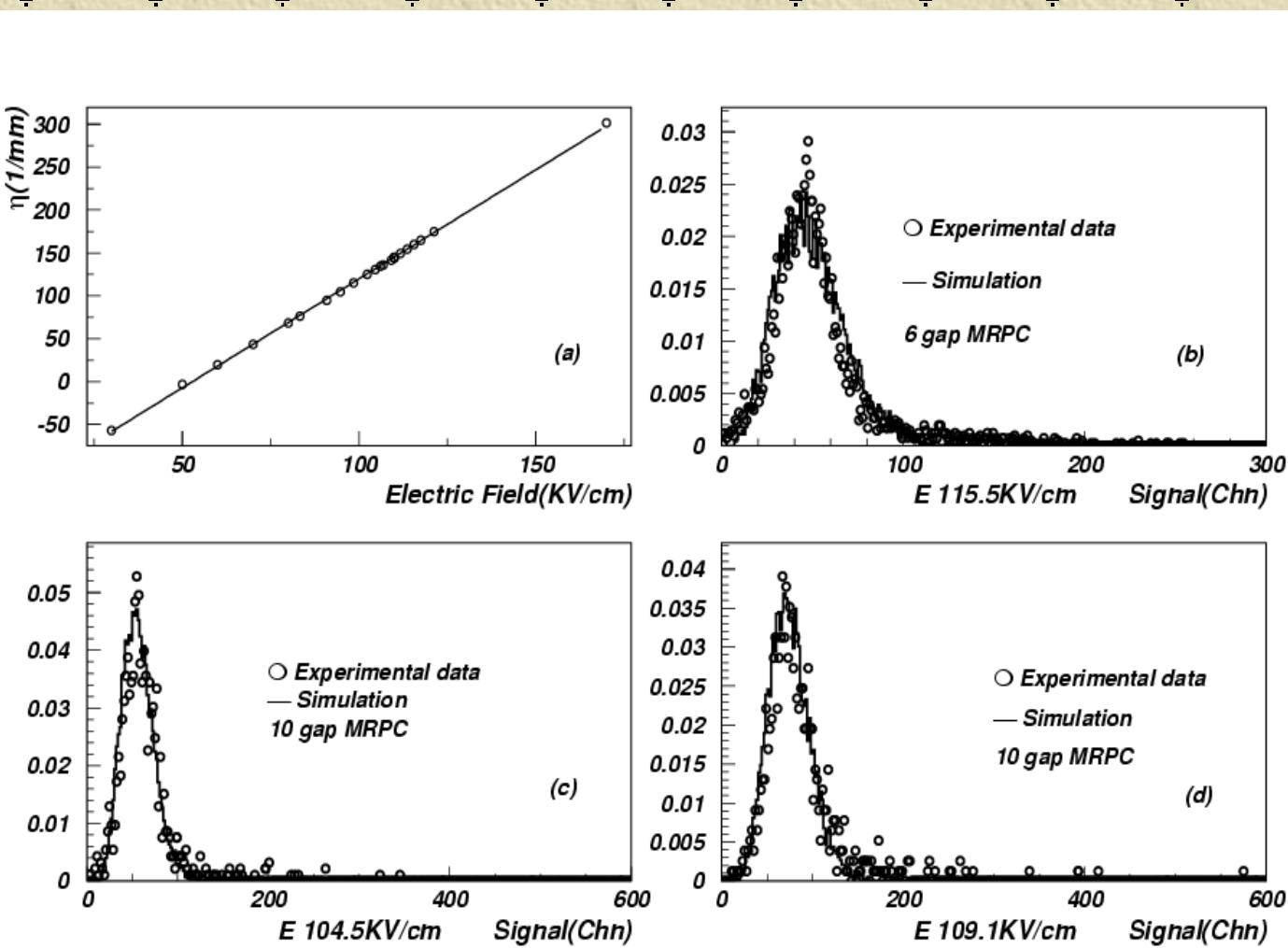
- ★ (pVPD)  $\pm 5.4\text{m}$
- ★  $4.43 < \eta < 4.94$ ,  $\Delta\phi \sim 20\%$
- ★ Trigger Efficiency: 100%, 30%, 10% in AuAu, dAu, pp
- ★  $\sigma_{t=25, 85, 140\text{ps}}$  in AuAu, dAu, pp

# TOFr Calibration

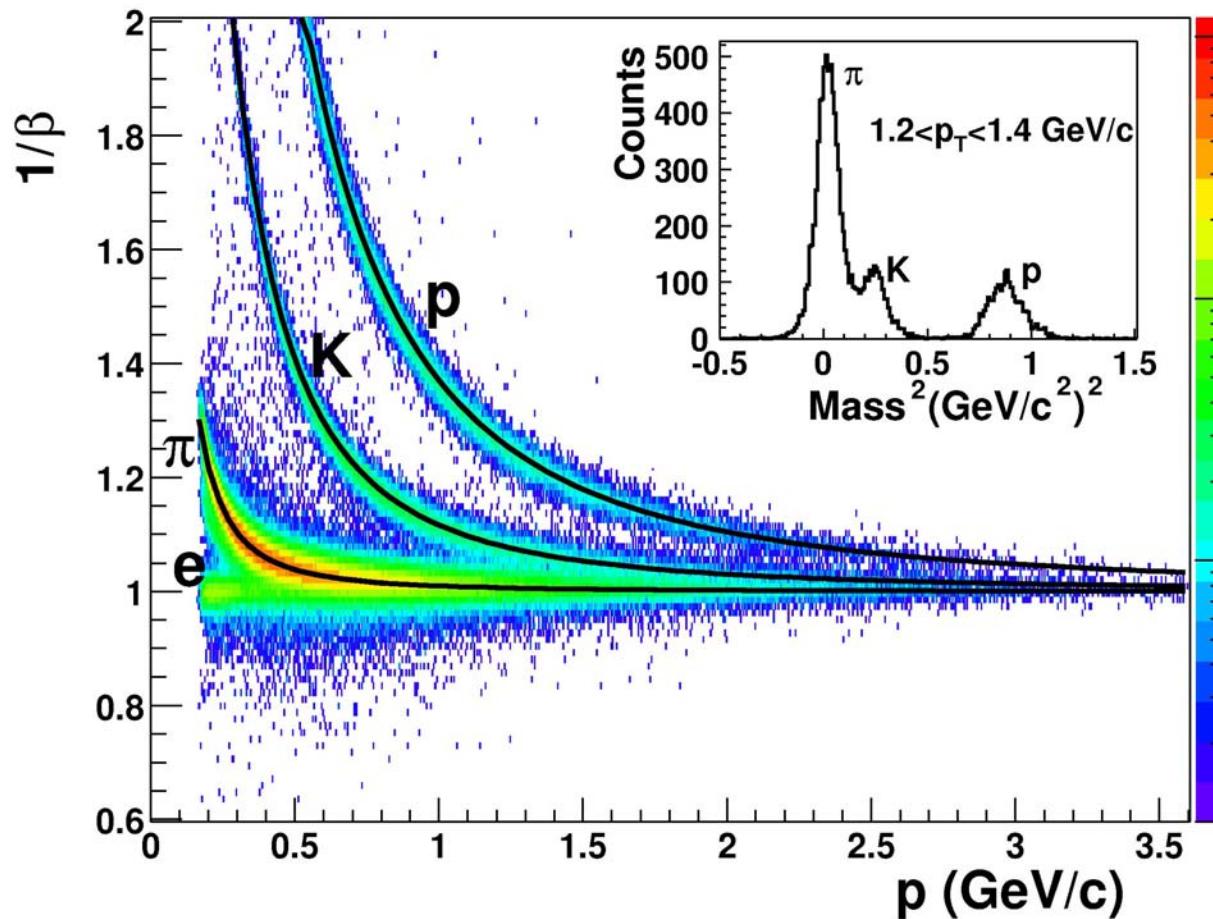
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- ❖ Trigger Enhancement: ~40 dAu, 400 pp
  - dAu: ZDC-Au&pVPD&TOFr
  - pp: BBCs&pVPD&TOFr
- ❖ Dataset:
  - 610K matched TOFr signal from 1.9M events in dAu
  - 300K out of 1.08M events in pp
- ❖ Calibration Procedure
  - ◆ Selecting pion sample (TPC dE/dx)
  - ◆ slewing correction cell by cell
  - ◆ z position correction
- ❖ total time resolution is about 120 ps (Overall)
  - (pVPD start time resolution 85 ps,
  - TOFr timing resolution 85ps)

# Simulation: Charge distribution

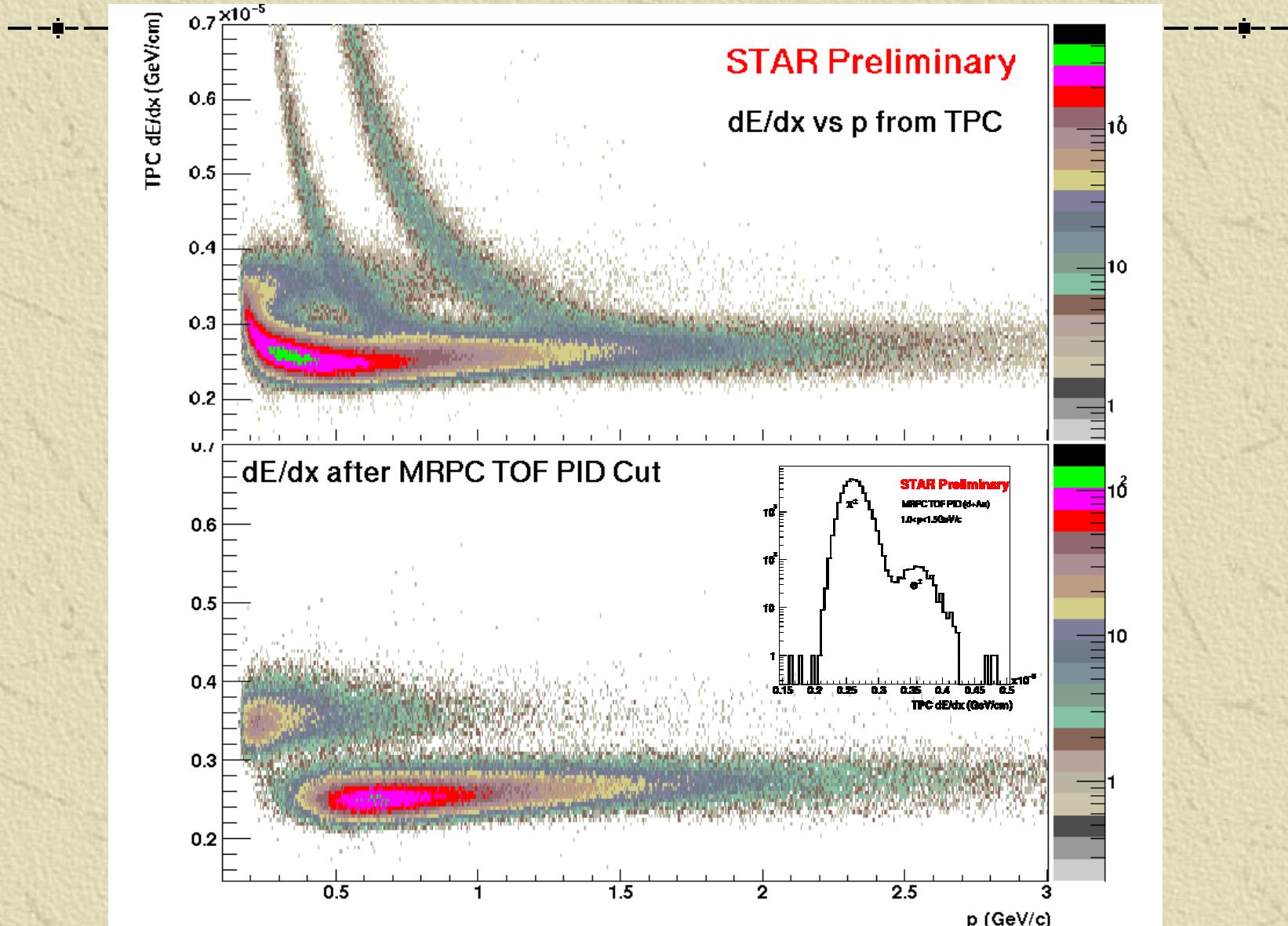


# MRPC PID plot



$\pi K$  separation  $p=1.6\text{GeV}/c$ ,  $pK$   $p=3\text{GeV}/c$

# Electron Identification



# 欲穷千里目，更上一层楼

——王之焕

If (you) have a vision of a thousand miles and want to widen your view,  
please climb one more flight of stairs.

— The Heron Lodge by Wang Zhihuan, Tang Dynasty

## Proposal for a Large Area Time-of-Flight System for STAR

- ❖ Identified Particle Correlation & Fluctuation
- ❖ Improve Multistrange Particle Detecting Efficiency:  
Partonic Collectivity & Exotica Particle Search
- ❖ Particle Composition of Jet Fragmentation
- ❖ Antinuclei
- ❖ Extensive Resonance Spectra
- ❖ Open Charm Hadronic Decay
- ❖ Open Charm Leptonic Decay
- ❖ Dilepton
- ❖ Vector Meson Leptonic Decay

# Proposal for a Large Area Time of Flight System for STAR STAR-TOF

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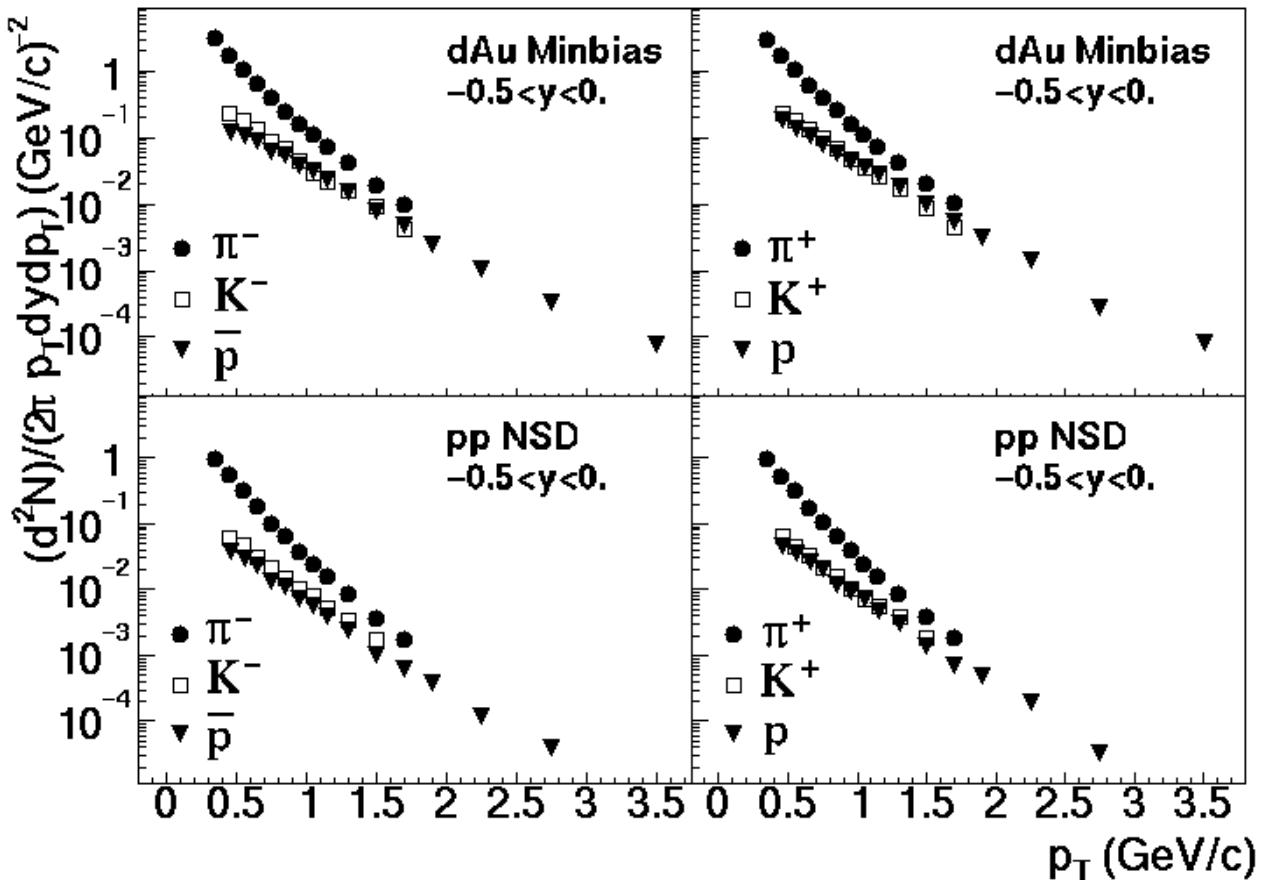
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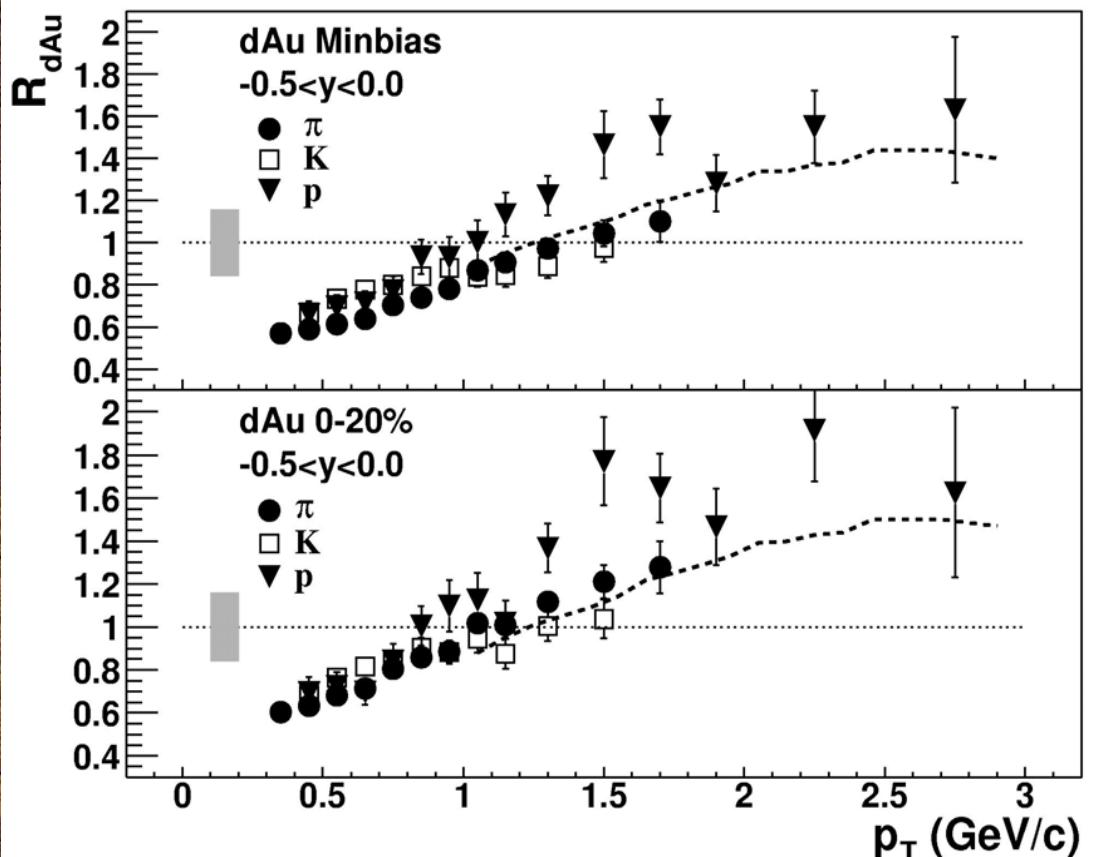
# Spectra in pp, dAu



dAu Minbias:  $95 \pm 3\%$  of Total Nuclear Cross Section

pp NSD:  $30.0 \pm 3.5 \text{mb}$ , spectra correction  $< 5\%$  to inelastic

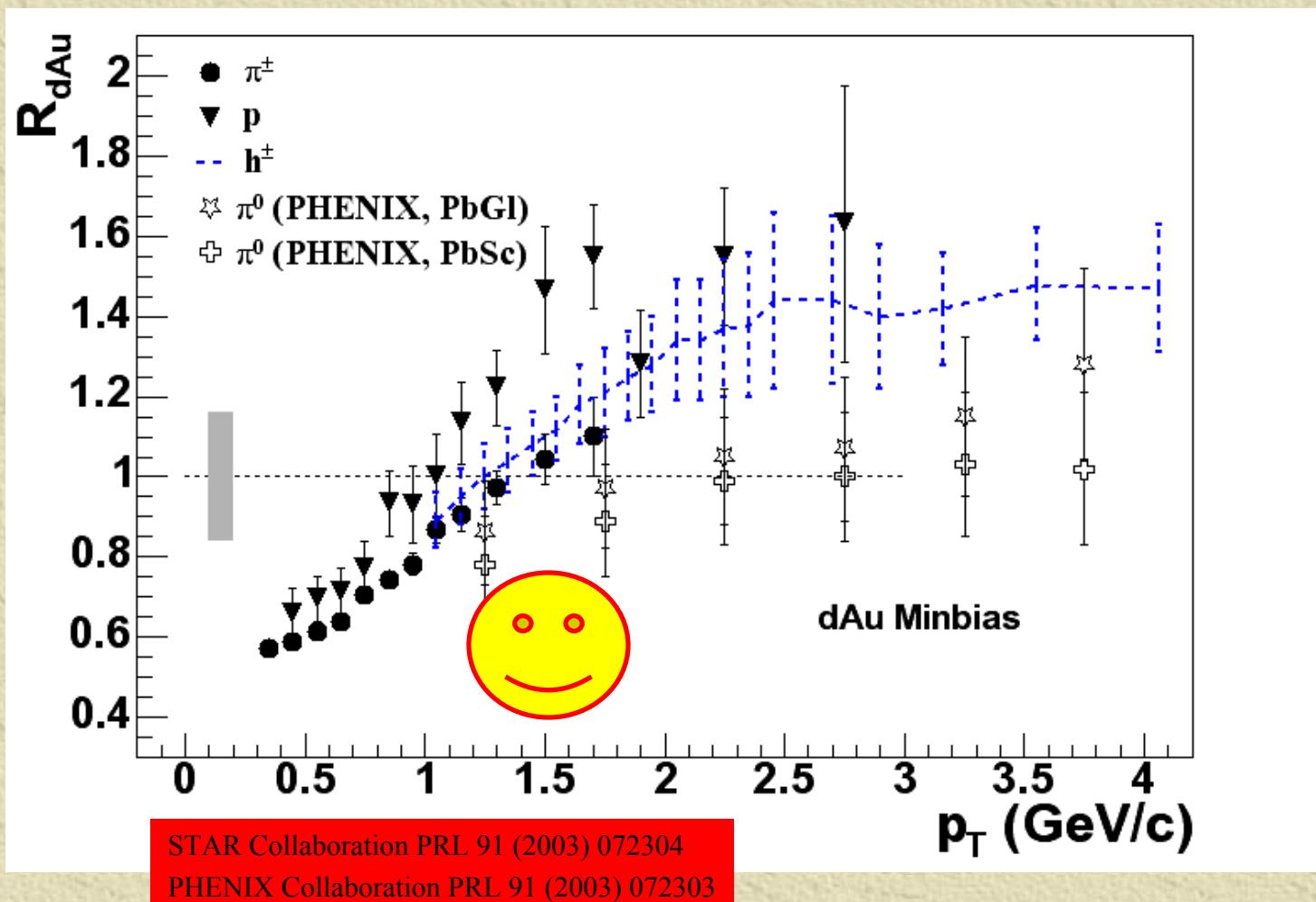
# $\pi$ K p R<sub>dAu</sub>



- Non-Flatness  
Low pT < 1  
High pT > 1  
 $P_x \approx 1$  GeV/c
- R<sub>dAu</sub>: p >  $\pi, K$
- Proton Spectra at Intermediate pT:  
No Binary Scaling
- $\alpha_p - \alpha_\pi = 0.041 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.006$   
 $\sqrt{s} \approx 30$  GeV: (1 < pT < 3)  
 $\alpha_p - \alpha_\pi = 0.095 \pm 0.004$

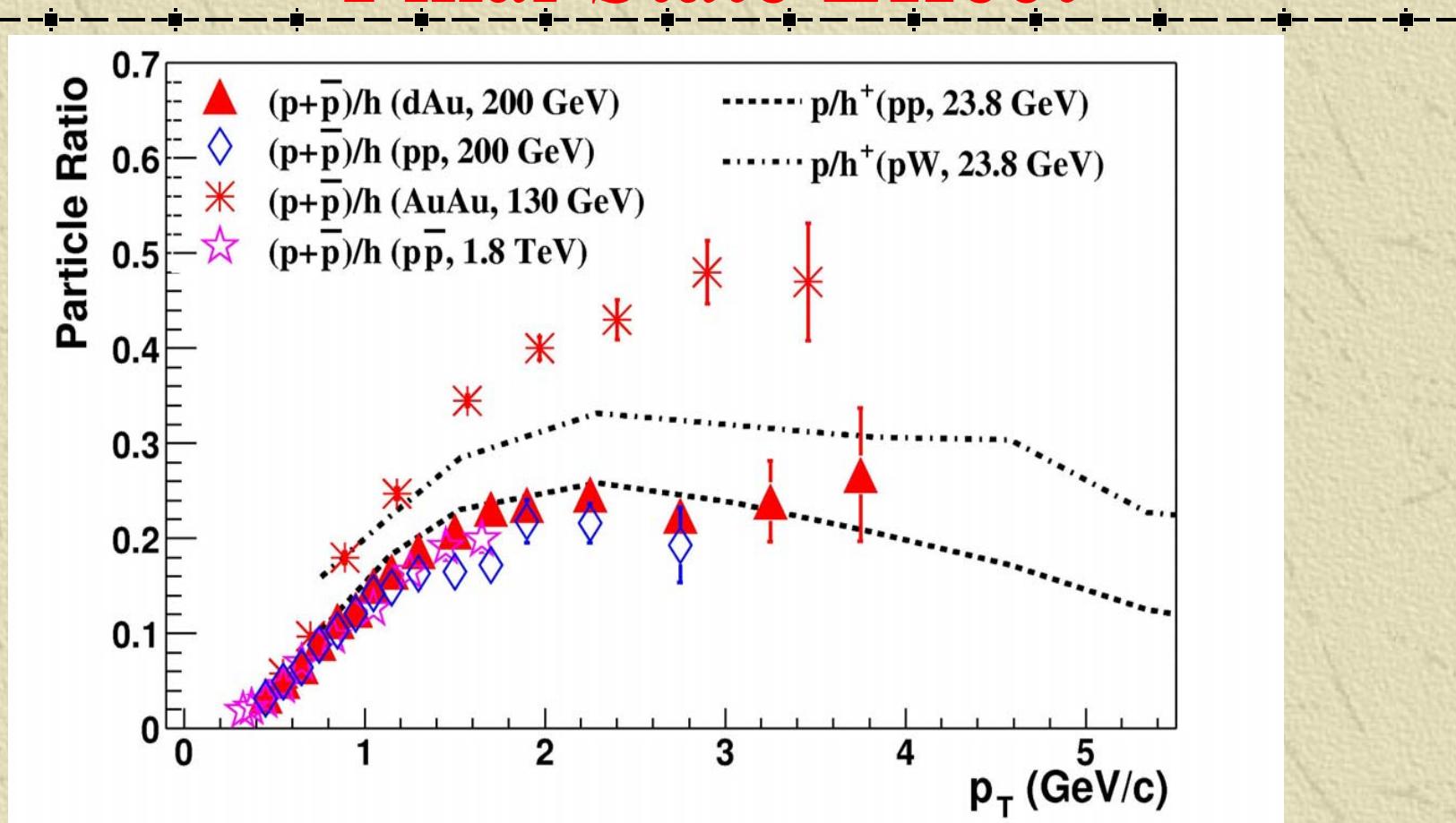
## Very Characteristic Cronin Effect

# Consistency Check



Within Errors,  $R_{dAu}$  STAR  $\pi^\pm$  consistent with PHENIX  $\pi^0$

# Final State Effect

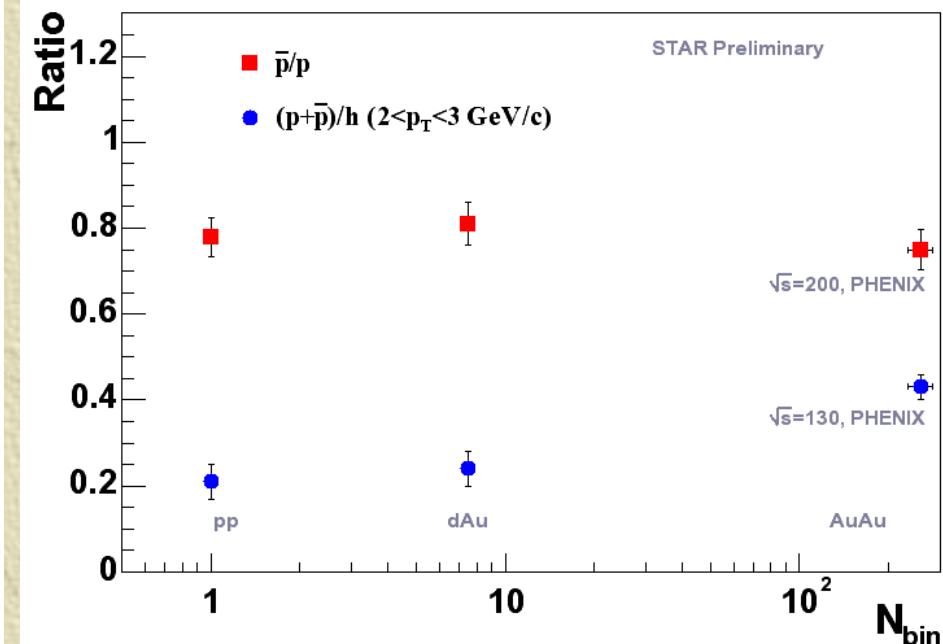
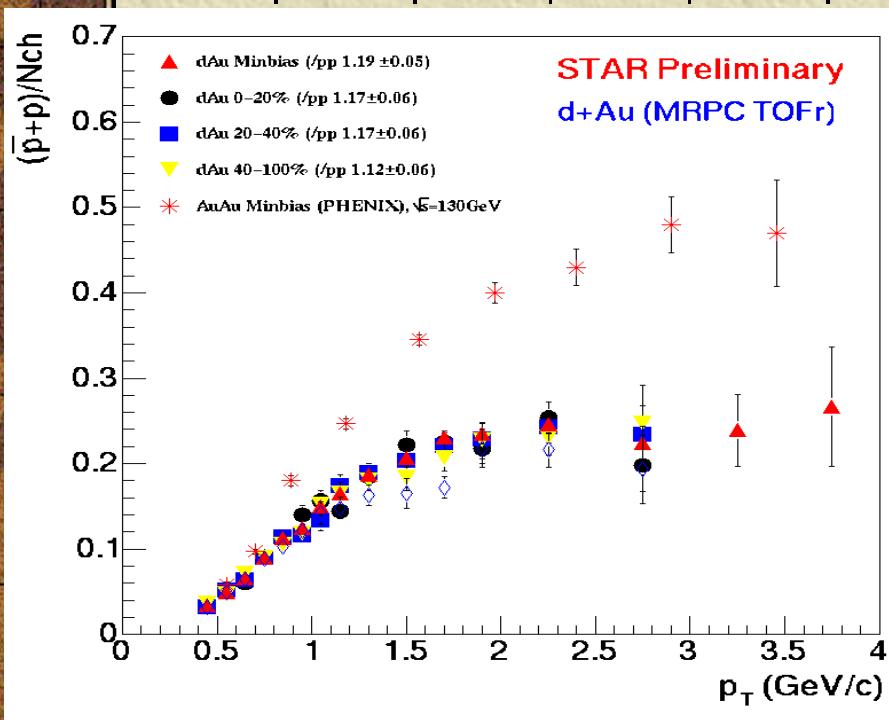


dAu:  $(p^+ - \bar{p})/h = 0.24 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.03$  ( $2 < p_T < 3$  GeV/c)

dAu:  $(p^+ - \bar{p})/h = 0.21 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$  ( $2 < p_T < 3$  GeV/c)

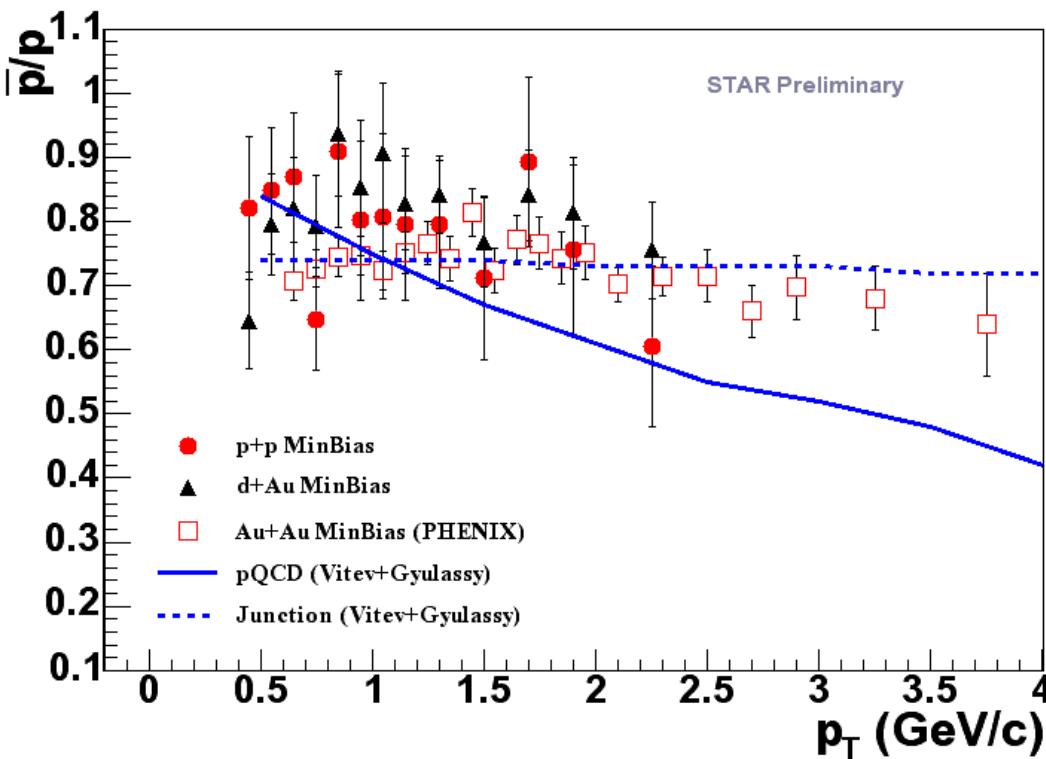
$\times 2$  smaller than that in AuAu

# Centrality Dependence p/h



- ★ Very Little Centrality Dependence  
Consistent with inclusive  $h^\pm$  results!
- ★ Due to different stopping between dAu and AuAu??  
 $\bar{p}/p$  constant from pp, dAu to AuAu

# pT Dependence of $\bar{p}/p$ Ratio



- Flat vs pT (stat. shown only, syst: 4-6%)
- No Convincing Evidence of  $\bar{p}/p$  Decrease as pQCD prediction (hep-ph/0208108)

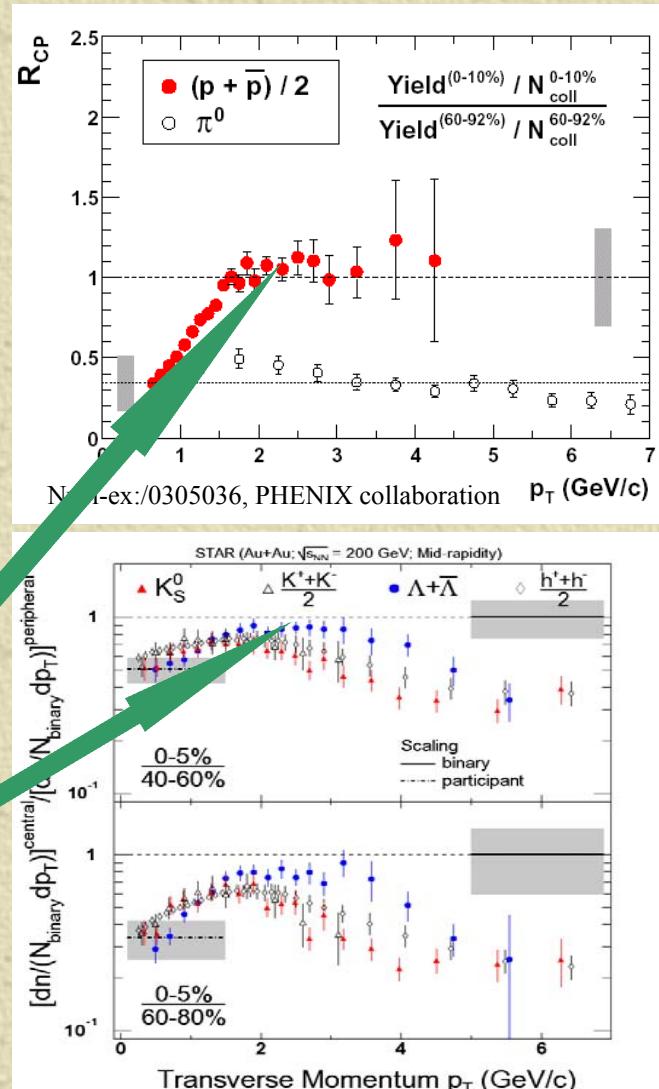
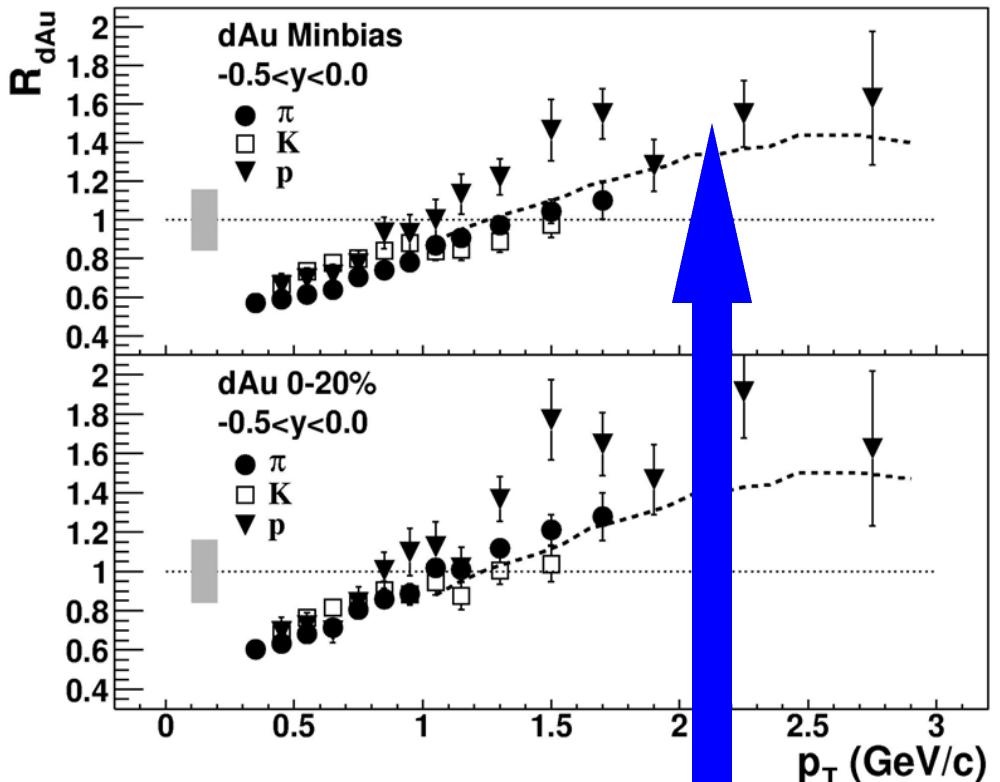
dAu:

STAR:  $0.81 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.04$

PHOBOS:  $\sim 0.83 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$

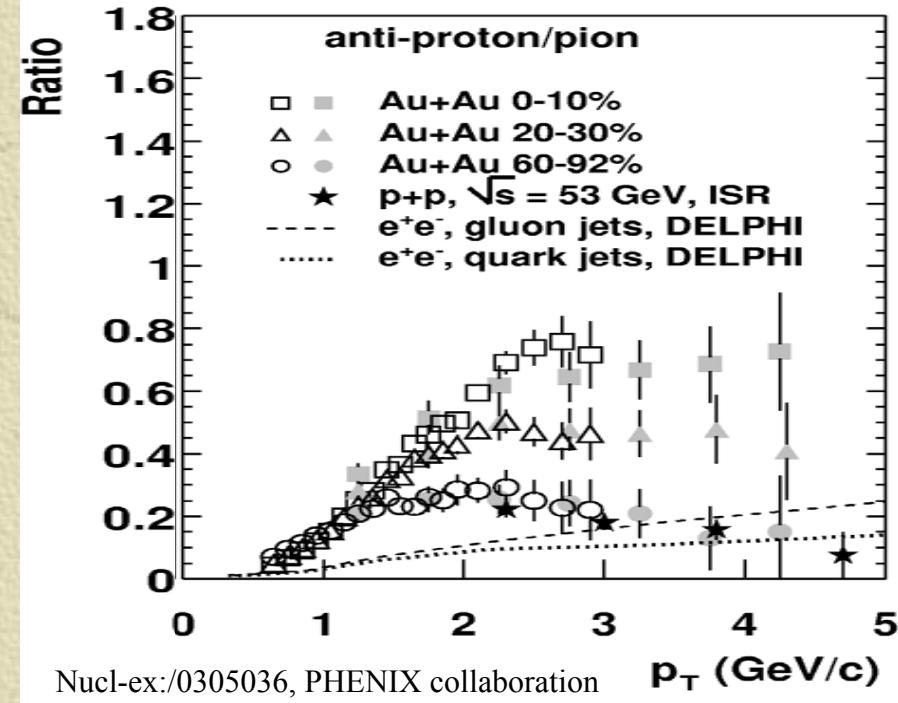
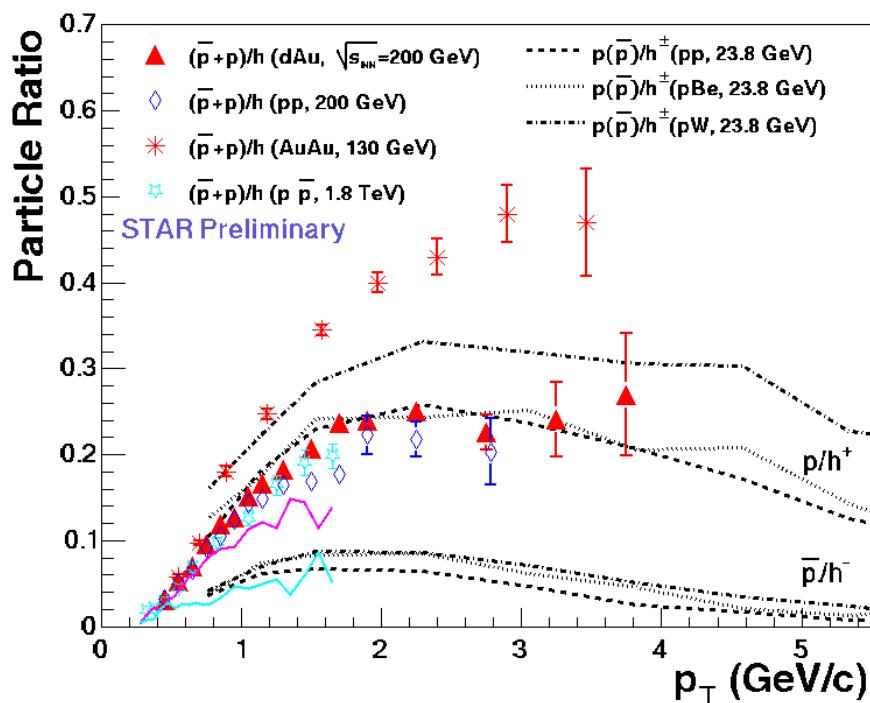
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# Binary Scaling: A Final State Effect?



- ★ dAu: Great than Binary Scaling
- ★ AuAu: ~Binary Scaling

# Compared to Fragmentation In $e^+e^-$



## Baryon Production:

- ◆  $g > q$  (high momentum jet, DELPHI)
- ◆  $ggg \gg q\bar{q}$  ( $\sim \times 3$  @ 10 GeV, ARGUS)
- ◆ How about many gluons/quarks?  
Coalescence? Hwa, Fries , Greco *et al.*

# Conclusions

dAu

- 1) Characteristic Cronin Effect
- 2) Baryon Enhanced  
 $p/h(dAu/pp) = 1.19 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$
- 3) Baryon Great than Binary Scaling
- 4) Composition weak centrality dependence
- 5)  $\bar{p}/p$  no pT dependence  
Improve precision
- 6)  $p/h >>$  quark/gluon fragmentation
- 7)  $p/h$  close to **ggg** fragmentation

AuAu

- 1) Suppression
- 2) Relative Baryon Enhanced  
 $p/h(AuAu/pp) = \sim 2$
- 3) Baryon Binary Scaling
- 4) Composition strong centrality dependence
- 5)  $\bar{p}/p$  no pT dependence
- 6)  $p/h >>$  quark/gluon fragmentation
- 7)  $p/h >>$  **ggg** fragmentation

MRPC TOF is a cost-effective solution for large area time-of-flight system and it works