

Proton/pion ratios in relative azimuth with respect to a jet in $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV Au+Au collisions at STAR

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Inclusive Proton/pion ratios show an enhancement at intermediate transverse momentum ($P_T \sim 1.5 - 4.0$ GeV/c) in central $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV Au+Au collisions compared to peripheral Au+Au and p+p collisions. This effect suggests a production mechanism, different from fragmentation, which is consistent with coalescence and recombination models. A high-ET trigger particle selects a surface-biased jet, which is measured to have a similar P_T distribution as a p+p jet. This jet is used to enhance the quenching effects of the recoiling, medium traversing one. We reconstruct the trigger jet using the FASTJET algorithm, with a ET (P_T) cut of 3.0 GeV(c) on the towers(tracks) in order to reduce the heavy-ion collision background. The particle identification of tracks with P_T up to ~ 2.8 GeV/c is obtained by taking advantage of STAR TOF and TPC detectors with full azimuth coverage. Correlations in $\Delta\phi$ between jets and identified hadrons are presented, and the particle ratios in different regions of azimuth are measured. Particle ratios associated with the trigger jet vs. the recoil jet, and comparisons to inclusive particle ratios can help to distinguish between jet-related (vacuum and medium-modified) and bulk-related contributions to the ratios enhancement.

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