Study of medium effects on heavy-flavor production at RHIC

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Quark Gluon Plasma in a minute











Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)



- Circumference 3.8 km
 - two counter-circulating rings (yellow and blue rings)
- Beam species : p, d, He, Cu, Au, U
 - bunch length : 20 cm, bunches per rung : 56
- Maximum energy for heavy-ion collisions: sqrt(s_{NN})=200 GeV
- Maximum energy for proton-proton collisions : sqrt(s)=510 GeV

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Study of heavy quark production

- Produced in the early stage of collisions
 - dominantly produced by gluon fusion at RHIC energy
 - experience full evolution of medium from heavy-ion collision
- Medium effects on heavy quark production can be studied from various collision systems



Heavy flavor in PHENIX

- Measurement of leptons from semi-leptonic decays of D/B mesons
 - easy to trigger
 - need to understand/subtract background from other lepton sources
- Electrons at Central arm
 - | η |<0.35</p>
 - $\Delta \phi = \pi$
 - Tracking w/
 DC, PC
 - elD w/ RICH, EMcal





- Muons at Muon arm
 - Ι.2<| η |<2.2</p>
 - Δφ=2π
 - ~10 λ absorber
 - Tracking w/ wire chamber
 - muID w/
 5 layers of steel and larocci tube plane





- In p+p collisions
 - consistent with the FONLL calculation
 - reference for other collision systems
 - In central Au+Au collisions
 - large suppression of high p_T HF e



d+Au collisions

• Minimize the hot medium effects to study initial-state modification



• Jet quenching is absent in d+Au collisions



Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 072304 (2003)

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CNM effects – Nuclear shadowing



CNM effects – Cronin effect & nuclear absorption



Phys. Rev. C 74, 024904 (2006)

- Nuclear breakup (absorption)
 - breaking up quarkonia with CNM
 - nucleus during bunch crossing
 - co-mover
 - J/psi are suppressed at all rapidity and in all centrality ranges
 - large difference from open heavy flavor results

Cronin effect

- pT broadening due to multiple inelastic scattering of incoming parton before hard scattering
- baryon enhancement can be explained by recombination model

(R. Hwa et al. nucl-th/040466)











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- modification of nPDF
- initial k_T broadening



Uncertainty band

R_g from EPSO9

10-1

10-2

10-3

Bjorken x

Enhancement in central d+Au



• pQCD calculation considering multiple scattering effects reproduces the enhancement at backward rapidity!

Enhancement in central d+Au



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J/psi : Phys. Rev. C 87, 034904 (2013)

- In the most peripheral collision
 - all RdA ~ I
- In the most central collision
 - RdA of HF muon and J/psi are still consistent at forward rapidity
 - however, clearly different at backward rapidity
 - charm production is enhanced but J/psi is significantly absorbed due to nuclear breakup inside dense co-movers at backward rapidity







Most central collisions in d+Au, Cu+Cu, and Au+Au collisions





CENTRAL d+Au ≈ PERIPHERAL Cu+Cu

CENTRAL Cu+Cu ≈ MID Au+Au



• Trend from d+Au and peripheral Cu+Cu collisions,

where enhancement effects are dominating

• To central Cu+Cu and Au+Au collisions,

where suppression effects take over

Next measurement!

- Silicon vertex tracking system VTX and FVTX are successfully working now!
 - fine measurement will be achieved based on very precise vertex position information
 - separation of letpons from D and B mesons
 - B->J/ Ψ , Ψ ' measurements



PHENIX silicon vertex tracking system



sPHENIX

- For full jet and enhanced Υ measurements!
 - arXiv:1501.06197



BACK UP





HF e and π^{0} in central Cu+Cu collisions



π^{0} production in Cu+Cu collisions at mid-rapidity



 π^{0} production in d+Au collisions at mid-rapidity



 π^{0} production in Au+Au collisions at mid-rapidity

