## 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<sub>NN</sub>)=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 $\lambda$  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<sub>T</sub> broadening



Uncertainty band

R<sub>g</sub> 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



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

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CENTRAL d+Au ≈ PERIPHERAL Cu+Cu

CENTRAL Cu+Cu ≈ MID Au+Au

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• 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/ $\Psi$ ,  $\Psi$ ' measurements

![](_page_22_Picture_5.jpeg)

PHENIX silicon vertex tracking system

![](_page_22_Figure_7.jpeg)

#### **s**PHENIX

- For full jet and enhanced  $\Upsilon$  measurements!
  - arXiv:1501.06197

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#### HF e and $\pi^{0}$ in central Cu+Cu collisions

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## $\pi^{0}$ production in Cu+Cu collisions at mid-rapidity

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 $\pi^{0}$  production in d+Au collisions at mid-rapidity

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 $\pi^{0}$  production in Au+Au collisions at mid-rapidity

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