Measurements of $D_S^{\pm}$ - meson production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV in STAR

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**Good Probe to study the hadronization and strangeness enhancement**

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For Details about HFT: See talk by G. Contin (Tuesday, 3.00 PM, Futute Exp. Fac. Upgr.)
Analysis Details

- Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV in 2014
- 750 M minimum bias events analyzed (70% of collected data)
- $|V_z| \leq 6$ cm
- Centrality using raw charged particle measured in TPC and Glauber Model

- Decay Channel: $D_s^\pm \rightarrow \phi (\rightarrow K^+K^-) + \pi^\pm$
- Branching Ratio: $2.32 \pm 0.14\%$
- Decay Length: $150 \pm 2$ $\mu$m
- Mass: $1968.47 \pm 0.33$ MeV/c$^2$

**Secondary Vertex:**
Using HFT

$D_s \rightarrow K^* + K$ decay channel:
See Poster by L. Zhou (ID:336)
Particle Identification

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• First measurement of D_S meson at RHIC.
• We will present D_S spectra for 10-40% centrality and for 2.5 < p_T < 5.0 GeV/c.
• Lower p_T and more peripheral collisions studies are underway.
Mass and width

Mass is consistent with PDG value
Width is consistent with the results from detector simulations.
The $R_{AA}$ of $D_S$ is higher than unity but statistically not significant.

$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{N_{Bin}} \times \frac{dN^{AA}_{T}}{dp_T} / \frac{dN^{pp}_{T}}{dp_T}$

$D_S$ spectra for p+p collision has been calculated from measured charm cross-section in STAR. Fragmentation factor from charm to $D_S$ is 0.09±0.01

The ratio $D_S/D^0$ is less than unity and seems to be higher than prediction for $p+p$ collision from PYTHIA.
Invariant Yield and $D_S/D^0$

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Pb+Pb (ALICE: arXiv:1509.07287)  
STAR Au+Au $D^0$: Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 (2014) 142301
Elliptic Flow Analysis

\[ v_2 = \langle \cos(2(\phi - \psi_2)) \rangle \times R^{-1} \]

**Method:** Full Event Plane

**Event Plane:** Using TPC tracks

**Resolution:** Using Eta sub-event

**\( D_S v_2 \):**

*By fitting Yield vs \( (\phi - \psi_2) \)*

*with function* \( p0(1+2v^\text{raw}_2 \cos(2(\phi - \psi_2))) \)

\[ v_2^\text{raw} \]
Elliptic Flow of $D_S$

First measurement of $D_S v_2$ in heavy-ion experiment. Need more statistics.
Summary

• We have observed a clear signal of $D_S$ at RHIC for the first time

• $D_S$ in Au+Au 200 GeV for 10-40% central collisions:
  - $D_S/D^0$ seems to be higher than p+p prediction (from PYTHIA 6.4) at $p_T = 2.8$ and 3.9 GeV/c
  - $R_{AA} = 2.1 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.7$ and $1.7 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5$ at $p_T = 2.8$ and 3.9 GeV/c, respectively

• First measurement of elliptic flow of $D_S$ is presented

• Stay tuned for Run 16 Data with increased statistics and improved detector performance

Thank You
Back-up
$R_{AA}$

$D^0$ (Au+Au 200 GeV, 10-40%)

$D_S$ (Pb+Pb 2.76 TeV, 20-50%)

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$D_S$ Pb+Pb (ALICE: arXiv:1509.07287)

$D^0$ Au+Au (STAR: PRL 113 (2014) 142301)

STAR Preliminary
$\phi$-meson signal