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## $J/\psi$ production and interactions with the medium

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 $J/\psi$  production provides a sensitive probe of the properties of the hot and dense medium created in high energy heavy ion collisions at RHIC.  $J/\psi$  suppression due to Debye screening was long considered to be a leading signature of Quark Gluon Plasma formation. Recent theoretical studies suggest that such suppression can be compensated by recombination, or explain suppression by decreased feed-dowm from "melted" higher mass quarkonia, while  $J/\psi$ 's themselves remain unscreened. Measurement of  $J/\psi$  production in nucleus-nucleus collisions at RHIC can clarify these questions. Baseline measurements in pp and dAu collisions can be used to distinguish cold nuclear matter effects. In this talk I will review recent results in this field from the PHENIX Experiment.