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**Studies of Jet-related Two-Particle Correlations in Small and Peripheral Heavy Ion Systems with PHENIX** ABINASH PUN, Ohio Univ, PHENIX COLLABORATION — The study of high- $p_T$ -particle correlation observables in small systems like  $d + Au$  is considered to be useful to isolate cold-nuclear matter effects. Comparison of the correlations in small systems to that in  $Au + Au$  can help to identify effects from the final-state interactions in the quark gluon plasma, QGP, created in  $Au + Au$ . The quantity,  $R_I$ , the double ratio of near- to away-side per-trigger yields divided by the same in the  $p + p$  reference, can cancel out the systematics to the level where very small suppressions or enhancements could be observable. Since these types of signals could be qualitatively similar to energy-loss jet modification due to presence of hot QGP seen in  $Au + Au$ , we investigate possible cold nuclear effects, systematics, and backgrounds for an existing PHENIX preliminary result for RI in the  $d + Au$  system. Also, we present the status and possibilities of making the RI measurement in other small systems, such as  $p + Au$ , and  $^3He + Au$  and also in peripheral  $Au + Au$  for reference.

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