Production of Light Nuclei in Heavy-ion Collisions Measured by RHIC-STAR

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Light nuclei production is predicted to be sensitive to local baryon density fluctuations and can be used to probe the QCD phase structure. Since 2018, the STAR experiment has collected high statistics data in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}}=3~\mathrm{GeV}$ (BES-II fixed-target mode), 14.6, 19.6 GeV (BES-II collider mode) and isobaric collisions (Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr) at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}}=200~\mathrm{GeV}$. Those datasets allow us to access the QCD phase structure over a broad range of baryon density ($\mu_B:20\sim750~\mathrm{MeV}$).

In this talk, we will present the first measurement of centrality, transverse momentum, and rapidity dependences of proton (p), deuteron (d), triton (t), 3 He, and 4 He production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}}=3~\mathrm{GeV}$, p, d, 3 He at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}}=14.6$, 19.6 GeV, and p, d, t, 3 He in Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}}=200~\mathrm{GeV}$. The kinetic freeze-out parameters $(T_{kin}$ and $\langle \beta_T \rangle)$ versus collision centrality and particle rapidity will be presented and compared with those of light hadrons (π, K, p) .