STAR Detector Upgrades for BES-II

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# Why (do a) Beam Energy Scan (BES)?

#1. Search for the disappearance of QGP signatures#2. Search for the existence of a QCD critical point

# Where & Who? ☆ at BNL What (was seen in) BES-I?

What (was seen iii)  $DES^{-1}$ :

Why (do it again in) BES-II?

How (to optimize rightarrow for) BES-II?

This talk will discuss these questions while focussed on motivation #2. See Rosi Reed's talk Thursday morning: same topic but different spin!



Top beam energy at RHIC (200 GeV): crossover transition from QGP to HG. Decreasing the beam energy increases the baryochemical potential



Systematic study of the data as a function of the beam energy allows a "scan" in streaks across the phase diagram...



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So how could we find a Critical Point if it exists?

Assume that it's going to have the same basic features of other CPs divergence of the susceptibilities,  $\chi \dots e.g.$  magnetism transitions 0801.4256v2 divergence of the correlation lengths,  $\xi \dots e.g.$  critical opalescence

liquid SF<sub>6</sub> at 37atm heated to  $\sim$ 43.9 C, then cooled



T. Andrews. Phil. Trans. Royal Soc., 159:575, 1869
M. Smoluchowski, *Annalen der Physik*, 25 (1908) 205 - 226
A. Einstein, *Annalen der Physik*, 33 (1910) 1275-1298

CO<sub>2</sub> near its liquid-gas transition



Formation of large domains of the two phases (hadronic, QGP) Large domains mean large correlation length,  $\xi$  – canonical signature of a critical point



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The ratios of cumulants of the net-particle multiplicity distributions, *e.g.*  $C_4/C_2$ , should diverge if the correlation length diverges...



Deviations of the cumulant ratios from Poisson expectations is "interesting"

















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At low  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ :  $\Delta Y_{total} \approx \Delta Y_{kick} \sim 1.5$ There's also "thermal blurring"

M Asakawa, QM2015 Ling & Stephanov arXiv 1512.09125

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Why do all  $\Leftrightarrow$  net-p, net-K, & net-h multiplicity cumulant results only use |y| < 0.5 or  $|\eta| < 0.5$ ? Doesn't the TPC cover all the way out to  $|\eta| < 1.0$ ?!?

Yes, it does, but we had to sacrifice some of the TPC acceptance to define the centrality!



The ability to define the centrality using tracks with  $|\eta| \gtrsim 1.5$  would allow the use of the full acceptance of the TPC for the physics analyses...



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iTPC – fully instrument the inner padrows of the Time Projection Chamber will extend pseudorapidity acceptance from  $|\eta| < 1$  to  $|\eta| < 1.5$ & transverse momentum acceptance from  $P_T > 125$  MeV to  $P_T > 60$  MeV/c while improving track dE/dx resolution from 7.5% to 6.2%





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# FEE & Pad Plane

iFEE based on current FEE, but uses ALICE SAMPA chip... Twice the # of channels per card...







MWPC prototyping underway at Shandong University – ~1M\$ contribution from China with USTC (Hefei) & SINAP (Shanghai)



wire tension determined via laser system that measures the vibration frequency...

Wire winding

Wire plane and pad plane



Director's review at BNL Jan 25, 2016...

https://indico.bnl.gov/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=1711

From the ALD's Desk A Quarterly RHIC News Bulletin March 2016



Berndt Müller

STAR iTPC Upgrade: Following a successful cost, schedule, and risk review in January, the DOE Office of Nuclear Physics approved our request to begin with the STAR iTPC upgrade. The first components have been ordered, and the project team led by Flemming Videbaek expects to complete the upgrade on schedule for the planned 2019 low energy RHIC run.



- ☆ and CBM institutions proposed installing CBM TOF modules inside East pole-tip.
- Would provide TOF PID for eastern iTPC tracks in  $1.09 < |\eta| < 1.62$
- Brings low- $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  experts into RHIC physics program (GSI SIS, CERN SPS)
- Provides important detector operations experience to CBM effort





36 Modules in 3 layers, 6912 channels... Modules arranged to match 12 TPC sectors...

Each module is long-strip MRPC read-out at both ends. Similar to existing STAR MTD. Considerable MRPC expertise already in ☆

Multiple hit probability per strip <7.4%

Prototypes installed during 2017 & 2018 RHIC runs.









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# ...with the Event Plane Detector (EPD)

2 × 384 channels, trapezoidal tiles of various sizes
16 radial sections, 24 azimuthal sections
arranged as 2 × 12 supersectors
4.5<r<90 cm, |Z| = 375 cm, 2.1<|η|<5</li>

SiPM readout over shorter fibers timing resolution <1ns, good centrality resolution

<10% multi-hit probability at 19.6 GeV

to optimize centrality resolution & event plane determination



**S2** 

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connectors





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Single φ-section installed in Run 16operated throughout entire run...24 channels (8 with timing information)...

sub-1ns timing resolution shown...



Successful STAR internal review April 2016 Seeking ~330 k\$ 242 k\$ for EPD, 90k\$ for digitizer boards "QT" Full quadrant installed for 2017 run (1/8<sup>th</sup> of full detector)



The iTPC, ETOF, and EPD detectors will significantly extend the acceptance of  $\Rightarrow$  in both P<sub>T</sub> and y directions, making possible signatures of a 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition and critical point more apparent.

With the expected higher beam luminosities from C-AD, we expect to make strong statements on the phase diagram using the BES-II data.

We thank C-AD for their usual excellent machine performance and we very much look forward to BES-II in 2019-2020!



We look for increased correlation length,  $\xi$ , from ~1 to 2-3fm This translates to space-time rapidity correlation length of  $\Delta \eta_s = \xi/\tau_f$ 

B. Ling & M. Stephanov http://arxiv.org/pdf/1512.09125.pdf

and if  $\tau_f$  is 10 fm/c, then the critical space-time rapidity correlation length  $\Delta \eta_s$  is 0.2-0.3





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