

1 **Higher-Order Cumulants of Net-Proton Multiplicity Distributions in  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$  GeV**  
2 **Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru Collisions by the STAR Experiment**

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6 Higher-order cumulants and their ratios of the conserved quantities are powerful tools used to  
7 understand the QCD phase diagram. They are sensitive to the phase structure and the correlation  
8 length of the medium created in the collisions. Non-monotonic energy dependence of fourth-order  
9 cumulant of net-proton multiplicity distributions has been reported by the STAR Collaboration.  
10 In addition, results of sixth-order net-proton cumulants with Lattice QCD calculations suggest a  
11 smooth crossover transition in central Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$  GeV.

12 In this talk, we will present results on net-proton cumulants and their ratios up to fourth-order and  
13 their multiplicity dependence using high statistics data of Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} =$   
14  $200$  GeV. Two billion events were collected by the STAR Experiment for each of the colliding systems.  
15 The new results on multiplicity dependence will be compared to the published net-proton cumulants  
16 from  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$  GeV Au+Au collisions. In addition, the results will be compared to Lattice QCD,  
17 Hadron Resonance Gas model, and hadronic transport model calculations. The physics implications  
18 will be discussed.