## Production of $K^{*0}$ in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6 \text{ GeV}$ in BES-II from STAR

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The short-lived resonances, like  $K^{*0}$ , are a good candidate to probe the л hadronic phase of the matter formed in heavy-ion collisions. Due to its short 5 lifetime, the decay daughters may interact with the hadronic medium, resulting 6 in a change in the properties of the resonances. The decay daughters may 7 undergo various in-medium effects like rescattering and re-generation. Hence 8  $K^{*0}/K$  is a unique tool to investigate the interplay between these effects in the 9 hadronic phase during the evolution of heavy-ion collisions. The high statistics 10 Au+Au data collected by STAR in its BES-II program with enhanced detector 11 capabilities and a wider pseudorapdiity coverage will enable more differential 12 measurements with reduced statistical uncertainties than those achieved in BES-13 14 I.

We will report invariant yields,  $p_T$  integrated yield (dN/dy), mean transe-15 verse momentum ( $\langle p_T \rangle$ ) of  $K^{*0}$  using the Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6$ 16 GeV recorded during BES-II. The results will be compared with previous BES-17 I measurements. The average transverse momentum of  $K^{*0}$  will be compared 18 with other hadrons. The resonance to non-resonance ratio will be shown as a 19 function of centrality to study the rescattering vs. regeneration effects. Mea-20 surement of the lower limit of hadronic phase lifetime will be shown as a function 21 of centrality and will be compared with measurements at other RHIC and LHC 22 energies. 23