

#### Prospects of Dielectron Measurements with STAR BES-II

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### Dilepton as a penetrating probe of the collision system





- Dilepton spectra represent the spacetime integral of EM radiation
- Mass dependent production allows separation of collision stages
  - Drell-Yan

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- Heavy flavor decay
- Final state decays
- Medium radiation
  - In-medium ρ (link to chiral symmetry restoration)
  - **QGP** (thermal meter of QGP)

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Cocktail from known sources

### **Dielectron measurements with STAR BES-I**



- Lack of precision to constrain on model assumptions
- Does not allow the temperature measurement at IMR

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 $M_{\mu}$  (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)

# **BES-II upgrades**



#### What iTPC will help:

- Improve dielectron acceptance
- Reduce systematic uncertainties of dielectron excess yield by a <u>factor of 2</u>
  - Hadron contamination
  - Cocktail subtraction
  - Acc. diff. btw. unlike and like sign pairs
  - Efficiency corrections

#### RHIC LEReC upgrade improve luminosity for low energy beams



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#### Low mass dielectron at BES-II



Rapp: PLB 753, 586 (2016); PHSD: Phys. Rep. 308, 65 (1999), NPA 831, 215 (2009)

- In-medium ρ is expected to depend on T, total baryon density and medium lifetime
- dN<sub>ch</sub>/dy normalized broaden ρ yield is found ∝ τ<sub>med</sub> at BES-I ← the total baryon density is nearly a constant and the emission rate is dominant around T<sub>c</sub>
- BES-II provides a unique opportunity to quantify the effects of total baryon density on the ρ broadening, will help understand the broadening mechanism

#### Intermediate mass dielectron at BES-II

- Excess from **thermal radiation** in IM region can serve as the QGP thermometer:
- $dN/dM_{ee} \sim M_{ee}^{3/2} \exp(-M_{ee}/T_{med})$
- Main challenges at RHIC:
  - At top energy, open charm meson decays dominate
  - At low energy, suffer from low statistics
- STAR BES-II with x10 larger datasets → first true temperature measurement at RHIC



### Direct virtual photon (very low mass dielectron) at BES-II



- Direct photon yields show a common scaling:  $dN/dy \sim (dN_{ch}/d\eta)^{1.25}$
- STAR data show similar scaling but at a different magnitude
- STAR BES-II will explore towards lower energy Au+Au collisions (7.7, 9.2, 11.5, 14.5, 19.6 GeV)
  - Will the different magnitude and scaling still hold at lower energies?

## Preliminary results with 2018 27 GeV Au+Au



#### 2018 27 GeV data (no iTPC):

- Large data set
- Significant enhancement at the low mass region
- Excess in the intermediate mass region may allow the first T measurement
- Analysis is still on-going, improved and more physics results will come soon

More new results from STAR BES-II are on the way!

# Summary

- BES-II with x10 times of larger data size than BES-I
- Reduce both statistical and systematic uncertainties
- Explore total baryon density effects on the in-medium ρ production
- Measure the hot medium temperature with the thermal dielectron
- Study direct virtual photon production at lower collision energies

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