The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) facility and its SBIR/STTR opportunities

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Accelerator Complex

Science and Computing Complex

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RHIC

World's first machine capable of colliding heavy ions

World's only spin-polarized proton collider

World's highest energy machine for fundamental nuclear physics

- Used to explore the "strong force" and matter 0.00001 seconds after the birth of the universe
- Discovered quark-gluon plasma, a "perfect" liquid at 7 trillion degrees Fahrenheit





RHIC's Accelerator Complex

Space travel

 At the NASA Space Radiation Laboratory, particle beams from the RHIC accelerator complex simulate cosmic radiation to study health risks associated with longer missions in space and to Mars!

Radioisotopes—medical treatmentsthat save lives

- Brookhaven Linear Isotope Producer for medical isotopes not commercially available
 - We produce half the United States' strontium-82 for generators to assess heart health
 - Collaborating on research for cancer therapy: Can produce Actinium-225, an "alpha-emitter" for noninvasive treatment, kills cancer cells with minimal damage to surrounding tissue

Particle detectors for health, national security

 Brookhaven experts have built detectors for countless experiments, PET detectors to diagnose disease, and radiation detectors that contribute to our nation's security







Inside RHIC



- Two concentric rings made up of 1,740 superconducting magnets, mounted end-to-end.
- 2.4 miles, 6 intersection points, 2 large detectors: PHENIX detector (for Pioneering High Energy Nuclear Interaction eXperiment) and STAR detector (for Solenoidal Tracker at RHIC)





Physics of RHIC

Heavy Ion Collisions



1. lons about to collide



2. Ion collision





Key

proton neutron quarks

gluons

3. Quarks, gluons freed

4. Plasma created

Spin Physics

Exploring proton's missing spin



Proton-proton collision: spin shown as arrows circling the spherical particles; red and green particles represent reaction products from the collision which will be "seen" and analyzed by **RHIC** detectors.







Center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV] (scale not linear)







• Currently run 19



RHIC Run Plan 2019-25

- ✤ Beam Energy Scan II (2019-21):
 - Low energy (√s_{NN} = 7.7, 9.1, 11.5, 14.5, 19.6 GeV) Au+Au runs using electron cooling to increase luminosity
 - ✤ Fixed target runs at (3.0), 3.5, 3.9, 4.5, 5.2, 6.2, 7.7 GeV
 - Search for signs of critical phenomena in event-by-event fluctuations

✤ Forward spin run (2022):

- ✤ 500 GeV p+p (enhanced by forward upgrades of STAR)
- Spin physics measurements complementary to EIC

✤ Runs with sPHENIX (2023-25):

- ✤ Full energy ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV) Au+Au, p+p, p+Au
- Precision measurements of fully resolved jets and Upsilon states

Beam Energy Scan II

To search for phase transition point, RHIC has to operate in energy range 3.85~10 GeV. Luminosity goal of phase II is 3-4 times higher than that of phase I.

The challenges are:

- Intra-beam scattering solution: Low Energy RHIC electron cooling
- Space charge solution: 9 MHz instead of 28 MHz cavity
- Lattice nonlinearity contributed by persistent current solution: degaussing magnet cycle
- Beam-beam interaction solution: near integer working point







Low Energy RHIC e⁻ Cooling (LEReC)



Energies <i>E</i>	: 1.6, 2.0 MeV
Beam current I _{avg}	: 27 mA
Momentum δp/p	: 5 × 10 ⁻⁴
Luminosity gain	: 4 ×

1st bunched beam electron cooler

Challenges: high power laser, stable electron gun, beam loading, SRF cavities, extremely small dp/p (5E-4), beam measurements...

Low Energy RHIC e⁻ Cooling (LEReC)

LEReC accelerator (100 meters of beamlines with the DC Gun, high-power fiber laser, 5 RF systems, many magnets and instrumentation devices)













Beam Energy Scan Goals

- What is the phase boundary of ordinary nuclear matter, i.e. matter composed of baryons and mesons?
- Is there a critical point in the QCD phase diagram and, if so, where is it located?
- 3-year run program: 12 energies
- Run-19 already exceeding goals

Upgrades for the BES-II







STAR Upgrades for BES-II



iTPC upgrade (2018) Replace inner TPC Sectors Extend rapidity coverage Better particle ID Extend low p_T coverage

Event Plane Detector Improved Event Plane Resolution Centrality definition Improved trigger





Endcap TOF

CBM (FAIR)











2019 Event Display : Au+Au 19.6 GeV Full tracking with all iTPC sectors

Event Plane Performance

1st order Event Plane Resolution →Significant improvement across all centrality

Added coverage from EPD \rightarrow Allows measurement of v1over ~10 units of η



Event Plane Detector

- Replaces Beam-Beam Counter (BBC)
 - $\circ~$ Improved triggering capabilities
 - $\circ~$ Improves background rejection
- $_{\odot}$ Coverage : 2.1 $< |\eta| < 5.1$
- $\,\circ\,$ Greatly improves event plane resolution
 - $\circ~$ Especially $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ order event plane
 - <u>Crucial for achieving BES II physics goals</u>
- Smooth installation (completed in 2018), commissioning, and operation
- $\,\circ\,$ Already used for physics analysis of 2018 data

Each (East, West) wheel:

- $\circ~$ 16 tile "rows" at given radius
- \circ 24 tiles per row (except 12 for innermost)
- > 372 tiles x 2 = 744 tiles in total





Endcap Time-of-Flight Detector

Full eToF installation : completed Nov 22, 2018



Inside face of east pole-tip, partially installed



Fully installed and cabled

ETOF Performance in 2019 Running

Extended coverage added by eTOF

Achieved expected time resolution



STAR Forward Upgrade

STAR collaboration is planning to implement forward upgrades for RHIC runs beyond BES-II

Physics program described in 2016 RHIC Cold QCD Plan - similar, but complementary to measurements planned for EIC.

Enables polarized 500 GeV proton run in 2022, possibly continued running 2023-25 STAR Forward Detectors: FTS + FCS



Organizational Structure STAR Forward Upgrade ≻Large project → Dedicated manpower & expertise for each system





Operation with sPHENIX detector from 2023~2026, with e-lens for proton, 3D stochastic cooling and 56 MHz cavity for Au beam.

sPHENIX

<u>sPHENIX is a major upgrade to the PHENIX detector</u>. It is a large-acceptance, high-rate detector for Heavy Ion physics that repurposes >\$20M in existing PHENIX equipment, infrastructure and support facilities.

The detector is optimized to measure jet and heavy quark physics by incorporating a Tracker, full EM and Hadronic calorimeter coverage at $|\eta| < 1.1$, and a 1.4 T solenoidal magnetic field. Schedule

CD-0 received Sept 2016 Early completion Dec 2021 CD-4 Dec 2022 (proposed to DOE-ONP)





The solenoid magnet that will form the core of the sPHENIX detector

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A schematic of the sPHENIX experiment

3D stochastic cooling, e-lens and 56 MHz cavity essential for sPHENIX operation



Edward O'Brien, https://indico.bnl.gov/event/4244/

Electron Ion Collider (EIC)

What is the EIC:

A high luminosity ($10^{33} - 10^{34}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹) polarized electron proton / ion collider with $\sqrt{s_{ep}} = 20 - 100$ GeV, upgradable to 140 GeV

What is new/different:

Hera: factor 100 to 1000 higher luminosity both electrons and protons / light nuclei polarized nuclear beams: d to U Fixed Target Facilities i.e.:

at minimum > 2 decades increase in kinematic coverage in x and Q^2



EIC: compelling science case



NAS Study of the Science Case for a U.S. based EIC

In summary, the committee finds a compelling scientific case for such a facility. The science questions that an EIC will answer are central to completing an understanding of atoms as well as being integral to the agenda of nuclear physics today. In addition, the development of an EIC would advance accelerator science and technology in nuclear science; it would as well benefit other fields of accelerator based science and society, from medicine through materials science to elementary particle physics.





EIC User community



Currently ~850 members from 180 institutions from 30 countries from 7 world regions US: 44% Europe: 33% Asia: 17%

 \rightarrow continuously growing

→ Please sign up and join us http://www.eicug.org

 Very active generic EIC detector R&D program: <u>https://wiki.bnl.gov/conferences/index.php/EIC_R%25D</u>
37 groups collaborate in tracking, calorimeter, PID consortia and

Last EIC user group meeting: July 22nd – 26th 2019 PARIS, France

EIC Conference series: POETIC (Physics Opportunities at an ElecTron-Ion Collider) 16th – 20th of September 2019 LBNL, Berkley, USA





EIC General Purpose Detector Sketch



Electron-Ion Collider Detector Requirements and R&D Handbook

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EIC detector concepts



Jefferson Lab concept: JLEIC



$\mathsf{sPHENIX} \to \mathsf{EIC}$



Argonne concept: TOPSiDE



eRHIC R&D Program is underway

- Strong Hadron Cooling
 - Theoretical and simulation studies of advanced techniques (microbunched cooling; staged plasma-amplification)
 - Coherent electron Cooling experimental Proof-of-Principle test at RHIC
 - High-current multi-pass ERL using FFAG recirculation passes (CBETA facility at Cornell)
- In-situ coating of RHIC beam pipe (with copper and amorphous carbon)
- High charge polarized electron gun prototype
- Crab-cavities: prototypes and study of related beam dynamics
- e-p beam-beam effect simulation studies
- Polarized He3 production and acceleration
- High-current polarized electron source (large cathode or based on merging scheme) (for ERL-Ring)





IR magnets



MgB2 shielding placement for eRHIC IR magnet



Placement of MgB₂ tube for passive magnetic shielding for EIC at BNL (from the proposal)

DOE SBIR/STTR Program - "Superconducting MgB₂ Tubes for Passive Magnetic Field Shielding for Electron Ion Collider"

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Development partners

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Increasing proton intensity and repetition rate

Proton parameters	Achieved at RHIC	eRHIC nominal
Beam current, mA	330	1000
Bunch frequency, MHz	9.4	112.6
Peak current, A	12	24

In-situ copper coating of existing stainless steel beam pipe to reduce cryo-load from resistive heating.



Art Custer, Ady Hershcovitch

Electron cloud:

- Beam scrubbing is an efficient tool based on LHC experience
- But additional remedies may be needed

Required hardware upgrades:

- New injection kickers (<12 ns rise time)
- RF system upgrade to incorporate bunch splitting and bunch compression

Pool Ventura Inc -SBIR phase II funded project titled: *"Techniques for energetic ion assisted insitu coating of long, small diameter, beam pipes with compacted thick crystalline copper film"*

Goal is to develop an ion assisted deposition (IAD) technique for coating the cold bore sections of RHIC with crystalline copper in order to reduce RHIC vacuum tube resistivity at cryogenic temperatures.



Mission-focused Detector R&D Platform – Instrumentation Division

SBIR with RMD

'notocathode Facill'

Develop and steward key capabilities enabling BNL Programs:

- Silicon Sensor Development Laboratory
- Gas & Noble Liquid Detector Laboratory
- Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs) Development Facility
- Computer Aided Design for Device & Board Level Circuit Designs
- Microelectronics Assembly and High Density Interconnect Laboratory
- High throughput Data Acquisition
- Photocathode Development & Production Facility (for detector and accelerator applications)
- Quantum Information Science & Technology Laborator



SBIR/STTR opportunities

- Accelerator technologies
 - cavities, control, sources, guns
- Detector and system technologies
 - sensors, readout and control electronics, DAQ, interconnects (e.g. radiopure for nEXO)
 - fast, non-invasive beam diagnostics
- Data analytics
 - ML/AI
- QIST





Looking to the future: discovery park

Addressing multiple needs





Marty Fallier



Discovery park: schedule



Thank you!





