The Case for Continuing RHIC Operations

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Tribble Panel Hearings Sept. 7-9, 2012 - likely RHIC presentations (time allotted not yet clear): 1) Sam Aronson on RHIC's place in BNL plans 2) SV on Overview of Case for RHIC 3) ? on Summary of Next Decade Program with Soft Probes 4) ? on Summary of Next Decade Program with Hard Probes 5) ? on eRHIC Science and Path to Get There a passion for discovery

Appreciate feedback on basic elements of science of case; presentation details still very prelimina

Drafting a White Paper to Make the Case Concisely

Paper organization (goal ~15 pages):

- I. The case in a nutshell 1 page
- II. Hot QCD Matter: RHIC's Intellectual Challenges and Greatest Hits To Date – 1.5 pages
- III. Recent Breakthroughs and RHIC's Versatility Inform the Path Forward – ~6 pages
- **IV. Unanticipated Intellectual Connections 1 page**
- V. RHIC Program for the Coming Decade ~2-3 pages
- VI. Cold QCD Matter and the Path to EIC in RHIC's Third Decade – ~3-4 pages

Appendix A: History of RHIC Beam Performance

Appendix B: Graphs of Publications, Citations, Ph.D.'s

Appendix C: RHIC and RHIC-Inspired Publications and Coverage in Broad Science Journals

When ready (later this month), the draft will be vetted within the RHIC user and support community and by BNL management

The Four Most Important Reasons for Continuing RHIC

- 1) RHIC has pioneered a vibrant new subfield condensed QCD matter physics – and has led the rapid climb up a steep learning curve marked by continuing S&T breakthroughs. By terminating RHIC, the U.S. would unilaterally cede leadership in this high-impact field.
- 2) Discoveries and techniques at RHIC have established deep intellectual connections to other physics forefronts. These give RHIC much broader scientific impact than other Nuclear Physics research avenues.
- 3) Critical directions for future research in this subfield involve probing hot QCD matter from below to above the transition to Quark Gluon Plasma. This transition appears to occur within the RHIC energy range, at energies not accessible at LHC. This is NOT energy frontier science!
- 4) RHIC has nearly completed major performance upgrades that facilitate the next decade's science. It also provides the most cost-effective base to realize the next QCD frontier with EIC. Short-term crisis management for U.S. NP must preserve a viable path to a vibrant long-term future.

Terminating RHIC ops. would lead with certainty to a devastating loss of U.S. scientific leadership, and in all likelihood simultaneously to a significant loss of funding for the U.S. NP program.

RHIC's First Decade: A Discovery Machine



RHIC hallmarks:

Pioneering - 1st facility to clearly see transition to quark-gluon matter; world's only polarized collider

Productive -> 300 refereed papers, > 20K citations, > 200 Ph. D. 's in $1^{st} 10$ years, many more in pipeline, no rate falloff in sight Versatile - wide range of beam energies and ion species \Rightarrow string of definitive discoveries in both hot and cold QCD matter

Incremental Upgrades \Rightarrow Steadily Improving Performance



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Recent and Ongoing Cost-Effective Machine Upgrades



RHIC breakthrough in bunchedbeam stochastic cooling facilitates ~x10 improvement in heavy-ion collision rates, 4 years earlier and at ~1/7 the cost envisioned in 2007 NP Long Range Plan, saving ~\$80M

> All (6 planes of pickups & kickers) of the new system commissioned during 2010-12, new SRF cavity anticipated for 2014 run.

Electron lenses to be installed for 2013 run to improve polarized pp luminosity by factor ~2



New Electron Beam Ion Source (EBIS, 2012) expands range of ions available (e.g., U) and enhances cost-effectiveness of operations



A Suite of Ongoing Detector Upgrades

> PHENIX VTX & FVTX upgrades greatly improve vertex resolution, heavy flavor ID

μ trigger upgrade installed in FY10-11 enhances W prod'n triggering for spin program.





 STAR Heavy Flavor Tracker receives CD-2/3 review in 2011.
 Will permit topological reconstruction of charmed hadrons.

STAR Forward GEM Tracker to be installed for Runs 12 and 13, will enhance forward tracking, W charge sign discrimination.

STAR Muon Telescope Detector (Run 14) to improve quarkonium

RHIC Has Pioneered Lab Study of Condensed QCD Matter

freeze-out

distributions and

produced particles

correlations of

Challenges:

1. How to pump/probe matter that lives $\sim 10^{-23}$ seconds?

QGP phase quark and gluon degrees of freedom

- 2. What are unique emergent QCD phenomena?
- 3. How do they influence early universe evolution?
- *4. What roles do quantum fluctuations play?*
- 5. Are there lessons for EW matter? QGP Phase Boundary

lumpy initial

energy density

Expansion of the little bang:

graphic from Paul Sorensen to illustrate parallels between evolution of the "mini-universe" created in each RHIC collision and evolution of the real universe.

RHIC Past: Hot QCD Discoveries

□ Near-perfect liquid nature of early universe matter – revealed via elliptic flow v₂ – markedly different from anticipated ideal gas

□ Shear viscosity near lower quantum limit predicted via String Theory work on black holes



0.1

10

transverse momentum (GeV/c)

15

collisions produce

deconfined QGP that

behaves as inviscid fluid



□ Collective flow established at quark level via n_q scaling

□ Matter first equilibrates ~4×10¹² K, well above max. allowed temp. for hadron gas



Examples of Recent S&T Breakthroughs

- 1) Measurement of higher flow multipoles + advances in hydrodynamics state-of-the-art \Rightarrow path to quantify η /s, other transport properties, and role of quantum fluctuations
- 2) Charged-particle correlations hint at excited QCD vacuum fluctuations akin to EW sphalerons believed responsible for early-universe baryon-antibaryon imbalance
- 3) RHIC beam energy scan hints at onset of deconfinement and possible QCD critical point
- Stochastic cooling and EBIS upgrades have RHIC poised to pursue follow-up investigations to above and other 2nddecade science questions

These are described, along with next steps in each case, in more detail on following slides...





Beyond v_2 to Quantify Near-Perfection

Small shear viscosity of QGP permits lumpiness & asymmetry in initial density to seed higher than quadrupole patterns in emerging particle momenta
 Recent v_n measurements and 3+1-D event-by-event viscous hydro calcs. ⇒ path to quantifying η/s



Next Steps: Constraining Initial Fluctuations

- Initial density fluctuations influence RHIC collision evolution, just as inflation-era quantum fluctuations seed universe's large-scale structure.
- Is it just initial nucleon positions, or also color charge (i.e., gluon field) distributions, that fluctuate? The two yield different characteristic length scales and rapidity dependence.
 Y = 0.4
 Y = 5.2



arXiv:1202.6646

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Next Steps: QCD Transport Properties vs. Temp.



Do We See Excited QCD Vacuum Fluctuation Effects?



RHIC Beam Energy Scan: Onset of Deconfinement?

- > ALICE/LHC LPV results ~ identical to STAR 200 GeV, despite ×14 in √s_{NN}
- But STAR measurements during 2010 RHIC beam energy scan show rapid vanishing of chargedependent correl'n < 39 GeV</p>
- Consistent with onset of chiral symm. restoration & deconfinement within RHIC range, but need other signals to rule out flow-related LPV bkgds.





Other signals also suggest QGP onset @ RHIC, e.g., disappearance of high- p_T hadron suppression from parton E loss, deviations from n_q scaling of elliptic flow "Sweet spot" @ RHIC?

Energy Scan: Critical Point (CP) in the QCD Phase Diagram?



- Expect non-Gaussian fluctuations in event-by-event distributions of conserved quantities: charge, baryon #
- Higher moments depend more strongly on correlation length ξ
- Early STAR results for 3rd & 4th moments show tantalizing hints of deviations from Poisson expectations near 20 GeV – will need phase 2 √s scan to delineate clearly.

- ➤ At near zero net baryon density probed at top RHIC energy and LHC, LQCD ⇒ smooth crossover transition
- At higher μ_B, theoretical arguments suggest 1st-order phase transition, but LQCD MC sampling invalid
- Critical point would be unique fixed point in QCD landscape



Next Steps for Quantum (Sphaleron) Snapshots



configurations give rise to enhanced flow with reduced magnetic field

Y.Burnier, DK, J. Liao, H.-U.Yee, arXiv:1103.1307 - PRL



Anomaly-induced quadrupole moment at finite baryon density Search for related effects from QCD triangle anomaly in hydrodynamic system, predicted by Kharzeev et al.

> DK, D.T.Son arXiv:1010.0038; PRL

$$\vec{J} = \frac{N_c \mu_5}{2\pi^2} [\operatorname{tr}(VAQ)\vec{B} + \operatorname{tr}(VAB)2\mu\vec{\omega}]$$
CME
Vorticity-induced
"Chiral Vortical Effect

- \Rightarrow A baryon current correlated with charge current when baryochemical potential $\neq 0$
- ⇒ e.g., Λ 's should be preferentially correlated with π^+ and $\overline{\Lambda}$'s with π^- , normal to reaction plane, @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 39 GeV

Just Completed Facility Upgrades Enable "Next Steps"



Stochastic cooling dramatically increases rates for rare events

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- EBIS provides U beams to exploit deformation for initial geom. selection
- **EBIS** simplifies asymmetric (e.g., Cu+Au) HI collisions for extra geom.
- control, e.g., to unravel dependences on energy density & path length

Unanticipated Intellectual Connections

strongly correlated condensed matter systems

Symmetry-violating bubbles in QGP analogous to

speculated cosmological origin of matter-antimatter

prediction of quantum lower bound on η /s

String Theory studies of black hole behavior led to

magnitude below QGP, can also be "nearly perfect liquids"

Similar liquid behavior seen and studied in a number of

Power spectrum of flow analogous to power spectrum of



Trapped ultracold atom clouds

cosmic microwave background, used to constrain baryon acoustic oscillations & dark energy. **Organic super**conductors

imbalance in universe



Cold QCD Matter: Do Gluon Densities Saturate?



 Gluon densities must saturate @ low x & moderate Q² to avoid unitarity violation
 Color Glass Condensate (CGC) regime has weak coupling but high gluon occupancy ⇒ intense, ~classical gluon field



➤ Coherent effects in nuclei ⇒ precocious onset of saturation



Forward hadron production, sensitive to gluon density at low x, is suppressed in d+Au collisions @ RHIC, as seen in early BRAHMS results
 Forward di-hadron coincidences probe very asymmetric parton collisions,

involving low-x gluon from one beam In CGC regime, expect 2→2 parton scattering to be replaced by scattering from a coherent gluon field ⇒ "monojets," consistent w/ new PHENIX (left) & STAR results

Cold QCD Matter: Where is the Missing Proton Spin?



- DIS ⇒ only ~30% of spin from q spins
 RHIC spin program exploits pQCD interaction dominance in hard p+p collisions, with strong sensitivity to gluon helicity preference ∆G(x)
- Best results so far from inclusive jet prod'n ⇒ ∆G small > 0, but extrapolation to x < 0.05 highly uncertain</p>
- Use W[±] prod'n to cleanly probe Δu(x) vs. Δd(x), sensitive to p χral structure



2nd Decade: Exploit √s "Sweet Spot" + RHIC's Versatility and Upgrades for Quantification & Further Discoveries

- How perfect is the near-perfect fluid, as fcn. of temp.?
- How do fluctuations (both initial density & excited QCD vacuum) affect evolution of "mini-universe"?
- Is there a critical endpoint in the QCD phase diagram?
- How do quarks and gluons lose energy in the QGP, as fcn. of quark flavor (including c,b) and temperature?
- Where is the "missing" p spin? Are transverse spin asyms. understood?
- Degrees of freedom and behavior of QCD matter change rapidly at QGP transition, but approach asymptopia very slowly above critical temperature.
- *E/*3 Tr₀ ESB/ 16 П scaled energy density, Karsch 14 12 10 as ε/T⁴: N₇=4 8 6 3D/T⁴: N₇=4 656 [hep-la **Region Covered** 2 by RHIC 700 100 200 300 400 500 600 Brc temperature, T [MeV]

Program requires ~5 years before + ~5 years after next round of significant detector & collider upgrades

 Understanding parton E loss requires comparing jet quenching characteristics @ LHC vs. RHIC ⇒ need sPHENIX upgrade



Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) Extends RHIC and JLab Science

3.0

2.0

1.5F

Momentum Fraction

EIC = high-resolution femtoscope for cold gluon-Parton dominated matter: 2010 INT program report arXiv:1108.1713

- Probe the momentumdependence of onset of gluon saturation in nuclei (initial state @ RHIC & LHC)
- Map the gluon densities and multidimensional spatial & spin distributions of partons in the longitud. gluon-dominated regime; explore parton orbital angular momentum
- Test effective theory approaches to highly non-linear, high-density & strong-field limit of QCD

Machine requirements: high \sqrt{s} (~100 GeV); high luminosity (~10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹); polarized electron and nucleon beams; heavy-ion beams (to A~200); large variable energy range for F_1 .



RHIC's 3rd Decade: Reinvention as eRHIC ⇒ Path Forward for Cold QCD Matter



Design allows easy staging (start w/ 5-10 GeV, upgrade to ~20 GeV e⁻).
Underwent successful technical design review in 2011. Bottom-up cost eval. + value engineering in progress.

Why eRHIC is a cost-effective approach:

- Reuses RHIC tunnel & detector halls ⇒ minimal civil construction
- Reuses significant fractions of existing STAR & PHENIX detectors
 - Exploits existing HI beams for precocious access to very high gluon density regime
 - Polarized p beam and HI beam capabilities already exist – less costly to add e⁻ than hadron accelerator
- Provides straightforward upgrade path by adding SRF linac cavities
- Takes advantage of RHIC needs and other accelerator R&D @ BNL:
 - E.g., coherent electron cooling can also enhance RHIC pp lumi.
 - E.g., FFAG developments for muon collider considered for significant cost reductions

Are RHIC Operations Too Expensive?

- A collider is needed to access the physics of early-universe matter, and colliders are costly to operate. RHIC ops are lean among colliders.
- 54% of RHIC's \$157M FY12 operating budget goes to staff salaries, fringe and overhead, supporting 436 direct FTE's (includes support of experiment operations, but excludes FTE's on indirect support)
- External reviews have judged the operating costs and staffing levels appropriate. E.g., the 2010 DOE review of RHIC Operations concluded: "The overall RHIC operations staff level is appropriate to support a facility of [its] size and complexity ... The staff associated with ESSHQ ... is a very modest effort for the scale of the RHIC facility and represents an efficient approach to meeting these essential requirements."
- Incremental cost per cryoweek in FY12 ~ \$400K. This includes costs of ~\$50/MW.h for power usage of 25 MW during machine operations.
- RHIC power usage is modest for a machine of this type. The Tevatron (70 MW) and LHC (120 MW) use(d) much more power. CEBAF currently uses 17 MW, but that will increase with upgrade to 12 GeV.
- BNL has taken a number of steps including renegotiation of NYPA power contract – over the past decade to reduce RHIC costs & staffing.

Bottom Line: NSAC must decide if it wants the visibility, impact, productivity and path to a future that RHIC brings to U.S. Nuclear Physics. If so, the costs cannot be reduced substantially below present levels. Seller Beware: We estimate RHIC D&D costs to be ~\$1B.

What Would be Lost if RHIC Were Terminated?

- Opportunity to map QCD matter properties across QGP transition and discover the possible Critical Point.
- Unique polarized pp access to nucleon spin structure.
- U.S. leadership in a vibrant NP subfield it pioneered.
- A major fraction of the productivity for U.S. NP over the better part of a decade – is this survivable?
- The last operating U.S. collider, hence a critical attractor for talented accelerator scientists and cutting-edge R&D.
- Quite possibly the only cost-realizable path to a future EIC.
- Home research base for >1000 domestic + foreign users.
- Strong foreign (esp. RIKEN) investment in U.S. facility.
- ~750 (direct + indirect) FTE's @ BNL.

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- Many associated efforts will suffer collateral damage:
 - Lattice QCD thermodynamics leadership
 - Medical radioisotope production @ BNL
 - NASA Space Radiation studies @ BNL
 - Application offshoots in accelerator physics, esp. in nextgeneration hadron radiotherapy machine design
- Probably a sizable chunk of DOE ONP funding will be siphoned off to other agencies or program offices.

Backup Slides



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PHENIX has published 108 papers!



Need similar plots from STAR.



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7 Most cited papers of PHENIX

citationJapanese members ofcommitteecountpaper writing

- 1. NPA757(2005) 184 1186 Akiba*/Esumi (2/10)
- 2. PRL88 (2002) 022301 611
- **3**. PRC69 (2004) 034909 473
- 4. PRL91 (2003) 072301 462
- 5. PRL91 (2003) 182301 438
- 6. PRL91 (2003) 072303 348
- 7. PRL98 (2007) 172301 325

Chujo*/Kiyomichi/Miake (3/4)

Esumi*/Masui/Miake/Sakai (4/5)

Akiba/Kajihara/Sakai (3/5)

Will include such a list for RHIC experiments overall.

* Chairman of the paper writing committee



RHIC-Related Articles in General Science Journals



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What Will EIC Have That HERA Didn't?

1) Heavy-ion beams to take advantage of coherent contributions of many nucleons to gluon density, provide more cost-effective reach into gluon saturation regime when QCD coupling is still weak.

E.g., dijet or dihadron correlations, normally dominated by γ^* g fusion, should be strongly suppressed by gluon saturation in e+A, with cleaner interpreta ability than in jet-1 d+A or p+A iet-2 Either Jets or use leading hadrons from jets (dihadrons)

beam view

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e+A Diffractive Processes Also Very Sensitive to Gluon Densities

- Diffraction should give an even larger fraction of total X-section than @ HERA: → 25-40% in e+A !
- Coherent diffractive VM production probes "gluonic form factor" in nuclei, if far forward fragment veto adequately suppresses incoherent bkgd.

How does spatial distrib'n of gluons evolve as gluon density saturates?





 $e + A \rightarrow e' + J/\psi + A'$

dσ/dt is Fourier Transform of ρ_{glue}(b)

"Gluonic Form Factor"

What Will EIC Have That HERA Didn't?

2) Polarized proton and ³He (for neutron), as well as electron, beams to pursue search for gluon contributions to nucleon spin down to very soft gluons, and map spin-momentum correlations of quarks and gluons inside nucleons.



Spin-Momentum Correlations of Partons in Nucleons



- partons are not isolated but embedded in environment of gluons
- Sivers distribution = indicator for this effect; color structure of FSI vs. ISI ⇒ changes sign between SIDIS and DY (RHIC measurements)
- Sivers distribution essentially unknown for sea quarks and gluons

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What Will EIC Have That HERA Didn't?

3) 2—3 orders of magnitude higher collision luminosity to facilitate exclusive reaction studies yielding 2+1- dim'l maps of internal nucleon wave function, and symmetry violation studies of fundamental electroweak interaction properties.

Deep exclusive measurements in ep/eA with an EIC: diffractive: transverse gluon imaging non-diffractive: quark spin/flavor structure



J/ψ, φ, ρ°, γ (DVCS) π, K, ρ⁺, ...

EIC 20 x 250 GeV DVCS x-sect. data (1 month run) ⇒ much improved constraints on GPD H. Spin & meson prod'n + multi-dim'l binning ⇒ more complete picture.



High Luminosity + Polariz'n Facilitate ElectroWeak Studies



Parity-violating electron helicity asymmetries in DIS probe running of weak coupling @ high Q², but below Z-pole.

- Work in progress
 - evaluation of background
 - systematic errors
 - precision of polarization measurements?



e[±] ₩± Parity-violating N helicity asymmetries for CC DIS probe PDF combos distinct from γ -exch. Reconstruct x, Q² from final-state hadrons.

CC:

$$g_{1}^{W^{-}} = (\Delta u + \Delta \bar{d} + \Delta \bar{s} + \Delta c)$$

$$g_{1}^{W^{+}} = (\Delta \bar{u} + \Delta d + \Delta s + \Delta \bar{c})$$

$$g_{5}^{W^{+}} = (\Delta \bar{u} - \Delta d - \Delta s + \Delta \bar{c})$$

$$g_{5}^{W^{-}} = (-\Delta u + \Delta \bar{d} + \Delta \bar{s} - \Delta c)$$

What Will EIC Have That HERA Didn't?

4) Wide variability in both electron and hadron energy, permitting separation of longitudinal from transverse structure functions for eN, eA:

 $\sigma_r = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{V_1} F_L(x, Q^2) \qquad y = Q^2 / xS \qquad Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$

F₁ gives direct information on gluon density, determined from slope of v^2/Y_{\perp} for different S at fixed x,Q²

F_{2.L} extracted from $Q^2=1.39 \text{ GeV}^2$ pseudo-data $F_{2,L}$ generated for 1 month running at 3 10 eRHIC energies 5+100 GeV 5+250 GeV 10 5+325 GeV 7.81 GeV² Data points added to theoretical expectations from ABKM09 PDF set to 10 visualize stat. errors valid for Q² > 2.5 GeV² 10^{-4} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1}



Range of data would be expanded with higher e energies as well.

Impacts of radiative corr'ns (esp. e+A) and σ syst. errors at different \sqrt{s} need to be considered carefully.