

STAR Experiment Status

RHIC Coordination meeting November 13, 2012 W.B. Christie

- Outline:
 - STAR efforts to date
 - Readiness for running pp2pp program
 - Remaining Shutdown Schedule
 - Scenario for running pp2pp program





STAR * STAR Projects and Plans

Detector Upgrade Projects currently underway:

- Forward GEM Tracker (FGT)
- Muon Telescope Detector (MTD)
- Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT)
- Misc. updates (RCC, Scalers, TPC RDOs, etc.)



STAR * Forward GEM Tracker (FGT)

FGT:

- 16 of 24 Quadrants installed (4 of 6 disks) prior to IDS insertion.
- Cosmic Ray testing of last 8 quadrants underway.
- Schedule calls for completing installation, with STAR in IR, week of November 26th.
- Plan is to have complete FGT (6 disks, each populated by 4 quadrants) installed and operational for Run 13.





STAR * Muon Telescope Detector

MTD:

- 13 MTD modules installed and run for physics in Run 12.
- Installation of 62 additional MTD modules prior to Run 13.
- Most of the support systems (Gas, LV, HV, cabling) to be installed prior to Run 13.
- MTD project scheduled to be fully installed (118 Modules) and complete prior to Run 14.





HFT:

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- HFT and FGT both reside in/on the new HFT Inner Detector Support (IDS) carbon Fiber cone structure.
- Partial installation of new IDS structure prior to Run 12, bulk of the remainder of the IDS, along with new smaller diameter beam pipe, installed in September.
- New, smaller diameter beam pipe installed along with IDS for Run 13.
- New Pixel (PXL) installation platform procured, successful test PXL installation in October.
- Plan is to have a commissioning run with up to 3 prototype PXL sectors (10 in complete system) during Run 13.
- Plan is to install complete HFT (PXL, IST, & SSD) prior to Run 14.

















pp2pp at STAR in Run13





At $\sqrt{s}=510$ GeV, $\beta^*=7.5$ m and transverse polarization

- Total cross section σ_{tot} , nuclear slope B
- Central Exclusive Production (CEP)
- A_N and A_{NN}



Status:

- 1. Testing of Si detectors will start this week. Installation in the tunnel by early January.
- 2. Testing with STAR January => expect to be ready for check with the beams by the start of cooldown.

Running Scenario

- 1. Beam development is about 2 shifts;
- 2. Need beam to check timing, triggers, etc... as they evolved in the last three years;
- 3. Luminosity ~ 10^{30} cm⁻²sec⁻¹ at \sqrt{s} =510 GeV (β^* =9 m);
- 4. Data taking 3 shifts at $\sqrt{s}=510$ GeV for elastic and as much as possible for CEP (5 + shifts)=> 50% efficiency => 10 shifts ~4 days;
- 1. One shift of APEX to measure optics using Roman Pots (has been done at the LHC) would be very helpful;
- 2. How to execute the run most efficiently would be up to RHIC community and guidance from C-AD.



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STAR * STAR's preferred Run Scenario

- Commission Collider and Experiments for 510 GeV pp physics run
- At some point after the 510 pp physics run is established and running, shift operations to run the pp2pp physics program.
- Complete the pp510 physics running
- With any remaining time, commission and run a 15 GeV AuAu program. If possible, duration of ~ 3 weeks desirable.

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Summary

- STAR is in the midst of a busy shutdown plan/schedule to install new systems into the detector in preparation for Run 13, as well as to perform the usual maintenance on the existing sub systems.
- STAR will be ready for the Scheduled RHIC Cooldown date of February 11th.
- STAR's preferred running scenario would sandwich the pp2pp run sometime during the pp 510 running, but after stable collider and detector operations are established.

