

First Announcement

Open Meeting on RHIC Planning

Brookhaven National Laboratory December 3-4, 2003

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the long-term future of the RHIC program, including:

- The scientific and facility operations goals over the next 5 years.
- Plans for major upgrades of the machine and detectors to extend the science reach with enhanced luminosity (**RHIC II**).
- Plans to add a high-energy electron beam, and new detector capability, to implement a high-luminosity polarized electron-ion collider (**eRHIC**).

The meeting will begin with a presentation of the summary document from the RHIC Planning Group – a group with representatives from the experiments, accelerator groups, theory, and BNL management which has been meeting since August to map the core scientific priorities of the RHIC community onto a realistic schedule for facility operations and upgrades. This will be followed by presentations and discussion of key issues in theory, experiment, and machine development.

The results of this process will be taken by the Laboratory as guidance in preparing a Strategic Plan for the future of RHIC that will be completed and presented to the U.S. Dept. of Energy by the end of December 2003.

All members of the scientific community interested in the future program at RHIC are encouraged to attend. If you wish to make a presentation, please contact one of the organizers:

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There is no fee for participants, but all attendees must register for the meeting.

For updated information, and registration form, see: www.bnl.gov/physicsRHICplanning

Organized by the RHIC Planning Group:

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