

PHENIX Overview And Physics

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- Who is PHENIX ?
- Why is PHENIX ?
- What is PHENIX ?
 - **Past- what made PHENIX PHENIX?**
 - ◆ Collaboration growth
 - ◆ Experiment growth
 - ◆ Data set(s) growth
 - ◆ Accomplishments
 - **Present- what is PHENIX doing?**
 - ◆ Current status
 - ◆ Run-6 status
 - **Future- quo vadis PHENIX?**
 - ◆ Physics goals
 - ◆ Upgrade plans



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13 Countries; 62 Institutions; 550 Participants*

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- Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, USA
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- **Healthy**

- **Wide-ranging participation in**

- ◆ Data analysis
 - ◆ Shift support (309 individuals in Run-5 !)
 - ◆ Upgrades program

- **Continued growth:**

Year	Institutions	Nations	Participants
2001	53	11	420
2003	57	12	460
2005	62	13	550

Collaboration

Institutional Board

PHENIX Management

Spokesperson -	William Zajc	Columbia U
Dpty Spokesperson-	Yasuyuki Akiba	RIKEN
Dpty Spokesperson	Matthias Grosse-Perdekamp	UIUC
Operations Manager	Edward O'Brien	BNL
Upgrade Manager-	Axel Drees	Stony Brook U

Executive Council

Detector Council

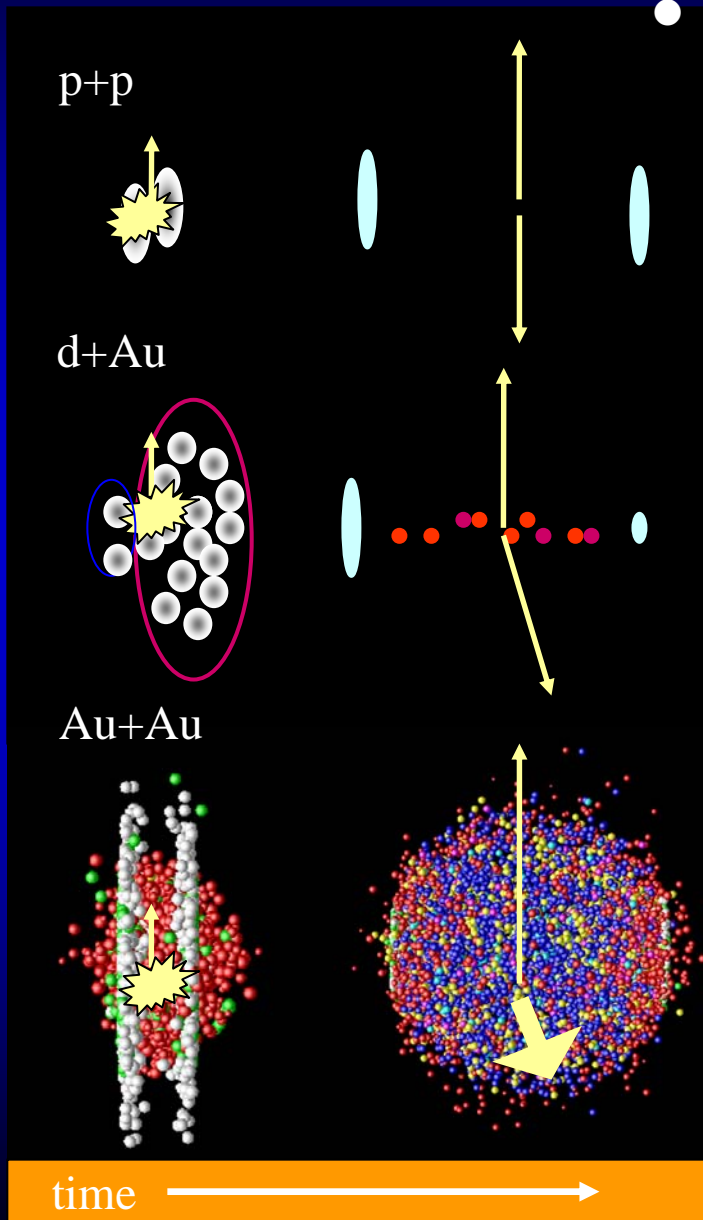
- Members of PHENIX propose upgrade to PM
- EC/DC approve
 - Design
 - Construction
- PM & DC manage project to completion
- Large projects require BNL & DOE approval

Physics Working Groups

Coordinators

<p>Chief Engineer D. Lynch BNL</p>	<p>DAQ Coord. J. Haggerty BNL</p>	<p>Computing Coord. D. Morrison BNL</p>	<p>Analysis Coord. R. Averbeck Stony Brook</p>	<p>Trigger Coord. J. Nagle UColorado</p>	<p>Run Coord. A Deshpande Stony Brook</p>	<p>PHENIX Admin B. Johnson BNL</p>
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- **Pioneering High Energy Nuclear Interaction eXperiment**
 - **Goals:**
 - **Broadest possible study of A+A, p+A, p+p collisions to**
 - ◆ Study nuclear matter under extreme conditions
 - ◆ Using a wide variety of probes sensitive to all timescales
 - ◆ Study systematic variations with species and energy
 - **Measure spin structure of the nucleon**
- These two programs have produced a detector with unparalleled capabilities



- Systematic approach essential:

□ p+p: BASELINE

- ◆ Establish applicability of pQCD
- ◆ First measurement of A_{LL}
~ gluon polarization

□ d+Au: CONTROL

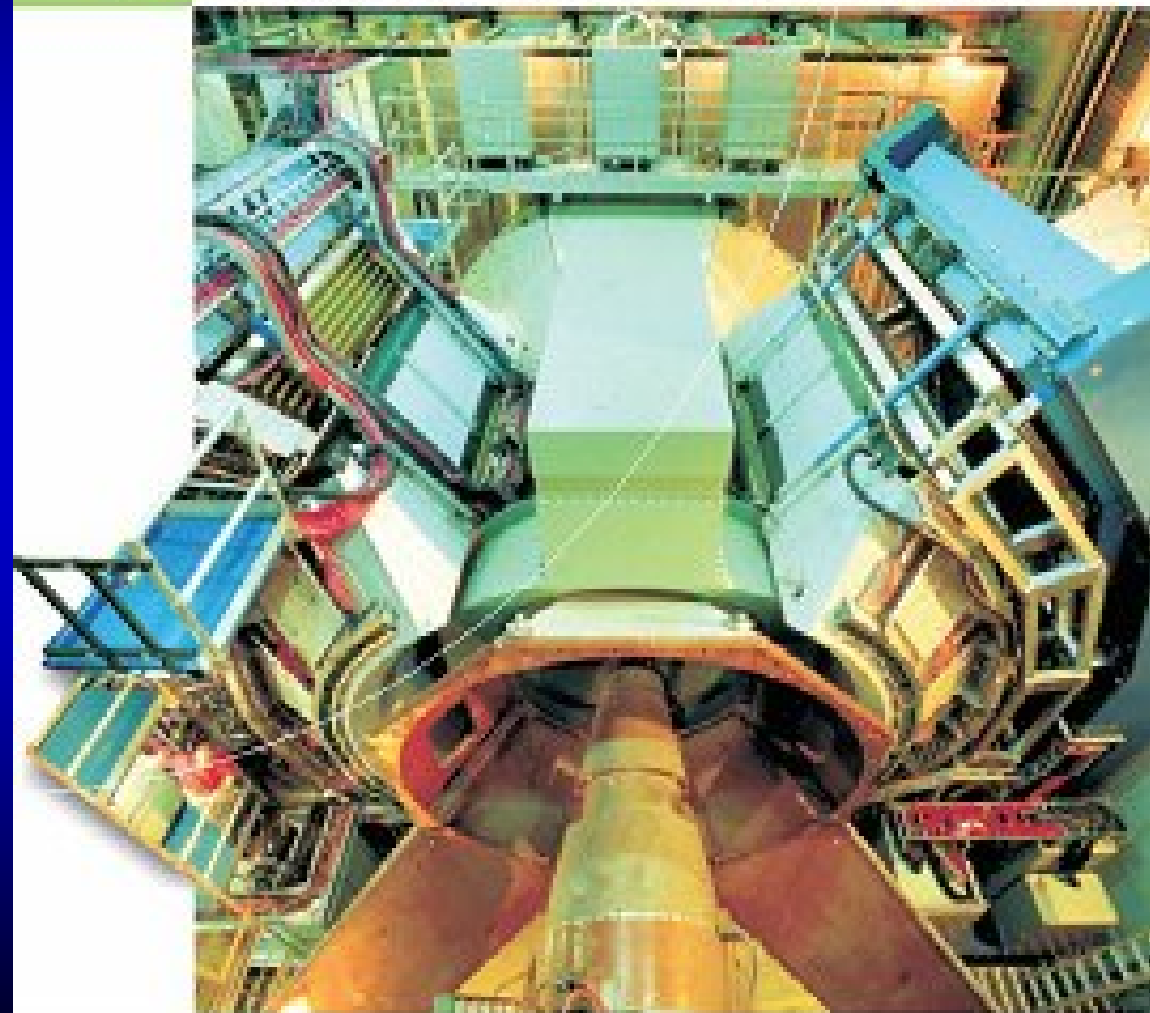
- ◆ No suppression
in cold nuclear matter

□ Au+Au: NEW EFFECTS

- ◆ *Strong* suppression
in hot nuclear matter
- ◆ Hydrodynamic flow of
~ perfect fluid

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2002

PHYSICS TODAY



Nuclear matter in extremis

- Detector Redundancy
- Fine Granularity, Mass Resolution
- High Data Rate
- Good Particle ID
- Limited Acceptance

Charged Particle Tracking:

- Drift Chamber
- Pad Chamber
- Time Expansion Chamber/TRD
- Cathode Strip Chambers(Mu Tracking)

Particle ID:

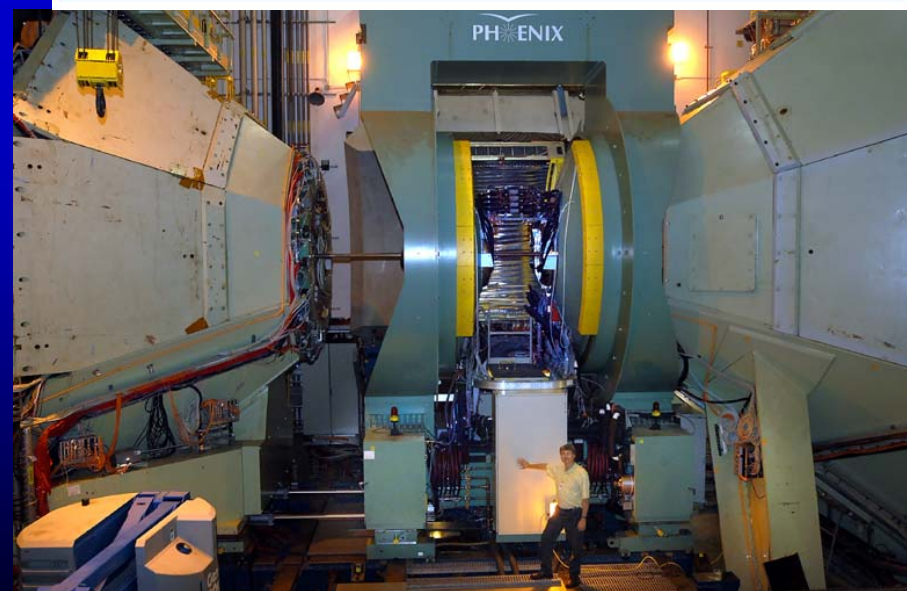
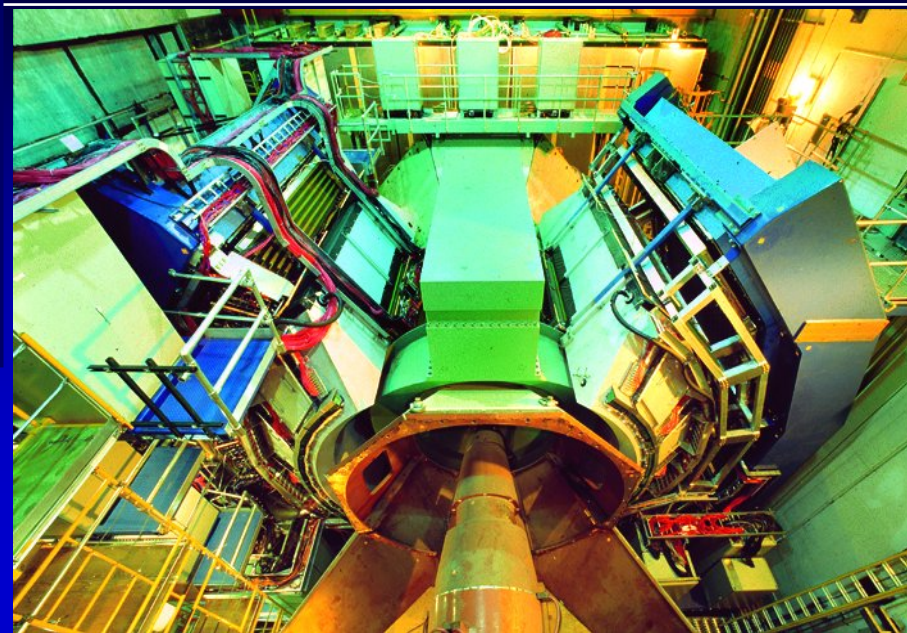
- Time of Flight
- Ring Imaging Cerenkov Counter
- TEC/TRD
- Muon ID (PDT's)
- Aerogel Cerenkov Counter

Calorimetry:

- Pb Scintillator
- Pb Glass

Event Characterization:

- Multiplicity Vertex Detector (Si Strip,Pad)
- Beam-Beam Counter
- Zero Degree Calorimeter/Shower Max Detector
- Forward Calorimeter



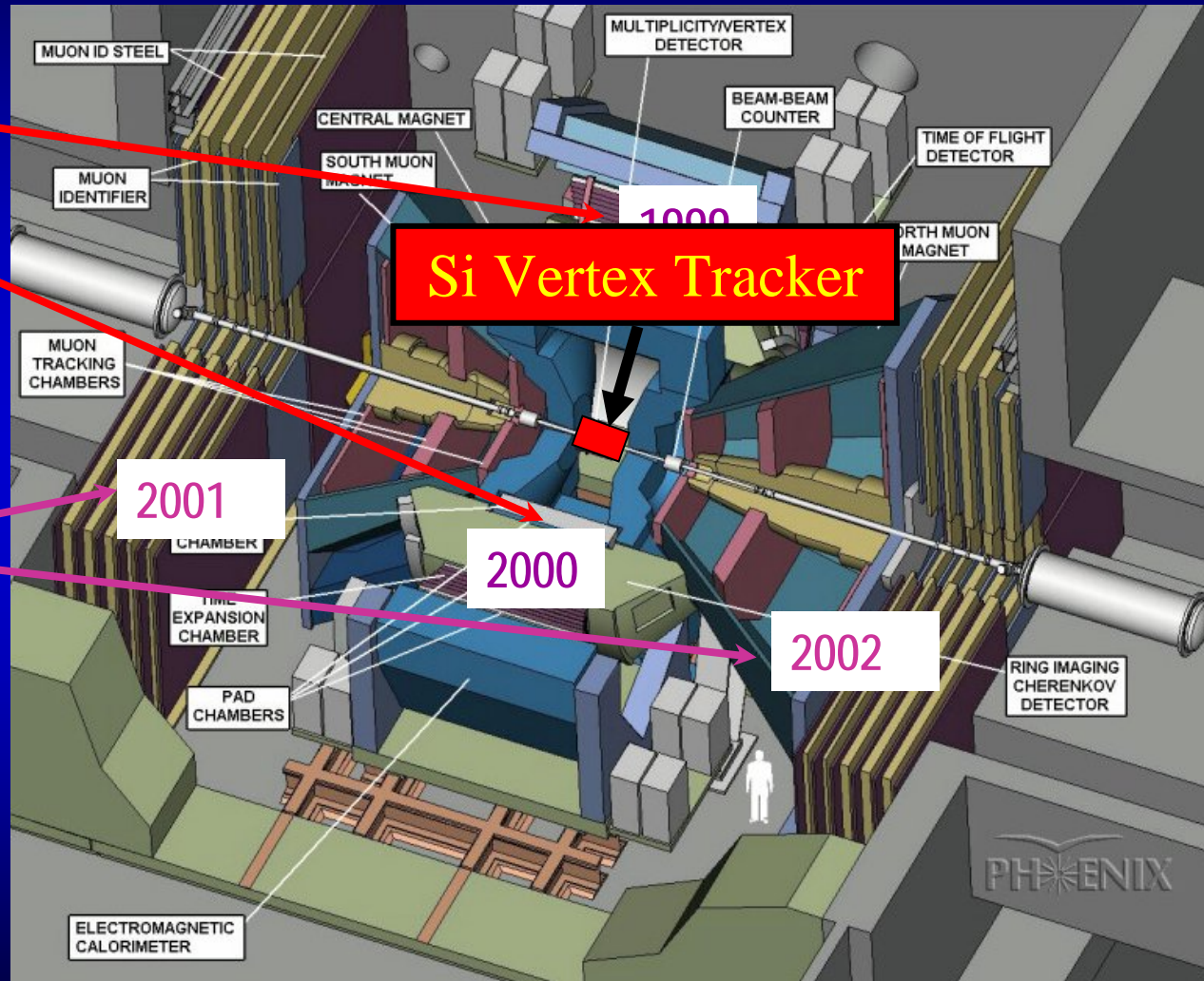
- PHENIX has an excellent track record of
 - Performing major installations and/or upgrades in each shutdown
- while
 - Maintaining scientific productivity
- See Back-up slides for complete chronology
 - (Most material there provided courtesy of Ed O'Brien, PHENIX Operations Manager)

□ 2 central spectrometers

□ 2 forward spectrometers

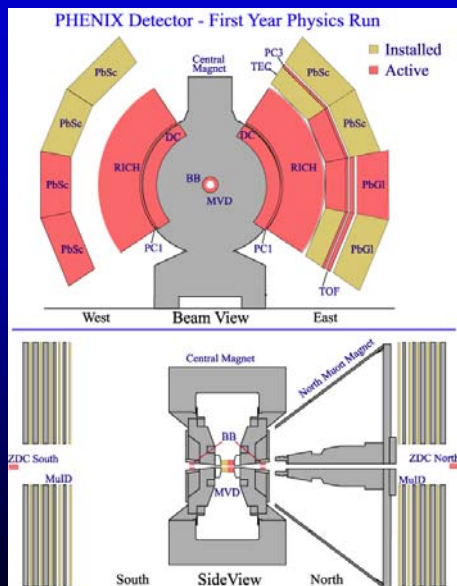
□ Forward detectors

- ◆ Triggering
- ◆ Centrality
- ◆ Local polarimetry
- ◆ Luminosity monitoring

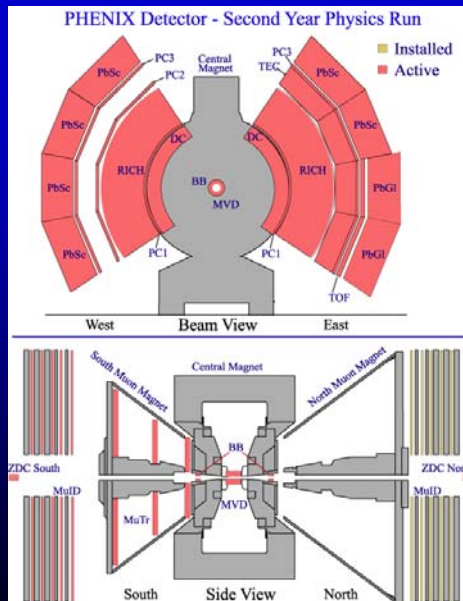


Run	Year	Species	$s^{1/2}$ [GeV]	$\int L dt$	N_{tot}	p-p Equivalent	Data Size
01	2000	Au-Au	130	$1 \mu b^{-1}$	10M	$0.04 pb^{-1}$	3 TB
02	2001/2002	Au-Au	200	$24 \mu b^{-1}$	170M	$1.0 pb^{-1}$	10 TB
		p-p	200	$0.15 pb^{-1}$	3.7G	$0.15 pb^{-1}$	20 TB
03	2002/2003	d-Au	200	$2.74 nb^{-1}$	5.5G	$1.1 pb^{-1}$	46 TB
		p-p	200	$0.35 pb^{-1}$	6.6G	$0.35 pb^{-1}$	35 TB

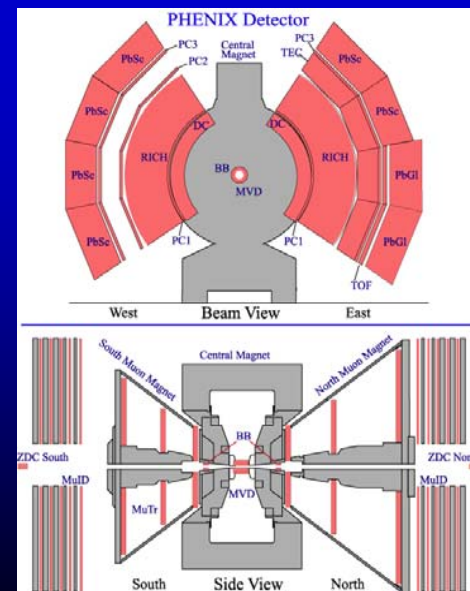
Run-1



Run-2



Run-3



Central Arm Tracking

- Drift Chamber
- Pad Chambers
- Time Expansion Chamber

Muon Arm Tracking

- Muon Tracker: North Muon Tracker

Calorimetry

- PbGI
- PbSc

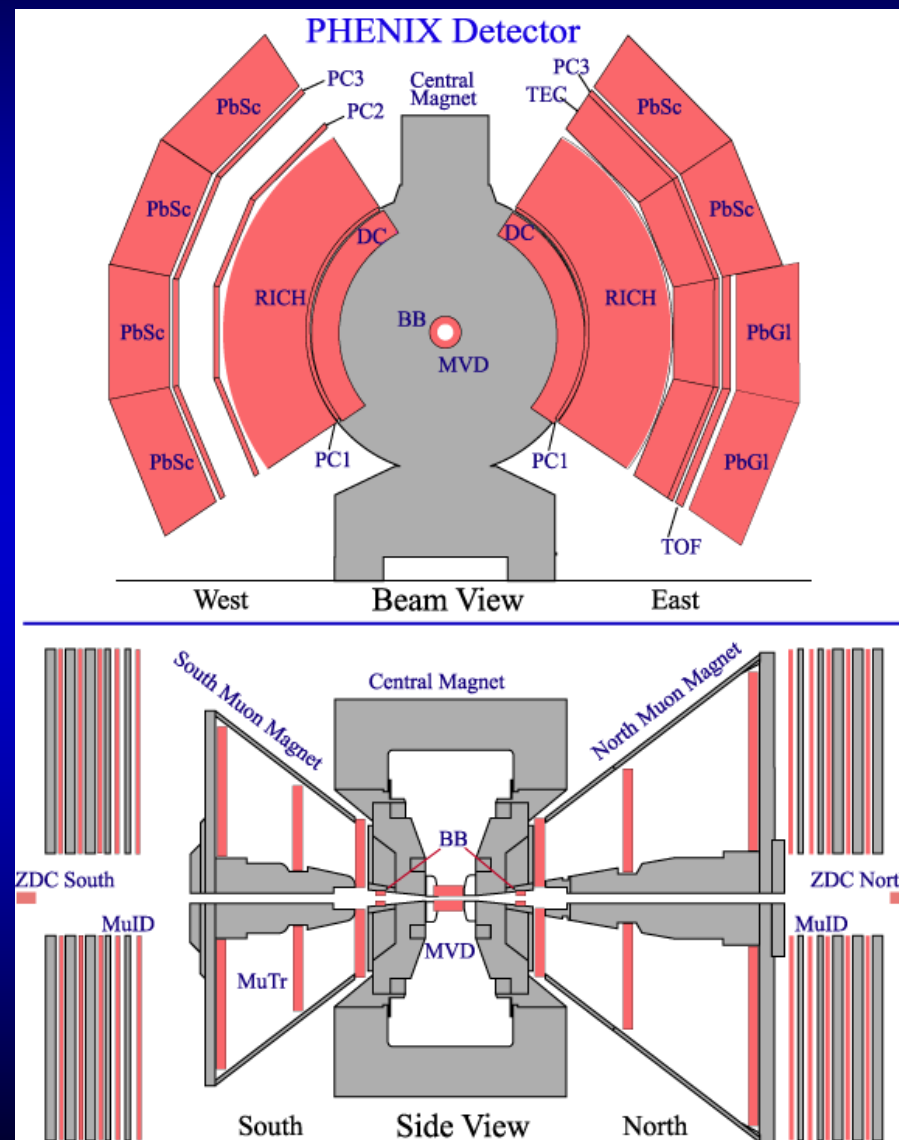
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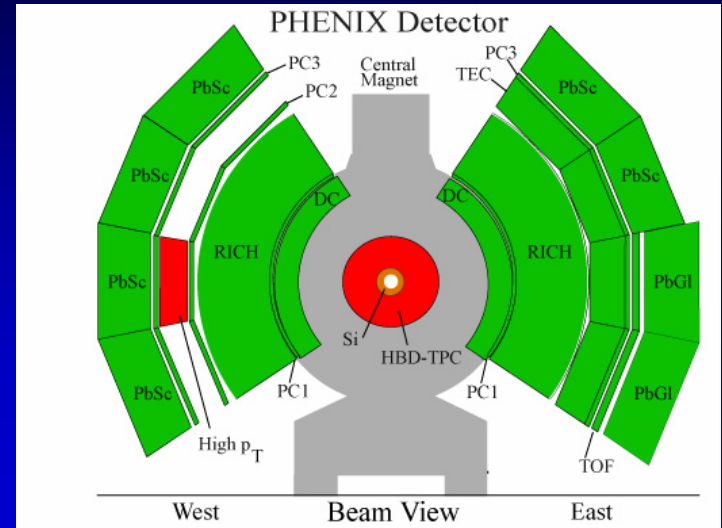
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- RICH
- TOF
- TEC

Global Detectors

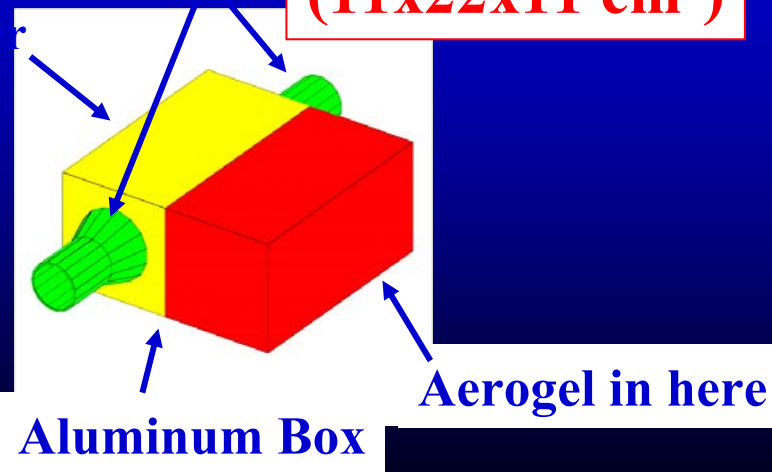
- BBC
- ZDC/SMD Local Polarimeter
- Forward Hadron Calorimeters
- NTC
- MVD

Online Calibration and Production



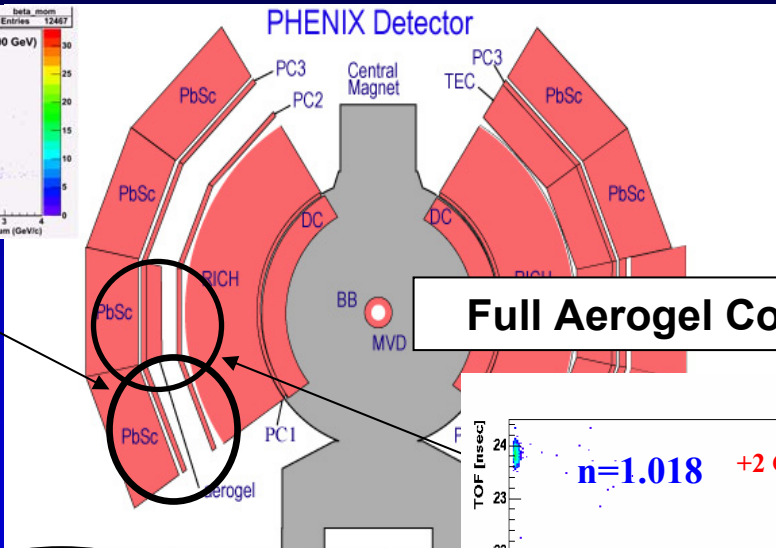
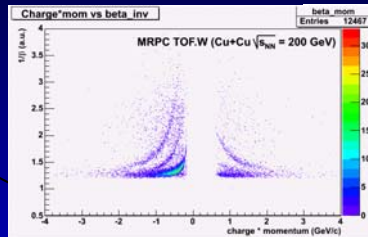


**Aerogel Cell
(11x22x11 cm³)**



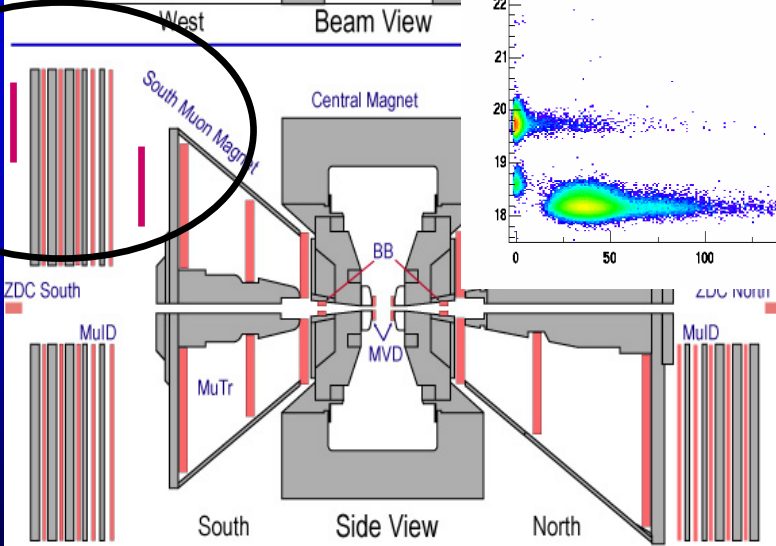
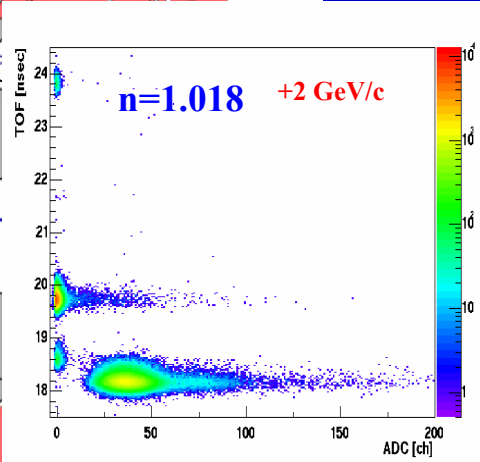
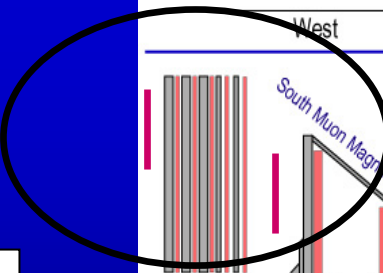
- The Aerogel detector is a threshold Cerenkov counter
- Aerogel is a very low density, SiO₂ – based solid
- Aerogel has index of refr. between gases & liquids.
- Ident. charged particles in a range inaccessible with other technologies.

**TOF-West RPC
prototype installed
and tested in CuCu
running.**



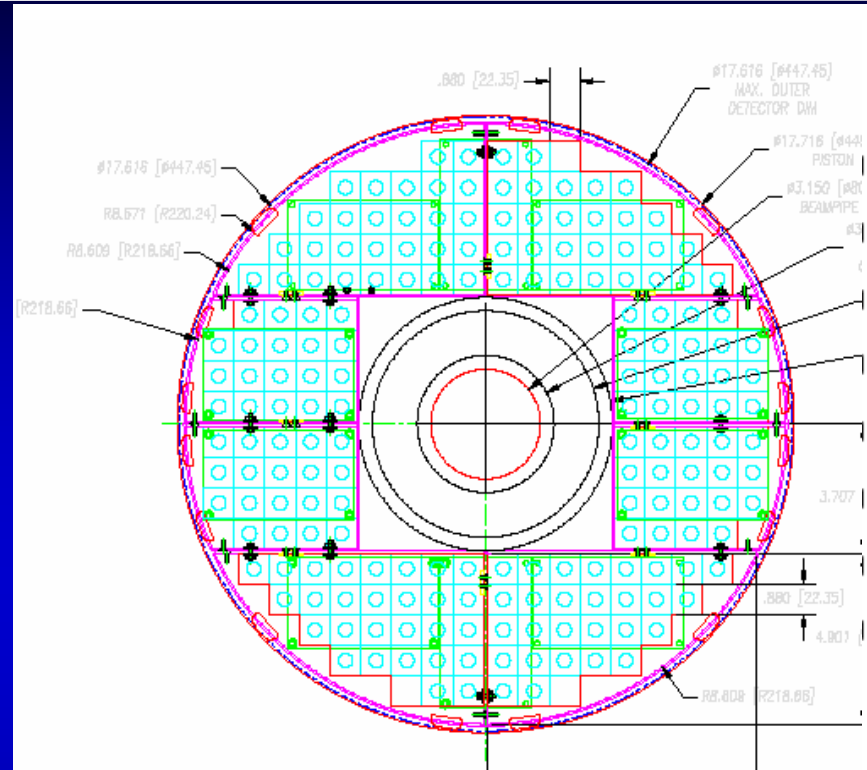
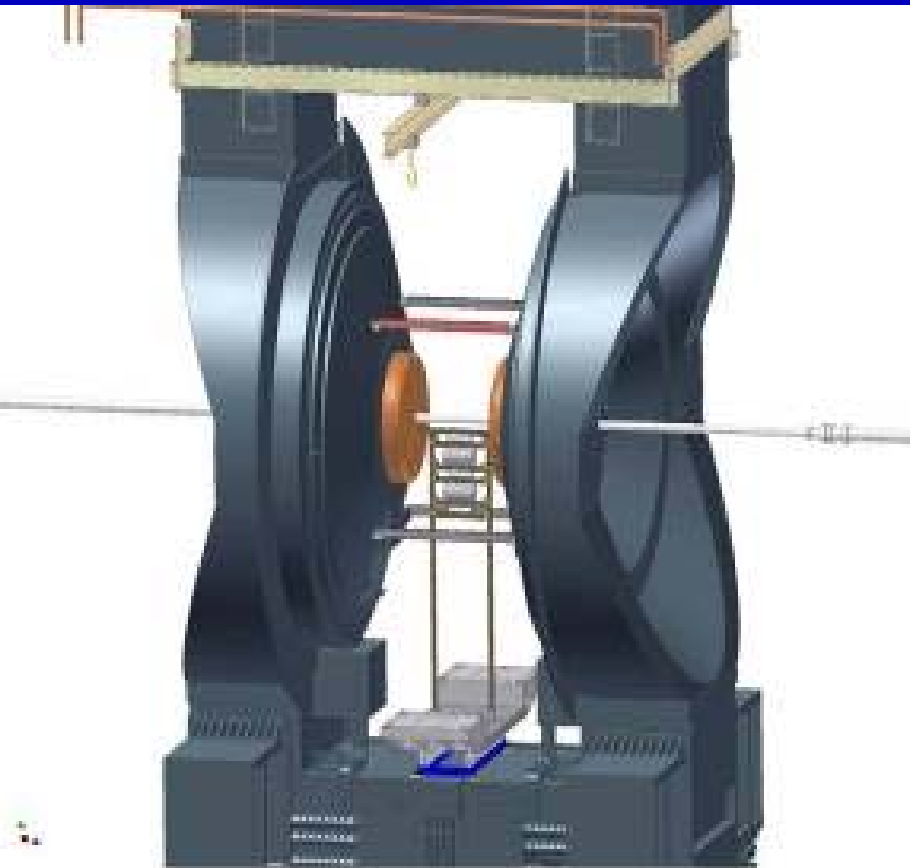
Full Aerogel Counter

**Prototype RPC
muon trigger
chambers.
NSF \$1.98M
Approved!**



ALSO:
New LVL1 Triggers (MuID and ERT)
Improved DAQ (>5kHz)
Multi-Event Buffering (95% live)
OnCal calibrations
LVL2 Filtering rare events

- Radiation tests of strip-pixel samples (see talk by S. Batsouli)



- Muon Piston Calorimeter (MPC)
 - 192 PbWO_4 crystals
 - APD read out w. EmCal FEM's

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04	2003/2004	Au+Au	200	$241 \mu b^{-1}$	1.5G	$10.0 pb^{-1}$	270 TB
		Au+Au	62	$9 \mu b^{-1}$	58M	$0.36 pb^{-1}$	10 TB
05	2004/2005	Cu+Cu	200	$3 nb^{-1}$	8.6G	$11.9 pb^{-1}$	173 TB
		Cu+Cu	62	$0.19 nb^{-1}$	0.4G	$0.8 pb^{-1}$	48 TB
		Cu+Cu	22.5	$2.7 \mu b^{-1}$	9M	$0.01 pb^{-1}$	1 TB
		p+p	200	$3.8 pb^{-1}$	85B	$3.8 pb^{-1}$	262 TB

File Options Mode

Download

Stop

Pause

Open

Comment

Run Type

Physics

Configured

PHENIX Run Control

BB LL1 Status
North Glink

South Glink

Run Control Log

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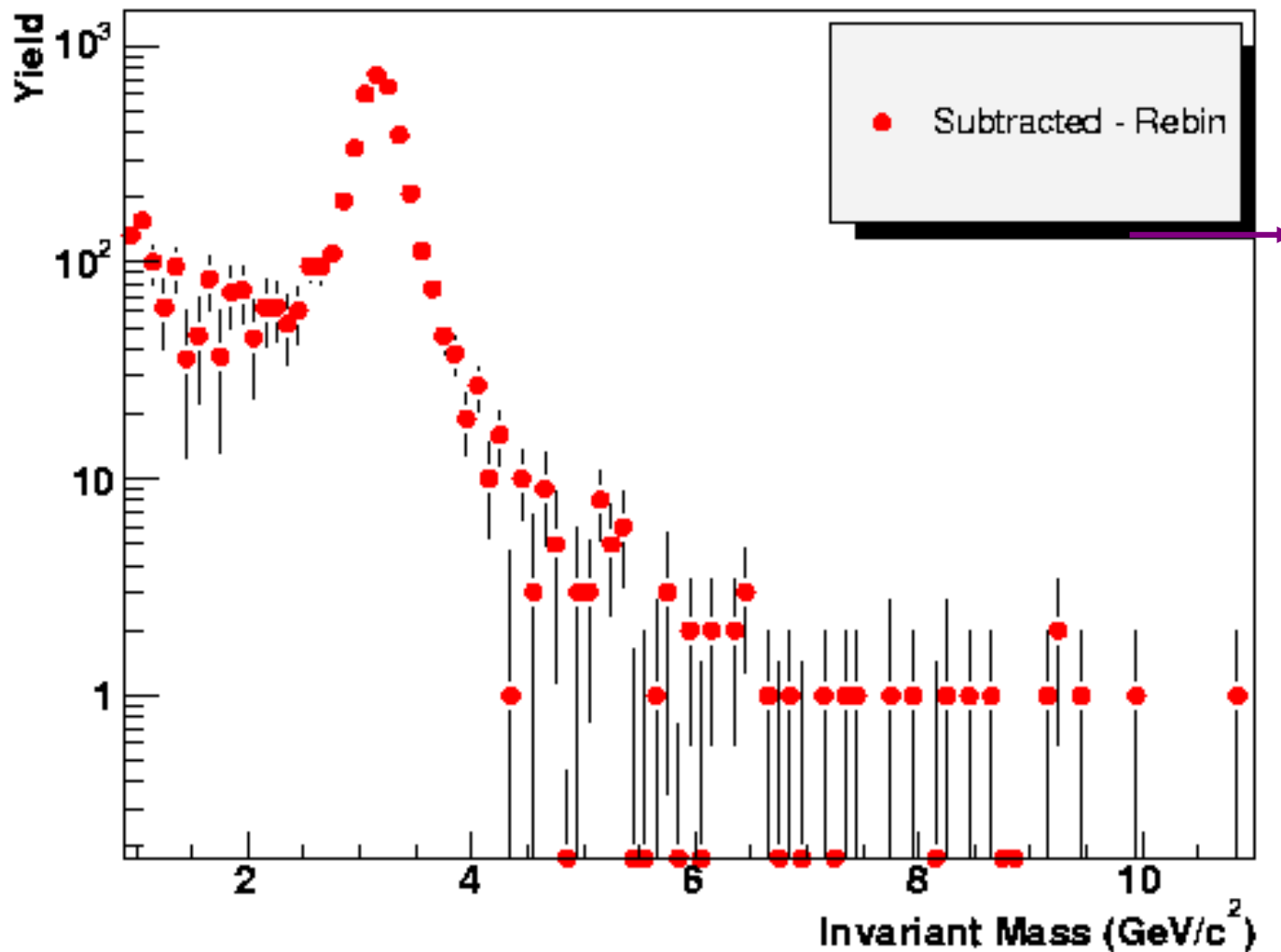
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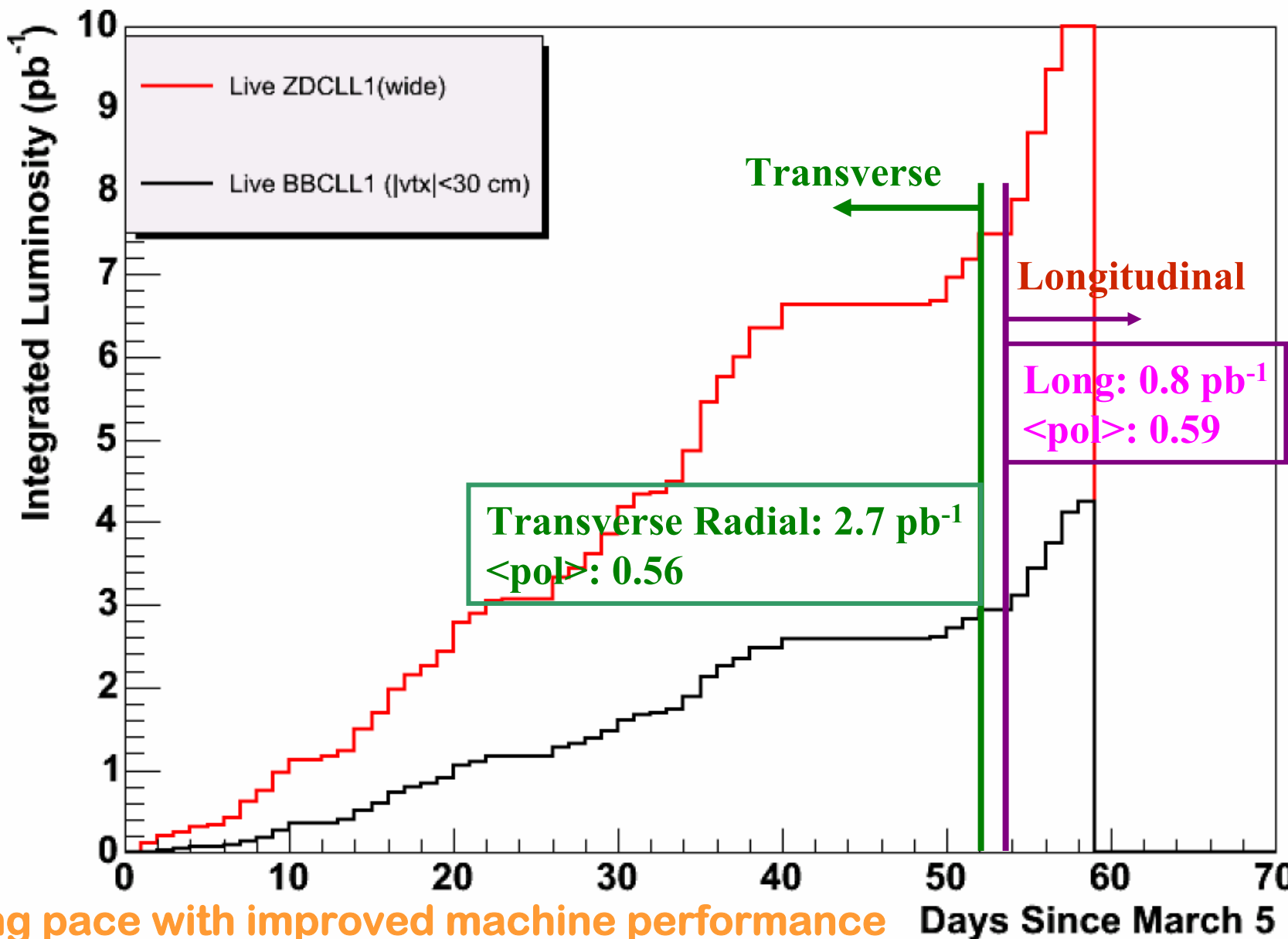
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Scale

Trig	Rate	Scaled Rate	Live Time	Live Time (RA)	Raw/Ref	Live/Ref	Scaled/Ref
Click	5.813 Hz	0.499	0.585	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
BBC11	1.754 KHz	0.466	0.546	0.0003	0.0003	301.7285	0.000
ZDCNS	3.738 KHz	0.502	0.590	0.0007	0.0007	3.2055	0.000
ZDC11 wide	3.860 KHz	0.473	0.554	0.0007	0.0007	3.3037	0.000
ZDC11 narrow	2.877 KHz	0.498	0.585	0.0005	0.0005	4.9020	0.000
UltraPeripheral	18.395 Hz	0.465	0.564	0.0000	0.0000	3.1645	0.000
ERT_2x2&BBC11	1.765 KHz	0.000 Hz	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
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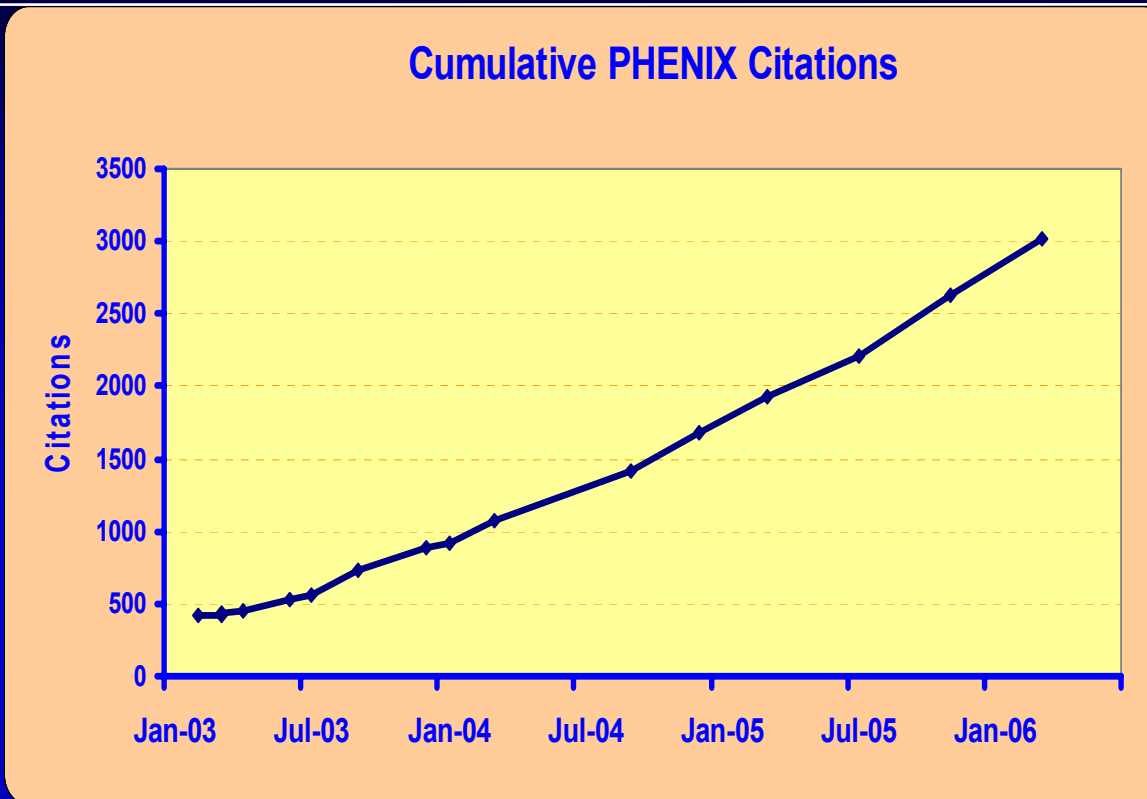
Quasi real-time production of J/Ψ data



- Keeping pace with improved machine performance

- Since 2001:
 - 28 PRL's
 - 9 Phys. Rev. C's
 - 1 Phys. Rev. D
 - 1 Phys. Lett. B
 - 1 Nucl. Phys. A
(White Paper)
- > 3000 citations
- Most-cited paper from RHIC:

- *“Suppression of hadrons with large transverse momentum in central Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV”,
K. Adcox et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 88:022301 (2002),
nucl-ex/0109003*
- 12 other papers with > 100 citations



- Summary of PHENIX results from RHIC Runs 1-3
 - 126 pages
 - 56 figures
 - 267 references
- Part of "First Three Years of Experiments at RHIC" special volume in Nuclear Physics A.
- PHENIX paper has already received 150 citations



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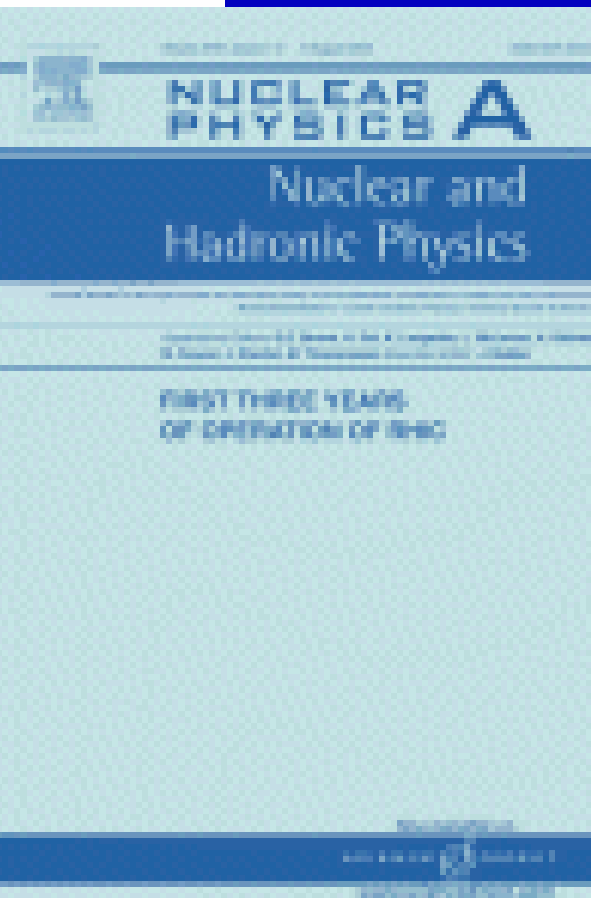


Formation of dense partonic matter in relativistic nucleus–nucleus collisions at RHIC:
Experimental evaluation by
the PHENIX Collaboration

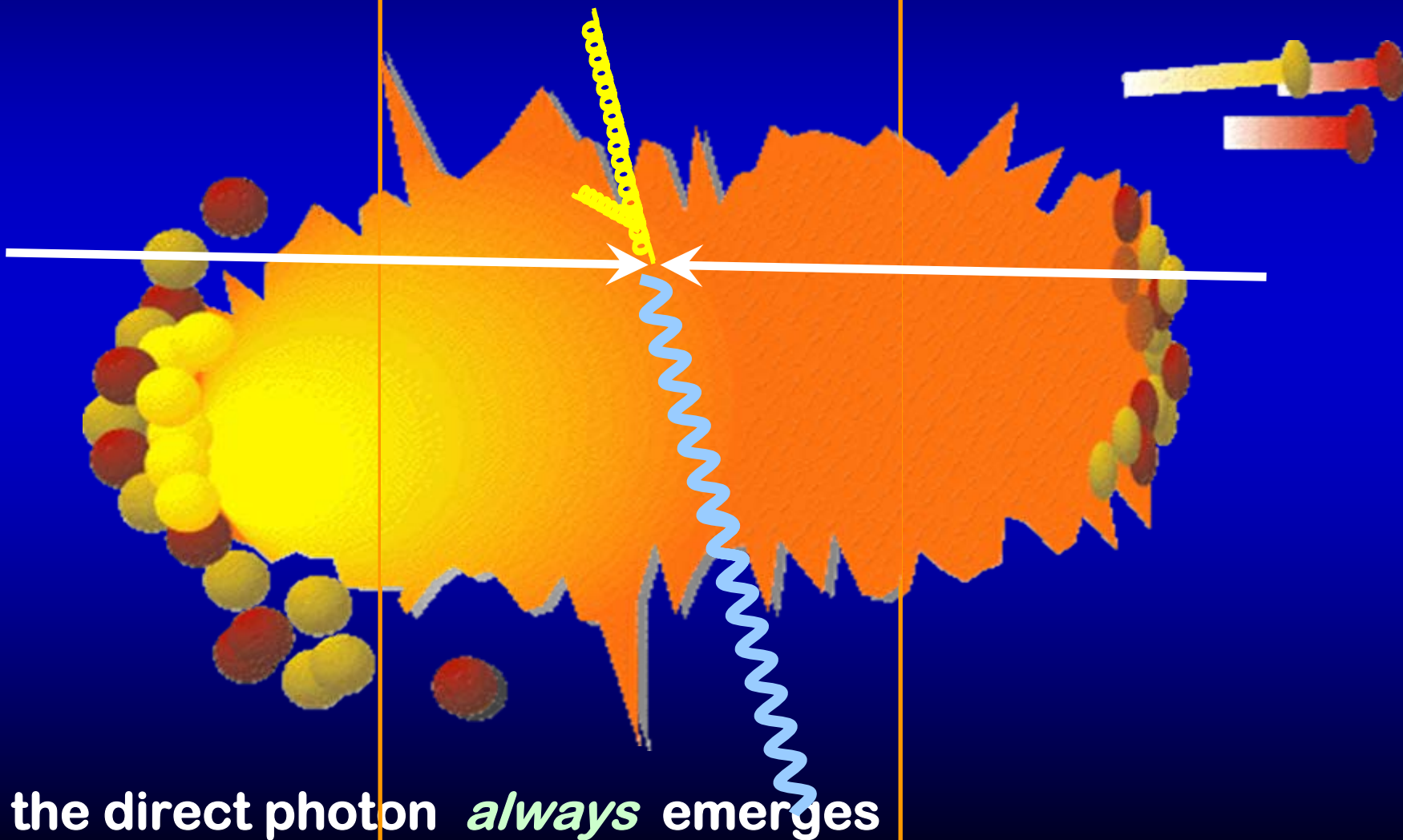
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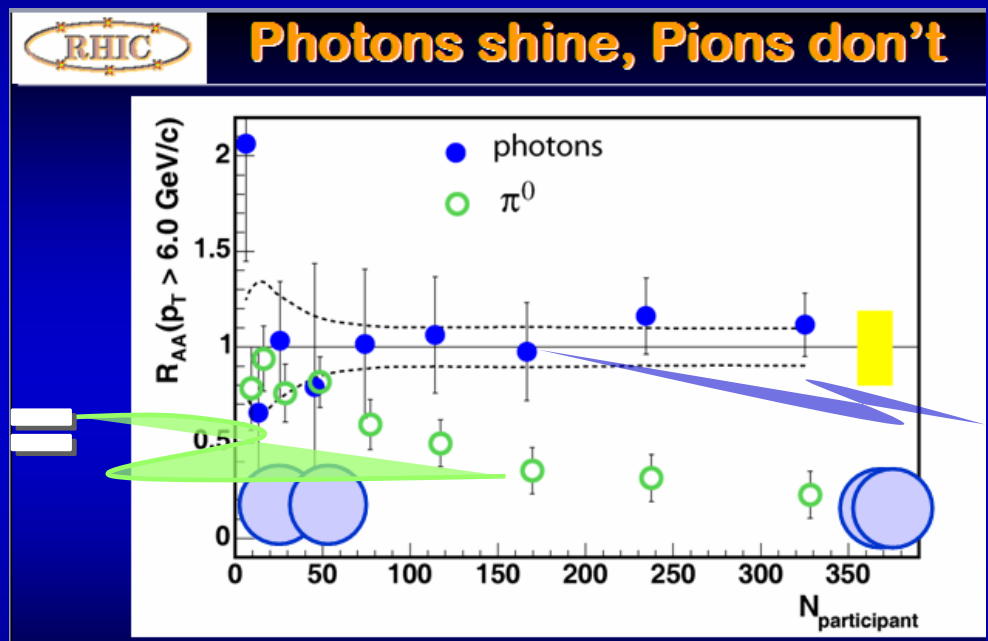
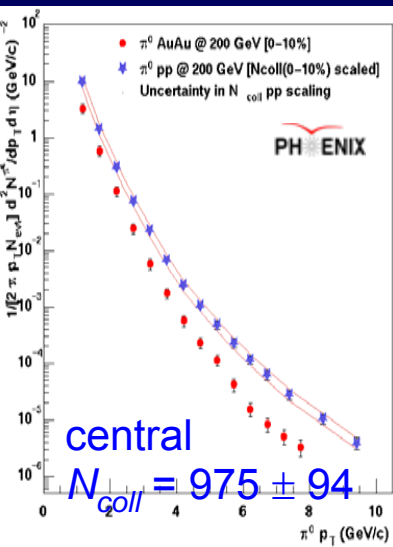


Scattered partons on the “near side” *lose energy,*
but emerge;

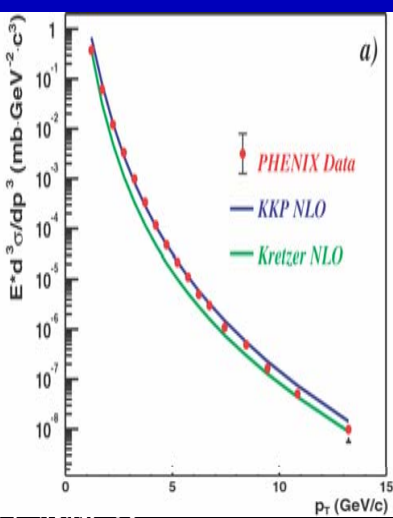
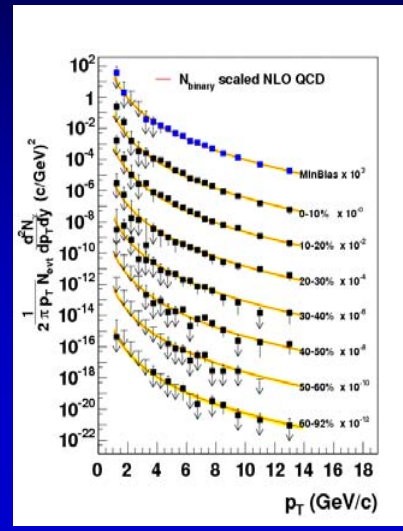


the direct photon *always* emerges

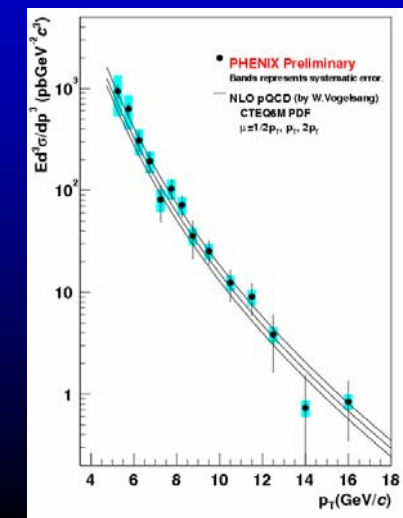
- This one figure encodes rigorous control of systematics



- Direct photons are **not** inhibited by hot/dense medium
- Pions (all hadrons) **are** inhibited by hot/dense medium



- in four different measurements over many orders of magnitude

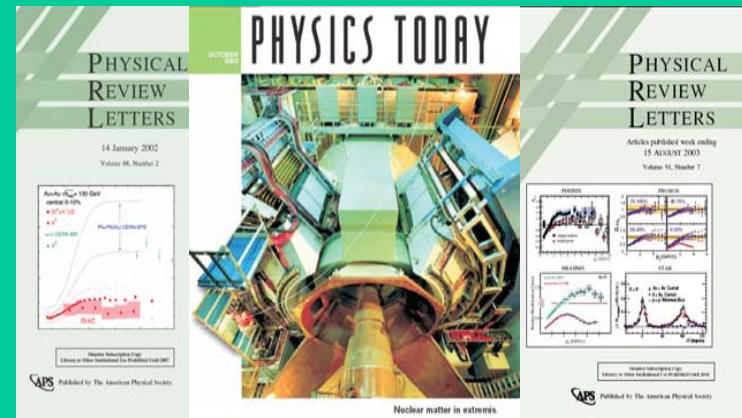


- How to fit

- 150+ pages
- 60+ figures
- 10+ tables
- 160+ references

into remainder of this talk?

- Will tour portions of Executive Summary relevant to upgrade plans.



- The PHENIX Collaboration has developed a plan for the detailed investigation of quantum chromodynamics in the next decade. The demonstrated capabilities of the PHENIX experiment to measure rare processes in hadronic, leptonic and photonic channels, in combination with RHIC's unparalleled flexibility as a hadronic collider, provides a physics program of extraordinary breadth and depth. A superlative set of measurements to elucidate the states of both hot and cold nuclear matter, and to measure the spin structure of the proton has been identified. The components of this plan include
 - Definitive measurements that will establish the nature of the matter created in nucleus+nucleus collisions, that will determine if the description of such matter as a quark-gluon plasma is appropriate, and that will quantify both the equilibrium and non-equilibrium features of the produced medium.
 - Precision measurements of the gluon structure of the proton, and of the spin structure of the gluon and sea-quark distributions of the proton via polarized proton+proton collisions.
 - Determination of the gluon distribution in cold nuclear matter using proton+nucleus collisions.

- Each of these fundamental fields of investigation will be addressed through a program of correlated measurements in some or all of the following channels:
 - Particle production at high transverse momentum, studied via single particle inclusive measurements of identified charged and neutral hadrons, multi-particle correlations and jet production.
 - Direct photon, photon+jet and virtual photon production.
 - Light and heavy vector mesons.
 - Heavy flavor production.

- A portion of this program is achievable using the present capabilities of PHENIX experimental apparatus, but the physics reach is considerably extended and the program made even more compelling by a proposed set of upgrades which include
 - An aerogel and time-of-flight system to provide complete $\pi/K/p$ separation for momenta up to ~ 10 GeV/c.
 - ☞ A vertex detector to detect displaced vertices from the decay of mesons containing charm or bottom quarks.
 - A hadron-blind detector to detect and track electrons near the vertex.
 - A muon trigger upgrade to preserve sensitivity at the highest projected RHIC luminosities.
 - A forward calorimeter to provide photon+jet studies over a wide kinematic range.

Charged Particle Tracking:

Drift Chamber

Pad Chamber

Time Expansion Chamber/TRD

Cathode Strip Chambers(Mu Tracking)

Forward Muon Trigger Detector

Si Vertex Tracking Detector- Barrel (Pixel + Strips)

Si Vertex Endcap (mini-strips)

Particle ID:

Time of Flight

Ring Imaging Cerenkov Counter

TEC/TRD

Muon ID (PDT's)

Aerogel Cerenkov Counter

Multi-Resistive Plate Chamber Time of Flight

Hadron Blind Detector

Calorimetry:

Pb Scintillator

Pb Glass

Nose Cone Calorimeter

Event Characterization:

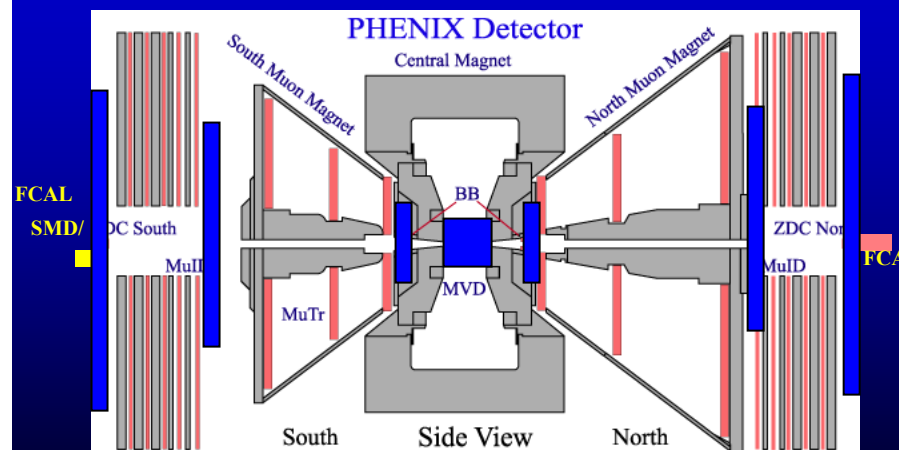
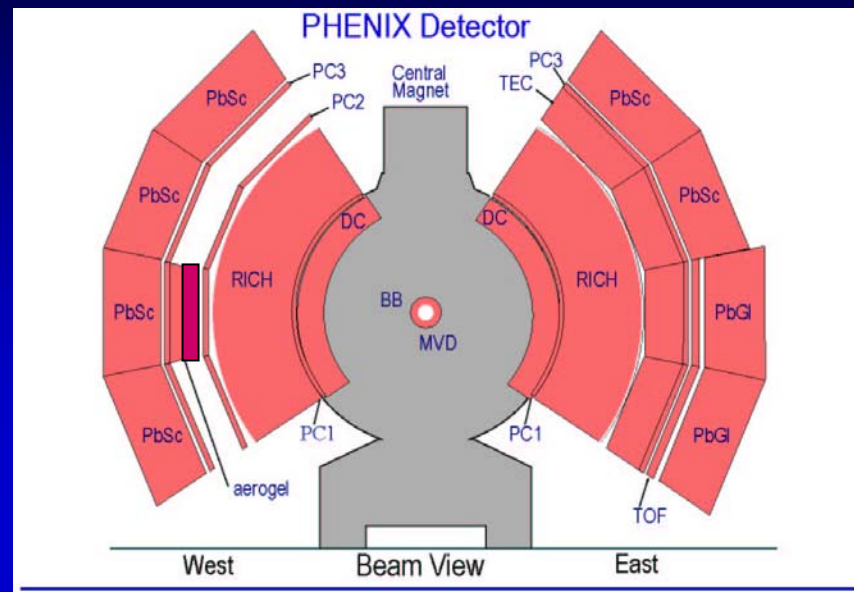
Beam-Beam Counter

Zero Degree Calorimeter/Shower Max Detector

Forward Calorimeter

Data Acquisition:

DAQ Upgrade



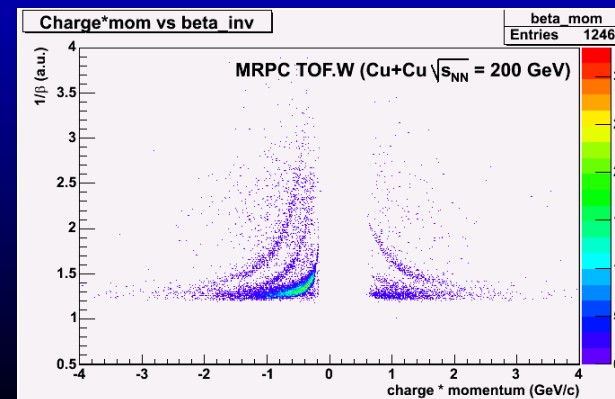
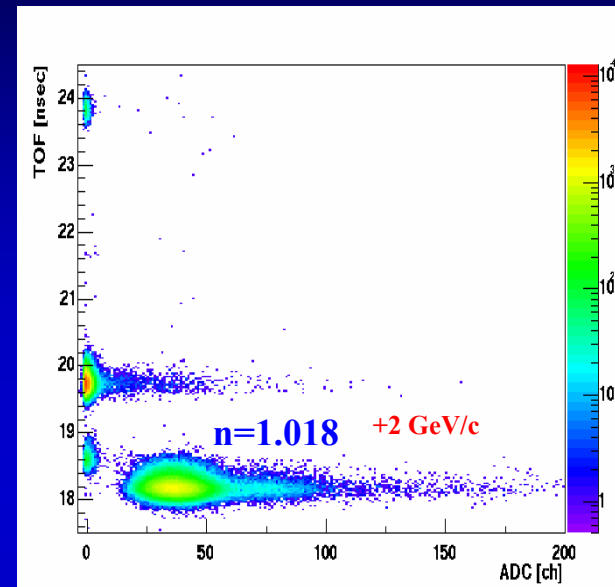
- “An aerogel and time-of-flight system to provide complete $\pi/K/p$ separation for momenta up to ~ 10 GeV/c.”

- Project well underway

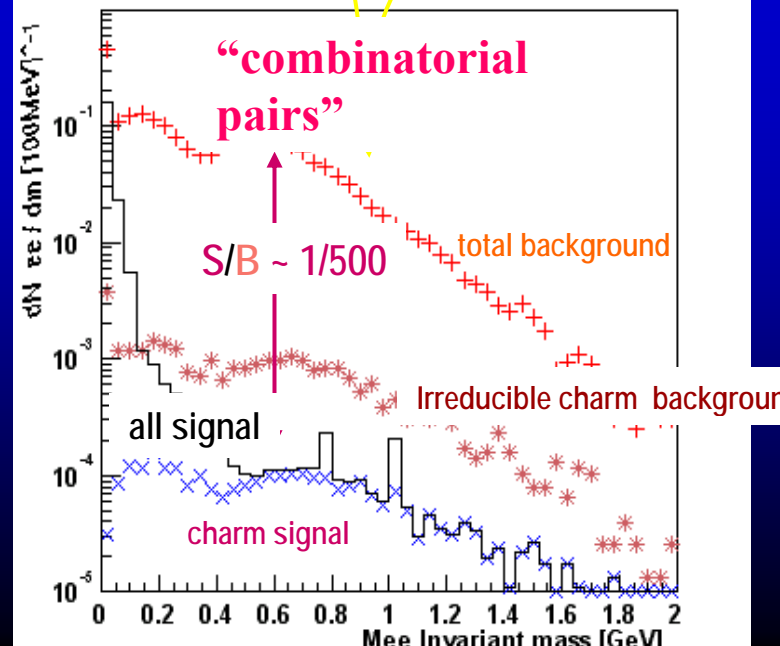
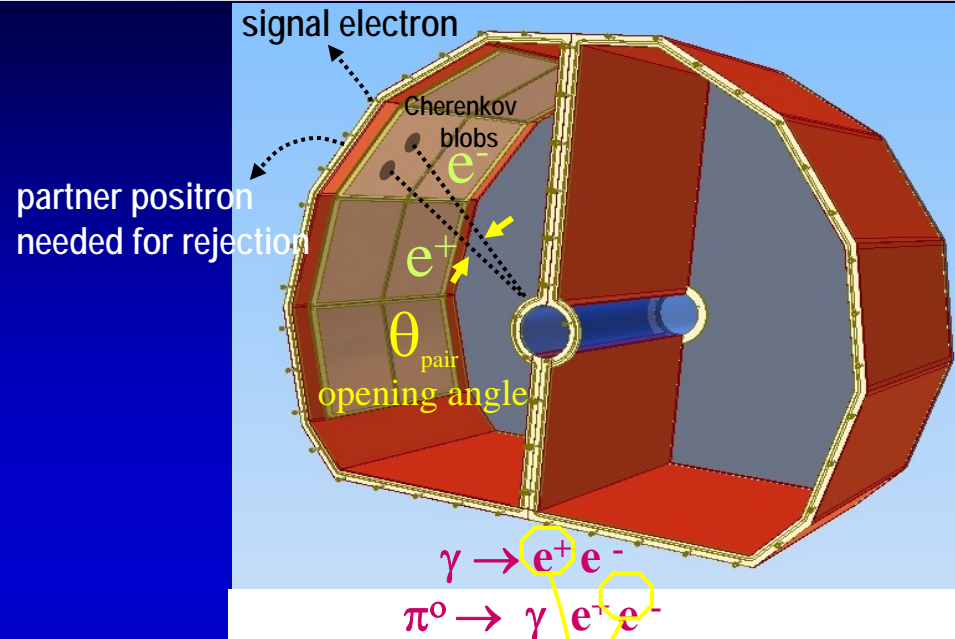
- Aerogel completely installed (first physics results now available)

- TOF-W (‘Time-Of-Flight-West’)

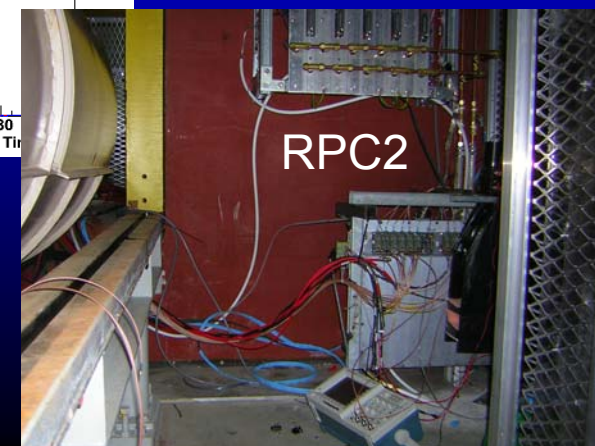
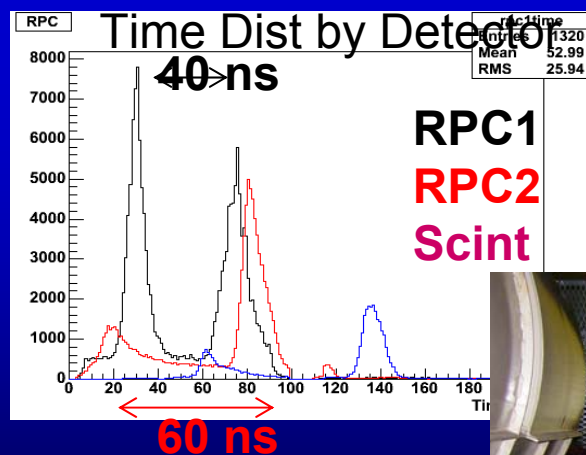
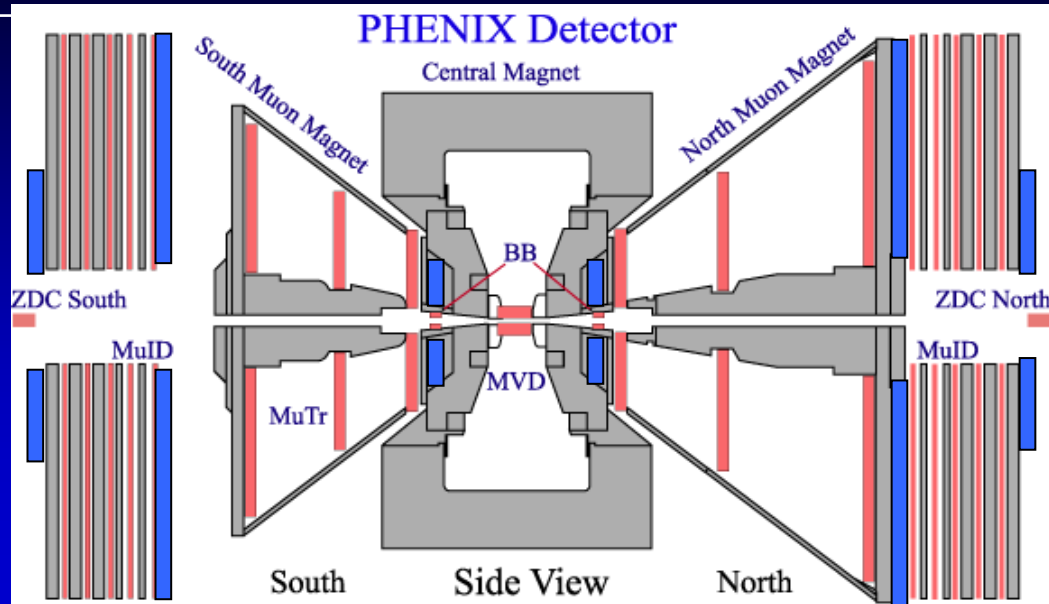
- ◆ Partial funding: J. Velkovska (Vanderbilt) OJI
 - ◆ Prototypes tested in Run-5
 - ◆ System to be installed in next shutdown



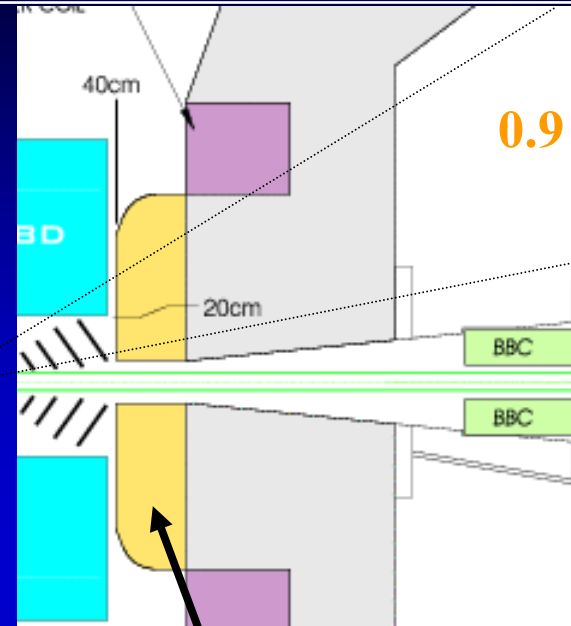
- “A hadron-blind detector to detect and track electrons near the vertex.”
- Dalitz rejection via opening angle
 - Identify electrons in field free region
 - Veto signal electrons with partner
- HBD: a novel detector concept:
 - windowless CF4 Cherenkov detector
 - 50 cm radiator length
 - CsI reflective photocathode
 - Triple GEM with pad readout
- Construction/installation 2005/2006 (R&D completed)
- NSF will fund \$250K (+ \$57K from SUNY-SB)



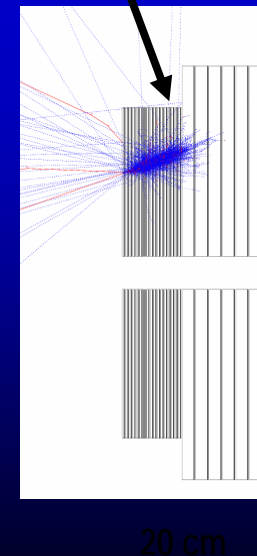
- “A muon trigger upgrade to preserve sensitivity at the highest projected RHIC luminosities.”
- Resistive Plate Chamber technology chosen by PHENIX
 - ❑ Cheap – wide coverage possible
 - ❑ Can leverage existing RPC R&D from CMS
 - ❑ Timing information
 - ◆ reject beam backgrounds
 - ◆ track association with correct bunch
 - ❑ 3-dim space point for enhanced pattern recognition
- Two small prototypes successfully tested in Run05
- Funded as NSF MRI for \$1.98M
 - ❑ \$100K UIUC
 - ❑ \$100K UCR
 - ❑ \$50K ISU
 - ❑ \$30K RBRC
- Breaking news: JSPS funding \$1.5-2.0M for MuTr trigger (JFY07 start)



- “A forward calorimeter to provide photon+jet studies over a wide kinematic range.”
- Forward physics with PHENIX
 - Large acceptance calorimeter
 - EM calorimeter $\sim 40 X/X_0$
 - hadronic section ($1.6 \lambda/\lambda_0$)
 - Tungsten with Silicon readout
- Extended physics reach with NCC
 - Extended A-A program
 - ◆ high p_T phenomena: π^0 and γ -jet
 - ◆ $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$
 - Small x -physics in p-A
- Scope
 - Recently favorably reviewed for FY08 start
 - New expert groups join R&D
(Moscow State, Czech groups)
 - Construction FY08 – FY10



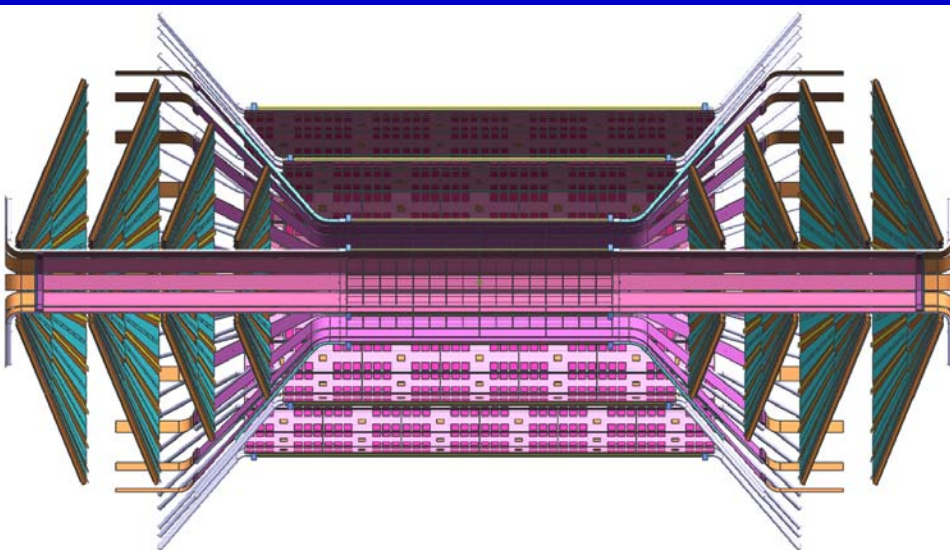
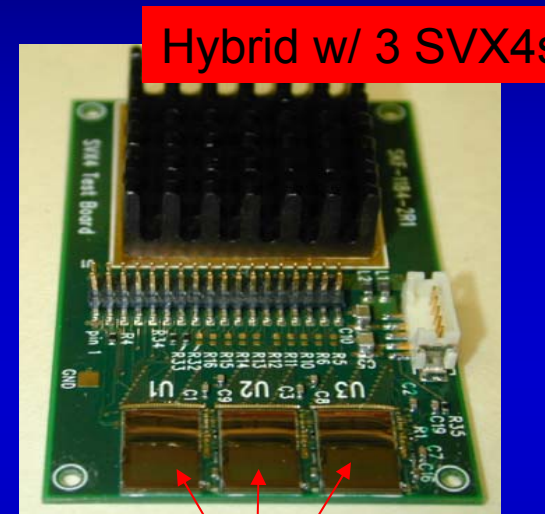
$$0.9 < \eta < 3.0$$



W-silicon sampling calorimeter

20 cm

- “A vertex detector to detect displaced vertices from the decay of mesons containing charm or bottom quarks.”
 - ~\$3M committed by RIKEN
 - MIE proposal submitted to DOE Aug-04:
 - ◆ “Project Readiness” review 19-20 January, 2005
 - ◆ Total Project Cost = \$4.6M
 - ◆ In President’s Budget for FY07
 - ◆ Very active ongoing R&D program

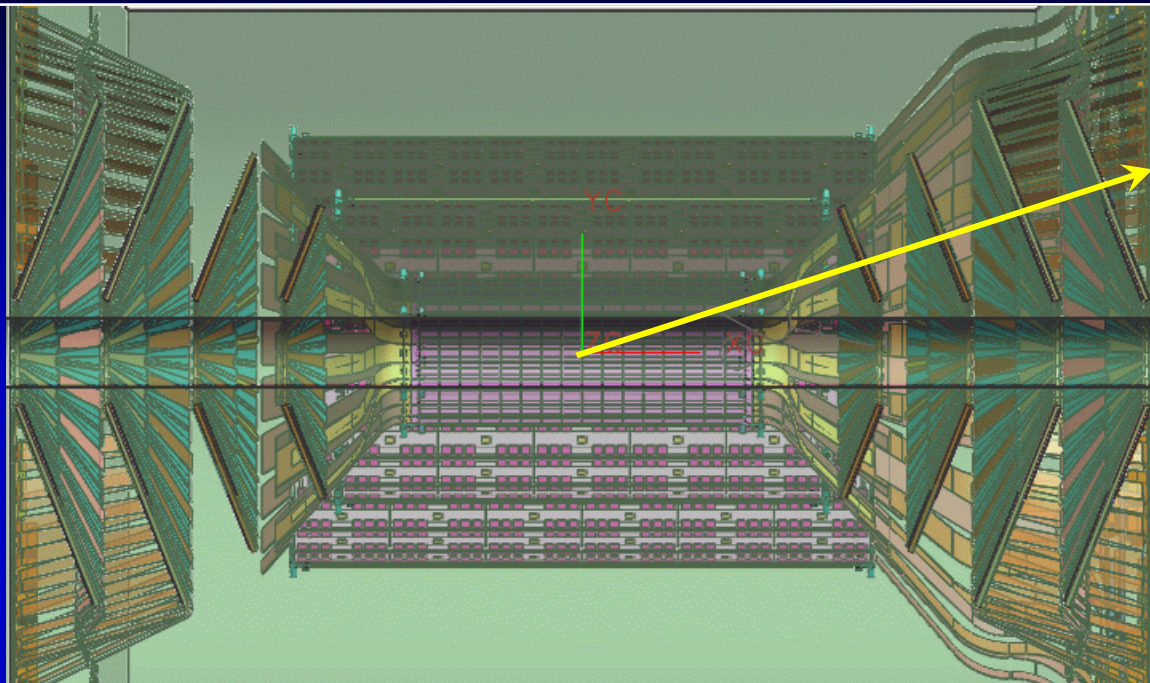


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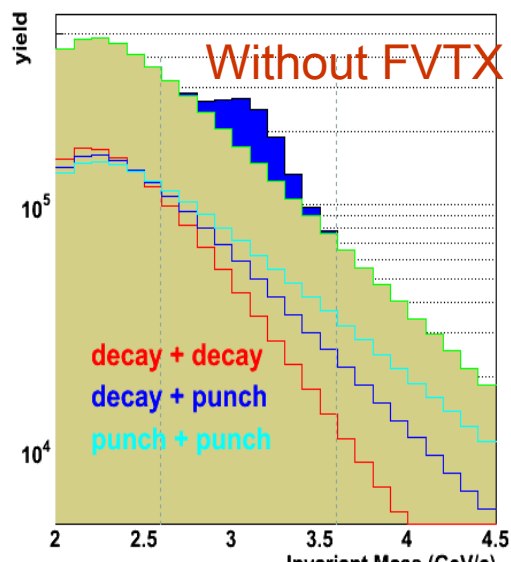
- ❑ 4 layers
- ❑ Tilted to make tracks ~normal-incidence
- ❑ 50 mm radial pitch, 7.5° phi segmentation (2 – 13 mm)
- ❑ Maximize z and r extent to give good resolution and ≥ 3 hits/track as much as possible
- ❑ 2*0.86M channels

- **Scope**

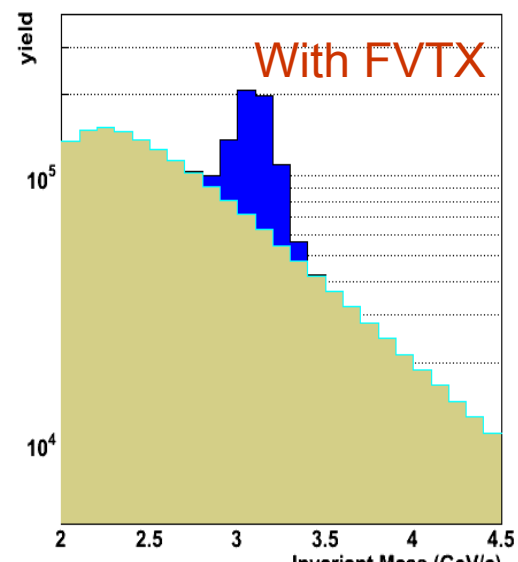
- ❑ Recently favorably reviewed for FY08 start
- ❑ Bootstrapped by LANL LDRD funds to construct one octant prototype



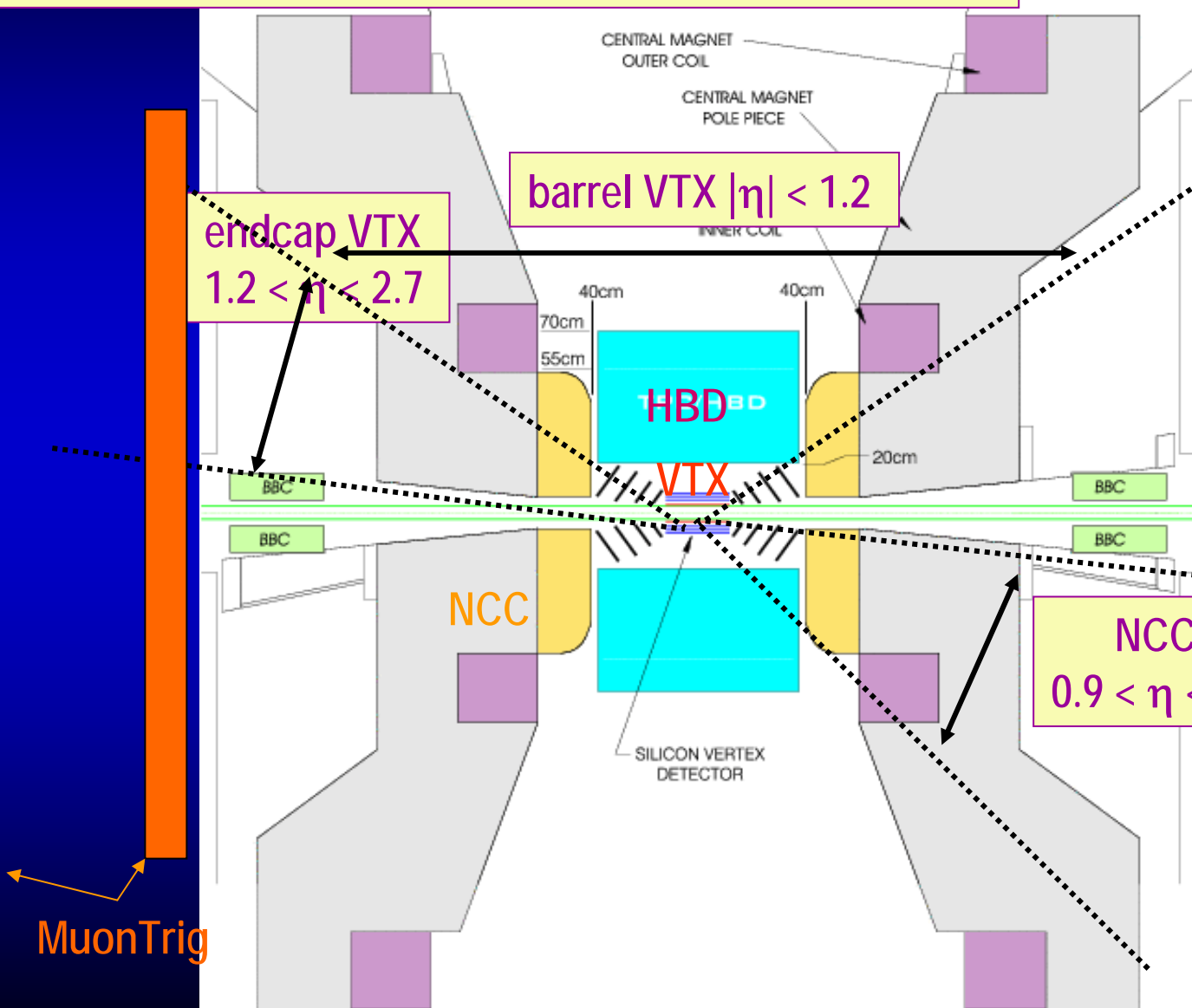
Dimuon invariant mass distribution



Dimuon invariant mass distribution



Provides displaced vertex & jet measurement over 2π



Displaced vertex:

VTX: silicon tracker

FVTX: forward Si

Jet measurement:

NCC: nose cone calorimeter

Other detectors:
HBD: hadron blind detector

Muon trigger
PID in west arm

PHENIX view of RHIC Upgrade Plans

Near term: Base line

Medium term: first upgrades

Long term: full detector
and RHIC upgrades

2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Analysis of
data on tape

Near term detector
upgrades of PHENIX
TOF-W, HBD, VTX,
 μ Trig

Commissioning

40x design luminosity for
Au-Au via electron cooling

PHENIX upgrades

Long term upgrades
FVTX, NCC, ...

RHIC luminosity upgrade

RHIC baseline program

Au+Au $\sim 250 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ at 200 GeV
Species scan at 200 GeV
Au+Au energy scan
Polarized protons $\geq 150 \text{nb}^{-1}$

Extended program with 1st detector upgrades:

Au+Au $\sim 1.5 \text{nb}^{-1}$ at 200 GeV
Polarized p at 500 GeV
(start p+A program)

Full utilization of RHIC opportunities:

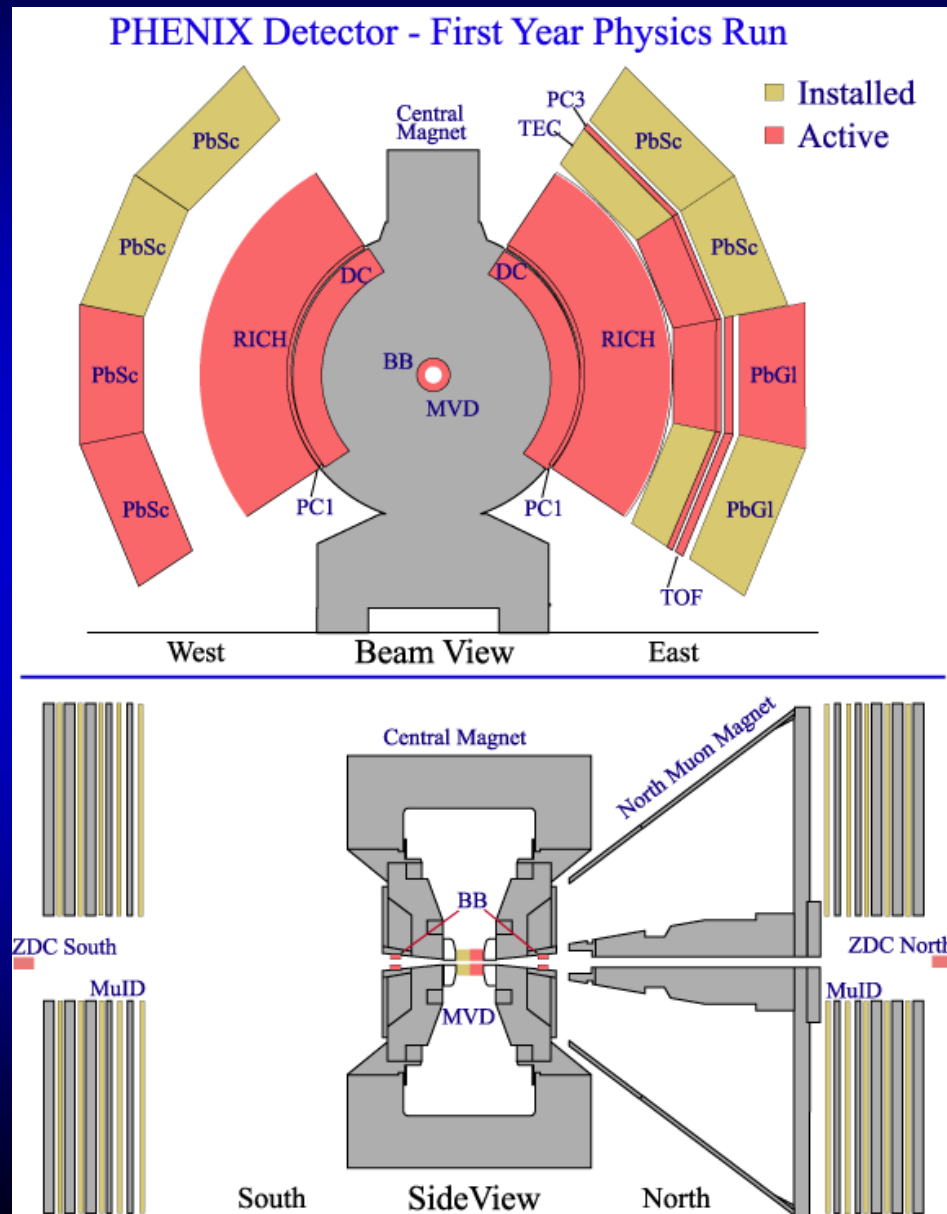
Studies of QGP with rare probes:
jet tomography, open flavor,
 J/ψ , ψ' , χ_c , $\Upsilon(1s)$, $\Upsilon(2s)$, $\Upsilon(3s)$

Complete spin physics program
p+A physics

- For Run-8 and beyond, various PHENIX upgrades become (or are already) available:
 - Si-Vertex
 - Hadron Blind Detector
 - FVTX
 - Muon trigger
 - Nose Cone Calorimeter
- These greatly extend our physics reach, and make re-visiting various canonical systems very attractive
- NSAC guidance:
“Invest in near-term detector upgrades of the two large experiments, PHENIX and STAR, to take full advantage of the existing accelerator capabilities.”

- PHENIX successes in Runs 1-6 have paralleled those of the accelerator
- Ongoing, productive enterprise engaged in timely publication of an extraordinarily broad spectrum of results (Au+Au, p+p, d+Au)
- Proposed upgrades (*especially VTX!*) will
 - Open new channels for investigation
 - Extend investigation of rare processes to address fundamental questions in heavy ion physics
 - Extend demonstrated spin physics capabilities to higher p_T and to new channels
- Plans provide for a program of continued discovery and extended precision for the next decade

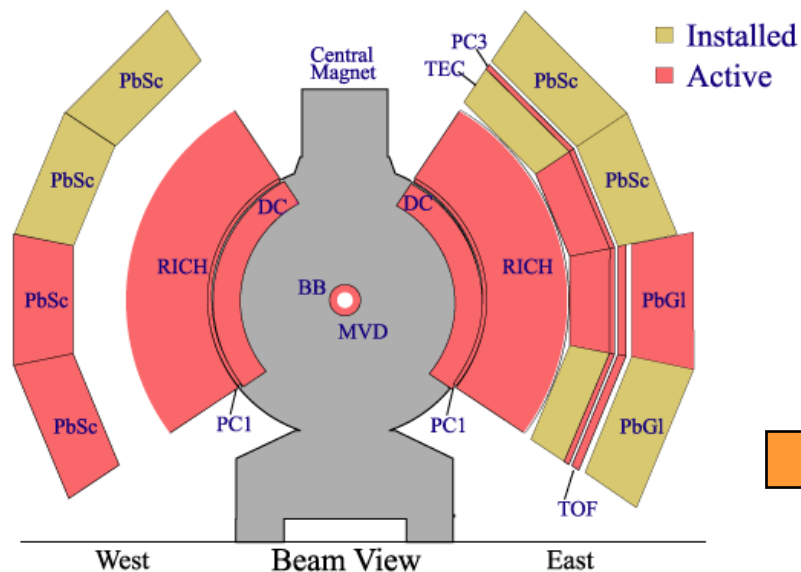
- Two central arms
 - Mechanically ~complete
 - Roughly half of aperture instrumented
- Global detectors
 - Zero-degree Calorimeters (ZDCs)
 - Beam-Beam Counters (BBCs)
 - Multiplicity and Vertex Detector (MVD, engineering run)



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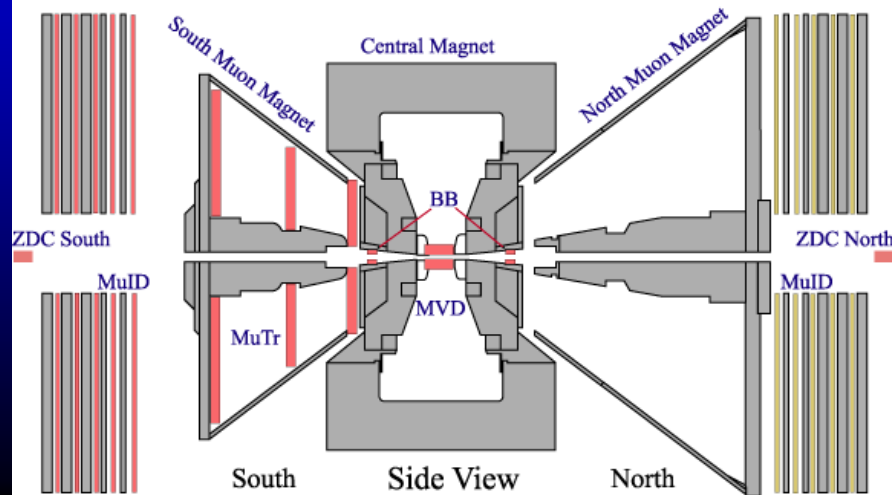
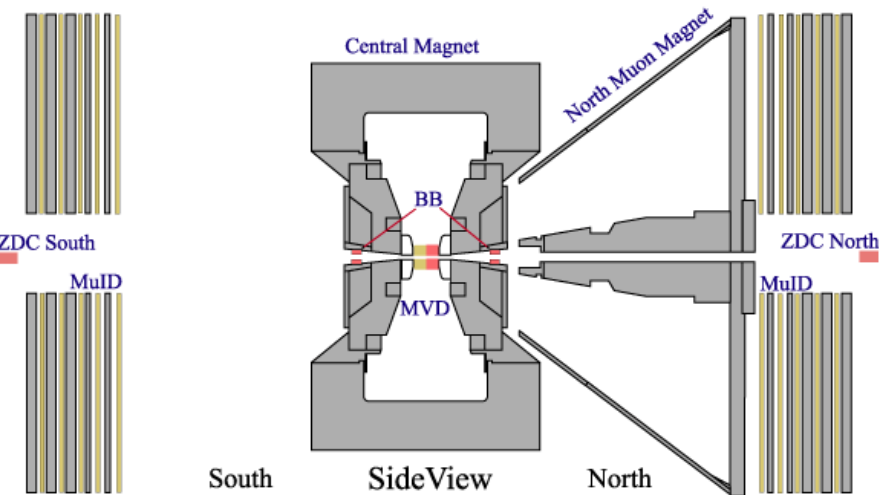
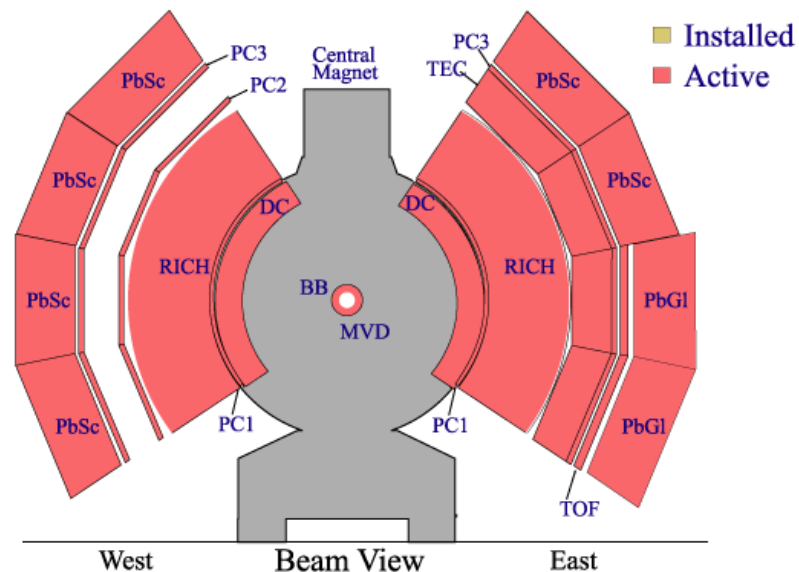
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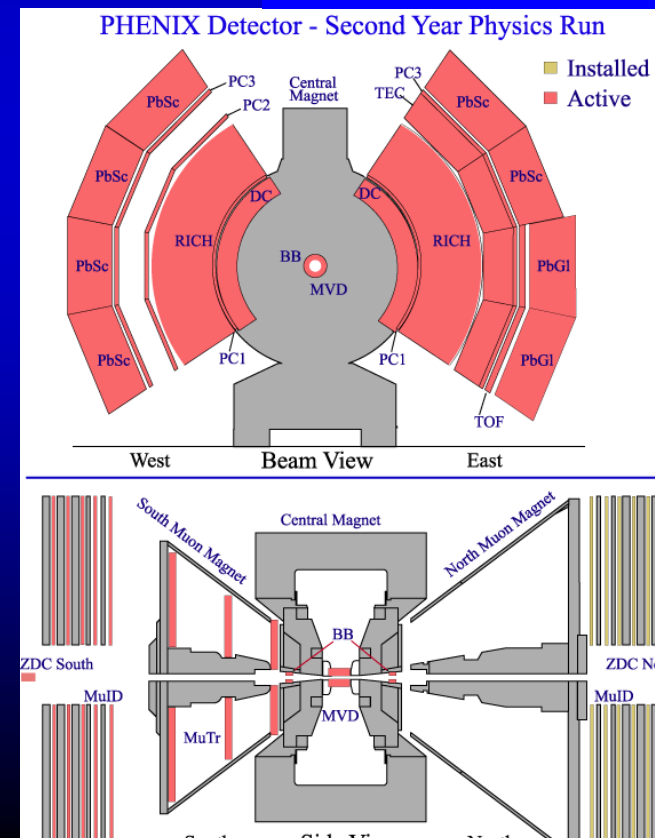
Run-2 (2001-2)

PHENIX Detector - Second Year Physics Run



- Construction, installation and commissioning of South Muon Spectrometer
- Install and commission PC2, PC3 in West carriage
- Install and commission 5 sectors EMCAL electronics
- Install and commission 2 sectors TEC electronics
- Commissioning and operation of MVD (Silicon Vertex)
- Commissioning and operation of PHENIX Event Builder
- Commissioning and operation of PHENIX Level2 Trigger
- Completion of RICH electronics
- Major servicing of Drift Chamber East

Run-2 PHENIX

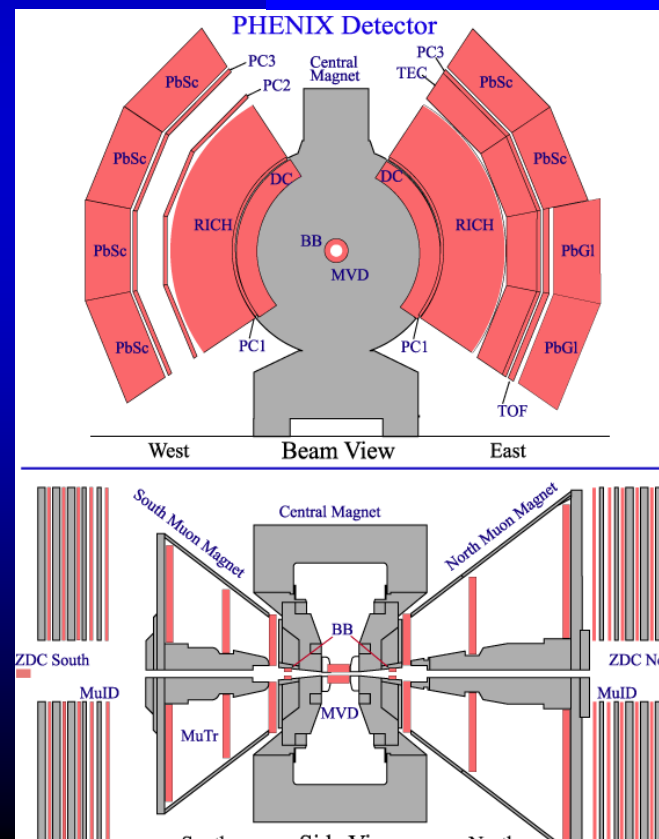


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- "Identified Leading Particle Correlations in Au+Au and d+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV", submitted to PRL Aug. 7, 2004, [nucl-ex/0408007](#)

Also contains Run-3 d+Au data

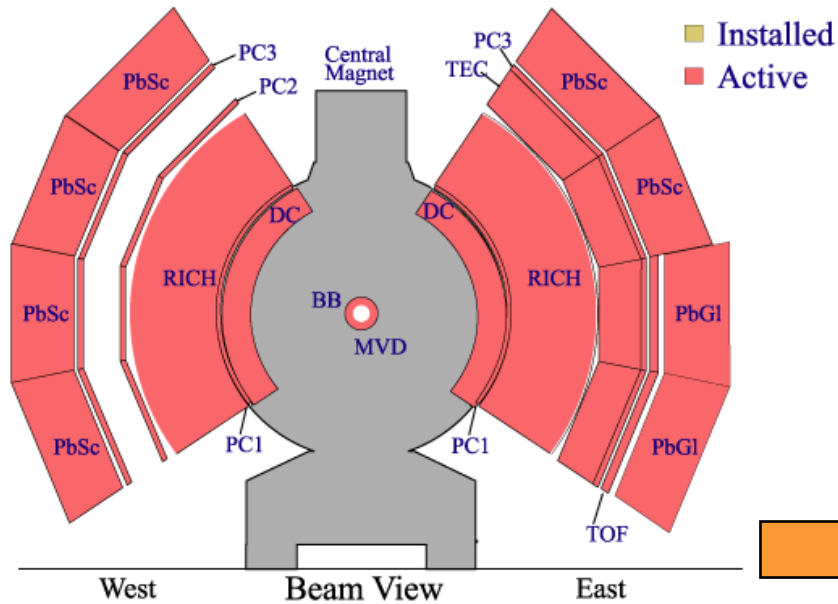
- MuTrk South Spectrometer removal, service and reinstallation
- MuTrk North Spectrometer prep, installation & commissioning
- MuID shielding installation in MuID cutout N&S
- Installation of TRD radiator packs in Time Expansion Chamber
- Install Central Magnet inner coils
- Replace temporary access scaffold with permanent access system
- Modify Central Magnet nosecones
- Install new BBC rack. Move electronics and recable
- Addition of Two Forward Calorimeter for d-A running
- Upgrade to PHENIX safety systems
- Installation of all electronics for Muon North spectrometer arm muTracking + MuID
- Installation of 2 additional planes of electronics for Time Expansion Chamber
- Upgrades to LVL1 Trigger system (NTC, ZDC, EMCal/RICH, MuID)

Run-3 PHENIX

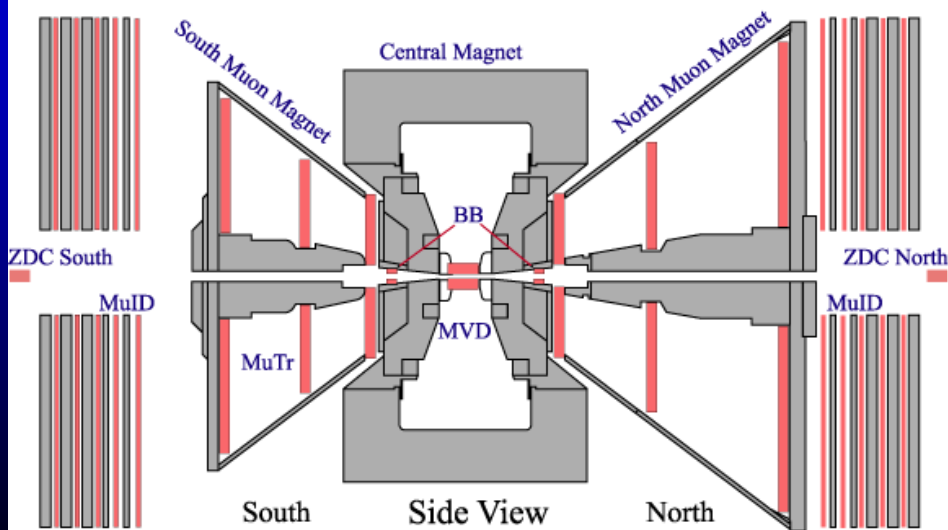
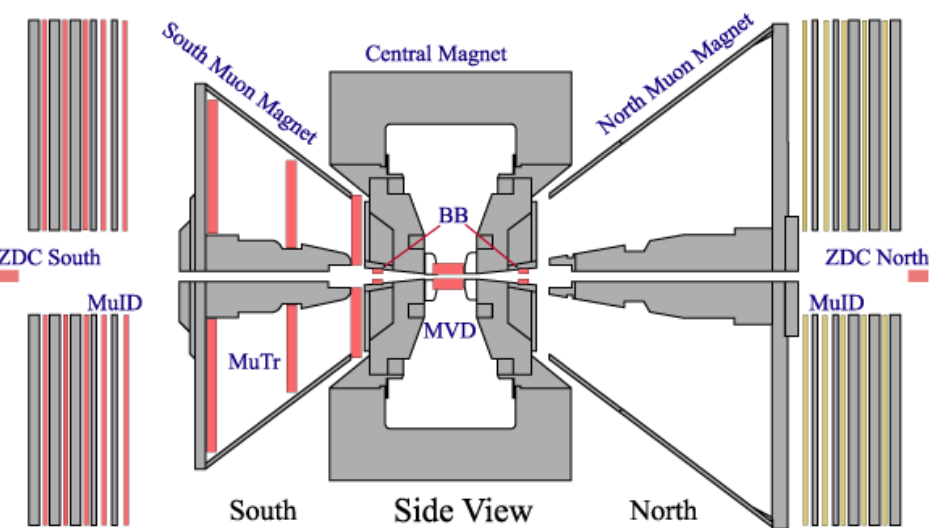
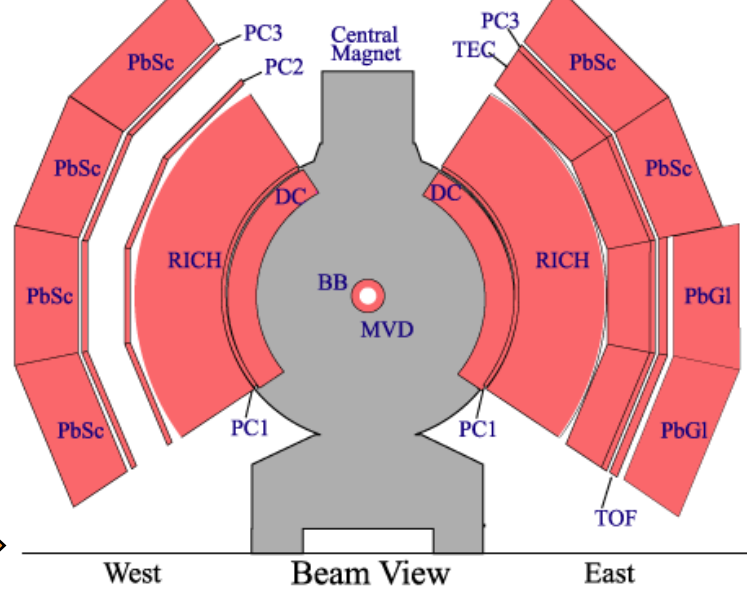


PHENIX baseline detector was declared COMPLETE at the beginning of Run-3

PHENIX Detector - Second Year Physics Run

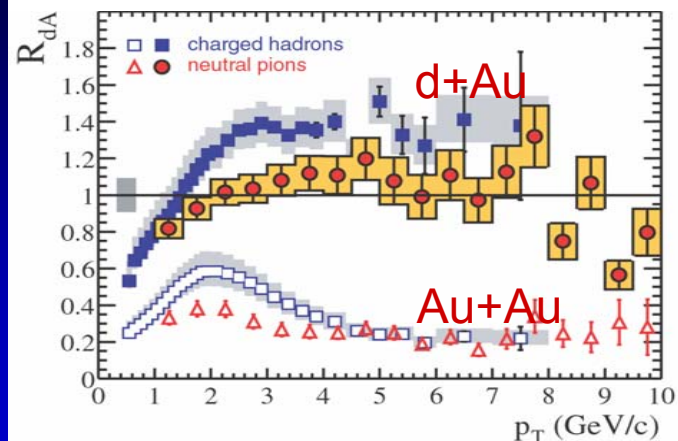


PHENIX Detector



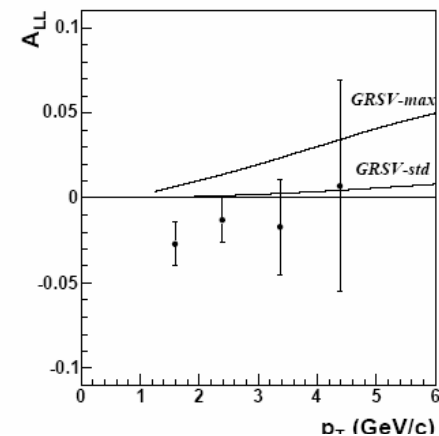
- "Absence of Suppression in Particle Production at Large Transverse Momentum in $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV d+Au Collisions",
[PRL 91, 072303 \(2003\)](#)

☞ PID-ed particles (π^0 's) out to the highest p_T 's PHENIX's unique contribution to June '03 "press event"



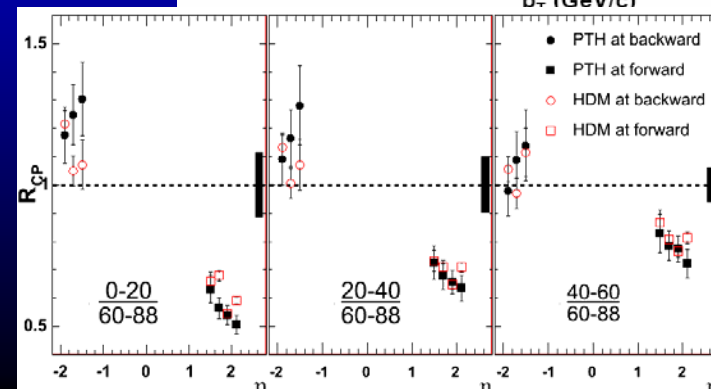
- "Double Helicity Asymmetry in Inclusive Mid-Rapidity neutral pion Production for Polarized p+p Collisions at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV"
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 202002 \(2004\)](#)

☞ First measurement of A_{LL} at RHIC.



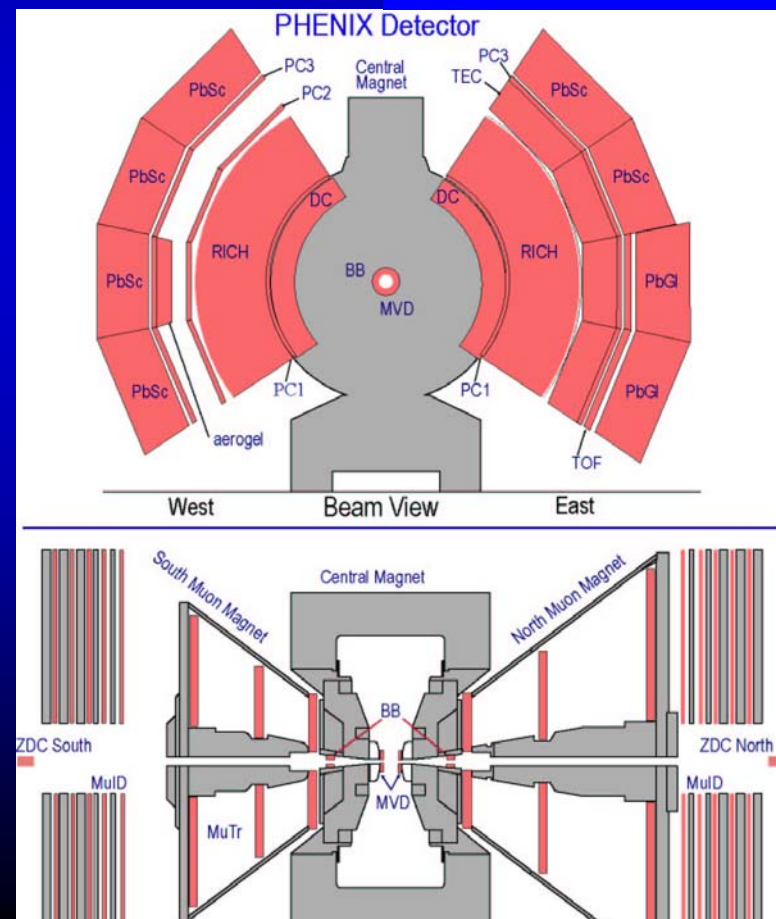
- "Nuclear Modification Factors for Hadrons At Forward and Backward Rapidities in Deuteron-Gold Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV"
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 082302](#)

☞ Clever extension of PHENIX hadron capabilities to the muon arms



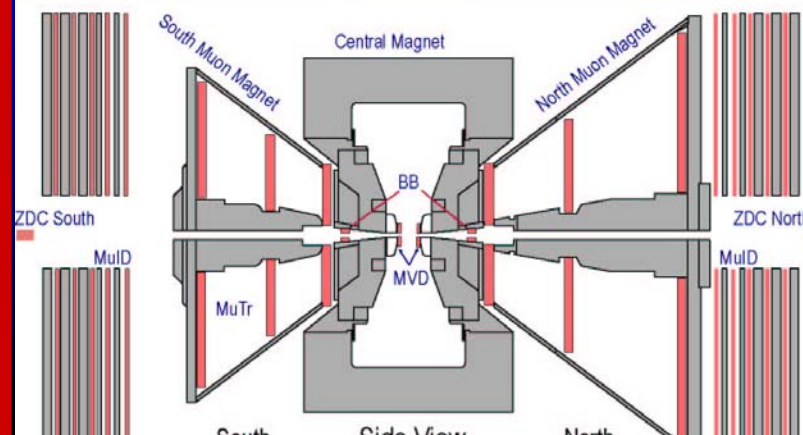
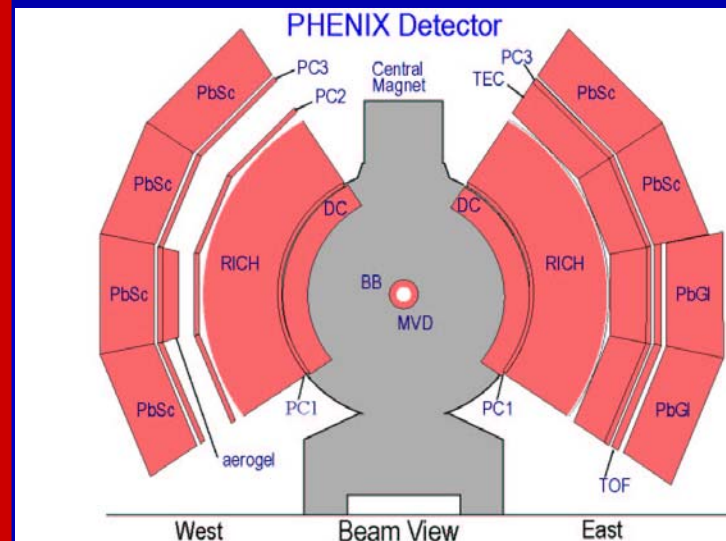
- Reinstall Photon Shields
- Muon N&S Servicing
- Complete and commission TRD Xenon system
- West Carriage platforms for Aerogel
- Installation of Aerogel 1/2 sector
- Complete Inner Coil buswork
- Magnet mapping with Inner Coil
- New MuTracking Gas System
- New IR air conditioning
- Improve IR Rack cooling water
- Improve shielding in the tunnel for Muon Arms
- General Detector Maintenance
- Electronics Maintenance
- Improve TEC LV situation
- Replace Drift Chamber East dc/dc converters
- Fab MuID N LL1 boards
- Finish configuration of gigabit Ethernet EvB switch
- More LVL2 code development
- Fix Pad Chamber Multi-event buffering
- Change Databases (Objy to PostgreSQL)
- Complete installation of TEC/TRD electronics
- Complete ERT/MuID S LL1
- Fab Smart Partitioner Modules for MuTracking

Run-4 PHENIX



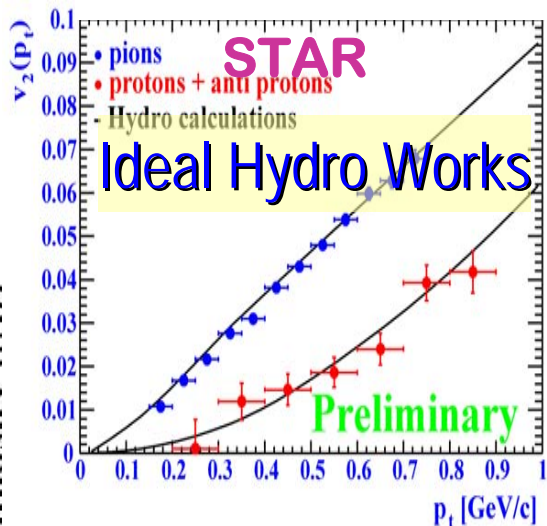
- ✓ General maintenance on PHENIX subsystems
- ✓ 2nd ½ of Aerogel Sector completed and installed
- ✓ Drift Chamber E Window repair
- ✓ DC W dc-dc converter replacement
- ✓ Magnet mapping
- ✓ Lots of Gas system work
- ✓ Extra Tunnel Shielding for Muon Arms
- ✓ Fix Multi-event buffering (MuTracker, EMCal)
- ✓ Improve FEM Data Formatting (MuTracking, EMCal)
- ✓ LL1 trigger work (MuID, ERT)
- ✓ EvB improvements (convert to LINUX)
- ✓ Implement 4X data buffering capability in 1008 (32 TB)
- ✓ TOF-W prototype installed in West Arm
- ✓ New Scalers for pp running

- New Aerogel ½-sector completed and installed
- Multi-event buffering for MuTracking, EMCal implemented
- Event Builder converted to Linux , plus other improvements.
- With DAQ & EvB improvements expect 5+ kHz event recording rate (Data rate max 1 GB/s uncompressed).
- 32 TB additional buffering capacity in 1008.
 - Increase bufferboxes from 4 to 6
- New maps of the magnetic field
- Tests of TOF-West prototype
- Gas system improvements for MuID, TRD
- Additional tunnel shielding for Muon Arms
- LL1 working for MuID and ERT
- Improvements to PHENIX Safety system
- New Scalers available for pp run



Four major "day 1" discoveries

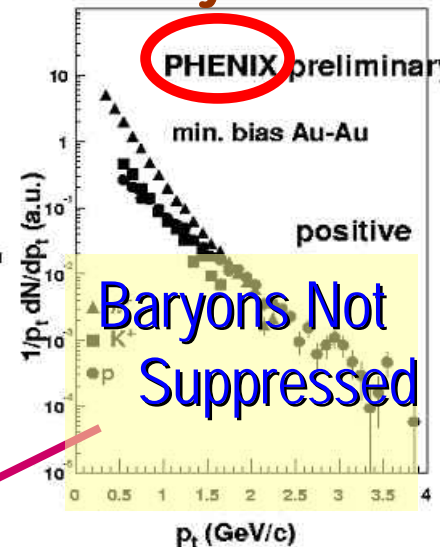
Collective Flow



Jet Quenching

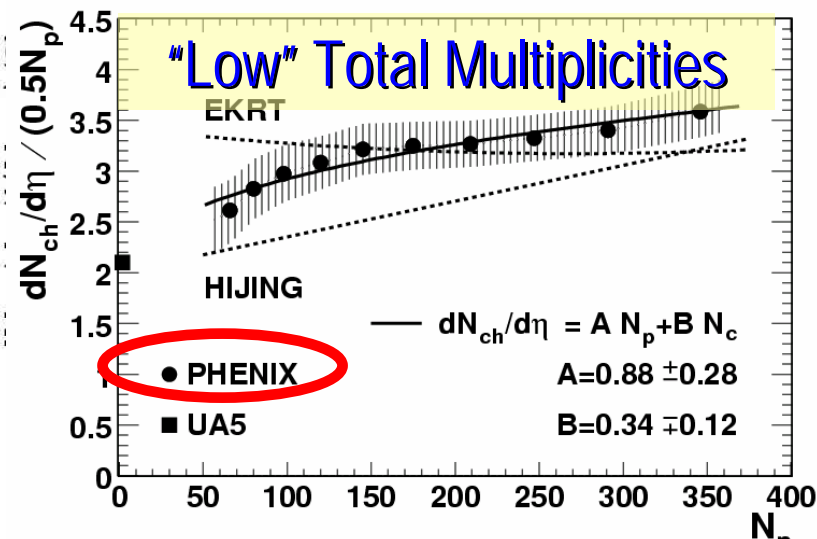


Baryon anomaly

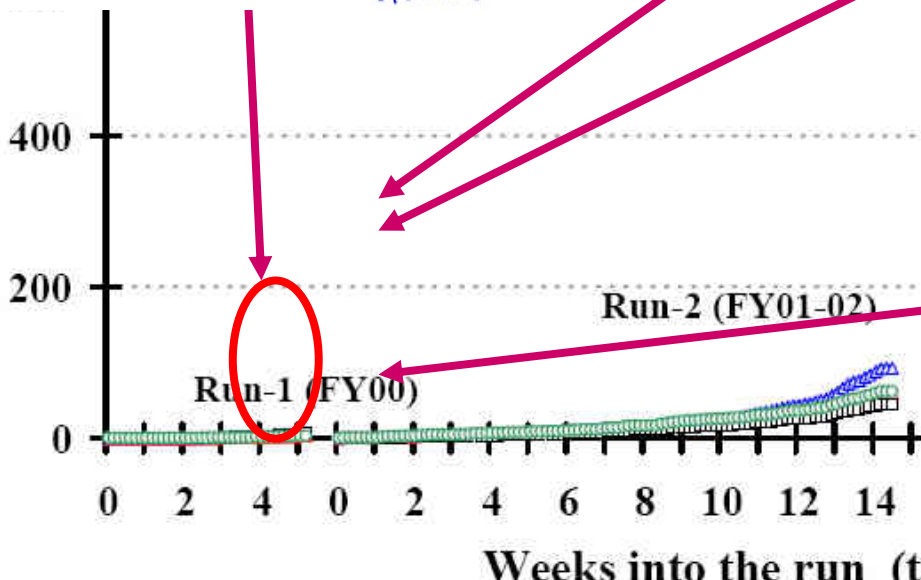


As presented by M. Gyulassy in June, 2004 to Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

CGC Saturation



Luminosity (μb^{-1})



- **First measurement** of the dependence of the charged particle pseudo-rapidity density and the transverse energy on the number of participants in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV; systematic study of same versus energy.
- **Discovery** of high p_T suppression in π^0 and charged particle production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV and a systematic study of the scaling properties of the suppression; extension of these results to much higher transverse momenta in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- **(Co)-Discovery** of absence of high p_T suppression in d+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV.
- **Discovery** of the anomalously large proton and anti-proton yields at high transverse momentum in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV through the systematic study of π^\pm , K^\pm , p^\pm spectra; measurement of Λ and anti- Λ in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV; study of the scaling properties of the proton and anti-proton yields, of Φ production and d and dbar production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV.
- **Measurement of HBT correlations** in $\pi^+ \pi^+$ and $\pi^- \pi^-$ pairs in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV, establishing the "HBT puzzle" of $R_{OUT} \sim R_{SIDE}$ extends to high pair momentum; extension of these results to $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- **First measurement** of single electron spectra in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV, suggesting that charm production scales with the number of binary collisions.
- Sensitive measures of charge fluctuations and fluctuations in mean p_T and transverse energy per particle in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130 \sim 200$ GeV; role of jets in p_T fluctuations at 200 GeV
- Measurements of elliptic flow for charged particles from Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV and identified charged hadrons from Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV along with study of the saturation of the azimuthal flow.
- Extensive study of hydrodynamic flow, particle yields, ratios and spectra from Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV and 200 GeV.
- **First observation** of J/ Ψ production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV.
- Measurement of **crucial baseline data** on π^0 spectra, J/ Ψ production and direct photon production in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \sim 276$ GeV.
- **First measurement** of direct photon production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, demonstrating that photon yields scales with the number of binary collisions.
- **First observation** of heavy flavor flow in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- **First measurement** of $A_{LL}(\pi^0)$ in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- **First study** of jet structure of baryon excess in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- **First study** of nuclear modification factor in d+Au collisions in forward and backward region at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV