

# E-cloud observations and cures at RHIC

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# Outline

## 1. E-cloud observations

dynamic pressure rise, tune shift, electrons, instabilities, emittance growth

## 2. E-cloud cures

in-situ baking, NEG coating, bunch patterns, solenoids, anti-grazing rings, pre-pumping in cold regions, scrubbing

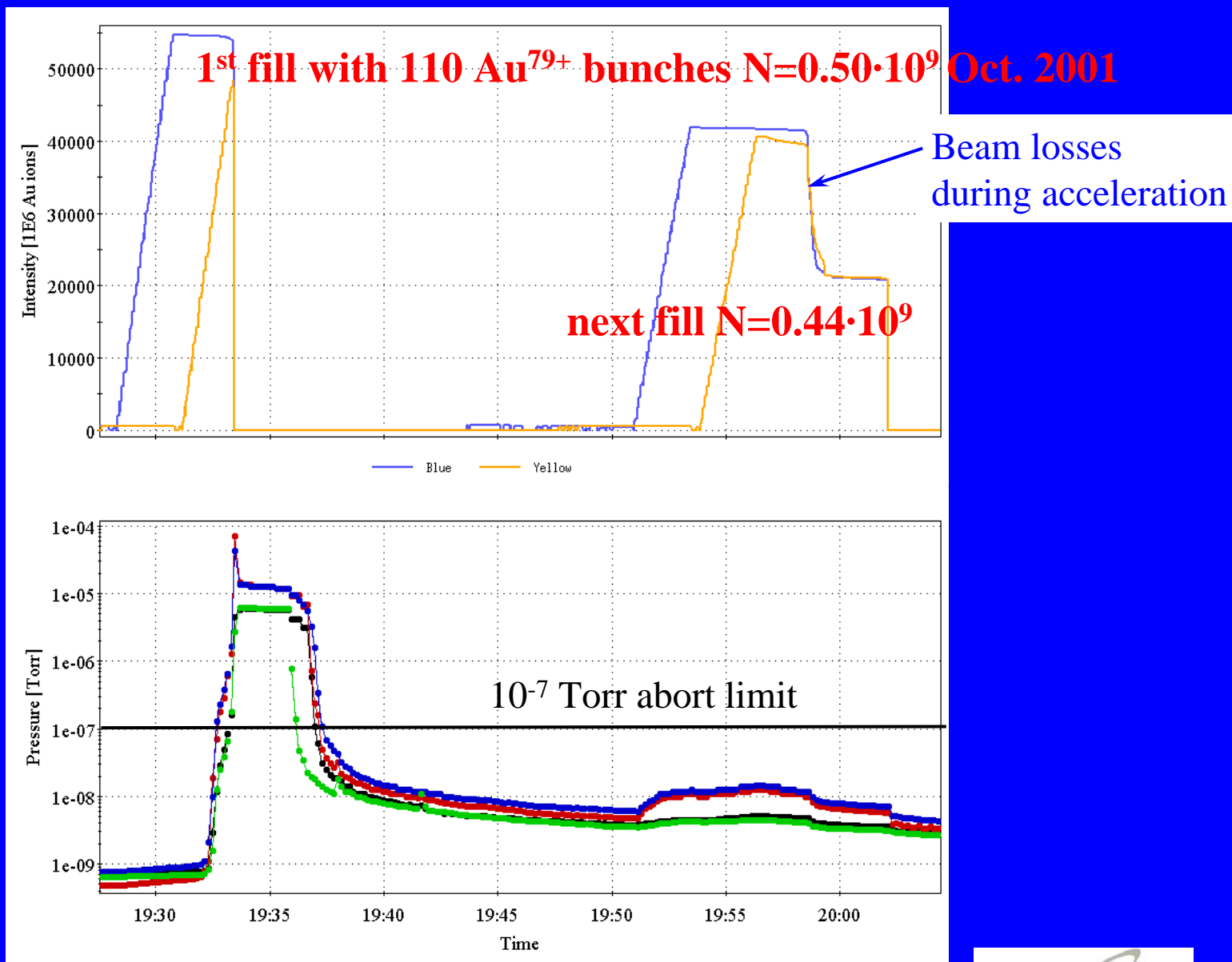
## 3. Open problems

instabilities during transition crossing, emittance growth

# E-cloud observations in RHIC

- 1. Dynamic pressure rise**
- 2. Tune shift**
- 3. Electrons**
- 4. Instabilities**
  - Beam instabilities
  - Pressure instabilities
- 5. Emittance growth**

# First pressure rise observation

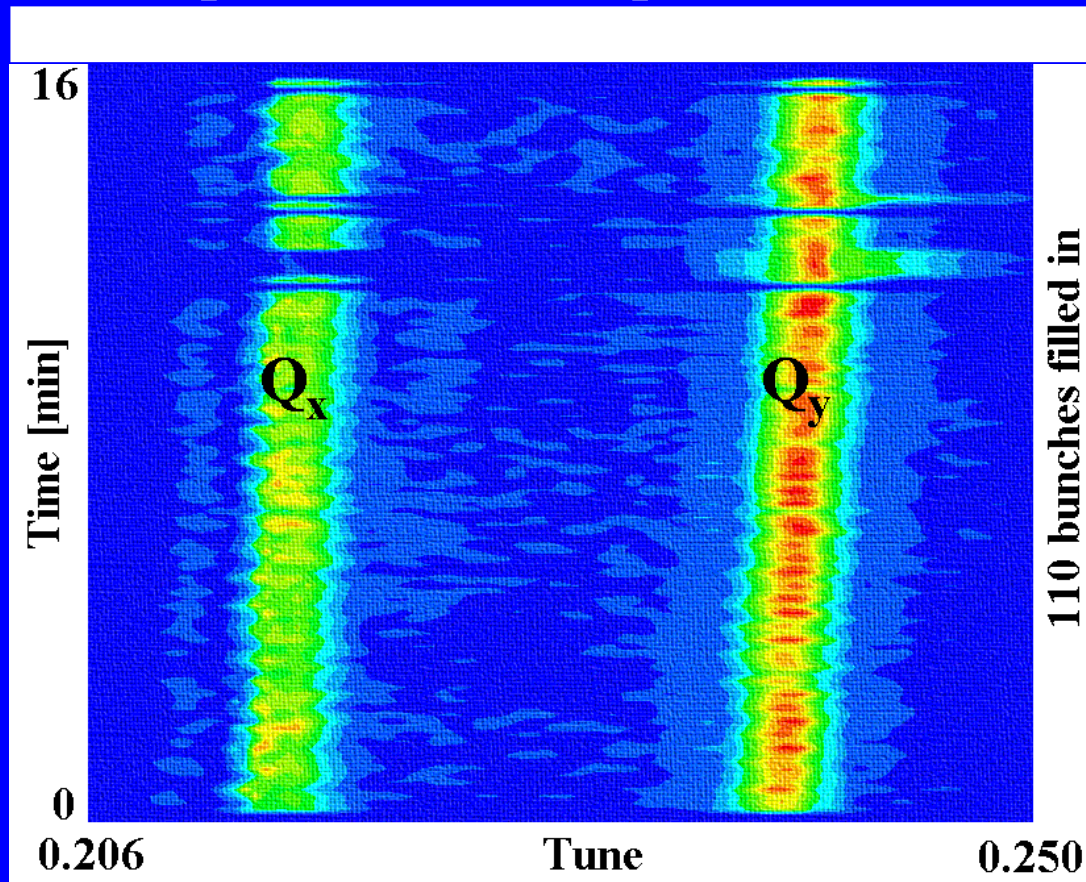


# Pressure rise mechanisms considered

- **Electron induced desorption** → **dominating for operation**
  - Observed coherent tune shift in bunch train due to e-cloud
  - Electron detectors
- **Ion induced desorption** → **tolerable for operation**
  - Rest gas ionization, ion acceleration through beam
  - Ion impact energies at wall  $\sim 15\text{eV}$  for Au,  $\sim 60\text{eV}$  for p
  - Visible pressure rise, may lead to instability in unbaked regions (observed with Au only)
- **Beam loss induced desorption** → **tolerable for operation**
  - Need large beam loss for significant pressure rise

# Electron cloud observation: tune shift

$33 \cdot 10^{11}$  p<sup>+</sup> total,  $0.3 \cdot 10^{11}$  p<sup>+</sup>/bunch, 110 bunches, 108 ns spacing (2002)

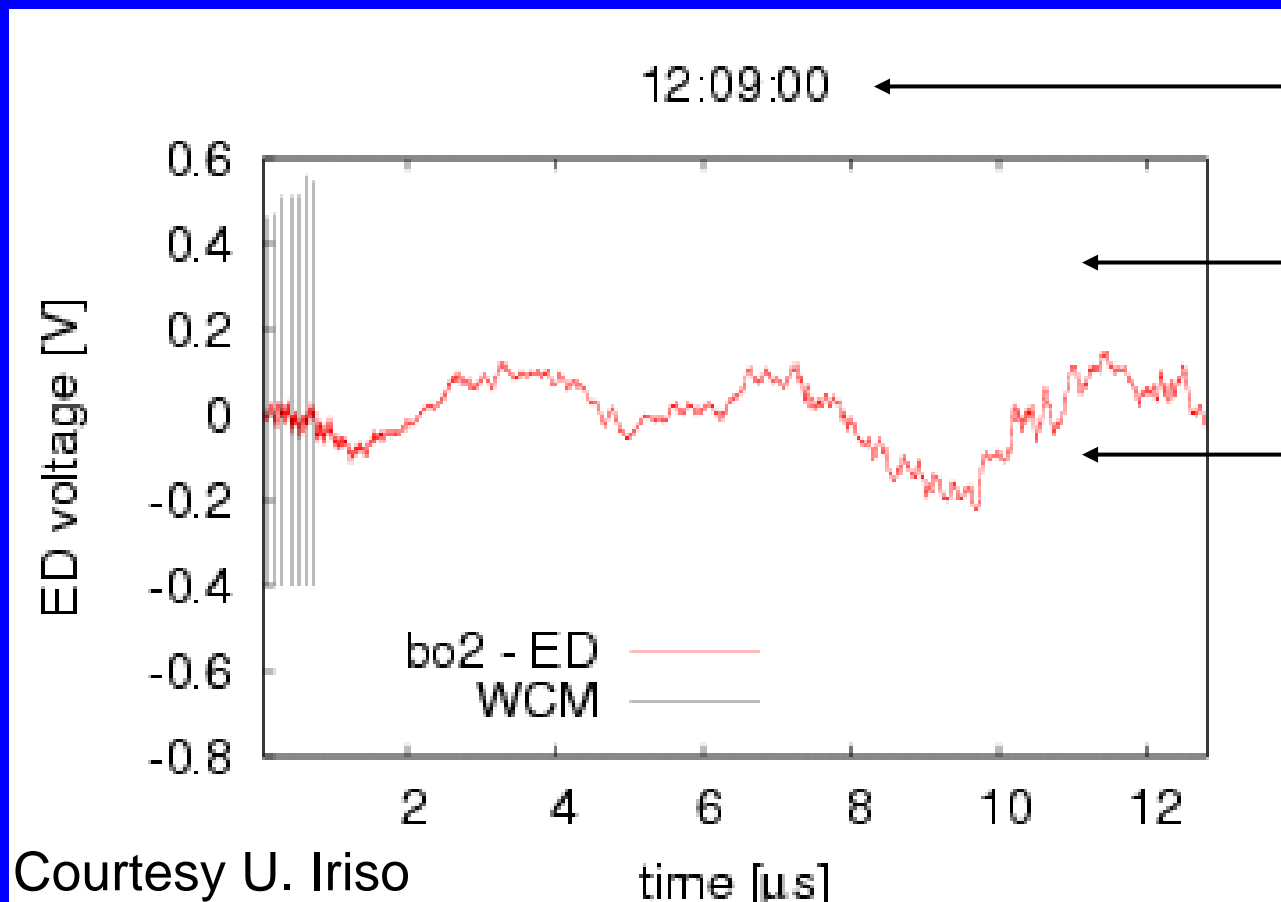


(1) From measured tune shift, the e-cloud density is estimated to be  $0.2 - 2.0 \text{ nC} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$

(2) E-cloud density can be reproduced in simulation with slightly higher charge and 110 bunches (CSEC by M. Blaskiewicz)

[W. Fischer, J.M. Brennan, M. Blaskiewicz, and T. Satogata, “Electron cloud measurements and observations for the Brookhaven Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider”, PRST-AB 124401 (2002).]

# E-cloud observation: formation at injection



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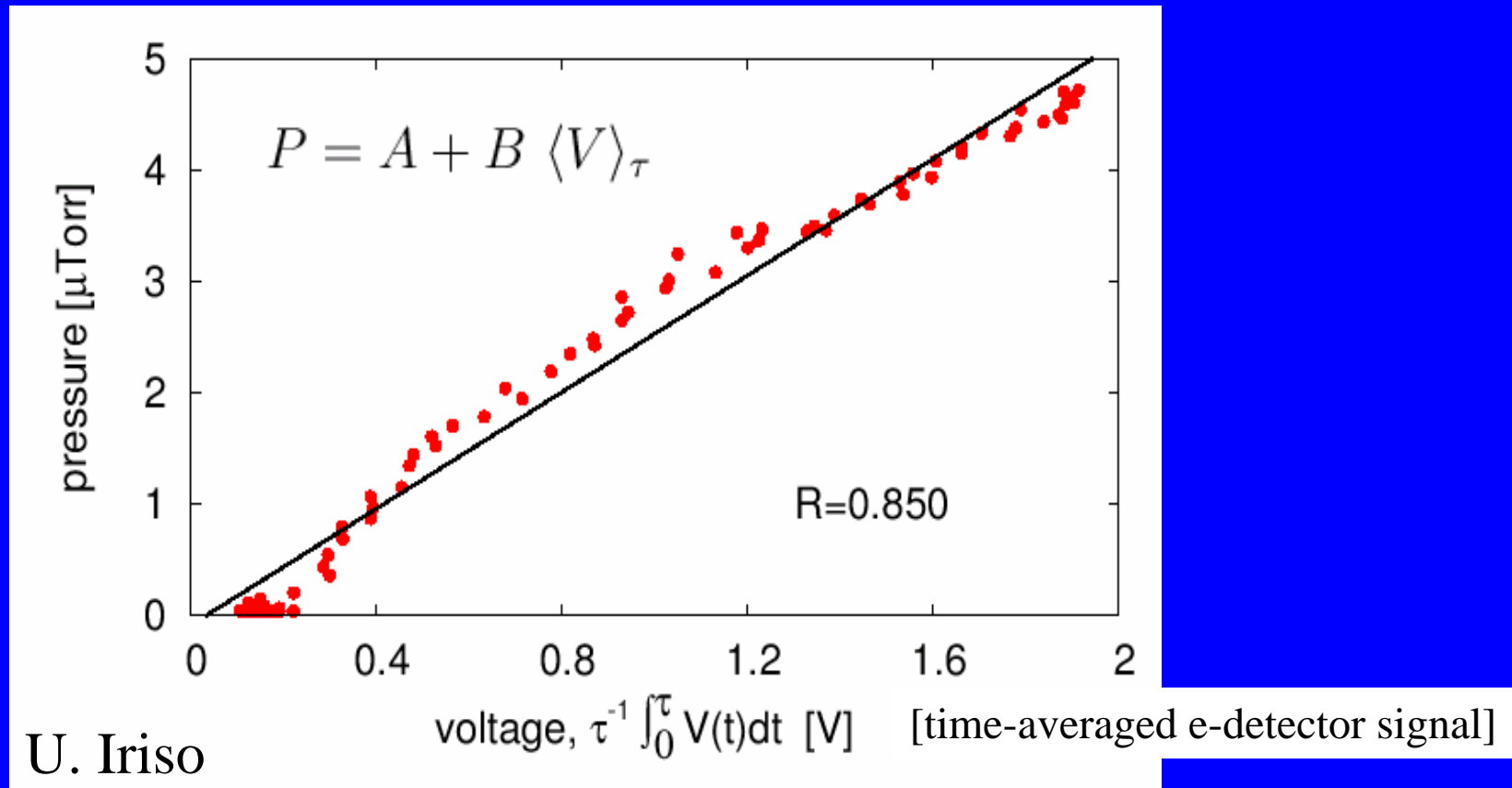
bunches being filled

electron cloud density  
(red line)

Courtesy U. Iriso

# E-cloud observation: pressure rise

Pressure increase is proportional to average e-cloud density



**Concluded that all operationally relevant dynamic pressure increases can be explained by electron clouds.**



# E-cloud observation: beam instability

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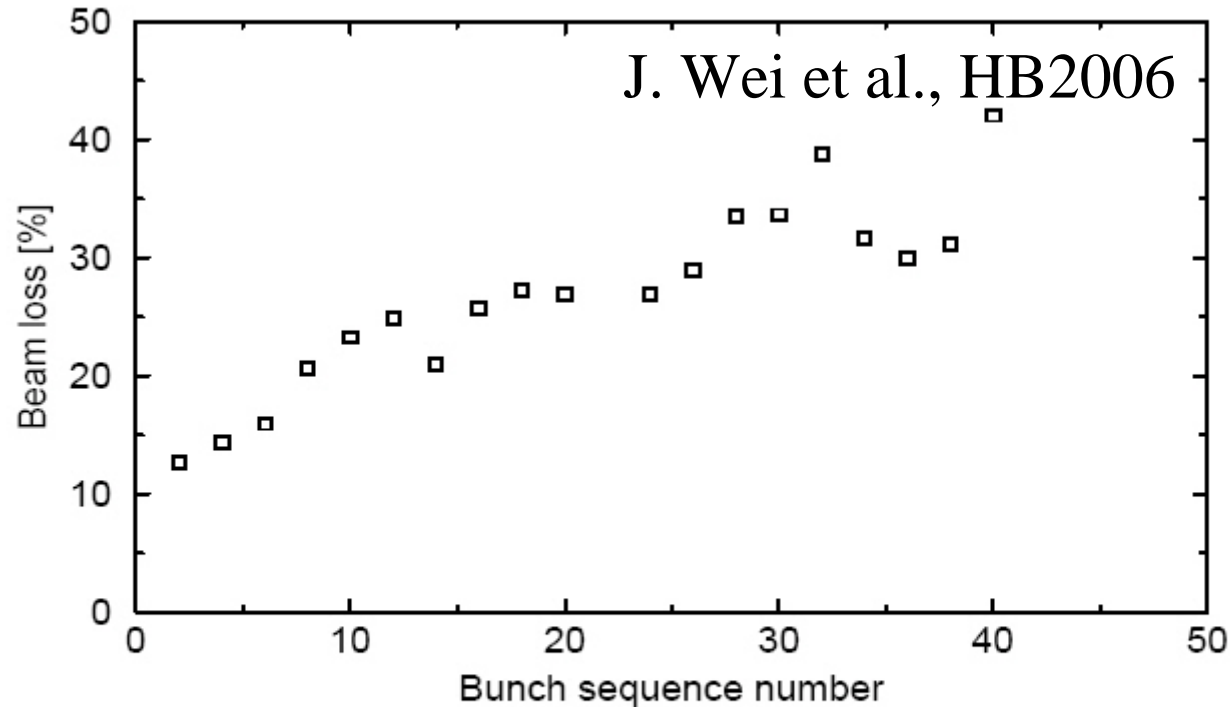
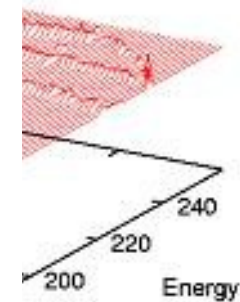


Figure 6: Beam loss at transition as a function of bunch sequence number with  $V_{rf}=200$  kV and  $b_{oct} = -3$  unit.

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→ Electron clouds can lower stability threshold,  
will gain more operational experience in next ion run

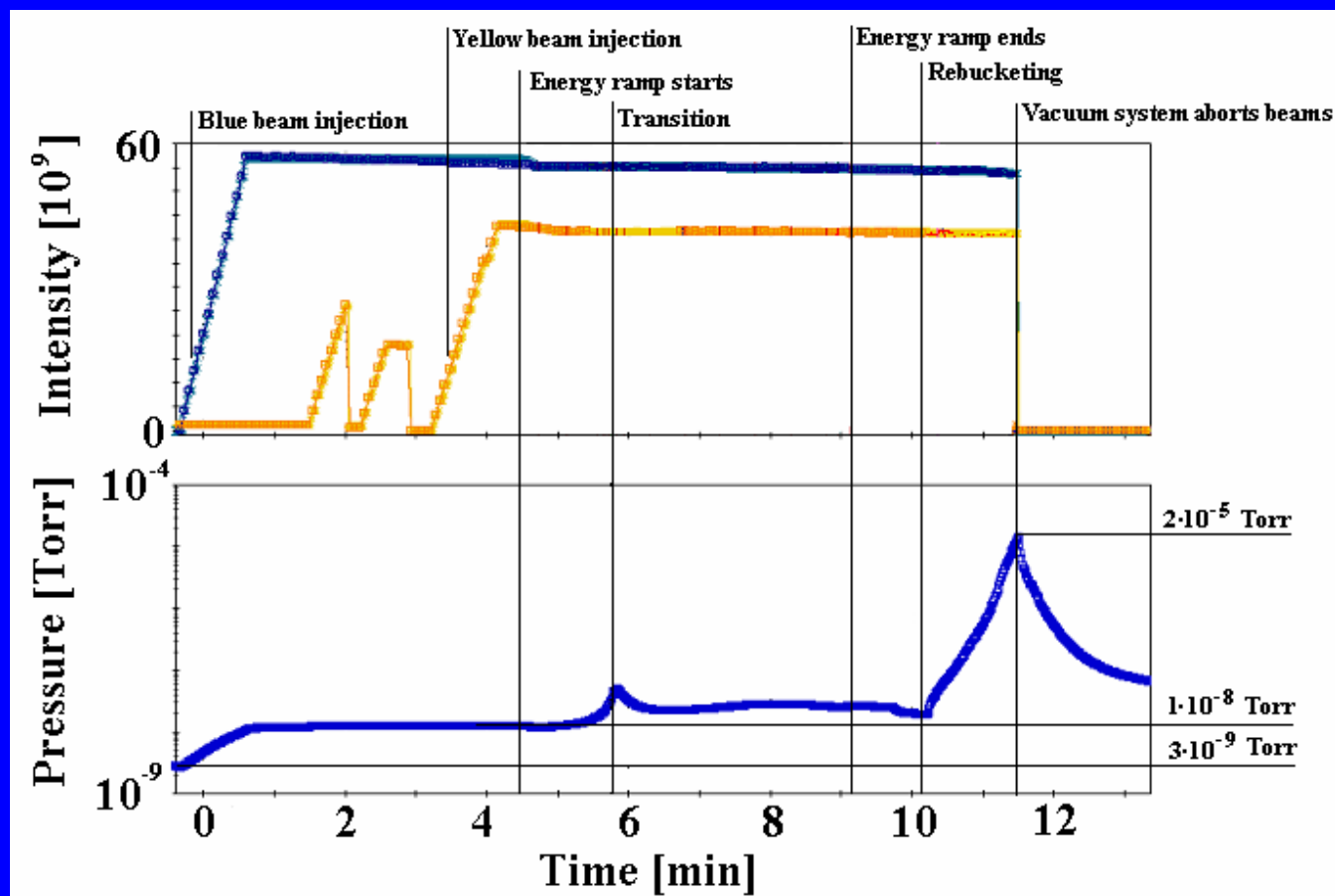
# E-cloud observation: pressure instability

Pressure instability observed with growth times of 2-12 seconds.

Need:

- Au79+  
(large rest gas ionization)
- unbaked locations  
(large desorption)
- e-clouds  
(short bunches)

Calculations show possibility of pressure instability with heavy ion beam and heavy molecules (CO). Do not fully match.

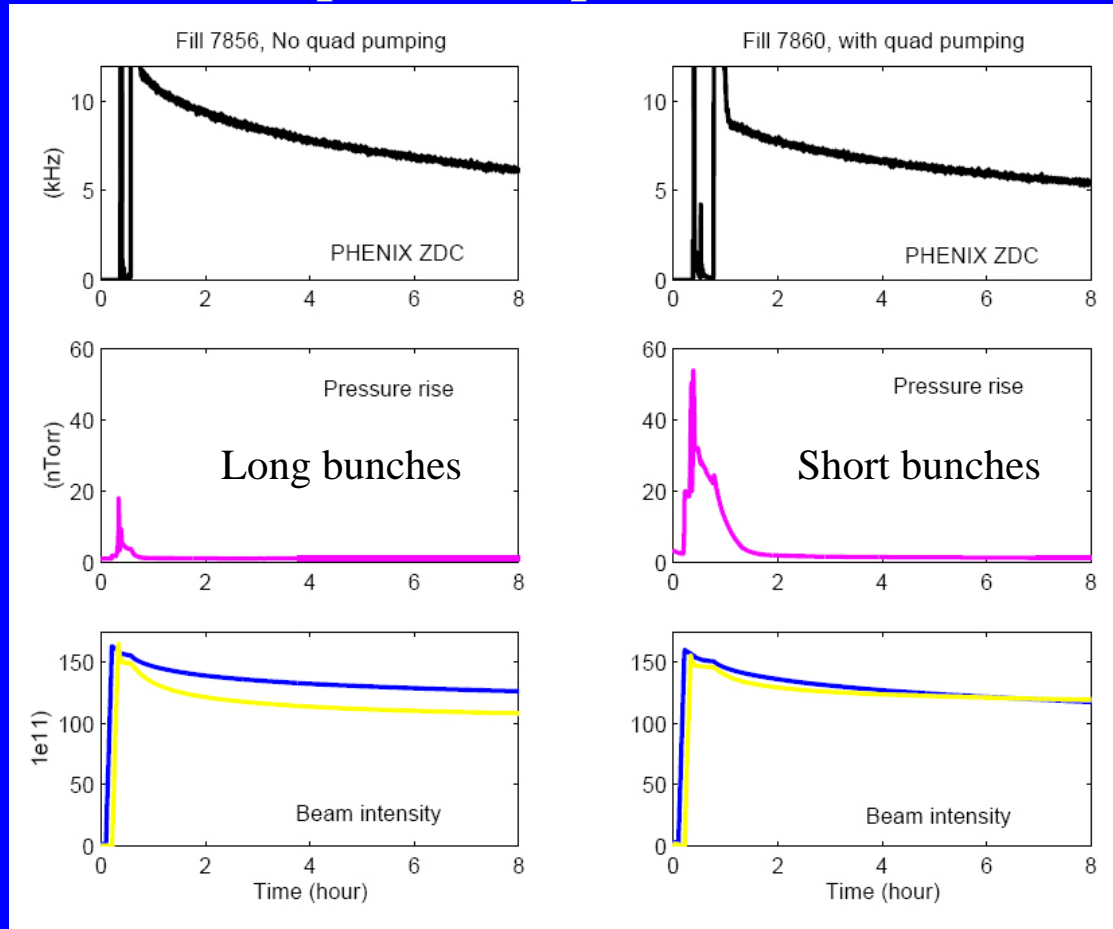


[Calculations: W. Fischer, U. Iriso, and E. Mustafin, "Electron cloud driven vacuum instability", workshop proceedings HB 2004]

# E-cloud observation: emittance growth

2 polarized proton stores

Courtesy S.Y. Zhang



**Short bunches with same intensity lead to smaller luminosity.**

[Single short-bunch store only for comparison.  $\epsilon$ -growth from reasons other than e-cloud possible.]

[E. Benedetto et al., “Simulation study on electron ...”, PRST-AB 8, 124402 (2005); E. Benedetto et al., “Incoherent effects of electron clouds in proton storage rings”, PRL 97, 034801 (2006); S.Y. Zhang and V. Ptitsyn, “Proton beam emittance growth in Run-5 and Run-6”, BNL C-A/AP/257 (2006).]

# E-cloud cures investigated in RHIC

- 1. In-situ baking**
- 2. NEG coating**
- 3. Bunch patterns**
- 4. Solenoids**
- 5. Anti-grazing rings**
- 6. Pre-pumping in cold regions**
- 7. Scrubbing**

# E-cloud cure: in-situ baking

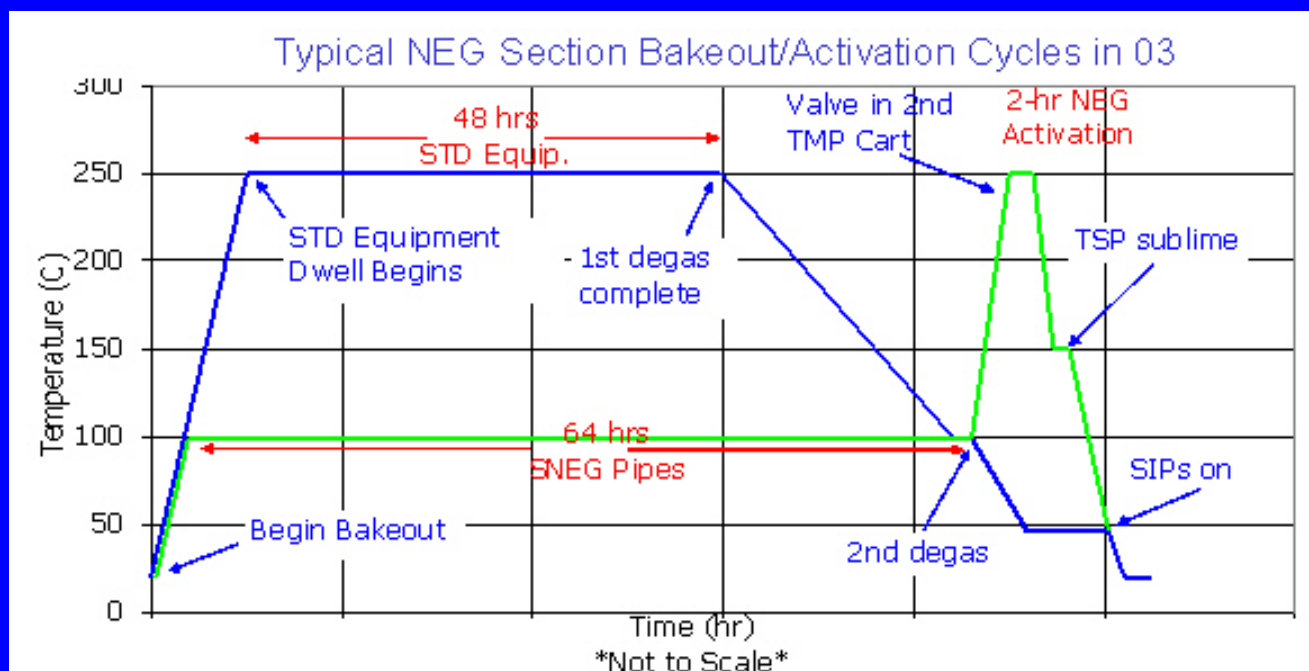
## RHIC beam pipes preparation:

- 316LN, purchased from Mannesmann Handel AG, Düsseldorf
- Drawn tubes were detergent-cleaned, water rinsed, acid pickled (HF + HNO<sub>3</sub>), water rinsed, annealed at 1050°C for 10 min, quenched (all at manufacturer)
- At BNL, the pipes were cut to length, the end flanges welded, then baked under vacuum at 350°C for 24 h (?), leak checked, and sealed before delivering to Grumman (magnet maker)

Warm regions not baked initially,  
started comprehensive in-situ baking after  
observation of dynamic pressure rise

# E-cloud cure: NEG coating (1)

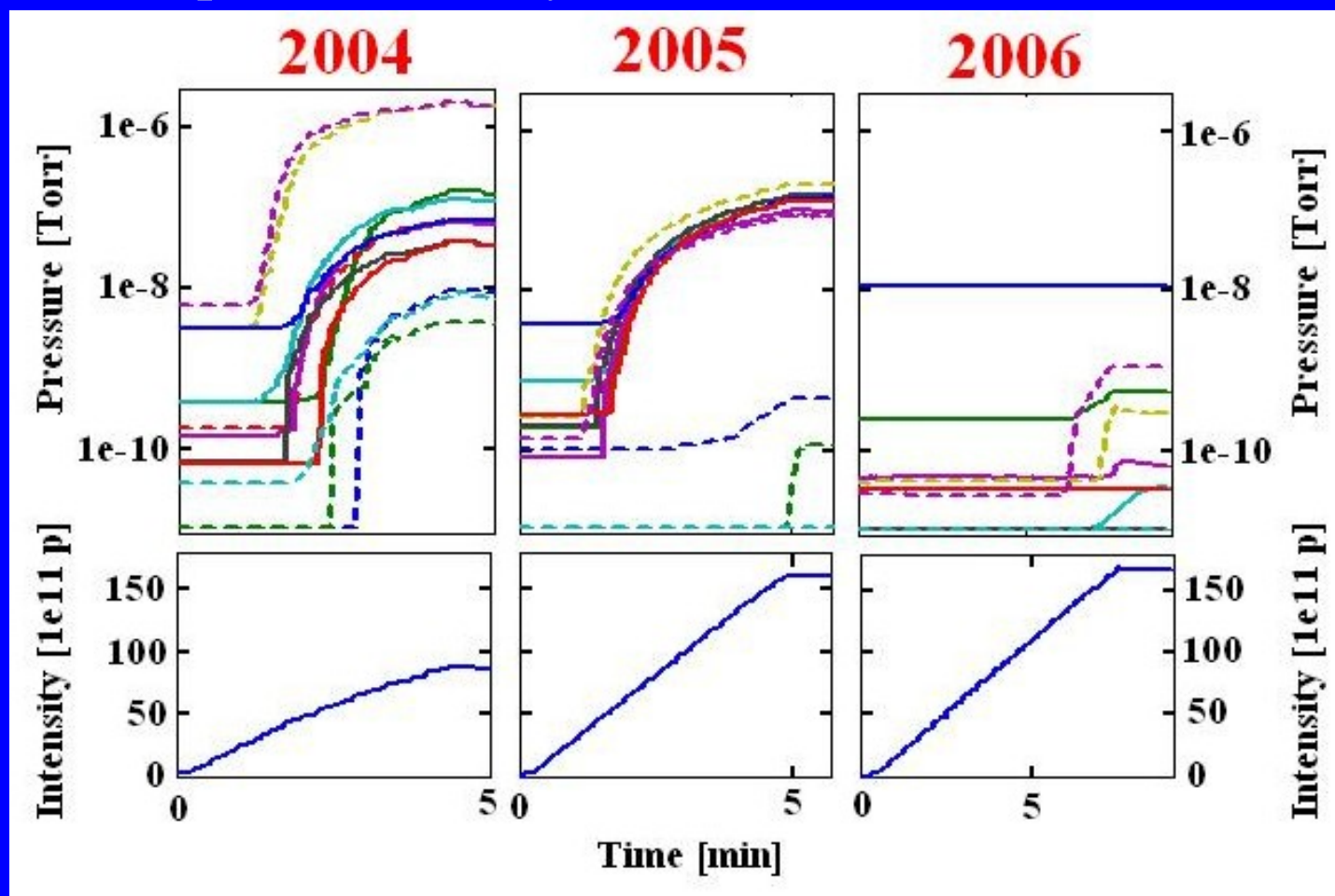
- Primary counter measure for warm sections
  - Total length of warm sections : 700 m
  - Sections that can be NEG coated: 520 m
- Coating done by SAES Getters, Milan
- Activation:
  - >180°C x 24 hrs, or 200°C x 4 hrs, or 250°C x 2 hrs



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## E-cloud cure: NEG coating (2)

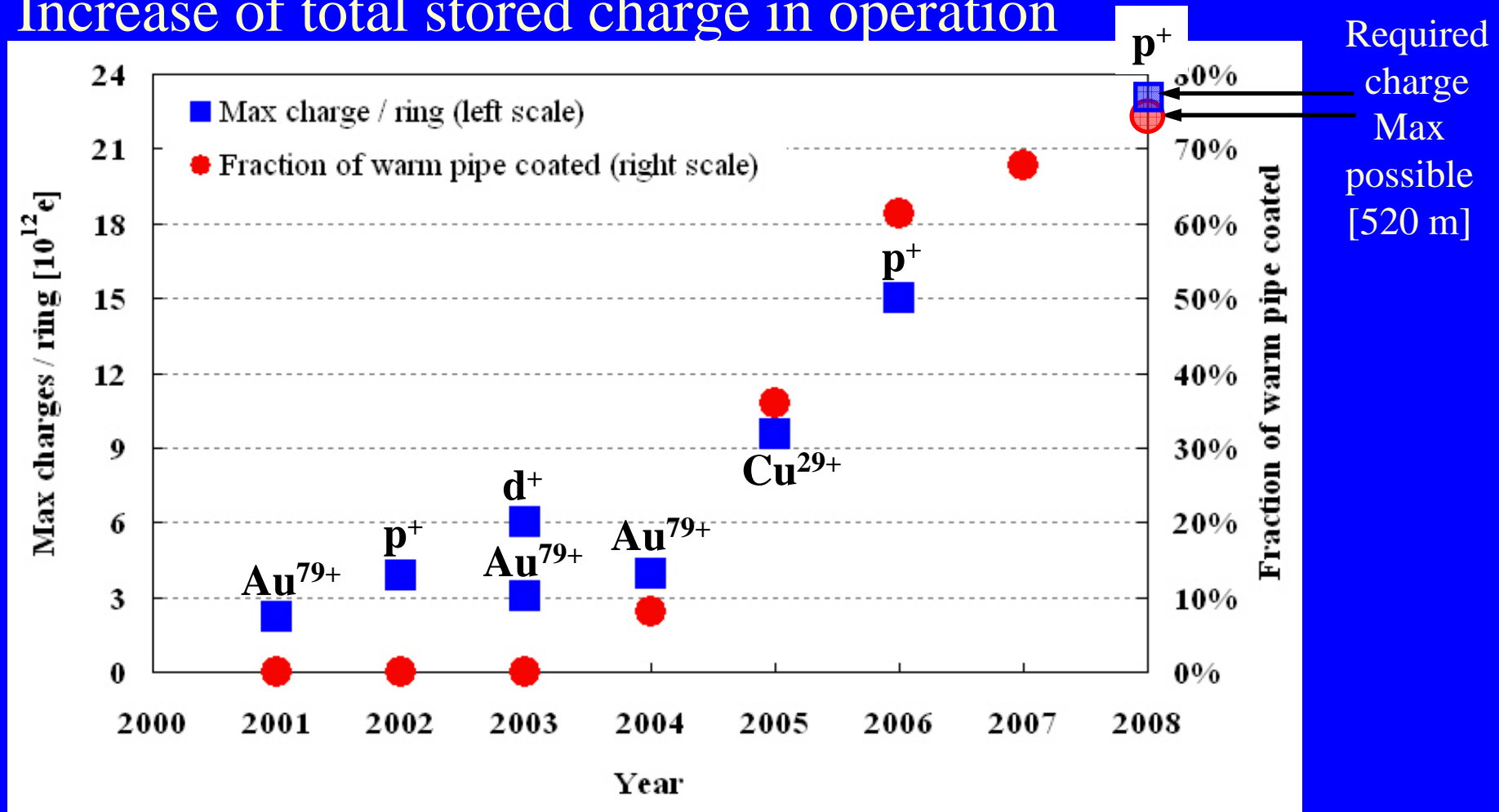
Pressure and proton intensity in 12 Blue warm strait sections (Q3-Q4).



[S.Y. Zhang et al., "Experience in reducing electron cloud and dynamic pressure rise ...", EPAC06]

# E-cloud cure: NEG coating (3)

Increase of total stored charge in operation



Notes: charge also limited by effects other than total charge (injectors, transition), dynamic pressure can be limited by single location (experiment).

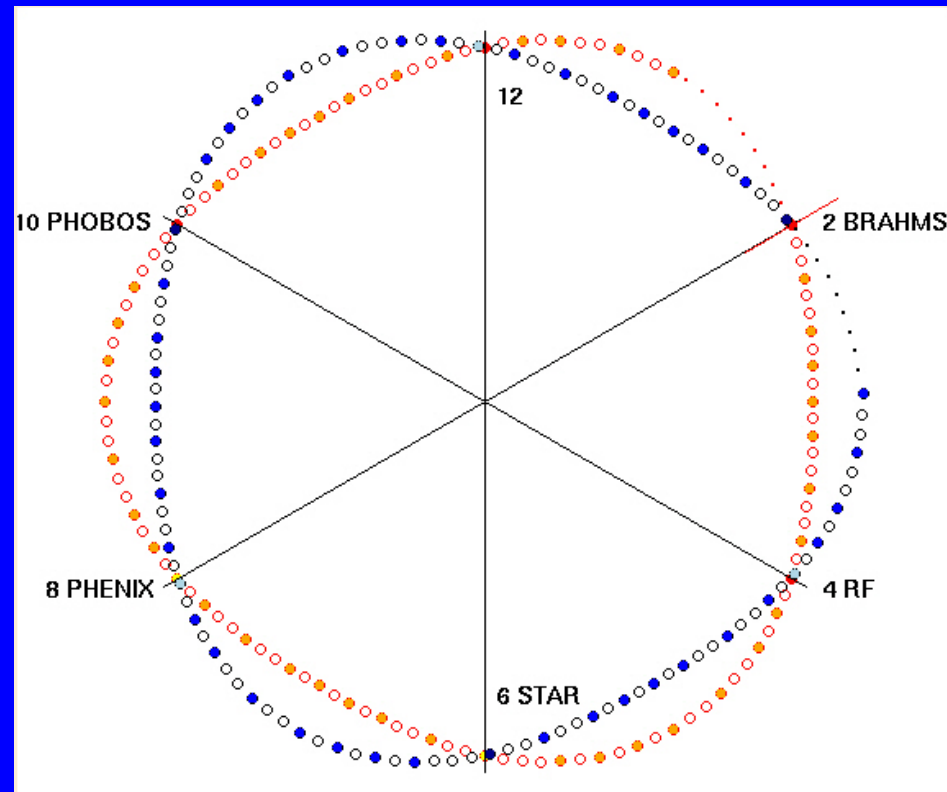


# E-cloud cure: bunch patterns

- Useful for operation with less than max number of bunches
- **Patterns with same intensity in fewer bunches and most uniform distributions along circumference maximize luminosity and minimize e-cloud**

(problem lends itself for analysis with maps – U. Iriso)

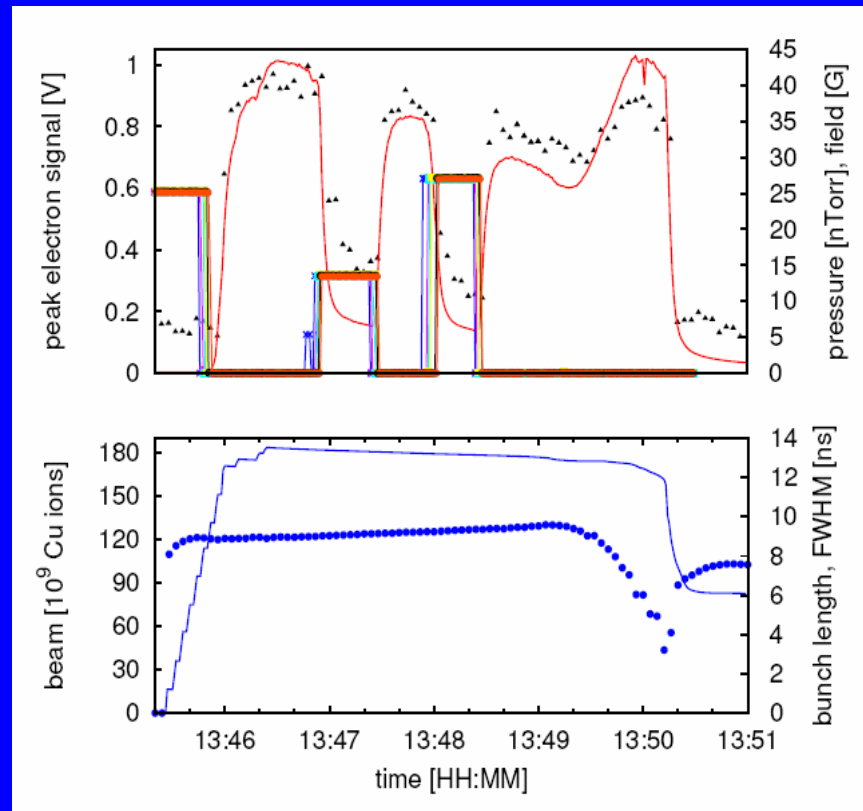
- RHIC 2004 Au-Au limited by dynamic pressure in PHOBOS experiment
- Changed number of bunches from 61 to 56 to 45 as more bunch intensity became available, maximized luminosity at e-cloud limit in PHOBOS



[G. Rumolo and W. Fischer, “Observation on background ...”, BNL C-A/AP/146 (2004);  
W. Fischer and U. Iriso, “Bunch patterns and pressure rise in RHIC”, EPAC04; U. Iriso, PhD thesis]

# E-cloud cure: solenoids

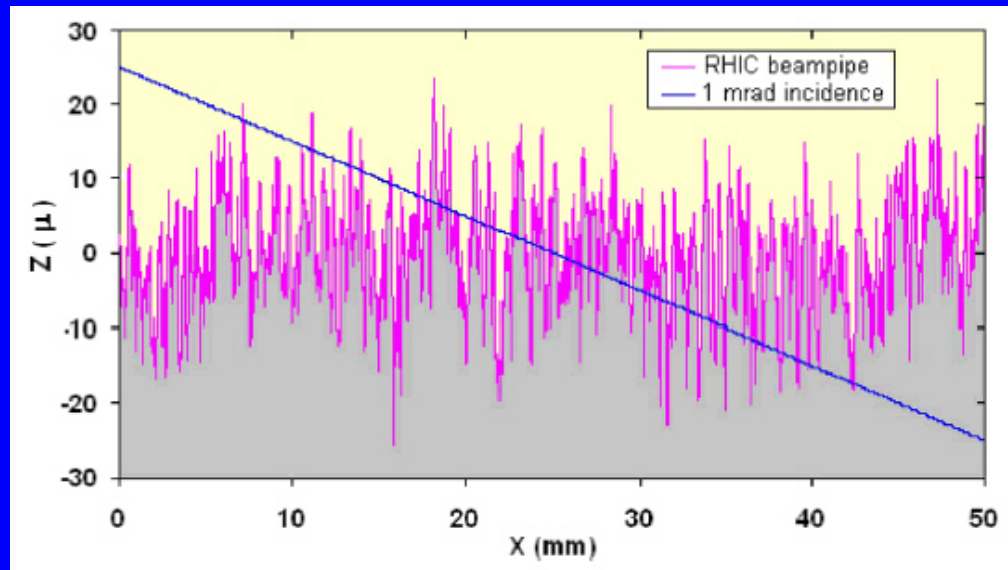
Had 64 m of solenoids installed, max field of 65 G.



- Both pressure and e- signal decrease with weak solenoid fields, not suppressed completely
- No further reduction noticed with field increases from 12 to 27 G

Courtesy U. Iriso

# E-cloud cure: anti-grazing rings (1)

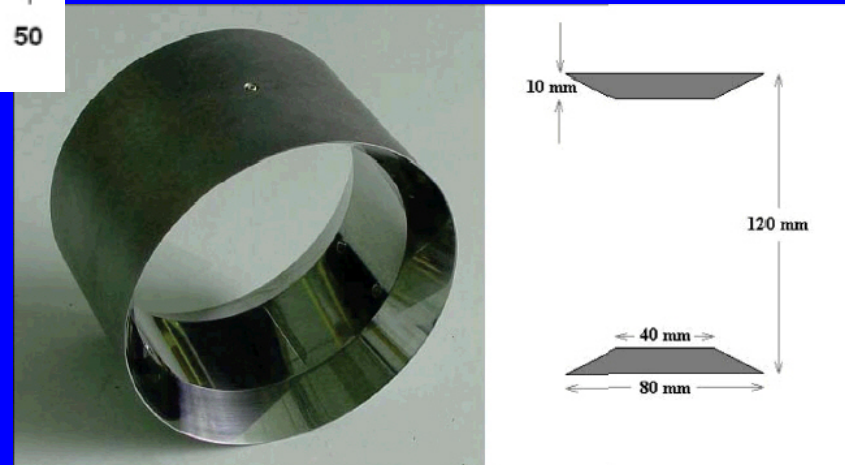


Measured RHC beam pipe surface and 1 mrad incidence trajectory

## Idea of Peter Thieberger:

Macroscopic ridges will transform

- beam loss with grazing incidence (= multiple perpendicular hits) into
- beam loss with single perpendicular hit
- reduce ion-impact desorption by factor 10-100 (both electrons and molecules)

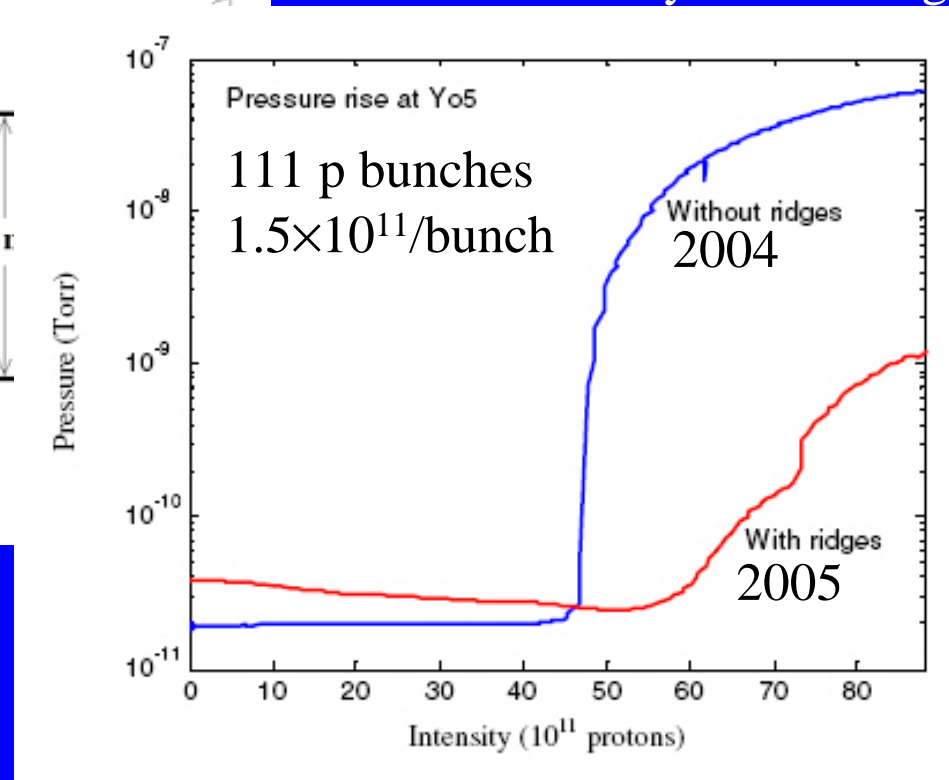
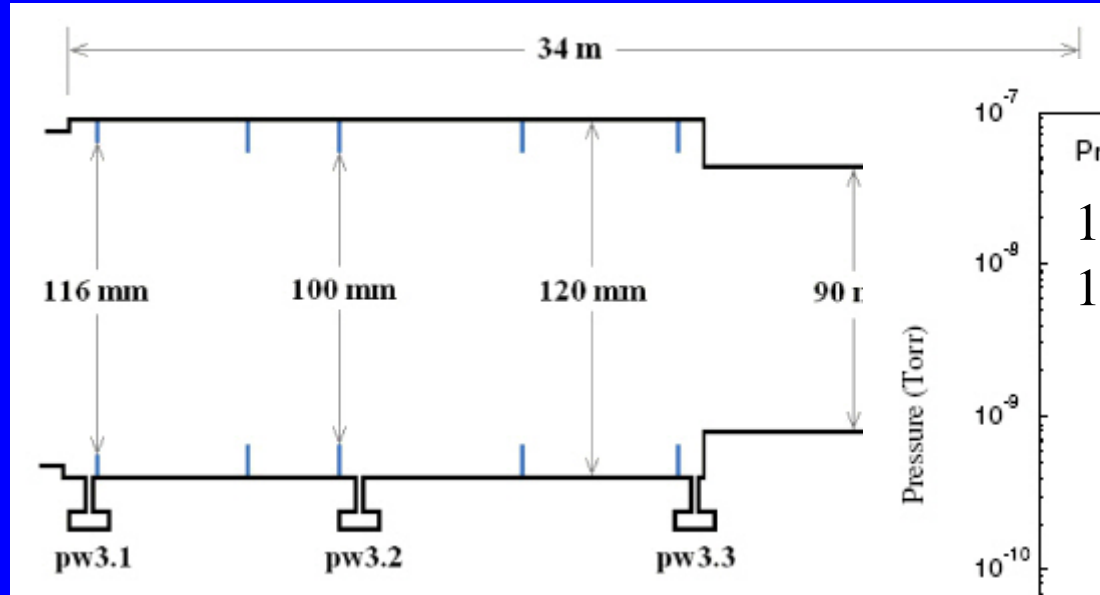


[P. Thieberger et al., “Estimates for secondary ...”, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 7, 093201 (2004).]

# E-cloud cure: anti-grazing rings (2)

Had 5 grazing rings installed in 2 long straight sections (bi5, yo5)

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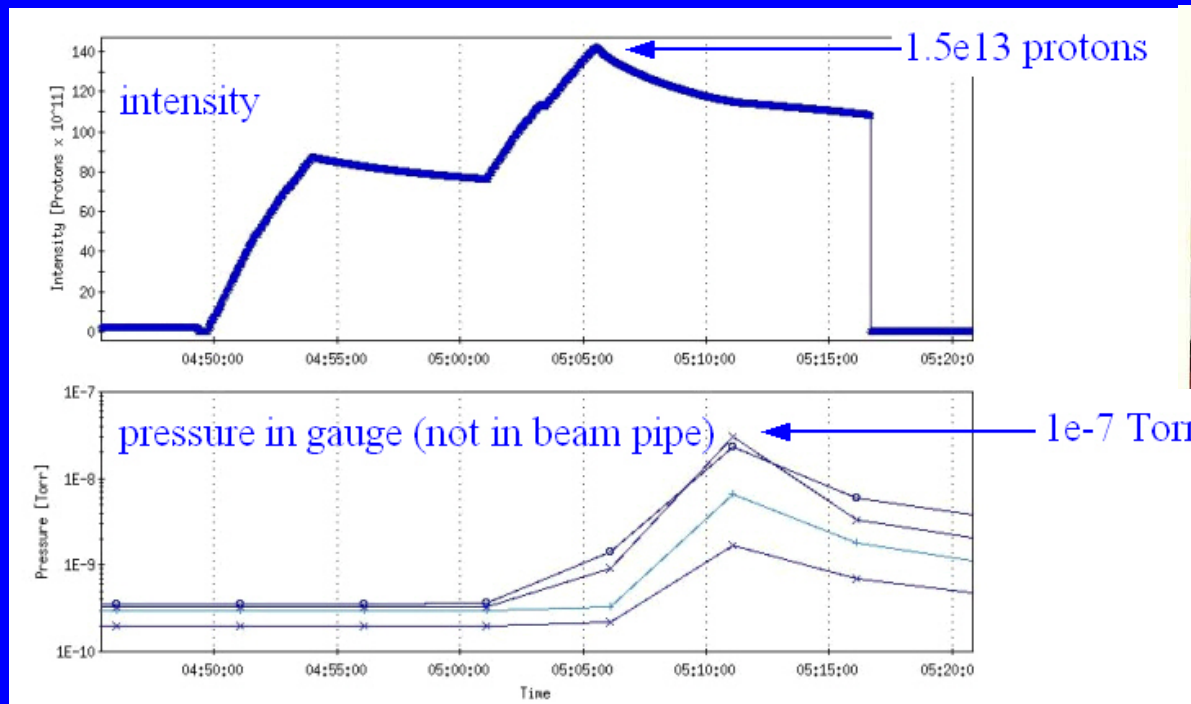


**See improvement, but to be effective ridges must intercept beam, which can create additional background.** Ridges currently not used in RHIC.

[S.Y. Zhang et al., “Effects of antigrazing ridges ...”, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 8, 123201 (2005).]

# E-cloud cure: pre-pumping cold regions

- RHIC relied on cryo-pumping in arcs initially (up to 100 mono-layers on wall)
- Observed increase in gas density with high-intensity beam

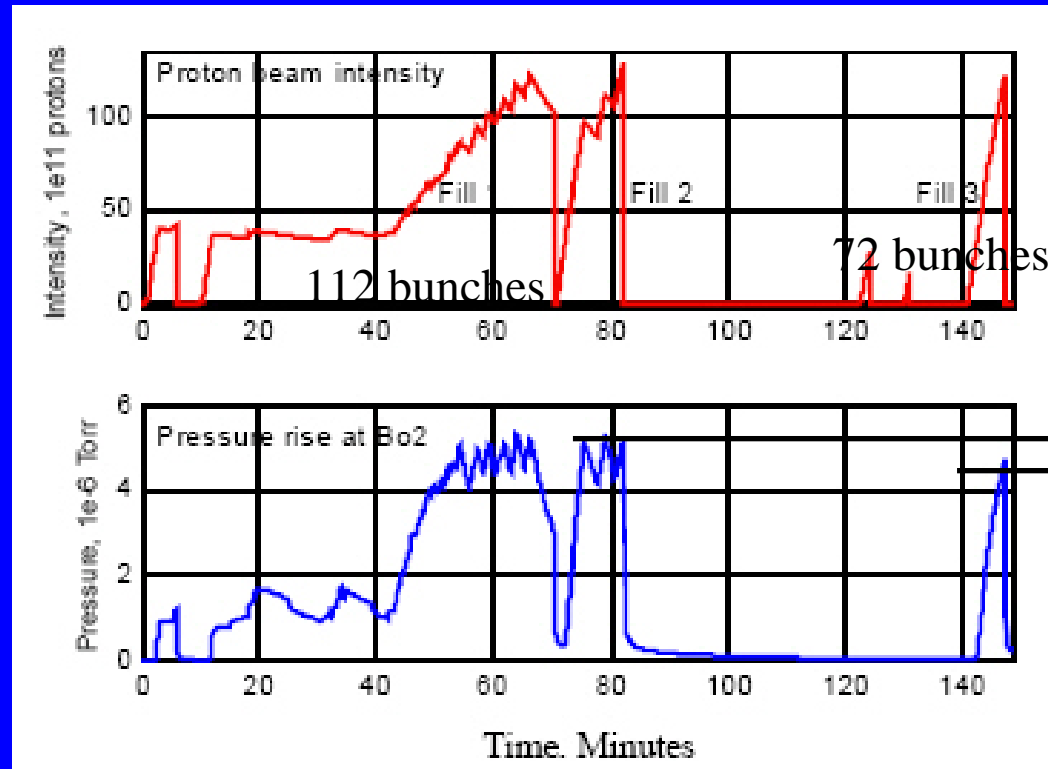


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- Additional pumps lowered pressure to 10<sup>-6</sup> to 10<sup>-7</sup> Torr (corresponding to less than mono-layer) before cool-down

# E-cloud cure: scrubbing

2003, proton beam at injection, sector bo2 (unbaked, no NEG)



Courtesy S.Y. Zhang

Small improvement

- Scrubbing test damaged BPM electronics in tunnel, moved out now
- Not effective for warm regions (in-situ baking, NEG much better)
- May be needed in cold regions if e-cloud problems persist

[S.Y. Zhang, et al., "Beam scrubbing for RHIC polarized proton operation", EPAC04 (2004).]



# Summary – E-cloud in RHIC

- **E-cloud effects observed at RHIC:**  
dynamic pressure rise, instabilities (beam and pressure), emittance growth
- **Cures investigated at RHIC include:**  
baking, NEG coating, bunch patterns, solenoids, anti-grazing rings, pre-pumping in cold regions, scrubbing
- **Open problems:**  
instabilities during transition crossing (will learn more this year with Au beams), emittance growth (will learn more next year with polarized protons)