

Abstract

The average Au+Au luminosity at full energy is now 44x the design value after a number of upgrades including stochastic cooling. Ion operation is also highly flexible with numerous ion combinations and energies. To support the physics program into the mid 2020s an upgrade of the luminosity at the lowest energies by a factor 3-4 is being implemented, and another factor of 2 at the highest energy.

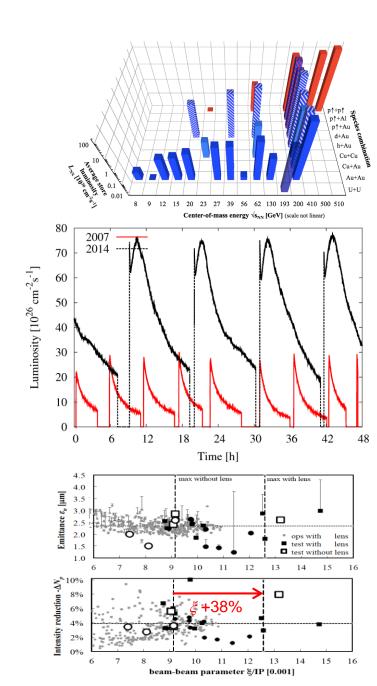
For the lowest collision energies, in support of a critical point search in the QCD phase diagram, the first bunched beam electron cooler is under construction.

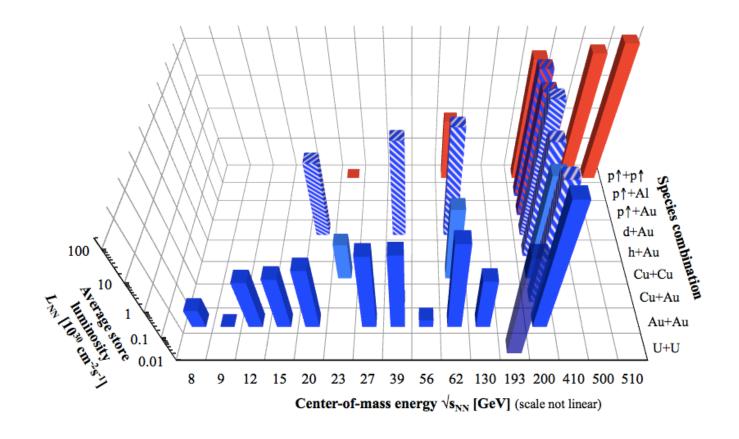
For polarized proton operation, further increases in the luminosity by a factor 3-4x are planned while maintaining the beam polarization.



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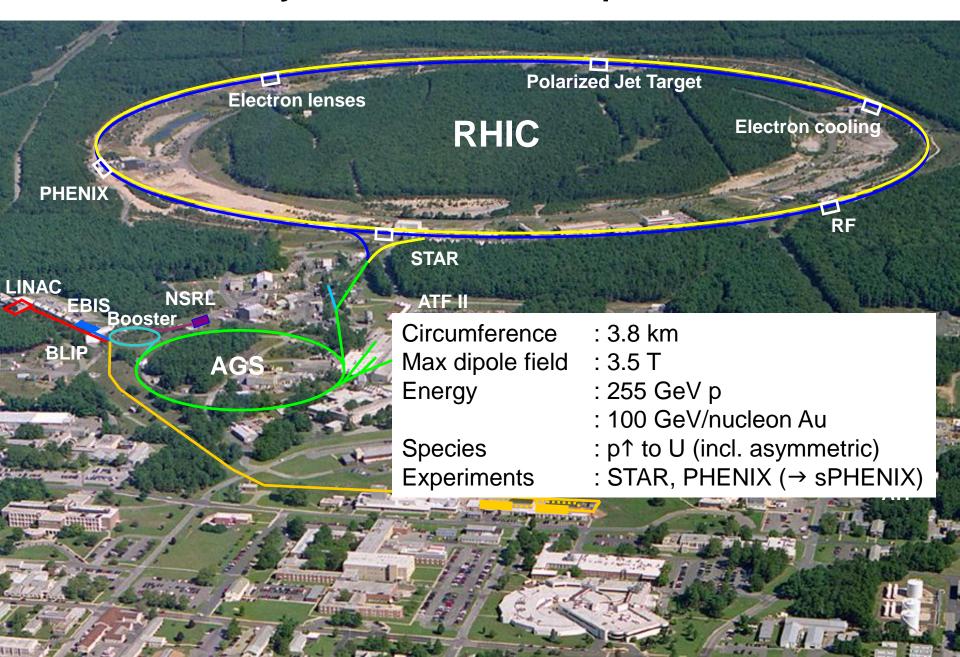
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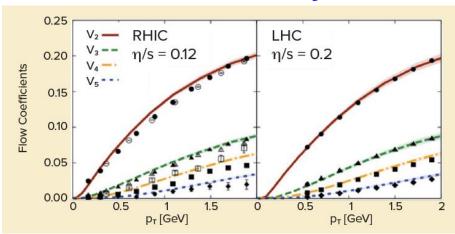
A short history and outlook of RHIC

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider – main parameters



RHIC science programs

1. Creation and study of the Quark Gluon Plasma

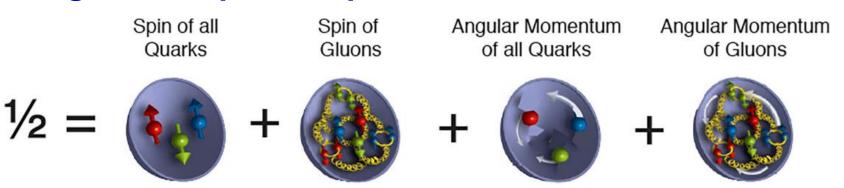


[2015 NSAC Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science]

QGP close to perfect liquid

The QGP is a strongly coupled nearly "**perfect**" liquid (η /s near the quantum limit $1/4\pi$). RHIC's cooler QGP is (on average) closer to perfection than the 40% hotter QGP produced at LHC.

2. Origin of the proton spin



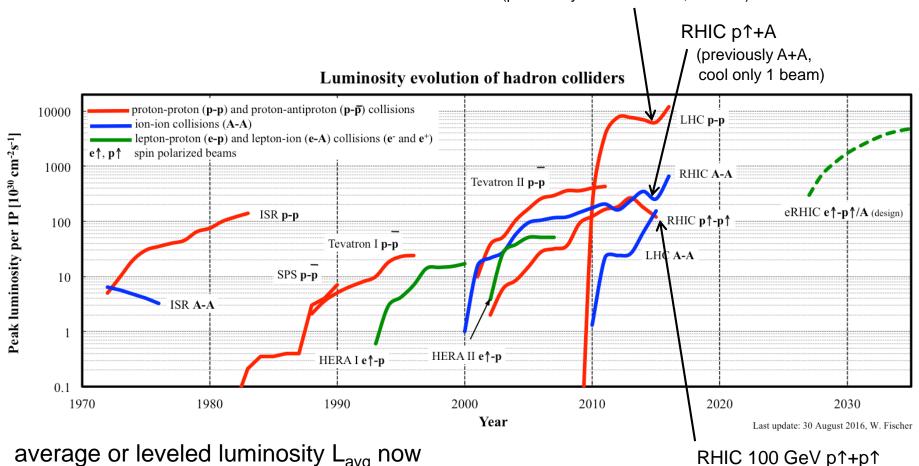
[2015 NSAC Long Range Plan for Nucl. Science]

RHIC result: not zero

major emphasis. Data from the RHIC run in 2009 have for the first time shown that gluons inside a proton are polarized. The integral of $\Delta g(x,Q^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2)$ in the region x > 0.05 is $0.20^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ at 90% C.L.

Hadron collider luminosities

LHC 25 ns bunch spacing at 6.5 TeV (previously 50 ns at 4 TeV, e-cloud)

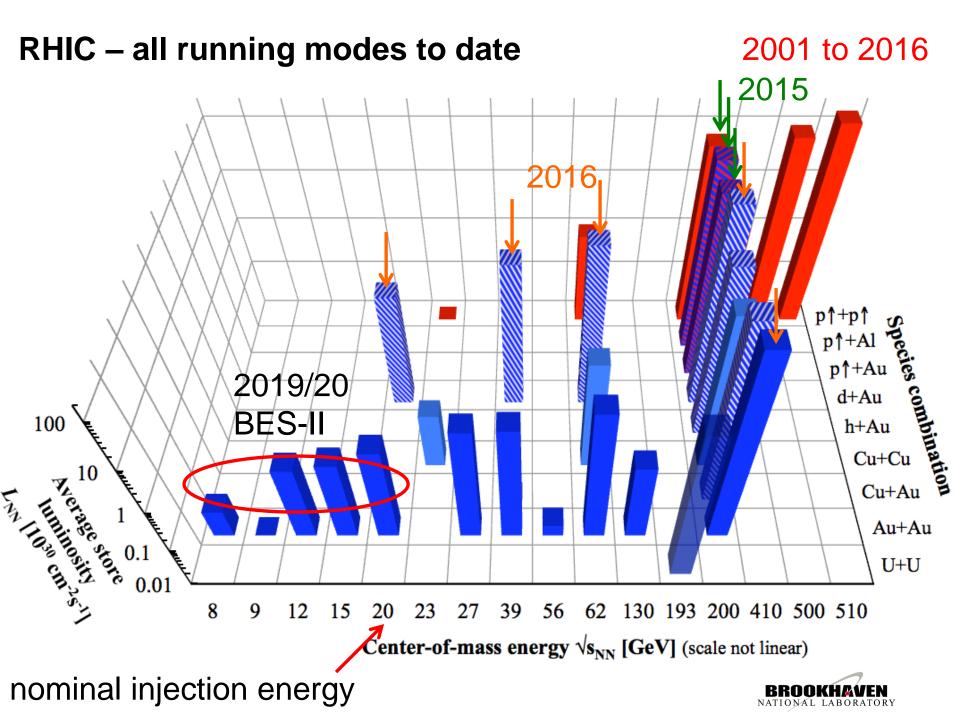


average or leveled luminosity L_{avg} now more important than peak luminosity L_{peak} (burn-off in RHIC, pile-up limit in LHC)

some recent dips explained above

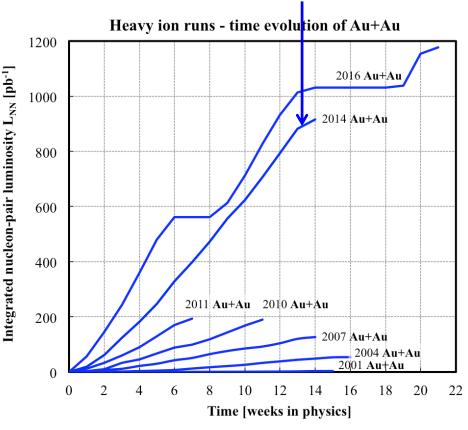
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(previously 255 GeV)

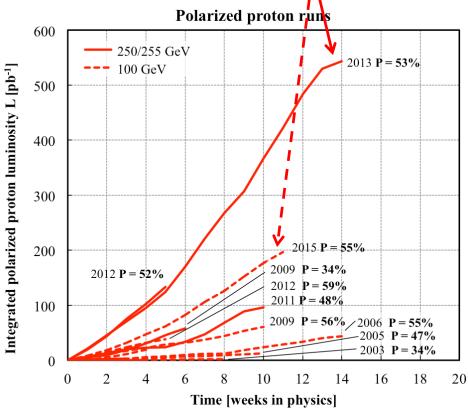


Delivered Integrated Luminosity – symmetric species

Run-14 Au+Au luminosity exceeds all previous Au+Au runs combined



Run-13 p+p luminosity exceeds all previous p+p runs combined, Run-15 all previous 100 GeV runs



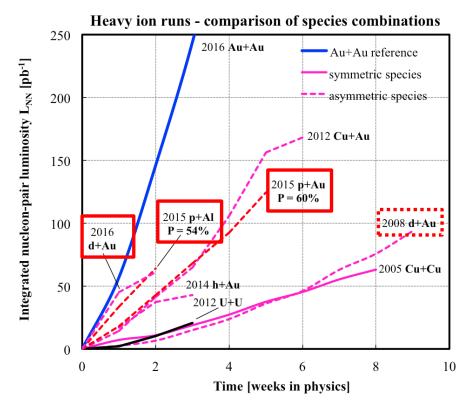
<u>Nucleon-pair luminosity</u>: luminosity calculated with nucleons of nuclei treated independently; allows comparison of luminosities of different species; appropriate quantity for comparison runs.

Dramatic increase in performance as a result of R&D, capital projects, Accelerator Improvement Projects, and replacement of obsolete technology

Delivered Integrated Luminosity – asymmetric species

5 asymmetric combination to date:

- p↑+Au,
- p↑+AI (never done before)
- h+Au
- d+Au (at 4 different energies)
- Cu+Au



Best week d+Au Run-16 10x better than Run-8

can collide any species with any other species

Asymmetric operation requires:

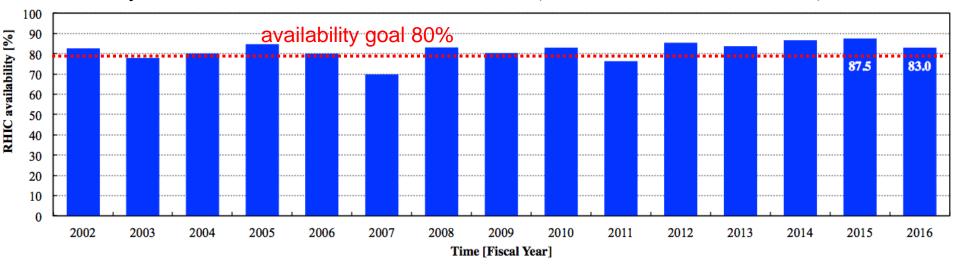
- sources for two different beams (laser ion source + EBIS; Tandems)
- reliable injector switch-over during RHIC injection (AGS cold snake turn on/off for p1)
- accommodation of tighter apertures in IRs (DX magnet move for p↑+A, limitations from CeC PoP chamber in Run-16)
- in p↑+A: acceleration of A to plateau near transition for proton injection
- increased experimental protection (PHENIX MPC-EX damage in Run-15)



Operational efficiency

availability reported to DOE

Availability = beam time / scheduled beam time (excl. scheduled maintenance)



Exceeded availability goal in FY2015 and 2016
 Record availability in FY2015 (87.5%)

More efficiency measures:

- setup time to physics
- store-to-store time
- calendar time in store
- cost per collision

Typical times:

50K to 4K cool-down: 0.5 weeks

Initial set-up : 2 weeks

Changing species : 0.5 weeks

Beam studies (APEX): 16h / 2 weeks

Maintenance : 14h / 2 weeks

Warm-up : 0.5 weeks

RHIC proposed run plan – extents to mid 2020s

Years	Beam Species and Energies	Science Goals	New Systems Commissioned	
2016	High statistics Au+Au d+Au beam energy scan	Complete heavy flavor program First measurement of Λ_c Collectivity in small systems today	Coherent e-cooling test I	
2017	High statistics Pol. p+p at 510 GeV	Transvers High-energy p+p	and A+A ing test II	
2018	⁹⁶ Zr+ ⁹⁶ Ru at 200 GeV Au+Au at 27 GeV ?	Establish STAR (need leveled L)		
2019-20	7.7-20 GeV Au+Au (BES-2)	Search for of deconfi LOW-energy A+A		
2021	TBD	STAR (L requests requ	uire new e-cooler) SPHENIX installation	
2022-??	200 GeV Au+Au with upgraded detectors Pol. p+p, p+Au at 200 GeV	Jet, di-jet, v-iet probes of parton transport i High-energy p+p		
mid-2020s	Transition to eRHIC ?	STAR and sPHEI Gluon stri (sPHENIX L requests requests requests)		

RHIC ultimate luminosity and polarization goals at high energy

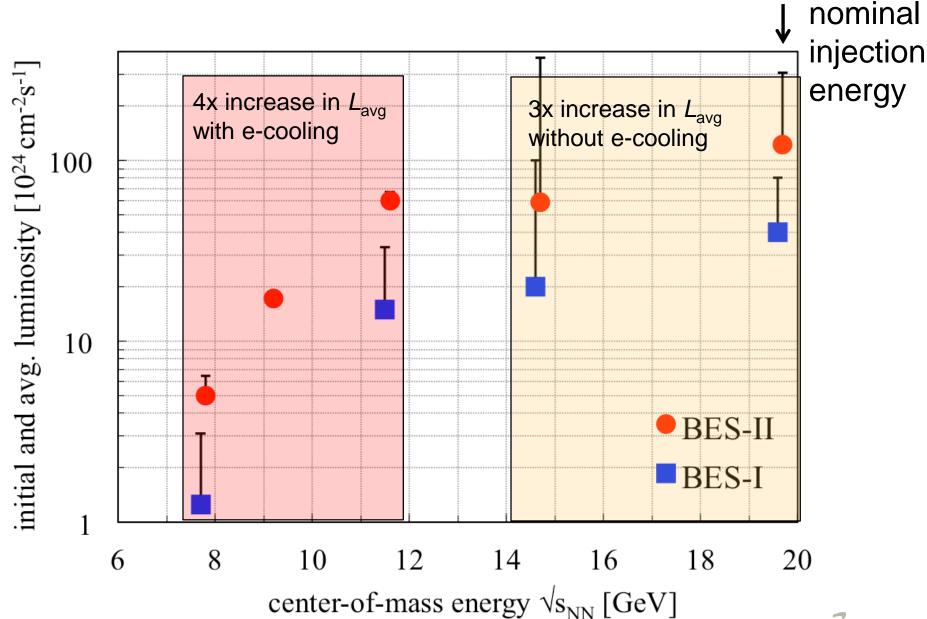
parameter	unit	unit achieved		goals	
Au-Au operation		20	16	≥ 202 56 MHz SRF + AG	
energy	GeV/nucleon	10	00	100)
no colliding bunches		11	1	111	/ =====================================
bunch intensity	10 ⁹	2.	0	2.5 (2	numbers
avg. luminosity	10 ²⁶ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	87		175 (100) 2× achieved	
p↑-p↑ operation		20	15	≥ 202 OPPIS + 9 MHz F	
energy	GeV	100	255	100	255
no colliding bunches		– 111 –		– 111 –	
bunch intensity	10 ¹¹	2.25	1.85	3.0	3.0
avg. luminosity	10 ³⁰ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	63	160	175 2.8 × achieved	600 3.8 × achieved
avg. polarization*	%	55	52	60	55

Intensity and time-averaged polarization as measured by the H-jet. Luminosity-averaged polarizations are higher.

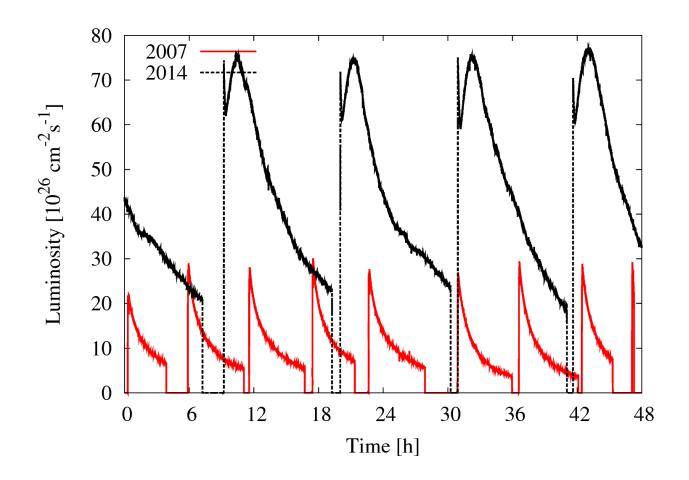


Physics integration

BES-I and **BES-II** luminosities



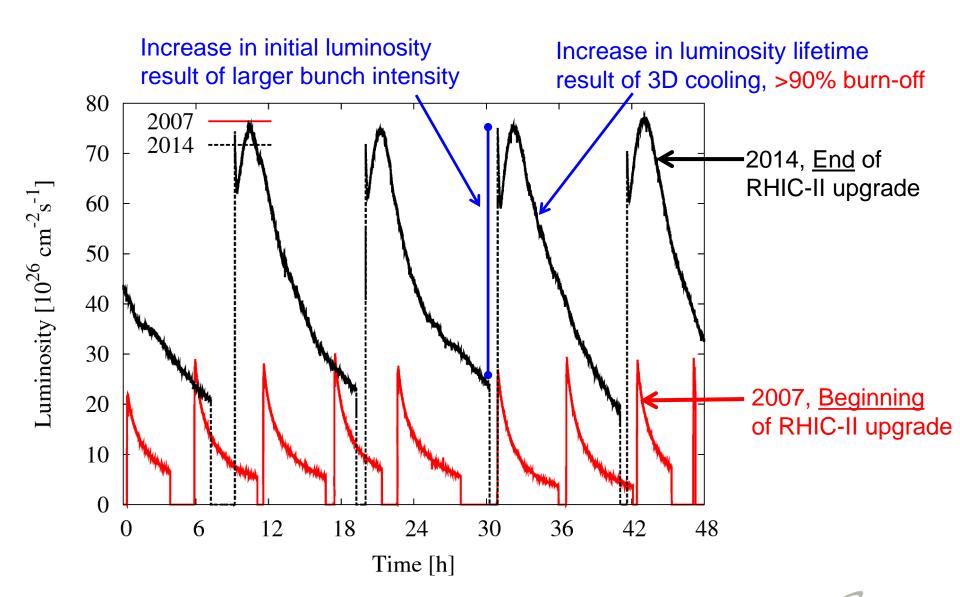
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RHIC high-energy A+A operation with stochastic cooling

RHIC Run-14

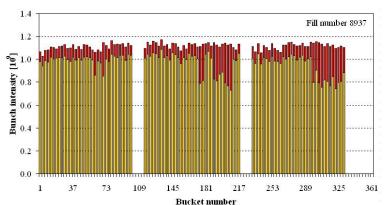
Delivering RHIC-II luminosity





Performance limits – RHIC ions, high energy

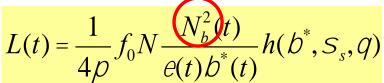
- Bunch intensity N_b, limited by injectors => EBIS, bunch merges in Booster and AGS transition instability
 Landau cavity RF amplifiers (upgraded) aim for 2.5x10⁹ in store ultimately
- $L(t) = \frac{1}{4\rho} f_0 N \frac{N_b^2(t)}{e(t)b^*(t)} h(b^*, S_s, q)$

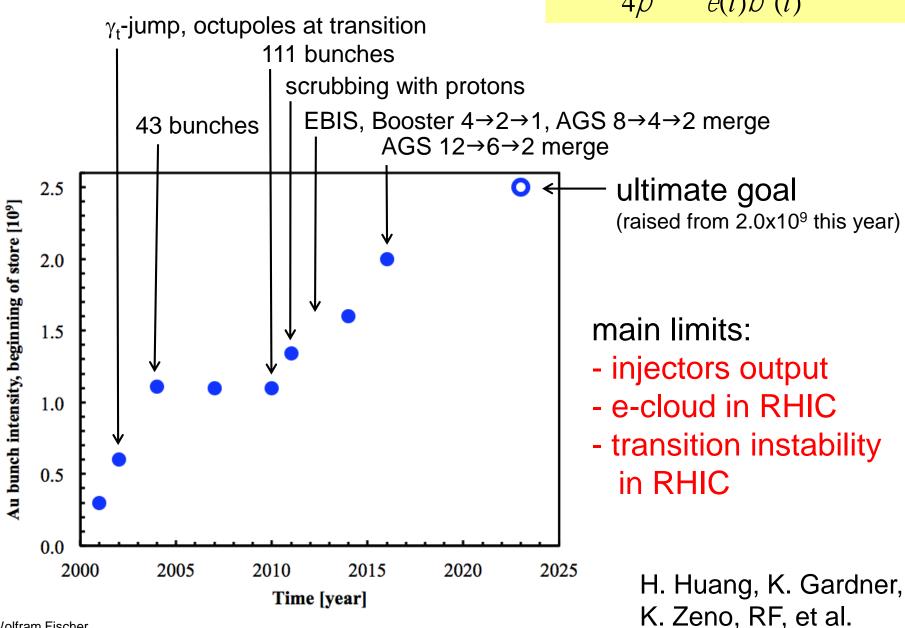


- Intrabeam scattering
 - => stochastic cooling
 - => 56 MHz SRF (stronger longitudinal focusing)
- Lattice with small β* and large off-momentum dynamic aperture with hourglass factor ≈0.5 at end of store, need large β* reduction any lattice change must not result in additional beam losses (momentum spread with 56 MHz SRF will be increased) dynamic β* reduction after emittance decreased by cooling

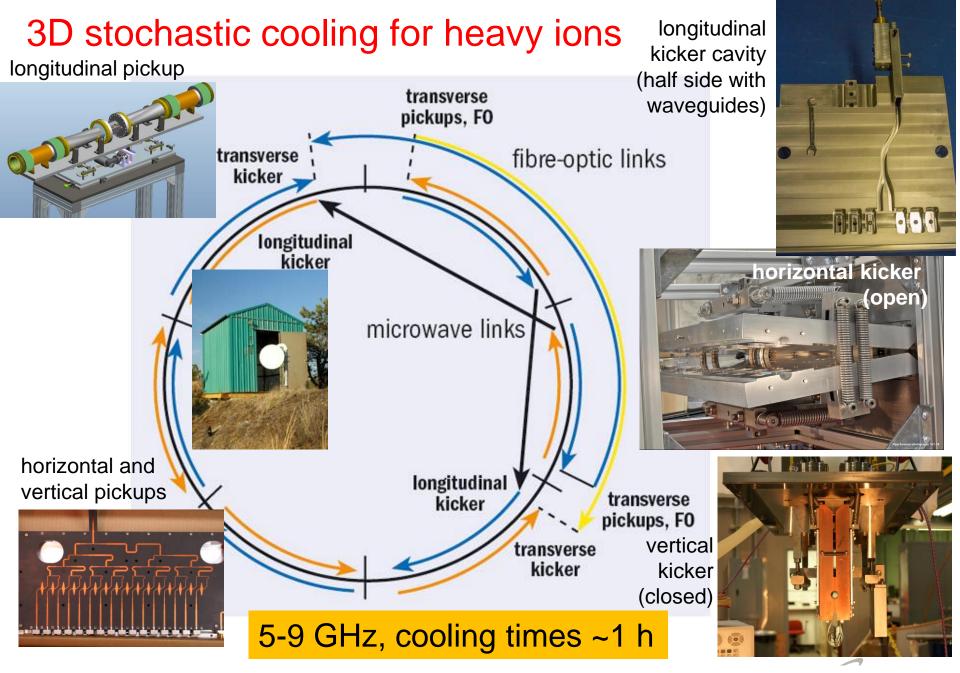
Goal is to have burn-off as the dominant beam loss mechanism.

Au bunch intensity evolution





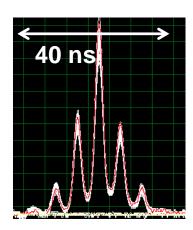
Wolfram Fischer



M. Brennan, M. Blaskiewicz, F. Severino, PRL 100 174803 (2008); K. Mernick PRSTAB, PAC, EPAC

56 MHz SRF

more longitudinal focusing

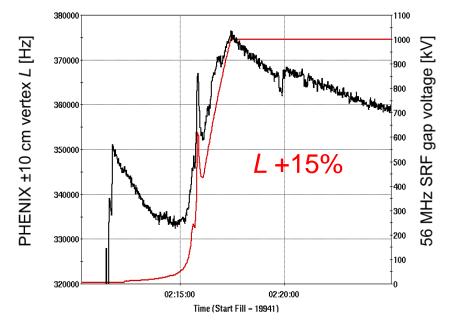


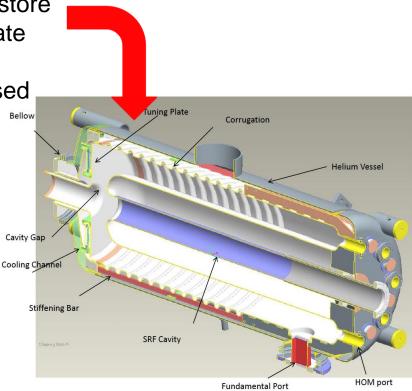
Longitudinal profile at end of store

 even with cooling ions migrate into neighboring buckets

can be reduced with increased longitudinal focusing

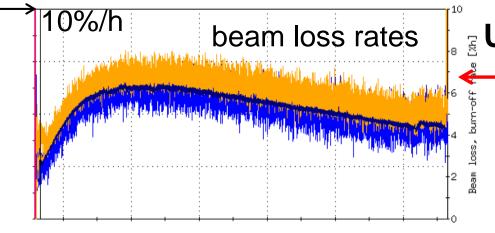
56 MHz SRF at 1 MV (2 MV design) without HOM damper, used operationally for first time 2016 d+Au (first operational SRF cavity in RHIC)





- λ/4 Ni resonator
- common to both beams
- beam driven
- 56 MHz, 2 MV





rms transverse emittances

3.3 mm.mrad

U-U store – new mode in 2012

 (1) Lattice optimized for large offmomentum dynamic aperture, not for smallest β* (Y. Luo)

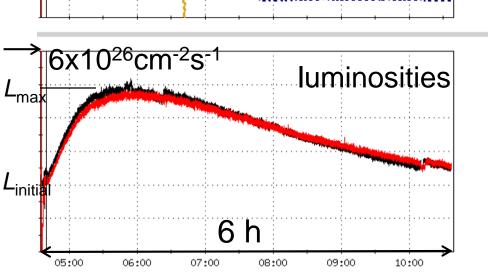
$$L \mu \frac{N_b^2}{b^*} H \stackrel{\text{@}}{\varsigma} \frac{b^* \ddot{0}}{S_s \ddot{0}}$$

(2) Minimum loss rates given by total U-U cross sections, 2 largest contributions from BFPP and EMD:

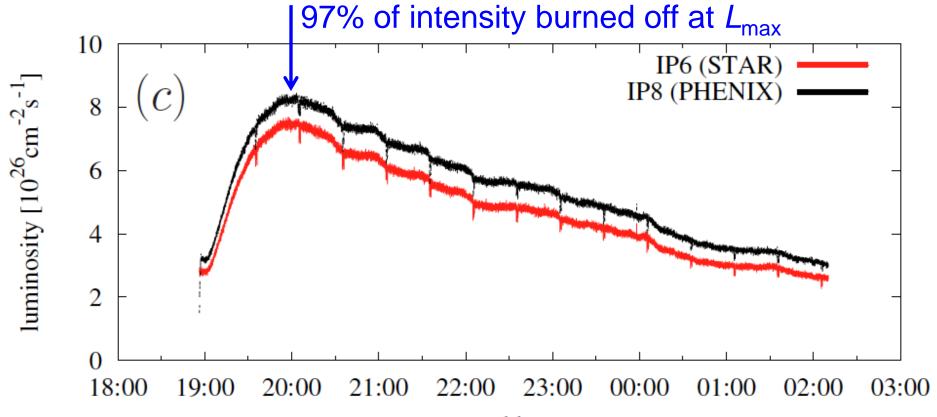
	Au-Au	U-U	
BFPP	117 b	329 b	S _{BFPP} µZ
EMD	99 b	160 b	

Nearly all beam loss though luminosity (burn-off)!

3D stochastic cooling leads to new feature in hadron collider:



Operation at burn-off limit in U+U



Burn-off dominated operation allows for determination of total U+U cross section – and comparison with calculation (mostly QED) (published in Phys. Rev. C) =>

$$\frac{dN_B(t)}{dt} = \frac{dN_Y(t)}{dt} = -\left[\mathcal{L}_6(t) + \mathcal{L}_8(t)\right]\sigma_{tot}$$

[hh:mm]

Measurement of the total cross section of uranium-uranium collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 192.8$ GeV

tz, M. Blaskiewicz, D. Gassner, K.A. Drees, Y. Luo, M. Minty, P. Thieberger, and M. Wilinski Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973, USA

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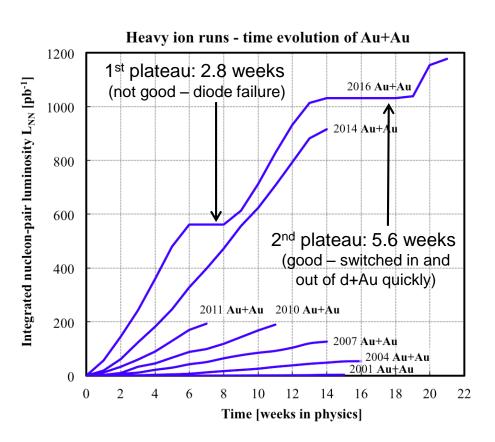
Institute for Nuclear Research, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

Heavy ion cross sections to taling several hundred barns have been calculated previously for the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). These total cross

Run-16 Au+Au at 100 GeV/nucleon

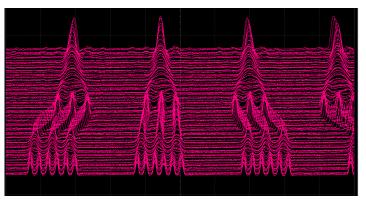
Luminosity

- More collisions in 10 min than in entire
 5-week commissioning run in 2001
- $L_{\text{week}} = 1.4 \times 2014$
- L_{avg} now 44x design

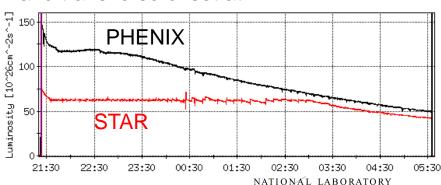


Run Coordinator: Xiaofeng Gu

25% increase in bunch intensity due to AGS bunch merging scheme at injection change from $8\rightarrow4\rightarrow2$ to $12\rightarrow6\rightarrow2$ (with minimal increase in longitudinal emittance!)



Maximized *L* to PHENIX and delivered leveled *L* to STAR using stochastic cooling and transverse offset at IP



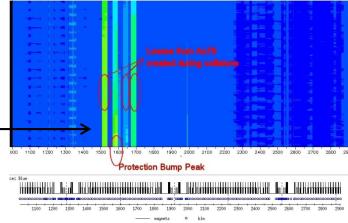
Machine protection

Quench protection diode failure

What happened:

- orbit bumps installed to protect experiments in pre-fire events (e.g. PHENIX MPC damage)
- at bump locations localized losses of secondary beams created in Au+Au collisions:

BFPP creates ¹⁹⁷Au⁷⁸⁺, EMD creates ¹⁹⁶Au⁷⁹⁺ with stochastic cooling ~90% of beam loss is in BFPP and EMD created secondary beam

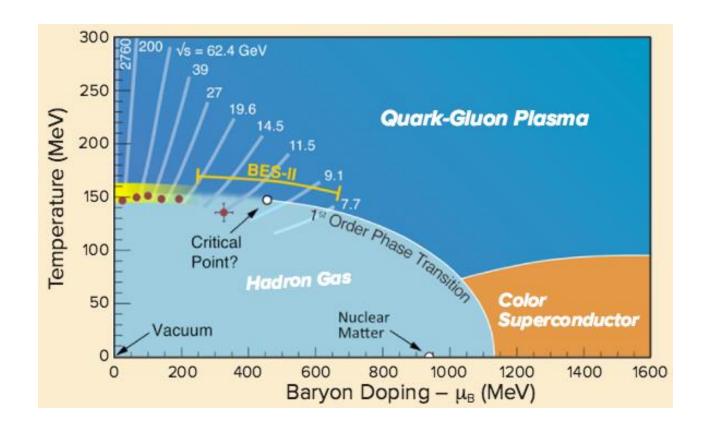


- secondary beam loss proportional to L (now 44x design value)
- quench protection diode near 1 local loss point shorted
- warm-up, replacement, cool-down: 19.5 days physics-to-physics.
- outstanding support form all lab organizations (Central Shop welders, Radiological Control, SC Magnet Division, all C-AD groups)
- first time partial RHIC warm up during run

Path forward:

- Need solution for sPHENIX era (≥2022)
- 2. Continue annual warm-up (reverses radiation effects)
- 3. Primary strategy: prevent strongly localized losses in arcs
 - => requires avoidance of orbit bumps in arcs
 - => requires suppression of abort pre-fires (with serial switches)

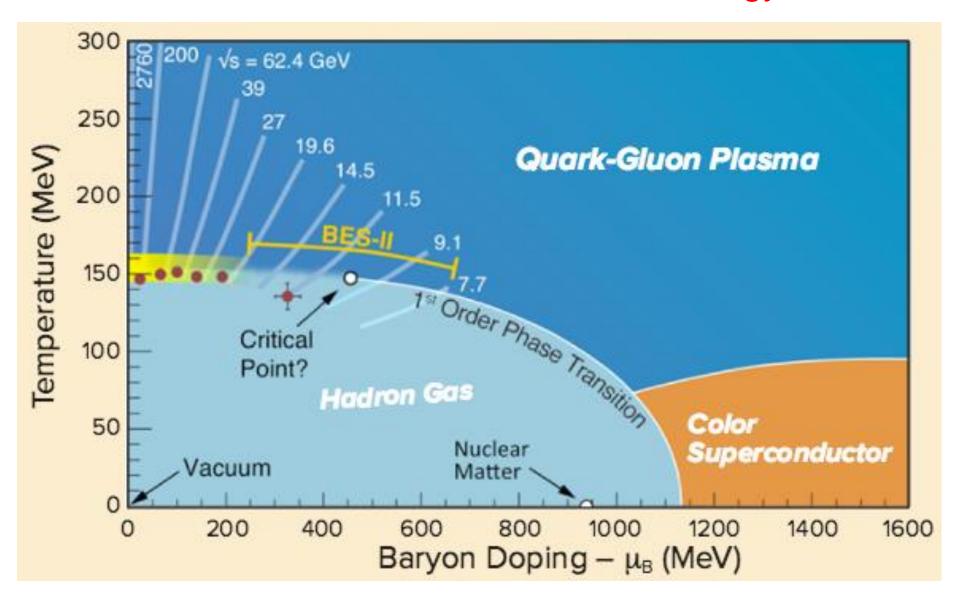




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RHIC

Beam Energy Scan II





LEReC Physics integration

BES-II required events

RHIC Beam Energy Scan II (BES-II) for search of critical point in QCD phase diagram

center-of-mass energy √s _{NN}	GeV	7.7	9.1	11.5	14.6	19.6
events BES-I, actual	M	4.3		11.7	24	36
events BES-II, min goal	M	80	100	150	200	300
events BES-II, full goal	M	100	160	230	300	400

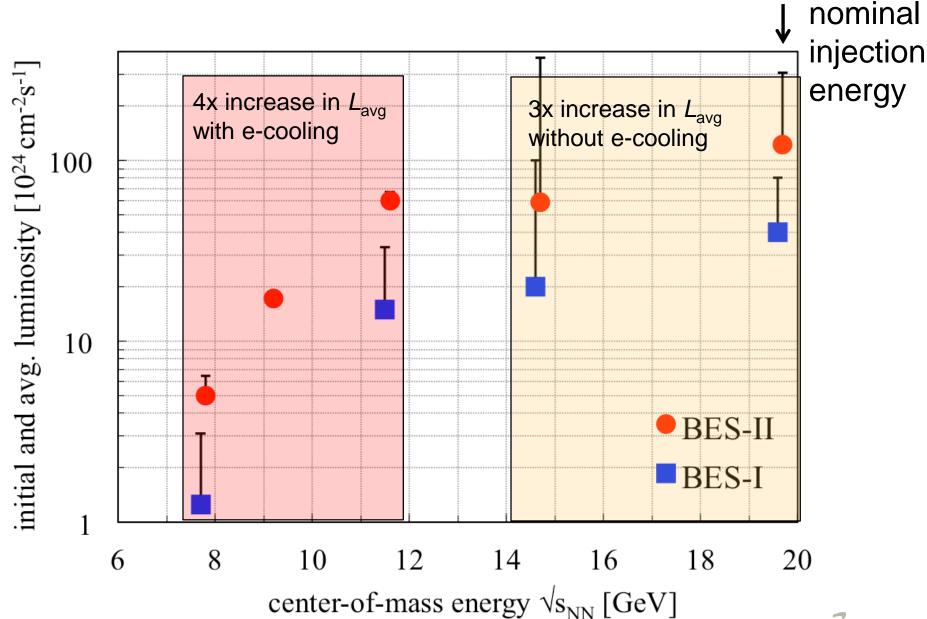
General strategy to maximize integrated luminosity:

Cooling at the 3 lowest energies (4x gain in L_{avg}), no cooling at the 2 highest energies (3x gain in L_{avg}) => demonstrated at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 19.6 GeV in Run-16

Increase cryo-time from 22 to 24 weeks/year Start BES-II at highest energies (machine ready w/o cooling) Interleave cooling commissioning with physics operation Finish BES-II at lowest energies (largest gain in $L_{\rm avg}$ and time)

Physics integration

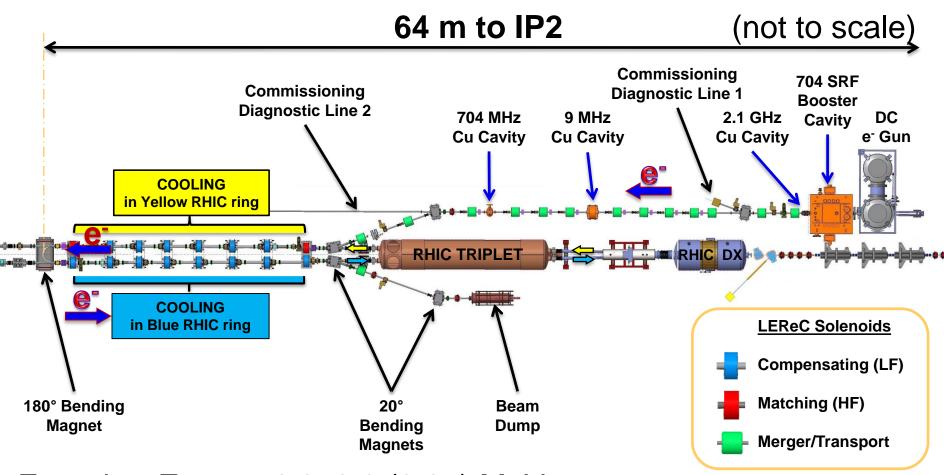
BES-I and **BES-II** luminosities



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Low Energy RHIC electron Cooling (LEReC)

A. Fedotov et al.



Energies E : 1.6, 2.0 (2.65) MeV

Avg. current I_{avg} : 27 mA

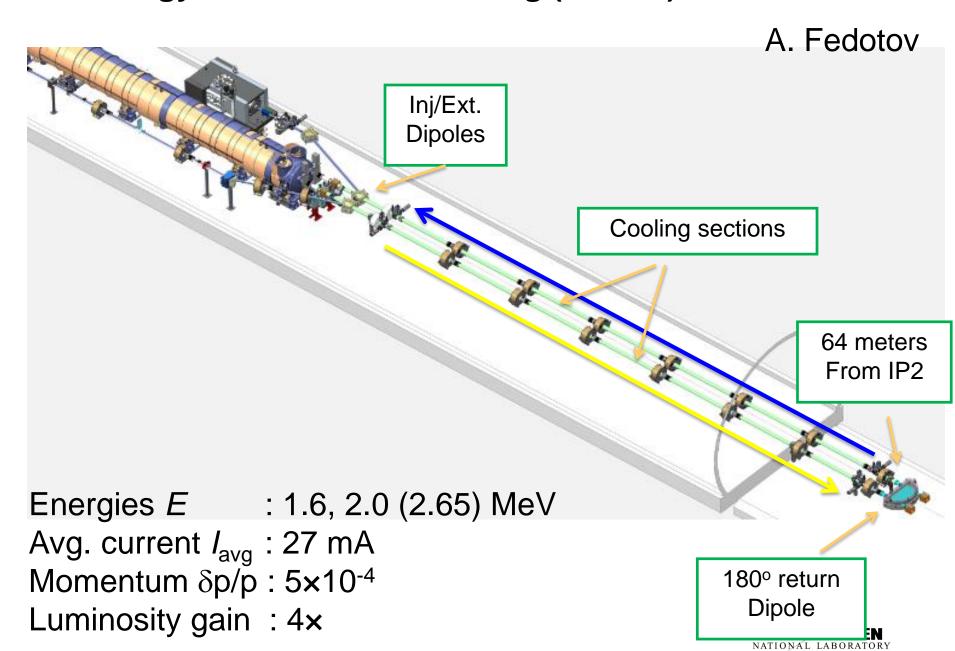
Momentum $\delta p/p : 5 \times 10^{-4}$

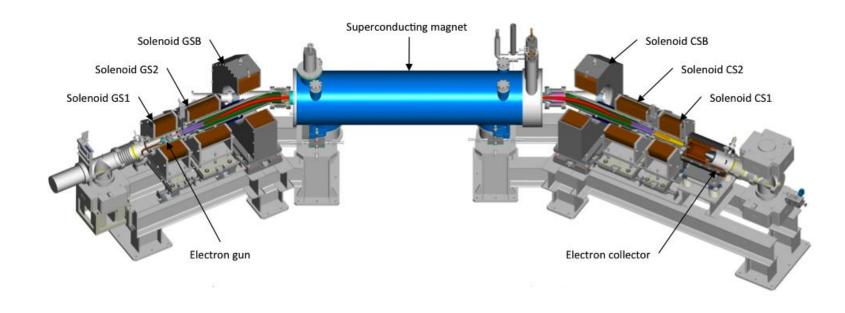
Luminosity gain: 4x

1st bunched beam electron cooler

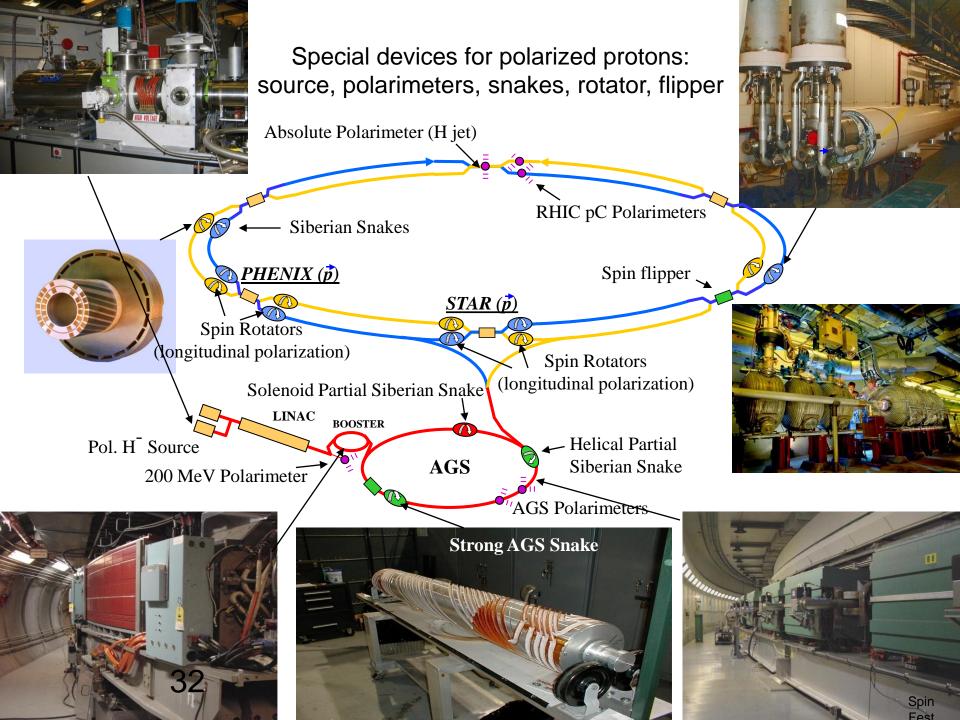
planned operation in 2019/2020

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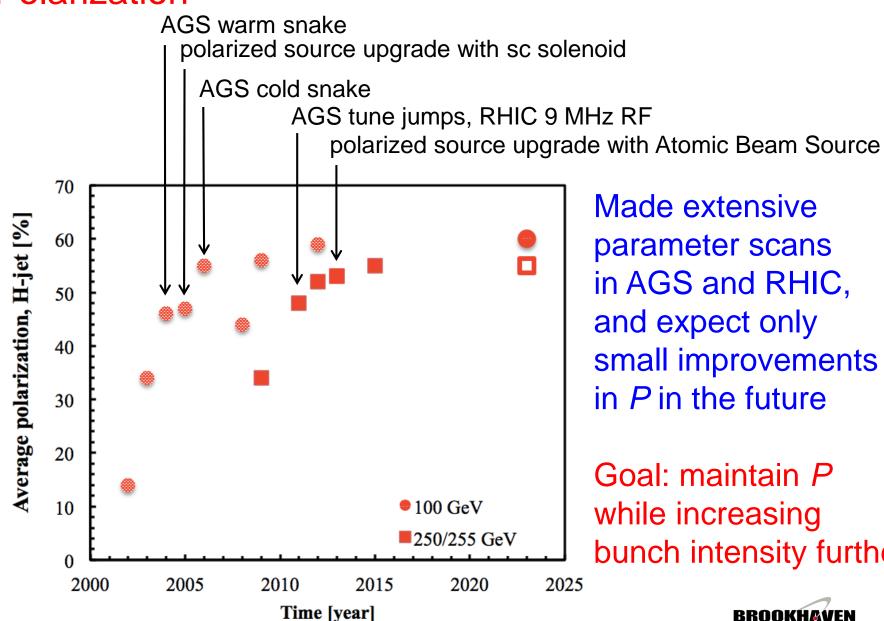


RHIC p1+p1 operation with head-on beam-beam compensation



RHIC p↑+p↑

Polarization



Made extensive parameter scans in AGS and RHIC, and expect only small improvements in P in the future

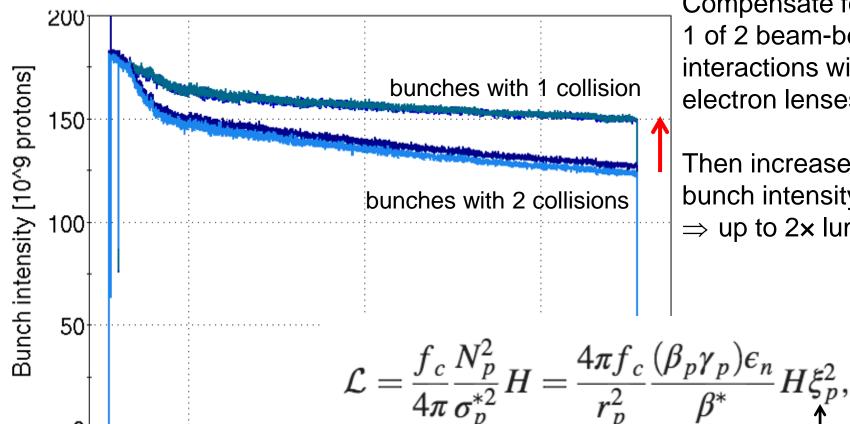
Goal: maintain P while increasing bunch intensity further

RHIC head-on beam-beam compensation

Motivation

Bunch intensity in 2012 polarized proton physics store

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Time (Fill 16697)

Goal:

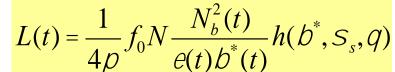
Compensate for 1 of 2 beam-beam interactions with electron lenses

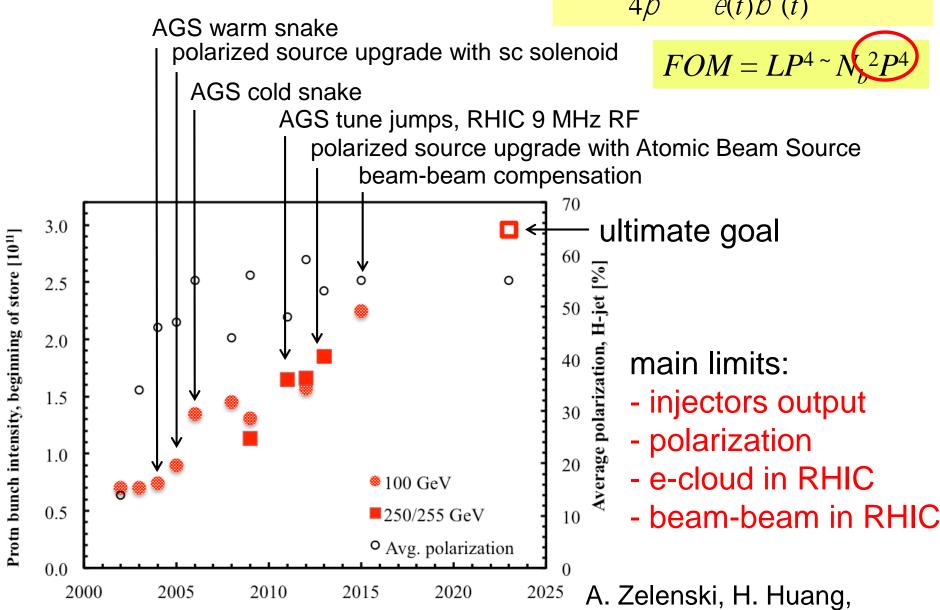
Then increase bunch intensity \Rightarrow up to 2× luminosity

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p bunch intensity and polarization

Time [year]



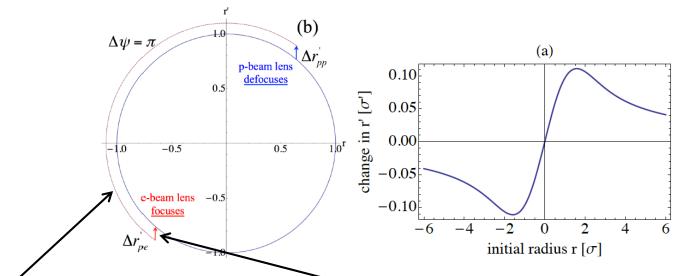


A. Zelenski, H. Huang, K. Gardner, K. Zeno, RF, et al.

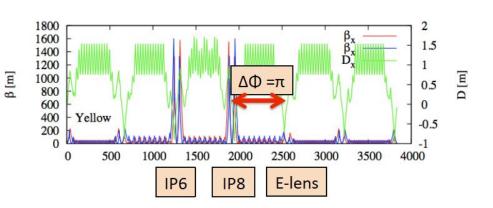
Head-on beam-beam compensation

Principle

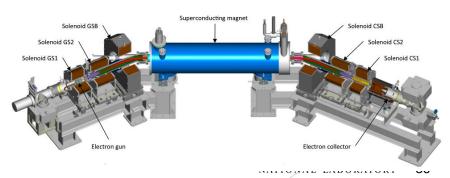
Correction in same turn, need to fulfill 2 conditions:



(1) $k\pi$ phase advance minimizes beam-beam resonance driving terms – implemented with ATS type lattice (Simon White)

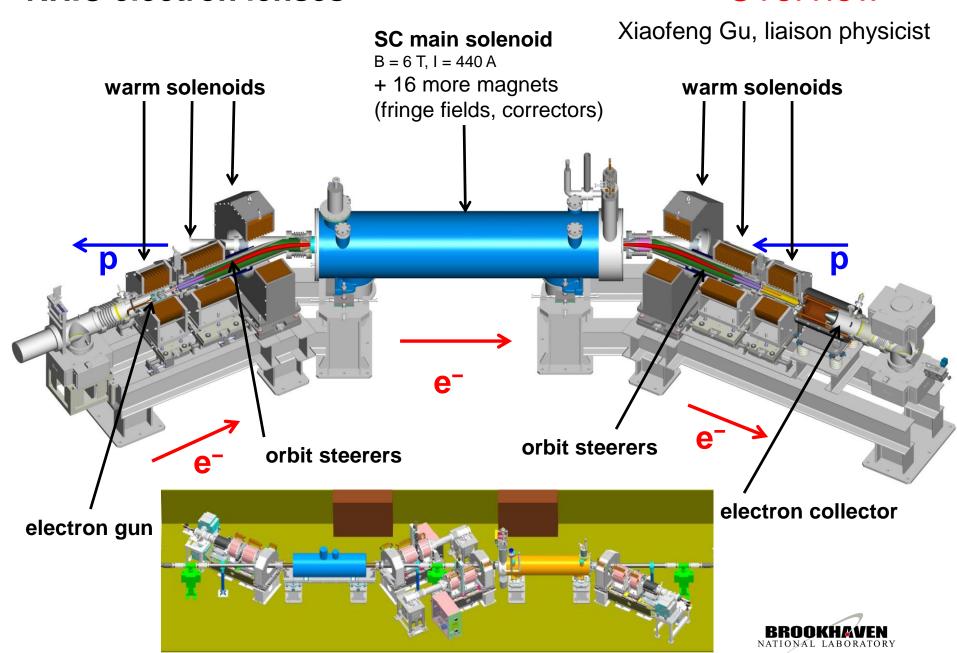


(2) Same amplitude correction kick as bb kick reduces beam-beam tune spread – implemented with electron lenses (not possible with magnets)



RHIC electron lenses

Overview



RHIC e-lens Parameters

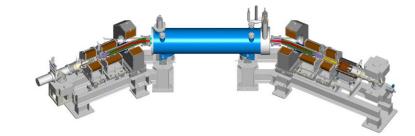


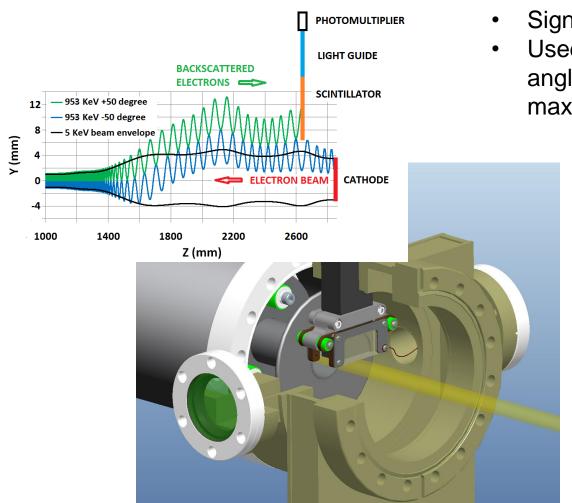
TABLE I. Typical electron lens parameters for 2015 and design values (for up to 250 GeV proton energy).

Quantity	Unit	2015 value	Design value
Distance of center from IP10	m	3.3	
Magnetic length L_e	m		2.4
Gun solenoid field B_a	T	0.31	≤ 0.69
Main solenoid field B_m	T	5.0	2–6
Cathode radius (2.7σ)	mm	7.5	4.1, 7.5
rms beam size in main solenoid σ_e	$\mu\mathrm{m}$	650	≥ 300
Kinetic energy E_e	keV	5.0	≤ 10
Relativistic factor β_e		0.14	≤ 0.2
Electron beam current I_e	mA	600	≤ 1000
Beam-beam parameter from lens ξ_e	0.001	+10	≤ +15

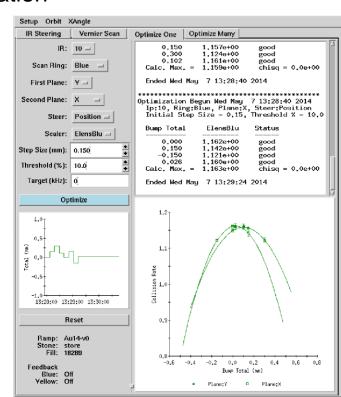
Transverse alignment

Backscattered electrons

- 2 BPMs in both lenses to bring e- and A- beam in proximity
 BPMs see 3 beams: 2 hadron and 1 electron beam (rise/fall time 10x longer)
- Use detection of backscattered electrons to maximize overlap
 P. Thieberger, BIW12, IBIC2014, submitted to PRAB



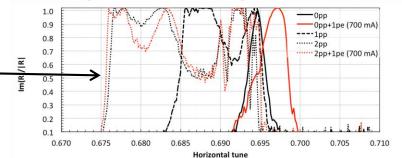
- Signal with large dynamic range (~10⁶)
- Used for automatic position and angle alignment, same as luminosity maximization



Head-on bb compensation

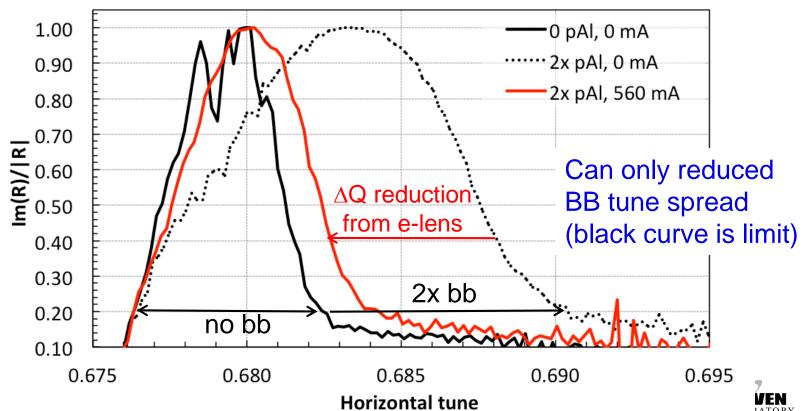
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tune distribution could not be measured with BTF and p+p collisions due to coherent modes-(works in simulations – P. Görgen et al. NIM A 777, pp. 43-53 (2015))



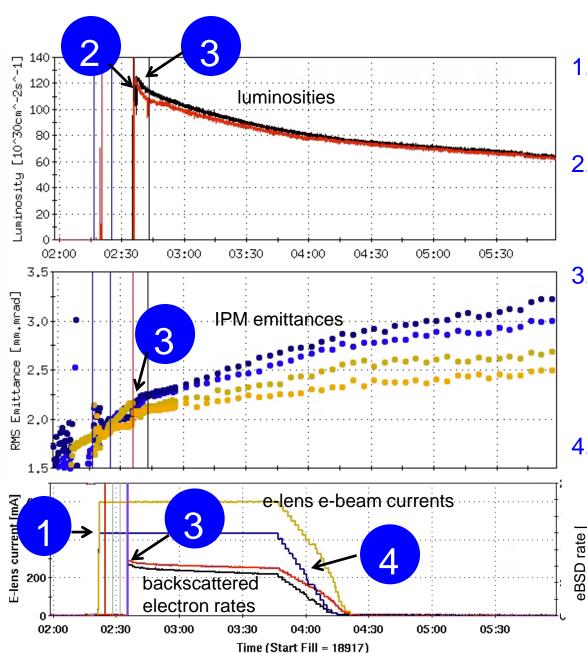
tune distribution can be measured with BTF and p+Al collisions

proton beam: $(Q_x, Q_y) = (.685, .695)$; Al beam: $(Q_x, Q_y) = (.685, .695)$; $\Delta Q_x, \Delta Q_y >> \xi =>$ no coherent modes



e-lenses in operation

with collisions at 2 experiments



- e-lenses turn on before collision
 (112 stores with both lenses without a single turn-on failure)
- 2. Beams into collision at PHENIX, collimators to store positions (requires PHENIX collisions)
- 3. Beams into collision at STAR and e-lenses e-lenses prevent emittance growth and/or beam loss for large beam-beam param. ξ
- 4. Lenses are gradually turned off when lattice alone can sustain bb parameter ξ



Head-on bb compensation

increases in L and ξ

quantity	unit	operations		tests for max ξ_p		
		(avg. over 10		without	with	with
		best	stores)	e-lens	e-lens	e-lens
		2012	2015		2015 -	
bunch intensity N_p	10^{11}	1.6	2.25	2.6	2.15	2.0
no of bunche k_b		109	111	48	111	30
$\beta_{x,y}^*$ at IP6, IP8 (p+p)	\mathbf{m}	0.85	0.85		0.85 -	_
$\beta_{x,y}^*$ at IP6, IP8 (p+p) $\beta_{x,y}^*$ at e-lens (p+e)	m	10.5	15.0		15.0 -	_
lattice tunes (Q_x, Q_y)		(0.695)	5,0.685)	-(0.6	95, 0.68	35) —
rms emittance ϵ_n	$\mu\mathrm{m}$	3.3	2.8	3.5	2.4	1.9
rms beam size IP6/8 σ_n^*	$\mu\mathrm{m}$	165	150	170	150	125
rms beam size e-lens σ_n	$\mu\mathrm{m}$		630	700	645	520
rms PRL 115, 264801 (2015)					week ending 31 DECEMBER 201	
hour						

Operational Head-on Beam-Beam Compensation with Electron Lenses in the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

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Head-on beam-beam compensation has been implemented in the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider in order to increase the luminosity delivered to the experiments. We discuss the principle of combining a lattice for tuture, without and with lens (ξ sensitive to orbit, tune, chromaticity etc.)

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Summary

Status

- Au+Au $L_{avq} = 8.7x10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (44x design)
- $p\uparrow+p\uparrow$ $L_{avg} = 1.6x10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (1.3x design), $P_{avg} = 53\%$
- Au+Au energy range $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 200 \text{ GeV}$ (lowest $E \sim 1/3$ of nominal injection)
- flexibility to collide any ion with any other ion from p↑ to U
- leveled luminosity for STAR

Upgrades

- Au+Au at √s_{NN} = 200 GeV: 2x L_{avg} increase in bunch intensity, MPS
- Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 20$ GeV: 3-4x L_{avg} increase in bunch intensity, construction of 1st bunched beam electron cooler

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- p↑+p↑: 3-4x L_{avg}
 increase in bunch intensity while maintaining polarization
 full use of head-on beam-beam compensation
 - maintain flexibility



27 39 56 62 130 193 200 410 500 510

Cu+Au Au+Au

U+U