

# An overview of RHIC beam-beam experiments

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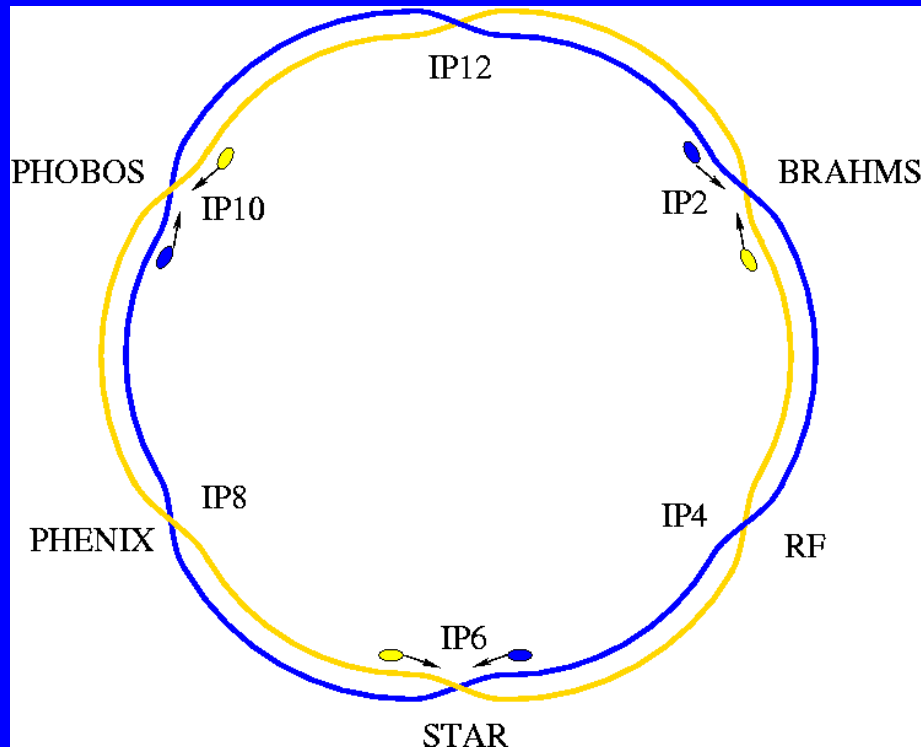


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**LHC beam-beam effects and beam-beam compensation**  
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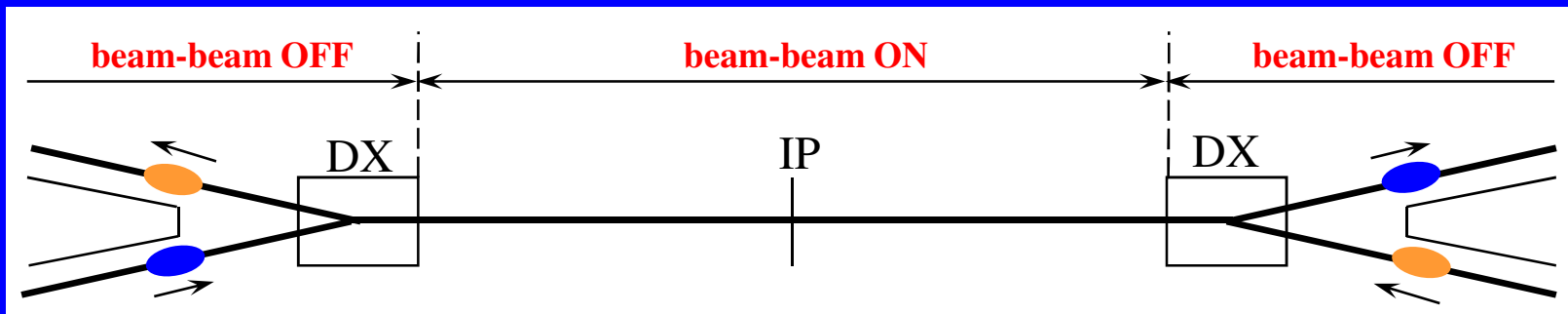
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(beam-beam limited)
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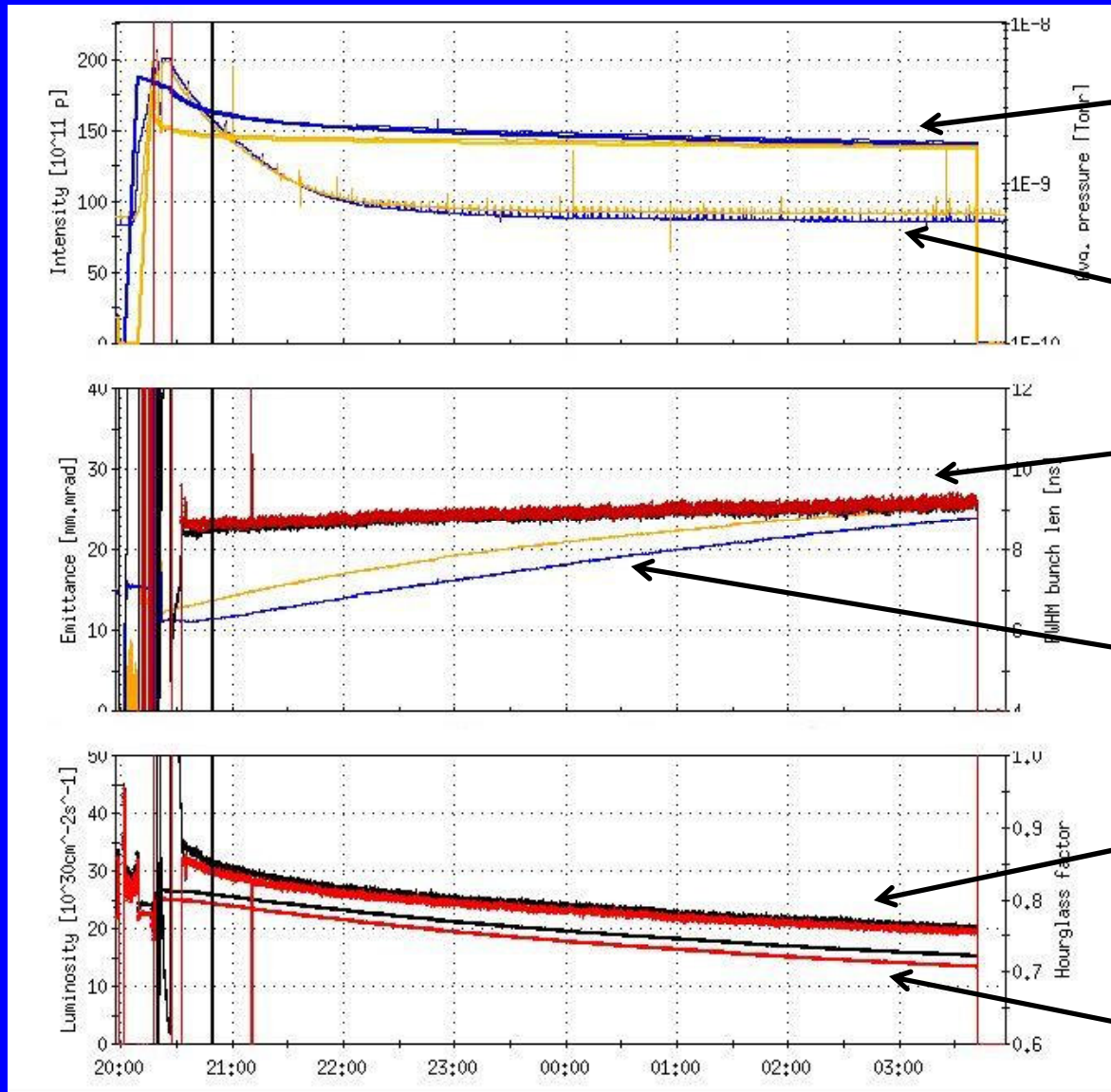
# RHIC layout



- Two independent rings
- Nominally no crossing angle
- No parasitic collisions in stores  
( $15\sigma$  vertical separation in non-collision IPs)
- Beam-beam couples 6 bunches  
(3 Blue and 3 Yellow)



# 2008 polarized proton performance



intensities

pressure (warm regions)

emittances

bunch lengths

luminosity

hourglass factors

# Beam lifetimes 2008

Beam intensities fitted to

$$N = A_1 \exp(-t / \tau_1) + A_2 \exp(-t / \tau_2)$$

$A_1 \approx 6\%$  of  $(A_1+A_2)$

**Blue**

$A_2 \approx 94\%$  of  $(A_1+A_2)$

3%

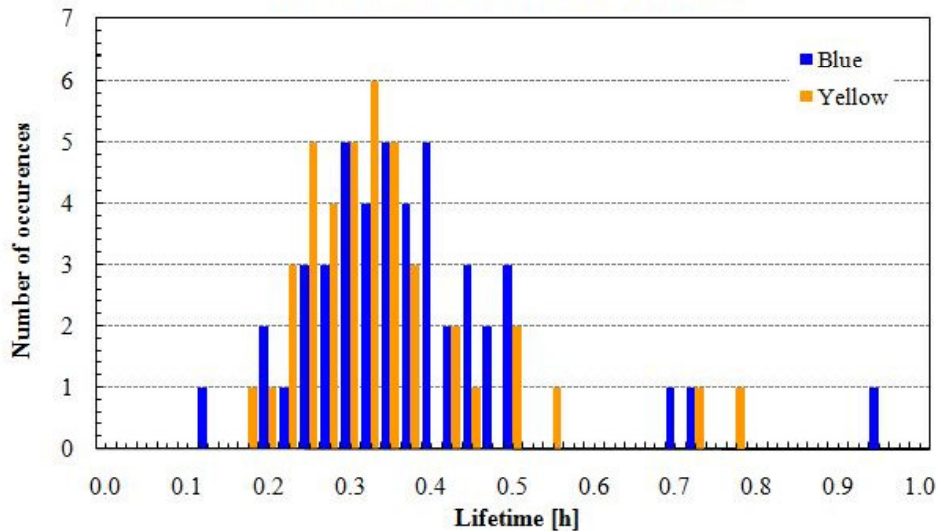
**Yellow**

97%

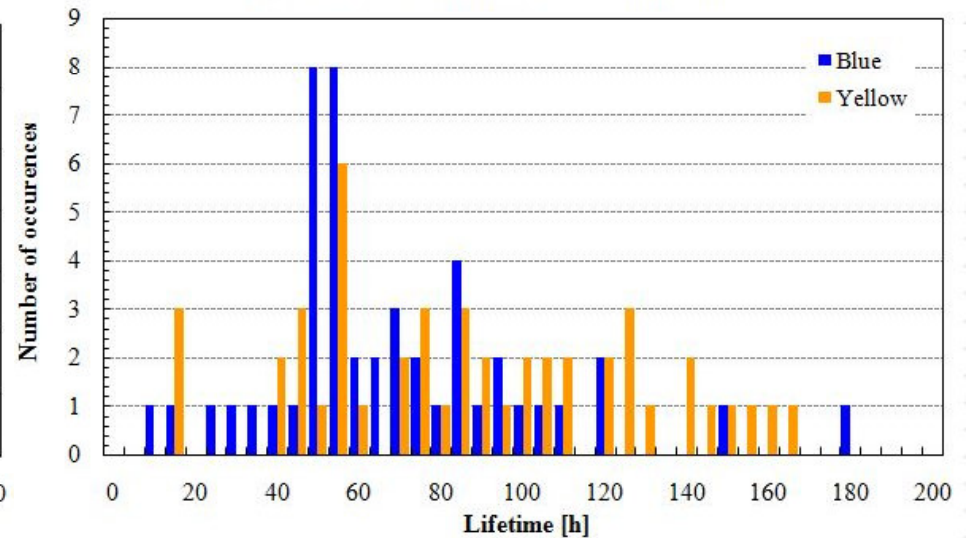
$\tau_1 \approx 0.35$  h

$\tau_2 \approx 50$  h

Proton beam lifetime, fast decay component



Proton beam lifetime, slow decay component

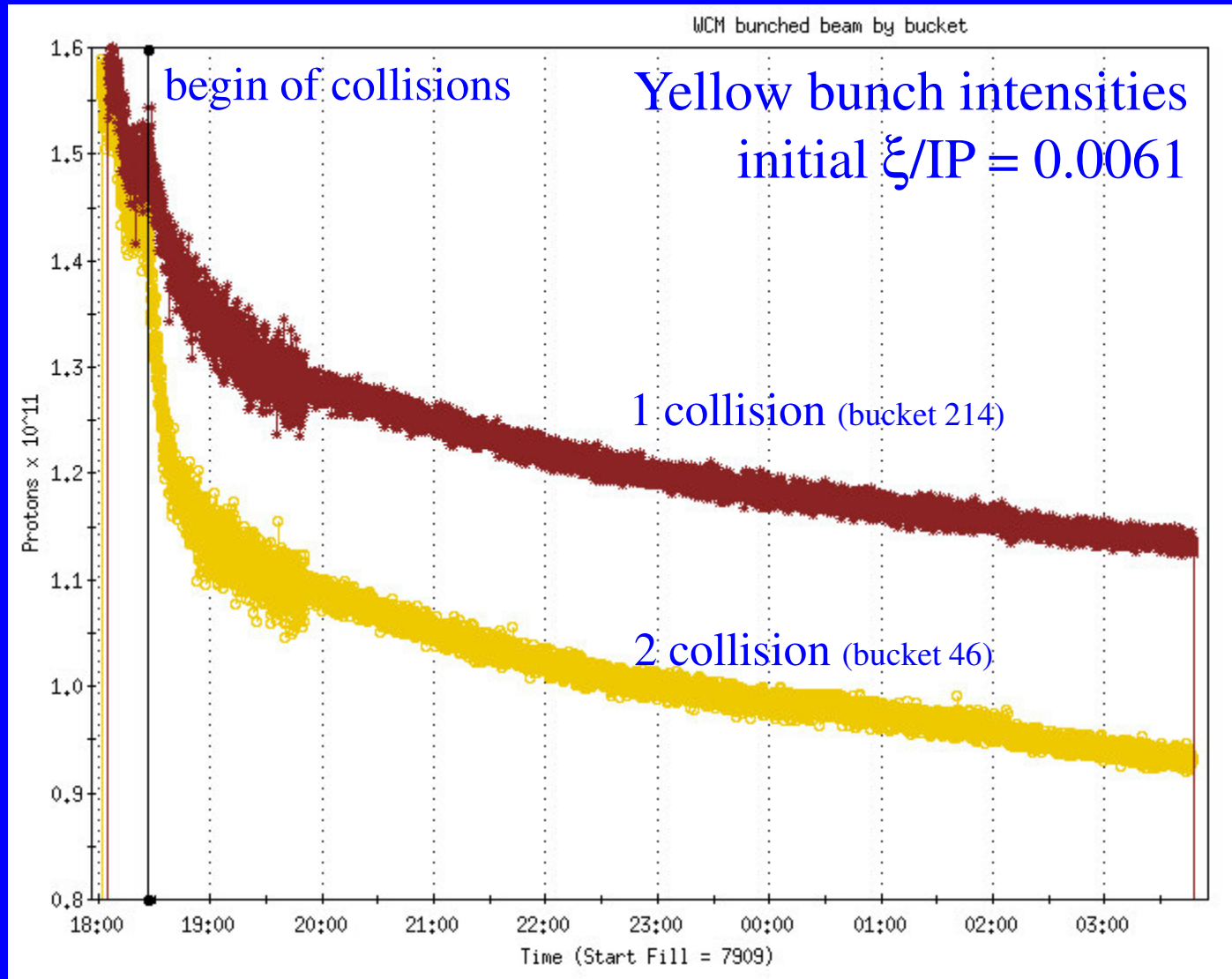


Initial beam lifetime from non-beam-beam effects is  $\approx 700$  h

(calculated, including burn-off, residual gas interactions, IBS, elastic beam-beam).

**Beam losses are dominated by beam-beam in conjunction with other effects.** 5

# Beam lifetimes with 1 and 2 collisions (2006)



# Luminosity lifetimes 2006

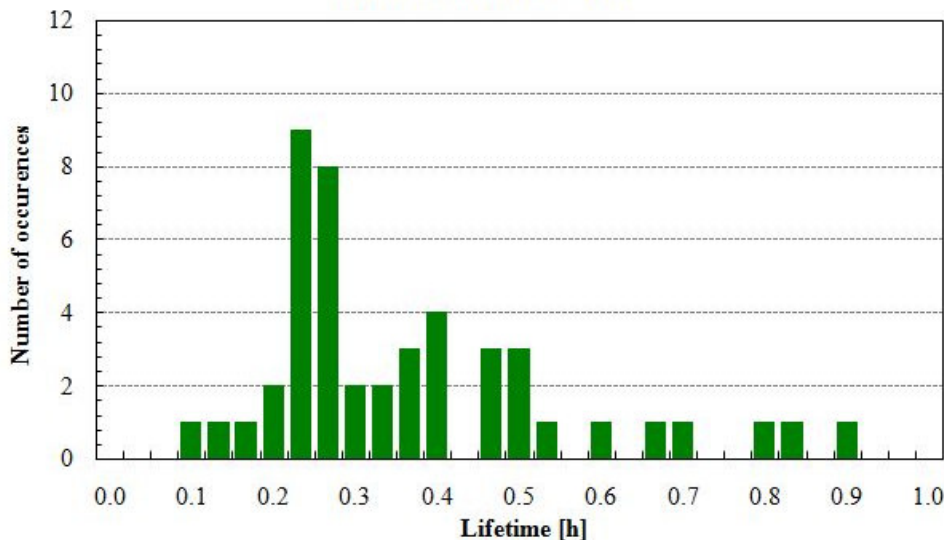
Luminosities fitted to

$$N = A_1 \exp(-t / \tau_1) + A_2 \exp(-t / \tau_2)$$

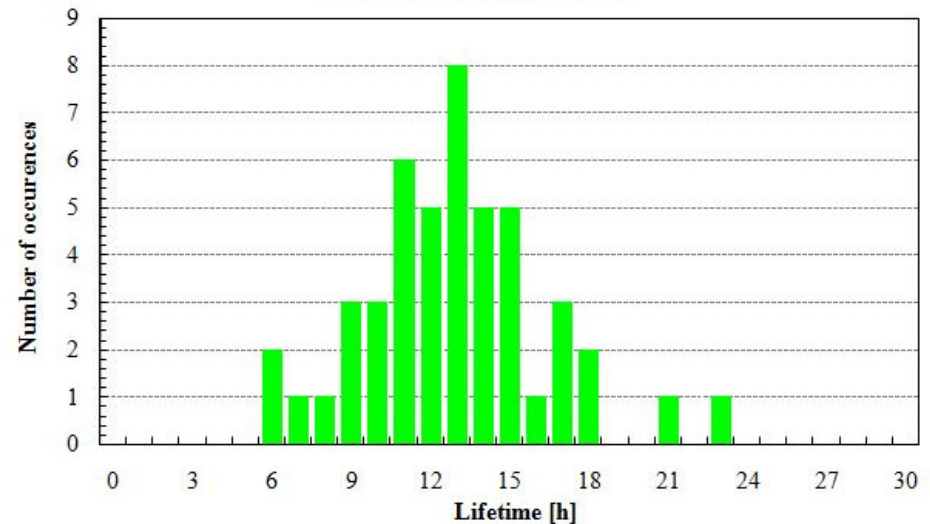
$$A_1 \approx 10\% \text{ of } (A_1 + A_2)$$
$$\tau_1 \approx 0.3 \text{ h}$$

$$A_2 \approx 90\% \text{ of } (A_1 + A_2)$$
$$\tau_2 \approx 12 \text{ h}$$

Luminosity decay, fast part



Luminosity decay, slow part



Initial luminosity lifetime from non-beam-beam effects is  $\approx 40 \text{ h}$   
(calculated, including burn-off, residual gas interactions, IBS, elastic beam-beam).

**Luminosity lifetime is dominated by beam-beam effects.**

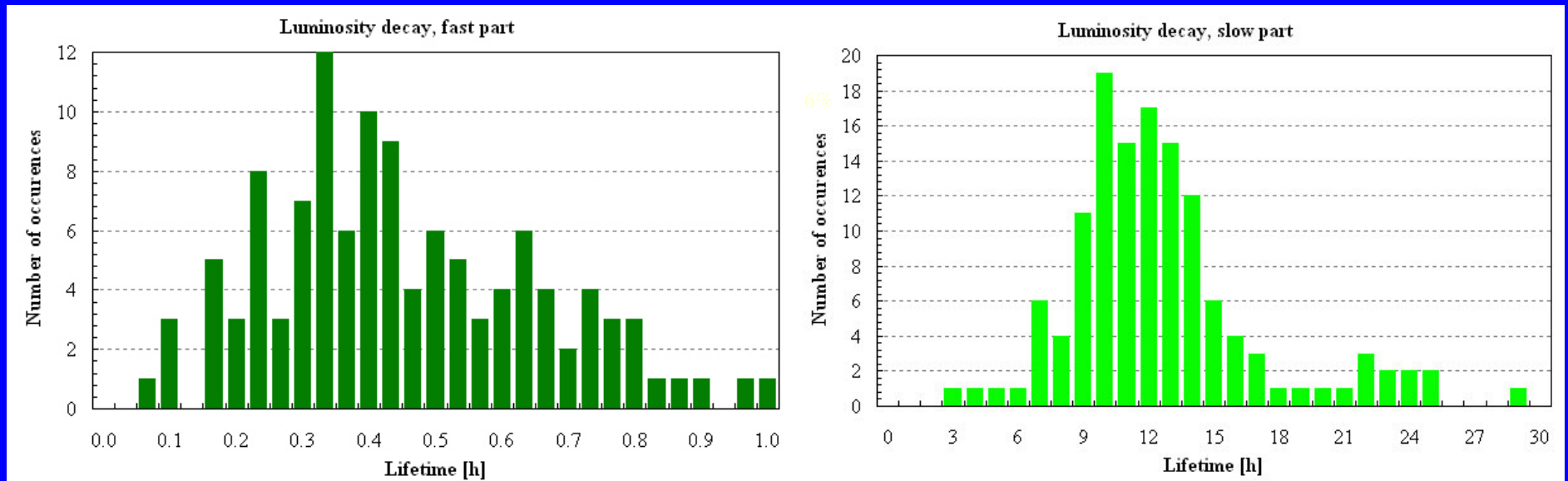
# Luminosity lifetimes 2008

Luminosities fitted to

$$N = A_1 \exp(-t / \tau_1) + A_2 \exp(-t / \tau_2)$$

$A_1 \approx 12\%$  of  $(A_1+A_2)$   
 $\tau_1 \approx 0.4$  h

$A_2 \approx 88\%$  of  $(A_1+A_2)$   
 $\tau_2 \approx 12$  h



Initial luminosity lifetime from non-beam-beam effects is  $\approx 40$  h  
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# Polarized proton luminosity goals

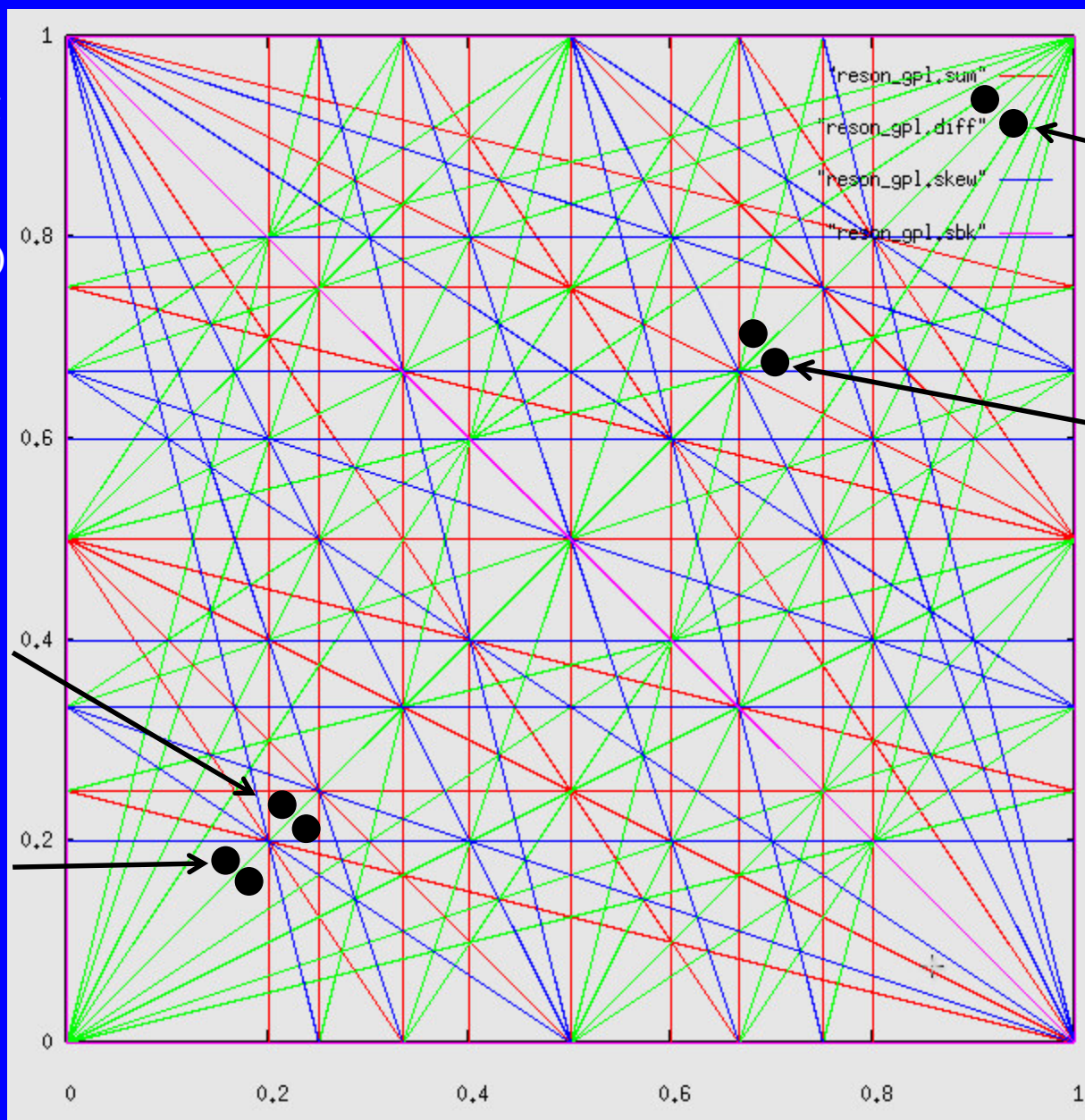
Parameter	unit	Achieved (2006/08)	Next $\mathcal{L}$ goals ( $\geq 2011$ )
Energy	GeV	100	100 (250)
No of bunches	...	111	111
Bunch intensity, initial	$10^{11}$	1.5	2.0
Emittance, initial	mm.mrad	20	20
Beam-beam parameter $\xi/IP$	...	0.0056	0.0075
$\beta^*$	m	1.0	0.7 (0.5)
Hour-glass factor	...	0.76	0.76
<b>Peak <math>\mathcal{L}</math></b>	$10^{30}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	<b>35</b>	<b>90 (300)</b>
<b>Average <math>\mathcal{L}</math></b>	$10^{30}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	<b>23</b>	<b>60 (200)</b>
<b>Polarization <math>\mathcal{P}</math></b>	%	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>

# RHIC tunes tested so far

$\Delta Q$  = space  
between limiting  
resonances  
(disregarding  
resonance width)

Ion tunes (2)  
(0.235,0.225)  
 $\Delta Q = 0.022$

Design tunes (1)  
(0.19,0.18)  
 $\Delta Q = 0.033$

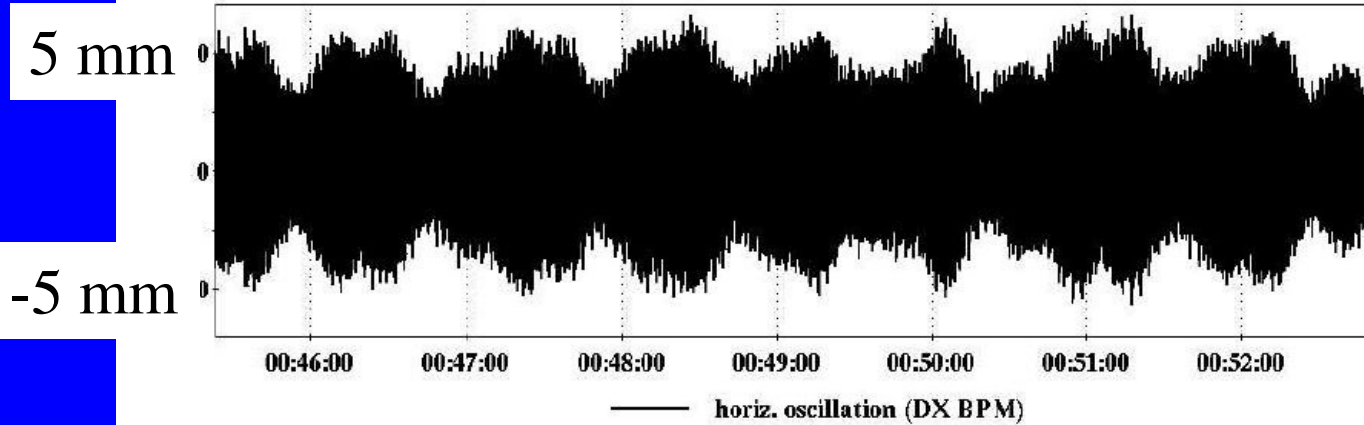


Proton tunes (4)  
(0.96,0.95)  
 $\Delta Q = 0.1$

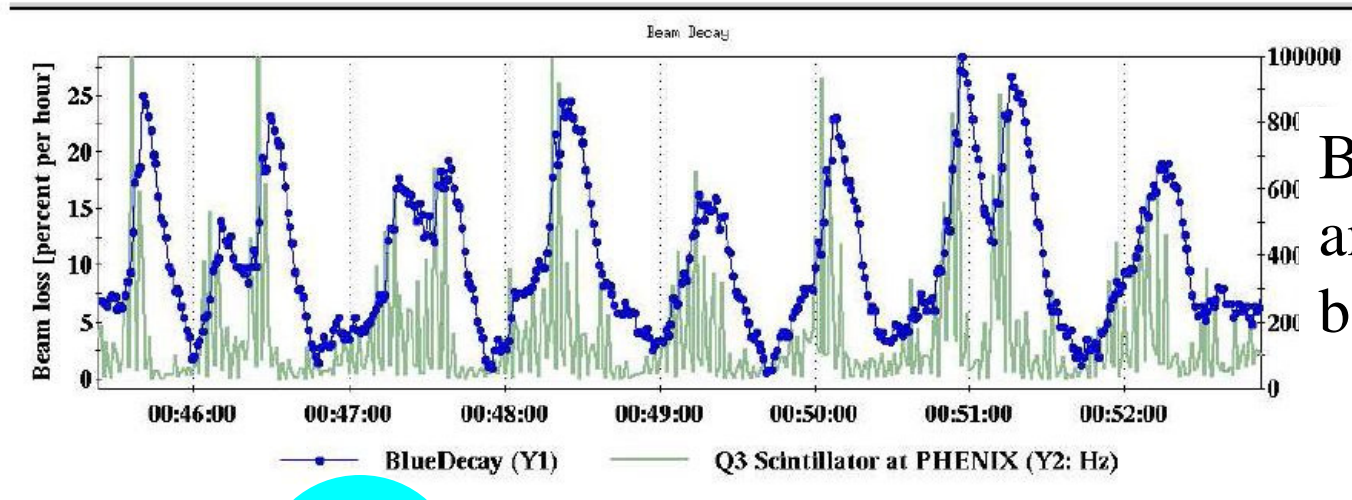
Proton tunes (3)  
(0.695,0.685)  
 $\Delta Q = 0.033$

(also constraints  
from polarization)

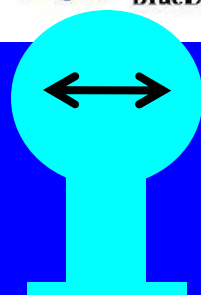
# Effect of 10 Hz triplet vibrations at near-integer WP



Orbit motion  
in triplet



Beam loss rate  
and experimental  
background

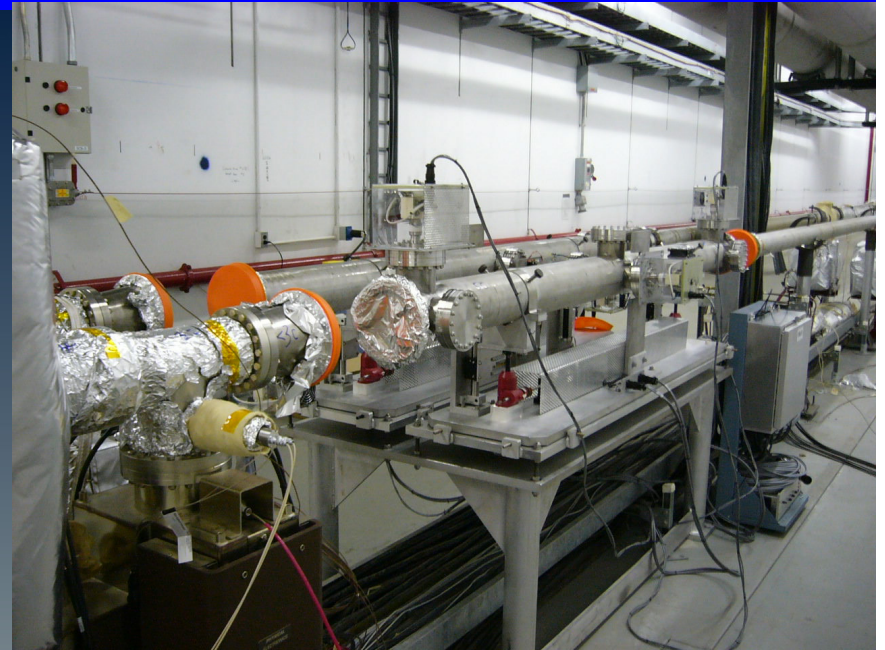
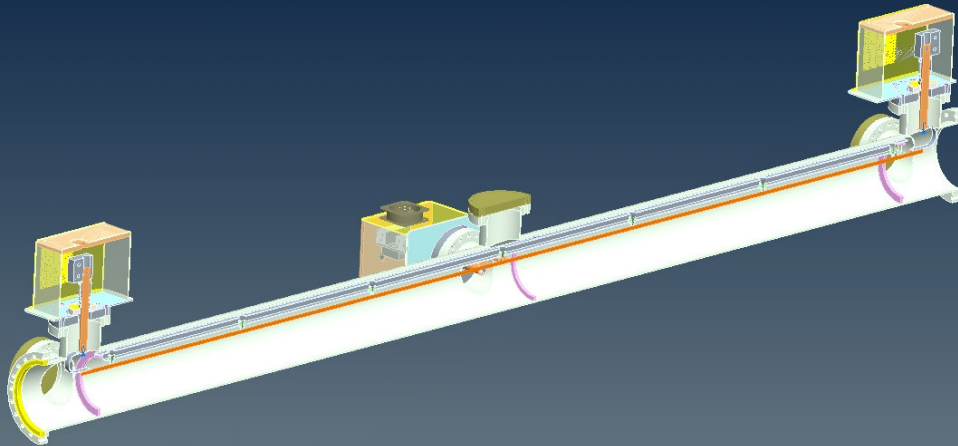


Triplet magnets are inverted pendulums  
with 10 Hz eigenfrequency

**Cryo line decoupled, cold-mass feedback  
test installed this shut-down**

# Long-range experiments with wire

- Long-range beam-beam effects in RHIC only on ramp, possibly with upgrades
- 2 wires installed to study long-range effect (collaboration within U.S. LHC Accelerator Research Program)



Vertically movable wires, maximum integrated strength of  $125\text{Am}$   
( $\sim 13$  LR interactions with  $N_b = 2 \times 10^{11}$ ).

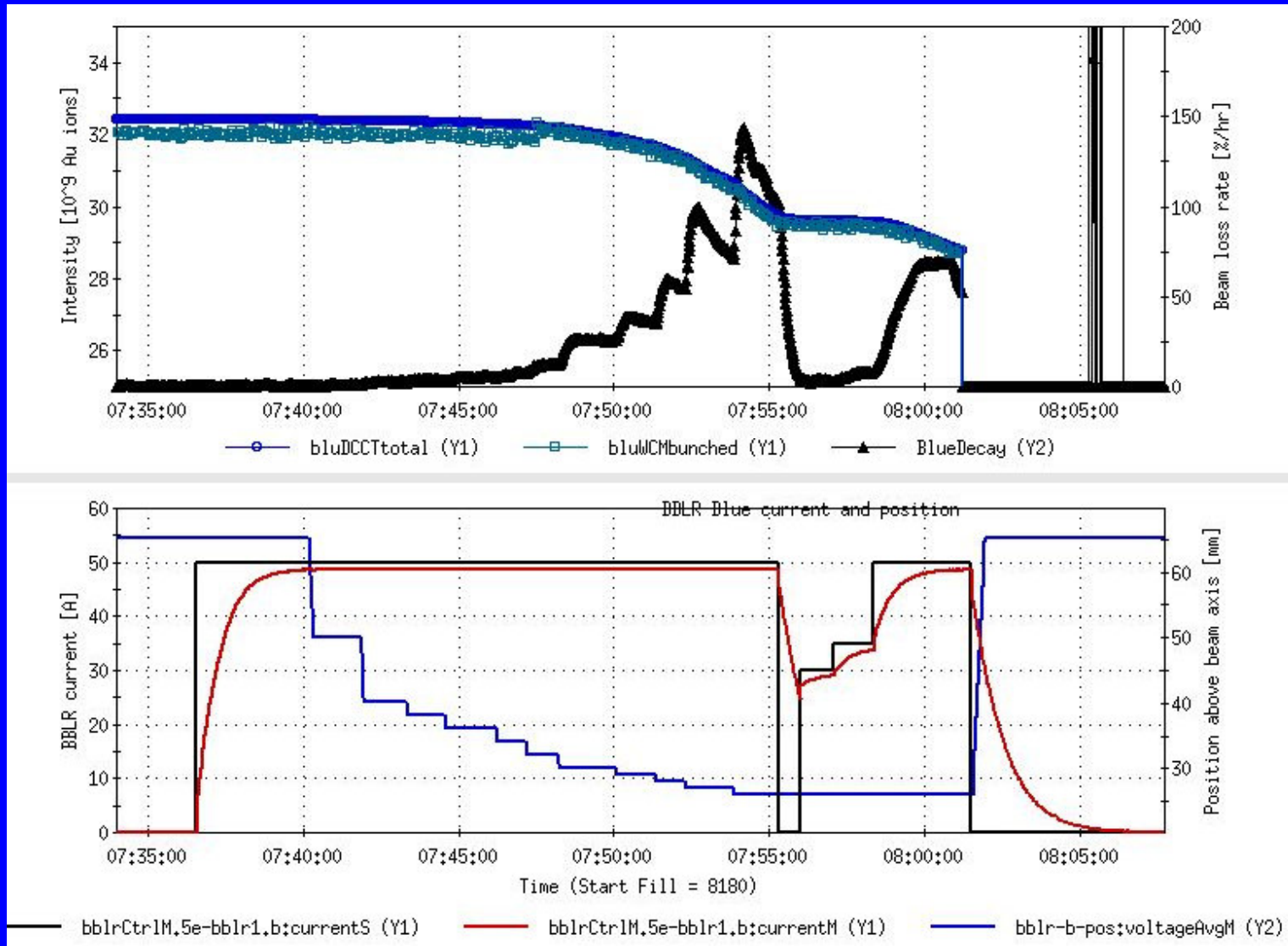
# Long-range beam-beam experiments in RHIC

Measurements are

beam lifetime observations with variations in separation, strength (wire), and other parameters (tune, chromaticity)

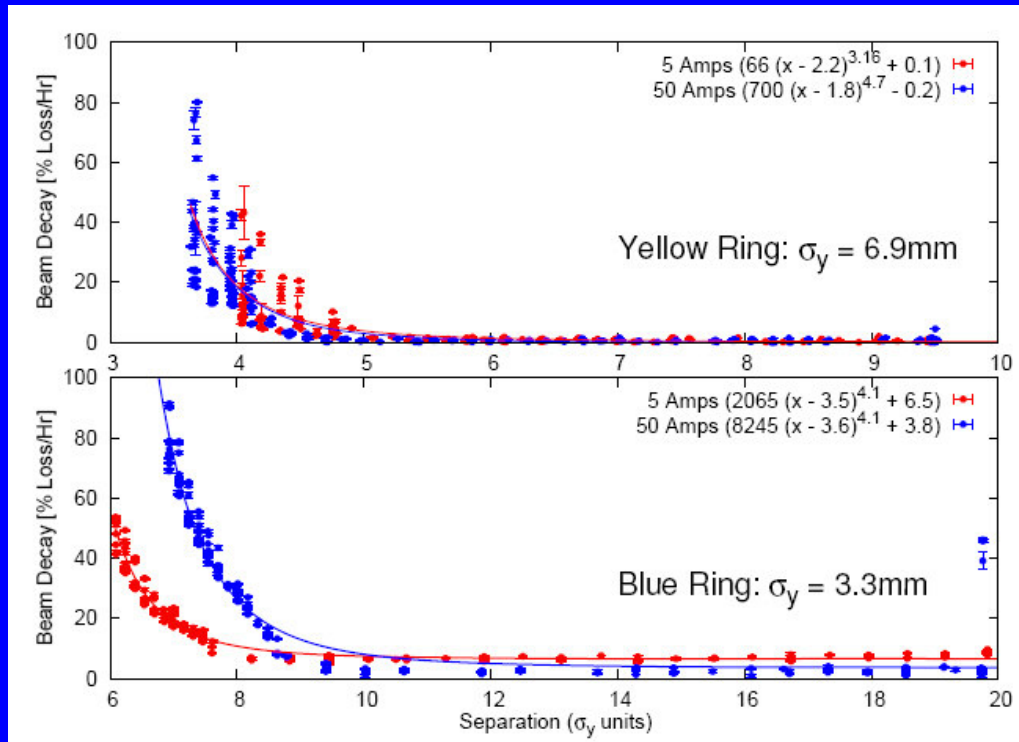
- 2005: long-range with p-beam at injection
- 2006: long-range with p-beam at store
- 2007: long-range with Au-beam & wire at store
- 2008: only (parasitic) test d-beam & wire (short p-run)
- 2009: likely to have p-beam available

# Scan with d-beam in 2008 (01/28/08, fill 9664)



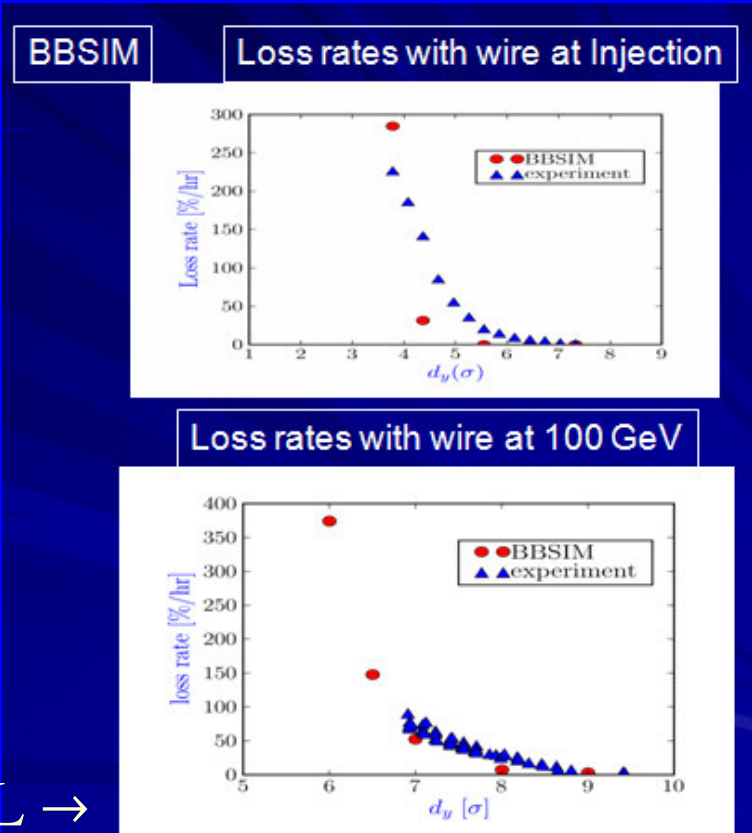
# Long-range measurement and simulation

Experiments so far: distance, current and chromaticity scans with Au, for comparison with simulations



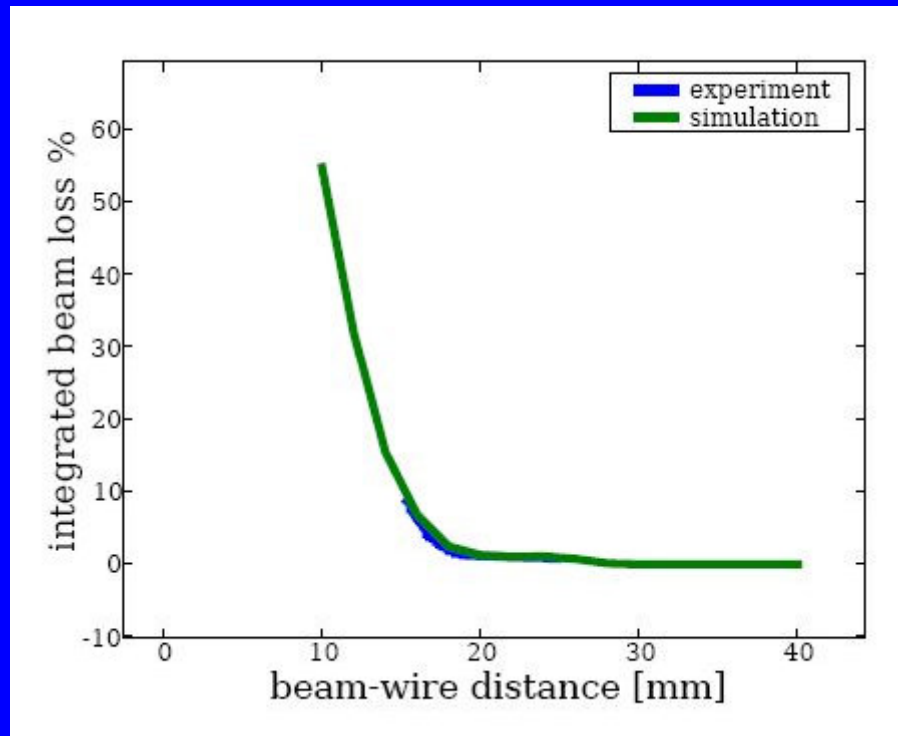
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Onset of large losses reproduced within  $1\sigma$ .

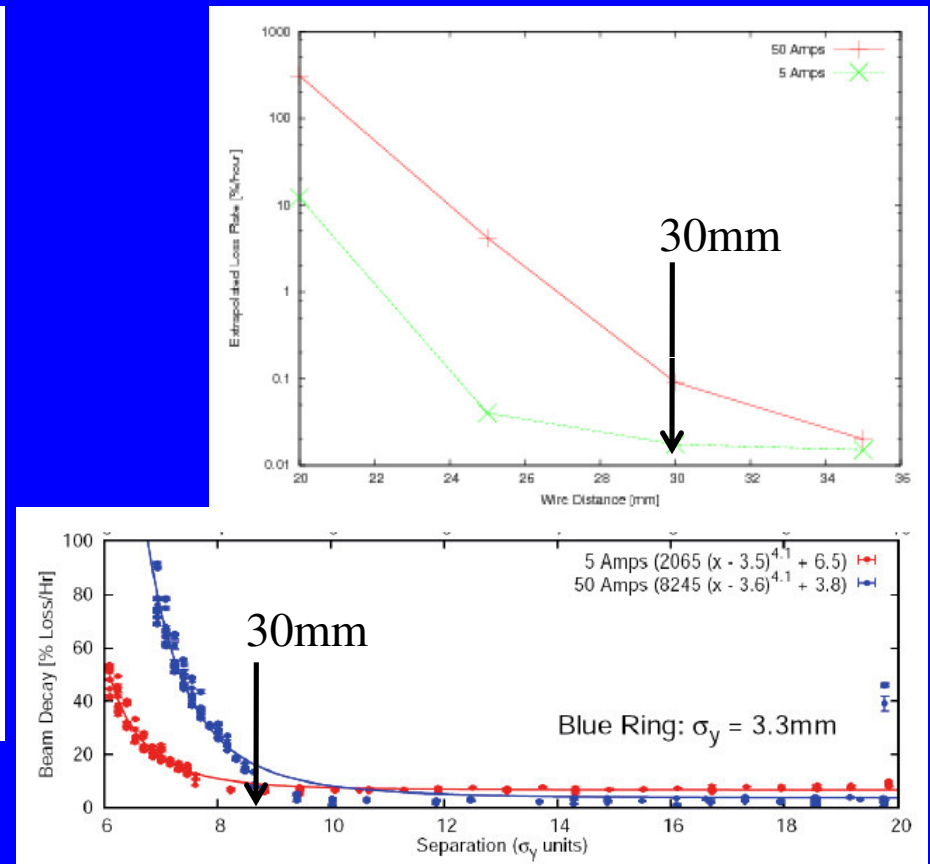


# Long-range measurement and simulation

Simulation by U. Dorda for Au beam with wire 12.5Am



Simulation by A. Kabel for Au beam with wire 12.5 & 125Am

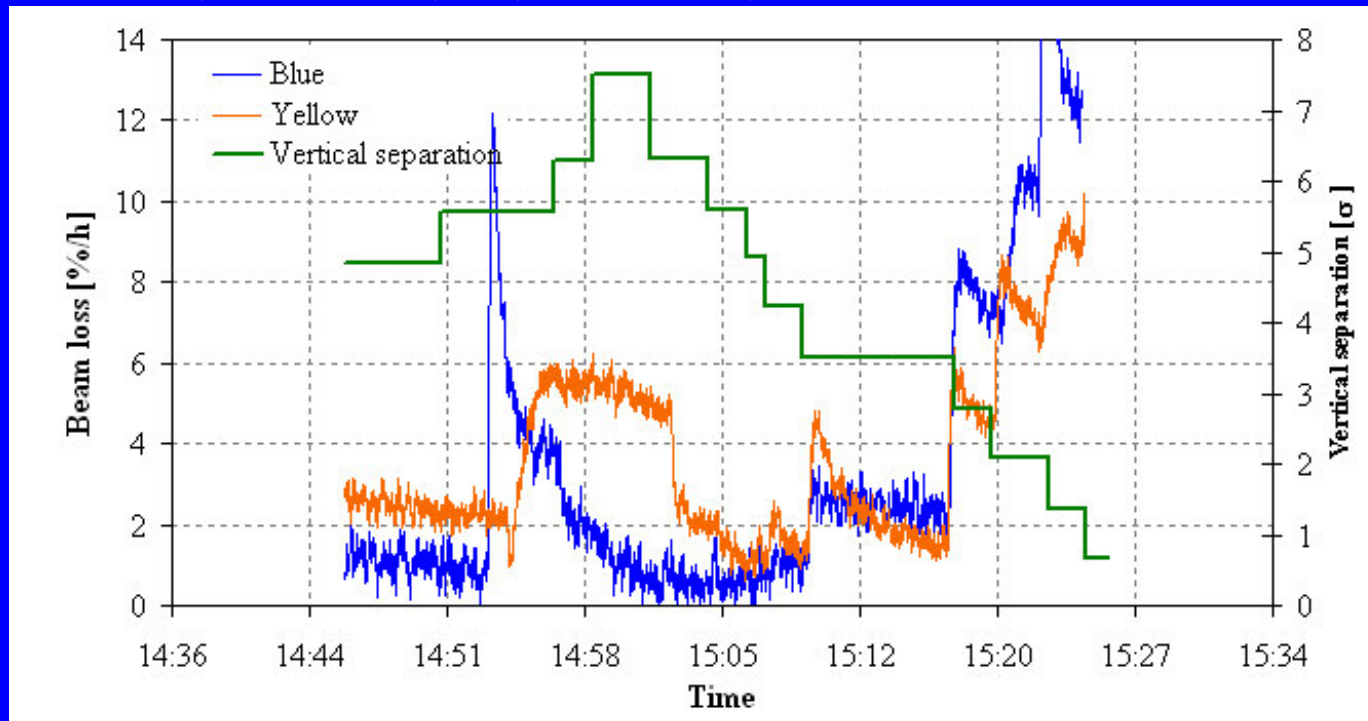


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# Minimum beam separation

Collision at  $s = 10.6$  m, Yellow beam moved vertically (after 15:00)  
Tunes B (0.739,0.727) Y (0.727,0.738)



Onset of losses from long-range interaction seen in experiments:

- at  $4\sigma$  for single beam LR interaction (picture above)
- between  $5-9\sigma$  with wire (strong dependence on WP and chromaticity)

[N. Abreu, “Beam-beam with a few long-range encounters at long distance”, BEAM’07.]

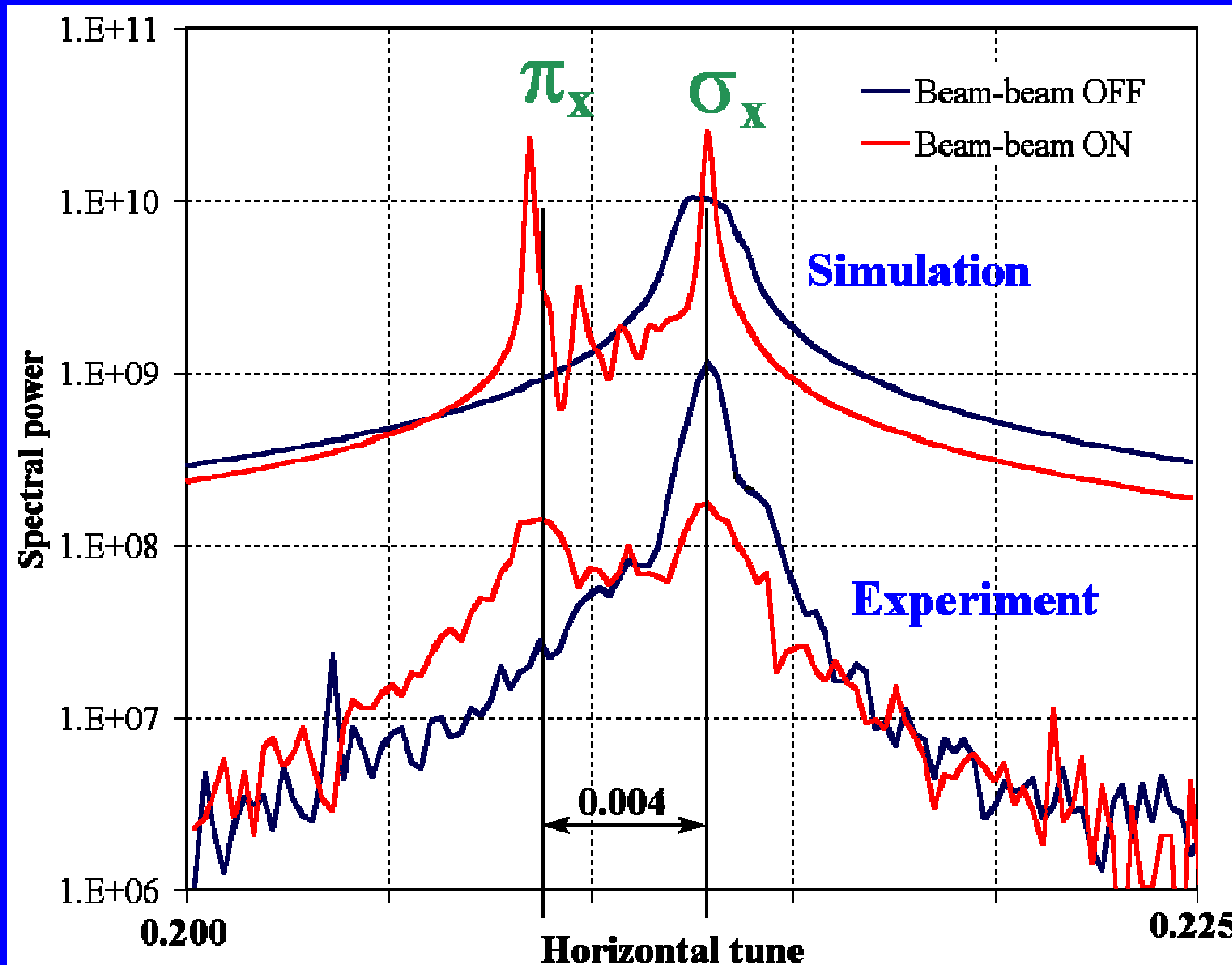
# Planned test with RHIC BBLR wires in 2009

- Will ask for 3×3 hr dedicated time again
- Would like to test effect on background with protons too (parasitic)
- Parameter scans (distance, strength) with protons
  - Including head-on
  - Different working points than for Au  
(LHC working point mirrored at 0.5)
- Attempt to compensate one long-range interaction

## Other beam-beam experiments in previous years

- Coherent  $\pi$ -mode generation and suppression
- Resonance driving terms with beam-beam  
(planned with AC dipole, not yet carried out)
- Lifetime and background as function of  $(Q_x, Q_y)$
- Tunes scans at injection and new WP (R. Tomas)
- Near-integer WP (C. Montag)
- BTF measured and simulated (T. Pieloni)

# Coherent effects – $\pi$ - and $\sigma$ -modes with excitation



## Experiment:

- single p bunch/ring
- $\xi = 0.003$
- $|\mathcal{Q}_{x,B} - \mathcal{Q}_{x,Y}| < 0.001$

## Observation:

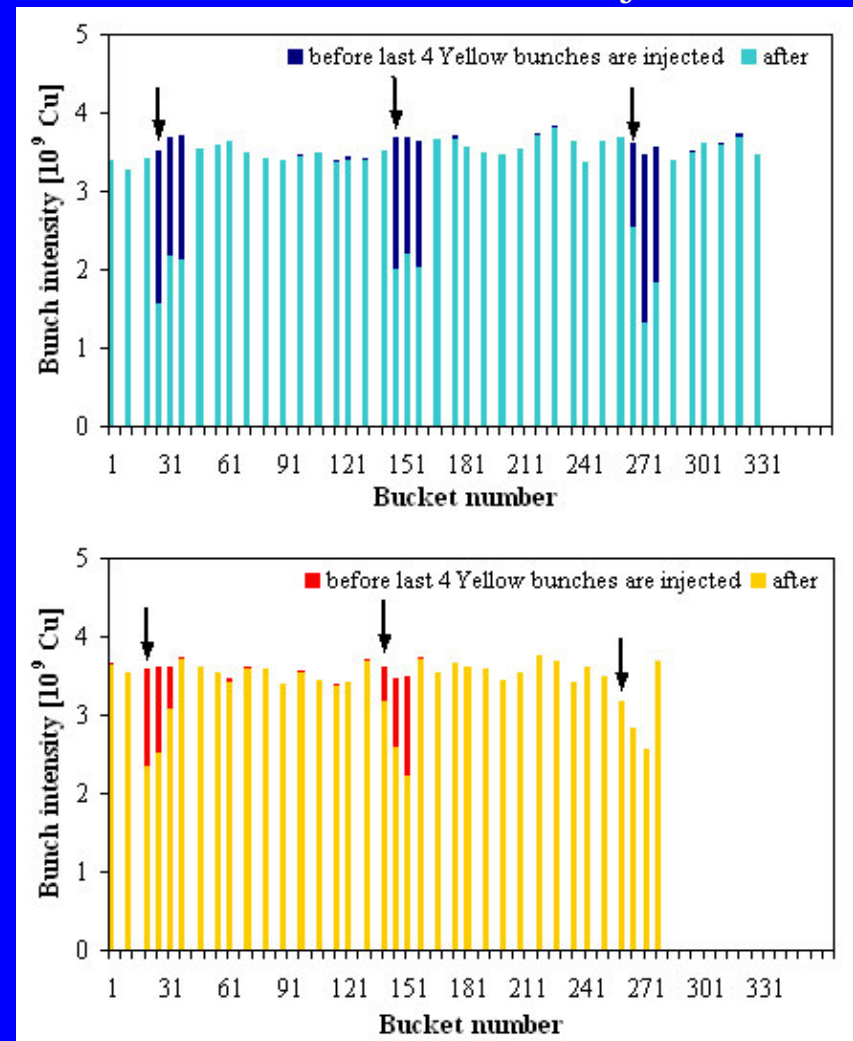
- $\pi_x$ -mode shift: 0.004
- expectation:  
 $1.21 \cdot \xi = 0.0036$   
 [Yokoya, Meller, Siemann]

[Simulation: M. Vogt et al., DESY, "Simulations of coherent beam-beam modes at RHIC", EPAC02]

# Coherent effects – bb coupled bunches unstable

Bunch intensity before and after last 4 bunches are injected.

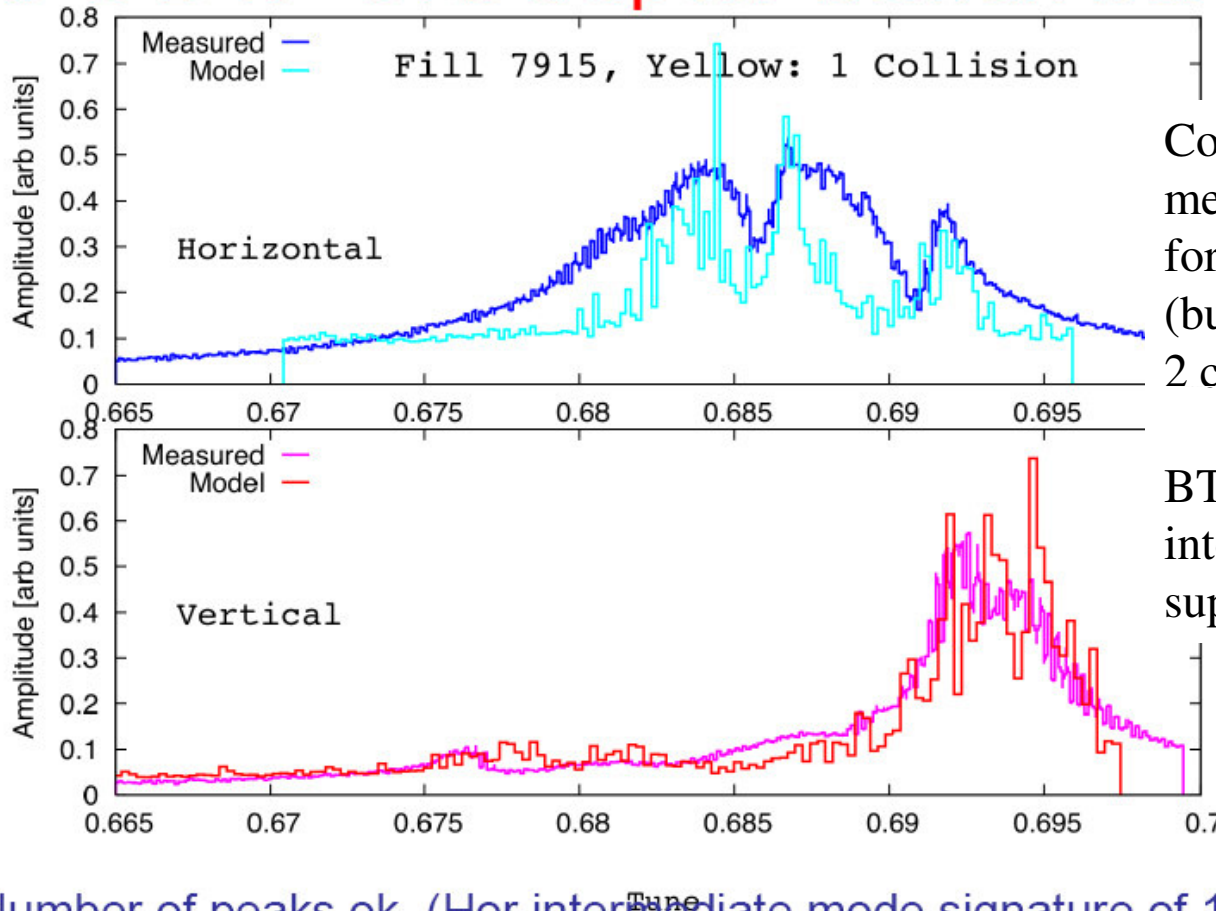
- Instability triggered by strong-strong beam-beam interaction with  $\text{Cu}^{29+}$  at injection (right)
- Also observed with  $\text{Au}^{79+}$  at low energy, possibly with p
- Can be suppressed with tune and chromaticity changes
- Not an operational problem currently, but keep Blue and Yellow tunes apart as a precaution



# Observation of tune distributions with BTFs

Simulations with COMBI by T. Pieloni, EPFL/CERN

## MPS BTF ON: SuperPacman bunch



Comparison between measurement and simulation for super-pacman bunches (bunches with only 1, not 2 collisions)

BTF detector sees most intense bunches, i.e. super-pacman bunches

- 1) Number of peaks ok, (Hor intermediate mode signature of 1 HOcoll)
- 2) Location of peaks ok, (tune distribution shift to higher freq)

# BB & e-lens simulations in US

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- **FNAL**

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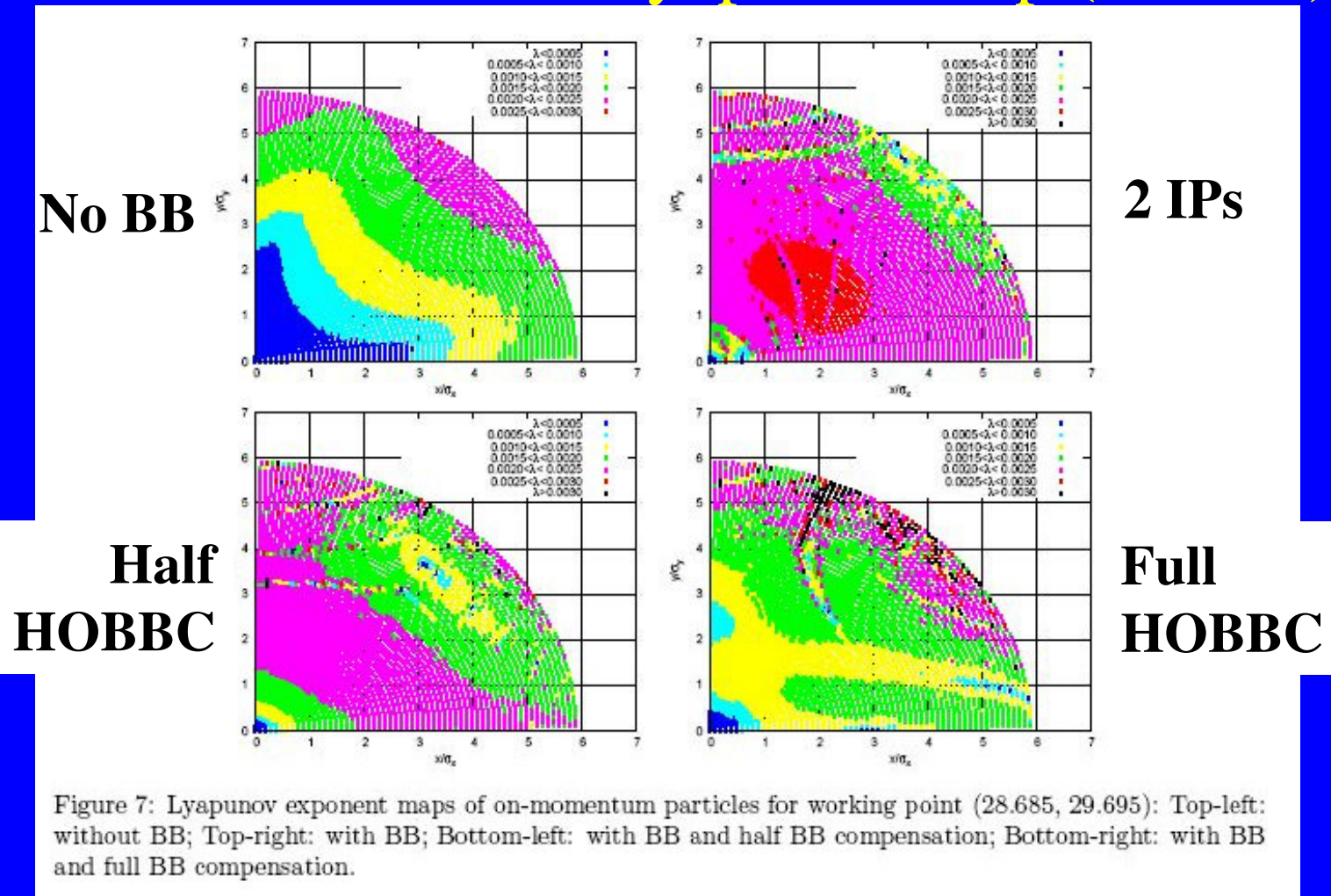
- **LBNL**

J. Qiang

- **SLAC**

A. Kabel

# E-lens simulation Lyapunov map (Y. Luo)



Y. Luo, W. Fischer, and N. Abreu, "[Stability of single particle motion with head-on beam-beam compensation in the RHIC](#)", BNL C-A/AP/310 (2008), also EPAC08.



## (My) conclusions from e-lens simulations so far

1. Established methods used to evaluate magnet errors fail for electron lenses:
  - All particles are chaotic (i.e. no chaotic boundary)
  - DA not a good measure for bb since bb force becomes small at large amplitudes
2. None of the short-term evaluations gives a reliable answer for long-term behavior
  - Tune footprints, tune diffusion maps and Lyapunov exponent maps
3. Simulations generally show improvements in particle behavior below  $3\sigma$  and deterioration above  $4\sigma$ 
  - not clear if this is acceptable in reality

## (My) conclusions from e-lens simulations so far

4. Emittance growth is too noisy in simulations and not useful as a figure of merit
5. Electron lens benefits should be evaluated with beam lifetime simulations
6. Beam lifetimes can be simulated
  - over a few minutes with standard tracking models and large numbers of particles (BOINC, many thanks to E. McIntosh and F. Schmidt)
  - over longer periods with other models (LIFETRAC, diffusion models)
7. Beam lifetime simulations must be
  - benchmarked with measurements
  - tested for robustness of results due to small parameter changes (for example phase advance between IP and e-lens)

# Summary

- Recent proton operation (2006/08) with
  - $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} = 35 \times 10^{30} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{avg}} = 23 \times 10^{30} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - $\xi/\text{IP} = 0.006$  and  $\Delta Q_{\text{bb,tot}} = 0.012$
  - Luminosity lifetime of 12 h, dominated by bb effects
- Long-range experiments
  - Beam lifetime measurements with p-beam and wire still outstanding
  - Onset of large losses reproduced within  $1\sigma$  for a number of measurements and with different programs
  - Onset of losses from long-range interaction seen in experiments:
    - at  $4\sigma$  for single beam LR interaction
    - between  $5\text{-}9\sigma$  with wire (strong dependence on WP and chromaticity)
- E-lens simulations are under way
  - Methods used to evaluate magnets not usable
  - Need to rely on beam lifetime simulations (covering a few minutes real time)