## Review of RHIC visit, 17-25 Jan. 2005

## RHIC overview

- RHIC collimation system
- Benchmarking of ICOSIM
- Conclusions



### The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider Run-5 Copper-Copper Operation 2004/05



... and the most violent blizzard recorded in Long Island during the last decade took place on January 22-23 !

### **RHIC** has many similarities with LHC

- Two intersecting superconducting rings
- Complex injector chain
- Operation with protons and heavy ions

#### But also differences

- The RHIC rings have magnets in separate cryostates, combiner/splitter magnets around IP's are only common magnets
- RHIC is not in a deep tunnel, but just covered with soil
  - $\rightarrow$  radiation issues
- Purpose of collimation is mainly reduction of experimental backgrounds

	Circumference	Energy / nucleon	Stored energy / beam	rms Emittance	chamber width (arc)
	m	GeV/u	MJ	μ <b>m (norm,)</b>	mm
RHIC p	3834	200	0.2	2.5-10	78
RHIC Au		100	0.2		
RHIC Cu		100	0.2		
LHC p	26659	7000	362	3.8	44
LHC Pb		2760	3.8	1.5	

### Luminosity Limit - Intra-Beam Scattering (IBS)



- Debunching requires continuous gap cleaning (tune meter)
- Luminosity lifetime requires frequent refills
- Ultimately need cooling at full energy









# RHIC Collimator Configuration

- RHIC was originally built with a 1-stage collimation system only:
  - 1 dual plane h/v scraper with 45 cm copper jaws, linear motion in both planes, skew motion only in horizontal
  - 1 bent crystal collimator for studies in 1 ring (yellow) only
- The system was upgraded after the 2003 run because of high experimental backgrounds and gap cleaning demands. Crystal approach proved non sufficient.

## RHIC overview: collimation system 2004 and upgrade



### 2000-2003: 1-stage system including bent crystal in 1 ring

### 2004:

Traditional 2-stage system with 2 horizontal and 1 vertical secondary collimators

### 2005:

Traditional 2-stage system with 2 horizontal and 2 vertical secondary collimators

# Collimator Section Layout New Collimation System

In the shutdown 2003-2004 the collimation system was upgraded to a conventional 2stage system including new individual secondary collimators for both planes. The new system was first used in the run 2004 for both, Au and protons.



# Collimator Design

### 45 cm copper jaws One side only Rotatable, positioning: few μm



cross-section of the primary collimator (dual plane)





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# Loss Limitations

- Operational limit: keep allowable loss budget (radiation safety), monitored hour by hour
- Quench limit:
  - magnet quenches due to accidental local losses during ramp/store => BLMs
  - magnet quenches at beam dump due to debunched beam => gap cleaning
- Soil activation (not under radiation protection), depends on integrated yearly losses
- Experimental backgrounds: need 'clean' beams to allow good signal/noise ratio in experiments and keep false trigger rate small (dead time)

# Gap Cleaning: Motivation and Method

- gap cleaning is necessary due to the extensive debunching of HI beams (quenching risk)
- method:
  - debunched beam is excited transversely (continuously during the store: 1Hz) using damping kickers
  - the collimation system absorbs the large amplitude particles (in addition to halo)
- debunched is almost completely lost at collimators, efficiency relies on collimator performance to avoid increase of exp. backgrounds

# Cleaning ON vs. cleaning OFF:



56 x 56

#### yellow:

cleaning off, started around 3:30 to allow clean beam dump

#### blue:

cleaning on, debunched beam is continuously excited and absorbed by collimators

# Automatic Steering Algorithm



RHIC has 5 jaws per ring, most allow both, linear motion and angular motion (to parallelize with beam). Potentially time consuming!

### => 18 degrees of freedom (+ 4 more next run)

#### Requires automation (3 steps):

- 1. Move to **STDBY** position (based on BPM readings)
- Move Closer to beam (based on loss monitor feedback, serial)
- **3. Remove Halo/Store** (based on lattice functions, parallel)



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# Collimation during Fill 4854 (Au) in the blue ring



Serial collimator steering (mode: Move Closer), following parallel mode does not improve backgrounds.

Vertical lines denote when each collimator moves. Background improvement approx. x6.

Note: secondary vertical collimator quite efficient.

### Benchmarking of ICOSIM with RHIC data

• Concept:

compare loss maps measured with BLM's with those computed from ICOSIM

- RHIC has ion-chamber BLM's all around the rings. Normally they cannot distinguish between losses in BLUE and YELLOW ring.
- During normal store BLM's on cryostats see nothing until something goes wrong.
- Sometimes continues abort gap cleaning is off, but gap is cleaned before beam abort. This is a case when BLM signals go high and loss map for one ring can be obtained by subtracting loss map before cleaning from loss map during cleaning.
- To start with some existing log files of loss maps were used. Data obtained in a more controlled manner would be desirable.
- An overall calibration factor and the ratio between BLM's on cold and warm sections were used as free fit parameters.

### **RHIC BLUE** downstream of collimators during abort gap cleaning



Particle losses downstream collimators,  $\tau_{beam}$ =60min



#### Comparison ICOSIM (black) with BLM data during gap cleaning











### Comparison ICOSIM (black) with BLM data during gap cleaning



### **Conclusions on benchmarking**

- First comparisons show that ICOSIM results are not unreasonable
- For RHIC parameters the separation between different ion species is less pronounced. Therefore difficult to get results on ion fragmentation in different channels.
- More data with better controlled conditions would be desirable, i.e. loss maps with only one collimator in and all others out.

#### Some observations

• Quite sophisticated ramp.

- o Beam goes through transition, thus requiring phase and chromaticity flip
- o squeeze starts after transition to avoid change of sign for dB/dt
- o control of hor./vert. coupling during ramp remains an issue
- o control of chromaticity during ramp remains an issue
- Tune meter kicker is a key instrument, although the hardware is relatively simple (fixed pulse height and length, but timing and sign programmable).
- BLM's thresholds programmed as function of beam energy, particle species and BLM. Values empirically. Original theoretical values were to high.
- Bunched beam Schottky monitor key instrument for emittance recording during store.
- Ionisation profile monitor works with experts present.
- Special loss monitors in preparation to detect ECPP beam losses in dispersion suppressor (→John Jowett)
- Emittances for Gold < Copper < Protons
- Proton energy so far limited to 100 GeV by vertical COD in quadrupoles ( $\sim$ 300 µm rms). Vertical COD  $\sim$ 100 µm rms required to keep proton polarisation up to 200 GeV.
- $\rightarrow$  realignment of quadrupoles required
- Integrated luminosity for Ions better than expectation. Detectors need upgrade to profit from more integrated luminosity. Discussion ongoing if next ion runs >2007
- Naming the rings BLUE and YELLOW is very practical
- Long Island is damned cold in January
- Nevertheless you see surfers on the beach !

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