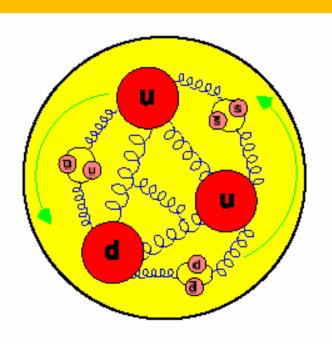
W-Bosons as a Microscope for the Observation of Quarks and Anti-Quarks Inside the Proton

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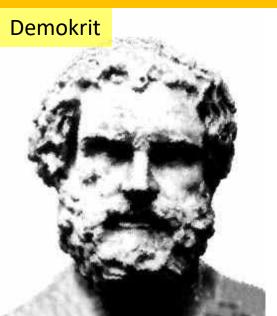


W-Bosons as a Microscope for the Observation of Quarks and Anti-Quarks Inside the Proton

- ☐ From Atoms to Quarks
- □ Particle Accelerators as Microscopes
- ☐ The Weak Nuclear Force as Probe of Proton Structure
- ☐ Turning the PHENIX Spectrometer into a Microscope for Quark and Anti-Quarks



From Atoms to Quarks: What is the Substructure of Matter?



Asked early: Leukipp and Demokrit (~ 450-400 BC)

→ atomic hypothesis!

There are small particles, atoms, of which all matter is made and which cannot be divided in smaller parts.

Some 2400 years & 80 generations later:

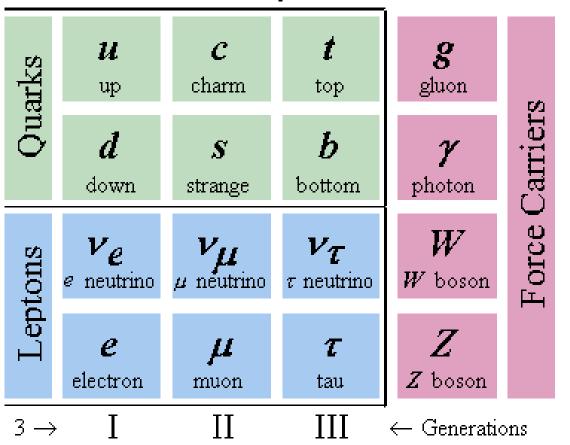
Modern experimental tools may provide quantitative answers in our lifetime!



PHENIX Experiment at Brookhaven National Lab

The Atoms of the 20th Century: Quarks and Leptons

Elementary Particles



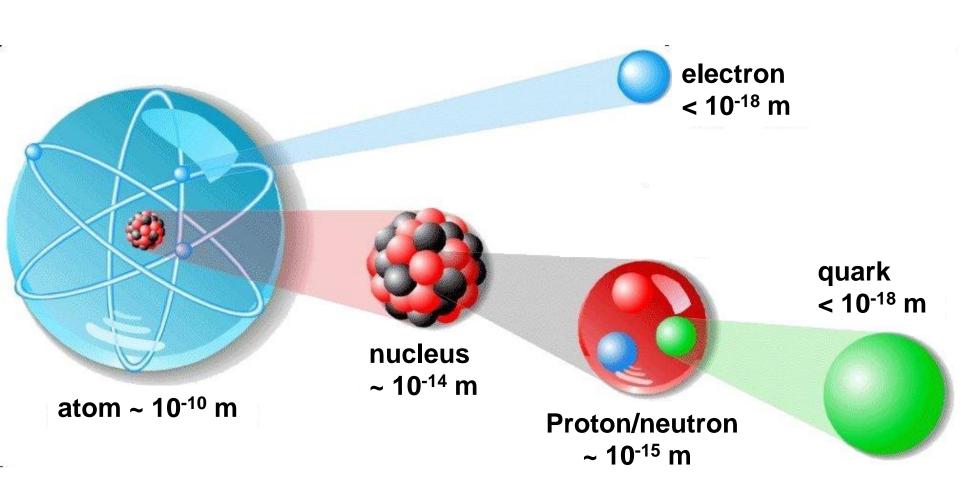
Up- and down-quarks are the building blocks of all **nuclear matter** in the nuclei of atoms.

Electrons make up the shell of atoms.

Forces:

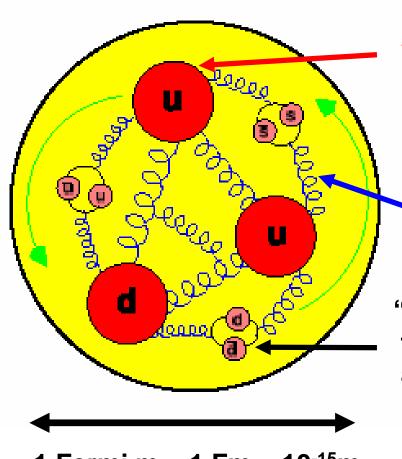
Electromagnetic → Photon
Strong Nuclear → Gluon
Weak Nuclear → Z⁰, W^{+,-}

Synthesis of Atomic Matter from the 20th Century Atoms





The Proton, a Complex System of Quarks, Anti-Quarks and Gluons



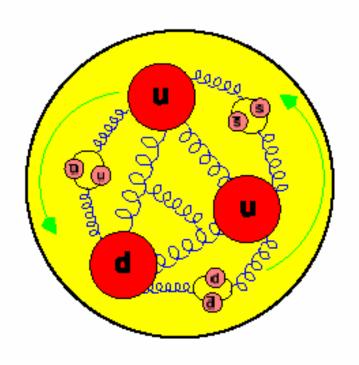
valence quarks: 2 up-, 1 down-quark

gluons, the force carriers of the strong nuclear force.

"sea-quarks": quark-anti-quark pairs that can be formed from a gluon for a short time and annihilate again.



Quark and Gluon Momentum Distributions



relative quark momentum

$$x = \frac{p_{quark}}{p_{proton}}$$

Constituents Particles of the Proton: quarks = u, d, s and gluons

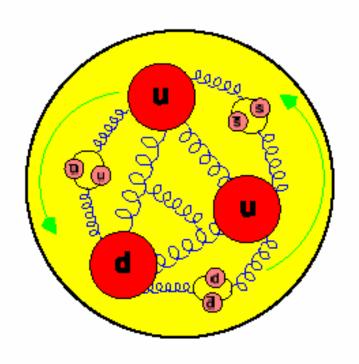
q(x) = quark momentum distribution

Probability to observe a quark q with relative momentum x.

G(x) = gluon momentum distribution

Probability to observe a gluon with relative momentum x.

Quark and Gluon Spin Distributions



relative quark momentum

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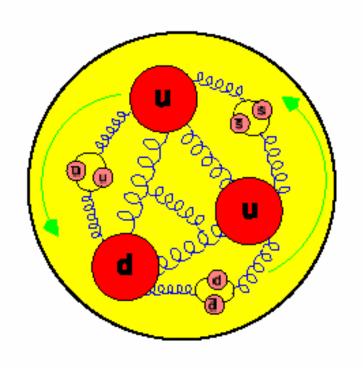
$$\Delta q(x) = \text{quark spin distribution}$$

Probability to observe a quark with relative momentum x contributing to the proton spin.

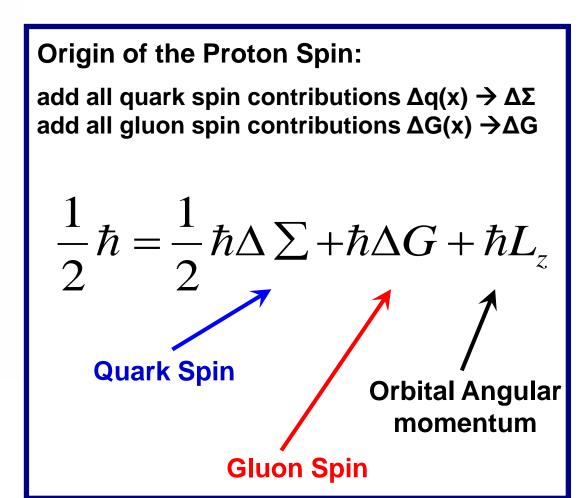
$$\Delta G(x)$$
 = gluon spin distribution

Probability to find gluon with relative momentum x contributing to the proton spin.

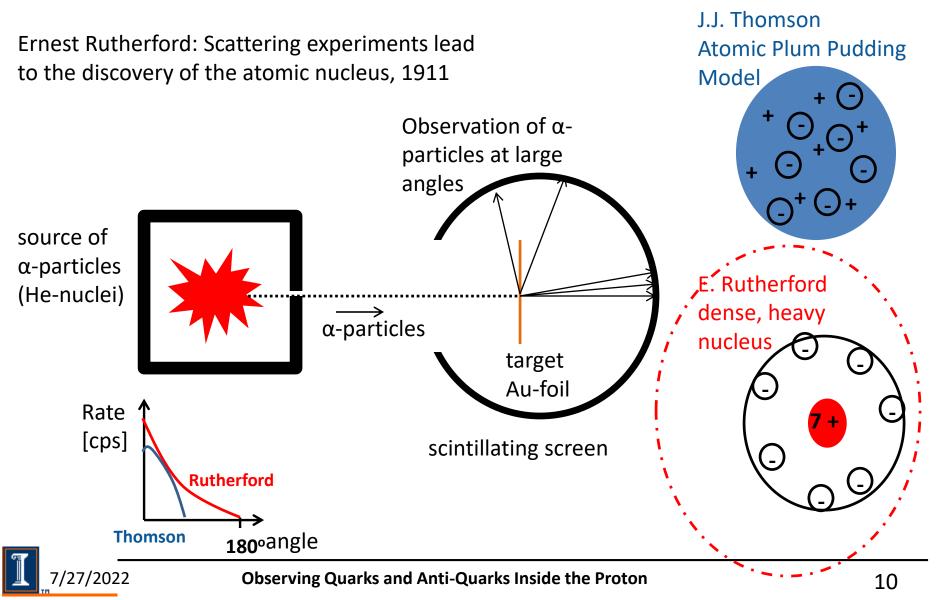
Decompostion of the Proton Spin: Quark Spin + Gluon Spin + Orbital Angular Monentum



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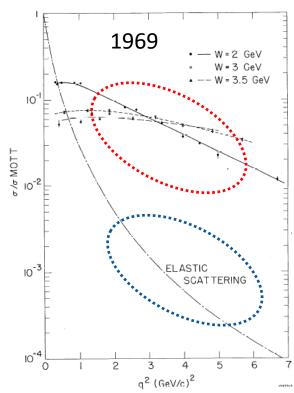


Experimental Method: Scattering of High Energy Particles on Target Material Under Study



Discovery of Quark Structure in Protons Through Electron-Proton Scattering at SLAC

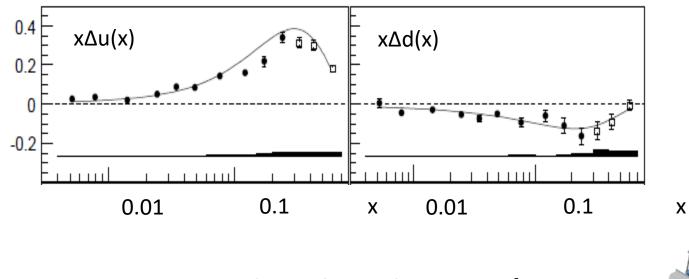




Nobel Prize 1990 for Jerome Friedman, Henry Kendall and Richard Taylor

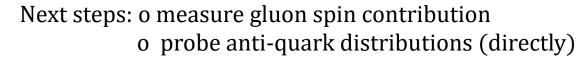
Quark Spin Distributions from the COMPASS Experiment at CERN, Switzerland

COMPASS Phys.Lett. B693 (2010) 227-235



 Δu is positive and contributes about + 0.69 \hbar Δd is negative and contributes about - 0.33 \hbar

The total quark spin contribution , $\Delta\Sigma = 0.3 \hbar$





200 feet

COMPASS

Spectrometer

Impact of COVID on COMPASS



Moving out UIUC built DC5 for repair in clean room at CERN

Replacing 20µm W/Au anodes

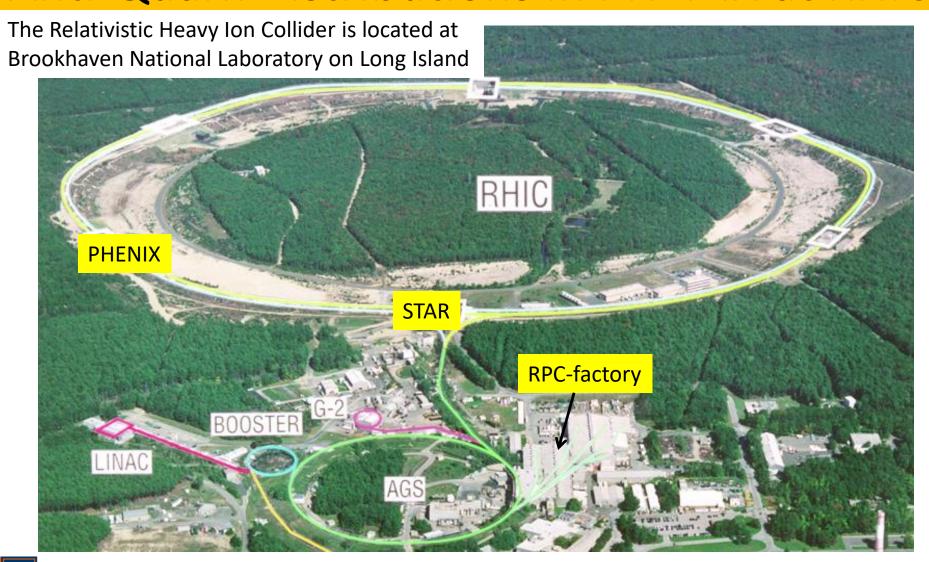




Challenge: bringing UIUC repair team to CERN -> finally succeeded 2-14 - 2-25!



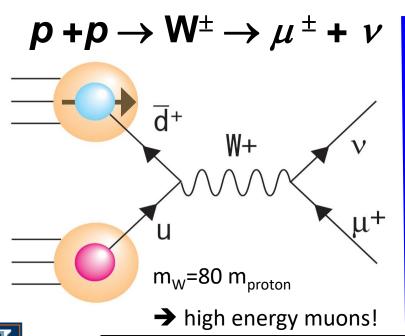
Measurement of Spin-Dependent Anti-Quark Distributions in PHENIX at RHIC

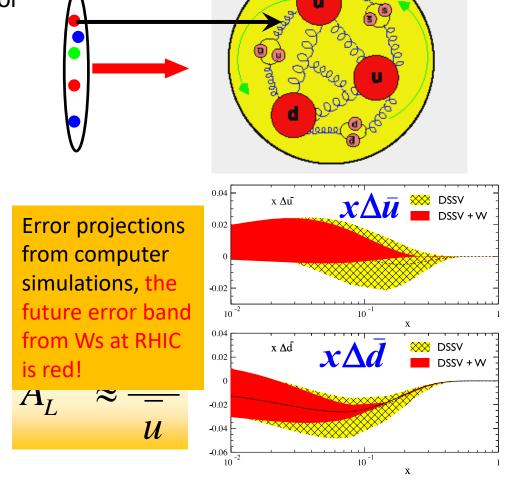


How Can we Probe Proton Spin Structure at RHIC?

At ultra-relativistic energies the proton represents a jet of quarks and gluons

Use the weak nuclear force (W+,--bosons) to directly probe anti-quarks!





The Experimental Challenge in PHENIX

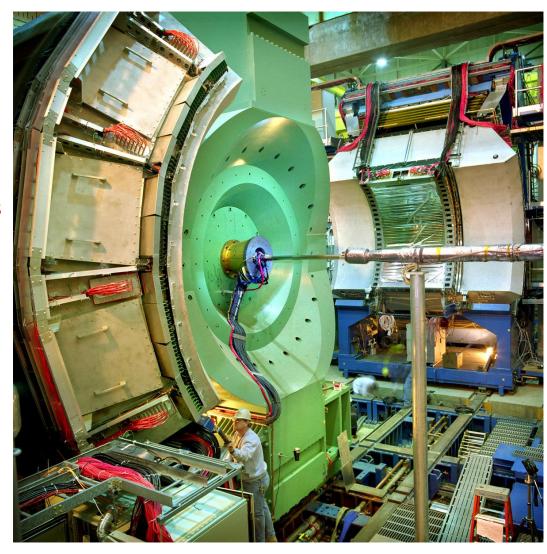
Only 1 (useful) W-boson in 1 billion p-p collisions

Must operate at 5-10 million p-p collisions per second!

PHENIX has 350,000 readout channels 10 MHz corresponds to about 5 TeraByte/second detector data

All raw data are kept for 4 micro sec. after this only selected data can be written to tape (0.5 GigaByte/second)

Need to develop new detectors + fast online computers to find high energy muons from W-boson decay in less than 4 micro seconds!!



The W-Trigger Upgrade in PHENIX

- (I) Develop fast processor boards to identify high energy muons in 4 micro seconds.
- (II) Develop fast readout electronics for existing muon tracking chambers
- (III) Develop additional fast tracking detectors, RPCs, for timing and background rejection

89 physicists from 18 institutions in the US, Japan, Korea and China:

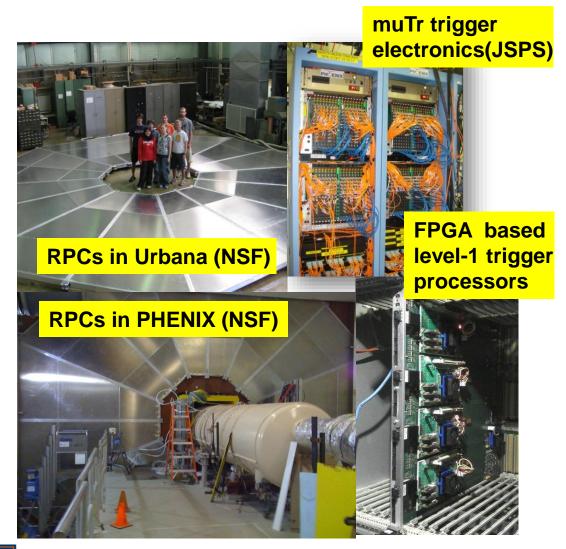
<u>KEK, Kyoto, RIKEN, Rikkyo, LANL, U. New Mexico, Seoul National University (JSPS funded)</u>

<u>UIUC</u>, RBRC, UC Boulder, ISU, CIAE/PKU, Columbia University, GSU, UC Riverside, Korea University, ACU, Muhlenberg College, Hanyang University (NSF funded)

Construction: September 2005 to January 2012

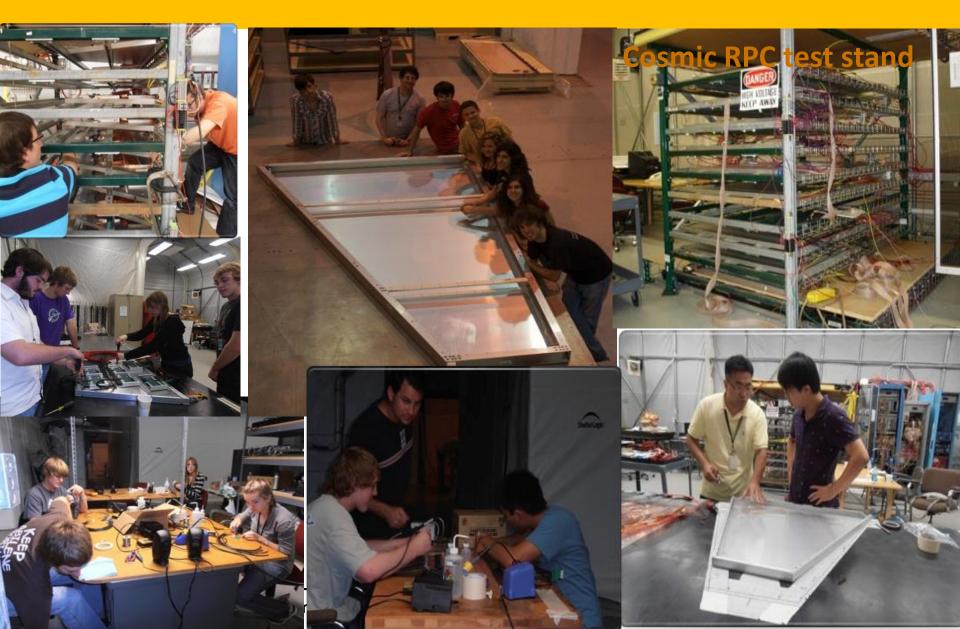


The Construction Project





Assembly in the RPC Factory at BNL



Installation in the PHENIX Spectrometer

PHENIX RPC-1 north (~ 3m)

PHENIX RPC-3 north (diameter ~ 10 m)

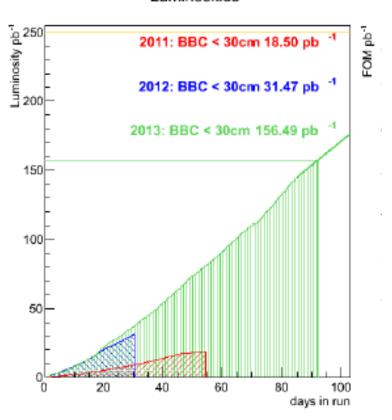




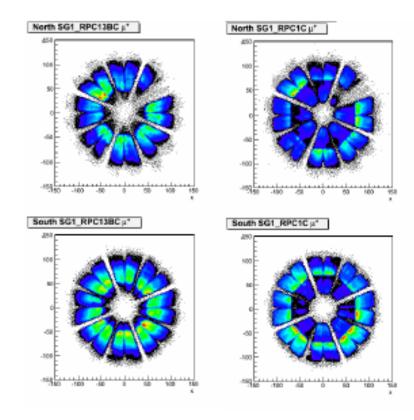
Three Years of Data Taking

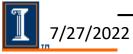
Good Accelerator Performance!

Luminosities



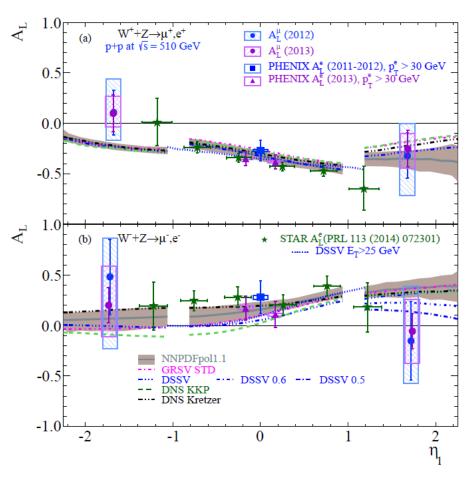
Good Detector Performance!



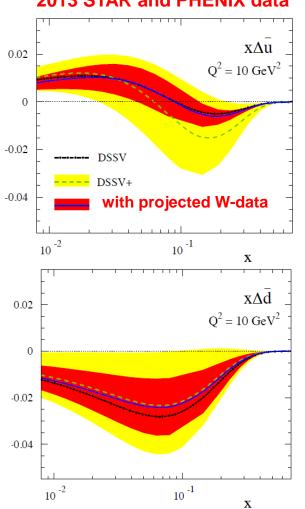


$A_L(W)$ in Runs 2012 & 2013 and Projected Impact on $\Delta \bar{q}(x)$

Final results published PRD in summer 2018:



DSSV: projected impact of new 2013 STAR and PHENIX data



DSSV from "The RHIC Spin Program" Aschenauer et al. arXic:1501.01220

Summary

A large experimental effort in polarized e-p and p-p is underway to determine the spin structure of the proton.

In deep inelastic e-p scattering the quark spin contribution has been found to be 1/3.

W-Production in polarized proton-proton Collisions at RHIC provide unique sensitivity to the anti-quark spin distributions in the proton.

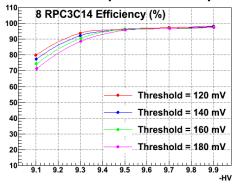
The PHENIX detector was upgraded successfully for W-physics. Data taking has been completed successfully and data analysis has started.

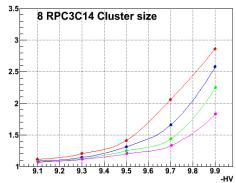


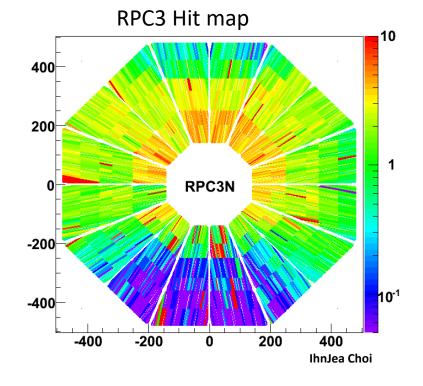
UIUC Group Working the PHENIX W-Trigger and Data Analysis

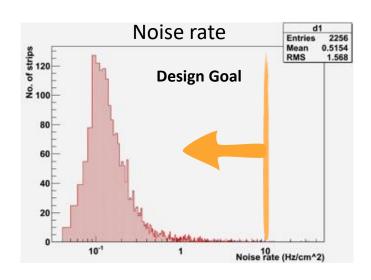


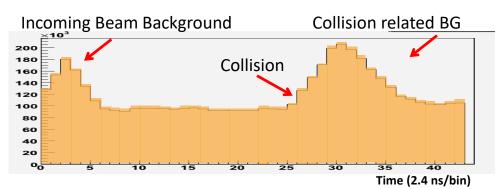
RPC Factory: efficiency & Cluster size











RPC Performance



IhnJea Choi+ Francesca Giordano