

2013-2014 Report on UEC Activities

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The 2014 RHIC/AGS Annual Users' Meeting

A new look for RHIC // Sharpening the view of QCD

Who We Are

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Mei Bai	Past Chair	6/13 - 6/14	Broo	97
Cesar Luiz da Silva	Member	6/11 - 6/14	Los	3
Olga Evdokimov	Member	6/13 - 6/16	Univ	13
Saskia Mioduszewski	Member	6/13 - 6/16	Texa	11
Peter Petreczky	Member	6/13 - 6/15	Broo	90
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UEC Chairs



Incoming Current Outgoing

Our Mission

We represent the interests of the RHIC users within the lab.
We provide a line of contact between users and lab management

We work on

- Quality of Life Issues (Food, Housing, Transportation)
 - Media, Comm., and Outreach (NUFO exhibits)
 - Site Access (problems at the gate?)
 - Funding and Politics
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Generally we try to serve the interests of the users and the field in whatever way is most needed (including lobbying for the interests of RHIC and the wider Nuclear Science Communittee)

Politics: Nuclear Physics DC Day 2013 and 2014

2013 Trip:

33 delegates from RHIC, 24 from FRIB, 7 from JLAB *(all but 2 from Virginia)*

91 visits to congressional offices

21 states were covered

2014 Trip:

21 delegates from RHIC *(out of 90 invitations)*, 25 from FRIB, 9 from JLAB

72 visits to congressional offices

19 states were covered

In both years, the “ask”: support the administrations budget for the Office of Nuclear Physics in the DOE’s Office of Science

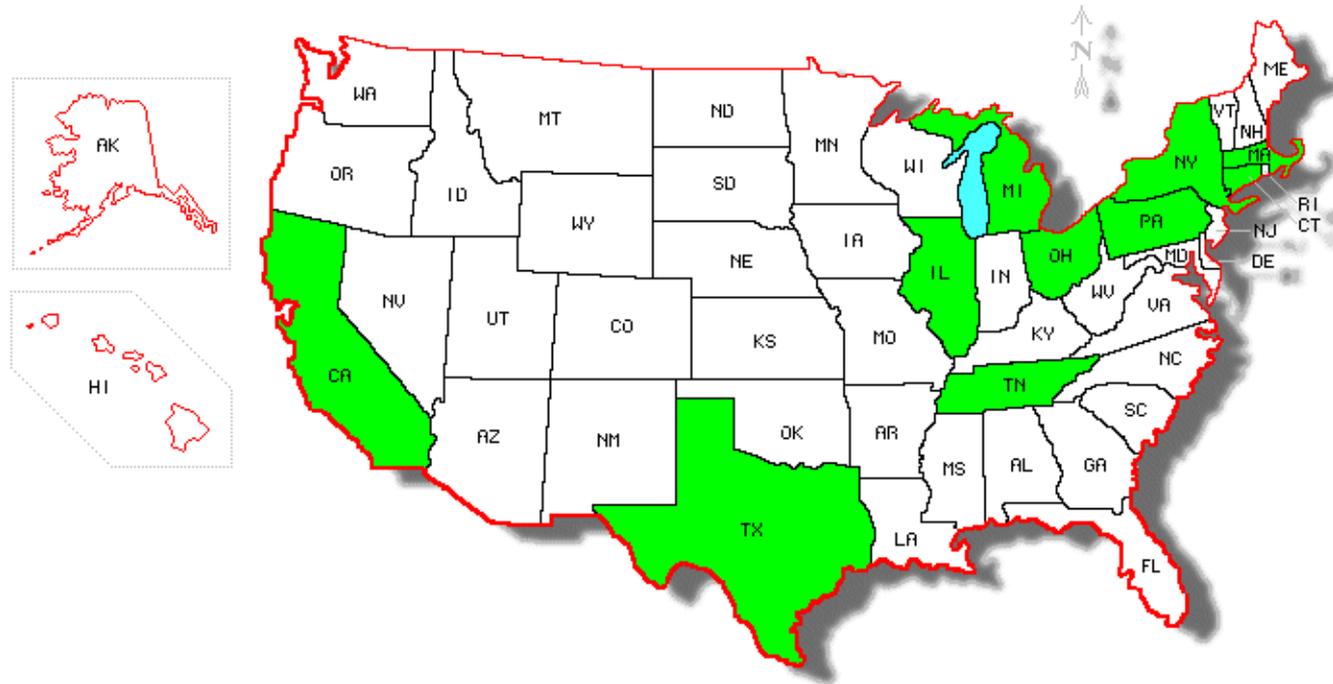
The RHIC Delegates (2013 and 2014)



Actual Participation in 2014

2014 RHIC Visits

● - Visited

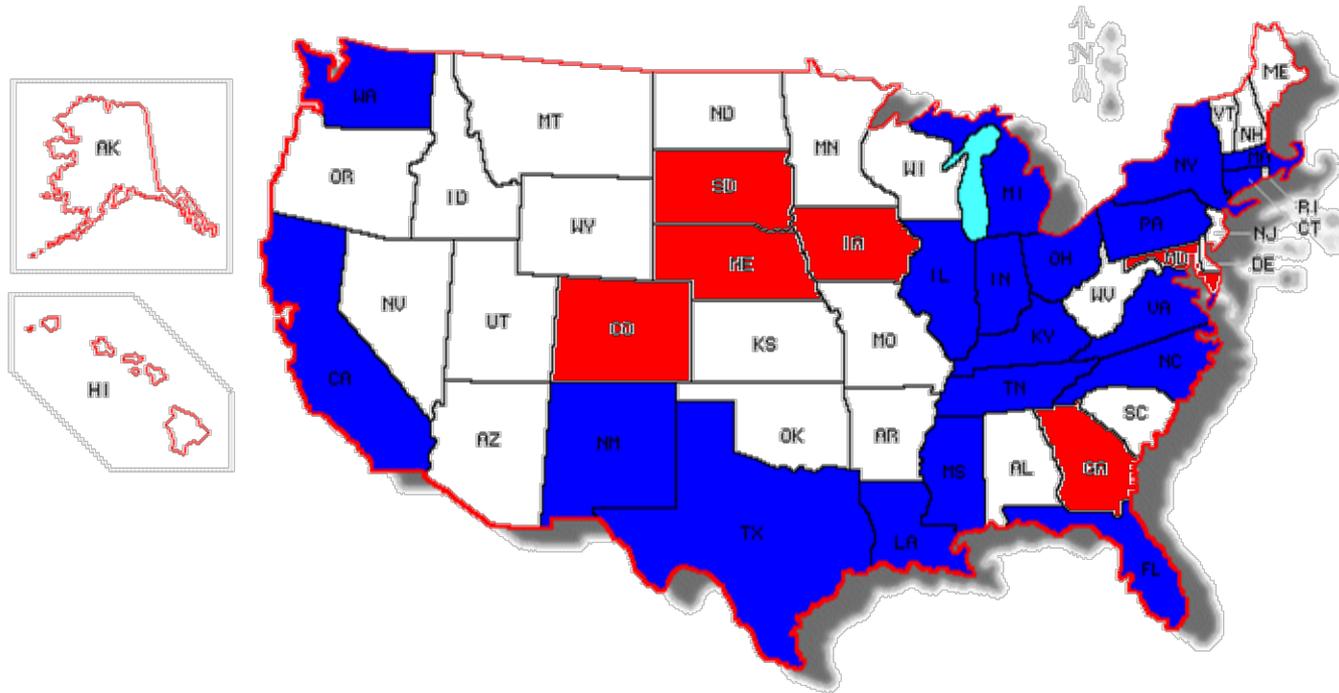


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Complete Misses 2014

Reach of RHIC Users

● - States Invited



The Senators and Representatives from the red states didn't hear our message in 2014 even though we have active research groups there

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The Ask

The U.S. nuclear physics research community is most grateful that Congress and the Administration provided a modest budget increase for the Department of Energy Nuclear Physics Program in FY14 – consistent with the recommendations of the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) – to preserve the vitality of the three lead U.S. nuclear physics facilities. The Administration's FY15 budget request of \$593.57 million, while tight, would continue this policy and preserve the critical components of the nation's nuclear science program. Groundbreaking science, crucial new technologies, and the education of excellent scientists would continue, helping to drive the U.S. economy and maintain our nation's leadership role in a core scientific discipline.

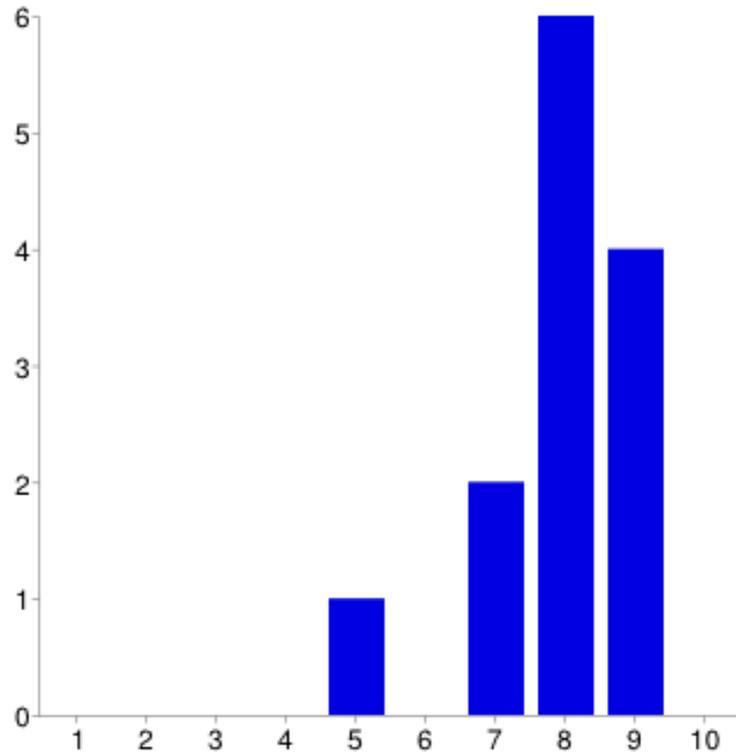
Last year we asked for \$570 Million for the DOE OS Nuclear Physics Program. We received \$569.1 Million.

We've been told our efforts were very well received and effective

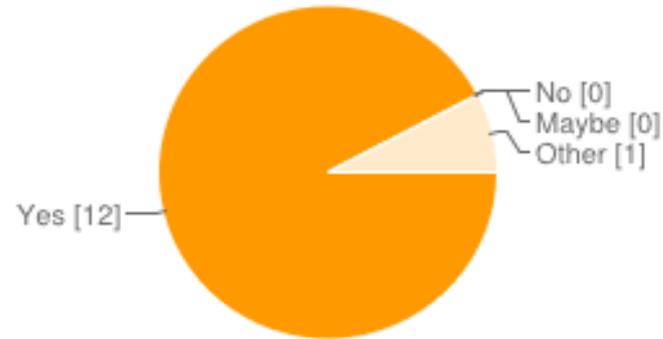
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Participants Impression of the Trip

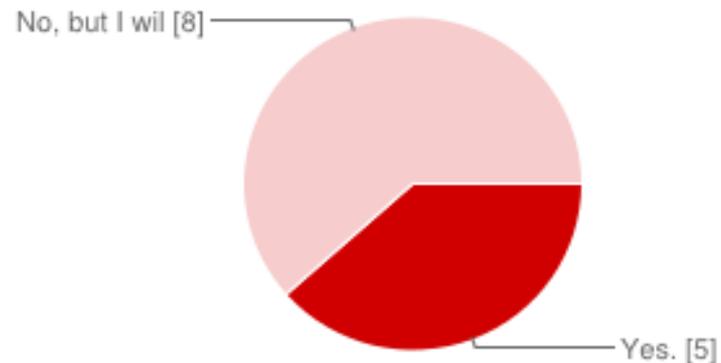
Please rate the trip



Are you interested in participating in future trips?

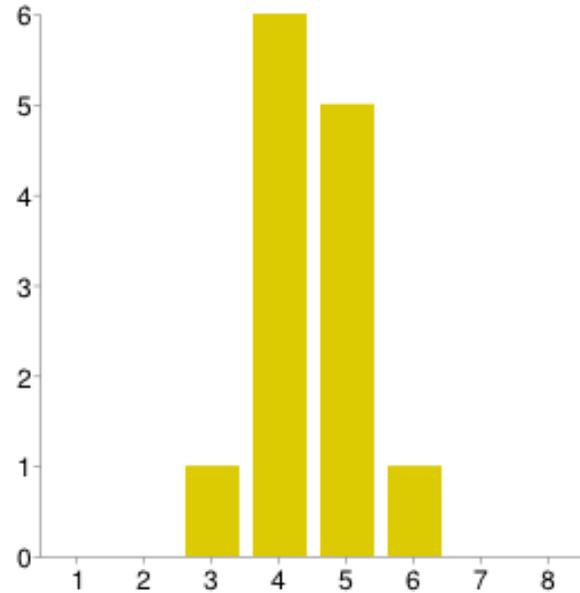


Have you written to the staffers you met to thank them?



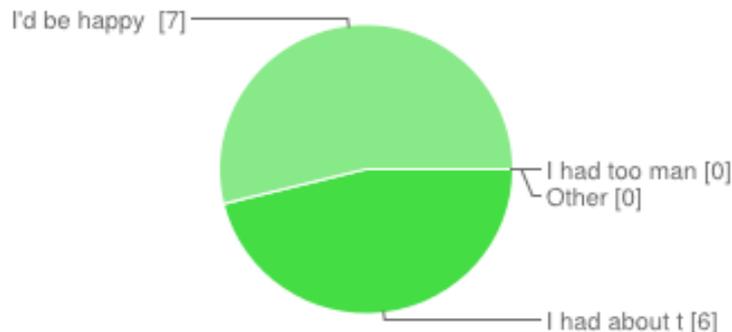
Number of Meetings

How many meetings did you participate in?



1	0	0%
2	0	0%
3	1	8%
4	6	46%
5	5	38%
6	1	8%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%

Please let us know how you felt about the number of meetings:



I had too many meetings	0	0%
I had about the right number of meetings	6	46%
I'd be happy to attend more	7	54%
Other	0	0%

Conclusions

- The trip was viewed as a success by the delegates. But we have lots of ideas on how to further improve:
 - Funding sources for younger participants
 - Earlier coordination to develop the hand-out material
 - Some tweaks of the training (using the dinner to go over the message and strategy)
 - Figure out how to cover more districts and states
- The coordination between the FRIB, JLab and RHIC users groups was very effective and will be continued
- **Thanks to the lobbyist who did a lot of the ground work:** those who organized past trips without this help were effusive with praise and thanks

Media, Communication, Outreach: Social Media

Issue to address: We want to improve our communication with the users, to allow them to reach us, and allow them to communicate between each other

What we've done: Increased our presence on social media

- Set up a RHIC Users Blog to present occasional announcements

- Established a Facebook page

- Google+ account

Outcome: Our blog has 6000+ page views, ~60 people following us on Facebook

The blog, google+, and facebook all allow our users to comment, to send us input and to start discussions amongst each other. So far, not much activity... but it's available

RHIC Users Blog For RHIC, AGS, ATF, NSRL and future eRHIC users

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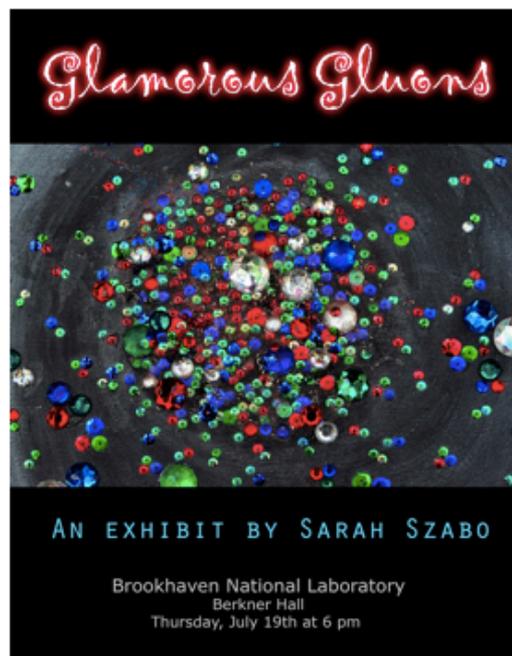
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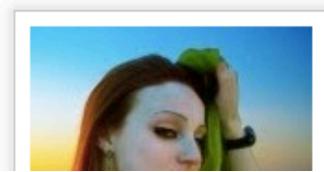
Glamorous Gluons at the RHIC/AGS Users' Meeting



When an artist envisions what happens in collisions at RHIC

Fine Arts Major Sarah Szabo from Pratt Institute has visited RHIC, toured the detectors, seen the tunnel, and with her supervisor Professor Agnes Mocsy, she has researched the science of heavy ion collisions. After carrying out all that research and delving deeply into our science, she has created a series of paintings entitled "Glamorous Gluons". Her paintings will be featured in a show during the RHIC AGS Users' Meeting Cocktail hour at Berkner Hall from 6 pm to 7 pm. One difficult to quantify, but very important benefit of facilities like RHIC, is their ability to inspire the public. Come out to have a drink and see the art work our science inspires.

Sarah will be at the event to present her work. After the show, her work will be on display in the Physics Seminar Lounge in building 510.



The UEC Blog

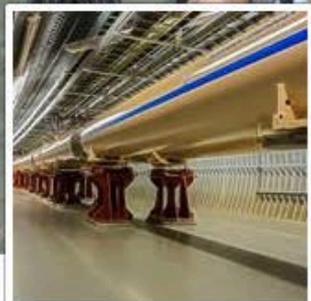
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"Discovery Park" BNL's new vision ... Oct 7, 2013, 3 comments	428
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RHIC Users's Executive Committee Organization

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ABOUT

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2014 UEC Update

Quality of Life

- Food Services
 - We raise hell whenever services are reduced (Cafeteria hours, Brookhaven Center Pub, Coffee Cart)
 - Organize get-togethers at the pub to increase business (first Tuesday of every month when shifts are changing over)
 - Provide input to management and ensure that they understand the importance of these services
- Onsite/offsite transportation
 - Pushing for improvements: more shuttles, bikes for visitors
 - Transportation Survey (Kathy Nasta)
- Housing
 - The lab is working to improve housing but budgets are limited. We try to ensure the priorities are set according to your needs