

# *Beam Use Proposal For RHIC Run IV and beyond (FY 2004+)*

The BRAHMS Collaboration

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## **Abstract**

The BRAHMS collaboration proposes a long run with Au-Au at 200 GeV as its highest priority. Additional requests, most likely to be fulfilled in following run periods, are for a light-ion beam (Fe) run, a lower energy Au-Au run, and a polarized pp run. The document presents the beam use requests for runs IV –VI under two operating scenarios of 27 and 37 weeks per year, respectively.

## **1. Introduction**

With the significant achievements already made by the BRAHMS experiment, it should be possible to complete the program initially described in the experiment's CDR in the next few years. This proposal summarizes what has been accomplished and what yet remains from our initial experimental program. The proposal also discusses the new physics discoveries from BRAHMS and the other RHIC experiments that will influence our physics program in the coming years. Based on these new physics opportunities, we propose an extension to our baseline program focusing on high- $p_t$  and high- $y$  physics, while retaining the survey nature of the investigations. The case for measurements of transverse asymmetries in polarized proton-proton collisions with BRAHMS is also presented in detail.

Discussions have been initiated on a new, focused, forward-physics experiment to be implemented after completion of the BRAHMS baseline program. A formal Letter of Intent will be presented at a later time. It is quite conceivable that the d-Au program discussed in this request would fall under the auspices of such a collaboration.

## **2. BRAHMS Experiment and Physics Goals**

The BRAHMS experiment has unique capabilities for precise momentum determination and particle identification. The forward spectrometer (FS) is unique within the family of RHIC experiments in that it can identify hadrons up to rapidity  $y = 4$ . It covers a large momentum and transverse momentum range. The excellent Particle Identification (PID) and angular coverage of the Mid-Rapidity Spectrometer (MRS) extends and complements measurements by the other RHIC detectors, and provides comparisons between mid-rapidity and forward-rapidity spectra with the same experiment setup. Despite the small solid angles of the spectrometers,  $p_t$  spectra of identified particles can be measured up to  $\sim 4$  GeV/c with a readily obtainable integrated luminosity. This permits, for example, studies of high- $p_t$  suppression in heavy-ion reactions over a wide rapidity range.

### ***Results from the BRAHMS experiment obtained in RHIC Runs I-III.***

The near term plans of the collaboration for RHIC Runs IV to VI emerge naturally from the first results that have been obtained from the commissioning run at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV (Run I), the first major run at the design energy  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV for Au-Au collisions (Run II), and the p-p and d-Au runs at the same energy of 200 GeV in Runs II and III.

The data collection in these runs has been characterized by a first mapping of the global features of the reactions listed above exploiting the unique features of the BRAHMS experiment, namely the ability to study a large region of the  $(y, p_t)$  space with excellent particle identification for charged hadrons over a wide range in momentum and rapidity. The time estimates for completion of the program made initially were based on the design estimates of the integrated luminosity at RHIC. The integrated luminosity and diversity in species that has been delivered so far has not been sufficient to complete our baseline program. In addition, a number of very interesting new physics topics have been identified which the collaboration wish to investigate in greater depth. These topics tend either to involve low production cross section events, such as those leading to high- $p_t$  particles, or the measurement of correlations among particles. In either case, measurements with higher integrated luminosity are needed.

Below we briefly summarize our main accomplishments to date. These have led to a number of publications, with several additional papers currently being prepared.

#### *Publications*

- Rapidity density of charged hadrons at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  and 200 GeV [1,2]. These studies establish the baseline charged-particle pseudorapidity densities in Au-Au collisions over a wide pseudorapidity range.
- Hadron to anti-hadron ratios at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  and 200 GeV. The particle ratios constrain dynamical models, and establish that a system is formed that is consistent with being in chemical equilibrium over a wide rapidity range[3,4].
- Nuclear modification factors in Au-Au and d-Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV. Despite the small solid angles of the BRAHMS spectrometers, their capabilities can develop unique information about high- $p_t$  suppression. A Letter has recently been published on the Au-Au  $R_{AA}$  distributions at  $\eta = 0$  and 2.2 and for the d-Au data at  $y=0$  [5]. Further analysis will focus on identified hadrons, particularly at higher rapidities. The d-Au data at higher rapidity have been collected and are being analyzed .

#### *Papers in preparation*

- Run II yielded sufficient data to map the net proton rapidity distributions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV for Au-Au collisions, demonstrating that at RHIC the rapidity scaling for AA energy loss [6] is broken.
- Yield of charged hadrons vs. rapidity at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV. These near  $4\pi$  measurements allow detailed studies of entropy and strangeness production.
- Centrality dependence of identified hadron yields at mid-rapidity.
- Rapidity dependence of deuteron and anti-deuteron coalescence factors at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$ GeV.
- The p-p experiments in Run II and Run III have so far been analyzed for ratios of charged hadrons vs. rapidity in  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV p-p collisions, and will be contrasted with the AA ratios.
- Yield of charged hadrons and  $p_t$  dependence vs. rapidity in p-p collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV.
- Pseudorapidity density distributions vs. centrality for d-Au collisions over a wide pseudorapidity range.

## **2.2 Present Detector configuration**

The BRAHMS detector consists of 3 major spectrometers:

- The Front Forward Spectrometer (FFS), consisting of 2 magnets, tracking and time-of-flight detectors, and a threshold Cherenkov detector, is moveable from  $2.3^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  ( $1.3 < \eta < 3.9$ ).
- The Back Forward Spectrometer (BFS), consisting of 2 magnets, tracking and time-of-flight detectors, and a ring-imaging Cherenkov detector, is used in combination with the FFS to measure in the angular range from  $2.3^\circ$  to  $15^\circ$  ( $2.0 < \eta < 3.9$ ).
- The Mid-Rapidity Spectrometer (MRS), consisting of a single magnet, tracking and time-of-flight detectors, is moveable from  $30^\circ$  to  $95^\circ$  ( $0 < \eta < 1.3$ ). The particle identification was enhanced

during Run III with the installation of a threshold Cherenkov counter that allows us to identify charged pions in the momentum range of 3.5 to 6 GeV/c. A second time of flight wall (TFW2) that extends PID for protons and kaons was also added.

BRAHMS has a set of global detectors that are used for event characterization, triggering and timing:

- The Centrality detector consists of an inner layer of Si-detectors and an outer layer of large scintillator tiles covering the range of about  $-2.2 < \eta < 2.2$ .
- The Beam-Beam counter array provides accurate start timing information to the experiment, rough vertex determination, and multiplicity measurements at high  $|\eta| \sim 3-4$ .
- The Zero Degree Calorimeters (ZDC), a device common to all RHIC experiments, provide luminosity information and online vertex trigger and neutron multiplicity at  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ .
- Inelastic counters observe  $\sim 85\%$  of the non-single-diffractive pp cross section that provide trigger and vertex information in pp collisions.

### ***2.3 Detector upgrades for Run IV***

In anticipation of higher luminosity Au beams, spectrometer trigger detectors for both the MRS and FS are being constructed and will be installed to provide efficient triggering for peripheral collisions. VME electronics has been developed for the trigger setup. A portion of the Si-detector system will be reconfigured to allow for event-plane determination in Au-Au collisions. A new flow detector is being prototyped, and will be added to the experiment, hopefully for an extended part of the Run IV.

### ***2.4 Physics Program***

#### ***Heavy-ion Collisions***

##### *High- $p_t$ suppression*

A tool for understanding the initial partonic state is to study identified high- $p_t$  hadrons over a range of rapidities. BRAHMS is uniquely capable of studying the evolution of the high- $p_t$  components of hadronic spectra over several units of rapidity. Recently all RHIC experiments have reported suppression of high- $p_t$  spectra compared to expectations from pp collisions [5,7] near midrapidity at both 130 GeV and 200 GeV. BRAHMS, enabled by its broad rapidity coverage, can also study suppression at forward angles and observes this suppression at  $y \sim 2$ . The suppression may result from the energy loss of quarks and gluons passing through a dense partonic system. The continued suppression out to  $y=2$  provides information on the longitudinal extent of this dense system. In the next set of measurements we will explore the suppression signature at even larger rapidity.

The study of particle spectra in the  $p_t$  range of 1-4 GeV/c will help in the understanding of initial scattering (Cronin) effects, gluon shadowing effects and jet quenching. The relative importance of these processes depends on energy, rapidity and the mass of the collision system. Systematic studies may disentangle effects related to a 'cold' versus a 'hot' medium, and to the density of the medium. At higher rapidities ( $\sim 3-4$ ) the shape of the pion spectra may be sensitive to effects related to the Color Glass Condensate (gluon saturation) in the initial state [9] in p(d)-A reactions.

##### *Collective flow*

The analysis of radial and elliptic flow gives access to information on the temporal and spatial development of pressure within the hot strongly interacting system. The ability to detect the reaction plane will open up a new dimension for the BRAHMS' study of heavy-ion collisions by measuring the full three dimensional cross section,  $d^3N/d\phi dp_t dy$ , and  $R_{AA}$  factors. Such studies will be essential in determining the equation of state of the hot dense, and presumably partonic state of matter produced at RHIC.

### *System size dependence*

Light-ion collisions such as Fe-Fe will allow us to study hot nuclear systems with  $\sim 10$  to  $100$  participants. This region of system sizes is not easily studied with Au-Au collisions since it is very difficult to accurately determine the number of participants for peripheral events. With a light projectile such as Fe the matter length for suppression of high- $p_t$  particles is about half of that in Au-Au collisions, but likely with quite similar energy densities. This will be very useful for studying models of particle production but perhaps more importantly will allow us to study high- $p_t$  suppression as a function of system size. BRAHMS can study this effect at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV. Finally it would be interesting to see if the coalescence radius decreases significantly when we reduce the number of participants by a large factor.

### *Energy systematic of heavy-ion collisions*

The study of bulk properties vs. available energy has generally led to increased understanding of the reaction mechanism and the system characteristics. The highest SPS energy is 17 GeV, and the lowest RHIC data that are well studied are at 130 GeV. There is a significant change in stopping between SPS and RHIC with the former significantly stopped, and the latter suggesting greater transparency. An intermediate energy such as 63 GeV for which some, albeit lower statistics and less systematic data exists for pp collision (ISR), would add well into the overall systematic understanding. At this energy BRAHMS can measure into the fragmentation region and can explore both stopping and the complete shape of produced mesons spectra, as well as limiting fragmentation for identified particles. This will place additional stringent limits on the theoretical understanding of stopping, energy loss and transparency. The rapid disappearance of high- $p_t$  jet-like particles unfortunately makes a study of high- $p_t$  suppression at lower energy statistically very difficult with BRAHMS, but we can make a measurement up to  $\sim 4$  GeV/c at  $y \sim 1$ .

### *Bulk properties*

In Run II BRAHMS measured  $d^2n/dp_t dy$  distributions of identified hadrons from which rapidity densities,  $\langle p_t \rangle$ , and spectral shapes were deduced. These results were used for the study of transverse flow and longitudinal dynamics for the reaction. Particle ratios as a function of rapidity were analyzed within the statistical model framework to determine the baryon and strangeness chemical potentials, and the chemical and thermal freeze-out temperatures as a function of rapidity. From the proton and antiproton rapidity densities we can deduce the net energy loss of the beam and projectile. In addition, global charged particle pseudorapidity densities have been measured using the BRAHMS global detectors. Together, these measurements strongly constrain models in terms of their longitudinal development. We wish to extend the spectral measurements to the highest rapidities allowed by the forward spectrometer and beam line geometry ( $2.3^\circ$ ), which will allow us to better determine the net-proton distribution and to place even more stringent constraints on theoretical models.

### *Particle correlations*

Interferometry and nucleon and anti-nucleon coalescence allow us to measure the final state of the system as it breaks up. The ‘‘HBT puzzle’’ at RHIC is the striking similarity of the outward and sideward correlation functions and the lack of any dependence of the radii on  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ . NA44 at SPS has combined  $\pi$ , k and p interferometry and coalescence measurements to determine the transverse flow of the Pb-Pb system [10] at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=17$  GeV. However, at high expansion velocities which reach the speed of sound in the medium, as may occur at RHIC, one would expect hydrodynamics to break down and, indeed, some evidence for this effect in high- $p_t$  pion interferometry may be seen. We will study coalescence at both high rapidity and at higher  $p_t$  values to address these issues. The data for the HBT analysis will be obtained in conjunction with other data taking. Combining interferometry and coalescence volume information with single particle momentum spectra will allow us to measure the density of particles in phase space [11]. Integrating this density can reveal the entropy of the system. Finally comparing the formation of nuclear clusters and anti-clusters will help us understand the time interval between hadronization and thermal freeze-out.

### *Nucleon-Nucleus (d-Au) collisions*

Recent results from HERA have shown that at very small  $x$  gluons may fuse together. This raises the possibility that at RHIC the soft gluons from different nuclei may fuse to form a Colored Glass Condensate (CGC). A version of the CGC model was proposed to explain the high- $p_t$  suppression observed in Au-Au collisions at RHIC. Although this was not consistent with the d-Au data at  $y=0$  it is still possible that the CGC may be observed at forward rapidities in d-Au collisions. BRAHMS did collect a sample of d-Au at higher rapidities during Run III. The analysis of these d-Au data is not yet complete, but should it reveal features in the data consistent with the CGC, this will warrant a request for additional d-Au running in the coming years. In this case we would also wish to investigate the situation at backward rapidity by studying Au-d collisions.

### ***Proton-proton collisions***

#### *Transverse Asymmetries for charged hadrons.*

In addition to these heavy-ion topics the collaboration is developing the tools for measuring and analyzing the charged pion asymmetry at higher  $x_F$  values in polarized p-p reactions. Towards this end we have established a collaboration with the RBRC spin group.

The E704 experiment at Fermilab observed large (~30%) single-spin transverse asymmetries in pion production at forward angles from p-p collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=19.4$  GeV [12,13]. Because pQCD predicts only small effects, these observations spurred significant theoretical progress. Presently, it is recognized that, with the inclusion of intrinsic transverse momentum,  $k_T$ , pQCD calculations can predict such large asymmetries arising from, for example, the Sivers effect [14] (spin dependence of the  $k_T$  distribution of the proton), the Collins effect [15] (final state interactions of a transversely polarized quark fragmenting into a pion), twist-three contributions beyond the leading power picture [16], or a combination of these three. With precise measurements of these asymmetries at the higher  $\sqrt{s}$  of RHIC (200 GeV), it is possible to discern between these explanations because the predictions of each one exhibit different dependence on the energy. During Run II and Run III, the STAR experiment measured this asymmetry for forward neutral pions and found that it was as large as (if not slightly larger than) those observed by the E704 experiment [17]. Given the excellent PID and momentum resolution achievable with the BRAHMS forward spectrometer, we propose to measure these asymmetries for positive and negative pions over the  $x_F$  region up to  $\sim 0.45$  ( $y \sim 4$ ) during Run IV and Run V in order to provide a complete measurement of these quantities. In addition, we intend to measure the charged kaon asymmetries during Run V and Run VI. These measurements would test the expectations based on the partonic content of the initial and final particles, namely that: the positive kaon and pion asymmetries would be roughly equal because the production process for both mesons is expected to be dominated by the valence u-quark and (2) the negative kaon asymmetry would be zero since the negative kaon is an all-sea object and the sea is basically unpolarized [18]. If merited, we will also explore the  $p_t$  dependence of the asymmetry at fixed  $x_F$  in subsequent runs.

#### *Completion of Survey program*

The Run II and Run III pp program yielded some results for general survey of elementary collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=200$  GeV to be contrasted with Au-Au at the same energy. The statistics obtained at relative high- $p_t$  (3-4) and at large rapidity (2,3) were marginal and were only for one charge (negative.) The Pythia model predicts quite significant differences between  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$ . Since these are not necessarily well predicted due to lack of experimental data for identified particle at larger rapidities, and these are of importance for the high- $p_t$  suppression interpretation in heavy-ion collisions, we wish to supplement our earlier measurements.

### **3. Beam Request**

The following beam request is divided into two parts. The first identifies the specific measurements that BRAHMS wants to do in order to complete the baseline physics program. The second section outlines the desired program under assumptions of the budget scenarios that result in 27 and 37 cryogenic weeks,

respectively. These sections outline a program that focuses on following up on the new discoveries at RHIC, but also is true to the goals of the original proposals and CDR.

### ***Au-Au collisions at 200 GeV***

BRAHMS has carried out a first mapping of hadronic production as a function of rapidity. Because the delivered luminosity has been considerably lower than the design luminosity, the data from Runs II and III were at only a few selected angles and with momentum settings that maximized the counting rates. The high- $p_t$  measurements at  $y \sim 2$  demonstrated the suppression of charged-hadron yields with respect to the pp data persists at high rapidity, and we wish to carry out a high quality measurement near  $y \sim 2.5$  where the  $dn/dy$  value in central collisions is about 1/2 of the midrapidity value.

The high- $p_t$  measurements are our most demanding in terms of the statistics needed. The quality of the BRAHMS PID at forward rapidities will allow us to study the suppression of identified hadrons thus illuminating the interesting issue of proton to pion enhancement in the  $p_t$  range of 1.5-3 GeV/c.

In summary, the Au-Au program for 200 GeV, which we would like to see done in Run IV, is tabulated below. The measurements at  $y \sim 1$  can be performed in parallel with those of the forward spectrometer (high rapidity) which sets the length of the request.

1. Collect high statistics for high- $p_t$  spectra at  $y \sim 2.5$  and  $y \sim 3.5$  for both charge states. ( $100 + 40 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )
2. Flow ( $v_2$ -measurements up to about  $p_t \sim 2$  vs. centrality)  $p_t \sim 3$  overall. ( $40 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )
3. Supplement existing lower  $p_t$  data where needed. ( $40 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )
4. Perform simultaneous coalescence measurements at  $y \sim 2.5$ . Part of this will be done under 1, but requires additional settings. ( $20 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )

The simultaneous measurements in the MRS will concentrate of higher field running at  $y \sim 1$  collecting higher  $p_t$  data at  $y \sim 1$  utilizing the new Cherenkov for pion identification. ( $100 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )

Thus to complete this set of measurements we will need to have  $\sim 240 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$  delivered to IP2.

The estimates given above are made assuming that  $\sim 50\%$  of collisions fall within  $\pm 20\text{cm}$  of the nominal collision point, and that the BRAHMS combined up and DAQ live time is  $\sim 70\%$ , which has been achieved so far.

### ***Fe-Fe at full energy***

The focus will be on measuring the higher  $p_t$  region of identified particle at  $y \sim 1$  and  $y \sim 2.5$ . This will help in disentangling the importance of medium size vs. energy density experimentally, leading to a greater understanding of the phenomena observed with Au-Au at 200 and 130 GeV.

- Identified charged hadrons at  $y \sim 1$  and 2.5. ( $0.9 \text{nb}^{-1}$ )
- Complete rapidity distribution for net-protons (baryons), particle composition, and strangeness production vs. rapidity. ( $0.3 \text{nb}^{-1}$ )

It is our understanding that Fe is a beam quite readable available from the injectors into RHIC with luminosities expected to be equivalent to those estimated for Si (scaled to Ions/Bunch).

### ***Au-Au at lower energy.***

Running at reduced energy (e.g., at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=63 \text{ GeV}$ ) for Au-Au collisions will be of paramount importance for understanding the interesting signals that have emerged from the RHIC runs at maximum energy, notably studies of high- $p_t$  suppression and also the systematics of charged hadron spectra (e.g. kaon slopes)

which may reveal features characteristic of a phase transition. In addition, BRAHMS has the unique ability to measure essentially the full net baryon distribution vs. rapidity at a lower energy. This will place additional stringent limits on the theoretical understanding of stopping, energy loss and transparency.

The reduced expected luminosities ( $\sim 3-9$  times less than at full energy) implies that only a few focused measurements will be performed for the high- $p_t$  measurements due to the solid angles of the BRAHMS spectrometers. Complete rapidity distributions for soft physics particle production will be obtained. The main request is for two simultaneous measurements of

1. High- $p_t$  measurement at  $y \sim 1$ . ( $10 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ ) (MRS)
2. Survey of net-proton, kaon and  $\pi$  distributions utilizing the FS. ( $10 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )

## ***p-p at 200 GeV***

### *Transverse asymmetry measurements*

In Run III, the BRAHMS experiment commissioned the necessary hardware for doing a spin measurement, namely a bunch-sorted scaler module. From the data collected while this module was operational, it was demonstrated that the systematic error for the relative luminosity measurement was below 0.3% prior to any corrections for the difference in the vertex distributions of each bunch. With a 30% polarized beam as in Run III, this error would result in a 1% systematic error in the asymmetry measurement. At an  $x_F$  of  $0.27 \pm 0.025$ , this level of statistical precision could be achieved for a measurement of the positive pions with 80 hours of data-taking at an average instantaneous luminosity of  $300 \text{ mb}^{-1}/\text{s}$  within the vertex region of the experiment as in Run III (integrated luminosity of  $\sim 150 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  within the vertex acceptance of the experiment or  $\sim 300 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  delivered). This measurement would be sufficient to discern between the extrapolations of models based on twist-three contributions and the Sivers effect which, respectively, predict an asymmetry of 2-4% [19] and 4-6% [20]. In Run IV, we would expect that both the luminosity and the beam polarization will be higher than that achieved in Run III and thus this measurement could potentially be done in one or two days of running. The measurement of negative pions will take longer because the production rates are smaller by a factor of  $\sim 2$ . In light of the limited time for proton-proton operation in Run IV, we would plan to make this measurement during Run V in addition to extending the positive pion measurement to higher  $x_F$ . However, the luminosity requirements for Run V and Run VI would likely be driven by the measurement of the kaon asymmetry since the production rates for kaons is approximately a factor of 15 smaller than that for pions.

### *Reference spectra*

We wish to complete the reference data set at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  of 200 GeV that was taken during the rather short pp period in Run III. One emphasis is to record reference spectra at intermediate to high- $p_t$  (2-5 GeV/c) in order to compare to d-Au and Au-Au reactions. The request is for  $\sim 1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ .

## **Distribution on Running periods**

The overall request for BRAHMS baseline program, i.e., for the coming few years, is based on the physics outlined above and translates to the following requested delivered luminosities to BRAHMS. This is done under the assumptions that in Run IV the IP-2 is at  $\beta^*$  of 3. With a very modest upgrade of power supply distribution in the triplet a  $\beta^*$  of 2 can be achieved in subsequent years. Further for conversion to weeks it is assumed that the luminosity development is in the middle of the estimates by Roser in the August 20 document.

Thus under optimal conditions this program can be carried out in the next 3 years depending on the amount of running weeks available to RHIC. The constraints and impact on the physics program imposed by the

time needed to setup and develop luminosity are severe. The proposed program prioritizes the heavy-ion program over the p-p and d-Au to ensure this is carried out primarily in the next two running periods. Due to the different requests from the four RHIC experiments in term of different species, energies, and the spin program this is a difficult scheduling, and we hope the planning that takes place this fall for the next 5 years of RHIC running will lead to a scenario that can fit the desired BRAHMS program into the RHIC schedule.

Since the analysis of the present d-Au run is not yet complete, and it may or may not warrant requests for additional beam time with deuterons this has been omitted from the detailed request; It has lower priority than the other requests, and the request may also be dependent on the status of the collaboration in the out years.

Beam Species	Energy	Luminosity	Approximate no wks.
Au-Au	200	240 $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$	18-24
Fe-Fe	200	1.2 $\text{nb}^{-1}$	8
Au-Au	63	15 $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$	6-10
pp	200	3 $\text{pb}^{-1}$	8

Table 1. Summary of requested species and luminosities.

Since the Au-Au top energy measurements requires on the order of 20 weeks of running it is our preference to utilize all of Run IV for this purpose. Should funding allow for additional running in FY04, the collaboration's preference is for a lower energy Au run since it involves the smallest 'cost' in terms of switch over time.

We want to comment too on the BRAHMS Heavy-ion program in relation to the overall Spin program that is being developed at RHIC, primarily a PHENIX and STAR effort. We understand that machine development time is needed to make this endeavor successful. Should it be determined that a p-p beam commissioning period will take place at the end of Run IV as requested by T.Roser, we would like to take this opportunity to have a short run of ~1 week for BRAHMS to perform the first measurement of Ann for  $\pi^+$  at  $x_F \sim .27$ , as outlined in the request.

Run IV <sup>2</sup>	Au-Au 200 GeV	19
Run V	Fe-Fe 200 GeV	8
	p-p 200 GeV survey	2
	p-p 200 GeV transverse An	2
Run VI	Au-Au 63 GeV	6
	Au-Au 200 GeV	5
	p-p 200 GeV transverse An	4

Table 2 Running scenario under assumption of 27 cryogenic weeks. Only the physics weeks are given.

Run IV	Au-Au 200 GeV	19
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<sup>2</sup>In case of a pp commissioning period we wish to perform a first An asymmetry measurement as discussed in text above.

	Au-Au 63 GeV	8
Run V	Fe-Fe 200 GeV	8
	p-p 200 GeV	8
	Au-Au 200 GeV <sup>3</sup>	5 (as needed)

Table 3 Running scenario under assumption of 37 cryogenic weeks. Only the physics weeks are given.

The BRAHMS collaboration has a strong preference, in part because of the commitments that the Danish and Norwegian groups have to ALICE (which is expected to start taking physics data in 2008, but with construction completed before then), and in part because the physics program is part of the RHIC heavy-ion survey and discovery phase, that the heavy-ion program be given priority for the next few years, with the polarized pp program during this time emphasizing development and measurements requiring only short run periods. This is reflected in the distribution of requested beams above.

### **Summary of Request.**

The highest priority is a high statistics Au-Au run at full energy to study in detail high- $p_t$  suppression at larger rapidities for identified hadrons. Subsequent heavy-ions runs should be for 200 GeV Fe, and a lower energy Au run, preferentially at 63 GeV. The collaboration also accords importance to a measurement of the transverse spin asymmetries at large  $x_F$  for identified pions within the next 3 year period.

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