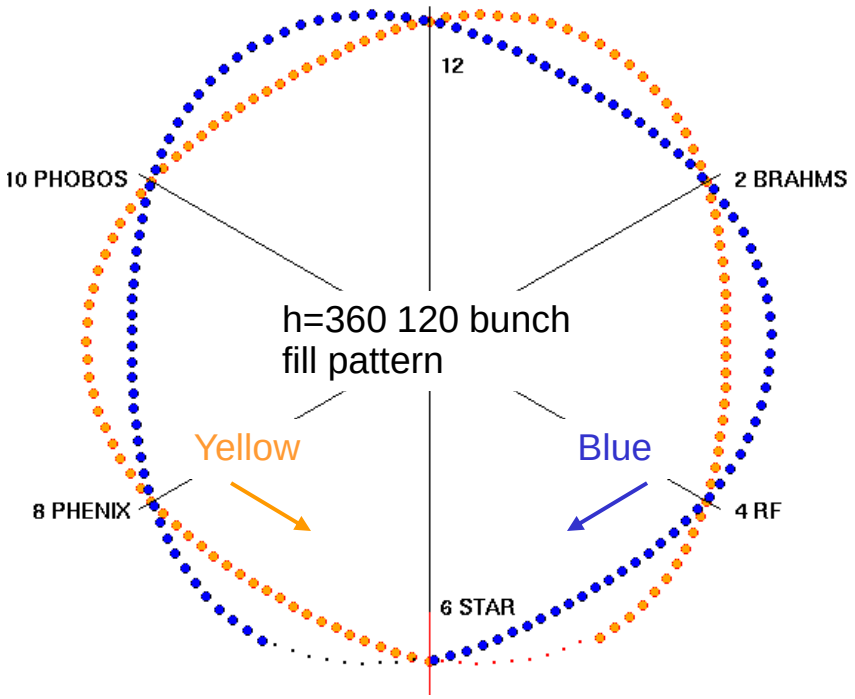
2008 Low Energy Test: Parameters

	Gold 2007-8	Gold 2008?	Gold 2008
Ramp name	Au80	Au81	Au82
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]	9.18	5.2	5.0
Beam energy [GeV/u]	4.59	2.6	2.5
Beam kinetic energy [GeV/u]	3.660	1.669	1.569
Relativistic γ	4.93	2.79	2.68
Relativistic β	0.979	0.934	0.928
Momentum [GeV/c]	4.496	2.428	2.320
Bρ [T-m]	37.40	20.19	19.30
Injection current scaling	0.384	0.207	0.198
Main dipole current [A]	217.7	117.5	112.3
Main quad current [A]	202.6	109.4	104.6
Revolution frequency [Hz]	76571	73010	72570
RF harmonic number	366	384	387
RF frequency [MHz]	28.03	28.03	28.08
Max beam size $\hat{\sigma}$ [mm]	15.32	20.85	21.32
Beam/ring time available	27/30.5h	---	3.5/7h

- Two previous test runs: 2006-7
- 2008 Au test run (March 10-12)
  - 2007 9 GeV setup “in the can”
  - Test RF/timing/h≠360 fixes
  - Reproduce 2007 Au test; physics!
  - Explore lowest planned energy
  - Establish lowest energy baseline
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 9.2 GeV Challenges
  - h=366 cogging
  - Finding PHENIX collisions
  - Setting up experiment triggers
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5.0 GeV Challenges
  - b4-dh0 PS failure; no blue ring
  - h=387 setup
  - Very nonlinear lattice

2008 Low Energy Test: RHIC RF Harmonic Number



h	Allowed $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]
360	16.7-107
363	11.4-15.0
366	9.0-10.5
369	7.7-8.6
372	6.9-7.4

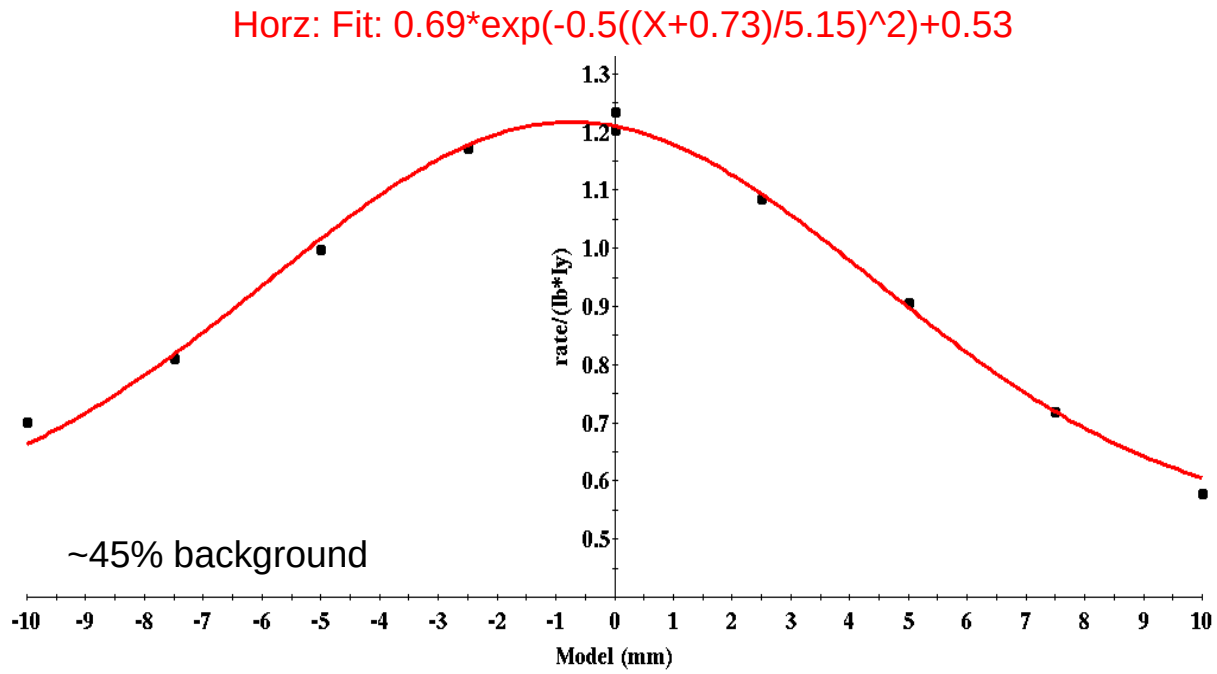
h	Allowed $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]
375	6.3-6.7
378	5.8-6.1
381	5.45-5.7
384	5.15-5.38
387	4.91-5.1

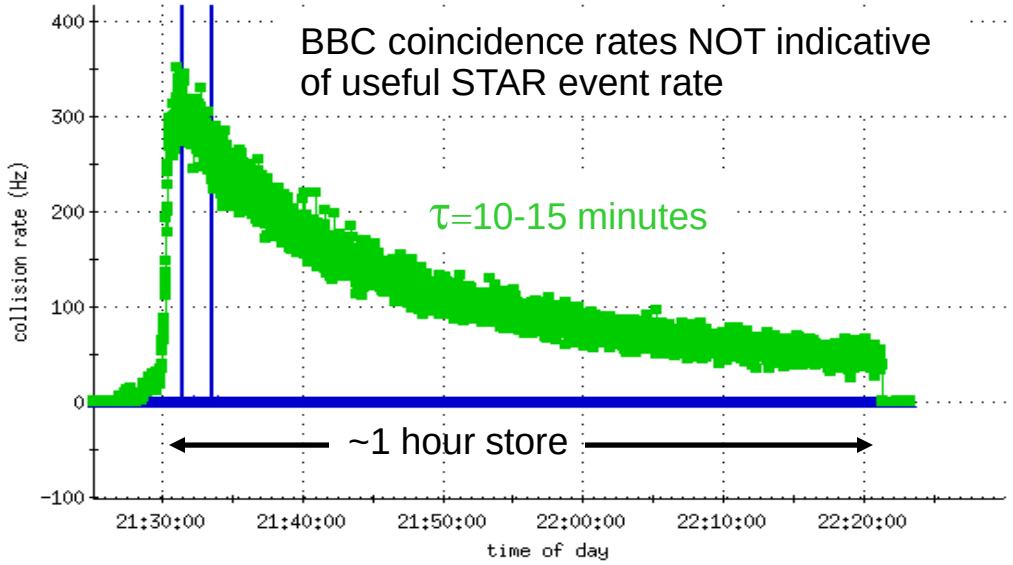
- Nominal RHIC RF: h=360 bunches
- RHIC RF tuning range: 28-28.17 MHz

- With lower energy, RHIC RF frequency cannot fall low enough to maintain h=360
  - Must raise harmonic number
  - Retuning cavities is a prohibitive effort
  - Collisions at both experiments require h(mod3)=0; Experiment DAQ clocks also requires another h(mod3)=0
  - Cannot have simultaneous collisions in energy range $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=8.6-16.7 GeV!
  - Harmonic number paper in progress

- Beam synchronous clock challenges
  - All RHIC single-bunch instrumentation
  - Abort system (needs to find gap)
  - Experiment DAQ clocks – okay!!
  - All C-AD timing fixes worked well
    - Challenges to cog beams reliably
    - Cogging ADO, 1 turn=360 “buckets”

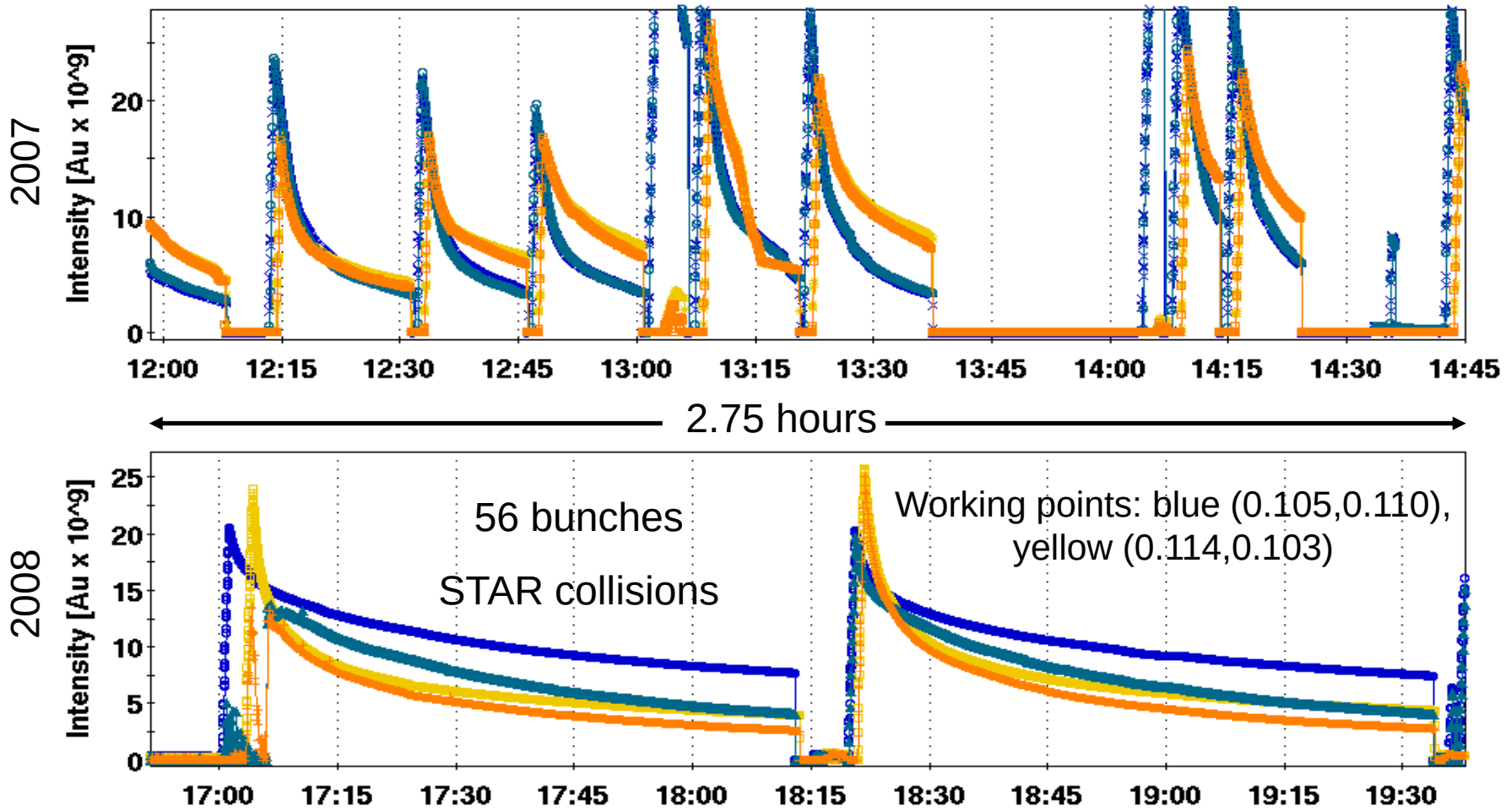
2008 Low Energy Test: Vernier Scan and Luminosity





- 56 bunch physics "stores"
- Good STAR vernier scans
  - +/- 8-10 mm scans
  - $\langle\sigma\rangle$ = 3.6 mm
  - $\langle\varepsilon(N,95\%)\rangle$=36 π μm
  - All scans consistent
  - IPM $\varepsilon(N,95\%)$=3-5 π μm?
- Measured luminosity
  - Ave: 1.2×10^{23} cm^{-2} s^{-1}
  - Max: 3.5×10^{23} cm^{-2} s^{-1}
- Experiment event rates
  - Useful rates: 0.7-1 Hz
  - STAR got 7000-10000 good events
- Better, more stable triggers and lumi signals needed

2007 vs 2008 Low Energy Test: Beam Lifetime



- 2008 blue beam lifetime: 3.5 minutes (fast), 50 minutes (slow)
- Sextupole reversal and elimination of octupoles clearly helped beam lifetime
- Injection efficiency and yellow beam lifetime can clearly benefit from further tuning

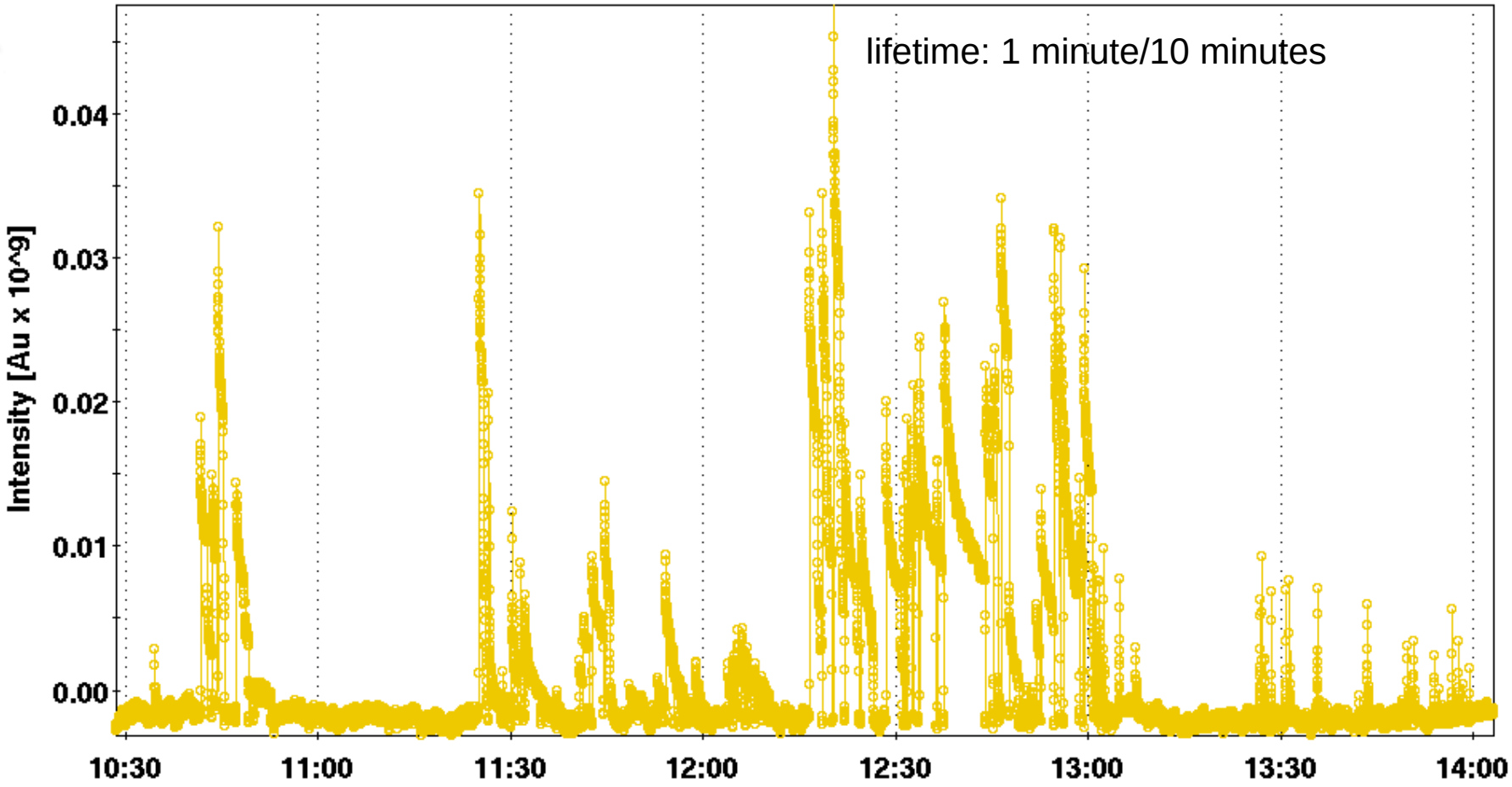
2008 Low Energy Test: Summary and Plans

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 9 GeV
  - All setup worked very well with h=366; commendations to setup team!
  - Defocusing sextupole reversal, octupole removal improved blue lifetime by x4!
  - ~50-60% injection efficiency
  - STAR collisions about 13h after first beam; PHENIX about 24h after first beam
  - Clean vernier scans, unambiguous collisions achieved in both experiments
  - Experiment useful event rates: 0.7-1Hz with 56 bunches, 0.4-0.5e9/bunch
    - Luminosity max 3.5×10^{23} cm^{-2} s^{-1}, average 1.2×10^{23} cm^{-2} s^{-1}
  - Problems: cogging, AGS-RHIC synchro, kicker timing, PHENIX collision signal, intensity dynamic range for IBS measurements

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5 GeV
  - Timing setup worked very well with h=387; more commendations!
  - 10% injection efficiency, very nonlinear lattice (main dipole b_2 large)
  - Problems: b4-dh0 ps failure, limited bunched beam, nonworking orb correction due to linear model

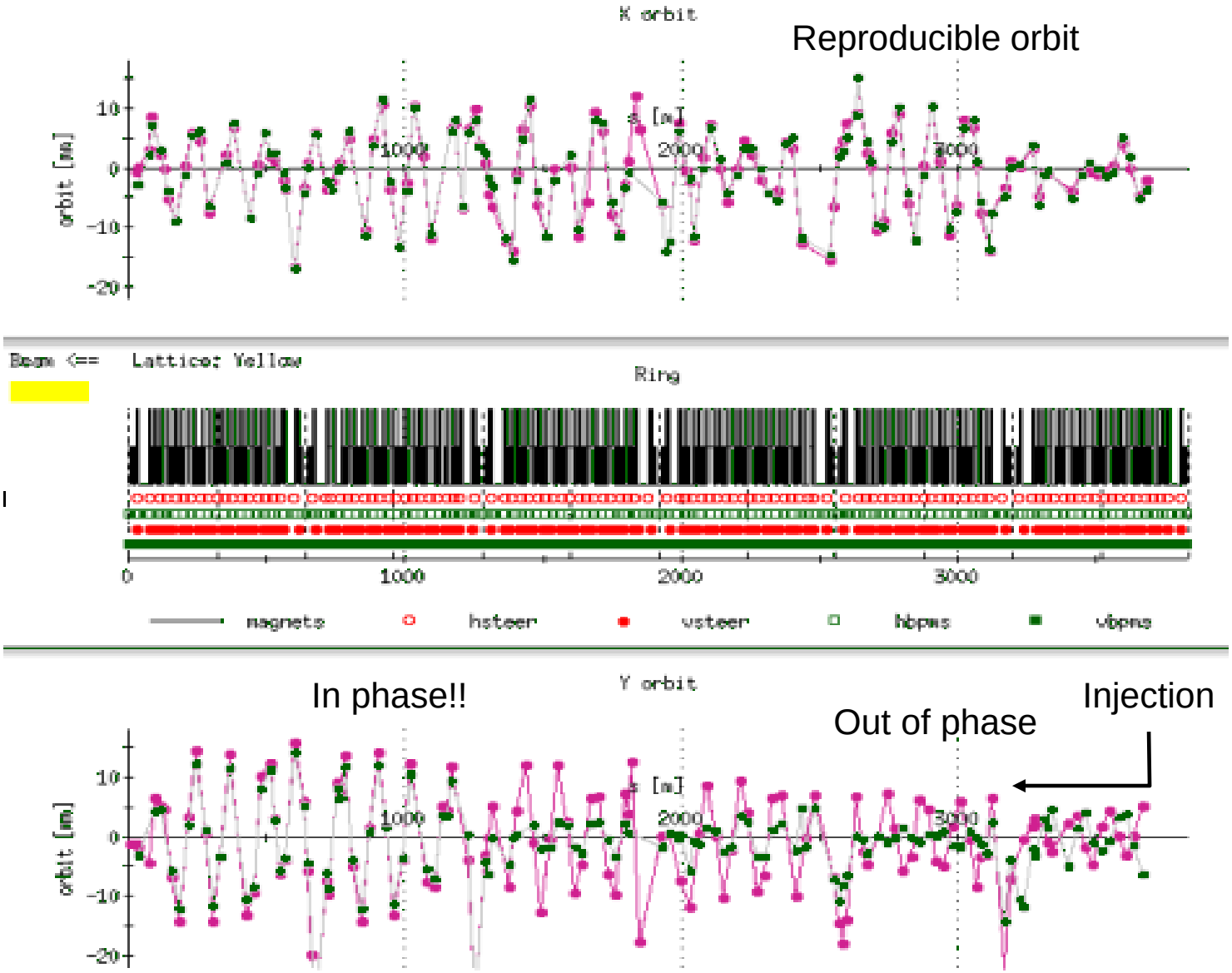
- Recommendations
  - ~9 GeV x2 lumi easily achievable (bunch number); extra x3 feasible from intensity
  - 2009: Improve 8.2 GeV performance; explore 5 GeV collisions for 2010 baseline

2008 Low Energy Test: 2.5 GeV Beam Activity



- Bunched beam signal in BPMs never exceeded 20 turns (usually 3-5)
- Injection efficiencies of about 10%; orbit correction hardly worked at all
- Very nonlinear lattice; need to include in transfer functions and model

2.5 GeV Orbit Curiousity



2008 Low Energy Test: As Run Schedule

- 7-10 Mar: Tandem/Booster/AGS Au PPM setup (with NSRL)
- 10 Mar 08:00-15:00ish
  - Swap defocusing sextupole leads (at power supplies only)
  - Set up h=366 RF/clock; test experiment triggers, instrumentation
  - Test h=387/h=384 RF/clock; test experiment triggers, instrumentation
  - Optimize Tandem/NSRL dual-species operation; checkoff list
- 10-11 Mar 4.6 GeV
  - 1915: yellow circulating; 2311: blue circulating; 2345: rf setup done
    - Problems: tune settings, blue AGS/RHIC synchro, inj kicker timing
  - 0000-0330: multibunch injection, instrumentation timing, cogging tests
  - 0330: steer experiment DX BPMs to zero; 0400 STAR collisions!
  - 0600-1430: tuning, scanning for PHENIX collisions, STAR vernier scan
  - 1630-1900: Scanning, timing PHENIX collisions (1-6 Hz)
  - 1900-2300: Complete STAR data, document cogging issues, IBS
- 11 Mar 2.5 GeV (after blue D0 PS failure)
  - 1035: first circulating yellow beam (3e6); 1044: intensity up to 3e7
  - 1100-1400: Multi-turn tuning, machine apparently nonlinearity dominated