

## RBRC 25th anniversary celebration

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RIKEN Brookhaven Research Center (BRBC) celebrated its 25th anniversary celebration on June 22, 2023. The RIKEN BNL Research Center (RBRC) was established in 1997 as a joint research institute between RIKEN and Brookhaven National Laboratory. Its research encompasses theory, computational and experimental groups.

In the morning, President Gonokami and BNL Director JoAnne Hewett signed an agreement to extend the RIKEN-BNL Memorandum of Understanding until 2028. The MOU was extended to further promote collaboration on spin physics research.



Fig. 1. President Gonokami and Director Hewett signed the MOU to extend the collaboration to 2028.

In the afternoon, a symposium to celebrate the 25th anniversary of RBRC was held. President Gonokami, Director Hewett, Dr. Tim Hallman (Director, Office of Nuclear Physics, DOE), and Dr. K. Okamura (First secretary, Embassy of Japan in the United States) gave opening remarks.

Professor M. Ishihara and Dr. N. Saminos then gave key note talks, entitled “The RHIC spin program and the Very Early Days of RBRC,” and “Reflections on the Origin of RBRC,” respectively.

These keynote talks are followed by six talks by graduates of RBRC given by Professor A. Stasto (Penn State University), Professor D. Khazeev (Stony Brook University), Professor K. Kurita (Rikkyo University), Professor Megan Connors (Georgia State University), Professor S. Syritsyn (Stony Brook University), and Dr. Y. Aoki (RIKEN).

Professor S. Nagamiya then gave a talk entitled “Before the Birth of RBRC and the Future.” The celebration was closed by remark of Professor R. Tribble, the director of RBRC.

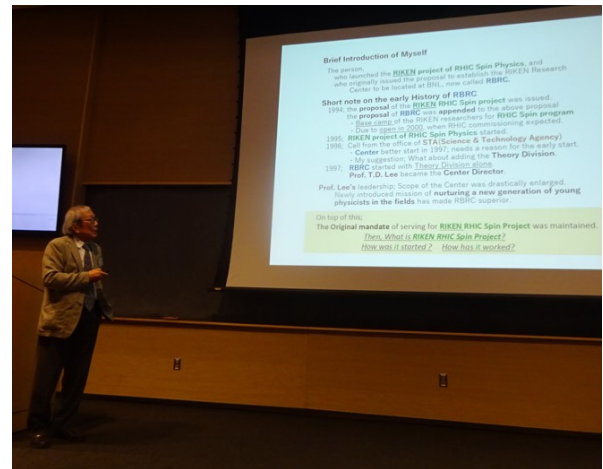


Fig. 2. Keynote talk by Professor Ishihara.

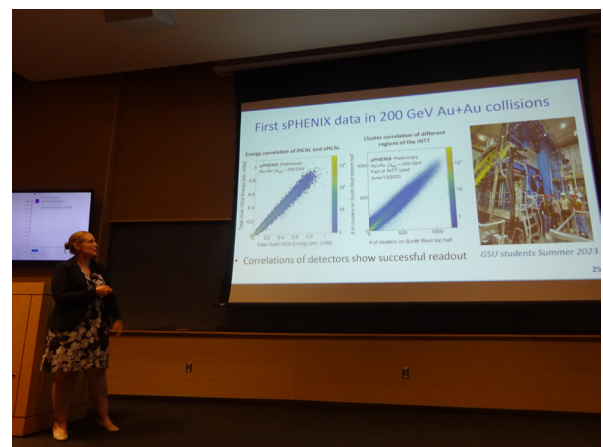


Fig. 3. Professor M. Connors giving a talk on “Jet Quenching: The transition from PHENIX discoveries to sPHENIX opportunities.”

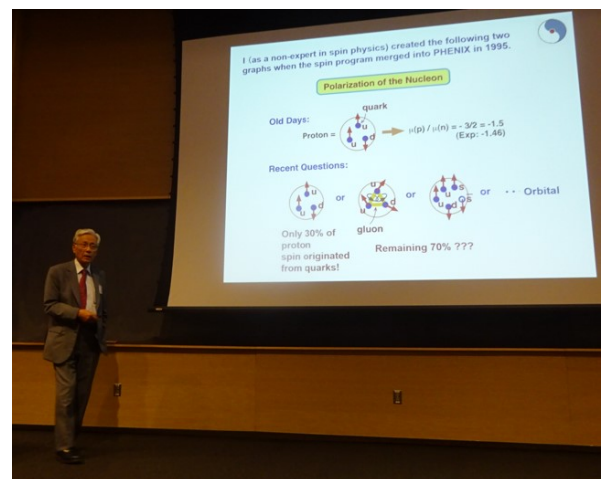


Fig. 4. Closing talk by Professor Nagamiya.

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