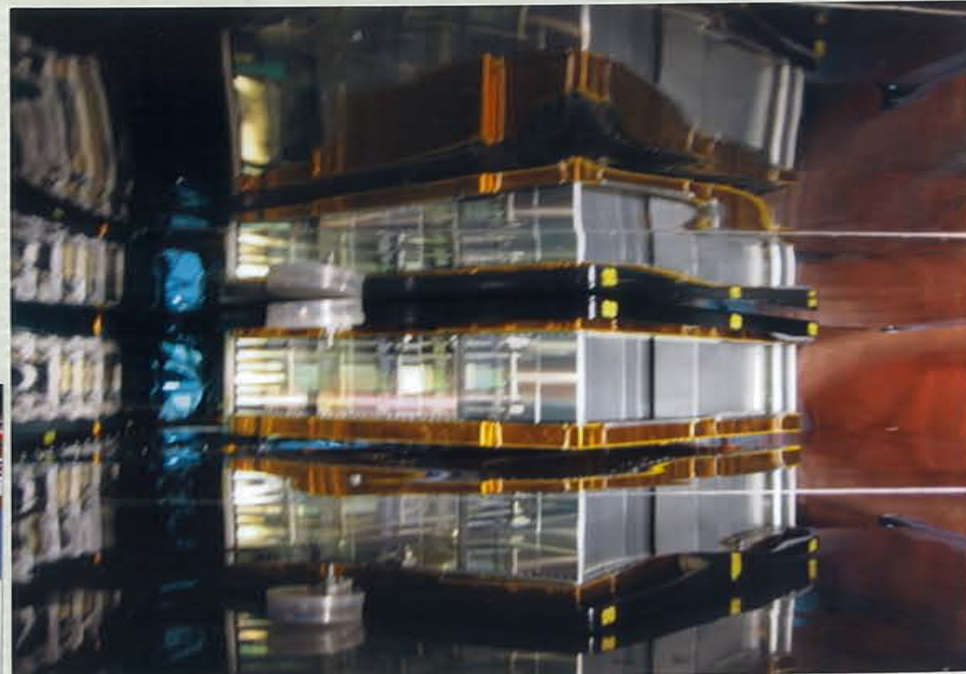




# A few final additions...



To Wit,

It was both an honor and a pleasure to work with you on the **PHOBOS** experiment. Your leadership was largely responsible for the quality and breadth of the **PHOBOS** physics program. Even more important from my personal perspective, your guiding example nurtured a spirit of unity, cooperation, and common goals which made **PHOBOS** a "collaboration" in the very best sense of the word.

Many Thanks!  
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Dear Wit,

We just wanted to send a note of appreciation and thanks from the Brookhaven Group. PHOBOS was a unique opportunity for all of us, using what looked like a small experiment to do such big physics. And from its design to its implementation, it was a testament to your deep and lasting interest in fascinating physics topics many others had ignored, and your ability to assemble a such a great collaboration as PHOBOS, where the quality of the data was king, but where new ideas could be discussed (sometimes quite actively) and such surprising results could emerge. The main principle of the experiment -- that data was always richer than the various models we use to describe them -- has had a lasting effect on all of us and we will take it with us on future projects.

All the best to you and congratulations again on the success of PHOBOS. We were honored to part of it.

Warm regards,  
The BNL Group (past and present!)

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