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ZDC effective cross section for Run 16 gold-gold collisions in RHIC

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The 2016 RHIC Au-Au run took place from February 8 to June 27, 2016. Four so-called vernier scans were performed at 100 GeV per beam, with $\gamma=107.396$ at flattop at one of the interaction points, IP6. During this type of procedure, one beam is swept across the other, first horizontally and then vertically, recording the interaction rate as a function of the beam to beam distance. From that data, the effective cross section of the ZDC can be derived. This note discusses the results as well as the systematic uncertainties of the effective cross section.

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