# **PHY Mid Scale Briefing**

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## Background

- PHY midscale program is new in FY 2014
- Evolved from Accelerator Physics and Physics Instrumentation (APPI) program to meet community demand for midscale project funding
  - TPC > \$4M MRI cap and \$ < MREFC threshold</p>
- NSF 14-116 Dear Colleague Letter: Opportunity to Request Instrumentation Funding for Midscale Level Instrumentation in Physics Division

### **Features**

 Selection based on merit review of unsolicited proposals submitted to disciplinary program representing exceptional opportunity and of high priority to research community

#### Excludes:

- planning and development funding for future midscale and MREFC candidates
- O&M for facilities and funds for utilization of constructed/acquired infrastructure
- educational outreach

## Features (cont'd)

- Awards are one-time only, non-renewable
- May be used for construction or off-the-shelf purchases
- Think of as Capital Investments in Projects

 Open to all areas of physics within purview of Physics Division

### **Status**

\$7.3M awarded in FY14 Currently Funded Projects:

Phase-I Upgrades of ATLAS, CMS

Upgrade of LHCb

Xenon1T

Neutron edm

SPT (Contribution to award in Polar Programs)