



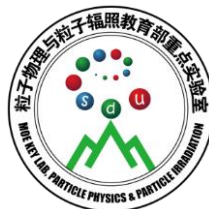
# The STAR BES-II and Forward Rapidity Physics and Upgrades

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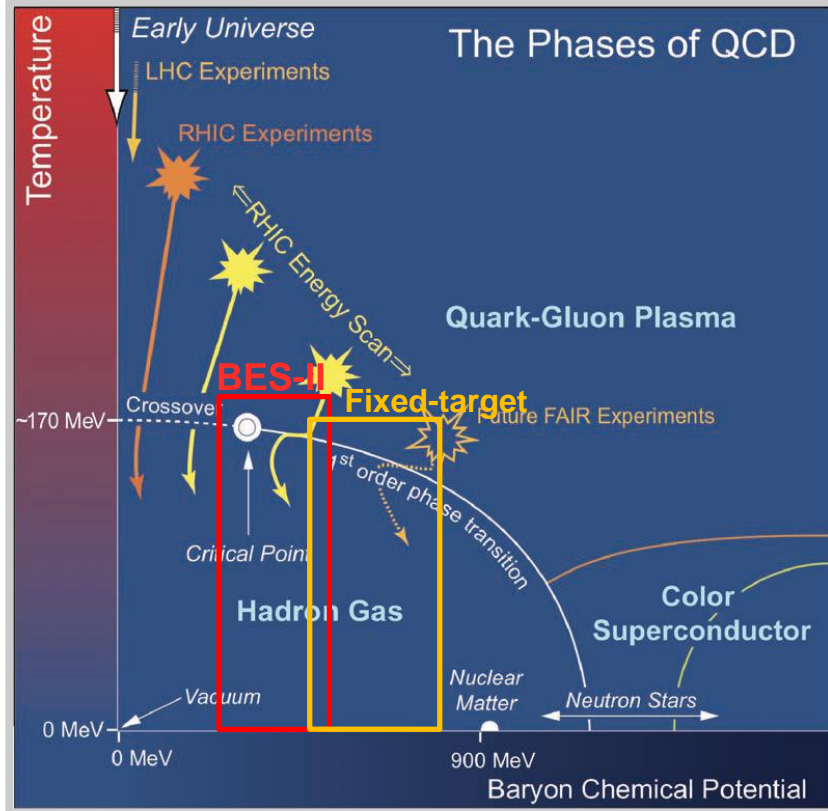
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# Beam Energy Scan Phase II (BES-II)



$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Proposed Event Goals (M)	BES-I Event (M)
7.7	100	4
9.1	160	N/A
11.5	230	12
14.5	300	20
19.6	400	36
3.0 - 7.7	~100 per energy	N/A

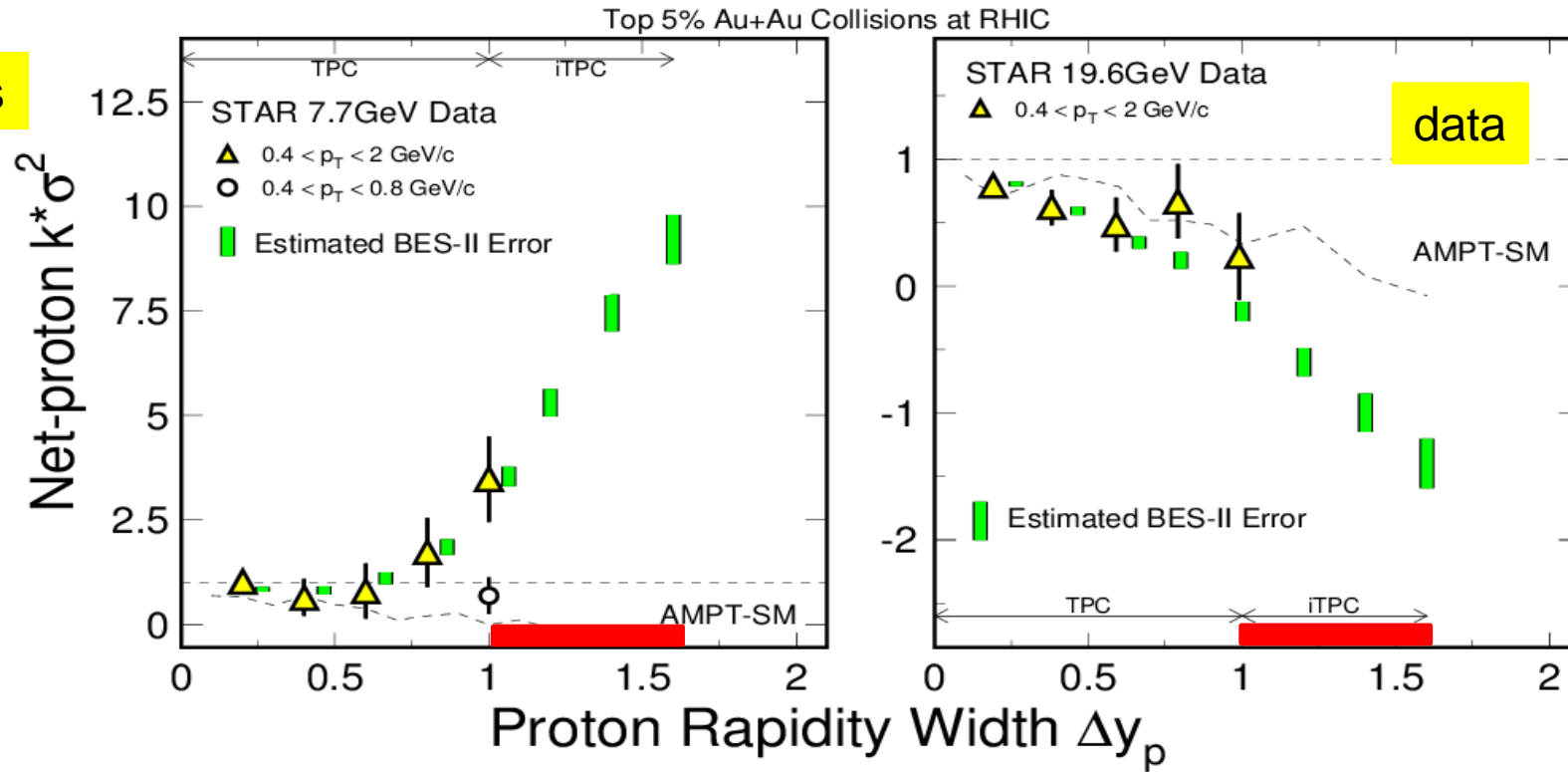
- Collider mode
- Fixed-target mode

- ✓ RHIC BES-II: 10-25 times more statistics and **detector upgrades**
  - Dramatically reduce the uncertainties!
- ✓ Map the QCD phase diagram  **$200 < \mu_B \leq 720 \text{ MeV}$** 
  - Signs of 1<sup>st</sup>-order phase transition, QCD critical point, signature of QGP turn-off.



# Searching for Critical Point

## Net-proton cumulants

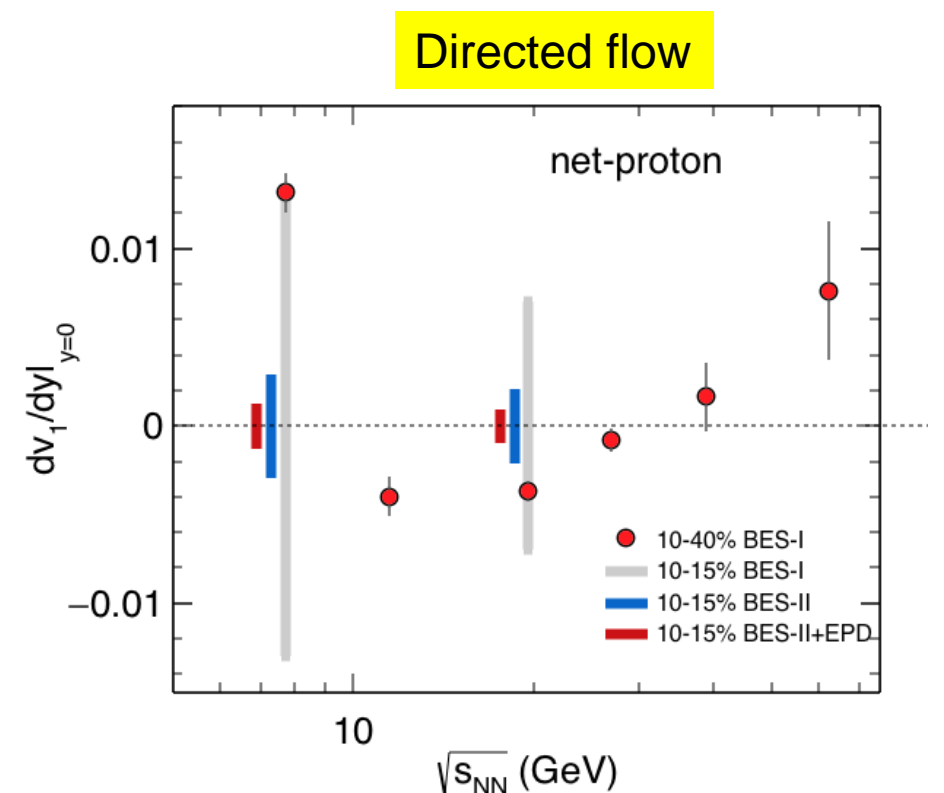
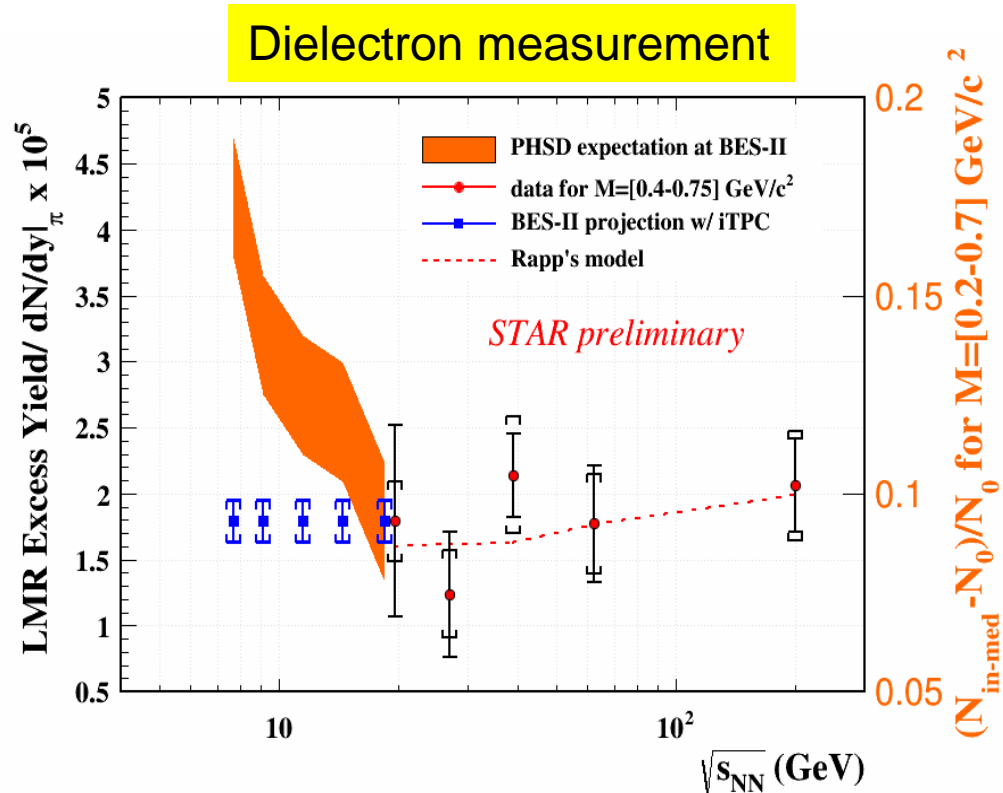


- ✓ Non-trivial energy dependence from BES-I
- ✓ Rapidity length of correlation is important
- ✓ Measure as fct. of  $\Delta y_p$  in wide range is needed to establish nature of correlation

[ **STAR Note 644:** <https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0644> ]



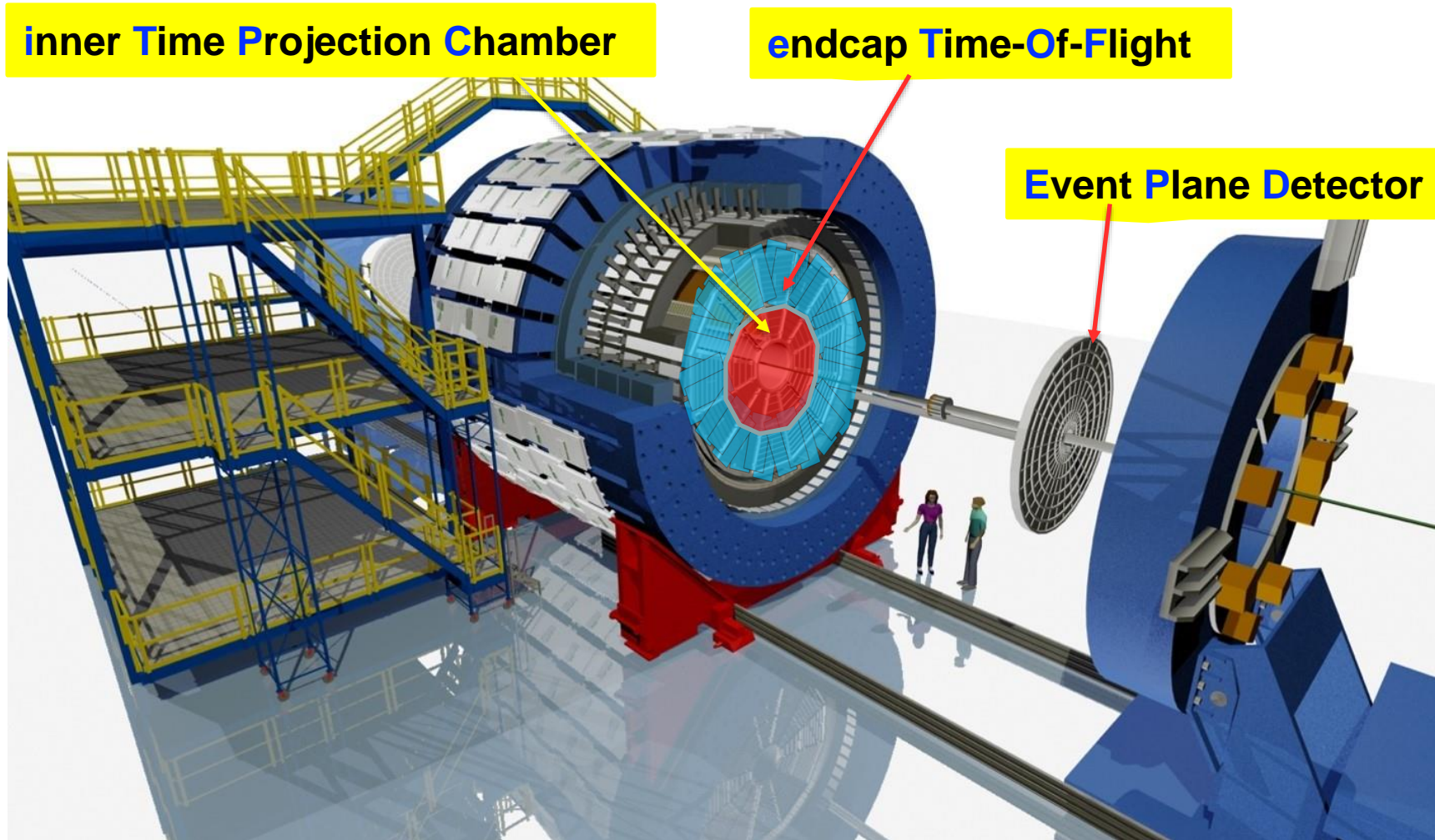
# Physics Motivation



- ✓ Systematically study continuum from 7.7-19.6 GeV and the effect of total baryon density on Low invariant Mass Range (LMR) excess → chiral symmetry restoration
  - ✓ ~10 times more statistics, ~1/2 decrease of systematic uncertainties (improved  $dE/dx$ )
- ✓ Analysis of  $v_1$  with fine centrality binning will lead a better understanding of baryon stopping at low beam energy
  - ✓ More statistics and a better first-order event plane resolution

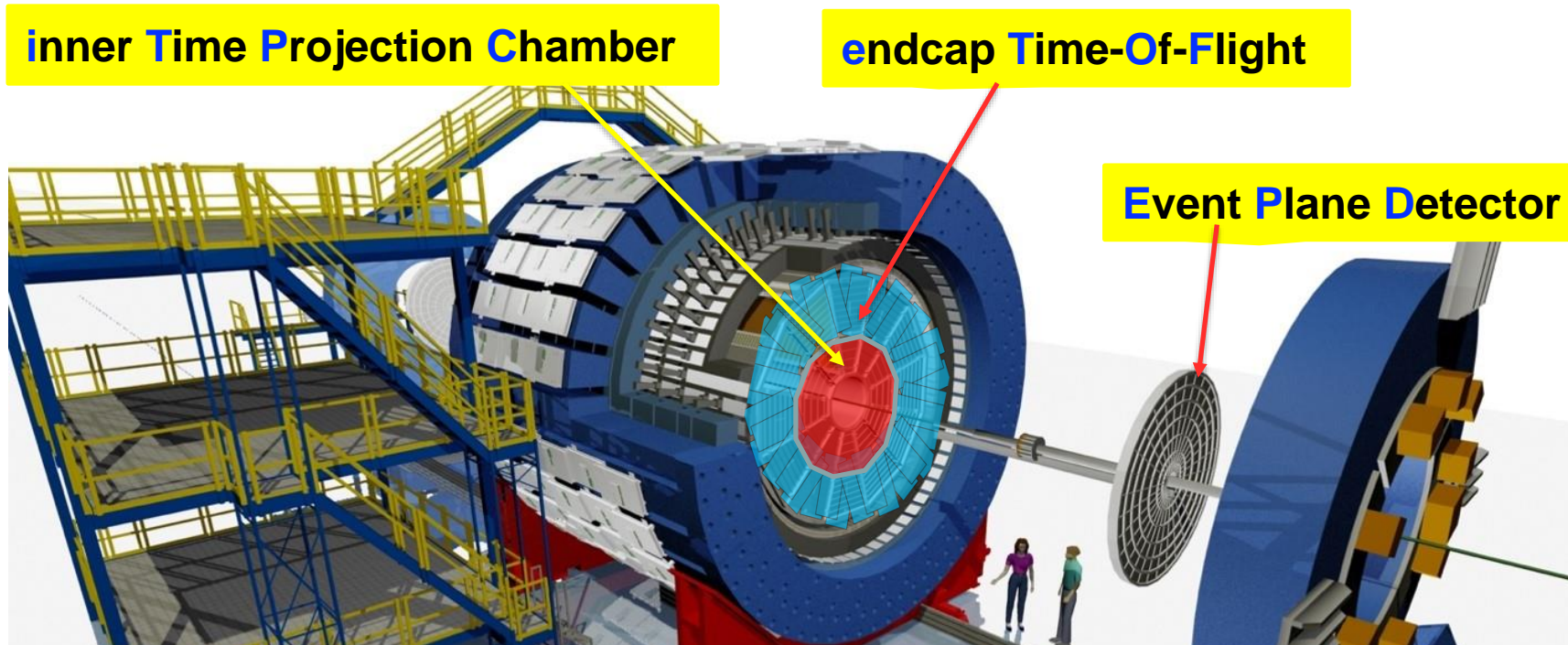


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<b>iTPC upgrade</b>	<b>eTOF upgrade</b>	<b>EPD upgrade</b>
Continuous pad rows Replace all inner TPC sectors	Add CBM TOF modules and electronics (FAIR Phase 0)	Replace Beam-Beam Counter
$ \eta  < 1.5$	$-1.6 < \eta < -1.1$	$2.1 <  \eta  < 5.1$
$p_T > 60$ MeV/c	Extend forward PID capability	Better trigger & b/g reduction
Better dE/dx resolution Better momentum resolution	Allows higher energy range of Fixed-Target program	Greatly improved Event Plane info (esp. 1 <sup>st</sup> -order EP)

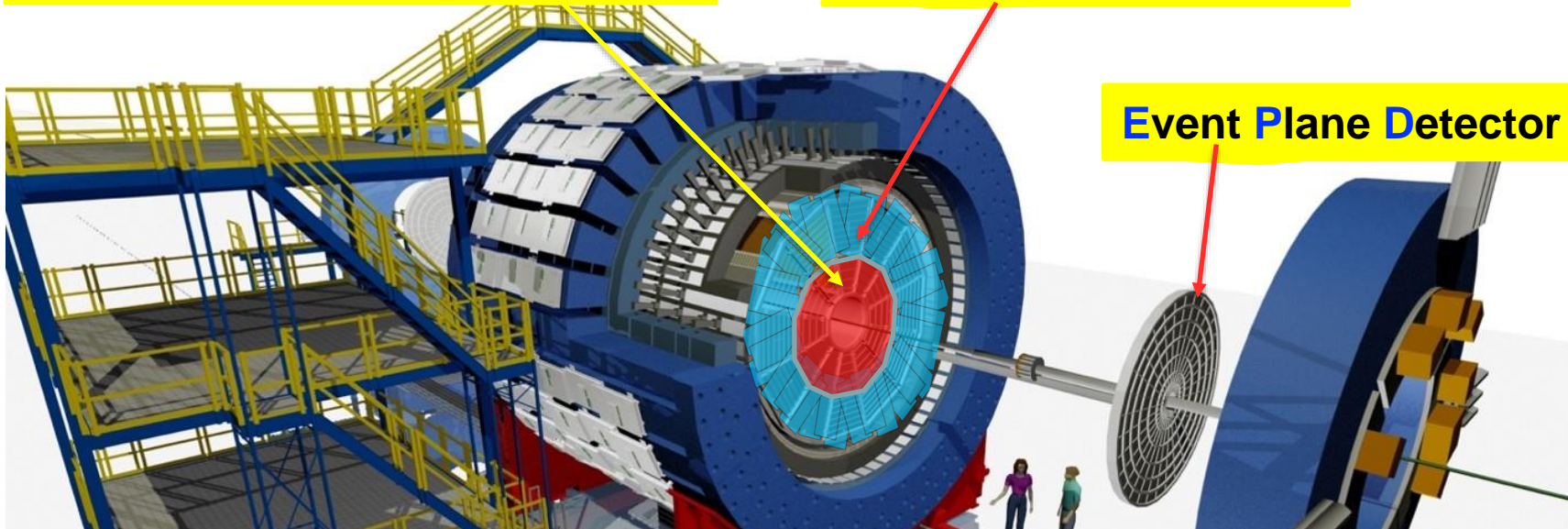


# Upgrades for BES-II

inner Time Projection Chamber

endcap Time-Of-Flight

Event Plane Detector



One iTPC sector has been installed



3 eTOF modules have been installed



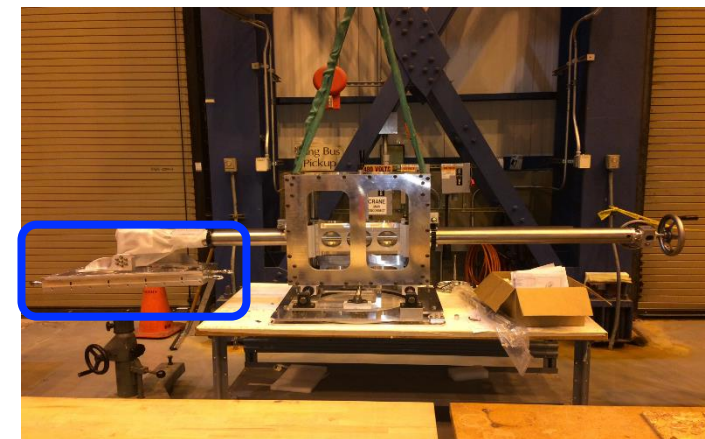
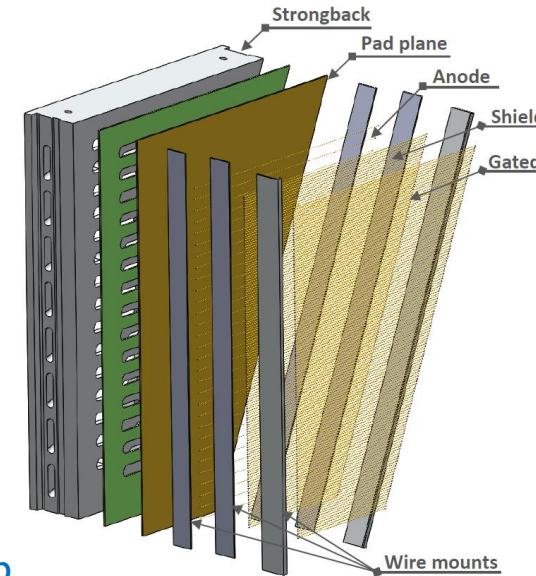
Full EPD has been installed





# The inner TPC upgrade

- ✓ Inner Sectors
  - ✓ New designed strongback
  - ✓ New wire frames
  - ✓ Increase readout pad rows (13 to 40)
    - Coverage increased from 20% to ~100%
- ✓ New electronics for inner sectors
  - Doubled the readout channels. Using ALICE SAMPA chip
- ✓ New designed insertion tooling
  - Removal and insertion of inner sectors
- ✓ Replace all 24 inner sectors
  - 2018: One sector has been installed at STAR
  - 70% of the MWPCs have been produced
  - Full installation in autumn 2018





# iTPC Performance

✓ Excellent performance in bench test for MWPC: [ NIM A 896 (2018) 90 ]

✓ Gas gain uniformity  $< 1.5\%$  (RMS) & Energy resolution is  $< 20\%$  (FWMH)

✓ Reasonable stability under X-ray irradiation test

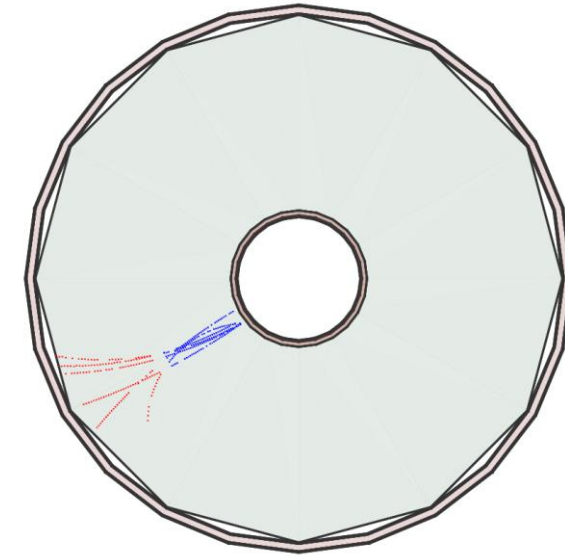
→ 500 nA leakage current without trip or any sparks

✓ **iTPC (one sector) performance in current isobar collisions :**

✓ Maximum hits per track: 45 → 72

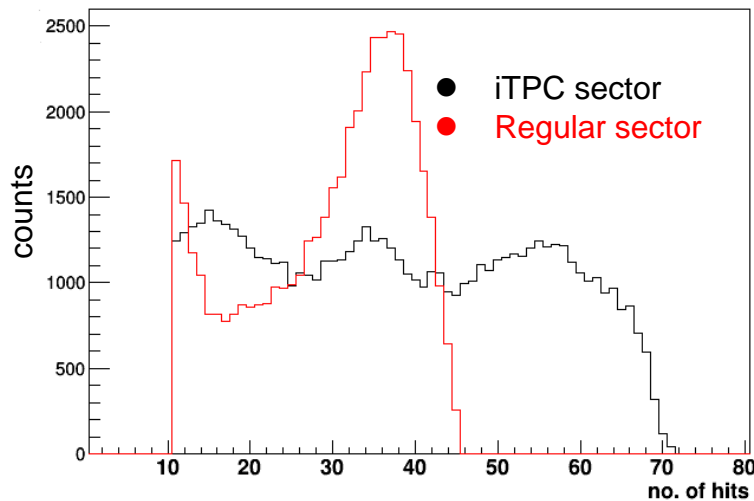
✓ Lower transverse momentum threshold of 60 MeV/c

✓  $\eta$  coverage extended by 0.4 units.

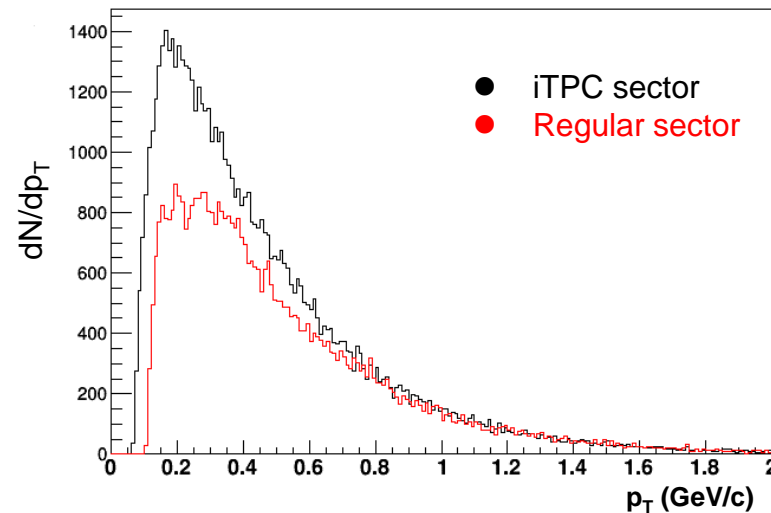


Event display

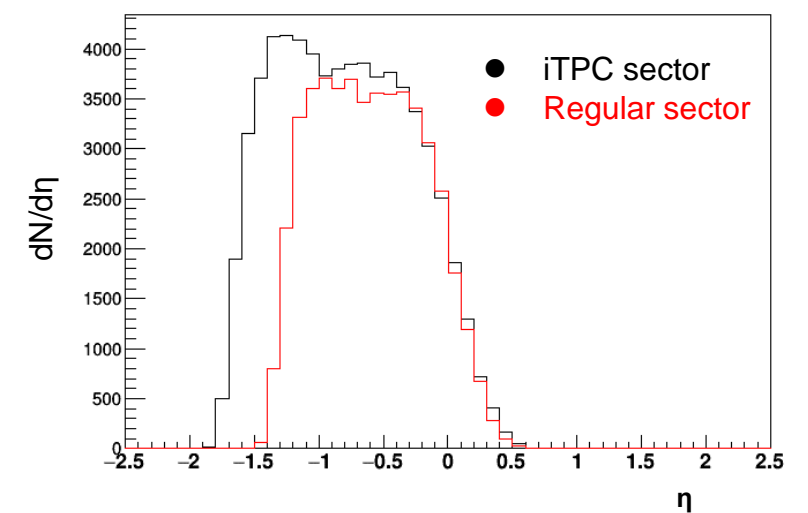
number of hits - negative particles



$p_T$  distributions - negative particles



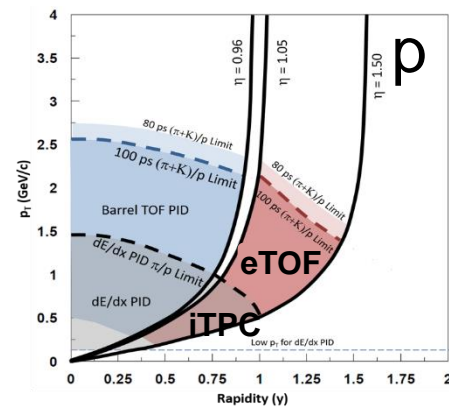
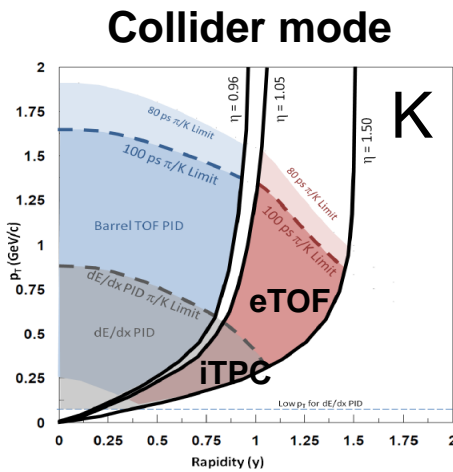
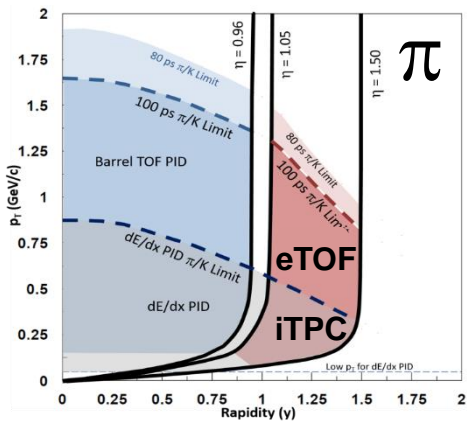
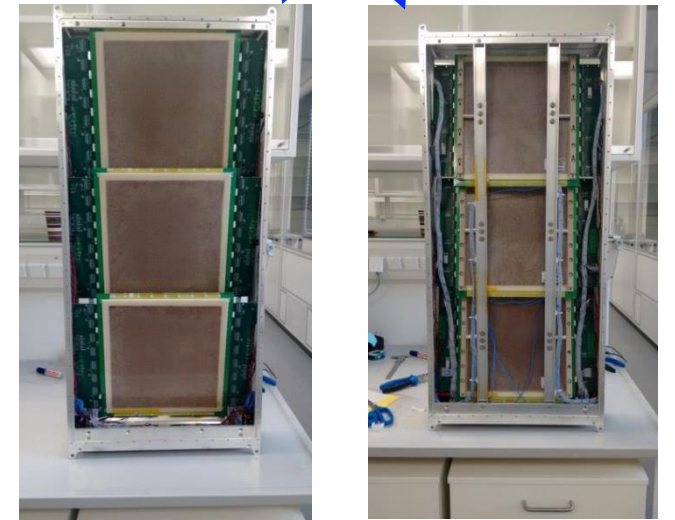
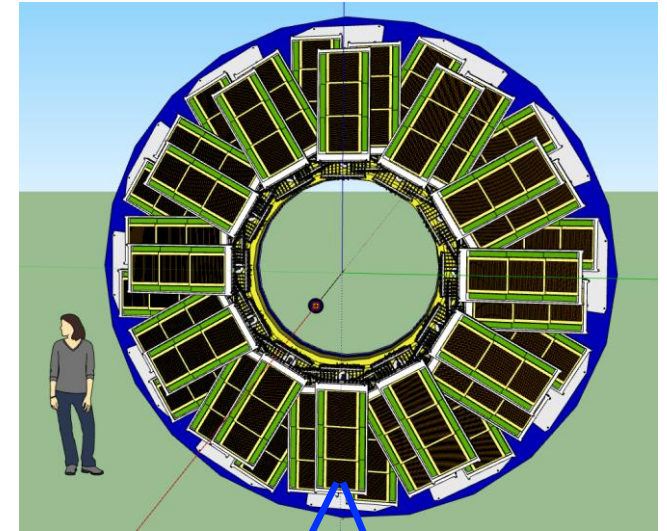
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# The endcap Time-Of-Flight

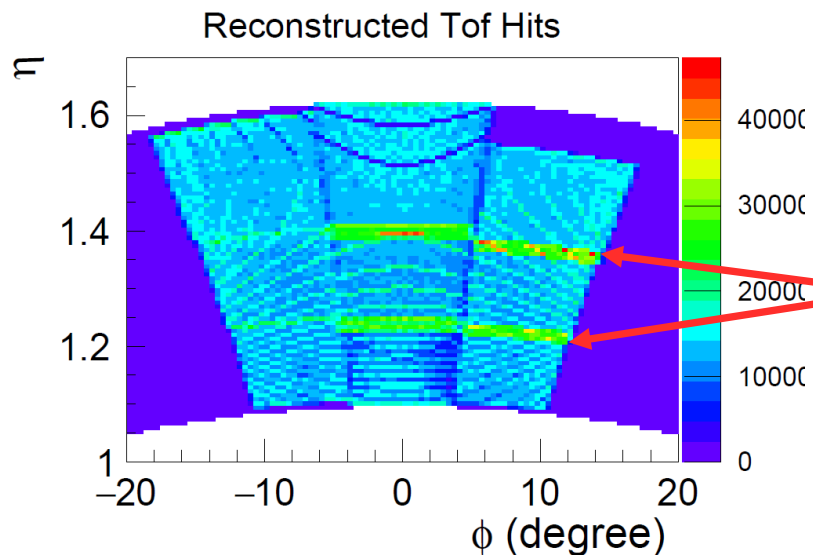
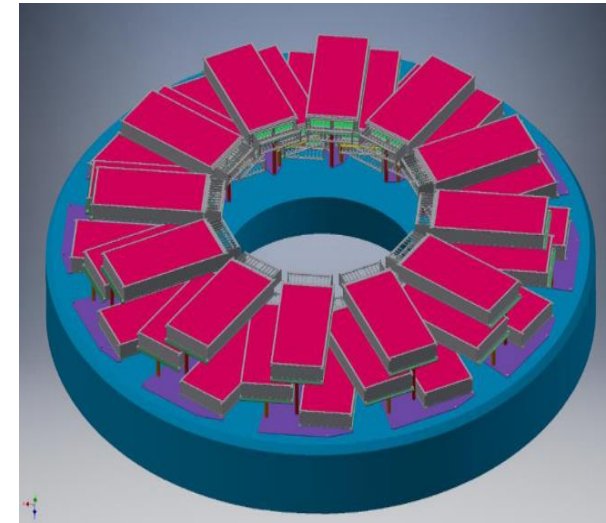
- ✓ Install, commission and use 10% of the CBM TOF modules at STAR
- ✓ Design concept
  - ✓ 3 layers, 12 sectors, 36 modules, 108 MRPCs
- ✓ Provides PID in the forward direction
  - ✓ Extended rapidity and yields
- ✓ One sector with three modules has been installed for runs in 2018
- ✓ Full installation in November 2018



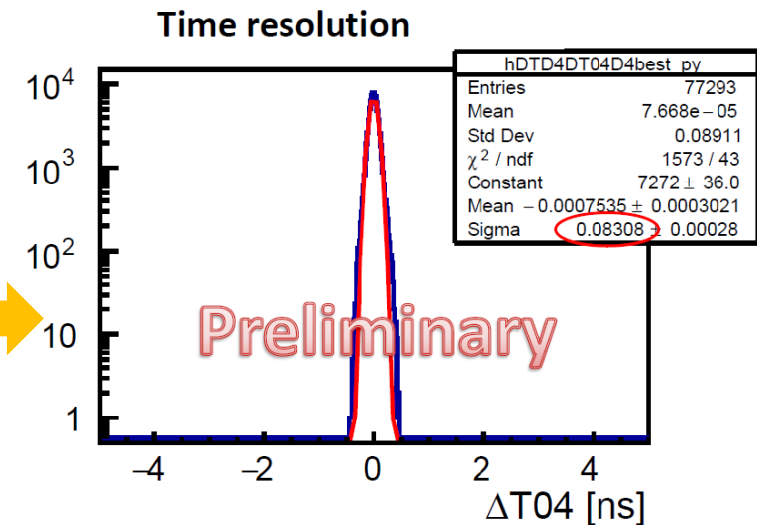


# The endcap Time-Of-Flight

- ✓ Successfully commissioned in 2017 (one module)
  - ✓ Interface to STAR event builder & barrel TOF
- ✓ Engineering design for STAR module completed
  - ✓ Mounting scheme, HV distribution, gas system layout, etc.
- ✓ System integration successful → participating in data taking in 2018
  - ✓ Reasonable  $\eta$ - $\phi$  hit distribution → eTOF working properly
  - ✓ Time resolution 59 ps



Overlap range of two MRPCs



- ✓ System time resolution: 83 ps
- ✓ Counter time resolution: 59 ps

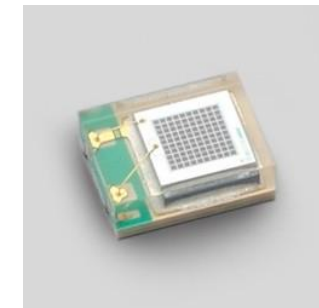
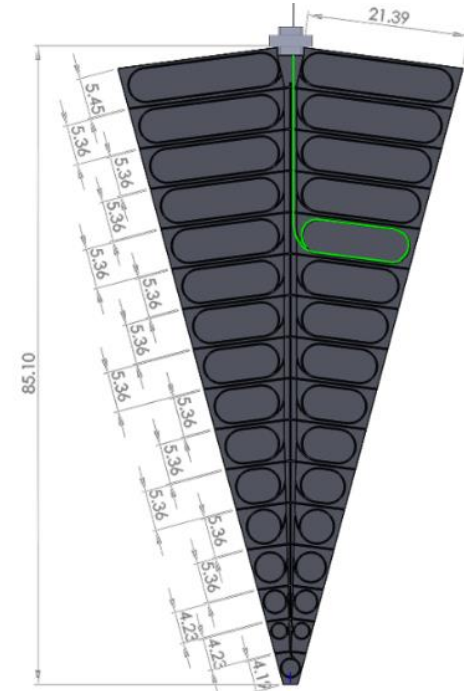


# Event Plane Detector

## Event Plane Detector

See Joseph Adams's Poster INS-01

- ✓ 2 Wheels
  - East and West EPD ( $2.1 < |\eta| < 5.1$ )
- ✓ 12 super sectors
  - Scintillator wedges, milled to form 31 tiles
  - Optically separated by epoxy
- ✓ Fiber Optics
  - Wavelength-shifting fibers
  - Grouped in 3D-printed connectors
- ✓ Sensors
  - Silicon Photon Multiplier (SiPM)



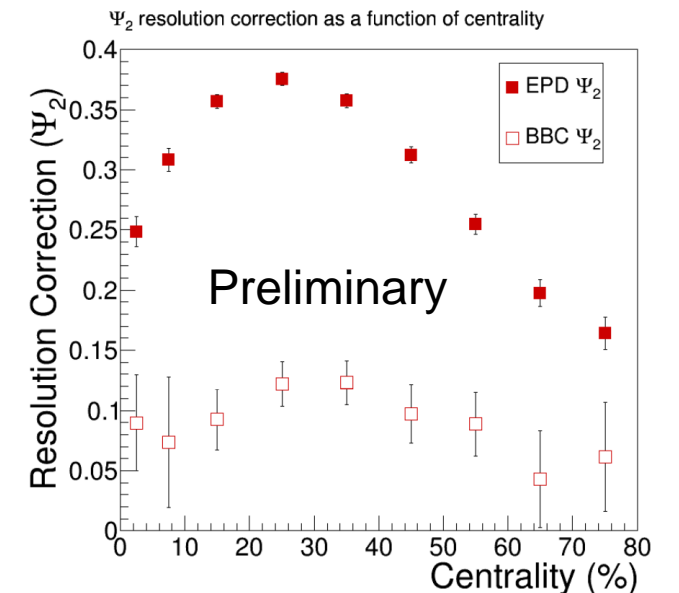
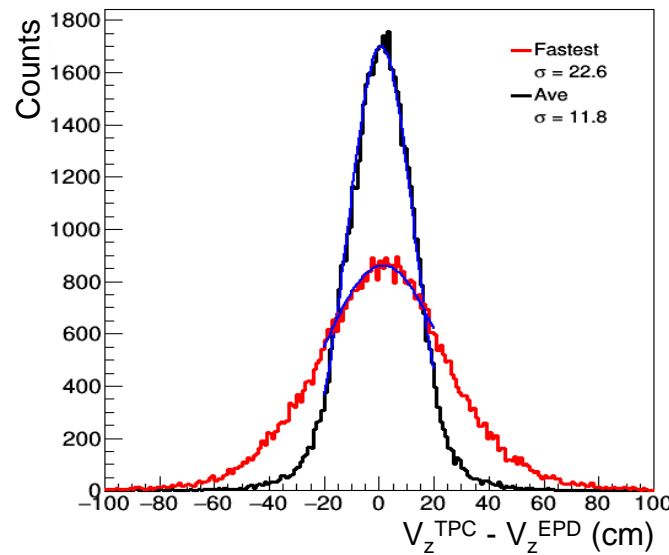
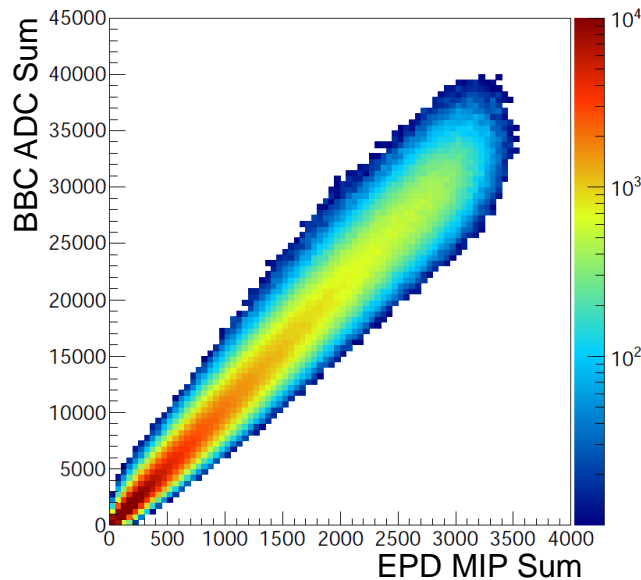
**Scintillator + Wave Length Shifting fibers + Silicon Photon Multiplier**



# Event Plane Detector Performance

- ✓ Measure current in SiPM using Strontium source
  - ✓ Tile uniformity within 2%, cross-talk less than 1%
- ✓ All 744 tiles are good
- ✓ Good correlation between BBC and EPD → correct timing
- ✓ Timing resolution is about 0.75 ns with fastest TAC method
  - ✓ 0.35 ns with average TAC method, Raw slewing correction
- ✓ The second-order event plane resolution is 0.37 in 20-30% centrality events at top energy isobar collisions

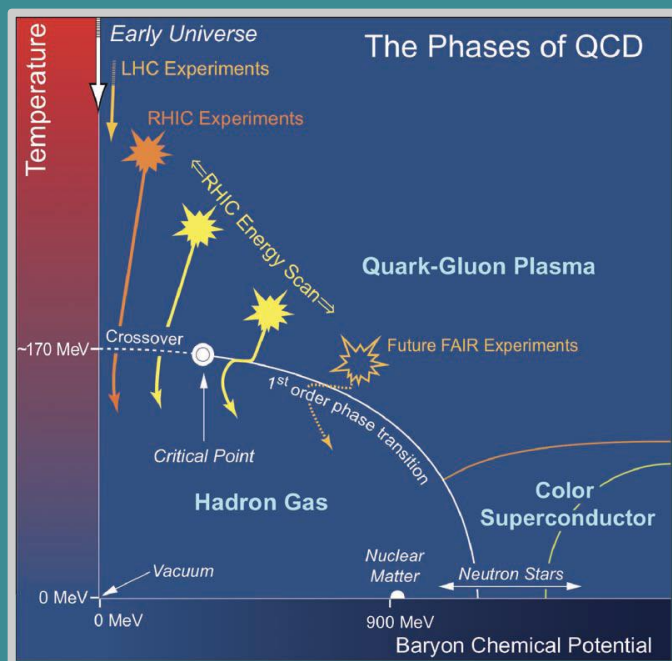
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and Issac Upsal's poster COL-32**



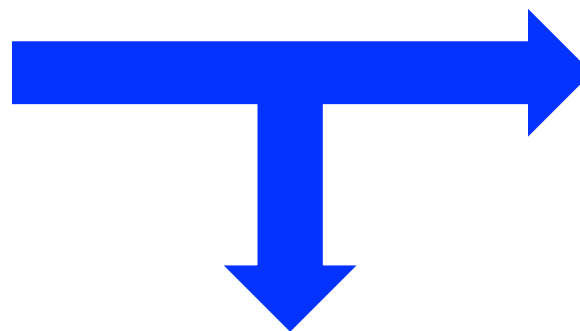


# Looking Forward

## Beam Energy Scan II Program



QCD phase diagram



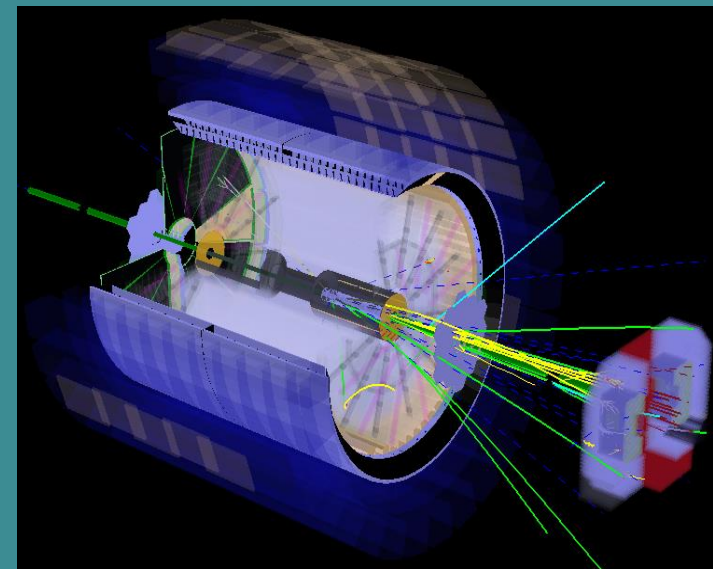
Mid-Rapidity Physics  
after BES-II

See Qian Yang's Poster  
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2021+  
Forward Physics

See Li Yi's Poster INS-38

- ✓ Forward Tracking System
- ✓ Forward Calorimeter System



A Tale of Initial State:  
Nucleon to Nuclei

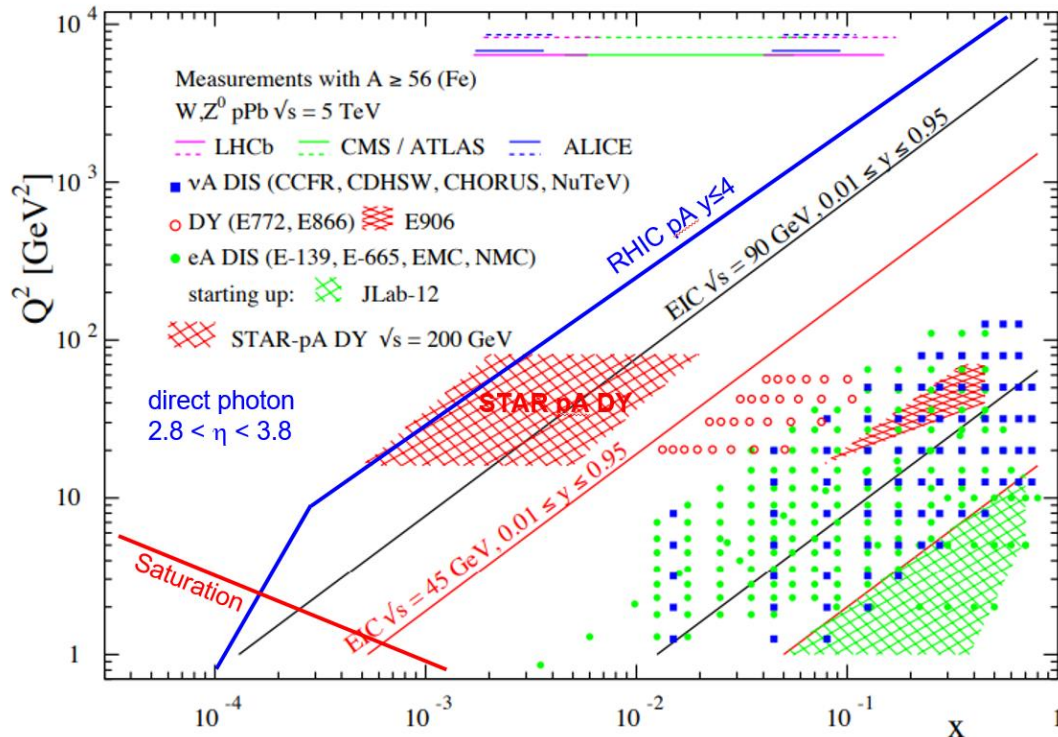
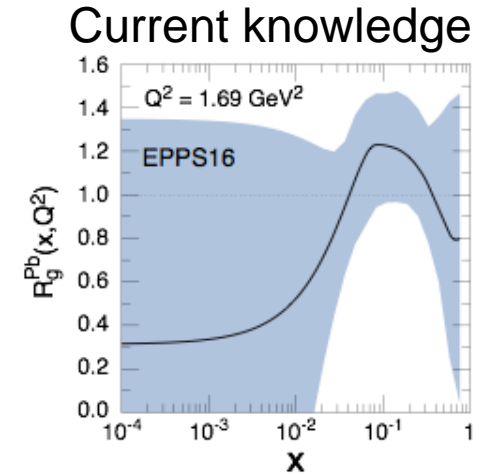
[ STAR Note 598 : <https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0598> ]

[ STAR Note 669: <https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0669> ]



# Unique Kinematic Coverage in p+A Collisions at RHIC

- ✓ What are the nPDFs at low-x?
- ✓ How saturated is the initial state of the nucleus?
- ✓ What is the spatial transverse distribution of nucleons and gluons?
  - ✓ How much does the spatial distribution?
  - ✓ Fluctuate? Lumpiness, hot-spots etc.

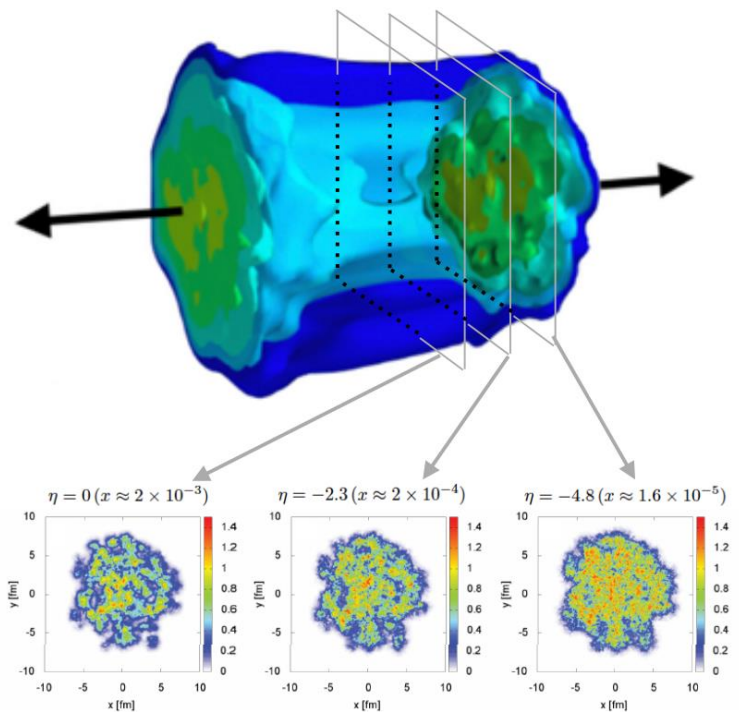


- ✓ Can measure nPDF in a  $x$ - $Q^2$  region where nuclear effects are large
  - $Q^2 > Q_s^2$  over a wide range in  $x$
- ✓ Observables free of final state effects
  - Gluons:  $R_{pA}$  for direct photons
  - Sea-quarks:  $R_{pA}$  for DY
- ✓ Scan A-dependence prediction by saturation models
- ✓ Access saturation regime at forward rapidity
- ✓ **FTS and FCS are required for these physics**

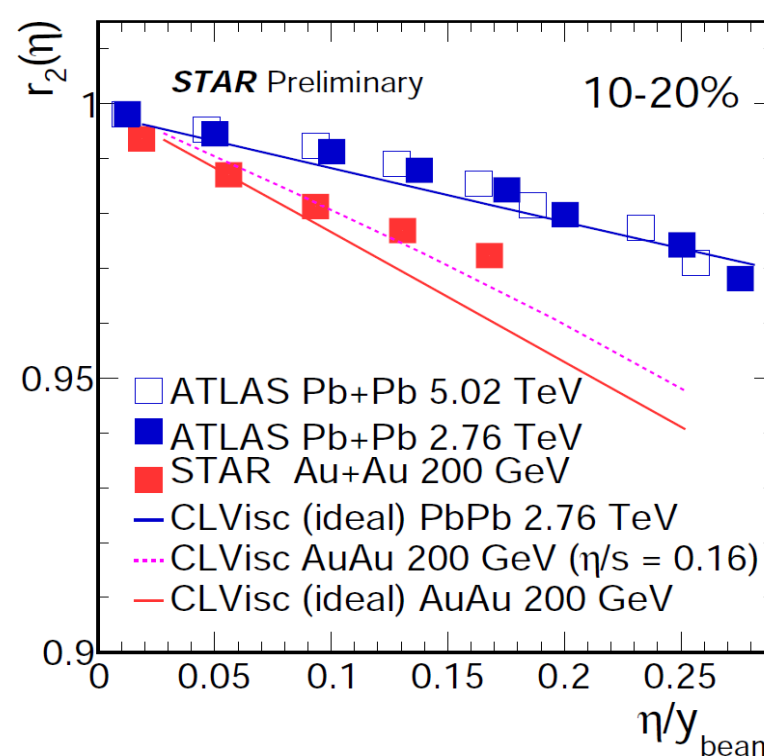




# Physics Opportunities in A+A



credit: B. Schenke



- ✓ Studying the correlation at forward rapidity will constrain the longitudinal structure of initial conditions
- ✓ Discern different scenarios of vorticity by Lambda global polarization vs rapidity
- ✓ Probe small x PDF with forward jets and forward-backward jet correlations
- ✓ Forward jet quenching and QGP tomography

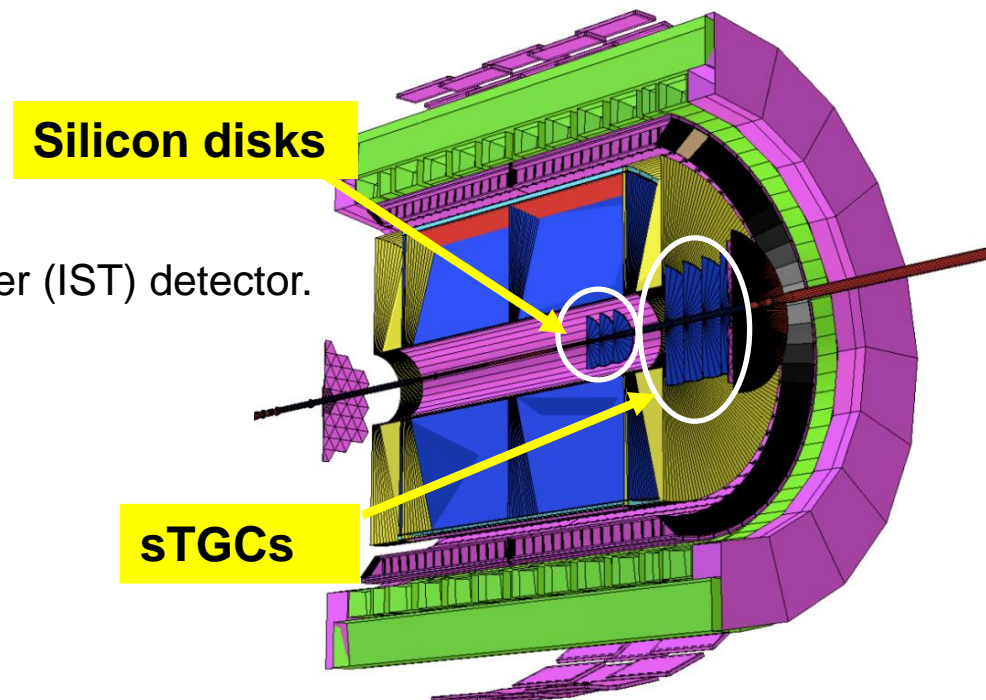
**See Maowu Nie's talk  
#332, May 15 19:10**



# Forward Tracking System

## The Forward Tracking System ( $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$ ):

- ✓ 3 layers of silicon mini-strip disk
  - granularity: fine in  $\phi$  and coarse in  $r$  direction
  - successful experience of STAR Intermediate Silicon Tracker (IST) detector.
- ✓ 4 layers of Small-Strip Thin Gap Chamber (sTGC) wheel
  - significant reduction of the project cost
  - maintaining the good momentum resolution
  - possible reuse of STAR TPC electronics for readout
- ✓ Low material budget in detector acceptance



### The minimum detector requirements

Detector	p+p and p+A	A+A
FTS	Charge separation	$0.2 < p_T < 2$ GeV/c with 20-30% $p_T$ resolution



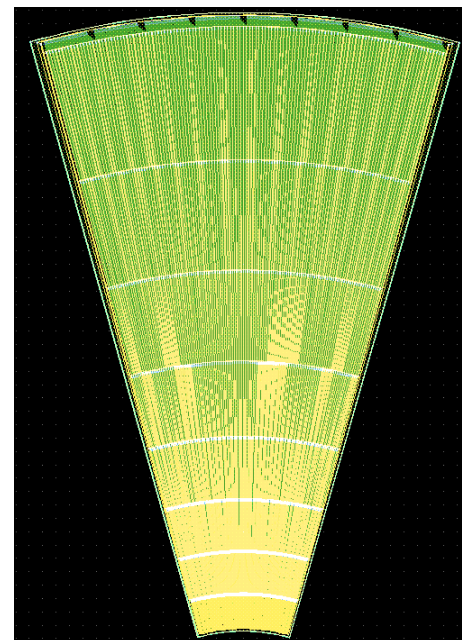
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## Silicon disks:

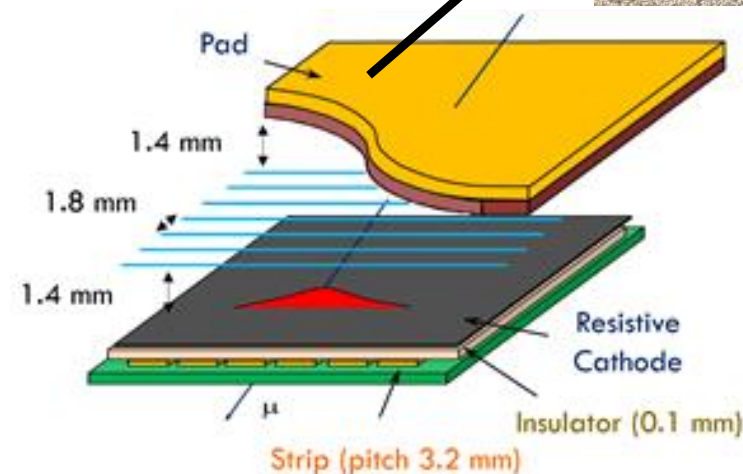
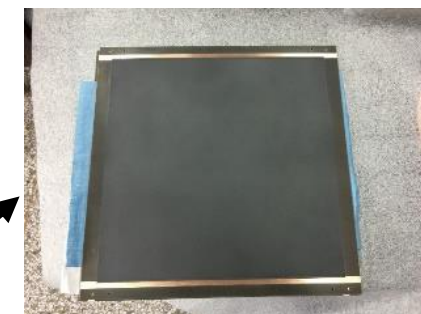
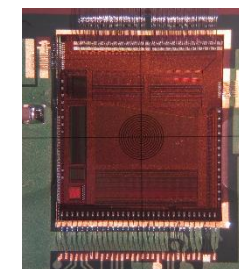
- ✓ Single-sided double-metal Silicon Mini-strip sensors
  - under development
- ✓ Several different frontend chips, APV25-S1 chip → IST
- ✓ IST DAQ system for FTS if using APV25-S1
- ✓ Replicating the STAR IST cooling system to cool the FTS

## sTGC:

- ✓ Position resolution ~ 100  $\mu\text{m}$
- ✓ Material budget: ~ 0.5% per layer, two layers each disk.
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> sTGC prototype for STAR to be made at SDU in 2018
  - $\frac{1}{4}$  size of ATLAS sTGC
  - 60 cm x 60 cm module with 2 layers
  - Strip of 30 cm each



APV25-S1





# Forward Calorimeter System

## The Forward Calorimeter System ( $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$ ):

Intensive R&D work on both ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter (ECal) and Hadron Calorimeter (HCal) as part of STAR and EIC Detector R&D

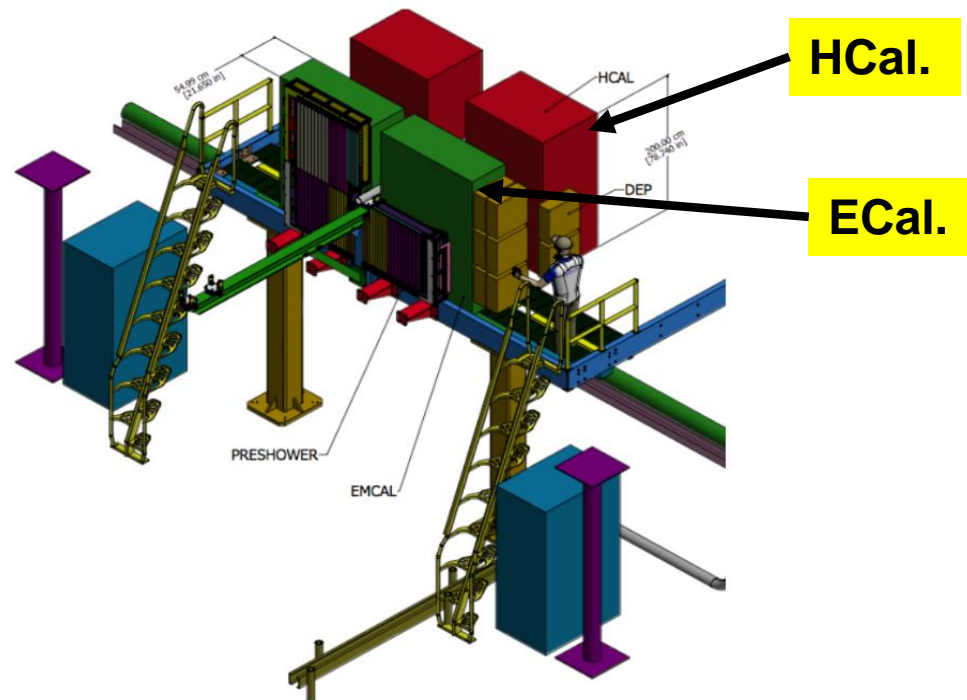
- several beam test and STAR in situ tests
- system optimized for cost and performance

### Ecal:

- Reuse PHENIX PbSC calorimeter
- With new readout on front instead of W/ScFi SPACAL
- Significant cost reduction
- Uncompensated calorimeter system

### Hcal:

- Sandwich iron-scintillator plate sampling calorimeter.



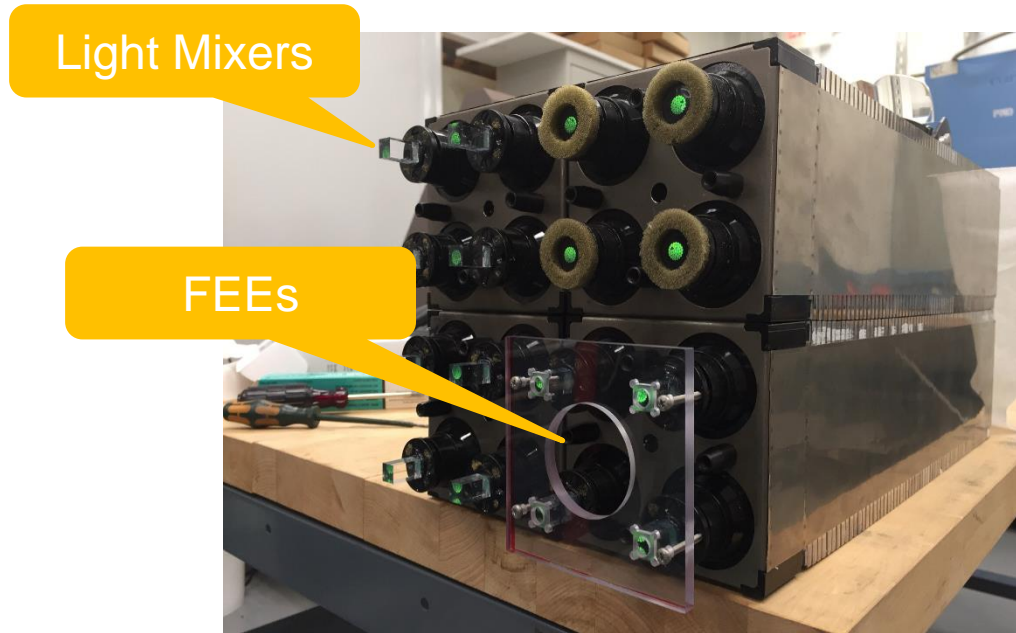
The minimum detector requirements

Detecotor	p+p and p+A	A+A
Ecal	$\sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$	$\sim 20\%/\sqrt{E}$
HCal	$\sim 60\%/\sqrt{E}$	---



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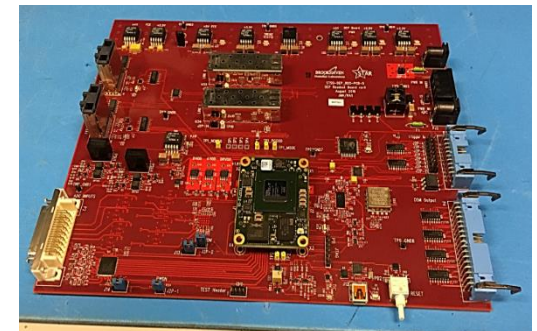
- ✓ Test FCS' ECal in STAR at 2017
  - ✓ Sampling Calorimeter
  - ✓ FEEs
  - ✓ Sensors with help from EIC R&D
    - ✓ SiPMs, Hamamatsu 6x6 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - ✓ Digitizers
- ✓ FEEs and Detector Electronics Platform has fully integrated to STAR
- ✓ In 2018
  - ✓ Large scale ECal prototype
  - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration of FEEs and DEP
  - ✓ HCal towers



FEEs



Detector Electronics Platform (DEP)





# Summary

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- BES-II related detector upgrades show excellent progress
  - ✓ iTPC - one sector installed. 70% MWPCs produced, good performance (number of maximum hits, lower  $p_T$  threshold and extended in  $\eta$ )
  - ✓ EPD - fully installed. The second order event plane resolution is 0.37 in isobar collisions in 20-30% centrality events, timing resolution is 0.75 ns
  - ✓ eTOF - one sector installed. Engineering design completed, timing resolution is 59 ps
  - ✓ Full installation of iTPC and eTOF in autumn 2018 for the BES-II program
  
- STAR forward upgrade enables studying the initial state of nuclei (nPDF, saturation and a 3D map of the initial state of AA collisions)
  - ✓ sTGC prototype produced at Shandong University planned to be installed in 2019
  - ✓ Intensive R&D of Silicon sensors is ongoing at UIC&NCKU.
  - ✓ Large scale prototype calorimeter beam test planned for spring 2019 at Fermilab



Thank you !



# Summary of forward pp & pA measurements

	Year	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Delivered Luminosity	Scientific Goals	Observable	Required Upgrade
Scheduled RHIC running	2023-2025	p <sup>+</sup> p @ 200	300 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	Subprocess driving the large $A_N$ at high $x_F$ and $\eta$	$A_N$ for charged hadrons and flavor enhanced jets	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
		p <sup>+</sup> Au @ 200	1.8 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	What is the nature of the initial state and hadronization in nuclear collisions  Clear signatures for Saturation	$R_{pAu}$ direct photons and DY  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	Forward instrum. ECal+Hcal+Tracking
		p <sup>+</sup> Al @ 200	12.6 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	A-dependence of nPDF,  A-dependence for Saturation	$R_{pAl}$ direct photons and DY  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
Potential future running	2021	p <sup>+</sup> p @ 510	1.1 fb <sup>-1</sup> 10 weeks	TMDs at low and high $x$	$A_{UT}$ for Collins observables, i.e. hadron in jet modulations at $\eta$ > 1	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
	2021	p <sup>+</sup> p @ 510	1.1 fb <sup>-1</sup> 10 weeks	$\Delta g(x)$ at small $x$	$A_{LL}$ for jets, di- jets, h/ $\gamma$ -jets at $\eta > 1$	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal





# Summary of forward AA measurements

Physics Measurements		Longitudinal de-correlation $C_n(\Delta\eta)$ $r_n(\eta_a, \eta_b)$	$\eta/s(T)$ , $\zeta/s(T)$	Mixed flow Harmonics $C_{m,n,m+n}$	Ridge	Event Shape and Jet-studies
Detectors	Acceptance					
Forward Calorimeter (FCS)	$-2.5 > \eta > -4.2 E_T$ (photons, hadrons)	One of these detectors necessary		One of these detectors necessary	Good to have	One of these detectors needed
Forward Tracking System (FTS)	$-2.5 > \eta > -4.2$ (charged particles)		Important		Important	