# The STAR Detector Upgrades for the BES-II and Beyond Physics Program

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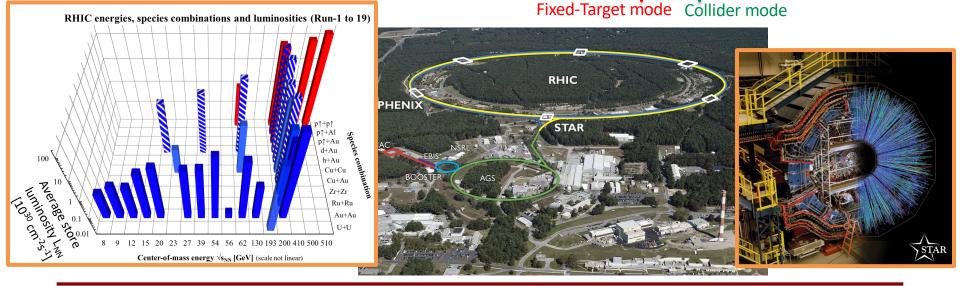




## Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)

### The most versatile particle collider

- The only polarized proton collider in the world
- Type of collisions: p+p, p+Au, Au+Au, d+Au, U+U, Zr+Zr, ...
- Center-of-mass energy for Au+Au collisions: 3.0 7.7 200 GeV



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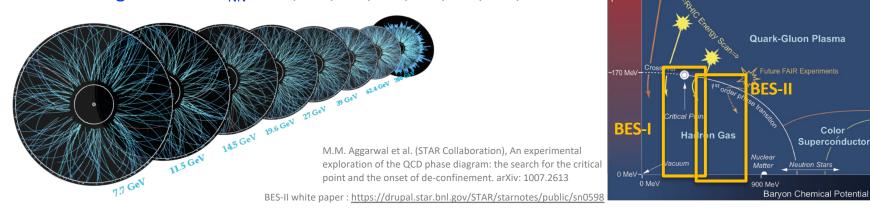
# Beam Energy Scan (BES) Program @ RHIC

RHIC provides a unique opportunity to explore the QCD phase diagram with different collision energies

→ Search for QCD critical point, 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition, turn-off of QGP, etc.

□ **BES-I** (2010 – 2011, 2014):  $v_{S_{NN}} = 7.7, 11.5, 14.5, 19.6, 27, 39, 54.4, 62.4, 200 GeV$ □ **BES-II** (2019 – 2021):

- Collider mode: Vs<sub>NN</sub> = 7.7, 9.1, 11.5, 14.6, 16.7, 19.6 GeV
- Fixed-Target mode: √s<sub>NN</sub> = 3.0, 3.2, 3.5, 3.9, 4.5, 5.2, 6.2, 7.7 GeV



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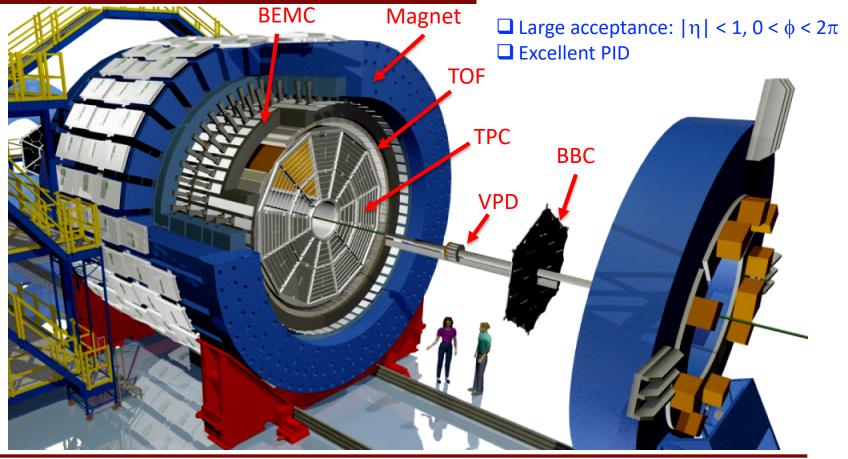
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## The STAR Detector for BES-I

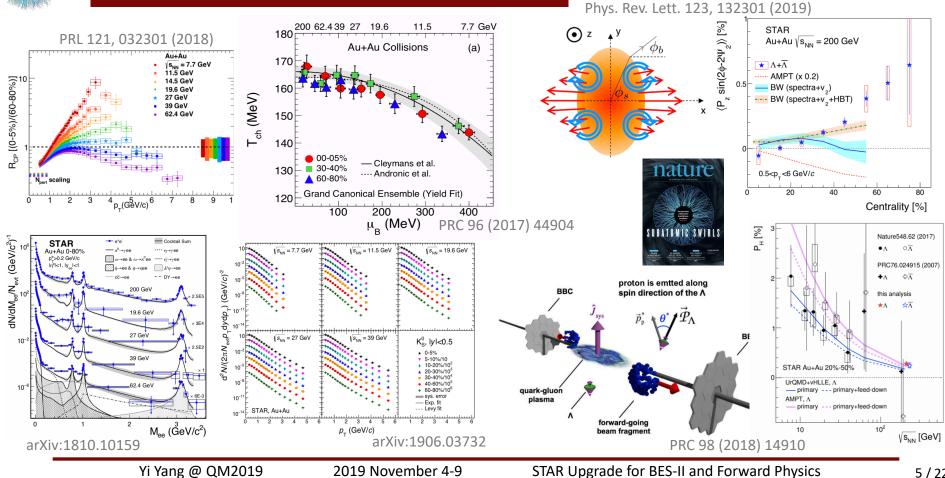


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## Selected Results from BES-I

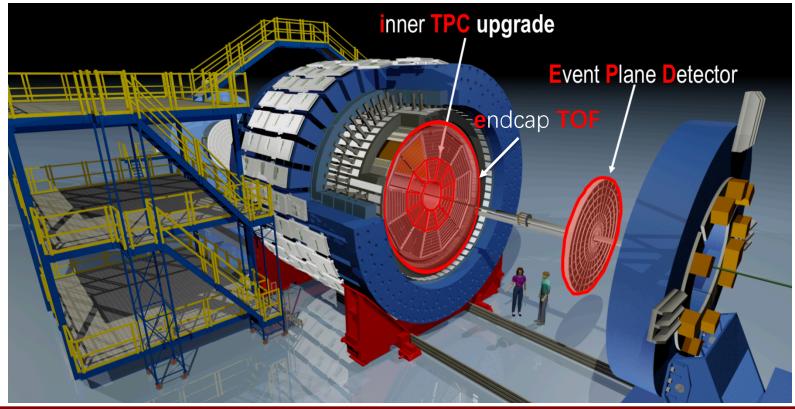


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## STAR Detector Upgrades for BES-II

### RHIC: increase luminosity for low energy beams with *e-cooling* (LEReC)



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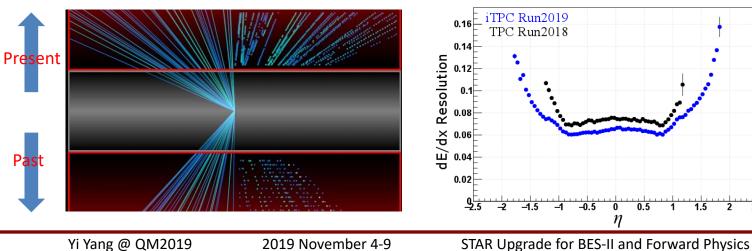
# inner Time Projection Chamber (iTPC)

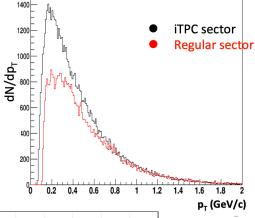
- Rebuild the inner sectors of the TPC to improve:
  - Continuous coverage

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- Better dE/dx and p<sub>T</sub> resolution
- Extend  $\eta$  acceptance from 1.0 to 1.5
- Lower p<sub>T</sub> cut from 125 MeV/c to 60 MeV/c

### □ Fully operational since 2019

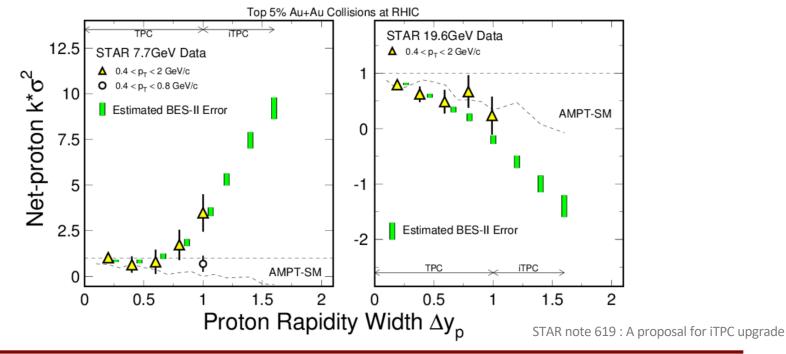






## **Expected Impact with iTPC in BES-II**

Provides measurements of the net-proton Kurtosis to assess the sensitivity on the search of the QCD critical point

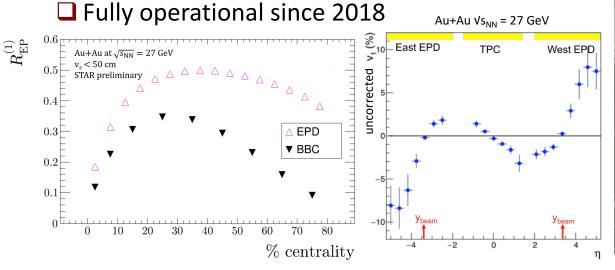


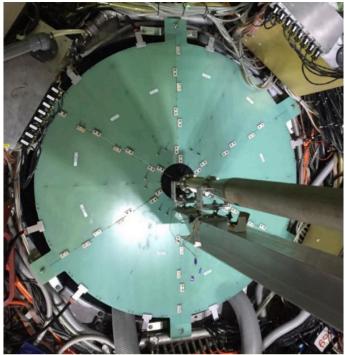


# Event Plane Detector (EPD)

Designed for event plane determination, centrality definition, and triggering

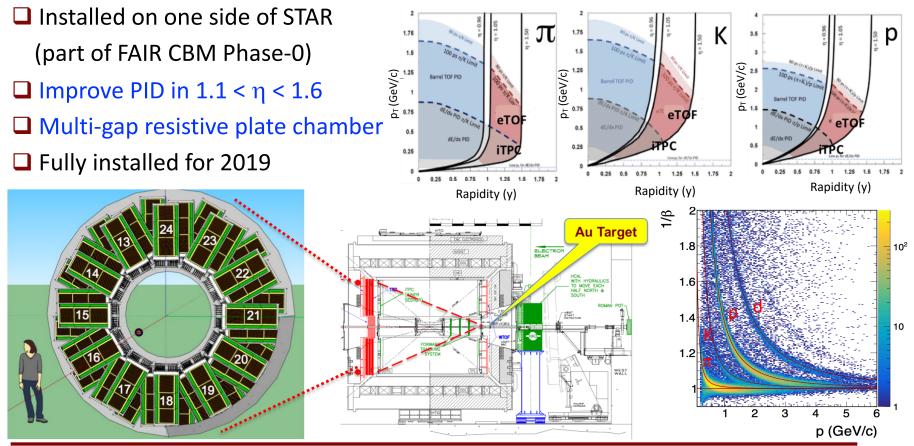
- Scintillator based fast detector
- Large  $\eta$  coverage: 2.1 <  $|\eta|$  < 5.1
- Excellent timing resolution: ~ 1 ns







# endcap Time-of-Flight (eTOF)



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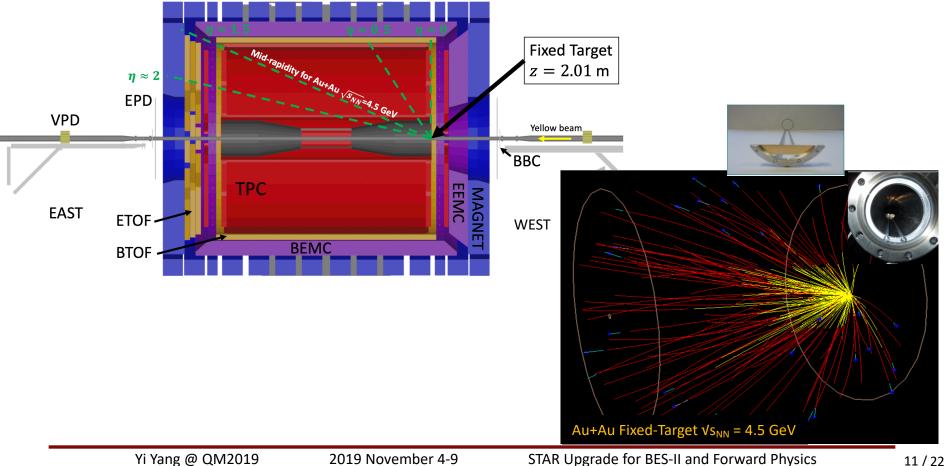
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### Fixed-Target Au+Au Collisions in STAR

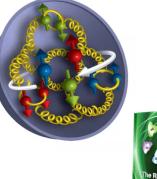




# Cold QCD Program @ RHIC (Run2020+)

### RHIC provides unique opportunities to understand

- How do sea quarks and gluons contribute to the nucleon spin?
- How do the confined hadronic states emerge from quarks and gluons?
- And more...



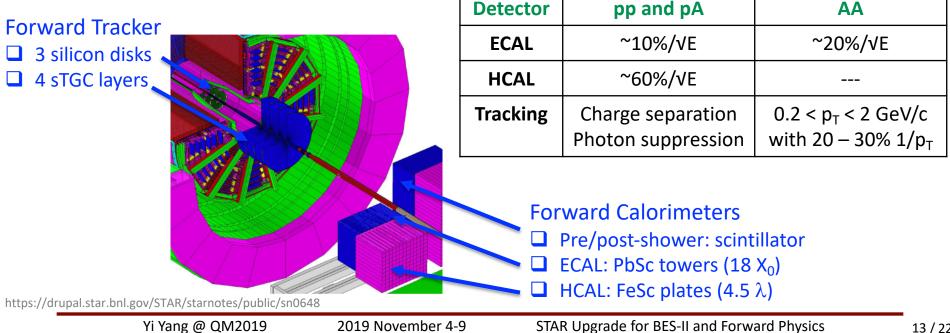


|   |                                     | Year    | √s (GeV)                              | Delivered<br>Luminosity          | Scientific Goals  | Observable  | Required<br>Upgrade |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
|   | STAR<br>only running                | 2021/22 | p <sup>↑</sup> p @ 510                | 1.1 fb <sup>-1</sup><br>10 weeks | TMDs at low and high x  | $A_{UT}$ for Collins observables, i.e.<br>hadron in jet modulations at $\eta > 1$ | ECal+HCal+Tracking  |
|   |                                     | 2021/22 | $\vec{p}\cdot\vec{p}\cdot\vec{a}$ 510 | 1.1 fb <sup>-1</sup><br>10 weeks | $\Delta g(x)$ at small x  | A <sub>LL</sub> for jets, di-jets, h/g-jets<br>at $\eta > 1$                      | ECal+HCal           |
| Ί | In parallel with sPHENIX<br>running |         | p <sup>↑</sup> p @ 200                | = <del>300 pb +</del><br>8 weeks | Subprocess driving the large $A_N$ at high $x_F$ and h                                | A <sub>N</sub> for charged hadrons and flavor<br>enhanced jets                    | ECal+HCal+Tracking  |
|   |                                     |         | p†Au @ 200                            |                                  | initial state and hadronization<br>in nuclear collisions<br>signatures for Saturation | R <sub>pAu</sub> direct photons and DY<br>Dihadron, g-jet, h-jet, diffraction     | ECal+HCal+Tracking  |
|   |                                     |         | p†Al @ 200                            | 12.6 pb <sup>-1</sup><br>8 weeks | A-dependence of nPDF,<br>A-dependence for Saturation                                  |   | ECal+HCal+Tracking  |



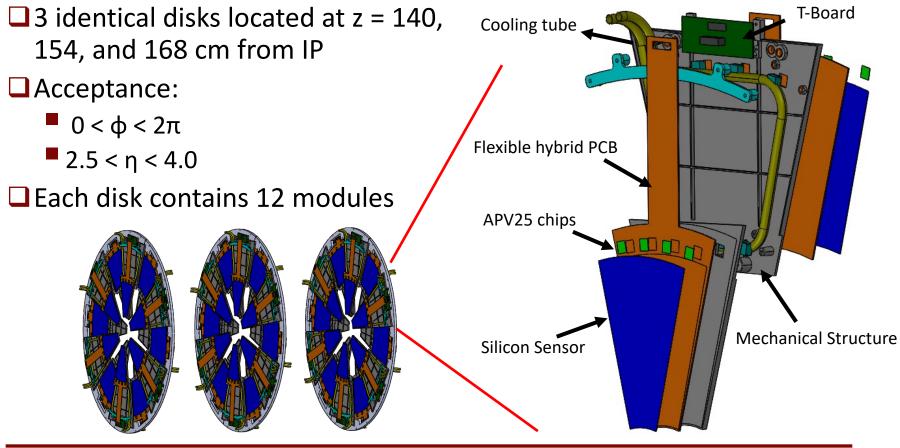
# **STAR Forward Physics Program**

□ The STAR forward upgrade includes Calorimetry (ECAL & HCAL) and **Tracking (silicon microstrip tracker & small-strip Thin Gap Chamber)** dedicated to study nuclear structure, the QGP, etc.





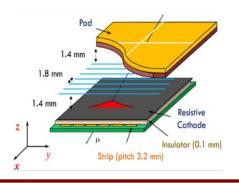
## STAR Forward Tracker – Silicon Tracker

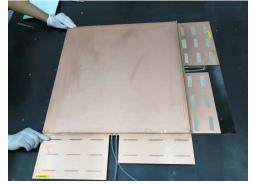




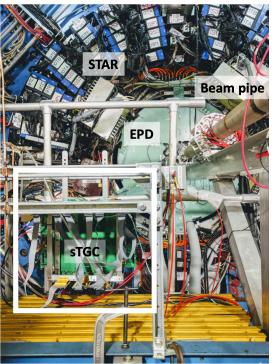
# STAR Forward Tracker - sTGC

- A gaseous detector (developed by ATLAS)
- □ 4 sTGC layers located at 273, 303, 333 and 363 cm from IP
- Each layer is double-sided
  - ➔ Provide (diagonal) x-y coordinates
- $\square$  Position resolution: ~100  $\mu m$
- **Acceptance:** 2.5 < η < 4.0
- Efficiency greater than 98% achieved





Prototype in Run 19



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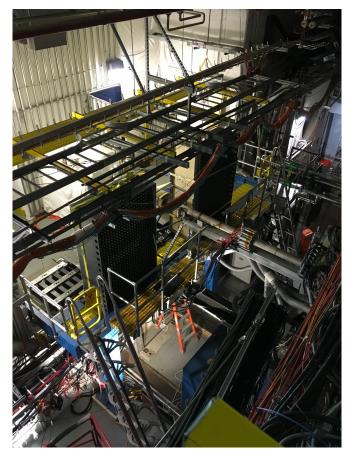
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# **STAR Forward Calorimeters - ECAL**

- Reuse PHENIX lead-scintillator calorimeter with new SiPM based readout
- □ Total 12 sectors
- Each sector has 6 × 6 EM modules
- EM Module:
  - Each module has 4 independent towers
  - Penetrating WLS fibers for light collection
- First forward upgrade detector installed in STAR (October 2019)





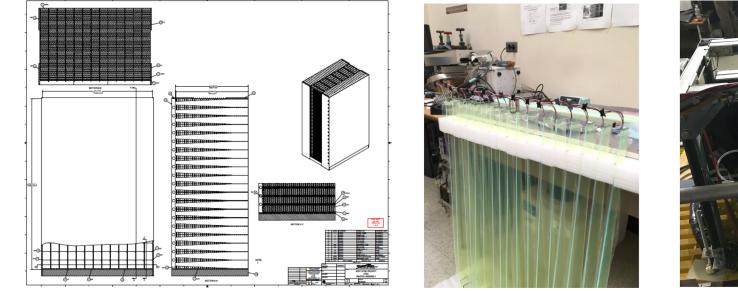


## **STAR Forward Calorimeters - HCAL**

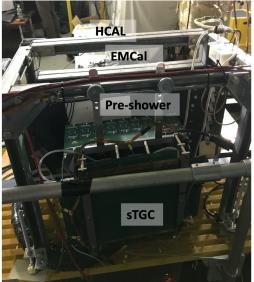
□ First hadronic calorimeter in STAR

□ Fe/Sc sandwich sampling calorimeter

R&D and scintillator production are on-going



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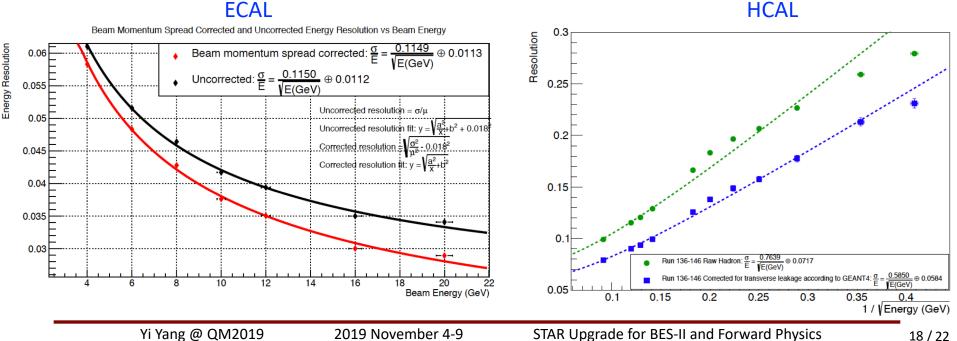
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### Performance of ECAL and HCAL

### Intensive test beam for Forward Calorimeter at FNAL in 2019 Performances of ECAL and HCAL prototype are close to the requirements

**ECAL** 





### Organizational Structure STAR Forward Upgrade

Dedicated personnel with large expertise for each subsystem



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### **Expected Results from STAR Forward Upgrade**

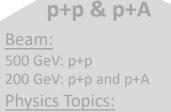
#### Forward-rapidity $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$

#### A+A

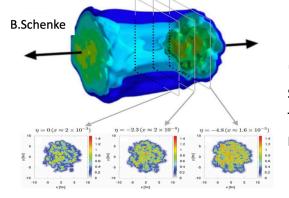
#### Beam: Full Energy AuAu

#### **Physics Topics:**

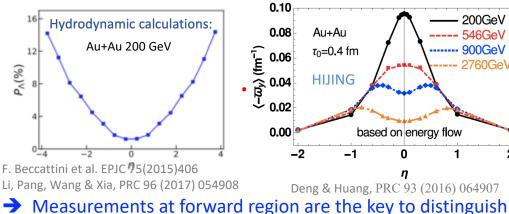
- Temperature dependence of viscosity through flow harmonics up to n~4
- Longitudinal decorrelation up to η~4
- Global Lambda Polarization
  - $\rightarrow$  strong rapidity dependence predicted

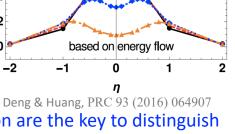


- TMD measurements at high x transversity  $\rightarrow$  tensor
- Improve statistical precision for Sivers through DY
- $\Delta g(x,Q^2)$  at low x through Di-
- Gluon PDFs for nuclei
- $\triangleright$  R<sub>pA</sub> for direct photons & DY
- Test of Saturation predictions through di-hadrons, γ-Jets



→ Constrain the longitudinal structure of initial conditions through correlations vs rapidity





the model predictions for global hyperon polarization

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Au+Au

 $\tau_0 = 0.4 \text{ fm}$ 

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200GeV

---- 546GeV

----- 900GeV

---- 2760GeV



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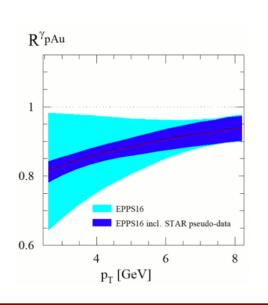
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### p+p & p+A

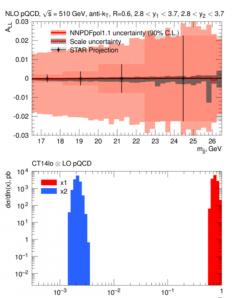
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#### Constrain Nuclear PDFs: Unique kinematic coverage by STAR forward detectors Direct photons → gluon PDF Drell-Yan production → sea quarks



#### Constrain Gluon Helicity: Di-jets $A_{LL}$ at 510 GeV with STAR forward upgrade: constrain $\Delta g(x)$ at $x \simeq 10^{-3}$



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# Summary

- STAR experiment plays a crucial role in understanding the QCD phase diagram and in expanding the frontiers of cold-QCD
- The STAR BES-II upgrades (iTPC, EPD, and eTOF) provide excellent PID with wider η coverage and better resolution in p<sub>T</sub> and the event plane determination
- The STAR forward upgrade consists of tracking (silicon + sTGCs) + calorimetry (ECAL + HCAL) with a coverage of  $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$

The forward upgrade is on track for data taking in FY-22 and beyond