

# STAR Forward Rapidity Upgrade

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Hard & Electromagnetic Probes

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# STAR Forward Rapidity Physics Program

Measurements planned for 2021+ with the STAR forward upgrade

→ Address important topics in **hot** & **cold** QCD

Forward-rapidity  $2.5 < \eta < 4$

**pp, pA**

Beam:

500 GeV: p+p

200 GeV: p+p and p+A

Physics Topics:

- TMD measurements at high  $x$  transversity → tensor charge
- Improve statistical precision for Sivers through Drell-Yan
- $\Delta g(x, Q^2)$  at low  $x$  through Di-jets
- **Gluon** PDFs for nuclei
  - $R_{pA}$  for direct photons & DY
- **Test of Saturation predictions** through di-hadrons, g-Jets

**Au+Au**

Beam:

200 GeV: Au+Au

Physics Topics:

- Temperature dependence of viscosity through flow harmonics up to  $h \sim 4$
- Longitudinal decorrelation up to  $h \sim 4$
- Global Lambda polarization
  - Test for strong rapidity dependence

**Observables:**

- Inclusive jets and di-jets
- Hadrons in jets
- Direct photons
- Drell-Yan  $e^+e^-$
- Lambda polarization
- Mid-forward & forward-forward rapidity correlations

**Requirements:**

- Good  $e/h$  separation
- Hadrons, photons,  $\pi^0$  identification

**2021/22: 500 GeV polarized pp run**

**Additional pp, pA, and A+A data taking in parallel to the sPHENIX campaign**

# Cold QCD Physics Program @ RHIC

**Unique program addressing several fundamental questions in QCD:**

- 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	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Delivered Luminosity	Scientific Goals	Observable	Required Upgrade
2021/22	$p^\dagger p @ 510$	$1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 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
2021/22	$\vec{p}^\dagger \vec{p} @ 510$	$1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 10 weeks	$\Delta g(x)$ at small $x$	$A_{LL}$ for jets, di-jets, h/ $\gamma$ -jets at $\eta > 1$	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal
	$p^\dagger p @ 200$	$300 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 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
	$p^\dagger \text{Au} @ 200$	$1.8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 8 weeks	What is the nature of the initial state and hadronization in nuclear collisions  Clear signatures for Saturation	$R_{ph}$ direct photons and DY  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
	$p^\dagger \text{Al} @ 200$	$12.6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 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

STAR Only Running

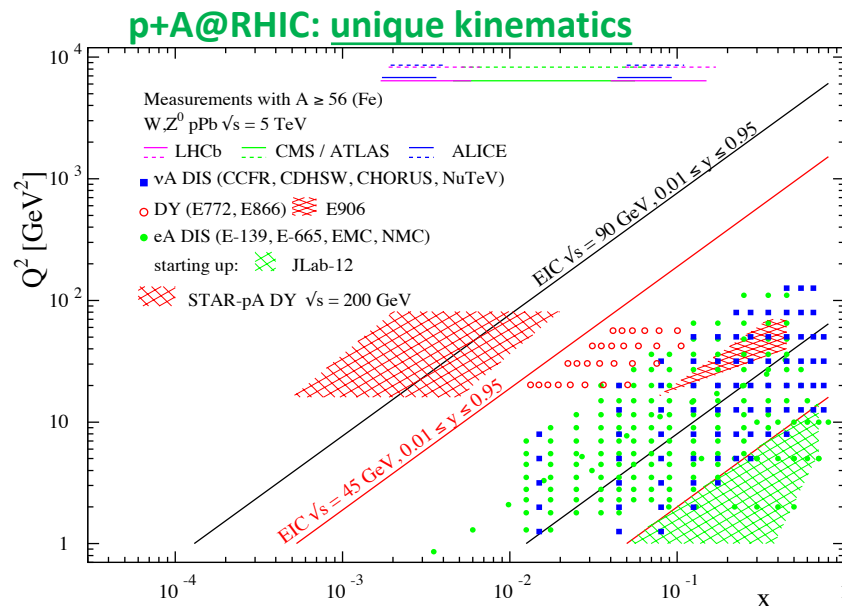
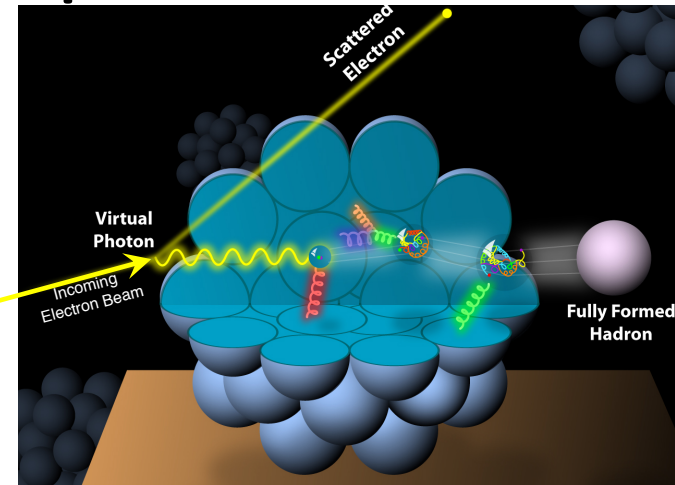
In parallel with sPHENIX running

Essential to RHIC **hot** & **cold** QCD physics mission

# Probing the Initial State in p+A collisions

## 3 important questions:

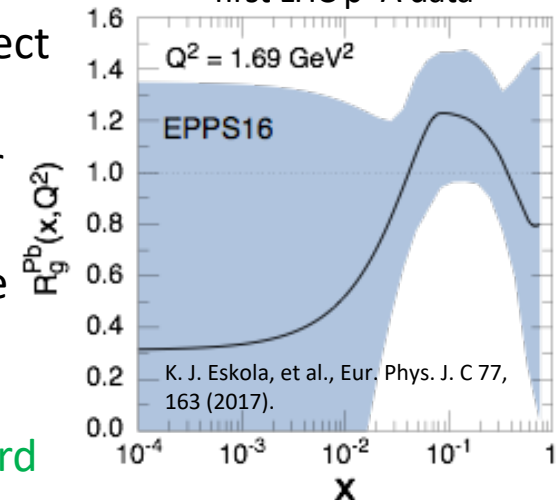
- What are the nPDFs at low- $x$ ?
- How saturated is the initial state of the nucleus?
- What is the spatial transverse distributions of nucleons and gluons?



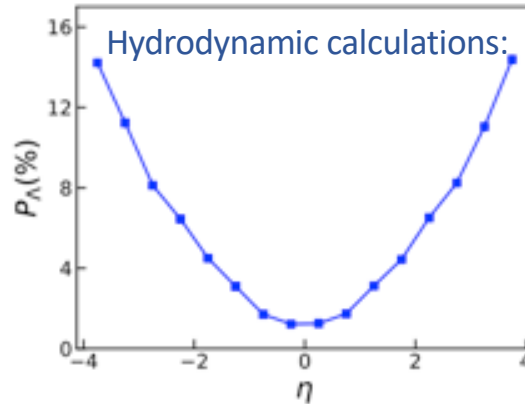
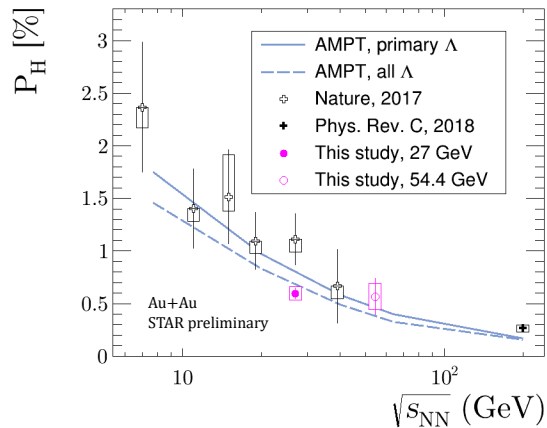
Observables free of final state effects:

- Gluons:  $R_{pA}$  for direct photons
- Sea-quarks:  $R_{pA}$  for Drell-Yan
- Scan A-dependence prediction by saturation models
- Accessible at forward rapidity

Current knowledge including first LHC p+A data

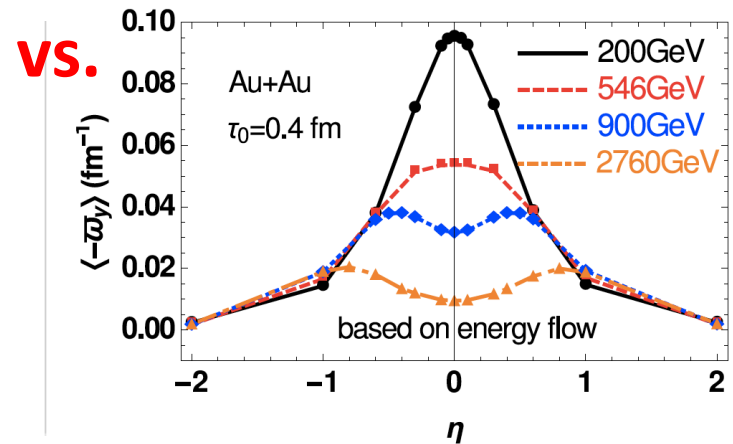


# Global Hyperon Polarization in A+A



Hydrodynamic calculations:

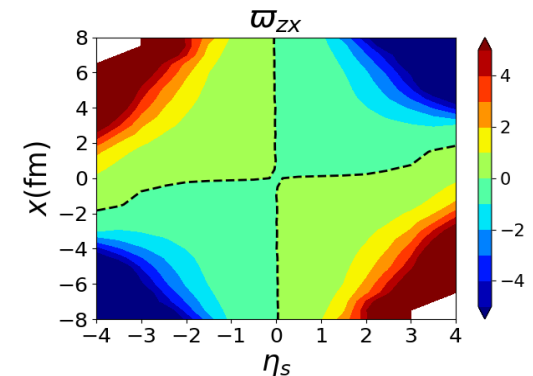
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HIJING with energy flow:

Deng & Huang, PRC 93 (2016) 064907

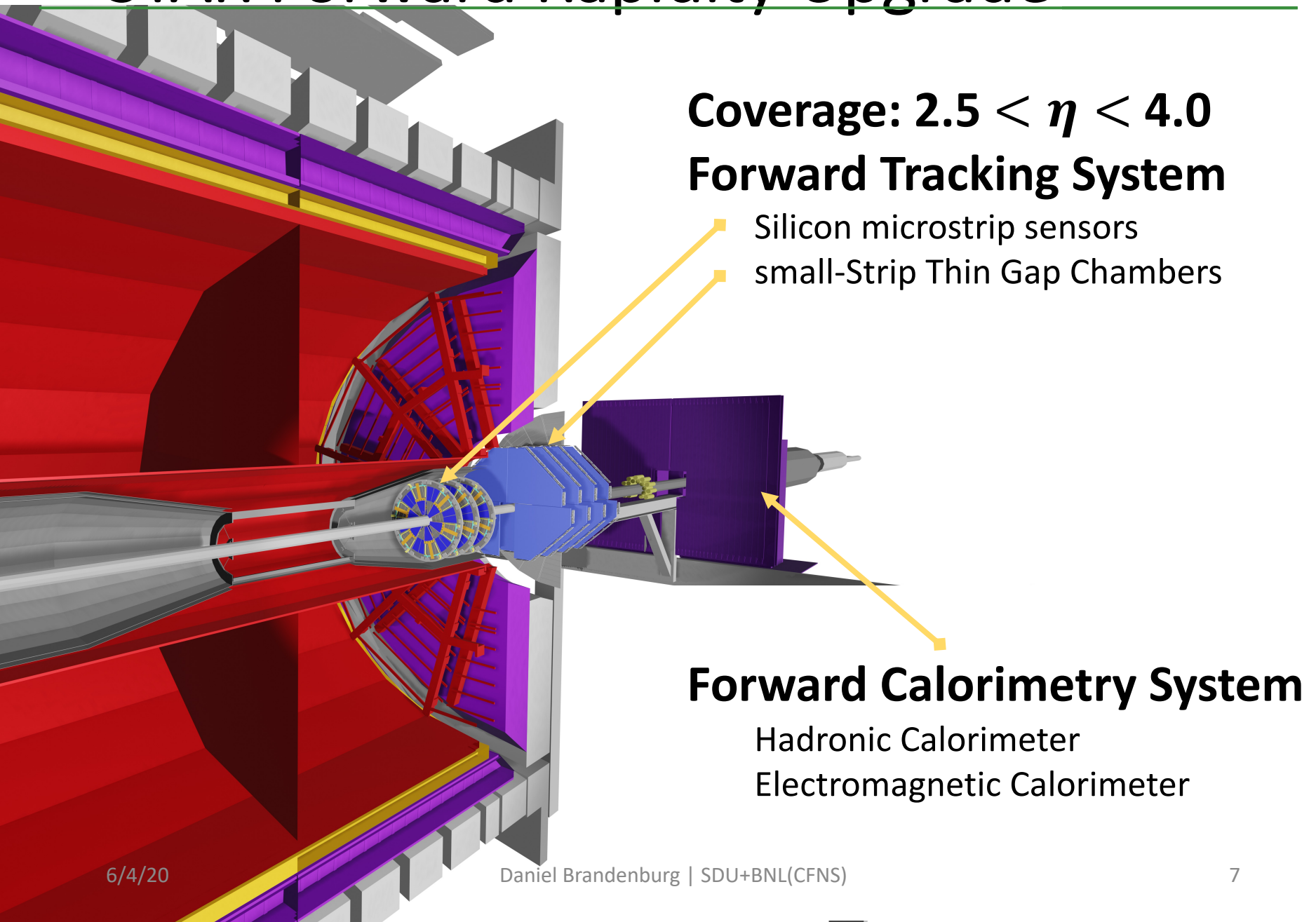
- Detailed STAR measurements of global hyperon polarization at mid rapidity to probe energy dependence
- Sensitive to thermalization and viscosity



- Polarization predicted to increase with viscosity

**Models predict opposite polarization trend with rapidity**  
→ **Measurements at forward rapidity are key**

# STAR Forward Rapidity Upgrade



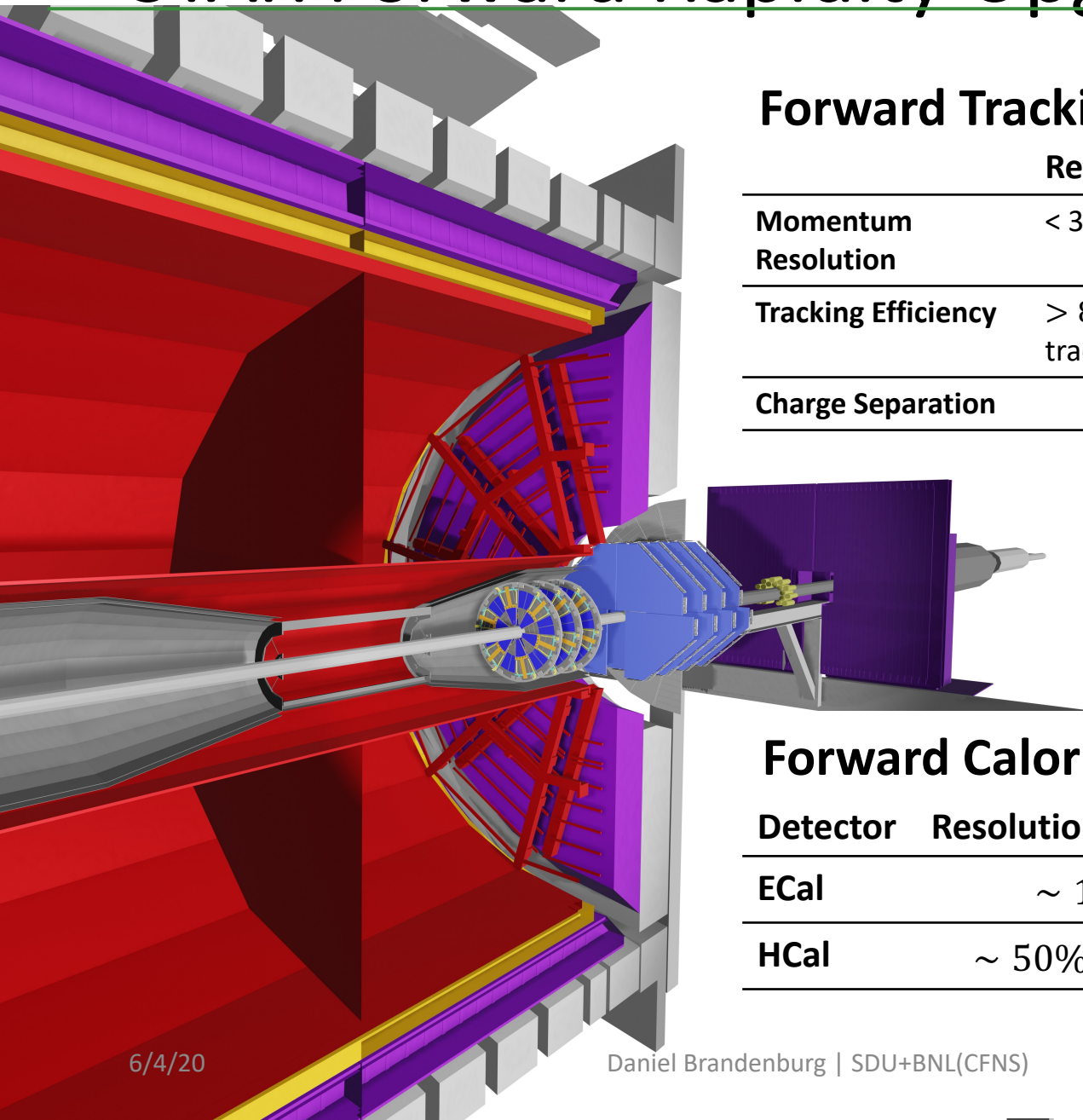
**Coverage:  $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$**   
**Forward Tracking System**

Silicon microstrip sensors  
small-Strip Thin Gap Chambers

**Forward Calorimetry System**

Hadronic Calorimeter  
Electromagnetic Calorimeter

# STAR Forward Rapidity Upgrade



## Forward Tracking System

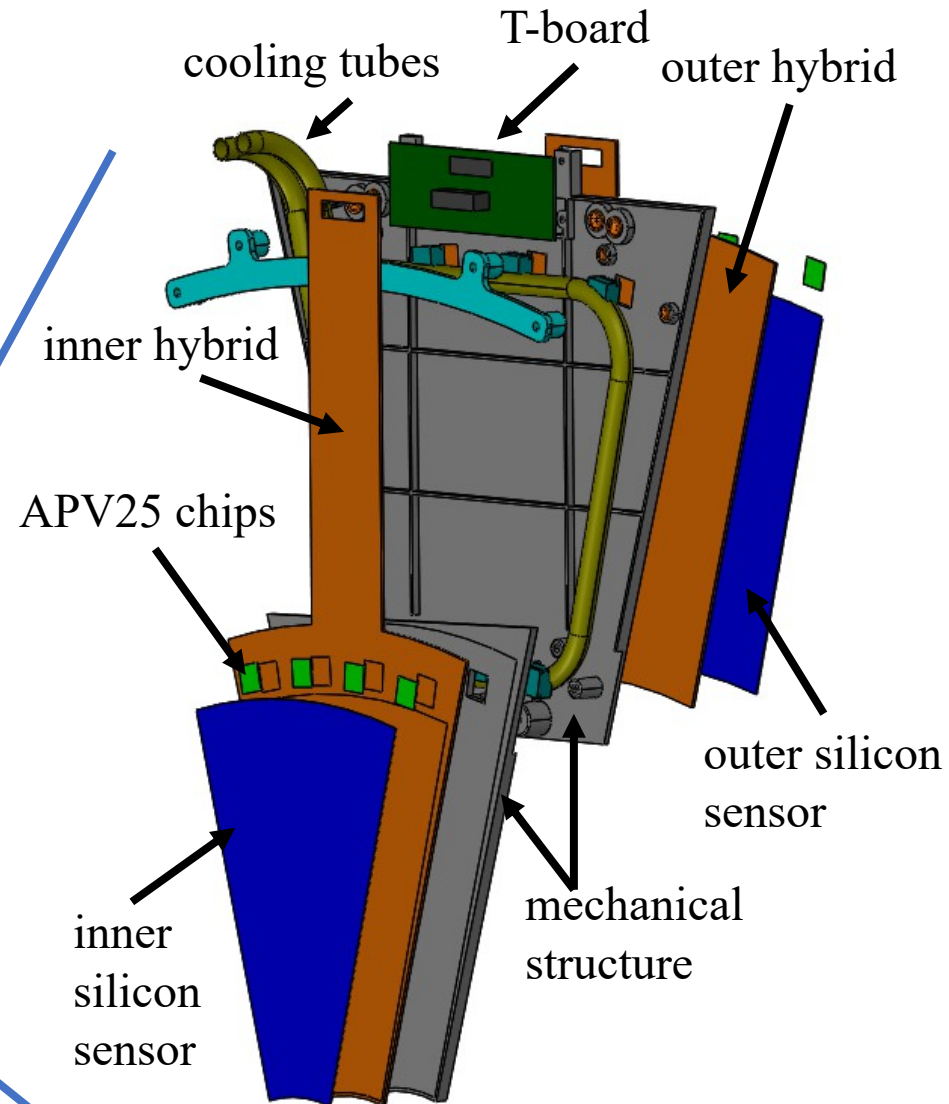
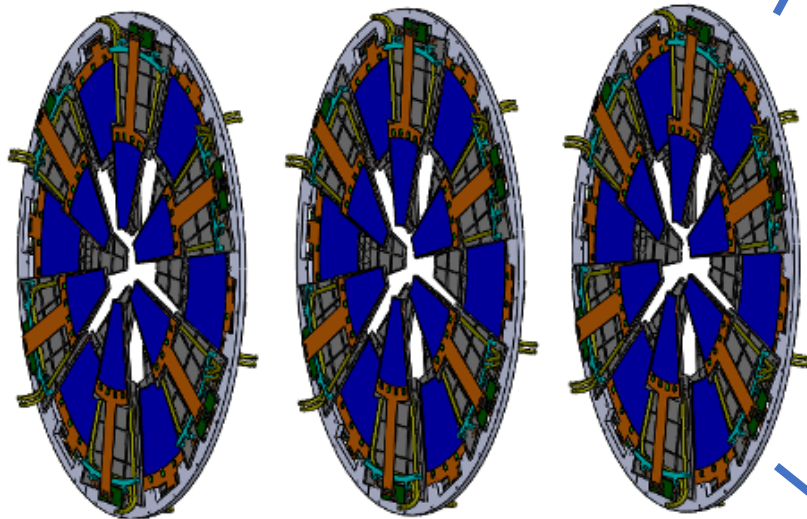
	Requirement	Motivation
Momentum Resolution	$< 30\%$	A+A goals
Tracking Efficiency	$> 80\%$ @ 100 tracks / event	A+A goals
Charge Separation	—	p+p / p+A goals

## Forward Calorimeter System

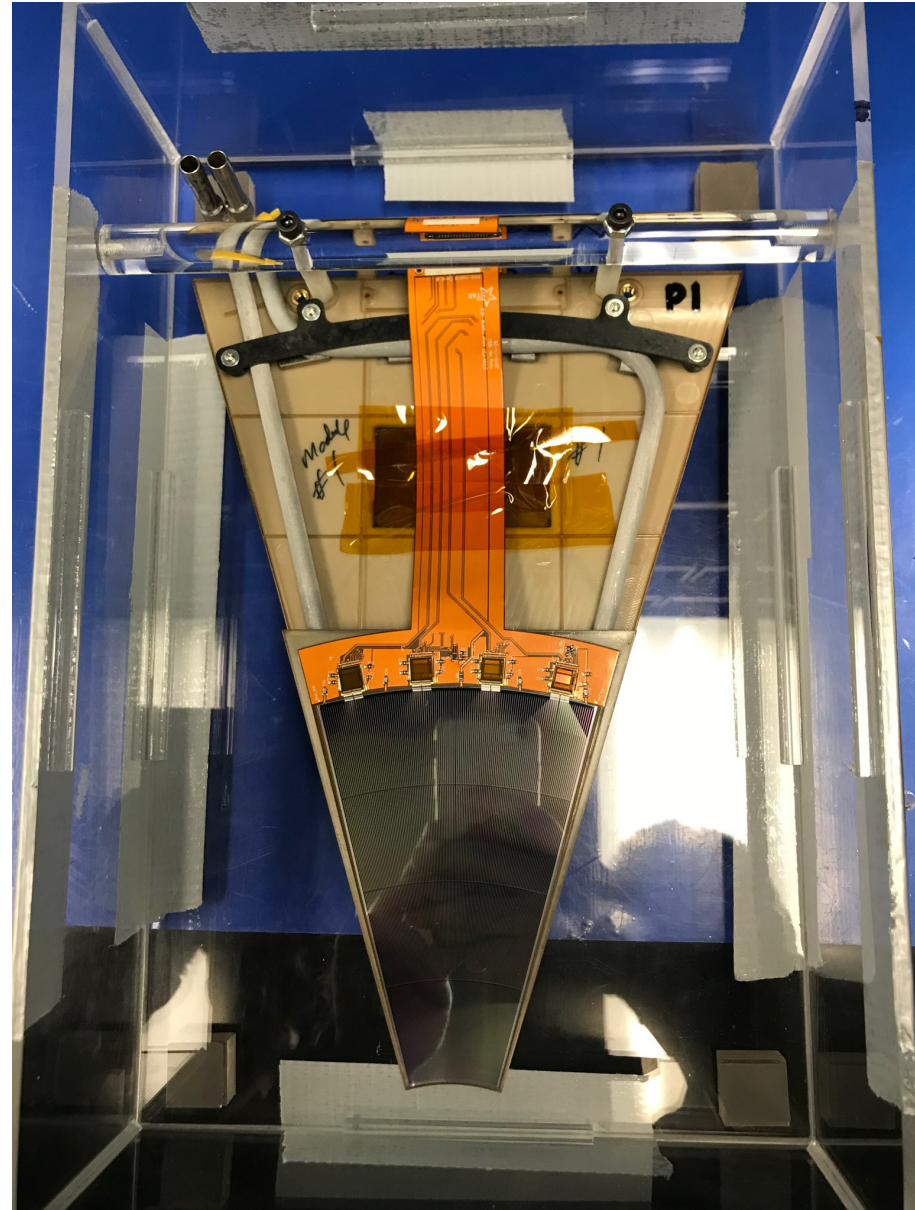
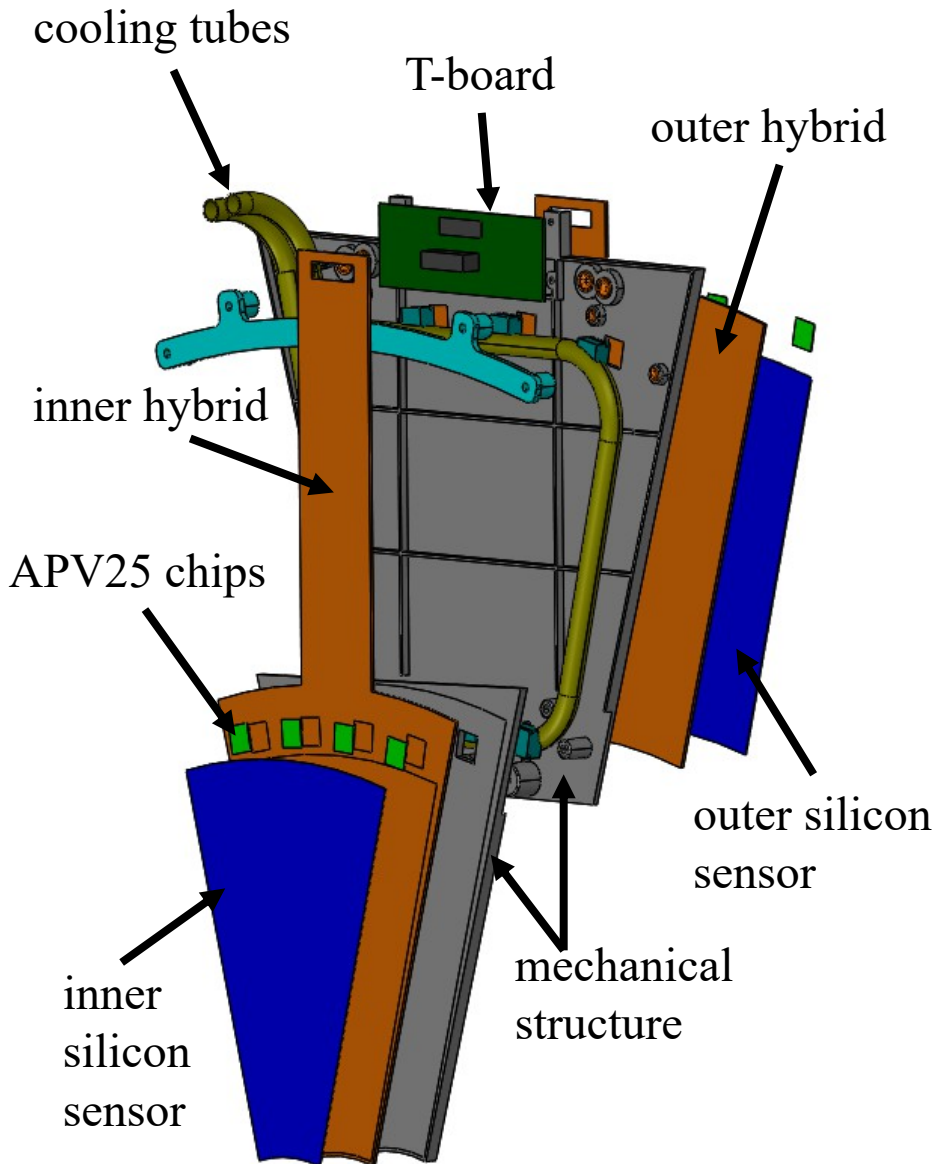
Detector	Resolution p+p and p+A	Resolution A+A
ECal	$\sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$	$\sim 20\%/\sqrt{E}$
HCal	$\sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} + 10\%$	—

# STAR Forward Silicon Tracker

- Full installation: 3 identical disks
  - Acceptance:
    - $0 < \phi < 2\pi$ ,  $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$
- 12 wedge modules / disk
- APV25 frontend readout chips
- Flexible hybrid



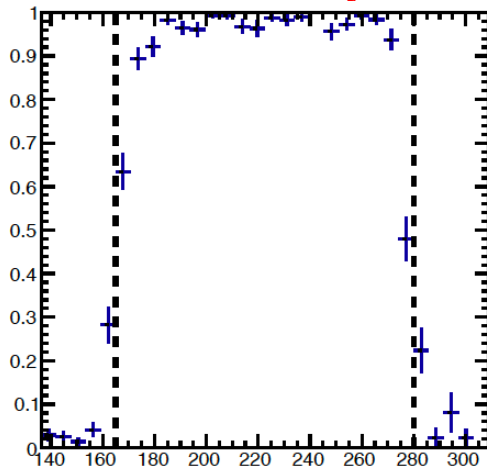
# STAR Forward Silicon Tracker - Prototype Module



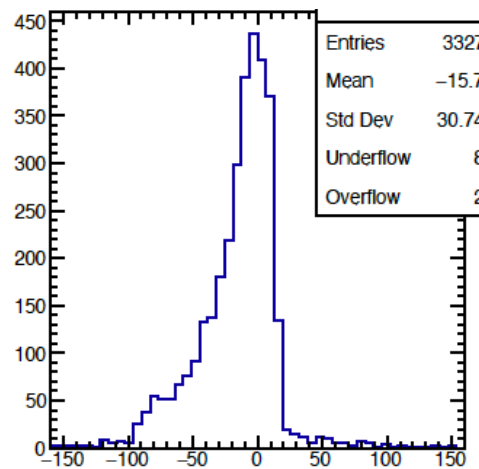
# Prototype Testing & Integration Plans

✓ Ongoing cosmic ray test of prototype outer sensor

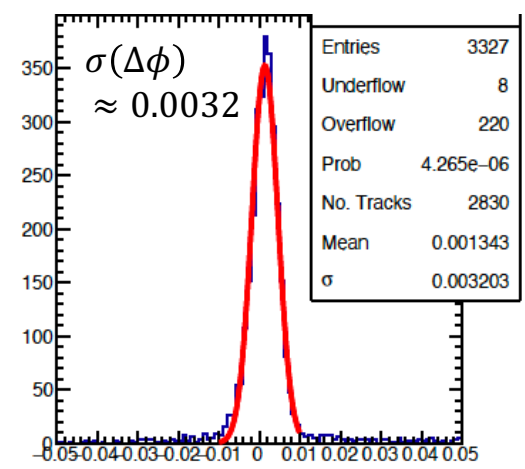
**Hit Efficiency**



**Residual in R**

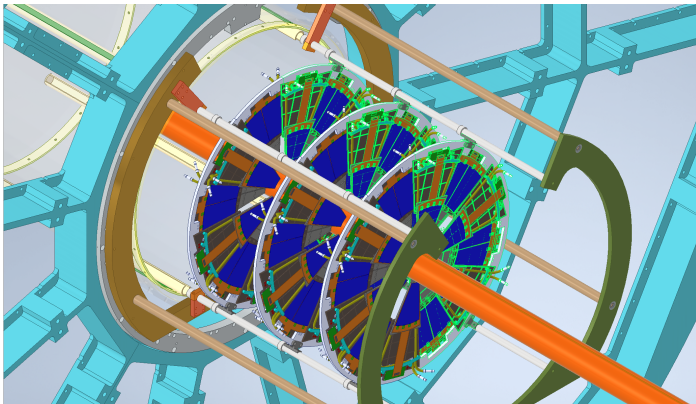


**Residual in  $\phi$**

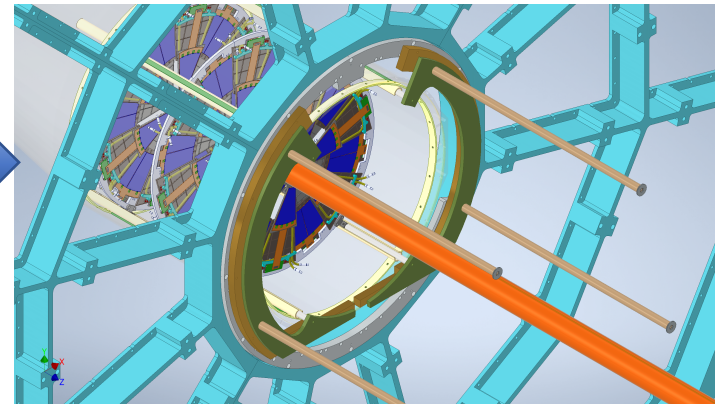


✓ Special tool being designed for precision insertion into STAR

**Before Insertion**



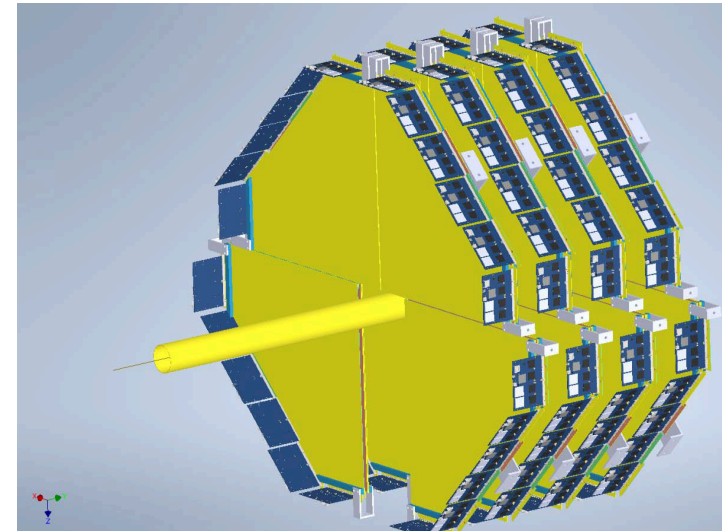
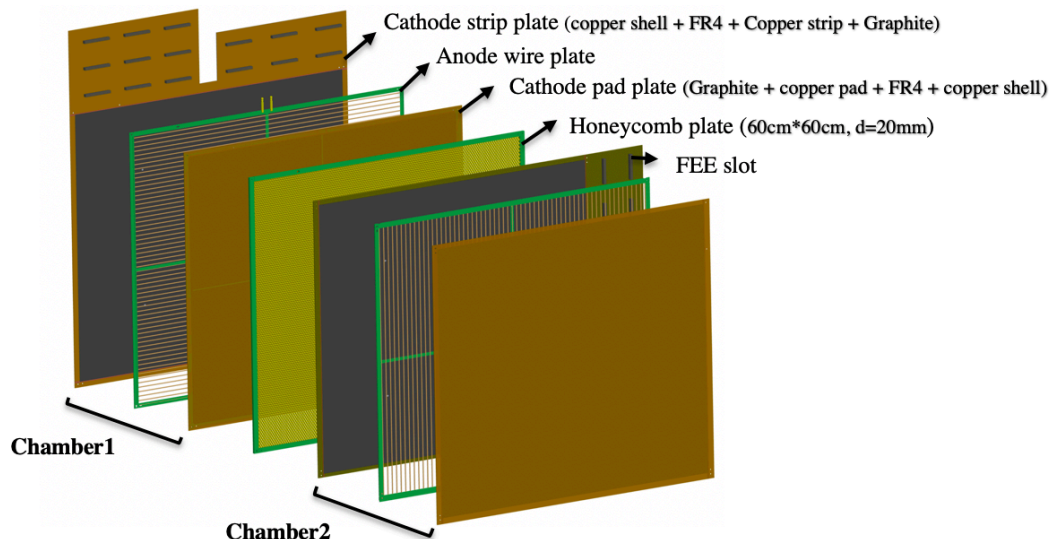
**After Insertion**



# Small-Strip Thin Gap Chambers (sTGC)

## Detector:

- Based on ATLAS sTGC design
- 4 layers in total
  - 4 modules/layer
  - 2 chambers/module
- Pentagon shape formed from identical modules
- Shandong University : sTGC R&D and production
- Position resolution:  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$



Wire: Au-plated tungsten wire  
 $\varnothing 50\mu\text{m}$ , 1.8mm pitch

Copper strip: 3.2mm pitch

Height of one layer: 5.8mm

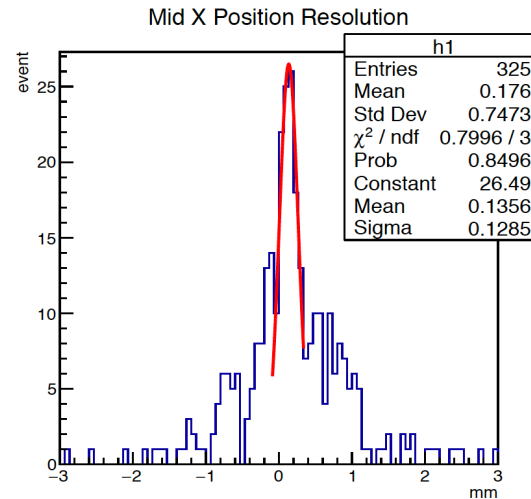
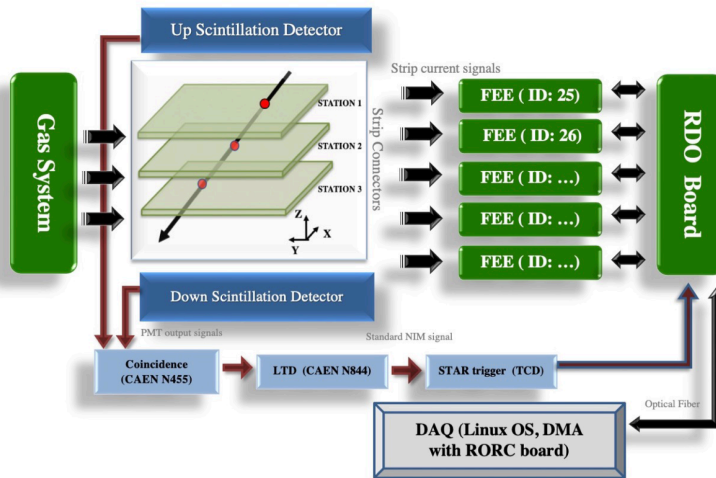
**Gas: 55% n-pentane+45%CO<sub>2</sub>**

HV: 2900V

**Requires dedicated gas system**

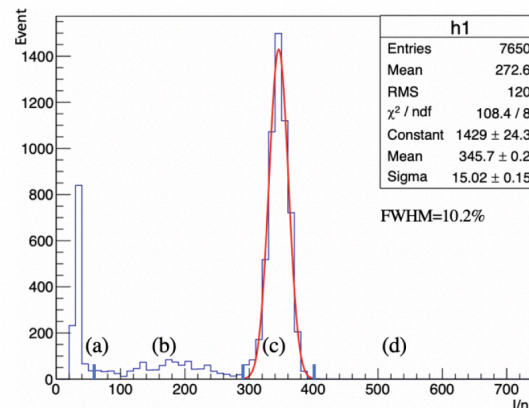
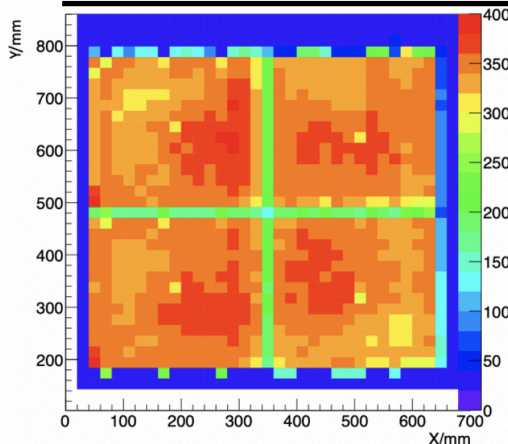
# R&D + Production at Shandong University

## Performance tests using cosmic ray stand



✓ **Position Resolution**  
Performance meets expectation

## Module flatness and quality control



✓ **60cm x 60cm prototype**  
Finished in Jan 2020, will be delivered to BNL  
✓ Planned: in-beam testing at BNL

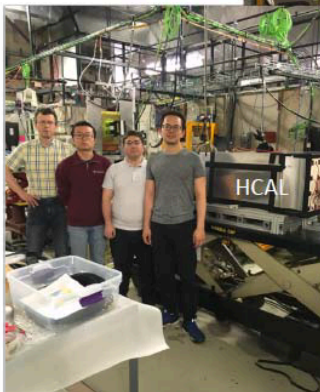
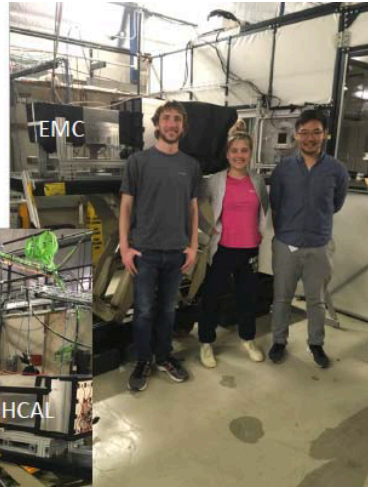
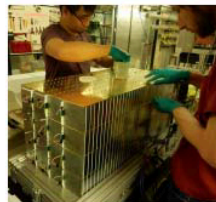
# Forward Electromagnetic Calorimeter

- Reuse PHENIX lead-scintillator calorimeter with new SiPM based readout
- 12 sectors, each has  $6 \times 6$  EM modules
- EM module:
  - Each module has 4 independent towers
  - Penetrating WLS fibers for light collection

FCS, April 2019  
FNAL Test Beam  
4x4 Ecal, 4x4 HCal



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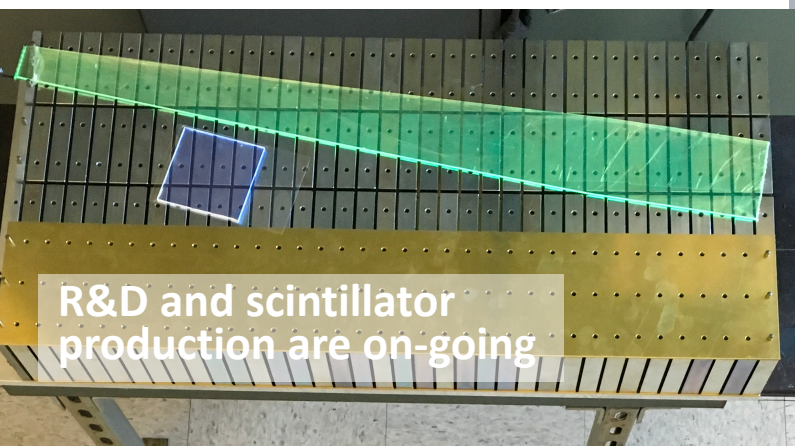


# Forward Hadronic Calorimeter

- **First use** of hadronic calorimeter @ STAR
- Fe/Sc sandwich sampling calorimeter
- Uses the same SiPM-based readout electronics as ECAL
- Ongoing production:
  - Scintillator tiles, absorber blocks
  - Wavelength shifting plates
  - Front-end electronics



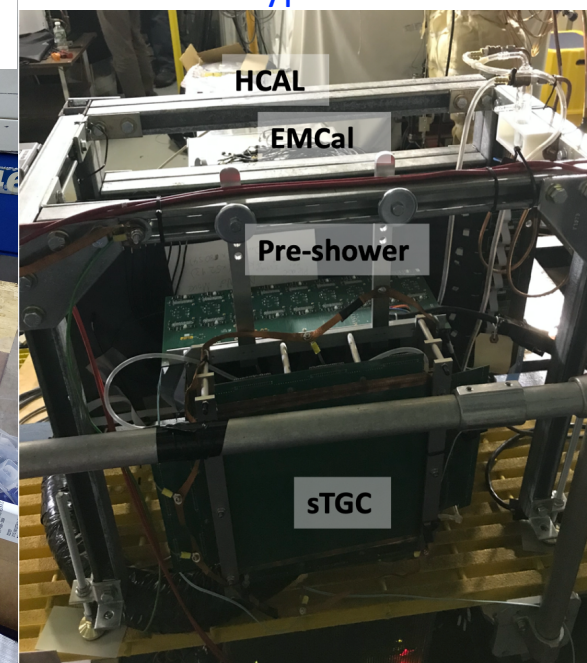
Sc tiles preparations  
at BNL summer 2019



R&D and scintillator  
production are on-going



Absorber production at  
Chapman Lakes (Indiana)  
Feb. 2020



Prototype in Run 19

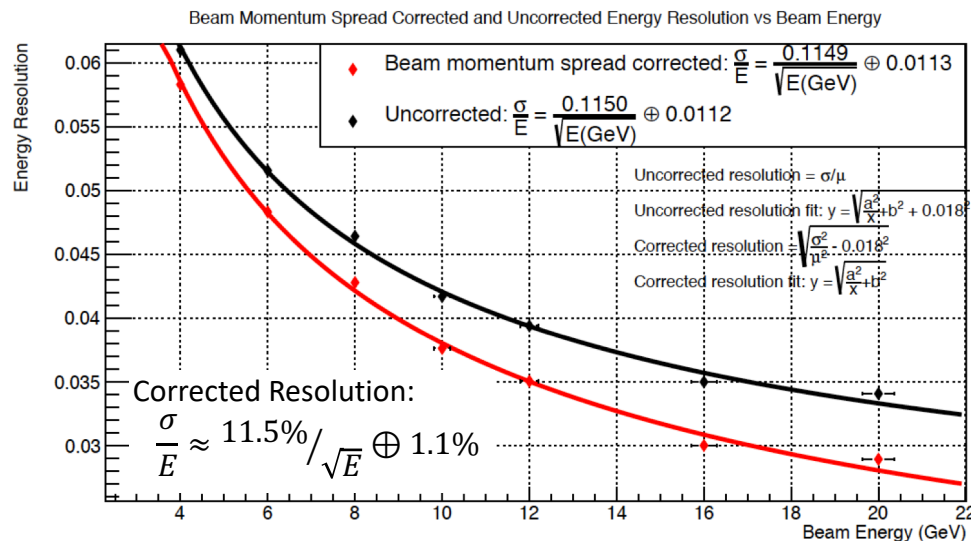
# Performance of ECAL & HCAL @ FNAL

- Intensive test beam for Forward Calorimeter at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in 2019
- Performances of ECAL and HCAL prototype are near the requirements

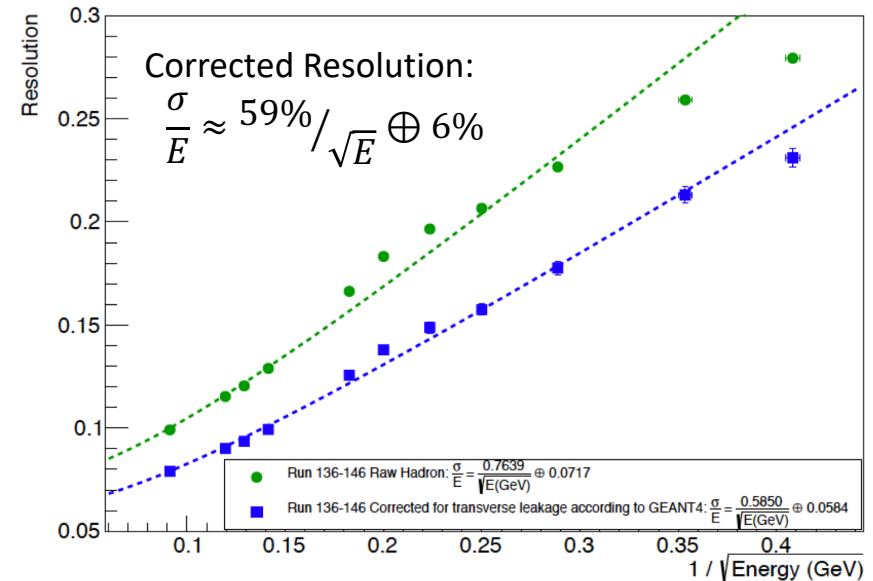
Detector	Goal for p+p & p+A	Goal for A+A	Achieved Resolution (FNAL Tests)
ECal	$\sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$	$\sim 20\%/\sqrt{E}$	$11.5\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1.1\%$
HCal	$\sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} + 10\%$	—	$59\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 6\%^*$

\* with GEANT4-based transverse leakage correction

## Electromagnetic Calorimeter

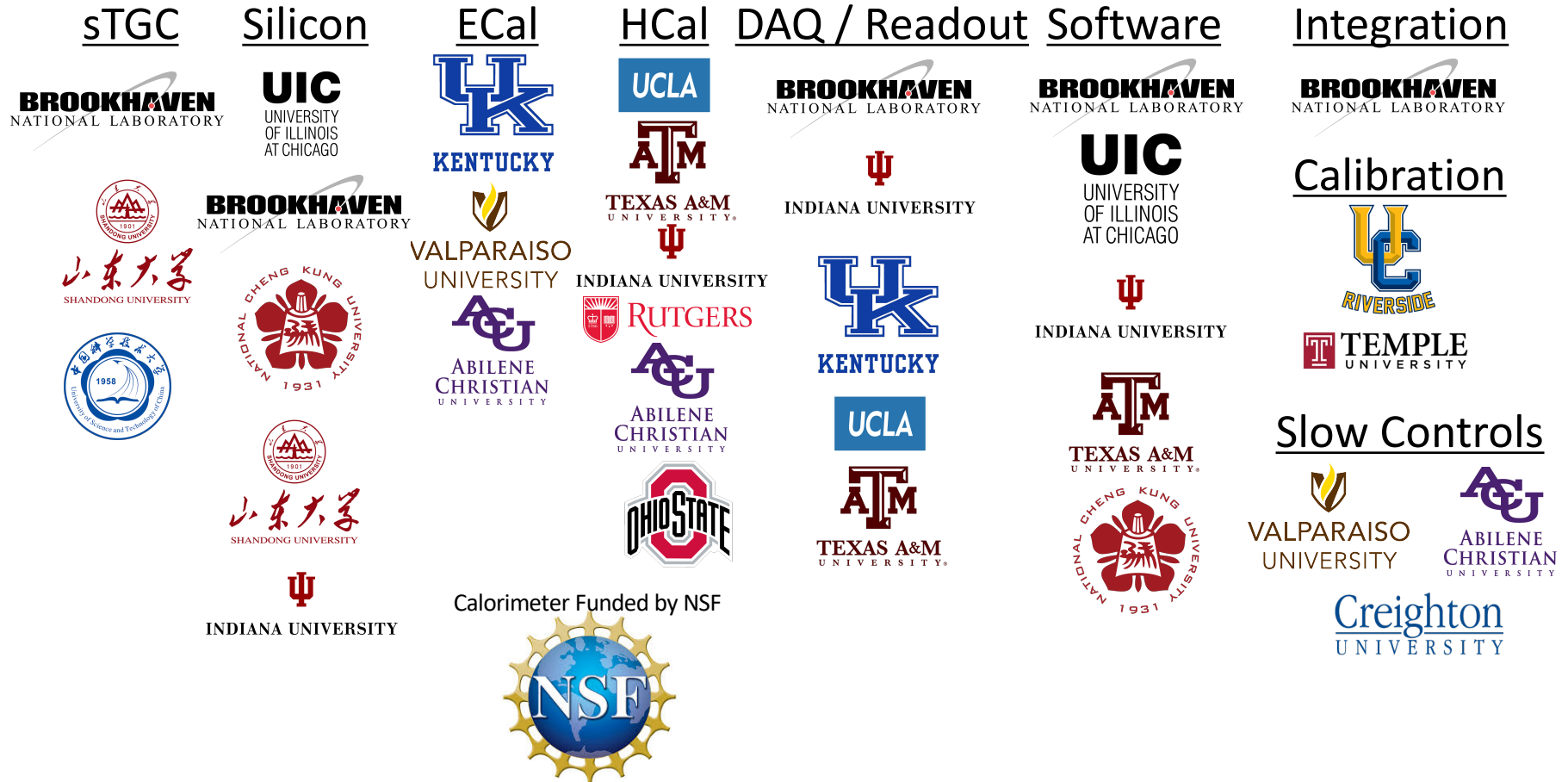


## Hadronic Calorimeter



# STAR Forward Upgrade Institutions

Large project → **Dedicated manpower & expertise for each system**



And support from the entire STAR Collaboration

# Summary and Outlook

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- The STAR forward upgrade consists of:
  - Tracking (silicon + sTGCs)
  - Calorimetry (ECAL + HCAL)
  - Coverage of  $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$
- The forward upgrade is on track for data taking in 2021 and beyond

## **STAR forward rapidity physics program:**

- Unique program addressing several fundamental questions in QCD
- Essential to RHIC **hot** & **cold** QCD physics mission
- Contributes to the success of the future EIC both scientifically and through detector development

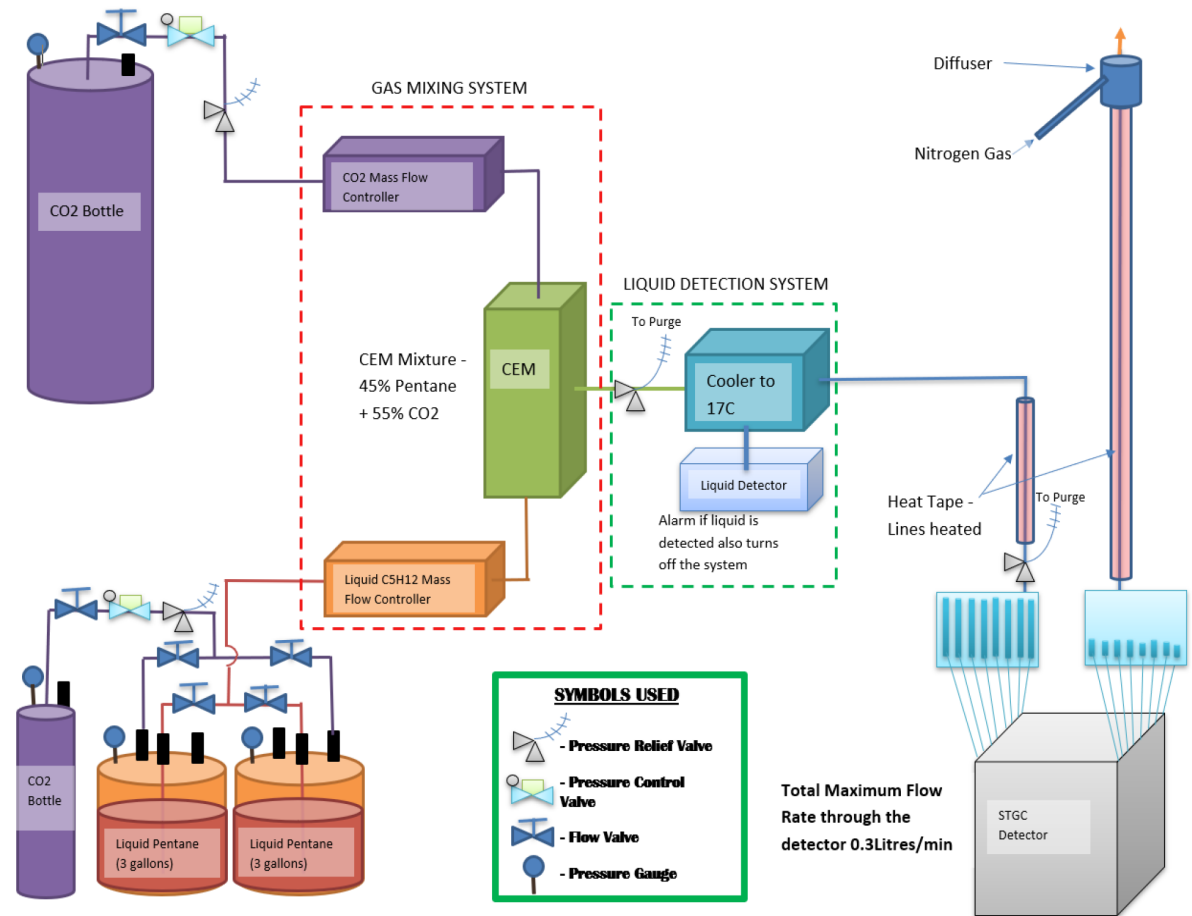
# sTGC Gas System for n-pentane+CO<sub>2</sub>

Gas system for :  
**55% n-pentane+45%CO<sub>2</sub>**

**Uses controlled  
evaporative mixing (CEM)**

**Prototype gas system  
designed and built at  
Shandon University for  
testing prototype modules**

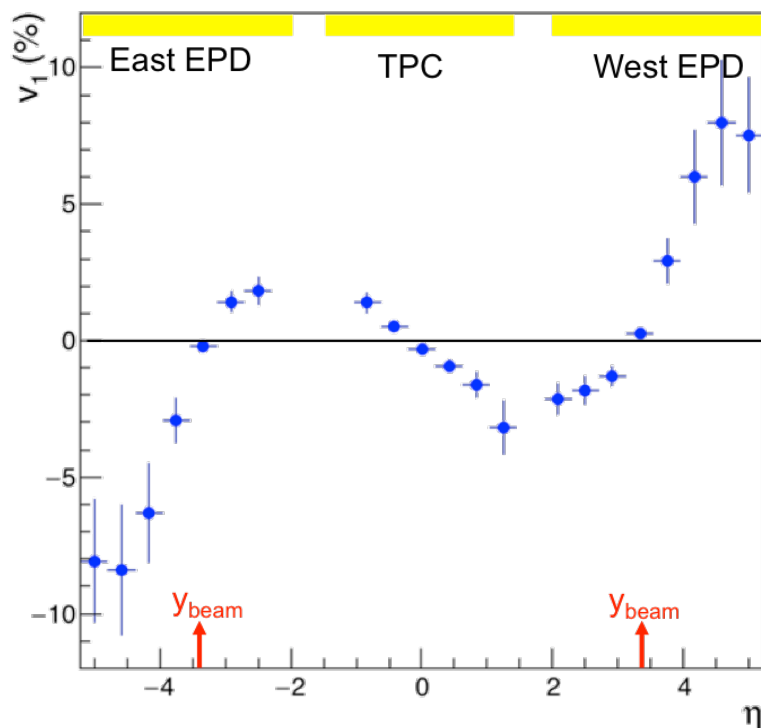
**Integration at BNL is  
underway**



# Event Plane Detector

STARNote 666 <https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0666>

- Replaces Beam-Beam Counter (BBC)
  - Improved triggering capabilities
  - Extend  $\eta$  coverage
  - Improve event plane resolution



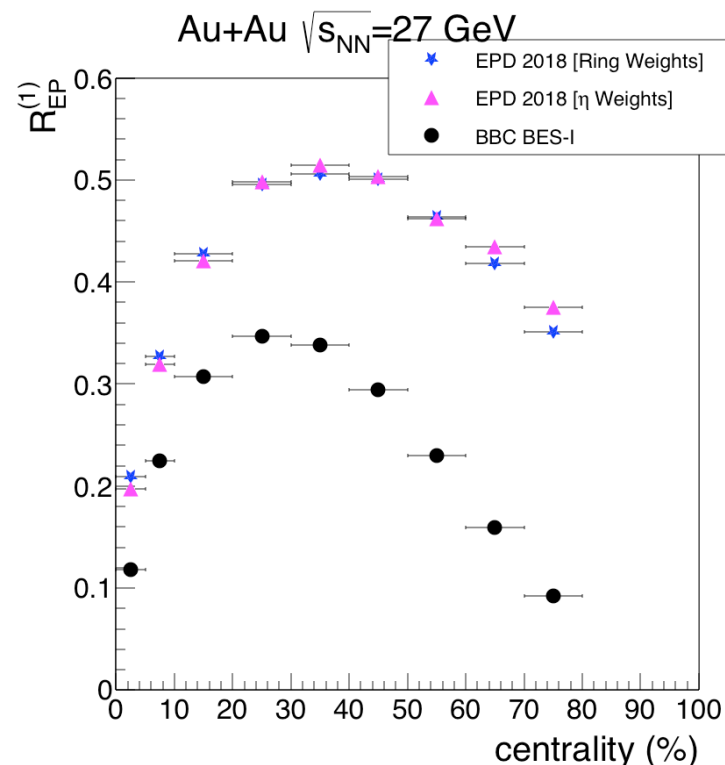
**Added coverage from EPD**

→ Allows measurement of  $v_1$  over ~10 units of  $\eta$ !

- Smooth installation

✓ **Completed in 2018**

✓ **Used in analysis of 2018+ data**



**1<sup>st</sup> order Event Plane Resolution**

→ Significant improvement across all centrality