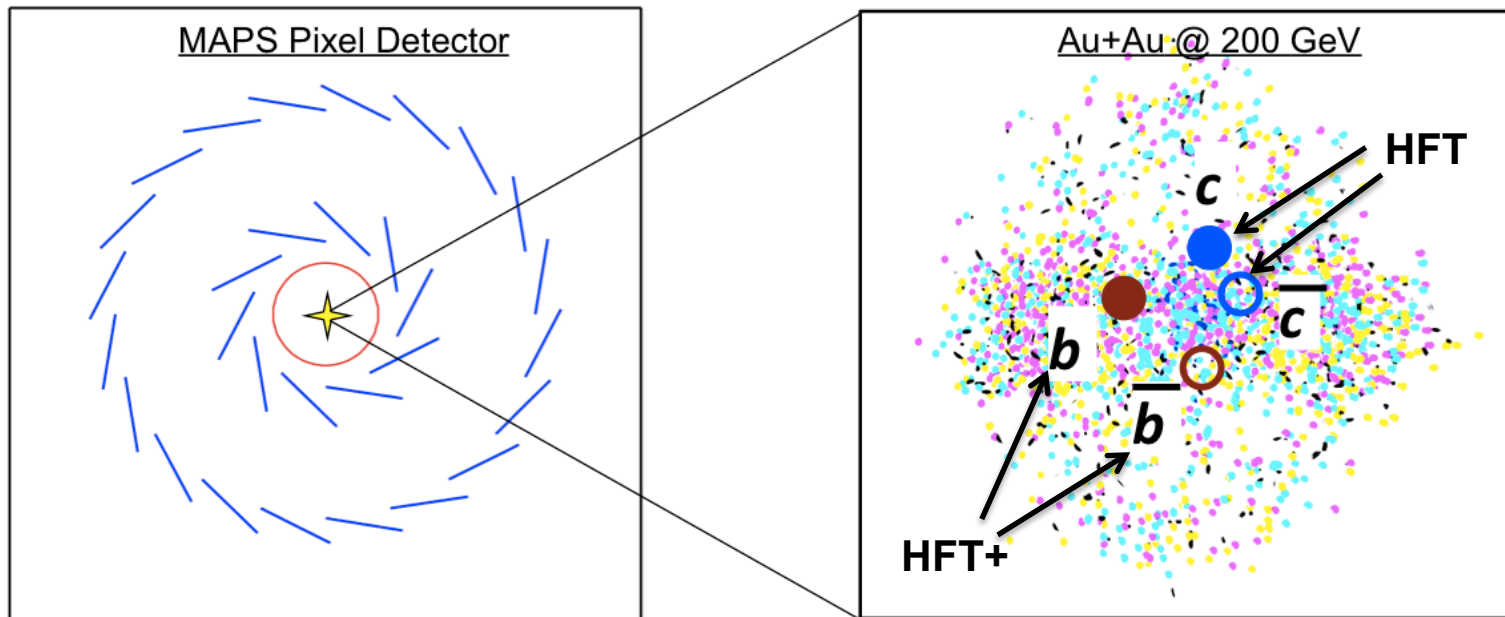


# STAR Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT) and HFT+ Upgrade Plan

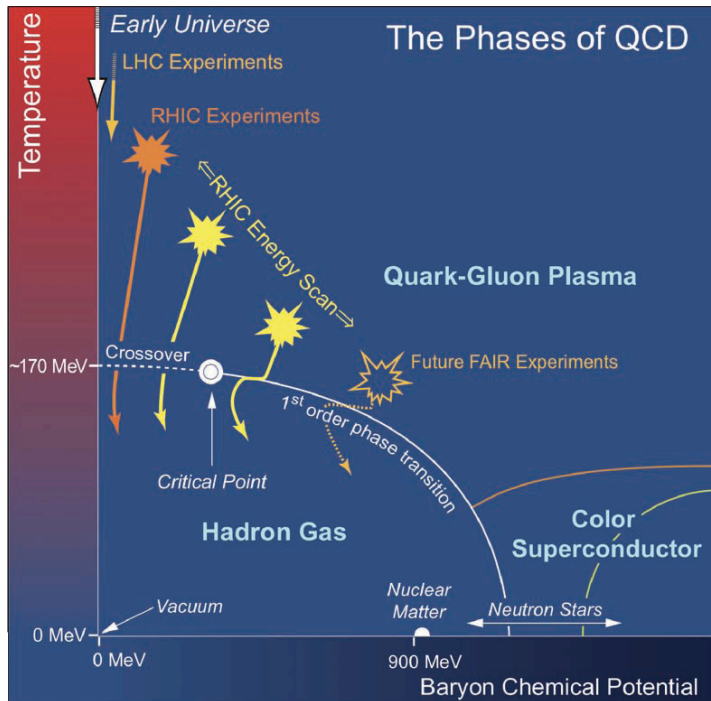
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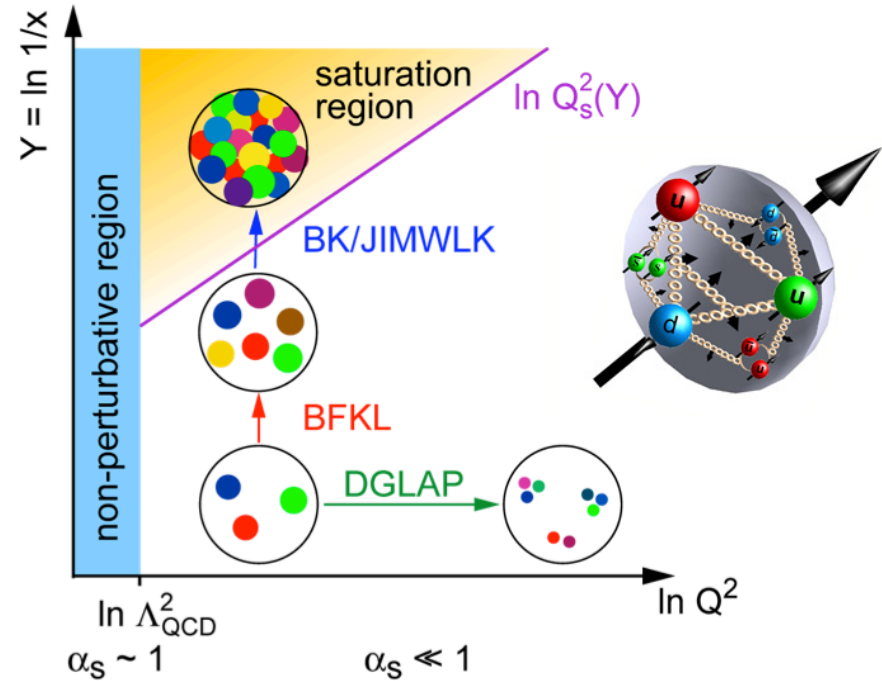


# STAR Physics Program

## Hot QCD



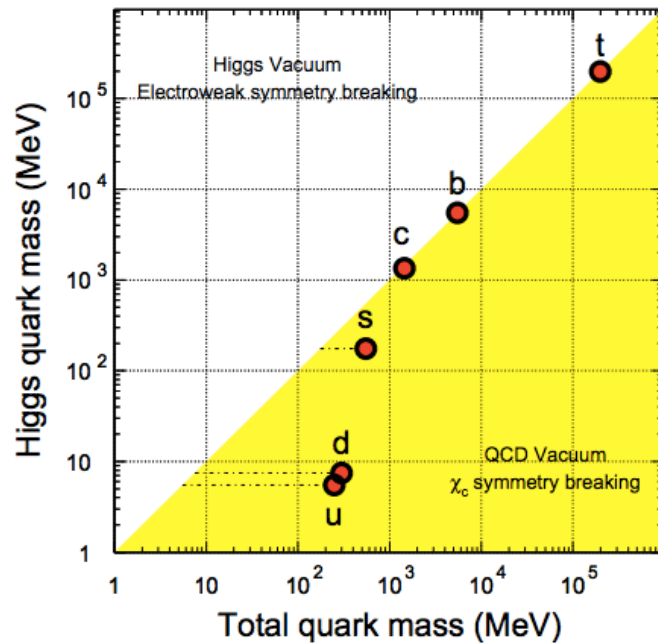
## Cold QCD



## Study QCD Emergent Properties

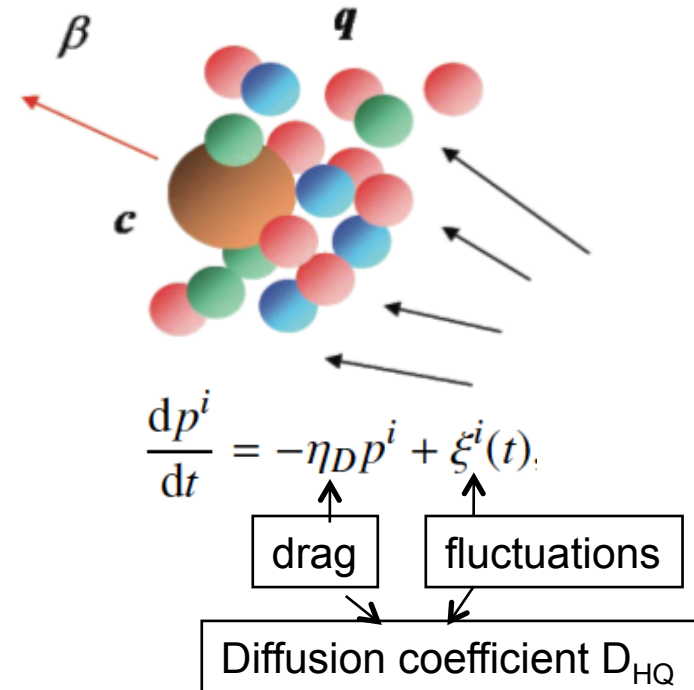
# Heavy Quarks for Measuring sQGP Properties

## Heavy quarks are conserved



X. Zhu et al, PLB 647(2007)366

## Heavy quarks are tractable

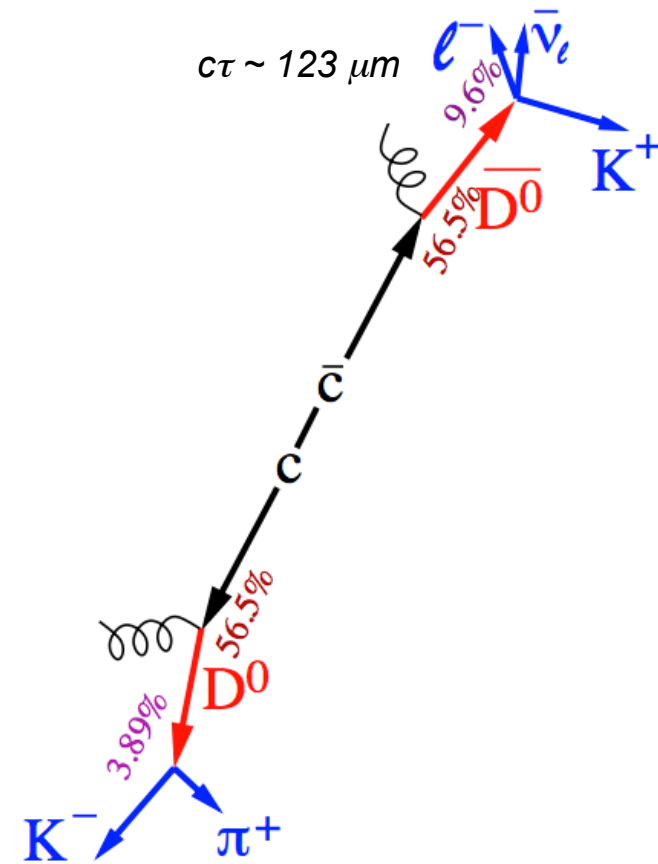


- Heavy quarks created at early stage of HIC, and sensitive to the partonic re-scatterings
- Heavy quark collectivity/flow – more sensitive to thermalization and medium transport properties

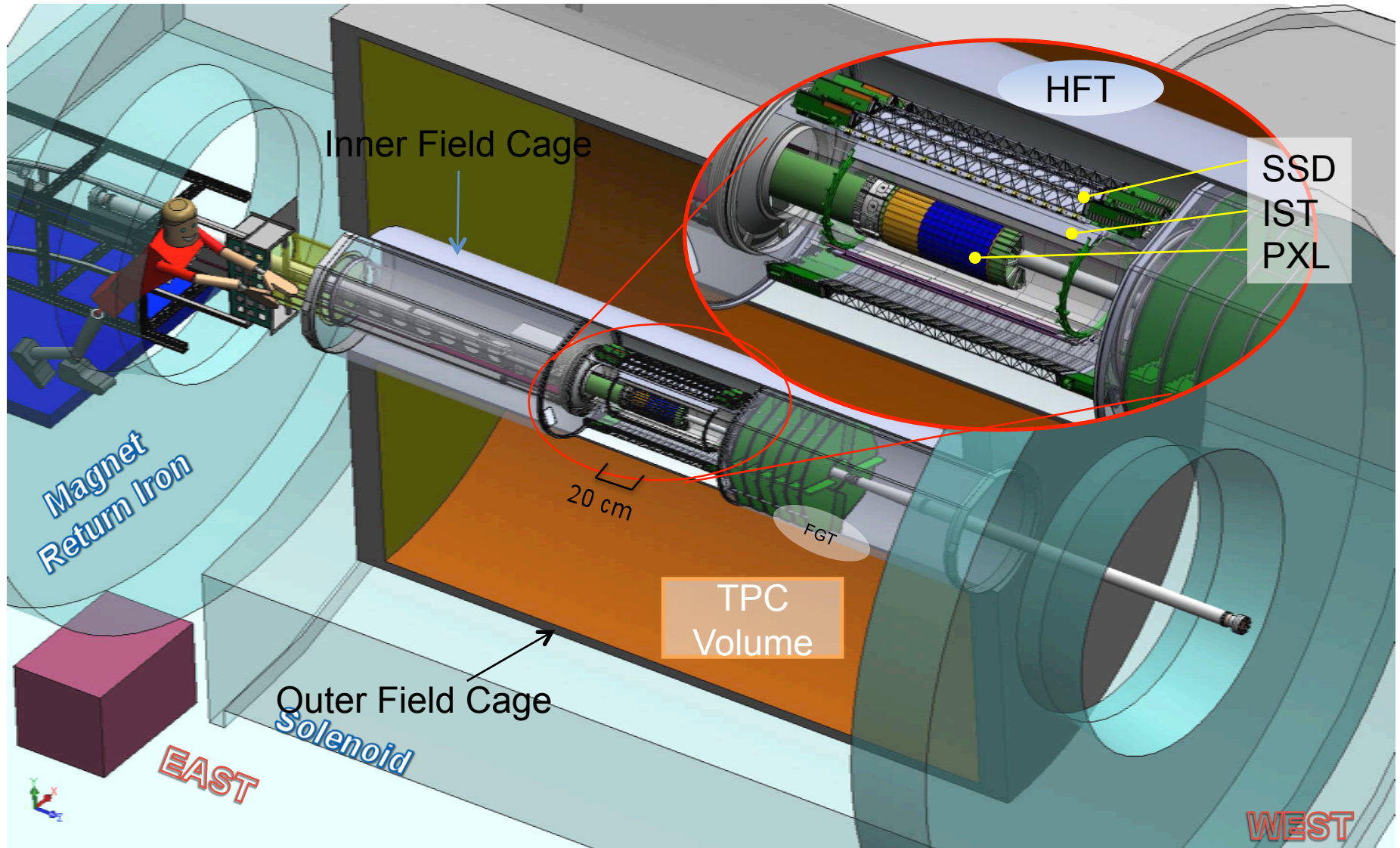
# Experimental Challenges

- Direct** - through exclusive hadronic channels
- full charmed hadron kinematics
  - hard to trigger
  - smaller branching ratios
  - need precision vertex detector to reduce combinatorial background
- $dN_{ch}/d\eta \sim 700$  in central Au+Au collisions

Hadron	Abundance	$c\tau$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
$D^0$	56%	123
$D^+$	24%	312
$D_s$	10%	150
$\Lambda_c$	10%	60
$B^+$	40%	491
$B^0$	40%	456



# Heavy Flavor Tracker for STAR

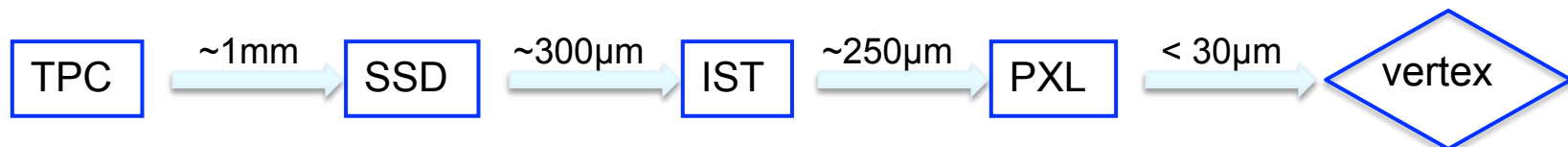


# HFT Design

- HFT consists of 3 sub-detector systems inside the STAR Inner Field Cage

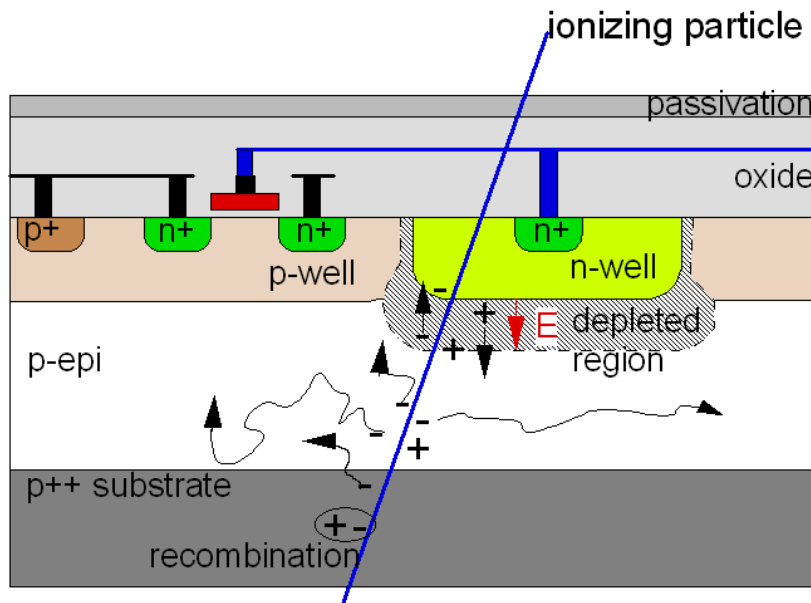
Detector	Radius (cm)	Hit Resolution R/ $\phi$ - Z ( $\mu\text{m}$ - $\mu\text{m}$ )	Thickness
SSD	22	30 / 860	1% $X_0$
IST	14	170 / 1800	1.32 % $X_0$
PIXEL	8	6.2 / 6.2	$\sim 0.52$ % $X_0$
	2.8	6.2 / 6.2	$\sim 0.39$ % $X_0$

- **SSD** existing single layer detector, double side strips (electronic upgrade)
- **IST** one layer of silicon strips along beam direction, guiding tracks from the SSD through PIXEL detector - **proven pad technology**
- **PIXEL** double layers, 20.7x20.7 mm pixel pitch, 2 cm x 20 cm each ladder, 10 ladders, delivering ultimate pointing resolution. - **new active pixel technology**



# Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS) - PXL

MAPS pixel cross-section (not to scale)



## Properties:

- Standard commercial CMOS technology
- Sensor and signal processing are integrated in the same silicon wafer
- Signal is created in the low-doped epitaxial layer (typically  $\sim 10\text{-}15\ \mu\text{m}$ )  $\rightarrow$  MIP signal is limited to  $<1000$  electrons
- Charge collection is mainly through thermal diffusion ( $\sim 100\ \text{ns}$ ), reflective boundaries at p-well and substrate

MAPS and competition	MAPS	Hybrid Pixel Sensors	CCD
Granularity	+	-	+
Small material budget	+	-	+
Readout speed	+	++	-
Radiation tolerance	+	++	-

## Some pixel features and specifications

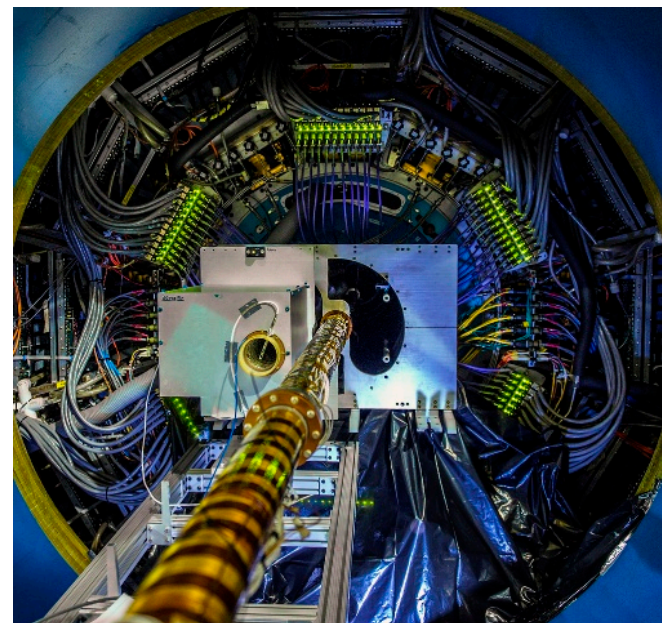
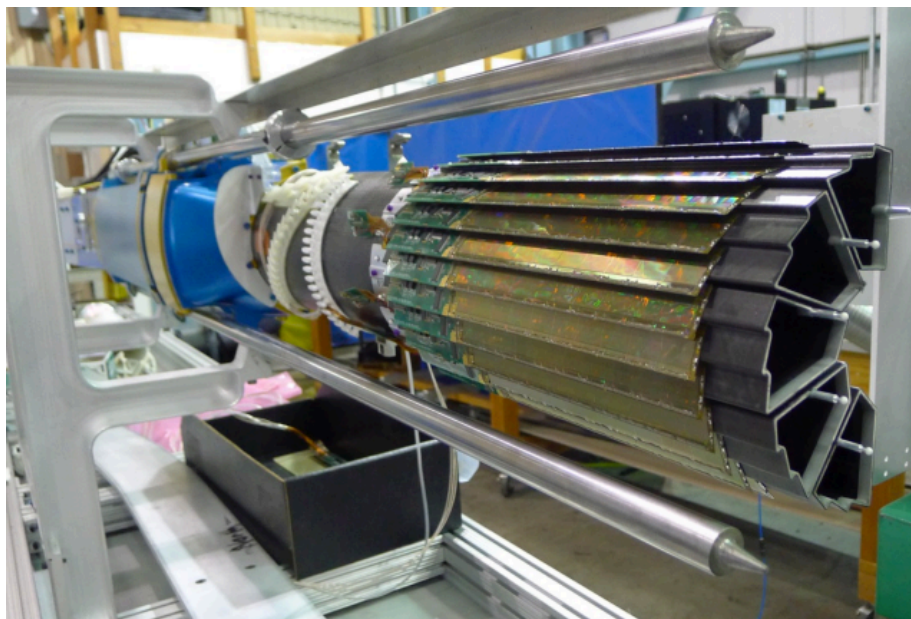
Pointing resolution	$(12 \oplus 19 \text{ GeV/p}\cdot\text{c}) \mu\text{m}$
Layers	Layer 1 at 2.8* cm radius Layer 2 at 8 cm radius
Pixel size	20.7 $\mu\text{m}$ X 20.7 $\mu\text{m}$
Hit resolution	6.2 $\mu\text{m}$ rms
Position stability	8 $\mu\text{m}$ (30 $\mu\text{m}$ envelope)
Radiation thickness per layer	$X/X_0 = 0.39\%$ Al-cable <i>0.52% Cu-cable</i>
Number of pixels	360 M
Integration time (affects pileup)	186 $\mu\text{s}$
Radiation requirement	20-90 kRad
Rapid detector replacement	< 12 Hours

critical and difficult

more than a factor of 3 better than hybrid vertex detectors



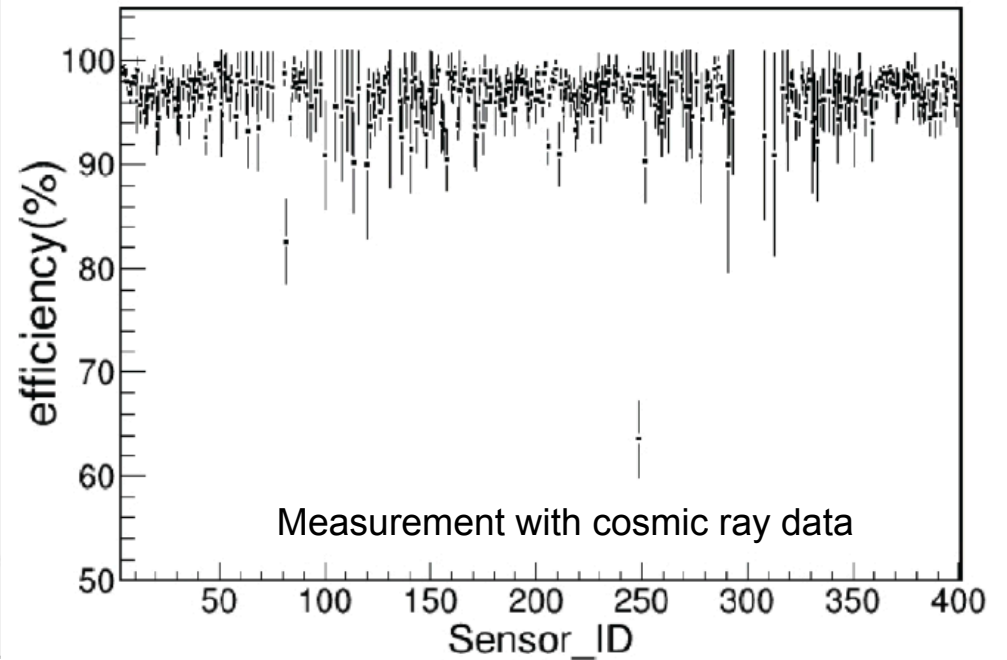
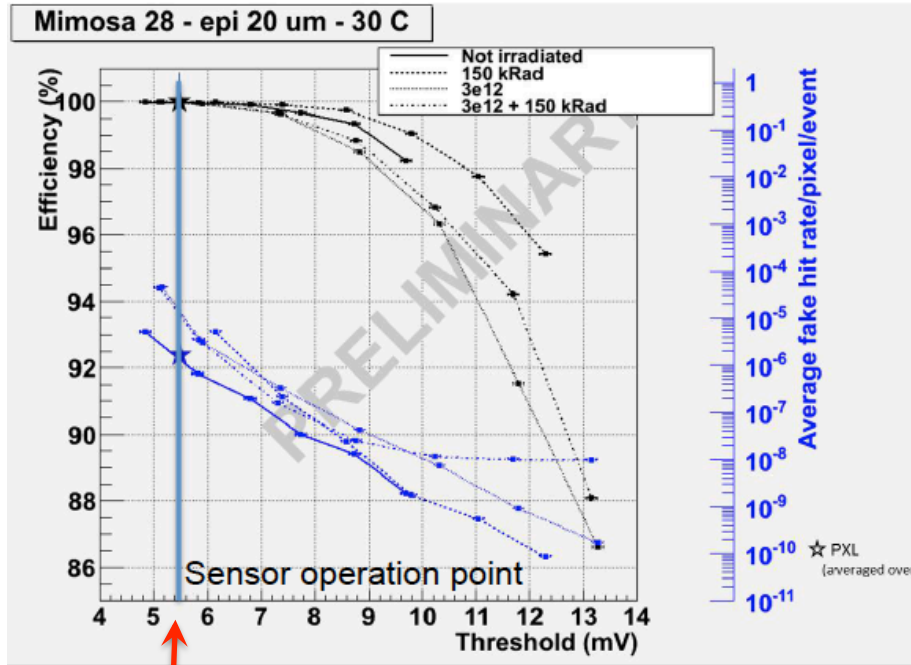
# HFT Commission and Operation in STAR



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|--------------|--|
| 2013 May     | – PXL prototype engineering run with 3 sectors (out of 10 in total)      |
| 2013 Sept    | – IST, SSD fully installed into STAR                                     |
| 2014 Jan     | – PXL fully installed into STAR (within 12 hours)                        |
| 2014 Jan-Feb | – cosmic runs for detector commissioning, data for alignment calibration |
| 2014 March   | – Commissioning in Au+Au 200 GeV collisions. Physics mode since then     |
| 2014 Sept    | – HFT project closeout. Project finished on time and under budget        |

***STAR HFT – first application of MAPS pixel detector at a collider***

# Detector Hit Efficiency and Noise

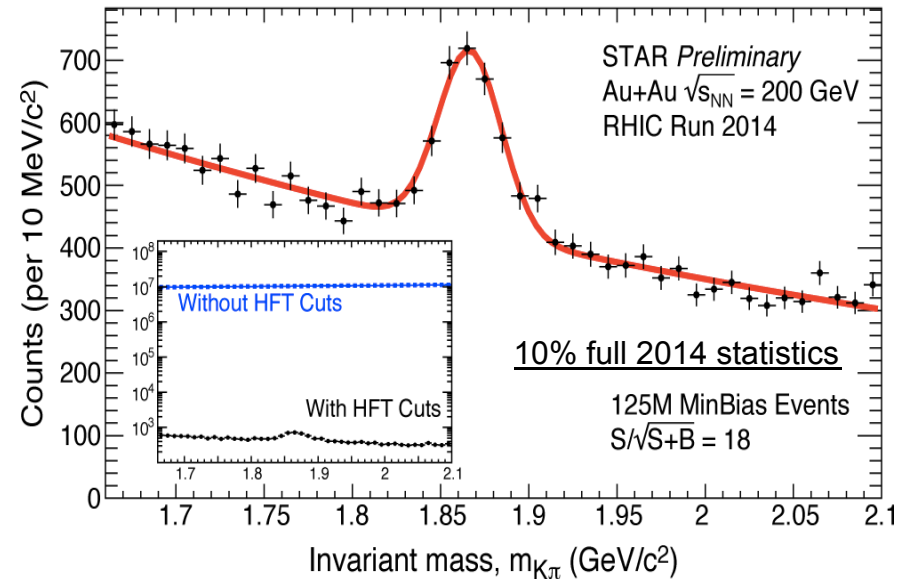
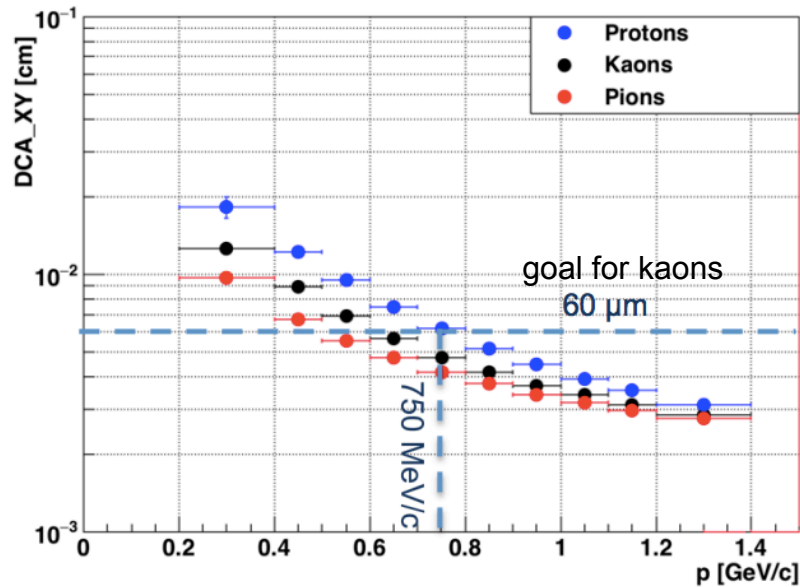


Operating point: noise rate  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-6}$  with  $>99\%$  efficiency

Goal:  $> 98\%$  at  $10^{-4}$  noise rate

Efficiency measured with cosmic ray data -  $\sim 97.2\%$  average efficiency over all sensors

# Pointing Resolution and $D^0$ from Au+Au Collisions

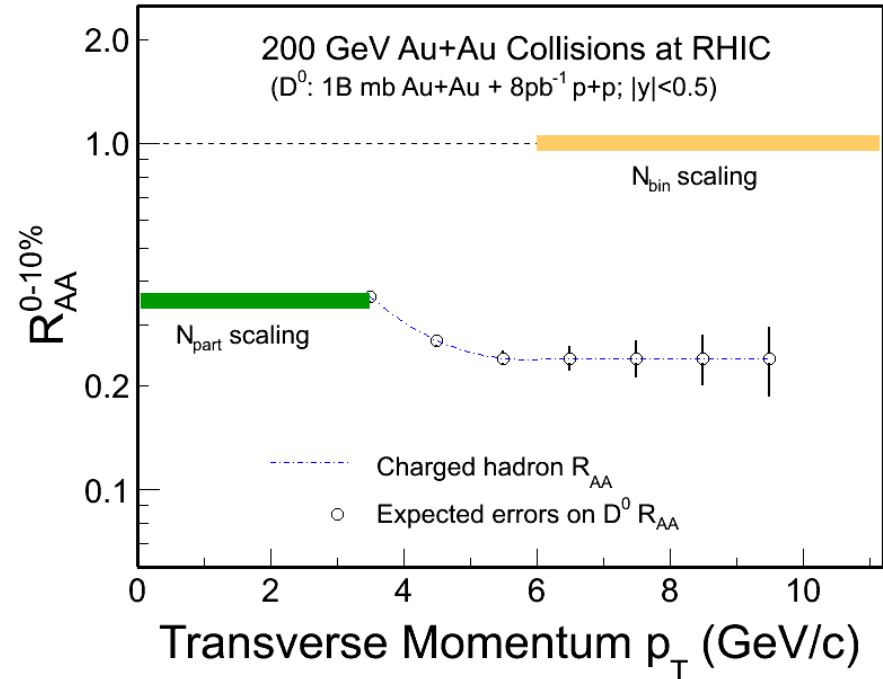
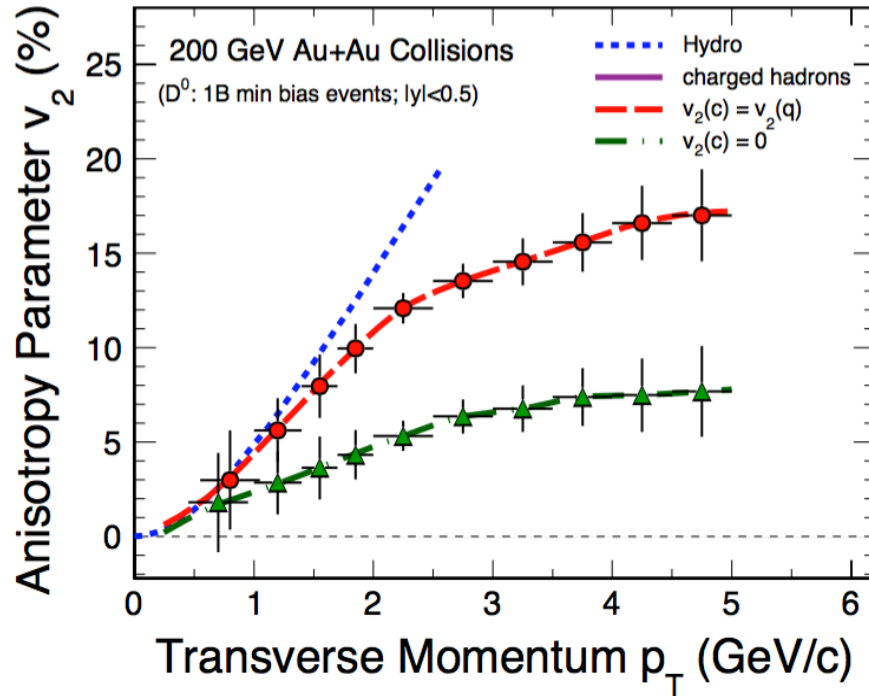


Physics datasets collected with STAR-HFT

	Beam Species	Data sets	Physics goals
2014	Au+Au 200 GeV	1.2B minbias	D-meson $v_2$ , $R_{cp}$
2015 AI-cable	p+p 200 GeV	1.1B minbias, 12 pb <sup>-1</sup>	D-meson $R_{AA}$ baseline
	p+Au 200 GeV	0.5B minbias, 42 nb <sup>-1</sup>	D-meson $R_{pA}$
2016* AI-cable	Au+Au 200 GeV	2B minbias, 1 nb <sup>-1</sup>	$\Lambda_c$ , bottom, D-meson $v_2$ , $R_{AA}$
	Au+Au 62.4 GeV	1B minbias	$\sqrt{s}$ dependent D-meson $v_2$ , $R_{cp}$

\* 2016 requests accommodated by the STAR Beam-Use-Request

# Physics Goals with HFT



Assuming  $D^0$   $v_2$  distribution from quark coalescence.

1 billion Au+Au m.b. events at 200 GeV.

- Charm  $v_2$

**Thermalization of light-quarks!**  
**Drag/diffusion coefficients!**

Assuming  $D^0$   $R_{AA}$  as charged hadron

1 billion Au+Au m.b. events at 200 GeV +  
 $8\text{pb}^{-1}$  sampled L in p+p 200 GeV

- Charm  $R_{AA} \Rightarrow$

**Energy loss mechanism!**  
**Interaction with QCD matter!**

# HF-II Program at 2020+ for Bottom Production

**Open bottom** production over a wide range of momentum

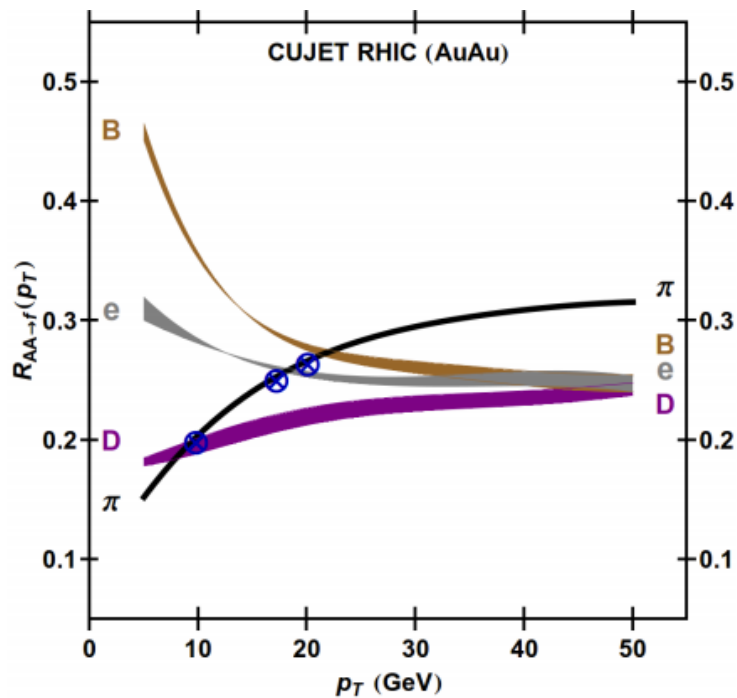
Flavor dependence of parton energy loss – medium properties at small scale

Cleanest probe to quantify medium transport properties – e.g.  $D_{HQ}$

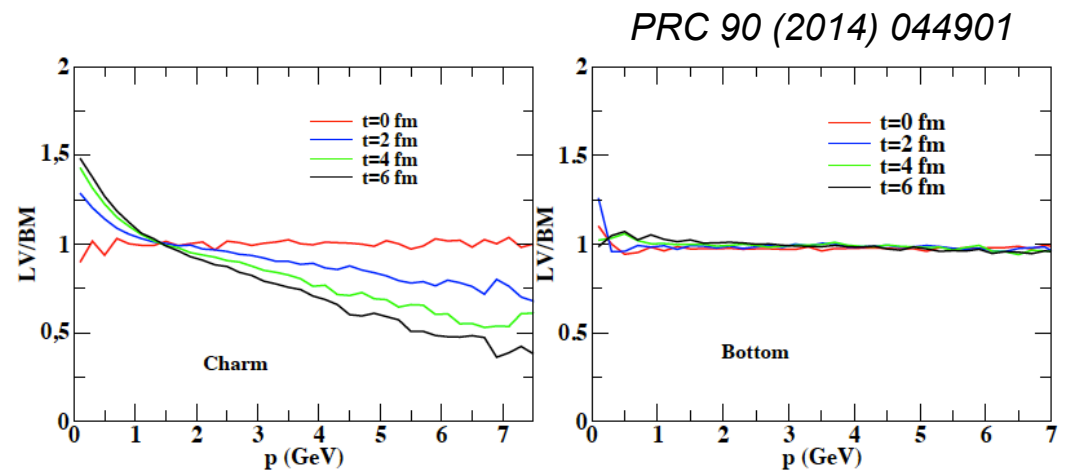
- medium properties at large scale

Total bottom yield

- verify CNM for precision interpretation of Upsilon suppression



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Is charm heavy enough?

Sizable correction to the Langevin approach for charm

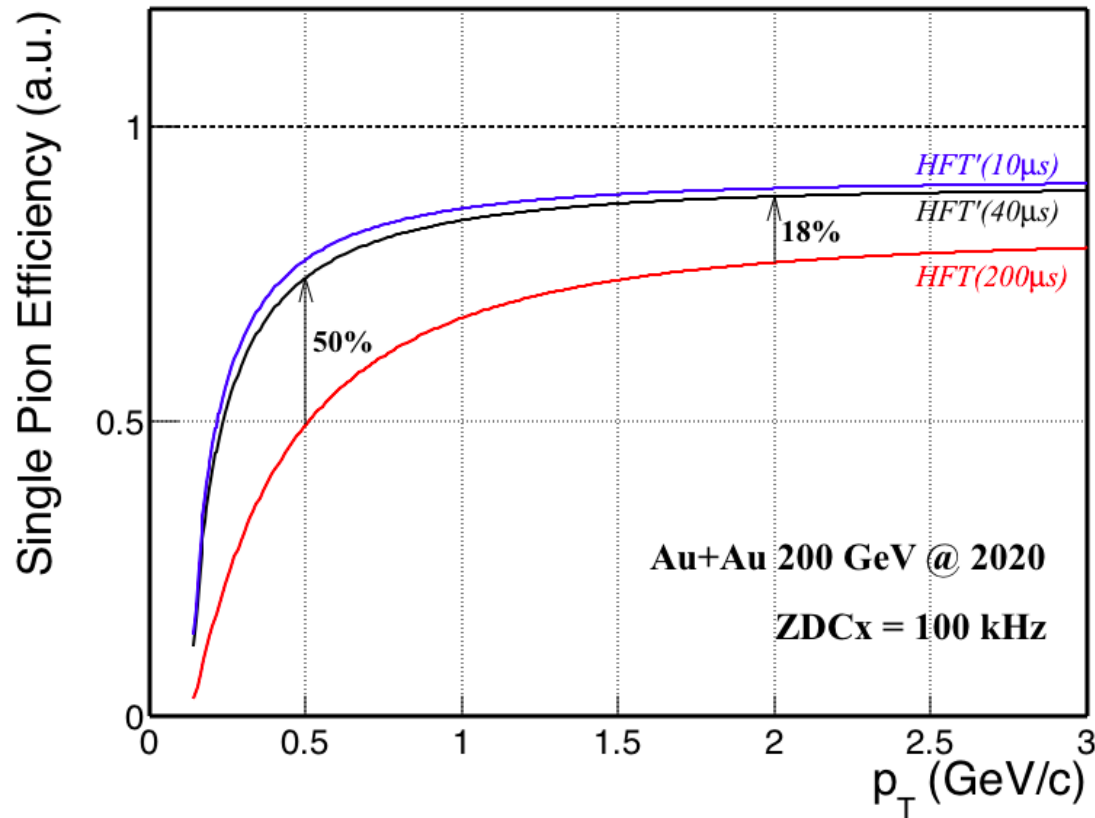
- may limit the precision in determining  $D_{HQ}$

# HFT+ Upgrade for Bottom Production Measurements

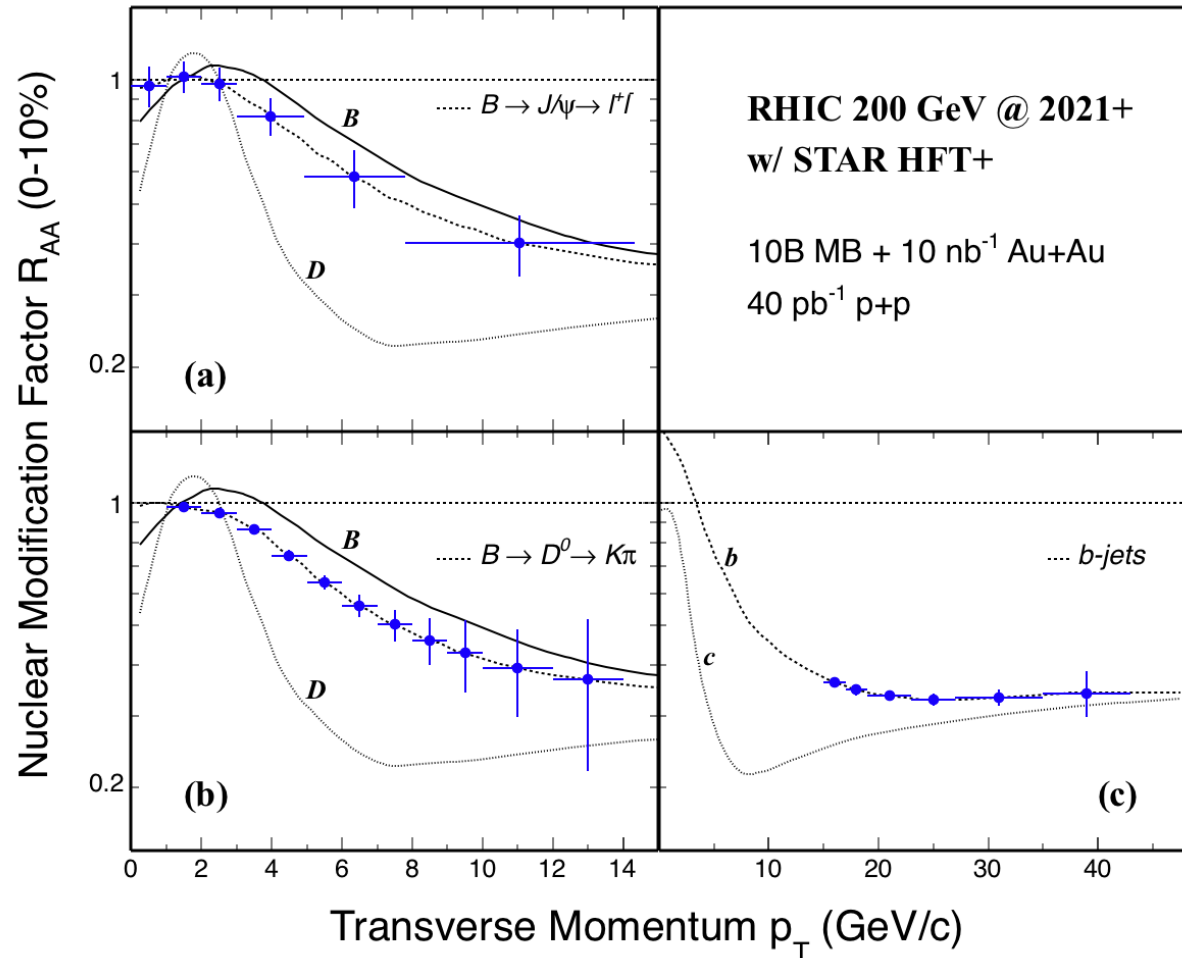
Next generation fast MAPS sensors – integration time reduced from  $186\mu\text{s}$  to  $<20\mu\text{s}$   
*R&D projects under development for ALICE ITS upgrade*

Detector capable of being operated at high luminosity with good efficiency  
*CAD projected  $L$  at 2020+ is  $100 \times 10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (ZDCx rate  $\sim 100 \text{ kHz}$ )*

Preserve high detection efficiency in high luminosity environment



# Physics Projection with STAR-HFT+



Curves – average of calculations from TAMU, Duke and CUJET

HFT+: aimed for precision open bottom measurements at RHIC  
 - flavor dependent energy loss  
 - cleaner extraction of medium transport properties  $D_{HQ}$

## Summary

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### STAR Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT)

- first application of MAPS pixel detector at a collider
- fully in operation and meet all performance goals
- physics results anticipated - precision charm measurements

### STAR HFT+

- next generation fast MAPS pixel detector
- aim for open bottom measurements at 2020+ period

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022+	
RHIC	STAR HFT PHENIX (F)VTX Precision charm			Spin		BES-II		STAR HFT+ sPHENIX Open bottom		
LHC	LS1	Run 2 (x10 statistics)					LS2	ALICE ITS upgrade CMS/ATLAS upgrades Run 3 (x100 statistics)		

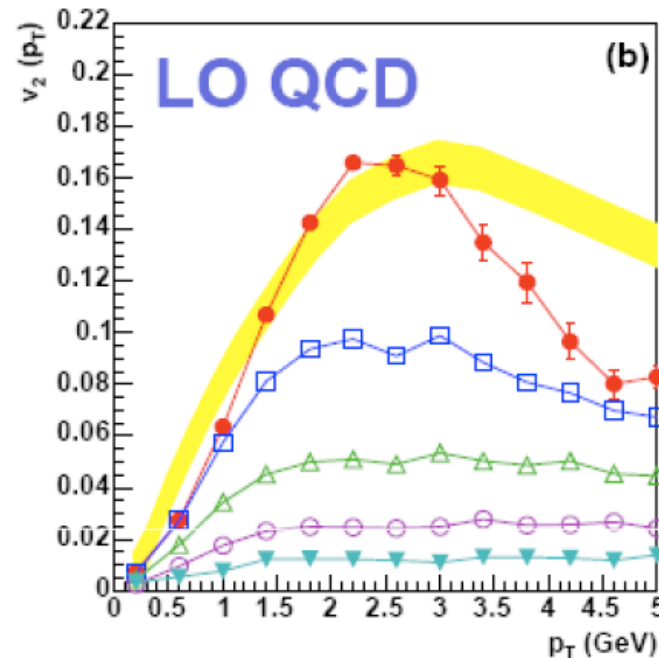
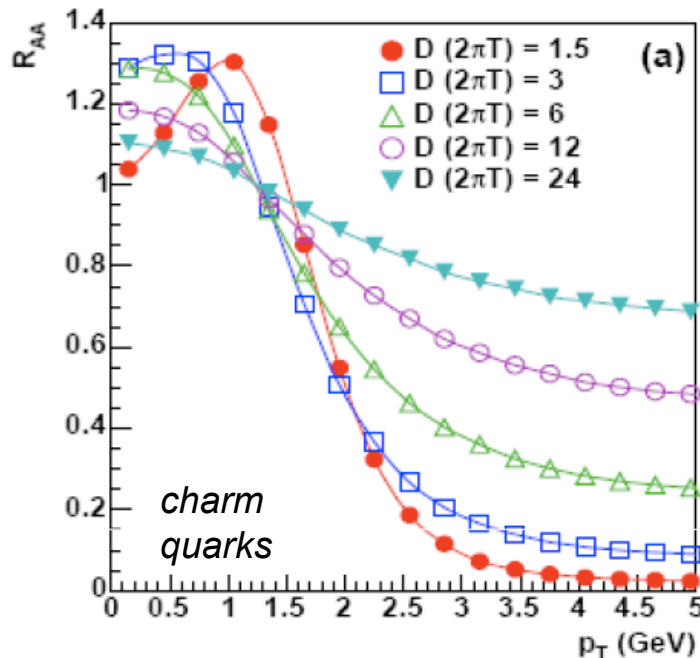


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# Backups

# Heavy Quarks to Probe Medium Thermalization

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- Heavy quark collectivity/flow to experimentally quantify medium thermalization.

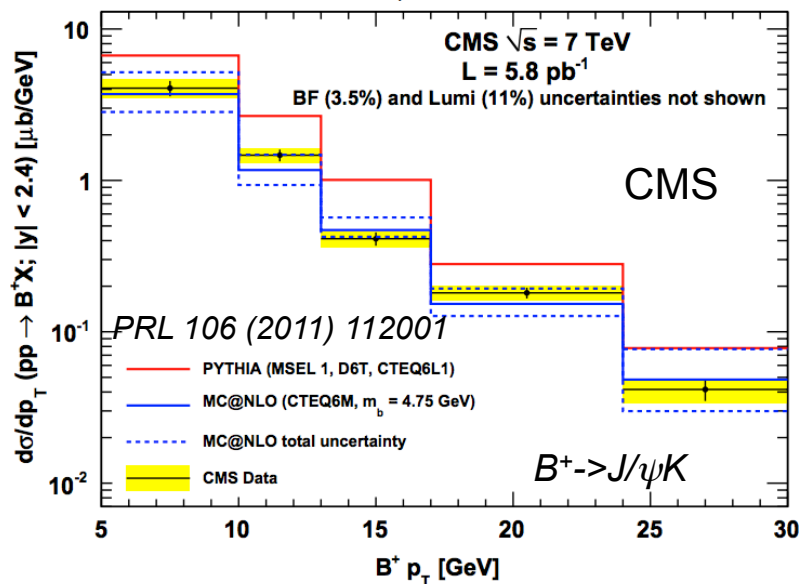
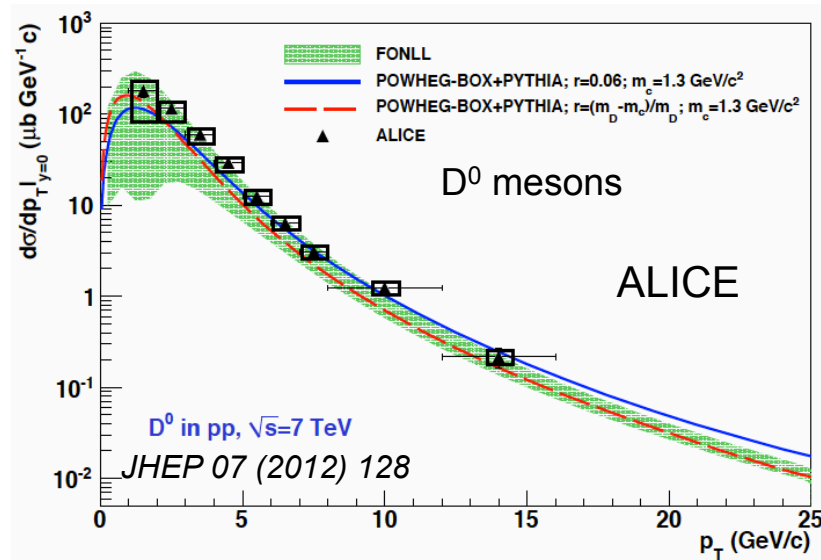
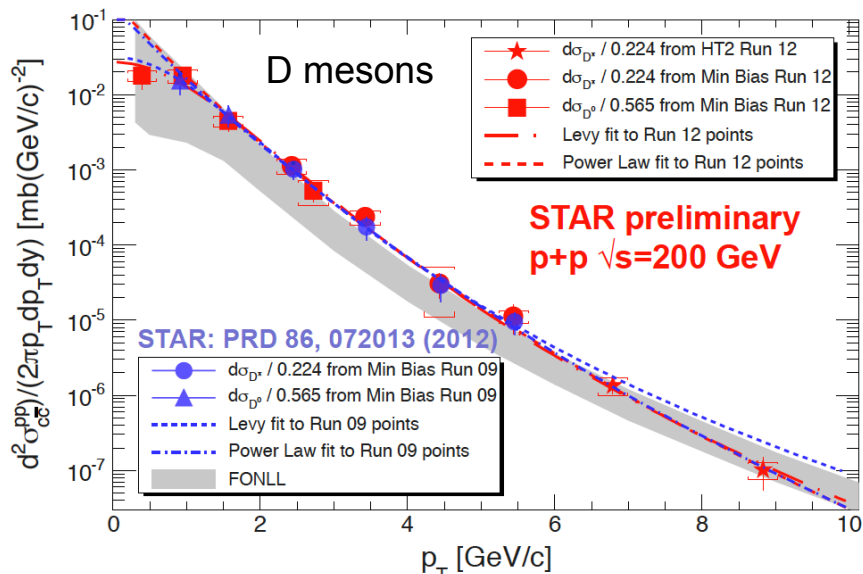


G. Moore & D. Teaney, PRC 71 (2005) 064904

HQ propagation in QCD medium – Brownian Motion, described by Langevin Equation

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = \xi_i(t) - \eta_D p_i \quad \eta_D / \xi \text{ – drag/diffusion coefficients related to the medium transport properties}$$

# Heavy Quark Production in p+p Collisions



Charm/bottom hadron spectra well described by pQCD calculations (FONLL, MC@NLO etc.)  
- Similar for data at Tevetron, HERA etc.

Data precision provides inputs to constrain pQCD calculations

- R.E. Nelson et al, PRC 87(2013)014908

# A Comparative Look on RHIC vs. LHC

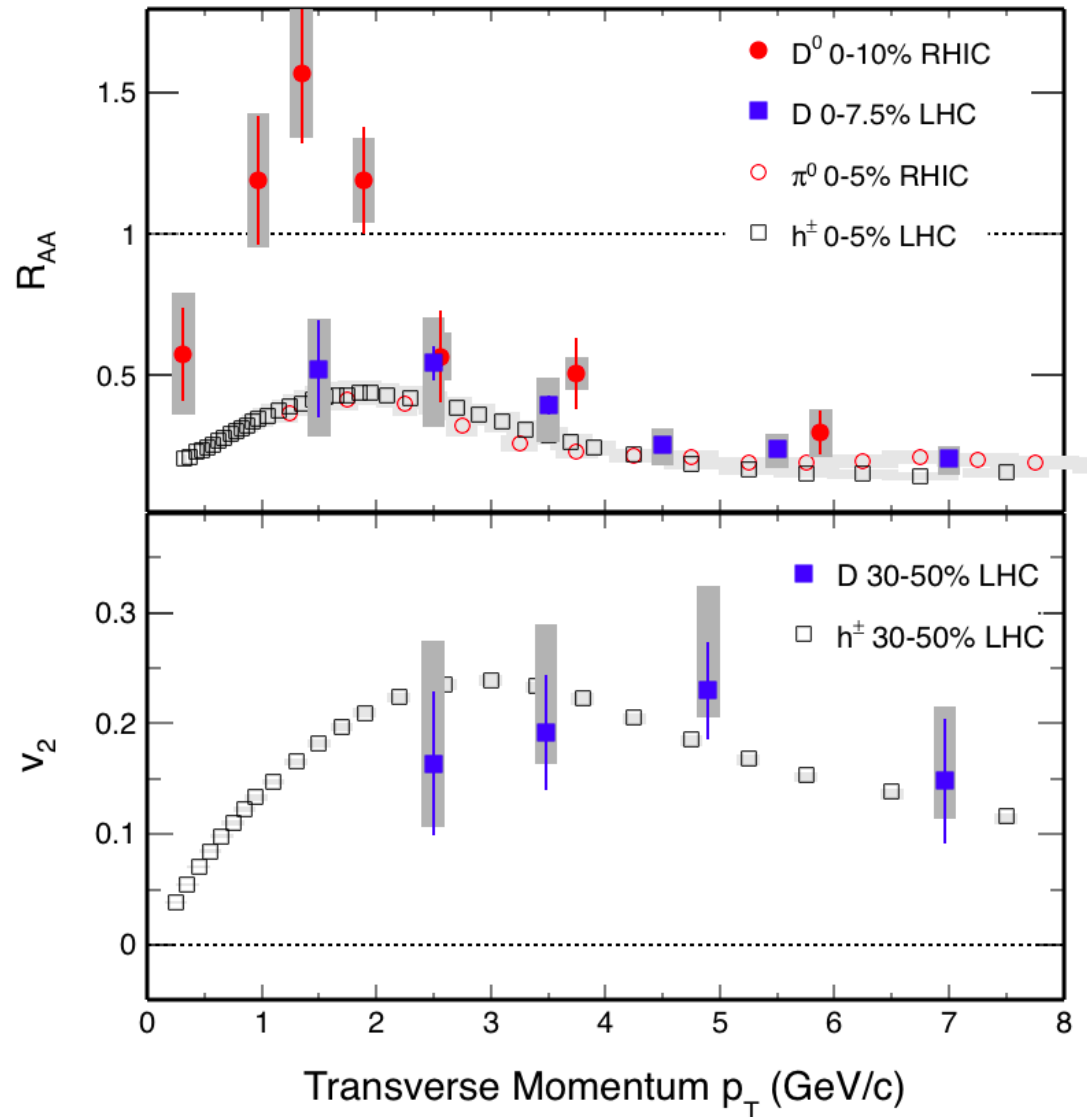
## Comparable suppression at high $p_T$

- collisional and radiative  $\Delta E$

## Possibly different physics at low $p_T$

- Initial parton distributions  
 $x_T$  at 2 GeV/c  $\sim 10^{-2}$  (RHIC)  
 $\sim 10^{-3}$  (LHC)
- “Cronin” effect
- Charm quark flow

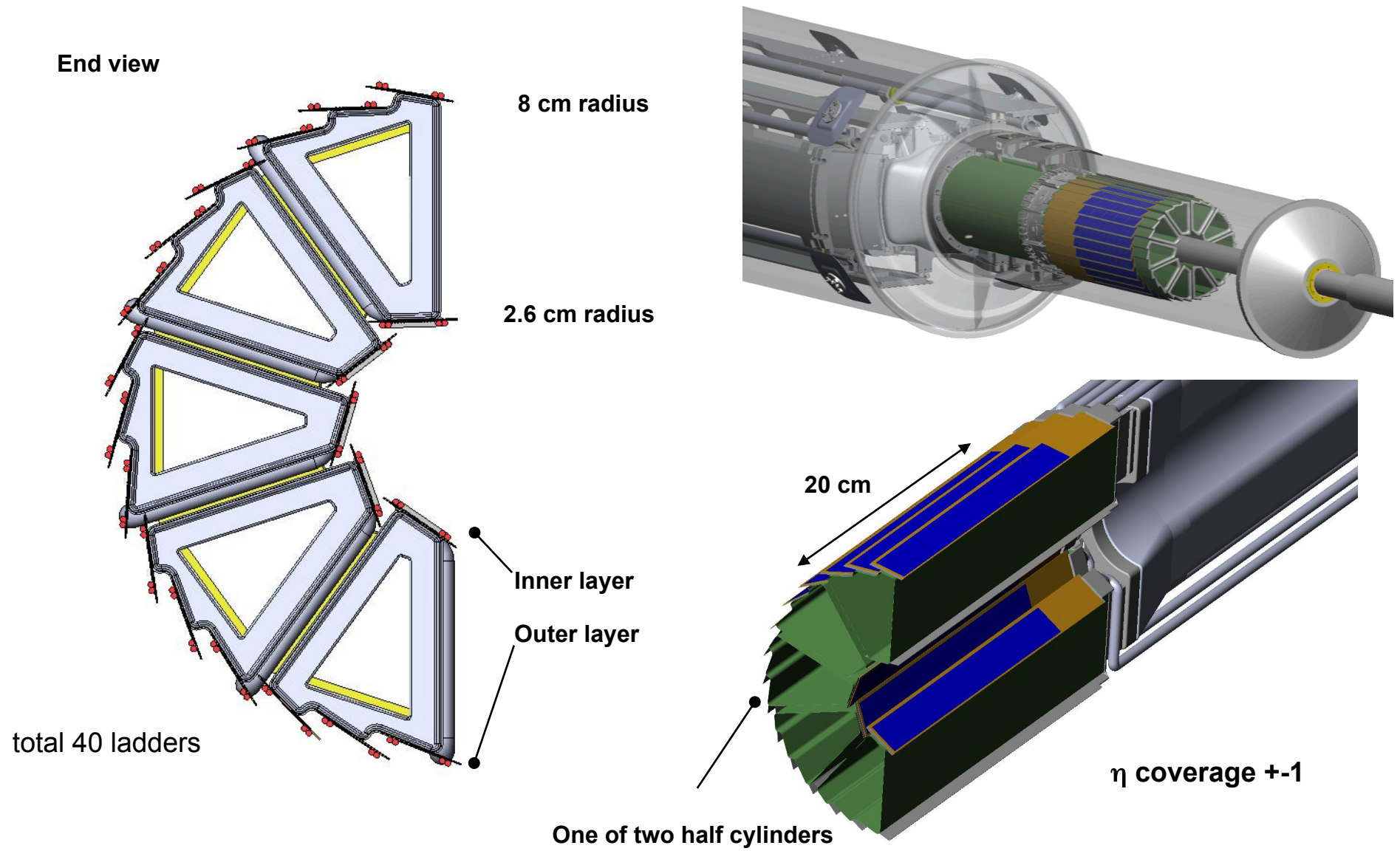
Precision charm  $v_2$  data,  
 particularly to low-intermediate  
 $p_T$  are critical for the extraction of  
 sQGP  $D_{HQ}$ .



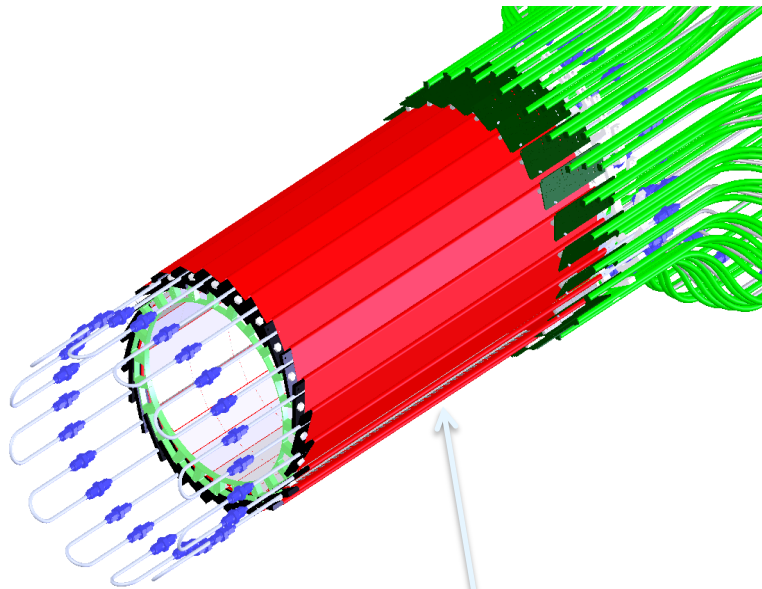
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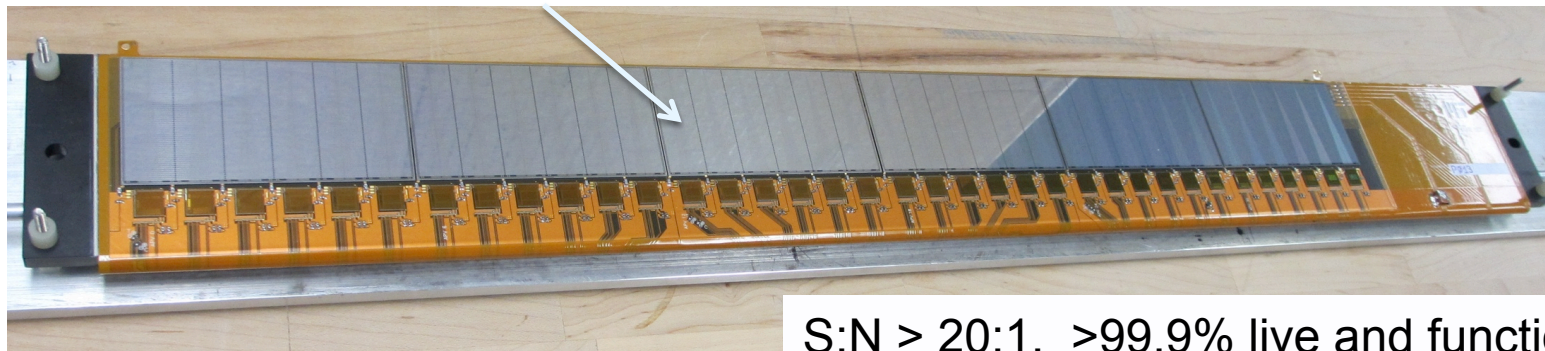
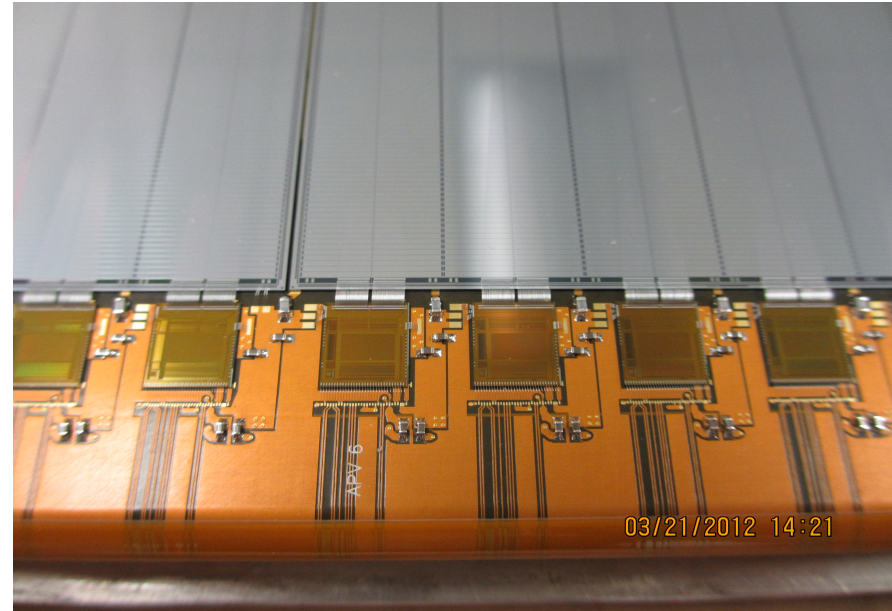
# Pixel Geometry



# Intermediate Silicon Tracker (IST)

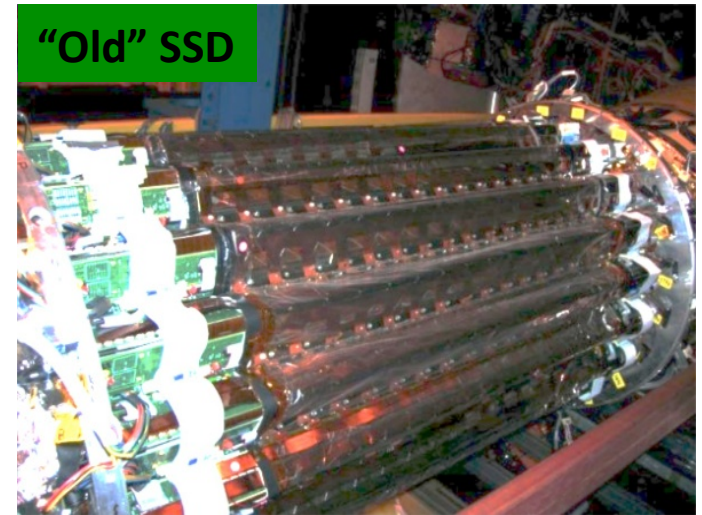
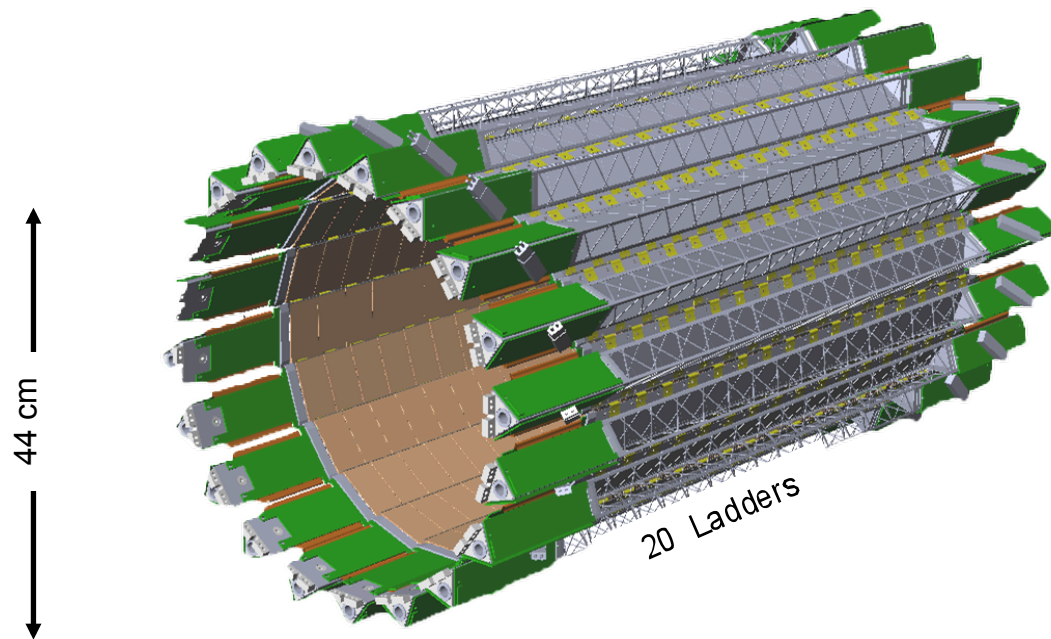


24 ladders, liquid cooling.

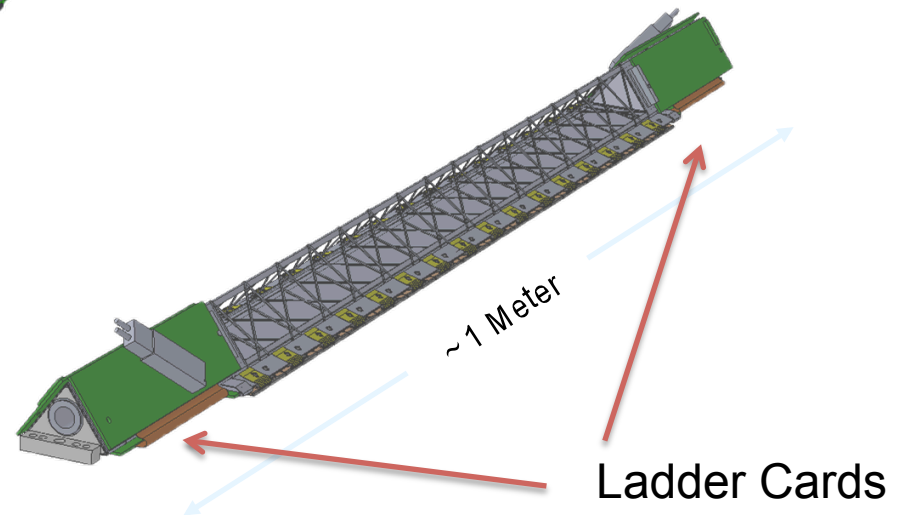


S:N > 20:1, >99.9% live and functioning channels

# Silicon Strip Detector (SSD)



New/Faster Readout  
"Old" Ladders, refurbished  
New, direct mounting on support



# Uniqueness

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## Uniqueness of HFT:

Fine pixel granularity provides ultimate hit resolution

Thin detector design allows precision measurements down to low  $p_T$

State-of-art mechanical design retains detector stability

Full azimuthal acceptance allows high statistics correlation measurements

HF measurements at RHIC – not just complementary to those at LHC

## Uniqueness of HF measurements at RHIC

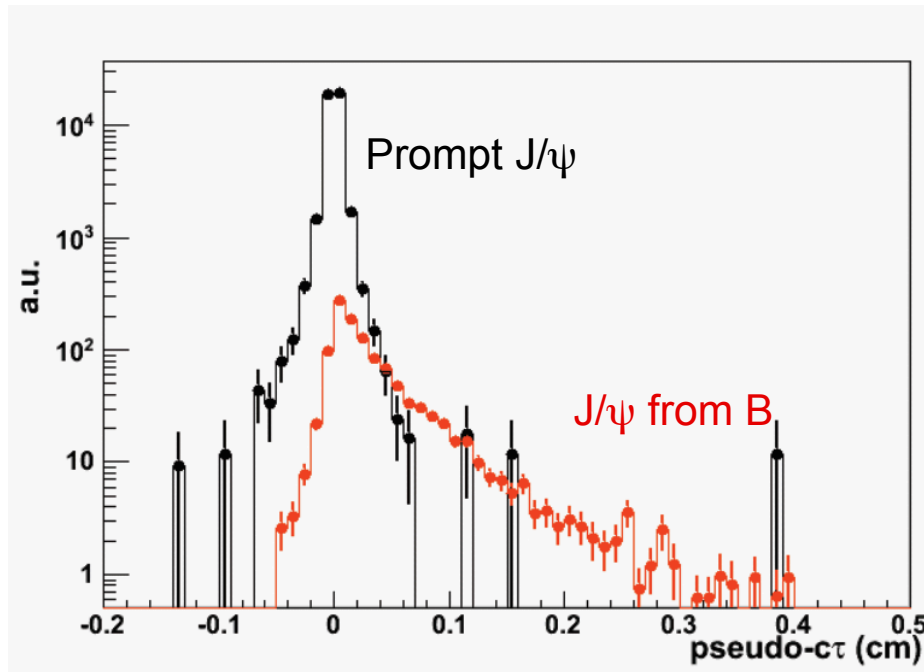
Heavy quarks are calibrated probes at RHIC - predominately created via initial gluon-gluon hard scatterings.

Heavy quarks are mostly created through the leading order 2->2 process at RHIC – clean physics interpretation of results, particularly correlation measurements.



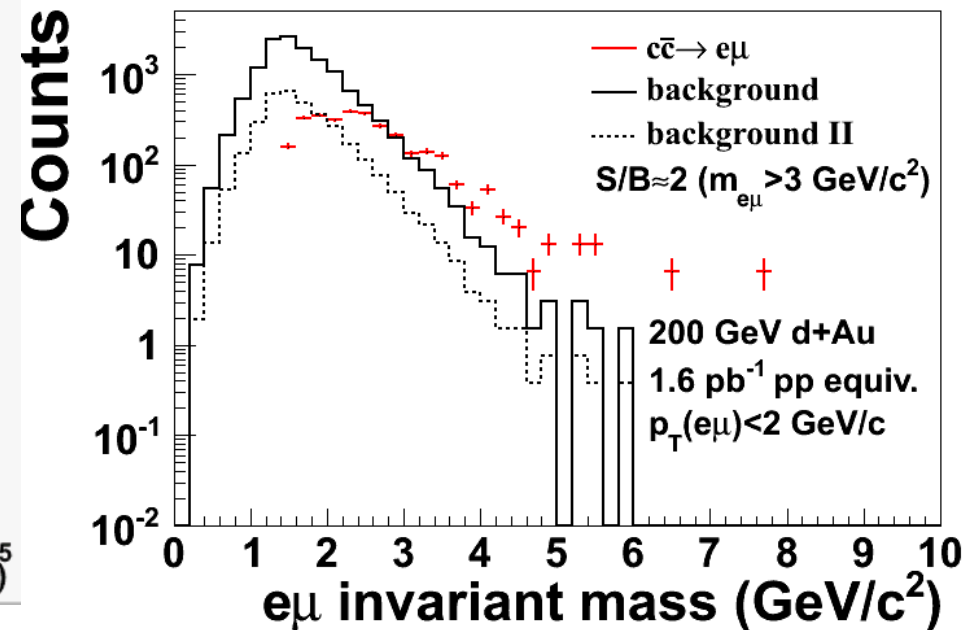
# Unique Measurements with HFT+TPC+MTD

$B \rightarrow J/\psi + X$



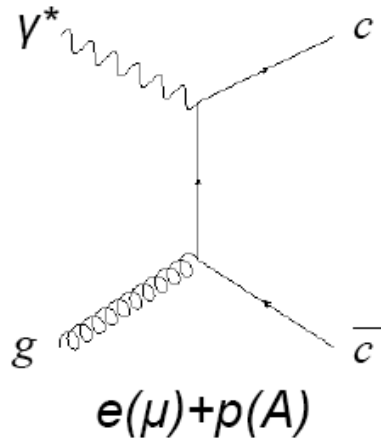
- HFT to separate B decay  $J/\psi$  from prompt  $J/\psi$
- MTD to reconstruct  $J/\psi$  from di-muon decays

Lepton pairs from correlated charm

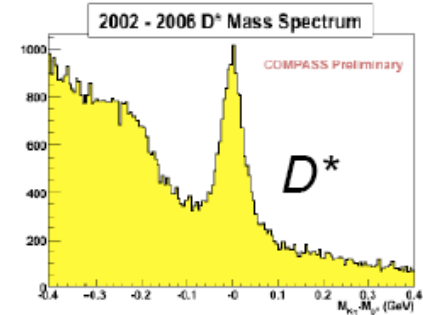


- MTD - unique measurement of  $e$ - $\mu$  correlation
- HFT+MTD – systematic measurement of  $e$ - $e$ ,  $e$ - $\mu$ ,  $\mu$ - $\mu$  with controlled charm contributions

# Charm to Probe Nucleon/Nucleus Structure

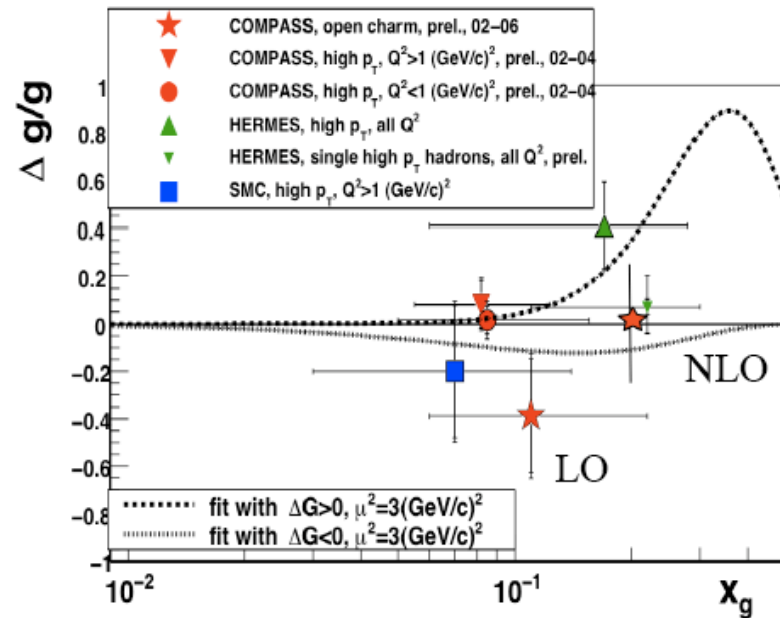


$$\gamma^* + p \rightarrow D + X$$



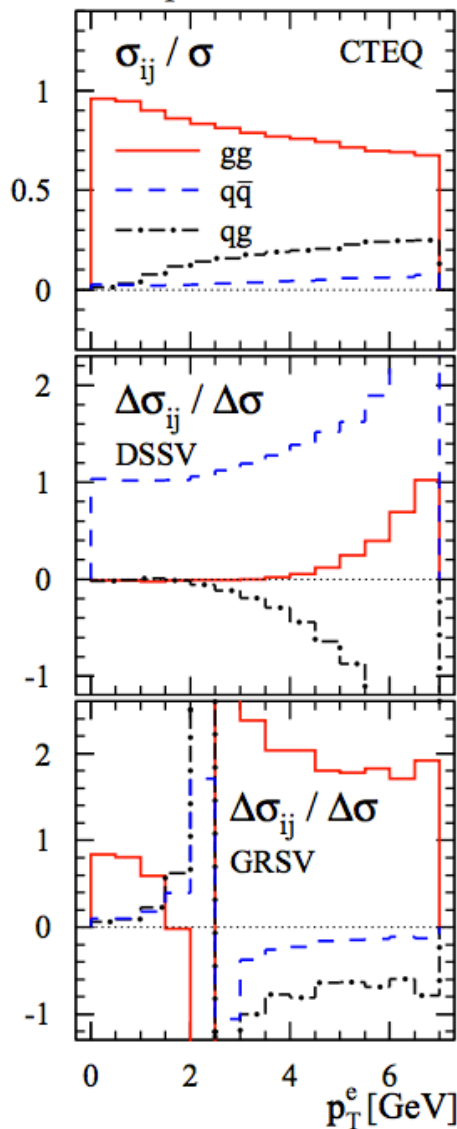
**Charm production**

- Sensitive to gluon distribution functions.
- A sensitive probe of low  $x$  gluons and QCD at an Electron Ion Collider (201?/202?).

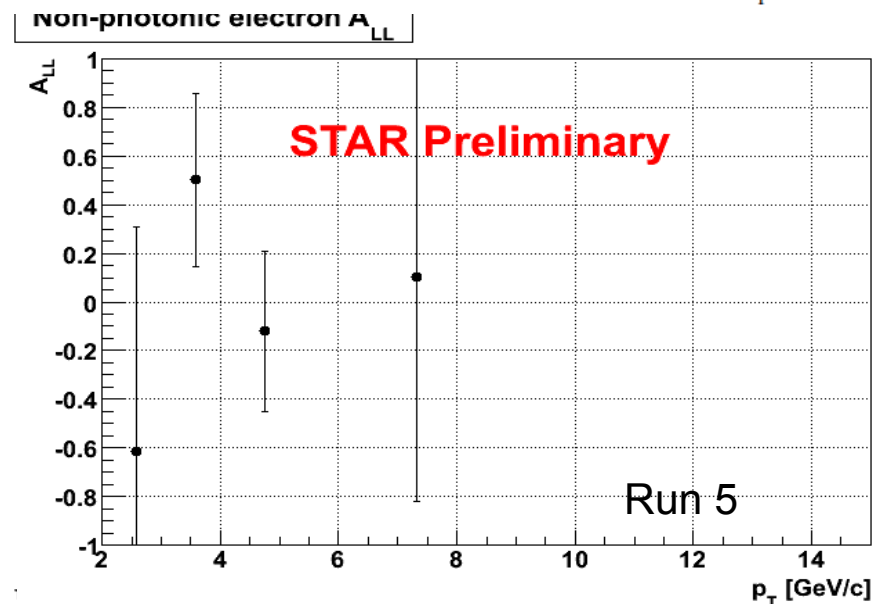
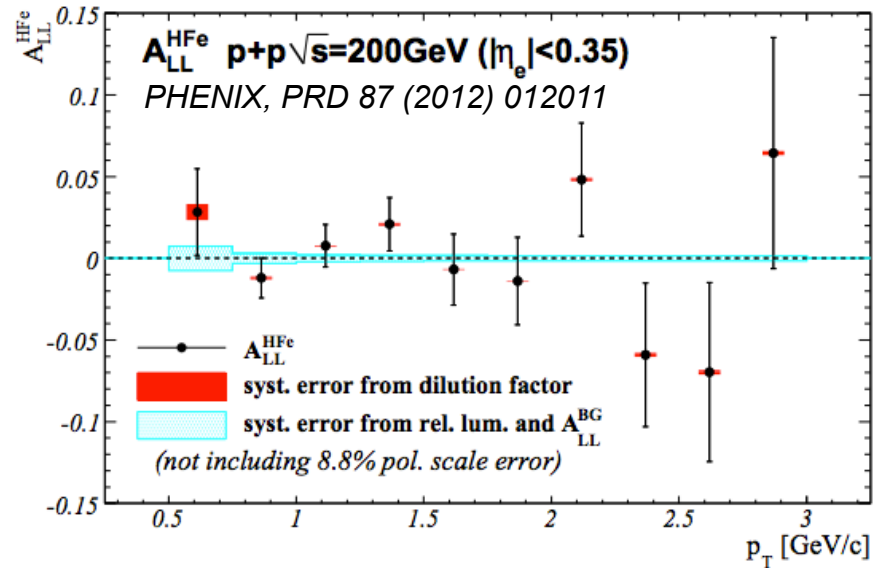


*K.Kurek, Spin Workshop @LBL 2009*

# Heavy Flavor to Probe Gluon Spin Structure



Riedl et al, PRD 80 (2009) 114020



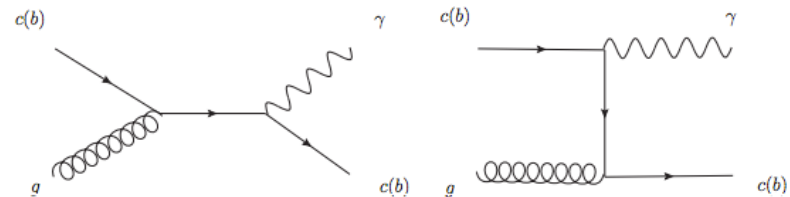
# Heavy Flavor Probes for Broad QCD Studies

$W^+ \rightarrow c + \bar{s}$  higher decay B.R. than semi-leptonic decays

W reconstruction via full di-jets (one charm jet)  
- explored by UA1

Heavy flavor jet – intrinsic HF PDF in nucleon/nucleus

$$pp \rightarrow \gamma + c(b)\text{-jet} + X.$$



- Heavy flavor jet – good probe to study the hot QCD medium properties

# Key Instruments

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Pixel Silicon Detector at LHC/RHIC experiments

	ATLAS	CMS	ALICE	PHENIX	STAR
Sensor tech.	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	MAPS
Pitch size ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	50x400	100x150	50x425	50x425	20x20
Radius of first layer (cm)	5.1	4.4	3.9	2.5	2.8
Thickness of first layer	$\sim 1\%X_0$	$\sim 1\%X_0$	$1\%X_0$	$1\%X_0$	$0.4\%X_0$

\* physics results from PHENIX/STAR discussed here don't include data from silicon pixel detectors

# What we have learned?

## A) How do energetic heavy quarks lose energy in sQGP medium?

$$R_{AA}(h) \sim R_{AA}(e) \sim R_{AA}(D) < R_{AA}(J/\psi^B) \quad \text{at high } p_T$$

- described by pQCD calculations including collisional and radiative energy loss
- *only revealed with heavy quark measurements*

## B) How do charm quark flow?

low-intermediate  $p_T$ :

“bump” structure in  $R_{AA}(D)$  at RHIC

$$v_2(D) \sim v_2(\pi) \text{ at LHC}$$

– hint of charm flow + coalescence

– indication of large charm flow

## C) Can we extract the medium transport properties (e.g. $D_{HQ}$ )?

Theory: Need to unify different models – diff. in initial cond., medium evolution etc.

Experiments: Precision data

## Future Measurements:

- Precision charmed hadron data (particularly  $v_2$ ) over a broad momentum range
- Open bottom production over a broad momentum range
- Heavy quark correlations

*Calibration of charm/bottom total cross section  
Cold nuclear matter effects*

# ALICE ITS-upgrade

Next generation MAPS sensors with much shorter integration time ( $< 20 \mu\text{s}$ )

## Goals:

- precision charmed hadron ( $D^0$ ,  $\Lambda_c$ ) measurements down to low  $p_T$
- open bottom measurements

