STAR Detector Upgrades for BES-II

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Why (do a) Beam Energy Scan (BES)?

#1. Search for the disappearance of QGP signatures
#2. Search for the existence of a QCD critical point

Where & Who? ☆ at BNL

What (was seen in) BES-I?

Why (do it again in) BES-II?

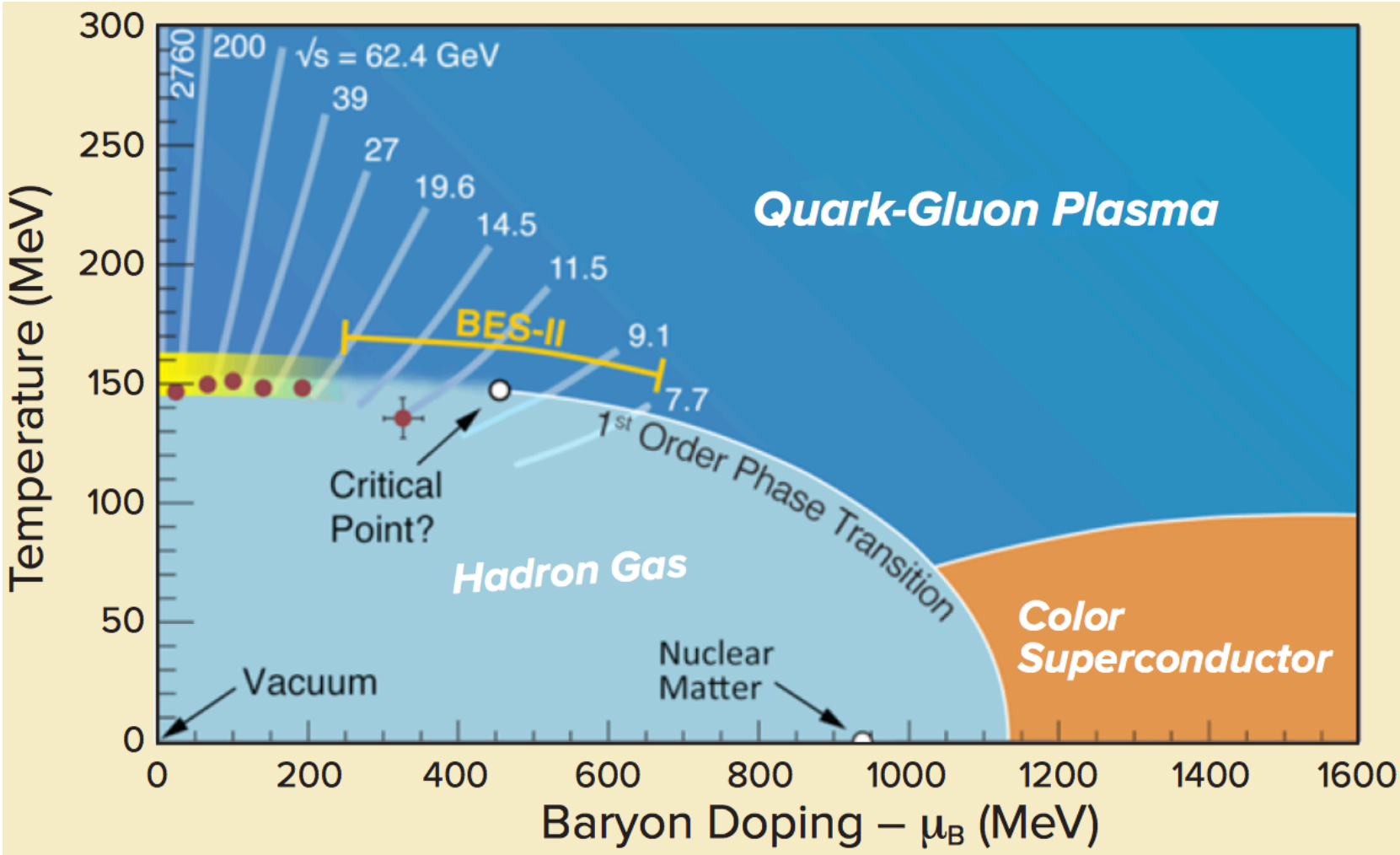
How (to optimize ☆ for) BES-II?

This talk will discuss these questions while focussed on motivation #2.
See Rosi Reed's talk Thursday morning: same topic but different spin!

Why BES? Our map of the world is mostly dragons at the moment...

Top beam energy at RHIC (200 GeV): crossover transition from QGP to HG.

Decreasing the beam energy increases the baryochemical potential



Systematic study of the data as a function of the beam energy allows a "scan" in streaks across the phase diagram...

Why BES? Search for critical opalescence...

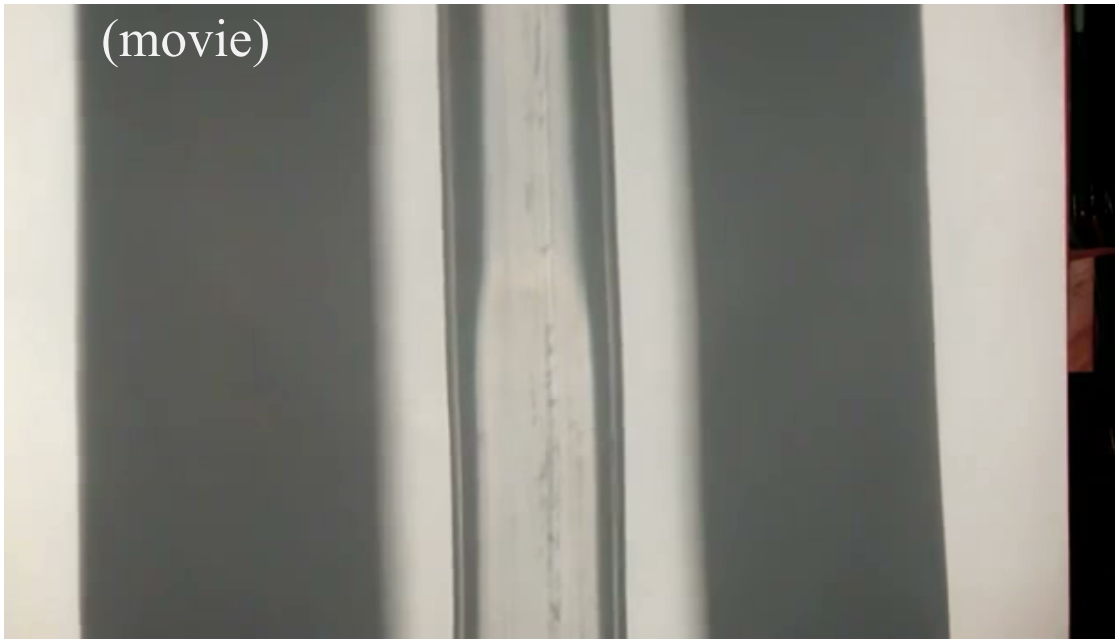
So how could we find a Critical Point if it exists?

Assume that it's going to have the same basic features of other CPs

divergence of the susceptibilities, χ… *e.g.* magnetism transitions `0801.4256v2`

divergence of the correlation lengths, ξ… *e.g.* critical opalescence

liquid SF_6 at 37atm heated to ~43.9 C, then cooled



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CO_2 near its liquid-gas transition

$T > T_C$ $T \sim T_C$ $T < T_C$

Formation of large domains of the two phases (hadronic, QGP)

Large domains mean large correlation length, ξ – canonical signature of a critical point

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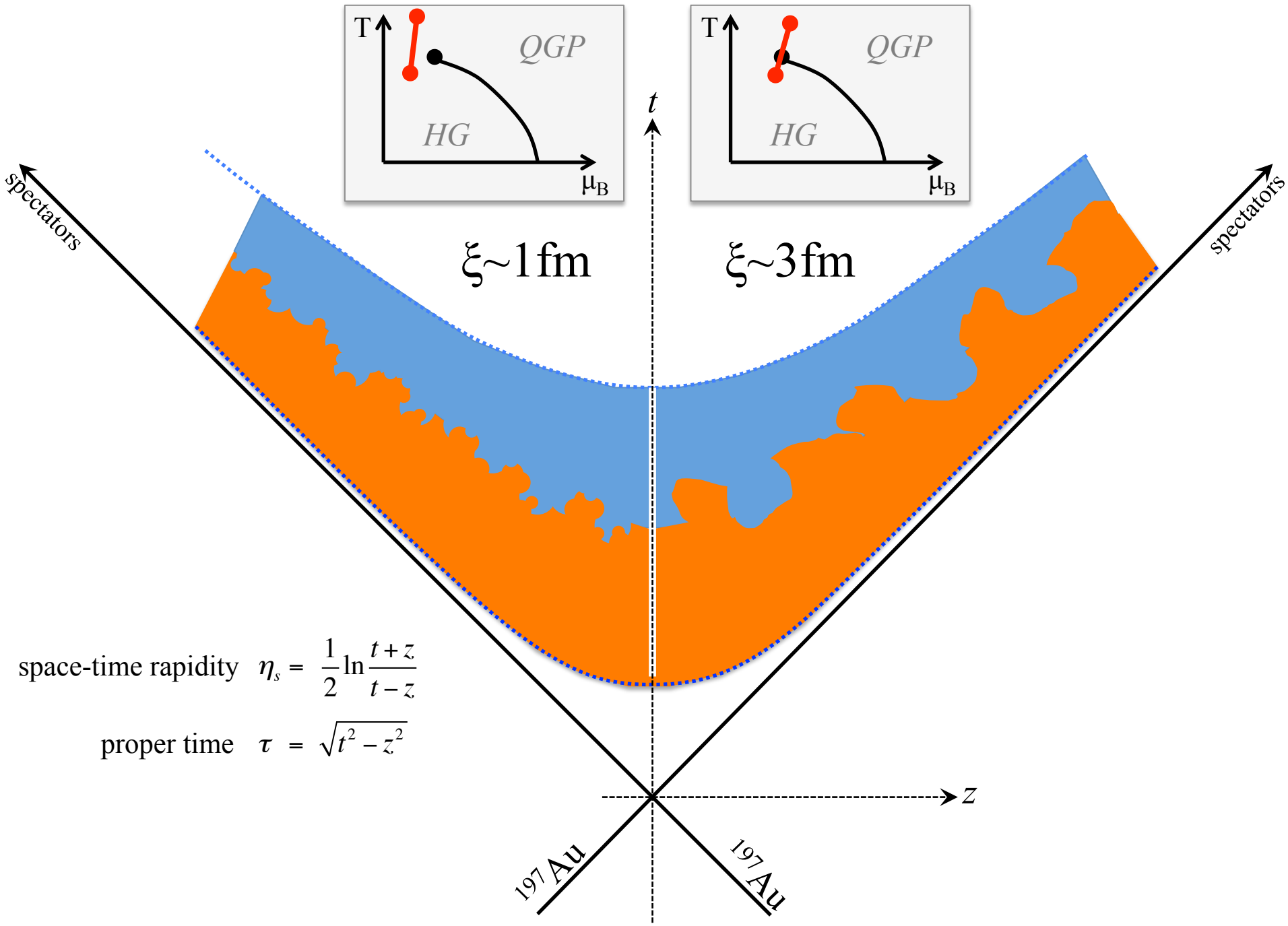


space-time rapidity $\eta_s = \frac{1}{2}\ln\frac{t+z}{t-z}$

proper time $\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$

Why BES? Search for critical opalescence via multiplicity cumulants...

The ratios of cumulants of the net-particle multiplicity distributions, *e.g.* C_4/C_2, should diverge if the correlation length diverges...

No. of particles in a single event...

Average No. of particles in all "similar" events...

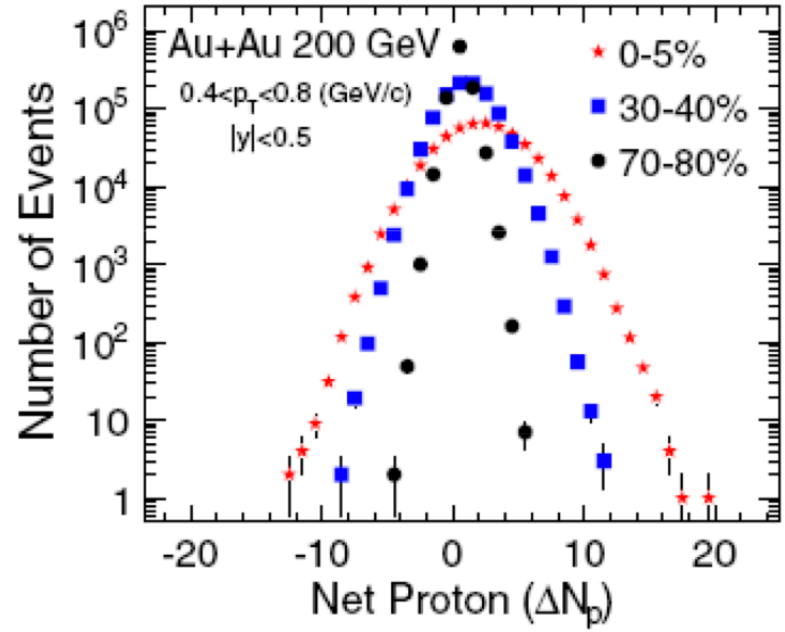
$$\delta x \equiv x - \langle x \rangle$$

C_2 $$\kappa_{2x} \equiv \langle\langle x^2 \rangle\rangle \equiv \langle (\delta x)^2 \rangle$$

C_3 $$\kappa_{3x} \equiv \langle\langle x^3 \rangle\rangle \equiv \langle (\delta x)^3 \rangle$$

C_4 $$\kappa_{4x} \equiv \langle\langle x^4 \rangle\rangle \equiv \langle (\delta x)^4 \rangle - 3 \langle (\delta x)^2 \rangle^2$$

$$\text{skewness} = \frac{\kappa_3}{\kappa_2^{3/2}}, \quad \text{kurtosis} = \frac{\kappa_4}{\kappa_2^2}$$



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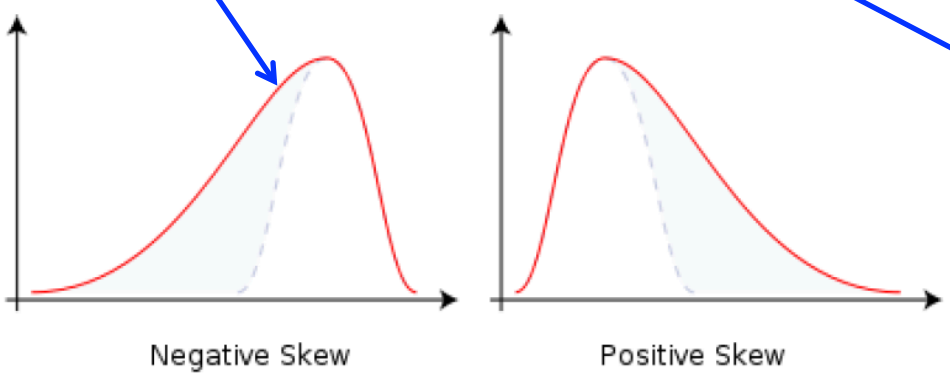

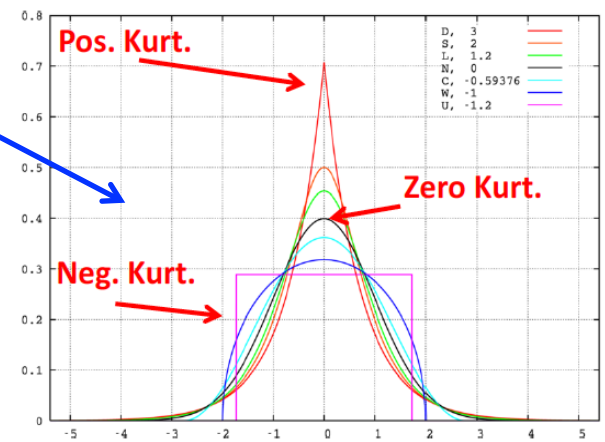

Deviations of the cumulant ratios from Poisson expectations is "interesting"

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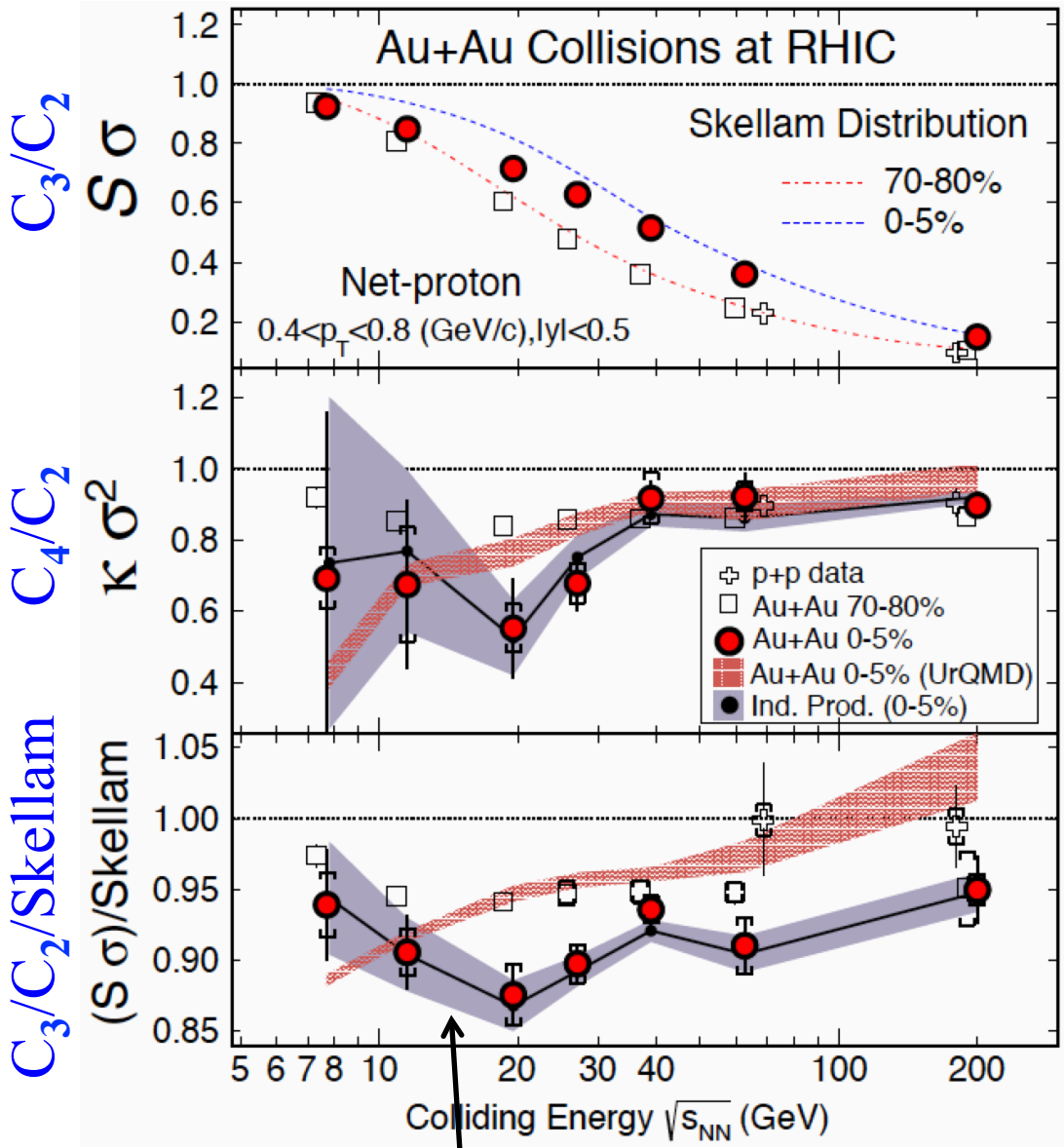

Poisson expectation is effectively that obtained from the Skellam distribution (difference of two Poissons)

There do seem to be 2-3σ deviations from the Poisson...
but with large uncertainties...

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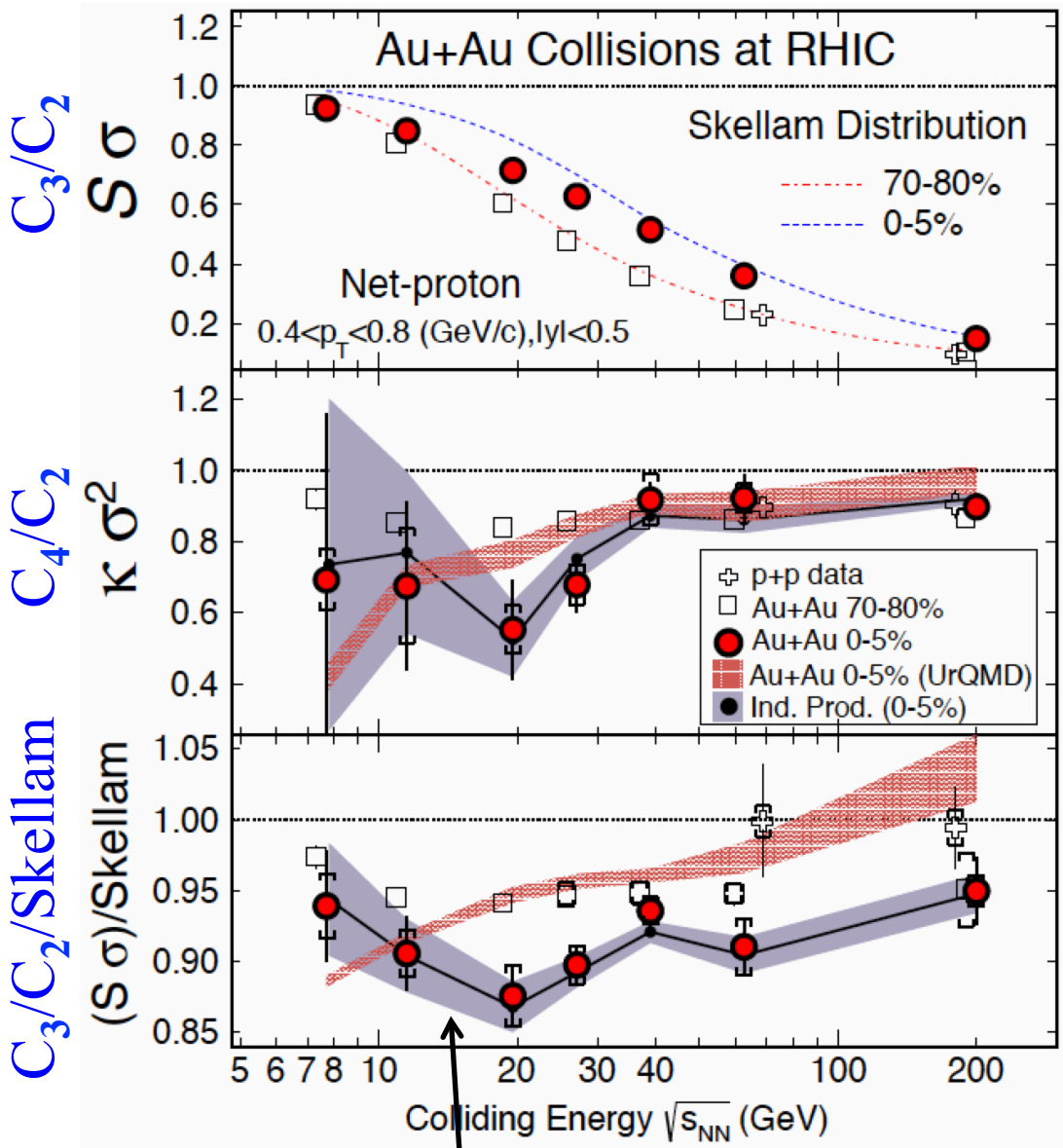

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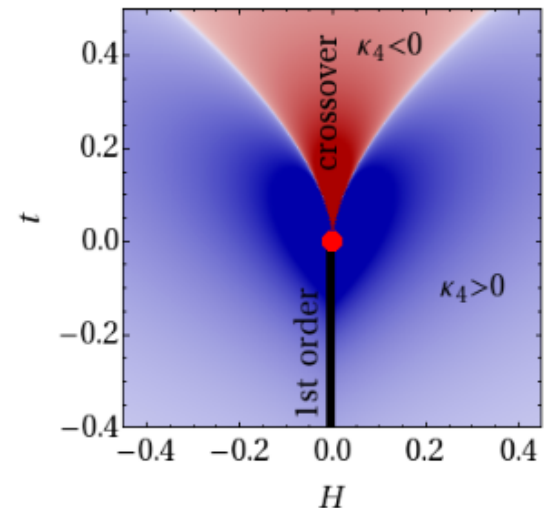

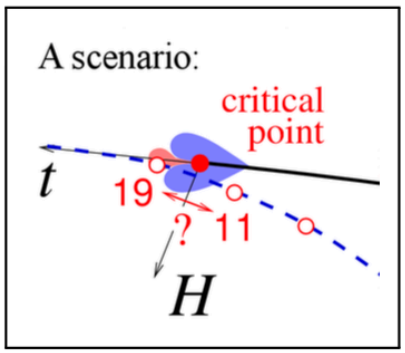

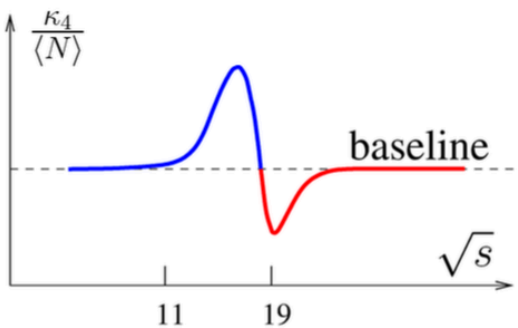

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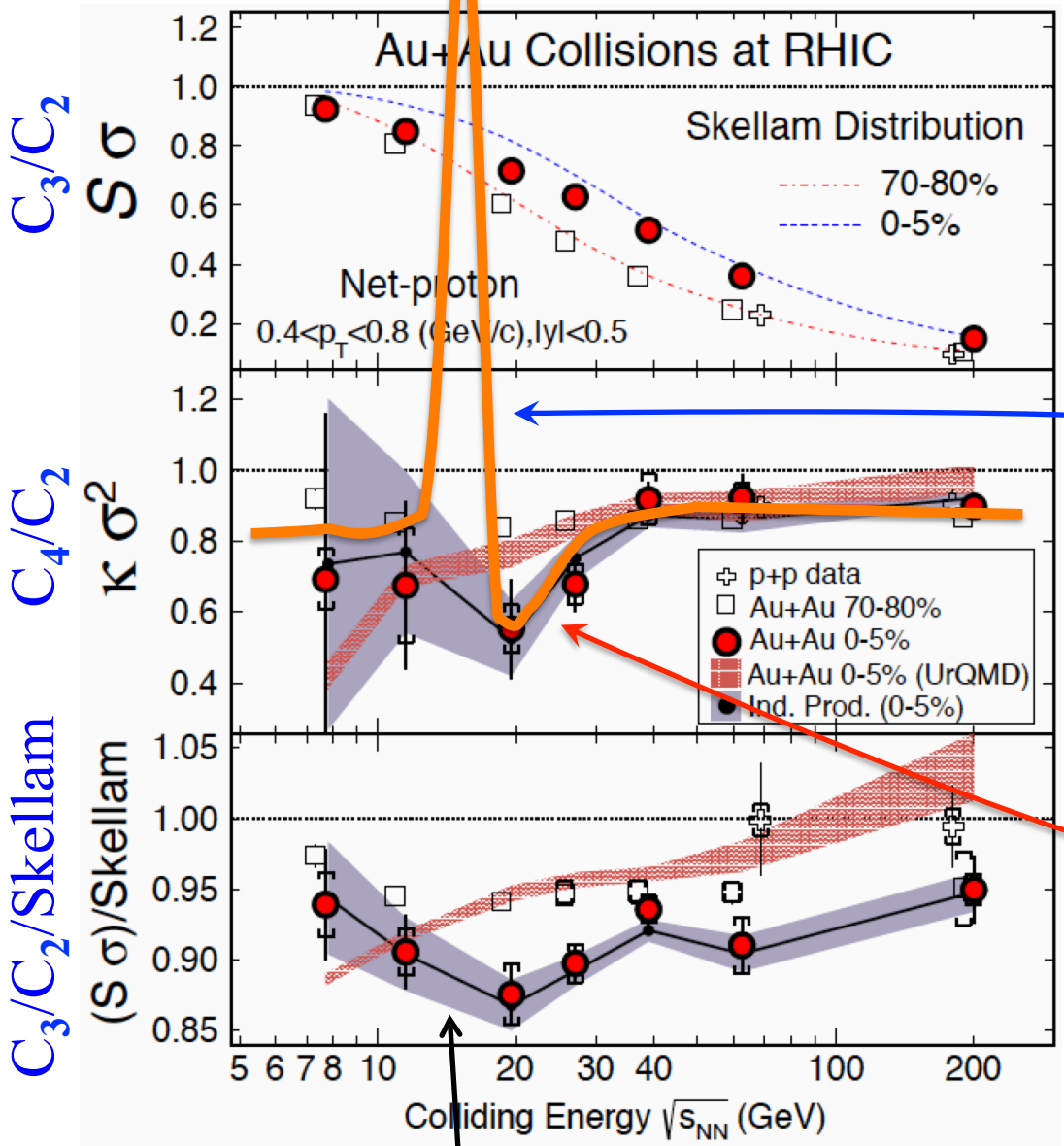

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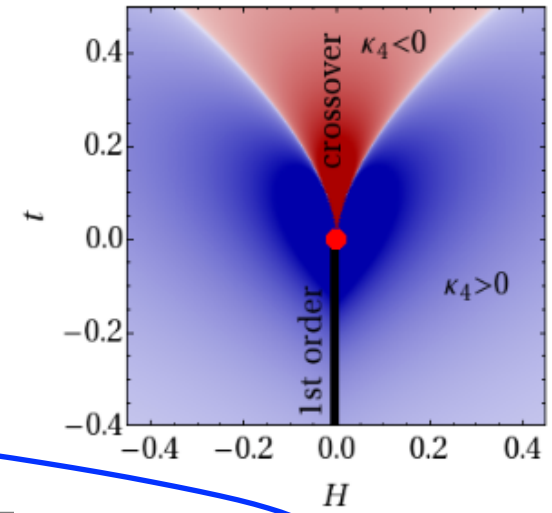

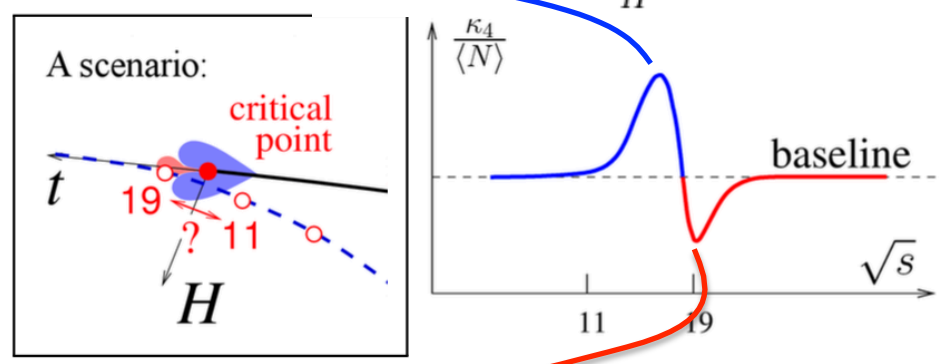

~100 MeV gap in μ_B... Data at 14.5 GeV was collected in 2014!

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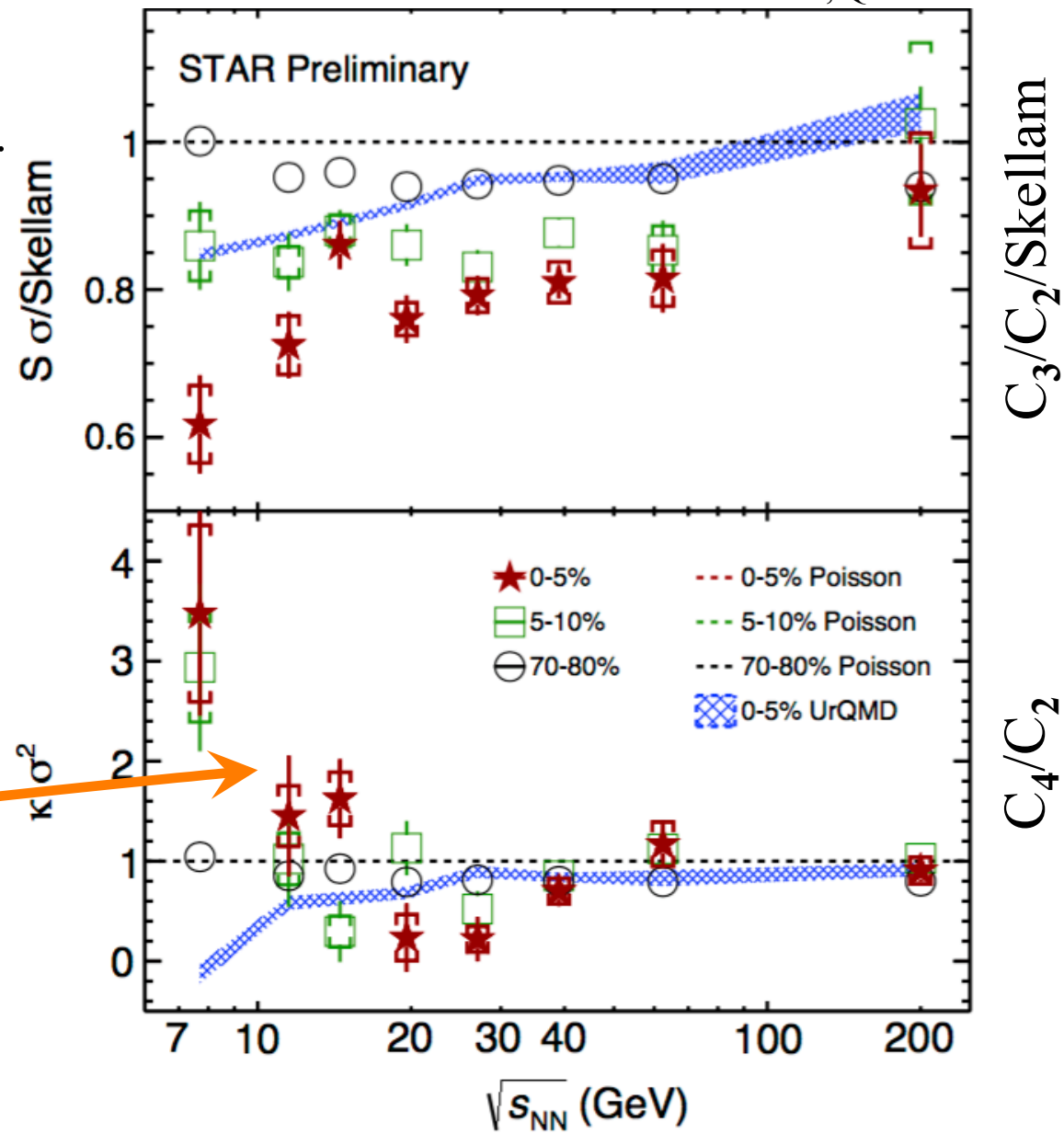
Widen the acceptance!

from $0.4<P_T<0.8$ to $0.4<P_T<2.0$...

Jochen Thäder for ☆, QM2015



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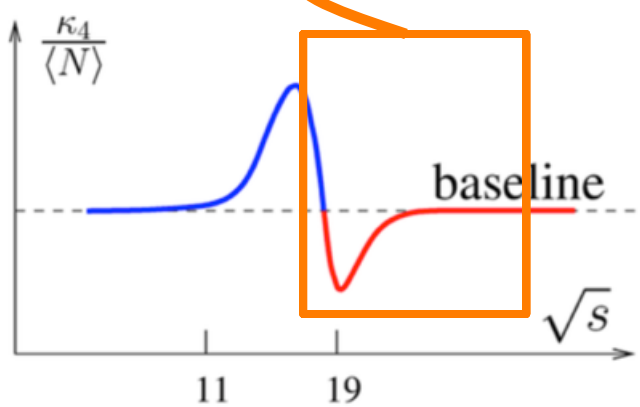

A wider P_T acceptance made the deviations from Poisson much larger!

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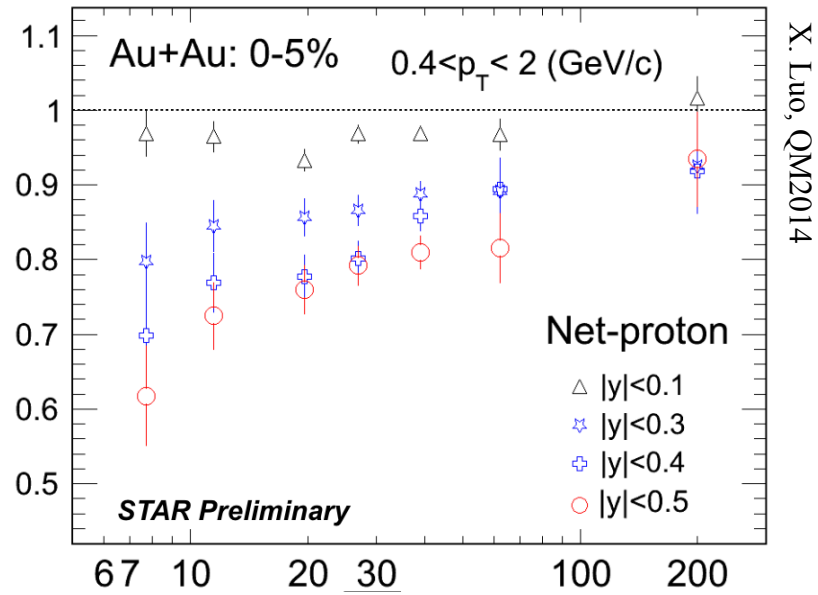

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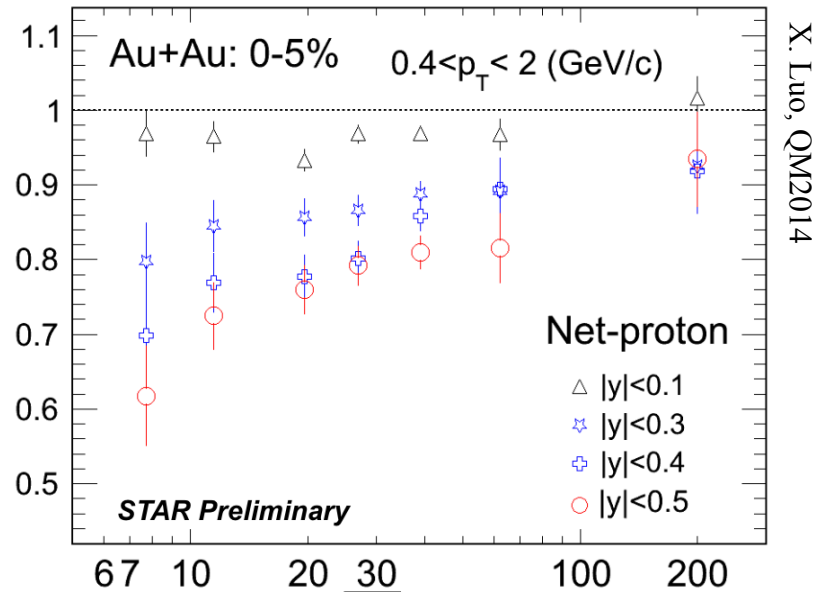

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B. Ling & M. Stephanov, arXiv 1512.09125

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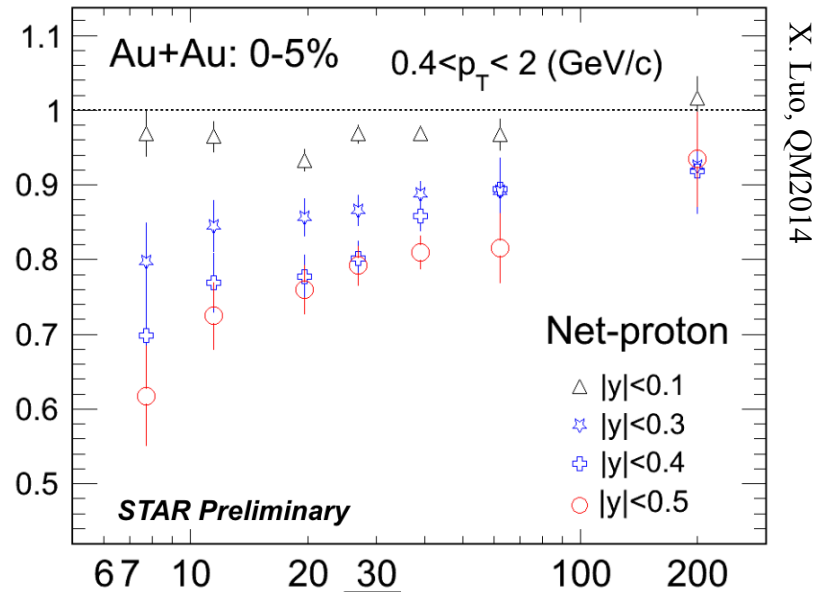

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$C_1 \sim 8$ @ 19.6GeV

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$0.4<P_T<2.0$, $|y|<0.5$
$C_1 \sim 22$ @ 19.6GeV

STAR's acceptance is actually still quite small for net-protons!

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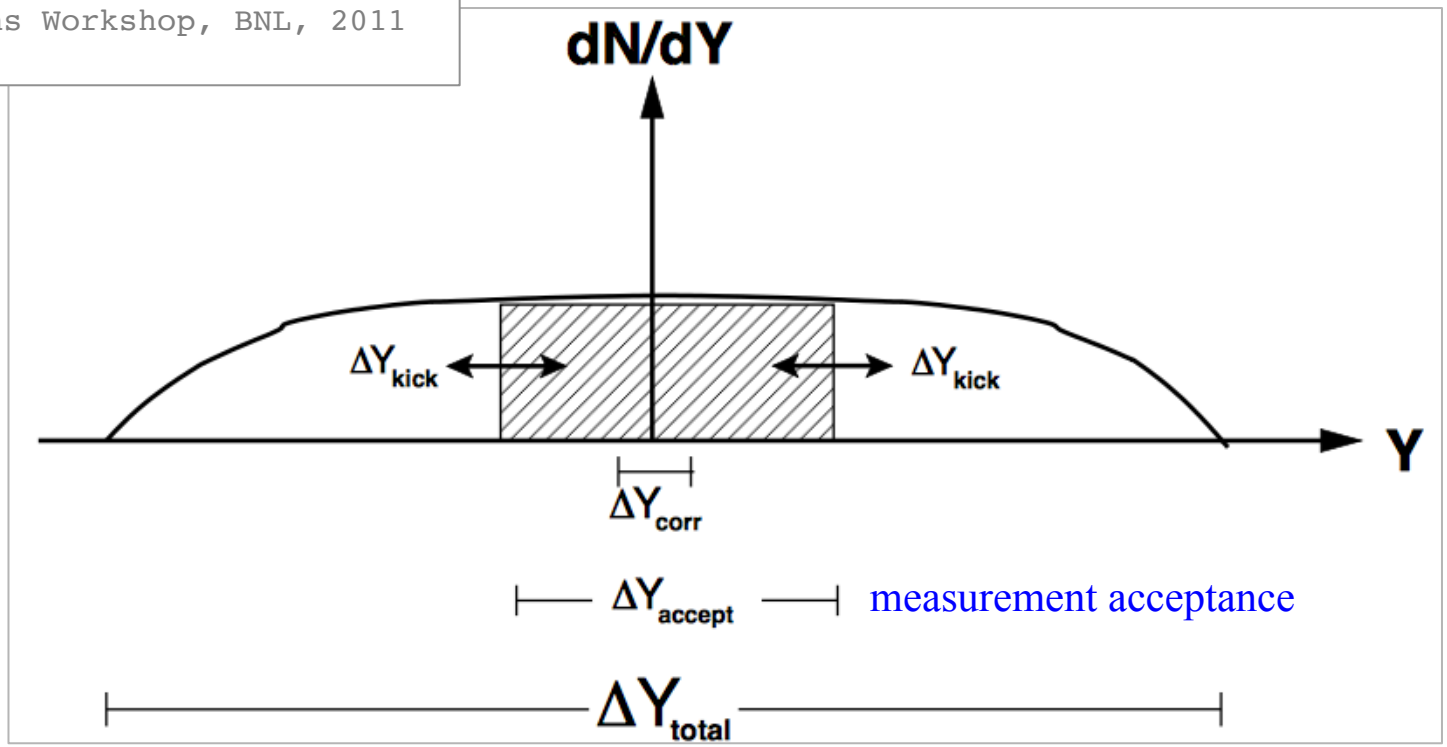

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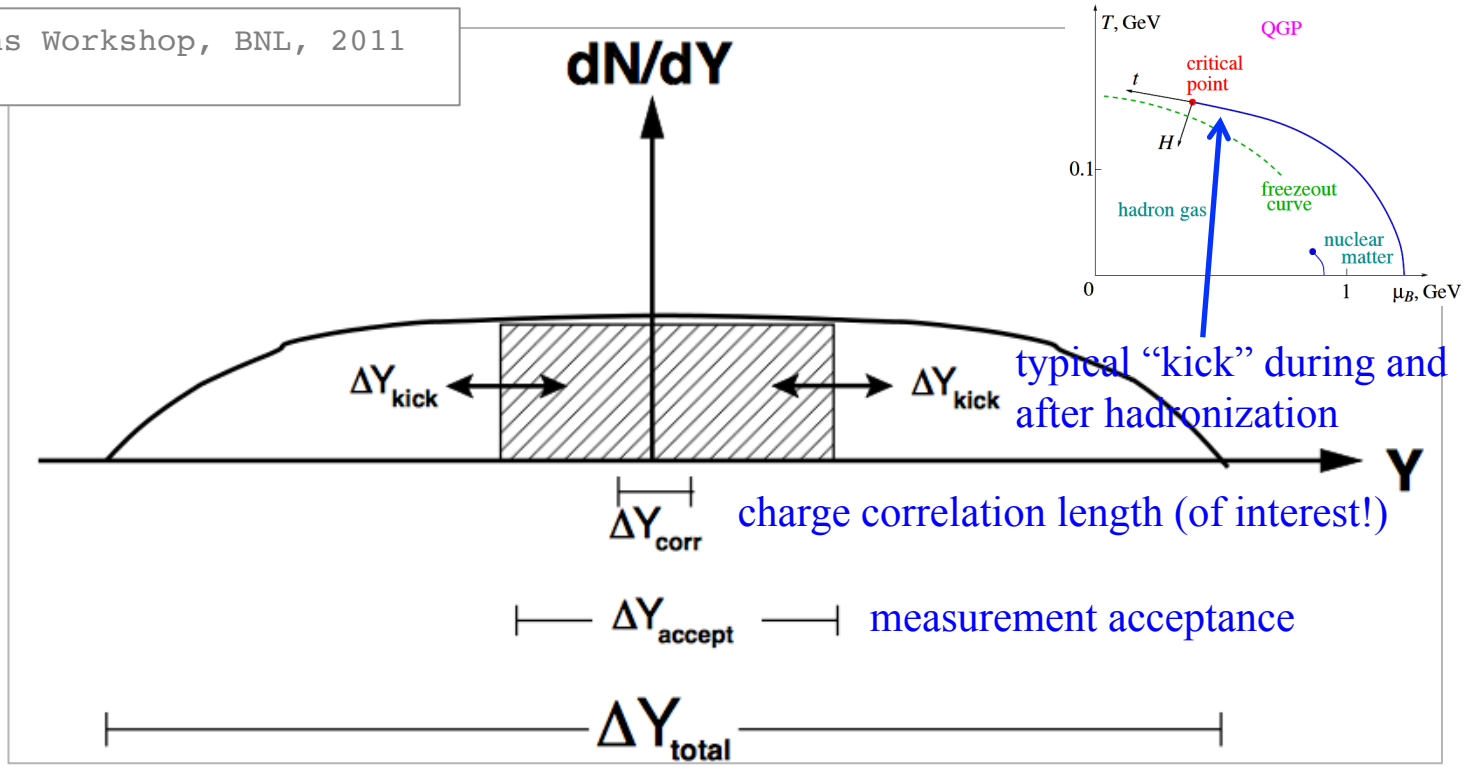

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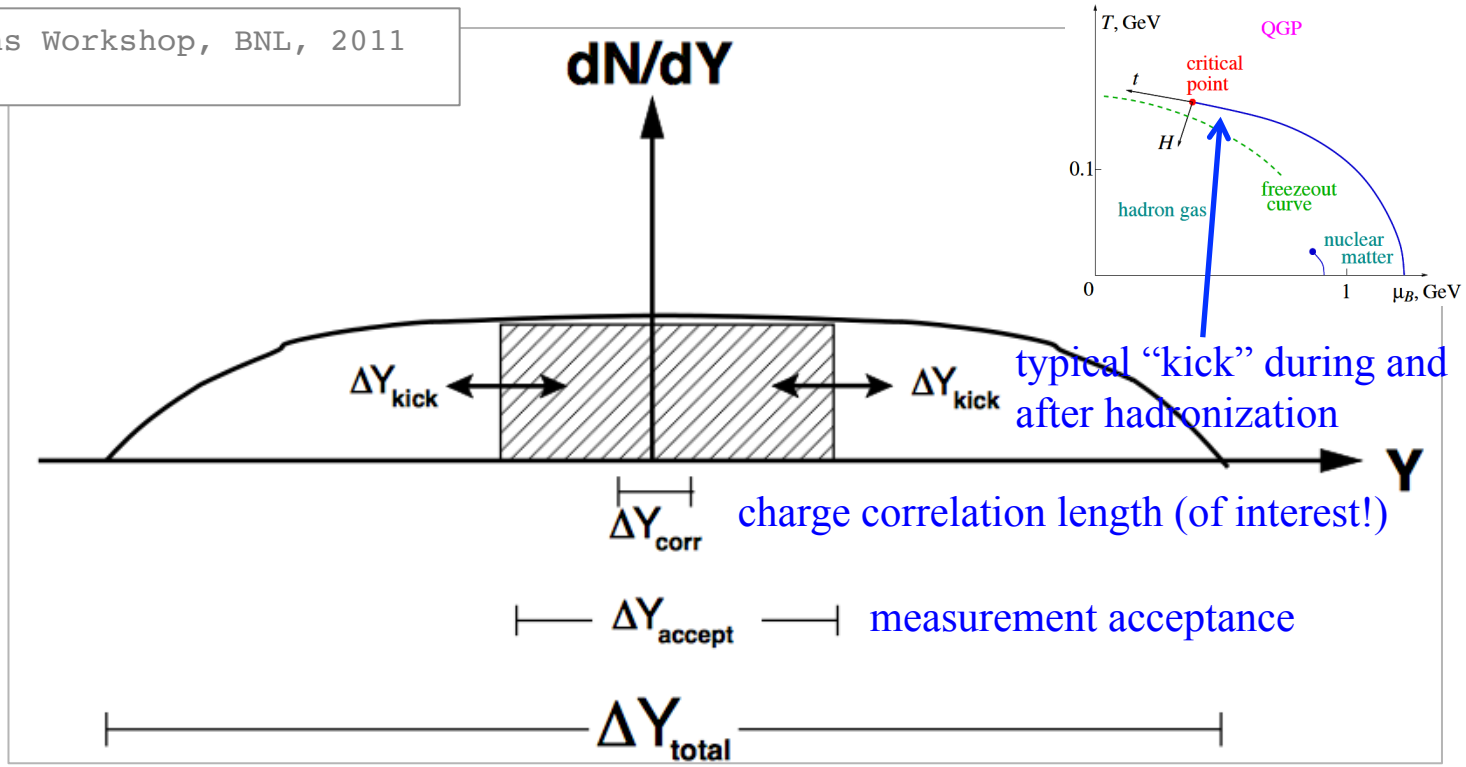

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At low $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$: $\Delta Y_{total} \approx \Delta Y_{kick} \sim 1.5$
There's also "thermal blurring"
M Asakawa, QM2015
Ling & Stephanov arXiv 1512.09125

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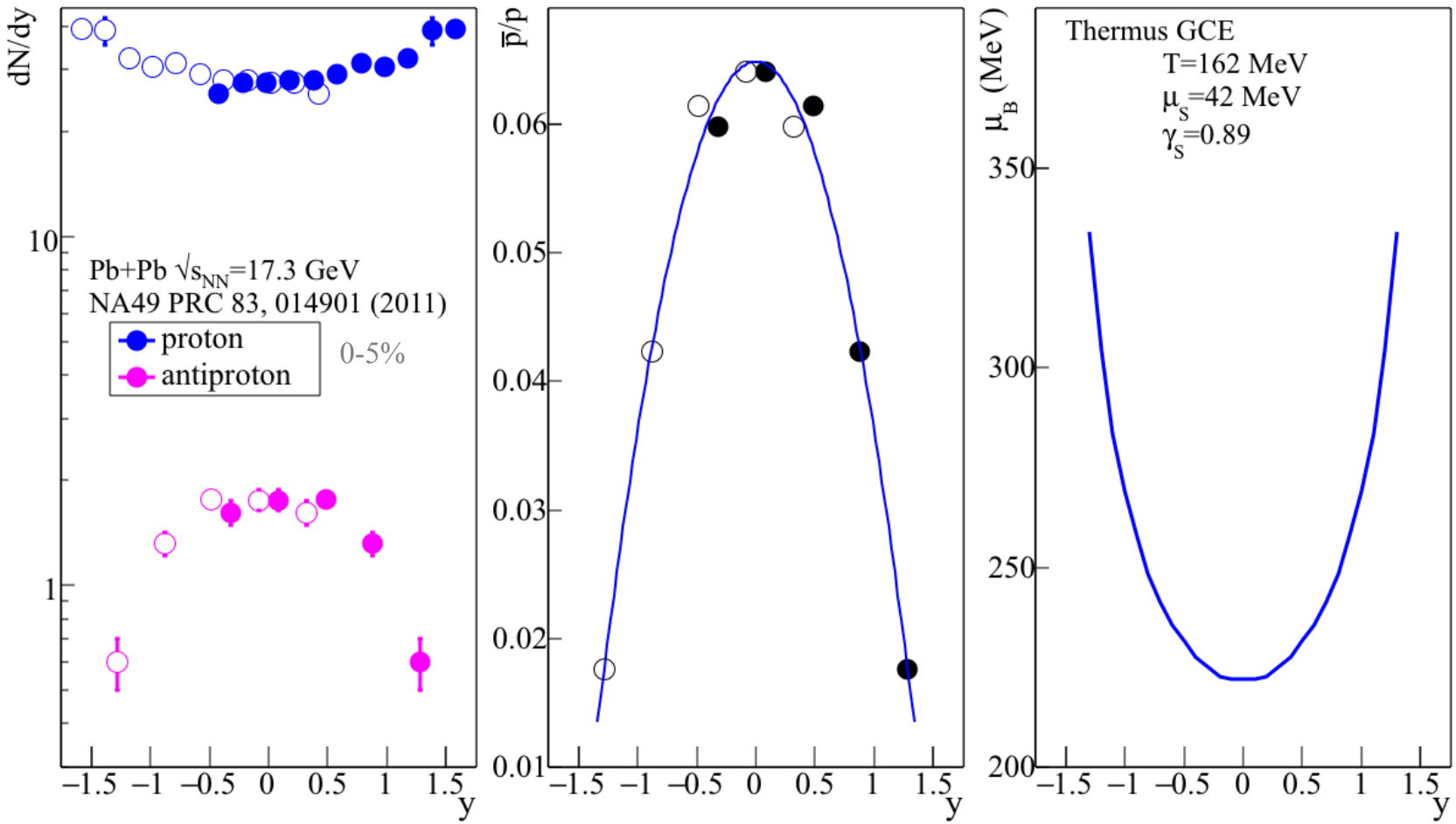

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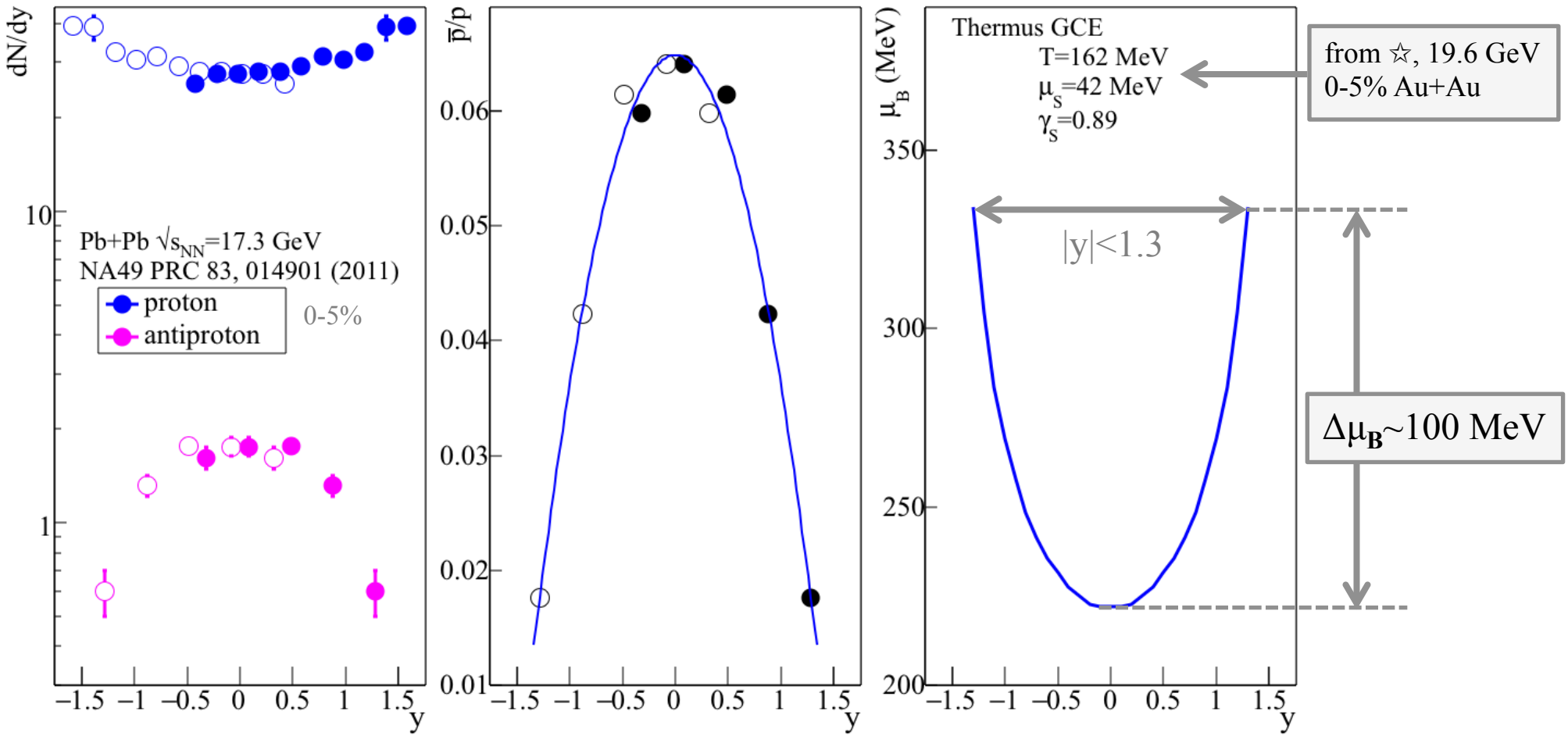

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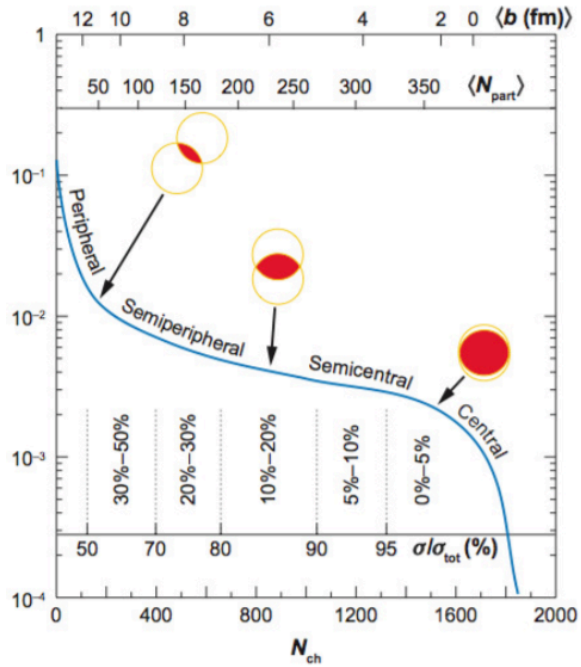
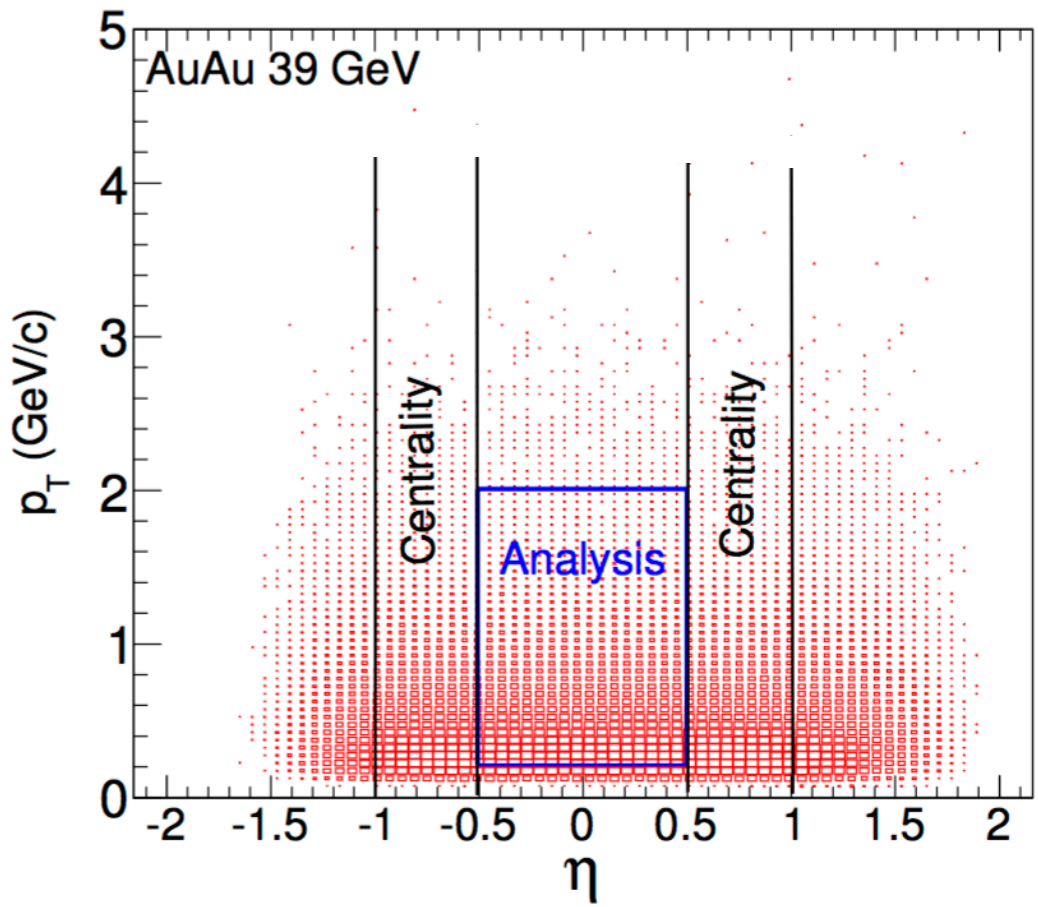
Why do all ☆ net-p, net-K, & net-h multiplicity cumulant results only use |y|<0.5 or |η|<0.5 ?

Doesn't the TPC cover all the way out to |η|<1.0 *?!?*

Yes, it does, but we had to sacrifice some of the TPC acceptance to define the centrality!

There are ***bad*** autocorrelations when studying multiplicity cumulants while cutting on the multiplicity for centrality*!*





The ability to define the centrality using tracks with |η| ≳ 1.5 would allow the use of the full acceptance of the TPC for the physics analyses...

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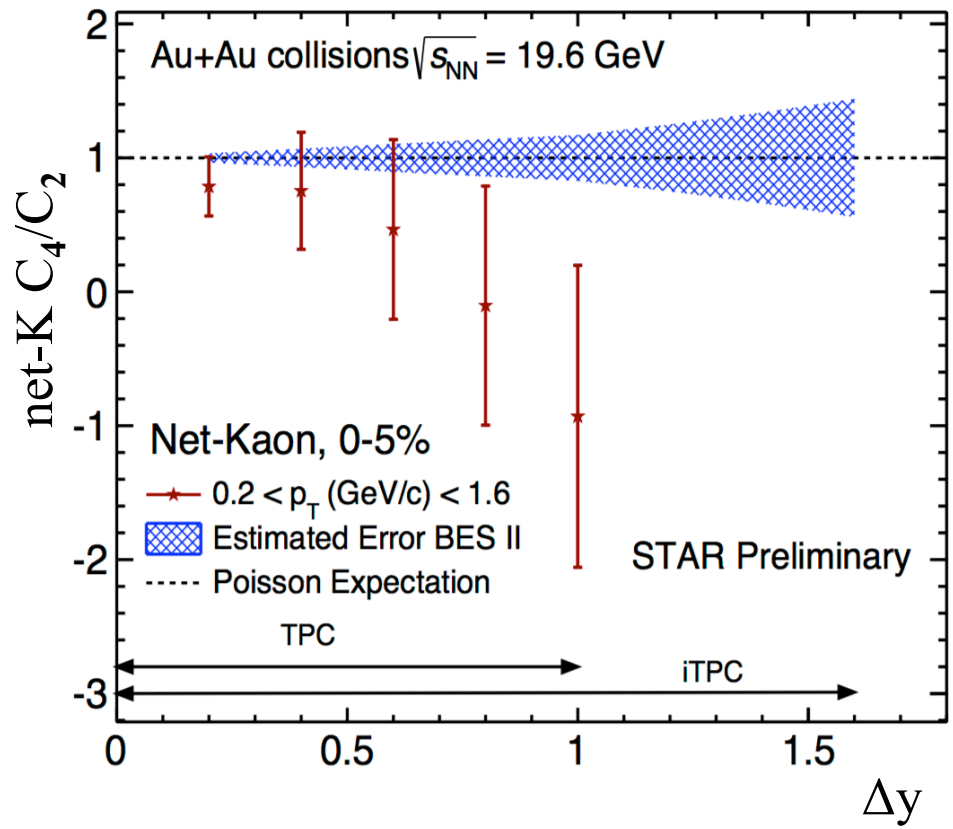

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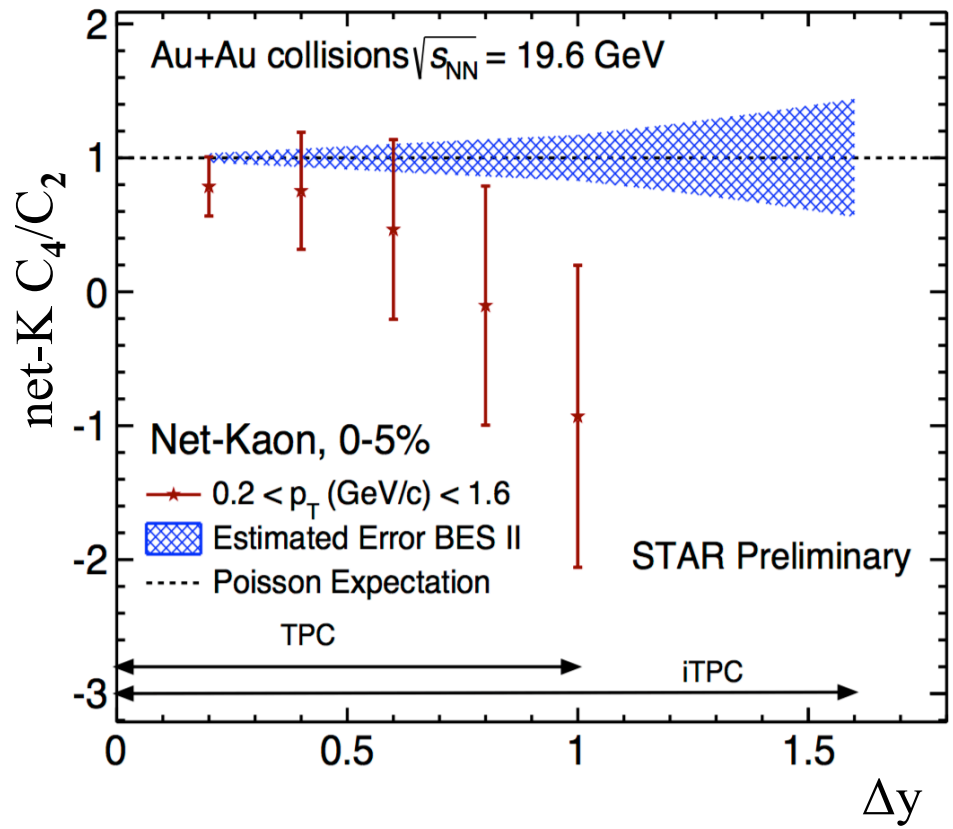

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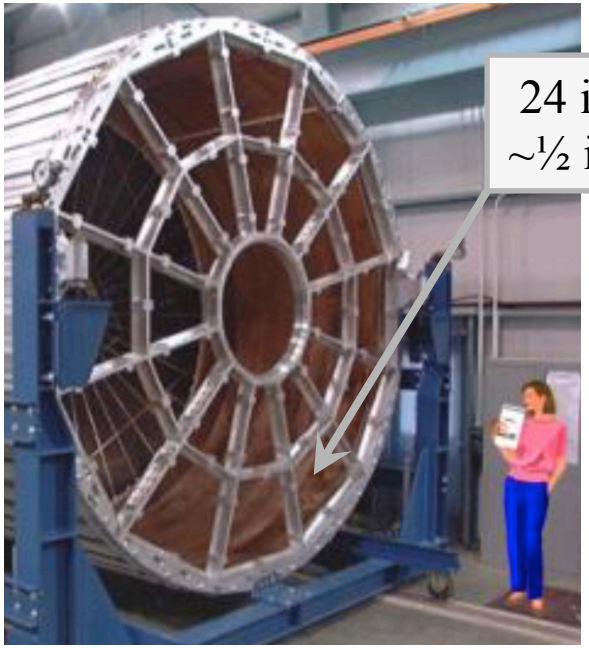
How to optimize ☆ for BES-II... iTPC

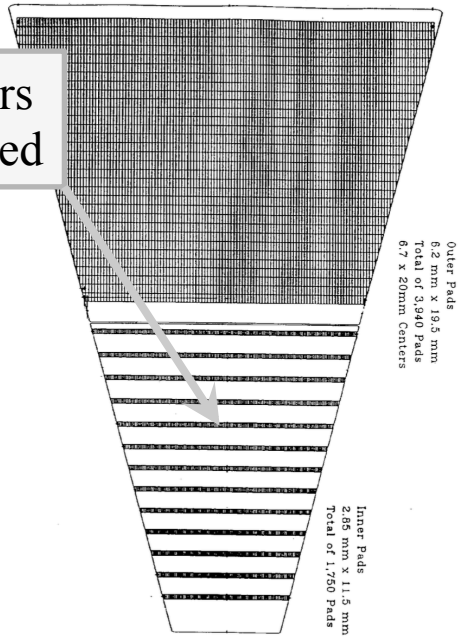
iTPC – fully instrument the inner padrows of the Time Projection Chamber

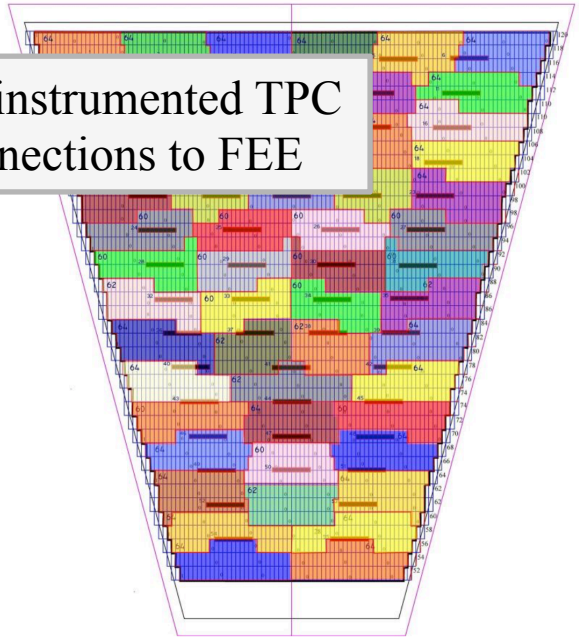
will extend pseudorapidity acceptance from $|\eta|<1$ to $|\eta|<1.5$

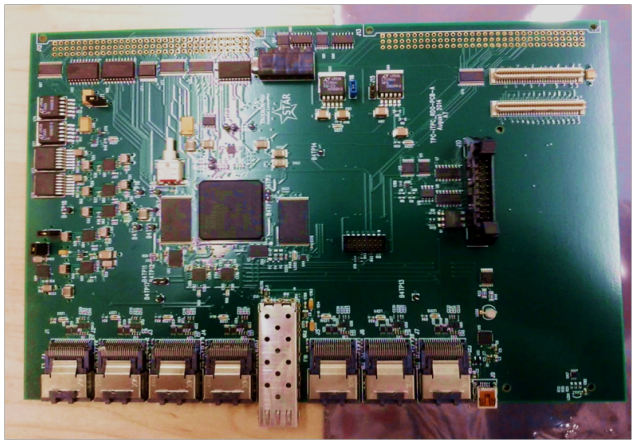
& transverse momentum acceptance from $P_T>125$ MeV to $P_T>60$ MeV/c

while improving track dE/dx resolution from 7.5% to 6.2%









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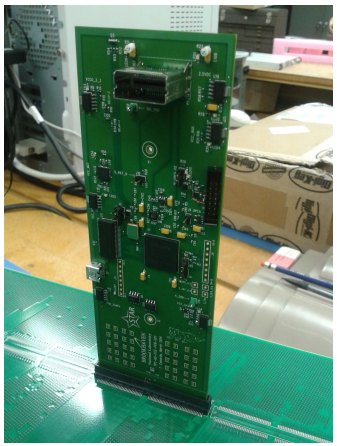
FEE &
Pad Plane



iFEE based on current FEE,
but uses ALICE SAMPA chip…
Twice the # of channels per card…

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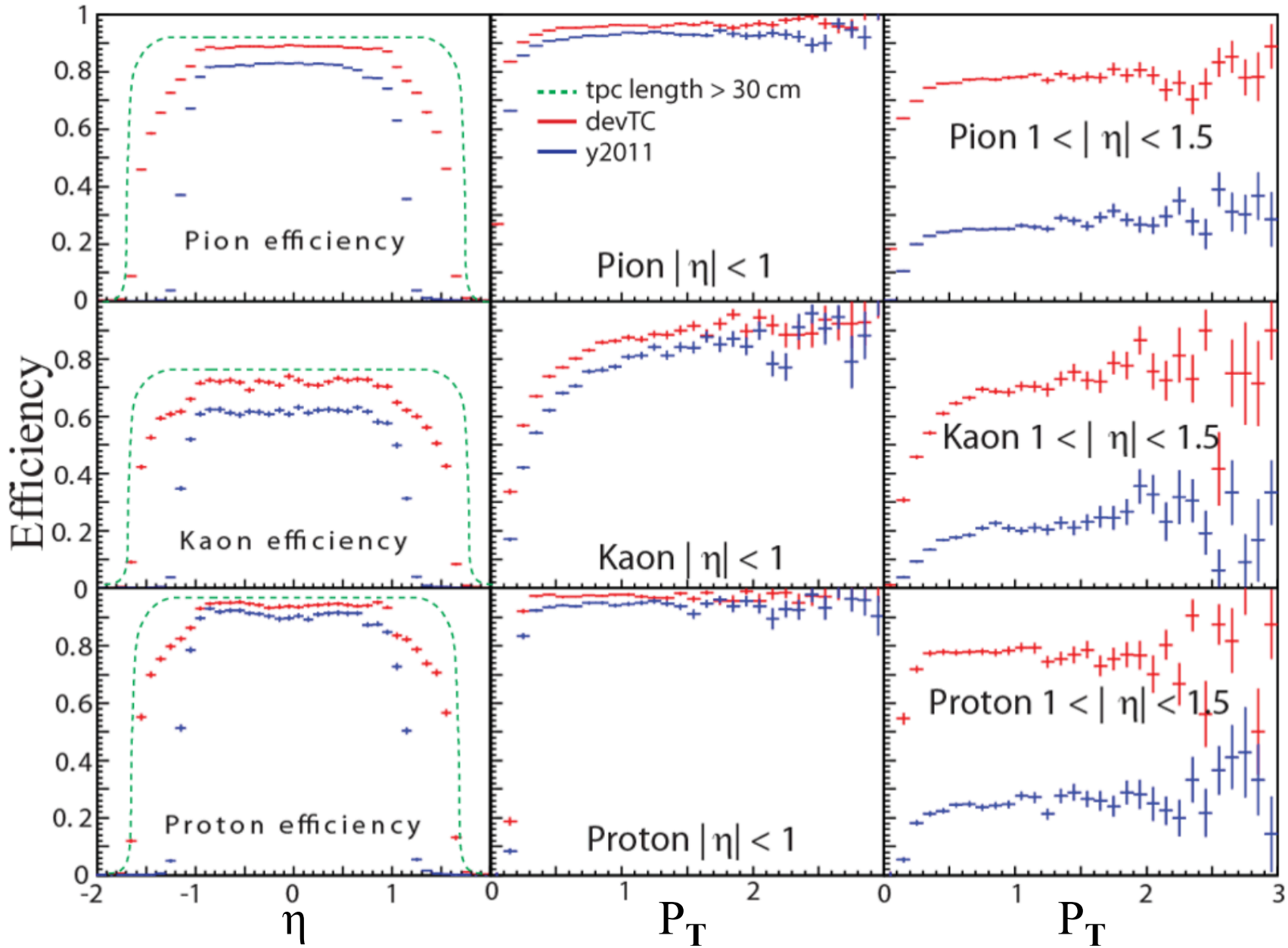

>50% efficient for π, K, p tracking at |η|=1.5

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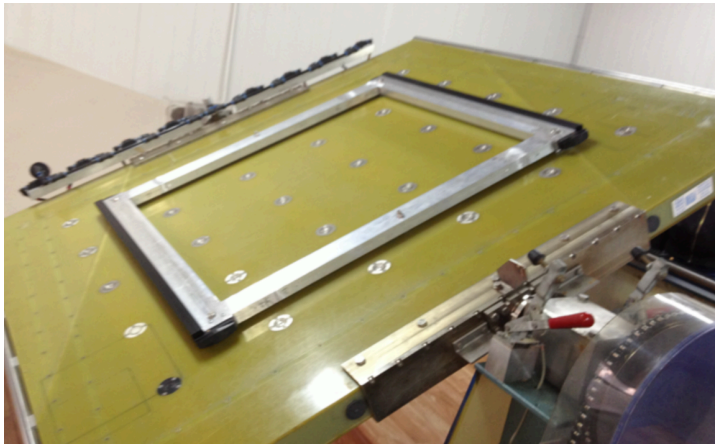
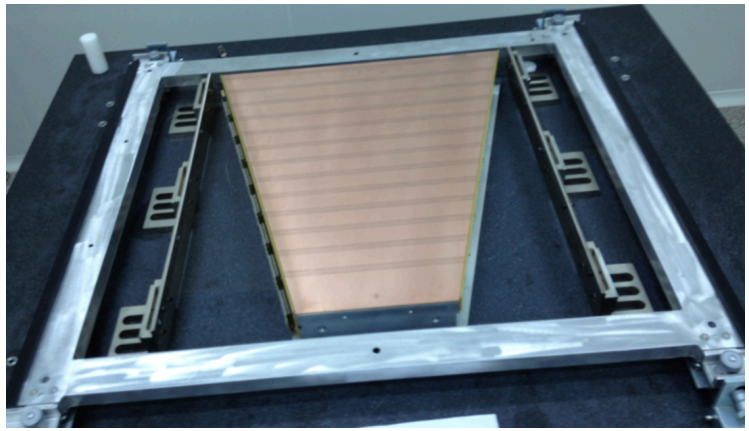
MWPC prototyping underway at Shandong University – ~1M$ contribution from China with USTC (Hefei) & SINAP (Shanghai)



Wire winding

wire tension determined via laser system that measures the vibration frequency…

Wire plane and pad plane



Director's review at BNL Jan 25, 2016…

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From the ALD's Desk
A Quarterly RHIC News Bulletin
March 2016

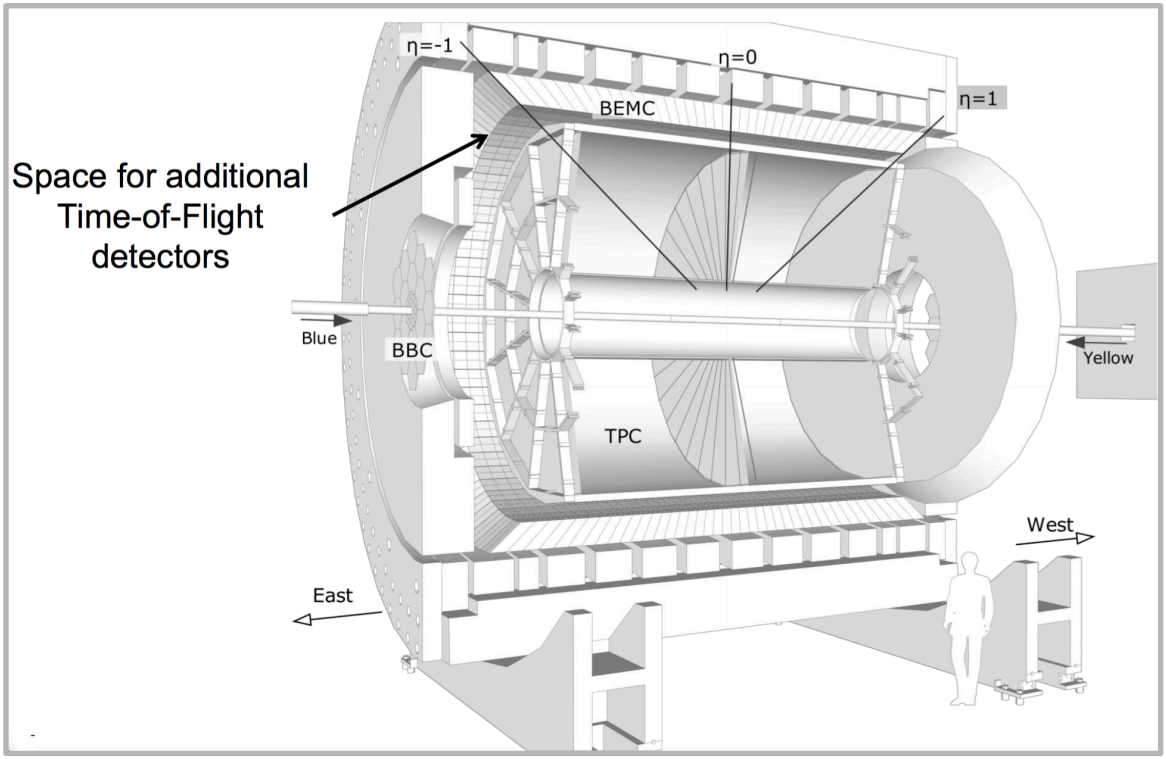
Berndt Müller

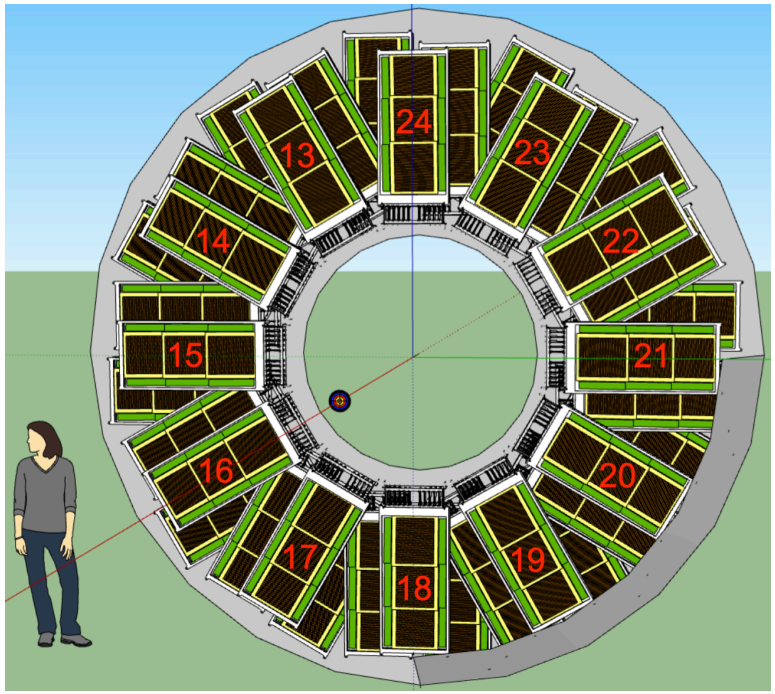
STAR iTPC Upgrade: Following a successful cost, schedule, and risk review in January, the DOE Office of Nuclear Physics approved our request to begin with the STAR iTPC upgrade. The first components have been ordered, and the project team led by Flemming Videbaek expects to complete the upgrade on schedule for the planned 2019 low energy RHIC run.

How to optimize ☆ for BES-II... ETOF

☆ and CBM institutions proposed installing CBM TOF modules inside East pole-tip.

- Would provide TOF PID for eastern iTPC tracks in $1.09<|\eta|<1.62$
- Brings low-$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ experts into RHIC physics program (GSI SIS, CERN SPS)
- Provides important detector operations experience to CBM effort





36 Modules in 3 layers, 6912 channels…
Modules arranged to match 12 TPC sectors…

Each module is long-strip MRPC read-out at both ends. Similar to existing STAR MTD.
Considerable MRPC expertise already in ☆

Multiple hit probability per strip <7.4%

Prototypes installed during 2017 & 2018 RHIC runs.

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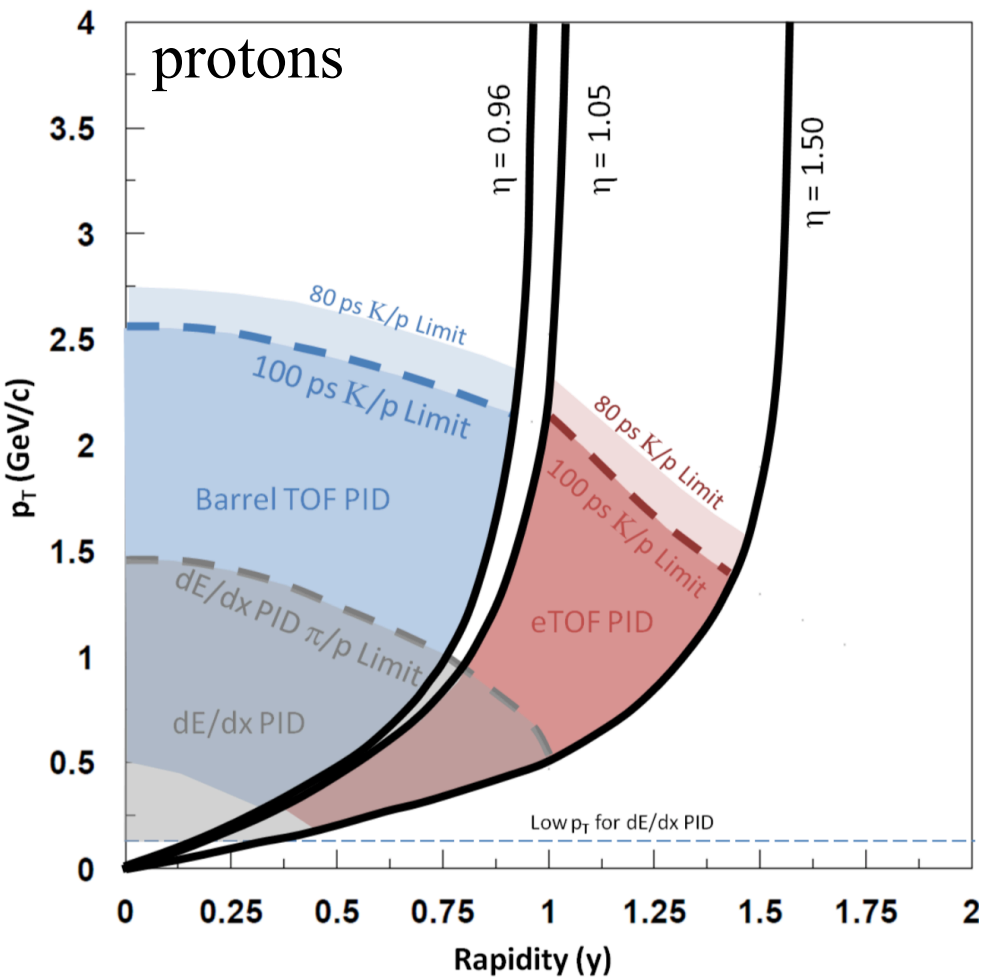
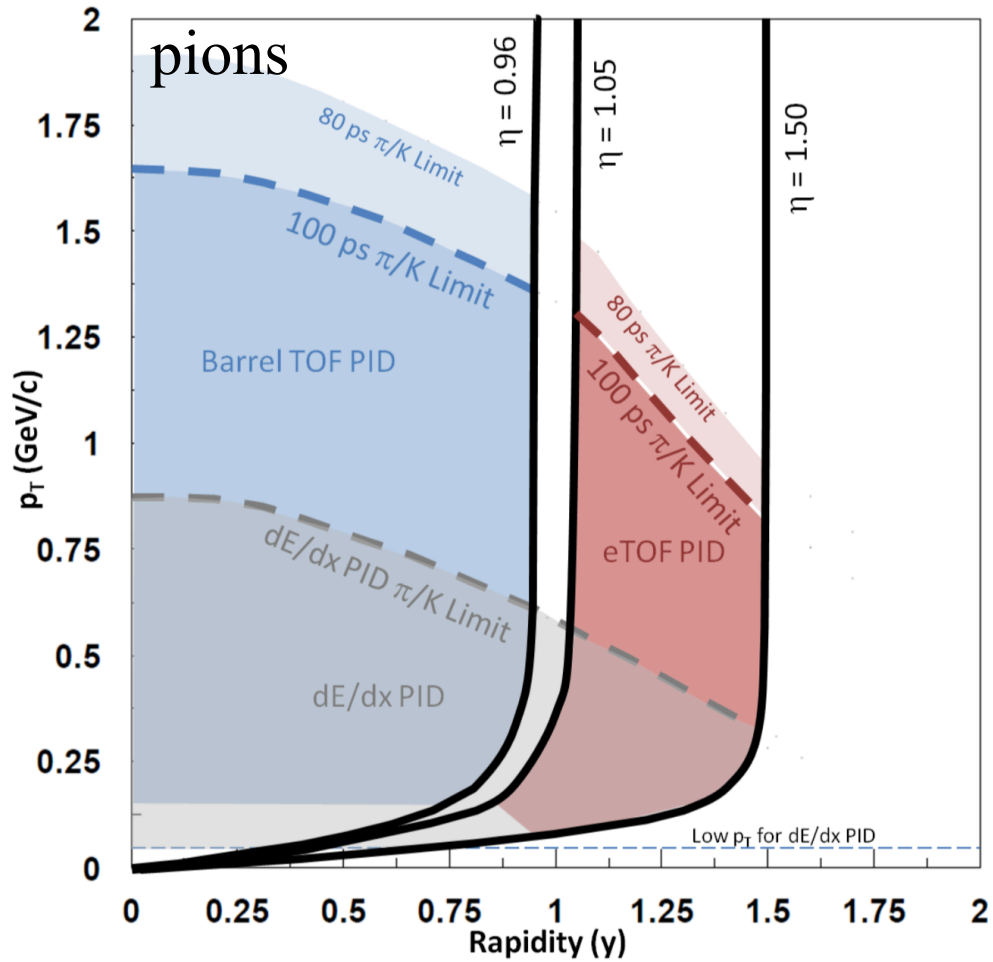
Significant extension of TOF PID acceptance beyond the barrel TOF (|η|<0.94)





Detectors and electronics loaned from CBM

Installation and facilities from ☆
~100k$ support requested

Successful STAR internal review March 2016.

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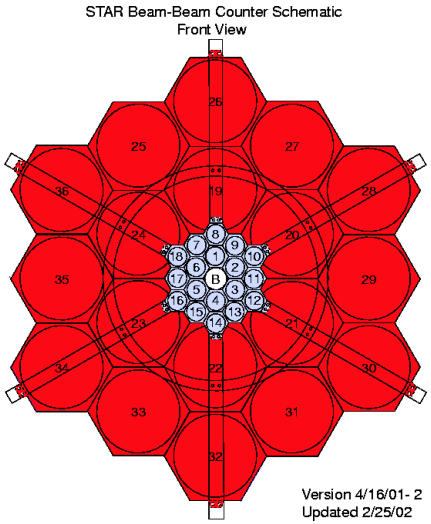

Replace the Beam-Beam Counter (BBC)…

- 2 × 36 channels, small & large (3.3<|η|<5) hexagonal tiles
- PMT read-out over long fibers
- timing resolution ~2ns, poor centrality resolution

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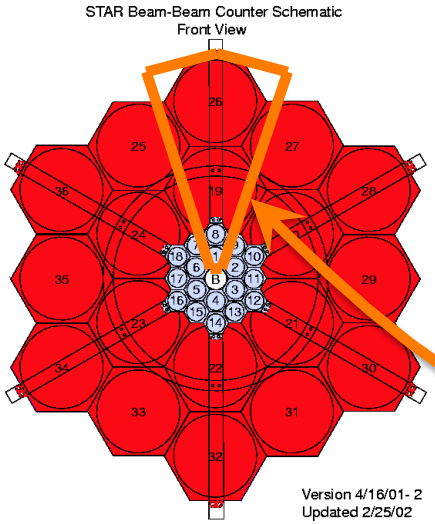

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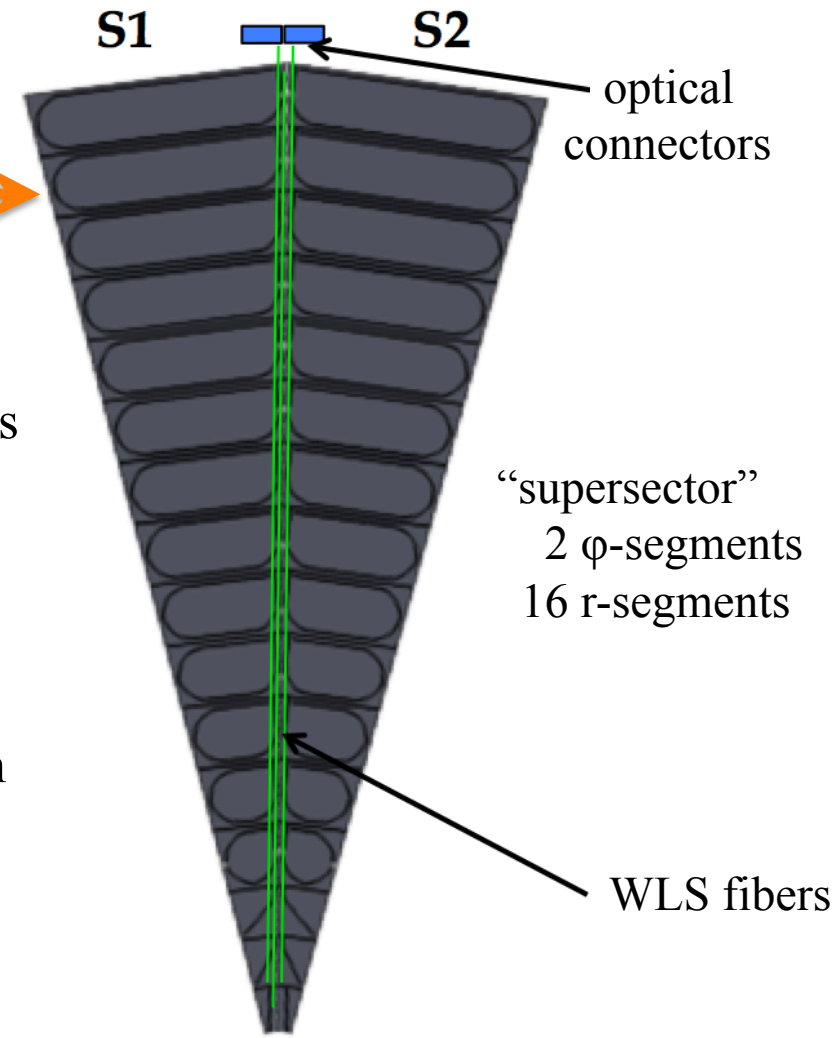
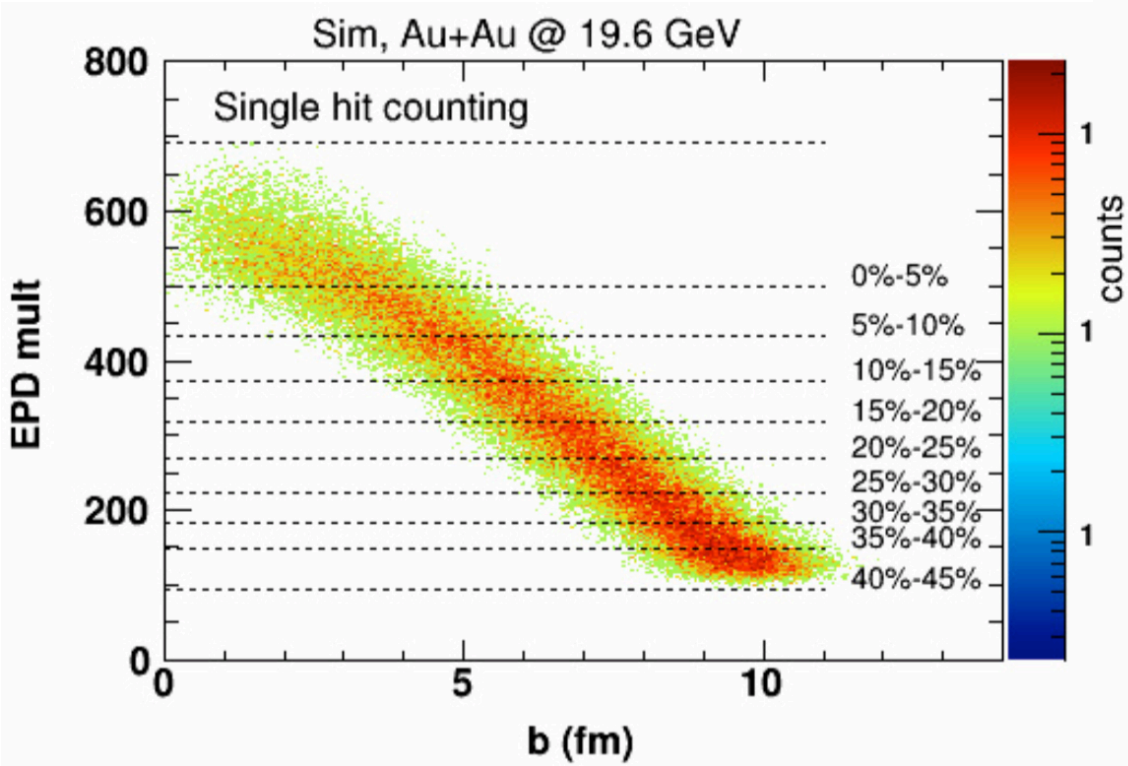


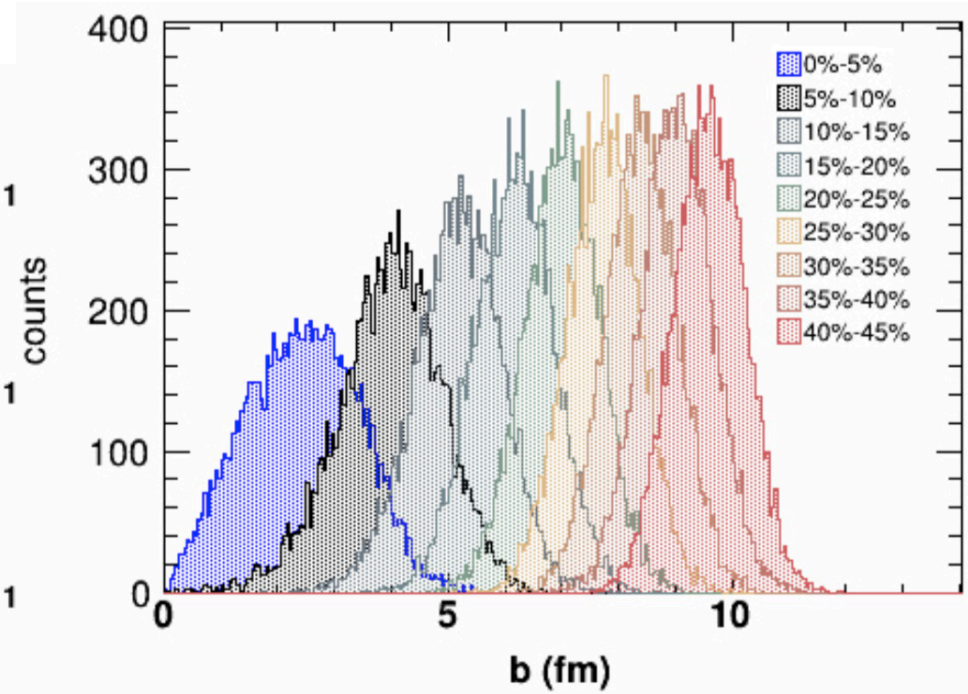
…with the Event Plane Detector (EPD)

- 2 × 384 channels, trapezoidal tiles of various sizes
  - 16 radial sections, 24 azimuthal sections
  - arranged as 2 × 12 supersectors
- 4.5<r<90 cm, |Z| = 375 cm, 2.1<|η|<5
- SiPM readout over shorter fibers
- timing resolution <1ns, good centrality resolution
- <10% multi-hit probability at 19.6 GeV
- to optimize centrality resolution
  - & event plane determination

How to optimize ☆ for BES-II... EPD

EPD centrality resolution

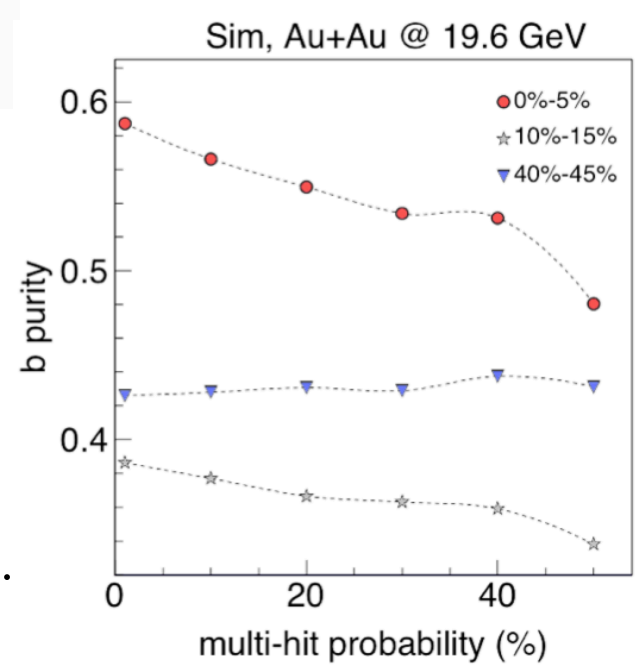




Impact parameter resolution looks good even when simply counting lit detectors…

degrades significantly for more peripheral collisions...

Possible additional improvement if pulse size (ADC) information is used instead..



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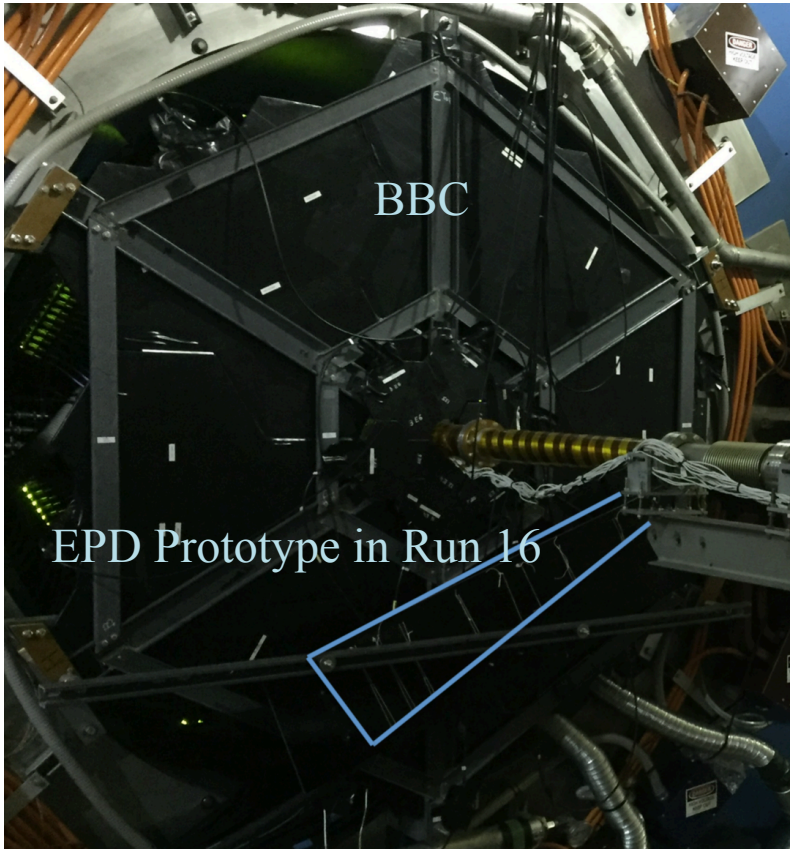
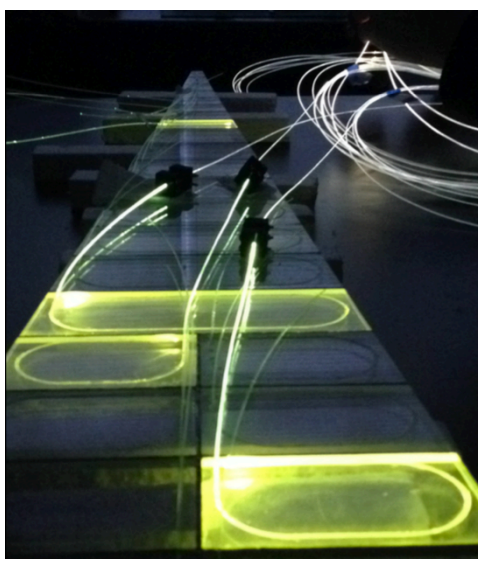
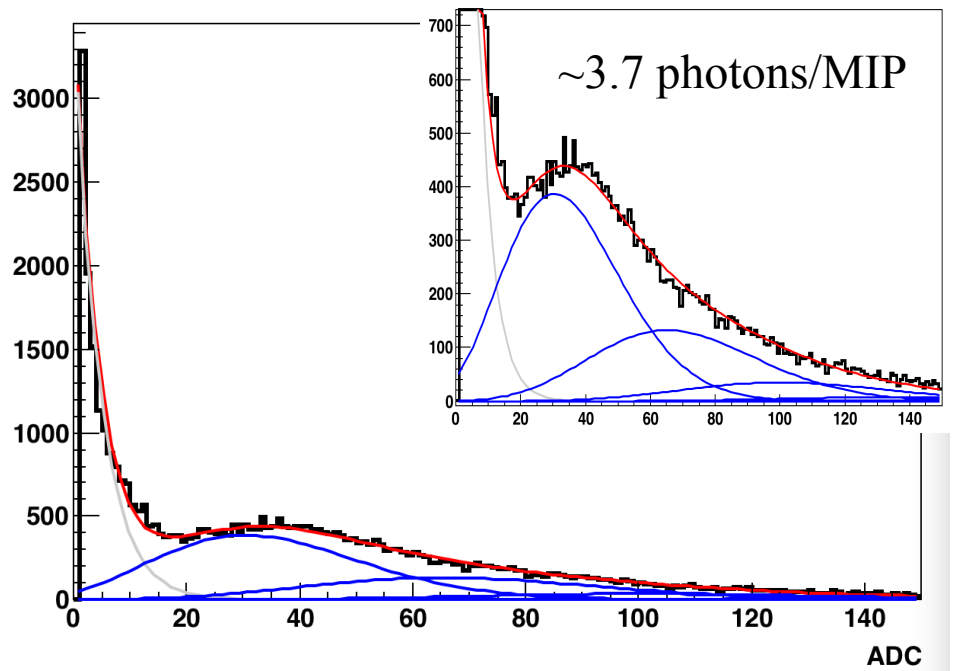




Single φ-section installed in Run 16
operated throughout entire run…
24 channels (8 with timing information)…

sub-1ns timing resolution shown...



Successful STAR internal review April 2016
Seeking ~330 k$
242 k$ for EPD, 90k$ for digitizer boards "QT"

Full quadrant installed for 2017 run (1/8th of full detector)

Summary and conclusions...

The iTPC, ETOF, and EPD detectors will significantly extend the acceptance of ☆ in both P_T and y directions, making possible signatures of a 1st order phase transition and critical point more apparent.

With the expected higher beam luminosities from C-AD, we expect to make strong statements on the phase diagram using the BES-II data.

We thank C-AD for their usual excellent machine performance and we very much look forward to BES-II in 2019-2020!

What (was learned in) BES? The devil in the details: thermal blurring

We look for increased correlation length, ξ, from ~1 to 2-3fm

This translates to space-time rapidity correlation length of $\Delta\eta_s = \xi/\tau_f$

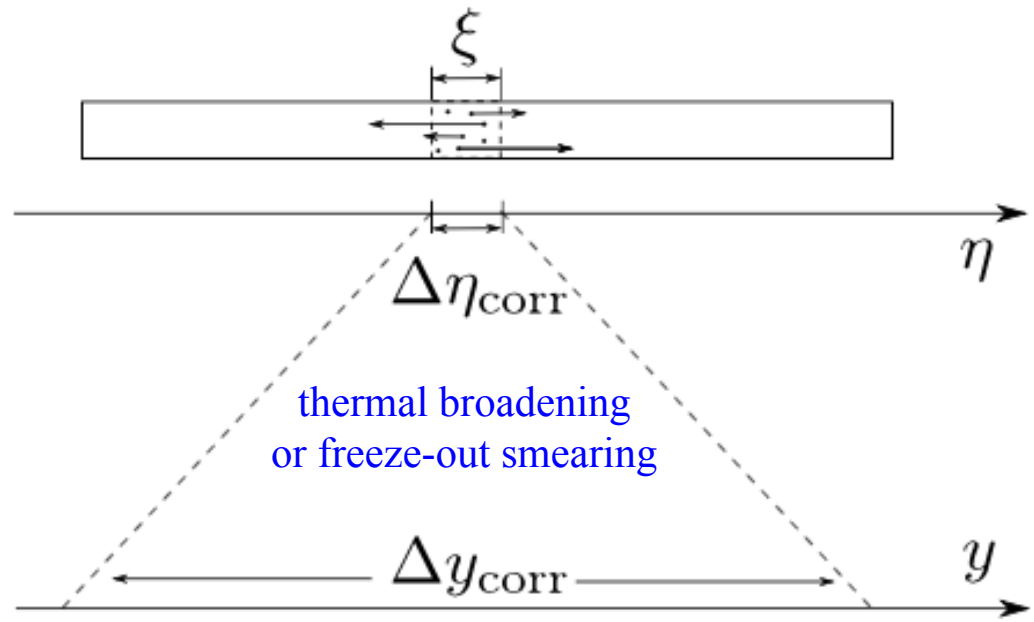
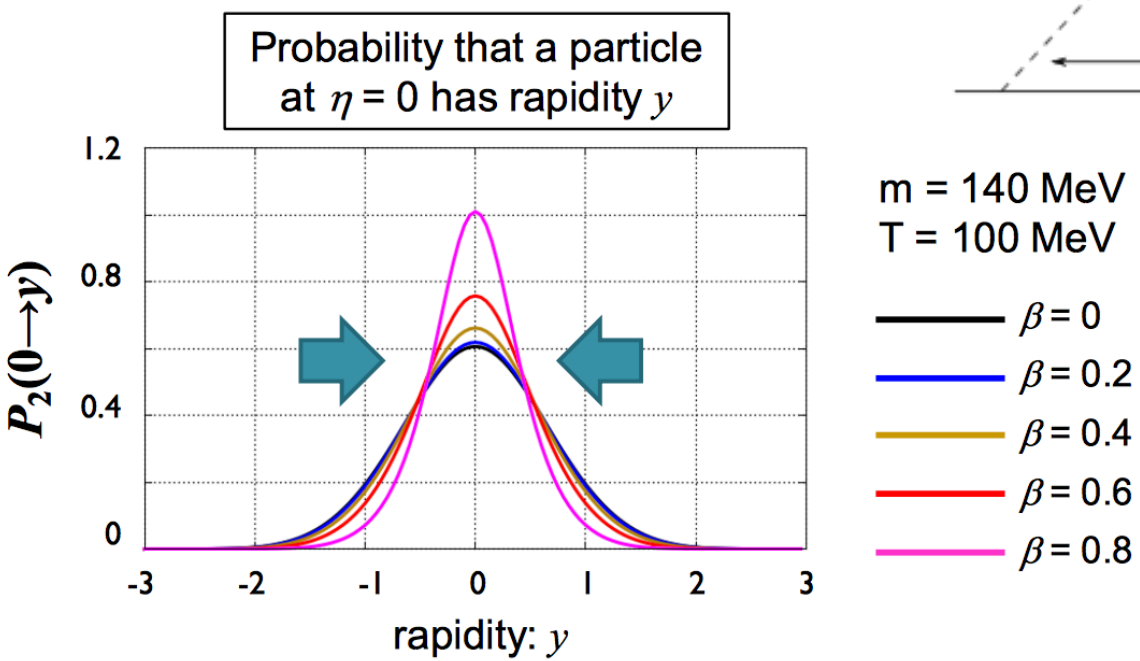
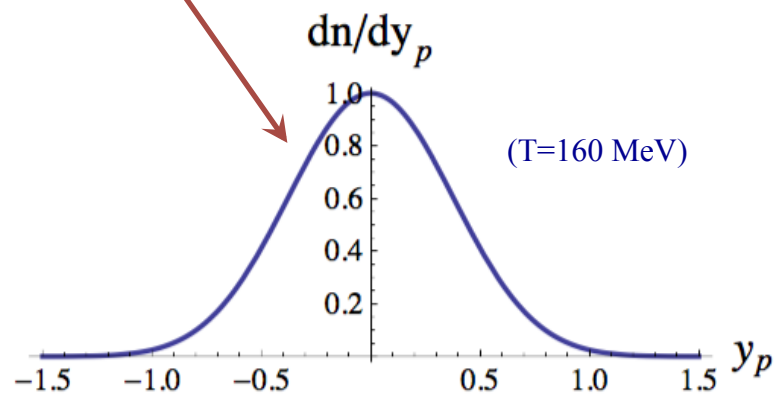
and if τ_f is 10 fm/c, then the critical space-time rapidity correlation length $\Delta\eta_s$ is 0.2-0.3

B. Ling & M. Stephanov
http://arxiv.org/pdf/1512.09125.pdf

But, we cannot measure η_s

And there is a smearing of order 1 unit of rapidity in what we *can* measure...

Bjorken scaling broken. $y \neq \eta_s$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