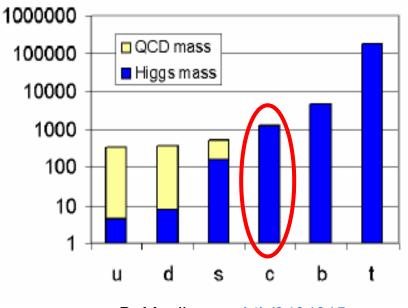
**Prospects of charm measurements at EIC** 

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EIC Collaboration Meeting, MIT, April 6, 2007

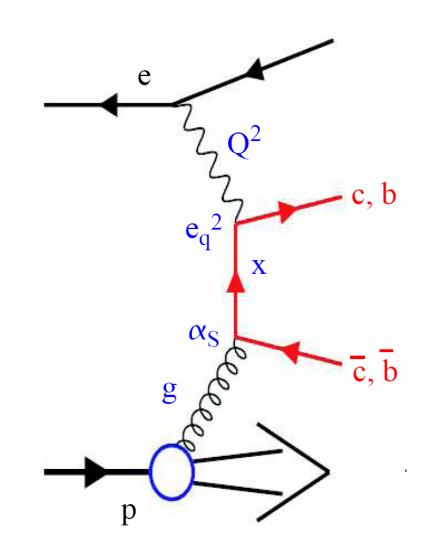
# Why Heavy Flavor?



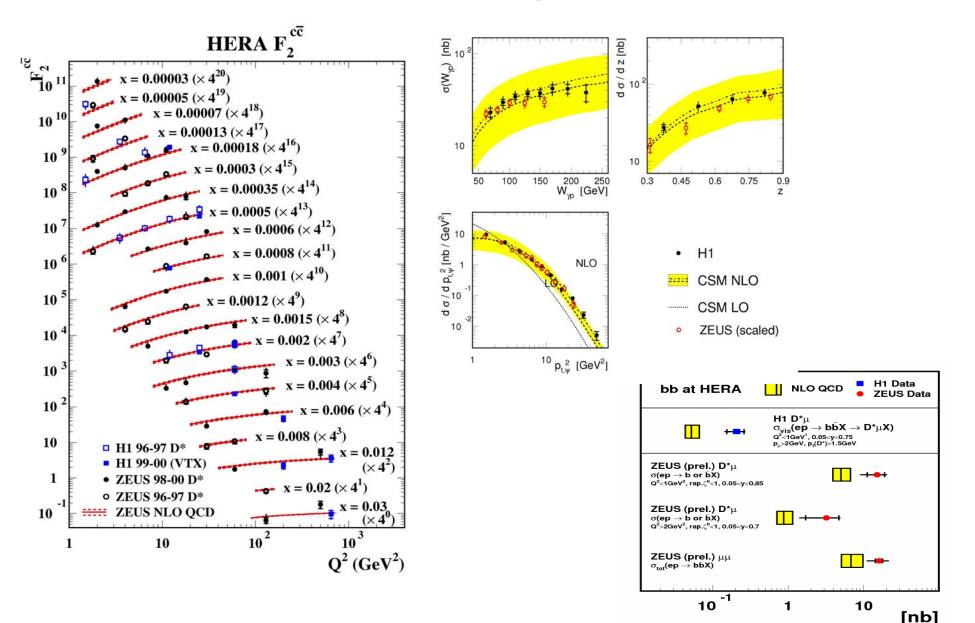
B. Mueller, nucl-th/0404015

- Massive quarks
- Probe Gluon density
- pQCD calculable

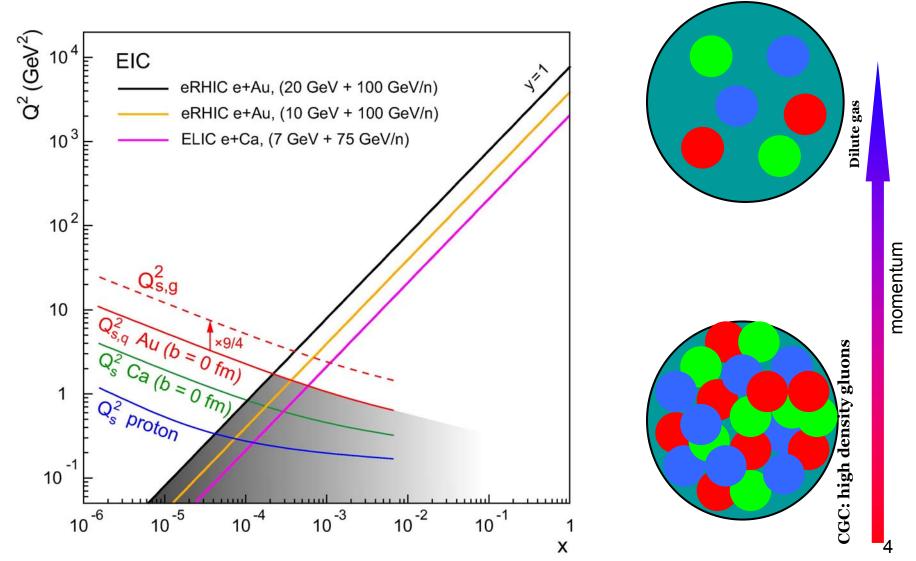
Boson-Gluon fusion



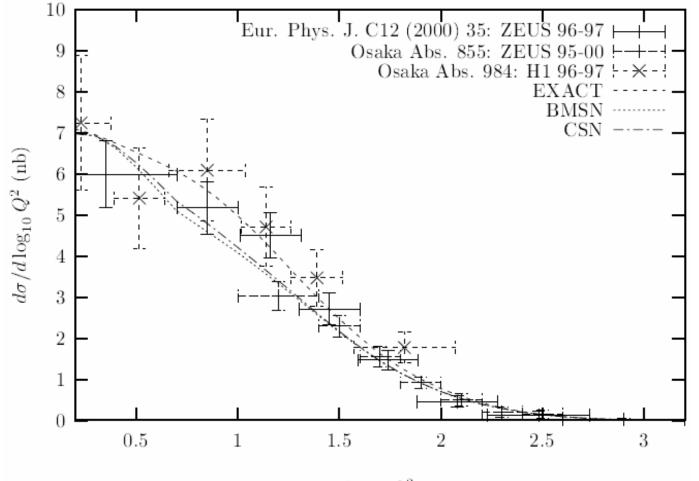
#### Results from ep at HERA



## eA (enrich gluons)



## Model used for rate estimates

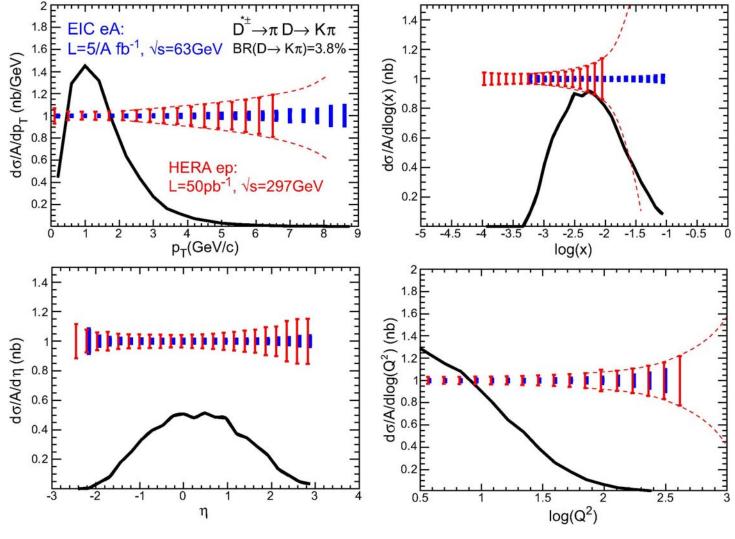


 $\log_{10} Q^2$ 

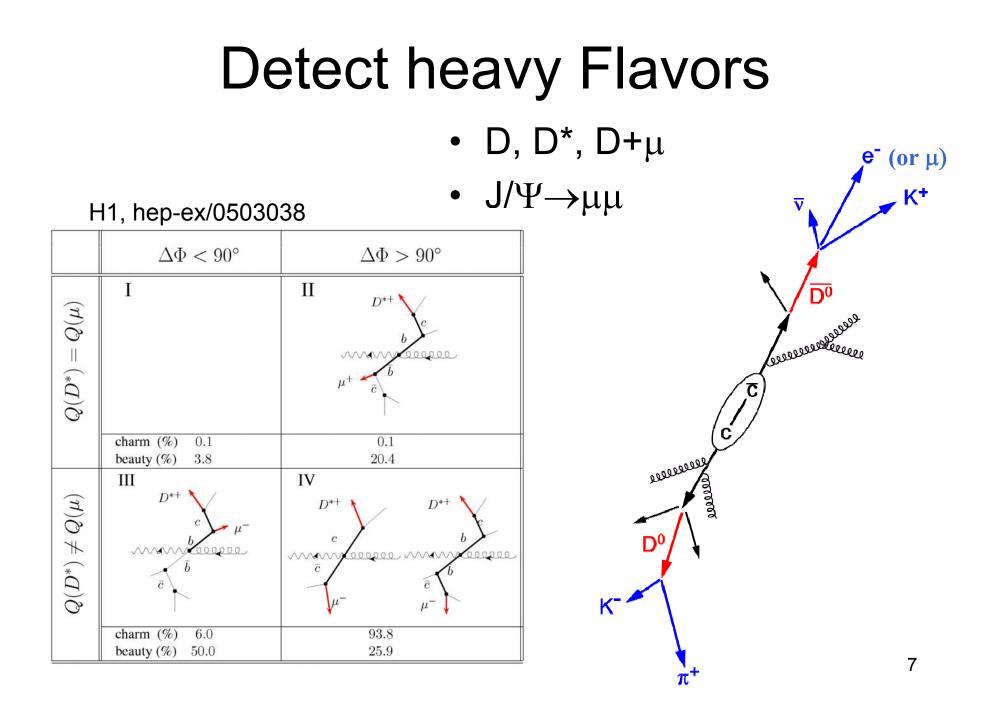
#### **HVQDIS: different schemes**

A. Chuvakin, J. Smith and B.W. Harris, hep-ph/0010350; PRD 57(98)2806 <sup>5</sup>

#### Estimated charm production



J/psi =~ 1/100 (300) ccbar



## Possible **Compact Muon Detector**

Novel and Compact:

MRPC

Timing, Position  $\leftrightarrow$  Track Segments+FastHits One Layer/Detector ↔ Many Detector Systems  $\leftrightarrow$  RPC+MWPC

• QCDLab:

Momentum: few GeV/c  $\leftrightarrow$  10—1000 GeV/c Background tracks:  $1000 \leftrightarrow 10$ 

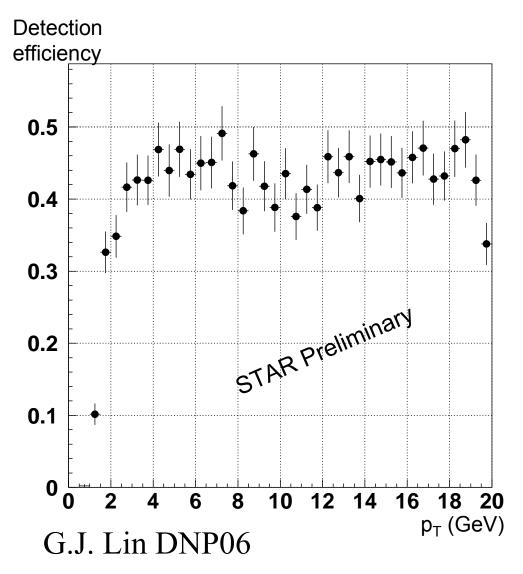
• R&D:

Simulation, MRPC Detector, Online Trigger, Background

 Couple with vertex detector for heavy flavor physics in EIC

#### Hadron Rejection and Trigger at (e)RHIC ID Entries 6 10200 0.3691 Mean 0.3418 RMS UDFLW 0.000 104 0.000 OVFLW 15 Cuts Nhit/event $10^{3}$ No cut 70 10<sup>2</sup> TOF (<20ns) 1.6 10 7.6 Eloss **TOF&Eloss** 0.72 1 9 **TOF (-400ps,100ps)** 0.23 0 2 trackzpt pt (GeV/c)

## Muon Efficiency



Single particle GEANT simulation.

Particles are generated with flat  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  distribution.  $0 < p_T < 20 GeV$ ,  $0 < \eta < 0.8$ ,  $0 < \phi < 2pi$ .

Cuts used for muon ID:

Time of flight (TOF) difference between hits and tracks.

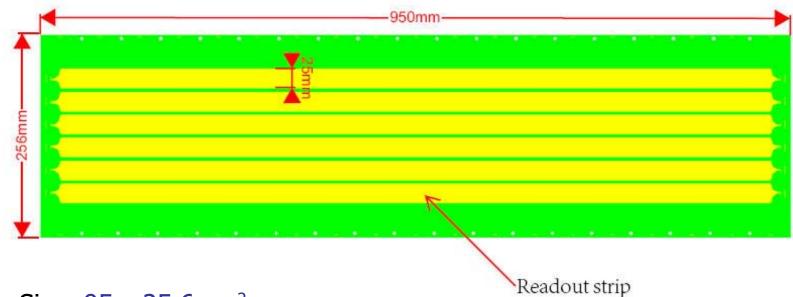
Distance of closest approach(DCA) between hits and tracks.

MTD effective azimuthal coverage is 56.6%: ~80% of the muons within MTD coverage can be reconstructed.

Hadron Rejection: ~100

#### 2. LMRPC -- design and construction

### **TOP** View

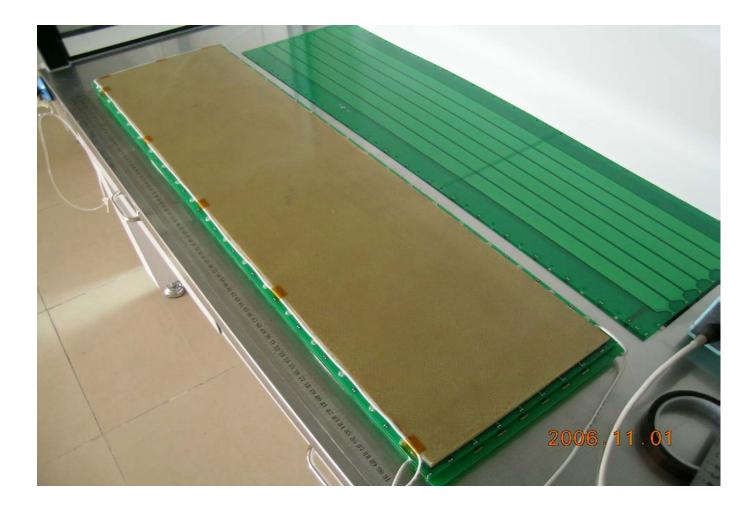


Size: 95 x 25.6 cm<sup>2</sup>

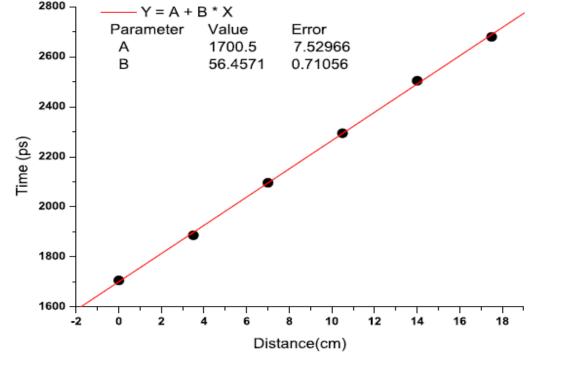
Read out strip: 25 mm wide, 4 mm gaps

Active area: 87 x 20 cm<sup>2</sup>

## The first LMRPC



#### Time difference Vs. position



The signal propagation velocity: Time Resolution: 59ps  $56.4 \pm 0.7 \, ps \, / \, cm$ 

#### Test Trays at STAR and FNAL MT6

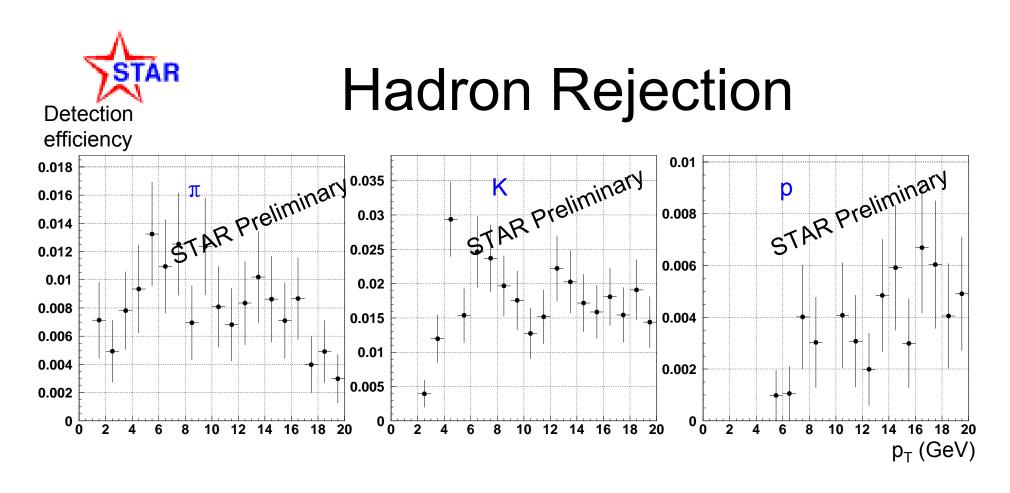




- Test muon/hadron identification at STAR and FNAL test beam
- LMRPC (fast trigger, hadron rejection)
- GEM tracking for improvement of momentum resolution (future)

# **Conclusions and Prospects**

- Future eA with high luminosity
- high statistics with wide kinematics coverage for heavy flavor
- Probe gluon structure in heavy nuclei
- Simulations and detector R&D



MTD is able to reject hadrons by a large factor (50-100) up to high  $p_{T}$ .