The sPHENIX MAPS-based Vertex Detector (MVTX)

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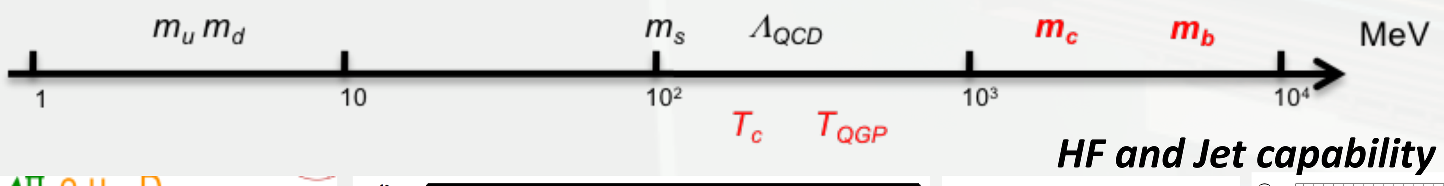
Abstract

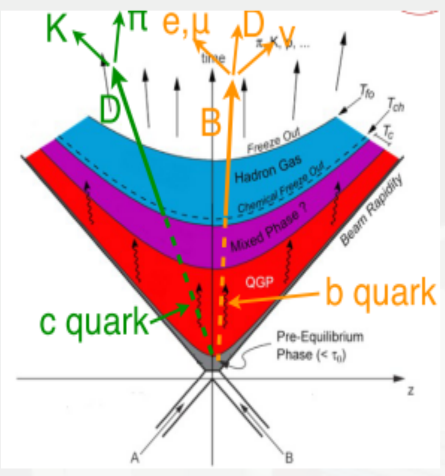
The sPHENIX detector at BNL's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) will study QGP properties with heavy bottom quark jets (B-jets) produced in high-energy heavy ion collisions. B-jets are expected to offer a unique set of observables due to the large bottom quark mass, but need to be measured across an unexplored kinematic regime, particularly at low pT where the expected mass-dependence effects are large but the underlying backgrounds are also high. We will use a three-layer Monolithic-Active-Pixel-Sensor (MAPS) based vertex detector, sensors originally developed for the ALICE ITS upgrade, to identify the signal and suppress the background. The MVTX will serve as the innermost tracking system of sPHENIX, covering 2~4 cm radially and a pseudorapidity range of |η| < 1.1. The very fine 27 µm x 29 µm pixels allow us to identify B-decay secondary vertices and B-jets in heavy ion collisions with high efficiency and high purity. In this presentation, we show the current status of R&D efforts towards custom readout and mechanical systems to integrate the MVTX detector into the sPHENIX system.

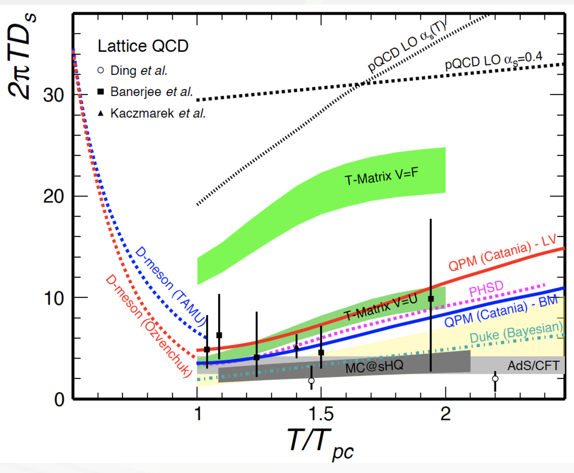
Physics Motivation

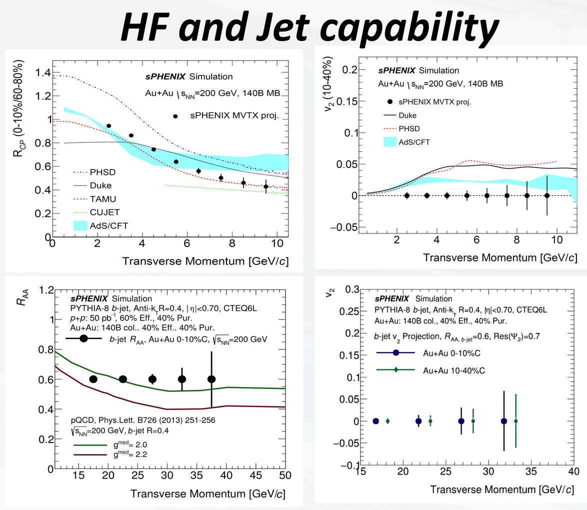
The MVTX detector will enable us to use heavy quarks (charm and beauty) to probe the properties of QGP at RHIC. By exploring mass dependence of various observables in open charm and open beauty productions in heavy ion collisions, we can gain deep insight of the inner workings of the QGP, and allow us to derive key QGP parameters like diffusion coefficient and systematically control the theoretical and experimental uncertainties.



HF and Jet capability



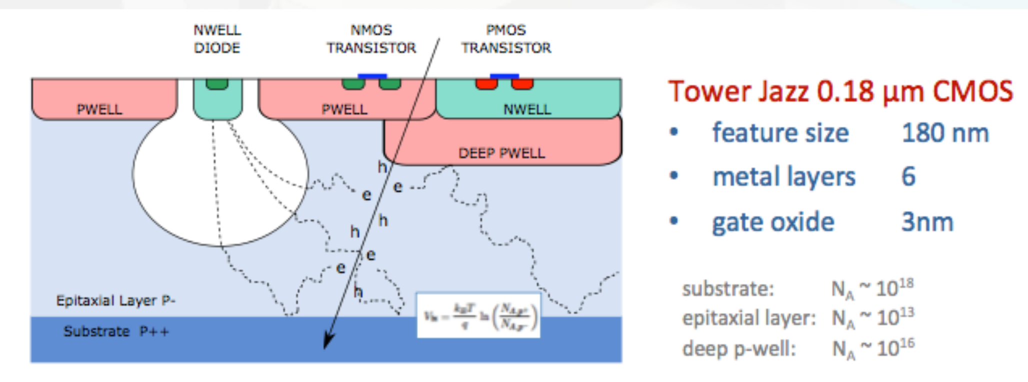




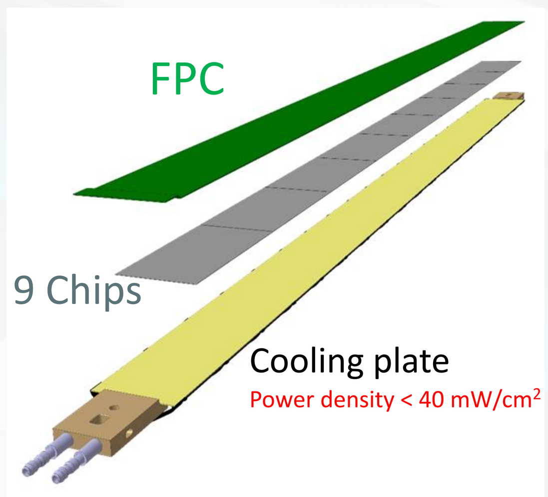
MVTX Performance from Simulations

Advantages of ALICE MAPS(ALPIDE):

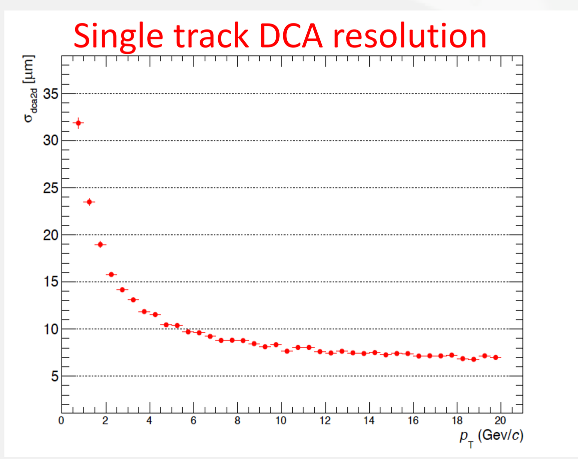
- Very fine pitch (27x29 µm^2)
- High efficiency (>99%) and low noise (<10^{-6})
- Time resolution, as high as ~5 µs
- Ultra-thin/low mass, 50µm (~0.3% X_0)
- On-pixel digitization, low power dissipation

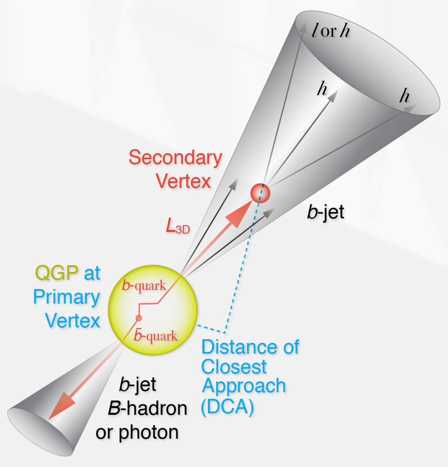


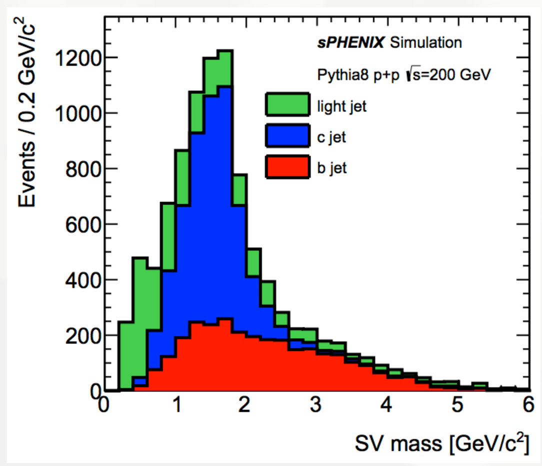
A 9-chip MAPS stave
9 x (1.5 x 3 cm^2)



B-tagging in p+p and Au+Au: displaced tracks and 2nd vertex mass





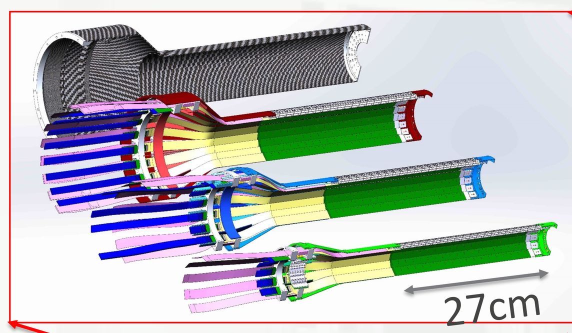


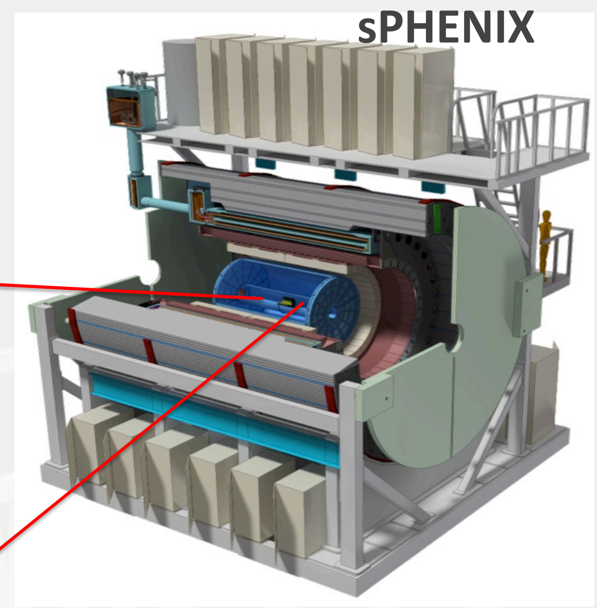
MVTX Detector Design

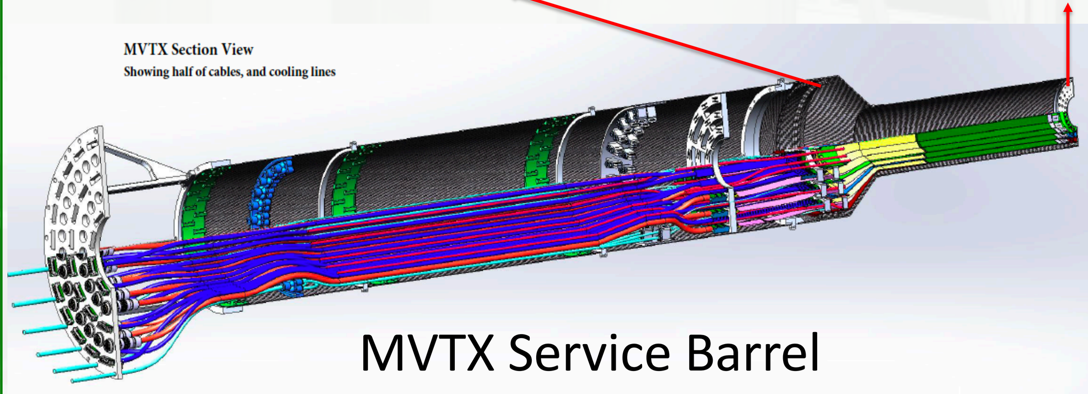
MVTX detector:

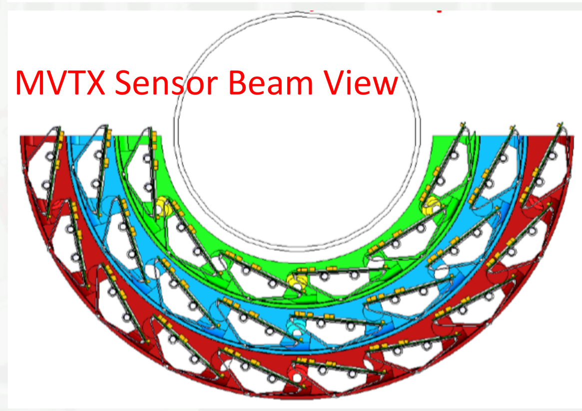
- 3-layer MAPS sensors, pixel 27x29 µm^2
- Full azimuthal coverage: 2π
- Z coverage: 27cm
- R: 2.4 – 4.0 cm

	R_min (mm)
Layer 0	24.61
Layer 1	31.98
Layer 2	39.93







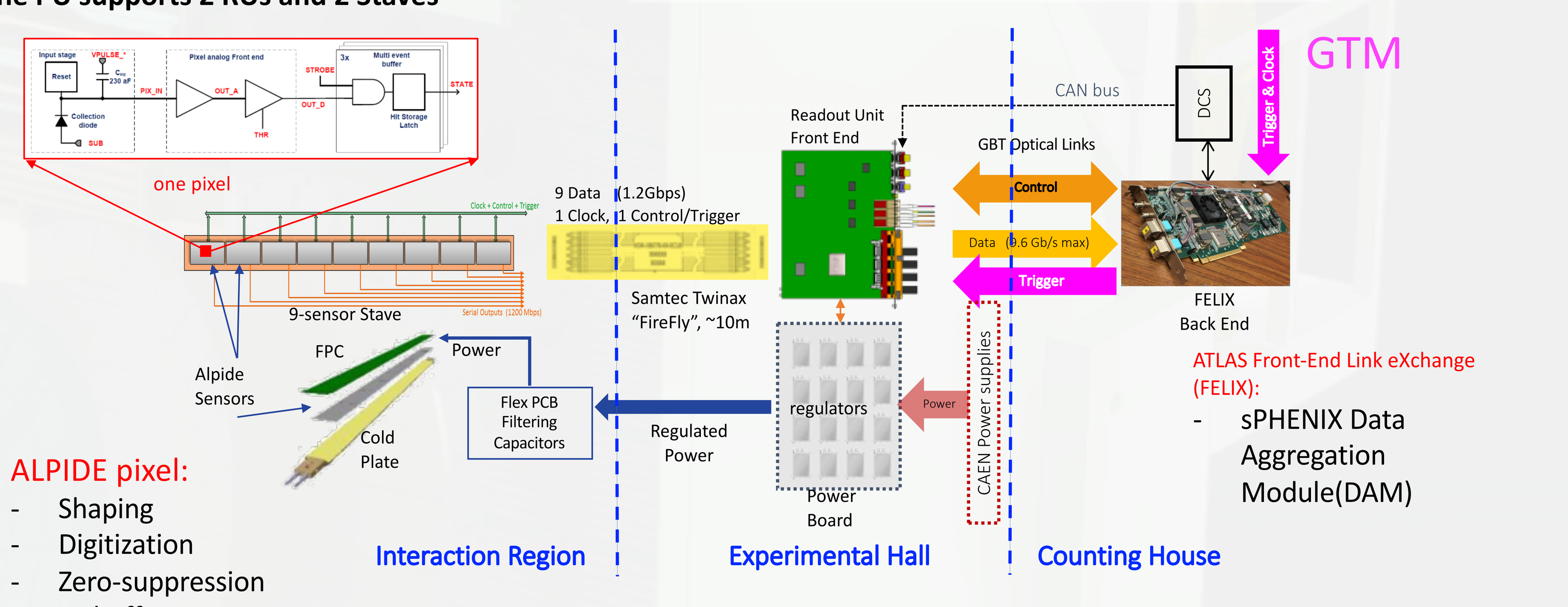


MVTX Readout Integration

One RU per stave, 48 total
- 9 x1.2 Gb/s firefly links, 1 clock, 1 control
- 3 GBT optical to FELIX per stave

3 RUs per FELIX, 6 FELIX backend in total
One PU supports 2 RUs and 2 Staves

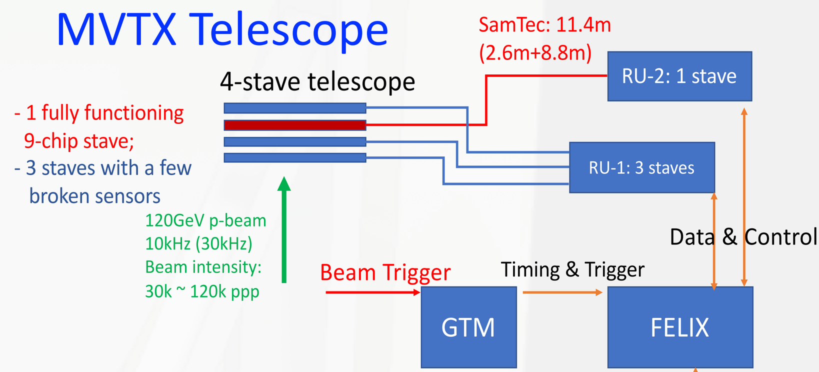
All sensor and readout electronics hardware designs are final and fully tested, ready for production or already produced

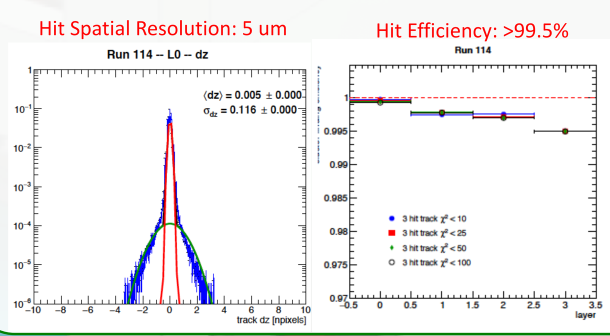


MVTX Prototype R&D Highlights

In the summer 2019, we carried out very successful MVTX test beam runs using 120GeV proton beams at Fermilab. A MVTX detector prototype telescope made of 4 production sensor staves was tested with the final readout electronics (RU, FELIX, PU) and custom designed long SamTec firefly readout cables. With the test beam data, we have verified the performance of all hardware, from sensor staves, high-speed readout cables to the full readout electronics.

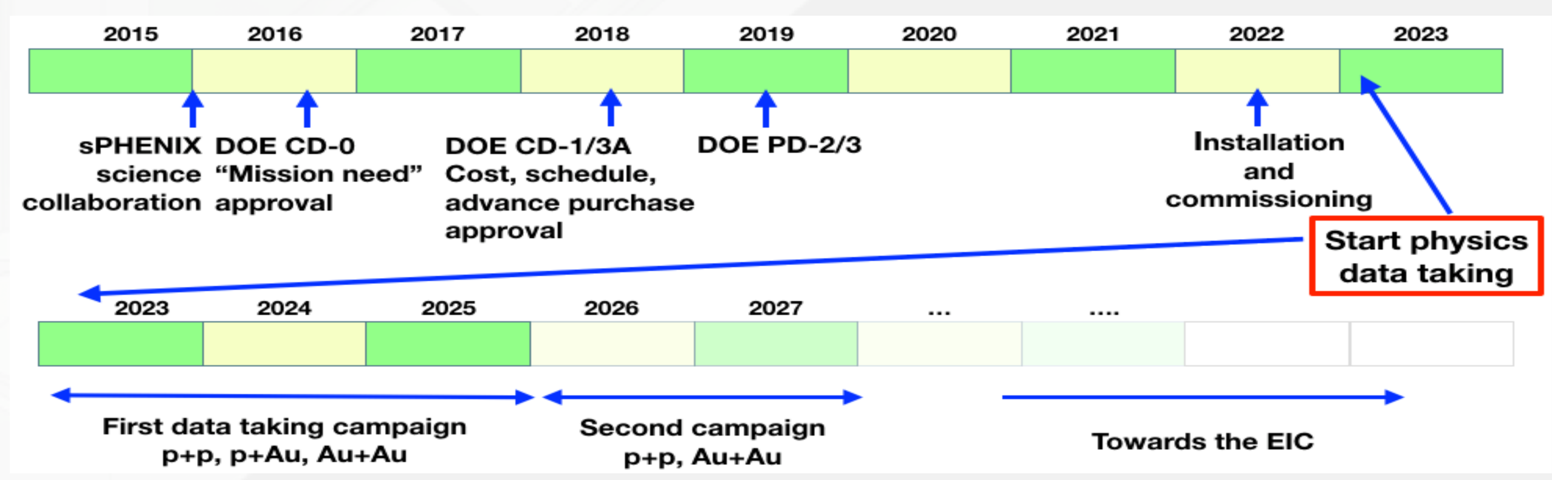
MVTX Telescope





Summary and Outlook

- 84 staves (a full 3-layer MVTX + a full 2-inner-layer spares) production in progress at CERN
- 60 frontend Readout Units produced; FELIX and PU production in preparation.
- Mechanical support carbon structure preliminary design completed, in the process of vendor-selection for pre-production.
- Final installation in mid 2022, ready for sPHENIX day-1 physics in 2023



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Talk:	Heavy flavor physics with the sPHENIX MAPS-based vertex tracker upgrade, Yuanjing Ji
FF25:	The readout of the sPHENIX MAPS-based vertex detector, Alex Tkatchev
FF26:	sPHENIX MAPS prototype test beam results, Cameron Dean
FF27:	Mechanical design of the sPHENIX MAPS-based vertex detector, Michael Peter
HF43:	sPHENIX capabilities for measuring Lambda_c in Au+Au collisions, Xing Dong
HF44:	sPHENIX open heavy flavor hadron physics program, Xiaolong Chen
JT24:	The sPHENIX heavy flavor jet physics program, Jin Huang

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