

A scenic photograph of a snowy mountain landscape at dusk. In the foreground, a large, multi-story resort building with a curved facade is brightly lit from within, its warm yellow lights contrasting with the cool blue tones of the twilight sky. The building has many windows and a series of gabled roofs. It is nestled among snow-covered evergreen trees. In the background, steep, snow-dusted mountains rise, their slopes dotted with more trees and some ski lift infrastructure. The overall atmosphere is serene and wintry.

Open Heavy Flavor Physics with the sPHENIX MVTX Detector at RHIC

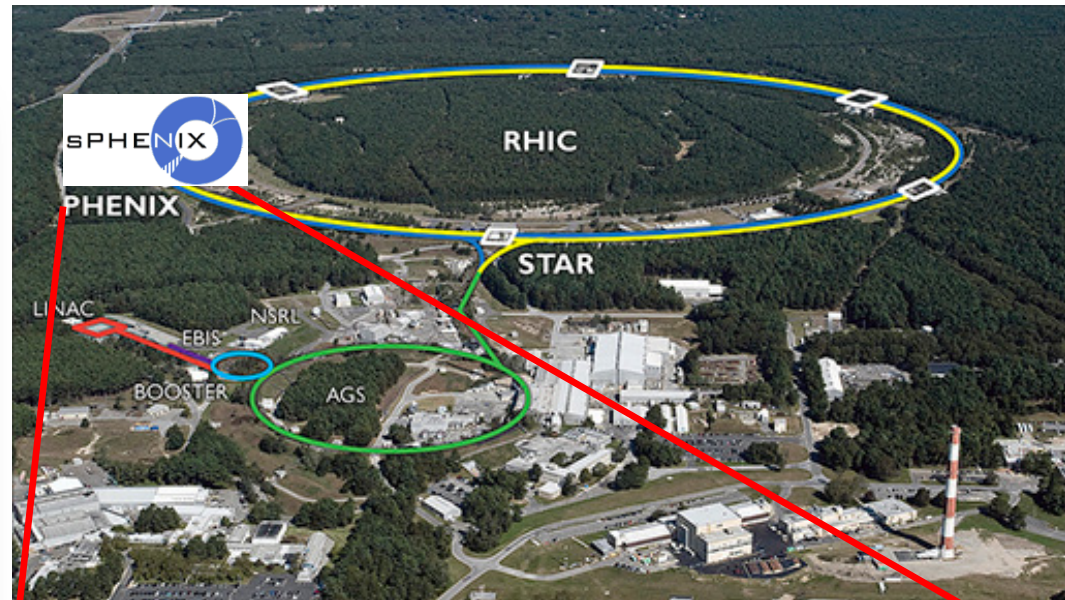
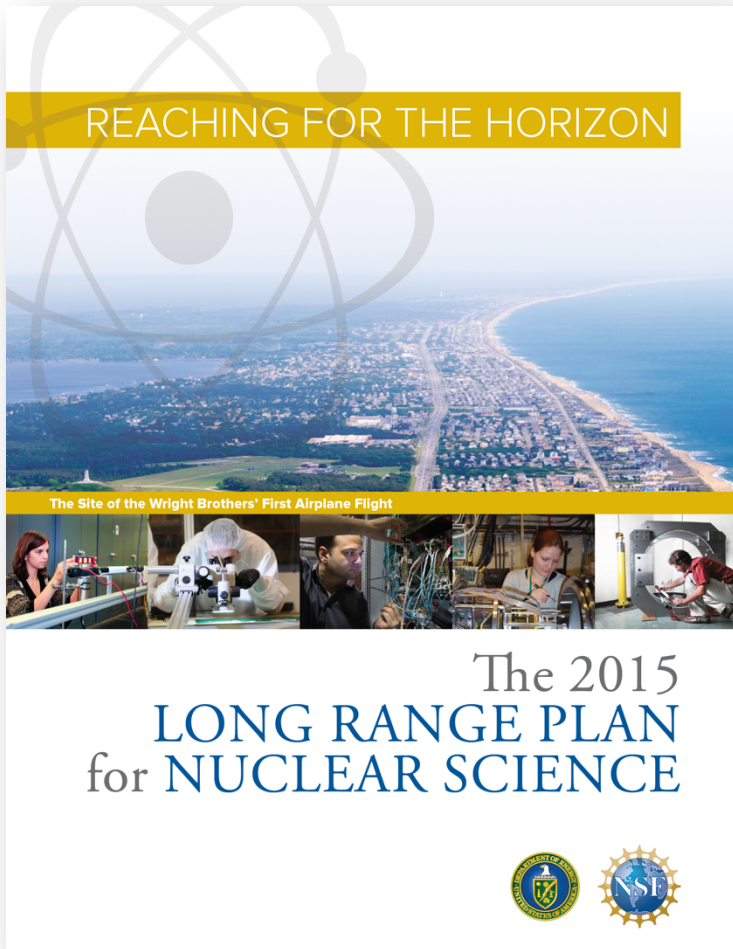
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Outline

- Science
- MAPS-based VeTex detector (MVTX)
- Physics prospects

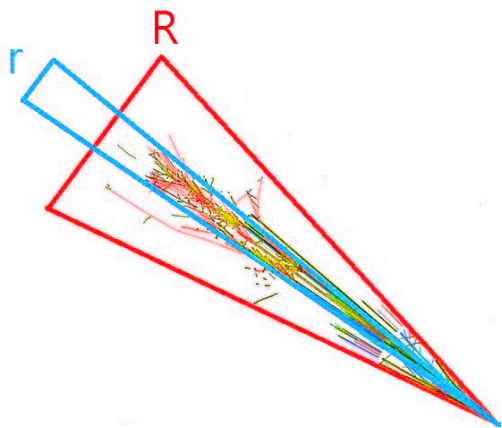
The Scientific Mission at RHIC



There are two central goals of measurements planned at RHIC, as it completes its scientific mission, and at the LHC. **(1) Probe the inner workings of QGP by resolving its properties at shorter and shorter length scales. The complementarity of the two facilities is essential to this goal, as is a state-of-the-art jet detector at RHIC, called sPHENIX.** **(2) Map the phase diagram of QCD with experiments planned at RHIC.**

Three Physics Pillars

Jet cor. & substructure

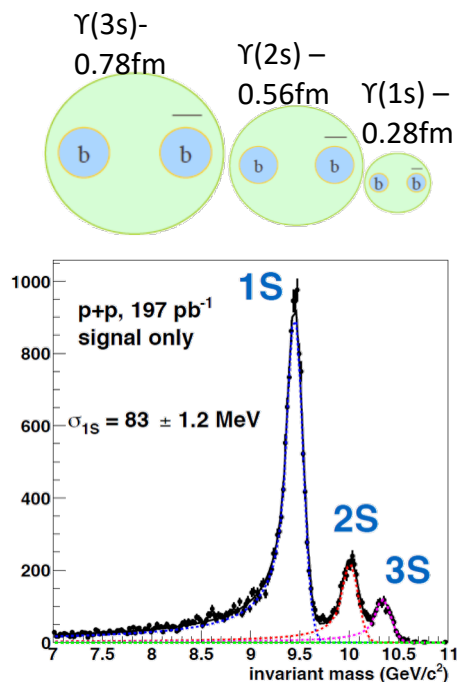


Justin Frantz, Monday
sPHENIX jet physics

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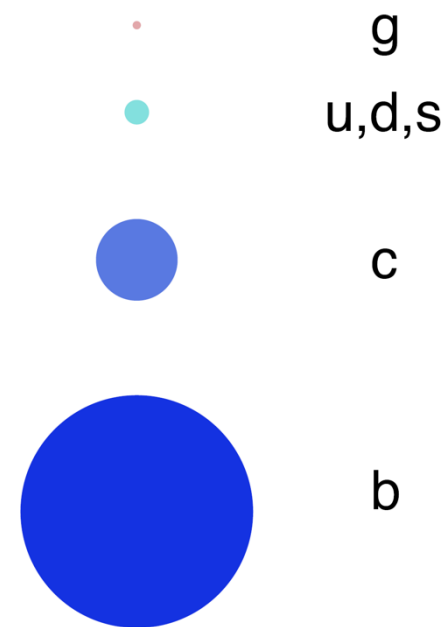
Upsilon spectroscopy

Size of the probe



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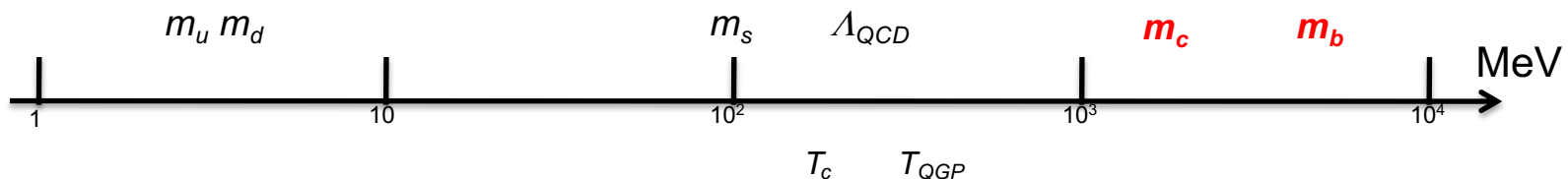
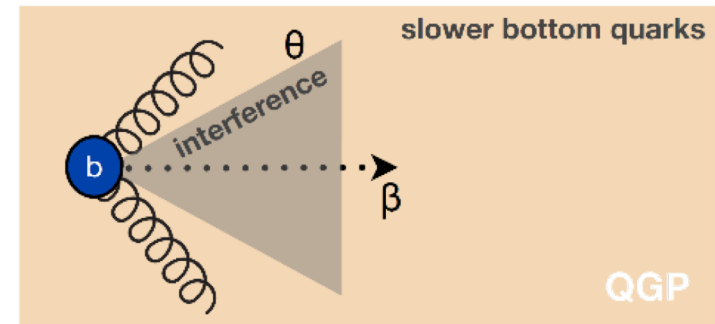
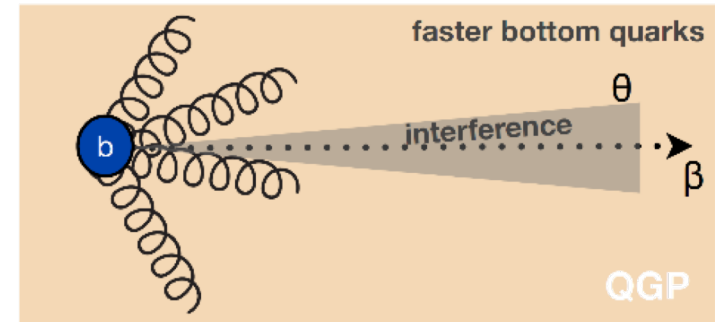
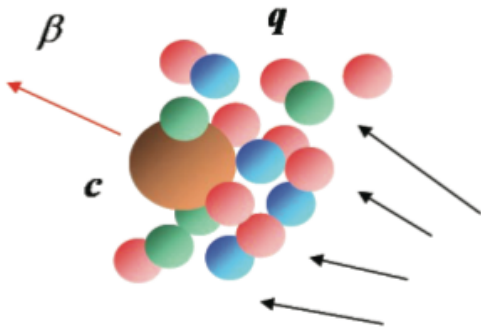
Parton energy loss & cor. mass dependent



This talk : HF program

Heavy Quarks - Unique Probe of QGP

- Study mass dependence in
 - Jet quenching and dE/dx
 - Flow – interaction with medium
- Access QGP properties

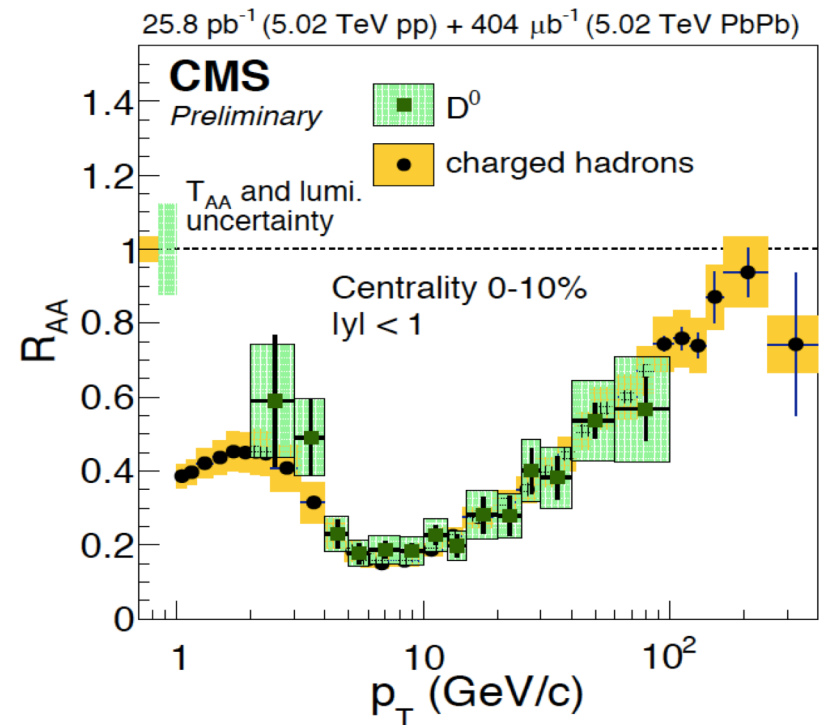
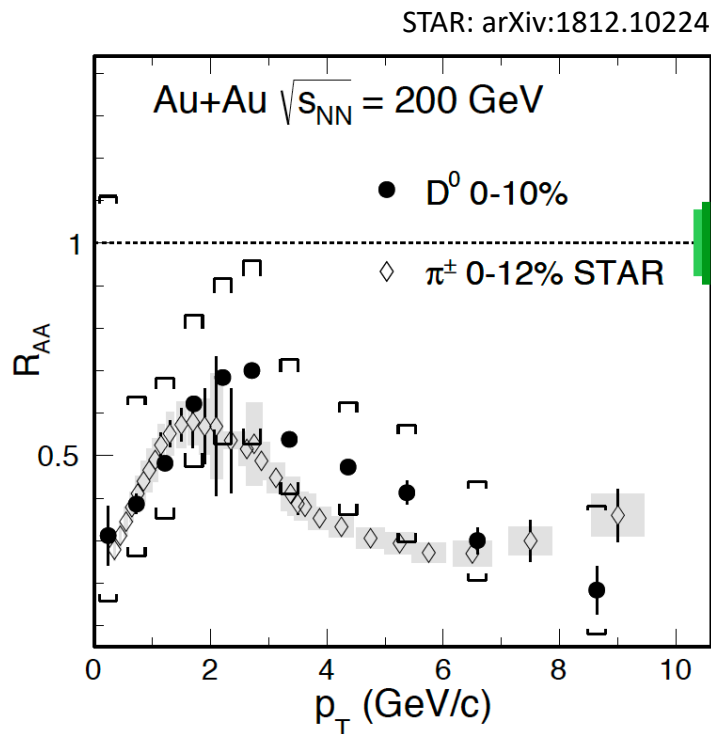


Recent Highlights: Charm R_{AA}



R_{AA} (D-meson) $\sim R_{AA}$ (h) at high $p_T \sim 4$ GeV/c

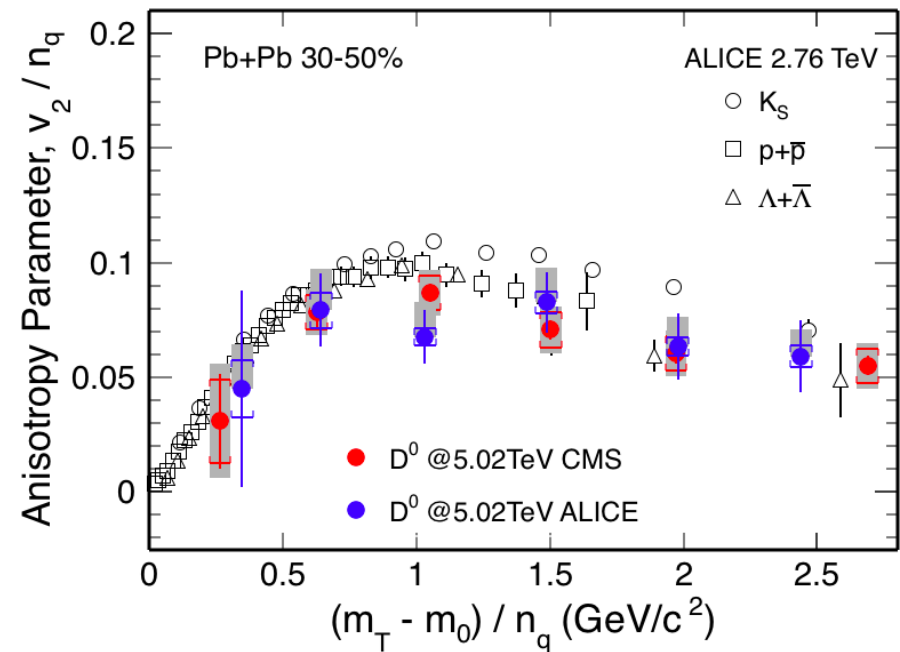
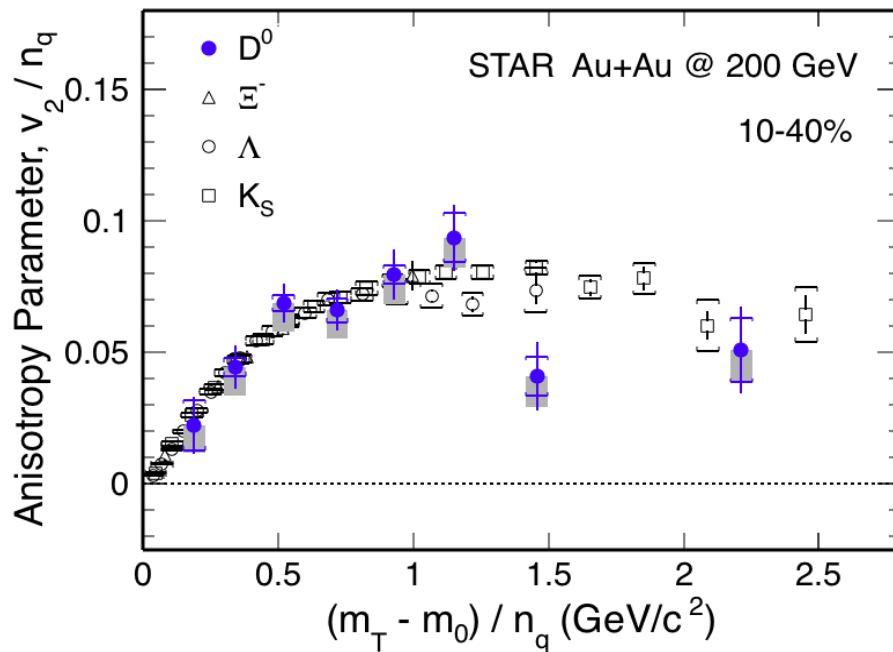
- significant suppression of charmed hadron R_{AA} in central A+A collisions
- strong charm-medium interactions
- mass effect expected important at low p_T , dead-cone effects etc.



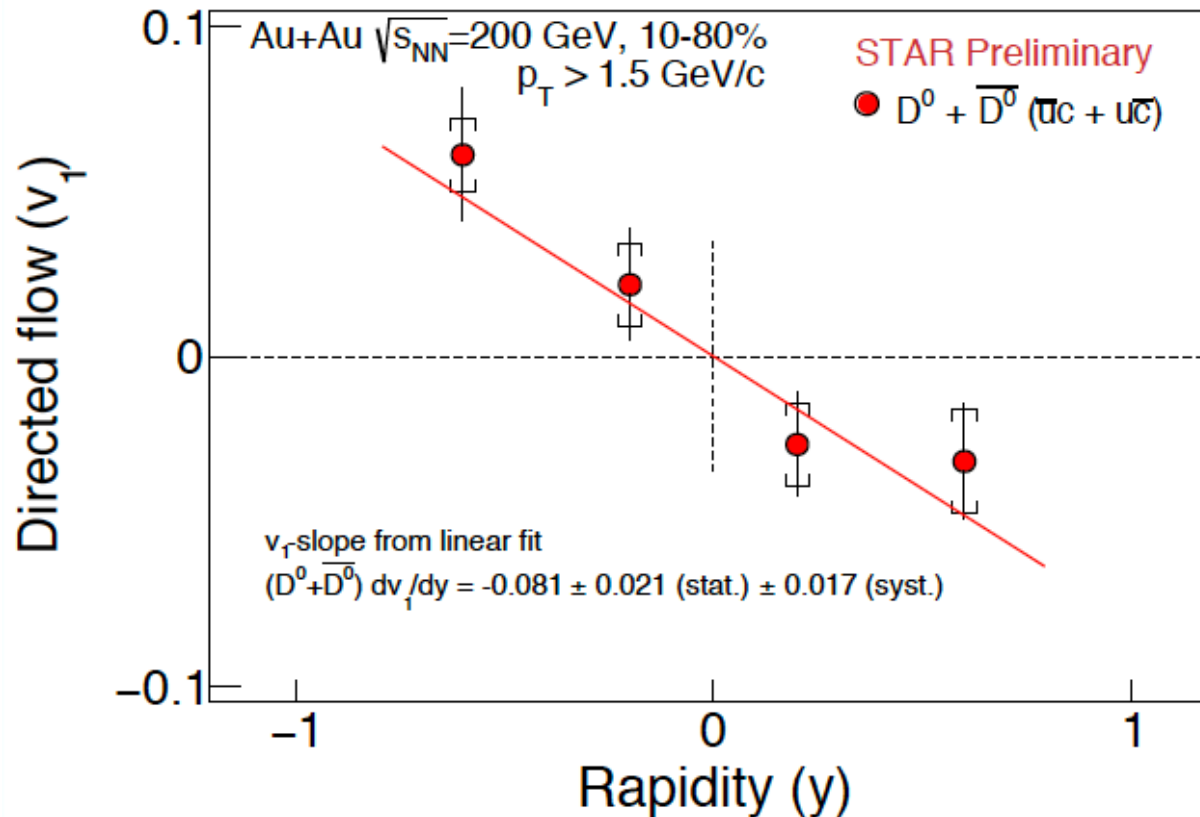
Recent Highlights: Charm V_2

v_2 of D^0 follows the same trend as light hadrons

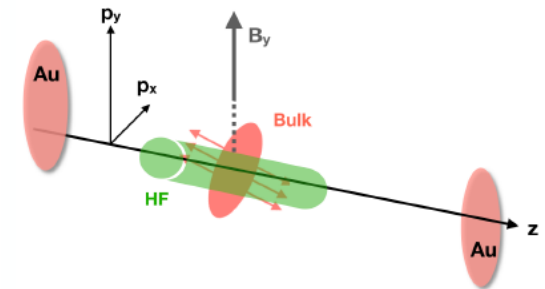
- Charm quarks flow the same as light quarks
- Strong coupling to medium at low p_T



Direct Flow of Charm Observed at RHIC



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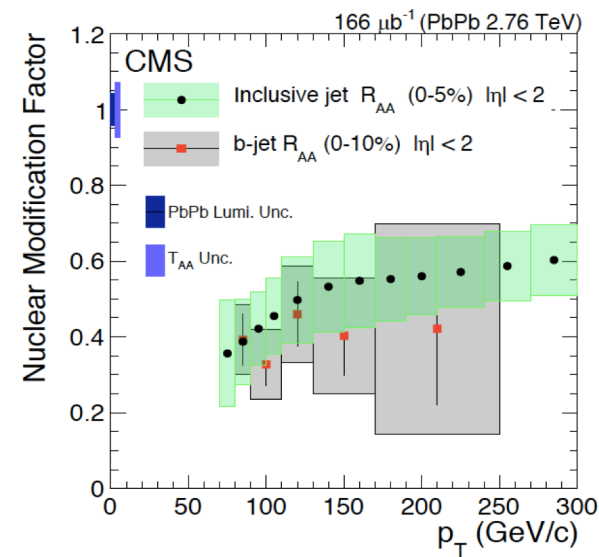
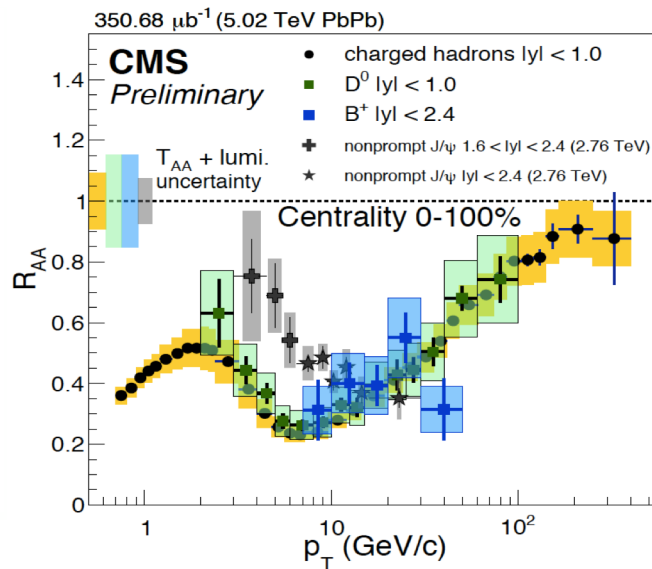
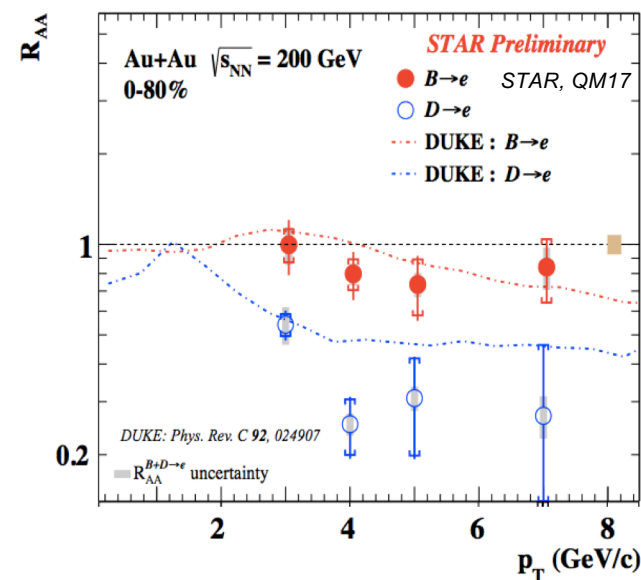


- First evidence of non-zero $D^0 v_1$

Recent Highlights: Beauty?

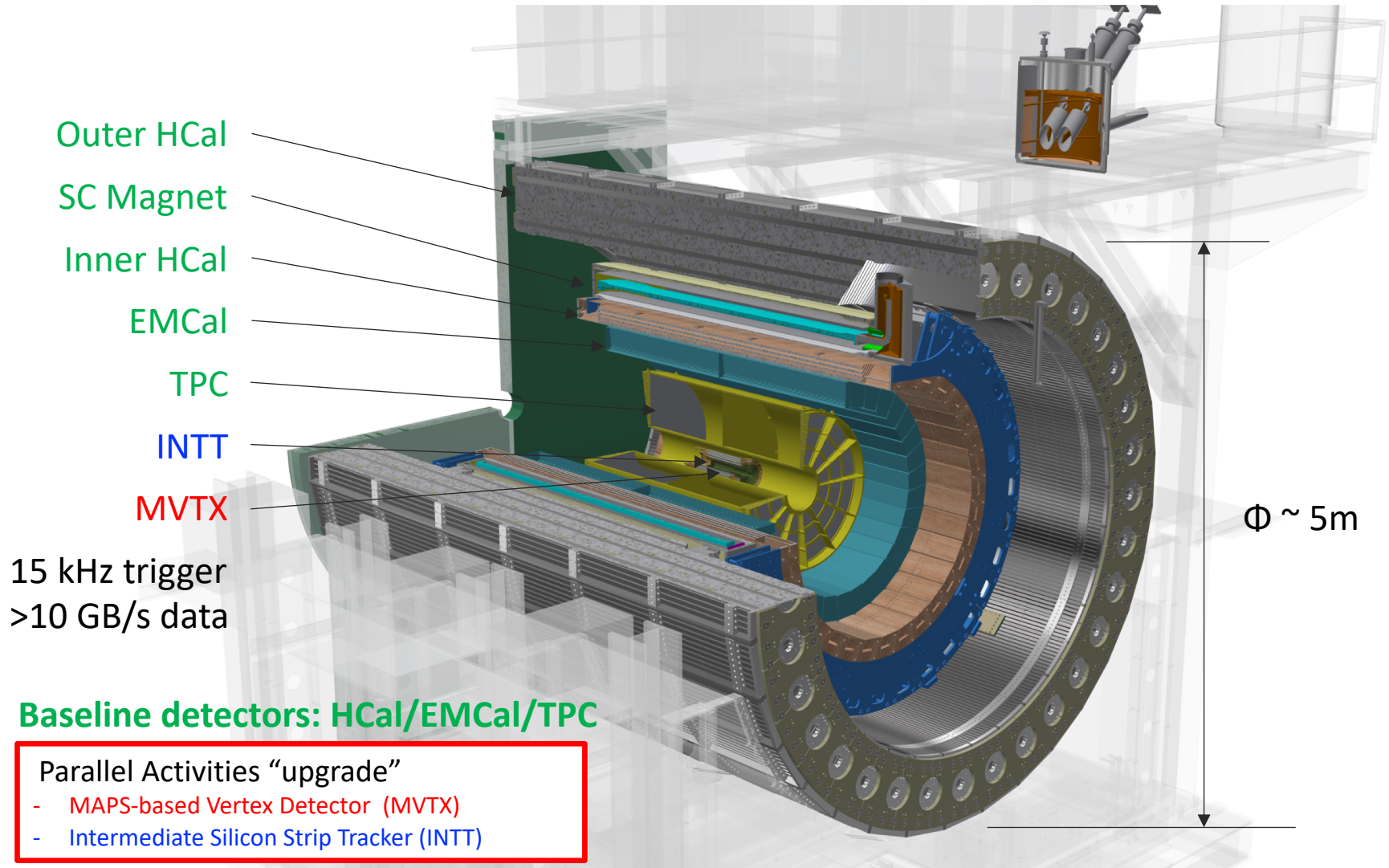
- $R_{AA}(B \rightarrow e) > R_{AA}(D \rightarrow e, h)$ @low p_T
- B^+ & b -jet $\sim$ light hadrons & charm @high p_T

Highly desired: precision measurements of B @ $p_T \sim < 50 \text{ GeV}$



The sPHENIX Detectors

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sPHENIX MVTX Detector Design



Adapts ALICE Upgrade ITS/IB design, modified to fit sPHENIX environment:

-Sensors:

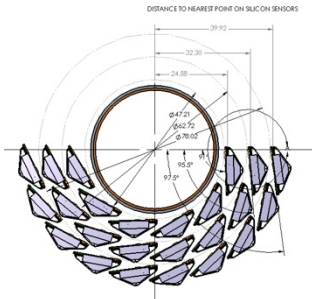
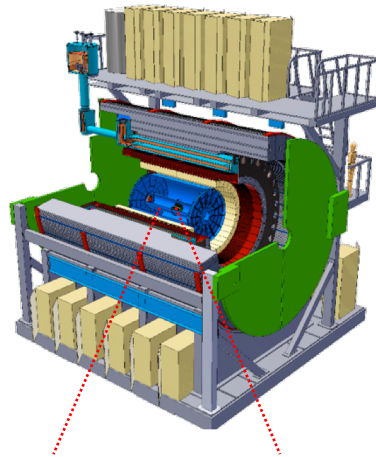
*Use **ALICE** ALPIDE sensors and the identical ITS/IB design of the active part*

-Readout:

*A hybrid design using **ALICE** frontend Readout Unit(RU) and **ATLAS** upgrade backend PCIe based FELIX boards for sPHENIX*

-Mechanics:

Modified mechanical frame design for sPHENIX

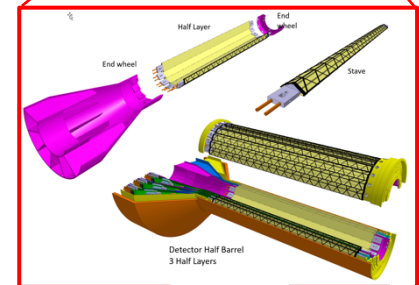
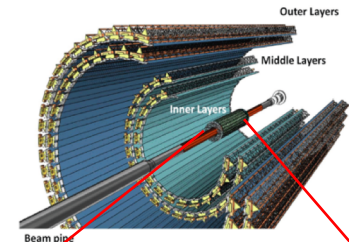


Modified MVTX detector layout for sPHENIX

Adapt ITS/IB design
- Min. Risks
- Max. Phys.

R = 2.5/3.5/4 cm
Z = 27 cm

ALICE ITS Upgrade:
Inner Barrel Tracker

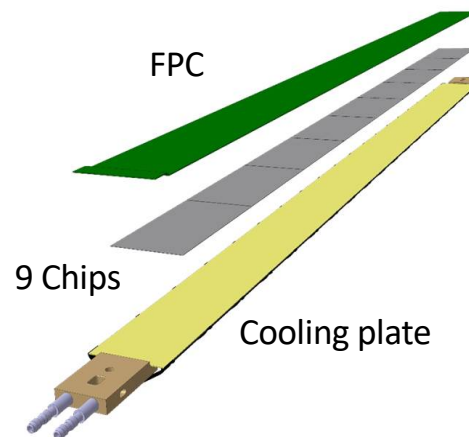


Monolithic-Active-Pixel-Sensors (MAPS) ^{SPHENIX}

The next Generation State of the Art Pixel Tracker

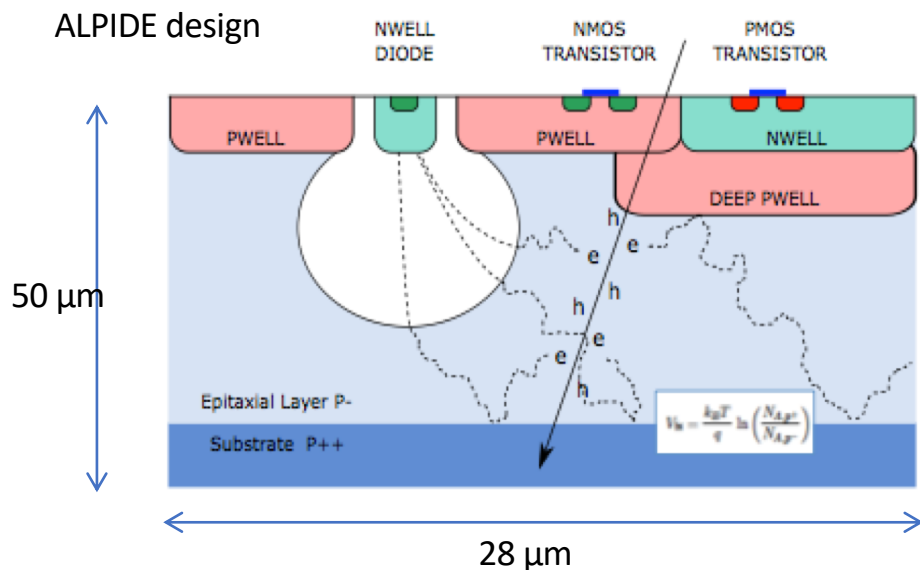
- Advantages of ALICE MAPS/ALPIDE:

- Very fine pitch (27x29 μm)
- High efficiency (>99%) and low noise (<10⁻⁶)
- Fast readout, ~5 μs
- Ultra-thin/low mass, 50 μm (~0.3% X_0)
- On-pixel digitization, low power dissipation



A 9-chip MAPS stave, 1.5 x 27cm²

An ideal detector for QGP b-jet physics!



Tower Jazz 0.18 μm CMOS

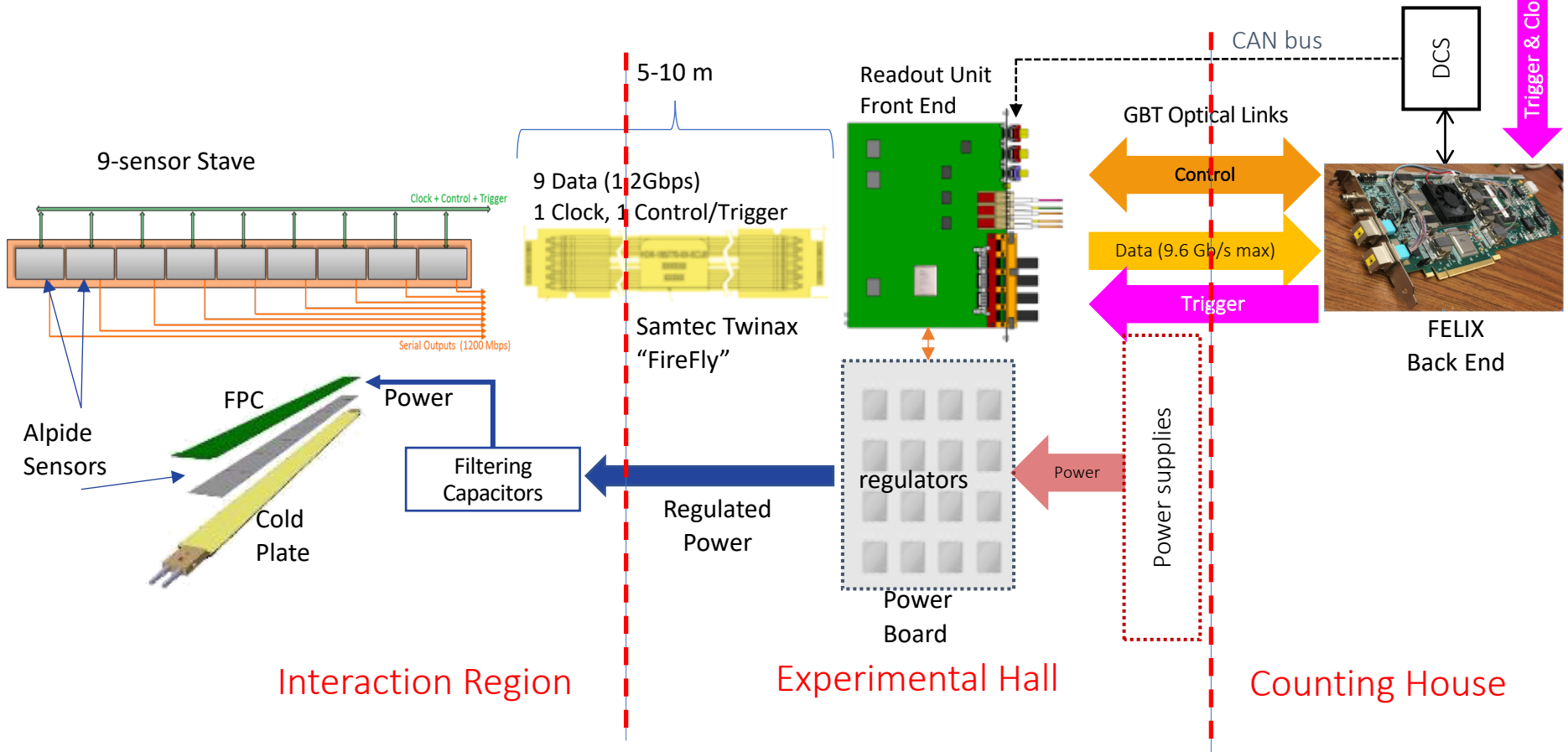
- feature size 180 nm
- metal layers 6
- gate oxide 3nm

substrate: $N_A \sim 10^{18}$
 epitaxial layer: $N_A \sim 10^{13}$
 deep p-well: $N_A \sim 10^{16}$

MVTX Electronics, Power and Controls



Trigger & Clock



Sensor-Stave (9 ALPIDE chips) |

Front End-Readout Unit

| **Back End**-FELIX

(----- ALICE/ITS Hardware -----)

(-- ATLAS Hardware --)

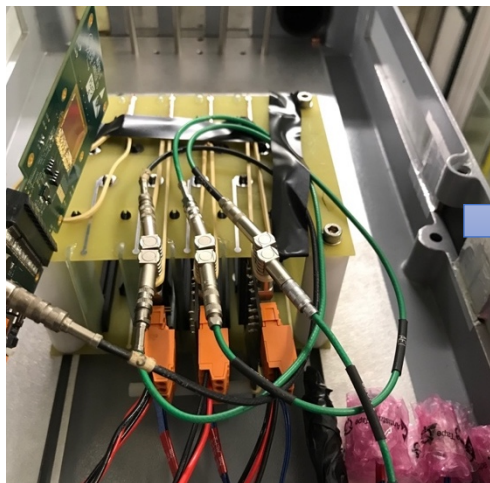
MVTX R&D Highlights

2018 test beam @Fermilab

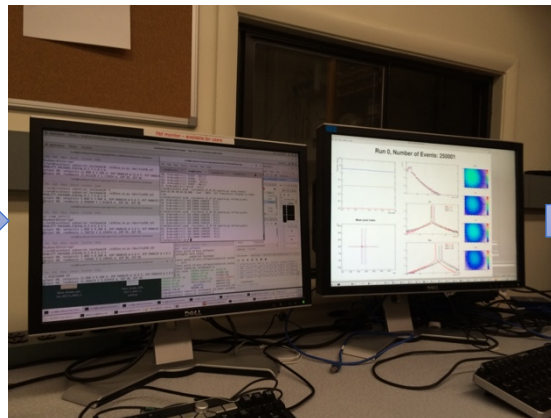


Feb-July 2018 FermiLab Test beam facility, test of each sPHENIX detector subsystem

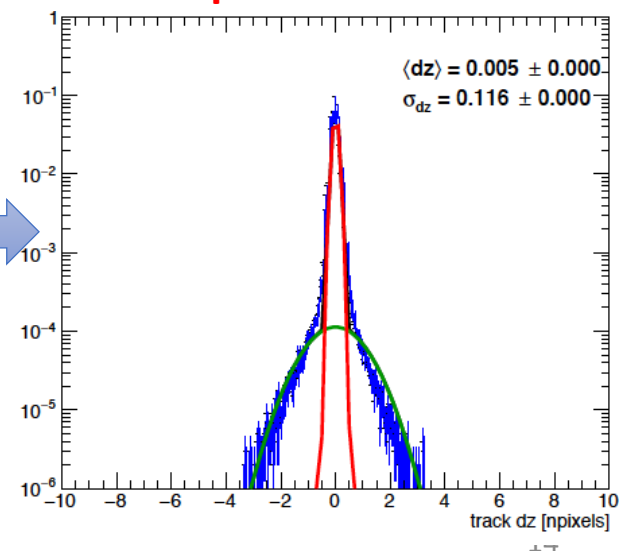
4x MVTX sensor in beam



sPHENIX DAQ



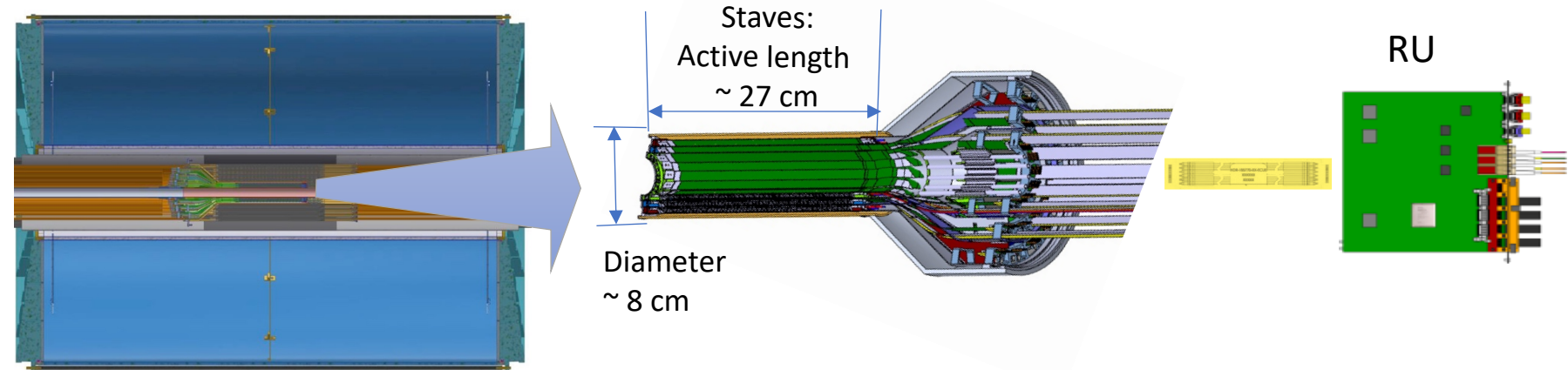
MVTX Hit Spatial Resolution: $< 5 \mu\text{m}$



MVTX Status



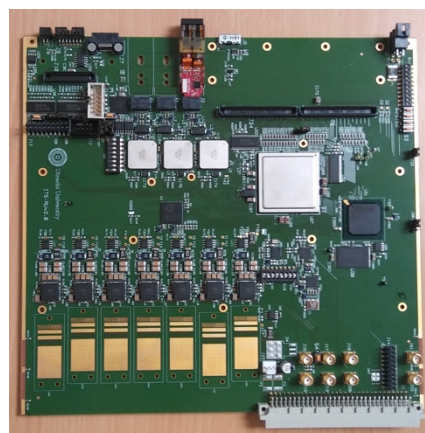
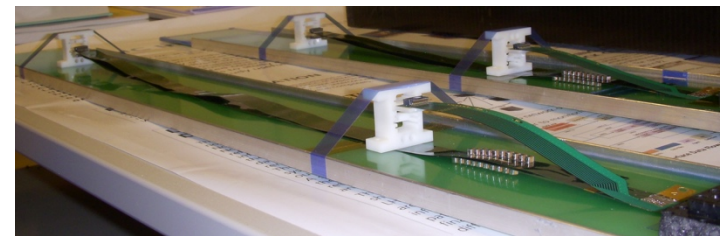
- ▶ Stave & RU production: starts soon following ALICE ITS production at CERN
 - 84 Staves: 3-layer + spares (full inner 2-layer + 20%); 60 RUs: 48 + 25% spares
- ▶ Back-end DAQ: sPHENIX production of ATLAS FELIX cards at BNL
- ▶ Mechanical system design in progress; Installation in 2022, day-1 physics 2023



Sensor tested with sPHENIX extension

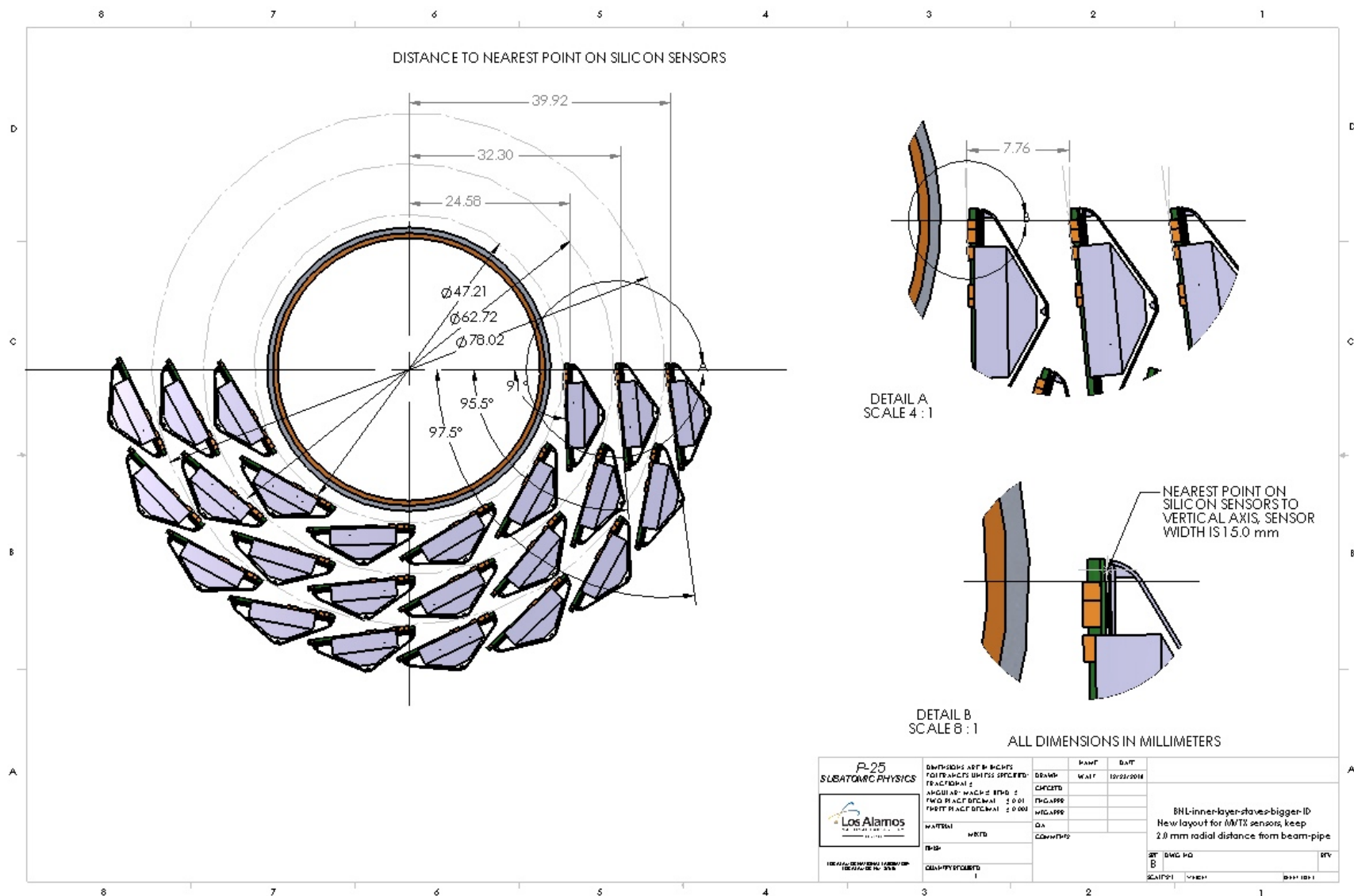
Readout Unit v2

Data Assembly Module (FELIX v2)



In close coordination with
R&D and production for
ALICE/ATLAS Phase-I upgrade

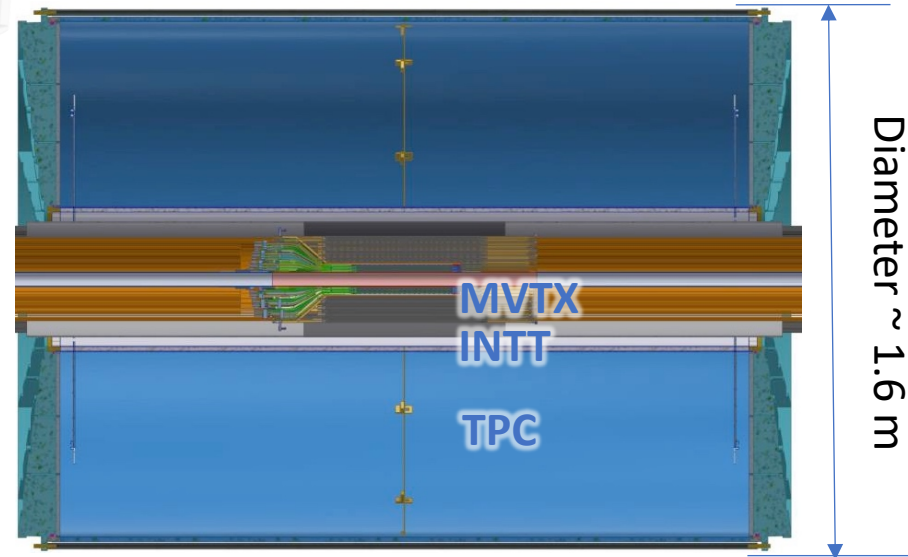
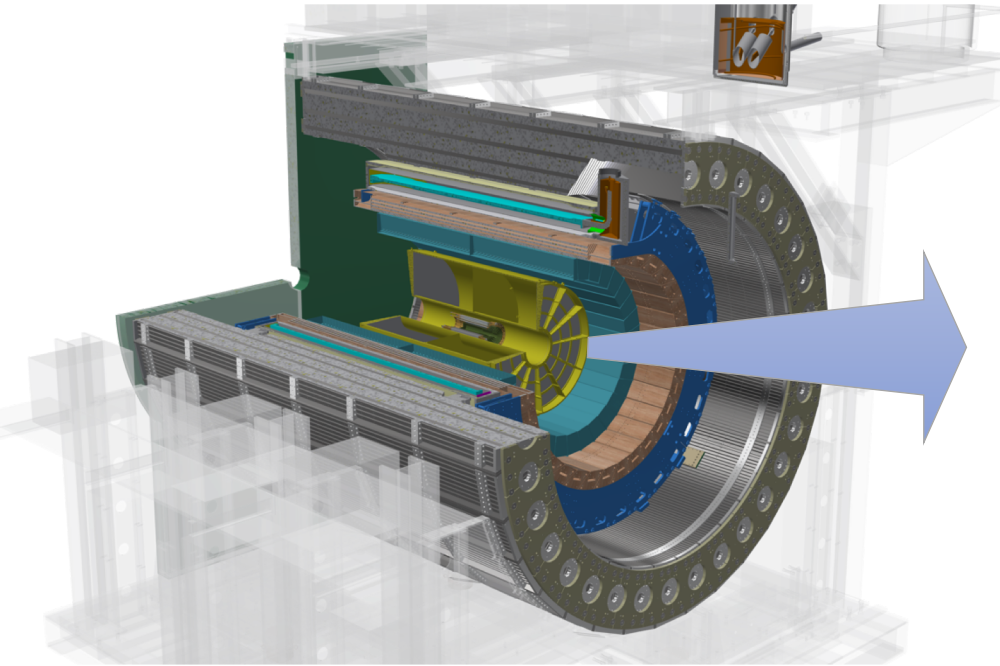
New MVTX Stave Configuration



sPHENIX Tracking Detectors



See also calorimeters – Justin Frantz



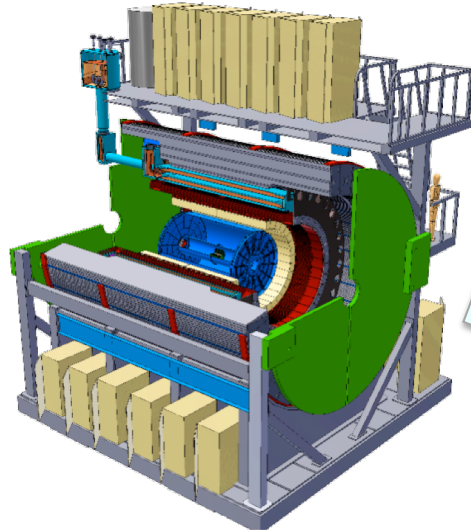
Inner tracker: $|\eta| < 1$

- ▶ **MVTX**: MAPS pixel sensors (3-layer)
 - Modified ALICE ITS IB staves
Precision vertexing **$R_{\text{MVTX}}: 2.5 \sim 4.0 \text{ cm}$**
- ▶ **INTT**: strip silicon sensors (2-layer)
 - Pattern recognition, timing
 $R_{\text{INTT}}: 8 \sim 12 \text{ cm (TBD)}$

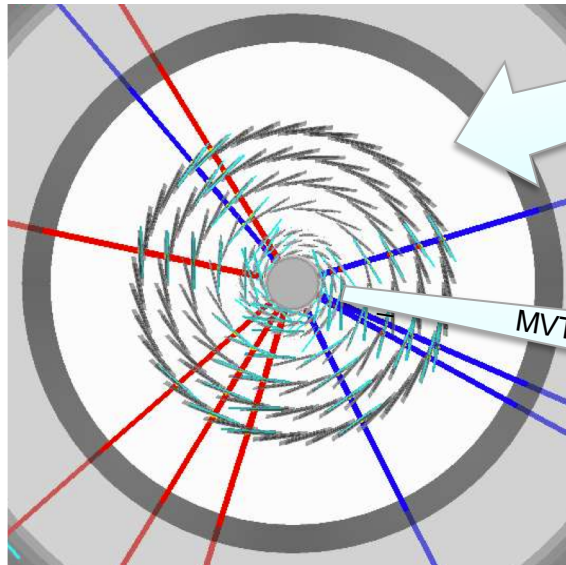
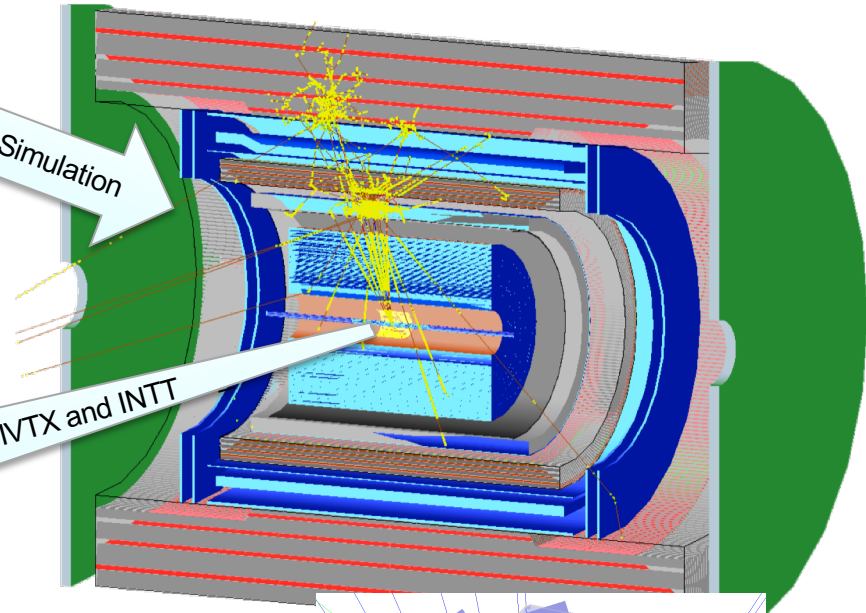
Outer tracker: $|\eta| < 1$

- **TPC**: gateless and continuous readout
 - Provide momentum measurement
- $\delta p/p < 2\%$ for $p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}/c$
 $R_{\text{TPC}}: 30 \sim 78 \text{ cm}$

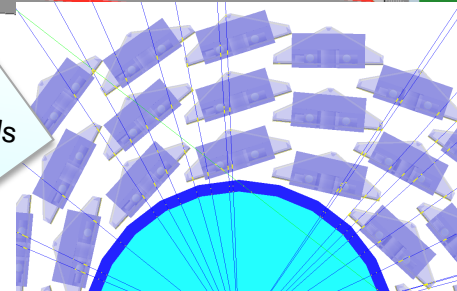
Simulation for b -jet and B -meson



sPHENIX Geant4 display of $p_T=30$ GeV/c B^+ -hadron



MVTX Ladders modeled in details

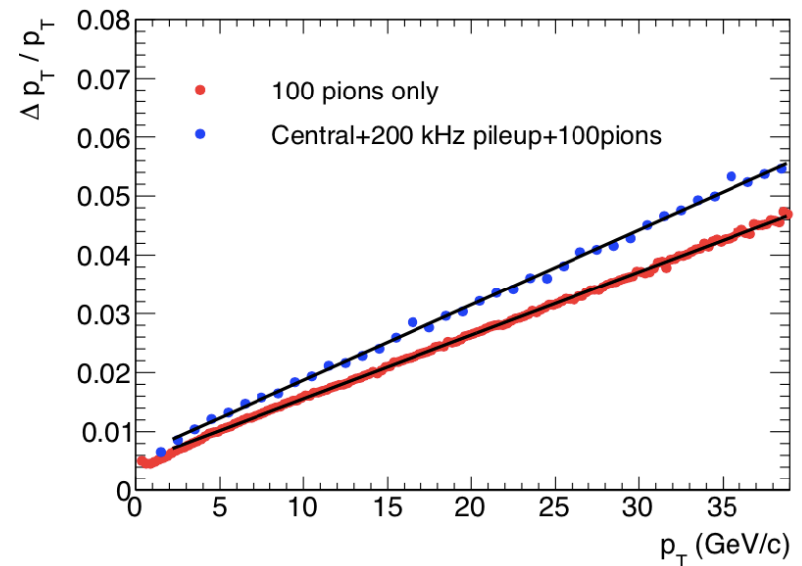
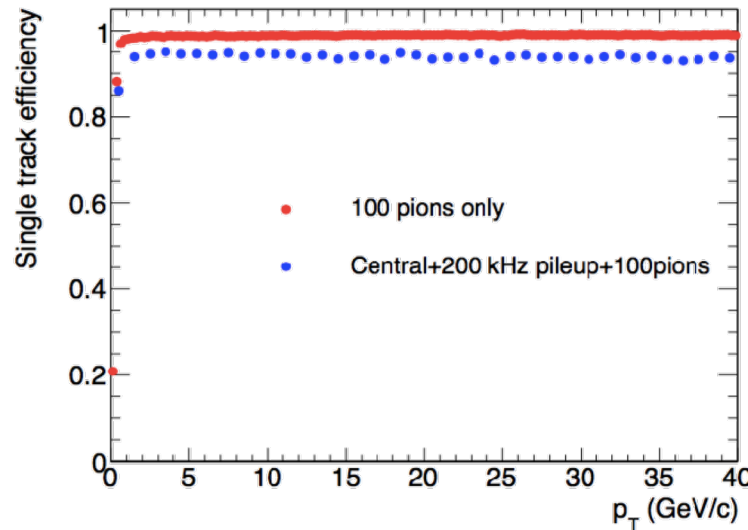
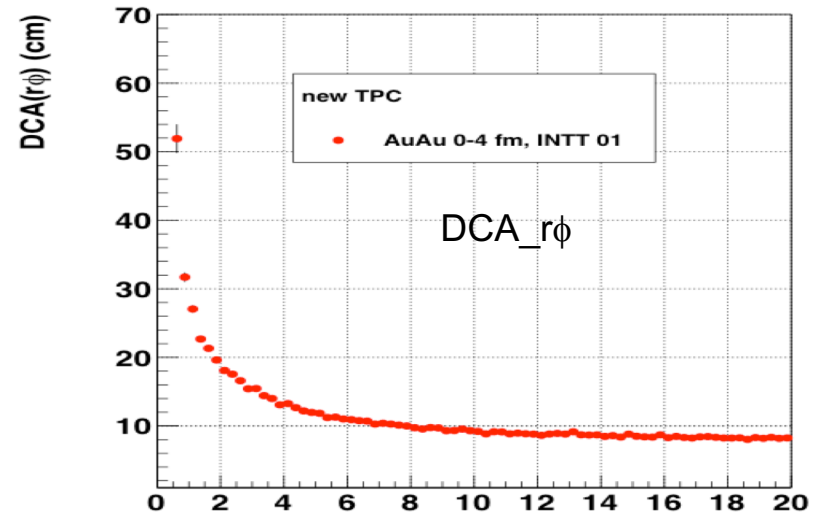


MVTX
sensors

New INTT design: 2-layer (was 4)

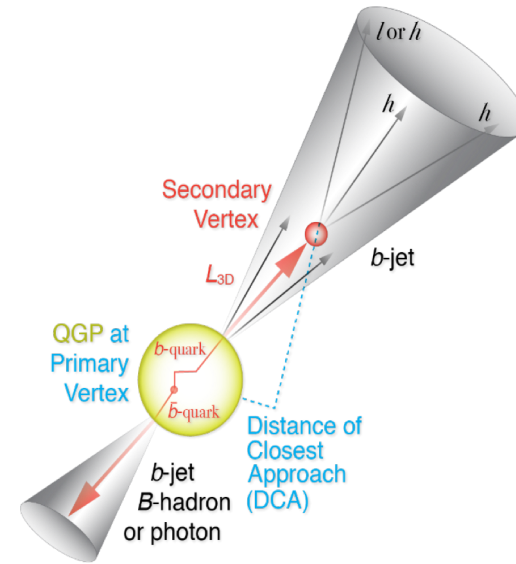
Tracking Performance

- MVTX geometry modeled and digitized according to ALICE ITS/IB
- Cluster resolution: $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$
- $\text{DCA}_{2\text{D}}, \text{DCA}_z < 30 \mu\text{m}$ down to 1 GeV/c
- Robust tracking at top projected RHIC collision rate



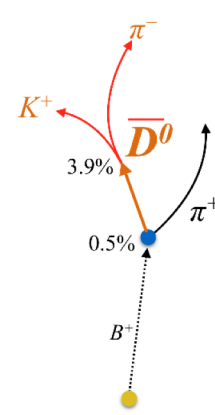
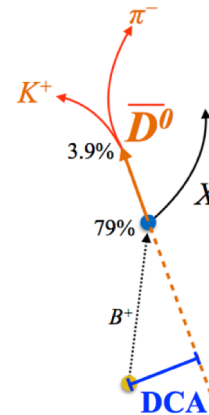
Open Charm & Beauty Production

Hadron	Abundance	$c\tau$ (μm)
D^0	61%	123
D^+	24%	312
D_s	8%	150
Λ_c	6%	60
B^+	40%	491
B^0	40%	455
B_s	10%	453
Λ_b	10%	435



$$B \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + X$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^+$$



b -tagged jet and cor.

$p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$

$$\underline{B \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + X} \quad 60\%$$

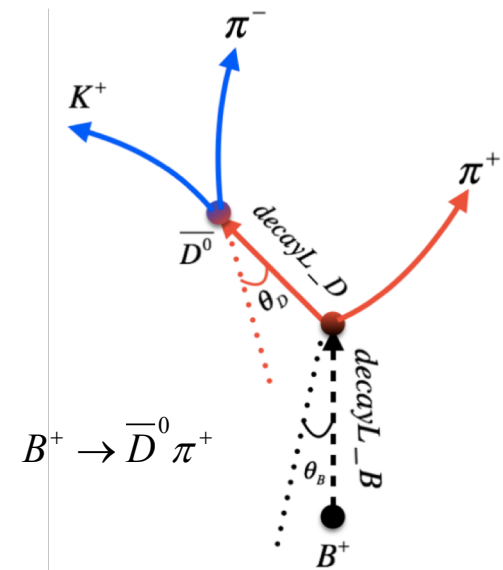
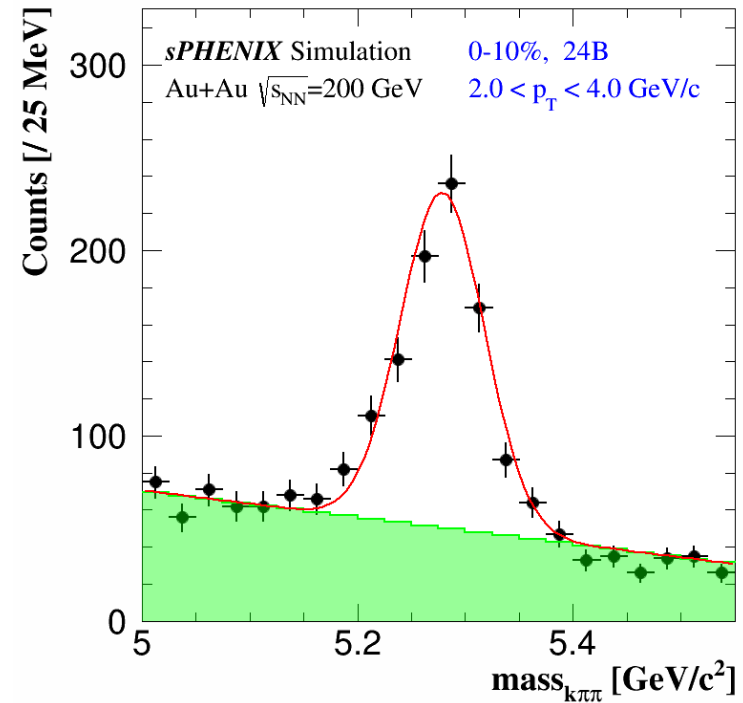
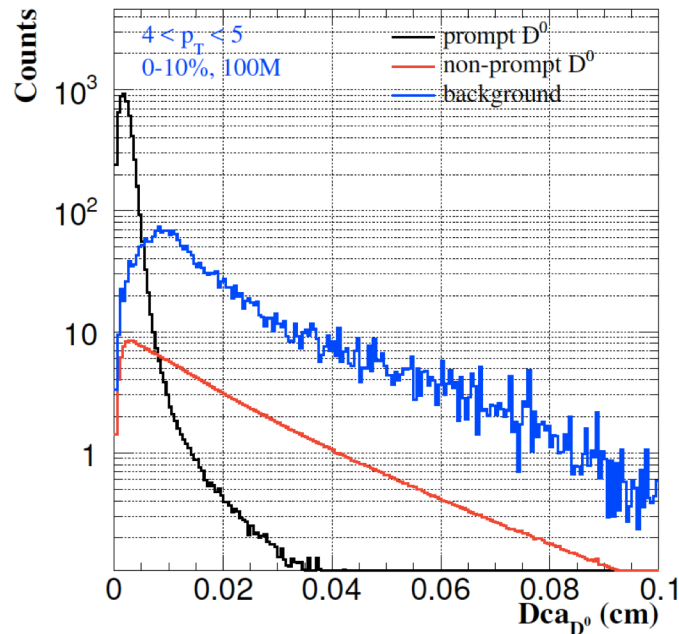
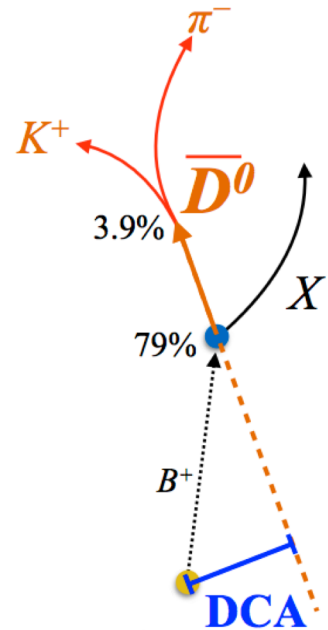
$p_T < 15 \text{ GeV}$

$$\underline{B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^+} \quad 0.5\%$$

Exploring $B \rightarrow J/\psi + X$ and more

B-hadron Tagging

- Impact parameter (DCA) method to tag non-prompt D^0 from B -meson decays
- Inclusive and exclusive channels possible

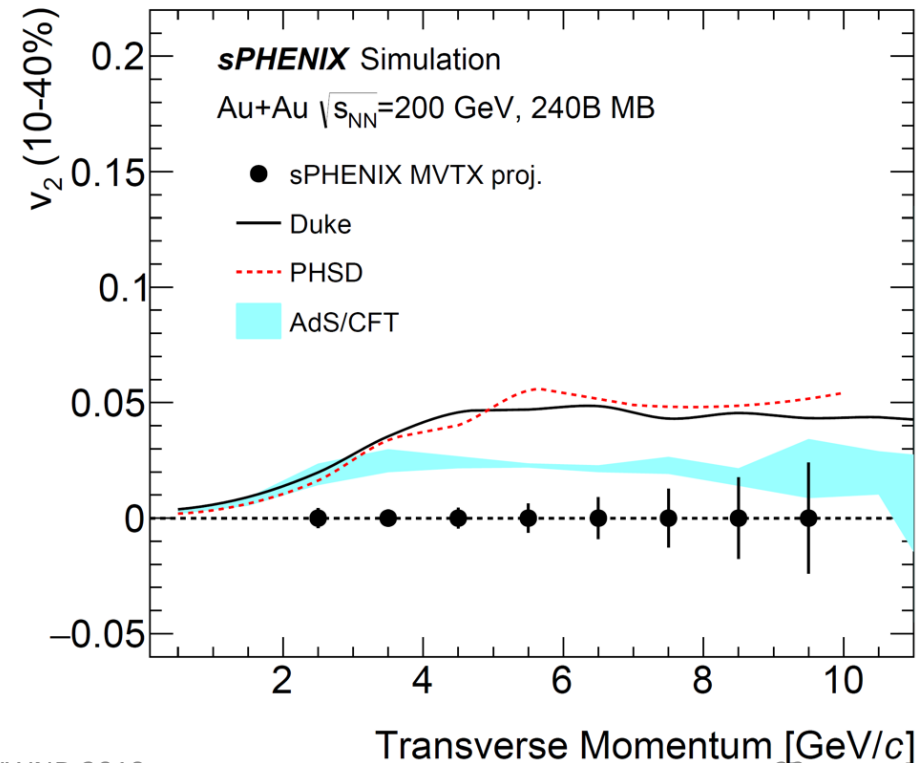
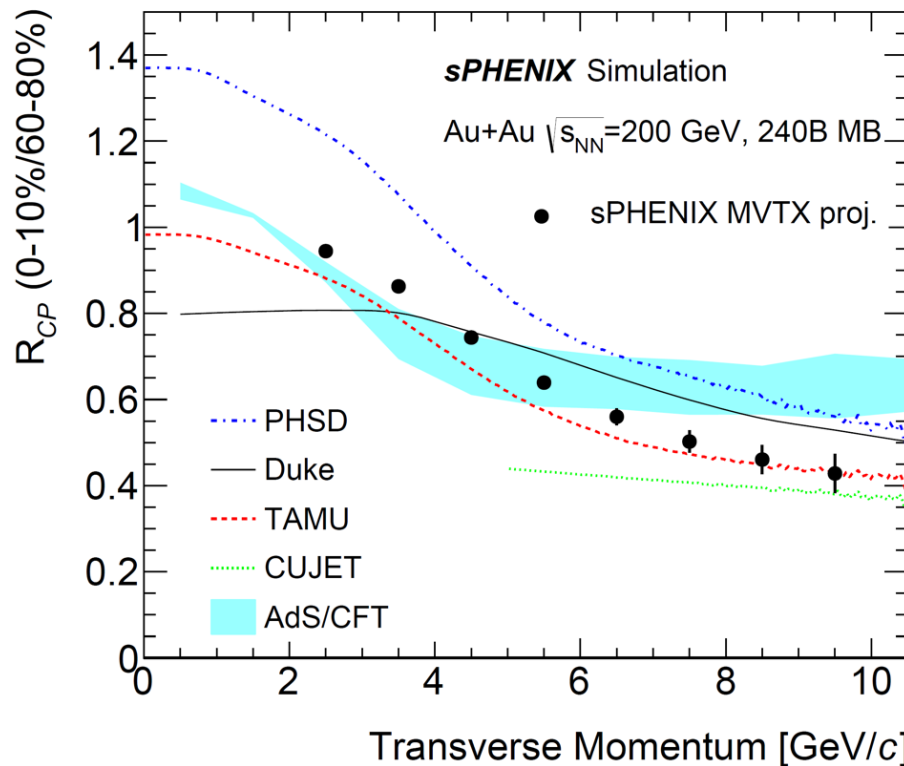


B-meson Projections

- High precision non-prompt- D suppression and flow at RHIC
- Determine the bottom quark collectivity
→ clean access to D_{HQ} at RHIC energy

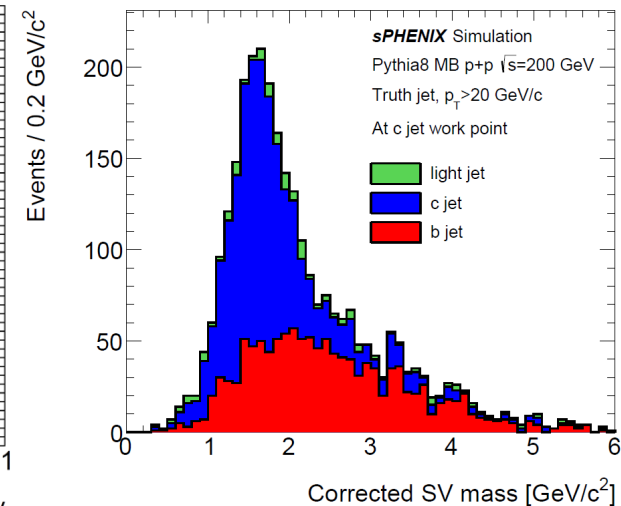
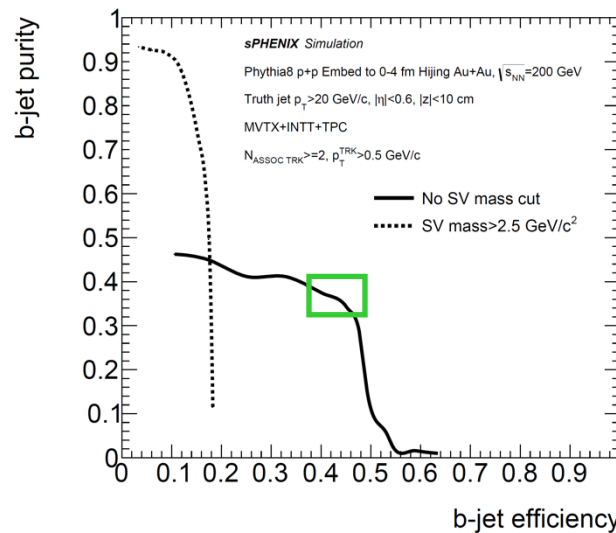
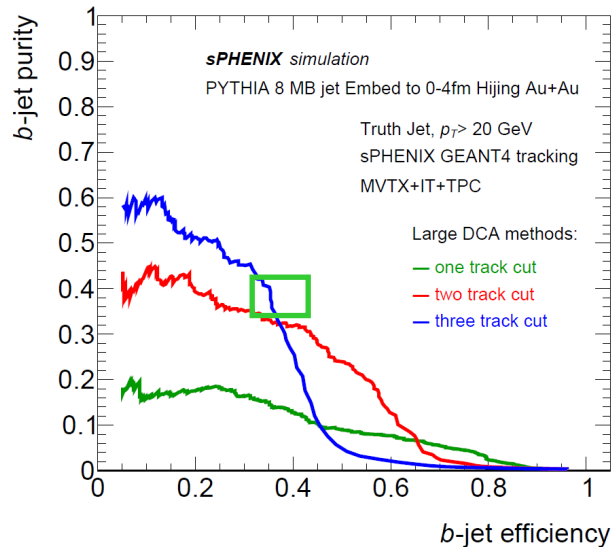
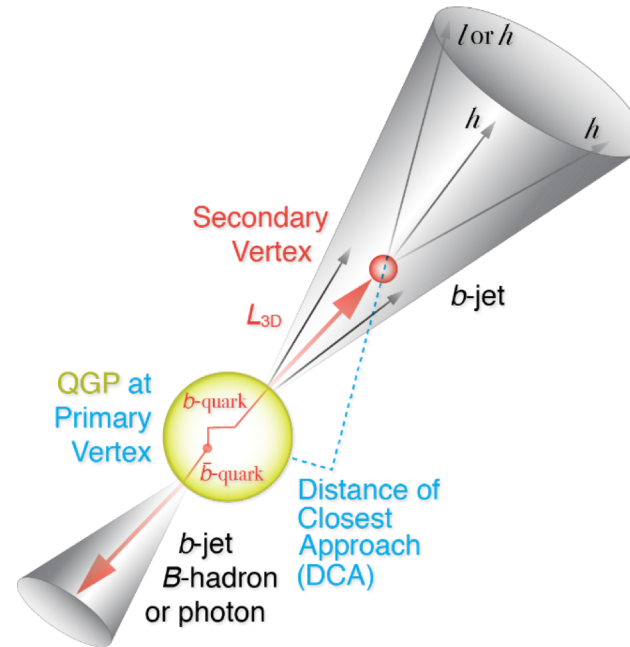
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A+A: non-prompt D -meson and predictions for sPHENIX



B-jet Tagging

- Multi-tracks w/ large DCA
- 2nd vertex mass reco'd

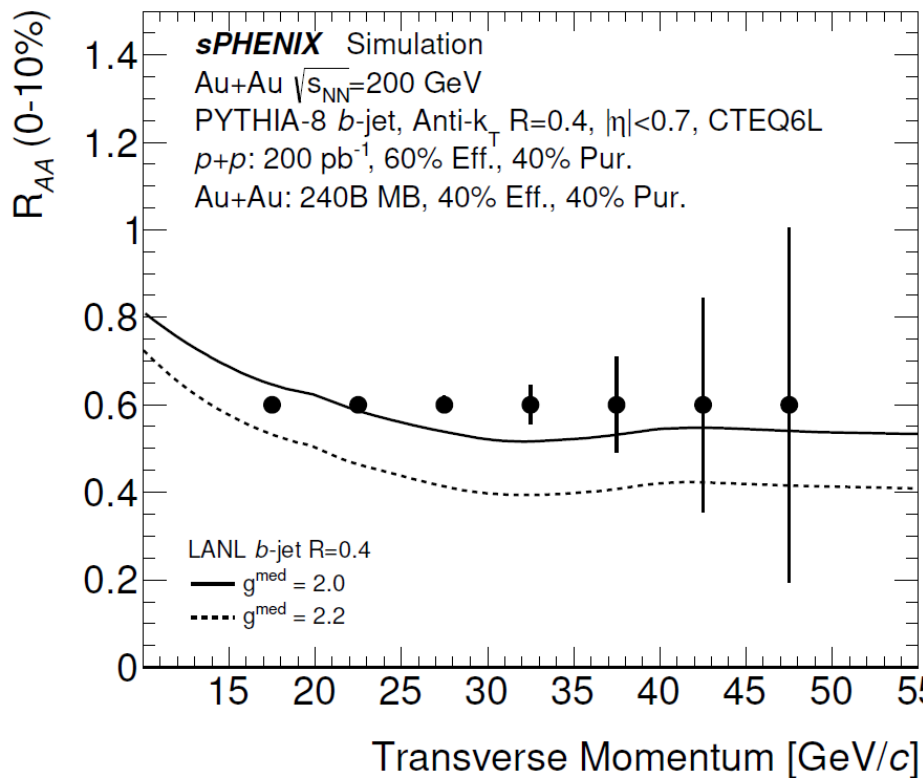


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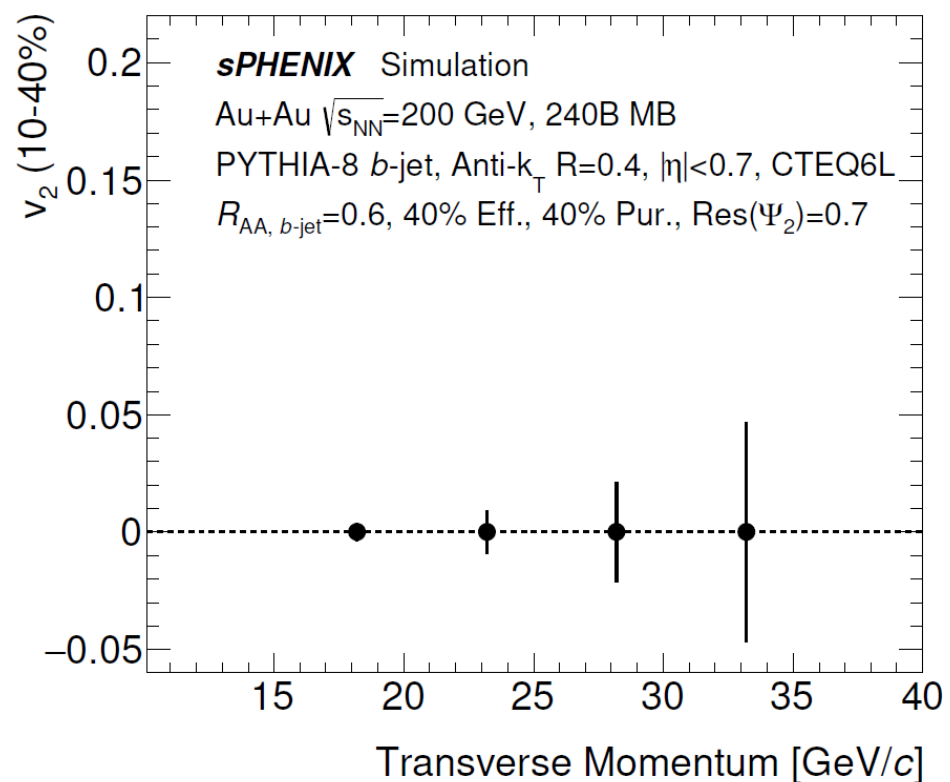
- High precision inclusive b -jet suppression and v_2 at RHIC
- Strong constraints on energy loss models in QGP

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A+A: Inclusive b -jet R_{AA}



Inclusive b -jet v_2



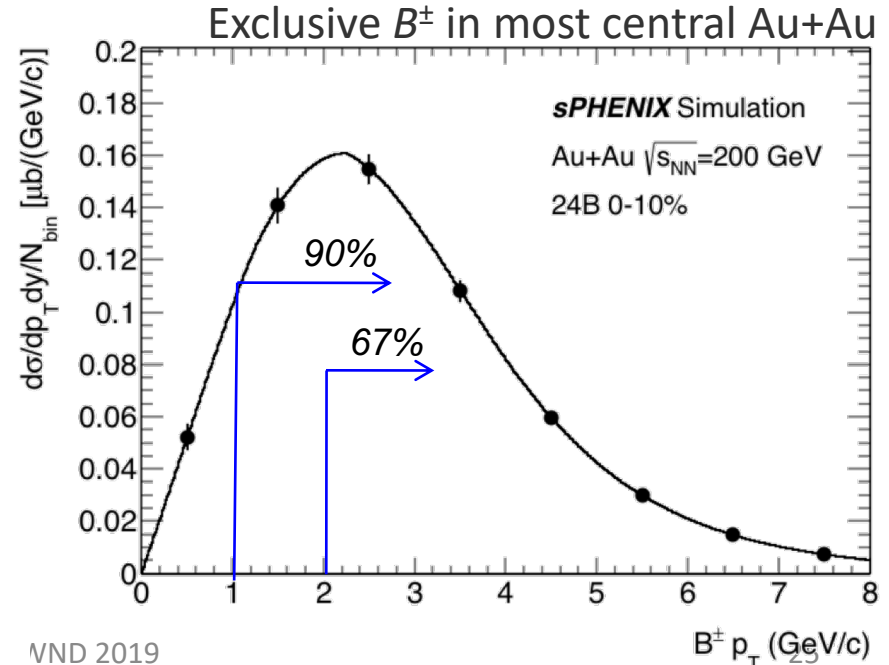
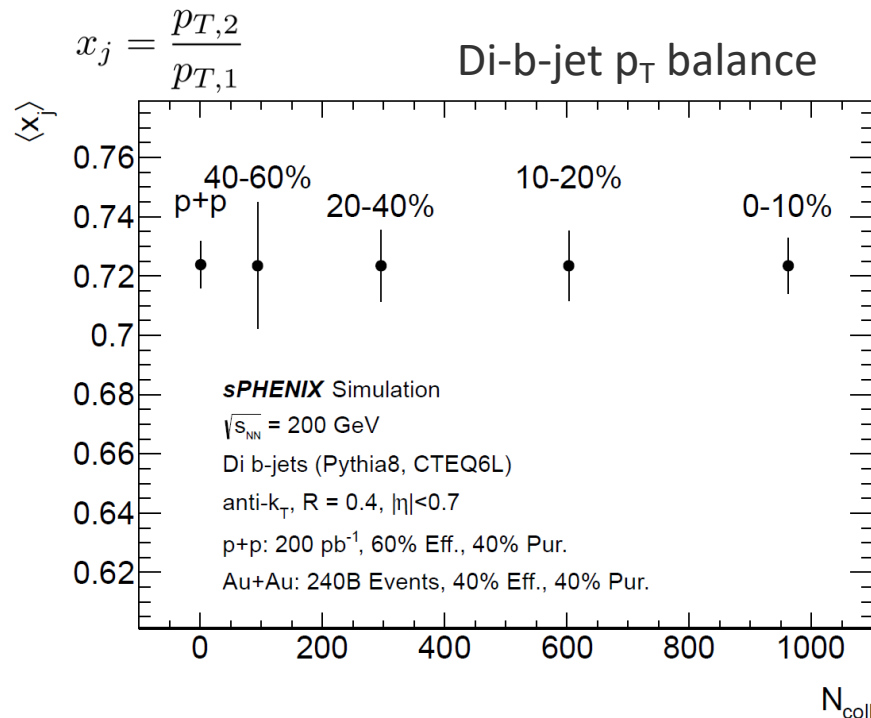
A Broad HF Physics Program



- HF di-jet/hadron correlations, HF jet substructures
- HF baryons, chemistry and hadronization
- Total b -cross section for Upsilon baseline reference

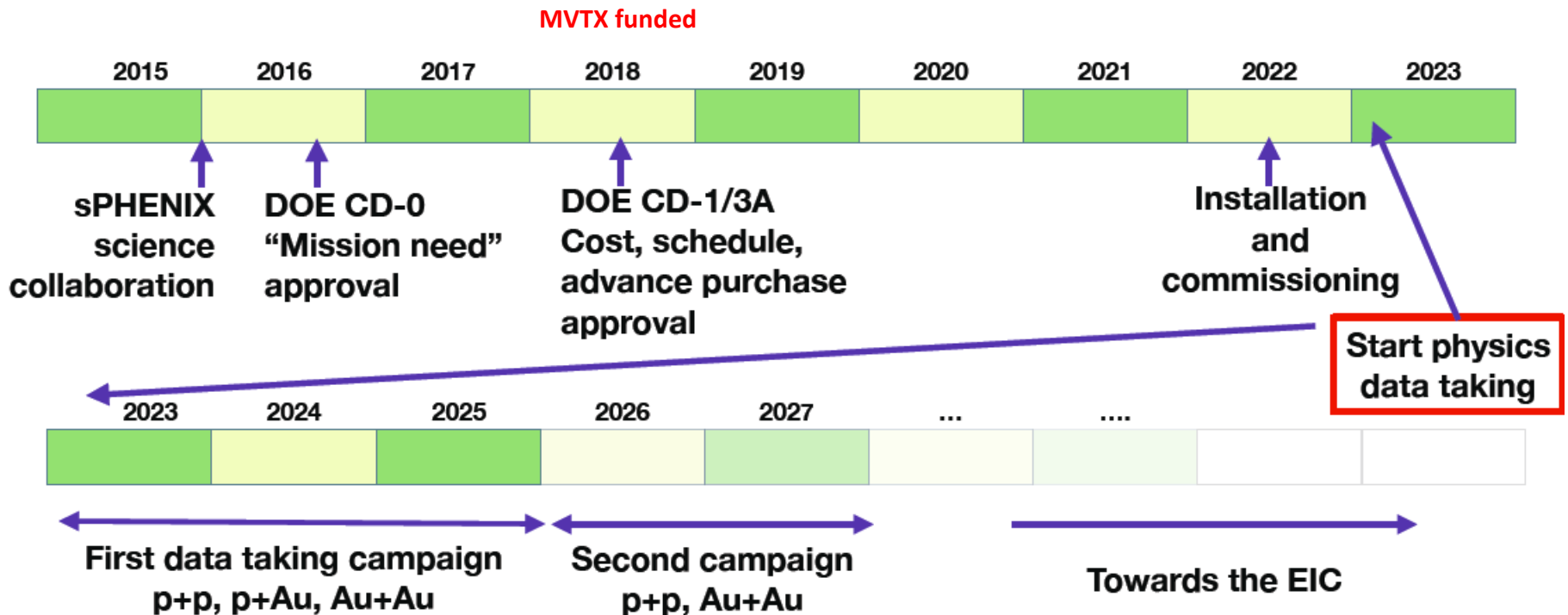
A great opportunity for new ideas and new measurements

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sPHENIX Status and Plan



A Rapidly Growing Collaboration



The sPHENIX collaboration – formed December 2015

More than 70 institutions currently, significant growth since formation

Augustana University
Banaras Hindu University
Baruch College, CUNY
Brookhaven National Laboratory
China Institute for Atomic Energy
CEA Saclay
Central China Normal University
Chonbuk National University
Columbia University
Eötvös University
Florida State University
Fudan University
Georgia State University
Howard University
Hungarian sPHENIX Consortium
Institut de physique nucléaire d'Orsay
Institute for High Energy Physics, Protvino
Institute of Nuclear Research, Russian
Academy of Sciences, Moscow
Institute of Physics, University of Tsukuba
Institute of Modern Physics, China
Iowa State University
Japan Atomic Energy Agency
Charles University (CUNI), Prague
Czech Technical University in Prague (CTU)
Korea University
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Lehigh University
Los Alamos National Laboratory
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Muhlenberg College
Nara Women's University
National Research Centre "Kurchatov
Institute"
National Research Nuclear University "MEPhI"
New Mexico State University
Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Ohio University
Peking University
Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute
Purdue University
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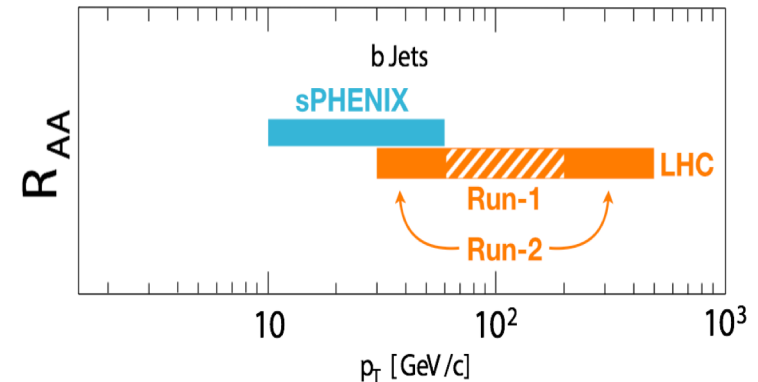


Summary and Outlook



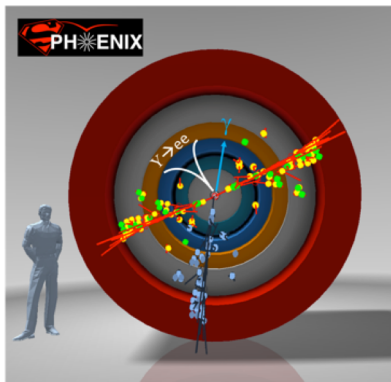
- sPHENIX is the next generation flagship heavy ion physics experiment in the US (NSAC LRP2015)
 - Jets & Upsilon's
 - **B hadron and b-jet physics enabled by MVTX**
- MVTX will complete QGP heavy flavor physics at RHIC
 - Unambiguous determination of key parameters of QGP through precision study of open HF productions
- MVTX on track for day-1 physics in 2023
 - Production begins now
 - Strong community support, ALICE, ATLAS, LANL, BNL *et al*

Complement & extend current and future RHIC and LHC QGP programs

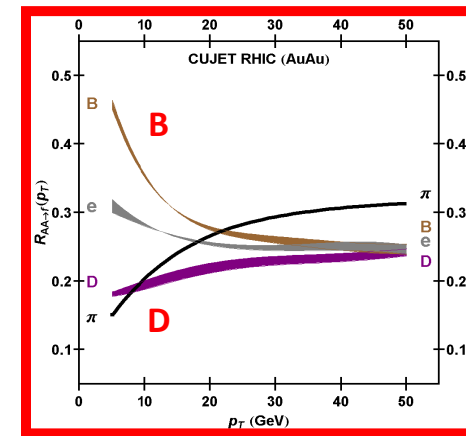
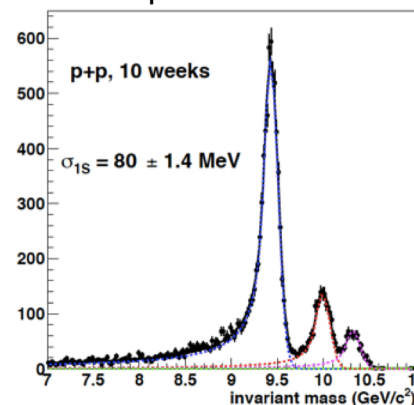


sPHENIX Three Physics Pillars

Jets



Upsilon's



backup

From June 2017
RHIC Users' Meeting talk
by
BNL ALD Berndt Mueller

campaign 1

campaign 2

sPHENIX $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV tentative run plan

Year	Species	Goals
2022*	Au+Au	Commissioning Single jet, di-jet, photon-tagged jet, b-tagged jet spectra D-jet asymmetry Upsilon spectra
2023	p+p p+Au	Reference data for modification of jets, di-jets, b-tagged jets Jet ALL Reference data for cold nuclear matter effects
2024	Au+Au	Direct photon measurement Study of flavor dependence of jet observables Modification of jet fragmentation functions, jet splitting functions, other complex jet observables
2025	p+p	High statistics data for Upsilon modifications High statistics data for jet ALL
2026	Au+Au	High statistics data for b-tagged jets and photon-tagged jets High statistics data for jet fragmentation functions, jet splitting functions, other complex jet observables High statistics data for high p_T direct photons High statistics data for Upsilon modifications, including Y(3S) Collective flow of b-quarks (B hadron elliptic flow)

*operations start now planned for 2023

Evolving

RHIC Multi-Year Plan: sPHENIX 2023-2027+



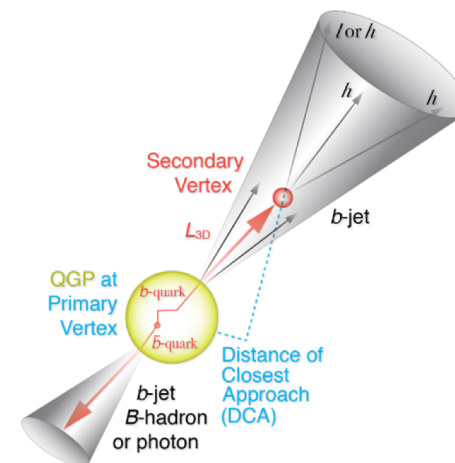
2023

Year	Species	Energy [GeV]	Phys. Wks	Rec. Lum.	Samp. Lum.	Samp. Lum. All-Z
2022	Au+Au	200	16.0	7 nb^{-1}	8.7 nb^{-1}	34 nb^{-1}
2023	p+p	200	11.5	—	48 pb^{-1}	267 pb^{-1}
2023	p+Au	200	11.5	—	0.33 pb^{-1}	1.46 pb^{-1}
2024	Au+Au	200	23.5	14 nb^{-1}	26 nb^{-1}	88 nb^{-1}
2025	p+p	200	23.5	—	149 pb^{-1}	783 pb^{-1}
2026	Au+Au	200	23.5	14 nb^{-1}	48 nb^{-1}	92 nb^{-1}

• Precision vertexing for B-tagging:

- Tracking resolution better than $50\mu\text{m}$ @ $p_T=1\text{GeV}$
- High multiplicity HI collisions
- Low multiplicity but high rate p+p collisions
- High efficiency and high purity

B hadrons/ $p_T < 15\text{GeV}$: $O(1\text{M})$
b-jets/ $p_T > 15\text{GeV}$: $O(100\text{K})$



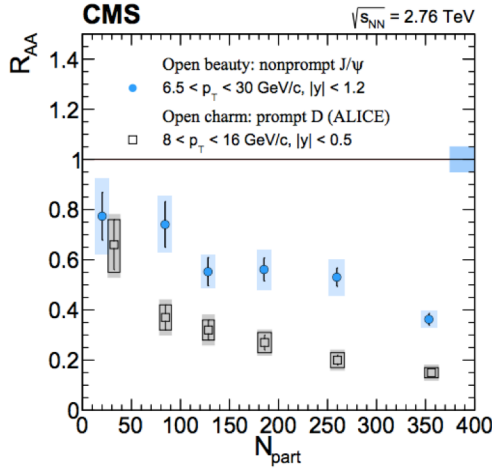
Recent Achievements on Bottom



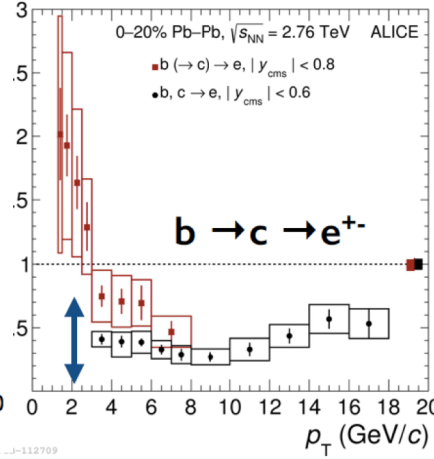
LHC 2.76 TeV

RHIC 200 GeV

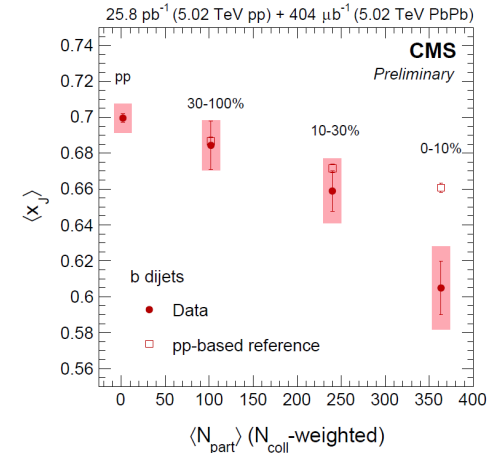
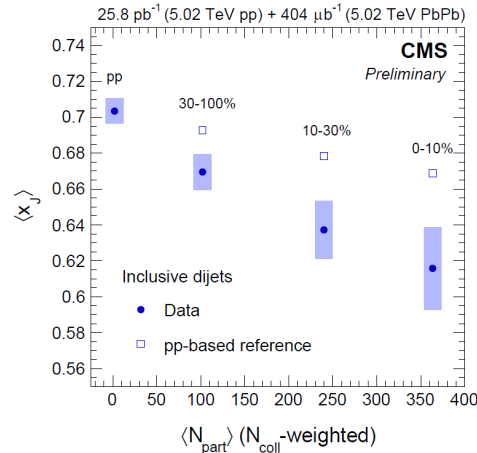
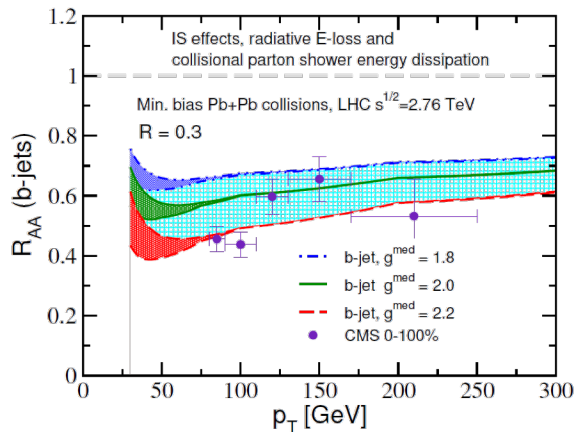
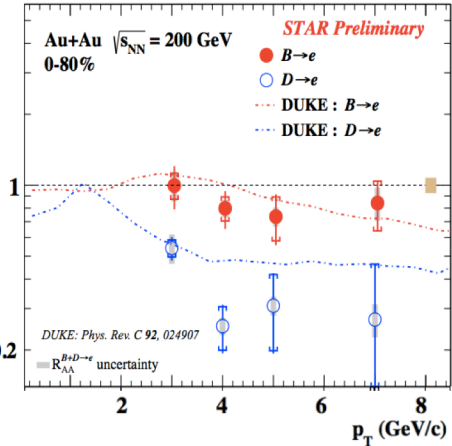
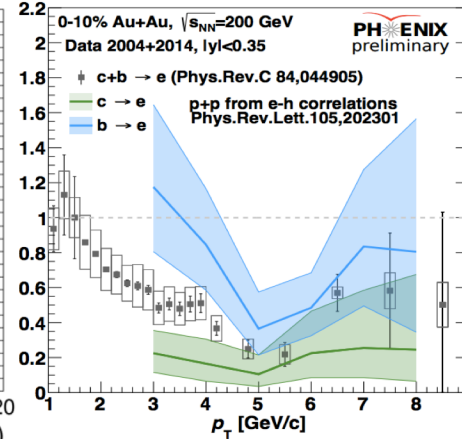
$R_{AA}(J/\psi_B) > R_{AA}(D)$



$R_{AA}(e_B) > R_{AA}(e_{D+B})$



$R_{AA}(e_B) > R_{AA}(e_D)$

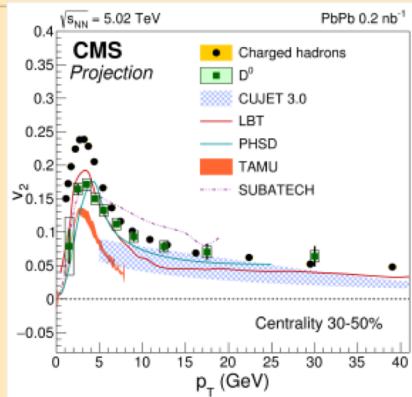


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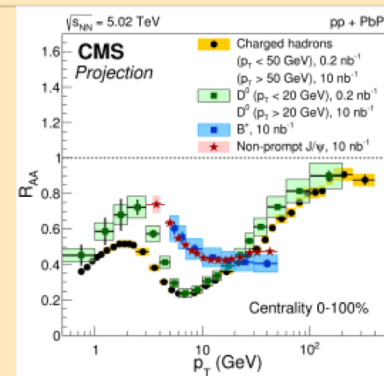
Ming Liu. WWND 2019

sPHENIX vs LHC Projections

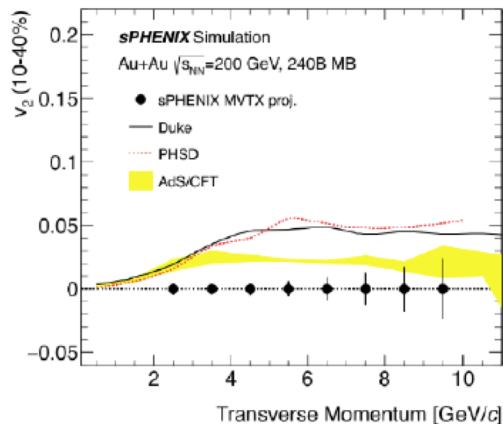
Elliptic flow measures c and b quark thermalization in medium



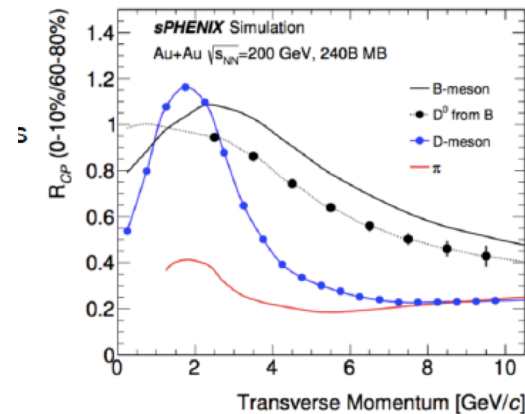
CMS projections for Run III+IV



Open heavy flavor suppression probes flavor dependence of energy loss



sPHENIX projections



sPHENIX vs ALICE Specifications

	ALICE (Run3)	sPHENIX
Pb+Pb / Au+Au	100 kHz (50kHz)	200 kHz
p+p	400 kHz (200kHz)	13 MHz
“Trigger”	C.R. (>50 kHz)	15 kHz

Event size, $dN/d\eta$: sPHENIX = 1/3 ALICE (pp), 1/5 ALICE(AA)

