



# SPHENIX

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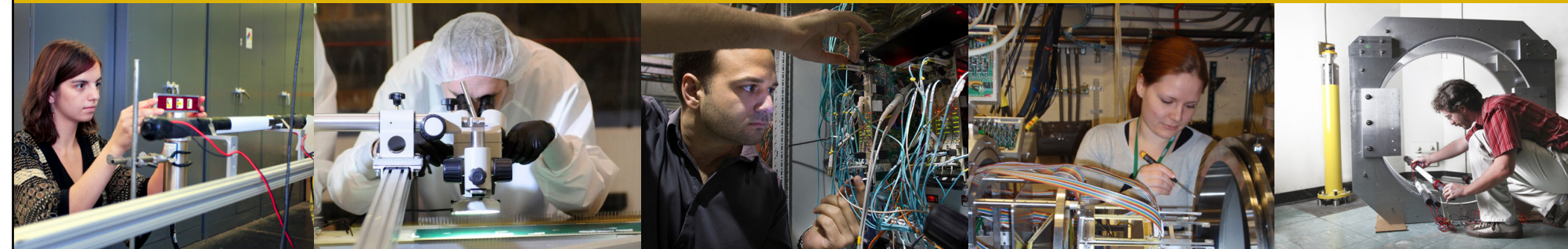
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# REACHING FOR THE HORIZON



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## The 2015 LONG RANGE PLAN for NUCLEAR SCIENCE



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.**



# sPHENIX Program

**Jet structure**  
vary momentum/angular  
scale of probe

**Quarkonium spectroscopy**  
vary size of probe

$Y(3s) 0.78\text{fm}$   
 $Y(2s) 0.56\text{fm}$   
 $Y(1s) 0.28\text{fm}$



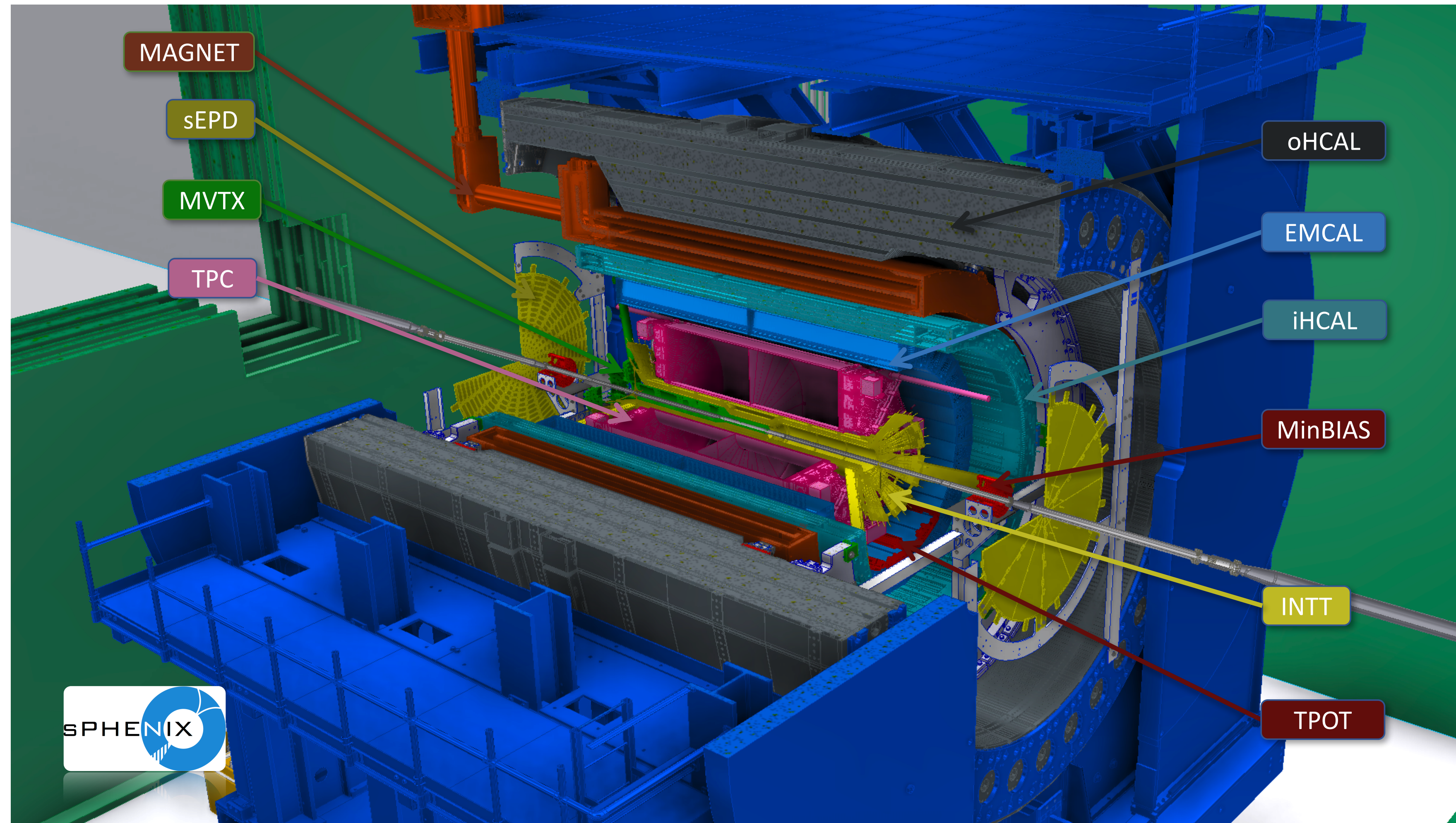
**Parton energy loss**  
vary mass/momentum of probe

u,d,s	
photon gluon	
c	
b	

**Cold QCD**  
study proton spin,  
transverse-momentum,  
and cold nuclear effects



# sPHENIX Detector



- large, uniform acceptance
- full electromagnetic and hadronic calorimetry
- high precision tracking/vertexing
- huge AuAu samples, without biased triggered

*optimized for hard probes and unique among RHIC experiments!*



# sPHENIX relies on RHIC's ability to deliver high luminosity ion beams

**Table 2: Demonstrated and projected luminosities for 100 GeV/nucleon Au+Au runs.**

Parameter	Unit	FY2007	2010	2011	2014	2016	2023E	2025E
No of bunches $k_b$	...	103	111	111	111	111	111	111
Ions/bunch, initial $N_b$	$10^9$	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.90
Average beam current/ring $I_{avg}$	mA	112	121	147	176	224	265	319
Stored beam energy	MJ	0.36	0.39	0.47	0.56	0.71	0.84	1.0
Envelope function at IP $\beta^*$	m	0.85	0.75	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.65
Beam-beam parameter $\xi/IP$	$10^{-3}$	-1.7	-1.5	-2.1	-2.5	-3.9	-4.6	-5.6
<b>Initial luminosity <math>L_{init}</math></b>	<b><math>10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}</math></b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>336</b>
Events per bunch-bunch crossing $\mu$	...	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.21	0.40	0.55	0.86
Average/initial luminosity	%	40	50	60	62	56	58	60
<b>Average store luminosity <math>L_{avg}</math></b>	<b><math>10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}</math></b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>200</b>
Time in store	%	48	53	59	68	65	60	60
Max. luminosity/week	$\mu\text{b}^{-1}$	380	650	1000	2200	3000	4530	7260
Min. luminosity/week	$\mu\text{b}^{-1}$						3000	3000
$L$ within $ z  < 10$ cm, $\theta = 0$ mrad, $r_0/r_\theta$ *	%						39/39	39/39
$L$ within $ z  < 10$ cm, $\theta = 2$ mrad, $r_0/r_\theta$ *	%						31/81	31/81

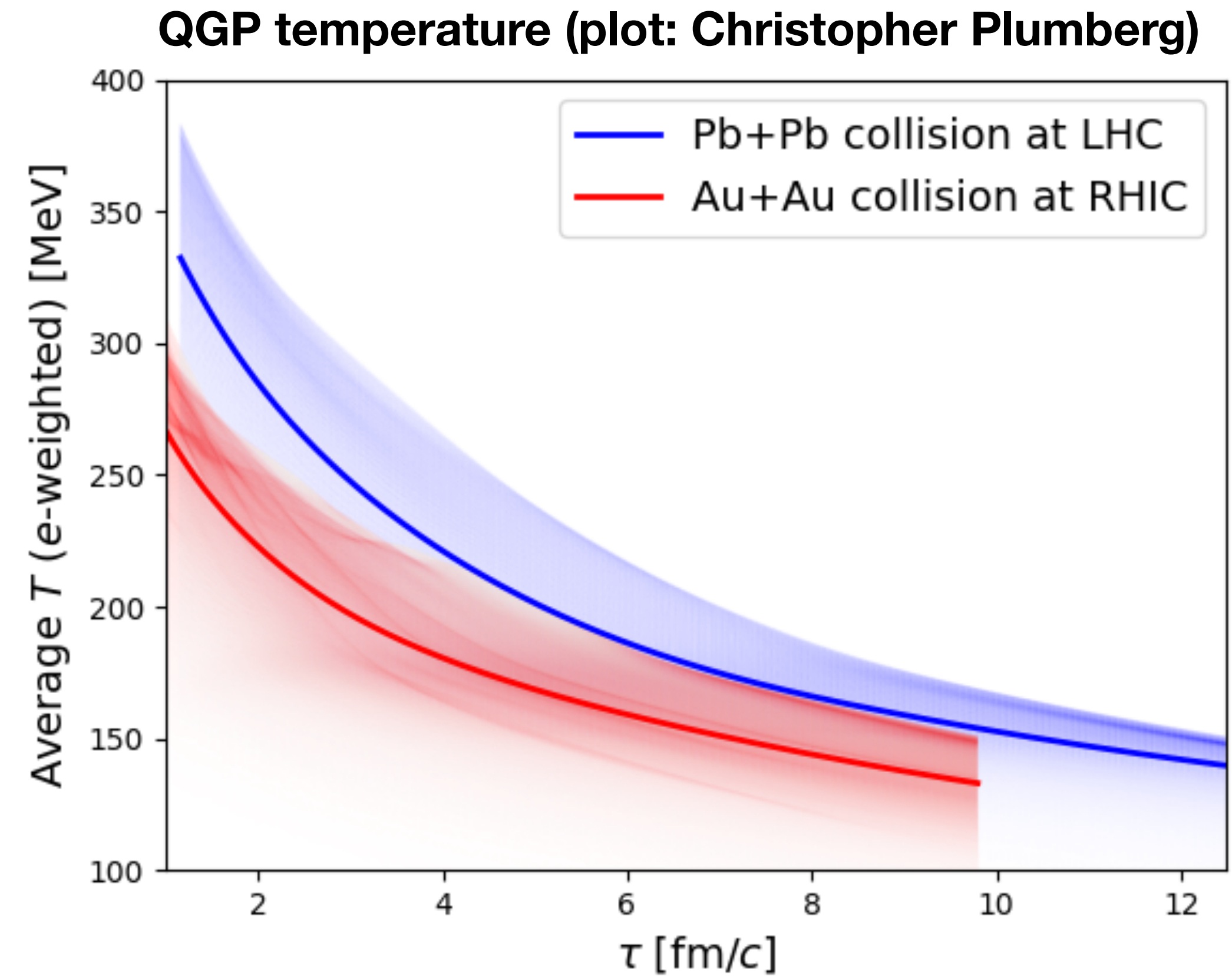
**~2x increase in  
RHIC in sPHENIX  
era AuAu  
luminosity over  
2016**

\* Luminosity  $L(z, \theta)$  within vertex cut  $|z|$  for full crossing angle  $\theta$ . The values  $r_0/r_\theta$  are  $r_0 = L(z, \theta)/L(10 \text{ m}, 0)$  and  $r_\theta = L(z, \theta)/L(10 \text{ m}, \theta)$ .



# why jets at RHIC?

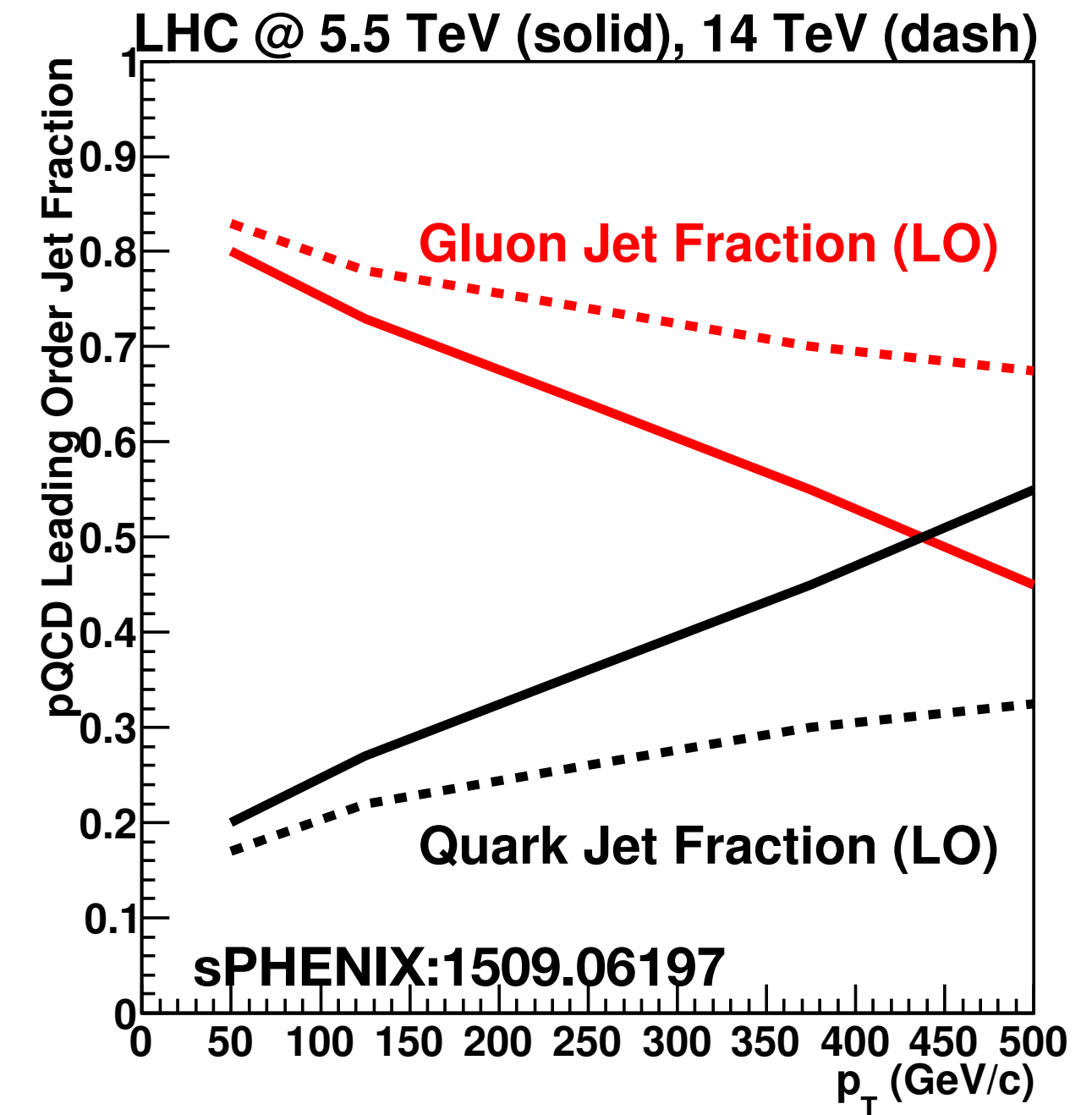
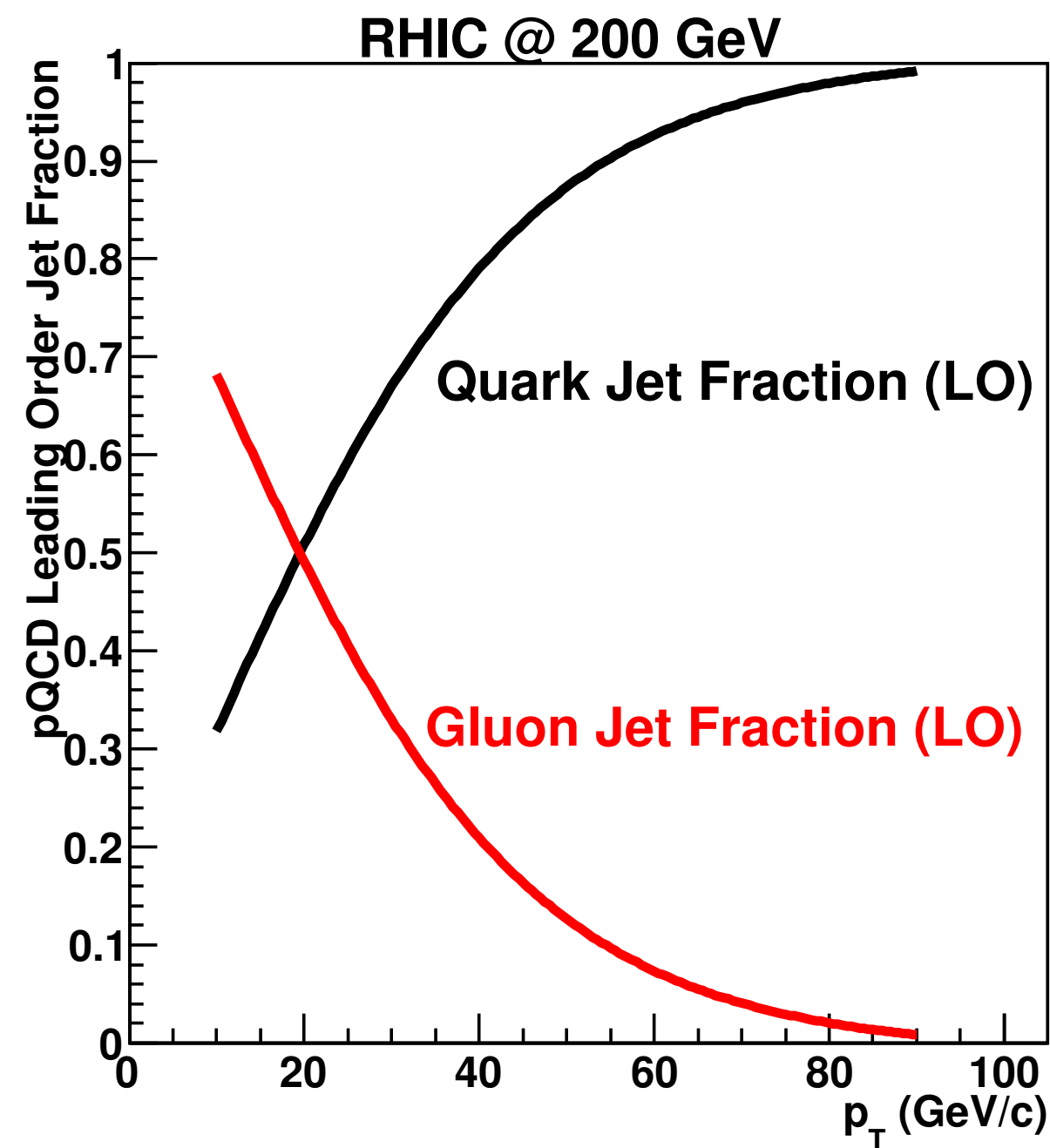
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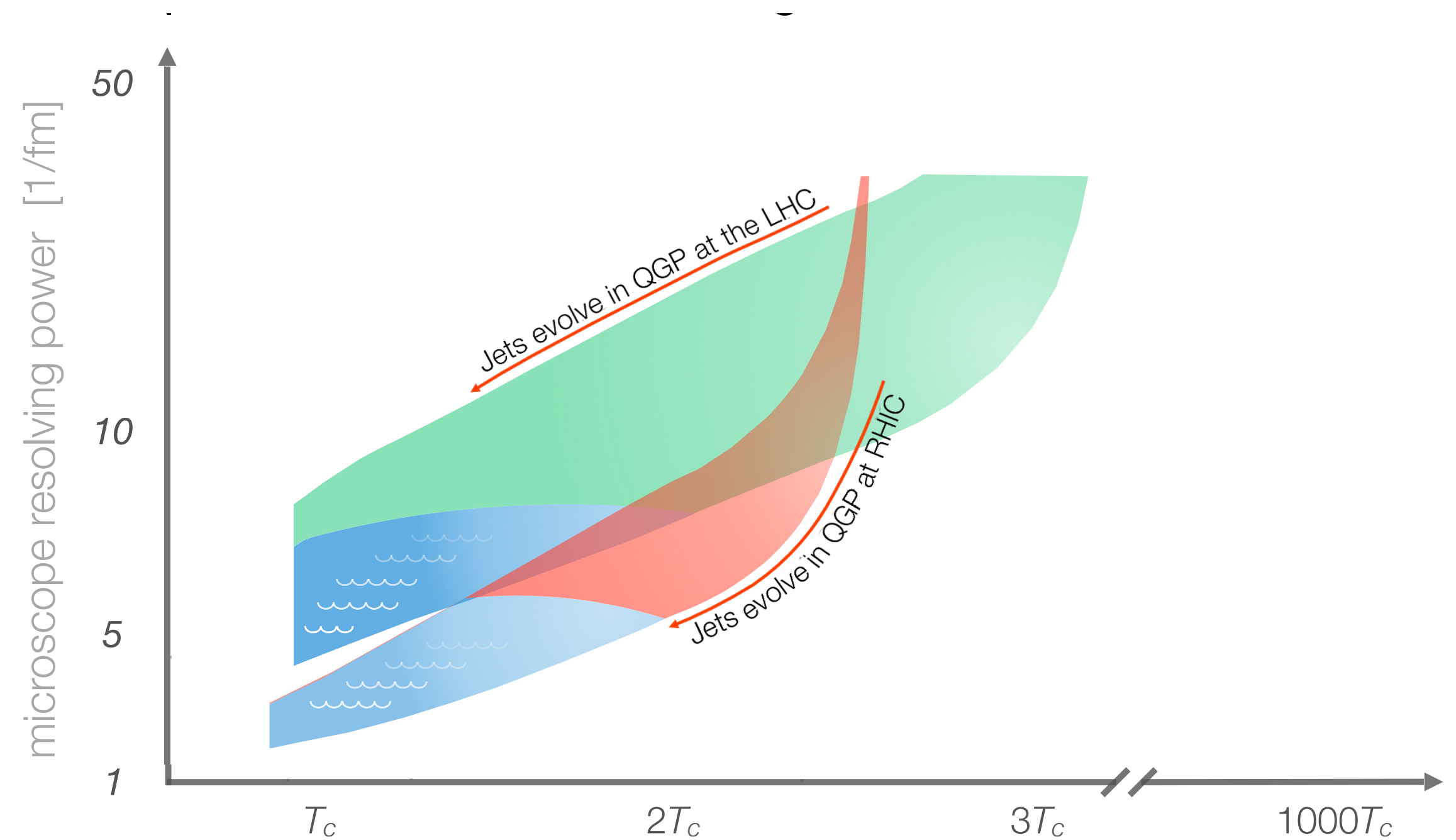
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- **Different QGP**: lower temperatures, closer to the QGP transition
- **Different jets**: jet flavor composition at the lower collision energy
- **Different QGP/jet interaction**: lower energy jets are expected to spend more of their evolution interacting at QGP scales



jets evolve at **QGP scales** for a larger fraction of their evolution at **RHIC** than the **LHC**



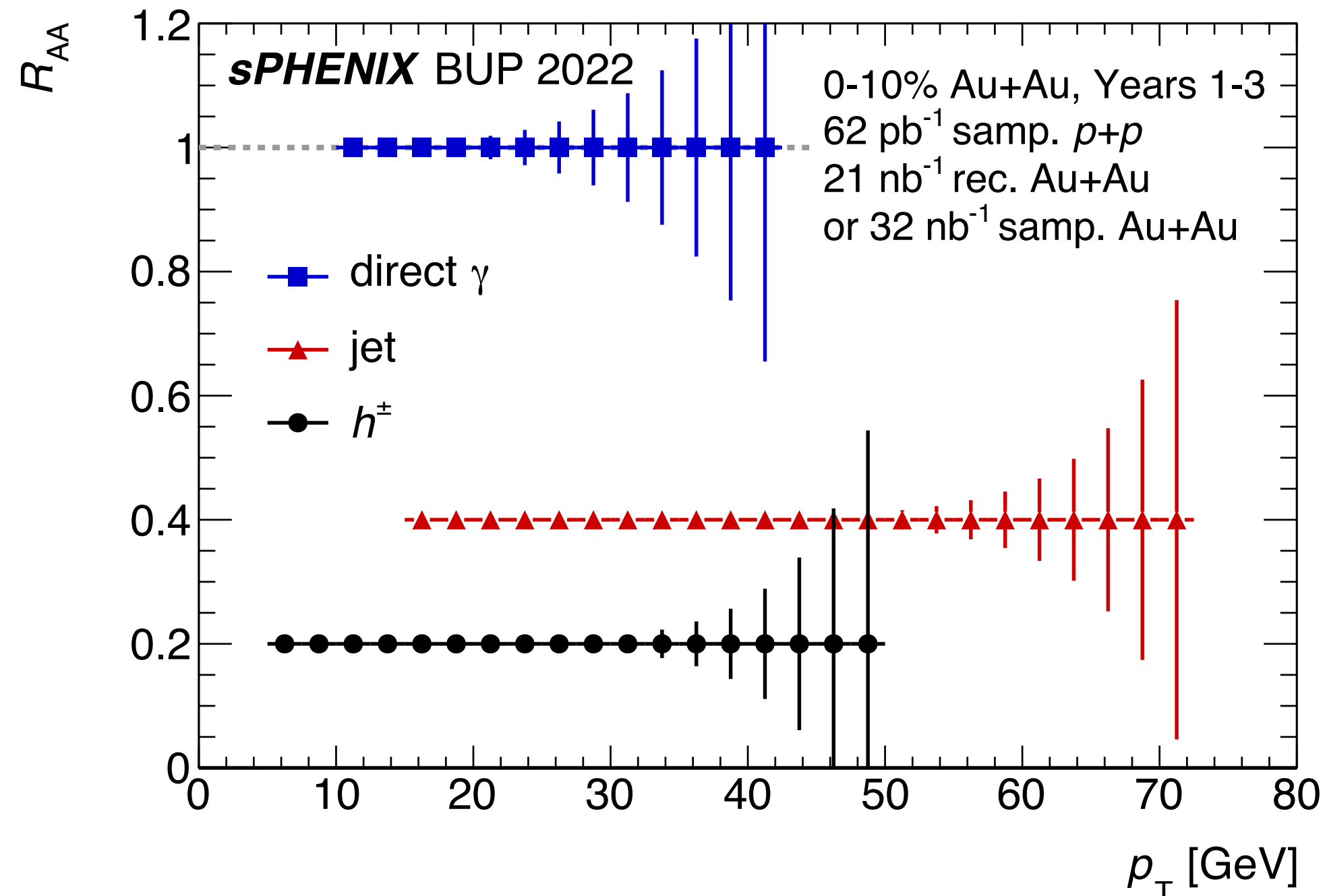
# sPHENIX Run Plan

Year	Species	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]	Cryo Weeks	Physics Weeks	Rec. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm	Samp. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm
2023	Au+Au	200	24 (28)	9 (13)	3.7 (5.7) nb <sup>-1</sup>	4.5 (6.9) nb <sup>-1</sup>
2024	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$	200	24 (28)	12 (16)	0.3 (0.4) pb <sup>-1</sup> [5 kHz] 4.5 (6.2) pb <sup>-1</sup> [10%-str]	45 (62) pb <sup>-1</sup>
2024	$p^\uparrow + \text{Au}$	200	–	5	0.003 pb <sup>-1</sup> [5 kHz] 0.01 pb <sup>-1</sup> [10%-str]	0.11 pb <sup>-1</sup>
2025	Au+Au	200	24 (28)	20.5 (24.5)	13 (15) nb <sup>-1</sup>	21 (25) nb <sup>-1</sup>

- 2023: Commissioning & first AuAu physics
- 2024:
  - pp data for HI reference and transverse spin measurements
  - pA data: cold QCD & small systems measurements
- 2025: High luminosity AuAu running, >140B MB AuAu collisions recorded



# jets & photons



Signal	Au+Au 0-10% Counts	<i>p+p</i> Counts
Jets $p_T > 20$ GeV	22 000 000	11 000 000
Jets $p_T > 40$ GeV	65 000	31 000
Direct Photons $p_T > 20$ GeV	47 000	5 800
Direct Photons $p_T > 30$ GeV	2 400	290
Charged Hadrons $p_T > 25$ GeV	4 300	4 100

three-year run plan provides jets in AuAu & *pp* collisions over nearly the whole kinematic range accessible at RHIC

huge data samples allow for precision  $R_{AA}$  measurements + many other measurements



# photon-jet measurements

photon-jet balance: key energy loss measurement

**ATLAS**

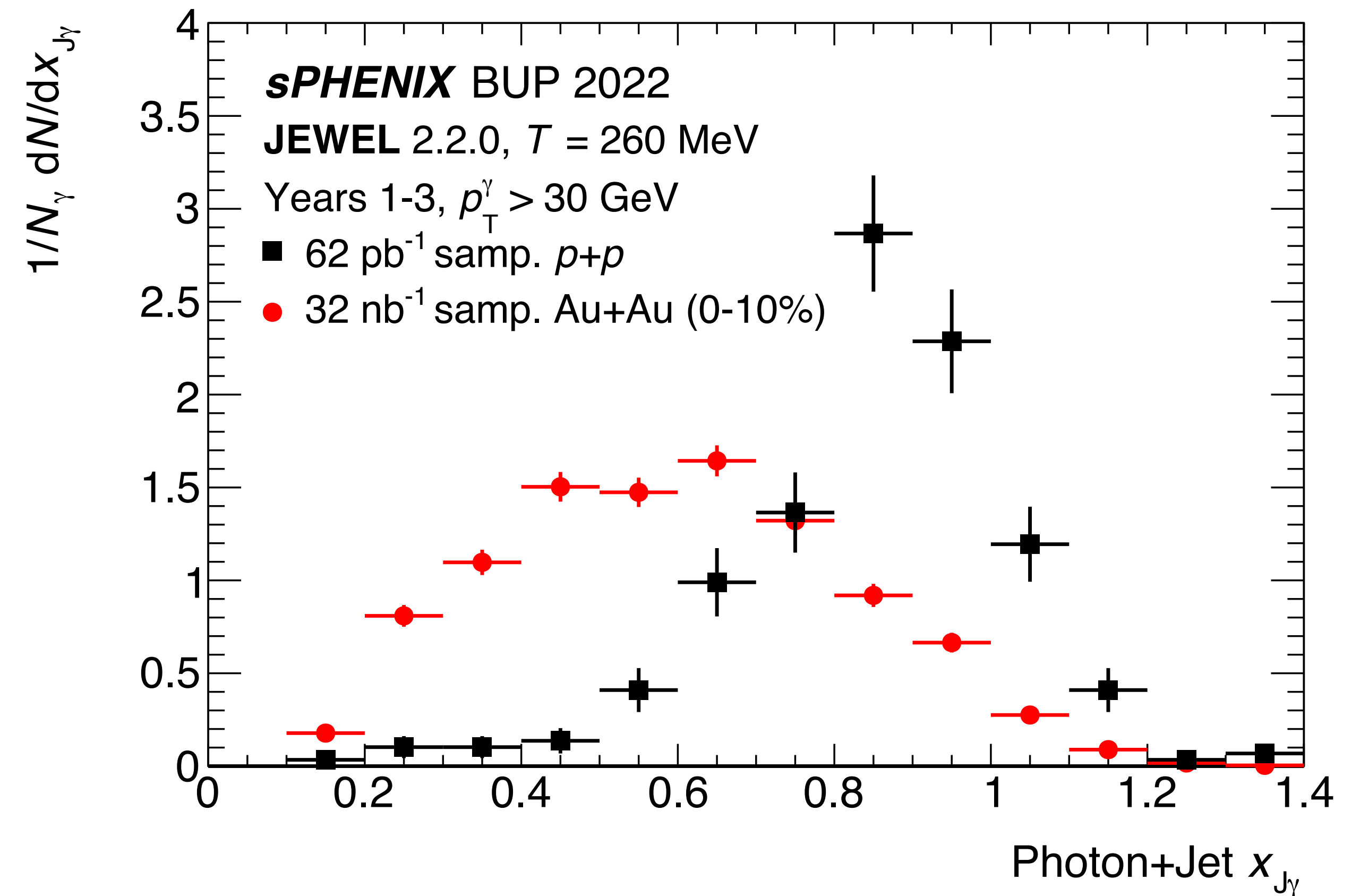
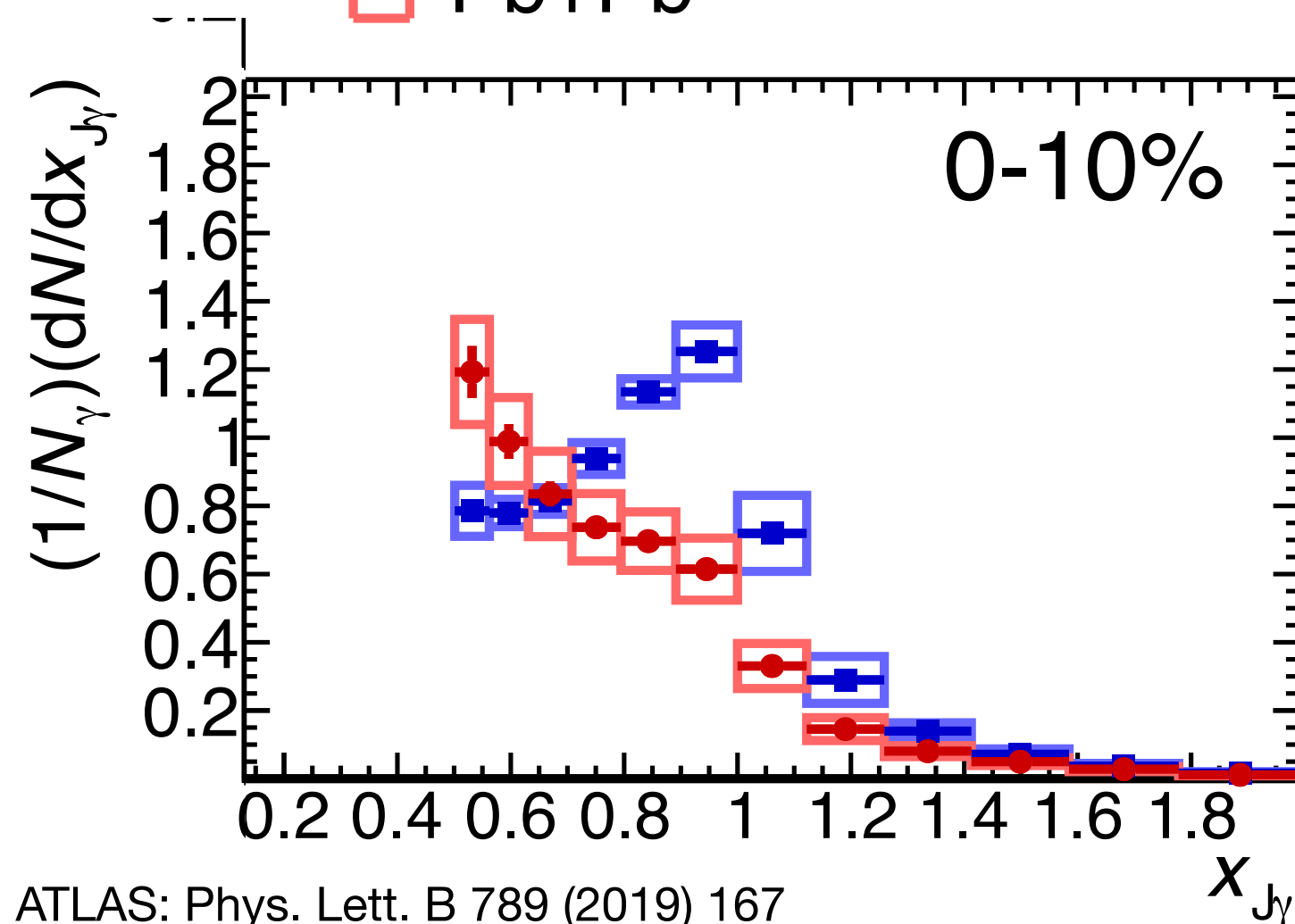
$pp$  5.02 TeV, 25  $\text{pb}^{-1}$

Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV, 0.49  $\text{nb}^{-1}$

$p_T^\gamma = 63.1\text{-}79.6$  GeV

■  $pp$  (same each panel)

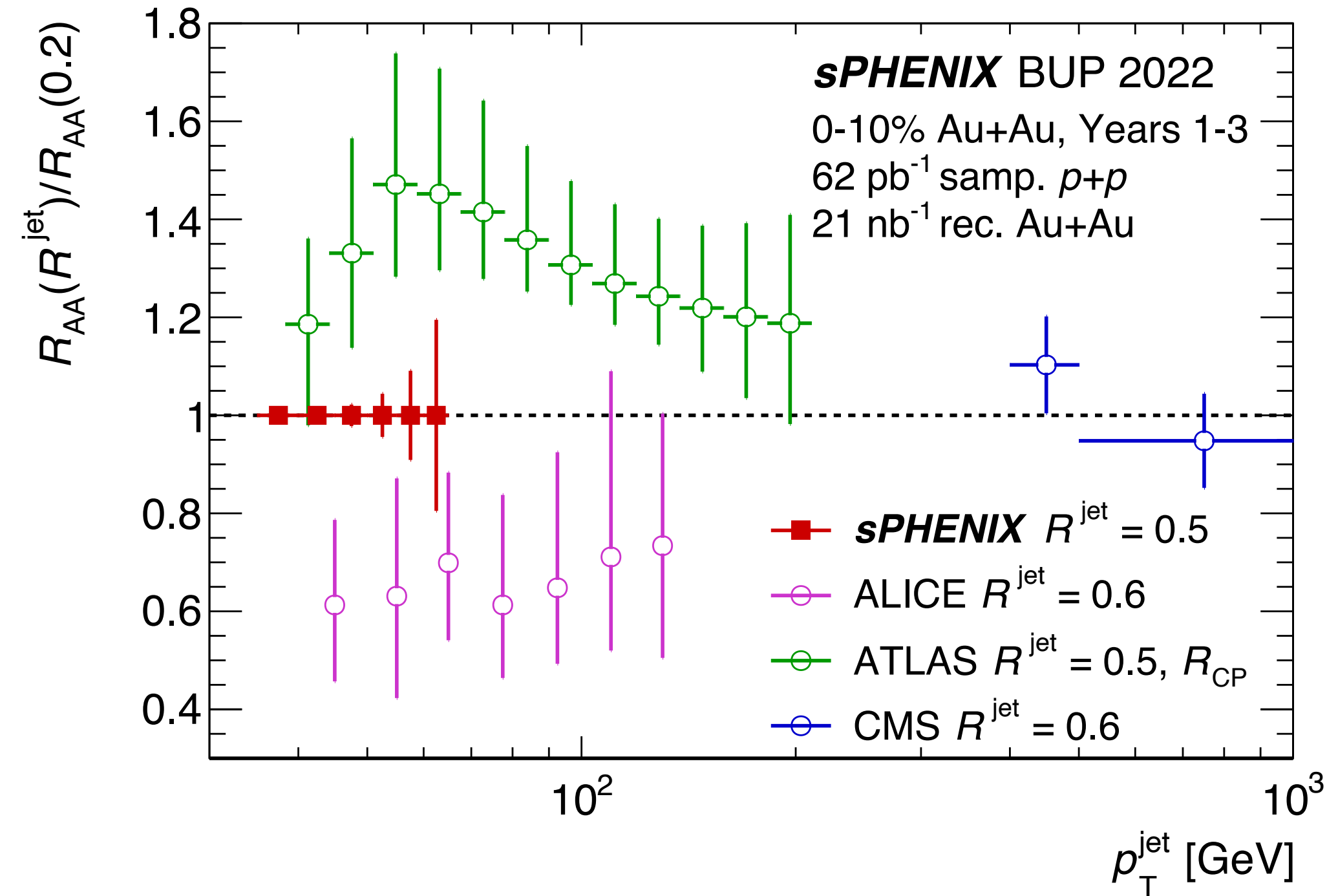
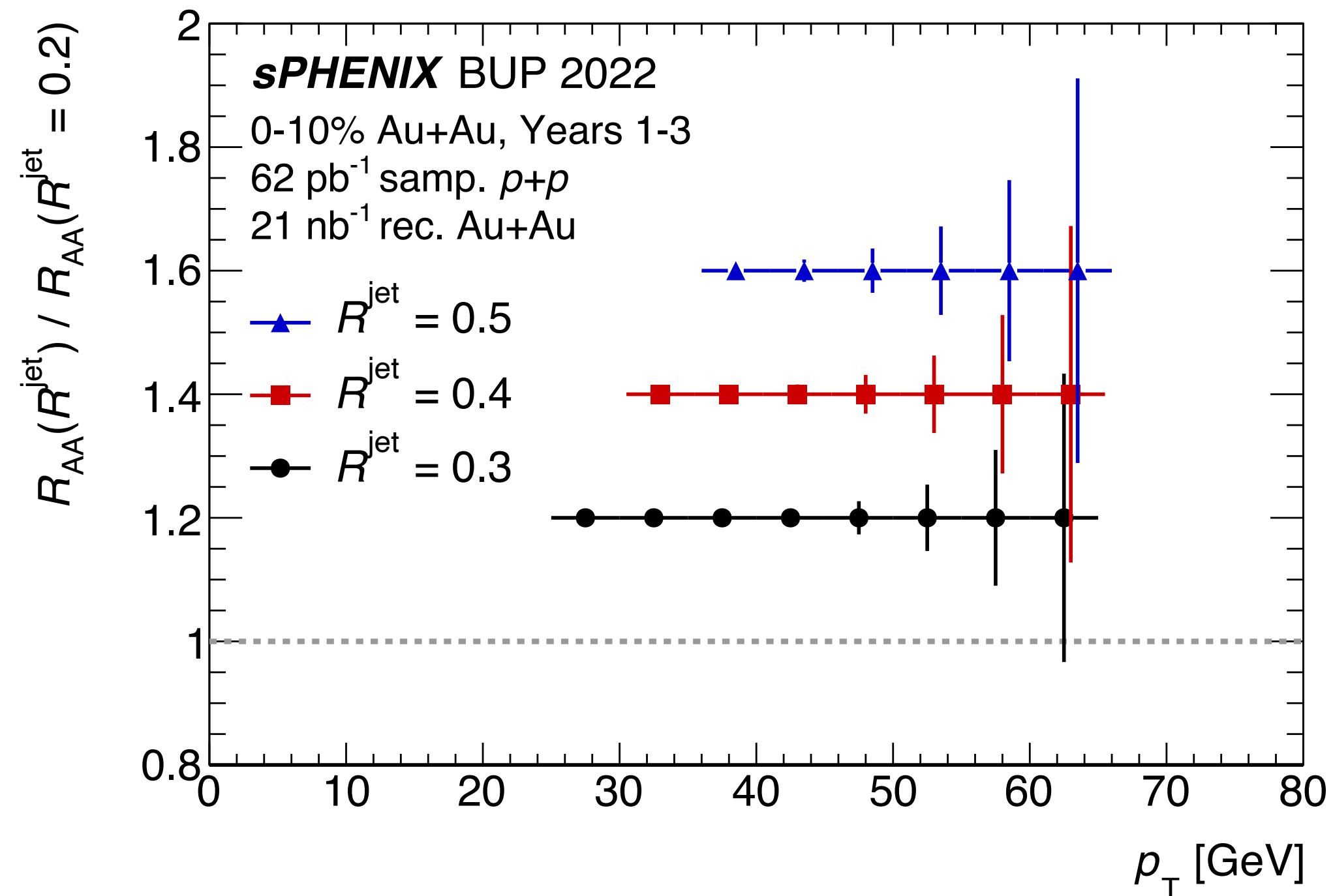
■ Pb+Pb



sPHENIX will be able to make precise measurements in AuAu &  $pp$  collisions with lower momentum photons & jets than the LHC



# jet radius dependent suppression



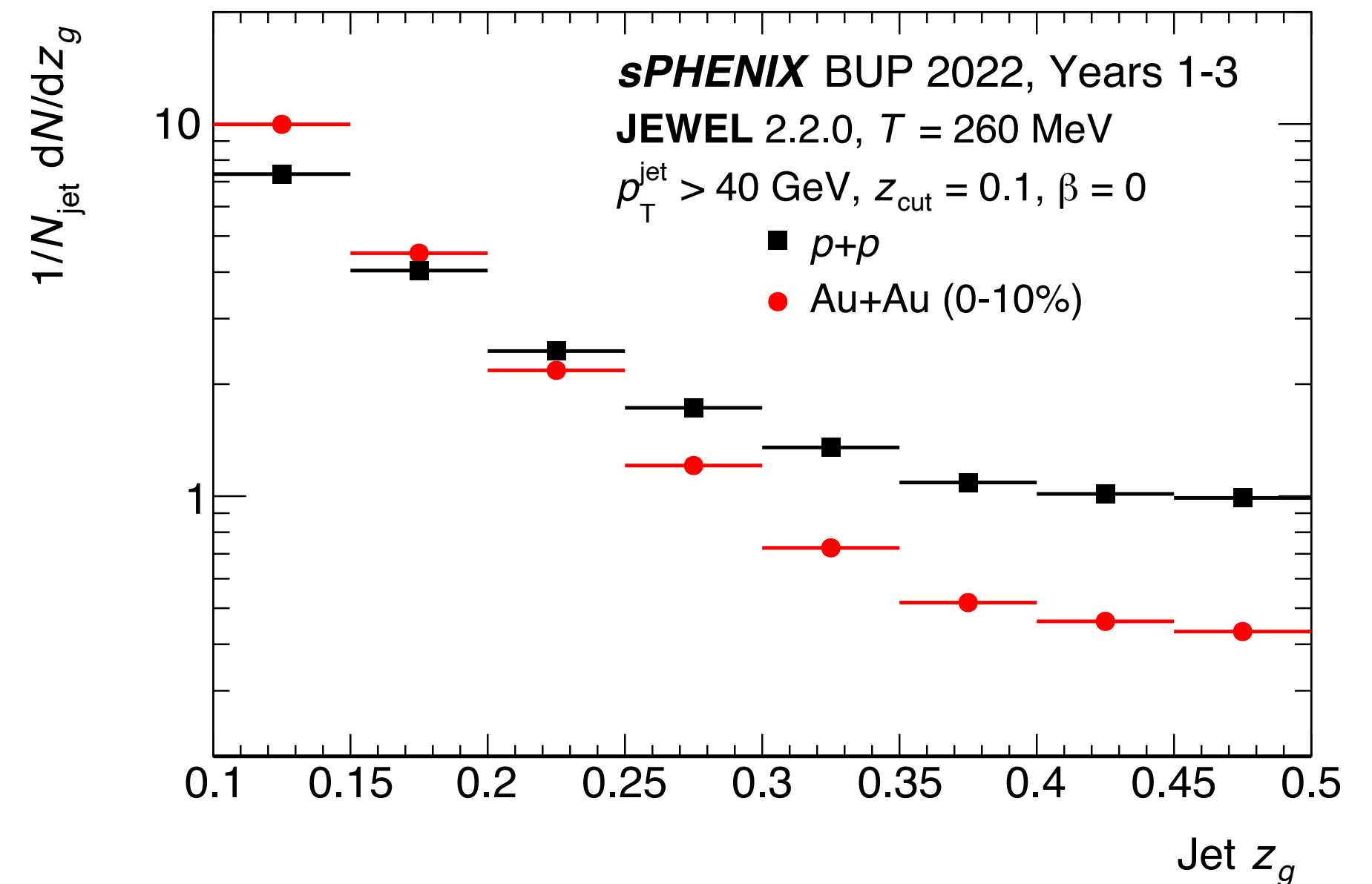
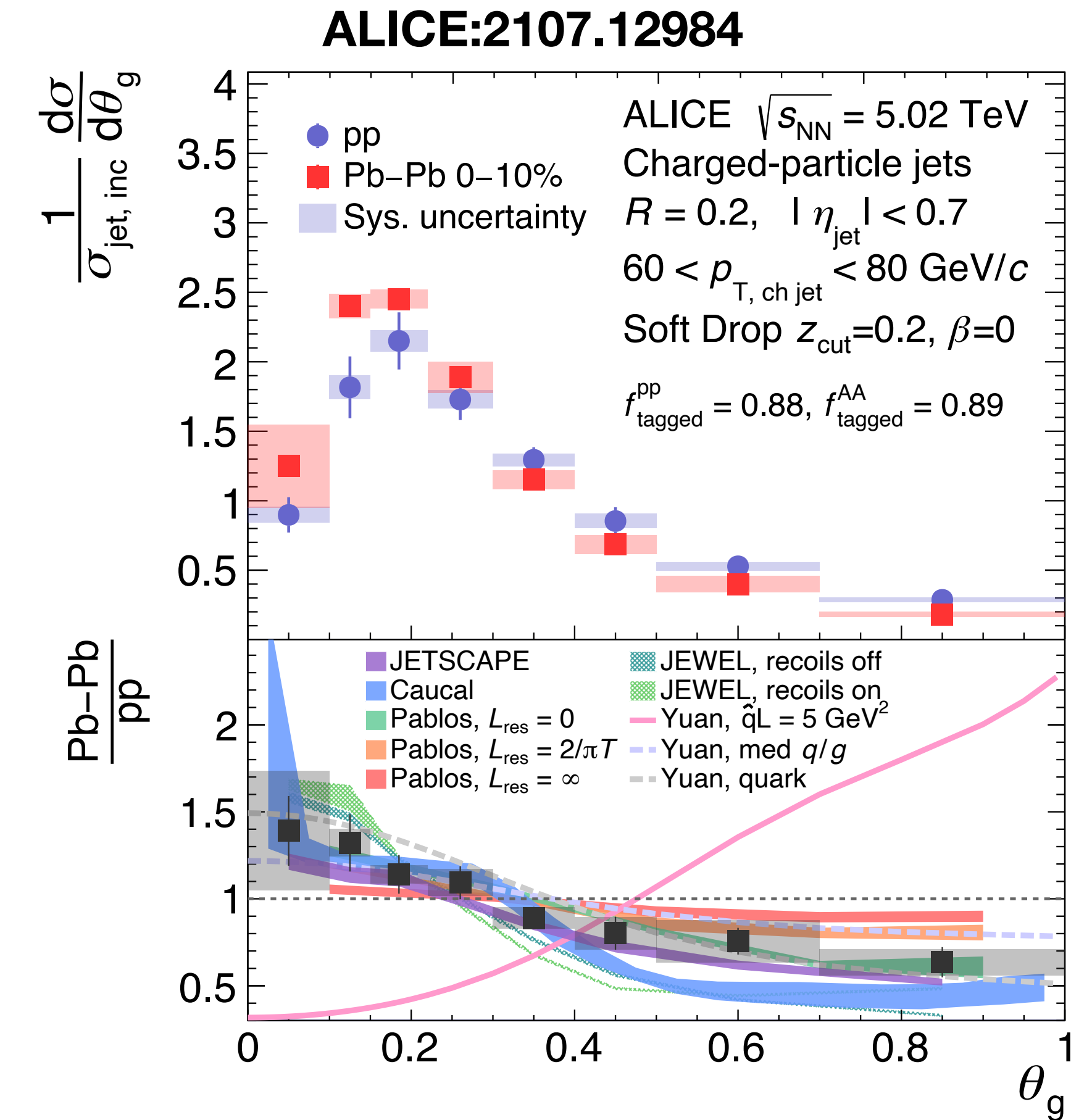
smaller UE event at RHIC helps the low  $p_T$  jet radius scan—an area where LHC measurements currently disagree  
 huge min-bias AuAu samples allow unbiased jet samples



# jet substructure

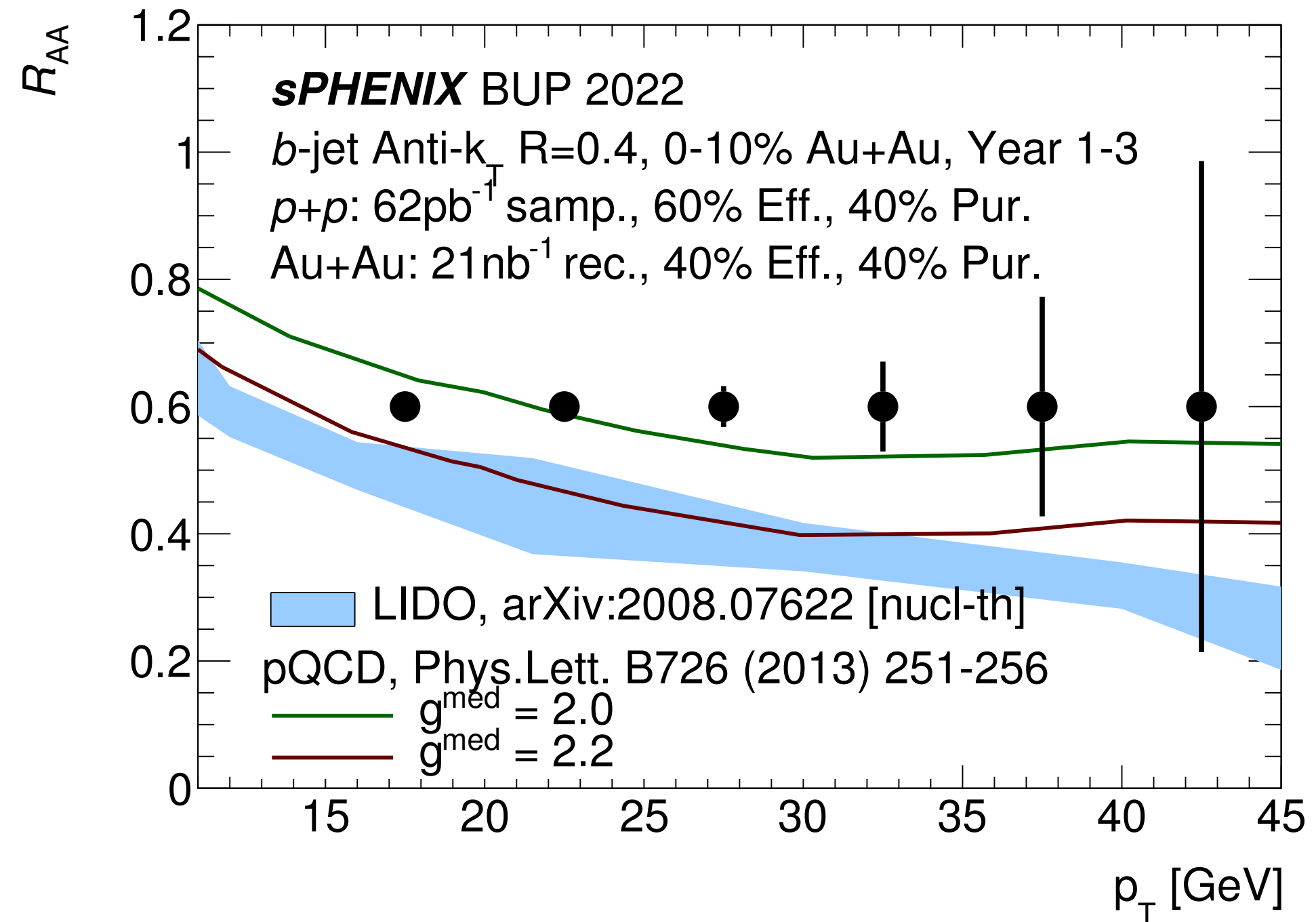
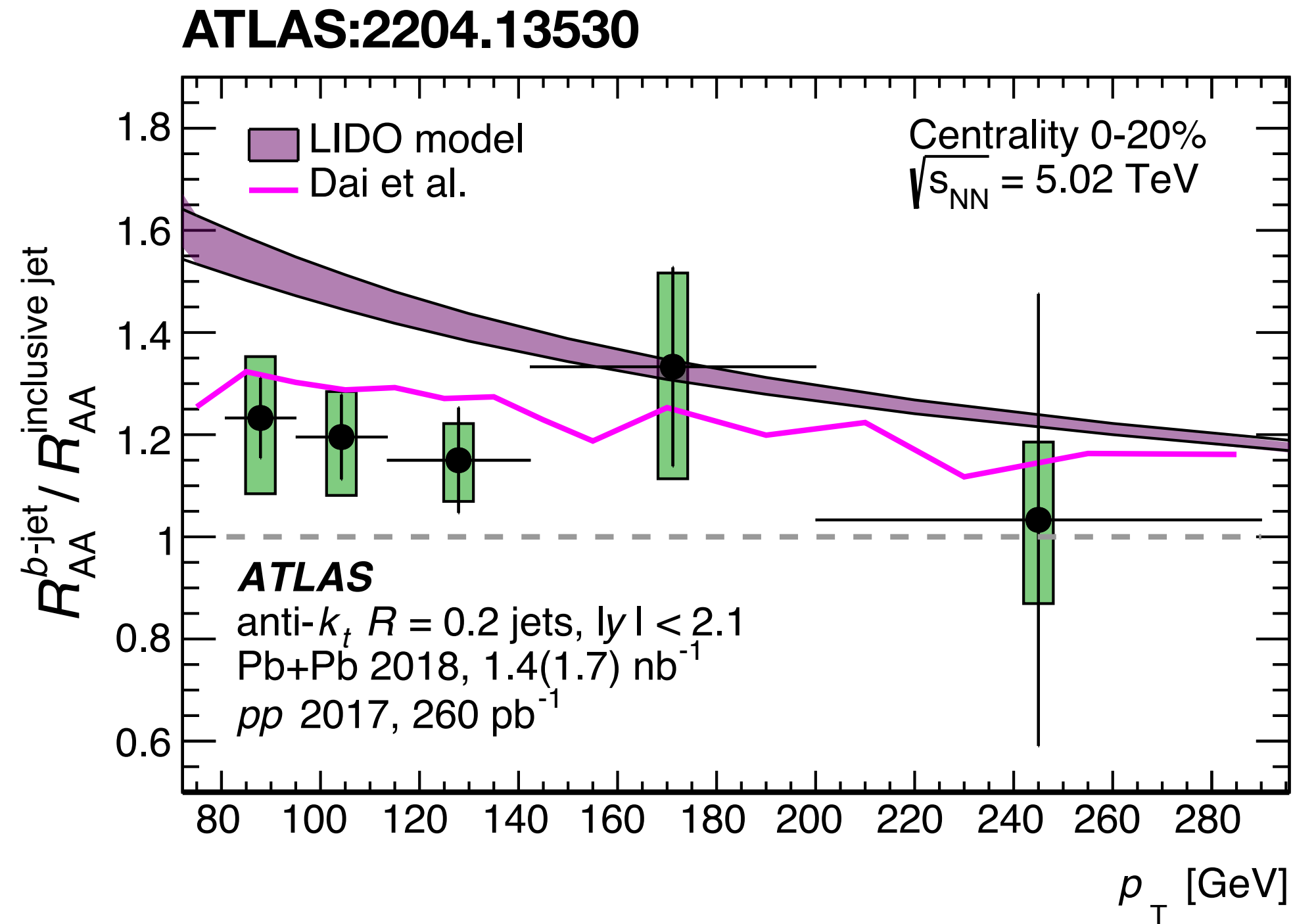
measurements of jet substructure provide information on how the QGP sees the developing parton shower

sPHENIX will be able to make a wide variety of substructure measurements with **large data samples, excellent tracking & calorimetry**





# b-jet $R_{AA}$

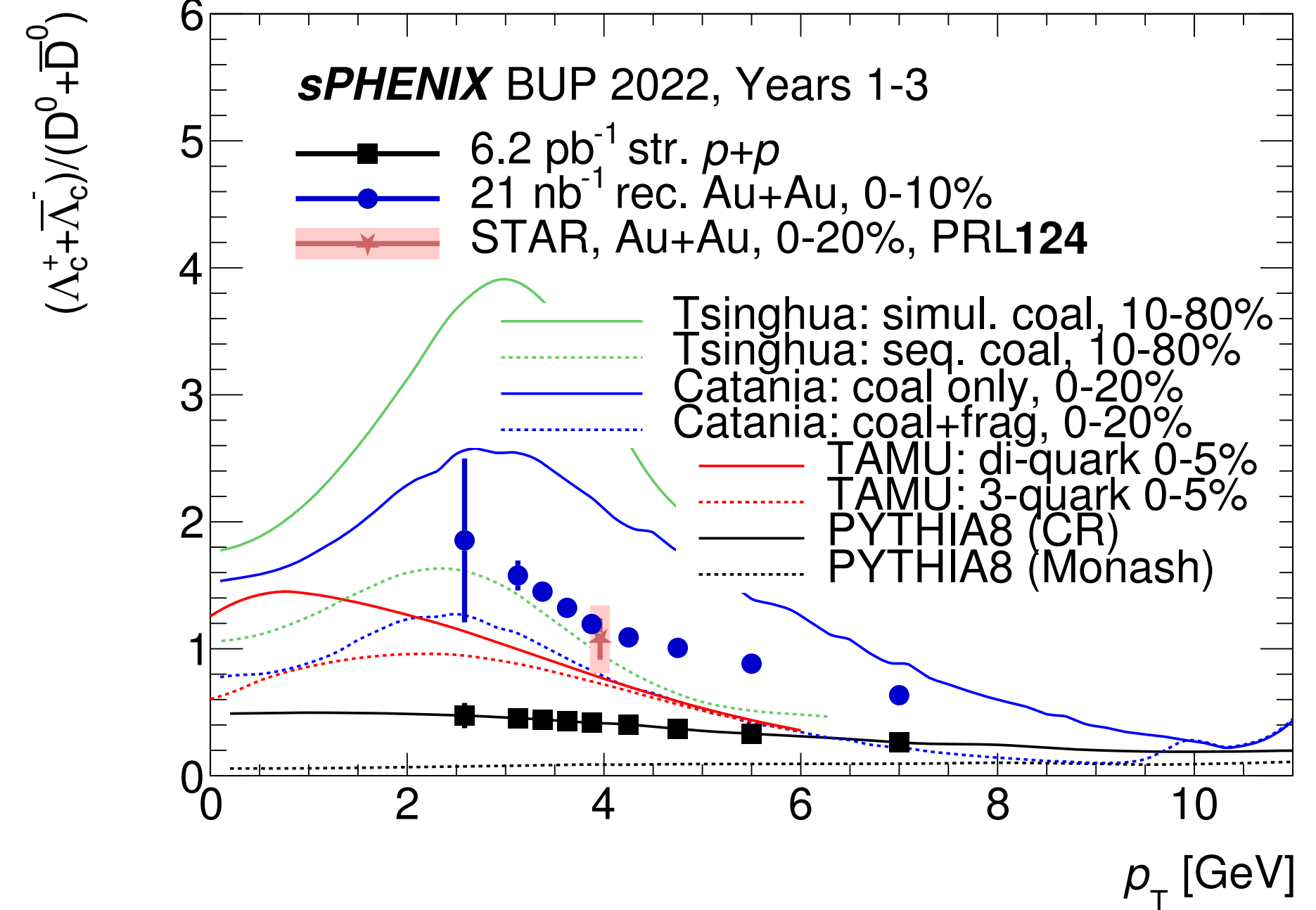
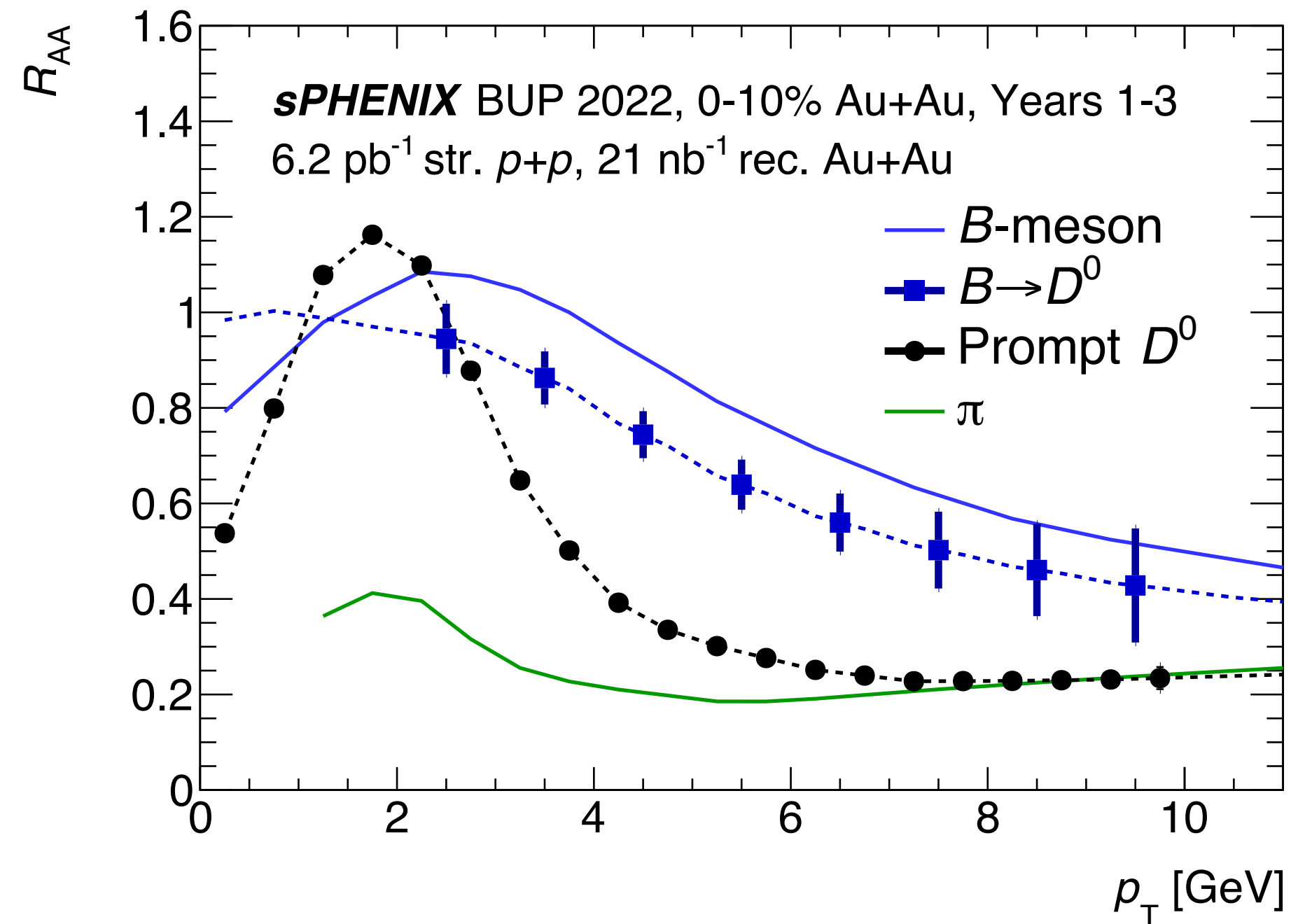


at the LHC, differences between inclusive and b-jet  $R_{AA}$  are expected from **flavor effects** (b-jets from gluon splitting) and **mass effects** (at the lower  $p_T$  end of the measurement)

*sPHENIX data at much lower  $p_T$  will isolate the mass effects*



# HF hadrons

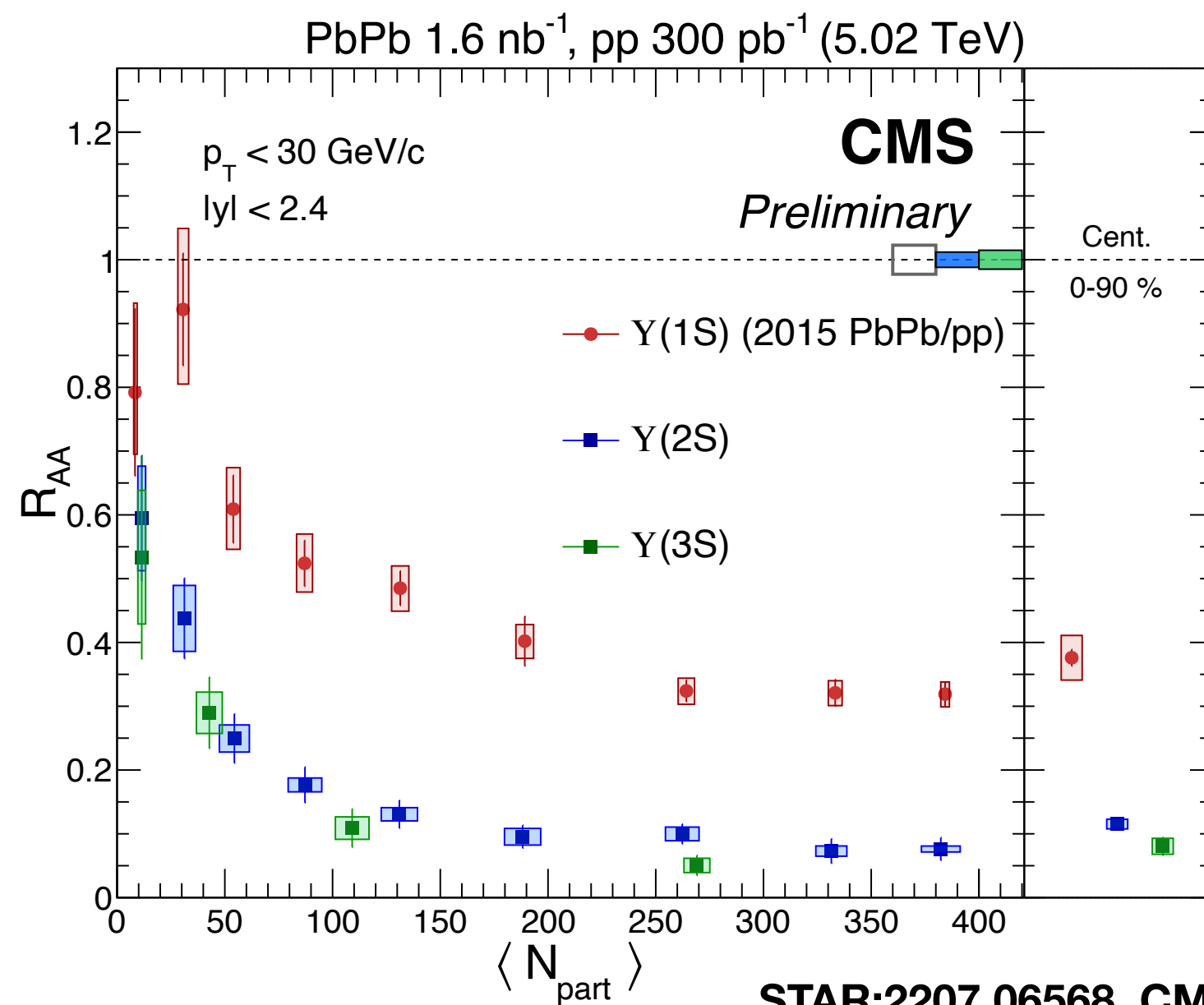
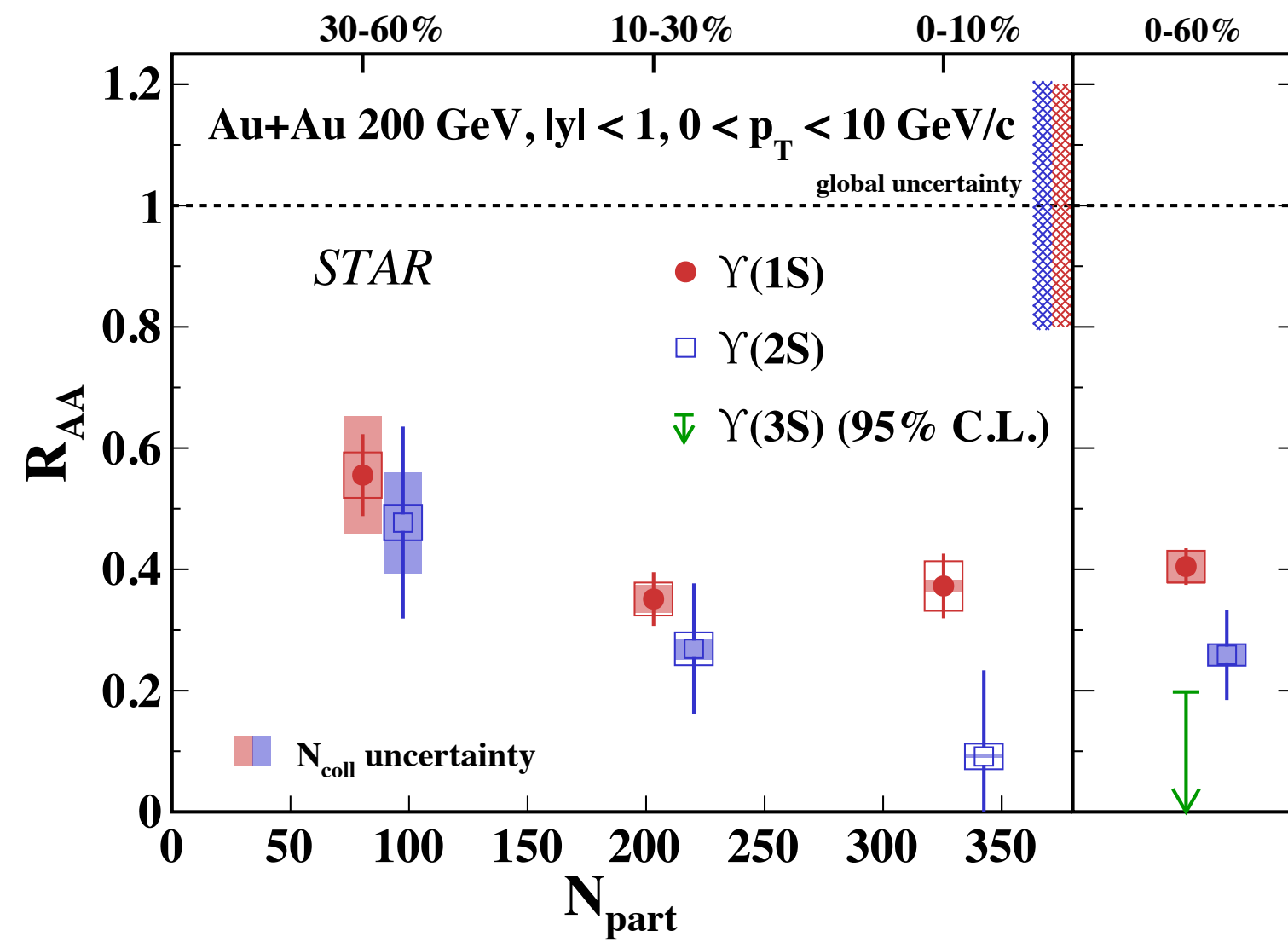


precision tracking allows for measurements of both charm and bottom hadrons

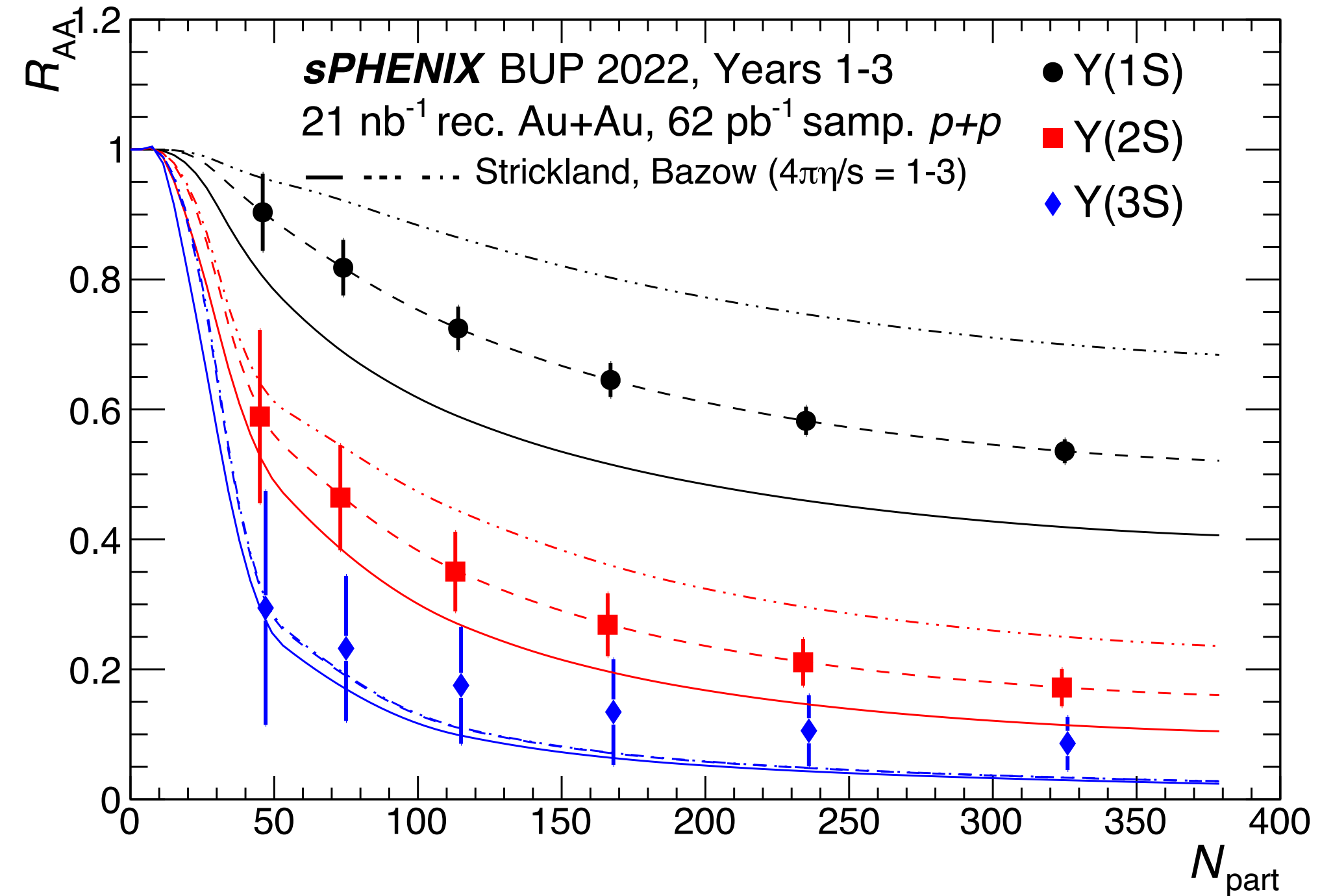
large min-bias AuAu samples & streaming readout in pp collisions will allow for  $R_{AA}$  (not  $R_{CP}$ ) for these important probes



# upsilons



STAR:2207.06568, CMS-PAS-HIN-21-007



different upsilon suppression pattern observed at RHIC and LHC

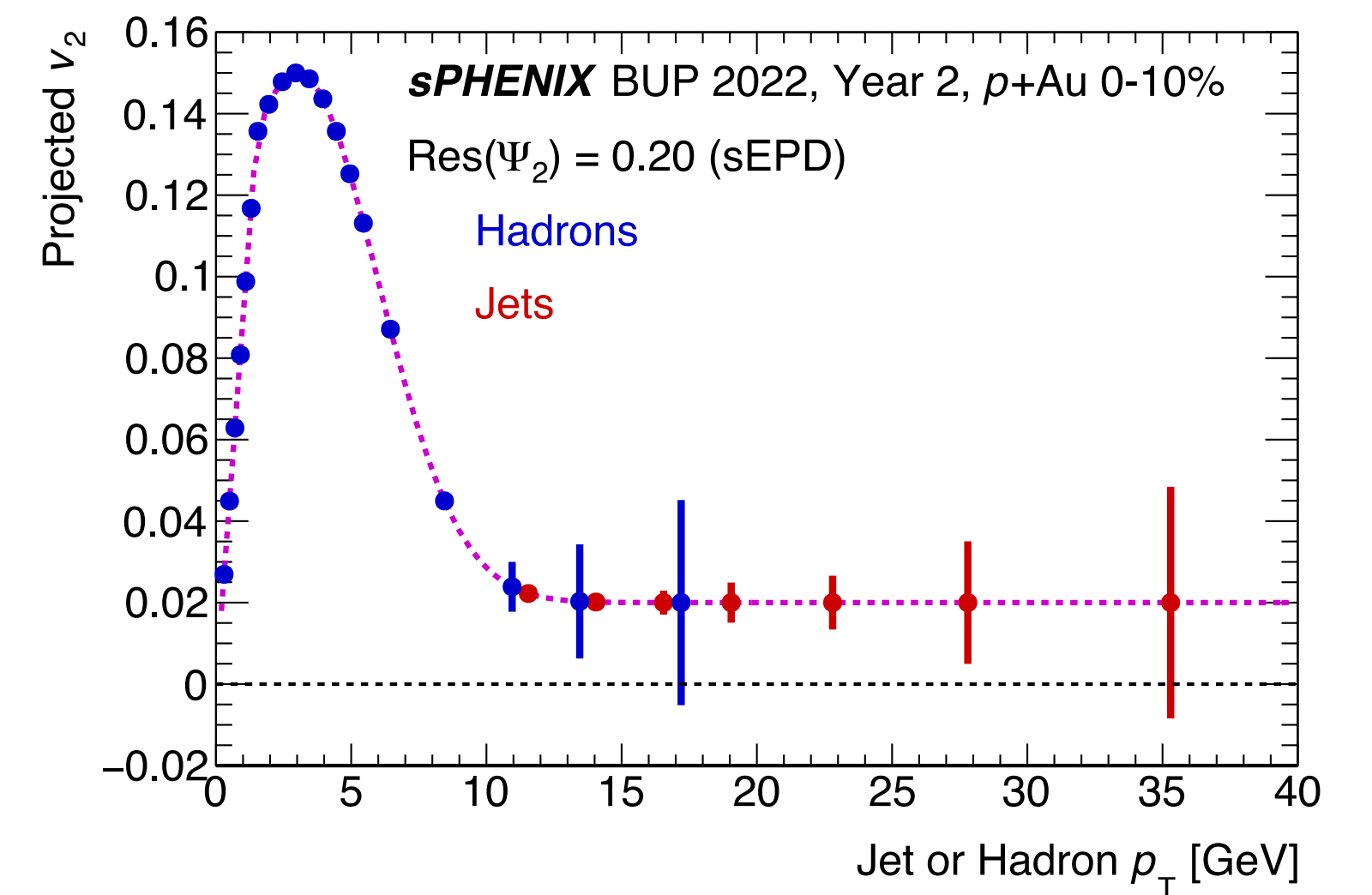
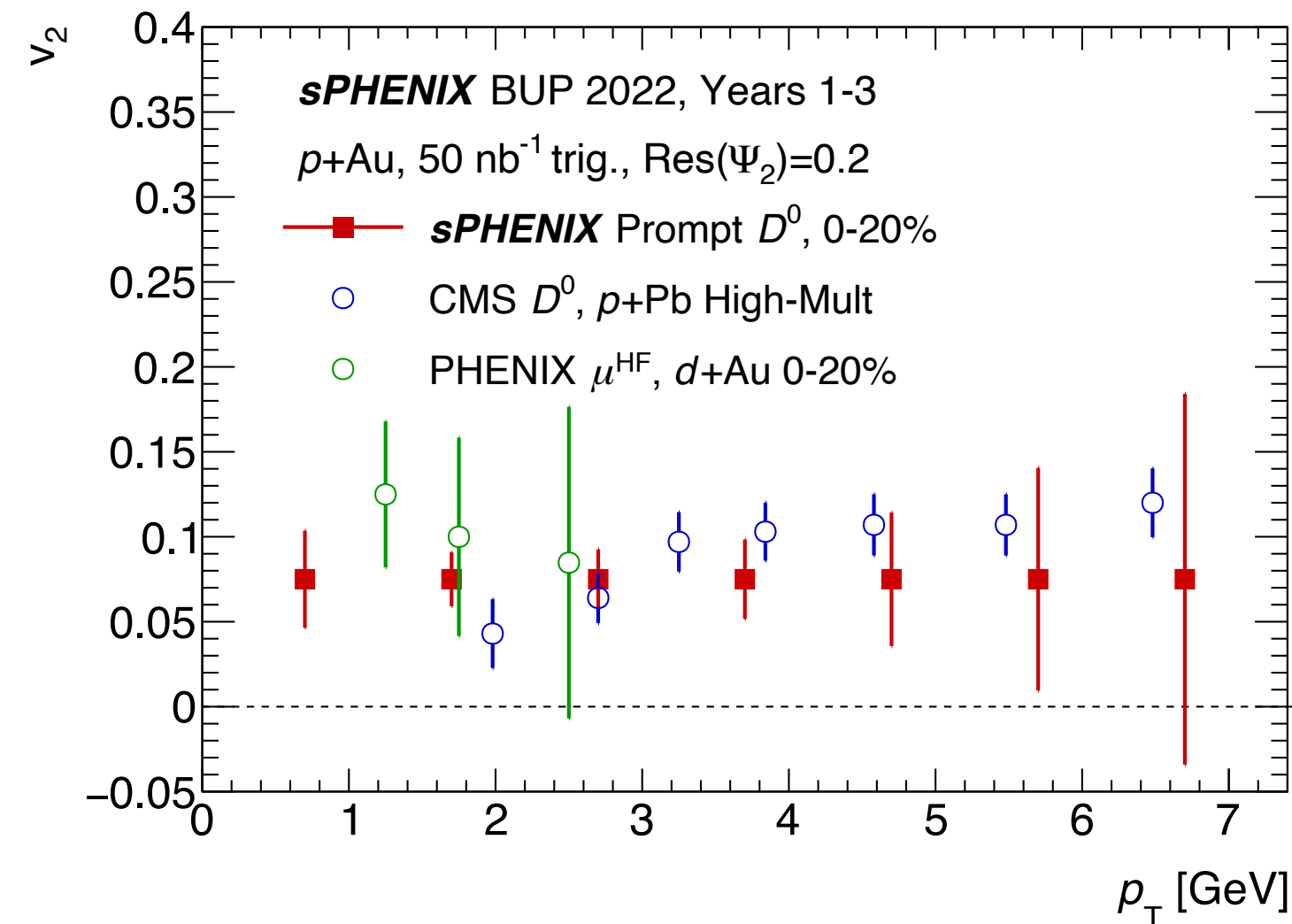
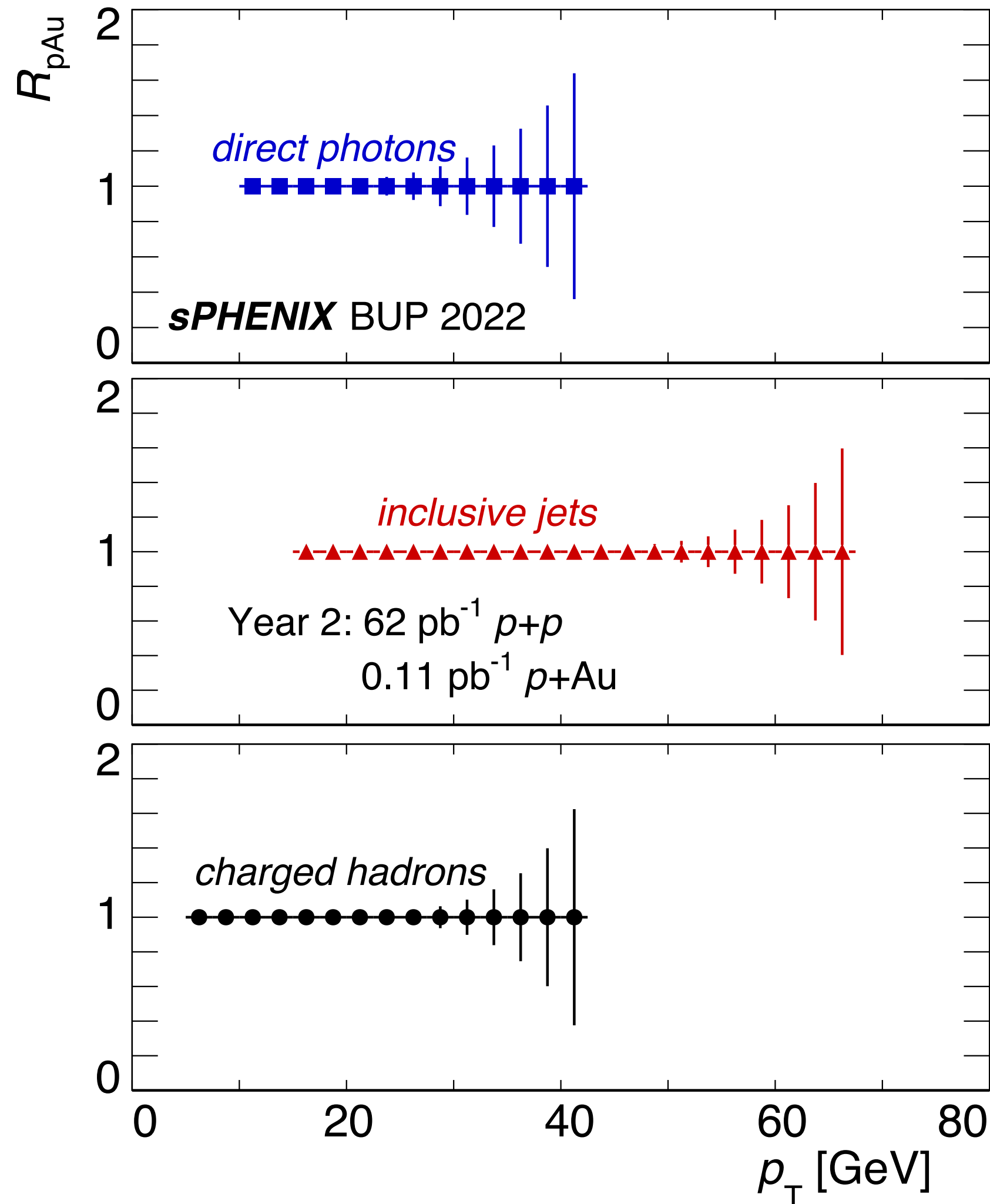
precision sPHENIX measurement will be key to understanding the energy dependence of this effect



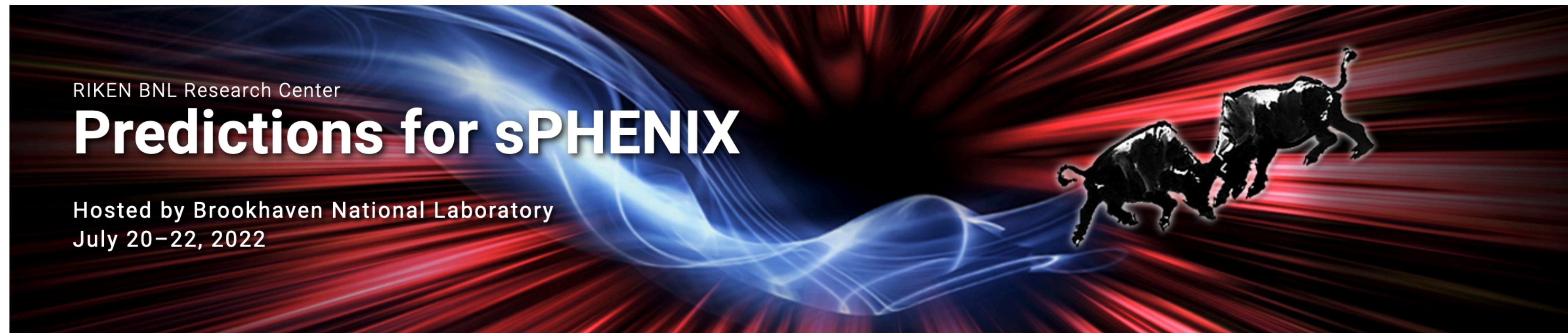
# pA physics

pA data has been very exciting over the last decade at both  
RHIC & the LHC

one highlight (out of many) for sPHENIX, high  $p_T$   $v_2$  for jets,  
hadrons & HF







<https://www.bnl.gov/sphenix2022/>

# experimentalists & theorists discussing how to maximize the sPHENIX physics program



in addition to the theory contributions (and two excellent JETSCAPE talks from Amit & Raymond) there are sPHENIX talks overviewing the program and discussing the capabilities of the physics working groups in detail

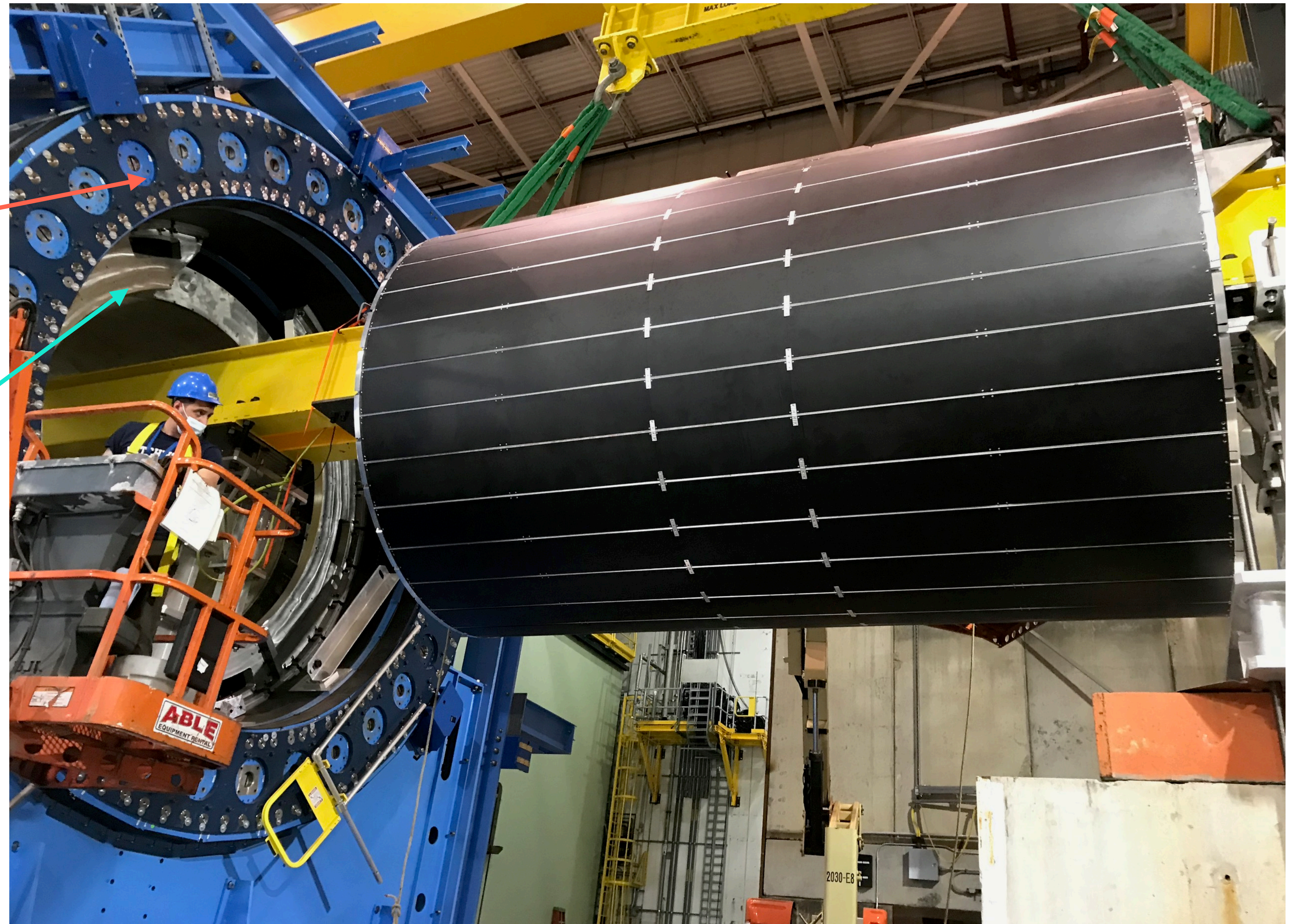
← with a tour of the detector to wrap up the meeting



# Inner HCal installation

Outer HCal

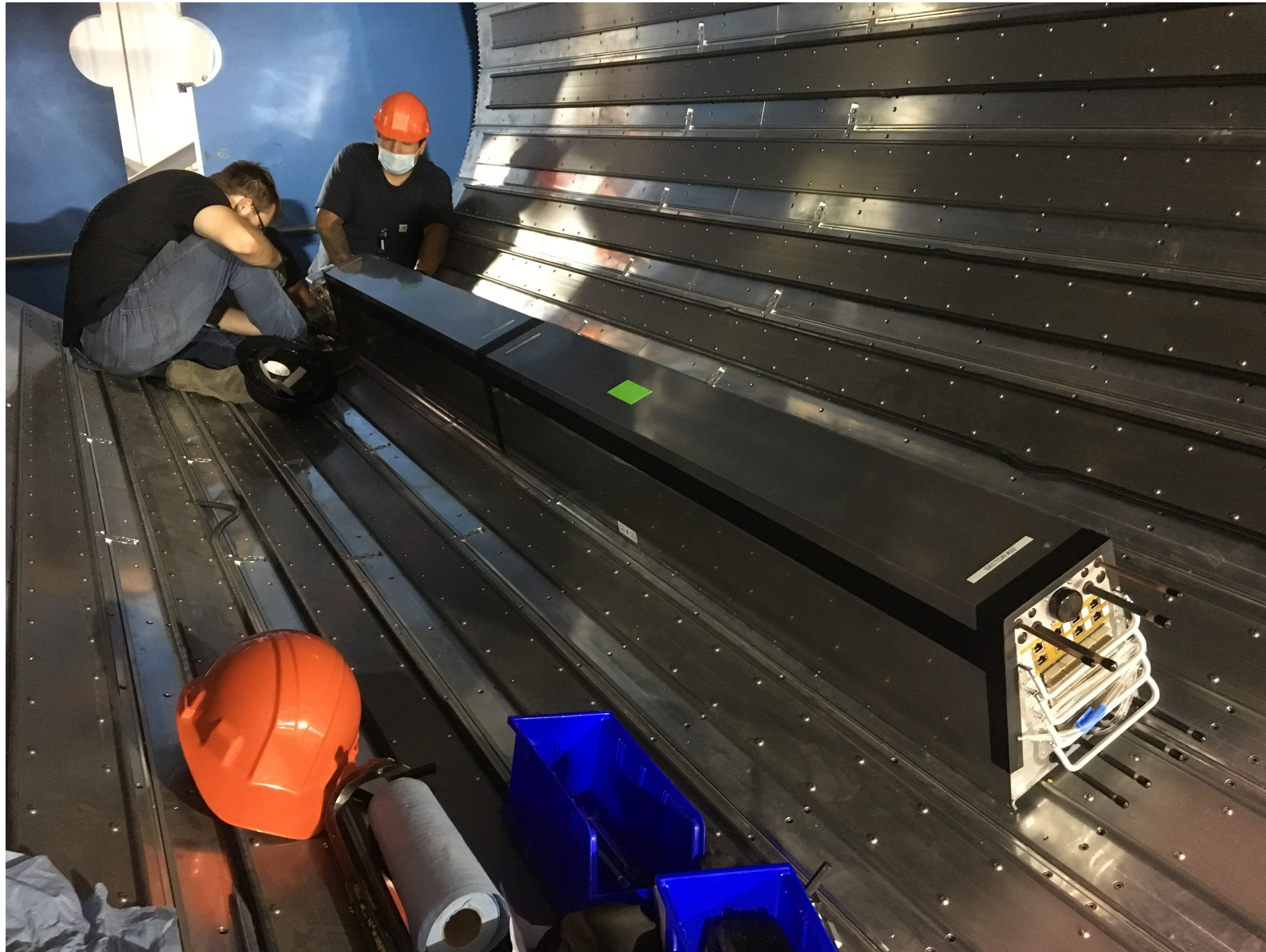
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June 2022



# EMCal insallation



First 2 EMCal  
sectors installed  
into the Inner HCal  
earlier this week!



# summary

- sPHENIX physics program essential to the completion of the RHIC science mission
- three year program takes advantage of new detector targeted to hard probes physics and excellent RHIC performance
  - BNL PAC 2022: *“The top overall priority in planning for the coming three years is to commission the sPHENIX detector and to achieve its scientific program.”*
- sPHENIX installation in full swing and the collaboration is on track for commissioning with beam and first physics in February 2023

*collaboration is excited to work with the entire community to improve our understanding of QGP properties*

**backup**



# possible extra running

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–	O+O	200	–	2	18 nb <sup>-1</sup> 37 nb <sup>-1</sup> [100%-str]	37 nb <sup>-1</sup>
–	Ar+Ar	200	–	2	6 nb <sup>-1</sup> 12 nb <sup>-1</sup> [100%-str]	12 nb <sup>-1</sup>
2027	Au+Au	200	28	24.5	30 nb <sup>-1</sup> [100%-str/DeMux]	30 nb <sup>-1</sup>

should the opportunity arise, sPHENIX could increase the pp luminosity, explore light ions and take a lot more AuAu data

# jet anisotropy

