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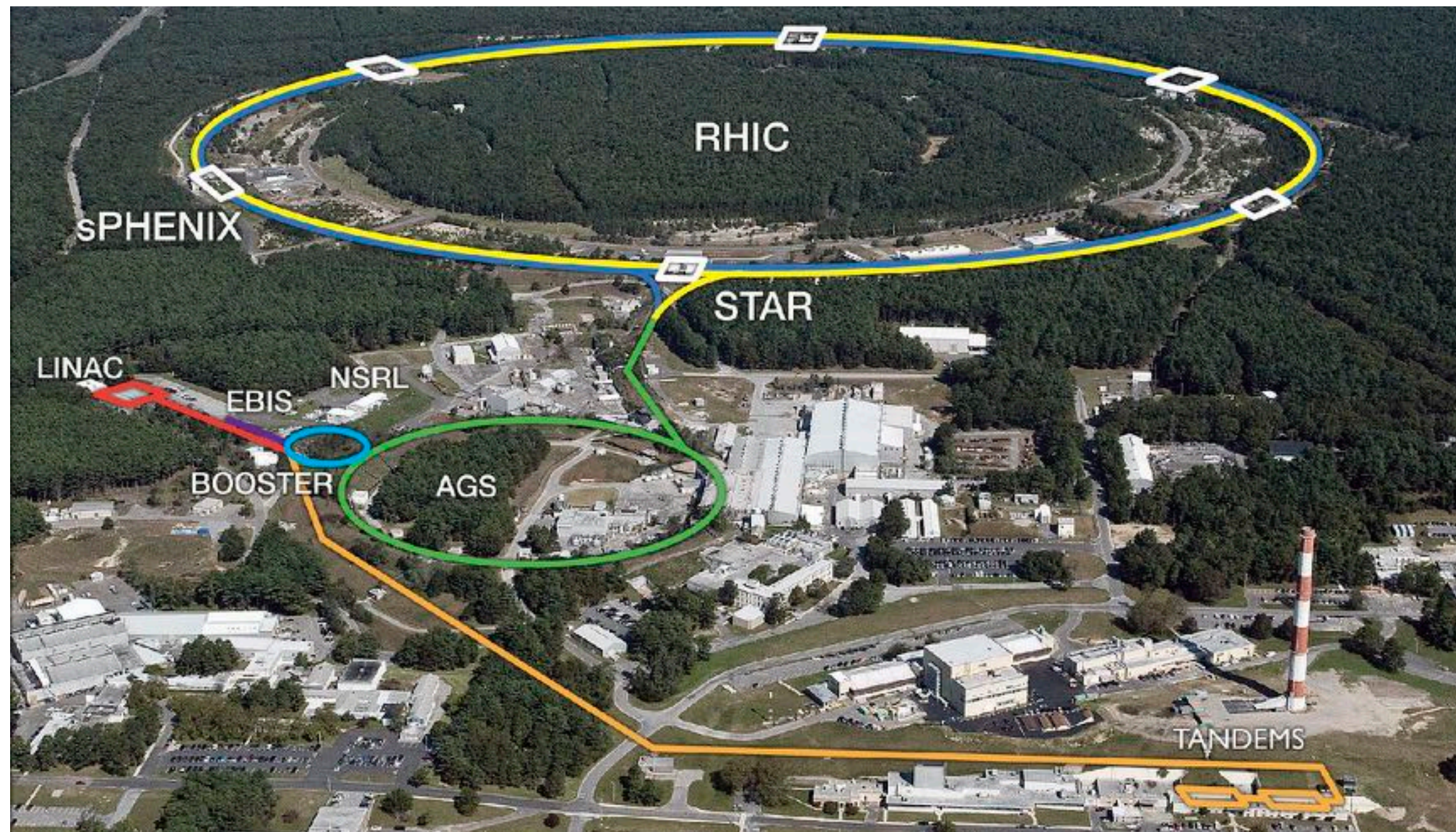
Measurement of $dE_T/d\eta$ in Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV with sPHENIX at RHIC

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for the sPHENIX Collaboration





sPHENIX Collaboration



- The collaboration was formed in 2016.
- State-of-the-Art Jet Detector at RHIC
- Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP) and Cold-QCD
- About 350 members from more than 50 institutions and 11 countries
- Home Page: <https://www.sphenix.bnl.gov/>

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)

- First collisions in 2000
- p+p, Au+Au, O+O, etc
- $p \rightarrow (\uparrow) + p \rightarrow (\uparrow)$
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 7 - 500 \text{ GeV}$



sPHENIX Collaboration at HP2024

Talks

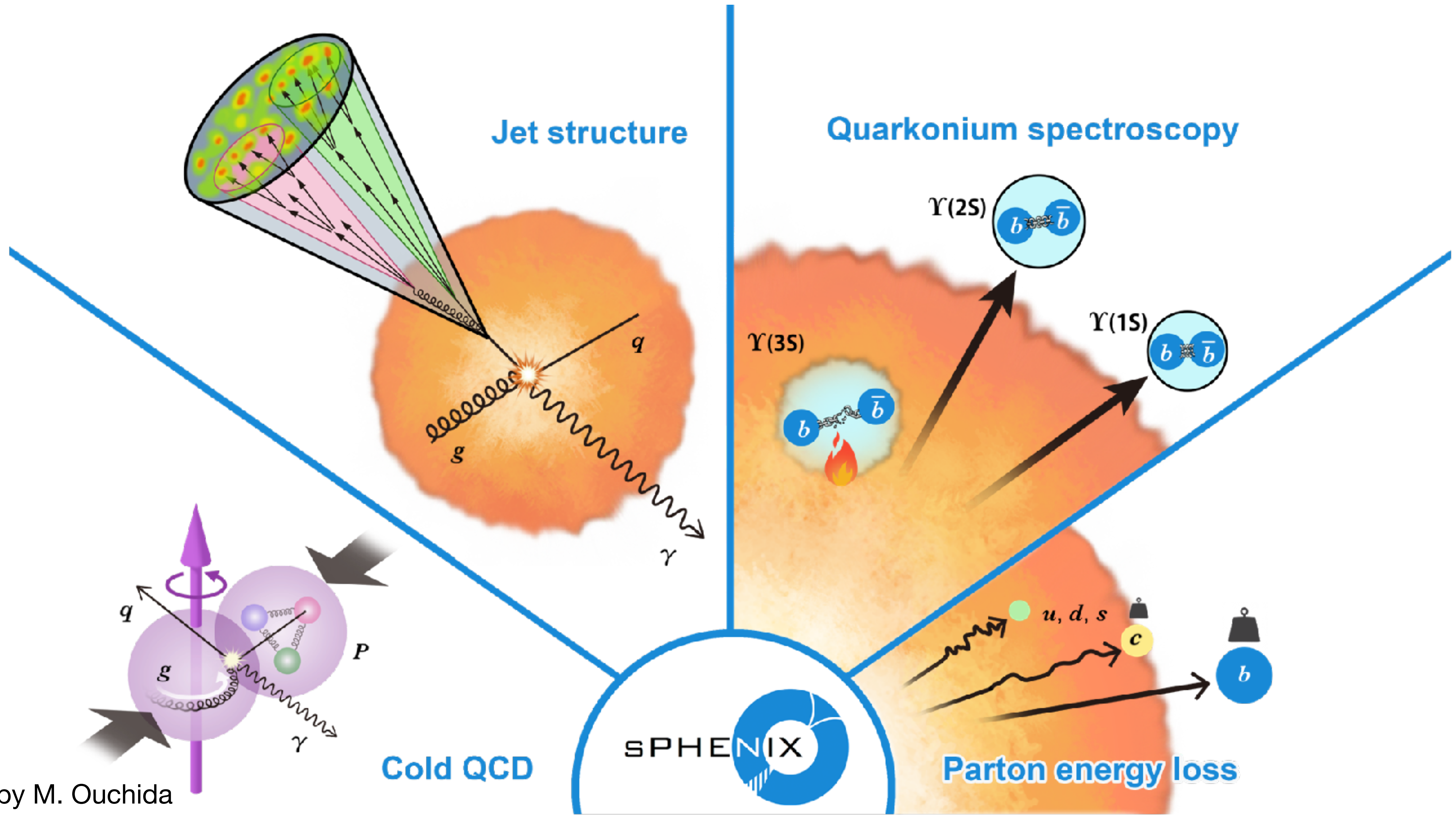
- A. Hodges,
“The sPHENIX Experiment At RHIC”, Sep. 23rd 11:55

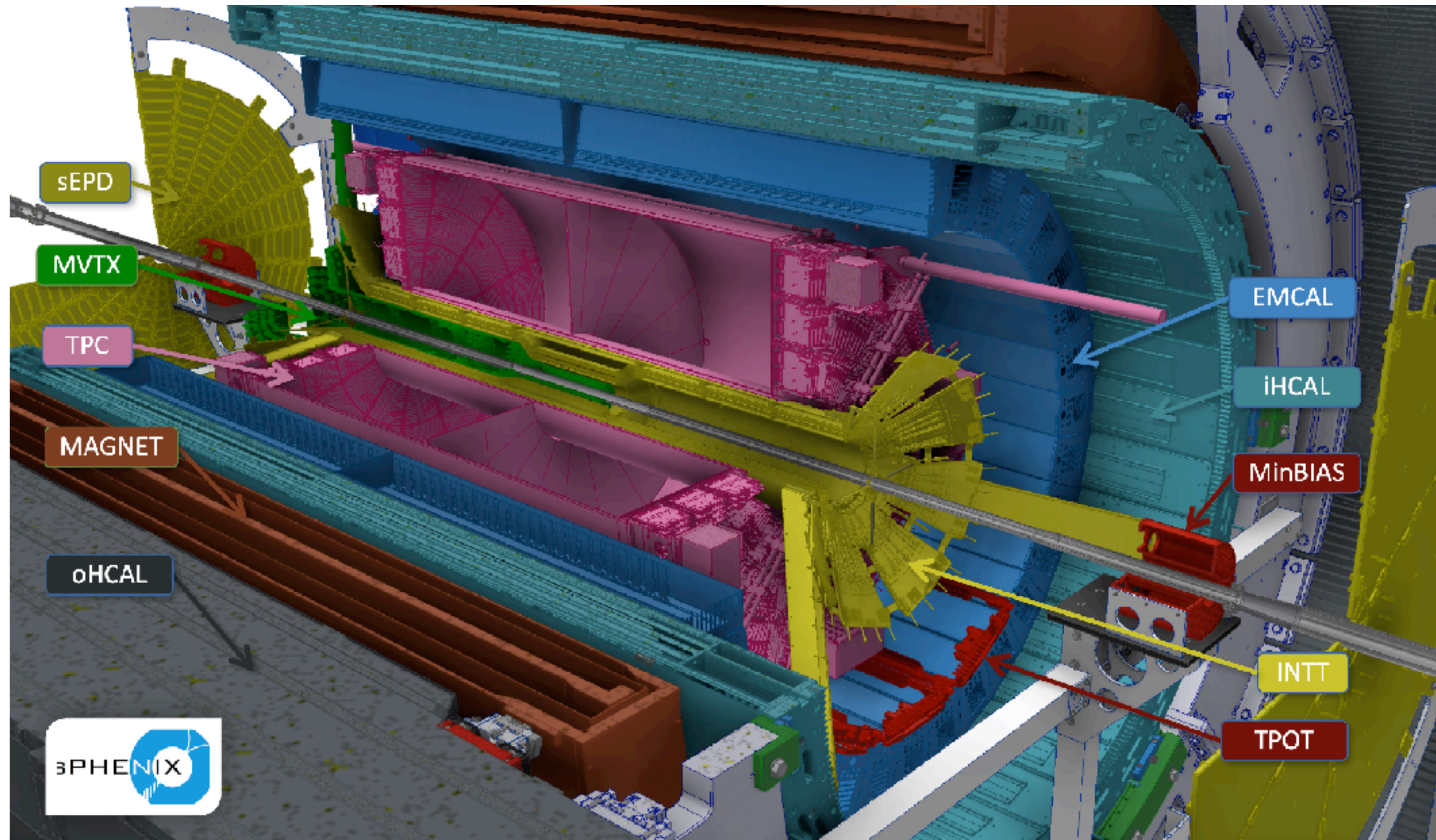
Posters

- H. Bossi,
“Intelligent experiments through real-time AI: Fast Data Processing and Autonomous Detector Control for sPHENIX and future EIC detectors”, Sep. 24th
- R. Kunnawalkam Elayavalli,
“High- p_T physics with the sPHENIX calorimeters in the inaugural physics Run-24”, Sep. 24th.
- Y. Go,
“Novel use of AI generative models for heavy ion experiments”, Sep. 24th.
- M. Ikemoto,
“Position alignments and vertex determination for sPHENIX INTT detector”, Sep. 24th.
- M. Liu,
“Strange and Heavy Flavor Physics with the sPHENIX Trackers in the Inaugural Physics Run-24”, Sep. 24th
- B. Kimelman,
“Underlying event characterization in 200 GeV Au+Au collisions for jet measurements with the sPHENIX detector”, Sep. 24th
- C. W. Shih,
“Intermediate Silicon Tracker in sPHENIX at RHIC”, Sep. 24th



sPHENIX Physics Programs





A first hadron calorimeter in midrapidity at RHIC for jet reconstruction.
 Acceptance of the full azimuthal angle 2π and $|\eta| < 1.1$ in $|z_{\text{vtx}}| < 10$ cm.



sPHENIX Detector

Calorimeter system

4.9 hadronic interaction length in total

Outer and Inner Hcal (Hadronic Calorimeter)

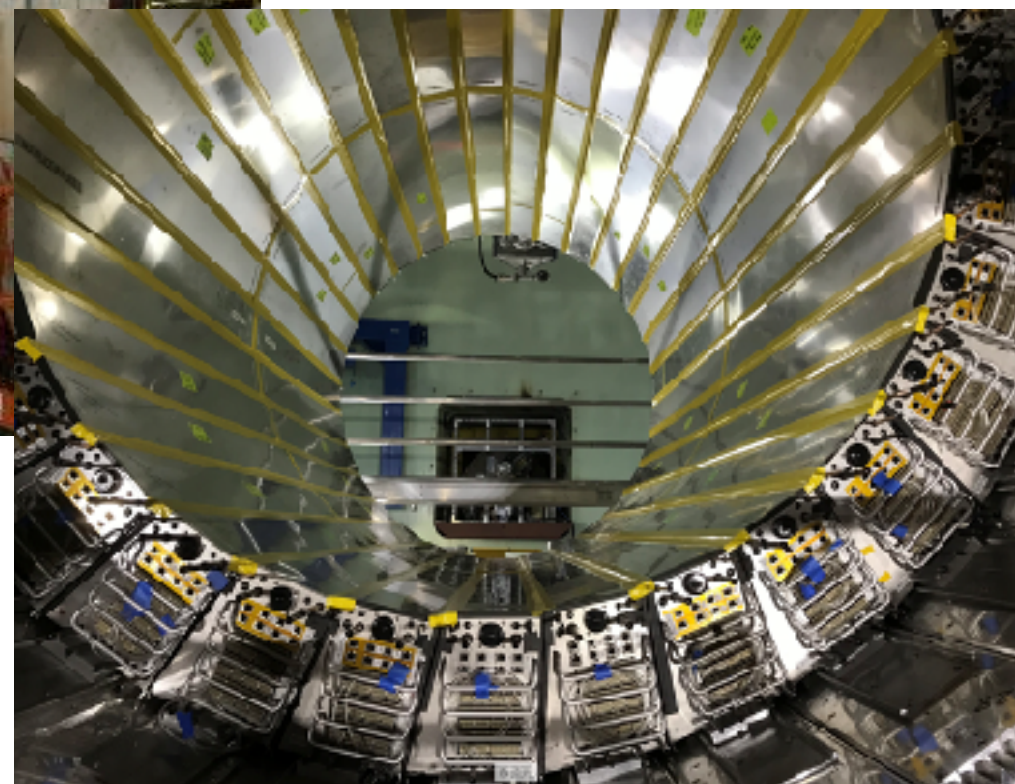
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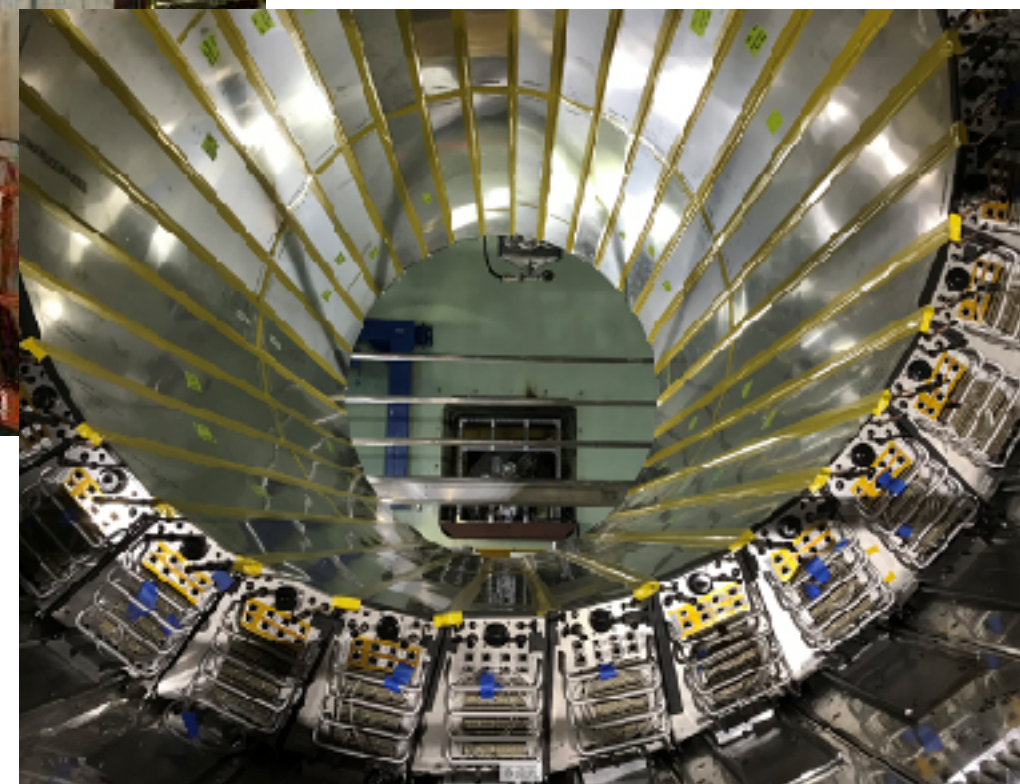
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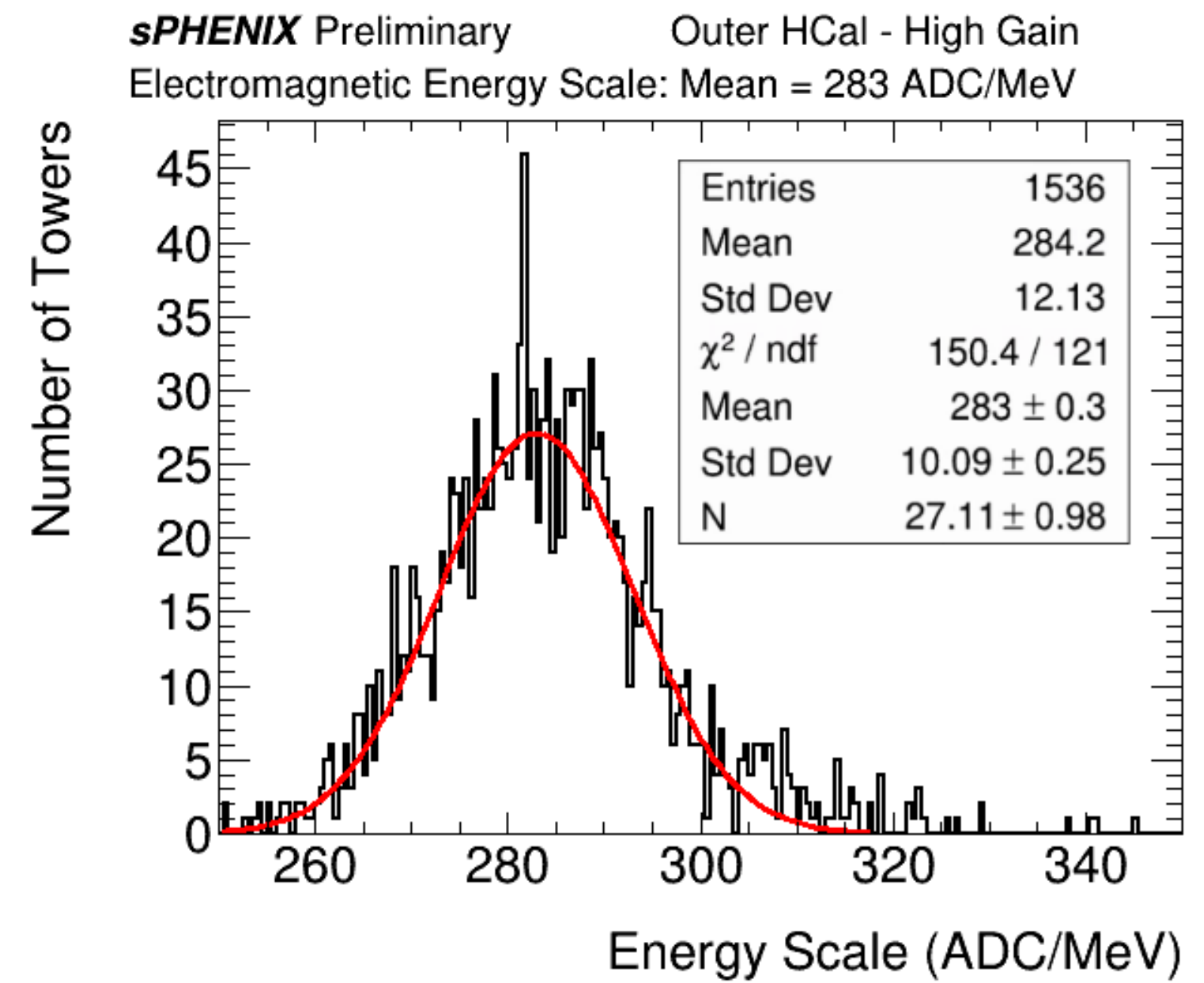
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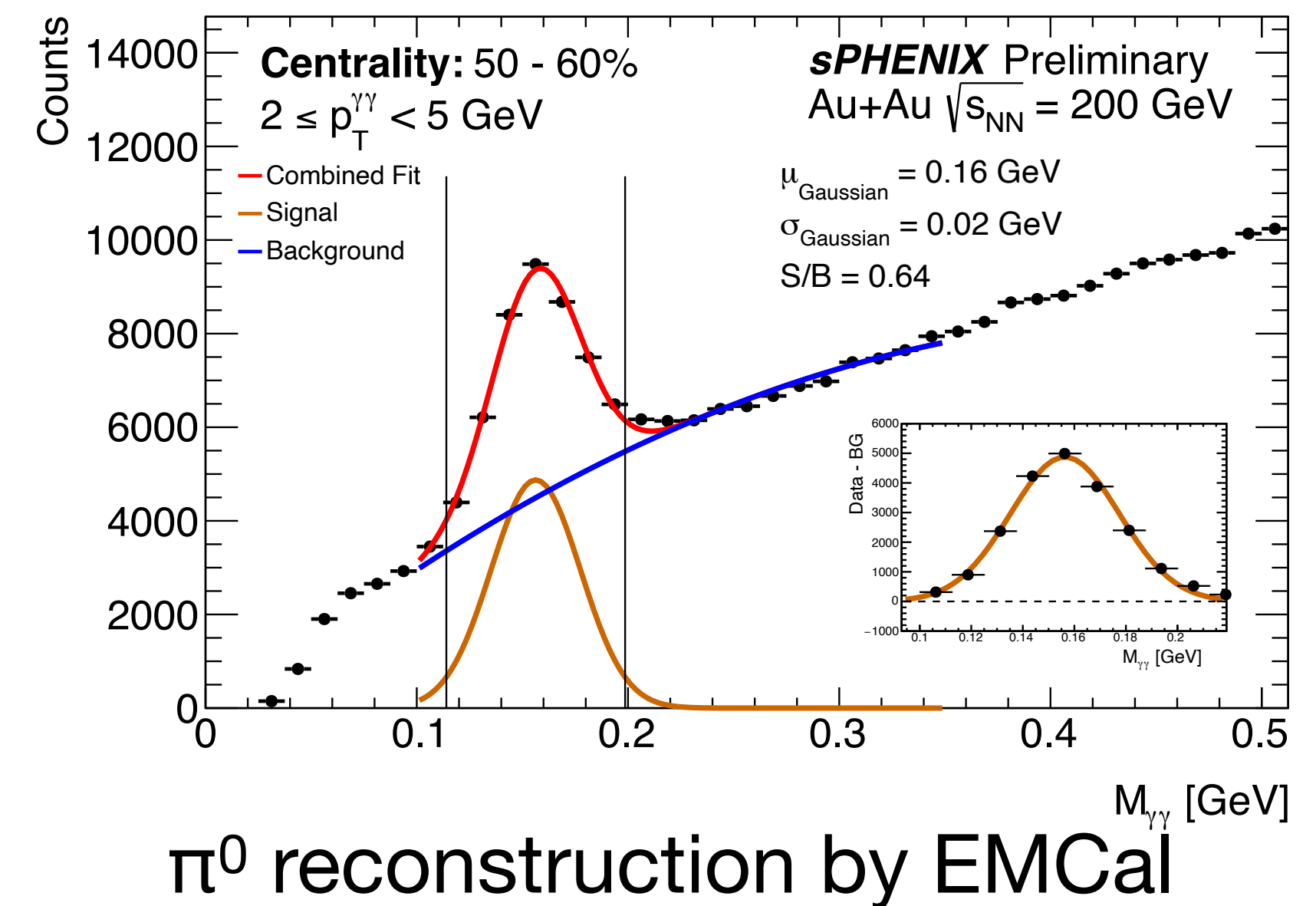
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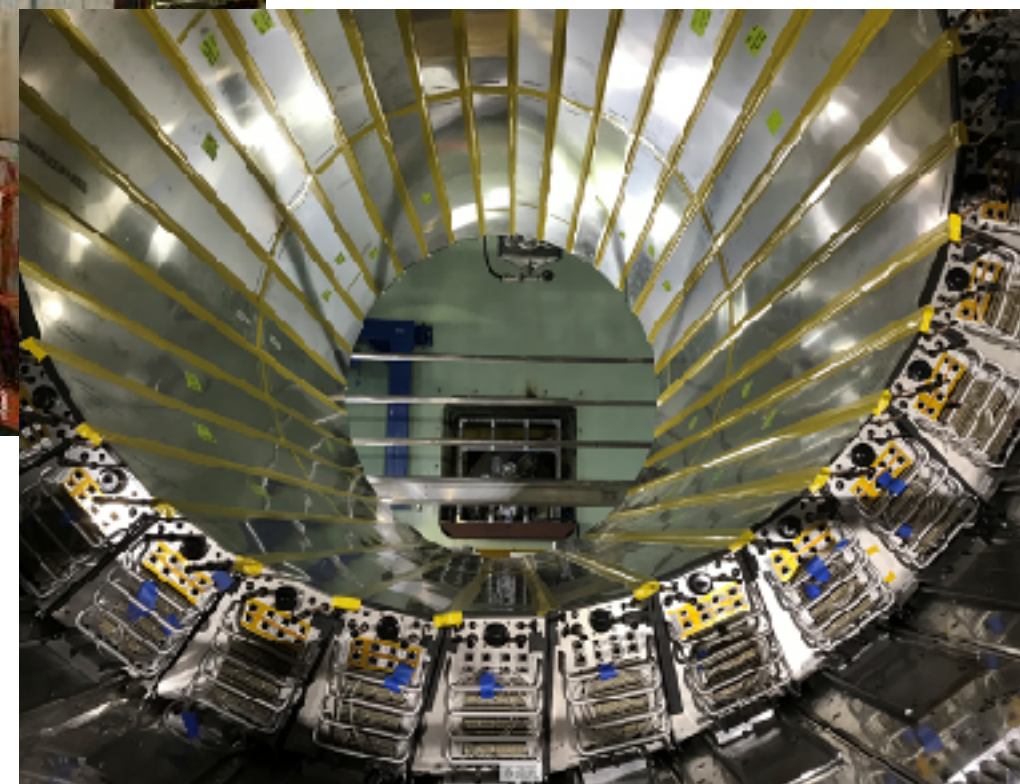
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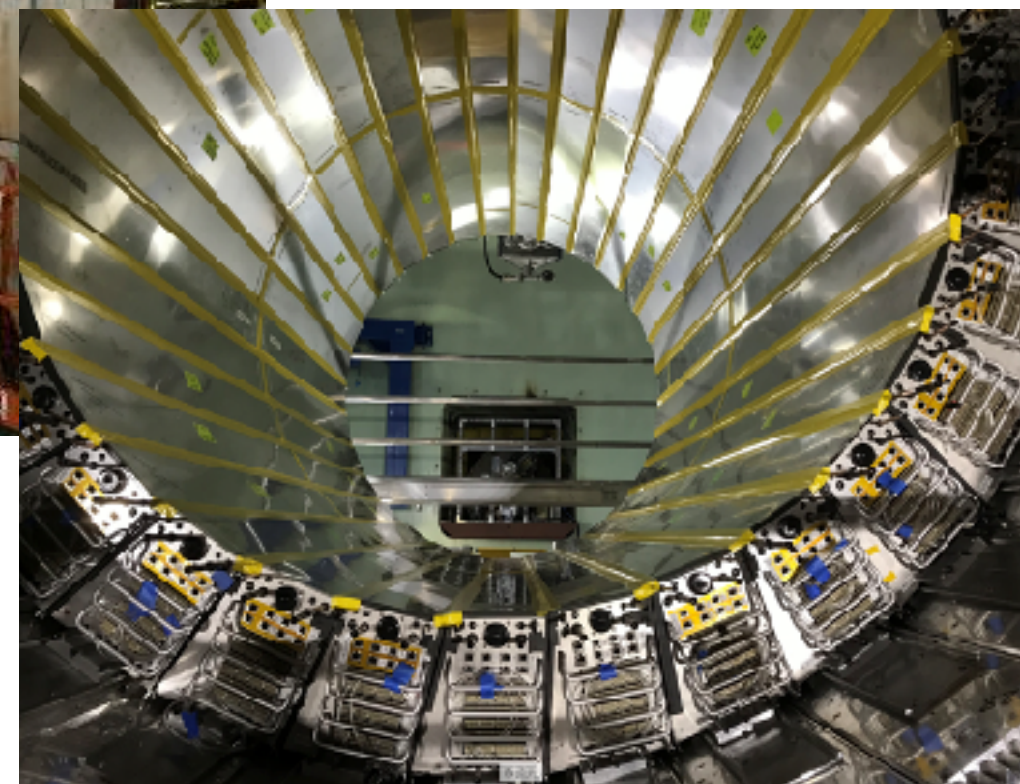
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Forward detectors

MBD (Minimum Bias Detector, $3.51 < |\eta| < 4.61$)

- Comprised of Photomultiplier Tube counters
- Provides minimum bias trigger, z vertex determination, and centrality determination
- Reuse of PHENIX BBC but moved by 1 m in z-direction

sEPD (sPHENIX Event Plane Detector, $2.0 < |\eta| < 4.9$)

ZDC (Zero Degree Calorimeter) at $z = \pm 18.5$ m



Commissioning Run 2023 With AuAu at 200 GeV

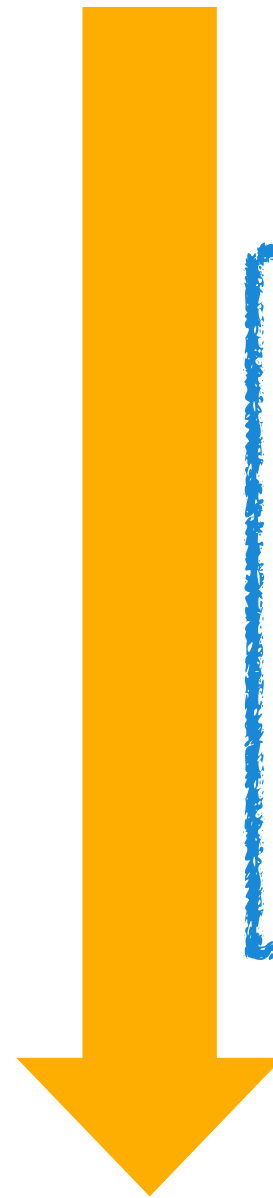
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The dataset used in this analysis

- Small dataset from commissioning
- Prioritized full acceptance of calorimeters
- EMCal + HCal + MBD subsystems
- Centrality intervals 0-60% as determined by MBD



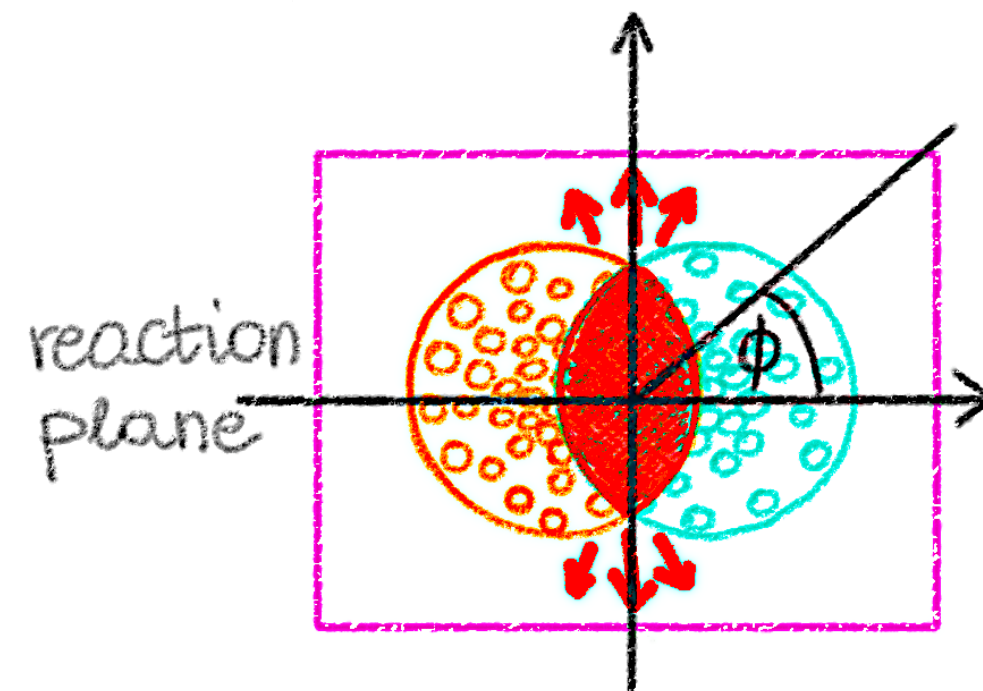
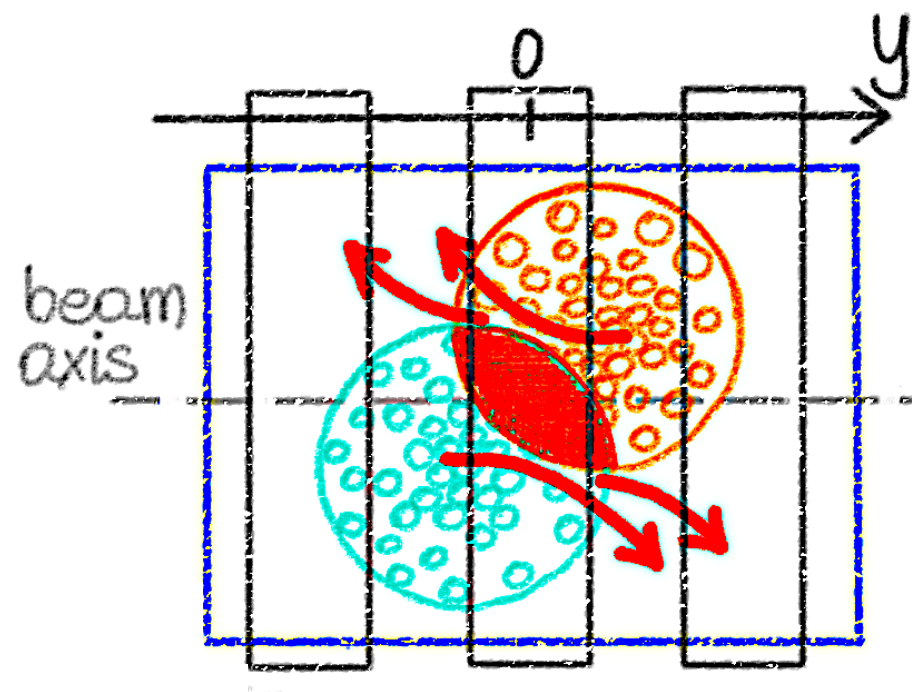
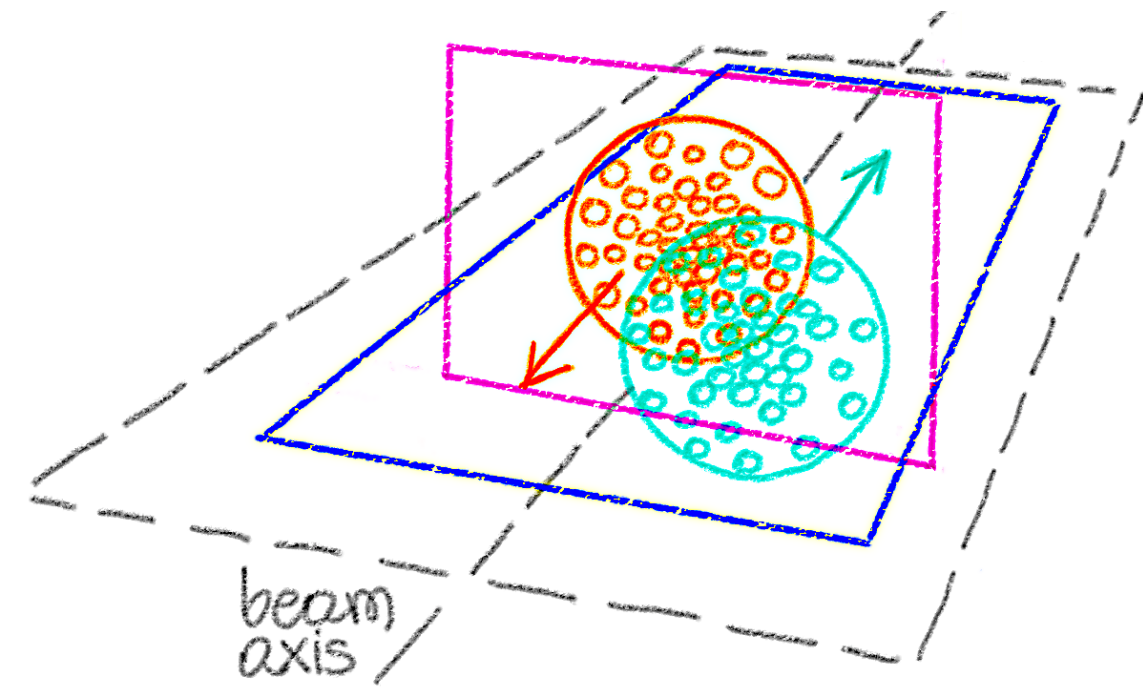
- Aug/1st: The run was ended by the accelerator failure
- Aug – Sep: Commissioning with cosmic ray measurements

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Initial energy density via measurement of $dE_T/d\eta$

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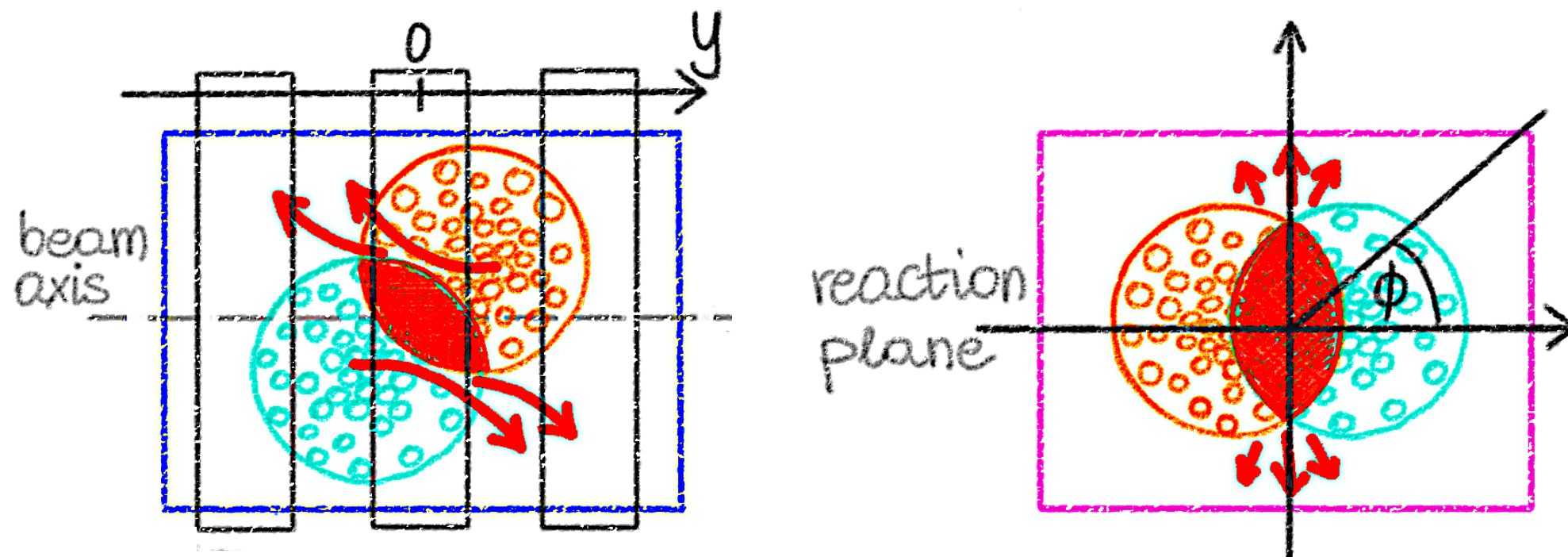
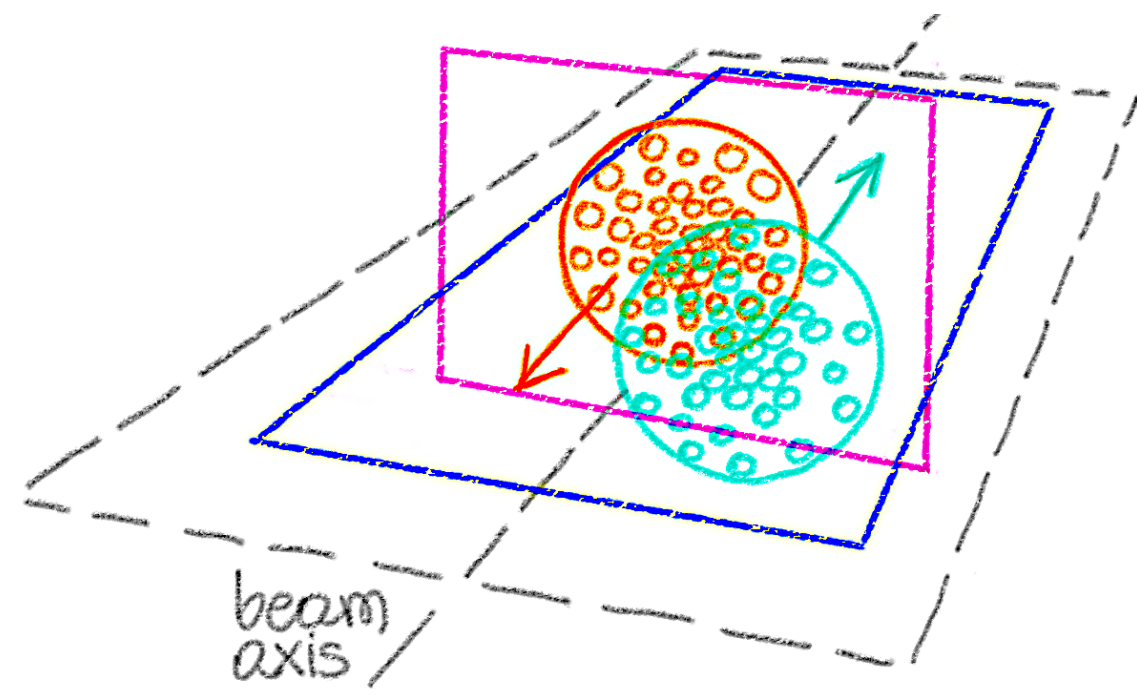


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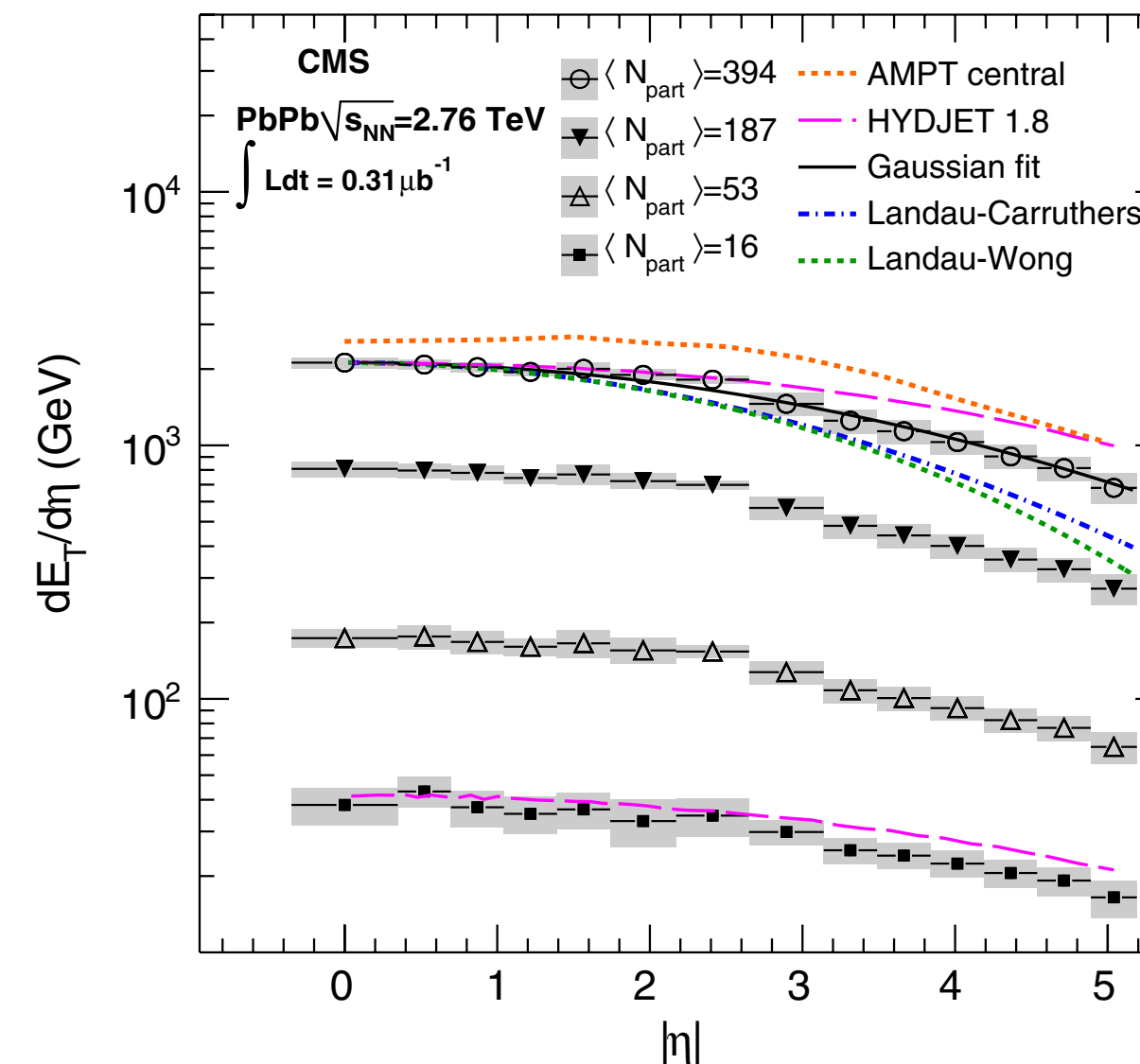
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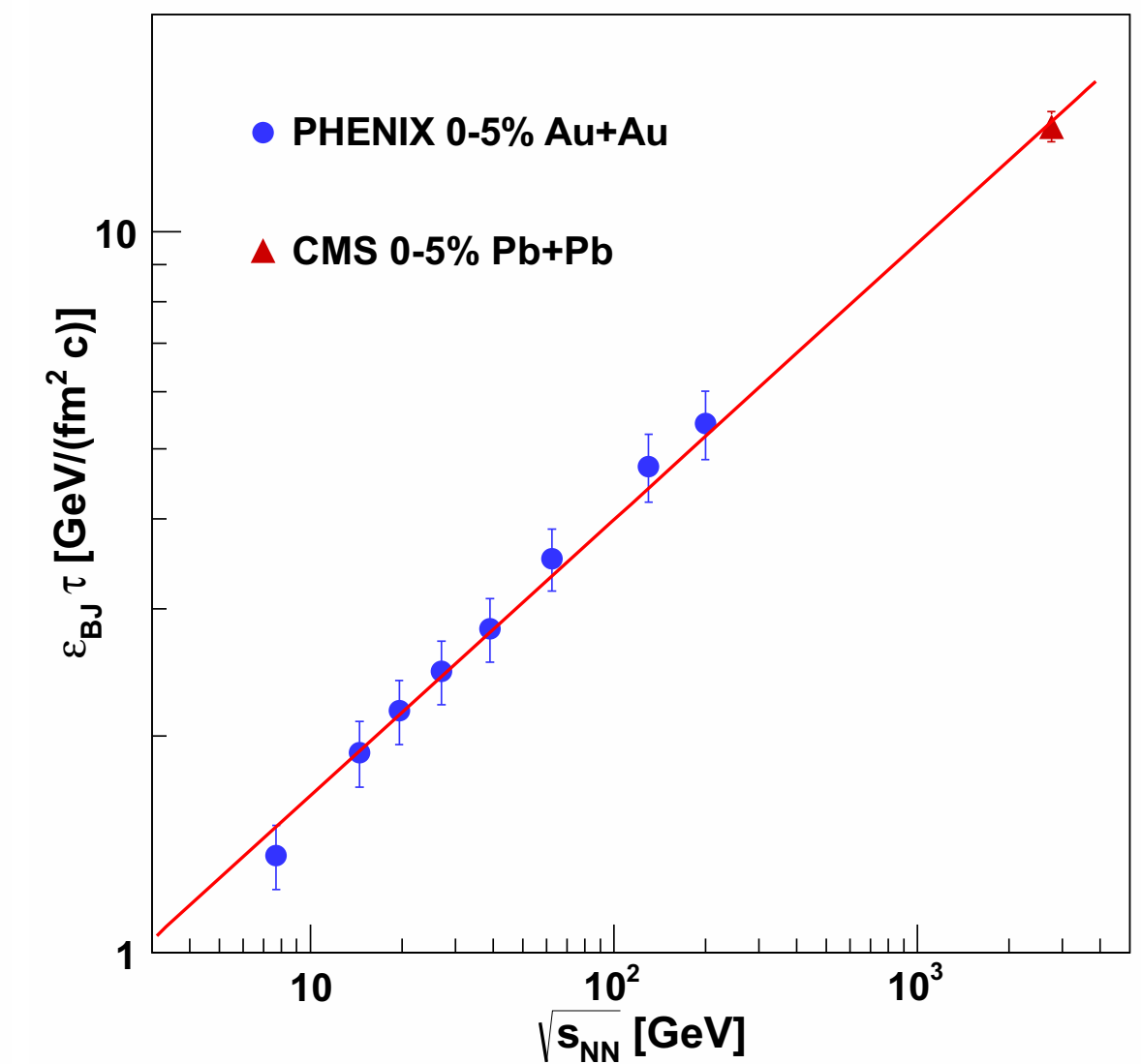


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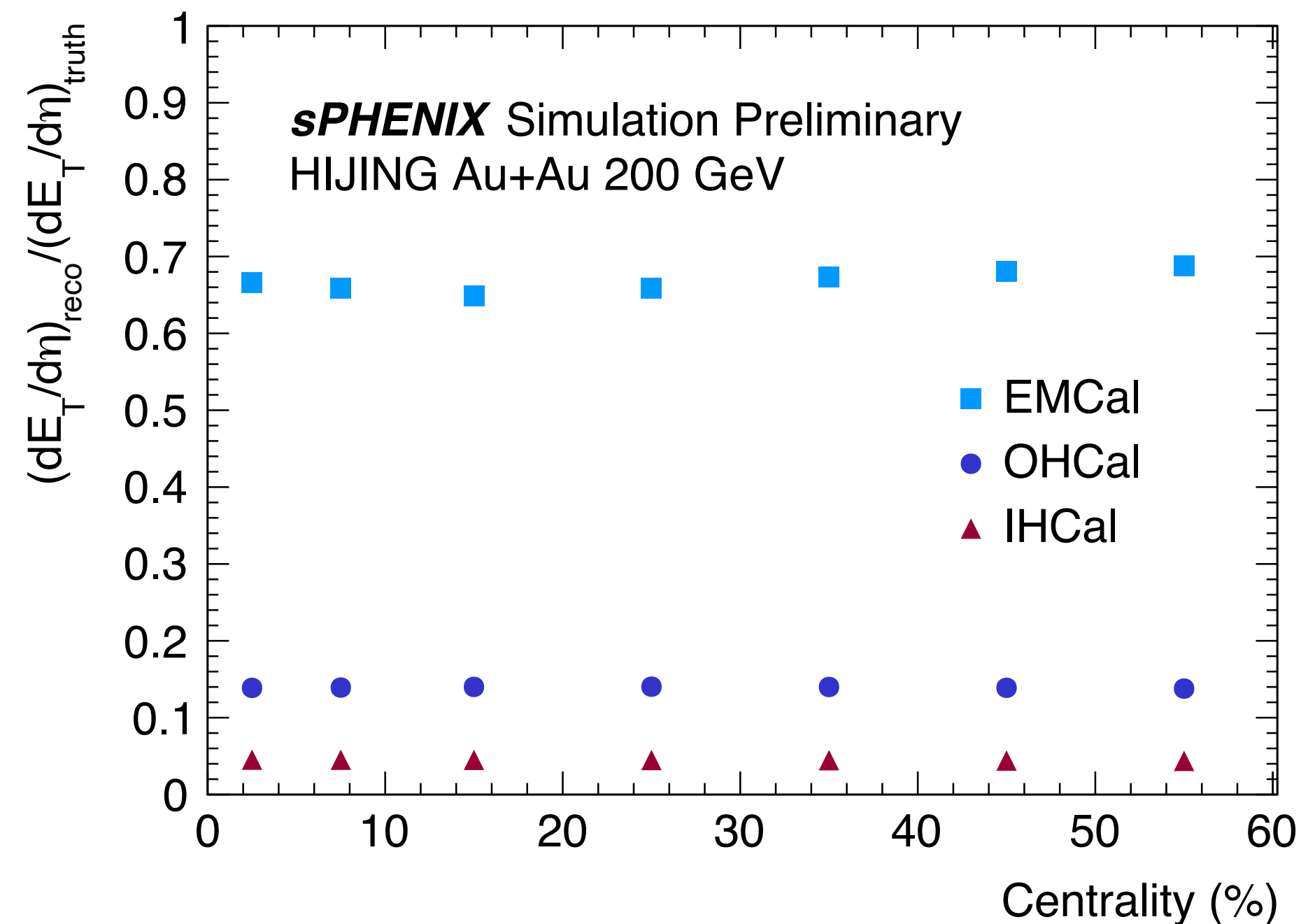
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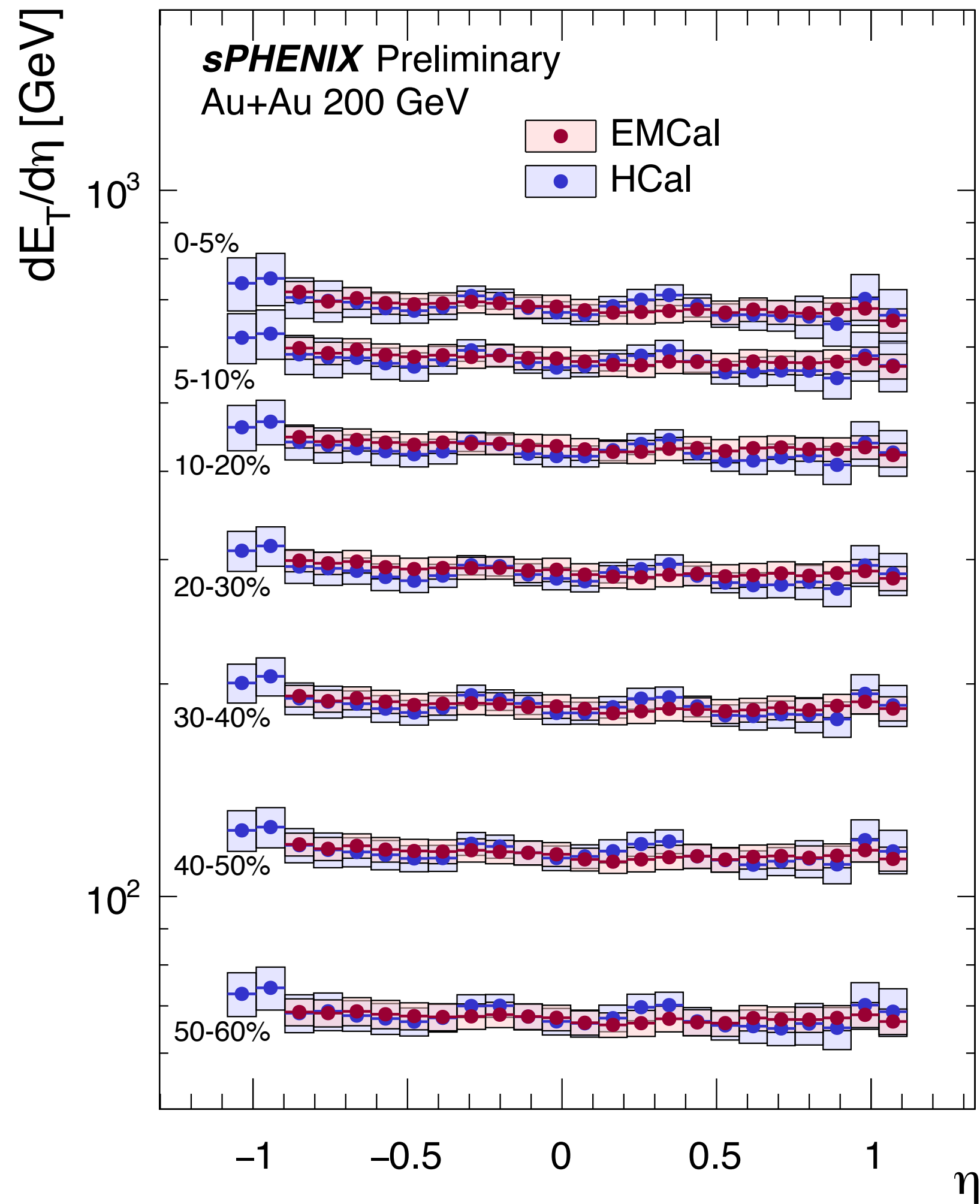
$$C(\eta) = \frac{\sum E_{T, \text{tower}}(\eta)}{\sum E_{T, \text{particle}}(\eta)}$$

- $E_{T, \text{tower}} = E_{\text{tower}} \sin \theta$ for each calorimeter in the simulation
- $E_{T, \text{particle}} = E_{\text{particle}} \sin \theta$ for all collision final state particles within the detector's acceptance
- Factors show the ratio of reconstructed $dE_T/d\eta$ to truth $dE_T/d\eta$ for each calorimeter layer.

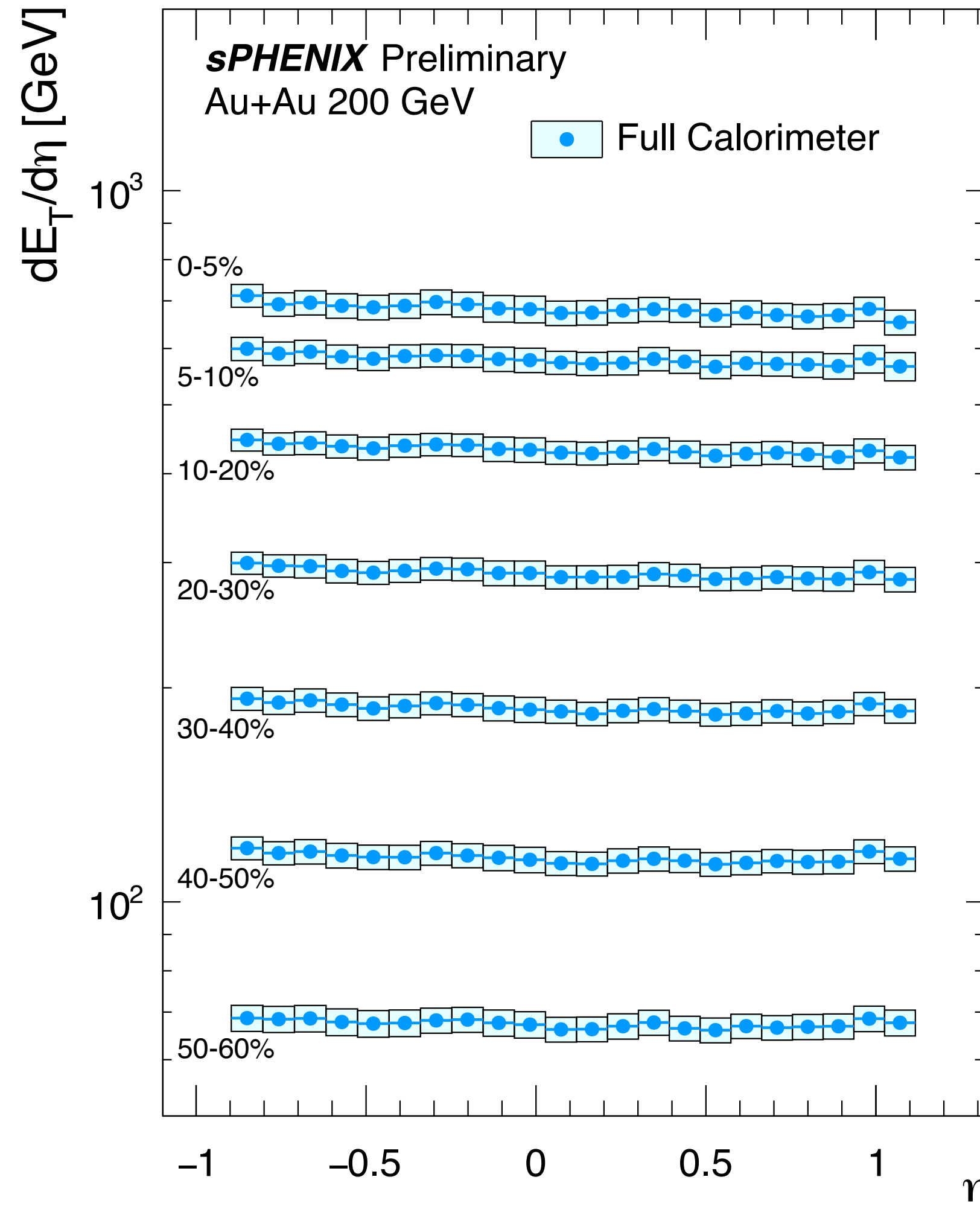


EMCal sees ~66% of truth $dE_T/d\eta$!!!
 Inner/Outer HCals see 4% and 14% of truth $dE_T/d\eta$

Fully Corrected $dE_T/d\eta = \frac{\sum E_{T, \text{tower}}(\eta)}{C(\eta)}$



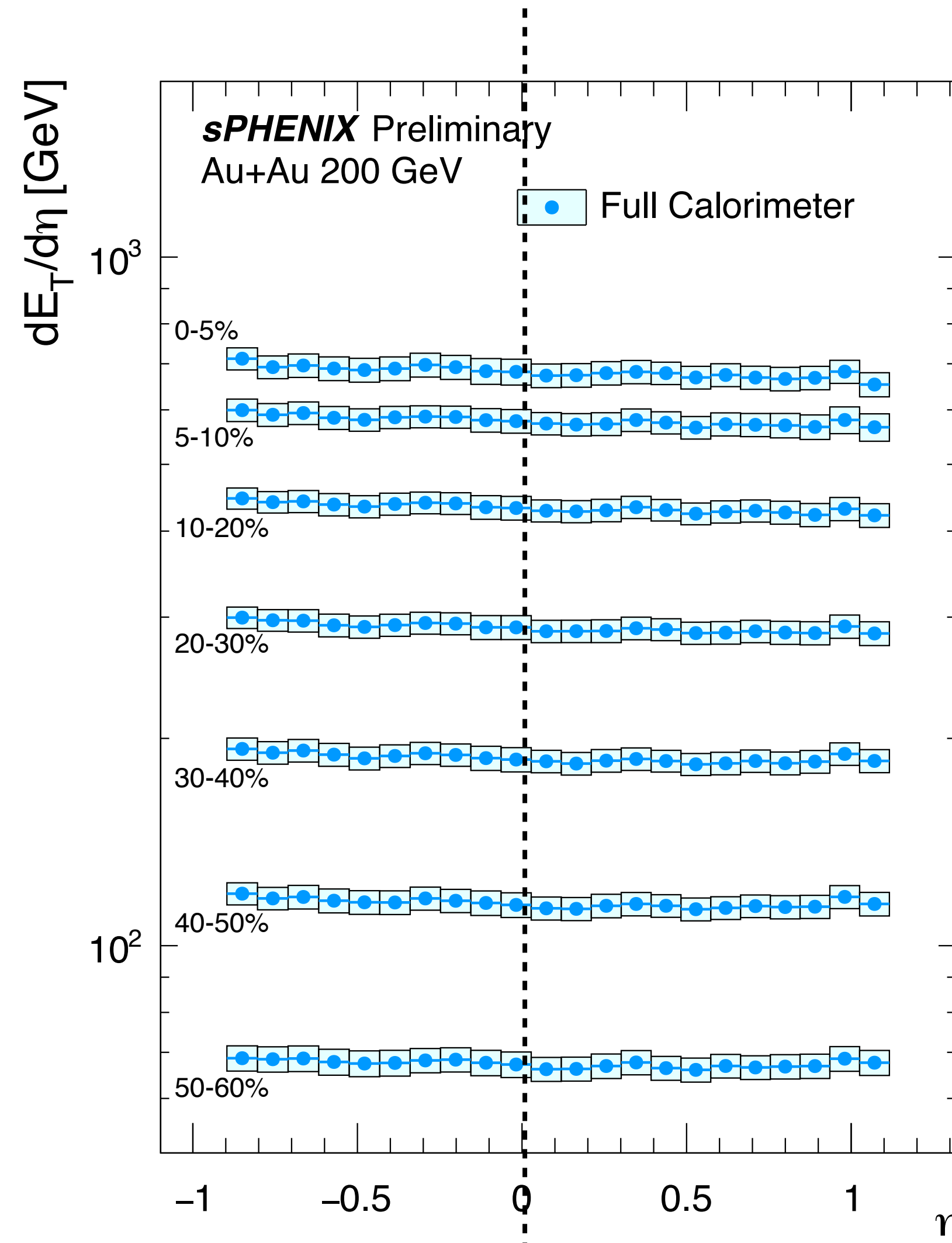
EMCal & HCal + OHCals



EMCal + HCals

Strong dependence on centrality can be seen.
 Good agreement b/w EMCal, HCal, and full calorimeter results was confirmed!

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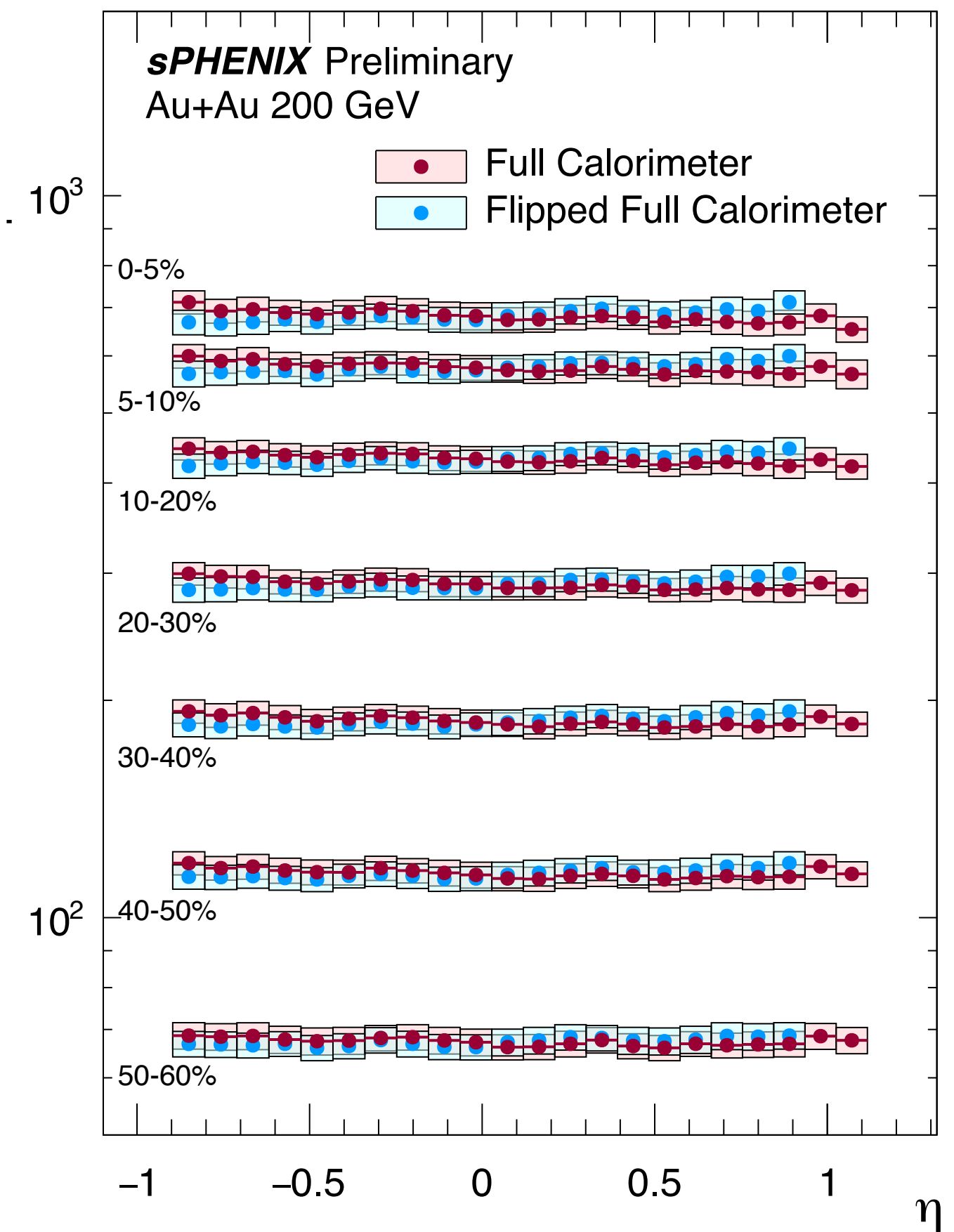
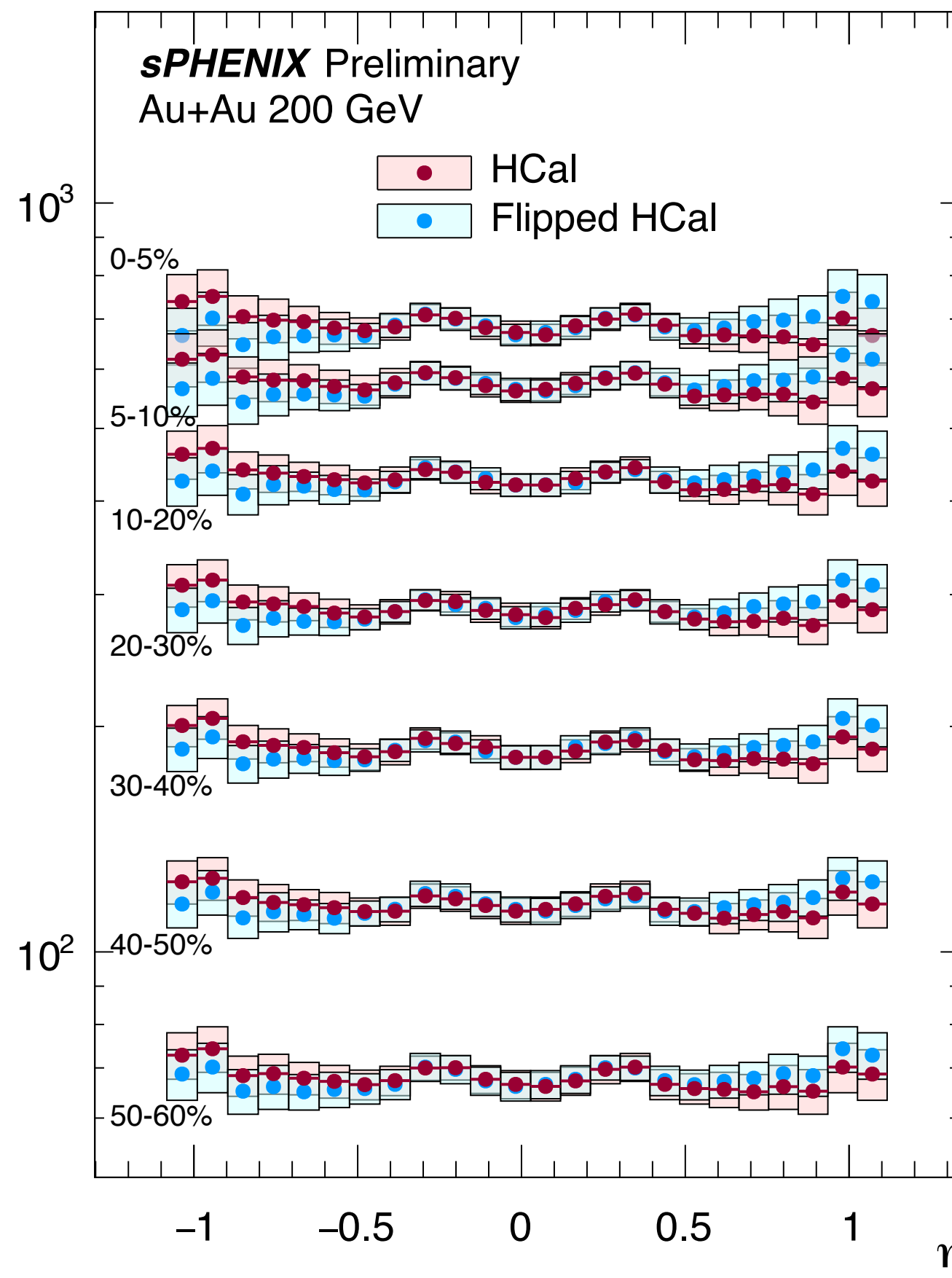
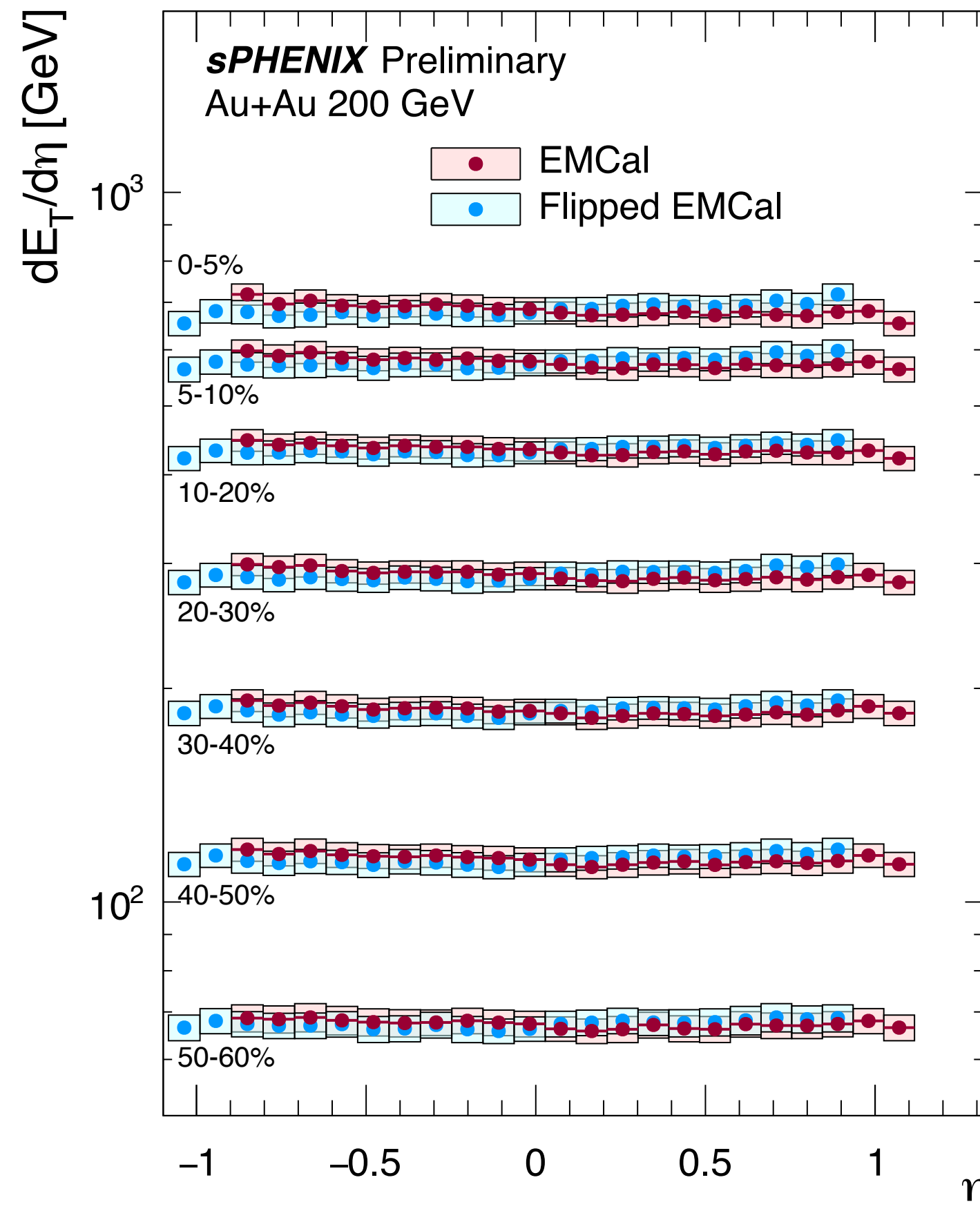
Symmetrical check

$dE_T/d\eta$ has to be symmetric about $\eta = 0$



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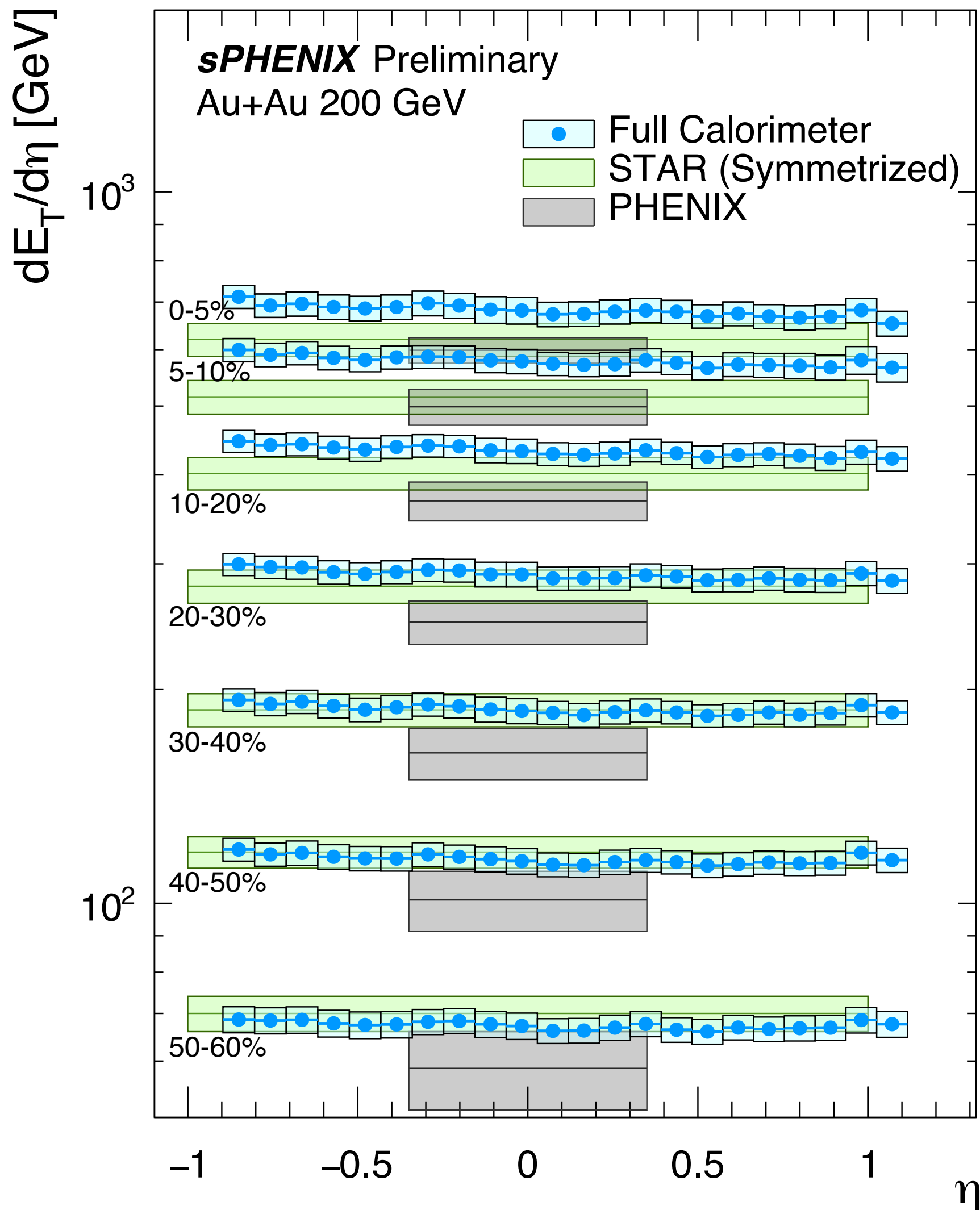
Symmetrical check



EMCal, HCal, and full calorimeter results are symmetric about $\eta = 0$ within uncertainties!



$dE_T/d\eta$: Comparison to PHENIX/STAR Results



to PHENIX

sPHENIX results are consistently higher than PHENIX's for all centrality bins but agree within uncertainties for mid-central bins 30 – 60%

to STARs

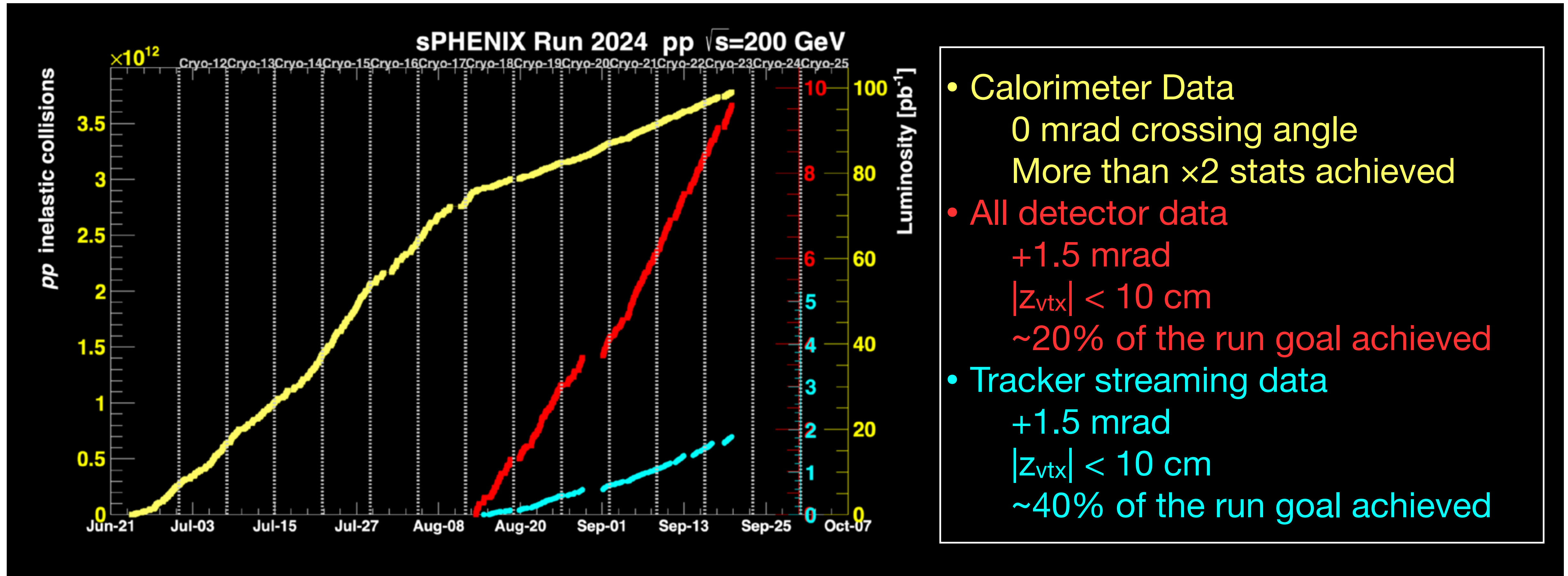
sPHENIX results are above the STAR's in the centrality range of 0 – 10% but are in agreement in other centrality intervals

The sPHENIX results are given as a function of preliminary centrality. It will be updated using quantities like $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ soon.



Run Status

- pp run will be completed on Sep. 30th.
- The AuAu commissioning run will be in Oct., and the major AuAu measurement will be carried out in 2025.



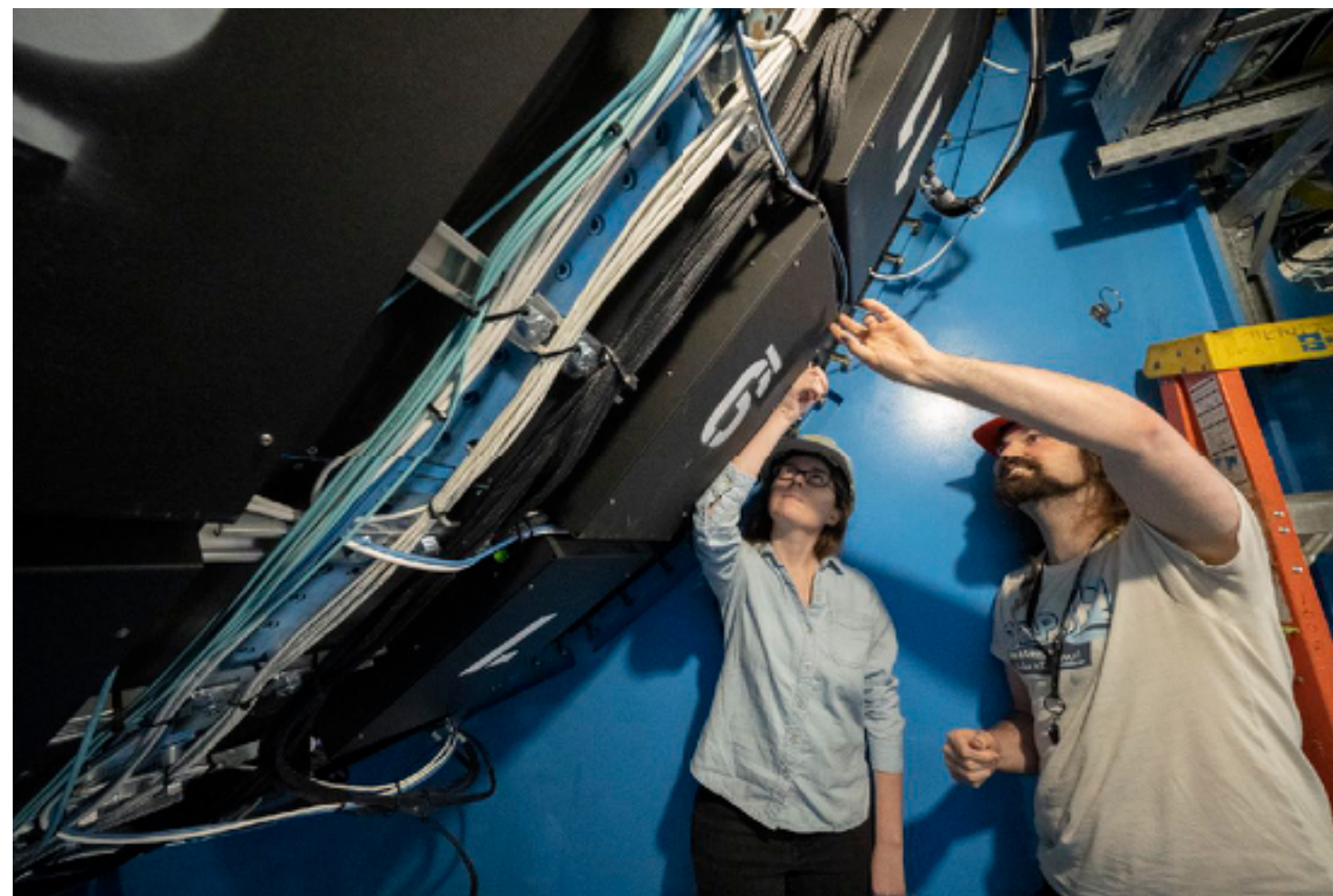
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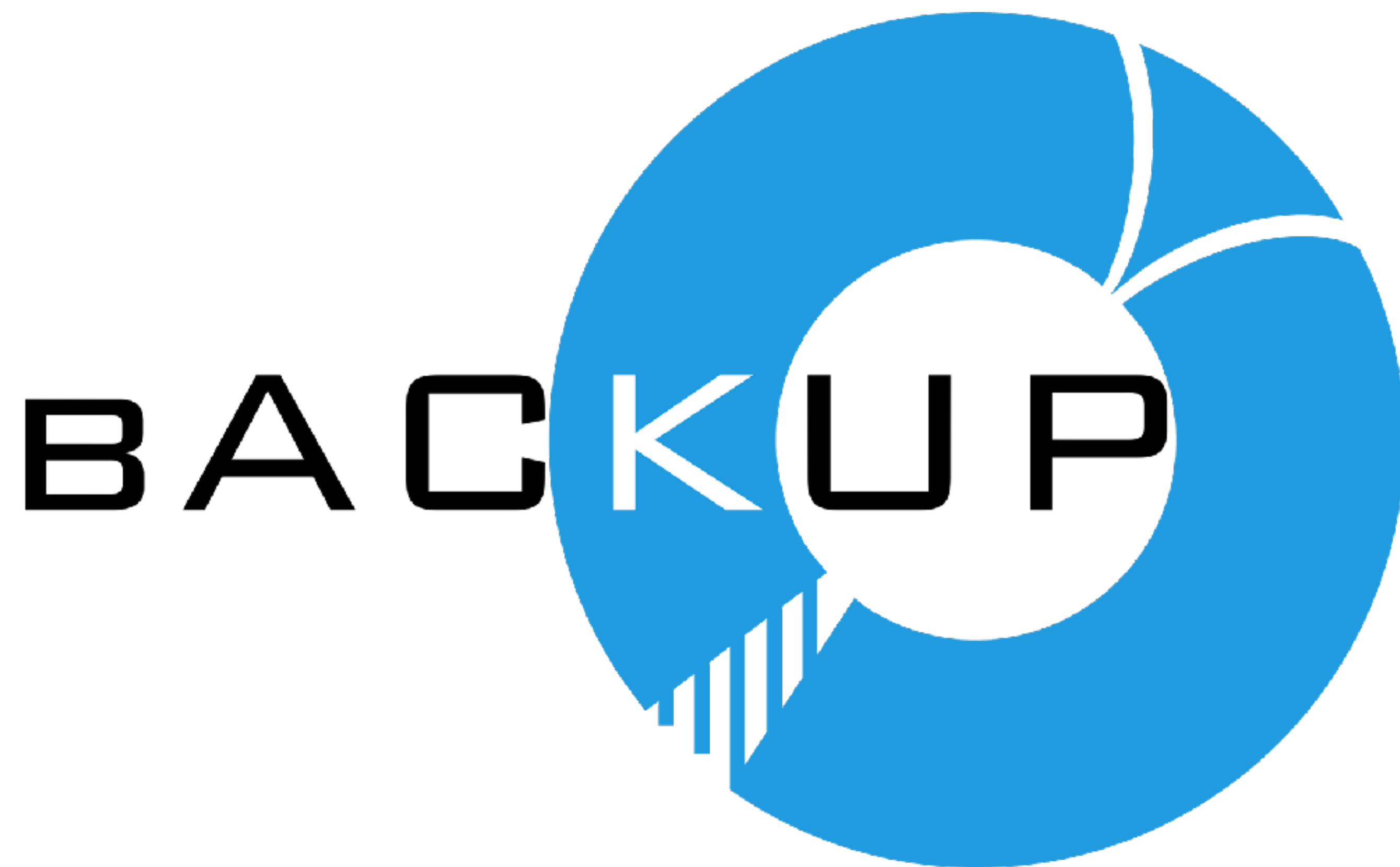


Summary



- sPHENIX studies QGP and Cold-QCD at RHIC in BNL.
- $dE_T/d\eta$: Fully corrected calorimeter results agree with PHENIX/STAR results. See [the conference note](#) for more details.
- pp run is almost finished. Commissioning with AuAu is in the next month.
- AuAu mass data taking will be performed in 2025.
- $dE_T/d\eta$ measurement will be updated with new AuAu data taken in 2024 and 2025.







sPHENIX Detector



Magnet

Magnet

Superconducting solenoid magnet from Babar at SLAC provides 1.5 T

Outer and Inner Hcal (Hadronic Calorimeter)

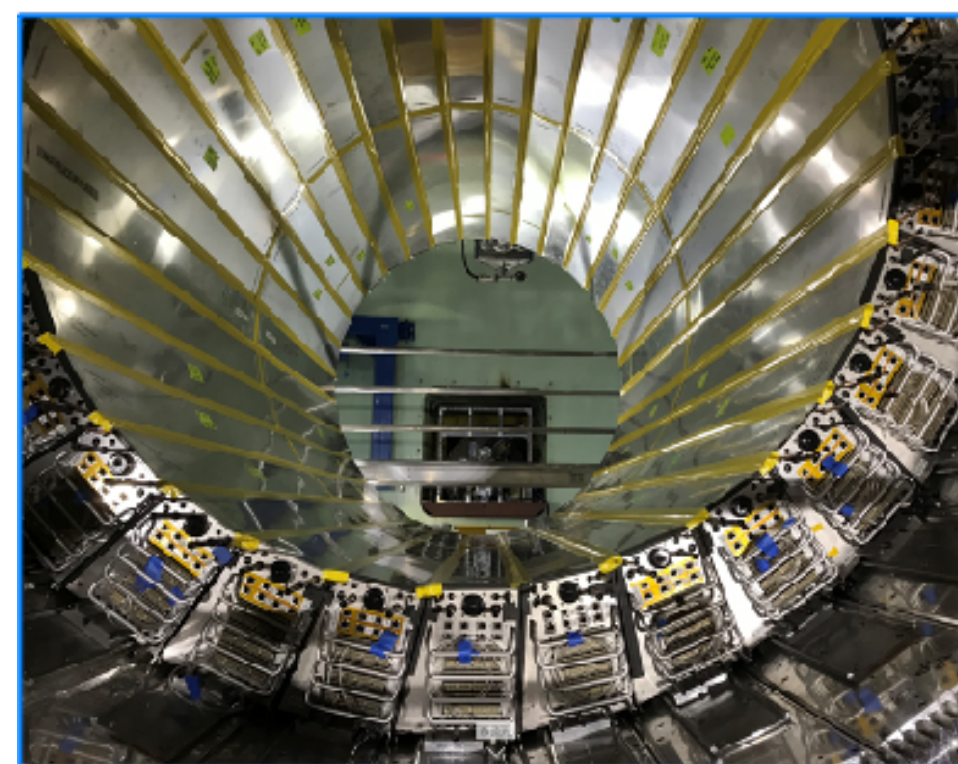
- Inner part: non-magnetic metal and scintillator
- Outer part: Iron and scintillator
- **Measurements can be done before multiple scattering of hadron shower by the cryostat for the magnet**

EMcal (Electromagnetic Calorimeter)

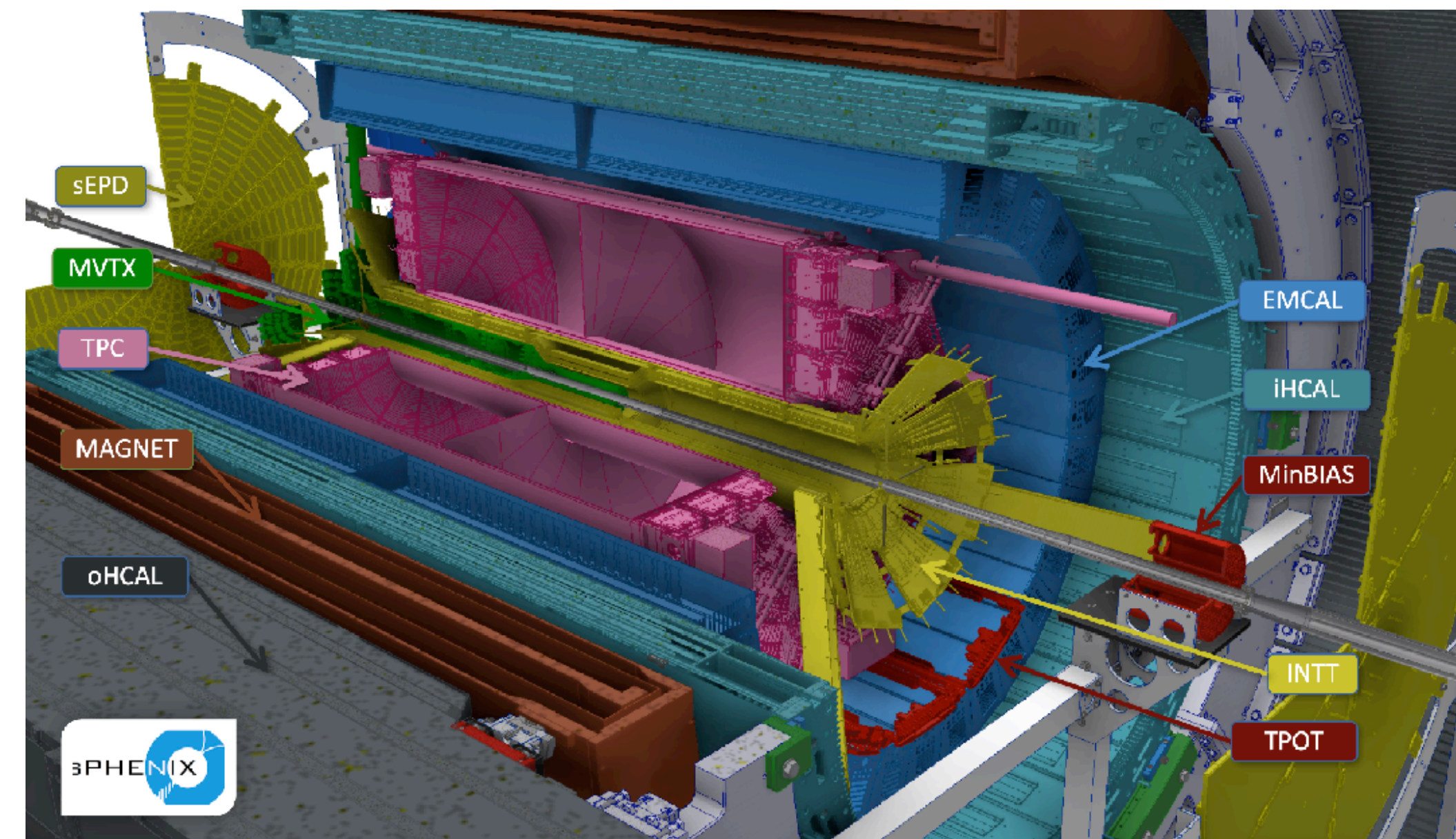
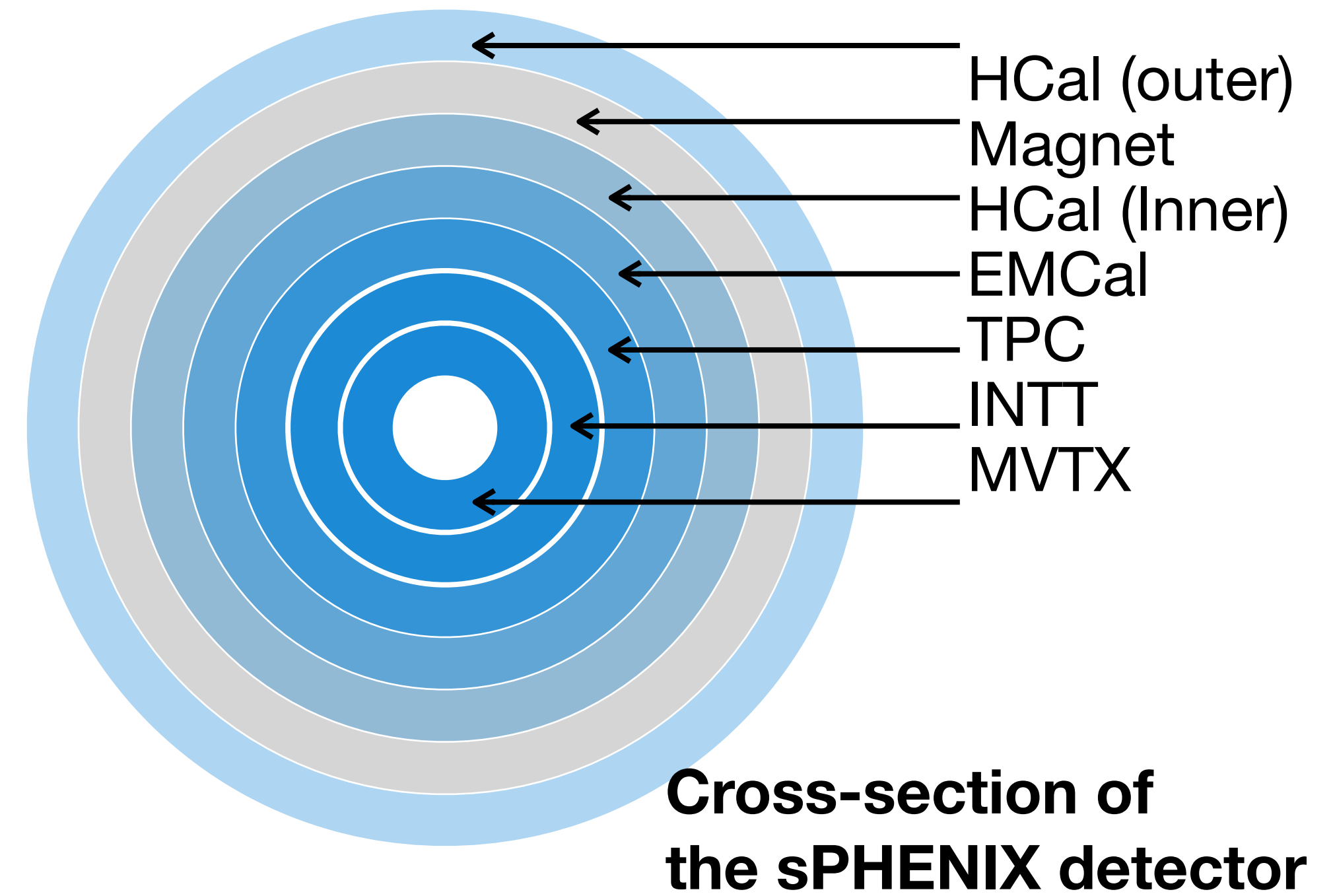
- consists of tungsten powder and scintillating fibers
- compact, small segmentation ($\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.024 \times 0.024$)



Hcal



EMcal



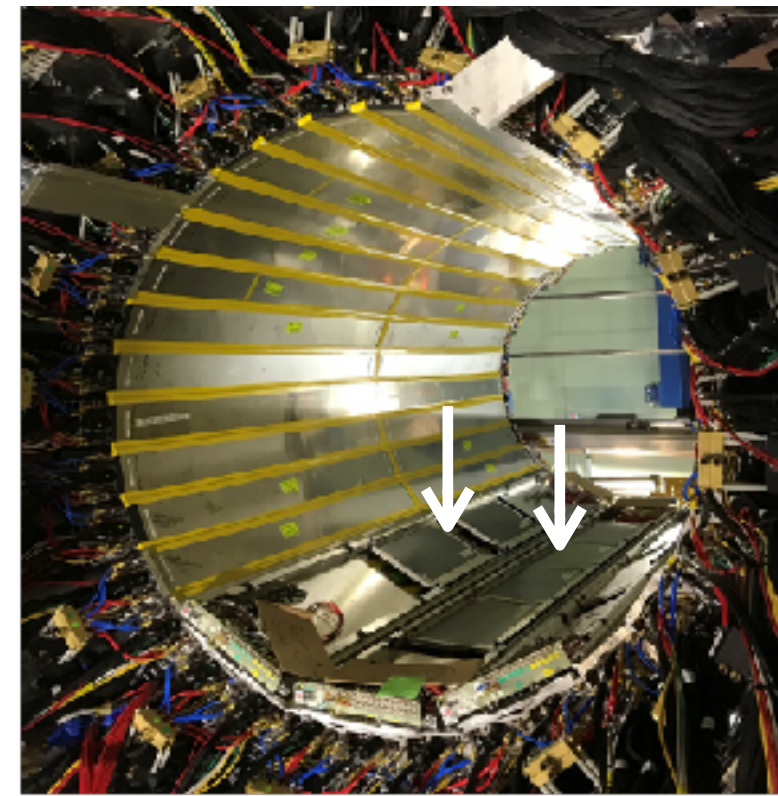
sPHENIX detector



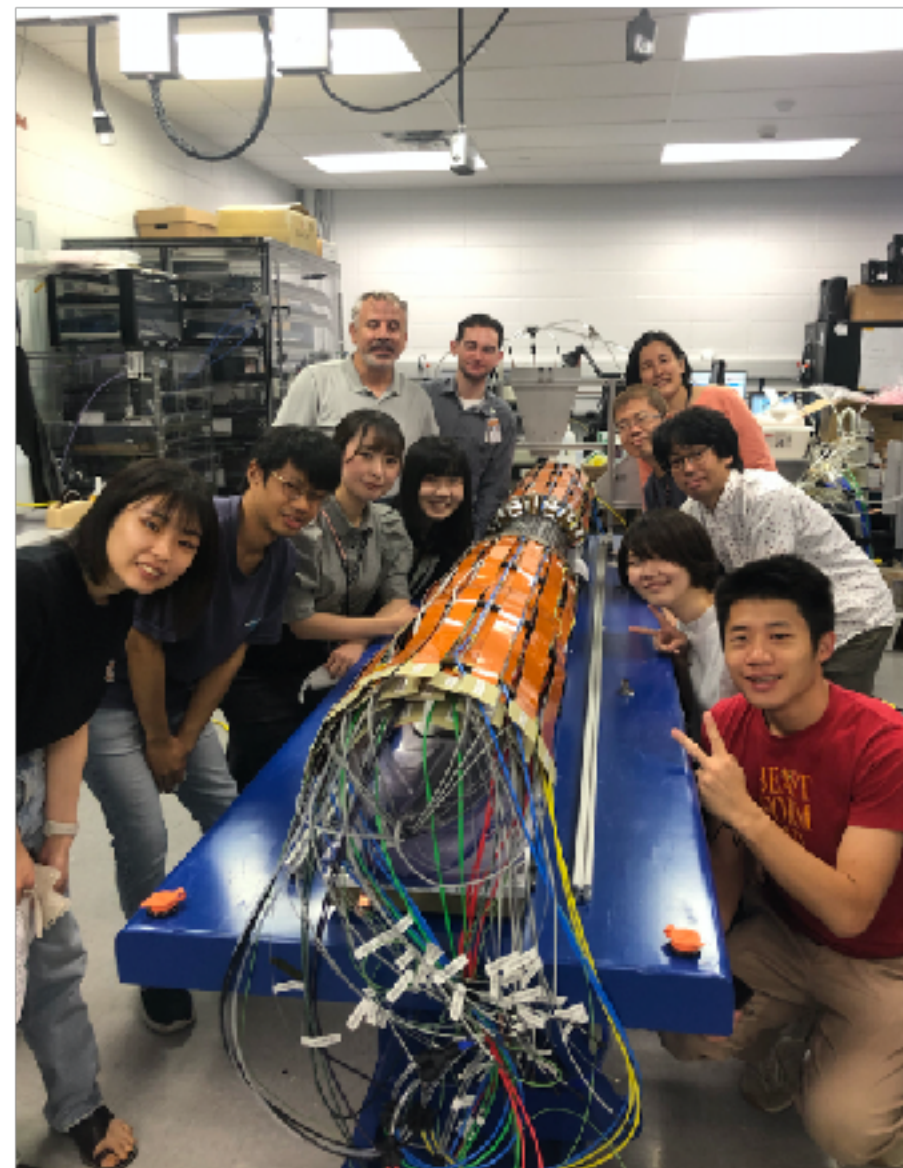
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Tracking detectors

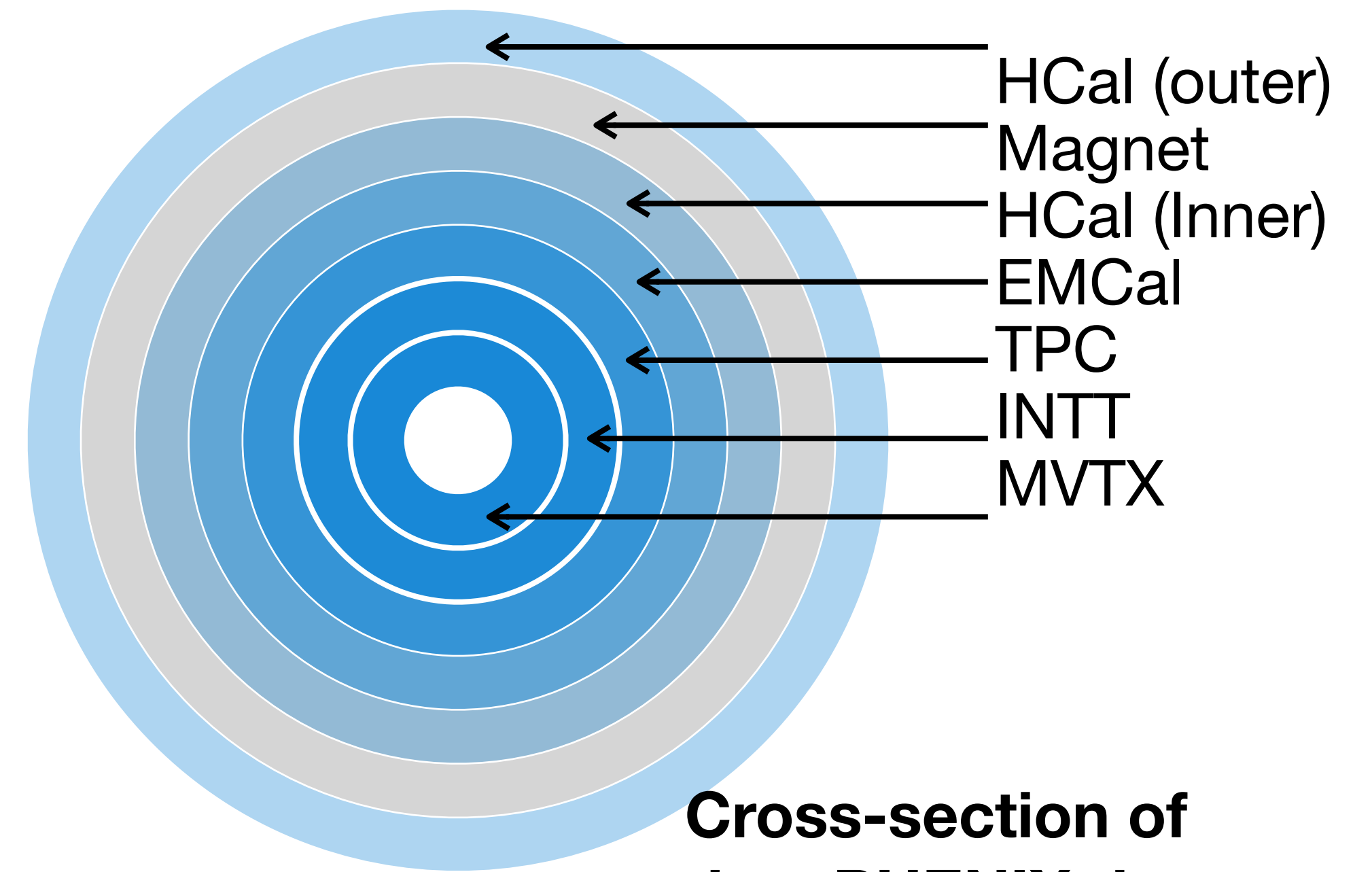
- **TPC** (Time Projection Chamber)
 - $r < 80$ cm
 - contributes **great momentum resolution**
- **TPOT** (TPC Outer Tracker)
 - Micromegas
 - for calibration of beam-induced space charge distortions
- **INTT** (Intermediate Silicon Tracker)
 - $r < 10$ cm
 - tracking between TPC and MVTX with **good timing resolution**
- **MVTX** (MAPS-based Vertex Detector)
 - $r < 4$ cm
 - Monolithic active pixel detector with $30 \mu\text{m}$ pitch for **precise vertexing**



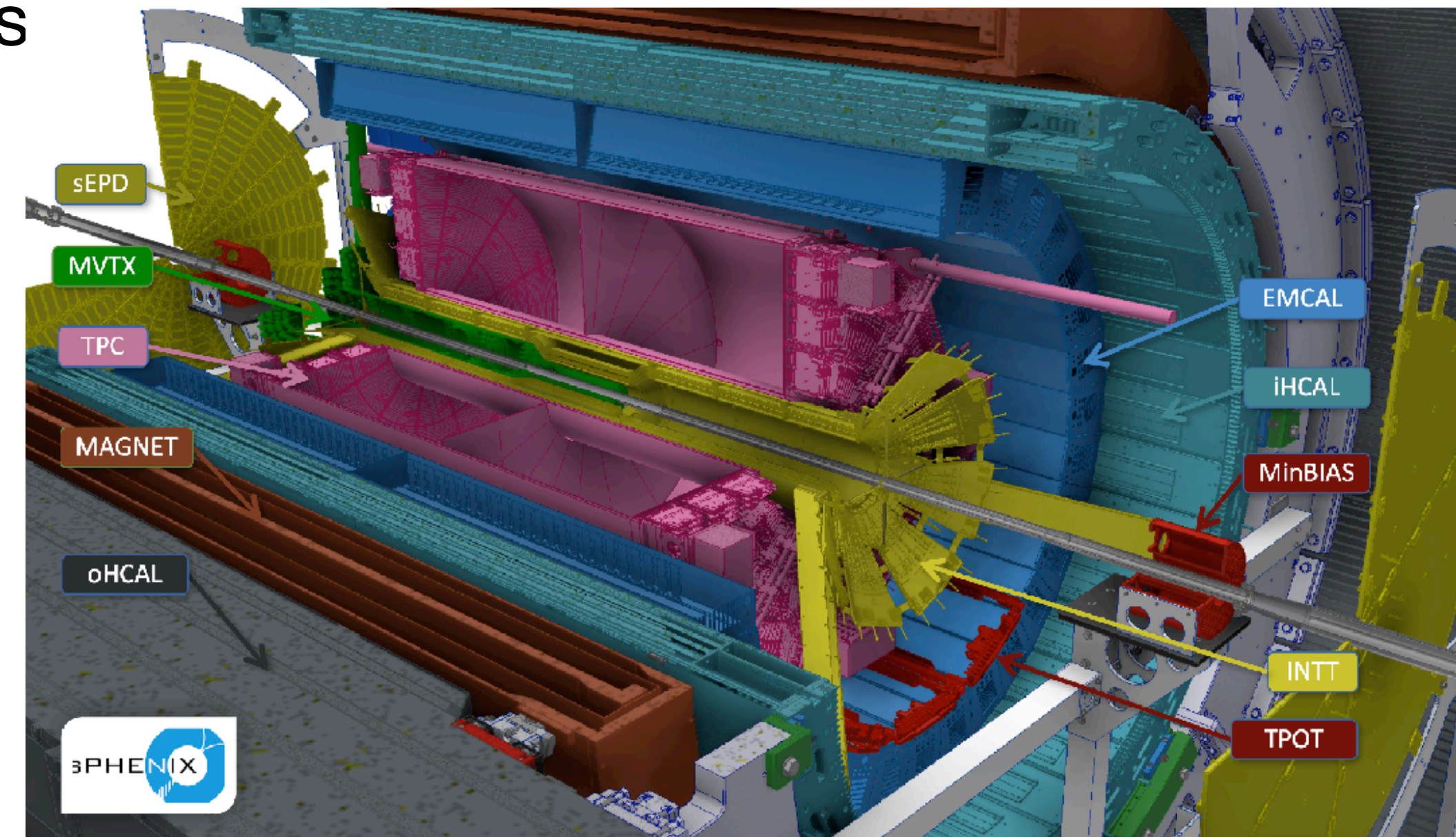
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Cross-section of the sPHENIX detector



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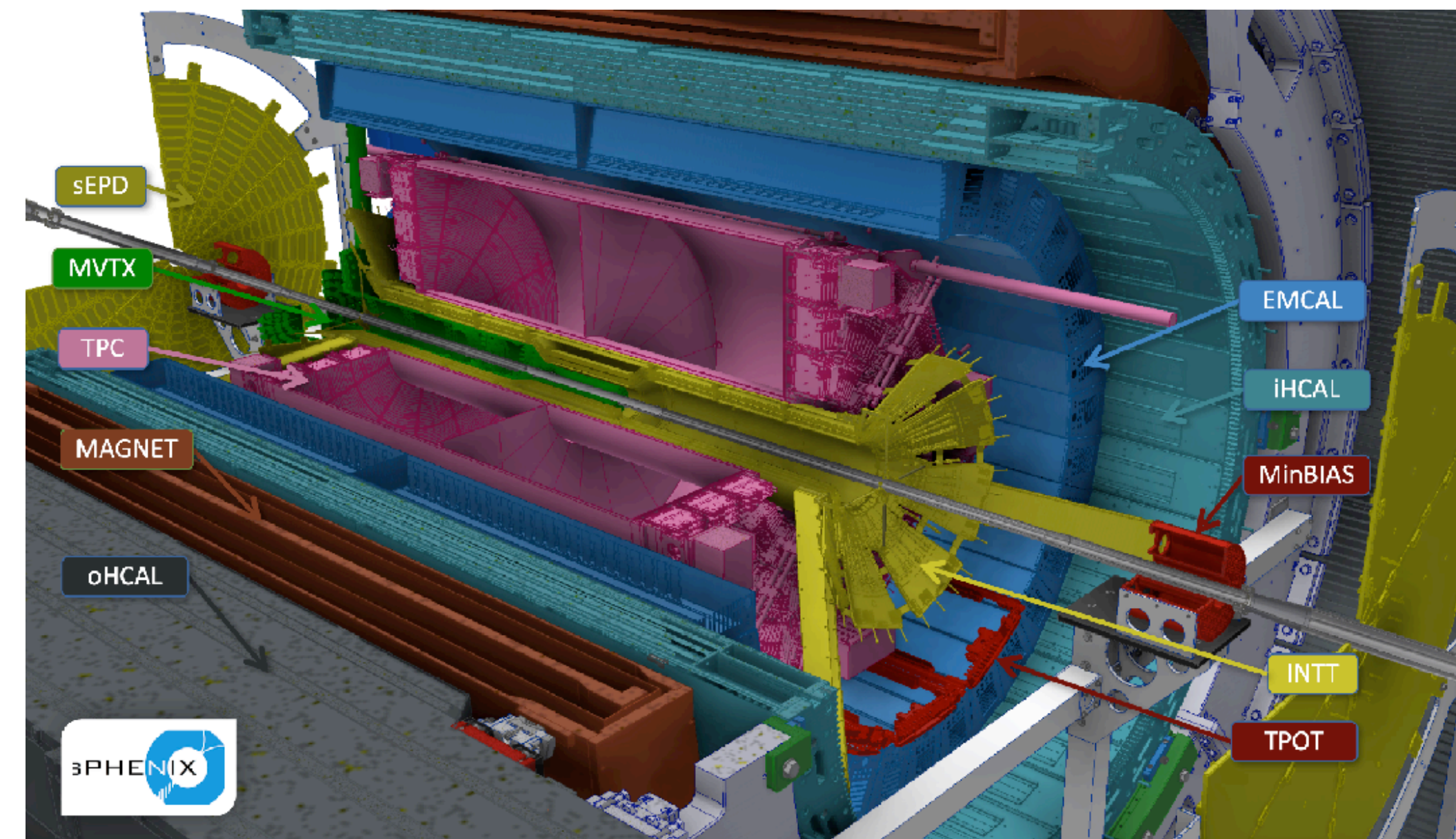
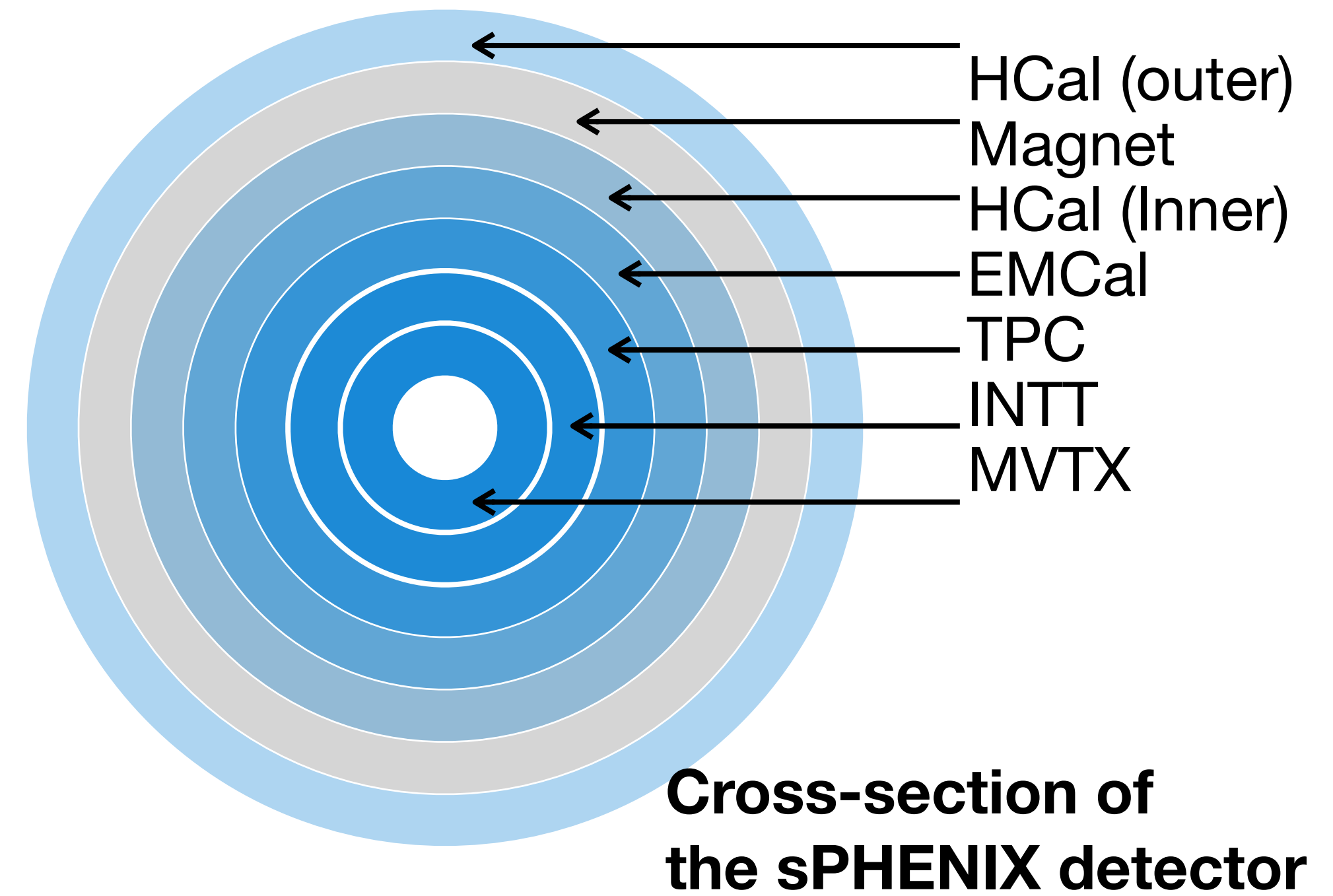
- **MBD** (Minimum Bias Detector)
 - $3.51 < |\eta| < 4.61$
 - provides **minimum bias trigger**, reuse of the PHENIX BBC
- **sEPD** (sPHENIX Event Plane Detector)
 - $2.0 < |\eta| < 4.9$
 - contributes to **the great event plane resolution**
- **ZDC** (Zero Degree Calorimeter)
 - $z = \pm 18.5$ m
 - works for **centrality and luminosity measurements and trigger**



sEPD



MBD

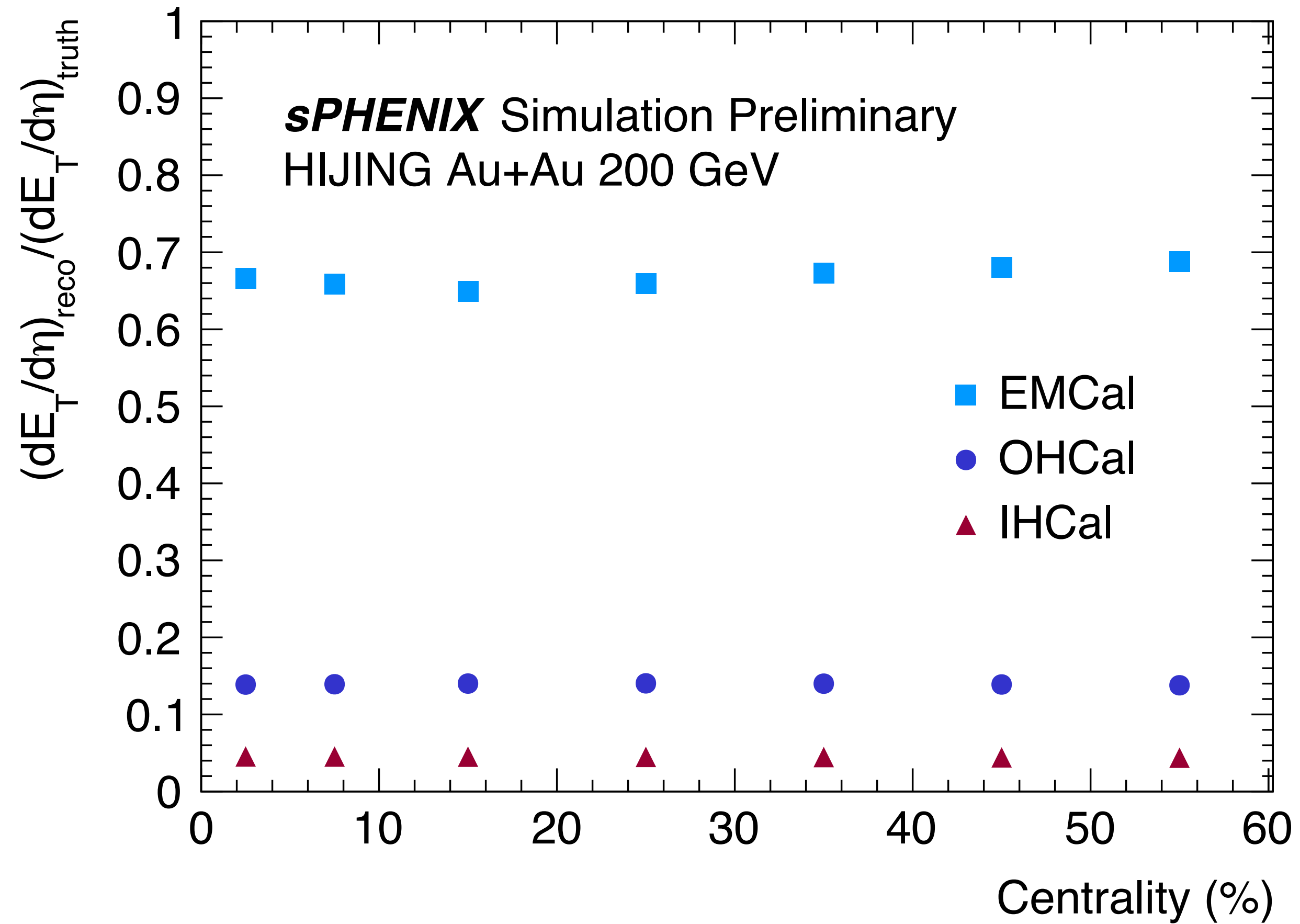


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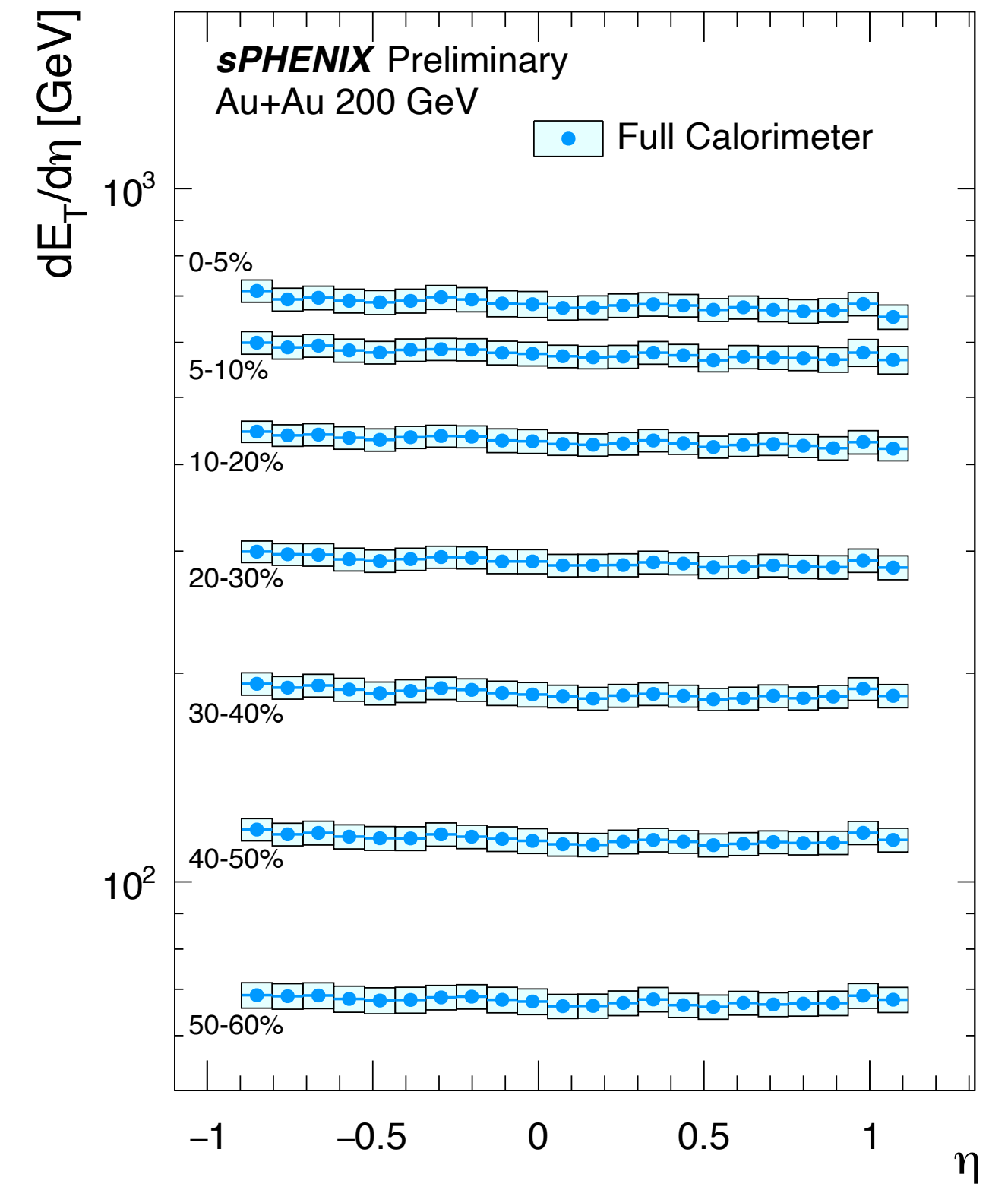
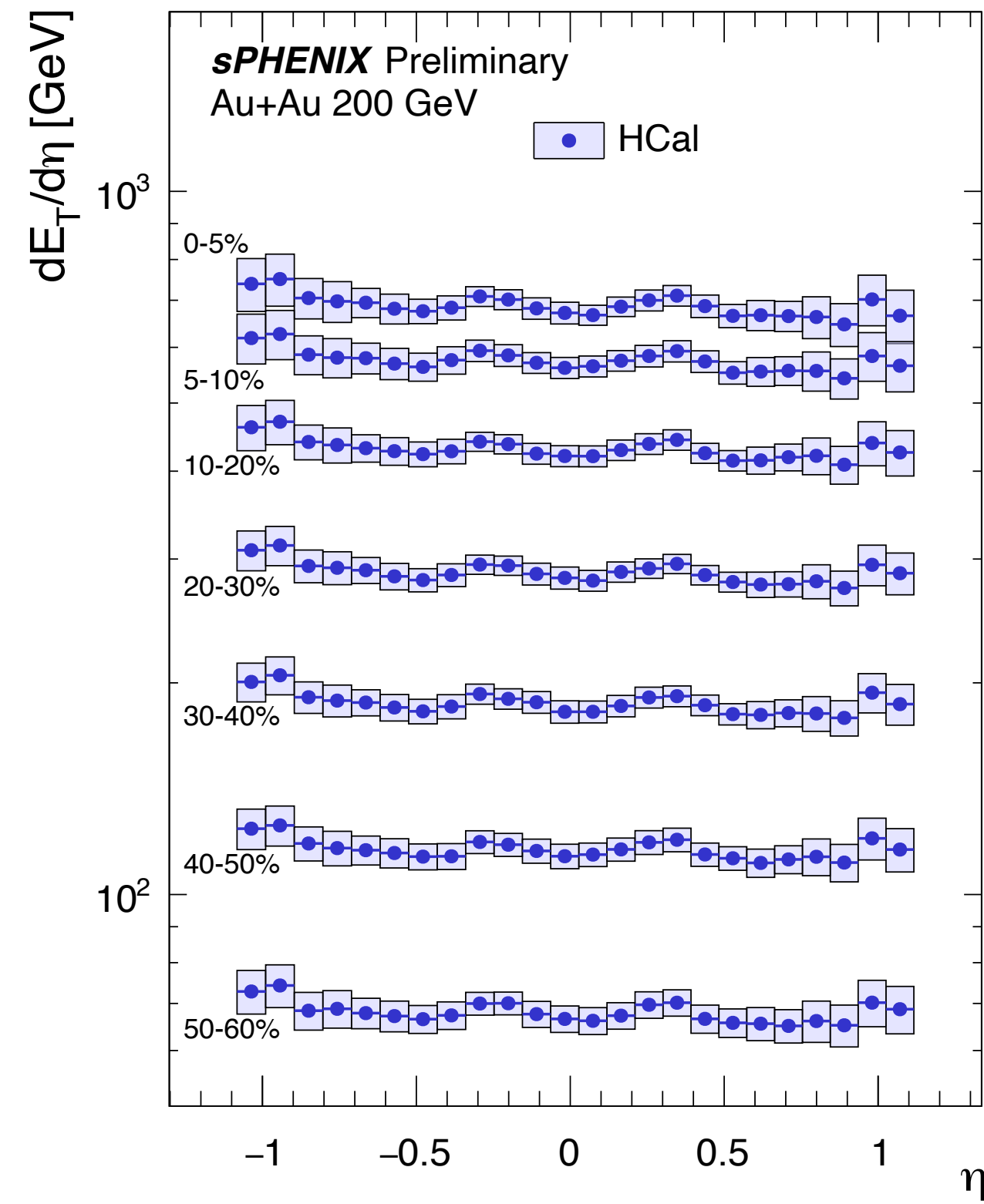
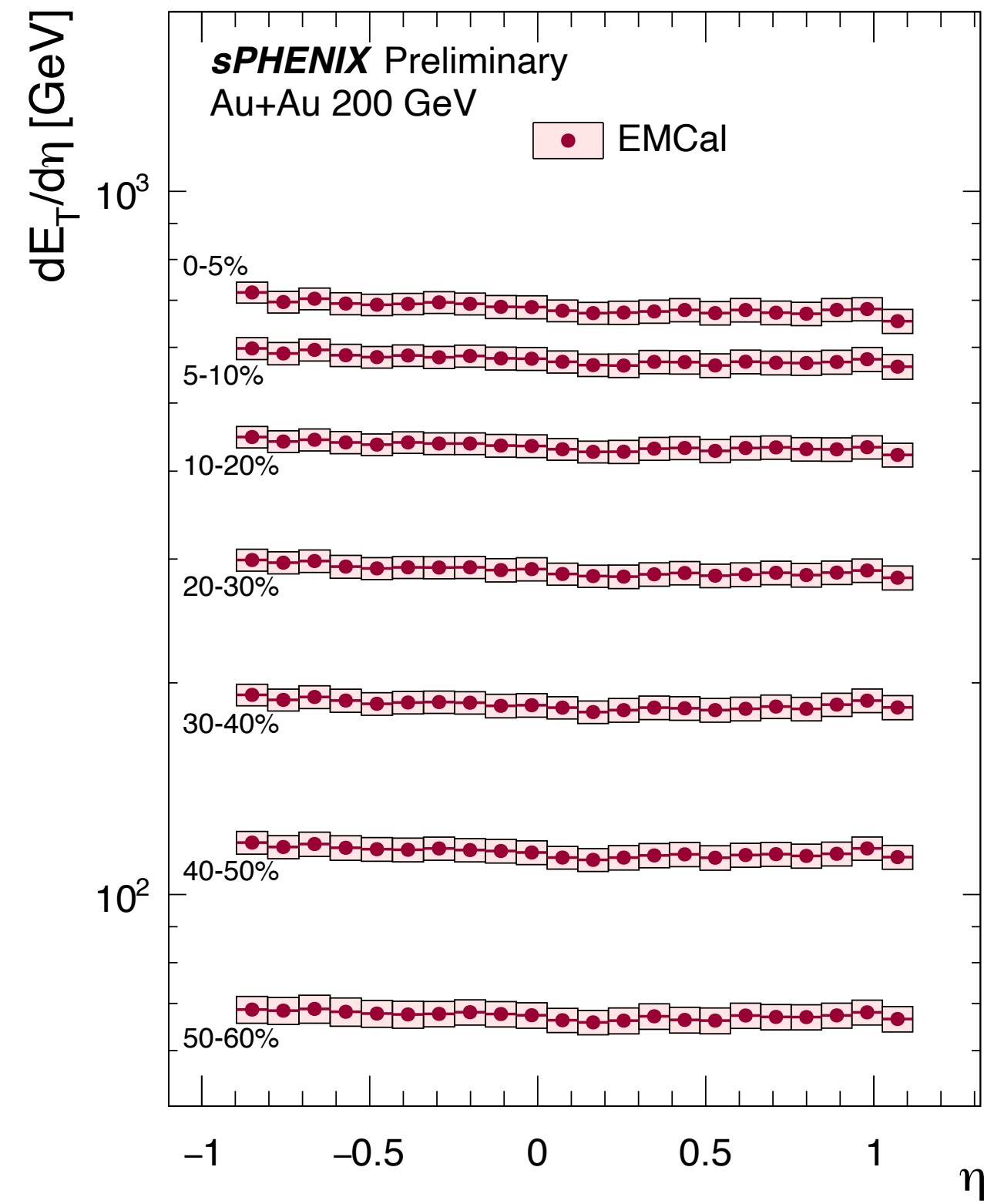
[The conference note](#)

	Calibration	Hadronic response	MC	ZS	Accept.	Z-vertex	Total
EMCal	1.5-1.7	3.0	1.0-1.2	0.3-2.0	0.5-0.9	0.2	3.7-4.3
OHCal	1.2-1.3	3.4-3.6	2.9-4.3	0.3-0.4	0.7-1.2	0.4	5.1-6.0
Full Calo	1.2-1.3	3.0-3.1	1.4-1.9	0.2-1.6	0.4-0.9	0.2	3.8-4.2

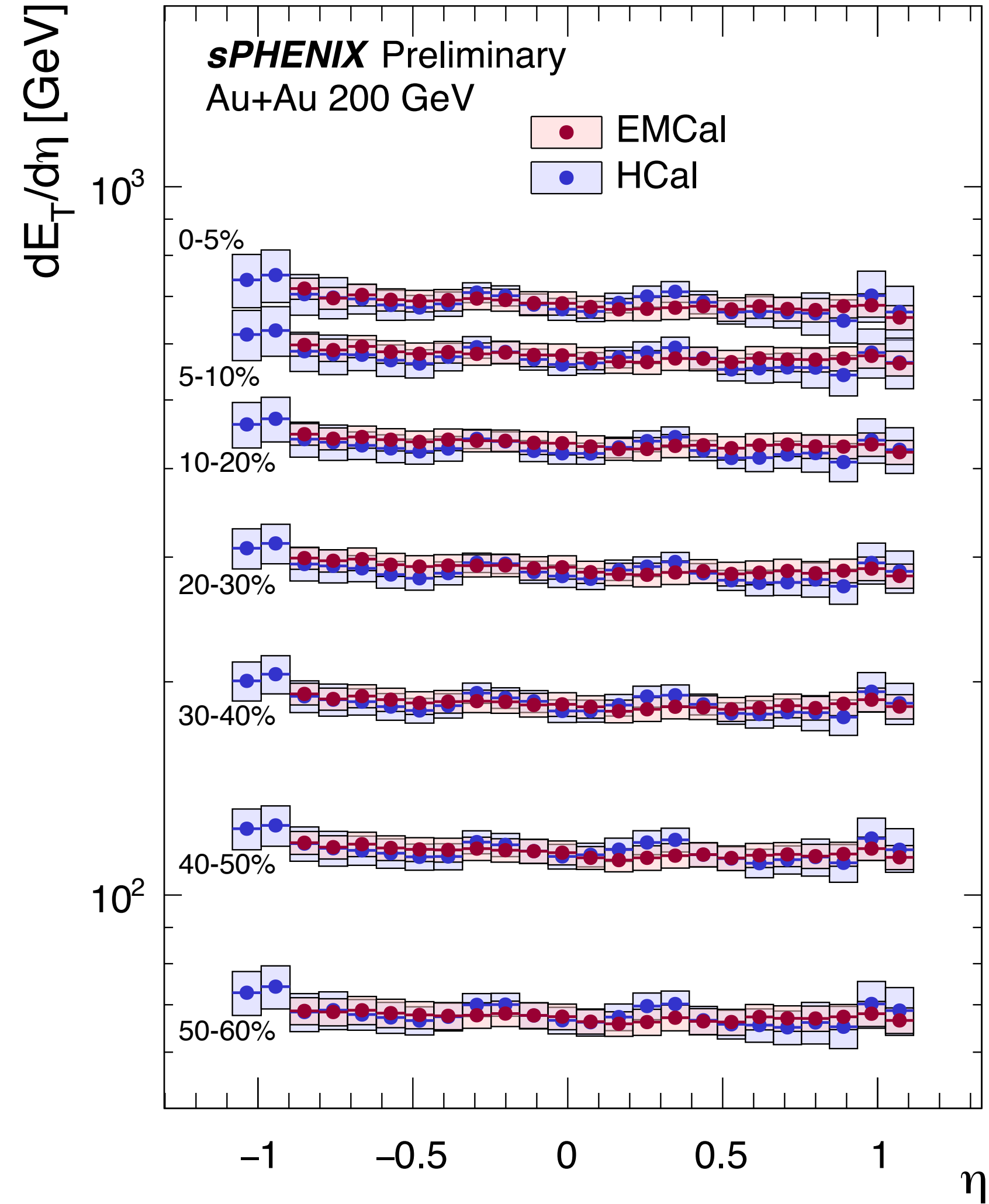
Table 1: Summary of mean systematic uncertainties over measurement η range for $dE_T/d\eta$ measurements from each calorimeter for the full range of measurement centrality bins. Uncertainty values listed above are given in percentages. Listed hadronic response uncertainty only includes MC contributions presently. MC uncertainty refers to the uncertainty related to correction factors derived from MC.



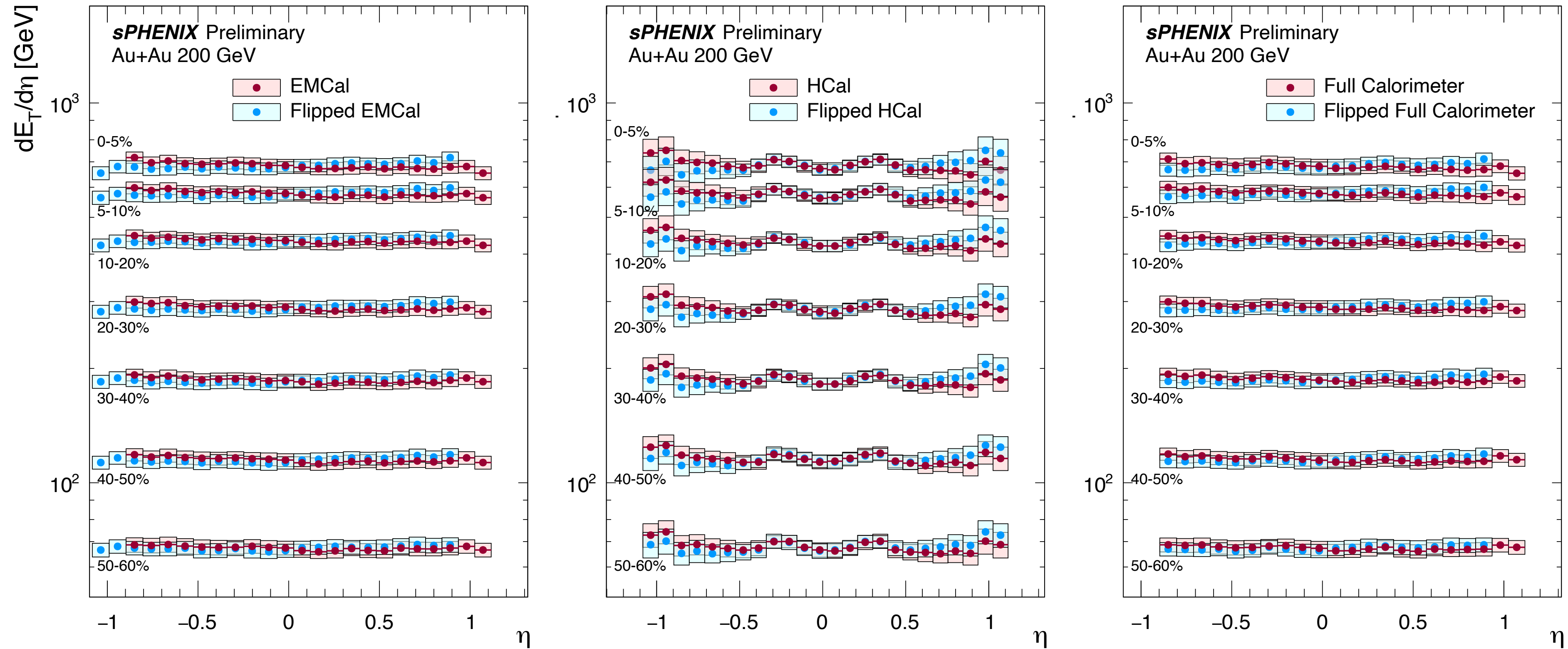
Mean correction factor value of reconstructed $dE_T/d\eta$ for $|\eta| < 0.5$ divided by generator-level $dE_T/d\eta$, for sPHENIX calorimeter sub-systems as a function of centrality for range 0-60% centrality.



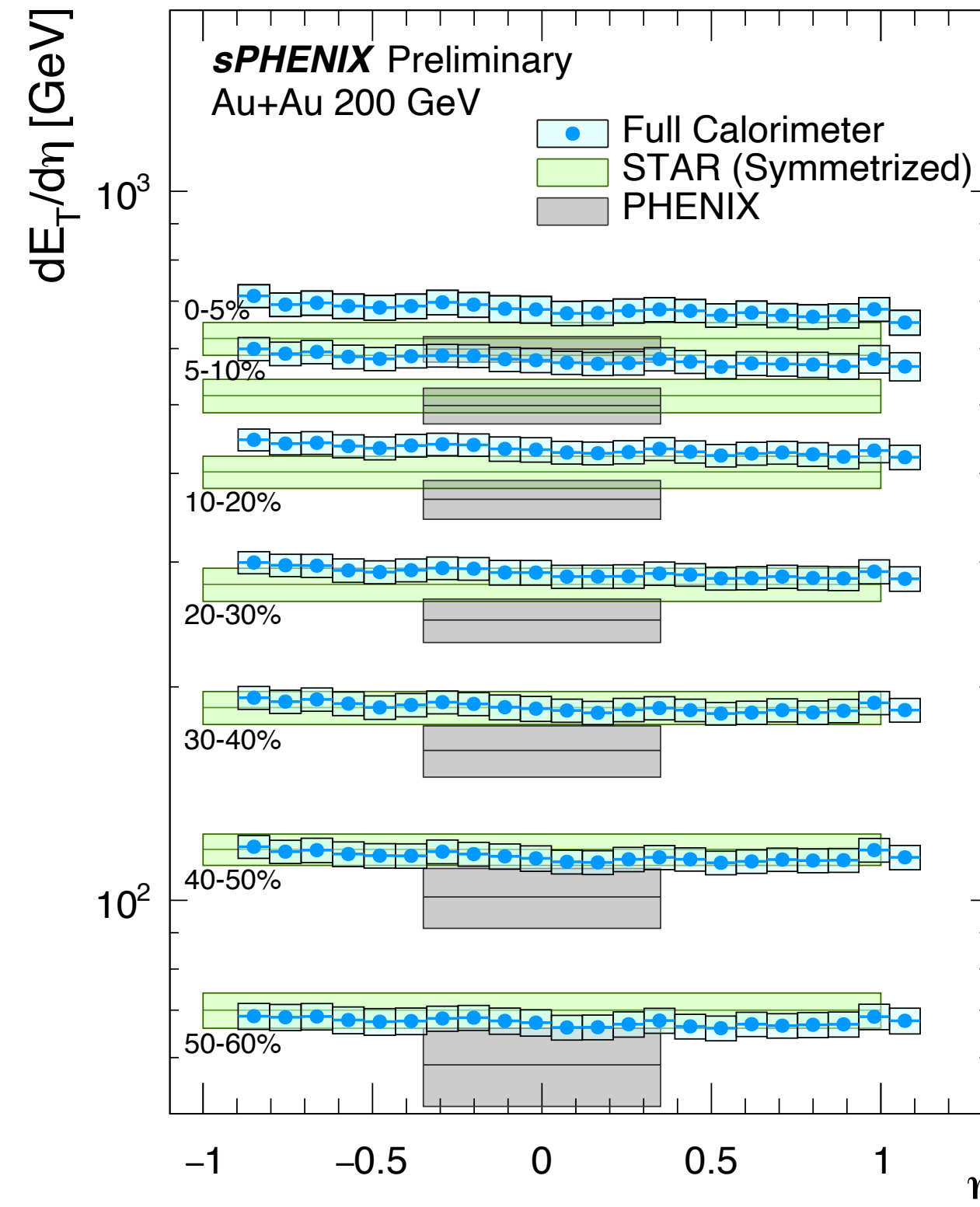
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Comparison of fully corrected $dE/d\eta$ measurements for EMCal-only results ($-0.9 < \eta < 1.1$) and HCal-only results ($-1.1 < \eta < 1.1$).



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Fully corrected $dE_T/d\eta$ measurements over measurement range $-0.9 < \eta < 1.1$ using the full sPHENIX calorimeter system. STAR and PHENIX measurements are included for comparison.