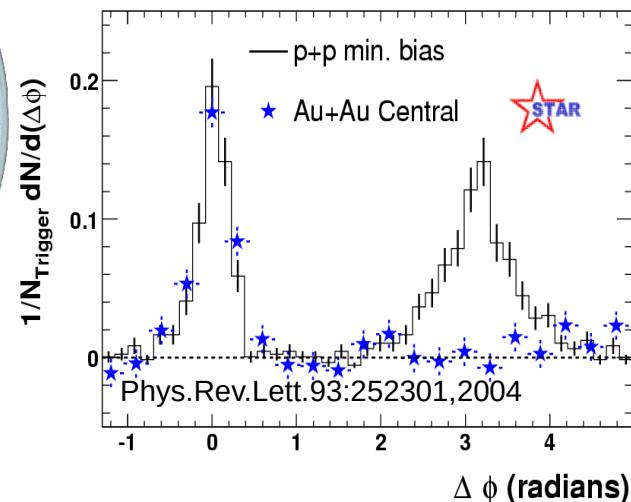


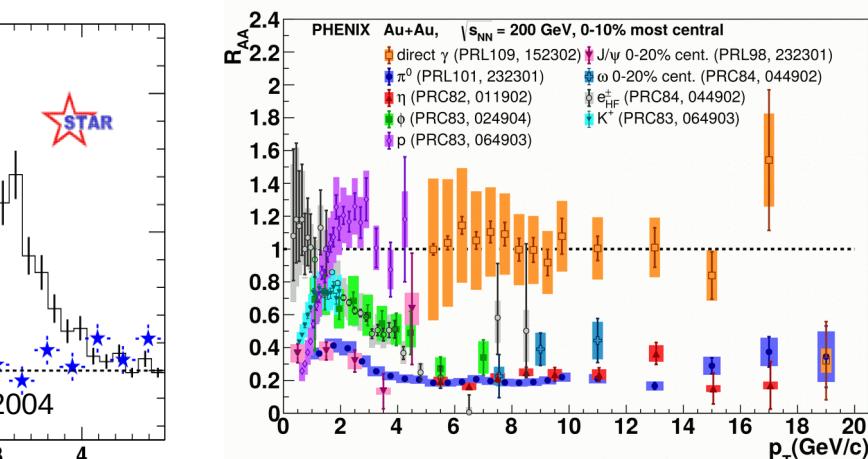
# sPHENIX

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# Some of What have we learned from RHIC

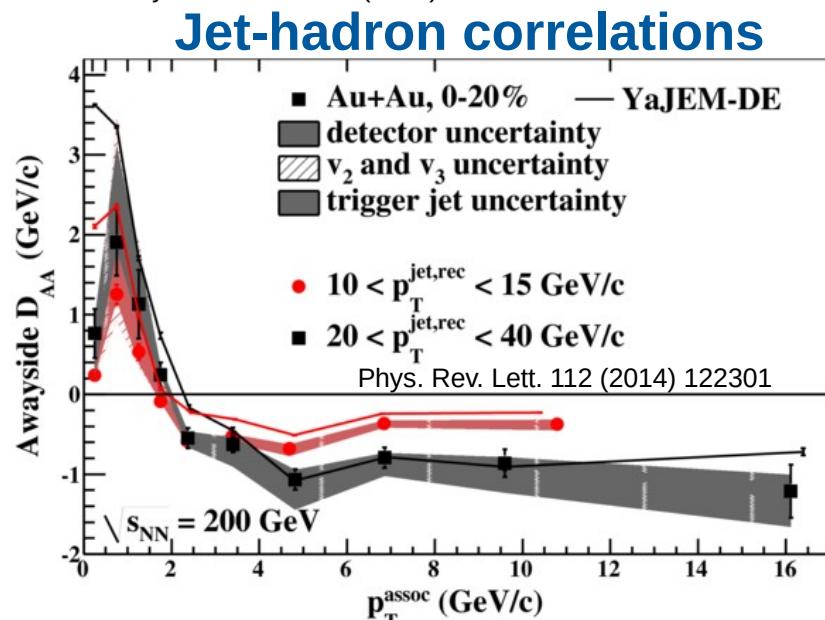
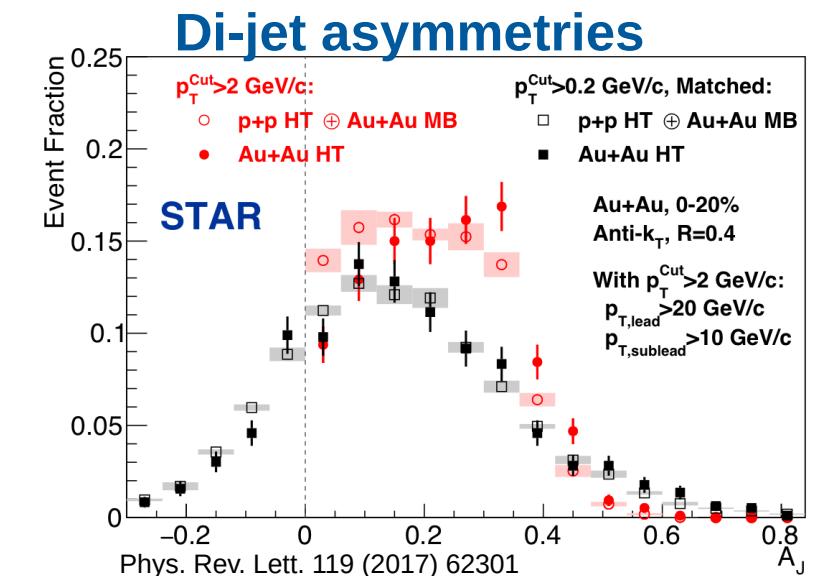
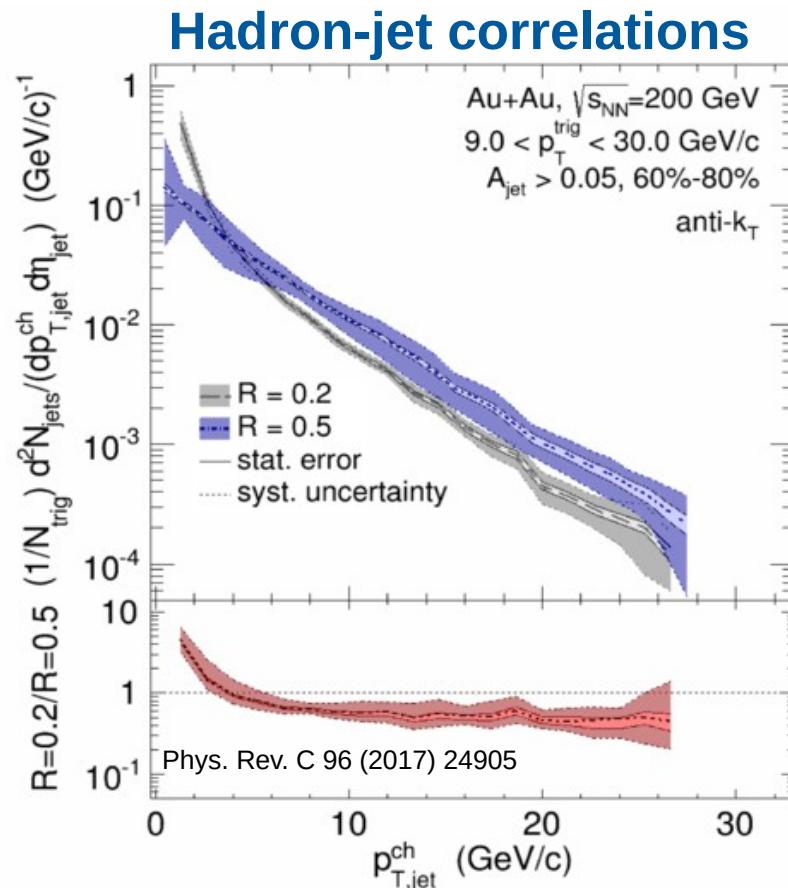


The QGP is the  
perfect liquid!



Jet quenching

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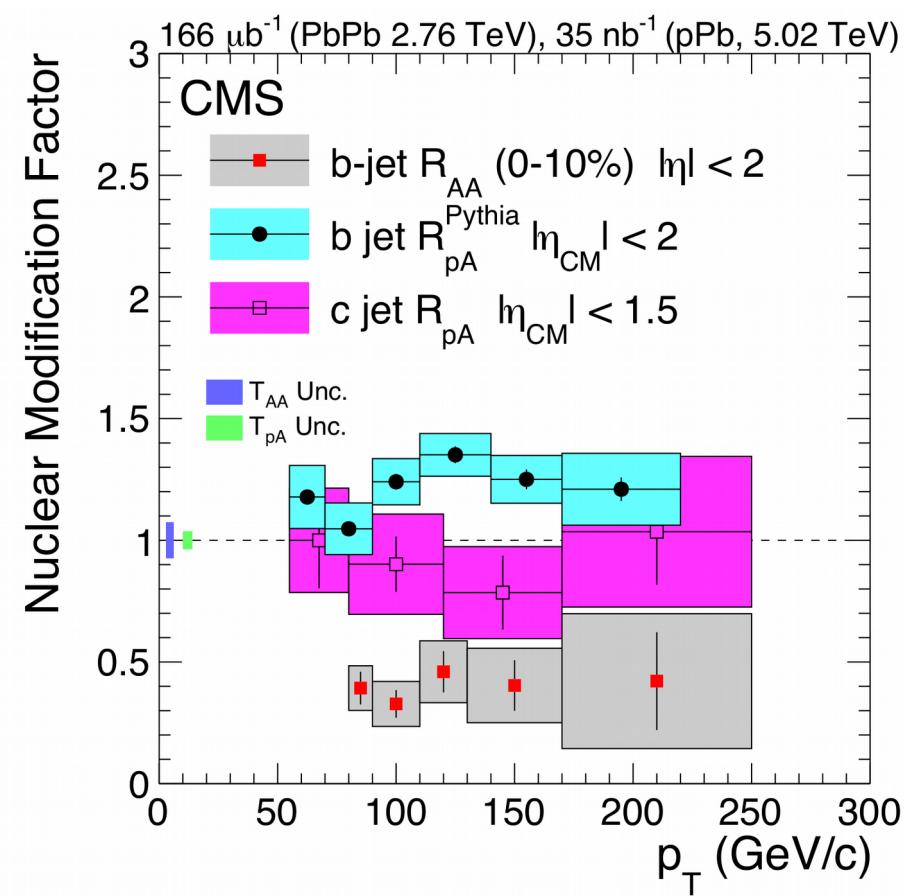
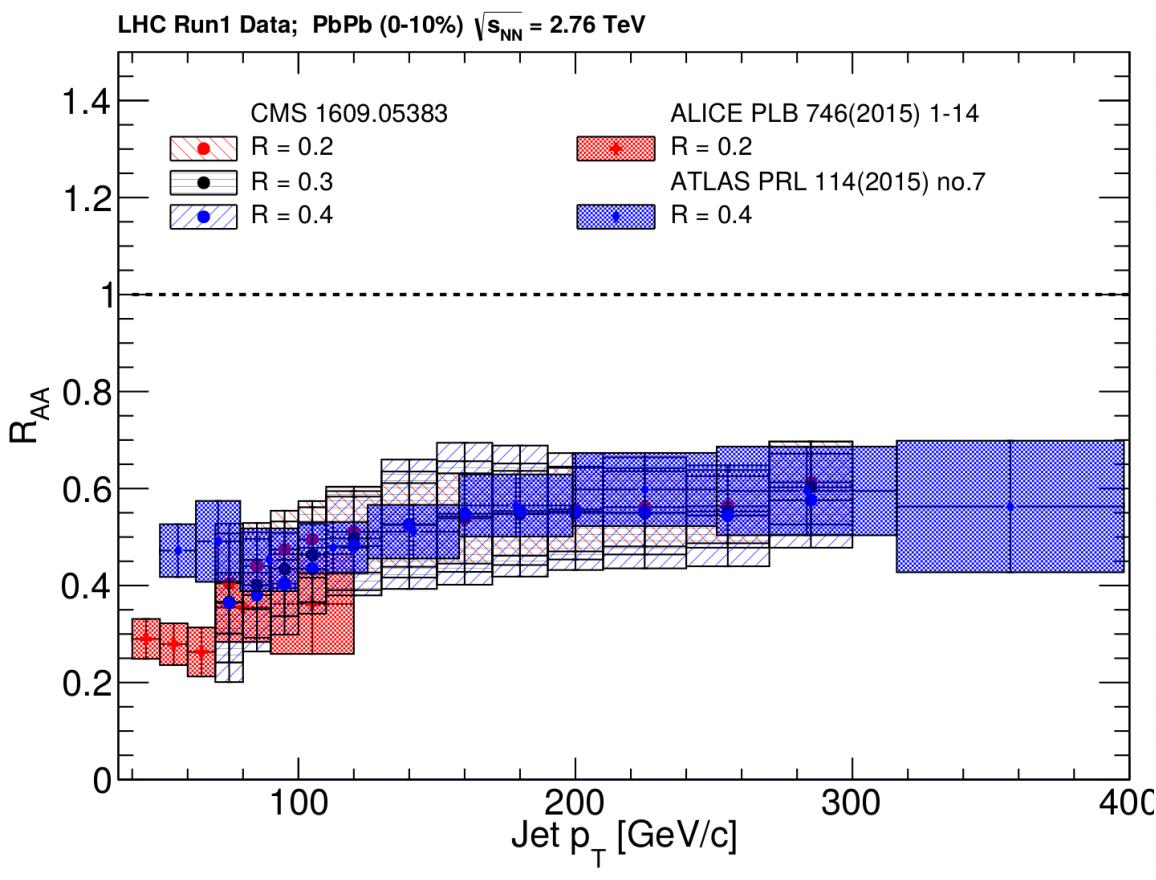


**3 published measurements of reconstructed jets**

# What we haven't learned from RHIC

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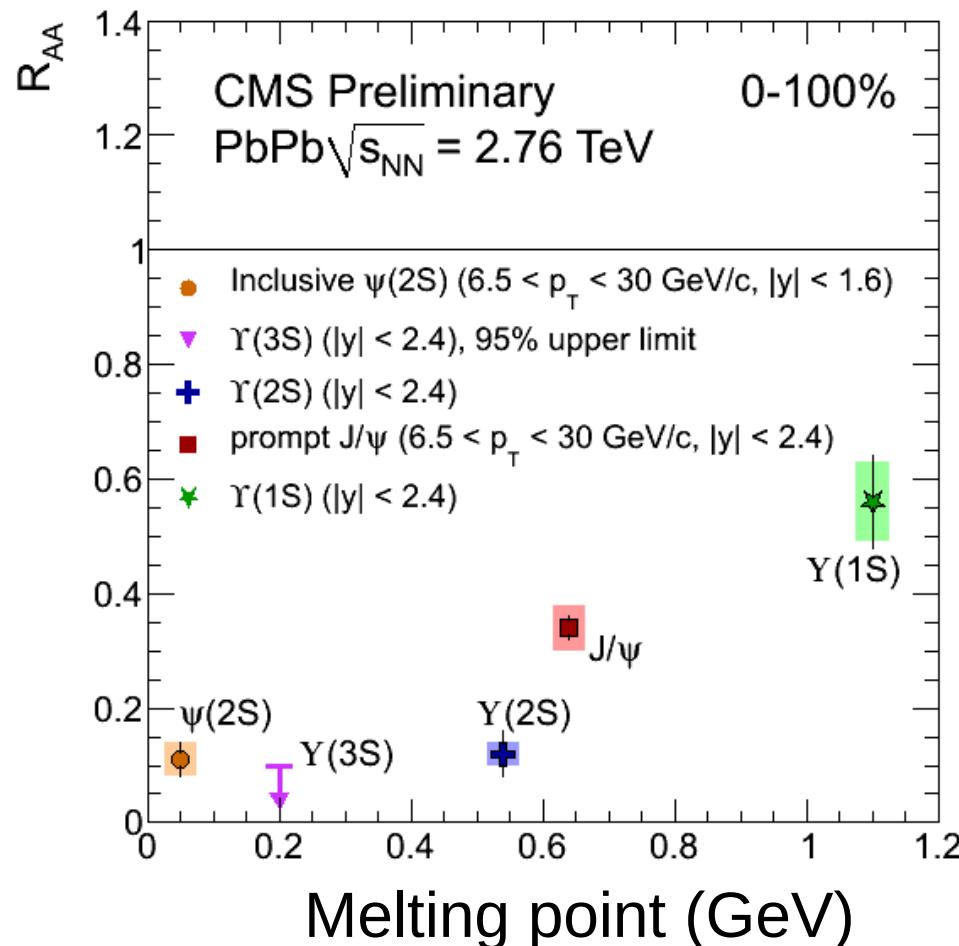
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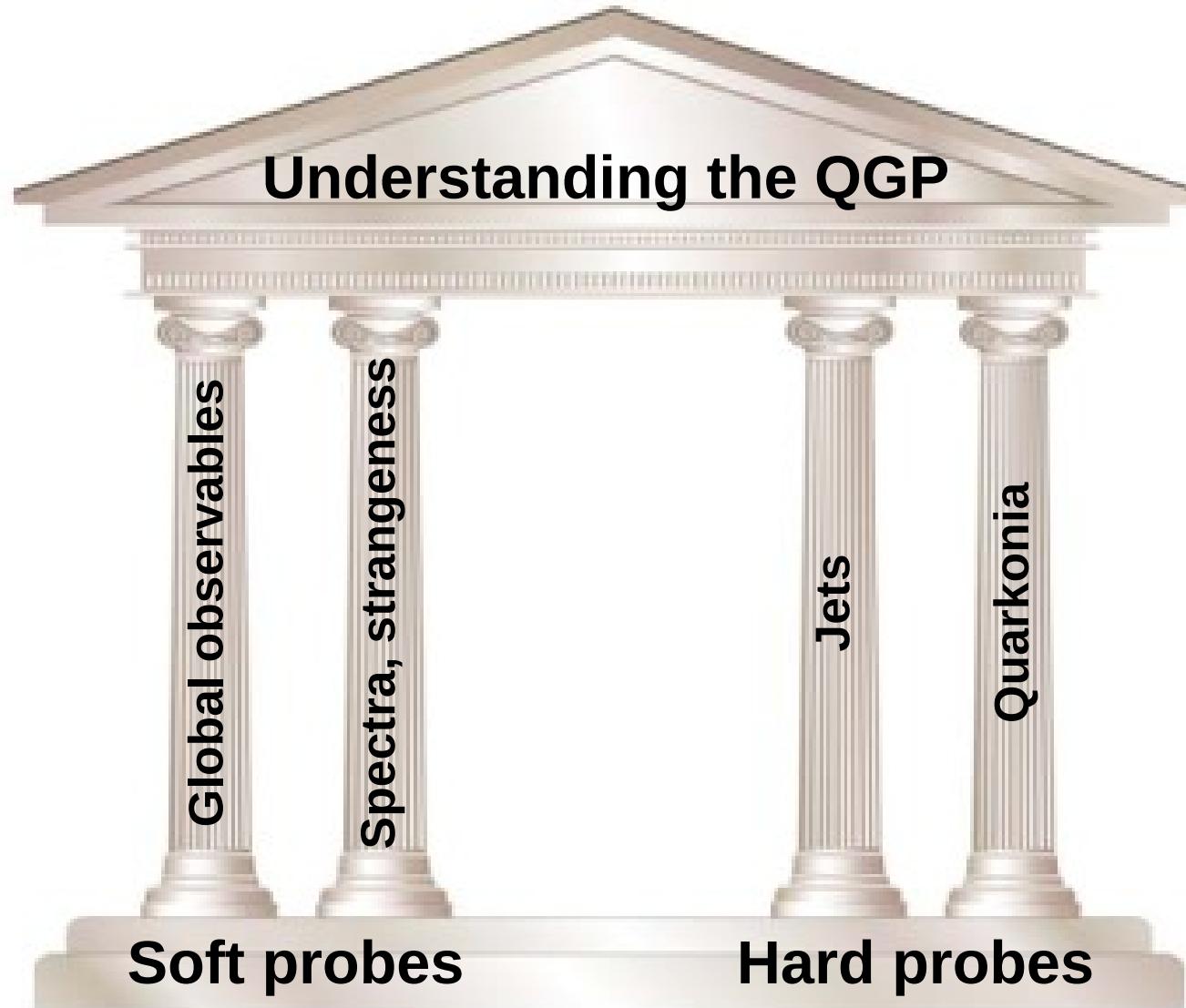


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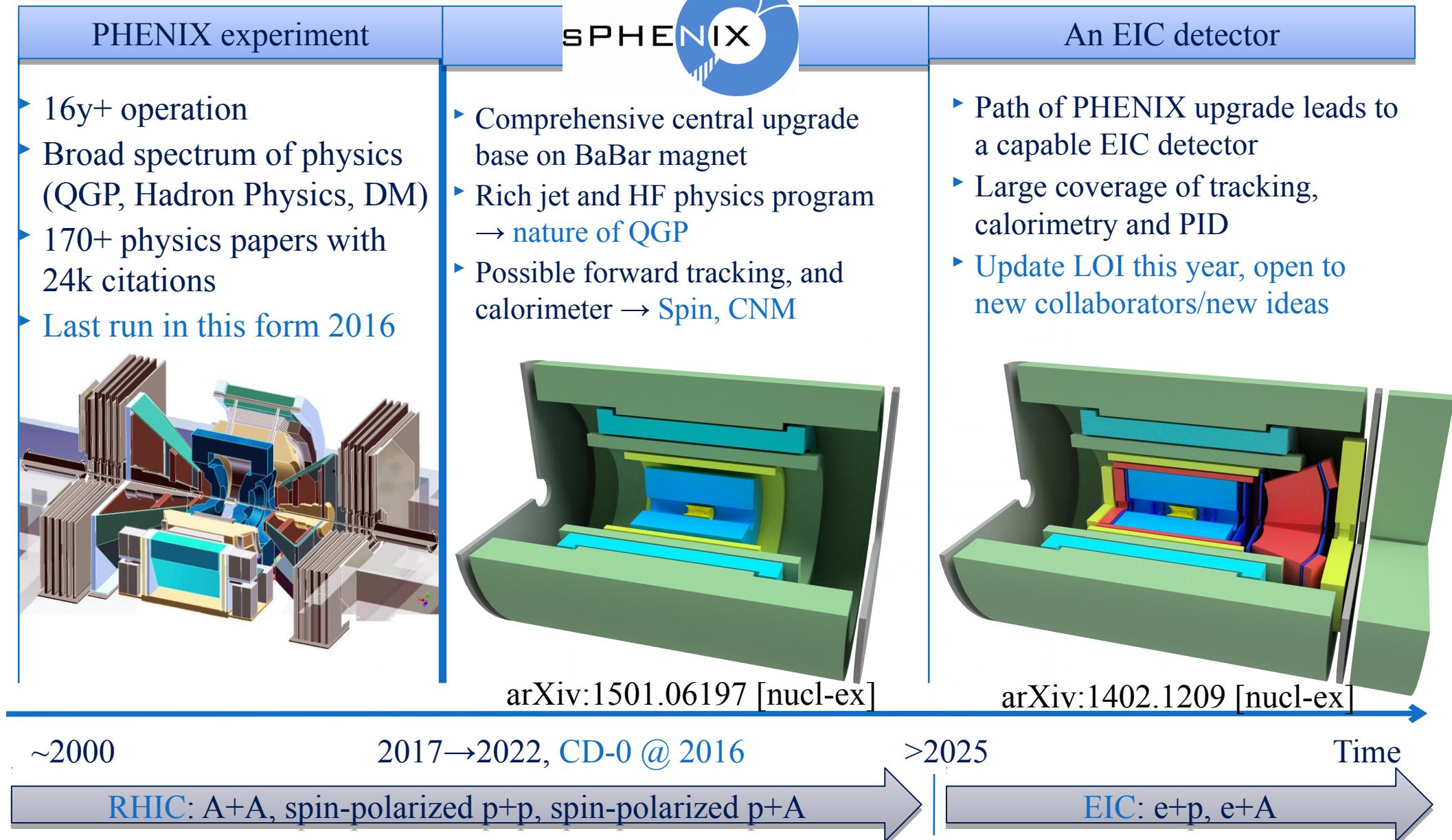
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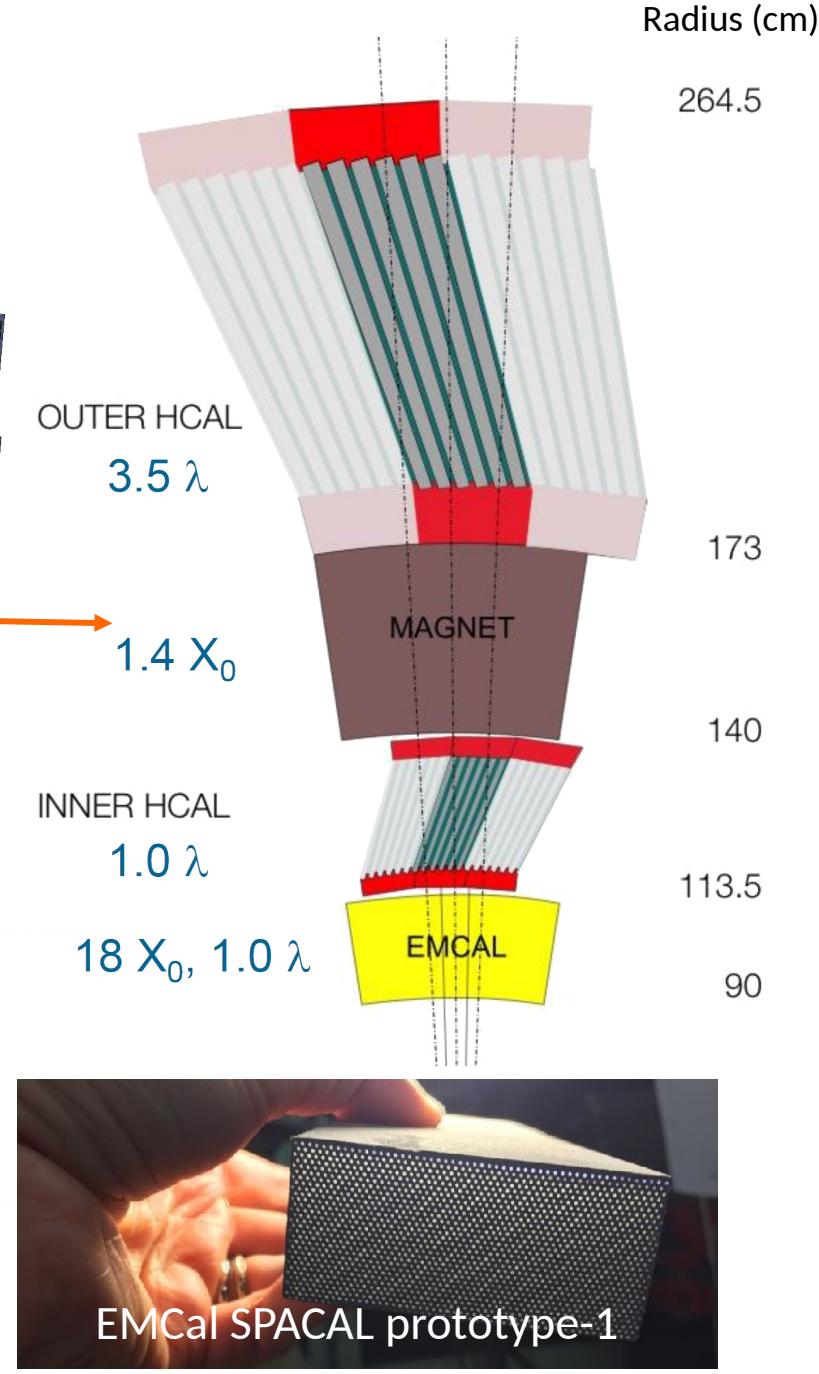
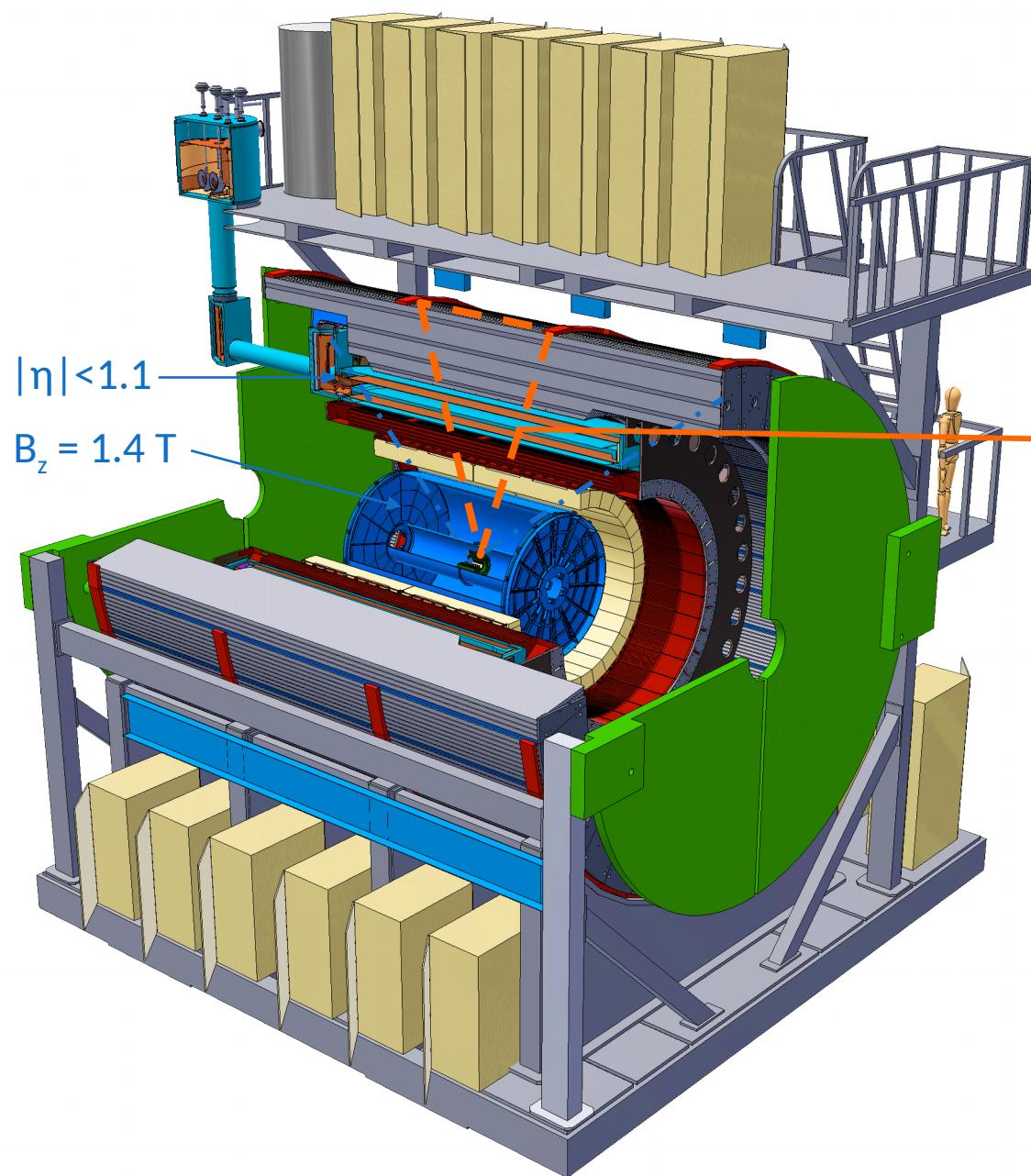




# Evolution of the PHENIX Interaction region



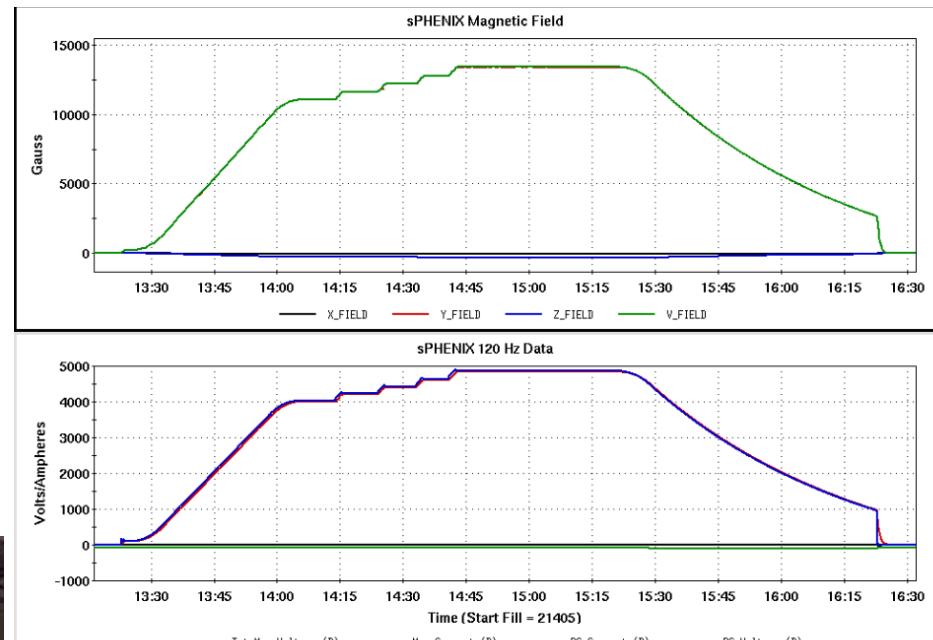
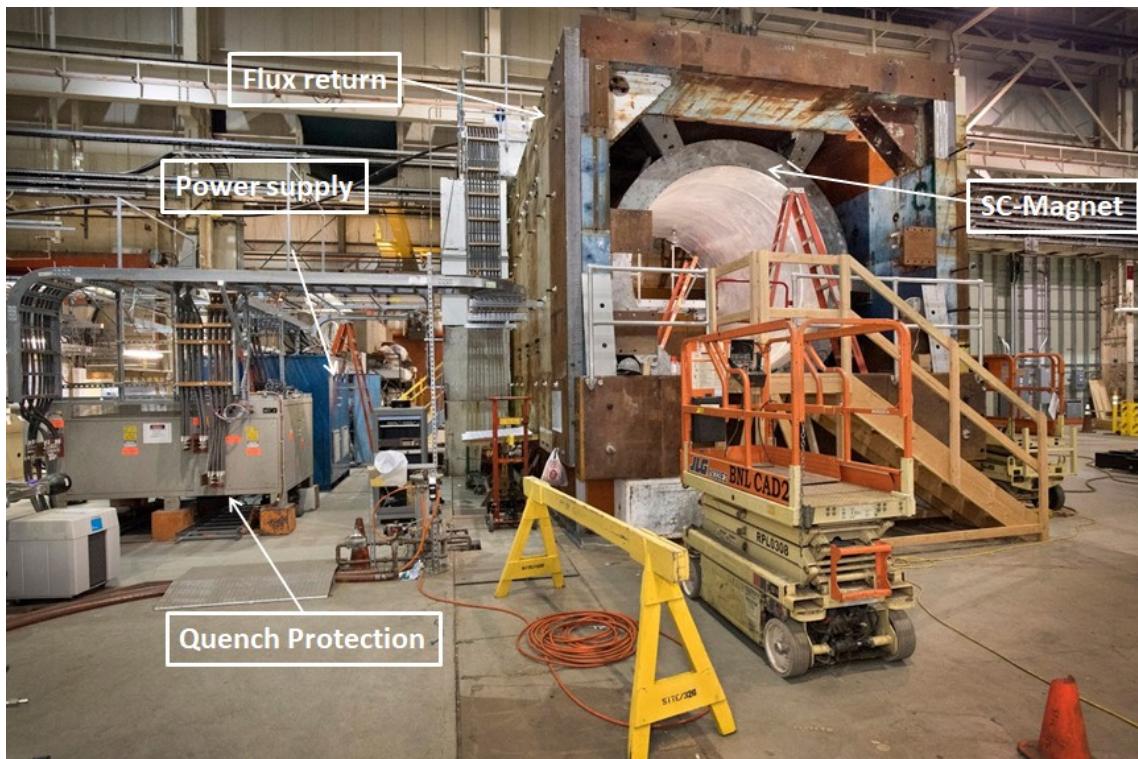
# SPHENIX Detector



EMCal SPACAL prototype-1

# Super conducting magnet

- ▶ 1.4 Tesla magnet,  $\Phi = 2.8 \text{ m}$ ,  $L = 3.8 \text{ m}$   
Previously used in BaBar @ SLAC
- ▶ Moved to BNL in Feb 2015
- ▶ Successful cold low field test in 2016
- ▶ Full field test in February successful

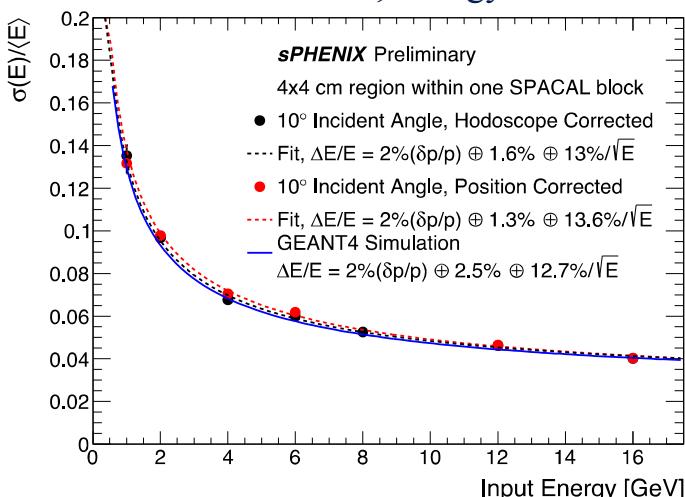


SC-Magnet Testing ramped the magnet to 105% Full Current twice. We held the magnet at the top current for  $\sim 40$  minutes each time.  
Conclusion: The magnet works to spec.  
PS, control and quench protection system checks out.

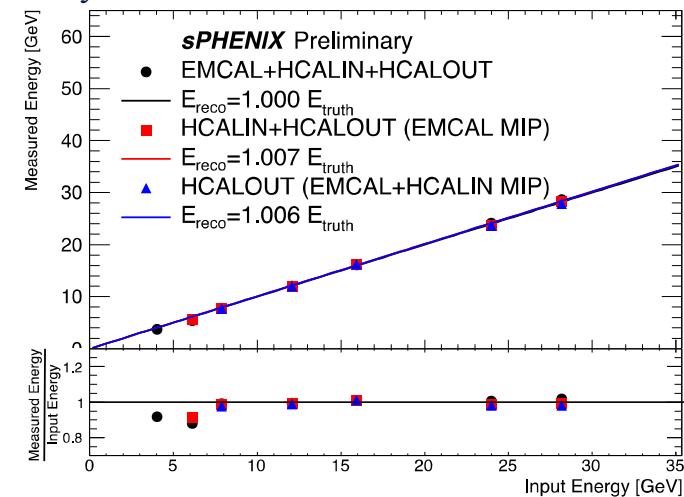
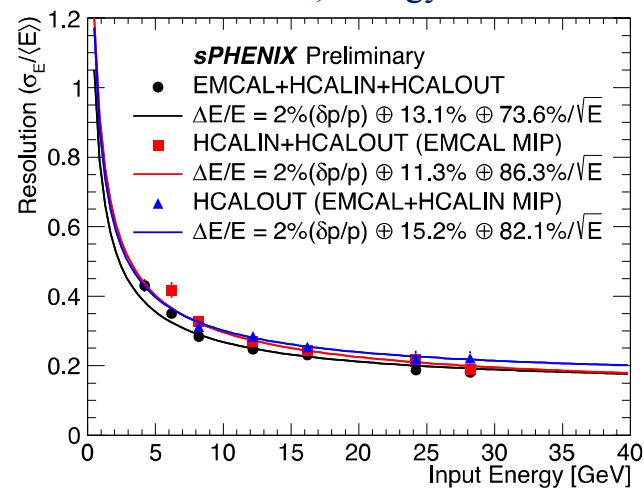
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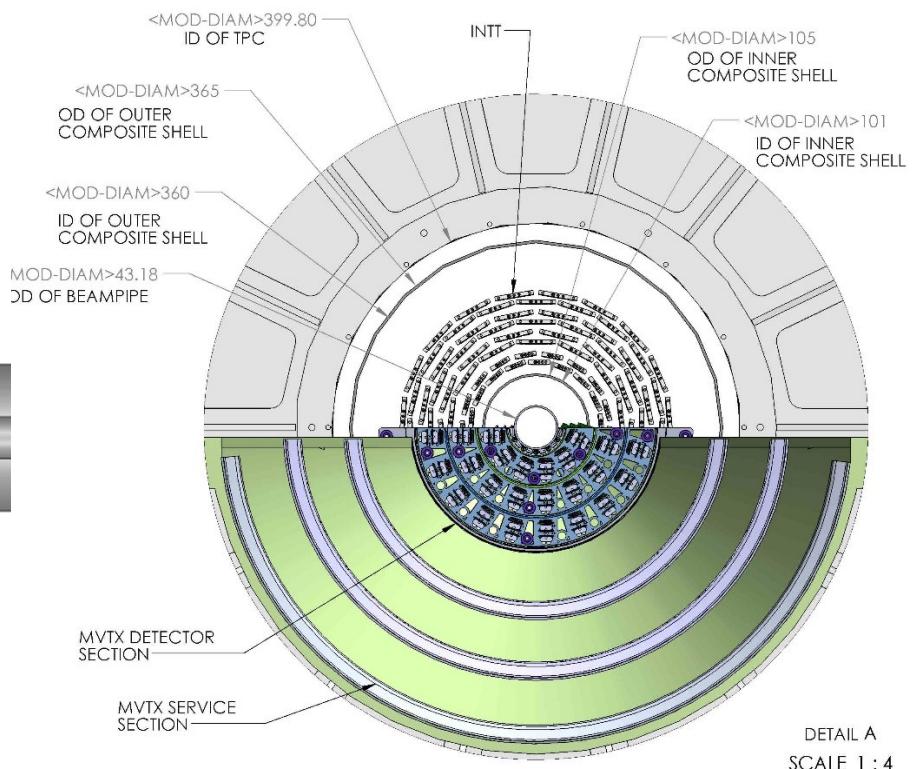
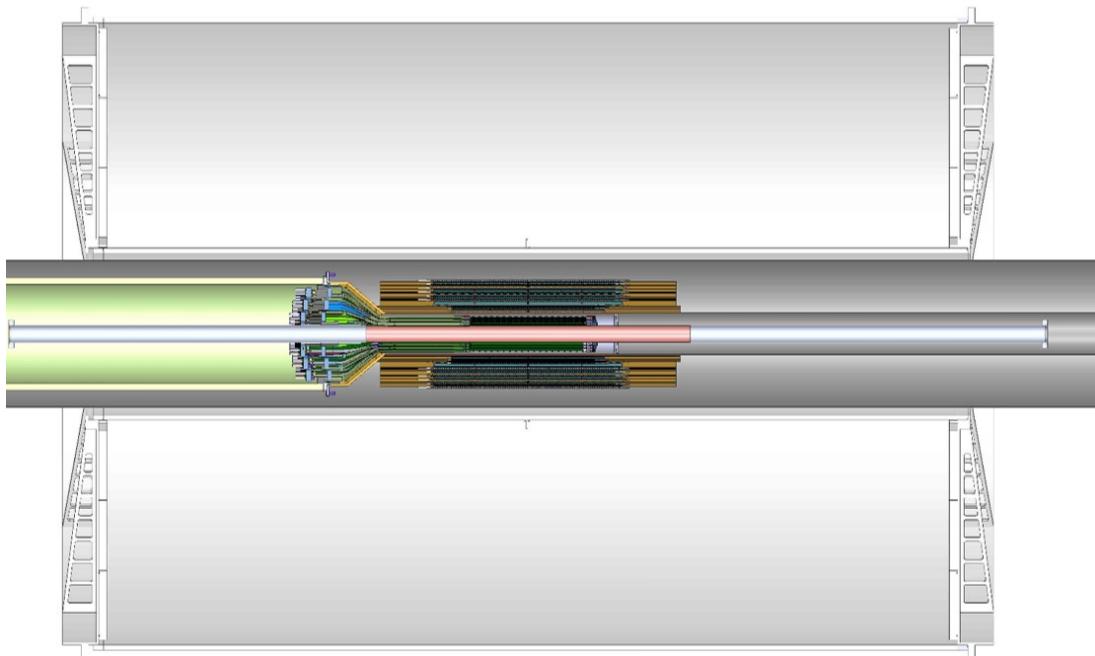
Electron, Energy resolution



Pion, Energy resolution and linearity



# Tracking detectors



## Inner tracking:

- ▶ **MVTX**: 30-um-pitch MAPS pixel sensors (3-layer)
  - Precision vertexing
- ▶ **INTT**: strip silicon sensors (4-layer)
  - Pattern recognition, timing
- ▶ DCA $\pi$ < 50um for  $p_T$ >1 GeV/c, <10 um for  $p_T$ >10 GeV/c

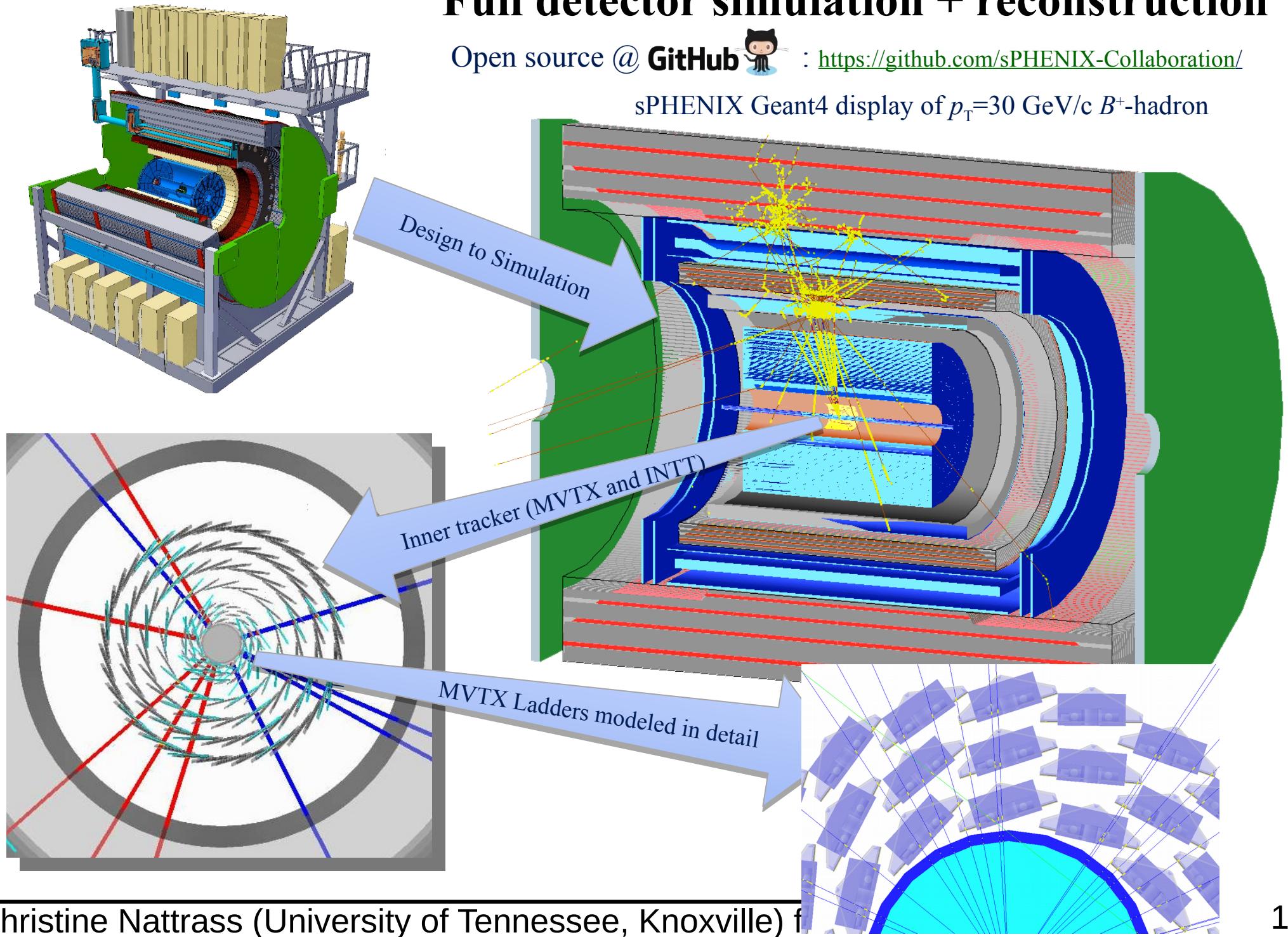
## Outer tracking:

- ▶ **TPC**: gateless and continuous readout
- ▶ Low diffusion, high ion mobility Ne-CF<sub>4</sub> gas + Quad GEM + mini pads
- ▶ 1 Tbps DAQ, FPGA-based reduction, 100 Gbps data file rate
- ▶ R $\delta\Phi$  < 200 um
- ▶  $\delta p/p < 2\%$  for  $p_T$ <10 GeV/c

# Full detector simulation + reconstruction

Open source @ [GitHub](#) : <https://github.com/sPHENIX-Collaboration/>

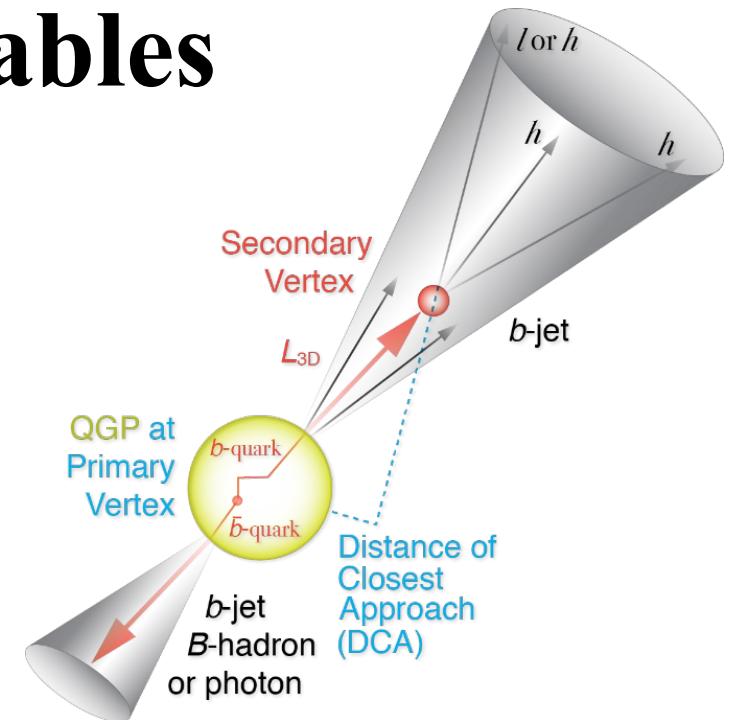
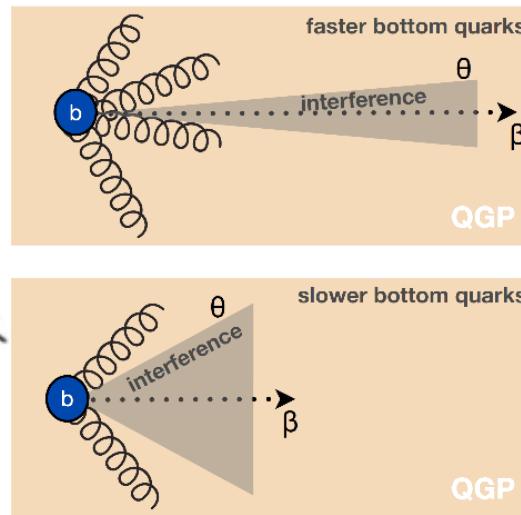
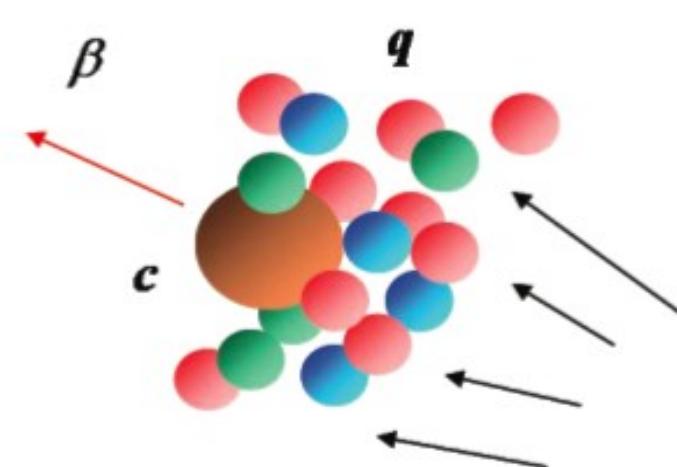
sPHENIX Geant4 display of  $p_T = 30 \text{ GeV}/c$   $B^+$ -hadron



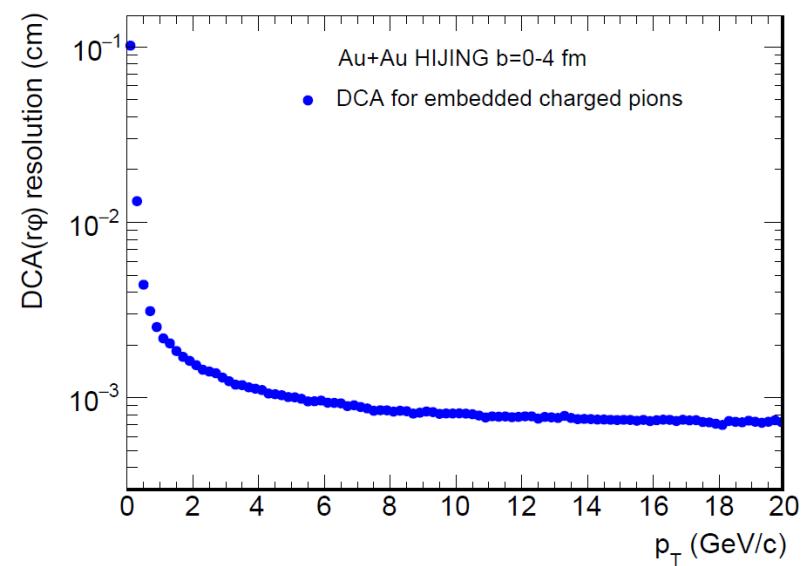
# Heavy Flavor

A wide-angle photograph of a beach scene featuring a large group of elephant seals and numerous seagulls. In the foreground, several elephant seals are resting on the sand. One seal on the right has its mouth open, possibly barking or breathing. A seagull stands prominently in the lower-left foreground. Numerous other seagulls are scattered across the beach, some flying and others standing. The background shows the ocean with waves crashing onto the shore.

# Open heavy flavor observables

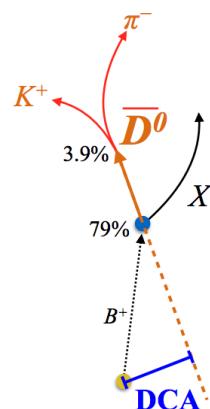


- ▶ Precision vertex tracker + High rate  
→ Precision bottom observables
- ▶  $B$ -meson @ Low  $p_T$  : diffusion of HF quark in QGP
- ▶  $b$ -jet @ Higher  $p_T$ : differentiate collisional vs radiative energy loss

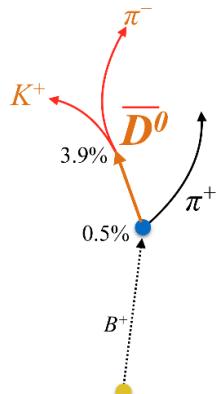


# Precision open bottom meson

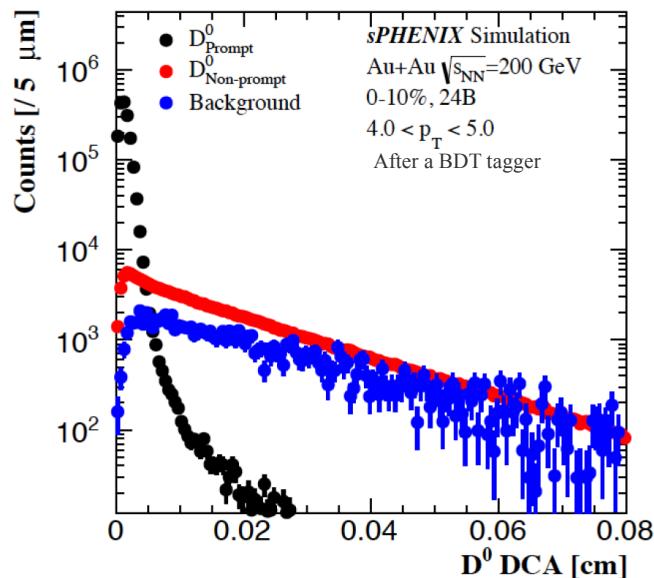
$$B \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + X$$



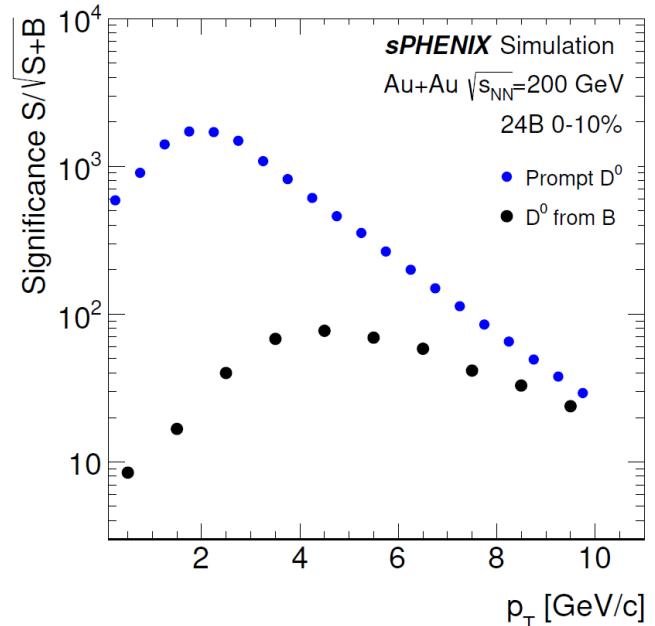
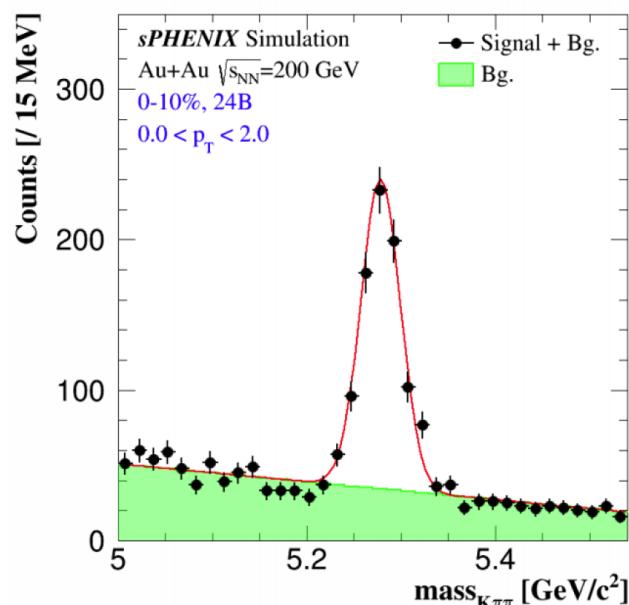
$$B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^+$$



Prompt and non-prompt D-meson



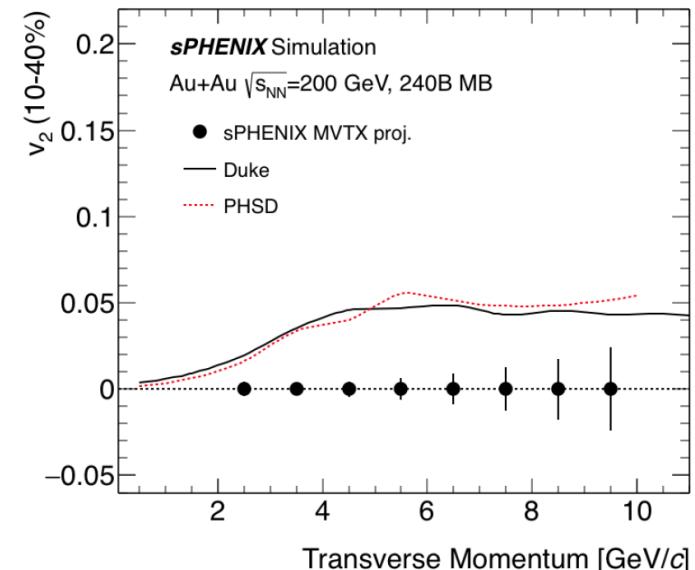
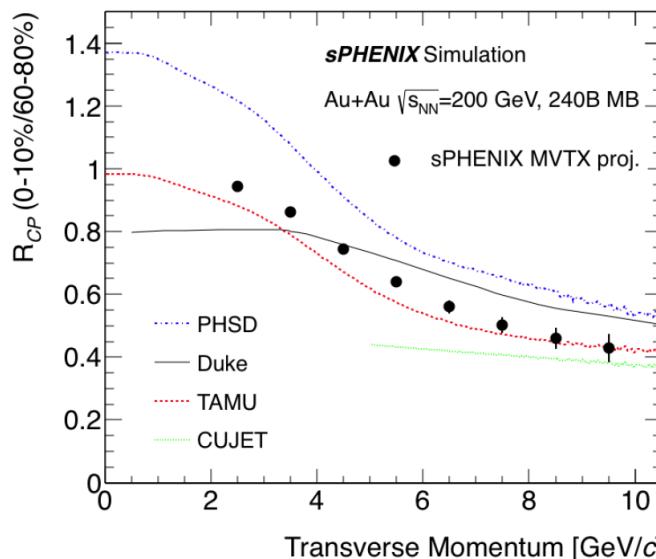
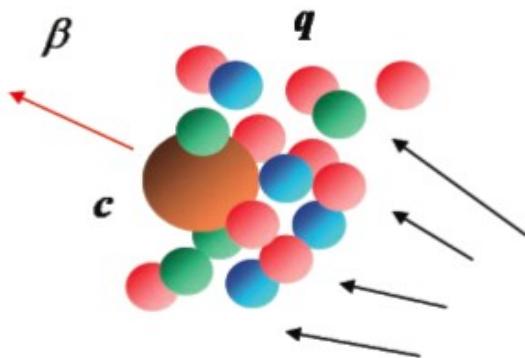
Exclusive  $B^\pm$



- ▶ 240 MB Au+Au collisions and high precision tracking allow accumulate high significance of HF-meson signals
- ▶ Measuring high statistics  $B$  meson via non-prompt D decay channel
- ▶ Exclusive  $B$  reconstruction too!

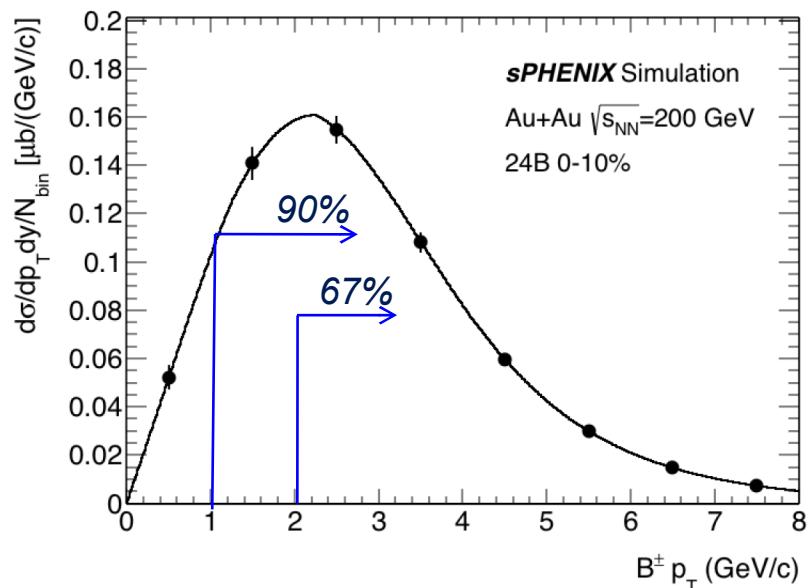
# *B*-meson projections

non-prompt *D*-meson and predictions for sPHENIX

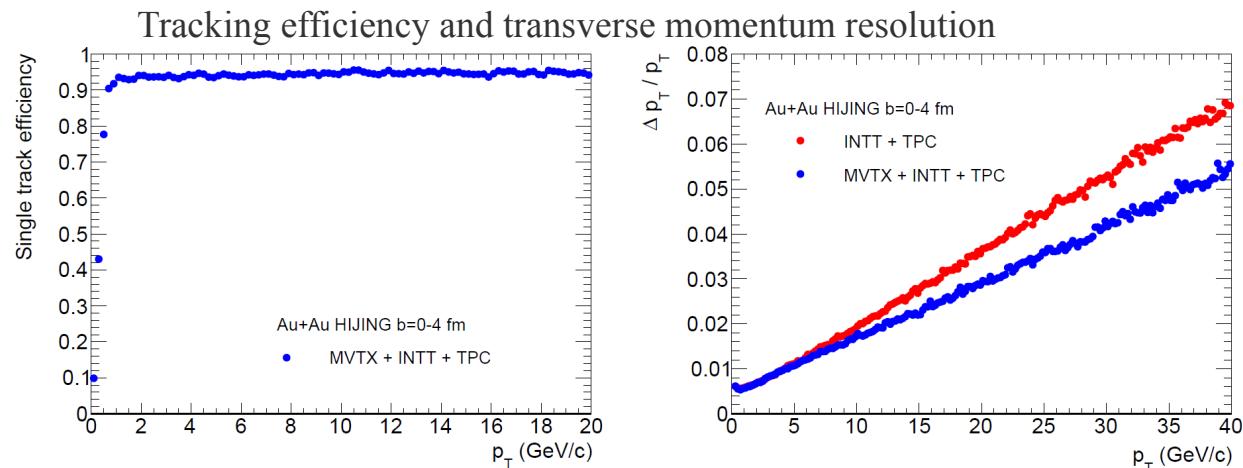
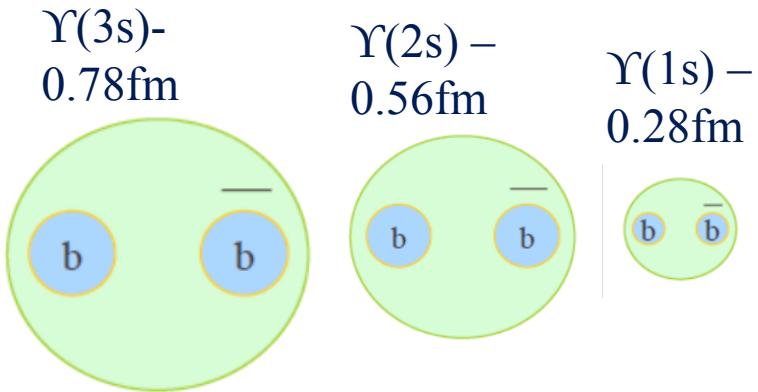


- ▶ Bring high precision non-prompt-*D* suppression and flow to RHIC
- ▶ Determine the bottom quark collectivity → clean access to  $D_{HQ}$  at RHIC energy
- ▶ Broader program:
  - Total *b*-cross section for Upsilon program
  - Charm chemistry and HF hadronization
  - *D* fragmentation function with Jets

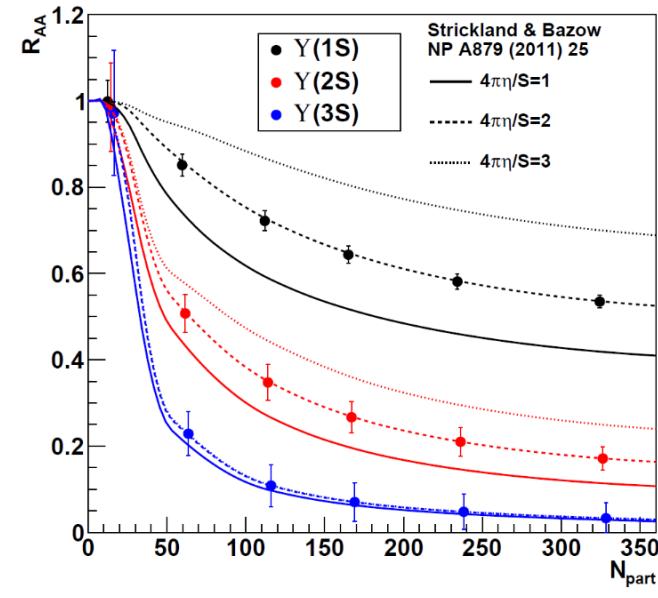
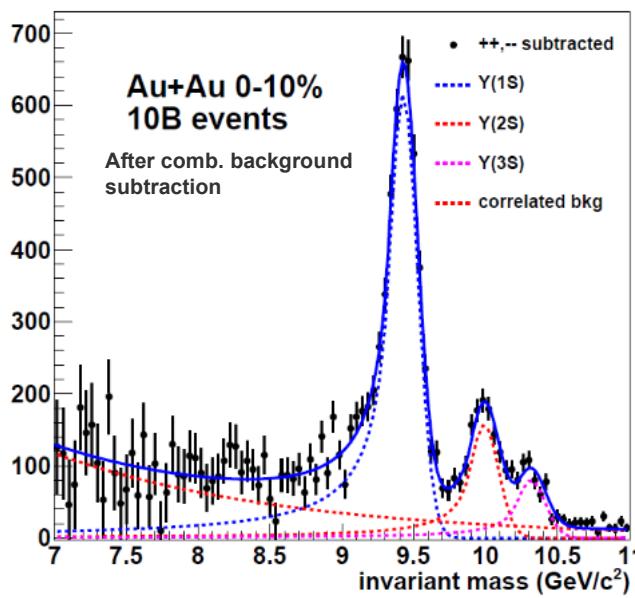
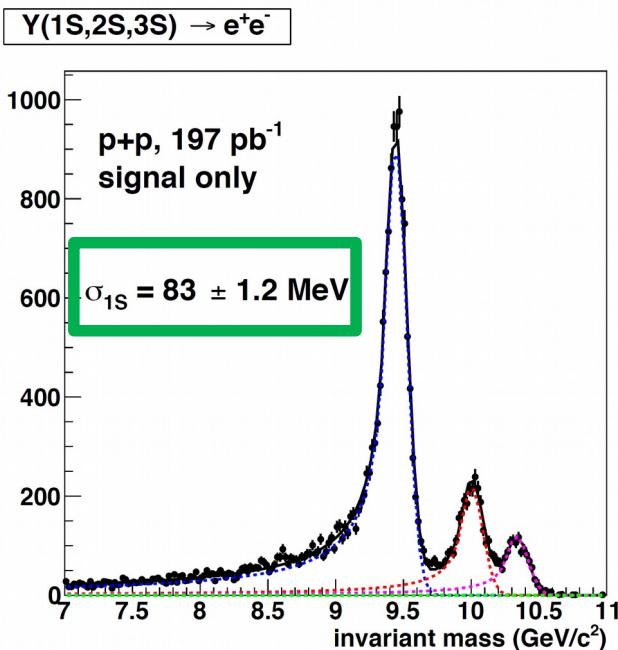
Exclusive  $B^\pm$  in most central Au+Au



# Upsilon spectroscopy



Precision tracking → Separated Upsilon states at RHIC → Probe of the QGP at distinct length scales.

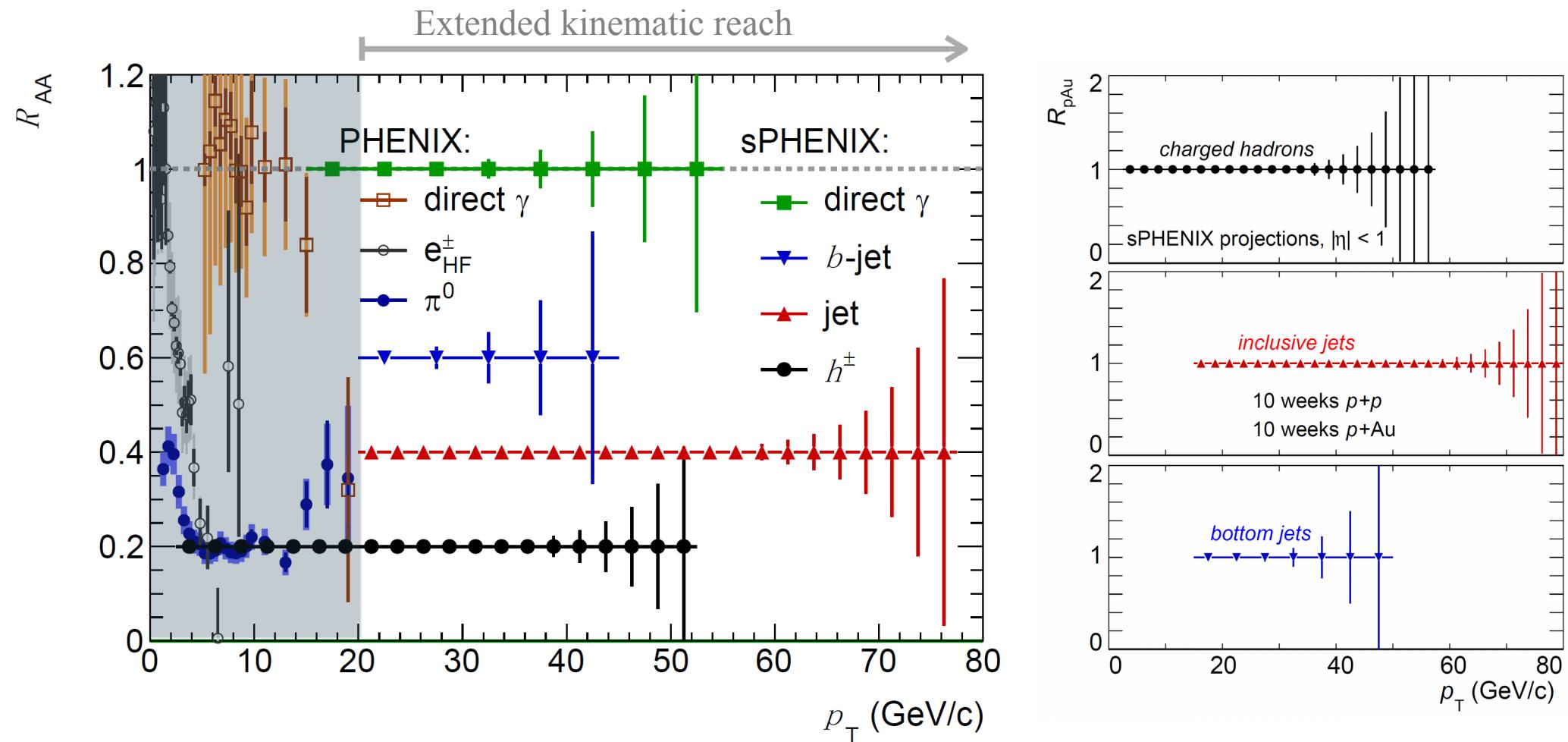


# Jets

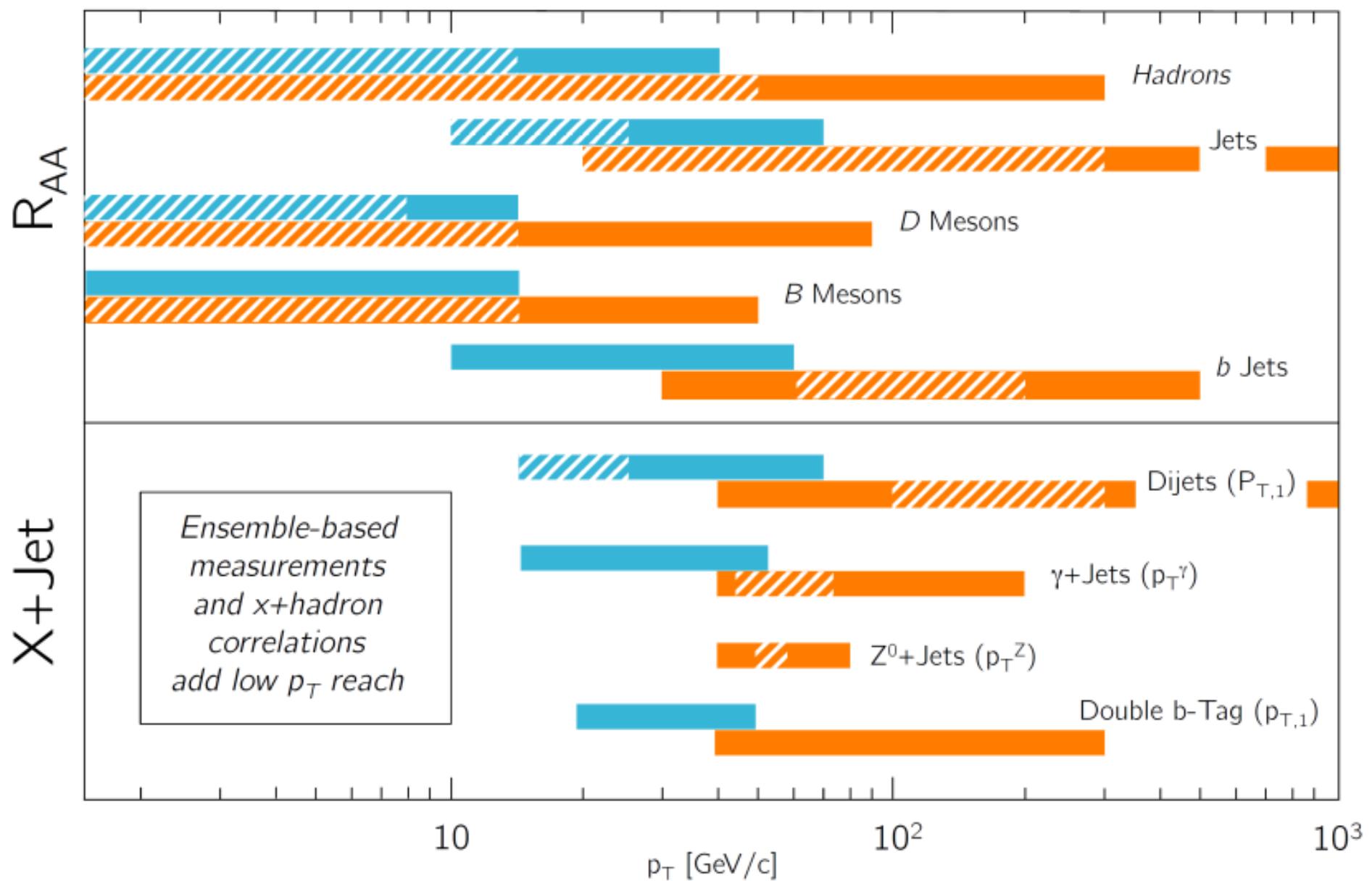


# High statistics hard probes

High statistics data represents large extend in hard probes in jets, photon and hadrons

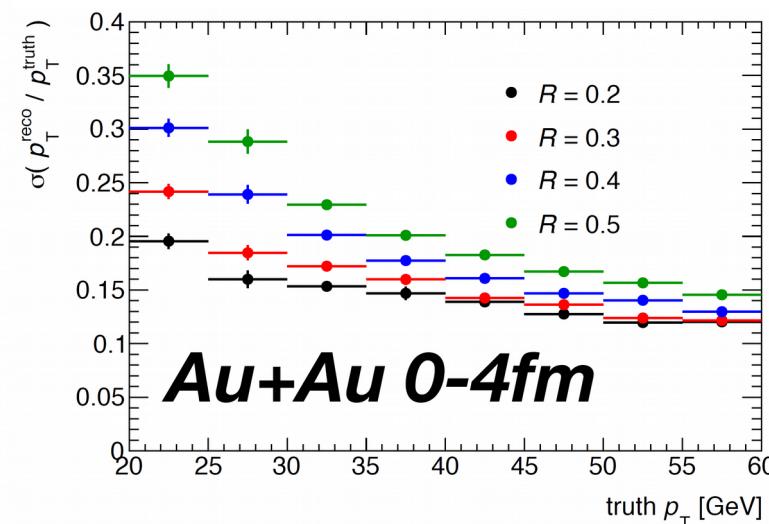
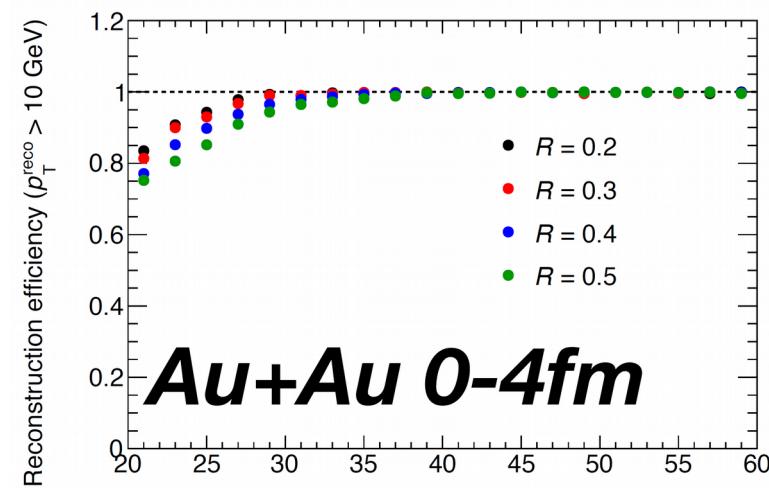
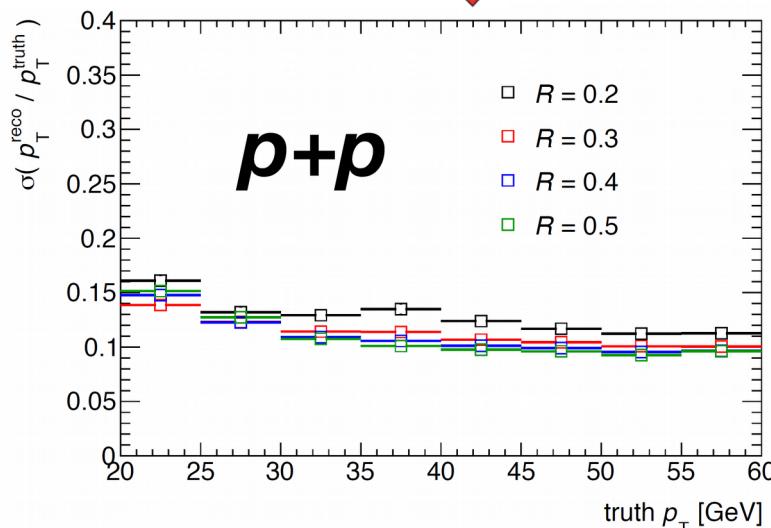
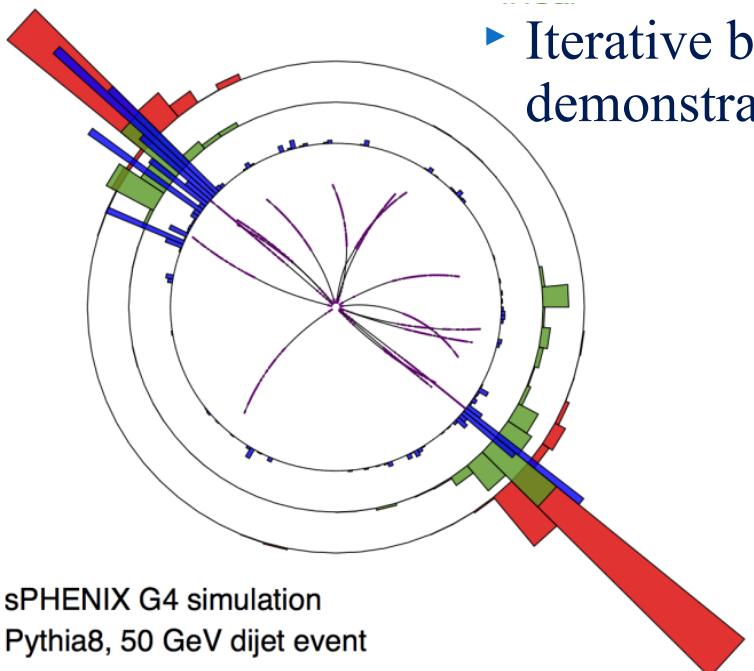


RHIC Today      RHIC Tomorrow      LHC Today      LHC Tomorrow



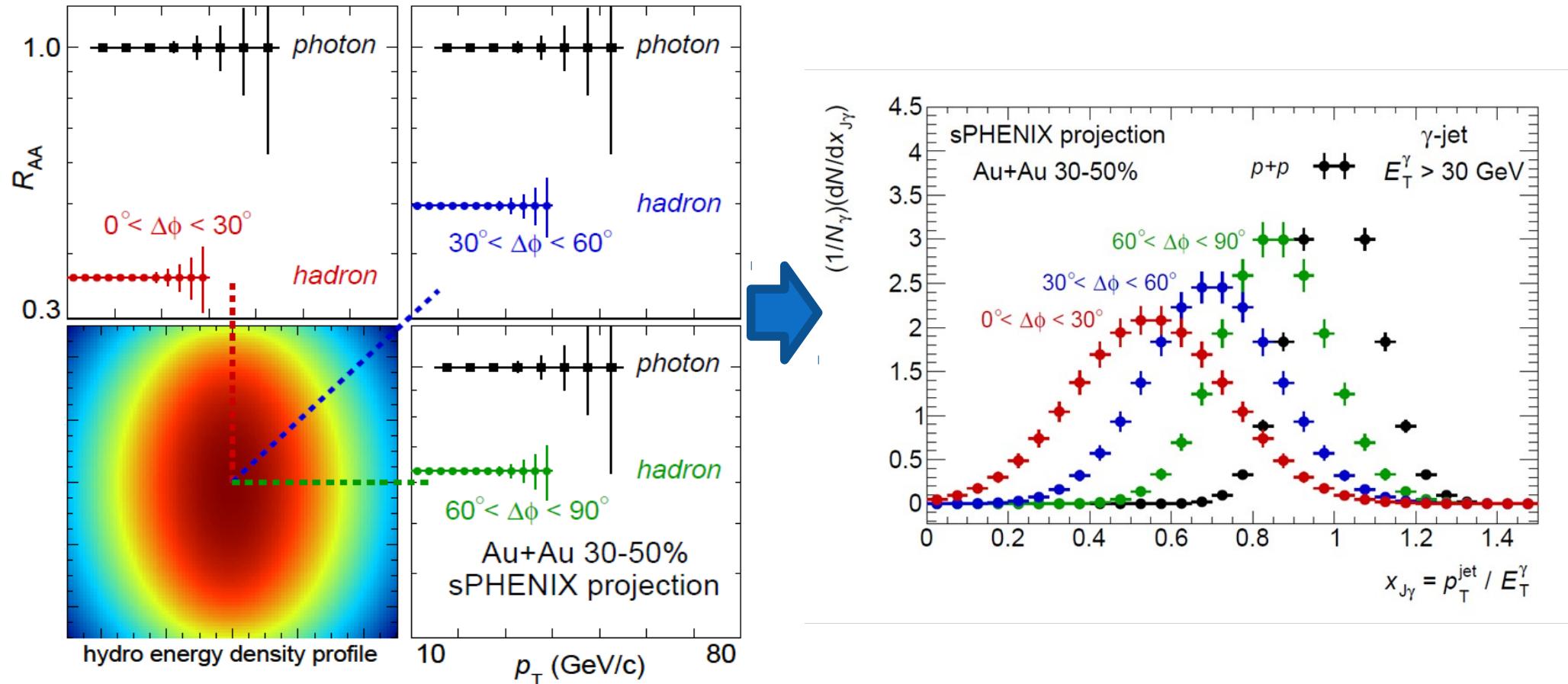
# sPHENIX: calorimetry jet at RHIC

- ▶ Calorimetric triggering and measurement of jets
- ▶ Minimum bias to jet flavor and FF
- ▶ Iterative background subtraction [PRC 86 (2012) 024908] demonstrated in sPHENIX full event simulations



# More differential measurement

- ▶ High statistics also allows more differential measurements
- ▶ For example, path-length dependent studies via  $\gamma$ -jet transverse balance in correlation with event plane

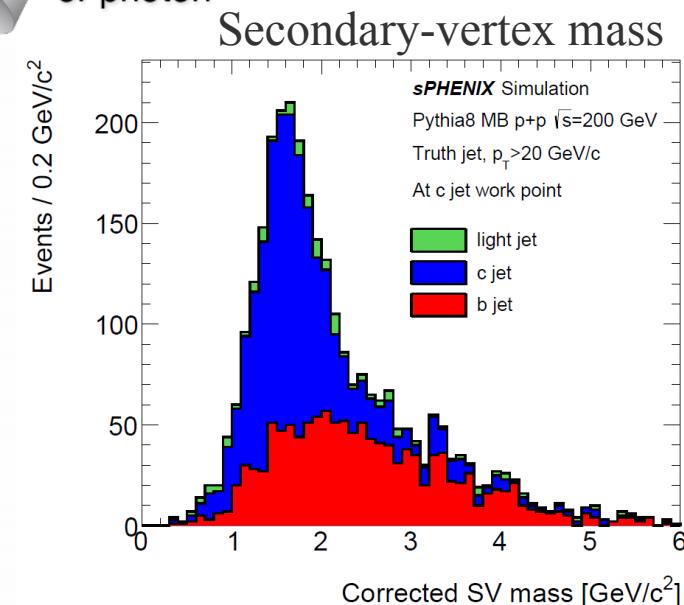
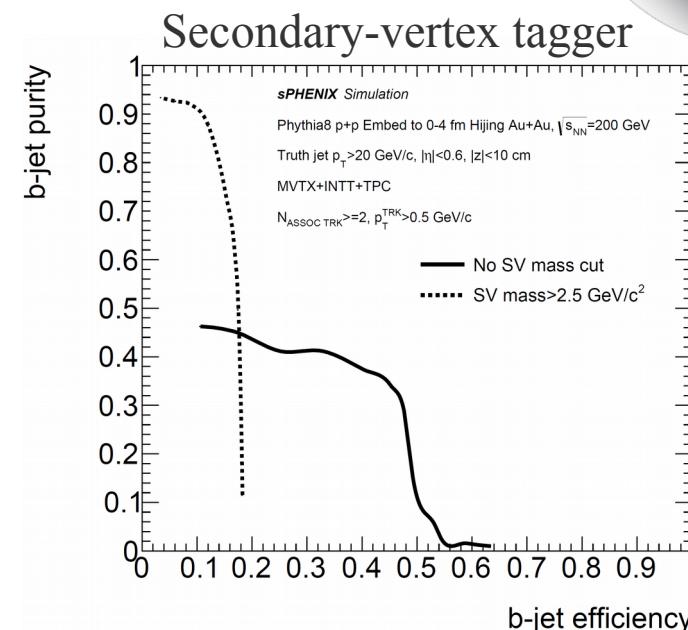
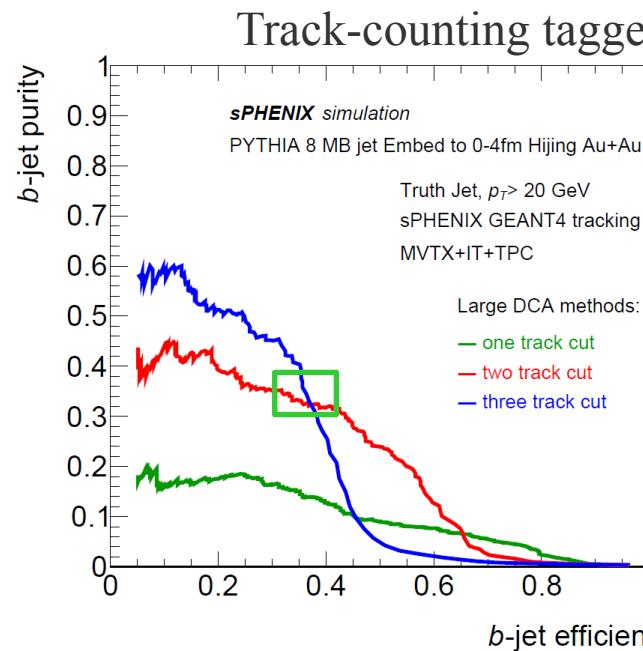
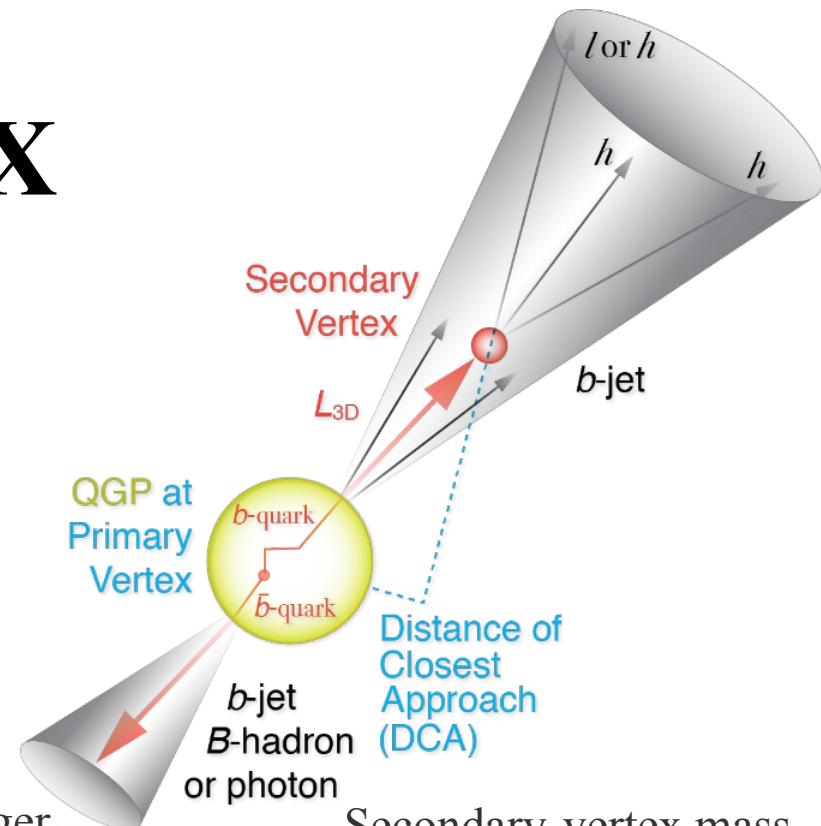


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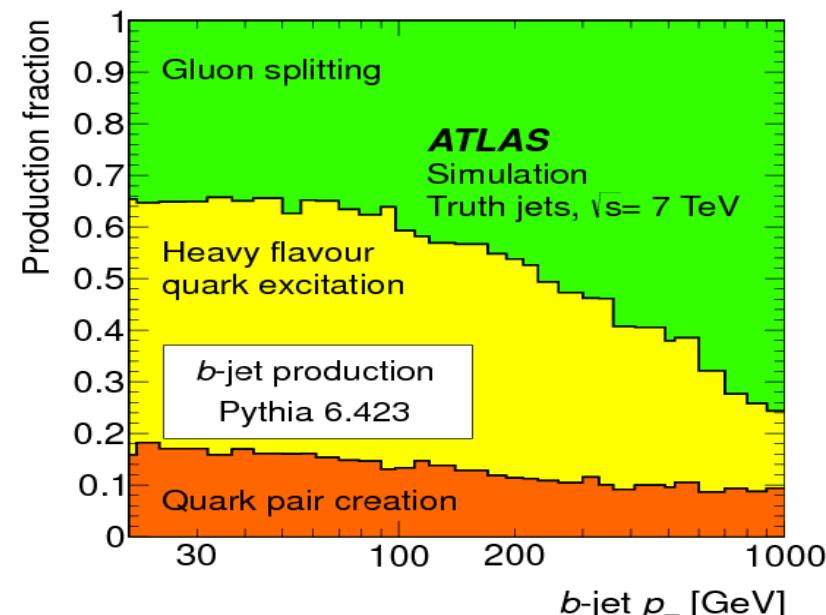
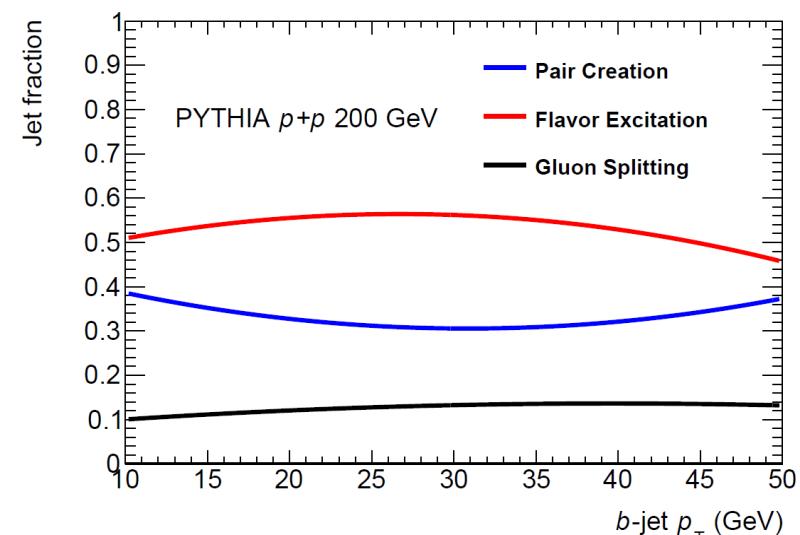
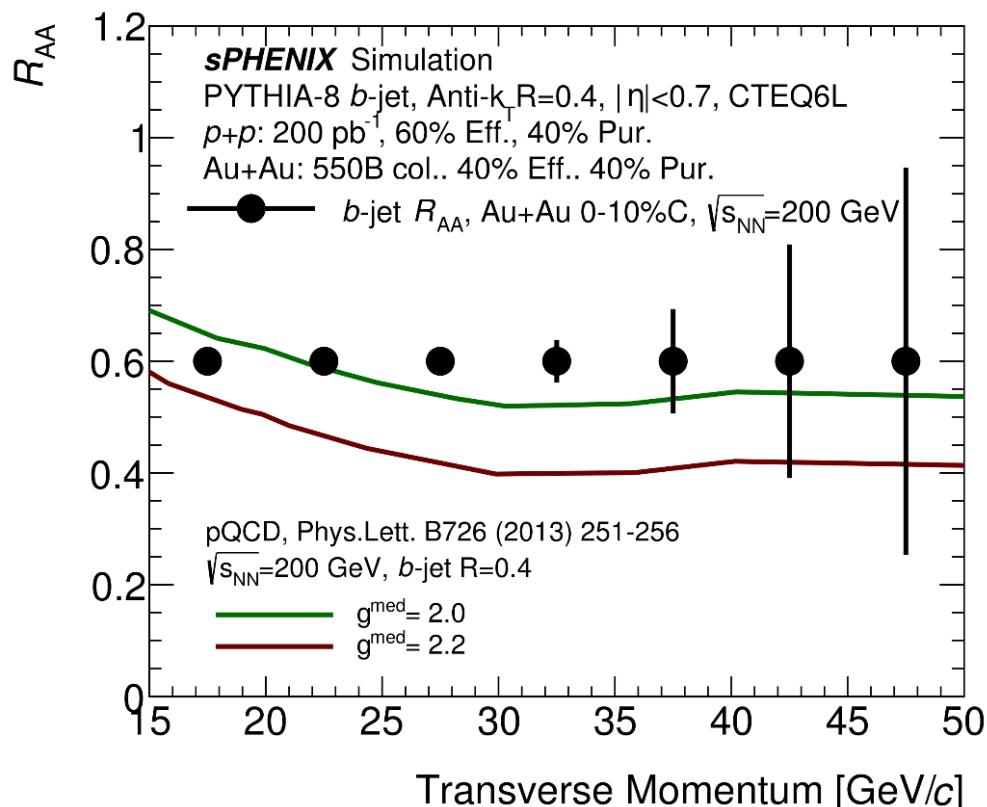


# *b*-jet tagging @ sPHENIX

- ▶ Demonstrate *b*-jet capability: tagging algorithms evaluated using full detector HI simulation
- ▶ Reaching a promising working point in central Au+Au collisions



# Inclusive $b$ -jet $R_{AA}$ Performance

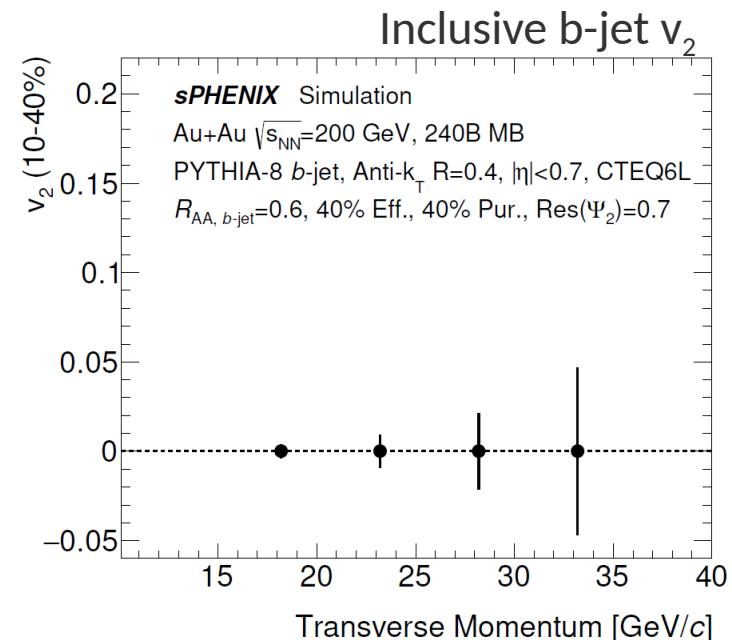
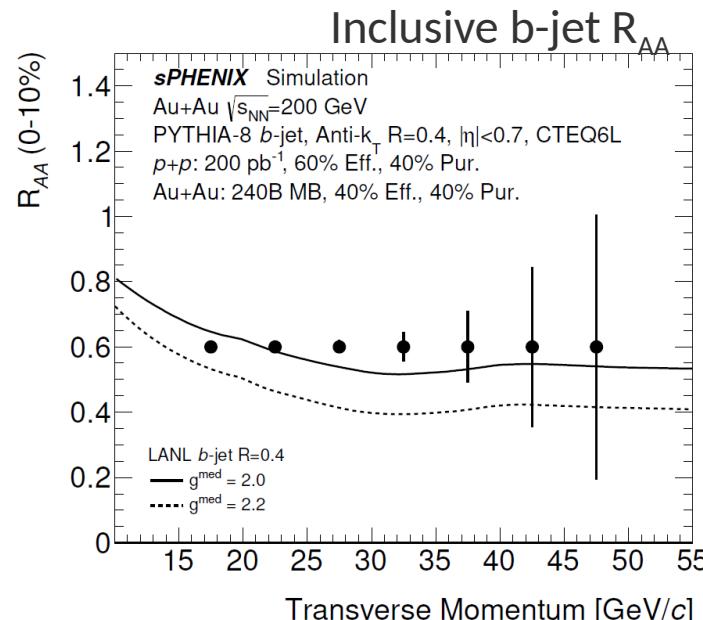
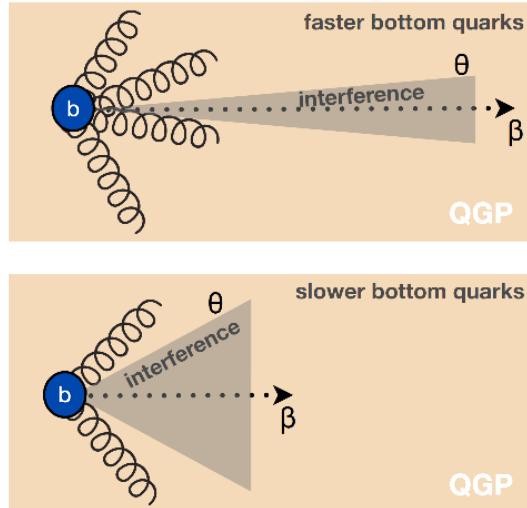


MVTX aiming first  $b$ -jet nuclear modification factor  
@ RHIC, covering  $\sim$ 15-40 GeV/c

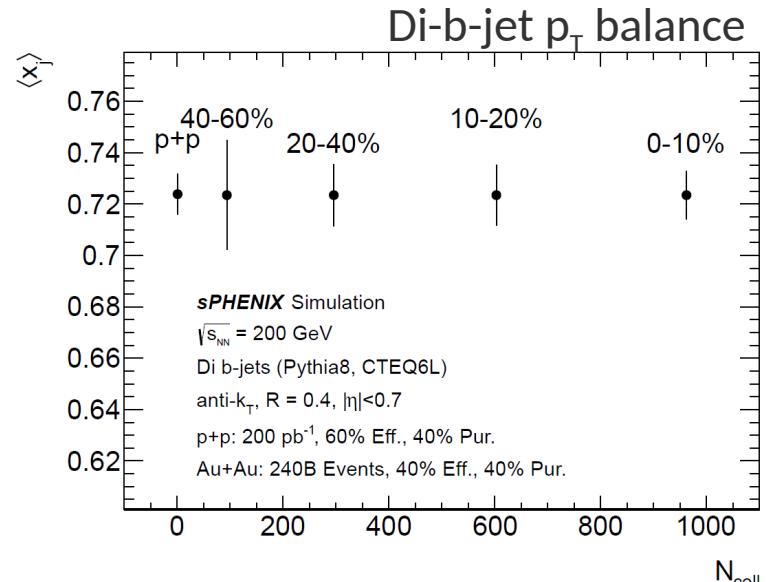
- Mass dependence of parton energy loss
- Cleaner access to partonic kinematics

Uniqueness at RHIC (vs. LHC)  
• Gluon splitting contribution is much less ( $\sim$ 10%)

# *b*-jet projection

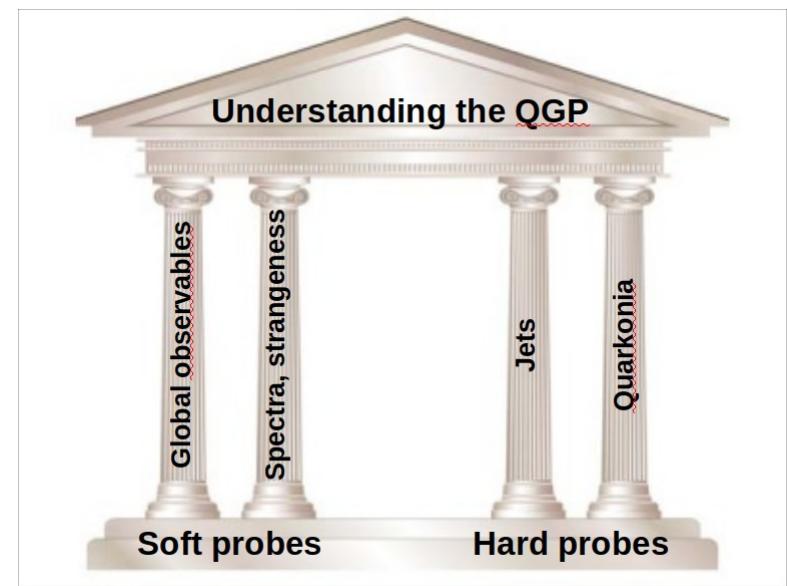
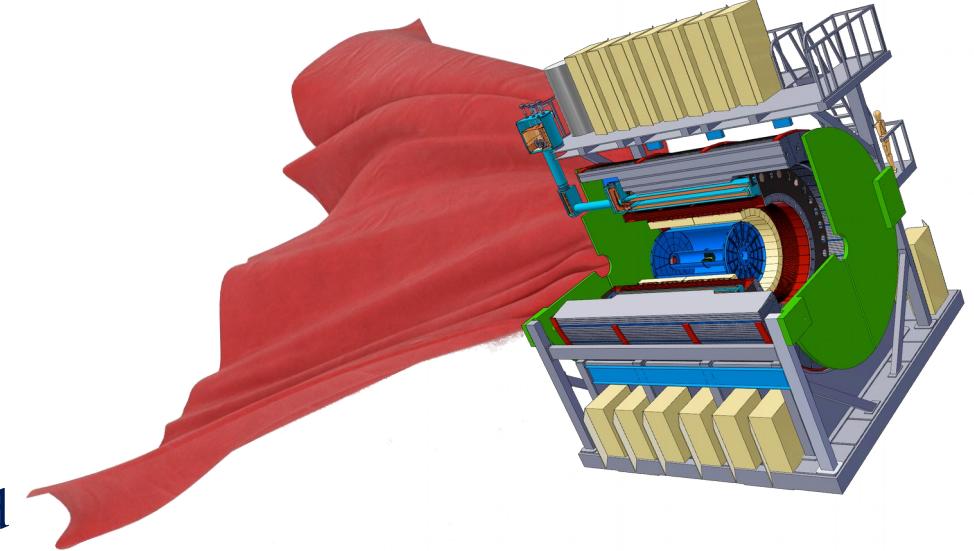


- ▶ Bring inclusive b-jet suppression and  $v_2$  to RHIC
  - Covering jet  $p_T = 15-35$  GeV/c
  - Strong constraints of high energy probe in QGP
- ▶ Broader opportunities on more differentiating observables
  - Di-*b*-jet and *b*-jet-*B*-meson correlations
  - *b*-jet substructures



# Summary

- ▶ Rich physics case
  - Precision jet and HF @ RHIC
  - Predictions on sPHENIX observables welcomed!
  - Completing scientific RHIC mission and connect to EIC
- ▶ Advanced design and many progress in detector R&D
  - CD-0 approved, in preparation for CD-1.
  - Data planned for 2023
- ▶ Growing collaboration
  - ~70 institutions with 9 new in the past year
  - Abundant opportunities to contribute



# Welcoming more collaborators!

Established in Dec 2015

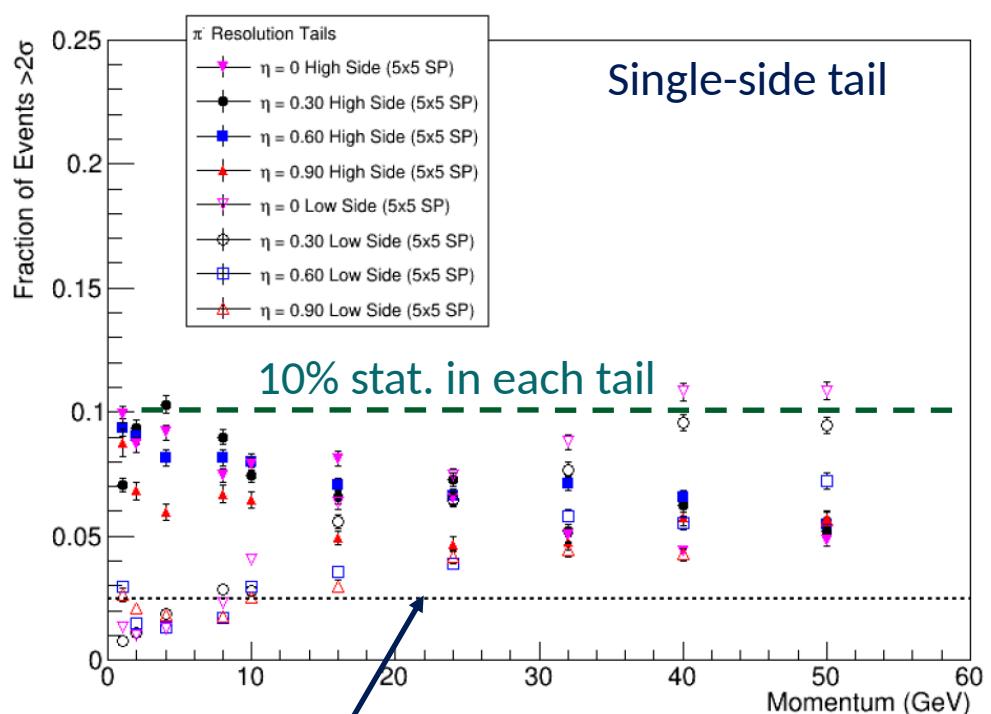
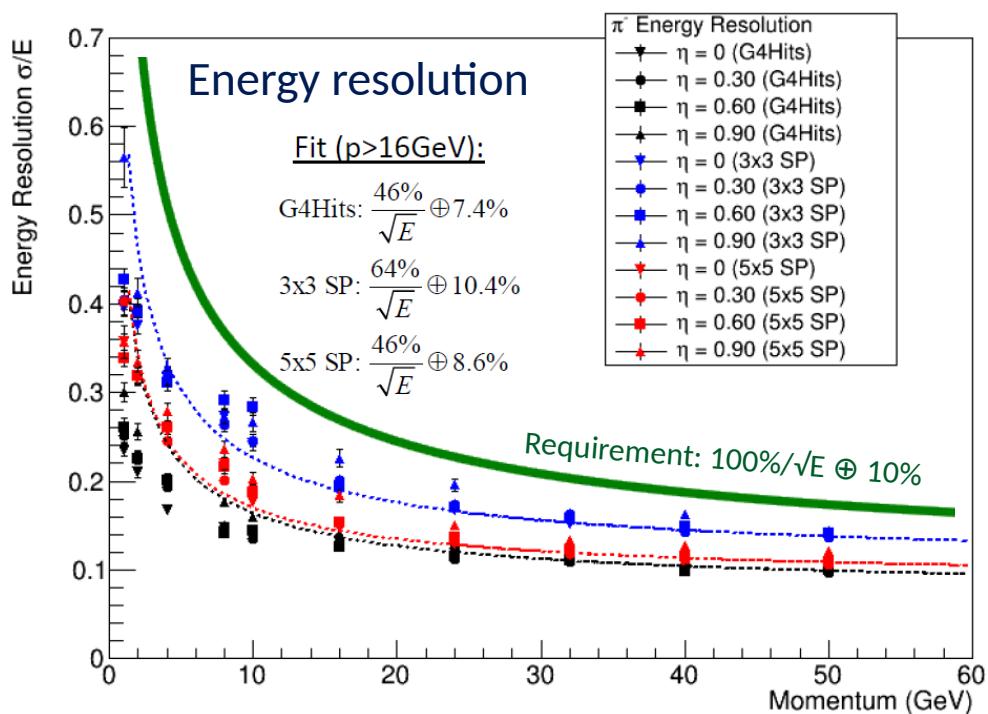
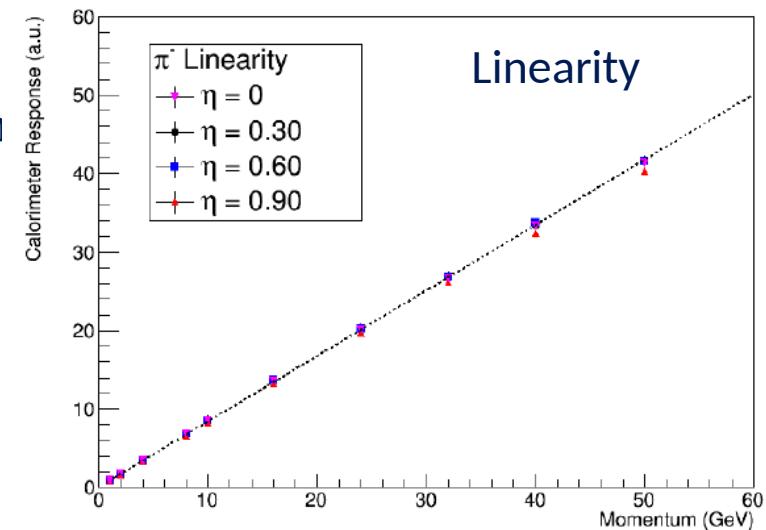
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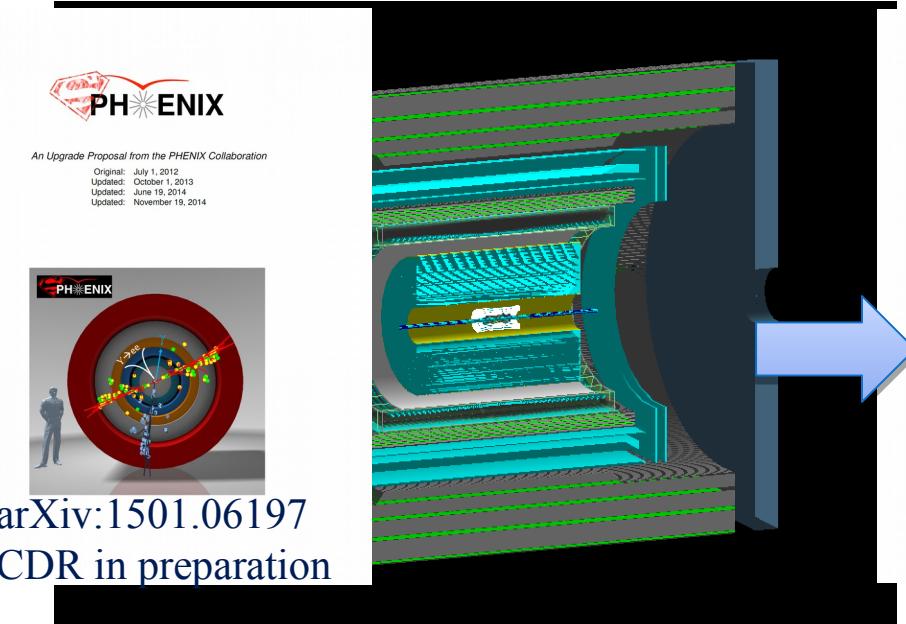
# BACKUP

# Performance : Single Hadron showers

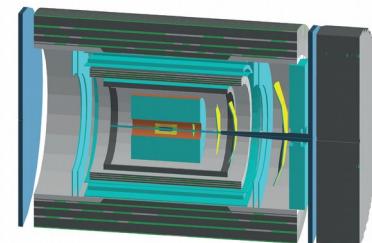
- ▶ Single pion shower studied with clusters of digitized towers (3x3 and 5x5 clusters), which is compared with ideal sum of Geant4 hit in scintillator (label G4Hits)
- ▶ Energy resolution satisfied design goal.  
Tails  $\leq 10\%$
- ▶ Refinement underway: time cut-off and light collection variations



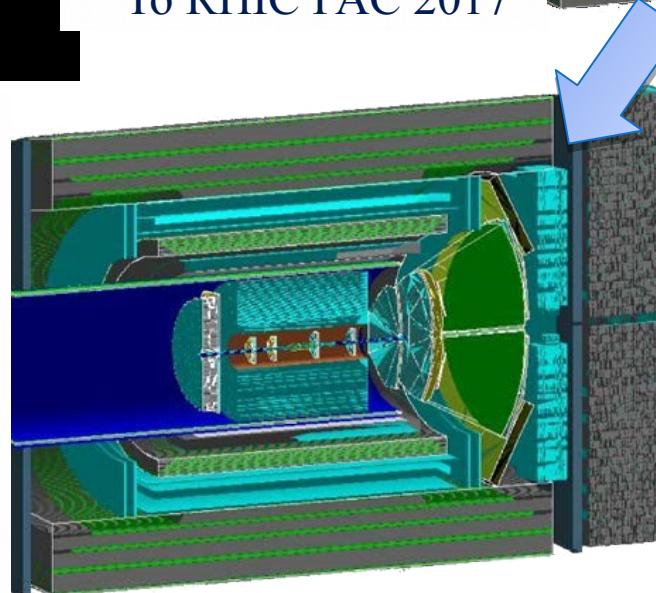
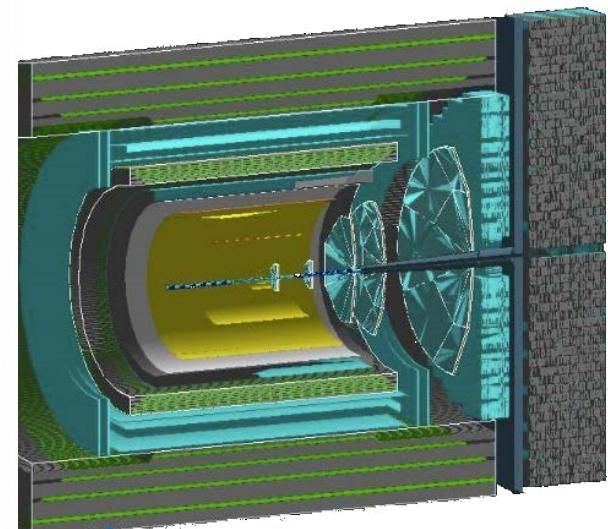
# Evolving upgrade concepts



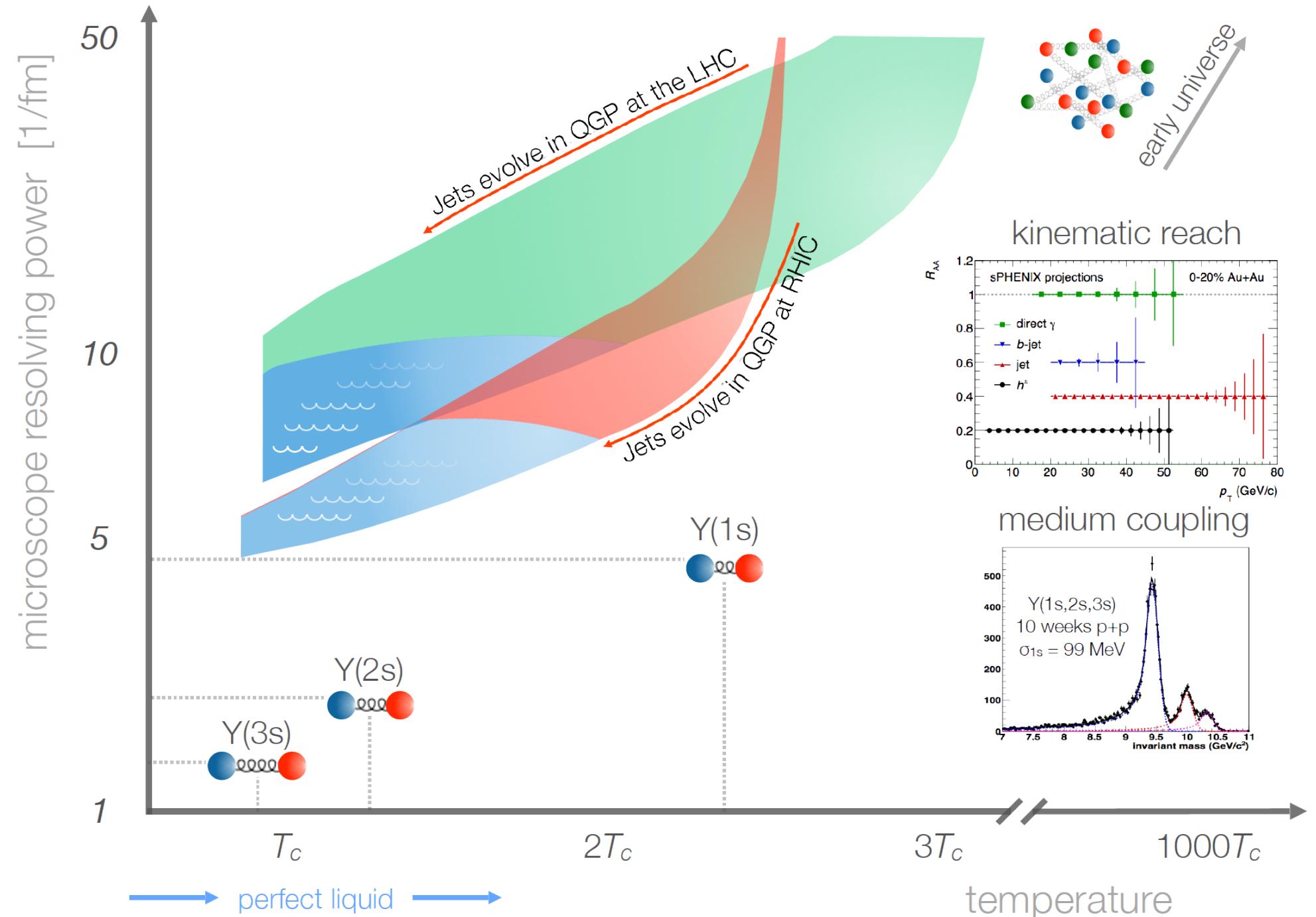
Letter of Intent for Forward  
Instrumentation at sPHENIX



The sPHENIX Collaboration  
June 1, 2017  
To RHIC PAC 2017

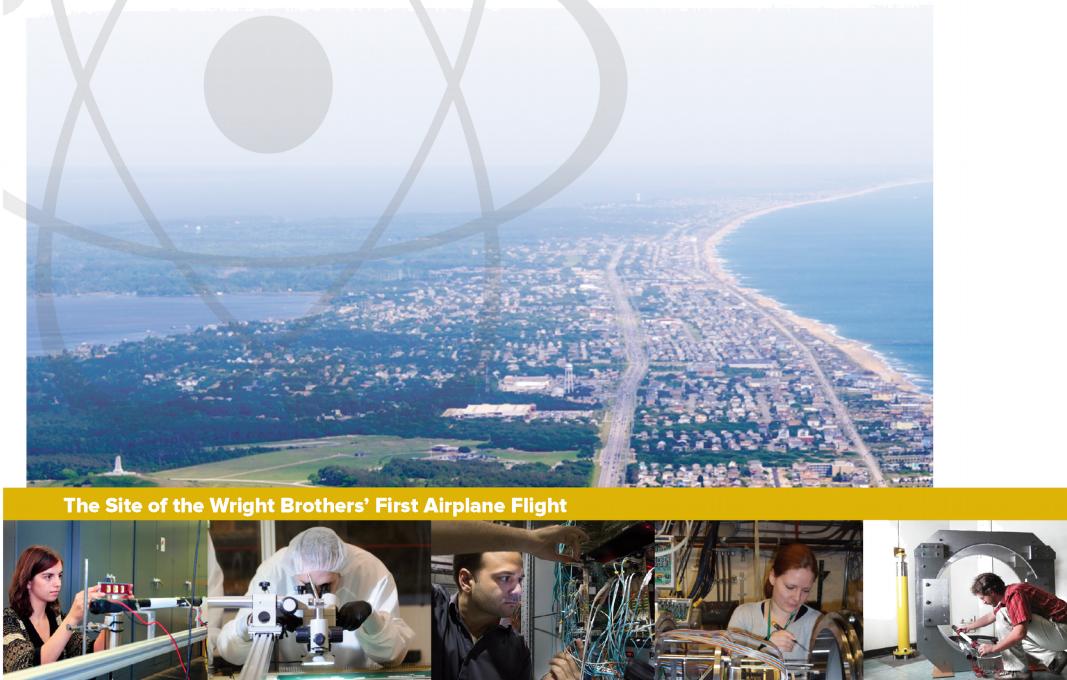


LOI/arXiv:1402.1209



# Meeting the grand challenge

REACHING FOR THE HORIZON



The 2015  
LONG RANGE PLAN  
for NUCLEAR SCIENCE

"To understand the workings of the QGP, there is no substitute for microscopy. We know that if we had a sufficiently powerful microscope that could resolve the structure of QGP on length scales, say a thousand times smaller than the size of a proton, what we would see are quarks and gluons interacting only weakly with each other. **The grand challenge for this field in the decade to come is to understand how these quarks and gluons conspire to form a nearly perfect liquid."**

