

The sPHENIX Open and Close Heavy Flavor Program

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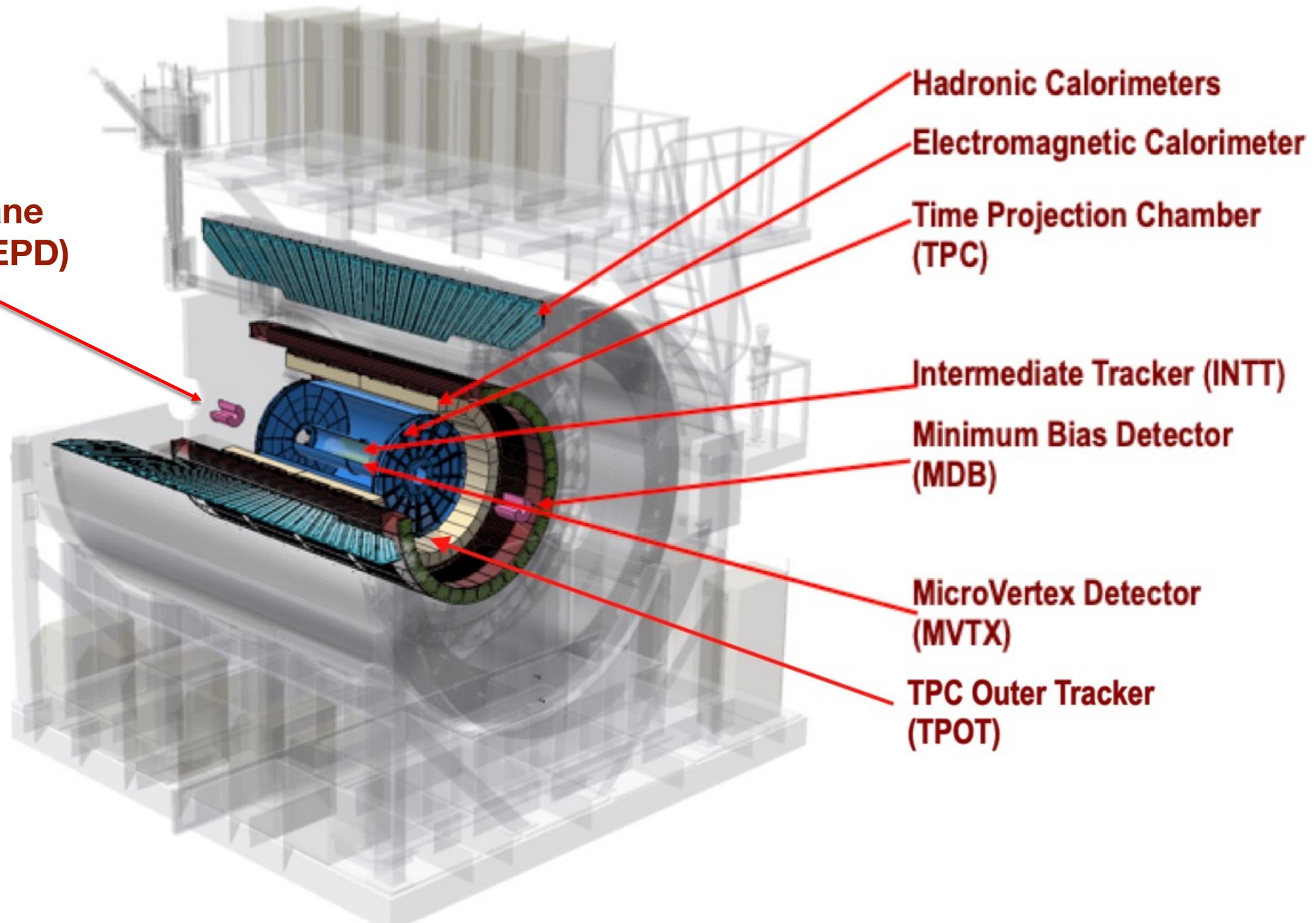
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The sPHENIX Experiment at RHIC



2015 NSAC Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science: sPHENIX Experiment at RHIC

- Probe the inner workings of QGP by resolving its properties at shorter and shorter length scales
- Complementary to LHC experiments

sPHENIX Recent Schedule and Milestones



Year 2022

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug



MCD II Starts:
Software
Milestone

Outer HCAL
Installation
Complete

Inner HCAL
Installation
Complete

RBBC
Workshop

Year 2023

Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr



Today

Babar
Magnet
Mapping
Begins

EMCAL
Installation
Complete

INTT
Installation

MVTX/EPD
Installation

Entire
sPHENIX
Detector
Testing

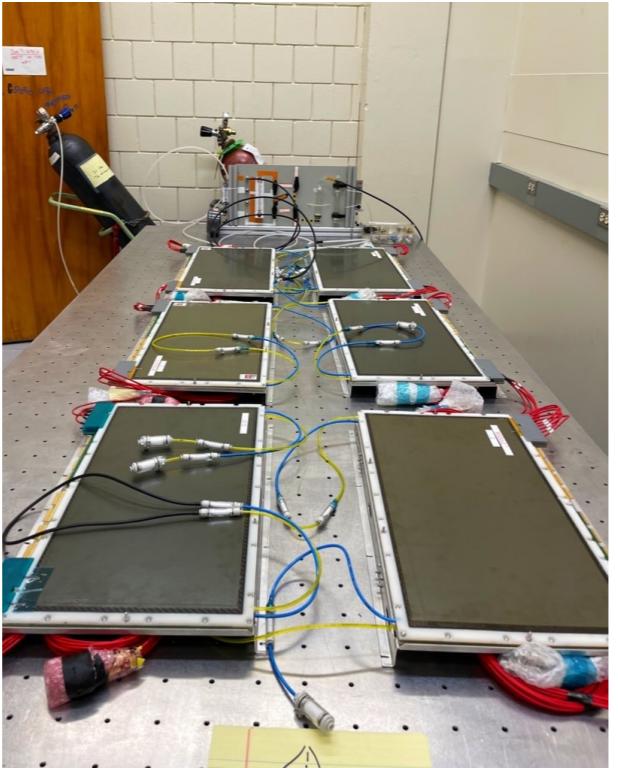
**Start first
data taking!
(< 6 months)**

- Collective efforts of international collaboration from 85 institutions in 14 countries
- Intense preparation schedule to ensure timely and high-quality data taking in 2023

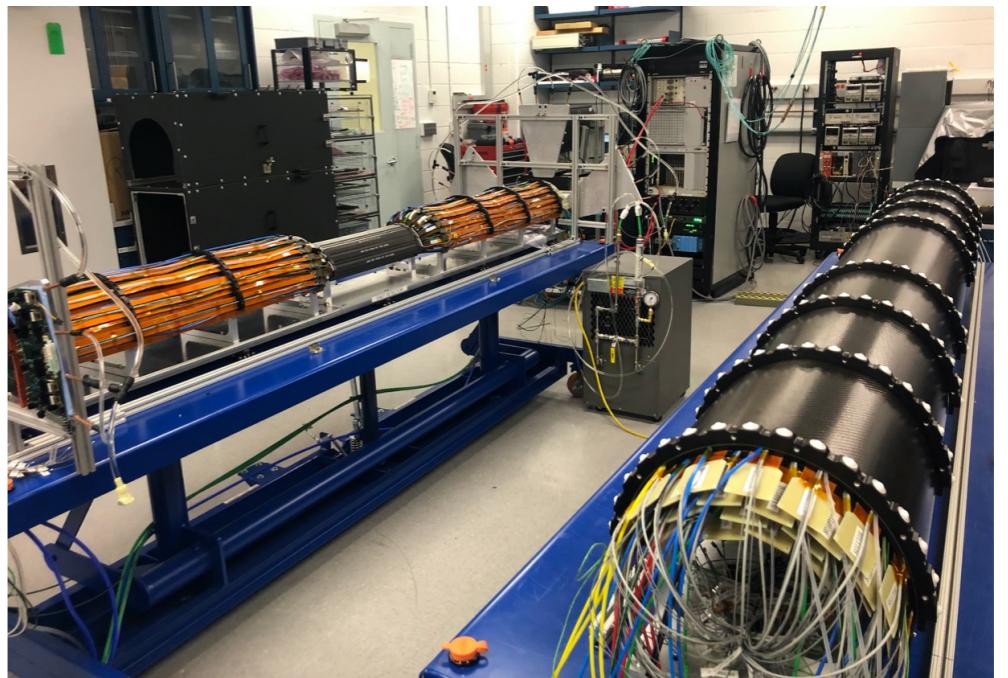
sPHENIX Detector Commissioning



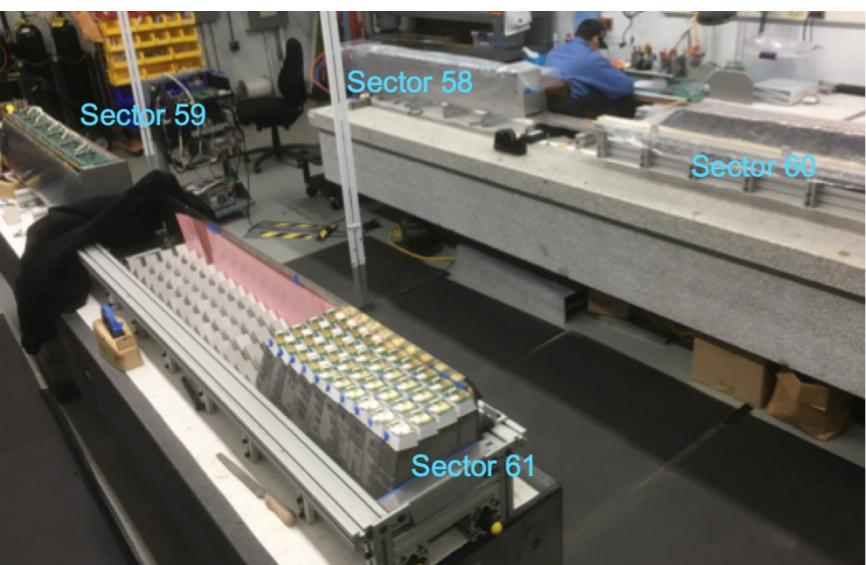
TPC construction at Stony Brook University



TPOT effort By LANL/Stony Brook



INTT half barrels completed and tested



EMCAL assembly at BNL



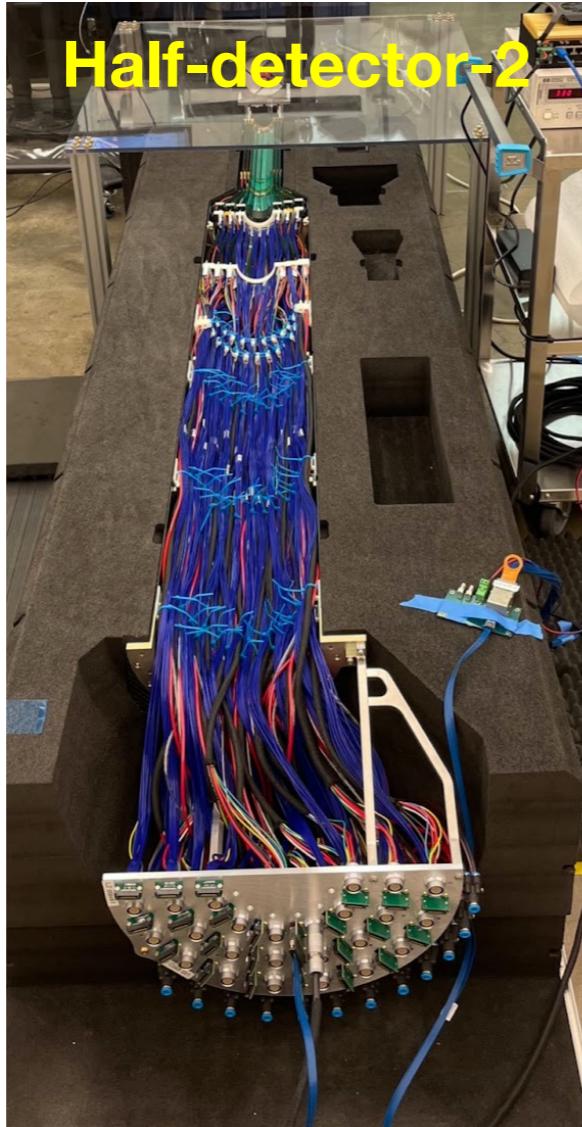
Commissioning task force



sPHENIX detector with HCAL in sPHENIX IP

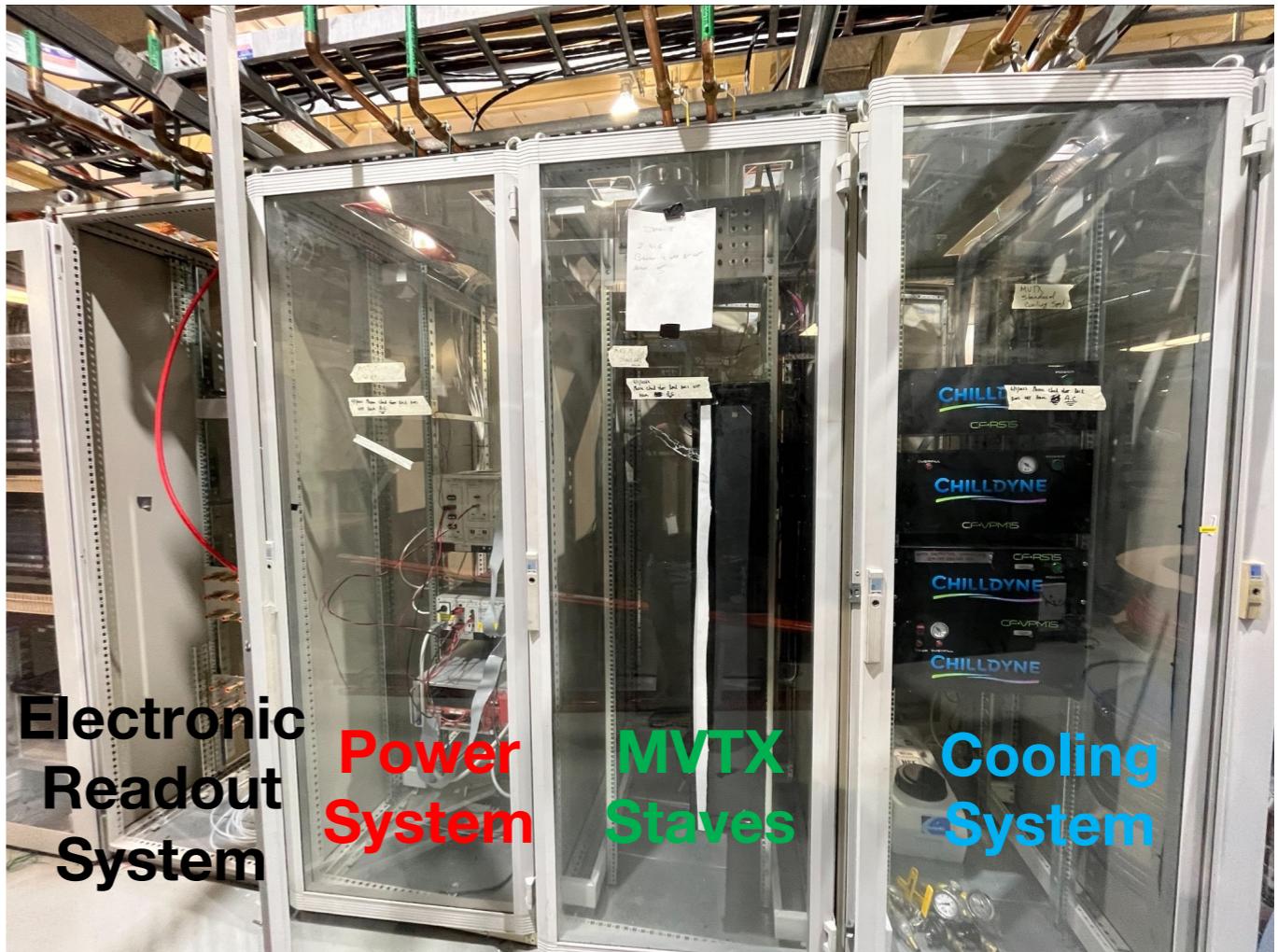
- Lots of construction activities of detectors ongoing in many places
- Collaborative and diverse workforce of students, postdocs, staff, and faculty
- Install the sPHENIX detector from outermost to innermost in sPHENIX IP at BNL

MVTX Commissioning Status



BNL Commissioning

- Clean tent setup
MOSAIC system to test the staves performance
- Entire MVTX system testing
Readout chain test
Detector alignment with cosmic ray data and machine learning
Online monitoring and slow control system
Ensure MVTX functionality for data taking



LBNL MVTX Detector Assembling

- Precision placement of staves at around $50 \mu m$ obtained by CMM
- Stave gluing to carbon structure
- Power system and cabling preparation
- Readout mechanical structure
- Half detector fully assembled

sPHENIX Beam Use Proposal



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

- Extensive **3-year** data taking starting in < 6 months

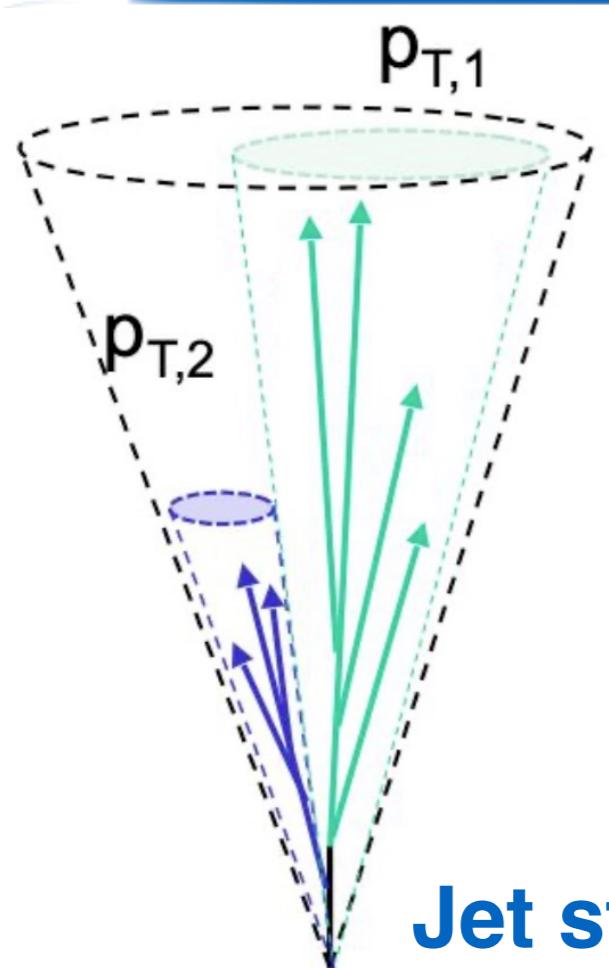
Year-1: commissioning and first physics in Au+Au

Year-2: p+p and p+Au runs for heavy-ion reference and cold QCD physics

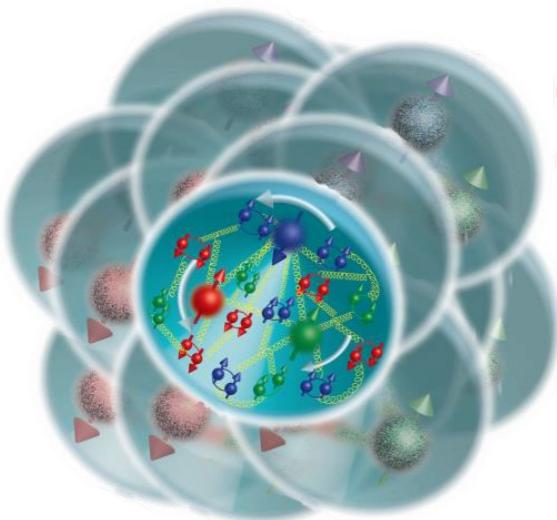
Year-3: very large Au+Au dataset (141B events in total)

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 PAC (Physics Advisory
 Committee)

The sPHENIX Physics Program



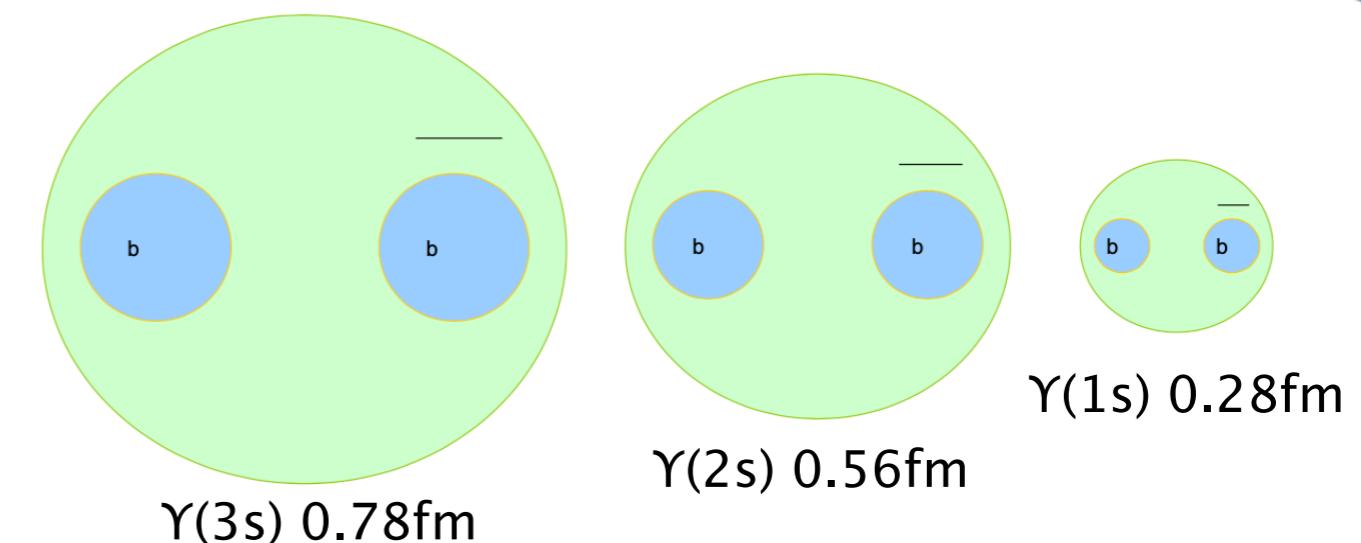
Jet structure
vary momentum/angular scale of probe



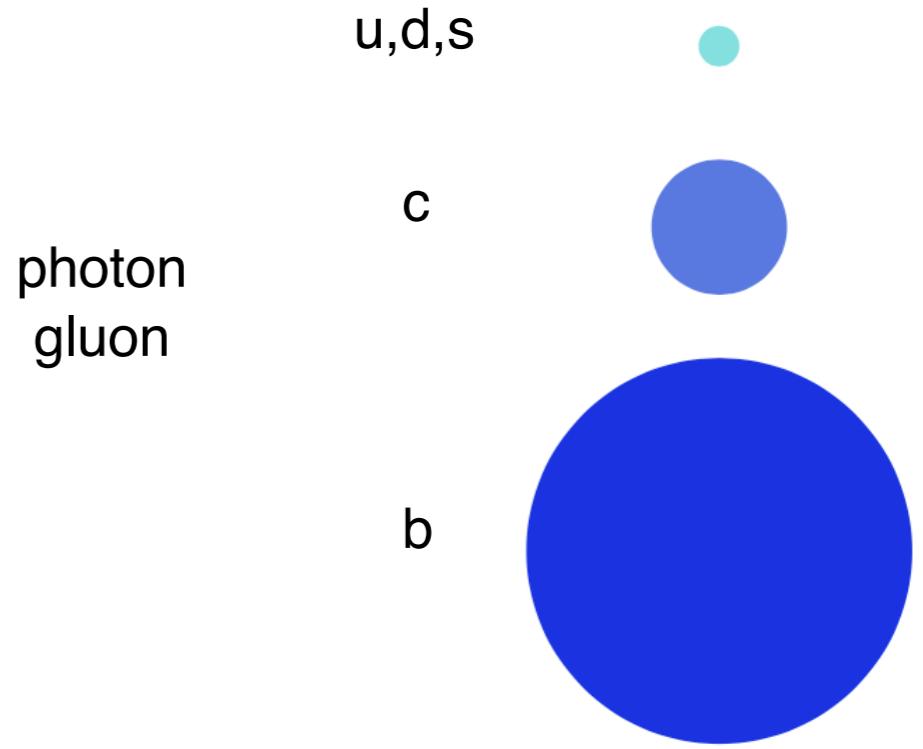
Cold QCD
study proton spin,
transverse-momentum,
and cold nuclear effects



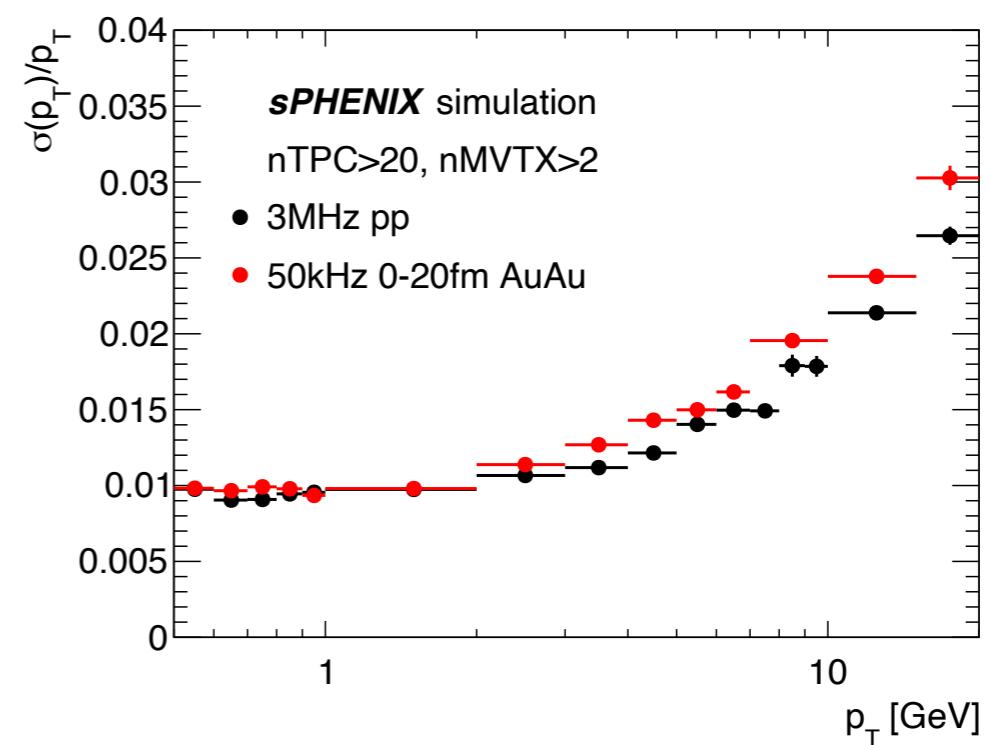
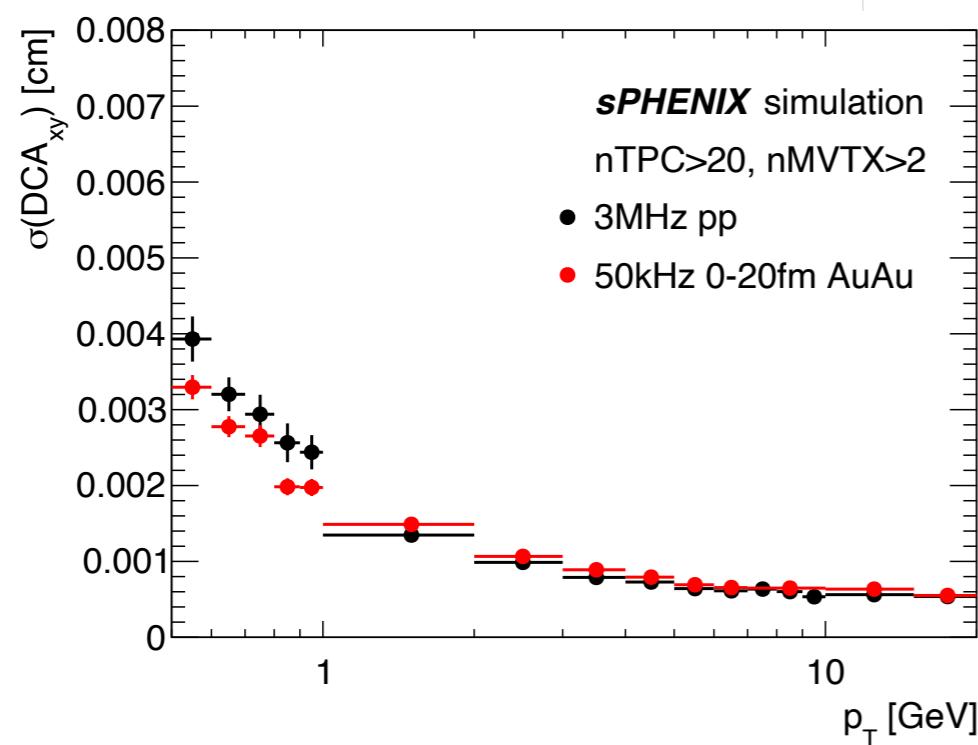
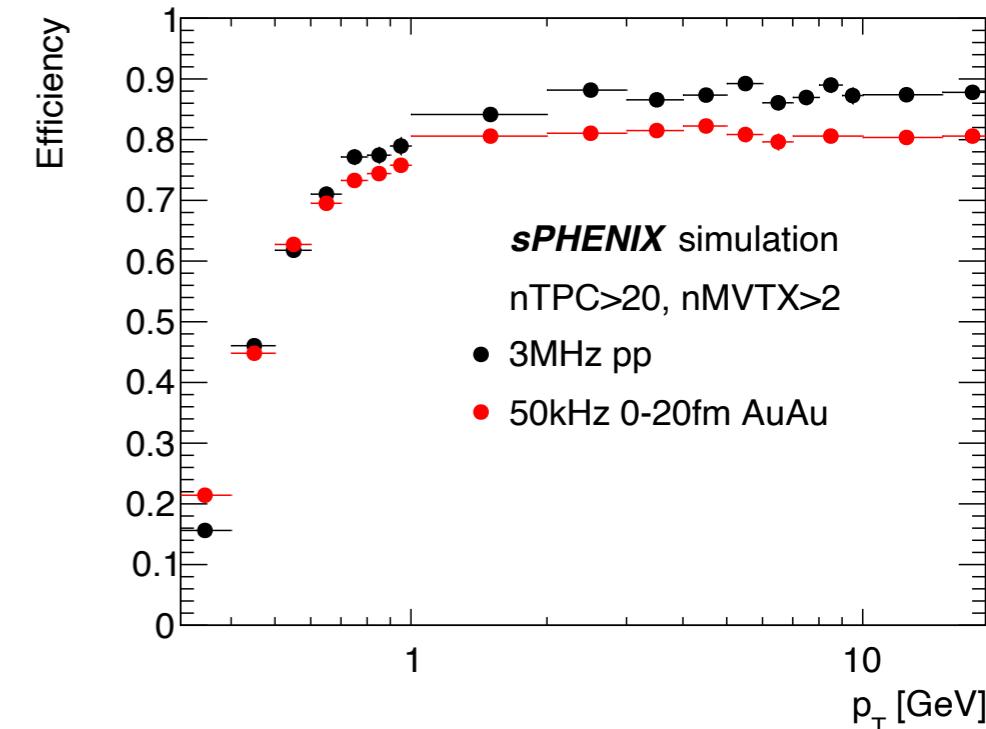
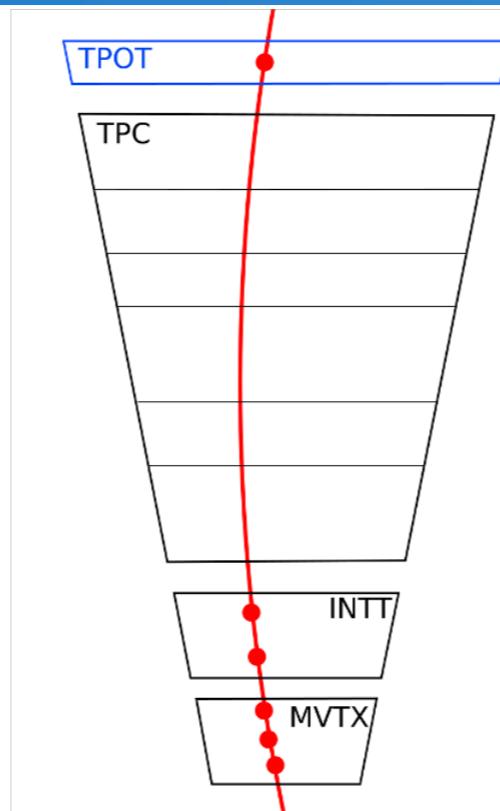
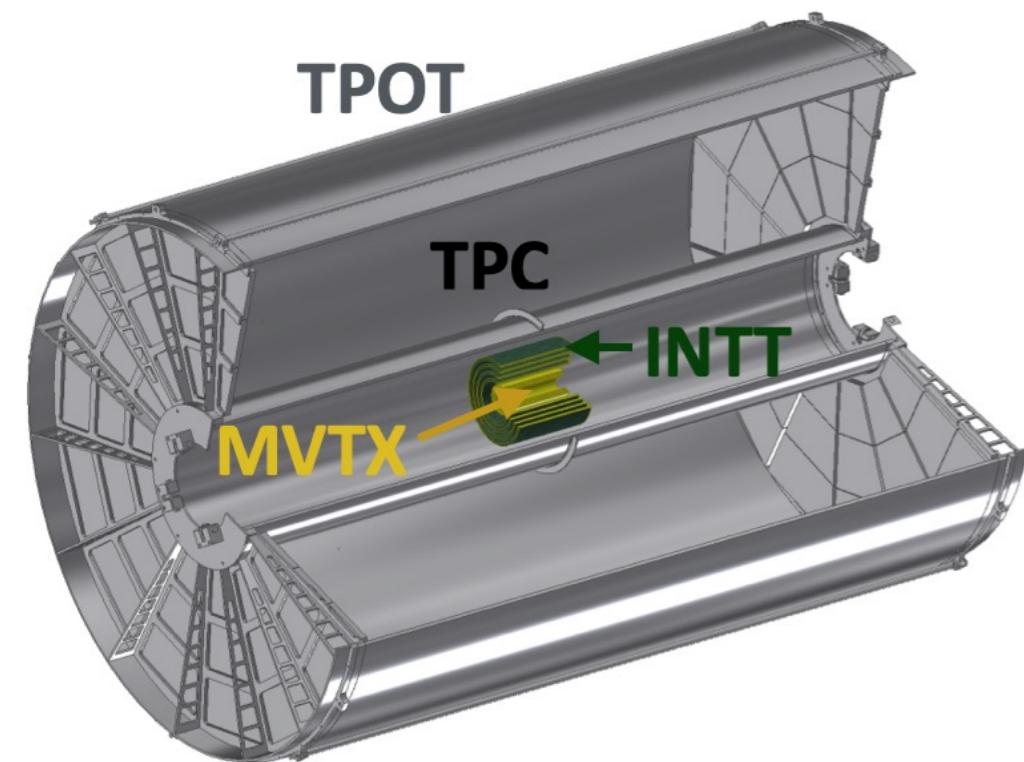
Quarkonium spectroscopy
vary size of probe



Parton energy loss
vary mass/momentum of probe
u,d,s

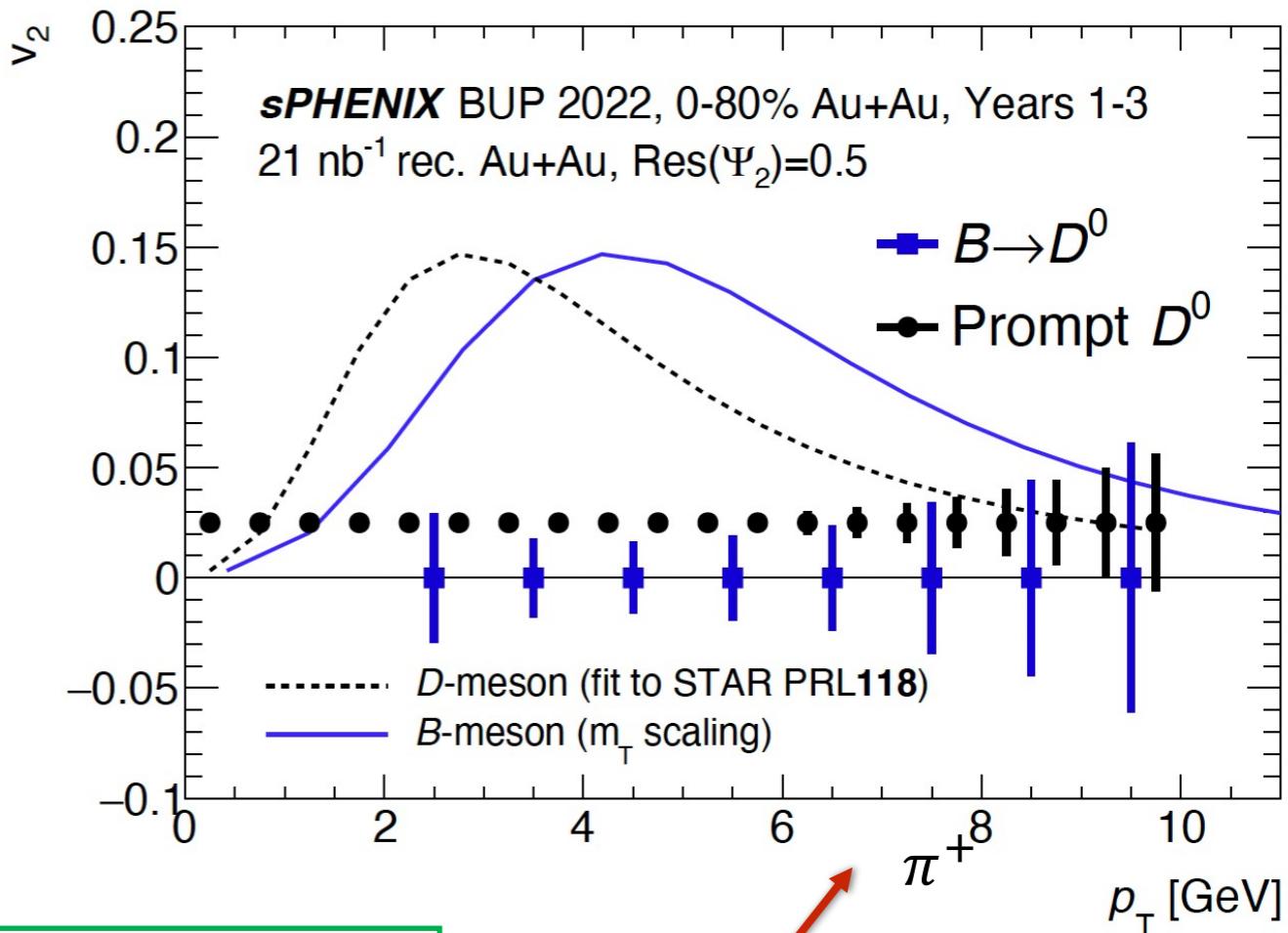
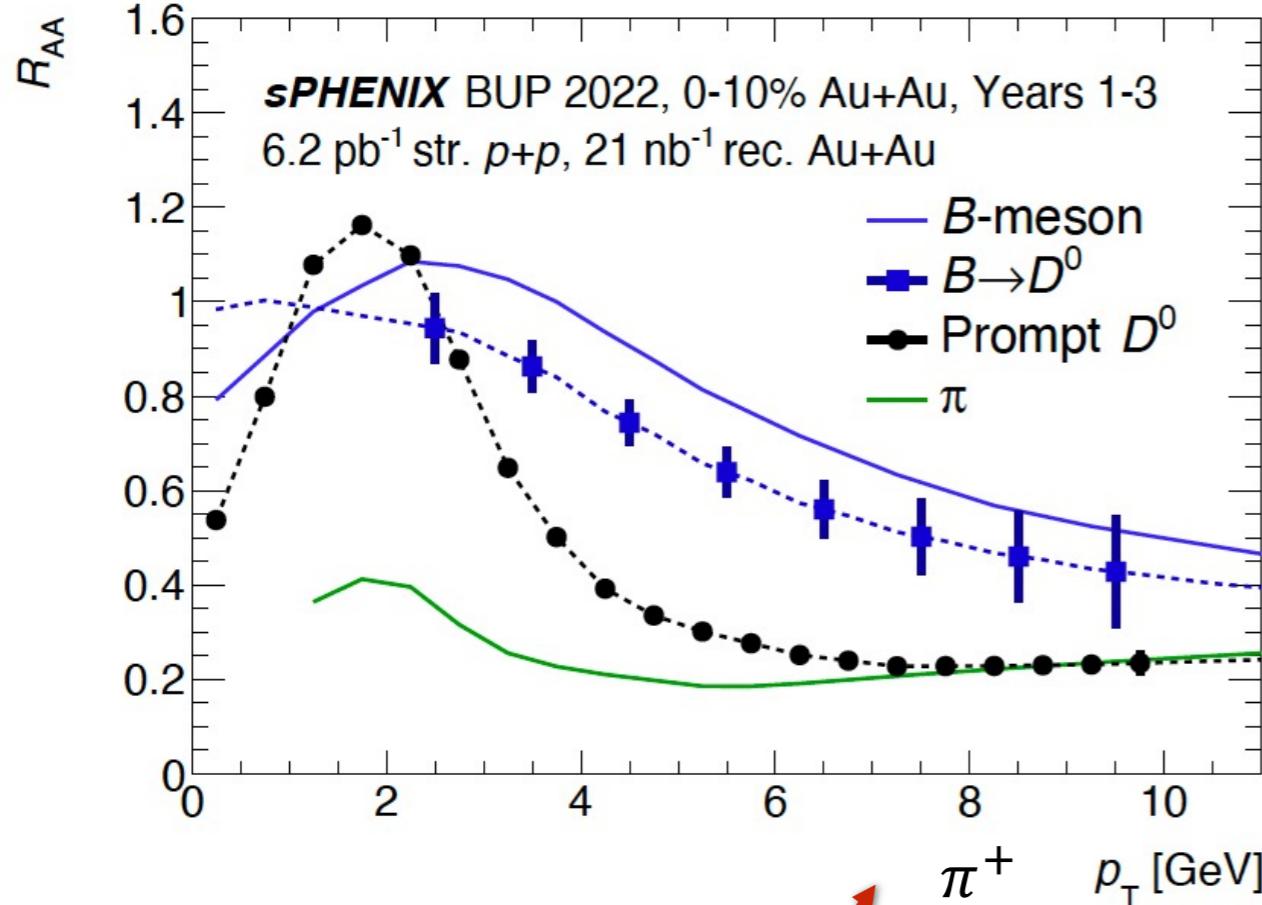


Tracking System and Performance

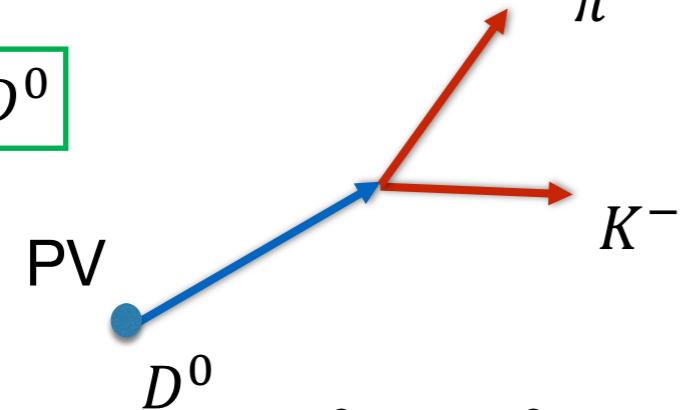


- MVTX and INTT operating in continuous streaming readout mode with advanced electronics
- TPC + TPOT for main for outer tracking for momentum determination
- Excellent tracking reconstruction and vertexing performance for HF physics studies

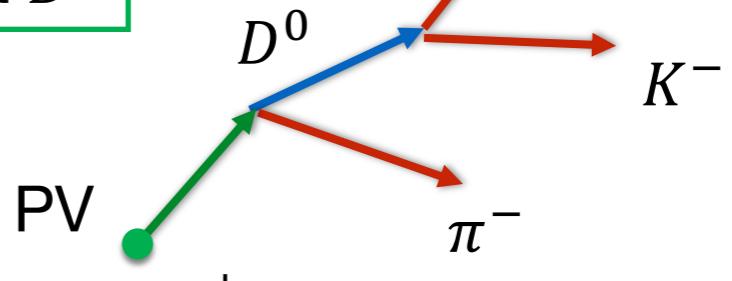
Fully Reconstructed D^0 R_{AA} and v_2



Prompt D^0

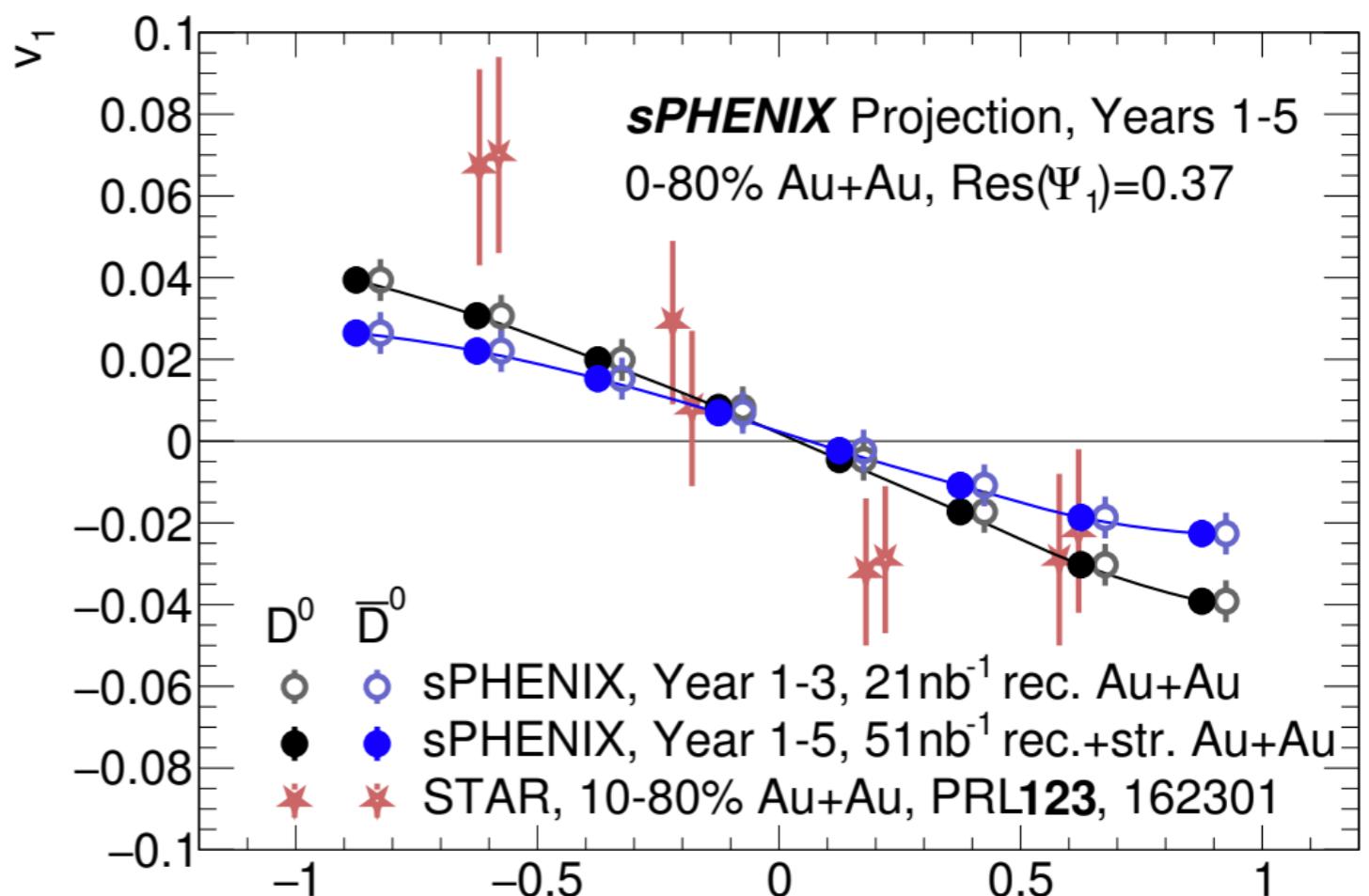
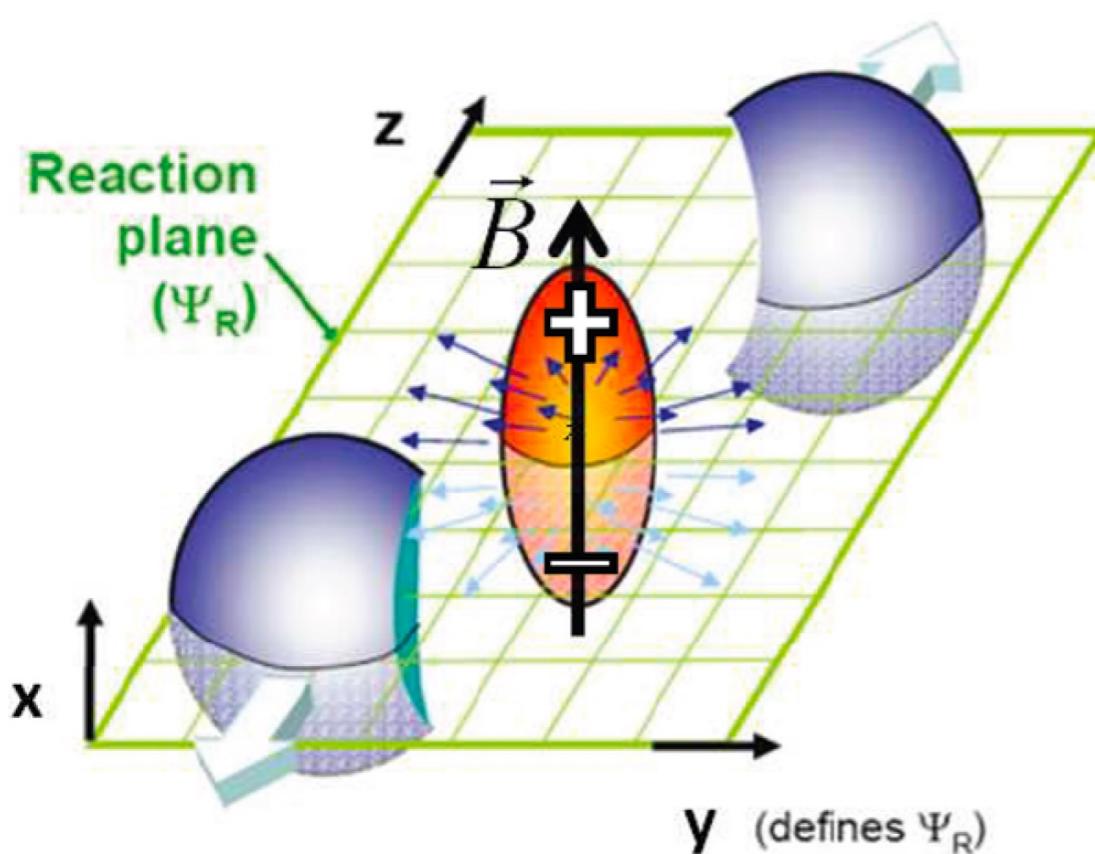


Non-Prompt D^0



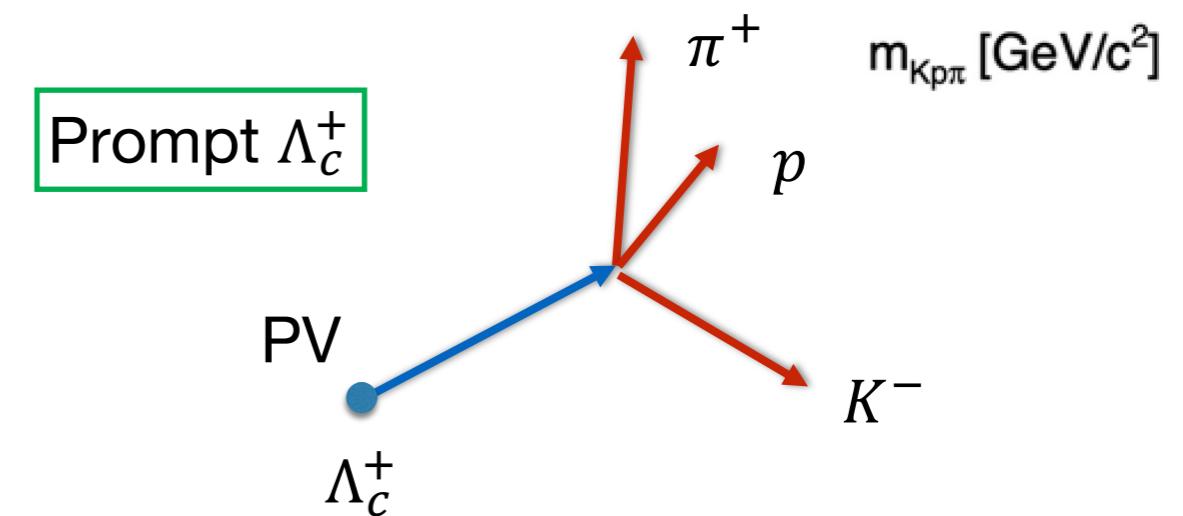
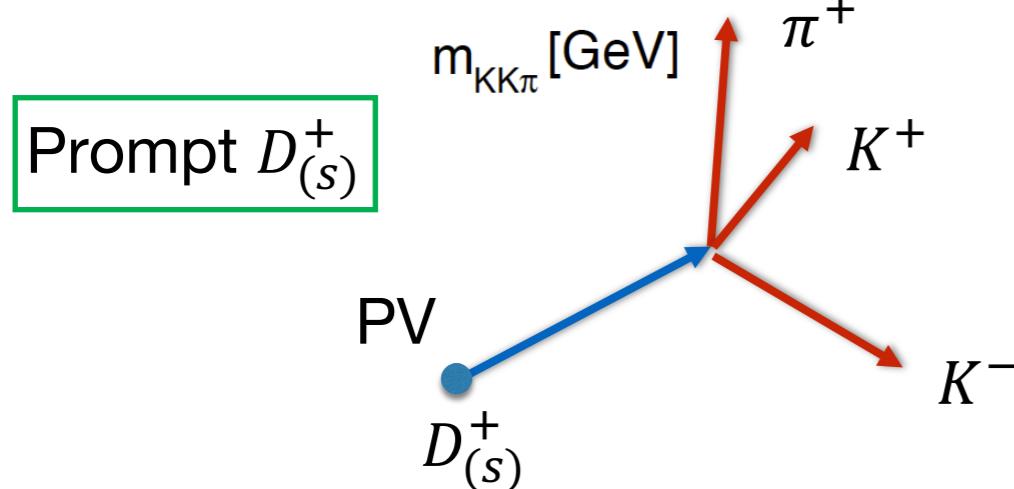
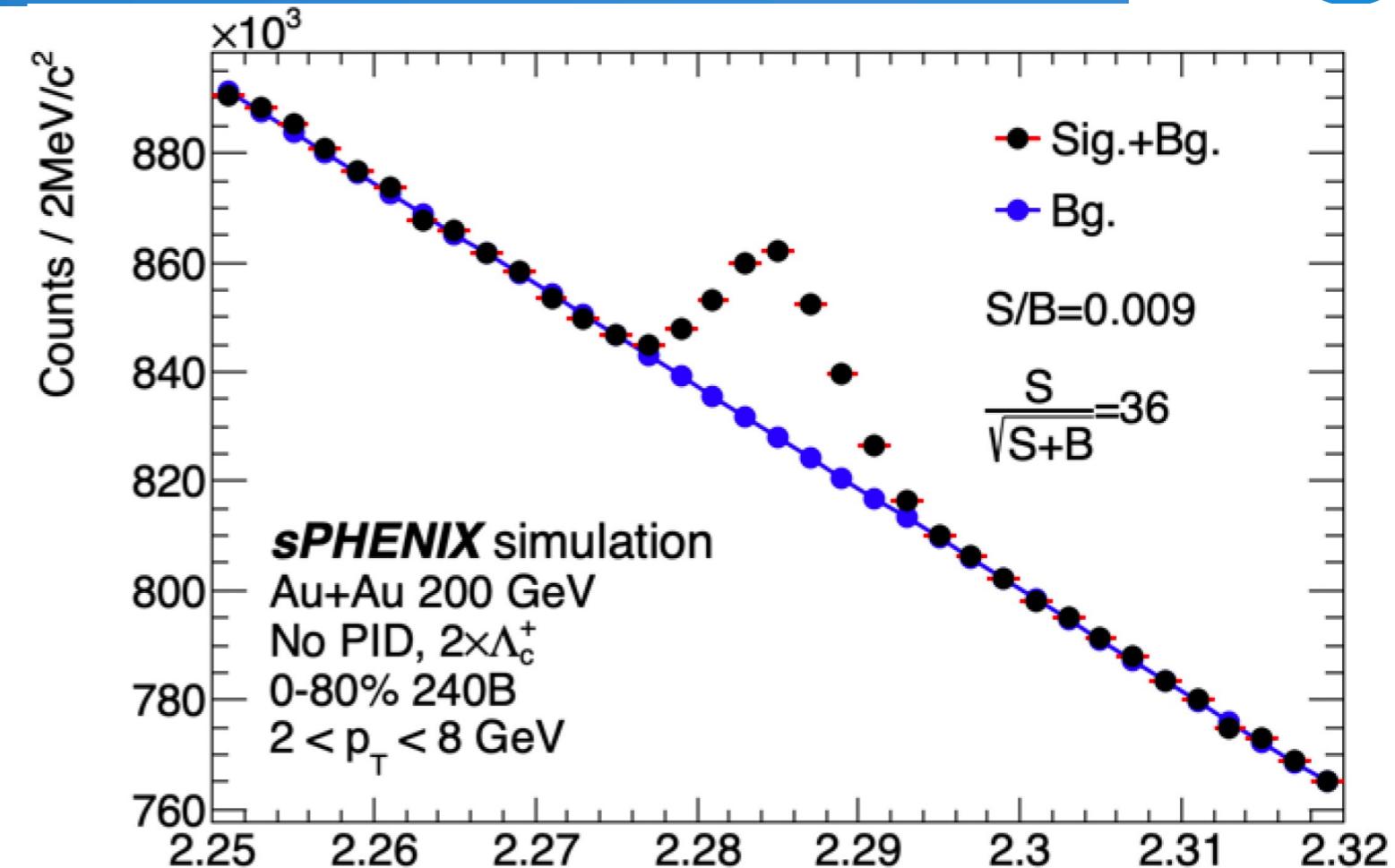
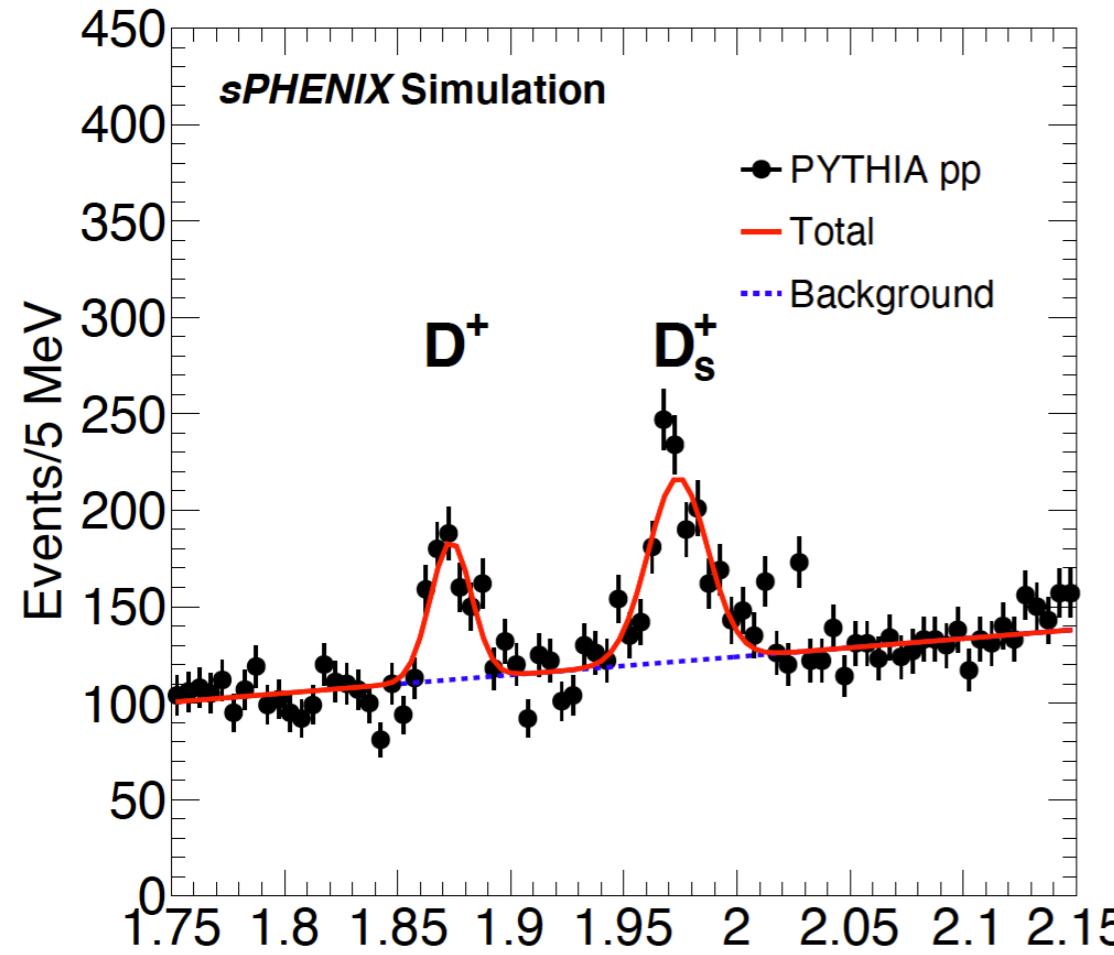
- Fully reconstructed D^0 via $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$ without hadronic PID
- High precision D-meson thanks to dataset size and tracking system
- Data-driven method: separation of prompt and non-prompt D^0 via $B \rightarrow D^0$ decay with DCA
 - Constrain beauty quark diffusion coefficient in QGP medium
 - Flavor dependence of energy loss
 - Investigate charm quarks thermalization

D-meson Directed Flow v_1



- Directed flow v_1 : first order Fourier coefficient of particle emission in the azimuthal direction with respect to the reaction plane in heavy-ion collisions
- Relatively large mass of charm quark
 - Predominantly produced in early hard scattering processes
 - Long thermal relaxation time
 - Induce larger v_1 due to the Lorentz force
- D-meson v_1 sensitive the initial tilt and pressure asymmetry due to non-equilibrium effects in the initial stage of heavy ion collisions
 - Novel probe of the spacetime evolution of the initial magnetic field in heavy-ion collisions

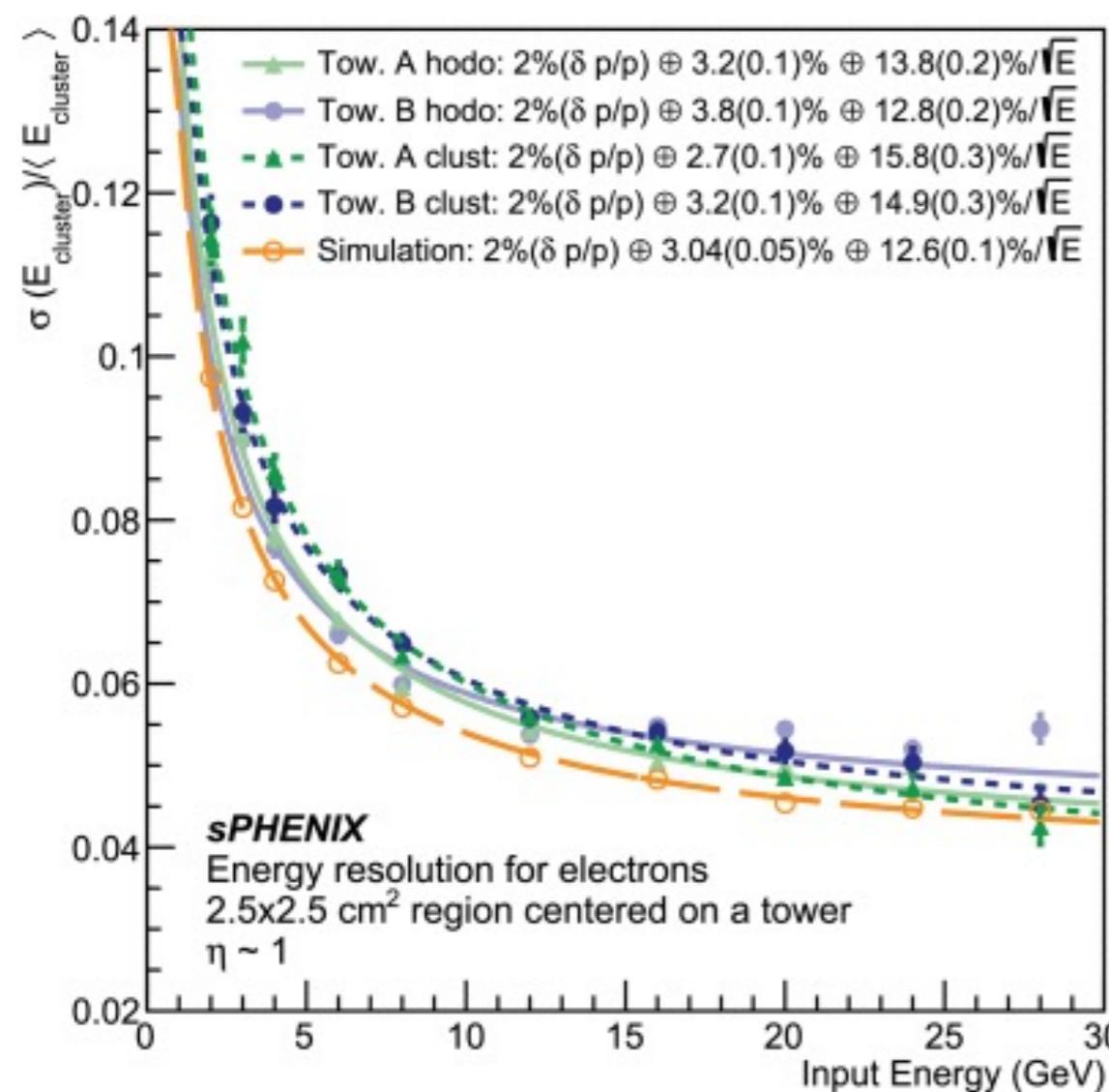
D_s^+/D^+ and Λ_c^+/D^0 Ratios



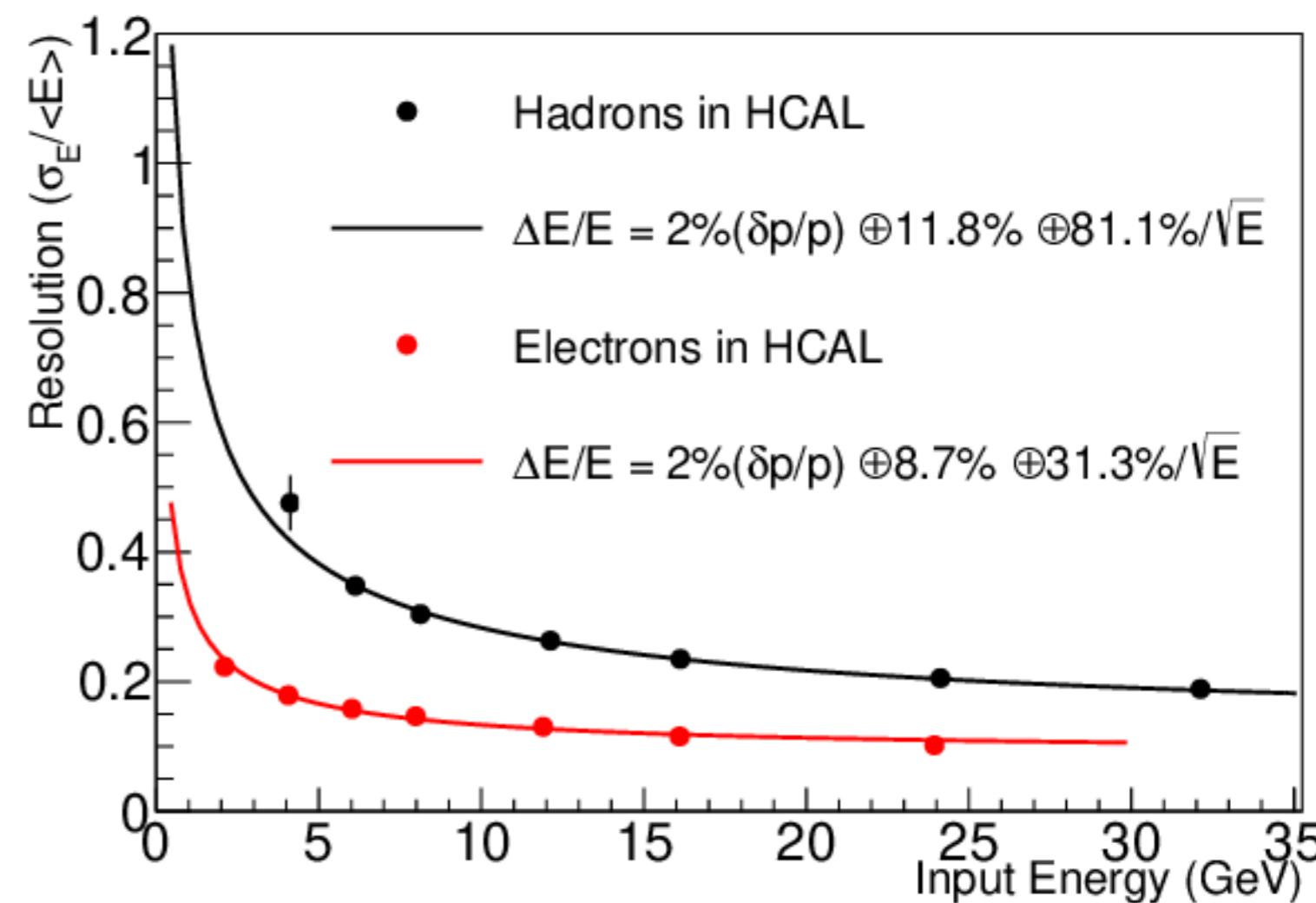
- More complex 3-prong decays
- High precision measurement thanks to streaming readout data taking and tracking
- Study charm hadronization from vacuum to QGP via the measurements of D_s^+/D^+ and Λ_c^+/D^0 as a function of event multiplicity

Calorimeter System Performance

EMCAL



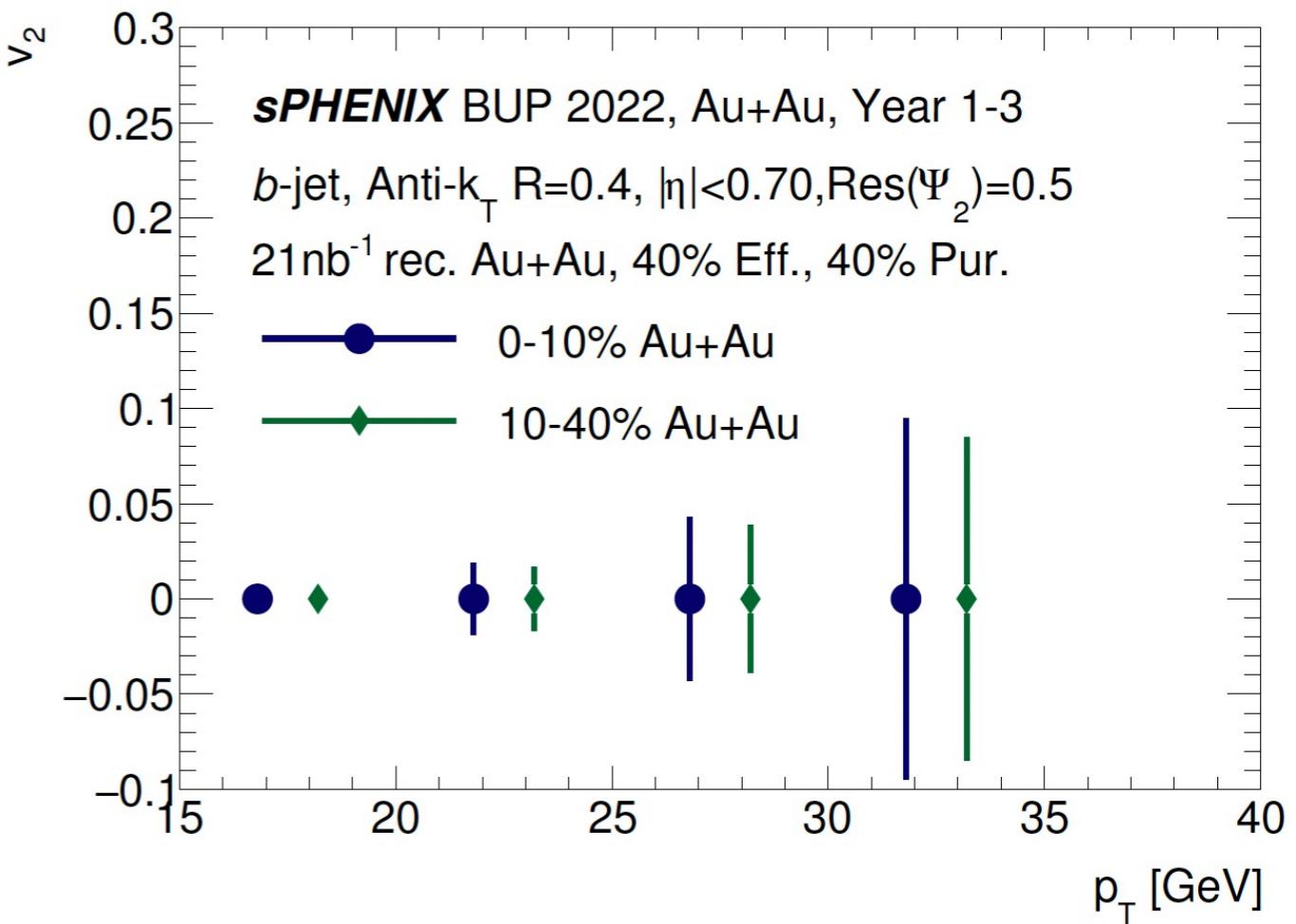
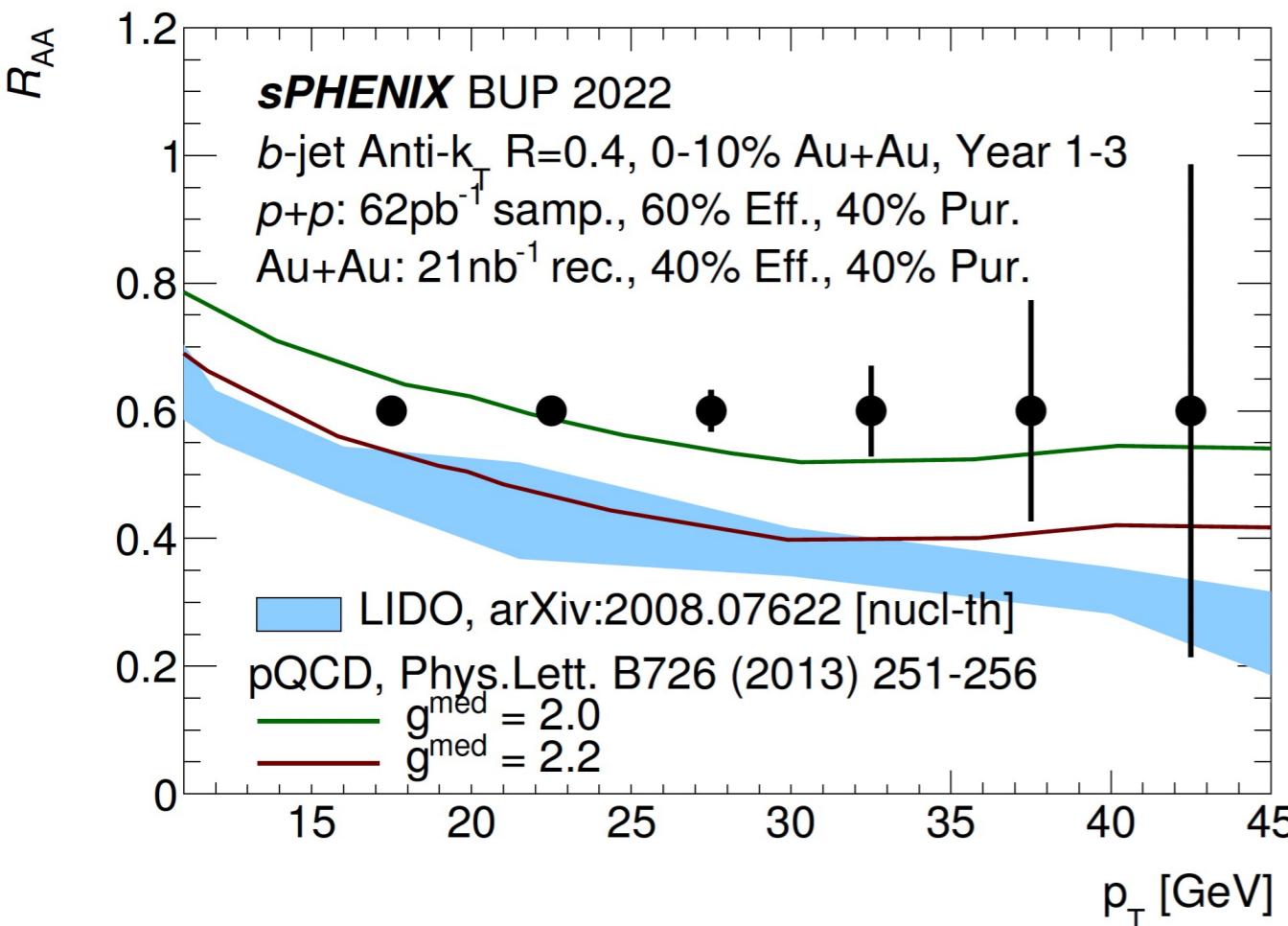
HCAL



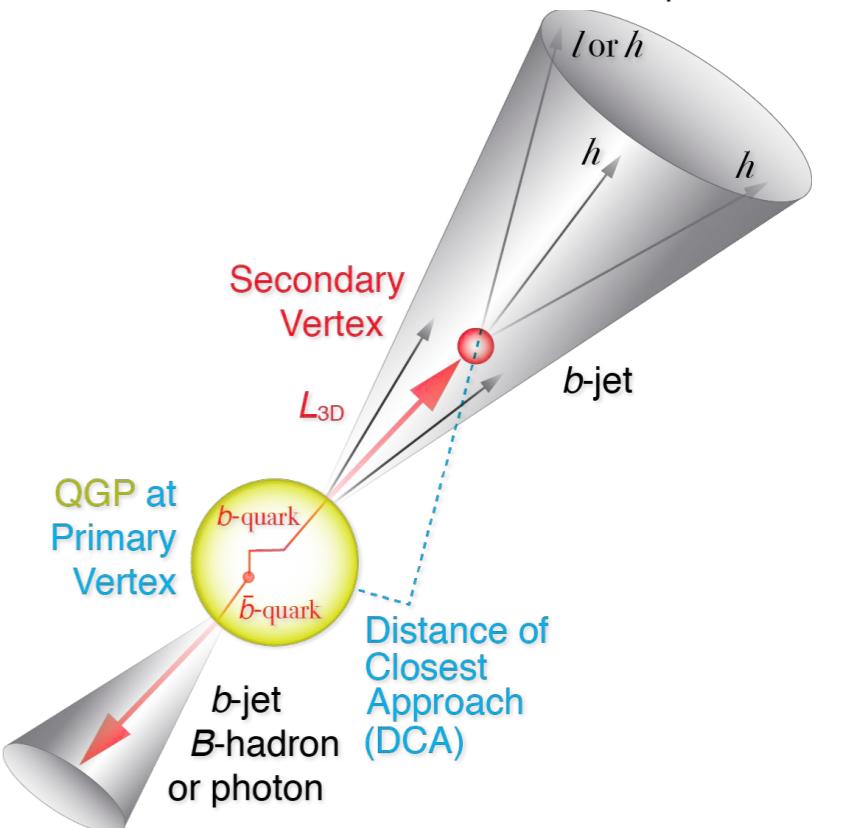
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- Excellent EMCAL and HCAL energy resolutions
- High p_T trigger implemented to the calorimeter system dedicated for jet physics studies
- Advanced 3D topological jet reconstruction algorithm
- Capable of performing precision calorimetric jet measurements

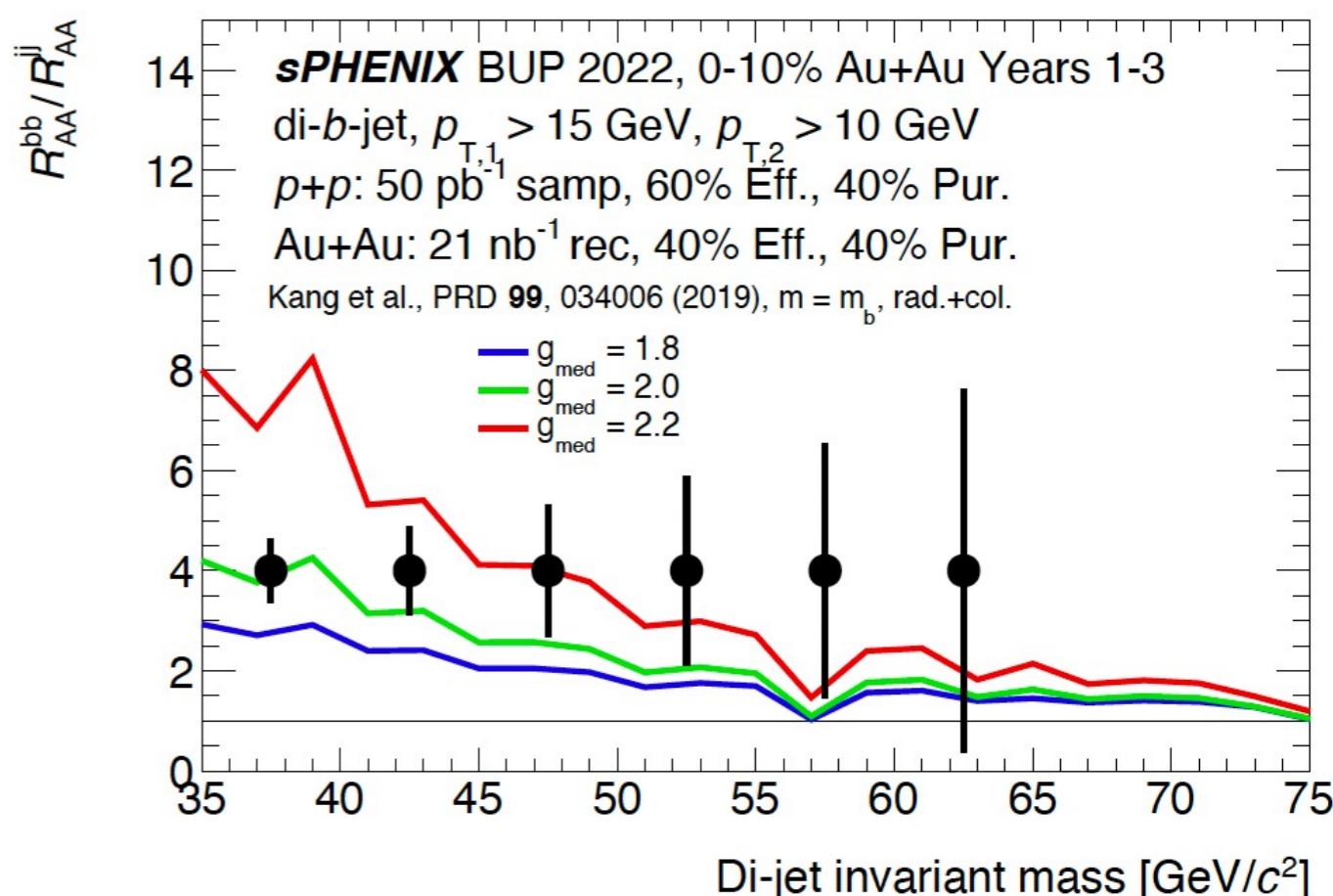
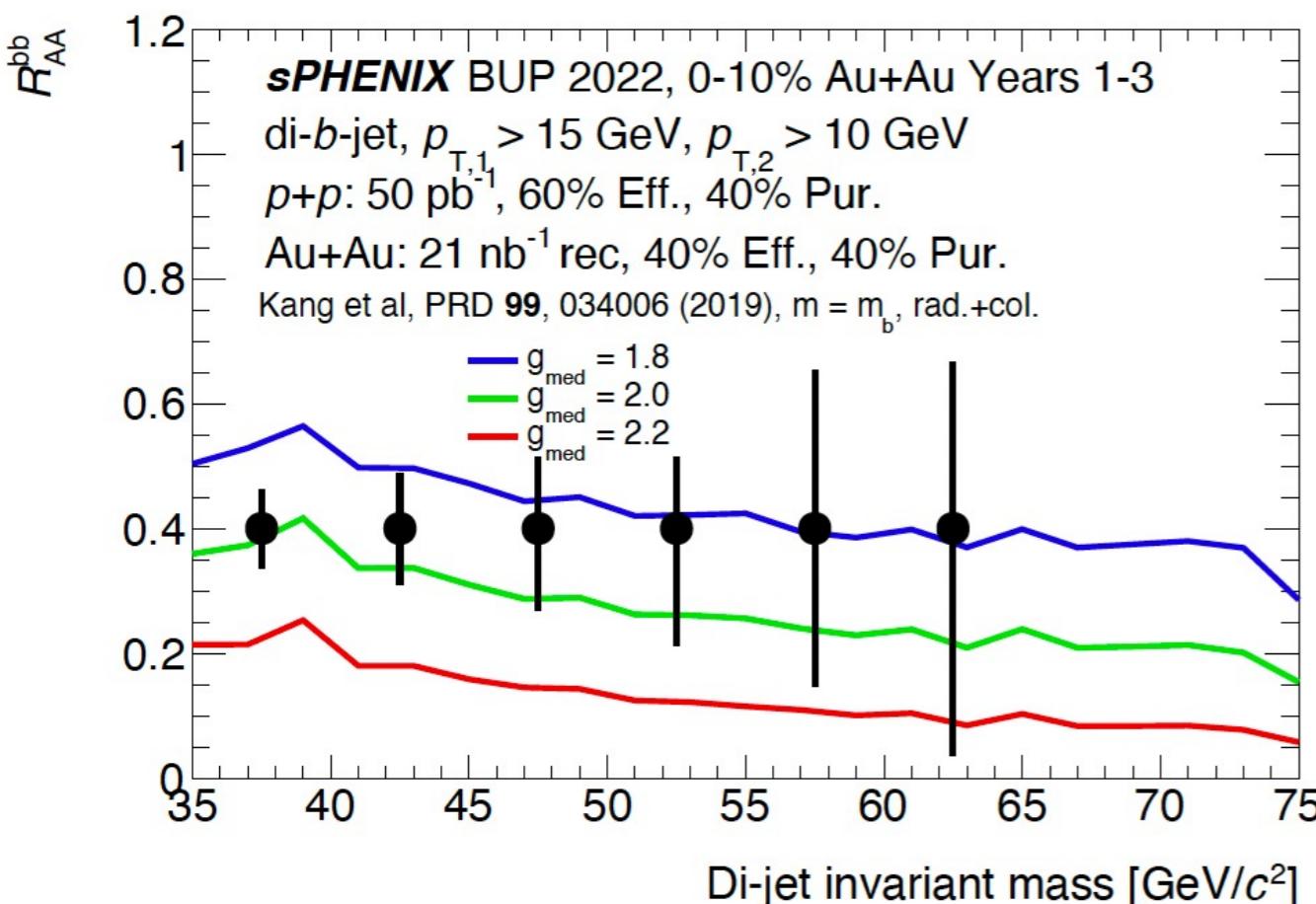
b-jet R_{AA} and v_2



- Utilization of MVTX to reconstruct secondary vertex within the jet cone
 - Identify jets with displaced vertices to tag the b quarks
 - Inclusive measurement with better statistics
- First b-jet measurement at RHIC
- Sensitive to heavy-quark collisional and radiative in-medium energy loss
- Pathlength dependence of beauty energy loss in QGP
- Complementary to LHC with better measurements at lower p_T

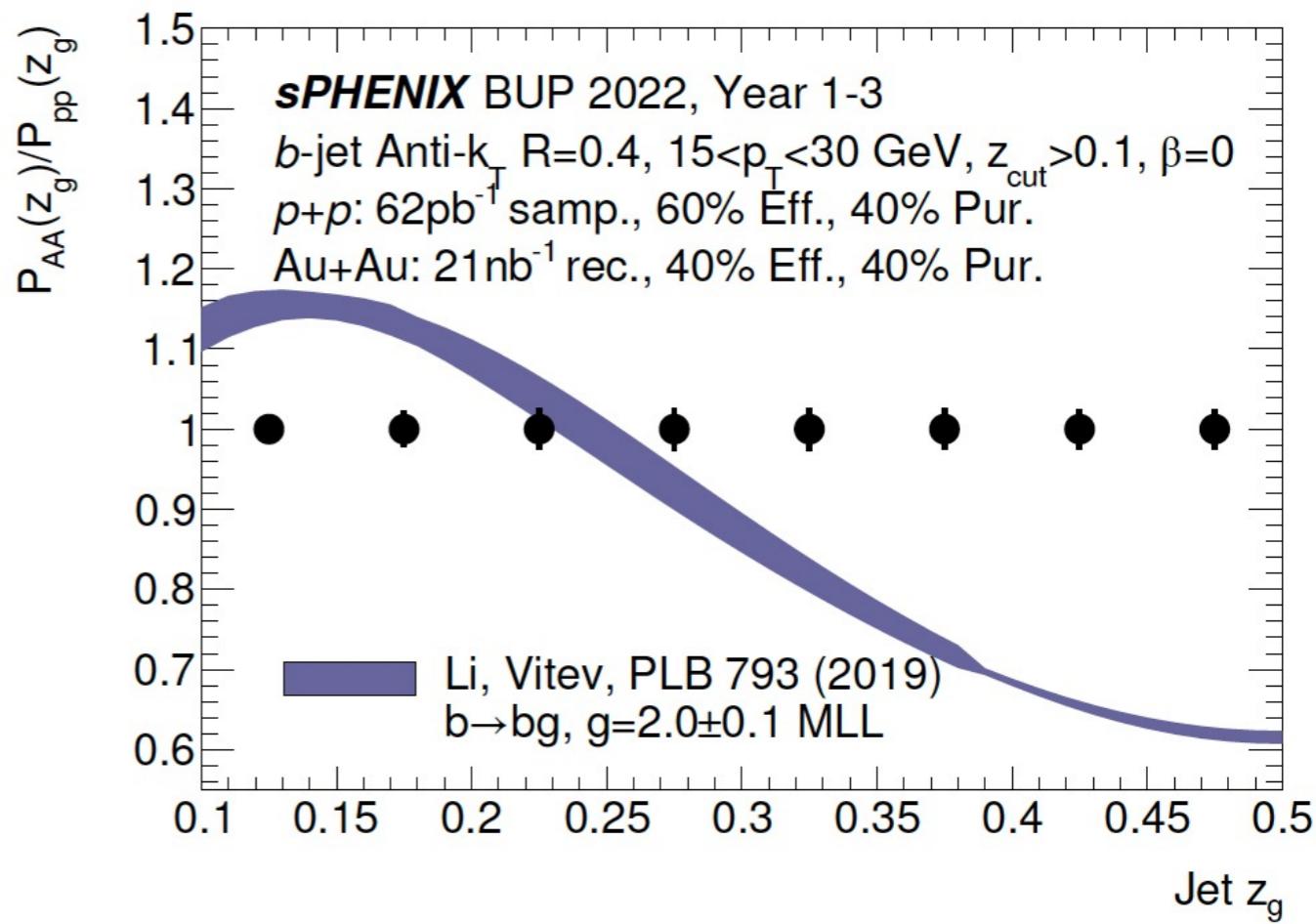
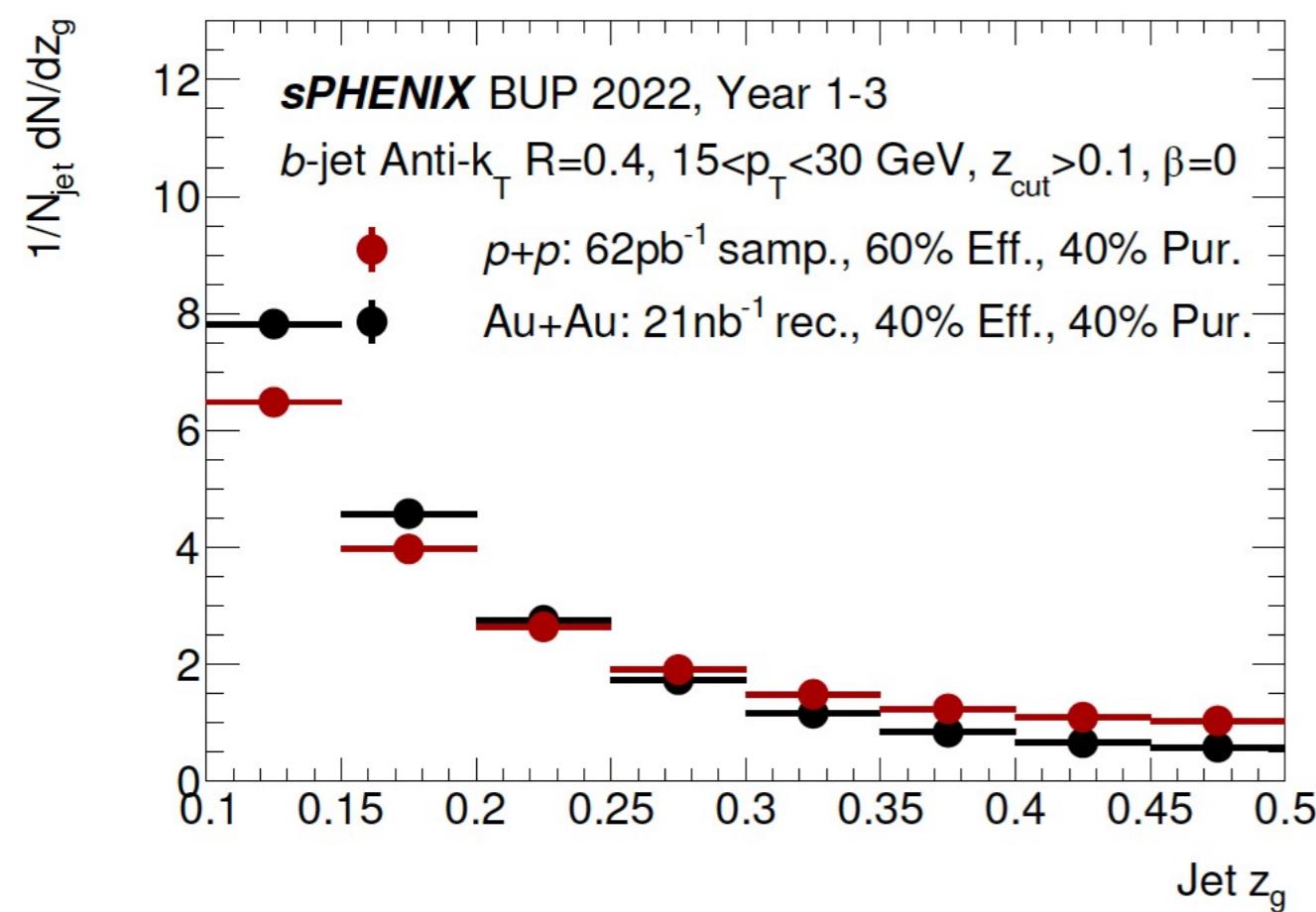


Di-b-jet Invariant Mass



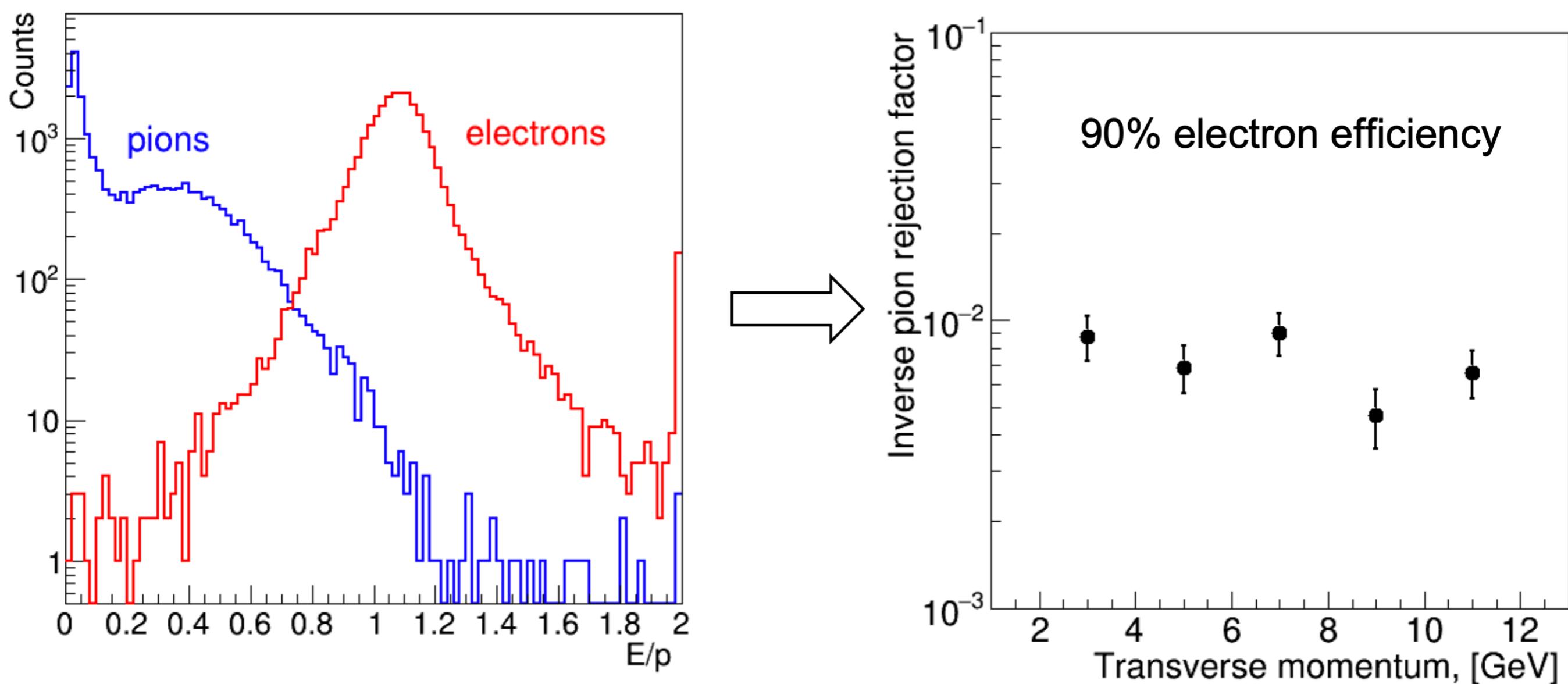
- Back-to-back *b*-jet pairs studies enabled by the large detector acceptance and multi-observable capabilities
 - Precision di-*b*-jet R_{AA} as a function of di-jet invariant mass measurement
- Pinpoint the propagation of beauty quarks in the QGP
- Extract beauty quark coupling parameter to the medium
- Complementary to LHC di-*b*-jet imbalance measurements

b-jet Splitting Function z_g



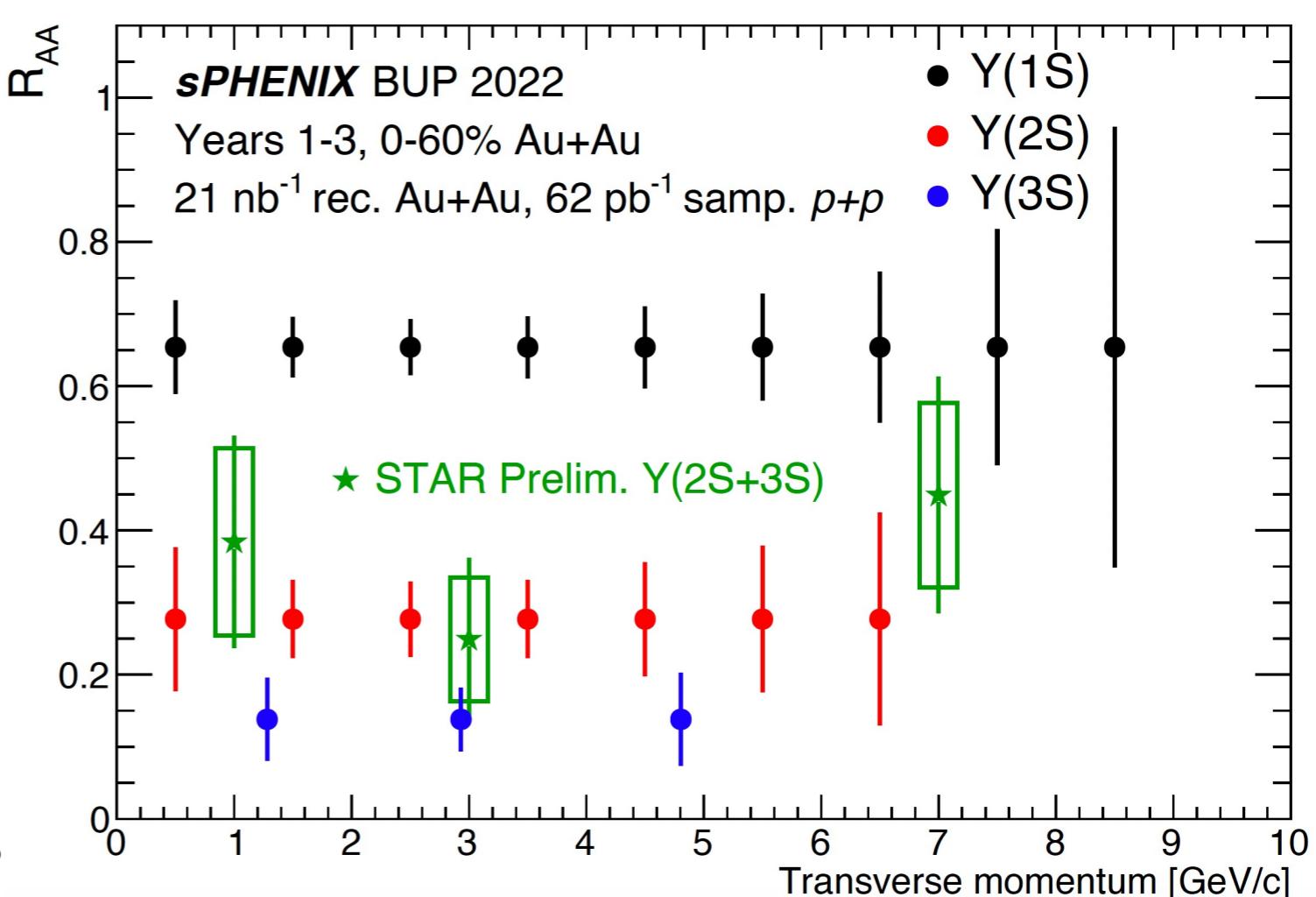
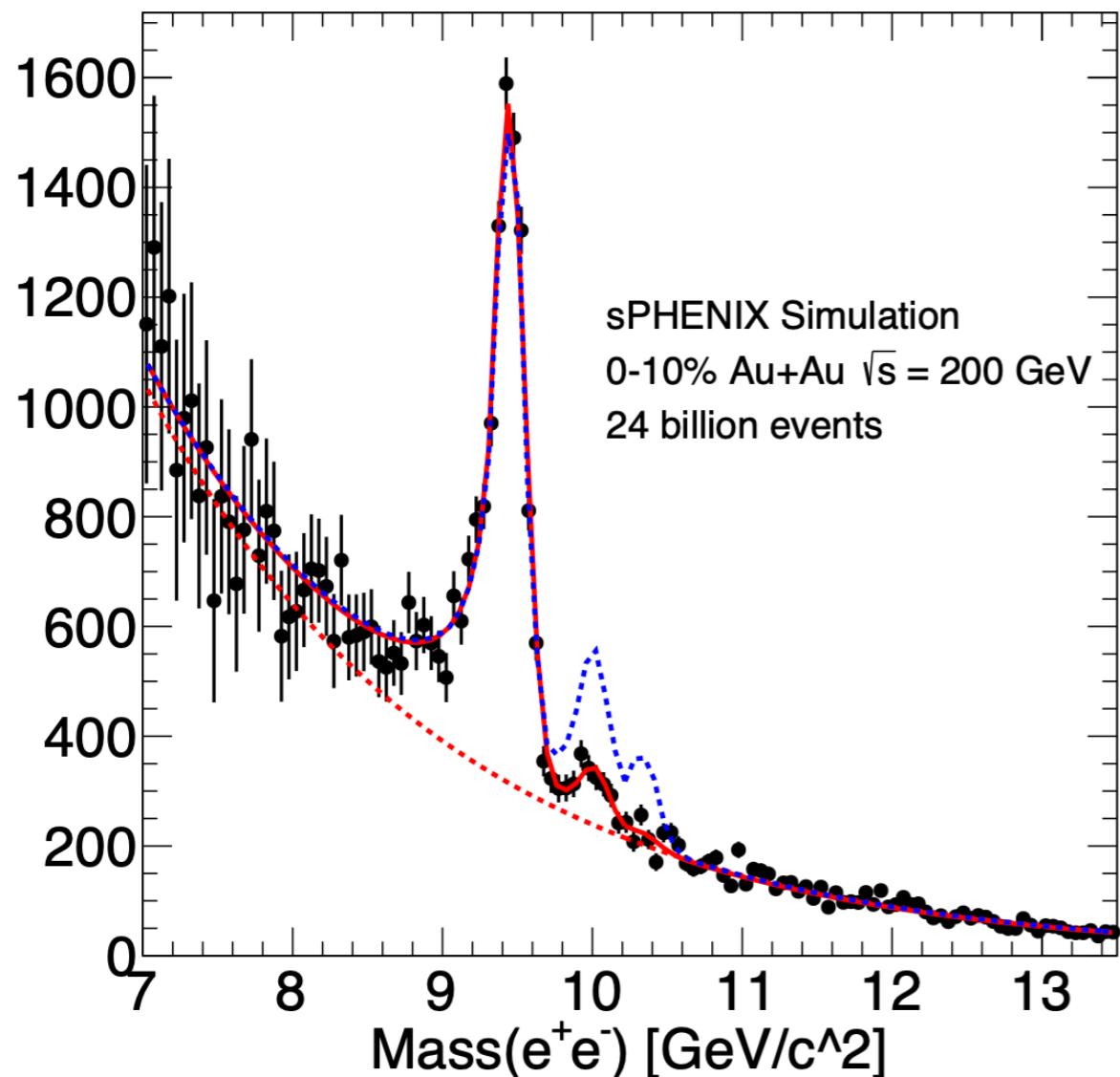
- Differential subjet splitting function measurements thanks to the large dataset statistics
- Test pQCD model calculations in $p + p$ collisions
- Quantify the medium modification of b-jets in the sPHENIX kinematic region
- Complementary to LHC jet substructure measurements

Electron Identification Capabilities

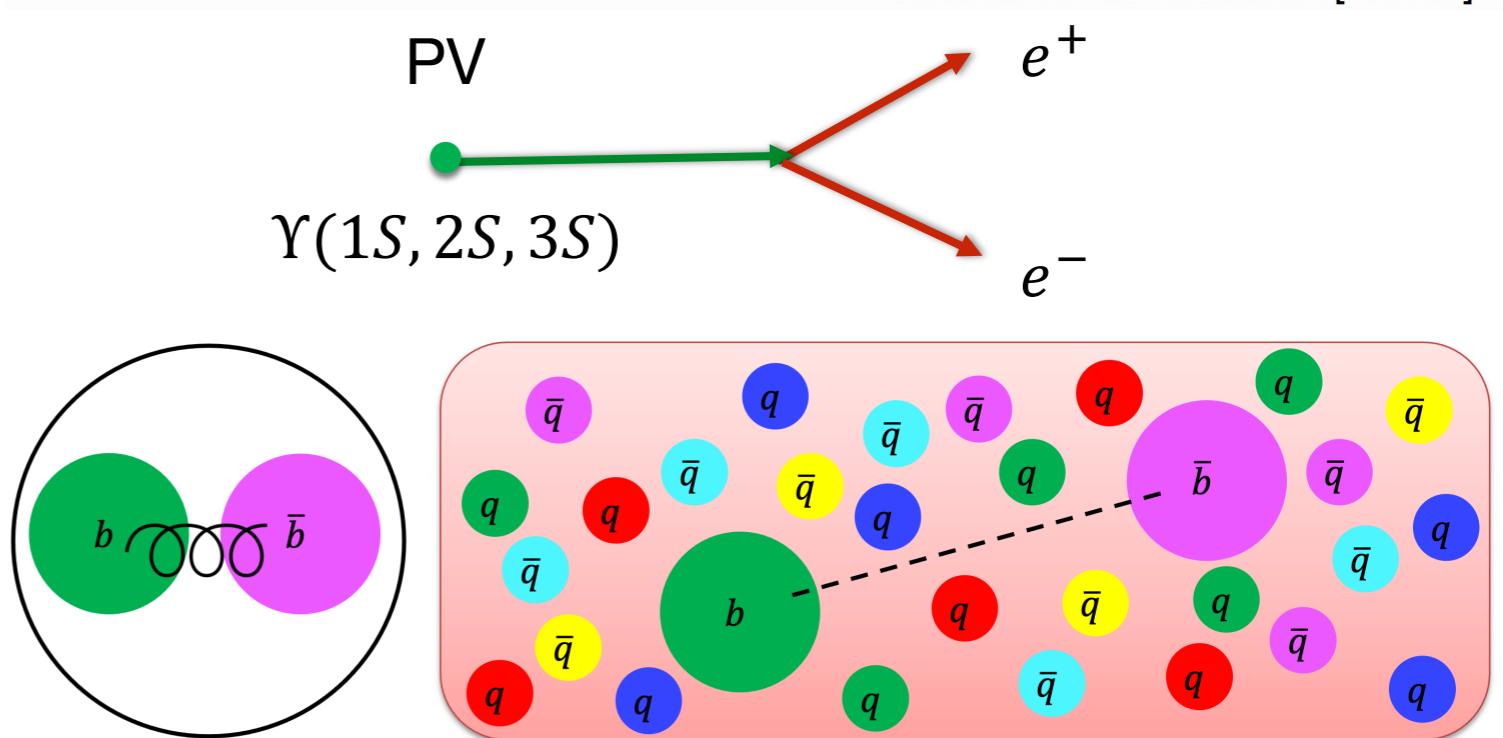


- Use shower core energy information from central EMCAL and HCAL for e/h separation
- Working point: EMCAL/ $p > 0.9$ and iHCAL/EMCAL < 0.2 to maintain 90% electron efficiency
- Excellent electron identification capabilities for quarkonia background rejection
- Improvement with machine learning techniques in development
- Ongoing muons identification studies with machine learning techniques

Upsilon Spectroscopy



- Measuring QGP temperature via color screening effect
- Excellent mass resolution in the dielectronic decay channel
- R_{AA} measurement with high precision
- Potential observation of $\Upsilon(3S)$ at RHIC, complementary with CMS $\Upsilon(3S)$ measurement at the LHC



Summary

The sPHENIX Experiment at RHIC

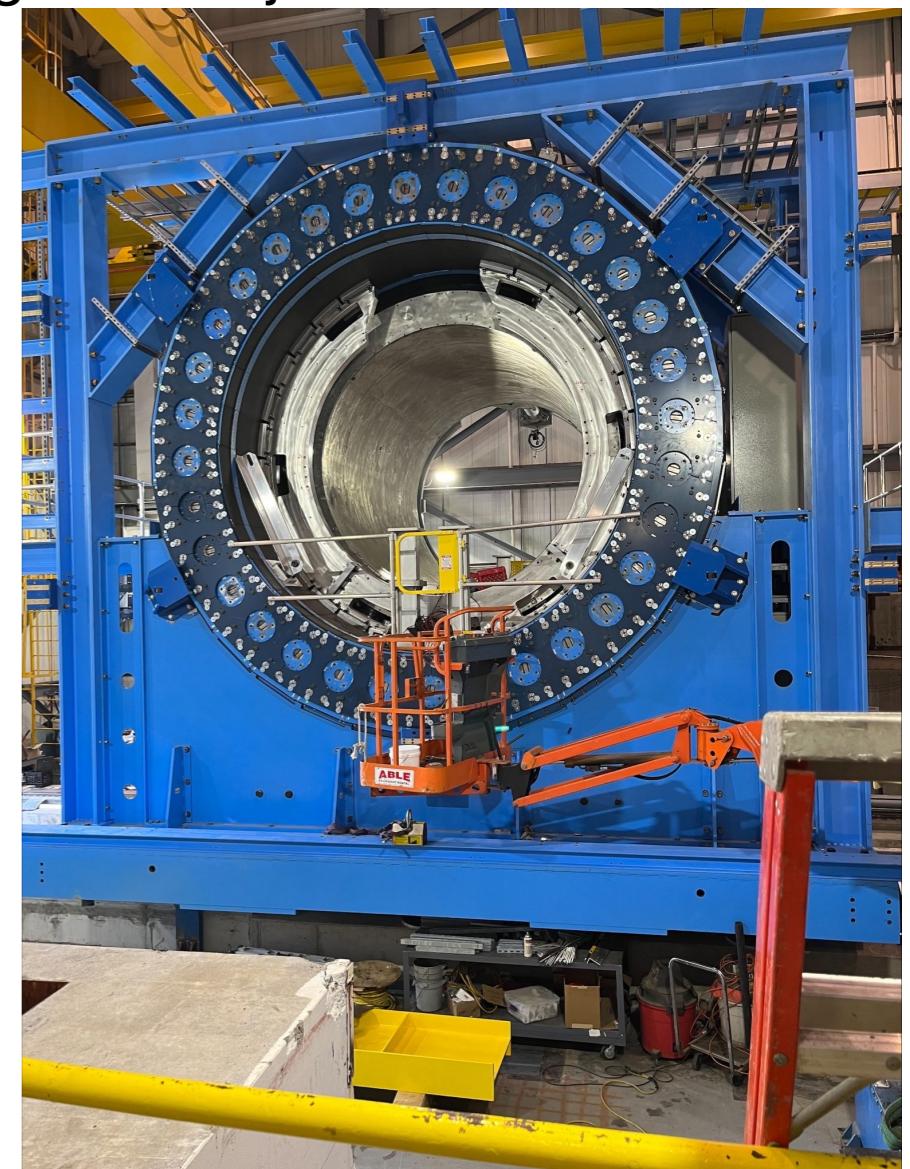
- Physics program: jet, **open heavy flavor, quarkonia**, cold QCD
- Detector commissioning: lots of activities ongoing right now

Detector Performance

- Excellent tracking and vertexing capabilities for heavy flavor physics measurements
- Outstanding calorimetric jet performance for heavy flavor jet studies
- Good electron identification performance for quarkonia background rejection

Open Heavy Flavor Physics Program

- Fully reconstructed prompt and non-prompt D mesons
 - Heavy quark diffusion
 - Heavy quark energy loss
 - Heavy quark hadronization
- First inclusive b-jet measurements at RHIC
 - High precision at low p_T
 - Complementary to LHC experiments



Hidden Heavy Flavor Physics Program

- Upsilon Spectroscopy
 - Thermometer of QGP
 - Potential observation of $\Upsilon(3S)$ at RHIC

 **First data taking starts in around 03/2023: STAY TUNE!**



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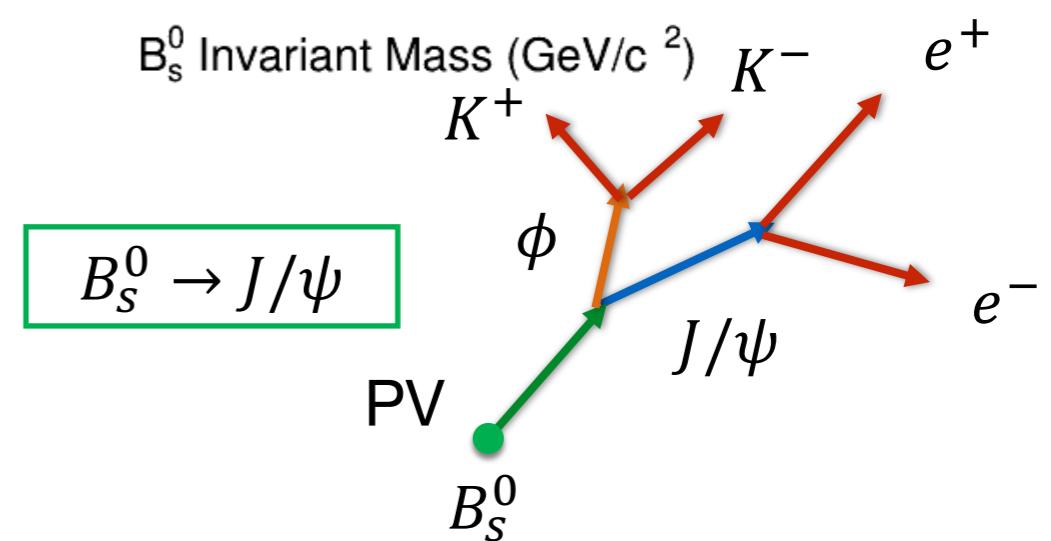
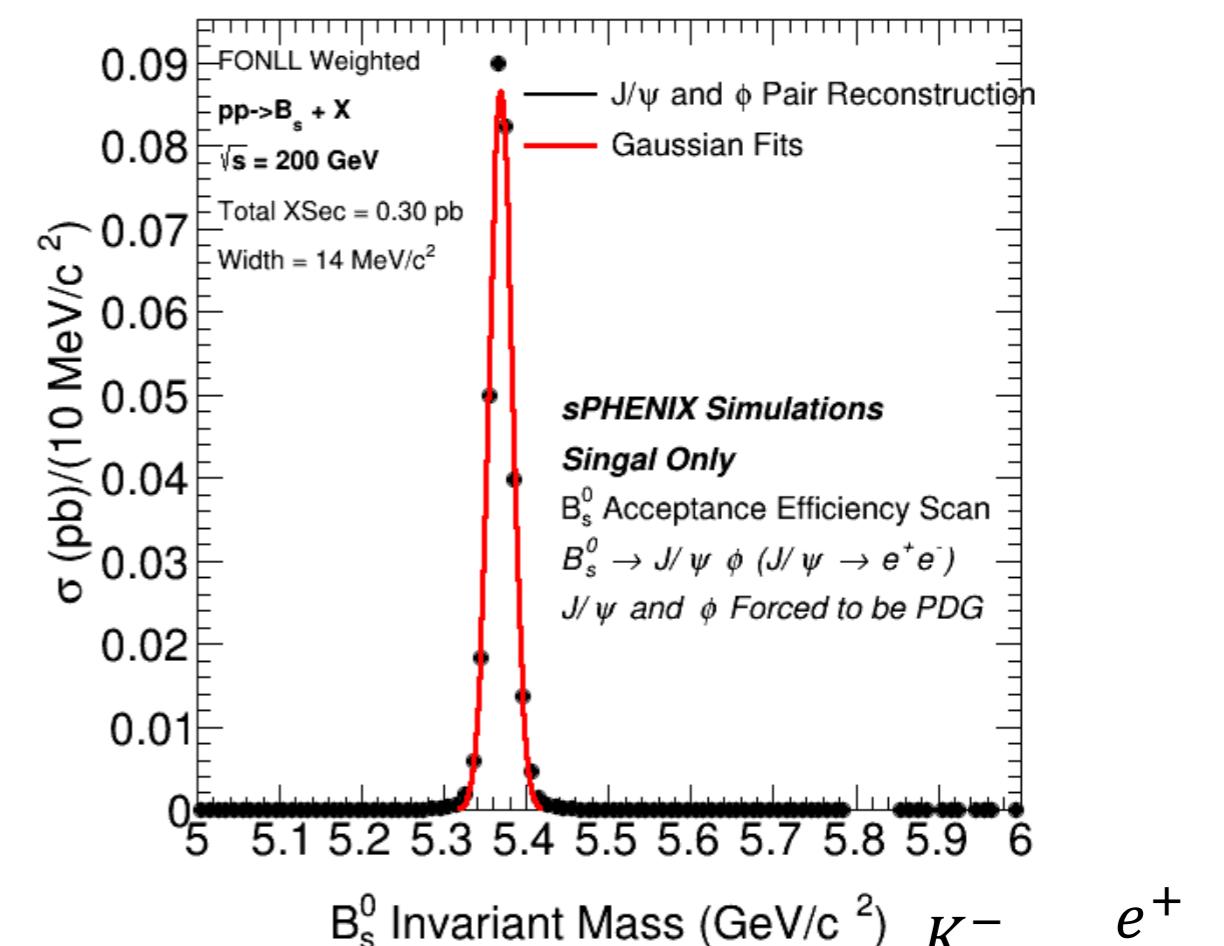
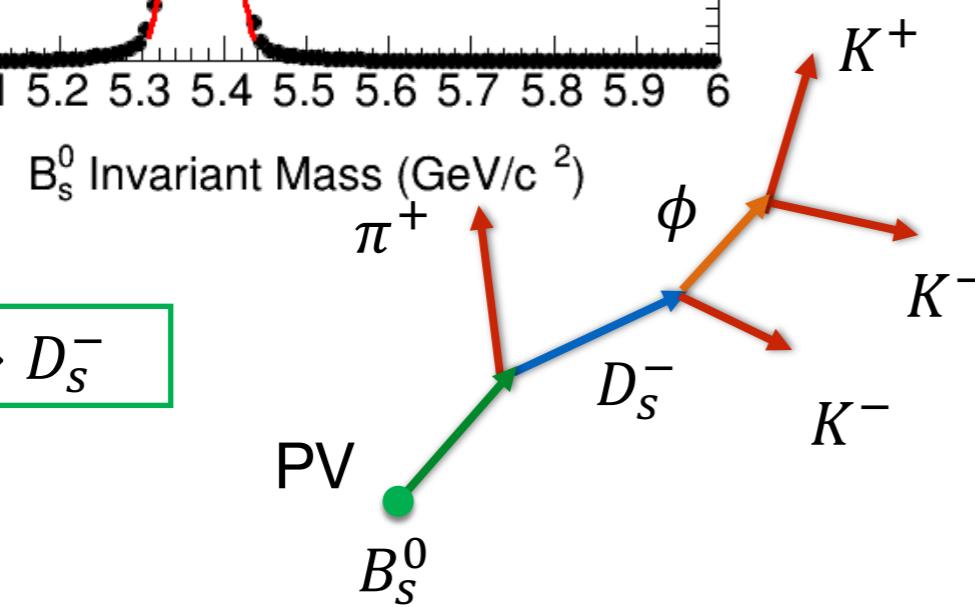
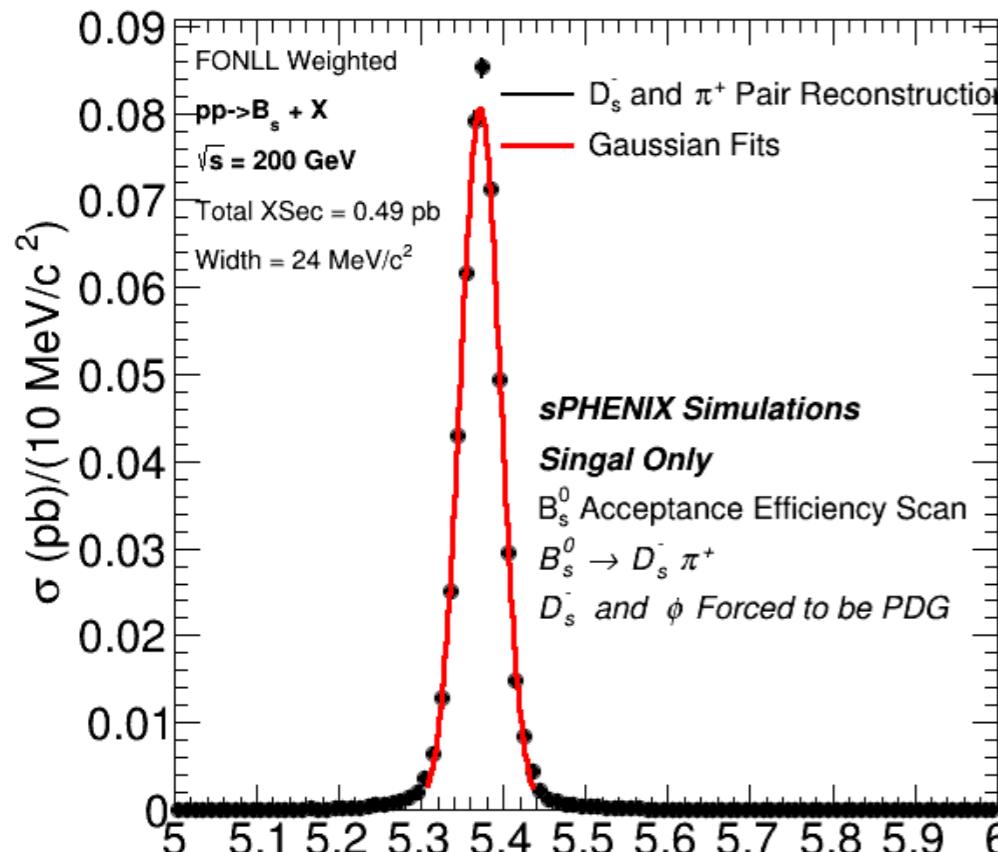
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Backup

Fully Reconstructed B_s^0 Meson



- Exotic-hadron like complex 4-prong decays
- FONLL weighted B_s^0 in GEANT simulation for signal only prediction
- First observation of fully reconstructed B-meson in nuclear collisions at RHIC
- Study beauty quark hadronization mechanism with B_s^0/B^+ ratio
- Test QCD factorization theorem at RHIC energy in the beauty sector