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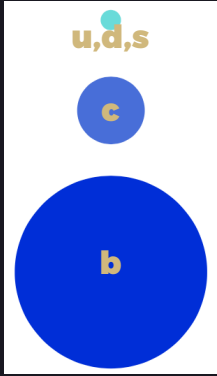
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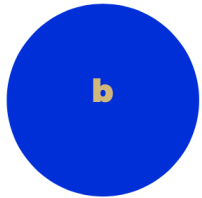
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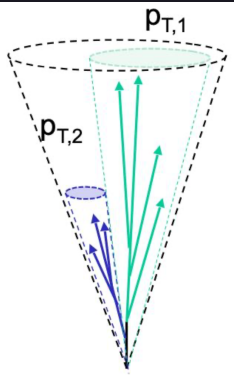
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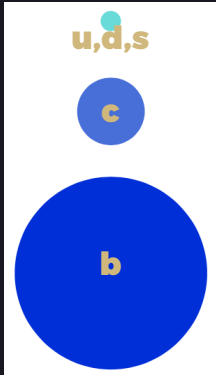
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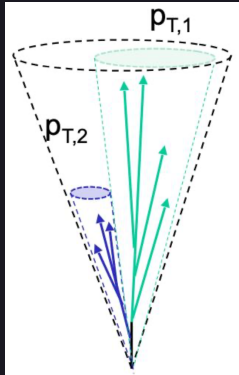
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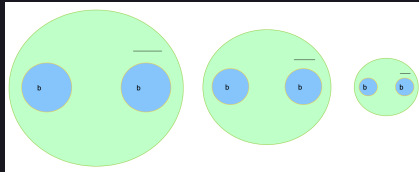
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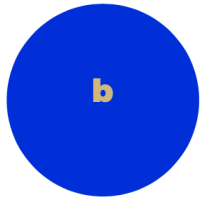
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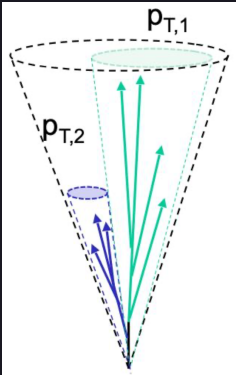
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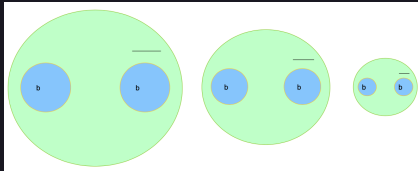
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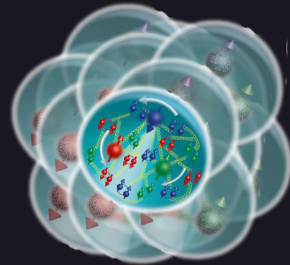
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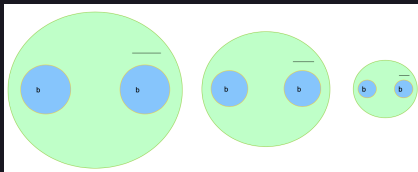
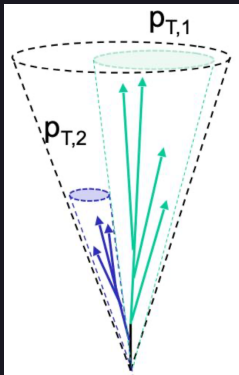
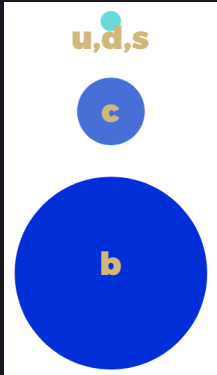
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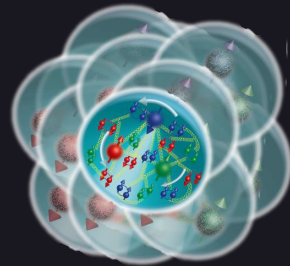
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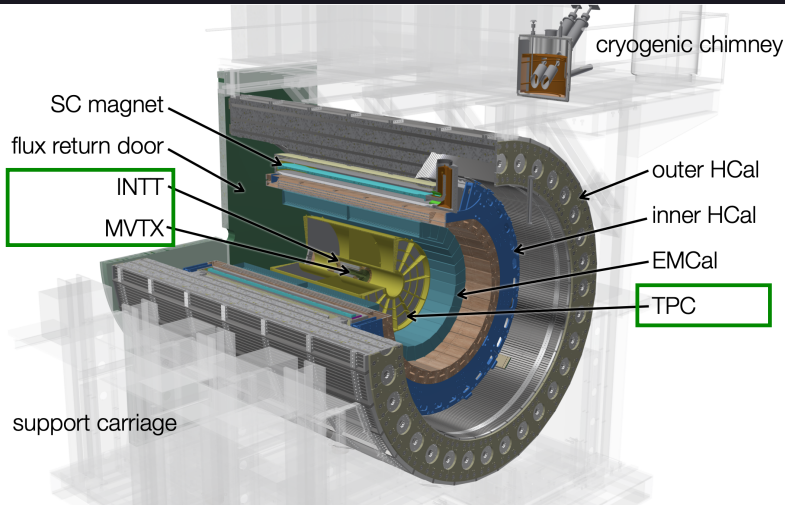
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QGP E-Loss Substructure

- **We require a detector that can study all this physics!**
 - **Precise tracking and vertexing**
 - **Hermetic Calorimetry**
 - **High-data rates and triggering**

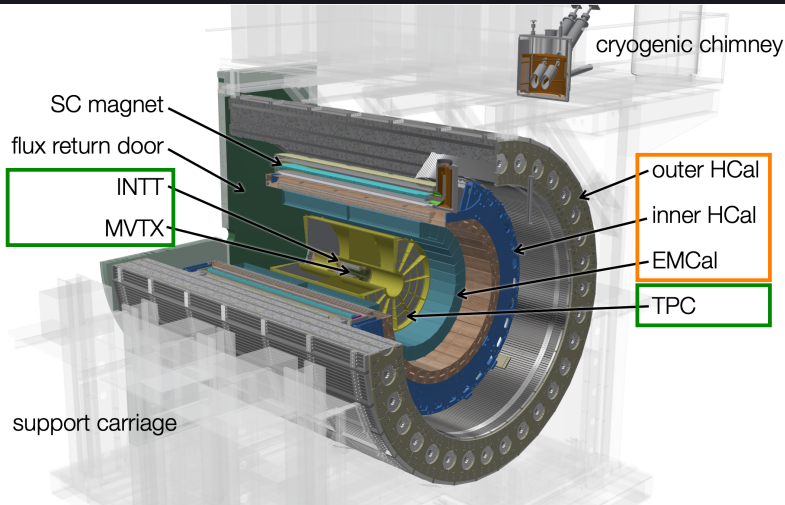


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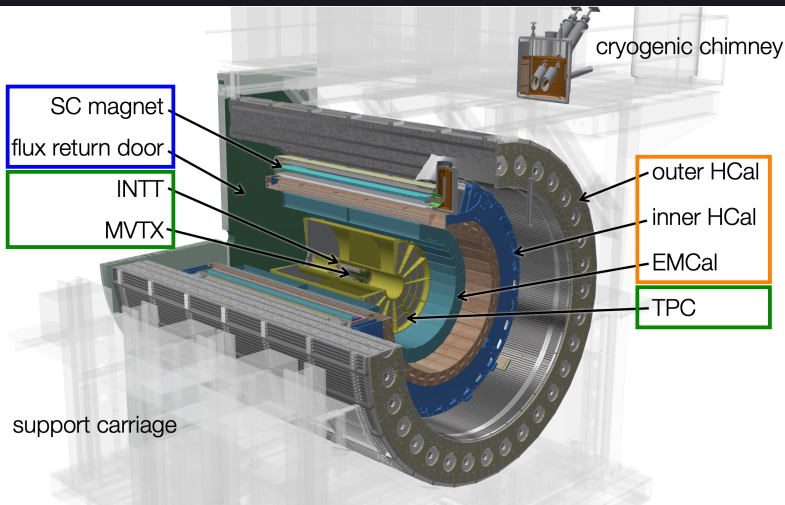
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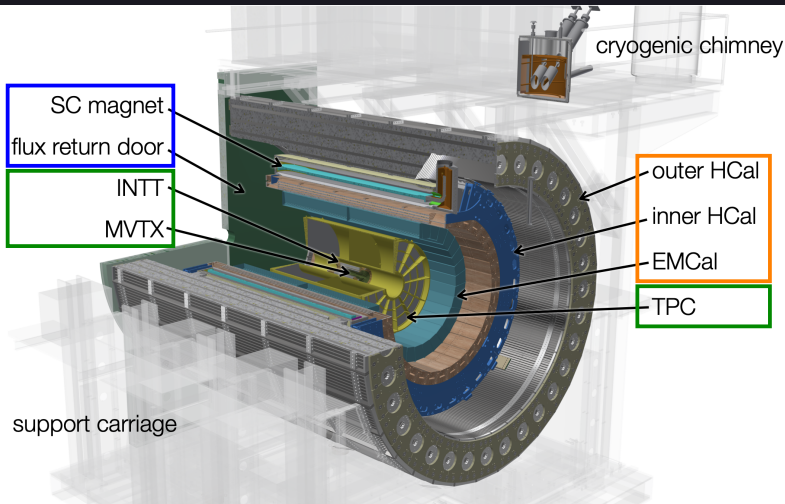


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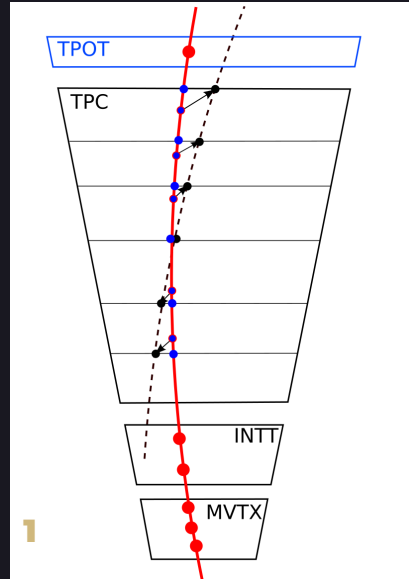
- **Not shown: Minimum Bias Detector (MBD) and sPHENIX Event Plane Detector (sEPD)**

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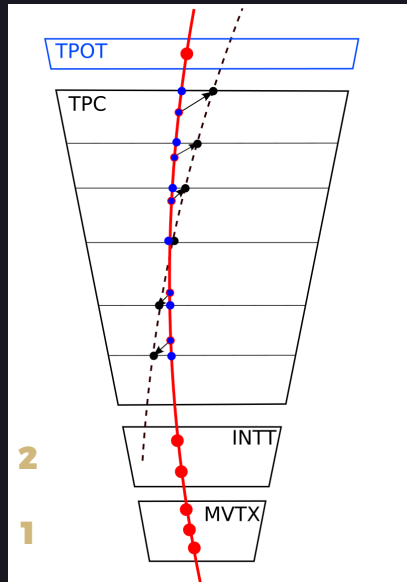
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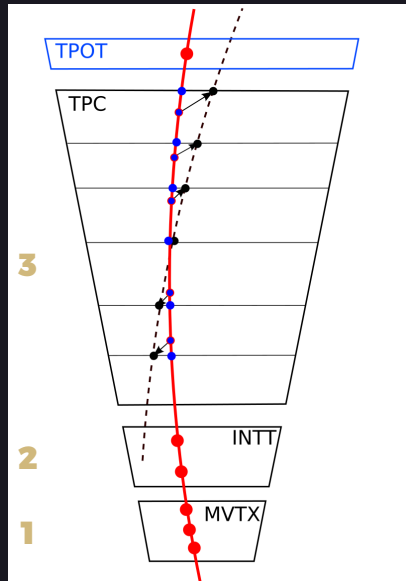
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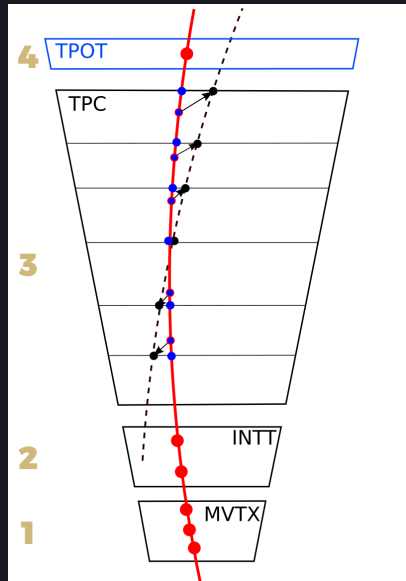
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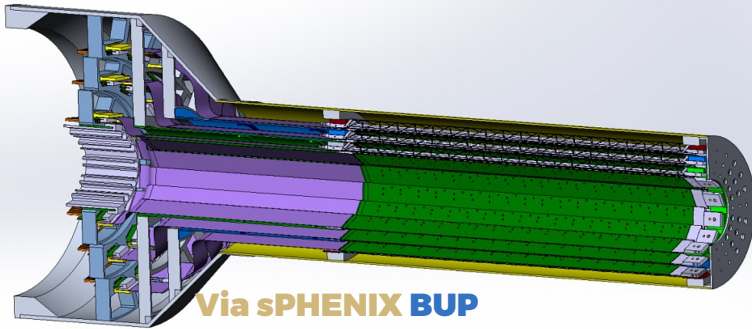
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4. Time Projection Outer Tracker (TPOT)

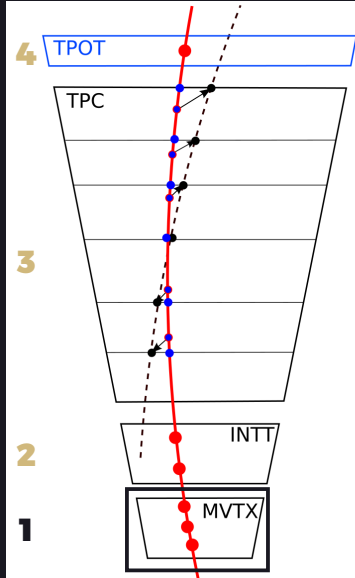
- Correct for TPC space-charge distortions



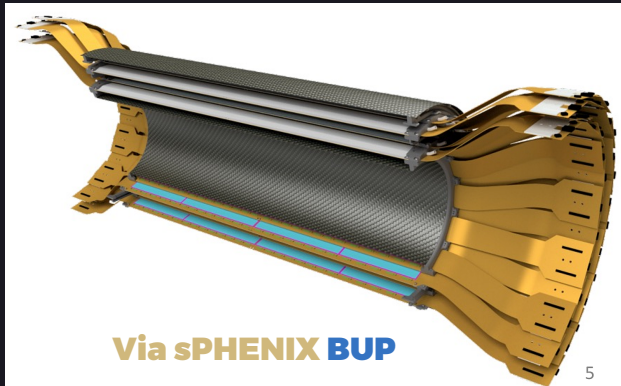
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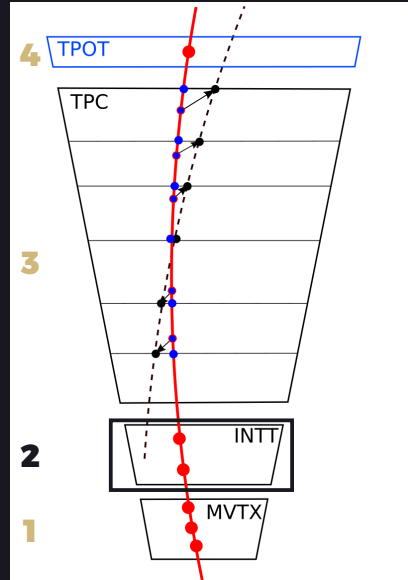
- **3 Layers of Monolithic Active Pixels (MAPs)**
 - Chosen for reduced material budget
- **Distance of Closest Approach (DCA) resolved at $< 10 \mu\text{m}$ for $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}$**
 - Essential to heavy flavor program



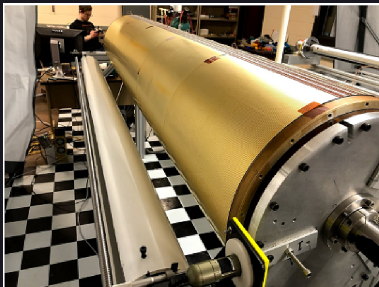
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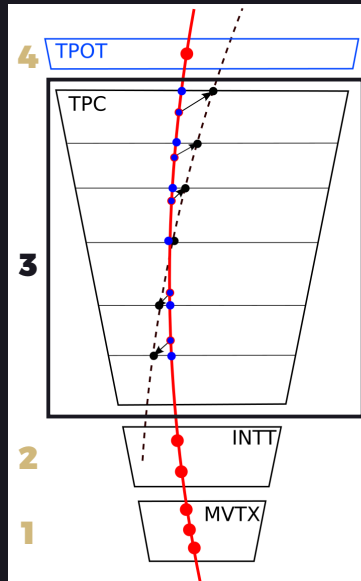
- **4 layer (2 hit) silicon strip detector**
- **Timing resolution $\sim 100\text{ns}$**
 - **Only tracking detector capable of resolving single RHIC bunch crossing**



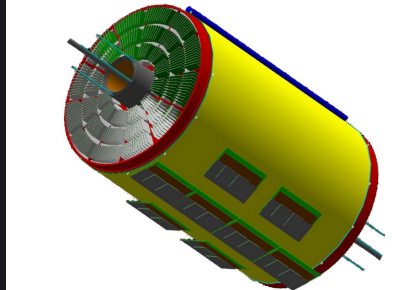
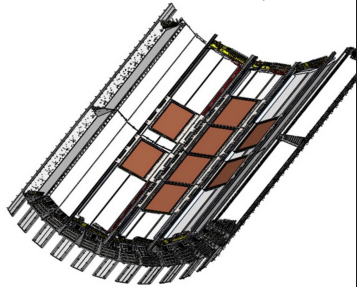
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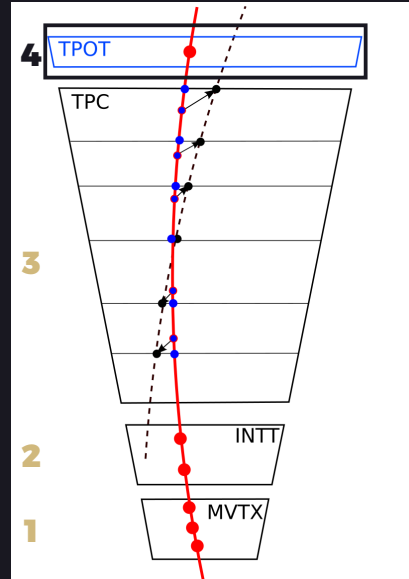
- **Compact, spanning $20 < r < 78$ cm**
 - **Active region begins at $r > 30$ cm**
- **Gateless, employs GEMs to minimize ion backflow (IBF)**
 - **Continuous streaming readout**
 - **$< 0.5\%$ IBF in testing**



TPOT



- **8 Micromegas-based detectors**
- **Inserted between TPC and EMCal**
- **Correct for beam-induced space charge distortions of the TPC**
 - **Black-to-blue dots on right**
- **Also provides another hit for tracking**

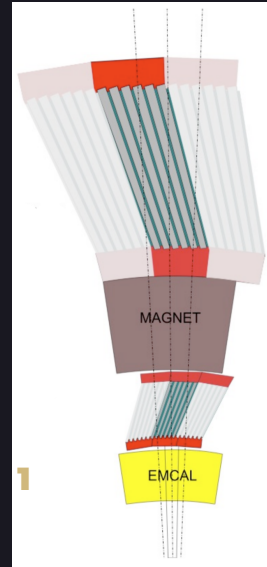


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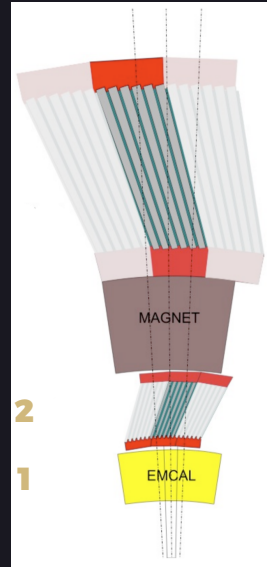
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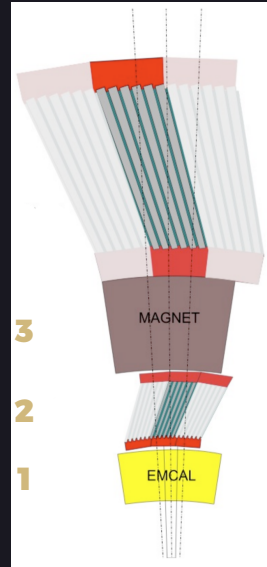
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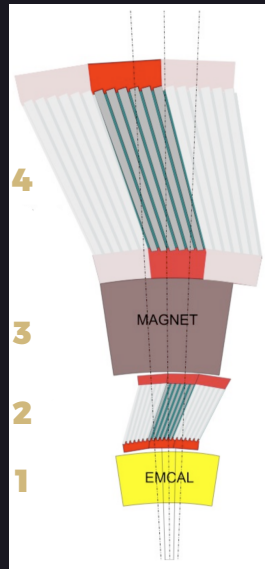
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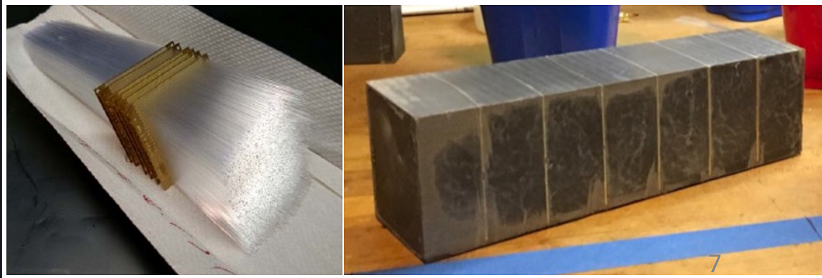
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4. Outer Hadronic Calorimeter (OHCal)

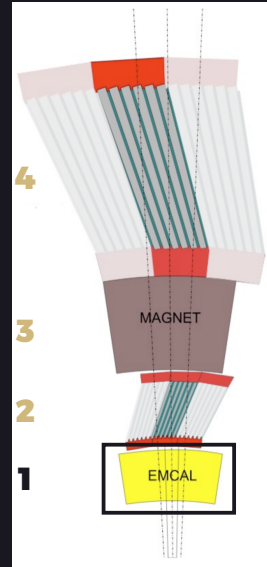
- Primary detector of hadronic shower for jets



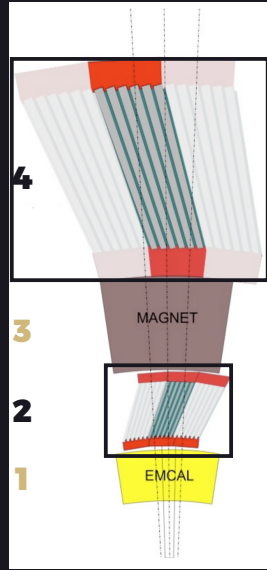
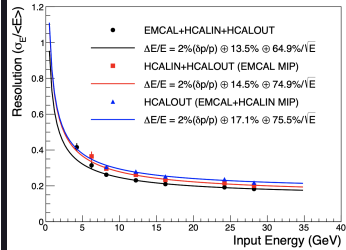
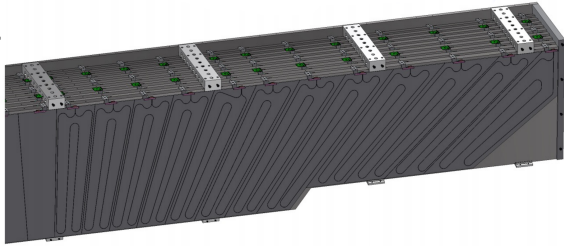
EMCal



- **SPACAL sampling calorimeter**
 - **Scintillating fibers embedded in tungsten bricks**
- **Each tungsten brick covers 0.025×0.025 of $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$**
 - **Comparable to CMS ECal granularity**
- **Spans pseudorapidity of ± 1.1 , $\sim 20 X_0$**
- **Relative energy resolution expected $\sim 16\%/\sqrt{E}$**

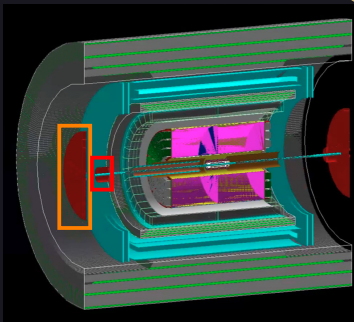


Inner and Outer HCal

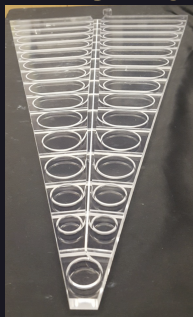


- **IHCal: Al and scintillating plates w/ WLS fibers**
- **OHCal: Steel and scintillating plates w/ WLS fibers**
 - **Also acts as magnetic flux return**
- **Spans η of ± 1.0 in $0.1 \times 0.1 \Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$**
- **High- p_T resolution converges on 13.5%**
- **Installation now complete!**

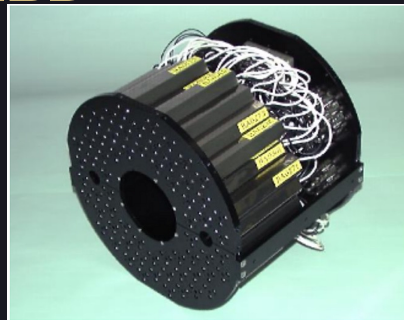
sEPD and MBD



sPHENIX w/ sEPD/MBD



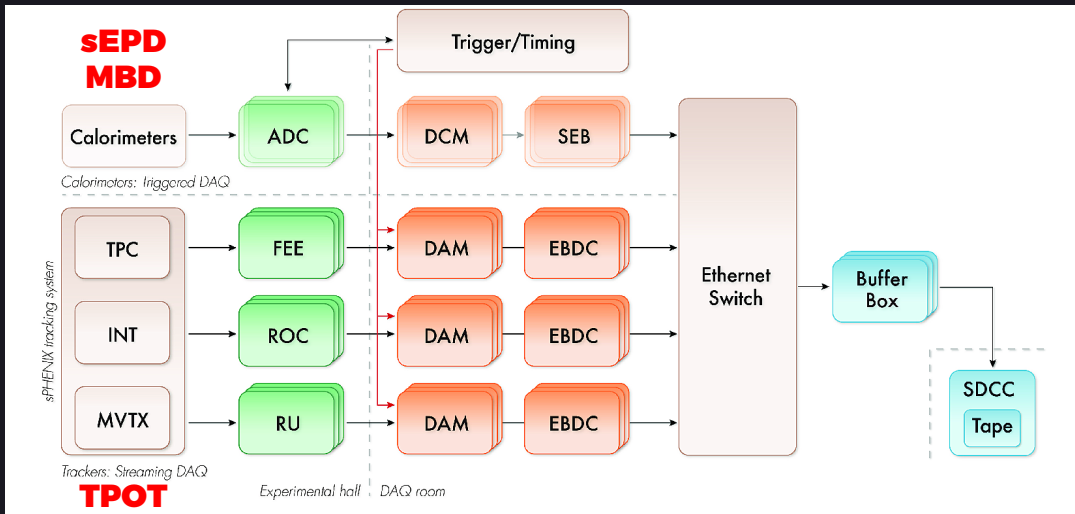
sEPD



MBD

- **sPHENIX Event Plane Detector (sEPD)**
 - **Enables event plane determination far from measured jet production**
 - **2 wheels of scintillator w/ embedded WLS fibers; follows STAR design**
- **Minimum Bias Detector:**
 - **Beam-beam counter repurposed from PHENIX for Min. Bias triggering**
 - **Covering pseudorapidity 3.51-4.61**

DAQ and Trigger



- **Hybrid system: Calorimeter triggered, tracking is streaming**

Streaming DAQ Impact

		Year-2024, triggered DAQ per-1kHz M.B. trigger	Year-2024, w/ str. tracker	Year 2026 w/ str. tracker
M.B. p+p	Data Mode	Each 1k Hz M.B. trigger w/ 4×10^{-4} of M.B. coll. triggered	10% M.B. events str. recorded	100% M.B. events str. recorded
	Stats	1 Billion M.B. evts 0.026 pb^{-1} recorded	250 Billion M.B. evts 6.2 pb^{-1} recorded	3.2 Trillion M.B. evts 80 pb^{-1} recorded
Physics Reach	$B \rightarrow D^0 \rightarrow \pi K$ R_{AA} ref.	620 evts	150k evts	2M evts
	$D^0 \rightarrow \pi K$ pair Diffusion of $c+\bar{c}$	620 evts	150k evts	2M evts
	$\Lambda_c \rightarrow \pi K p$ Charm hadronization	1.3k evts	310k evts	4M evts
	Prompt $D^0 \rightarrow \pi K$ Tri-Gluon Corr. via TSSA	0.2M evts	50M evts	0.6B evts

- **Trigger (MBD, jet, γ) cannot get us to open HF**

- **Streaming output, however, does in p+p in p+A**



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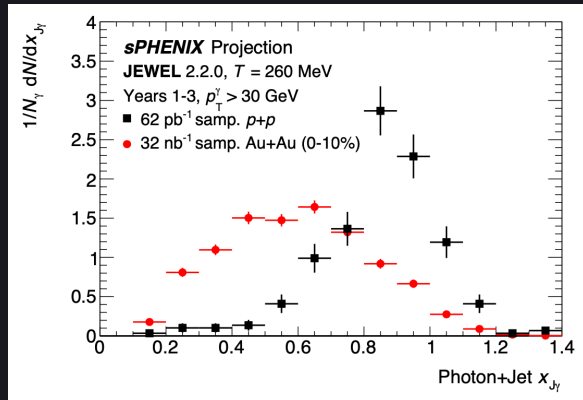
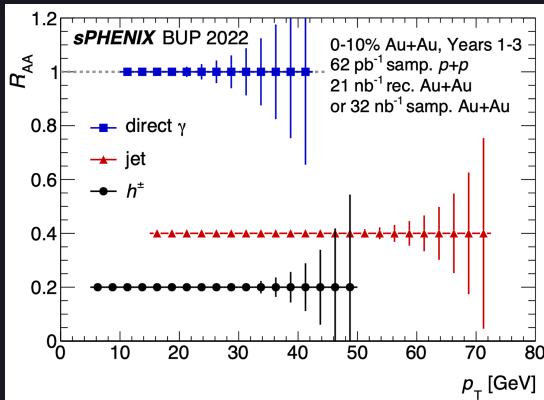
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- **Data-taking fast approaching!**
- **What are some prospective physics plans?**

Jet Physics Projections

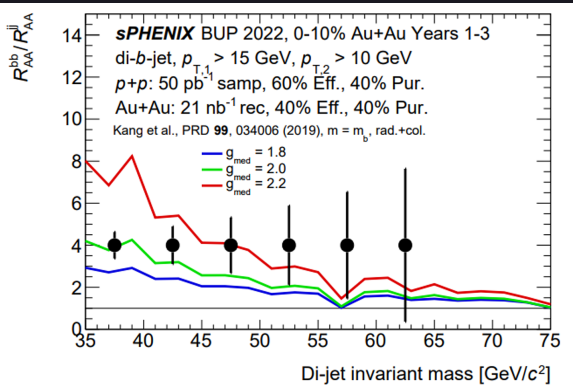


Projected R_{AA} 's

- sPHENIX R_{AA} reach nicely complements existing LHC kinematics
- sPHENIX $x_{J\gamma}$ accesses partonic energy loss at different QGP T
- For more details, see [Tim Rinn's talk!](#)

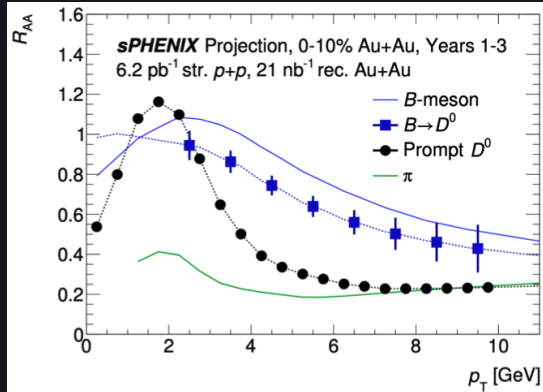
Projected γ +jets balance

Heavy Flavor Physics Projections



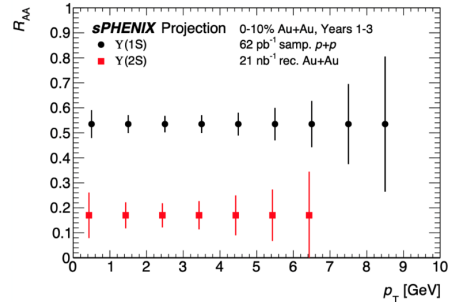
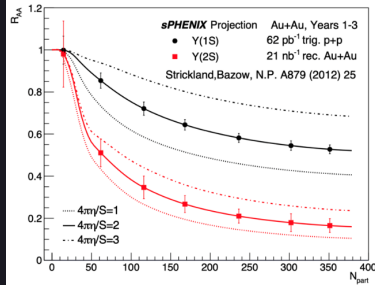
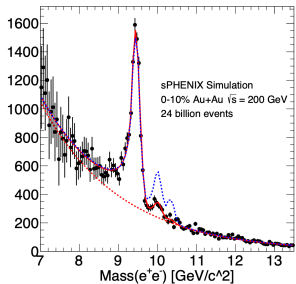
b-jet Invariant Mass

- Jet program naturally lends itself to heavy-flavor jets
- Open HF also viable w/ sPHENIX for mass dependent studies
- For more details, see [Cameron Dean's talk!](#)



Open HF R_{AA}

Quarkonia Projections



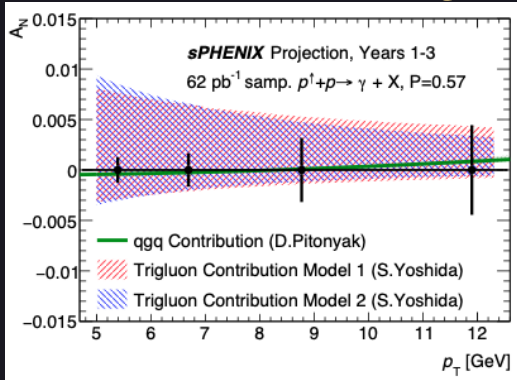
Υ Mass

- Measure Υ 1S, 2S, and 3S sequential suppression
 - Expect monotonic increasing suppression w/ nS state
- Measure as a function of N_{part} and p_T
- For more details, see [Marzia Rosati's talk!](#)

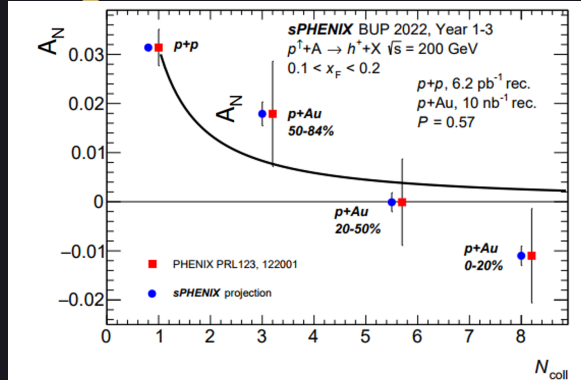
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Cold QCD Projections



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TSSA for hadrons in p+p and p+Au

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