

Science and the Collaboration

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REACHING FOR THE HORIZON

The Site of the Wright Brothers' First Airplane Flight

The 2015 LONG RANGE PLAN for NUCLEAR SCIENCE



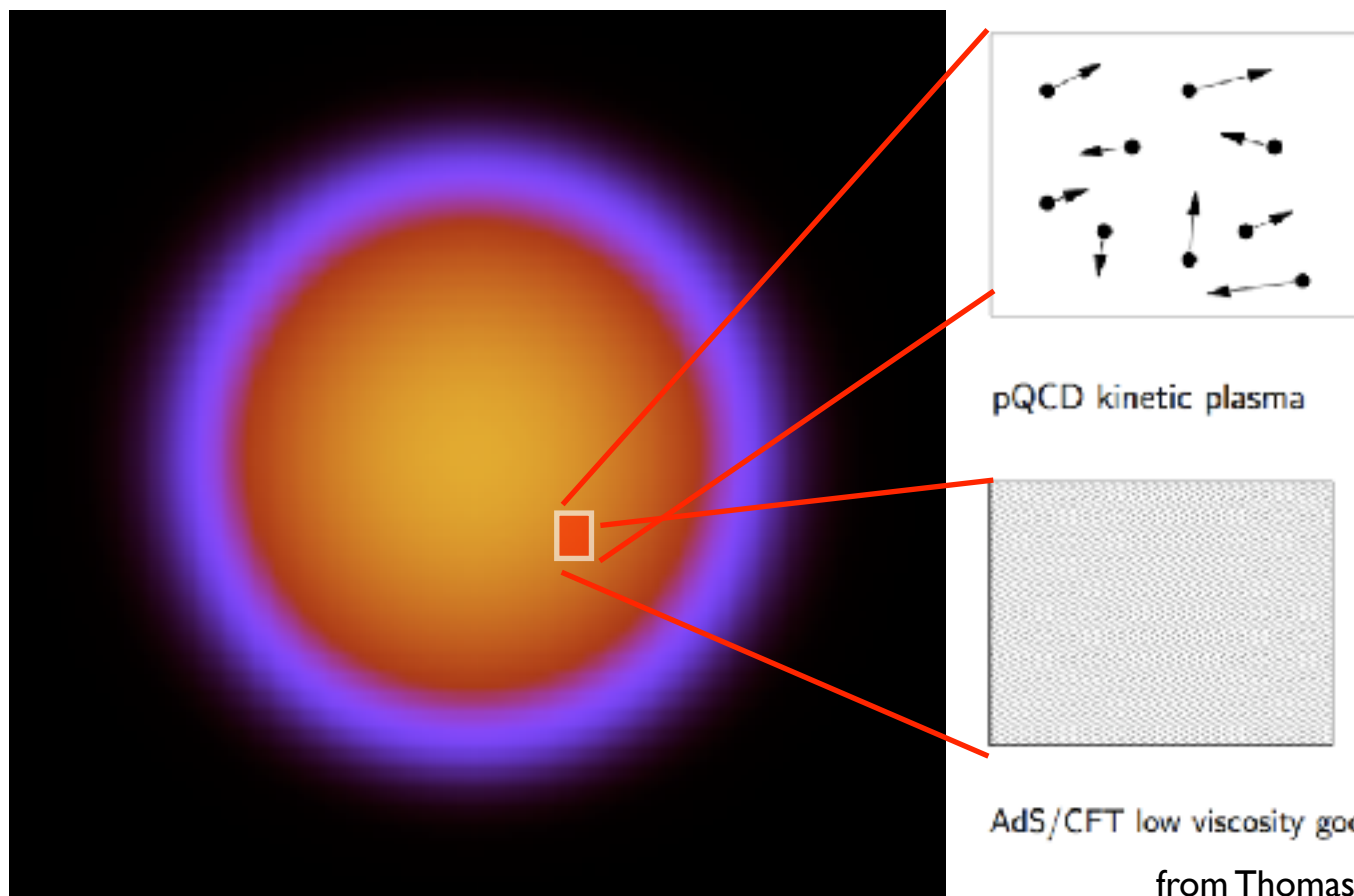
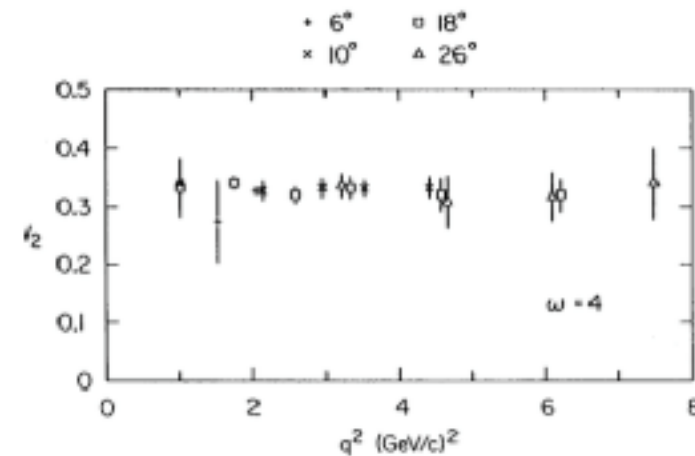
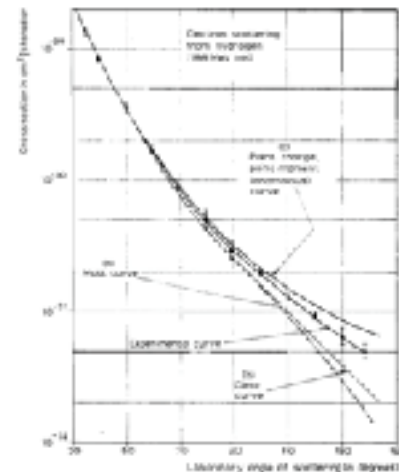
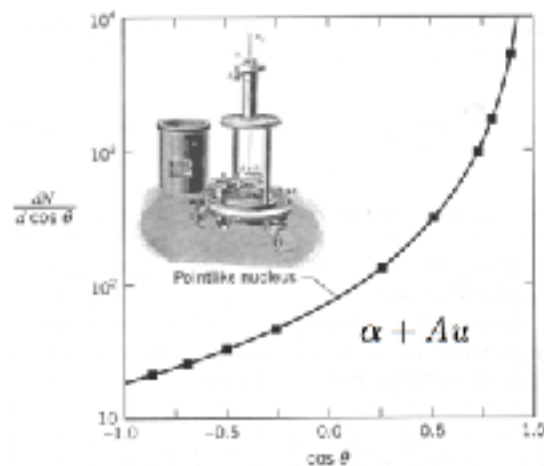
There are two central goals of measurements planned at RHIC, as it completes its scientific mission, and at the LHC: **(1) Probe the inner workings of QGP by resolving its properties at shorter and shorter length scales. The complementarity of the two facilities is essential to this goal, as is a state-of-the-art jet detector at RHIC, called sPHENIX. (2) Map the phase diagram of QCD with experiments planned at RHIC.**

Microscopic structure of matter

Atoms → Nuclei

Nuclei → Nucleons

Nucleons → Quarks



(?)
sQGP liquid ↔ quasiparticles

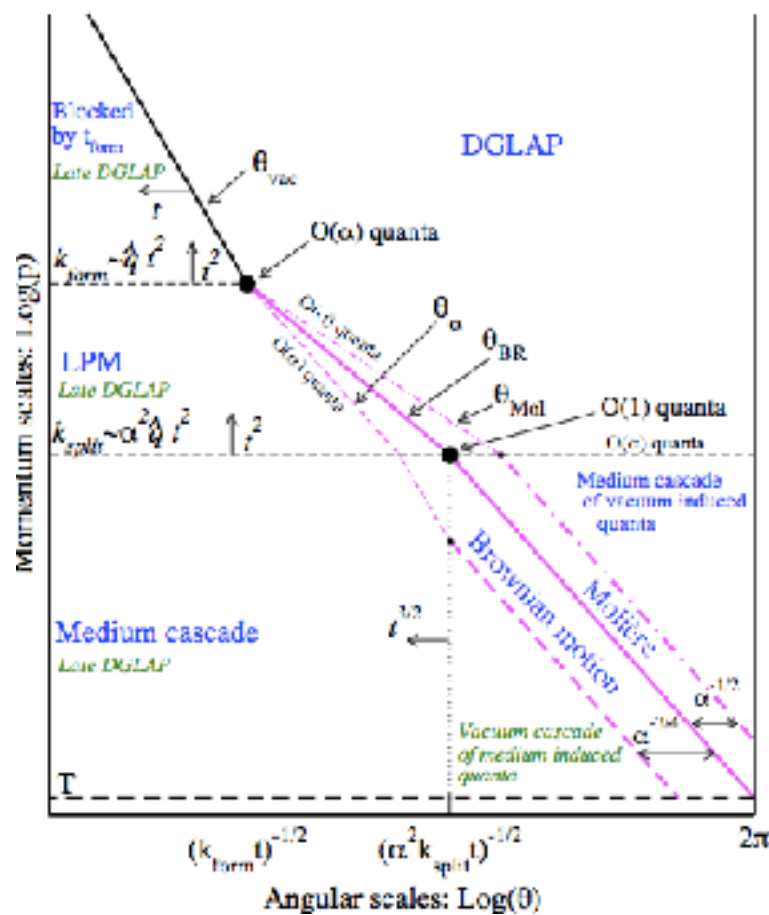
Unavoidable complexity due to strongly interacting nature of QGP probes

from Thomas Schafer

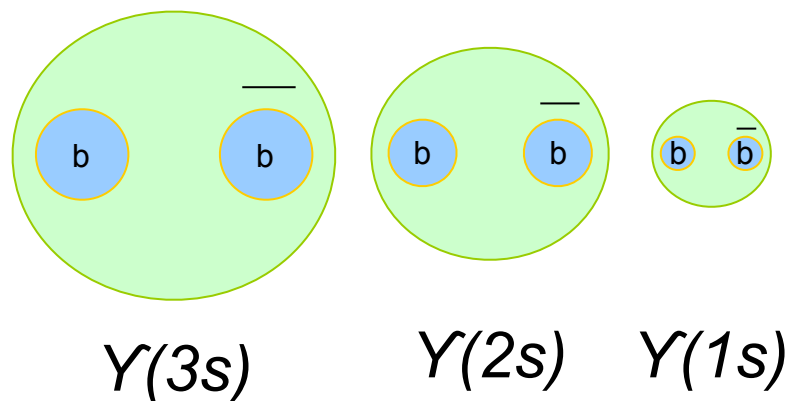
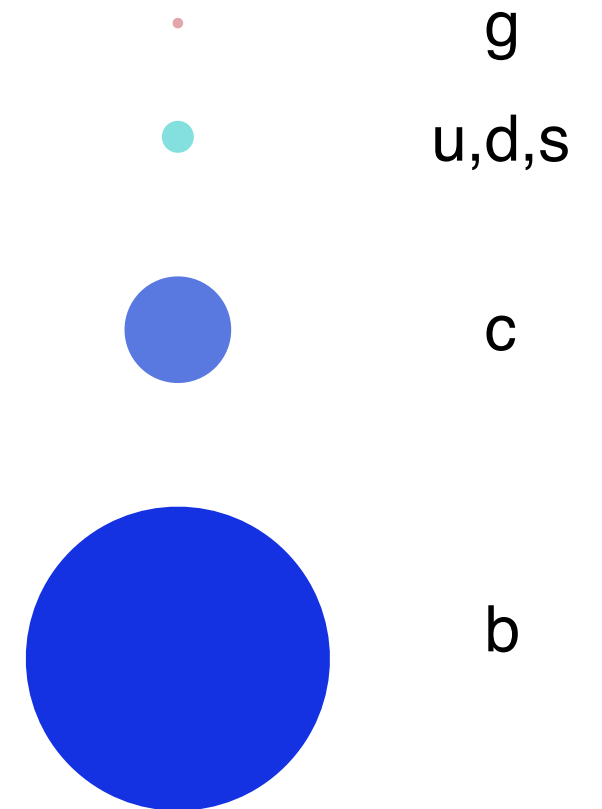
QGP physics with sPHENIX

Three key approaches to study QGP structure at multiple scales

Jets and jet structure

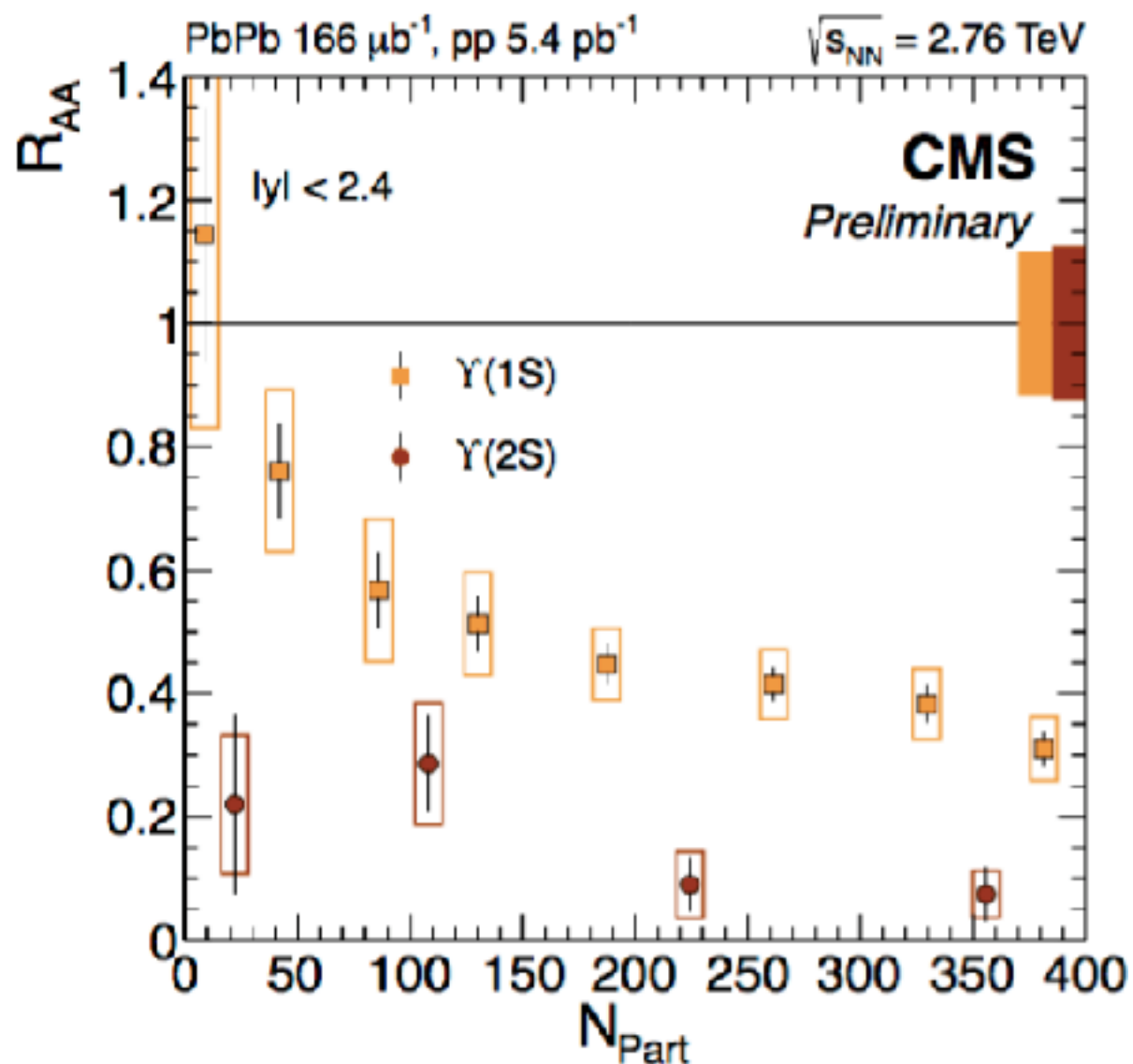


Parton mass/flavor

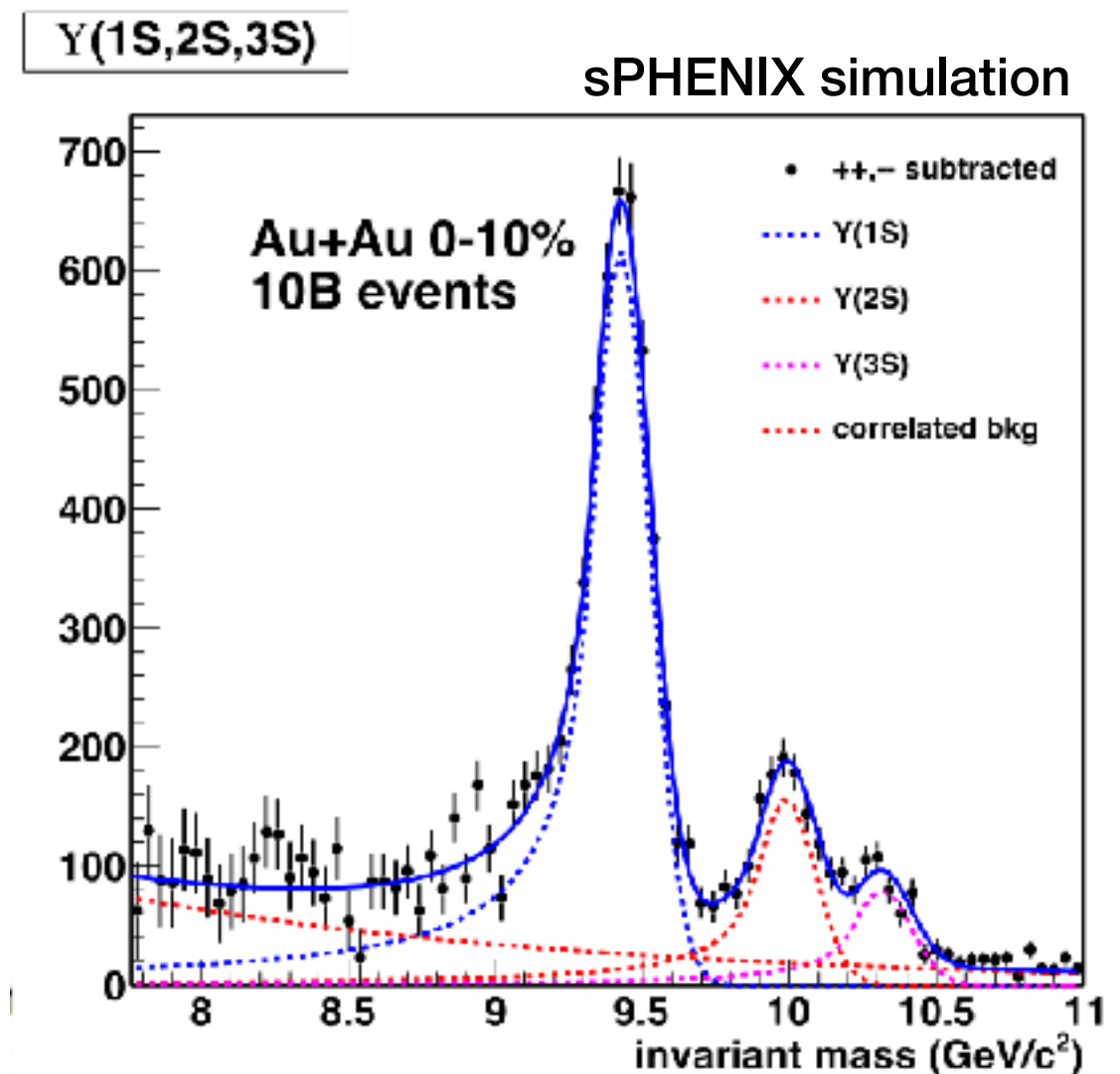


Upsilon spectroscopy

Physics drives detector requirements: Υ (ns)



Rapid disappearance of $\Upsilon(2s)$, $\Upsilon(3s)$ in peripheral events is puzzling \rightarrow
Statistics, statistics, statistics...

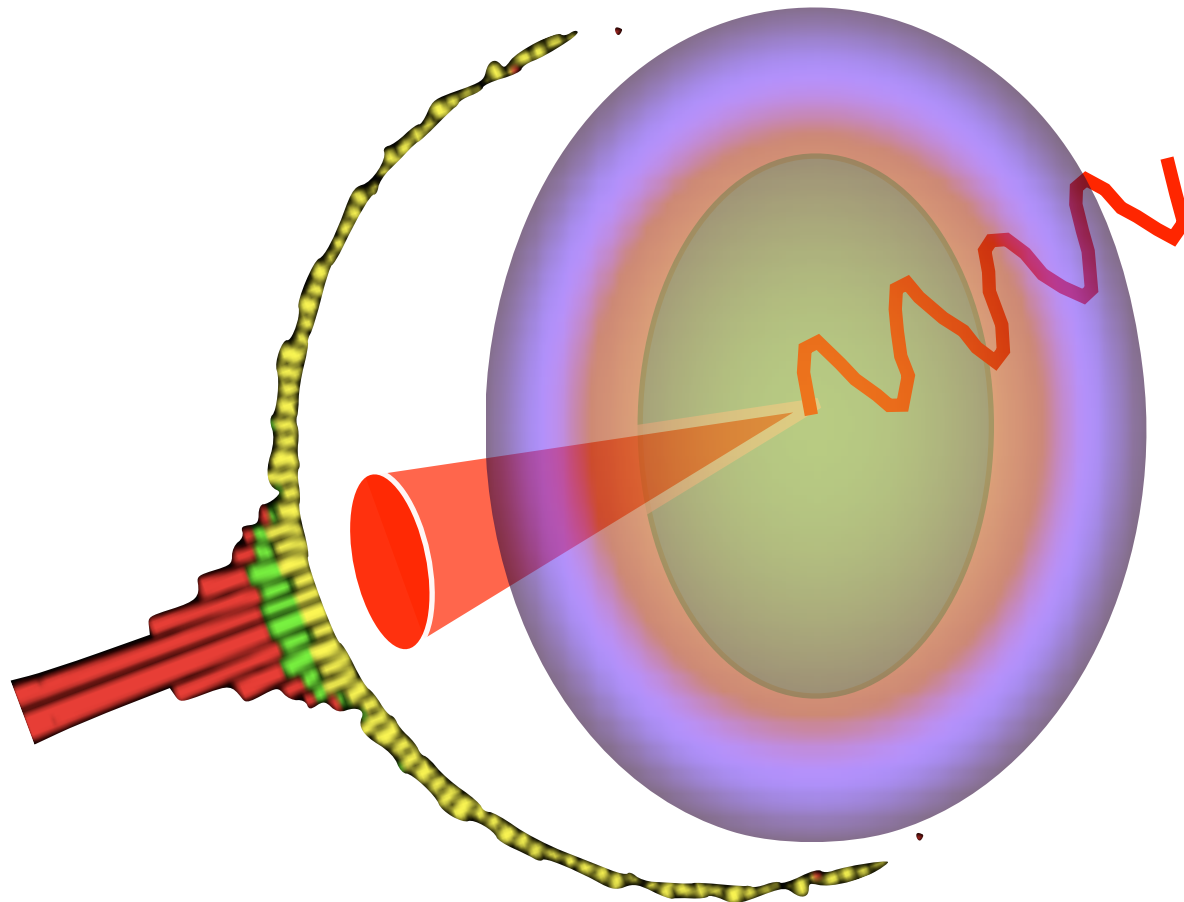


Count every Υ delivered \rightarrow
high rate, large acceptance

Make every Υ count \rightarrow
excellent momentum resolution

Physics drives detector requirements: Jets and HF

Unified approach to jet physics at RHIC and LHC



Use away- and near-side tags to control initial hard system:

- Parton flavor and mass
- Initial momentum
- Path length
- In-medium evolution
- Initial and final state radiation



Photon and HF tagging

HF meson reconstruction

High rate

Control over jet energy scale

Fully characterize momentum flow near the jet, both
“in-cone” and “out-of-cone” →

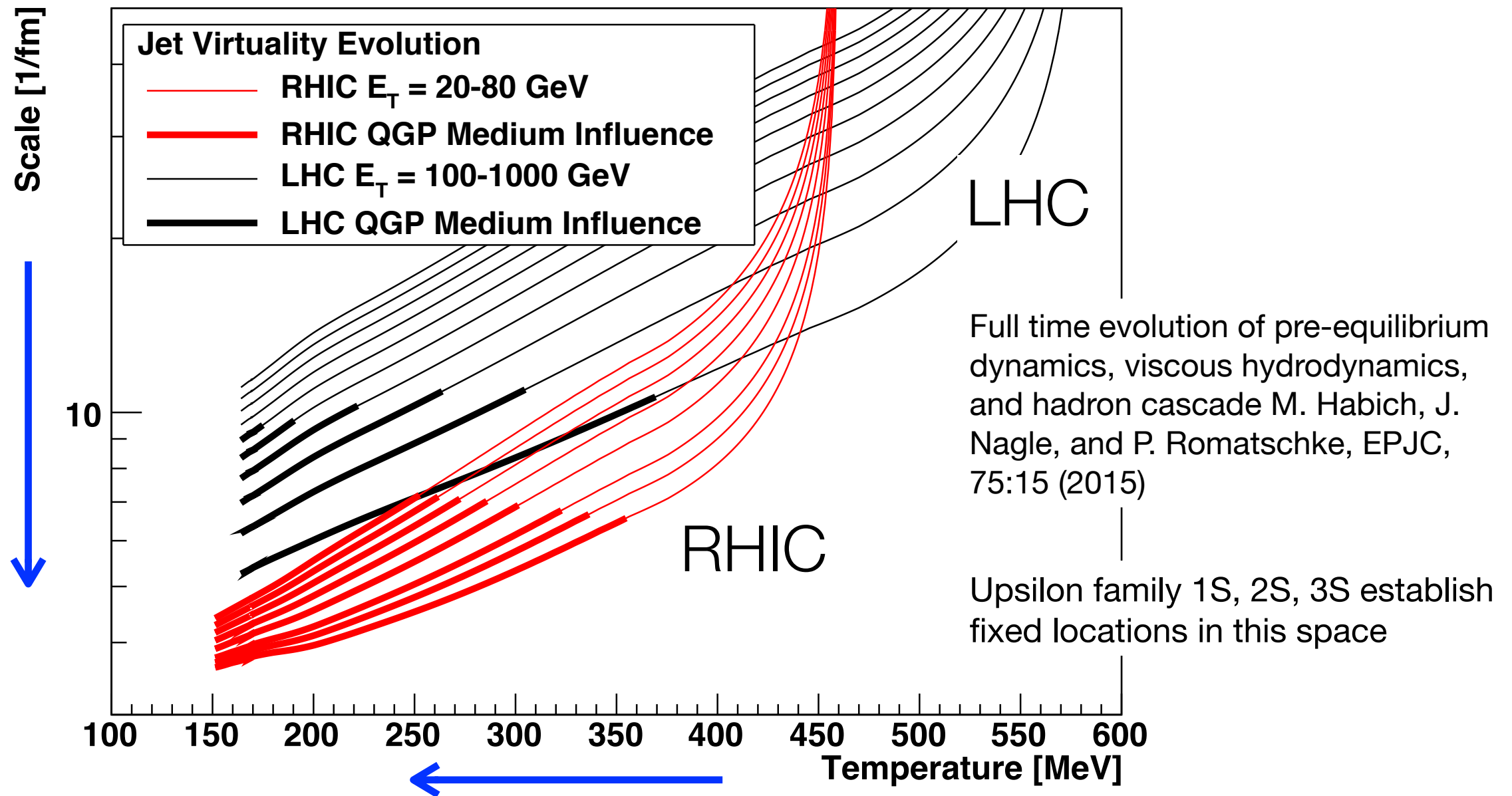
Full azimuthal coverage w/ tracking and calorimetry

Large acceptance in p_T and rapidity

High tracking efficiency, low fake rate

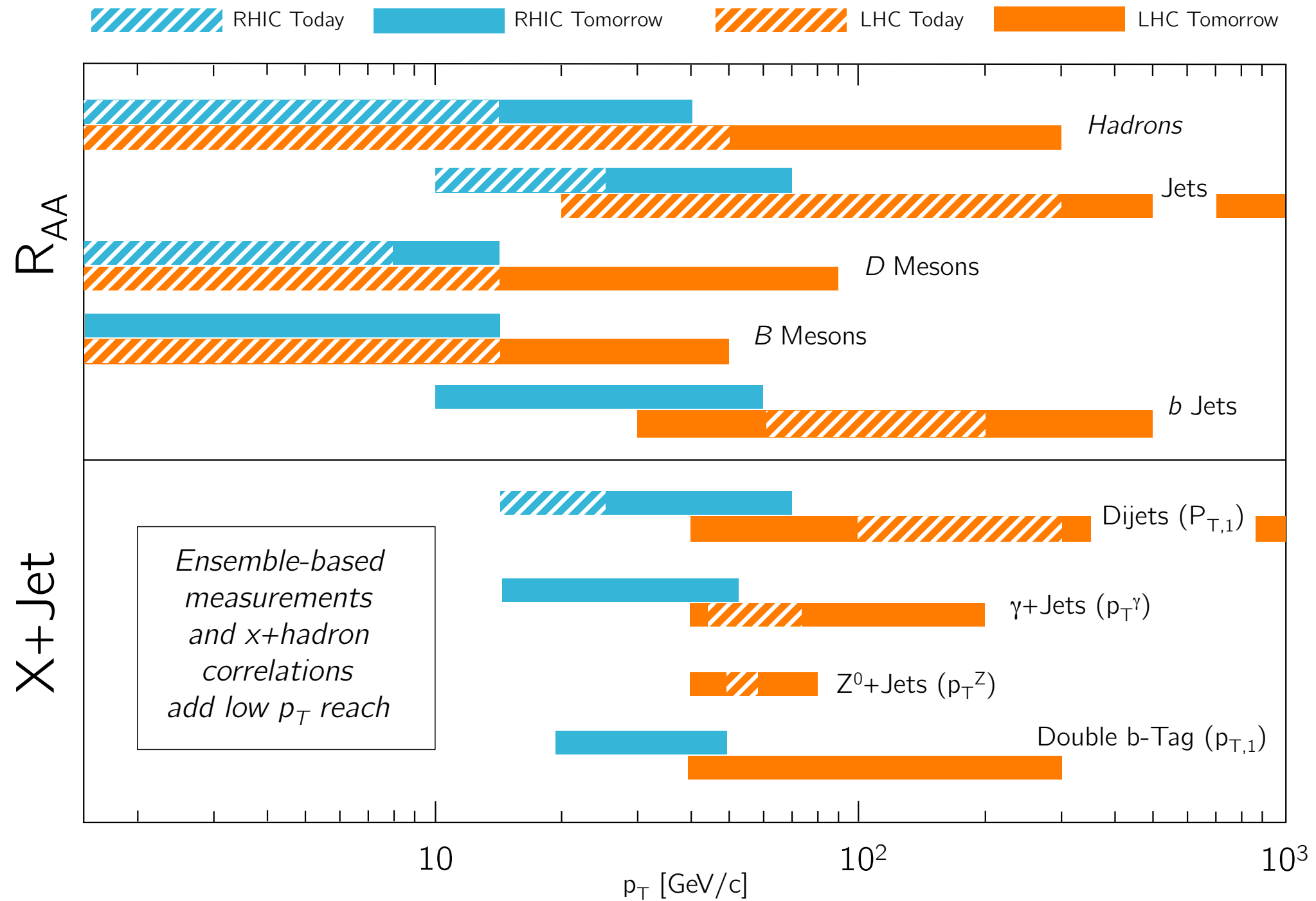
Evolving probes in evolving medium: RHIC \oplus LHC

Initial hard scattered parton virtuality in units of 1/fm as a function of the local temperature of the QGP medium

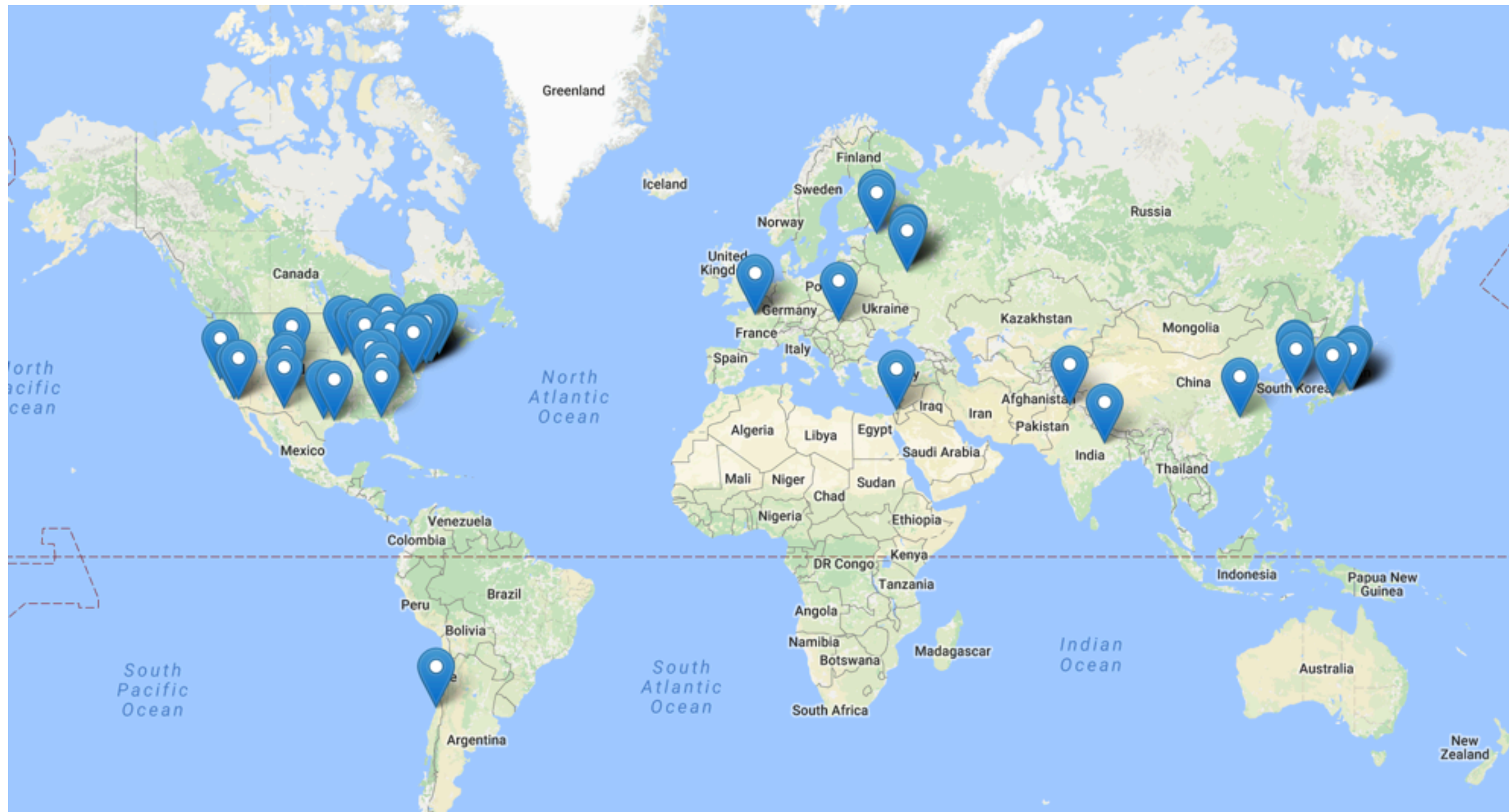


Vacuum virtuality evolution initially, with medium influence becoming significant as virtuality of parton shower and medium become comparable

Physics drives detector requirements: RHIC \oplus LHC



A worldwide collaboration



Six new institutions have joined since CD-0



Expertise in relevant physics, MPGDs, silicon, TPCs. Discussions with University Sao Paulo and contacts with other international institutions

64 institutions

Augustana University
Banaras Hindu University
Baruch College, CUNY
Brookhaven National Laboratory
CEA Saclay
Central China Normal University
Chonbuk National University
Columbia University
Eötvös University
Florida State University
Georgia State University
Howard University
Hungarian sPHENIX Consortium
Institut de physique nucléaire d'Orsay
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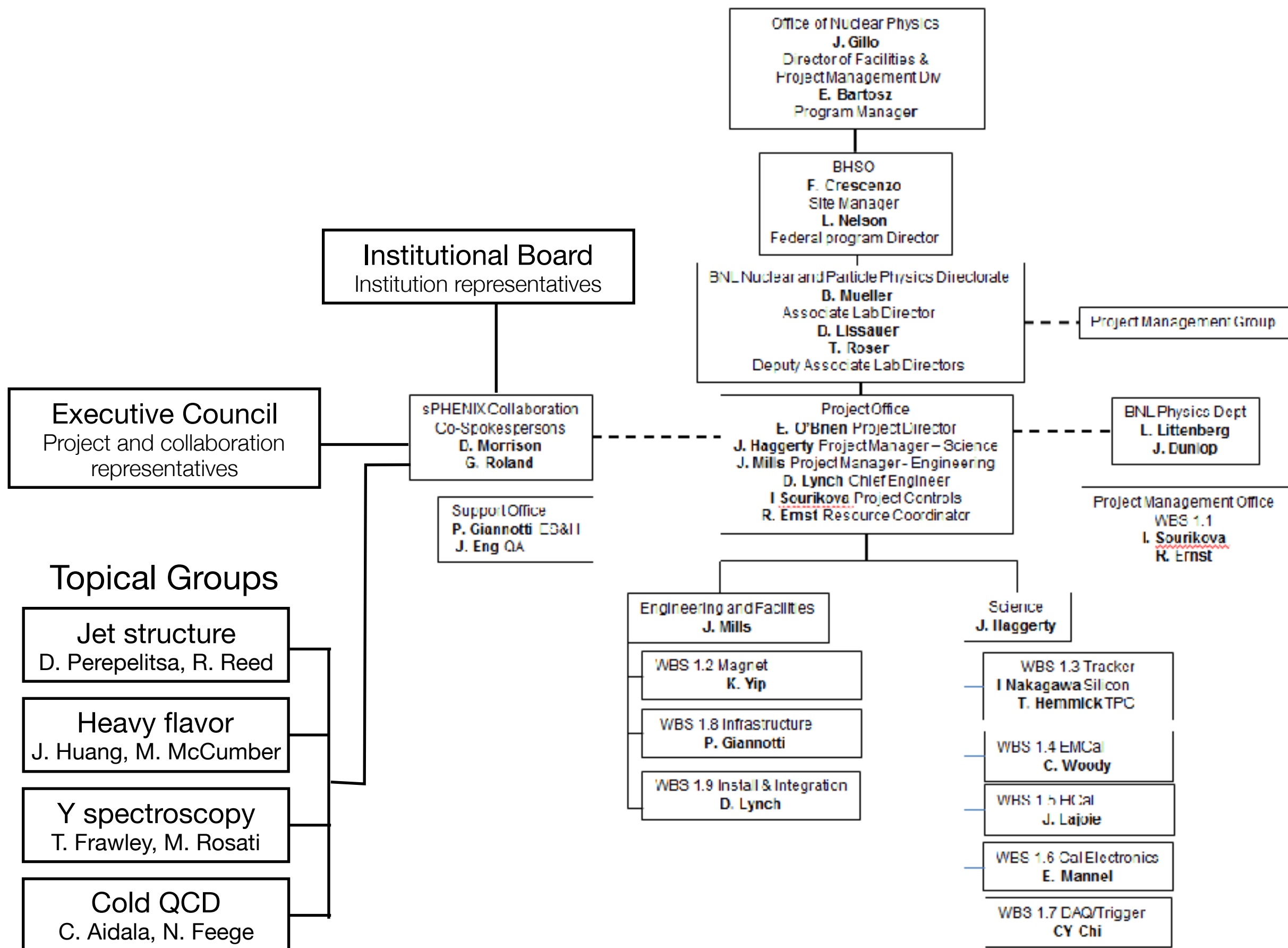
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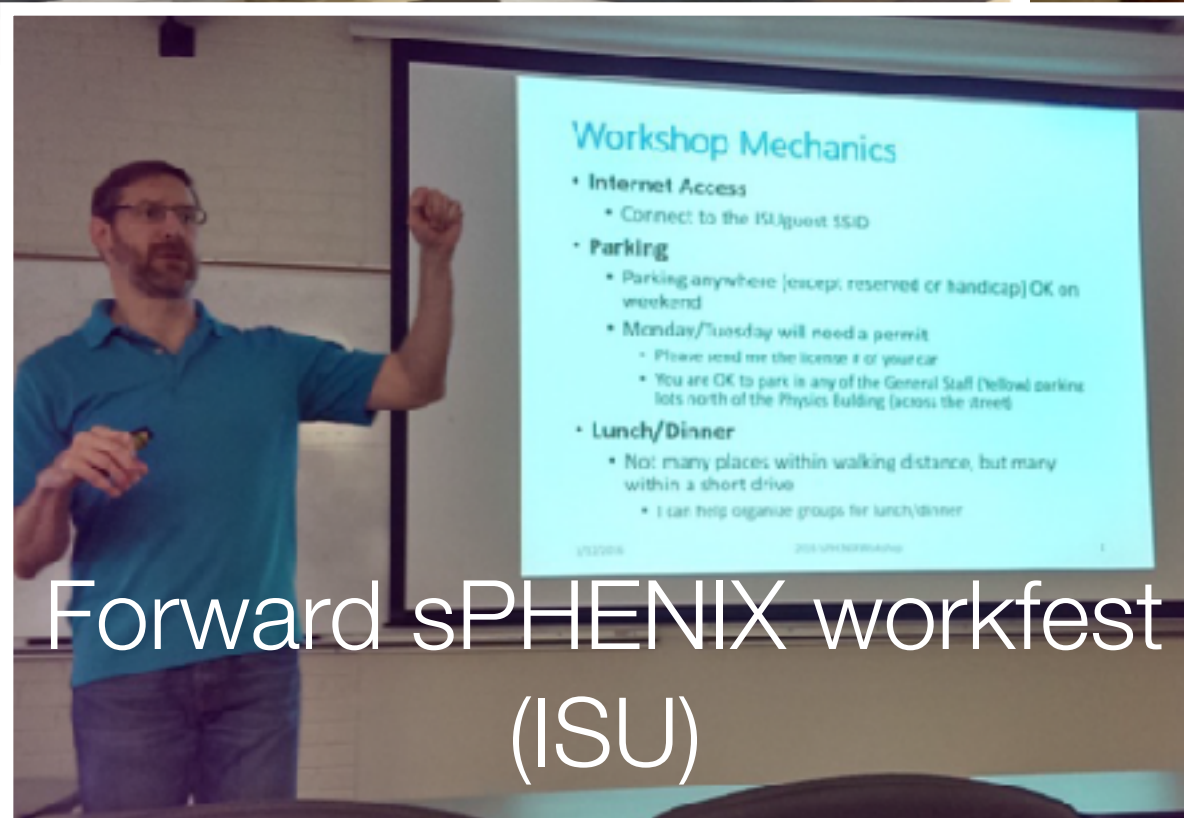
June 13-14 sPHENIX Collaboration Meeting



+30 people connected remotely



Close connection of collaboration and project: PHENIX-style workfests



- Continues practice that was very productive in developing sPHENIX proposals
- Invite outside experts when appropriate – e.g., discussion with ALICE & STAR experts on space charge distortion in TPC
- Recent activities: two-day EMCal workfest in August, two-day test beam paper writing workshop, discussion with ALICE to gauge needs of sPHENIX TPC readout

Multi-year run plan scenario for sPHENIX

Year	Species	Energy [GeV]	Phys. Wks	Rec. Lum.	Samp. Lum.	Samp. Lum. All-Z
2022	Au+Au	200	16.0	7 nb ⁻¹	8.7 nb ⁻¹	34 nb ⁻¹
2023	p+p	200	11.5	—	48 pb ⁻¹	267 pb ⁻¹
2023	p+Au	200	11.5	—	0.33 pb ⁻¹	1.46 pb ⁻¹
2024	Au+Au	200	23.5	14 nb ⁻¹	26 nb ⁻¹	88 nb ⁻¹
2025	p+p	200	23.5	—	149 pb ⁻¹	783 pb ⁻¹
2026	Au+Au	200	23.5	14 nb ⁻¹	48 nb ⁻¹	92 nb ⁻¹

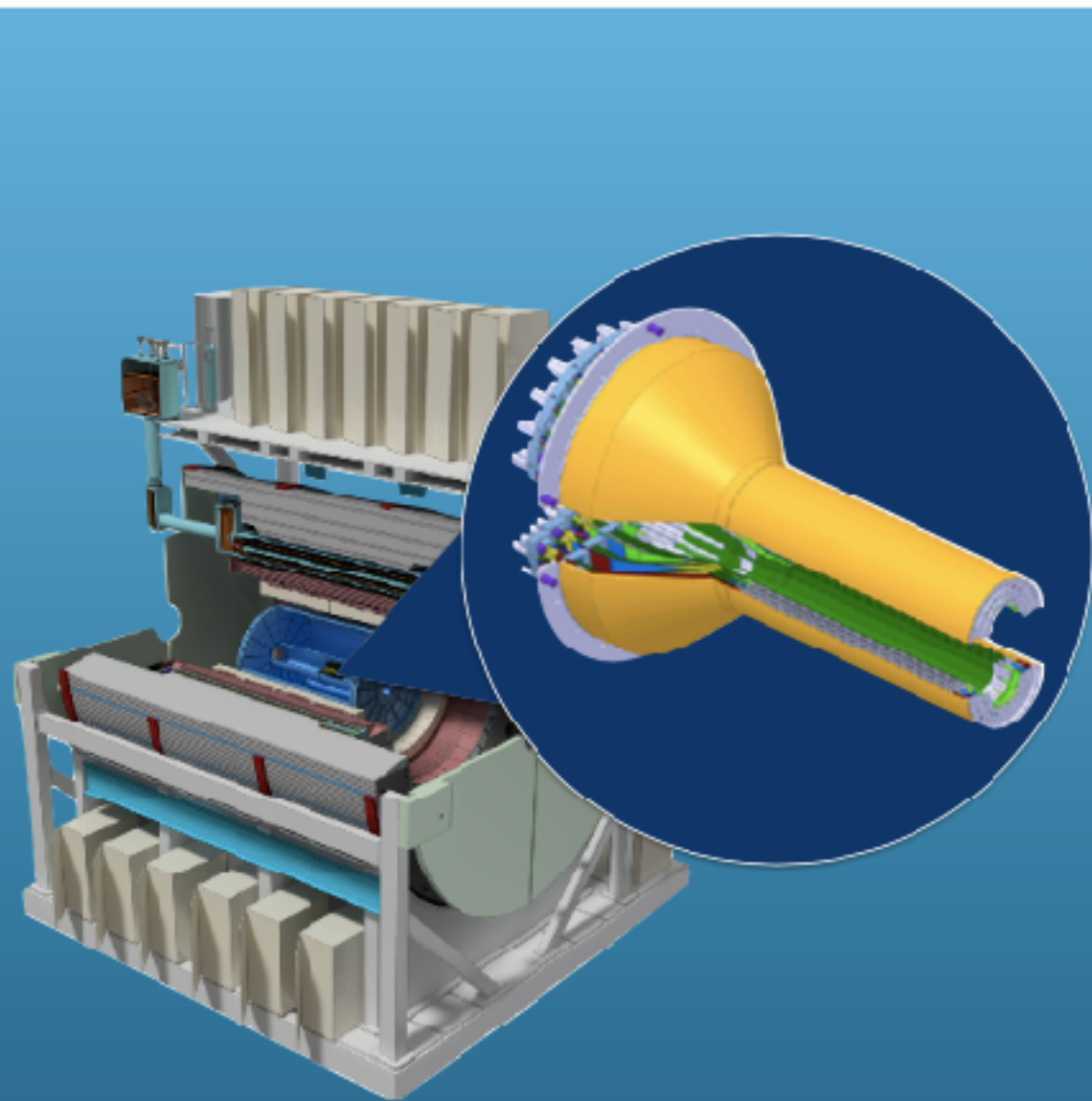
- Guidance from ALD to think in terms of a multi-year run plan
- Consistent with language in DOE CD-0 “mission need” document
- Incorporates updated C-AD guidance now officially documented
- Run plan relates to capabilities of full barrel detector
- Incorporates commissioning time in first year

Minimum bias Au+Au at 15 kHz for $|z| < 10$ cm:

47 billion (2022) + **96 billion** (2024) + **96 billion** (2026) = Total **239 billion events**

For topics with Level-1 selective trigger (e.g. high p_T photons), one can sample within $|z| < 10$ cm a total of 550 billion events. One could consider sampling events over a wider z-vertex for calorimeter only measurements, 1.5 trillion events.

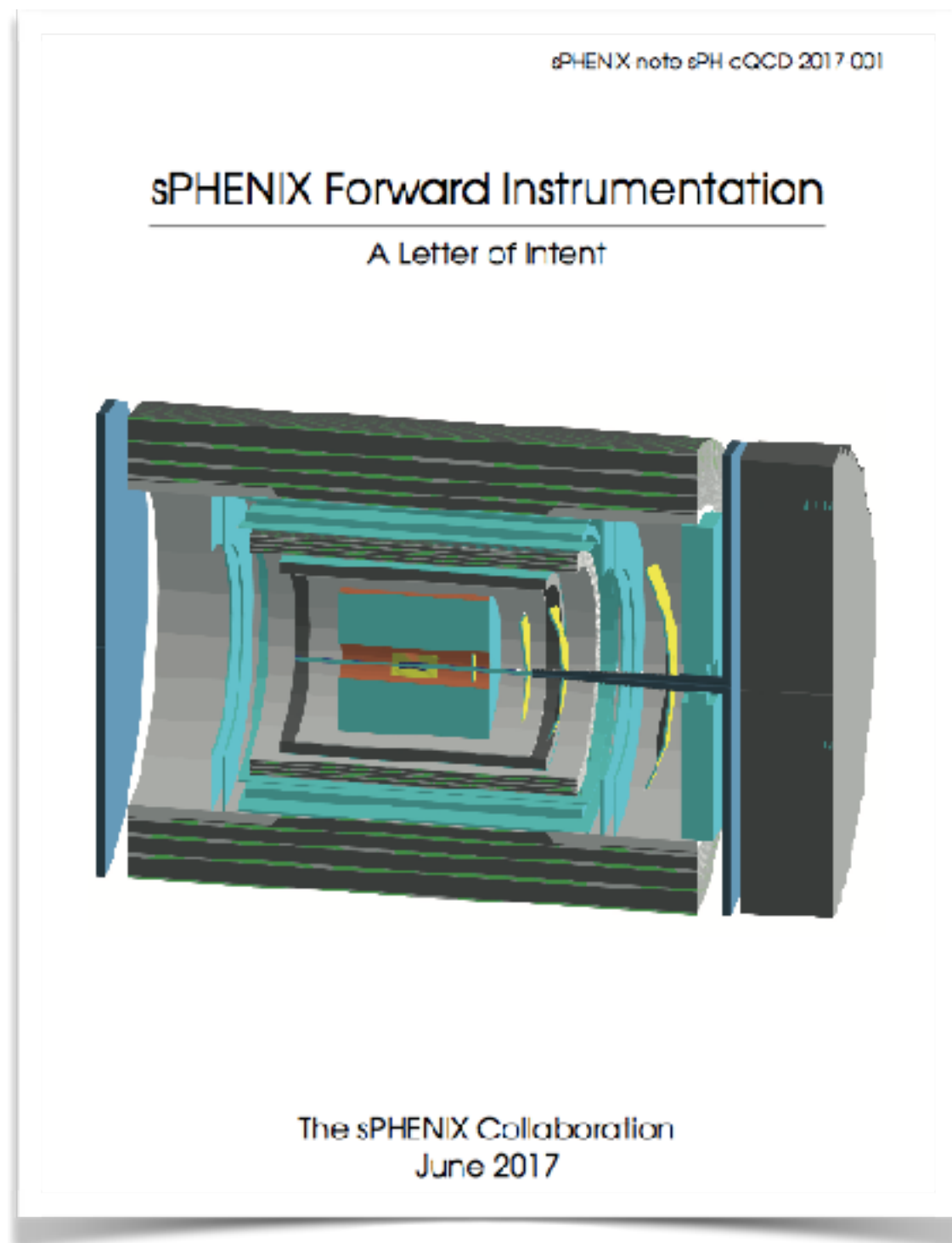
MVTX pre-proposal and beyond



A Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor
Detector for the sPHENIX
Experiment

- MVTX as separate project outside of, but pursued in parallel to, baseline MIE detector
- Enables open HF and HF-tagged jet addition to physics program of baseline detector
- MVTX consortium developed MVTX pre-proposal, with Director's review at BNL on July 10-12, 2017

Modest Forward Upgrade LOI



- Invitation by ALD to STAR and sPHENIX on February 22. Submitted to ALD on June 3
- Contributions across collaboration, led by cold QCD topical group.
- In addition to p+p and p+A program, collaboration excited by strengthening of core sPHENIX program by adding forward instrumentation to high-rate, deep calorimetry, high resolution tracking, precise vertexing of barrel.
- E.g., dijets and (central-forward) gamma+jet over extended rapidity range $-1 < \eta < 4$

Outlook

- sPHENIX scientific collaboration in full swing working towards start of physics in early 2020s
- Ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration:
 - discussions with additional (strong) groups about joining sPHENIX
 - ongoing effort to strengthen workforce from member institutions
 - discussion on hardware collaboration (e.g. w/ ALICE reg. MAPS) with non-member groups
- Collaboration is committed to building a world-class experiment with the capabilities needed to deliver the full suite of sPHENIX physics