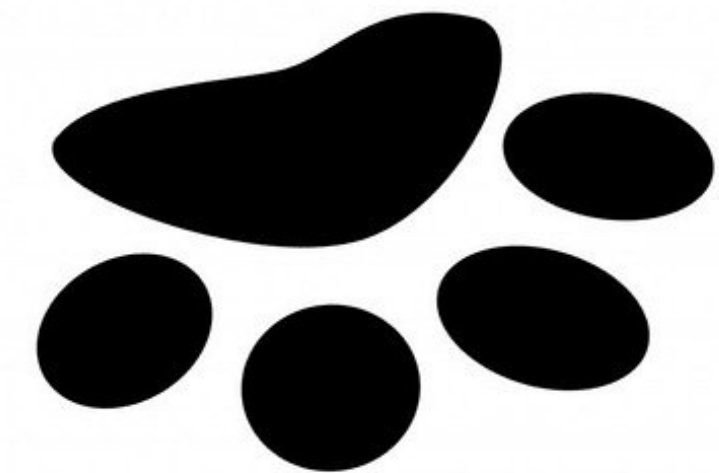
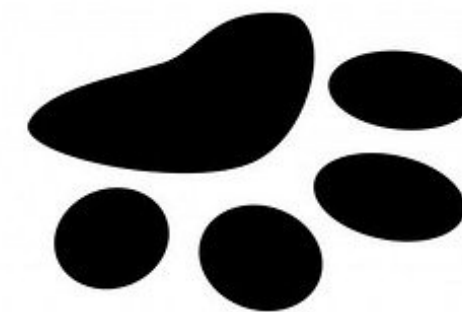
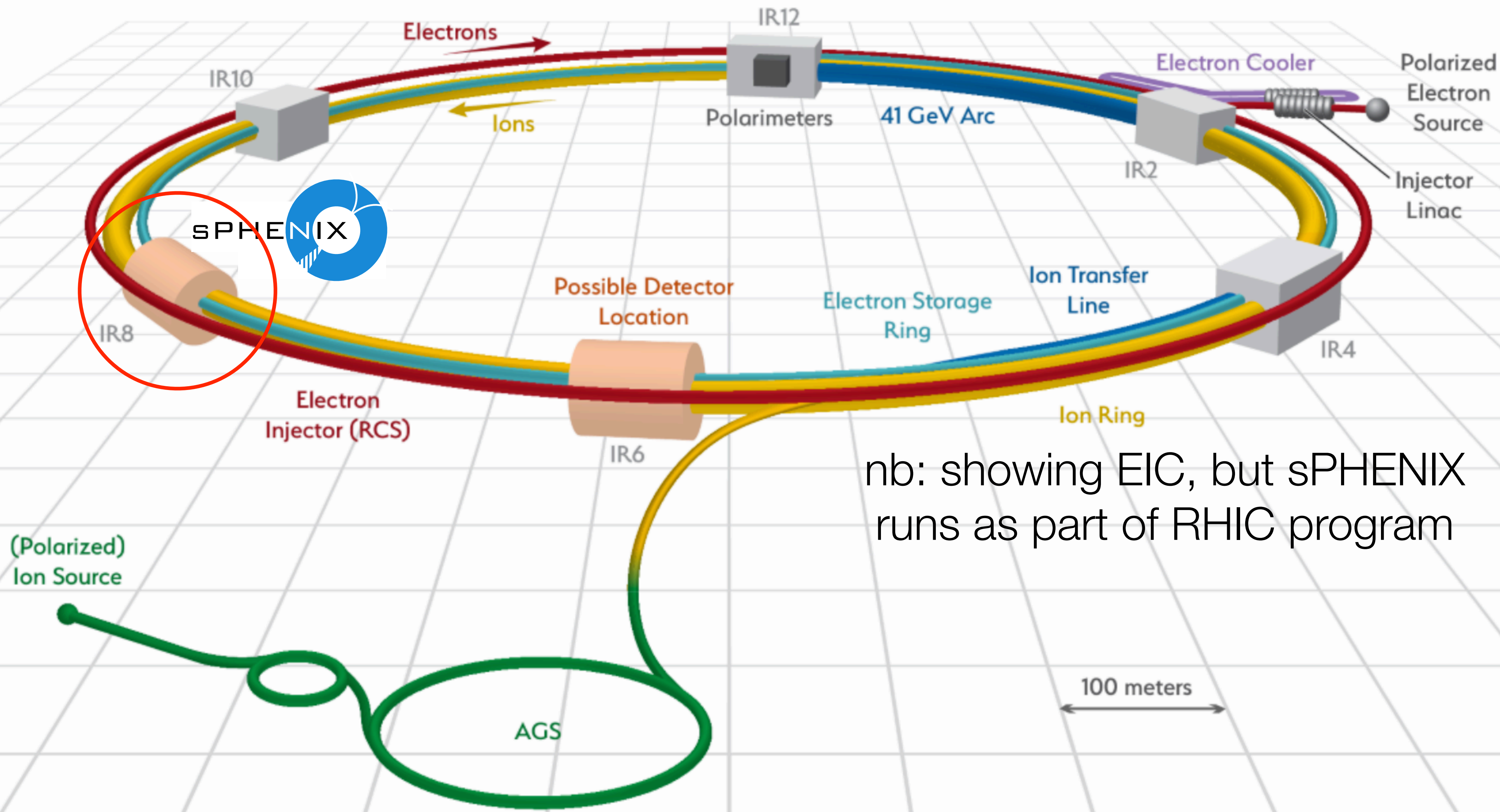


# sPHENIX heavy flavor program and a path to the EIC

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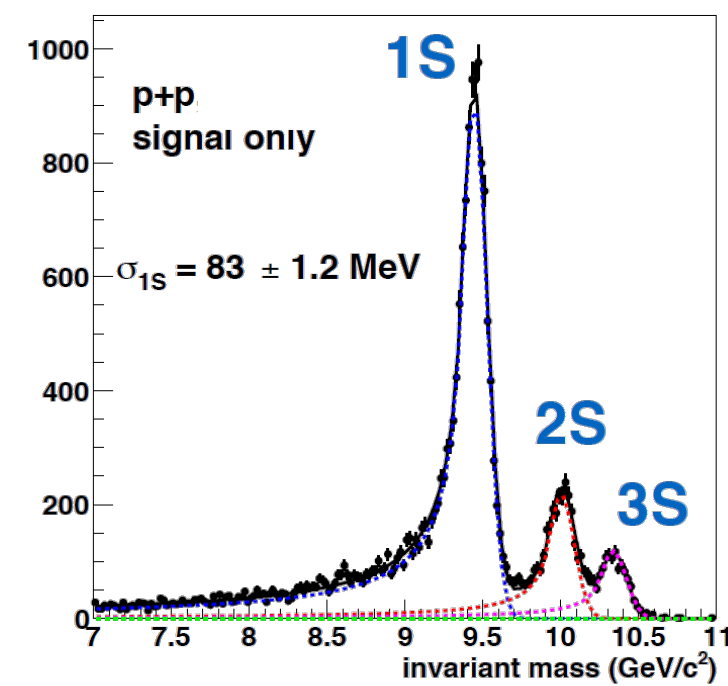
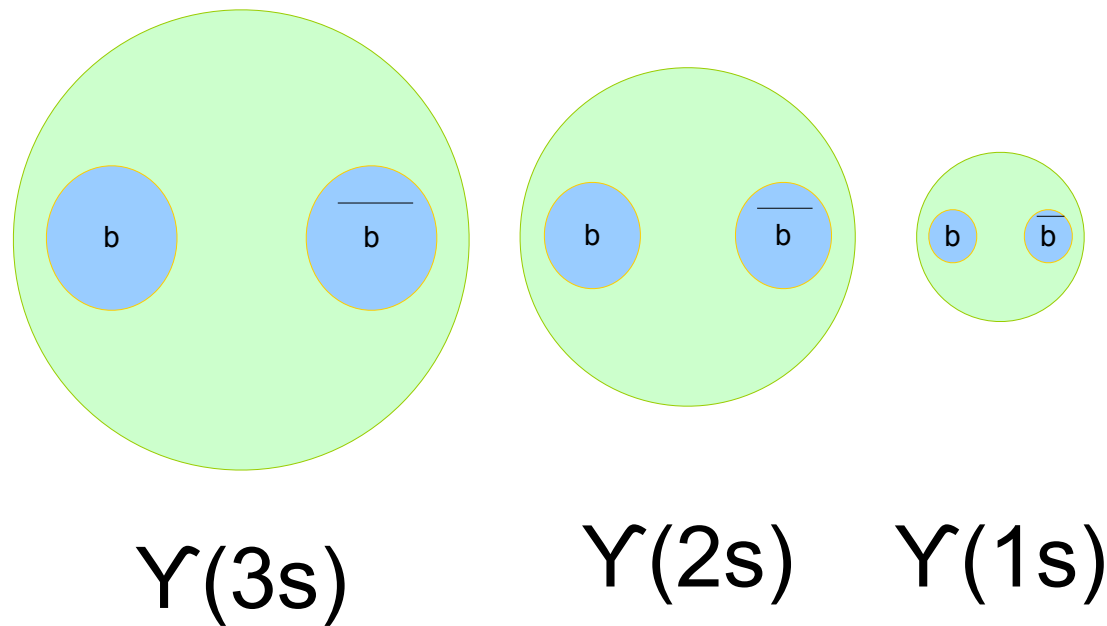
nb: showing EIC, but sPHENIX runs as part of RHIC program



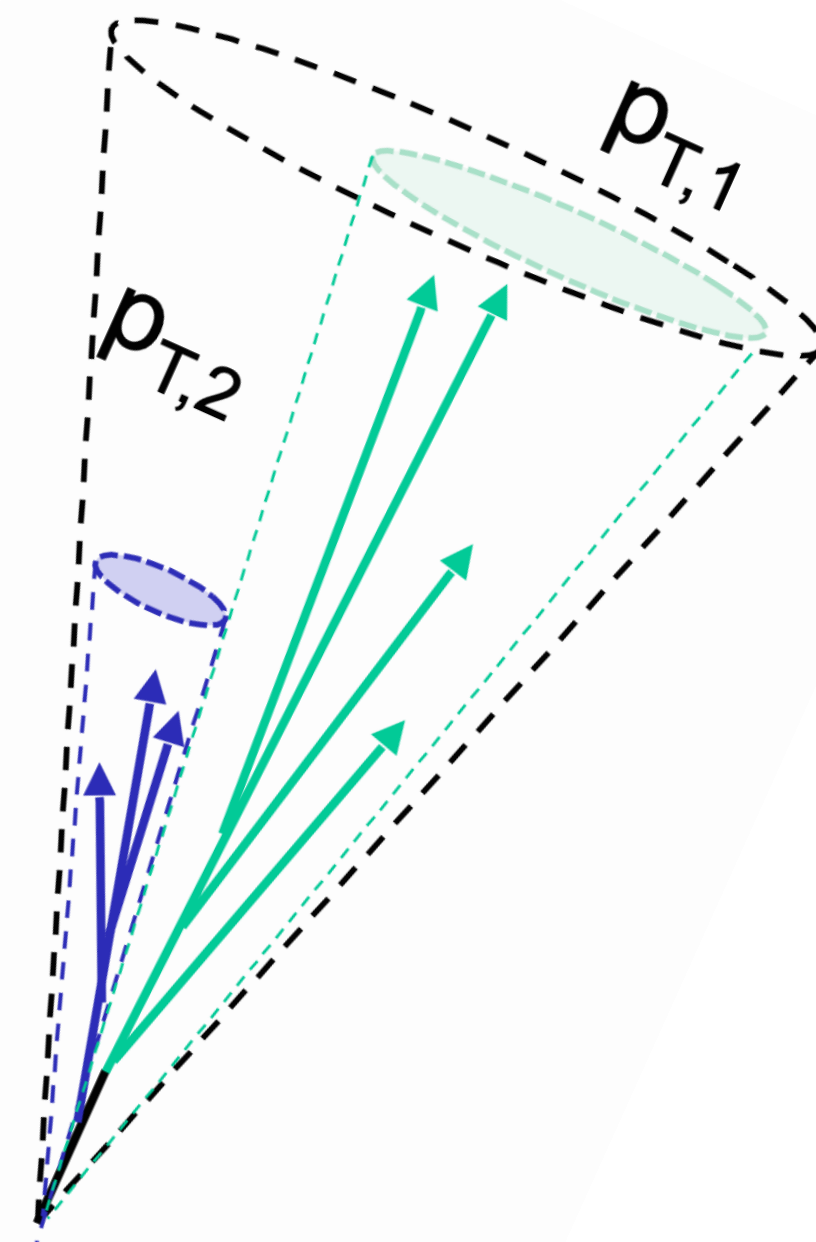
# Studying the QGP/QCD at multiple scales with sPHENIX



## Quarkonium spectroscopy vary size of probe



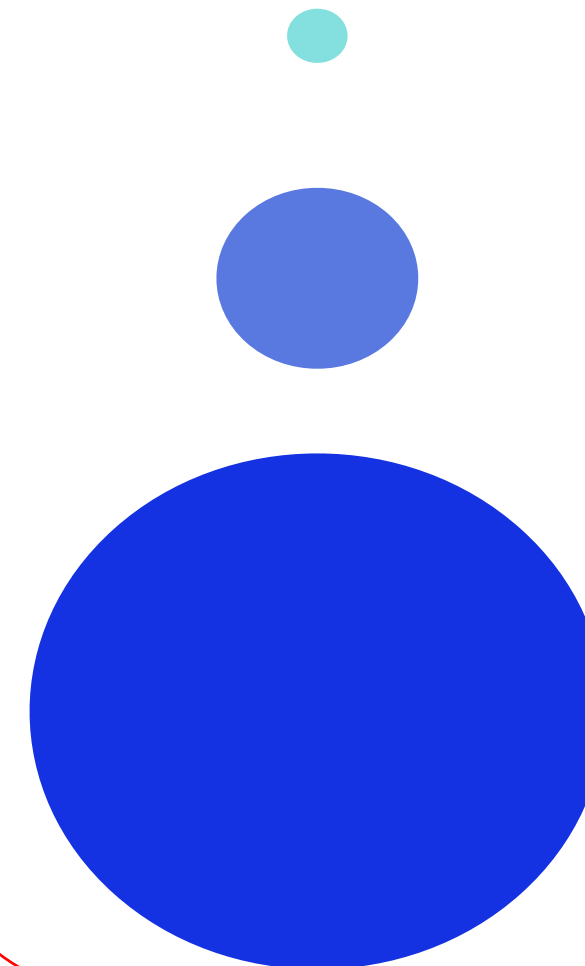
## Jet structure vary momentum/angular scale of probe



## Parton energy loss vary mass/momentum of probe

photon

gluon

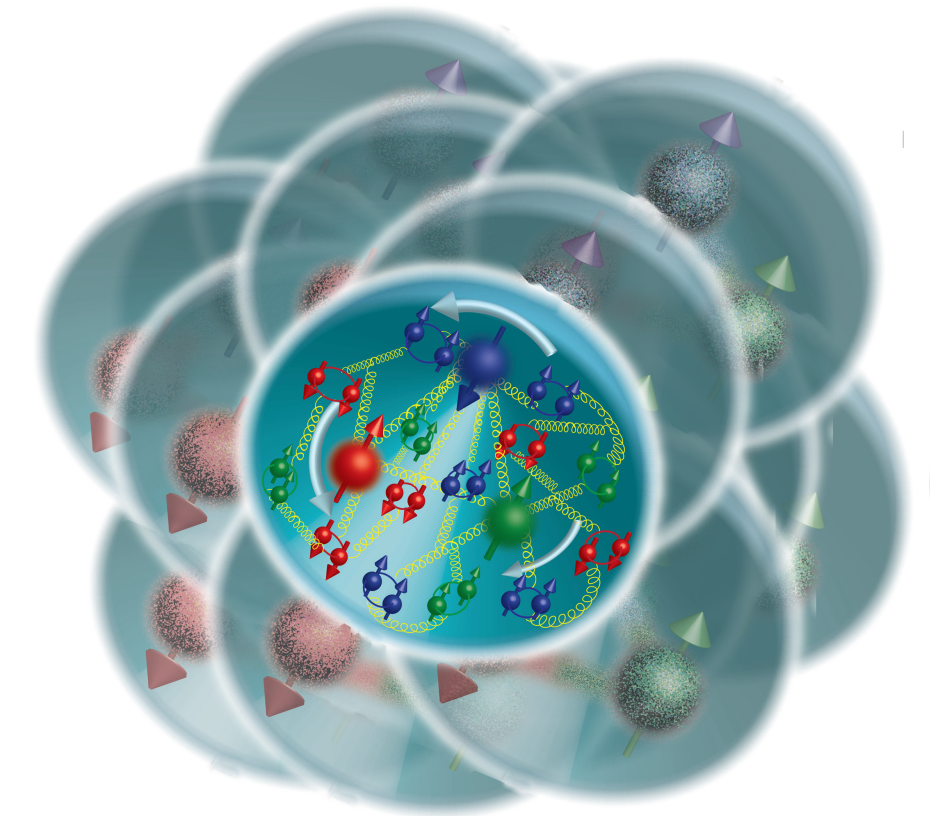


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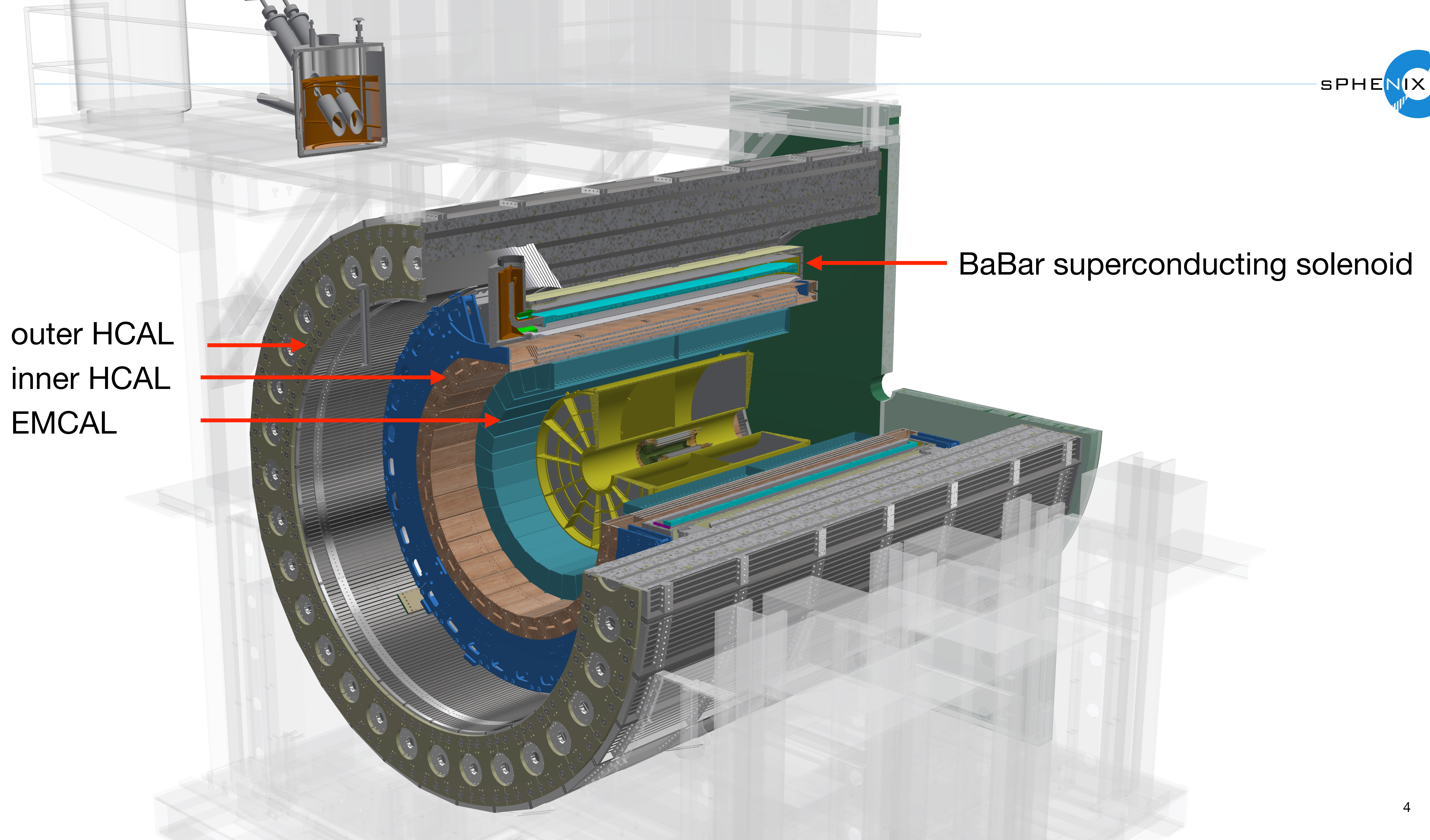
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## Cold QCD vary temperature of QCD matter



Heavy flavor (open or hidden) is a major part of the sPHENIX program





BaBar superconducting solenoid

outer HCAL  
inner HCAL  
EMCAL



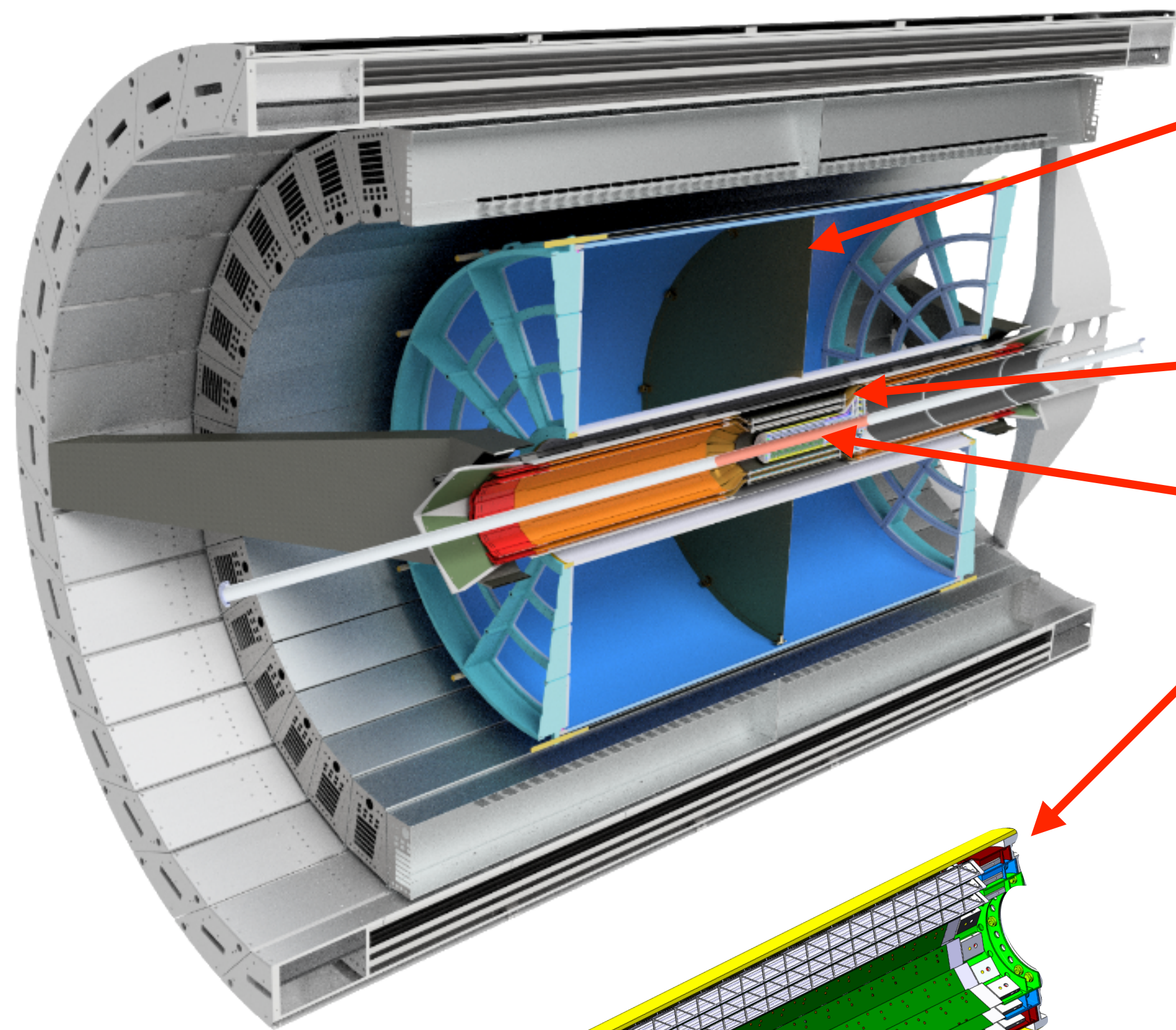
# BaBar high field test at BNL



nostalgia for Stephen Sekula :-)



# sPHENIX Tracking detectors



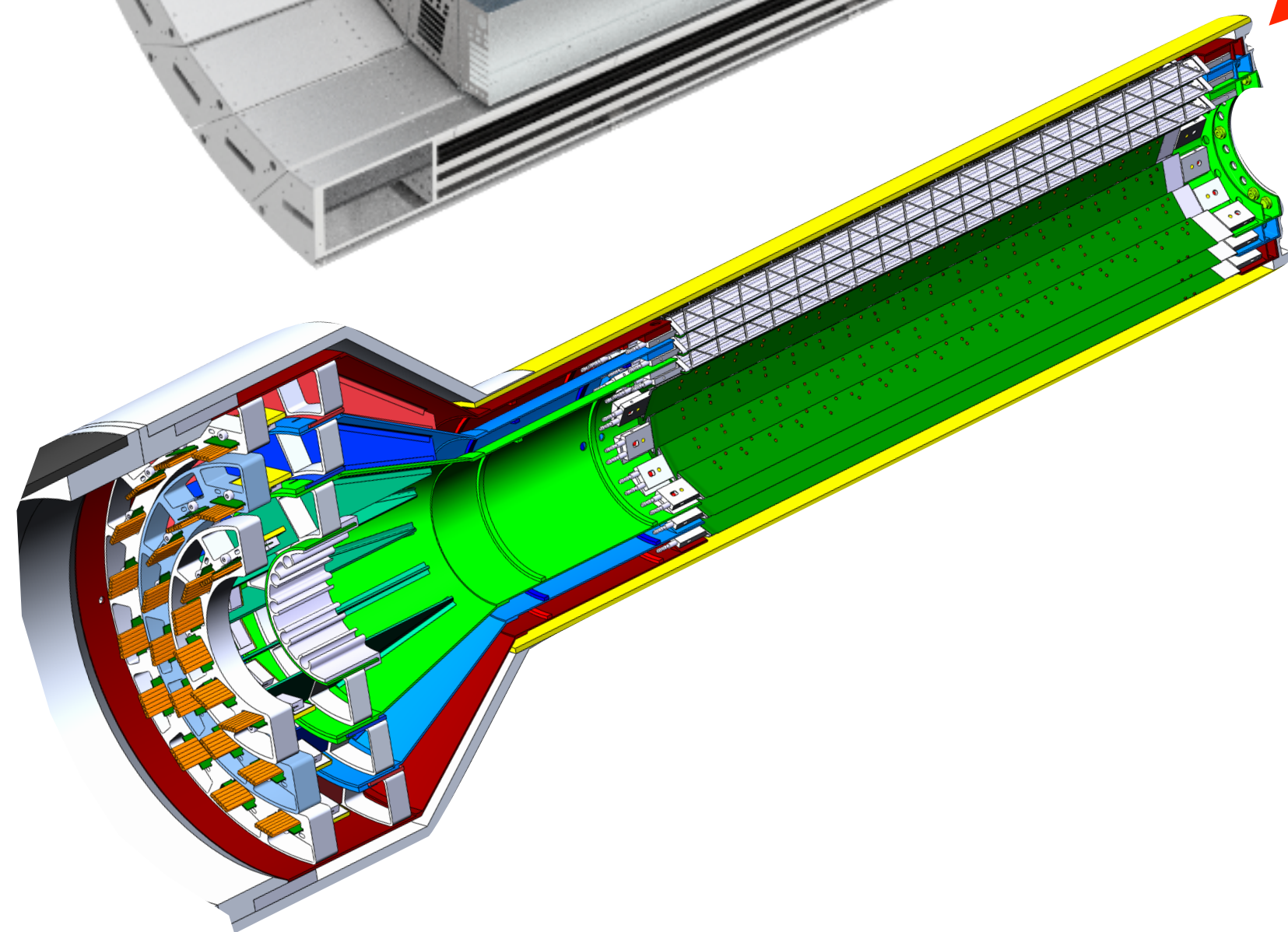
Continuous readout TPC ( $R = 20-78\text{cm}$ )

- shares many concepts with ALICE TPC upgrade
- compact – 1/30 of ALICE TPC volume

Si strip intermediate tracker ( $R = 6-12\text{cm}$ )

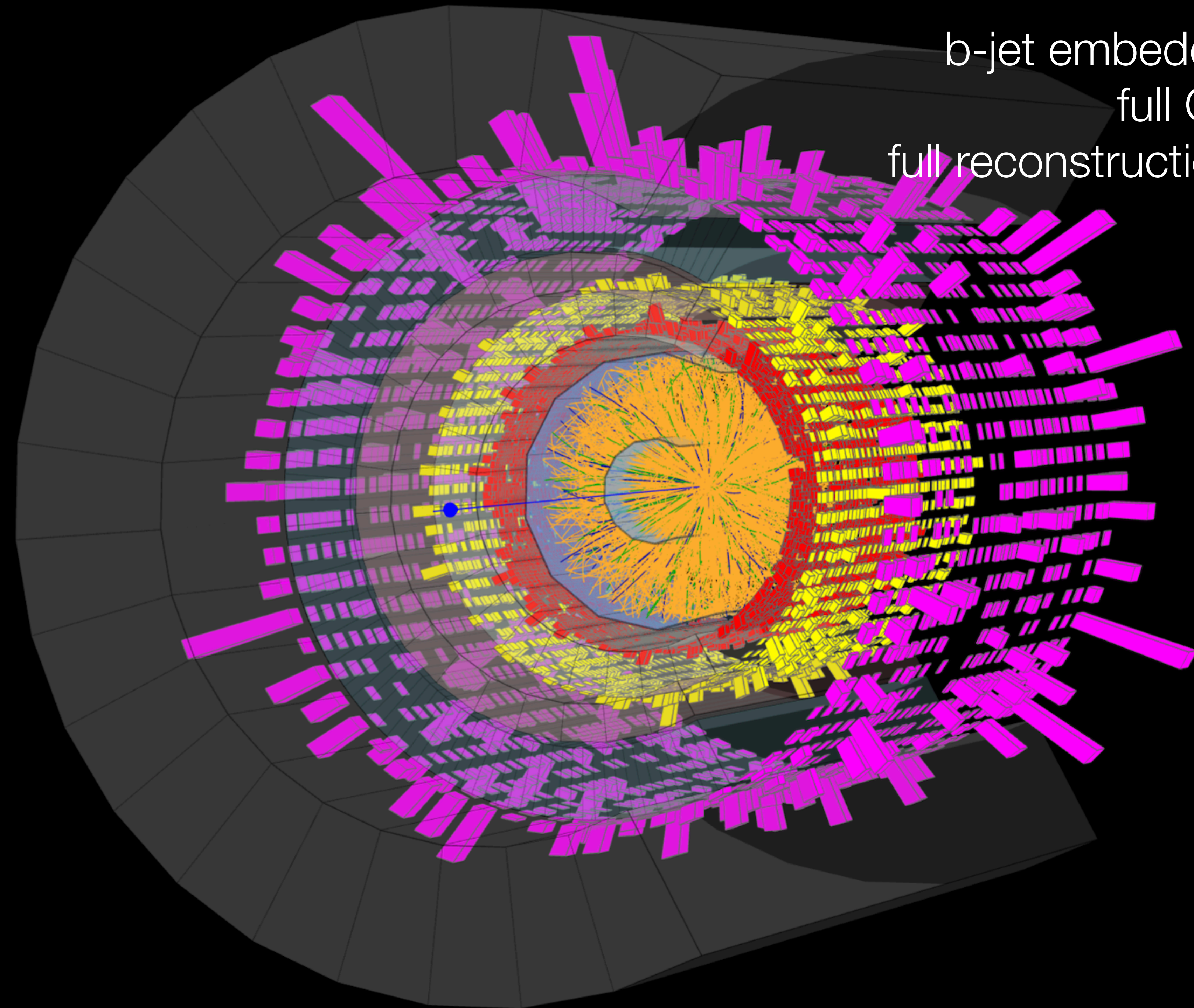
3-layer precision vertex tracker ( $R = 2.3, 3.1, 3.9\text{cm}$ )

- near-copy of ALICE ITS IB detector



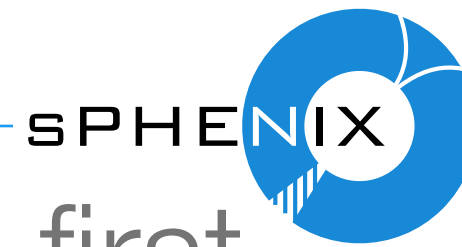


b-jet embedded in 200 GeV Au+Au event  
full GEANT4 detector description  
full reconstruction of tracks and calorimeters

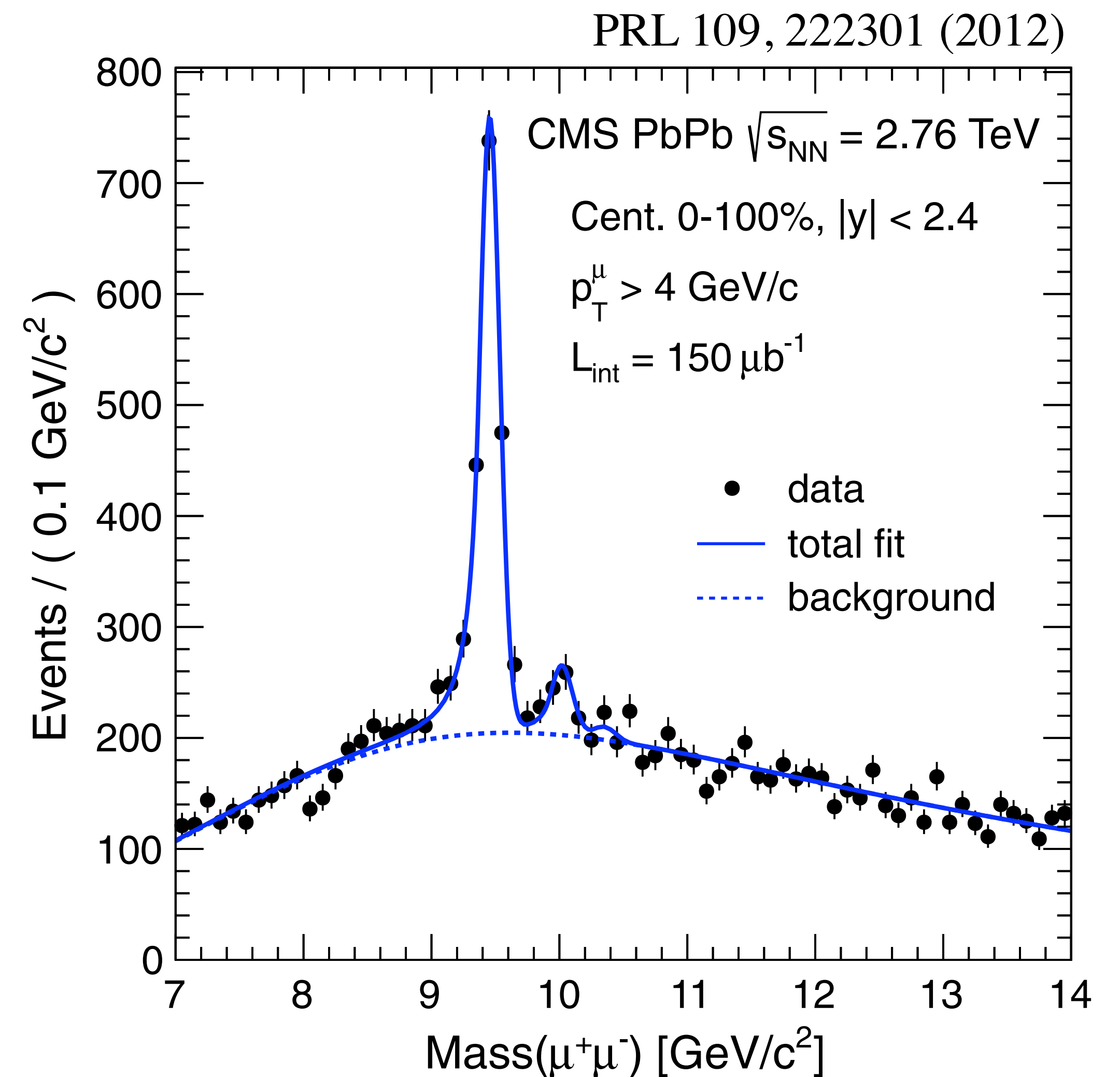
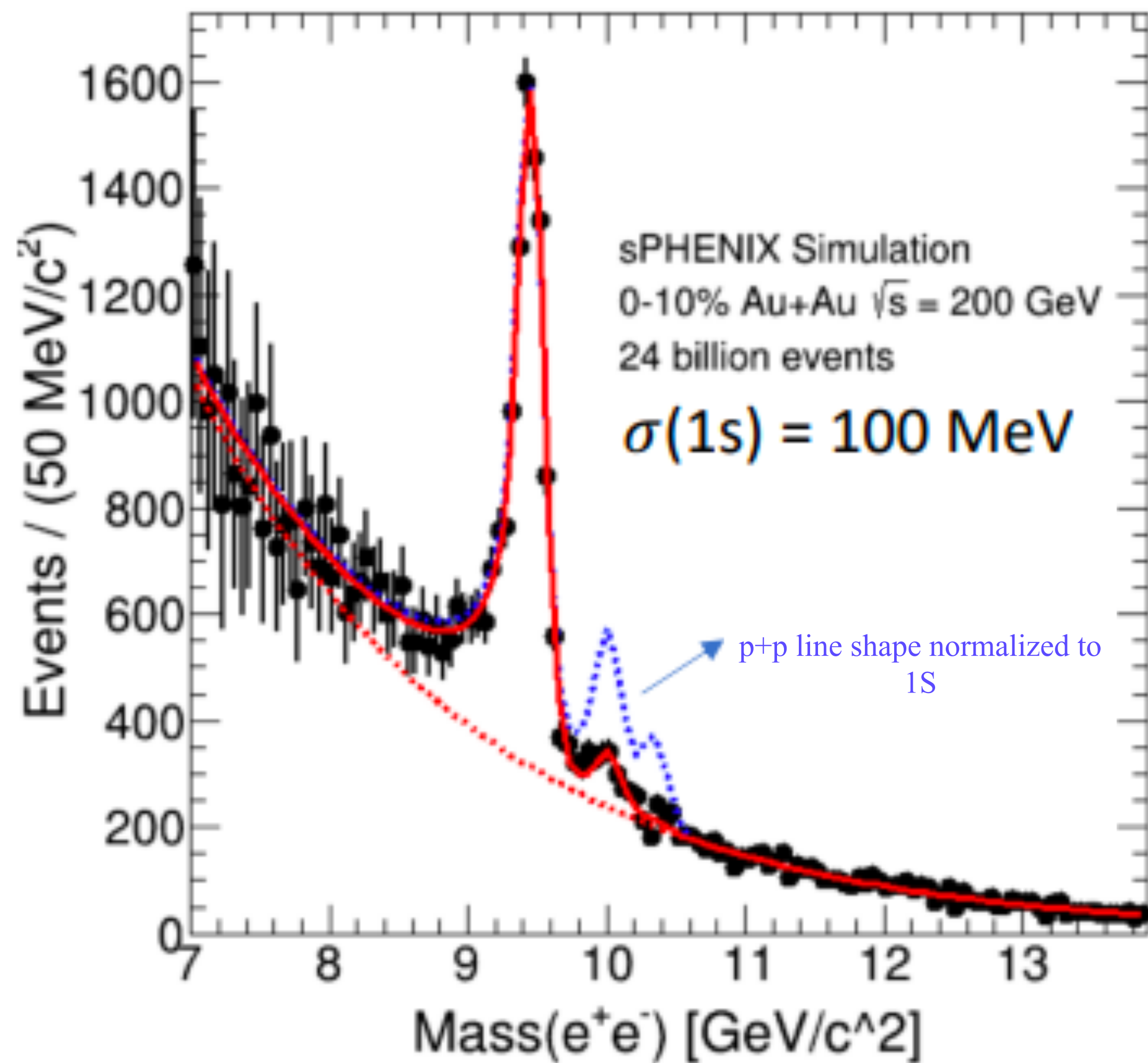




# Upsilon spectroscopy

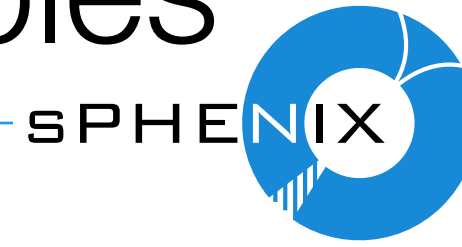


Sufficient mass resolution to enable clear separation of  $Y$  mass states for the first time at RHIC ( $\sigma_p/p = 0.2\% \times p \Rightarrow \sigma_M|_{Y(1S)} = 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ )

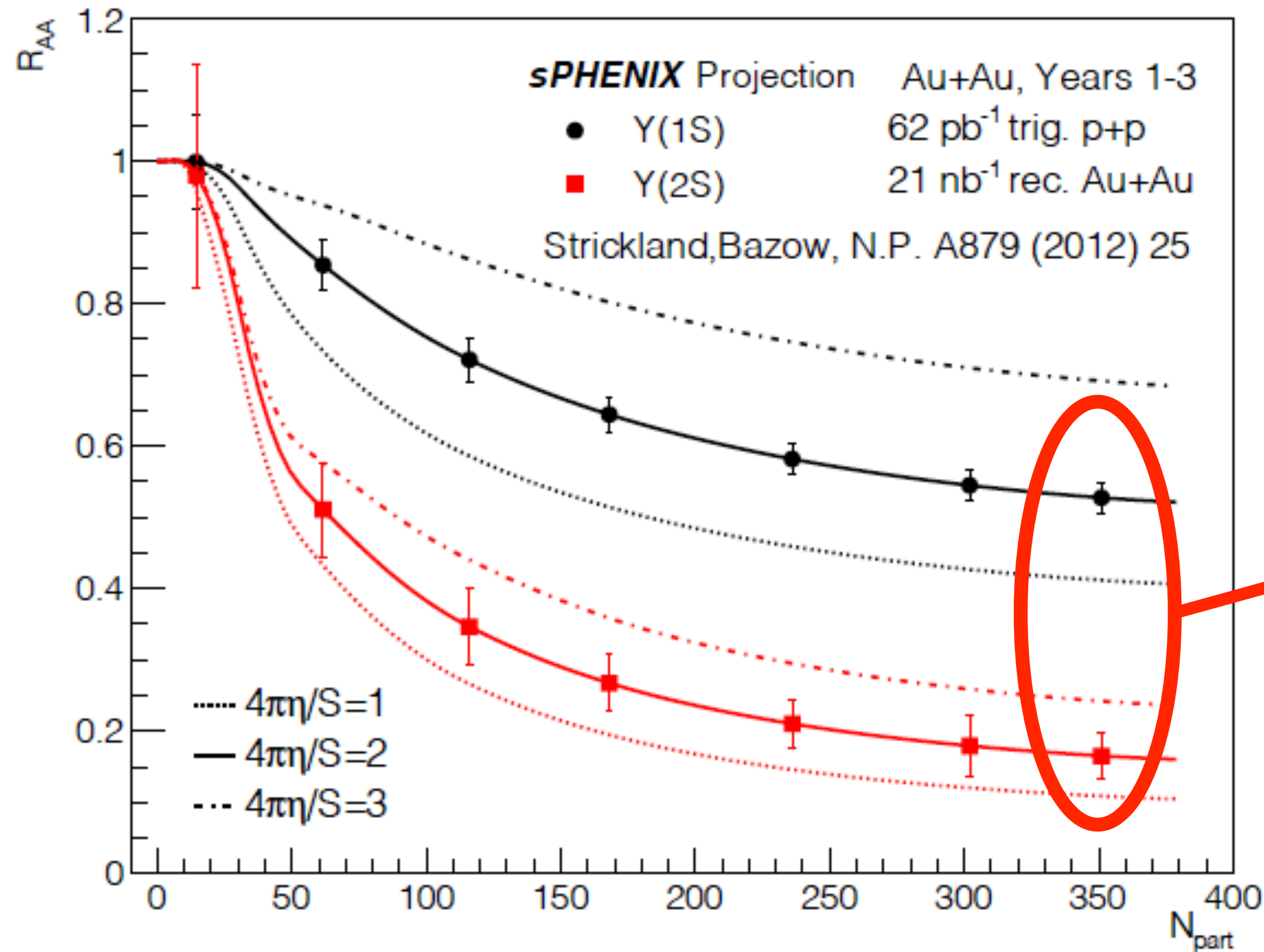




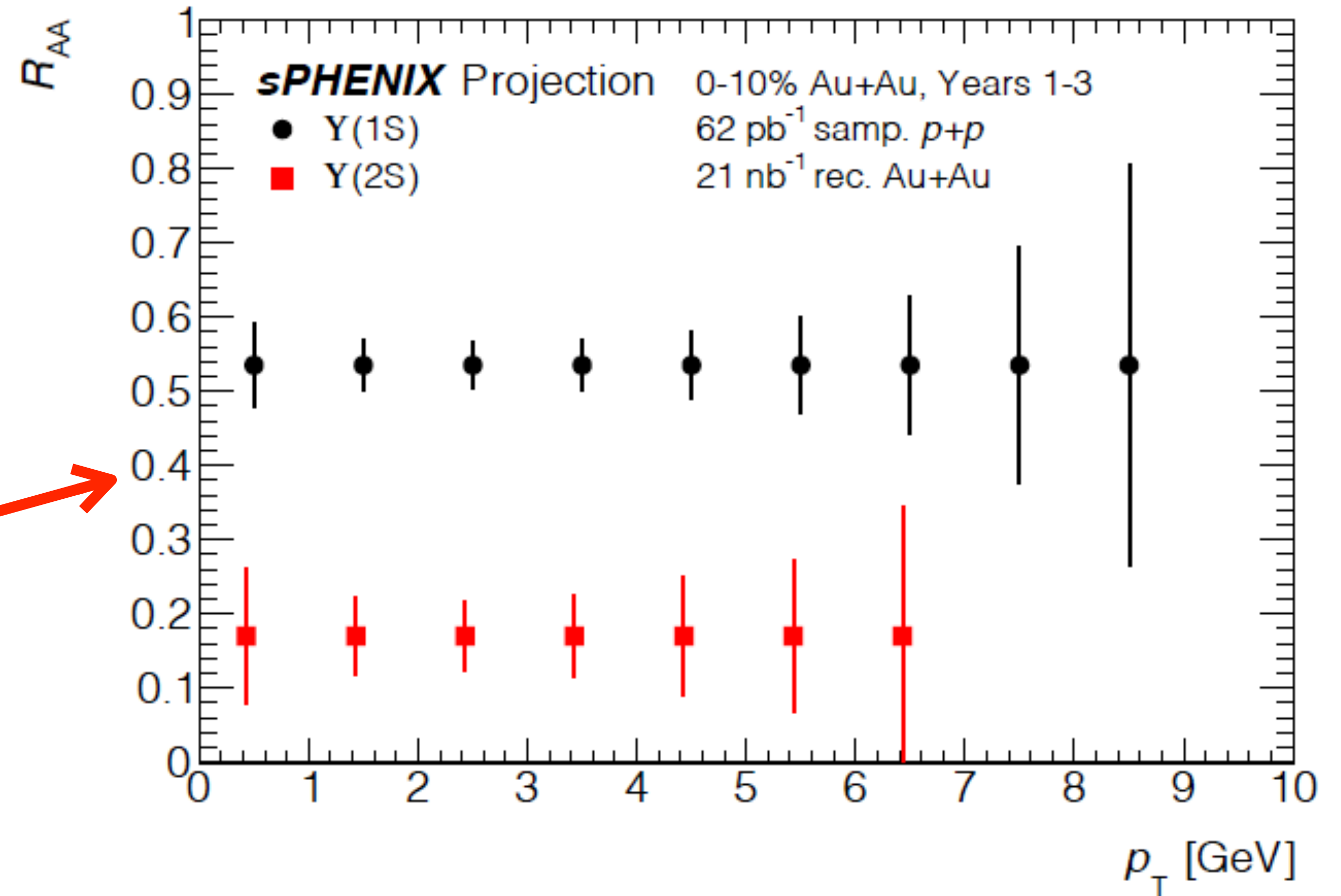
# High rate DAQ + RHIC luminosity $\implies$ multiply differential observables



suppression vs centrality



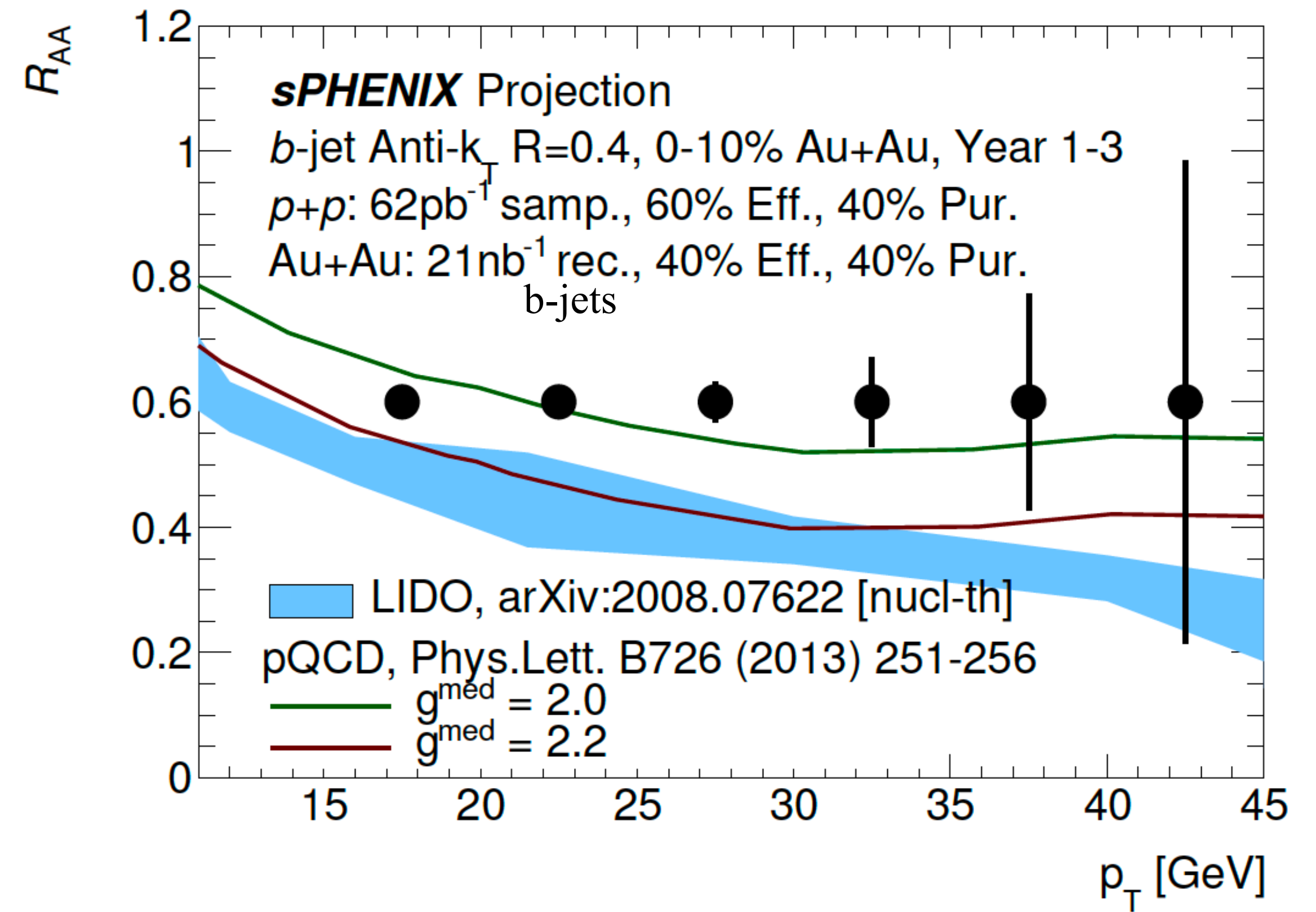
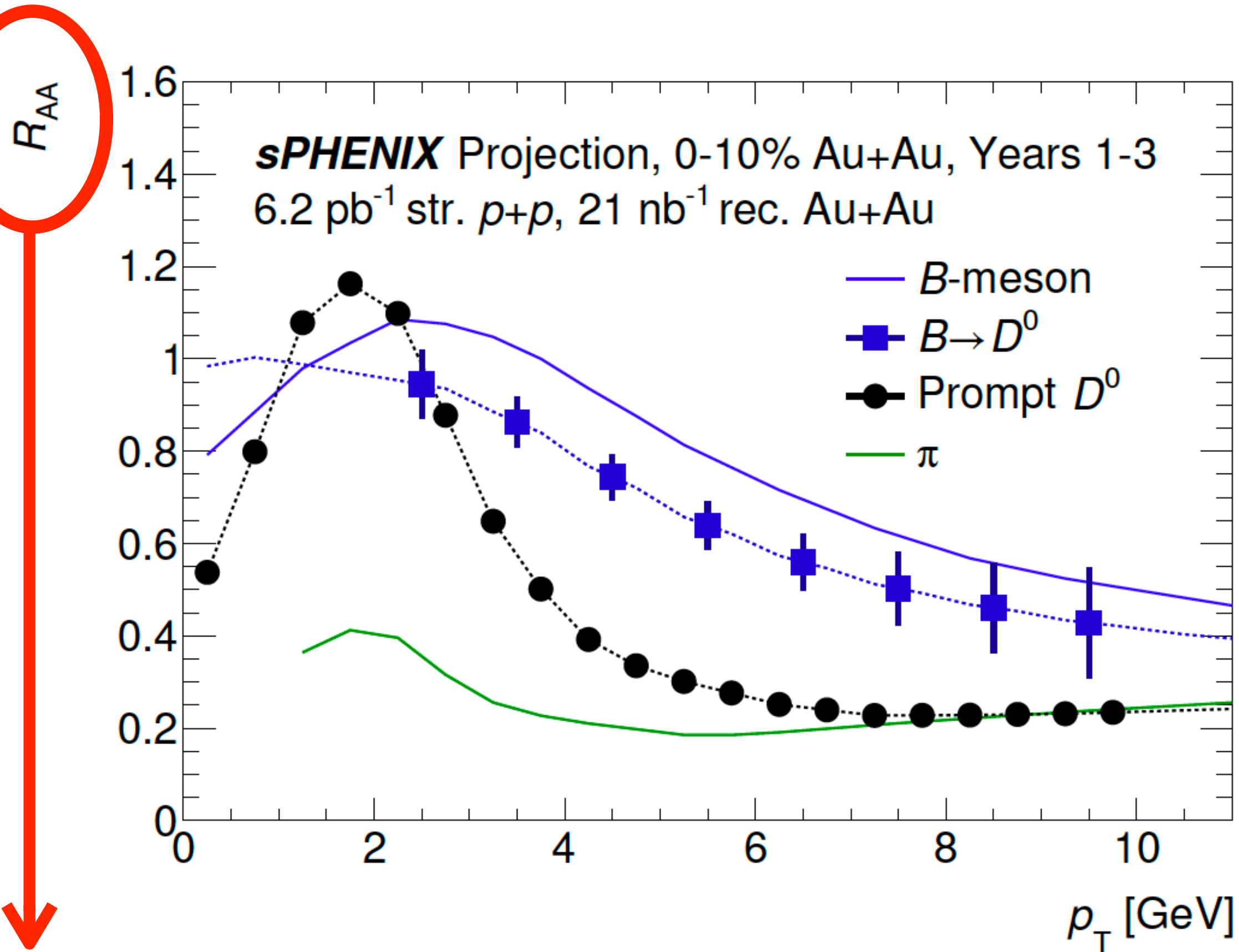
$p_T$ -dependence for most-central collisions



# Open heavy flavor via single hadrons and via jets

sPHENIX will enable precision bottom measurements at RHIC over broad kinematic range

**First b-jet tagging at RHIC**

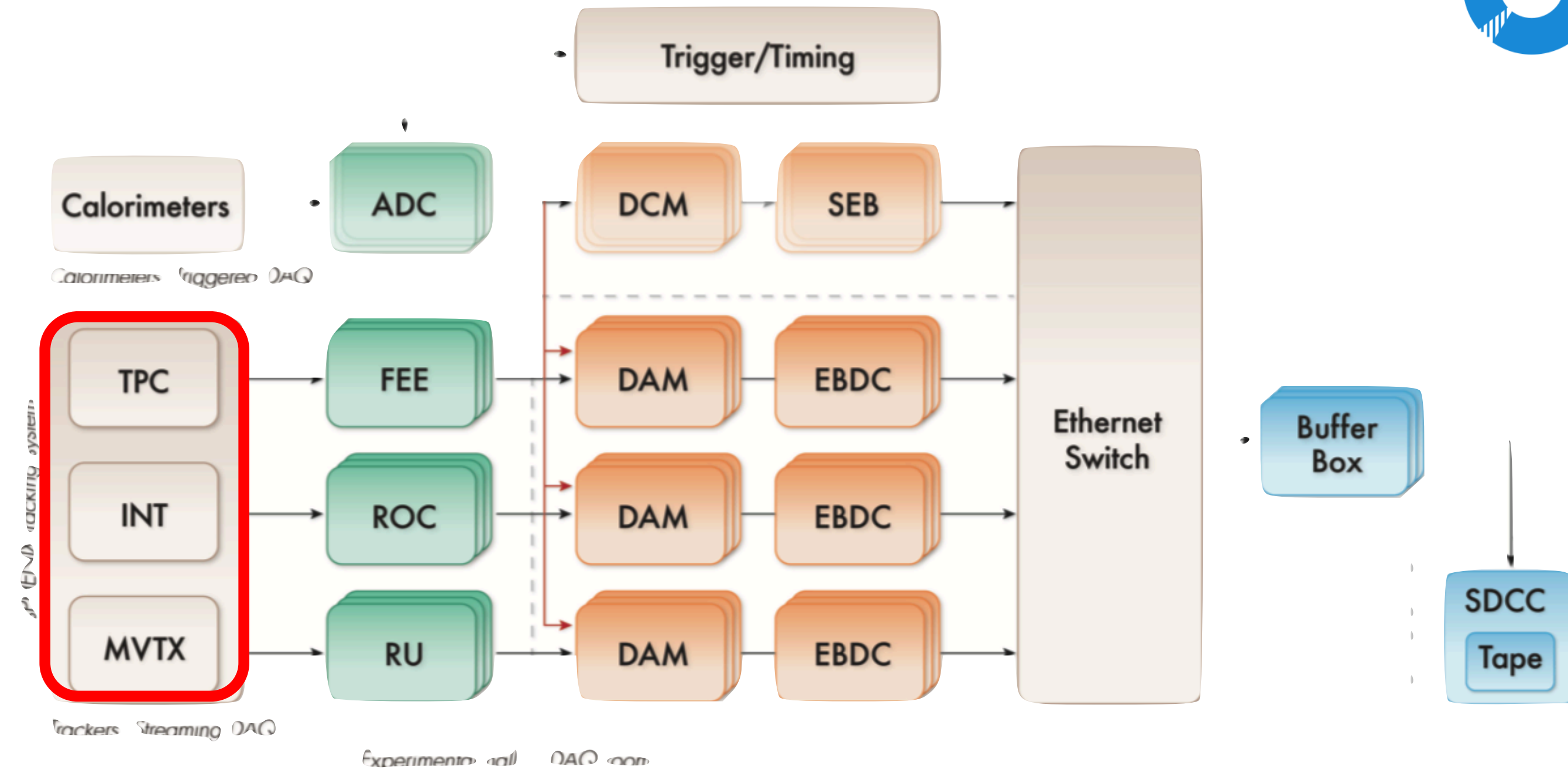


subtle point: low  $p_T$  HF isn't triggerable, challenge to get statistics in *pp* –  
 sPHENIX uses streaming readout of tracking detectors to do this



# Streaming readout means even better HF physics

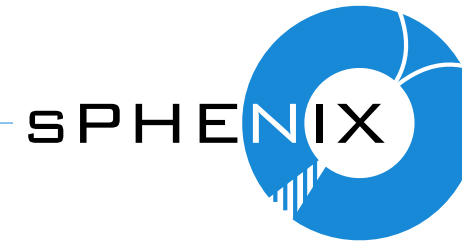
p+p collision statistics		Year-2024, triggered DAQ per-1kHz M.B. trigger	Year-2024, w/ str. tracker
M.B. p+p	Data Mode	Each 1k Hz M.B. trigger w/ $4 \times 10^{-4}$ of M.B. coll. triggered	10% M.B. events str. recorded
	Stats	1 Billion M.B. evts $0.026 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ recorded	250 Billion M.B. evts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



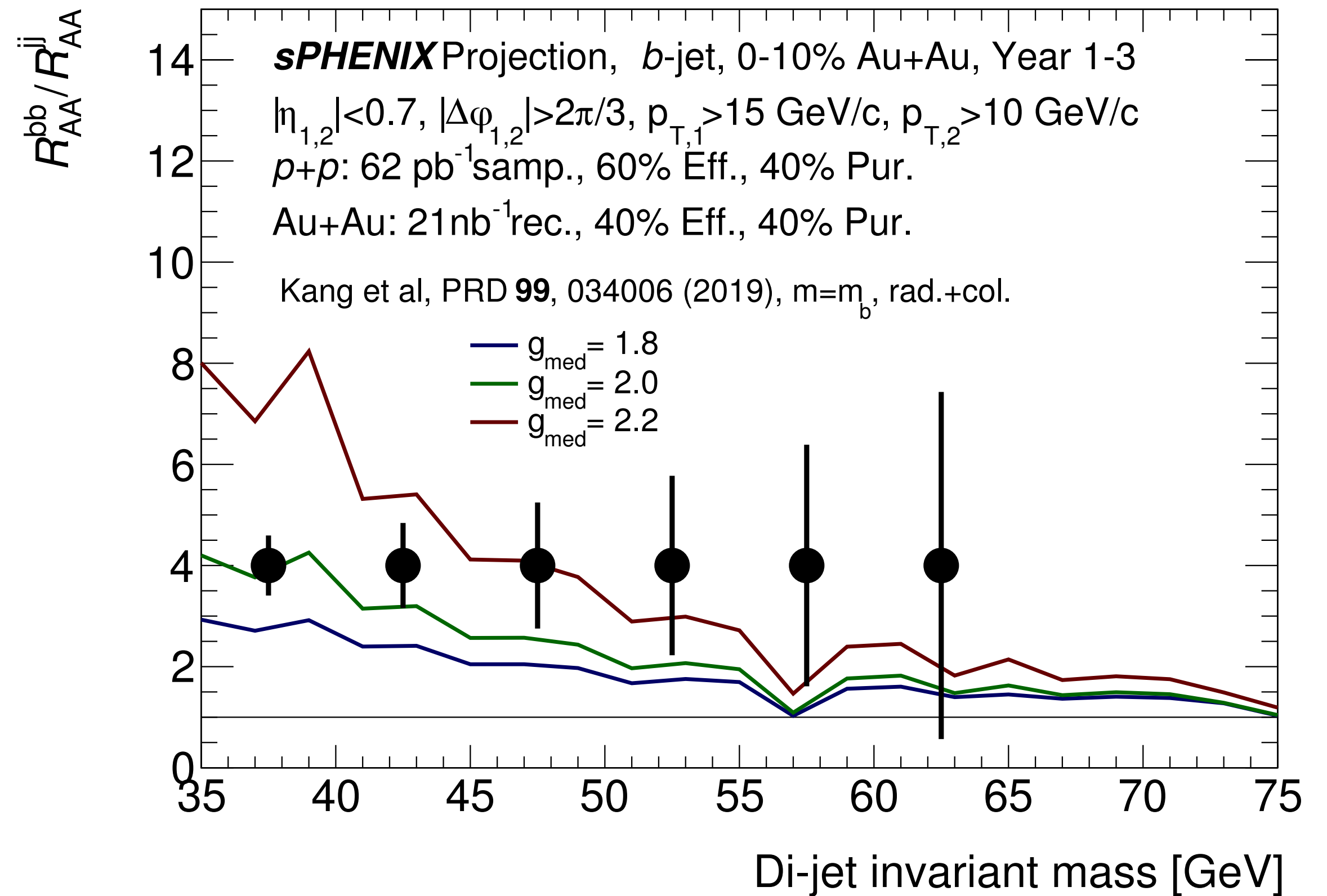
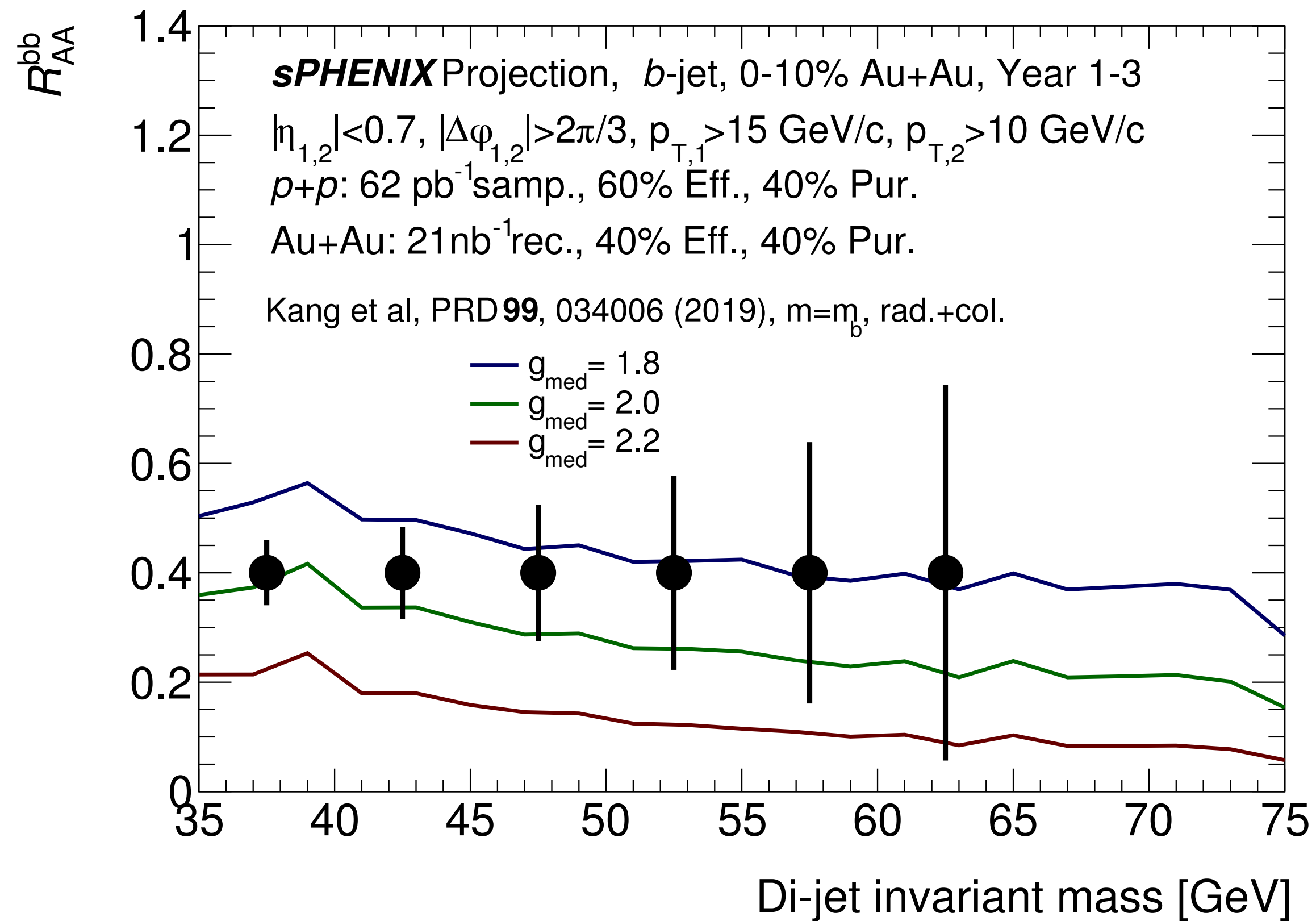
(co-host Jin Huang is the expert on this!)



# Di-b-jet increases sensitivity to physics



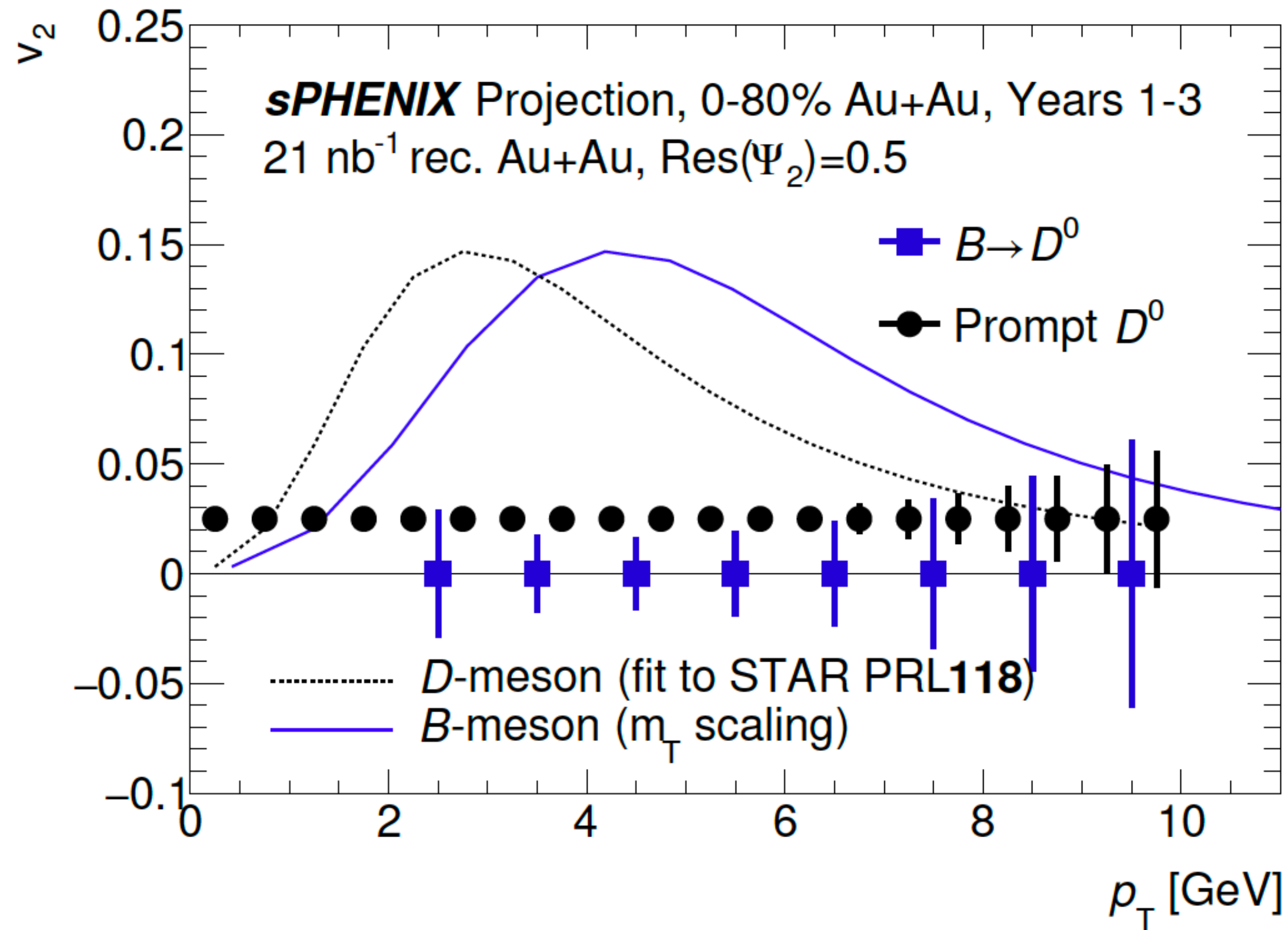
Another observable enabled by sPHENIX high rate DAQ + RHIC luminosity



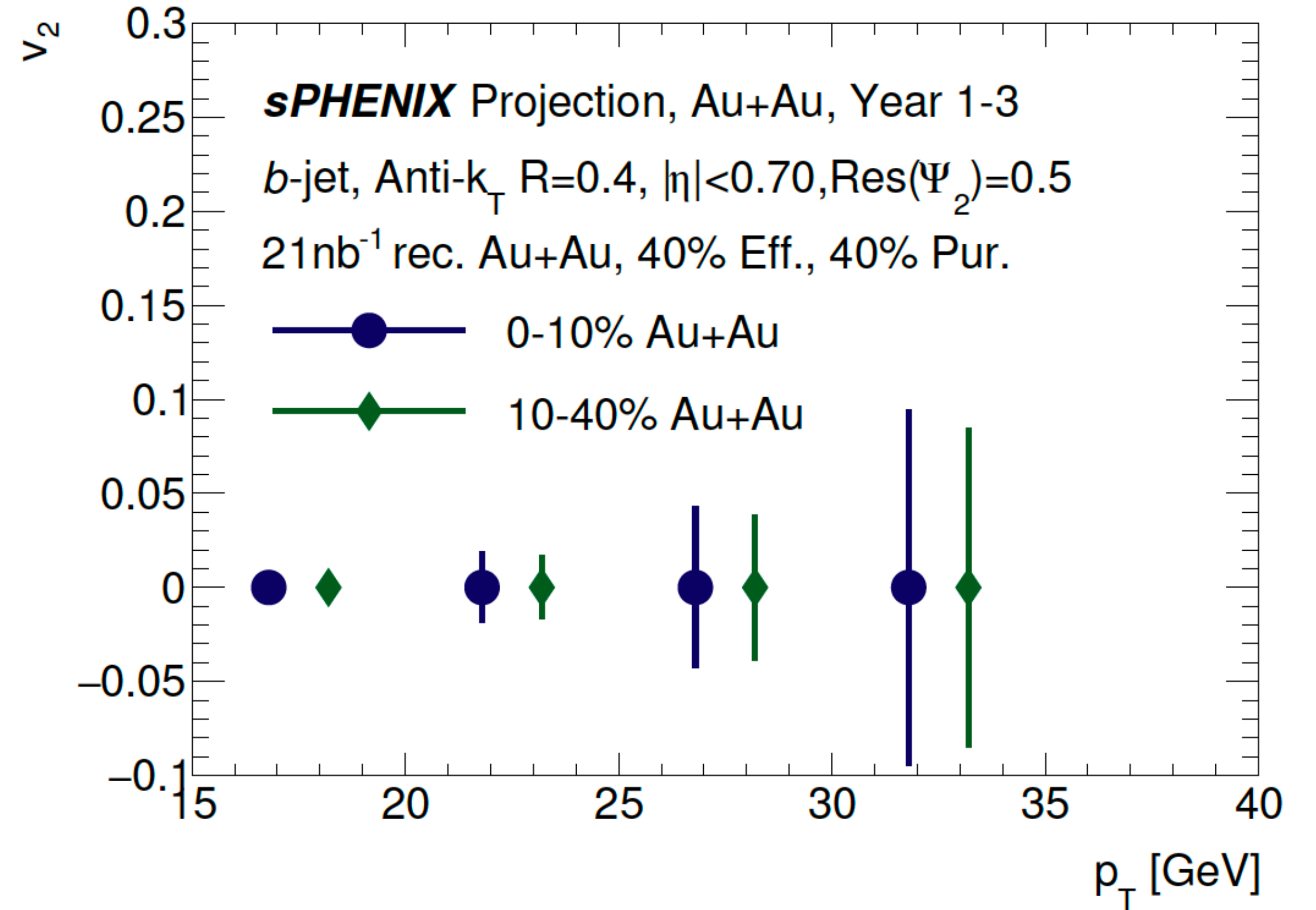
Zhong-Bo Kang, Jared Reiten, Ivan Vitev, and Boram Yoon. *Phys. Rev. D*, 99(3):034006, 2019



# Heavy flavor as a probe of collectivity, coupling in the medium



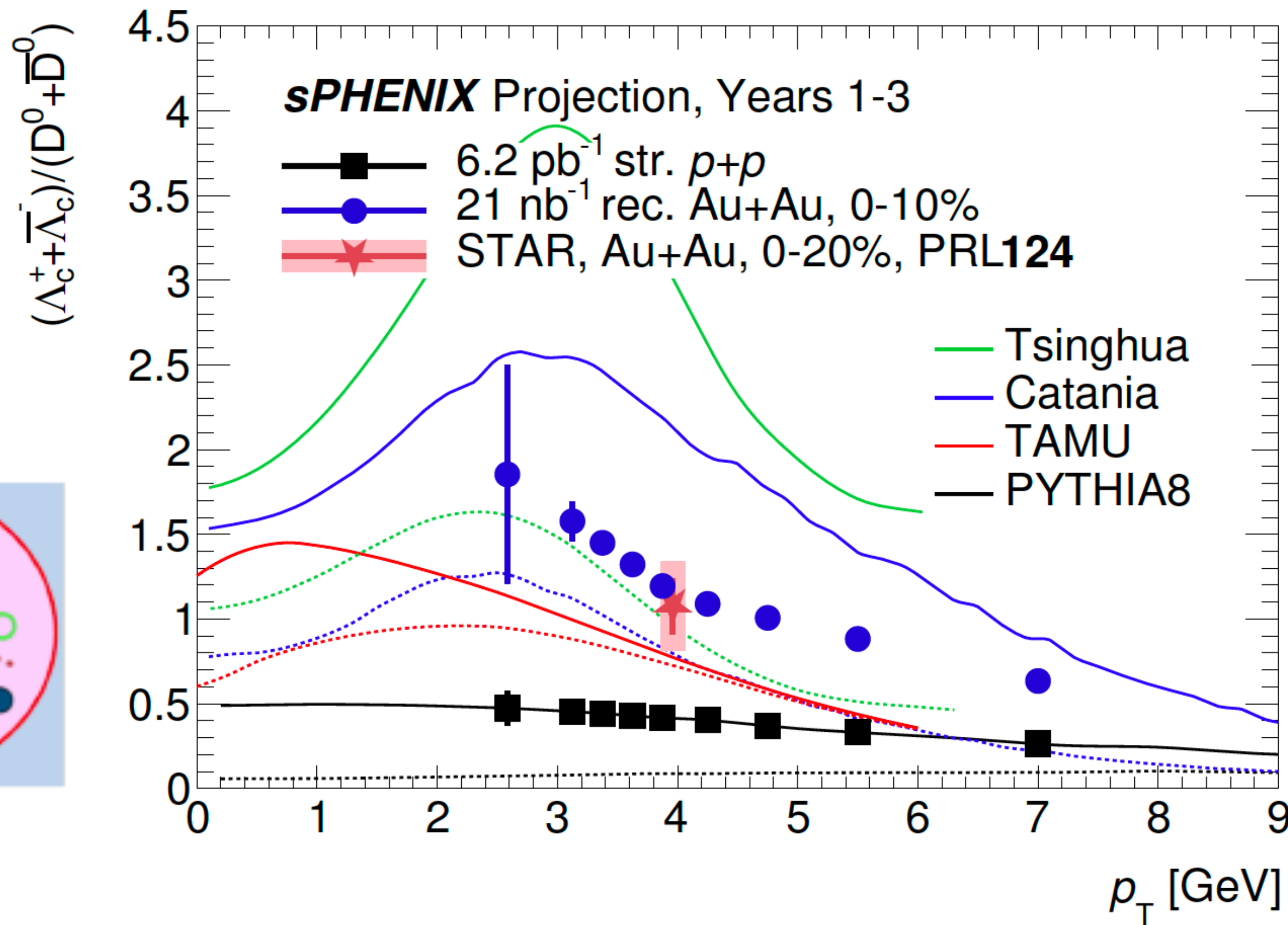
Probing the diffusion of the b-quark in the QGP



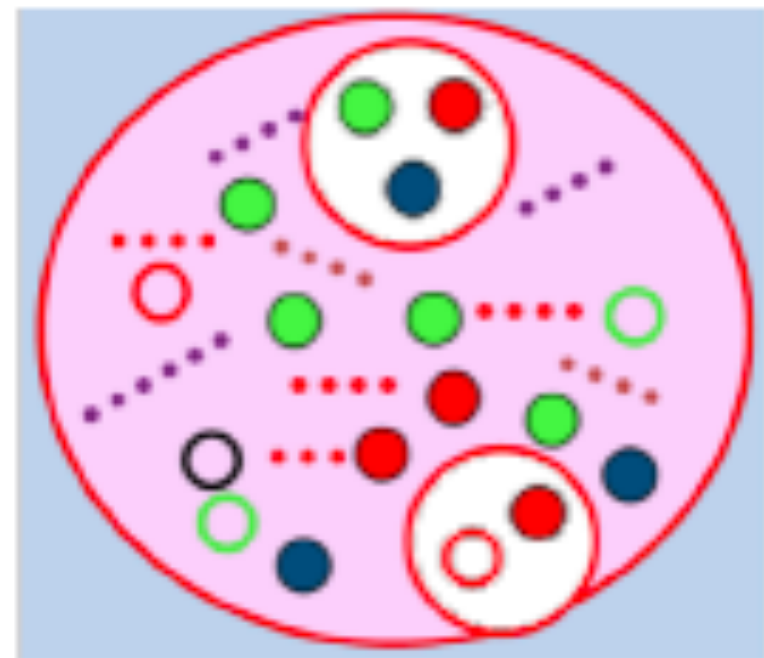
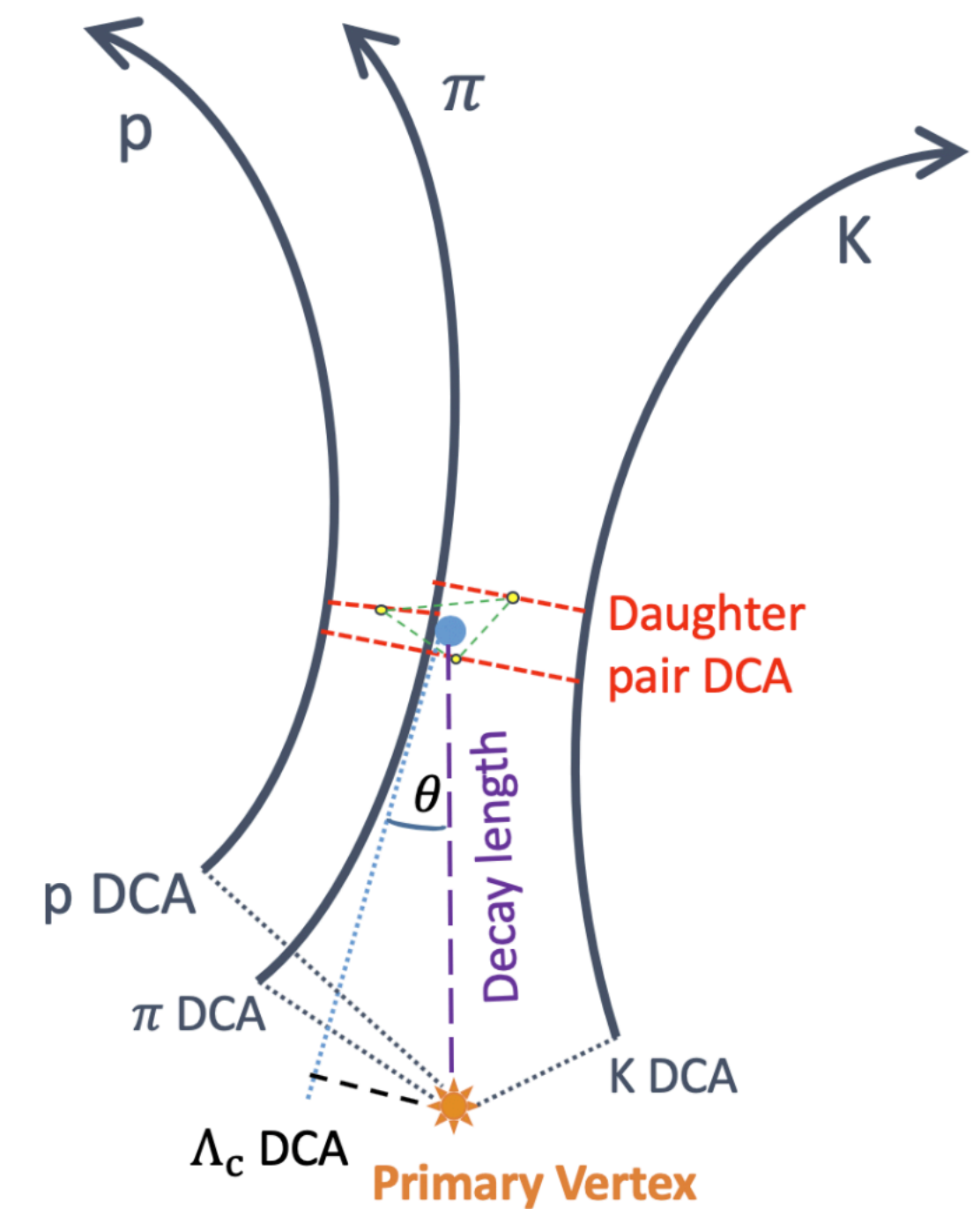
Probing the path-length differential energy loss of the b-quark



# Charm hadronization in the deconfined medium



Uses sophisticated multi-variate analysis methodology to use available information optimally



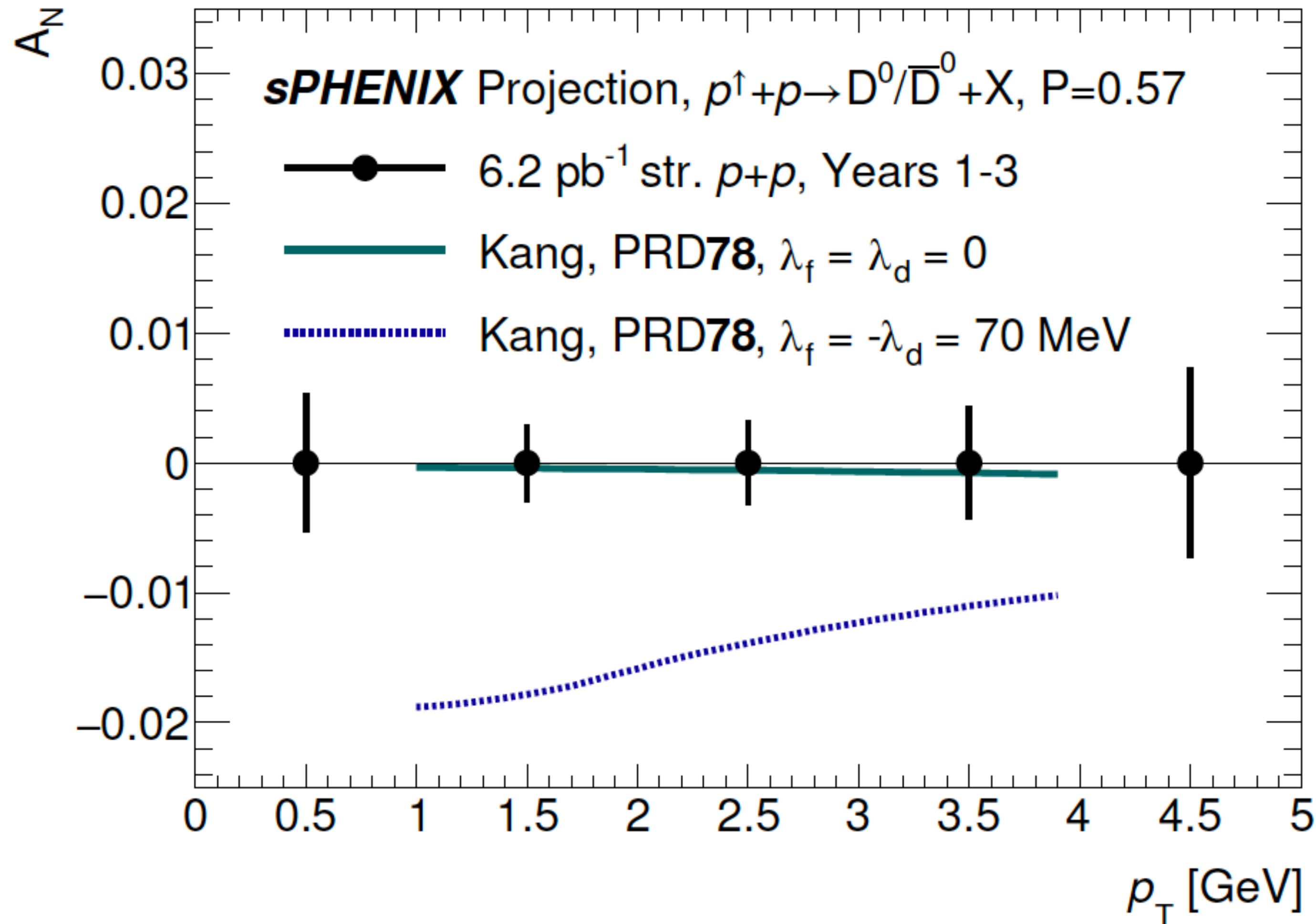
Min He, Ralf Rapp, "Hadronization and Charm-Hadron Ratios in Heavy-Ion Collisions", *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 124 (2020) 4, 042301

Jaroslav, Adam et al. First Measurement of  $\Lambda_c$  Baryon Production in Au+Au Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 124(17):172301, 2020.



## Gluon Sivers TMD

TSSA in direct- $\gamma$  and heavy-flavor production



Zhong-Bo Kang, Jian-Wei Qiu, Werner Vogelsang, and Feng Yuan. “Accessing tri-gluon correlations in the nucleon via the single spin asymmetry in open charm production.” *Phys. Rev. D*, 78:114013, 2008



# sPHENIX run plan 2023 – 2025



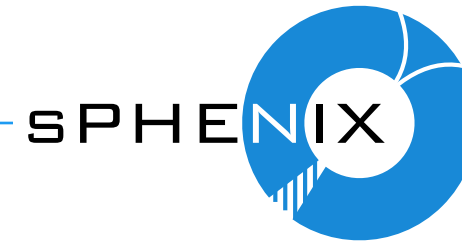
Year	Species	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]	Cryo Weeks	Physics Weeks	Rec. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm	Samp. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm
2023	Au+Au	200	24 (28)	9 (13)	3.7 (5.7) nb <sup>-1</sup>	4.5 (6.9) nb <sup>-1</sup>
2024	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$	200	24 (28)	12 (16)	0.3 (0.4) pb <sup>-1</sup> [5 kHz] 4.5 (6.2) pb <sup>-1</sup>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

Key transverse polarized  
 $p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$ ,  $p^\uparrow Au$  data sets

141 billion Au+Au events with  $|z| < 10$  cm recorded



# sPHENIX as a path to EIC? A number of possible answers.



- Physics connections – e.g., measurements in spin polarized pp and pA, can seed interactions with theory community prior to EIC; validation of saturation picture of initial state in AA in EIC can inform RHIC analyses
- Equipment and infrastructure – e.g., BaBar solenoid, flux return, carriage, cryogenic connection to RHIC, gas mixing and handling facilities, electronics (e.g., ATLAS FELIX), select detectors
- Data acquisition – streaming readout infrastructure capable of handling EIC needs
- Software – battle-tested framework, simulations with full GEANT and highly performant track reconstruction (based on ATLAS ACTS code), increasing number of EIC specific detectors, KFParticle for state-of-the-art topological decay reconstruction, sophisticated jet structure analysis, b/c-jet tagging
- Collaboration – many sPHENIX institutions identify EIC as key reason for joining



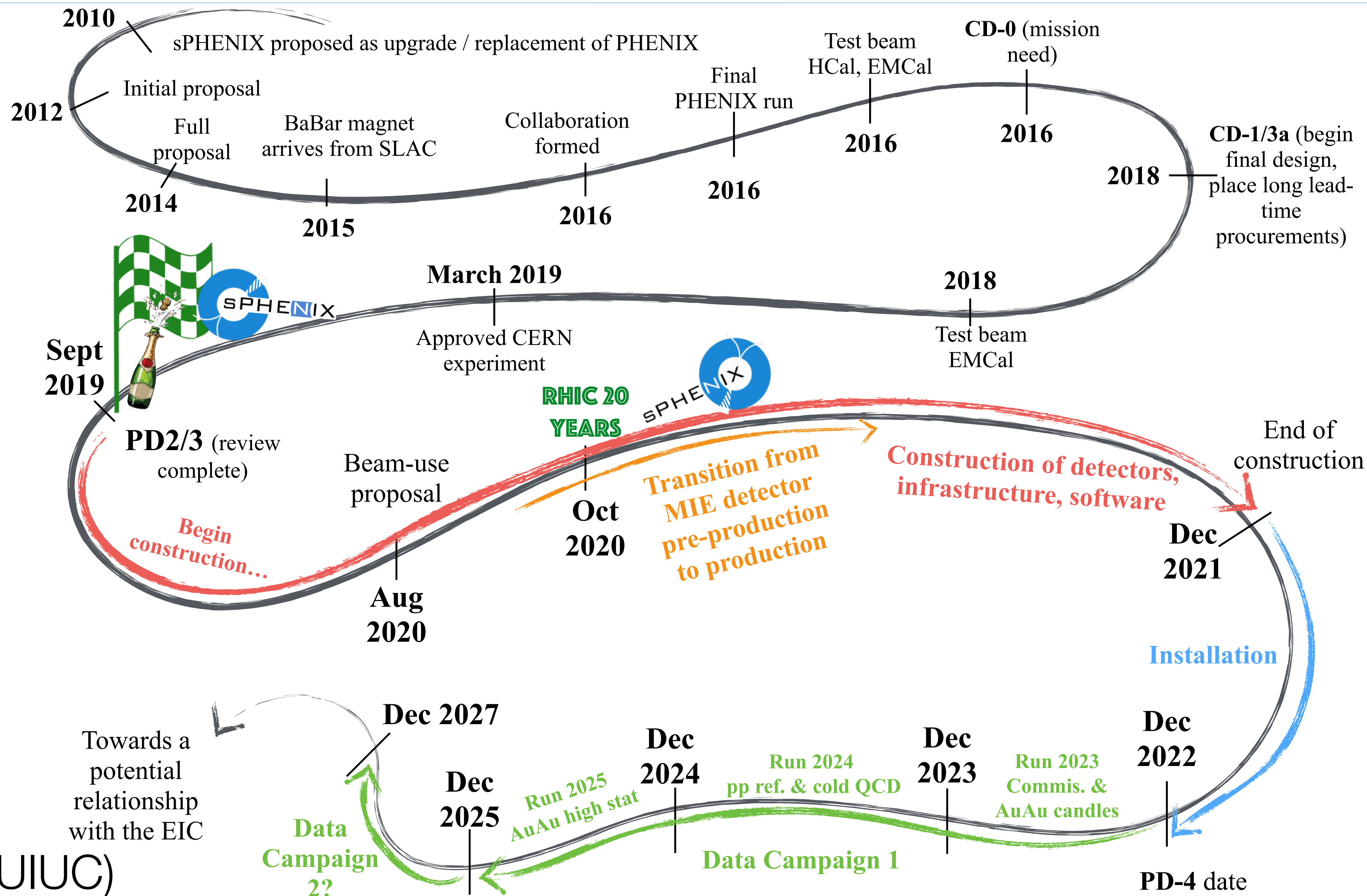
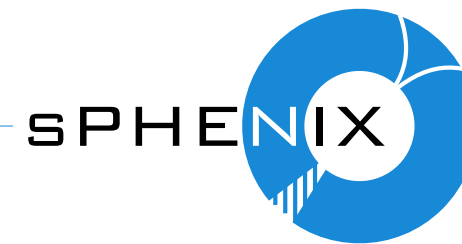
# An EIC detector project will be more complex than sPHENIX



- EIC detector: many more sub-detectors than sPHENIX (x3?), more hermetic, more tightly integrated with accelerator
- In comparison, sPHENIX has had it easy! Still ...
  - PHENIX “removal and repurposing”: summer 2016 to summer 2019 (with interruptions): three years
  - BaBar solenoid acceptance: early 2015 to early 2018: three years
  - cryogenic hookup to RHIC: three years of design, procurement, installation
  - beam tests in support of directed R&D: three years
  - optimization of silicon pixel and silicon strip detector configuration: summer 2018 to summer 2019: one year



# sPHENIX: a short history & plan



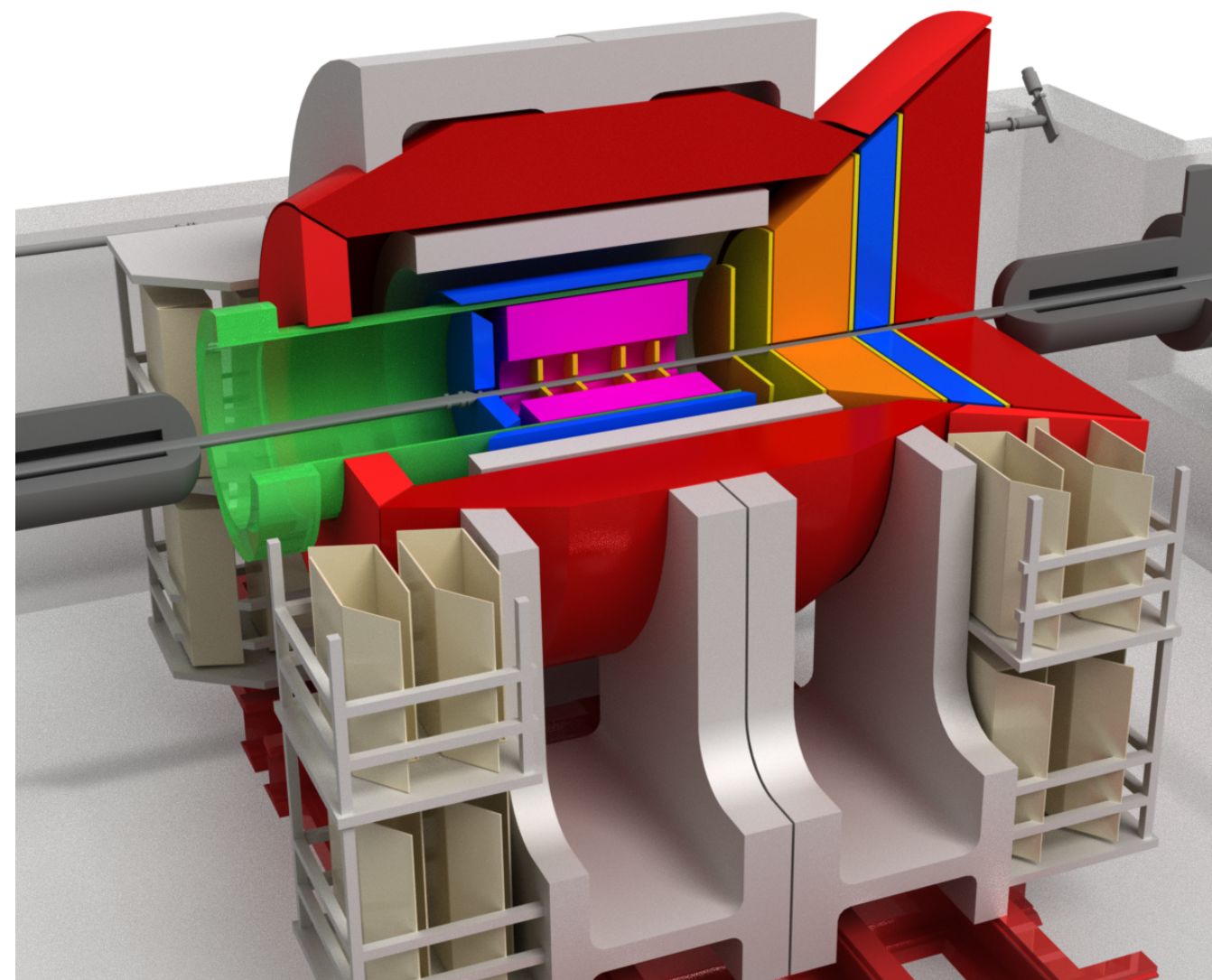
C. Riedl (UIUC)



# Have there been studies?

## Concept for an Electron Ion Collider (EIC) detector built around the BaBar solenoid

arXiv:1402.1209v1 [nucl-ex] 5 Feb 2014



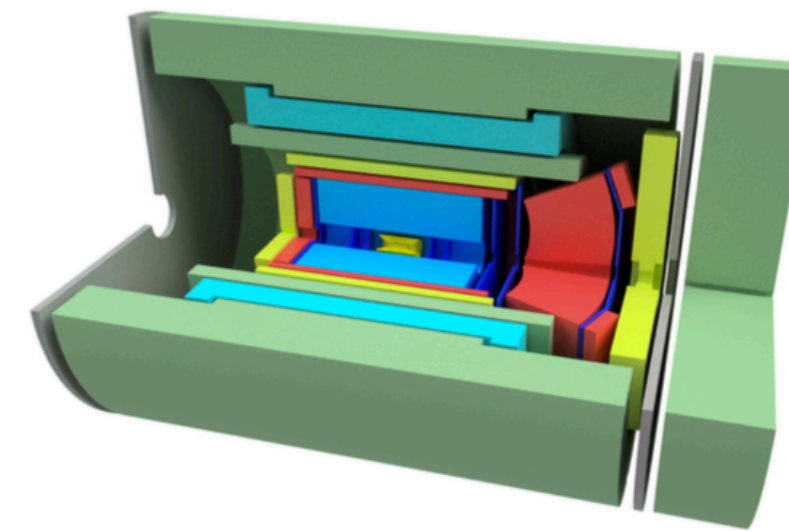
The PHENIX Collaboration  
February 3, 2014

2014

sPHENIX-note sPH-cQCD-2018-001

## An EIC Detector Built Around The sPHENIX Solenoid

A Detector Design Study



Christine Aidala, Alexander Bazilevsky, Giorgian Borca-Tasciuc, Nils Feege, Enrique Gamez, Yuji Goto, Xiaochun He, Jin Huang, Athira K V, John Lajoie, Gregory Matousek, Kara Mattioli, Pawel Nadel-Turonski, Cynthia Nunez, Joseph Osborn, Carlos Perez, Ralf Seidl, Desmond Shangase, Paul Stankus, Xu Sun, Jinlong Zhang

For the EIC Detector Study Group  
and the sPHENIX Collaboration

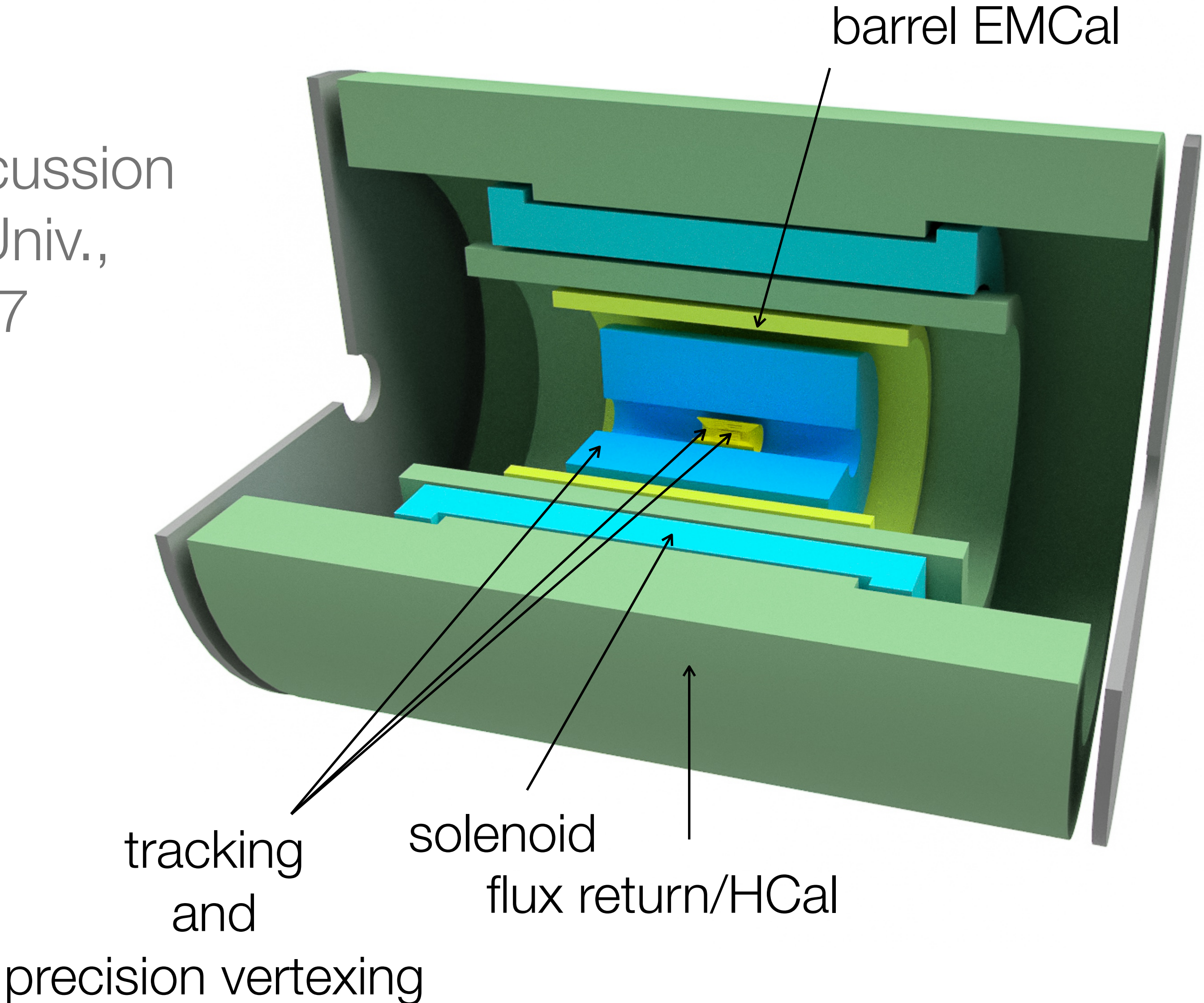
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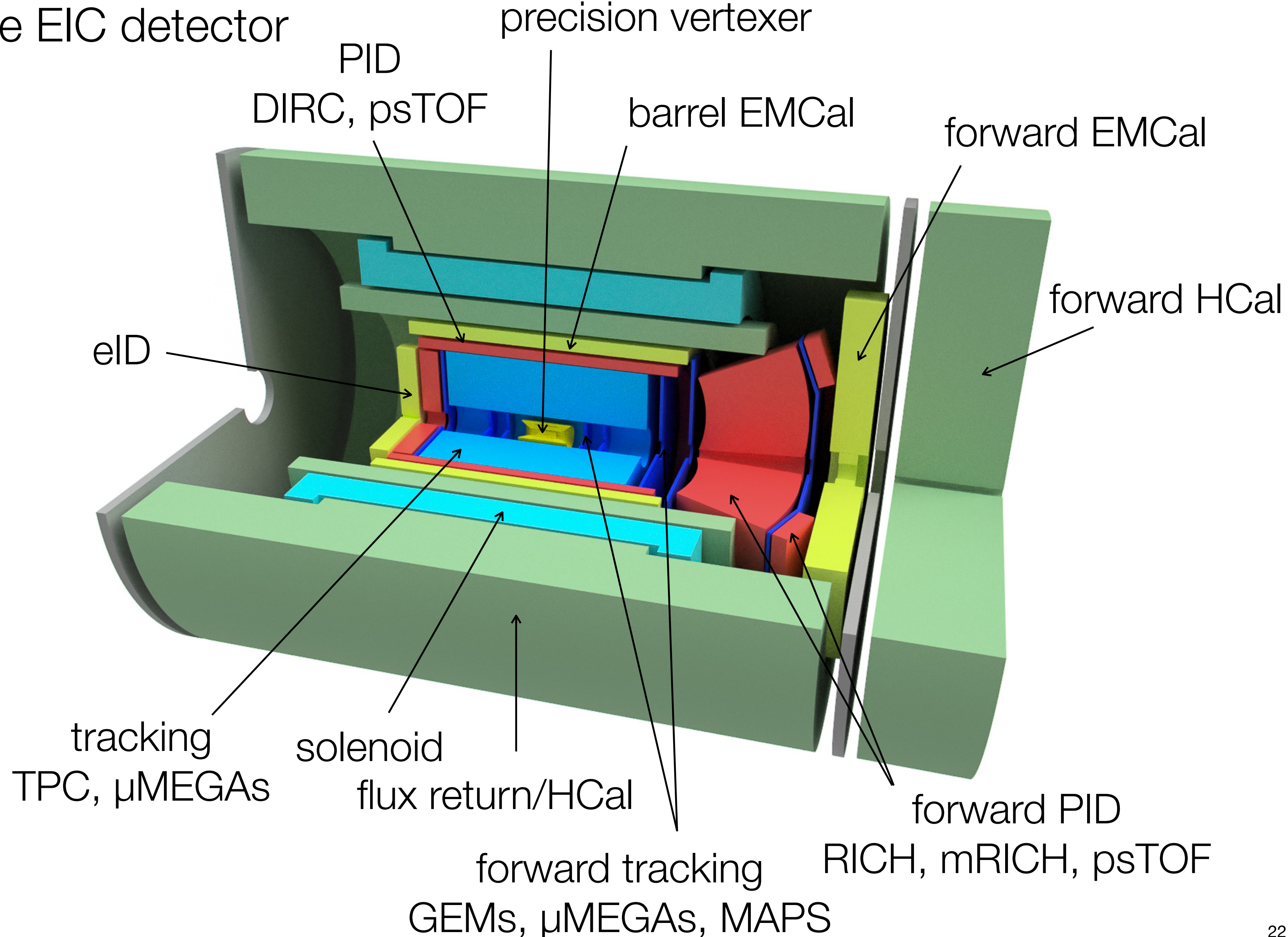
# sPHENIX detector

EICUG Detector Discussion Meeting, Temple Univ., November 2017



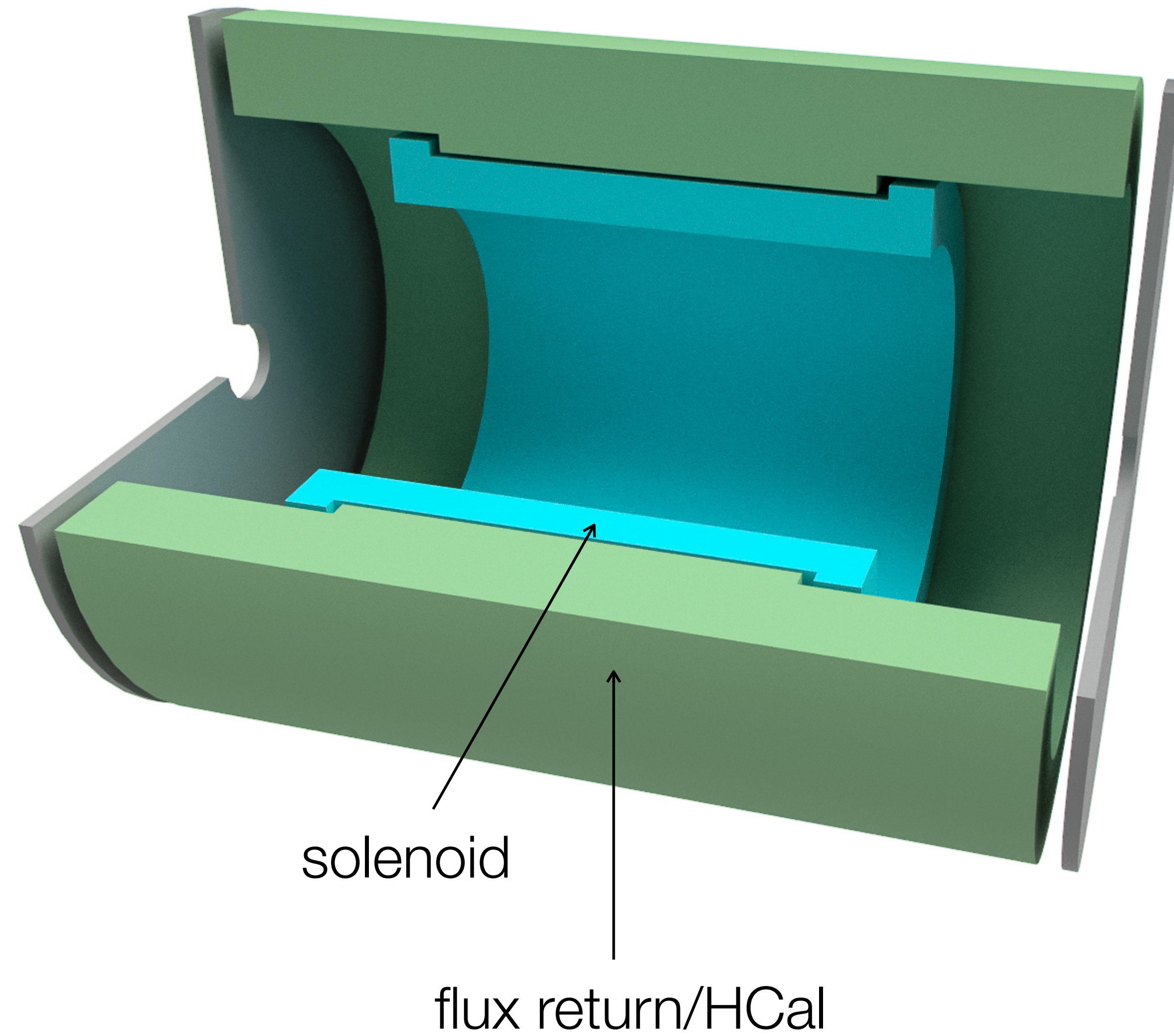


Evolved to a possible EIC detector



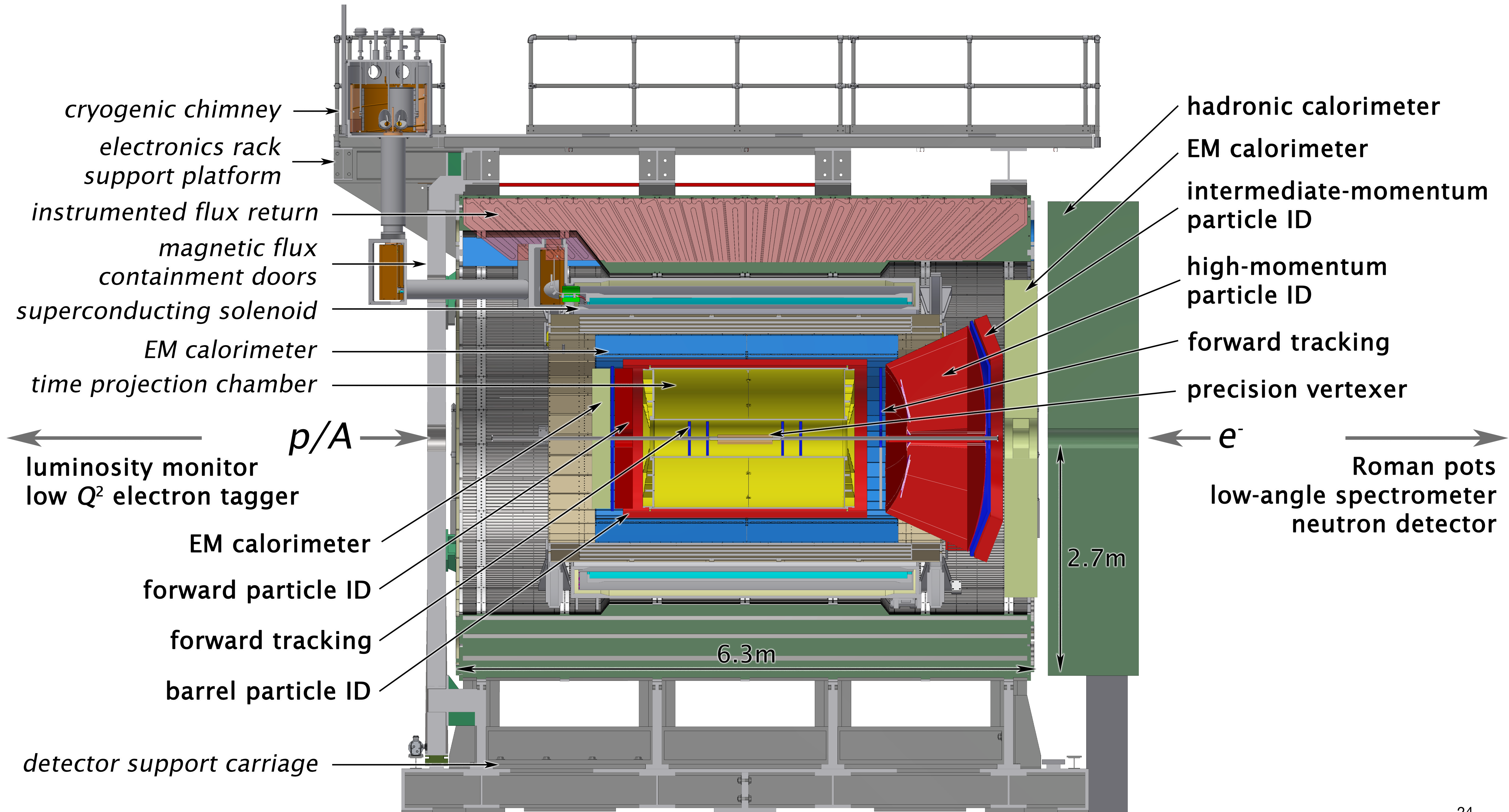


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cf. later presentation by Xin Dong on silicon tracker

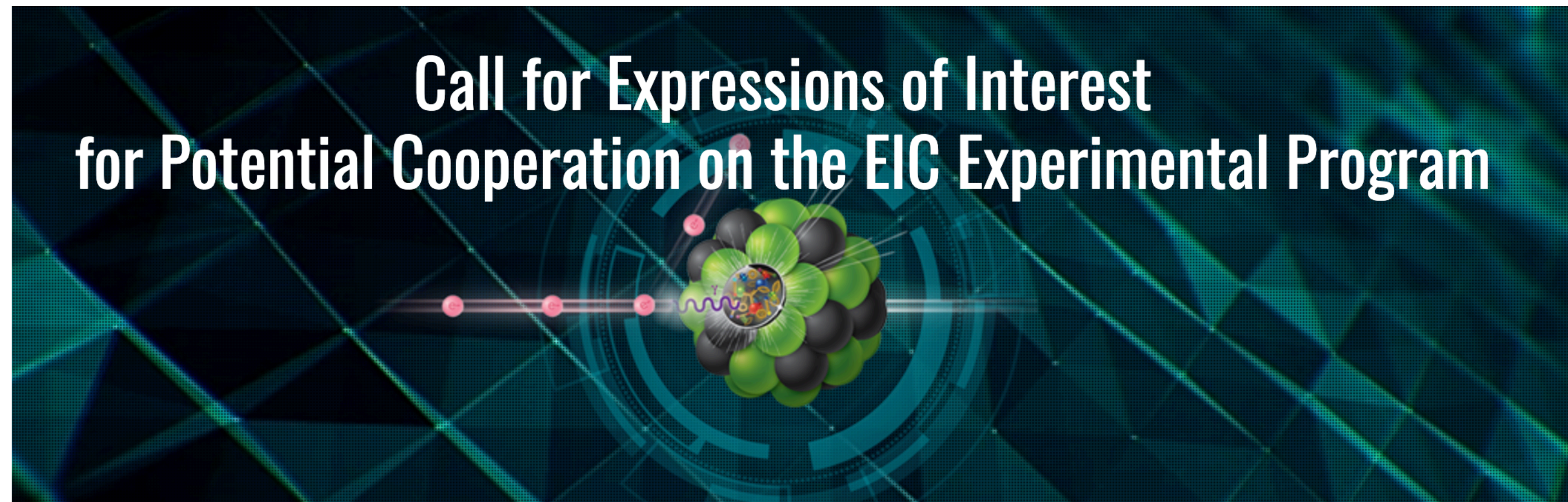








<https://indico.bnl.gov/event/8552/contributions/43193/>



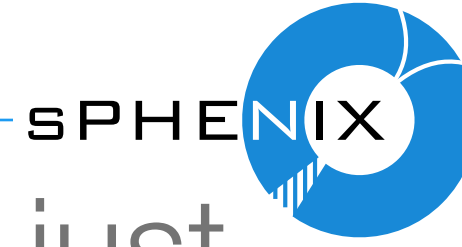
Focus: selectively repurpose equipment and infrastructure at EIC IP8 to realize a fully capable EIC detector ready to deliver science when the accelerator delivers collisions

AANL/Armenia, Academia Sinica/Taiwan, BGU/Israel, BNL, CU Boulder, CUA, Charles U./Prague, Columbia, FIU, GWU, GSU, IJCLab-Orsay/France, ISU, JLab, Kentucky, LANL, LLNL, Lehigh, MIT, National Cheng Kung University/Taiwan, National Central University/Taiwan, National Taiwan University/Taiwan, National Tsing Hua University/Taiwan, ODU, Ohio University, ORNL, Rice, Rutgers, SBU, TAU/Israel, UConn, UIUC, UNH, UVA, Vanderbilt, Wayne State, and WI/Israel.



# Summary

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- Heavy flavor is a major component of the sPHENIX science program – not just in “hot” QCD but also in pp and pA
- Excellent magnet – still in its youth! – and detectors, many based on LHC developments provide capabilities for array of HF observables
- High luminosity from RHIC is matched by the high rate sPHENIX DAQ
- Heavy flavor simulations, analyses, and software can be used by the community
- sPHENIX and its extensive infrastructure potentially provide an advanced starting point for realizing an EIC detector