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HEAVY FLAVOR AND QUARKONIA PHYSICS AT SPHENIX

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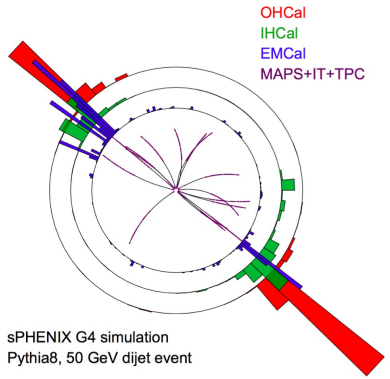
Overview

- sPHENIX Physics Program and Detectors
- Heavy Flavor (HF) and Quarkonia Physics Motivation and Projections
- Recent Studies and Results
- Assembly and Installation Progress
- Summary

sPHENIX Physics Program

- Next generation of RHIC detectors
- Detailed study of:
  - Quark-Gluon Plasma produced at RHIC
  - Parton energy loss and structure
  - Mass dependent energy loss
- p+p, p+Au, Au+Au collisions

Jets and Photons



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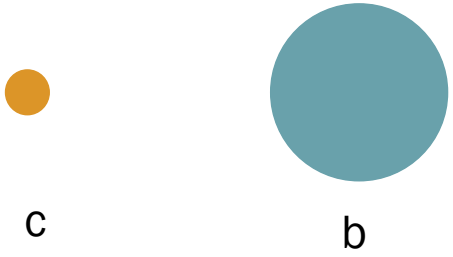

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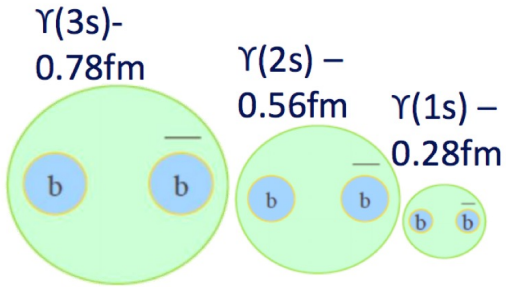

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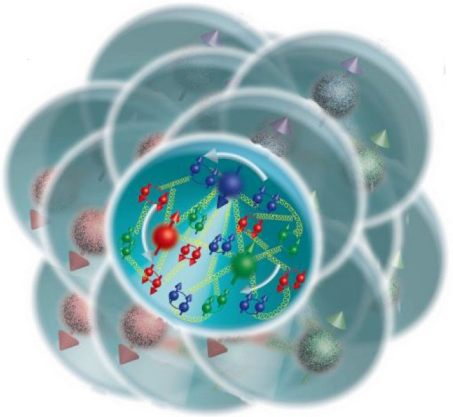
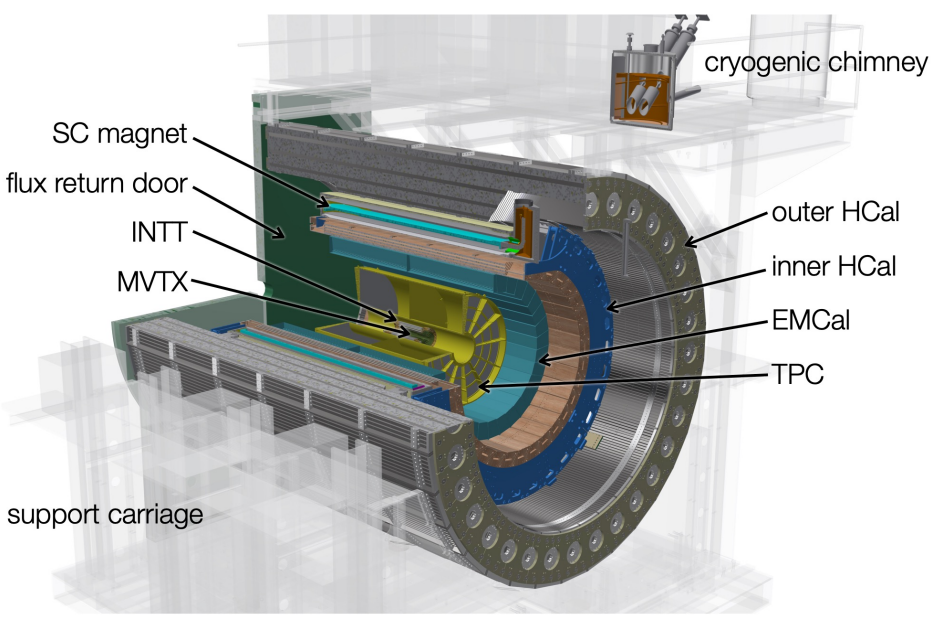


sPHENIX Detector



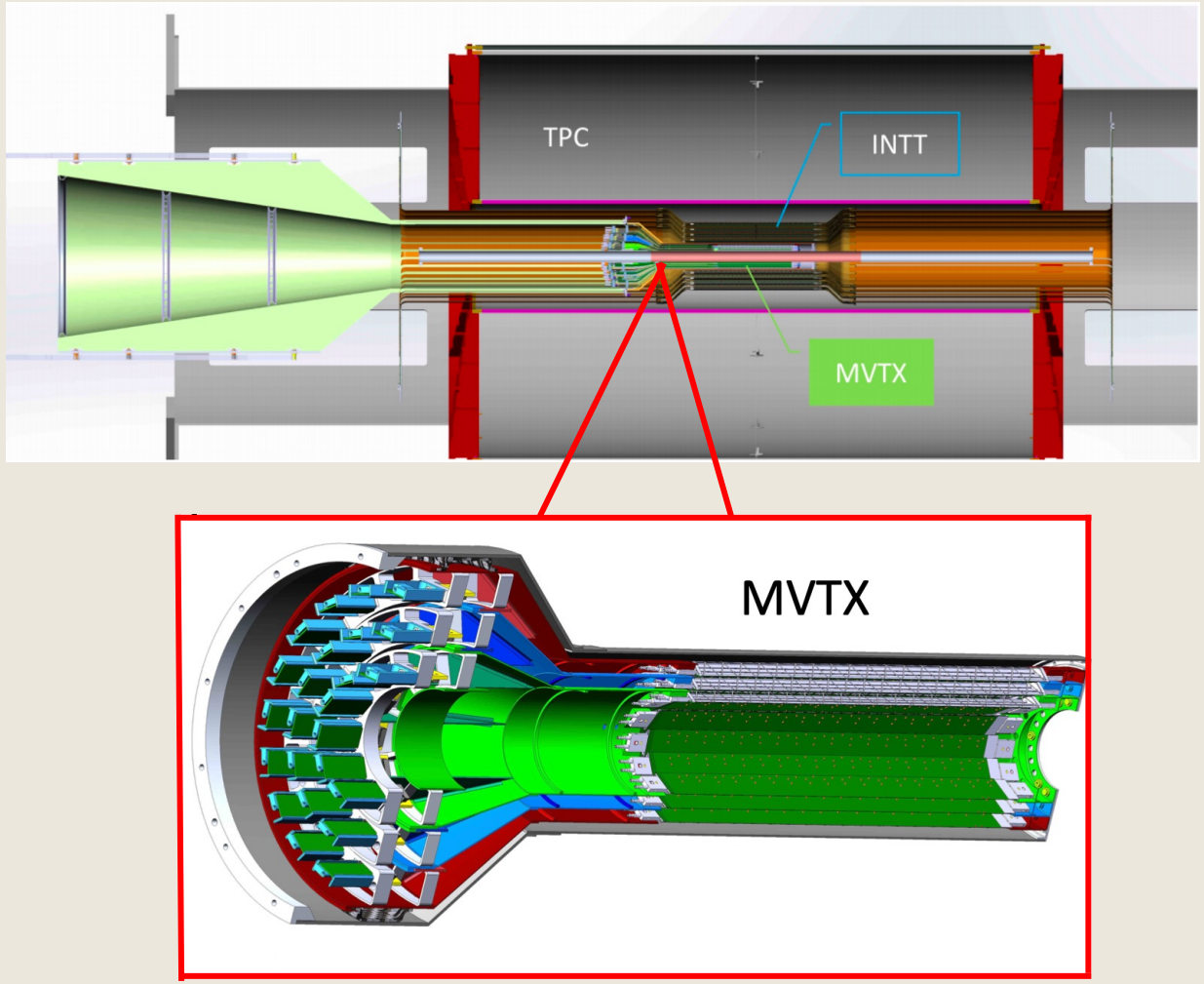
- 1.4 T solenoidal B field
- 15 kHz Trigger plus streaming readout events
- $|\eta| \leq 1.1$
- Full 2π azimuthal coverage

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

sPHENIX Beam Use Proposal,2021.

Tracking Detectors

- MAPS-based micro-VerTeX detector (MVTX):
  - *30 μm pitch MAPS pixels*
  - *3 layers, 2.3 cm < r < 3.9 cm*
  - *~ 5 μm space point precision each*
- INTermediate silicon strip Tracker (INTT):
  - *4 layers, 6 < r < 12 cm*
  - *Pitch 78 μm*
  - *Fast enough to resolve one beam crossing*



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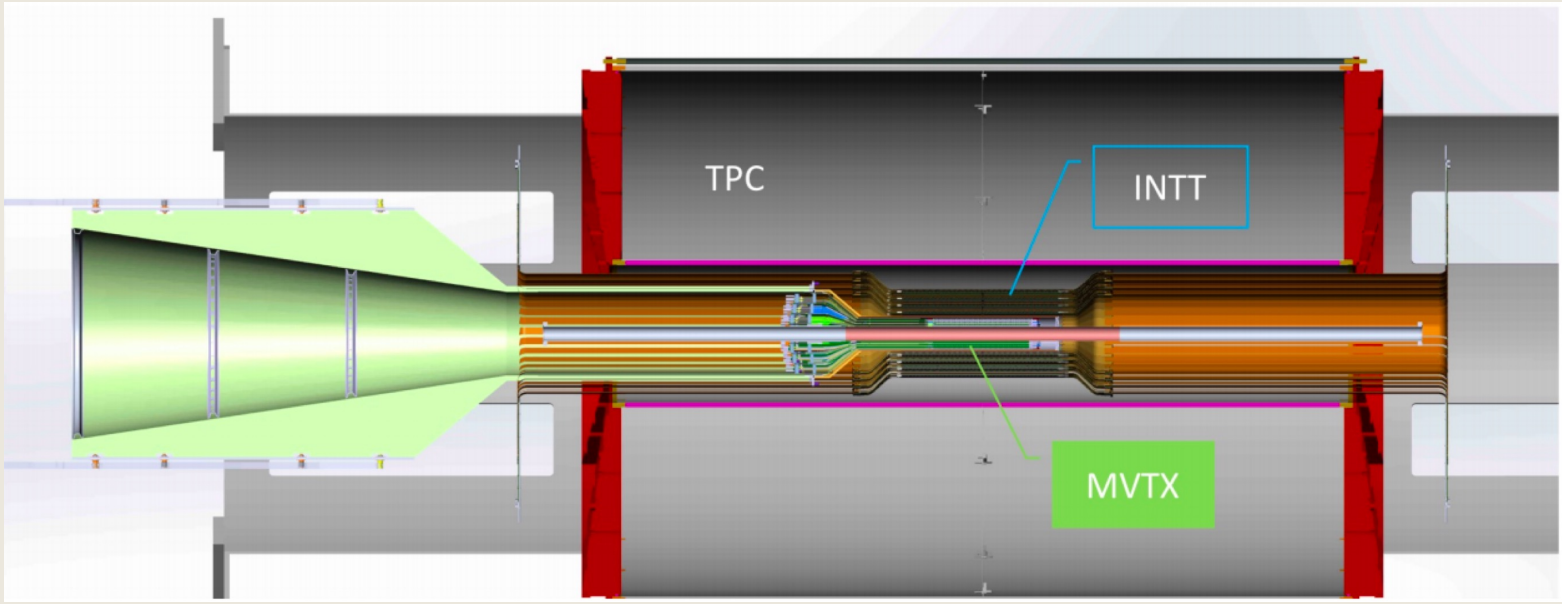
Tracking Detectors

- Time Projection Chamber (TPC):
  - *90:10 Ne-CF4 gas*
  - *8 cm/μs electron drift velocity*
  - *48 layers, 30 < r < 78 cm*
  - *Δp/p ~ 1% at 5 GeV/c*



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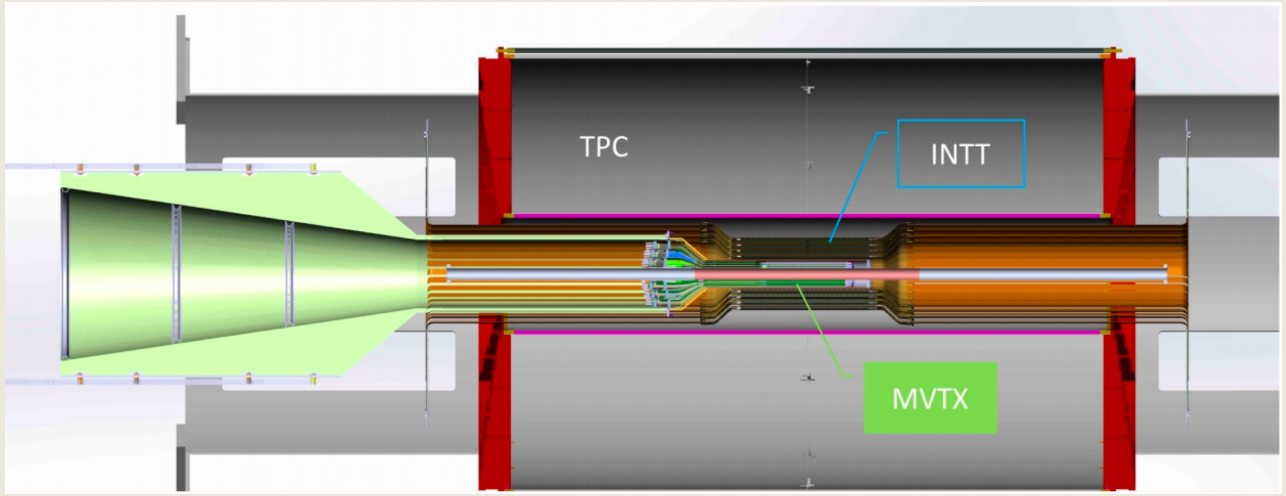
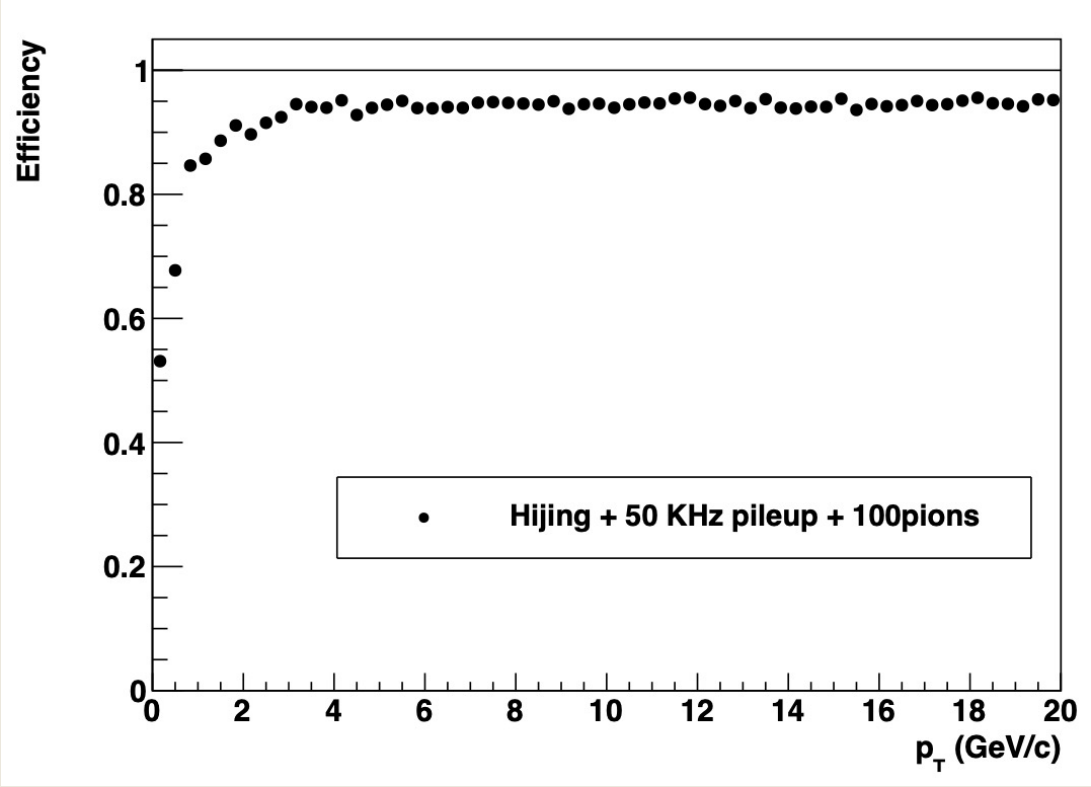
Recent Progress in Tracking Performance





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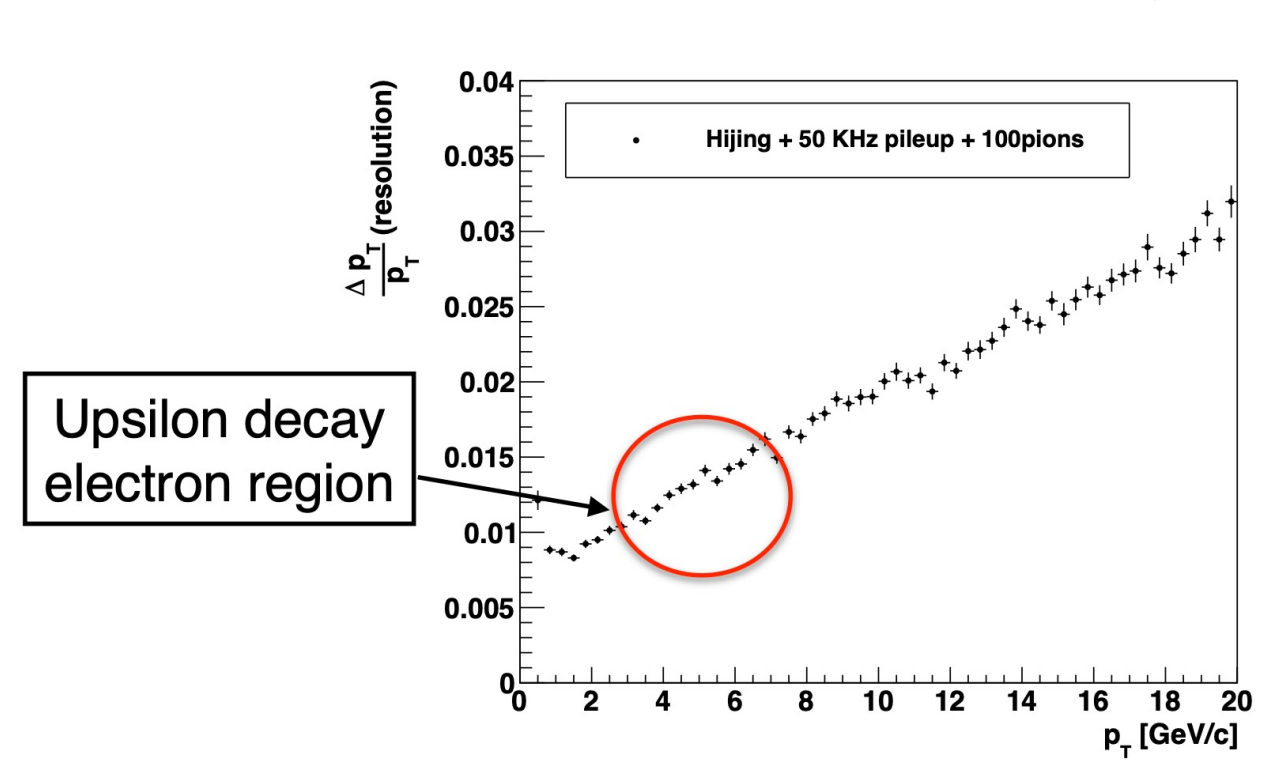

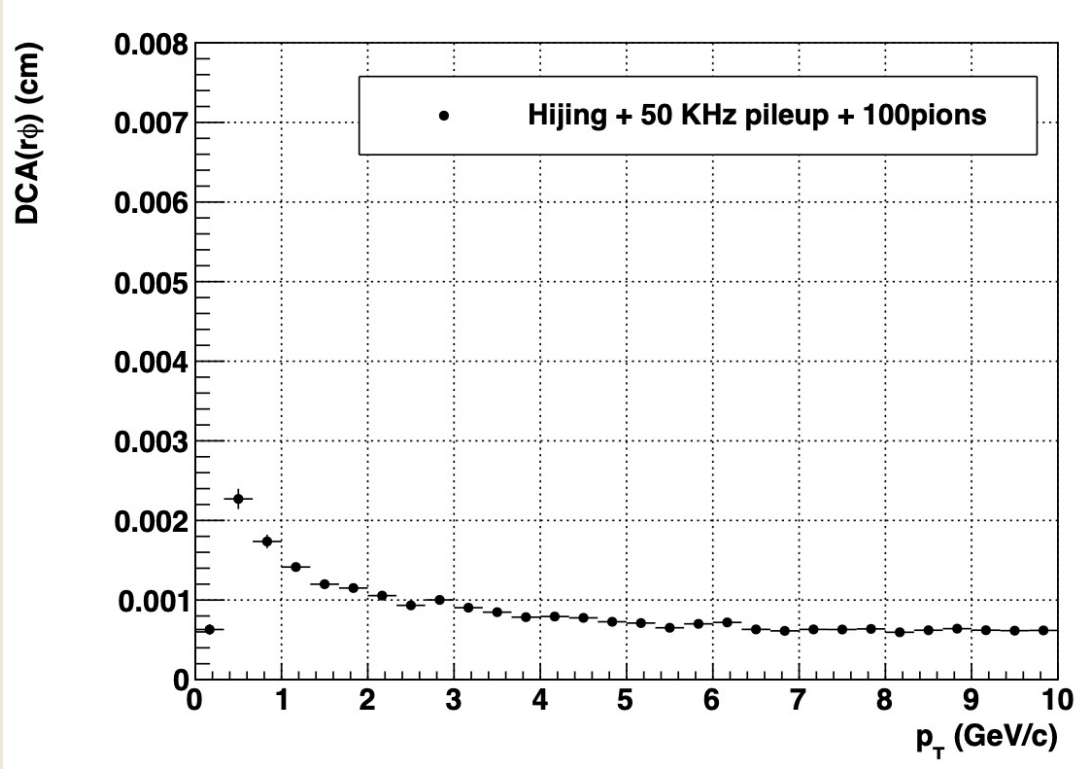

Implementation of TPC clustering designed to handle overlaps should further improve efficiency and pT resolution

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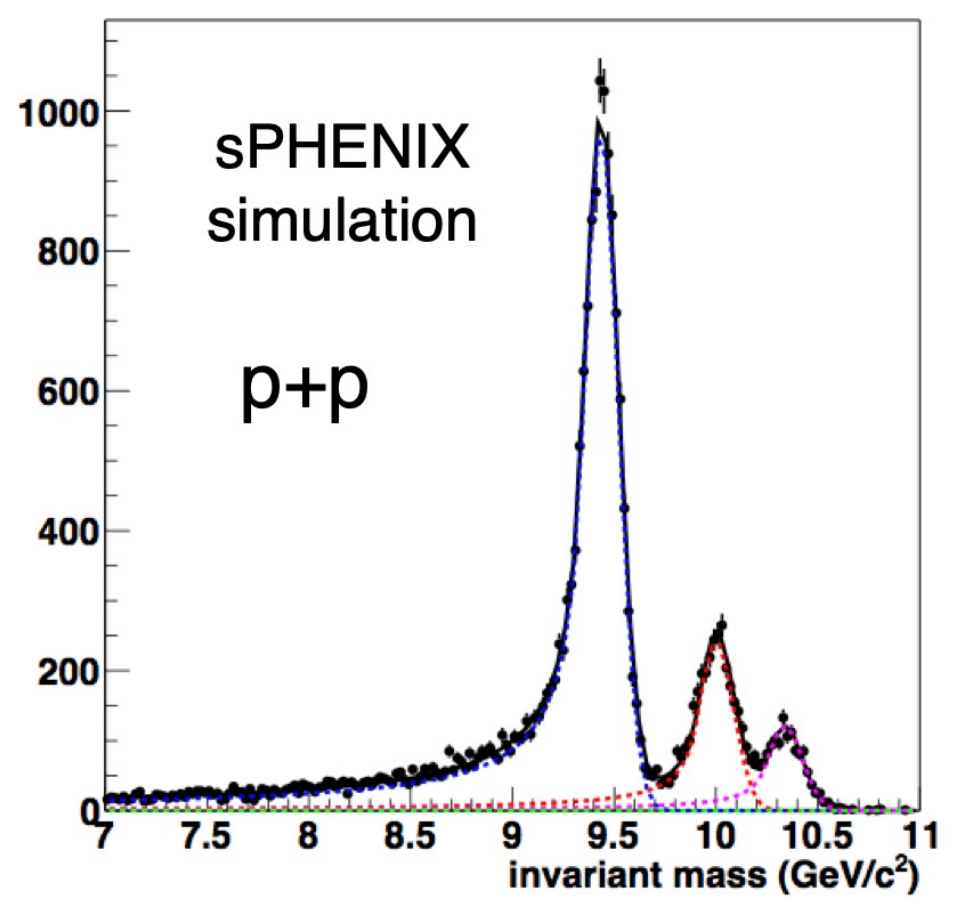
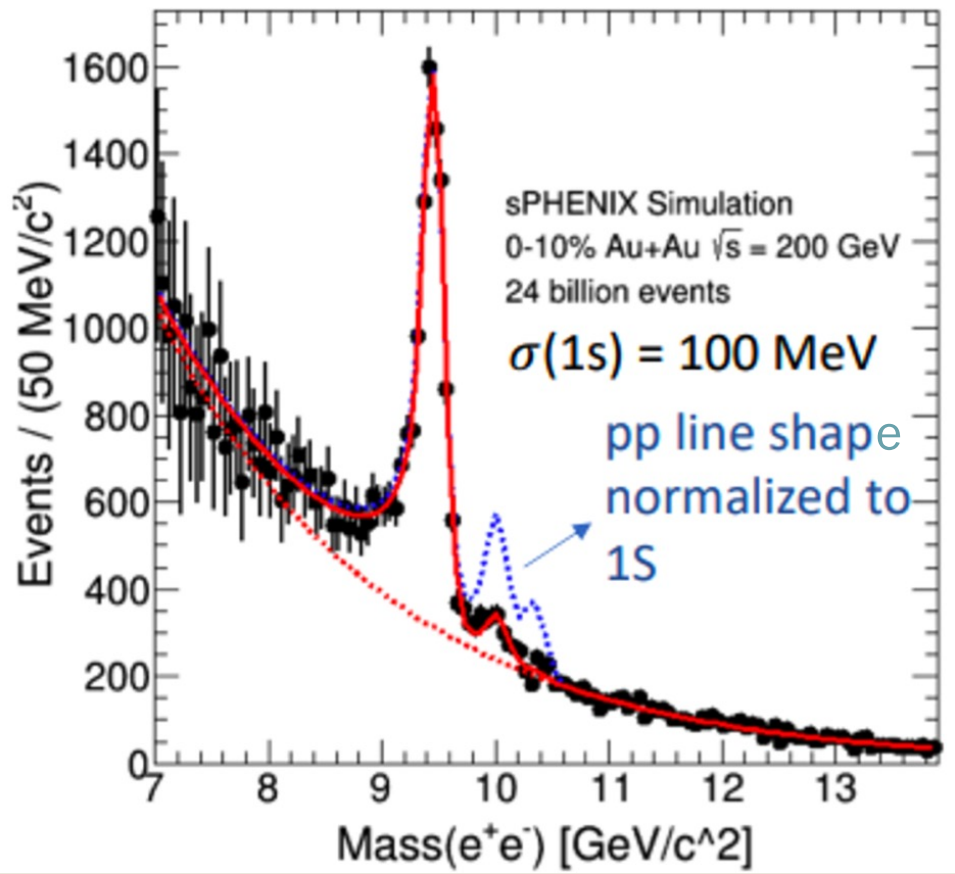
Upsilon Mass Reconstruction





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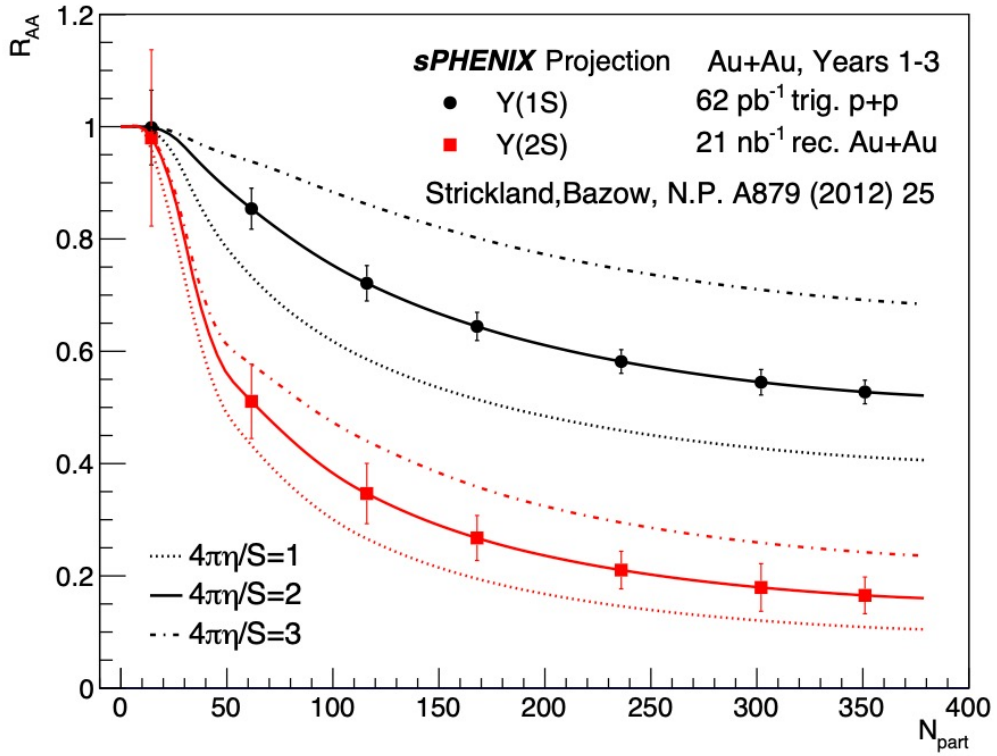
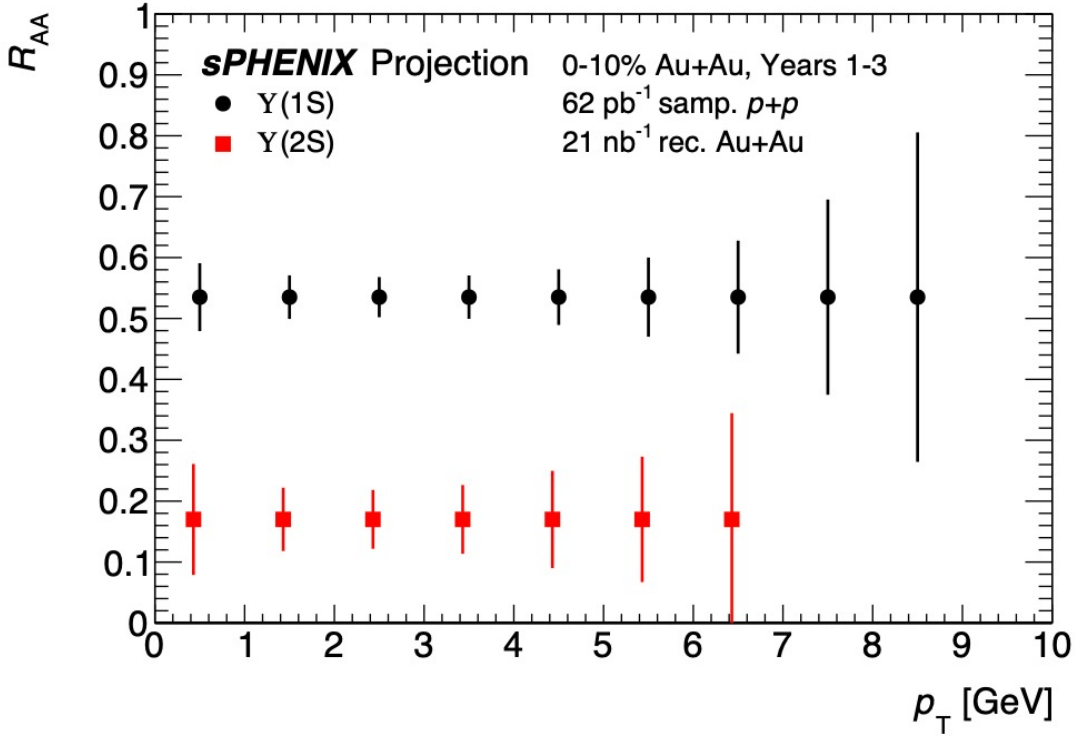
Quarkonia Physics at sPHENIX





- Y(3s) state heavily suppressed
- Uses expected luminosity from 2024 p+p run and 2025 Au+Au run

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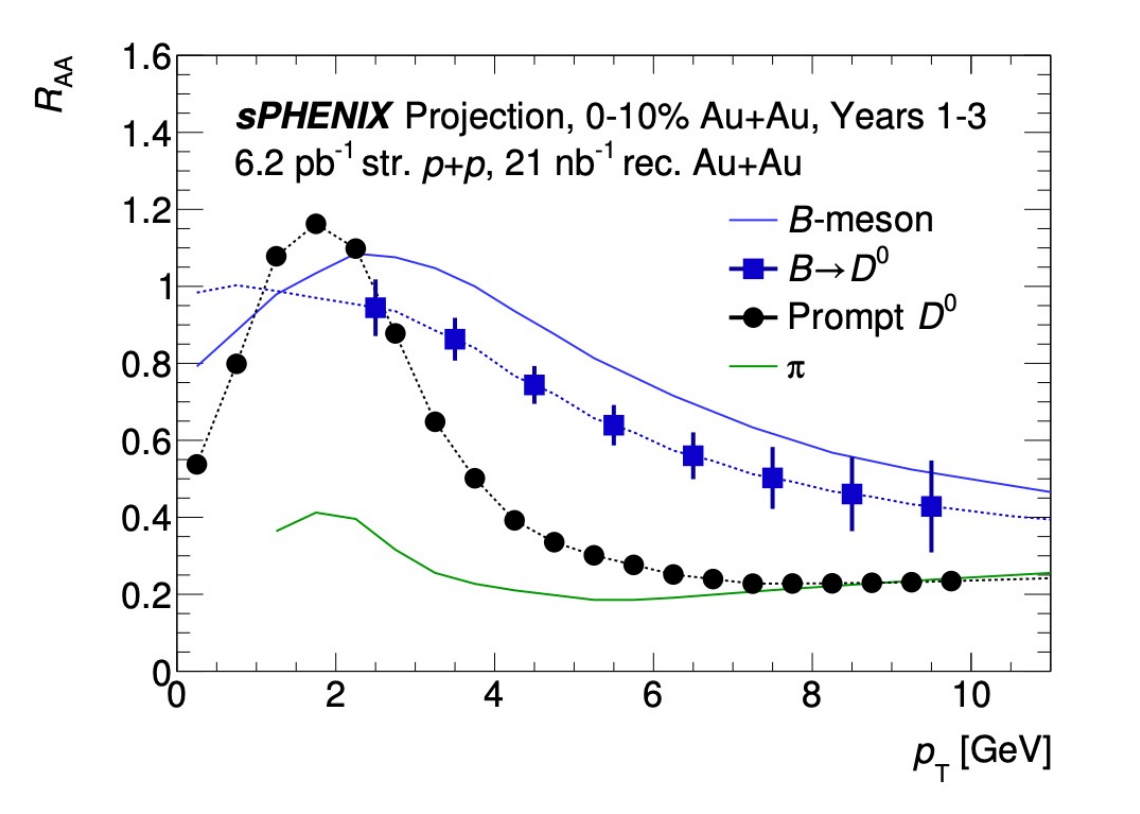

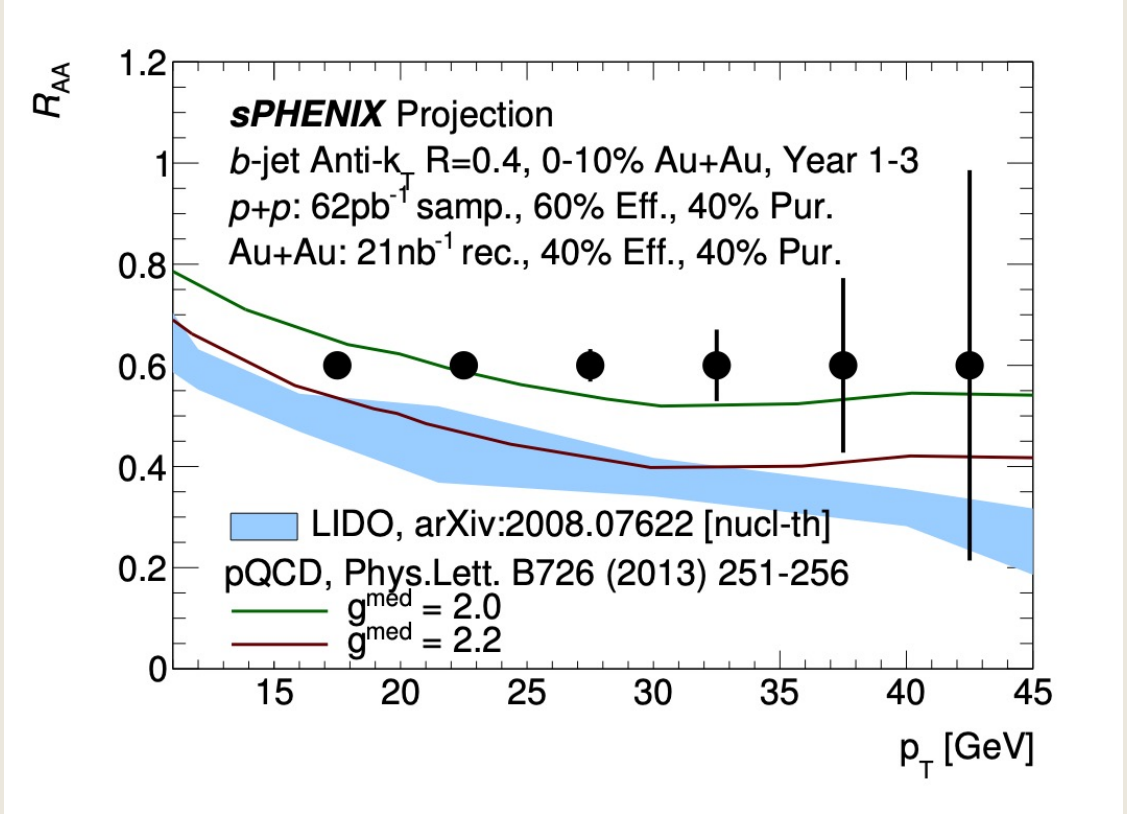

- R_{AA} for bottom quarks and light quarks expected to be different for $p_T \lesssim 15$ GeV
- Less significant for b-jets at higher p_T

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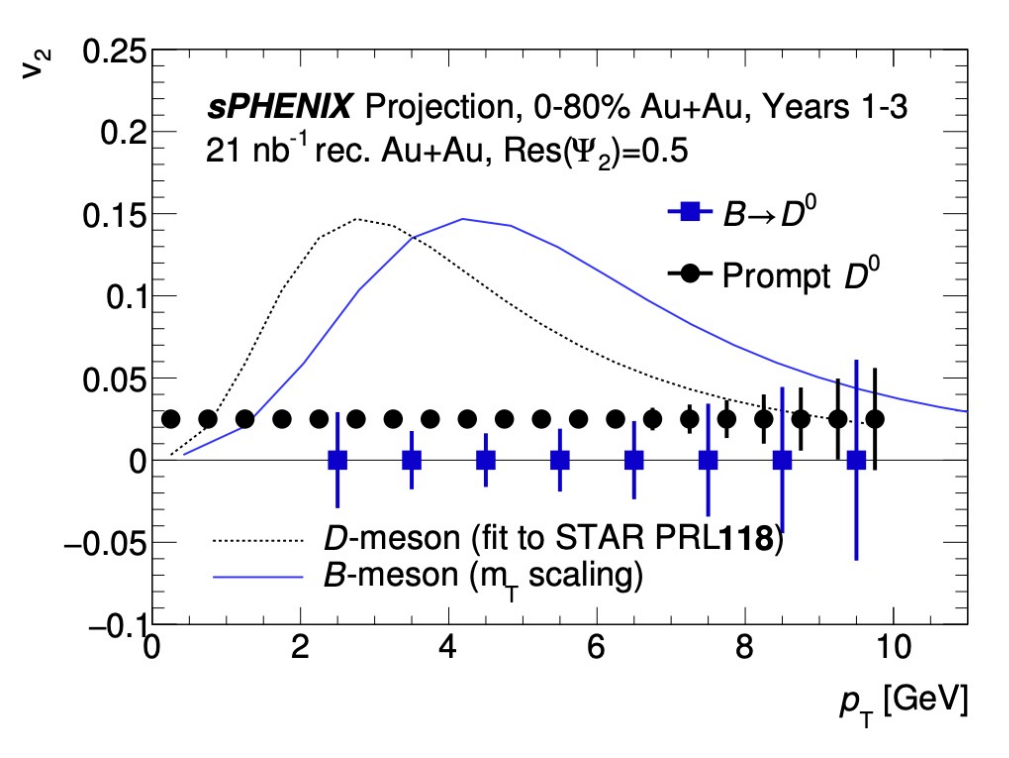

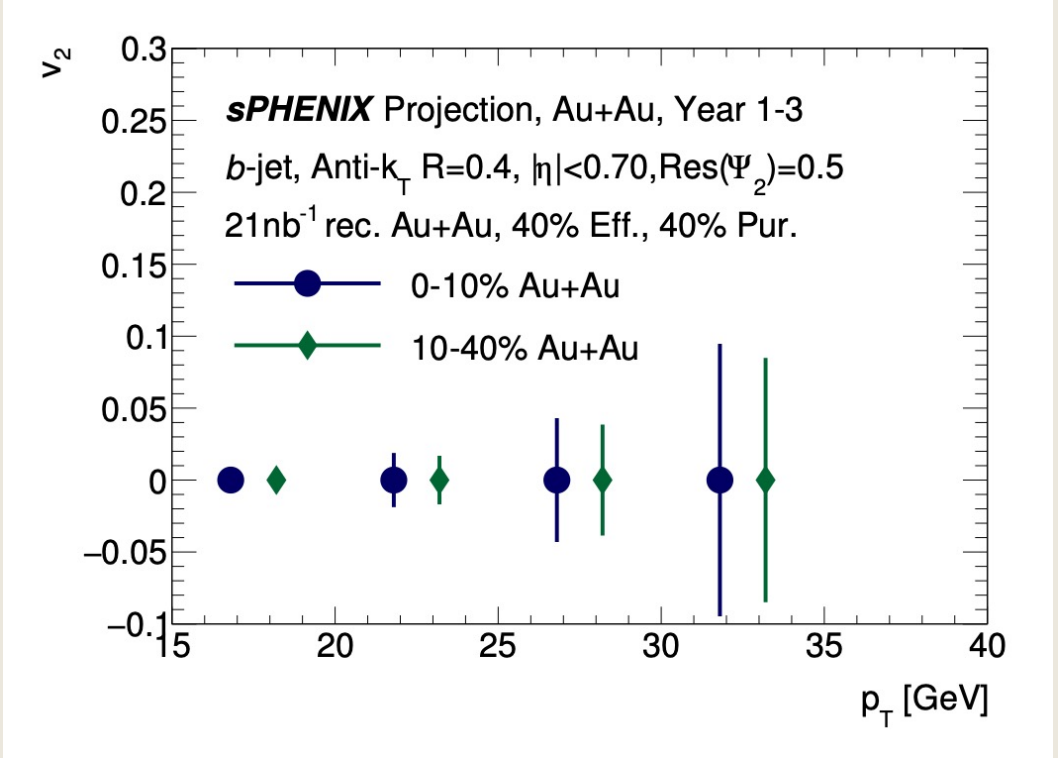

- Collective motion of particles sensitive to initial stages of collision (deconfined QGP phase)
- Precision bottom measurements allow better constraints on heavy quark diffusion transport parameter of QGP and its temperature dependence

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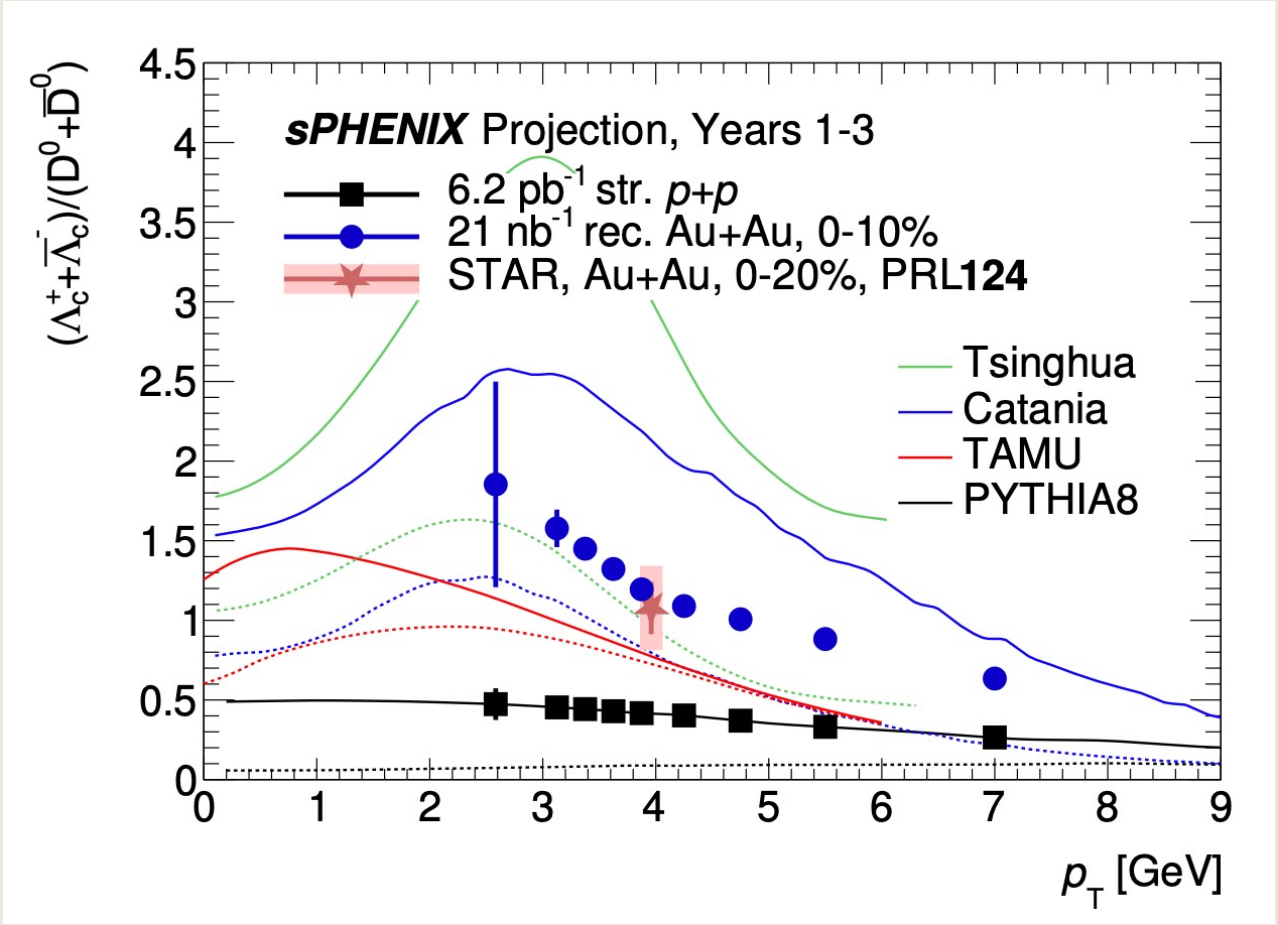
Open Heavy Flavor Physics at sPHENIX

- RHIC and LHC data suggest significant enhancement of Λ_c baryon to D^0 meson production ratio in p+p, p+A, and A+A collisions
- sPHENIX enables first p+p Λ_c/D^0 measurement at RHIC



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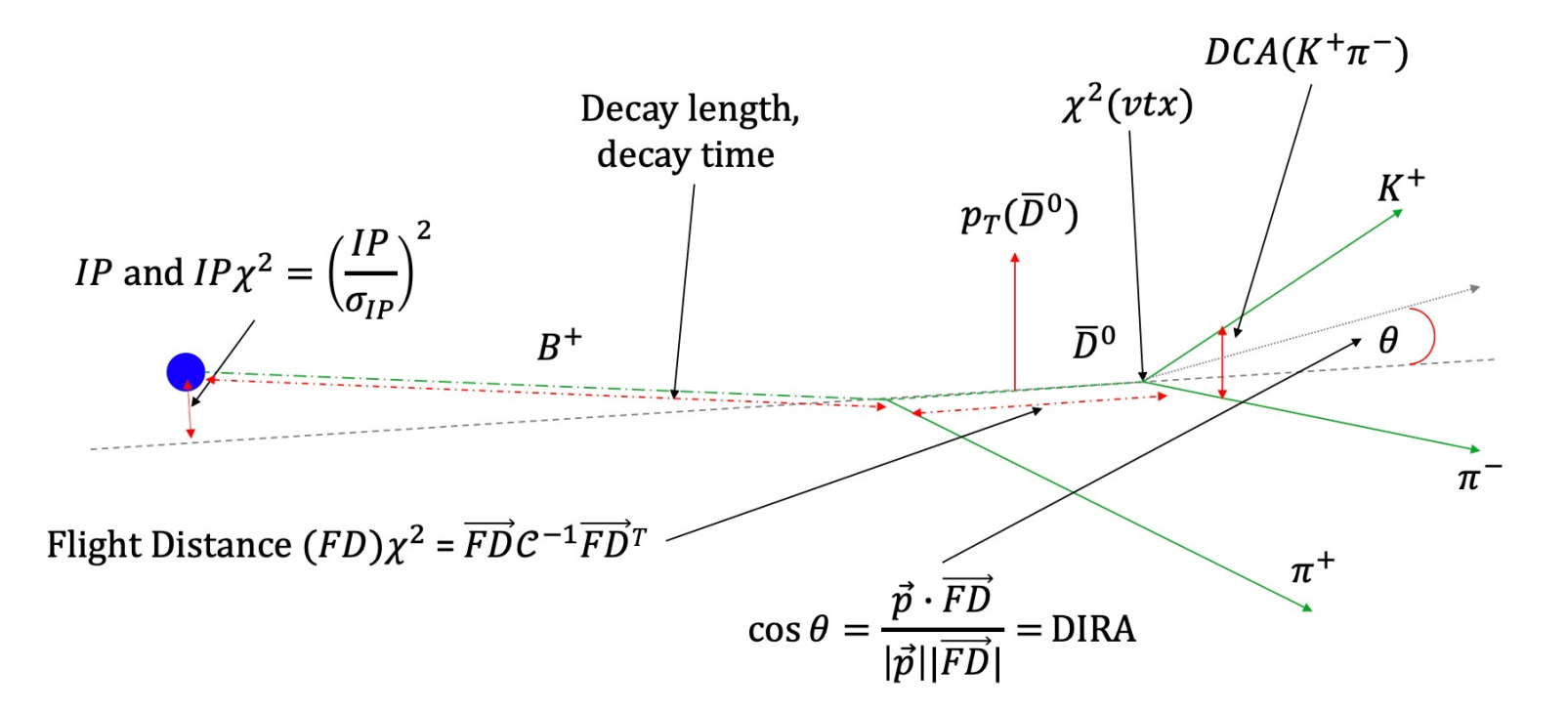
KFParticle Package



Topological cuts used to create unique PID assignments during heavy flavor reconstruction

Sacha Gorbunov and Ivan Kisel. Reconstruction of Decayed Particles Based on the Kalman Filter. May 2007.
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$D^+ \to K^-\pi^+\pi^+$
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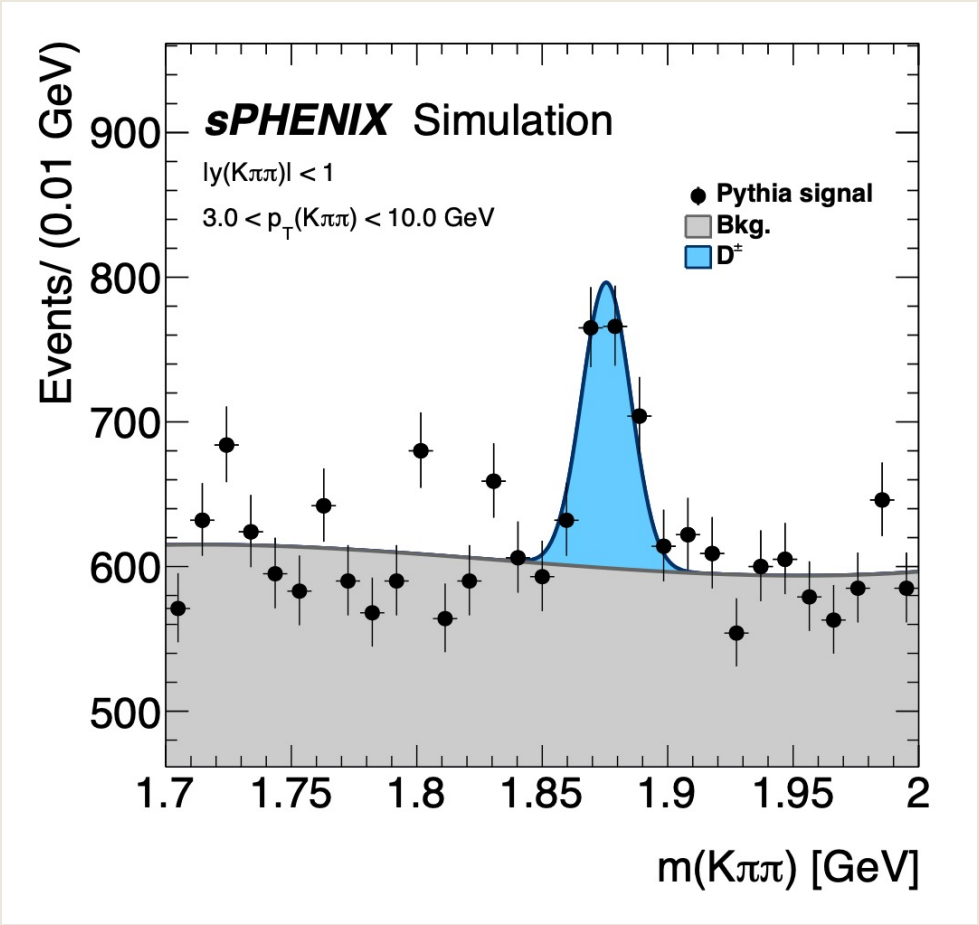

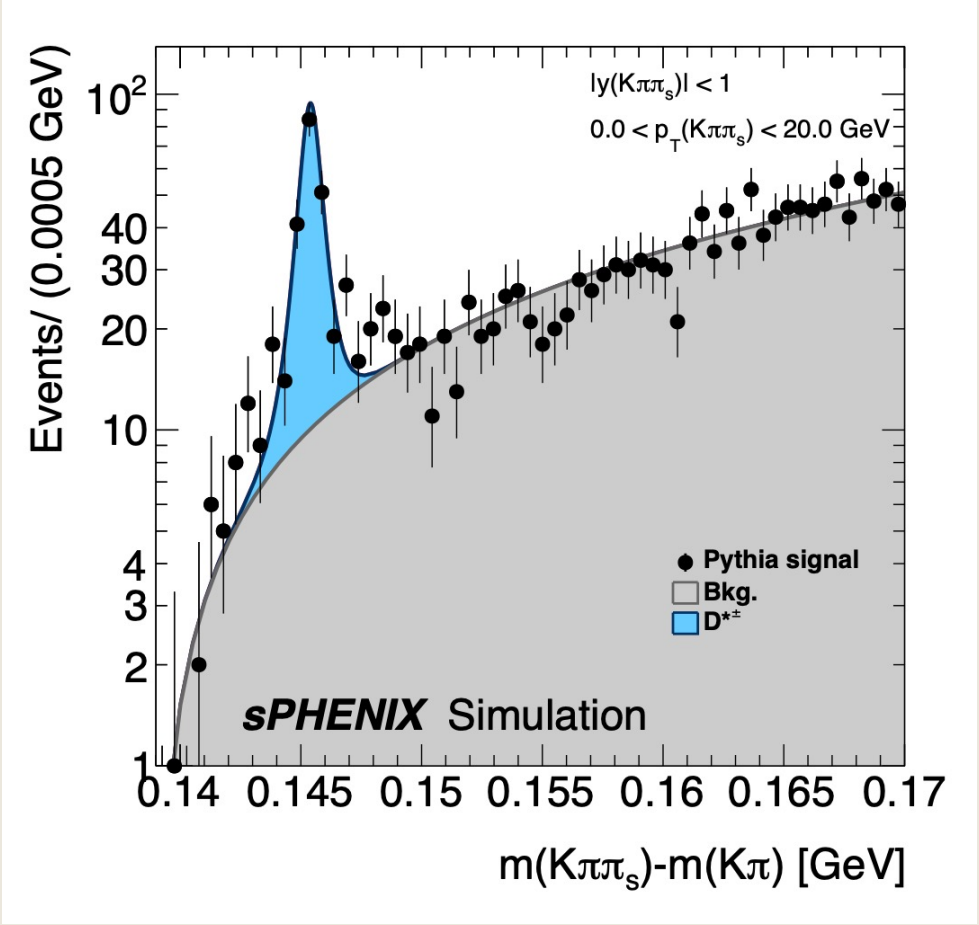

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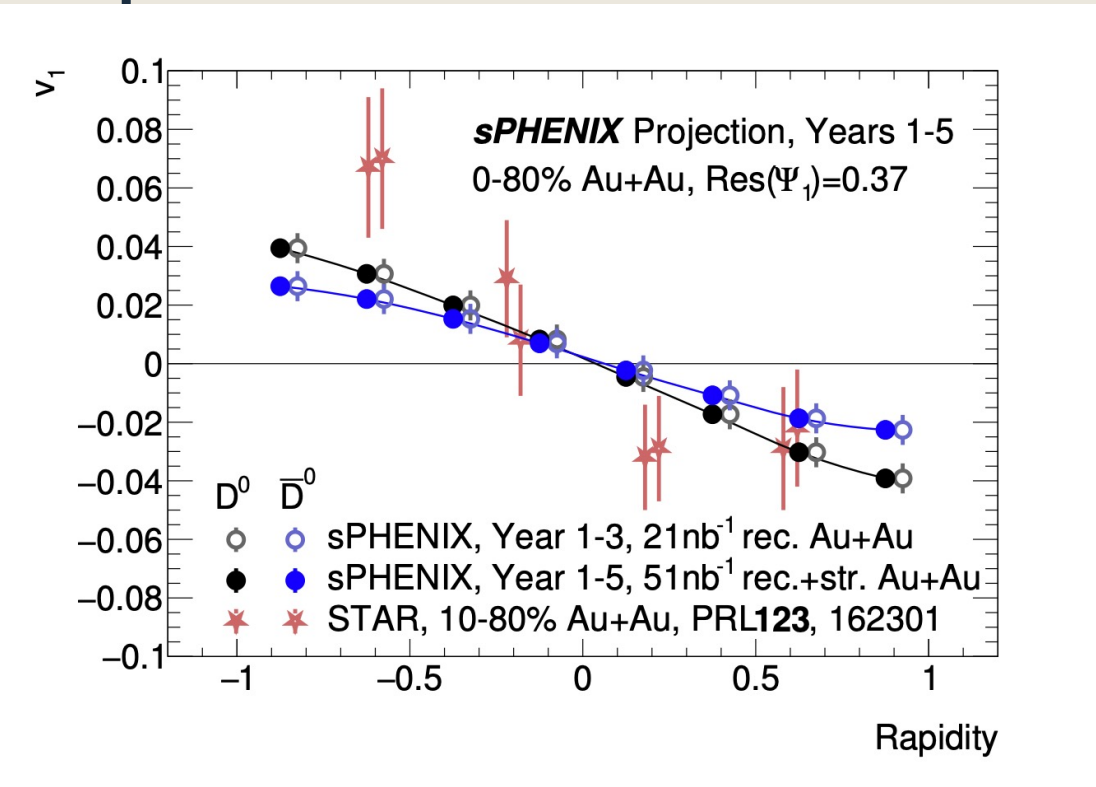
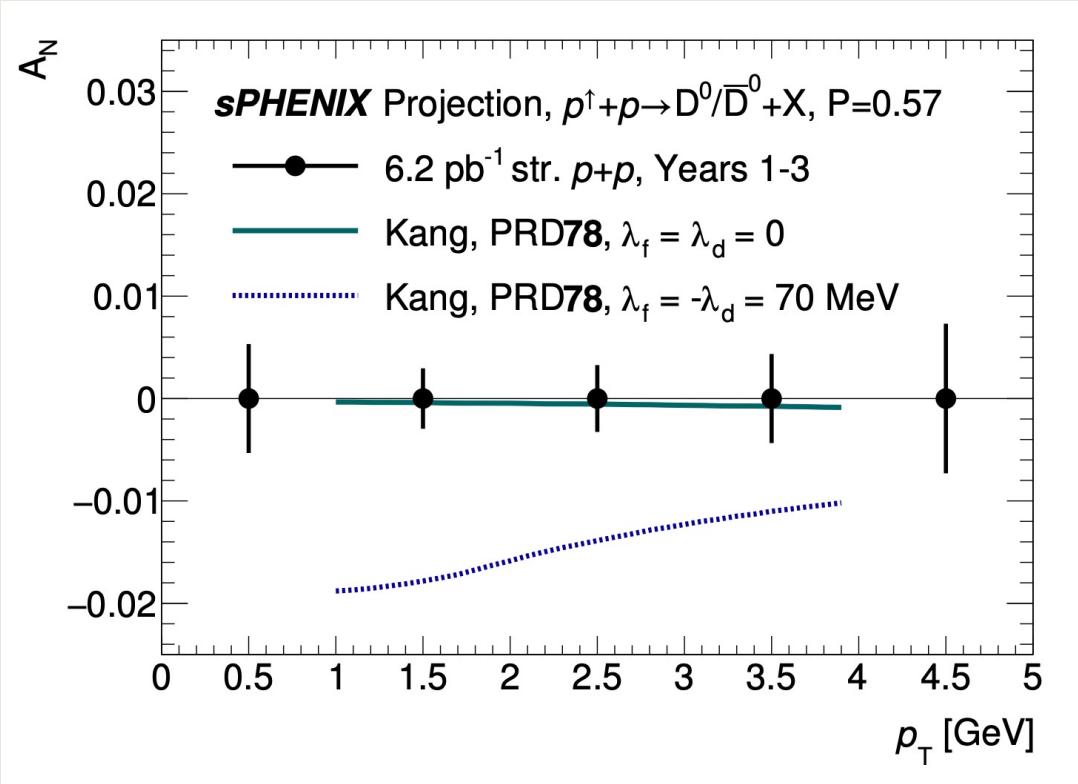
Measurements Requiring D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ Separation





- Clean separation of v1 allows for quantitative access to initial B field in heavy ion collisions
- Transverse single spin asymmetry (TSSA) measurements able to be separated instead of averaged over D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ together

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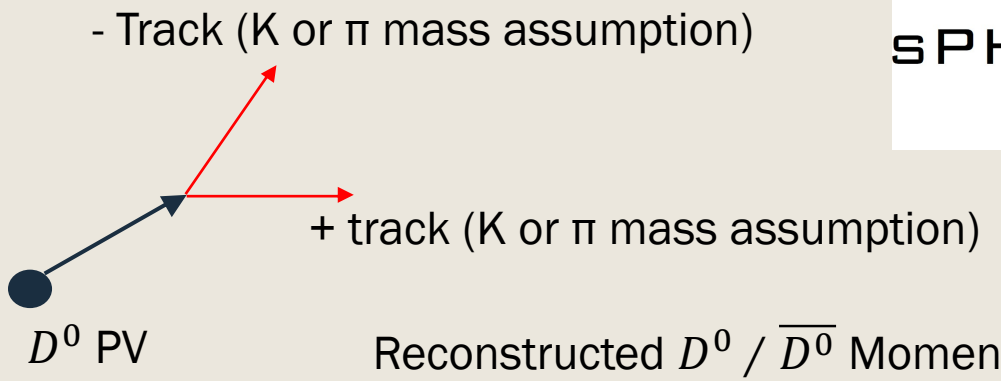
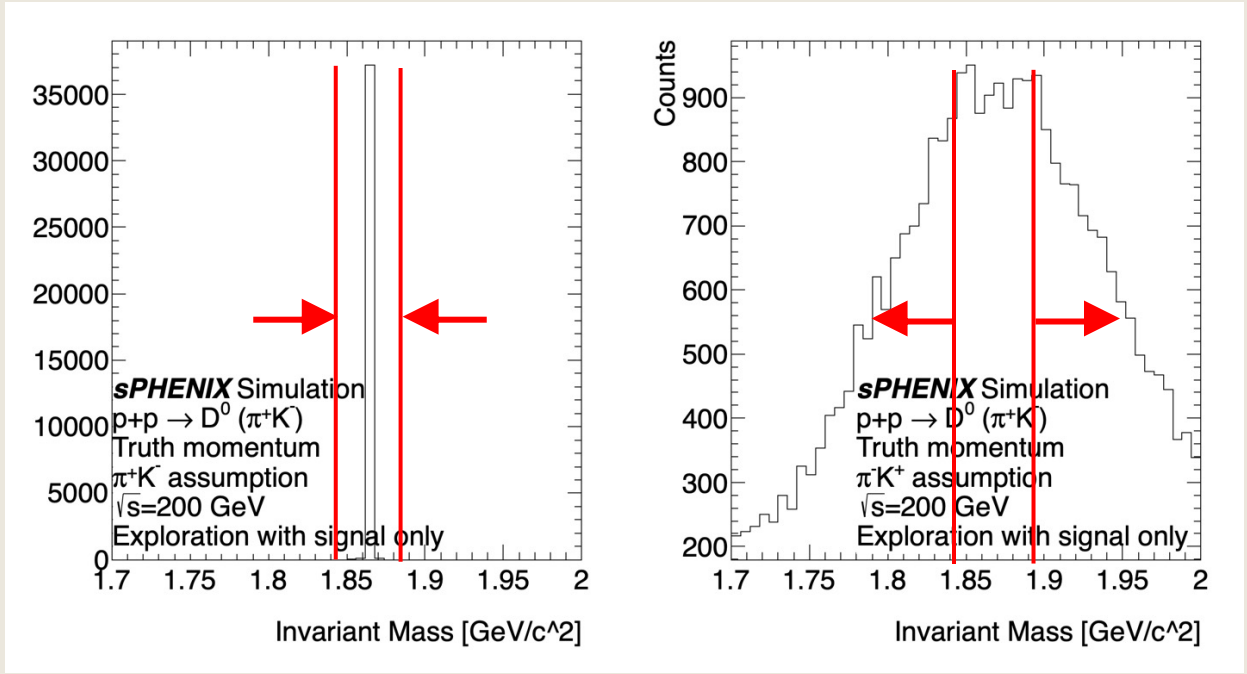
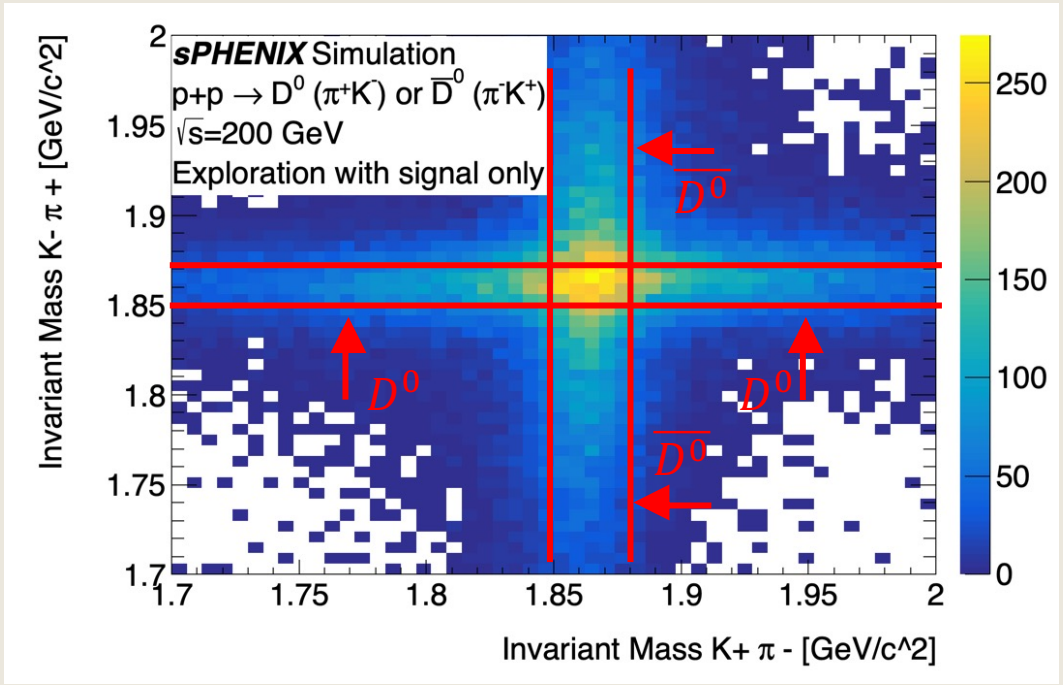
D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ Separation



Truth D^0 Momentum

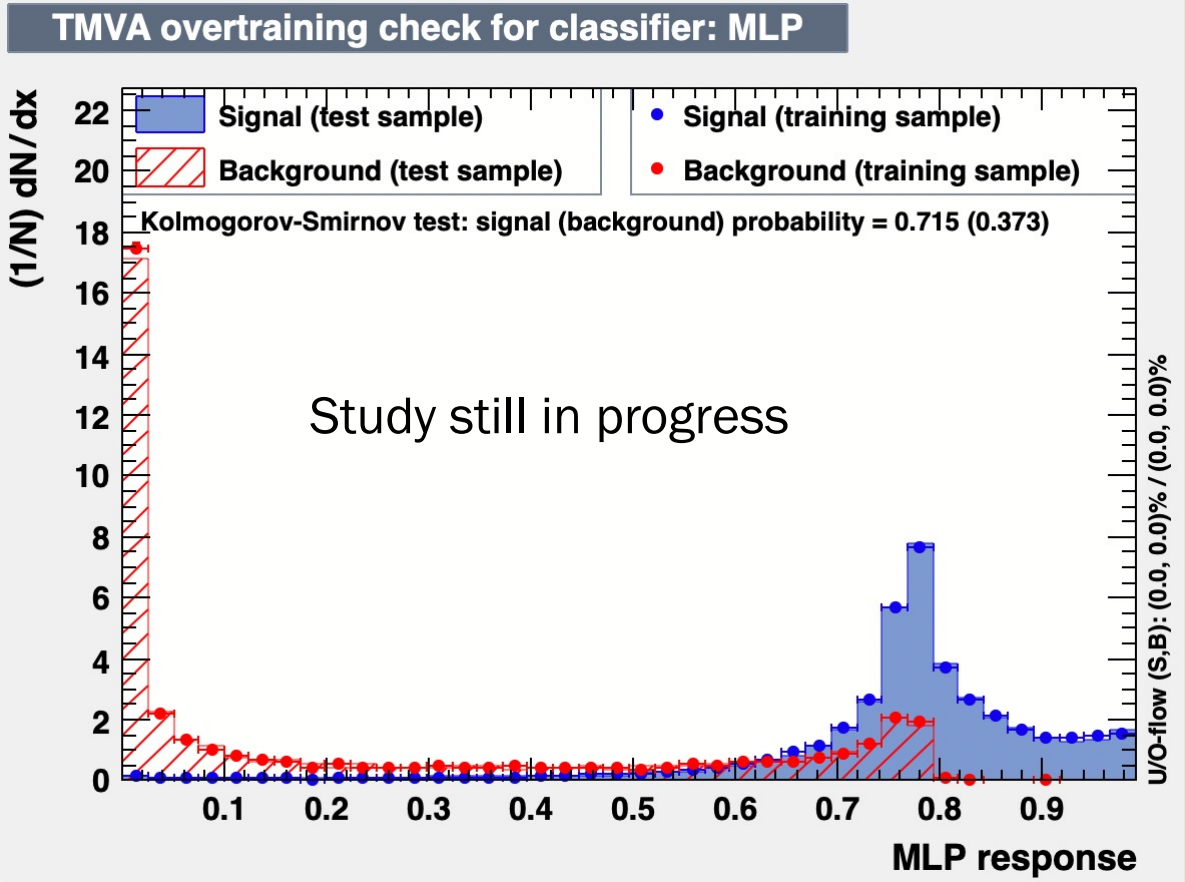


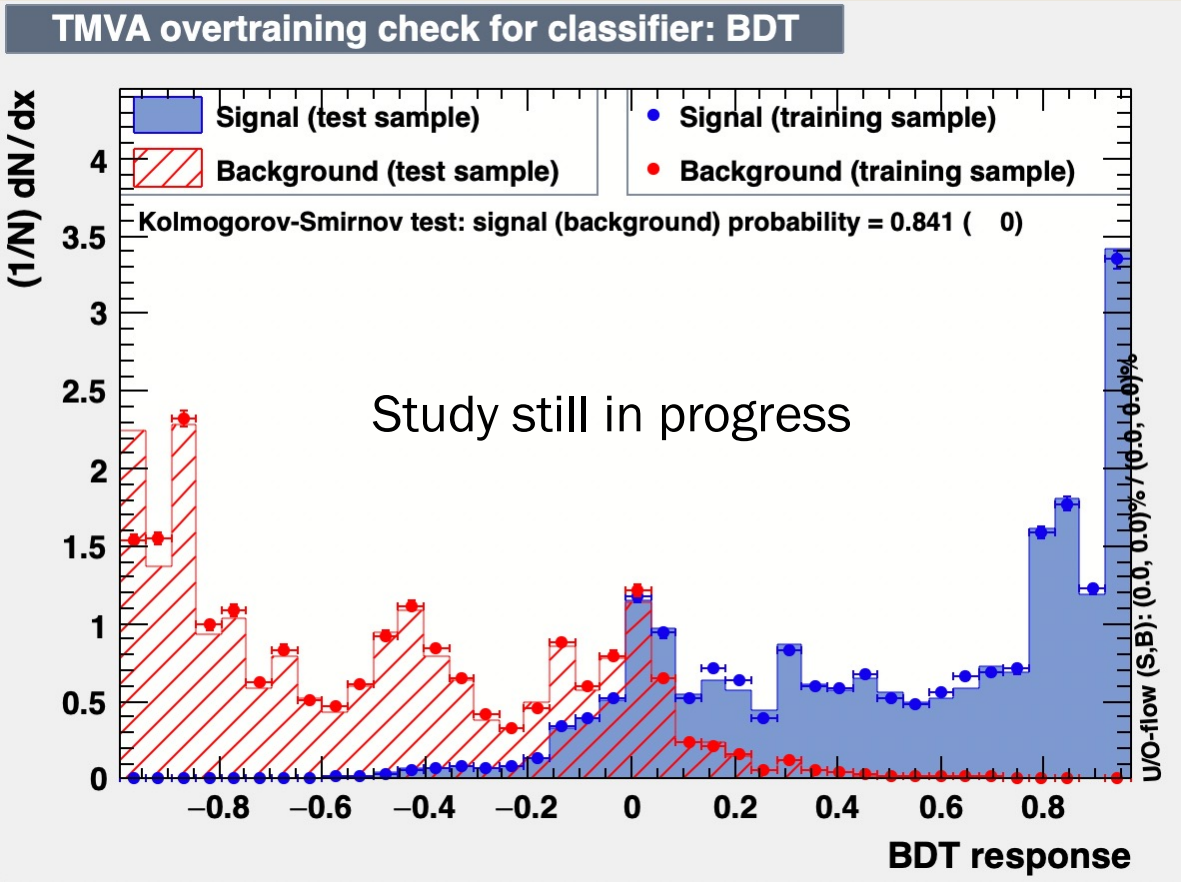
Reconstructed D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ Momentum



- Clean Charm->D^0->πK sample, p+p collisions, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV
- Reconstructed invariant mass separation cut for D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ daughter particle assumptions based on track charge

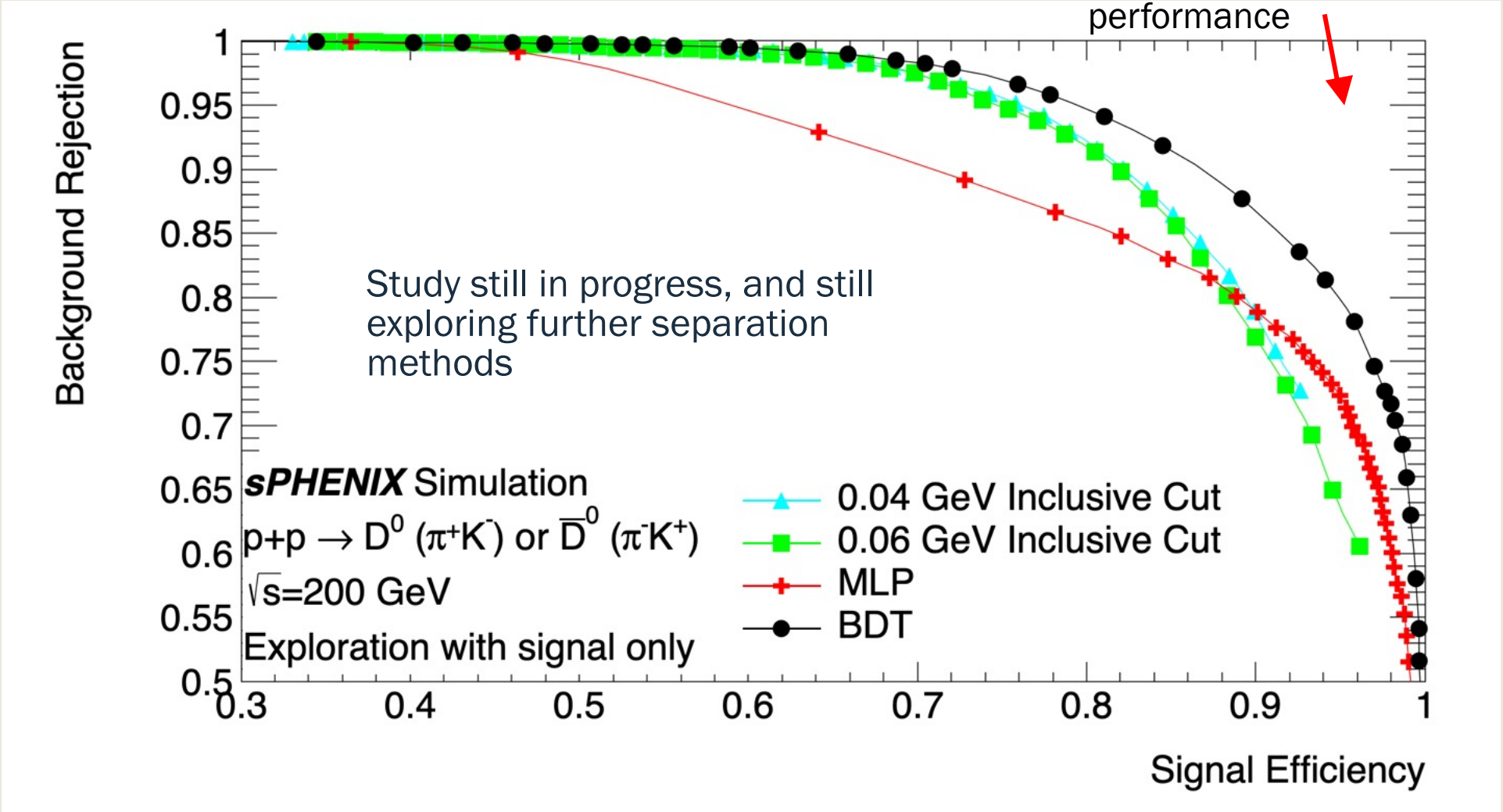
D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ Separation





D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ ROC Curves

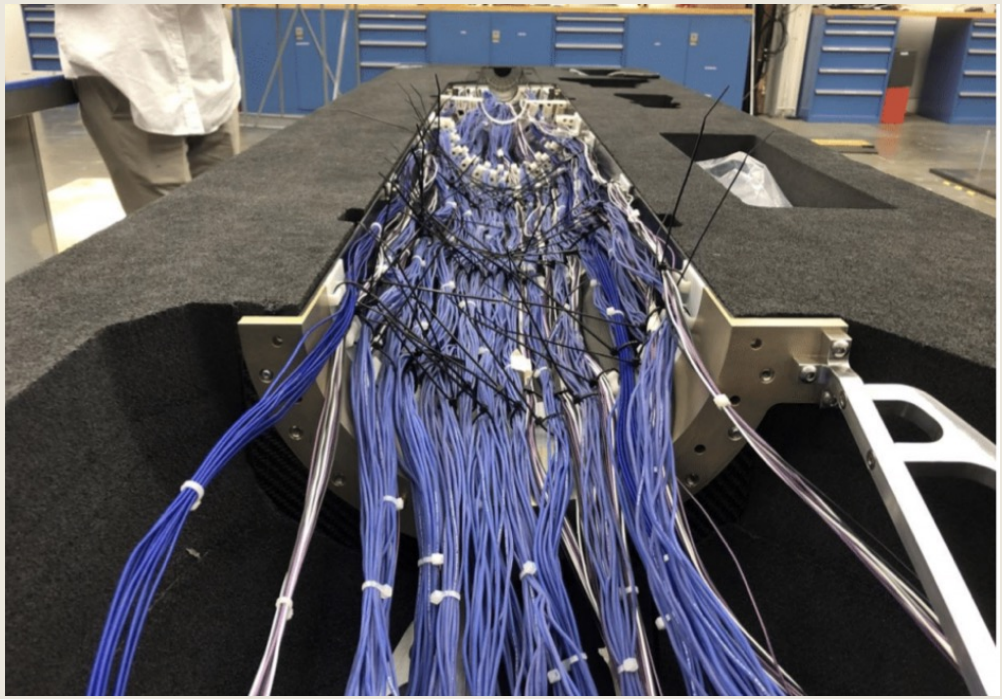
At ~80% D^0 efficiency using only the invariant masses, we can reject $\overline{D^0}$ by a factor of 10 or more!

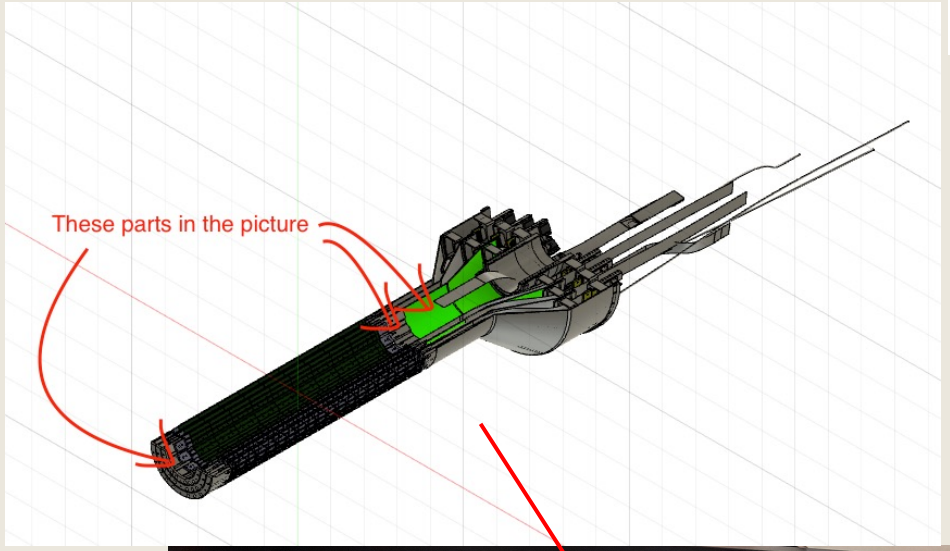


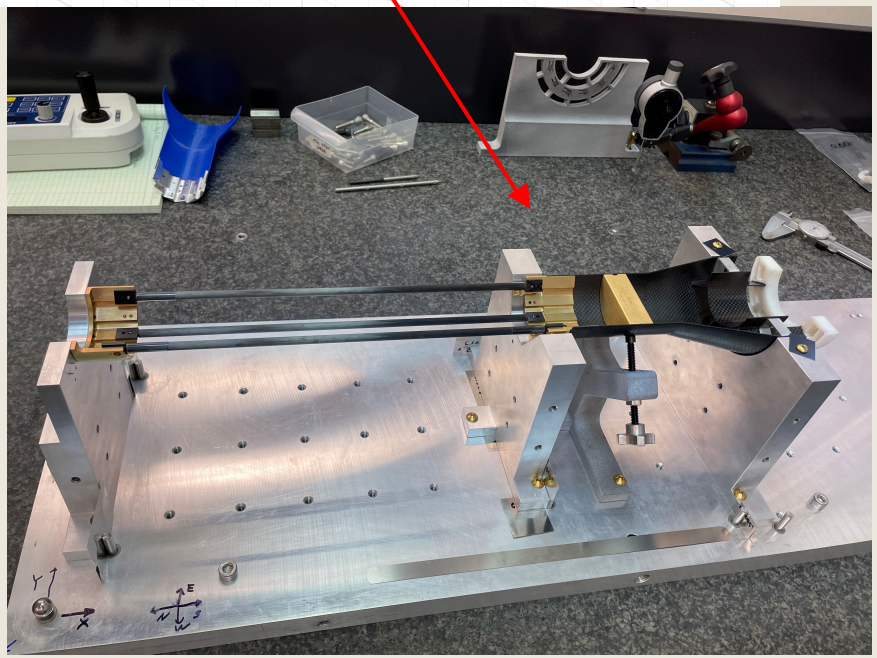
Data Taking Timeline

- oHCal and solenoid magnet completely installed
- iHCal sectors being installed in support structure to be moved and installed in assembly hall
- EMCal, TPC, INTT, and MVTX assembly all going well, installation coming soon

MVTX Progress







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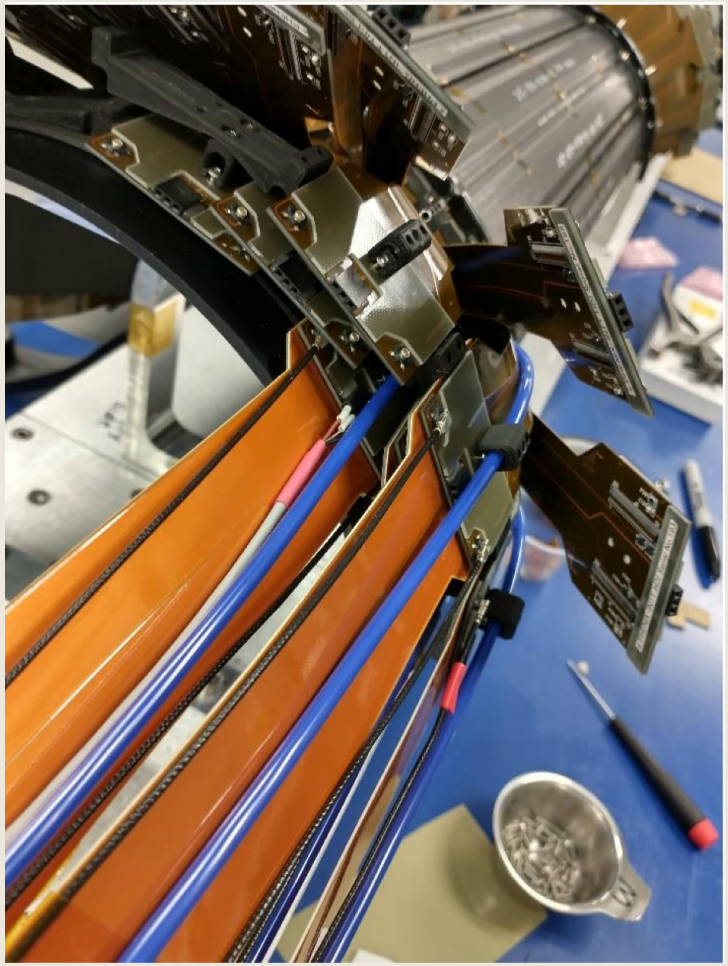
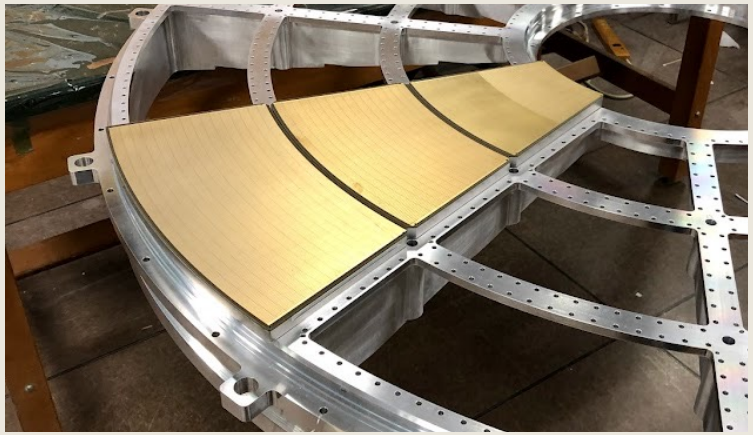
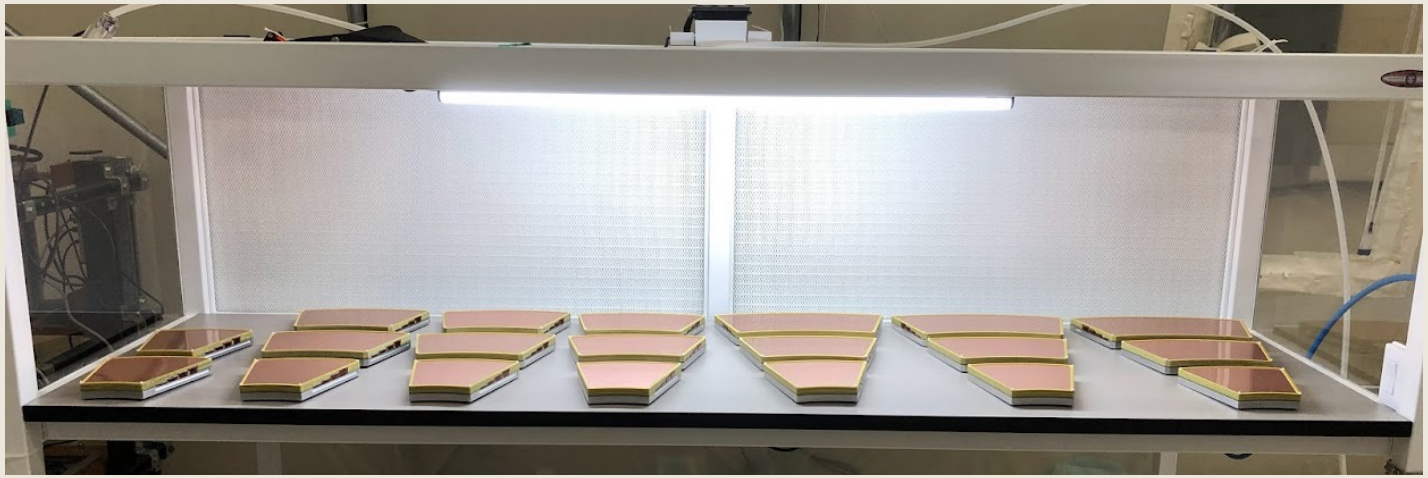
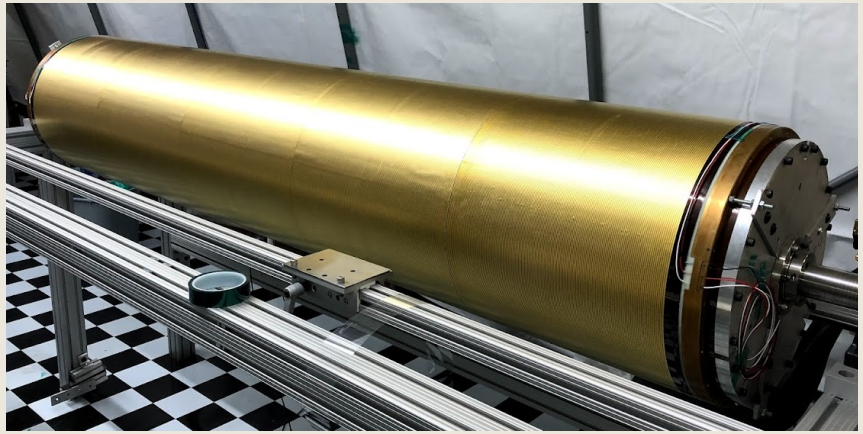
INTT Progress

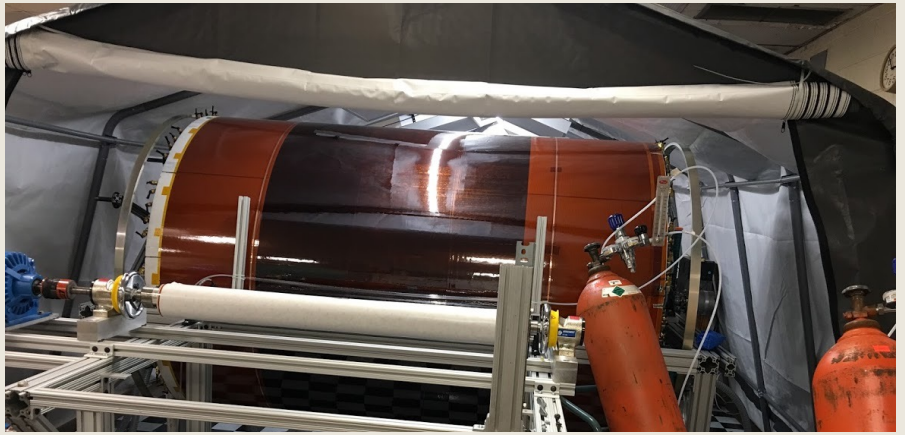


TPC Progress









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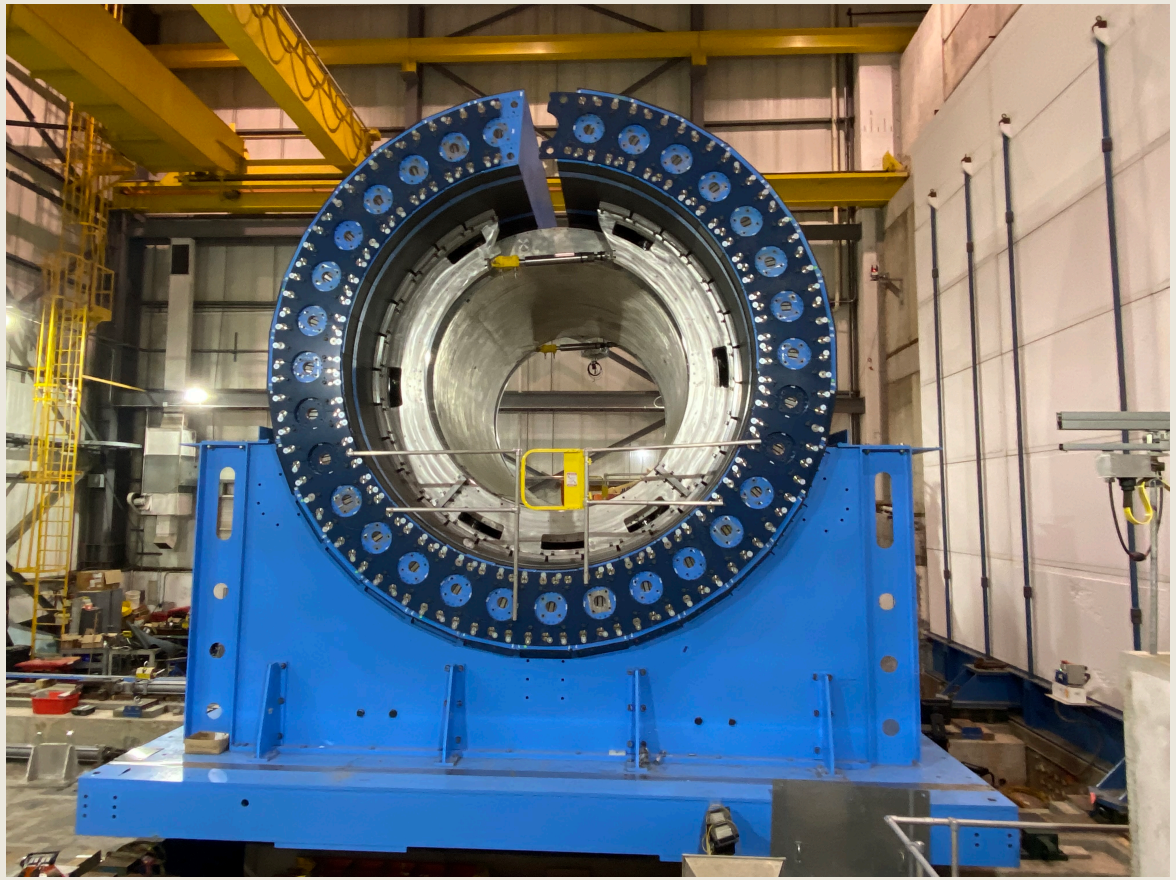
EMCal Progress

Stoll, Sean. Status of Module Production and Sector Assembly. Feb 2022.

HCal Progress

iHCal

oHCal



Summary

- sPHENIX is poised to deliver on its physics goals and projections beginning with commissioning in early 2023
- Detector assembly and installation is underway
- Reconstruction and analysis software being tested with mock data challenge (MDC)
- D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ separation study will allow us to probe initial B field and take separate TSSA measurements
- Excited for data-taking beginning next year!

Questions/Comments?

EXTRA: D^0 / $\overline{D^0}$ Separation

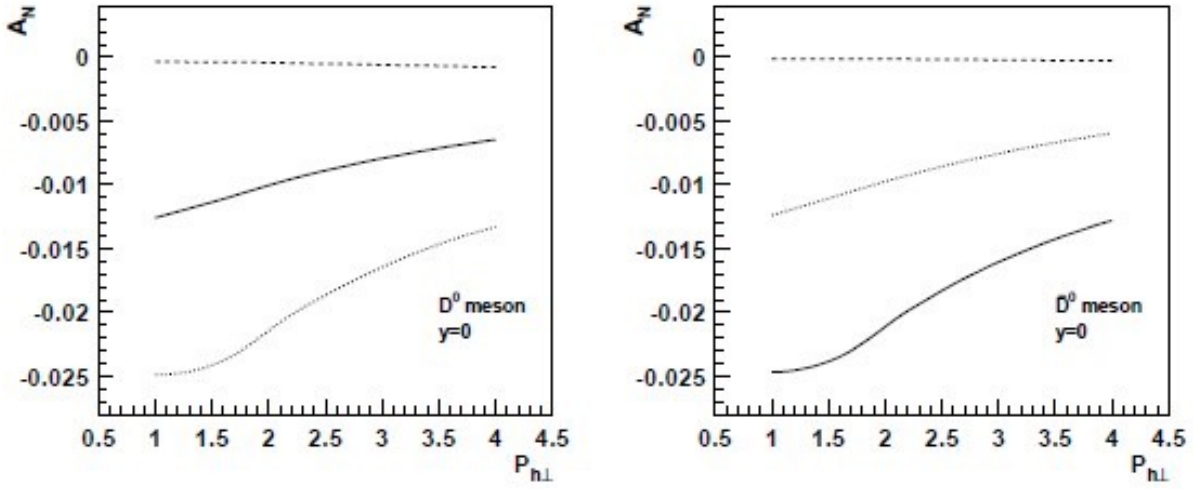
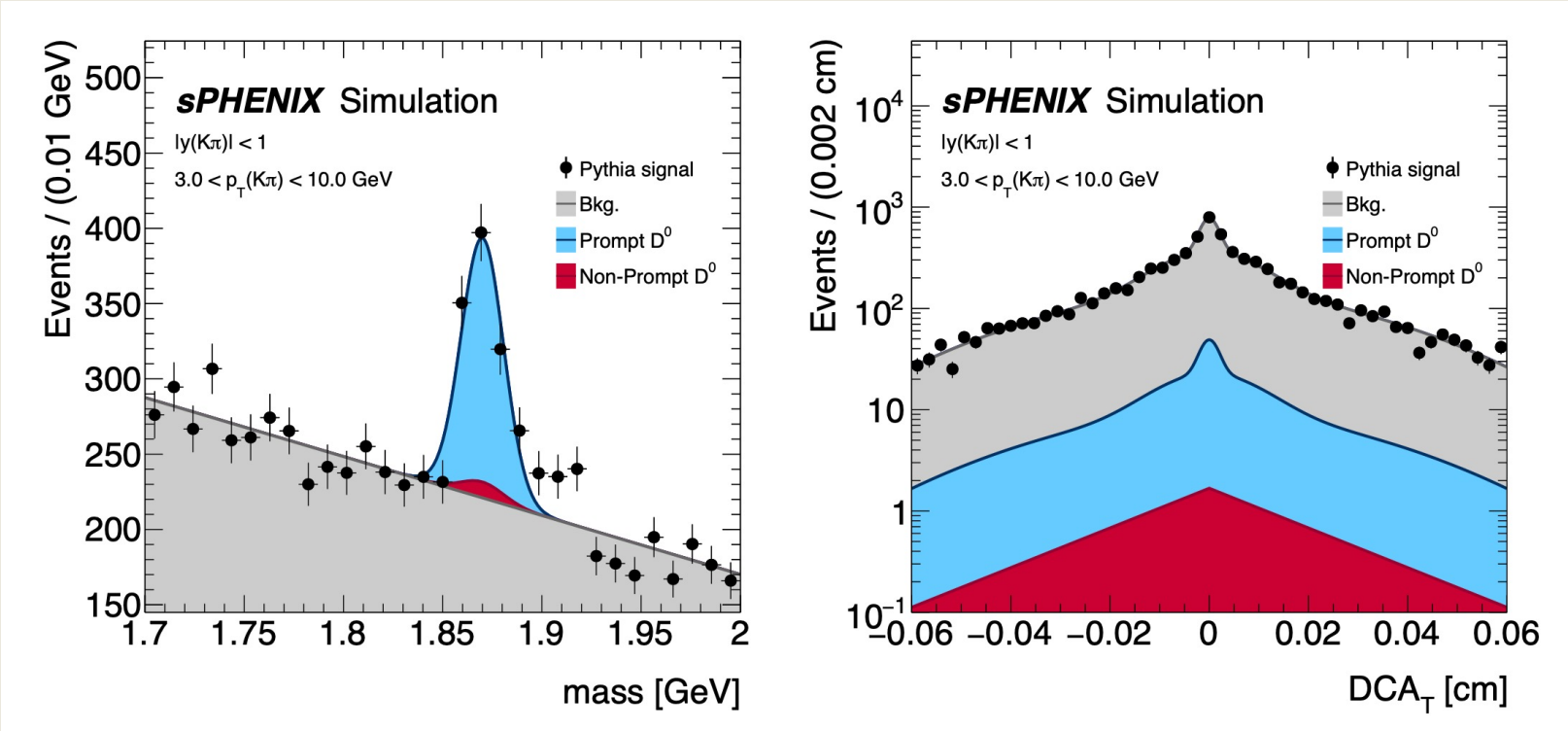


FIG. 6: The SSA as a function of $P_{h\perp}$ for D^0 (left) and $\bar{D}^0$ mesons (right) at mid-rapidity, $y = 0$, and $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV. The curves are: solid ($\lambda_f = \lambda_d = 0.07$ GeV), dashed ($\lambda_f = \lambda_d = 0$), dotted ($\lambda_f = -\lambda_d = 0.07$ GeV).

EXTRA: $c, b \rightarrow D^0 \rightarrow K^{\mp}\pi^{\pm}$ Channel



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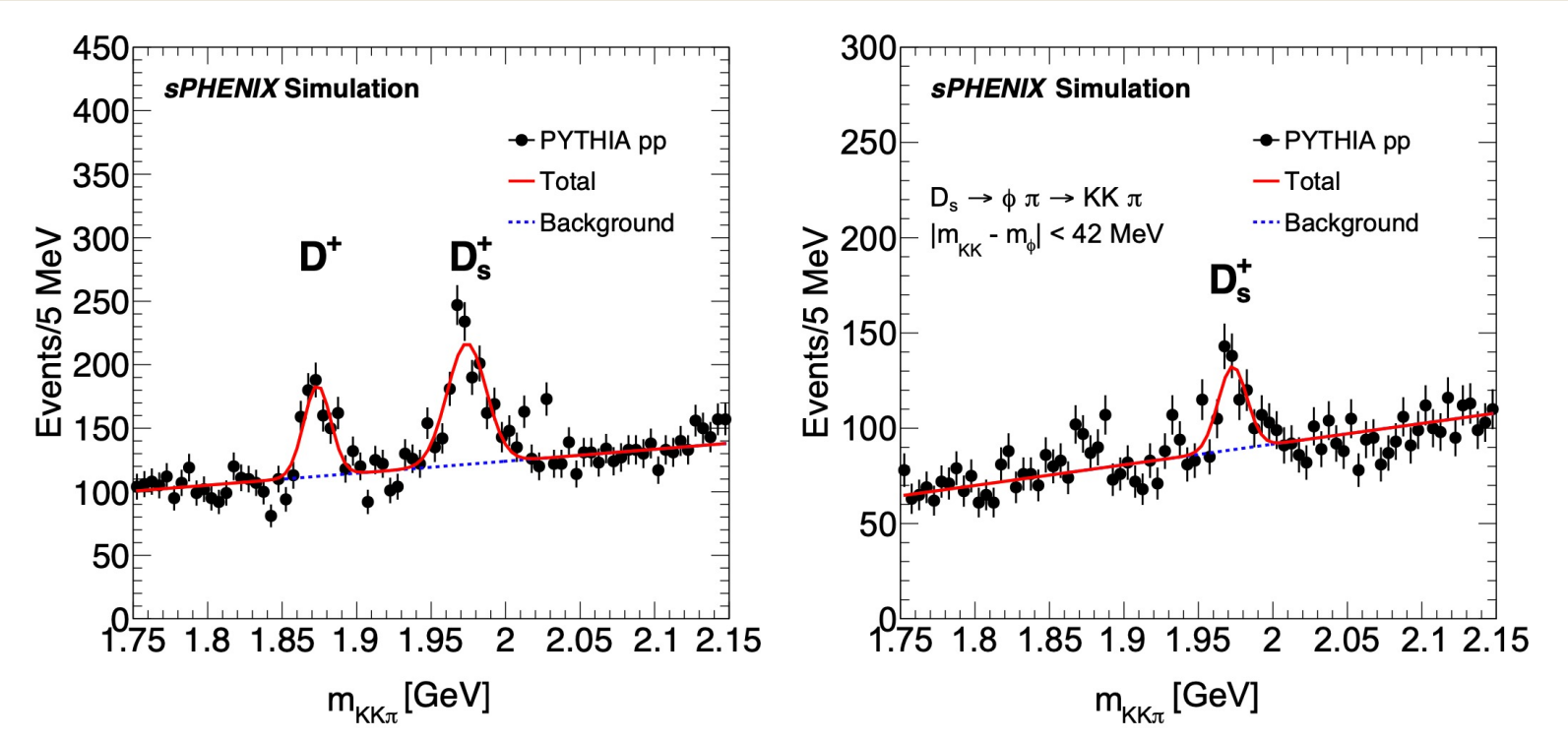

EXTRA: Recent Progress - Mock Data Challenge 1

- MDC1 - First use of complete Day-1 analysis chain
  - *Pythia 8.3 event generation, 200 GeV collisions*
  - *Simulation/digitization with full detector description*
  - *Reconstruction using A Common Tracking Software (ACTS) and **KFParticle***
  - *Analysis over inclusive HF signal samples*
  - *50 million $c\bar{c}$ events ~ 0.2 pb^{-1} or four-day data taking*
  - *50 million $b\bar{b}$ events ~ 30 pb^{-1} and 6xthe integrated luminosity of Min Bias p+p collision data in first three-year run plan*
  - *Single event multiplicity, no pile-up from collisions with different bunch crossings*
  - *Light flavor background still being produced, not included here*