

# Requirements from EIC forward heavy flavor studies

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**SVT EIC**  
*workshop*  
Silicon pixel-based particle vertex and tracking detectors  
towards the US Electron Ion Collider Workshop

# Outline

- Motivation
- EIC Heavy flavor studies in simulation
  - Implemented forward silicon tracker detector designs.
  - Heavy Flavor hadron reconstruction in different kinematic regions.
  - Projections on physics observables.
- Detector requirements.
- Summary and Outlook.

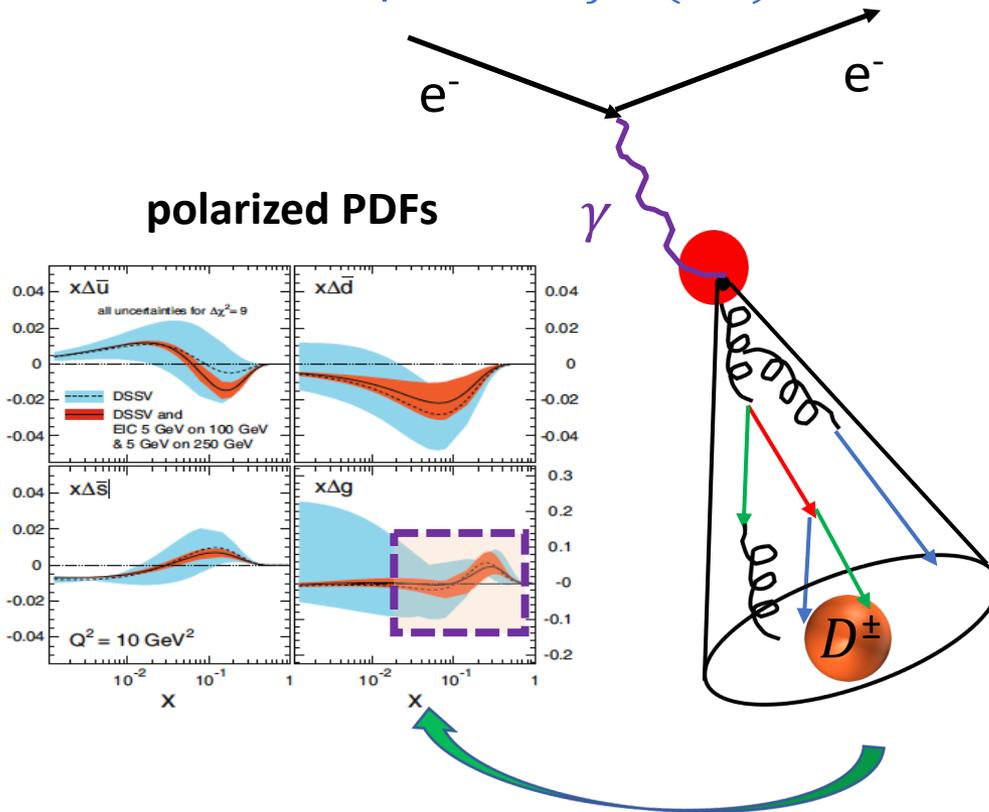
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- To precisely determine the initial quark/gluon distribution functions in the poorly constrained kinematic region ( $x_{BJ} > 0.1$ ).
- To precisely study the quark/gluon fragmentation and hadronization processes.
- To provide further information on the gluon Sivers function and other spin observables.

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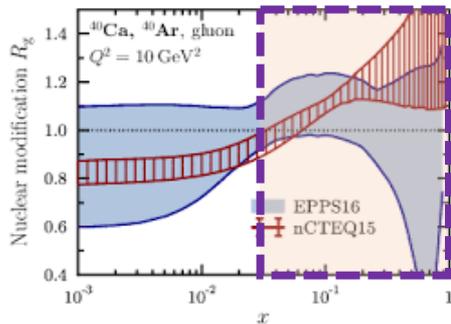
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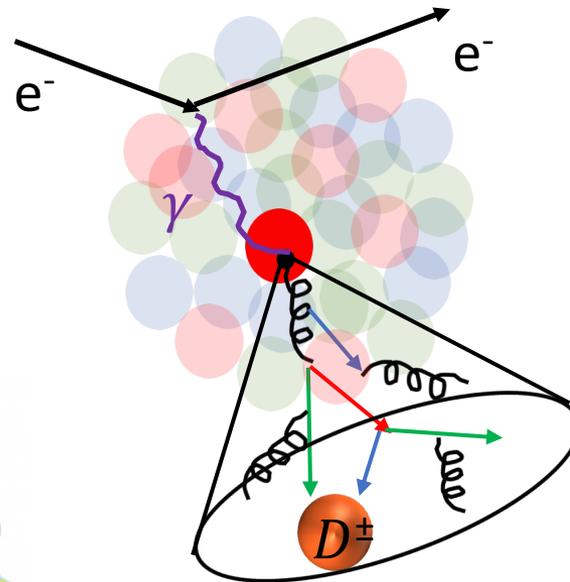
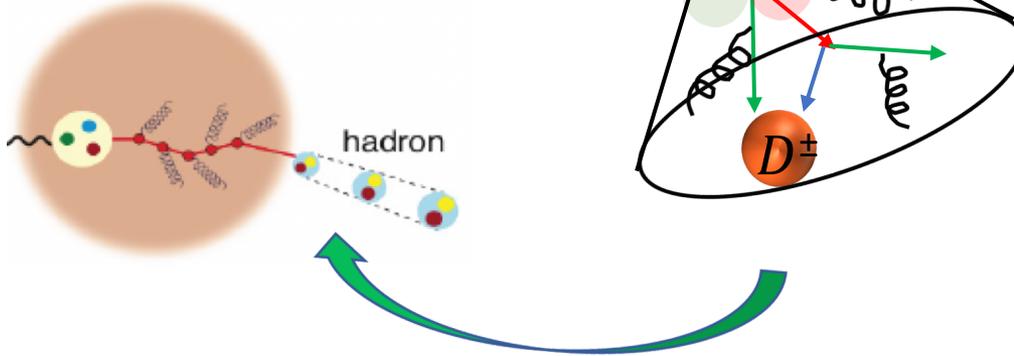
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[arXiv:2002.05880](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.05880)  $e^- + Au \rightarrow e^- + jet(D^\pm) + X$

nPDF modification



Parton energy loss

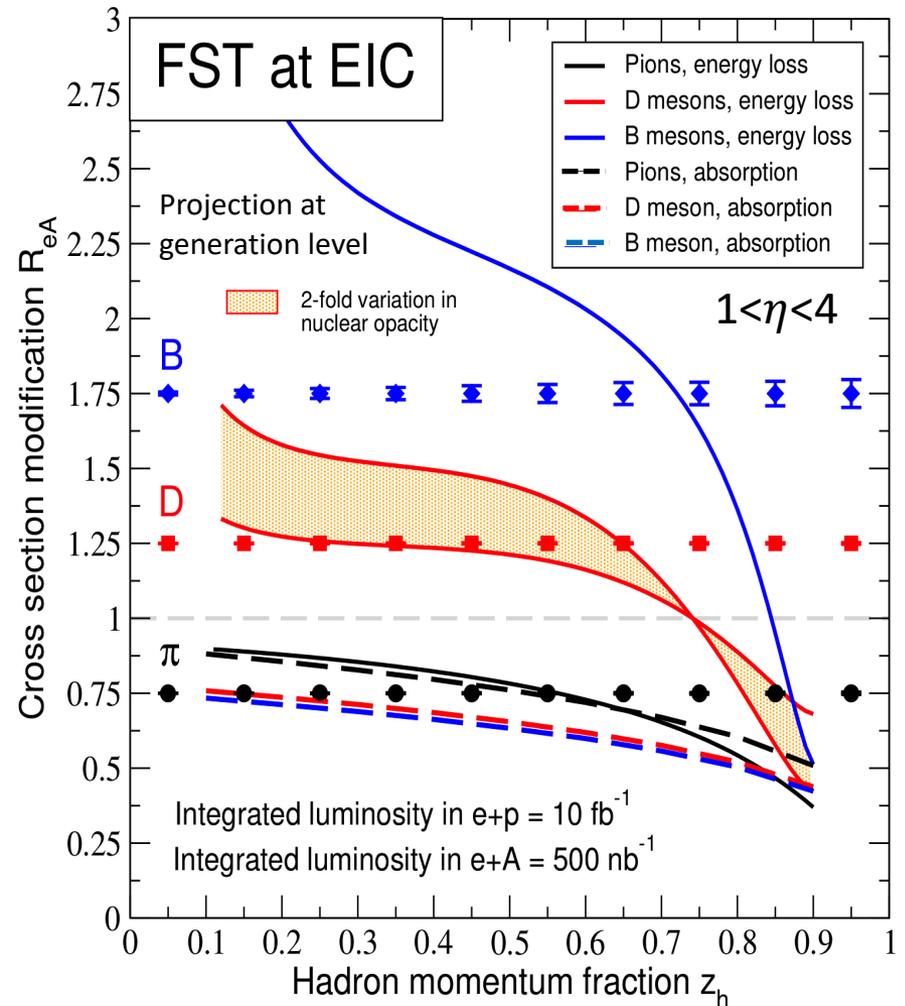


- To understand the nuclear medium effects on hadron production such as modification on nuclear PDFs, parton energy loss mechanisms and hadronization processes through the comparison of measured heavy flavor hadron/jet cross section between  $e+p$  and  $e+A$  collisions.

# Key EIC physics observables are under study

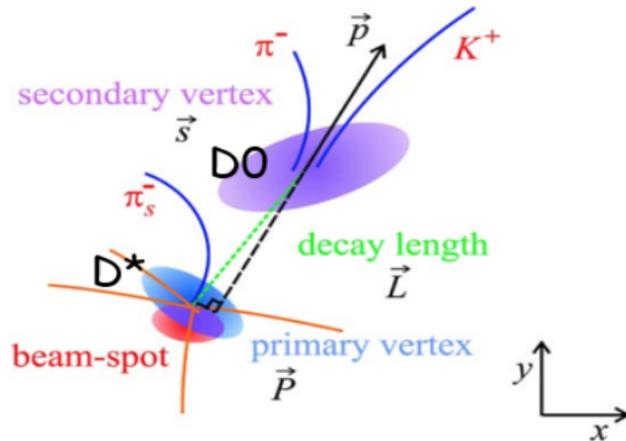
- Competing models of nuclear modification in DIS reactions with nuclei (e.g HERMES data). Differentiation not possible with light hadrons.
  - Hadronization inside nuclear matter (dashed lines).
  - Energy loss of partons, hadronization outside the medium (solid lines).
- Heavy mesons have very different fragmentation functions and formation times
  - Easy to discriminate between larger suppression for D/B mesons (in-medium hadronization) and strong/intermediate  $z$  enhancement (E-loss).
  - Enhanced sensitivity to the transport properties of nuclei.

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# Critical detector to realize heavy flavor measurements

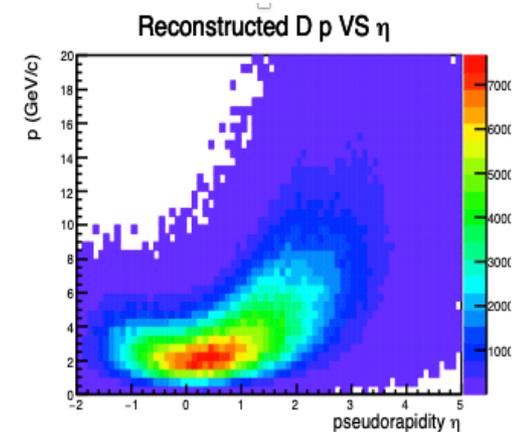
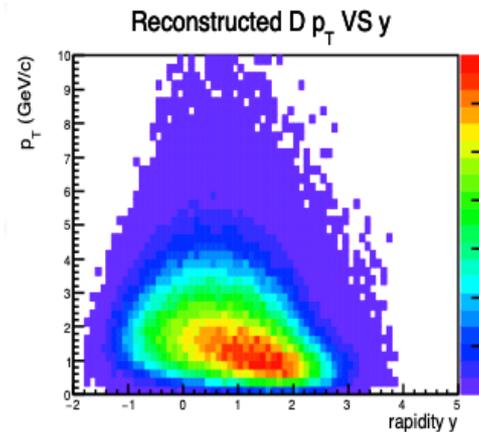
- Heavy flavor products can be measured by detectors based on their unique lifetime and masses.



Particle	Mass (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$c\tau$ decay length
D <sup>±</sup>	1.869	312 micron
D <sup>0</sup>	1.864	123 micron
B <sup>±</sup>	5.279	491 micron
B <sup>0</sup>	5.280	456 micron

- Due to asymmetric collisions at the EIC, heavy flavor hadrons (e.g. D-mesons) are produced more in the forward rapidity region compared to the backward region.

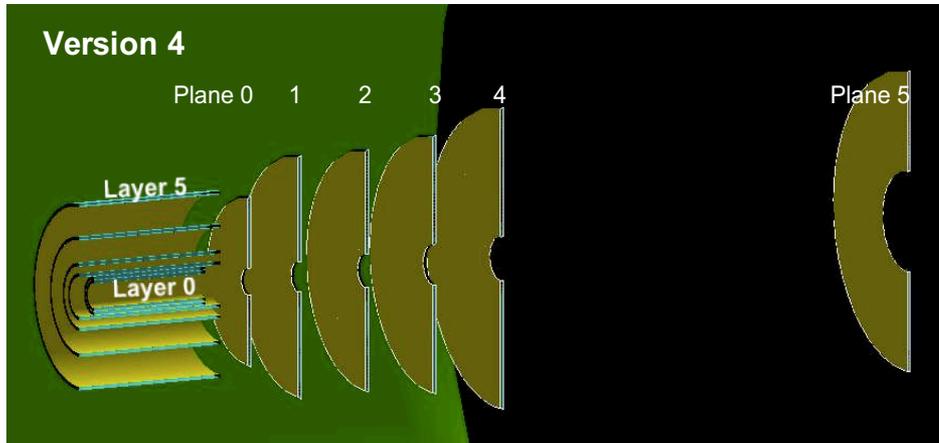
In 10 GeV electron and 100 GeV proton collisions



# Silicon vertex/tracking detector is essential for EIC heavy flavor measurements

Talk by Astrid, more details in the LANL technical note.

## Forward Silicon Tracker design version 4

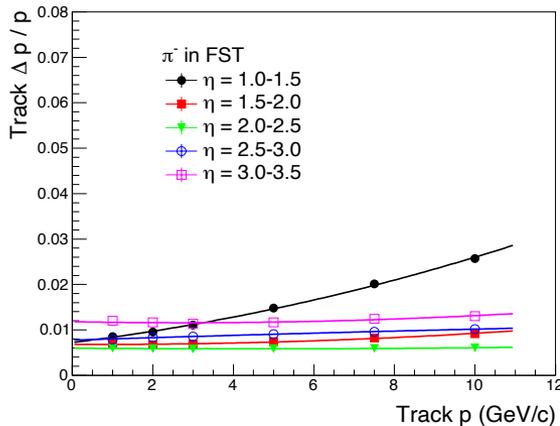


- One version of the Forward Silicon Tracker (FST) configuration:

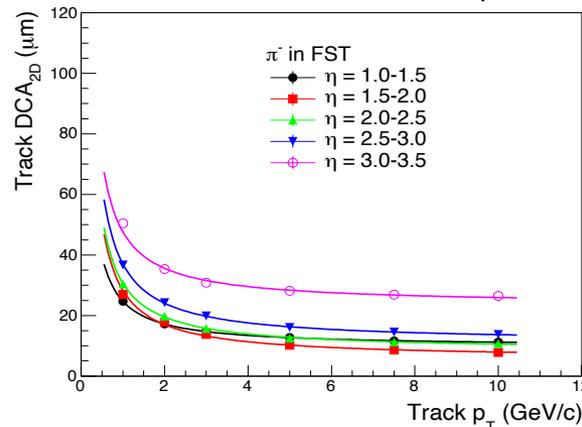
- Beast magnetic field peaked at 3T.
- Barrel layer 0-5 silicon sensor thickness: 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- Forward plane 0-2 silicon sensor thickness: 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , plane 3-5 silicon sensor thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- Barrel layer pixel pitch: 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and forward plane pixel pitch: 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

## Evaluated tracking performance in different pseudorapidity regions

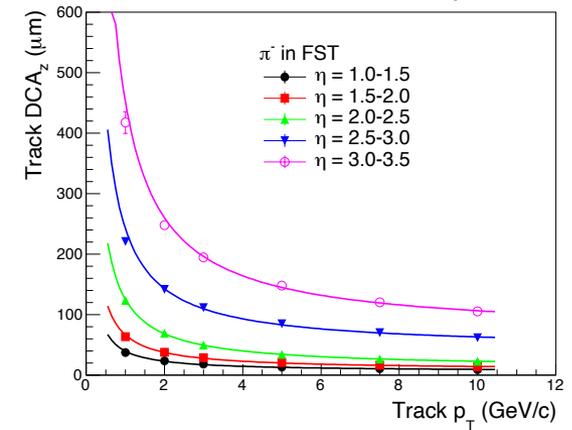
$\Delta p/p$  VS  $p$



DCA<sub>2D</sub> resolution VS  $p_T$



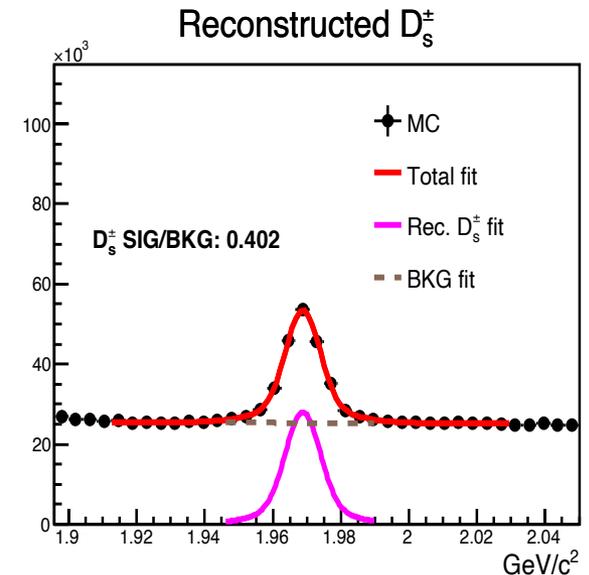
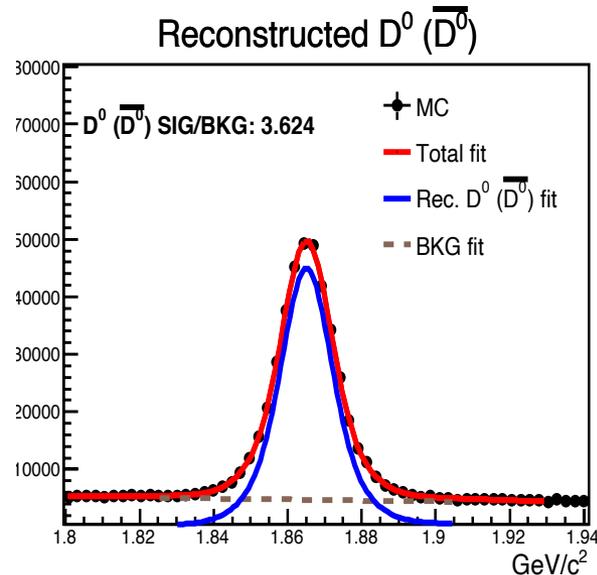
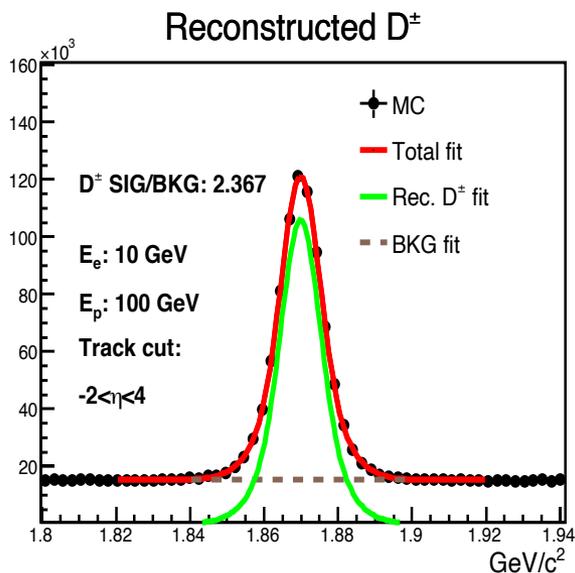
DCA<sub>z</sub> resolution VS  $p_T$



- These tracking performances are implemented in the heavy flavor reconstruction studies.

# heavy flavor hadron reconstruction: D-mesons

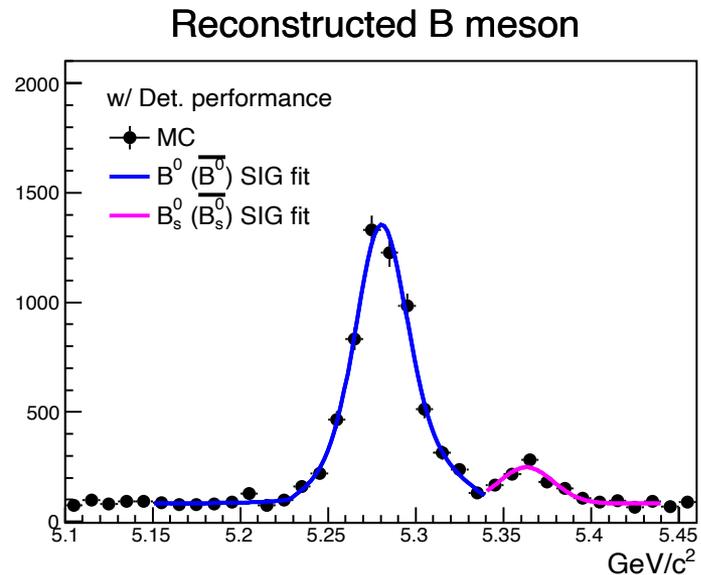
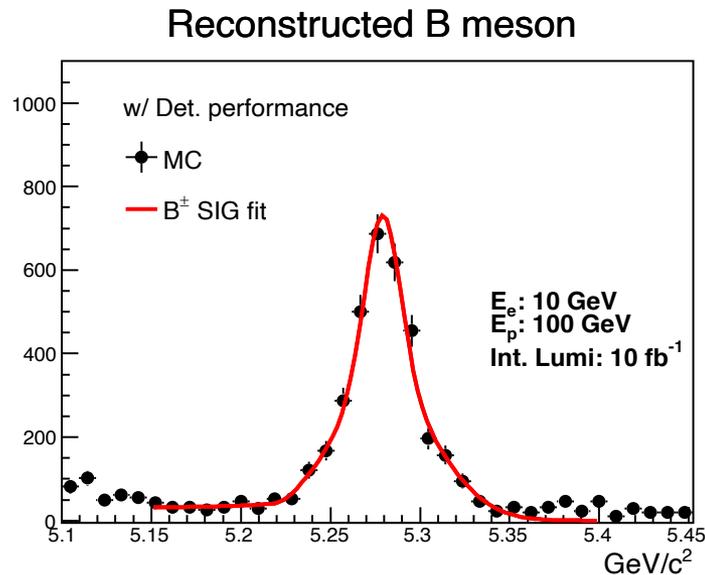
- In 10 GeV electron and 100 GeV proton collisions with  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated luminosity.
- Additional detector performance:
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  - 95% K/ $\pi$ /p separation over all the acceptance.
  - Charged track matching within a decay length (DCA) window ( $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$ ).



- Good signal over background ratios for reconstructed inclusive D-mesons in  $-2 < \eta < 4$  region.

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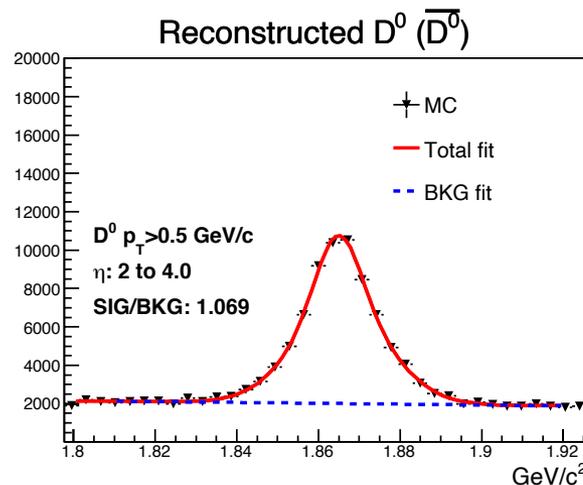
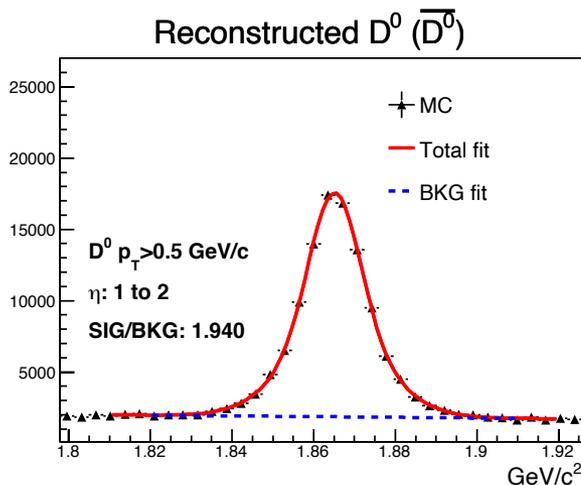
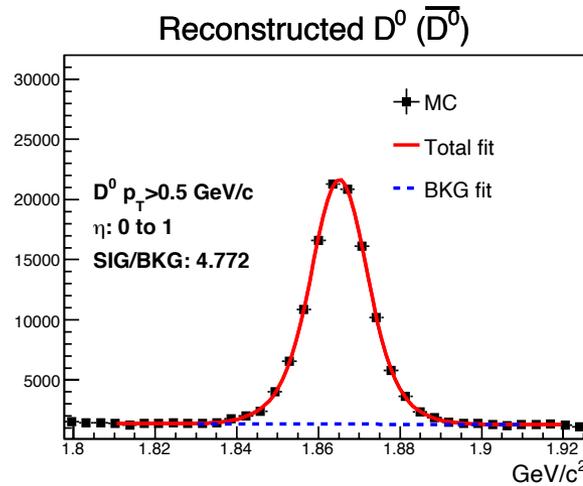
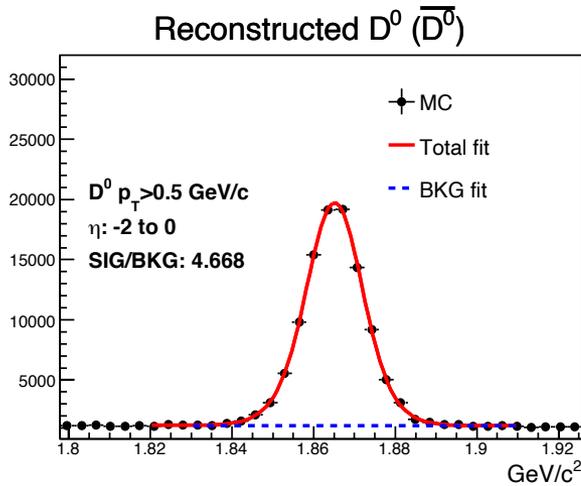
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- Clear reconstructed B-meson signals have been found in -  $2 < \eta < 4$  region.

# Reconstructed D-mesons in different $\eta$ regions

- Reconstructed  $D^0$  within different pseudorapidity regions in 10 GeV electron and 100 GeV proton collisions with  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated luminosity.

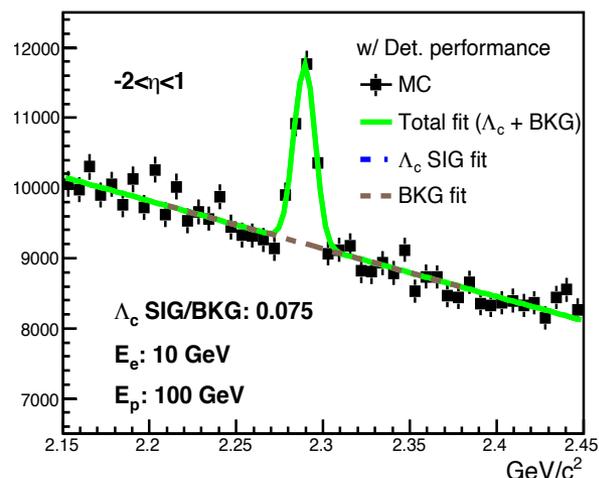


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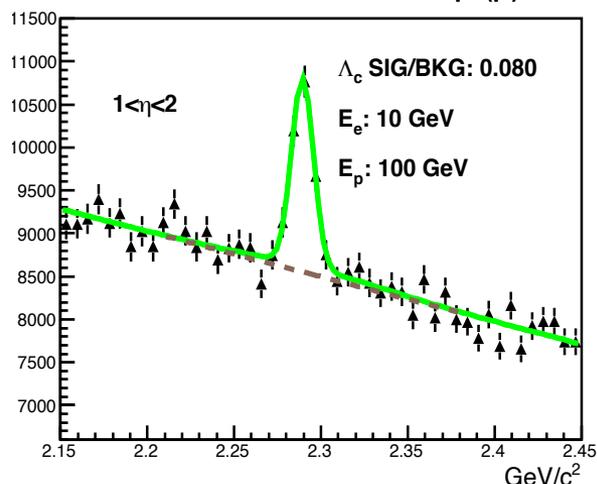
# heavy flavor hadron reconstruction: charm baryons

- Heavy flavor reconstruction has been expanded to charm baryons.
- Reconstructed  $\Lambda_c$  within different pseudorapidity regions in 10 GeV electron and 100 GeV proton collisions with  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated luminosity.

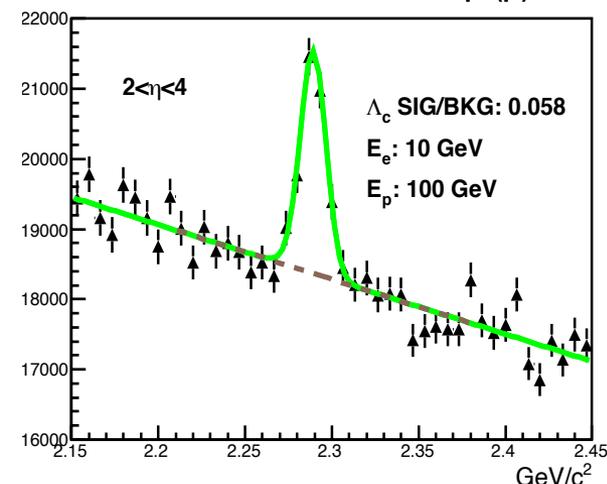
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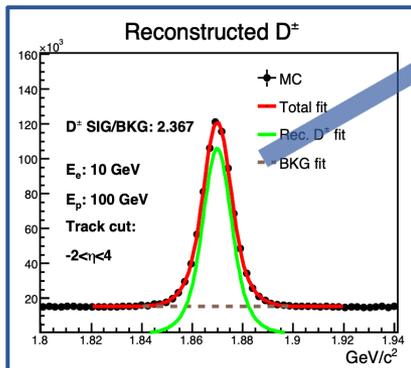
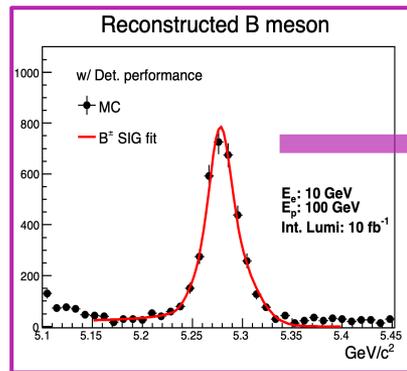
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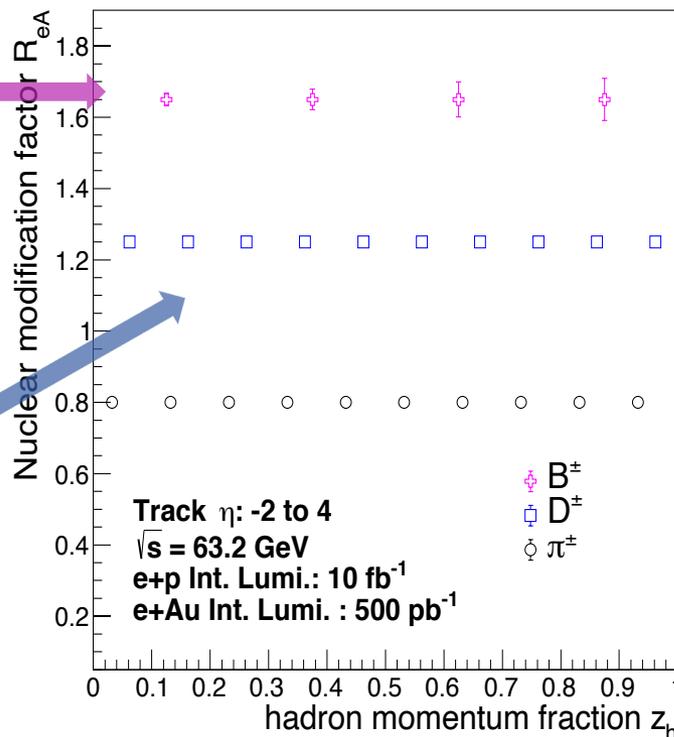
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# Physics observables to explore hadronization in medium: nuclear modification factor $R_{eA}$

- Good statistical precision have been achieved for flavor dependent reconstructed hadron  $R_{eA}$  measurements at the EIC with the help of silicon vertex/tracking detector.



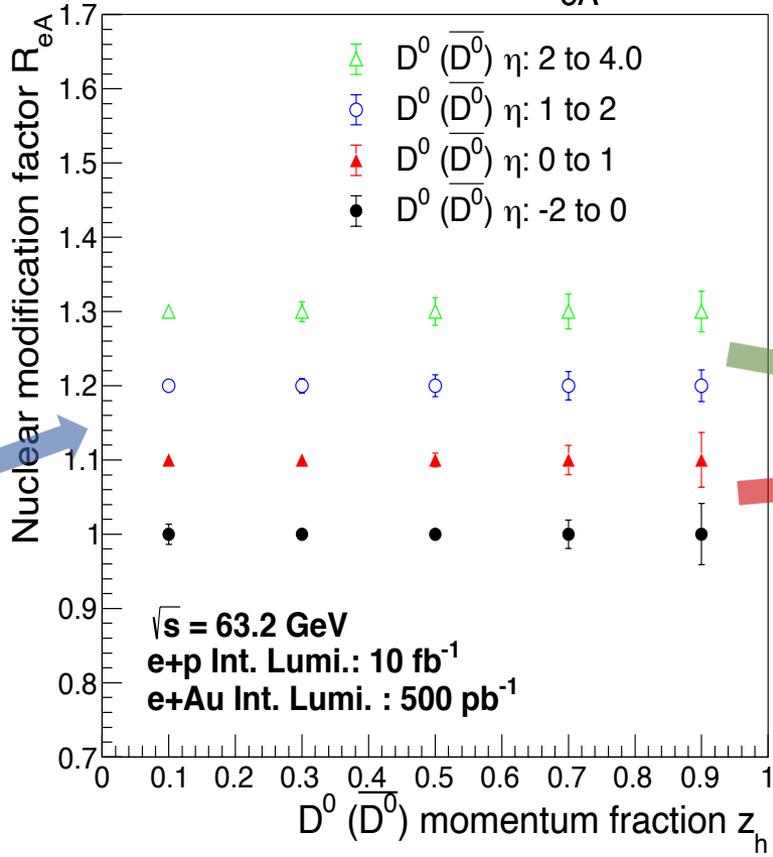
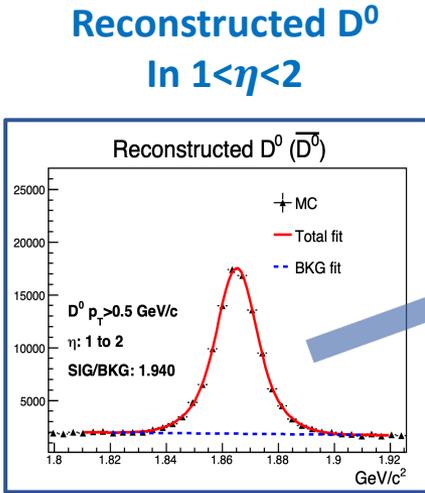
Projected hadron  $R_{eA}$  vs  $z_h$



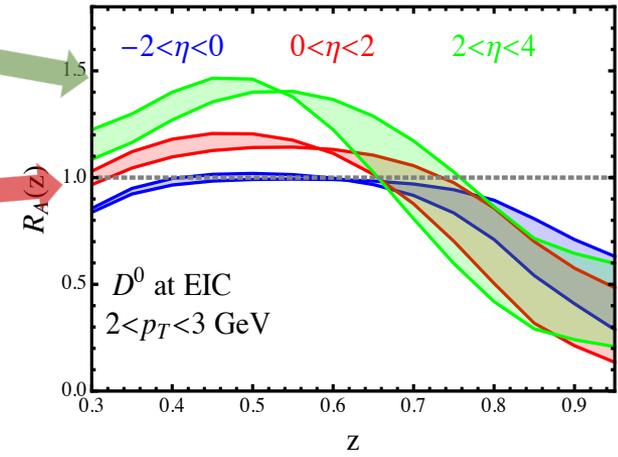
- EIC heavy flavor measurements will
  - explore the hadronization in medium with better precision.
  - provide strong discriminating power to separate different model calculations for nuclear transport coefficients.

# Projected open charm $R_{eA}$ in different $\eta$ regions

Projected  $D^0$  ( $\overline{D}^0$ )  $R_{eA}$  vs  $z_h$



**HF tomography in EIC**  
 arXiv: 2007.10994  
**NLO calculation with the  
 parton energy loss approach**

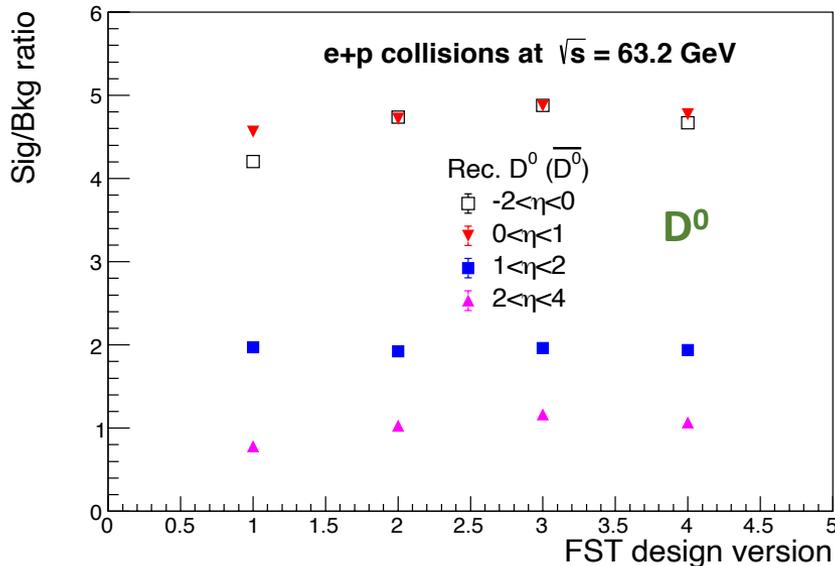


- Pseudorapidity dependent especially forward D-meson  $R_{eA}$  measurements can provide better constraints on theoretical calculations for hadronization within nuclear medium.

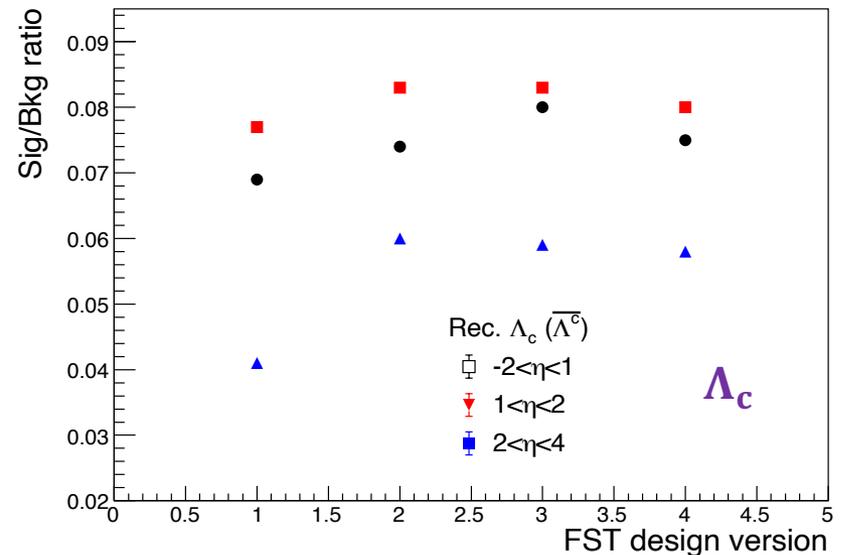
# Dependence on detector performance for reconstructed heavy flavor hadrons

- Signal over background ratios for reconstructed heavy flavor hadrons in  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  e+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 63 \text{ GeV}$  with different silicon vertex/tracking detector designs and magnetic field maps (see details in the [LANL EIC technical note](#)).

Signal/Background VS FST design version



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- Provide guidance for detector design optimization and silicon technology down selection.

# Detector requirements for EIC heavy flavor studies

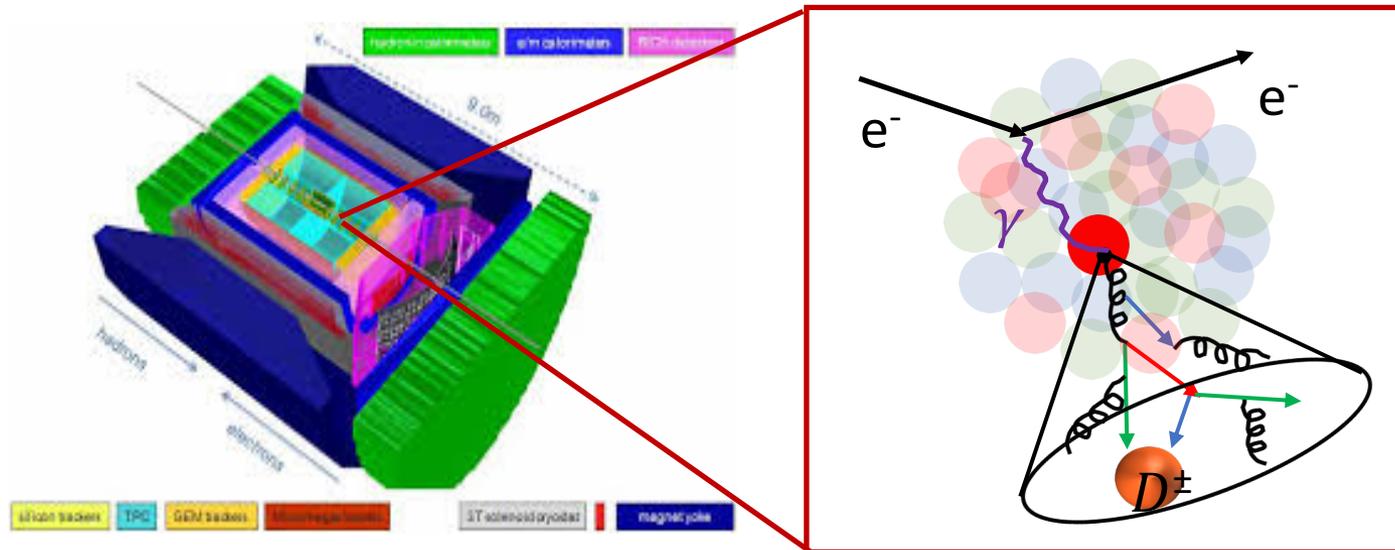
- Fully reconstructed heavy flavor hadrons rely on both the track momentum and primary/decay vertex (DCA) resolutions. Better tracking momentum resolution is related with the magnetic field – Beast magnet.
- Tracking can be improved by going to a lower proton/nuclei beam energy, which shifts the particle production towards mid-rapidity.
- Tracking requirement based on Beast magnet for the  $DCA_{2D(xy)}$  resolution:
  - $-1 < \eta < 1$ ,  $20 \mu\text{m}$
  - $1 < \eta < 2$ ,  $30/p_T + 20 \mu\text{m}$  or better
  - $2 < \eta < 3$ ,  $30/p_T + 40 \mu\text{m}$  or better
  - $3 < \eta < 3.5$ ,  $30/p_T + 60 \mu\text{m}$  or better
- The PID performance will impact on fully reconstructed heavy flavor hadron as well.

# Summary and Outlook

- A series of studies have been carried out for heavy flavor reconstruction and associated physics studies (such as nuclear modification factor measurements).
- Silicon vertex/tracking detector is critical to realize the EIC heavy flavor measurements.
- The workflow has been established from detector R&D, detector/physics simulation to theoretical developments.
- We are open to collaboration to realize the silicon vertex/tracking detector sub-system for the EIC.

# Workshop announcement

## CFNS workshop: Opportunities with Heavy Flavor at the EIC, Nov 4-6, 2020. **Online**

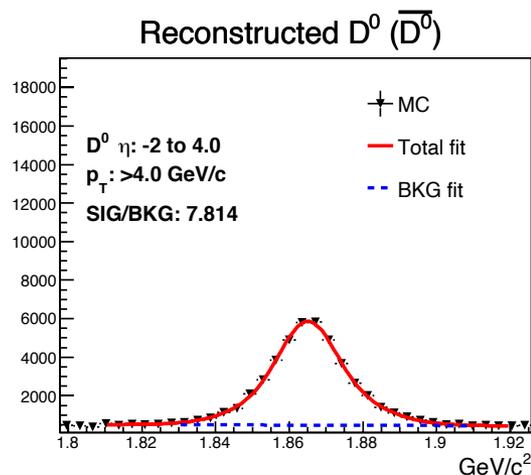
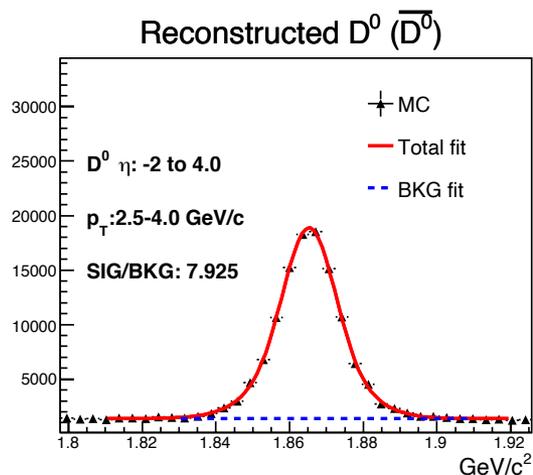
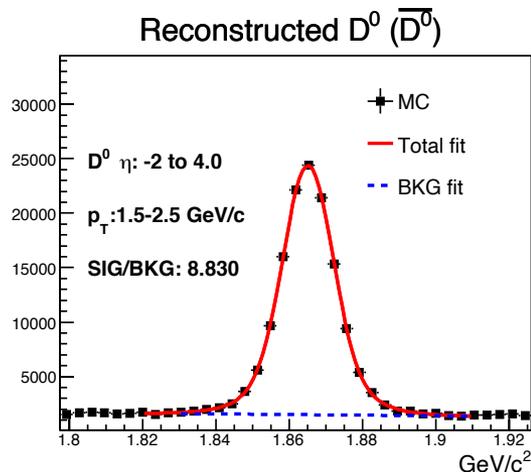
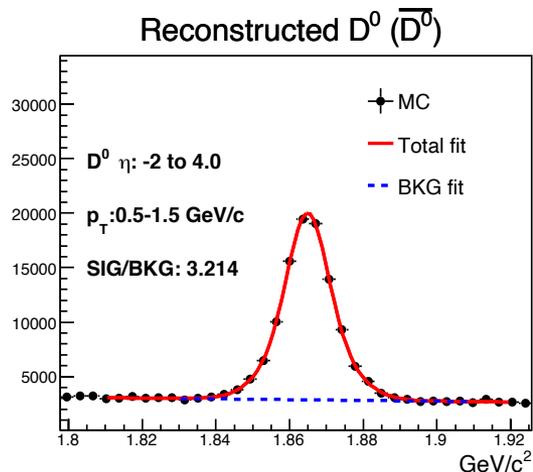


- Organizers: Ivan Vitev (LANL), Fred Olness (SMU), Christian Weiss (Jlab), Jin Huang (BNL), Xuan Li (LANL)
- Website is under setting up and phone bridge connection will be provided.
- We will send the official announcement shortly.

# Backup

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