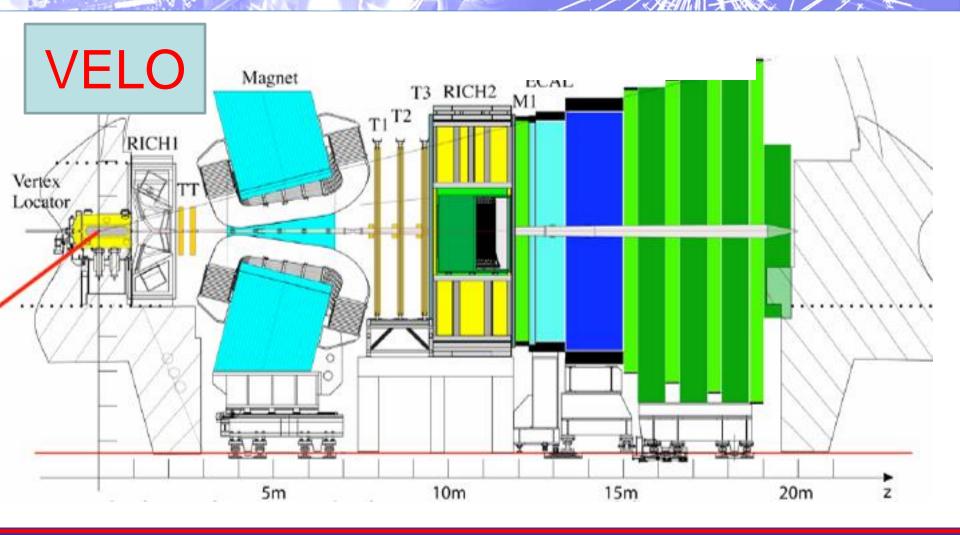


## LHCb VELO

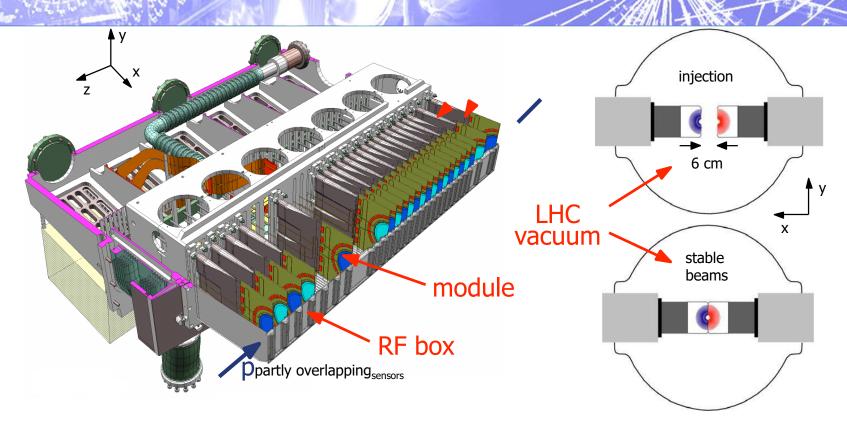
# Operation With Beam

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## LHCb: Spectrometer



### **VELO: Mechanics Overview**



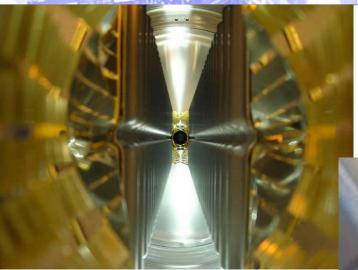
- 2 retractable detector halves
- 21 stations per half with an R and sensor

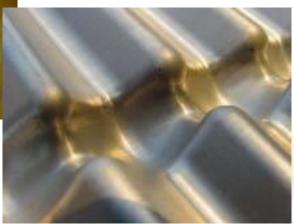
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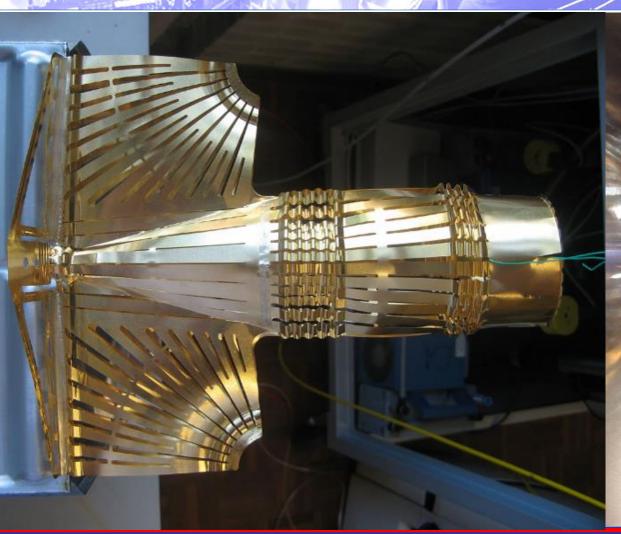
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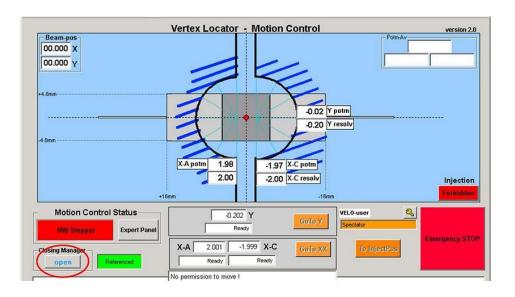
# **VELO:** Wake Field Suppressor





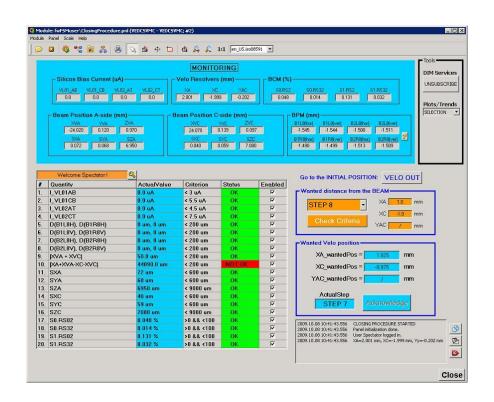
### **Closing Control**

- Two halves centrered around beam
  - 9.60 x 32.00mm
  - Precision a few μm
  - Cannot "crash" into each other
- First (slow) closing
  - In contact with CCC



### Monitoring

- Procedures
- Three types monitoring
  - Active
  - Environmental
  - External Devices



### Monitoring

#### Active

- Detector occupancies
- Vertex positions (both halves in 3D)
- Sensor Diode Currents

#### Environmental

- Foil Temps
- Vacuum in and outside
   r.f. boxes

#### External Devices

- The LHCb diamondbased Beam Conditions Monitor (BCM)
- The LHC Beam
   Position Monitors
   (BPMSW) on both
   sides of the
   experiment

#### **Motion and Interlocks**

#### Motion

- In steps
- Conditions
  - silicon currents nominal
  - silicon < 1°C of nominal</li>
  - occupancy < 2%</li>
  - foil < 4°C of nominal</li>
  - Vac in r.f box < 10<sup>-5</sup>mbar
  - BCM < 0.02
  - BPM position <4mm nominal
  - BPM "drift" <0.5mm /m</li> minute

- VELO protected by a hardware interlock
  - Cuts off power if module temps are exceeded
  - No motion

#### **VELO Interaction with LHC**

- HV is powered during the ADJUST period before STABLE BEAMS
- Moves into the closed position with STABLE BEAM
- Moves out before exiting the STABLE BEAM mode.
  - LHC handshakes.
- Position transmitted to the machine via DIP
  - displayed on the LHC Page 2 (OP page)
- Motion system is on UPS
  - retracts automatically in case of a power cut.



# **VELO Config 2010/2011**

- 450+450 GeV technical fills: VELO powered but remain in garage position for data taking.
- 3.5+3.5 TeV, squeezed/unsqueezed/LHCb magnet ON/OFF
  - VELO powered and closed during Stable Beams
    - Learning procedure in place espescially as intensity increases
    - Conservative

