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Prospectives LHCb

- I. The past
- II. The present
- III. The future

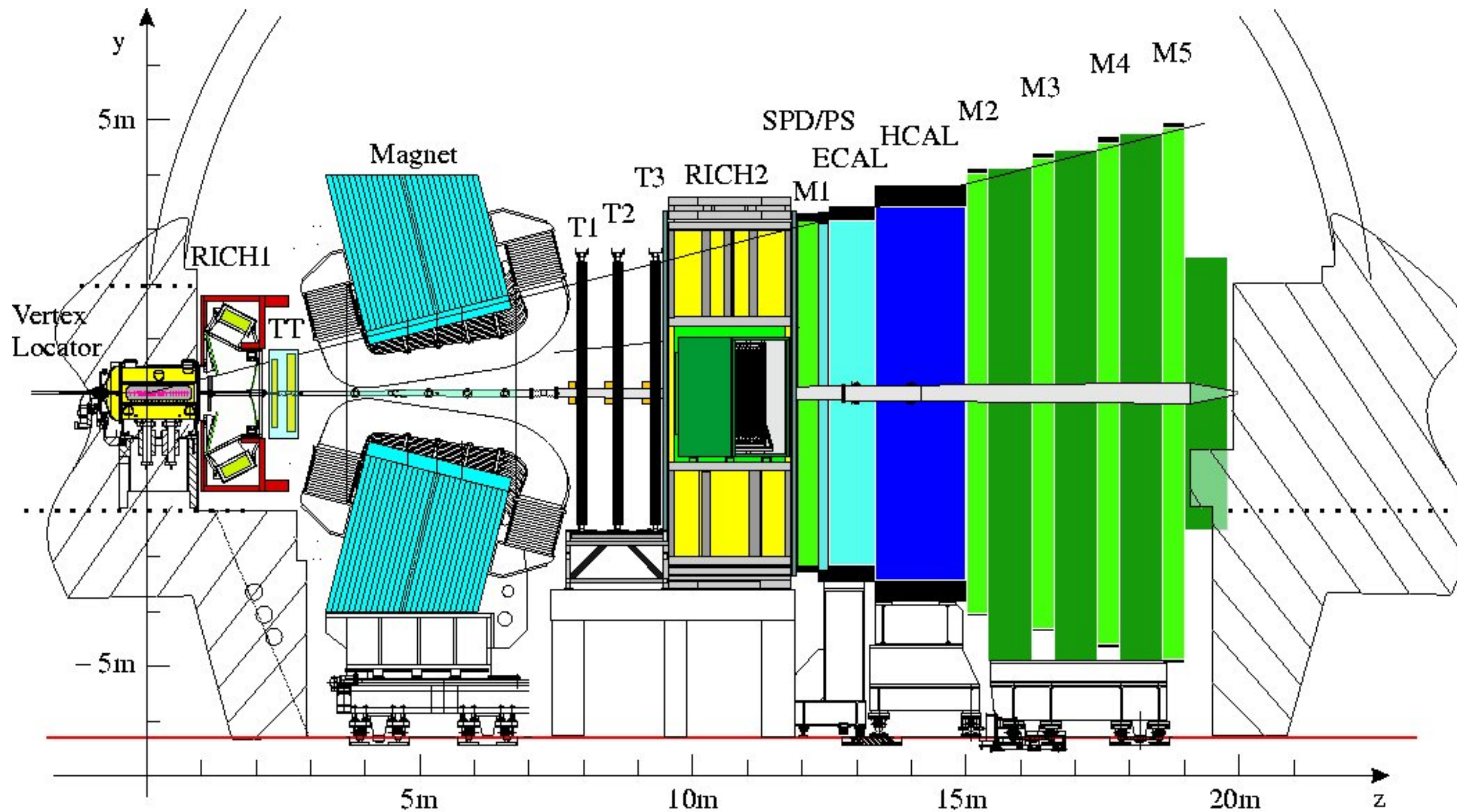
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The past

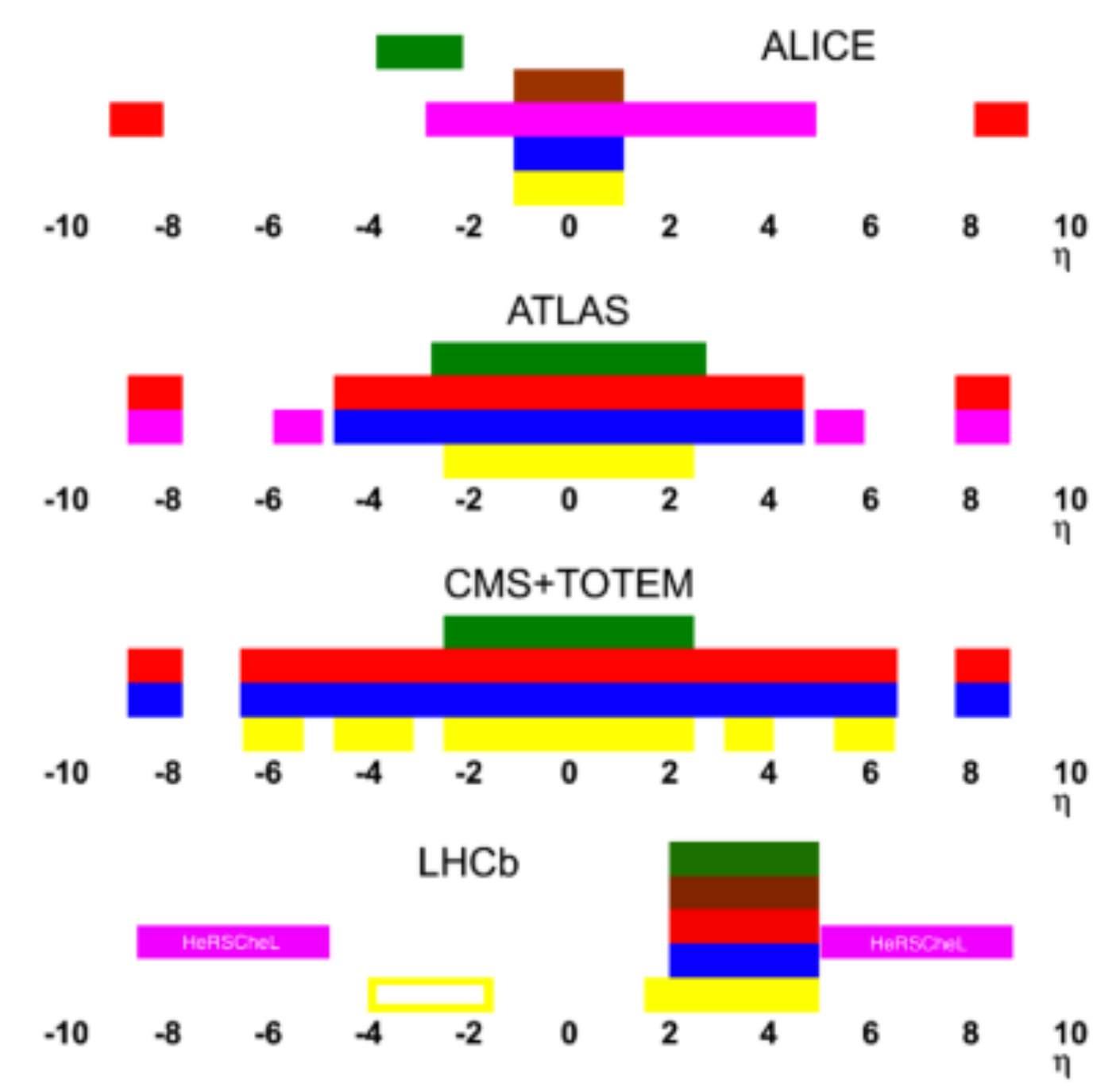
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LHCb : **single arm spectrometer** fully instrumented in pseudo-rapidity range $2 < \eta < 5$



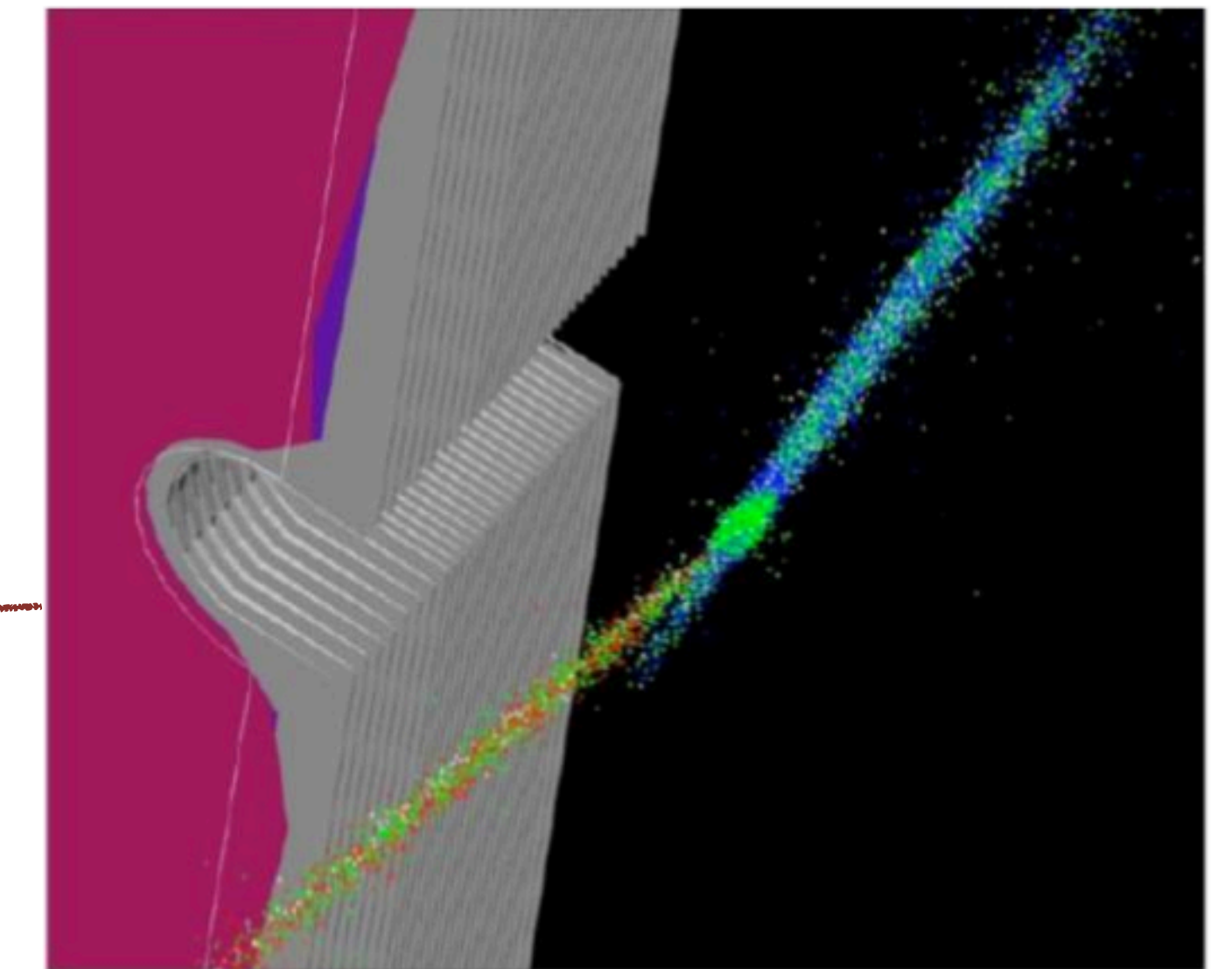
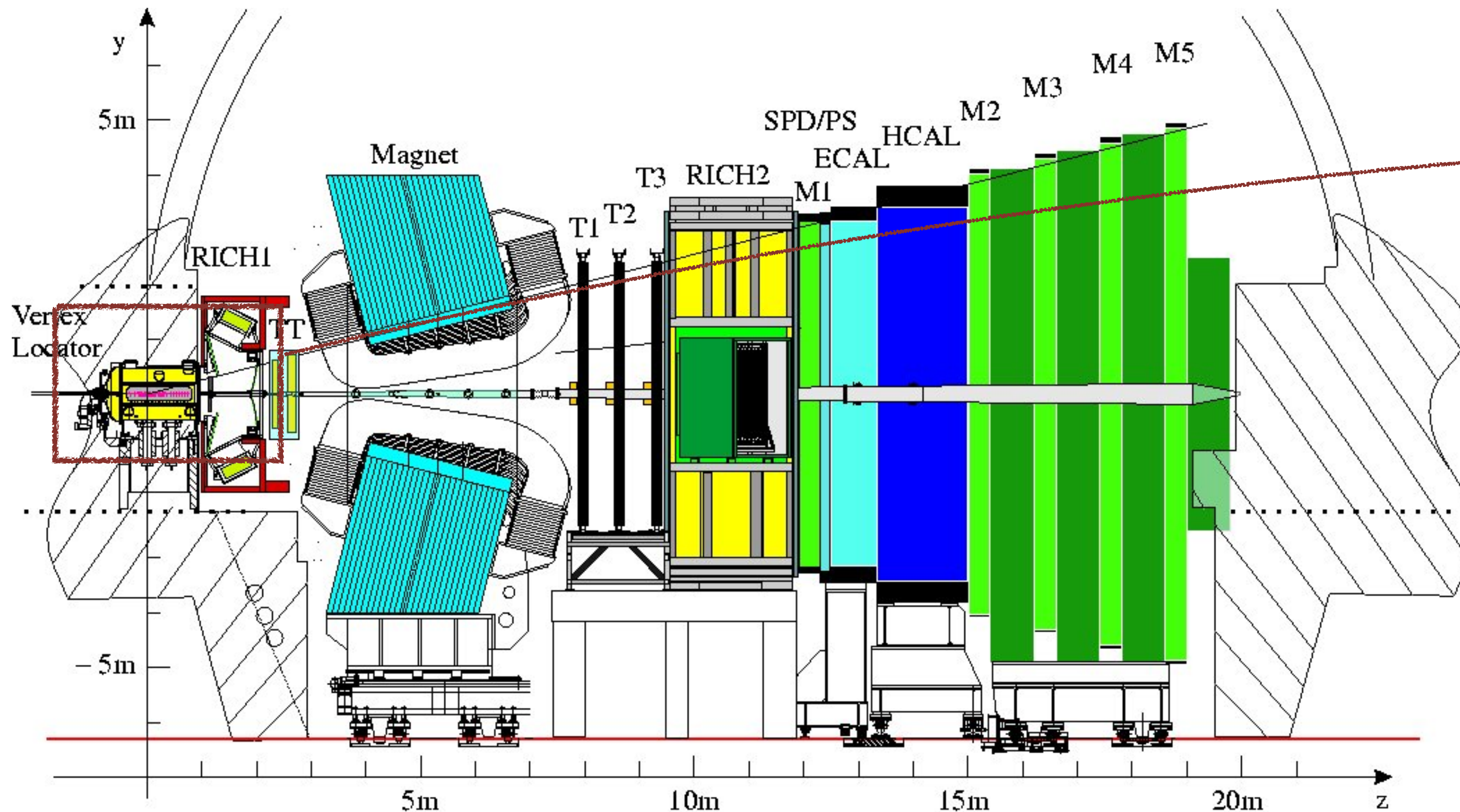
- hadron PID
- muon system
- lumi counters
- HCAL
- ECAL
- tracking



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Can operate both in Pb-Pb/p-Pb and fixed-target !



Distribution of vertices overlaid on detector display. z-axis is scaled by 1:100 compared to transverse dimensions to see the beam angle.
Beam 1 - Beam 2, Beam 1 - Gas, Beam 2 - Gas.

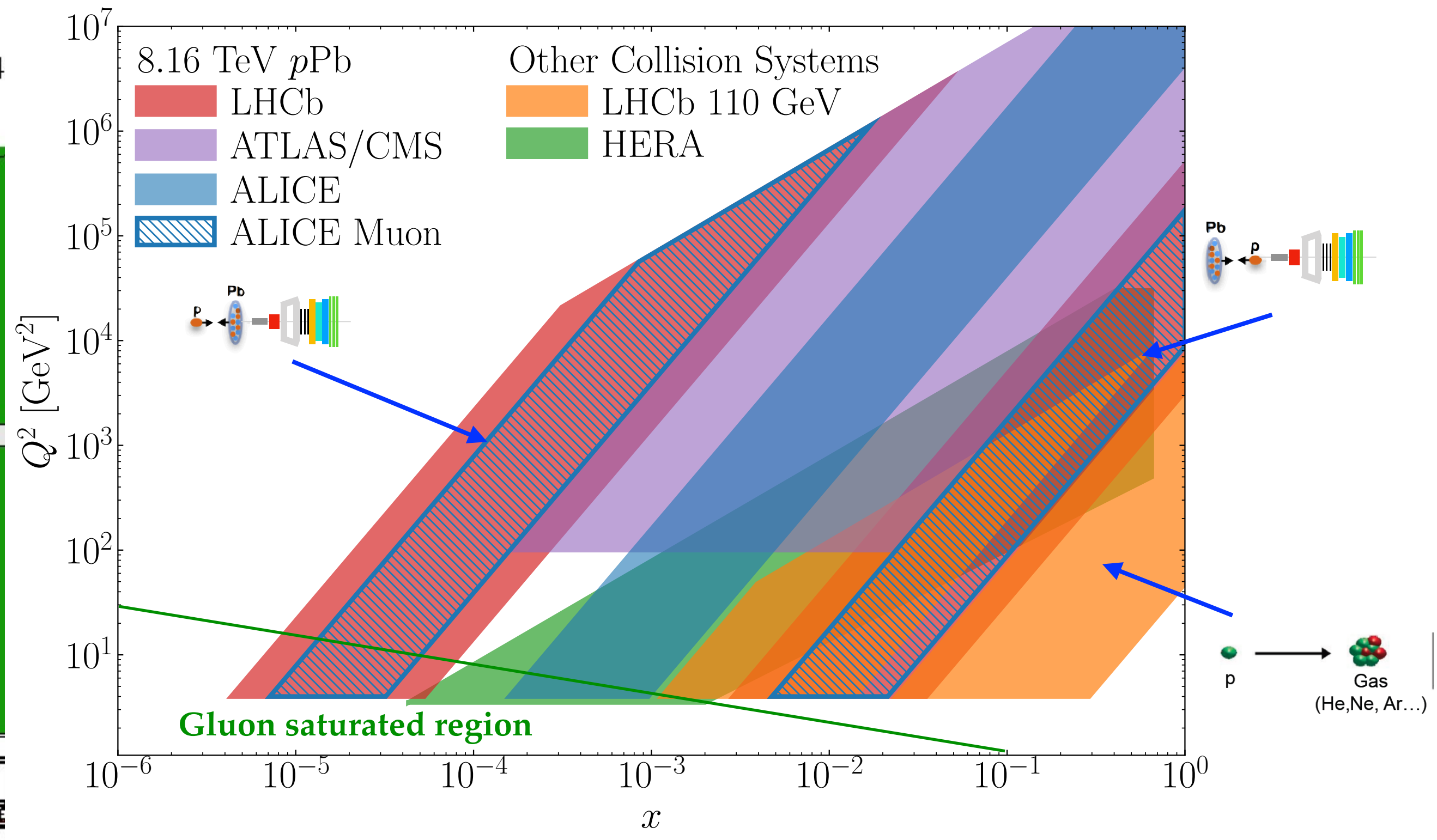
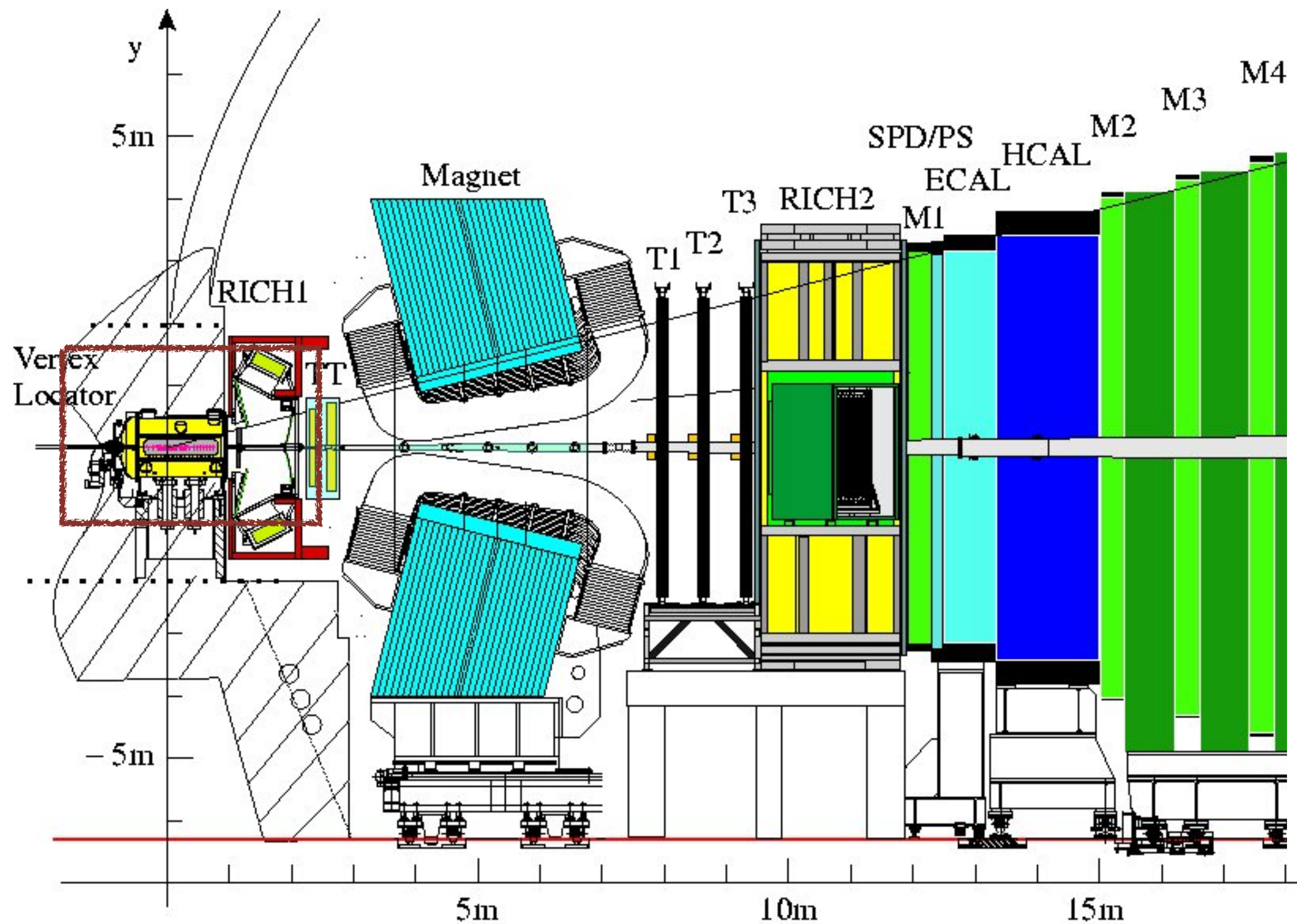
Fixed-target mode: **unique at LHC !**

- Injecting gas in the LHCb VERtEX LOcator (VELO) tank
- **Noble gas only** : He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe
- Gas pressure : 10^{-7} to 10^{-6} mbar

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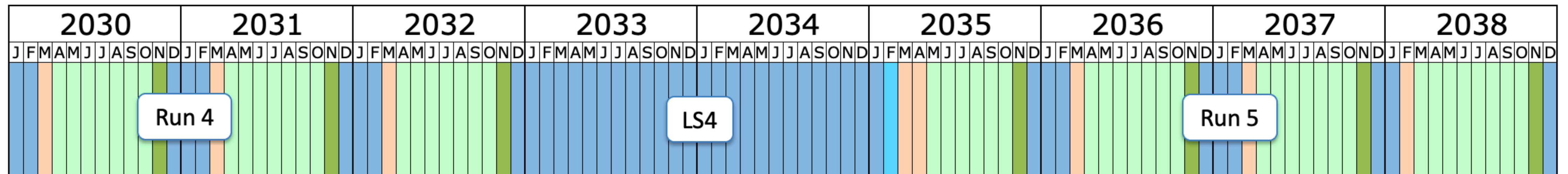
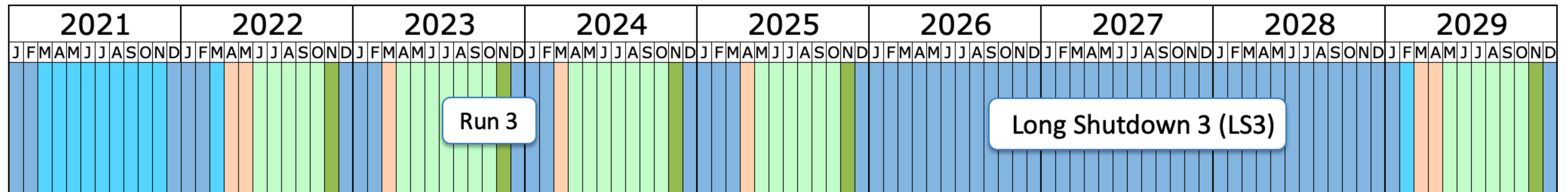
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The futur planed by the LHC

Upgrade Ia

Upgrade Ib



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- Shutdown/Technical stop
- Protons physics
- Ions
- Commissioning with beam
- Hardware commissioning/magnet training

Upgrade II

The present

Requirements for Run 3 - Run 4

[CERN-LHCC-2012-007]

New pixel VELO

New Tracking system :

- Silicon upstream detector (UT)
- Scintillating tracking fibre (SciFi)

New electronics for muon and calorimeter systems

❖ Upgrade based on pp collision requirements :

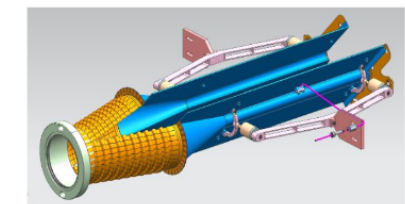
- Collision rate at 40 MHz.
- Pile-up factor $\mu \approx 5$

❖ Full **software trigger**.

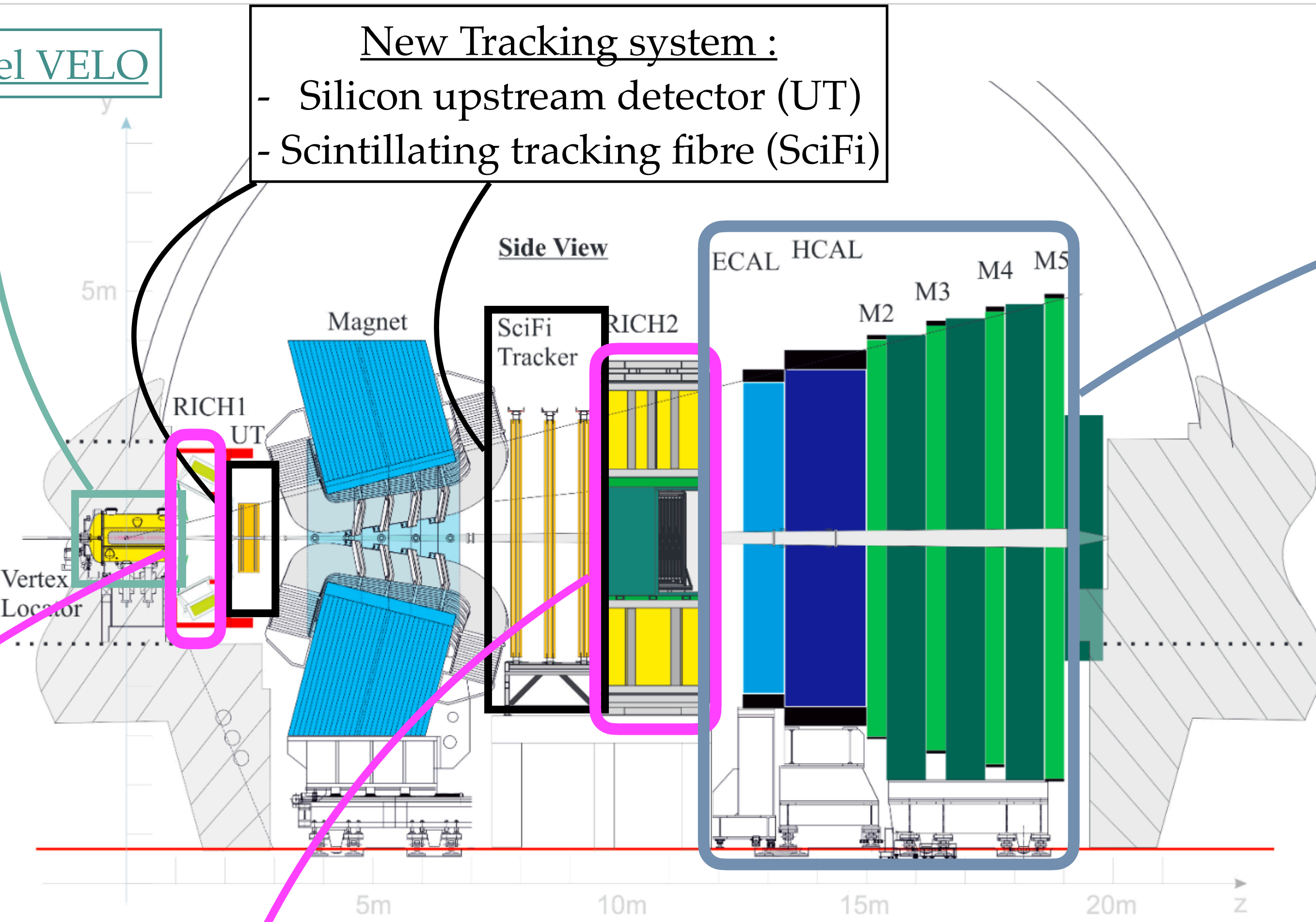
- Remove L0 triggers.
- Read out the full detector at 40 MHz.
- Replace the entire tracking system.

New RICH optics and photodetectors

SMOG2

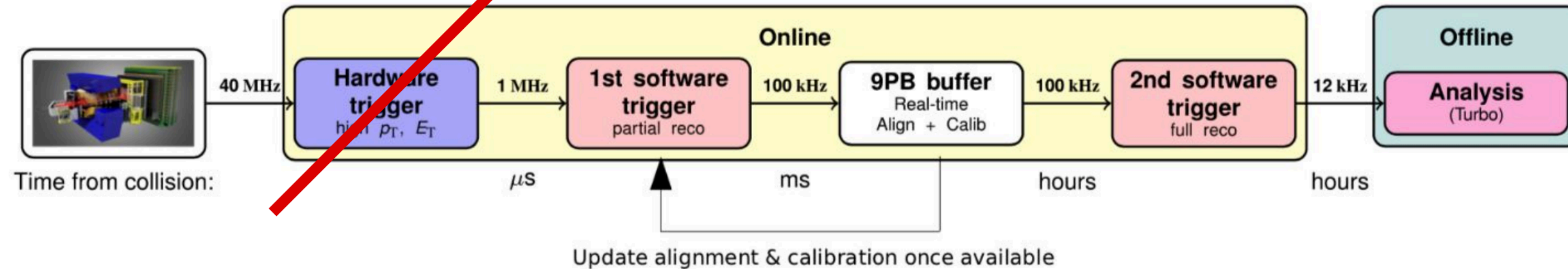


Vertex Locator

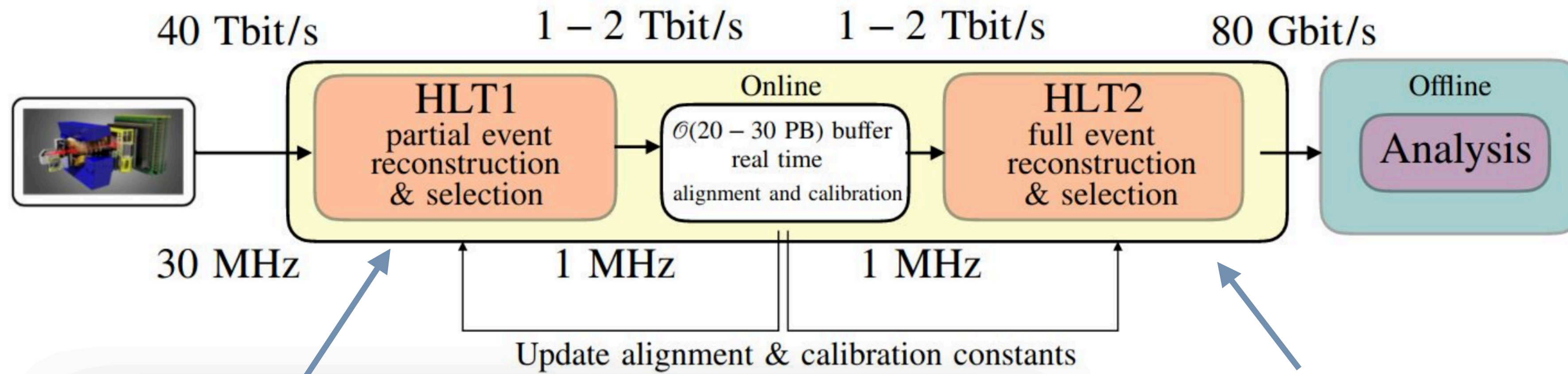


Trigger scheme

• Run 2:



• Run 3:

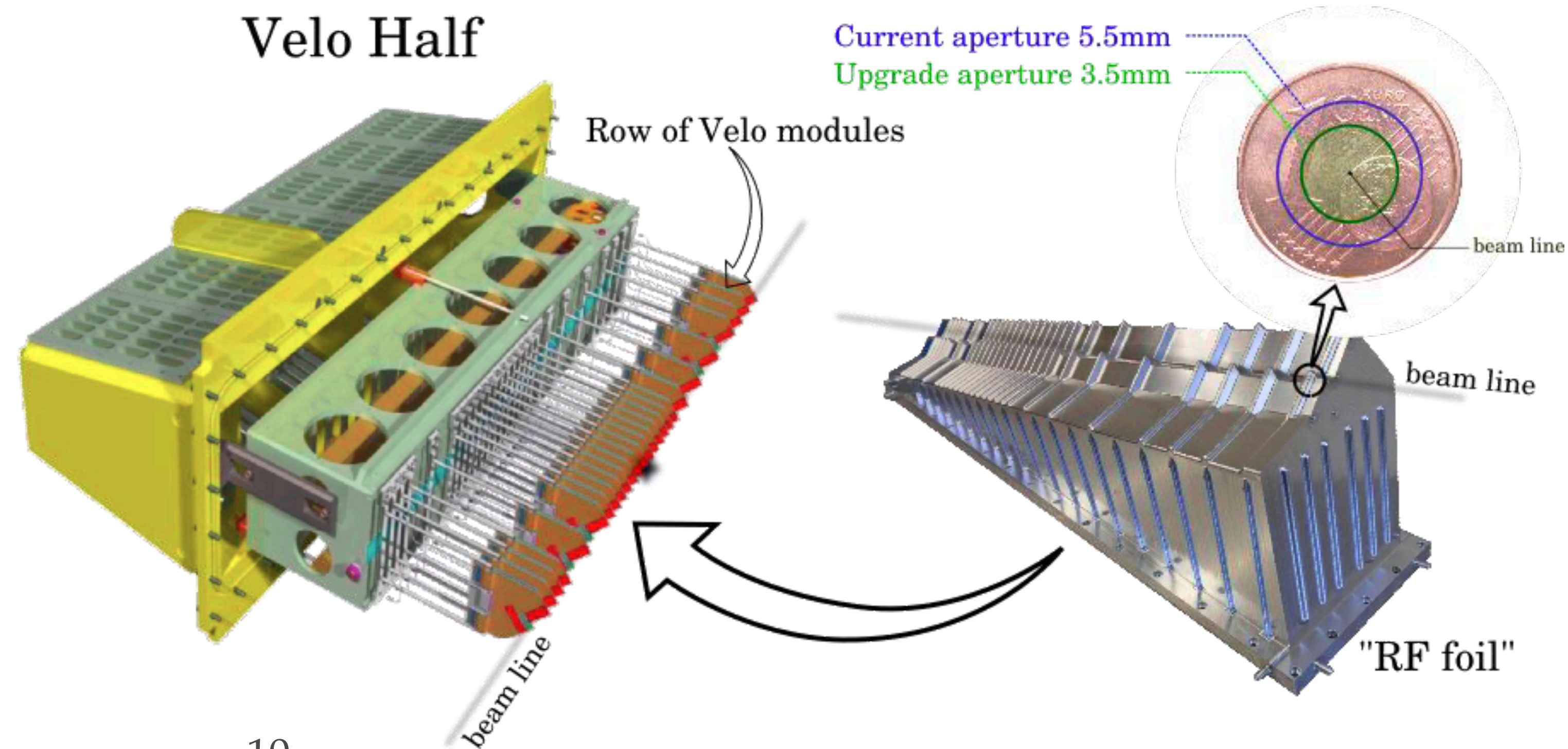
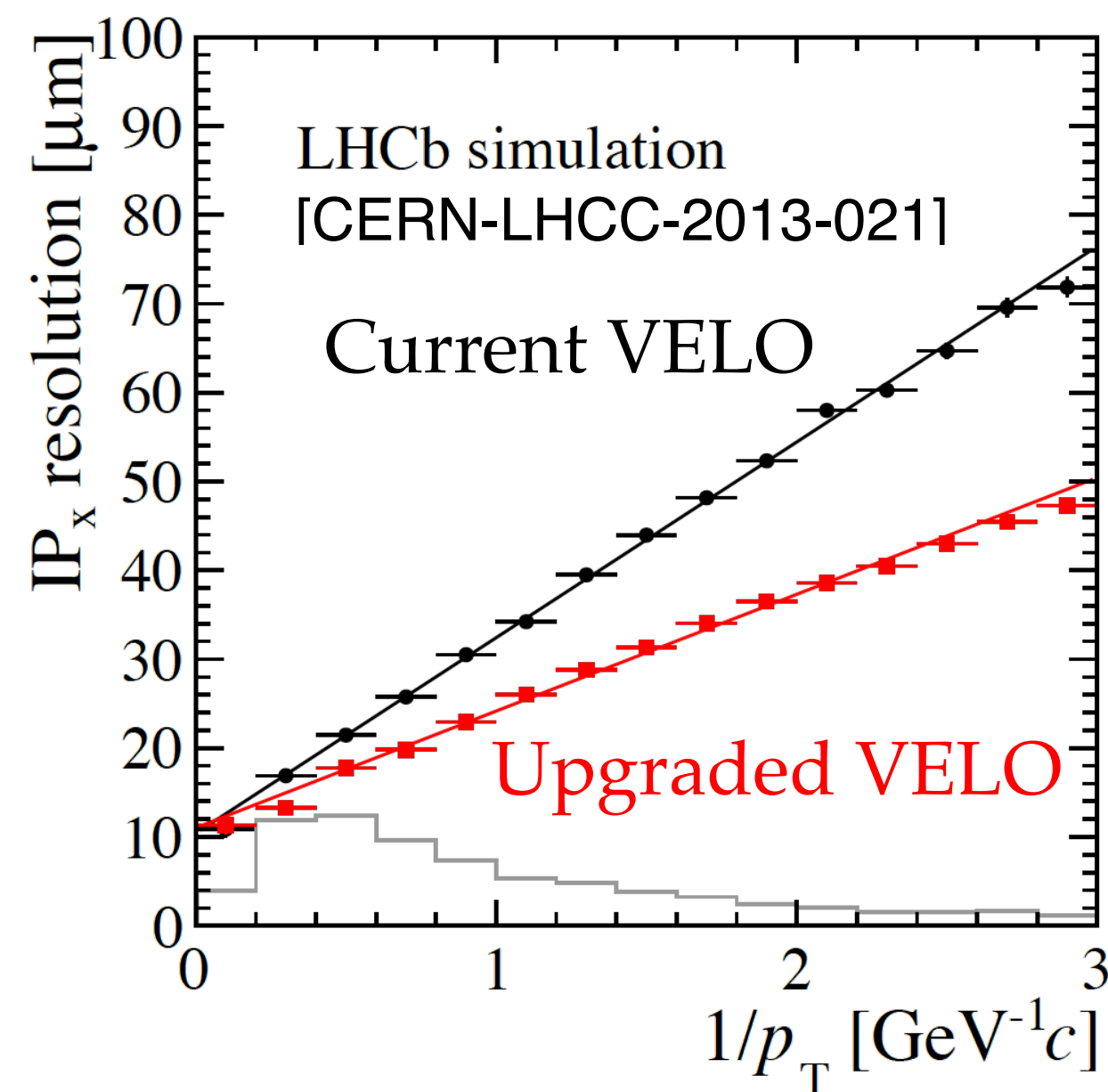


- Tracking only on GPUs.
- First trigger selections based on tracking only.

- Tracking + PID on CPUs.
- More complex trigger selection possible.

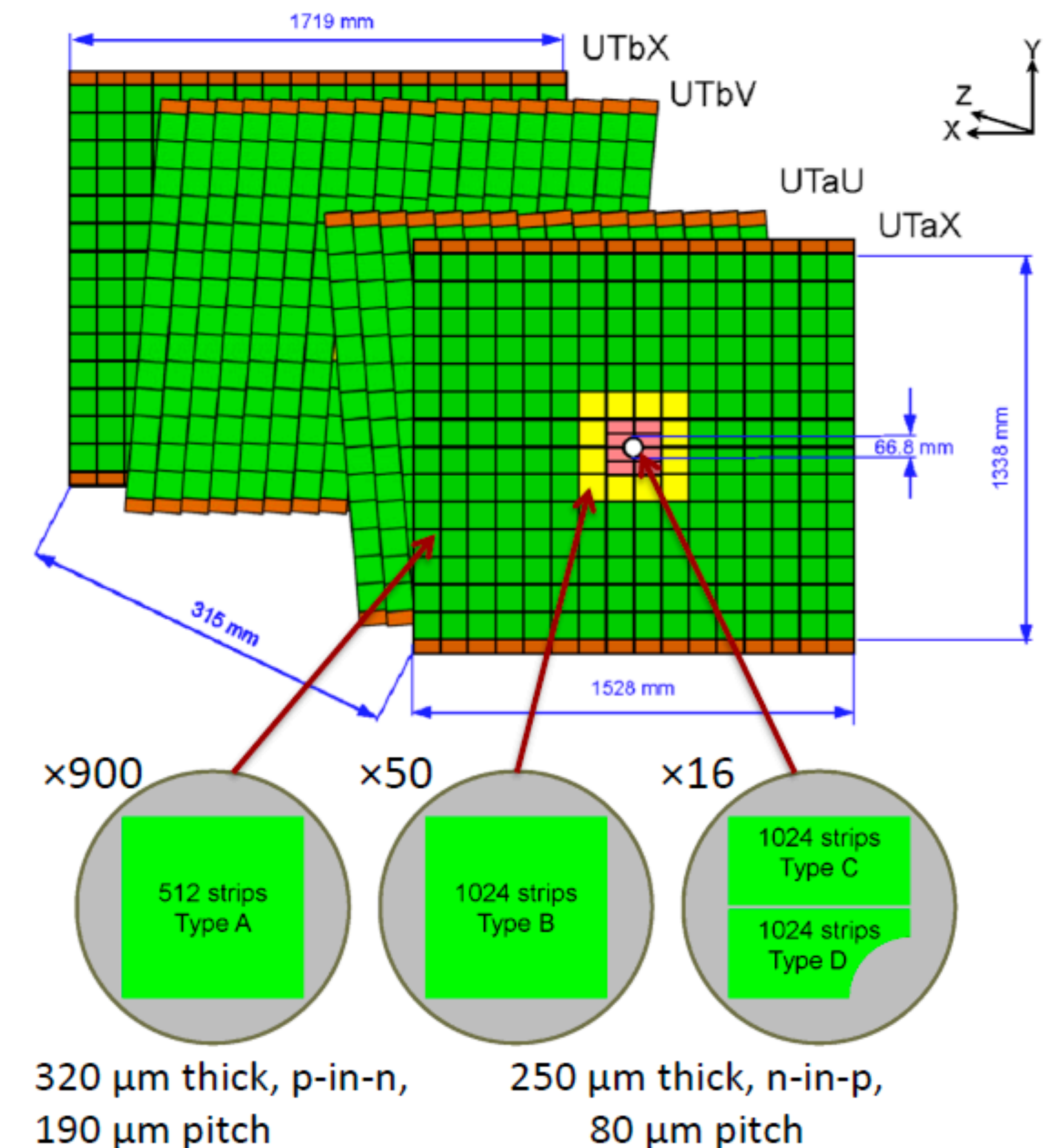
Tracking system: Vertex Locator (VELO)

- ❖ Silicon pixel detector, **41 M 55 x 55 μm^2 pixels.**
- ❖ Closest pixels at 5.1 mm from the beam line.
- ❖ Aluminium foil to protect the Velo without interfering with the beam.
- ❖ Sensors to be kept $< -20^\circ\text{C}$
- ❖ **Total data rate : 2.8 Tb/s**



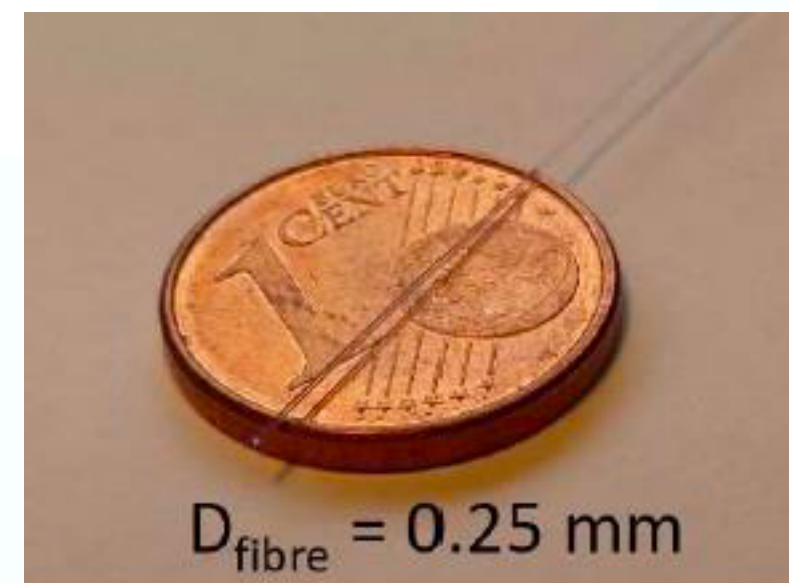
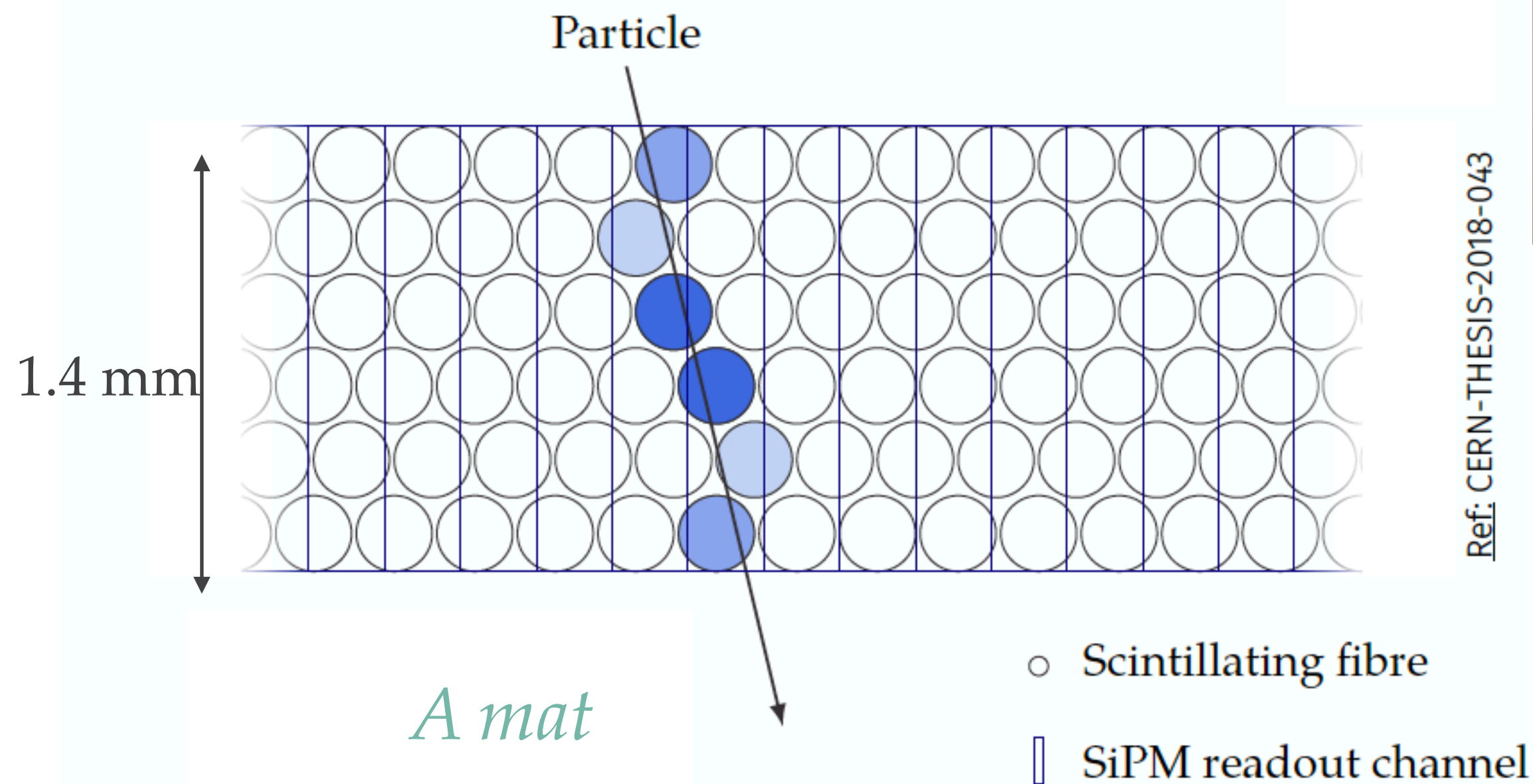
Tracking system: Upstream Tracker (UT)

- ❖ 4 stations with x-u-v-x layers of silicon micro strip detectors.
 - Sensors with 512 or 1024 strips (4 different types).
 - 68 staves / 968 sensors.
- ❖ **Replace the TT system.**

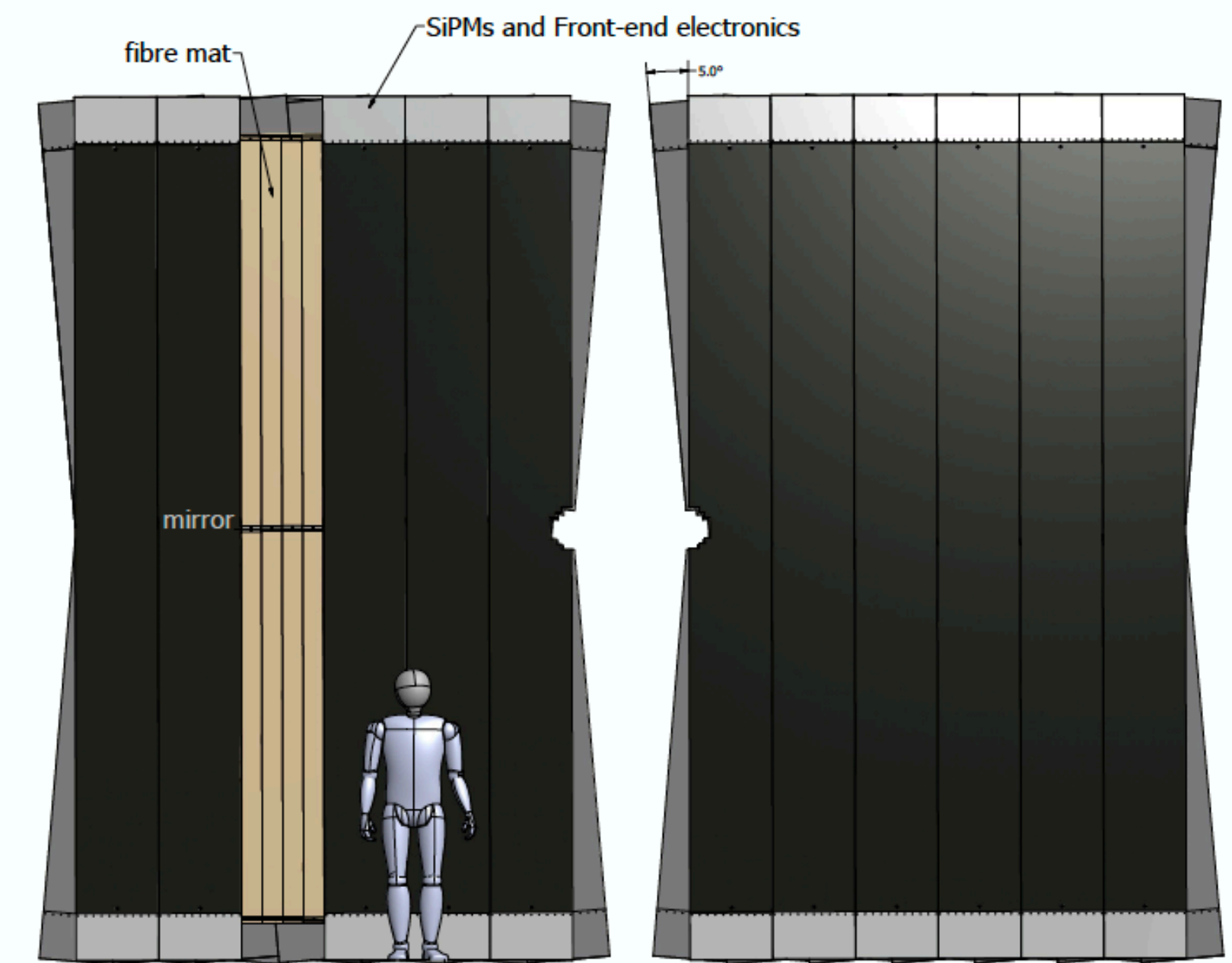


Tracking system: Scintillating fibre tracker (SciFi)

- ❖ ~10000 km of scintillating fibres arranged in 6 layers with silicon photo-multipliers (SiPM) readout.
 - 3 stations.
 - 4 detection layers per station arranged in x-u-v-x configuration per stations.
 - 10 modules of 2x4 mats.

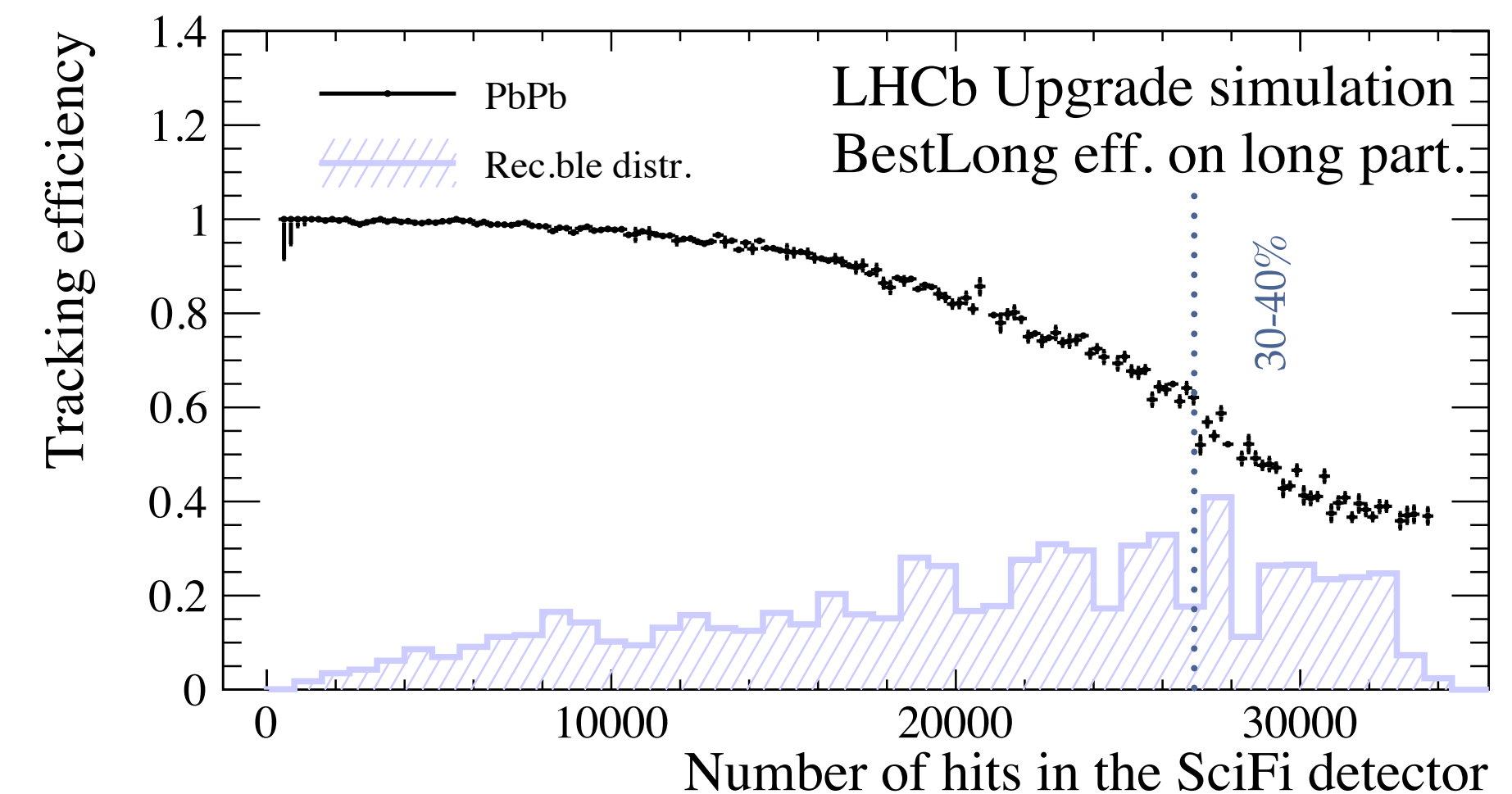
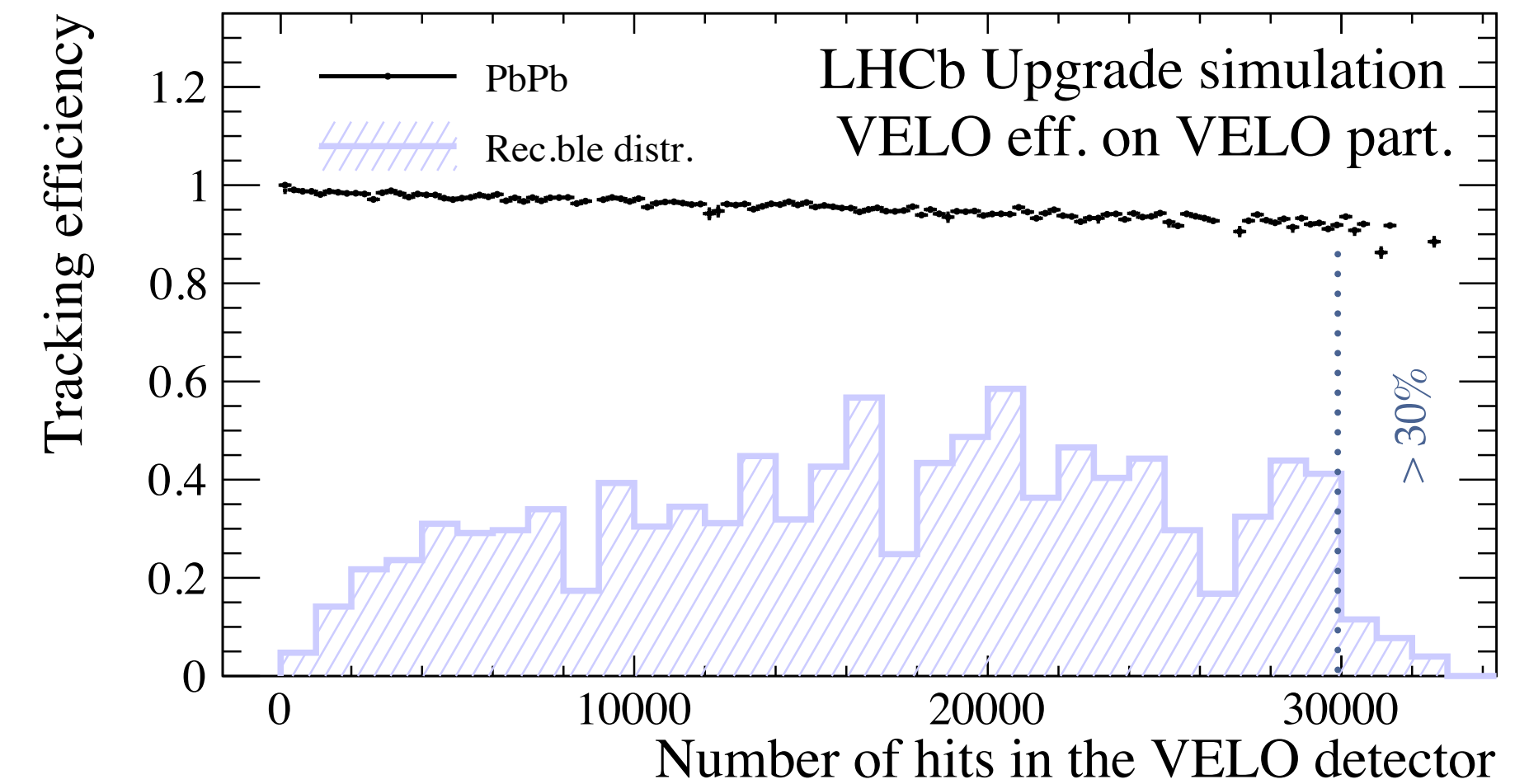
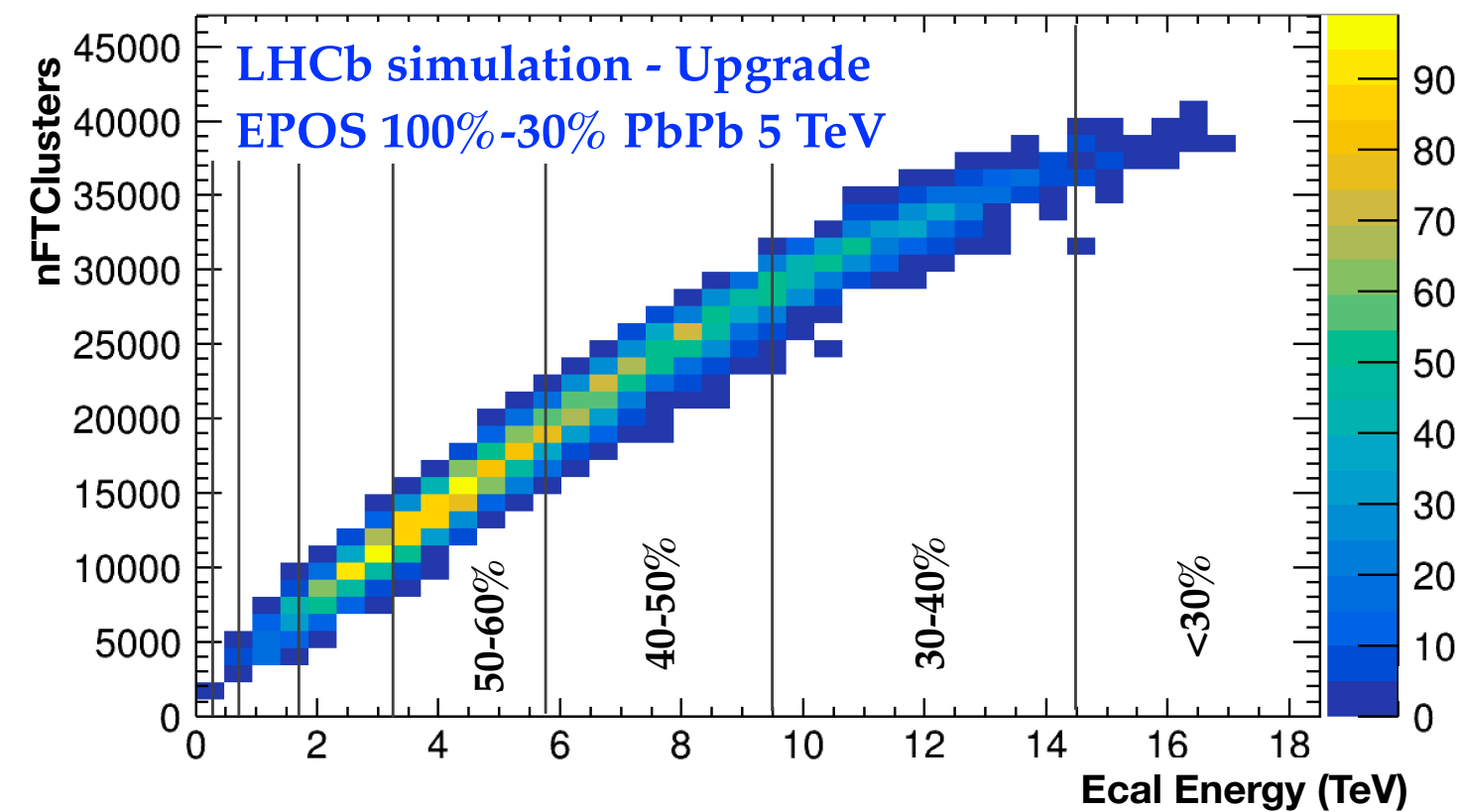
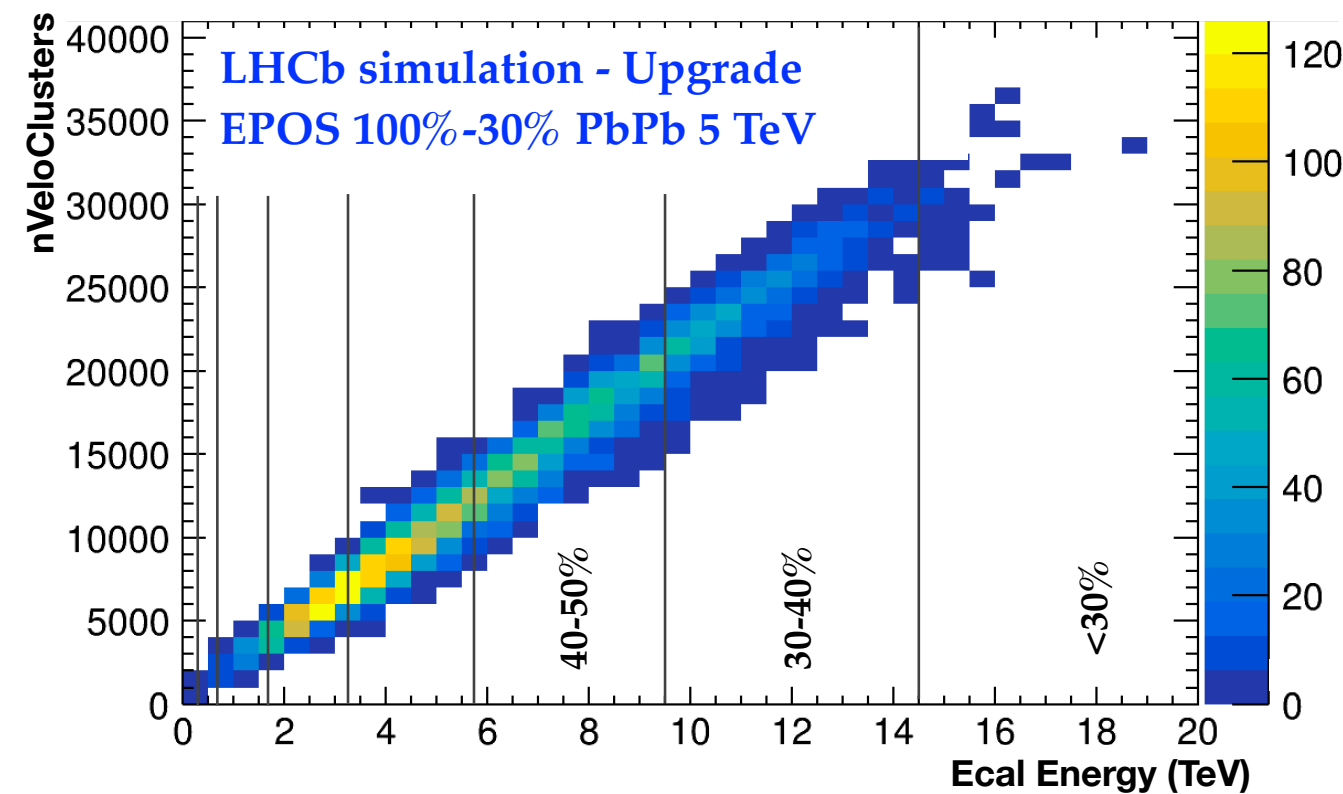


XU VX



Run 3 and Run 4 prospects for heavy-ion physics with LHCb

PbPb collisions at LHCb



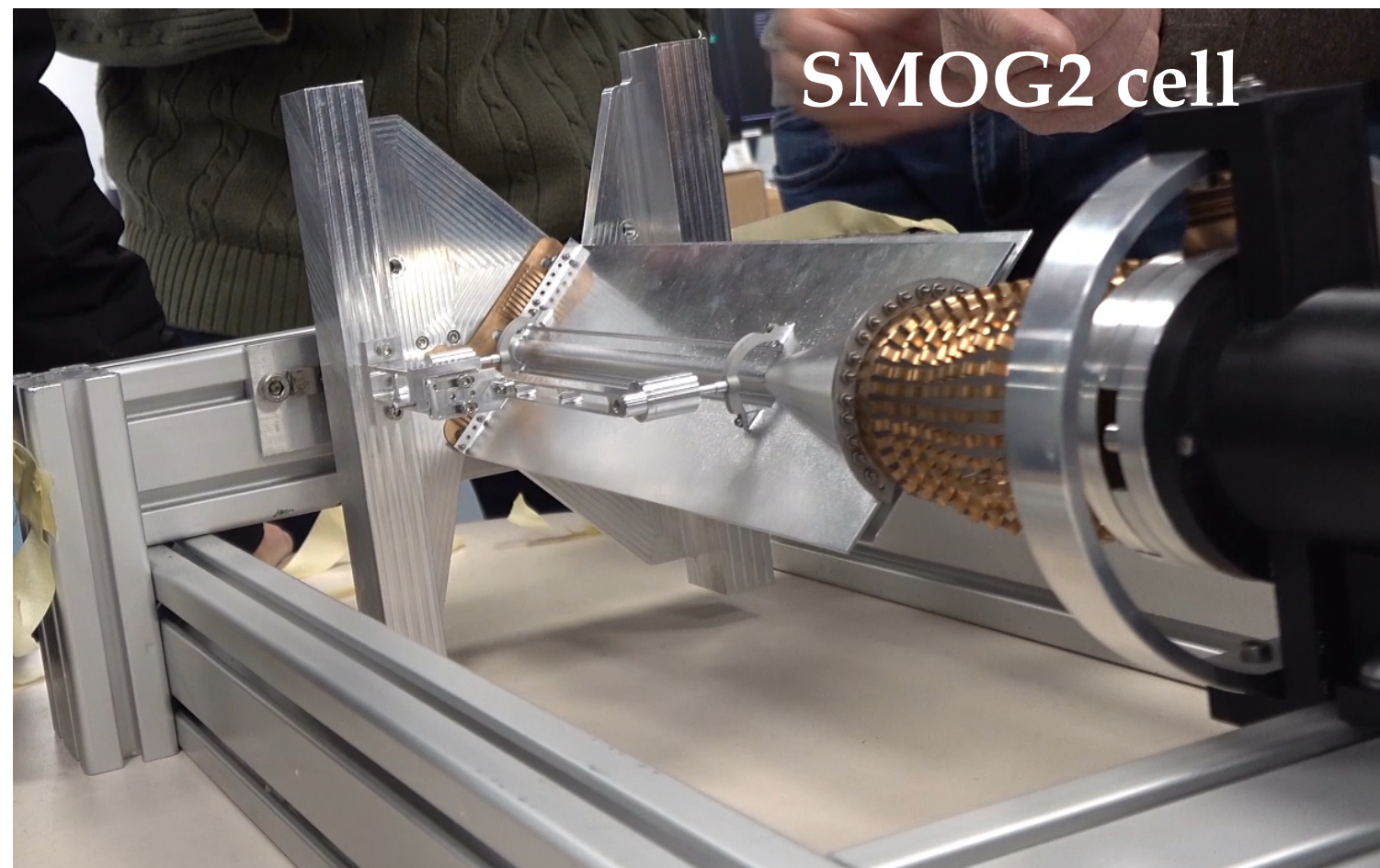
❖ No significant saturation of the new LHCb detectors **up to 30%!**

❖ Two proposals for a new tracker :

→ in 2024 → **reach event more central collisions !**

→ In 2030 → **no more limitations !**

SMOG2 versus SMOG1



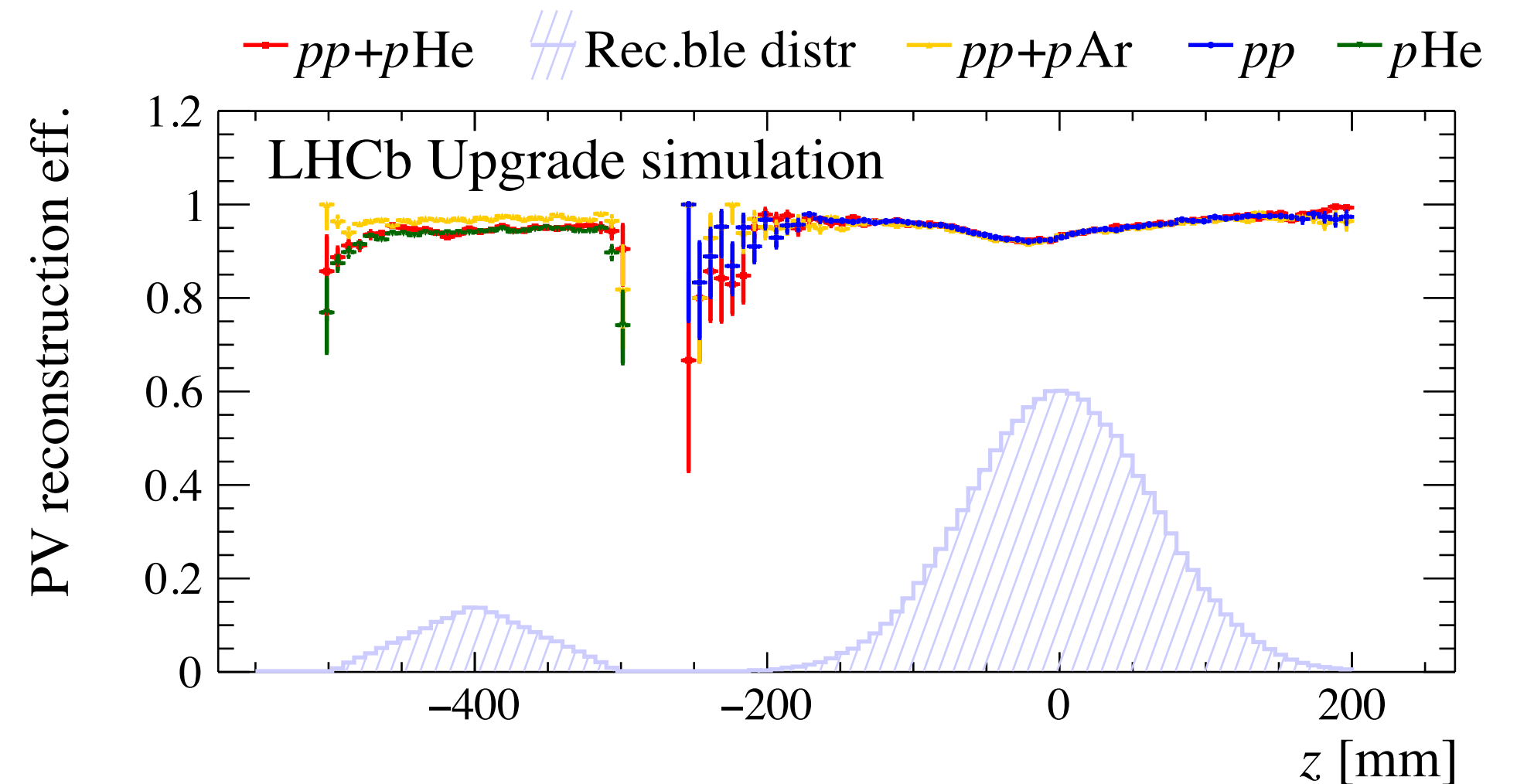
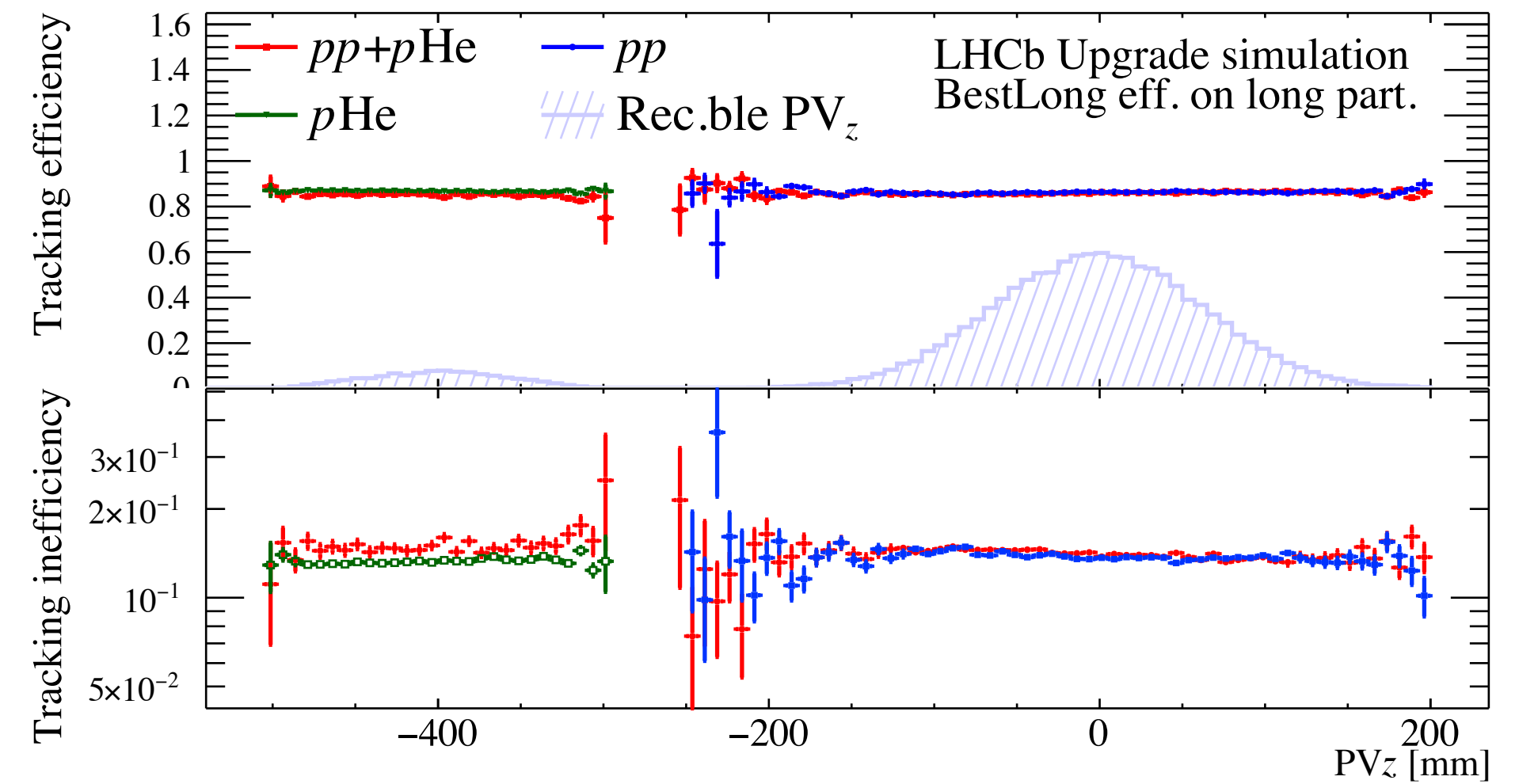
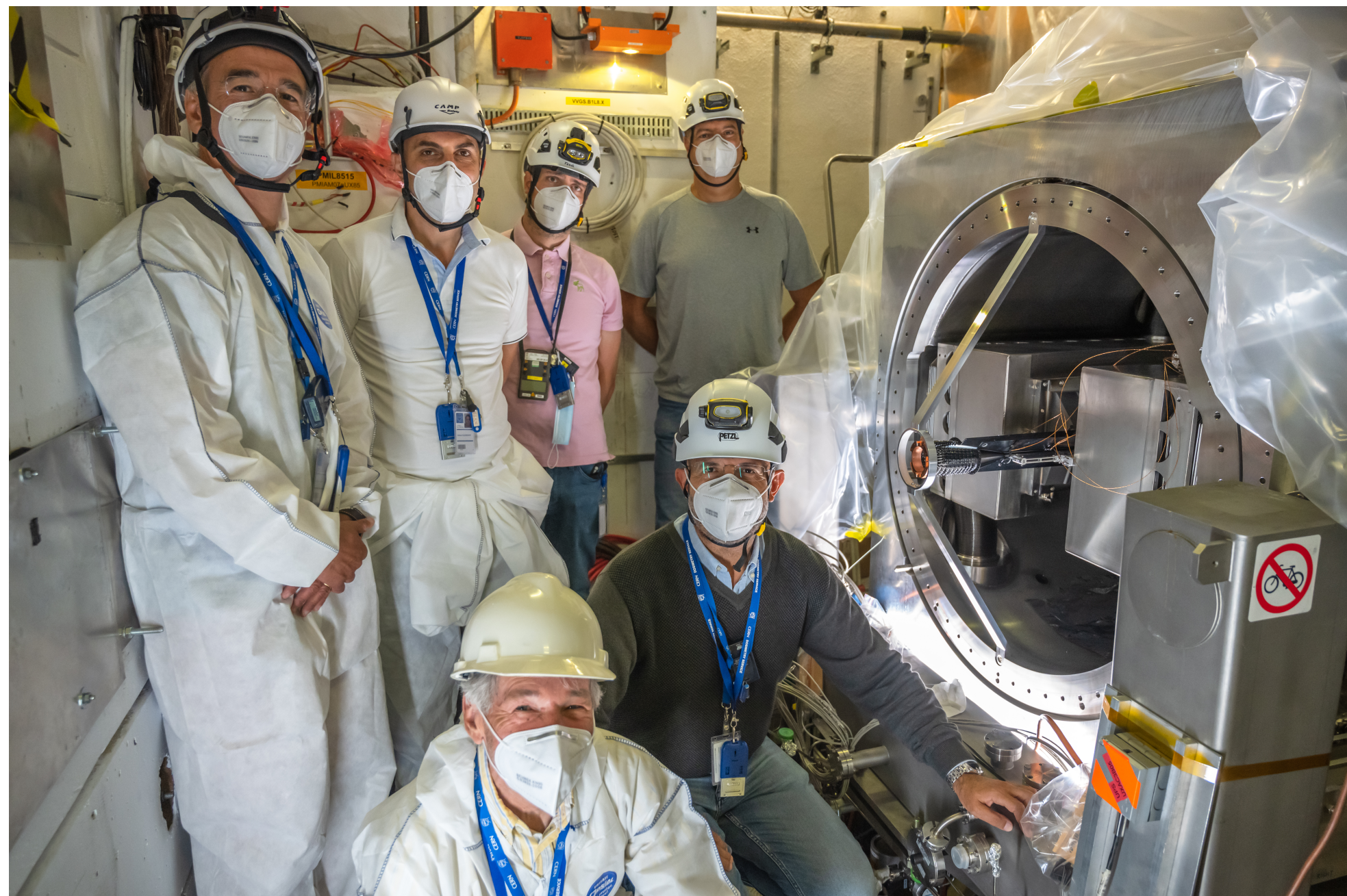
- ❖ **SMOG2** (TDR) : Standalone gas storage cell covering $z \in [-500; -300]$ mm :
 - Well defined interaction region.
 - Increase of target density (luminosity) by up to 2 orders of magnitude using the same gas load of SMOG.
 - Gas feed system measures the **gas density with few % accuracy**.
 - Possibility to inject more gas species: H, D, He, N, O... (SMOG: He, Ne, Ar).
 - **More sophisticated Gas Feed System**: will allow to measure the target density (and luminosity) with much higher precision.
 - **Possibility to run in parallel of pp collisions and inject non noble Gaz.**

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Int. Lumi. | | 80 pb ⁻¹ |
| Sys.error of J/Ψ xsection | | ~3% |
| J/Ψ | yield | 28 M |
| D^0 | yield | 280 M |
| Λ_c | yield | 2.8 M |
| Ψ' | yield | 280 k |
| $Y(1S)$ | yield | 24 k |
| $DY \mu^+ \mu^-$ | yield | 24 k |

Projection of ~1 year data taking in parallel mode.

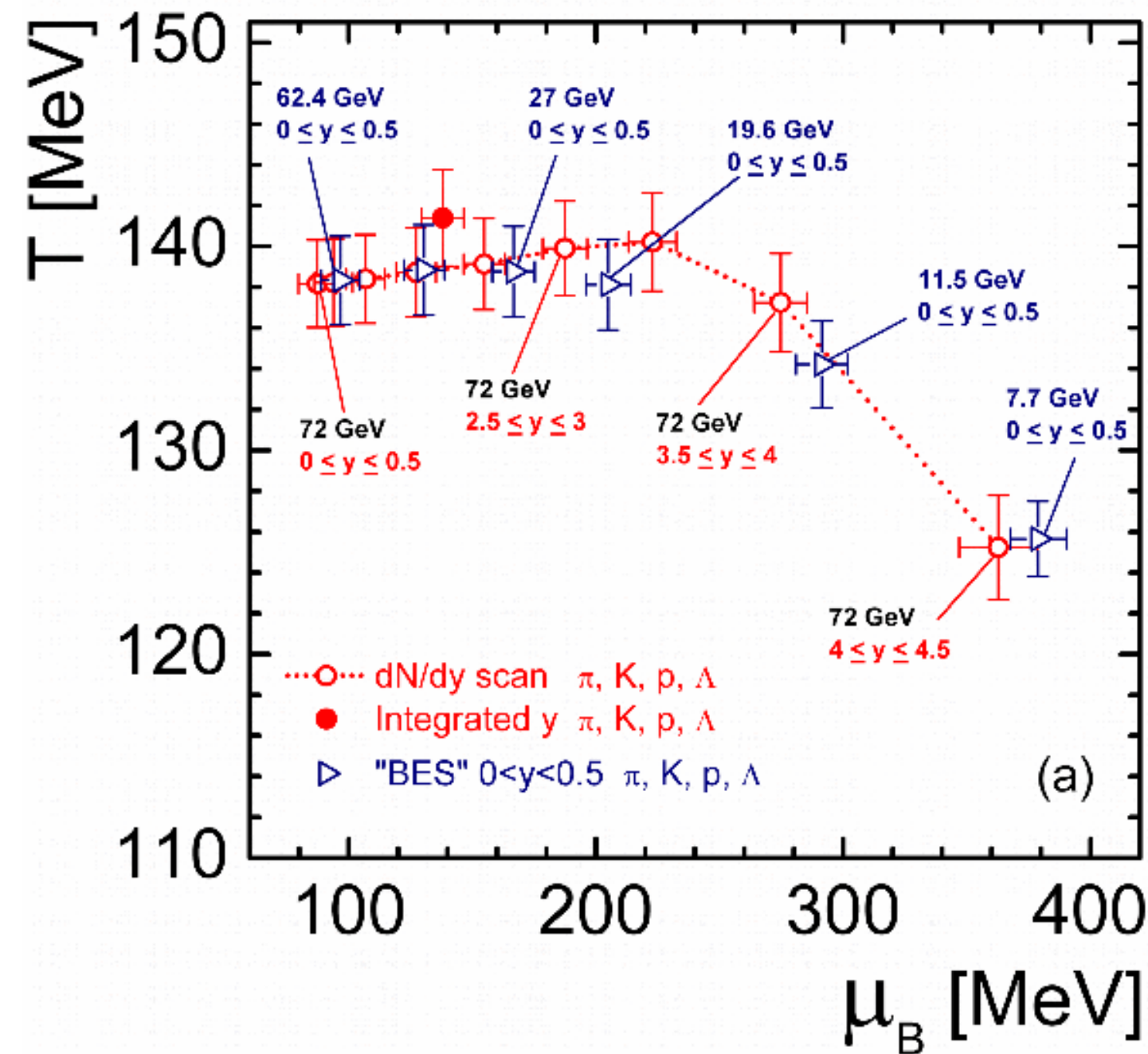
Status of SMOG2

The cell is in place and ready for commissioning !

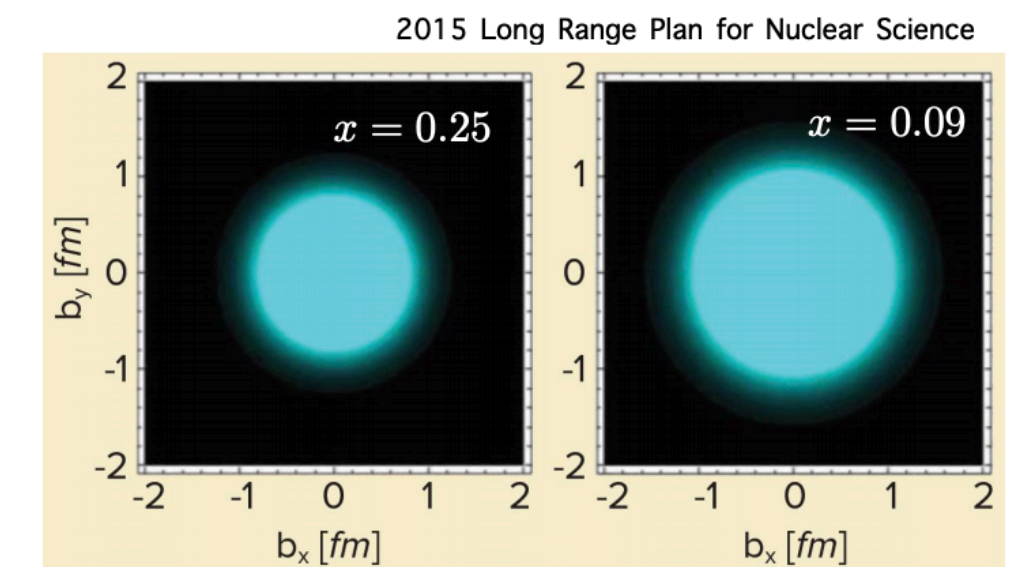
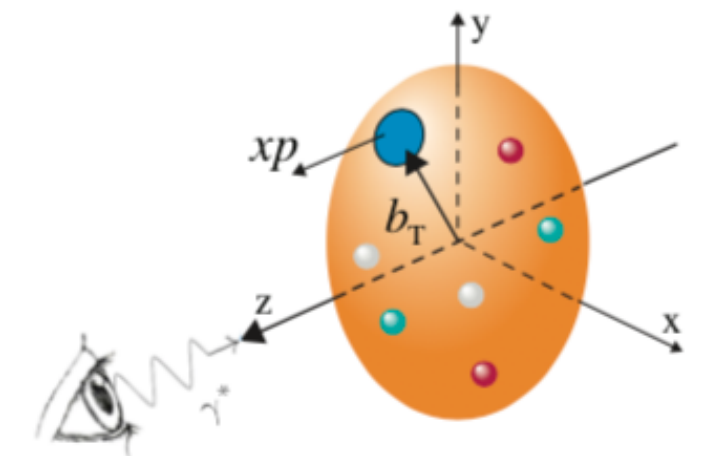
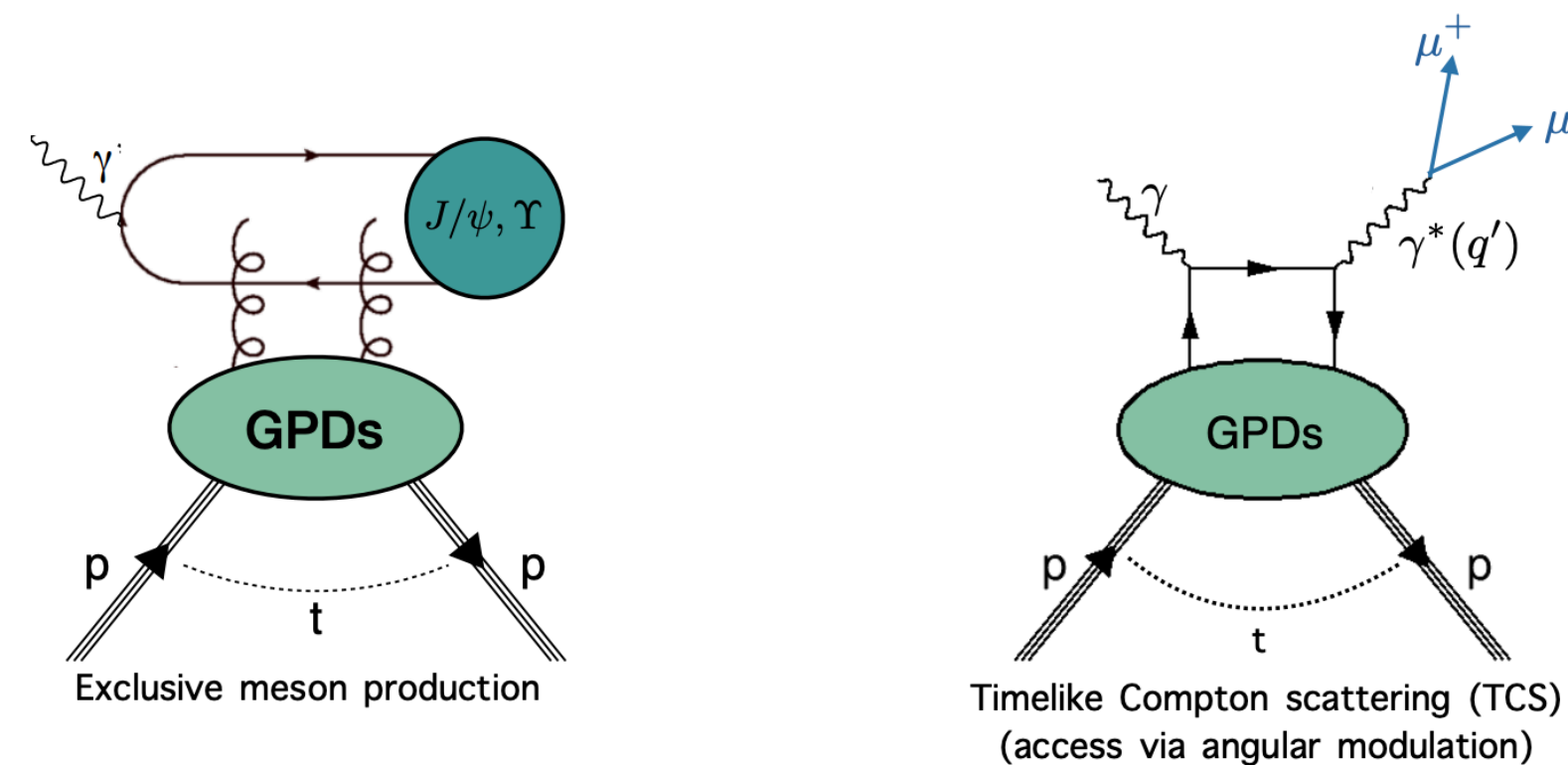


Run 3 prospects for SMOG2 with LHCb

Rapidity scan



Deep in the hadronic structure



One of the objectives : 3D pictures
in impact parameter space

❖ **Rapidity scan** at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 72$ GeV with FT@LHCb could complement the RHIC beam energy scan.

❖ SMOG2@LHCb could probe nuclear PDFs, TMDs, GPDs at large Bjorken- x .

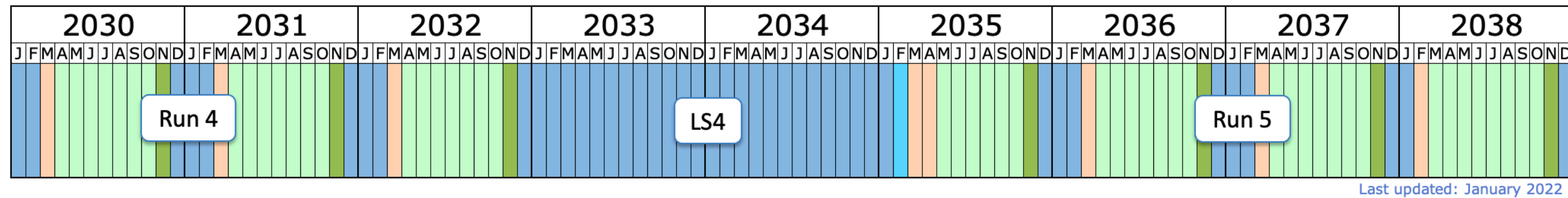
The future



Objectives: same performance as in Run 3!

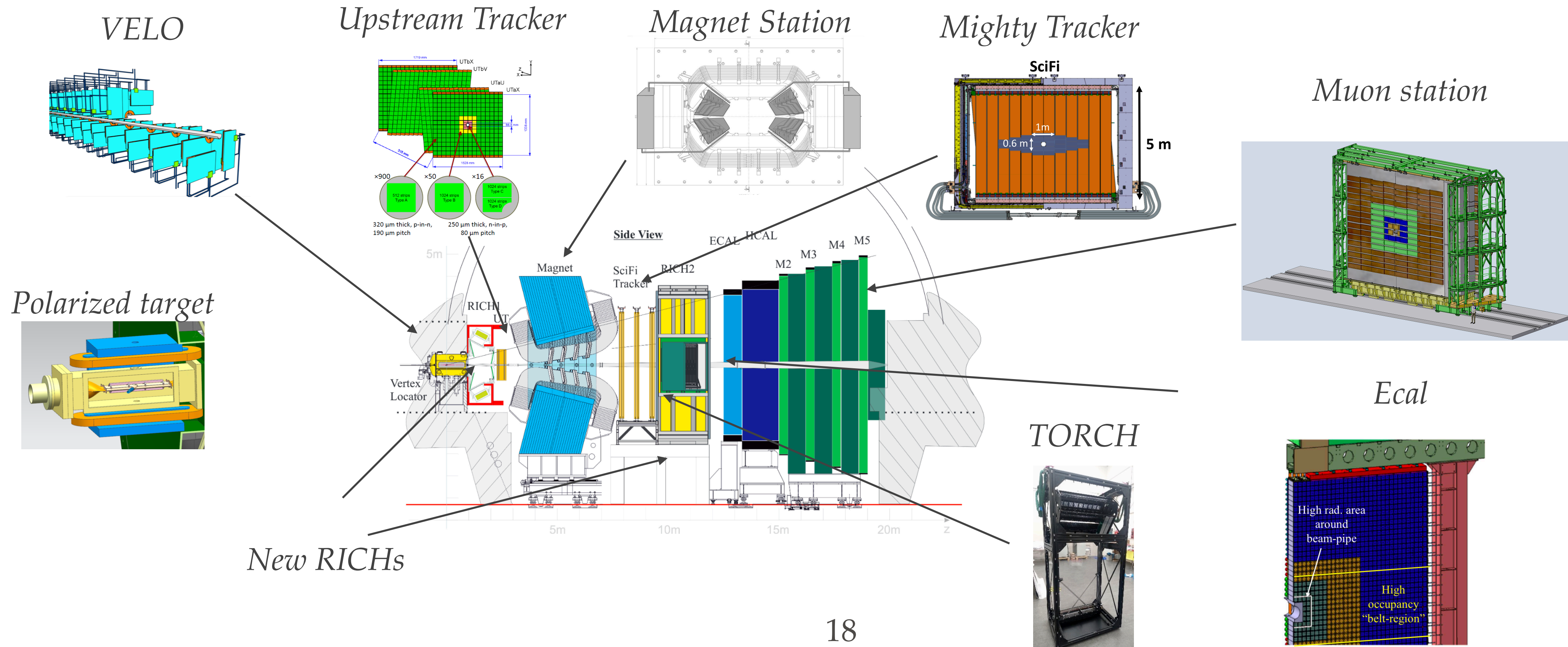
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Phase II in a nutshell

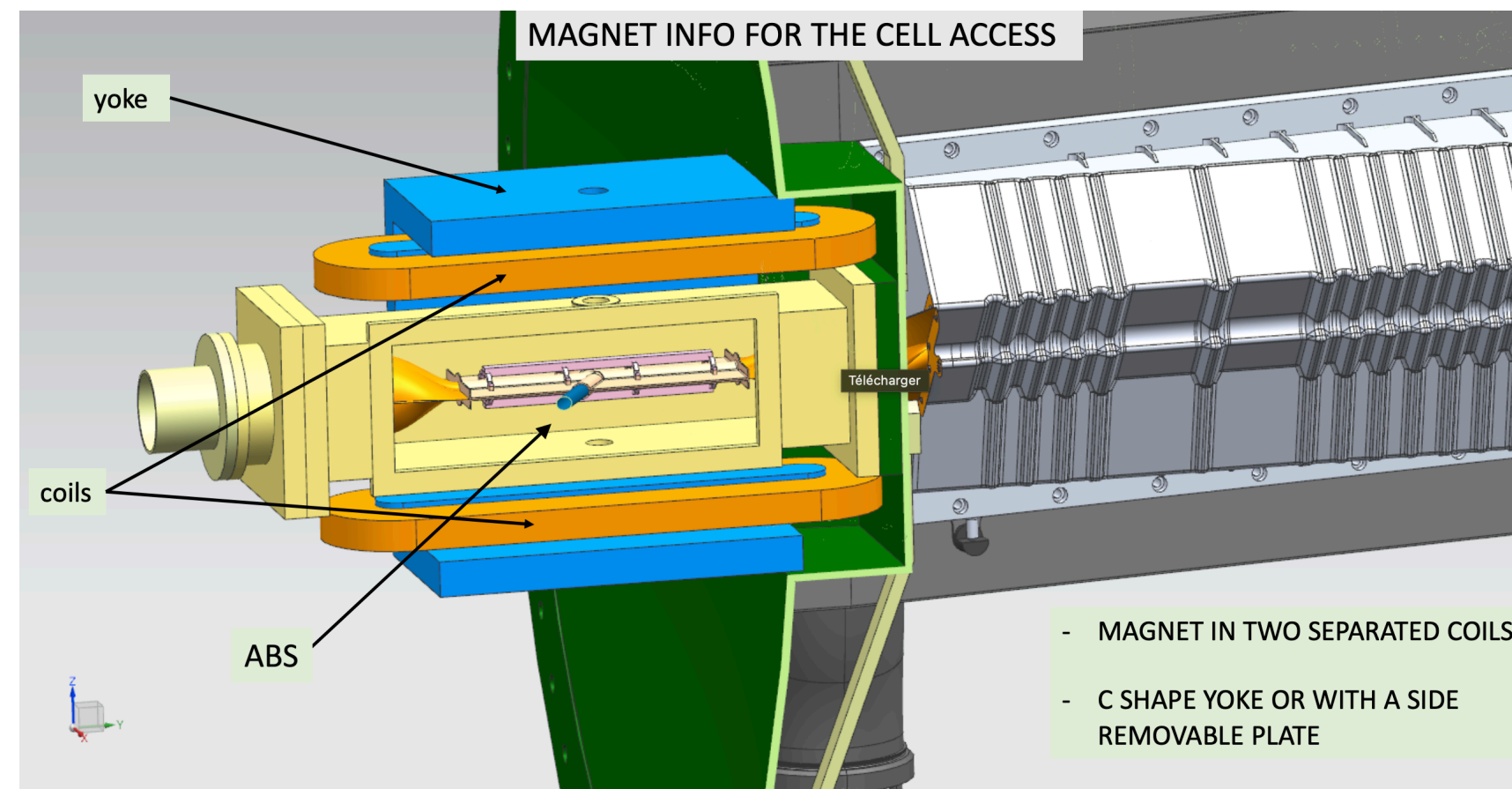


Upgrade II:
 - $2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - **Pile-up = 42 in pp collisions**

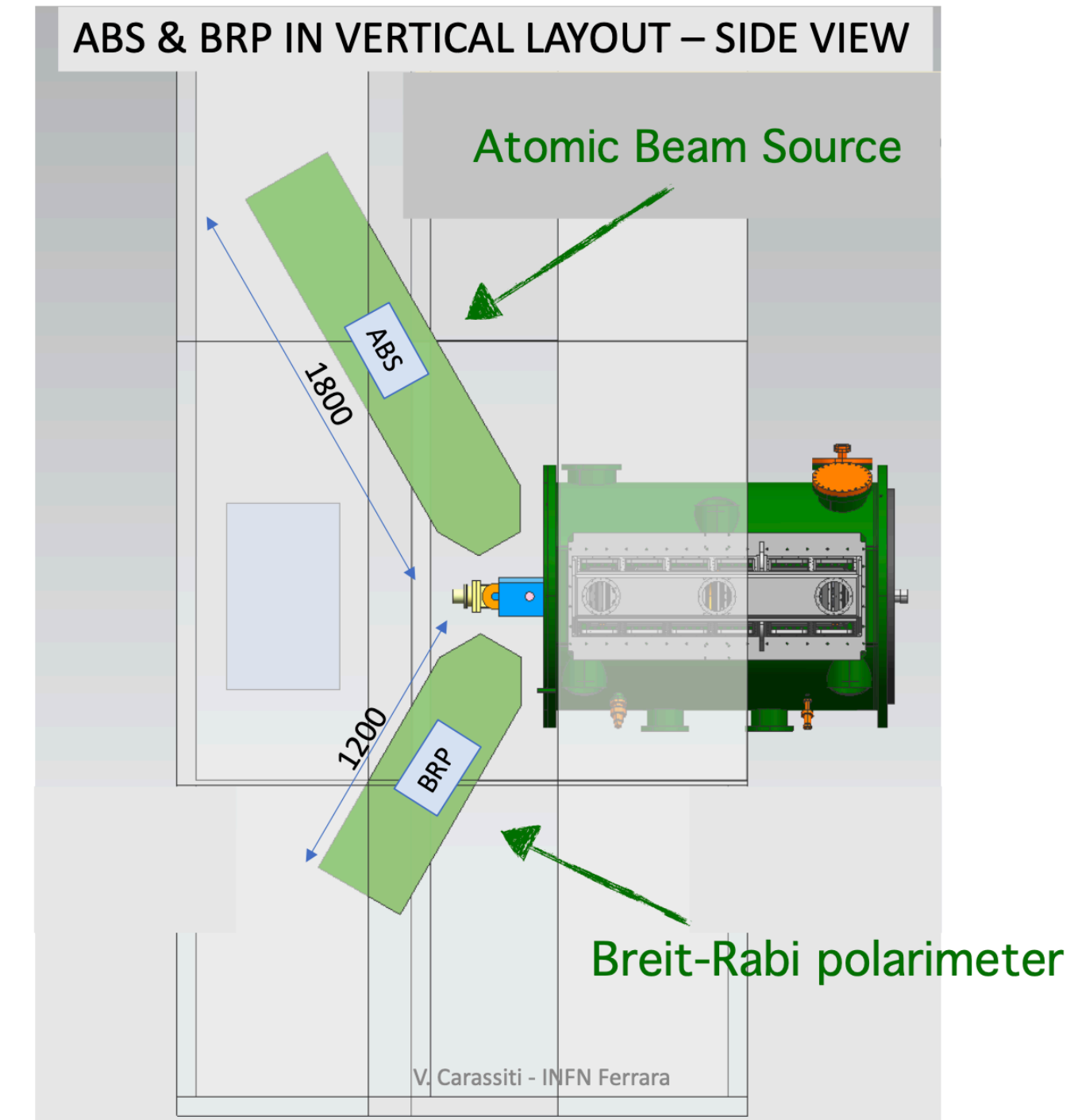
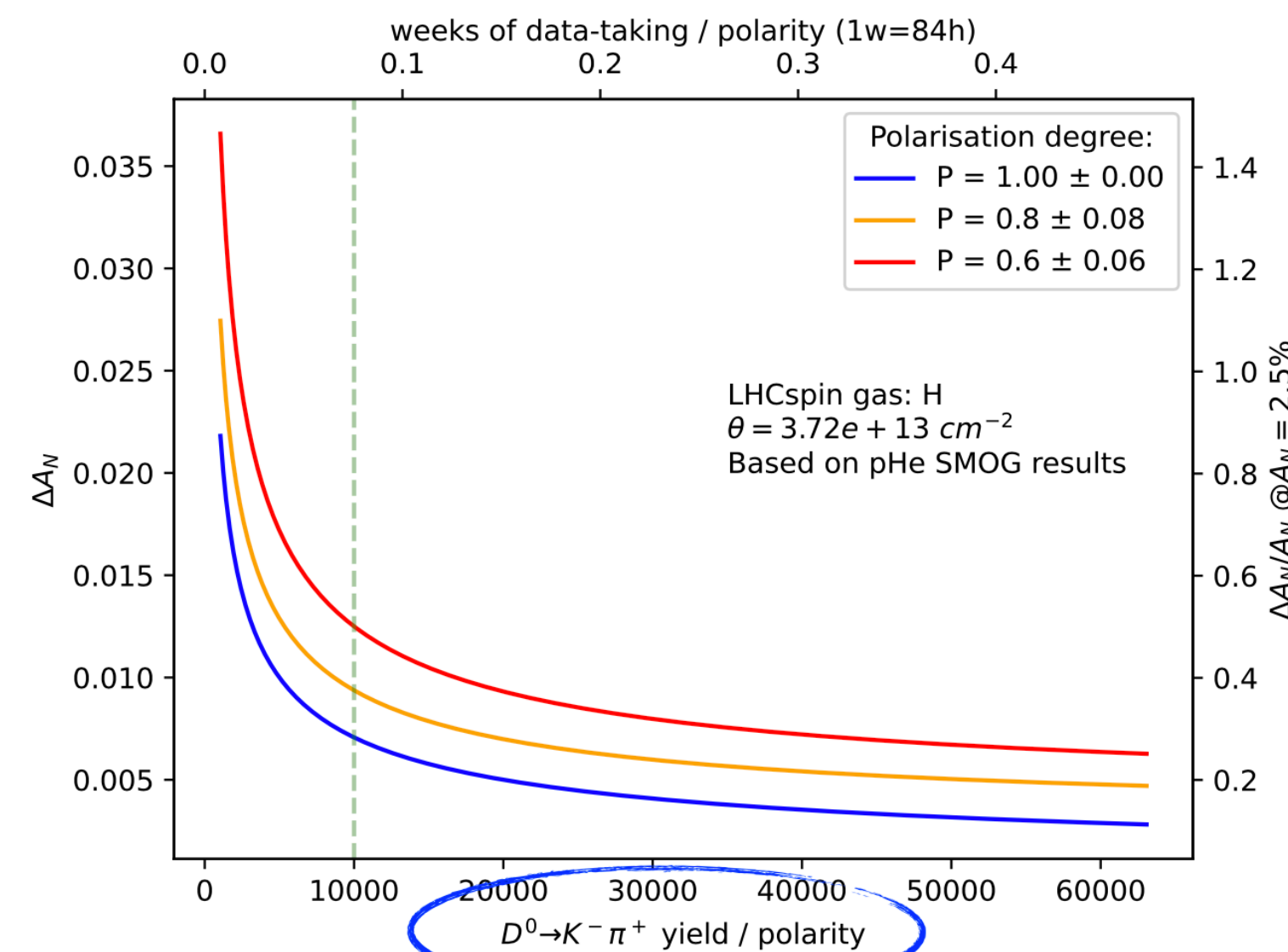
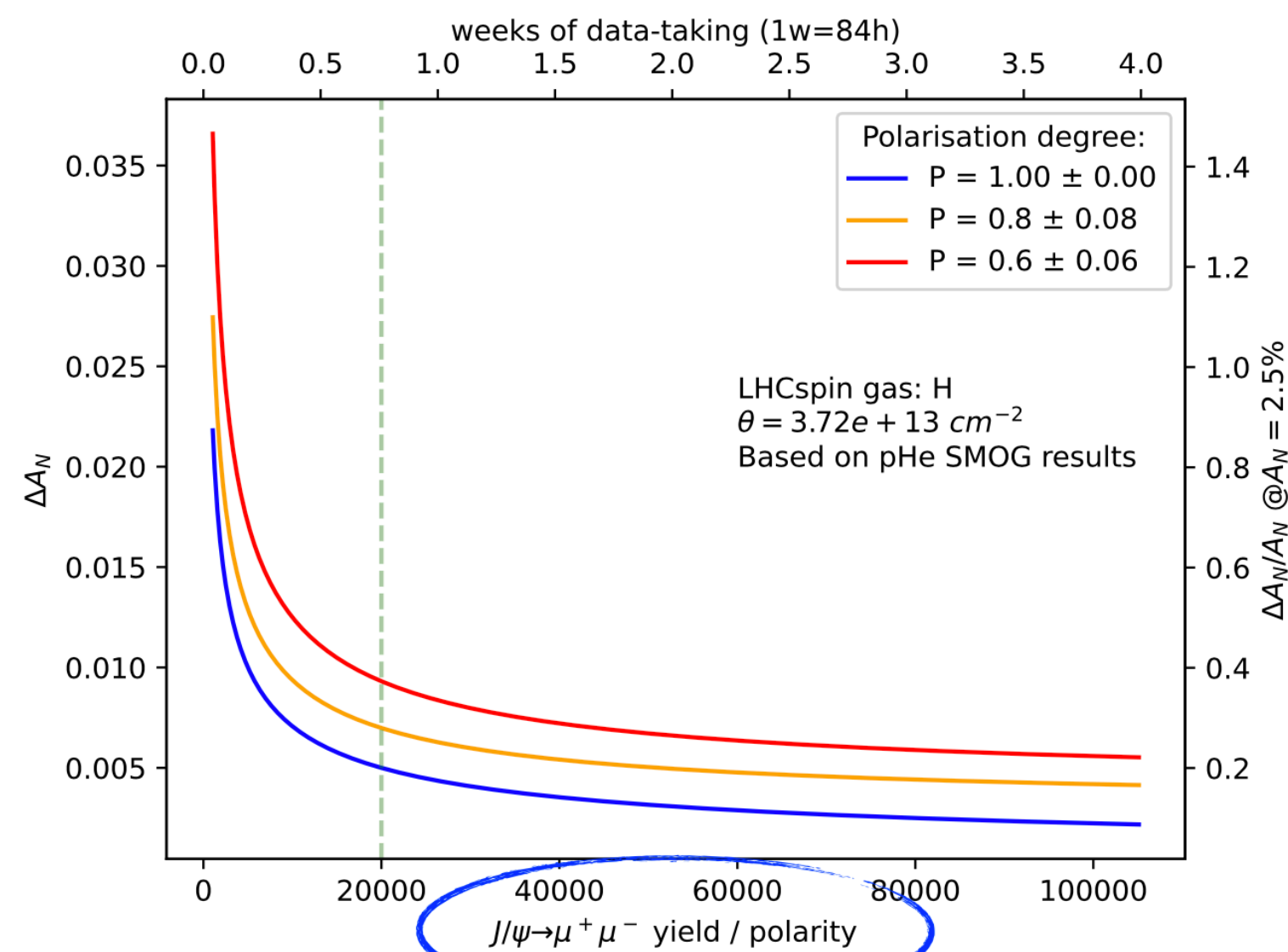
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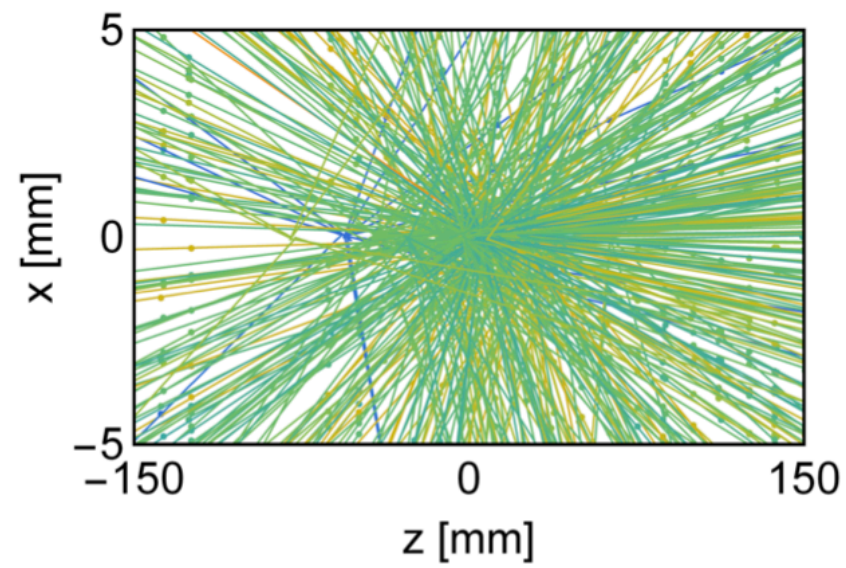
The Polarised Gas Target: LHCspin



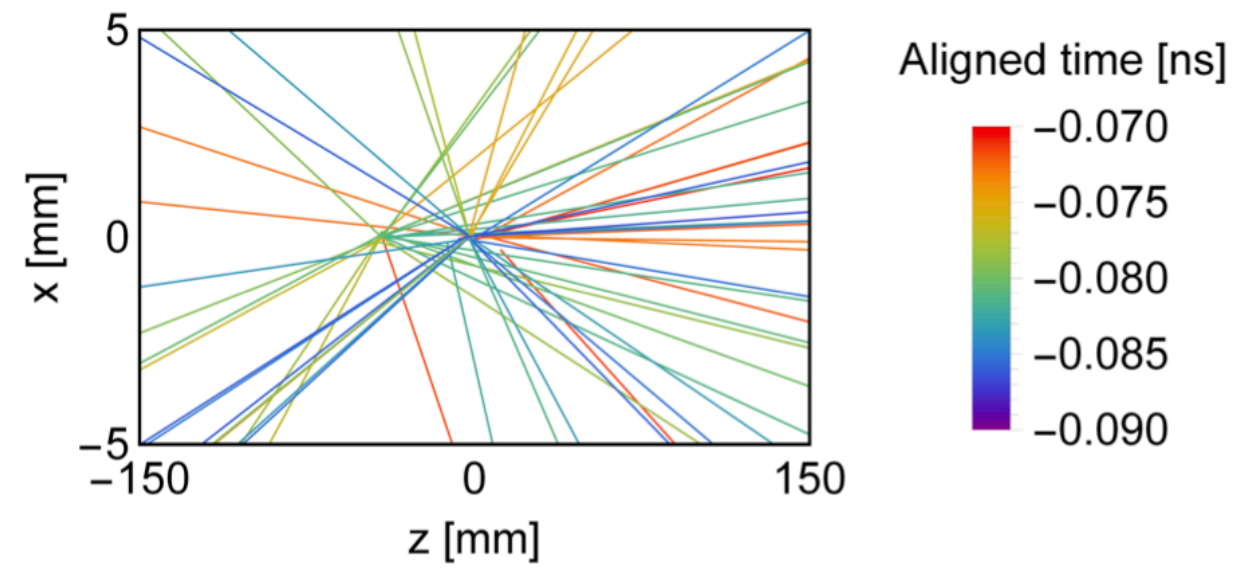
- ❖ R&D has started!
 - ➔ Compact dipole magnet static → transverse field.
 - ➔ Superconductive coils + iron yoke configuration fits the space constraints.
 - ➔ $B = 300 \text{ mT}$, $\Delta B/B \approx 10 \%$, with polarity inversion.
- ❖ Achievable Luminosity (HL-LHC): $\sim 8 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- ❖ Could be installed during LS3!



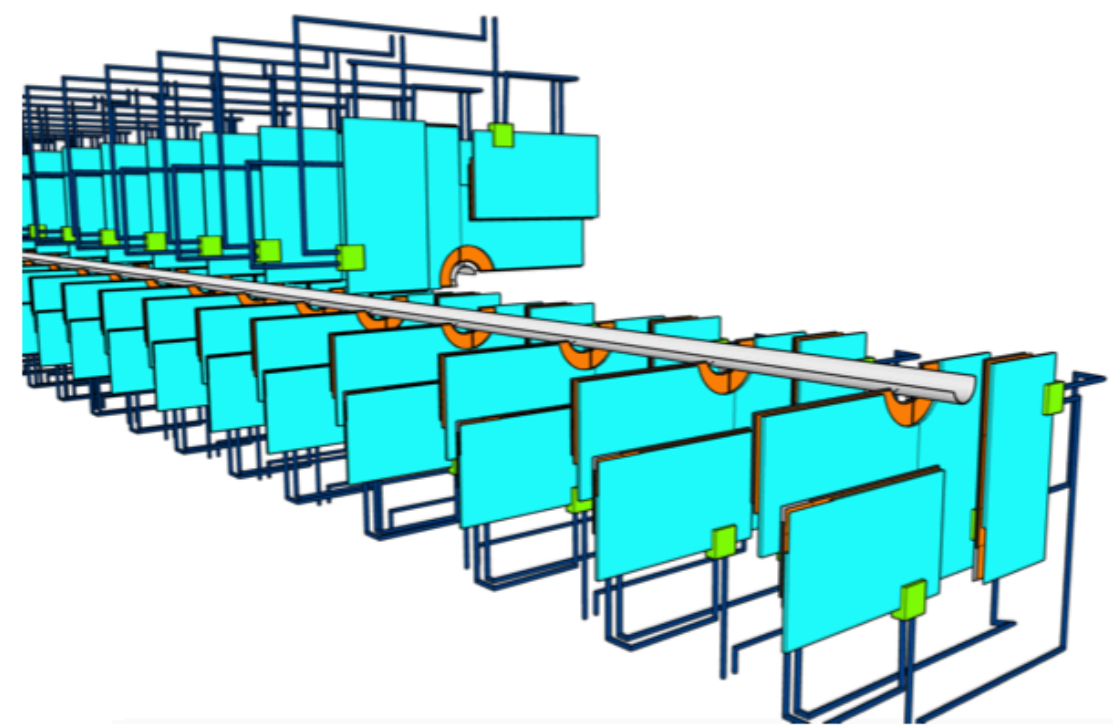
VELO upgrade



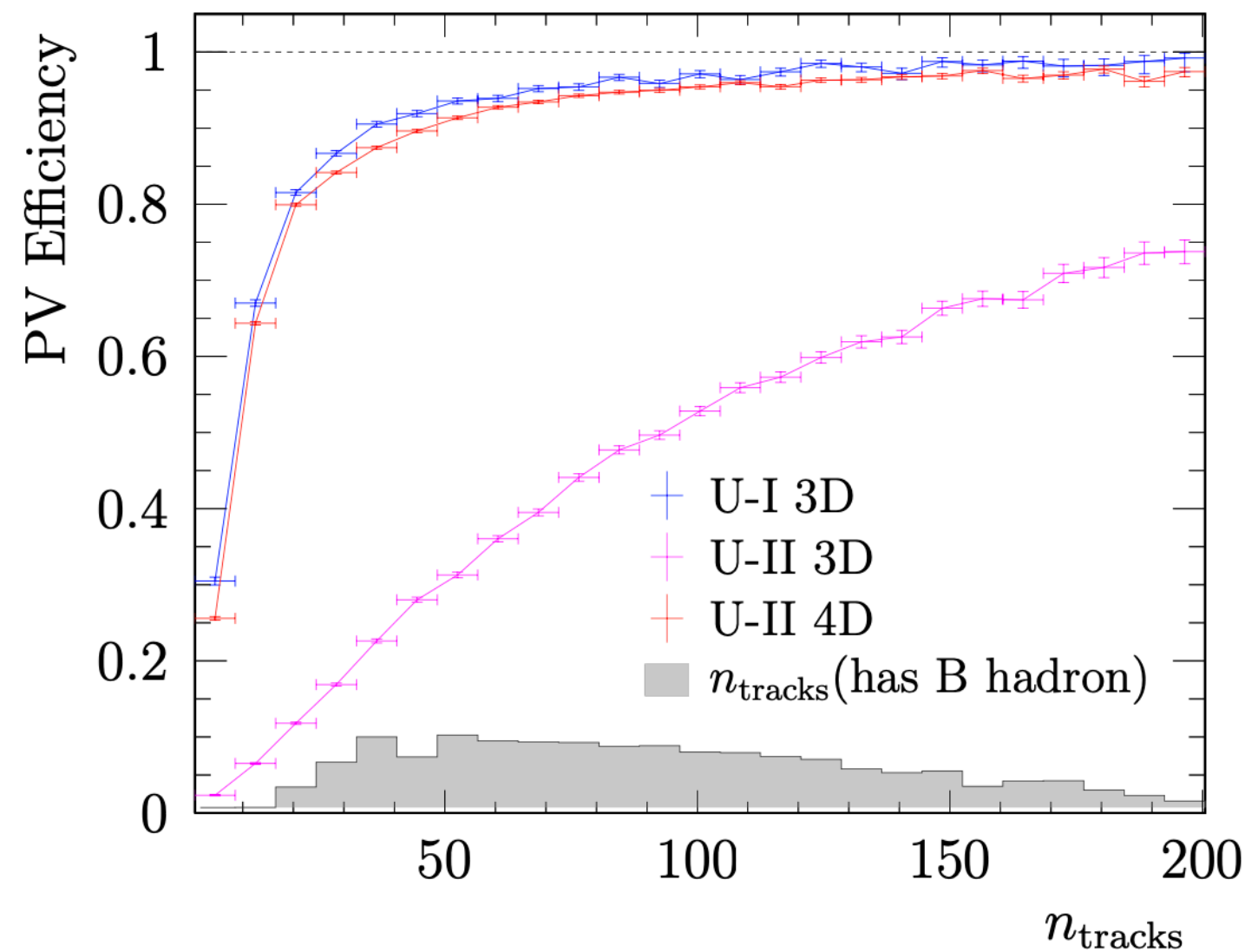
pp bunch-crossing



pp bunch-crossing + 20 ps resolution



Possible design for the new VELO



- ❖ Upgrade II VELO faces **significant mechanical challenges**
 - ➔ huge impact on the design and R&D.
- ❖ **Track timing will be crucial**
- ❖ Performance constrains:
 - ➔ 9-12 μm spatial resolution.
 - ➔ 4D tracking with 50 ps timestamp...
 - ➔ ... and of course radiation hardness ($\sim 6 \times 10^{16} \text{ MeV n}_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2$ for 350 fb^{-1})
- ❖ Pixel technology under developments, as well as alternative solutions.

Upstream Tracker

- ❖ UT in LHCb:

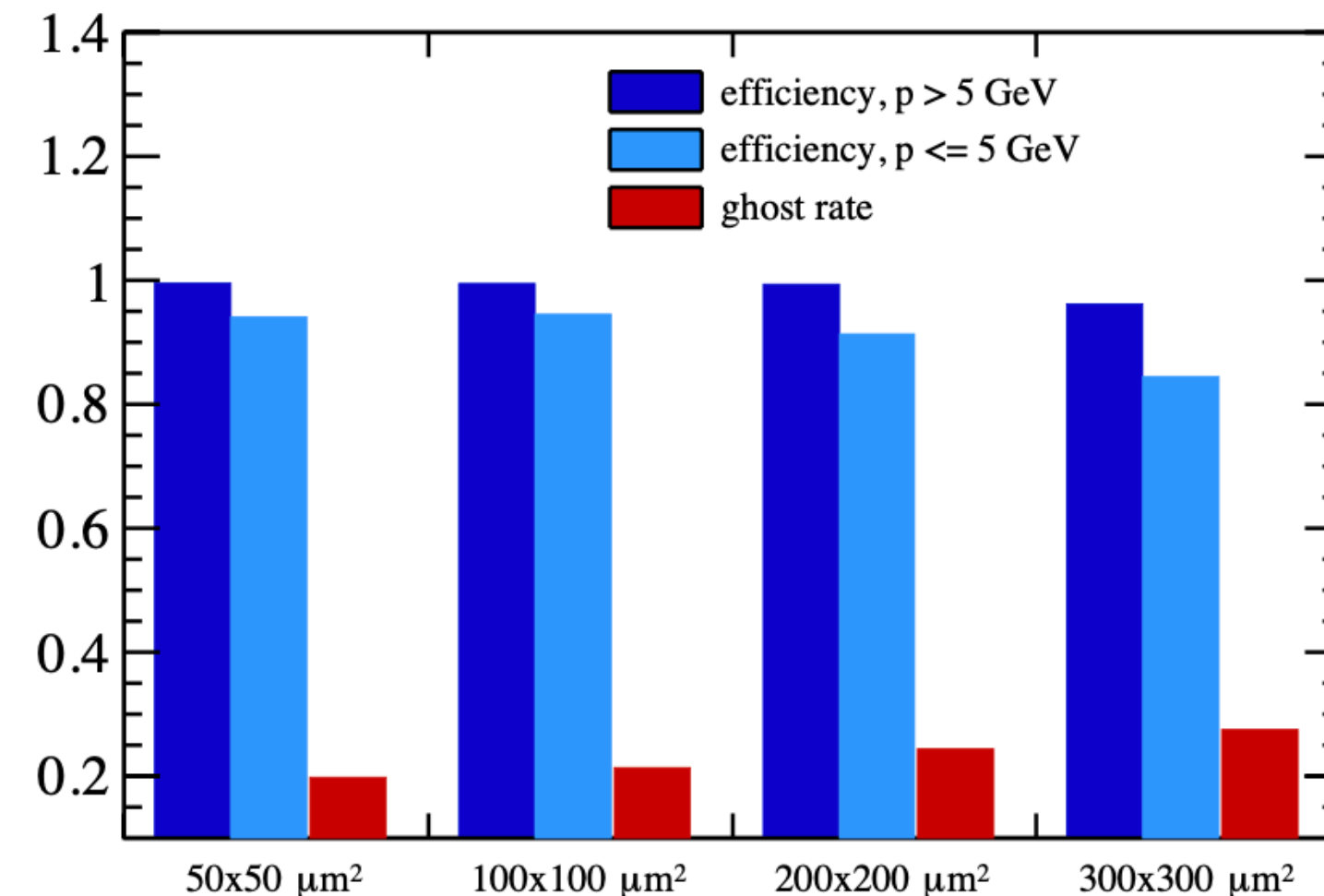
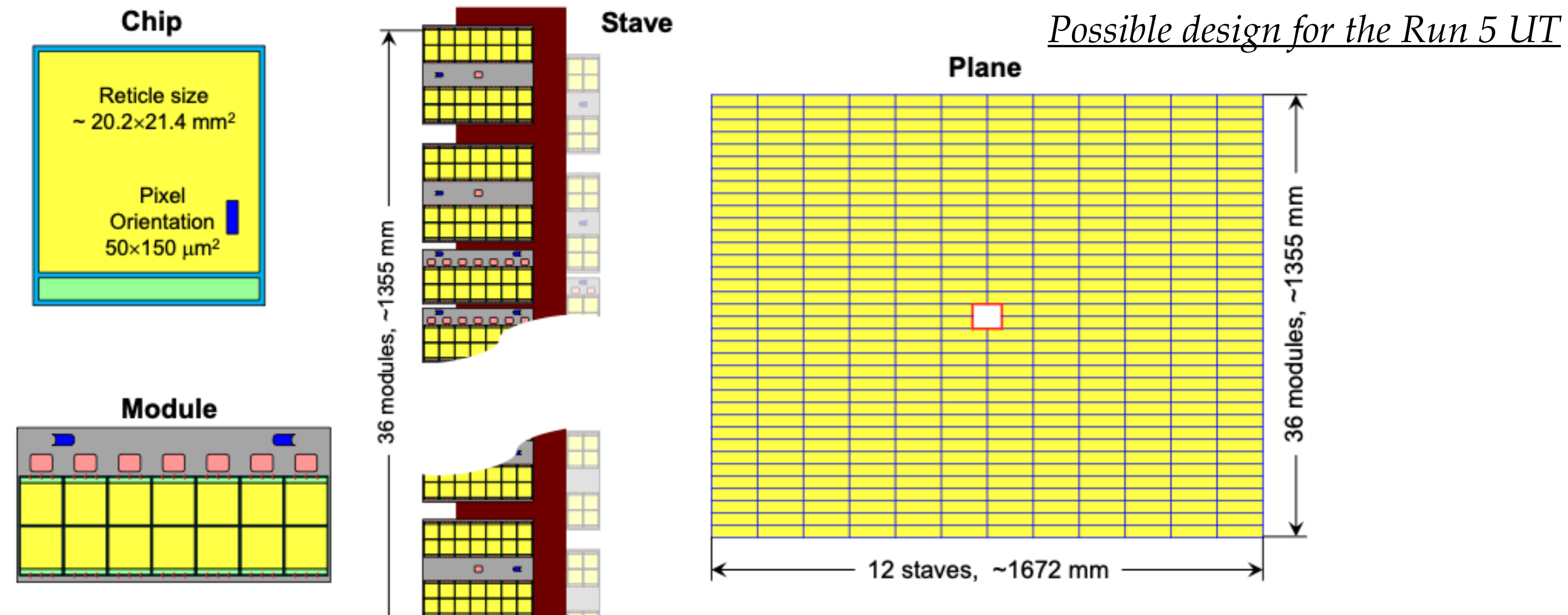
- Ghost rate reduction.
- Tracking efficiency.

- ❖ Design constrains:

- pp data: data-rate → 9 Gbps.
- PbPb data: maximum occupancy → 50 hits/cm².

- ❖ Paramètre d'optimisation :

- Hardware :
 - Chip technology, module design ...
- Software :
 - Algorithms developments.



*Standalone tracking
efficiency studies*

Magnet Tracking Station

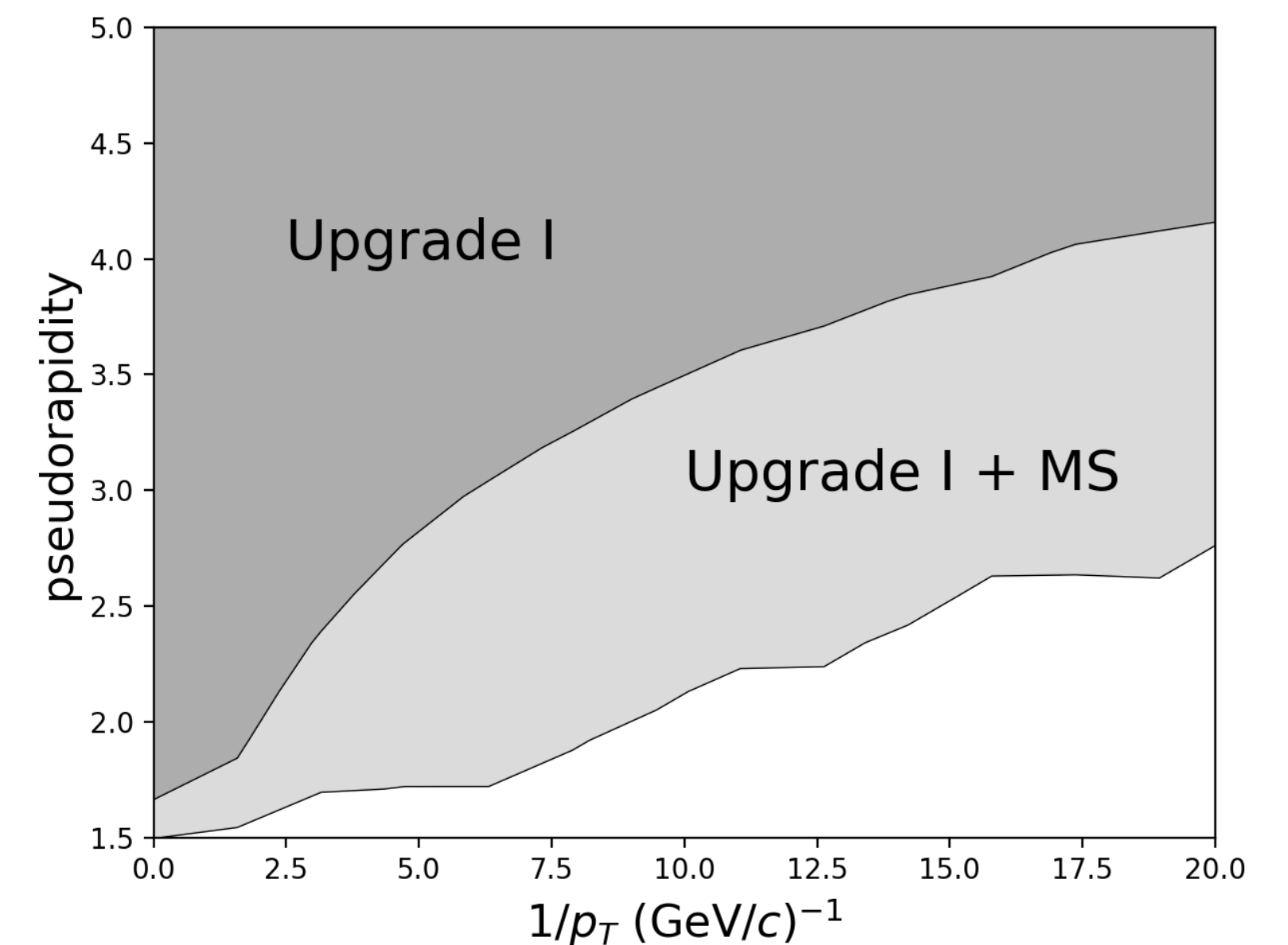
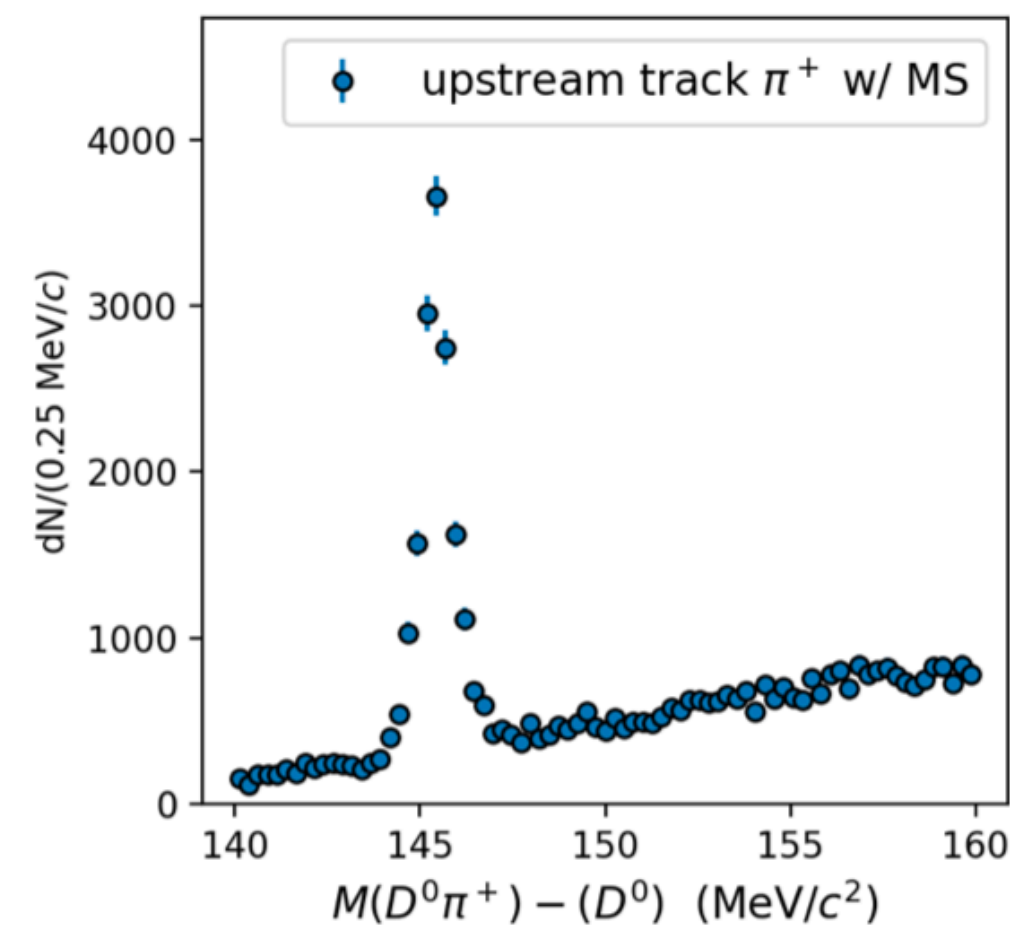
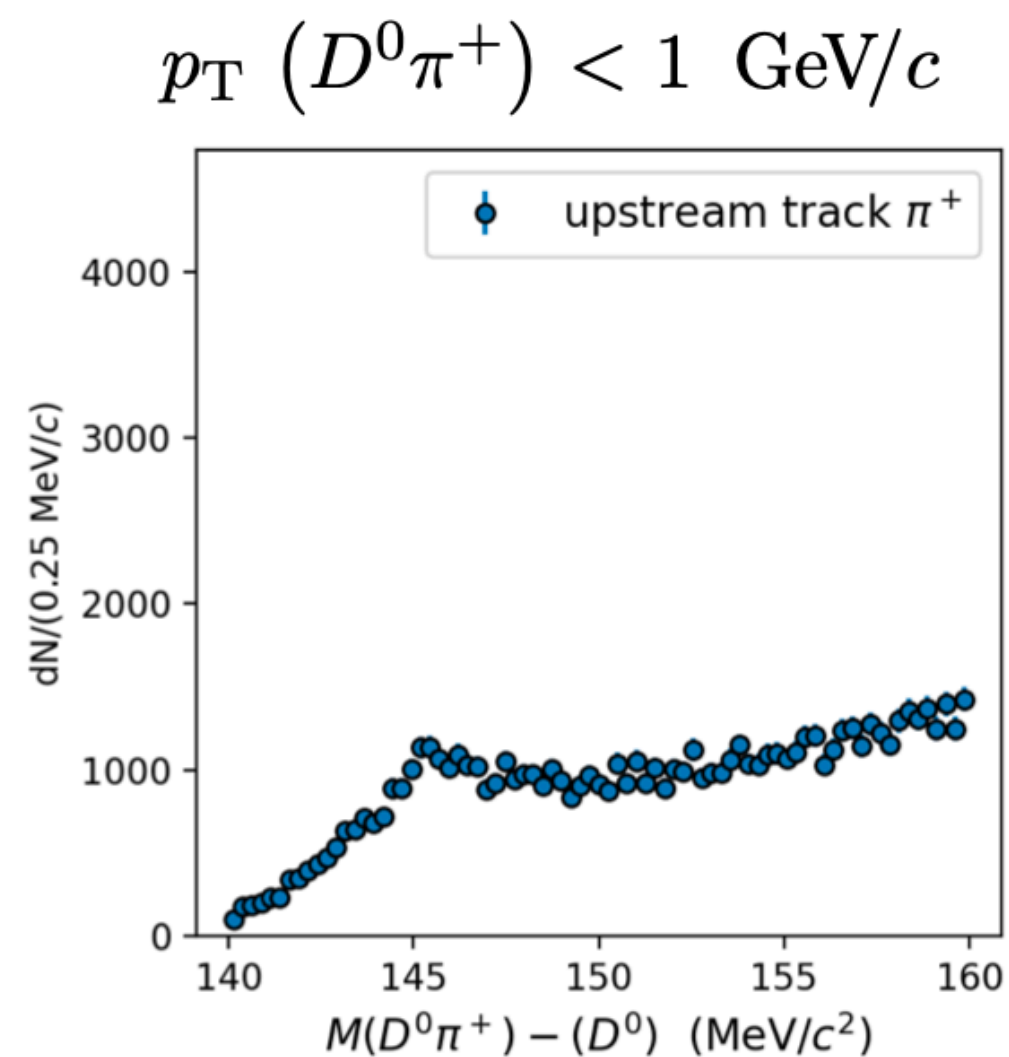
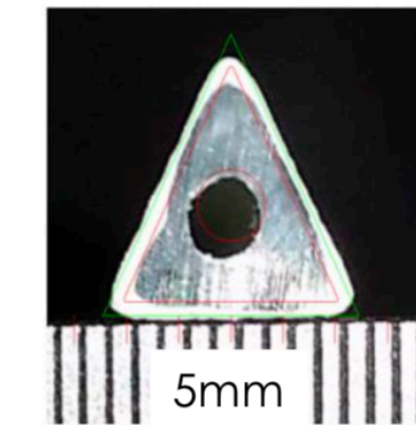
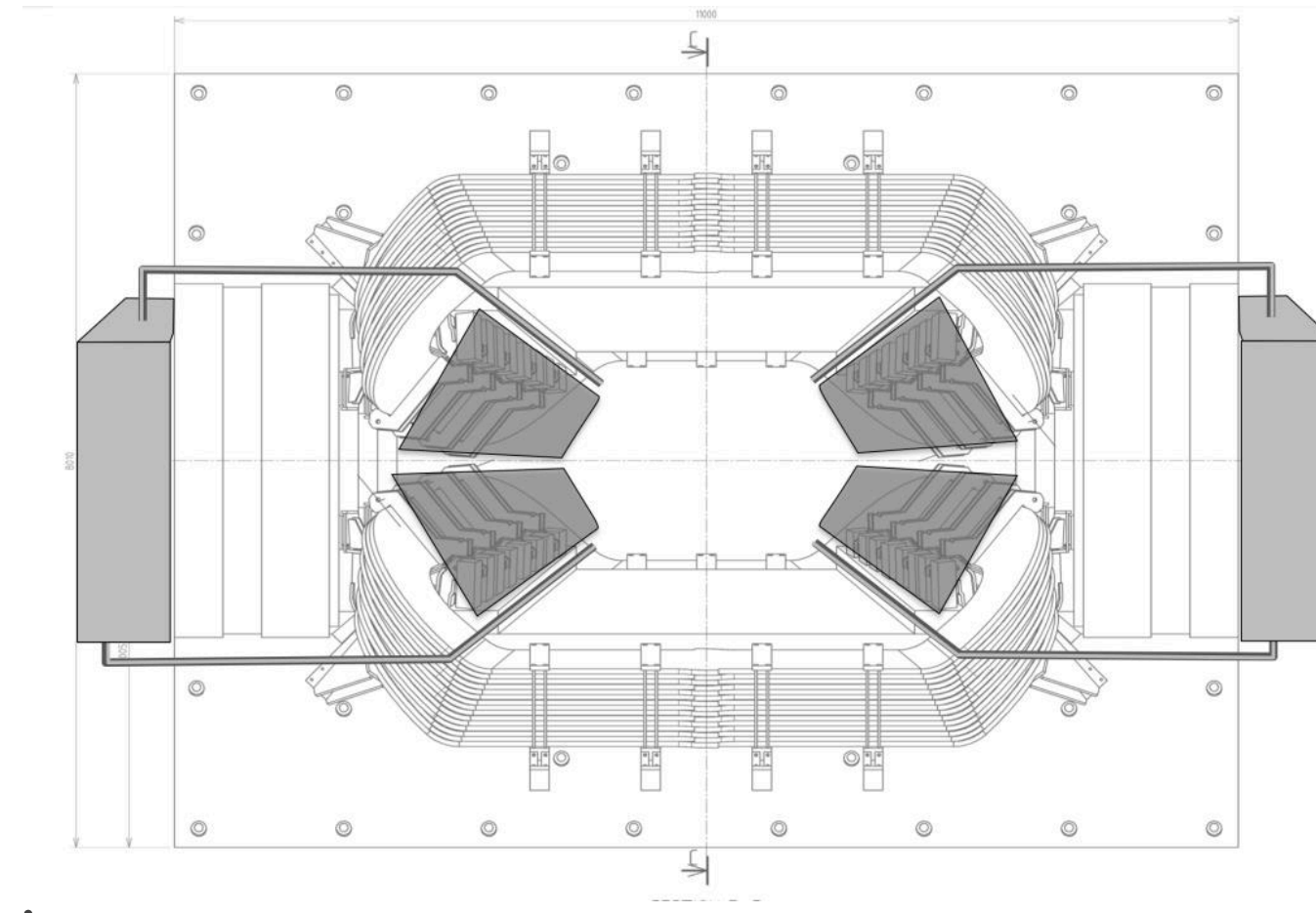
❖ Proposal for tracking station inside the magnet.

- Increase coverage of Upstream tracks.
- Physics motivations : access to converted photons.

❖ Technology:

- Triangular Extruded Scintillating Bars (same as D0)
- Ongoing R&D in LANL.

❖ **Proposing the installation of a small prototype** inside the magnet during LS3.



Mighty Tracker

❖ Mighty tracker : biggest silicon tracker built by LHCb.

➔ LS3: Inner Tracker + SciFi

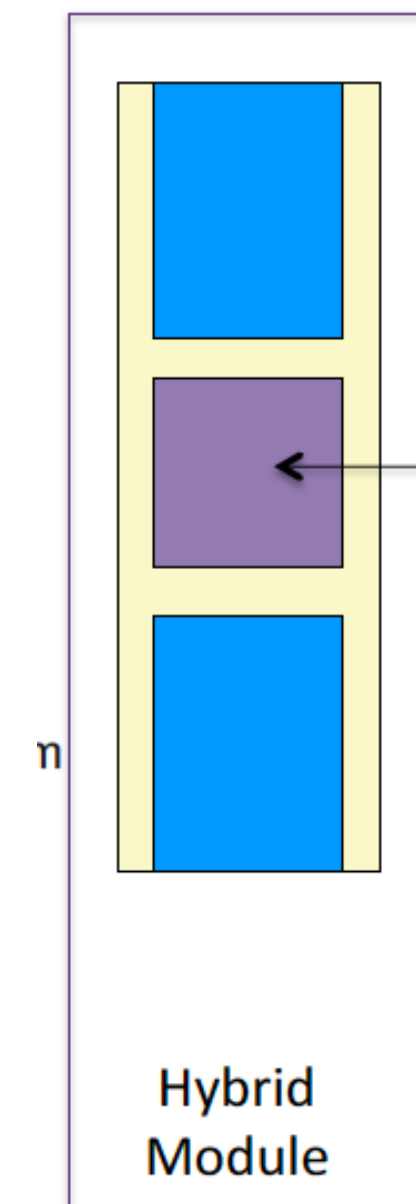
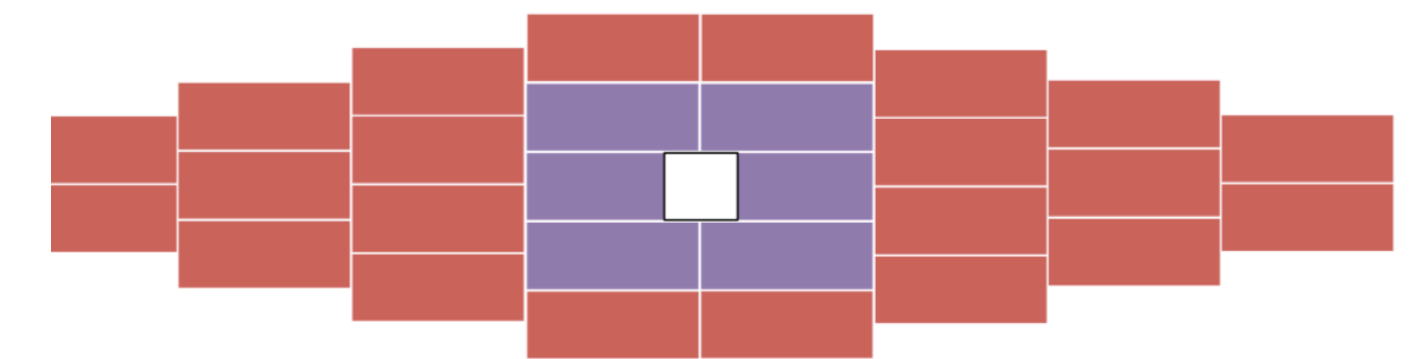
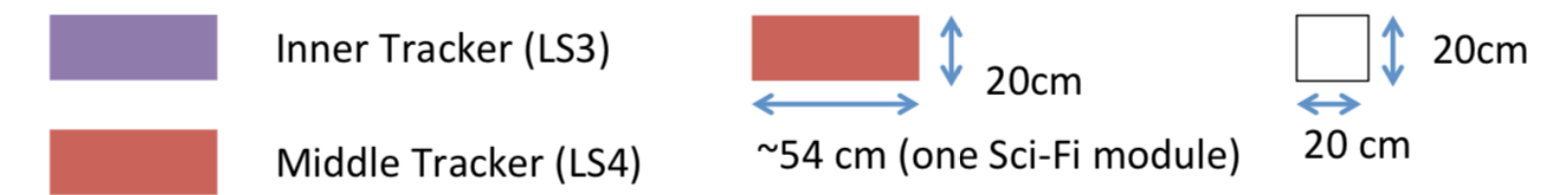
- Limited change to SciFi

➔ LS4: New mighty silicon tracker covering larger area

- Rebuild of SciFi + reuse IT

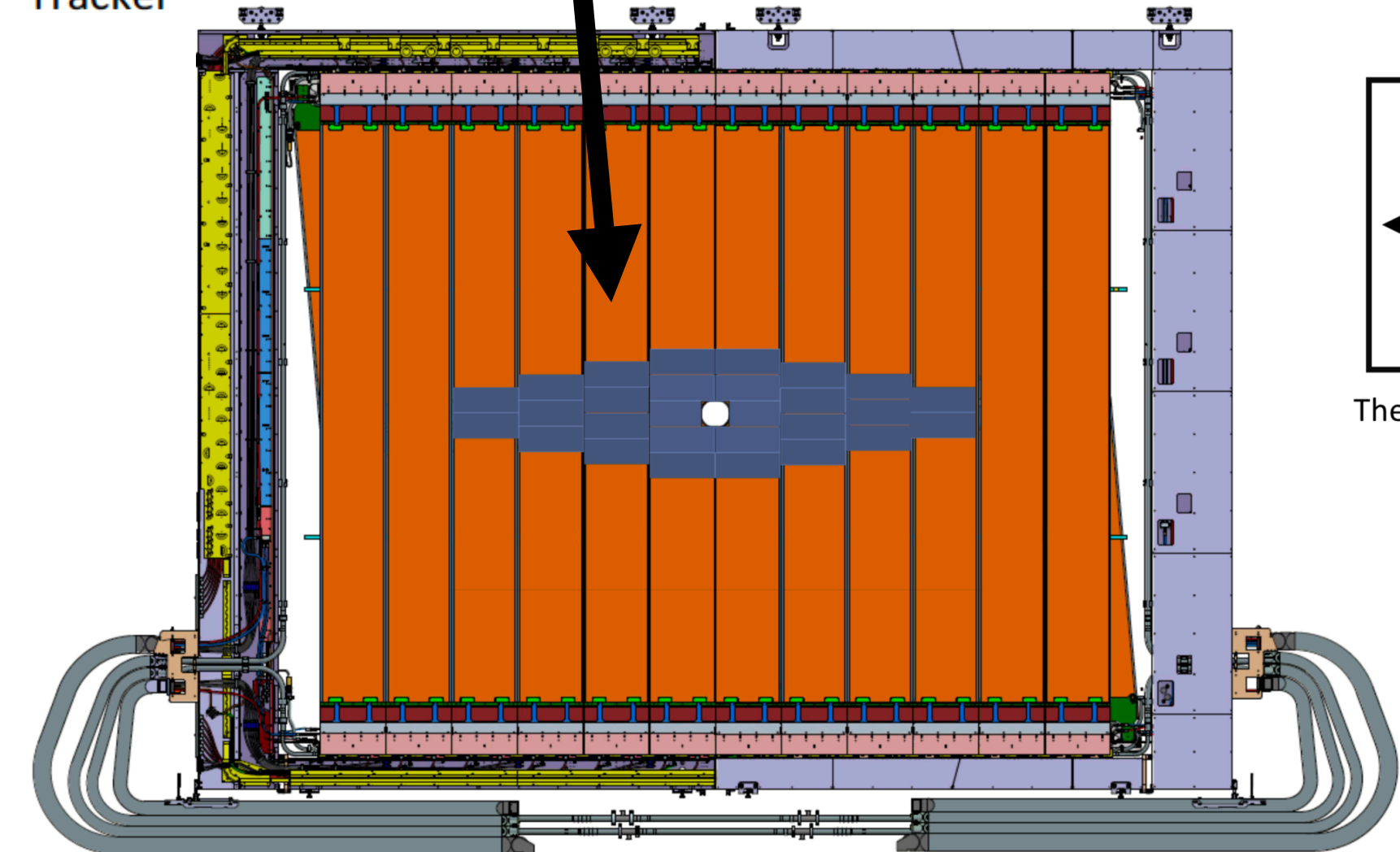
❖ Hybrid technology detector, many challenges !

➔ Very similar to the UT -> joined development is likely.

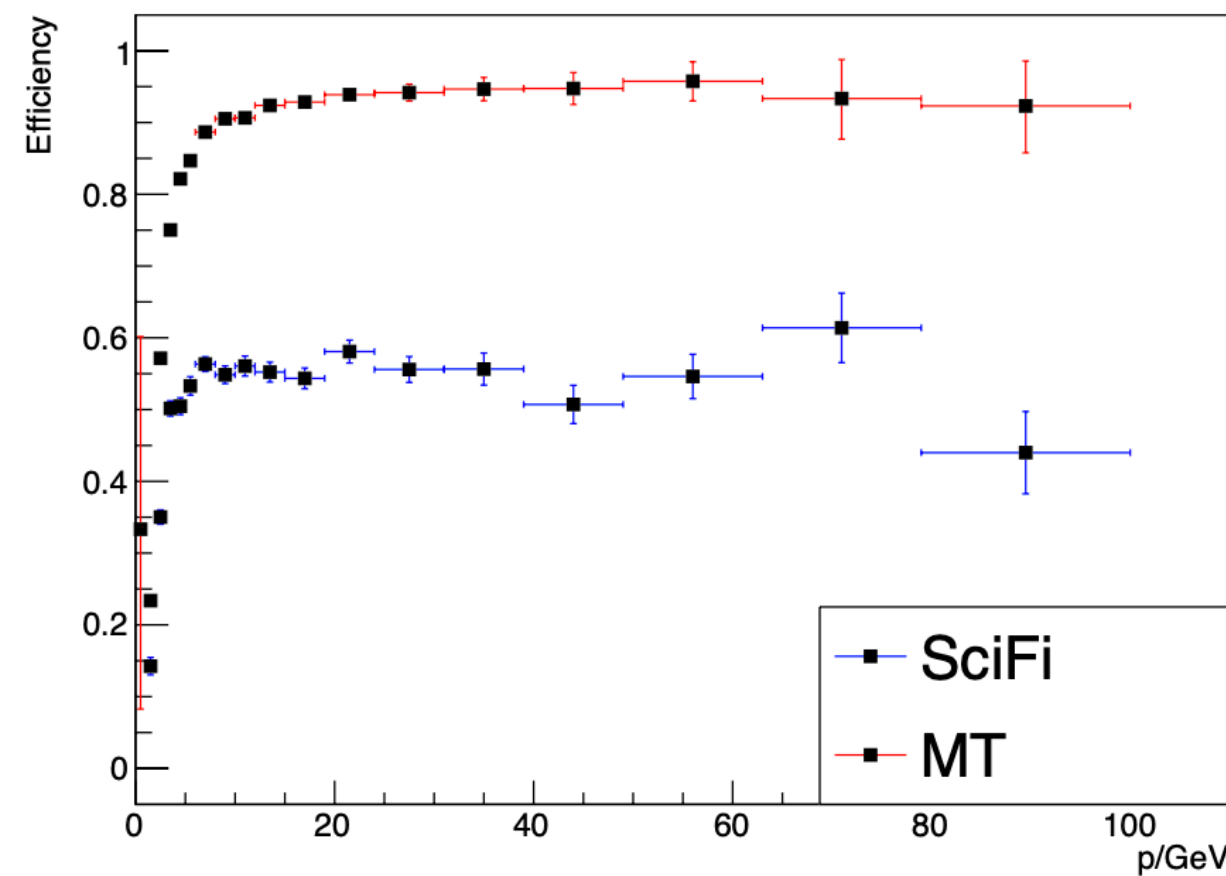


Inner / Middle Tracker

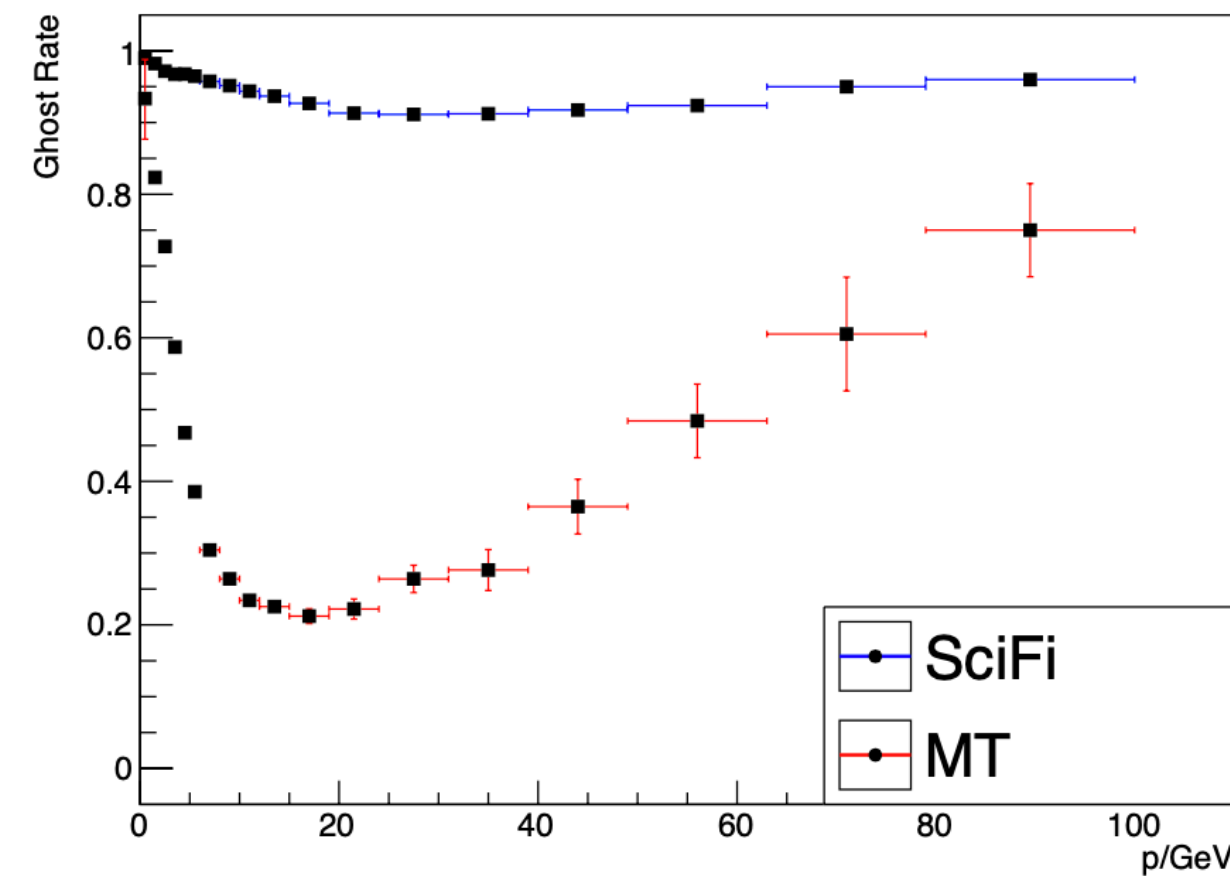
SciFi



Efficiency for HLT2 L = 1.5×10^{34} , long tracks, p



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Conclusion

❖ Lessons learned from run I - run II :

- LHCb **fully performant** in peripheral HI collisions.
- Main limitations : **tracking**

❖ Expectations for LHCb upgrade I :

- **New tracking detectors + algorithms** benefit HI collisions !
- LHCb **can reconstruct particles up to ~30% centrality** without specific tuning !

❖ LHCb Upgrade II (U2):

- Brand new detector with **no hardware limitations foreseen for heavy-ion physics**.
- **Expansion of the fixed-target program with polarised target!**

Cost of Upgrade 2

| Detector | Baseline (kCHF) |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| VELO | 14800 |
| UT | 8900 |
| Magnet Stations | 2300 |
| MT-SciFi | 22400 |
| MT-CMOS | 19500 |
| RICH | 15600 |
| TORCH | 9900 |
| ECAL | 34800 |
| Muon | 7100 |
| RTA | 17400 |
| Online | 8900 |
| Infrastructure | 13500 |
| Total | 175100 |

Back-up

PID detector system: RICH

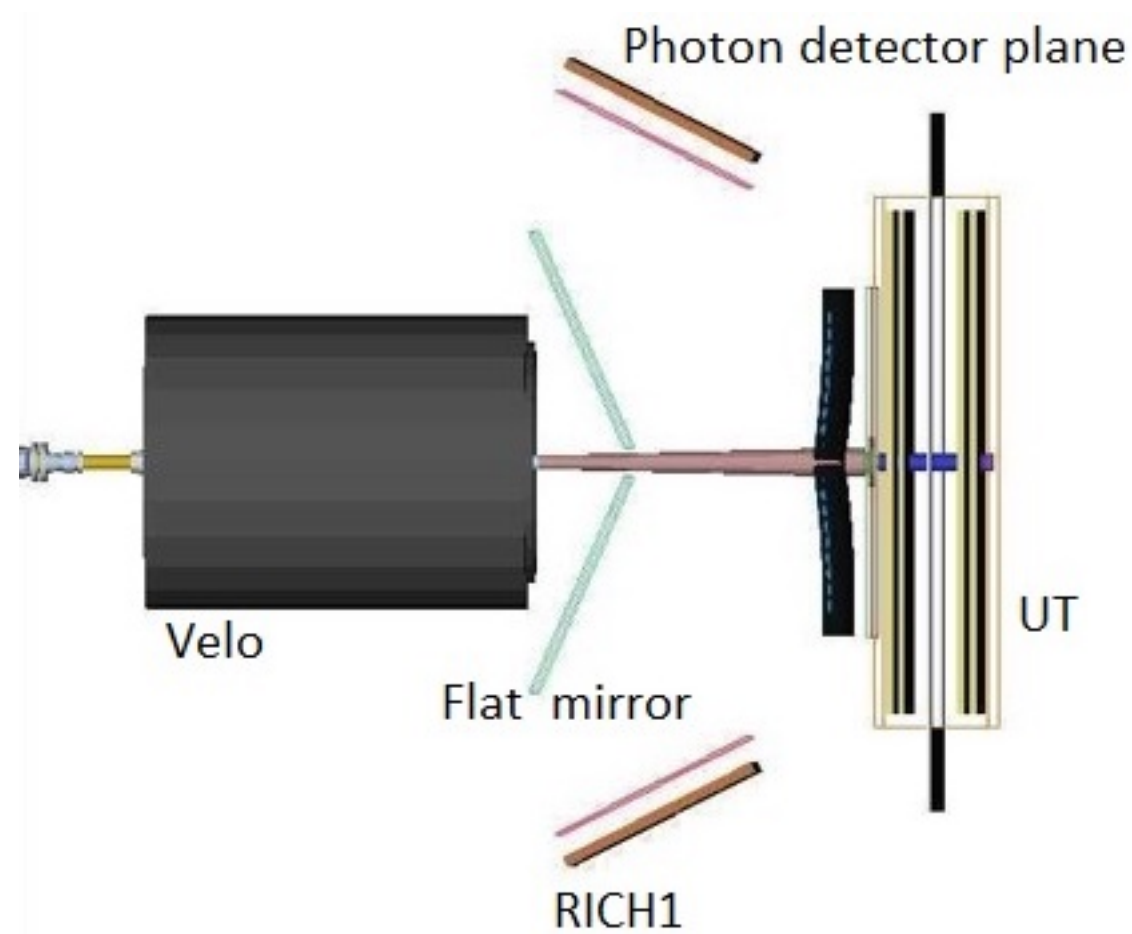


Table 4.2: Examples of peak occupancies in RICH1 obtained using the LHCb simulation framework, assuming a pixel size of $2.8 \times 2.8 \text{ mm}^2$ for the MaPMT and $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$ for the SiPM.

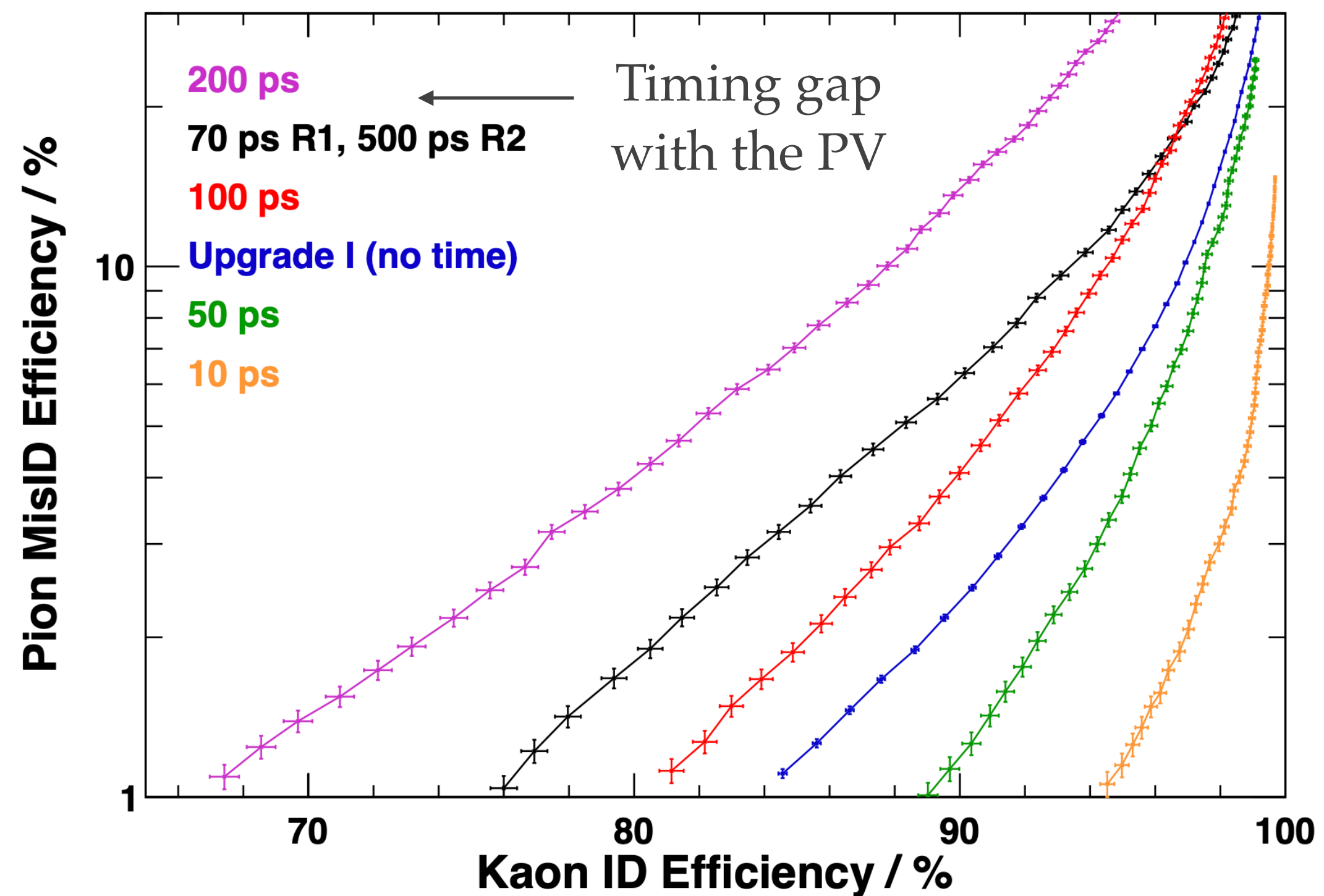
| RICH1 peak occupancy | MaPMT | SiPM and geometry update |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Upgrade I | 35 % | 3.9 % |
| Upgrade II | > 100 % | 18 % |

❖ RICH requirements:

- Occupancy below 30% in RICH1.
- $\sigma_\theta > 0.5 \text{ mrad}$.
- Timing!

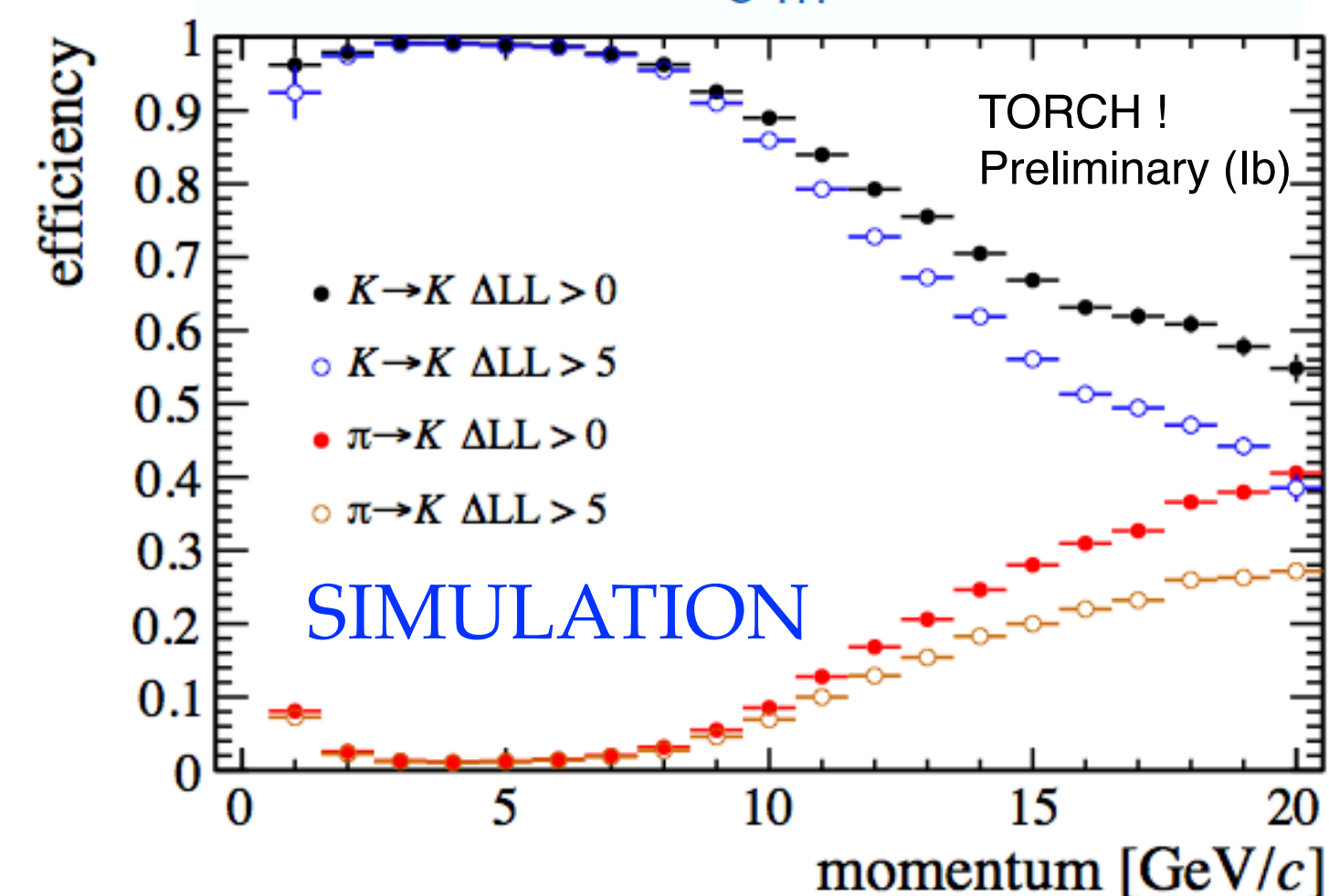
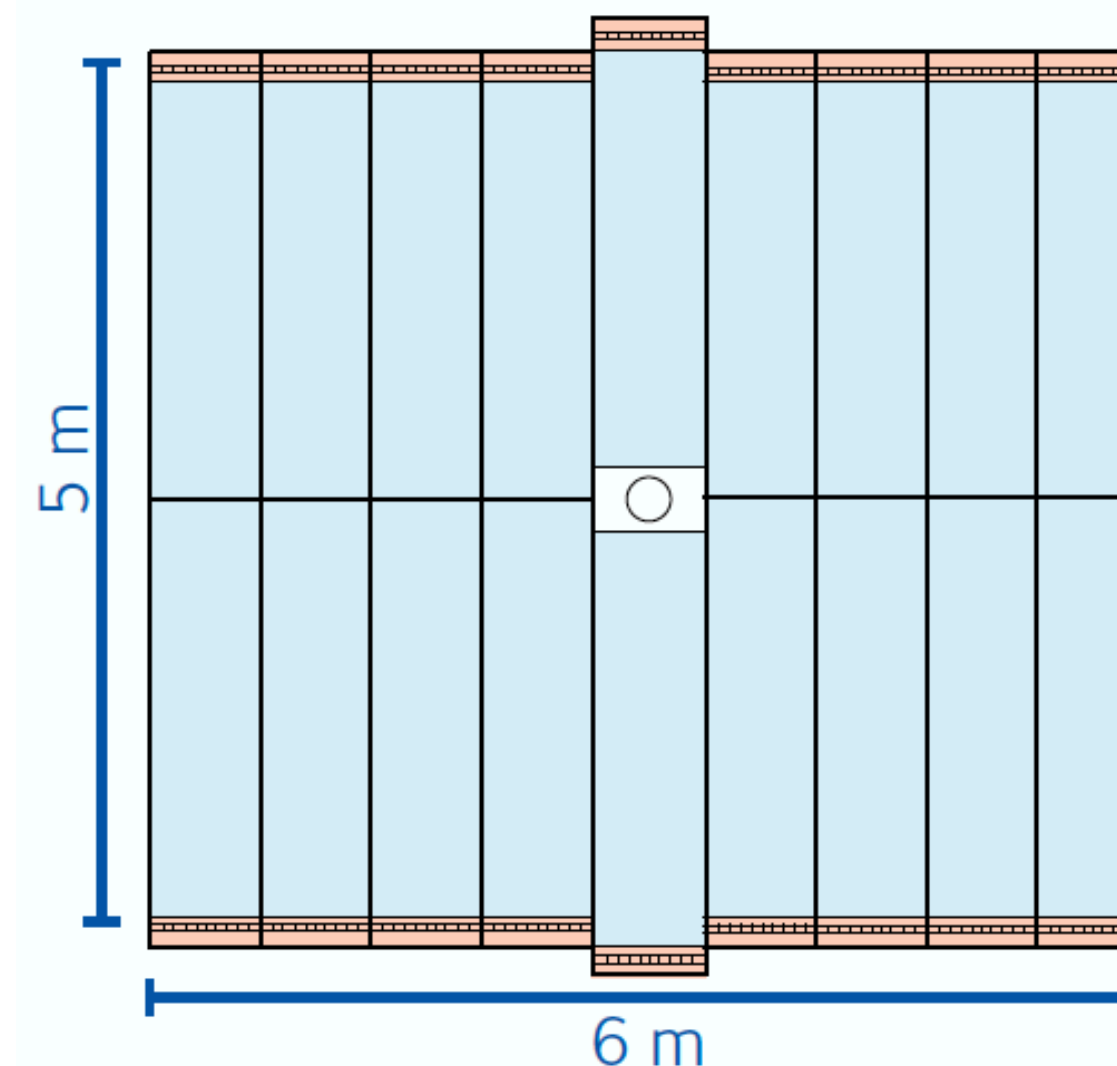
❖ RICH1 geometry:

- **New photo-detectors and readout chain.**
- Reducing the tilt of spherical mirror → place mirror inside LHCb's acceptance.
- R&D ongoing to have light-weight carbon-fibre design



TORCH - Low momentum PID

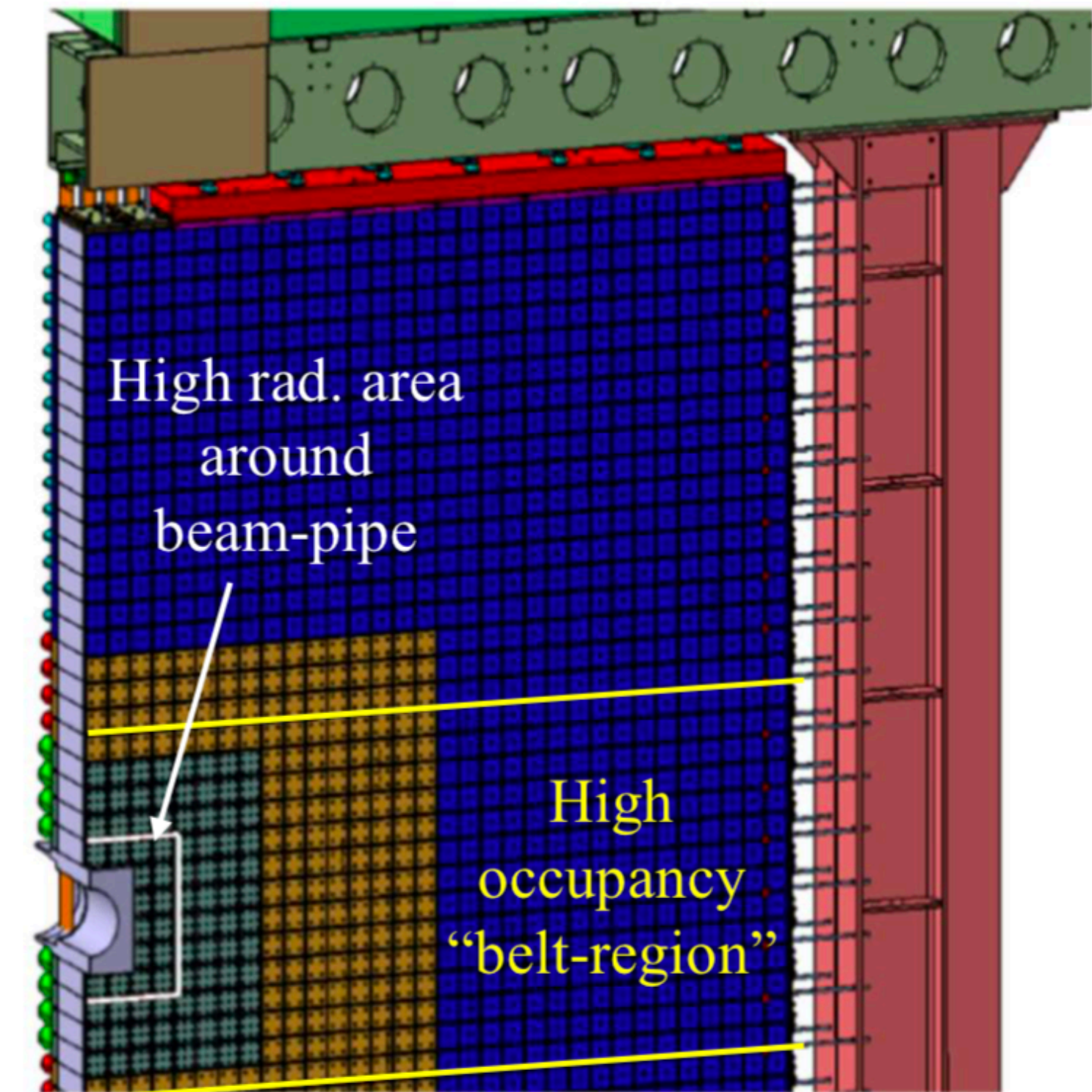
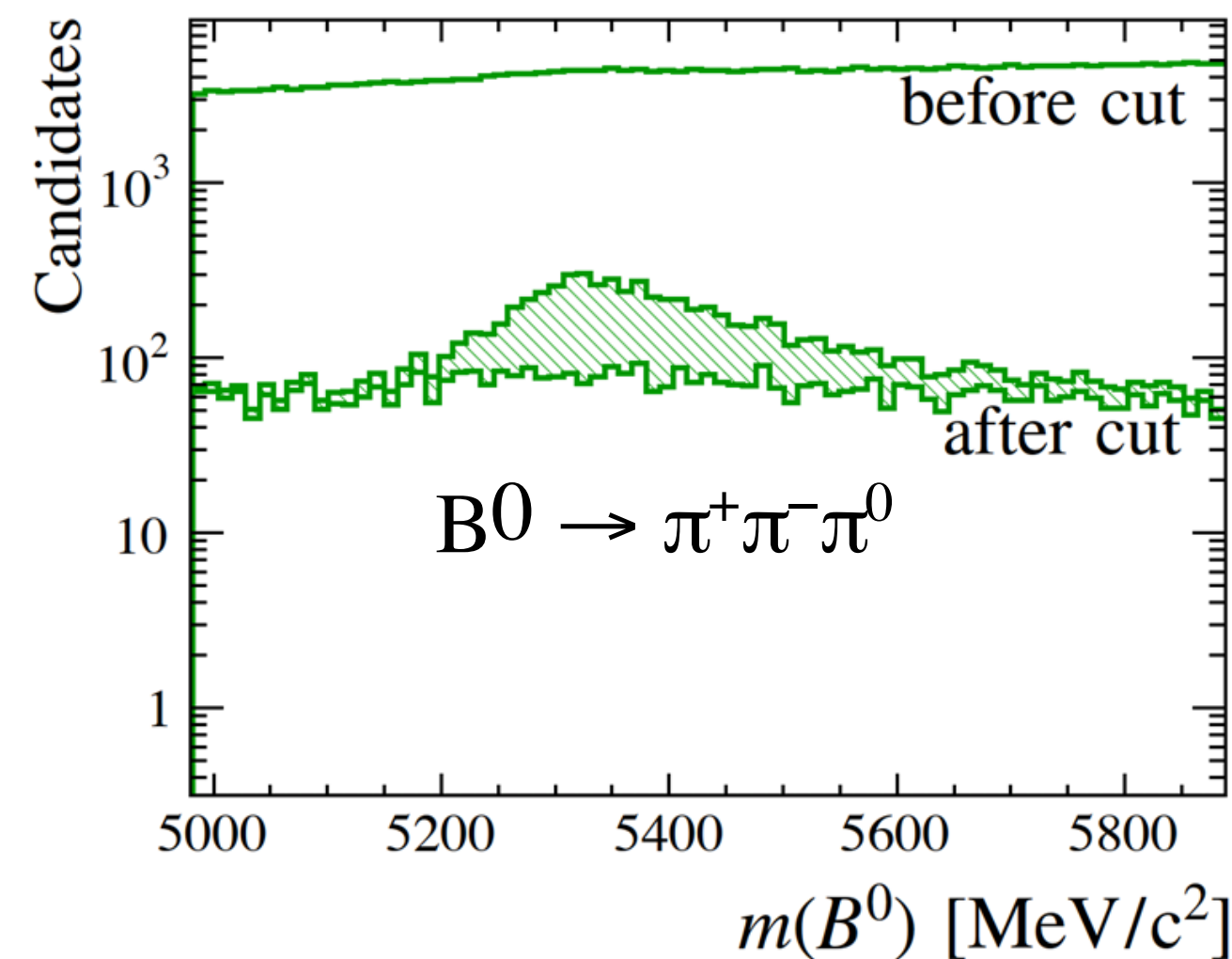
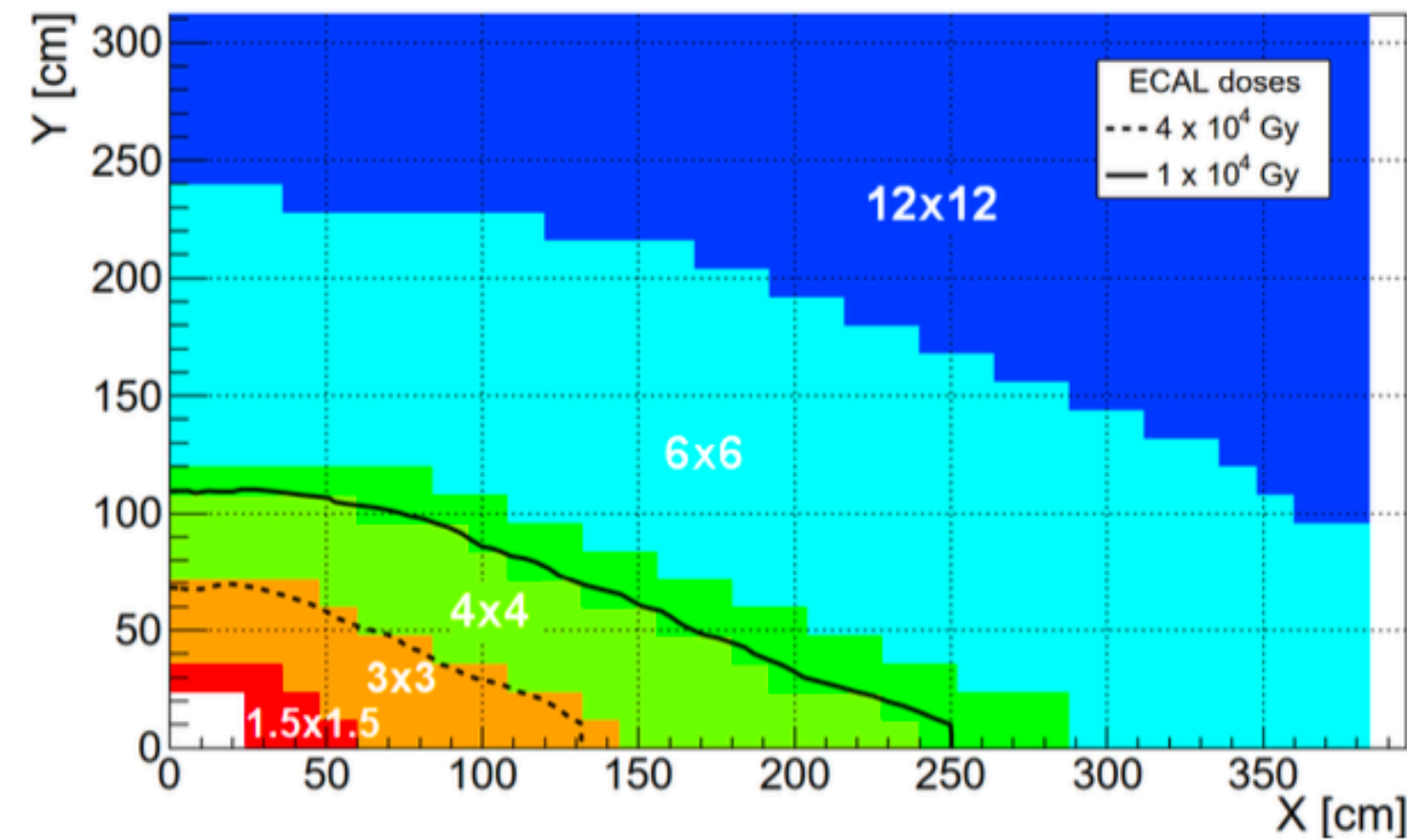
- ❖ TORCH is a large area time of flight detector that is designed to provide PID in the GeV/c momentum range
 - Considered for use in Upgrade Ib.
 - Exploit prompt production of Cherenkov light in a quartz radiator plate to provide a fast timing signal.
 - Aim for a resolution of 10-15 ps per track
 - A large-scale prototype has been developed.
 - **Good separation between $\pi/K/p$ is possible in 2-10 GeV/c range.**



Half-scale demonstrator

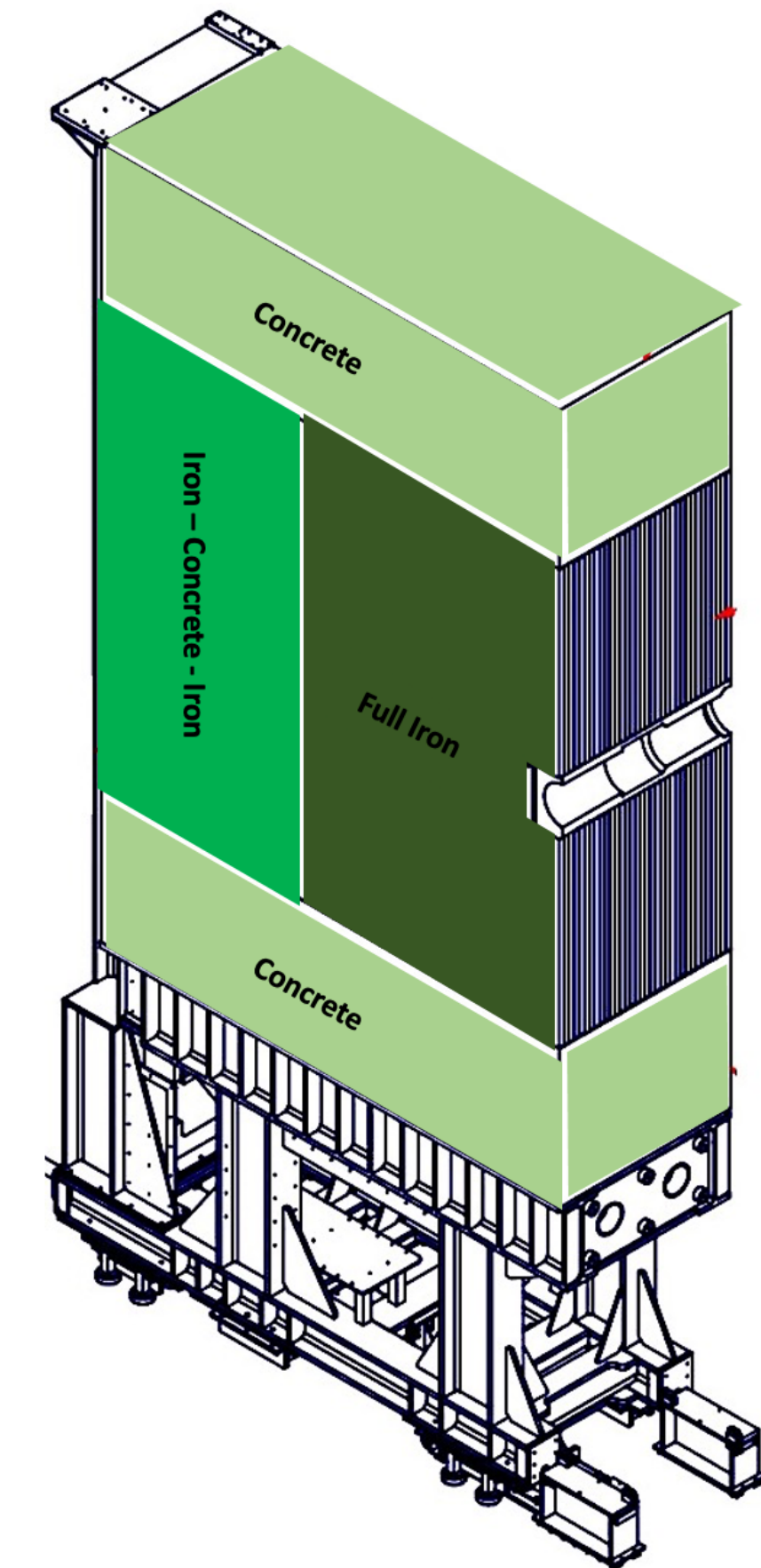
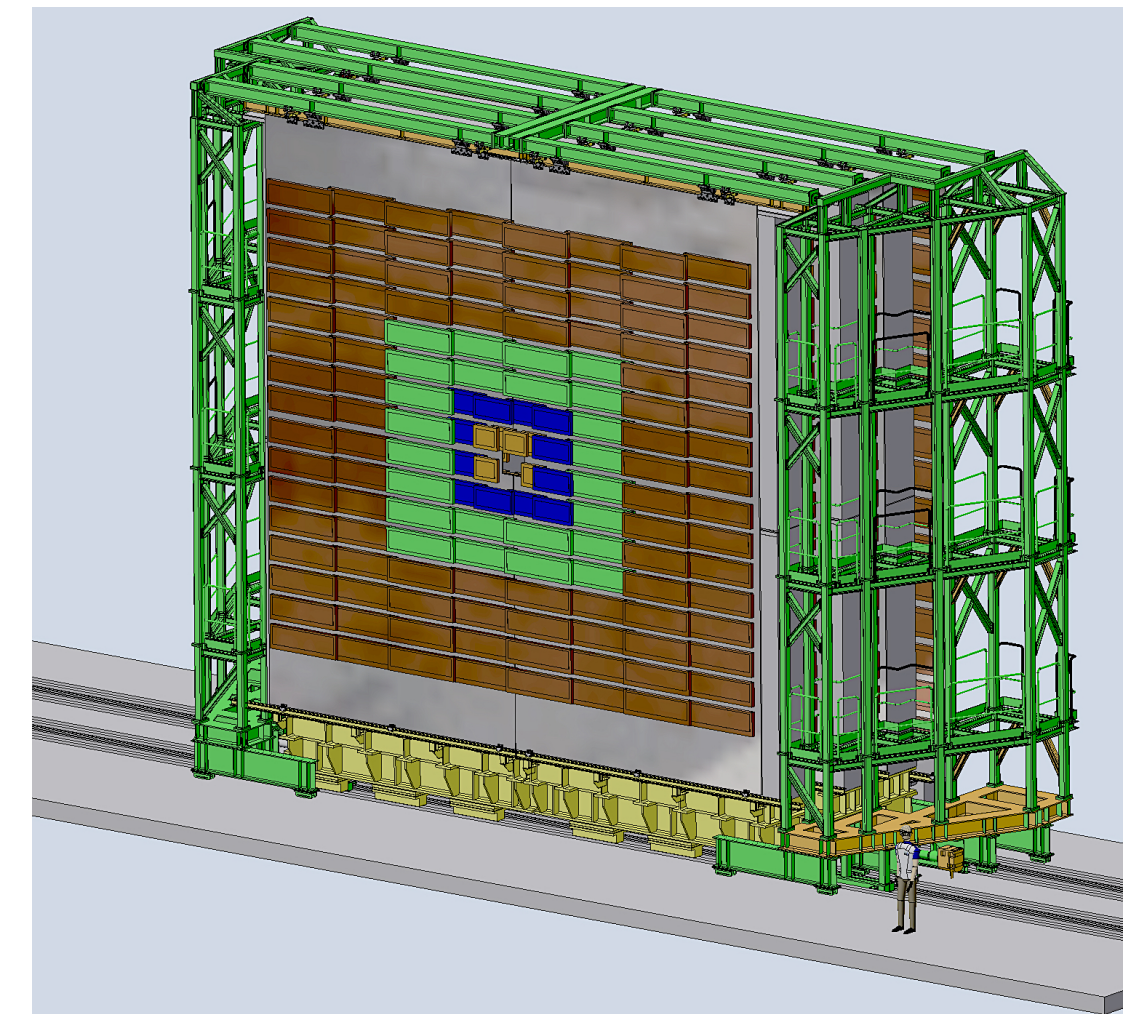
PID detector system: ECAL

- ❖ Upgrade schedule:
 - LS3: replace modules around beam-pipe.
 - LS4: rebuilt the high occupancy 'belt-region' and include timing
- ❖ Studies on module's technology ongoing.



PID detector system: muon

- ❖ Main considerations:
 - Data rate too high for the current granularity.
 - No more shielding from HCal ...
- ❖ General structure will remain the same with two different technologies:
 - μ -RWELL detectors for the high rate regions.
 - MWPC detectors for the low-rate regions.
- ❖ Studies ongoing to optimise granularity + new shielding.



Tracking in LHCb

❖ Many types of tracks in LHCb, the most important ones are

→ Long tracks.

→ Downstream tracks

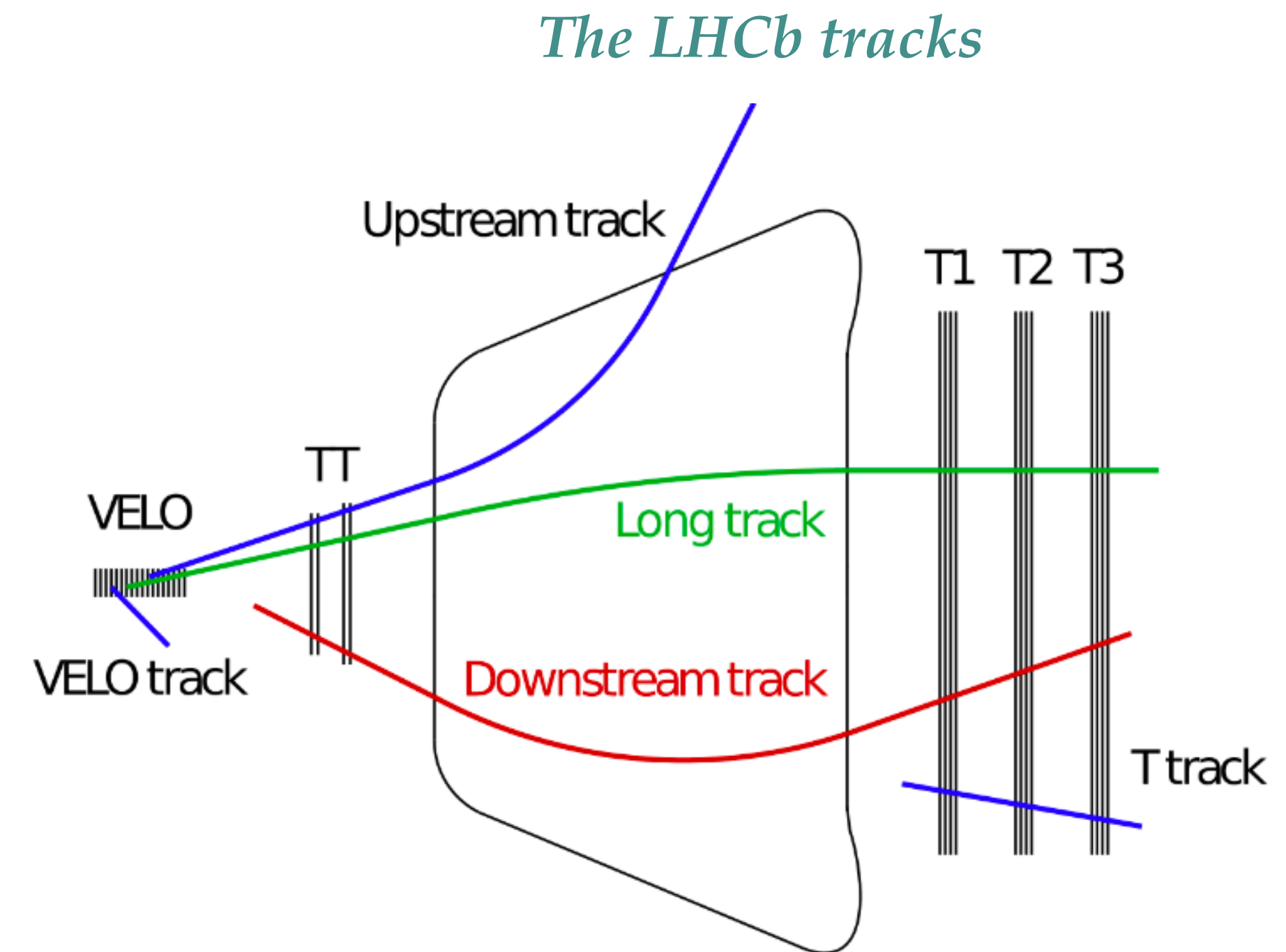
❖ Tracking algos :

→ Forward Tracking algorithm.

- Combine VELO seeds with hits in the T-stations

→ Matching algorithm.

- Match VELO tracks and seeds from T-stations



New Tracking Algorithm

Our Approach

- Kink point, and hits in search window to find doublet (red hits)
- For doublet, add station 3 U-V hits and extend to station 2 to find x hits (yellow hits)
- If requirements satisfied extend add 2nd station U-V hits and 1st station hits (orange & green hits), UV only if 2 X-hits

VELO

Fixed Kink Position

Magnet

Δ -Slope

- ✘ Required Hit
- ✘ X-layer hit, min 1
- ✘ Min. 1 Hit / station, Total > 3
- ✘ UV if both x hits, min 1/station

SciFi

~91.5%

Momentum dependent

- All extrapolations to stations 1 and 2 are done via polynomials trained on MC
- Once all hits are found, a fit of **ONLY** the x-hits is performed and a linear discriminant is used to reject ghosts