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LHCb upgrades

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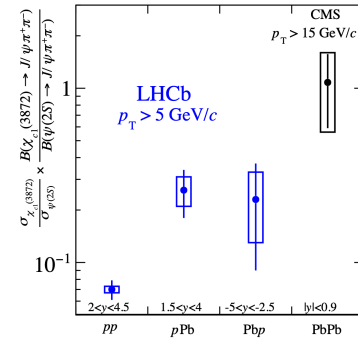
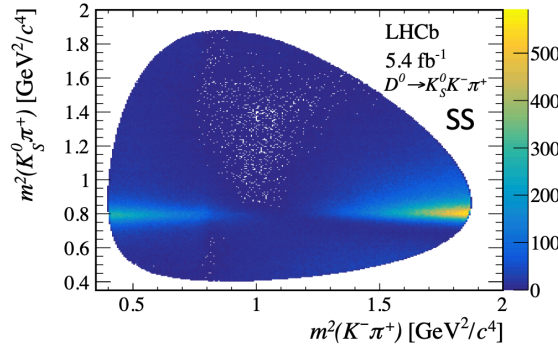
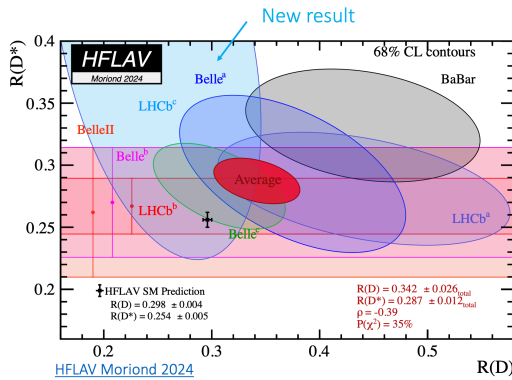
Motivation for LHCb upgrades

LHCb has been very successful during Run 1 and 2 probing the Standard Model with precision measurements, discovery of CP violation in the charm sector, new exotics states, EW physics and unique fixed-target results!

Yet no clear observation of New Physics effects!
Some measurements are statistically limited!



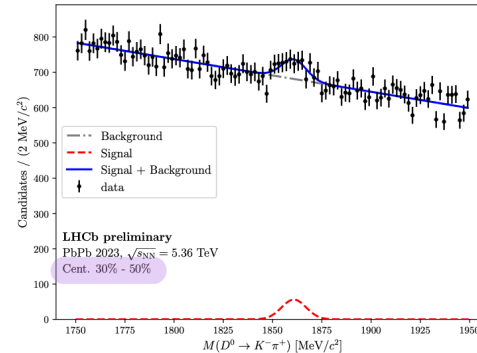
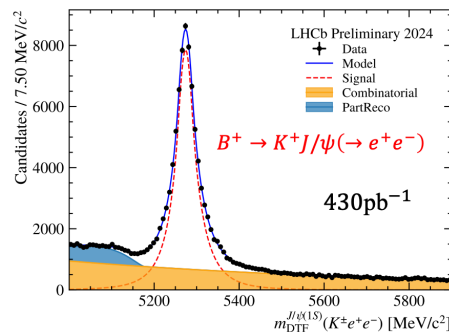
We need more data to further challenge theoretical predictions



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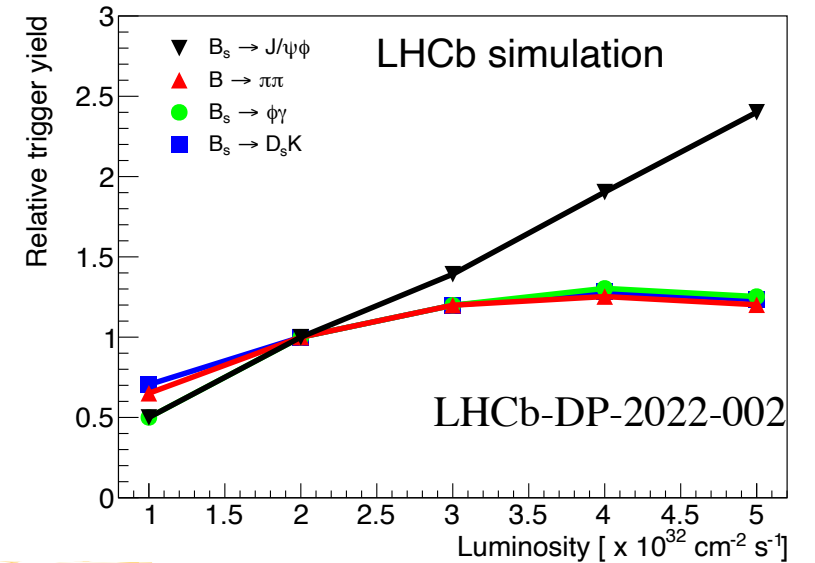
Limits of LHCb experiment in Run 1-2

$L_{inst} = 4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, direct increase of luminosity not possible
saturation of trigger (and detectors)

➤ Hardware trigger L0:

1. Maximum allowed output rate 1.1 MHz
2. Hard cuts on transverse momentum and energy

➤ Aging of the detector due to radiation damage



Profite from a higher luminosity only possible by removing the L0 trigger

Upgraded detector :

- all software trigger reconstructing events in real-time!

- higher instantaneous luminosity

$$L_{inst} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Complete **renewal of the LHCb detectors & readout electronics**
read events at 40 MHz LHC bunch crossing rate

LHCb Upgrade I

Overall major upgrade, >90 % of detector channels!

Completely new readout system for the full detector

New tracking stations
UT + SciFi

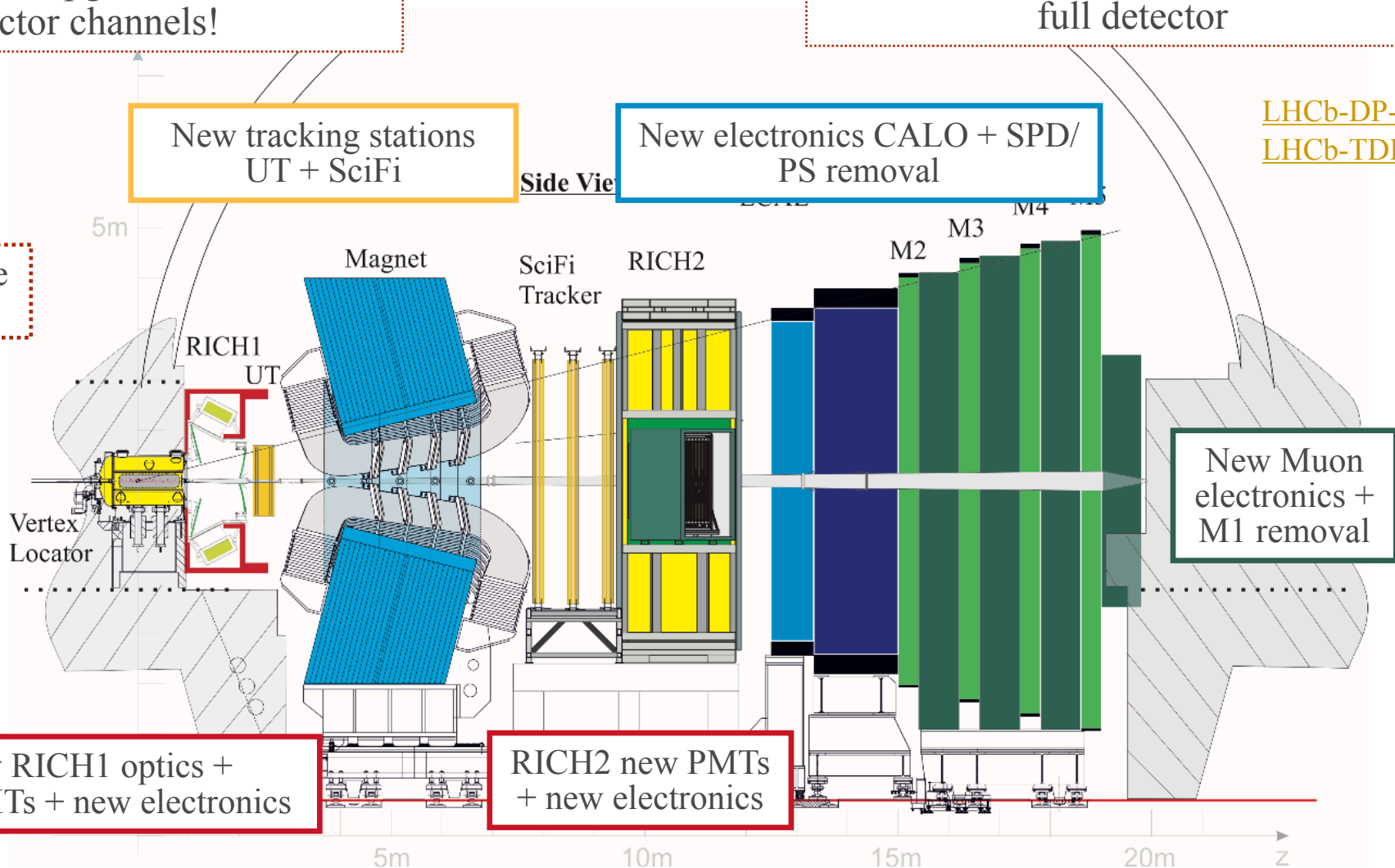
New electronics CALO + SPD/
PS removal

[LHCb-DP-2022-002](#)
[LHCb-TDR-12](#)

Fully software
trigger

PLUME &
SMOG2

New pixel
VELO

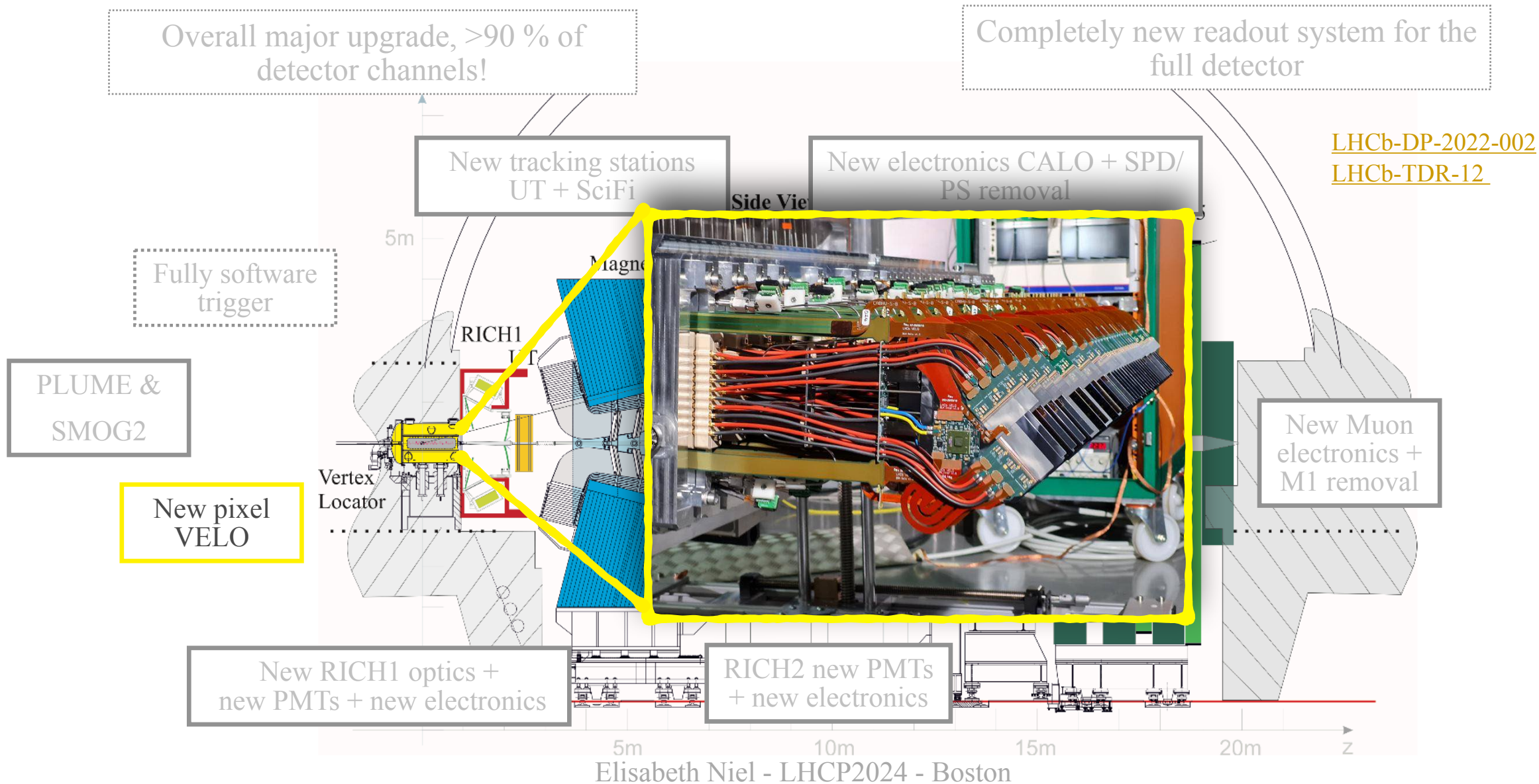


New RICH1 optics +
new PMTs + new electronics

RICH2 new PMTs
+ new electronics

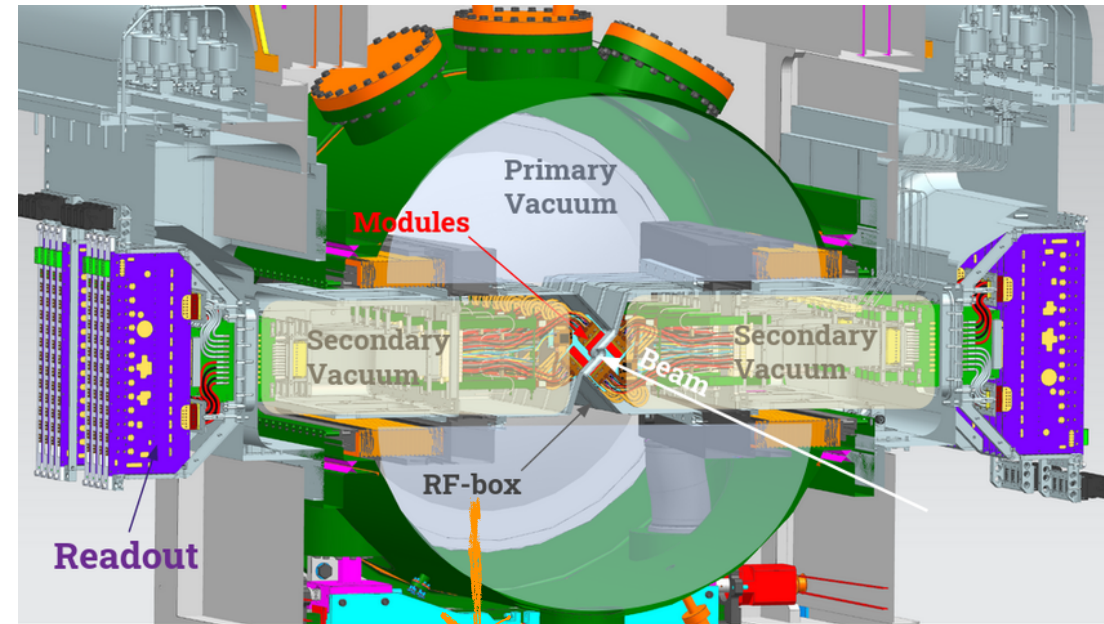
New Muon
electronics +
M1 removal

LHCb Upgrade I

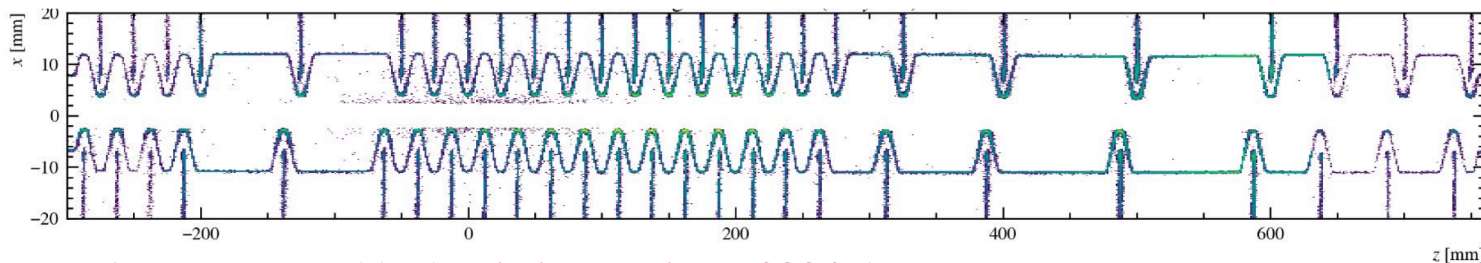


GOAL: location of interaction vertices, displaced decay vertices and the distances between them

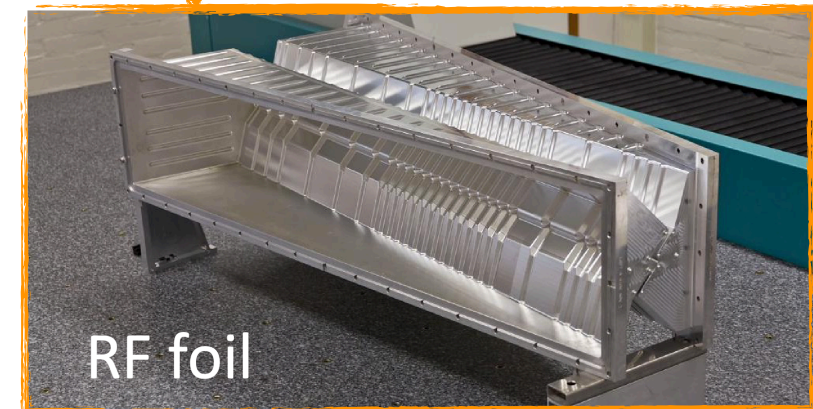
- Two retractable halves, 3.5 mm from beam → better IP resolution
- Pixelated hybrid silicon with microchannel cooling CO₂
- New ASIC VeloPix, total of ~2 Tbit/s [T. Poikela et al 2017 JINST 12 C01070](#)
- Operates in secondary vacuum: aluminium 150 μm foils separate the detector from the beam vacuum
- 2024 news: after the LHC vacuum volume incident Jan. 2023
 - ◆ RF box replacement successful!
 - ◆ **VELO operating at nominal gap**



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Velo reconstructed hadronic interactions, 2024 data

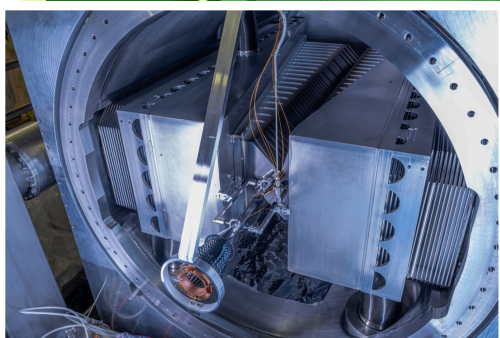
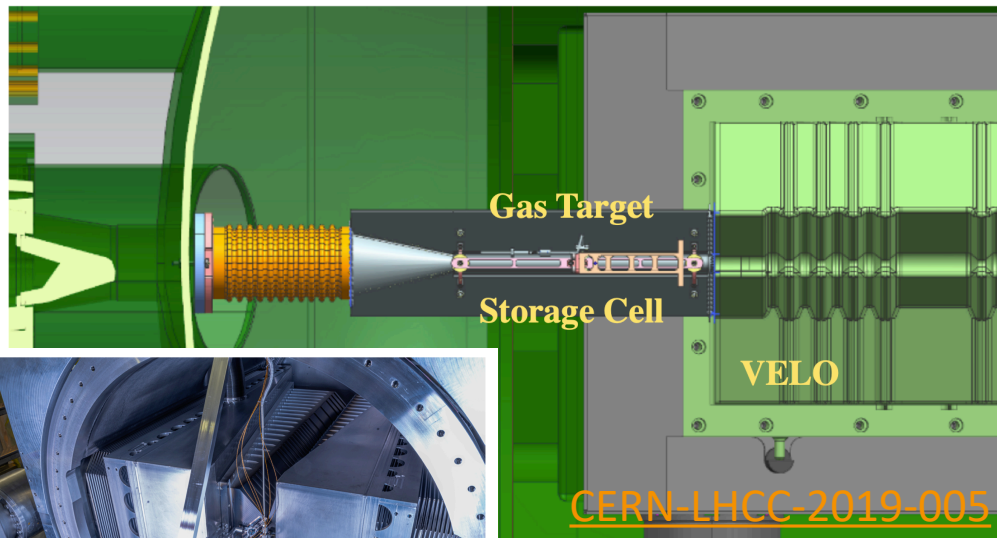
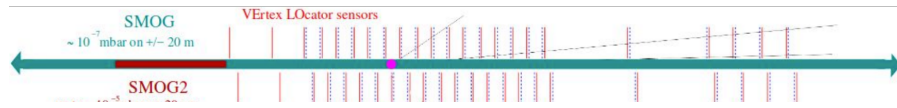


RF foil

System for Measuring Overlap with Gas - SMOG

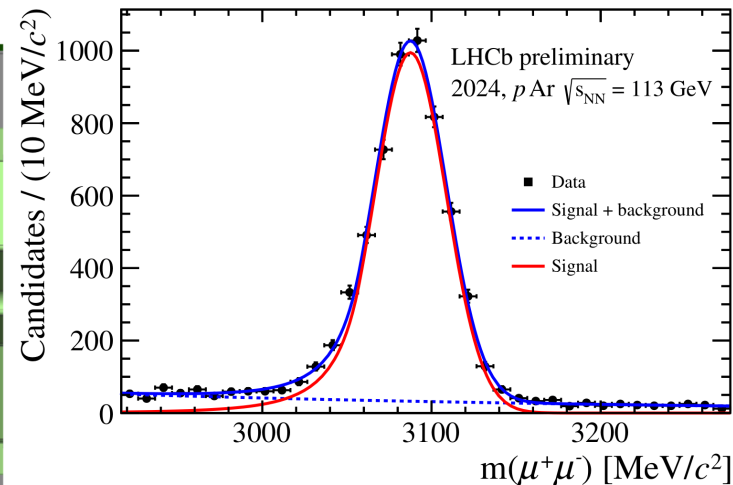
- ◆ Upgraded SMOG system, storage cell + dedicated Gas Feed System
- ◆ Upstream nominal IP at [-500,-300] mm, gas density increased of 2 order of magnitude \rightarrow higher luminosity
- ◆ Gas target possible: H_2 , D_2 , He , N_2 , O_2 , Ne , Ar , Kr , Xe
- ◆ Separated luminous region from pp \rightarrow simultaneous data-taking

Reaction	DAQ time	Non coll. bunches	Lumi (nb ⁻¹)	Decays	SMOG yields	Scale factor	SMOG2 proj. yields
pAr	18 h	684	~ 2	$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	6450		400 k
				$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	975		60 k
				$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$	131		8 k
				$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$	2300	62	140 k
				$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$	50		3 k
				$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	500		30 k
pHe	84 h	648	7.6	$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	20		1.2 k
				$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	500	19.6	10 k
				$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	20		0.4 k

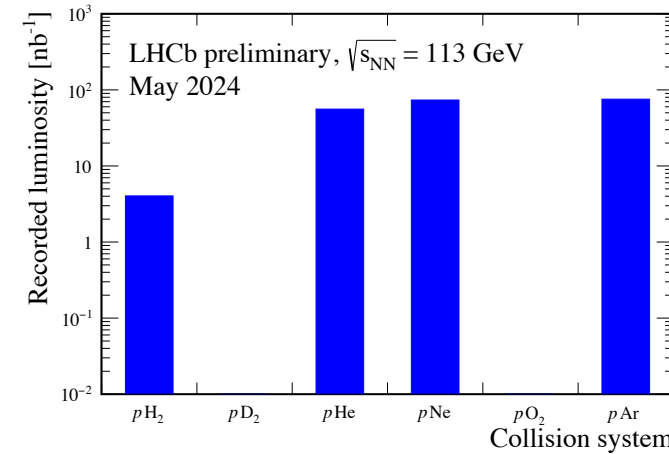


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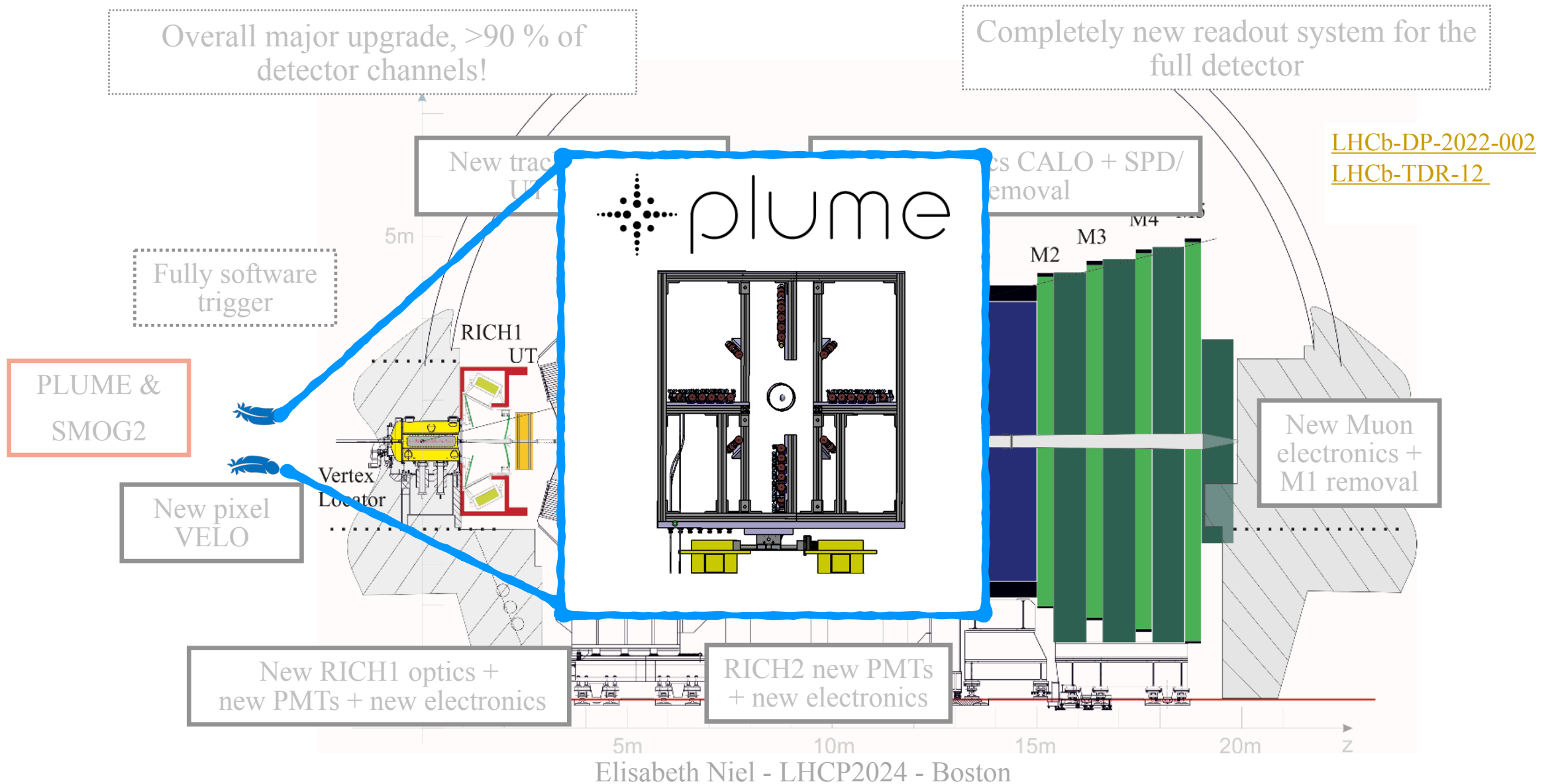
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LHCb-FIGURE-2024-005



LHCb Upgrade I: PLUME luminometer

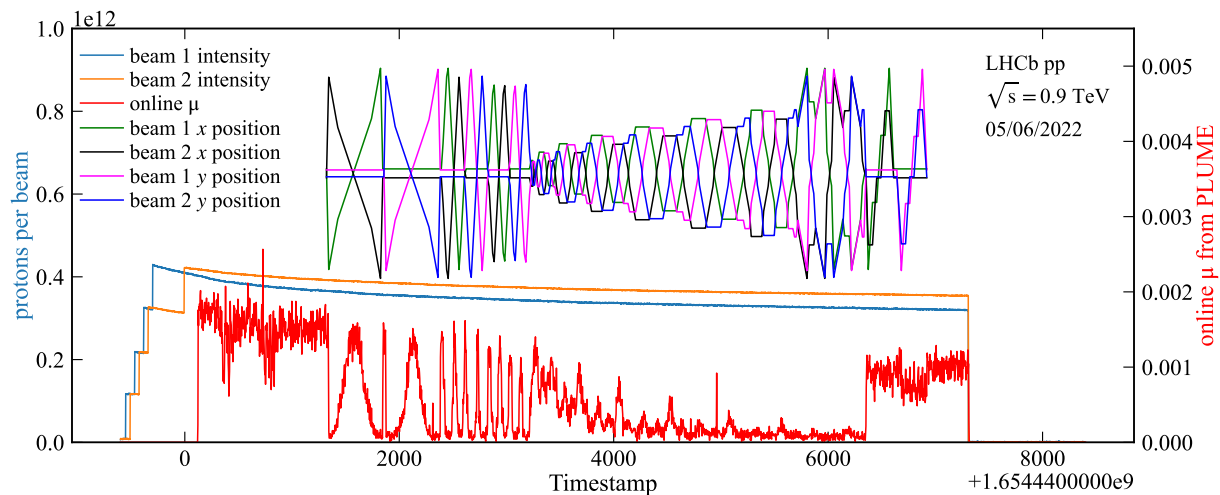


A new LHCb luminometer

- ◆ Cross-shaped hodoscope composed by 48 PMTs, installed upstream of the VELO

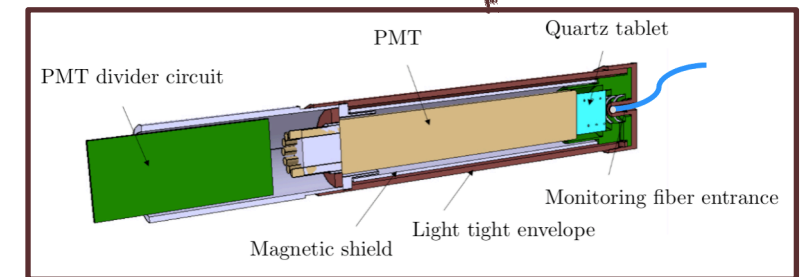
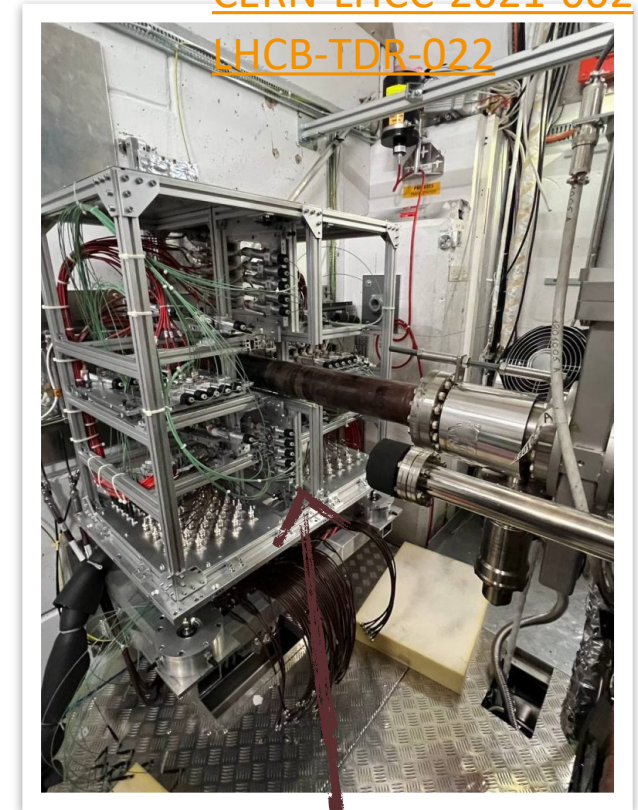
Detect Cherenkov light from particles impinging on quartz tablet glued to the PMTs window

- ◆ Measure rates every 3 seconds and compute luminosity
- ◆ Provide real-time feedback to the LHC to level the luminosity at IP8 and luminosity measurement per bunch crossing!
- ◆ 10 % precision for online luminosity measurement
- ◆ Used for levelling of luminosity, key for stable operation of the detector!



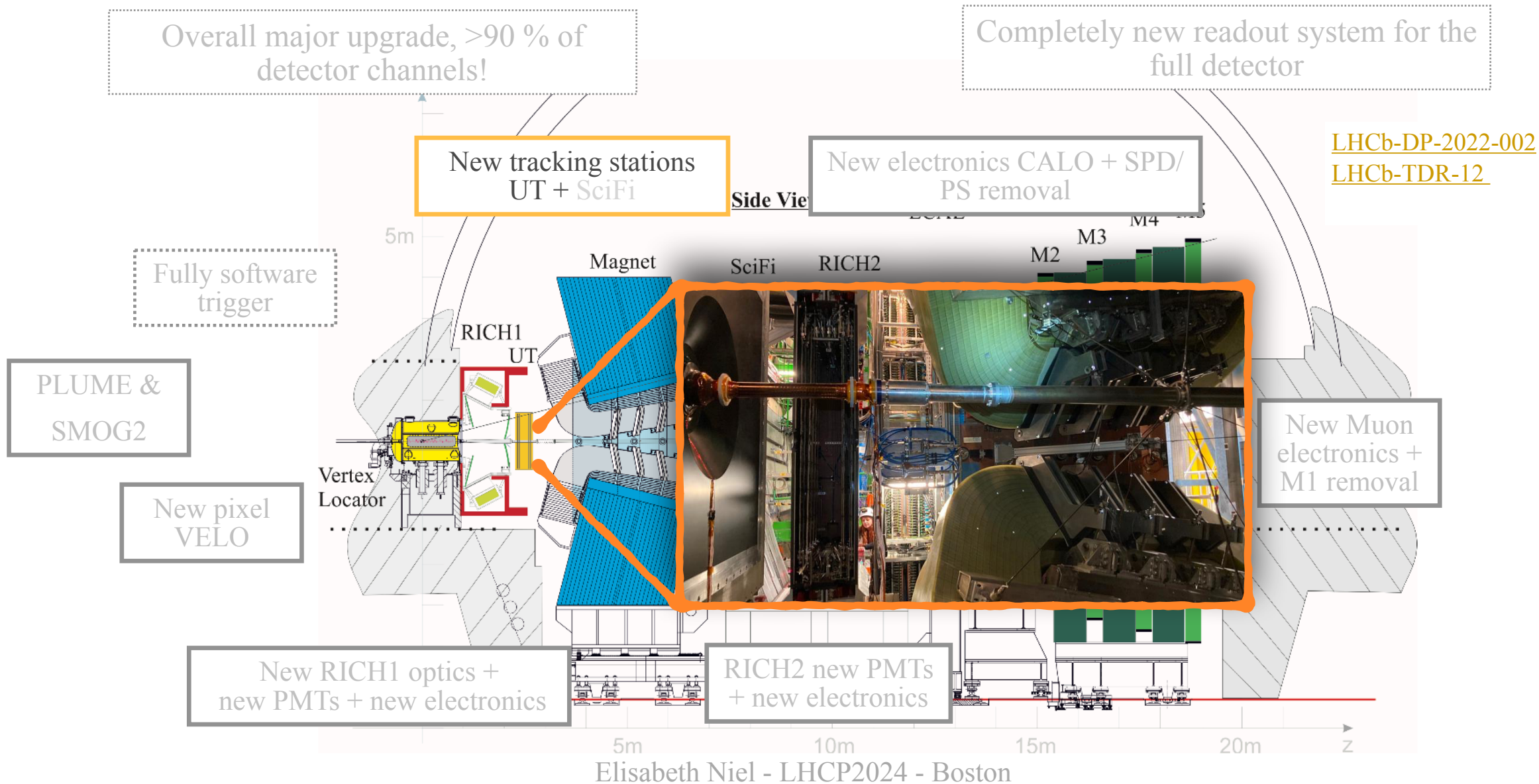
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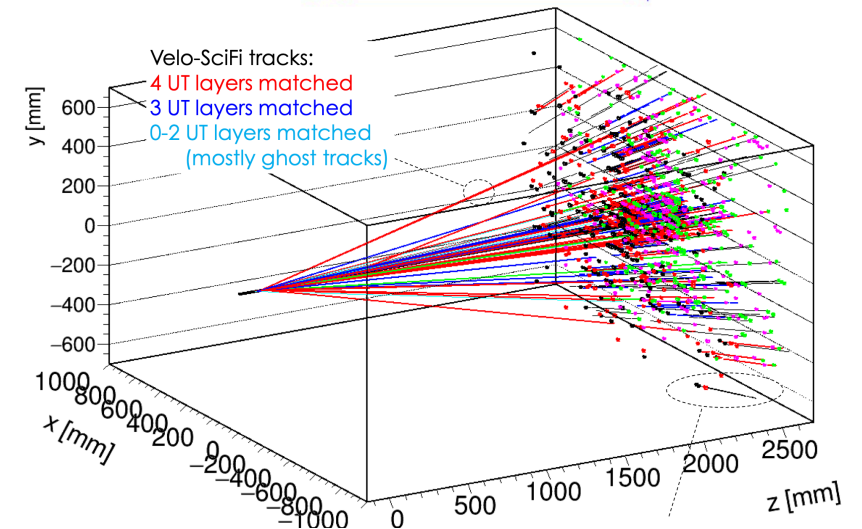
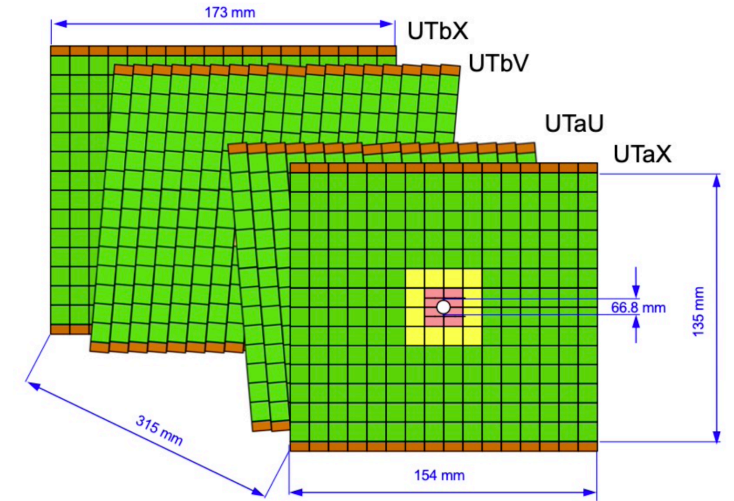
Elementary detection module

LHCb Upgrade I: Upstream Tracker



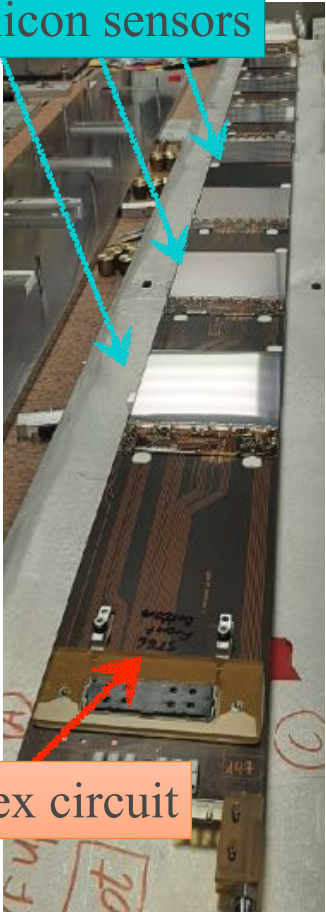
GOAL: first determination of the track momentum (precision $\sim 15\%$)

- ◆ Silicon micro-strip detector
 - ◆ Four layers upstream the magnet
 - ◆ Increasing granularity getting closer to the beam
- ◆ Different sensors for different regions :
250/320 μm thickness, pitch: $\sim 95/190 \mu\text{m}$
- ◆ Sensors mounted on staves (both sides) with bi-phase CO_2 cooling ($< -50^\circ\text{C}$)
- ◆ New read-out ASIC (SALT) [Sensors 2022, 22\(1\), 107](#)
- ◆ Integration in the data chain well advancing!

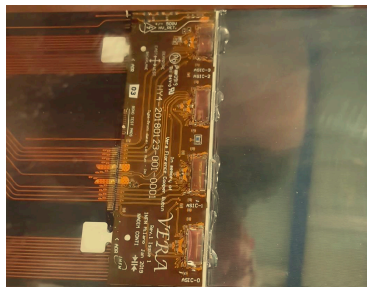


50 VELO-SciFi tracks, 2024
UT can help reduce ghost tracks

Silicon sensors



Flex circuit



LHCb Upgrade I: Scintillating Fibre Tracker

Overall major upgrade, >90 % of detector channels!

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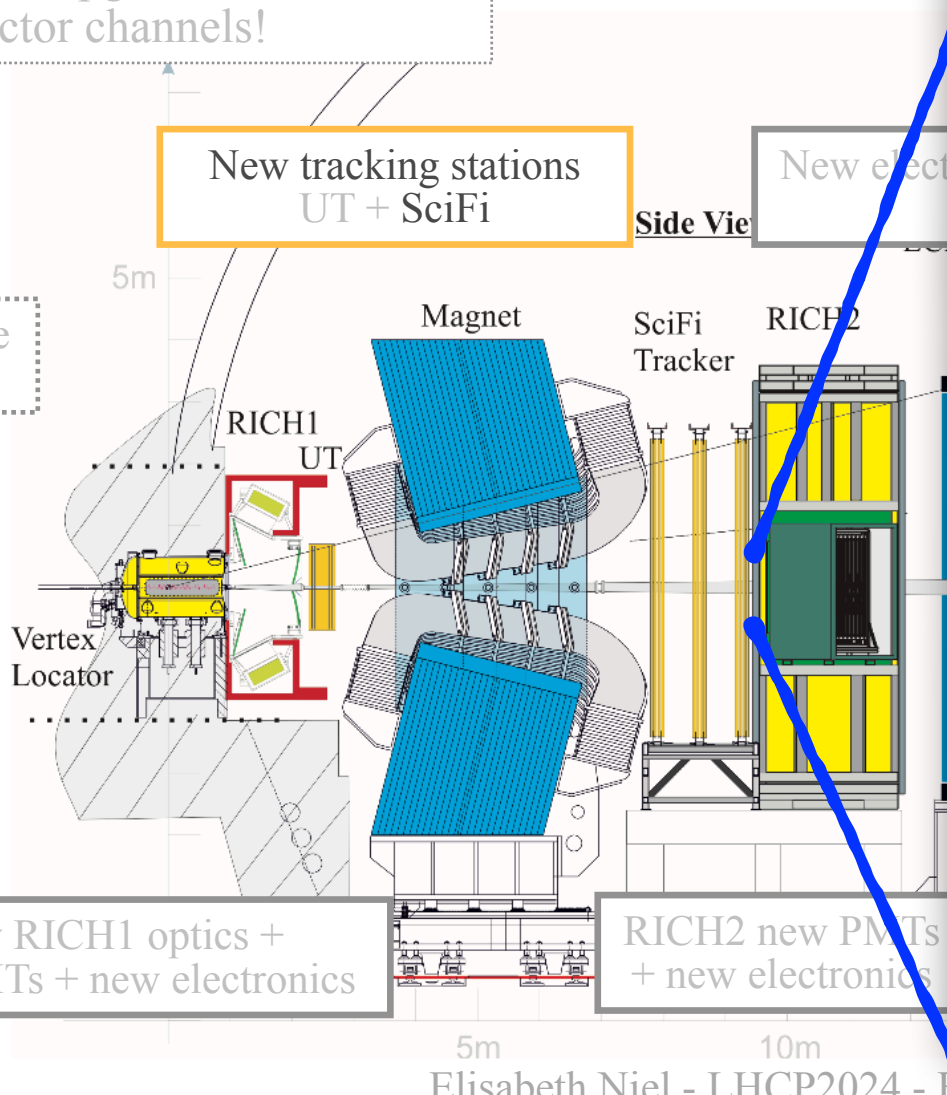
New electronics

P-2022-002
DR-12

Fully software trigger

PLUME &
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New pixel
VELO



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Scintillating Fibre Tracker - SciFi

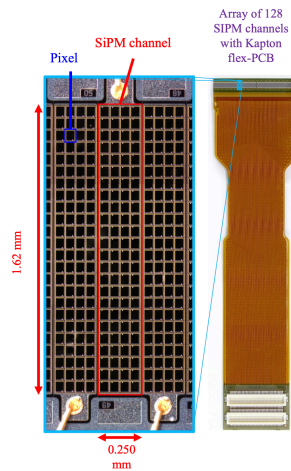
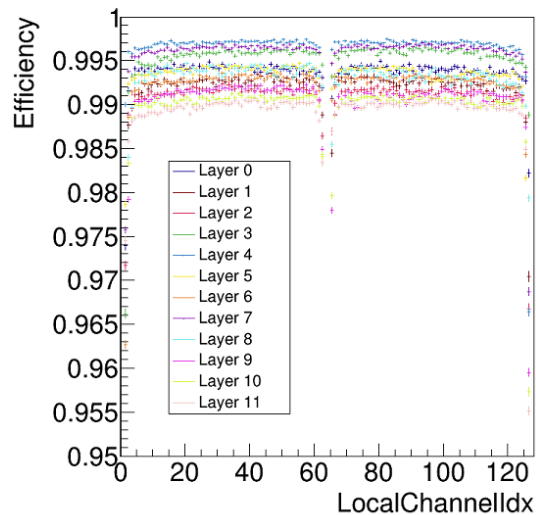
GOAL: measure particle trajectories with a spatial resolution of $< 100\mu m$

Scintillating fibers readout by SiPMs

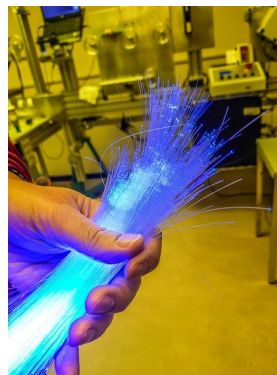
- Amplitude each channel proportional to the number of detected photons
- Clustering in FPGA with 3 different tunable thresholds

- ◆ New readout ASIC PACIFIC [A Comerma et al 2013 JINST 8 C01048](#)
- ◆ Radiation tolerant: 35 kGy near the beam pipe, $6 \times 10^{11} n_{eq}/cm^2$ at SiPMs
- ◆ Noise cluster rate: $< 10\%$ of signal \rightarrow cooled to -40 C

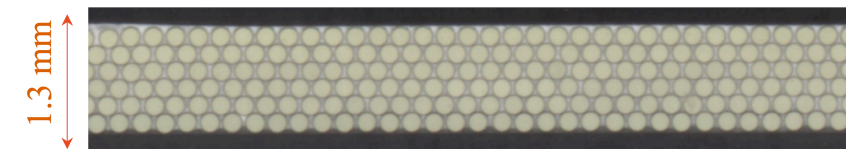
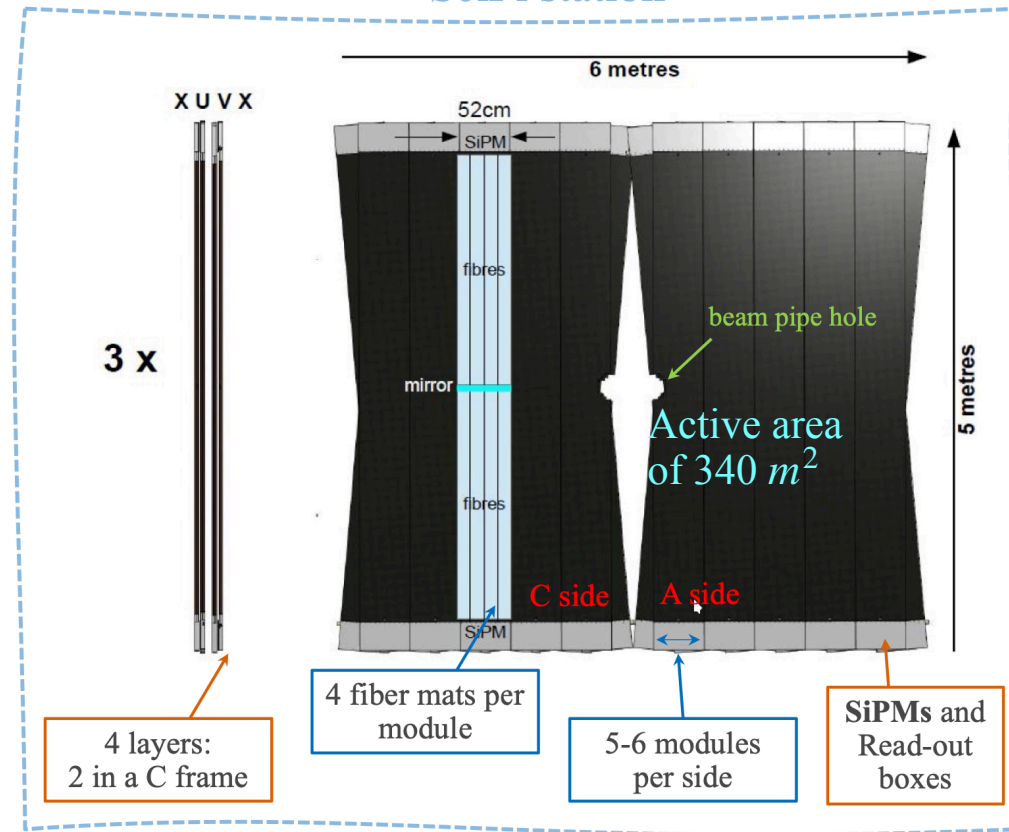
Status 2024: high efficiency achieved with low thresholds



C.Trippl poster

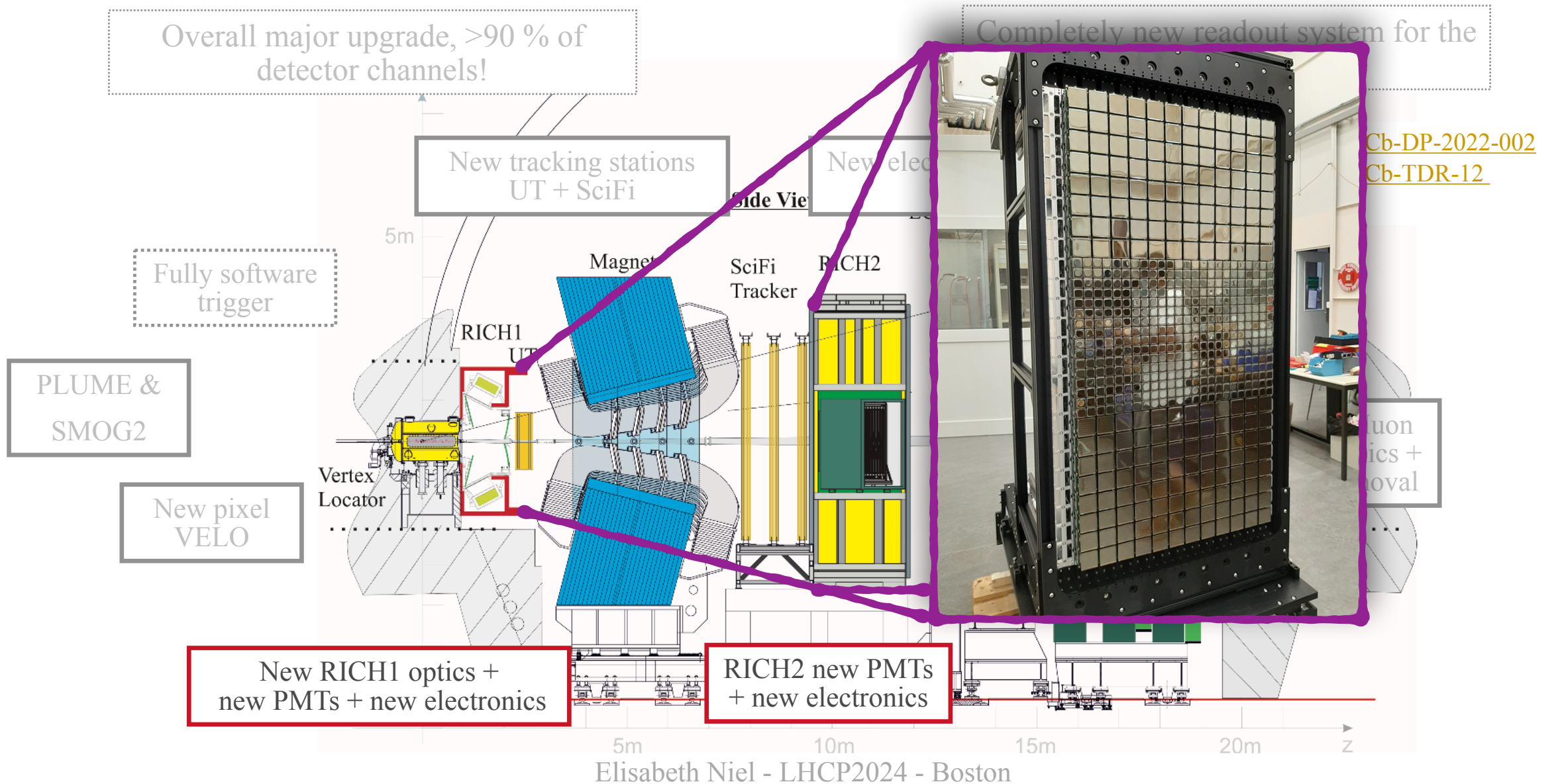


SciFi station



Cross section of a fiber mat

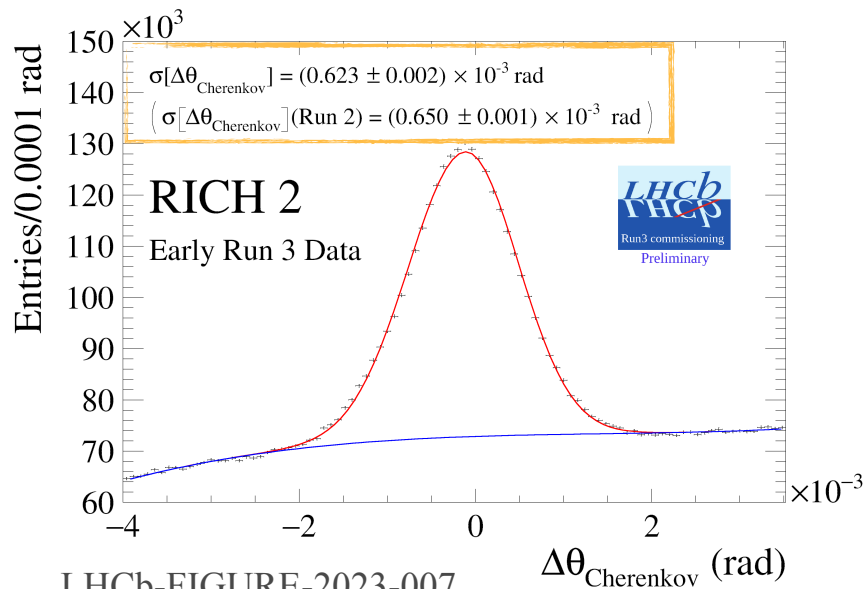
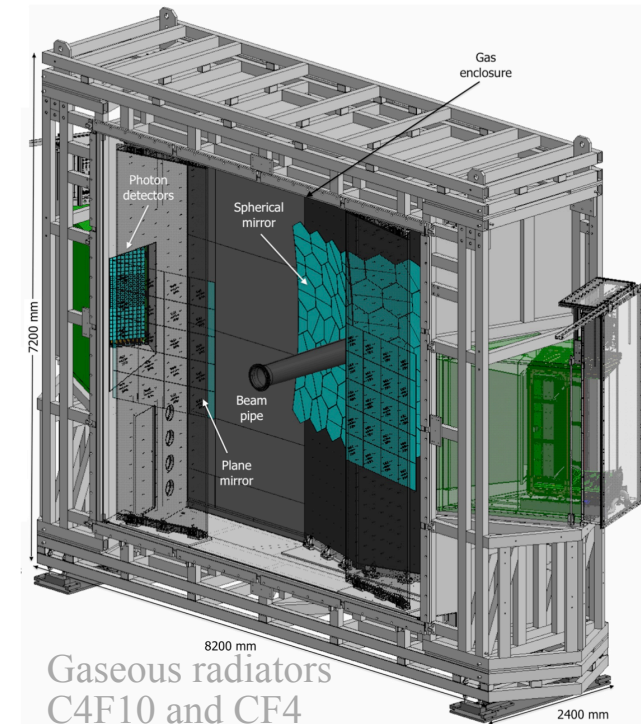
LHCb Upgrade I: Ring-Imaging Cherenkov - RICH



Ring-Imaging Cherenkov - RICH

GOAL: charge hadrons identification for momenta 2.6 -100 GeV/c

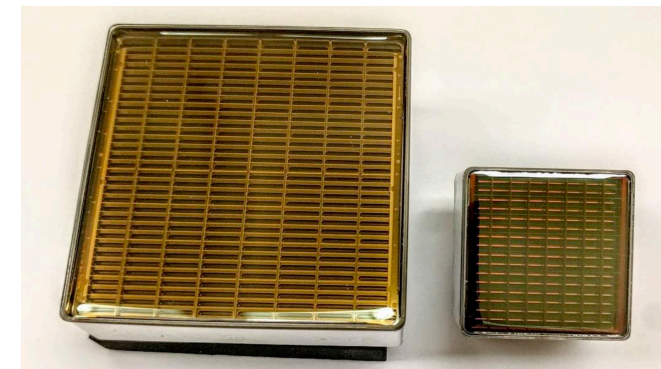
- ◆ Overall layout and concept of the RICH system unchanged: Cherenkov photons reflected outside the LHCb acceptance using spherical and planar mirrors
- ◆ Preserve excellent performance achieved in Run 1 and 2
- ◆ Replace Hybrid Photon Detectors (HPDs) with Multianode PMTs (MaPMTs)
- ◆ Change curvature of RICH1 spherical mirrors to reduce occupancy on PMTs (factor 2 less)
- ◆ New radiation hard and fast readout ASIC developed (CLARO) [M. Baszczyk et al 2017 JINST 12 P08019](#)



2024: RICH 1 and 2 performance already better than in Run 1 and 2!

See dedicated PID talk by [M. Atzeni PID at LHCb](#)

LHCb-FIGURE-2023-007



MaPMTs (Hamamatsu)

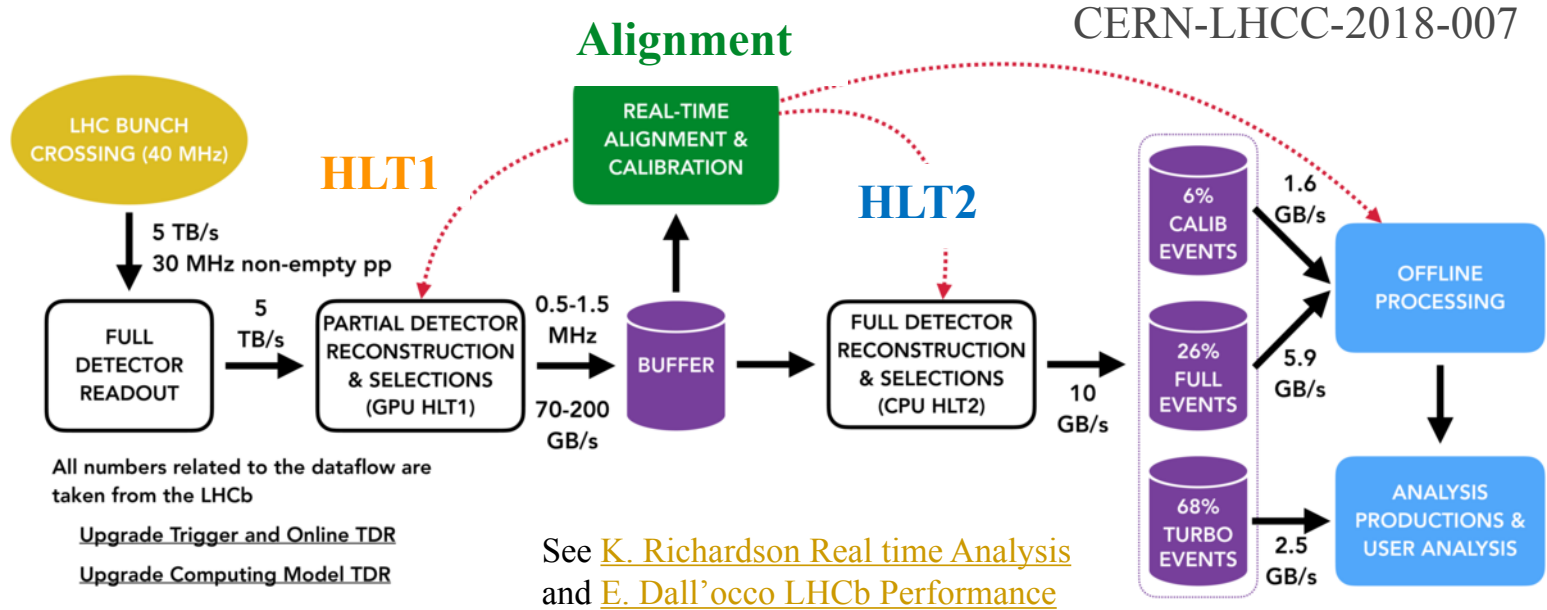
Real Time Software trigger

Removal of hardware trigger, moved to fully software trigger.

LHCb data flow:

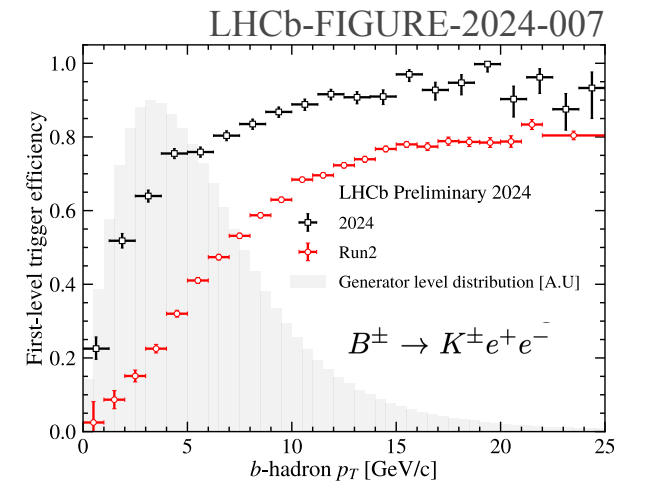
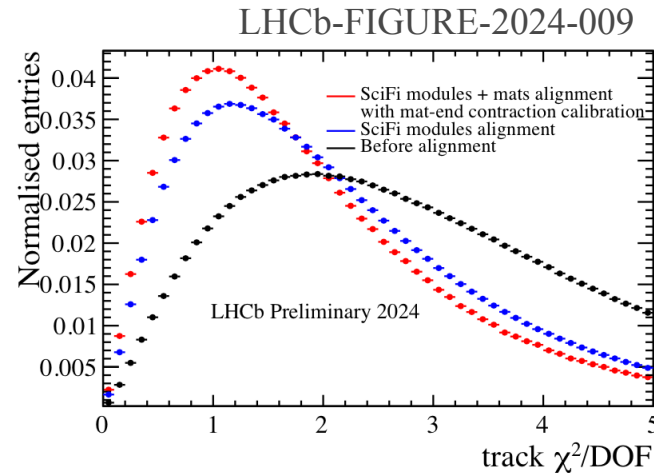
- ◆ **HLT1**: partial reconstruction data to buffer
- ◆ **HLT2** concurrent processing

- Intake 5 TB/s of raw data at 30 MHz
- Partial event reconstruction + coarse selections
- Reduce input rate by a factor of 30



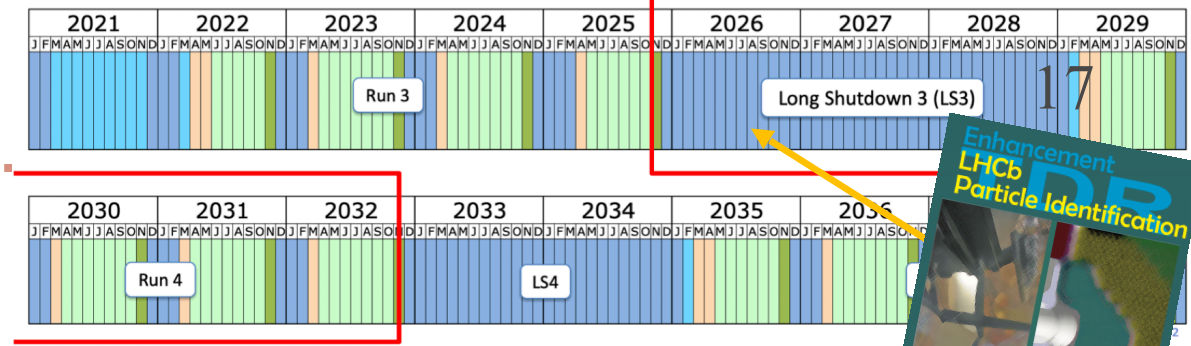
Alignment and calibration online

- Intermediate selected events in a buffer for online real time alignment
- Automatic update of alignment constants
- Monitor relevant quantities online, e.g. unbiased residuals



PID enhancement for Run 4

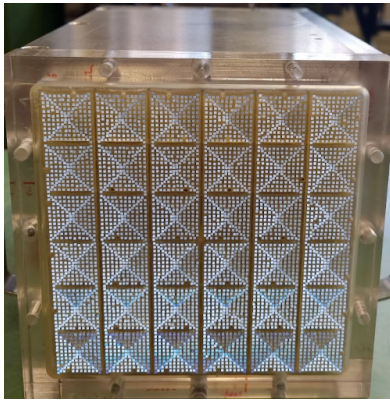
- TDR: *LHCb particle identification enhancement during LS3*
- Upgrade of RICH and ECAL



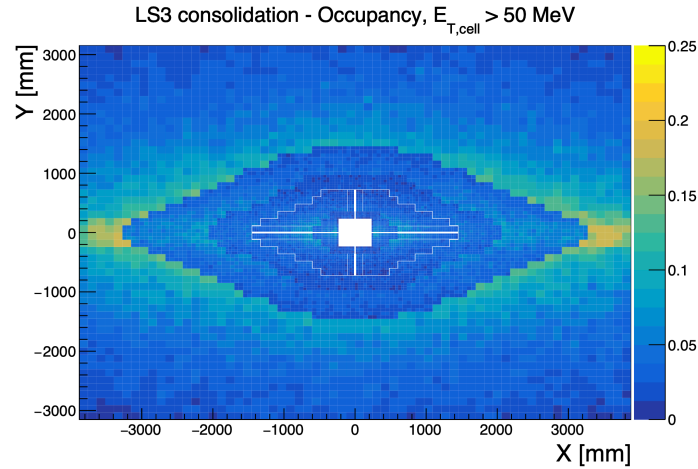
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ECAL: detector modules have not been replaced during LS2

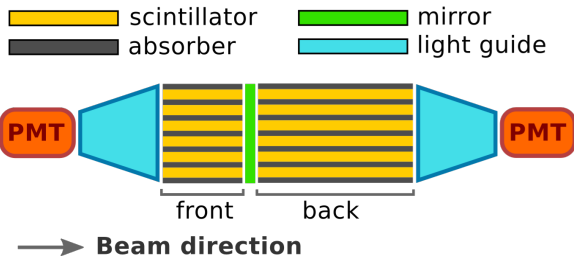


Prototype module



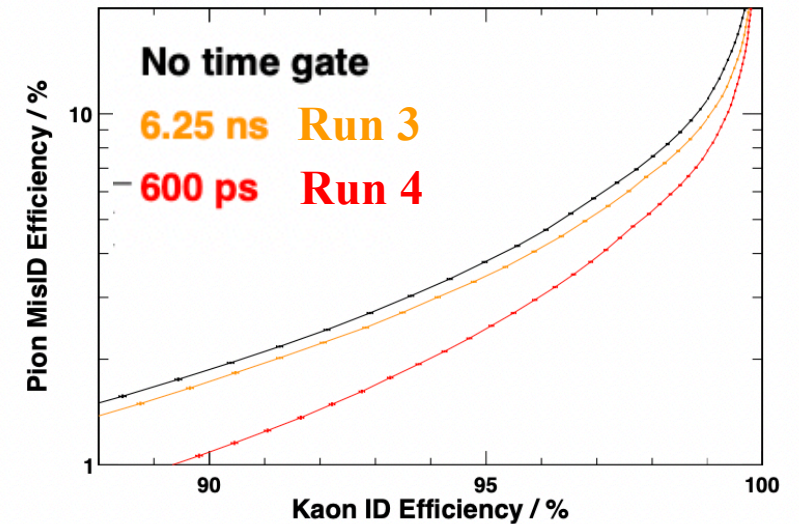
Innermost region needs replacing after Run 3

- plan to replace with new SpaCal modules (reused for Upgrade II)
- rearrange outer modules in a rhombic shape (following occupancy)



Poster: [D. Manuzzi PicoCAL](#)

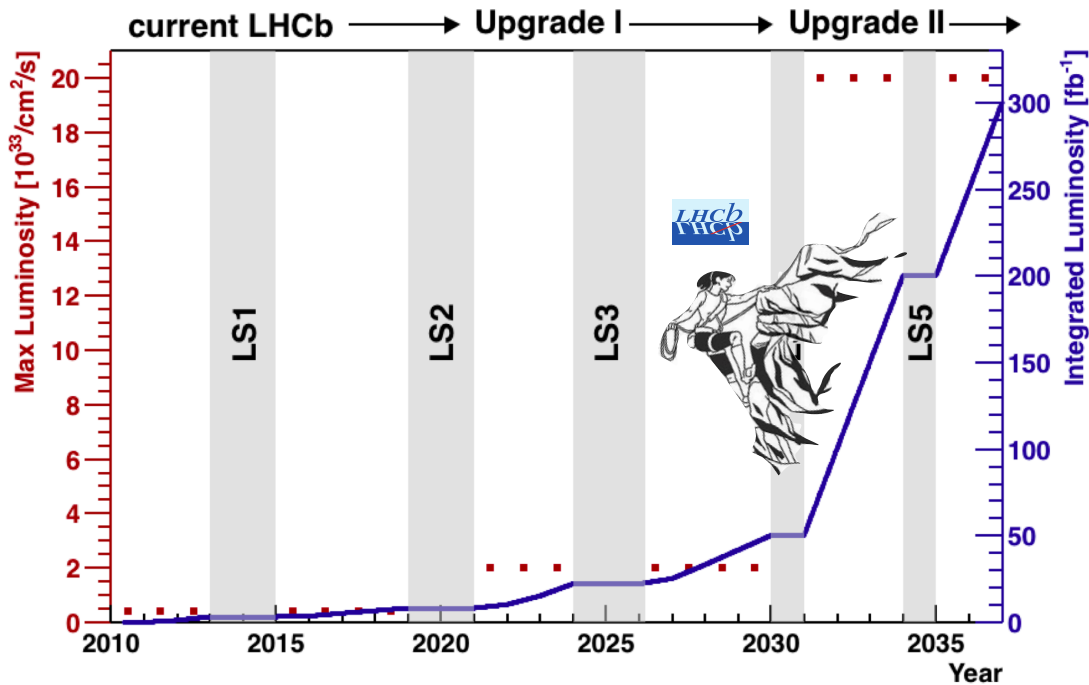
RICH: new electronics time-stamping photon hits



For Run 4 MaPMT photodetectors remains the major limitation for timing

“The full physics potential of the LHC and the HL-LHC, including the study of flavour physics and the quark-gluon plasma, should be exploited.”

European Strategy Update 2020

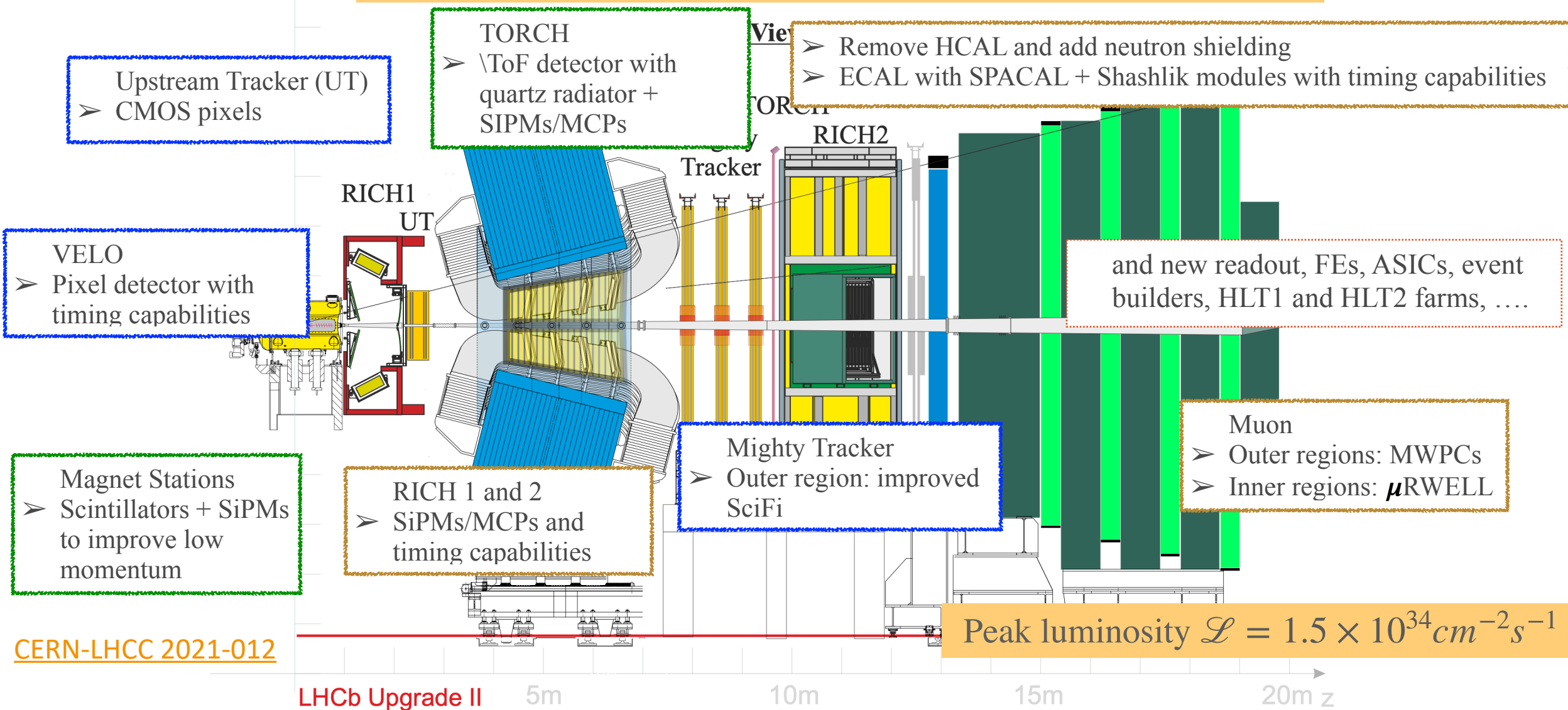


Observable	Current LHCb	LHCb 2025	Belle II	Upgrade II	ATLAS & CMS
EW Penguins					
$R_K (1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2 c^4)$	0.1 [274]	0.025	0.036	0.007	–
$R_{K^*} (1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2 c^4)$	0.1 [275]	0.031	0.032	0.008	–
$R_\phi, R_{\rho K}, R_\pi$	–	0.08, 0.06, 0.18	–	0.02, 0.02, 0.05	–
CKM tests					
γ , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ K^-$	$(^{+17}_-22)^\circ$ [136]	4°	–	1°	–
γ , all modes	$(^{+5.0}_-5.8)^\circ$ [167]	1.5°	1.5°	0.35°	–
$\sin 2\beta$, with $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$	0.04 [609]	0.011	0.005	0.003	–
ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$	49 mrad [44]	14 mrad	–	4 mrad	22 mrad [610]
ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$	170 mrad [49]	35 mrad	–	9 mrad	–
ϕ_s^{SS} , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \phi$	154 mrad [94]	39 mrad	–	11 mrad	Under study [611]
a_{sl}^s	33×10^{-4} [211]	10×10^{-4}	–	3×10^{-4}	–
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $	6% [201]	3%	1%	1%	–
$B_s^0, B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	–	–	–	–	–
$\bar{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)/B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	90% [264]	34%	–	10%	21% [612]
$\tau_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}$	22% [264]	8%	–	2%	–
$S_{\mu\mu}$	–	–	–	0.2	–
$b \rightarrow c\ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ LUV studies					
$R(D^*)$	0.026 [215, 217]	0.0072	0.005	0.002	–
$R(J/\psi)$	0.24 [220]	0.071	–	0.02	–
Charm					
$\Delta A_{CP}(K K - \pi\pi)$	8.5×10^{-4} [613]	1.7×10^{-4}	5.4×10^{-4}	3.0×10^{-5}	–
$A_\Gamma (\approx x \sin \phi)$	2.8×10^{-4} [240]	4.3×10^{-5}	3.5×10^{-4}	1.0×10^{-5}	–
$x \sin \phi$ from $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$	13×10^{-4} [228]	3.2×10^{-4}	4.6×10^{-4}	8.0×10^{-5}	–
$x \sin \phi$ from multibody decays	–	$(K3\pi) 4.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$(K_S^0 \pi\pi) 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$(K3\pi) 8.0 \times 10^{-6}$	–

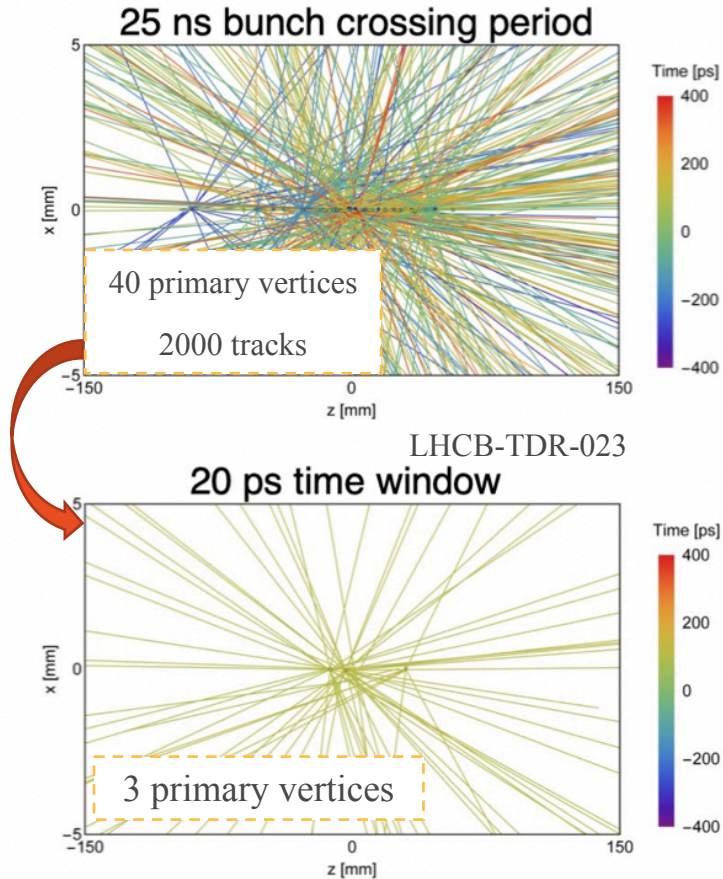
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- ◆ In general, need more granular and radiation tolerant detectors, with timing capabilities, to mitigate effect of pile up
- ◆ Technology not available yet in most cases, important R&D effort needed

The ultimate flavour physics experiment at the HL-LHC



Tracks in an Upgrade II collision



Slices of 20 ps would reduce the number of primary vertices

LHCb Run 3 Trigger Diagram

30 MHz inelastic event rate
(full rate event building)

Software High Level Trigger

Full event reconstruction, inclusive and exclusive kinematic/geometric selections

Buffer events to disk, perform online detector calibration and alignment

Add offline precision particle identification and track quality information to selections
Output full event information for inclusive triggers, trigger candidates and related primary vertices for exclusive triggers

10 GB/s to storage

- Linear increase of HLT1 output rate
- Quadratic increase of HLT2 processing: harder reconstruction but also more events
- Plan: move main consumers (Track fit and RICH) of HLT2 to GPUs as well
- Timing reconstruction algorithms will have an impact on throughput

[T. Evans Detectors with timing capabilities](#)

→ go to 50 GB/s

LHCb experiment, a story of success!

- First decade showed a physics program expanded **well beyond original expectations**
- New detector installed during LS2! **Major upgrade of the detector**
 - Higher luminosity, higher data rates, etc
 - Finer granularity, improved acceptance
- Calibration and operations progressing at full speed
 - Excellent performance with early data
 - Upstream Tracker integrating the trigger
 - VELO vacuum incident in 2023 solved!
 - Operation close to nominal conditions
- Plans for Upgrade 2 are advancing fast
 - First enhancement Upgrade 1b approved! (Run 4)
 - R&D in new detectors, finalising sub-detector designs
 - Preparing scoping document for LHCC

