

Commissioning of the LHCb RICH Detector



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Outline

LHCb and its RICHes

What is Commissioning and Commissioning Strategy

RICH Commissioning, a (hi)Story

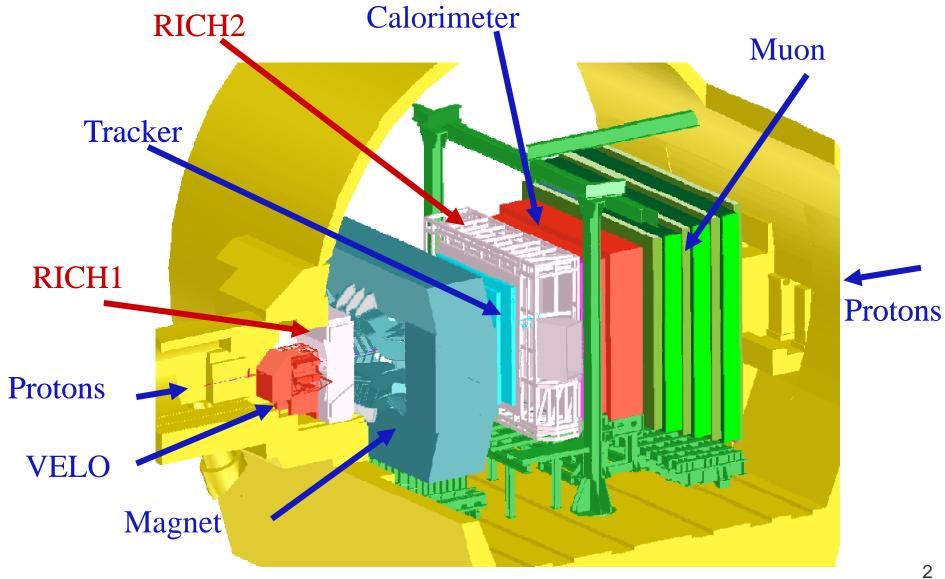
First Results

Conclusions and Outlook



The LHCb Detector







The two RICHes and the photodetector planes



RICH1 detector challenge: very small material budget

(see Neville, Tito and Fabio)

RICH2 detector challenge: optomechanical system aligned in the lab. and transported as is in the pit

(see Neville)

Common challenge: Photodetectors (see Thierry and Stephan)

Most of the commissioning at present is focused on the Optoelectronic, Control and Data Acquisition and Calibration Systems

HPDs array as in one photodetector plane for RICH2 RICH1 two arrays are essentially similar





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Safety (...and more)



- •Regular Meetings (everyday coffees and weekly phone-conferences)
- •Hard and soft interlocks enabled from the beginning
- •Monitoring systems
 - •Vessel, HPD boxes, electronics and electrics temperature, pressure and humidity sensors
 - Voltages and currents
- •Distributed and smart alerts, alarms, feedbacks and reactions
- •No development at the pit (at least we tried as much as we could...)

(see Mario)



RICH Commissioning



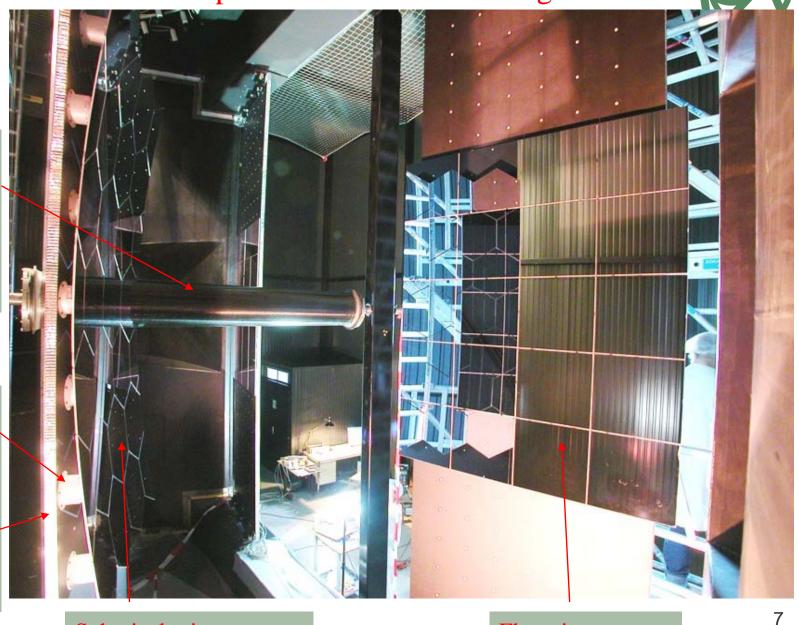
A closer look and a (hi)story of RICH2 commissioning, (looking forward to do the same for RICH1 soon!!)

RICH2 optics are mounted and aligned

Central carbon fibre tube to allow for the beam pipe

Mirror support and fine adjustment

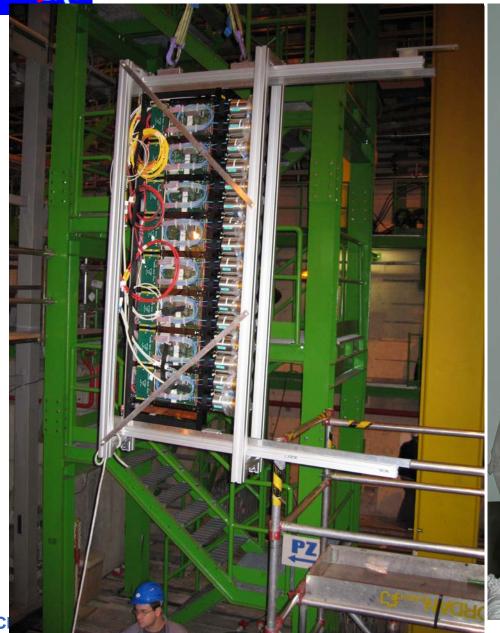
Panels _ honeycomb structure





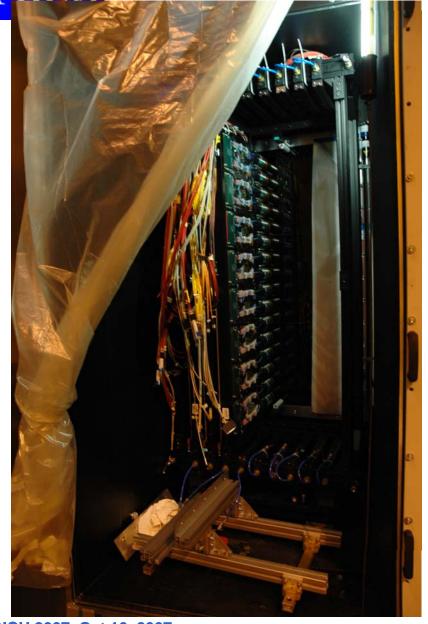


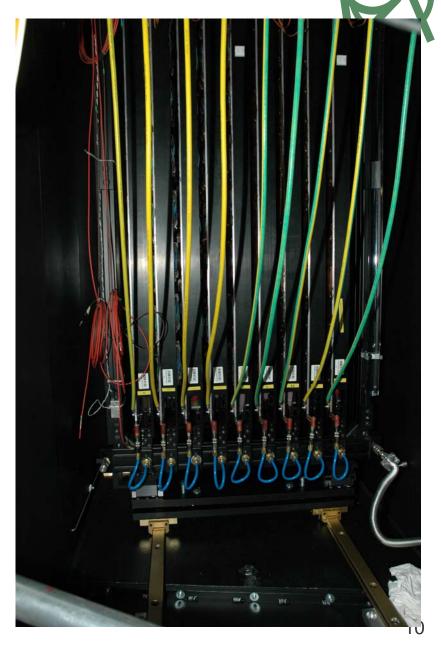
RICH2 columns assembly





Columns are installed





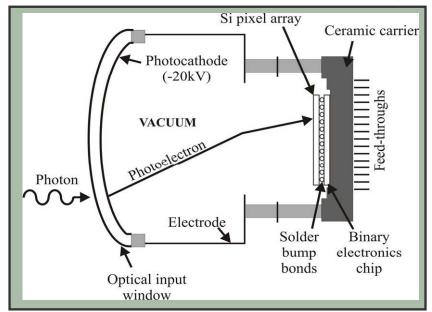
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Pixel Hybrid Photon Detectors



- •Combines vacuum technology with silicon pixel readout (Quartz window with S20 photocathode).
- •Operates at the LHC bunch crossing frequency (40MHz)
- 20 kV operating voltage, factor 5 demagnification
- It can work in "Alice mode", that means a square array of 8192 pixels, or in "LHCb mode", where 8 pixels are or-ed together to give 1024 pixel array



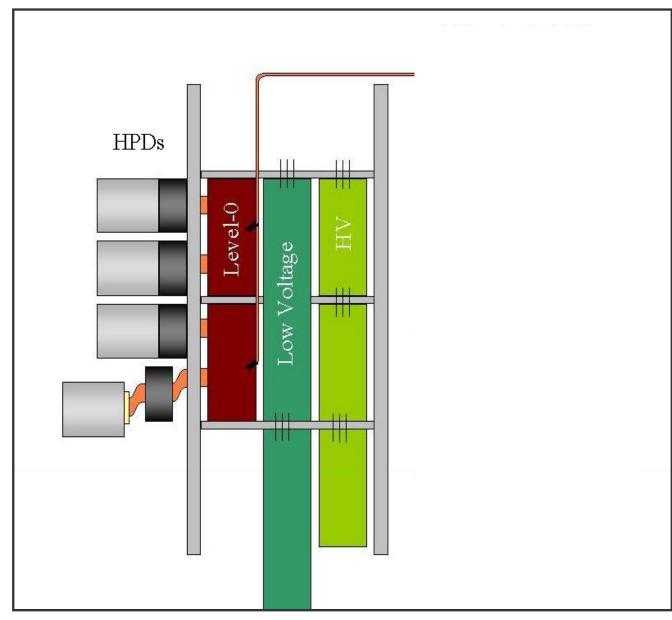
To operate, it needs:

High Voltage, Si bias voltage and Low Voltages to power the electronic chip.



The HPD on-detector chain







From your keyboard to your screen (ECS)







Online network 10⁶ Hz











Monitoring System







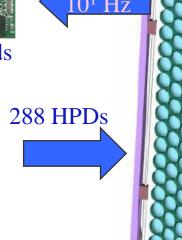


10-7 Hz

Power LV, HV

L0 configuration

Run commands



From your keyboard or mouse



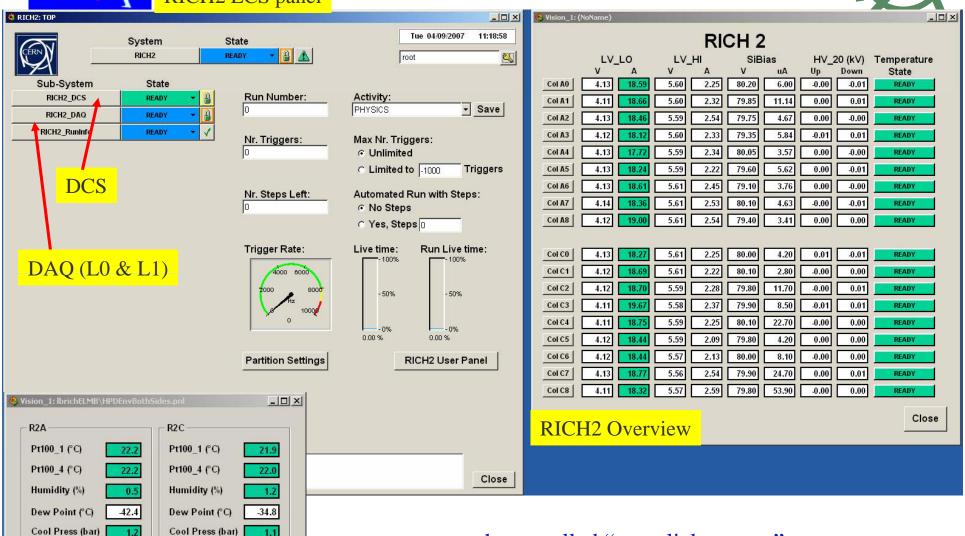


RICH Starting Procedure



RICH2 ECS panel

Close



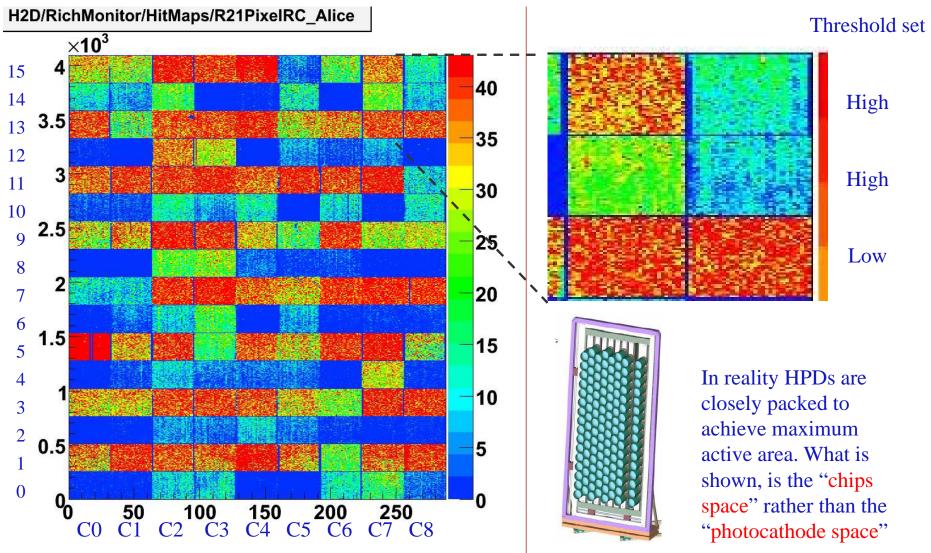
...or the so called "one click startup"...
(well, two clicks at the moment!)

HPD box

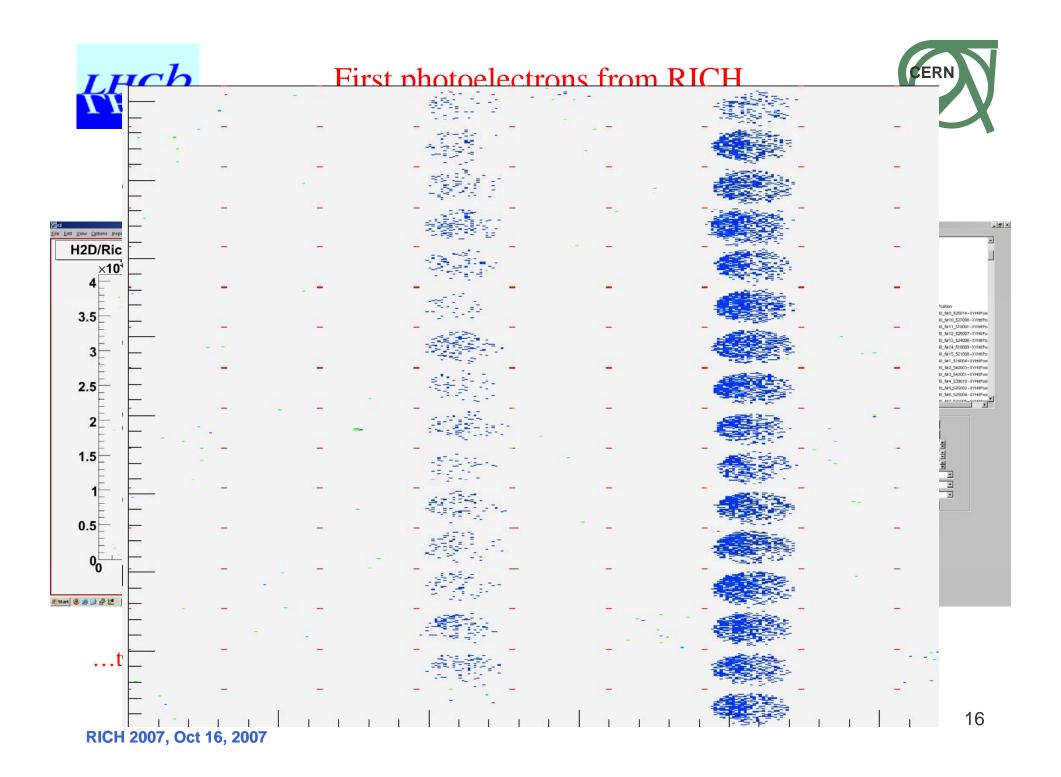
conditions



With Si bias off HPD on-chip detectors provide a nice source of signal to check the data flow



Here 144 x 8192 pixels (~1.2 millions channels, clocked at 40 Mhz) are coloring our life! RICH 2007, Oct 16, 2007

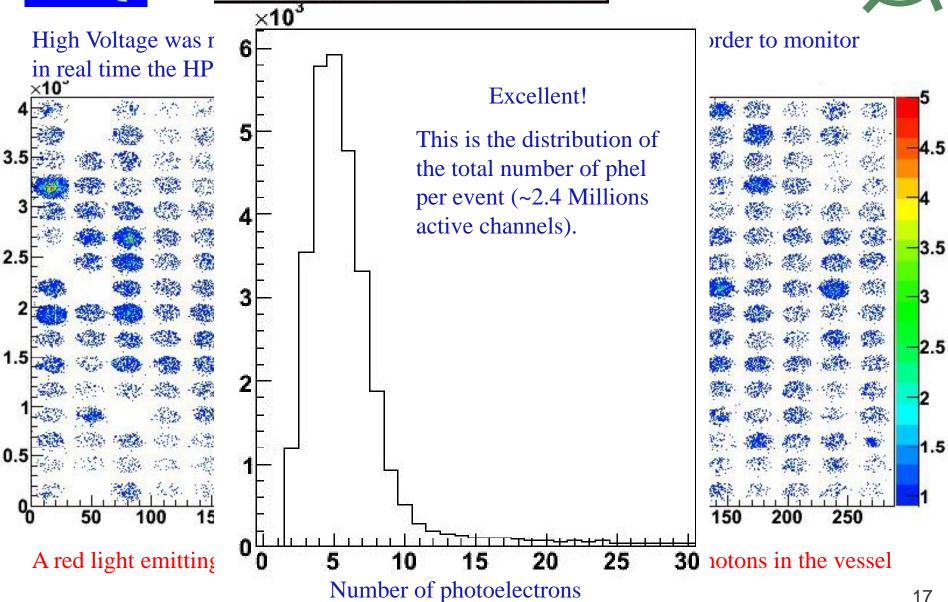




FIAT LUX (first photons detected)



D/RichMonitor/ComMon/ALL-Inclusive





RICH2 is routinely running



- •To test and to improve its calibrations, stability, reliability, robustness;
- •To exercise HPDs and keep them powered and under high voltage;
- •Gain experience (also in critical situations) and confidence;
- •And possibly to acquire useful data to prepare the future (see Antonis and Claus).

Example: when the magnet is on, HPD images are distorted

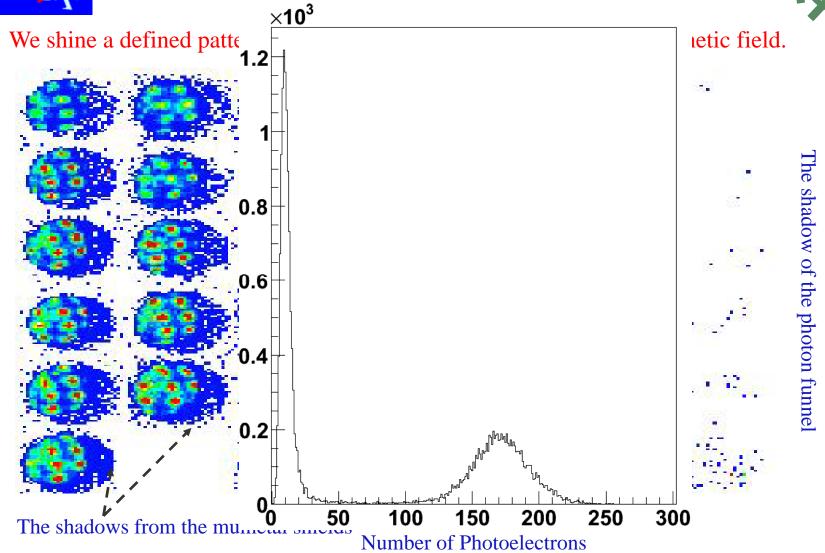


system to monitor and correct for the distortion



First optical images from RICH2





A DLP projector together with an optical system to ensure low light levels and safe operation was used



Conclusions



LHCb RICH detectors are well under way for a successful commissioning:

RICH2 is deep in its commissioning phase and it is ready for global commissioning;

RICH1 is at its last stages of installation and integration and will jump speedily in the commissioning, as the whole opto-electronic, control and readout system is identical to RICH2.

We are **NOT** looking forward,

we are DYING to see the light from the LHC particle beams!

IN ANY CASE...



...whenever it happens, we will be ready for it!







Acknowledgements



It is difficult to convey an idea of the enormous amount of work, new technologies, R&D, tests, sweat and years, which embeds a 20 min presentation ...and the amount to come...

I wish I managed a bit!

Whatever the case, I would like to respectfully thank all the people who worked, are working and will work on our project and on whom behalf I am here today.