



LHCb detector and trigger performance in Run II

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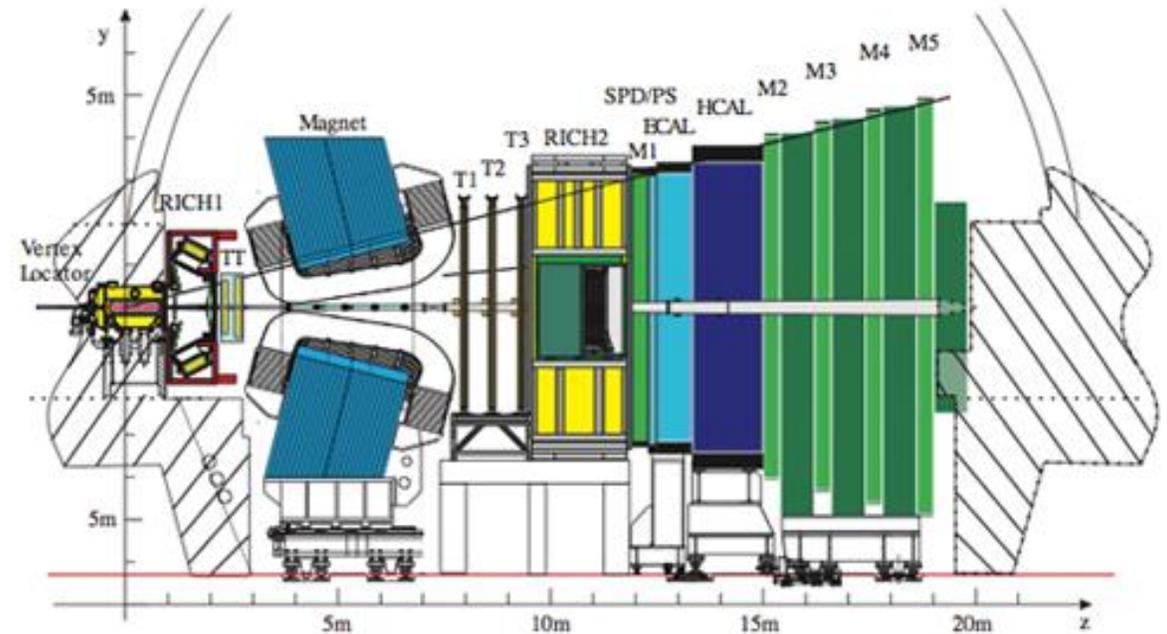
The LHCb EXPERIMENT

- LHCb: single arm spectrometer at LHC dedicated to beauty and charm physics
 - Covering a pseudorapidity range unique among the LHC detectors, $2 < \eta < 5$

- **Primary goal:** look for indirect evidence of new physics in CP-violation and rare decays of beauty and charms hadrons

- This requires:
 1. **Excellent tracking** (momentum, impact parameters and primary vertex resolution)
 2. **Excellent decay time resolution**
 3. **Excellent particle identification**

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SETTING THE STAGE

Recent past, Run I (2010 - 2012)

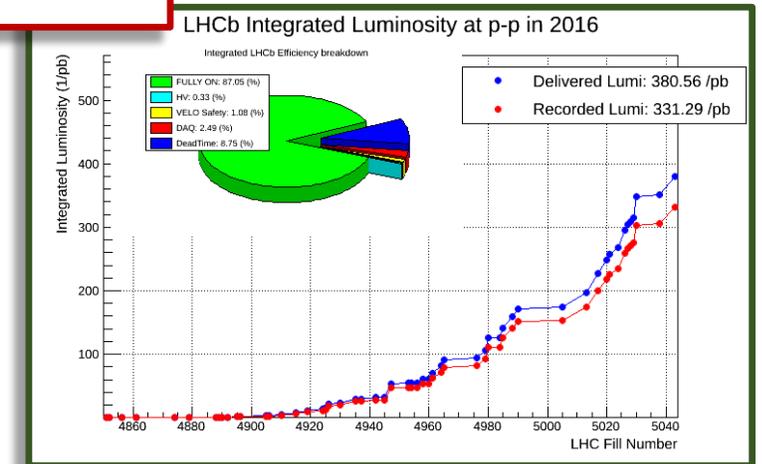
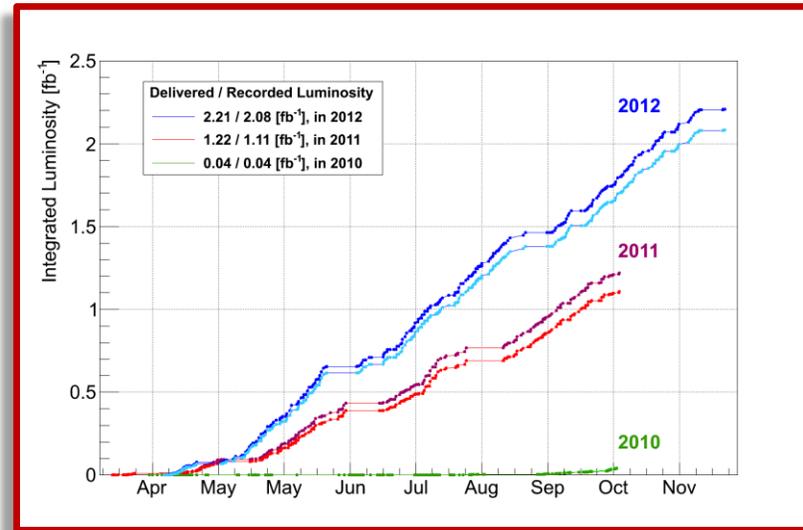
- Very successful running and triggering **over 300 publications so far**
- $1/2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ collected at beam energy 7/8 TeV
- p-A collisions also recorded
- Still a lot to do with Run I data

Present, Run II (2015 - 2018)

- Increased beam energy 8 TeV \rightarrow 13 TeV – Similar luminosity as in Run I ($\mathcal{L} = 4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
- Identical LHCb detector
- Completely revised trigger

Future, called Upgrade, Run III, (2020++)

- Many changes to the detector foreseen.



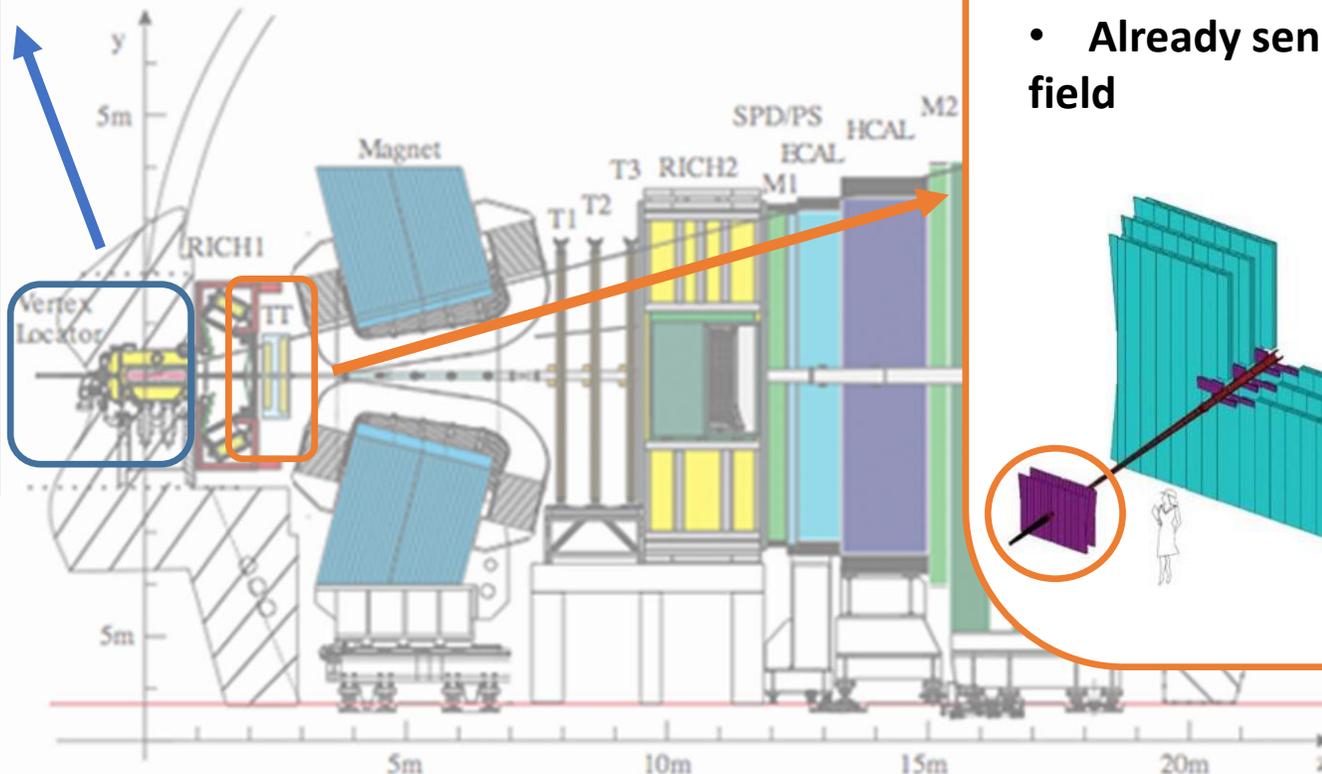
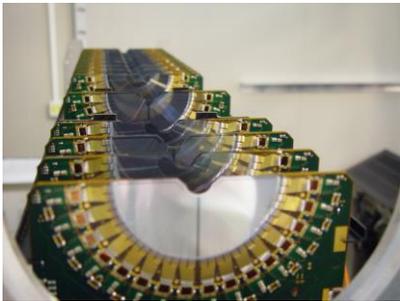
[Framework TDR for the LHCb Upgrade: Technical Design Report \(2012\)](#)

THE TRACKER BEFORE MAGNET

The Vertex Locator

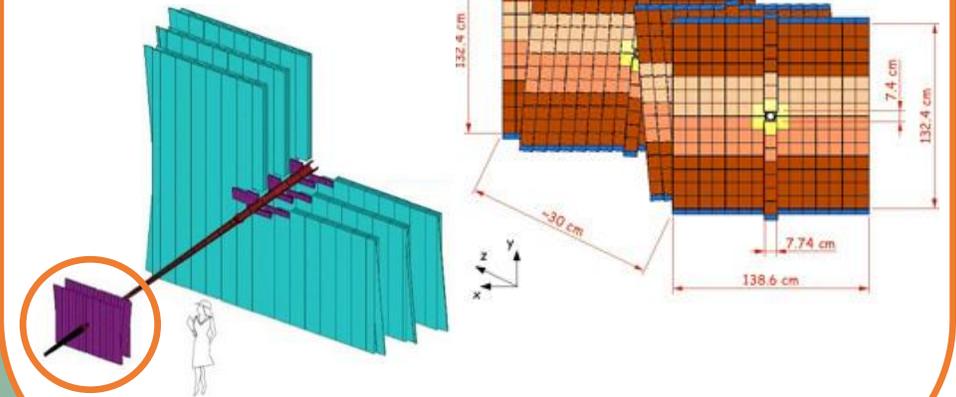
- 42 silicon micro-strip stations with R- Φ sensors
- 2 retractable halves, 8 mm from beam.

Run I decay time resolution: ~ 45 fs



Tracker Turicensis (TT)

- Four planes ($0^\circ, +5^\circ, -5^\circ, 0^\circ$) of silicon micro-strip sensor
- Total silicon area of 8 m^2
- **Already sensitive to the magnetic field**



Performance of the LHCb Vertex Locator
[JINST 9 \(2014\) 09007](#)

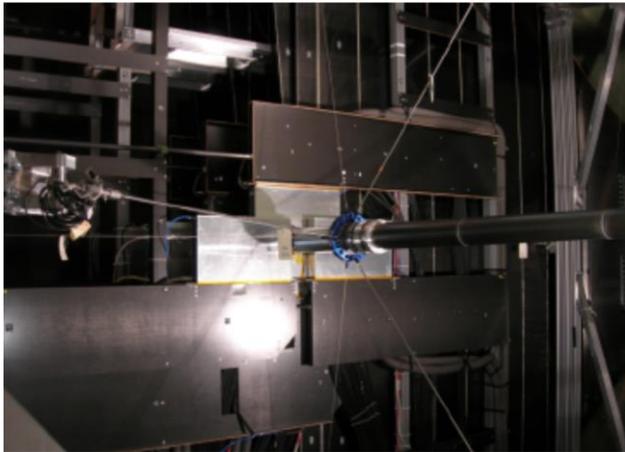
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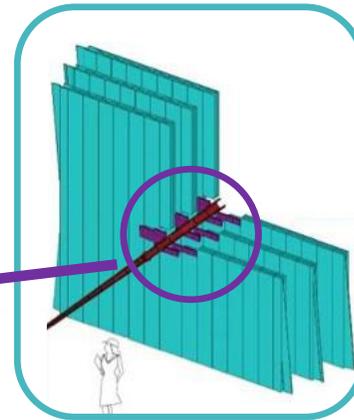
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- Total silicon area of 4.2 m²



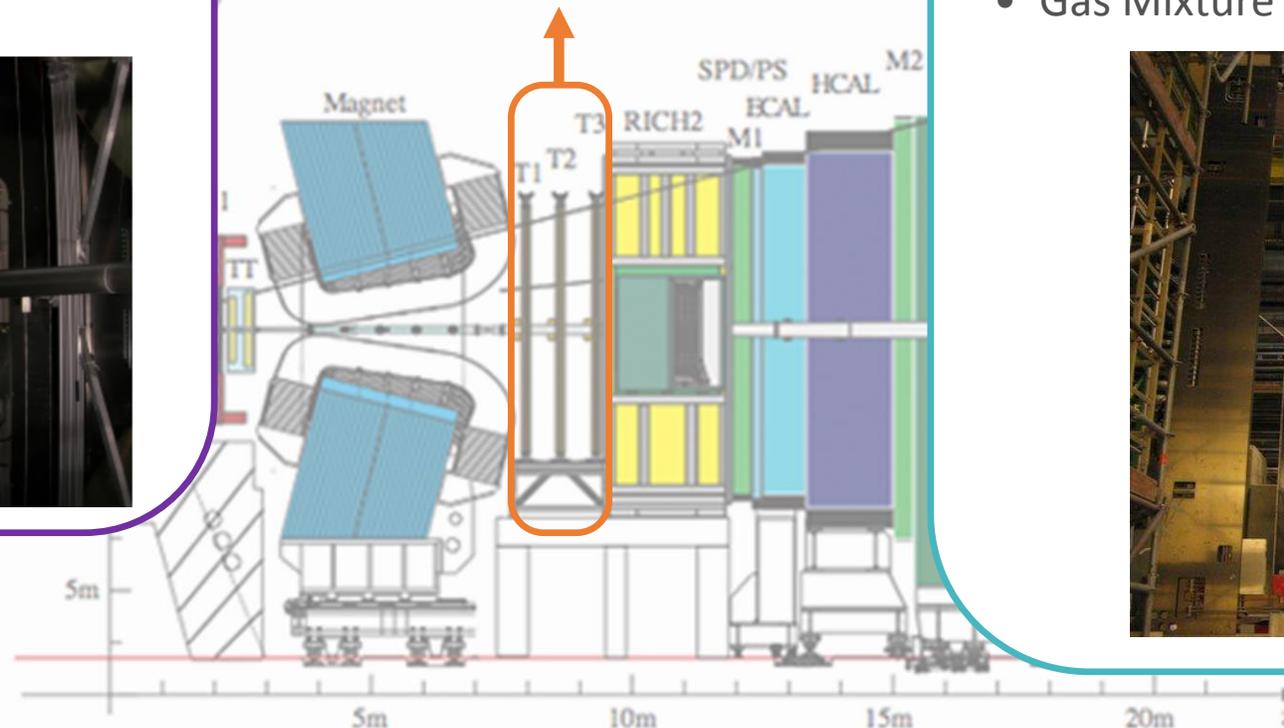
[Performance of the LHCb Outer Tracker;](#)
[JINST 9 \(2014\) P01002](#)



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Three stations each with four planes (0°, +5°, -5°, 0°) of straw tubes

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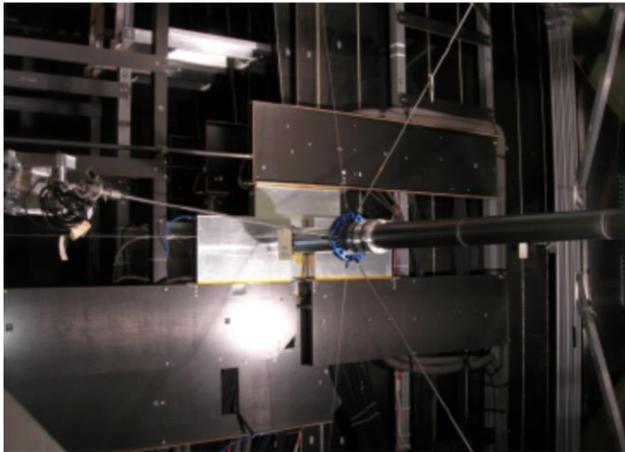


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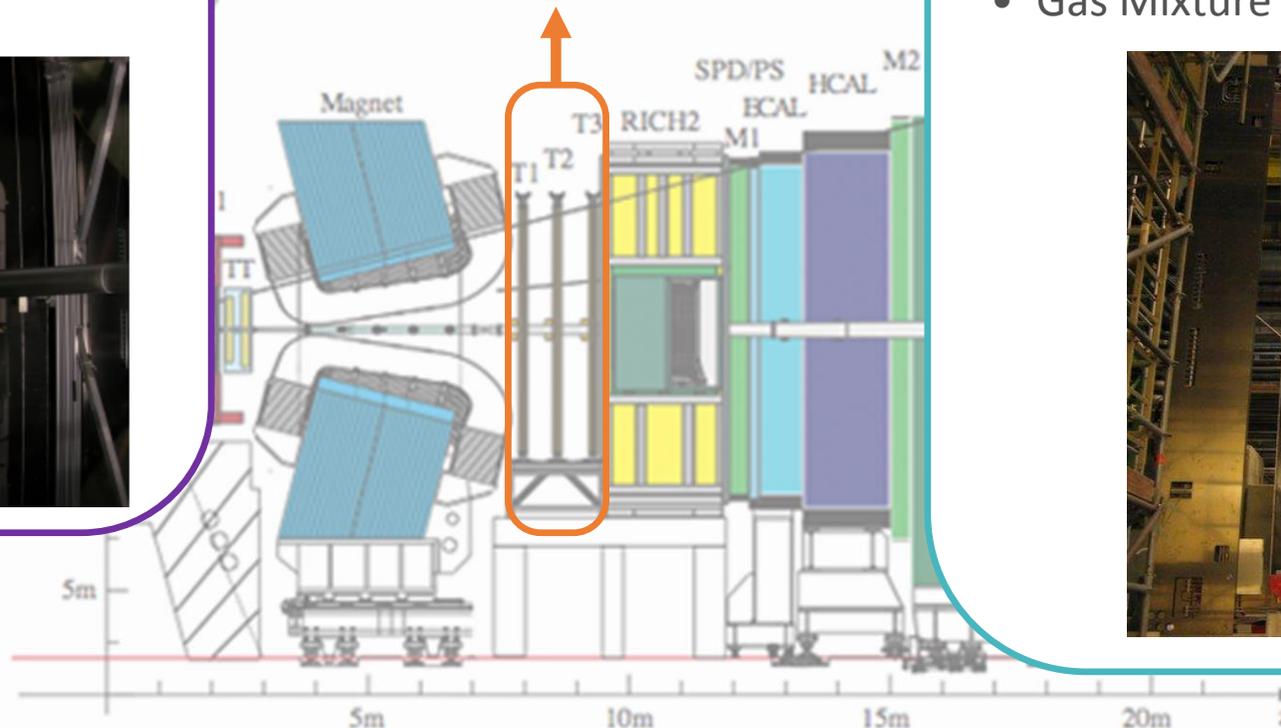
Tracking performances in Run I:

- $\Delta p/p = 0.5-1\%$
- Tracking eff. > 96%

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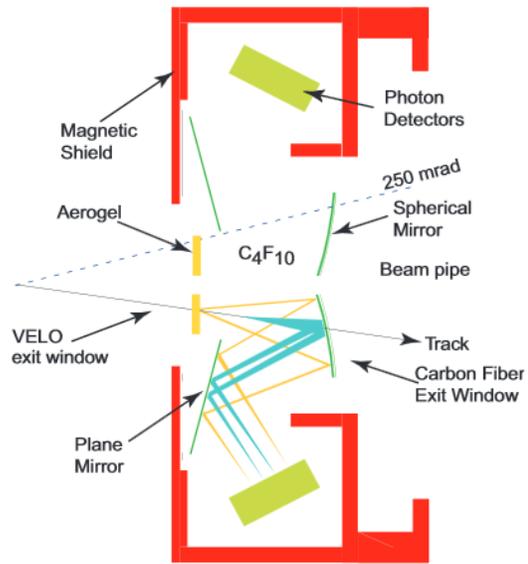
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PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION

[Performance of the LHCb RICH detector at the LHC](#)
[Eur.Phys.J. C73 \(2013\) 2431](#)

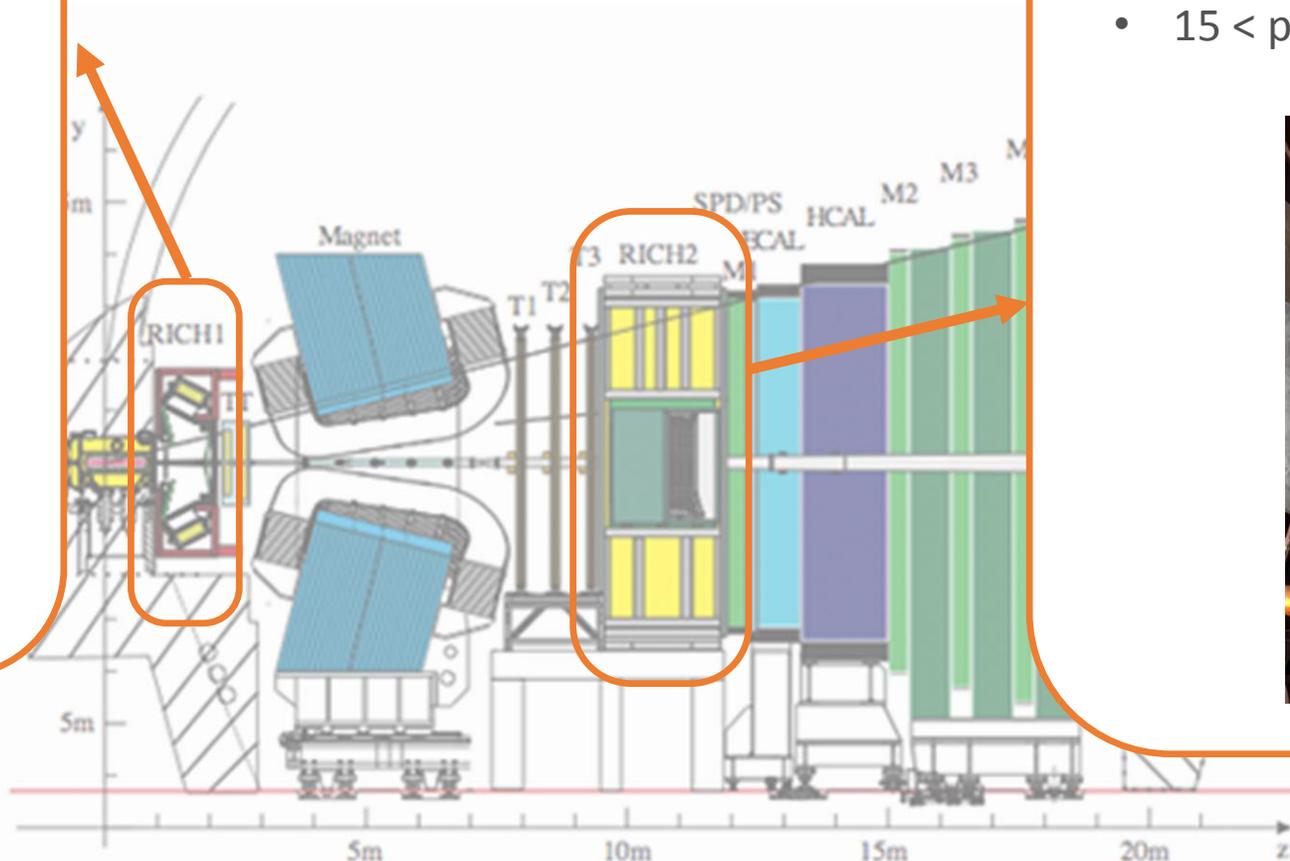
RICH 1

- Upstream of the magnet
- C_4F_{10} radiator
- $10 < p < 65 \text{ GeV}/c$



RICH 2

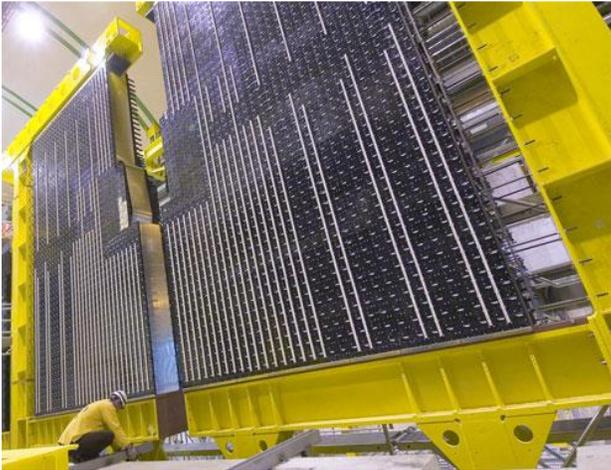
- Downstream of the magnet
- CF_4 radiator
 - $15 < p < 100 \text{ GeV}/c$



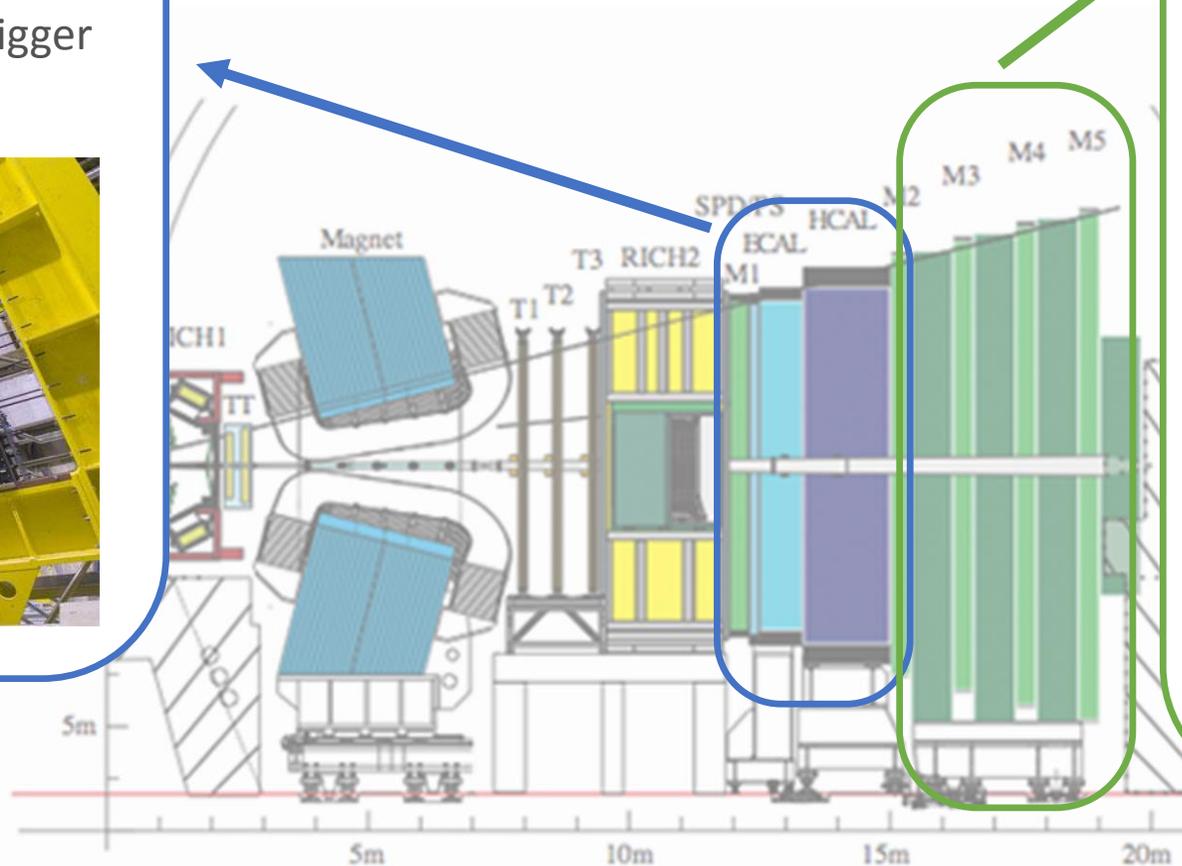
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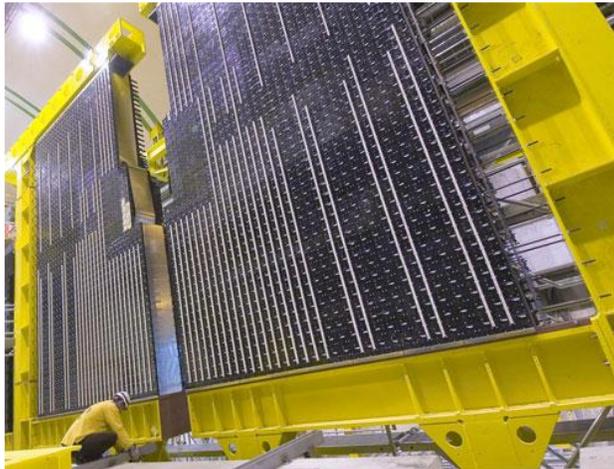


[Performance of the Muon Identification system](#)
[JINST 8 \(2013\) P10020](#)

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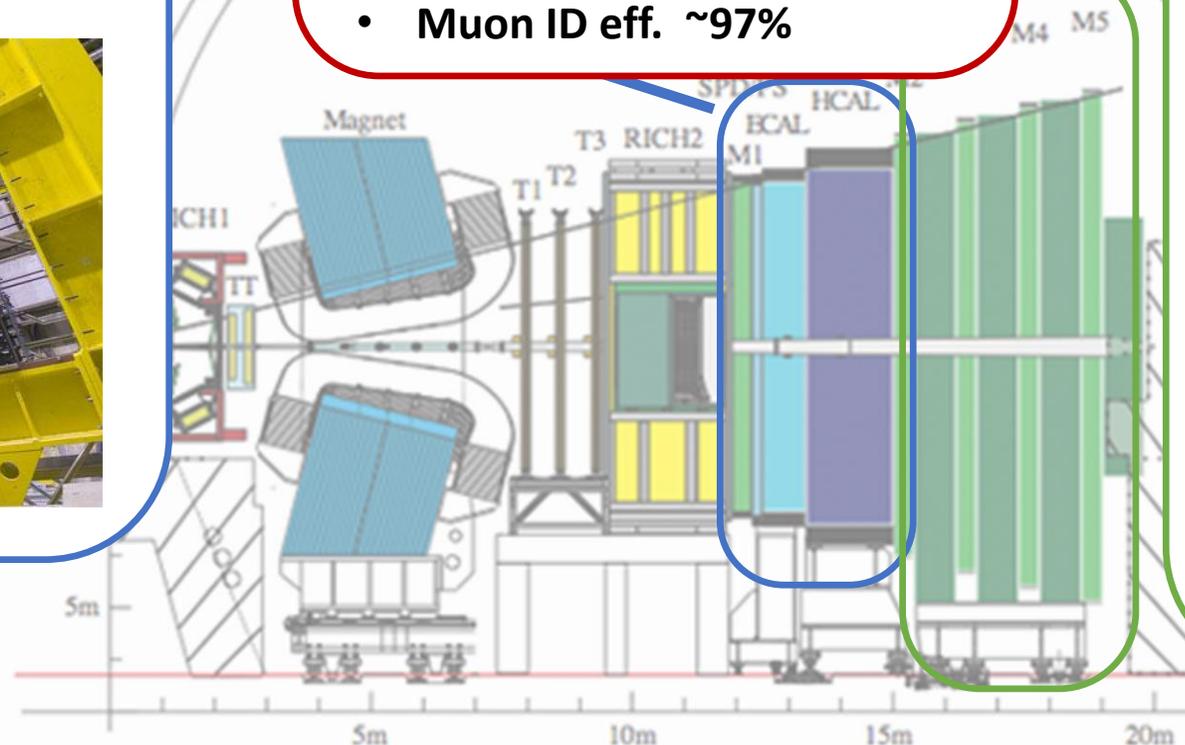


PID performance in Run I:

- Kaon ID eff. $\sim 95\%$
- Pion mis-ID fraction of $\sim 10\%$ over the full 2-100GeV/c momentum range
- Muon ID eff. $\sim 97\%$

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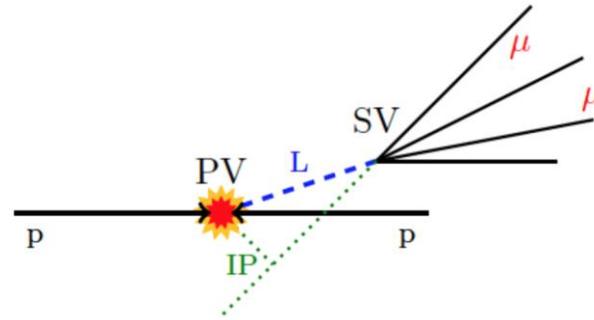
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TRIGGER PRINCIPLES

BEAUTY SIGNATURES

- Mass $m(B^+) = 5.28 \text{ GeV}$
- Daughter $p_T \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})$
- Lifetime $\tau(B^+) \sim 1.6 \text{ ps}$
- Flight distance $\sim 1 \text{ cm}$
- Common signature: detached $\mu\mu$
 $B \rightarrow J/\Psi(\rightarrow \mu\mu)X$

45 kHz



1 MHz

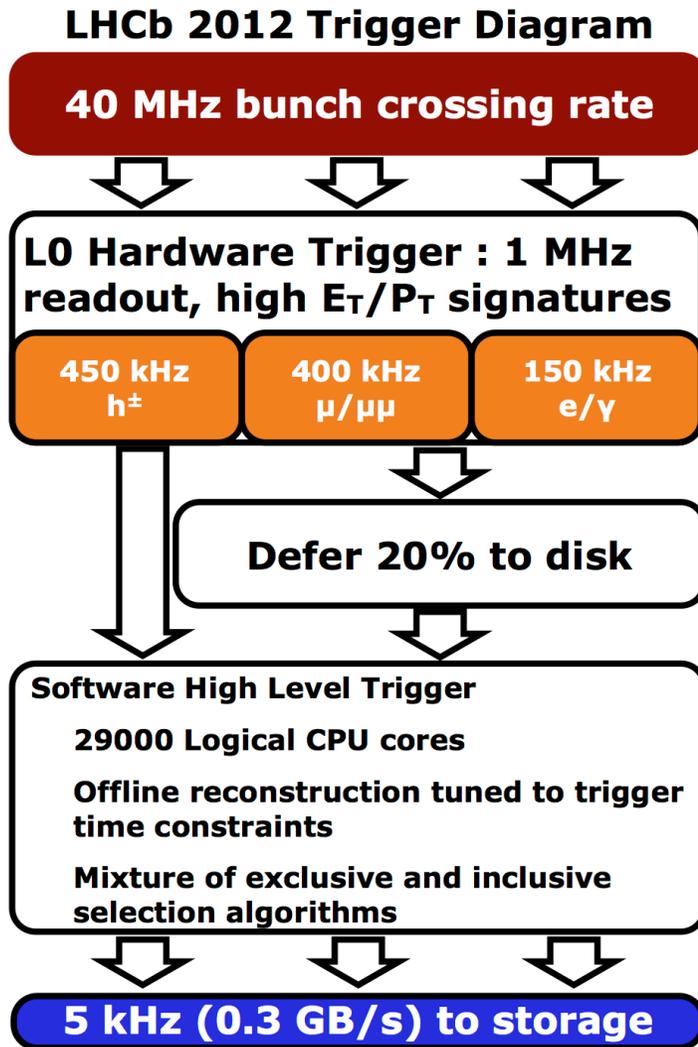
CHARM SIGNATURES

- Mass $m(D^0) = 1.86 \text{ GeV}$
- Sizeable daughter p_T
- Lifetime $\tau(D^0) \sim 0.4 \text{ ps}$
- Flight distance $\sim 4 \text{ mm}$
- Can be produced in B decays

For LHCb, more data is more important than higher energy

- **Direct searches:** more energy \rightarrow new particles could appear above threshold.
- **Indirect searches:** precision measurement \rightarrow gain from increased production rates.
- However, digesting more data is a **challenge**

TRIGGER CONFIGURATION IN RUN I



Hardware trigger (L0): LHCb detector read out at 1 MHz

- Based on multiplicity, calorimeters and muon detectors.
- Fixed latency of 4 μ s.
- Reduces rate to 1 MHz.

Software trigger (HLT): Runs on HLT farm Split in two stages

1. **HLT1** performs a partial event reconstruction and an inclusive selection of signal candidates.

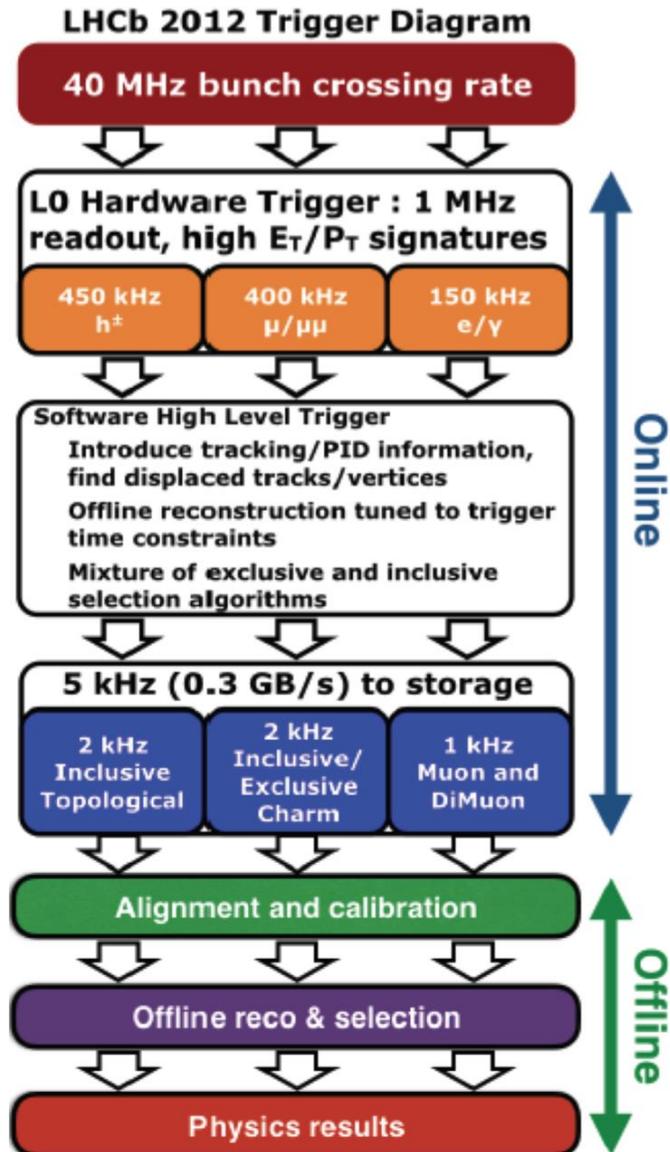
1. **HLT2**

- **full simplified** event reconstruction
- Output rate 5 kHz

- In 2012 introduced the deferred trigger: keep the trigger farm busy between fills
- Total time budget $\mathcal{O}(35)$ ms/event

[Performance of the LHCb high level trigger in 2012, J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 513 \(2014\) 012001](#)

OFFLINE & ONLINE RECONSTRUCTION



Online reconstruction:

- Best possible within CPU budget
- Preliminary alignment and calibration of the detector
- Faster but less performing track and PID reconstruction (only part of the PID information available)

Offline reconstruction:

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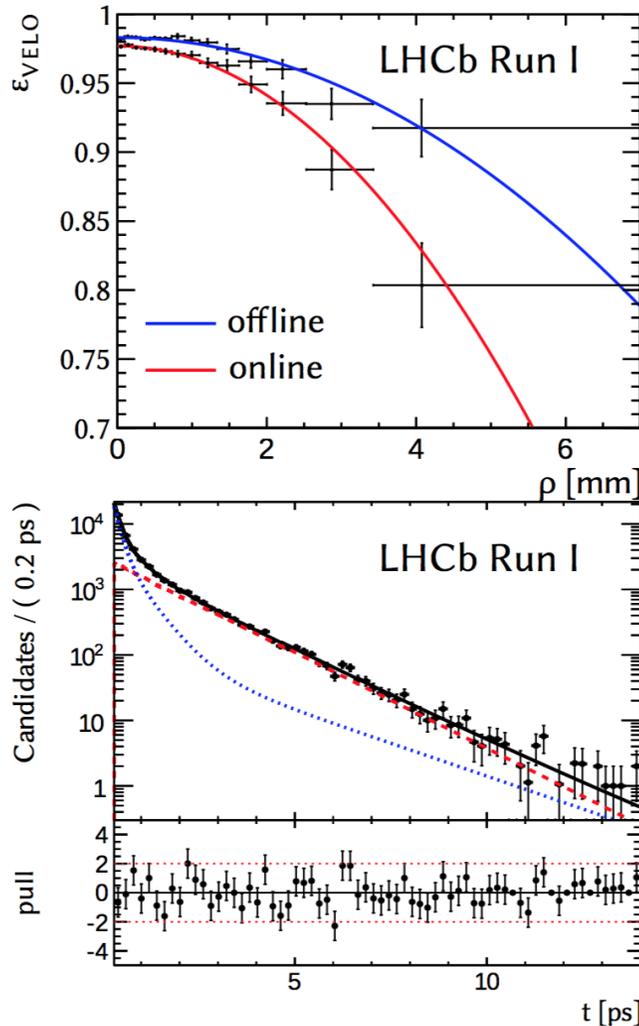
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Run 1 example: Lifetime measurement



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NOVEL CONCEPT IN HEP

Do physics directly on the HLT output!

Advantages:

- **Same reconstruction online and offline**
- No need of offline data processing (data available ~ immediately after HLT2 has processed them)
- Save only candidates used in the trigger → possibility to reduce the pre-scaling of high branching ratio channels (like for charm physics)

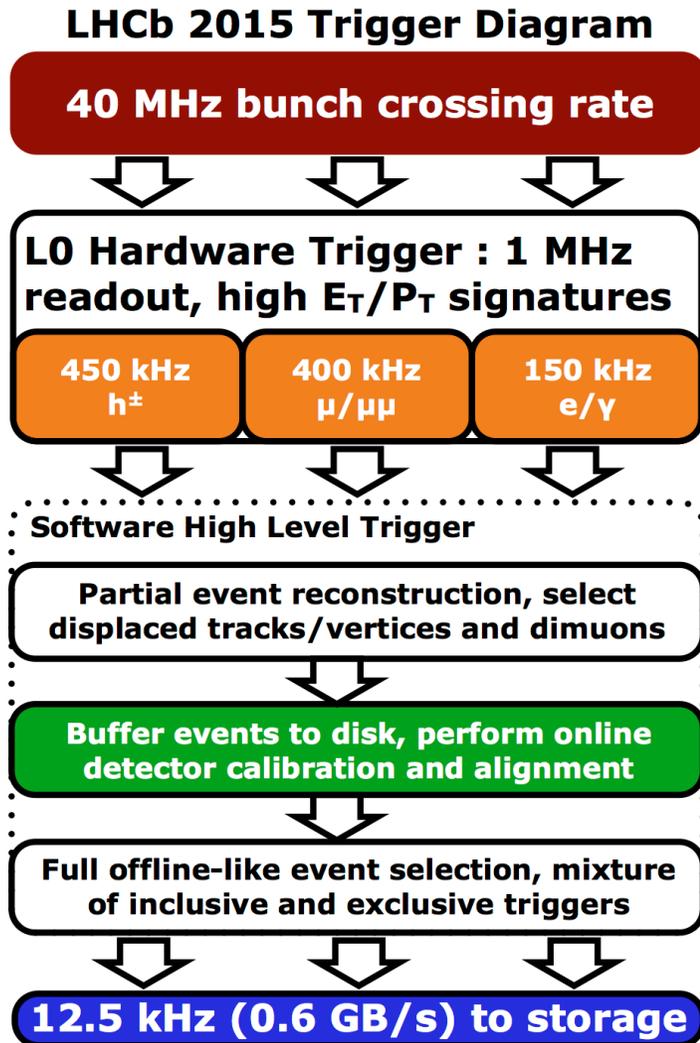


Do much more physics with the given resources!

But, it is a difficult challenge:

- Do the full reconstruction in few hundreds ms achieving offline performance (same or better than in Run I)
- Managing to do the full alignment and calibration of the detectors in real-time
- Being able to select efficiently many signals already at trigger level

TRIGGER CONFIGURATION IN RUN II



- Same L0 hardware trigger as in Run I, with higher thresholds
- HLT software 40% faster
- **All events are buffered to disk** before running second software level of trigger

- Stable beams 30-70(!)% of the time
- Buffer events to allow for out of fill processing
- 5 PB (10 PB) buffer on local disks in 2015(2016)

It gives us enough time to:

- Perform calibration of PID detectors and alignment of the full tracking system in real-time
→ **Same alignment and calibration constants online and offline**
- Last trigger level runs the offline-quality reconstruction
→ **Same full reconstruction online and offline: best performance**

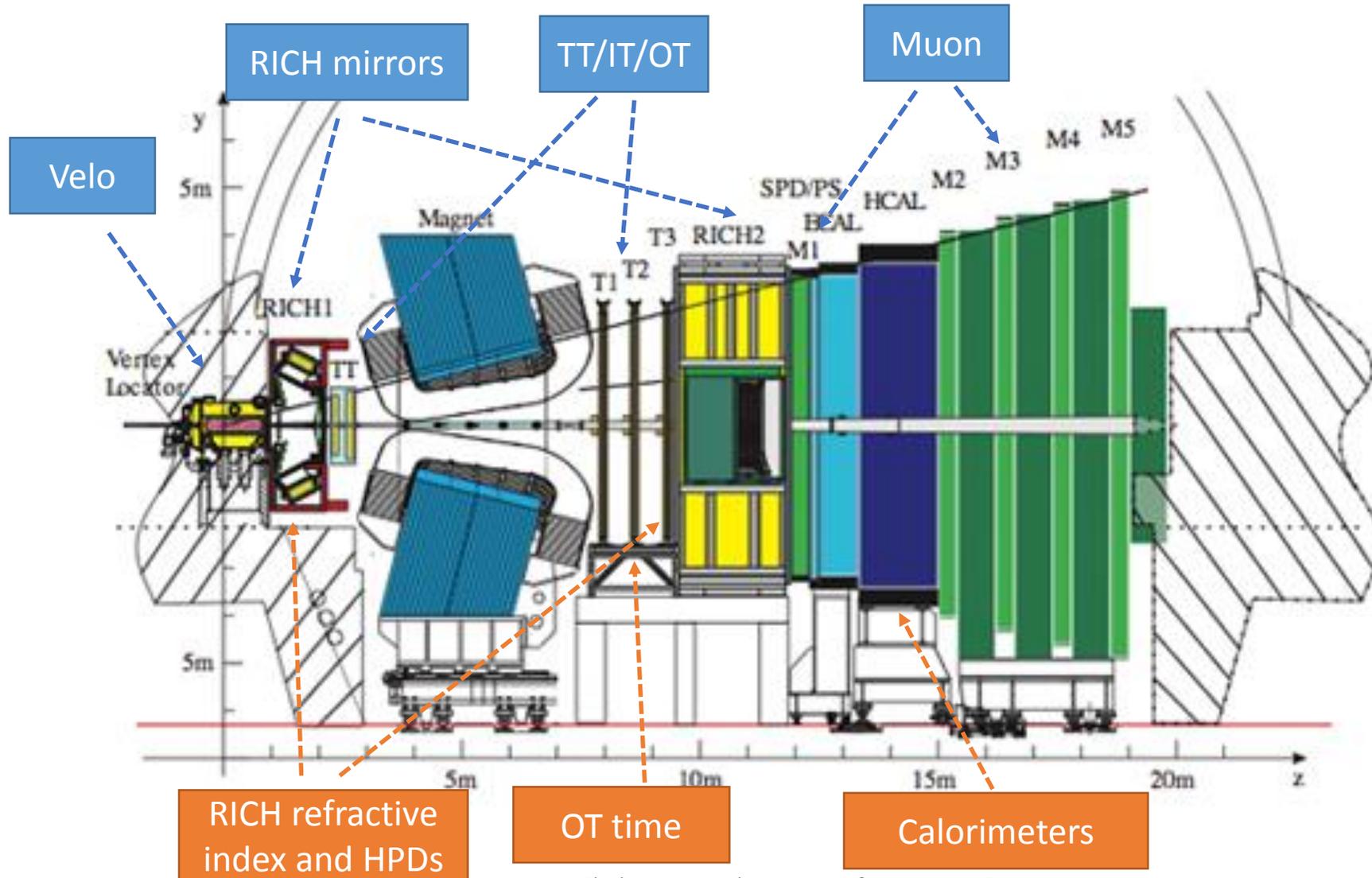
Trigger = Offline

- Output rate 12.5 kHz

ALIGNMENT AND CALIBRATION IN RUN II

Same online and offline reconstructions requires prompt alignment and calibration:

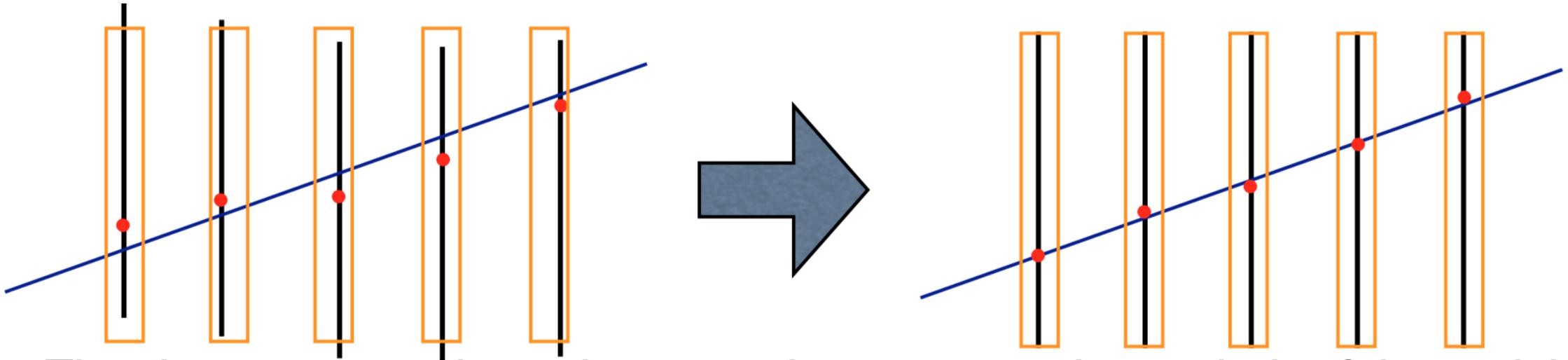
Alignments



Calibrations

TRACKER ALIGNMENT IN RUN II

Alignment is evaluated by **minimizing the residuals of the track hits**



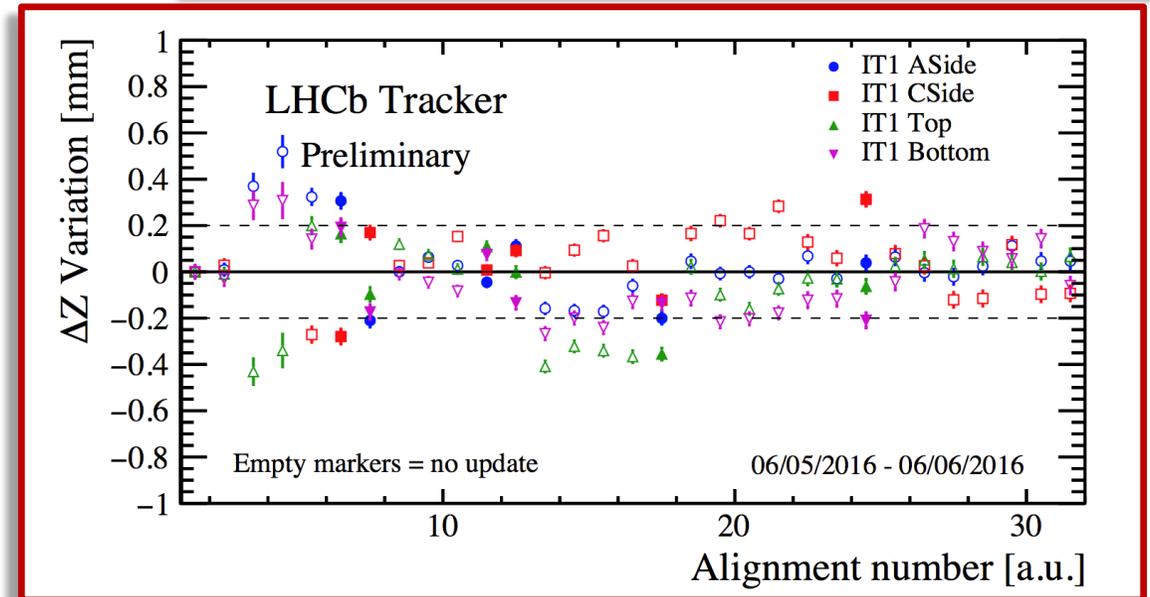
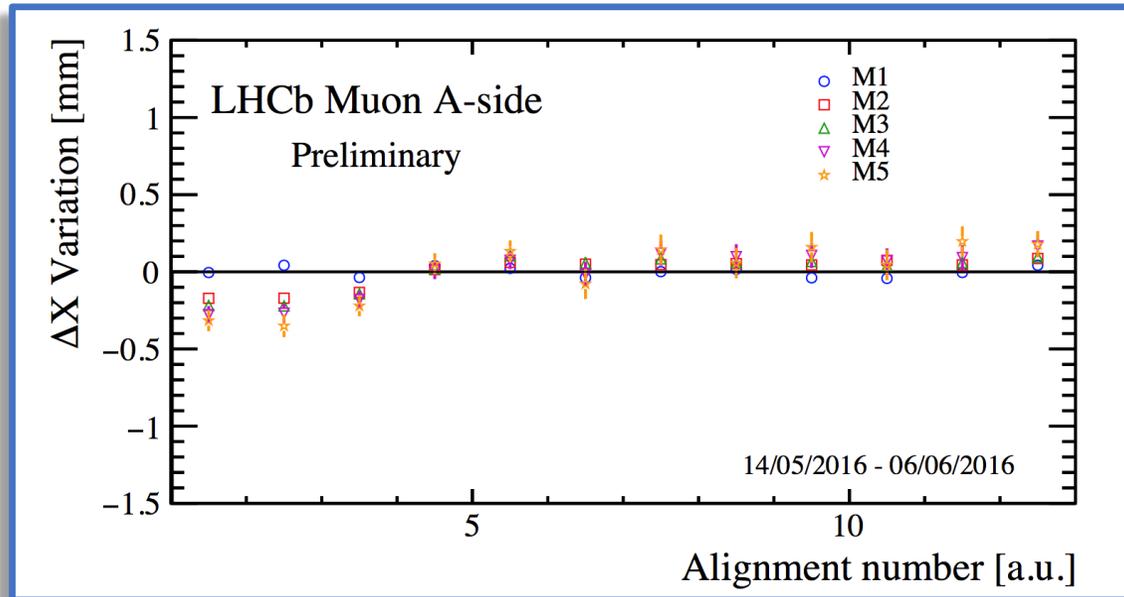
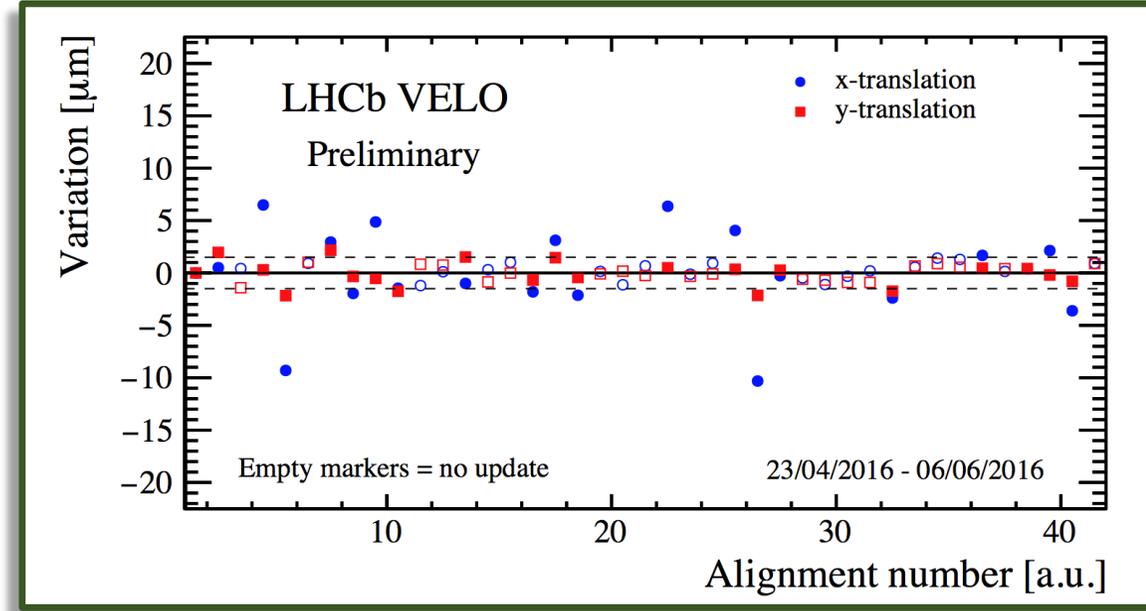
- Automatic evaluation at regular intervals, once per fill
- Dedicated data sample collected with specific trigger selection line for each system, e.g. $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ for Tracker and $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ for Muon system.
- Compute the new alignment constants in few minutes after enough data is collected
- Update the constants only if needed
- **The same new alignment constants are used both by the trigger and the offline reconstruction**

TRACKER ALIGNMENT IN RUN II

New plots from 2016!

- ~ 700 elements to be aligned for translations and rotations.
Each task takes ~7 minutes

1. **VELO** updates every 2-3 fills.
2. **Tracker (TT, IT, OT)** updates every several fills and at magnet polarity change.
3. **Muon** runs as monitoring, constants updated only after hardware intervention.

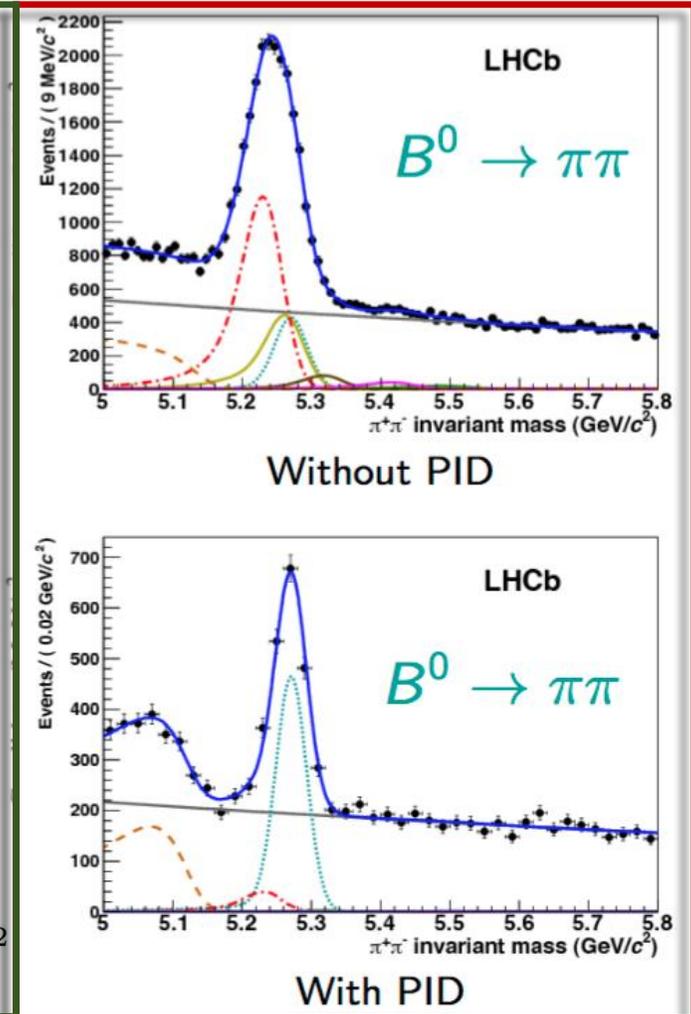
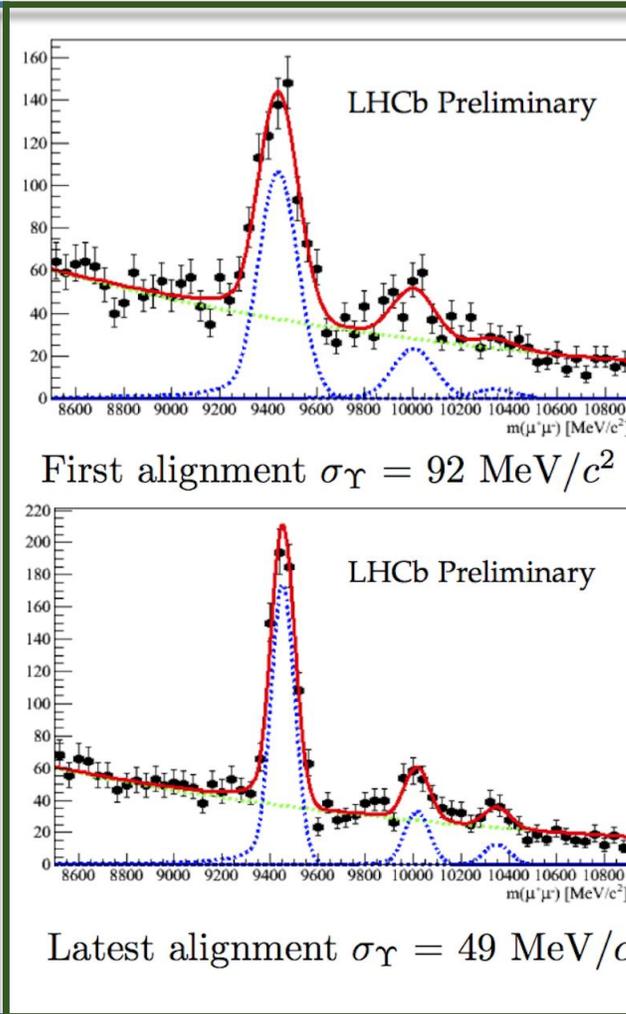
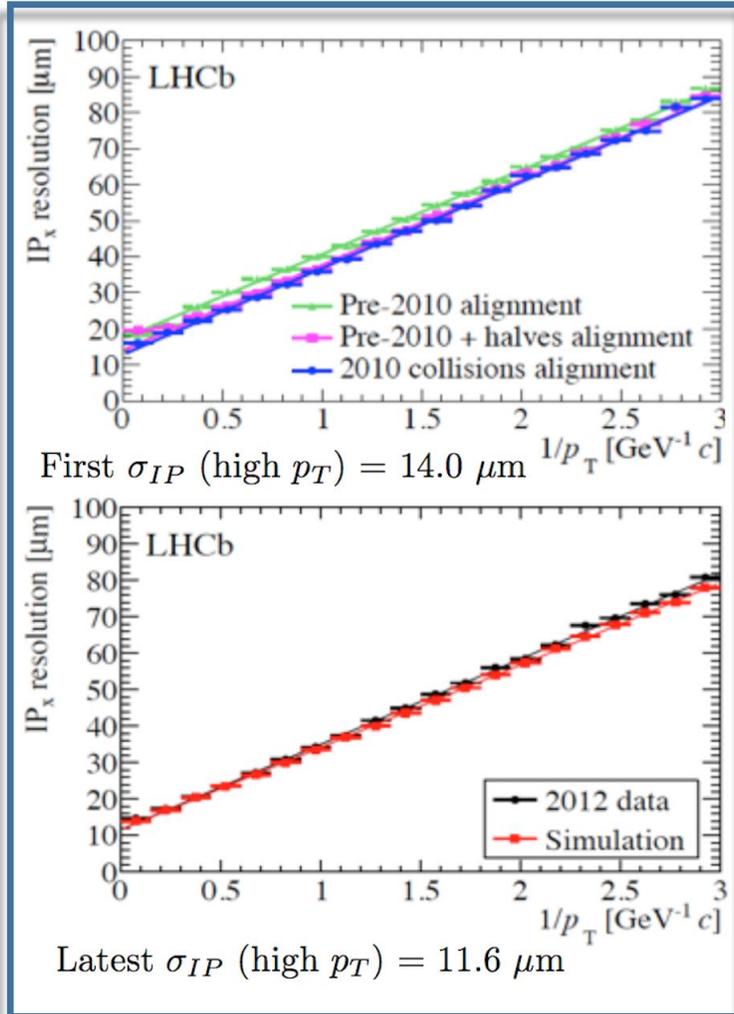


ALIGNMENT IMPORTANCE

Physics performance relies on spatial alignment and calibration of the detector

- Examples: VELO alignment is essential for PV discrimination, **IP and proper time resolution**, **better alignment improves mass resolution**, **use of PID allows for more exclusive selections**

JINST 9, 09007 (2014).



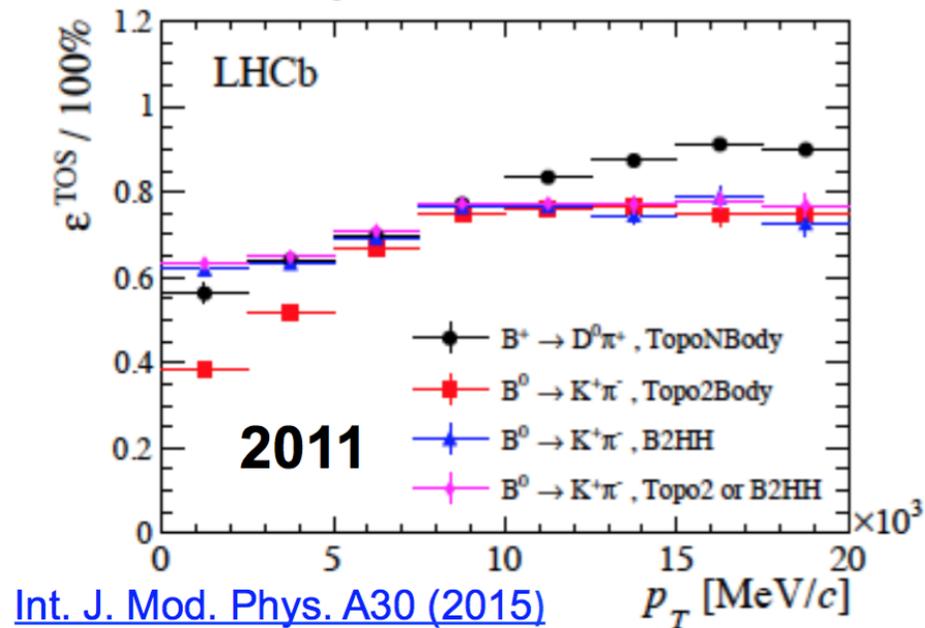
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TRIGGER PERFORMANCE

Improvement of the trigger efficiency thanks to e.g.

- Run the same offline reconstruction in the trigger
- Having the detector fully calibrated and aligned
- Using PID selection in the trigger

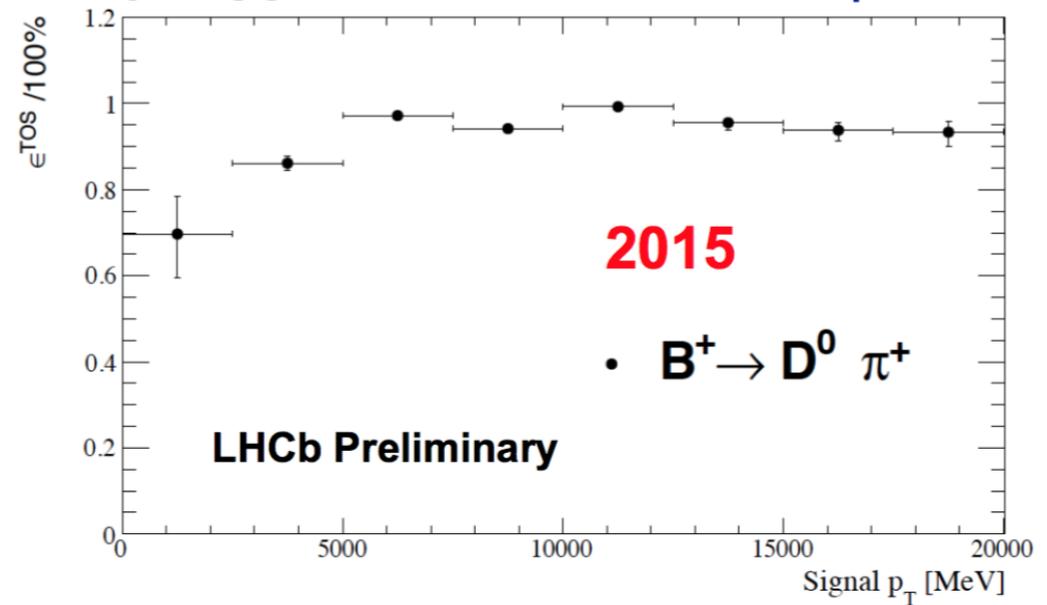
Efficiency of the HLT2 inclusive beauty trigger as a function of B p_T



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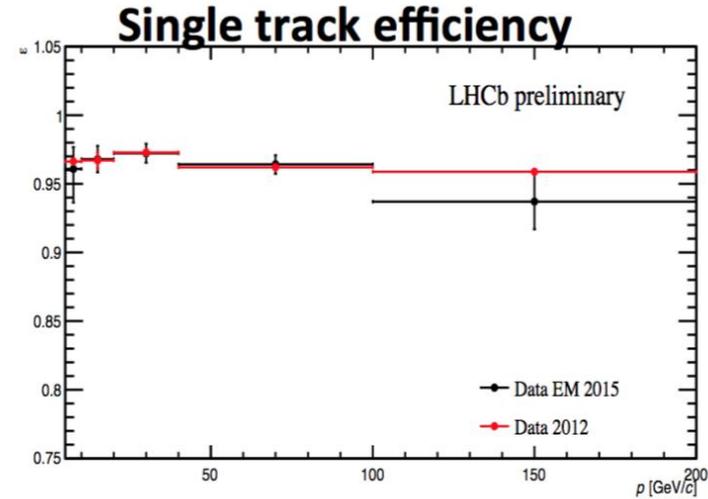
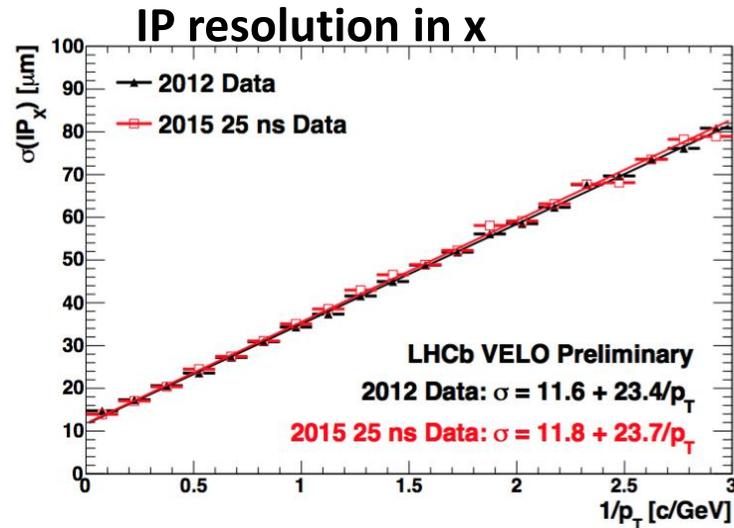


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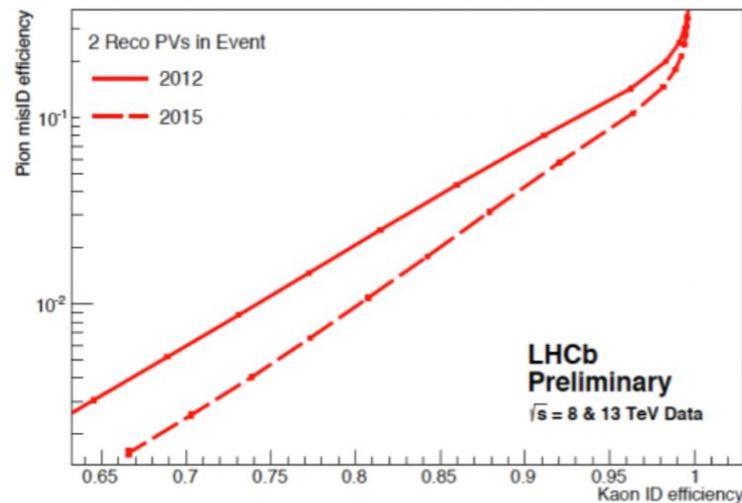


RUN II DETECTOR PERFORMANCE

Same or better than offline performances for tracking and PID in Run I but directly at trigger level!!!



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**Pion misID eff.
vs Kaon ID eff.**

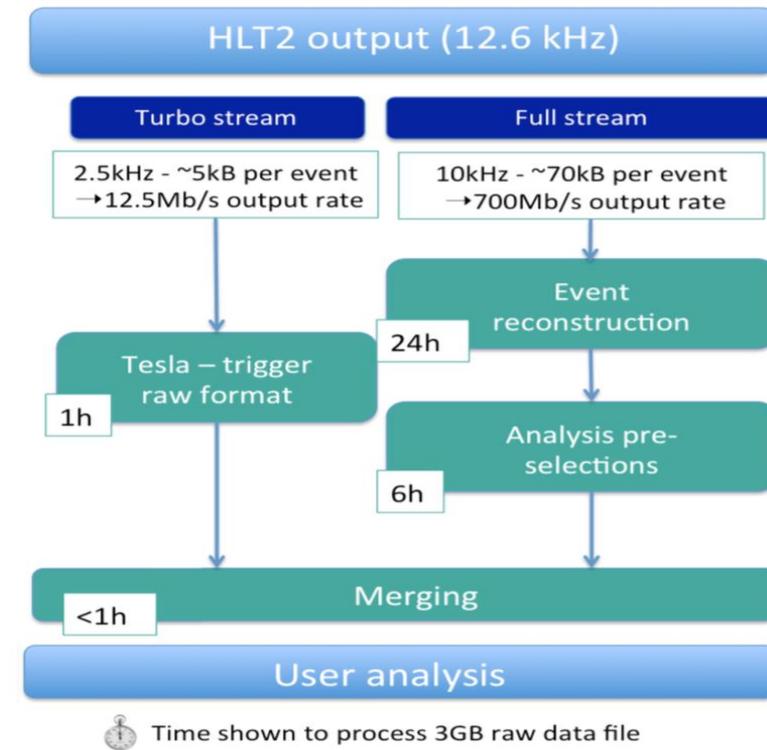
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Solution → "TURBO" STREAM

Saves candidates directly after the trigger:

- Reduced event size:
 - **~5 kB** vs ~70 kB
- No need of offline reconstruction: **possible to perform analysis immediately after data taking**
- Dedicated ~2.5 kHz of the output (10 kHz for full)



Persistency of the Reconstruction info for the Full,

- in addition to those selected by the trigger
- Plus higher level variables (i.e. hits in a cone region around the track) available for few lines.

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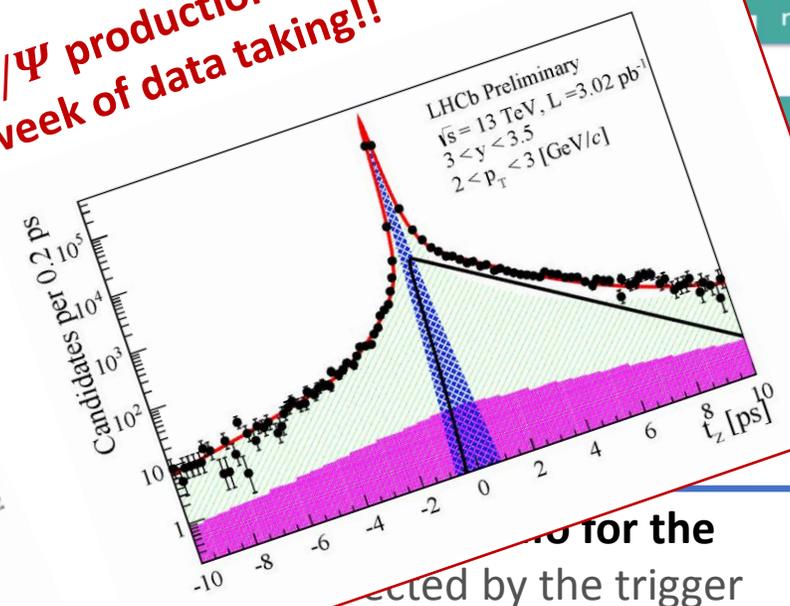
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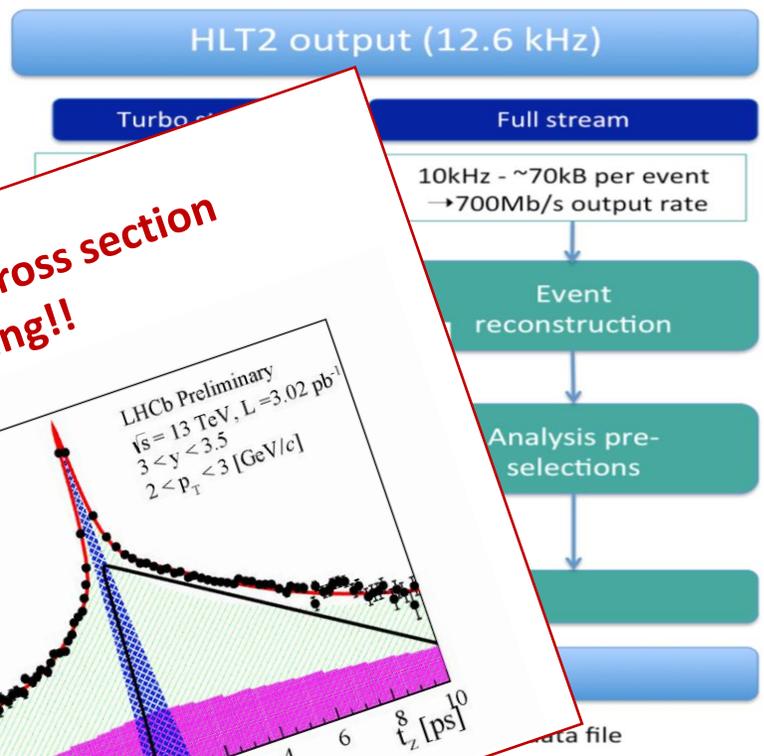
Measurement of forward J/ψ production cross section available after 1 week of data taking!!

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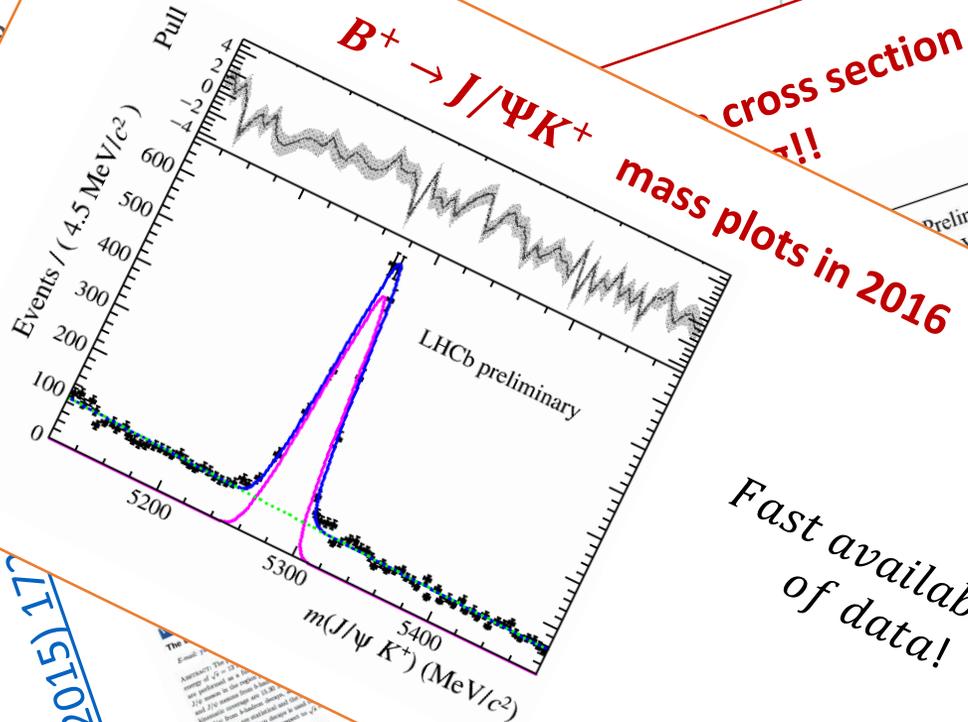
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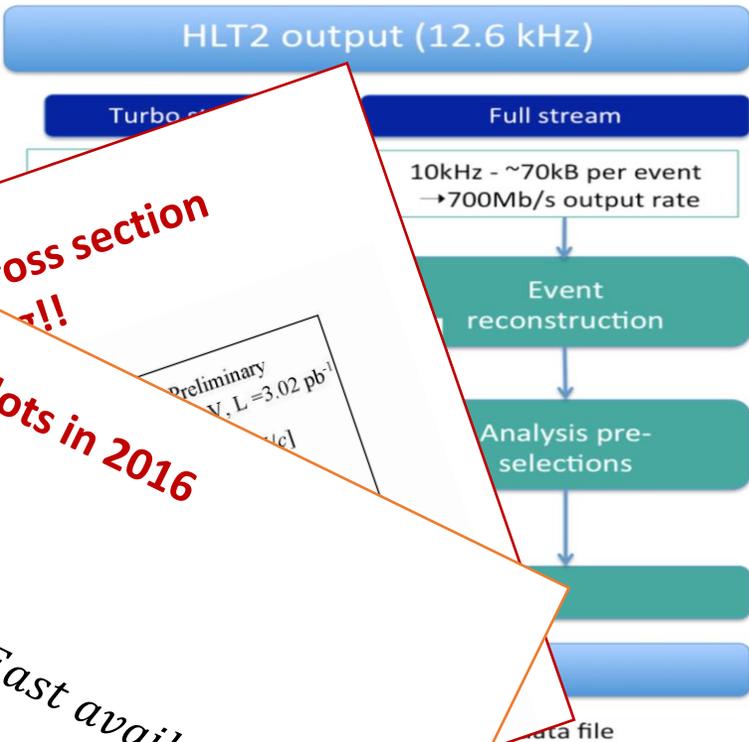
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Fast availability
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CONCLUSIONS

Completely revised strategy implemented at LHCb for Run II:

LHCb is the first HEP experiment with a full calibration, alignment and reconstruction done in real-time!

- Run I offline performances are already achieved in the trigger;
- Turbo increase our physics program using same resources, allowing to make analyses ~24h after data taking;
- **New development for 2016:** Turbo++. o choose how much, and which variables of the events to be computed and saved according to the physics measurement;
- Not the end of the story: working on improving and speeding up the reconstruction, alignment, calibration and data processing.
- Coming also soon: **upgrade!**

Stay Tuned
FOR something
AWESOME



Thanks for your attention!



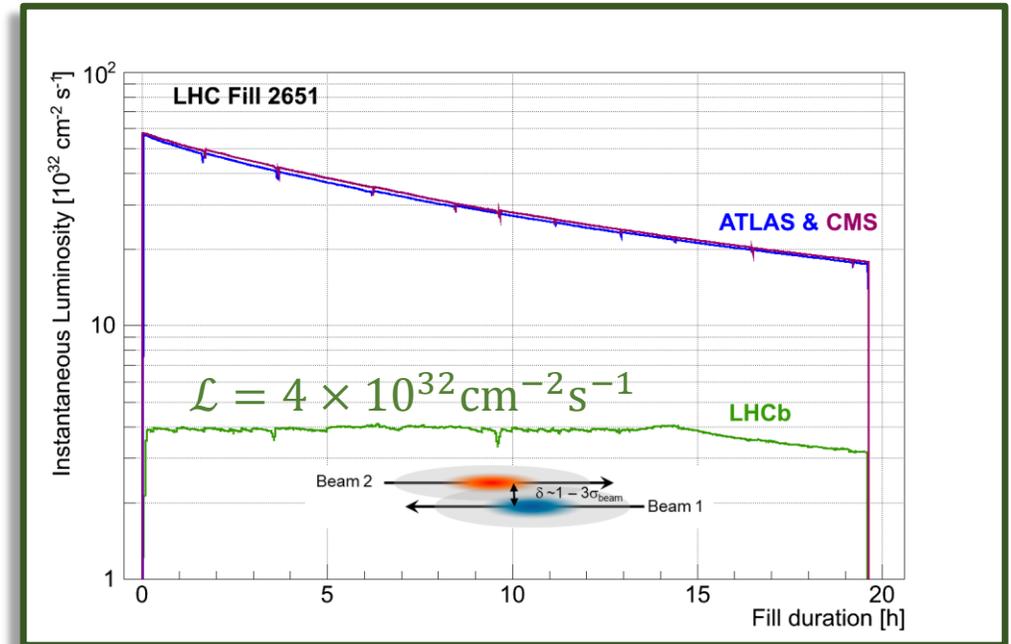
Backup slides

DATA TAKING

Luminosity levelling

Stable running and trigger conditions for LHCb even with LHC running at high luminosity.

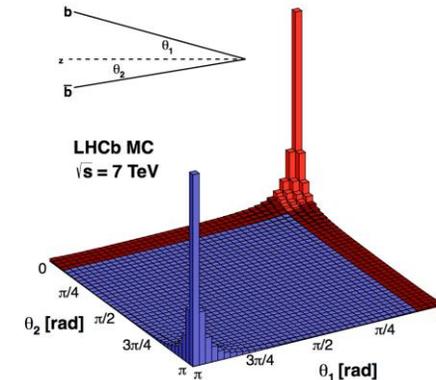
Achieved changing the beam focus before collisions.



Extremely large $\sigma(\text{bb})$ and $\sigma(\text{cc})$ in LHC hadron collisions.

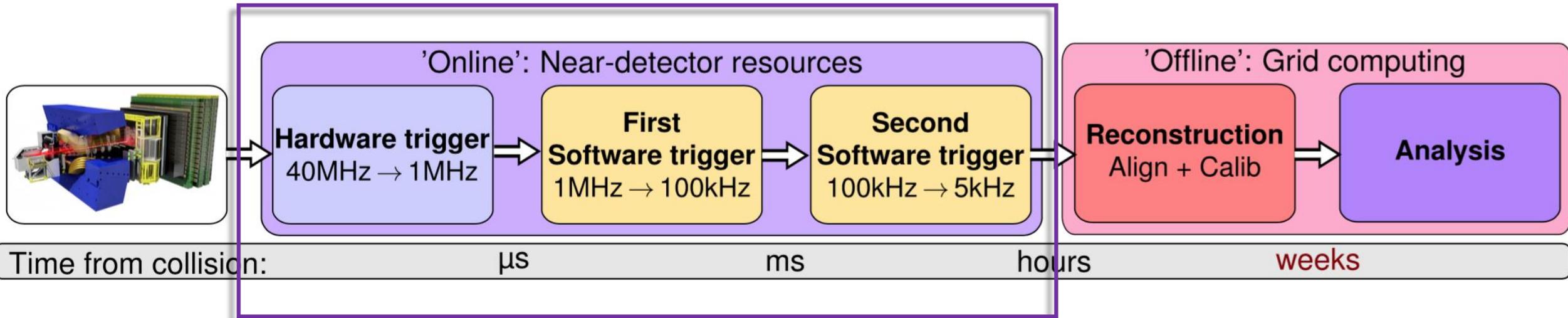
Conditions for Run 2:

- $\sigma(\text{bb}) \sim 45 \text{ kHz}$ and $\sigma(\text{cc}) \sim 1\text{MHz}$, at 13TeV in acceptance [HF cross section $\sim 2\times$ with respect to Run 1]
- Bunch spacing 25ns (smaller pileup)
- Almost same luminosity



DATA PROCESSING IN RUN I

LHCb processed data similar to the other LHC experiments:



Disadvantages of this model

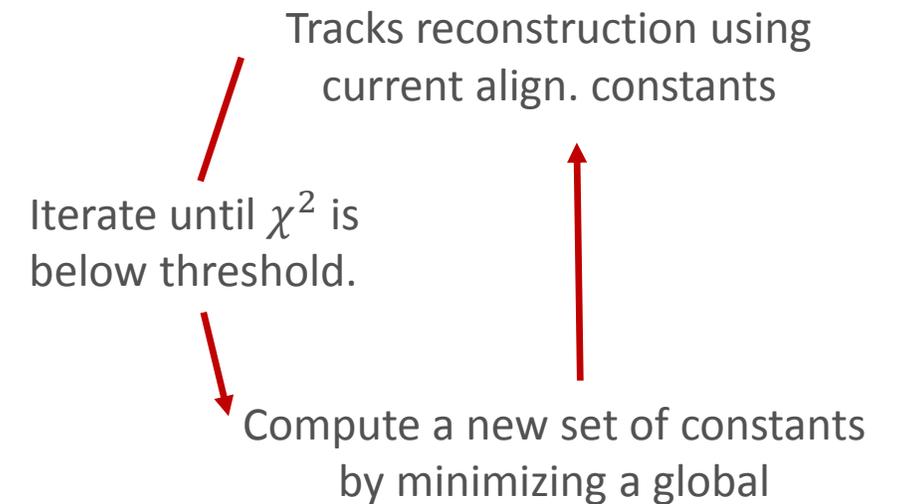
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ALIGNMENT IN RUN II

ALIGNMENT

New dedicated framework allows

- Parallelization of the event reconstruction on ~1700 nodes of the trigger farm
- Perform the minimization of χ^2 on a single node
- Iterative process
- Update the alignment constants as soon as they are available, if needed

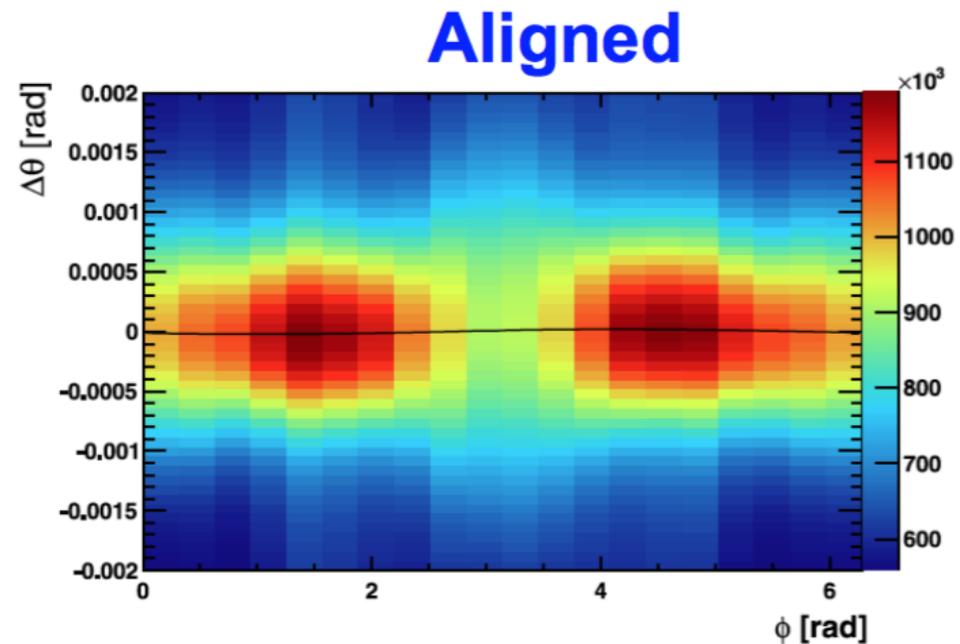
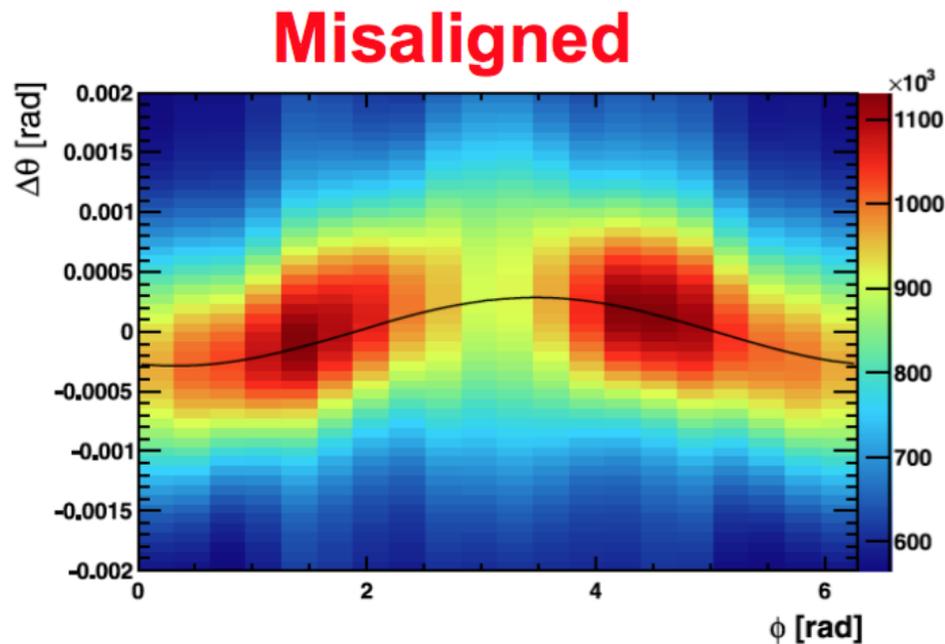


RICH ALIGNMENT

- Cherenkov photons focused on photon- detector plane by spherical and flat mirrors
- Center of Cherenkov ring corresponds to the intersection point of the track.
- Alignment is determined by fitting the Cherenkov opening angle as a function of the azimuthal angle of the ring
- 110 mirror pairs to align: **1090 constants**

**New for 2016:
Optimization and speed up!**

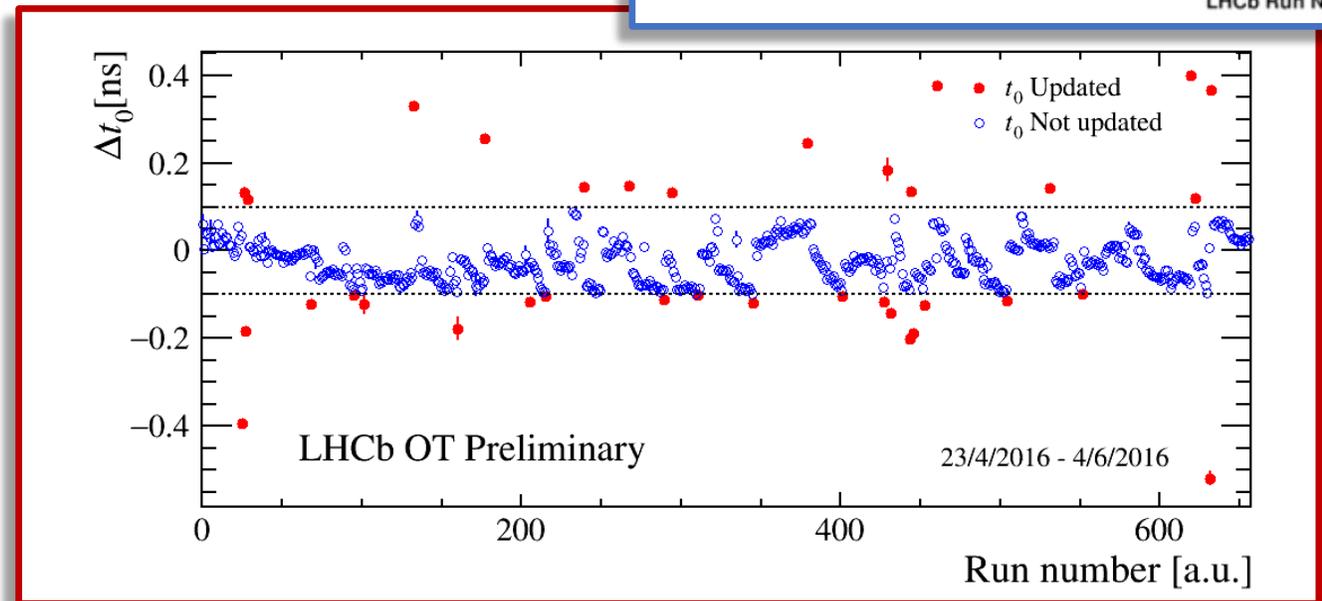
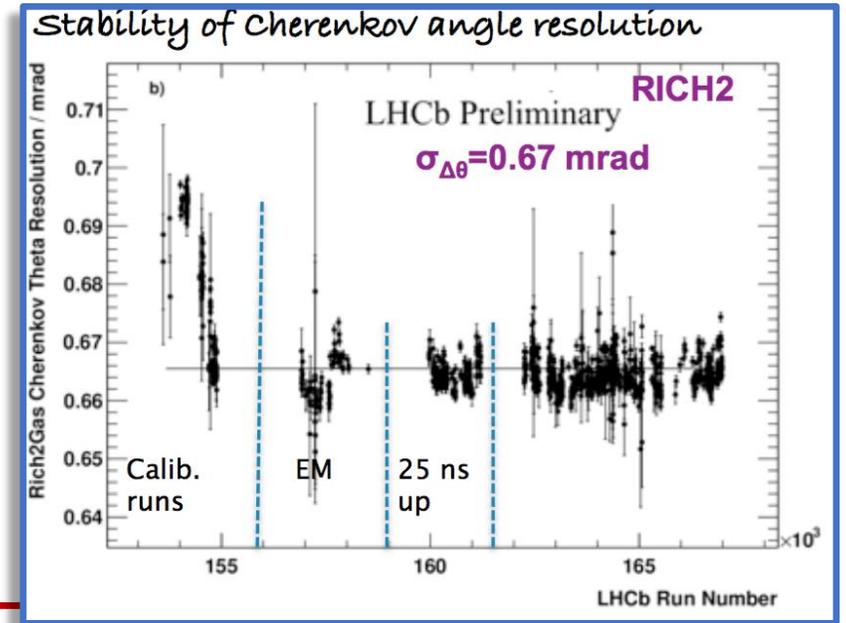
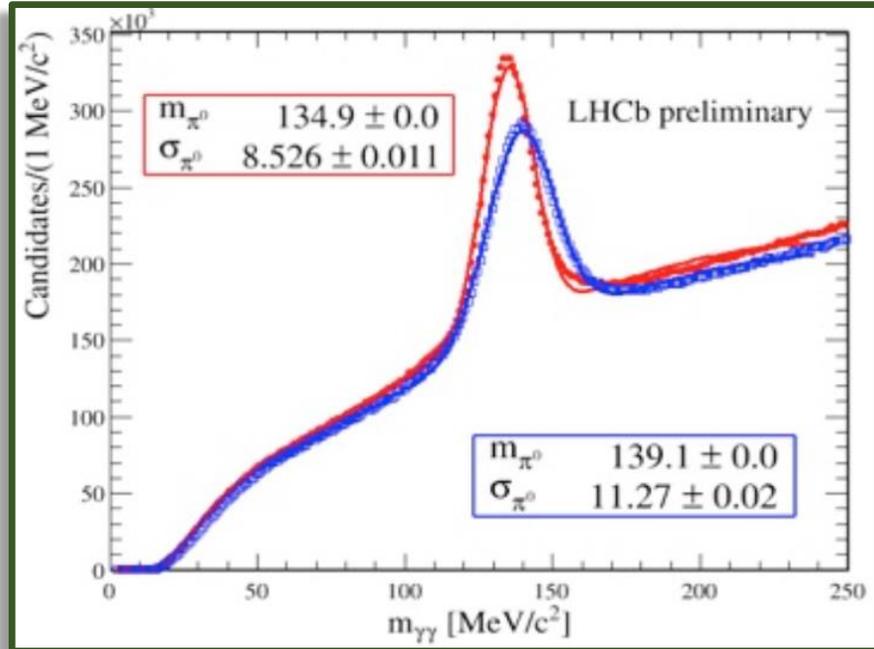
Runs only as monitoring every fill



CALIBRATION

Calibrations run on the monitoring histograms for ~every run

- **OT calibration:** global time alignment of the OT wrt LHC clock
- **RICH:** refractive index calibration and HPD image calibration
- **Calorimeter** calibrations run on monitoring histograms for ~every fill [**stable L0 conditions**]



OPTIMIZATION OF RECONSTRUCTION IN RUN II

New resources: farm nearly doubled wrt Run I, 10PB disk space to buffer the events between HLT1 and HLT2

- Big effort in speeding up the reconstruction:
 - Code optimization (vectorization, memory access)
 - New reconstruction chain in HLT1 and simplified geometry in Kalman filter
 - Re-implementation and/or re-tuning of the algorithms (HLT1 and HLT2)
 - Run I offline reconstruction 2 times faster

**Offline Run I reconstruction can run in the Trigger in Run II,
with same or better performance!!**