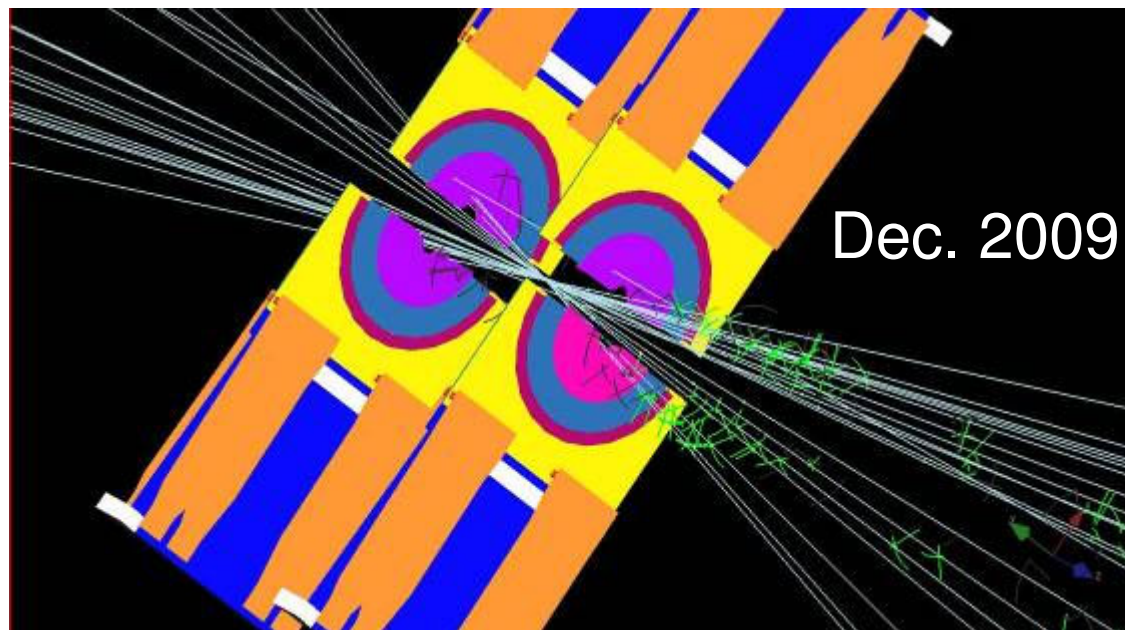


# First results from the LHCb Vertex Locator



- Act 1: LHCb Intro.
- Act 2: Velo Design
- Act 3: Initial Performance



# Introducing LHCb

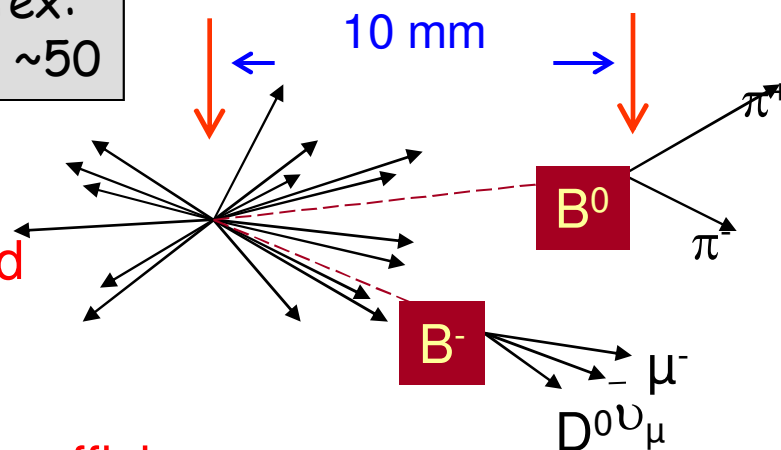


is a dedicated experiment to study flavour physics at the LHC

- Search for New Physics in quantum loop processes
- CP violation and rare decays allowing to probe beyond the LHC energy frontier

Primary vertex:  
many tracks  $\sim 50$

B decay vertices:  
a few tracks

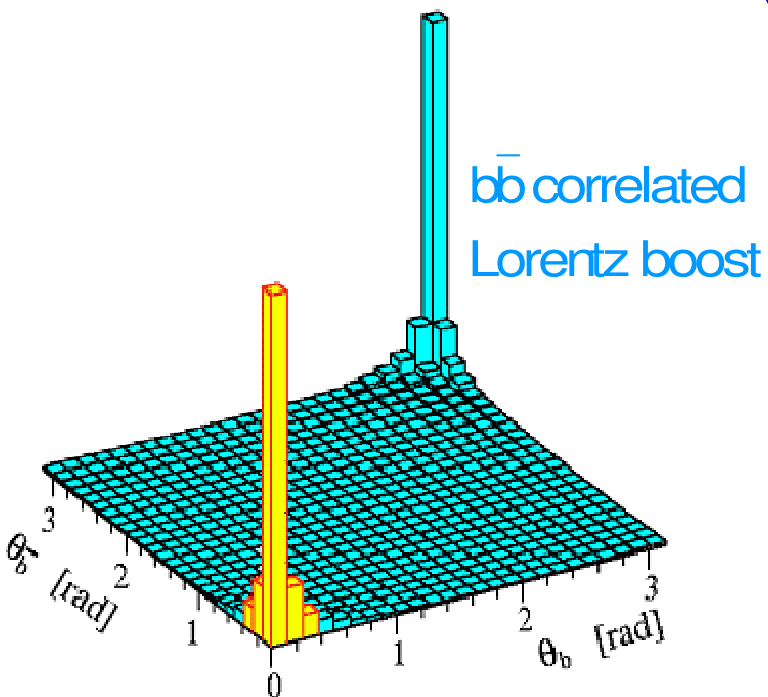


## Detector requirements

- Efficient trigger for both leptonic and hadronic final states
- Excellent vertex finding and tracking efficiency
- Outstanding particle identification

# B Production

- LHC: pp-collisions @  $2 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 14$  TeV
- $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in data taking year of  $10^7 \text{ s}$ ,  $10^{12} \text{ b}\bar{\text{b}}$  pairs

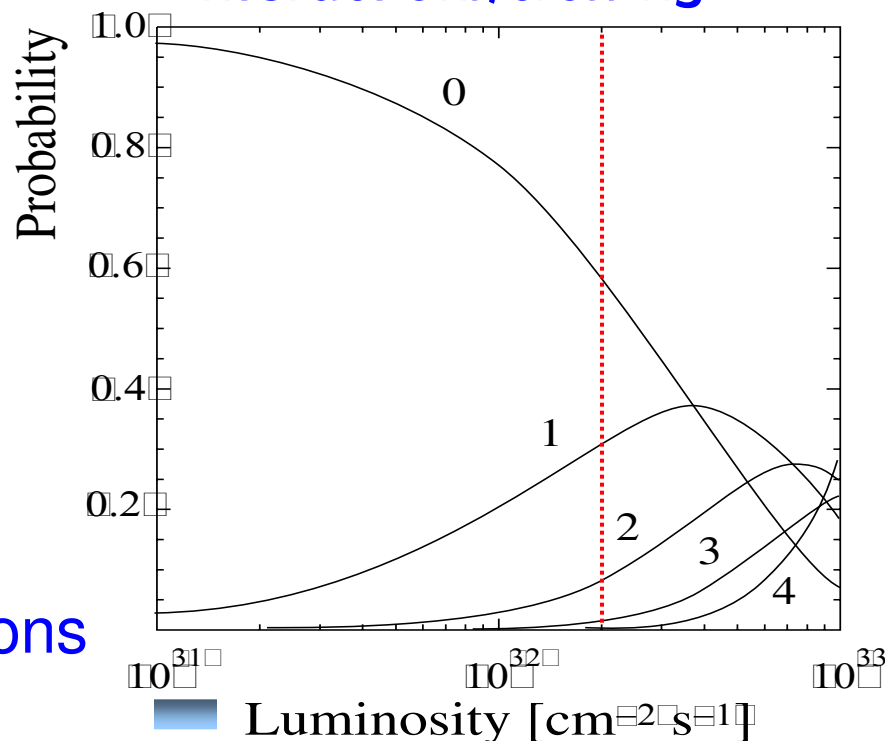


**LHCb: forward spectrometer**

**15-250 mrad acceptance**

**$\eta = 1.9-4.9$**

**Interactions/crossing**



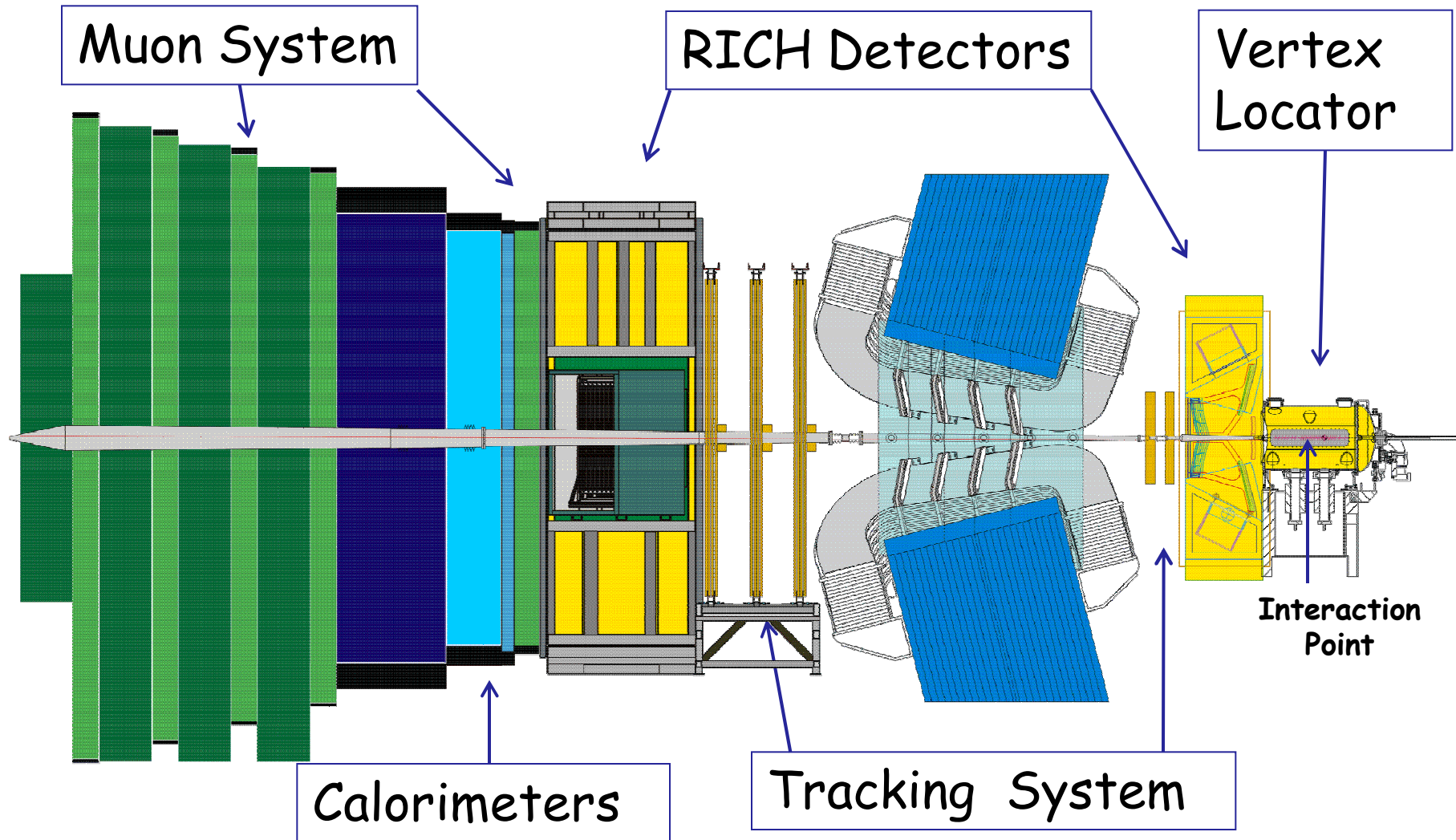
- Pile-up at high luminosity

• choose  $2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

→ most events have single interactions

LHC will reach early in run

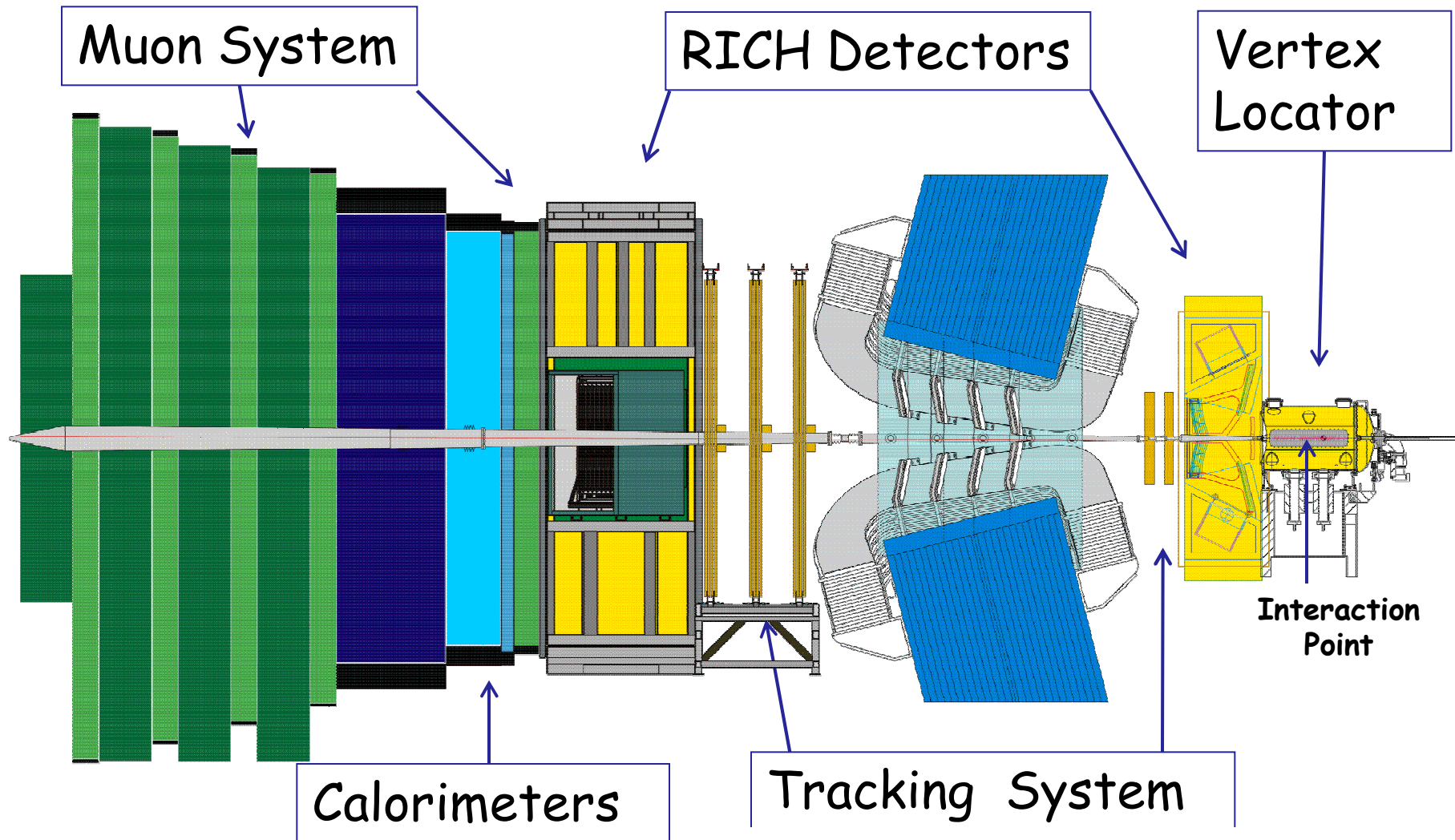
# The LHCb Detector





# The LHCb Detector

Poster: Davide Pinci

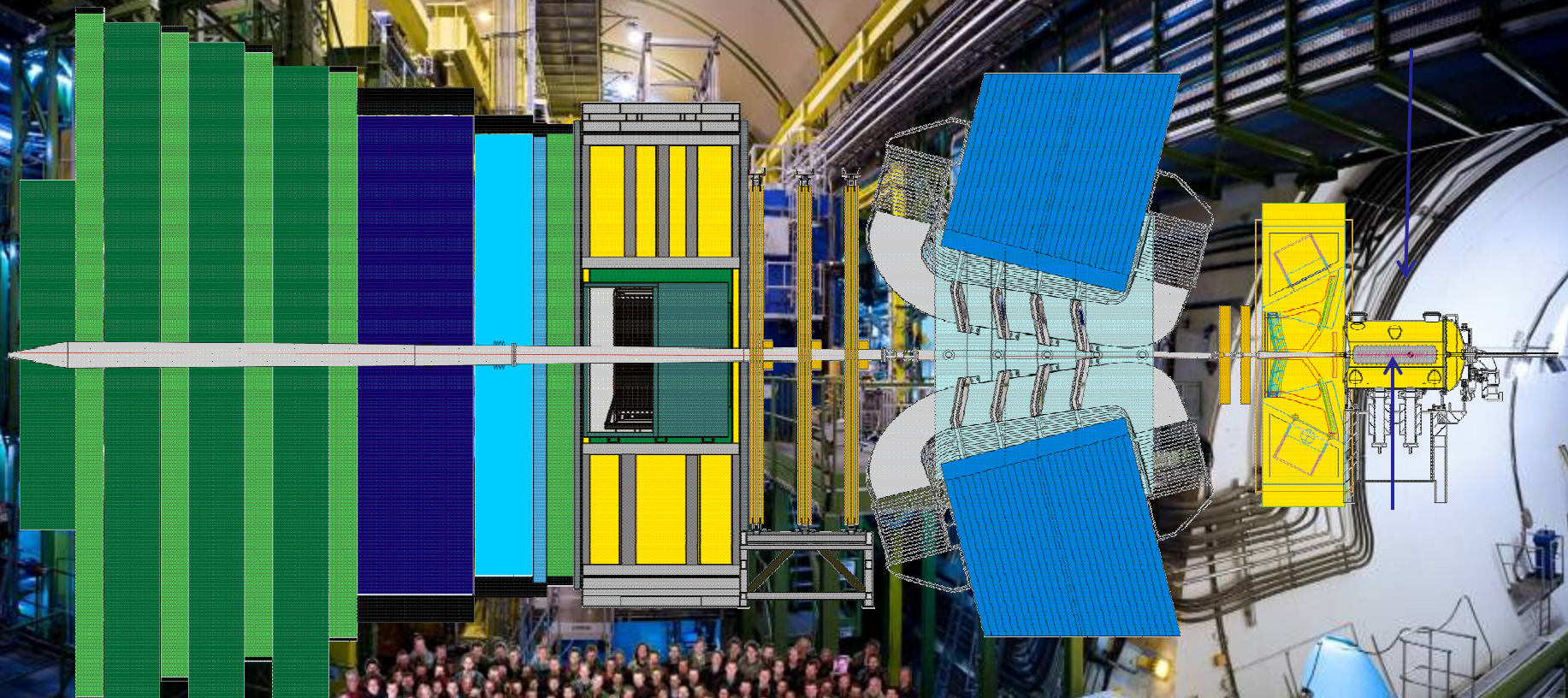


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Poster: Jeroen van Tilburg



# The LHCb Detector

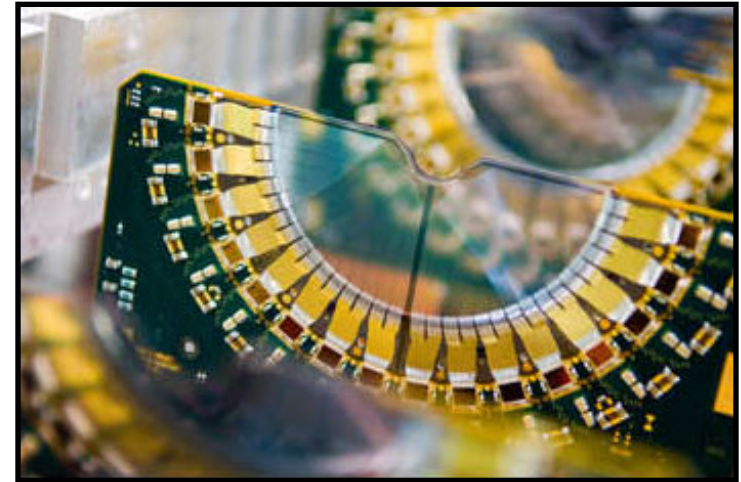


Fully installed and commissioned  
Conducting first physics !





## Act 2: VELO Design

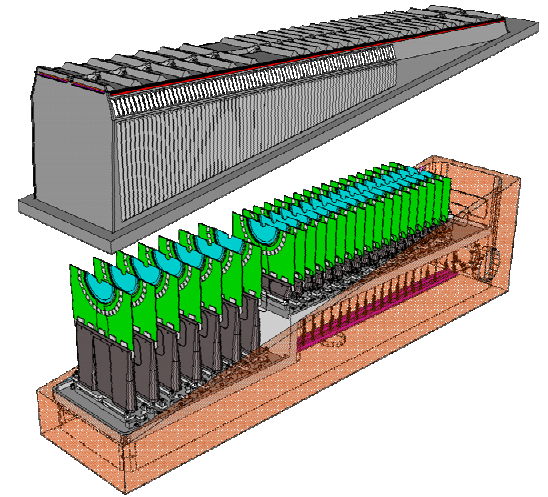


Twinkle,  
Twinkle,  
Little Star,  
How I wonder  
what you are



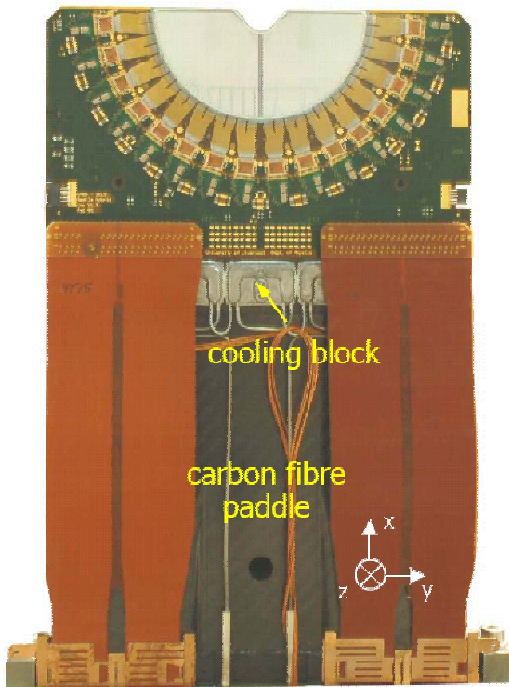
# Velo Roles

- Primary / b decay Vertex reconstruction
- Standalone Tracking
  - A principle tracking device for the experiment
- Second Level Trigger
  - Fast tracking



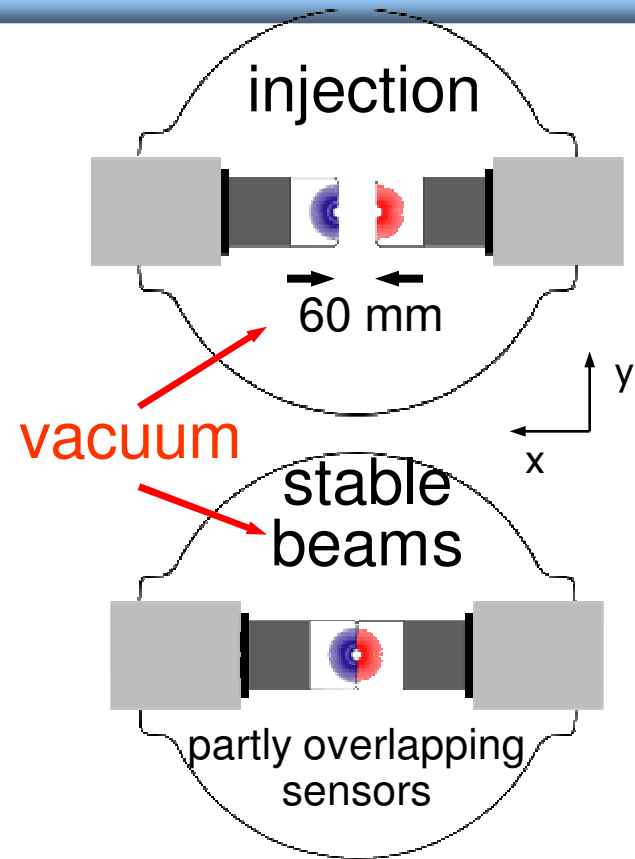
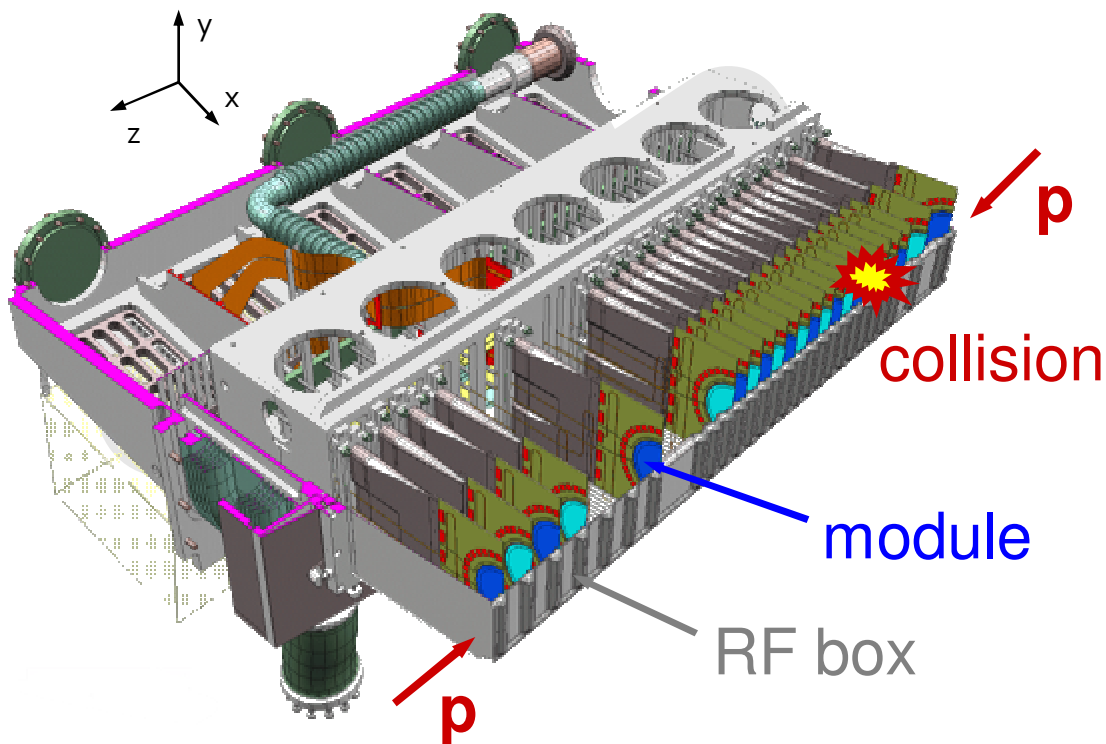
## Velo Modules

- n-on-n & 1 n-on-p
- Two semi-circular designs
  - R-measuring
  - Phi-measuring
- double metal layer readout
- 2048 strips, 40-100  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch
- .25  $\mu\text{m}$  Analogue Readout
- TPG core Hybrid, CF paddles





# VELO Layout



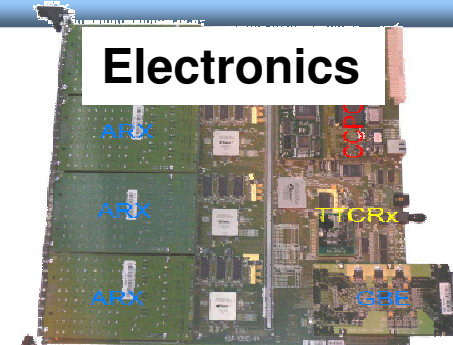
- 2 retractable detector halves
- 21 stations per half with an R and  $\phi$  sensor
- Operates in secondary vacuum
- 300  $\mu\text{m}$  foil separates detector from beam vacuum
- 8 mm from LHC beam

# Production, Testing and Installation

**Vacuum Tank**



**Electronics**



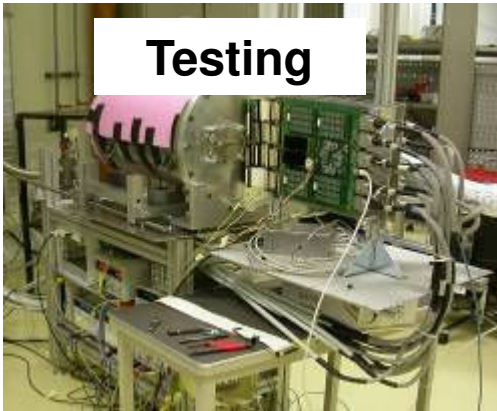
**CO<sub>2</sub> cooling**



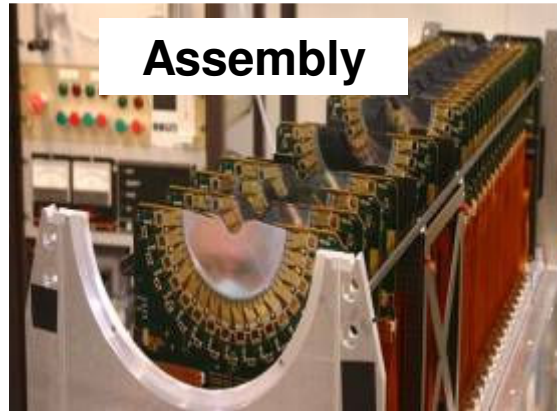
**Module production**



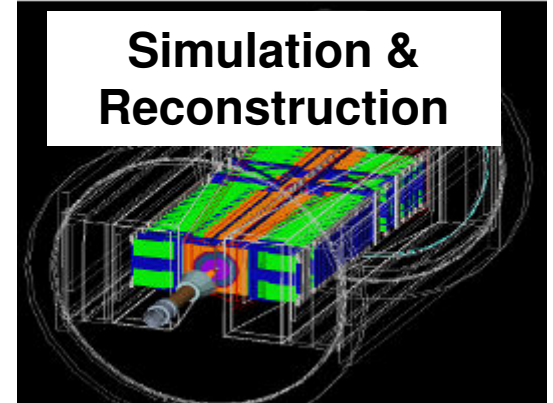
**Testing**



**Assembly**



**Simulation & Reconstruction**

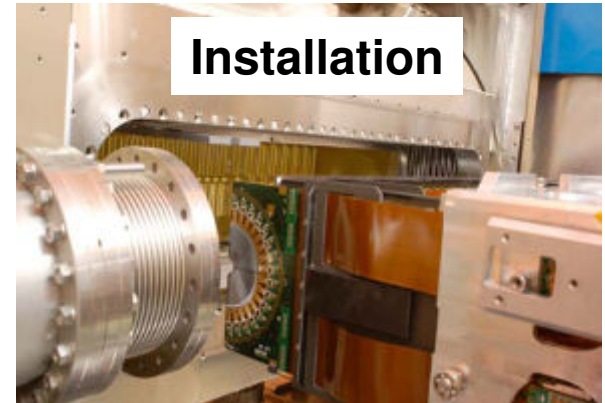


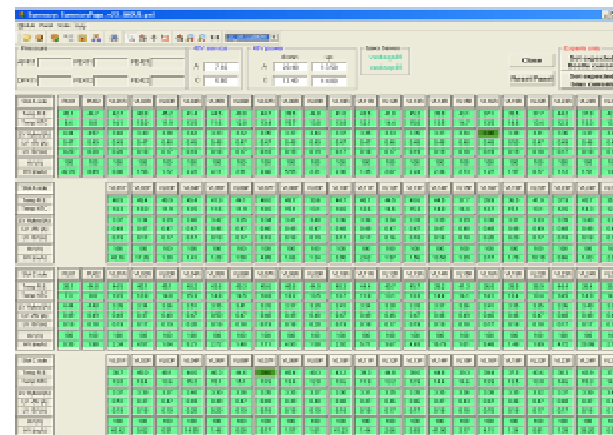
**Transport**



1997-2007  
Design to  
Installation

**Installation**



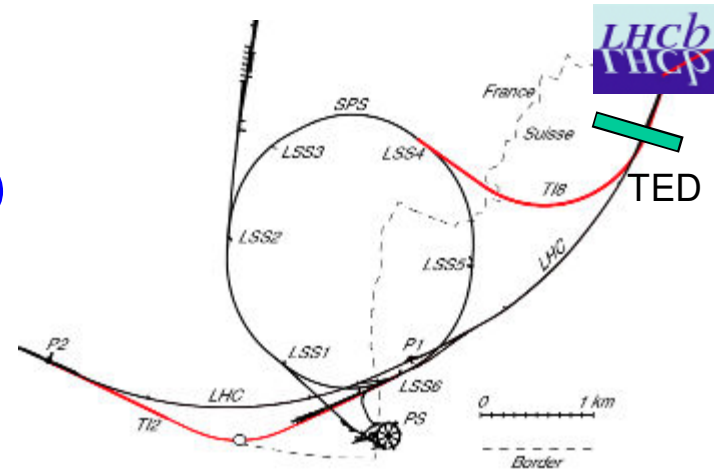
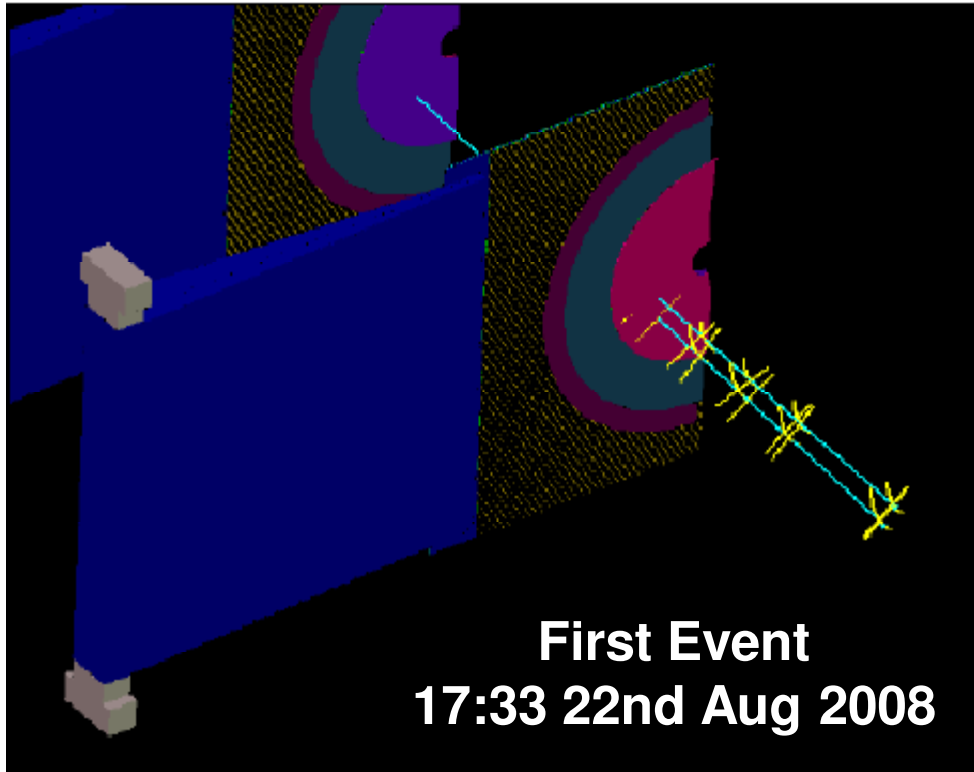


10 years – that's  
longer than I took  
to write my first  
symphony





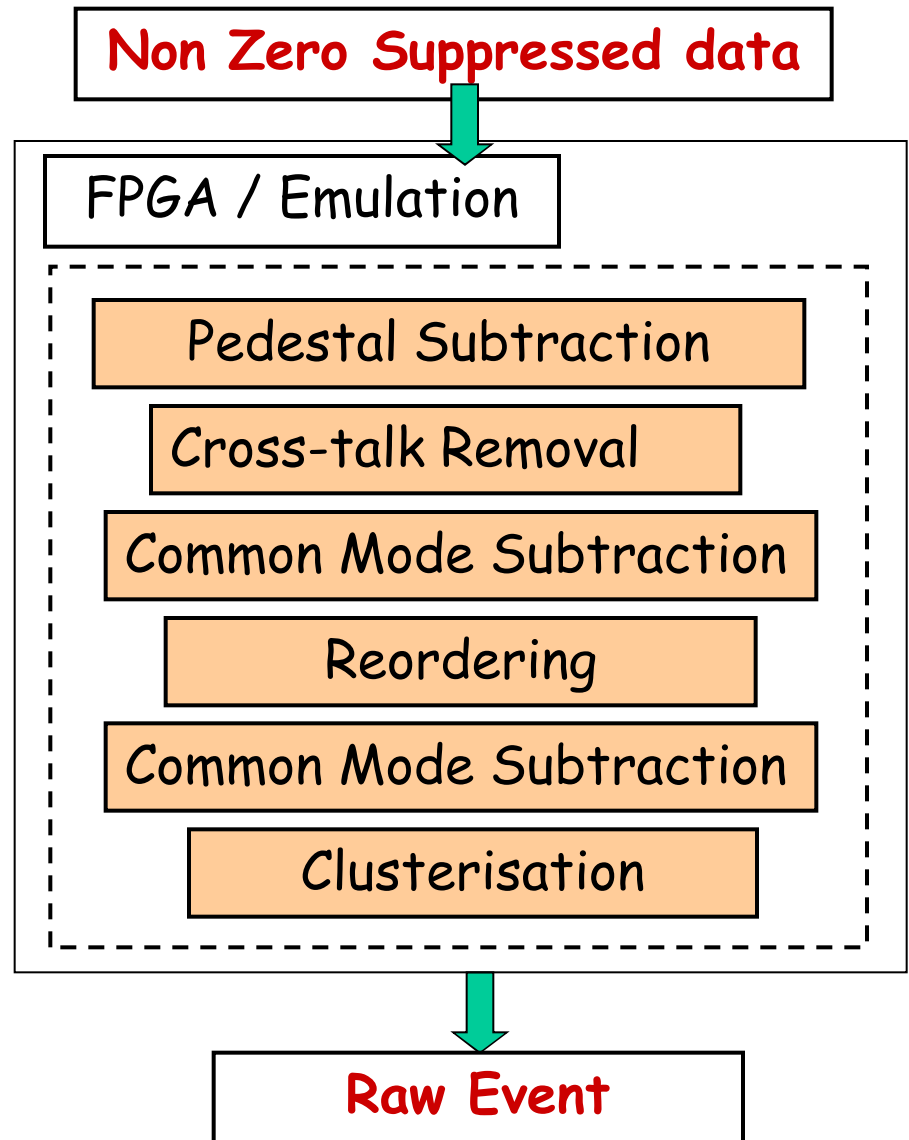
- LHC synchronisation test
- Beam collision with absorber
- Reconstruct tracks through VELO
- First Alignment & Resolution



- LHC accident  
September 2008
- 2008-2009  
Commissioning &  
Optimisation

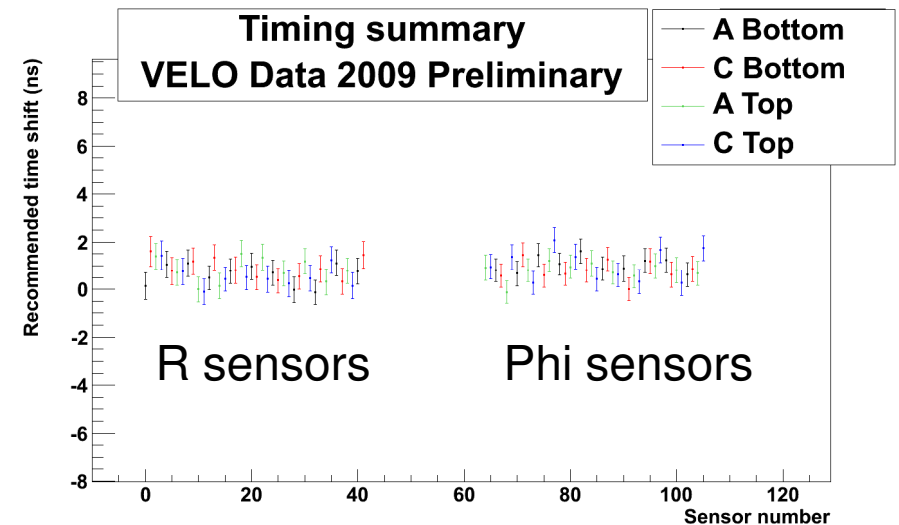
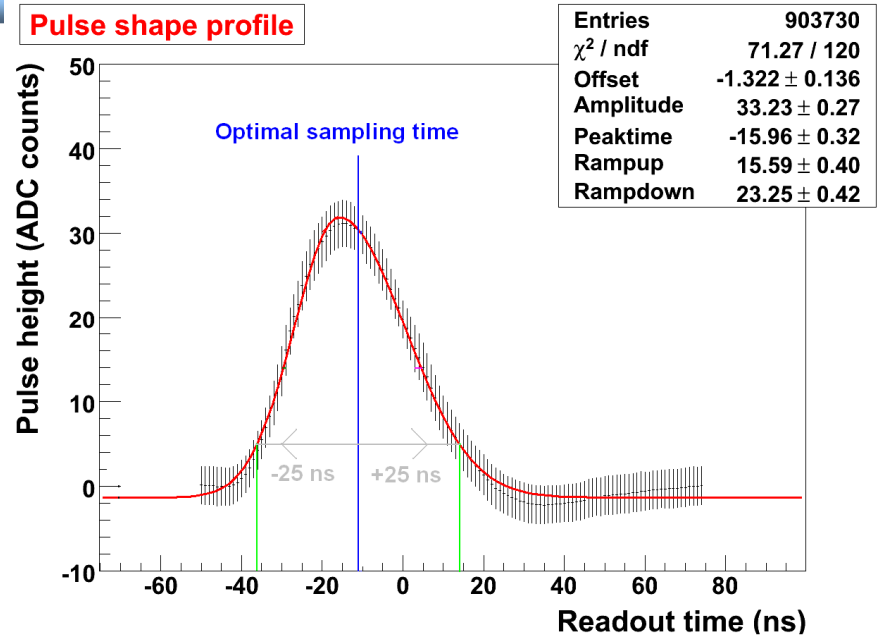
# Data Processing

- FPGA processing
  - $10^6$  parameters
- Bit-perfect emulation in full software
  - Low rate non-zero suppressed data
- Off-line optimise algorithm performance



# Time Alignment

- Tune front-end chip sampling time
- Optimise for
  - Maximum signal
  - Minimum spillover
    - Next & previous
- Each sensor adjusted separately:
  - time of flight
  - cable length

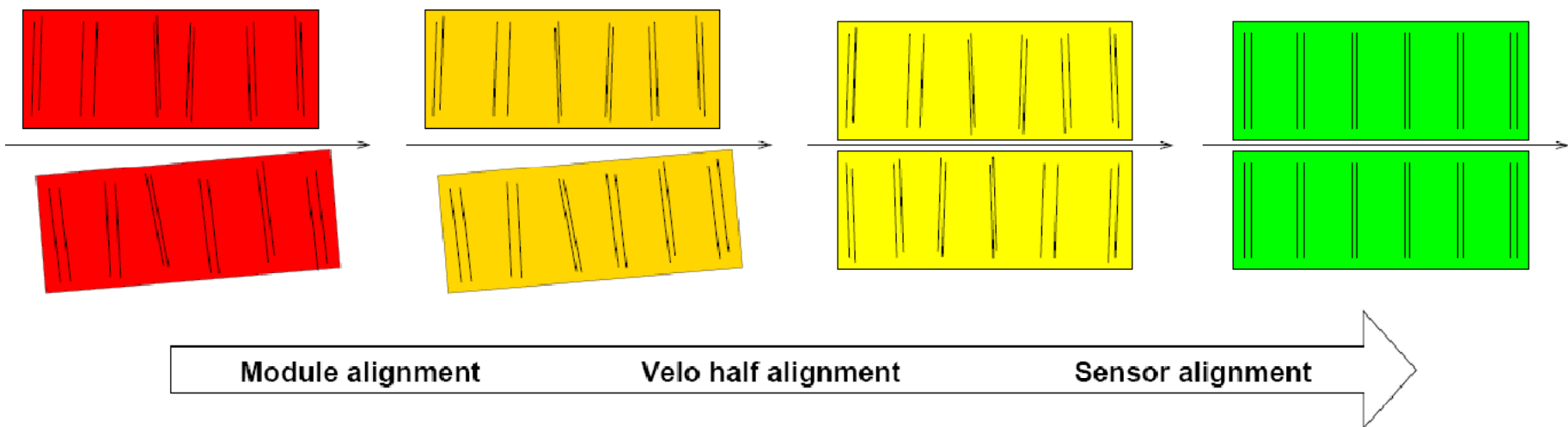




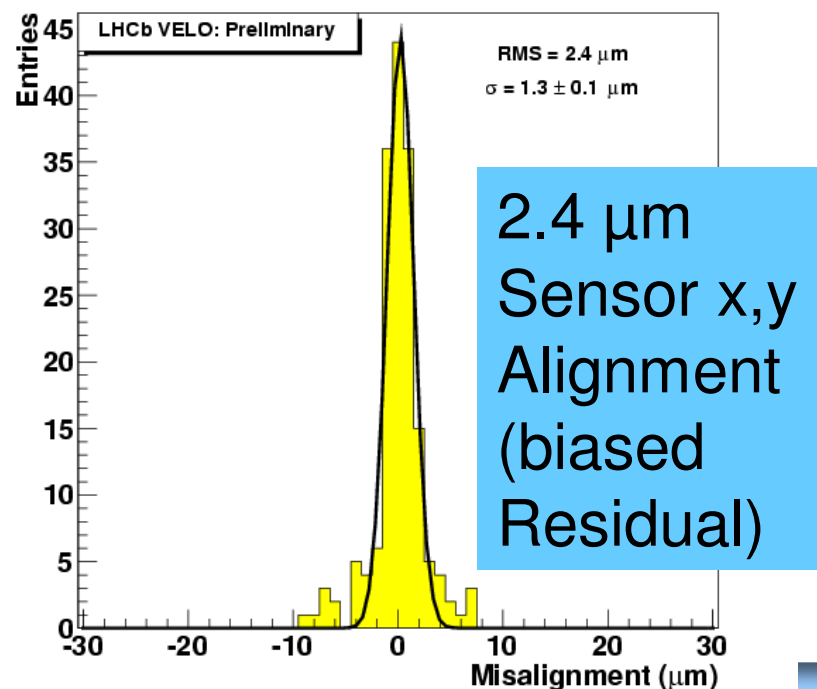
# Alignment 1

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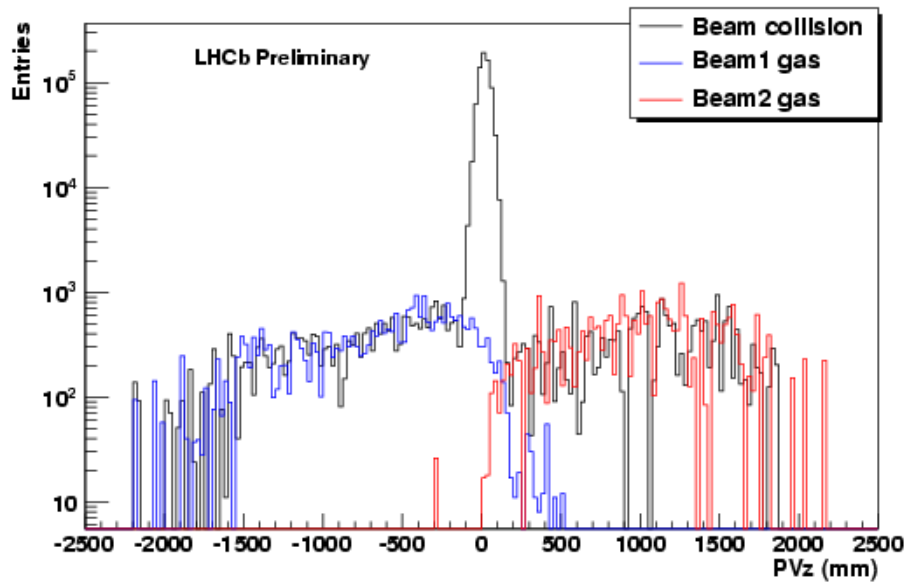
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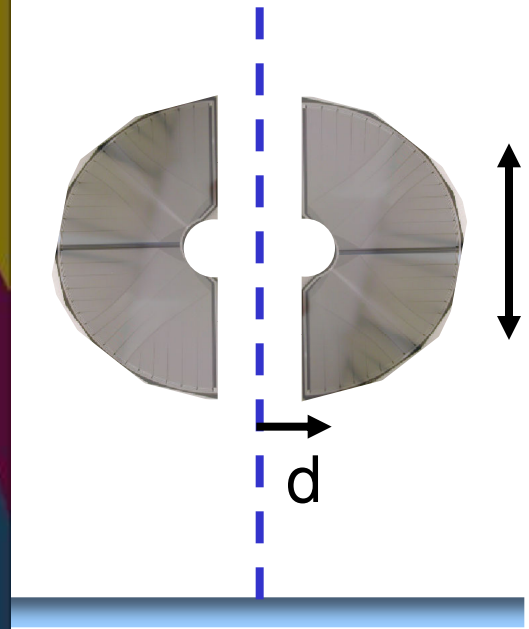
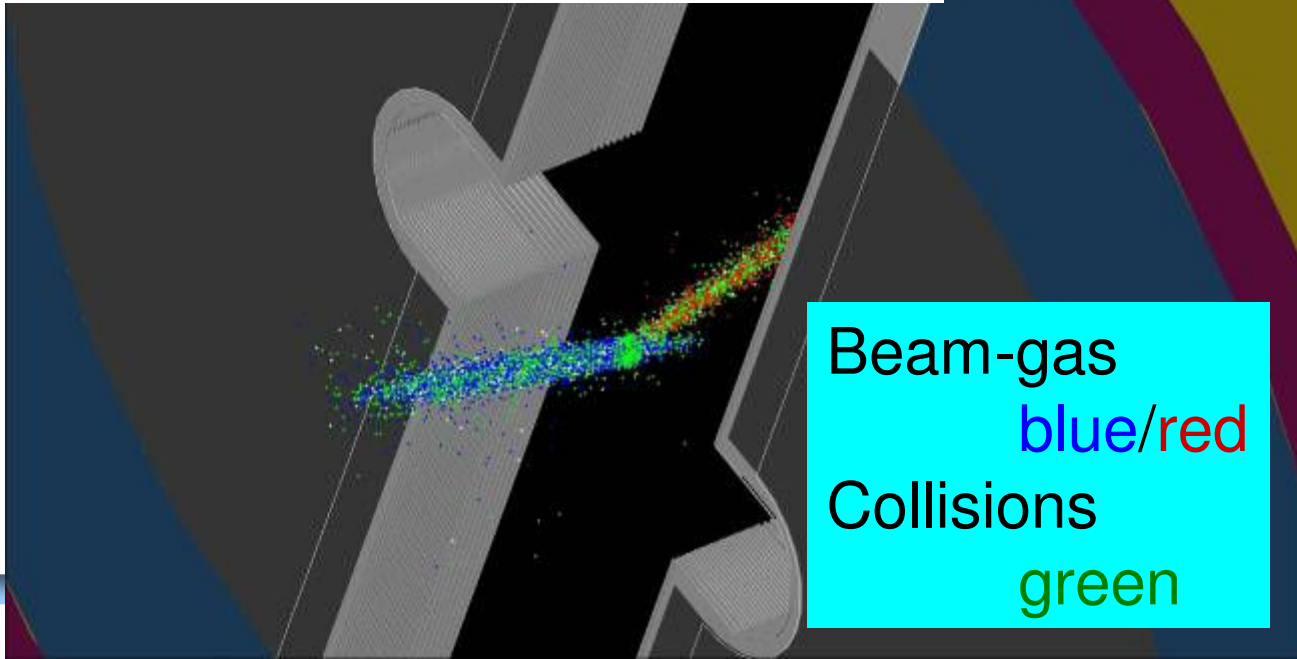
- Velo moved for each LHC injection
- Decay length measurement
  - Alignment is key
- Motion system resolver position updated in reconstruction
- Track based alignment in three stages



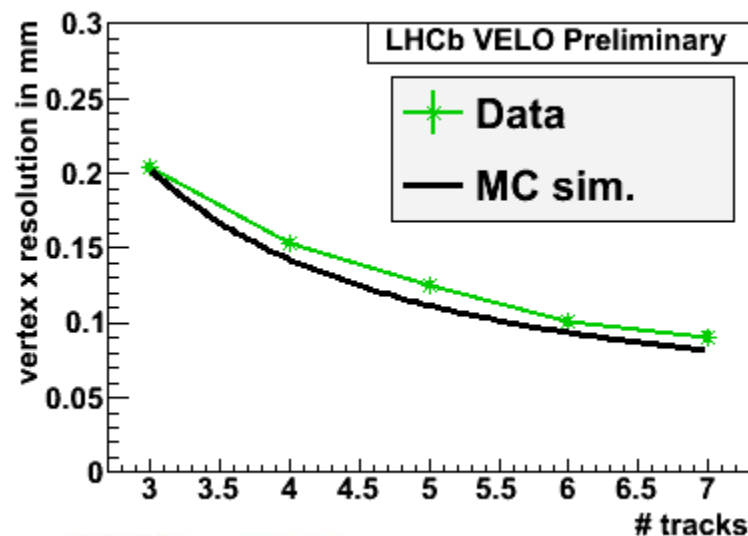
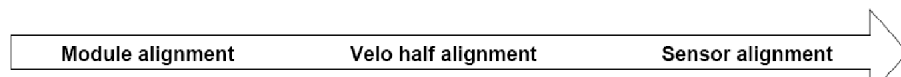
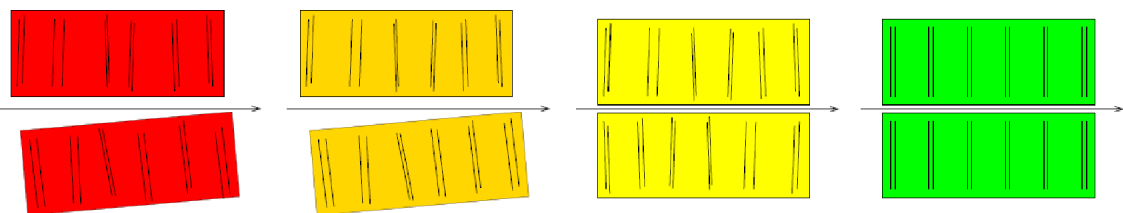
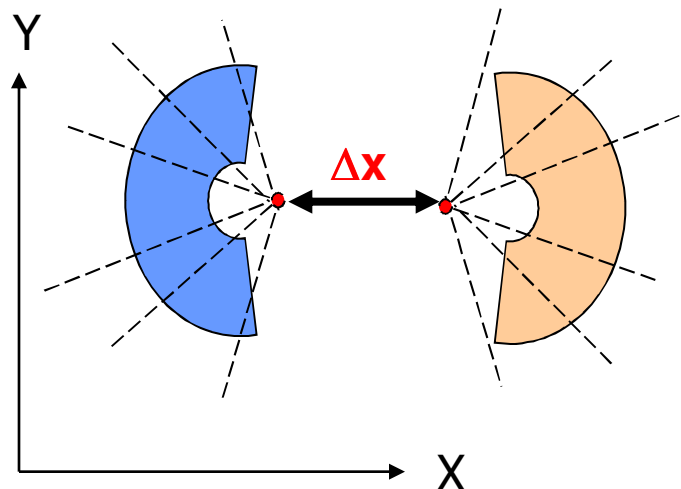
# Vertices



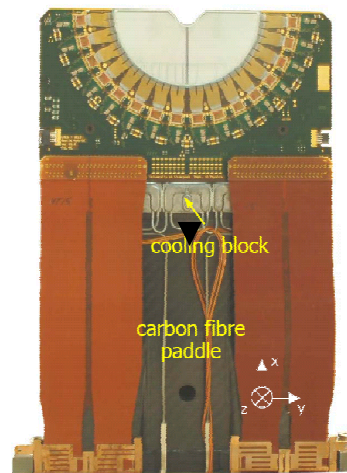
- Contributions from collisions & Beam-gas
- Beam-gas removed with Bunch ID and Vertex cuts in analyses in this talk
- Closed to  $\pm 15\text{mm}$



# Alignment 2



- Align two halves by fitting positions of primary vertices using tracks in each half
- X, Y translations  $\pm 10 \mu\text{m}$
- Z translations  $\pm 30 \mu\text{m}$



• Carbon-Fibre Expansion

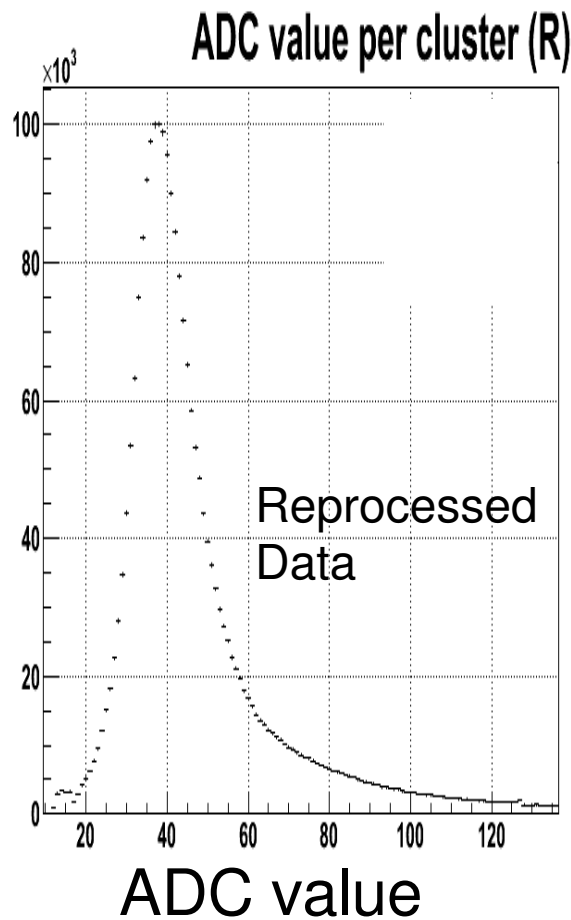
$\sim 1 \mu\text{m}/^\circ\text{C}$

• Using absorber collision data at higher T.

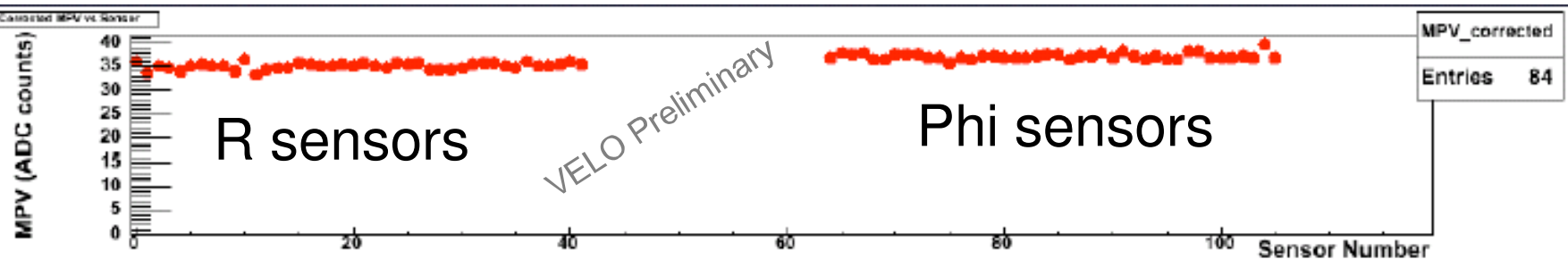
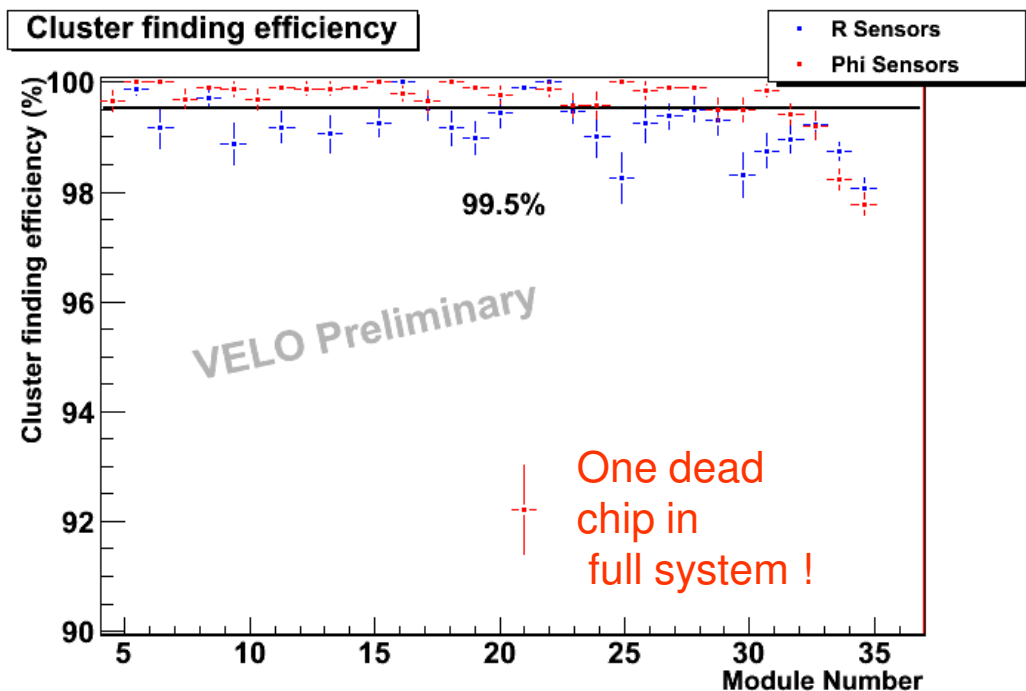
• Data taking at stable T



# Cluster ADCs

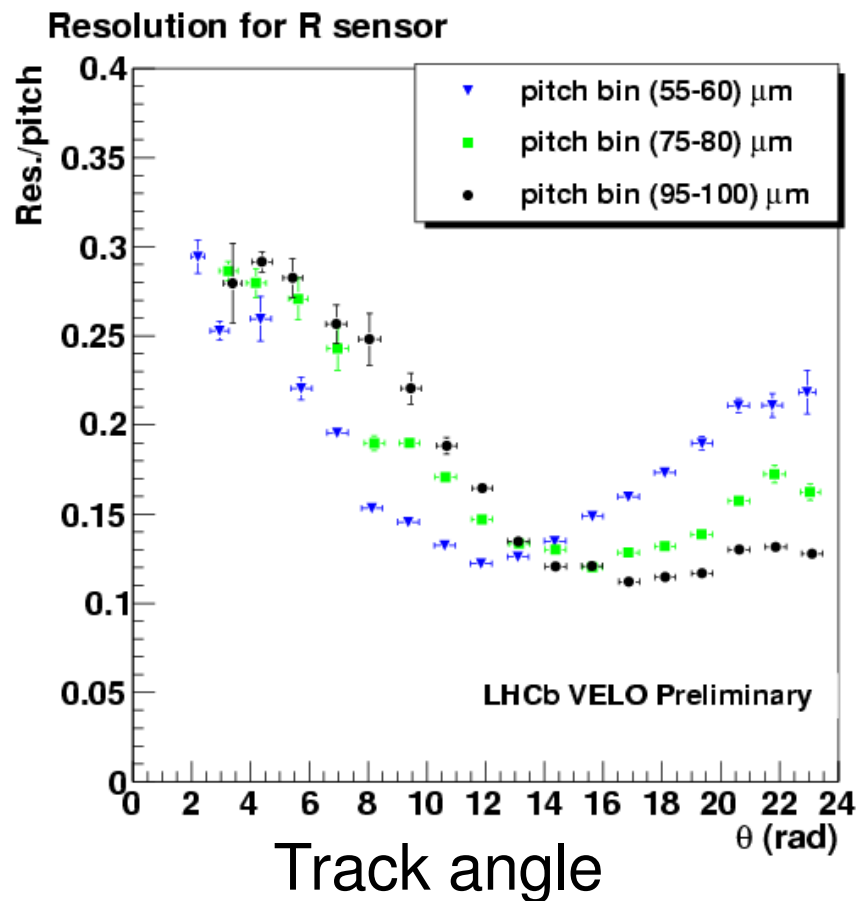
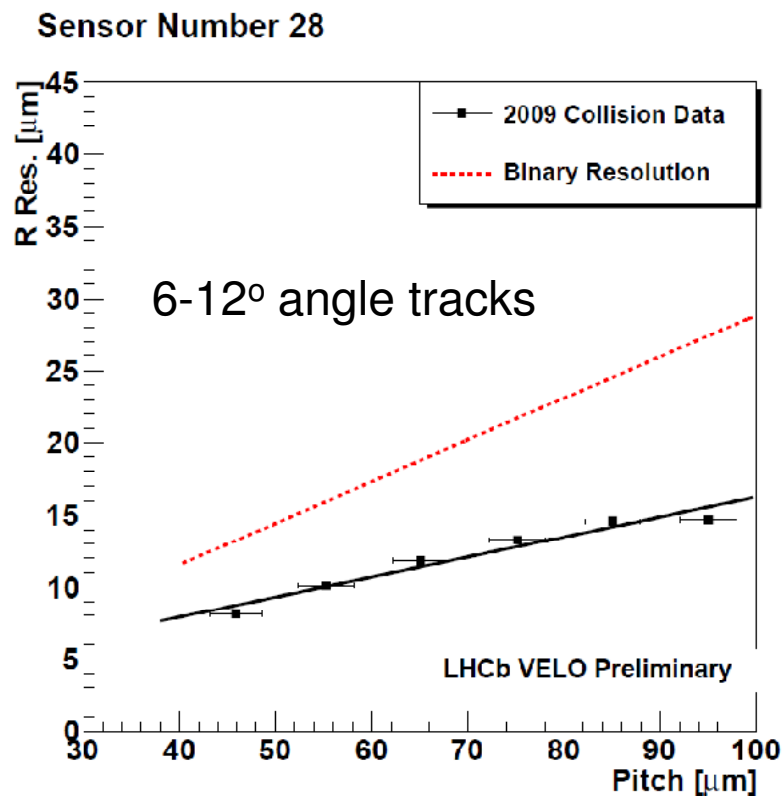


- $S/N = 20:1$
- Cluster finding efficiency = 99.5 %
  - Track extrapolation, full area



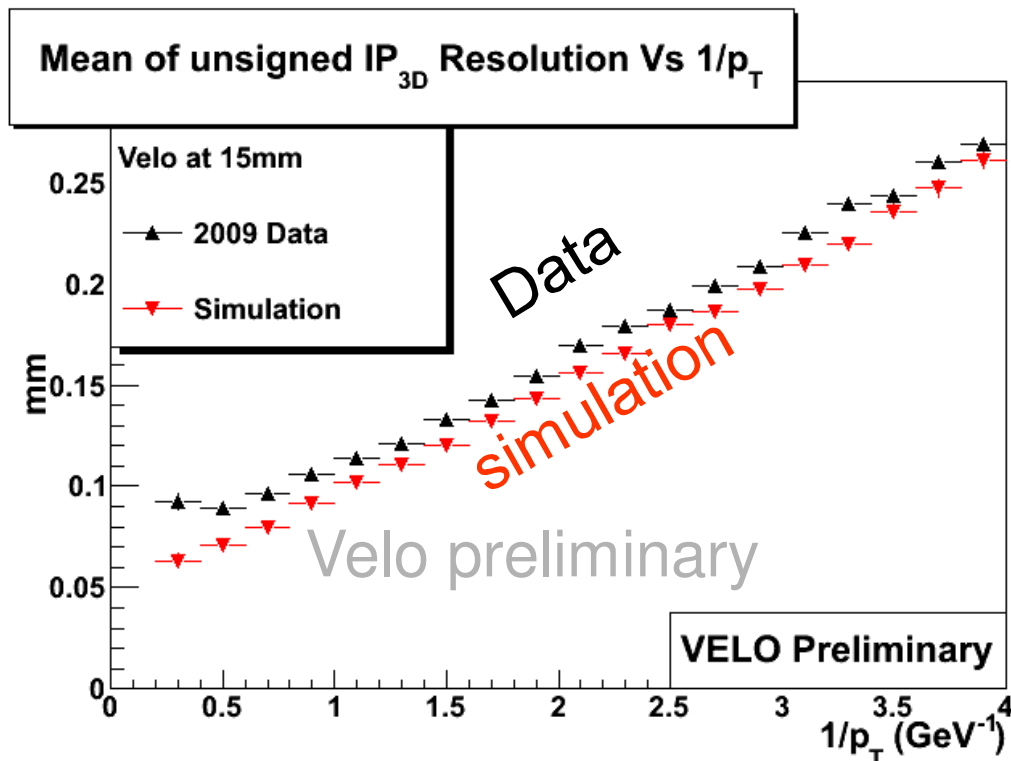
# Single Hit Resolution

- Detector resolution from corrected residuals
- 7  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution, angle average, at 40  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch



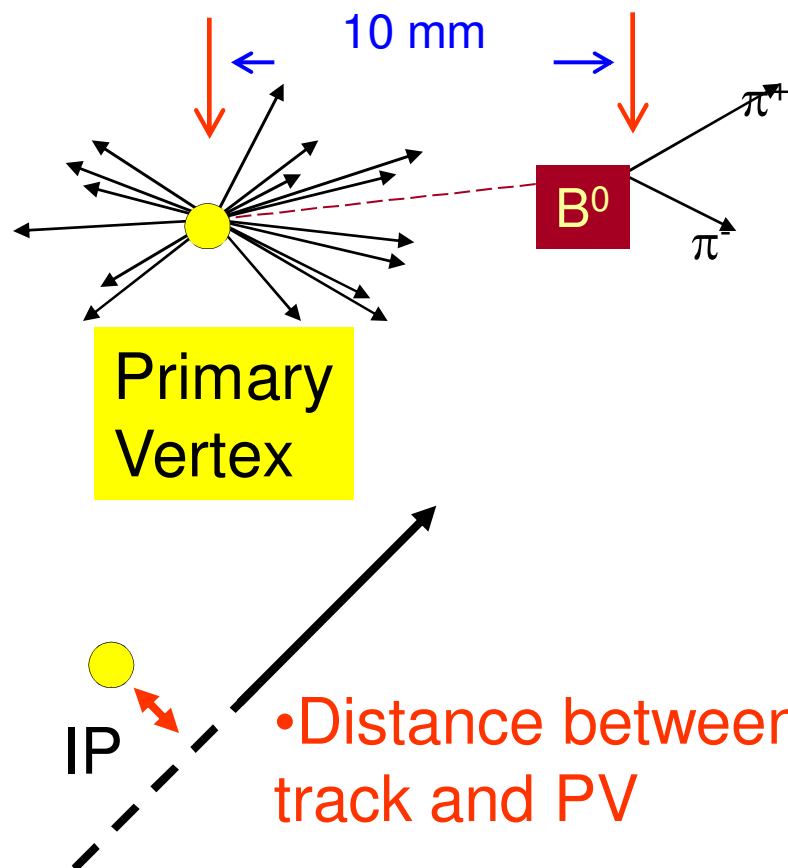
- Resolution improves as charge sharing increases
- Weighted cluster centre

# Impact Parameters



- Already reasonable agreement with simulation over primary momentum range
- Velo at 15mm open

- Key Physics quantity in identifying long lived B meson decay



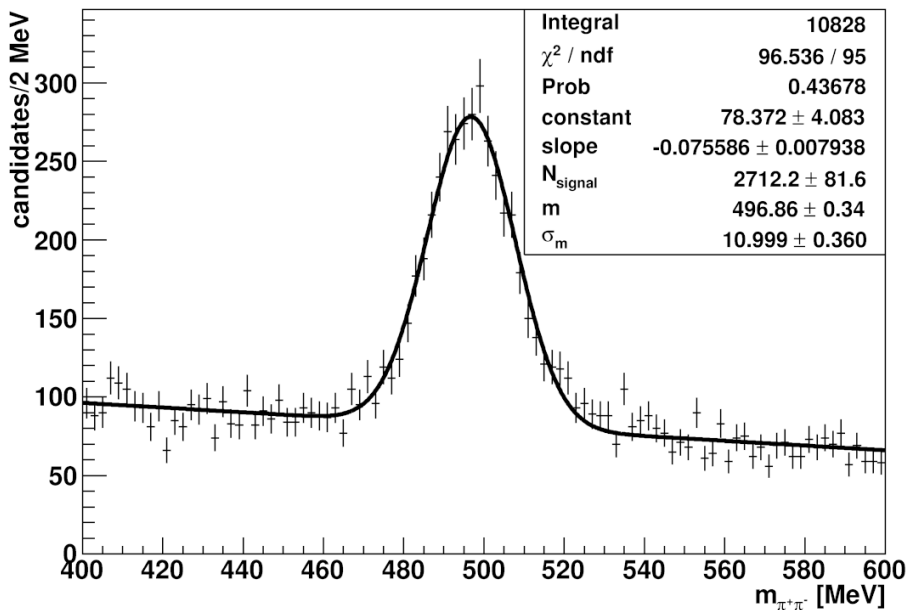


# $K_S$ and $\Lambda$

- Without VELO

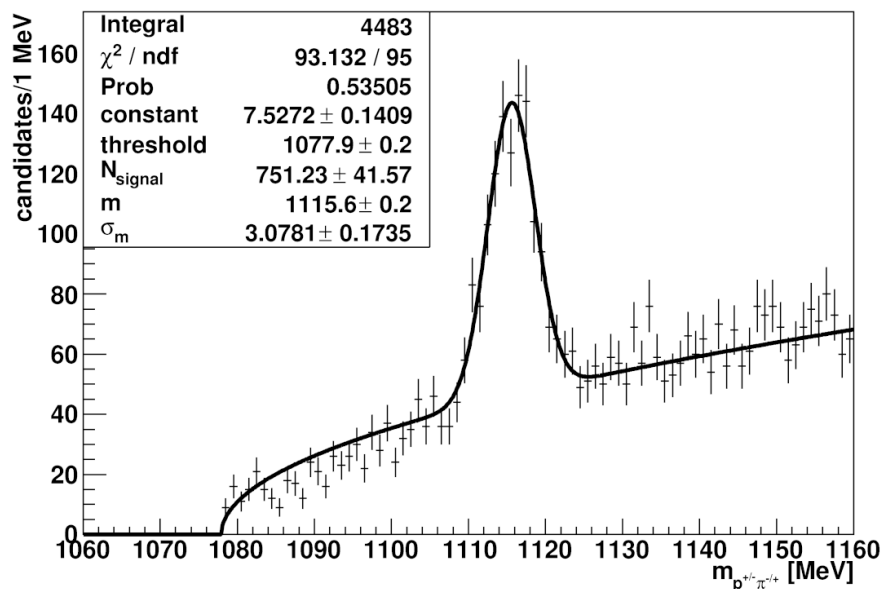
Tracking detectors were well calibrated at the start-up !

$m_{\pi^+\pi^-}$  (LHCb 2009 data, preliminary)



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= 11.0 \pm 0.4 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \\ M(K_S) &= 496.9 \pm 0.3 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \\ M(K_S^{\text{PDG}}) &= 497.7 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \end{aligned}$$

$m_{p^+\pi^-\pi^+}$  (LHCb 2009 data, preliminary)



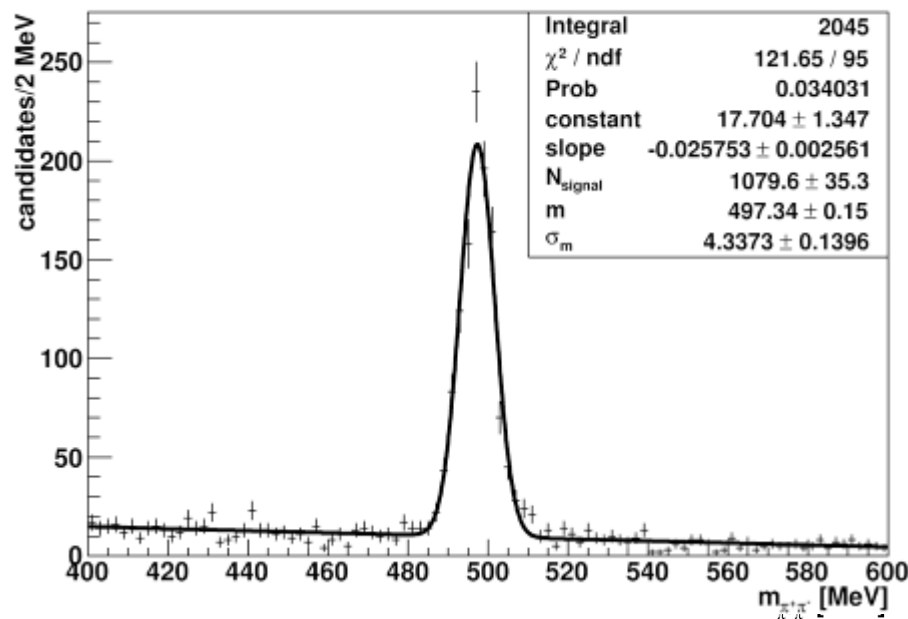
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= 3.1 \pm 0.2 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \\ M(\Lambda) &= 1115.6 \pm 0.2 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \\ M(\Lambda^{\text{PDG}}) &= 1115.7 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \end{aligned}$$

# $K_S$ and $\Lambda$

- With VELO

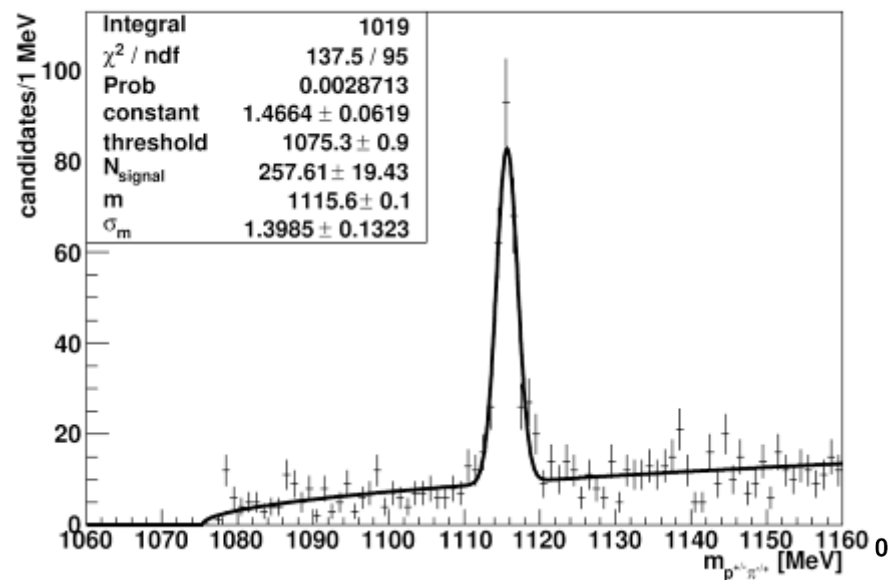
Power of precision vertexing – even with VELO 15mm open

$m_{\pi^+\pi^-}$  (LHCb 2009 data, preliminary)



$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= 4.3 \pm 0.1 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \\ M(K_S) &= 497.3 \pm 0.2 && \text{MeV}/c^2 \\ M(K_S^{\text{PDG}}) &= 497.7 && \text{MeV}/c^2\end{aligned}$$

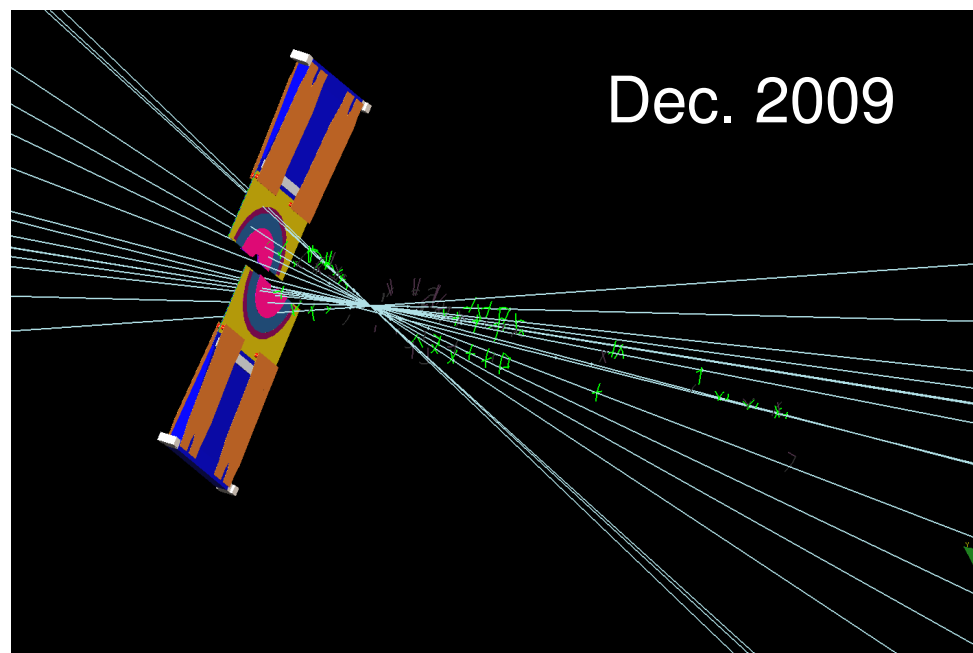
$m_{p^+\pi^-\pi^0}$  (LHCb 2009 data, preliminary)



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# Summary

- First LHC operation demonstrated
- Preliminary VELO performance:
  - 99.5% Cluster Finding Efficiency
  - $< 7 \mu\text{m}$  resolution
  - $4 \mu\text{m}$  sensor alignment
- Further improvements anticipated





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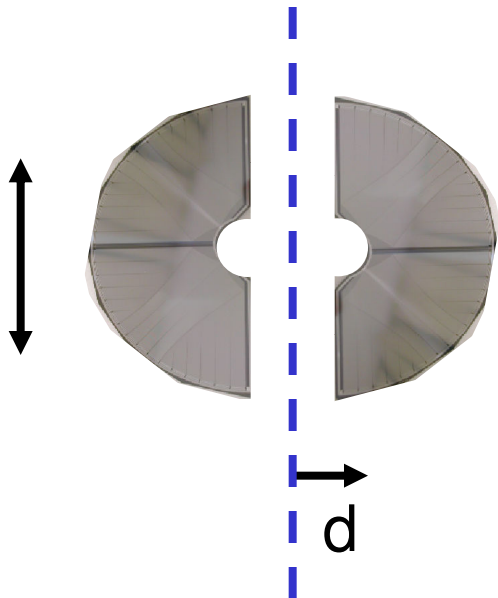
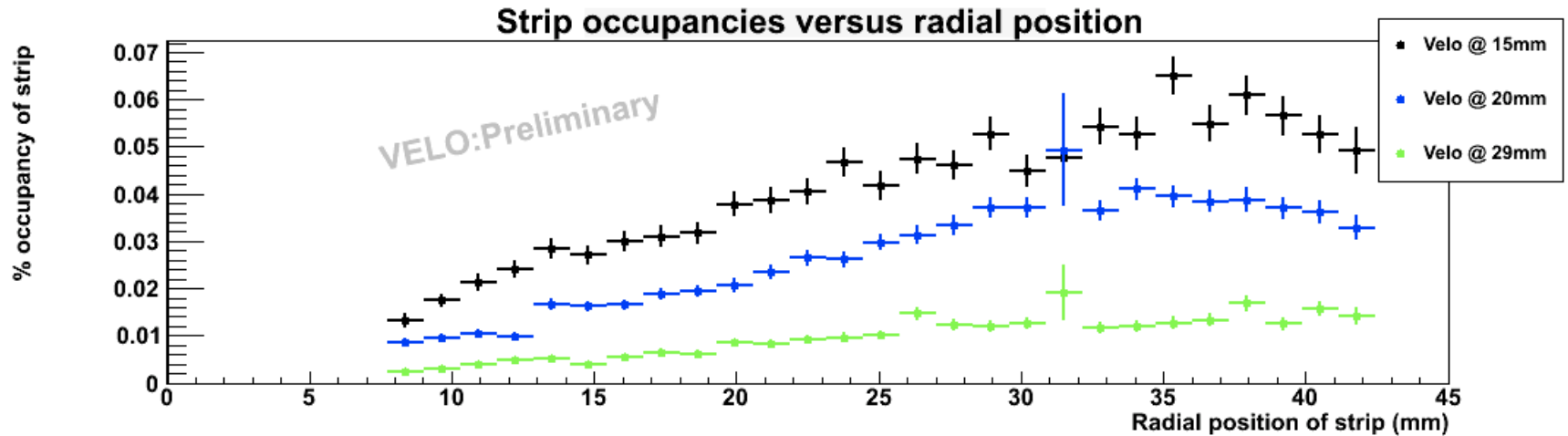
- LHC vertex detector performance
  - Novel detectors
  - Radiation hardness
- Tracking, vertexing and alignment
- LHC upgrades and other new experiments
  - Vertex triggering
  - Applications in other fields



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# Velo Closing, Occupancy



- Extreme care taken on VELO closing
- Primary vertex monitoring
- Beam position monitors
- Data quality checks
  - occupancy, noise, common mode....