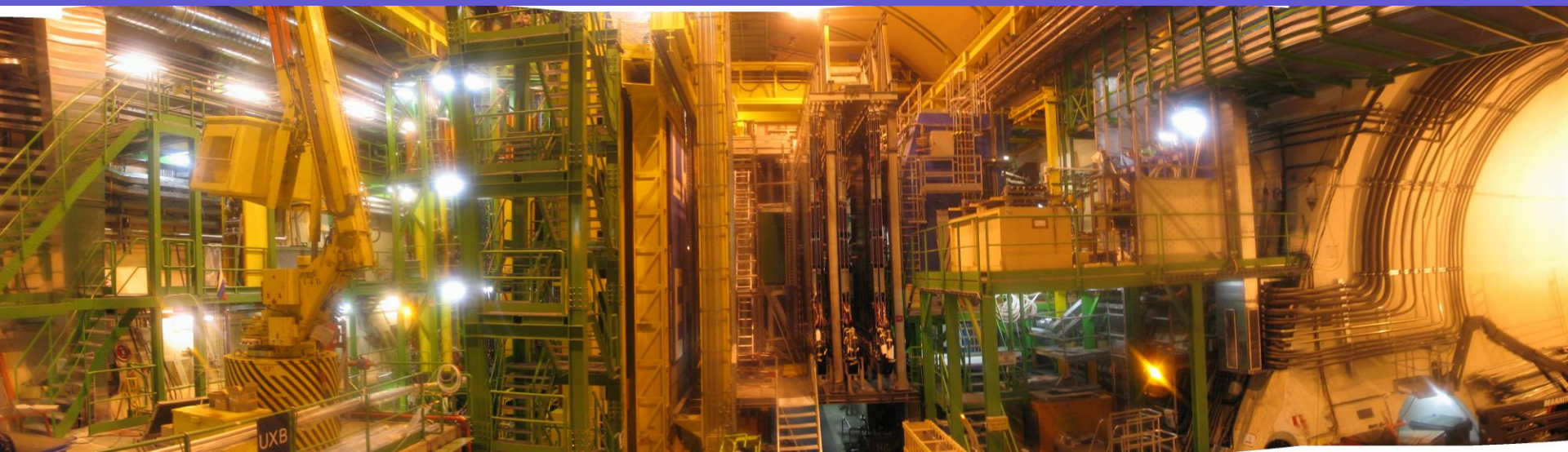




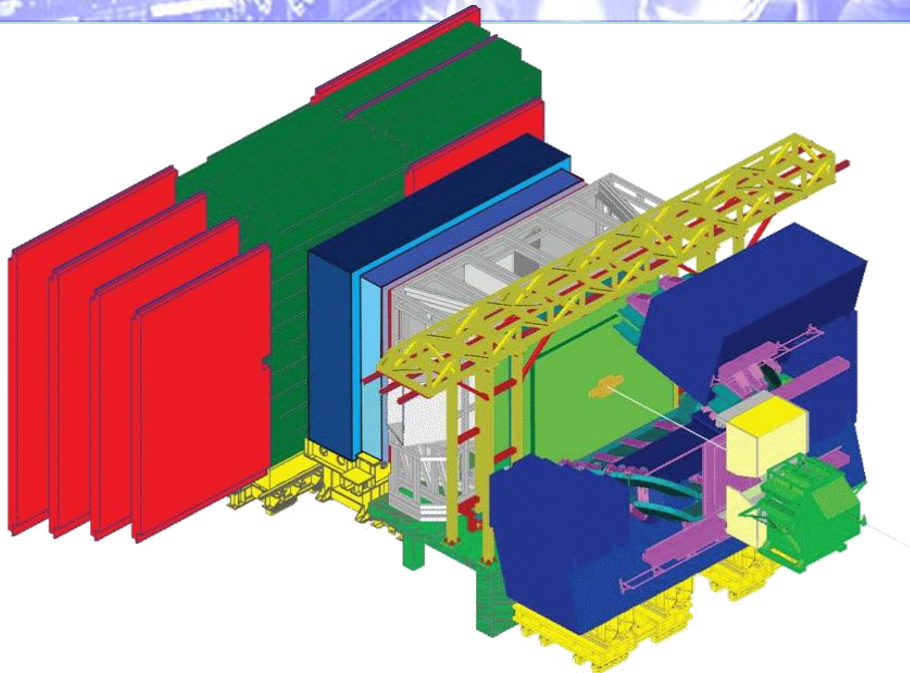
# Operation and Performance

## LHCb Vertex Detector





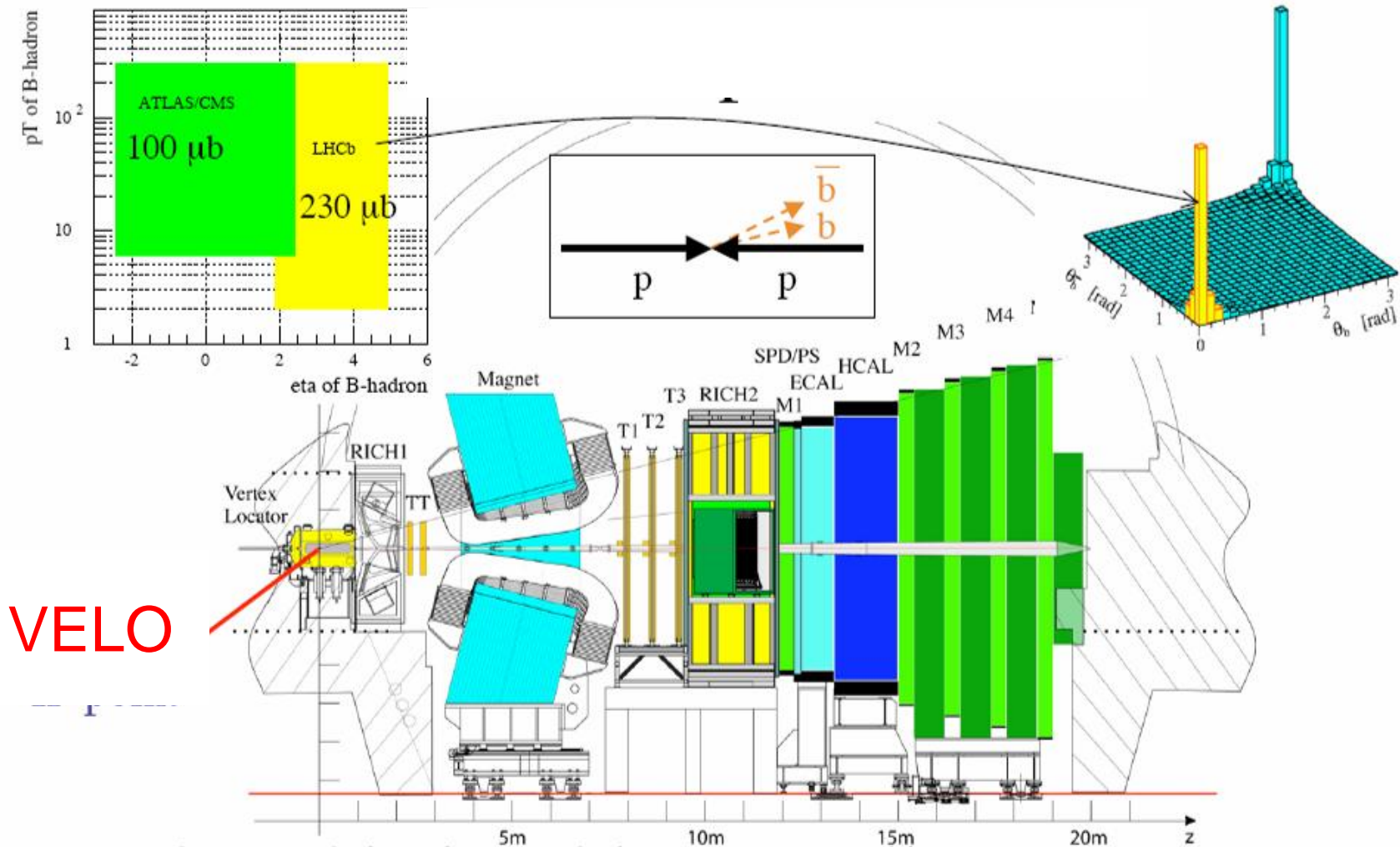
# Overview



- LHCb & VELO
- Operation
- Performance
  - *M. Gersabeck, S. Redford, & M. Alexander*
- New Issues

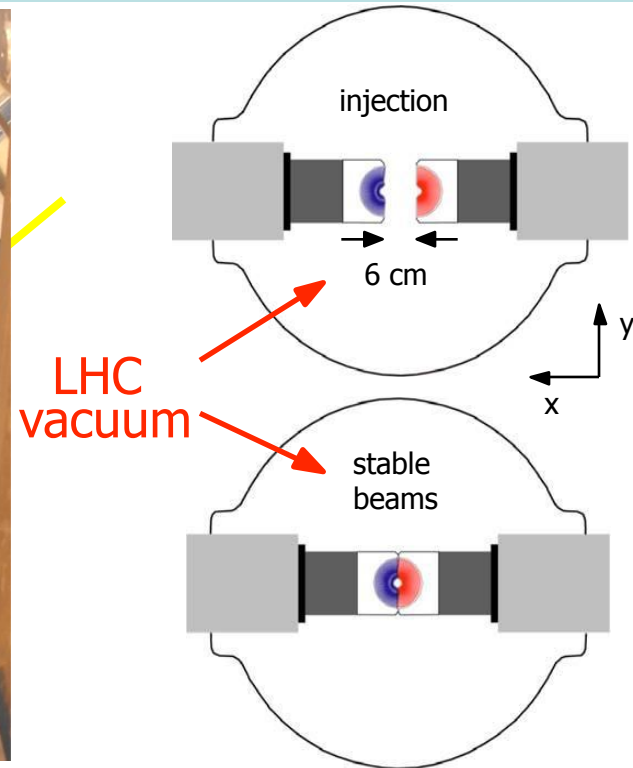
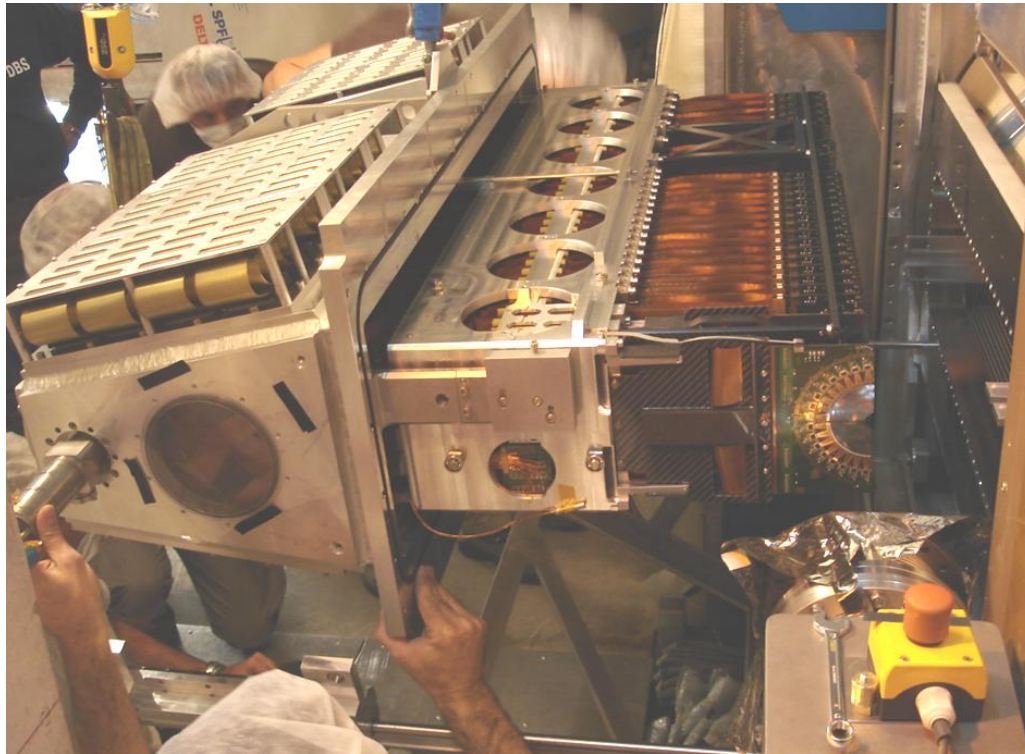


# LHCb: Spectrometer





# VELO: Schematic



- 2 retractable detector halves
- 21 stations per half with an R and  $\phi$  sensor

# VELO: Complete half

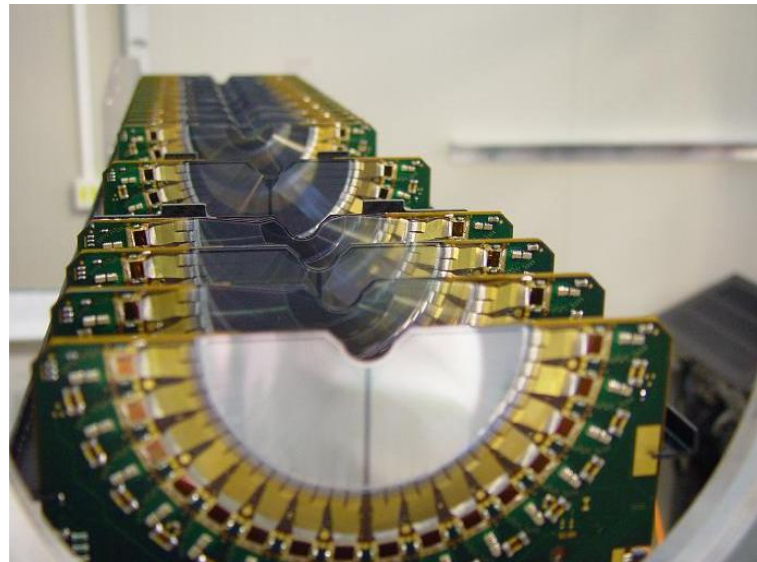
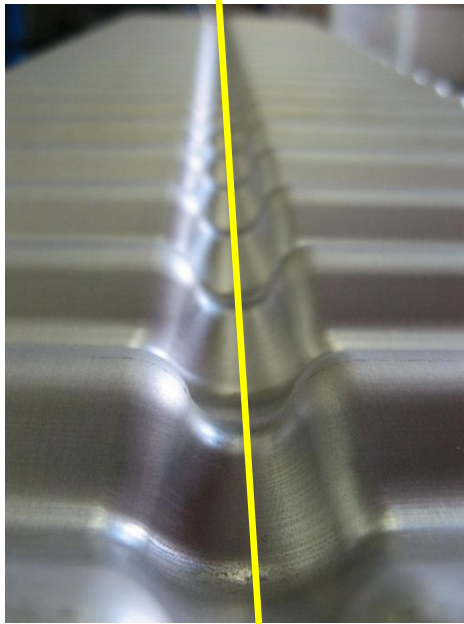


Photo along beam pipe

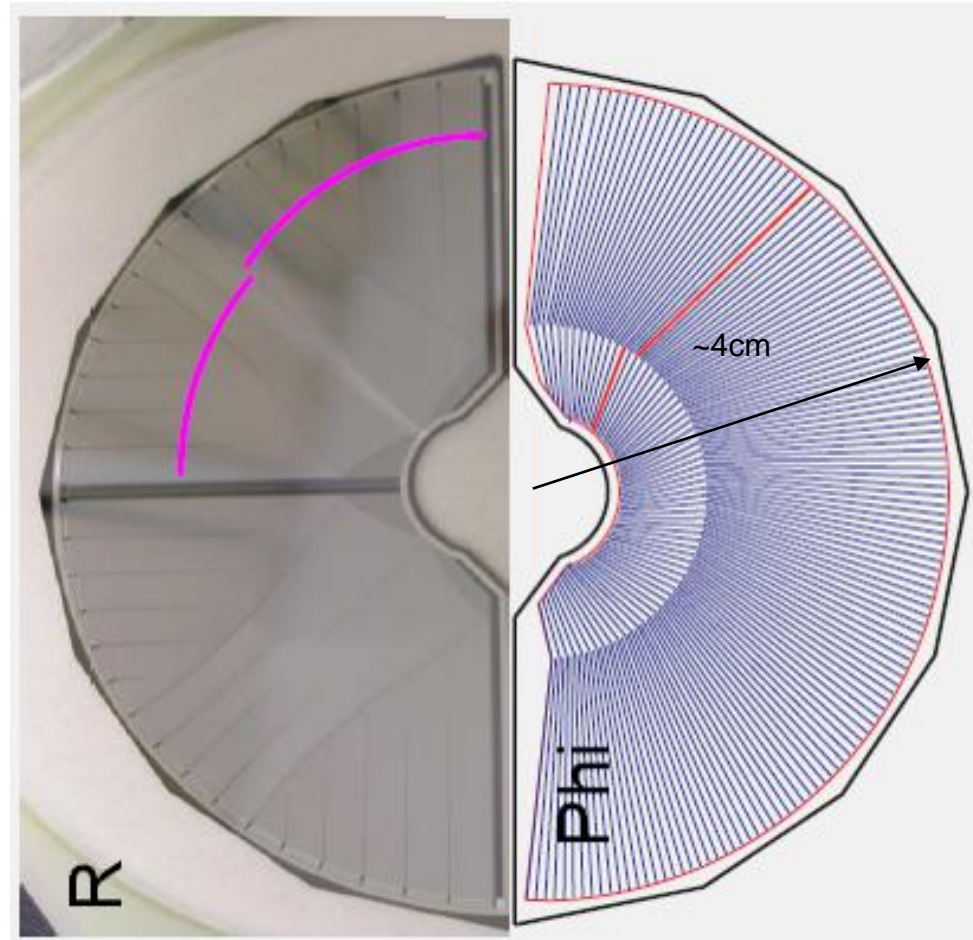
# VELO: Electronics

- Analogue output from ASICs on hybrids
  - 40MHz: up to 1MHz trigger rate
  - Repeater cards outside tank
- Digitization 60m away
- FPGAs handle processing of signals and zero suppression
  - $10^6$  parameters need uploading
  - 7bit arithmetic
    - Integer pedestals and CM subtractions
  - Possibility of non-zero suppressed data to be sent to storage

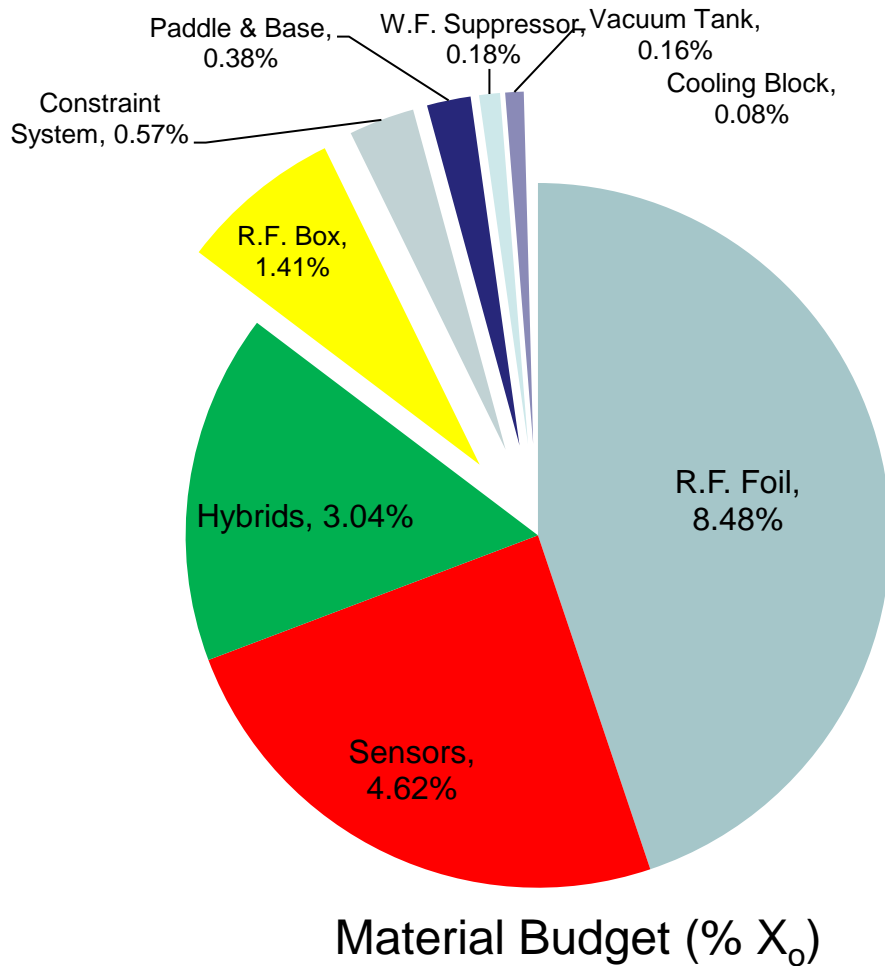


# VELO: Sensors

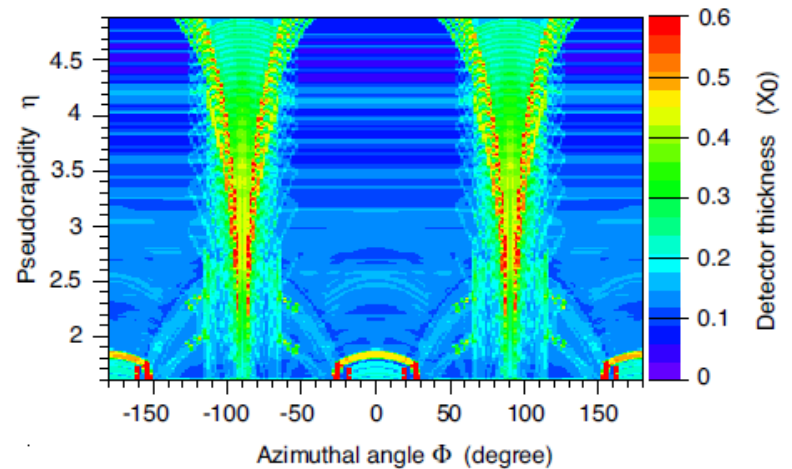
- highly segmented
- $n^+n^-$ 
  - One  $n^+p^-$  module
  - Replacement  $n^+p^-$
  - p-spray isolation
- 2048 strips/sensor
- ~40 micron inner pitch



# VELO: Material Budget



Average is **18.91%  $X_0$**   
 Particle exiting the VELO



See M. Gersabeck's talk for  
 "tomographic" view of the VELO



# Operation: Key Decisions

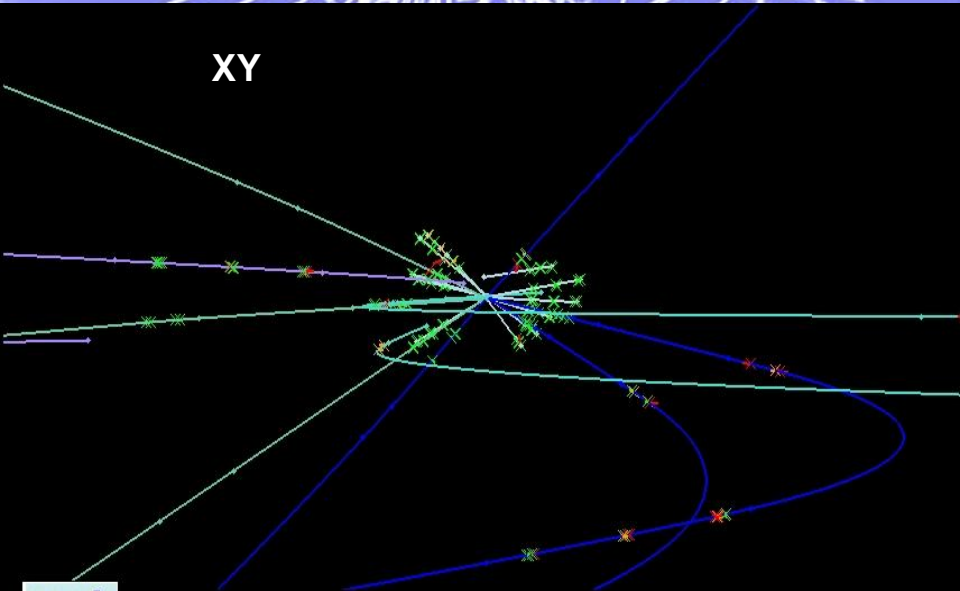
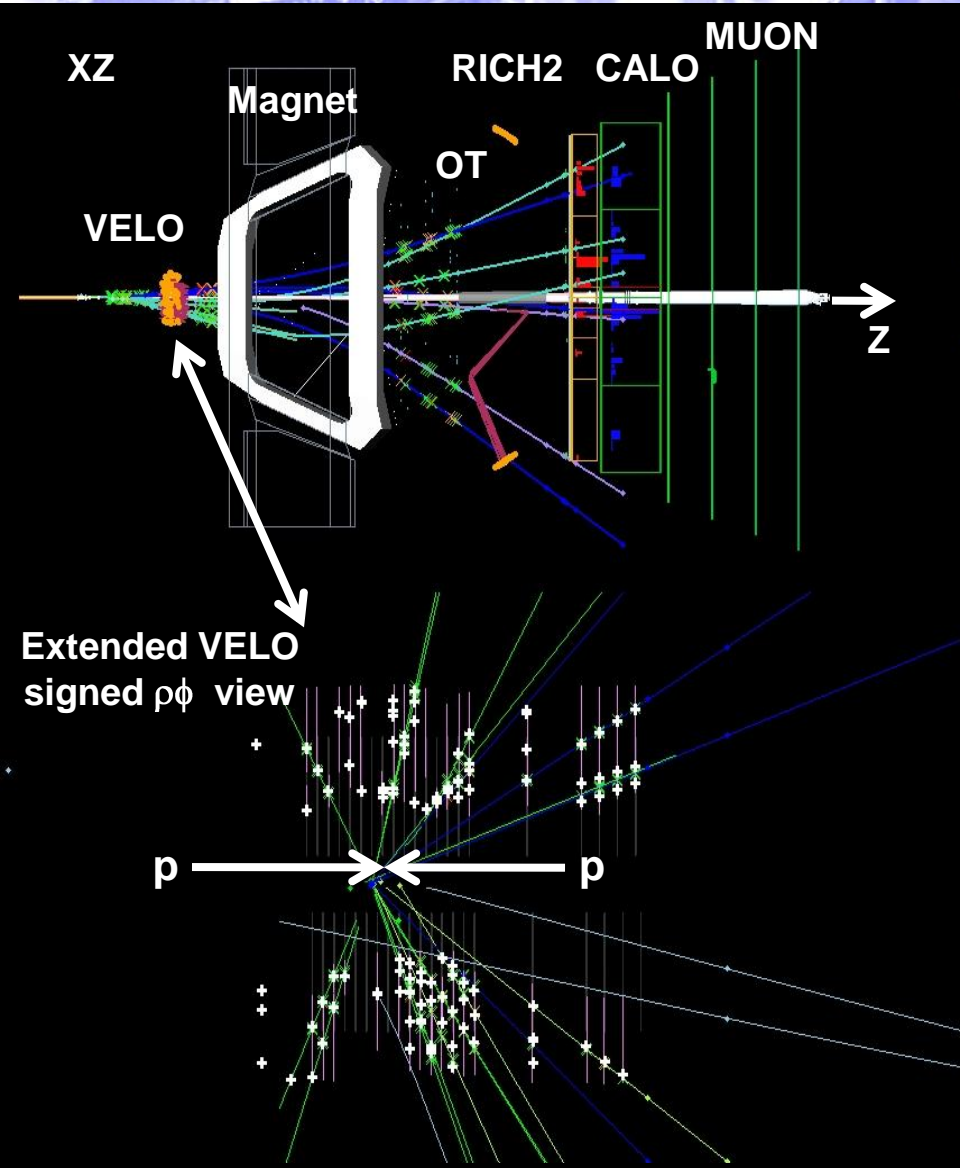
- Keep Detector LV power on except MD
  - To avoid thermal cycling
- Operate Cooling at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  (tested to  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- HV ramped at Beam Stable to 150V
- Closing
  - Manual operation/verification
    - (*Automation see S. Redford's talk*)
  - VELO would not be closed below 2TeV/c per beam
    - This to avoid maximize proximity of beam to foil at low energies
- Provide 24x7 coverage with VELO shifts
  - When collisions foreseen
- Non-Zero Suppressed Data read out
  - Small percentage of bandwidth  $O(1\%)$ .

# Operation: Shifters

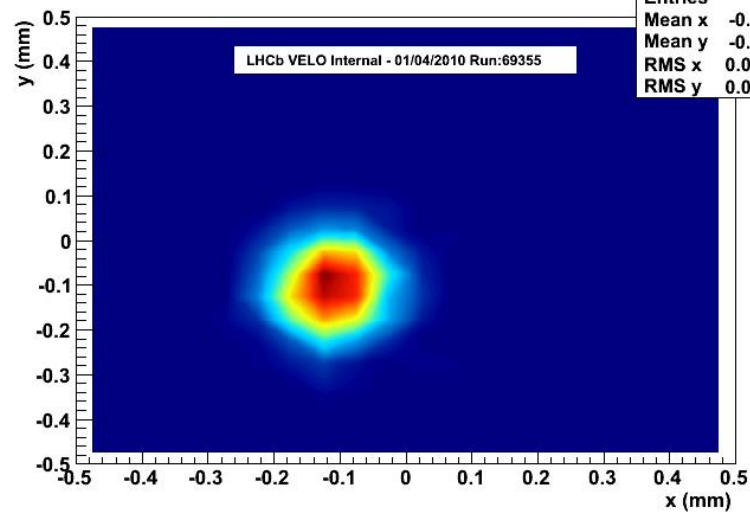
- What do they do?
  - Supervise safety of VELO
  - Learning about environment
    - Vacuum, temperatures as we increase beam current
  - Ensuring quality (occupancy, noise etc) all look fine
    - On the look out for common mode
  - Control the closing!
  - Follow vertex position & Luminosity monitors
- Hard to remove humans from the loop quite yet!



# First Collisions 2009



PV position



# Performance: 2010 – June

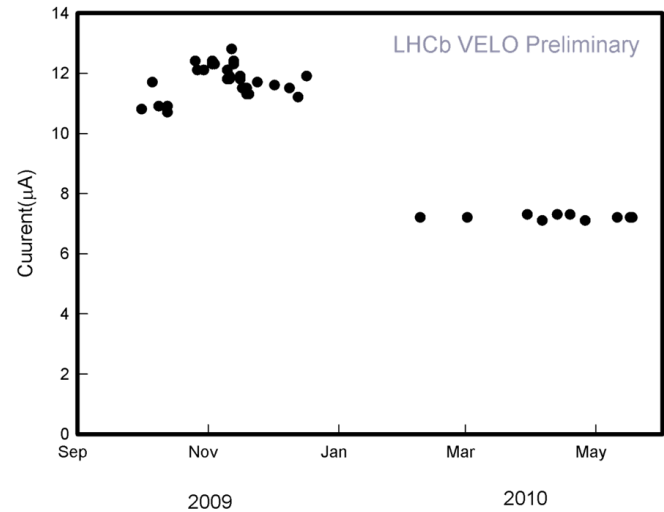
- Six months later
  - LHC much higher luminosity
    - New beam conditions (squeeze)
    - Increasing the numbers of bunches
- We now have  $>10^9$  events
  - Many orders of magnitude away from radiation damage regime!
- What has changed with huge sample?



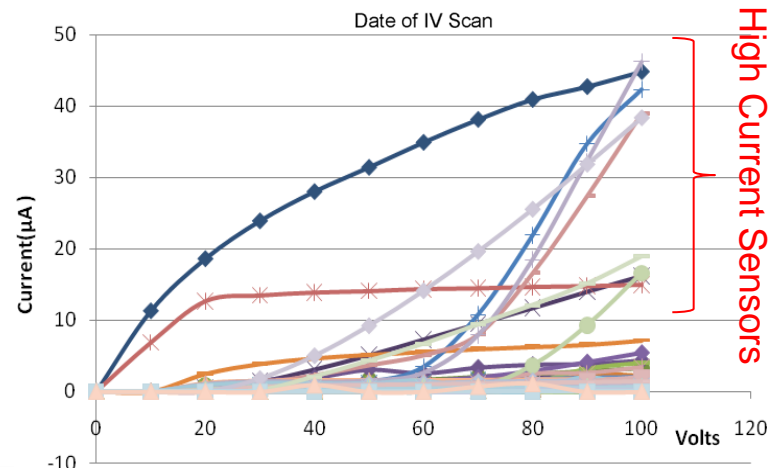
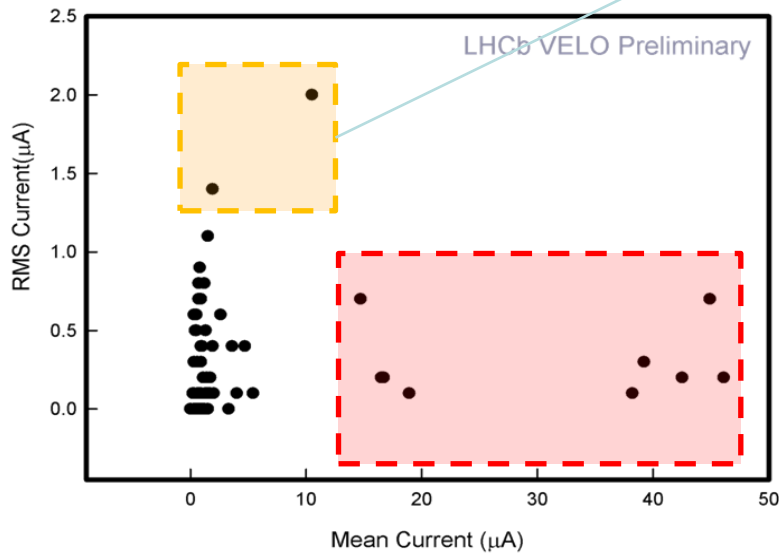
# Performance: Silicon

- No sign of Si changes
- IV scans run regularly
  - Currently use 100V as benchmark

Current VELO Sensor M53P



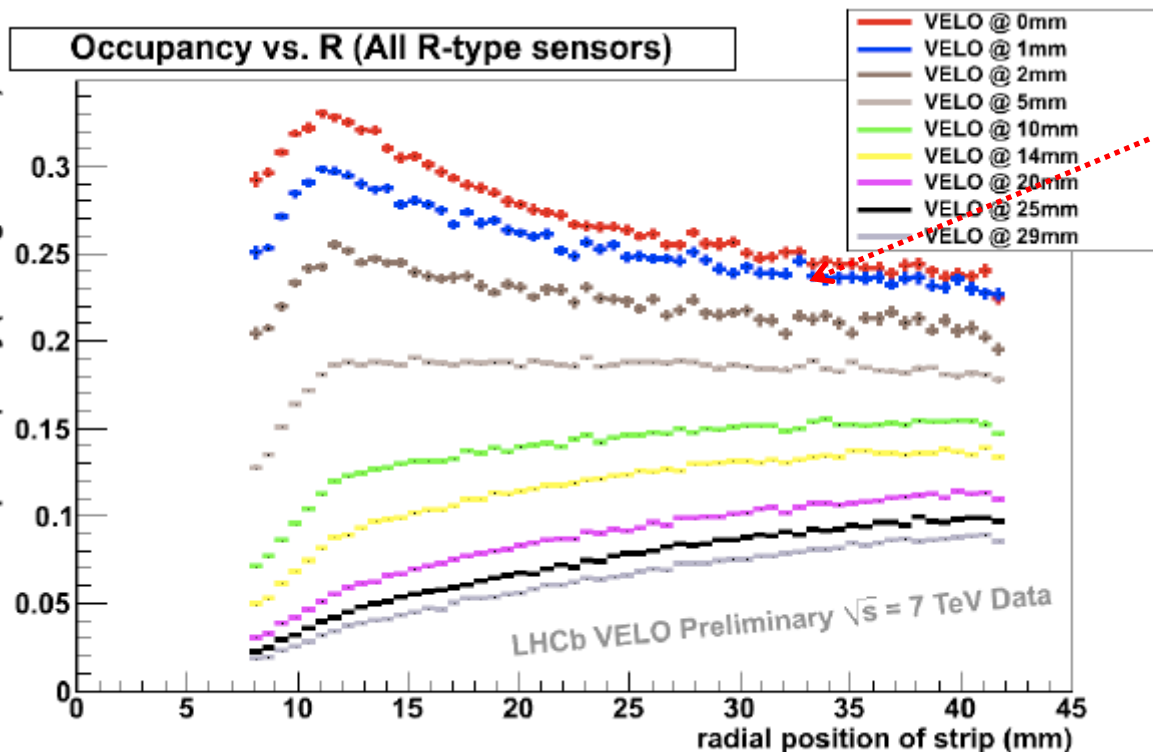
Sensor Currents v RMS of current (9 months)



# Performance: Occupancies

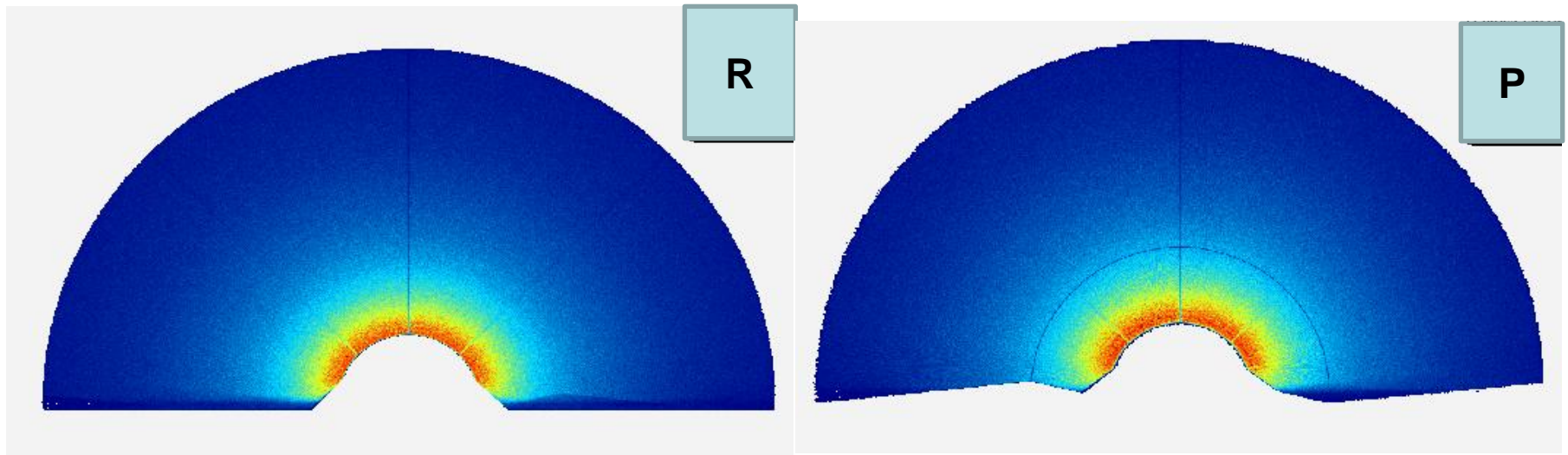
Design aimed to try and keep occupancy approx flat. (depends on trigger etc)

More detailed studies reinforce our expectations of distributions....



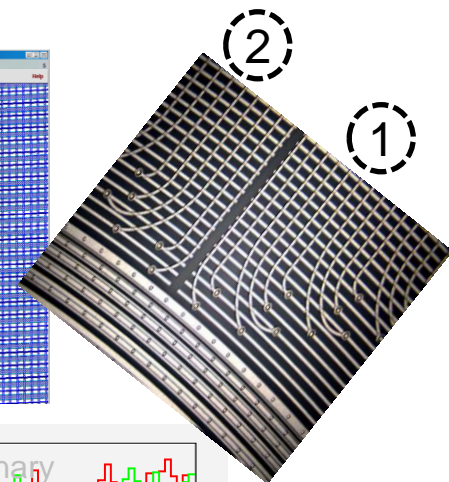
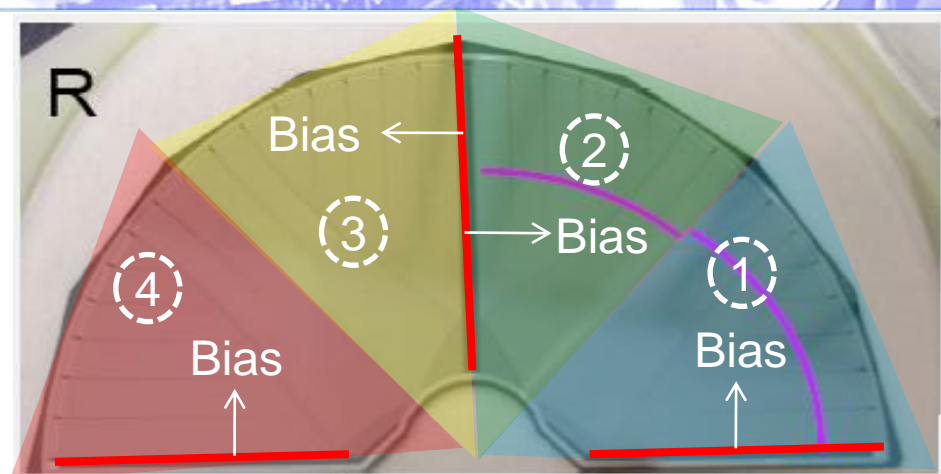


# Performance: Hit Maps

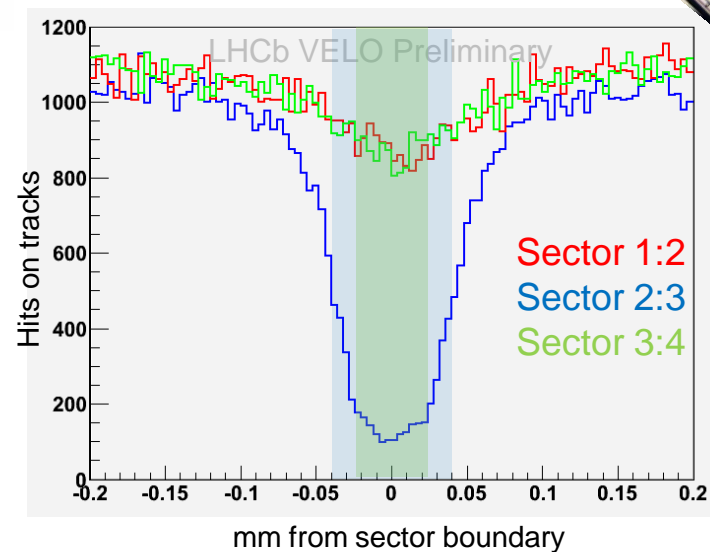


- Huge statistics (!)
- Pseudo Hit maps as sensor 1D
  - Require interpolation

# Performance: Boundaries



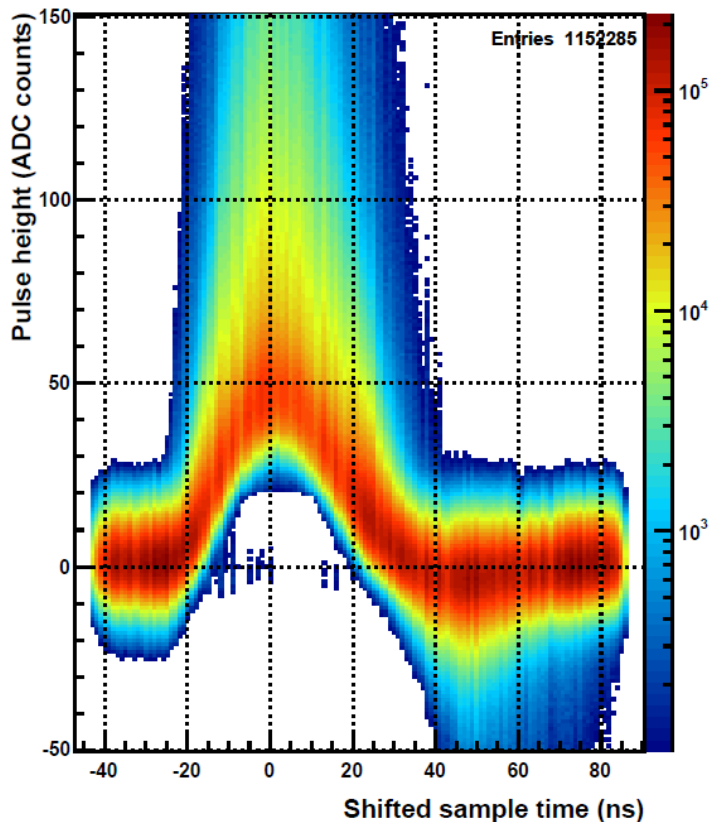
- Boundary 2:3 polysilicon bias line
  - 77 micron gap between strip implant
  - Intermediate bias line with implant
  - Charge in this region “lost”
- Boundary 1:2 and 3:4 no bias line
  - 38 micron gap between implant





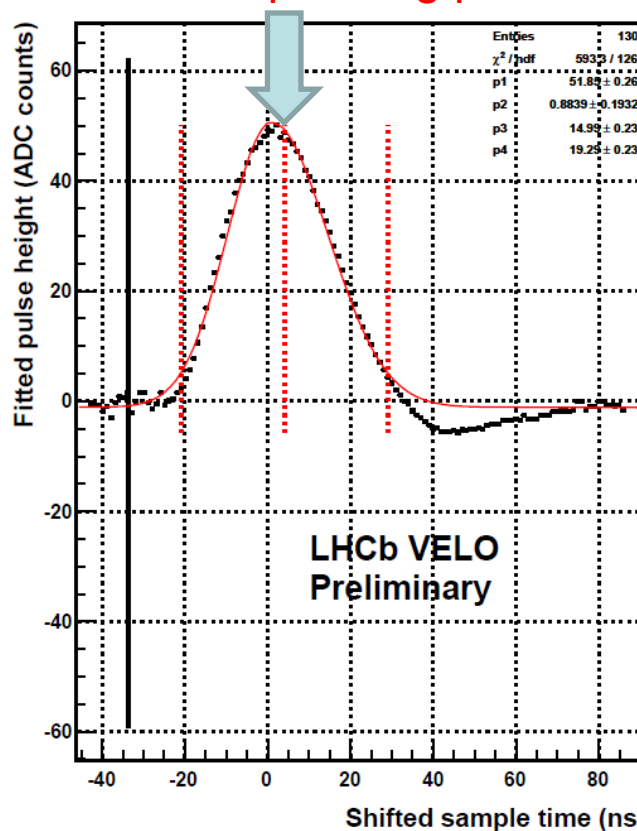
# Performance: Timing

Combined pulse shape



Distribution of pulse heights v time

Operating point



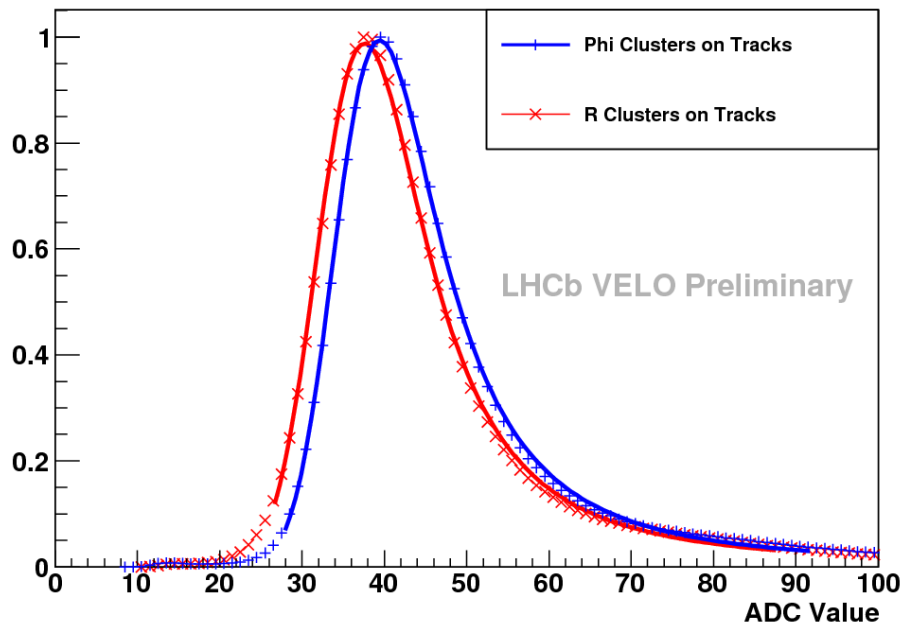
*Interactions can be separated by 25ns*

Set to equalize pre/post spill

**All links timed ~1ns**

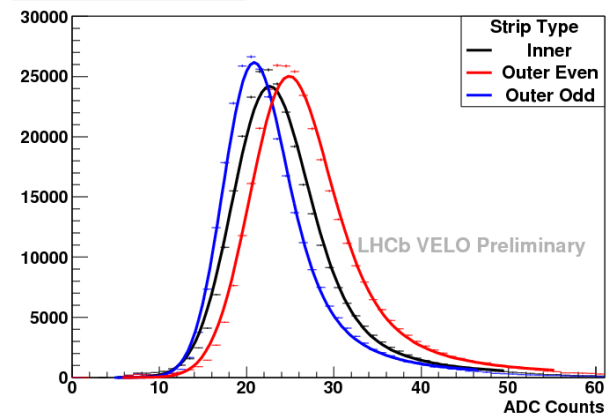
# Performance: Signal/Noise

ADC for clusters associated to a track



After several years of operation expect S/N to drop to O(10).

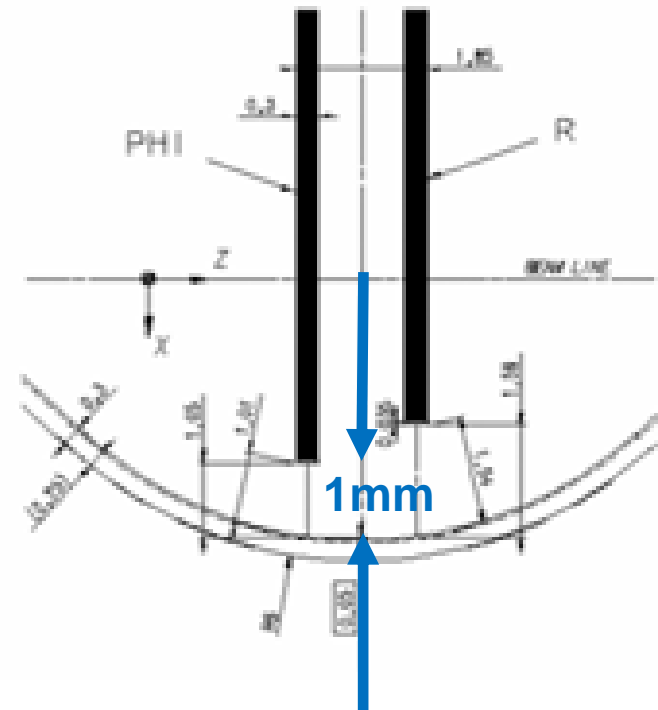
S/N for Phi strips type



| Detector  | S/N  |
|---|------|
| R   | 18.3 |
| Phi Inner Strips<br>- Routed over outer strips  | 21.2 |
| Phi Outer Strips<br>- No overlaid routing lines | 23.3 |
| Phi Outer Strips<br>- Overlaid routing lines    | 19.6 |

# Performance: Common Mode

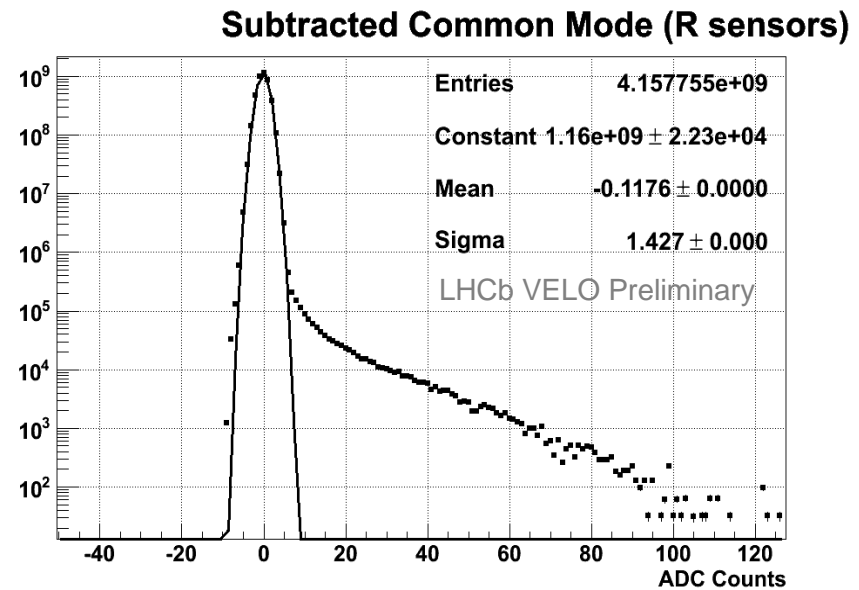
- VELO close to beam and  $O(1\text{mm})$  from r.f. foil
  - Common mode pickup a concern
  - NZS studies to search for beam related effects





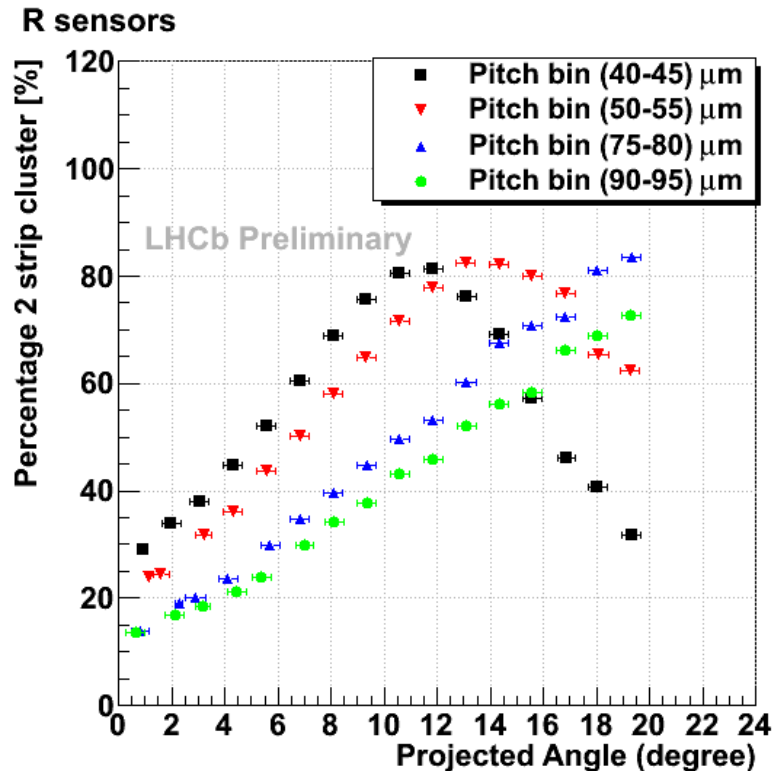
# Performance: Common Mode

- Use our 1% NZS data
  - Deploy a 32 channel “flat” common mode subtraction
  - Also need a 32 channel linear (or higher) CM
- Still under study
  - Causes/sources of large CM corrections in collision data
  - Beam intensity correlation
  - Minimization of CM effects with ASIC settings



**No serious effects yet!**

# Performance: Charge Sharing



Eta distributions

*M. Alexanders poster Thursday ...*

A puzzle:

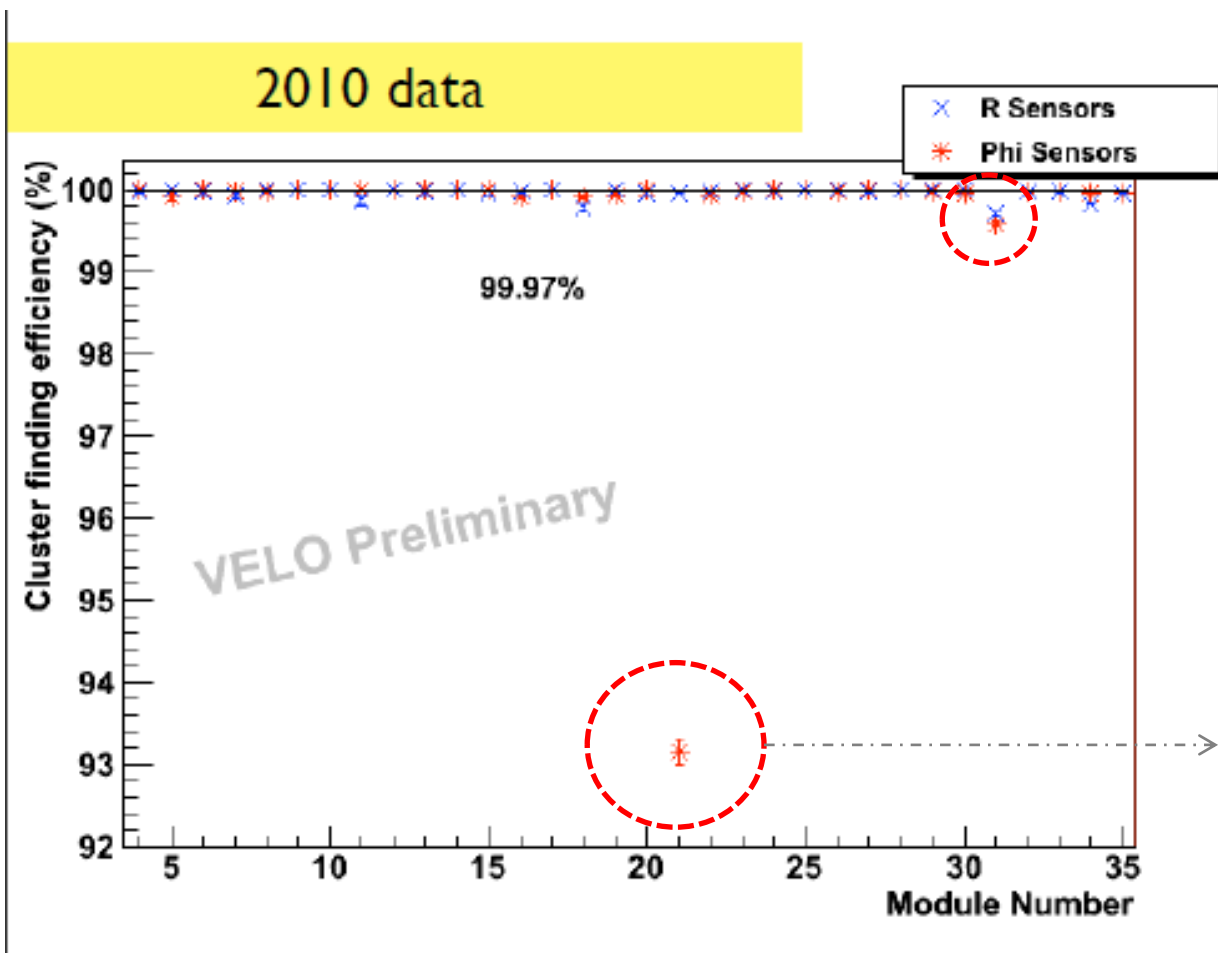
Our resolution at small incident angles seems to be dominated by our fraction of single strips  $O(60\%)$  at normal incidence

Too many 1 strip clusters  $\Rightarrow$  Could the p-spray have affected the implant  $\Rightarrow$  effectively broadening it?

Nominally implant  $\sim 40\%$  pitch – looks bigger

Complicated – vary with angle and increasing pitch!  
Resolution (*see Gersabeck's talk*)

# Performance: Efficiency



Efficiency close to 100%

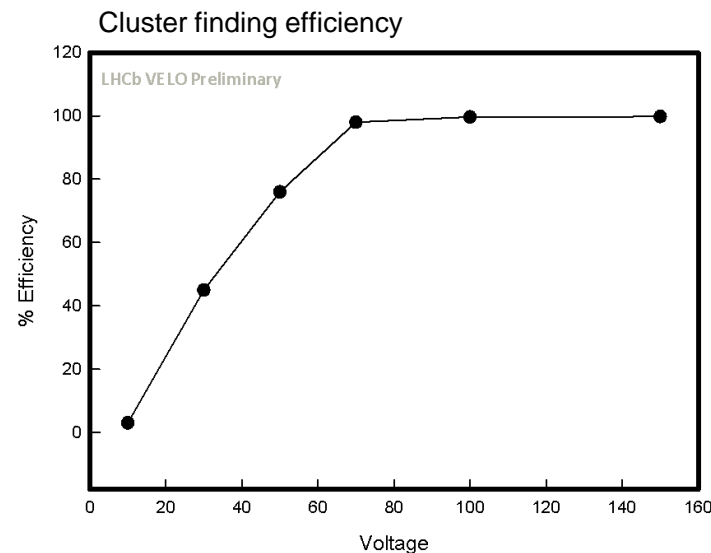
Note: 0.7% dead strips from 172032 fabrication/build removed.

Chip died post installation.  
*Tried to reproduce error assuming pulling single bonds off.*



# Performance: Rad. Damage

- In preparation the infrastructure to study detector degradation
  - Regular HV scans
  - Gain normalization
- Other possible systematic effects not yet studied
  - Cluster shifting
  - Loss of charge sharing

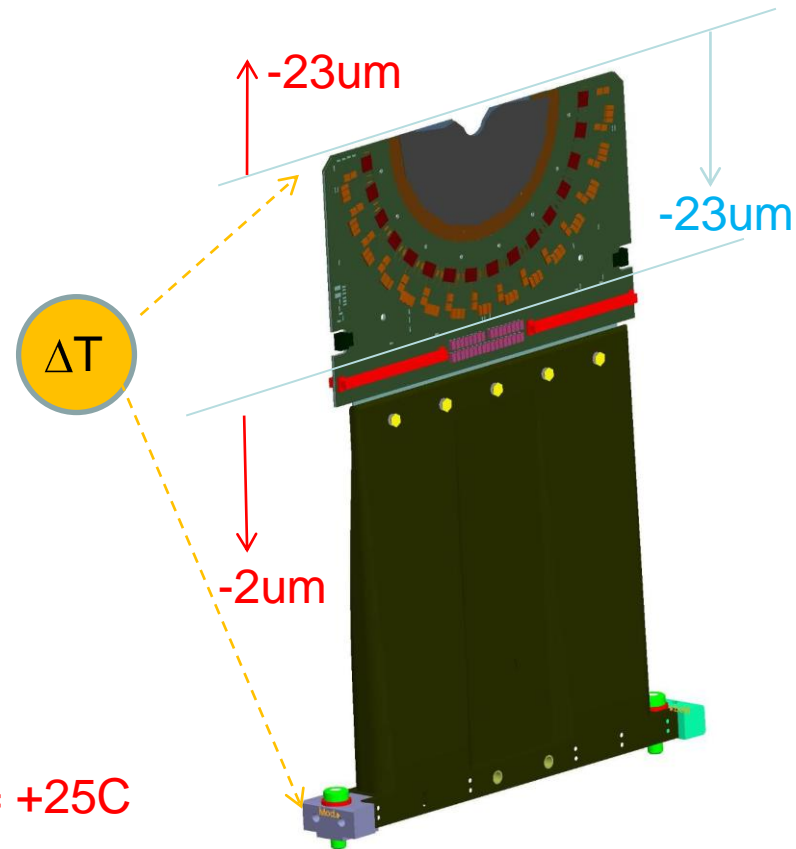


# Issues: VELO Closing

- VELO when “closed” is open by approx 300um
- Why?
  - designed to be ~0 CTE
    - Expected CF/Epoxy CTE O(-1 to 1 ppm/C)

“ISOTHERMAL”  
Measured Shifts for  $\Delta T = +25C$

“ISOTHERMAL”  
Predicted Shifts for  $\Delta T = -25C$



# Issues: VELO closing

- Of 300 microns opening about  $O(70\mu\text{m})$  estimated due to module contraction
  - To be verified in situ with different cooling points.  
Data at different operational temperature(s)
- Further 150 microns known from survey
  - Not quite all  $300\mu\text{m}$  accounted for!
- In future
  - Can (in principle) be solved by “overdriving” the VELO halves against each other
    - Unfortunately the foils already touch
    - Need to see if “overdrive” really needed

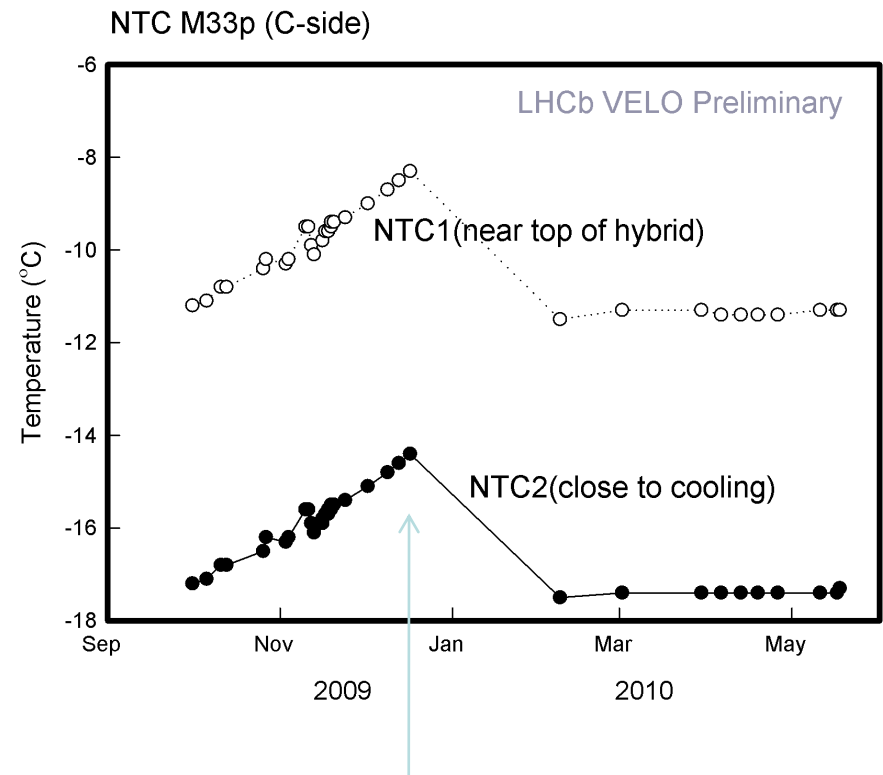


# Comment:

- Difficulty of thermal measurements on modules so far from room temp
  - Same for irradiated objects
  - How do you measure under real conditions?

# Issues: Cooling

- Biphase CO<sub>2</sub>
  - See last years VERTEX proceedings
  - **Has worked beautifully** but one or two (minor) issues
    - On *restart* at -30°C (readjusted to minimum point) full cooling power took over 48 hours to establish
    - In 2009 a blockage slowly occurred in the filters of the CO<sub>2</sub>
  - No problems in 2010.



*Intervention to unblock fliter*

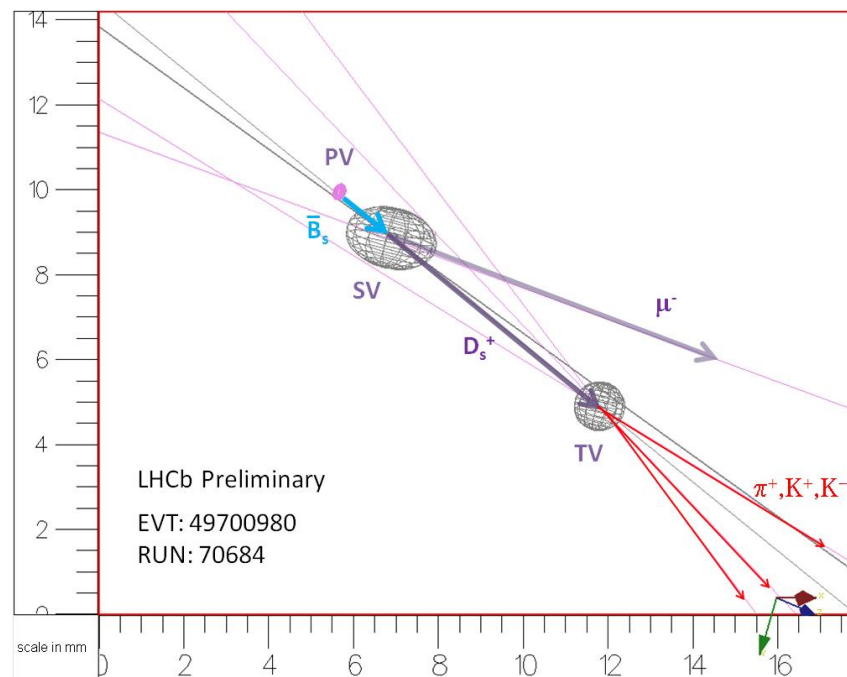
# Comment: Software

- Software/Firmware
  - Enormous effort to *emulate* (bitwise) in detail what the FPGA does. **Very successful**
- Non-zero suppressed data critical to deep understanding of detector
  - May need to use “non emulated” mode for this in future
    - Remove integerization and cluster threshold effects for special studies
- **Must fight keep our NZS bandwidth!**



# Summary

- VELO
  - Operated well from day 1
  - High Efficiency
  - Enables physics of LHCb
    - *See M. Gersabecks talk*
  - Expect to reach full potential in 2010
- Substantial challenge lies ahead with radiation damage ...





# BACKUP

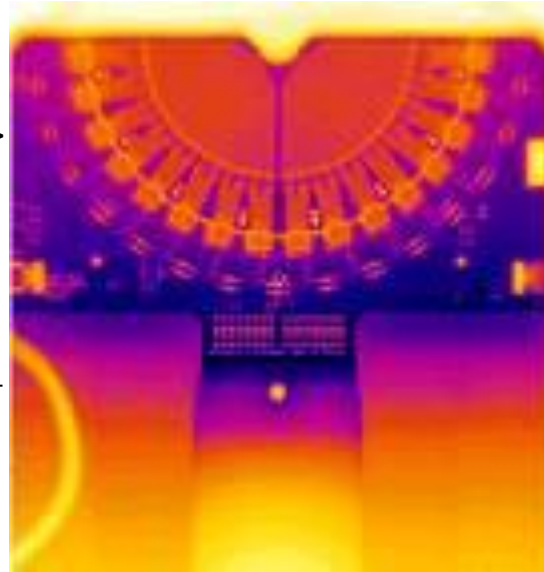
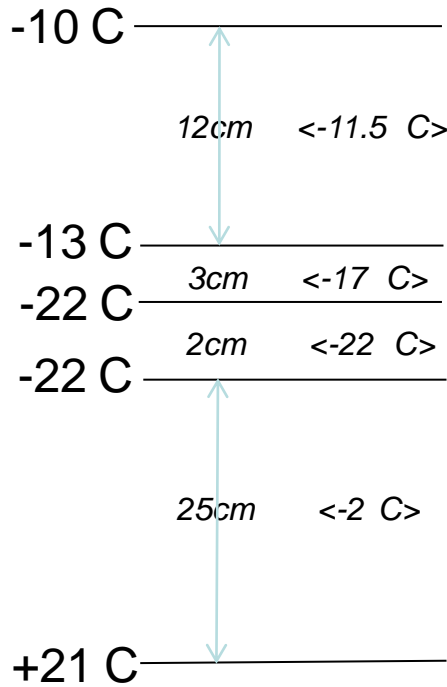
# Operation: Components

- 2009/2010
  - Thermo/Mechanics/Vac
  - DAQ & ECS
  - Timing
  - Online Monitoring
  - Closing
  - Offline Monitoring
  - Alignment
  - *Data Quality*
  - Software Coordination
- Safety, Safety, Safety
  - Total unknown operating environment for us
    - Extended operation in vacuum
    - Moveable detectors
  - Emergency Procedures
    - Installed override of all computer systems to provided a failsafe (DSS control ) to kill all power to VELO



# Issues: VELO Closing

Hybrid/Paddle Temp



$\Delta T(+25C) \rightarrow +25\mu m$  Hybrid  
 $\Delta T(-25C) \rightarrow -2\mu m$  Pedestal

Shift expected is approx  
 -32 to -34 $\mu m$ /side

Opening  $\sim$  -62 $\mu m$  to  
 -68 $\mu m$

i.e. O(70 $\mu m$ )

*About 30% of  
 300micron opening  
 attributable  
 to module shrinkage*

Temp Hybrid  $\sim$  <-14 C> corresponding to  $\Delta T(-30C)$   $\rightarrow$  -35 $\mu m$  Hybrid  
 non thermally isolated Pedestal  $\sim$  (-1)  $\rightarrow$  +1 $\mu m$  Pedestal  
 (thermally isolated Pedestal) Pedestal  $\sim$  (-25)  $\rightarrow$  +3 $\mu m$

# Foil

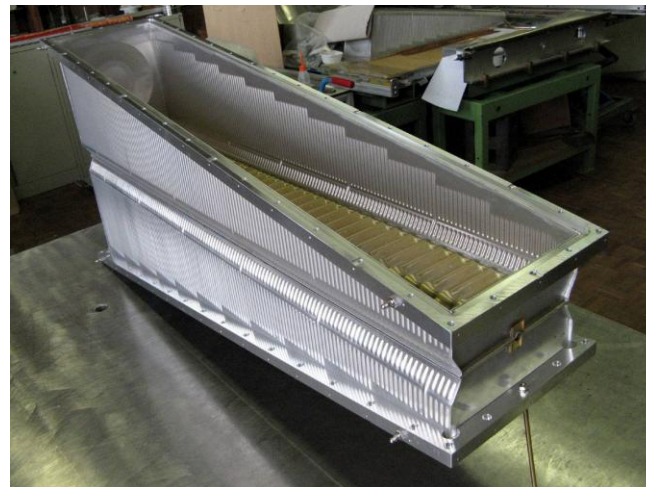
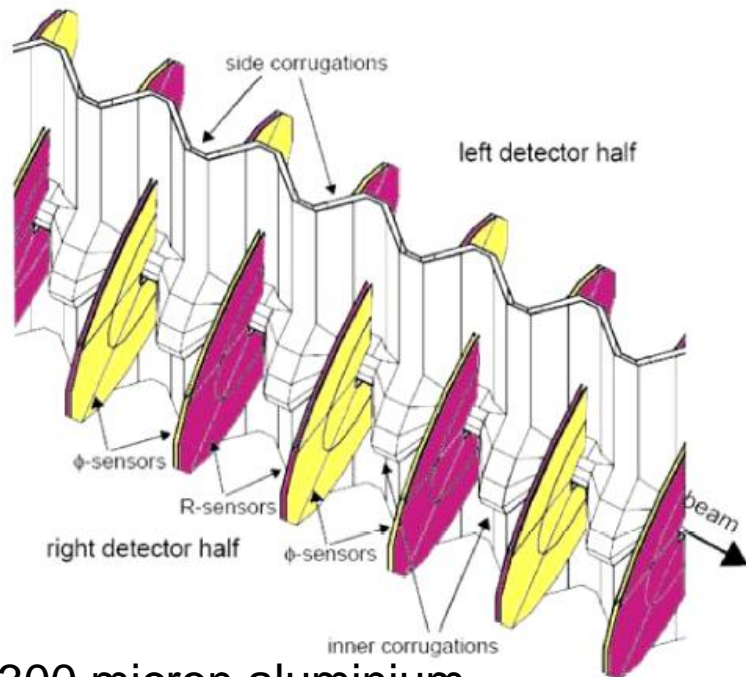
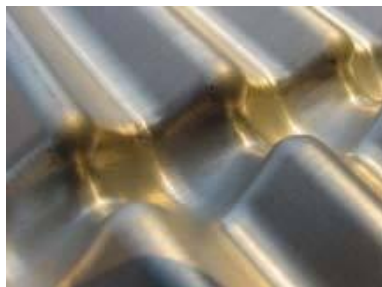


Photo along beam pipe  
Foils (Box) closed

- Foil
  - RF protection
  - Secondary Vacuum

*Foil a key element in any future VELO detector... See Buytaert's talk*

300 micron aluminium



# Projection: Two strip clusters

