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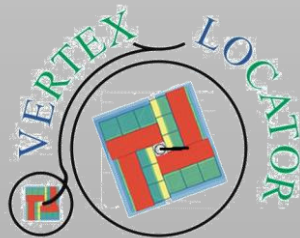
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R&D
ON EXPERIMENTAL
TECHNOLOGIES

An LHCb **Vertex Locator (VELO)** for 2030s

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Tateyama Resort Hotel – October 27th, 2022

•Overview

Introduction

- ✓ The LHCb Experiment @ LHC
- ✓ HL-LHC timescale and planning
- ✓ Physics at Run 4 and beyond
- ✓ Run 4 Conditions

Velo @ Run 5

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- ✓ Towards a 4D tracker
- ✓ X_0 , Φ_{eq} and σ_{HIT} – A delicate balance

Sensor R & D

- ✓ Silicon Technologies
- ✓ Timing with LGADs and 3Ds

ASIC Development

- ✓ Requirements & Limits
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Conclusions

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• Related Talks

LHCb Upgrade I & II, ASICs

LHCb Upgrade I

- Valeriia Lukashenko – Monday October 24th
“The Vertex Locator at LHCb Upgrade I”
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1140707/contributions/5036353/>
- Dimitra Andreou – Monday October 24th
“Status of the Upstream Tracker”
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1140707/contributions/5052643/>

LHCb Upgrade II

- Ryunosuke O'Neil – Tuesday October 25th
“HV-MAPS for the LHCb Upgrade II Mighty Tracker”
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1140707/contributions/5086206/>

ASICs

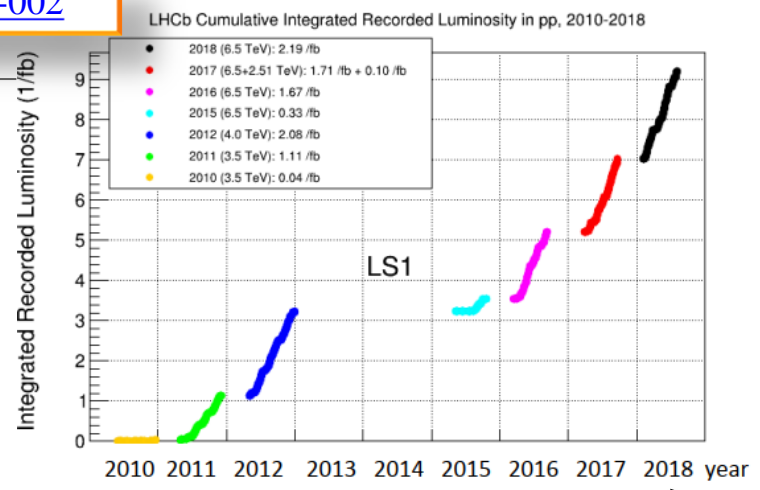
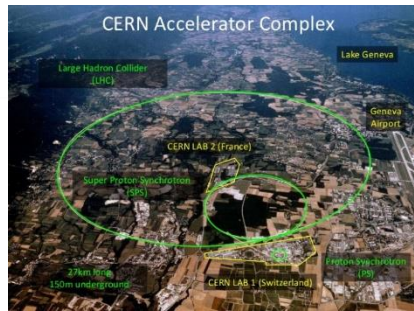
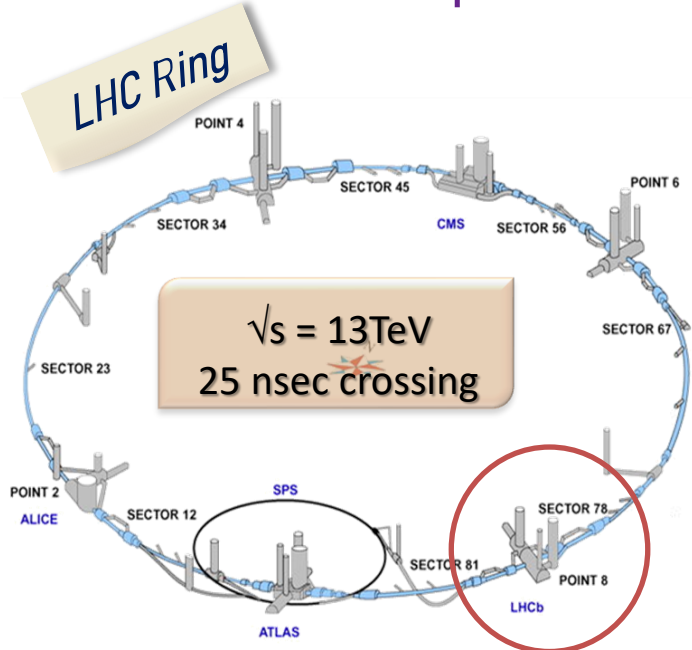
- Adriano Lai – Thursday October 27th
“TimeSPOT results on sensors and electronics and future perspectives”
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1140707/contributions/5031145/>
- Kevin Heijhoff – Thursday October 27th
“Timepix4 timing performance and first beam test results”
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1140707/contributions/5041530/>



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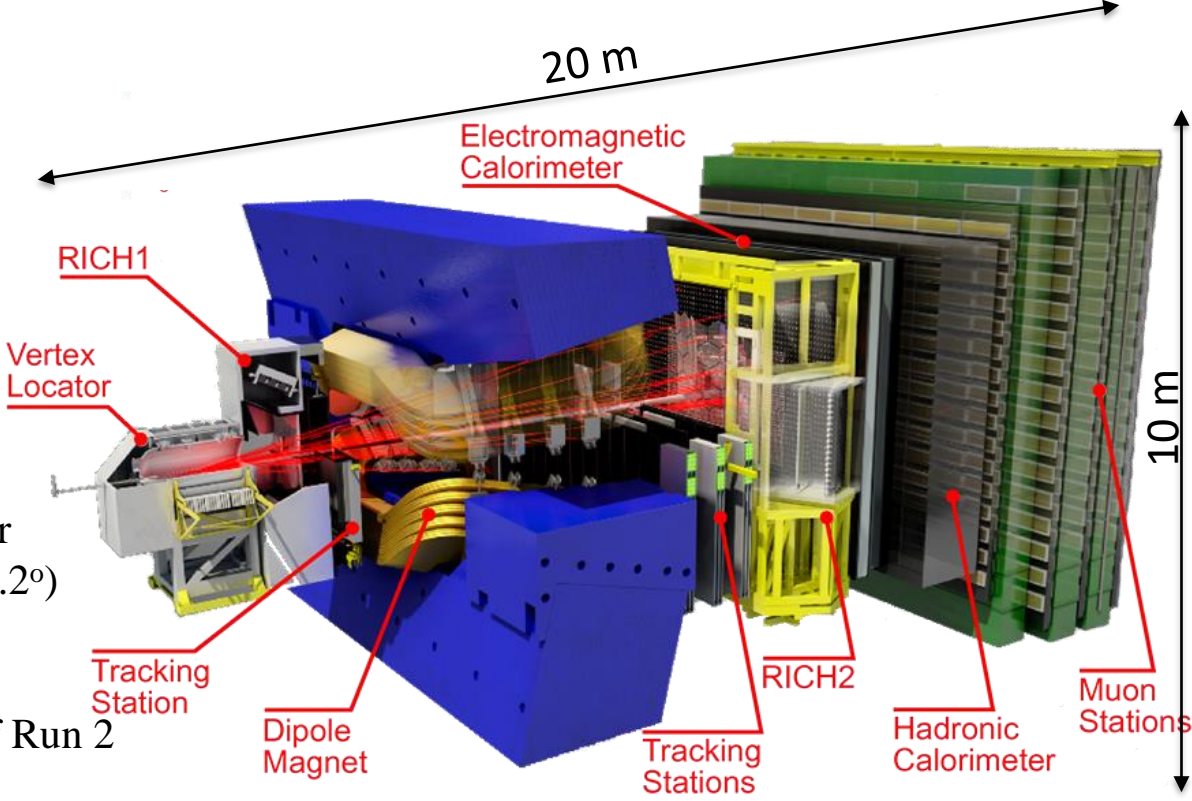
Pub. Note: [LHCb-DP-2014-002](#)

The LHCb Experiment



LHC Beauty

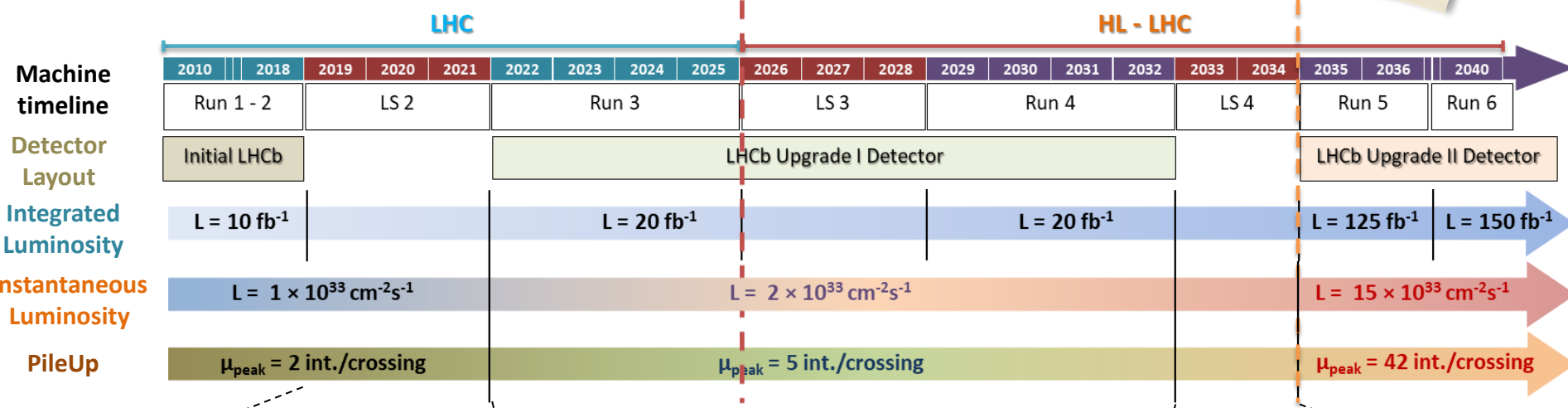
- General purpose forward spectrometer optimized for high precision heavy flavor
- Coverage: $2 < \eta < 5$ ($0.86^\circ - 17.2^\circ$)
 - 1.05 T – 10 m dipole magnet
 - $\Delta p/p = 0.5\%$ @ $< 20\text{ GeV}$
- ✓ ~ 10 fb^{-1} integrated luminosity end of Run 2



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*COVID Revised,
LHC schedule [link](#)*

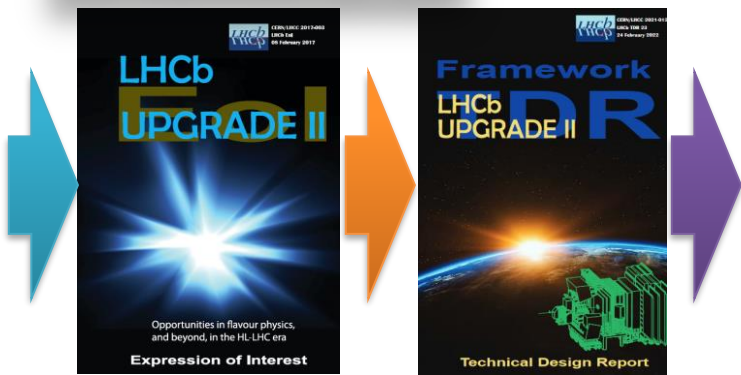
Towards HL-LHC



Phase I upgrades

- ✓ Pixelated VELO at 5.1 mm from beam line, microplate CO₂ cooled
- ✓ Full 40 MHz software trigger and readout
- ✓ New silicon microstrip upstream tracker (UT)
- ✓ SciFi – Scintillating fiber tracker, 12 layers (4 stations)
- ✓ Upgraded RICH 1 & 2 stations

EoI: [CERN-LHCC-2017-003](#)



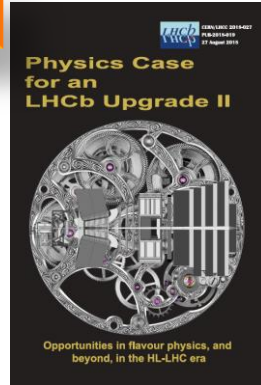
Framework TDR:
[CERN-LHCC-2021-012](#)

Phase II upgrades

- ✓ Fully 4D VELO with ~ 50 ps hit resolution
- ✓ HV-CMOS based MAPS sensors for UT
- ✓ Timing in both RICH and TORCH stations (70 ps)
- ✓ Timing @ECAL with increase special resolution

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Pub Note: [CERN-LHCC-2018-027](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.02727)



Physics Case

SM Benchmarks – Unitarity triangle

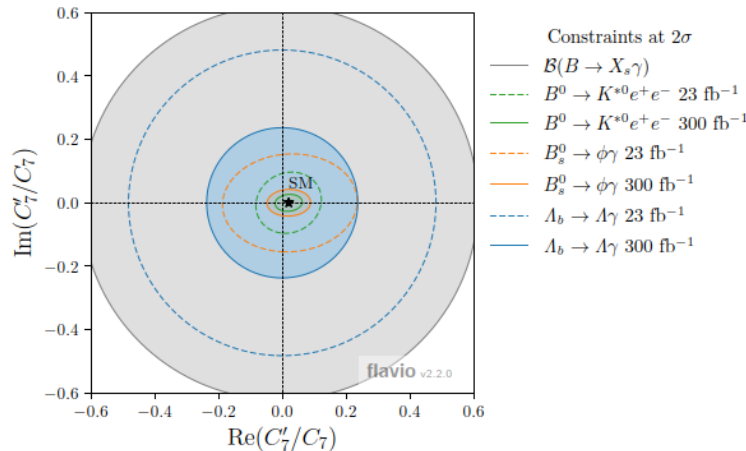
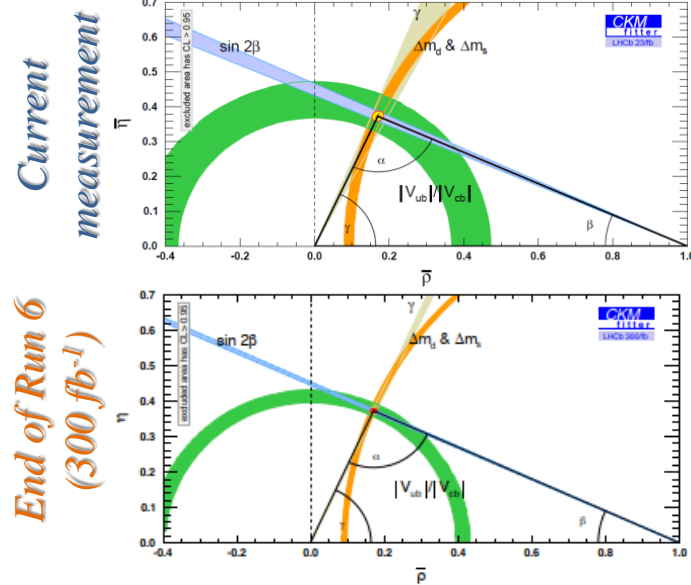
- ✓ Precise benchmark of SM through apex of CKM unitarity triangle
- ✓ Allows tree level processes to be assessed against loop contributions
- ✓ Angle γ can be estimated with minimal theory uncertainties and tree level processes
- ✓ End of upgrade I precision (50 fb^{-1}) $\rightarrow 1^\circ$
End of upgrade II precision (300 fb^{-1}) $\rightarrow 0.35^\circ$

Article: [arXiv:2108.09283](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.09283)

Rare Decays

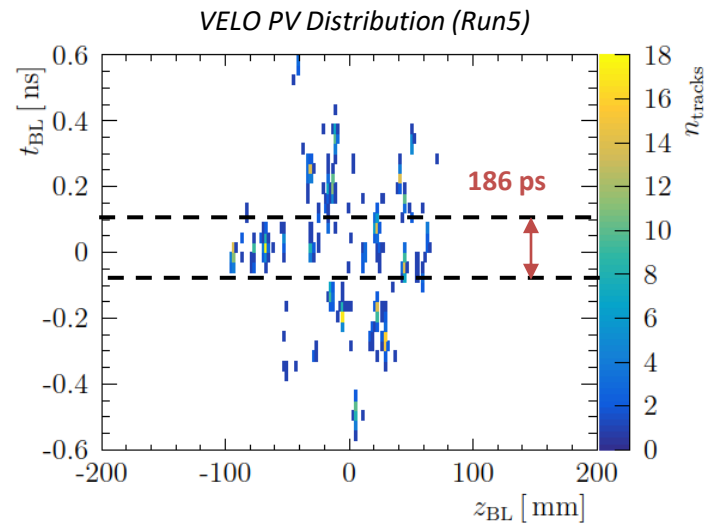
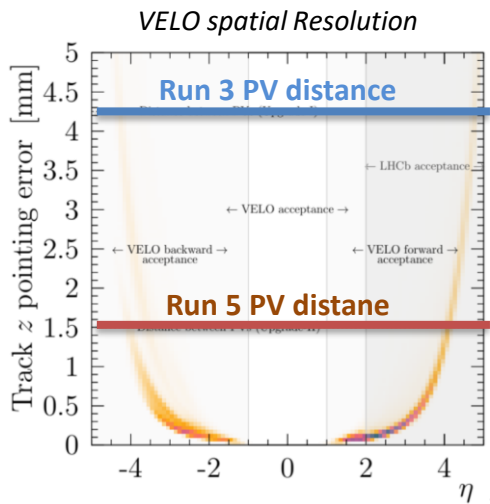
- ✓ Flavor changing transitions anomalies show hits of new physics (B anomalies – 1.5σ SM deviation)
- ✓ Greater statistics allows precision measurement of branching ratios and angular distributions

Observable	LHCb 2025	Upgrade II
$B_S^0, B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	34 %	10 %
$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) / (B_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$		

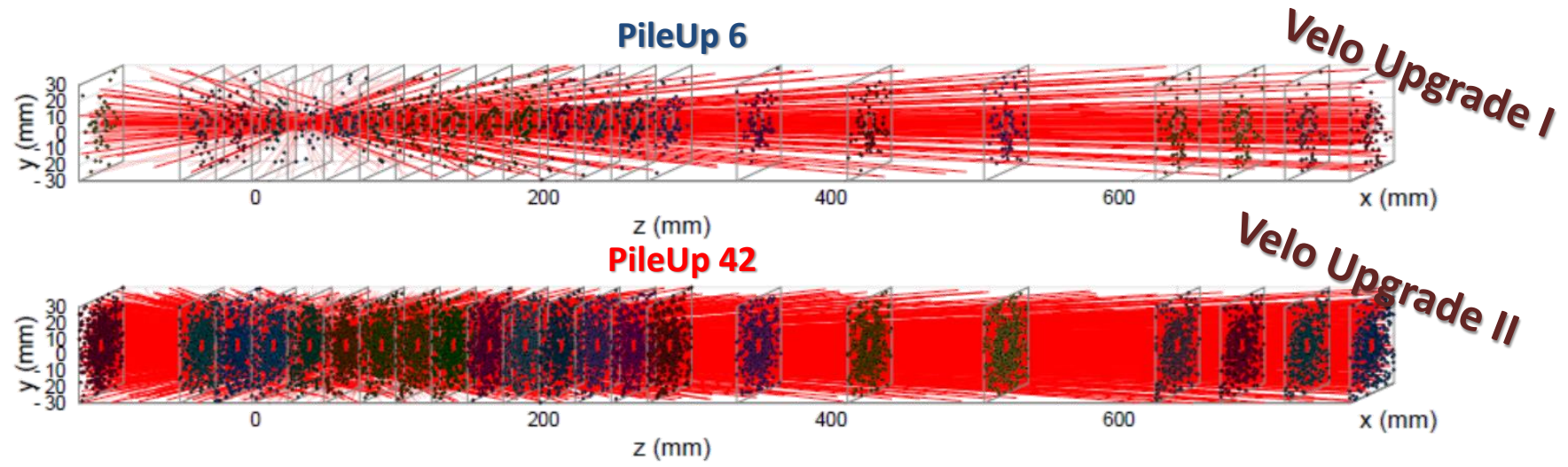


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Run 4 Conditions I

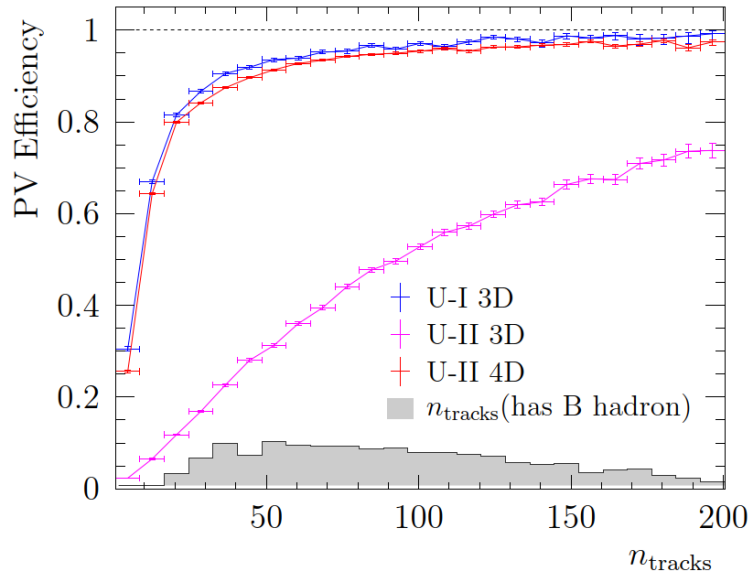


- ✓ High PileUp induces PV spatial separation of the same order as detector resolution → **PV unresolvable**
- ✓ PV RMS time distribution in the order of 186 ps (Gaussian)
- ✓ Using time information, PV reconstruction efficiency can be recovered
- ✓ Track reconstruction highly benefits from timing
- ✓ 20 ps track binning sufficient for recovering efficiency



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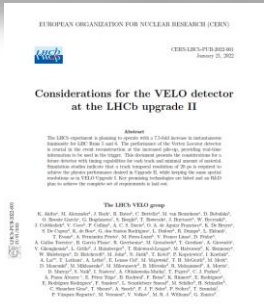
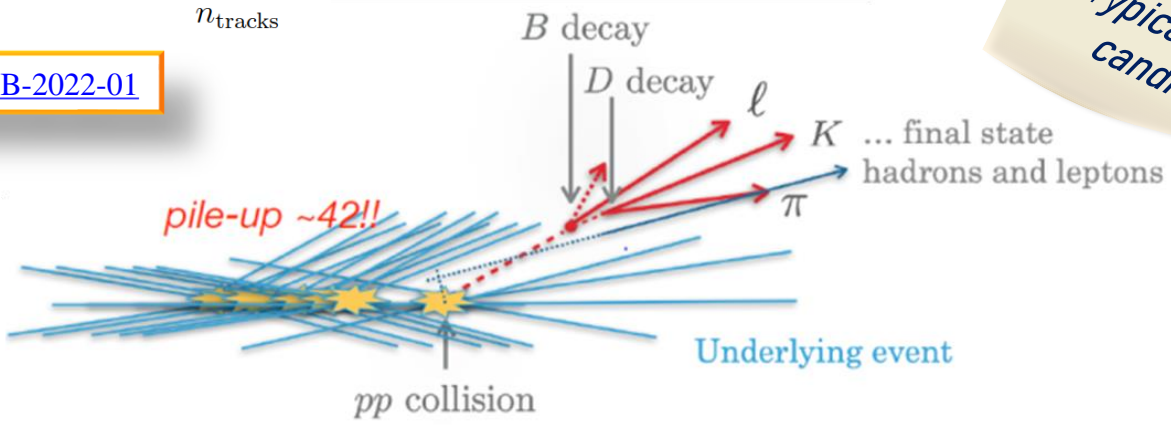
Run 4 Conditions II



- ✓ Timing essential to maintaining practically identical reconstruction efficiency as upgrade I at Run 5 conditions
- ✓ Needed for mitigating ghost track rejection
- ✓ Important for b-related analysis for the identification of the displace vertex
- ✓ Separate b-decays from primary vertices

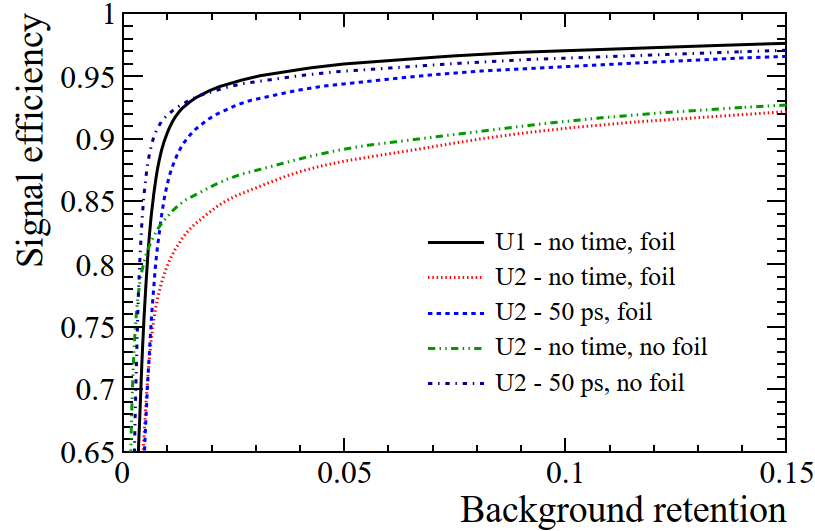
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Typical Event candidate

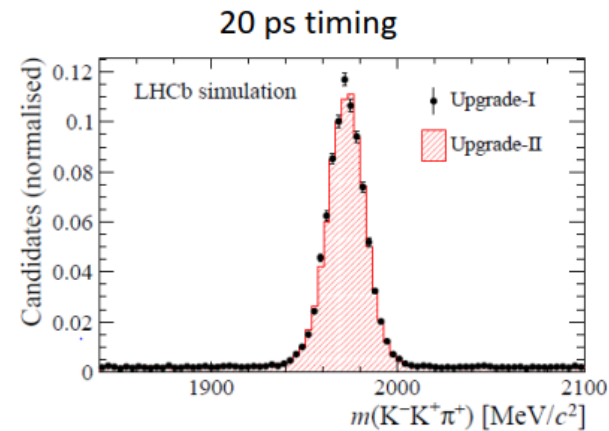
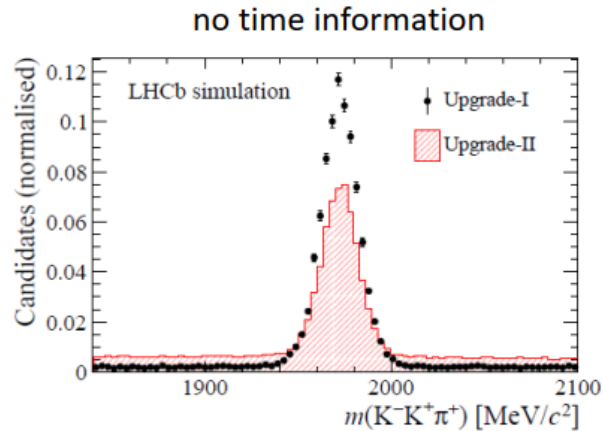


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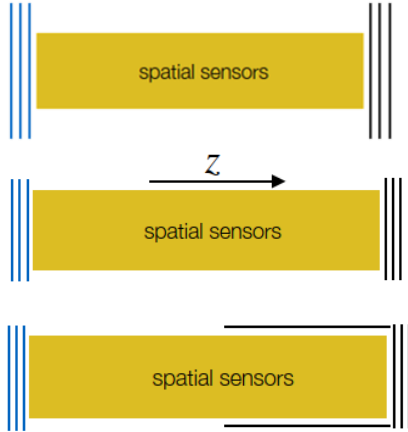


- ✓ LHCb is essentially a trigger experiment (on-line trigger lines for interesting decays)
- ✓ If events not recognized as belonging to one of the trigger lines, they are rejected with no recourse
- ✓ Very important to ensure trigger efficiency at high PileUp conditions
- ✓ Simulated studies using a simplified Kalman filter approach at $B_S^0 \rightarrow D_S^- \pi^+$ events
- ✓ Efficiency is recovered to 90% for an IP > 0.1 mm with the addition of timing



• Velo @ Run 5

Evaluated Options



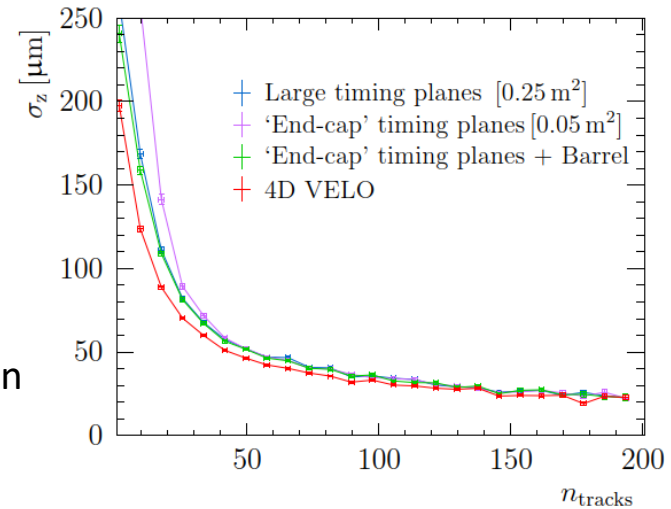
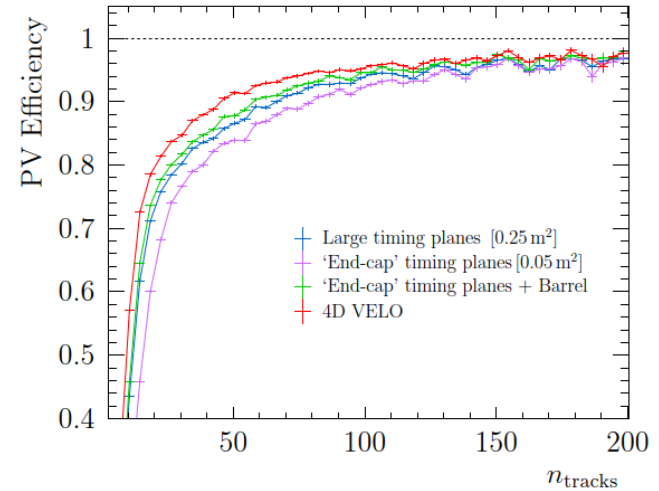
Timing planes + tracking option

- At least three layers required for outlier rejection & combinatorics
- Single hit resolution requirement at 25 ps
- Dispersion due to different particle momenta
- 100 μm pixel to maintain occupancy

	Upgrade I	Large Planes	Endcaps	Endcaps + Barrel
Covered range	$2 \leq \eta \leq 5$	$2 \leq \eta \leq 5$	$2.8 \leq \eta \leq 5$	$2 \leq \eta \leq 5$
Additional area [m^2]	0.1	0.25	0.05	0.4

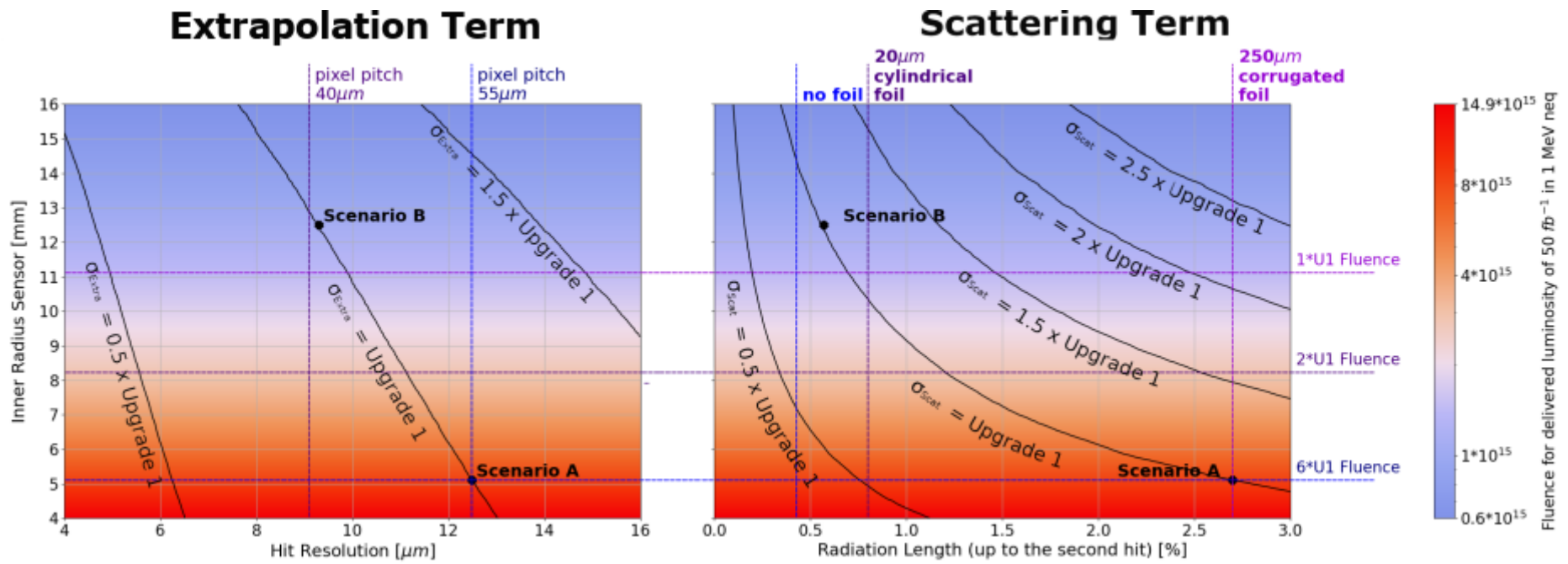
Full 4D VELO option

- Single hit resolution at 50 ps
- Better efficiency in pattern recognition and vertex reconstruction
- Lower cost with respect to discrete timing solution:
 - Single sensor technology and ASIC
 - Less computing power due to higher efficiency in PV reconstruction



• Velo @ Run 5

X_0 , Φ_{eq} and σ_{HIT} – A delicate balance



- IP resolution: $\sigma_{IP} = \sigma_{extrap.} \times \sigma_{scatter}$
- Calculation for tracks of $|\eta|=3.5$
- To keep radiation hardness to moderate levels (Scenario B):
 - Increase binary pixel resolution → **decrease quadratically electronics footprint**
 - Decrease material budget by a factor of ~ 5

It's a game of balance to find the "right" operational point

• Velo @ Run 5

Full-on trimming VELO

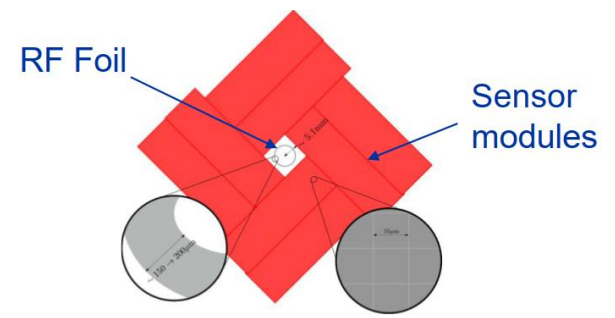
Two different layout scenarios as baseline for optimization:

Scenario A (S_A)

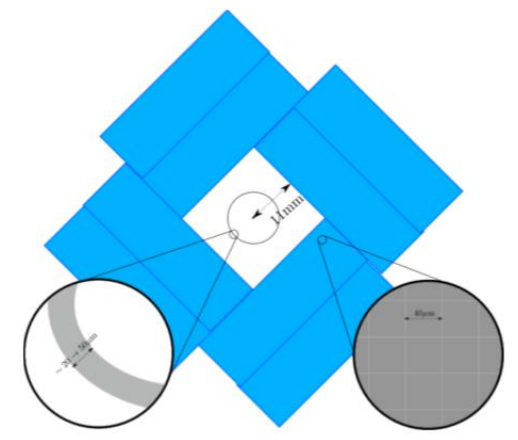
- Closest pixel to beamline: 5.1 mm
- $\sim 9 \times$ Upgrade I Hit Rate (350 kHz)
- Pixel size can remain at $55 \times 55 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Highly Radiation hard Silicon (sensors/ASIC) and/or frequent replacement
- $5 \times$ radiation damage with respect to UI ($6 \times 10^{16} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$)

Scenario B (S_B)

- Closest pixel to beamline: 12.5 mm
- Same Hit Rate as Upgrade I (40 kHz)
- Pixel size $< 42 \times 42 \mu\text{m}$
- Same radiation damage with respect to UI ($8 \times 10^{15} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$)
- Material budget to be reduced by a factor of ~ 5 before second hit (no RF foil?)



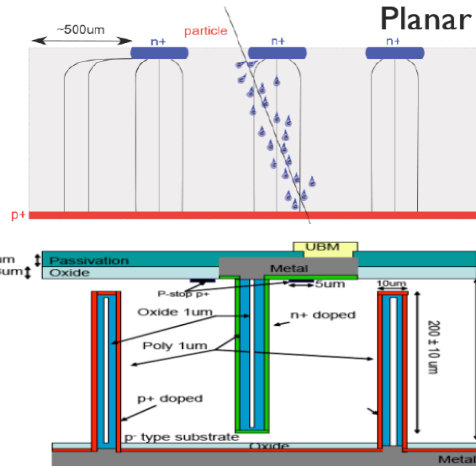
Sketch of a Scenario A using the current sensor modules



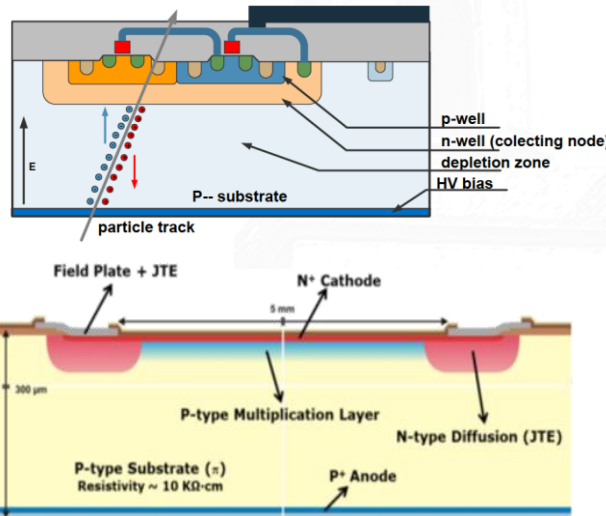
• Sensor R&D

Silicon Technologies

No charge amplification



Charge amplification



Planar Pixels

- ✓ Uniform weighting field → low sensor induced jitter
- ✓ Charge generation & collection time proportional to thickness
- ✓ Low SNR, high power dissipation at $\Phi > 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

3D pixels

- ✓ Decoupled charge generation and drift volumes
- ✓ Proven radiation hardness at $\Phi < 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- ✓ Highly non-uniform field (+ gain, - jitter) with dead regions
- ✓ Higher capacitance and expensive process

CMOS Sensors

- ✓ Integrated electronics, lower production cost (industrial process)
- ✓ Low capacitance → resolutions of $\sim 50 \text{ ps}$ (noise scales $\sim C$)
- ✓ Typically, thin depletion layers → lower signal
- ✓ Moderate radiation hardness, proven up to $\sim 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

Low Gain Avalanche Diodes (LGAD)

- ✓ Signal amplification with intrinsic gain (double junction)
- ✓ High SNR and lower capacitance with $50 \mu\text{m}$ substrate
- ✓ Carbon and deep-implanted LGADs radiation hard up to $\sim 3 - 4 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- ✓ Segmentation under investigation, Ti-LGADs & iLGADs

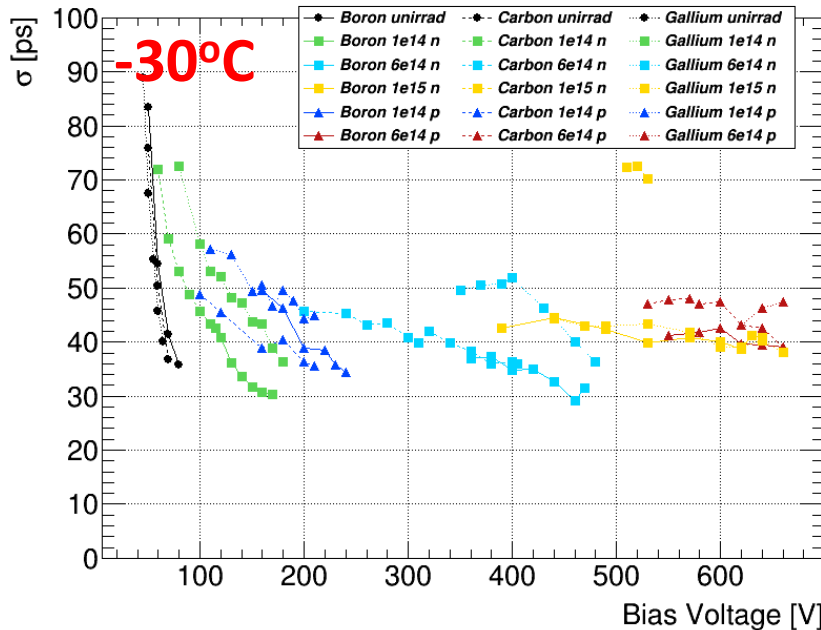
• Sensor R&D

Presentation: [16th Trento workshop](#)

LGADs

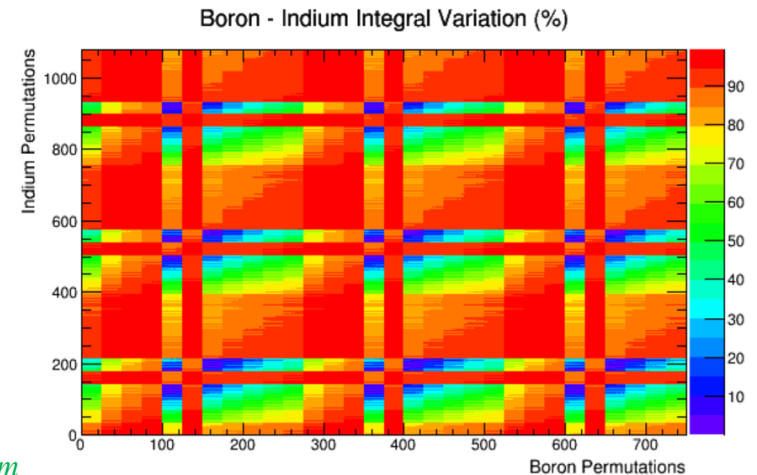
Article: [arXiv:2111.06731](#)

- ✓ Investigated different dopants to increase radiation hardness
- ✓ Ga, B gain layer and B + deep carbon implant studies under neutron and proton irradiation
- ✓ 20% improvement with deep carbon, 20% degradation with Ga devices



Time Resolution: $\sigma_{tot}^2 = \underbrace{\sigma_{timewalk}^2}_{\sigma_{Dist.}^2 + \sigma_{Landau}^2} + \underbrace{\sigma_{jitter}^2}_{\left(\frac{t_{rise}}{S/N}\right)^2} + \underbrace{\sigma_{conversion}^2}_{\left(\frac{TDC_{bin}}{\sqrt{12}}\right)^2} + \underbrace{\sigma_{Clock}^2}_{\text{Fixed Term } \sim 5-7 \text{ psec}}$

- ✓ Radiation damage lead to acceptor removal though defect kinematics
- ✓ Modify gain layer implants to generate beneficial defects for gain (**gain regulation**):
 - **Lithium co-implantation:**
 - Boron with Lithium co-implantation demonstrates better neutron radiation hardness
 - **Replace Boron with Indium**
 - Indium higher mass and lower reaction cross-section expected to generated less O_i defect clusters
- ✓ Implantation energy and doping profiles already optimized via TCAD simulations

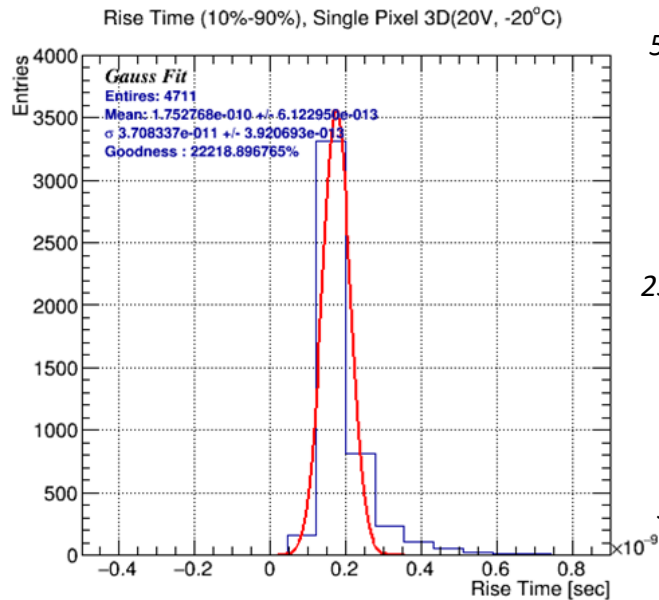


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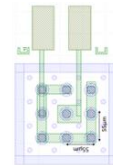
3D Pixel (Columns - Trenches)

Column design

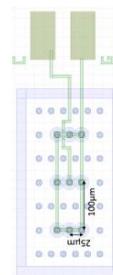
- ✓ Extremely sharp signals with very fast rise time (< 180 ps)
- ✓ Several geometries with 25 μm and 50 μm electrode distance
- ✓ Studies ongoing with pion beam at n/p irradiation fluences up to 1×10^{17} $n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- ✓ Single- and double-sided processes



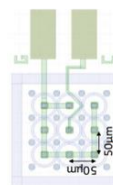
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double



25 x 100 μm
single



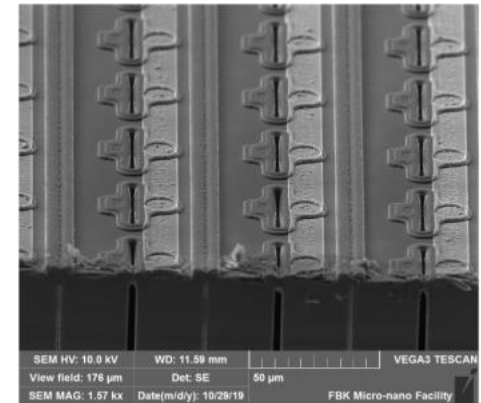
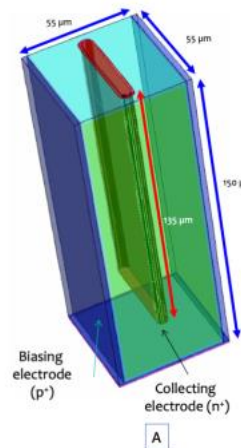
50 x 50 μm
single



Trench design (TimeSpot)

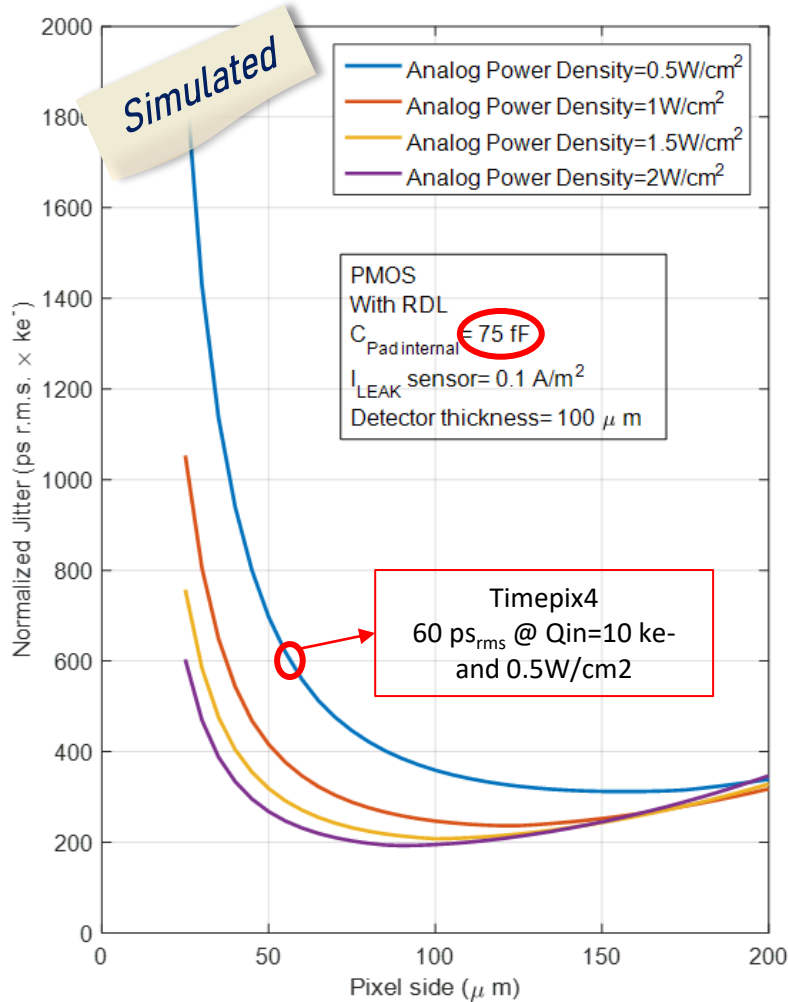
- ✓ More uniform field than standard 3D
- ✓ Lower distortion term in σ_{tot}
- ✓ Intransigently higher capacitance and larger inefficient regions due to trenches
- ✓ New process under development with very promising results
- ✓ Radiation studies to be performed, expecting similar results as for standard 3Ds

Presentation: [TimeSpot](#)

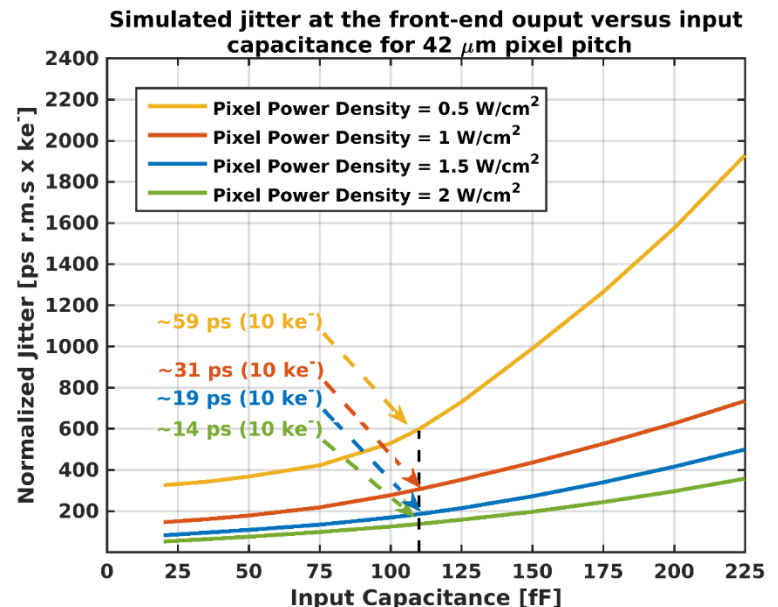


• ASIC Development

Requirements & Limits



Requirement	scenario S _A	scenario S _B
Pixel pitch [μm]	≤ 55	≤ 42
Matrix size	256 × 256	335 × 335
Time resolution RMS [ps]	≤ 30	≤ 30
Loss of hits [%]	≤ 1	≤ 1
TID lifetime [MGy]	> 24	> 3
ToT resolution/range [bits]	6	8
Max latency, BXID range [bits]	9	9
Power budget [W/cm ²]	1.5	1.5
Power per pixel [μW]	23	14
Threshold level [e ⁻]	≤ 500	≤ 500
Pixel rate hottest pixel [kHz]	> 350	> 40
Max discharge time [ns]	< 29	< 250
Bandwidth per ASIC of 2 cm ² [Gb/s]	> 250	> 94



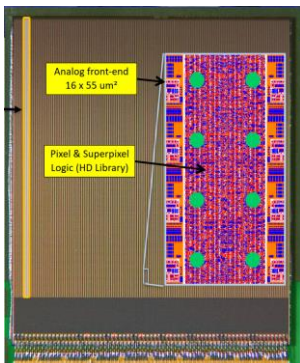
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Generations & Performance

- ✓ **UI ASIC:** VeloPix, Developed in collaboration with MediPix collaboration
- ✓ **UII small scale prototype:** PicoPix (estimated 1st iteration submission ~ 18 month)

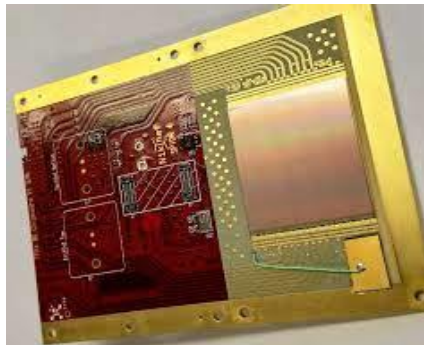
VeloPix:

- ✓ TSMC **130 nm** technology
- ✓ Rate: **10.44 Gbps/cm²**
- ✓ Total time resolution **25 ns**
- ✓ Power: **< 1.5 W/cm²**



TimePix4:

- **65 nm** technology
- Rate: **23 Gbps/cm²**
- TDC: ~**62 ps** resolution
- AFE: ~ **70 ps** resolution
- Power: **< 0.5 W/cm²**



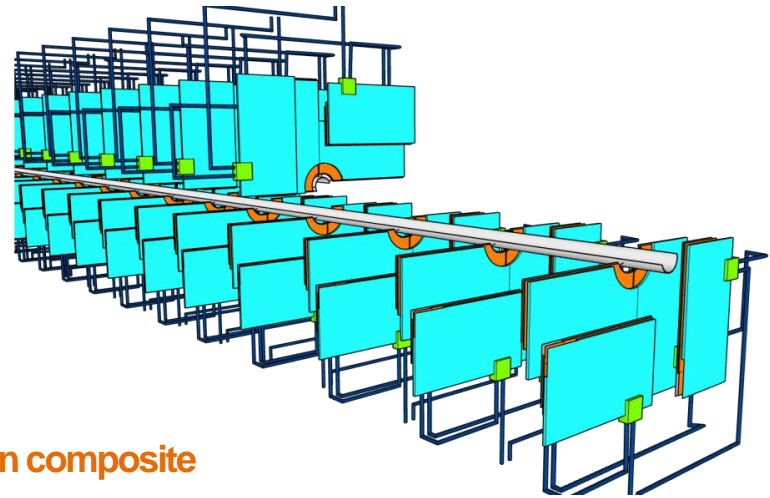
PicoPix (In development)

- ✓ **28 nm** technology
- ✓ Rate: **> 125 Gbps/cm²**
- ✓ Minimum pixel size 42- 55 μm
- ✓ Total time resolution **< 30 ps**
- ✓ Power: **< 1.5 W/cm²**
- ✓ 1st small scale prototype towards Upgrade II ASIC

• RF shield

Wake field suppression manifold

- ✓ A wake field guide required to protect sensors and ensure a smooth transition of the beam's field
- ✓ It can be a large part of X_0
- ✓ Three options under investigation:



Cylindrical foil

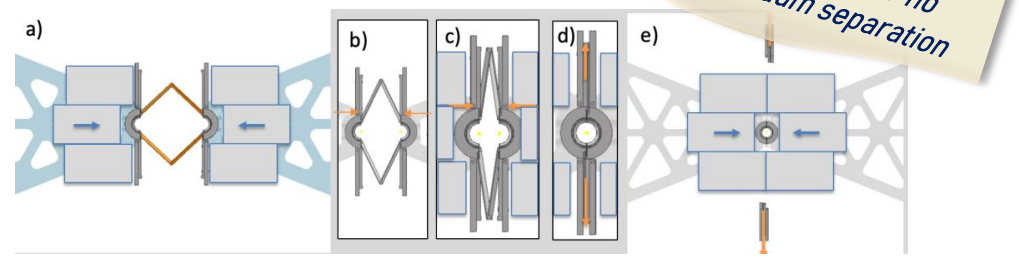
- 20 μm Al foil
- Tensioned shield for mechanical stability
- NEG coating can be big part of X_0 – contains Vanadium, Titanium etc.
- Amorphous carbon coating is investigated (0.4 μm)

Wire mesh

- Wires at 200 μm pitch
- Equivalent to a 19 μm thick cylindrical foil
- 70 μm diameter should be more than sufficient for the equivalent current

Carbon composite

- 1.5 \times Al X_0 but self supporting
- Can serve as mechanical support for modules
- Convenient for small thicknesses and complex shapes



• Cooling

Pub Note: [AIDA-2020-NOTE-2020-003](#)

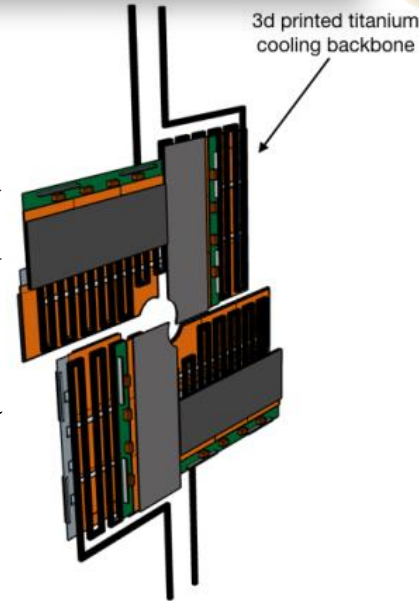
3D & Microchannel solution

- ✓ Active cooling required to control thermal runaway due to electronics power dissipation and avoid annealing of irradiated sensors
- ✓ Power budget expected to remain at $> 1.5 \text{ W/cm}^2$
- ✓ Current option consists of CO_2 cooling via microchannel plates in direct contact with modules

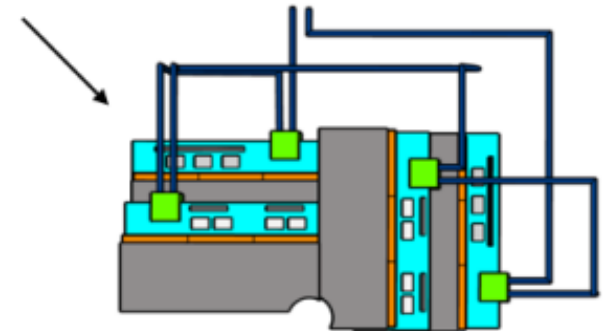
Two options evaluated for upgrade 2:

1. Microchannel plate cooling (150 W/mK)
2. 3D printed Titanium / Si-Carbide (16 W/mK)
 1. Strong and easy to handle
 2. Lower cost and experience in industry

Bi-phasic Krypton cooling for operation at $< -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under consideration

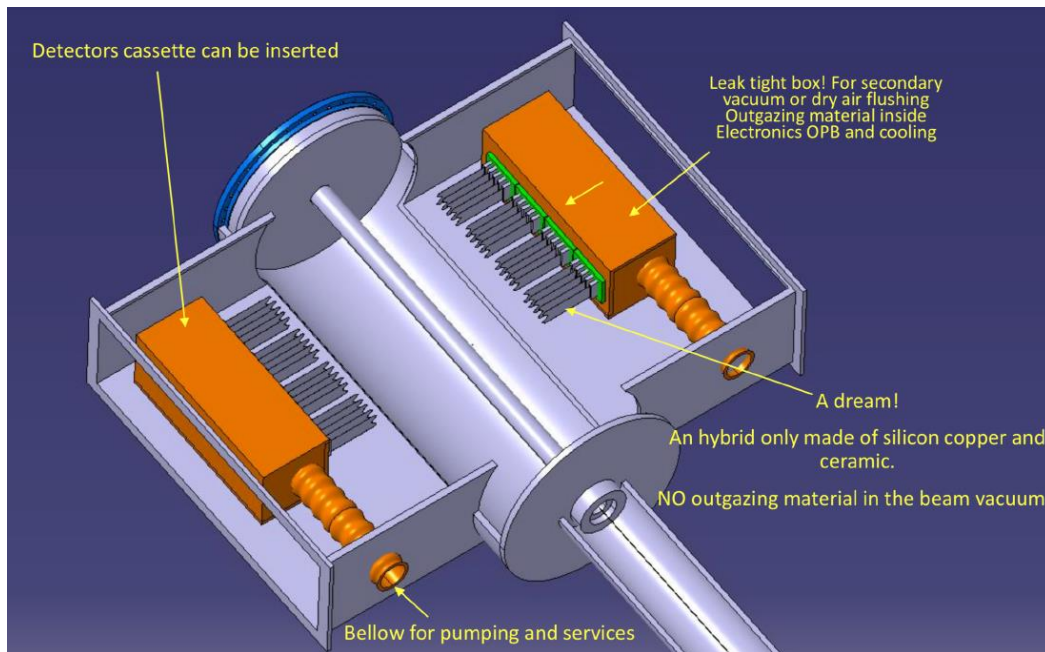


Cooling flowing serially between micro channels



• Vacuum tank

Vacuum separation considerations



✓ **Secondary - primary vacuum separation**

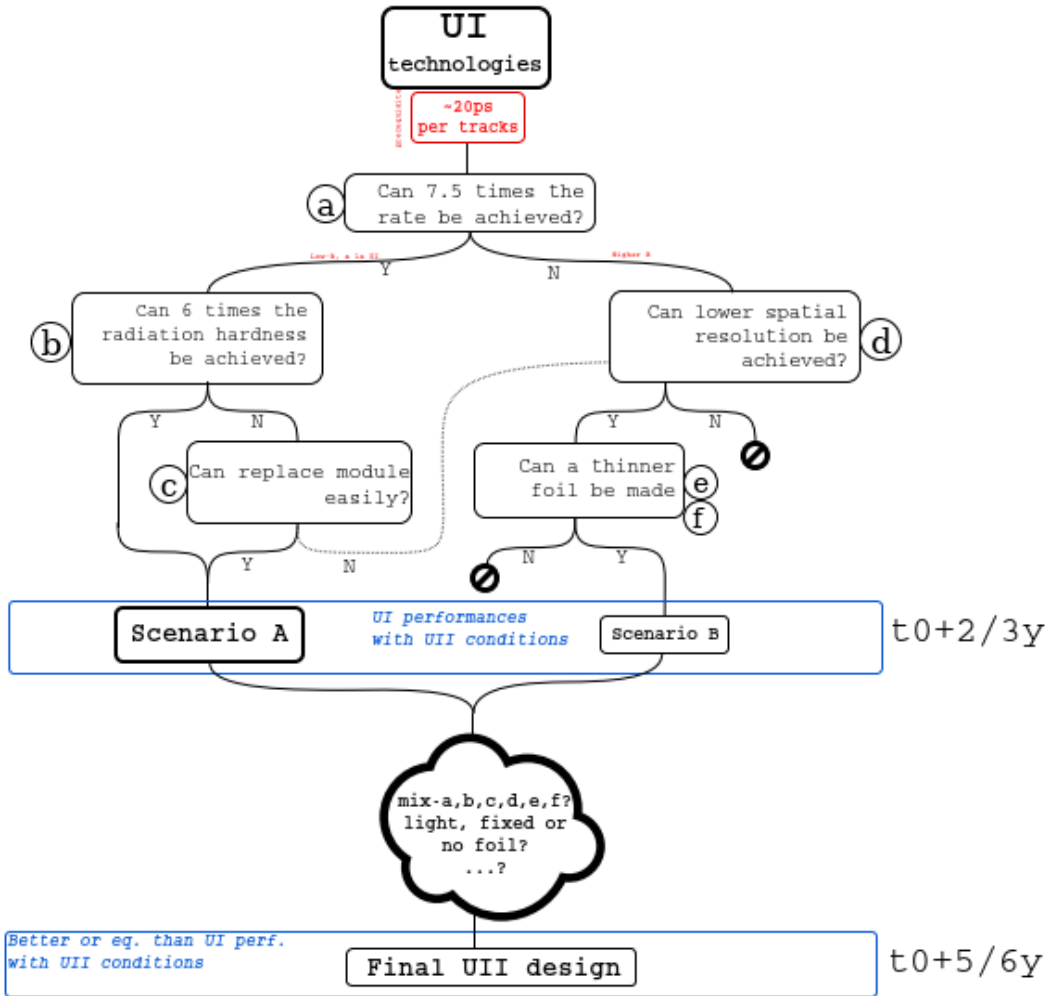
- ✓ Difficult to keep in scenario B while reducing material budget
- ✓ Impractical in scenario A if frequent replacement required
- ✓ If removed required materials that do not outgas to the primary vacuum

✓ **Module replacement**

- ✓ Mechanical design must be radically optimized towards flexibility in scenario A
- ✓ Fast replacement of modules during technical stops
- ✓ Material choice to control outgassing

R&D Path Towards Velo Upgrade II

Timeline



Necessary R&D

- ✓ IC digital / analog design allowing for high rate and high bandwidth
- ✓ IC and sensor technology to withstand radiation hardness requirements
- ✓ Easy to make modules allowing replacement
- ✓ Lower special resolution (charge sharing or pixel pitch)
- ✓ Ability to make thin foil (cylindrical, wires)
- ✓ Ability to make thin foil openable

• Conclusions

Summary and outlook

So far....

Two Scenarios considered as a starting point

- S_A : High data rate and radiation tolerance at $> 6 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$
- S_B : Higher hit resolution and reduction of material budget

Full 4D Velo Tracker

- 20 ps per track timing to recover Run 3 efficiency
- Timing plane options rejected due to more complicated construction

R&D Paths

- Next 2 years crucial to develop necessary technologies:
 - Fast and radiation hard sensors and ASIC
 - Reduced material budget RF shield option
 - New cooling solution
 - Vacuum tank that satisfies the requirements