

# The LHCb Scintillating Fibre Tracker

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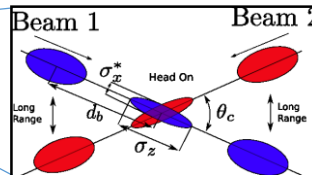
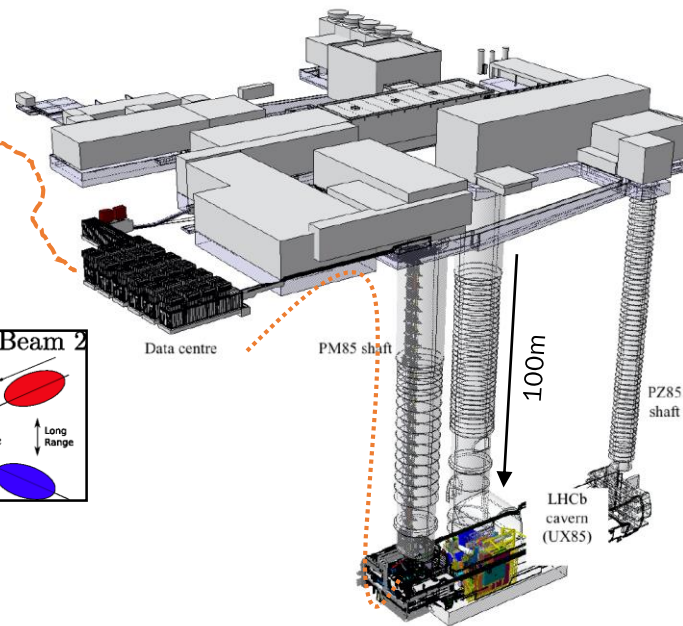
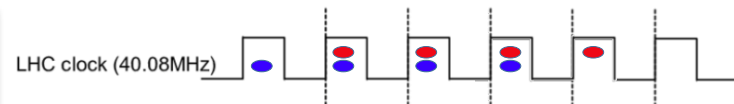
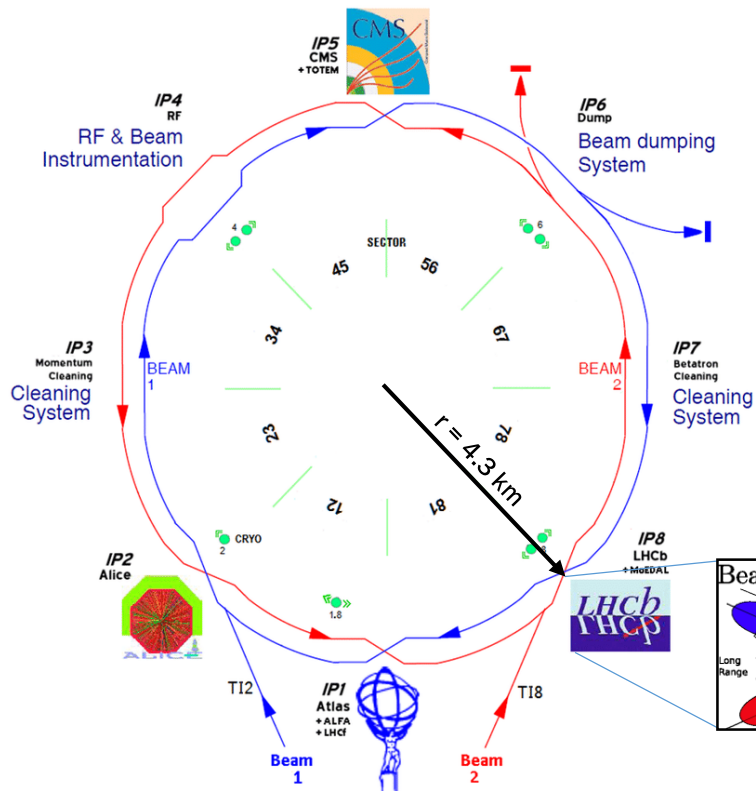


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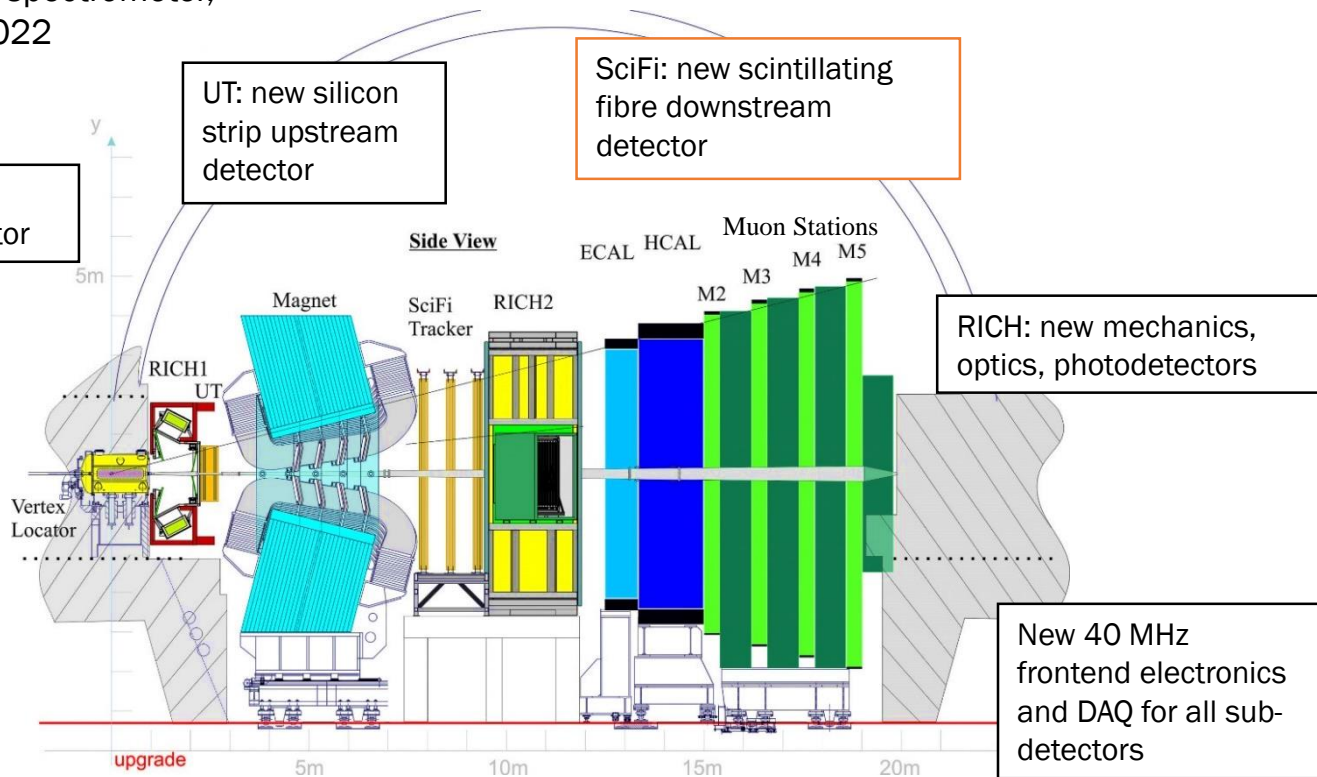
# LHCb at the LHC



# LHCb: Upgrade 1

A single-arm forward spectrometer,  
completed in April 2022

Performance of the LHCb Upgrade I in Run3  
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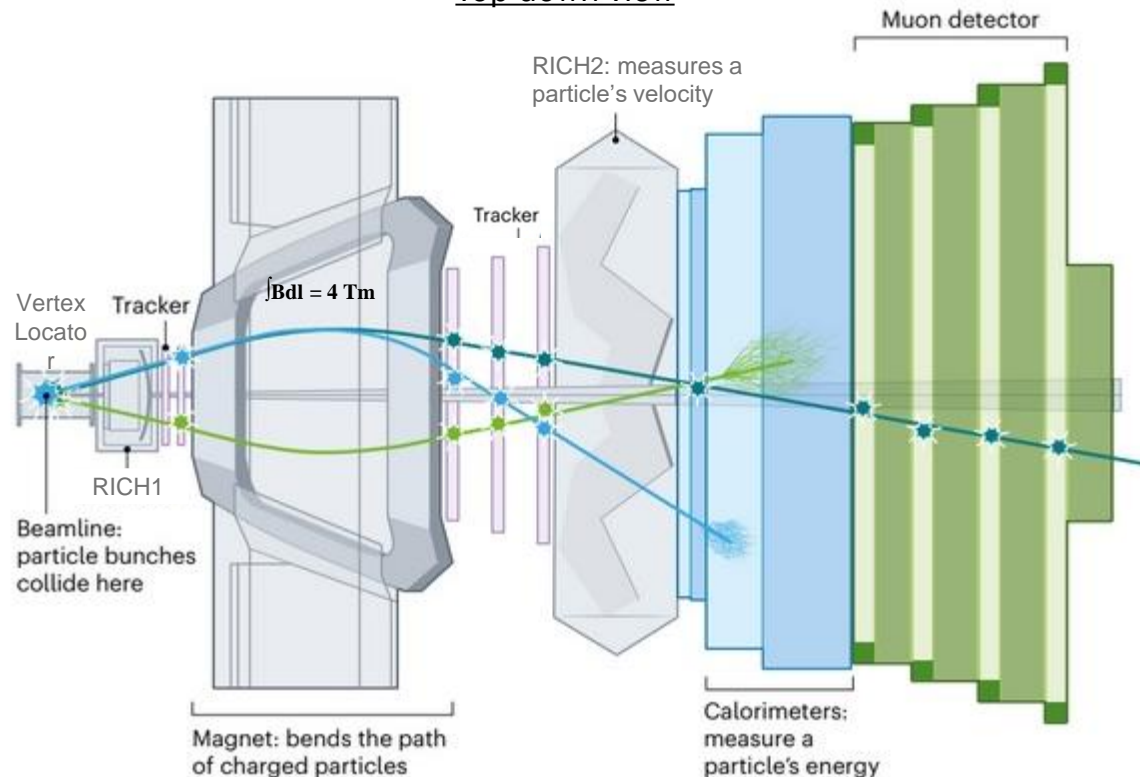
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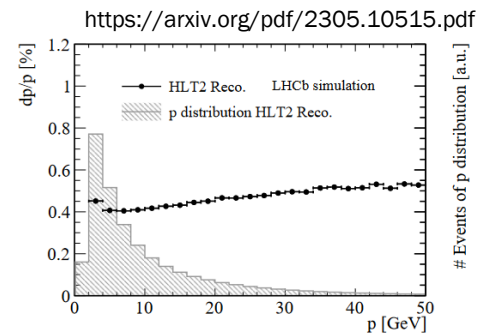
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# LHCb Tracking

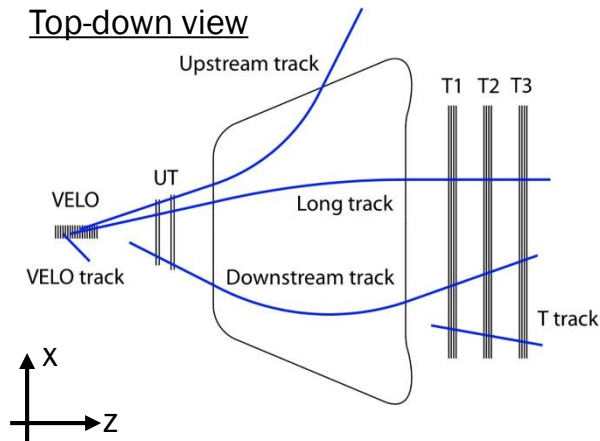
Top-down view



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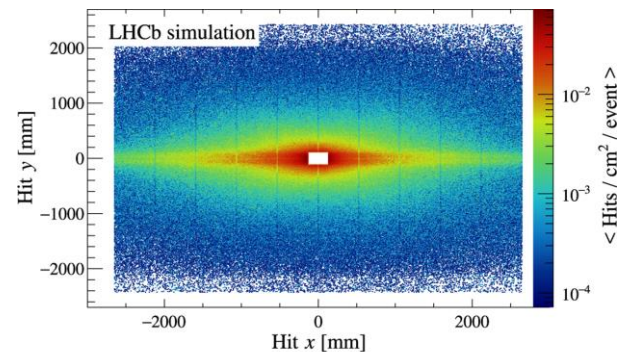


# A bit more on Tracking



- A. Build track segment (T-Track) (stand-alone or matched)
  1. First build candidates in the bending plane ( $x, z$ ) from  $0^\circ$   $x$ -layers
  2. The track pattern in the non-bending plane ( $y$ ) is formed by matching the seed track with hits from  $\pm 5^\circ$   $u$ - /  $v$ -layers.
- B. Match VELO, UT, T-Track and determine  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$  as track quality  
 → Achieve high efficiency with low fake-track rates

Event average hit density in a single layer of the SciFi. The hole in the middle corresponds to the beam hole.



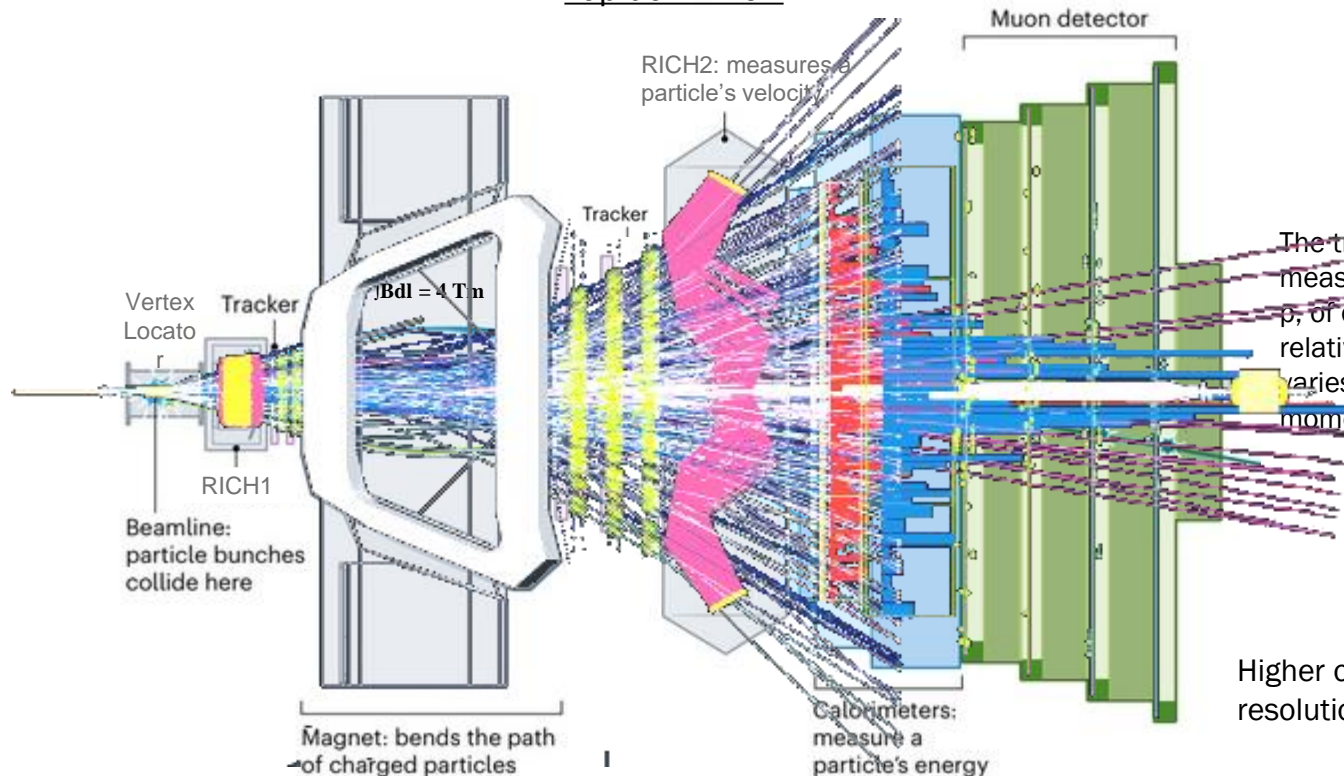
Hybrid seeding: A standalone track reconstruction algorithm for scintillating fibre tracker at LHCb ☆

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# LHCb Tracking

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Higher occupancies can degrade the resolution.



# Downstream Tracking Detector Requirements



## 6.1.1 Detector requirements

The design of the tracker must take into account the following requirements:

- Performance: the tracker should provide a single hit position resolution of better than  $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  in the magnet bending plane and a single hit reconstruction efficiency better than 99%.
- Rigidity: the mechanical stability of the detector must guarantee that the positions of the detector elements are stable within a precision of  $50\text{ (300) }\mu\text{m}$  in  $x$  ( $z$ ); the detector elements should also be straight along their length within  $50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .
- Material budget: to limit further multiple scattering and secondary particle production, each of the 12 layers should not introduce more than 1% of a radiation length.
- Radiation hardness: the tracker should operate at the desired performance over the lifetime of the experiment, where  $50\text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity is expected to be collected.
- Granularity: the tracker must have an occupancy low enough so that the hit efficiency is not impacted with an instantaneous luminosity of  $2 \times 10^{33}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$  [74, 75].

A tracker design based on scintillating fibre (SciFi) technology with SiPM readout was chosen to fulfil these requirements.



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High Energy Physics - Experiment

[Submitted on 17 May 2023]

The LHCb upgrade I

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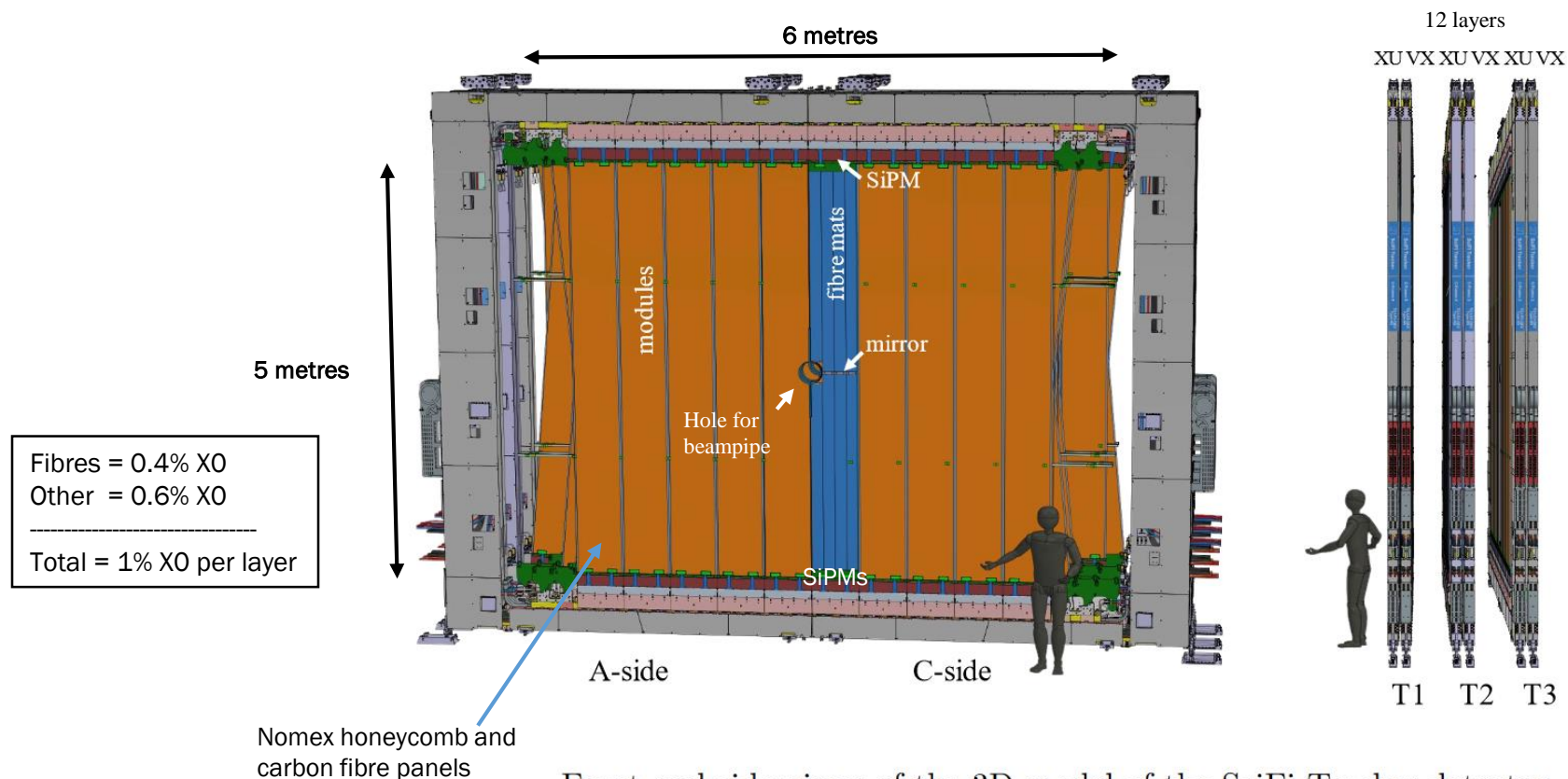


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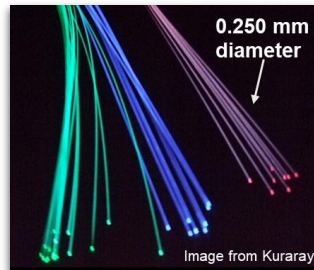
# The SciFi Tracker



Front and side views of the 3D model of the SciFi Tracker detector.

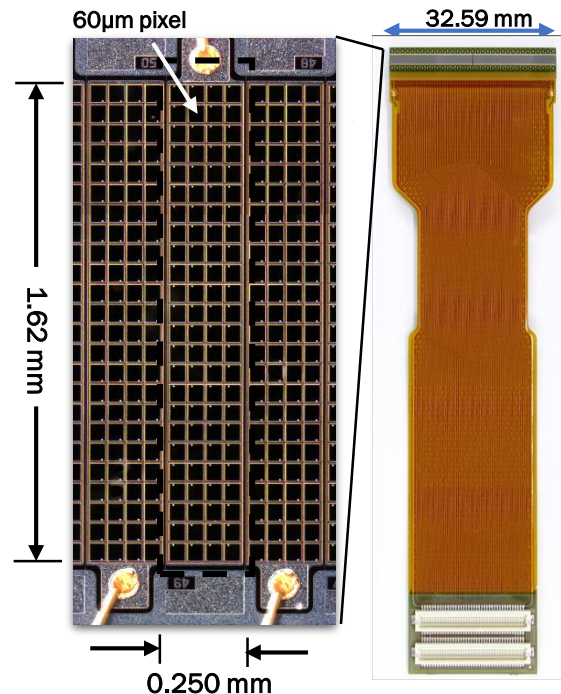


# SciFi Basics



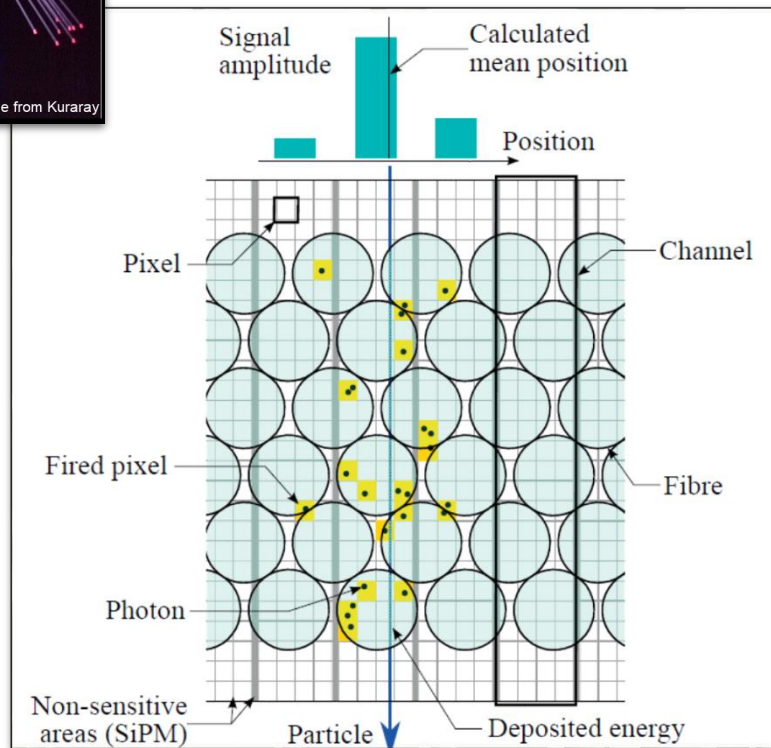
SCSF-78MJ fibres from Kuraray.  
(fast 2.8 ns decay time)

Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPM) from Hamamatsu

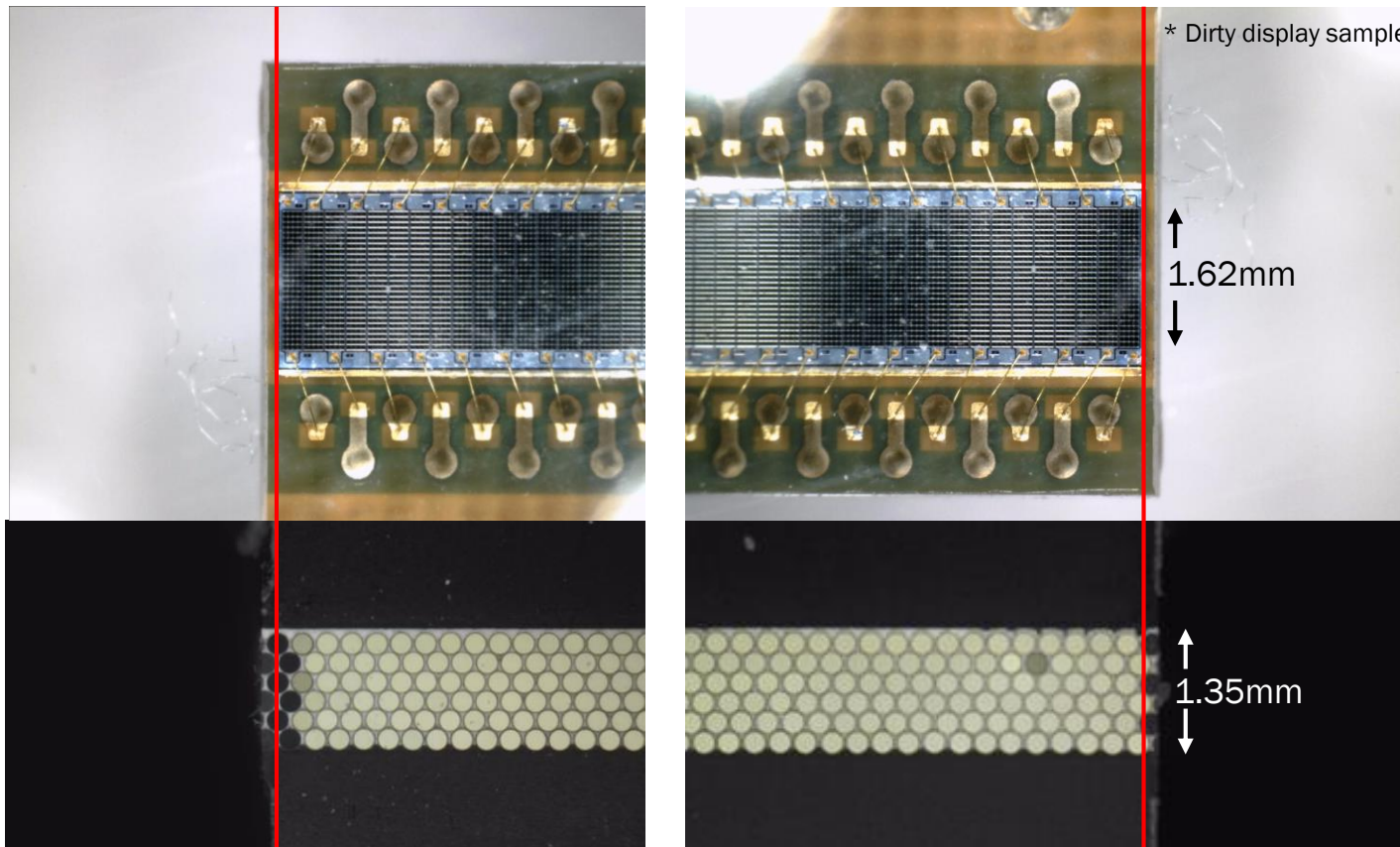


2 x 64 channel arrays

We need 4096!

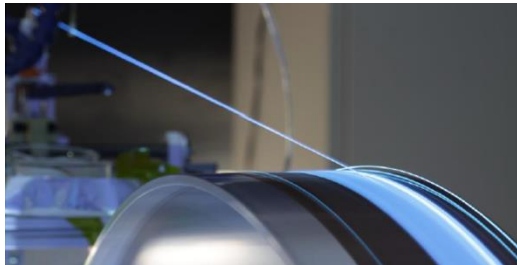


(a parallel array of Avalanche Photodiodes in Geiger-Mode)

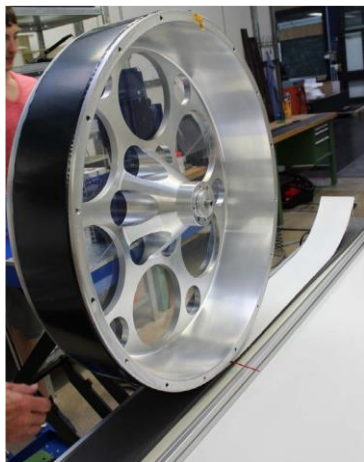


Photos of fibre mats and SiPMs approximately to scale

# Fibre Mats



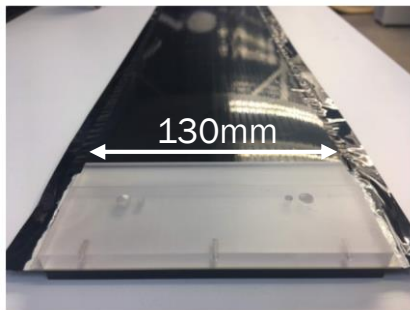
1. 11,000km Fibre has been pre-inspected before winding (not shown here).



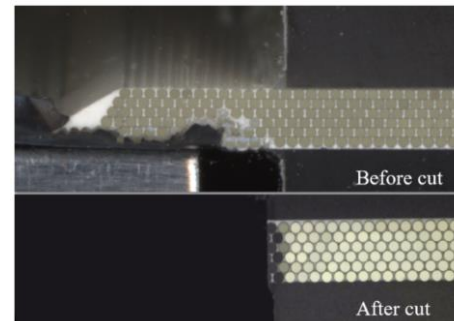
3. A grooved winding wheel. TiO<sub>2</sub> loaded epoxy.



2. The winding machine controls the tensions and looks for jumps.



4. Black Kapton foil. PC endpiece for SiPM alignment.



5. Optical milling of ends and sides cut for packing in the module.

# Ionising Radiation Damage (Fibres)

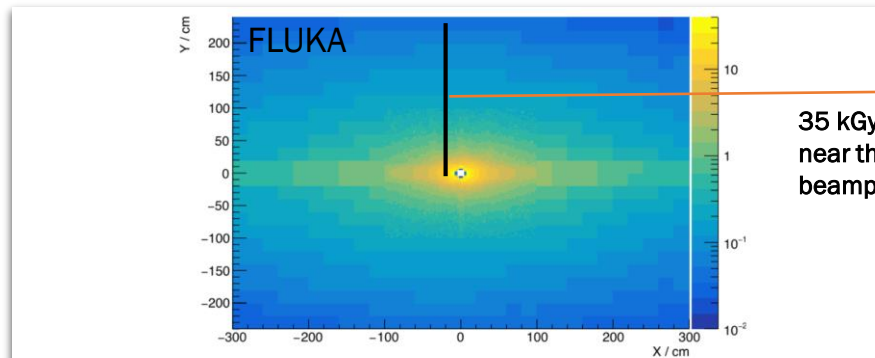
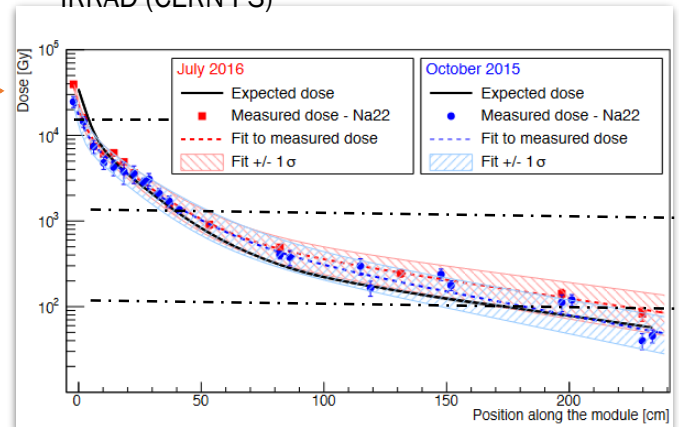
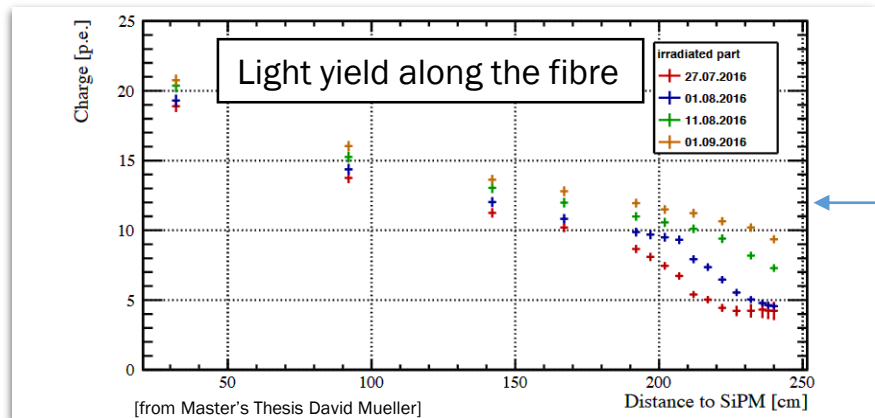


Figure 43: Map of the total expected ionising dose in kGy for an integrated luminosity of  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at the T1 station of the SciFi Tracker from FLUKA simulations of the LHCb detector.

Dose profile of the most irradiated fibre. Irradiated at IRRAD (CERN PS)



[from Master's Thesis David Mueller, Uni Heidelberg.]



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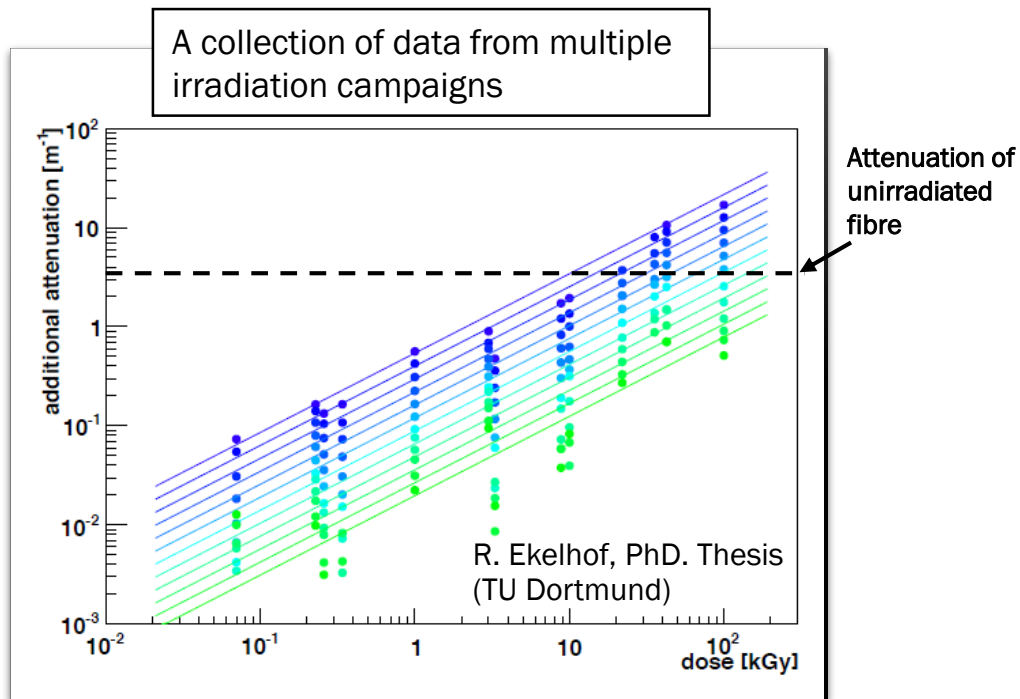
Annealing with a time constant of 12 days with 35% permanent loss at the mirror with LHCb dose distribution.

We will measure this again directly in the LS3 shutdown (2026-2028).



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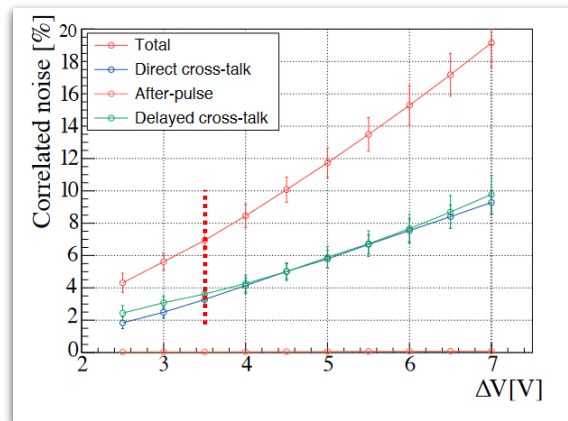
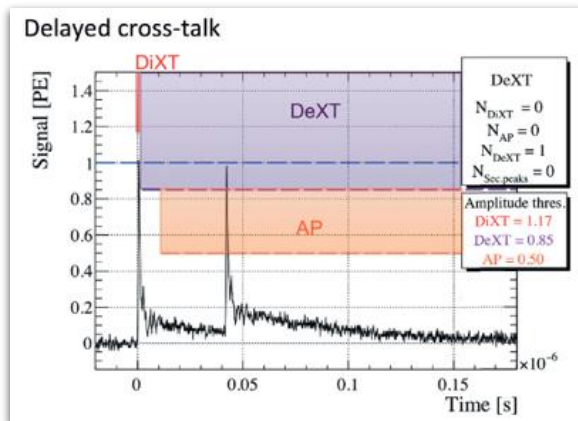
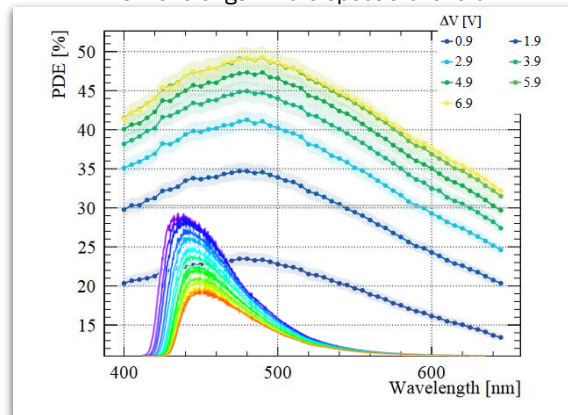
- Formation of radicals produces absorption/scattering centres
- Strong wavelength dependence (greener is better)
- Annealing over time with air exposure observed
- Difficult to study equivalent dose rate effects as in experiment
  - Evidence of oxygen effects
  - Slight aging even without radiation (~1% loss in attenuation length/year)



# SiPMs

- The performance of SiPMs greatly improved during the development of SciFi
  - First arrays in 2011 had 30% PDE, >20% crosstalk at  $\Delta V = 1.3V$  over breakdown.
  - Hamamatsu S13552-H2017 for LHCb SciFi (installed) had ~43% PDE, 8% crosstalk at  $\Delta V = 3.5V$ 
    - Pixel Trenches
    - Gain of  $>1E6 e^- / \Delta V$
    - Optimised shape (fast initial peak)

PDE vs Wavelength. Fibre spectra overlaid.

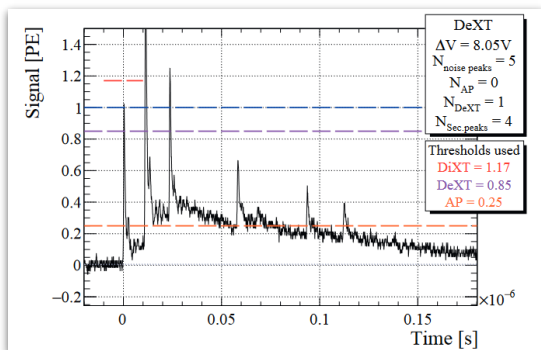


Plots from Thesis A. Kuonen, EPFL

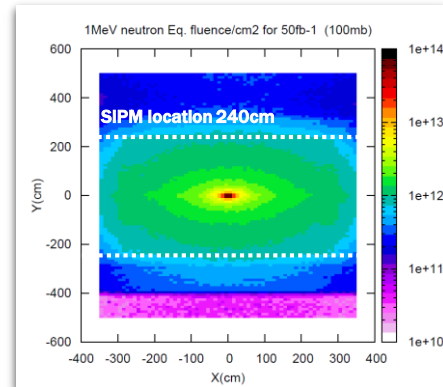


# Non-Ionising Radiation Damage (SiPMs)

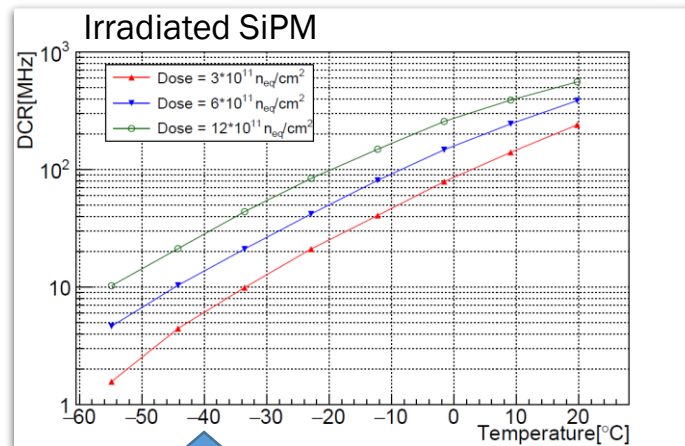
- Non-Ionising Energy Loss (NIEL) causes damage to the silicon structure
  - Allows thermal excitations to cross the bandgap more easily (**dark avalanches!**)
  - Cooling helps reduce the effect
  - Borated polyethylene **shielding** (2x reduction) before the ECAL
- 1 photoelectron uncorrelated signals
  - Pixel-cross talk produces **7% 2p.e. Signal, 0.49% 3 p.e. signals, etc...**
  - Eventual overlap at high rates.
  - Annealing (~30% recovery)



Pulse waveform classified as delayed cross-talk with additional secondary pulses recorded at high  $\Delta V$  (H2017 at  $\Delta V = 8.0V$ )



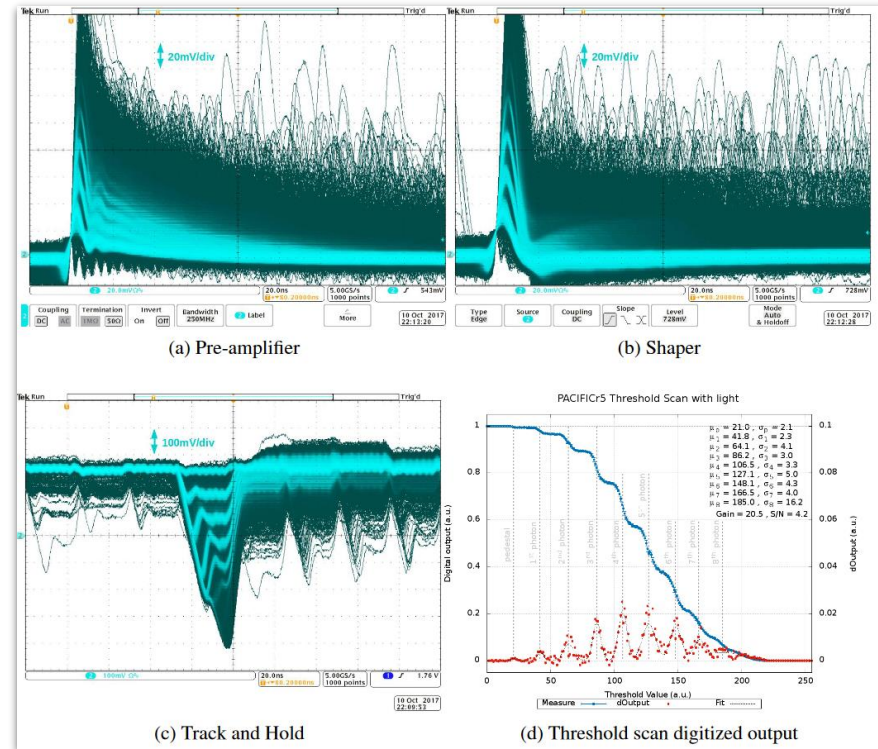
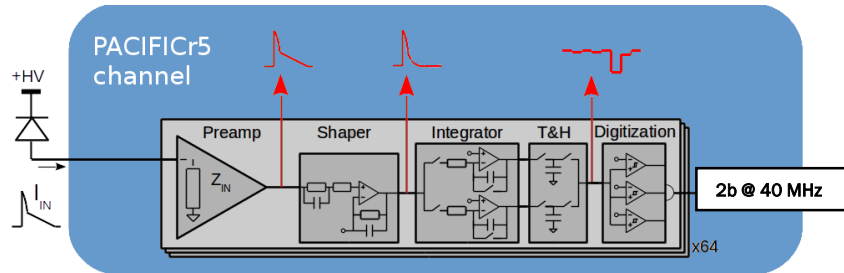
Fluka  
simulation



SciFi Operation Point =  $-40^\circ C$   
 $\rightarrow$  DCR = 14 MHz of single p.e. noise at EOL

# READOUT ASIC: the PACIFIC

- Fast (10ns) shaping to reduce spill over
- Double integrators to avoid dead time
  - Alternates BX
  - Integrate signal charge over the crossing
- 2-bits /channel from 3 hysteresis comparators
  - Optimal thresholds are (1.5,2.5,4.5) p.e. for SciFi



# Modules and SiPM Cooling

A single phase cooling fluid at -50C is used.

- started with Novec 649 (GWP = 1, forms acids with water)
- Currently using C6F14 (GWP ~ 10,000, standard at CERN)
- Will switch to Novec 7100 (GWP = 300, no acid)
- PFAS-ban by EU means 3M stopping production of Novec. Requesting derogation for CERN.

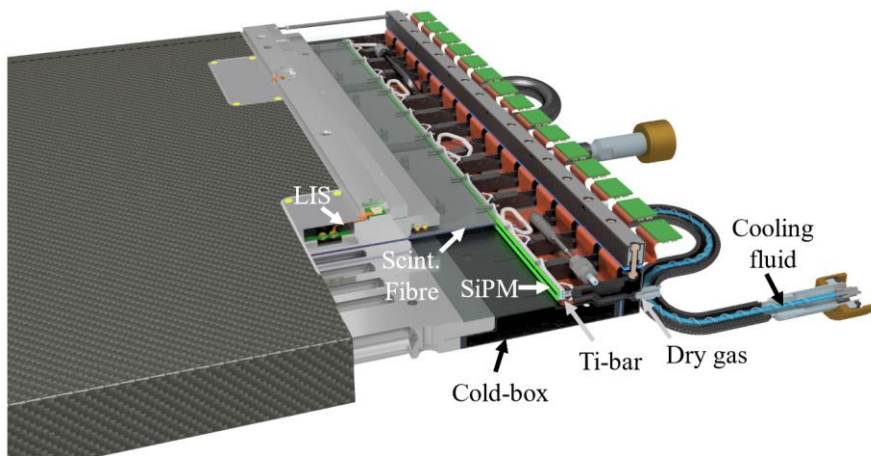
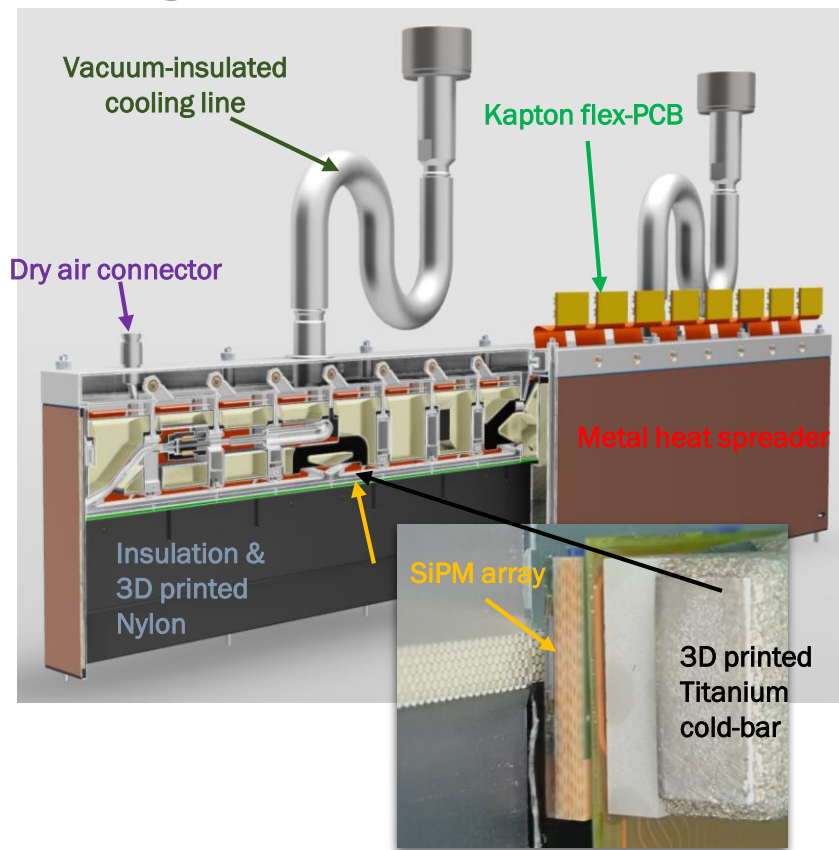
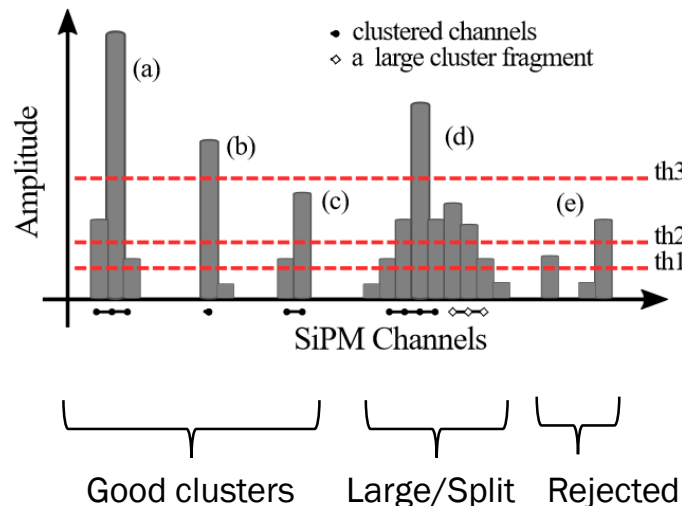


Figure 53: A cutaway view of the cold-box fixed to the fibre module.



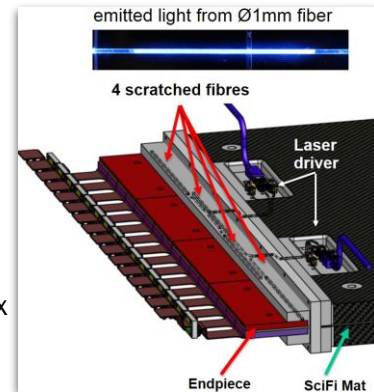
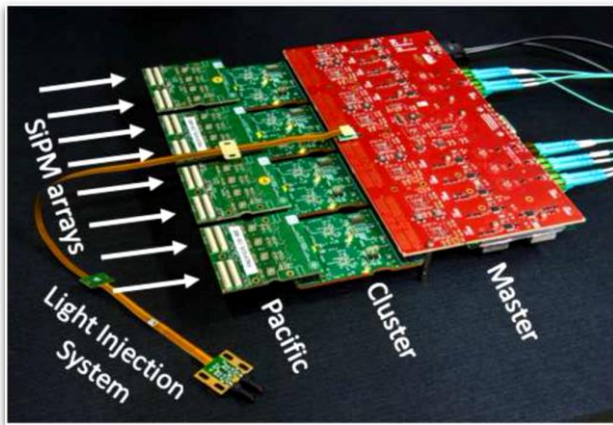
# Clustering on FPGA

- Separate signal and noise
  - Zero-suppression (2x bandwidth reduction)
  - Cluster bandwidth is limited to DAQ (10 per data link, 16 per link for nearest to beampipe)
- Some-what radiation tolerant IGLOO2 FPGA provides the clusterization algorithm
  - Loses programmability early (but still works)
- also prepares the data for the backend
  - 20 Tb/s to the backend (4096 data links)
  - ~40% of LHCb data links

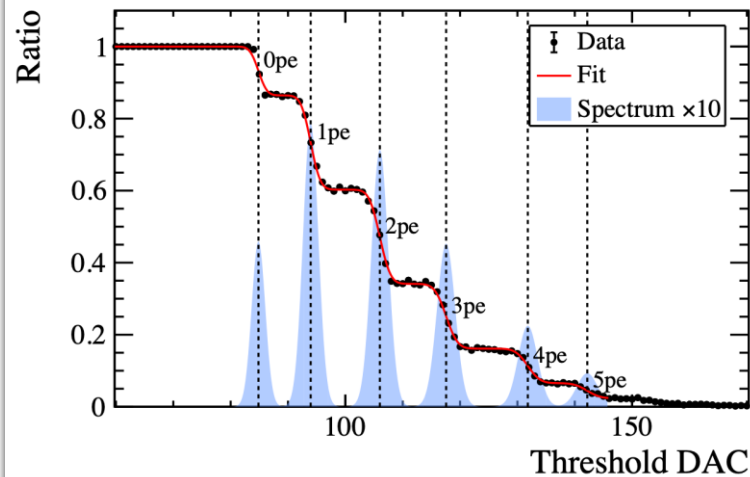


# Commissioning and Calibration

- Timing of all the digital clocks needs adjusting
- To accurately set the thresholds one needs to calibrate:
  - gain due to possible variations in temperature and bias voltage (SiPM)
  - pedestal position (PACIFIC)
  - DAC vs signal amplitude (PACIFIC)



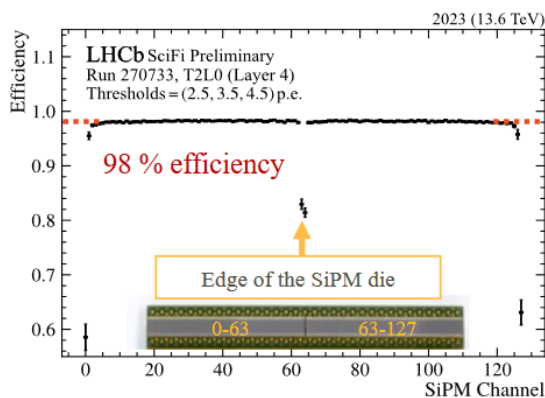
VCSL driven by GBTx  
and controlled by  
Front-end



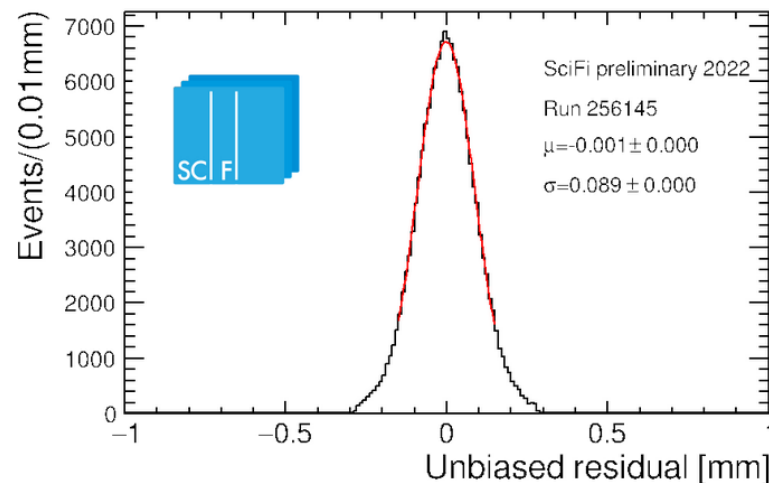
# Tracker Performance 2022/2023

## SciFi:

- 98 % hit efficiency
- close to design goal of 99 %



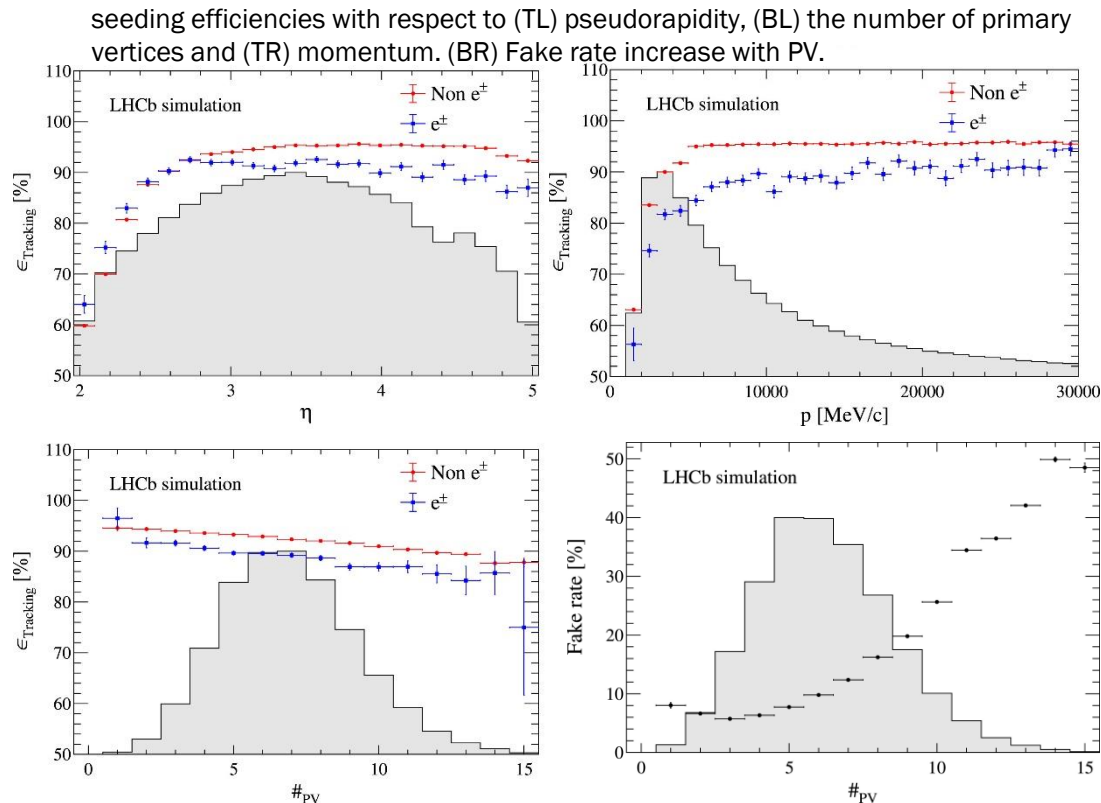
## Single Hit Resolution





# Tracking performance

- efficiency is close to or larger than 90% for all types of tracks that are relevant to LHCb physics analyses
- Efficiency saturates at around 95% for non-electron, high-momentum tracks, and decreases slightly with increasing number of primary vertices.
  - Long-tracks with  $p > 5\text{GeV}$  with VELO typically more efficient
- almost half of the tracks originate from secondary interactions with the detector



Figures from <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cpc.2020.107713>

# 2019 - 2022



Checking Front-end electronics currents.



23-May-2023



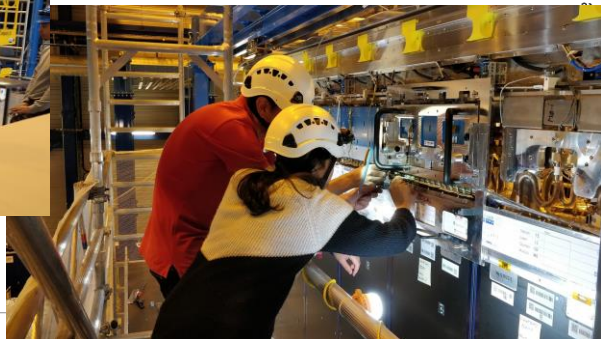
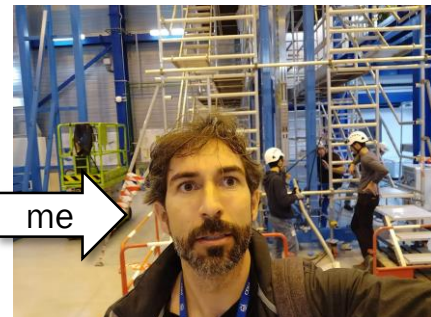
Installing bias cables.



Assembling C-Frame mechanics.

Blake Leverington – LHCb

Paella after completing the first C-frame



Connecting SiPMs.

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# 2019 - 2022



Replacing a defective cooling and vacuum manifold.



Preparing Front-end electronics.



Testing installation of the mechanics.

Connecting cooling lines.



Vacuum bellow with a pin-hole.

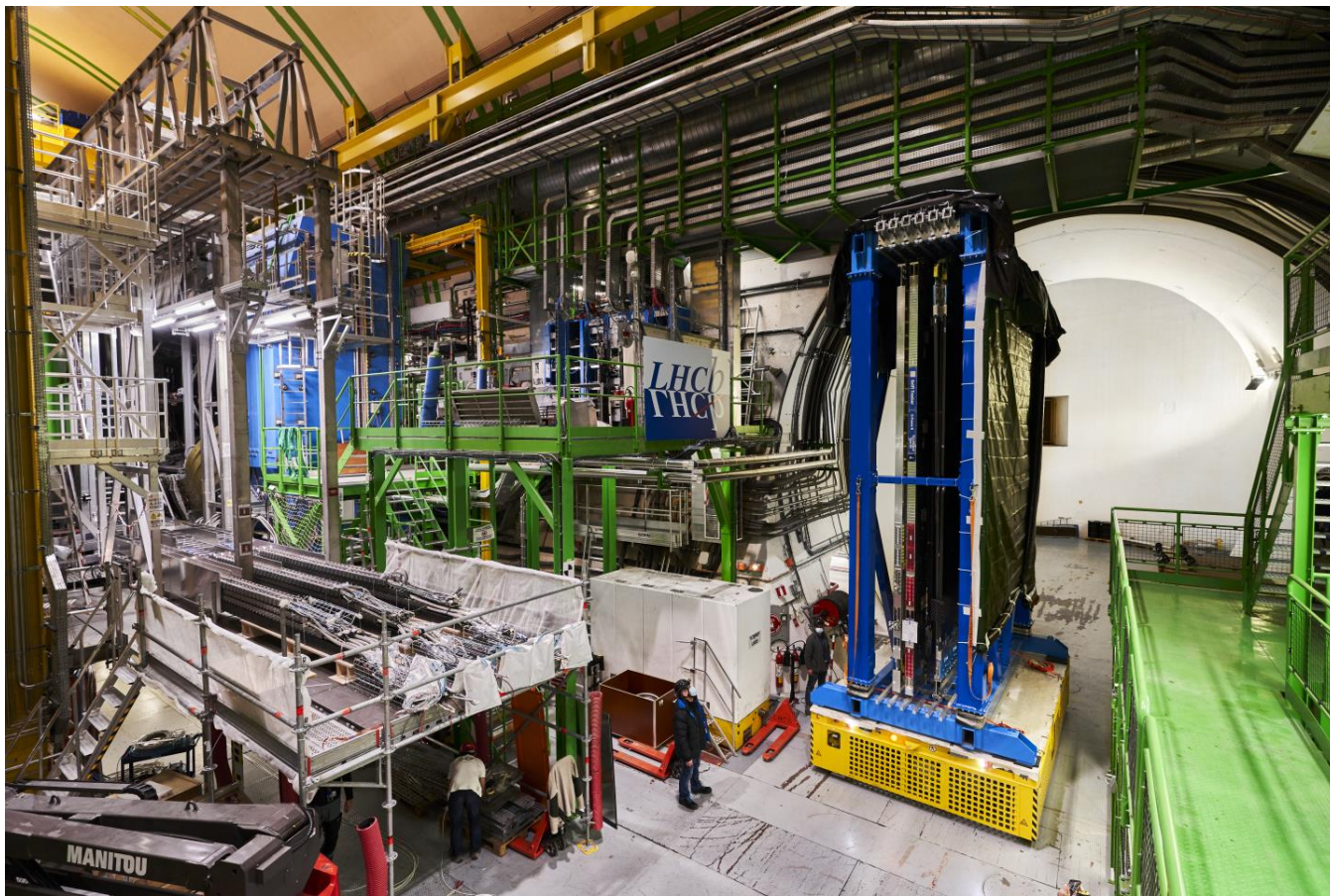


Inspecting and cleaning optical fibres



Transportation of C-Frames from the Assembly Hall to the Cavern. July 2021

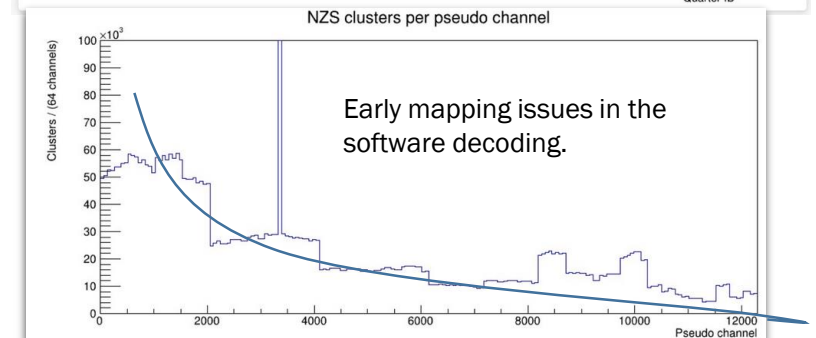
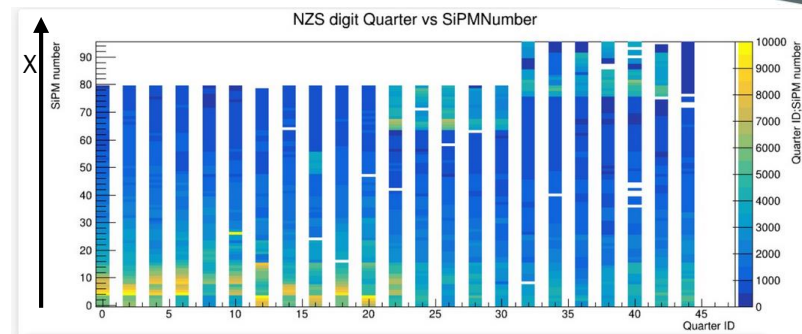
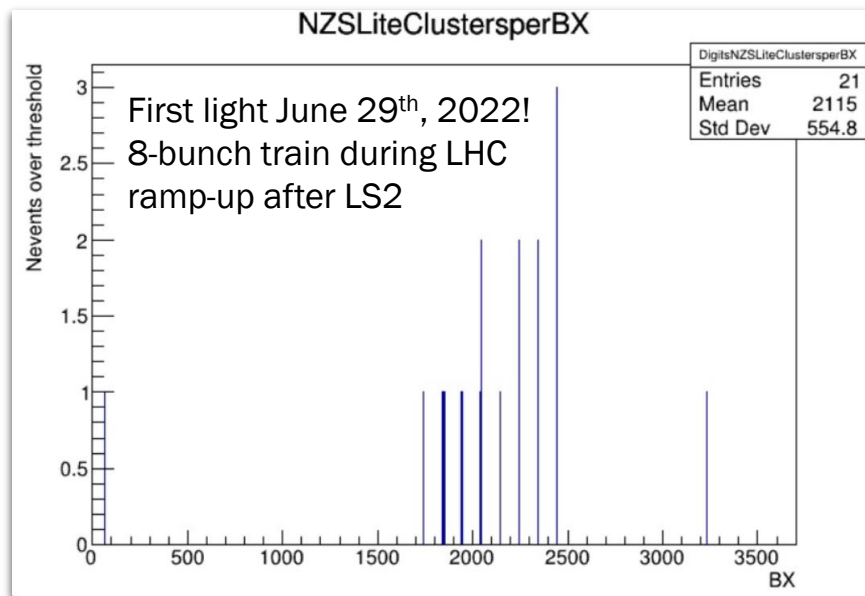
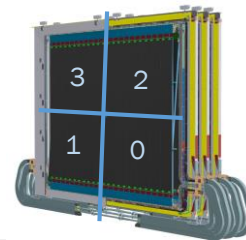




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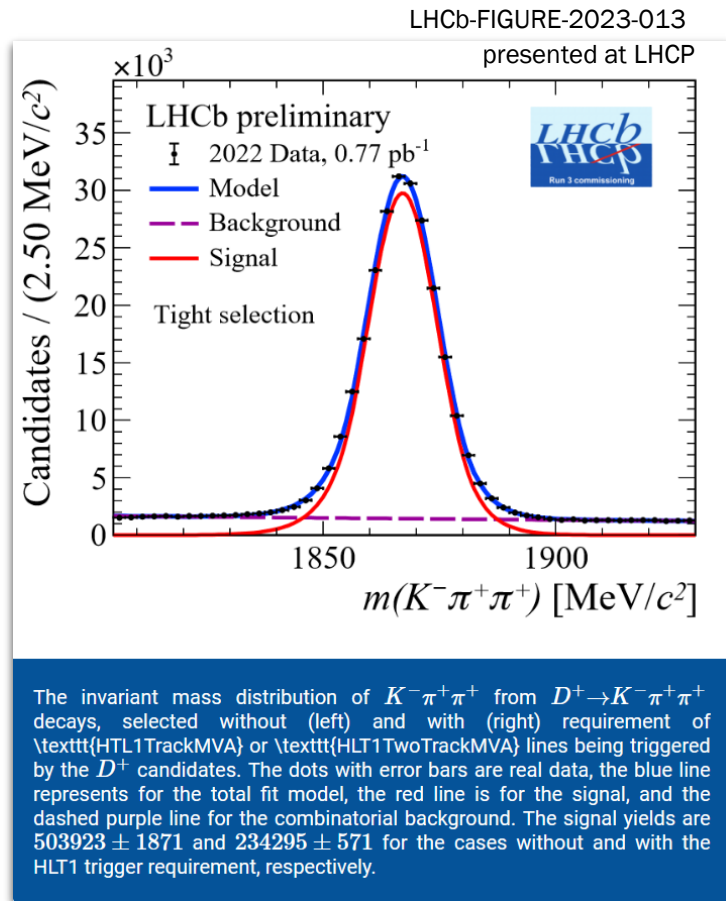
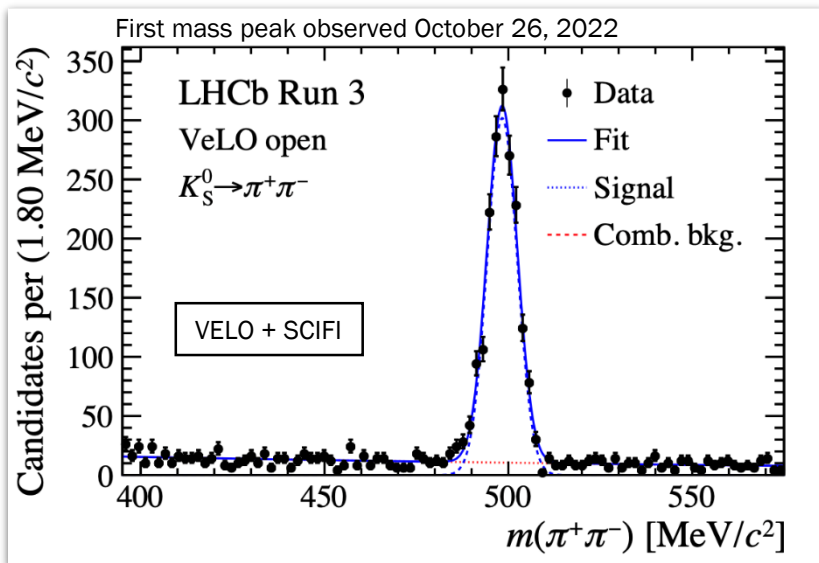
# First collisions seen in SciFi June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- 450 GeV beams, Quarters 0 & 2 only
- “Some” debugging and development still to do
  - Timing & Fast Commands (TFC) and Slow-control (ECS) were also new systems





# 2022 Results



# 2023

Solved some significant bugs during 2023, also some problems persisted

- VELO suffered a deformation of the RF foil (failure in pressure relief safety system while under atmosphere end of 2022)
- Couldn't run in a closed position during 2023
- **99% of SciFi was operational.**
  - Some final tuning to achieve last 1-2% of hit efficiency needed

Ready for pp-collisions in July but

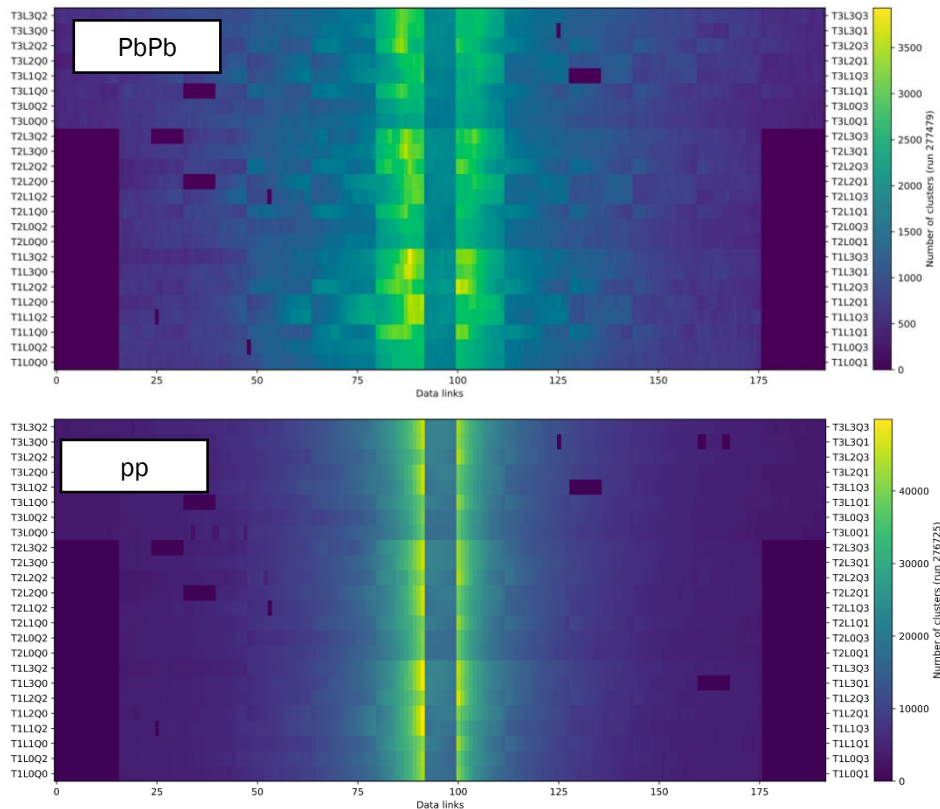
- Some LHC inefficiency due to vacuum failures



A frosty triplet after a vacuum leak following a quench during a storm.

- Mostly Heavy-ion data in 2023

2D occupancy plots of the SciFi Tracker



# Some first ion plots from 2023

## First invariant mass spectra and performance figures of the 2023 ion run

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2883088>

Data corresponds to lead-lead (PbPb) and lead-argon (PbAr) collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.36$  TeV and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 70.9$  GeV, respectively.

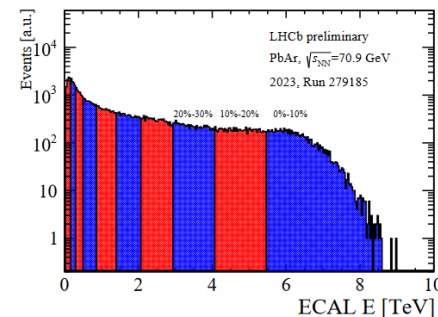
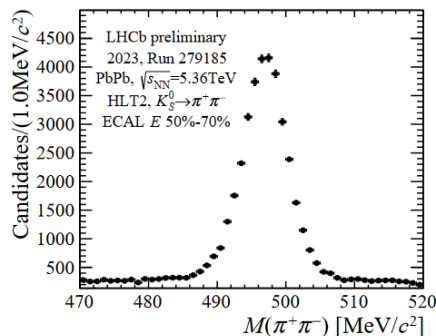


Figure 4: Distribution of the total energy collected in the ECAL for PbAr collision events divided in event activity classes.

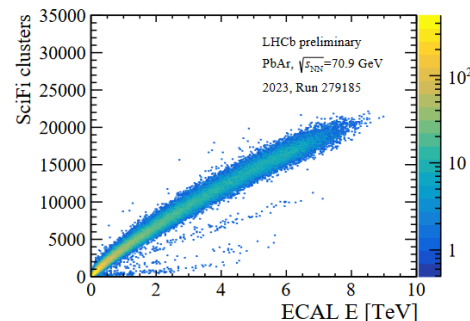
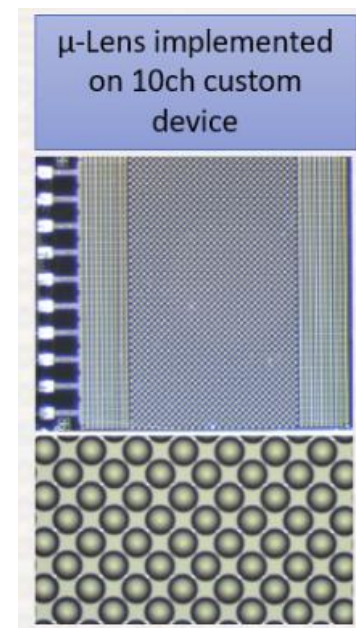
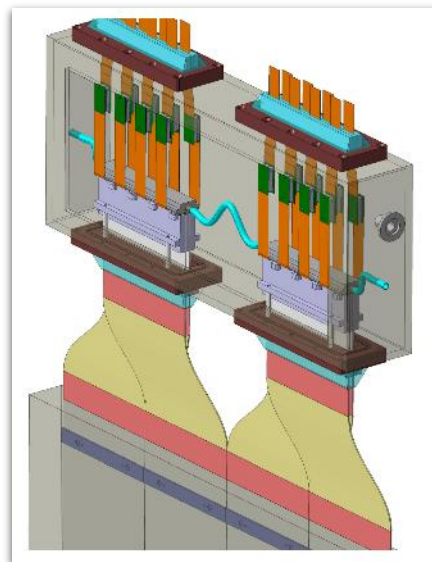


Figure 5: Correlation between the total energy collected in the ECAL and the number of clusters

# Towards Upgrade 2

- Inner region replaced with HV-CMOS pixels
- Cryogenic cooled SiPMs
  - 2% crosstalk
  - >50% PDE (higher overvoltage operation)
  - Microlenses to recover light; could reduce pixel size
  - Would allow for less fibre or more radiation (lower thresholds)
- Investigating new scintillator
  - Now included in ECFA DRD4 collaboration
  - SCSF-78MJ is 25 year old tech
  - Investigating new fast green scintillator (<4ns)



Laterally-flexible fibre mat with feed-through into a vacuum box for LHCb Upgrade 2, which may use cryogenically cooled SiPMs. [Source: Guido Haefeli EPFL]

# Conclusion

- A Scintillating Fibre Tracker can provide good tracking in a hadronic environment
  - We would require more cooling for SiPMs and more light from the fibres to tolerate a large dose of radiation without replacement
- It is cost effective compared to silicon, but it depends on your requirements



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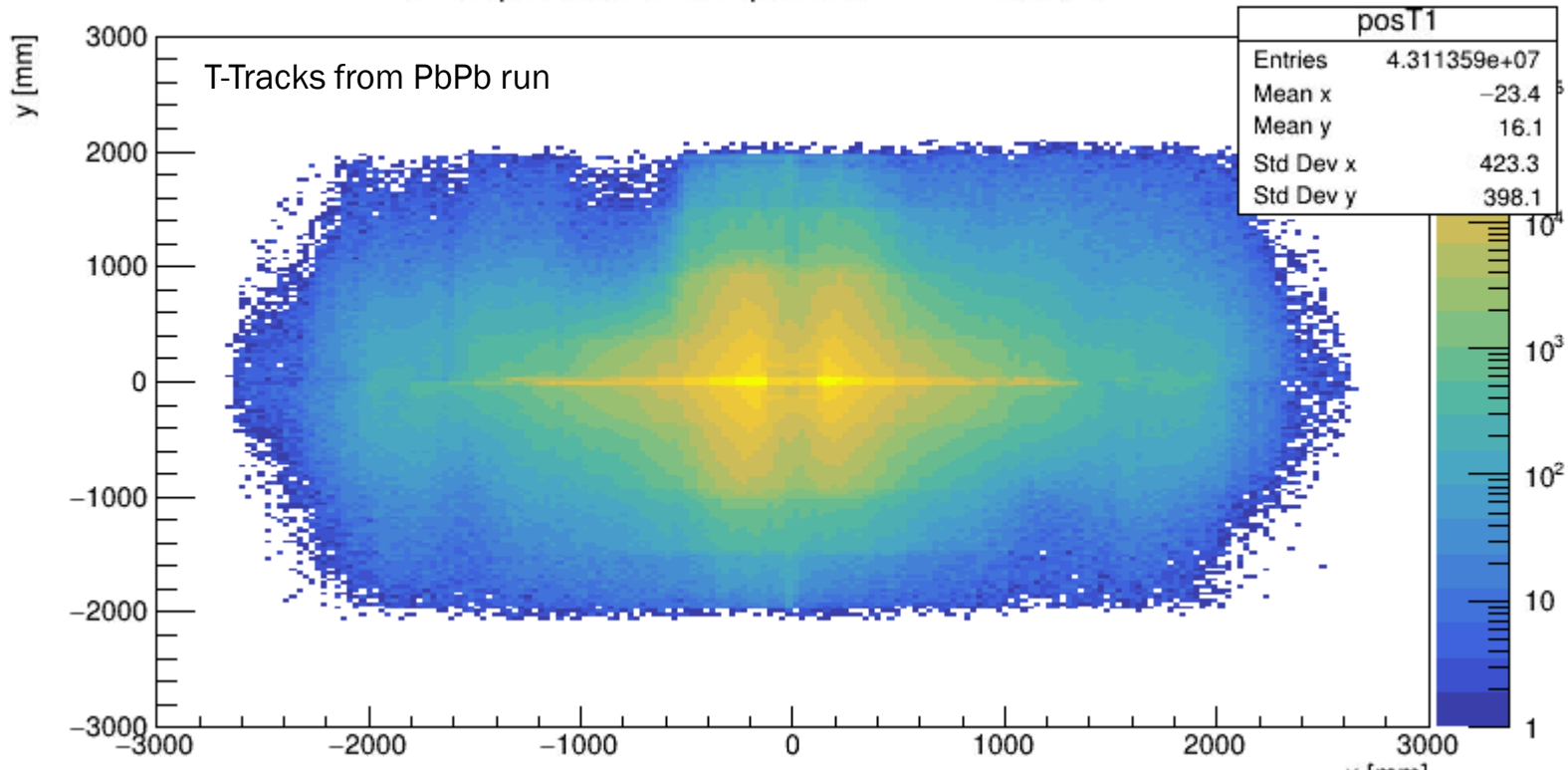
The image shows a complex scientific apparatus, likely a particle detector or a large-scale experiment. A prominent feature is a long, black, cylindrical tube that runs horizontally across the center of the frame. This tube is supported by a network of thin, dark cables or wires that fan out from its right end towards the left. The background consists of a large, dark blue or black wall made of vertical panels, each with a grid of small, light-colored dots or sensors. To the left of the central tube, there is a complex assembly of metal frames, pipes, and cables, some of which are illuminated with a green light. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light sources being the green illumination on the left and the ambient light from the top of the frame. The text "Thank you for listening." is overlaid in the center of the image.

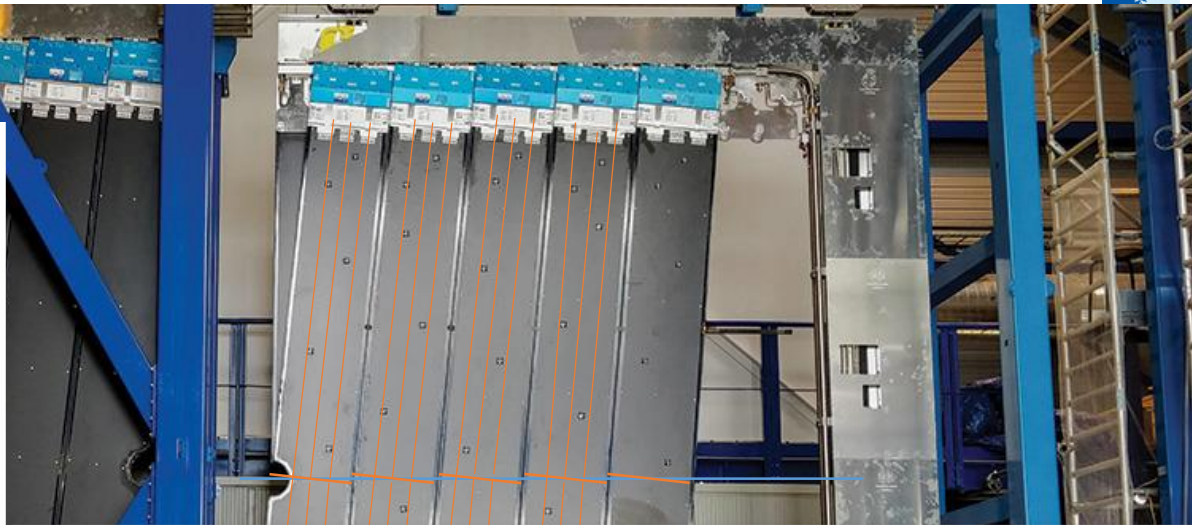
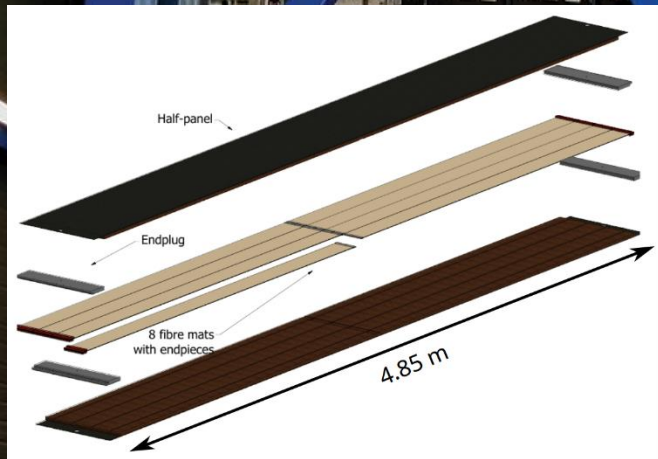
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- Backup Slides

## extrapolated track position in FTStation T1





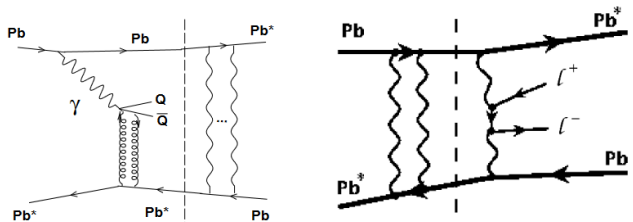


Figure 36. The leading order diagrams for  $\Upsilon$  (left) and lepton pair [123] (right) production in  $\gamma A$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  processes accompanied by Coulomb excitation in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions.

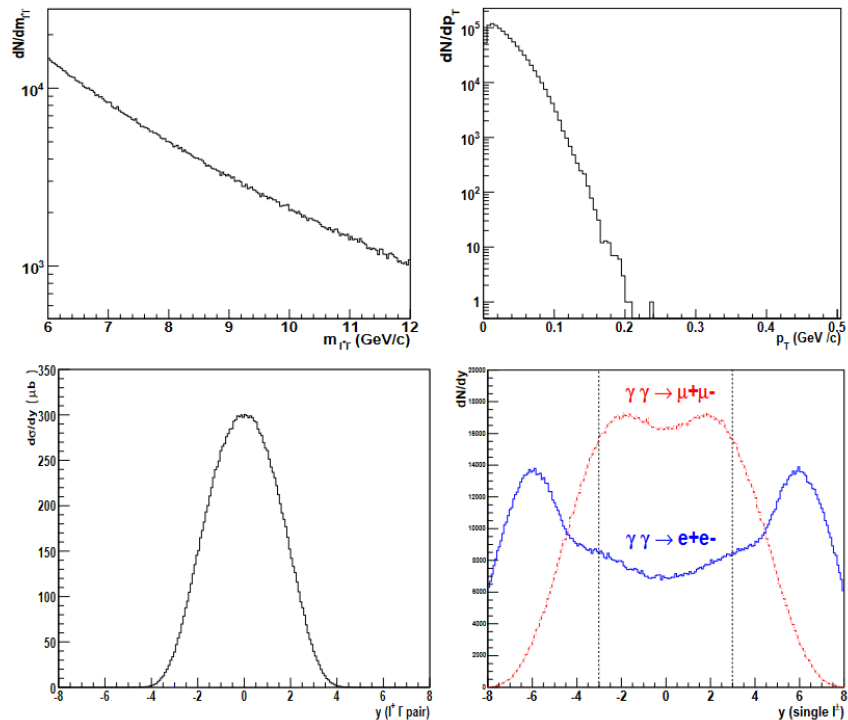


Figure 39. The STARLIGHT dilepton ( $e^\pm, \mu^\pm$ ) invariant mass (top left), pair  $p_T$  (top right), pair rapidity (bottom left) and single lepton rapidity (bottom right) distributions in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5$  TeV [132]. The single muon (dashed) and electron (solid) rapidity distributions are shown separately in the bottom right plot. The vertical dashed lines indicate the CMS acceptance.

**Table 3.1:** This matrix summarizes the high level performance of the di of this matrix can be obtained through the Yellow Report Detector Wo

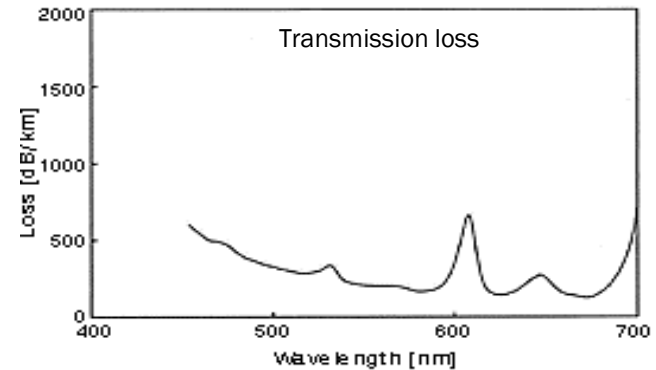
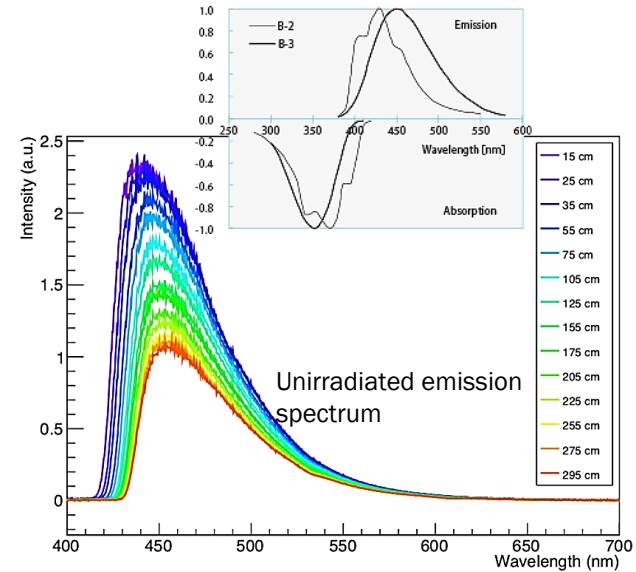
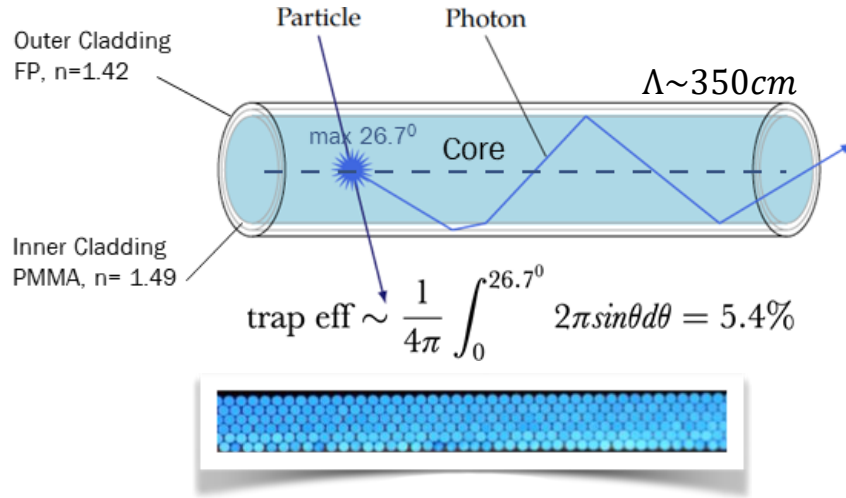
$\eta$	Nomenclature	Tracking				
		Resolution	Relative Momentum	Allowed $X/X_0$	Minimum- $p_T$ (MeV/c)	Transverse Pointing Res. Longitudinal Pointing Res
< -4.6	Low-Q2 tagger					
-4.6 to -4.0						
-4.0 to -3.5						
-3.5 to -3.0	Backward Detector		$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.1\% \times p \oplus 2\%$	$\sim 5\%$ or less	150-300	
-3.0 to -2.5						
-2.5 to -2.0			$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.02\% \times p \oplus 1\%$			
-2.0 to -1.5						$dca(xy) \sim 40/p_T \mu m \oplus 10 \mu m$
-1.5 to -1.0						$dca(z) \sim 100/p_T \mu m \oplus 20 \mu m$
-1.0 to -0.5	Barrel		$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.02\% \times p \oplus 5\%$	$\sim 5\%$ or less	400	
-0.5 to 0.0						
0.0 to 0.5						
0.5 to 1.0	Forward Detectors		$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.02\% \times p \oplus 1\%$	$\sim 5\%$ or less	150-300	
1.0 to 1.5						
1.5 to 2.0						$dca(xy) \sim 40/p_T \mu m \oplus 10 \mu m$
2.0 to 2.5						$dca(z) \sim 100/p_T \mu m \oplus 20 \mu m$
2.5 to 3.0						
3.0 to 3.5			$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.1\% \times p \oplus 2\%$			
3.5 to 4.0	Instrumentation to separate charged particles from photons					Re
4.0 to 4.5						
> 4.6	Proton Spectrometer					
	Zero Degree Neutral Detection					

- The components of an EIC detector will have moderate occupancy as the event multiplicities are low. However, specific components close to the beam-line might see higher occupancies depending on the machine background level.
- Compared to LHC detectors, the various subsystems of an EIC detector have moderate radiation hardness requirements.
- Excellent momentum resolution in the central detector ( $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T(\%) = 0.05 p_T \otimes 0.5$ ).
- Good momentum resolution in the backward region with low multiple-scattering terms ( $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T(\%) \approx 0.1 p_T \otimes 0.5$ ).
- Good momentum resolution at forward rapidities ( $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T(\%) \approx 0.1 p_T \otimes (1 - 2)$ ).
- Good impact parameter resolution for heavy flavor measurements ( $\sigma_{xy} \sim 20/p_T \otimes 5 \mu m$ ).
- Good electromagnetic calorimeter resolution in the central detector ( $\sigma(E)/E \approx 10\%/\sqrt{E} \otimes (1 - 3)\%$  at midrapidity).
- Excellent electromagnetic calorimeter resolution at backward rapidities ( $\sigma(E)/E \approx 2\%/\sqrt{E} \otimes (1 - 3)\%$ ).



## Double-clad round fibres: Kuraray SCSF-78MJ

- Polystyrene core with activator (PTP) and wavelength shifter (TPB)
- $dE/dx(MIP) = 2 \text{ MeV/cm}$ ,  $dN/dE = 8000 \gamma \text{ MeV}^{-1}$



$$N_{obs.} = \frac{dE}{dx} \Delta x \frac{dN}{dE} \eta_{trap} \eta_{detector} (e^{-l/\Lambda} + \eta_{mirror} e^{-(2L-l)/\Lambda})$$

# Ionising Radiation Damage (Fibres)

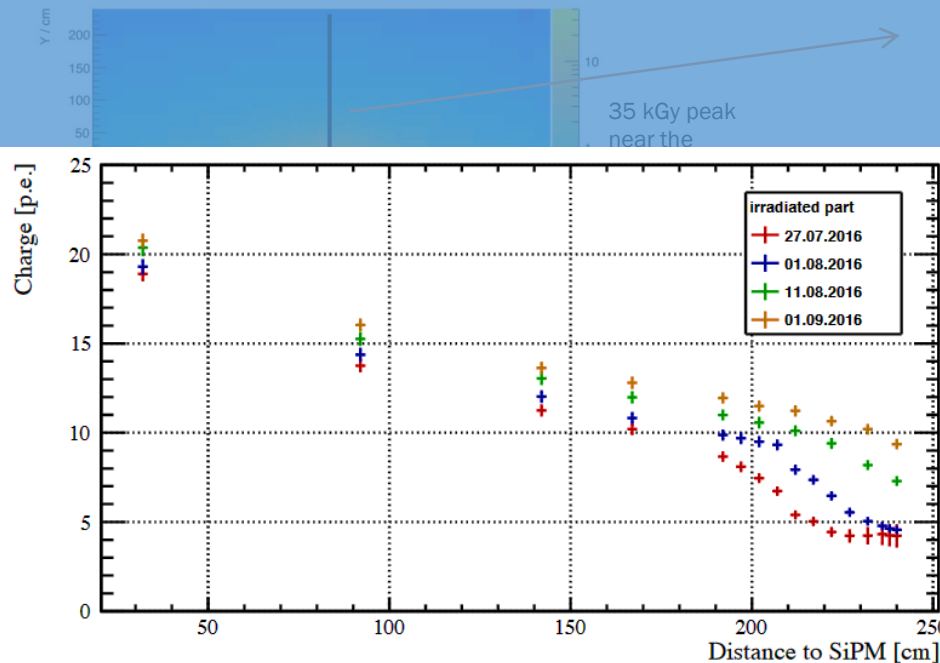
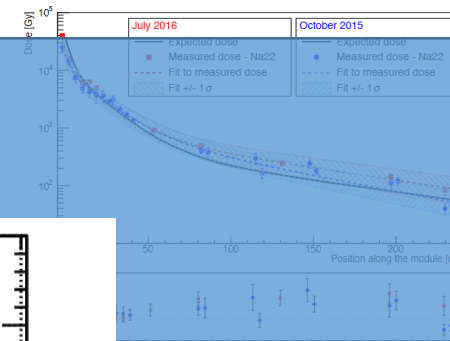


Figure 5.9: Evolution of the mean light yield in the irradiated part along the fibre mat over time. In the the high irradiated part near the mirror the annealing is most intense. Also the limitation due to the cluster algorithm limits the first two measurement runs (*red* and *blue*) near the mirror.



Dose profile of the most irradiated fibre

expected irradiation dose of both test modules irradiated as function of the module position. Position 0cm (left side) to the mirror side. The black line indicates the expected dose. The red (July 2016), respectively blue (October 2015) points show measurements of the dose. The shaded areas are showing the 1-sigma uncertainty. The plot on the bottom shows additionally the ratio of measured dose to expected dose. [35]

[from Master's Thesis David Mueller, Uni Heidelberg.]

Annealing with a time constant of 12 days with 35% permanent loss at the mirror with LHCb dose distribution.

We will measure this again directly in the LS3 shutdown (2026-2028).

# Annealing of Fibre Irradiation

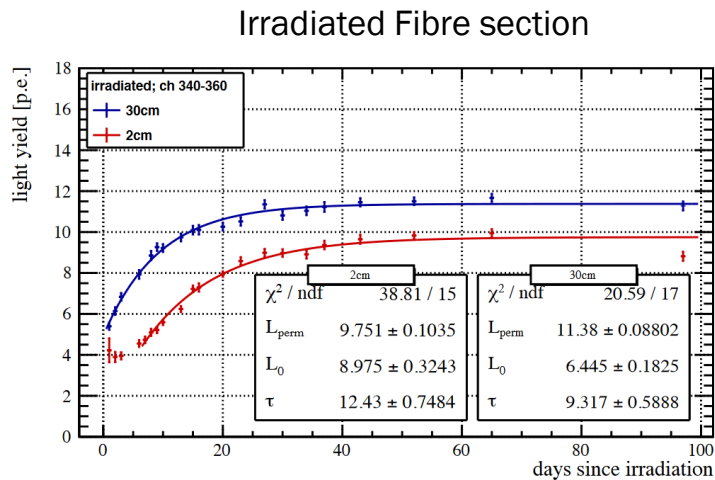


Figure 5.10: Time evolution of the mean light yield at the centre of the irradiated region (channel 340-360) at positions 2 cm (*red*) and 30 cm (*blue*) in front of the mirror. The lines are the fit of an exponential function. The fit parameters ( $L_{\text{perm}}$ ,  $L_0$ ,  $\tau$ ) are given in the boxes.

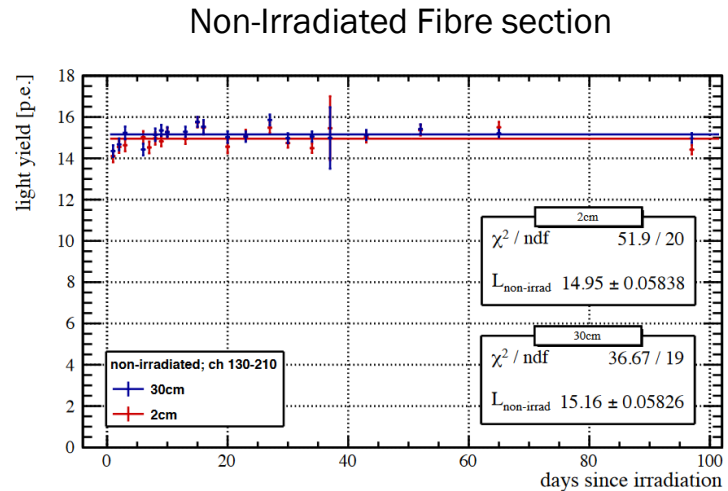
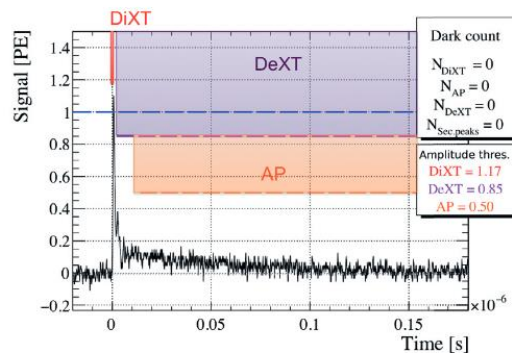
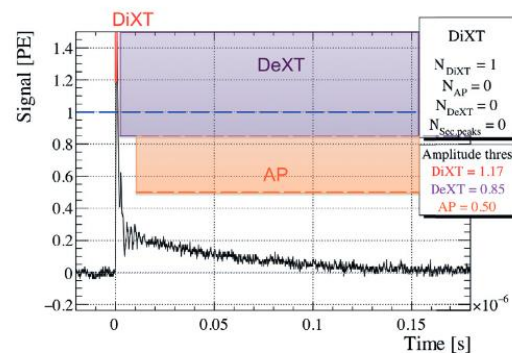


Figure 5.11: Averaged mean light yield of the non-irradiated part (Channel 130-210) monitored over time. The light yield measurement is also slightly dependent on the temperature. A linear fit is performed to average the light yield. Both positions see about 15 photoelectrons.

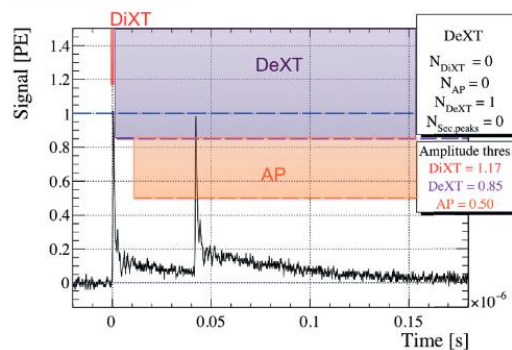
Dark count



Direct cross-talk



Delayed cross-talk



After-pulse

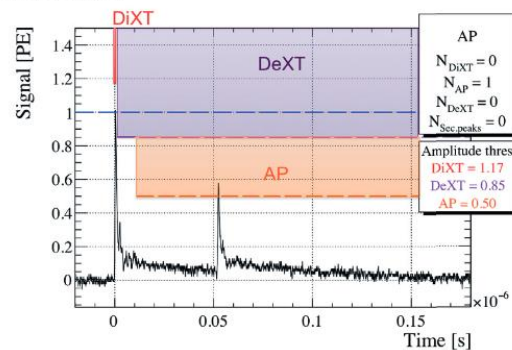
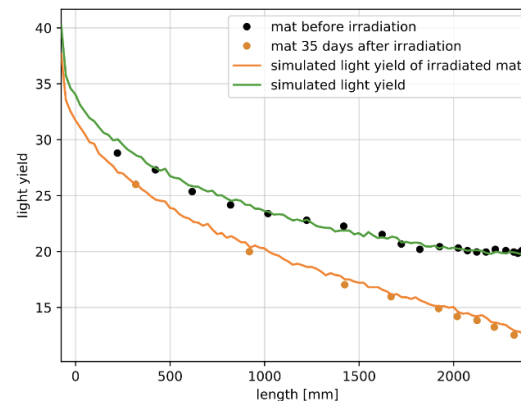


Figure 6.4: Example of peak categorisations with dark count (top left), DiXT (top right), DeXT (bottom left) and AP (bottom right).

# Cluster Light Yield → Hit Efficiency

Model from 2019 includes  
improved fibres and sipms



Worst case  
irradiation model

Figure 14: Measured light yield of a mat before (dark blue) and after irradiation (light blue) compared to simulations. Simulations are scaled to point A of the measured light yield before irradiation (2230 mm away from the SiPM) [15].

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2673602/files/LHCb-PUB-2019-007.pdf>