





# The LHCb VErtex LOcator

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# Role of the VELO in LHCb



- precise tracking
- primary/secondary vertices [lifetime]

#### Trigger

- B-decay selection
- suppression of multiple interactions
- absolute luminosity measurement

#### Layout



- 2 retractable detector halves
- 21 stations per half with an R and  $\varphi$  sensor
- 2 Pile-Up stations per half [trigger]

### Sensors



 $n^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$  in n-bulk sensors [300  $\mu m]$ 

- inherently radiation tolerant
- strip isolation via p-spray
- expected radiation dose:
  - $1.3 \cdot 10^{14} n_{eq}$ /cm<sup>2</sup>/year at r = 0.8 cm -  $5 \cdot 10^{12} n_{eq}$ /cm<sup>2</sup>/year at r = 4.2 cm

after 3-4 years [~8 fb<sup>-1</sup>]: run partially depleted



# Modules





- double-sided hybrid to balance stresses due to "bi-metallic" effects
- typical non-planarities: 250 μm
- sensor-sensor accuracy: < 10  $\mu$ m
- analogue front-end read-out:
   2 x 16 Beetle chips
- cooling: 2-phase CO<sub>2</sub> [silicon @ -7° C]

## **Module Production**





receive and validate components

hybrid assembly

wire bonding on the hybrid

glue sensors on hybrid

wire bonding of sensors to hybrid

glue to carbon-fibre paddle

module metrology

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visual re-inspection

module burn-in

- electrical test in vacuum
- thermal stress
- electronics burn-in





HV return line problem [jig pushing bonds at feet]

# Fully Assembled VELO Half



# Vacuum System



- avoid deformations:  $\Delta P = P_{beam} - P_{detector} < 10 \text{ mbar}$
- control system:  $\Delta P < 5$  mbar
- beam vacuum after bakeout: P<sub>beam</sub> = 3.5 • 10<sup>-10</sup> mbar [requirement: 10<sup>-8</sup> mbar]
- expected VELO vacuum:  $P_{detector} < 10^{-4}$  mbar

- silicon detectors operated in vacuum
- RF shield of 300  $\mu m$  Al [3% Mg]
  - constitutes beampipe in VELO region
  - shape allows for overlapping sensors [alignment]



This is what the LHC beams see ...

# Testbeam







- 10 modules
- 180 GeV  $\pi$  beam
- small scale CO<sub>2</sub> cooling system
- 6 modules readout simultaneously [full readout chain with final electronics boards]
- software: DAQ, ECS, tracking, vertexing, online monitoring

- data for 0, 4 and 8 degrees
- interaction data
  - 4 layers with 2 Pb targets [300 µm]
  - test vertex reconstruction
  - emulate open and closed VELO
- > 50 million events to disk

## **Testbeam Results**



expected resolution improvements: cross-talk and  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  corrections

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#### **Expected Tracking Performance**





- secondary vertex resolution:
  x,y: ~10 μm, z: ~100 μm
- Proper time res.: ~40 fs
- B Mass res.: ~15 MeV

# Status





positioning system

- module production and burn-in: completed March 2007
- module assembly on detector halves: completed March 2007
- checkout/metrology of detector halves: ongoing
- vacuum/detector positioning system: installed
- cooling system: commissioning
- Electronic boards/cables: commissioning
- installation of first VELO half in the pit: Q4 2007



 $\rm CO_2$  cooling system



readout electronics

# Summary

- VErtex LOcator is small but complex detector
- precision tracking very close to the interaction region
- vital role for the online event selection
- radiation tolerant design
- results from the testbeam in November 2006
  - S/N: 24-29 (φ), 20-24 (R)
  - resolution: 9-20 μm (φ), 10-25 μm (R)
- on schedule for first data in 2008

### Luminosity Measurement

Method:

- injection of a tiny bit of gas into VELO region
- reconstruction of beam-gas interaction vertices
  - beam angles, profiles & relative positions
  - calculate luminosity
- simultaneous reconstruction of beam-beam interaction vertices
  - calibrate 'reference' cross-section

$$L = f \underbrace{N_1 N_2}_{\text{machine}} 2c \cos^2(\phi/2) \int_{4-\text{fold}} \frac{\rho_1(\mathbf{x}, t) \rho_2(\mathbf{x}, t)}{4} d^3x \, dt$$

- expected beam size:  $\sigma_x \approx \sigma_y \approx 70 \ \mu m$
- expected vertex resolution:  $\sigma_{pv} \approx 30 \ \mu m$

expected accuracy: ~1%





test setup for gas injection