



Super VELO studies: Status and plans

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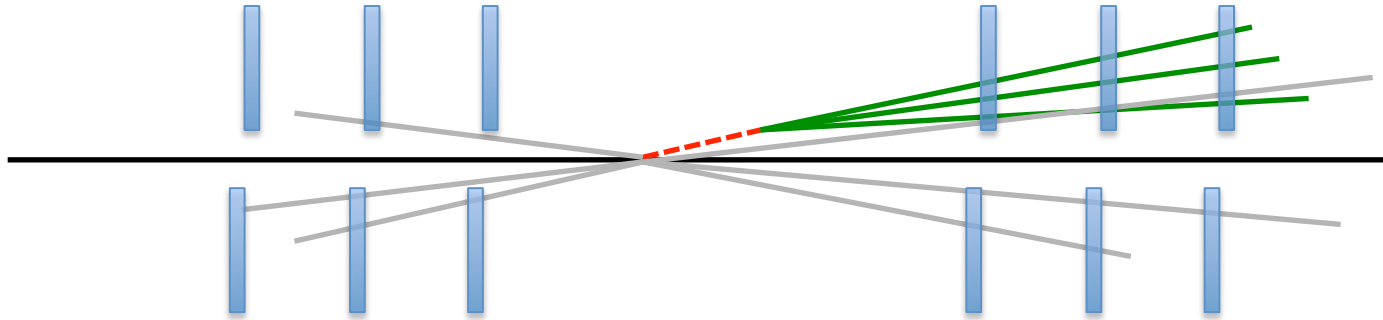
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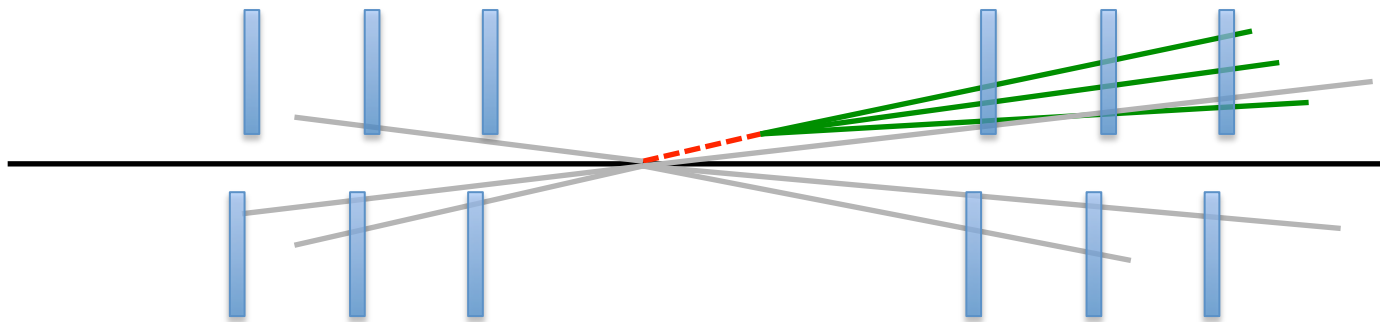
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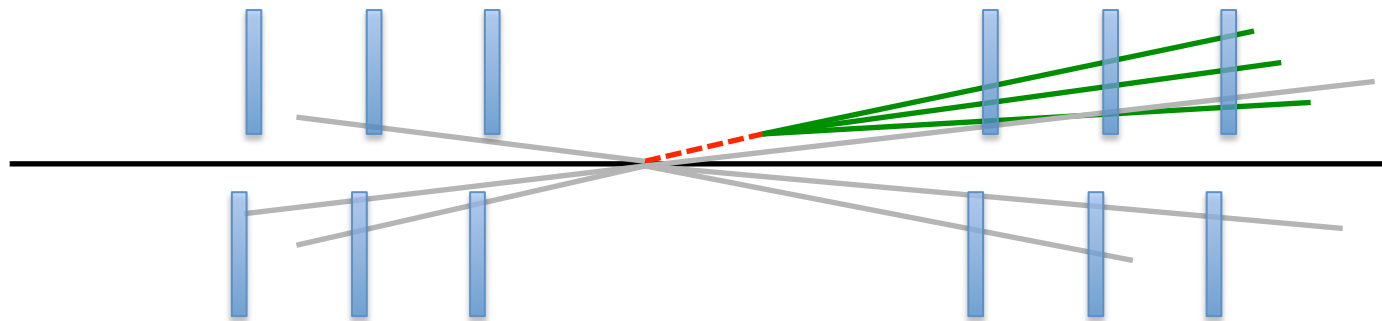
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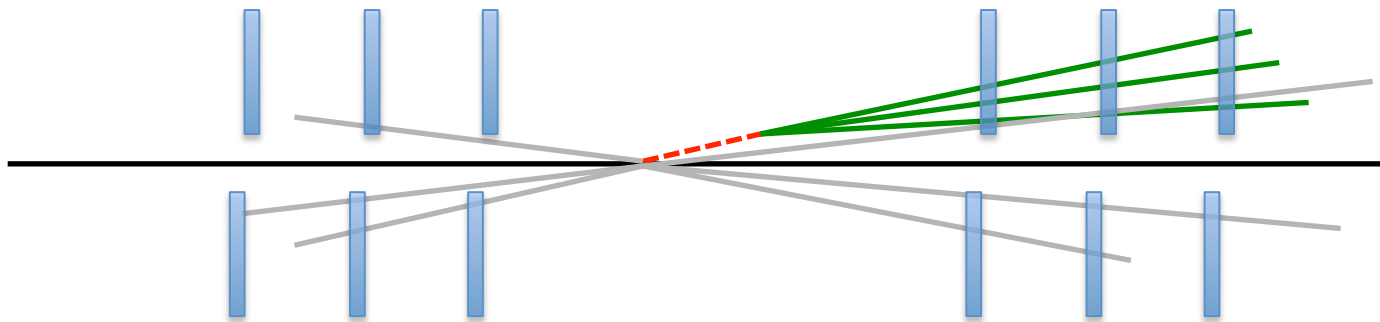
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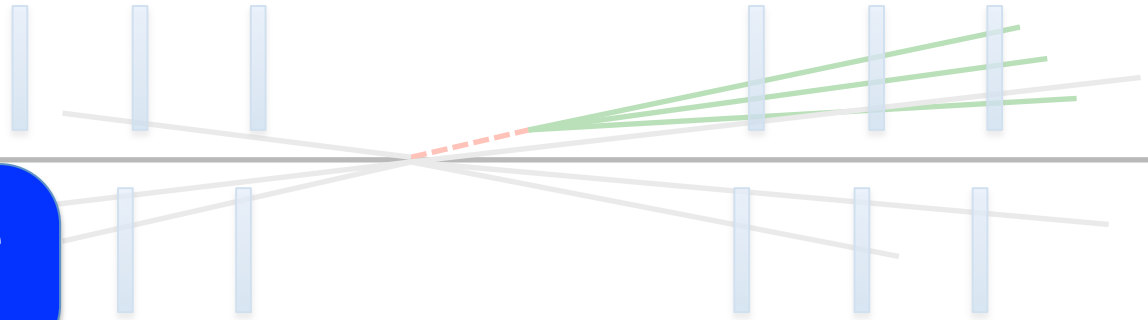
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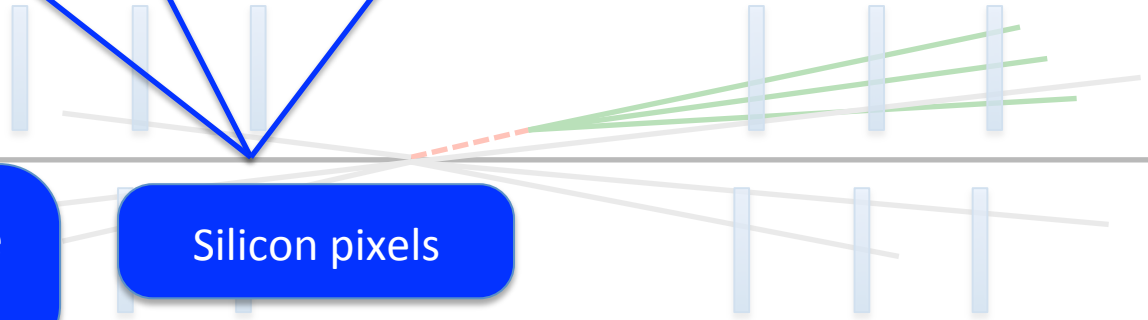
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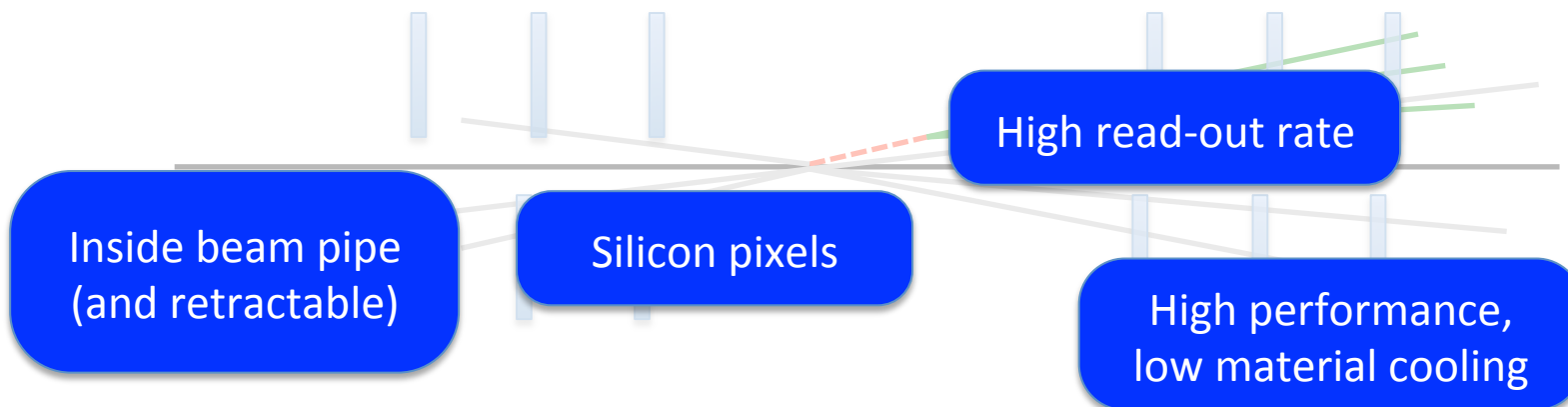
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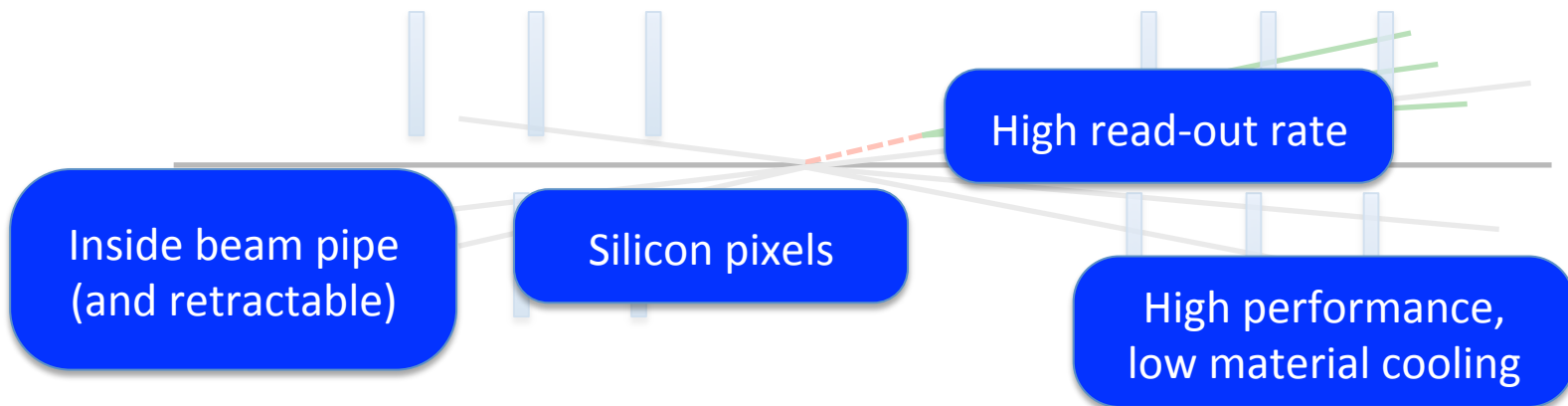
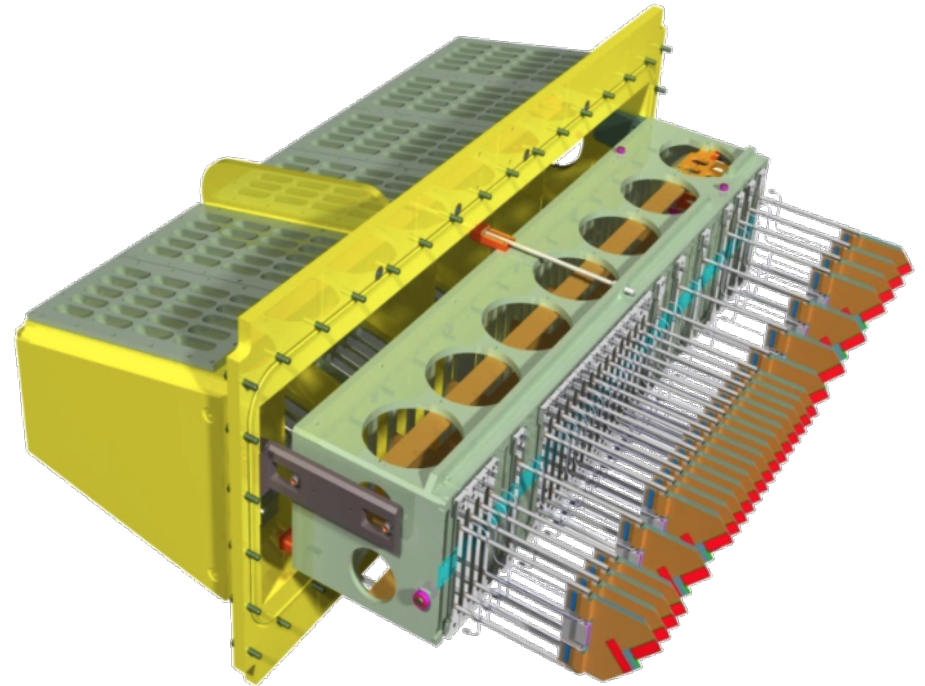
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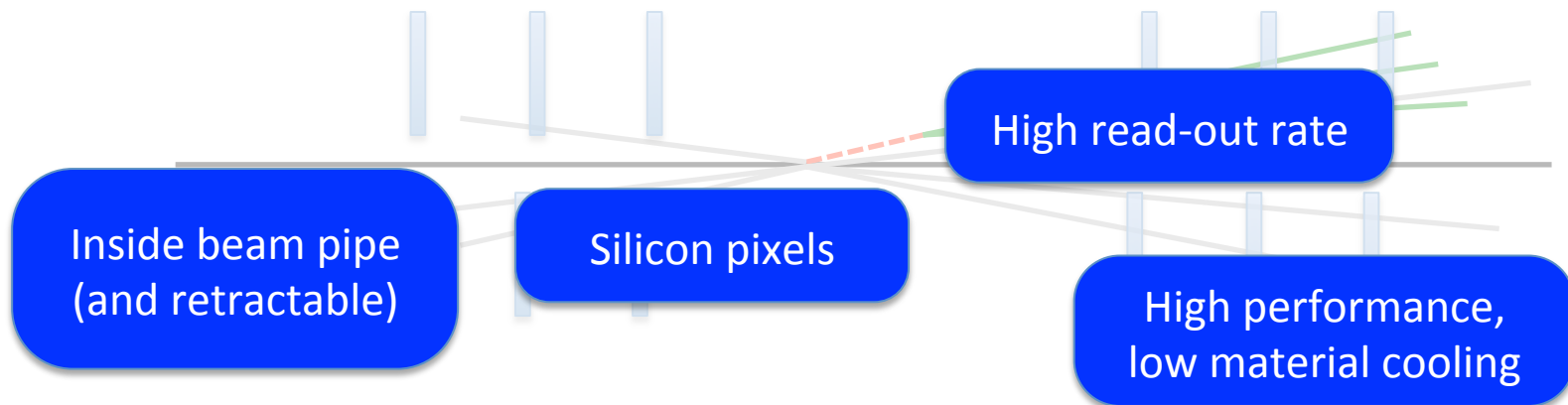
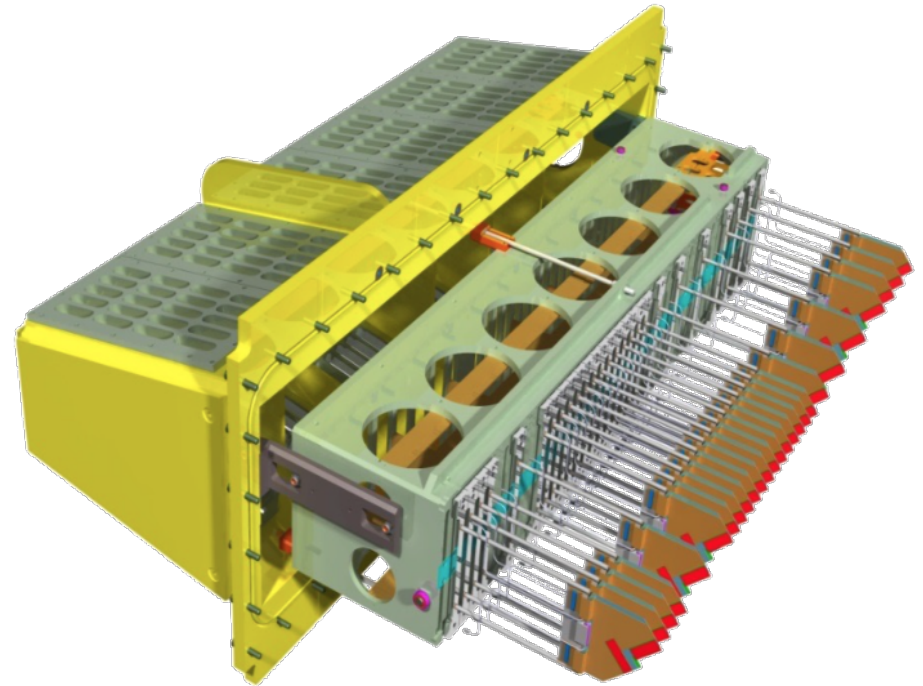
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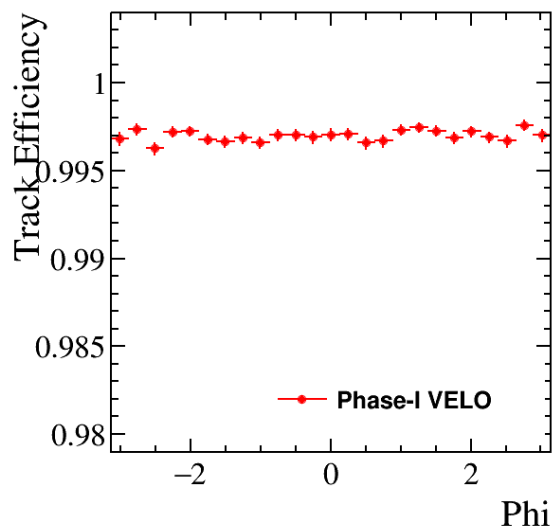
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- 10x denser vertex environment
- 10x higher radiation damage

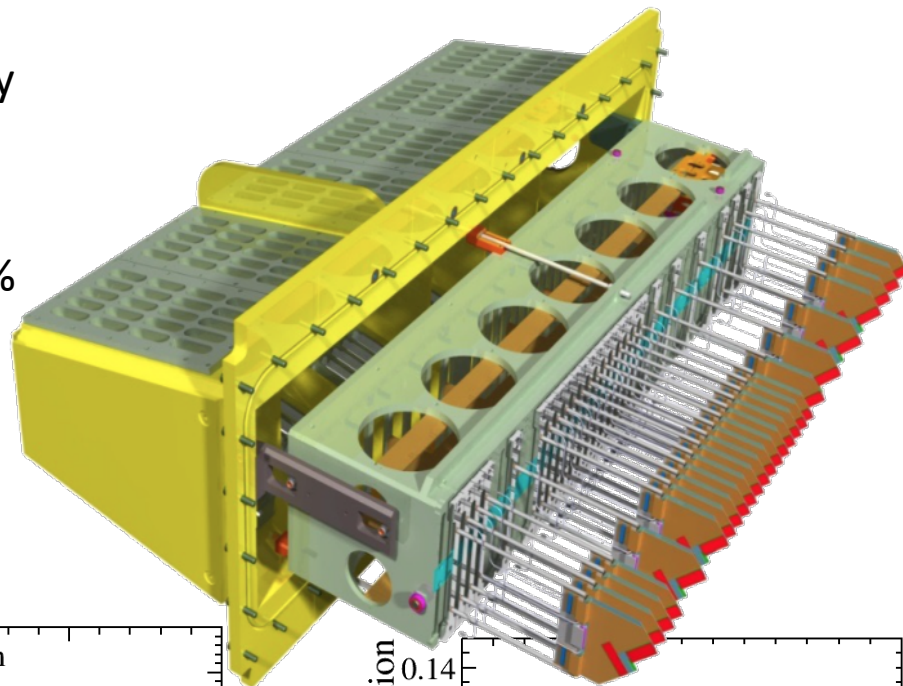


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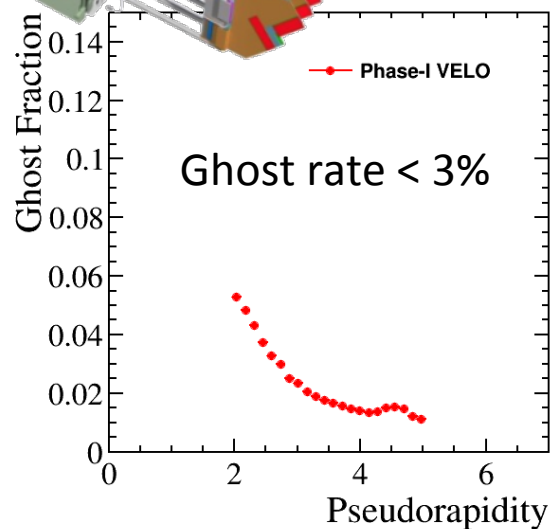
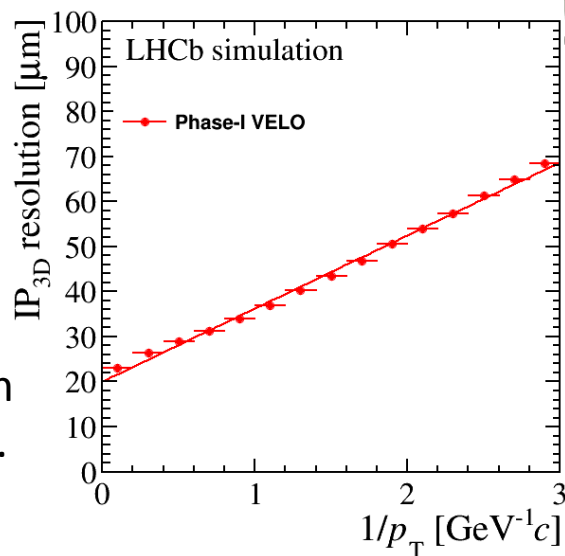
Very high performance at Run 3-4 luminosity



Tracking efficiency > 99.5% for long tracks



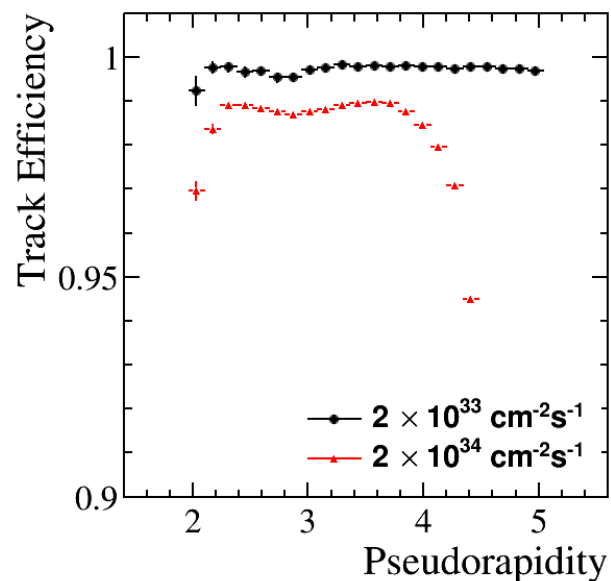
Impact parameter resolution
~20 (60) μm at high (low) p_T .



Ghost rate < 3%

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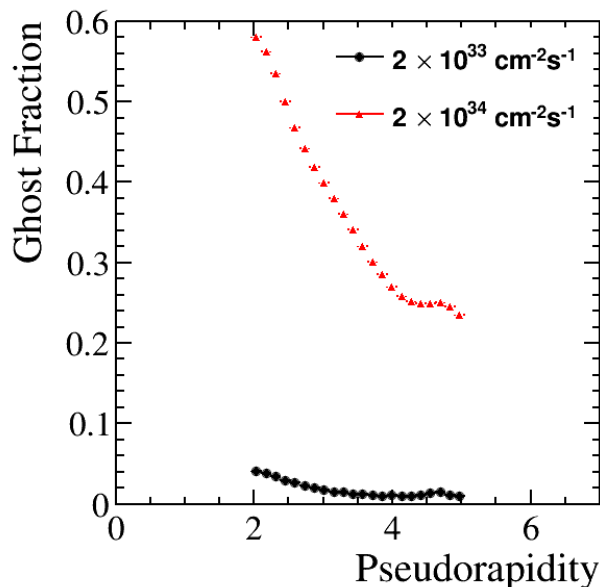
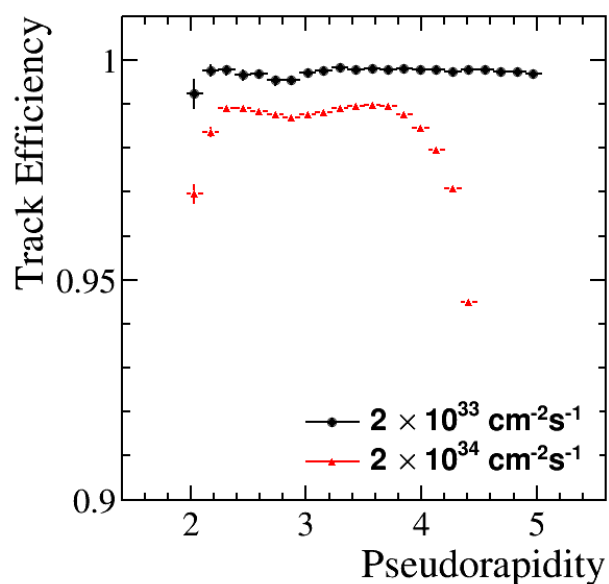
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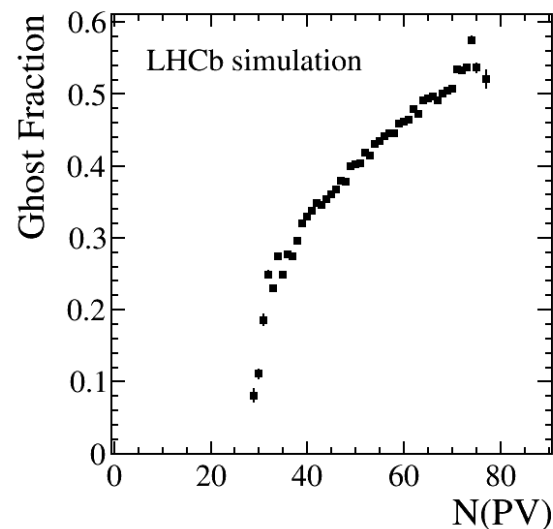
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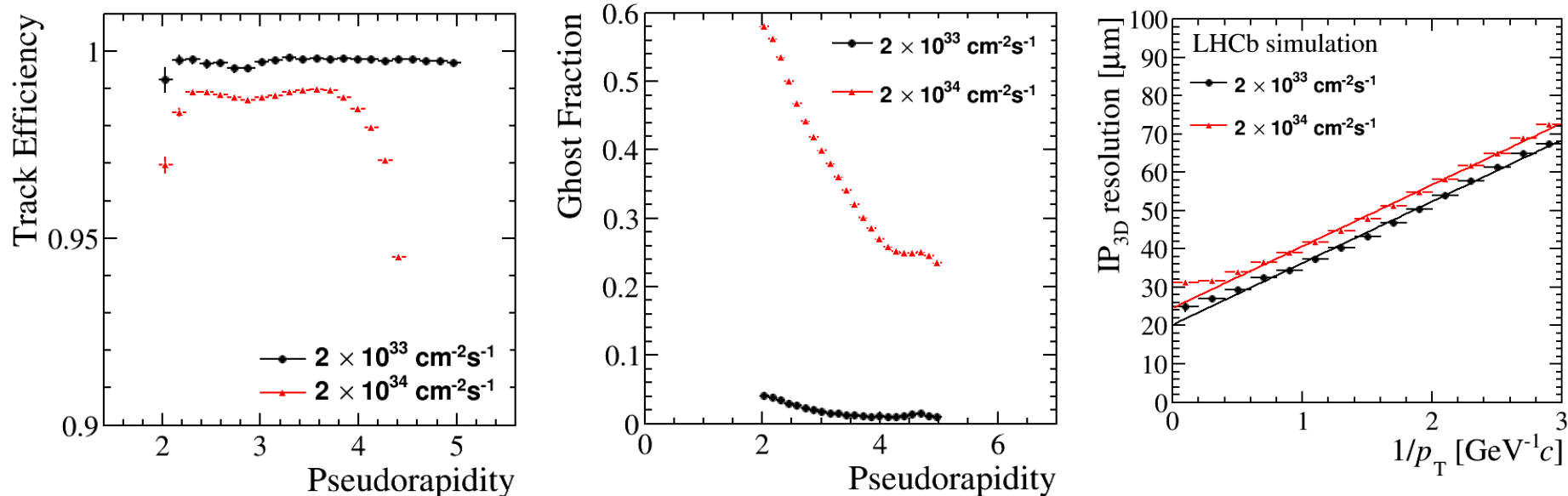
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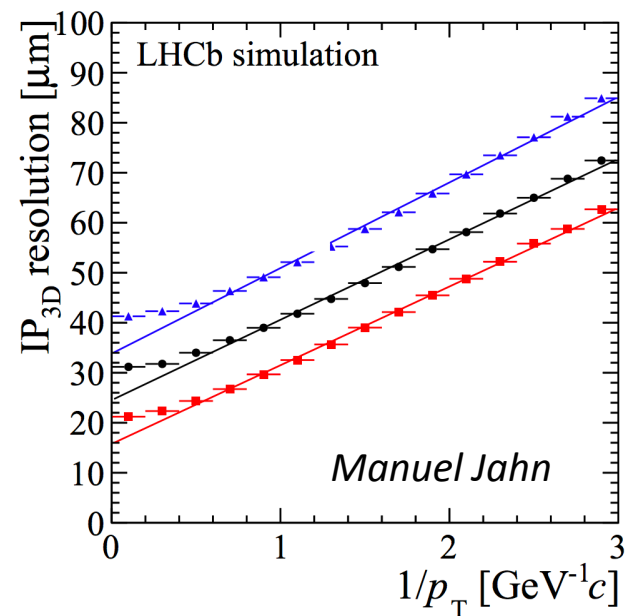
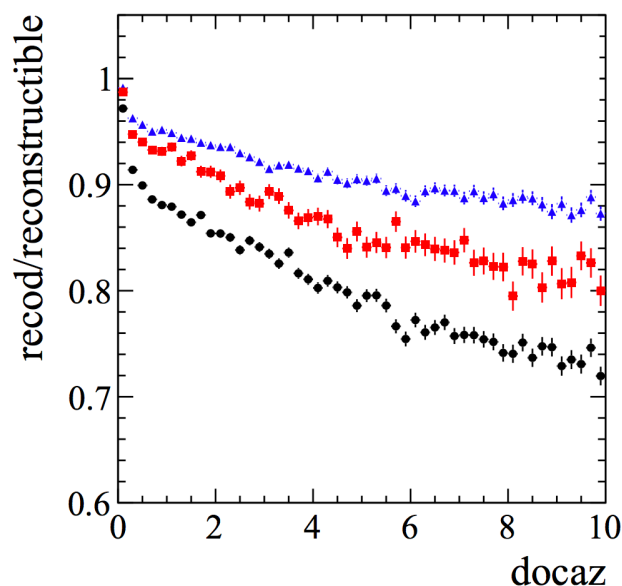
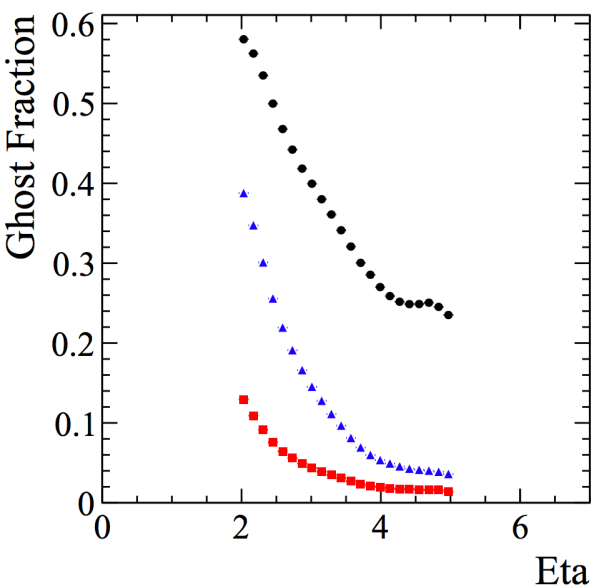
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Can recover most performance with modest improvements:

- Smaller pixels ($55\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 27.5\mu\text{m}$)
- Thinner silicon ($200\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 100\mu\text{m}$)
- Re-optimised pattern recognition



- default VeloPix
- ▲— ThinSil (optimized)
- 4xPixel (optimized)

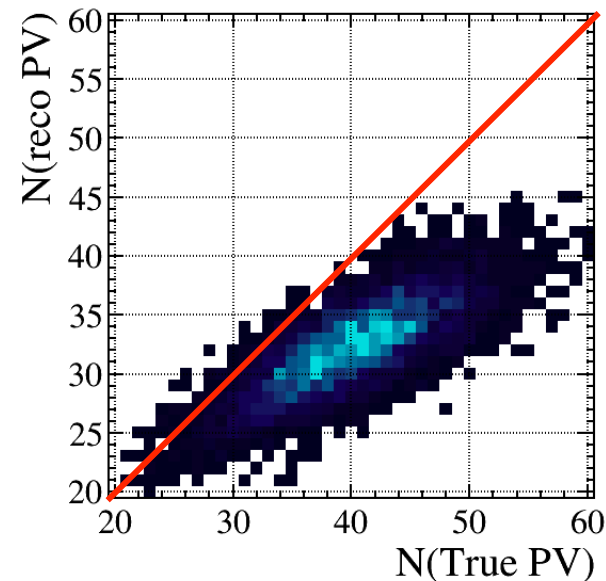
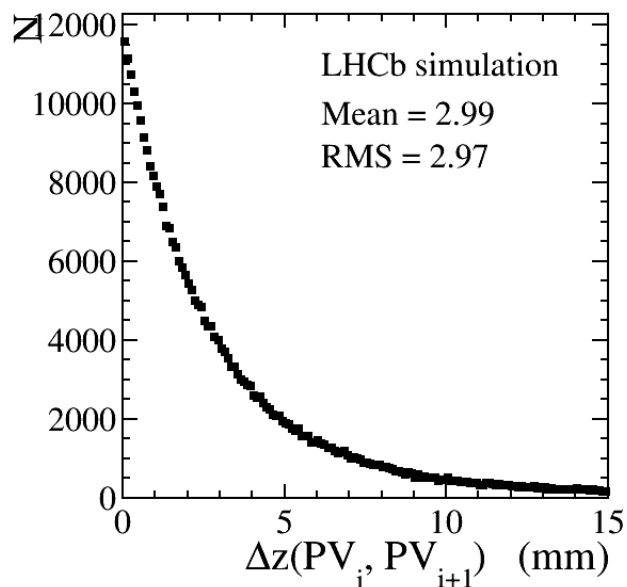
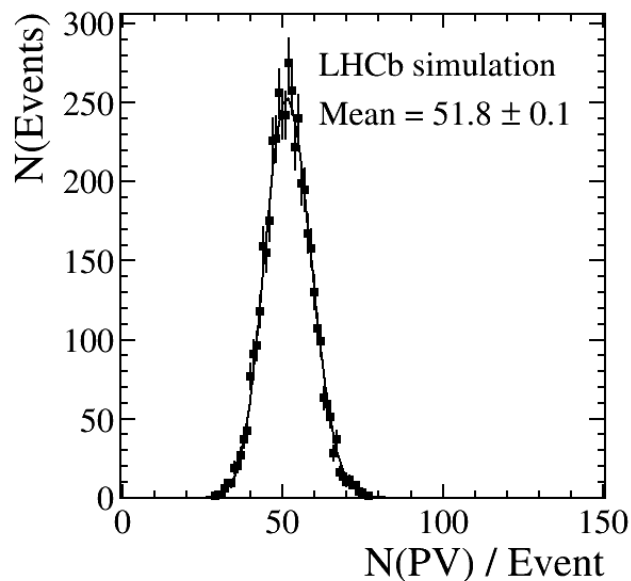


Phase-II Challenge B: 10x vertex multiplicity

At Phase-II luminosity,
~50 visible interactions /
crossing

PV separation ~3mm on
average, but peaks at very
small values (<500 μ m)

With phase-I detector,
PVs start to merge



PV reconstruction recovered with smaller pixels

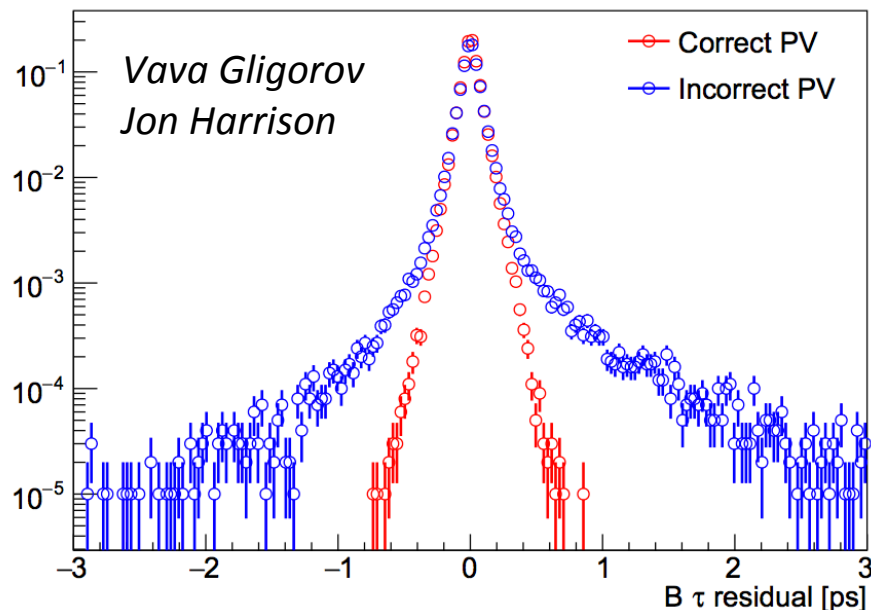
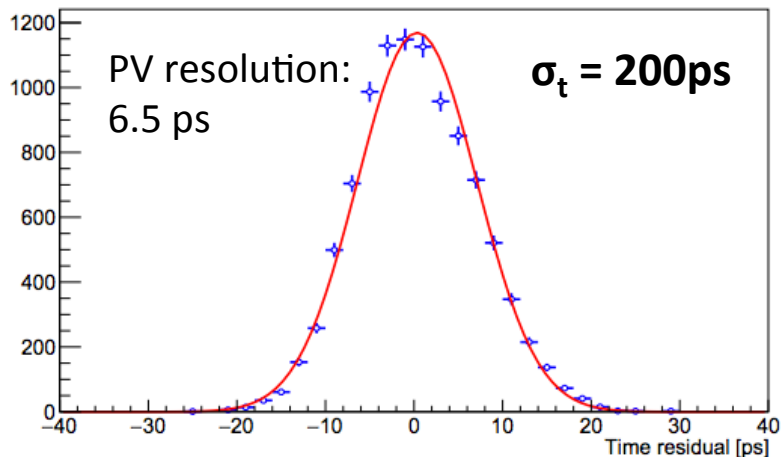
BUT we start to suffer from PV-track **mis-association**...

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Preliminary study with time information added to all VELO hits

e.g. 200ps per-hit resolution \rightarrow 6.5ps PV resolution (8.5ps for 2-body SV)

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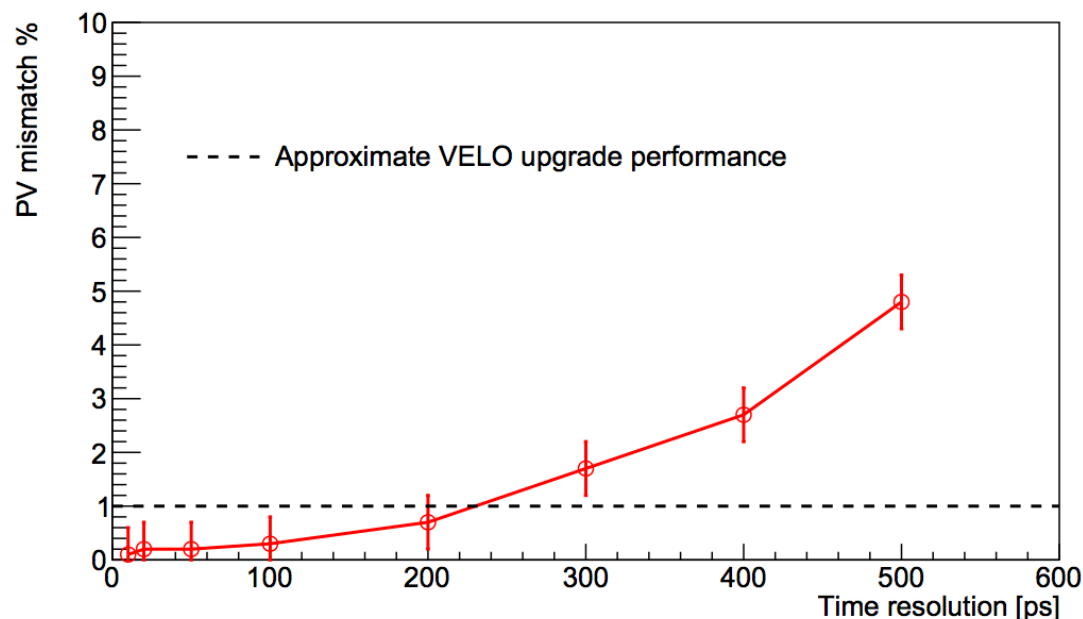
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With no timing information, **14%** mis-association rate

With 200ps resolution (per-hit), PV mis-association rate reduces **below 1%** (Phase-I upgrade expectation).

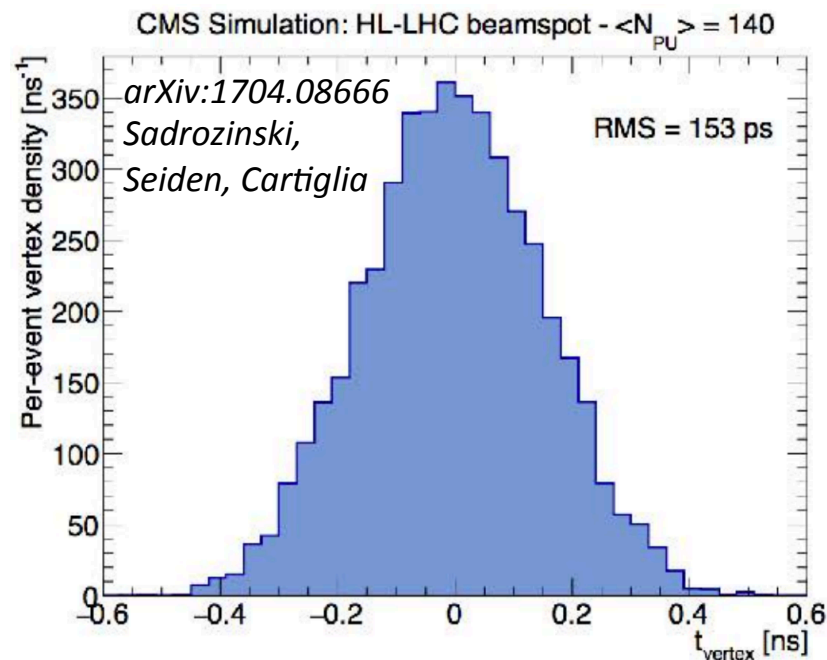


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How precise?

- PV distribution has RMS ~ 150 ps
- For 4D pattern recognition, need **single hit resolution** sufficient to separate hits from ~ 50 different interactions : $O(10-30$ ps).
 - Simulation shows we can achieve decent tracking performance with spatial hit information alone (but need small pixels)
 - 4D tracking would give larger gains – worth investigating
- For PV association, **track resolution** must be $O(10$ ps) – can combine information from multiple hits, and don't need time information from all hits



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Timepix4 aiming for 200ps timing information – could potentially get time/space information simultaneously

Still challenges to extend this functionality to potential ‘SuperVeloPix’ chip:

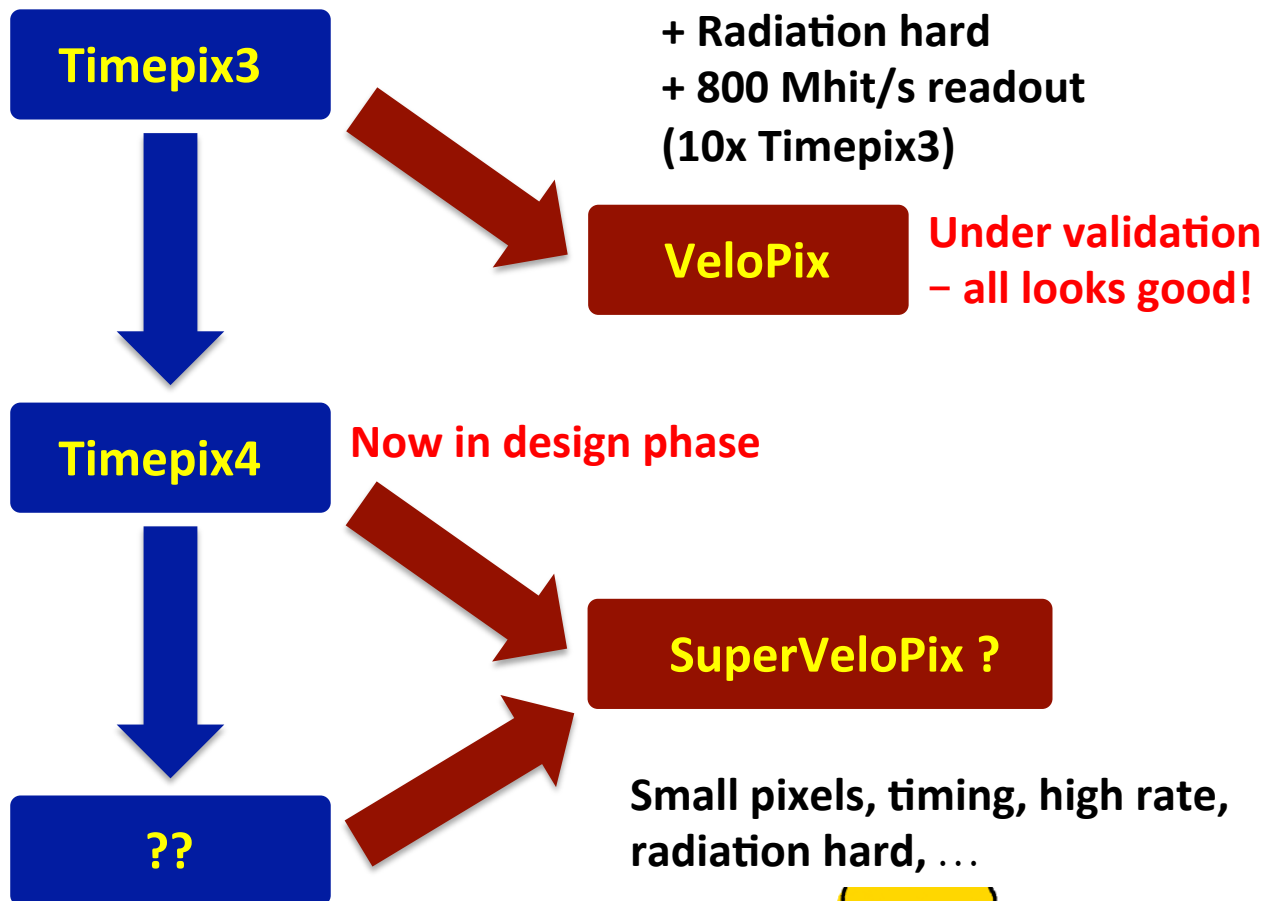
- Need to qualify **radiation hardness**
- Need to push **hit rate** (e.g. Velopix has 10x output rate of timepix3, but sacrifices information to achieve this)
- Will **Pixel size** be small enough? (we need $<30\mu\text{m}$, larger if we have 4D)

SuperVeloPix ?

- 55 μ m pixels
- 130 nm technology
- 1 ns timing precision

- Reduced pixel size
- 65 nm technology
- ~200 ps timing precision
- 4-sided buttable design

- Even better timing precision?



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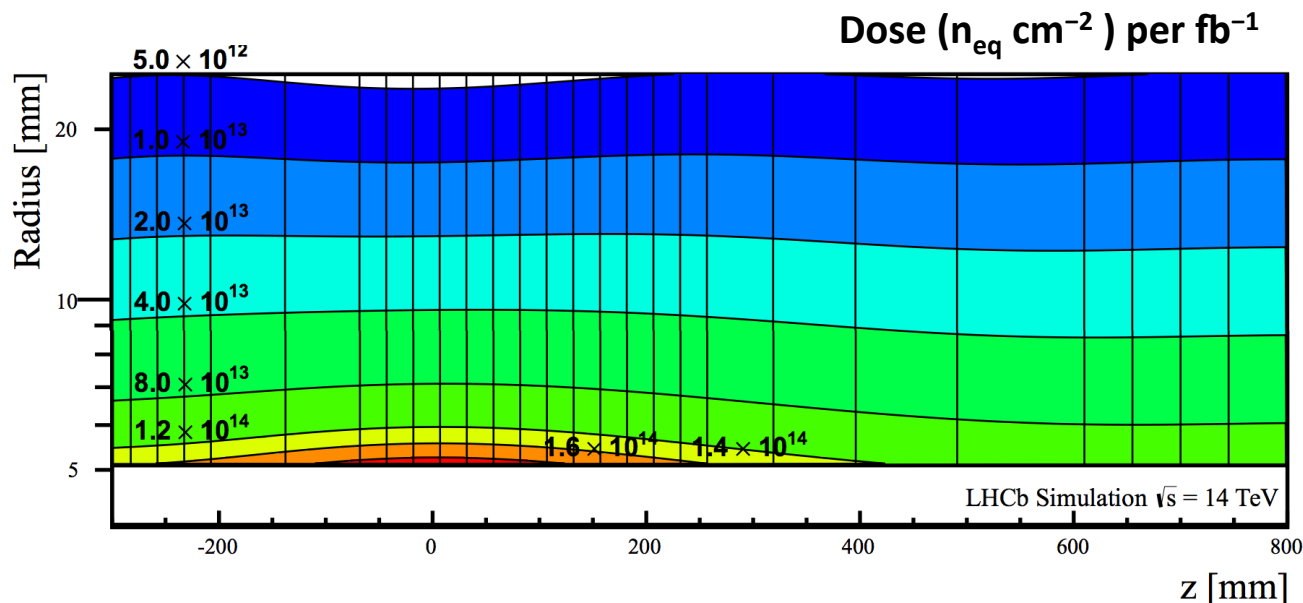
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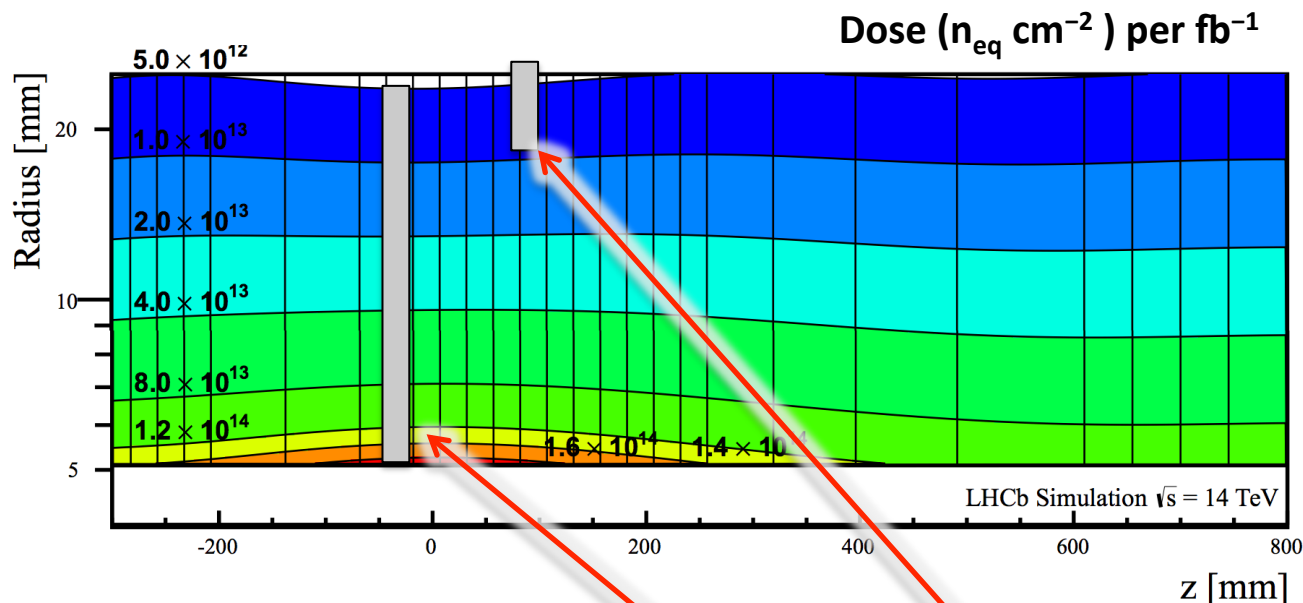
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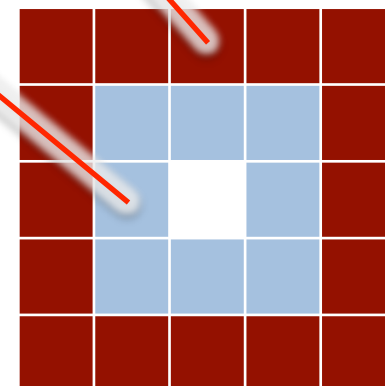
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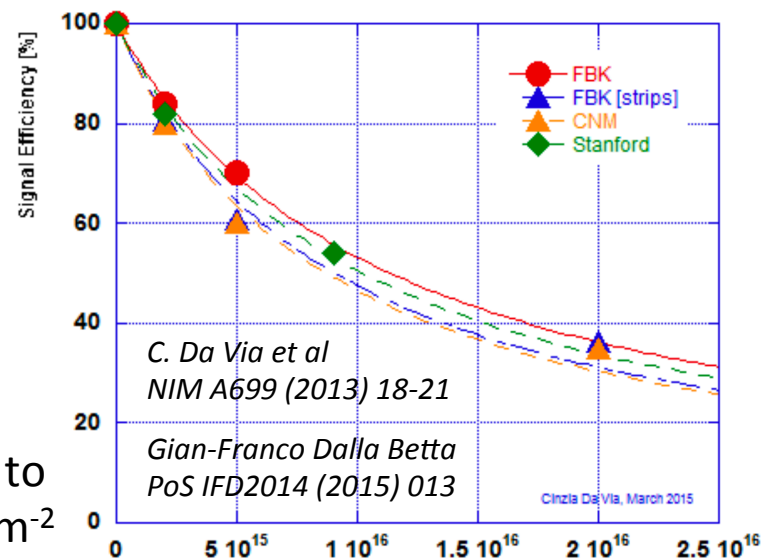
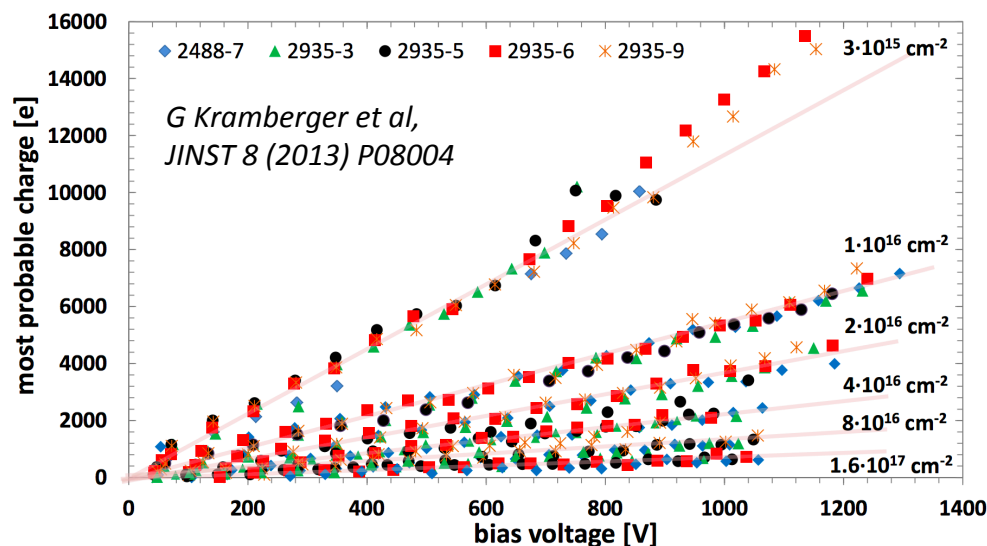
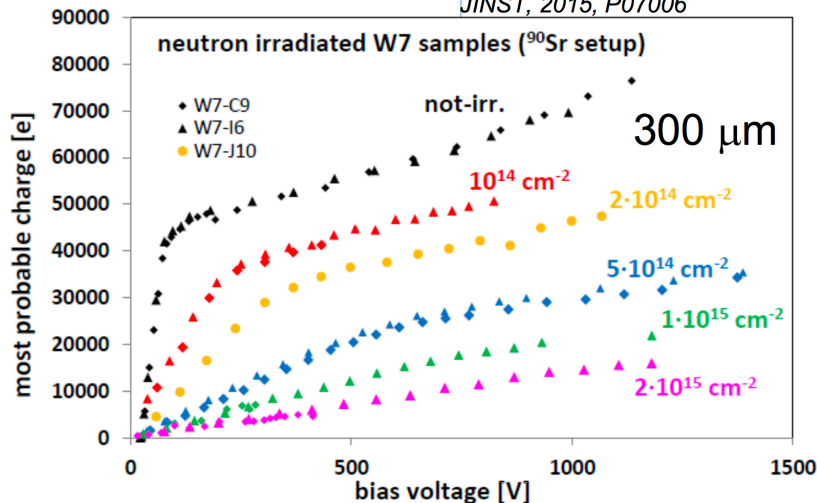


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Planar silicon retains acceptable charge collection efficiency up to $10^{16} \text{ 1 MeV n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (plot from 2013, 300 μm Si)

45 μm LGAD detectors lose gain beyond a few $10^{14} \text{ 1 MeV n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

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} Most likely some combination of these two approaches

Dream scenario:

- Develop sensors that can survive for a full ~ 4 year run ($\sim 4 \times 10^{16} \text{ 1 MeV } n_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$)
- Replace hottest modules during long shutdown

More likely:

- Develop sensors which can survive for ~ 2 years
- Replace in situ when required (automated cassette loading?)

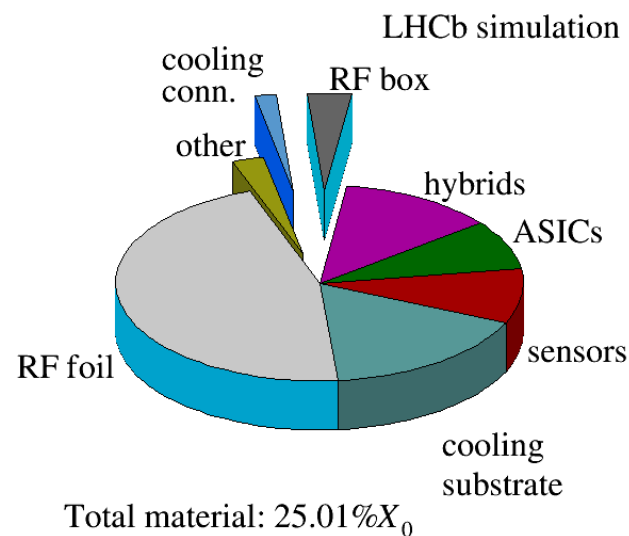
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Radius of 1st hit Material before 2nd hit Hit resolutions

$$\sigma_{\text{IP}}^2 = \frac{r_1^2}{p_T^2} \left(0.0136 \text{ GeV}/c \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} \left(1 + 0.038 \ln\left(\frac{x}{X_0}\right) \right) \right)^2 + \frac{\Delta_{02}^2 \sigma_1^2 + \Delta_{01}^2 \sigma_2^2}{\Delta_{12}^2} + \sigma_{\text{extrap}}^2$$

= σ_{MS}^2

- Multiple scattering dominates IP resolution at low p_T
- Proportional to material traversed before 2nd hit
- RF foil is by far the largest material contributor

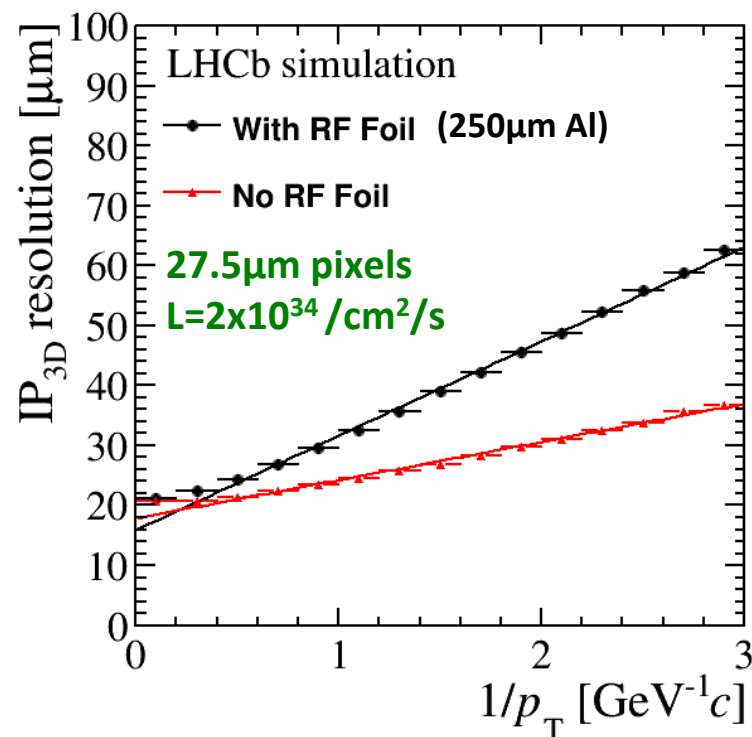
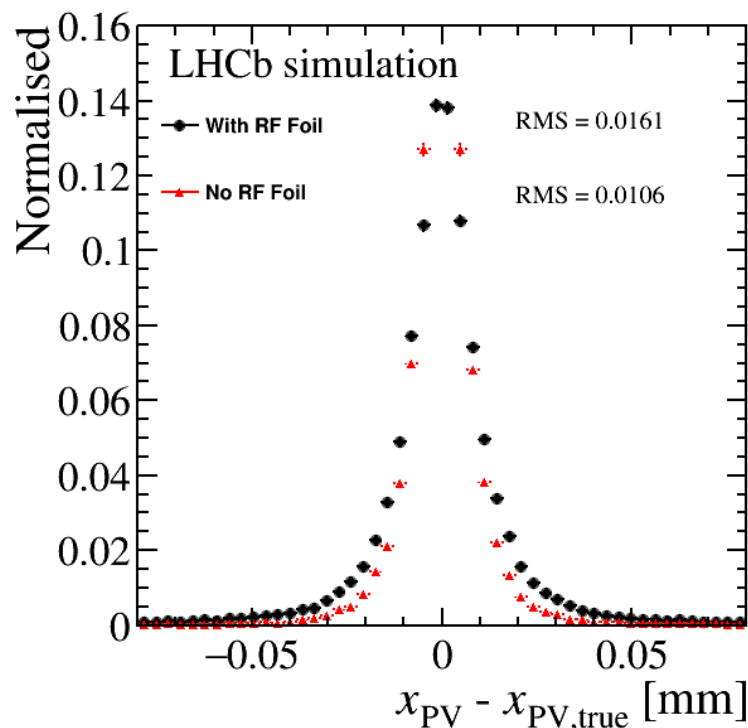


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Also consider alternative designs with less material. Smaller gains but fewer obstacles

Factor 2 gain in IP resolution at low p_T



35% improved PV resolution

→ Factor 2 reduction in uncertainties for SL channels (see talk by Patrick O.)

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A: For machine considerations, see talk by Nicolo Biancacci.
For VELO operation, open question: need to test.

A Possible Phase-II VELO

Main modules have two technologies:

 **Small-r:** small pixels, radiation hard, timing information optional

 **Large-r:** larger pixels, fast timing, reduced rad hardness

Minimal RF protection between beam and sensors

Retractable modules as in current/phase-I VELO

Automated 'cassette replacement' (?)

At large-z, a few dedicated single-tech modules ensure all particles in acceptance have spatial & timing info

Cooling from evaporative CO₂ in microchannels?
(benefit from phase-I experience)

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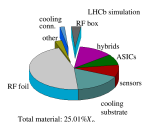
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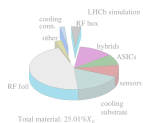
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