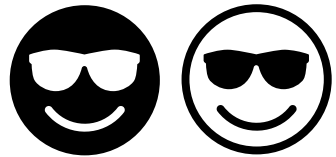
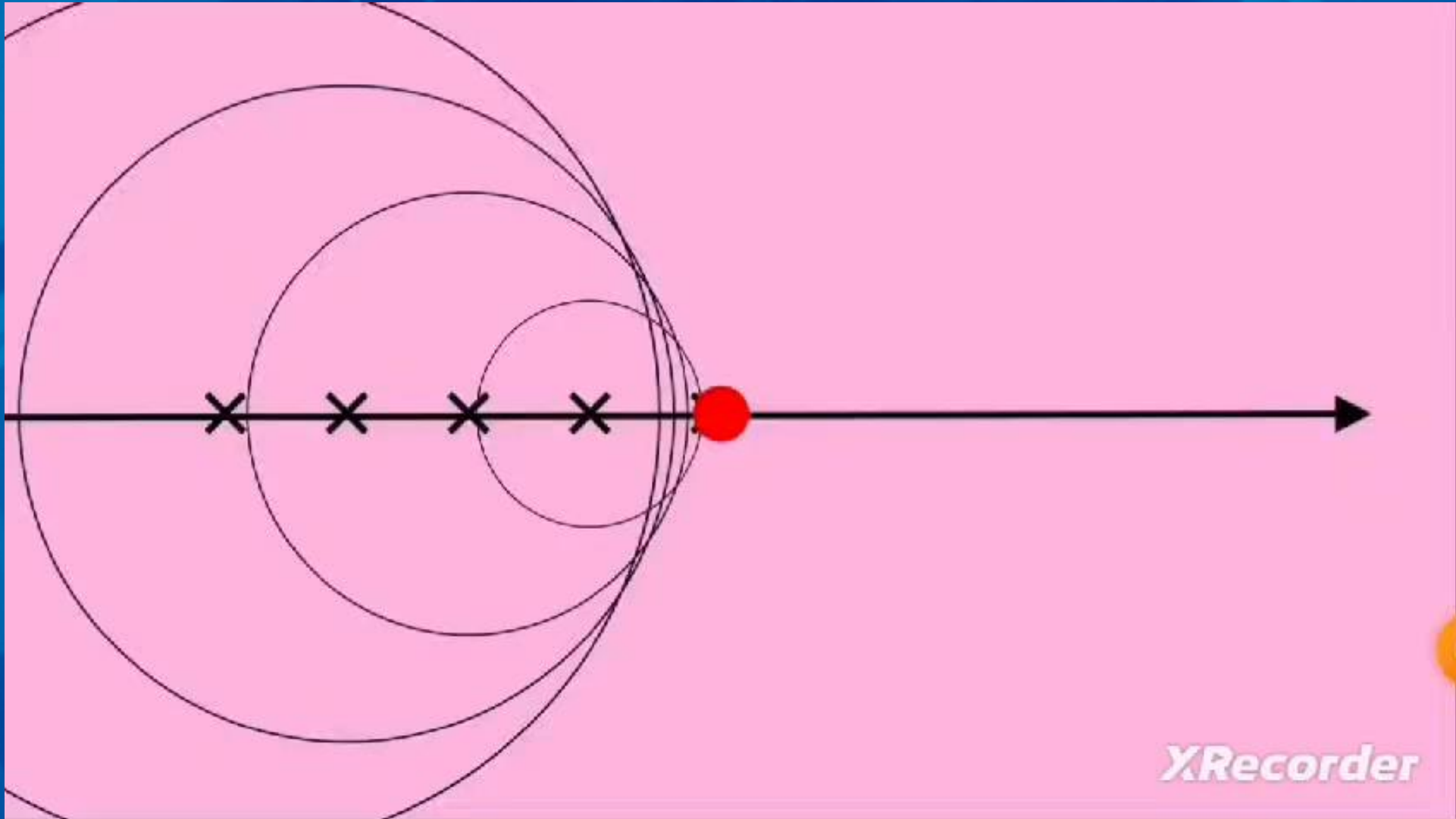


# LHC*beauty*

- CP violation and rare decays of b and c
- Indirect evidence
- Particle identification
- $10^{12}$   $b\bar{b}$  pairs per year
- Ring-imaging Cherenkov detector





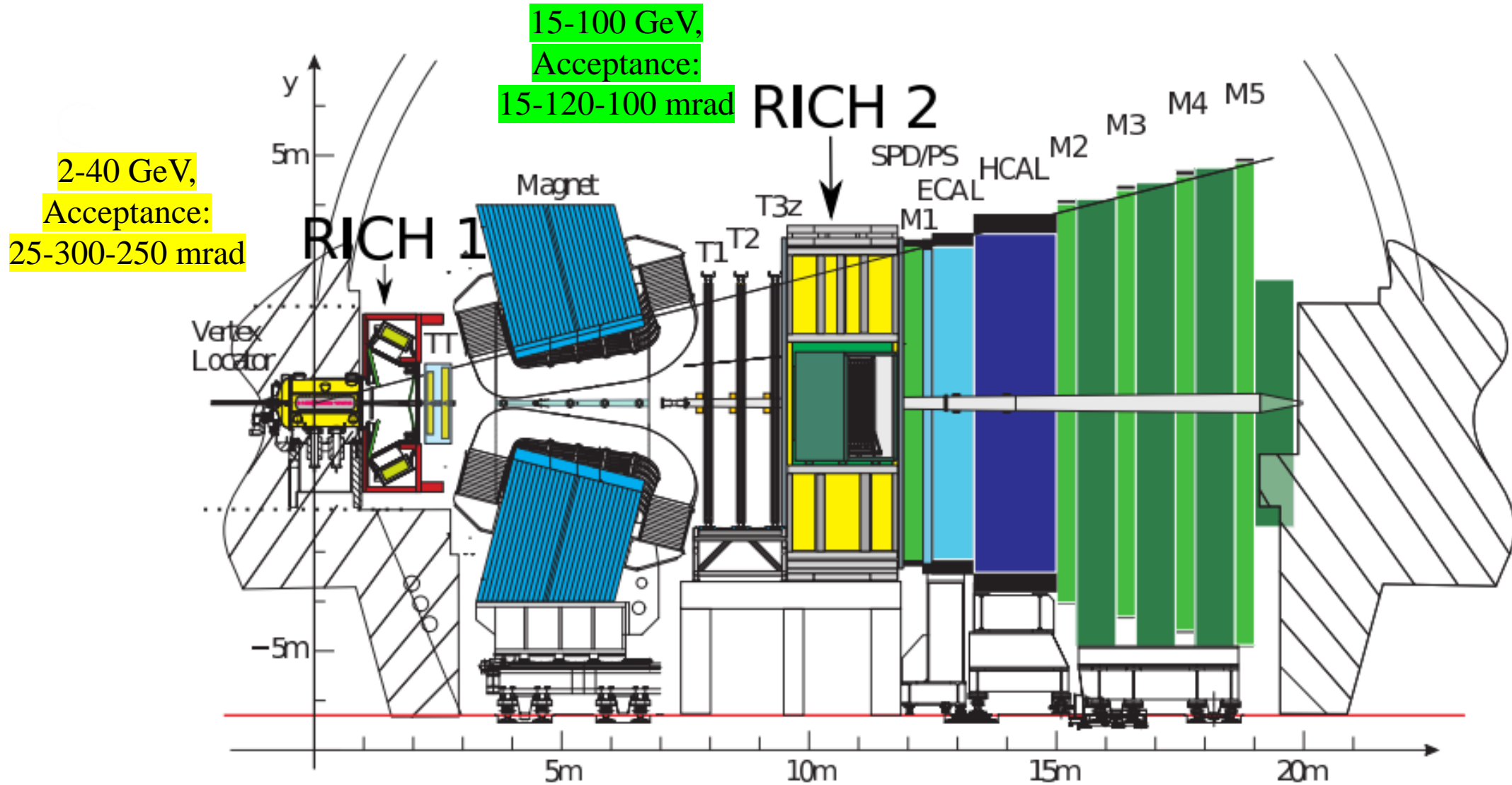
# Cherenkov Radiation

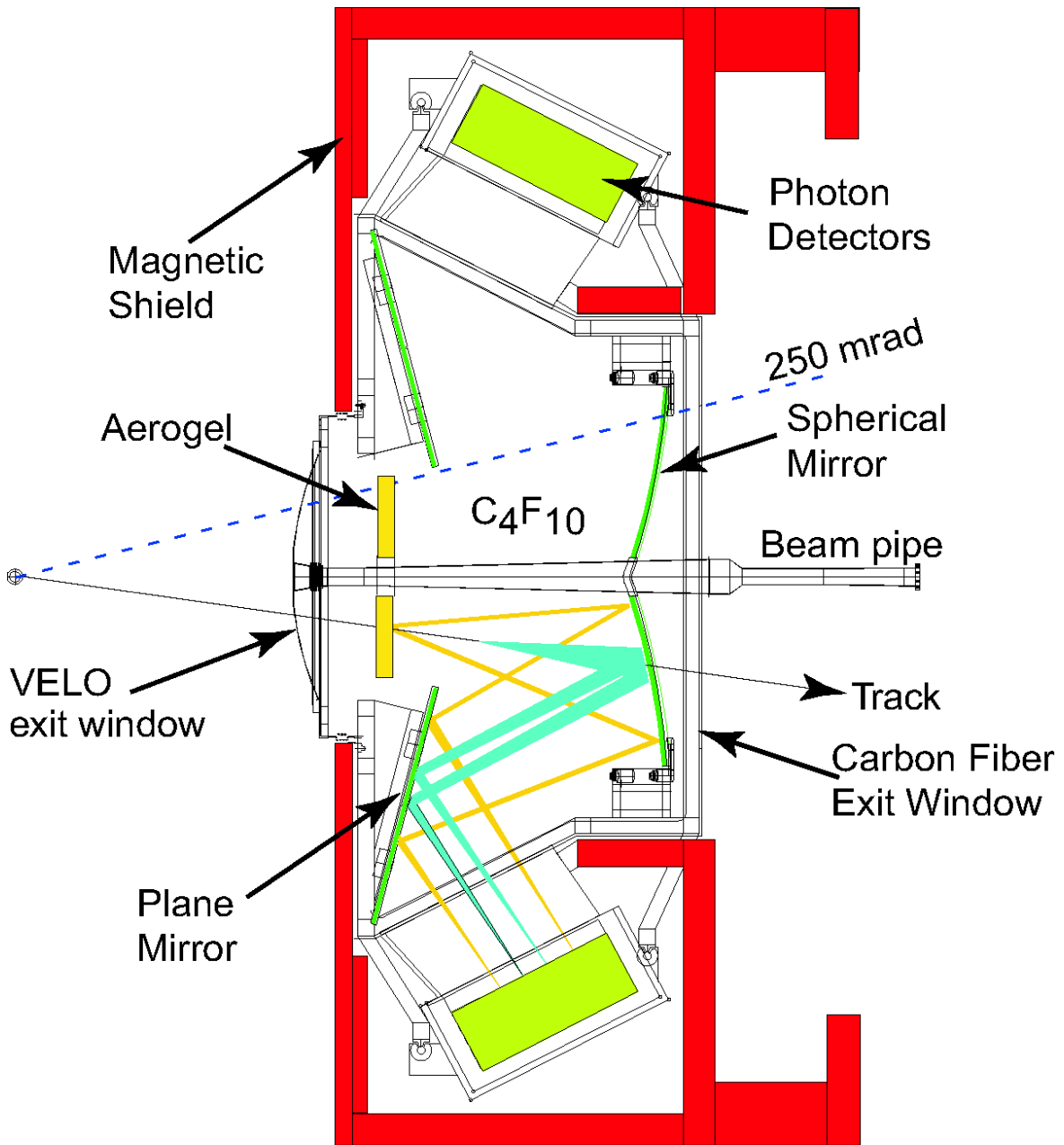
- Characteristic number: Cherenkov angle
- Main resolution to be measured: Cherenkov angle resolution
- Refractive index  $n$ , particle speed  $v_p$

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{n\beta} \quad \beta = \frac{v_p}{c}$$



# LHCb sideview





# RICH1

- Optical system
  - Mirrors
  - Support structure
- Radiators
  - Gas enclosure
- Photon detectors
  - Magnetic shielding

# Optical System: RICH1

- Primary spherical mirror CFRP
- Secondary flat mirror Simax glass
- 90% reflectivity
- Vertical halves for magnetic shielding



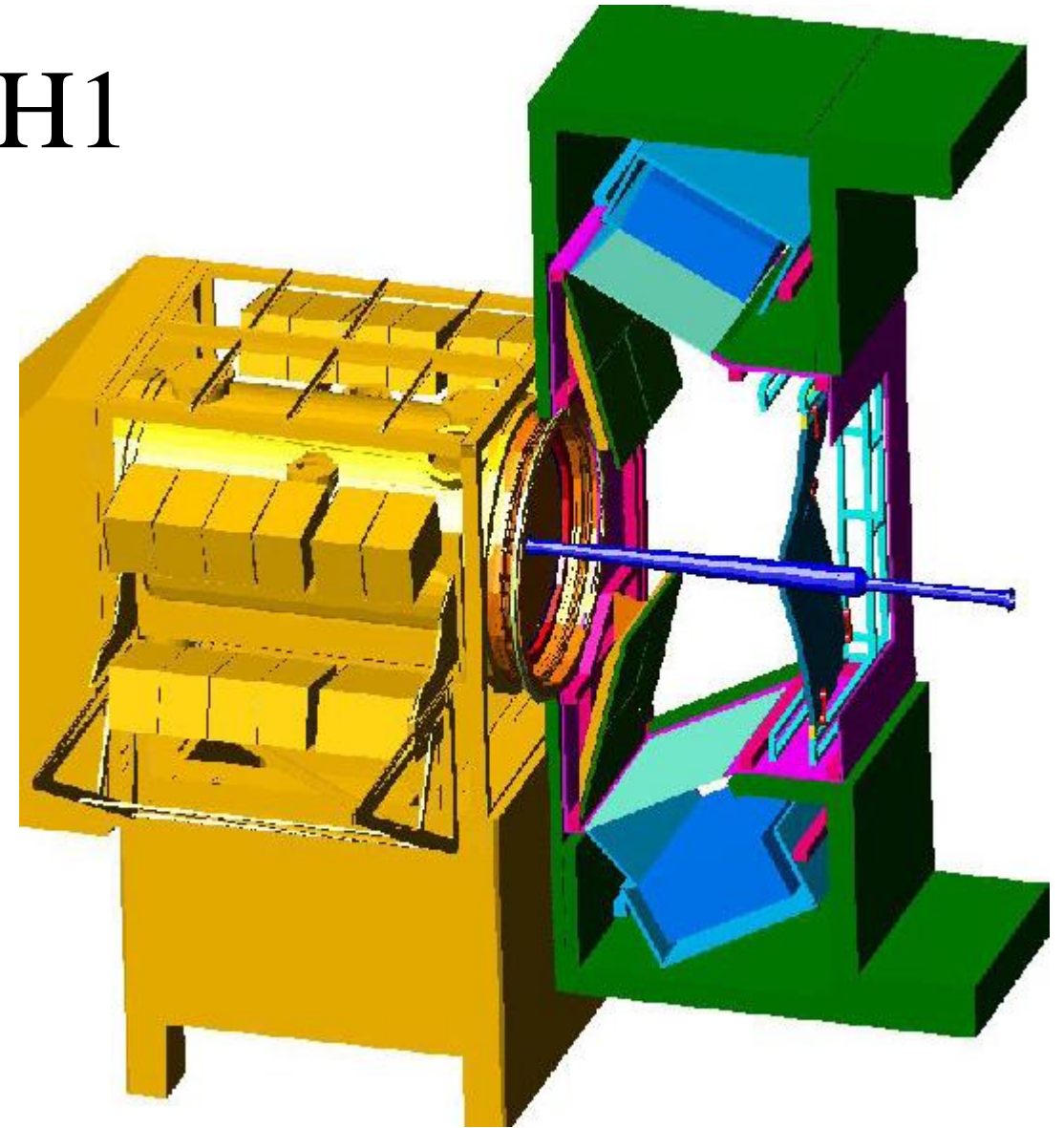
CARBON-FIBRE REINFORCED POLYMER



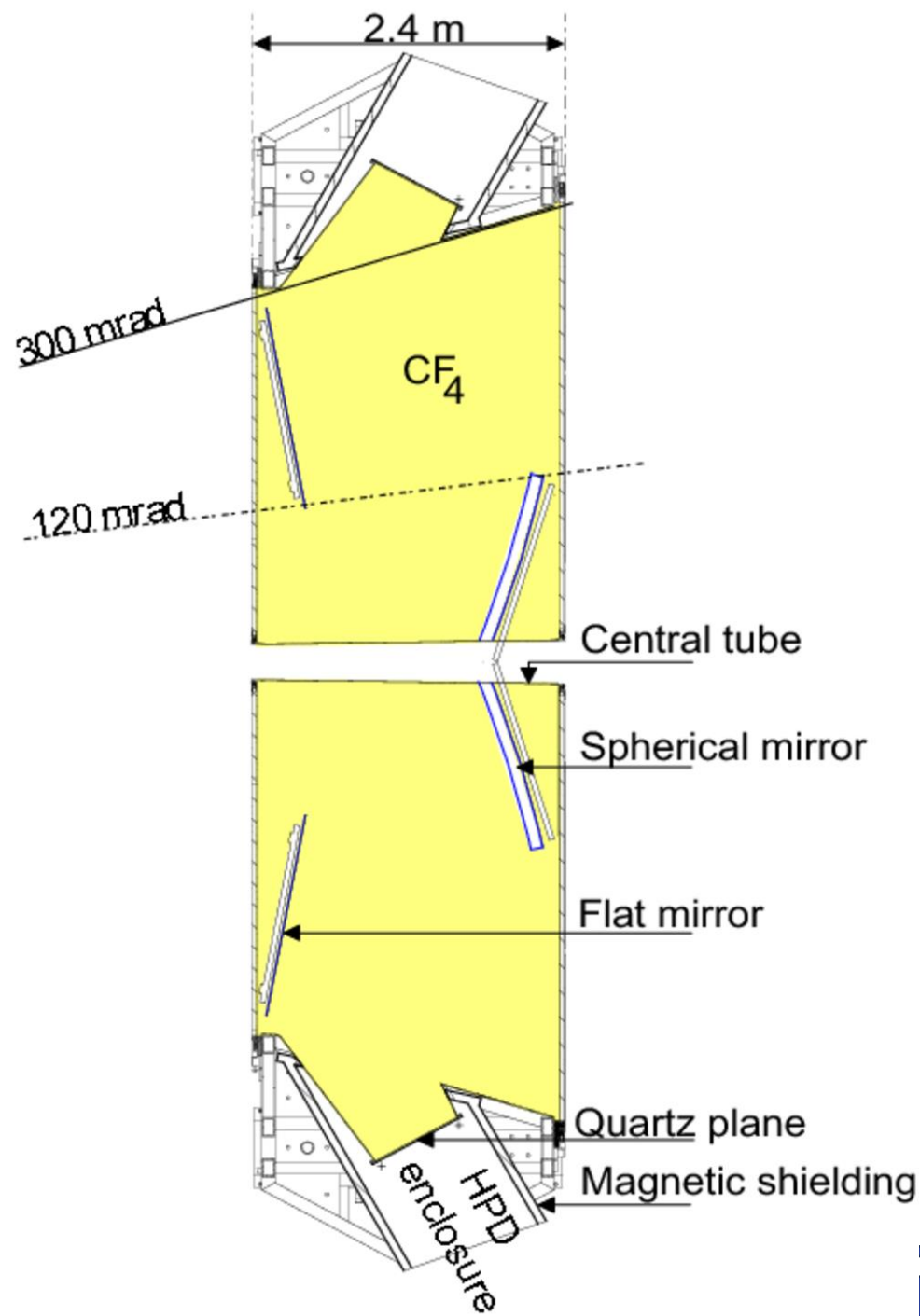
# Design Constraints: RICH1

- Material budget
  - CFRP, systems outside acceptance
  - $8\% X_0$
- Beampipe
  - Low angle acceptance
- Magnetic shielding
  - Heavy!

The characteristic amount of matter traversed is called the radiation length  $X_0$ , measured in  $\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$







# RICH2

## ➤ Optical system

- Mirrors
- Support structure

## ➤ Radiators

- Gas enclosure

## ➤ Photon detectors

- Magnetic shielding

# Optical System: RICH2

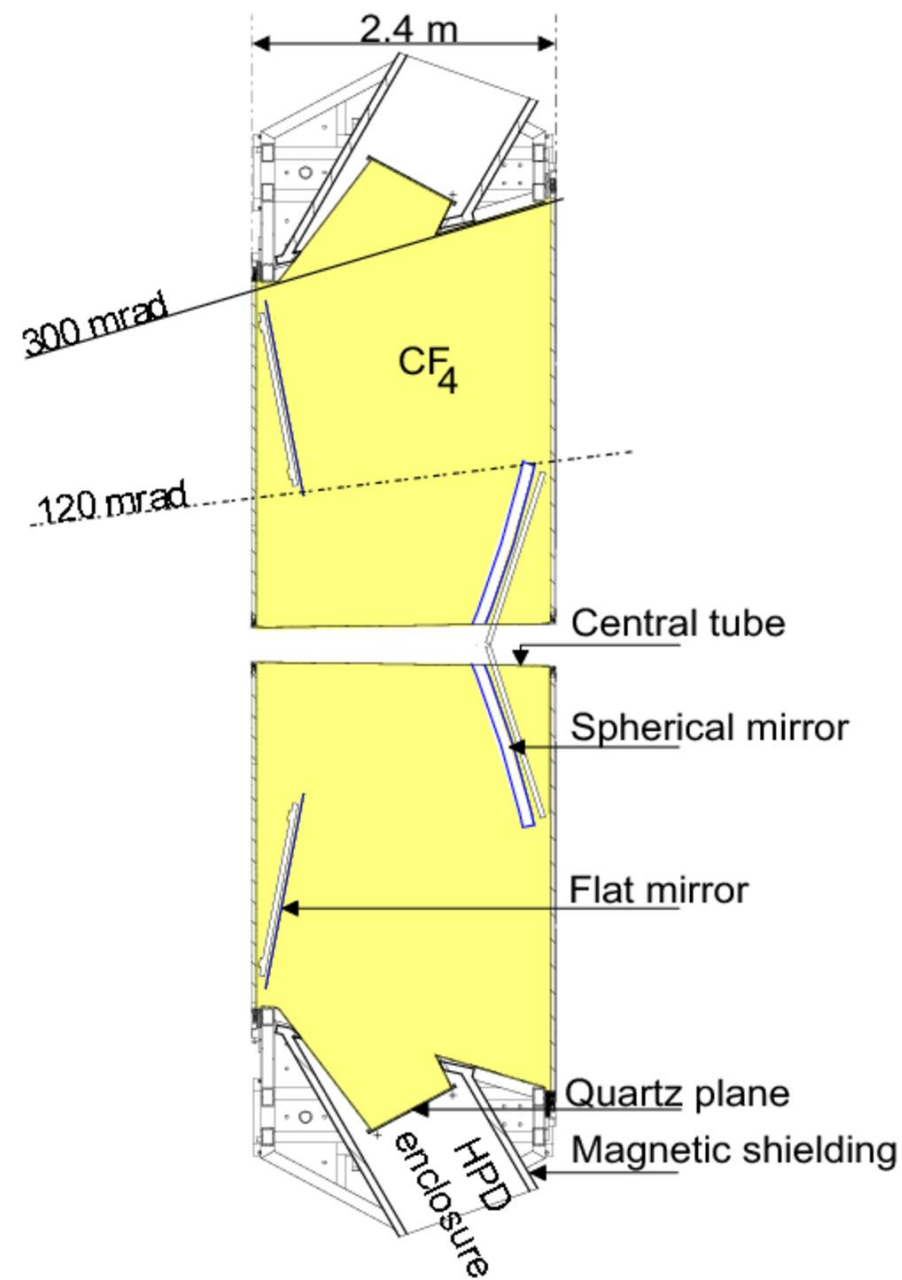
- Simax glass only
  - 15%  $X_0$
- Greatest challenge: stability
- Horizontal halves



SIMAX GLASS

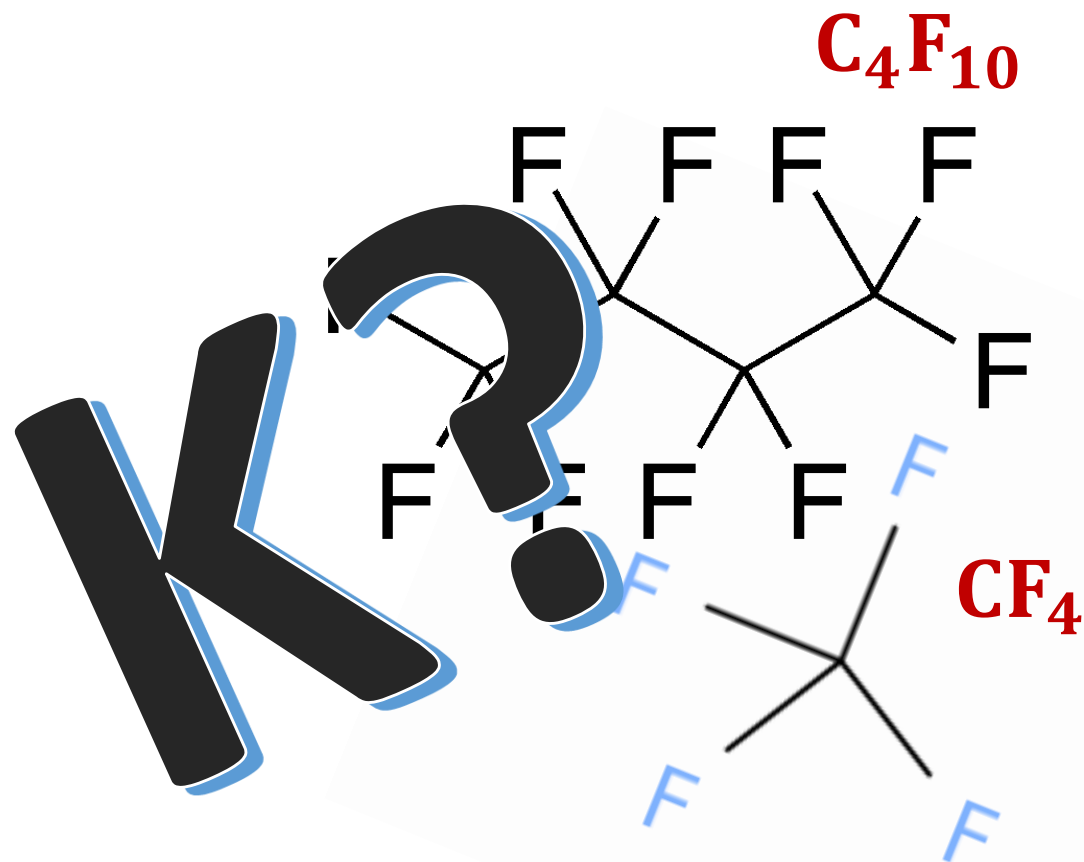
# Design Constraints: RICH2

- Supporting structures outside acceptance
- Iron shielding
- Lower limit of acceptance
  - 15 mrad
  - Beampipe clearance 45 mm



# Gas Radiators

- Fluorocarbon gases
  - Room temperature & pressure
- Low dispersion
- Refractive indices (0C, 101.3 Pa, 400nm) are 1.0014 ( $C_4F_{10}$ ) and 1.0005 ( $CF_4$ )



Wikimedia Foundation. (2023, October 31). *Perfluorobutane*. Wikipedia.

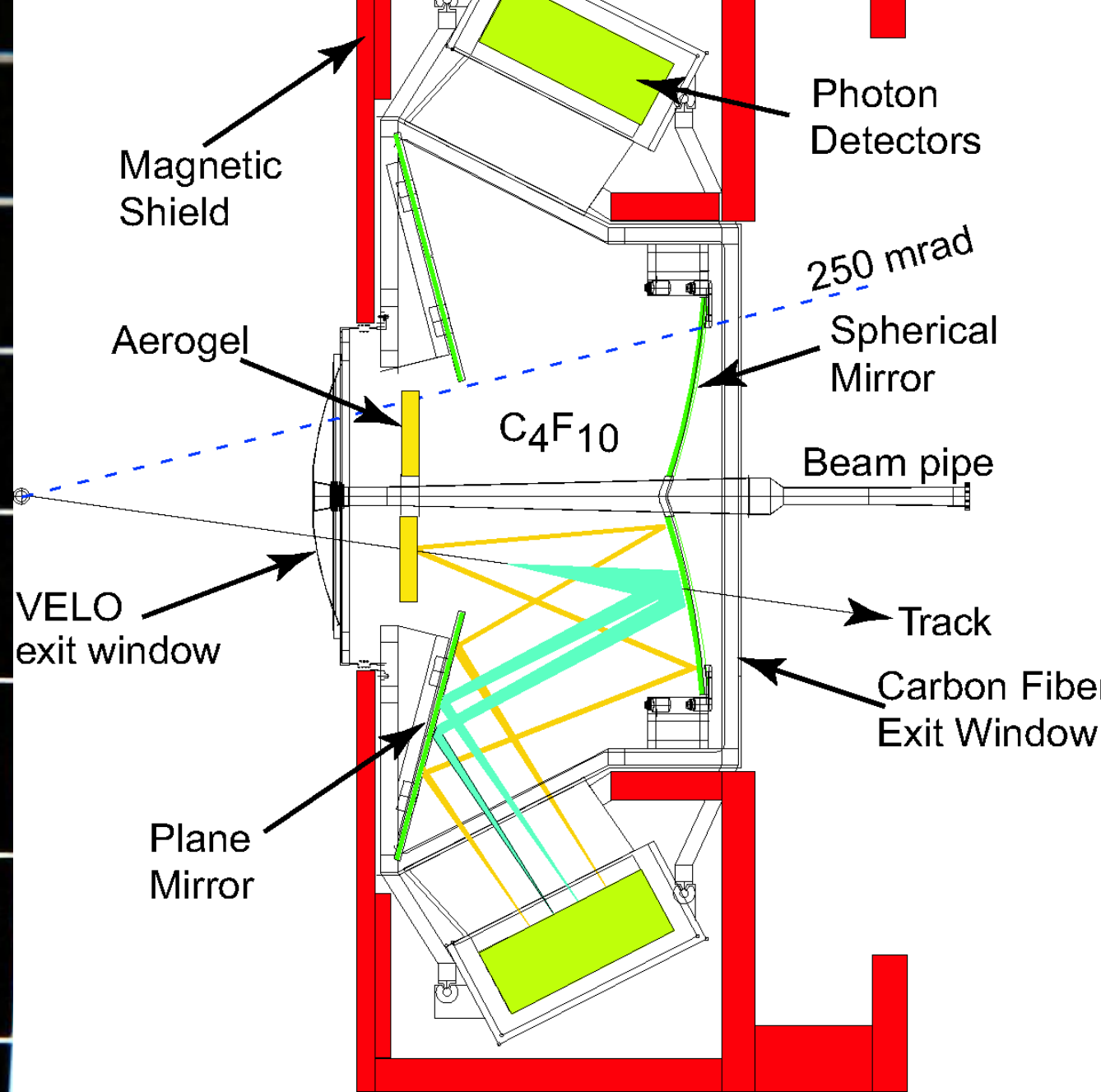
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perfluorobutane>

*Carbon tetrafluoride SDF/mol file - CF4 - over 100 million chemical compounds: CCDDS*. Mol. (n.d.).

<https://www.molinstincts.com/sdf-mol-file/CARBON-TETRAFLUORIDE-sdf-CT1001636577.html>

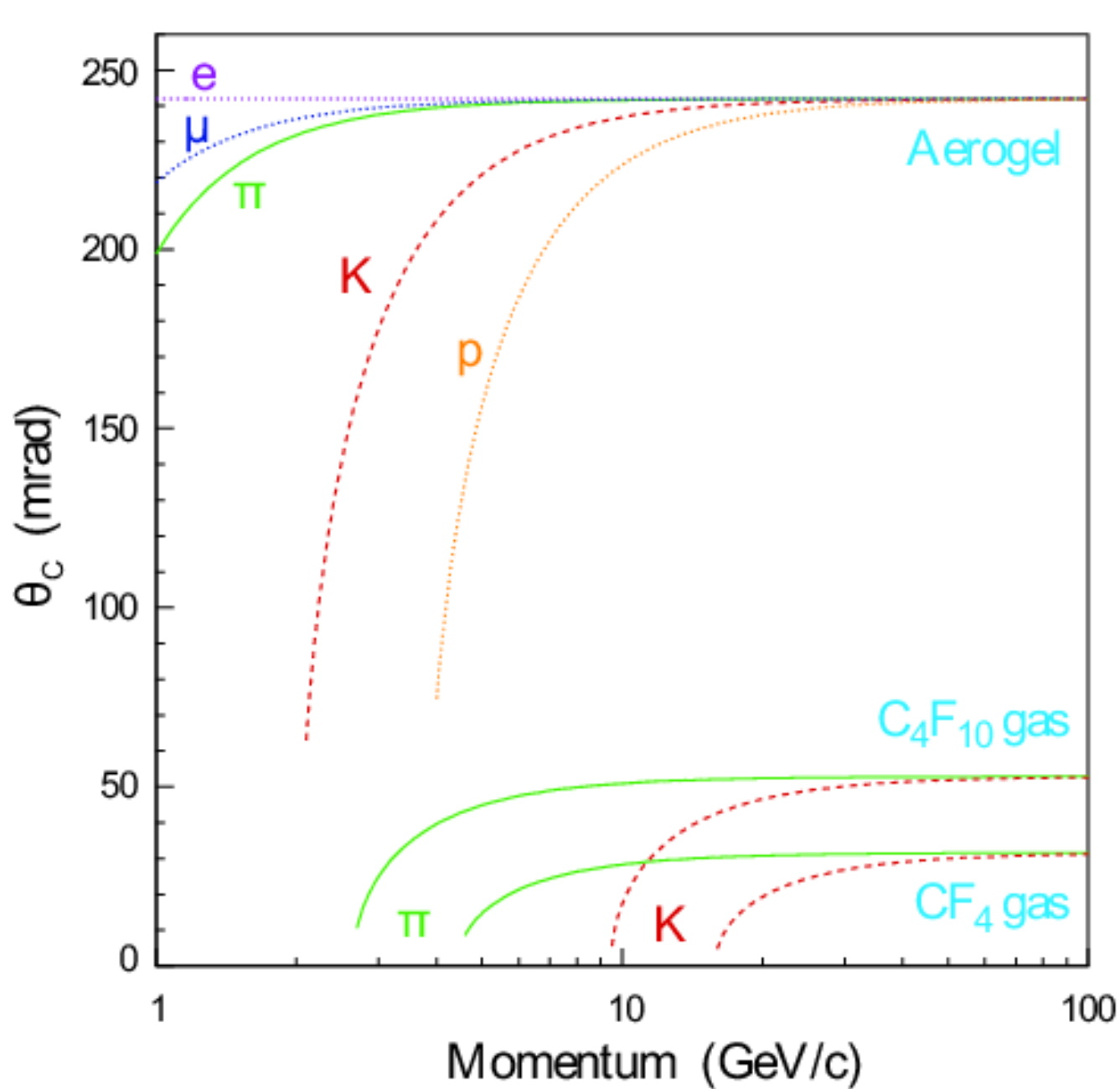
# Aerogel

- RICH1
- 50 mm thick wall
- Refractive index 1.03
- High quality & clear



Classic Silica™ disc. BuyAerogel.com. (n.d.).  
<http://www.buyaerogel.com/product/classic-silica-disc/>

LHCb Collaboration. (2022). Pictures, figures, and plots. LHCb Collaboration.  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/viewauth/LHCb/RICHPicturesAndFigures>



$\theta_c$  max  
242 mrad

Cherenkov angle versus  
particle momentum in RICH  
radiators

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{n\beta} \quad \beta = \frac{v_p}{c}$$

53 mrad

32 mrad

# Photon Detectors

## ➤ Pixel Hybrid Photon Detectors (HPDs)

- Photoelectron acceleration
- 5000 electron-hole pairs
- 75 mm diameter tubes, 1024 pixels
- 196 tubes in RICH1, 288 in RICH2

## ➤ Multi Anode Photomultipliers (MaPMTs)

- Improved resolution

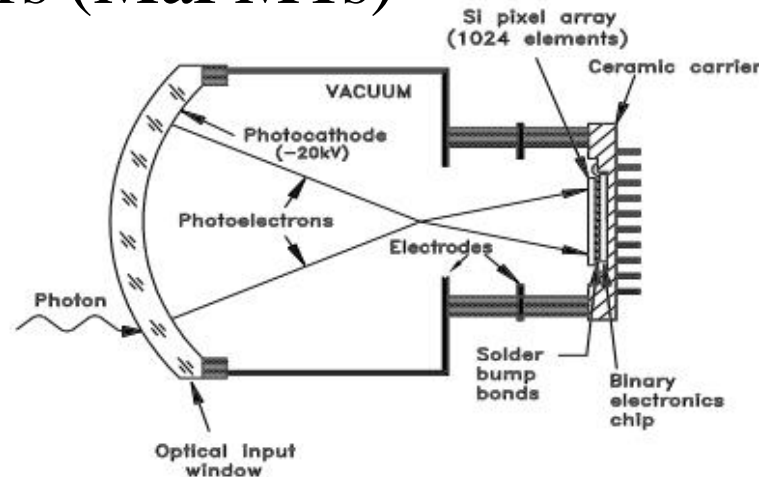
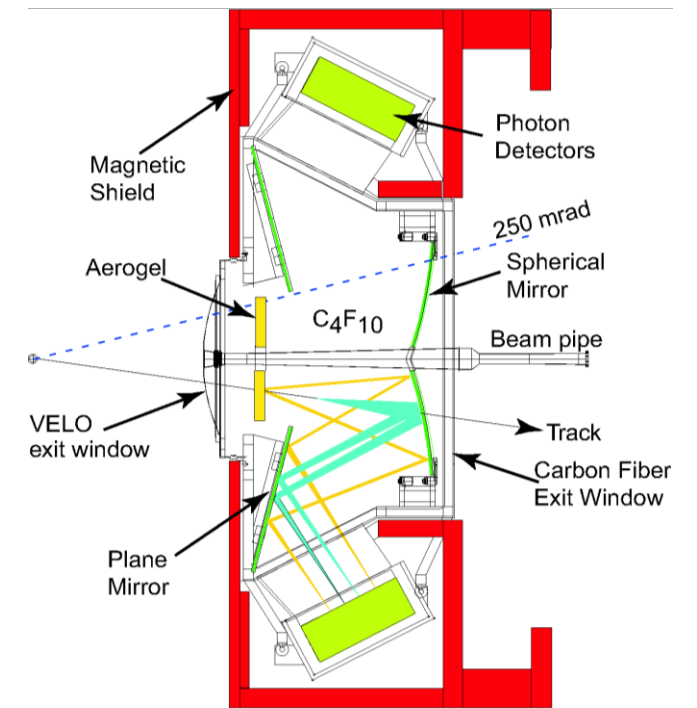
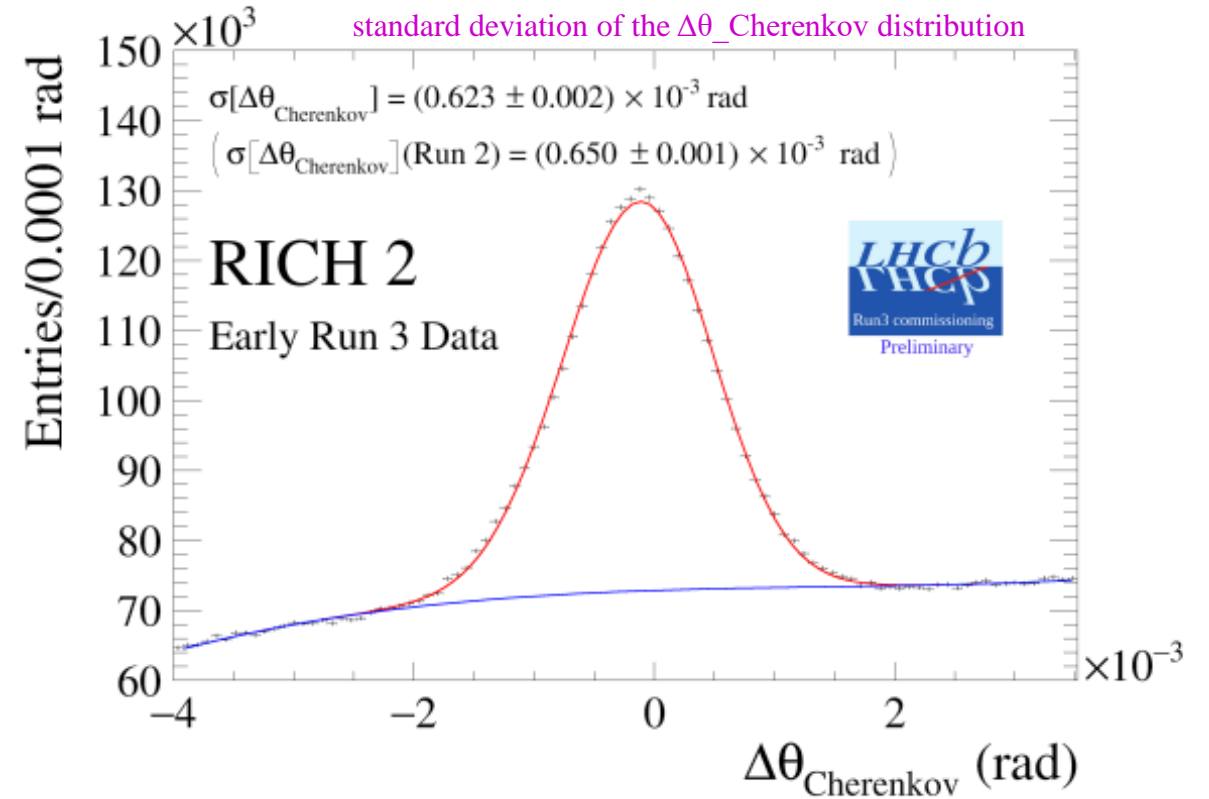
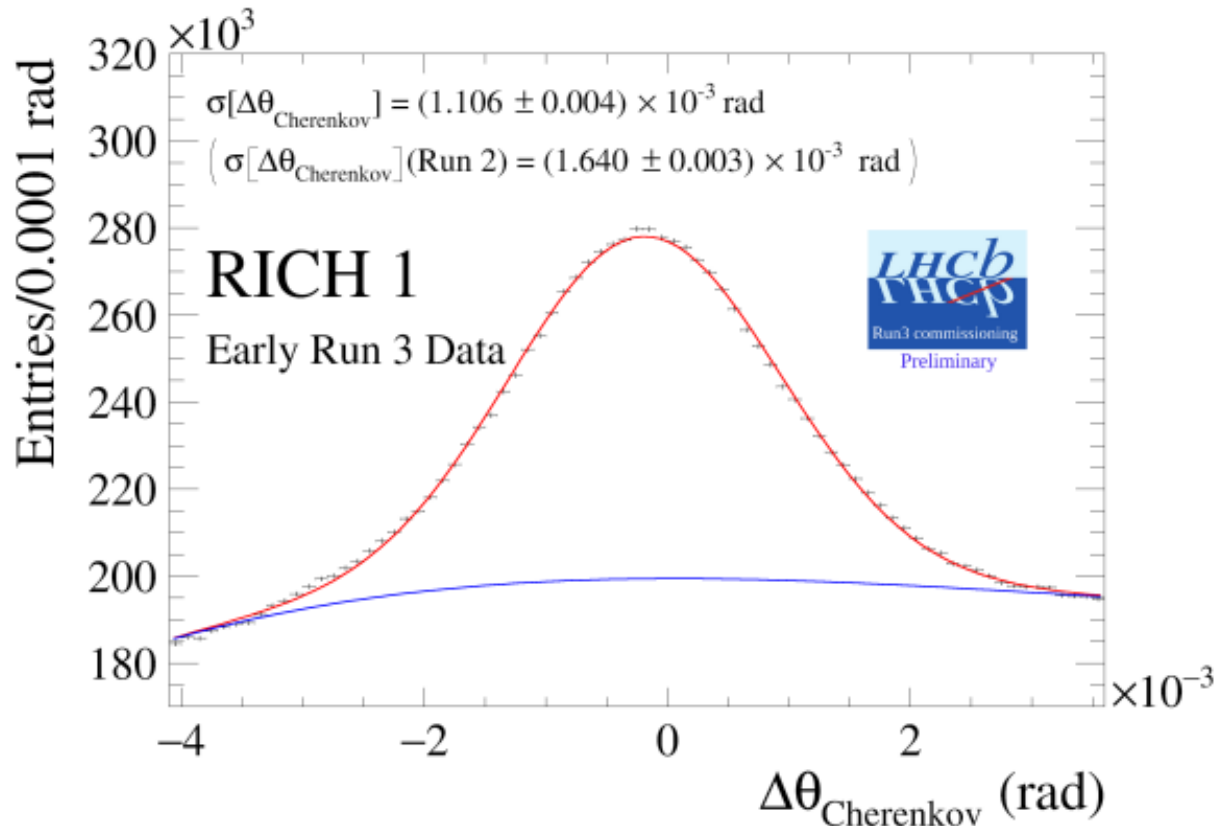


Figure 6.7: Left: a schematic and right: a photograph of the pixel-HPD.

# Cherenkov angle resolution for reconstructed photons detected by RICH1 (left) and RICH2 (right) using early Run 3 Data

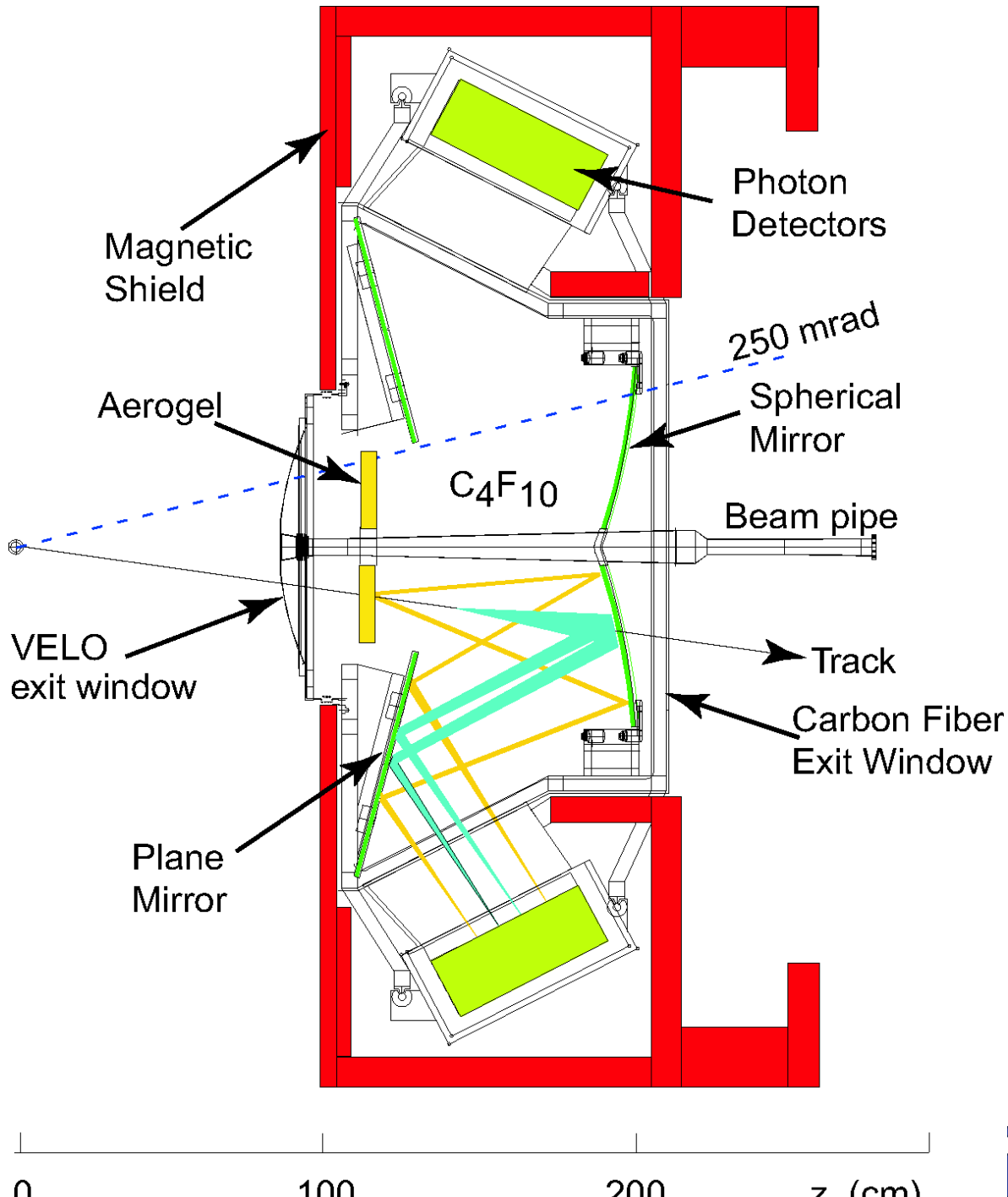
Gaussian fit = good performance



difference between the measured Cherenkov angle and the expected Cherenkov angle

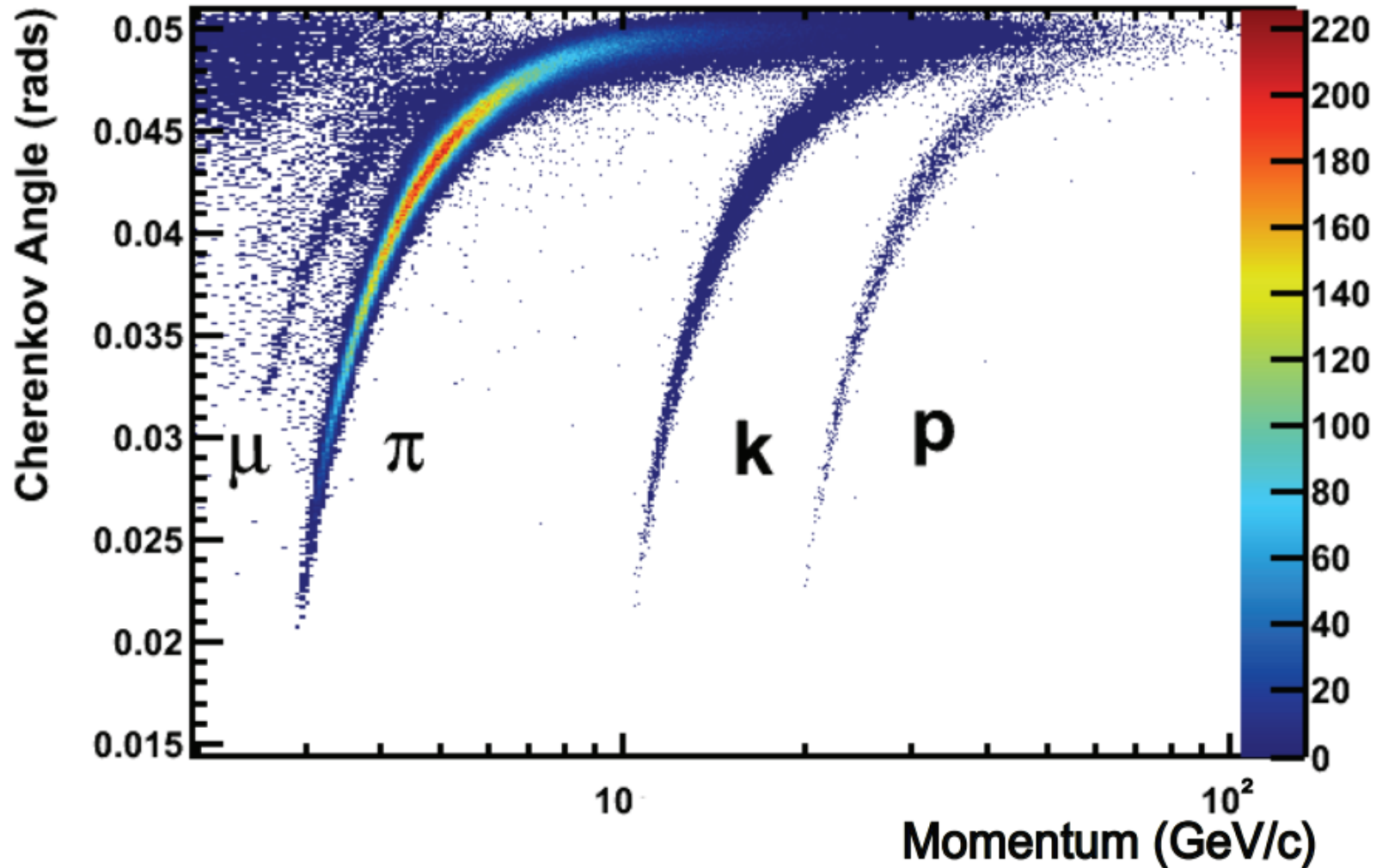


# A Day in RICH



- Coordinate information
  - Vertex locator
- Cherenkov photons generated
- Photon detectors
  - Impact points recorded
- Cherenkov angle
  - Midway assumption
  - Emission point error

Reconstructed Cherenkov angle as a function of track momentum in the  $C_4F_{10}$  radiator



- Isolated rings
- Distinct bands based on mass
- 2% of all tracks

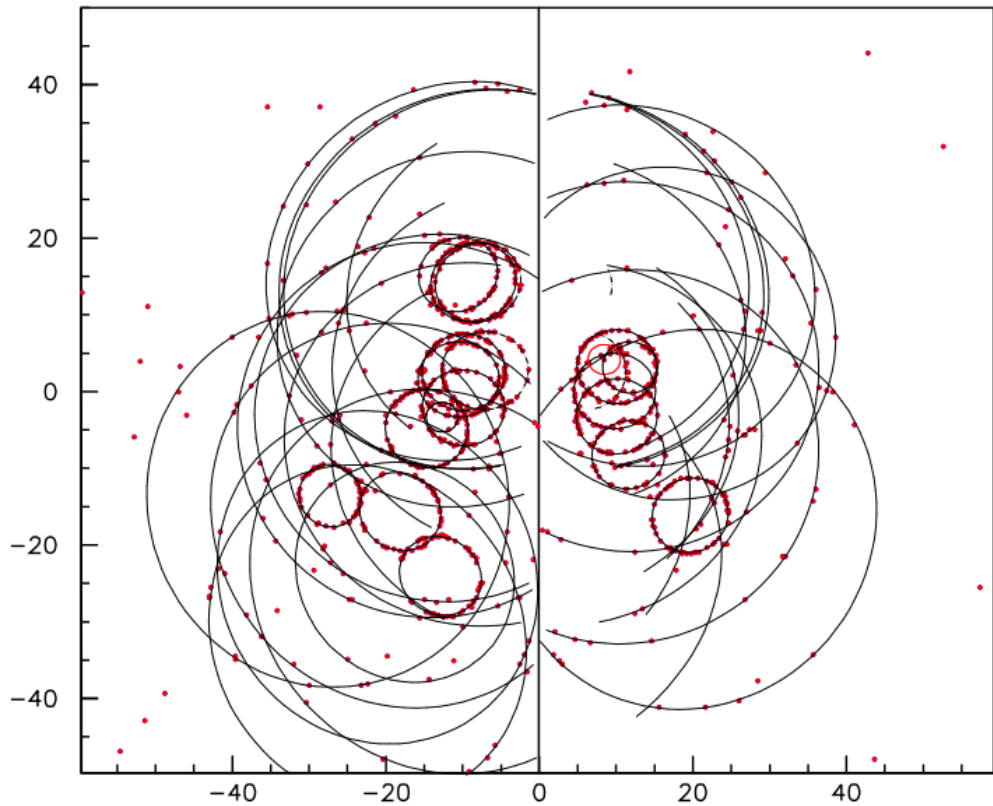


Figure 11: Event display of a simulated  $B_d^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  event, with the photodetector planes of RICH1 drawn side by side (scale in cm), and the Cherenkov rings superimposed.

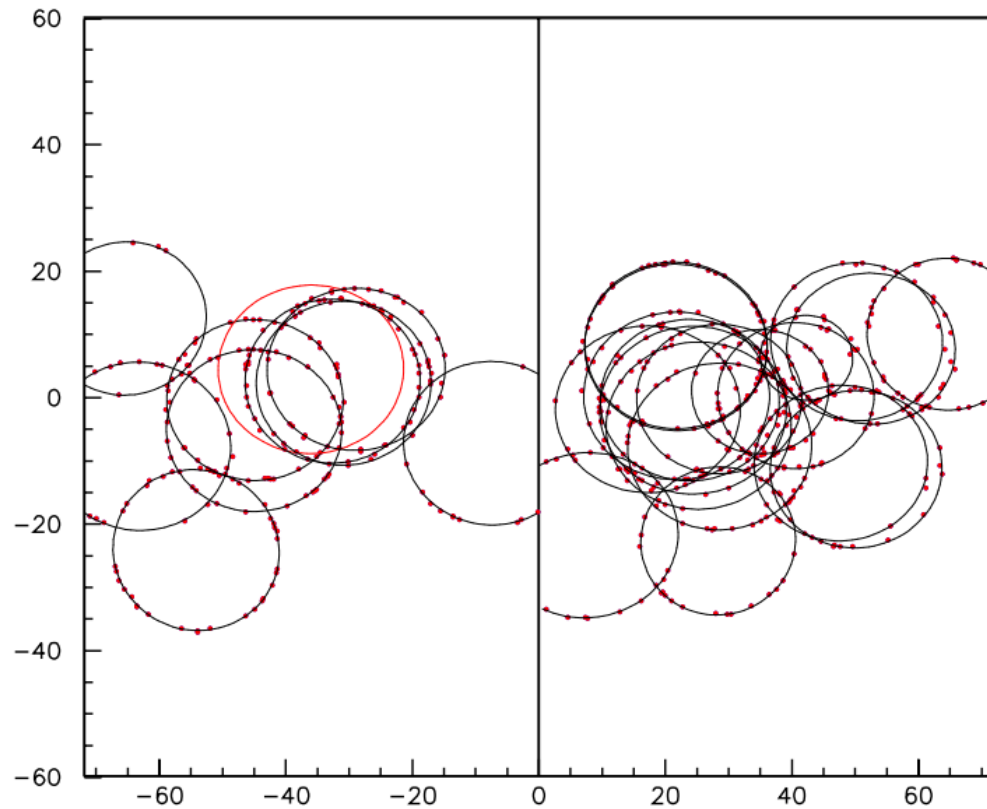
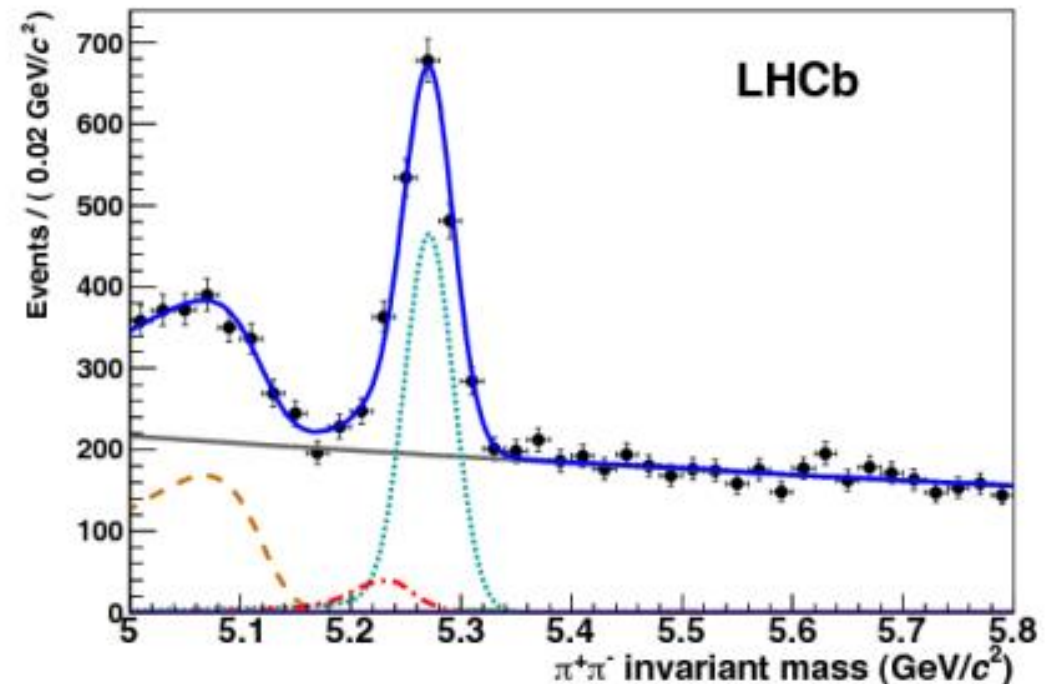
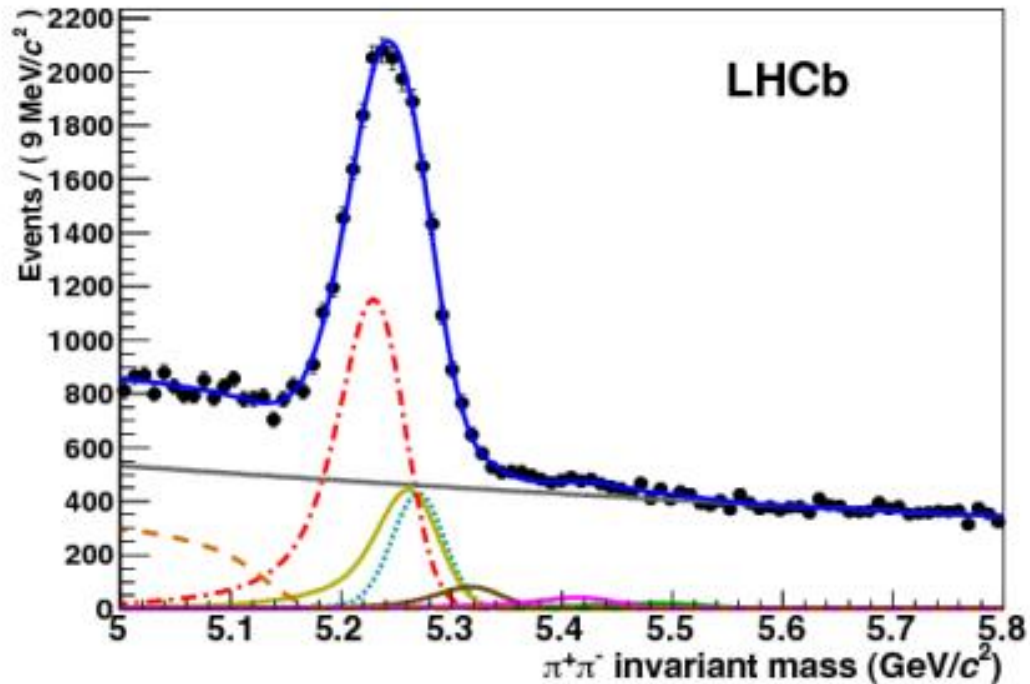


Figure 12: Event display of the same event as Fig. 11, for RICH2.

# Before & after RICH...



Invariant mass distribution for B decays, before RICH information (left) and after (right). Decay modes are eliminated by particle identification.

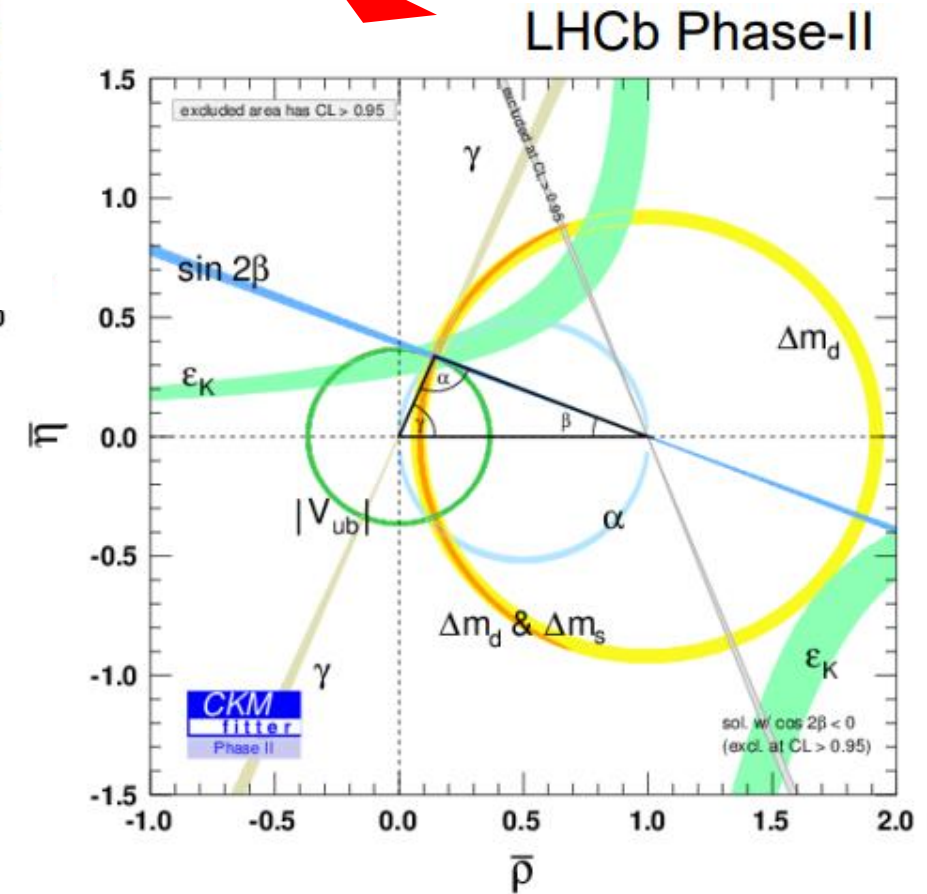
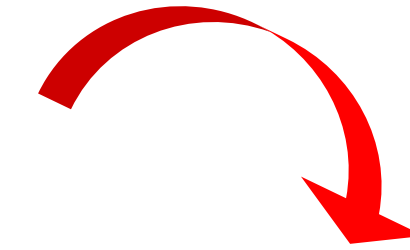
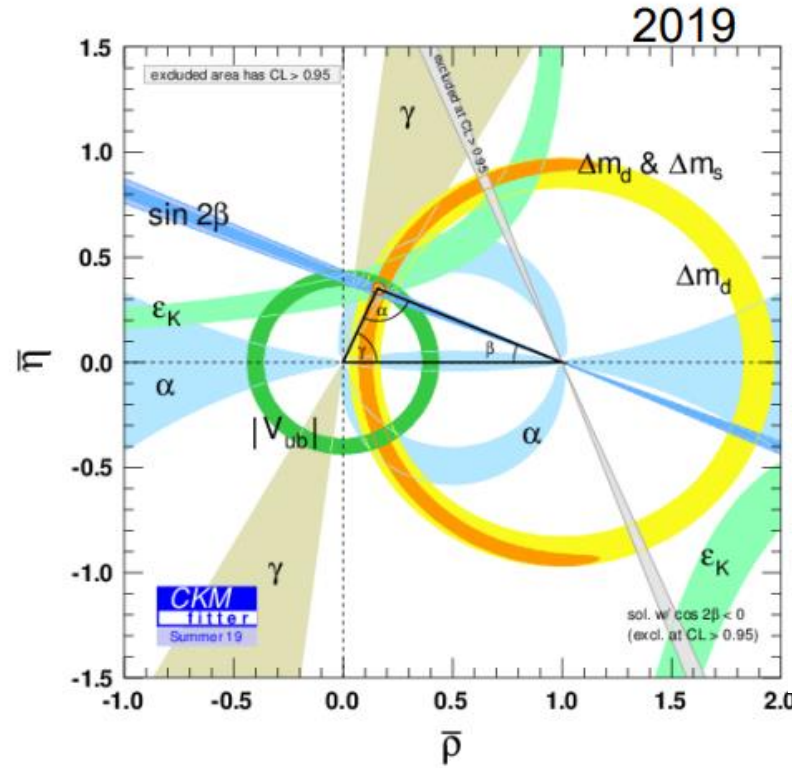
# We need RICH because

- Identification of charged hadrons (even muons!)
- Distinguish the final states
- Bonus: efficient flavour tagging & trigger

# Future?

- Better precision!
- More data!
- RICH with timing!

- (next big thing...)



# Thank you!



# Questions?

# Sources

- Alessio, F. (2020). The LHCb Upgrades for Run3 and Run4. CERN.
- *Carbon tetrafluoride SDF/mol file - CF4 - over 100 million chemical compounds: CCDDS*. Mol. (n.d.). <https://www.molinstincts.com/sdf-mol-file/CARBON-TETRAFLUORIDE-sdf-CT1001636577.html>
- CERN. (2024). *LHCb*. CERN. <https://www.home.cern/science/experiments/lhcb>
- *Classic Silica™ disc*. BuyAerogel.com. (n.d.). <http://www.buyaerogel.com/product/classic-silica-disc/>
- *High-luminosity LHC*. CERN. (n.d.). <https://home.cern/science/accelerators/high-luminosity-lhc>
- Idaho National Laboratory. (2023, August 9). *Advanced test reactor*. Idaho National Laboratory. <https://inl.gov/advanced-test-reactor/>
- *The latest from lhcb*. CERN Document Server. (2009, October 1). <https://cds.cern.ch/record/1209907>
- The LHCb Collaboration. (2000a). LHCb RICH Technical Design Report. Geneva; CERN.
- The LHCb RICH Collaboration., Adinolfi, M., Aglieri Rinella, G. *et al*. Performance of the LHCb RICH detector at the LHC. *Eur. Phys. J. C* **73**, 2431 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-013-2431-9>
- The LHCb Collaboration *et al* 2008 *JINST* **3** S08005 **DOI** 10.1088/1748-0221/3/08/S08005
- LHCb Collaboration. (2022). *Pictures, figures, and plots*. LHCb Collaboration. <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/viewauth/LHCb/RICHPicturesAndFigures>
- Palutan, M. (2021). LHCb Upgrade II. INFN.
- *Pavel Cherenkov's 110th anniversary of birth*. Sputnik Mediabank. (2023, November). [https://sputnikmediabank.com/selection/list\\_1007417/](https://sputnikmediabank.com/selection/list_1007417/)
- *Simax Glass teapot 1L*. " Simax Glass Teapot 1l. (n.d.). <https://muller-nv.be/en/simax-glass-teapot-1l/>
- Wikimedia Foundation. (2023, October 31). *Perfluorobutane*. Wikipedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perfluorobutane>
- YouTube. (2018, October 31). *How does Cerenkov Radiation Work?*. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yjx0BSXa0Ks>