

# HEP detectors overview and example

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# Introduction

We study new physics by **colliding high energy particles**

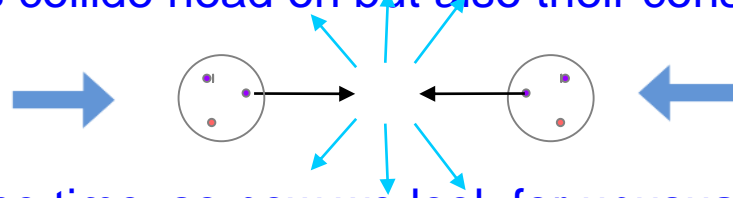
New particles can be produced in these collisions if the energy is sufficiently high.

If we collide protons the probability (cross section) for this is small.

You need many collisions to increase the chance – high luminosity

The protons contains three quarks

Not only must the protons collide head on but also their constituent quarks.



We have done this for some time, so now we look for unusual events.

And if we find it, we want many such events to believe the results

Thus,

- **We must collide a large number of protons each time – use high luminosity proton beams**
- **We must repeat collisions many times – use high collision rates**

# Why we need to record many events

To determine if our **N** new observed events constitute a discovery we must determine if the same data could be produced by combinations of well-known events. The probability for is the background **B**.

For **N** to be a discovery **N** must be significantly larger than **B**

For example if **N** is 80 and **B** is 64 then  $\sigma(\mathbf{B})$  is 8 (assume Poisson distribution  $\sigma^2=N$ )

**N** is  $2\sigma$  above i.e. 2% probability that **N** is just random noise

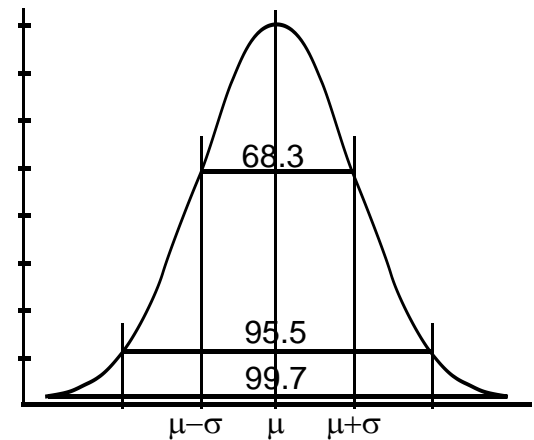
If we measure twice as long **N** will be 320, **B** is 256 and  $\sigma(\mathbf{B})$  is 16 i.e. about  $4\sigma$  above (0.004% that it is random noise). Much smaller probability that **N** is due to random noise but not enough.

$5\sigma$  (0.00002% it is random noise) is required for discovery.

**The significance of **N** can grow after more measurements, but the significance could also decrease or even disappear.**

**There are many  $3\sigma$  that have disappeared, but a  $5\sigma$  must have been a  $3\sigma$  at some point.**

Normal distribution  
Almost the same  
as Poisson if  $N>50$



# The standard model

We have a theory, the **Standard Model**, to explain much of the particle physics we have observed, but not all.

The task is to explore **Beyond Standard Model (BSM)** physics

One way is to find new observational results that cannot be explained by the Standard Model

Another way is to propose theories that agrees with existing experimental results but also predicts new results that can be tested with experiments

Some potential BSM theories predict super symmetric partner to all normal particles – **none of which have been seen so far**

To progress we need to know where the Standard Model fails

By improving measuring statistics and thus the precision, we may find deviations

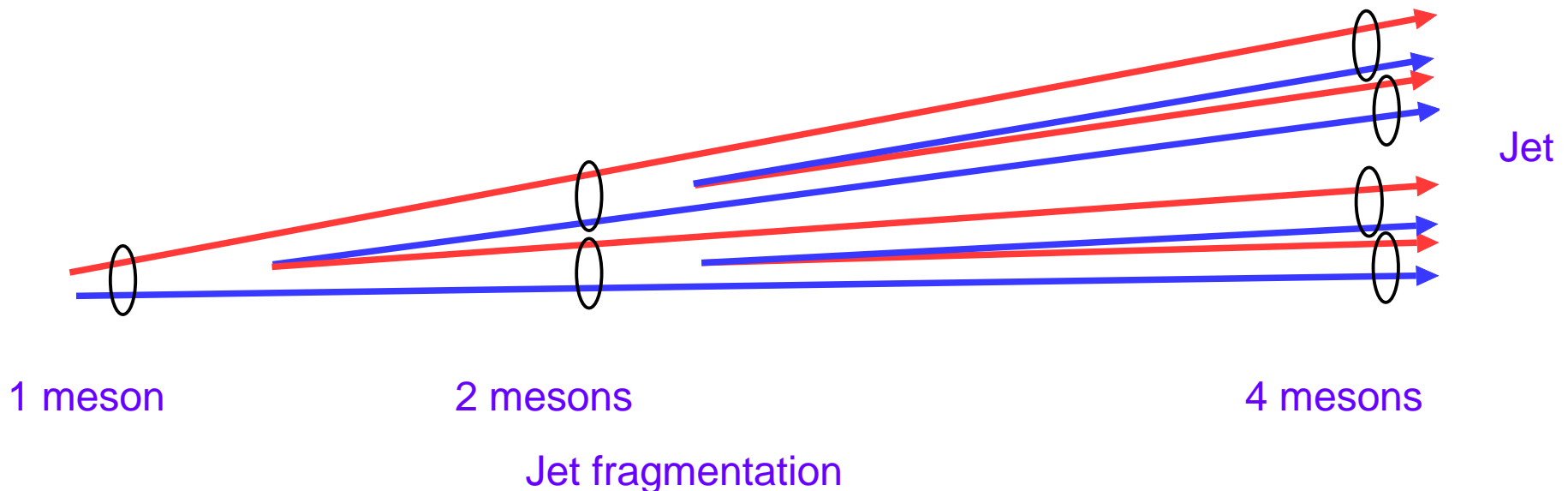
We need more data and/or higher energies

# Jets

In the standard model there are 6 types of quarks and 6 types of leptons and their antiparticles. The quarks combine into hadrons, i.e. baryons or mesons.

Baryons, i.e. protons, neutrons etc., consist of 3 quarks while mesons consists of a quark - antiquark pair

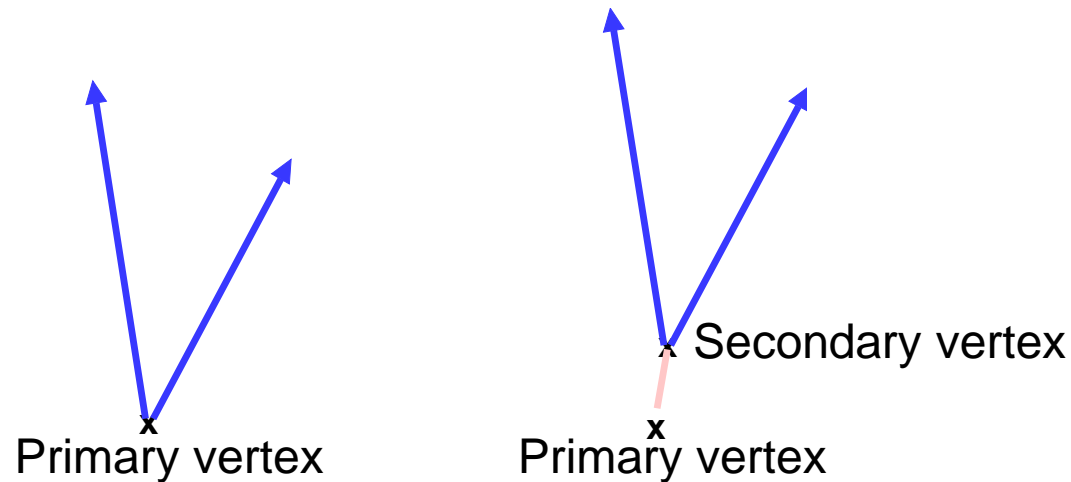
There are no free quarks – quarks are confined – if a quark tries to escape it is turned into a hadron shower.



# Short lived particles

If the new particles are too short lived ( $< 10^{-10}$  sec) you cannot catch them before they disintegrate. Distance between production and detection is too small

You have to infer their existence by recording the disintegration products



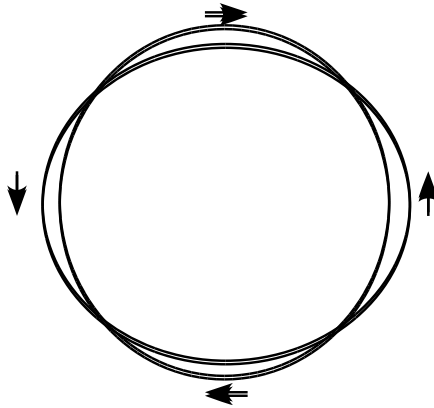
But this opens for mistakes:

If  $A \rightarrow B, C$  and you record B and C it is not certain they came from the same A. They might have been originated from different processes

Need to know the direction with high precision

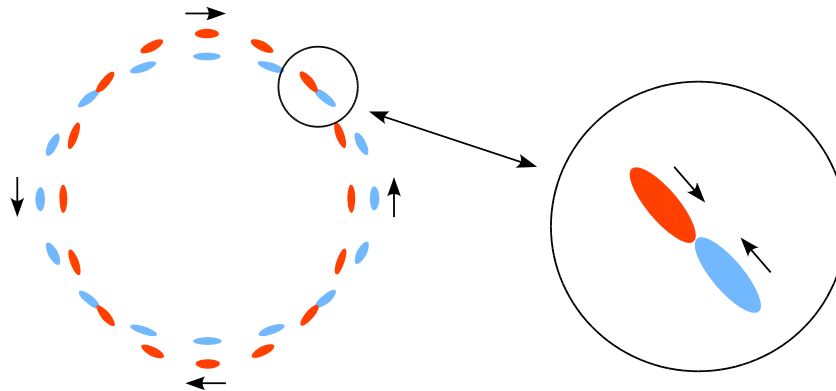
Then you can identify if it is a secondary vertex

One solution to get high luminosity and high repetition rate is to circulate the particles (e.g. protons) in two ring accelerators that cross in regions where the particles can collide

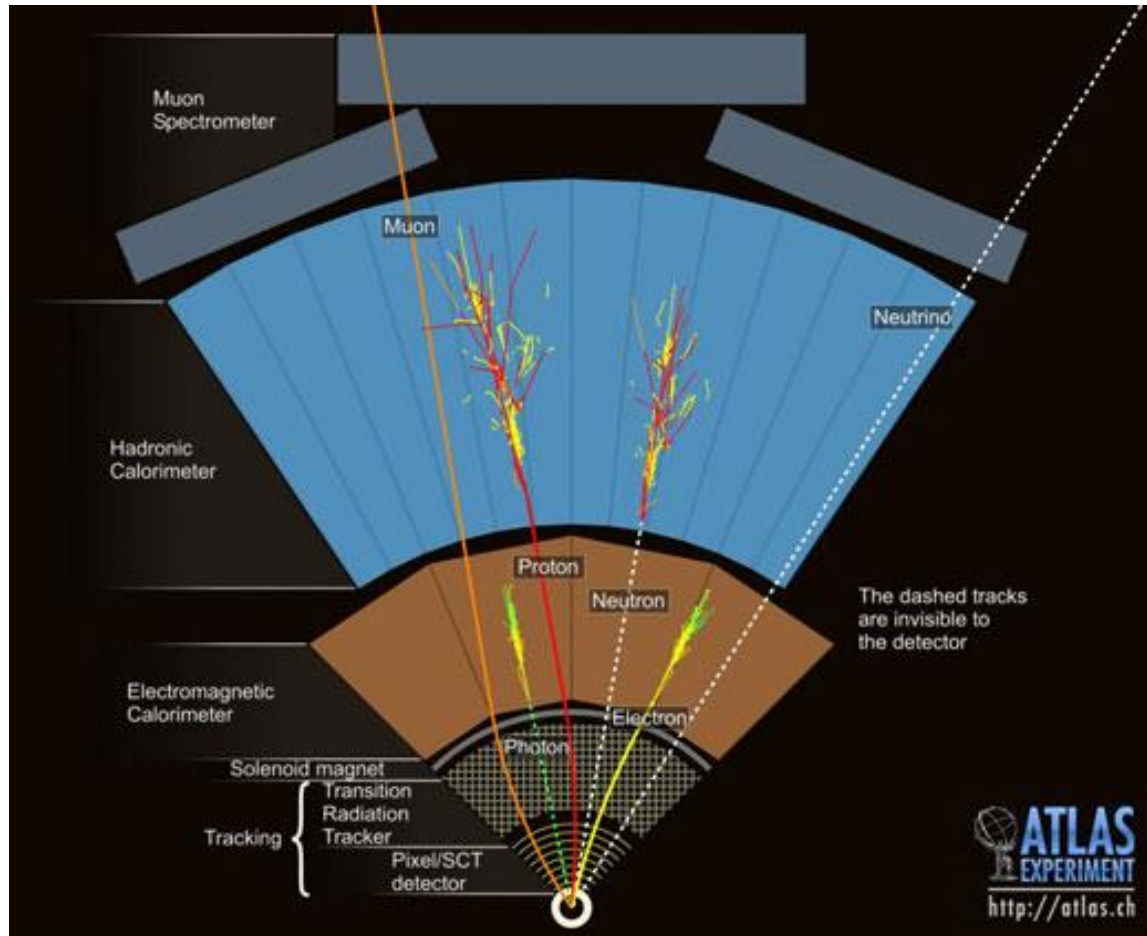


- **Most protons will pass through and continue to recirculate, but some would collide** (along with collisions with rest gas)
- **Eventually all protons will be lost, but before that they will pass each other many times**

A better solution is to group the protons in bunches and let the bunches collide



# Identifying the collision event



Transverse plane

- All short-lived particles decay before entering the detector itself
- Remaining particles:  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $\gamma$ , hadrons ( $p$ ,  $n$ ..., jets),  $\mu^+$ ,  $\mu^-$ ,  $\nu$ , ?
- Onion-like construction with multiple subdetector and magnet shells:
  - Inner detector (tracker) to find charged particle tracks
  - Magnets to deduce charge and momentum
  - Electromagnetic calorimeter to measure  $e/\gamma$  tracks and energy
  - Hadron calorimeter to measure hadron tracks and energy
  - Muon detector to detect muon tracks and momentum



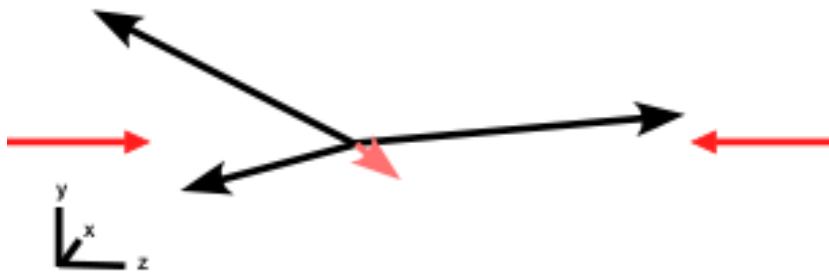
# Missing transverse momenta (Energy)

The center of gravity of all particles created in an explosion stay at the collision center

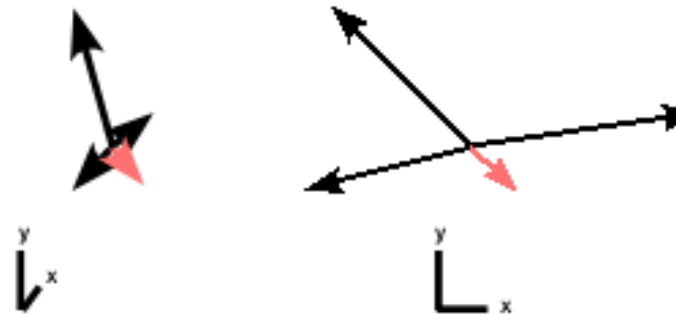
The vectorial sum of all momenta in the COG system is 0

Same thing applies to the transverse projection

If one particle is not detected there will be a missing transverse momenta



3D



Transverse projection

Missing transverse momenta can be due to:

Particles that cannot be detected (e.g. neutrinos) or failing detector elements

The detector should be hermetic

# Identifying the collision event



Transverse vectorial momentum sum should be 0  
 If not, something is missing – a neutrino, or something more exiting

Broken parts must be corrected for

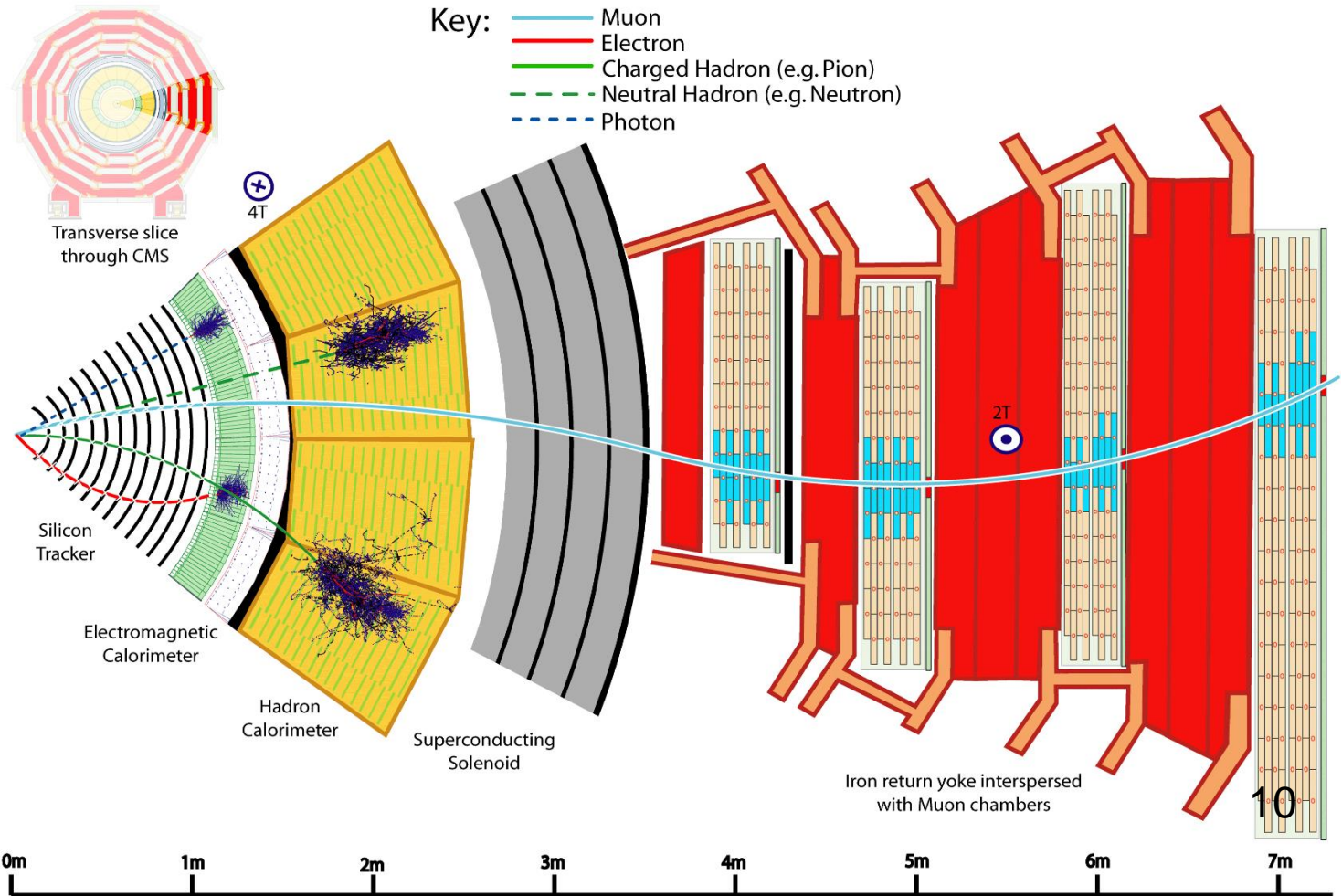
Group particles from the same interaction point – could be outside beam pipe

Deduce source particle:

$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow Z$$

$$\mu^+ + \mu^- \rightarrow Z$$

$$2Z \rightarrow H$$

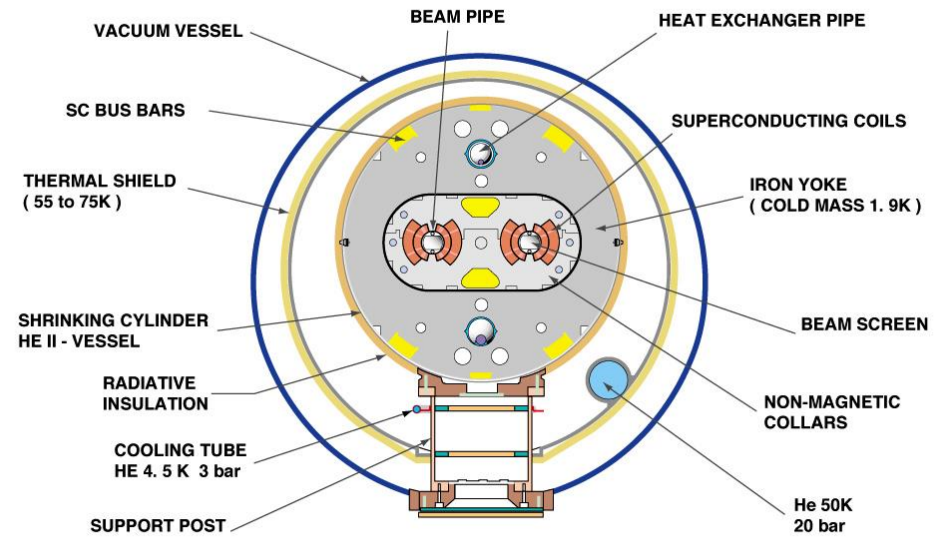


# The Large Hadron Collider

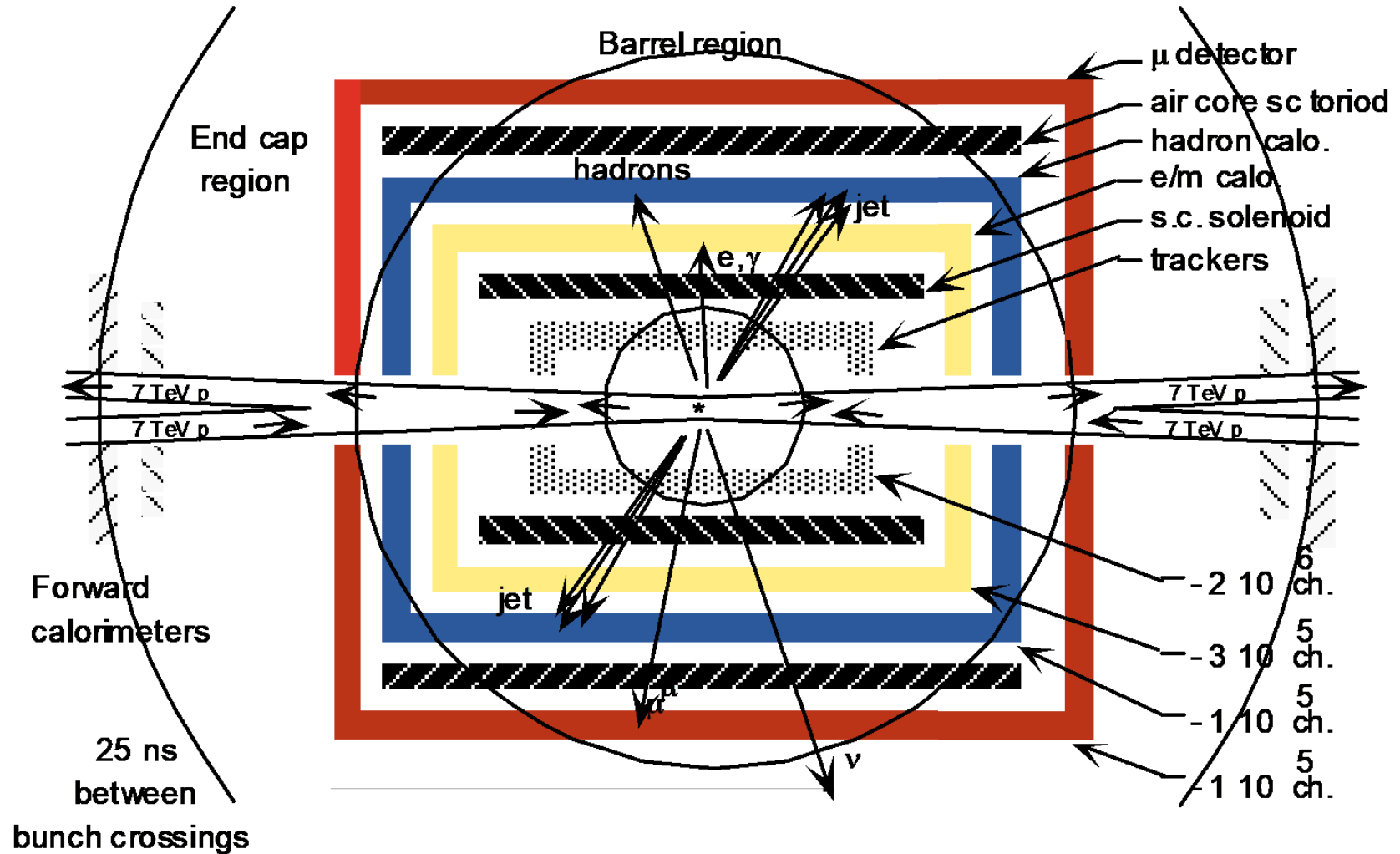
- 27km circumference double ring collider
- 13 TeV (6.5+6.5) – 0.9999999991 times c, i.e. 3m/s less than c
- 4 interaction points with detectors – ATLAS, CMS, LHC-B and ALICE
- $1.5 \cdot 10^{34}$  protons/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec focused into 16  $\mu$  beams that collide
- 1600 superconducting magnets (up to 9T) to bend and focus the beams
- Bunches with about  $10^{11}$  protons collide every 25 ns
- The total beam energy is 562 MJ – melts 2 ton copper
- Start of operations 2010 (2008)



CROSS SECTION OF LHC DIPOLE



# Separate data from different Bunch crossings





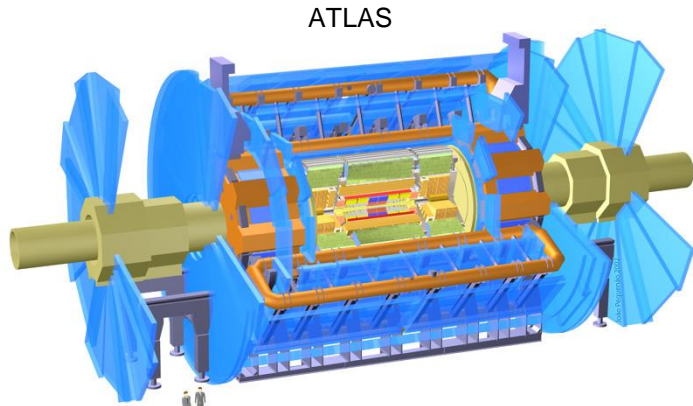
# Desirable detector properties

- High precision inner detector position information to identify secondary vertices, but amplitude information is not needed – many layers and many channels
- It should be a light construction that does not compromise calorimeter resolution
- Good energy information in calorimeters and muon detector to determine missing momentum accurately
- All detectable particles should be detected – hermeticity
- Detector signals are often long, many bunch crossings, but must be associated with correct bunch crossing, if not, false missing momentum – **pile-up** problem at high count rates
- E/M calorimeter should be deep enough to contain electrons and  $\gamma$
- Hadron calorimeter should be deep enough to contain hadrons
- Radiation levels determine choice of detectors and electronics



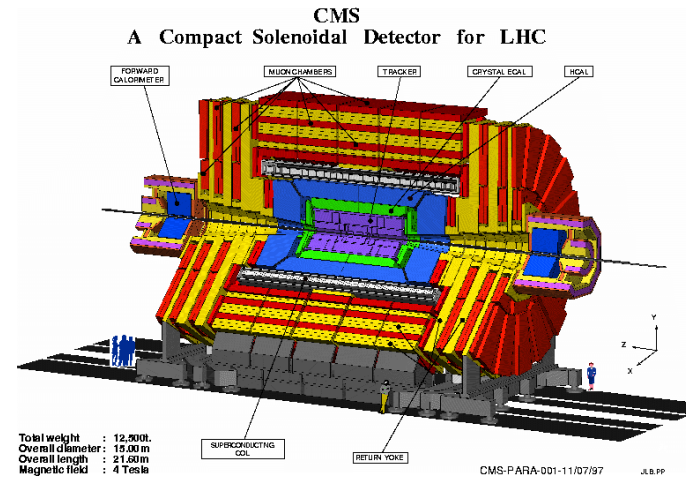
**Design compromises necessary for economical reasons**

# LHC Detectors

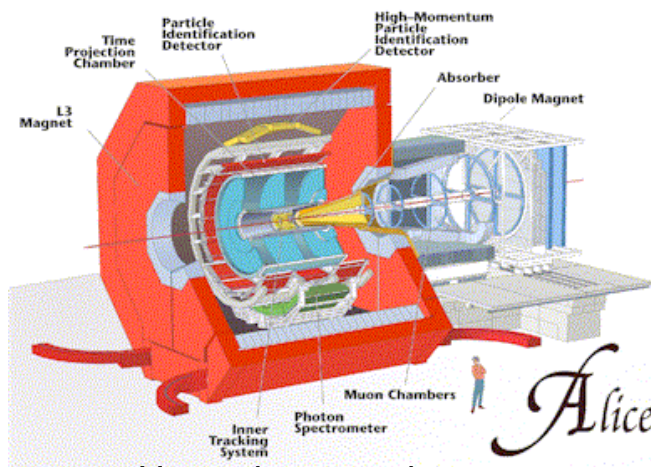


ATLAS

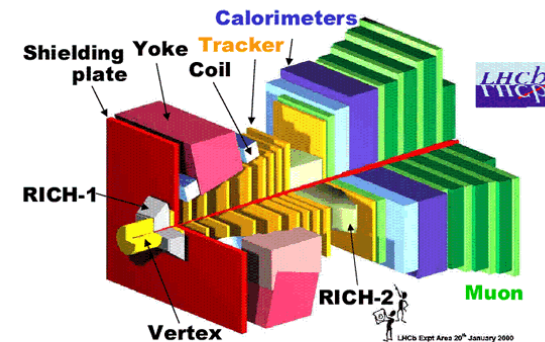
Heavy ion experiments about 2 weeks/year



CMS  
A Compact Solenoidal Detector for LHC



Heavy ion experiments,  
Pb – Pb or Au – Au



B physics at lower luminosities

ATLAS -CMS

Similar but different – magnet system, detector solutions, TDAQ system  
Competition – Collaboration

# LHC results and cost

## RESULTS so far

Higgs particle discovered 2012 July 4th (Nobel prize 2013)

No strong indications for BSM physics (Beyond Standard Model) yet

No SUSY (SuperSymmetry) yet

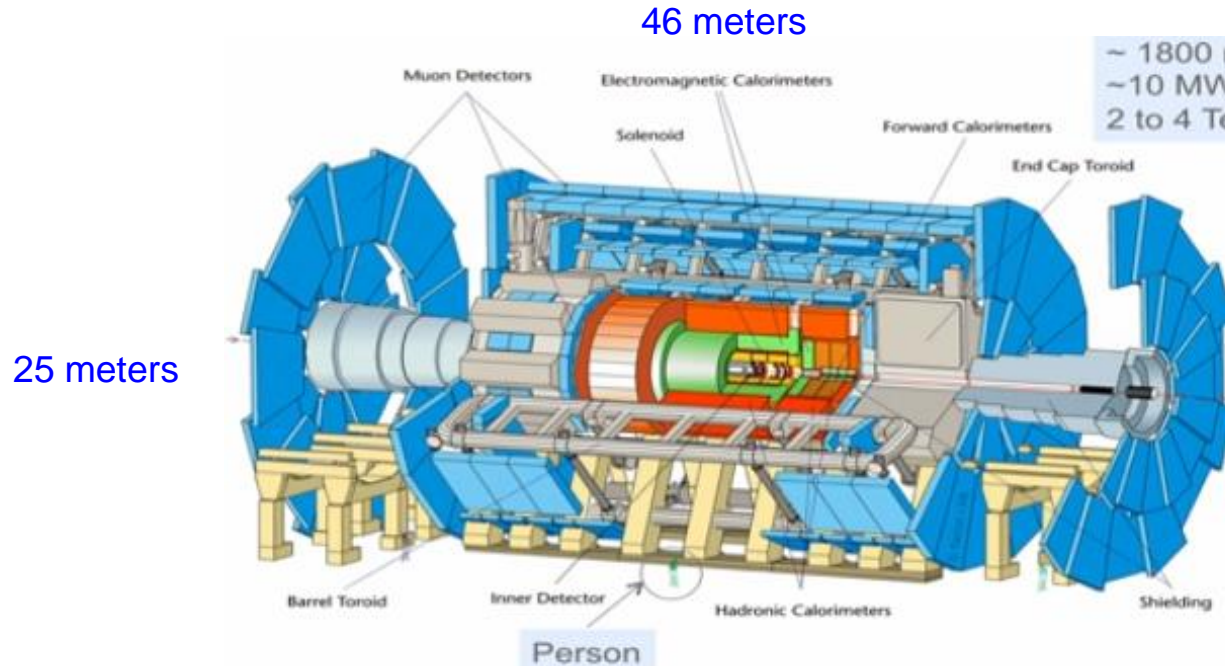
## COSTS

LHC material costs ~3.1 G€

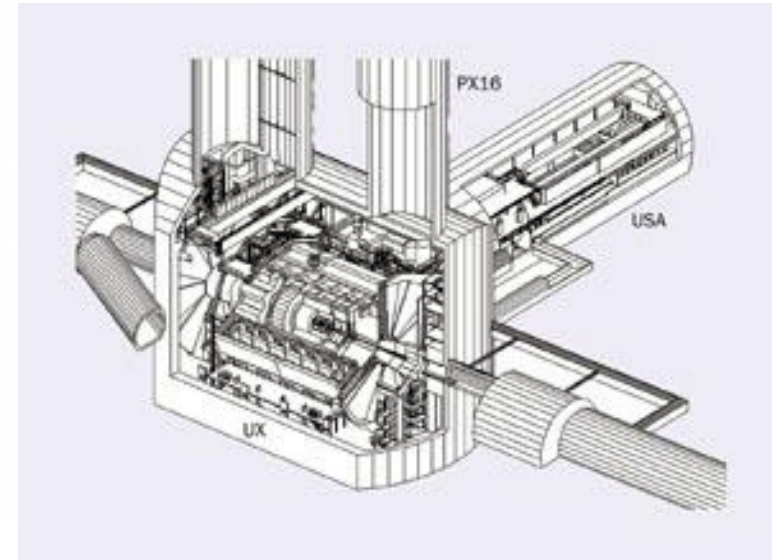
ATLAS material costs ~.3 G€



# A Toroidal Apparatus - ATLAS



~ 1800 miles of cables  
 ~10 MW of electric power  
 2 to 4 Tesla mag. field



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 100m below surface  
 Access shafts 12 – 22 m diam.

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Hadron calorimeter 16 bit ~10kch

Muon detector x bit ~100 kch

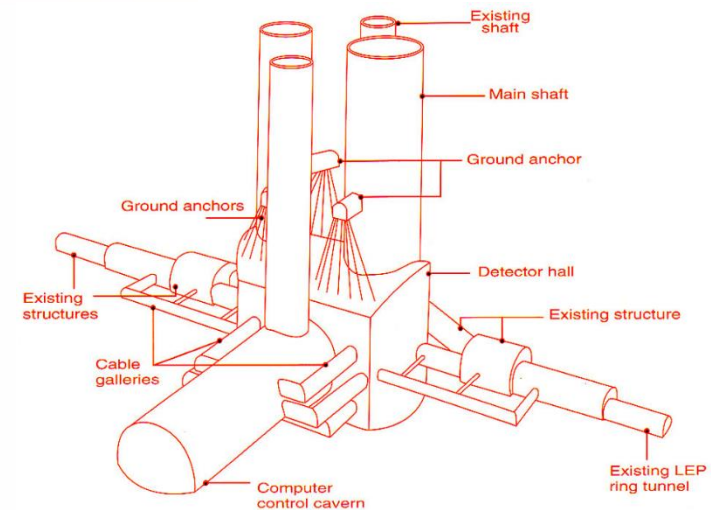
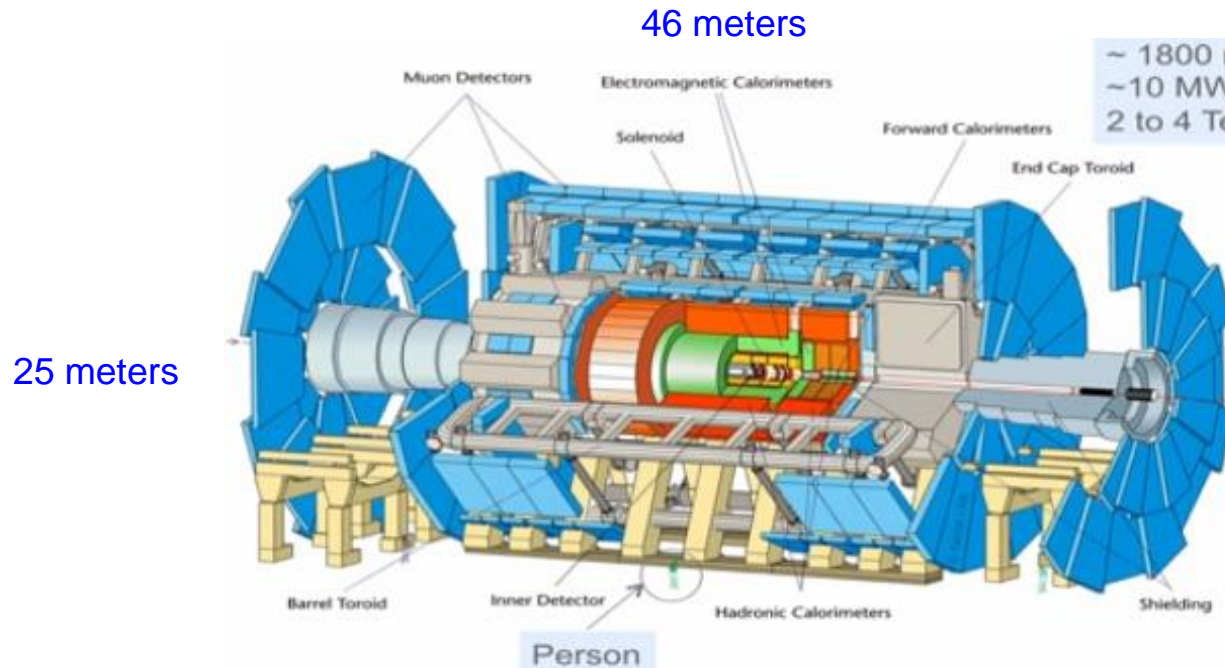
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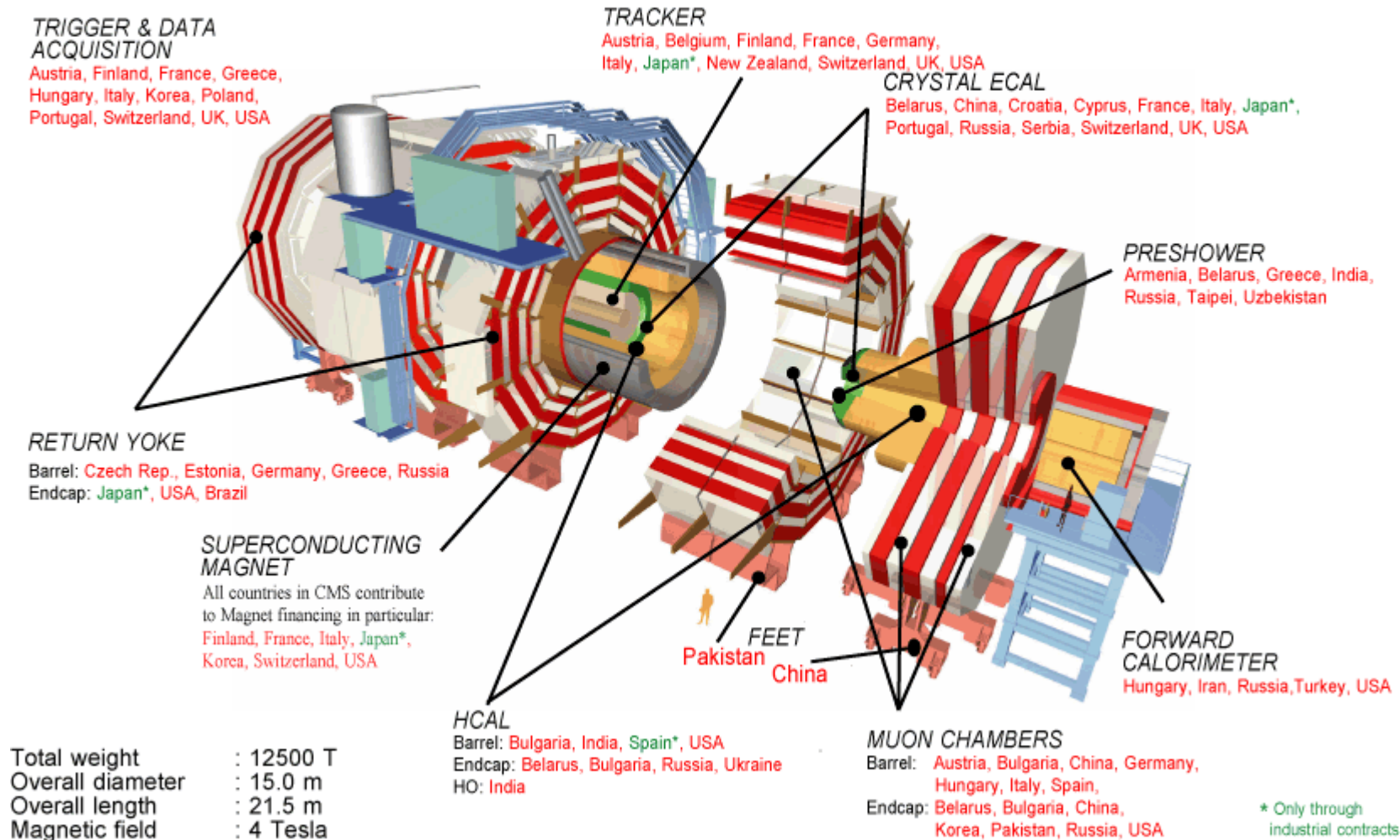
# CMS – Compact Muon Solenoid



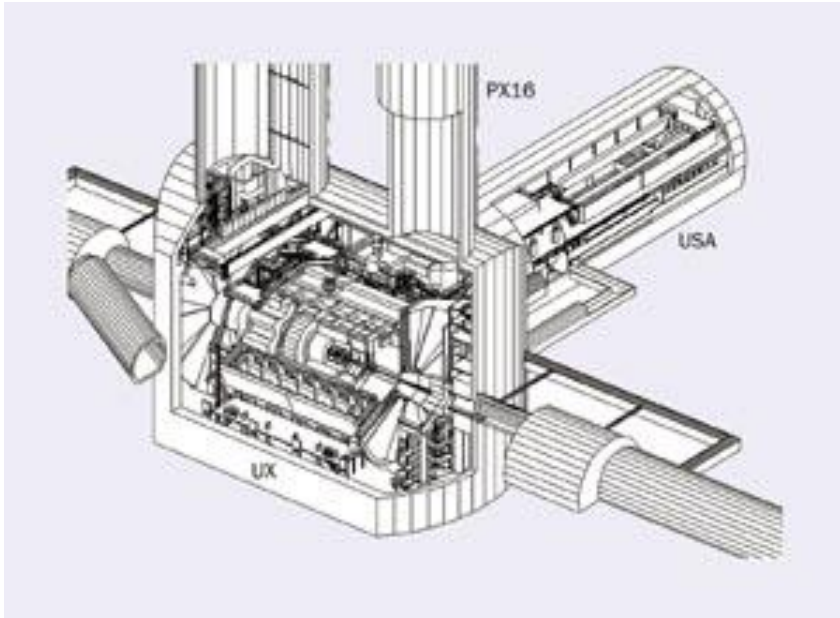
## CMS Collaboration



36 Nations, 159 Institutions, 1940 Scientists (February 2003)



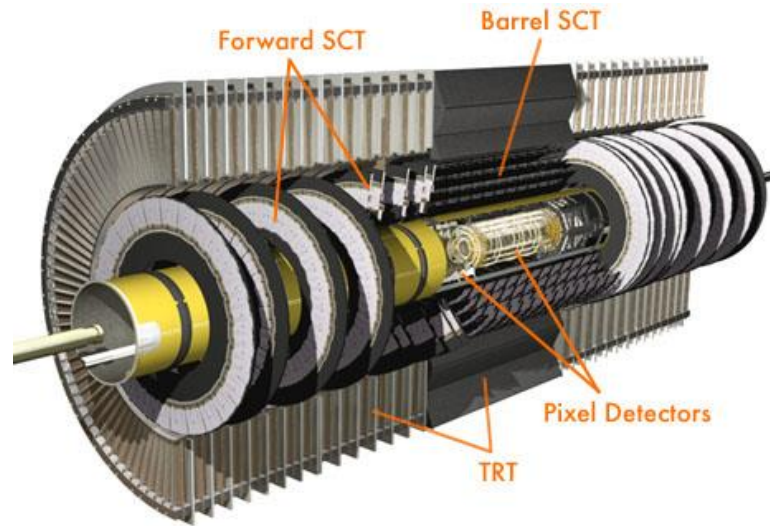
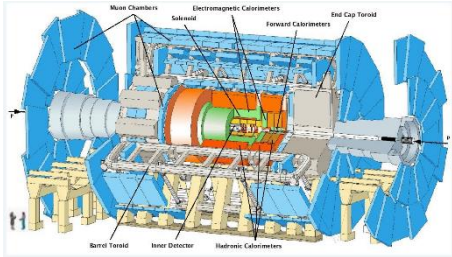
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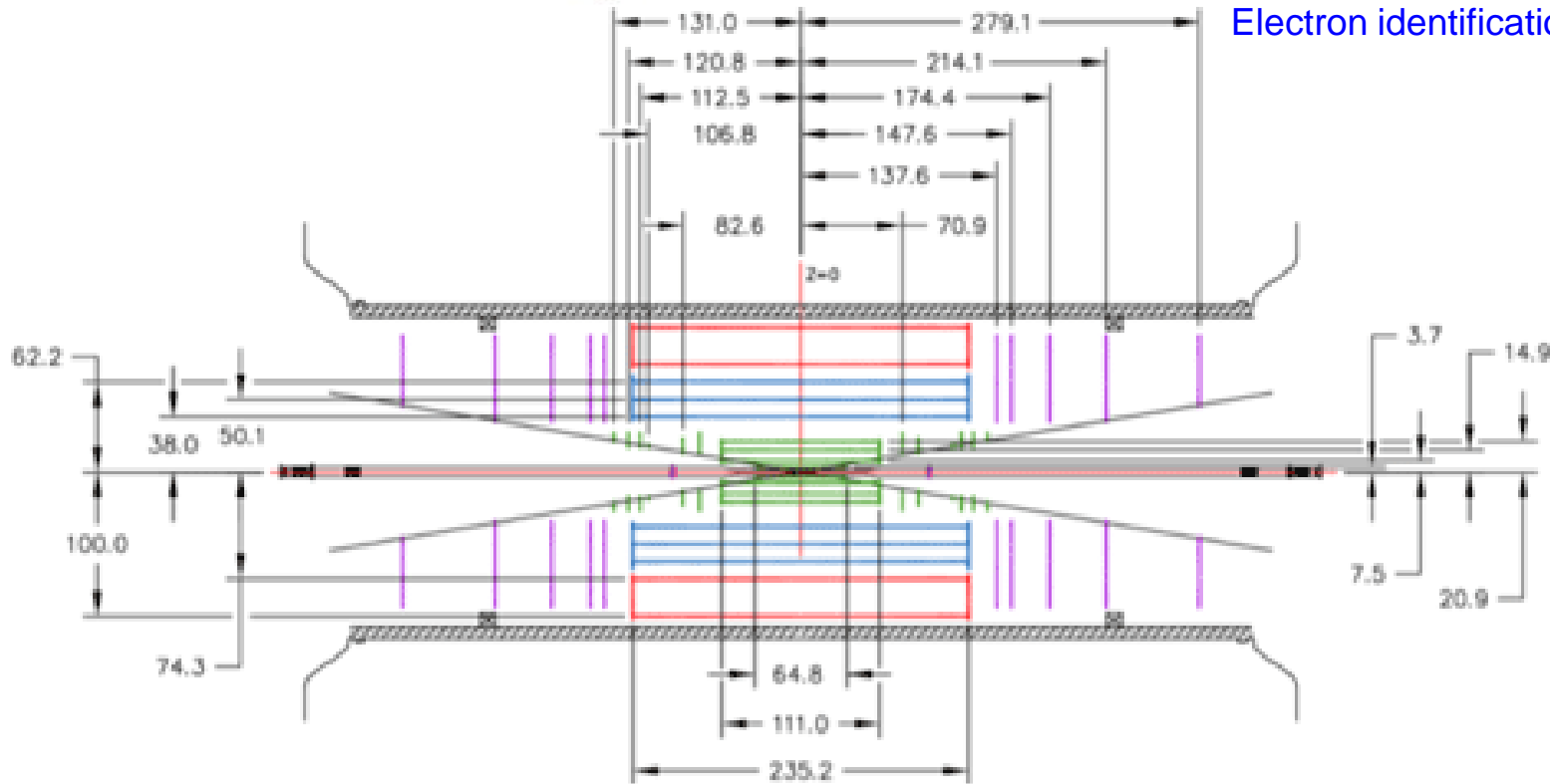


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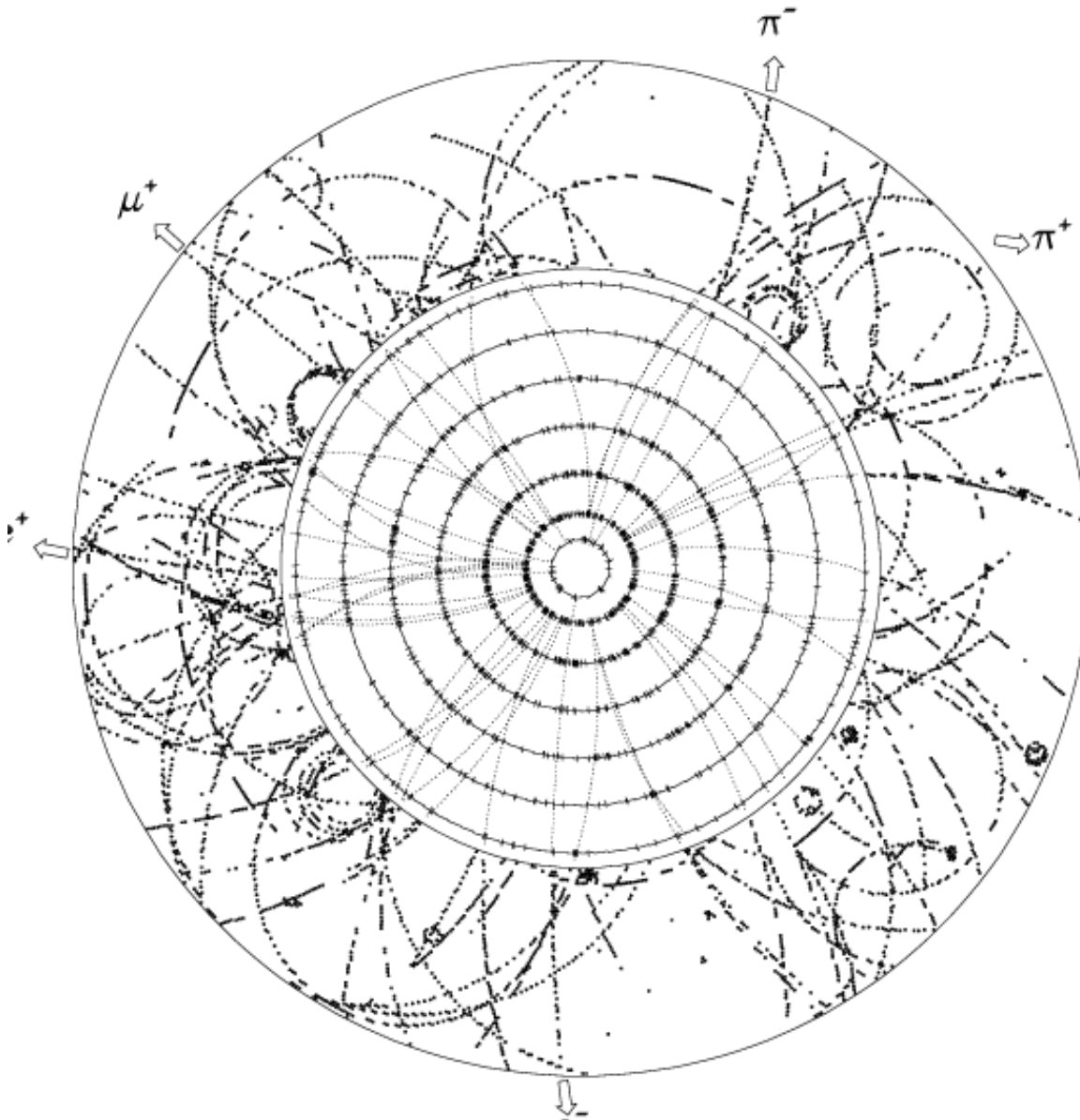
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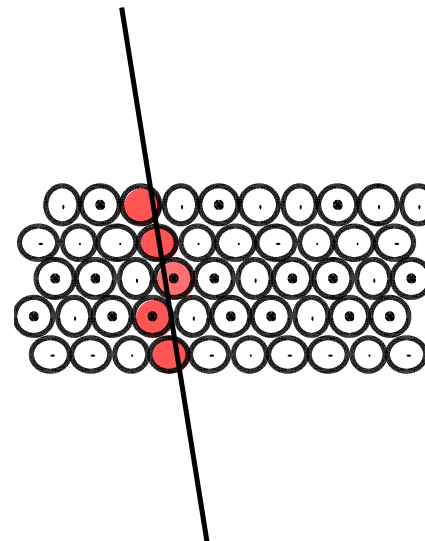
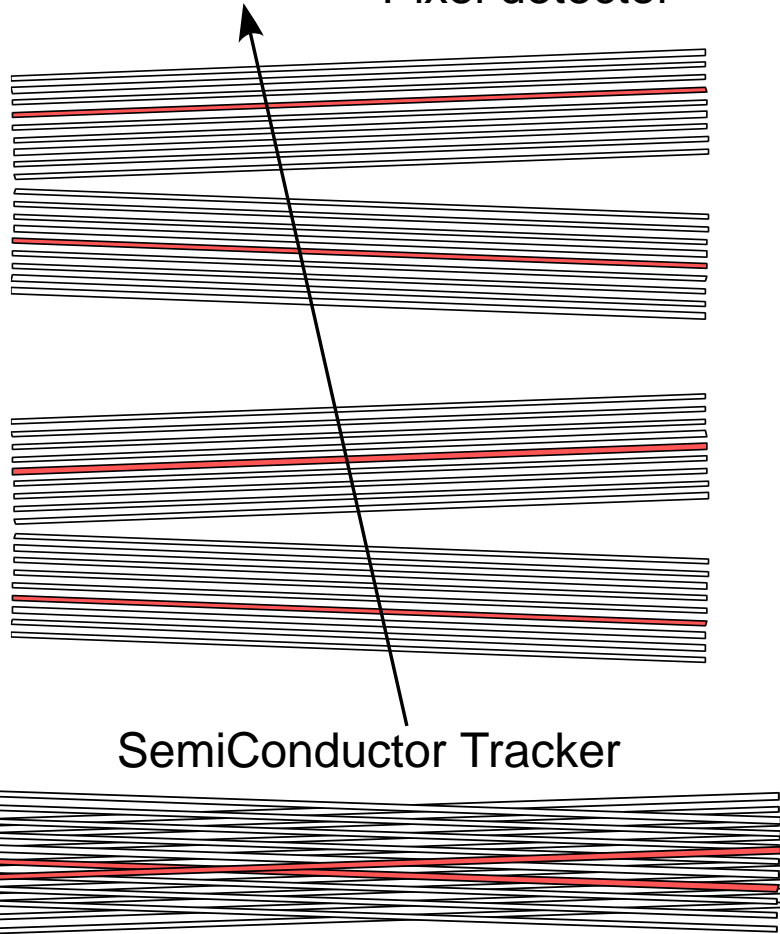
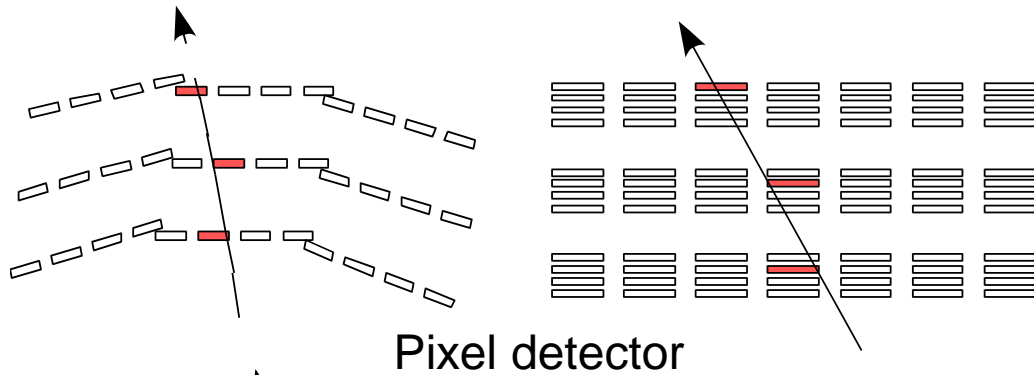
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Pixel detector 3 sample points  
Strip detector 4 sample points  
TRT 36 sample points

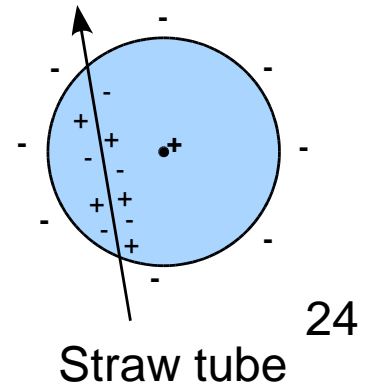


About 1000 particles

# ATLAS inner detector



TRT



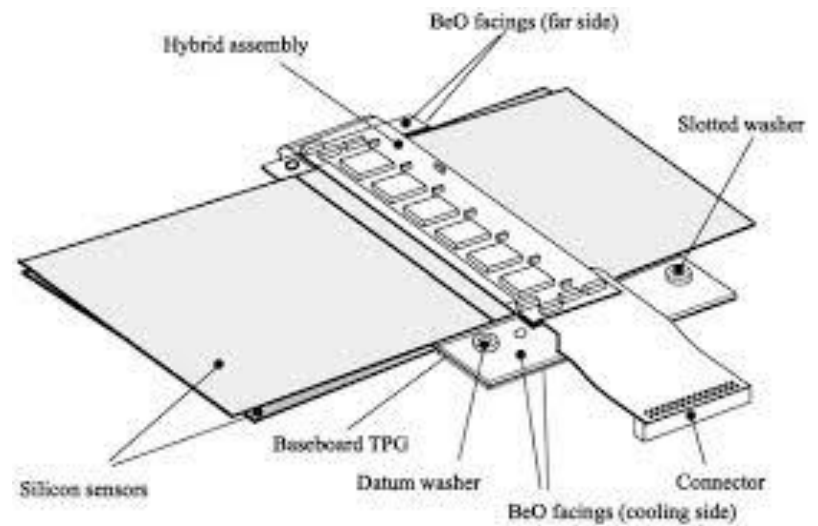
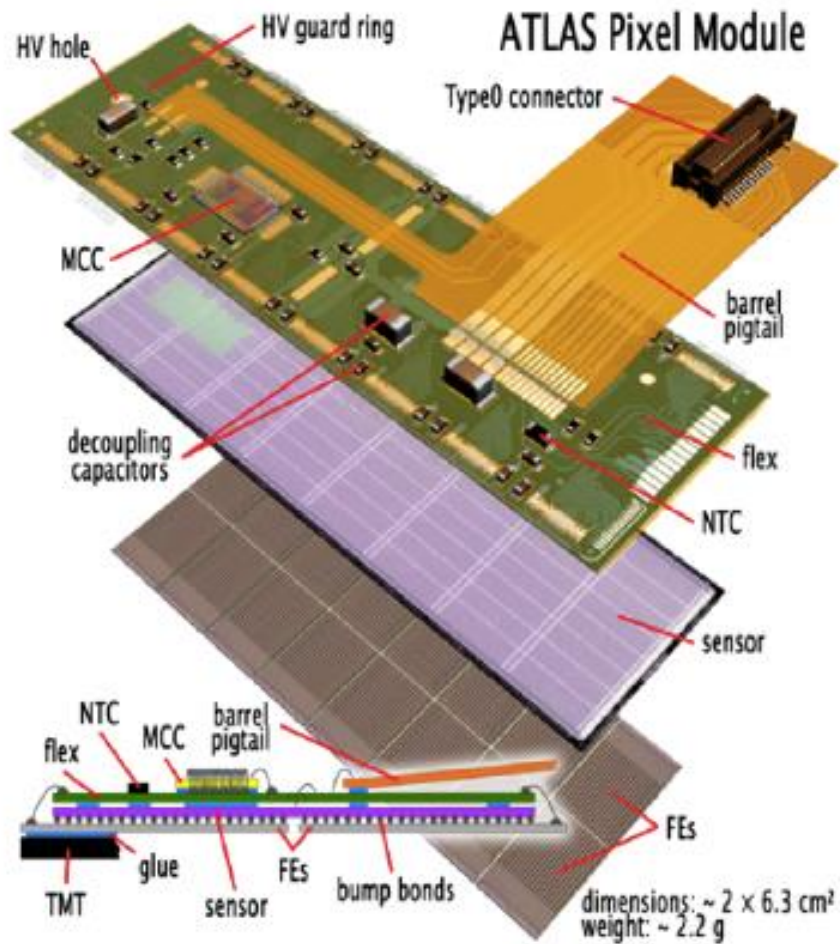
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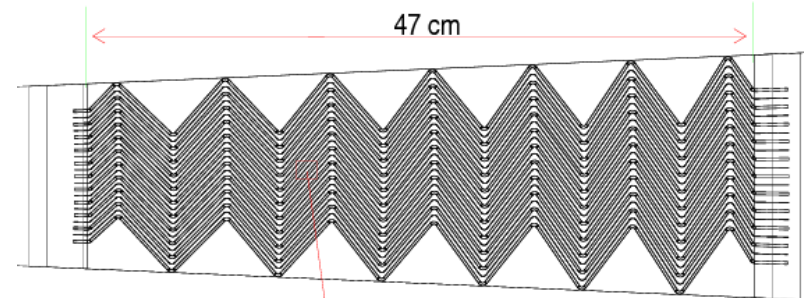
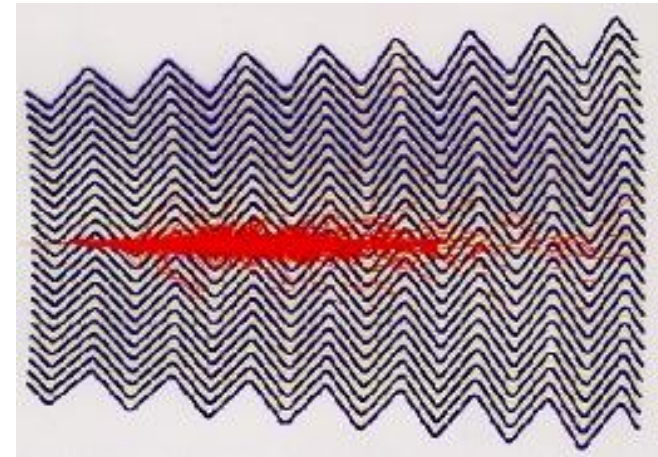
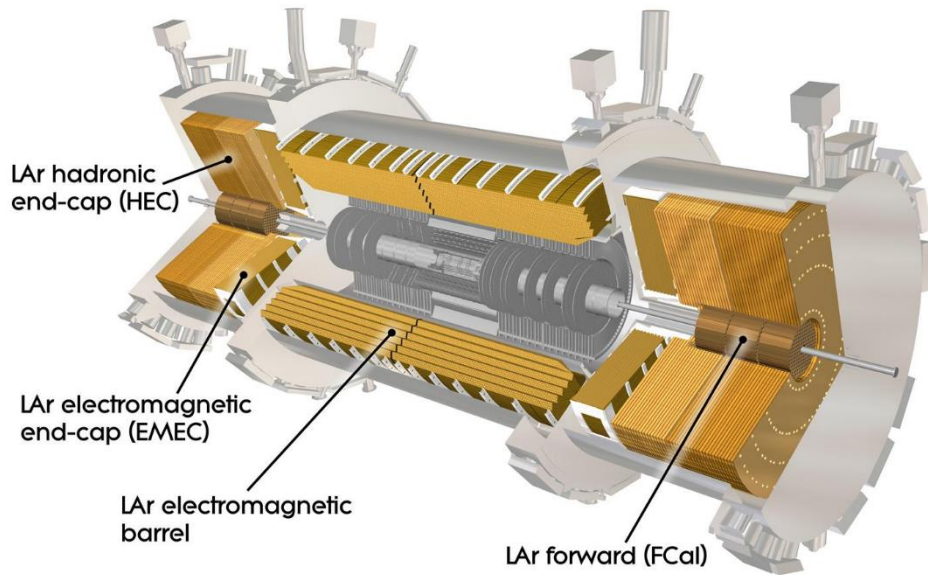
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Radiation tolerance, power and cooling problematic

# Liquid Argon e-m calorimeter

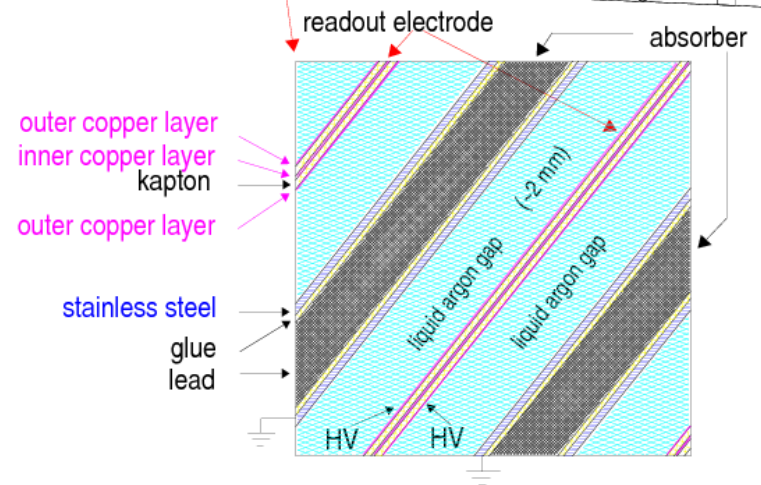
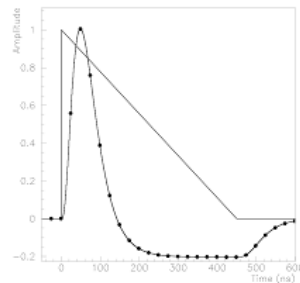


Liquid Argon-Lead/stainless steel calorimeter (87°K)

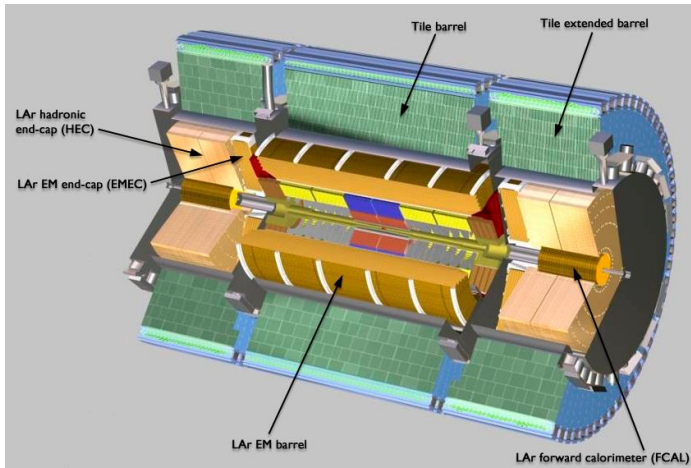
16-bit dynamic range

Cooled preamplifiers

4 layers + presampler



# TileCal hadron calorimeter

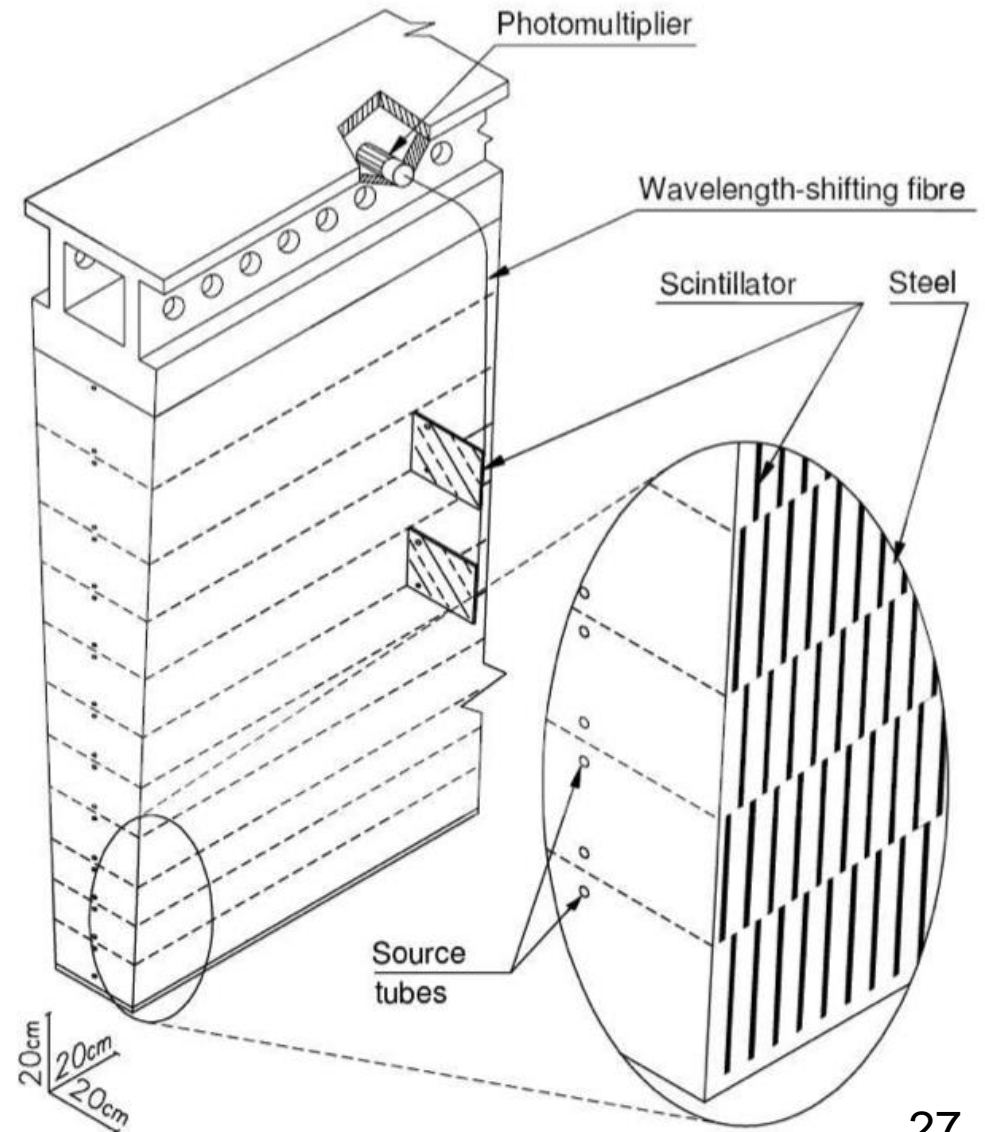
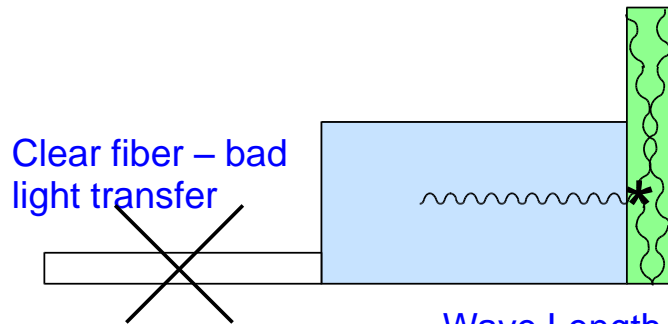


Interleaved steel and scintillator tiles

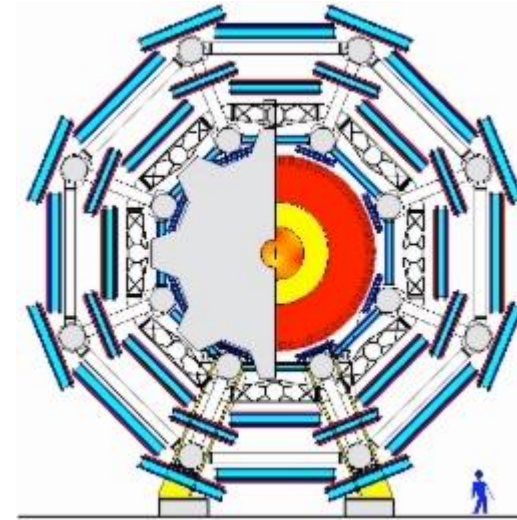
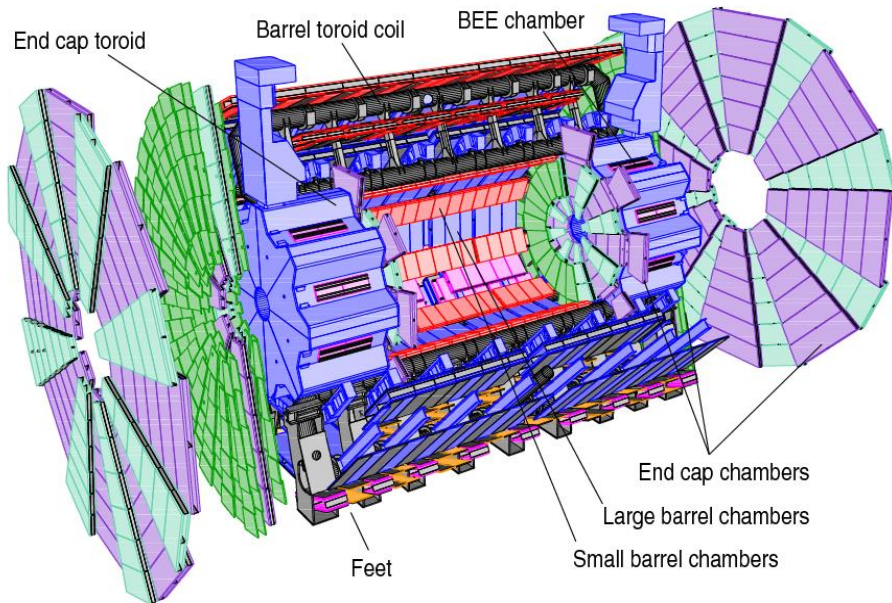
256 modules, each weighing 10 tons

4 depth layers

Coarse spatial but good amplitude resolution



# The Muon Detector



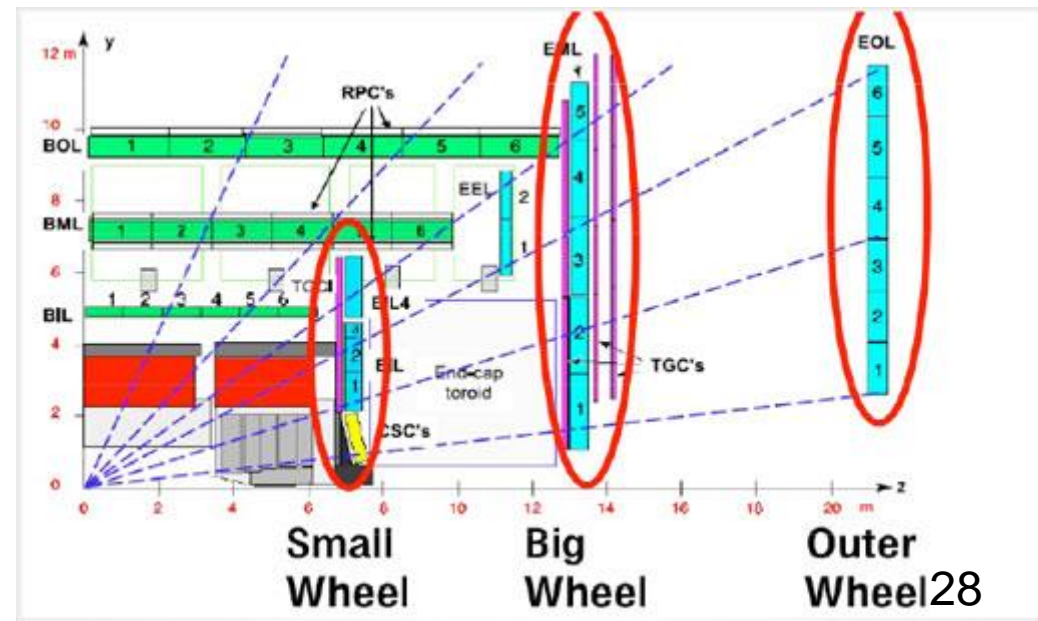
Geometrical alignment precision  $30 \mu\text{m}$

Alignment can change due to temperature change or deformations when the magnet field is changed

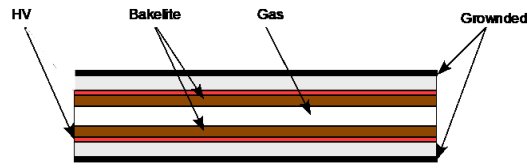
Cost → Use gas detectors, different types for precision and trigger and different types for normal and high intensity regions, close to beam pipe

MDT (Monitored Drift Tubes) and CSC (Cathod Strip Chambers) for high precision. CSC for high intensity forward regions

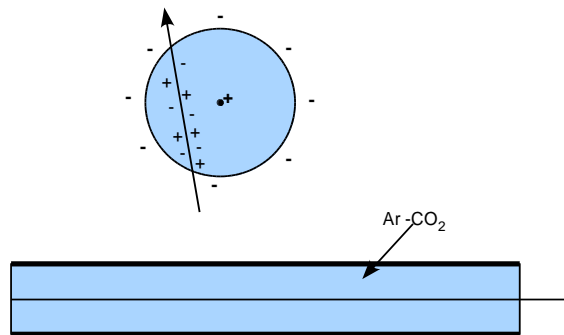
RPC (Resistive Plate Chambers) and TGC (Thin Gap Chambers) for trigger. TGC for high intensity regions.



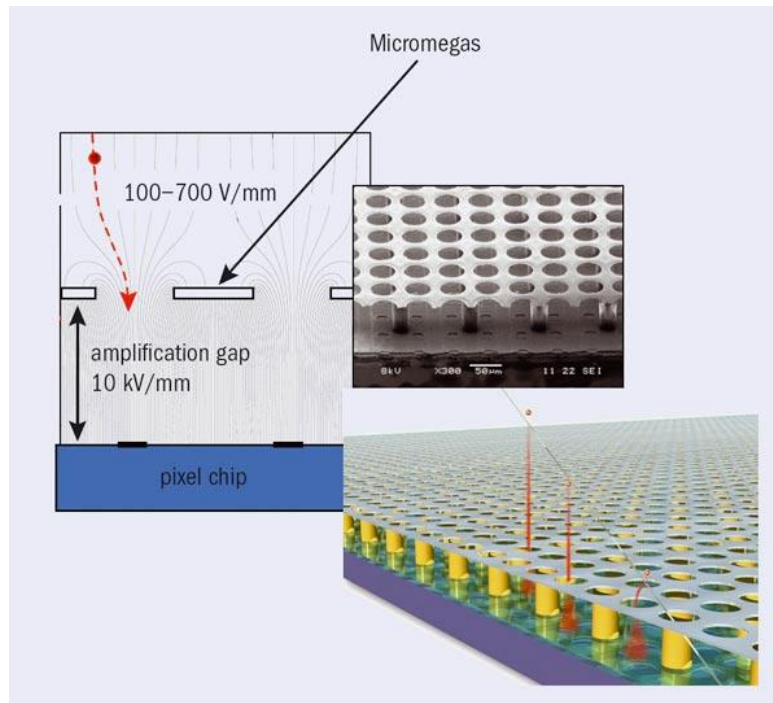
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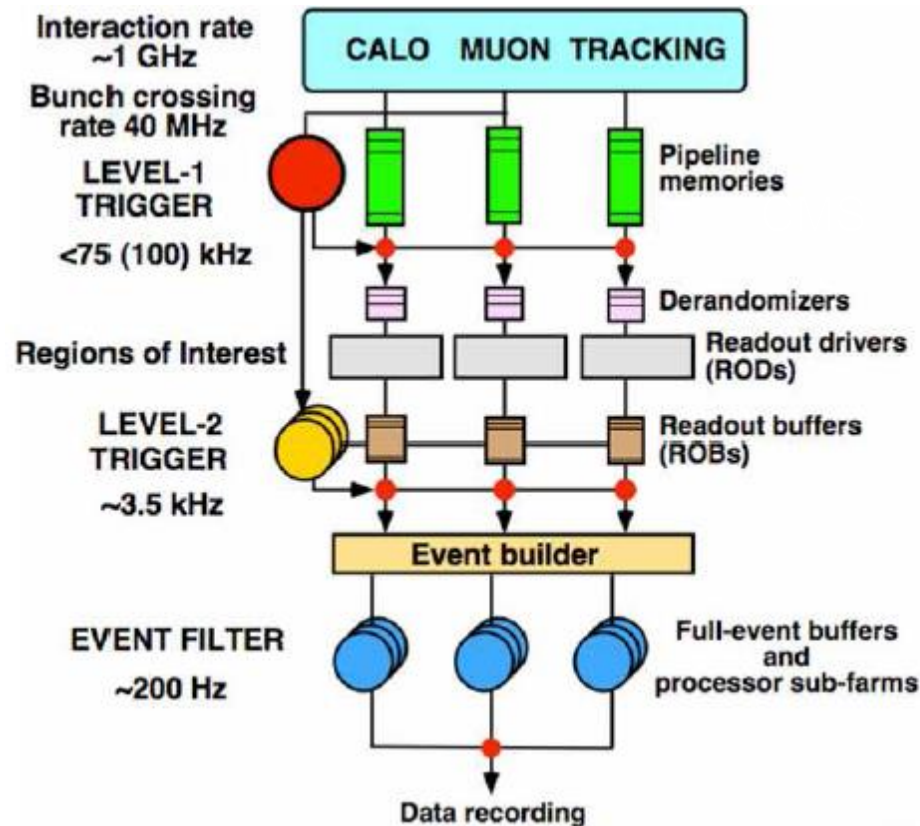
MDT – Monitored Drift Tubes



Micromegas for muon detector upgrade

# Trigger and Data Acquisition (TDAQ)

Reading out all data, every bunch crossing, completely impossible - data transfer limitations  
Solution -> use multilevel trigger – data storage limitations, radiation tolerance



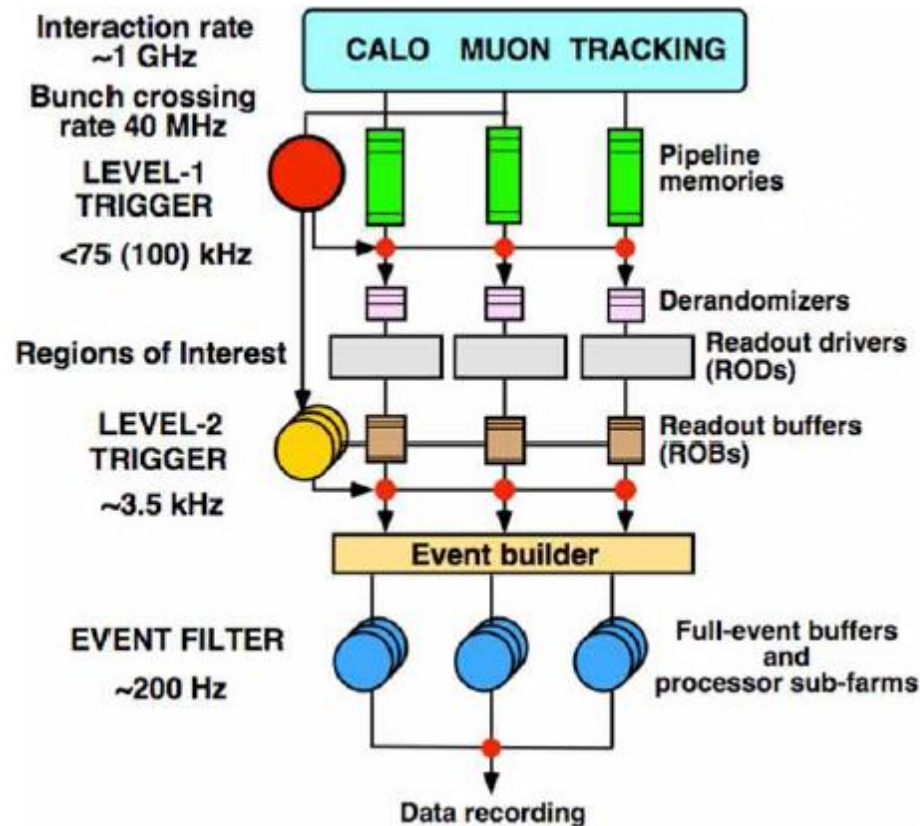
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First level trigger – pipe-lined processing (in FPGAs) of merged calorimeter and muon data with reduced spatial and amplitude information - delivers Regions Of Interest

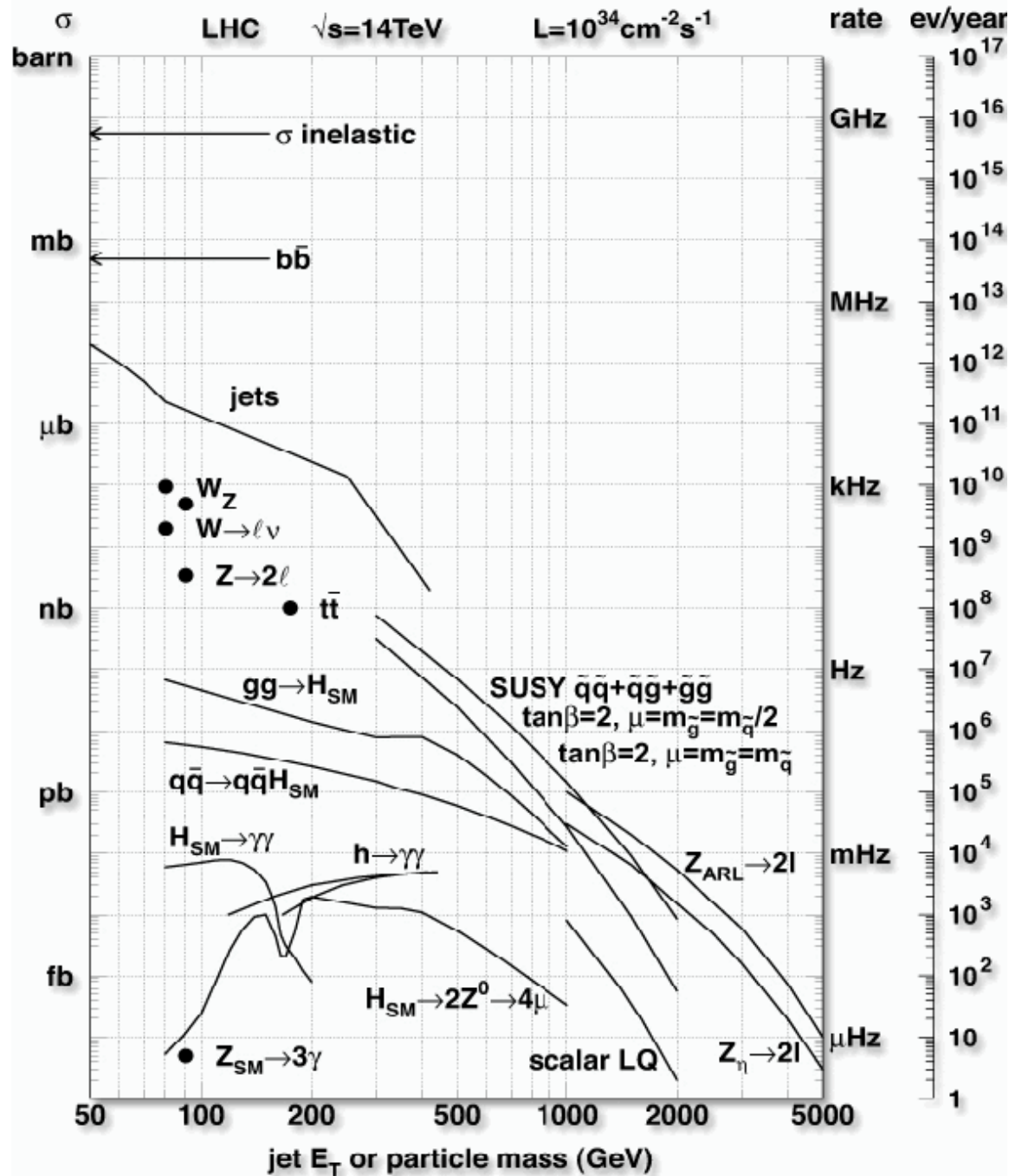
Second level trigger – PC based software processing full resolution data from all subdetectors but only from RIOs

Third level trigger – Event Builder – PC farm to on-line analyze all data at highest precision

**A first selection criteria is to require large transverse energy components to guarantee a head-on collision**

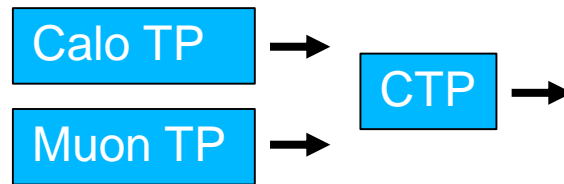


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# First level trigger



The Calorimeter trigger processor and the Muon trigger processor reports to the **Central Trigger Processor (CTP)**

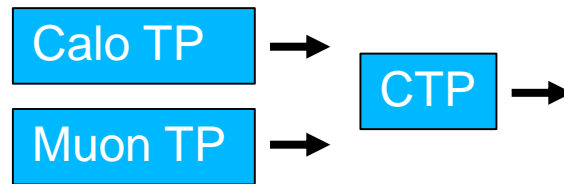
CTP looks for characteristic signatures in the data that indicates that the data contains an interesting event e.g.

- 4 isolated electrons or
- 4 muons or
- 2 high energy electrons over a certain threshold and 2 jets
- etc.

The search criteria are defined in the **Trigger Menu** data base

The current Trigger Menu selection is defined at the start of a run

# First level trigger



All data can be stored on the detector for maximum  $2.5 \mu\text{s}$  – the **latency** of the first level trigger

Before this, a decision must be made on saving or not saving that data

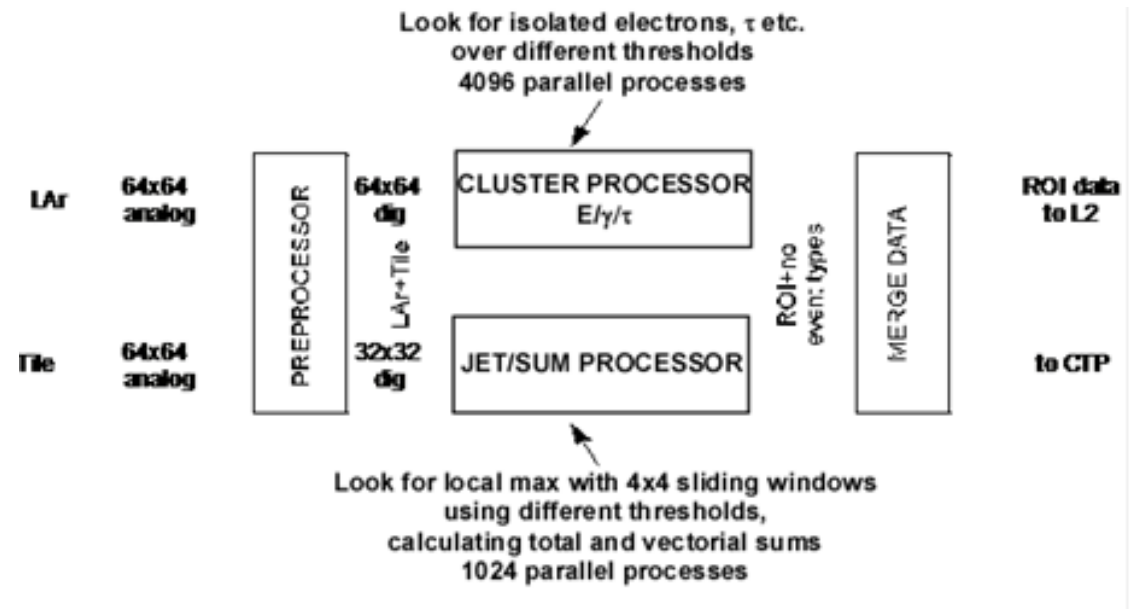
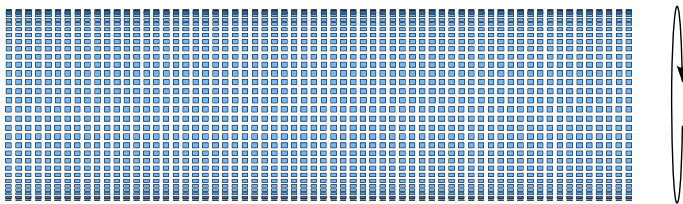
The specified data latency allows for sending the data from the detector to the trigger processor in USA-15 (Underground Storage Area), process it and send the result back to the detector for possible transmission of the entire data set.

# First level trigger

Each bunch crossing, i.e. each 25ns

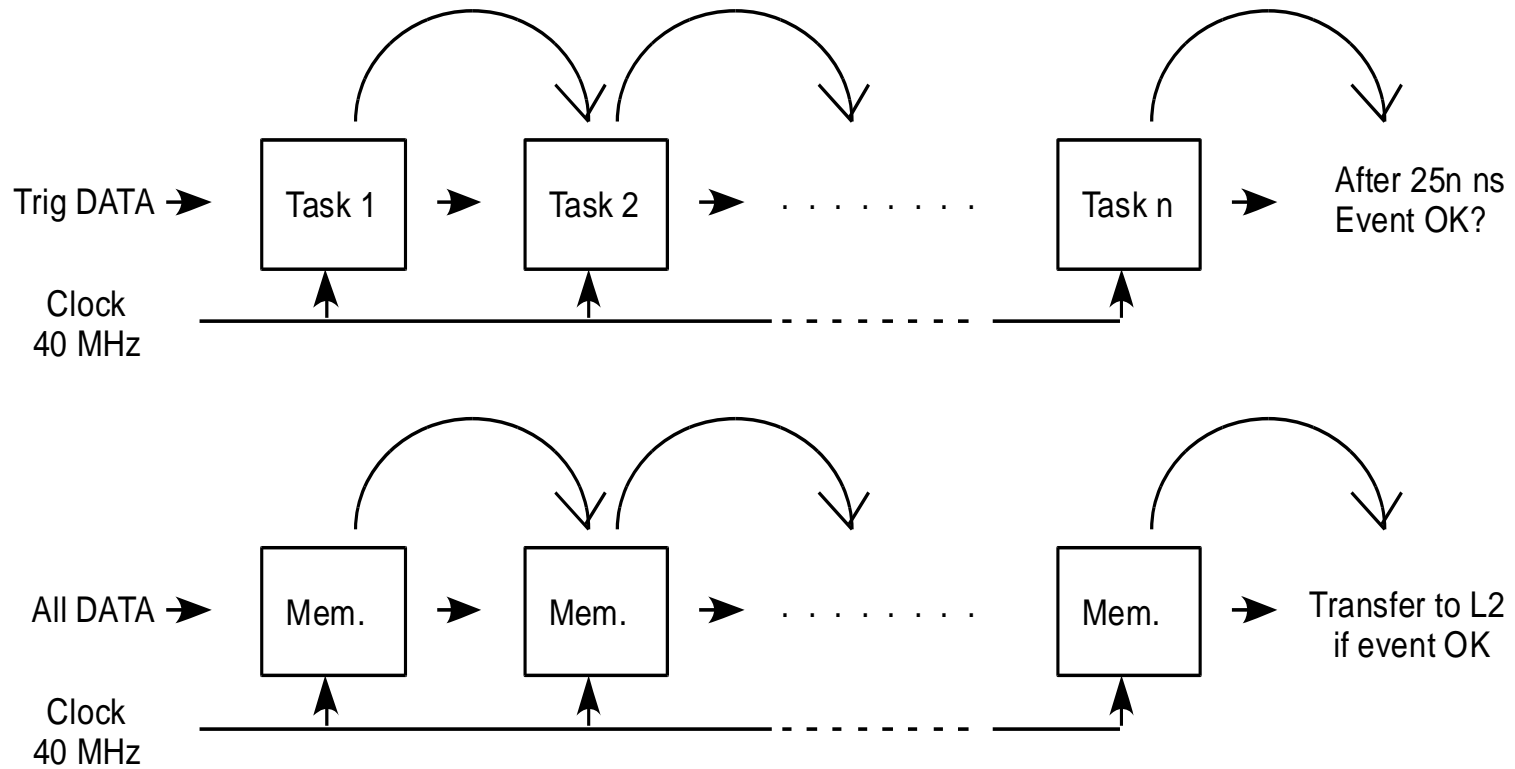
4096 trigger data values arrive from LAr and Tile

64 cell rows around the calorimeter cylinder and 64 cells in each row along the detector

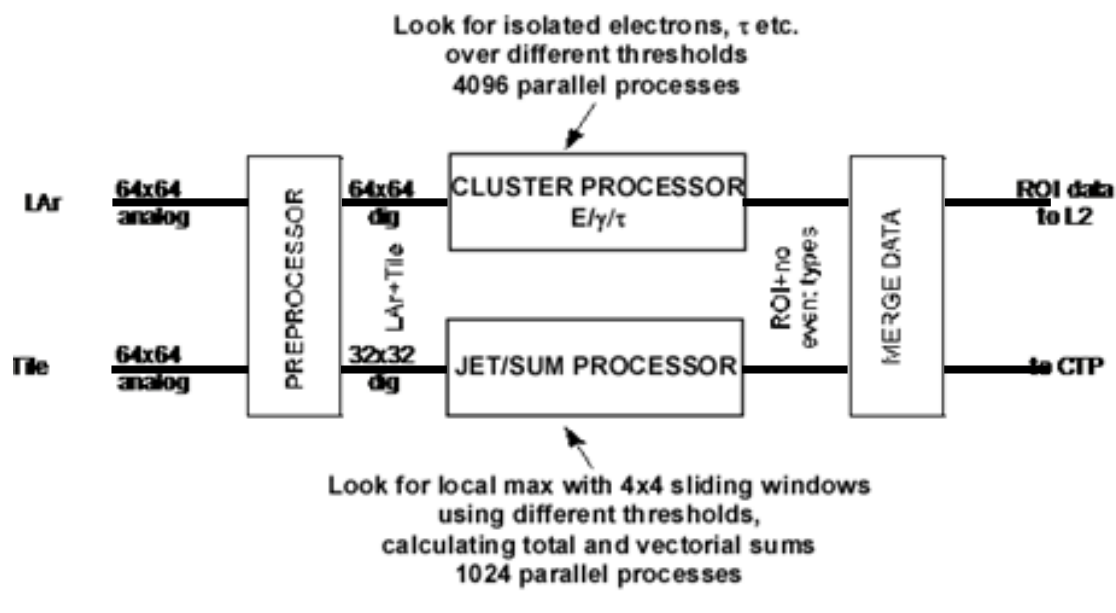


For each corresponding trigger cell one must study if it contained an interesting event  
4096 parallel processes start every 25ns and should be completed within 1  $\mu$ s  
FPGAs widely used together with pipelined processing

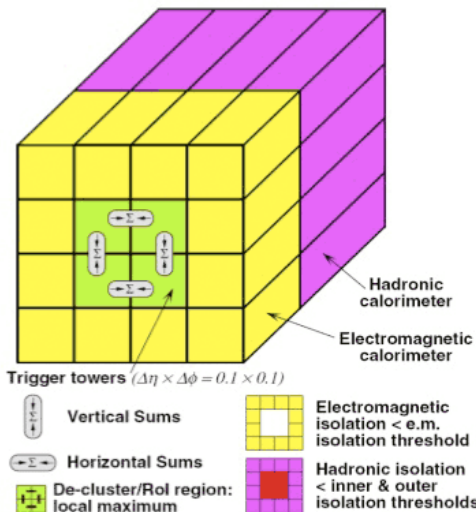
# PIPELINED PROCESSING



# First level trigger



## CLUSTER FINDING $e/\gamma$ ALGORITHM



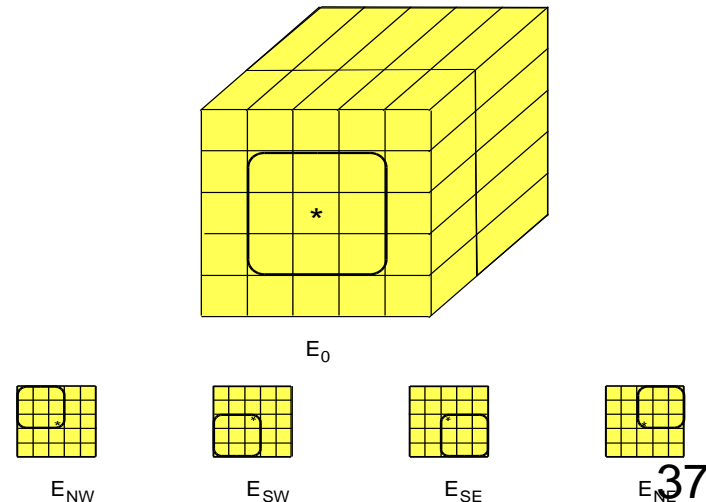
For each cell and each set of thresh.

Vert. SUM or Hor. SUM > thresh.

Em isolation SUM < thresh.

Had isolation SUM < thresh.

## JET MAX ALGORITHM



Condition for jet maximum:  $E_{NW}, E_{SW}, E_{SE}, E_{NE} < E_0$

# Synchronization

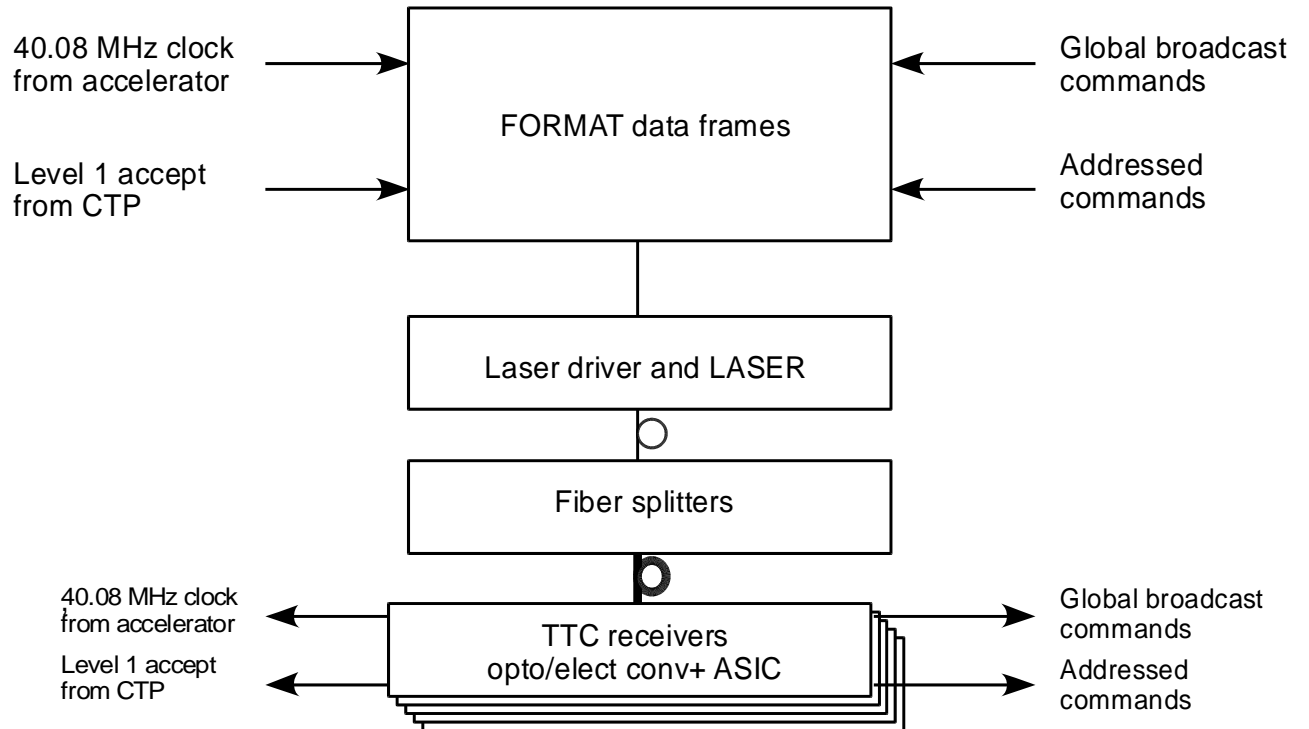
The Timing, Trigger and Control (TTC) system is responsible for synchronization

The accelerator clock 40.08 MHz distributed to all Front-End units with local phase control

L1A distributed to all FE-boards with programmable delay to maintain sync.

Addressed commands to configure local FE-boards

Maintains Bunch Crossing Identifier BCID to label events



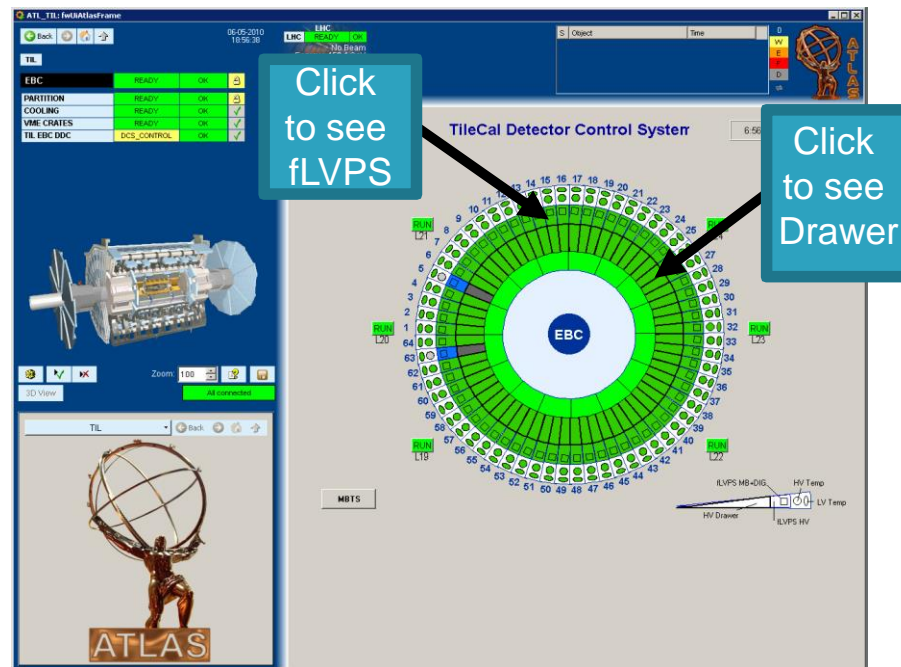
# Detector Control - DCS

The Detector Control System or Slow Control, as it was called before, is responsible for initializing and monitoring of all system components including configuring programmable logic (FPGAs).

It will monitor parameters like temperatures, fan operation, pressures, voltages, currents, humidities, error conditions etc..

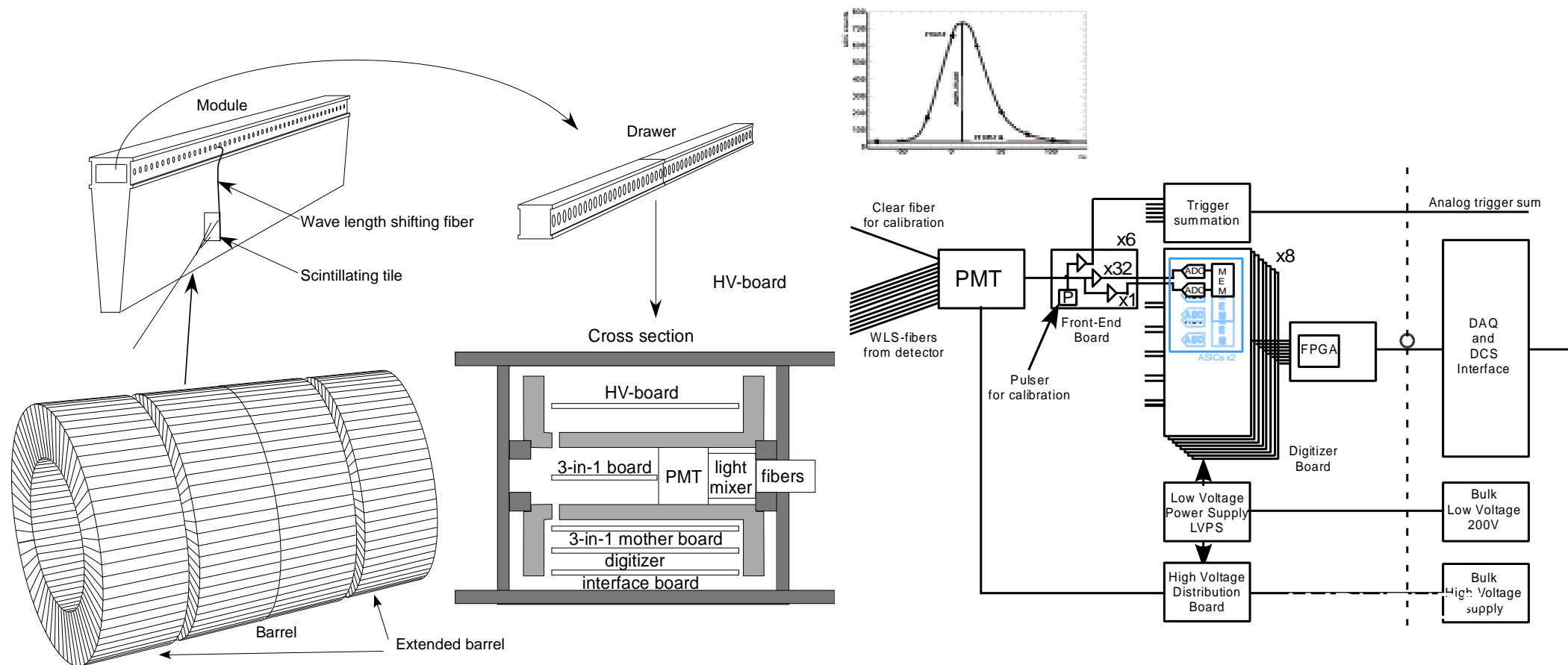
It is also responsible for safety functions and alarms

It records error conditions and archives monitored parameters



When supervising DCS it is important to have efficient and intuitive GUIs

# Front-End example - TileCal



4x64 modules (with electronics in "drawers") with 46 or 32 PMTs each read out by 2 10 bit ADCs (high and low gain)

Each module 8 contains Digitizer boards with 2 ASICs each containing digital pipeline and de-randomizer

Analog trigger signals – digitized in USA-15



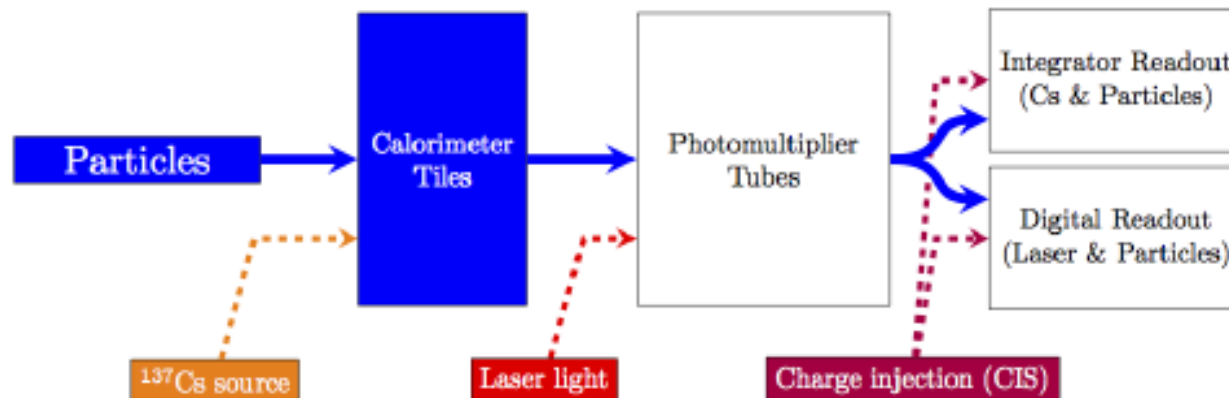
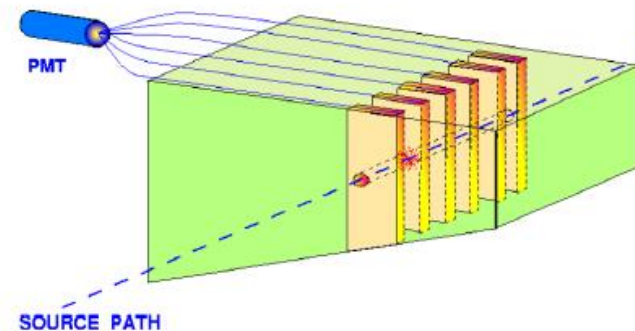
# Calibration - problem for TileCal

Scintillators and fibers age due to radiation

PMTs age when exposed to light

Tree calibration methods:

- Cesium calibration – with circulating sources
- Laser calibration – with clear fibers
- Charge injection – in FEB



# ATLAS upgrades

LHC have regular stops for longer maintenance and upgrade



End of operation 2037?

## Upgrade phase 0

Prepared for almost full energy 13 TeV

Insertable B-layer – replaced the inner pixel layer

# ATLAS upgrades

LHC have regular stops for longer maintenance and upgrade



## Upgrade phase 1 – 2019-2020

3 times higher luminosity, need better algorithms

Full energy 14 TeV

New Small Wheel? (at least one)

Topological trigger – not only count event but also consider their geometrical relationship

LAr fully digital trigger

New trigger architecture

# ATLAS upgrades

LHC have regular stops for longer maintenance and upgrade



## Upgrade phase 2 – 2024-26 (2025-27?)

### Prepare for HE-LHC (High Energy LHC)

5 times higher instantaneous luminosity, need still better algorithms

10 times total luminosity – luminosity leveling

New Trigger system – level 0 (L0a: 1MHz, Latency: 6 $\mu$ s)/level

1(L1a:<400kHz, Latency: <30 $\mu$ s)?

New inner detector – no TRT, track trigger (introducing track data into Level 1)?

New TileCal electronics – read out all data to USA-15 – fully digital trigger

New trigger architecture L0/L1?, higher rates, longer latencies

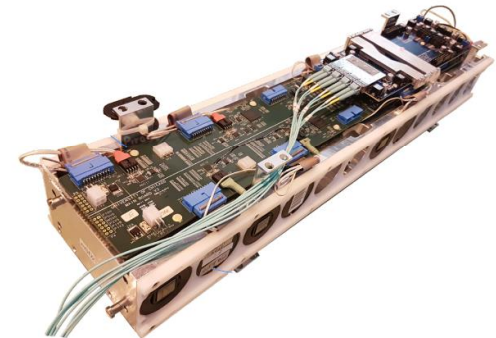
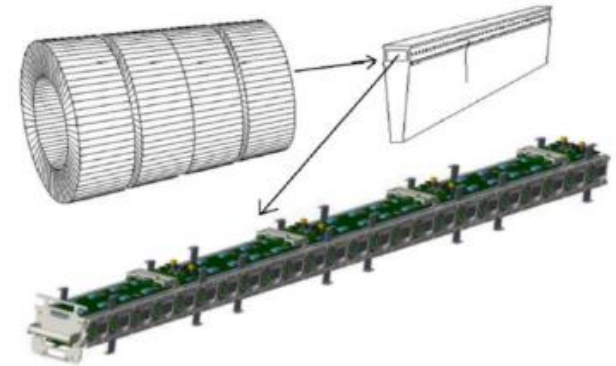
Track trigger?

# Phase 2 upgraded TileCal electronics

More luminosity → upto 200 event/bunch crossing  
→ more complex trigger processes → require more data  
→ read out all data directly to off detector trigger  
→ Many (4000) 9.6 Gbs links and large FPGAs

New TileCal electronics

Better redundancy, smaller units (failure less costly)  
New Low Voltage Power Supplies (partly from South Africa)



# Different electronic design strategies

When designing the first (present) version of the ATLAS electronics then:

Special rad hard (tolerant) electronics was available (close to end of cold war)

High speed data transmission (optical or electrical) expensive →

Send trigger data to external trigger processor. Keep data on detector until accepted by L1 trigger – reduced data flow

Now:

standard electronics reasonably radiation tolerant – SEE problem

High speed transmission available →

Remove all data from detector as soon as possible

Then:

FPGAs unsafe

Now:

SEE mitigation techniques exist making on-detector FPGAs feasible

# Mistakes

**We learn from mistakes but some times we forget what we learned'**

**Connector problems**

**Power supply problems**

**Radiation sensitivity problems**

**Problems with new untested techniques**

# Future

## General trends

Higher energies

Higher luminosity

Higher granularity in all detector sub-systems

More complicated events to process early in the triggers

More on-detector FPGAs – new FPGAs more radiation tolerant to hard but not soft errors – develop correction strategies for soft errors

More high speed data transmission – 40 Gb/s or more

Early digitization – less analog, more digital

After 2037? ILC? CLIC? FCC?



Future Circular Collider  
FCC

50+50TeV p – p

100 km circumference

Assumes new magnet  
technologies

(20 TeV magnets)

**BUT THIS IS FOR YOU!**