

# Current and future detector technologies with focus on silicon detectors

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# Overview

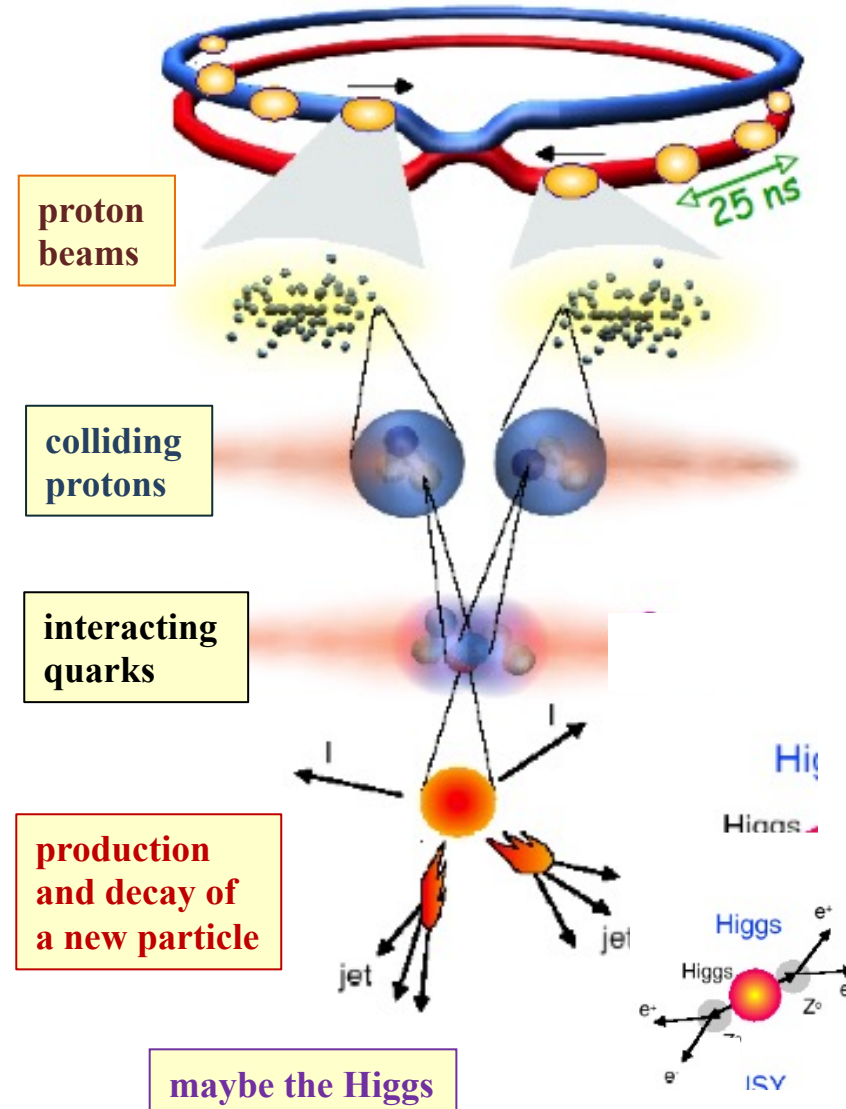
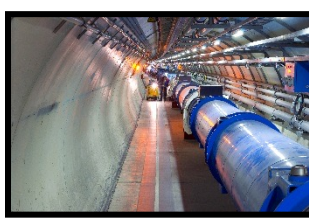


- Introduction to particle detectors
- Examples of current detectors in LHC experiments: tracking detector and calorimeter
- Future facilities and example for R&D for future detectors

Disclaimer: selection of a few detector concepts and examples from experiments



# Collisions at the LHC



- Two independent proton beams are brought to collision (at specific interaction points)
- Protons are arranged in bunches ( $\sim 10^{11}$ ). Several pp-collisions per bunch crossing.
- the colliding protons “break” into their fundamental constituents (i.e. quarks)  $\rightarrow$  only a fraction of the proton energy is available for the creation of new particles.
- $\rightarrow$  lots of non-interesting background
- The new particles are generally unstable and decay promptly into lighter (known) particles: electrons, photons, etc.

# Detectors must be ultra-selective

Distinguish (new) rare particle decays from (known) abundant particle decays  
 → very performant detectors with excellent particle identification

You are looking  
 for this particular  
 particle  
 physicist!



Needs VERY high

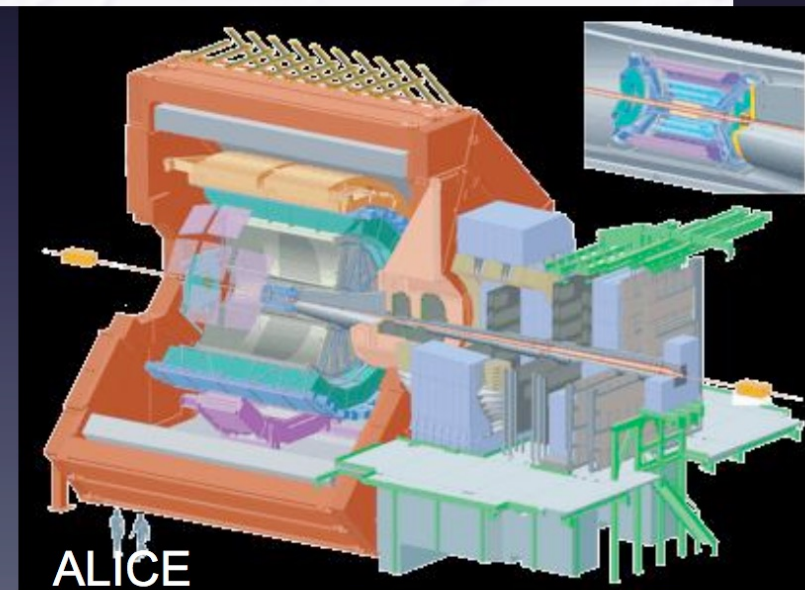
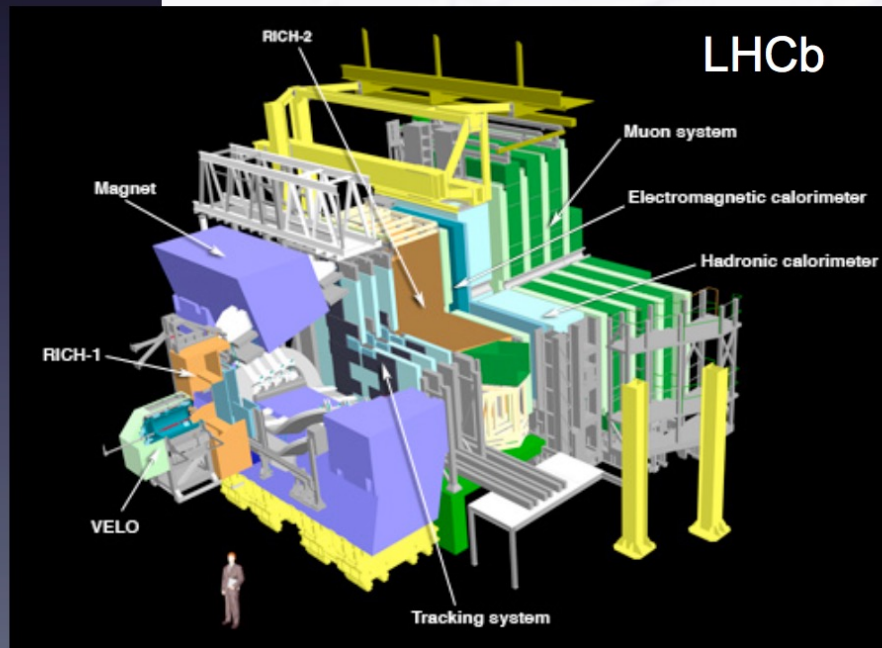
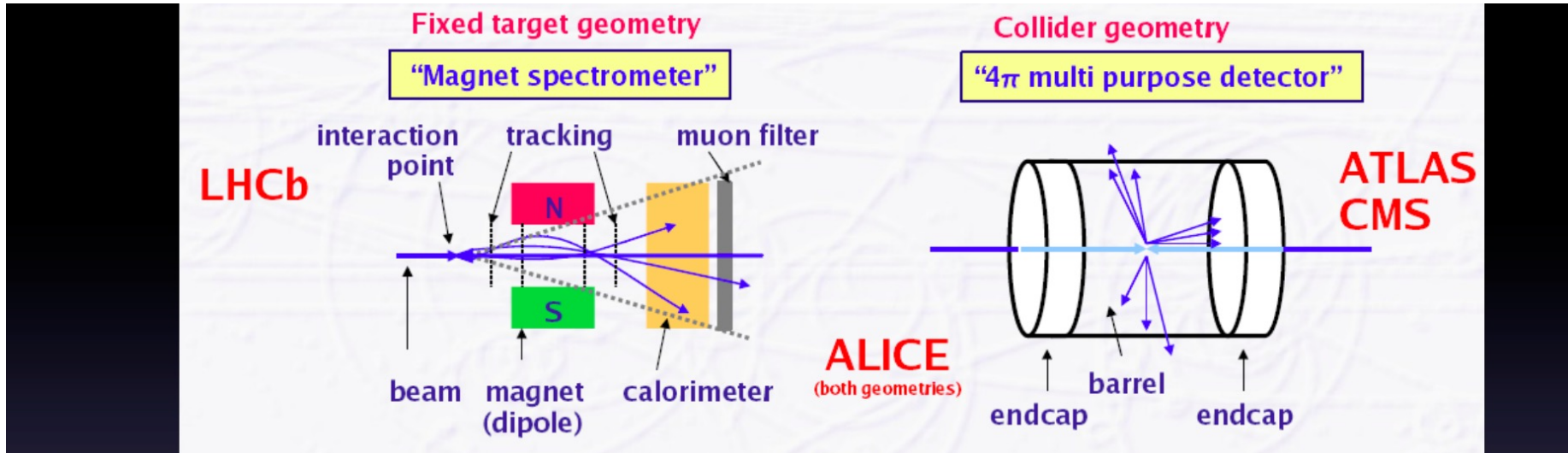
- ✓ precision
- ✓ statistics
- ✓ selectivity
- ✓ background suppression

Note:

- the world population is  $\sim 7.5 \cdot 10^9$
- typical very rare decay  $B(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (3.65 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$

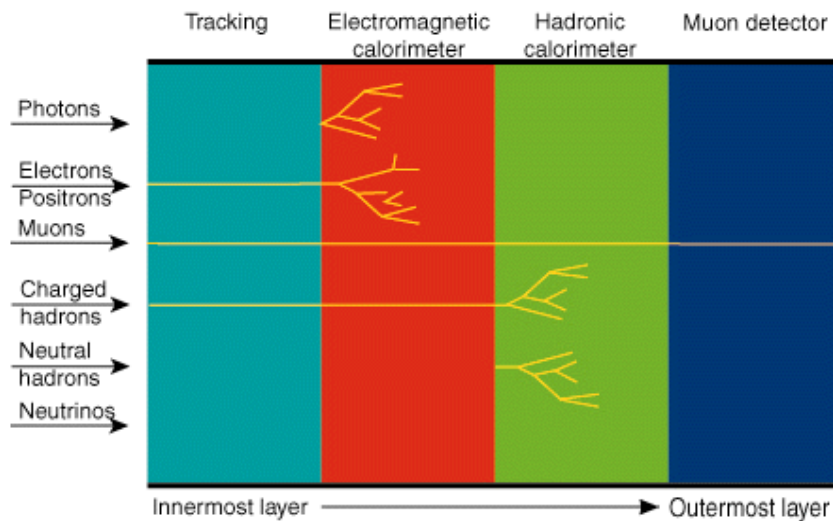


# Configuration of HEP detectors



# Particle Detectors

- **There is no type of detector which provides all measurements we need**  
 → “Onion” concept → different systems taking care of certain measurement
- **Detection of particles (collision products) within the detector volume**  
 resulting in signals (mostly) due to electro-magnetic interactions

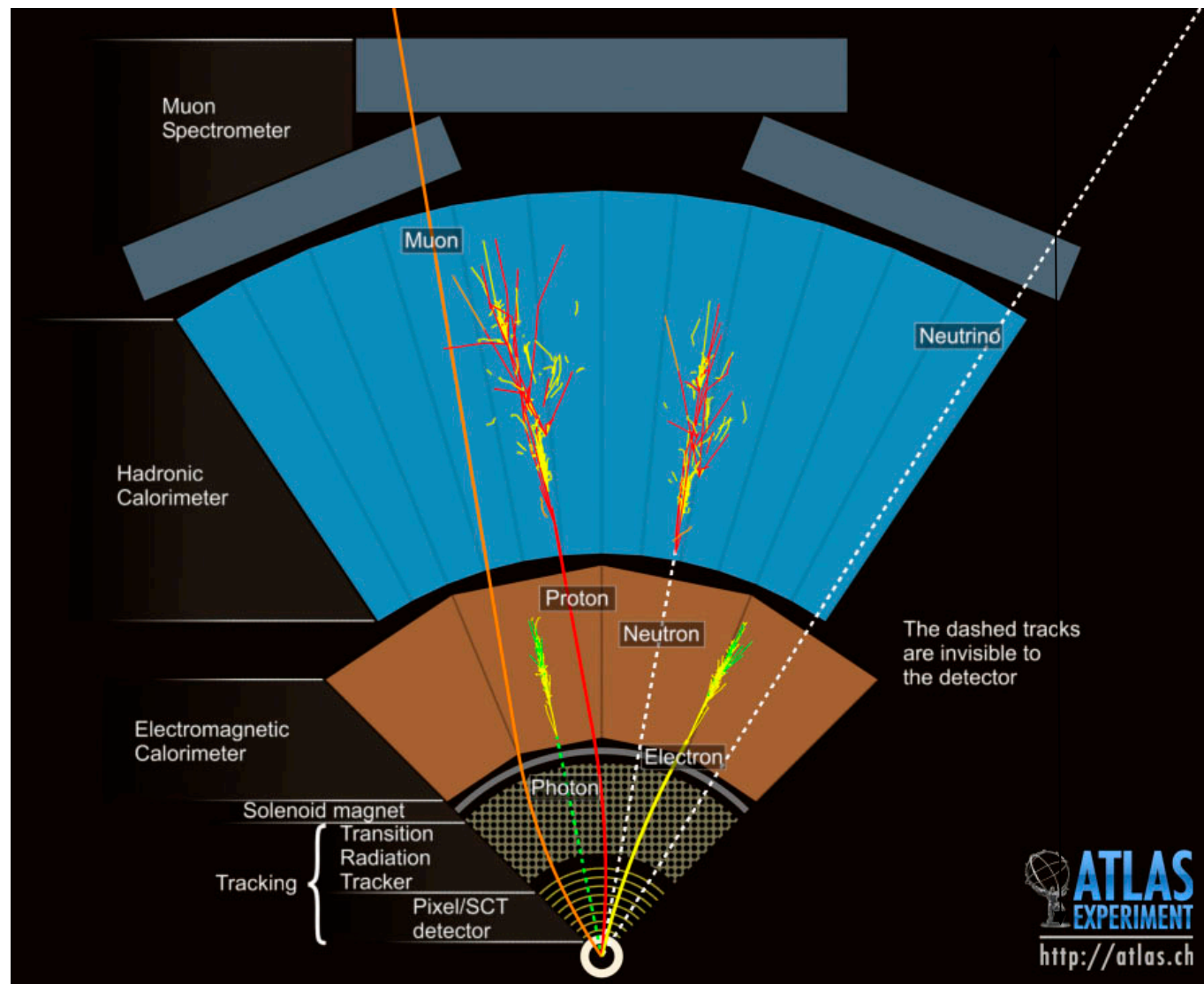
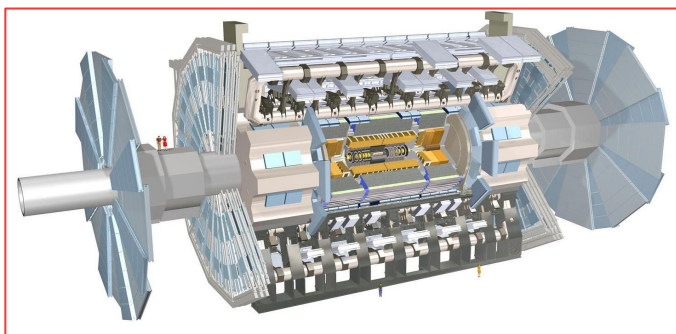


Low density → High density  
 High precision → Low precision  
 High granularity → Low granularity

# Configurations of multi-purpose detectors

Layers of the ATLAS experiment at the LHC

- Different types of detectors to identify particles and measure their energy and momentum





# Timeline of LHC and High-Luminosity LHC



From LHC to HL-LHC

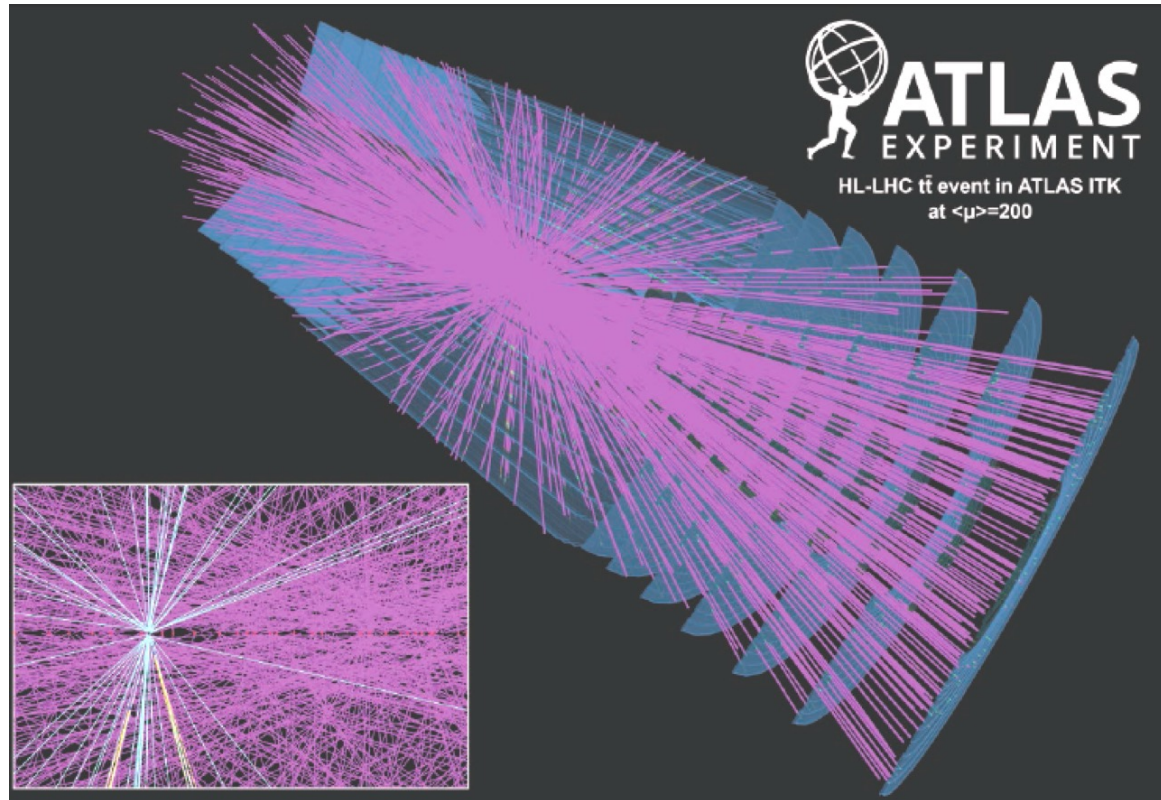
Instantaneous luminosity x5 (for ATLAS, CMS, LHCb) → Particle densities x5-10

Integrated luminosity x10 (for ATLAS, CMS, LHCb) → Radiation damage x10

Increase of overlap of pp events (pile up x3-5)

# Detectors for HL-LHC

- Primary motivation of all upgrades is to maximise physics reach (e.g. precision measurements of Higgs couplings, Higgs self-coupling, phenomena beyond the SM)
- Design choices for detector upgrades driven by physics goals, but also existing constraints.
- **ALICE and LHCb major upgrades in LS2, ATLAS and CMS will build even larger and more complex trackers and further upgrades for LS3.**



Investigate events like this one:

Simulated event with  $t\bar{t}$  events and average pile-up of 200 collisions per bunch crossing



# Let's look at Silicon detectors

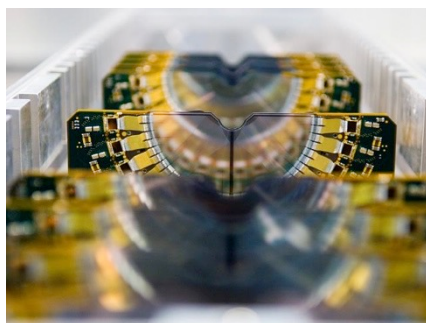
All LHC experiments use silicon trackers – adapted to the experiments needs.

**Detector Modules** “Basic building block of silicon trackers”

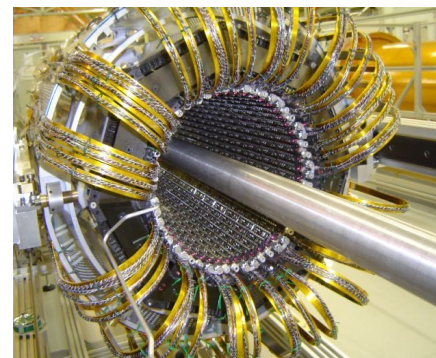
- Silicon Sensors
- Mechanical support and cooling
- Front end electronics and signal routing (connectivity and powering)



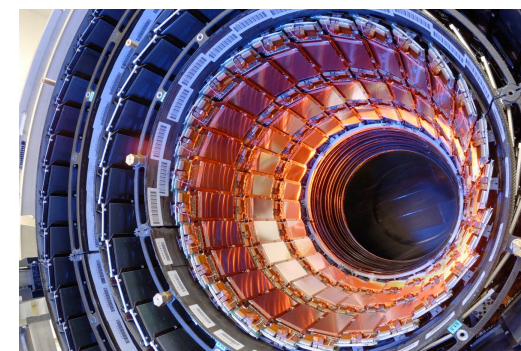
**ALICE Pixel Detector**



**LHCb VELO**



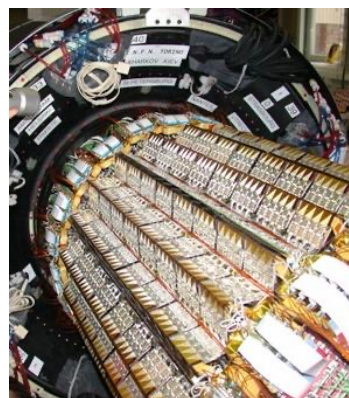
**ATLAS Pixel Detector**



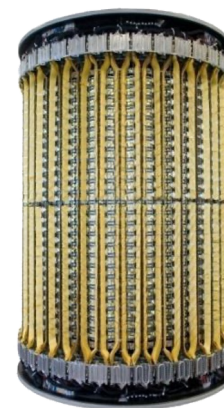
**CMS Strip Tracker IB**



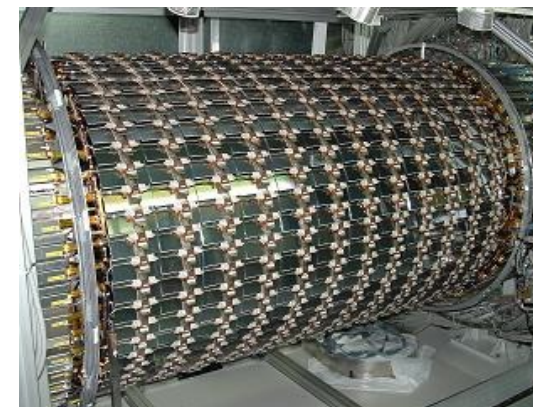
**CMS Pixel Detector**



**ALICE Drift Detector**



**ALICE Strip Detector**



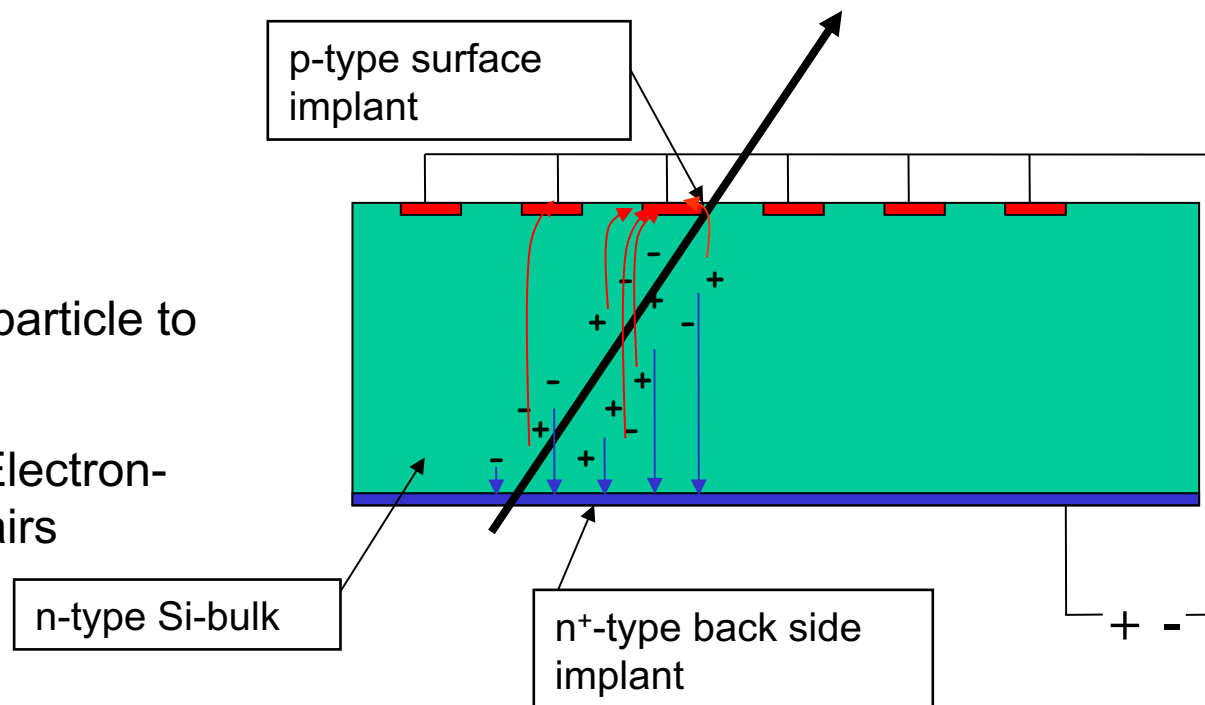
**ATLAS SCT Barrel**



# Recap: Principle of a silicon detector: reverse biased depleted pn-diode

- Take a pn-diode
- Segment it
- Apply a bias voltage
- Wait for an ionising particle to deposit charge

– Ionisation → Electron-hole ( $e^-$ ,  $h^+$ ) pairs

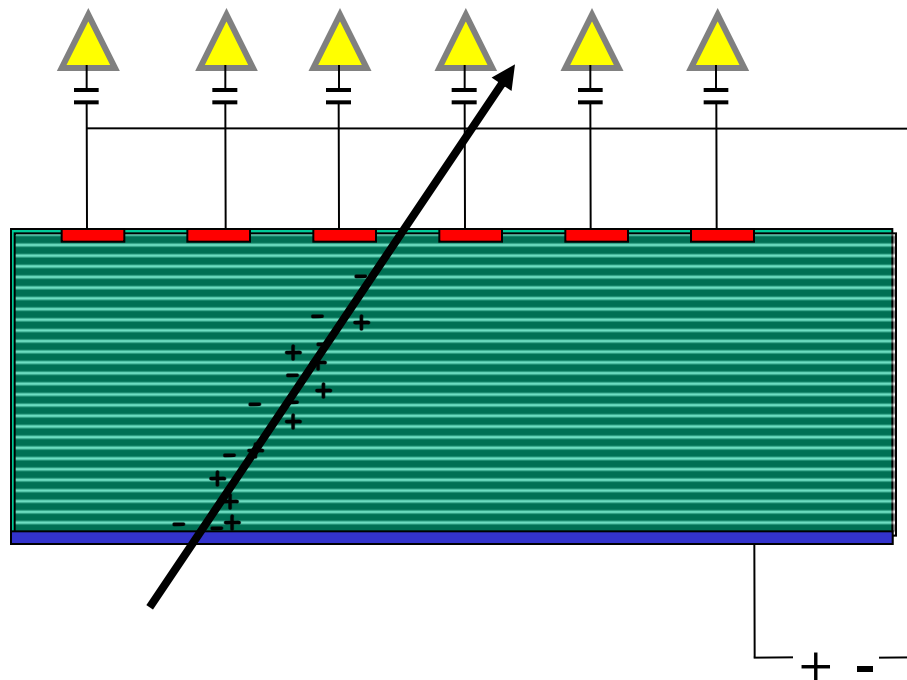


- Charges separate and drift in the electric field

# Recap: Principle of a silicon detector: Signal

→ Segmented and depleted piece of silicon and an ionising particle generates electron-hole pairs

- e-h<sup>+</sup>-pairs **separate in E-field, and drift to electrodes**
- Moving charges → **electric current pulse**
- **Small current signal is amplified, shaped and processed in integrated circuits** (“chips”) on readout electronics

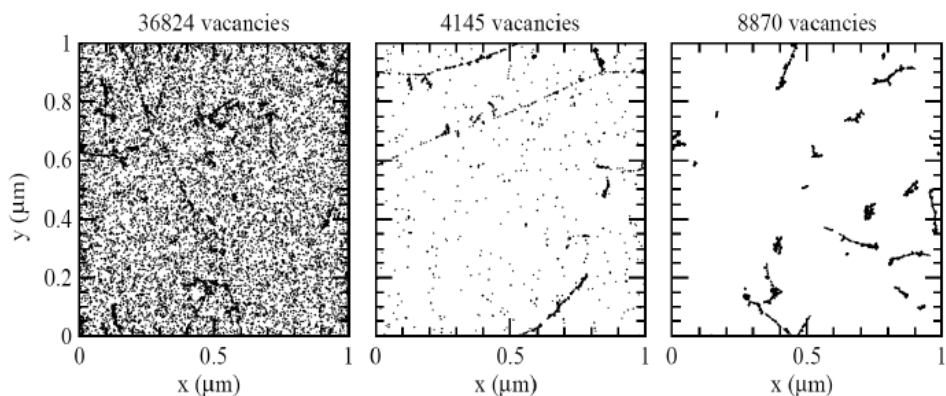


Typical drift velocity 50  $\mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$  (drift time  $\sim 6$  ns, in 300  $\mu\text{m}$  )  
 With fast read-out electronics: **signal collected in few ns**

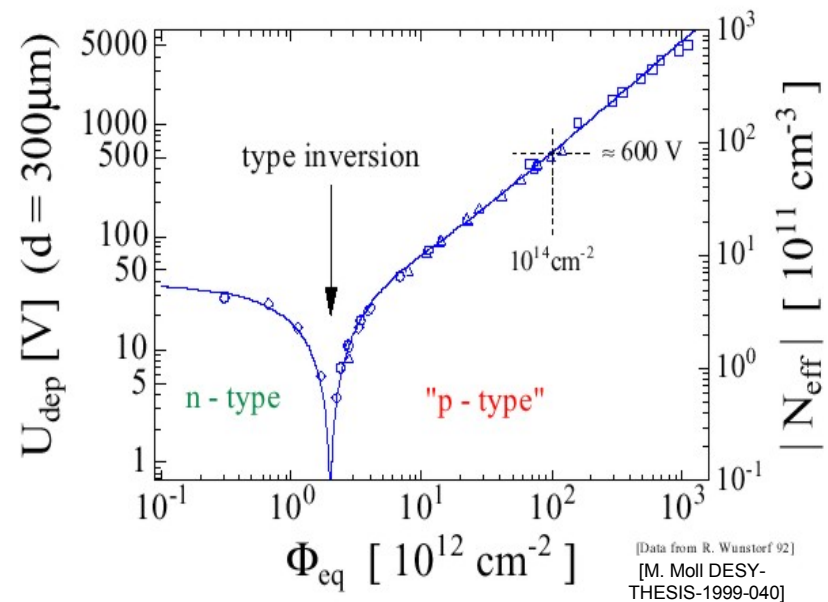
# Recap: Principle of a silicon detector: Radiation damage

Radiation damage: non-ionising energy loss of charged and neutral particles → damage in silicon bulk (defects: recombination/generation centers)

- Increase of leakage current
- Generation of charged centers, which change effective doping concentration  
→ Type inversion (n-doped material becomes p-doped, eventual loss of resolution)
- Increase of depletion voltage
- Centers act as trapping centers affecting the charge collection efficiency



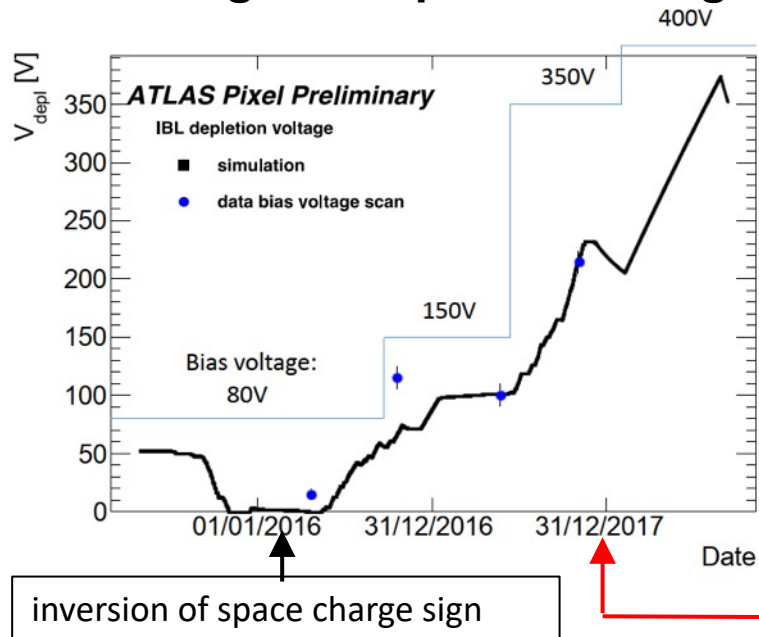
Simulated defects in silicon after 10 MeV protons, 24 GeV protons and 1 MeV neutrons at  $1 \cdot 10^{14} N_{eq}/cm^2$



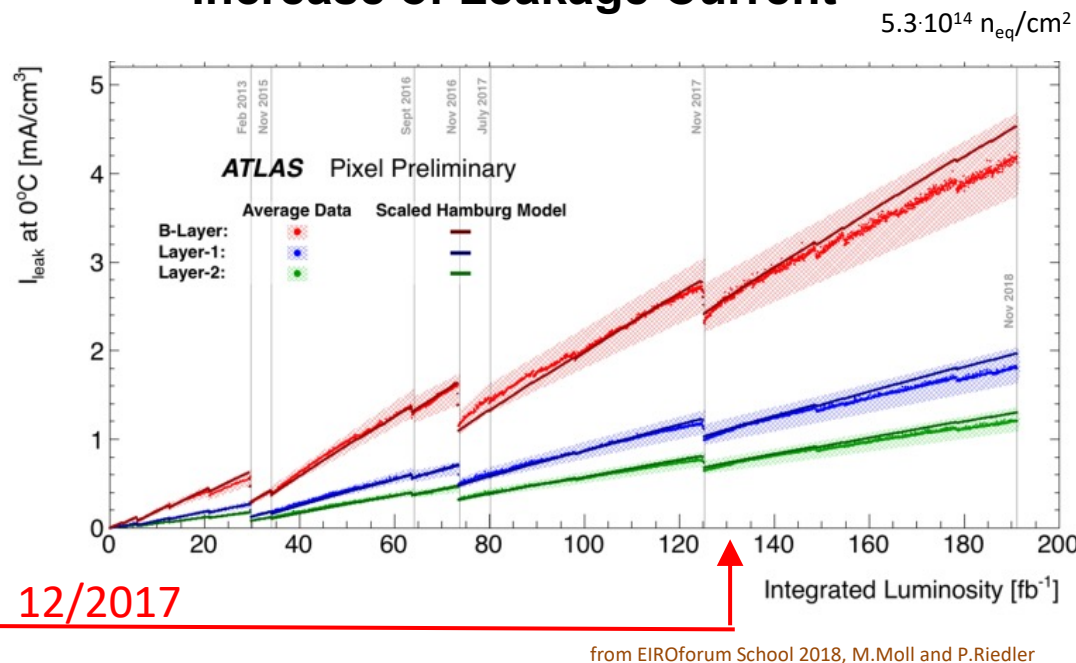
➤ Radiation damage degrades detector performance and limits life time

# Operation of the ATLAS Pixel Detector

## Change of Depletion Voltage



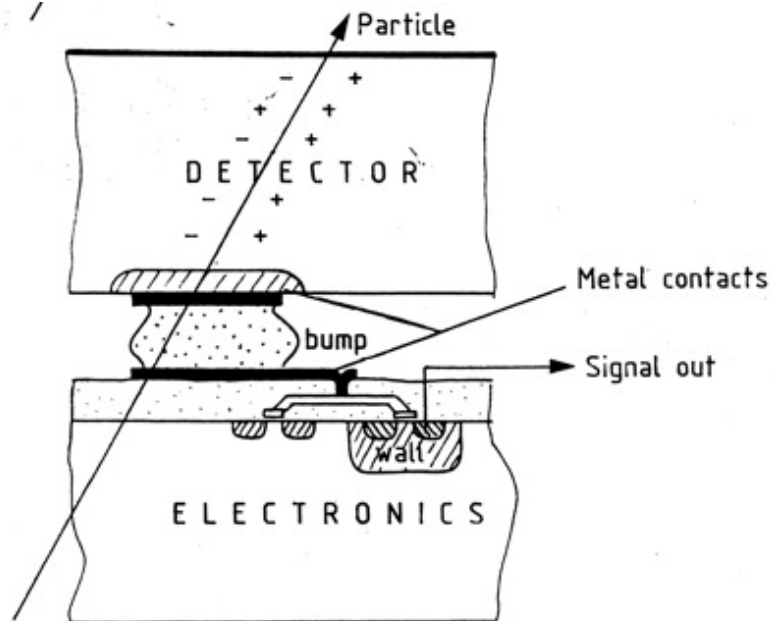
## Increase of Leakage Current



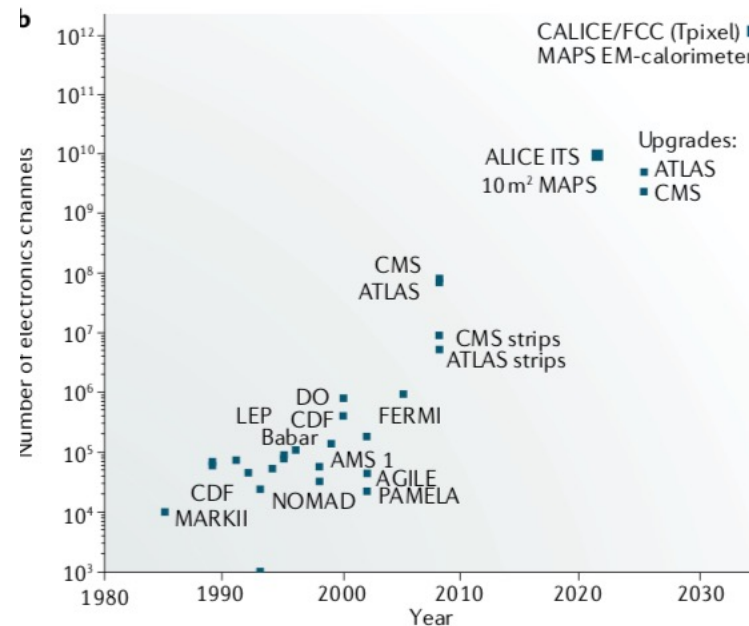
## Radiation Damage: Mitigation?

- **Operation:** Cold operation & storage: Reduces leakage current and stops “reverse annealing” *i.e. avoids that charged defects can re-configure to form even more detrimental effects.*
- **LHC upgrade:** Device and material engineering approaches are followed; Example: ATLAS and CMS tracker upgrades will use **p-type** silicon instead of **n-type** silicon.
- **FE electronics:** dedicated (rad hard) design and using smaller technology nodes

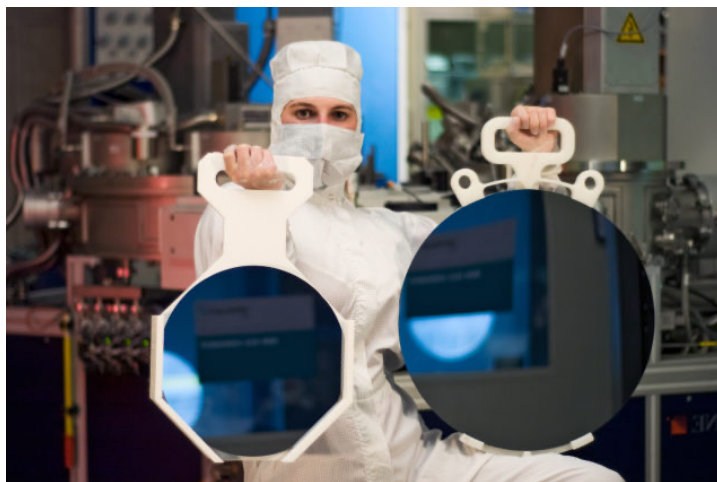
# Readout electronics and channel numbers



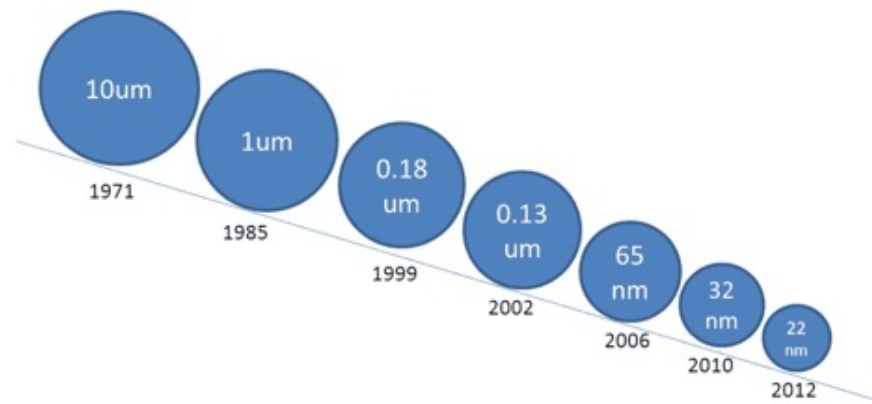
From E. Heijne, Silicon detectors 60 years of innovation  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/537154/>



From P. Allport, Nature Reviews, Vol 1, (575), 2019



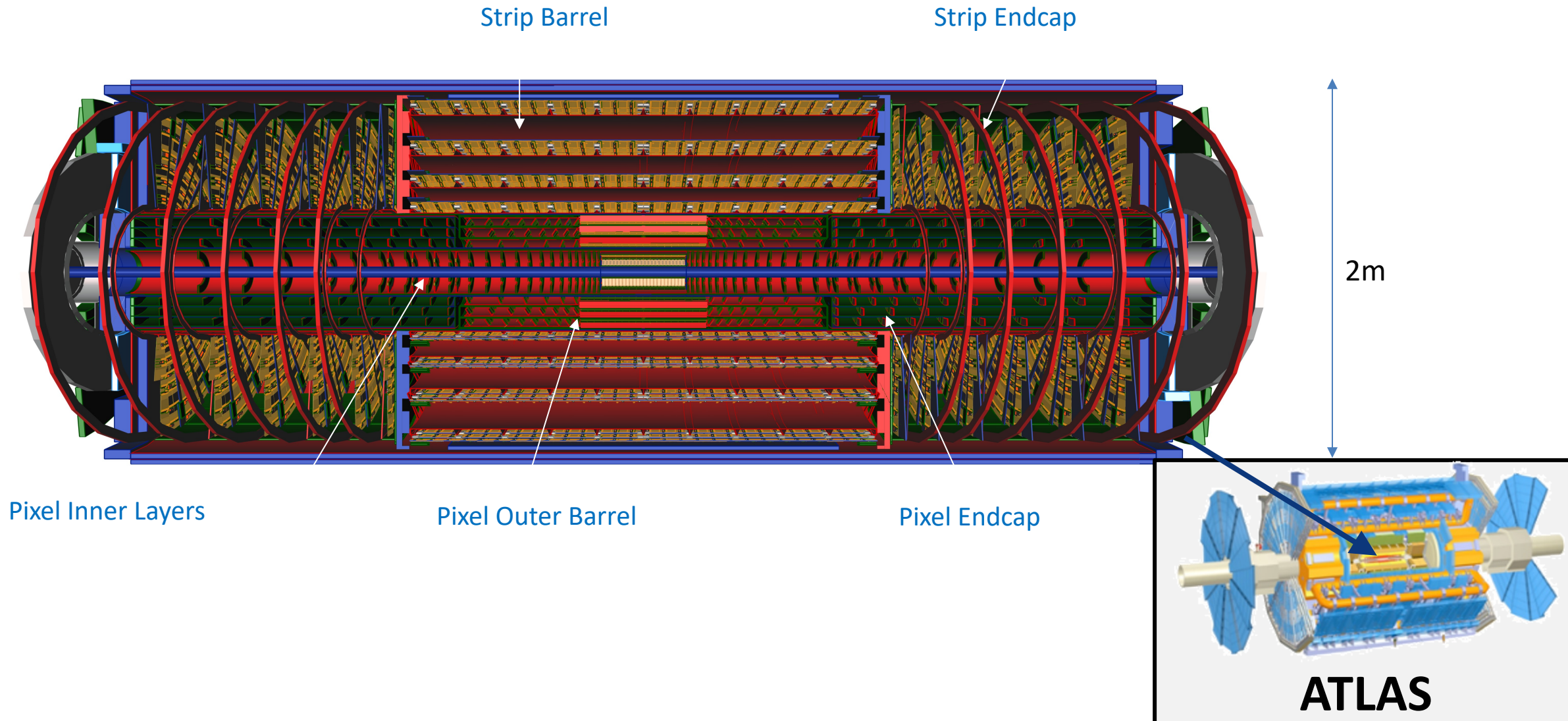
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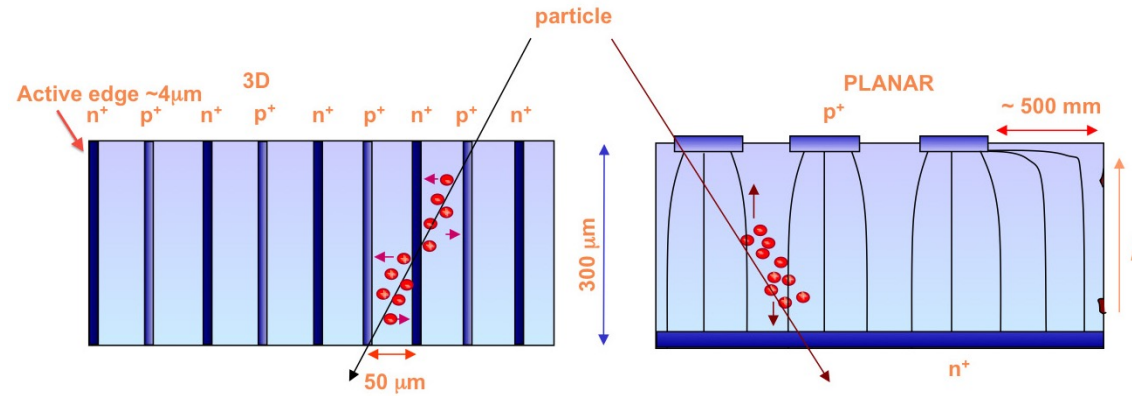
# Upgrade of the tracker of the ATLAS experiment for HL-LHC



# Upgrade of ATLAS trackers for HL-LHC: New Pixel detector

## 3D sensors

- For innermost layer:  $1.3 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$  for  $2000 fb^{-1}$
- Dies of  $2 \times 2 cm^2$ ,  $150 \mu m$  thickness +  $100-200 \mu m$  support wafer

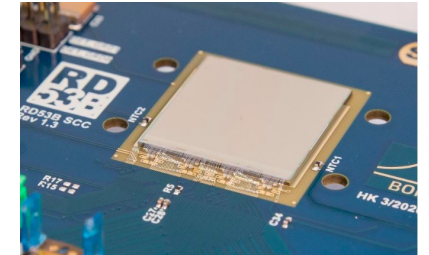


## Thin n-in-p planar sensors

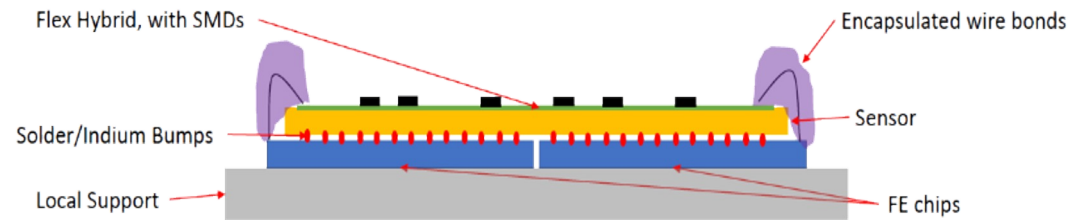
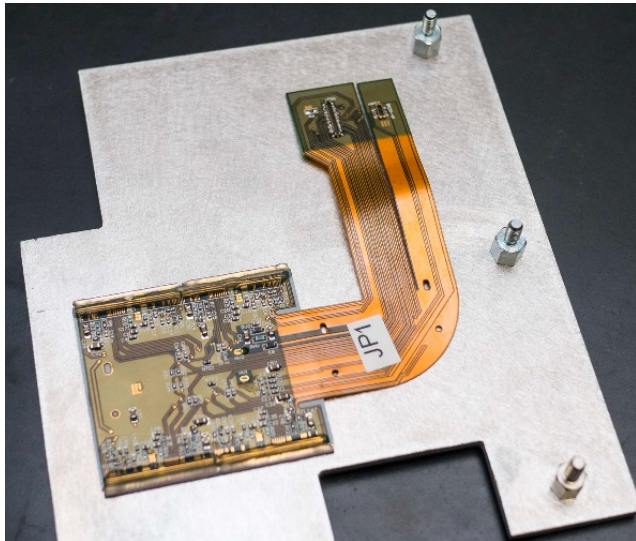
- Dies of  $4 \times 4 cm^2$ ,  $100/150 \mu m$  thick
- Bias voltage up to  $600 V$  (at end of life-time)

## FE chip:

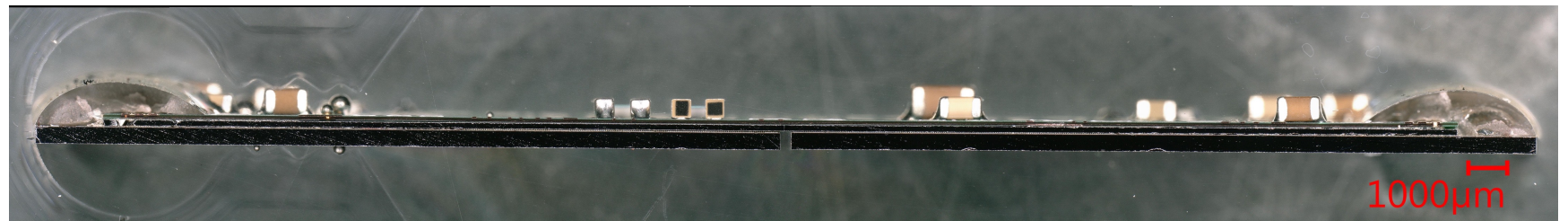
- RD53 Collaboration: joint R&D of ATLAS and CMS,  $65 nm$  TSMC



[www.rd53.cern.ch](http://www.rd53.cern.ch)  
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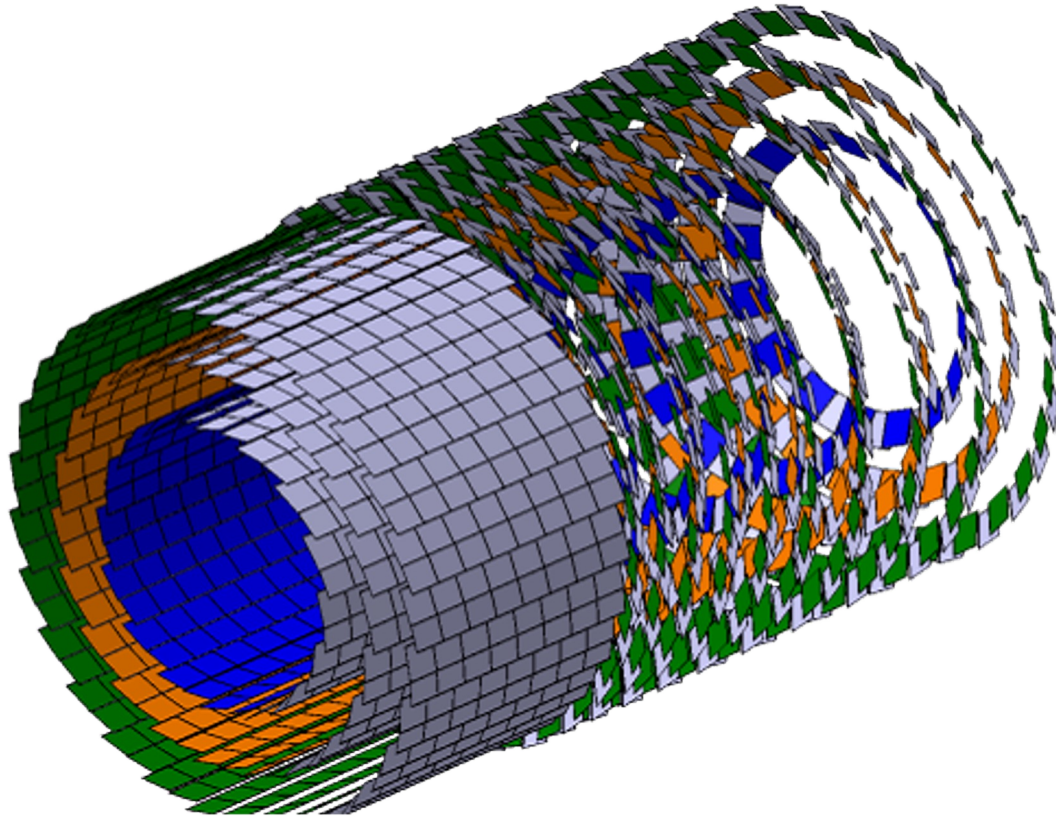


ATLAS Itk pixel quad module –cross section

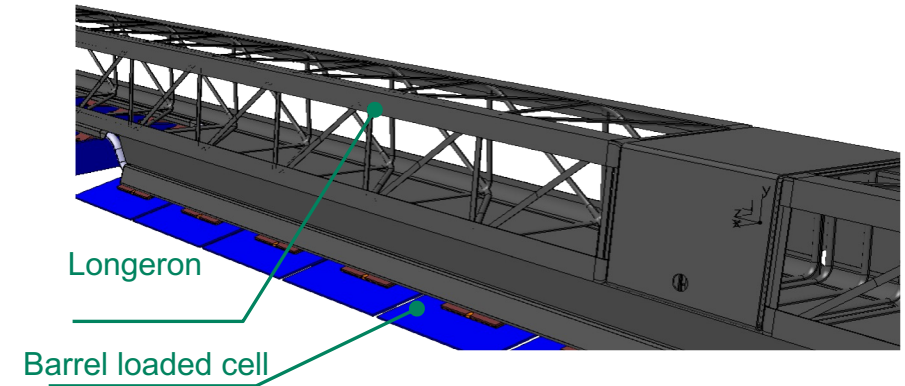




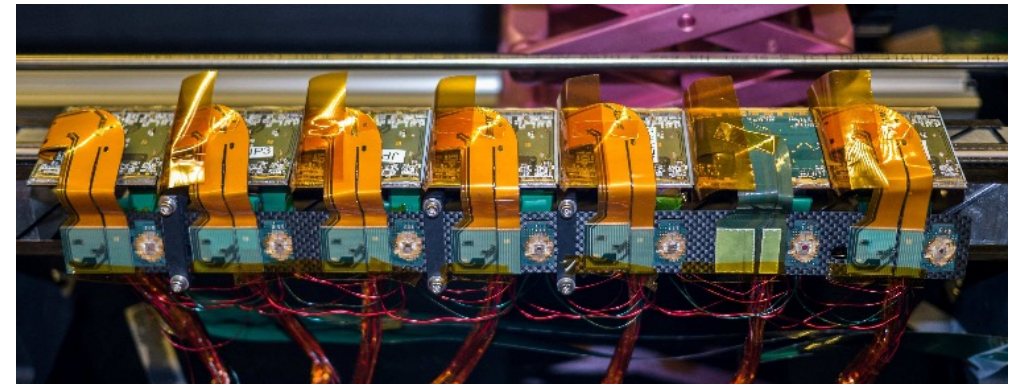
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- Structure from carbon-fibre composites
- Example for outer central region: longerons



Electrical prototype with FE-i4 based modules

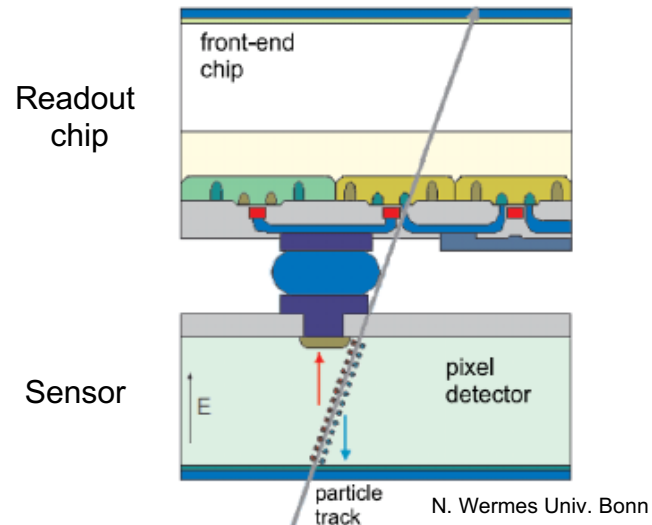




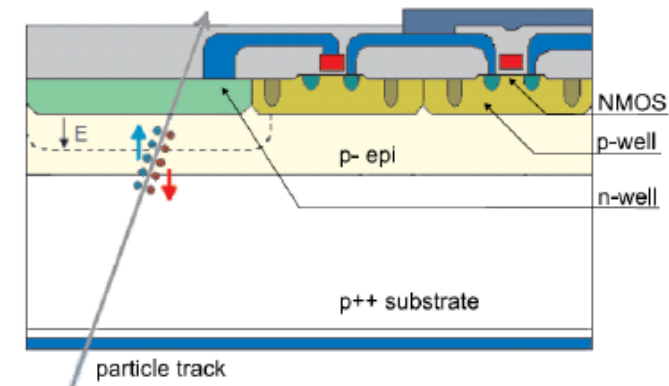
# Combining silicon sensor and readout electronics

## Alternative for light detector: CMOS technology

Hybrid Pixel Detector



Monolithic Pixel Detector (example)



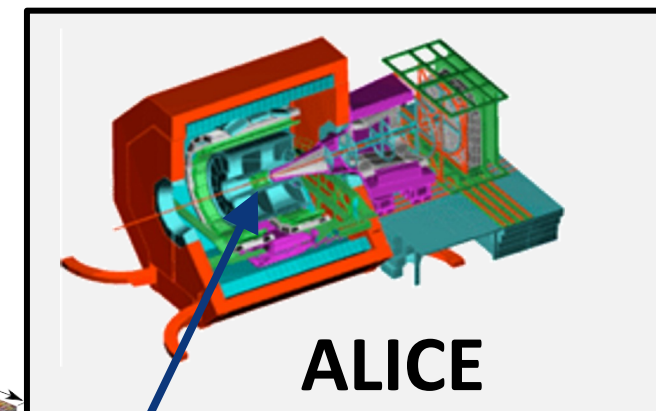
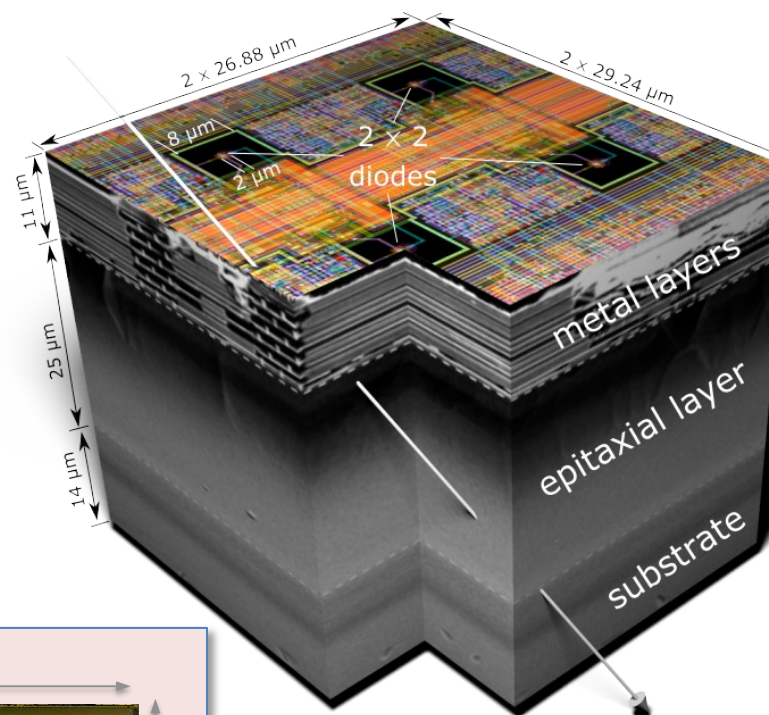
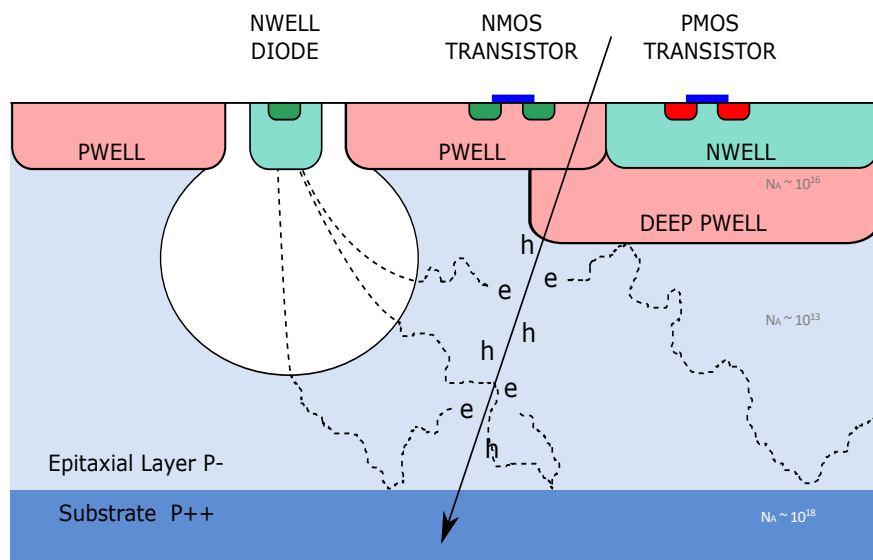
Readout chip + Sensor

- Sensor element is n-type material (deep n-well) in low resistivity p-type substrate, size  $> 15 \times 15 \mu\text{m}^2$ , thickness  $O(100 \mu\text{m})$
- Pre-amplifier integrated in sensor
- Depletion with low bias voltage, signal around 1000-2000 electrons
- Commercial process  $\rightarrow$  cost reduction
- Tests after irradiation show good performance

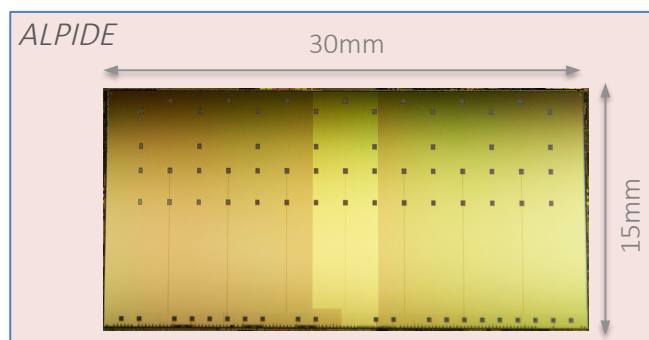
# Upgrade of the ALICE Inner Tracking System ITS

CMOS Pixel Sensor using TowerJazz 0.18  $\mu\text{m}$  CMOS Imaging Process

- Small n-well diodes  $\rightarrow$  low capacitance and reverse bias voltage  $\sim 6\text{ V}$
- Deep p-well shields on n-well of PMOS transistor
- Pixel size  $28\ \mu\text{m} \times 28\ \mu\text{m}$



Large CMOS detector

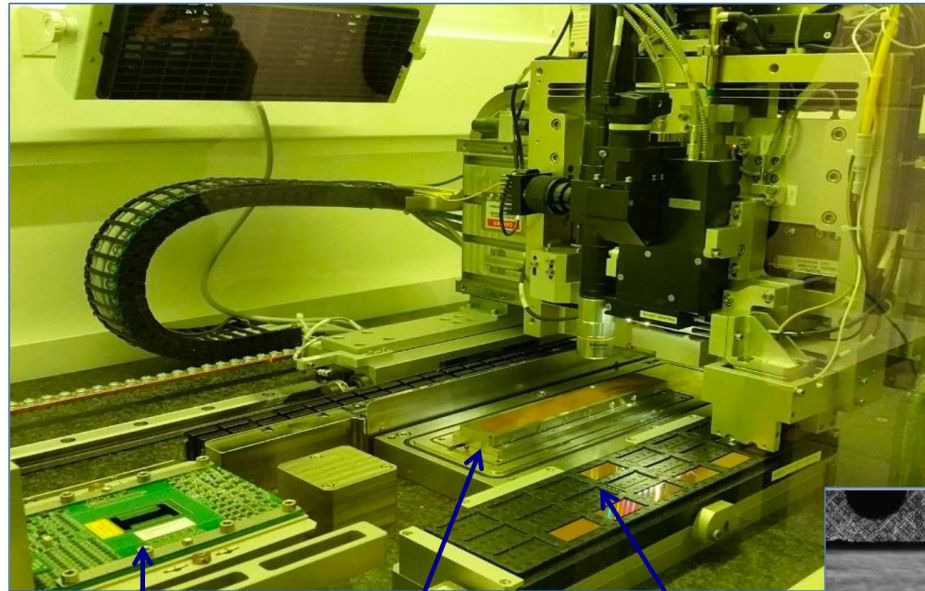


First CMOS MAPS based tracker at LHC!

# Upgrade of the ALICE Inner Tracking System ITS

Automated module assembly (custom-made machine)

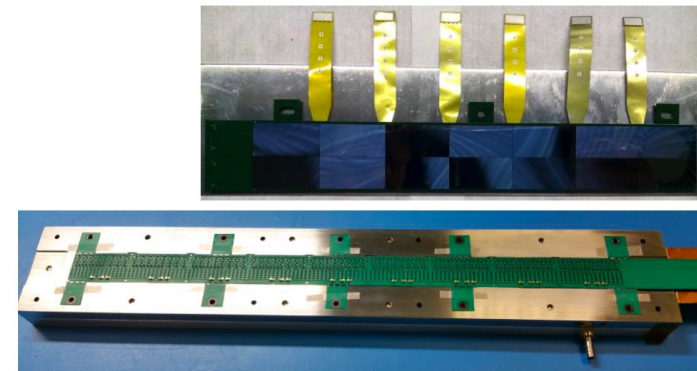
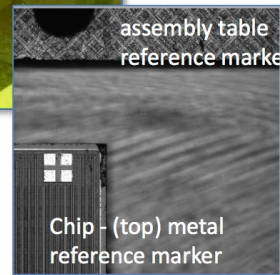
➤ Placement accuracy < 5µm



Probe Card

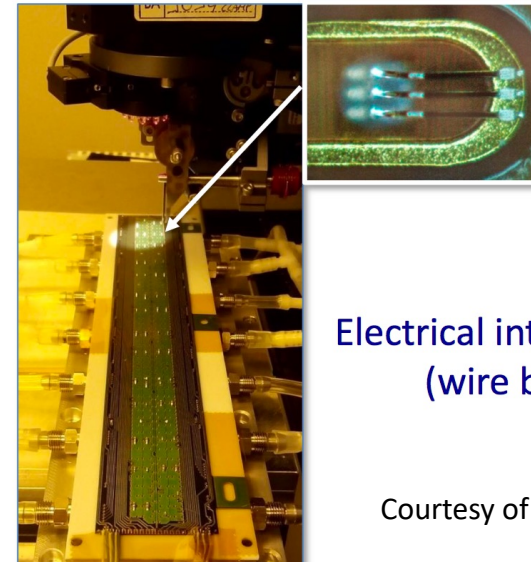
Assembly Table

Chip Tray



Sensor side (OB)

FPC side (IB)



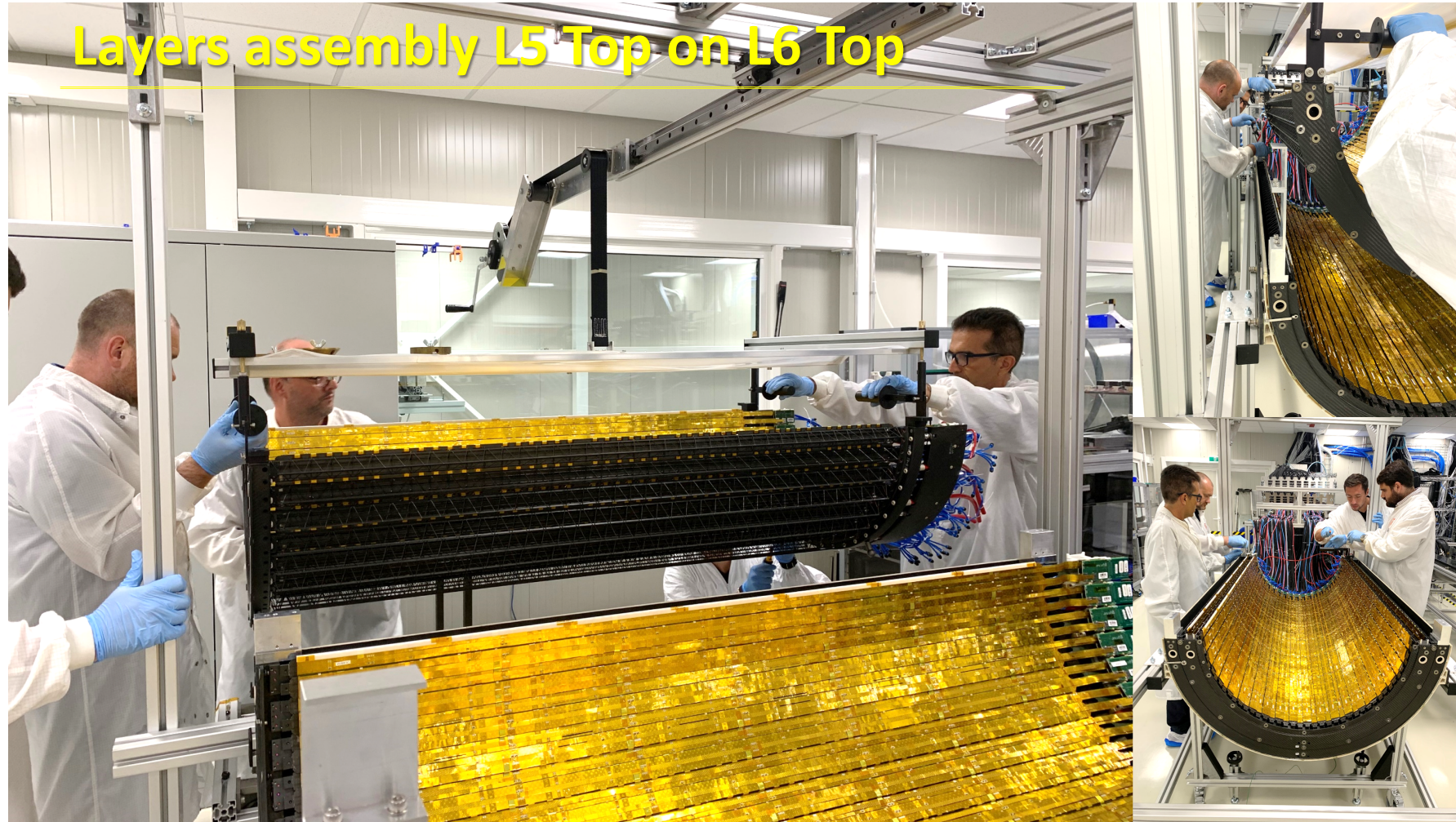
Electrical interconnection (wire bonding)

Courtesy of Marielle Chartier

6 machines distributed to different construction sites



# Upgrade of the ALICE Inner Tracking System ITS



Upgrade of the silicon trackers (pixel, drift, strips) for LS2 - Installation completed

~ 10 m<sup>2</sup>, 12.5 Gpixels

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# Recap: Electromagnetic Calorimeters

■ Dominant processes at high energies ( $E > \text{few MeV}$ ) :

■ Photons: Pair production

$$\sigma_{pair} \approx \frac{7}{9} \left( 4\alpha r_e^2 Z^2 \ln \frac{183}{Z^{1/3}} \right) = \frac{7}{9} \frac{A}{N_A X_0}$$

$$I(x) = I_0 e^{-\mu x} \quad \mu = \frac{7}{9} \frac{\rho}{X_0}$$

$\mu$  = attenuation coefficient

$X_0$  = radiation length in [cm] or [g/cm<sup>2</sup>]

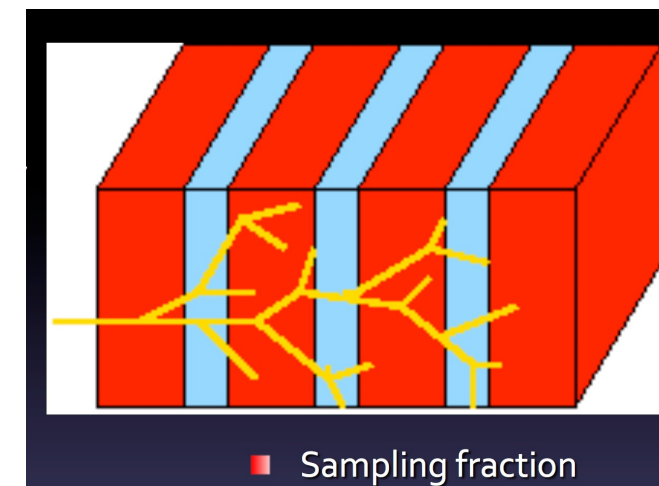
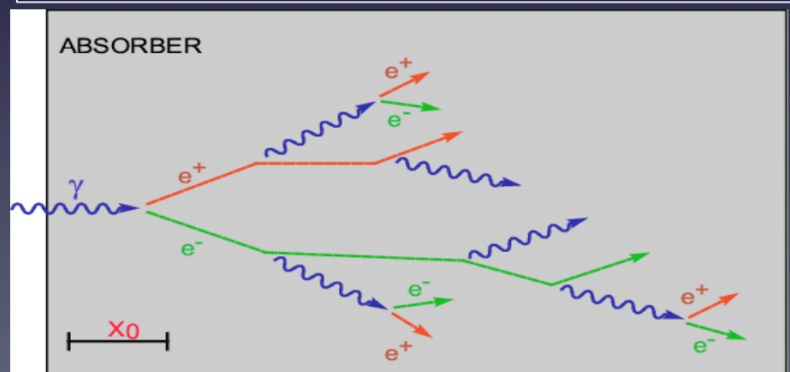
$$X_0 = \frac{A}{4\pi N_A Z^2 r_e^2 \ln \frac{183}{Z^{1/3}}}$$

■ Electrons: Bremsstrahlung

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\alpha N_A \frac{Z^2}{A} r_e^2 E \ln \frac{183}{Z^{1/3}} = \frac{E}{X_0}$$

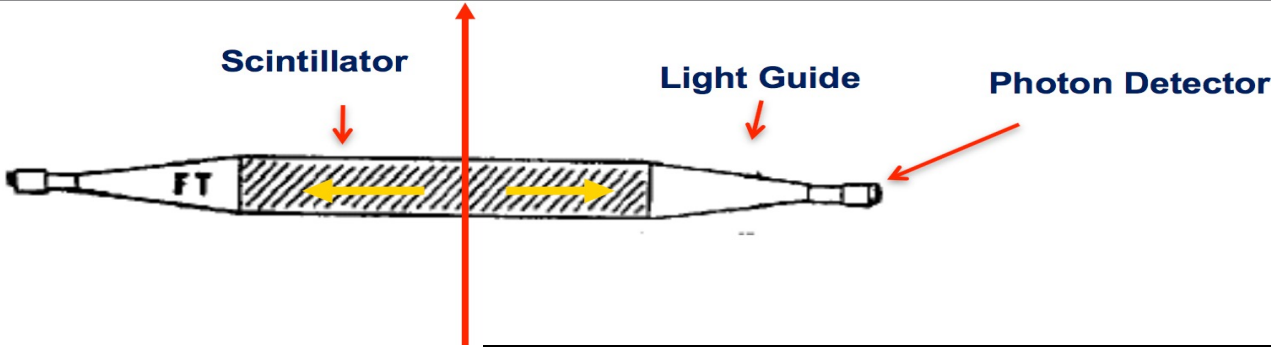
$$E = E_0 e^{-x/X_0}$$

After traversing  $x=X_0$  the electron has only 1/e=37% of its initial energy

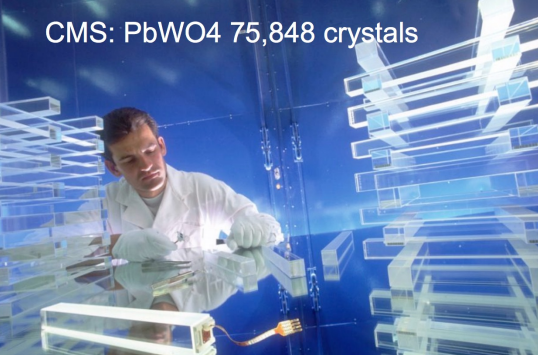
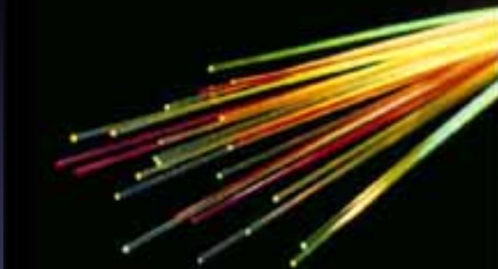




# Recap: Scintillators

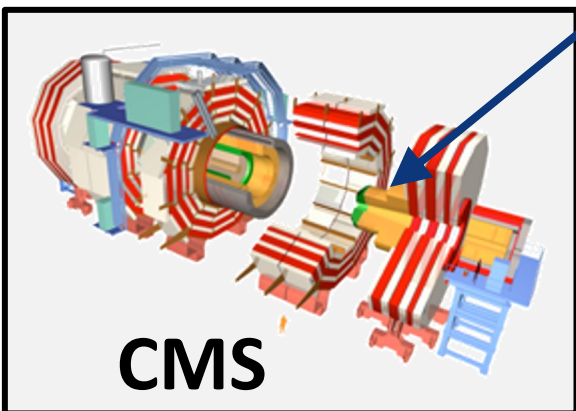
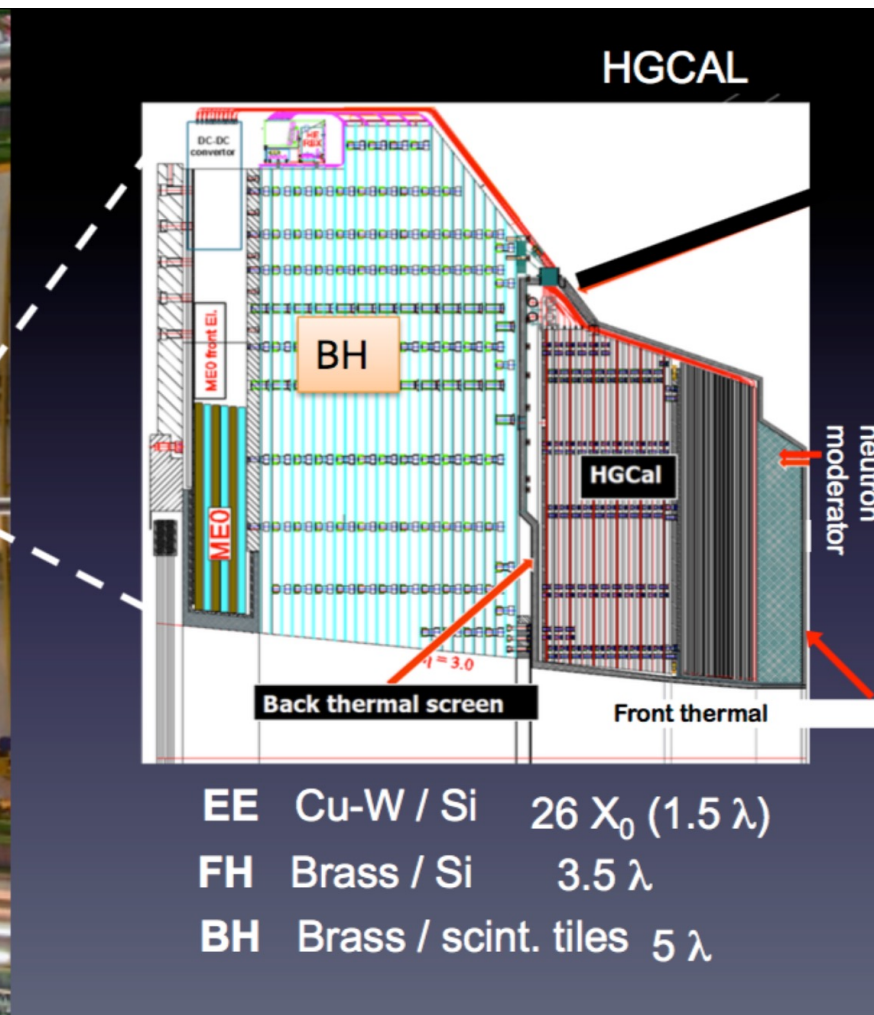
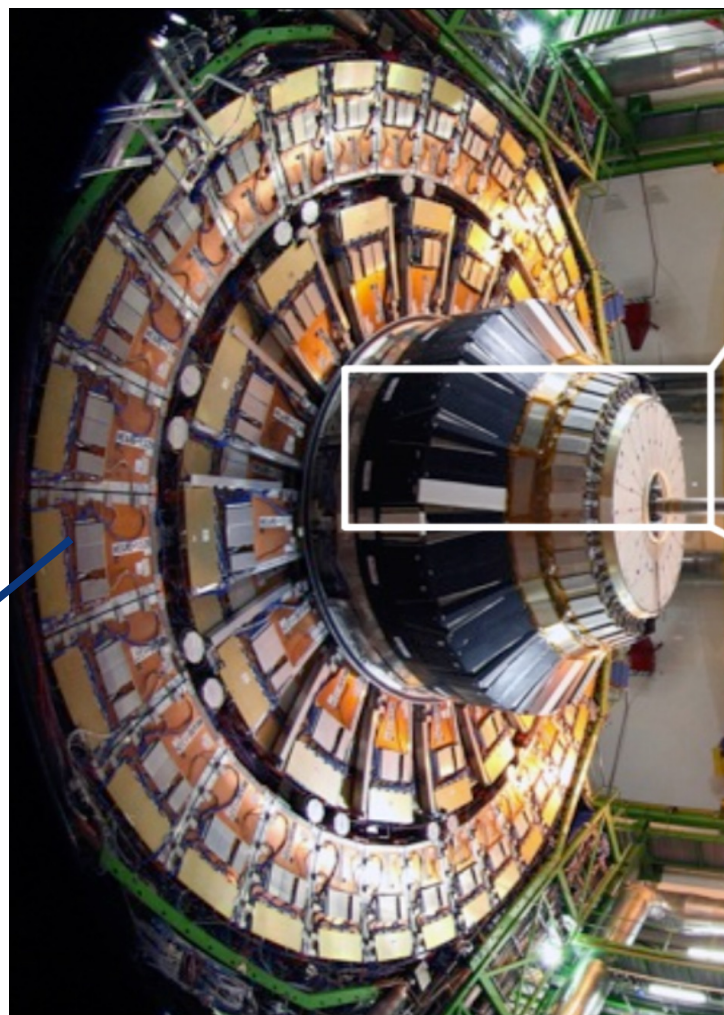


- $dE/dx$  converted into light and then it is detected via photo-sensor (photomultipliers, SiPM,...)
- Main features
  - Sensitivity to energy
  - Fast time response
  - Pulse shape discrimination
- Requirements:
  - High efficiency for conversion of exciting energy to fluorescent radiation
  - Transparency to its fluorescent radiation to allow transmission of light
  - Emission of light in a spectral range detectable for photo-sensors
  - Short decay time to allow fast response



# New Endcap calorimeter for CMS for HL-LHC

- Complement tracker upgrade with extended coverage of calorimeter to  $|\eta| < 4$  and high granularity (high energy resolution): HighGranularityCalorimeter HGCal
- Sampling calorimeter with silicon sensors and scintillators, share depending on radiation damage





# New Endcap calorimeter for CMS for HL-LHC

~600m<sup>2</sup> of silicon sensors (3x CMS tracker) in radiation field peaking at 200 Mrad and ~10<sup>16</sup>n/cm<sup>2</sup>

## Planar p-type DC-coupled sensor pads

Simplifies production technology, p-type more radiation tolerant than n-type

## Hexagonal sensor geometry preferred to square

Makes most efficient use of circular sensor wafer (factor ~ 1.3)

Vertices of the sensors truncated ('mouse-bites')

Provides the clearance for mounting and also further increases the wafer surface used

**8" wafers** reduces number of sensors and modules (factor ~ 1.8)

## 300um, 200um and 120um active sensor thicknesses

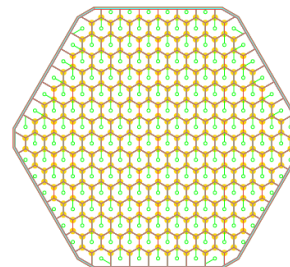
Match sensor thickness (and granularity) to radiation field for optimal performance

## Simple, rugged module design & automated module assembly (~ 30 000 modules)

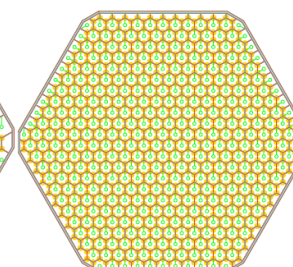
Provide high volume, high rate, reproducible module production & handling

Hexaboard houses the HGCR0Cs, with bonding through special holes in PCB to connect to sensor readout pads.

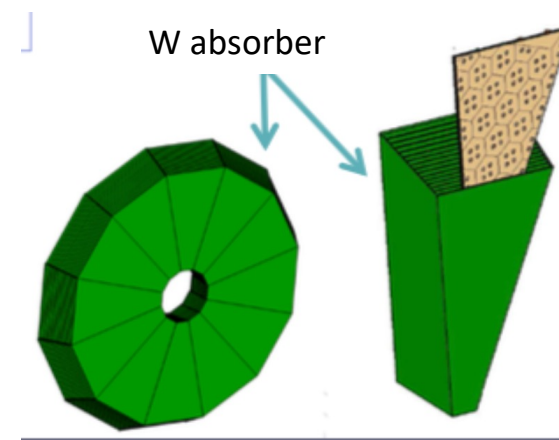
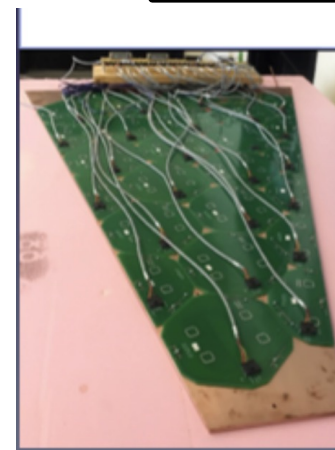
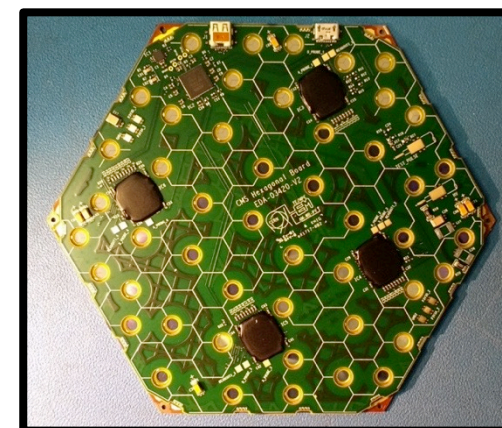
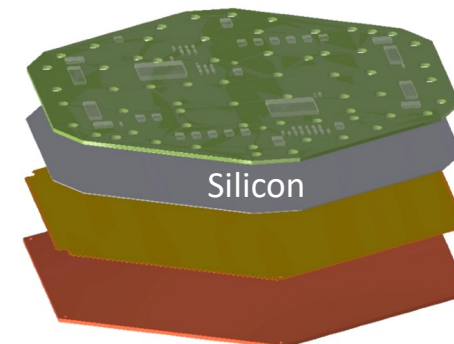
~215 tons per endcap



192 cells  
"low density"



432 cells  
"high density"

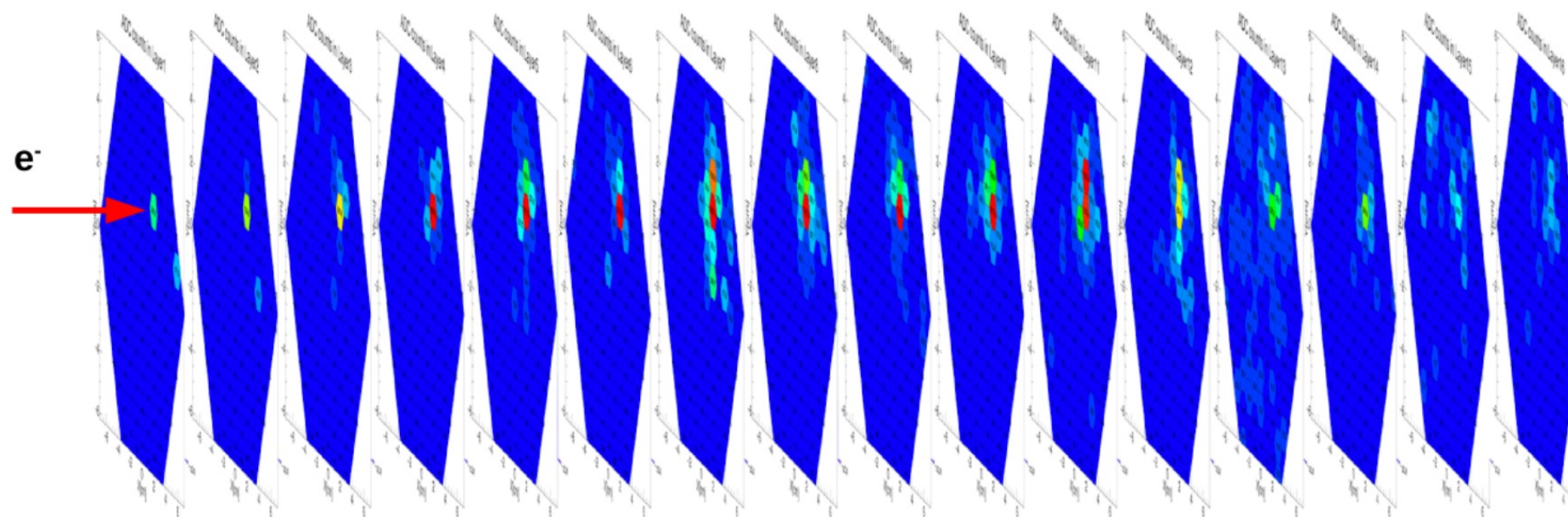




# New Endcap calorimeter for CMS for HL-LHC

## Imaging Calorimeter: Test beam measurement

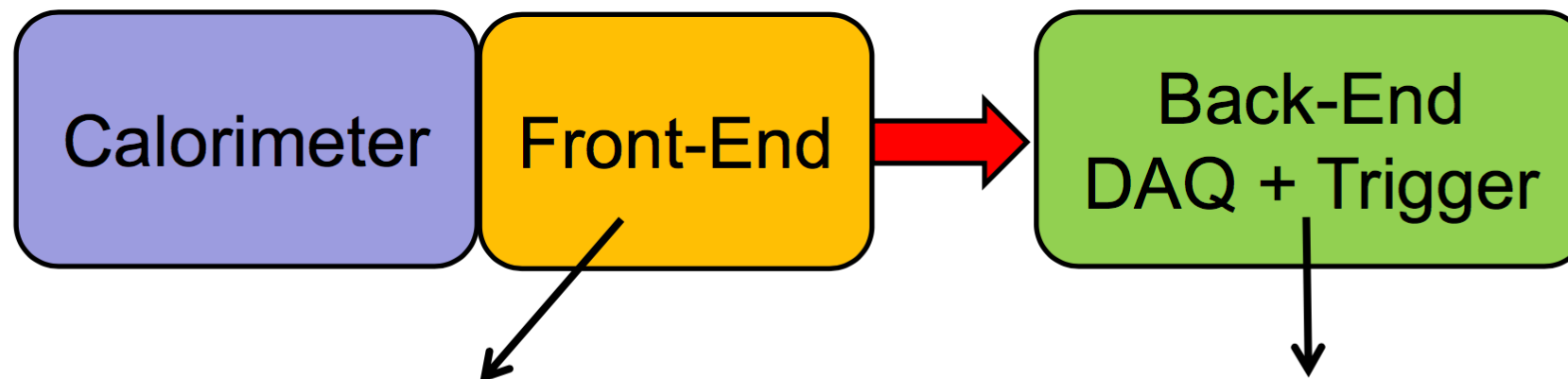
Allows measurement of the 4D (space+time) topology of energy deposits in particle shower, to enhance particle ID, energy resolution and pile-up rejection



*A 32 GeV electron event at Fermilab Test Beam Facility*

*Shower development clearly seen*

# Further Calorimeter and Muon detector upgrades



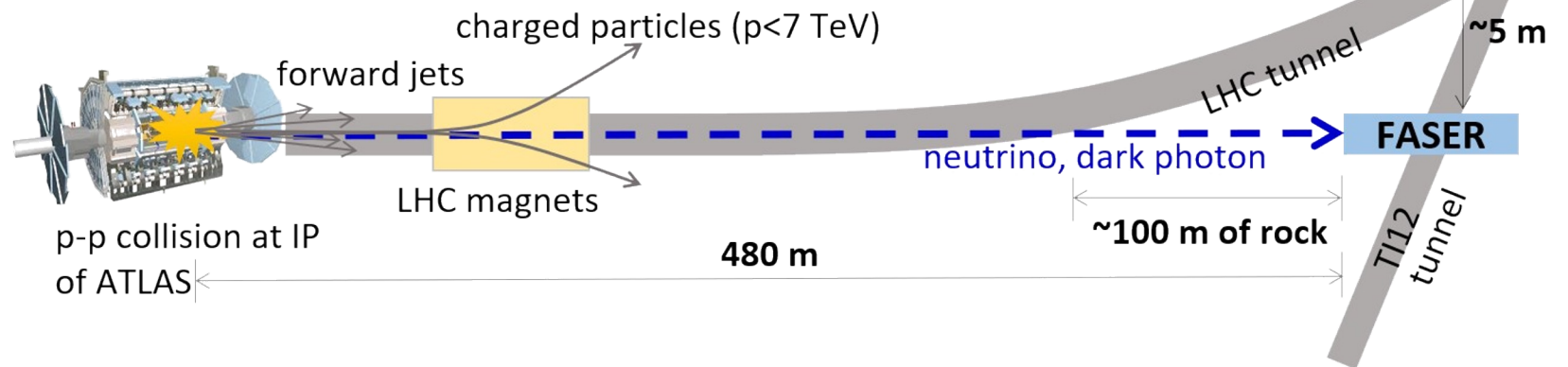
- Radiation tolerant ASICs and Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) components:
  - signal amplification and shaping
  - ADCs, TDCs
  - optical links with 5-10 Gbps
- Trigger, Timing and Control (TTC) distribution
- Power distribution for HV and LV

- High-bandwidth, low-latency signal processing with FPGAs
- Data buffering in FPGAs or on-board memory
- High-bandwidth interfaces to hardware trigger and to network based trigger/DAQ systems

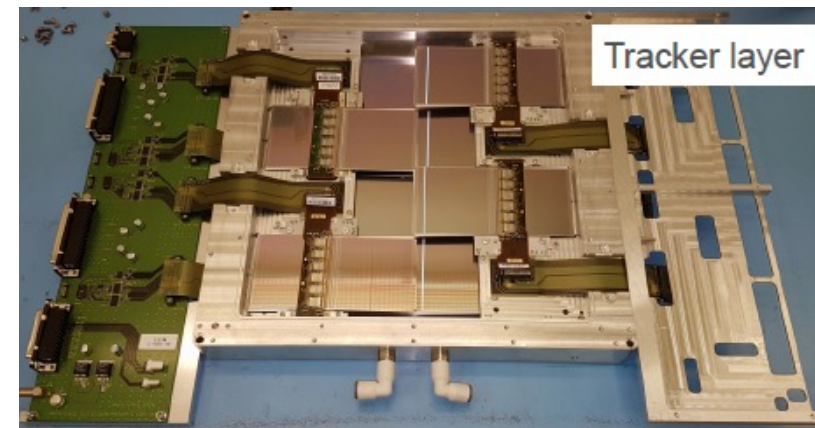
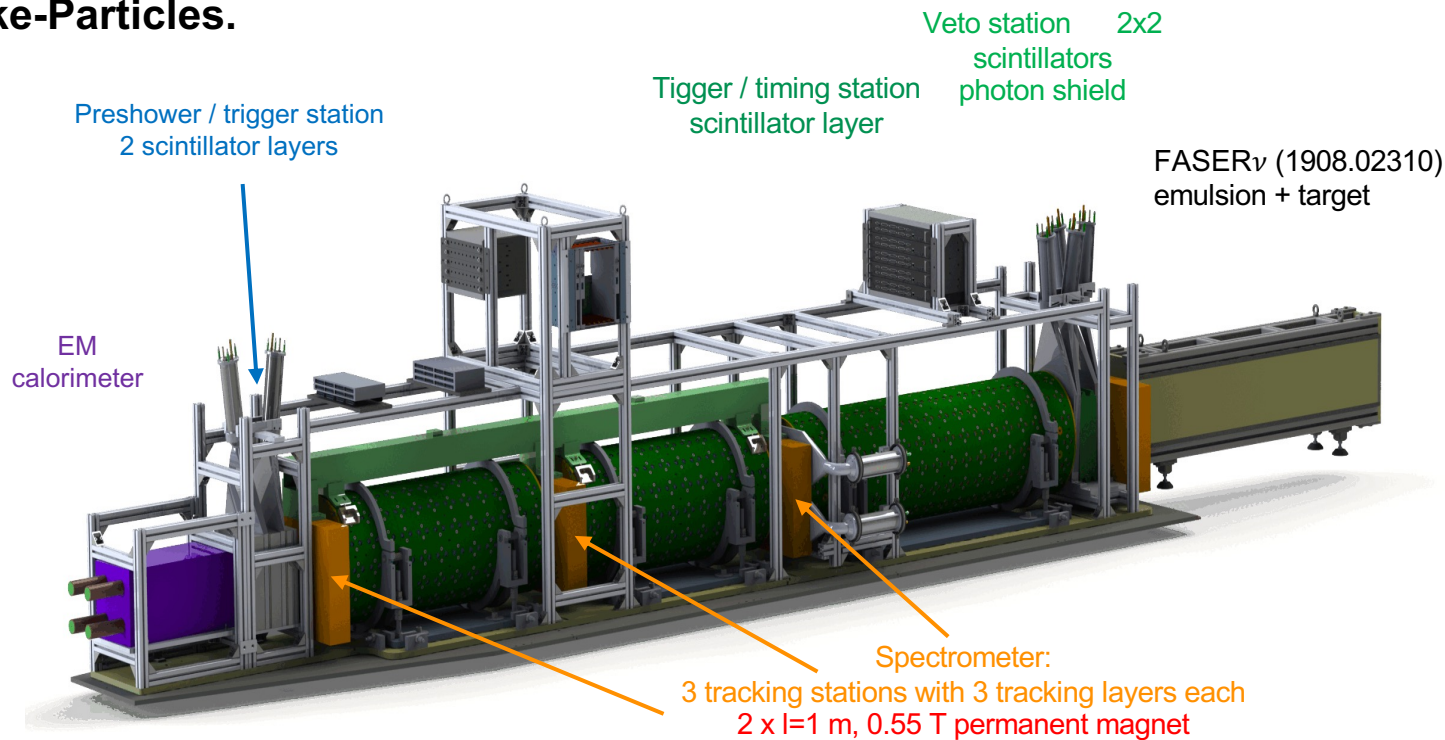
# A smaller experiment – FASER

ForwArd Search ExpeRiment at the LHC

FASER is a new small experiment in an old LEP injector tunnel (TI12), just started running, designed to cover this scenario at the LHC – detect particles in the forward region, ie dark photon search, Axion-Like-Particles.



Using spare detector parts from large experiments e.g. from ATLAS tracker

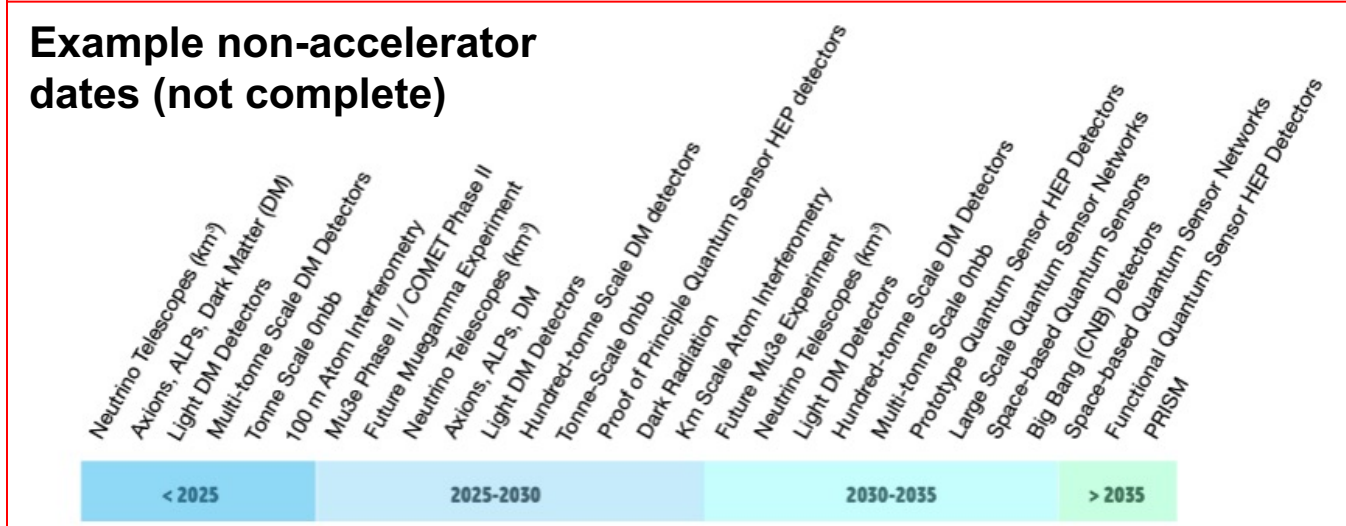
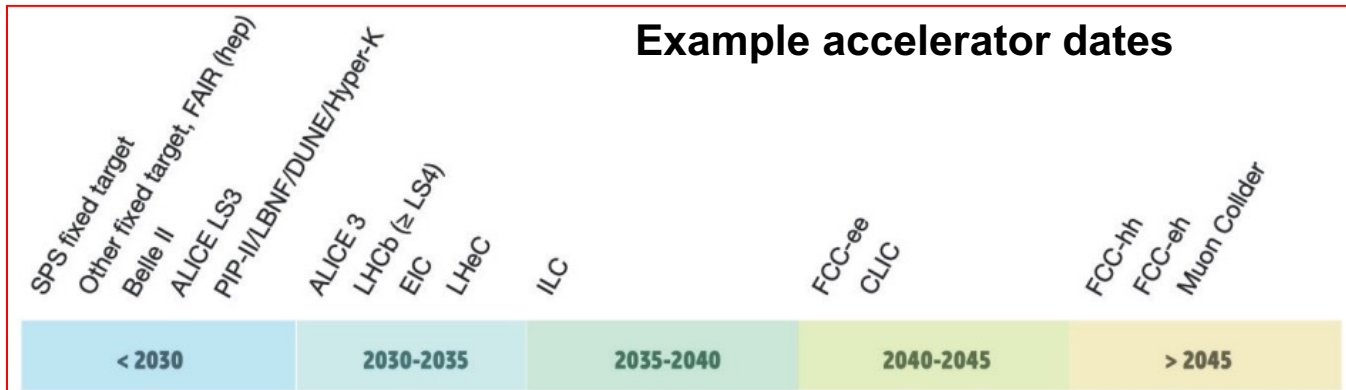


FASER Technical Proposal arXiv:1812.09139

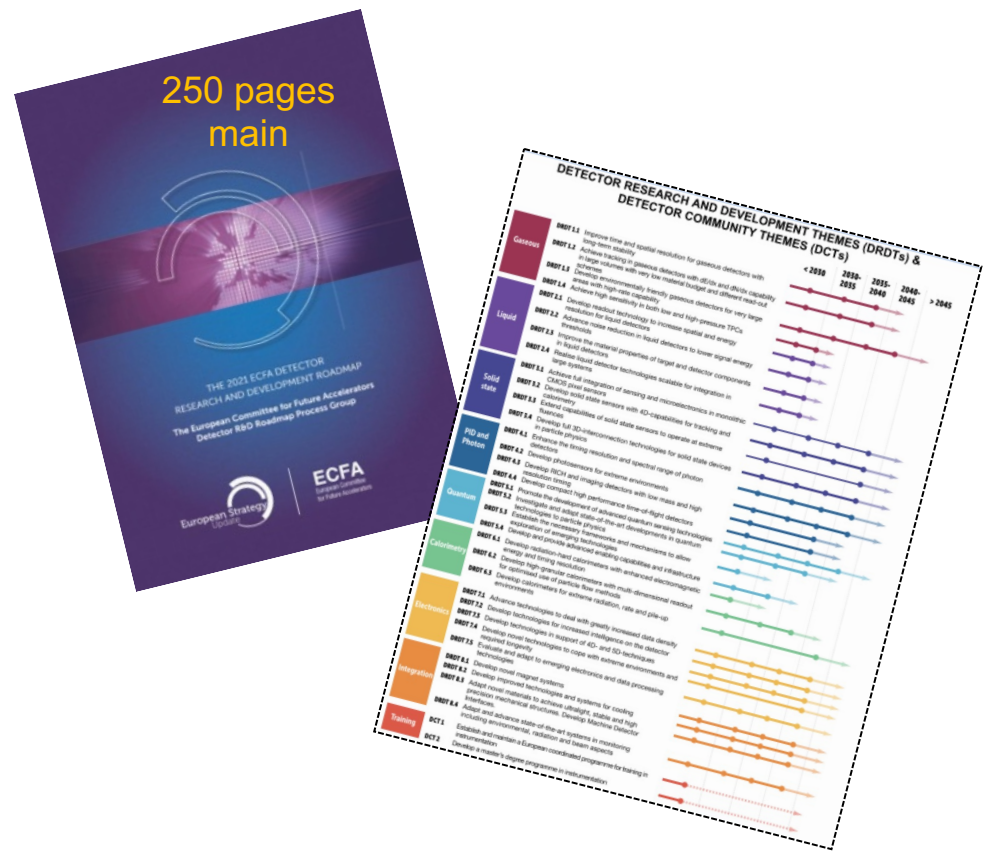


# Future facilities

- Many different future facilities proposed/foreseen based on accelerators and non-accelerators
- Overview from ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Document (CERN-ESU-017, [10.17181/CERN.XDPL.W2EX](https://cds.cern.ch/record/10.17181/CERN.XDPL.W2EX))



**“Technical” Start Date of Facility**  
 (This means, where the dates are not known, the earliest technically feasible start date is indicated - such that detector R&D readiness is not the delaying factor)



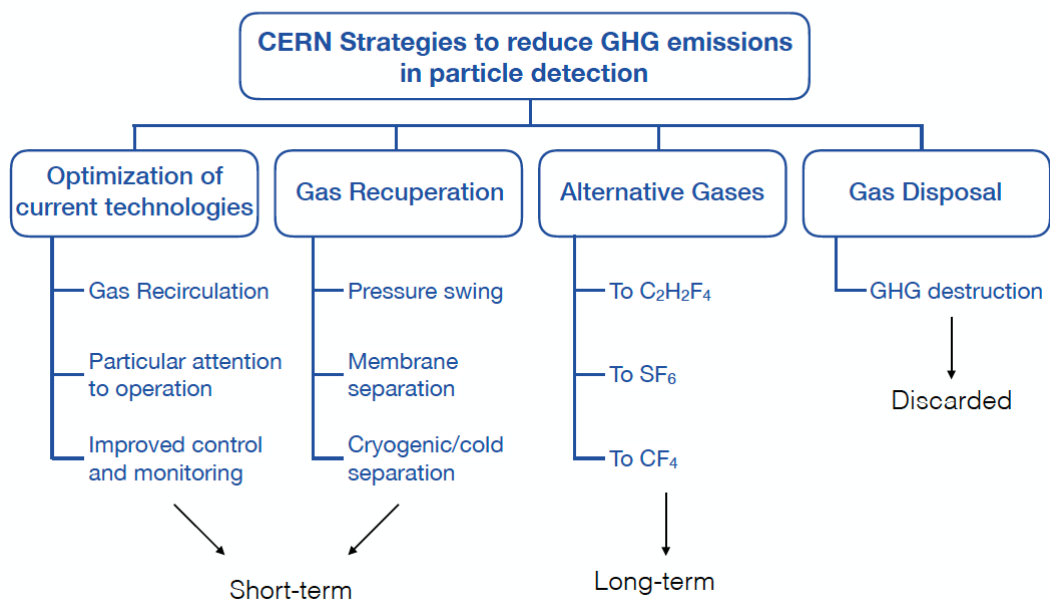
→ Many detector concepts at different future facilities

\* 2020 European Particle Physics Strategy Update  
<https://europeanstrategyupdate.web.cern.ch/>

# Gaseous Detectors: eco-friendly gases

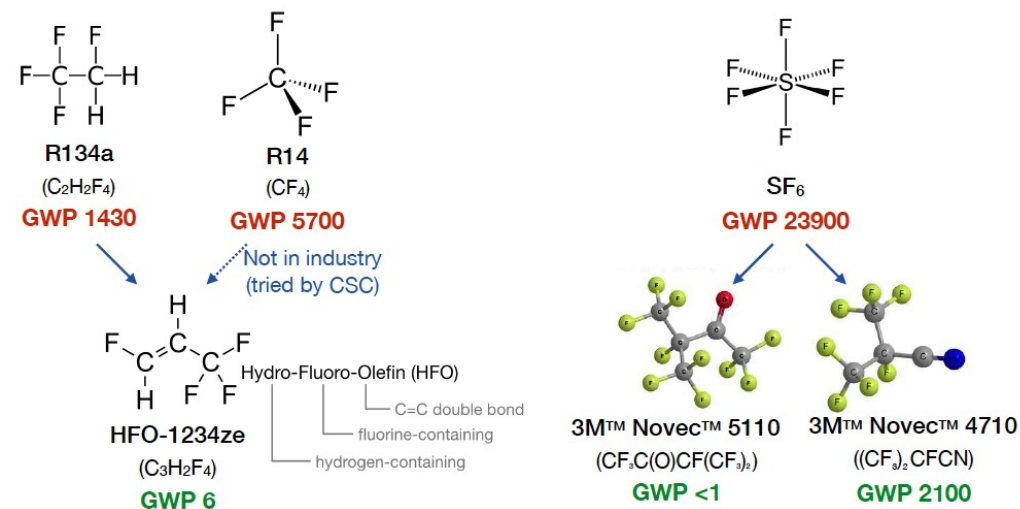
- 92% of emission at CERN related to large LHC experiments
- Thanks to gas recirculation GHG emission already reduced by > 90% wrt. to open mode systems!
- Many LHC gas systems with gas recuperation

## CERN strategies for GHG reduction



## Possible alternatives to GHG gases

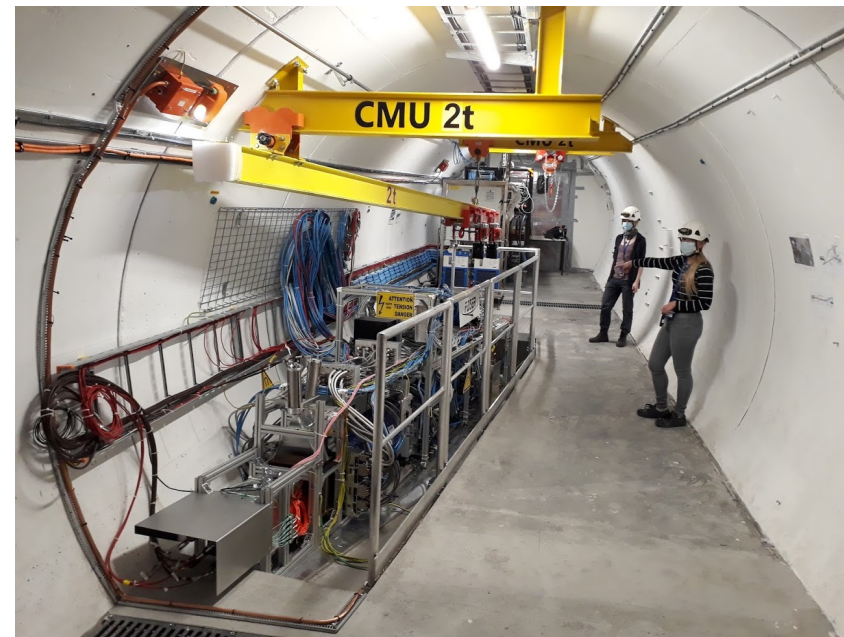
*New eco-friendly liquids/gases have been developed for industry as refrigerants and HV insulating medium... ionisation properties in particle detection not well known*



- Alternative gases:
  - A lot of work especially in RPC community to search for alternative to  $C_2H_2F_4$
  - Not an easy task to find new eco-friendly gas mixture for current detectors

# Summary

- The progress in experimental particle physics was driven by the advances and breakthrough in instrumentation, leading to the development of new, cutting-edge technologies.
- Few examples presented of the many different technologies and detectors
- There are many technological challenges for future experiments at future colliders
- Exciting and fun to design, prototype, build, commission and run a detector which can reveal nature



# Thank you!

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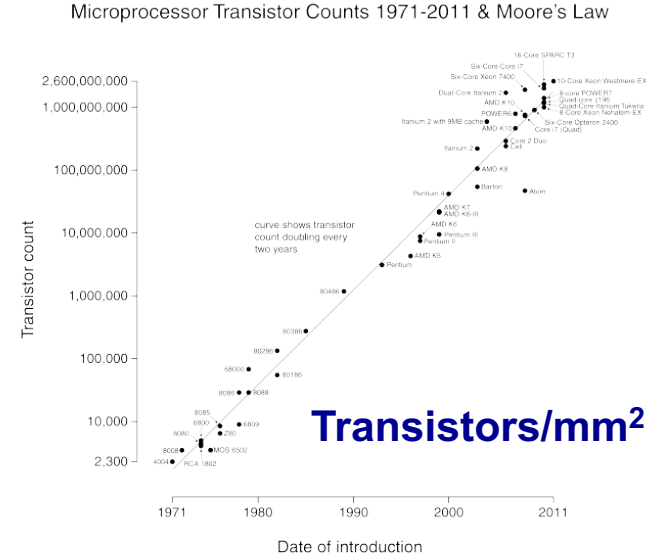
# SPARE





# Electronics

- **Precision timing (ToF; 4D tracking), ultra-high granularity** and improved signal **resolution** all come at a cost in terms of data handling, processing, complexity and power.
- These inevitably require exploiting the latest advances in commercial microelectronics and high-speed links.
- The need for bespoke solutions for even modest radiation or magnetic fields is a further **problem** as these are not commercial drivers, with HEP at best a niche low volume market.
- For example: Long time to develop radiation tolerance in 65 nm O(GRad) and large cost → technology is not straightforward;



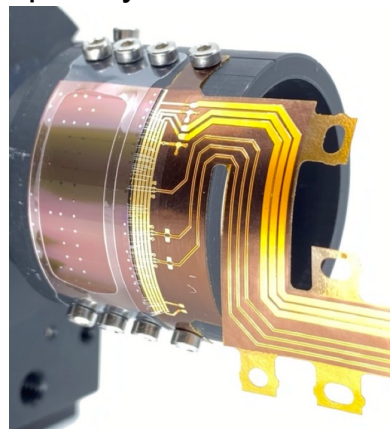
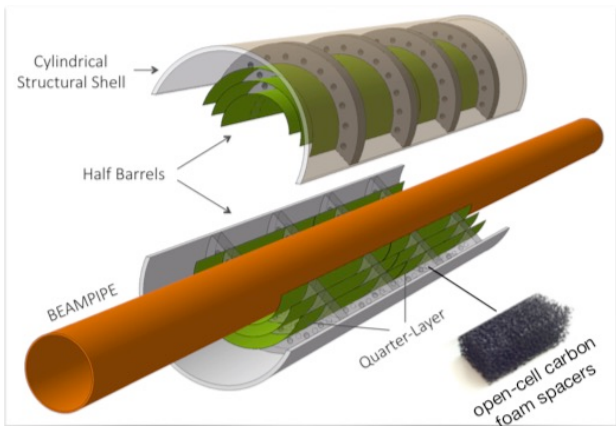
# CMOS MAPS

- Monolithic sensors combining sensing and readout elements
- Example: For FCC-ee vertex detector targeting spatial resolution per layer of  $\leq 3\mu\text{m}$  and  $x/x_0 \leq 0.05\%$ , essential to have low power. Plus radiation-hardness up to  $8 \times 10^{17} \text{n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  for pp-collider.

## CMOS MAPS for ALICE ITS3 (Run 4):

(LOI: CERN-LHCC-2019-018, [M. Mager](#))

- Three fully cylindrical, wafer-sized layers based on curved ultra-thin sensors (20-40  $\mu\text{m}$ ), air flow cooling
- Very low mass (IB),  $< 0.02\text{-}0.04\%$  per layer

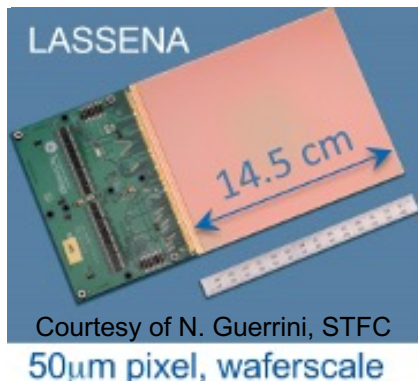


## MIMOSA @ EUDET BeamTest

Telescope  $\rightarrow 3 \mu\text{m}$  track resolution achieved

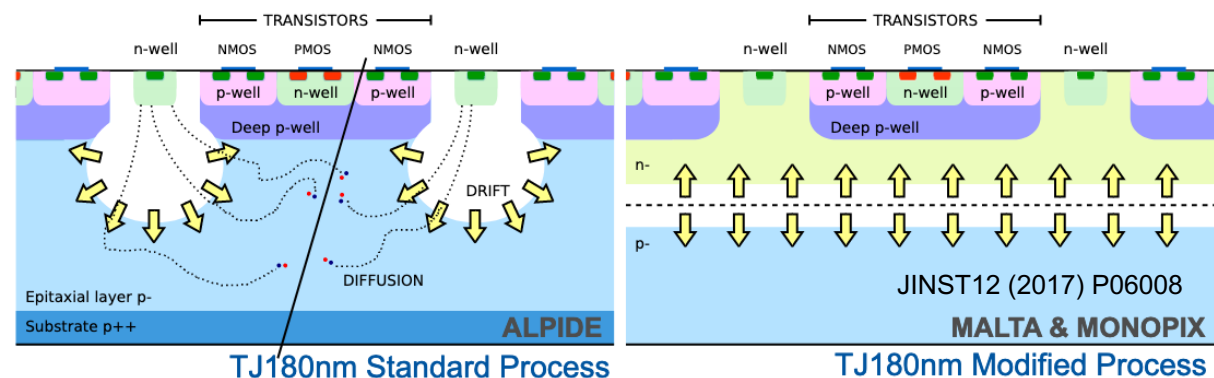


Large area:  
stitching  
INMAPS process



Courtesy of N. Guerrini, STFC  
50 $\mu\text{m}$  pixel, waferscale

## Radiation hardness of MAPS: From ALPIDE to MALTA/Monopix with modified Tower Jazz 180 nm process



$\rightarrow$  Up to 97% efficiency after fluence of  $1 \times 10^{15} \text{n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  [H. Pernegger](#)

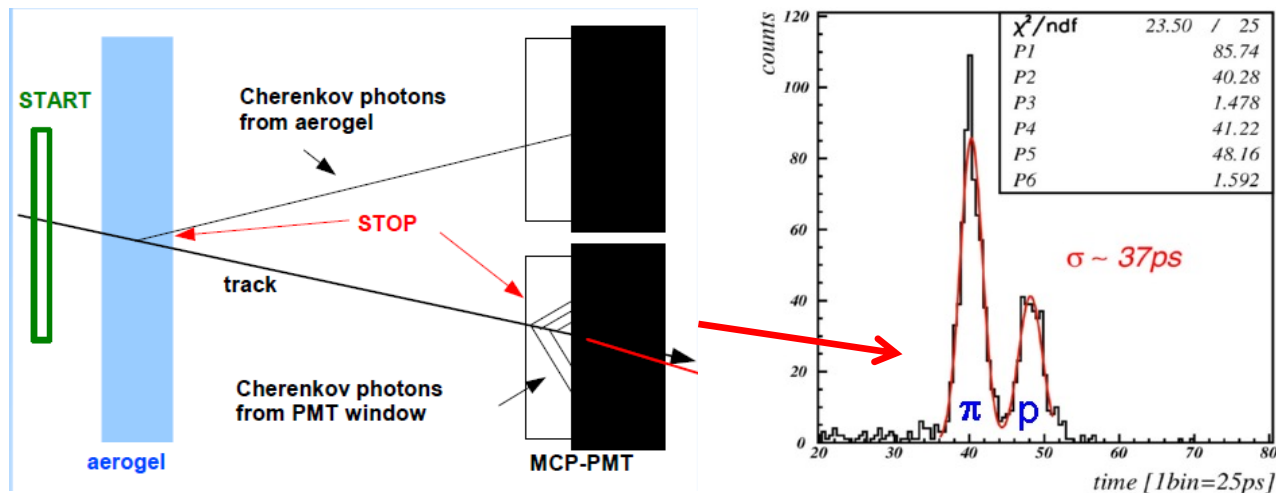
## To achieve higher radiation hardness:

Hybrid technologies with thin, 3D-structures (columns/trenches) silicon and/or high bandgap materials (e.g. diamond) are mostly considered for really high radiation environments.

# PID and Photon Detectors: RICHes

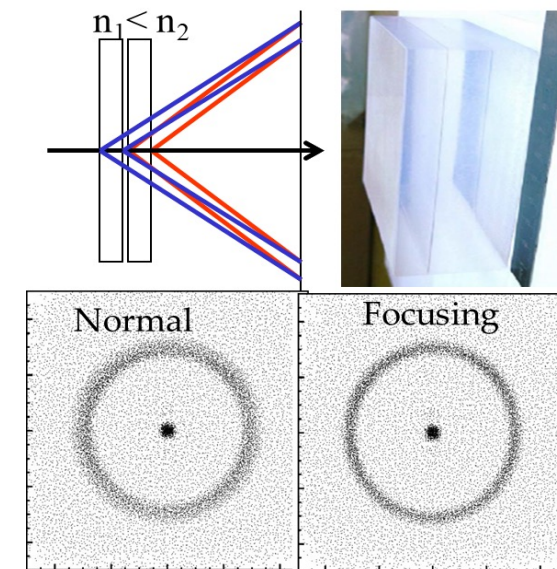
Examples of trends in proximity focusing aerogel radiator RICHes:

- **Combination of proximity focusing RICH + TOF with fast new photon-sensors** → MCP-PMT or SiPM using Cherenkov photons from PMT window
- Use of focusing configuration, e.g. ARICH (Belle), Forward RICH (Panda)



Cherenkov photons from PMT window can be used to positively identify particles below threshold in aerogel

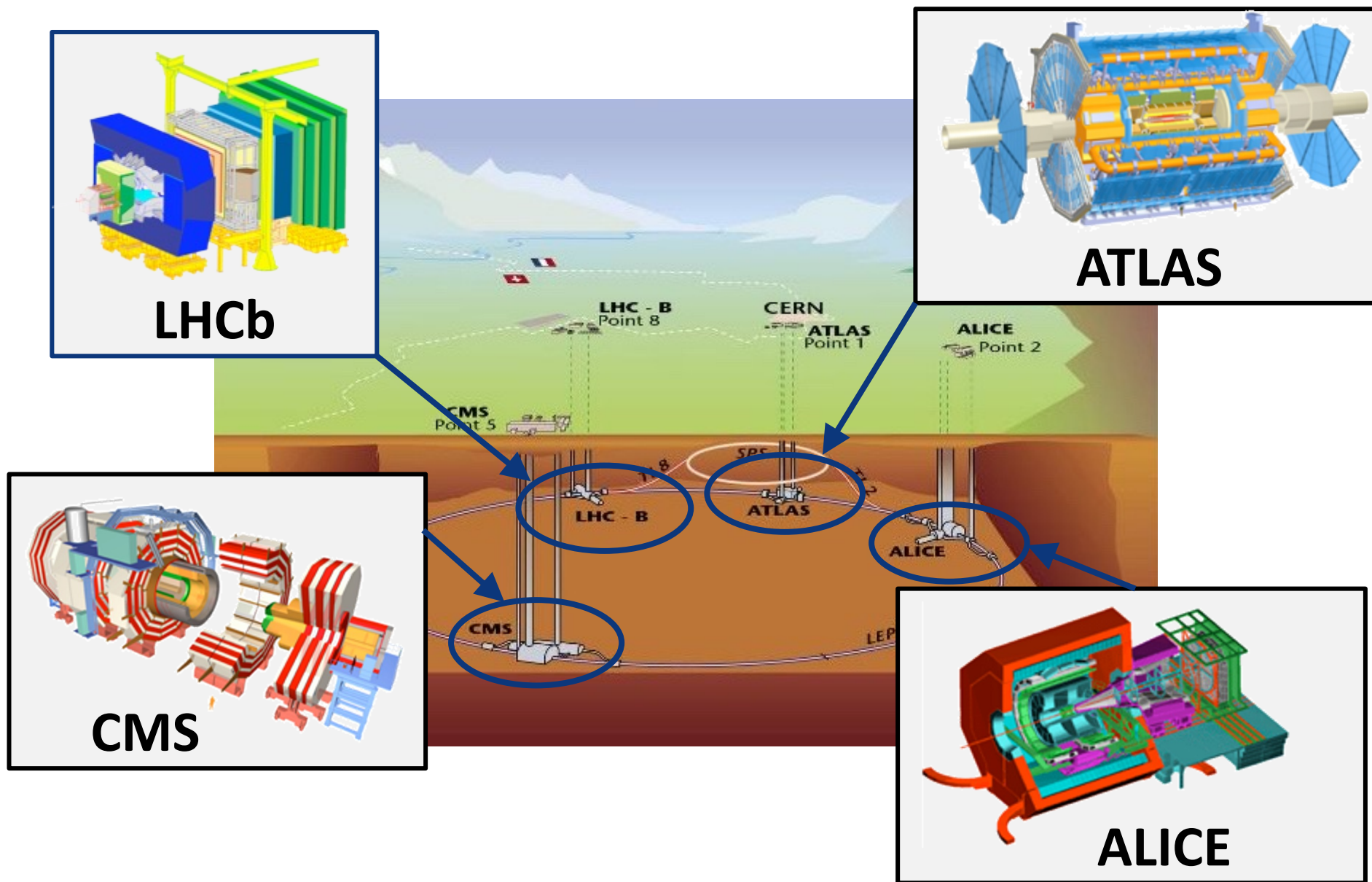
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- RICHes with proximity focusing: thin radiator (liquid, solid, aerogel) and low momenta
- Time-Of-Flight (TOF) detectors: use prompt Cherenkov light, fast gas detector
- RICHes with focalisation: extended radiator (gas), mandatory for high momenta

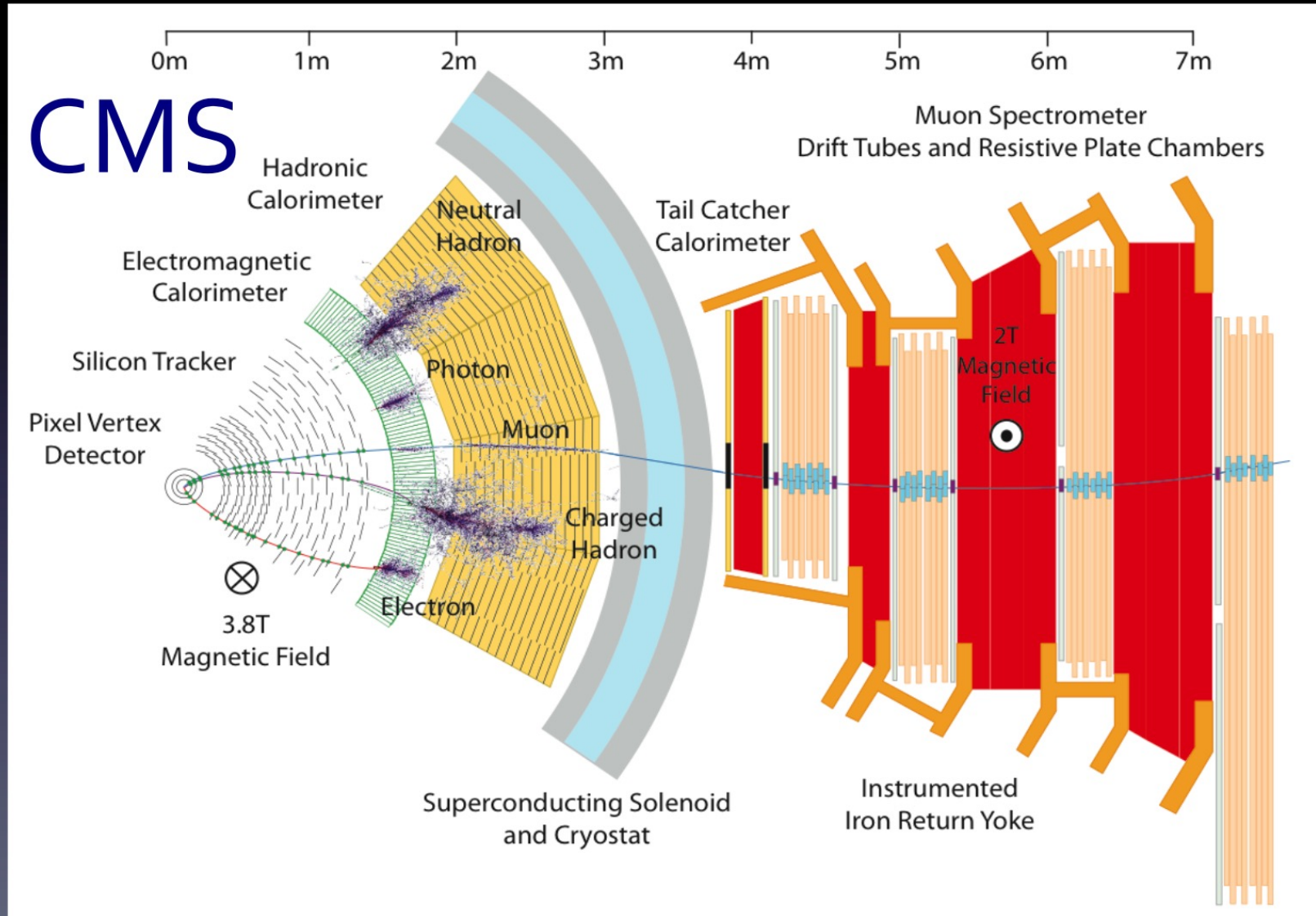


# The LHC experiments



# Configurations of multi-purpose detectors

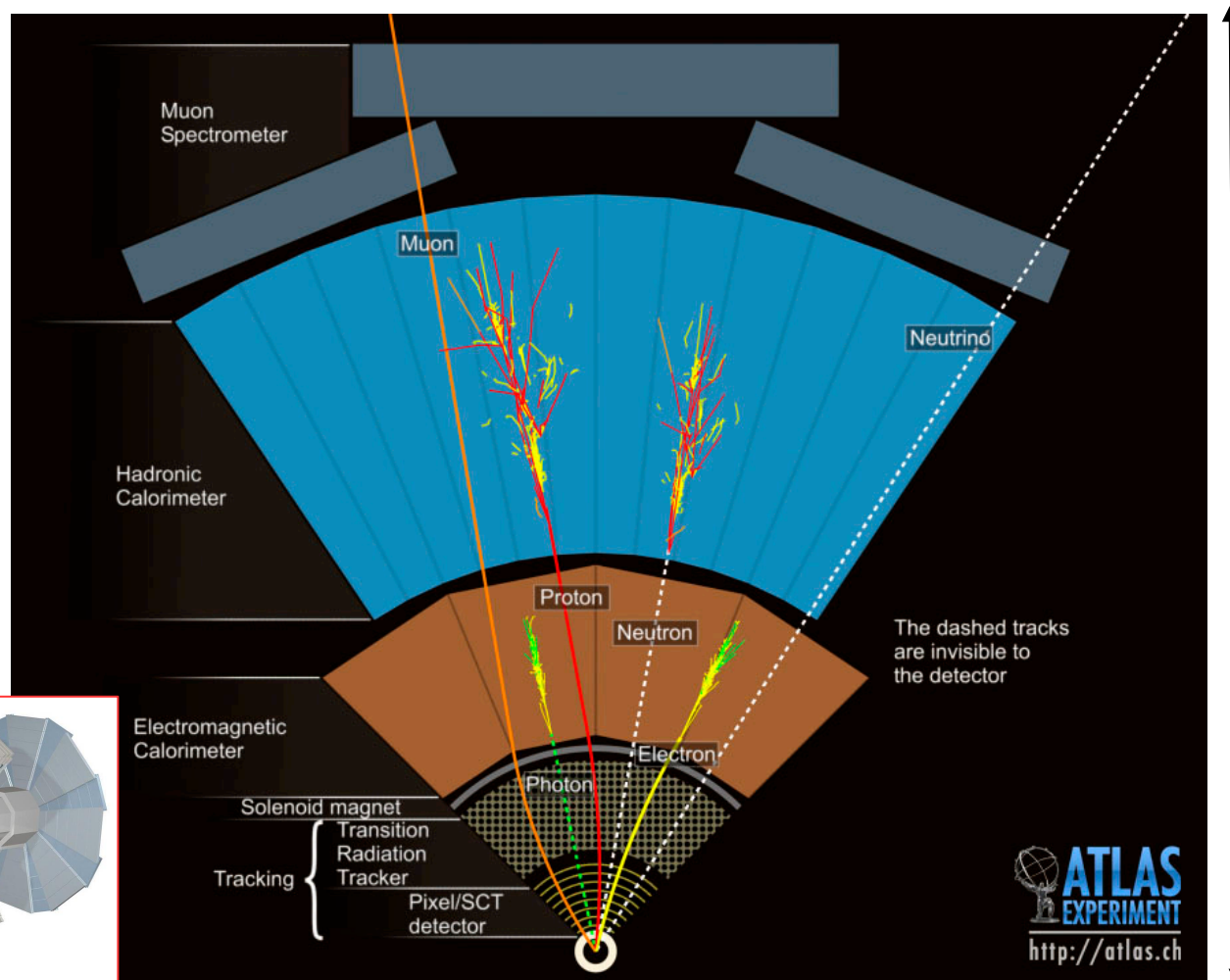
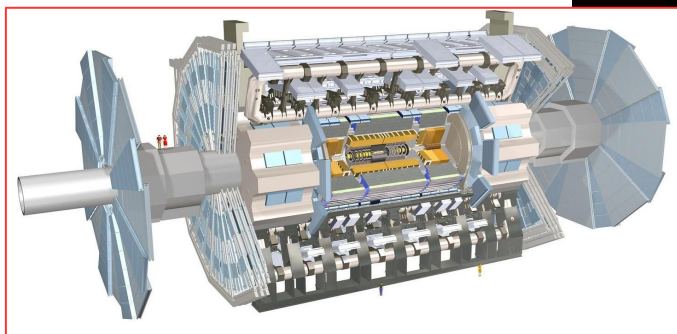
## Particle flow reconstruction



# Configurations of multi-purpose detectors

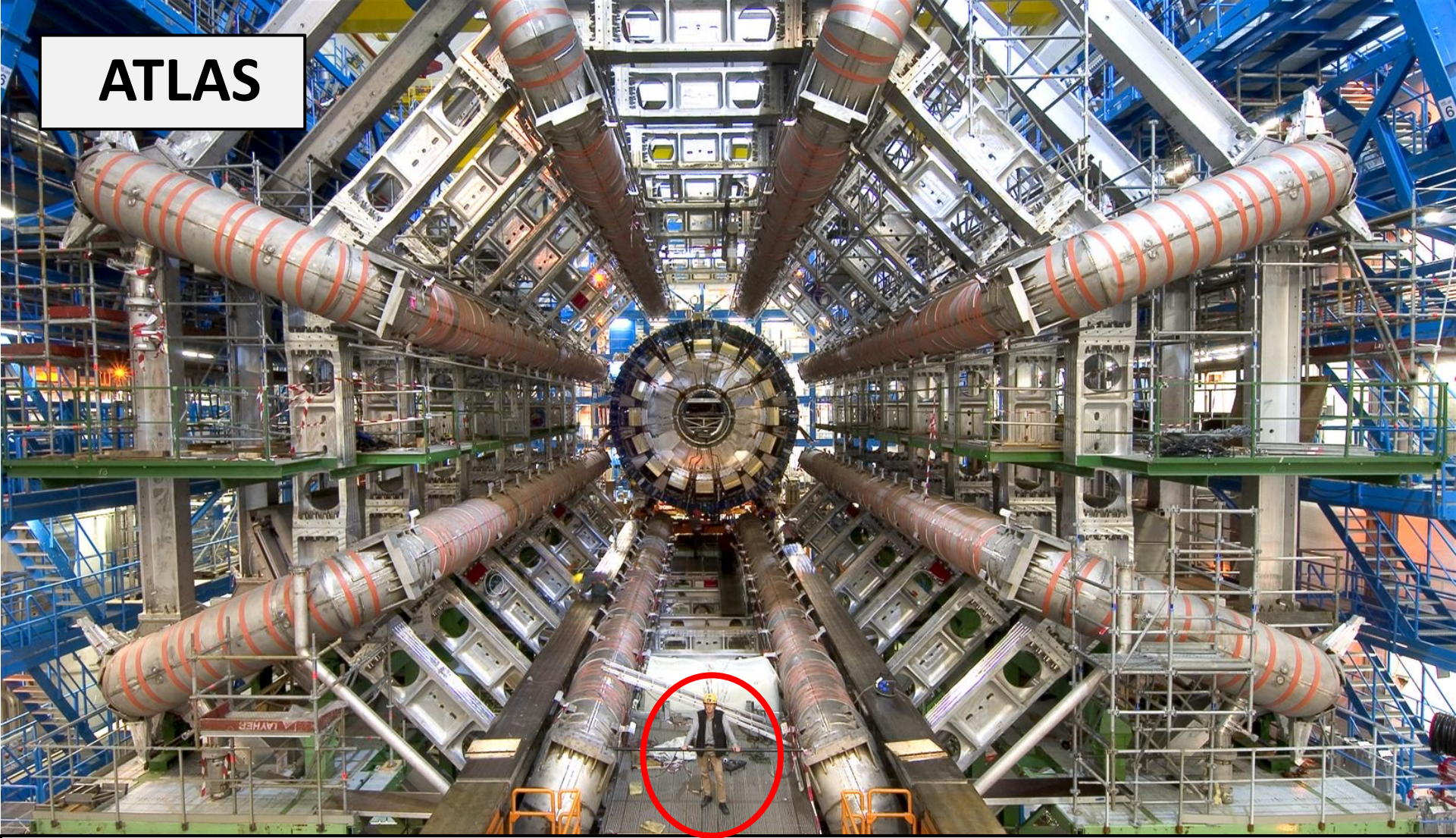
Layers of the ATLAS experiment at the LHC

- Different types of detectors to identify particles and measure their energy and momentum





# ATLAS



## The ATLAS detector:

- Largest general purpose detector: ~ half Notre Dame cathedral
- number of detector sensitive elements: 160 millions
- cables needed to bring signals from detector to control room: 3000 km
- data in 1 year per experiment: ~10 PB (2 million DVD)





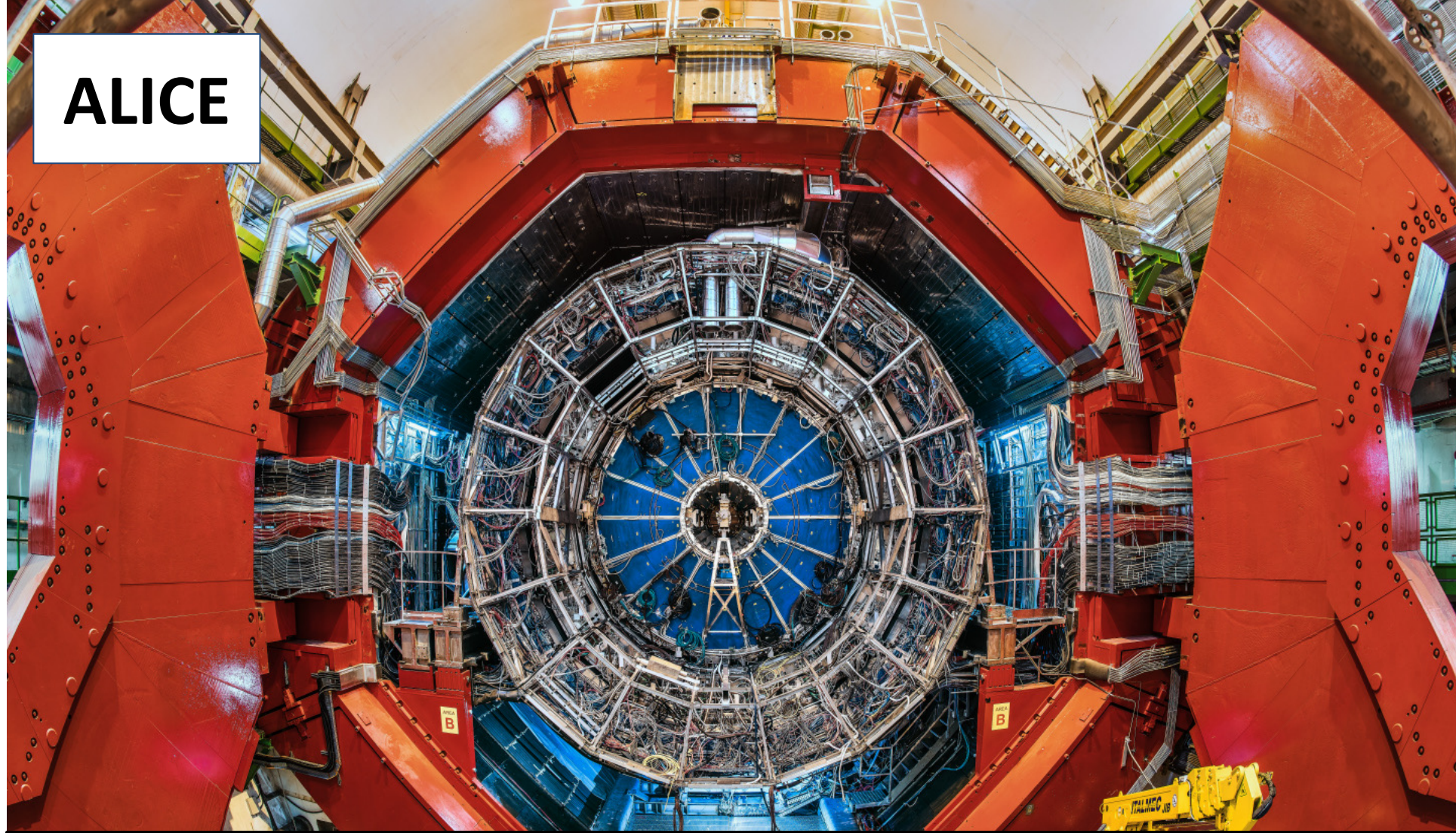
CMS

## The CMS detector:

- Very compact general purpose detector
- Heavier than the Eiffel tower: 14 000 tons
- 4T superconducting magnet, about 100 000 times the magnetic field of the Earth
- It was built in 15 sections on the ground before lowering it into the cavern



# ALICE

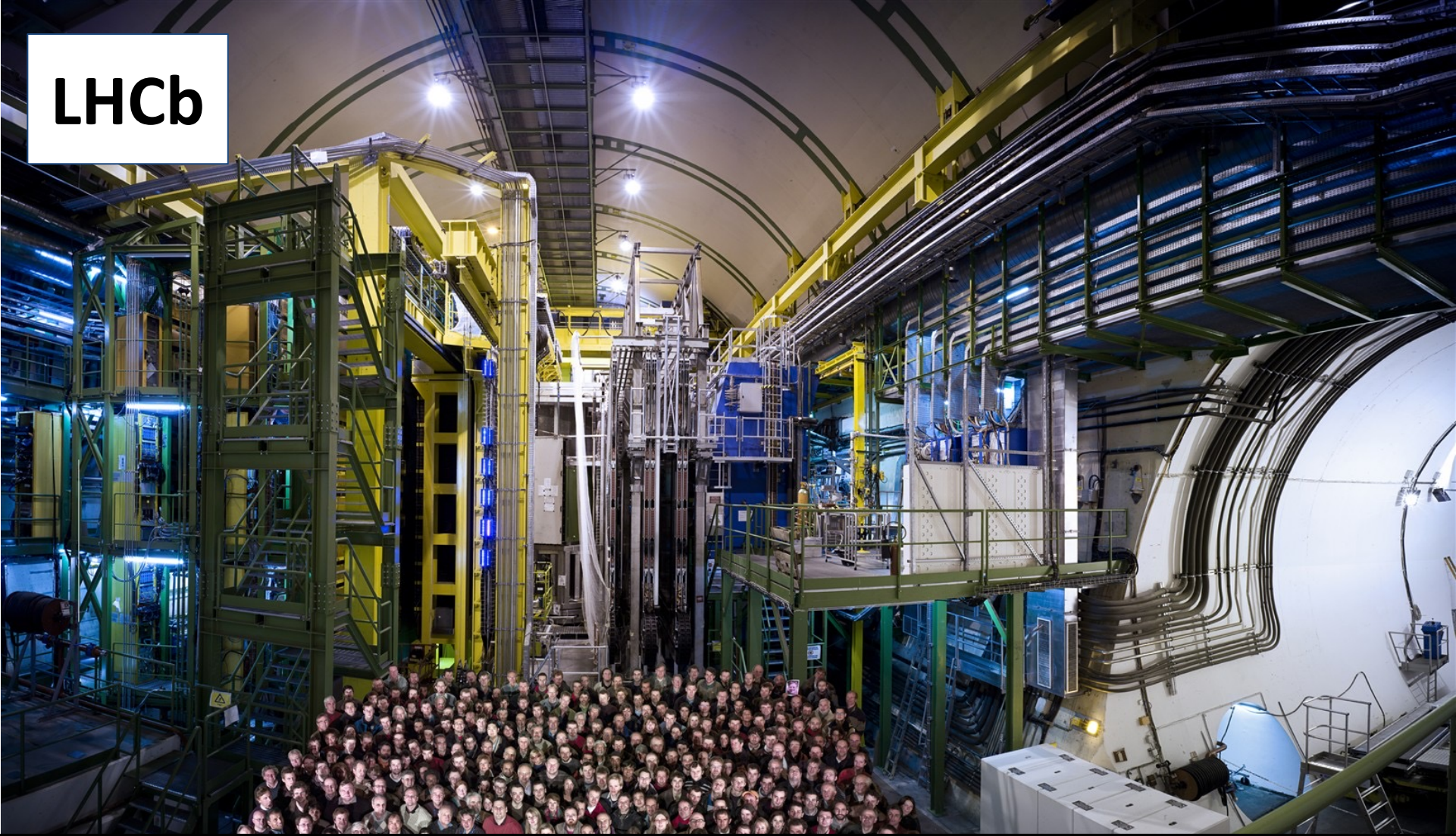


## The ALICE detector:

- Built for collisions of nuclei at ultra-relativistic energies
- To study quark-gluon plasma as a few millionth seconds after the Big Bang.
- 90 m<sup>3</sup> large gas detector as central tracking device
- Installation of the largest monolithic silicon pixel detector in HEP just completed



# LHCb



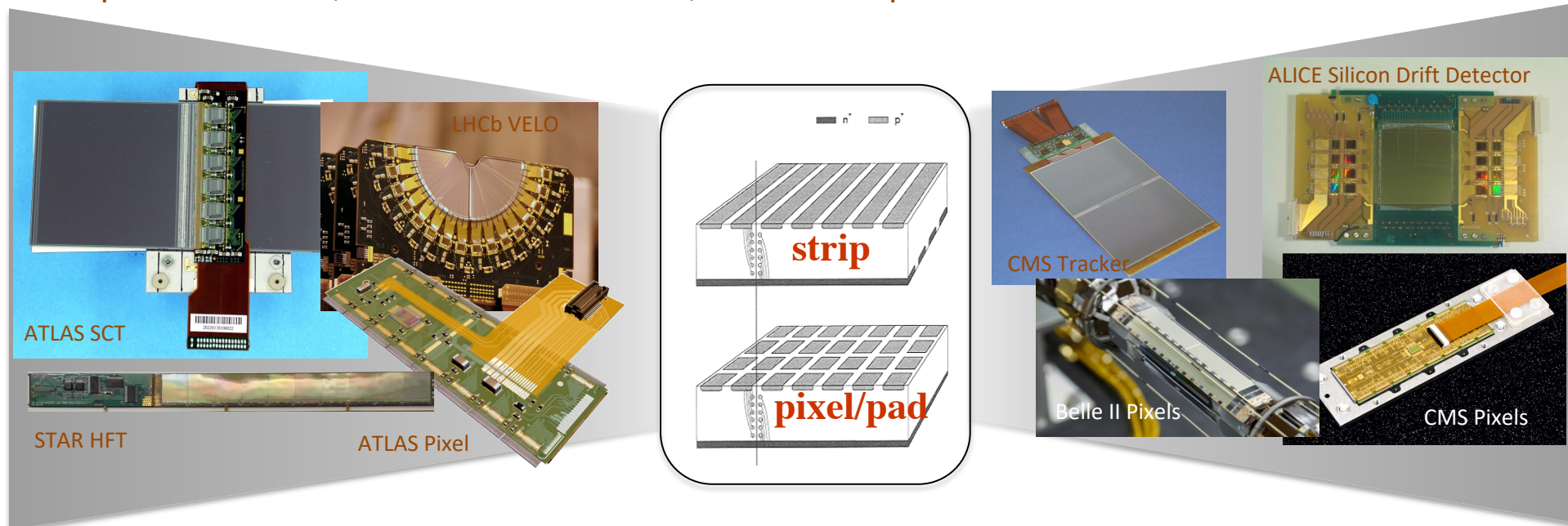
## The LHCb detector:

- Specializes in investigating the differences between matter and antimatter
- Sub-detectors are arranged in a row, different from the other experiments
- Allows to study particles that emerge mainly in the forward direction from the collision
- The “b” in LHCb stands for “beauty” as it is the key particle of study

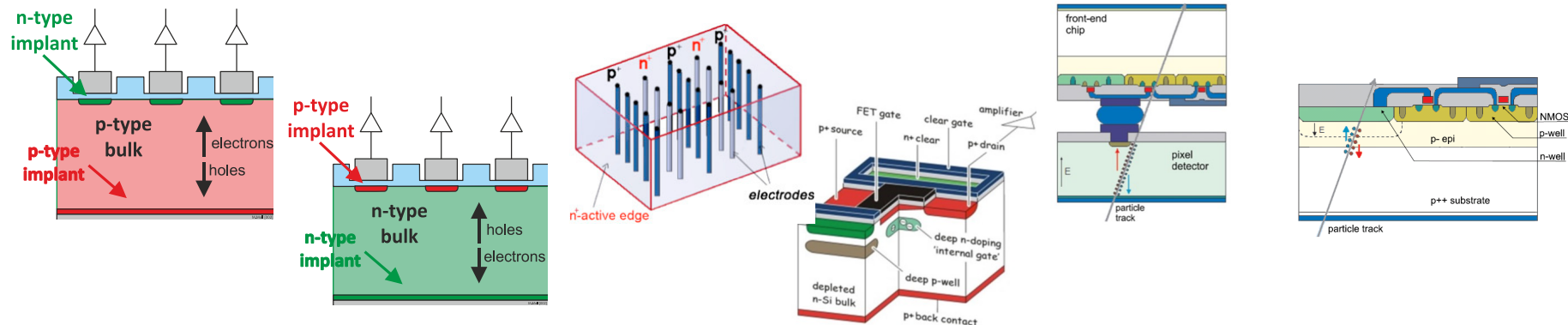


# Silicon detectors in HEP experiments

Silicon sensors are present in all HEP experiments - as silicon strip detectors, silicon pixel detectors, silicon drift detectors, monolithic pixel detectors....

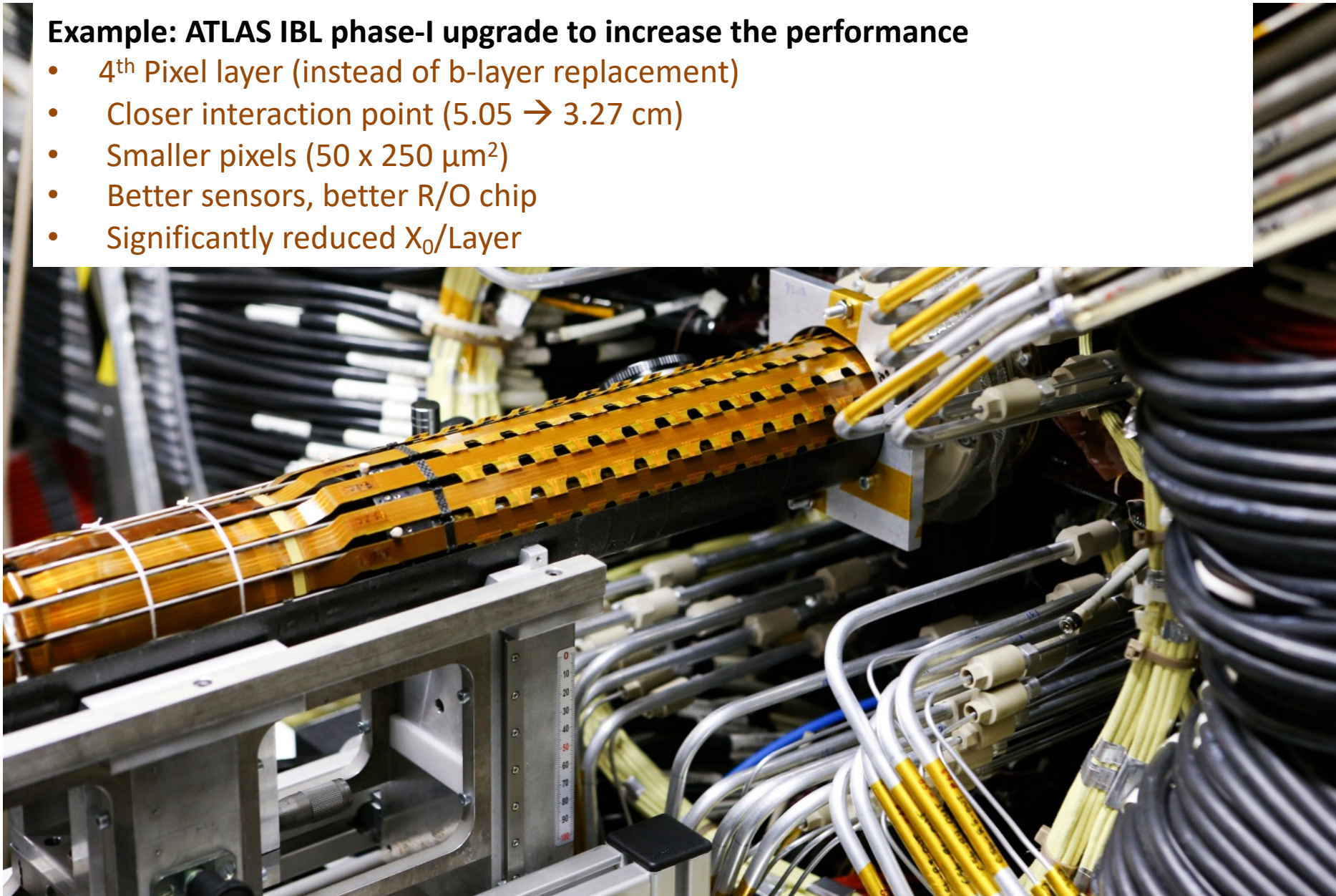


...in different flavors and designs, optimized for the different operating environments:



## Example: ATLAS IBL phase-I upgrade to increase the performance

- 4<sup>th</sup> Pixel layer (instead of b-layer replacement)
- Closer interaction point (5.05 → 3.27 cm)
- Smaller pixels (50 x 250  $\mu\text{m}^2$ )
- Better sensors, better R/O chip
- Significantly reduced  $X_0/\text{Layer}$





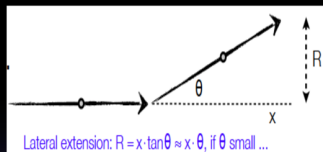
# Recap: Electromagnetic Calorimeters

## Shower development

### Lateral development of EM shower

- Opening angle:
  - bremsstrahlung and pair production

$$\langle \theta^2 \rangle \approx \left( \frac{m_e c^2}{E_e} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$$



- multiple coulomb scattering [Molière theory]

$$\langle \theta \rangle = \frac{E_s}{E_e} \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} \quad \text{where} \quad E_s = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{\alpha}} (m_e c^2) = 21.2 \text{ MeV}$$

- Main contribution from low energy  $e^-$  as  $\langle \theta \rangle \sim 1/E_e$ , i.e. for  $e^-$  with  $E < E_c$

- Molière Radius

$$R_M = \frac{E_s}{E_c} X_0 \approx \frac{21.2 \text{ MeV}}{E_c} X_0$$

- Assuming the approximate range of electrons to be  $X_0$  yields  $\langle \theta \rangle \approx 21.2 \text{ MeV}/E_e \rightarrow$  lateral extension:  $R \approx \langle \theta \rangle X_0$

### Longitudinal shower containment

- EM calorimeter can be quite compact. Since  $t_{\max} \approx \ln(E) \rightarrow$  calorimeter thickness must increase as  $\ln(E)$
- After shower max  $e^+/e^-$  will stop in  $\approx 1X_0$
- To absorb 95% of photons after shower max  $\approx 9X_0$  of material are needed
- The energy leakage is mainly due to photons
- A useful expression to indicate 95% shower containment is:

$$L(95\%) = t_{\max} + 0.08 Z + 9.6 [X_0]$$

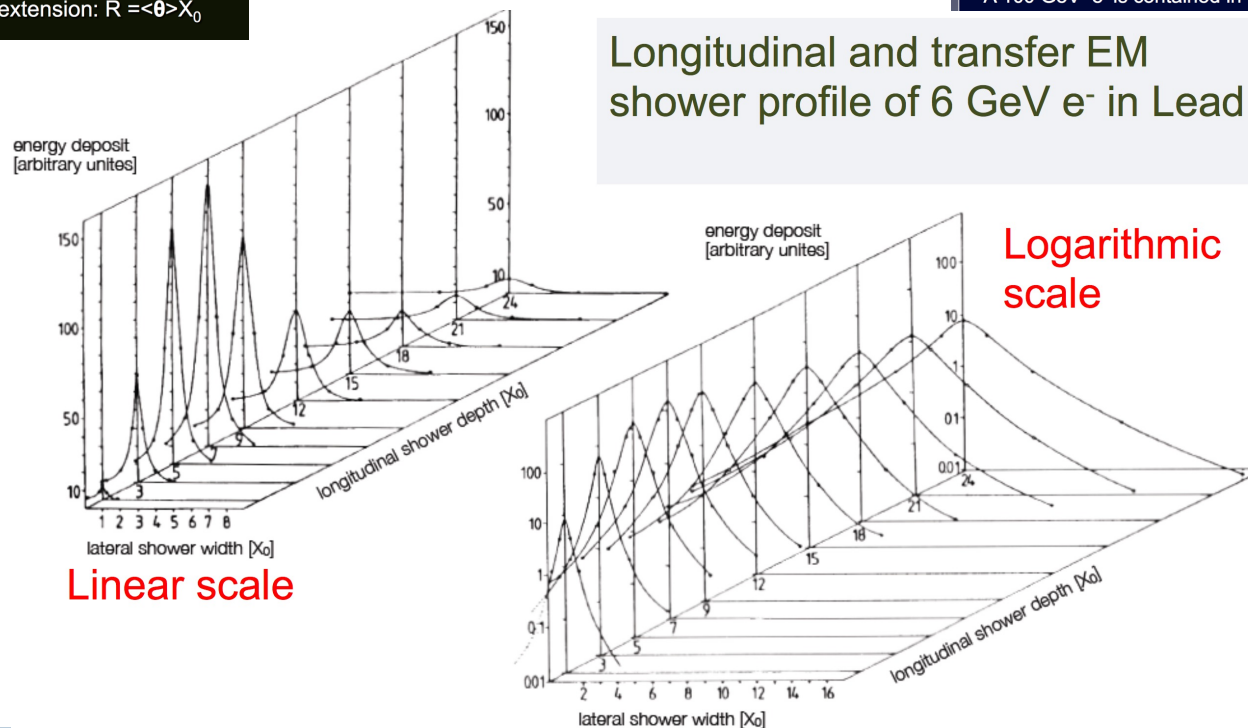
$$E_c \approx 10 \text{ MeV} \quad E_0 = 1 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow t_{\max} = \ln 100 / \ln 2 \approx 6.6 \quad N_{\max} = 100$$

$$E_0 = 100 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow t_{\max} = \ln 10,000 / \ln 2 \approx 9.9 \quad N_{\max} = 10,000$$

	Scint.	LAr	Fe	Pb	W
$X_0$ (cm)	34	14	1.76	0.56	0.35

A 100 GeV  $e^-$  is contained in 17.5 cm Fe or 5.6 cm Pb

### Longitudinal and transfer EM shower profile of 6 GeV $e^-$ in Lead

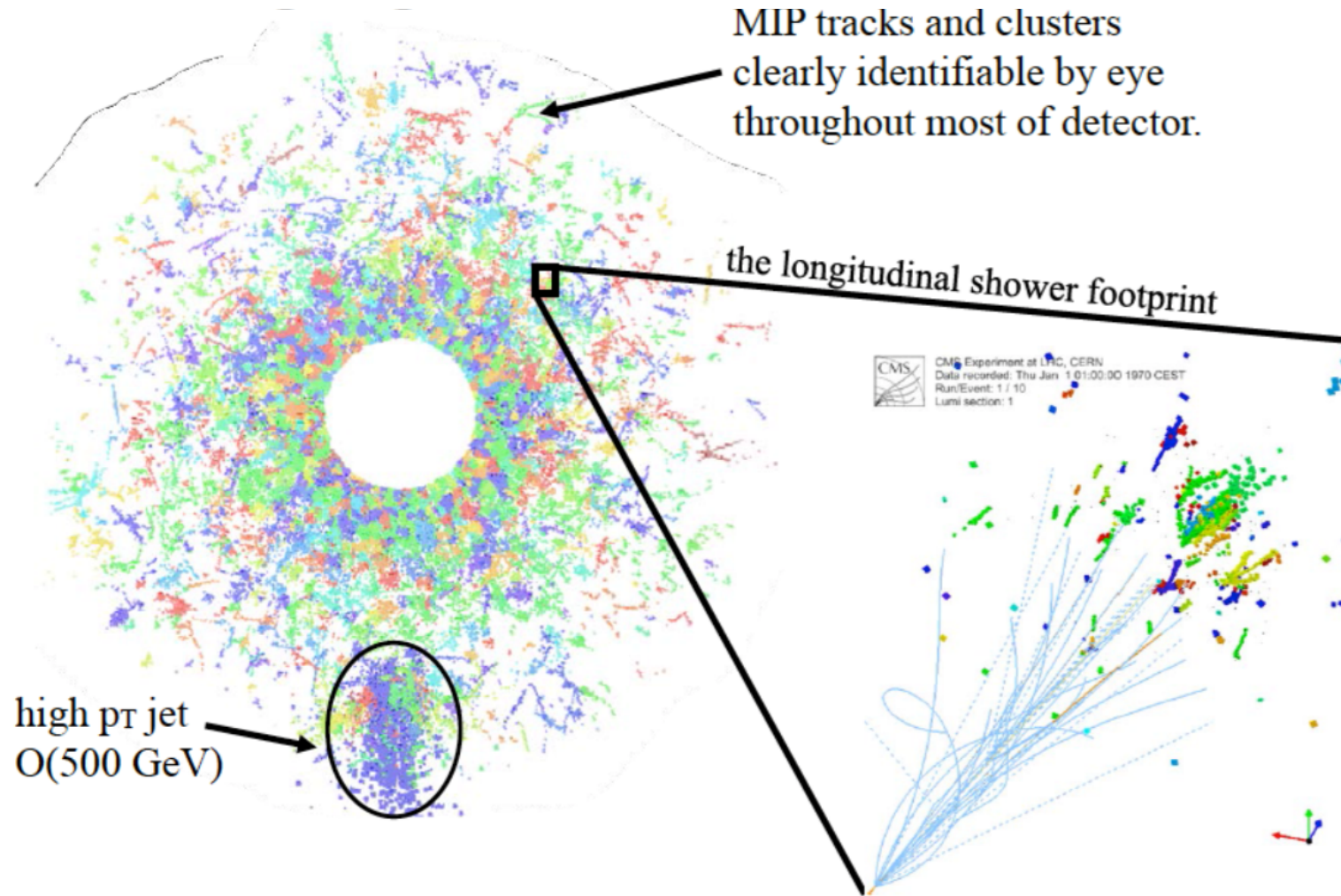


Linear scale

Logarithmic scale

# New Endcap calorimeter for CMS for HL-LHC

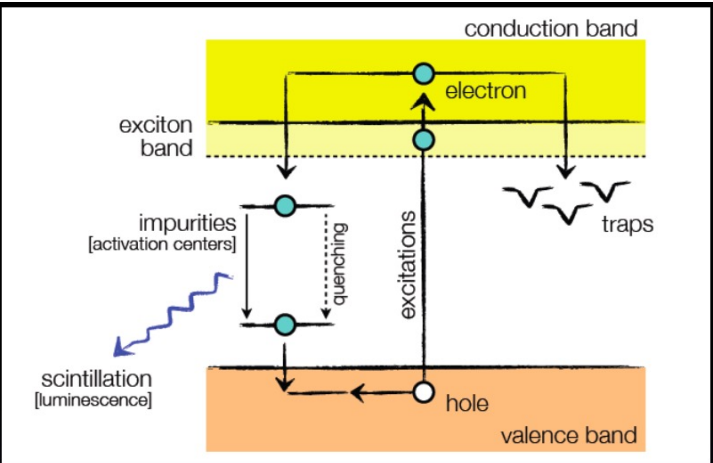
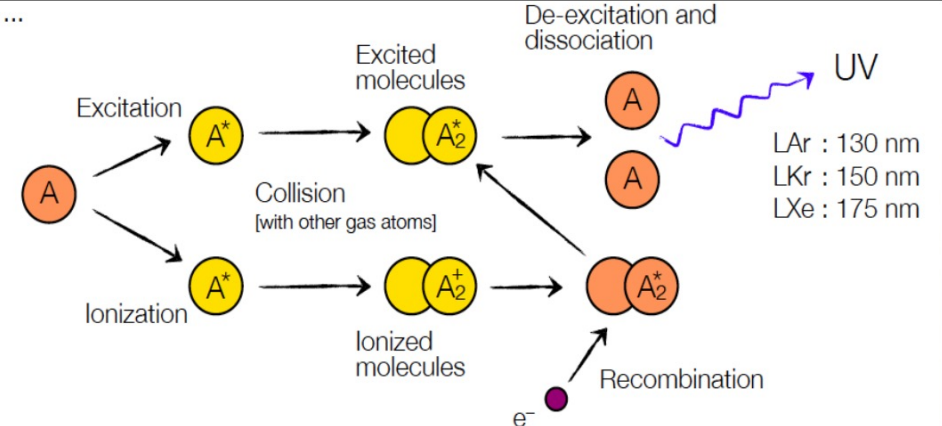
## Imaging Calorimeter: Simulation



# Recap: Scintillators

## Scintillators

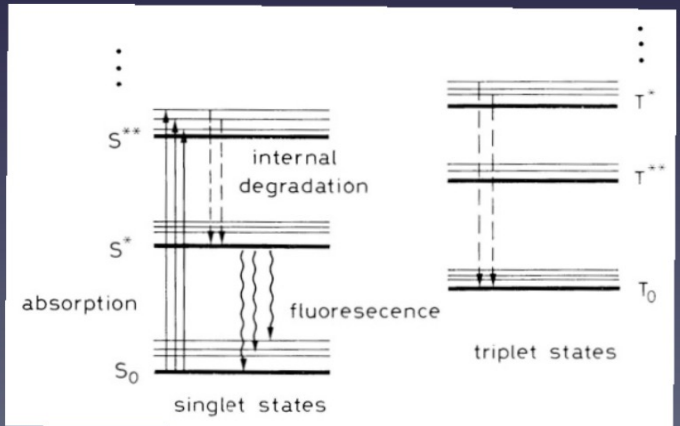
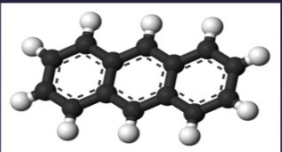
- Inorganic (Sodium iodide (NaI), Cesium iodide (CsI),...)



- Noble gases (Liquid Argon, Liquid Xenon...)

- Molecule structure generates energy levels with transition  $\lambda=360-500$  nm

- Organic crystals
  - Aromatic hydrocarbon compounds with benzene rings such as Anthracene (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>), etc
- Plastic scintillators
  - Organic scintillators suspended in the aromatic polymer (easy to mold and machine)
- Liquid scintillators

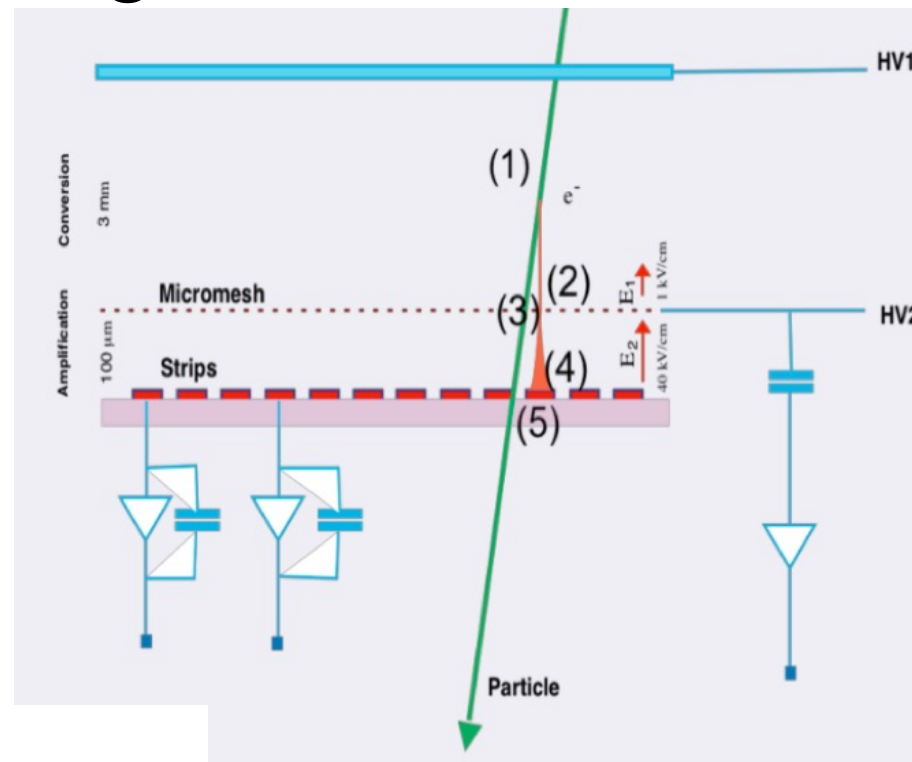




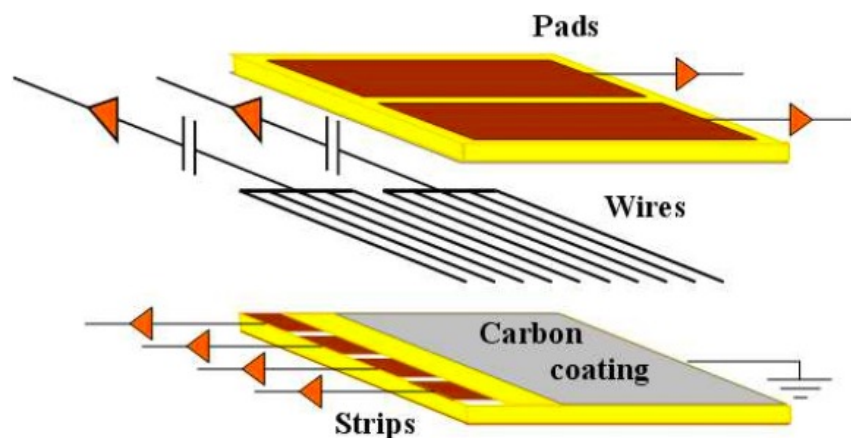
# Recap: Micromegas and TGCs

## Micromegas

- Gas volume divided in two by metallic mesh
- Gain =  $10^2$ , fast signal of 100 ns

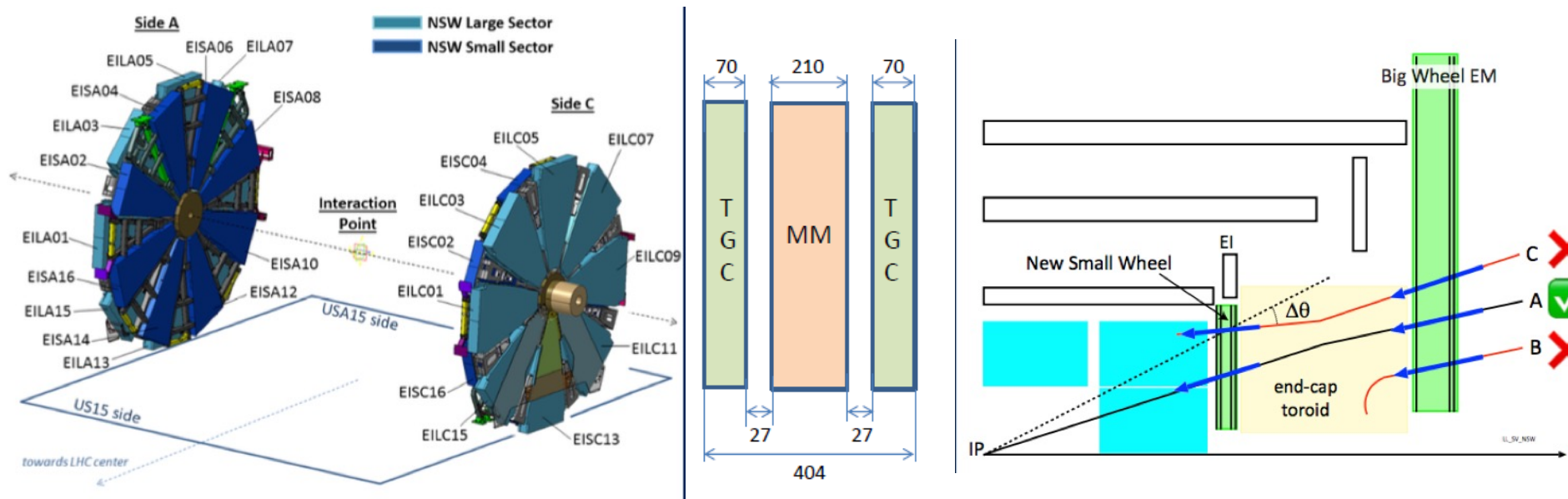


## TGC – Thin Gap Chambers



# ATLAS Phase-1 Upgrade: Muon System

- Improved muon tracking for  $|\eta| > 1.3$
- Reduce fake rates and keep precision at high rates for triggering
- New Small Wheels

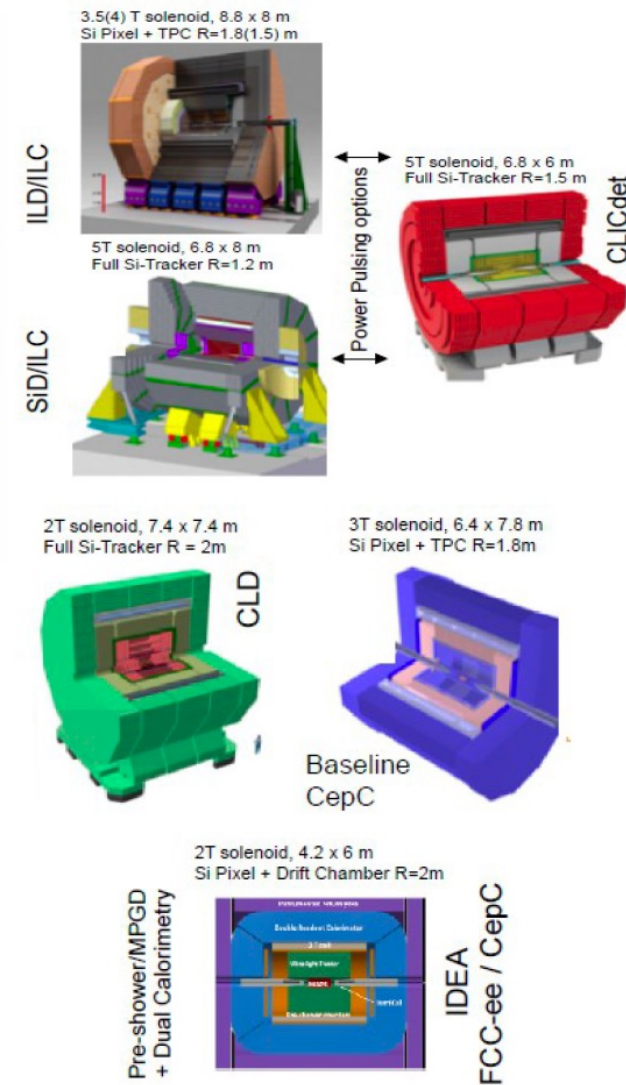
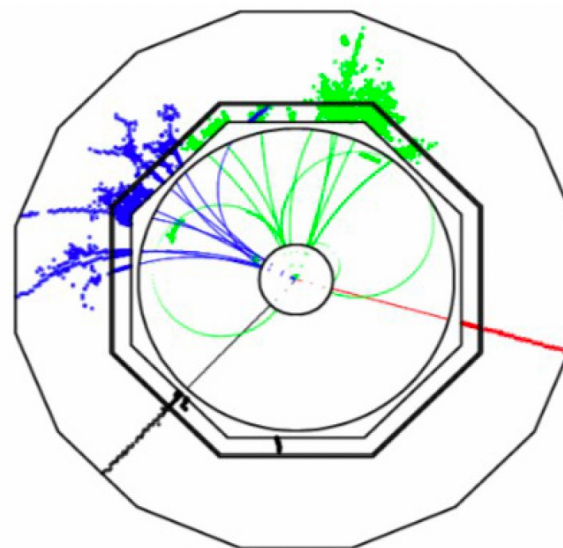
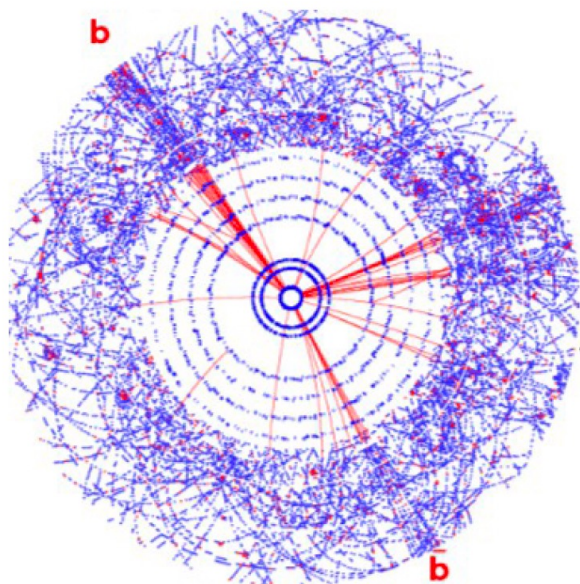


- Micromegas:  $\sim 1200 \text{ m}^2$  for precision tracking, high rate capable
- Small-strip thin gap chambers:  $\sim 1200 \text{ m}^2$  for triggering, bunch ID will give good timing, proven technology
- Space resolution  $< 100 \mu\text{m}$

# Example of future detectors at accelerators

Hadron-hadron collisions e.g. LHC

$e^+e^-$ -collisions

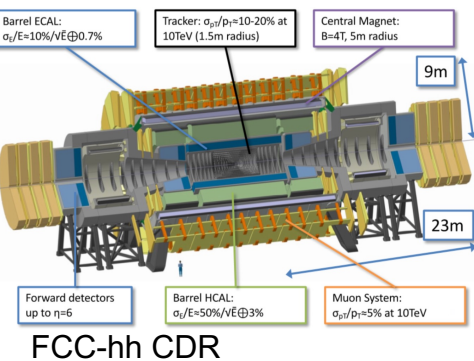


- Busy events
- Require hardware and software triggers
- High radiation levels

- Clean events
- No trigger
- Full event reconstruction

- One of the many challenges: radiation hardness. Radiation levels of e.g.  $300 \text{ MGy}/5\text{-}6 \cdot 10^{17} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  in first tracker layers go well beyond what any currently available microelectronics can survive ( $\lesssim \text{MGy}$ ) and few sensor technologies can cope beyond  $\sim 10^{16} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

→ Detector R&D essential



FCC-hh CDR



# Silicon timing detectors

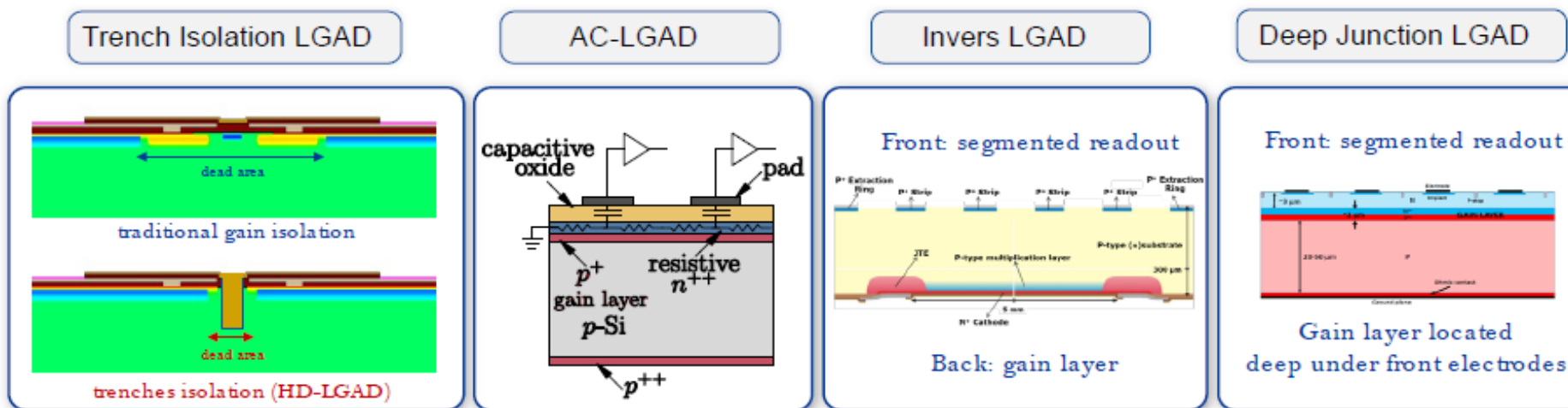
**Sensors for 4D-Tracking: position and time resolution → Development of Radiation Hard Timing Detectors (Low Gain Avalanche Detectors)**

- For LGADs, three main foundries (CNM, FBK, HPK), more producers interested
- Time information hugely beneficial to suppress pile-up in pp-collisions

## LGAD: Fill factor & performance improvements



- Two opposing requirements:
  - Good timing reconstruction needs homogeneous signal ( i.e. no dead areas and homogeneous weighting field)
  - A pixel-border termination is necessary to host all structures controlling the electric field
- Several new approaches to optimize/mitigate followed:

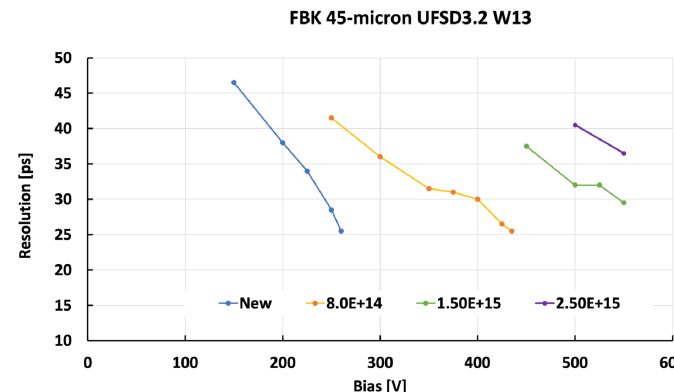


Concepts simulated, designed, produced and tested in 2018/19

...new concept 2020

Areas of LGAD developments within RD50 Collaboration:

- Timing performance ( ~ 25 ps for 50 μm sensors)
- Fill factor and signal homogeneity
- Position resolution is about 5% of the distance between electrodes O(5-15 μm) (AC-LGAD)
- Radiation Hardness (~ $2 \times 10^{15}$  n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Performance Parameterisation Model



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