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South Africa: Current Status and Future Perspectives

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by invitation, with slide credits and work to all involved

Celebration of the discovery of the Higgs boson anniversary from Africa

4 July 2022



South Africa

SA-CERN programme

ATLAS, ALICE, ISOLDE, THEORY, CERN



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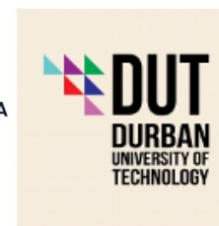
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iThemba
LABS
Laboratory for Accelerator
Based Sciences



NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY



Participating institutions : 1 National Facility (iThemba LABS) and 10 Universities, **slide credits to them**



	ATLAS	ALICE	ISOLDE	Theory	Total
PhD	6	5	6	8	25
MSc	19	2	7	15	43
Accad Staff	7	6	6	7	26
Tech Staff	3				3
Post Docs	5	2	2	2	8

2017 numbers, increasing trajectory

- SA has a long history in High Energy Physics, eg : 1st neutrino discovered and studied in nature 1965
 - Long history at CERN, BNL, JLAB, JINR, others
 - Also a long history of theoretical contributions
- SA-CERN Co-operation Agreement 1992**
- Now formal participation at CERN and JINR

Most HEP now in the SA-CERN and JINR Programmes

*Decades of
"ad hoc"
participation*

- ALICE since 2001
- ATLAS since 2010
- ISOLDE since 2017
- Theory
- JINR since 2005

The UJ-ATLAS and Associated Innovation Group + UNISA + UWC

Staff

- Simon Connell (Prof)
- Muaaz Bhamjee (Sn Lect)
- Nicolin Govender (Prof)
- Loan Truong (Lecturer, Visiting Prof)
- Francois Pieterse (Sn Lect)



Post Docs

- Bongani Maqabuka
- Emmanuel Igumbor
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+ many colleagues from ATLAS
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- PhD: Phineas Ntsoele
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- PhD: Matthew Connell
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Dr Graham Daniels, Dr Dazmen Mavunda, Eric Chinaka, Linina Bedhesi



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2019/2/22

UJ-ATLAS

The Institute for Collider Particle Physics



First ASFAP Particle Physics Day, 19/11/21

THE ACADEMICS

A SHORT HISTORY OF UCT INVOLVEMENT WITH ATLAS

- Started by Andrew Hamilton in 2011 (no longer an ATLAS member)
- Sahal Yacoob joined in 2015
- James Keaveney joined in 2019 (Currently top quark cross-sections group co-convenor)

A relatively small group



Andrew



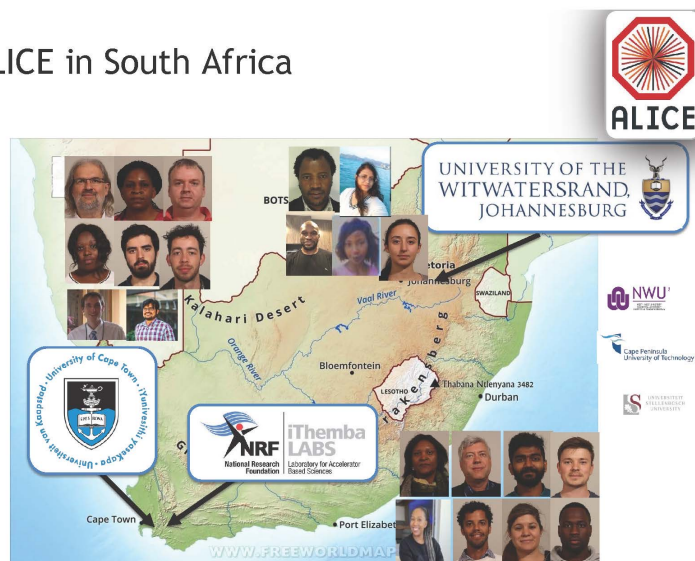
Sahal



James



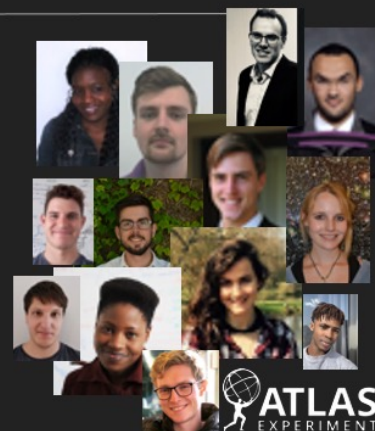
ALICE in South Africa



HUMAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

STUDENTS

- Students Graduated:
 - 16 MSc (including engineers)
 - Most continued in academia
 - 1 PhD
 - Currently a post-doc on ATLAS
- Current Students
 - 4 MSc
 - 3 PhD



SA participates in Physics, Upgrade Activities, Engineering and Outreach, with Human Capacity Building and Technology Transfer



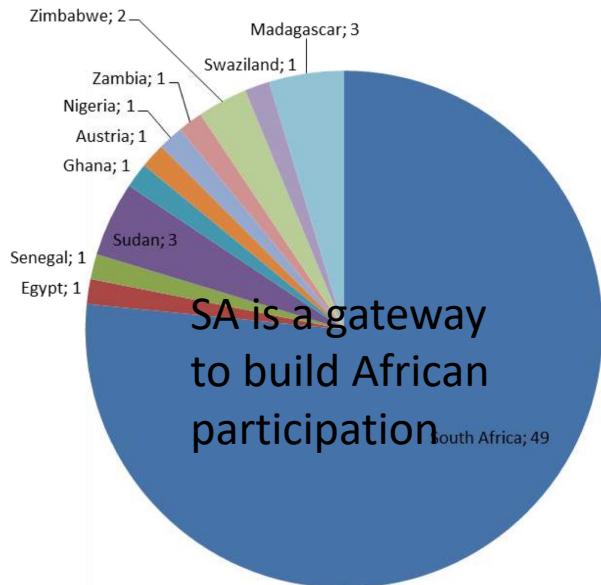
Some of the SA-CERN group



Staff and students at ALICE



Testing modules developed in SA for ATLAS



Staff and students at ISOLDE



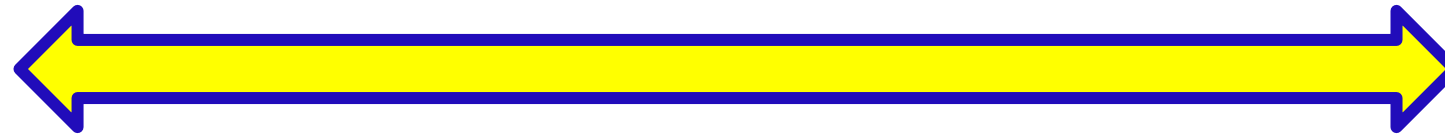
Scope of Research + Co-Impact + Future

WITS, UCT+ ALICE + UJ + SKA+SA-CERN + Health

Physics through data analysis

Analysis of ATLAS Data **Experimental**
HEP, experimental techniques, Big Data
(Future SKA, Astroparticle-physics
parameter constraints)

Artificial Intelligence Machine
Learning, Data analytics,
Statistics, SKA-CERN Computing
Synergies, CHPC, Health



Particle Physics
Phenomenology
HEP Theory,
Connection with SKA
and future facilities

Radiation studies
Nuclear Physics,
Material sciences,
Chemistry, NECSA,
iThemba LABS, SASOL
etc.. (+ MinPet, Nuclear)

Analog and Fast Digital
Electronics.
Electrical (and Mechanical)
Engineering (Sensors, CFD),
Industry

Theory

Instrumentation

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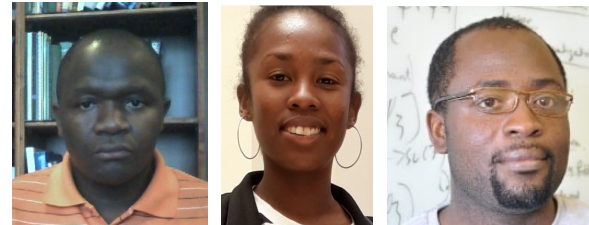


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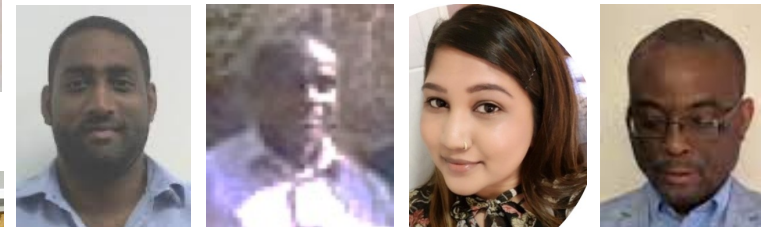
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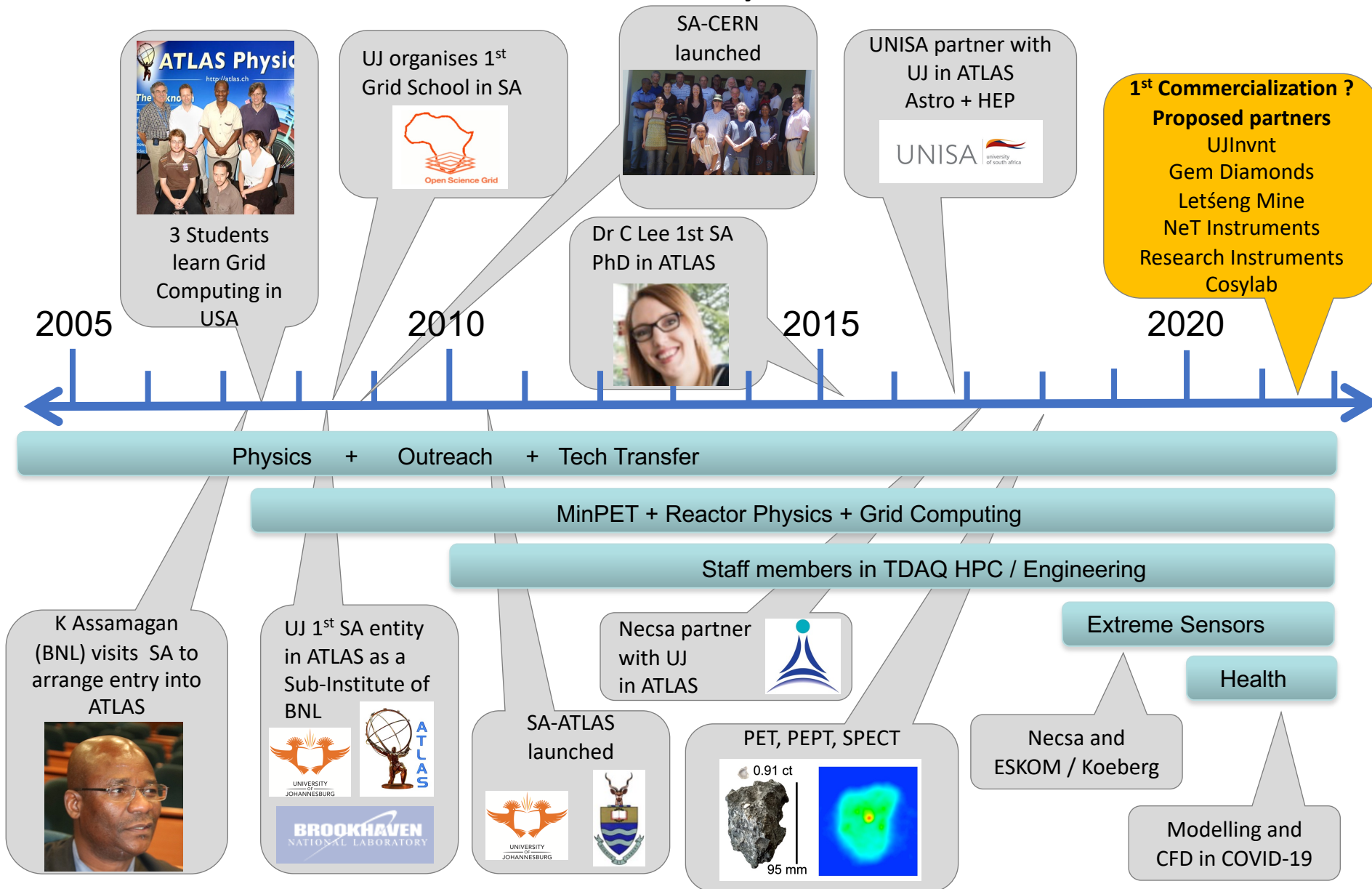


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UJ in ATLAS Timeline Many 1st achievements



Analysis : Physics motivated by searches for Dark Matter

- Standard Model (SM) has deficiencies
 - Many free parameters, no DM or DE, (anti)matter paradox, hierarchy problem, strong CP problem, no gravity ...
- Hidden (dark) sector states introduced with an additional $U(1)_d$ dark gauge symmetry appear in many extensions to the SM, the models are capable of
 - providing a candidate for the dark matter (DM) in the universe
 - explain astrophysical “observations” which may have DM interpretation
- This represents an alternative DM scenario to that of Super Symmetry

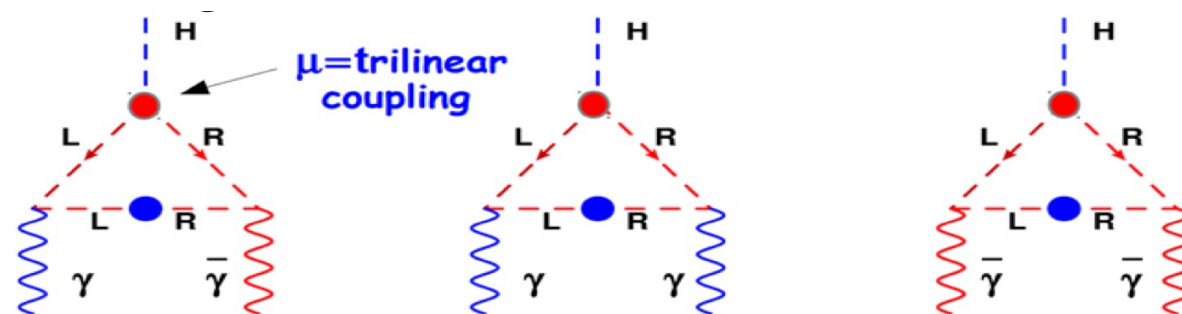
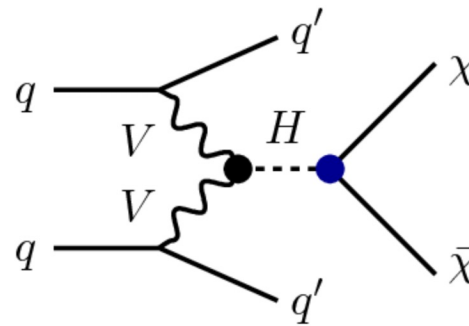
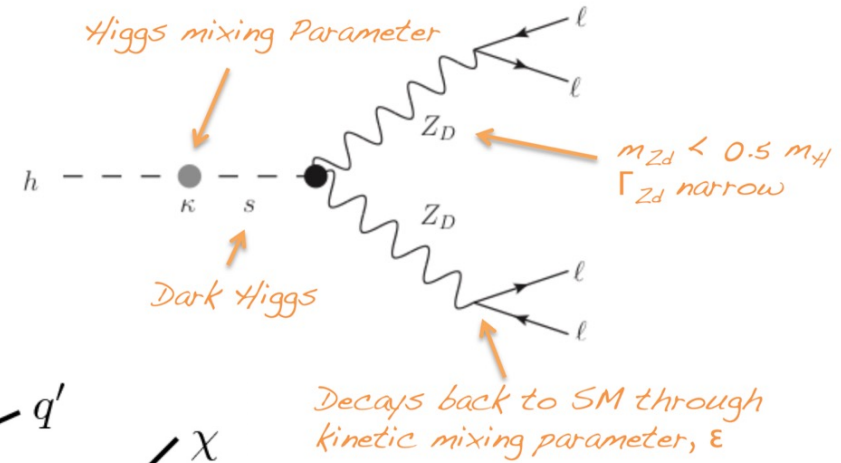


Analysis : The Higgs Portal to the Dark / Hidden sector

Higgs Portal Models for BSM DM

- J.D. Wells, arXiv:0803.1243, 2008
- S. Gopalakrishna, S. Jung and J.D Wells PRD, 78(5):055002, 2008
- Curtin et al, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1312.4992>

1. $H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu,$
2. $H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$
3. $S \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$
4. $S \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu + 2j$
5. $S \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu + \text{MET}$
6. $H \rightarrow \text{invisible (VBF)}$
7. $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$



Analysis : The Higgs Portal to the Hidden sector with Z_d

Latest published result Just gone on the arXiv

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High Energy Physics – Experiment

[Submitted on 26 Oct 2021]

Search for Higgs bosons decaying into new spin-0 or spin-1 particles in four-lepton final states with the ATLAS detector with 139 fb^{-1} of pp collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

[ATLAS Collaboration](#)

Searches are conducted for new spin-0 or spin-1 bosons using events where a Higgs boson with mass 125 GeV decays into four leptons ($\ell = e, \mu$). This decay is presumed to occur via an intermediate state which contains two on-shell, promptly decaying bosons: $H \rightarrow XX/ZX \rightarrow 4\ell$, where the new boson X has a mass between 1 and 60 GeV. The search uses pp collision data collected with the ATLAS detector at the LHC with an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} at a centre-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$. The data are found to be consistent with Standard Model expectations. Limits are set on fiducial cross sections and on the branching ratio of the Higgs boson to decay into XX/ZX , improving those from previous publications by a factor between two and four. Limits are also set on mixing parameters relevant in extensions of the Standard Model containing a dark sector where X is interpreted to be a dark boson.

Comments: 65 pages in total, author list starting page 49, 20 figures, 6 tables, submitted to JHEP. All figures including auxiliary figures are available at [this http URL](#)


Subjects: **High Energy Physics – Experiment (hep-ex)**

Report number: CERN-EP-2021-193

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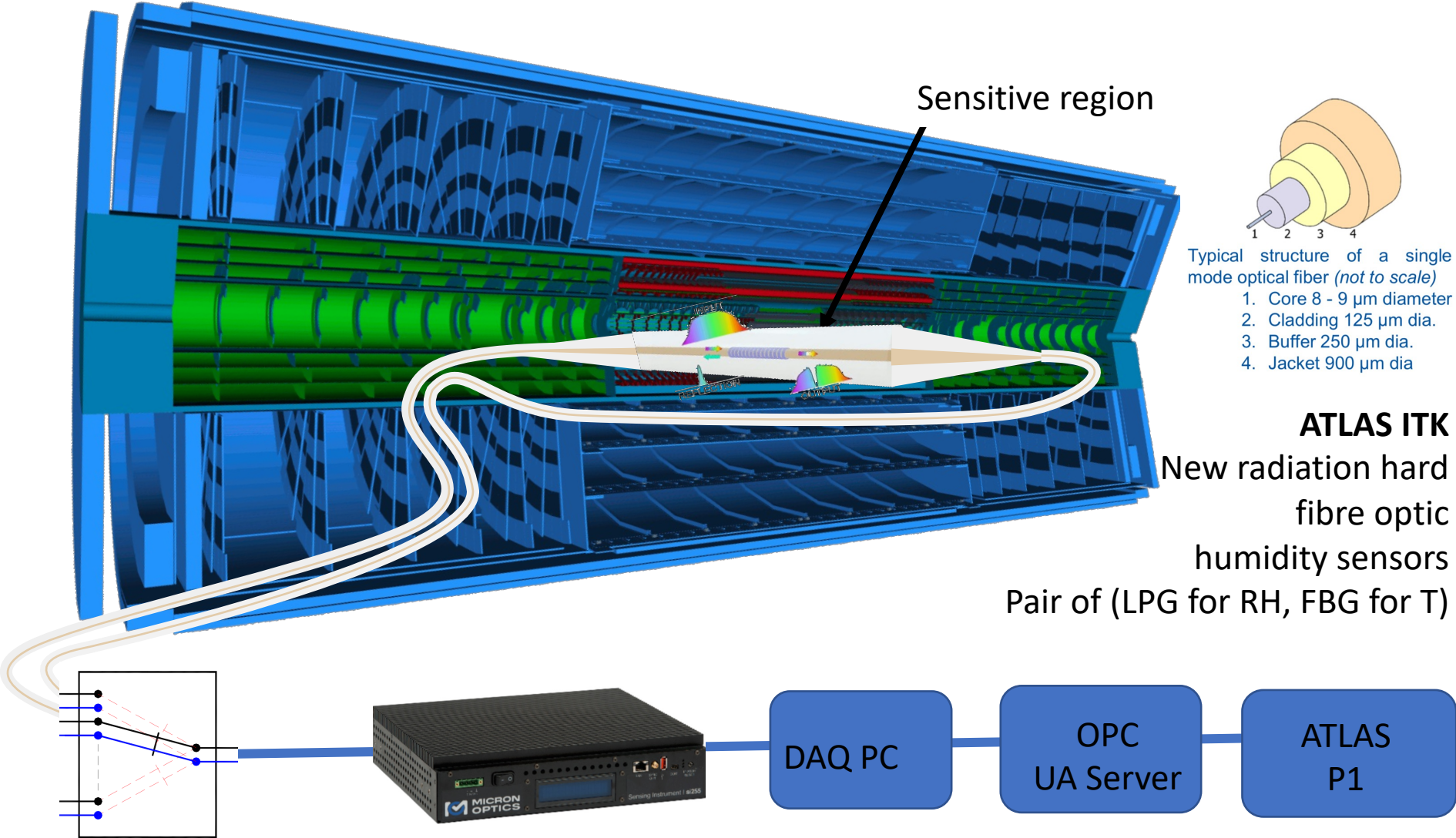
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Upgrade: Keeping the ITk dry. (Humidity / Temperature)

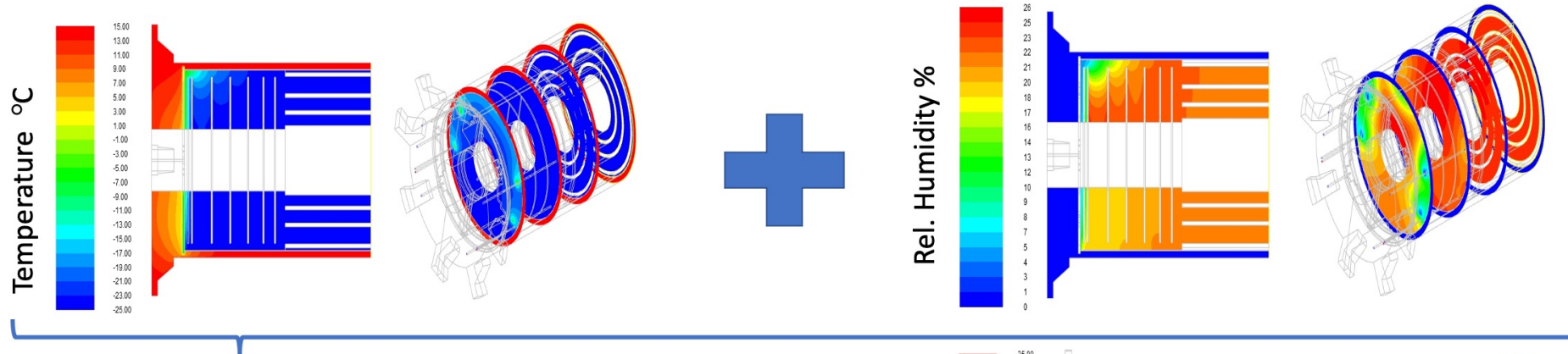


Upgrade: Keeping the ITk dry. (Humidity / Temperature)

CFD simulations for temperature and humidity distribution inside the detector volume ... lead by Dr Muaaz Bhamjee



ATLAS ITK Upgrade – N₂ Purging and Humidity Simulations

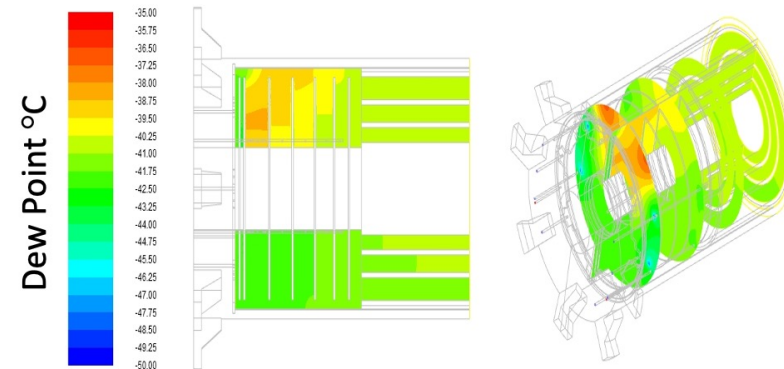


The Dew point was calculated using a the Bögel modification of the Magnus formula:

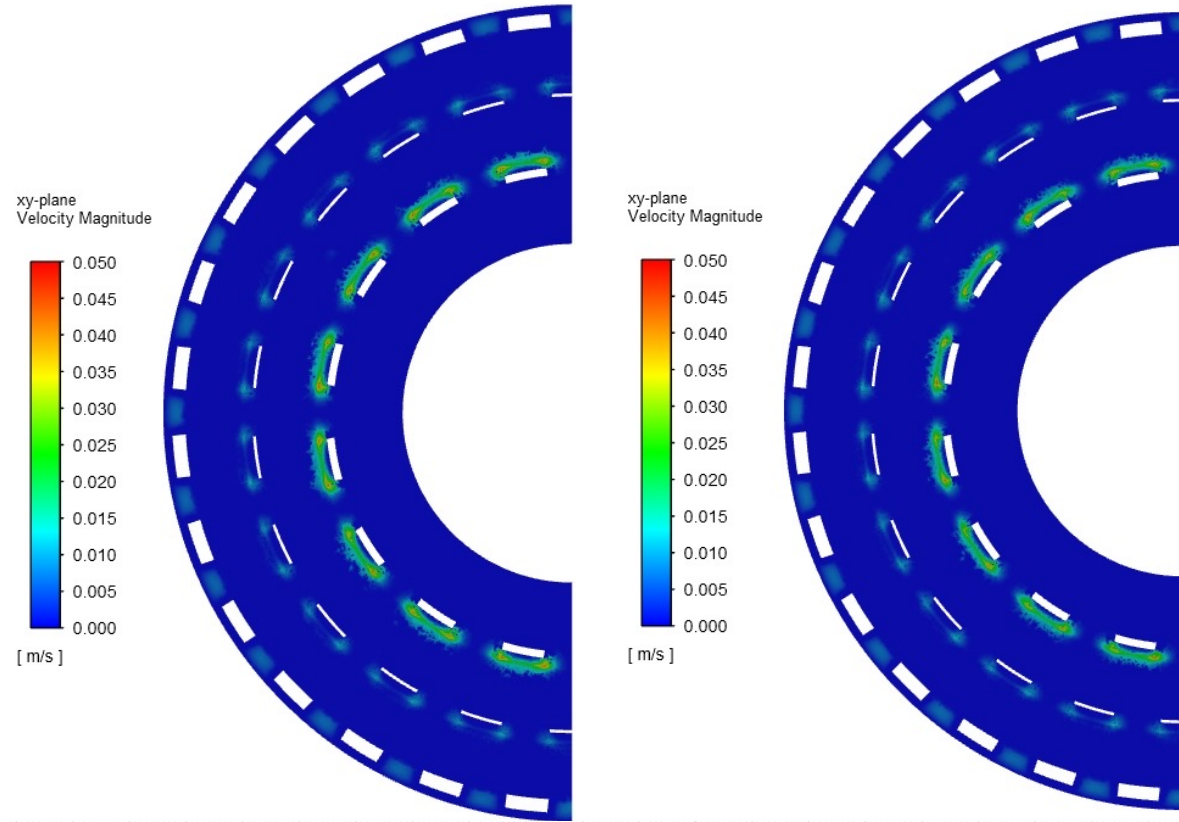
$$\gamma_m(T, RH) = \ln\left(\frac{RH}{100} e^{(b-T)/(c+T)}\right)$$

$$T_{dp} = \frac{c\gamma_m(T, RH)}{b - \gamma_m(T, RH)}$$

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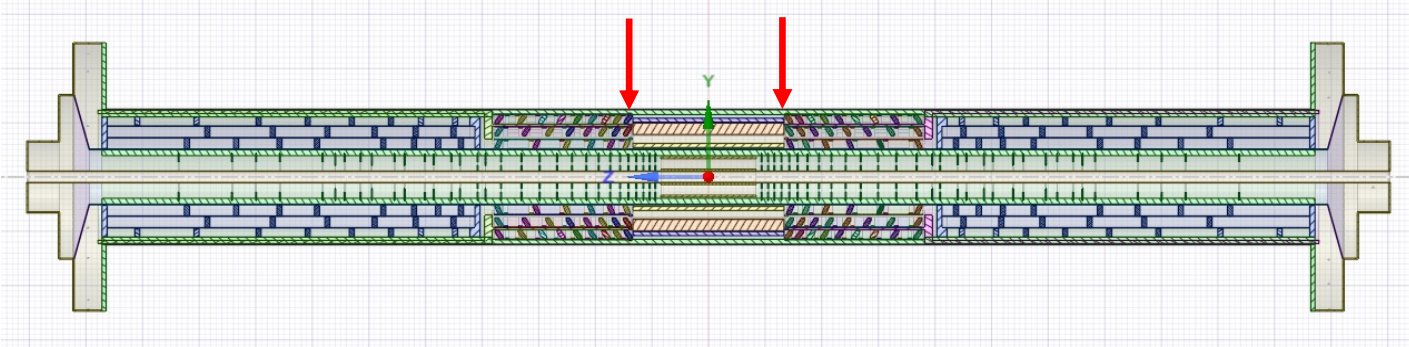


Outer Pixels

CFD simulations for temperature and humidity distribution inside the detector volume

Z +-375mm: 0.05 scale

- **Border between longerons and conical disc sections.**
- **Flow much faster towards the centre.**

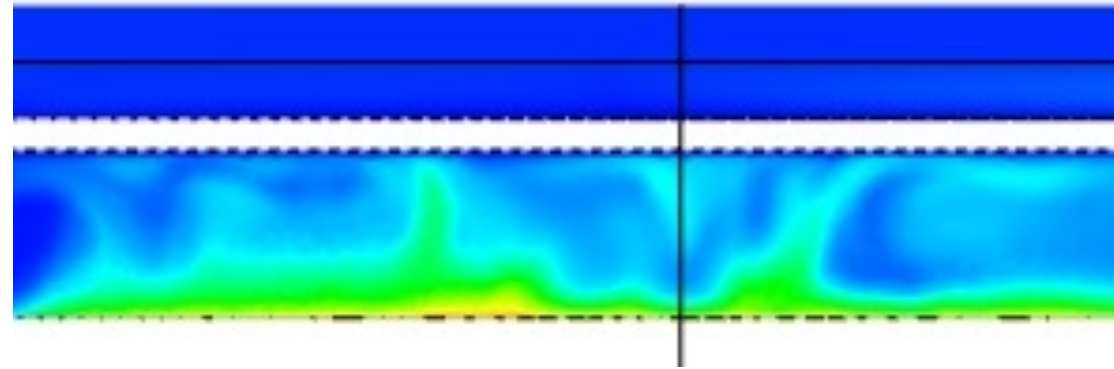


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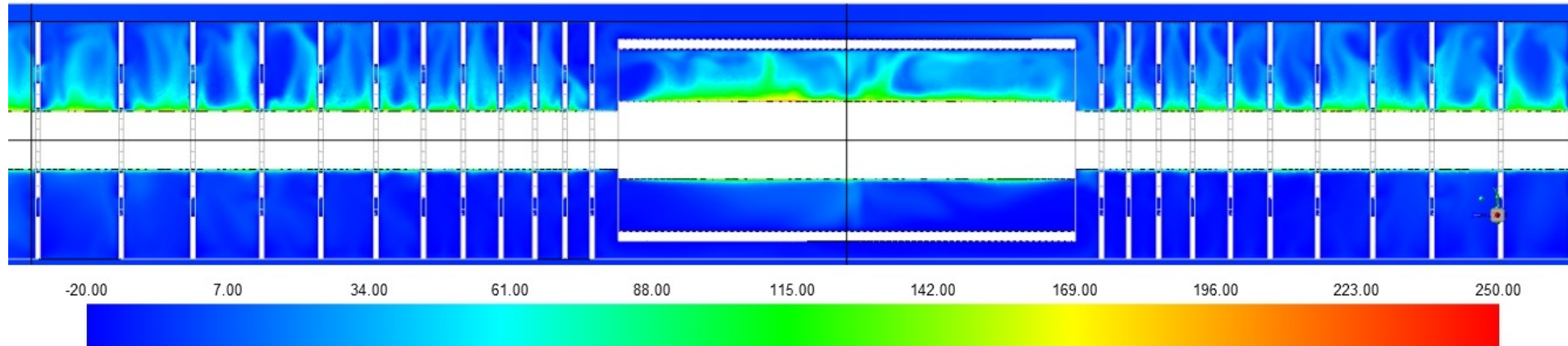
Inner Pixels

CFD simulations for temperature flow during bakeout ...

This version, thermals w/o radiation. Homogeneity improves slightly with radiation



ANSYS
2020 R2



Temperature

Towards Innovation

Research at ATLAS

1. Physics Discovery searches
2. Upgrade
3. Operation
4. Detector Development



Knowledge Hub, Networking and then Technology Transfer

1. Modern, pre-commercial high-performance sensors (detectors)
2. High throughput electronics
3. Intelligent DAQ
4. Big data
5. Data visualisation, reconstruction
6. High Performance Computing, Multi-CPU, GPU, AI, ML
7. Full Physics Modelling
8. Full Dress Rehearsal Experiments and Simulation
9. Digital Twins
10. Innovation, IP Protection, Commercialisation

(9 Patents filed in last 3 years)

(Many patentable disclosures pending decision)



Commercial Programmes

1. MinPET (discovery of diamond in Kimberlite)
2. Medial PET, PEPT for Mining, Poly PET, SPECT for Security
3. FOS in reactors, real-time, on-line, in-core
4. Public Health - CFD, Wearables AI, Epidemiology
5. Blaze-DEM
6. Ubuntu Reactors (Geant4)

2. Patents

1. MinPET : Detection of Diamonds, 2005/03/14, SA Patent Application 2006/08025, ARIPO Patent Application AP/P/2006/003753 and AP 1986, Canadian Patent Application 2,559,516, Australian Patent Application 2005220403 Russia Patent Application 2006135960 and 2334974, China Patent application 200580011607.9, India Patent Application 5365/DELNP/2006 [Patentscope](#)
2. MGRT : Method of Multiple Source and Detector Gamma Ray Tomographic Radiography, 2018/10/19, PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION (253LPS) PCT/IB2018/058162, [Patentscope](#)
3. MinPET 1 : Method and System for High Speed Detection of Diamonds, 2018/9/8, PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION P82286PC00, [Patentscope](#)
4. MinPET 2 : Detector Arrangement, Detection System and Method of Processing Data from a Detector Arrangement for High Throughput Data Handling, 2019/11/12, PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION P82287PC00m [Patentscope](#)
5. MinPET 3 : Method and System for Irradiating and Activating an Object, 2020/01/23, PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION P82288PC00, [Patentscope](#)
6. MinPET 4 : Reducing Artefacts in Positron Emission Tomography Image Reconstruction, 2020/06/24, PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION P82289ZP00, [Patentscope](#)
7. MinPET 5 : Detector Arrangement, Detection System and Method of Positioning a Detector Arrangement to Reduce Imaging Artefacts, 2020/07/30, PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION P82290PC00, [Patentscope](#)

Tech Transfer : Fibre Optic Sensors (from ATLAS ITk → Reactors)

Nuclear Energy

Radiation Hard, Moderate Temperature (300°C - 400°C)

- Koeberg (ESKOM) : Monitoring of temperature, neutron flux (power)
- Sense Temp, Dose, Water-level etc – in-core, on-line, real-time
- Fiber survival beyond 1×10^{21} n/cm² (epi-thermal) in SAFARI tests.
- R&D in progress.



+ other colleagues

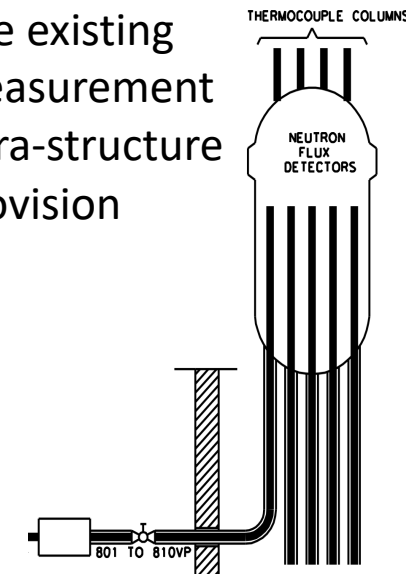


Tests so far equivalent to at least 2 G Gray, or two weeks in a 1GW PWR.



Improved reactor efficiency and safety.

Use existing measurement infra-structure provision



Public health

Preventing COVID-19 with Mathematical Modelling, Digital twins, AI and 4IR Engineered solutions

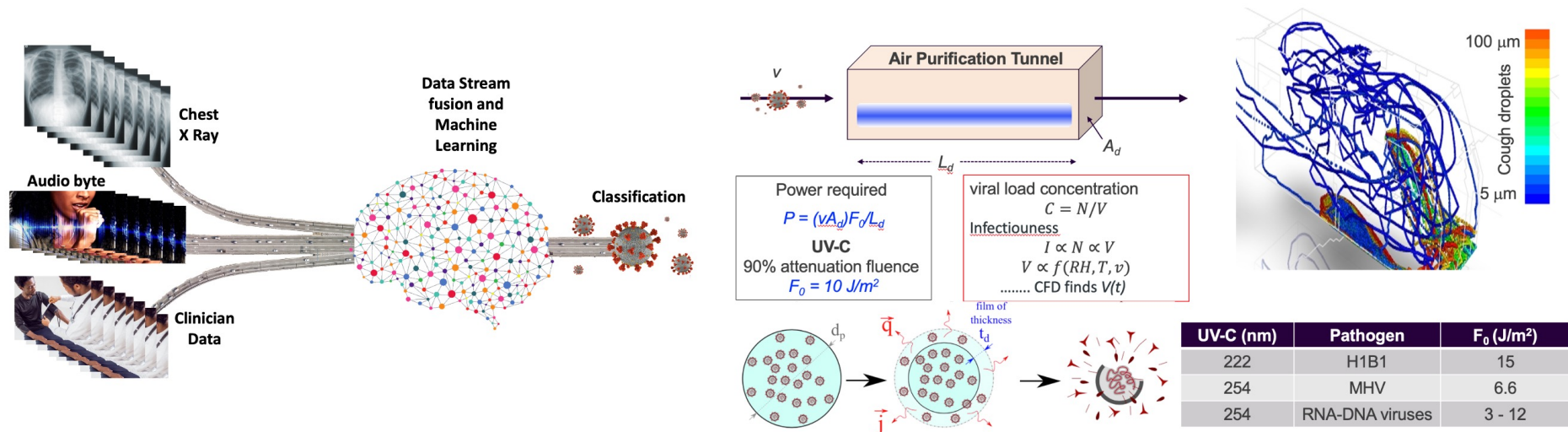
PI: Dr. Muaaz Bhamjee

Co-PIs: Prof. Charis Harley and Prof. Simon H. Connell

Faculty: Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment

Project Description:

1. The use of mathematical modelling (CFD + algorithms), digital twins and optimising 4IR engineered solutions to make public spaces safer. Novel feature is augmentation of CFD with two droplet infectiousness models.
2. Public Health, Artificial Intelligence and Diagnosis based on Multiple Data Sources - Chest X-rays, Audio Bytes, Clinician data, data processing and data fusion, longitudinal studies, develop machine learning augmentation of clinician diagnoses.



Timeline: Two years

The Institute for Collider Particle Physics



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University of the Witwatersrand



First ASFAP Particle Physics Day, 19/11/21

Outline of their recent talk and work

- **Overview**

 - **Current membership and scope**

- **Data analysis and Phenomenology**

 - **The world of anomalies**

 - **Role of Artificial Intelligence**

- **Instrumentation at ATLAS**

 - **Maintenance, operations, upgrade**

- **Human capacity development**

 - **Pipeline of future academics**

- **Technology transfer**

Current graduate students: (19 PhD + 23 MSc + 6 honors, 48 students)

Lawrence Christopher, PhD
Sukanya Sinha, PhD
Mvelo Dhlamini, MSc
Danielle Wilson, MSc
Karien du Plessis, MSc
Hannah Van Der Schyf, MSc
Roy Gusinow, MSc
Benjamin Lieberman, PhD
Joshua Choma, MSc
Hirmans Tabaharizato, PhD
Thuso Mathaha, MSc
Thabang Lebese, PhD
Phuti Rapheeha, PhD
Gaogalalwe Mokgatitswane, PhD
Edward Nkadimeng, PhD

Ryan McKenzie, MSc → PhD
Nkosiphendule Njara, MSc
Thabo Lepota, MSc
Humphry Tlou, PhD
Abdualazem Fadol, PhD
Onesimo Mtintsilana, PhD
Esra Shrif, PhD
Elias Malwa, MSc
Lerato Baloyi, PhD
Talemwa Kaheru, MSc
Malipalema Khang, MSc
Meghan Malaatjie, MSc
Nidhi Tripathi, PhD
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Finn Stevenson, MSc
Ralekete Temo, MSc
Mpho Gololo, PhD
Ronewa Nemalili, MSc
Ayanda Thwala, MSc
Othmane Mouane, PhD
Tshepo Mahafa, PhD
Nicholas Perikli, MSc
Sanele Gumede, MSc

+ 6 honors students

**Over 30 prizes
and awards**

Post-doctoral fellows:

Tashnuva Choudri, Salah Dahbi, Abhaya Swain + 3 new fellows

Engineers and technical staff: Fernando Carrio, Roger van Rensburg

Academics:

Deepak Kar, Betty Kibirige, Mukesh Kumar, Xifeng Ruan, Bruce Mellado



Positions of Leadership at ATLAS

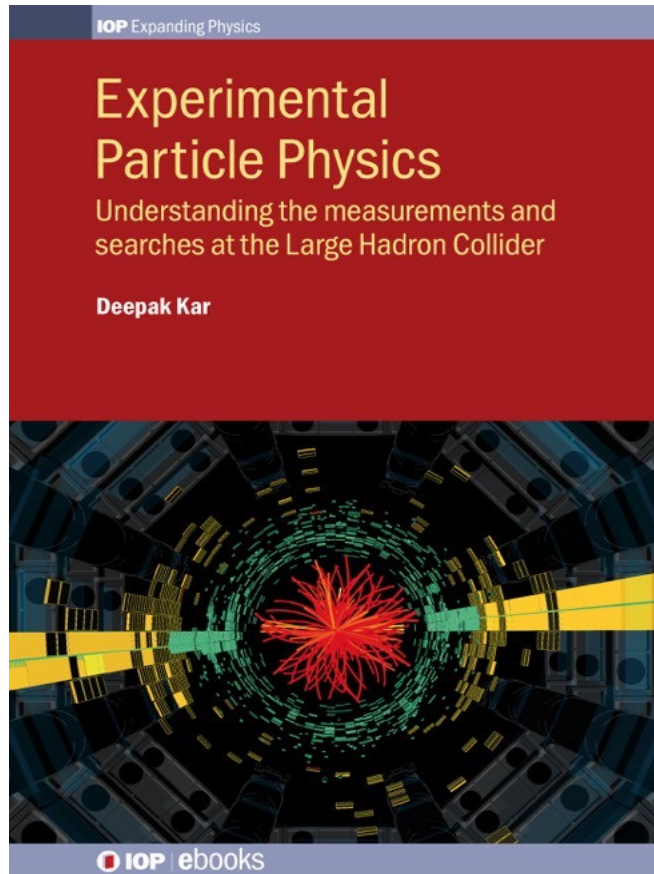
(past two years)

Name	Position	Area
Edward Nkadimeng	Convenor of LVPS working group	Instrumentation
Humphry Tlou	TileCal run coordinator	Instrumentation
Ryan McKenzie	TileCal run coordinator	Instrumentation
Bruce Mellado	Chairperson of the Institutional Board of the Tile Calorimeter, TileCal management	Instrumentation
Bruce Mellado	Level 2 Manager of the TileCal Phase II upgrade	Instrumentation
Xifeng Ruan	Lead contact of analysis group	Data analysis
Sukanya Sinha	Lead contact of analysis group	Data analysis
Yesenia Hernandez	Lead contact of analysis group	Data analysis

Strive at having a strong presence at the ATLAS experiment

The book!

Prof. Deepak Kar



First book to focus on experimental data analysis techniques.

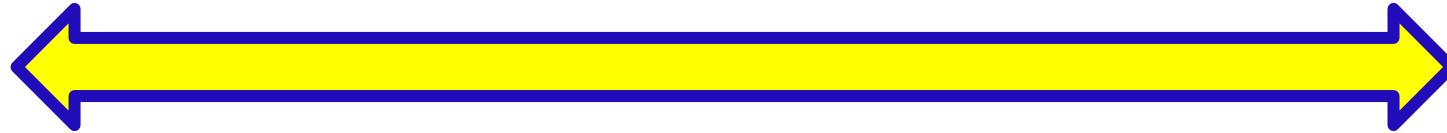
An one stop resource for beginning students in the field, downloaded many times and acclaimed by readers!

Scope of Research

Physics through data analysis

Analysis of ATLAS Data
Experimental HEP,
experimental techniques,
Big Data

Artificial Intelligence
Machine Learning,
Data analytics,
Statistics



Particle Physics
Phenomenology
HEP Theory,
Connection with SKA
and future facilities

Radiation studies
Nuclear Physics,
Material sciences,
Chemistry, NECSA,
iThemba LABS,
SASOL etc..

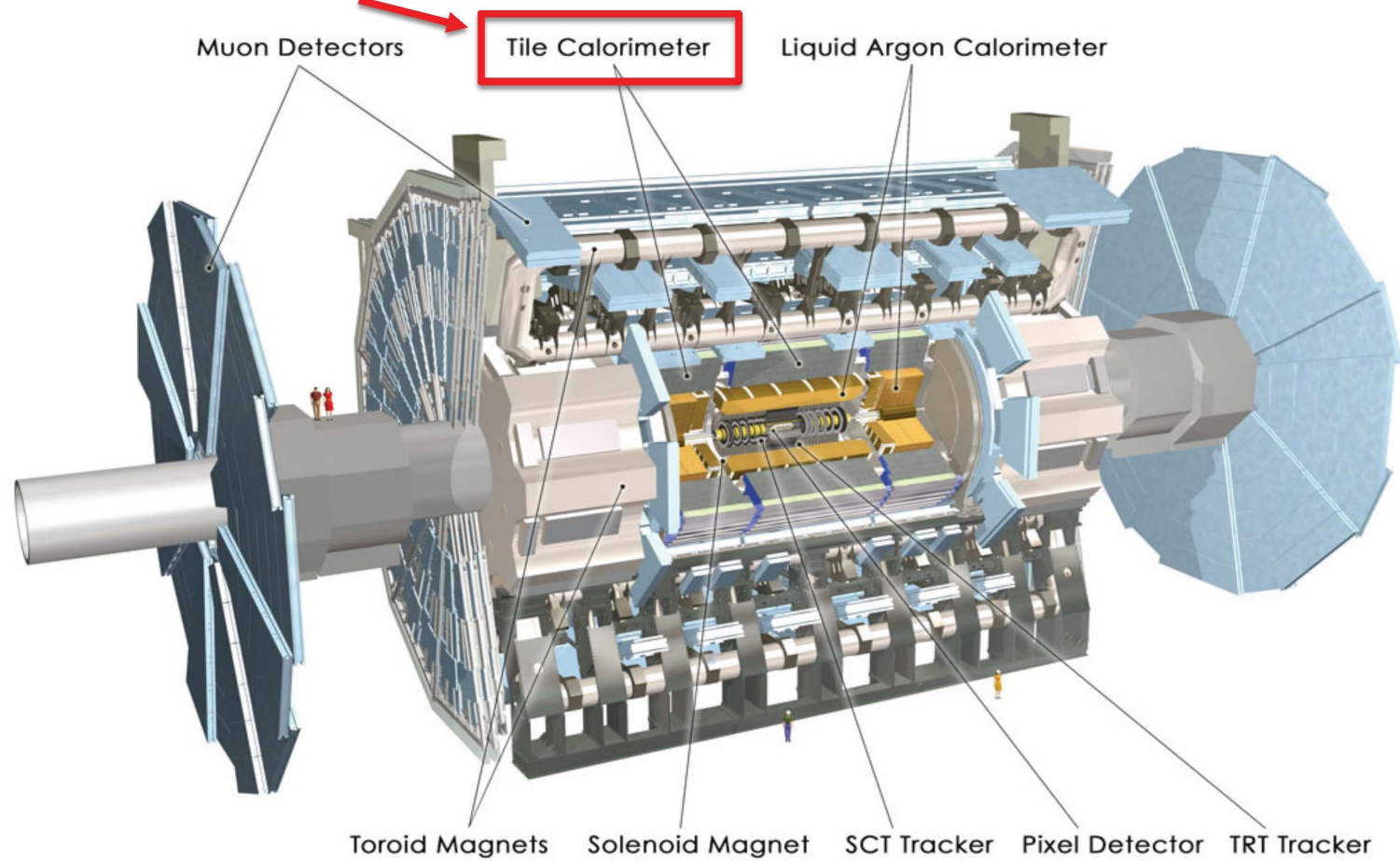
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Electrical
engineering,
industry

Theory

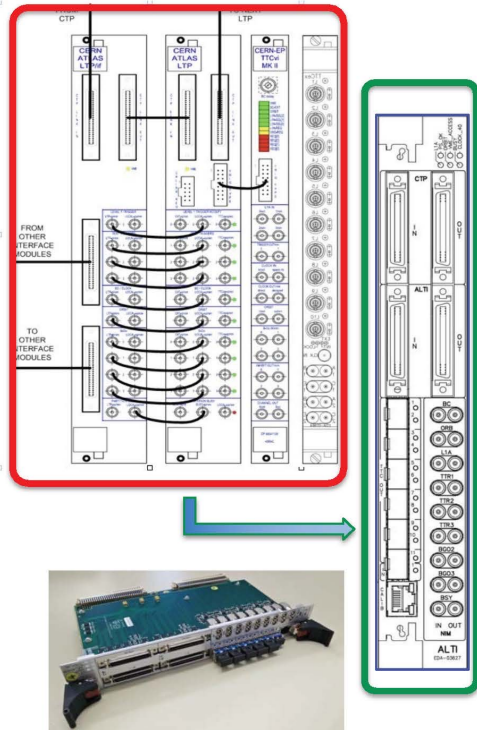
Instrumentation

The ATLAS Detector

ICPP contribution



Phase-I upgrade



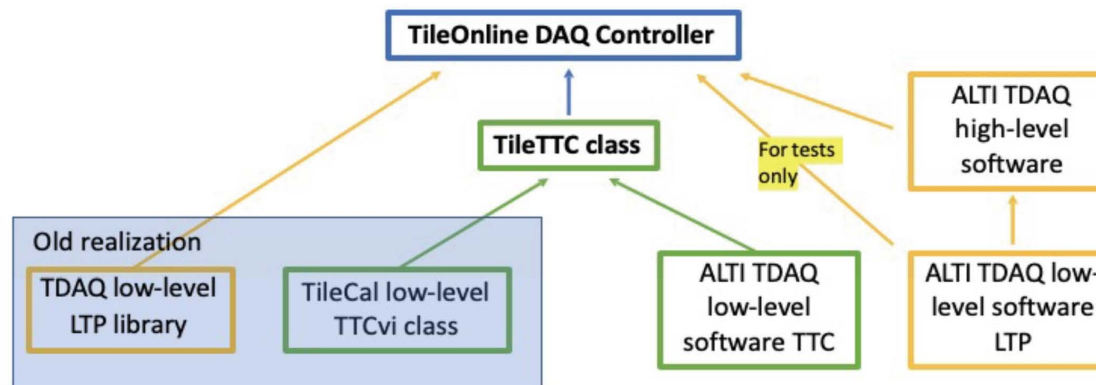
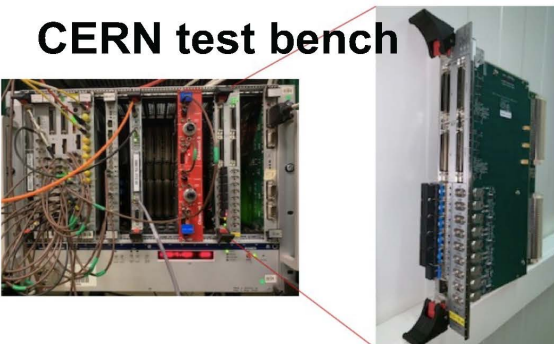
ATLAS Local Trigger Interface (ALTI)

Set of local trigger processor boards (LTPi, LTP, TTCvi, TTCex) replaced by a single ALTI board

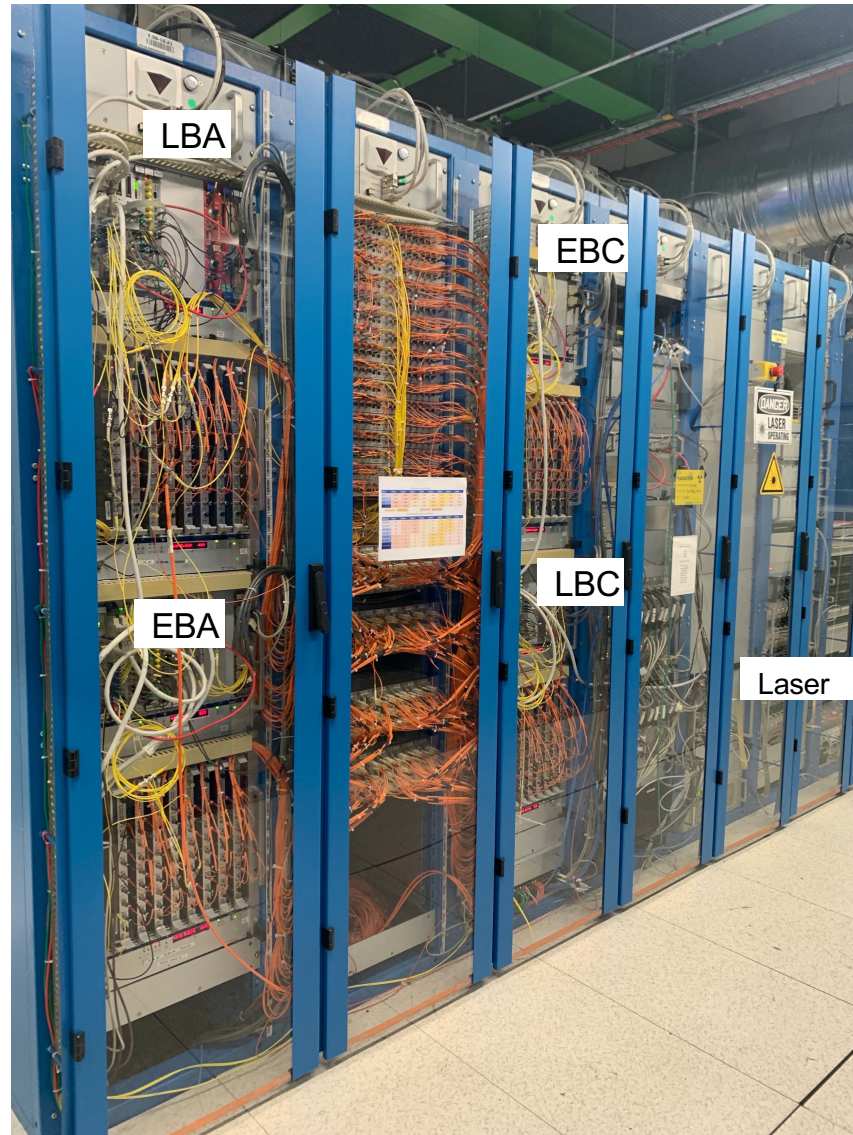
- ❑ Aging legacy modules, spares (obsolete components)
- ❑ New sub-systems in Run-3 need new TTC modules

TileCal Online software now incorporates new TileTTC class functionalities, compatible with the ALTI and TTCvi systems

- ❑ Tested and installed in P1 in July 2021

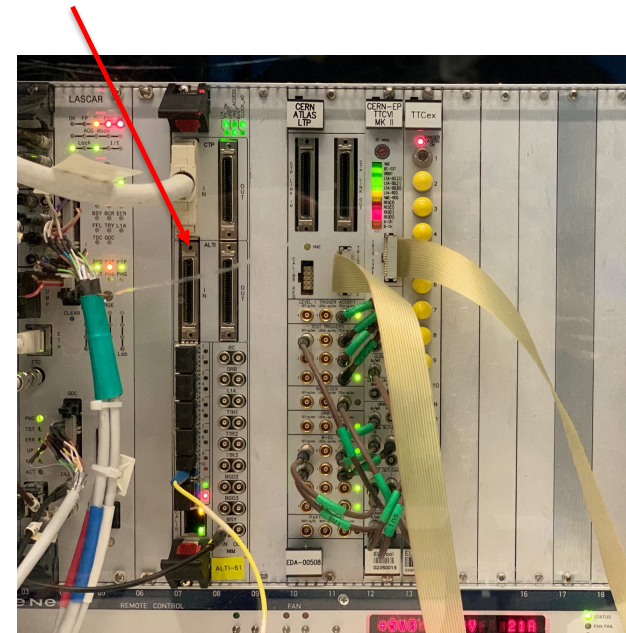


Installation of ALTI boards in the USA15 cavern

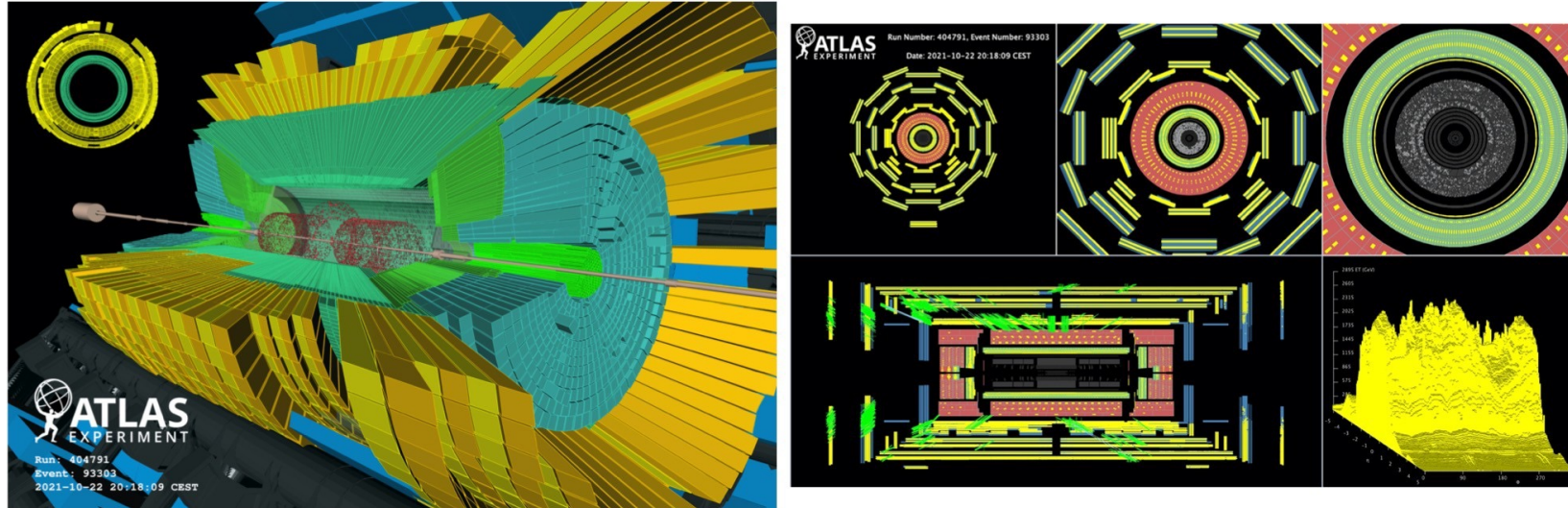


Started on the 29th of July to the end of the first week of August ALTI boards were installed in the TTC crates of LBA, LBC, EBA, EBC and the Laser crate.

ALTI board in Laser crate



The TileCal ALTI system tested during Run 3 pilot run



- ❑ The TileCal subsystem was included in the ATLAS combined run
- ❑ ATLAS successfully recorded 25-30 beam splashes from each beam on the 22nd of October 2021
- ❑ a view of a few event displays from the run is shown on the ATLANTIS display
- ❑ the TileCal ALTI system has been fully validated and is now ready for Run 3 data-taking

Phase-I Upgrade activities: Assembly, quality checks and installation of the gap scintillator counters on the ATLAS detector

During Run-2 (2015-2018) data-taking period of the LHC, Crack and MBTS scintillators were degraded by radiation and had to be replaced with more radiation-hard scintillators as part of the phase-I upgrade.

Upgrade activities consisted:

- Re-design of the crack and MBTS counters
- Assembly of detector modules
- Qualification and characterization using radioactive sources (Strontium-90 and Cesium-137)
- Installation on the ATLAS detector

ASSEMBLY (Crack and MBTS)

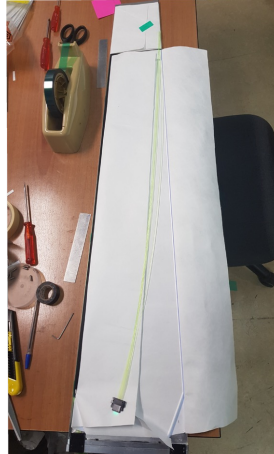
E3 Scintillator slab



Slab wrapping



Fibre placement



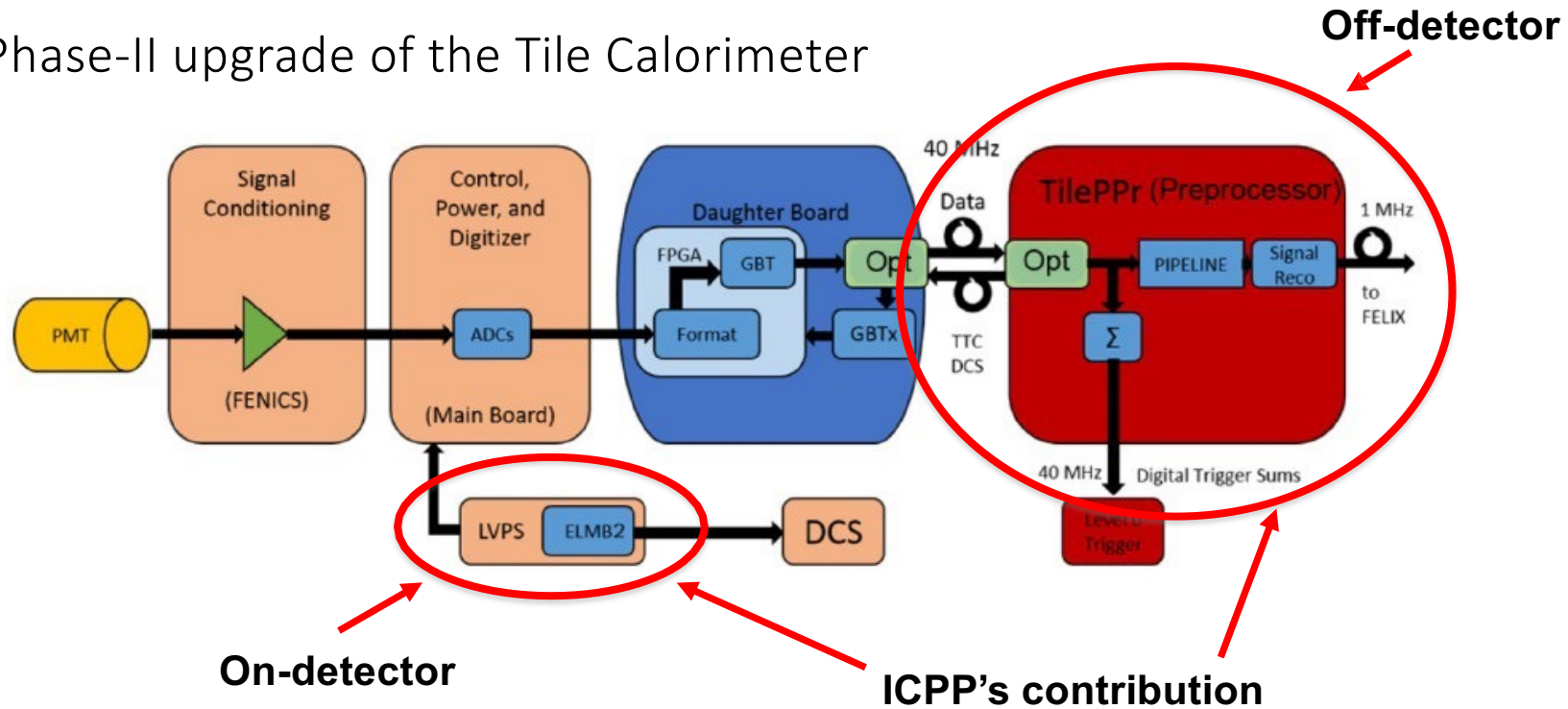
Encapsulation with Al



Assembled modules



Phase-II upgrade of the Tile Calorimeter

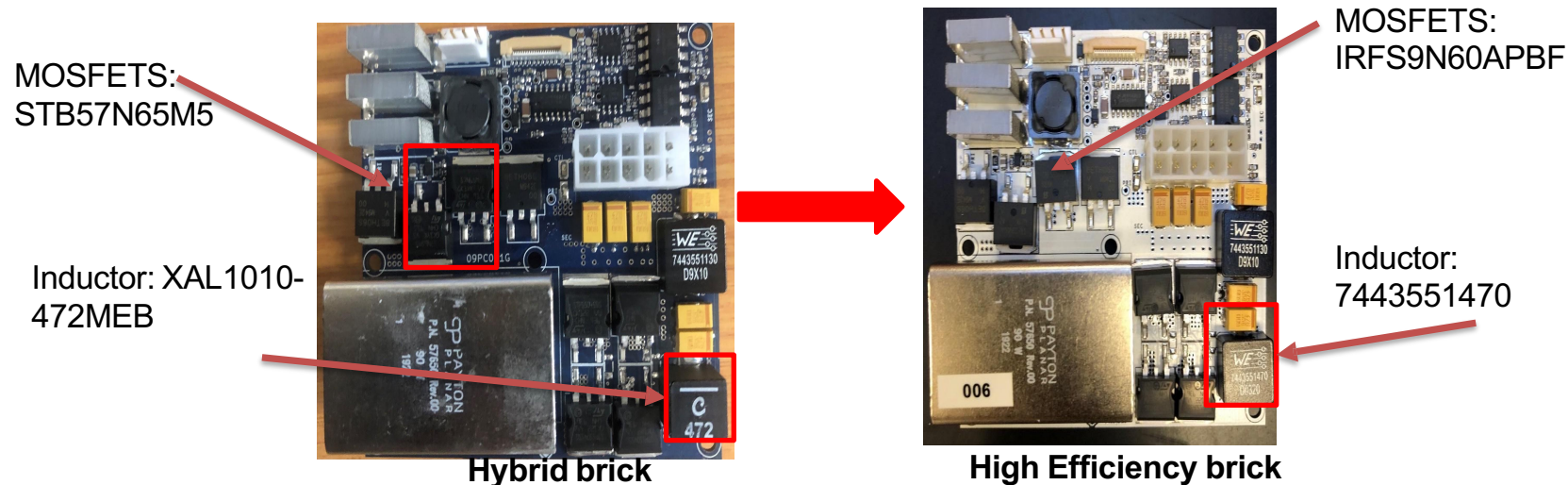


South Africa's contribution to the TileCal Phase-II Upgrade is

1. 50% of the production of the Low Voltage Power Supplies (LVPS)
 - Fully manufactured in South Africa
 - Fully tested in South Africa
2. 24% of the production of the Tile Preprocessor (PPr)
 - Two of the boards within the PPr fully manufactured in SA
 - Contribute to fare-share share of FPGAs and Back-ends

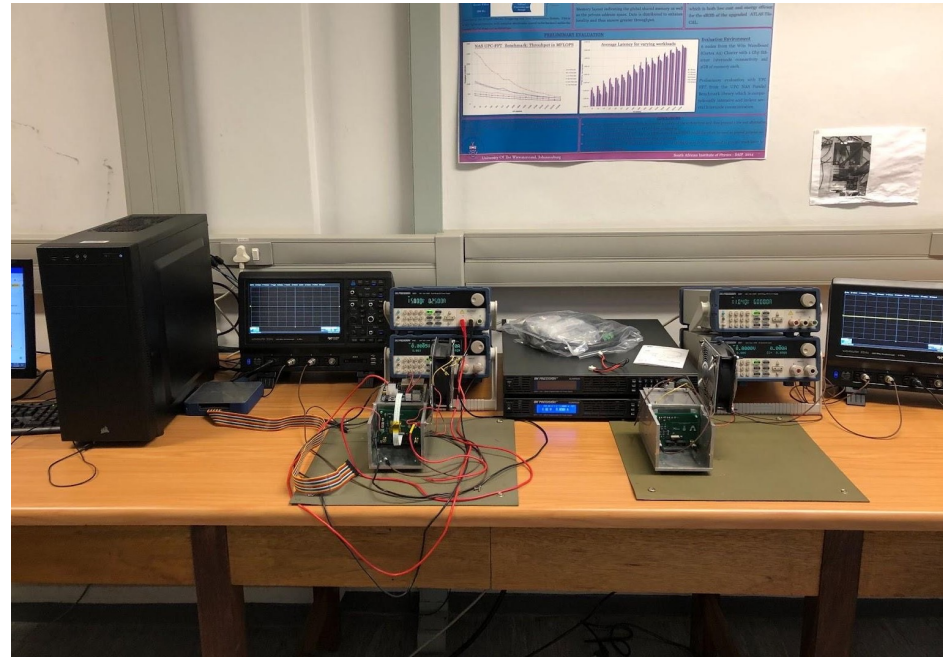
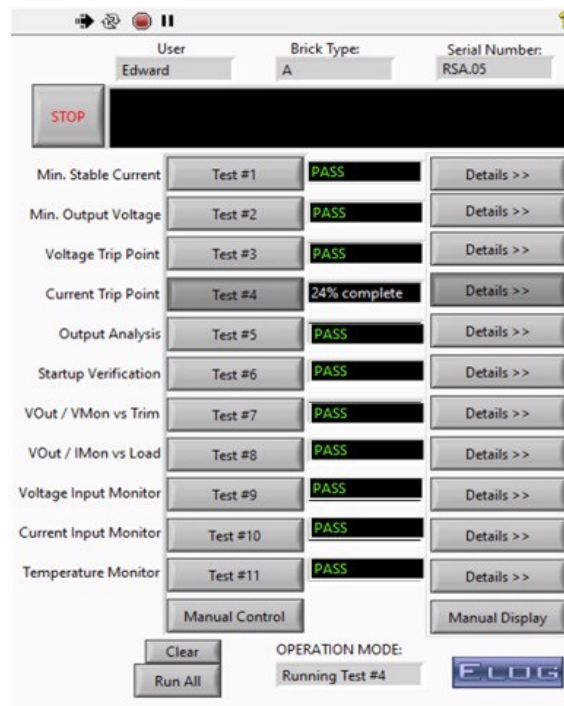
Brick production in South Africa

- ❑ Latest round of eight (8) bricks were populated in May 2021
- ❑ All 8 of these bricks were shipped to CERN to be used in several vertical slice tests
- ❑ Test performed on all bricks showed expected behaviour as per specification requirements
- ❑ Changes made on for the hybrid to the latest high efficiency bricks shown on labels



Individual brick test bench

- ❑ Two test benches are being commissioned with the LabVIEW control software being modified to include some new tests and remove the obsolete tests
- ❑ Test setup comprises of a single brick running on a mechanical fixture. Test bench based on computer controlling and reading out equipment which perform the tests in LabVIEW



South Africa: Activities in ALICE

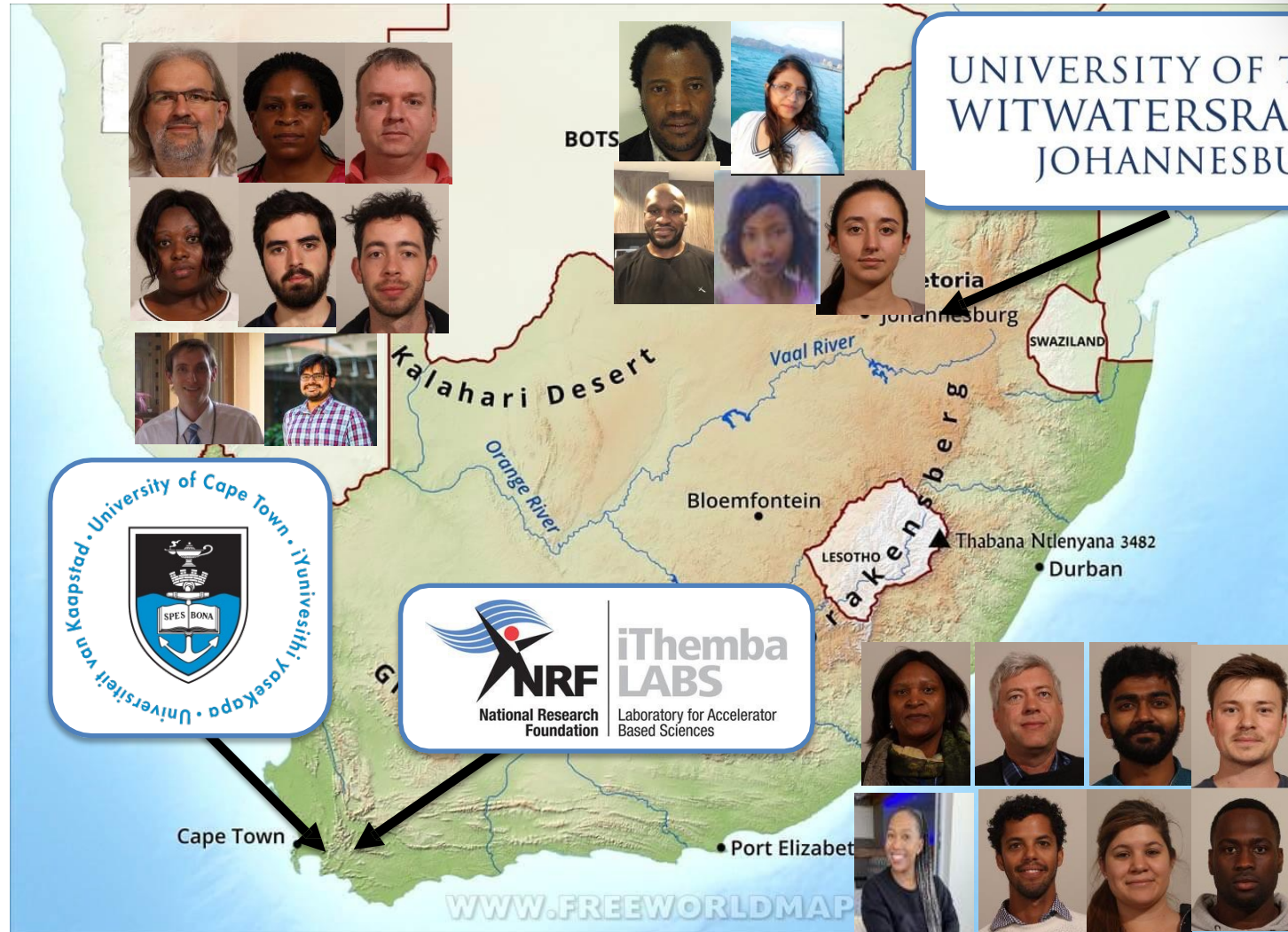


ALICE

**Zinhle Buthelezi,
for SA-ALICE**

**First ASFAP Particle Physics Day,
African Strategy for Fundamental Physics & Applications
18 November 2021**

ALICE in South Africa



South Africa and ALICE

Transition
Radiation
Detector



ZDC
~116m from I.P.

VO
TO

Muon
Tracker



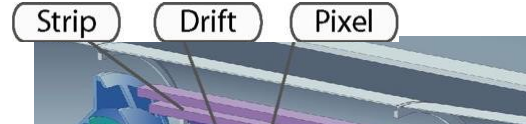
Maintenance and operations

Physics:

- Muon
- Photon Physics

ALICE Upgrade

OUTREACH (International Masterclasses)



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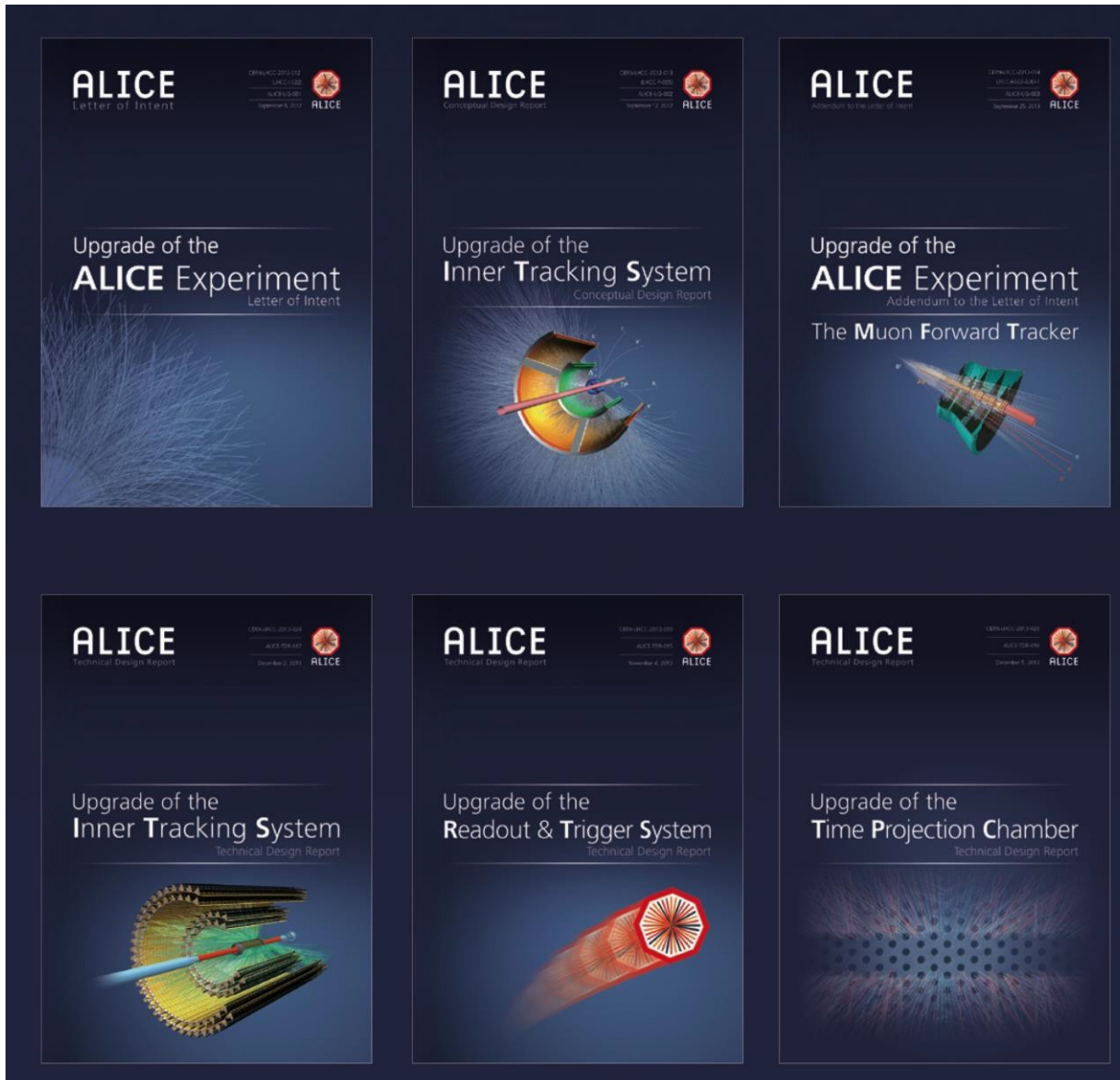
DIPOLE
MAGNET

ALICE COLLABORATION

Identifier



ALICE Upgrade



Main Goal:

- 100x more collisions
- 50 kHz event rate
- all events recorded

Scheduled for 2019/21

Upgrade Projects



Muon Identifier: Common Readout Unit

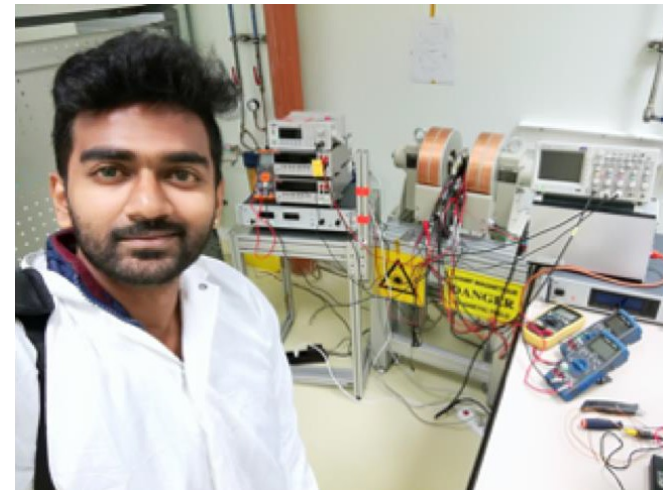
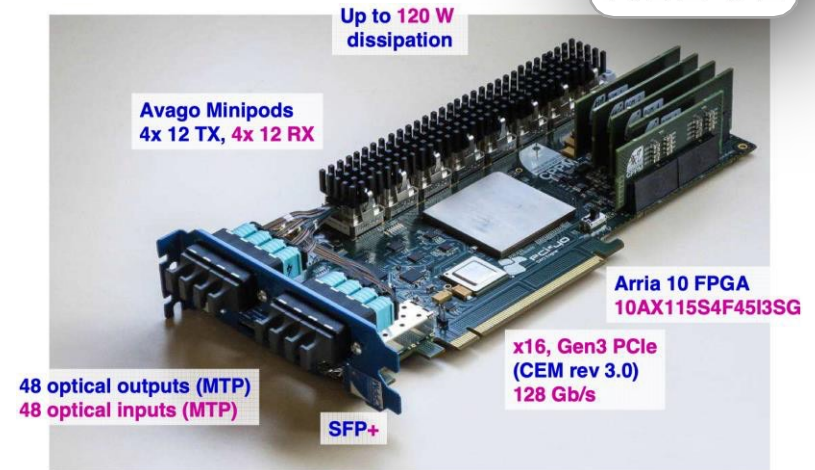
- VHDL firmware development
- Gen3 x16 PCIe card with Arria-10 FPGA and 48 optical inputs/outputs
- on-the-fly data conditioning @ 51.2Gb/s
- **Collaboration with French Labs: Subatech in Nantes & Clermont-Ferrand**

Muon Tracking: Low-Voltage System

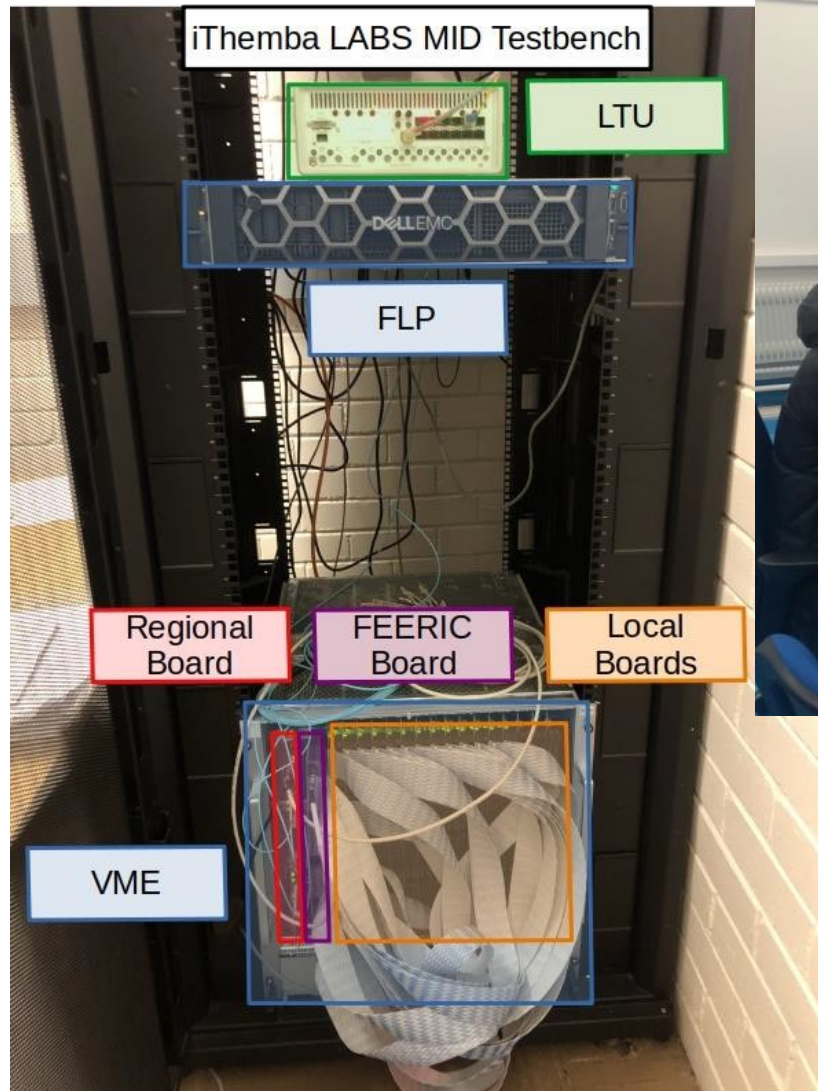
- challenges: high radiation, strong magnetic field
- circuit design, component selection, testing
- control system development
- **Collaboration with Italy (Cagliari) & France (Saclay and Orsay)**

Transition Radiation Detector: Online Data Processing

- simulation, calibration and reconstruction
- integrated in ALICE Online-Offline (O²) upgrade
- distributed high-throughput computing @ 5GB/s
- **Collaboration with German institutes**



MID Readout Test Stand @ iThemba LABS

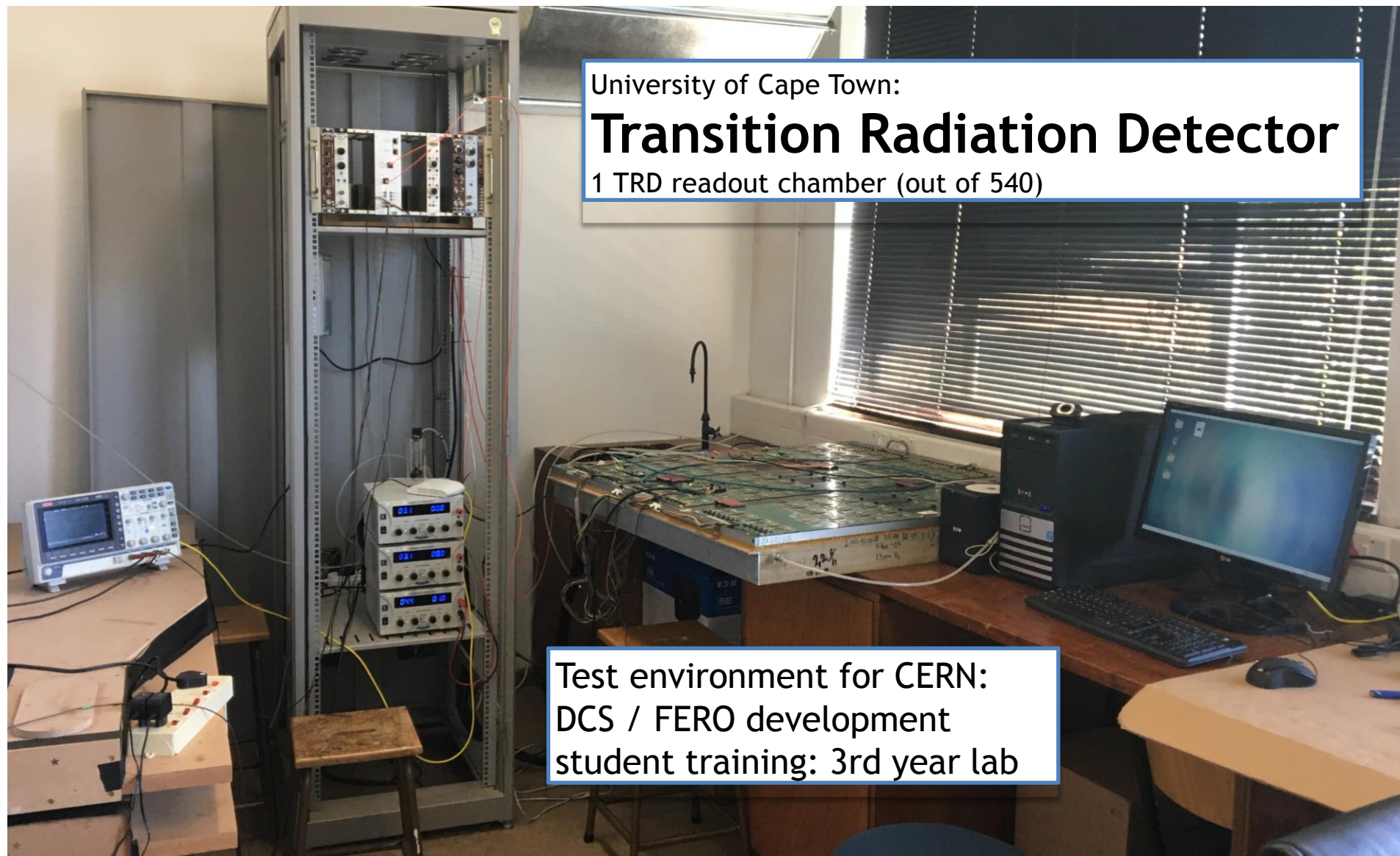


Muon Identifier (MID) Common Readout Unit (CRU)

- FPGA/VHDL CRU firmware development
- High-throughput electronics
- Full setup of MID electronics, trigger, DAQ



TRDlab @ UCT



University of Cape Town:

Transition Radiation Detector

1 TRD readout chamber (out of 540)

Test environment for CERN:
DCS / FERRO development
student training: 3rd year lab

Remote Operation Site @ UCT



- Travel restrictions for many countries
- Limited availability of shifters at CERN in 2021
- Fall-back solution for 2022

Outreach: International Masterclasses



International programme led by CERN
“one day as a physicist”
up to 50 students from 25 schools per year
Pandemic: Online masterclasses??

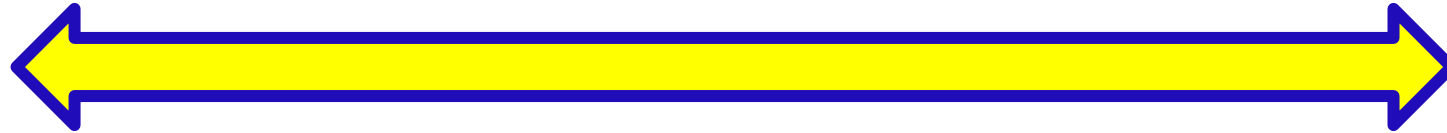
Scope of Research + Co-Impact + Future

WITS, UCT+ ALICE + UJ + SKA+SA-CERN + Health

Physics through data analysis

Analysis of ATLAS Data **Experimental**
HEP, experimental techniques, Big Data
(Future SKA, Astroparticle-physics
parameter constraints)

Artificial Intelligence Machine
Learning, Data analytics,
Statistics, SKA-CERN Computing
Synergies, CHPC, Health



Particle Physics
Phenomenology
HEP Theory,
Connection with SKA
and future facilities

Radiation studies
Nuclear Physics,
Material sciences,
Chemistry, NECSA,
iThemba LABS, SASOL
etc.. (+ MinPet, Nuclear)

Analog and Fast Digital
Electronics.
Electrical (and Mechanical)
Engineering (Sensors, CFD),
Industry

Theory

Instrumentation

The UJ-ATLAS and Associated Innovation Group + UNISA + UWC

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- Nicolin Govender (Prof)
- Loan Truong (Lecturer, Visiting Prof)
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- Emmanuel Igumbor
- Hasina Ralijaona



+ many colleagues from ATLAS
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BNL



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- Tim Brooks (SRA UJ)



2019/2/22

UJ-ATLAS

The Institute for Collider Particle Physics



First ASFAP Particle Physics Day, 19/11/21

THE ACADEMICS

A SHORT HISTORY OF UCT INVOLVEMENT WITH ATLAS

- Started by Andrew Hamilton in 2011 (no longer an ATLAS member)
- Sahal Yacoob joined in 2015
- James Keaveney joined in 2019 Currently top quark cross-sections group co-convenor

A relatively small group



Andrew



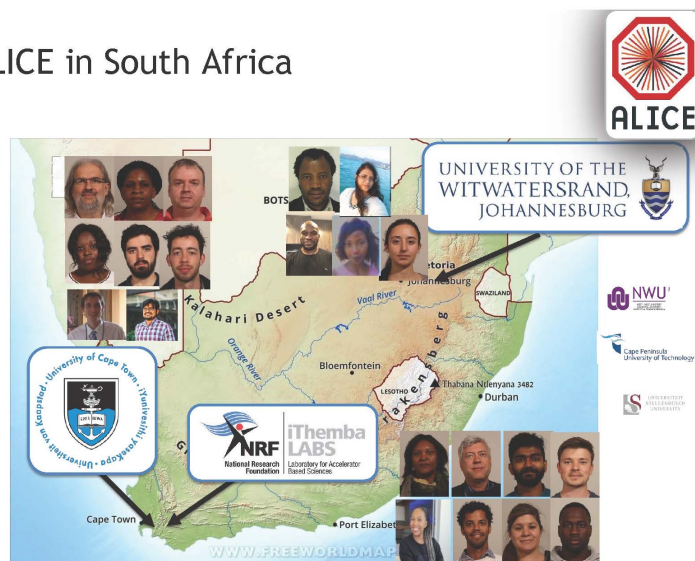
Sahal



James



ALICE in South Africa



HUMAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

STUDENTS

- Students Graduated:
 - 16 MSc (including engineers)
 - Most continued in academia
 - 1 PhD
 - Currently a post-doc on ATLAS
- Current Students
 - 4 MSc
 - 3 PhD

