

# Track reconstruction in Level 1 trigger for the Phase 2 upgrade of the CMS detector



**G. Karathanasis**



University of Colorado  
Boulder

16/09/2022

# Large Hadron Collider

## Large hadron collider (LHC):



- 26.7 km circumference
- 175 m depth
- 1200 dipoles
- 1.9 K temperature
- 13.0 TeV
- ~2800 bunches
- 40 MHz collision rate

## Physics motivation:

- Search for the Higgs boson particle
- Precision measurements of W, Z and top
- Rare decays of b – hadrons
- Beyond Standard Model:
  - SuperSymmetry
  - Extra dimensions
  - Leptoquark
  - ....

# Large Hadron Collider

## Large hadron collider (LHC):



- 26.7 km circumference
- 175 m depth
- 1200 dipoles
- 1.9 K temperature
- 13.0 TeV
- ~2800 bunches
- 40 MHz collision rate

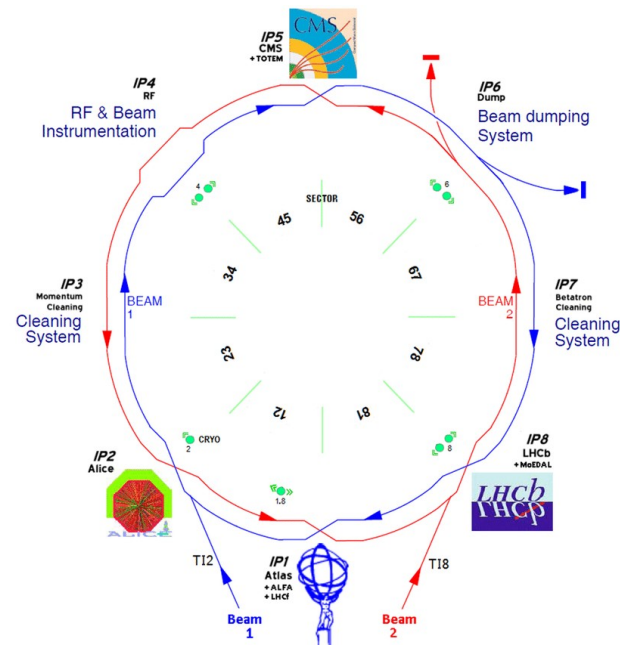
## Physics motivation:

- Search for the Higgs boson particle → [arXiv:1207.7235](#) and many more
- Precision measurements of W, Z and top → [arXiv:1701.07240](#) and many more
- Rare decays of b – hadrons → [arXiv:1307.5025](#) and many more
- Beyond Standard Model:
  - SuperSymmetry
  - Extra dimensions
  - Leptoquark
  - ....

**No hint of BSM phenomena (yet)**

# Experiments at LHC

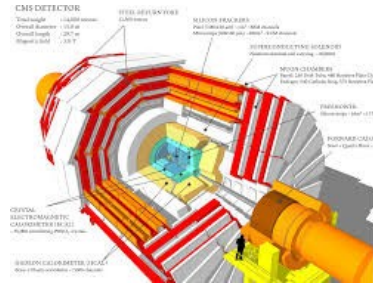
- Beams collide in 8 interaction points (IP)
- 4 IP have a detector which corresponds to a different collaboration
- Experiments: ATLAS, ALICE, CMS, LHCb



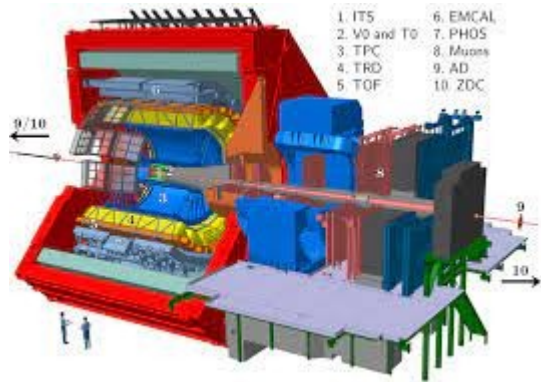


# Experiments at LHC

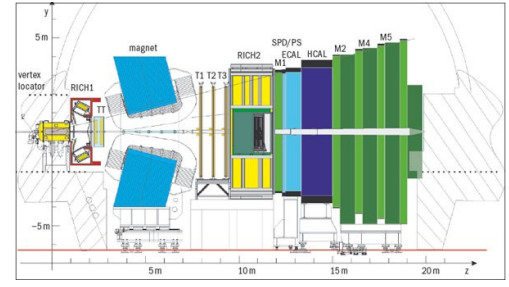
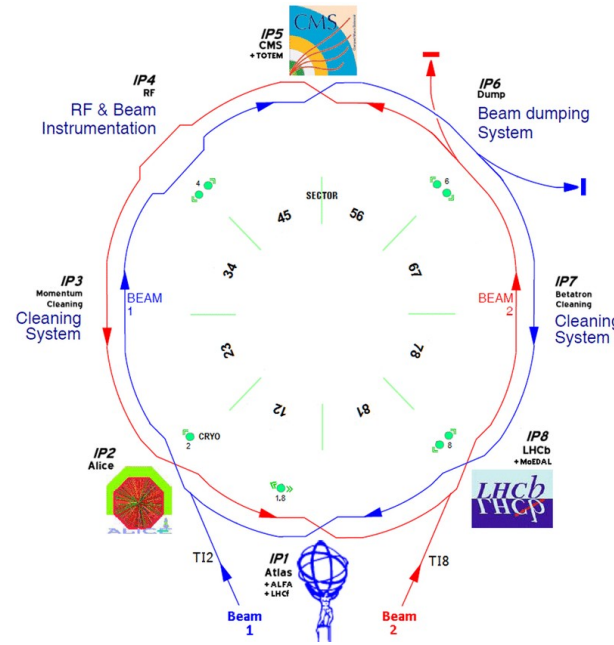
- Beams collide in 8 interaction points (IP)
- 4 IP have a detector which corresponds to a different collaboration
- Experiments: ATLAS, ALICE, CMS, LHCb



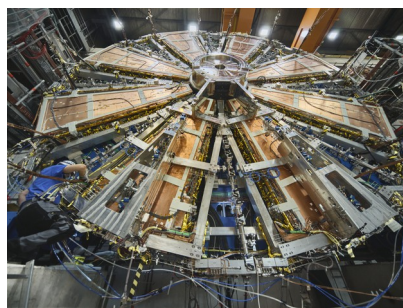
- CMS: Compact Muon Solenoid
- Large general-purpose Detector



- ALICE: A Large Ion Collider Experiment
- Specialized in heavy-ion (Pb-Pb) collisions
- Designed primarily for quark-gluon plasma measurements



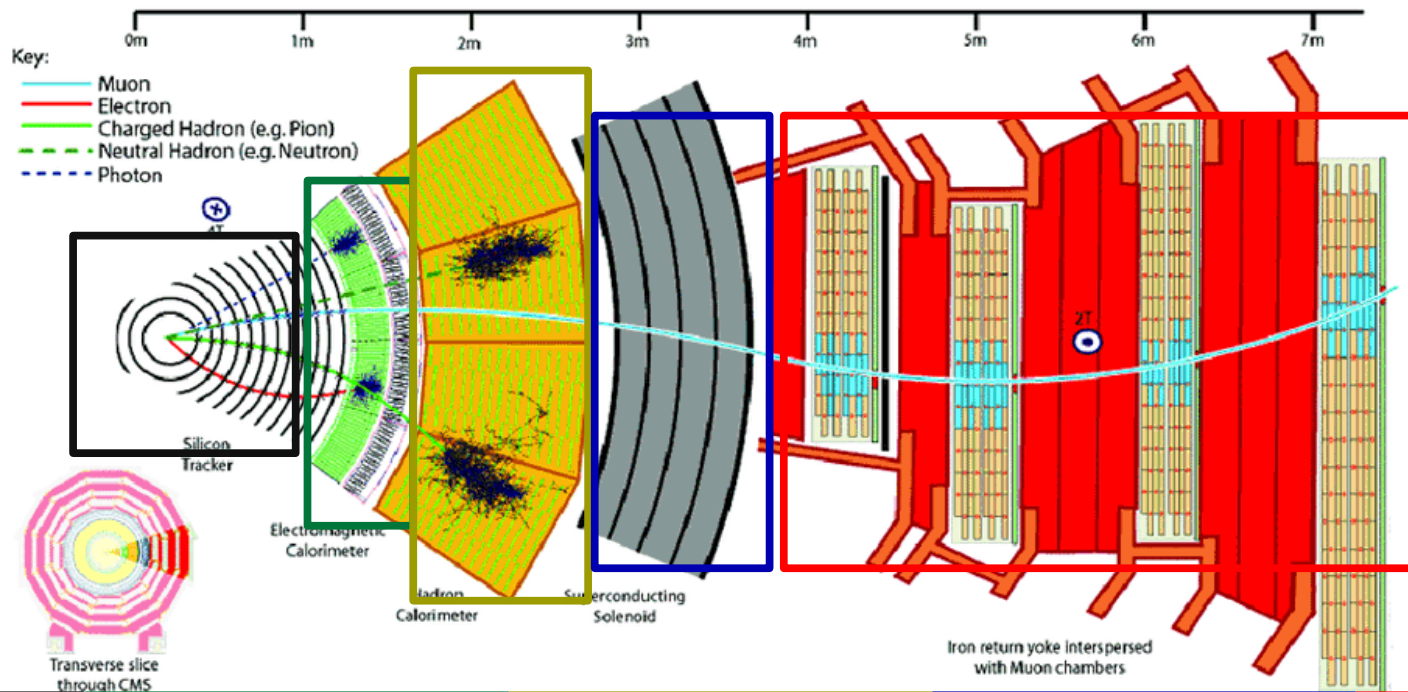
- LHCb
- Specialized b-physics experiment
- Designed primarily for CP violation measurements



- ATLAS: A Toroidal LHC Apparatus
- Large general-purpose Detector

# The CMS Detector

TDR



## Tracker:

- Pixels in the core
- Silicon strips around
- In 2017 an extra inner layer added
- Total 14(15) layers in Barrel(endcaps)
- Reconstructs the trajectory of charged particles
- Excellent measurement of position

## ECAL:

- Homogeneous calorimeter
- Lead tungstate (PbWO<sub>3</sub>) scintillator
- 61,200 crystals in barrel
- 1,700 crystals in endcap
- Measures the energy of e and  $\gamma$
- Very good energy resolution

## HCAL:

- Heterogeneous calorimeter
- Interleaved heavy material with scintillator layers
- Measures the energy of hadrons
- Indirect measurement of non-interacting particles (like  $\nu$ )

## Magnet:

- Central device
- Large solenoid magnet
- Field up to 4T
- Bends charged particles to measure their momentum

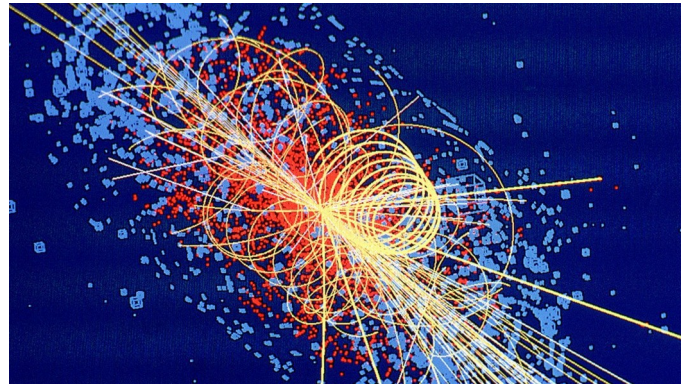
## Muon:

- Position exploits that muons are penetrating particles
- Very clean signatures
- Gaseous detectors of three types
- Drift tubes (barrel), CSC (endcap), RPC (barrel+endcap)

## Trigger overview

---

# Current Trigger architecture



**Collisions**  
40 MHz

Excessive amount of data!  
Technically cannot be stored entirely and also most events interesting. Need a way to select the interesting subset

Level 1 100kHz

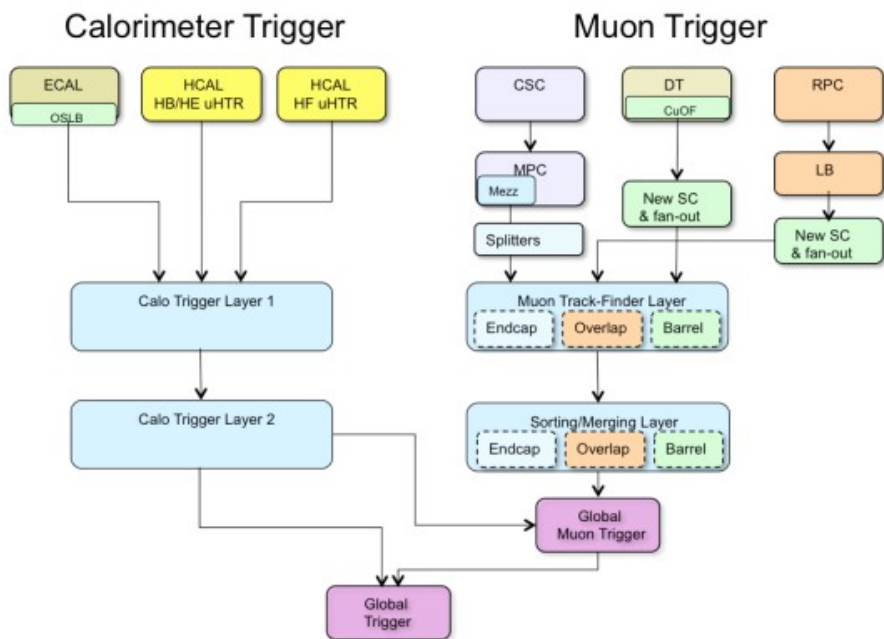
HLT ~1.2kHz

**Trigger: A system that selects events very fast**

Divided in two parts L1 (very fast, coarse, hardware-based) and HLT (computing farm less fast more precise)



# Level 1 trigger: Selecting events in $\sim 4\mu\text{s}$



## Architecture:

- Inputs from Calorimeters and Muon chambers
- Not using tracker
- ECAL and HCAL feed the calorimeter trigger
  - $e/\gamma$ , Jet  $E_T$  measured
  - MET, HT calculated
- Muon chambers feed the Muon trigger
  - Builds muon tracks
  - Divided in subsystems based on the geometry (BMTF, EMTF, OMTF)
- Global trigger takes jets, muons as input and calculates higher level quantities. Then it checks for interesting events

## General:

- All Level1 trigger is hardware-based in order to cope with the timing constraints ( $<4\mu\text{sec}$ )
- The bandwidth is 100kHz and is dictated by the electronics (cannot change)
- L1 objects are coarse  $\rightarrow$  usually we cut looser than in offline
- L1 is a crucial system for any experiment: events rejected in this stage cannot never be retrieved. Is the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of all analysis

## Phase 2 upgrade

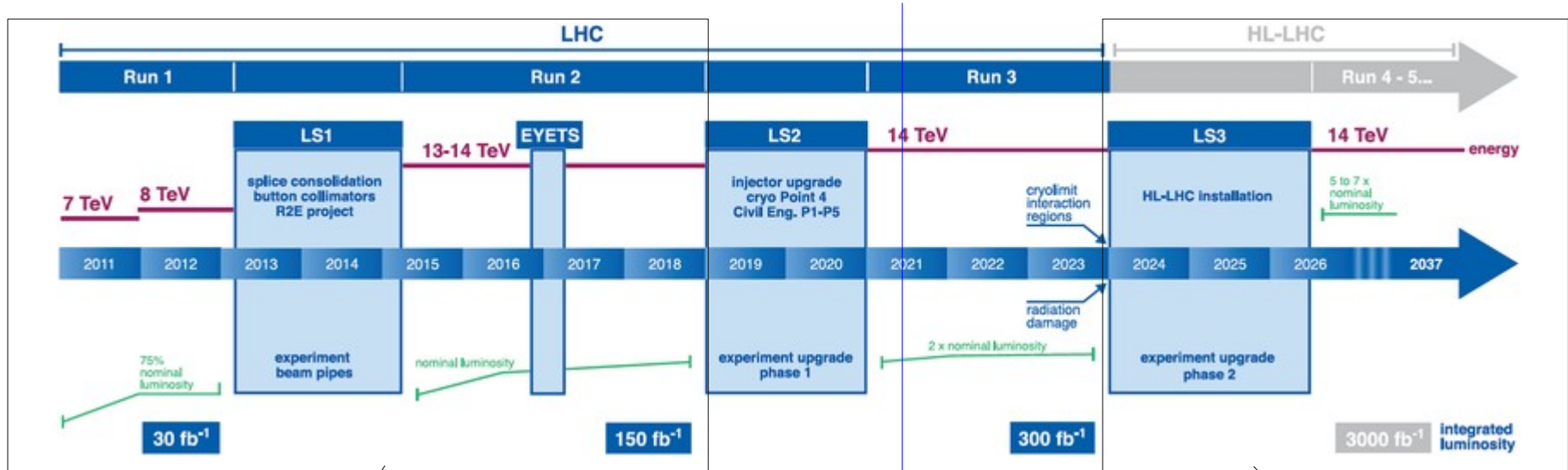
---

# LHC operations

Number of events:  $N = \sigma L$

$\sigma$  = Cross section  
 $L$  = Luminosity

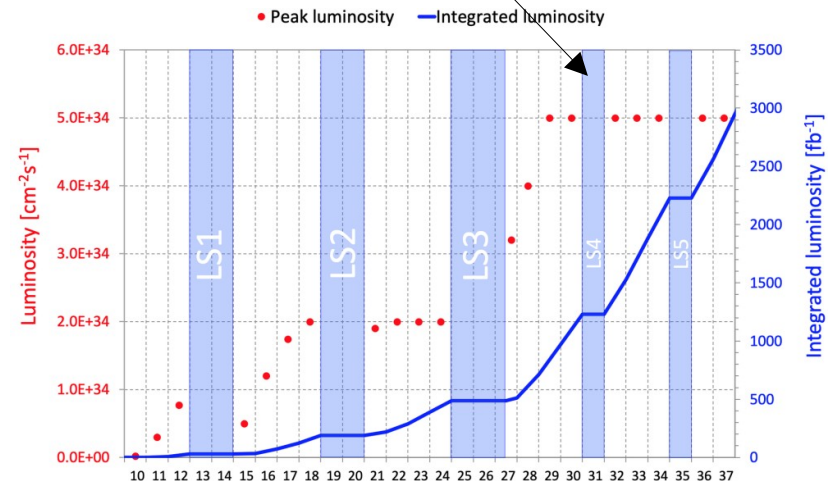
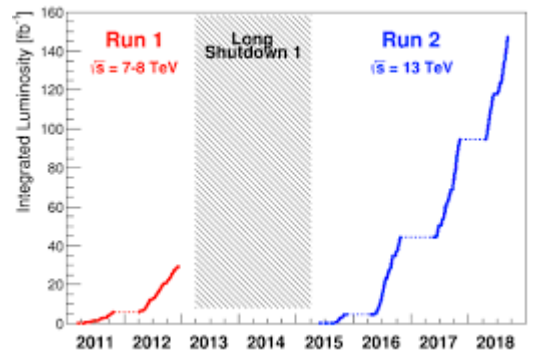
To discover rare processes (like BSM) we need luminosity



past

now

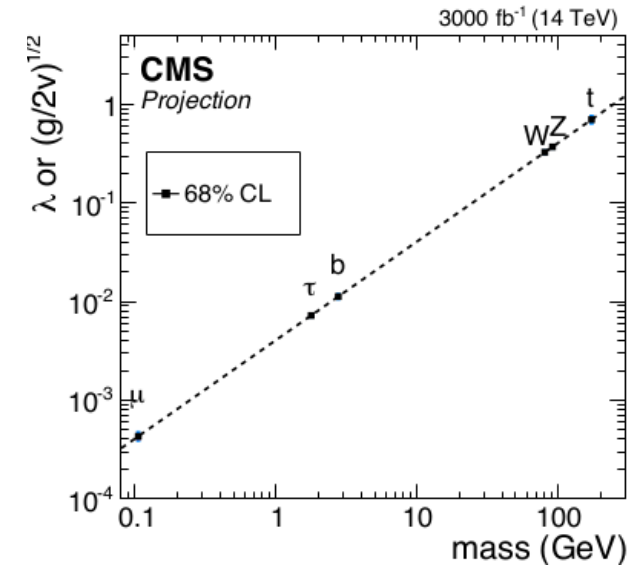
future



# HL-LHC physics motivation

## Higgs measurements:

- Improve precision on Higgs couplings measurement
- Search for rare decays ( $H \rightarrow cc$  etc)
- DiHiggs searches to improve the Higgs self coupling measurement
- Explore exotic models for BSM Higgs

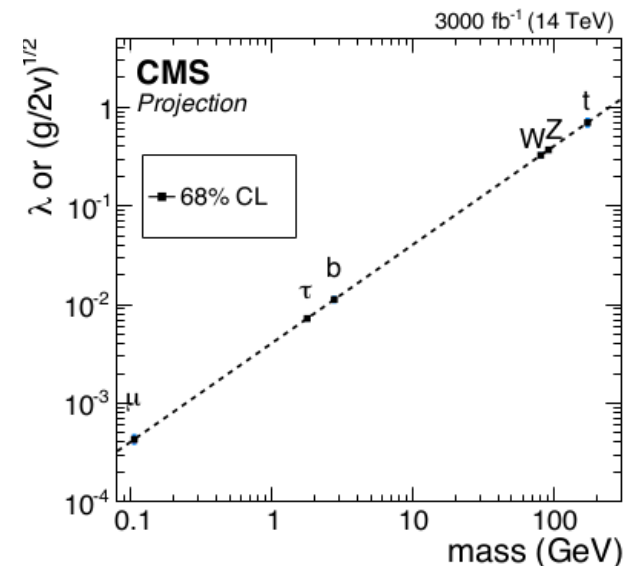
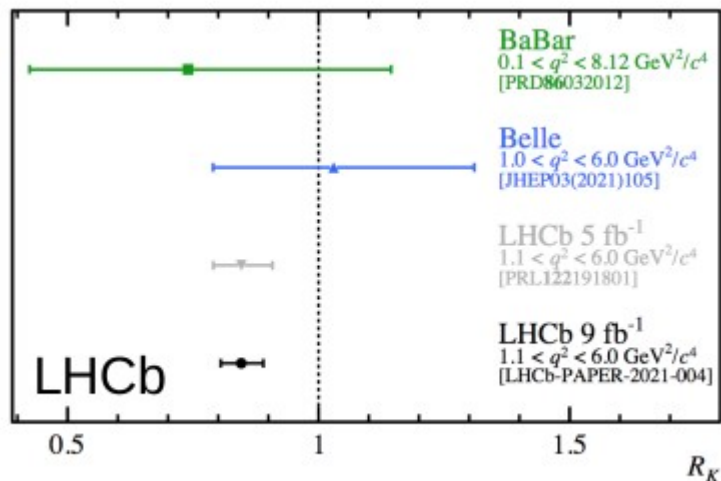




# HL-LHC physics motivation

## Higgs measurements:

- Improve precision on Higgs couplings measurement
- Search for rare decays ( $H \rightarrow cc$  etc)
- DiHiggs searches to improve the Higgs self coupling measurement
- Explore exotic models for BSM Higgs



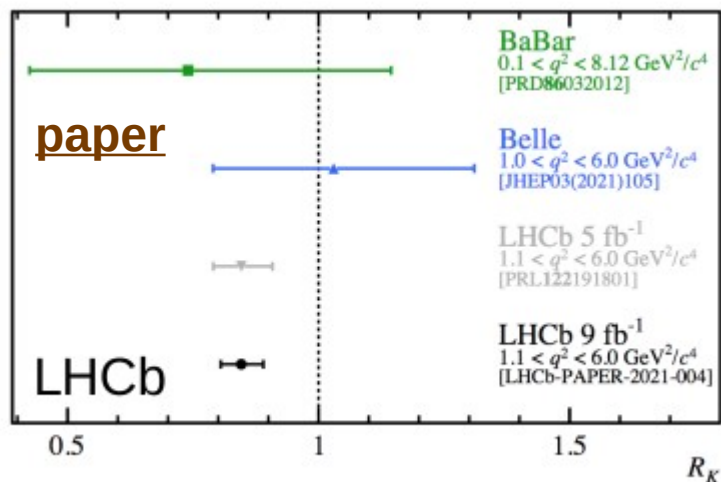
## Sensitive searches to NP:

- Rare processes (like FCNC) are sensitive to BSM phenomena due to small SM contribution
- Increasingly interesting topic

# HL-LHC physics motivation

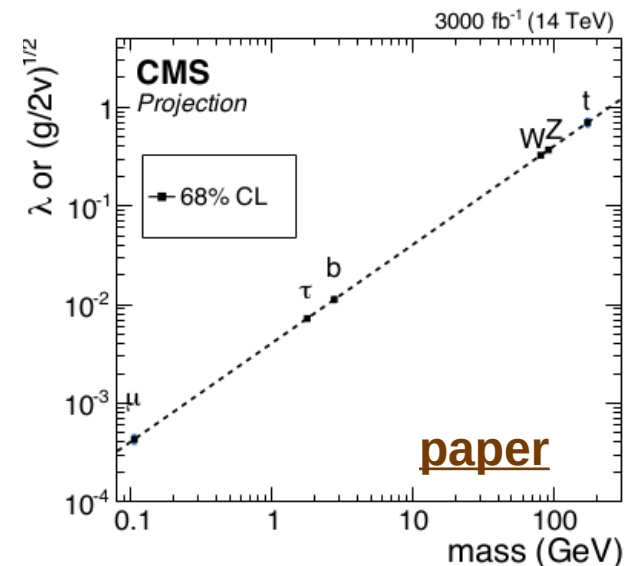
## Higgs measurements:

- Improve precision on Higgs couplings measurement
- Search for rare decays ( $H \rightarrow cc$  etc)
- DiHiggs searches to improve the Higgs self coupling measurement
- Explore exotic models for BSM Higgs



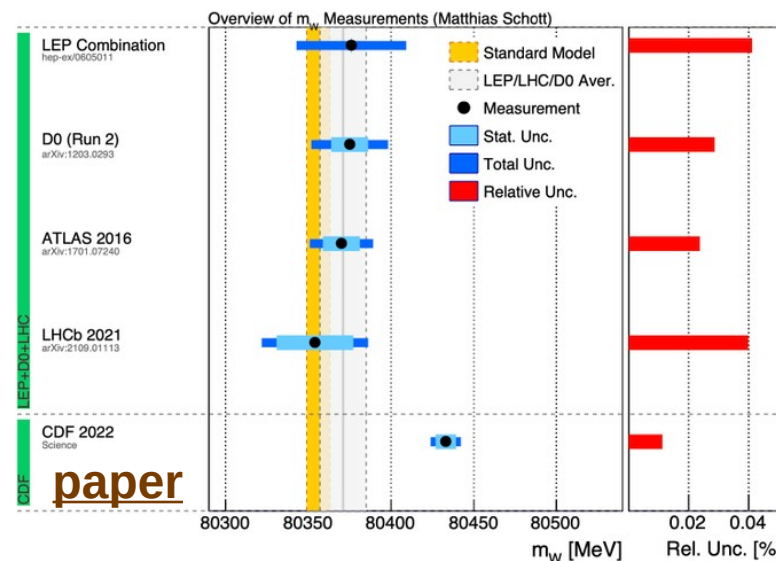
## Precision measurements:

- Large datasets  $\rightarrow$  reduced statistical uncertainties
- Detector improvements  $\rightarrow$  reduced systematic uncertainties



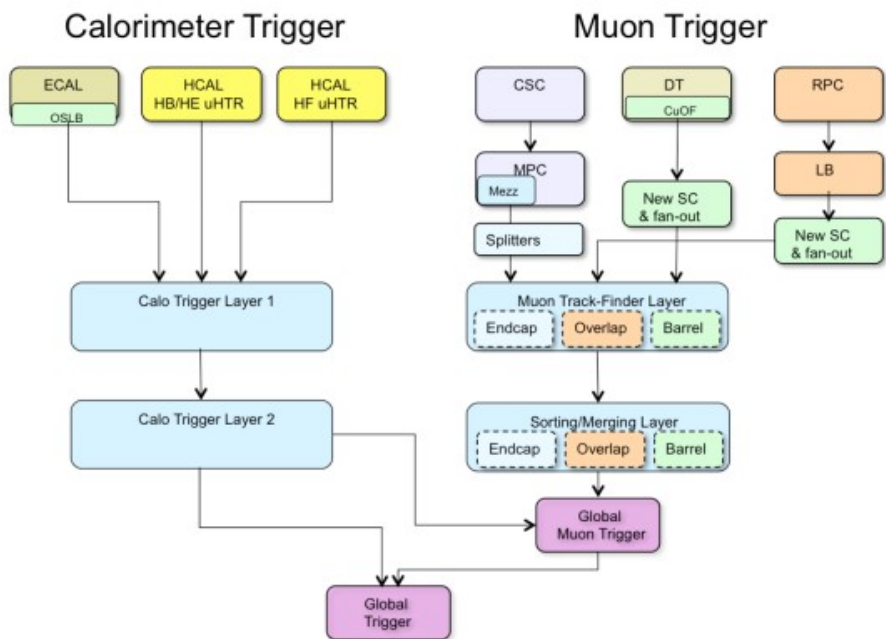
## Sensitive searches to NP:

- Rare processes (like FCNC) are sensitive to BSM phenomena due to small SM contribution
- Increasingly interesting topic

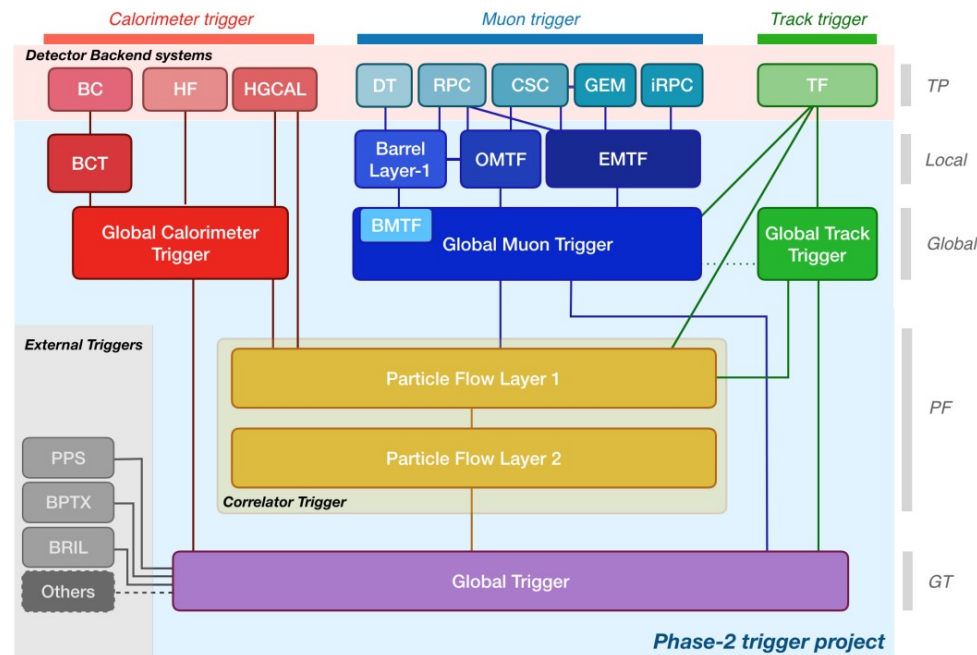


# L1 Upgrade for phase 2

## Phase 1



## Phase 2

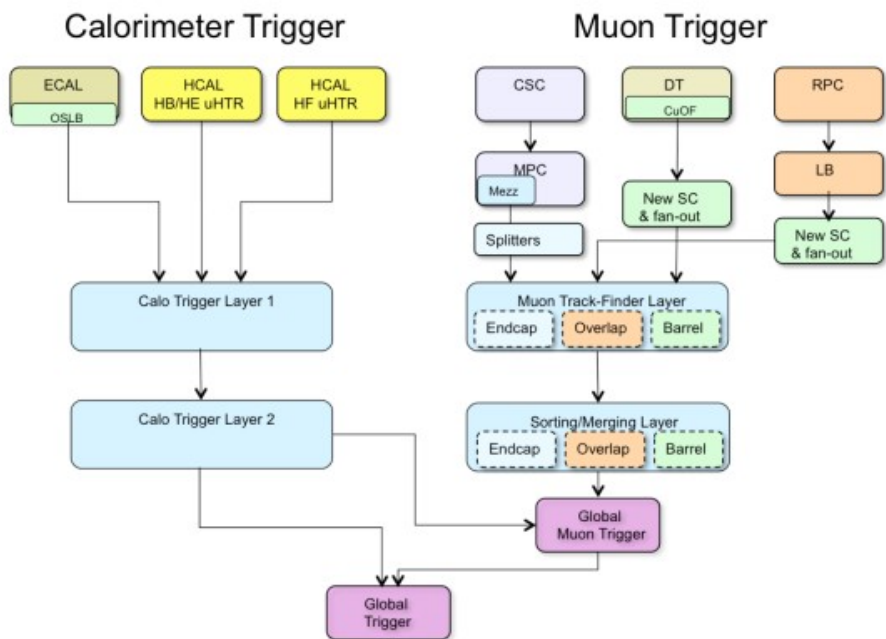


	L1 latency	L1 rate	HLT rate
Phase 1	4 $\mu$ sec	100 kHz	1.2 kHz
Phase 2	12.5 $\mu$ sec	750 kHz	7.5 kHz

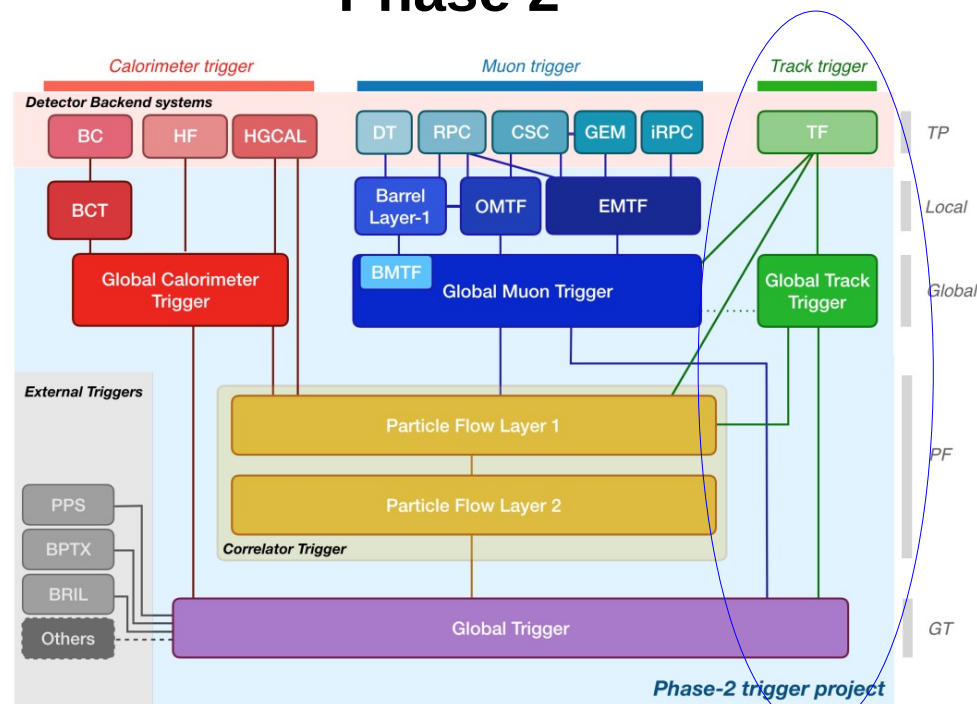
Problem: Even with the increased rate, if the architecture remain the as is in Phase 1, the trigger thresholds will increase so much that W, Z, H and B measurements will be impossible

# L1 Upgrade for phase 2

## Phase 1



## Phase 2



	L1 latency	L1 rate	HLT rate
Phase 1	4 $\mu$ sec	100 kHz	1.2 kHz
Phase 2	12.5 $\mu$ sec	750 kHz	7.5 kHz

**Problem:** Even with the increased rate, if the architecture remain the as is in Phase 1, the trigger thresholds will increase so much that W, Z, H and B measurements will be impossible

**Solution:** In Phase 2 L1 architecture is upgraded with a new detector: the L1 tracker



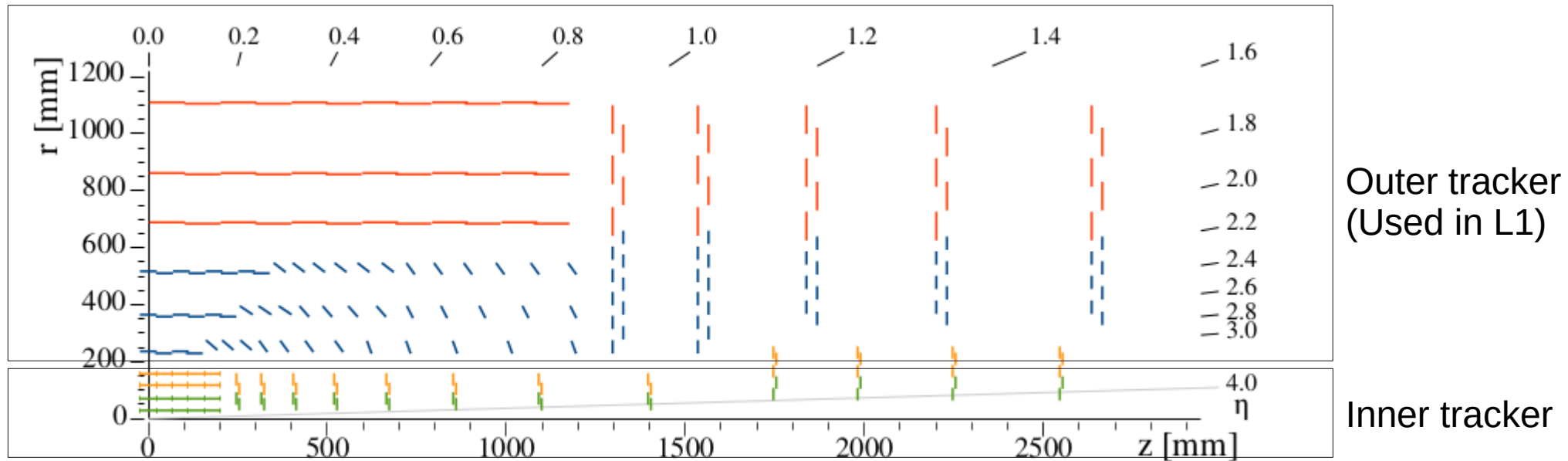
## L1 track reconstruction

---

# New track detector

Phase 2 tracker:

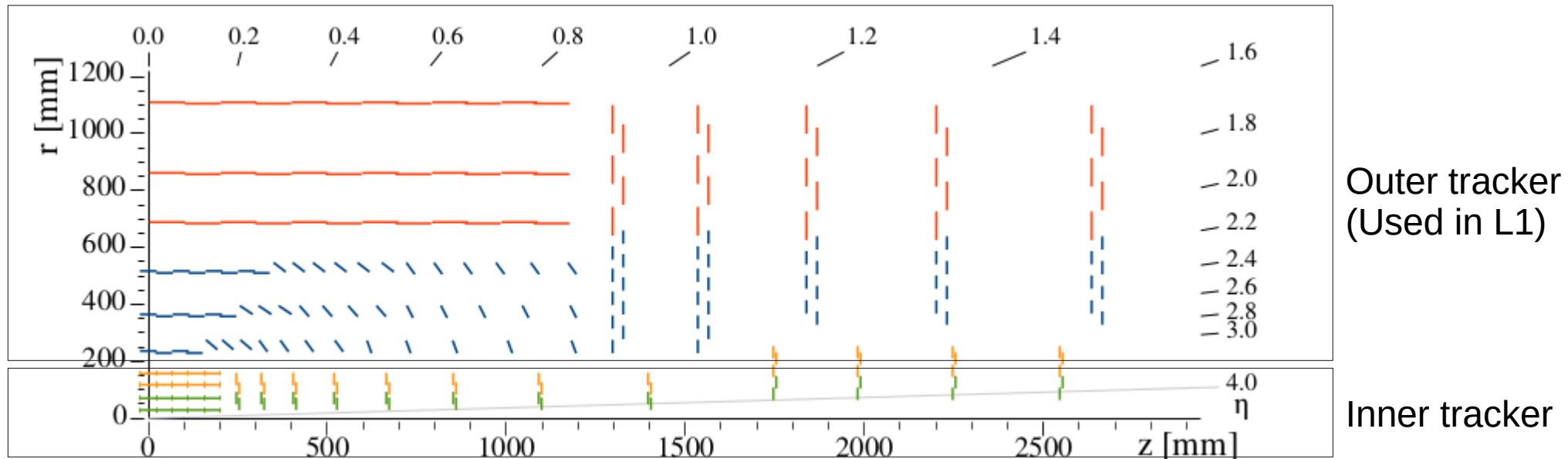
- Both inner and outer tracker will be replaced to increase granularity
- Outer tracker (where occupancy is lower) will be used at L1
- L1 trigger possible by the inclusion of  **$p_T$  modules**



# New track detector

Phase 2 tracker:

- Both inner and outer tracker will be replaced to increase granularity
- Outer tracker (where occupancy is lower) will be used at L1
- L1 trigger possible by the inclusion of  **$p_T$  modules**



**$p_T$  modules: tracker layers with two detectors close to each other**

The two types of  $p_T$  modules

## PS modules (pixel-strip)

- Top sensor: 2x2.5 cm strips, 100  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch
- Bottom sensor: 1.5 mm x 100  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels



## 2S modules (strip-strip)

- Strip sensors 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup>
- 2x5 cm long strips, 90  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch



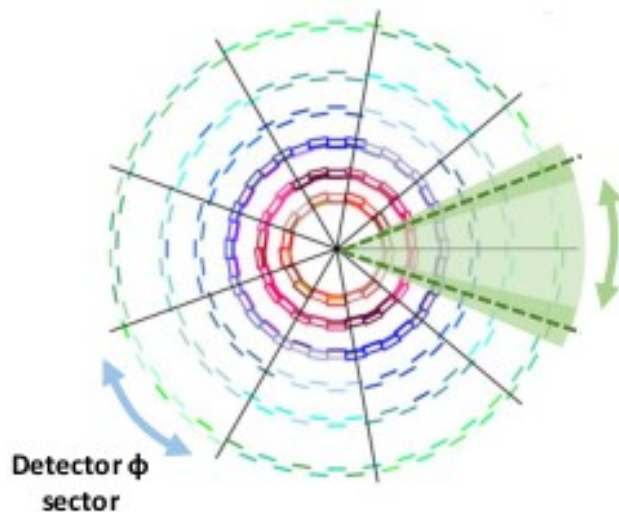




# L1 Tracking system

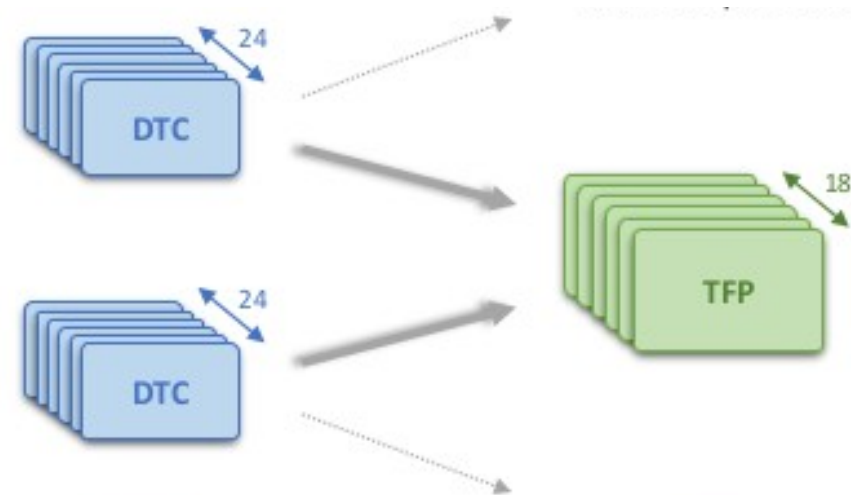
## L1 timing requirements:

- L1 track reconstruction must take at most 4  $\mu\text{sec}$
- Whole L1 timing budget is 12.5  $\mu\text{sec}$
- To cope with the tight timing requirement  $\rightarrow$  L1 track reconstruction is parallelized



## Geometrical parallelization:

- Detector divided in 9 segments in  $\phi$  (nonant)
- Track-finding works in 9 nonants, shifted from the tracker
- Stubs of each tracker nonant are pre-processed by 24 Data Trigger and Control (DTC) boards
- DTC send stubs to the Track Finding Processor (TFP) boards

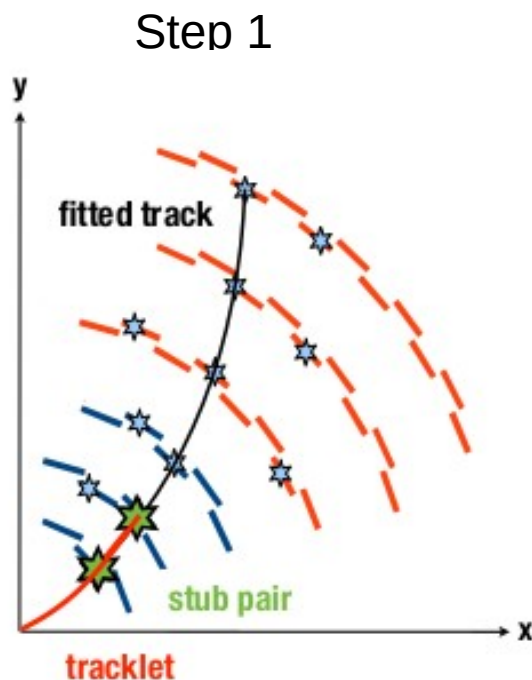


## Timing parallelization:

- Due to the large time needed for track reconstruction, TFP needs more time than 4  $\mu\text{sec}$
- Therefore multiple TFP are processing different events from the same nonant
- This is called time-multiplex
- L1 track time-multiplex works with factor of 18 (ie each TFP receives new event / 18 bunch crossings)

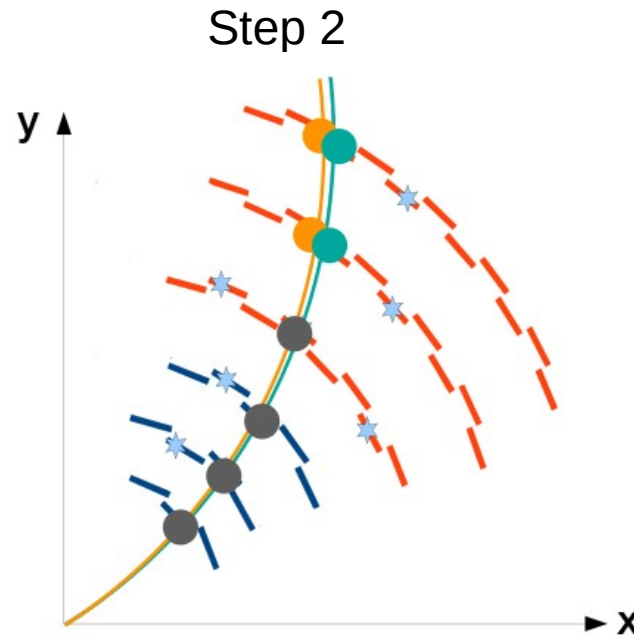
# Algorithm overview

Three independent algorithms were proposed. Finally, merged two most prominent efforts in the so-called “hybrid” algorithm.



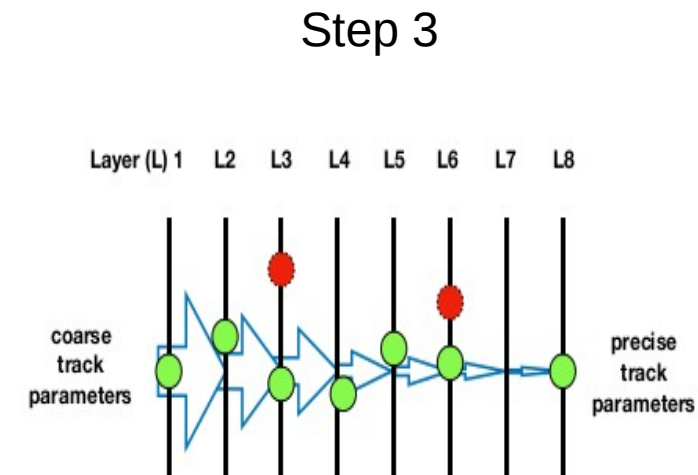
Tracklet step:

- Starts track finding
- Selects stubs for track candidate



Cleaning step:

- Merge duplicate tracklets



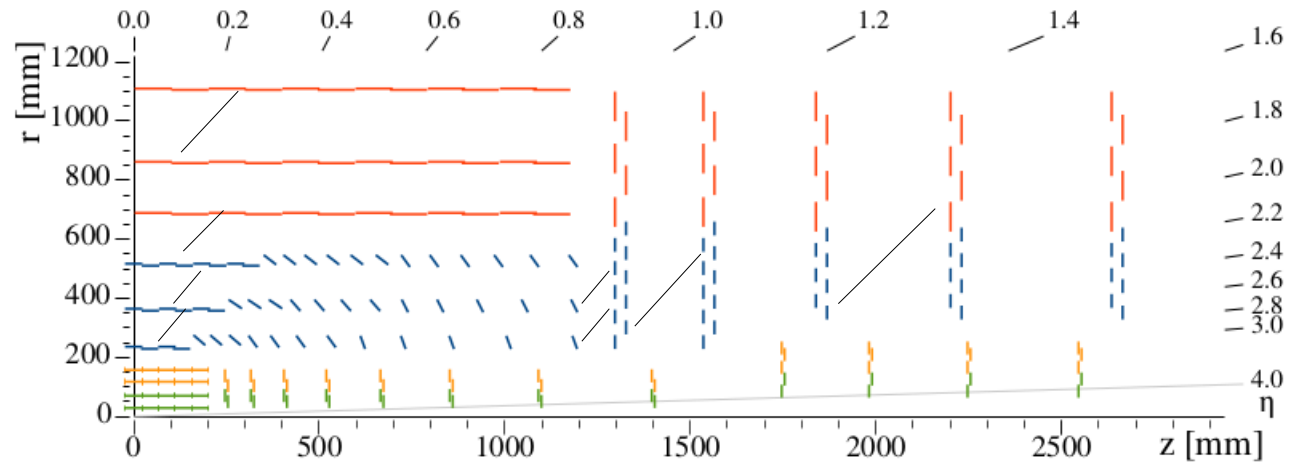
Fitting step:

- Stubs are fitted in a single track
- Kalman filter is used
- This is the best track of L1

# Track building

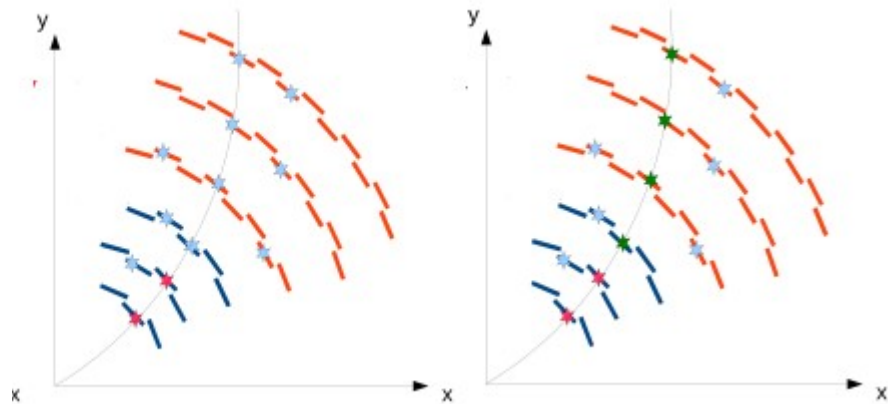
Creating tracklets:

- Tracklets: pair of stubs in sequential layers or disks.
- Seeds: tracklets in specific combinations of layers
- Seeds are tested in parallel
- Only tracklets with  $p_T > 2\text{GeV}$  considered as seeds



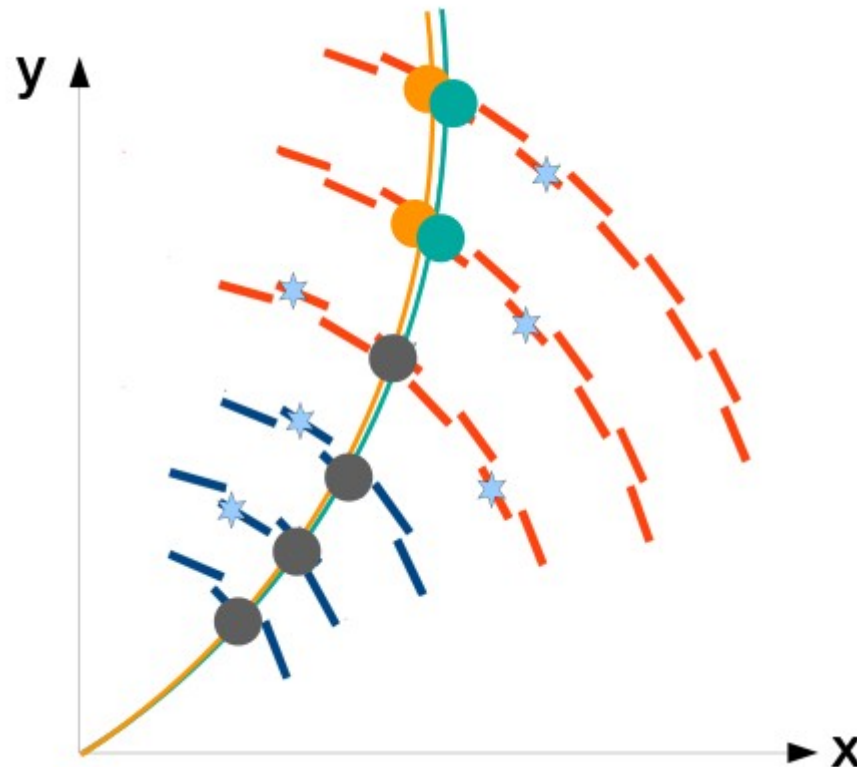
Track building:

- Starting from seed
- Extrapolate to next/previous layers
- Predefined windows are used
- Compatible stubs are considered as part of the same track
- Hypothesis of a track from primary vertex



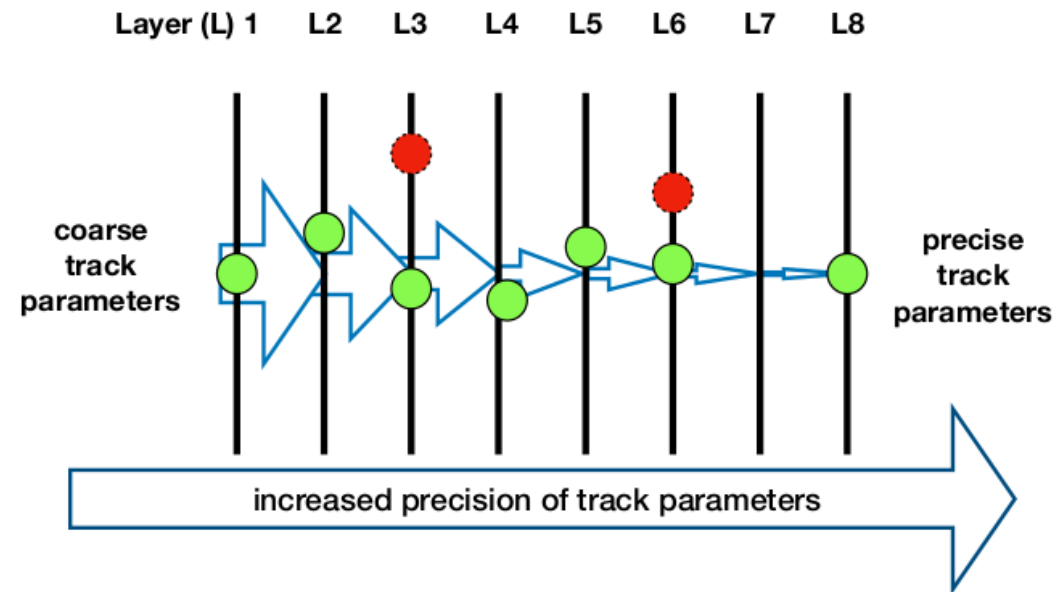
# Duplicate removal

- The same charged particle can create multiple seeds
- A redundancy approach (all seeds considered independent) ensures high efficiency
  - Unavoidable side effect: creation of multiple L1 tracks from the same original particle
- Existence of random stubs complicates the situation
- Tracks sharing three or more stubs are considered duplicates and merged



# Track fitting

- Code based on Kalman Filter
- Start from the seed and sequentially add stubs layer-by-layer
- In every stub addition the track is updated
- Use a  $\chi^2$  test to reject fake tracks or incorrect stubs in a genuine track
- 4 parameter fit:  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $z$



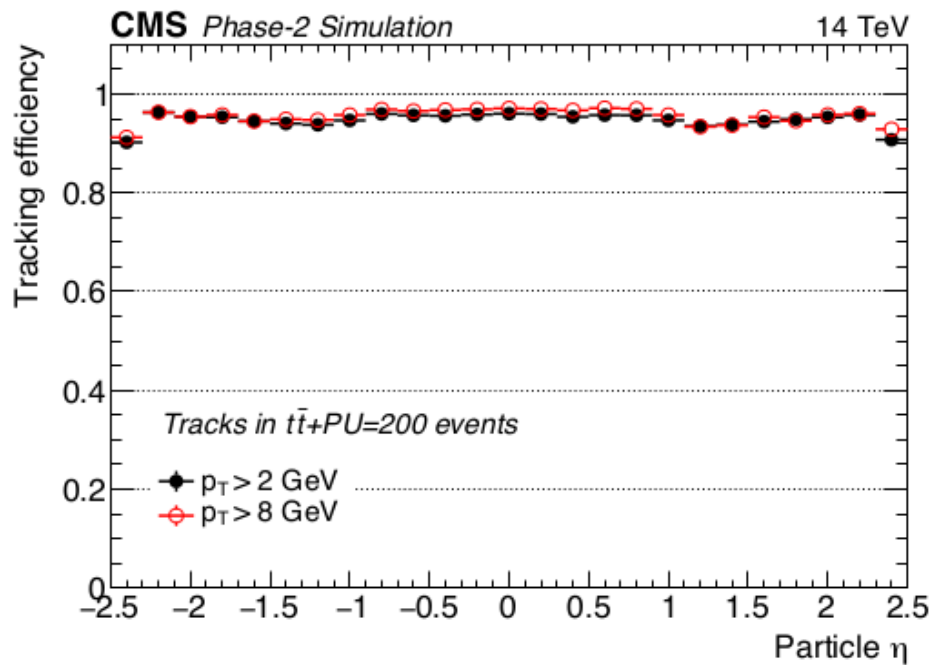
Tracks are represented by a word of 96 bits

Track parameter	Number of bits
$q/R$	15
$\phi$	12
$\tan(\lambda)$	16
$z_0$	12
$d_0$	13
$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	4
bend- $\chi^2$	3
hit mask	7
track quality MVA	3
other quality MVAs	6
track isValid	1
spare	4
total	96

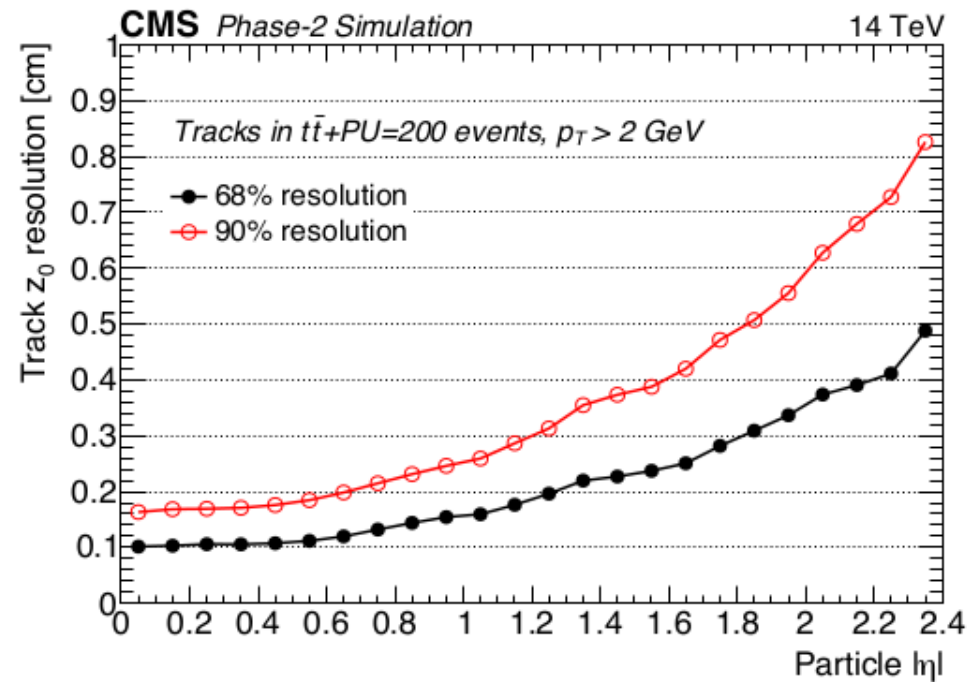
# Performance

- Few examples of the L1 track performance

## High efficiency across $\eta$



## Precise $z_0$ resolution for vertex association





# L1 track impact on thresholds

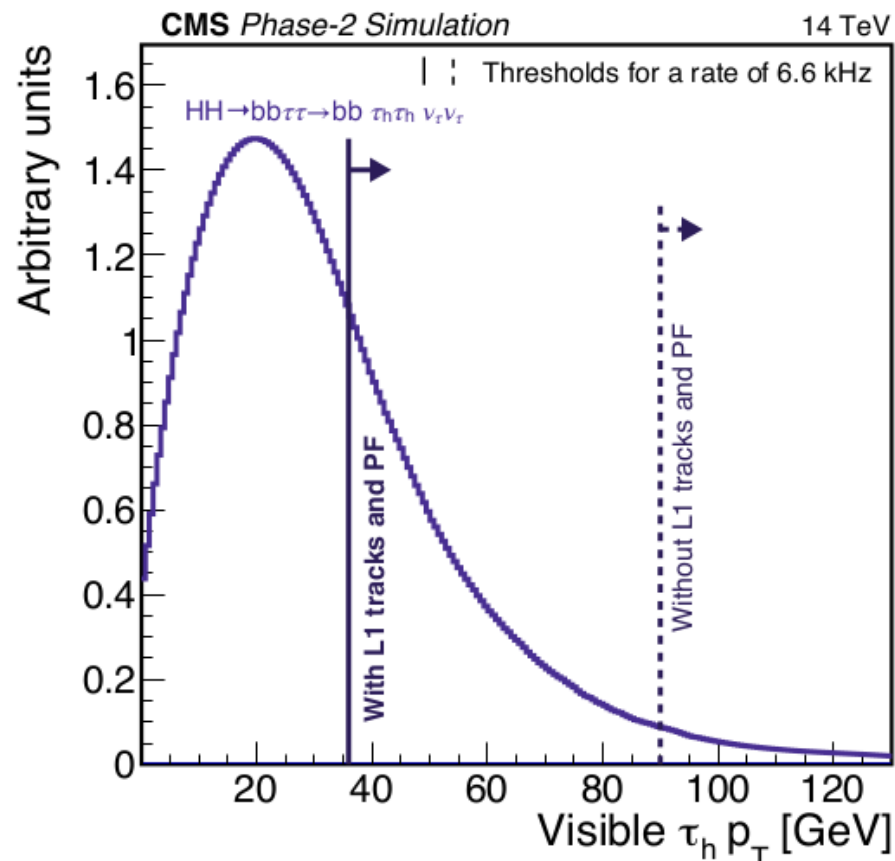
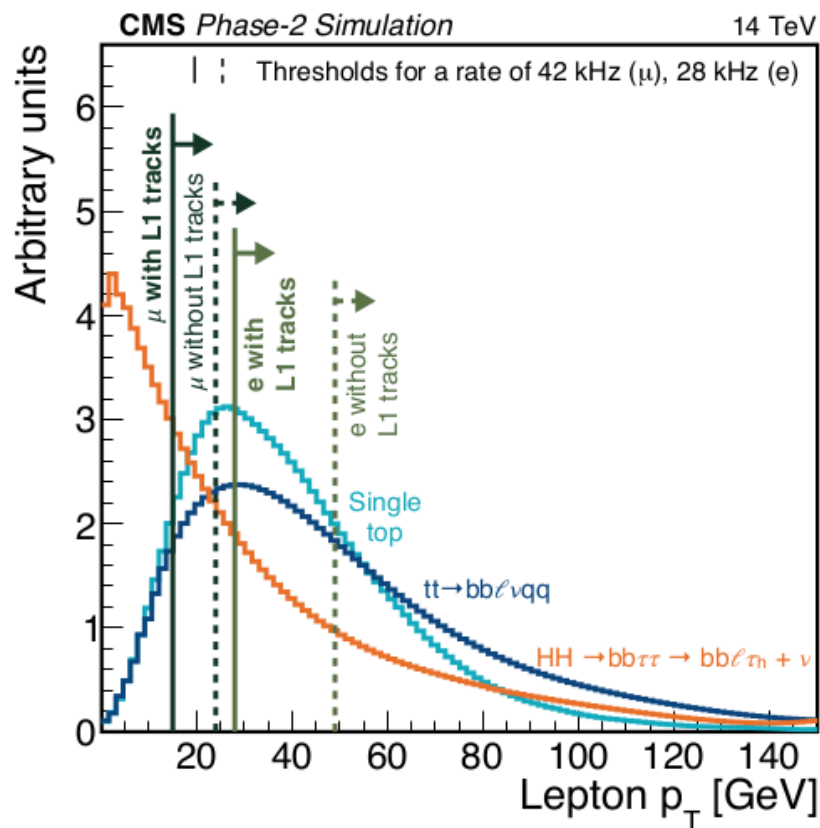
- Usage of L1 tracks in the trigger:

1) Combining tracks with other objects improves  $p_T$  precision

2) Provide extra handles like track Isolation

2) Implementation of advanced Particle Flow techniques similar to the offline

**$p_T$  thresholds significantly reduced**



# Displaced track reconstruction

- Displaced L1 tracks: A new window to a (mostly) unexplored phase space
  - Run 2 displaced analysis used mostly on prompt L1 triggers reducing the sensitivity

Two modifications are needed to build displaced tracks:

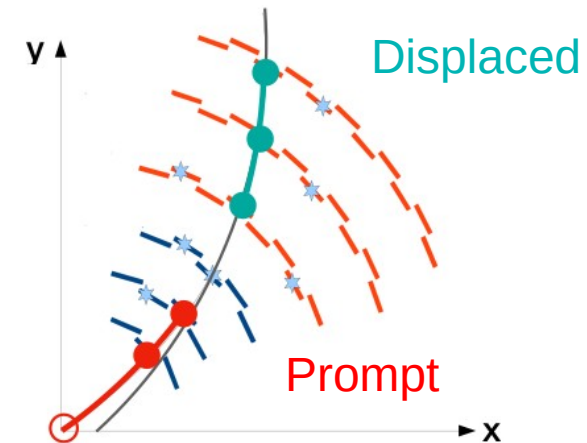
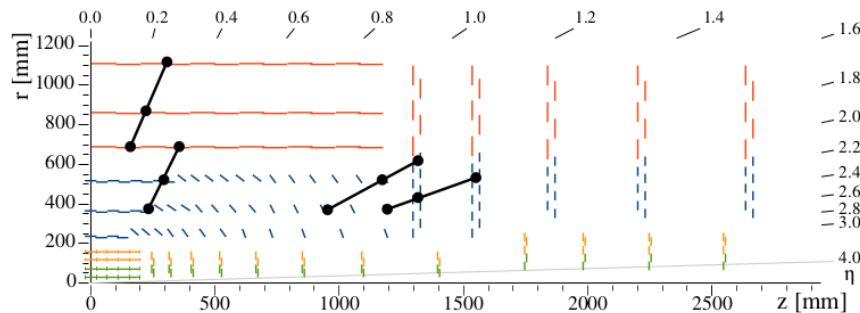
# Displaced track reconstruction

- Displaced L1 tracks: A new window to a (mostly) unexplored phase space
  - Run 2 displaced analysis used mostly on prompt L1 triggers reducing the sensitivity

Two modifications are needed to build displaced tracks:

## 1) Seeding modification

- Seeds of hybrid algo optimized for prompt tracks (as first stub the center of CMS is used)
- In displaced tracking the center cannot be used, seeds are required to have three stubs



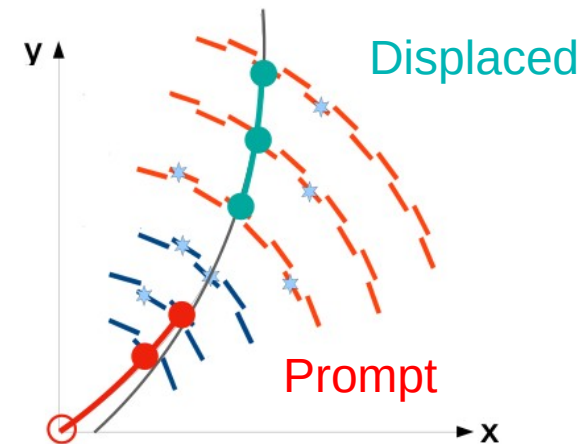
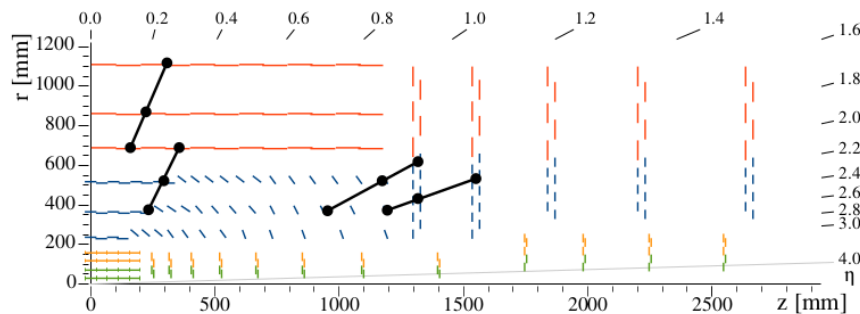
# Displaced track reconstruction

- Displaced L1 tracks: A new window to a (mostly) unexplored phase space
  - Run 2 displaced analysis used mostly on prompt L1 triggers reducing the sensitivity

Two modifications are needed to build displaced tracks:

## 1) Seeding modification

- Seeds of hybrid algo optimized for prompt tracks (as first stub the center of CMS is used)
- In displaced tracking the center cannot be used, seeds are required to have three stubs



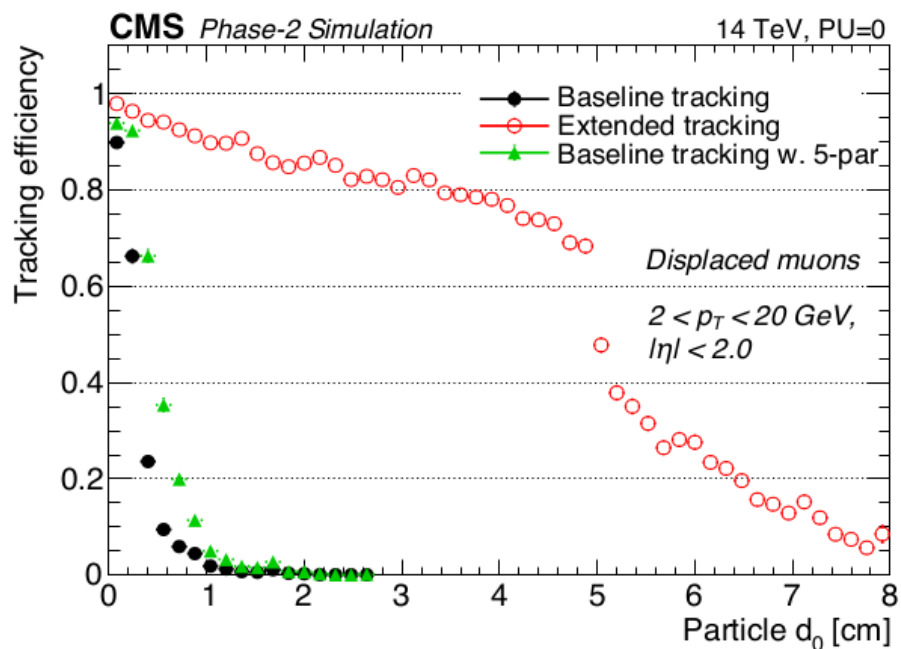
## 2) Fitting modification

- Prompt tracks use a four-parameter fit (displacement is not needed by definition)
- Displaced tracks need the addition of transverse impact parameter,  $d_0$ , so the fit is promoted to five-parameter

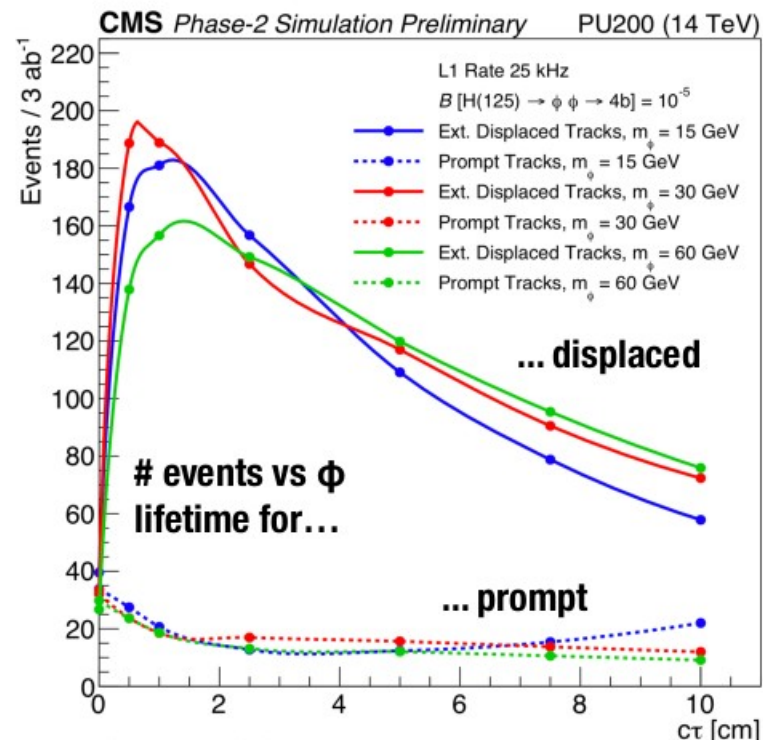
**The displaced version of the hybrid algorithm is called “extended”**

# Extended tracking performance

Efficiency with a simple displaced muon gun as a function of  $d_0$



Yields measured for an exotic Higgs to  $\phi$  decay ( $\phi$  displaced scalar)



Higher level objects with L1 tracks

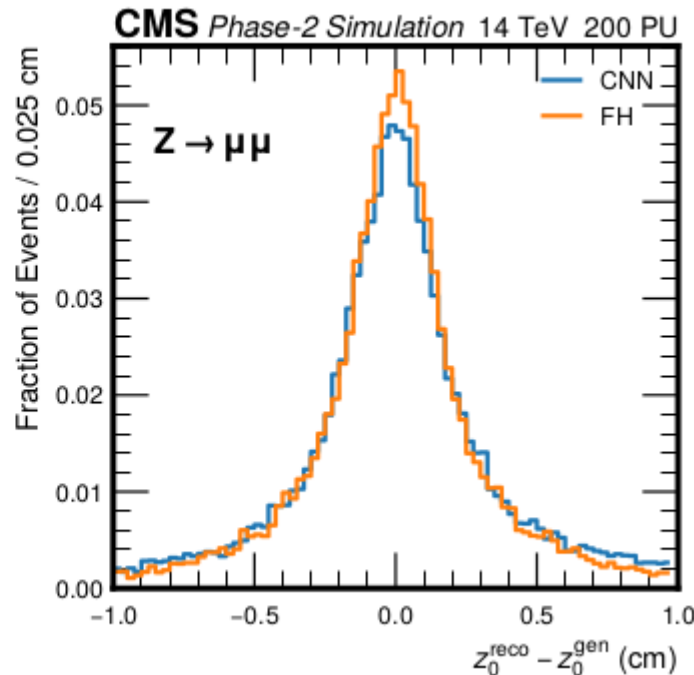
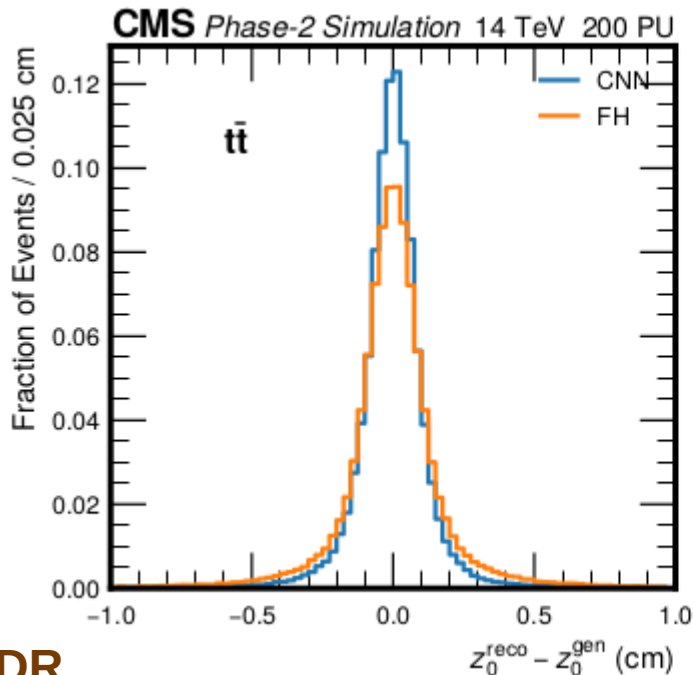
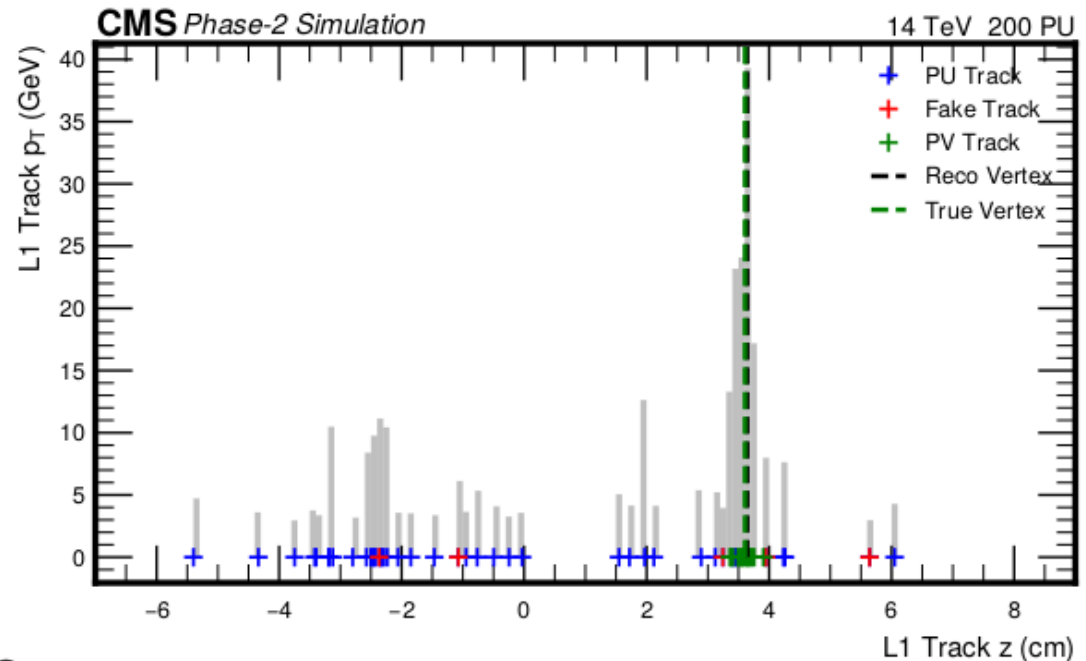
---



# Primary vertex reconstruction

Algorithm of vertex reconstruction  
(FastHisto):

- Select tracks passing quality cuts
- Tracks sorted in bins of  $z$  (like histogram Filling)
- Each track is weighted based on  $p_T$
- The weighted average in  $z$  is the vertex position
- As primary we consider the vertex with highest scalar sum of  $p_T$

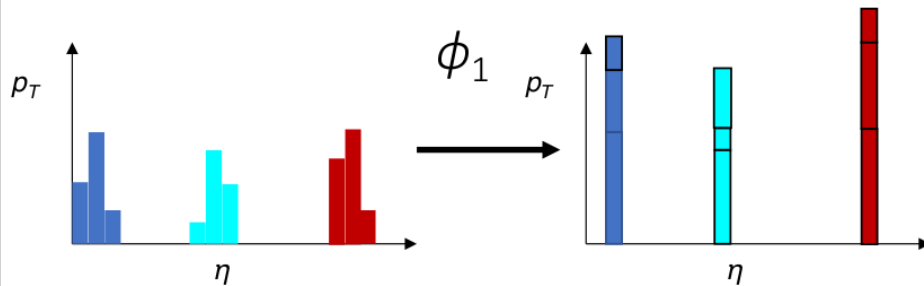


Performance of  $z$  position resolution is better for  $t\bar{t}$  events than for  $Z$ . This is because  $t\bar{t}$  is more energetic (ie more tracks)

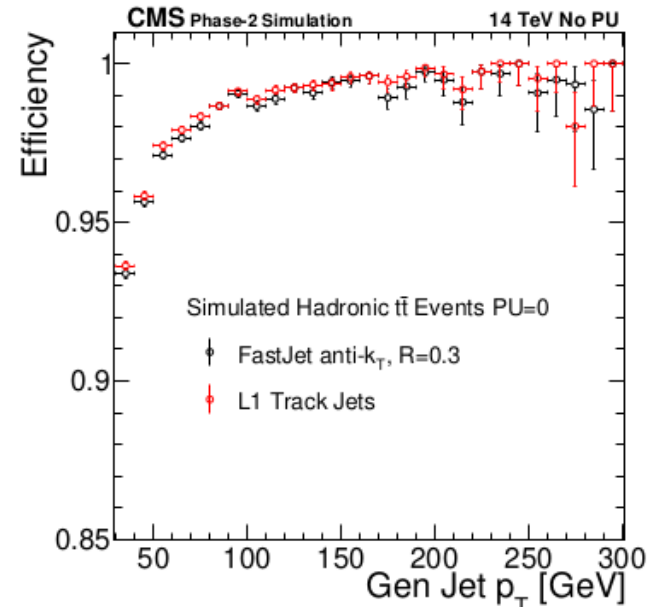
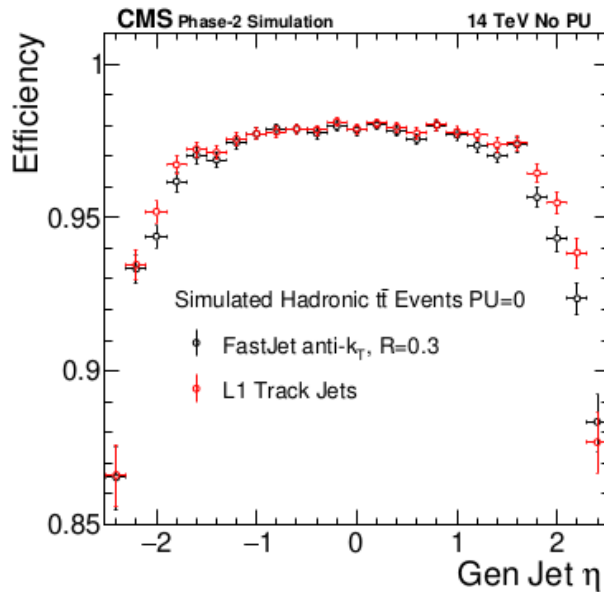
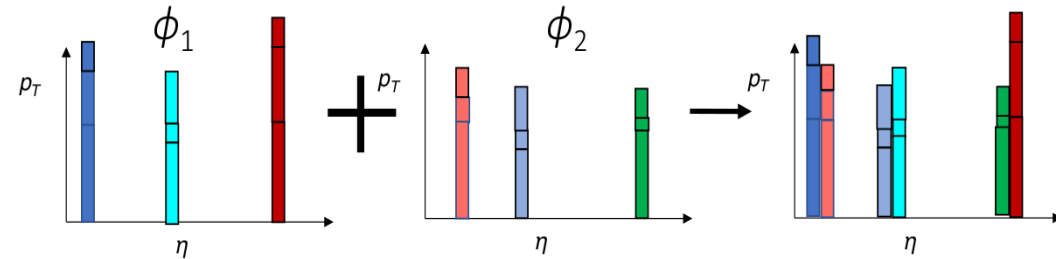
# New type of jets: Trackjets

## Algorithm

Step1: Divide in  $\phi$  segments; bin tracks in  $\eta$  to create clusters



Step2: Bin the step 1 clusters in  $\phi$  to create the final jets. Merge very close jets



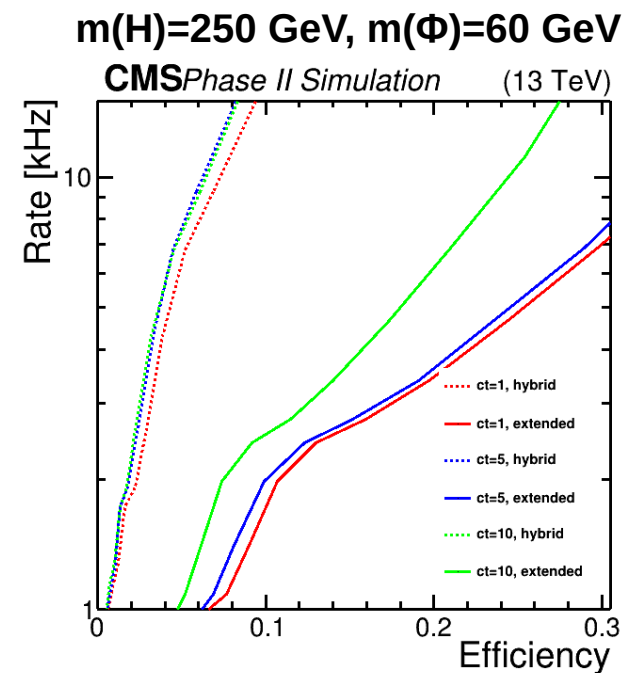
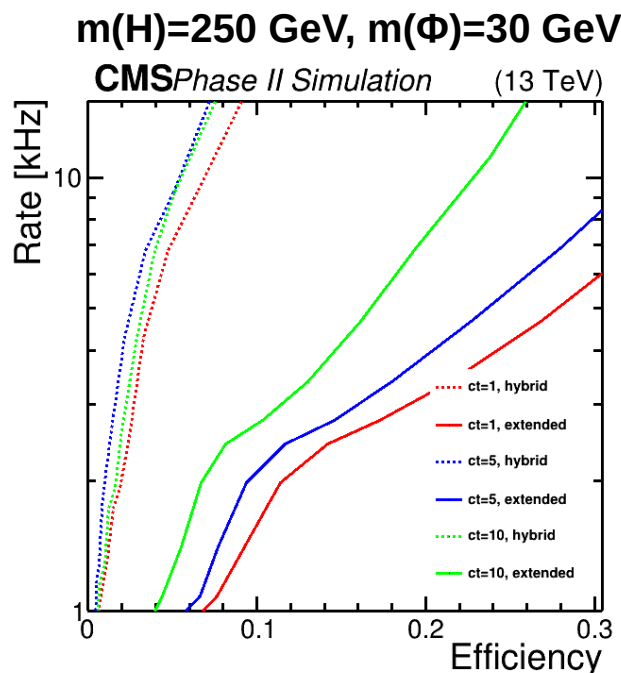
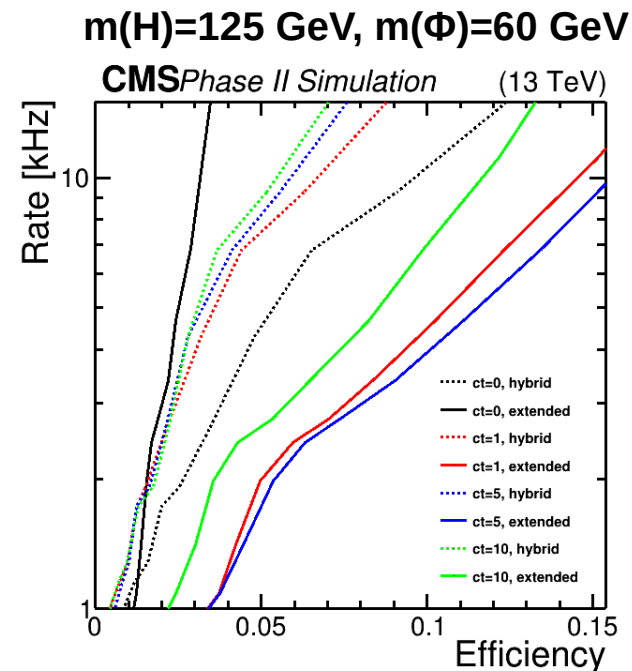
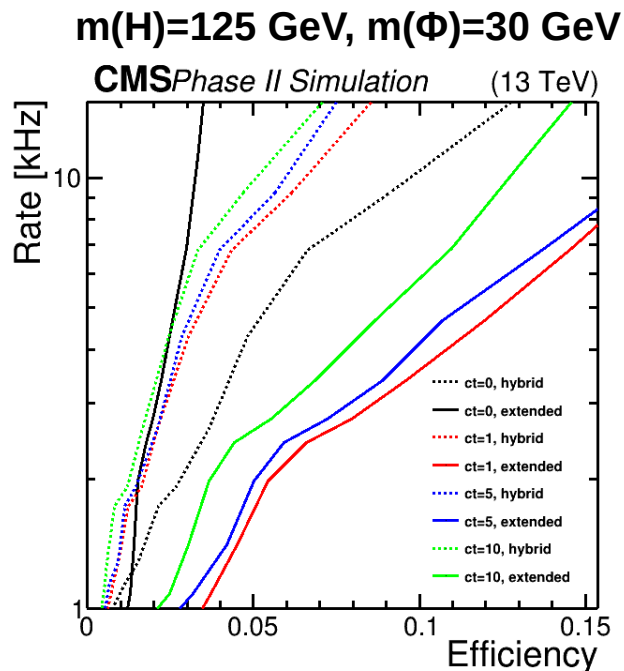
# Displaced trackjets

Using extended tracks for jet clustering → create displaced track jets

Samples:

- Decay:  $H \rightarrow 2\Phi \rightarrow 4b$
- ct: 0, 1cm, 5cm, 10cm
- $m(H)=125\text{GeV}, 250\text{GeV}$
- $m(\Phi)=30\text{GeV}, 60\text{GeV}$

ROC curves (Efficiency vs Rate) for hybrid vs extended trackjets

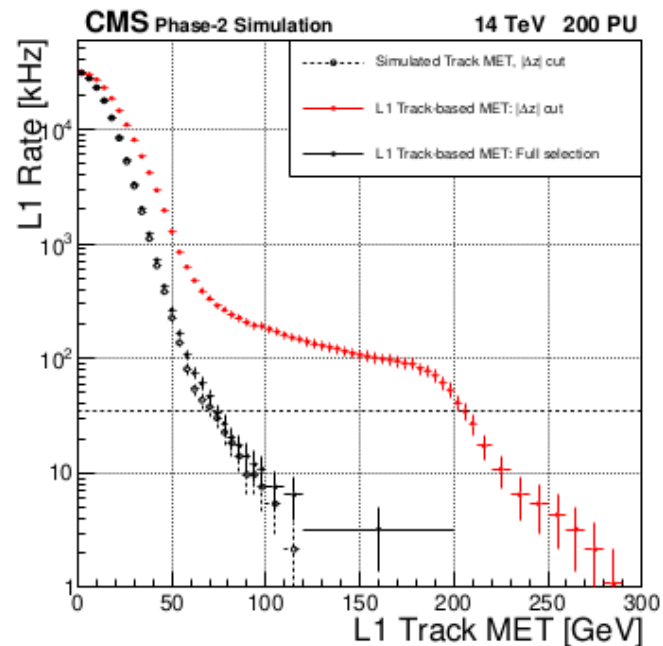
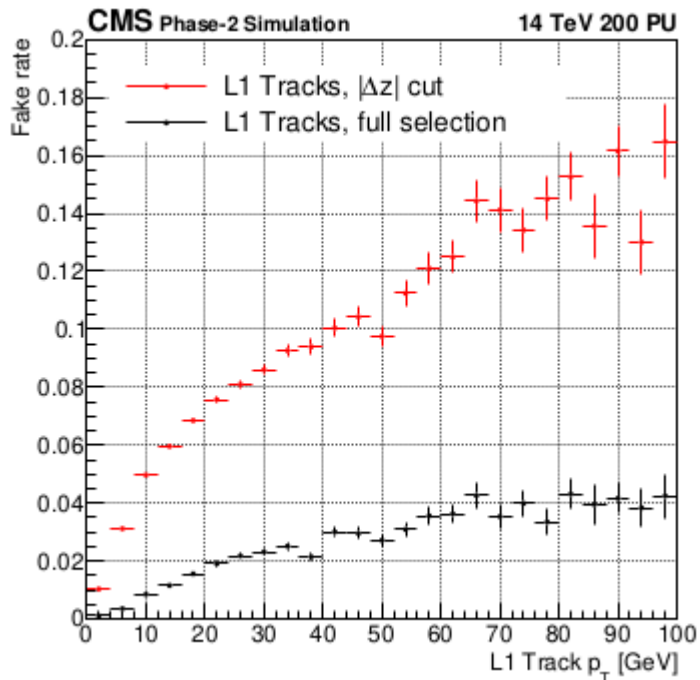


# Track-based Missing Energy

Missing Transverse Energy (MET) can be calculated using L1 tracks only:

$$\text{MET} = \sum \mathbf{p}_T(\text{trk})$$

- Selection cuts for this track must be optimized carefully
- Tracks from random hit combinations can have very high  $p_T$ 
  - In general those tracks are rare with respect to the total number of tracks
  - But if  $\Delta z$  cut between PV and tracks is applied, it becomes dominant
  - Additional quality cuts to make MET measurement more accurate



# Summary

- Status of Phase 1:
  - Many very interesting measurements and searches
  - LHC has found any hard evidence of BSM
  - **We need to keep pushing the detector/accelerator limits!**
- Phase 2 Upgrade will enable us to:
  - Search even more exotic signatures
  - Make precision measurements
  - Discover rare decays
- The biggest change for L1 trigger for the Phase 2 is the track reconstruction:
  - Very time-consuming procedure
  - Requires the implementation of a complex system
  - The benefits are many:
    - Rate reduction in all thresholds (ie more interesting events)
    - New objects like trackjets
    - Exotic signatures like displaced tracks
    - Can even trigger on rare decays like  $B_s \rightarrow \varphi\varphi \rightarrow KKKK$  in L1

# Back up



# CMS detector



## Trigger

- Track information @ L1
- **L1**: 12.5  $\mu$ s latency, 750 kHz output rate
- **HLT**: 7.5 kHz output rate

## Other R&D

- Fast timing for in-time pileup suppression

## Endcap calorimeter

- Replace endcap calorimeters => HGCal
- Radiation tolerant, high granularity
- 3D capability

## Barrel EM calorimeter

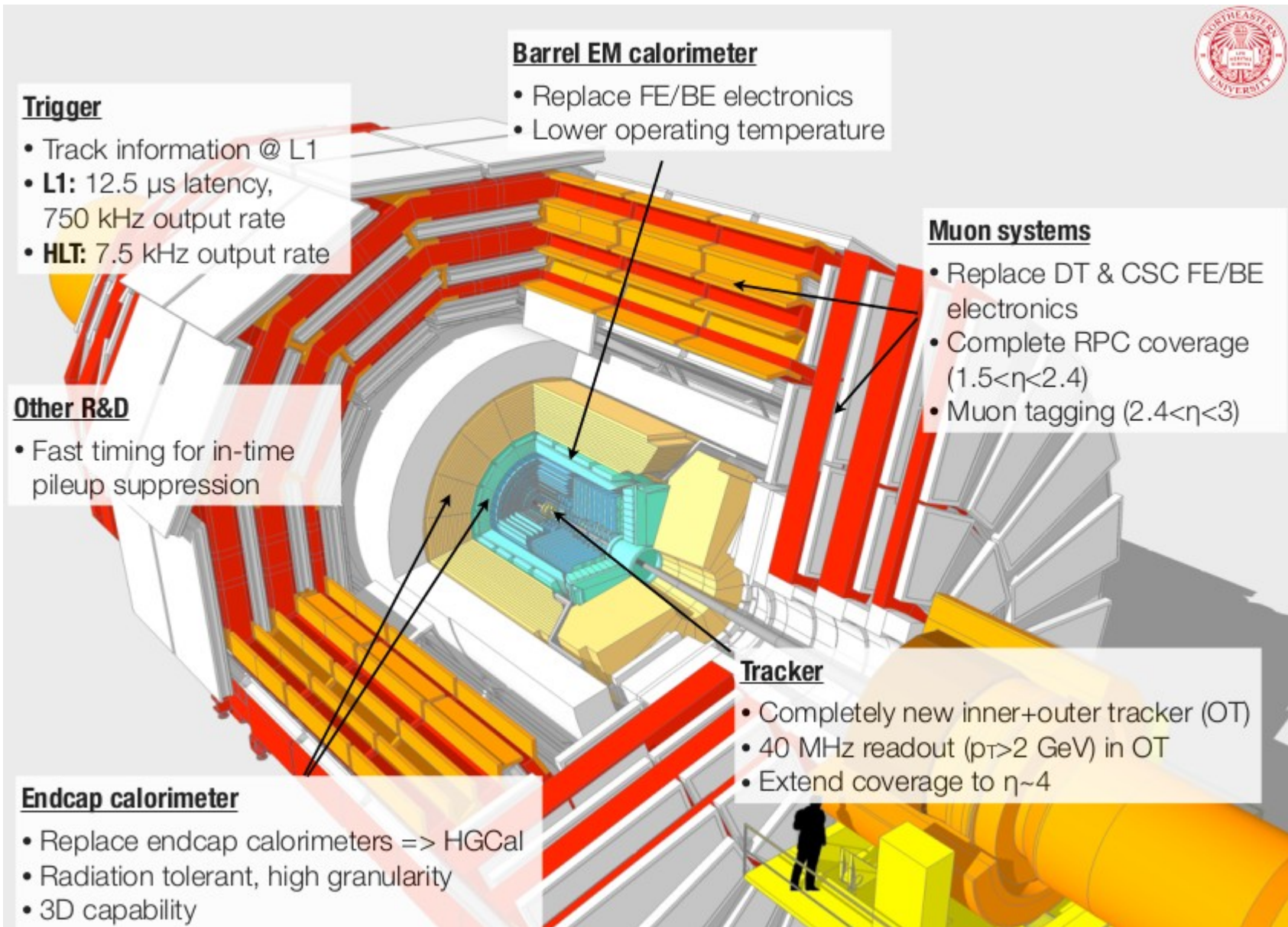
- Replace FE/BE electronics
- Lower operating temperature

## Muon systems

- Replace DT & CSC FE/BE electronics
- Complete RPC coverage ( $1.5 < \eta < 2.4$ )
- Muon tagging ( $2.4 < \eta < 3$ )

## Tracker

- Completely new inner+outer tracker (OT)
- 40 MHz readout ( $p_T > 2$  GeV) in OT
- Extend coverage to  $\eta \sim 4$



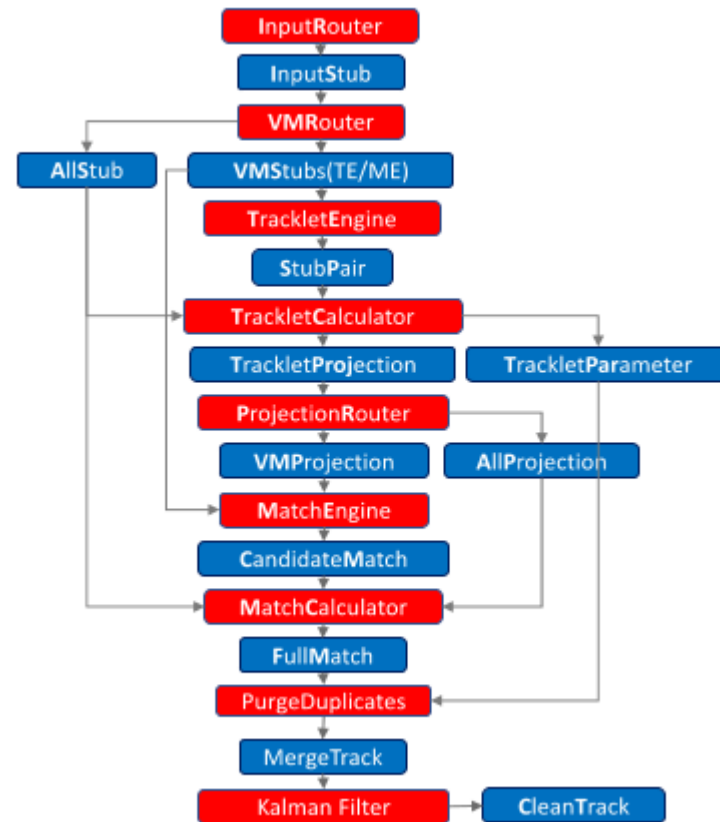
# Hardware implementation

**Processing modules:** Implement the track finder

**Memory modules:** Store and share information

Tracklet builder and layer projector are written in HLS

Klaman filter is written in VHDL



# Slice tests on-going

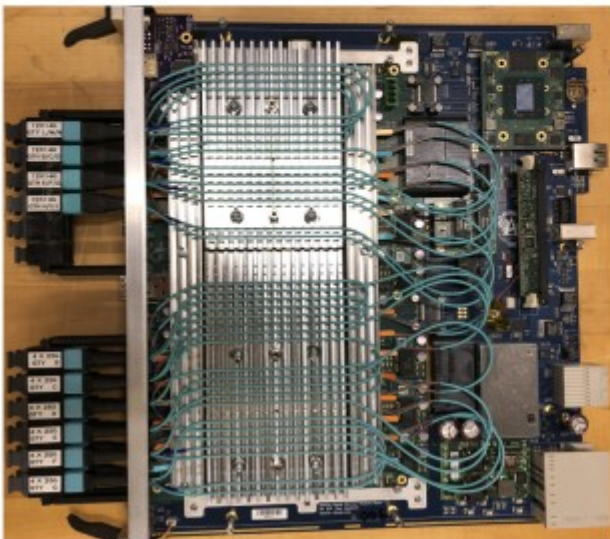
- Hardware for track-finding based on ATCA platform (CMS standard for HL-LHC upgrade)
- Demonstration of algorithm in progress



*Test stand @ CERN  
with Apollo & Serenity blades*

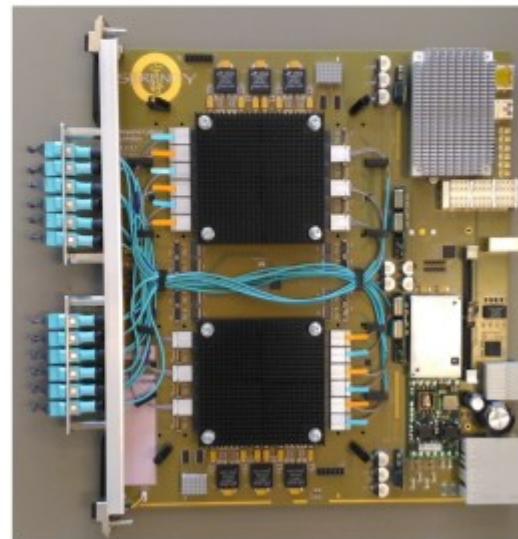
## Apollo: track finding processing boards

- *Service Module* provides infrastructure components
- *Command Module* contains two large FPGAs, optical fiber interfaces & memories



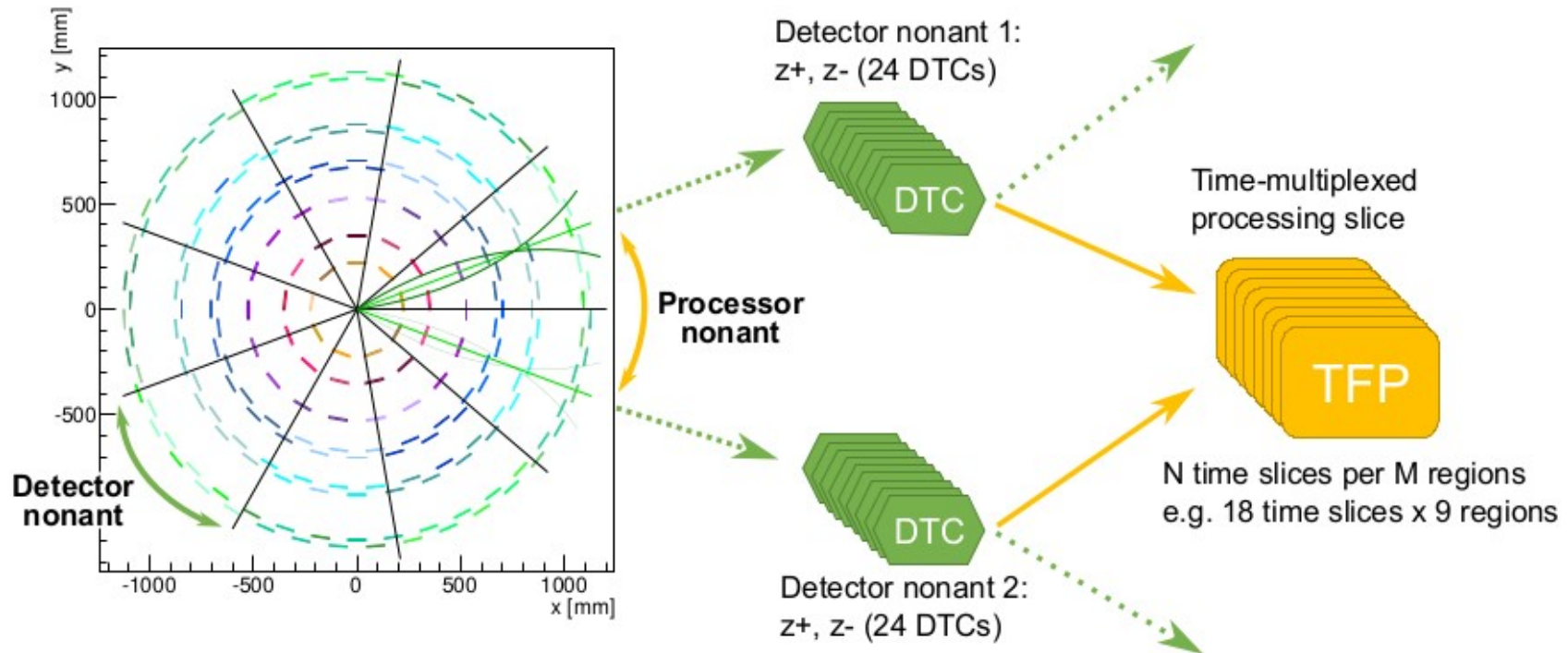
## Serenity: DTC processing

- Carrier card provides services
- Daughter cards host FPGAs for data processing





# DTC & TFP



**Outer tracker**

**DTC = Data Trigger  
& Control boards**

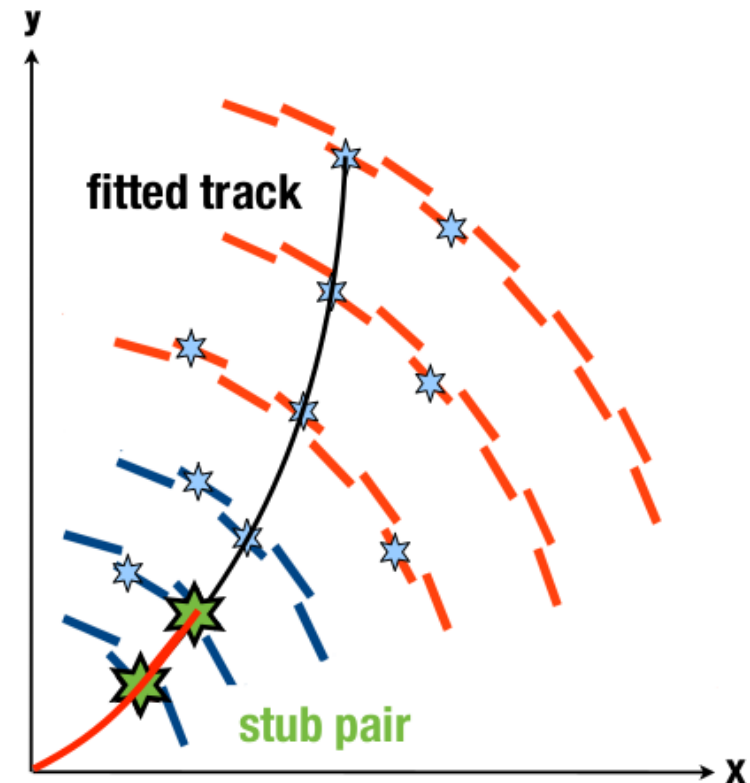
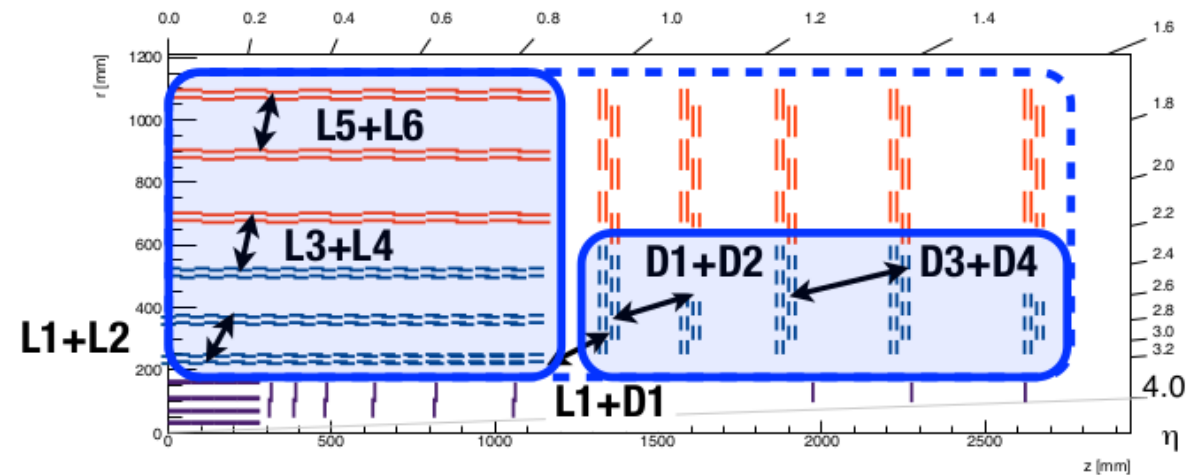
**TFP = Track Finding  
Processor boards**

DTCs perform stub pre-processing & distribute stubs to TFP boards (+ communicates with detector modules, forwards full event data upon L1 accept, etc.)

- new event received every 450 ns  
- total system: 162 TFP boards

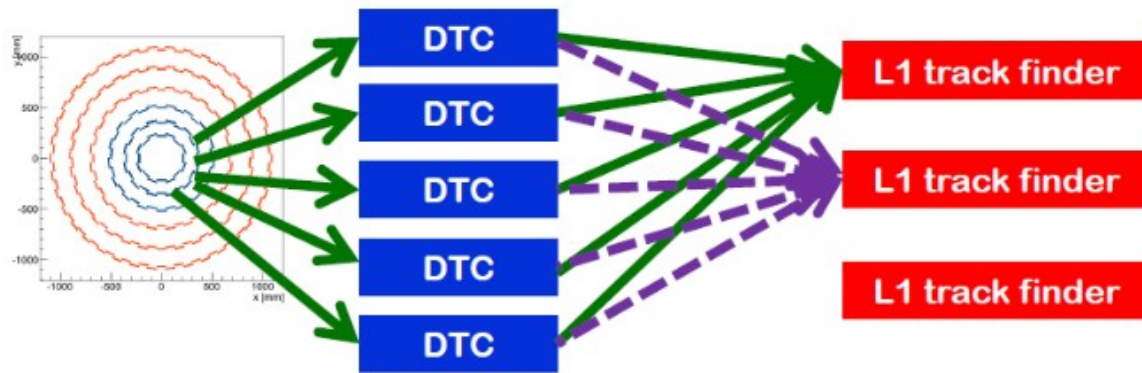
# Tracklet algo

- **Seed** by forming tracklets
  - ▶ Pairs of stubs in adjacent layers/disks
  - ▶ Initial tracklet parameters from stubs + beamspot constraint
- **Project** to other layers/disks & match with stubs
  - ▶ Inside-out & outside-in
  - ▶ Calculate residuals used in fit
- **Fit** stubs matched to trajectory
  - ▶ Linearized  $X^2$  fit
- Remove **duplicate** tracks based on shared stubs



# Hough transform

- Fully time-multiplexed architecture where all module data for given BX send to a single track finder processor board



- Pattern recognition using Hough transform + track fitting (all in FPGA)

