

Modeling and Computing in  
Elementary Particle Physics  
From particle tracks to physics understanding  
in **ATLAS**

*Introduction – Modeling - Computing*

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# *The Large Hadron Collider*

*Experiment ATLAS located close to CERN main site*

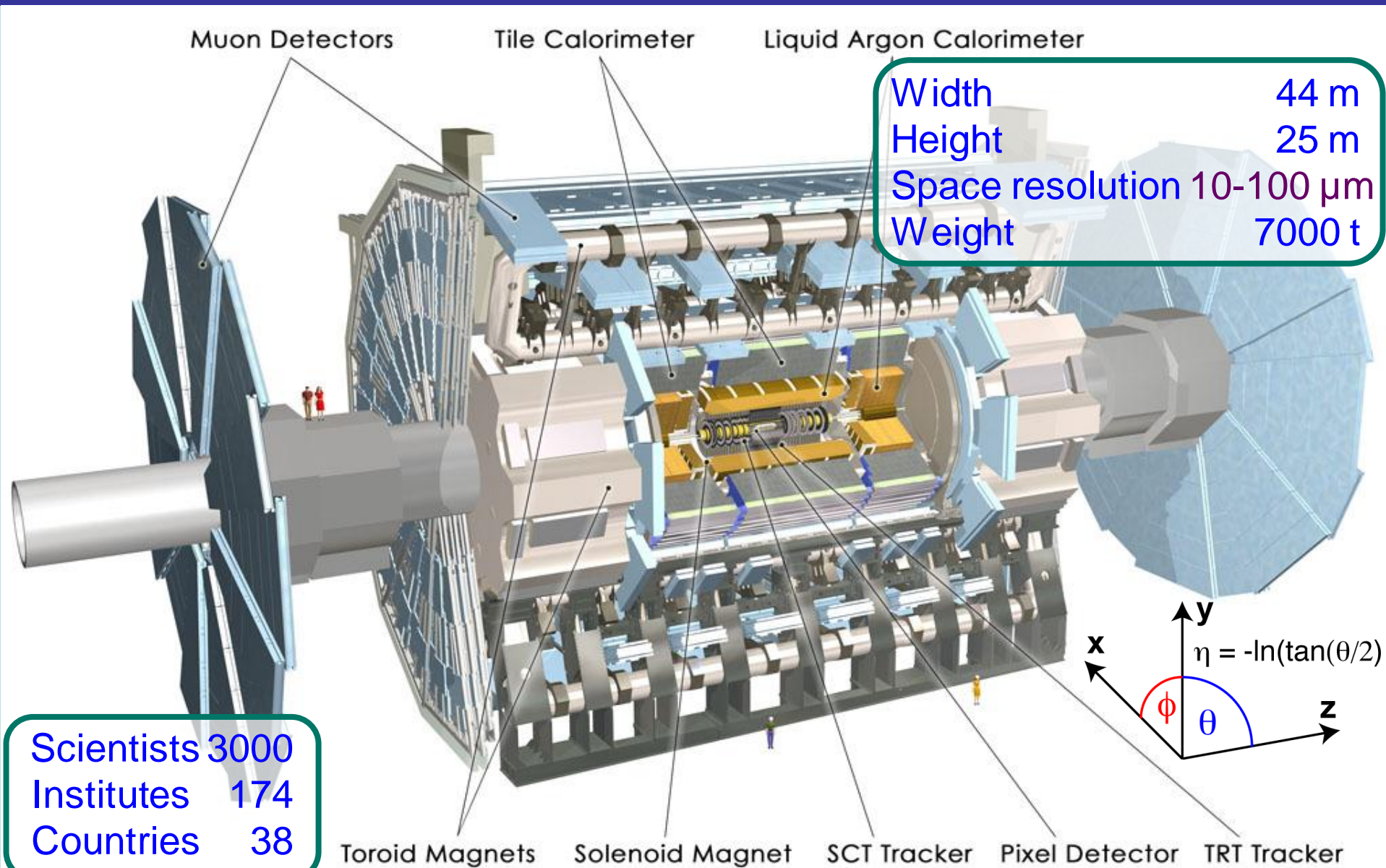


ATLAS not to  
scale...Is only 1-2  
per mille of LHC size...

# Relations between Superconductivity and Particle Physics – and a little bit of history

- Superconductivity is *applied* at large scale in HEP
  - in accelerators and experiments
  - for magnets and for RF cavities
- Interplay in development of S.C. and HEP *theory*
  - now is 50 years after BCS who provided a dynamic, microscopic explanation for superconductivity
  - Ginzburg, Landau; Stückelberg, Anderson ...
  - the symmetry of the laws of electromagnetism have to be broken somehow to accommodate superconductivity
  - this recognition of *spontaneous symmetry breaking* produced a revolution in elementary particle physics
  - Nambu; Goldstone, Salam, Weinberg ... related symmetry breaking with new gauge particles – massless particles though, excluded by experiment, unless a *local* symmetry is broken
  - just how is electroweak symmetry broken in particle physics? By the Higgs\* field? Or dynamically after all? (\* and Englert, Brout, Guralnik, Hagen, Kibble)
  - still a major question - at LHC ...

# ATLAS overview



# ATLAS data volumes

Inner Detector	Channels	Fragment size/kB
Pixels	$80 \times 10^6$	60
SCT	$6.2 \times 10^6$	110
TRT	$3.7 \times 10^5$	307

Muon Spectrometer	Channels	Fragment size/kB
MDT	$3.7 \times 10^5$	154
CSC	$6.7 \times 10^4$	256
RPC	$3.5 \times 10^5$	12
TGC	$4.4 \times 10^5$	6

Calorimeter	Channels	Fragment size/kB
LAr	$1.8 \times 10^5$	576
Tile	$10^4$	48

Trigger		Fragment size/kB
LVL1		28

ATLAS event size: ~1.5 Mbytes  
Recording rate: ~400 Hz  
~100 Million electronic channels

Rate to permanent storage: 500 MB/sec  
3 PB/year go to reconstruction + analysis  
on the worldwide LHC Grid computing  
facilities

Some interesting events:  $W^+W^- \rightarrow e^+\nu \mu^-\nu$  candidate

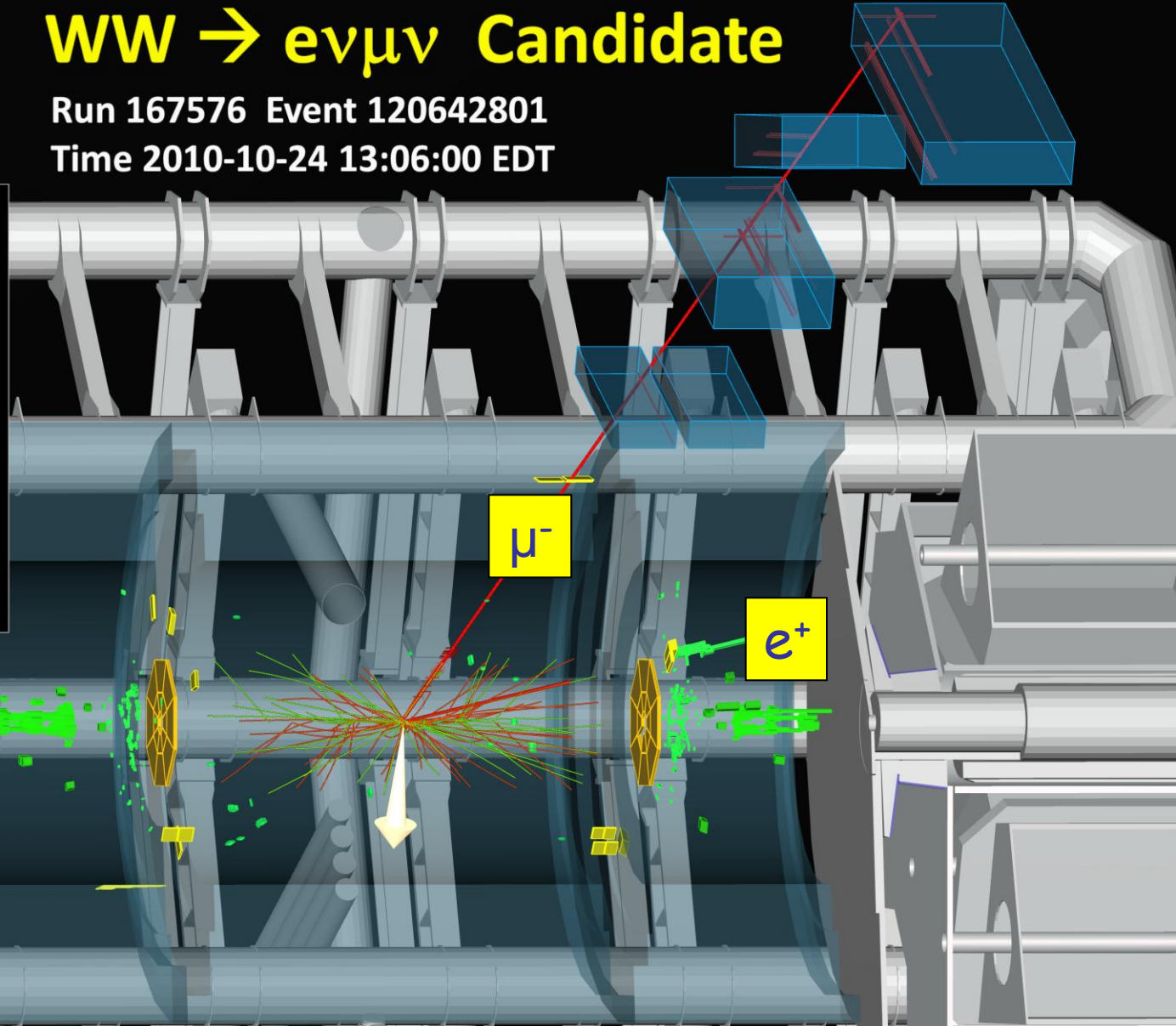
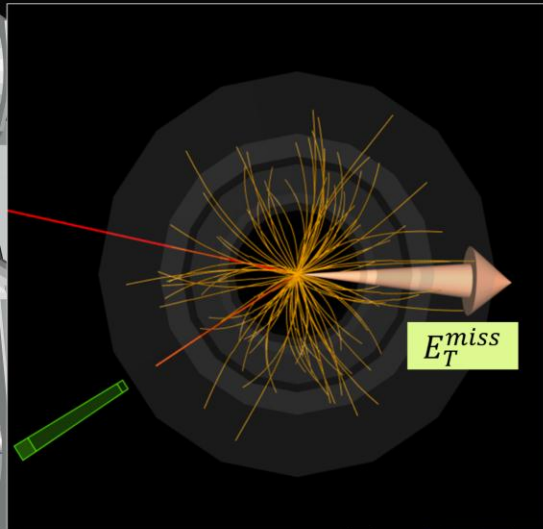
$p_T(e) \sim 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T(\mu) \sim 68 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} \sim 70 \text{ GeV}$



## WW $\rightarrow$ $e\nu\mu\nu$ Candidate

Run 167576 Event 120642801

Time 2010-10-24 13:06:00 EDT

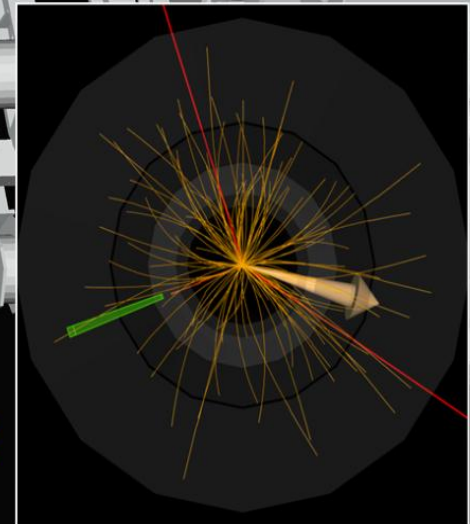
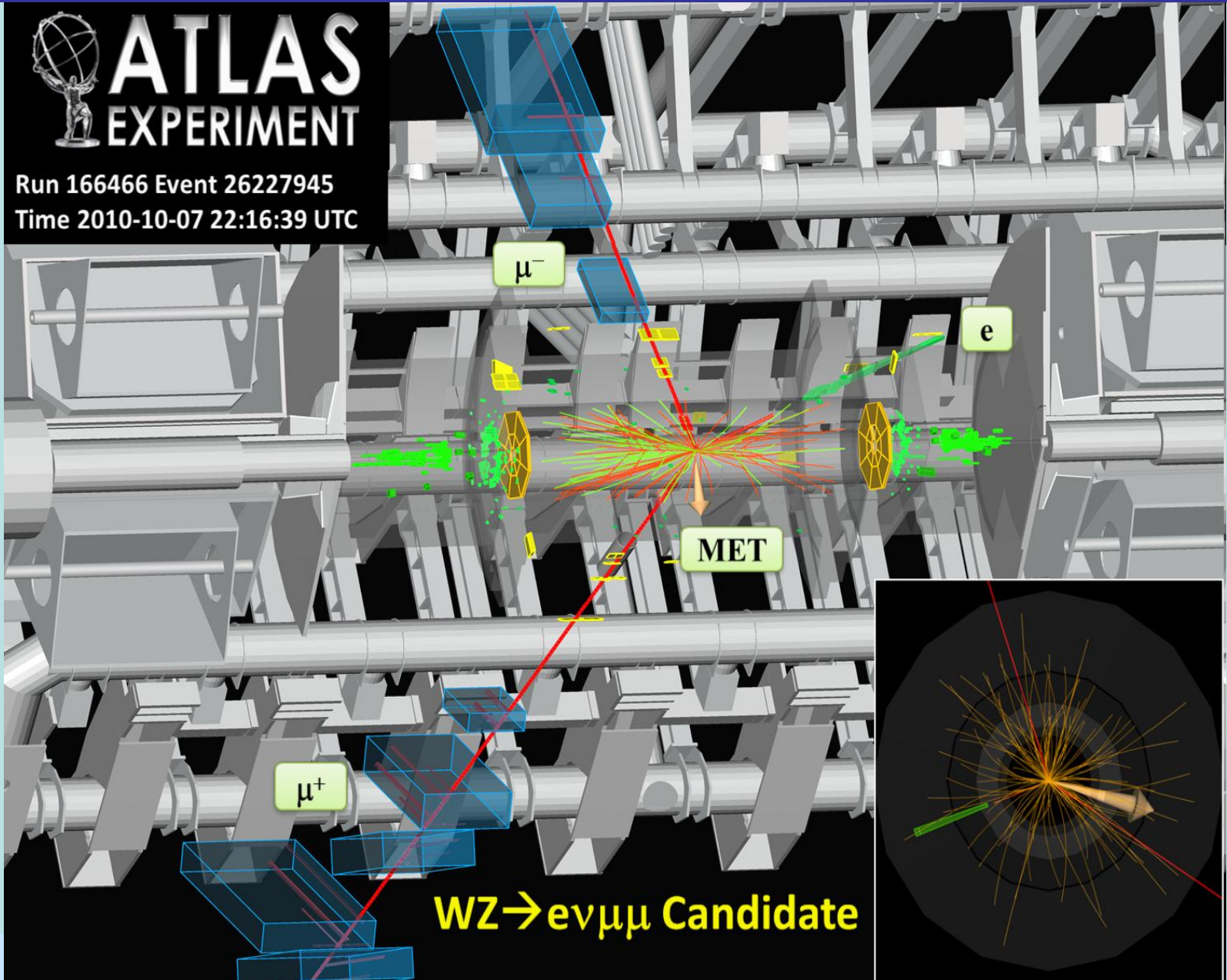


# $WZ \rightarrow e\nu\mu\mu$ candidate

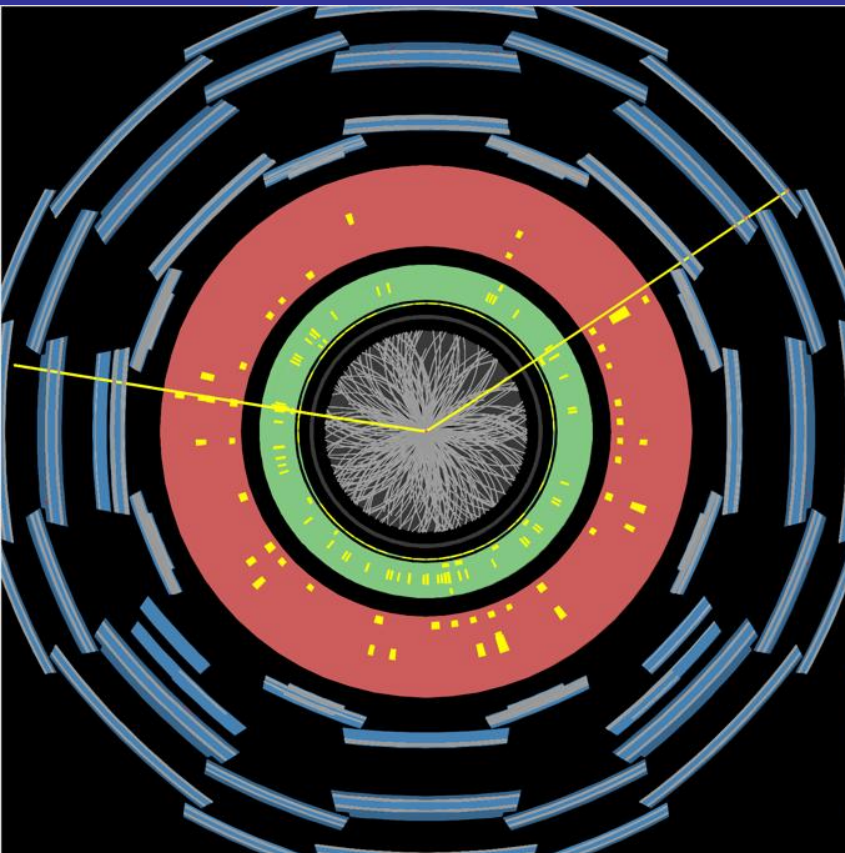
$p_T(\mu^+) = 65 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T(\mu^-) = 40 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T(e) = 64 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} = 21 \text{ GeV}$



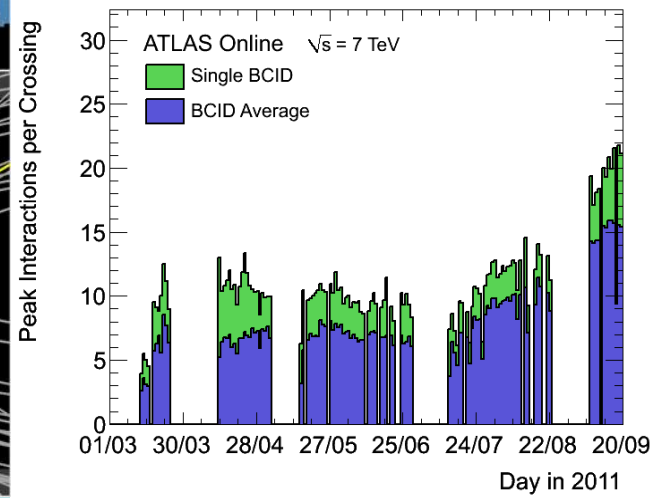
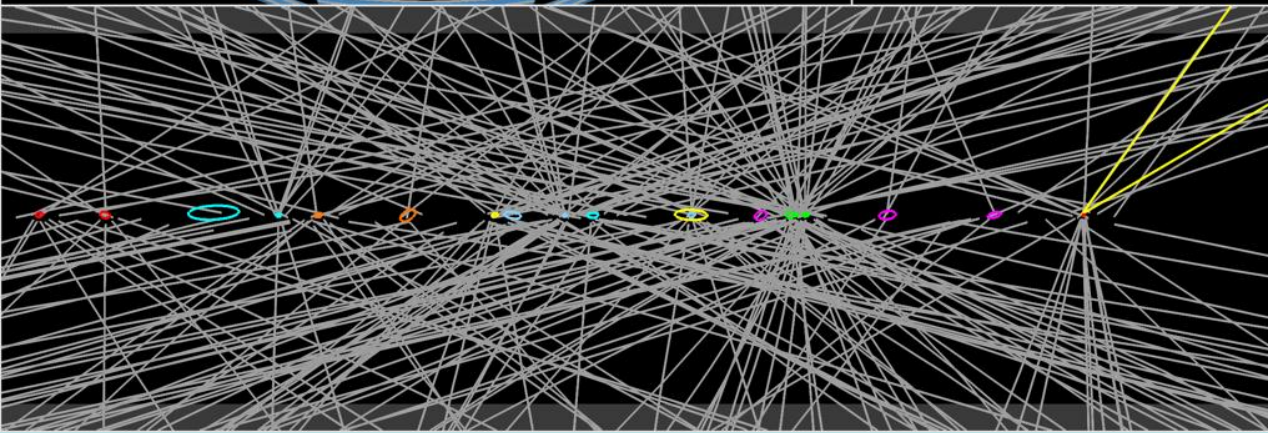
Run 166466 Event 26227945  
Time 2010-10-07 22:16:39 UTC



# High demands especially in particle tracking close to the interaction point



Example of  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  decay  
with 20 primary vertices  
Total range along the beam  
axis is  $\sim \pm 15$  cm



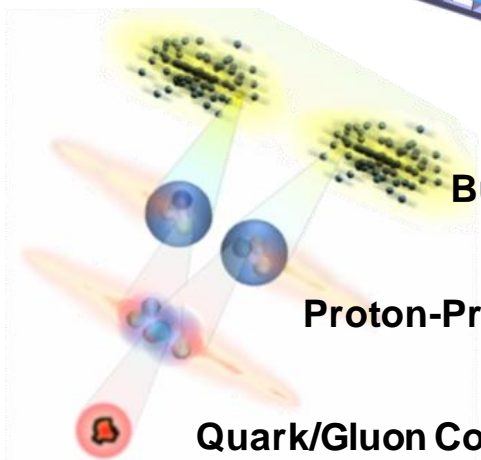
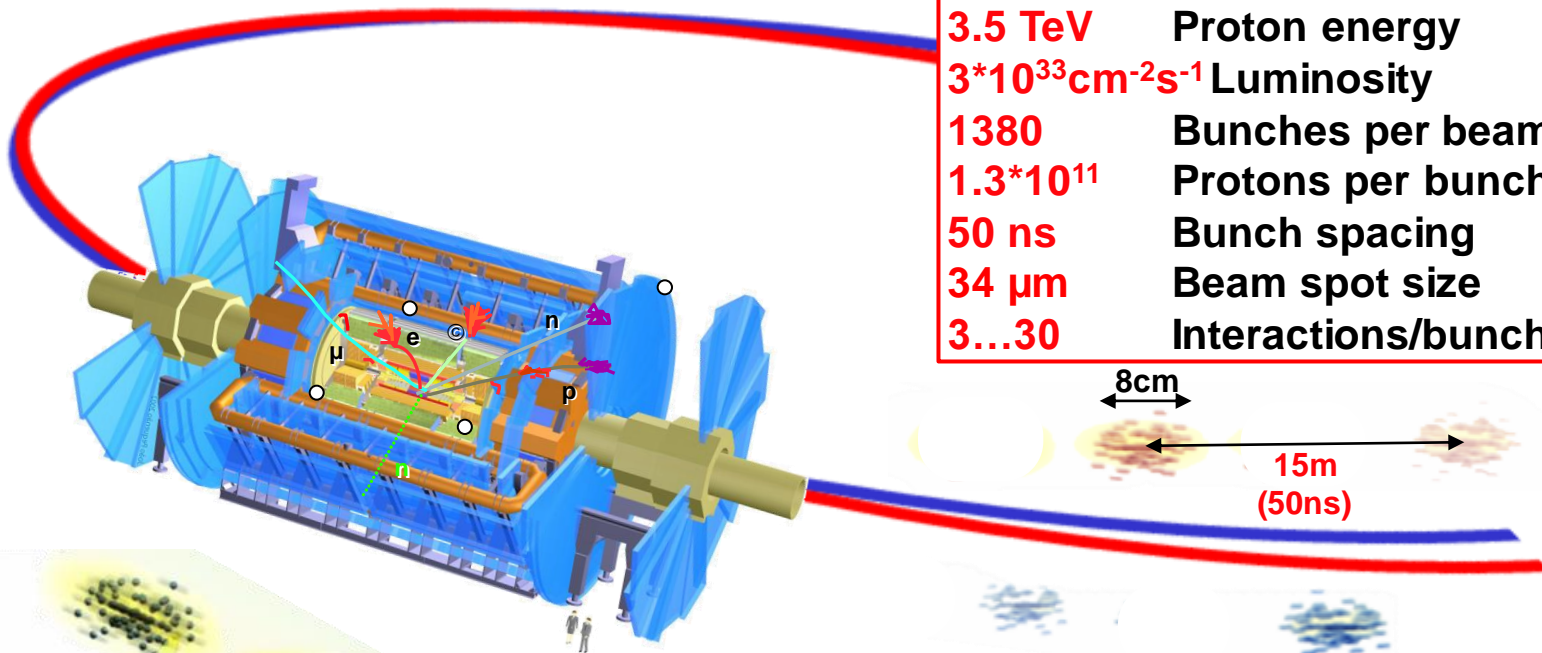


# *Modeling*

# Proton-Proton collisions at LHC – *parameters 2011*

## LHC parameters 2011:

<b>3.5 TeV</b>	<b>Proton energy</b>
<b><math>3 \cdot 10^{33} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}</math></b>	<b>Luminosity</b>
<b>1380</b>	<b>Bunches per beam</b>
<b><math>1.3 \cdot 10^{11}</math></b>	<b>Protons per bunch</b>
<b>50 ns</b>	<b>Bunch spacing</b>
<b><math>34 \mu\text{m}</math></b>	<b>Beam spot size</b>
<b>3...30</b>	<b>Interactions/bunch crossing</b>

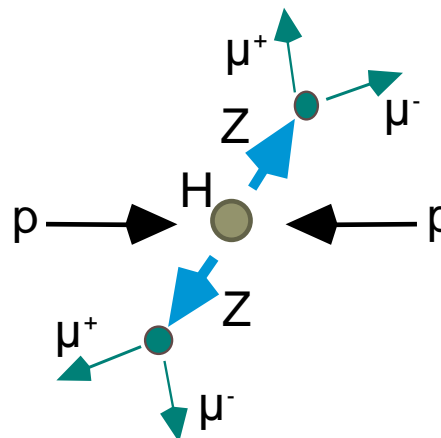


**Bunch Crossings  $2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Hz}$**

**Proton-Proton Collisions  $0.2 \cdot 10^9 \text{ Hz}$**

**Quark/Gluon Collisions**

**Production of heavy particles  $10^{+3...-7} \text{ Hz}$   
(W, Z, t, Higgs, SUSY,...)**

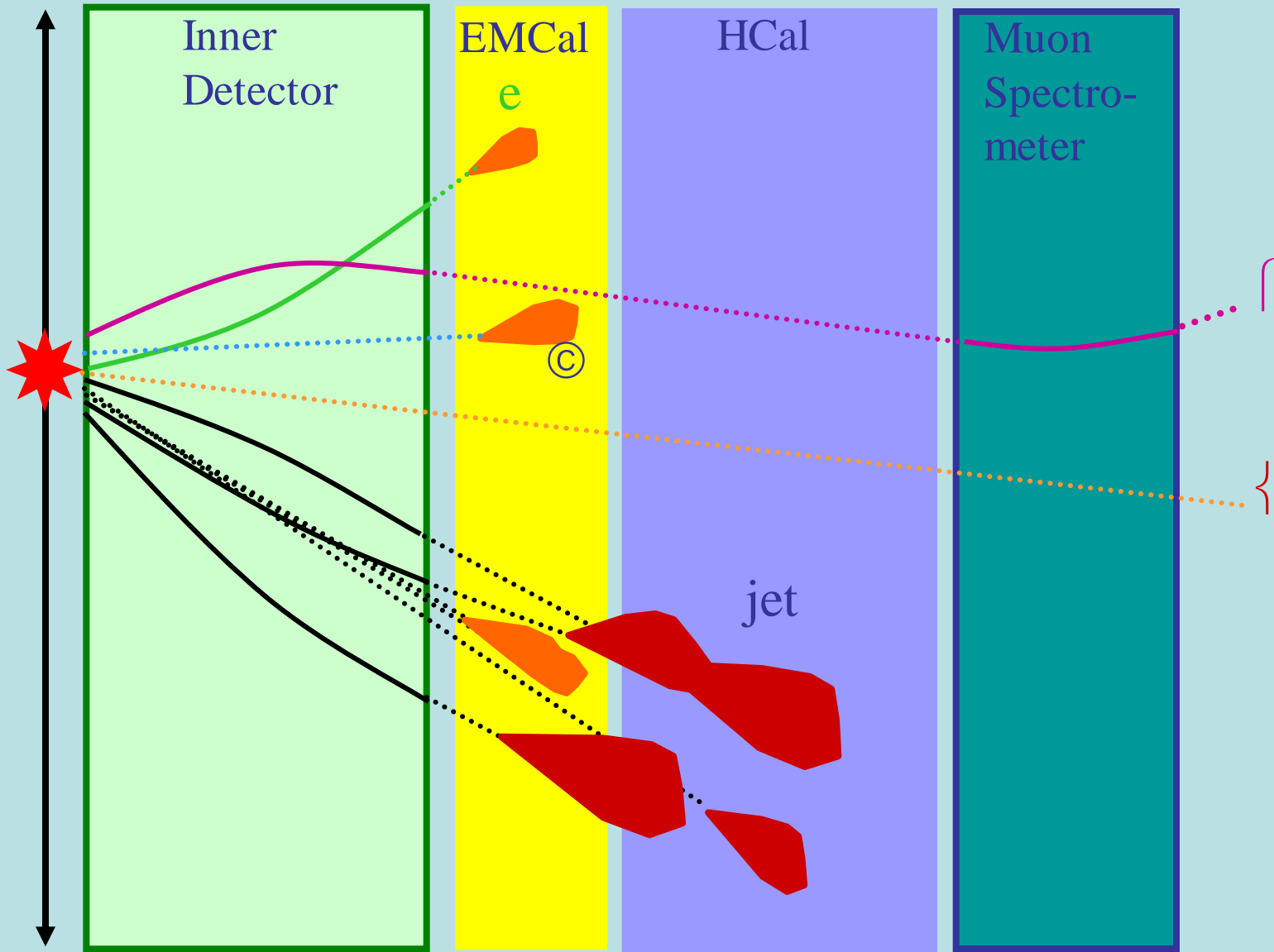


# What do we model?

- The primary interaction between the beam particles (quarks, gluons; protons) in the middle of the detector
  - this models the physics we are interested in, and which we need to *reconstruct* from the events observed with the detector
  - Higgs, SUSY, micro-gravity, and known particles are generated here
- The further “life” of the particles emerging from this primary interaction
  - mostly extremely short-lived: flight path less than the diameter of a proton; some travel a few mm or m; some are stable
- The path of the particles through the detector
  - interactions of particles with detector material: energy deposition ... slight ionisation in gas or silicon so the track can be “seen”; or full absorption for calorimetric energy measurement
  - bending of charged particles in magnetic fields
- ...of course, for that we need to model the detector
  - geometry, material, magnetic fields, ...

# Particle paths in the detector

(see also the videos – references slide)

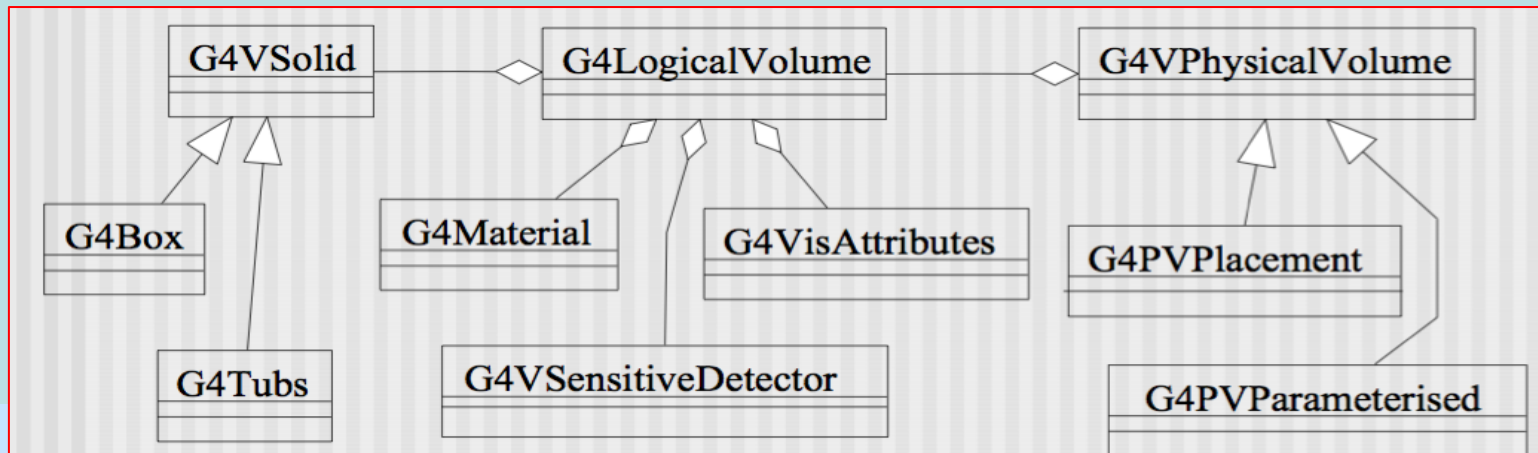


# Modeling the detector

- **Framework used: Geant4**
  - used for most of the modeling involved – not only detector model
  - used throughout HEP experiments, but also in other fields
- **Technically:**
  - written in C++, providing useful classes from which one can derive for one's own detector description
- **Detector model used for many purposes in ATLAS**
  - simulation and reconstruction
  - visualisation
  - always starting from the same geometrical model (GeoModel) ensuring identical geometry for all purposes

# Creating a detector volume using three conceptual layers

- Start with its shape and size
  - this is a *Solid*
  - e.g. box 3\*5\*7 cm, sphere R = 8 cm
- Add properties
  - a *Logical Volume*
  - material, E field, B field
  - make it “sensitive”, e.g. for a drift tube, a liquid-argon cell
- Place it in another volume
  - a *Physical Volume*
  - in one place at a time, repeatedly using a function



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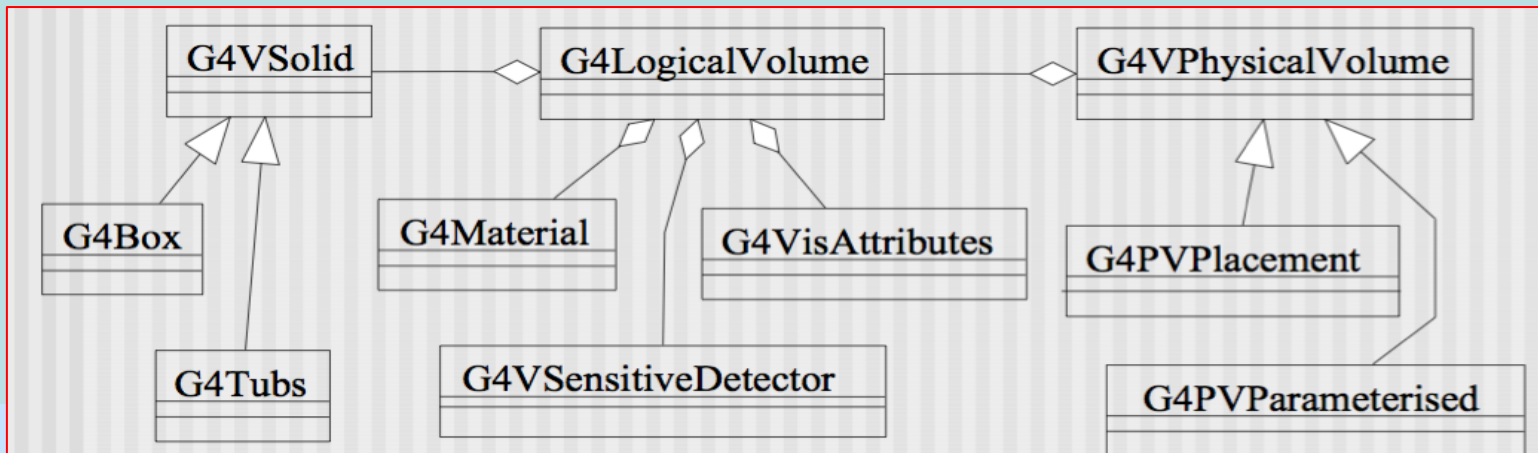
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- make it “s

```
G4double density = 1.390*g/cm3;  
G4double a = 39.95*g/mole;  
G4Material* lAr =  
new G4Material("liquidArgon", z=18., a, density);
```

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# Example detector layouts

- Same logical volumes can be used in different concrete geometries – full ATLAS, partially completed ATLAS, test beam setups:

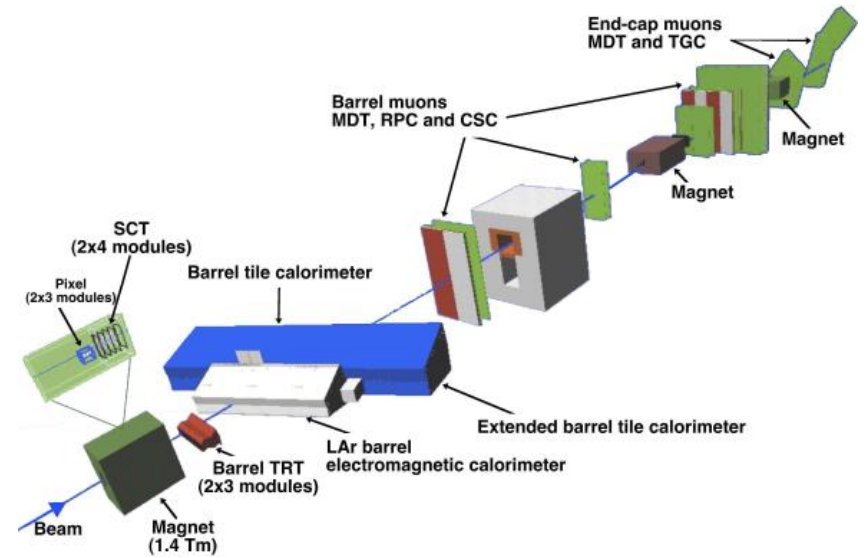
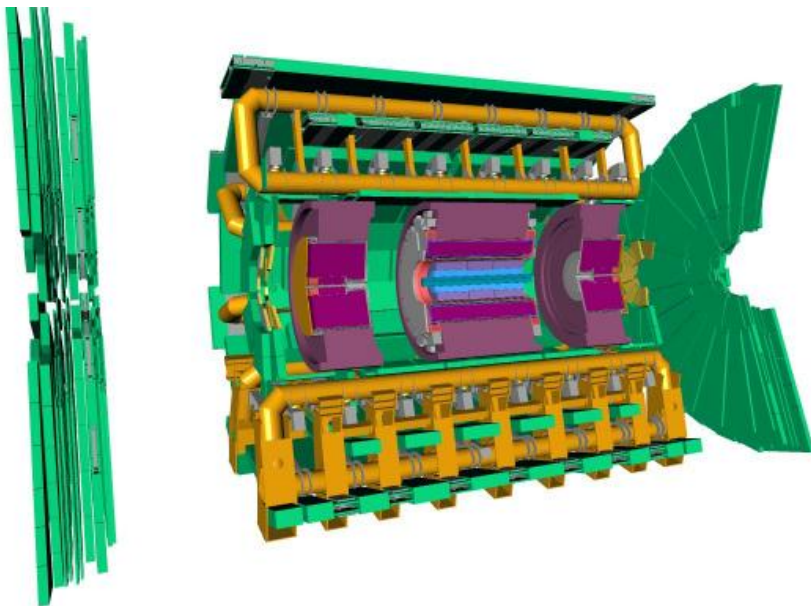


Figure: Cosmic commissioning

Figure: Combined test beam



# Magnetic field integration

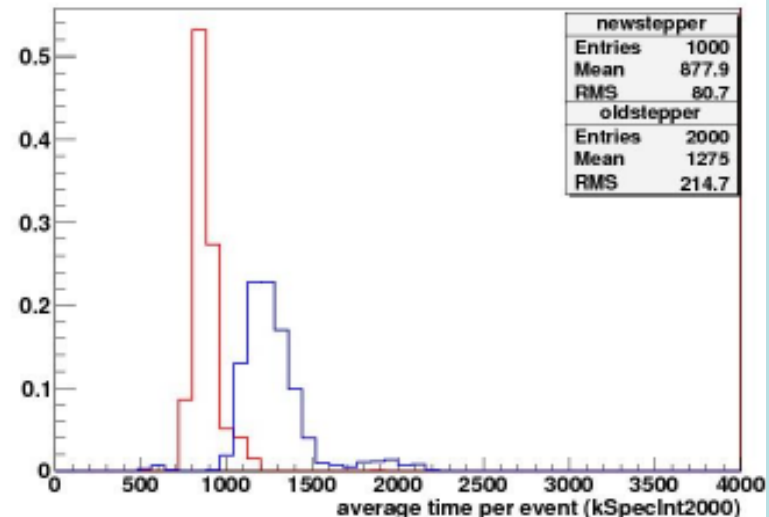
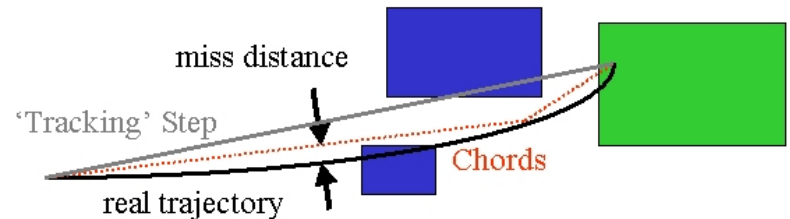
- Numerical integration with Runge-Kutta et al.
- Very CPU time consuming, large fraction of simulation time spent here

## Steppers (EM field integration steps)

Lots of simulation time spent on this...

Different steppers:

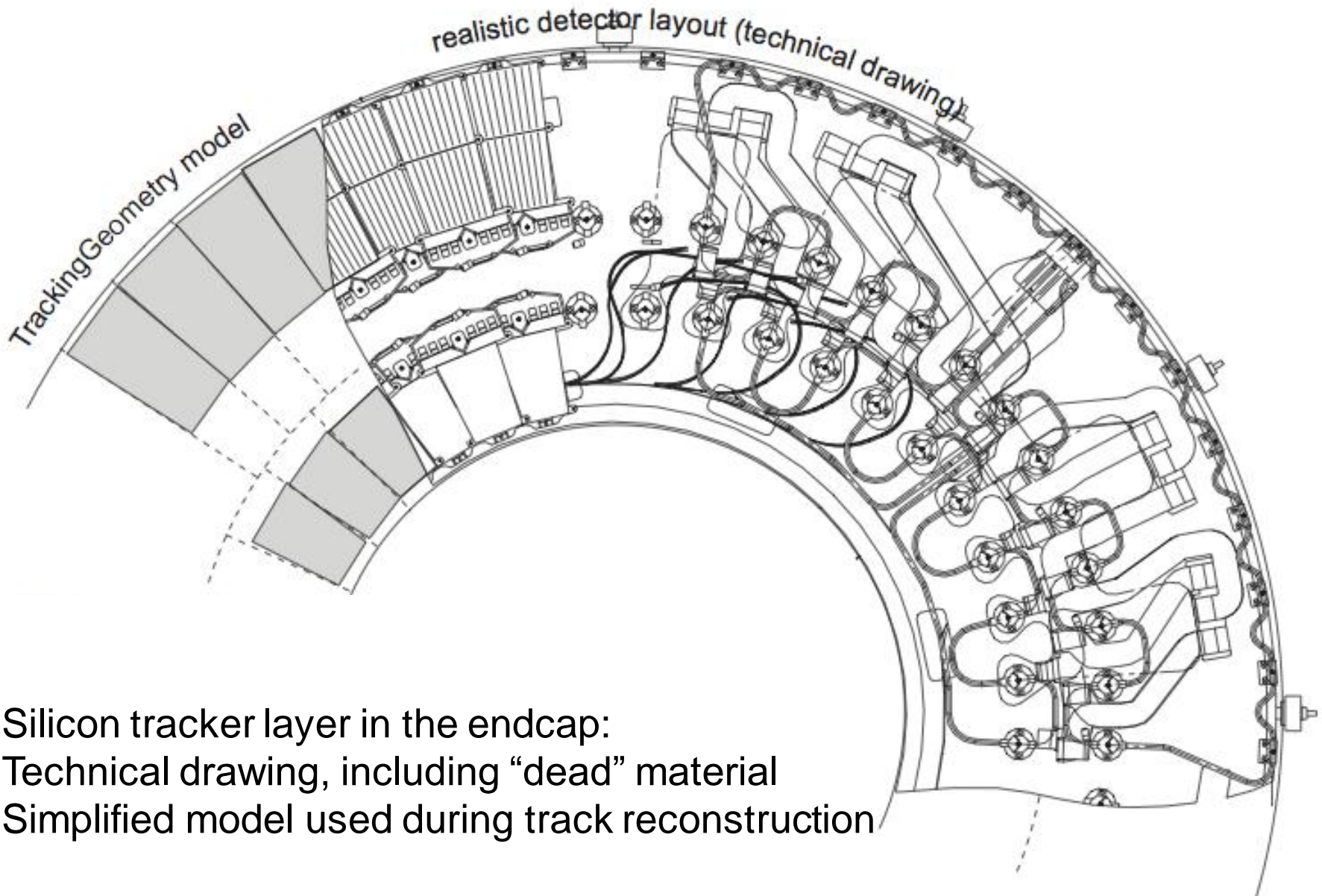
- G4ClassicalRK4: 12 calls per step)
- New stepper: RK-Nystrom integration and intermediate calc. steps cached (20-30% CPU improvement)  
⇒ New stepper G4Nystrom (G4.9.3)
- New G4CachedMagneticField (G4.9.3)
- G4ConstRK4: 1 call per step)



# Abstraction of complex geometry for track **reconstruction**

- Complete detector description used in full *simulation* needs too much CPU when used in track *reconstruction*
  - so generate a simplified version starting from the full geometry
- Dedicated geometry suited for track finding and fitting
  - necessary for the definition of the measurement surfaces where the particle tracks enter/exit a detector element
  - importance of particle interaction with detector material along track (multiple scattering, described stochastically)
- Each detector element has its local reference frame
  - the choice of specific surface representations (e.g. cylinder, plane,...) in general needs intrinsic local co-ordinate systems
  - this is important to establish a coherent track parametrisation w.r.t. the measured co-ordinates given by the detector elements
  - not necessarily cartesian
  - transformations to global ATLAS co-ordinates necessary

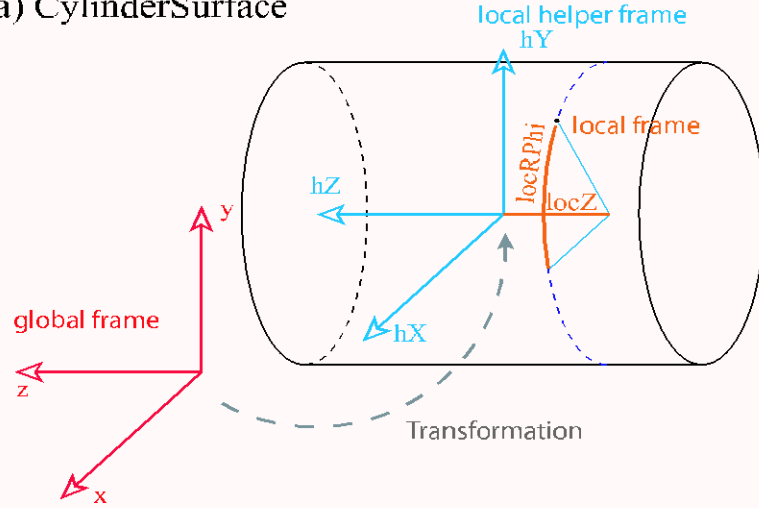
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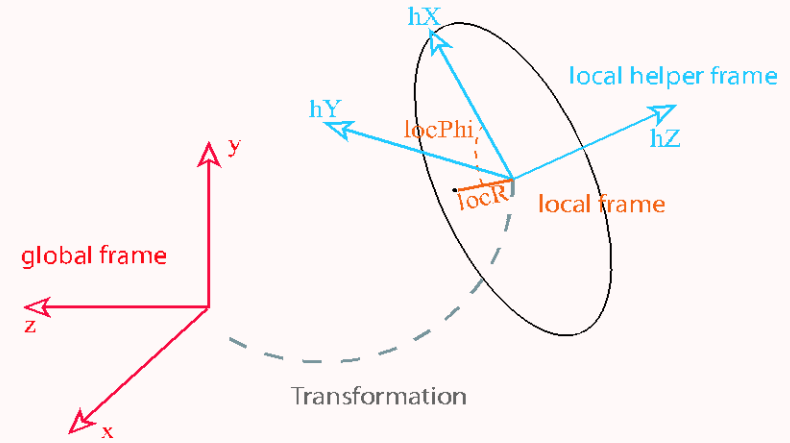
Silicon tracker layer in the endcap:  
Technical drawing, including “dead” material  
Simplified model used during track reconstruction

# Small set of surfaces and boundary shapes used in tracking

a) CylinderSurface

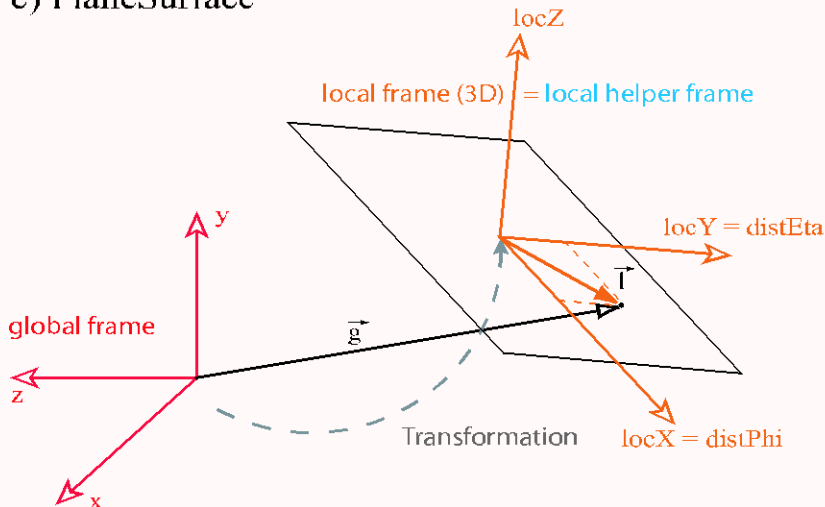


b) DiscSurface

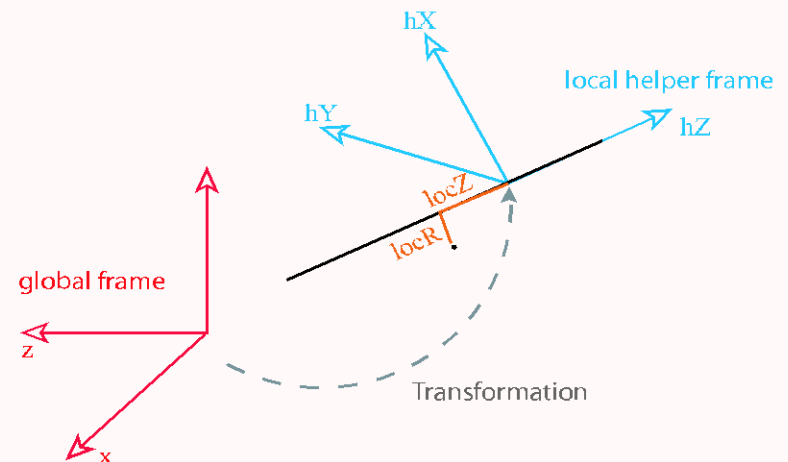


*Surface types and their global to local transformations, as used in tracking*

c) PlaneSurface

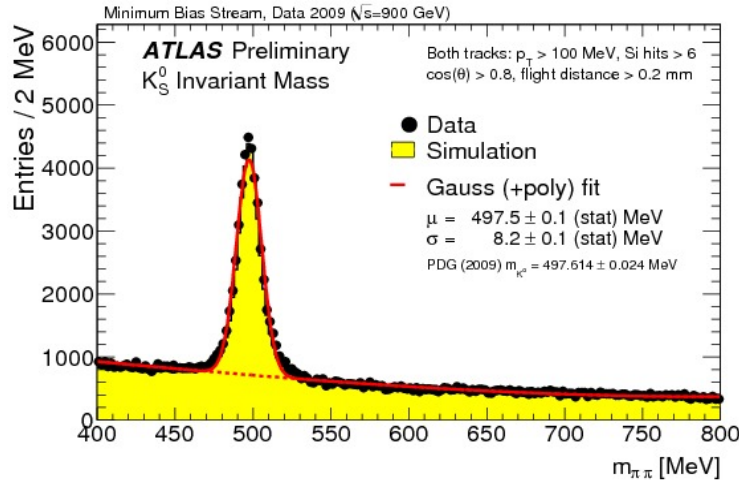


d) StraightLineSurface

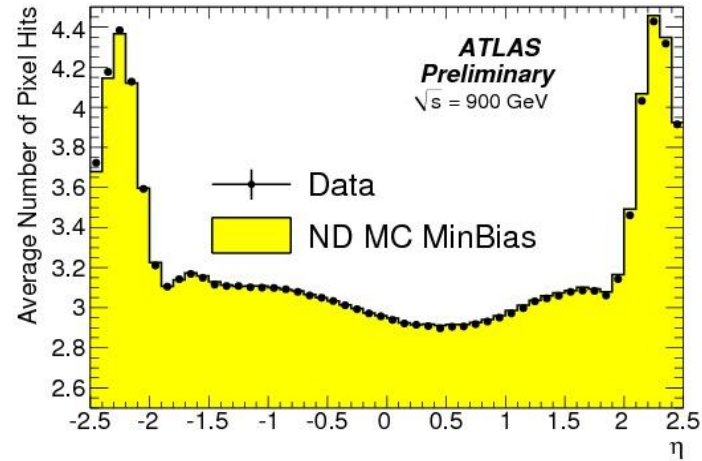




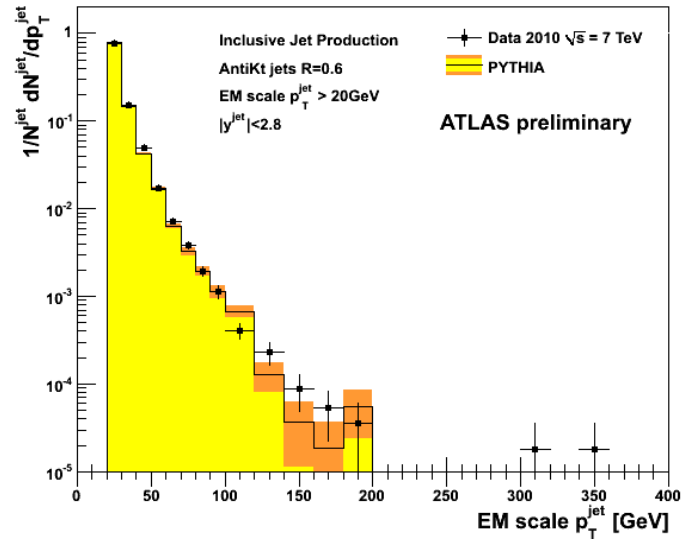
# Importance of comparing simulated with measured data for validation of both



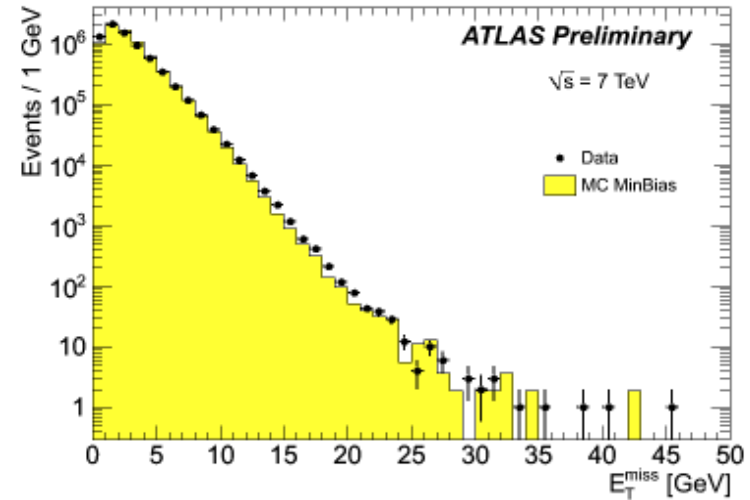
$K_S^0$  invariant mass



Average no. of pixel hits



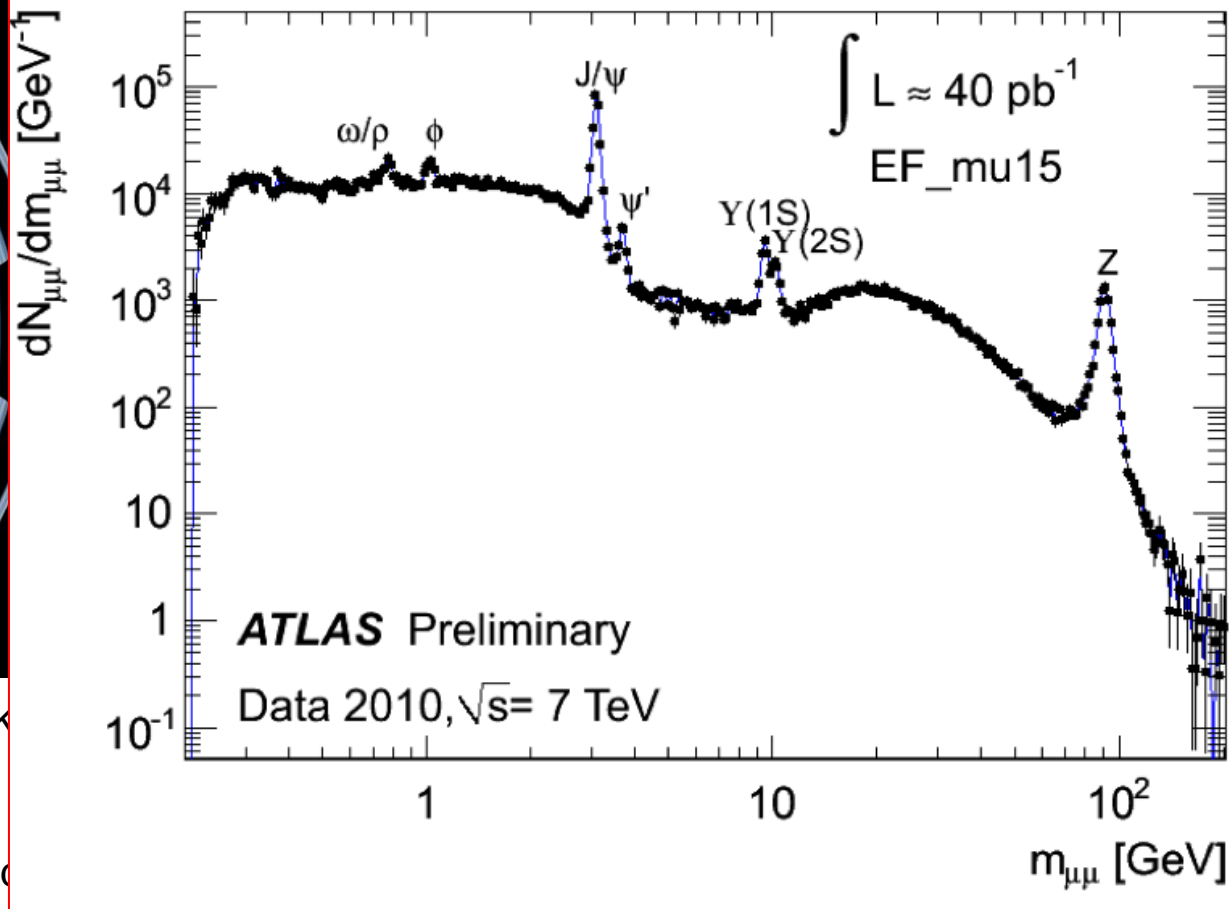
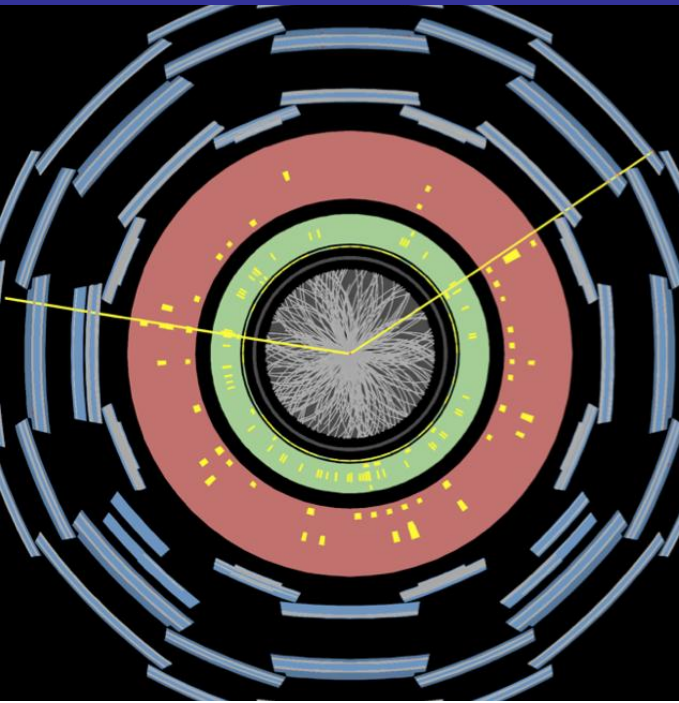
Jet scale



Missing  $E_T$  spectrum

# Just one example of reconstruction/analysis

## calculating properties of unobserved particles from observed tracks



This event contains two muon tracks  
with 4-momenta  $p_1, p_2$ .

$p = (E, \mathbf{p})$ ,  $\mathbf{p}$  measured in the toroid  
 $E^2 = m^2 + \mathbf{p}^2$  known because the  
particle type (muon) is known from the track behaviour in the detector, hence mass  $m$  is known.

We calculate the invariant mass of the combination of the two muons – i.e. of an assumed primary particle which decays into the two muons:  $m_{\mu\mu}^2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^2$   
We obtain the mass spectrum in the right plot, showing peaks at the masses of the known primary particles decaying into two muons – plus continuous background.

# *Computing*



# Computing effort for simulation

Significant time per event for G4  $\Rightarrow$  Large scale Production

Signal	CPU time (kSI2k.s)
Jets	1139.093
$H \rightarrow \ell\ell$	1241.541
MinBias	478.994
SUSY	1923.755
$Z \rightarrow ee$	1204.342
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$	960.114
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	1036.051

CPU time  
per event  
simulated:  
~ 20 min



- Grid Tasks (e.g. 500k  $t\bar{t}$ )
- Split into jobs (typically 25/50 events) to fit within 48 hrs
- Output registered Distributed Data Management (DDM)
- Extensive **physics validation** of samples before use

Eight million events can be produced daily

i.e.  
need  $O(100000)$  CPU  
cores

Failure rate is less than  $10^{-6}$

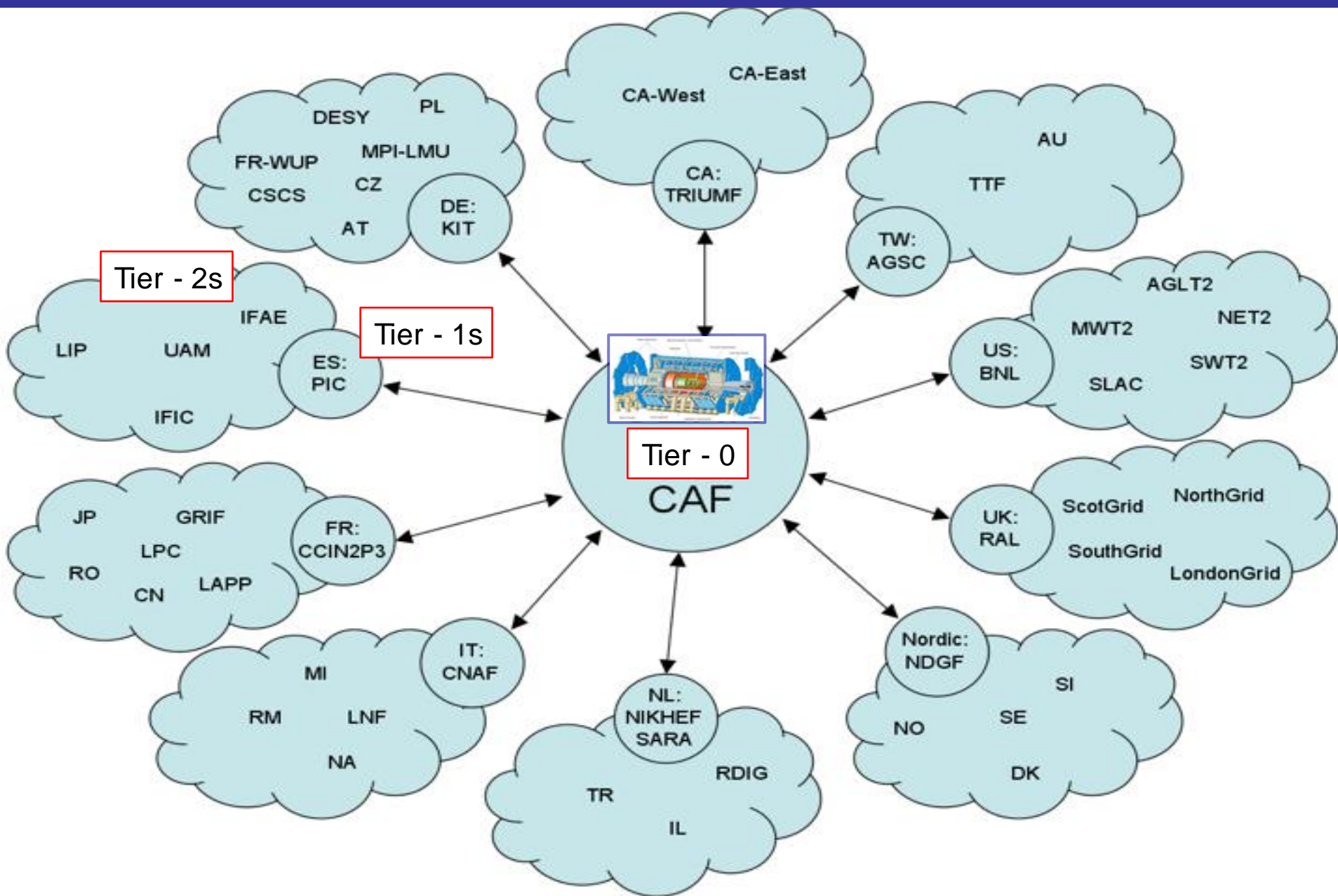
# Tasks performed on ATLAS computing infrastructure

- Simulation, as we have seen
  - very CPU intensive full simulation.  $O(100000)$  CPU cores was the ballpark – if we were simulating all the time
- Reconstruction and analysis
  - reconstruction is done in a co-ordinated, central effort – a few people do it for the entire collaboration, mostly batch processing. Need 10-50s CPU per event -  $O(10000)$  CPU cores all the time
  - analysis is usually done by small groups or individual physicists, much interactive processing, mostly graphical output, iterated many times
- Why do we need so many *measured* events?
  - we have seen a few event displays. In principle a single event can be very instructive
  - but in general an analysis in particle physics is a statistical analysis
  - esp. in proton-proton (or heavy ion) collisions, many more background events are produced than “interesting” ones (like Higgs), so need much statistics to separate the signal from the background
  - we record  $\sim 2$  billion events per year, occupying  $\sim 3$  petabytes storage

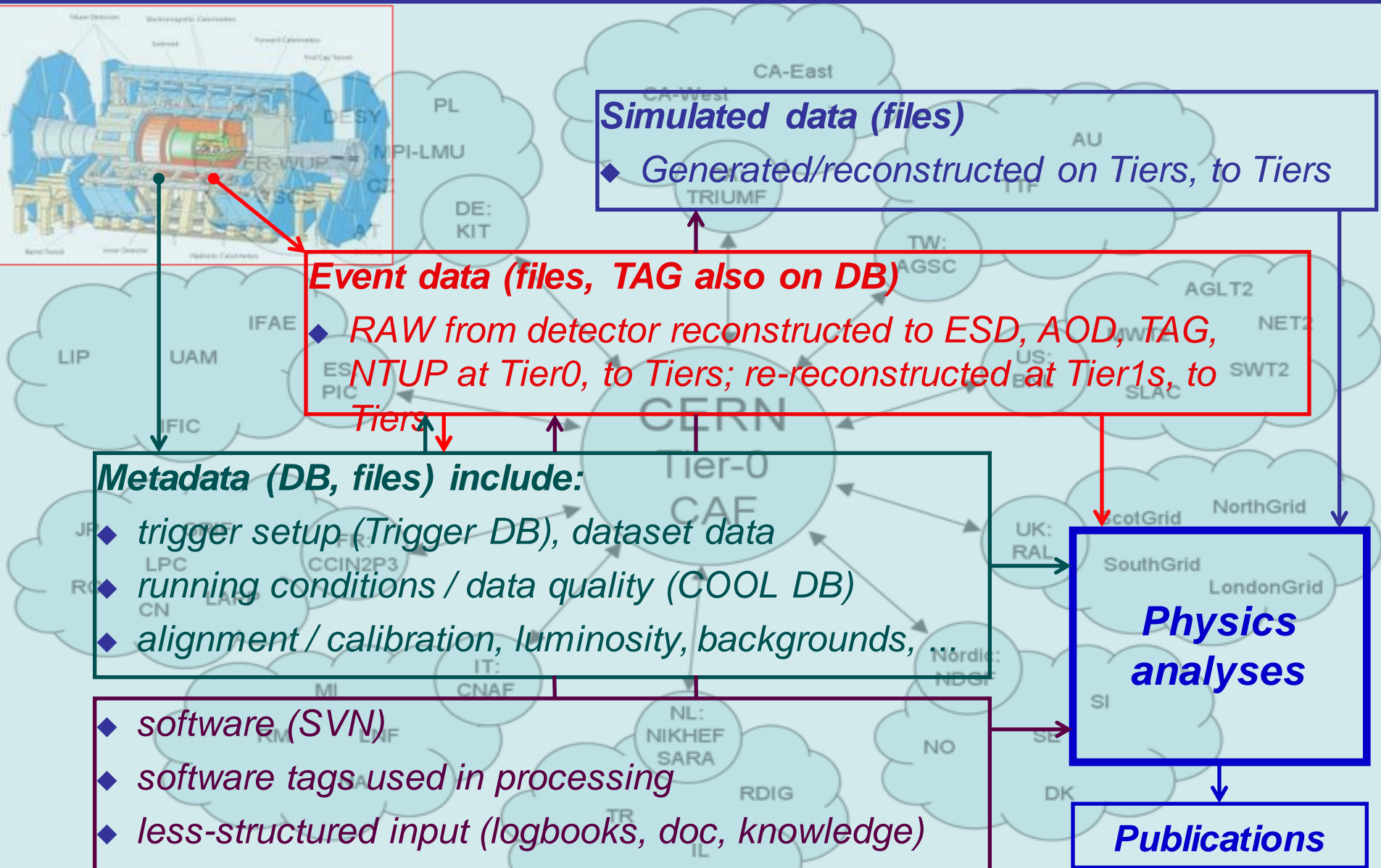
# How can we use so many CPUs in parallel?

- Trivial in principle. Event data are independent so they can be processed easily in parallel
  - only almost true: several/many events share common metadata like running conditions
- CPU boxes are coming with more and more cores, esp. true for the graphics processing units (GPU) or CPU-GPU integrated architectures
  - from now 8 cores per box soon to >100 cores per box
  - the answer is to use more fine-grain parallelism in addition to event parallelism – we are actively working on this
  - the linear algebra in the inner loops of track reconstruction are especially suited for more parallelism
  - ...also the neural-network algorithms which disentangle multiple hits in the pixel detector
  - useful tools arriving – thread and array building blocks, CILK; all C++

# ATLAS and the worldwide Grid computing infrastructure



# Information flow from detector to publication



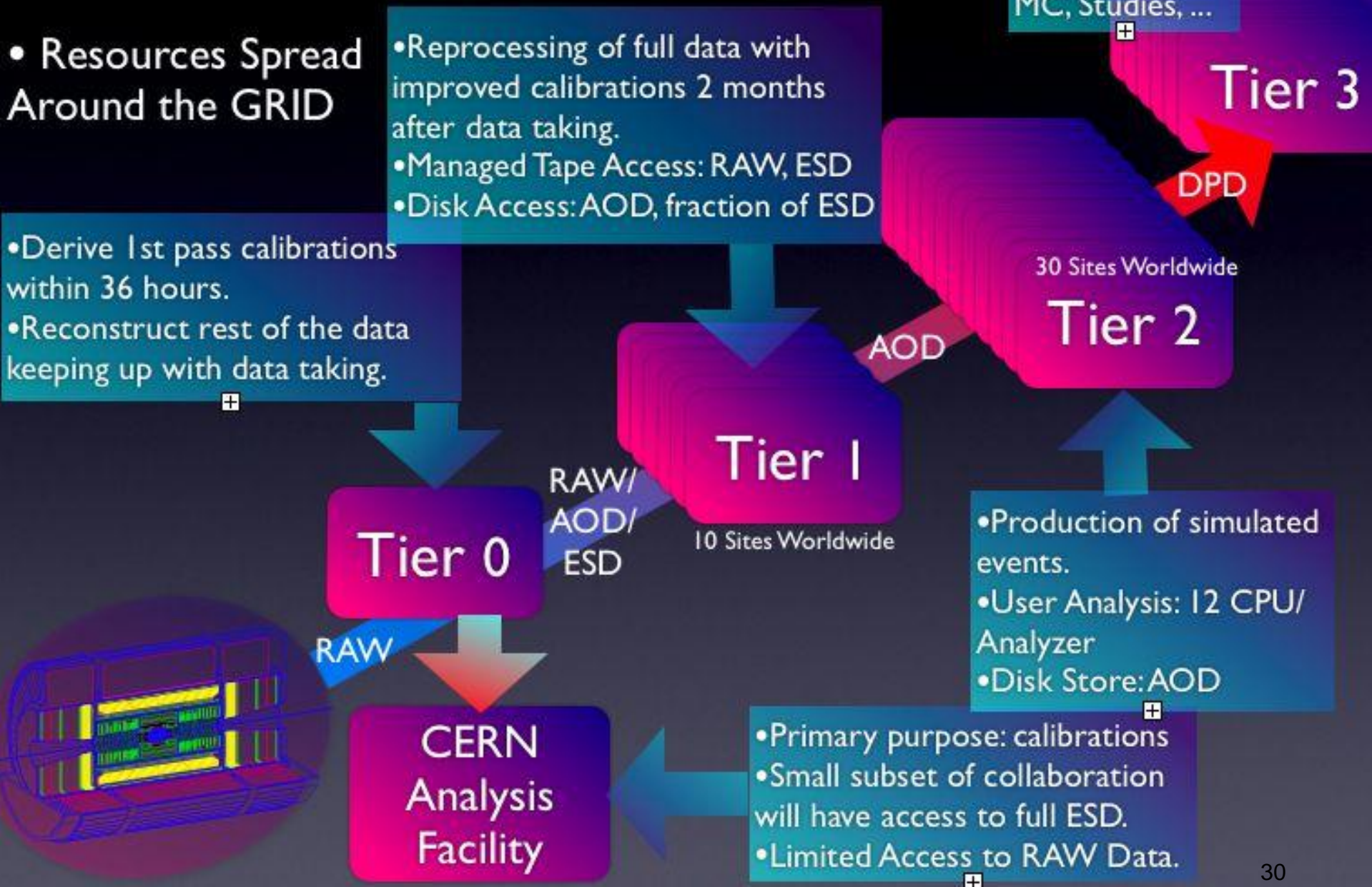
# Computing Model – what is done where

## Resources Spread Around the GRID

- Derive 1st pass calibrations within 36 hours.
- Reconstruct rest of the data keeping up with data taking.

- Reprocessing of full data with improved calibrations 2 months after data taking.
- Managed Tape Access: RAW, ESD
- Disk Access: AOD, fraction of ESD

- Interactive Analysis
- Plots, Fits, Toy MC, Studies, ...

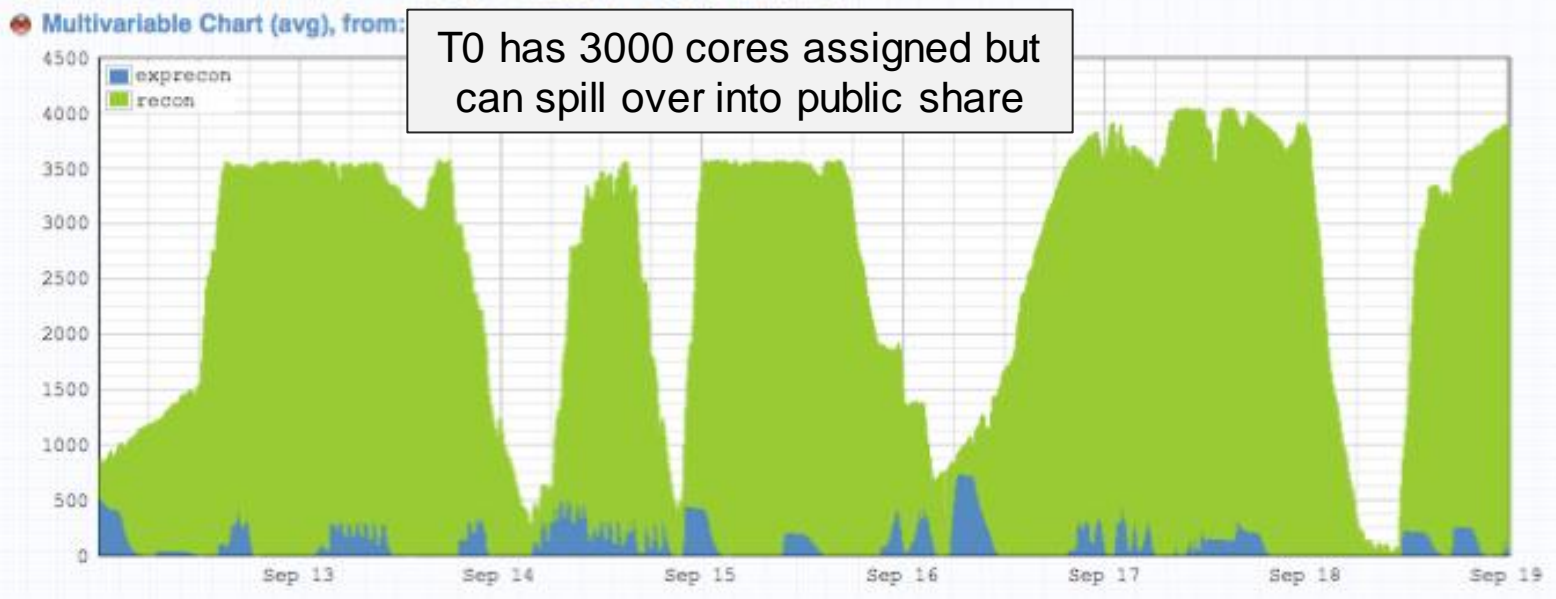


# Tier-0 does immediate processing of subset of events coming from Point1, then full processing after calibration

pending / running jobs



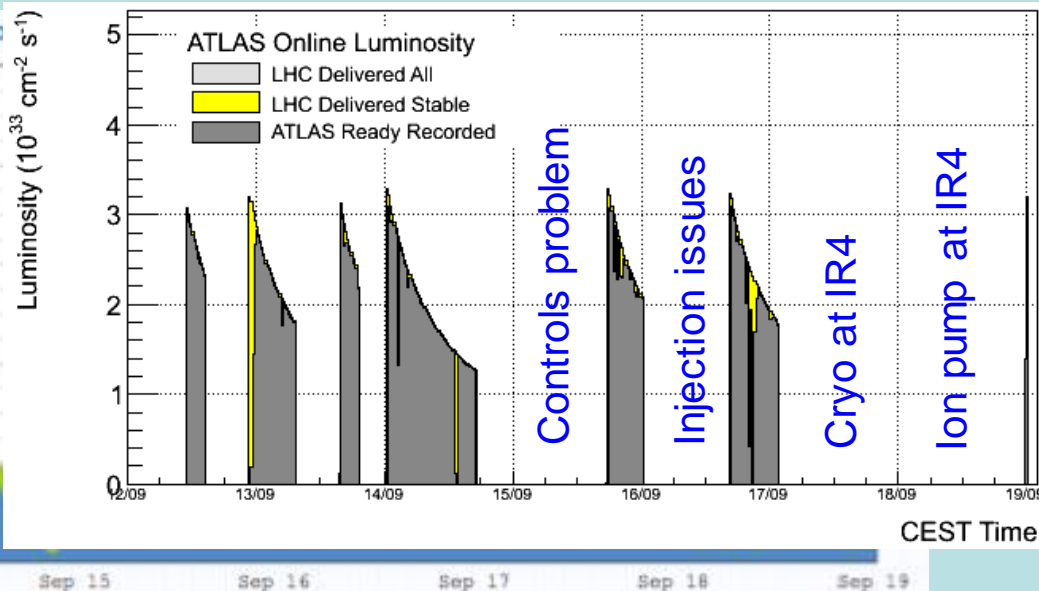
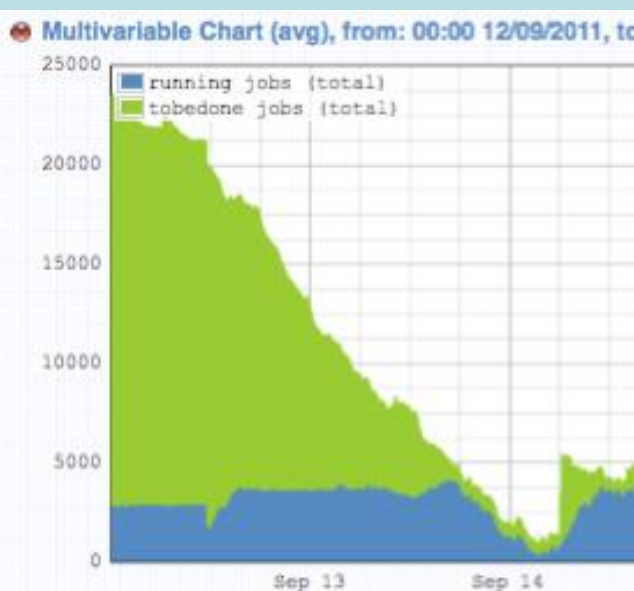
# of running jobs



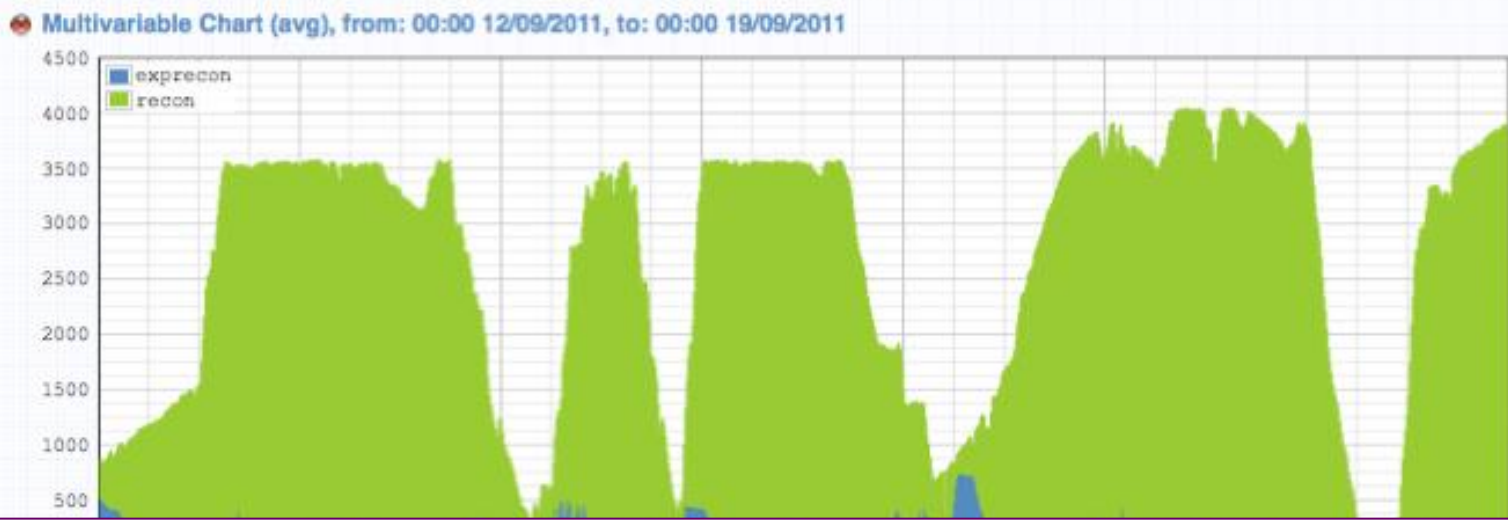
T0 has 3000 cores assigned but can spill over into public share

# Tier-0 processing follows the time structure of LHC fills with stable beams (note the importance of monitoring)

pending / running jobs



# of running jobs

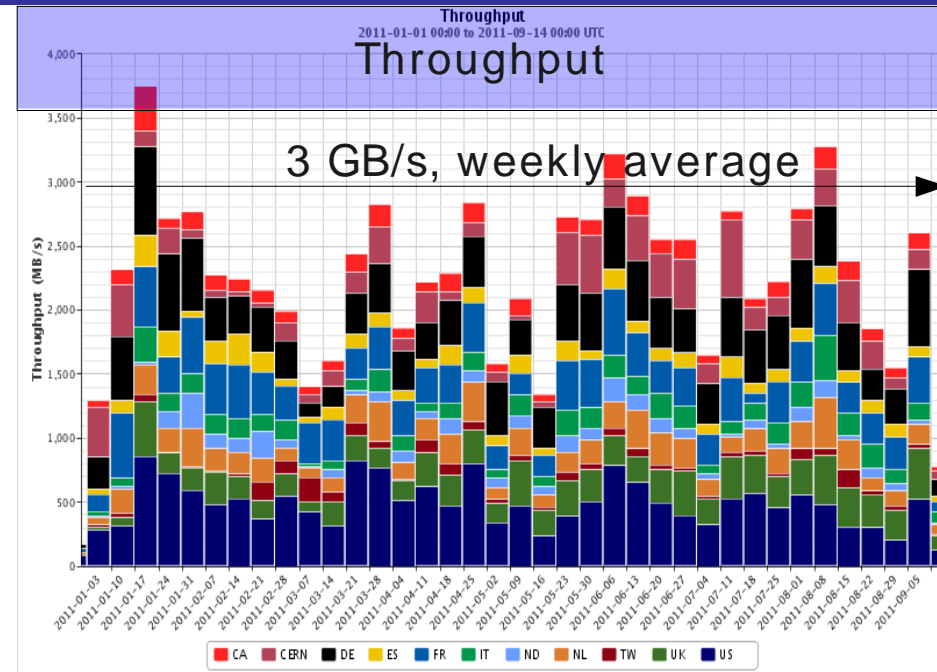


Data volume handled by Tier-0 in 2011 so far:  
~2.5 PB RAW recorded, ~5 PB data distributed to Grid

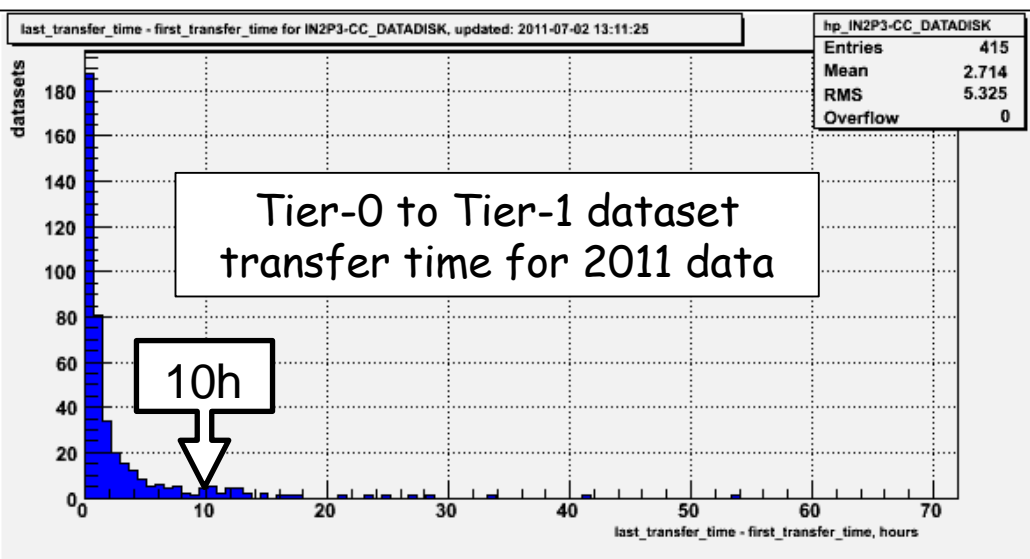


# Distributed Computing on the Grid: data transfers

- Data distribution
  - pre-placement
  - dynamic placement
  - user requests
- Peak throughput 10 GB/s
- Success rate 93% in 2011



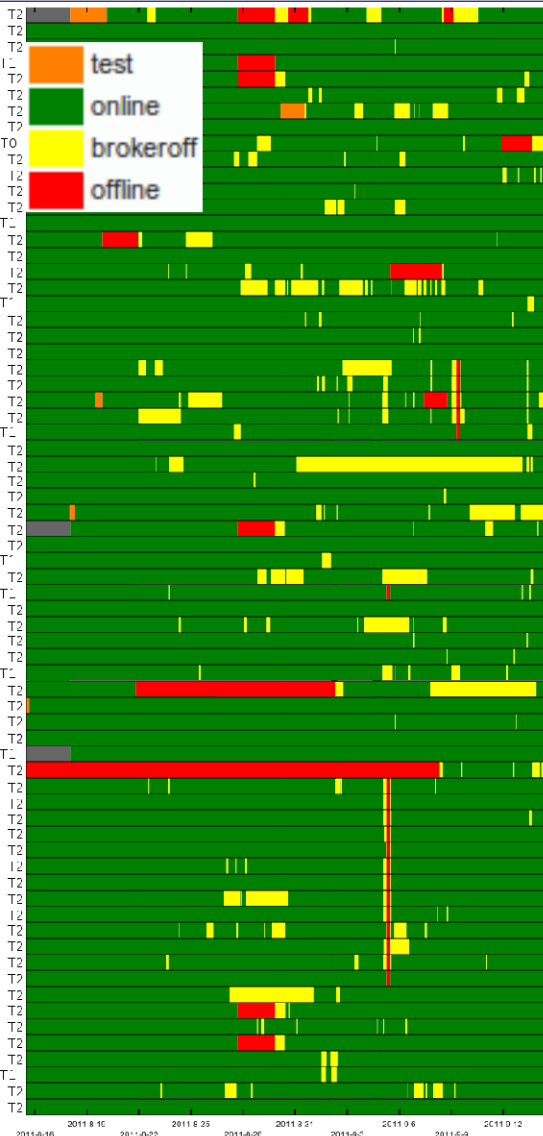
- Data are available for analysis in "almost-real" time. Example:
  - data11\_7TeV AOD distribution (to one specific Tier-1 but they are all similar):
  - on average 2.7 hours to complete the dataset



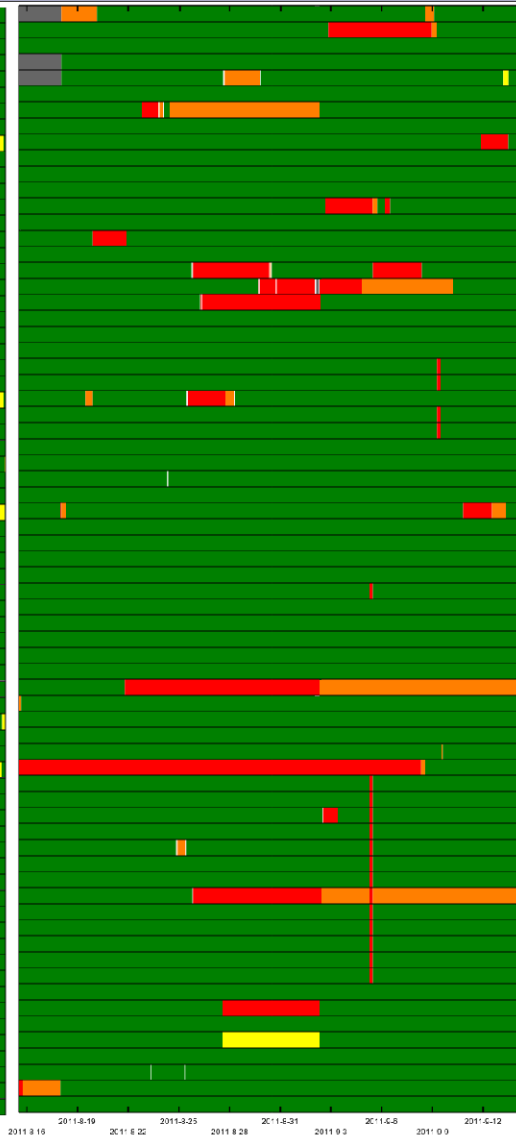
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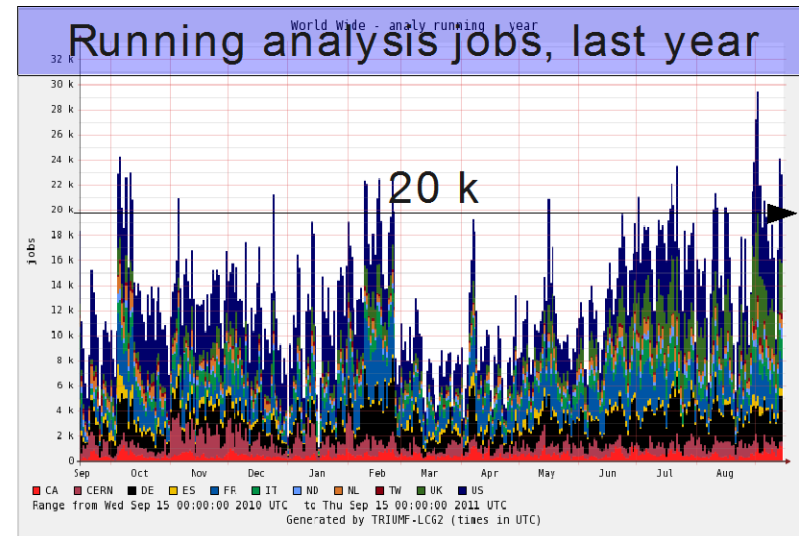
Site Status  
Analysis activities



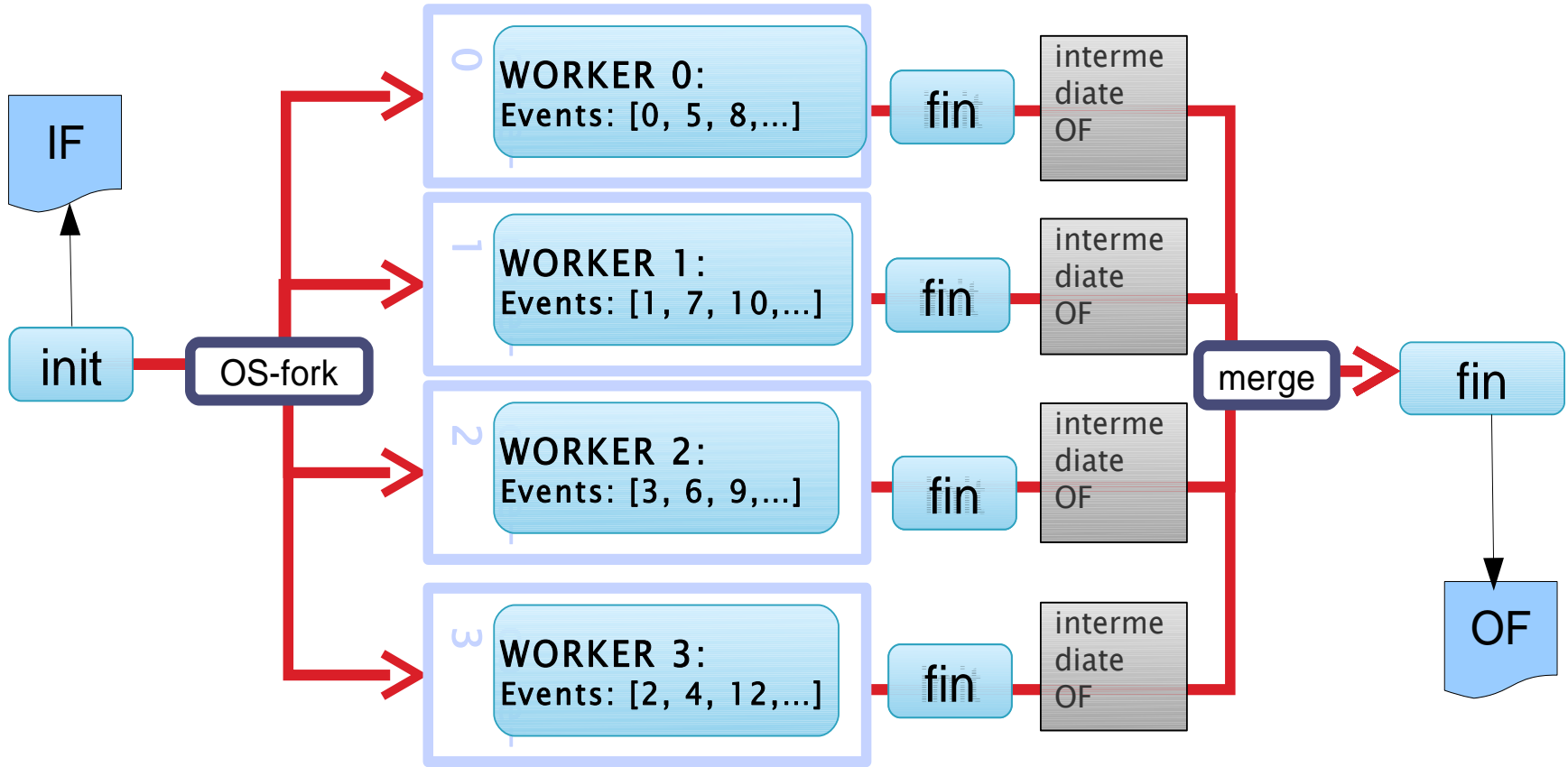
Site Status  
Production activities



- Ca 80k jobs running simultaneously
- 12 % of CPU time spent on analysis
- Automatic job resubmission



# Event-level parallelism

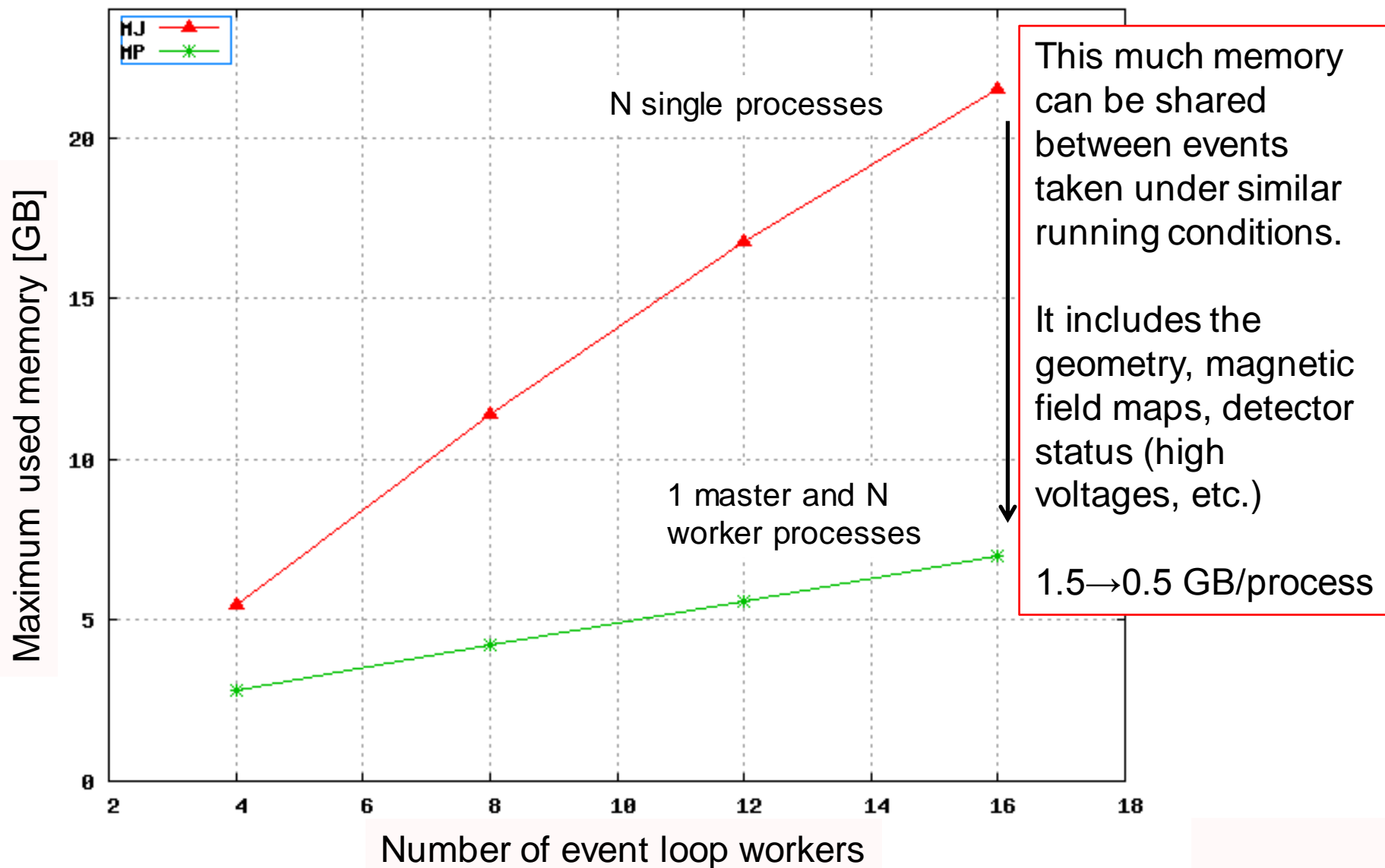


SERIAL:  
parent-init-fork

PARALLEL: workers evt loop + fin

SERIAL:  
parent-merge and finalize

# Memory used (8-core machine with hyperthreading, 24GB)



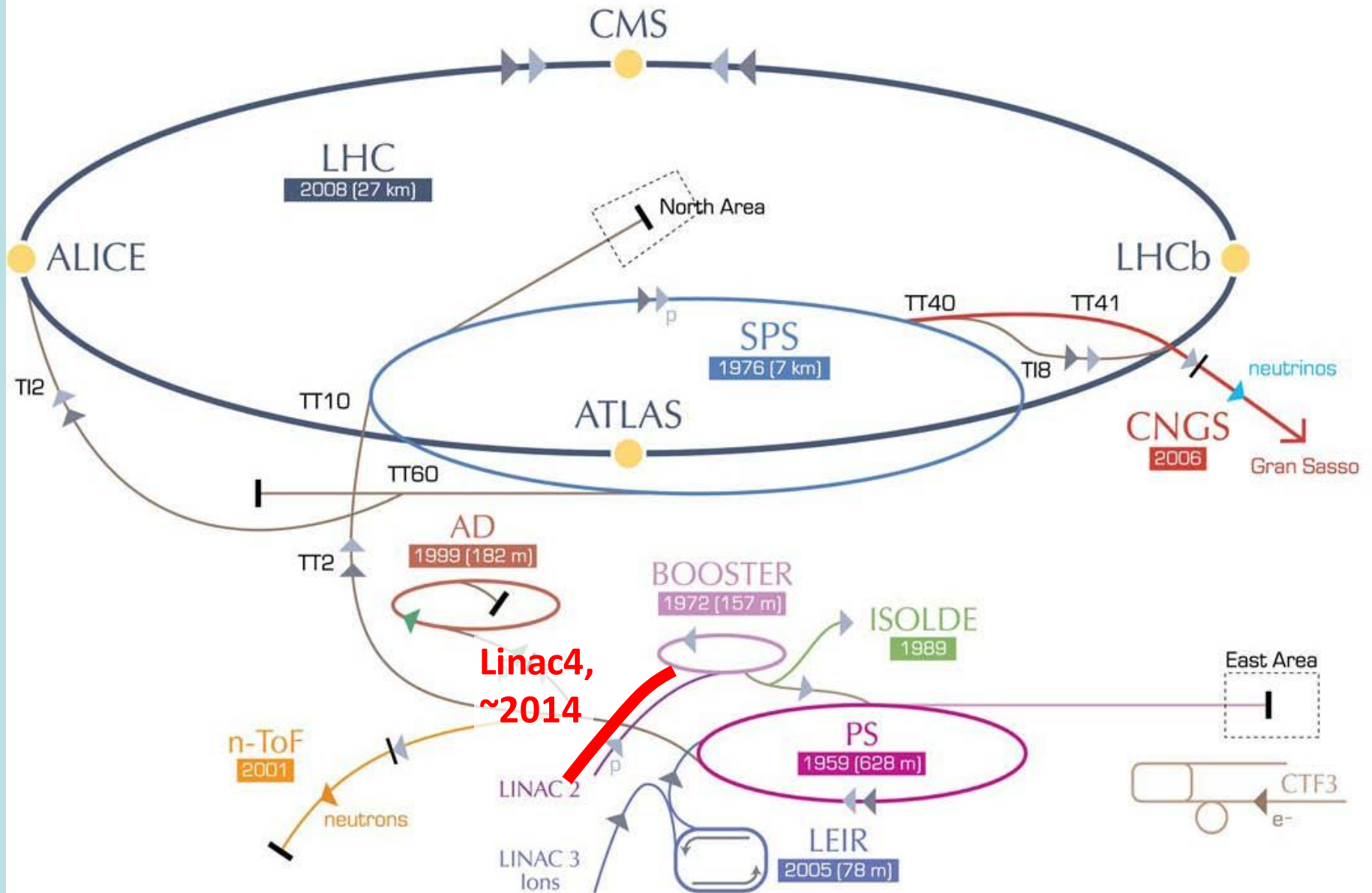
# Some references

- BCS 50 Years, Leon Cooper and Dmitri Feldman (ed.), World Scientific, 2011
- ATLAS videos, <http://atlas.ch/detector.html>, <http://atlas.ch/detector-overview/>  
(sorry for the music – correct otherwise – meant more for the general public)
- Geant4 Course, <http://www.ge.infn.it/geant4/events/nss2003/geant4course.html>
- ATLAS Simulation paper, arXiv:1005.4568
- ATLAS Tracking Geometry Description, ATL-SOFT-PUB-2007-004

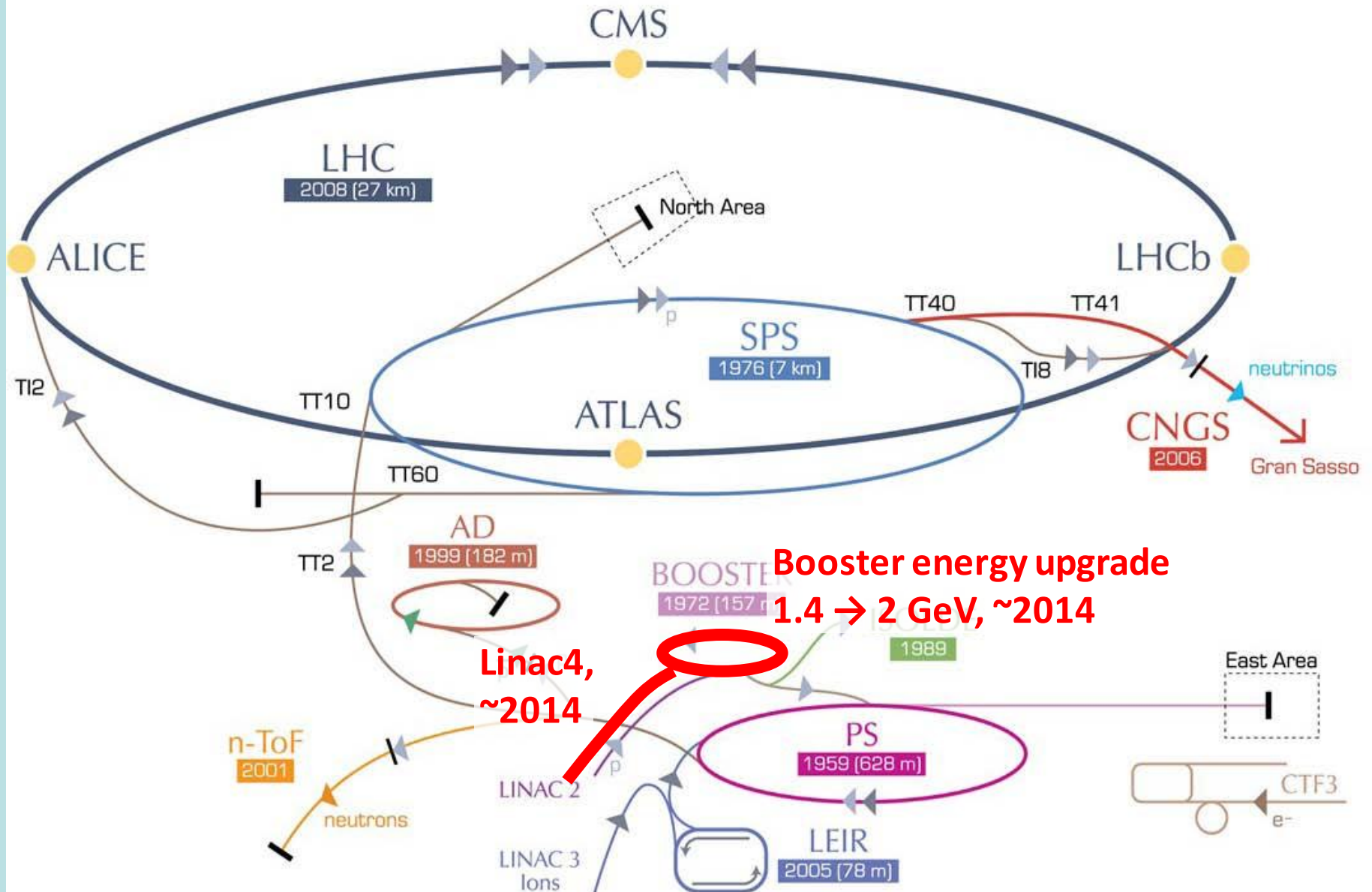
*Thank you for listening!*

***Extra slides***

# HL-LHC – accelerator modifications

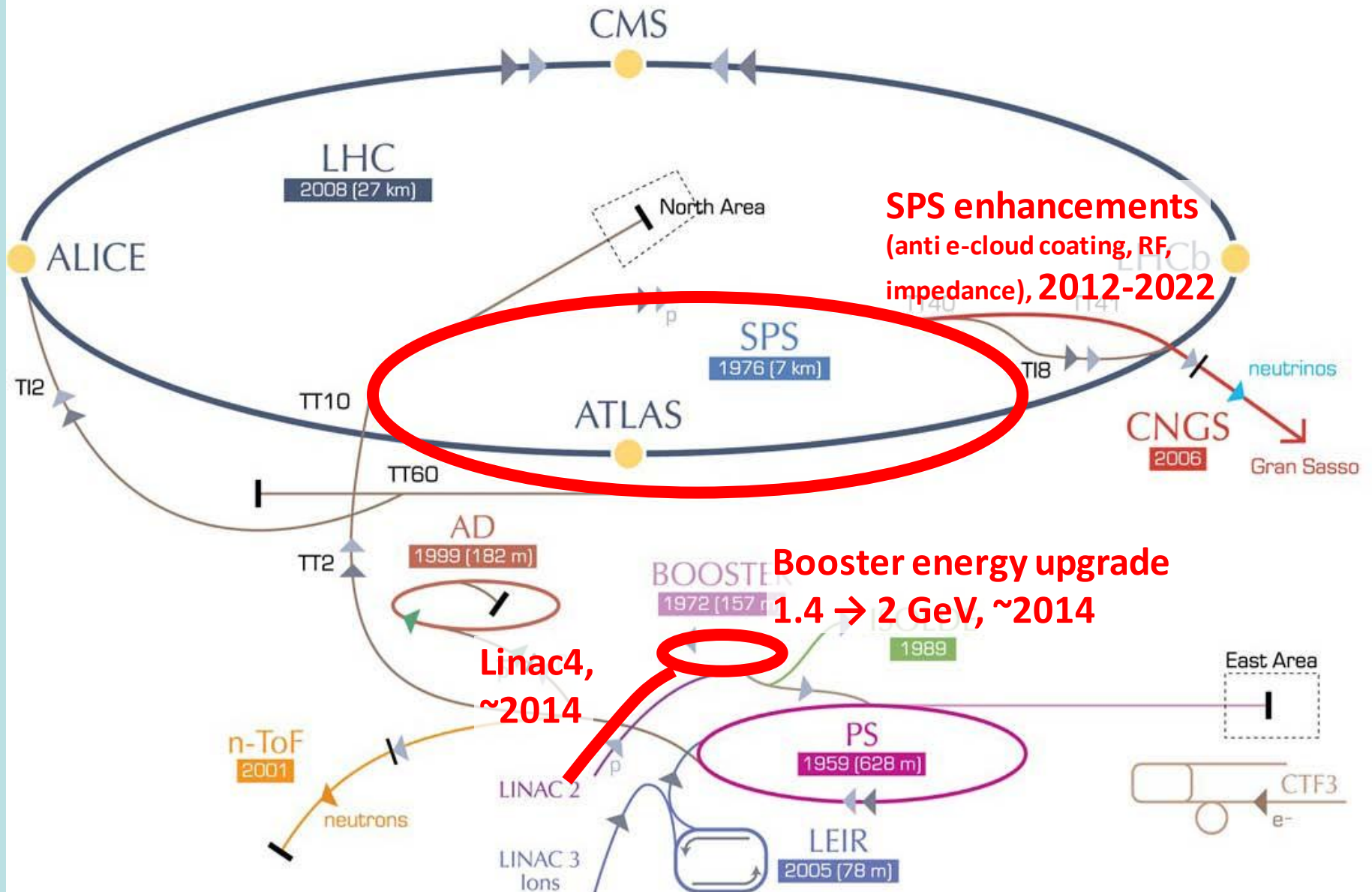


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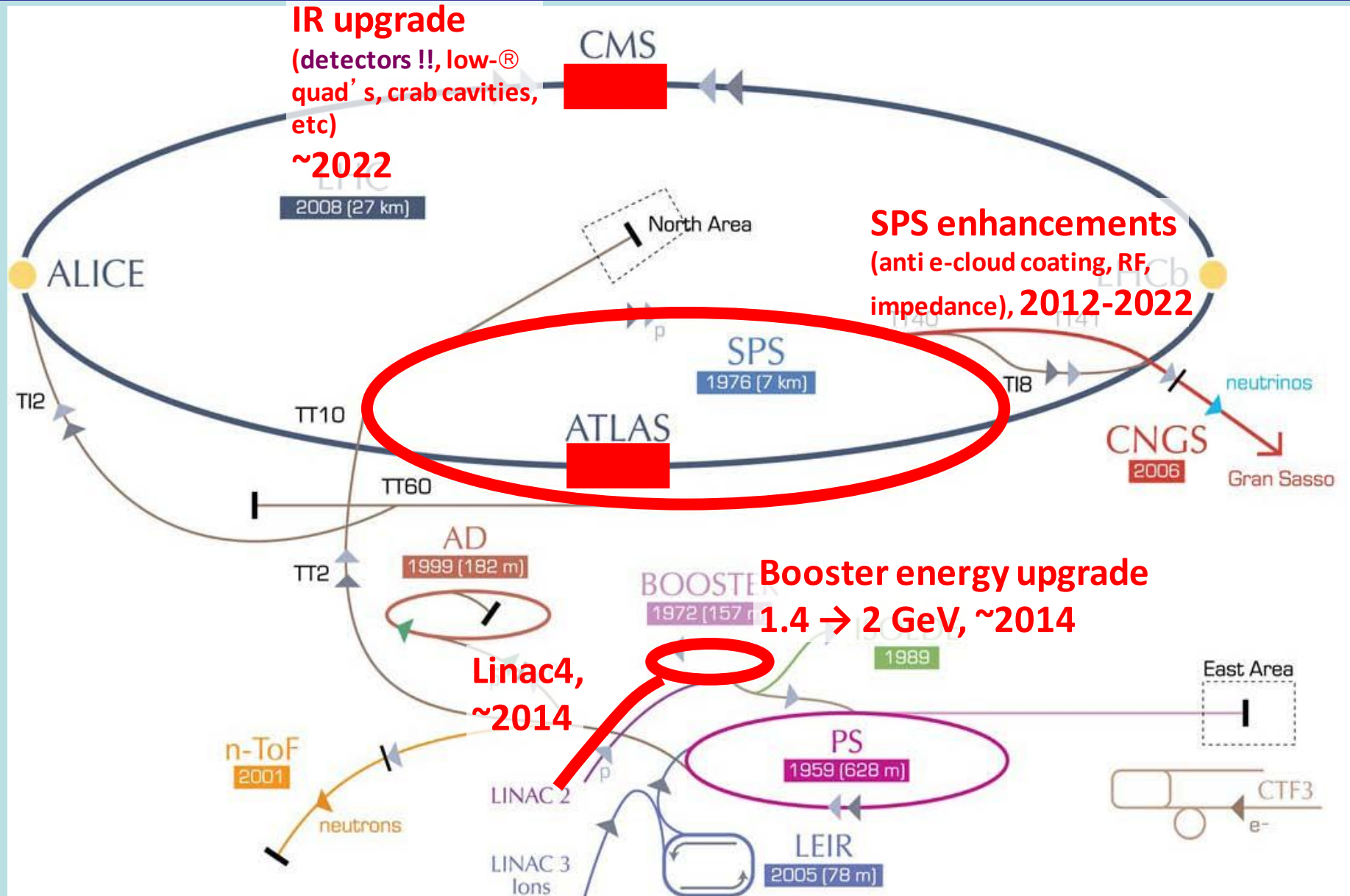
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## IR upgrade

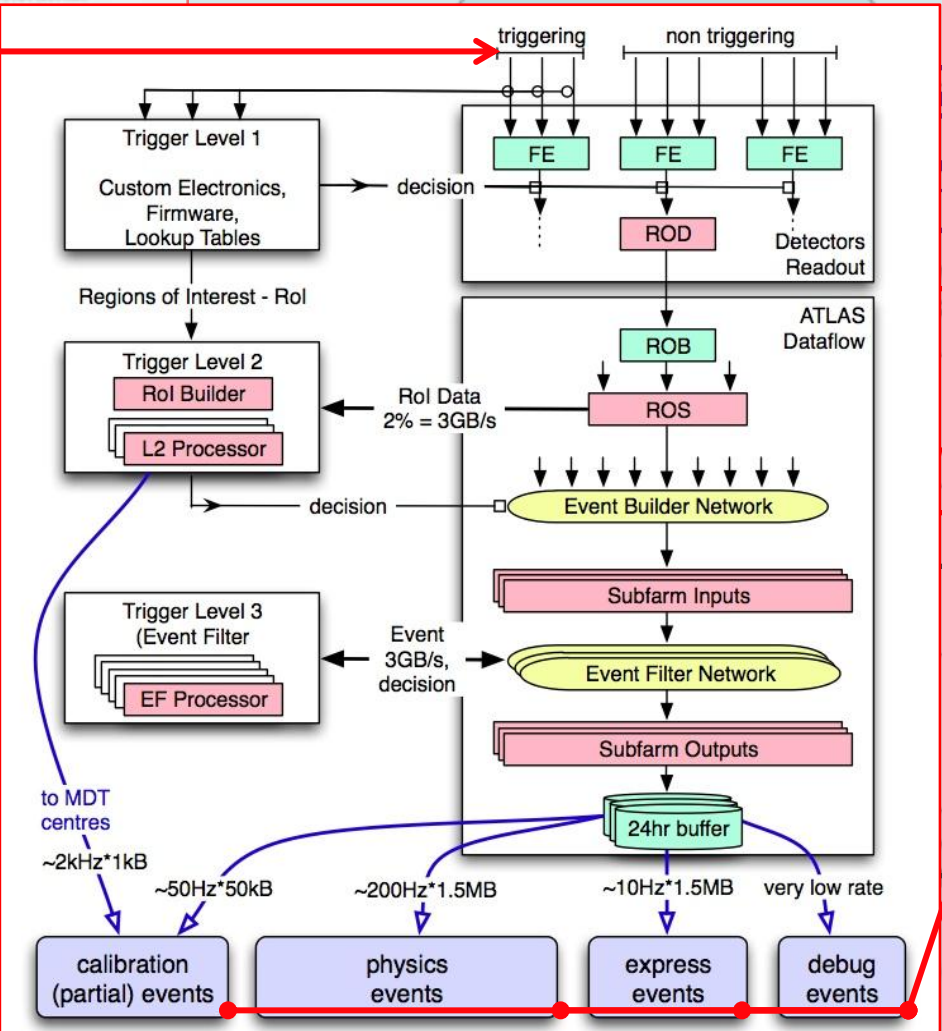
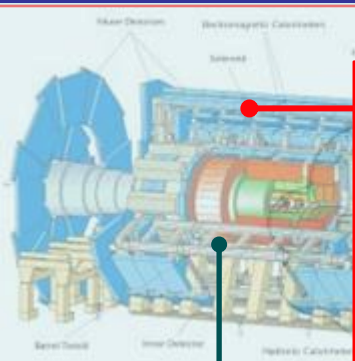
(detectors !!, low-<sup>Q</sup> quad's, crab cavities, etc)

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2008 (27 km)

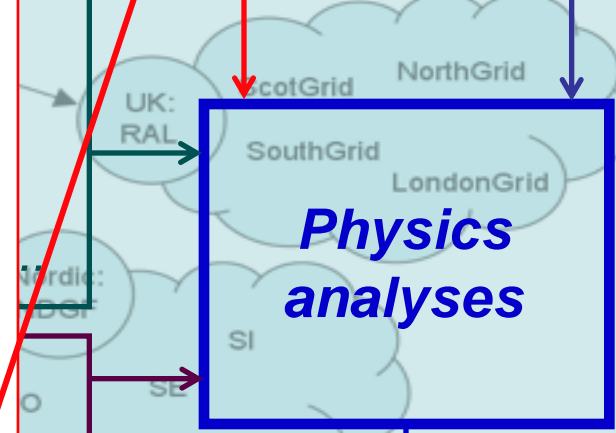


# Information flow – starting at the detector (Point1)



constructed on Tiers, to Tiers

ESD, AOD, TAG, ...  
 ... at Tier1s, to

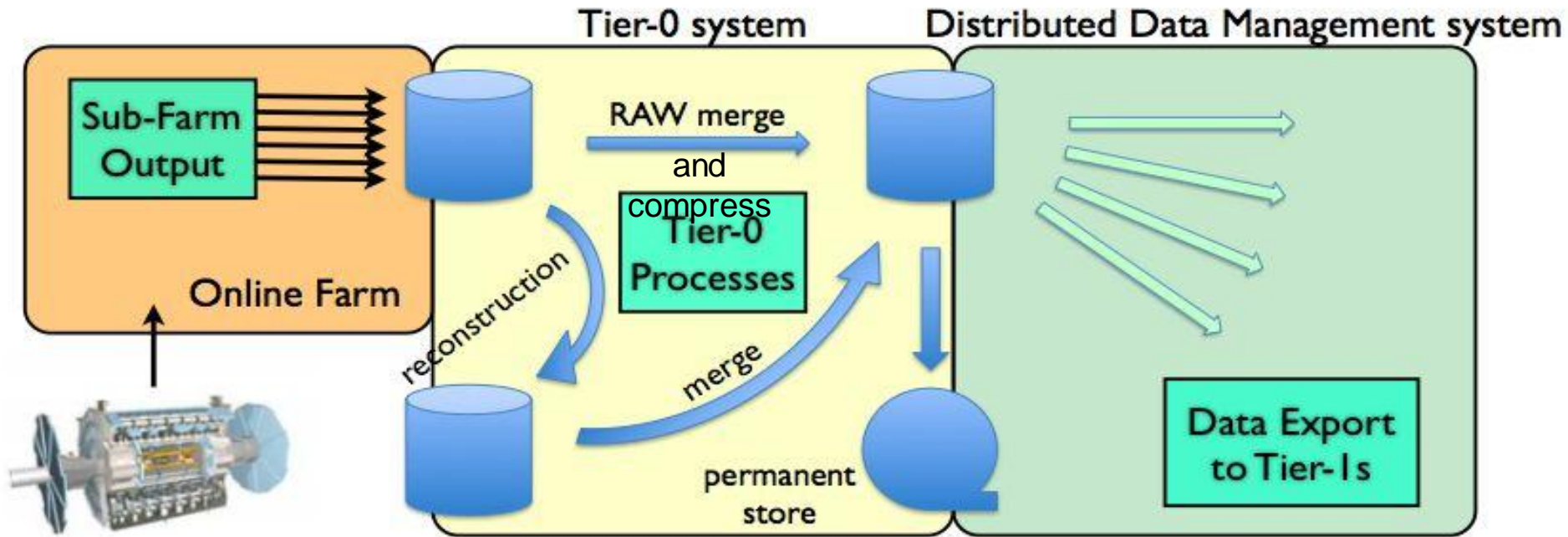


**Metadata**

- trigger
- running
- alignment

- software
- software
- less-structured input (logbooks, doc, knowledge)

# Data flow through the Tier-0 at CERN



## Accepting data from the online system and ensuring it is archived to tape

- Merging small files to adequate size for tape archiving

## Processing RAW data (event reconstruction) and archiving the products to tape

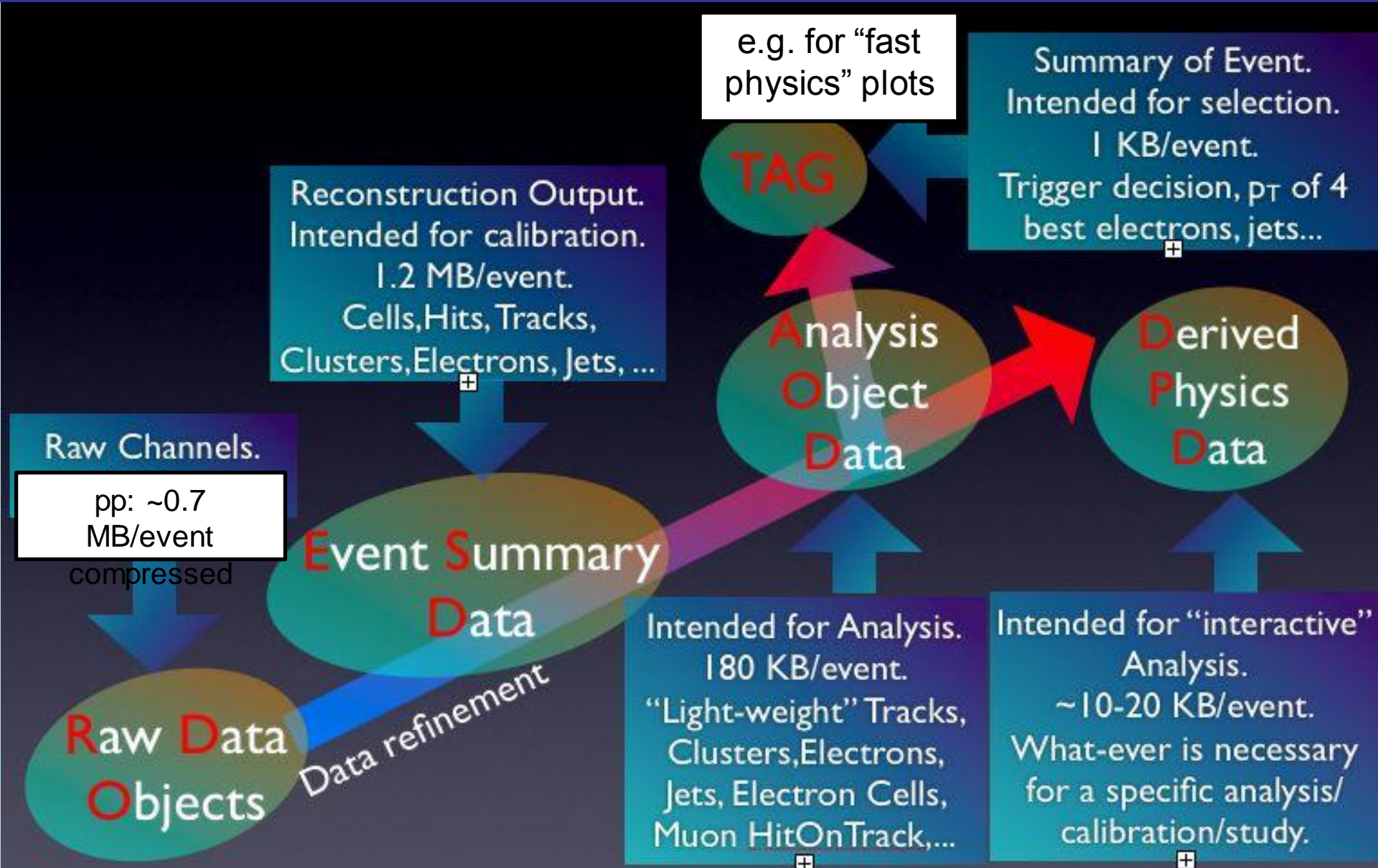
- Express stream for prompt calibration and alignment
- First-pass processing of all streams after 36h with calibration and alignment

## Registering data to the ATLAS Distributed Data Management system

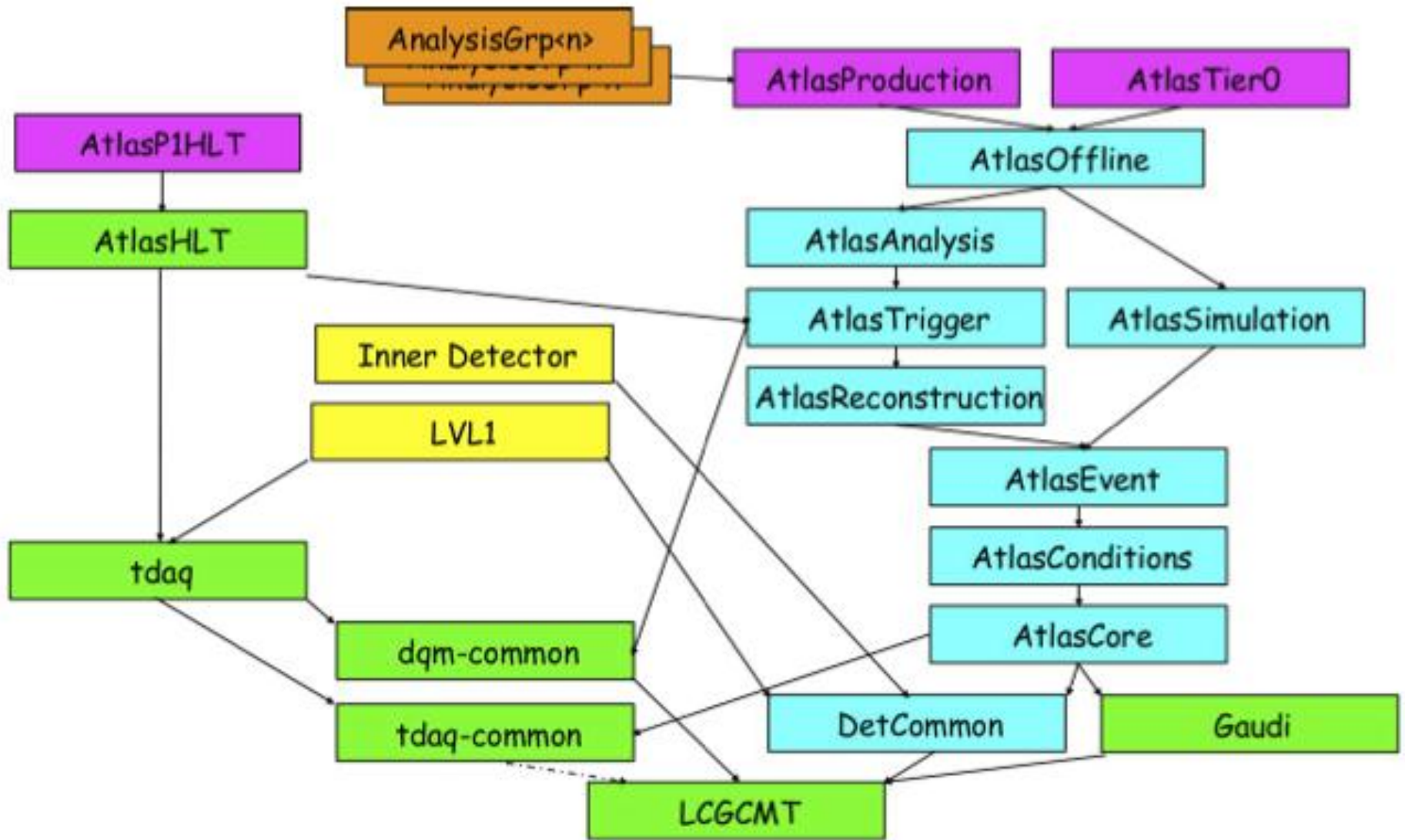
- Export data to Tier-1 and calibration Tier-2s, as well as CAF

Maximum overall I/O: 6GB/s -- including internal accesses within Tier-0

# Event Data Model – the various RAW and derived data types



# ATLAS software “projects”



# ATLAS software: examples of #lines of code

Language	Files	Comment	Code
C++	930	24,000	120,000
FORTRAN	270	15,000	42,000
C/C++ Header	1,100	13,000	34,000
Python	430	16,000	27,000
HTML	62	130	15,000
Bourne Shell	390	1,000	7,300
C Shell	380	210	3,800
XML	52	1,200	3,400
<b>Sum</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>

Code in the Simulation project

Project	C/C++ Code	C/C++ Headers	PYTHON Code	Total Code
Core	390,000	43,000	240,000	860,000
Event	200,000	110,000	16,000	350,000
Conditions	280,000	90,000	21,000	620,000
Detector	38,000	6,100	8,400	140,000
<b>Sum</b>	<b>910,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

Code in projects used by Simulation

Overall ATLAS Athena software:  
4 M lines C++, 1.4 M Python, 100 k Fortran, 100 k Java, ...

# ATLAS software in numbers

- ATLAS offline software is called “Athena”
  - Algorithms are used also in High-Level Trigger, under a different framework
- 2000 packages
  - sorted in several “projects” for unidirectional dependency
- 4 Million lines C++, 1.4M Python, 100k Fortran, 100k Java, ...
- 1000 developers have committed software to the offline repository in the last 3 years
- 300 **developers** have requested 4000 package changes in first half 2011 (25 per day)
  - It never stops: data taking, reprocessing, conferences
- 3000 **users** have a Grid certificate in atlas VO (able to submit job, retrieve data)



# From bunchcrossings to physics analyses

