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LHC Experiments: upgrades and HL-LHC (Run IV++)

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ATLAS

- New Small Wheel (NSW)
- Phase II Upgrade Muon Elx, TDAQ

CMS

- Phase II Upgrade:
 - L1 Trigger: muons, global trigger, correlator, 40 MHz scouting
 - Si Tracker: Outer Tracker, Inner Tracker

ALICE

• Upgrade



ATLAS NSW (New Small Wheel)





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Greek ATLAS in NSW

The Greek teams played a major role in:

- MM Construction : AUTH .
- MM Integration and Commissioning : NTUA, AUTH,
- sTGC Commissioning : Demokritos, UNIWA •
- NSW Integration and Commissioning : NTUA, NKUA, AUTH, UNIWA
- NSW Trigger Commissioning : Demokritos
- **Design RO Electronics (NTUA)**
- Electronics cards designed, fabricate assembled and tested by the • Greek institutes and Greek industry.
- NSW services design and Micromegas Services.
- Design of the NSW micromegas gas system. •
- Design of the NSW Detector Control System (DCS).
- Gas leak validation of the micromegas modules and sectors
- Micromegas integration in BB5
- Micromegas Commissioning in Bat191
- NSW installation in P1
- Validating NSW in the pit
- NSW incorporation in software and performance studies





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Greek ATLAS in NSW

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LM2 Drift panels production @ AUTH





Site Review May 2017



LM2 Drift Panel Construction

MM LM2 Production: Thessaloniki, Dubna and CERN Thessaloniki: Delivery of 96+spares Drift panels equipped with mesh, Dubna: 64 RO panels and chambers assembly.

- New Laboratory for detector construction established (360 m²) based in the Center of Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation of AUTH
- New Clean Room (145 m²), 2 preparation rooms, a small workshop
- Site was reviewed (May 2017), Production Readiness Review (June 2017)
- QA/QC Procedure : All parts (bars, honeycomb) for the panel were checked.
- Panel QA measurements: Planarity, thickness, Gas tightness, Mesh tension

All Drift panels have shipped to Dubna (Russia) where the LM2 modules were assembled.



LM2 Drift Panel Construction







Drift Panel Cleaning



Drift Panel QA measurements



Mesh Stretching



Drift Panel equipped with Mesh



The Team,



NSW MM Wedge Integration



Integration chambers onto the spacer frame







Cooling interconnections





GIF++ Mechanical integration Detectors HV & gas Alignment Reception tightness platforms & storage test mounting Spacer frame MM Service Reception reference & storage installation pin gluing Final test & sign off Temporary On-detector Cosmic To 191 elx installation storage in Test

& test

Module preparation Integration on Spacer Frame **Detector finalization** Cooling & gas interconnection T sensors **Final HV cables** LV cables **External Twinax** Fibers

Optical fibres for alignment system

Install electronics cards

- Assemble the MM modules into wedges, install services and electronics, validate the performance of the wedge with cosmic rays (@CERN)
 - Wedge production line : About 20 people occupied daily, distributed to the different tasks
- Optimised throughput for integration and testing of 1 sector every 10 days
 - Activity parallelisation and testing automation

BB5



Integration of the sTGCs



Participation in sTGC Assembly and Integration on Wheels in building 191, (July 2019 – September 2021)



sTGC Trigger Slice system in B180

Build by the Demokritos group (Feb. 2020)

Complete autonomous Trigger Slice → 1 Sector wedge Complete FE, Trigger (Pad, strips and Trigger processor) and DAQ system.

Connections as on the ATLAS detector for proper timing Proper cooling

Used for NSW Trigger developments remotely. Particularly useful during Covid pandemic





ATLAS – NSW surface commissioning

Micromegas surface commissioning

- Installation, verification of infrastructure
- Definition of commissioning protocol
- Problem identification, solution proposal
- Connections and sectors verification

Pre-installation connections and tests

- On the wheel
- On the mm quadruplets

Post-installation parallel work stream 1

- Gas flushing
- HV connection
- HV operation



Example of the RMS of a baseline in ENC for a sector layer (Blue B191, Red BB5)

Post-installation parallel work stream 2

- Sensor connections
- Temperature reading
- Cooling operation
- Read out connection
- LV operation
- Configuration of electronics
- DCS monitoring of electronics







irst sector installed

Working in very dense conditions ... often w/o visual contact ... facing and resolving a variety of challenges

Data taking and sign-off at B 191

- Baselines threshold estimation
- Pulsing electronics
- Dead and Noisy channel mapping
- Trigger path validation



Micromegas R&D program



- Long R&D program (under ATLAS experiment) on micromegas technology started in 2008 extending up to date.
- Greek participation from the beginning at the level of co-coordination (T. Alexopoulos, NTUA) and analyzing data from the various testbeam periods, in average three periods per year.
- Long irradiation periods at GIF++ facility of spare NSW-ATLAS micromegas modules for longevity studies.
- Performance studies of micromegas using muon beam in a high gamma radiation enviroment.
- Several years of HL-LHC equivalent have been accumulated so far for all the types of sectors (>20y for LM2); no general "decease" in performance was observed.
- The results of this detector R&D program have been documented in six PhD thesis and in more than 60 journal papers.

Typical MM setup at GIF++







NSW Trigger Commissioning and Integration to ATLAS



NSW Trigger aim: Reject fake muons

Major achievement in 2023

sTGC Pad Trigger: Demokritos (Coordination), Univ. of West Attica

- Commissioning of the sTGC Trigger on all 32 sectors on surface (2020 – 2021) and in P1 after NSW integration to ATLAS (2022)
- Integration of NSW sTGC Trigger in ATLAS
- Successful integration of the NSW Pad Trigger into ATLAS
- 4th of July 2023: NSW in ATLAS trigger → Rejection of 6 kHz fakes
- Allowed low deadtime readout in ATLAS



NSW Pad Trigger Hitmap



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Configuration Data 80 M L1Data @80,320 Mb/s Monitoring @80 Mb/s

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NSW Electronics



Electronics cards designed, fabricated and assembled (by GR industry) and tested by Greek institutes:

- Micromegas L1DDC (L1 Data Driver Card)
- sTGC L1DDC
- Rim L1DDC (sTGC trigger readout)

L1DDC Quality Control

NTUA – UNIWA – NKUA – Demokritos



Results for preproduction boards @ ECTLab UNIWA

1024 L1DDC cards for Micromegas and sTGC were tested and quality assured in 2019

- LVDB (micromegas Low Voltage Distribution Card)
- Clean clock card

sTGC Trigger Repeaters boards

Restoring attenuated trigger signals

Demokritos

- Repeaters design, construction and testing
- Commissioning and integration on detector
- 880 Serial and 150 LVDS repeater boards build in collaboration with the Greek industry
- Cooling/Faraday cages by Greek industry
- Development of test bench (VC707) yield 99.5%



Operating in ATLAS since Jan. 2022 without any problems

Some of the Elx will be replaced for trigger bandwidth extension @ HL-LHC RECFA Meeting, Athens 10/11/23 Dimos Sampsonidis



NSW (DCS) and Gas System



NTUA

NSW Detector Control System & NSW Micromegas Gas System was designed by NTUA team.







ATLAS Phase II Upgrade



(Demokritos – NKUA – NTUA – UNIWA)

Elx design and testing



- Main Group Contributions: Development of DCT testing hardware/firmware/software
- Evaluation of several prototypes
- **Testing and quality assurance of production cards**

Barrel Sector Logic: RPC & Tile Barrel trigger



Main Group Contributions:

- □ Firmware for DCT 🚭 SL and SL 🚭 FELIX communication
- Trigger Processor Algorithms and Implementation



ATLAS TDAQ & Tracking for Phase-II



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- Tracking in the High-level Trigger (= Event-Filter, "EF"): in "EF tracking" & "EF muon
- Trigger algorithms for Muon Barrel Sector Logic board

• Initially, worked with the "Hardware Tracker for the Trigger" (HTT), a hardware *co-processor* for the EF farm (re-configurable to be able to provide tracks to the hardware Level-1 trigger).

• Worked in the <u>Associative Memory chips for pattern recognition</u> (verification & power simulations), in control and tracking firmware on the <u>"Pattern Recognition Mezzanine"</u>, & in <u>Z/H</u> <u>trigger studies for the potential L1 tracking</u>.

• ATLAS decided in 2021 to abandon L1 tracking and go for 1MHz L1 accept rate and move to custom solution for the EF farm.

•Group played key role in preparing the custom hardware option for this decision.





Fig. 1. Functional Block Diagram of the AM08 ASIC

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• Now *implementing the tracking in the new "ACTS" framework* (*mainly muon*) which is common with the offline (C++ in CPUs, with plugins for GPUs as co-processors and potentially FPGAs, 2 PhDs on going).



- Readout DAQ firmware of the pilot "BIS 7/8" chambers already installed (in preparation for phase-II)
- Trigger algorithms for Muon Barrel Sector Logic board

Coordination positions in ATLAS HL-LHC upgrade projects



- Micromegas testbeam co-coordinator (T. Alexopoulos 2015 2019)
- Micromegas integration co-coordinator (T. Alexopoulos 2015 2022)
- NSW DCS coordinator (T. Alexopoulos 2016 2020)
- Micromegas Analysis co-coordinator (T. Alexopoulos 2016 2019)
- LM2 Production Co-coordinator (D. Sampsonidis 2016-2020)
- NSW Electronics Steering group (T. Alexopoulos 2017-2023)
- Micromegas Coordination Group Member (D. Sampsonidis 2017- today)
- NSW surface commissioning Coordinator (D. Fassouliotis, 2019 2020)
- NSW commissioning coordination (E. Koulouris 2019-2022)
- NSW services coordinator in commission (K. lakovidis 2019 2022)
- NSW Steering Group, (T. Geralis 2017 today)
- NSW Electronics Steering group, (T. Geralis 2017 today)
- NSW Trigger Coordinator, (T. Geralis 2021 today)
- Micromegas represetative in Muon SG (T. Alexopoulos 2022 today)
- NSW DCS coordinator (P. Tzanis 2021 2022)
- Vertical Slice Laboratory responsible, (T. Geralis 2022 today)
- Upgrade Advisory Board Member (E. Gazis, 2015 2023)
- Upgrade Advisory Board Member (D. Sampsonidis, 2015 2023)

ATLAS Phase II Upgrade Funding



New Small Wheel

GR funds through RRB	
ATLAS Phase I Upgrade	350 kCHF

Other R&D funds	Funding Source	Amount (€)
High-Tech Electronics & their Applications)	ESPA	245 k€
Construction & Test of Micromegas	AUTH, NTUA	150 k€
Construction & Test of Micromega	ATLAS Experiment	300 k€
Open R&D calls	ELIDEK, KRIPIS, Min. of Educ.	370 k€
Total		1.065 M€

ATLAS Phase II Upgrade GR funds through **RRB Muon Spectrometer:** - MDT Front End Mezzanine boards (QA/QC) - MDT Optical Cabling (QA/QC) - DCS System (Development) GR contribution 500 kCF - RPC DCT Boards (Development - next slides) - RPC DCT secvices GR contribution 850 kCF - Micromegas L1DDC bandwidth extension (Design, construction) - sTGC L1DDC bandwidth extension (Design, construction) GR contribution 200 kCHF - MDT HV/LV - RPC HV/LV, DCS (Development) GR contribution 950 kCHF **TDAQ**: - EF Servers / EF tracking & EF Muon (Development) GR contribution 800 kCHF 3.5 MCHF (MOU is pending) **Total estimated ATLAS/Greek Contribution:** RECFA Meeting, Athens 10/11/23







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CMS Phase II



The CMS L1-Trigger at HL-LHC



- Latency: 12.5 µsec, Maximum Rate: 750 KHz
- The L1-Trigger decision processes data from the Calorimeters, the Muon detectors, <u>as well as the Silicon Tracker</u>.
- The CMS stacked tracker design allows low momentum tracks to be rejected at the detector level and this reduces the Track Trigger input rate by two orders of magnitude.
- The introduction of tracks at the L1-Trigger allows for significant rate reduction (without this the maximum L1-Trigger rate would have been 1.5 MHz).
- The Barrel Muon Trigger uses track information to improve muon candidate P_T resolution.
- The Correlator Trigger uses track information for particle flow algorithms to improve calorimeter object resolution and subtract contributions for Pile-up events.
- The Global Track Trigger calculates the event vertex.



CMS Greece is making key contributions at the Barrel Muon Trigger (Barrel Layer-1) and the Correlator Trigger – Particle Flow Layer-2)

CMS L1 Trigger Team:

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The CMS Barrel Muon Trigger (BMT) for HL-LHC





- BMT processes DT and RPC data to search for muon candidates in the CMS Barrel region (η<0.8)
- BMT Layer-1 and Concentrator reconstructs tracklets (subs) at the 4 muon detector stations of each of the 12 muon detector wedges.
- The Kalman Filter-based track finder reconstructs tracks starting from the outermost muon station, propagating inwards and updating the track parameters at each station. At the innermost station it provides a vertex constrained and an unconstrained measurement, allowing for triggering on prompt and displaced muons
- The novelty of this design is that it uses for the first time the tracks from the Track Trigger and matches them in the Global Muon Trigger with tracks from the muon trigger to produce muon candidates of the highest resolution and performance



BMT Layer-1 + Concentrator joint responsibility of :
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(Ioannina), C. Fernandez Bedoya, A. Navarro, I.
Redondo (CIEMAT)

BMT Layer-2 (Global Muon Trigger) responsibility of : UCLA, M. Bachtis



Trigger Processor Technology Demonstrator



2017-2021



- Greece is responsible for designing the BMT Layer-1 processor as well as all the Service Firmware (Optical Links, Monitoring and Run-control FW etc). The stub finding algorithm is the responsibility of CIEMAT. Both Groups are responsible of commissioning and running BMT.
- Production of the Layer-1 processors (42 units + spares are needed) will occur in Greece and Spain.
- A first prototype of BMT Trigger processor was designed (Athens, Ioannina) and manufactured in Greece (Prisma-Alexandroupolis GR). Mostly a technology demonstrator but could also host stub-finding algorithms form to DT chambers.
- Data collection started in 2019 using it but it was interrupted early in 2020 due to COVID-19 and resumed in 2021.



Results using the BMT processor demonstrator

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2021-2022



- Data were collected in 2021 using the BMT processor demonstrator connected with electronics from the entire chain of the DT trigger (slice test) which demonstrated and validated the Barrel Muon Trigger design.
- The Level-1 trigger optical link design was a join program between loannina and • Imperial College London. The design has been published. Modifications were made afterwards to make them compatible with certain CMS Trigger components and are currently under use by the entire CMS L1-Trigger upgrade.



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Upgrade of the CMS Barrel Muon Track Finder for as results on the perform HL-LHC featuring a Kalman Filter algorithm and an KEYWORDS: Digital ele ATCA Host Processor with Ultrascale+ FPGAs

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On behalf of the CMS Collaboration

The Barrel Muon Track finder of the CMS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider uses custom processors to identify muons and measure their momenta in the central region of the CMS detector. An upgrade of the L1 tracking algorithm is presented, featuring a Kalman Filter in FPGAs, implemented using High Level Synthesis tools. The matrix operations are mapped to the DSP cores reducing resource utilization to a level that allows the new algorithm to fit in the same FPGA as the legacy one, thus enabling studies during nominal CMS data taking. The algorithm performance has been verified in CMS collisions during 2018 operations. The algorithm is also proposed for standalone muon tracking at the High Luminosity LHC. The algorithm development is complemented by ATCA processor R&D featuring a large ZYNQ Ultrascale+ SoC with high speed optical links.



(2022 - 2023)

The BMT Layer-1 ATCA Processor







Optical Link Performance at 25 Gbps



- Two full scale BMT Layer-1 processor cards in ATCA format have been manufactured. Detailed testing has demonstrated that are fully functional.
- Both satisfy all requirements of the CMS L1-trigger upgrade TDR.
- 3 more Processor will be produced in the next 12 months.
- One of the processor cards was used to collect data from proton-proton collisions

BMT Slice tests with proton-proton collisions



- Slices of the DT detector have been instrumented with Phase-II electronics (OBDT).
- The BMT Layer-1 Trigger Processor was taken to P5 (Nov 2022) and was connected to fibers coming from the OBDT detector electronics as well as to the Phase-1 DAQ.
- Data was collected during proton-proton collisions which demonstrated the functionality of the BMT processor card.







BMT Layer-1 Milestones

BMT Production Board Design and Firmware Specification Complete (LHCC)	March 19 th 2023
BMT Production Pilot Board and Firmware Ready (LHCC)	October 2 nd 2023
BMT Production Final Board and Firmware Ready for testing (LHCC)	December 24 th 2024
BMT Production Complete (LHCC)	August 20 th 2025

- The project is proceeding in a very satisfactory way and has met its milestones so far.
- The BMT Processor design is the PhD topic of I. Bestintzanos (Ioannina) and has been published.
- The design of a revision of the BMT processor is under way. It will be based on halogen free PCB, will be instrumented with a Kria System in Chip processor for monitoring and control (new CMS standard) and parts that have become obsolete will be replaced.



TOPICAL WORKSHOP ON ELECTRONICS FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS BERGEN, NORWAY 19–23 SEPTEMBER 2022

An ATCA processor for Level-1 trigger primitive generation and readout of the CMS barrel muon detectors

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ABSTRACT: An ATCA processor was designed to instrument the first layer of the CMS Barrel Muon Trigger. The processor receives and processes DT and RPC data and produces muon track segments. Furthermore, it provides readout for the DT detector. The ATCA processor is based on a Xilinx XCVU13P FPGA, receives data via 10 Gbps optical links and transmits track segments via 25 Gbps optical links. The processor is instrumented with a Zynq Ultrascale+ SoM connected with an SSD which provides the necessary resources for enhanced monitoring and control information. The design of the board as well as results on its performance are presented.



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Contributions to the Layer-2 of the Correlator Trigger



- The Layer1 of the Correlator Trigger uses L1-Trigger data processed by particle flow and pile-up subtraction algorithms to produce L1 trigger objects of the highest possible resolution.
- CMS Greece (Bestintzanos, Foudas, Sphicas) has started working on this project and have made in developing firmware for a seeded-cone jet-finder for jets with a wide cone (R=0.8). The code has been tested successfully and a lower latency has been achieved.
- In collaboration with the CERN CMS L1-Trigger group have been investigating new technologies which could be useful to the CMS Trigger and perhaps elsewhere. Namely we have been experimenting with the new Versal parts (VC1902) which employ Adaptive Intelligence (AI) engines which are ideal for high through-put systems.

VCK5000

- Versal AI Core ACAP
 vC1902
- 145 TOPS
 - 400 AIE @ 1.25 GHz
 - 1968 DSPs
 - 900k LUTs
 1 9M EEs
 - 1.8M FFs
 - 191 Mb PL memory
- PCI Express
 O Programmed & I/O through XRT
- Processor System
 - Dual core Cortex-A72 APU
 - Dual core Cortex-R5F RPU
- 16GB DDR4
- 44 GTY transceivers
 - 2 x QSFP28 (100 GbE)



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Level-1 Trigger: phase II (HL-LHC)

Calorimeter trigger

Detector Backend systems



Track trigger

Muon trigge

Other responsibilities:

- Global Trigger (with CERN and Estonia)
- Participation in Correlator





Level-1 Trigger: phase II (HL-LHC)



• Simulations of new triggers for Phase II signals (including scouting)



MVA soft muon ID (reduce PU rate, but retain high ε(signal)



0.0

0.0

0.2

0.4

Discriminator threshold

0.6

0.8

1.0

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The CMS Phase II Tracker







GR Contribution to R&D for the Phase II OT CMS Tracker



Development of Si Sensors :

For almost a decade, the CMS experiment has been conducting a campaign that ultimately led to the choice of **n on p** silicon sensors. Demokritos group joint this effort in 2015.

Our group contributed to the development and evaluation of prototypes.

Process Quality Control of Si Sensors Production (PQC)

A quality assurance plan to ensure the full compliance of all sensors with the technical specifications and to monitor their production procedure and fabrication stability with Test Structures:

(Diodes, MOS, Van der Pauw, , metal meaders, gated diodes etc)

Demokritos is one of the four CMS centers for PQC during sensor production



Test Structures





Local Instrumentation





Probe Station Custom Card

probe card



PQC Example - TCAD Simulations



Summary of Gate Condrolled Diode Measurements in three CMS Process Quallity Centers



EDA Tools : Access via Europractice to EDA design tools (Cadence, Synopsys TCAD, OrCad)

Implant-Implant TCAD Simulation of Interstrip Capacitance of 2S sensors vs sensor thickness. TCAD results compared to those obtained with a Laplace Solver developed by our group¹



[1] P. Assiouras, et al. "Fast calculation of capacitances in silicon sensors with 3d and 2d numerical solutions of the laplace's equation and comparison with experimental data and TCAD simulations". Journal of Instrumentation, 15(11):P11034–P11034, nov 2020.

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Radiation Tests for the CMS Tracker Upgrade



MOS and Diode irradiation studies for Phase 2 CMS Tracker Upgrade



⁶⁰Co source: Picker therapy unit 30 TBq (March 2012) horizontal orientation (~11 TBq October 2019) Greek Atomic Energy Commission (GAEC),



MOS(f=10kHz):Capacitance vs Voltage

Coordination positions in CMS HL-LHC upgrade projects



- Muon trigger upgrade group coordinator (C. Vellidis)
- Main Firmware Developer for the Inner Tracker, (I.Kazas)
- CMS Annual Review Committee for the DAQ (I. Bestintzanos)
- L1 TDR chapter co-editors: K. Theofilatos, C. Vellidis, M. Vourliotis (PhD student)

CMS Phase II Upgrade Funding



R&D funds	Funding Source	Amount (€)
DeTANet (Development of Detectors,	-	
High-Tech Electronics & their Applications)	ESPA	30 k€
ARISTEIA	Min. of Education	40 k€
Highly Miniaturized ASIC Radiation Detector	EU	43 k€
New Generation of sensors and electronics for LHC	ELIDEK	41 k€
Total		154 k€

CMS Phase II Upgrade

Si-Tracker	GR contribution	1.4 MCF
L1 – Trigger	GR contribution	1.0 MCF
EndCap Calorimeter HG-CAL	GR contribution	0.35 MCF
Common Fund	GR contribution	0.305 MCF

Total estimated CMS / Greek Contribution:

3.055 MCHF (MOU is pending)

ALICE Phase II

ALICE upgrades





Planned contributions to ALICE3 topics:

• Simulations for Tracker layout specifications



1.22

1.24 1.3 m_{inv} (GeV/c²)

Studies for strange particles identification, especially the charged Σ -baryons via their topological decays to

Strangeness: strange particles measurements will benefit form the Tracker layers closest to the IP (access to lower p_T)

 Search for exotic anti-, hyper- and super-nuclei with TOF detector + shower shape techniques in the Tracker (anti-nuclei and anti-hyper-nuclei with A ≥ 5 have yet to be discovered)



Left: TOF no-distribution for the ³He hypothesis without selection on the cluster size in the tracking layers.

Right: After applying an additional selection for tracks with large average cluster size

Replacing the 3 innermost layers of ITS2 with **new ultra-light, truly cylindrical layers**:

- Reduced material budget (from 0.35% to 0.05% X0)
- Closer to the interaction point (from 23 to 18 mm)
- Improved vertexing performance and reduced backgrounds for heavy-flavour signals and for low-mass dielectrons

Summary

- The Greek teams (ATLAS-CMS- ALICE) are strongly involed in the Upgrade projects for the HL-LHC.
- It is very important to have the upgrade MoUs signed asap after their review by GGEK.
- R&D funding, which is so necessary for supporting Greek teams working on Upgrade projects have been lacking
- Most of the funding obtained through the years has been through independent, often different types of calls for research projects or infrastructures, with no regular frequency, sometimes with long gaps between calls.
- It has been, and remains to be, very difficult to formulate any kind of long-term R&D plan.

