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FROM SMALL TO LARGE T/DAQ SYSTEMS

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- ➔ **Examples of small experiments with their limits**
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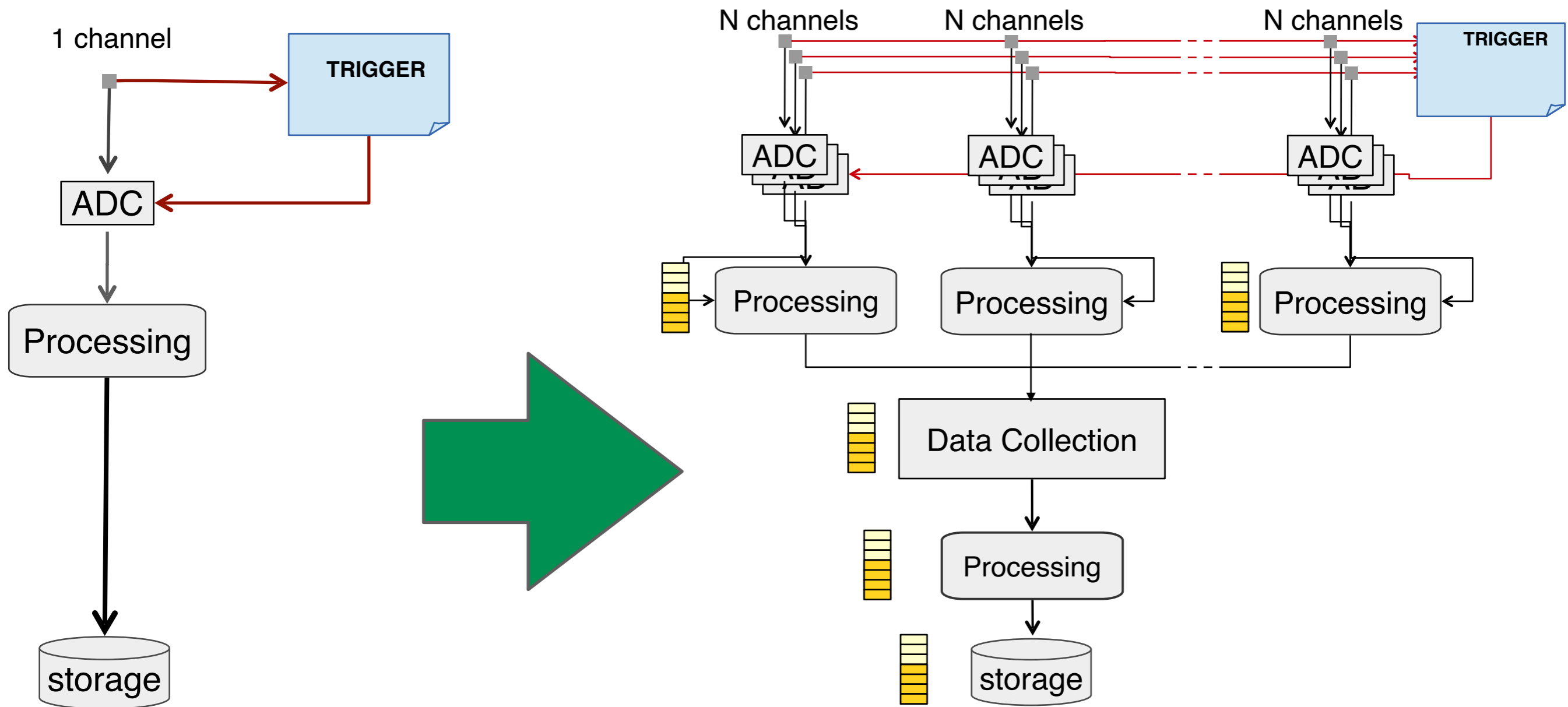
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→ DAQ bandwidth

- $40\text{MHz} \times 1 \text{ MB} = 40\text{TB/s}$
 - too much data!
- select and record only the most important events

RECAP ON T/DAQ SYSTEMS



- ➔ Two independent paths for trigger and DAQ
- ➔ Segmented Readout and trigger to allow parallel processing
- ➔ Included buffers at each stage to control dead-time
- ➔ How to scale these systems?

ONE SMALL EXPERIMENT: NA59 @SPS

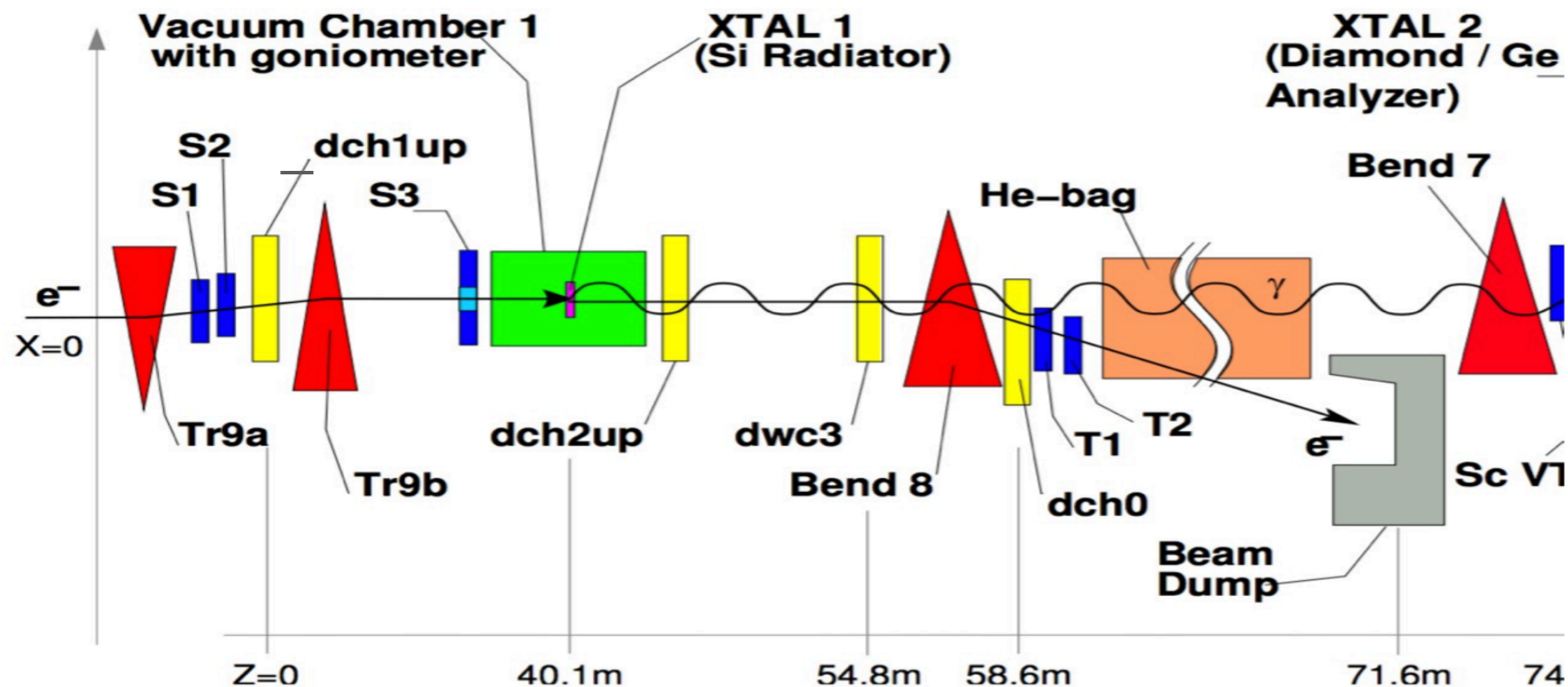
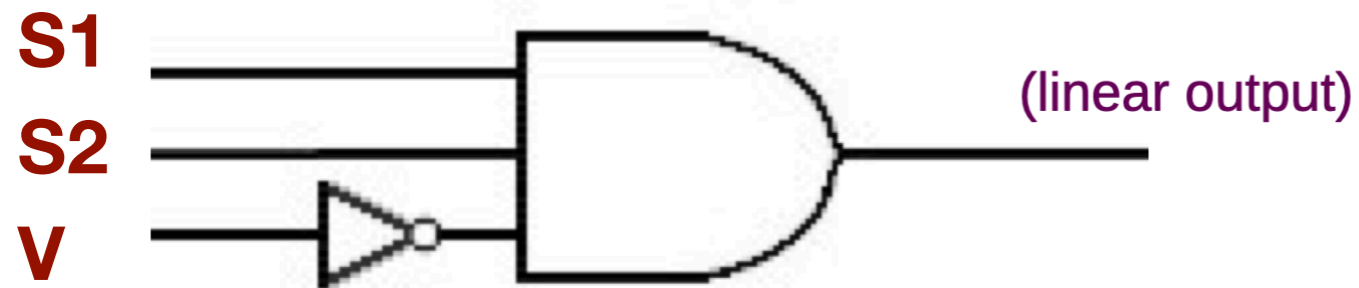


Fig. 1. Setup of the Na59 Experiment

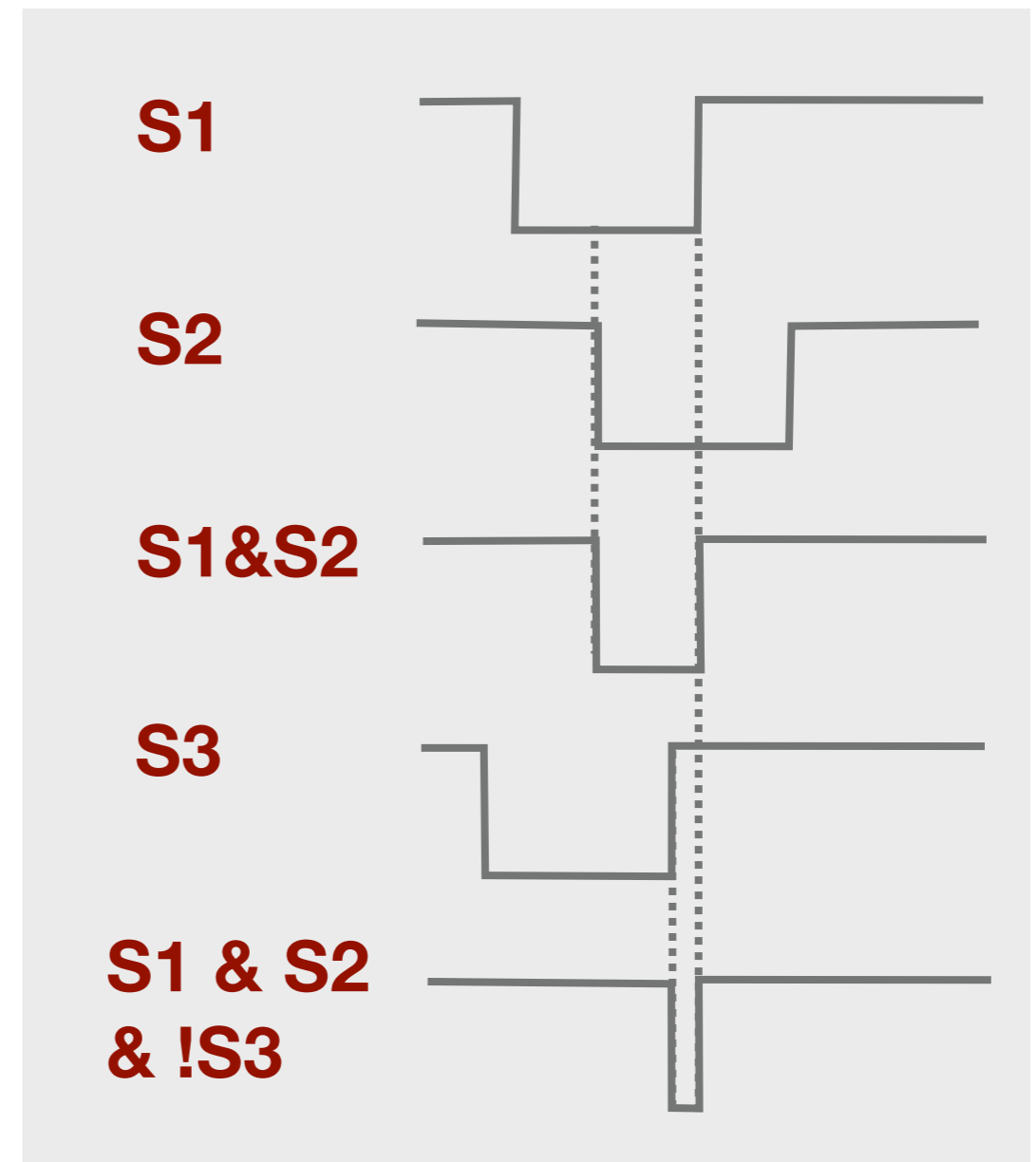
- Trigger event with an electron at the correct incident angle wrt crystal
- Three scintillators S1, S2 and S3 ensure the arrival of the beam within the acceptance of the crystal
 - Input **N1 = S1 & S2 & !S3** ---> an electron is coming and it is not away from the central axis
 - use S3 as veto (anti-coincidence)
- After the magnet, two scintillators to tag the electron out of the beam
 - **N2 = N1 x (T1 || T2)** ---> the electron radiated a photon and was diverted by the magnet

TRIGGER TIMING

- ➔ Simple coincidence and veto logic can be broken if signals are not formed correctly



- ➔ Signals are random/independent
- ➔ Can fluctuate in duration and jitter
 - ➔ Need preliminary **timing alignment** between signals
 - ➔ e.g adding delays to faster signals
 - ➔ Need **forming output signals** with known width
 - ➔ fix width of output signal at each step

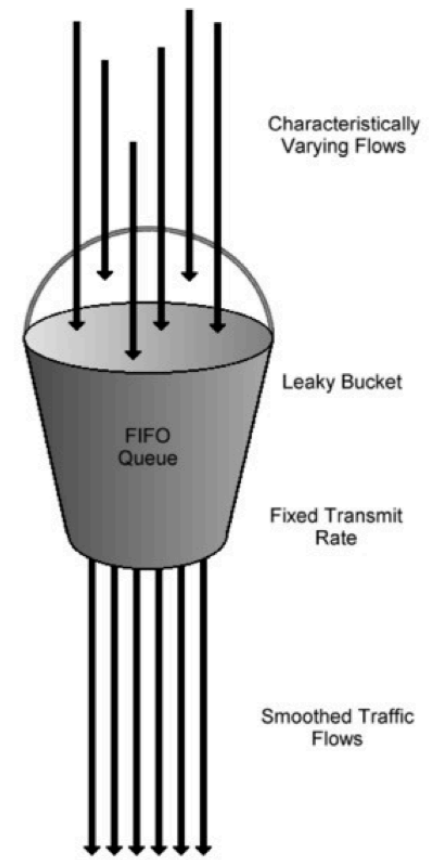


WHAT TO SCALE

- ➔ **Step 1: Increasing rate**
- ➔ **Step 2: Increasing sensors**
- ➔ **Step 3: Multiple front-ends**
- ➔ **Step 4: Multi-level trigger**
- ➔ **Step 5: Data-flow control**



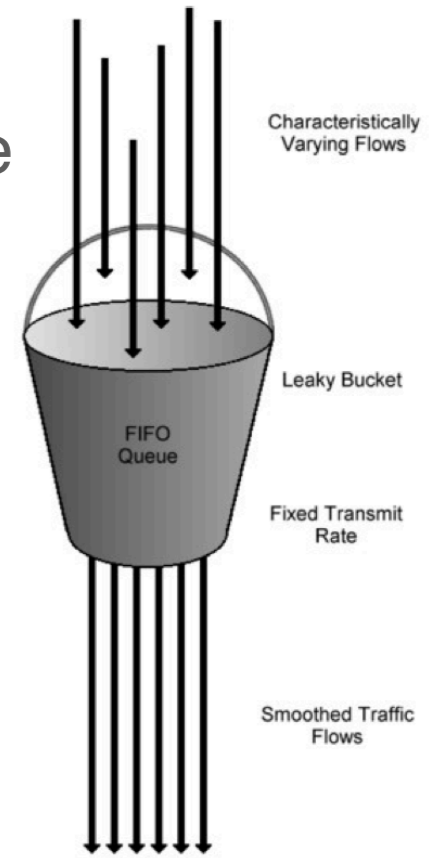
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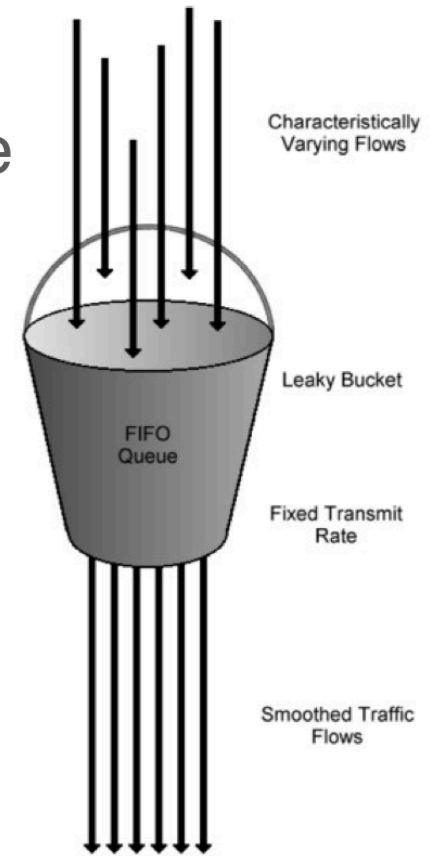
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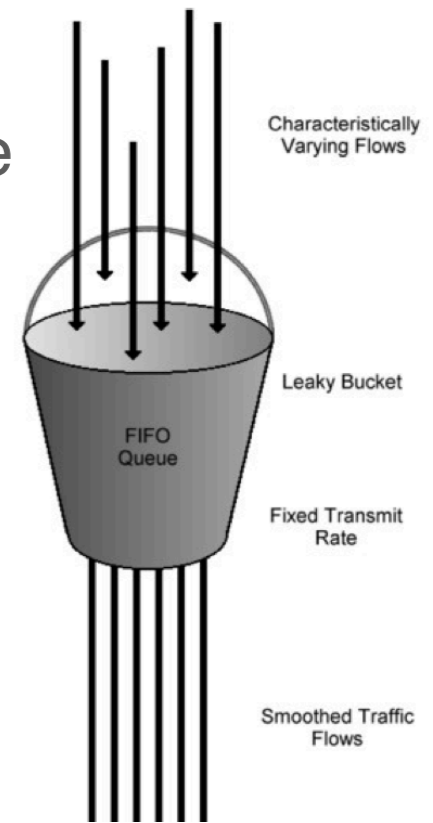
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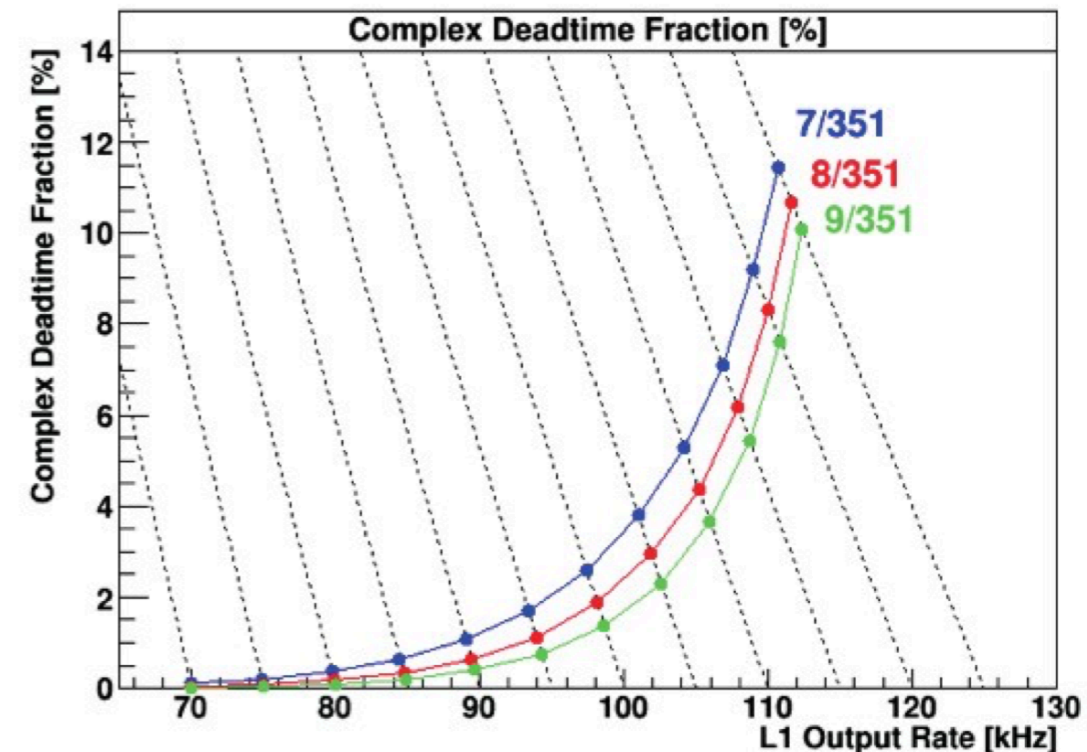
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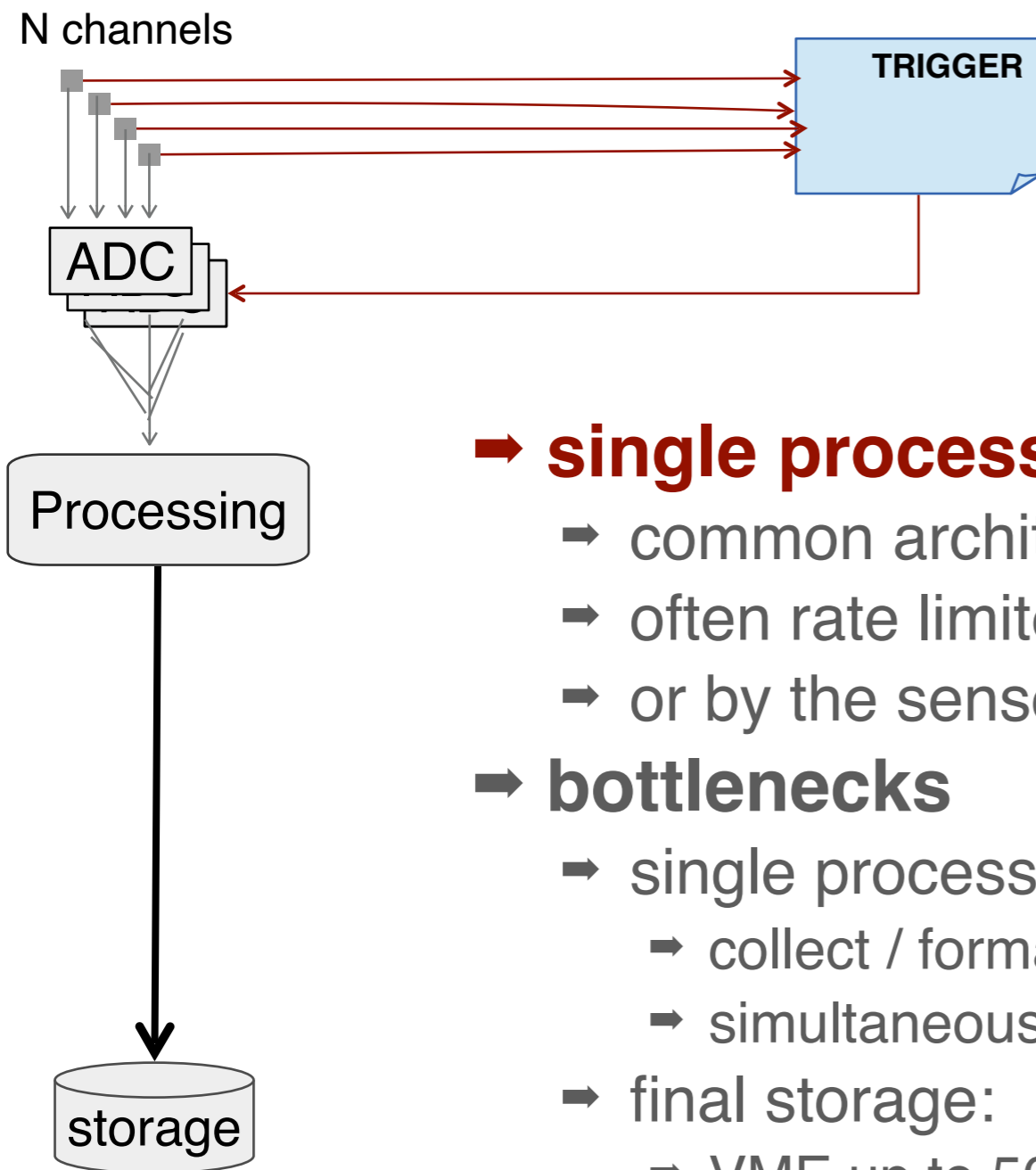
Leaky bucket (LAr readout)

➔ Example in ATLAS @Run2: 90 kHz < 2%

- ➔ Simple deadtime: 4 LHC BC [100 ns] after any L1 trigger
- ➔ Complex deadtime: leaky-bucket algorithms x4 detectors
 - ➔ two params: bucket size (in number of events), /readout time (in BC units)
 - ➔ i.e. 9 / 351 for LAr readout



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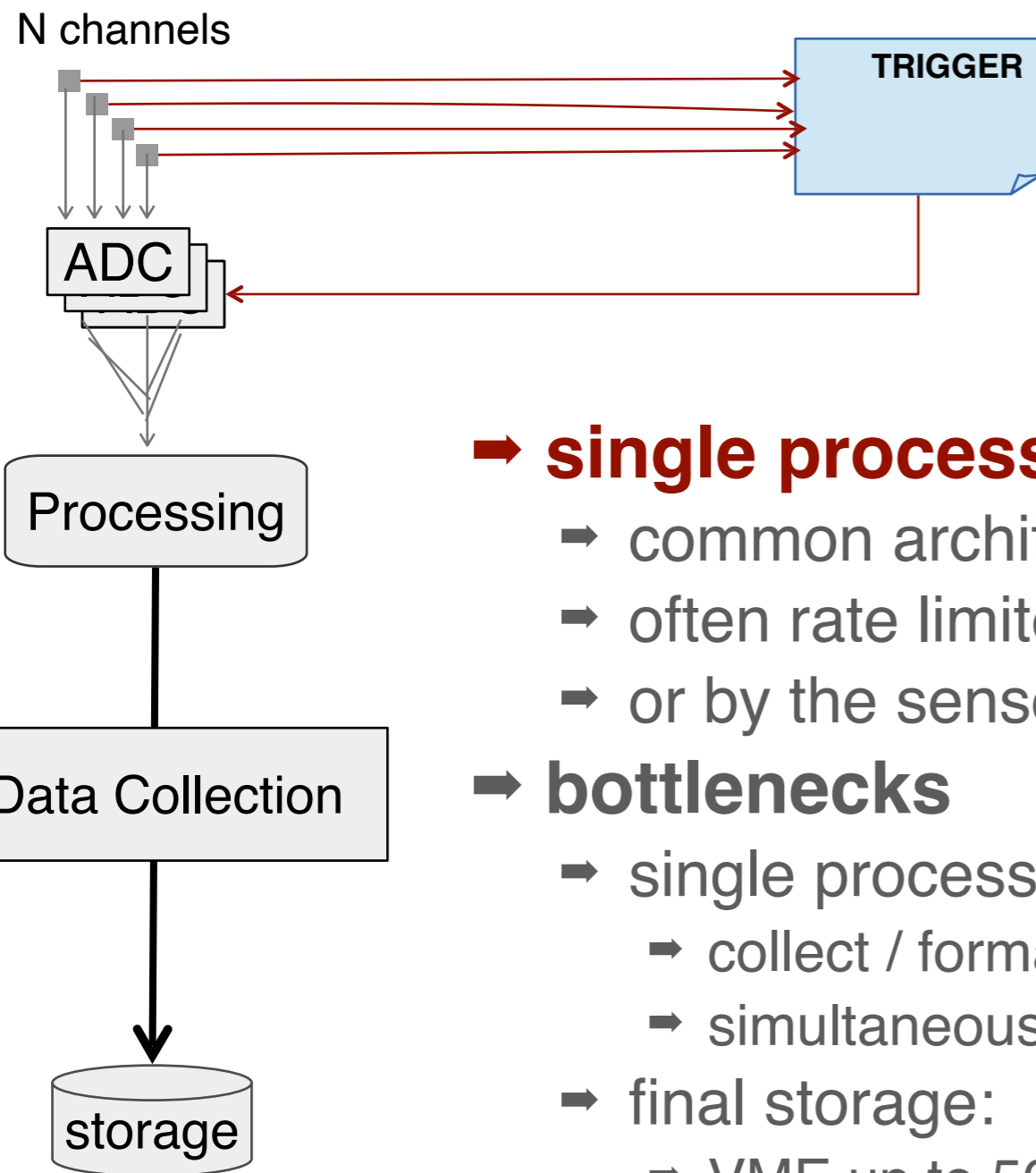
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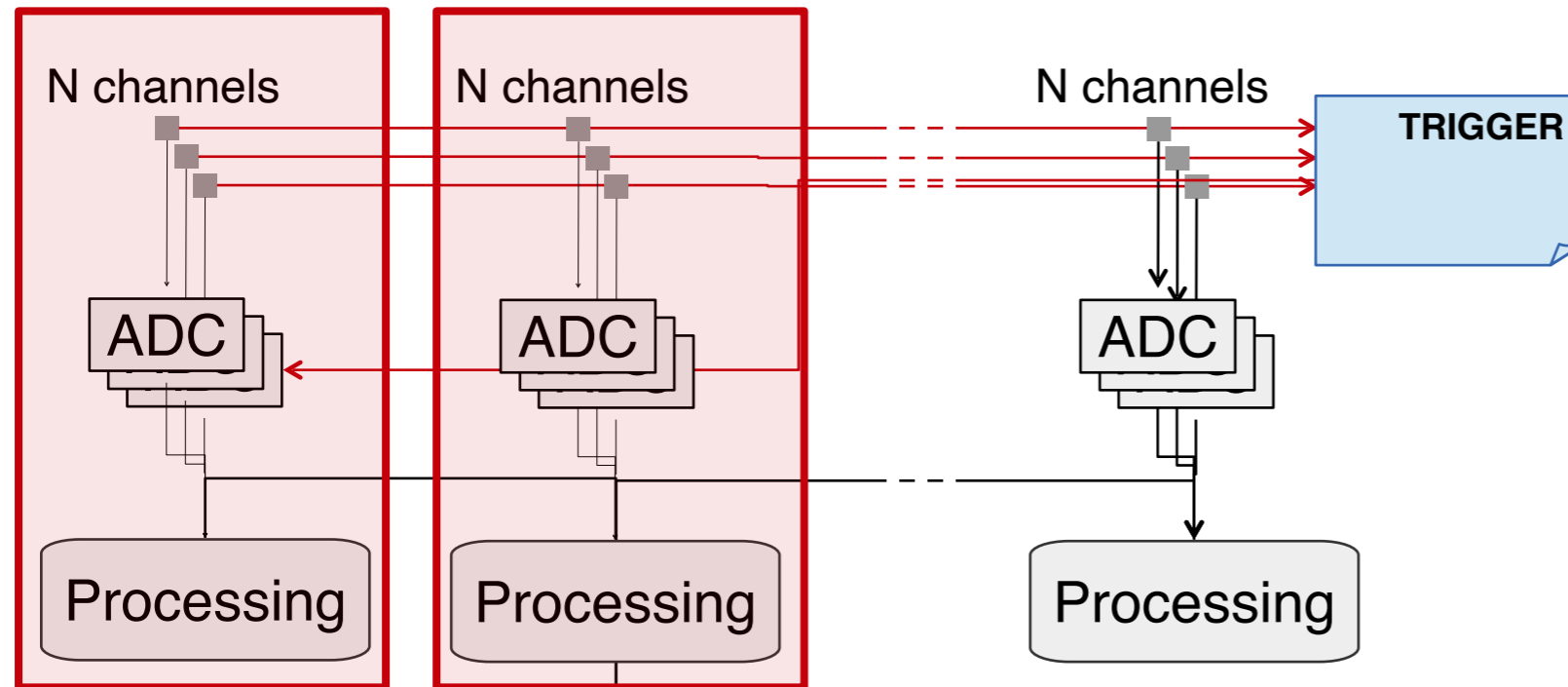
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3 - INCREASING FRONT-END ELEMENTS



➔ **Multiple processing units**

➔ for data processing and storage

➔ e.g.: **CERN LEP experiments**

➔ complex detectors, moderate trigger rate, very little background

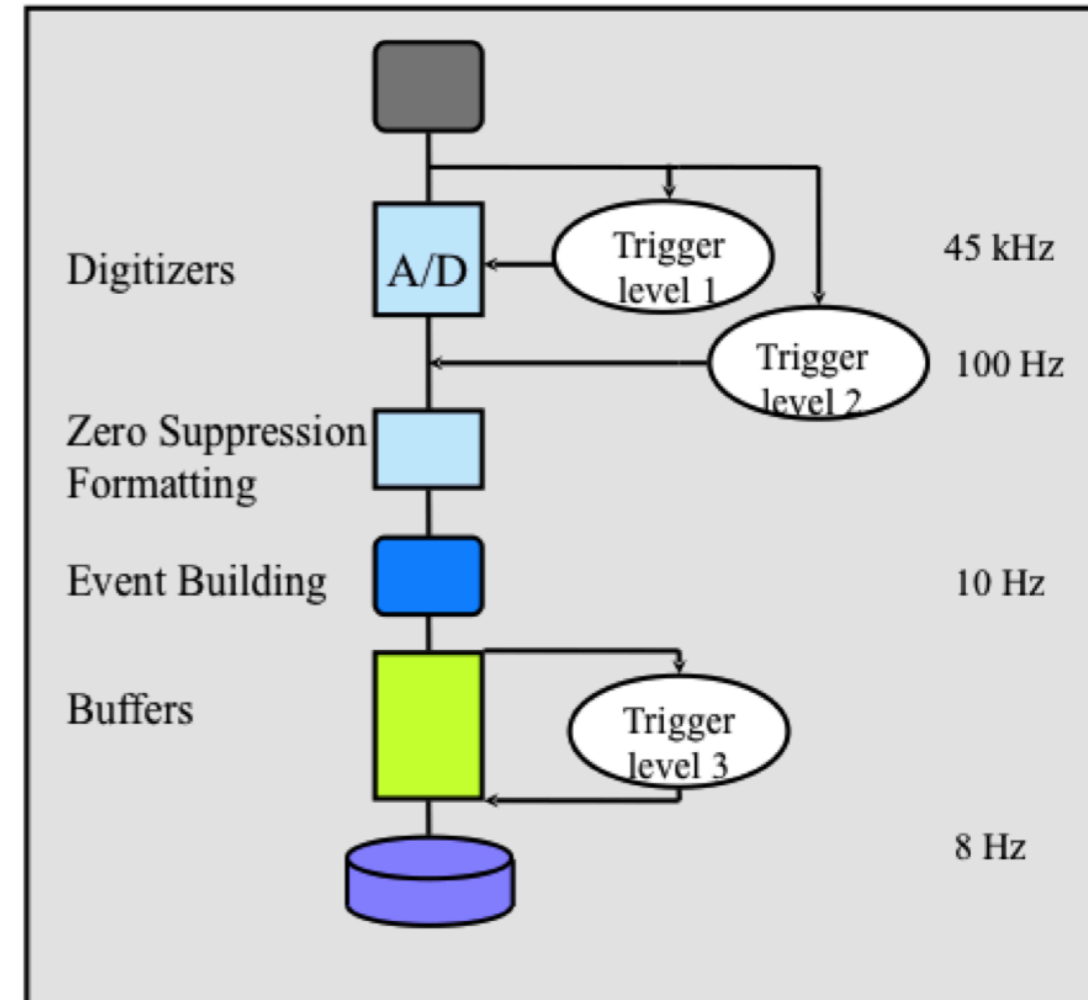
➔ little pileup, limited channel occupancy

➔ **simpler, slow gas-based main trackers**

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4 - MULTI-LEVEL TRIGGER

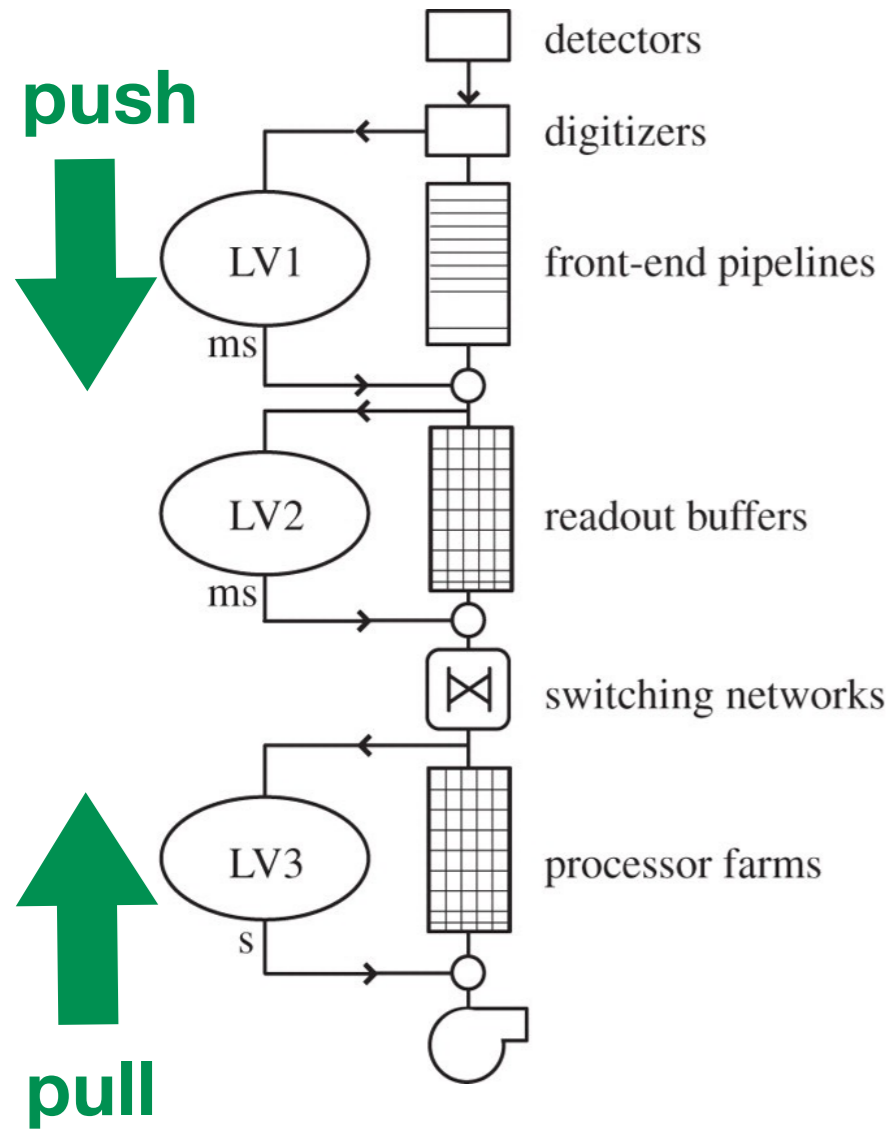
- More channels + more rate + more data to process online ==> longer latency
 - single level trigger not enough
- Add **High level triggers** with longer latency
 - more complex filters
 - more data (for example silicon detectors)



- Recall on trigger system architectures
- Real time system
 - must respond within some **fixed latency**
 - → Latency = Max Latency
 - → over fluctuations bad, will create deadtime
- Non-real-time system
 - responds as soon as it's available
 - → Latency = **Mean Latency**
 - → over fluctuations fine, shouldn't create deadtime

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- L1 $\sim 10^3$ Hz
- L2 $\sim 10^2$ Hz
- L3 ~ 10 Hz
- 100kB/ev → 1MB/s

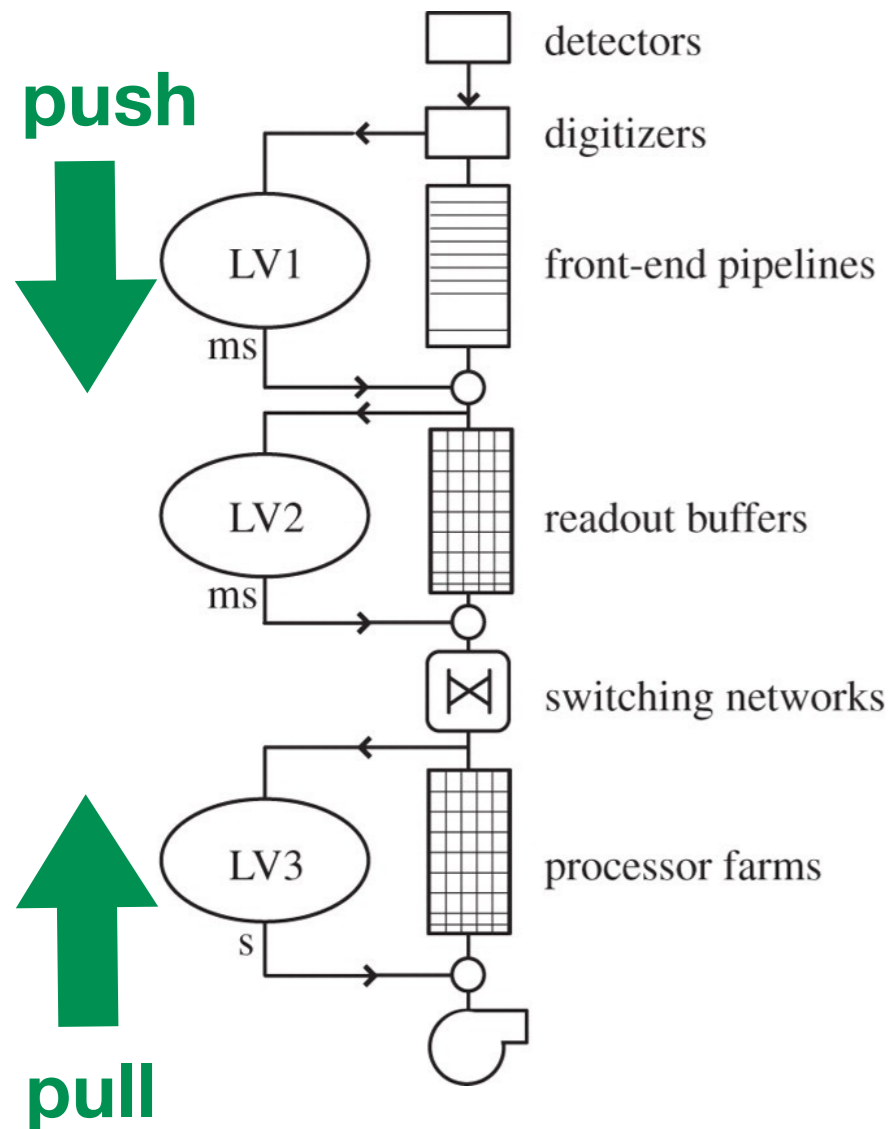
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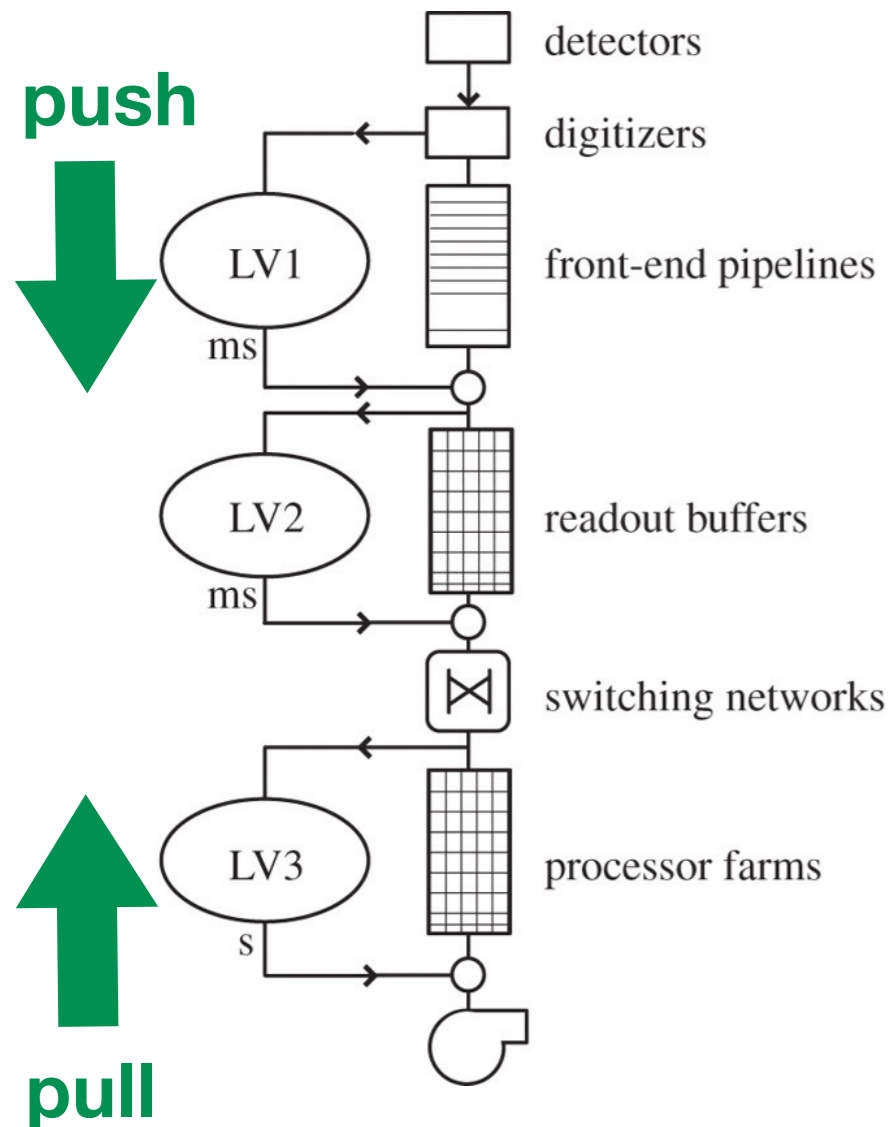
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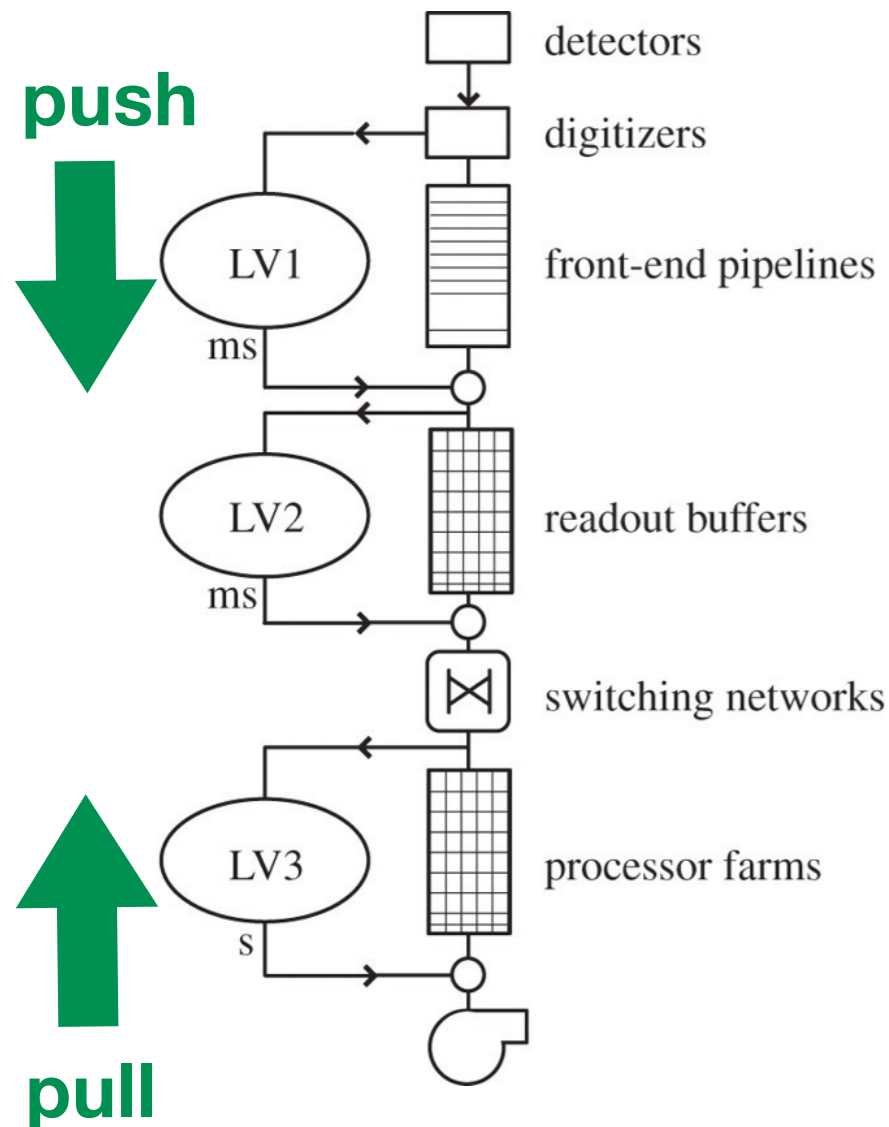
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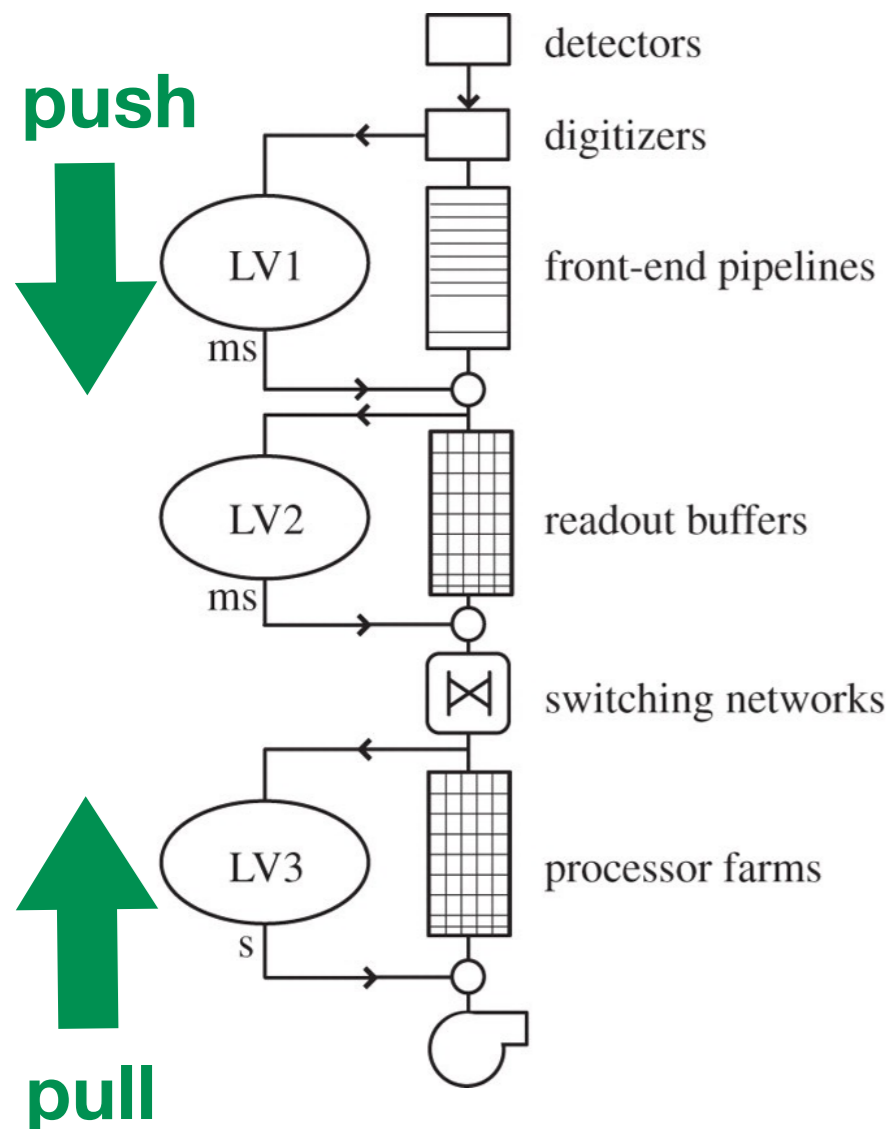
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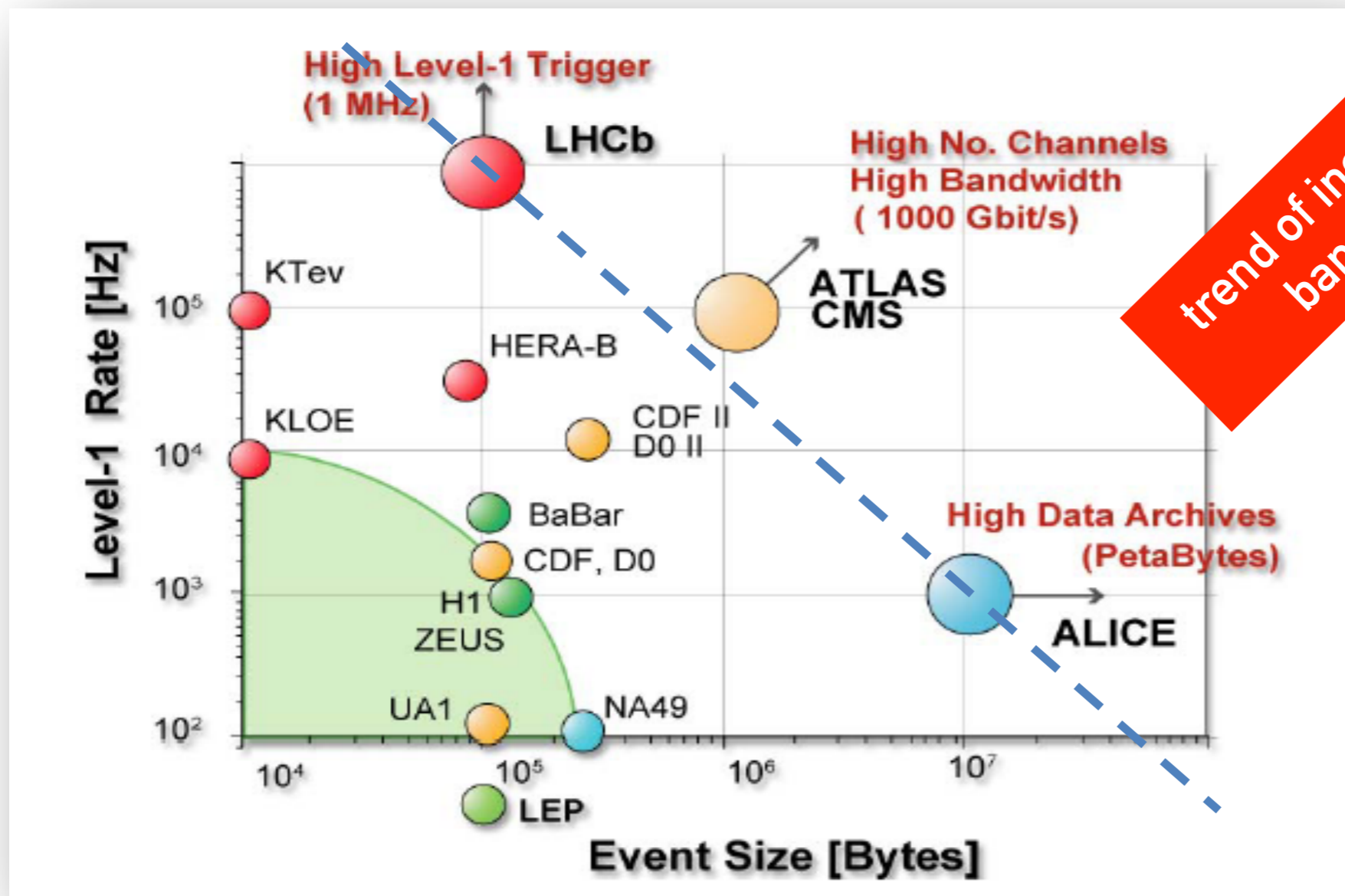
➔ FE (push) or EB (pull)

- ➔ **Push**: Events are sent as soon as data are available to the sender (for example round-robin algorithm) ==> Busy or Throttle
- ➔ **Pull**: events are required by a given destination processes (may need an event manager) ==> back-pressure
- ➔ **Push-Pull** ==> busy and back-pressure

READOUT AND DAQ THROUGHPUTS

$$R_{DAQ} = R_T^{max} \times S_E$$

faster L1 electronics



trend of increasing bandwidth

ATLAS/CMS

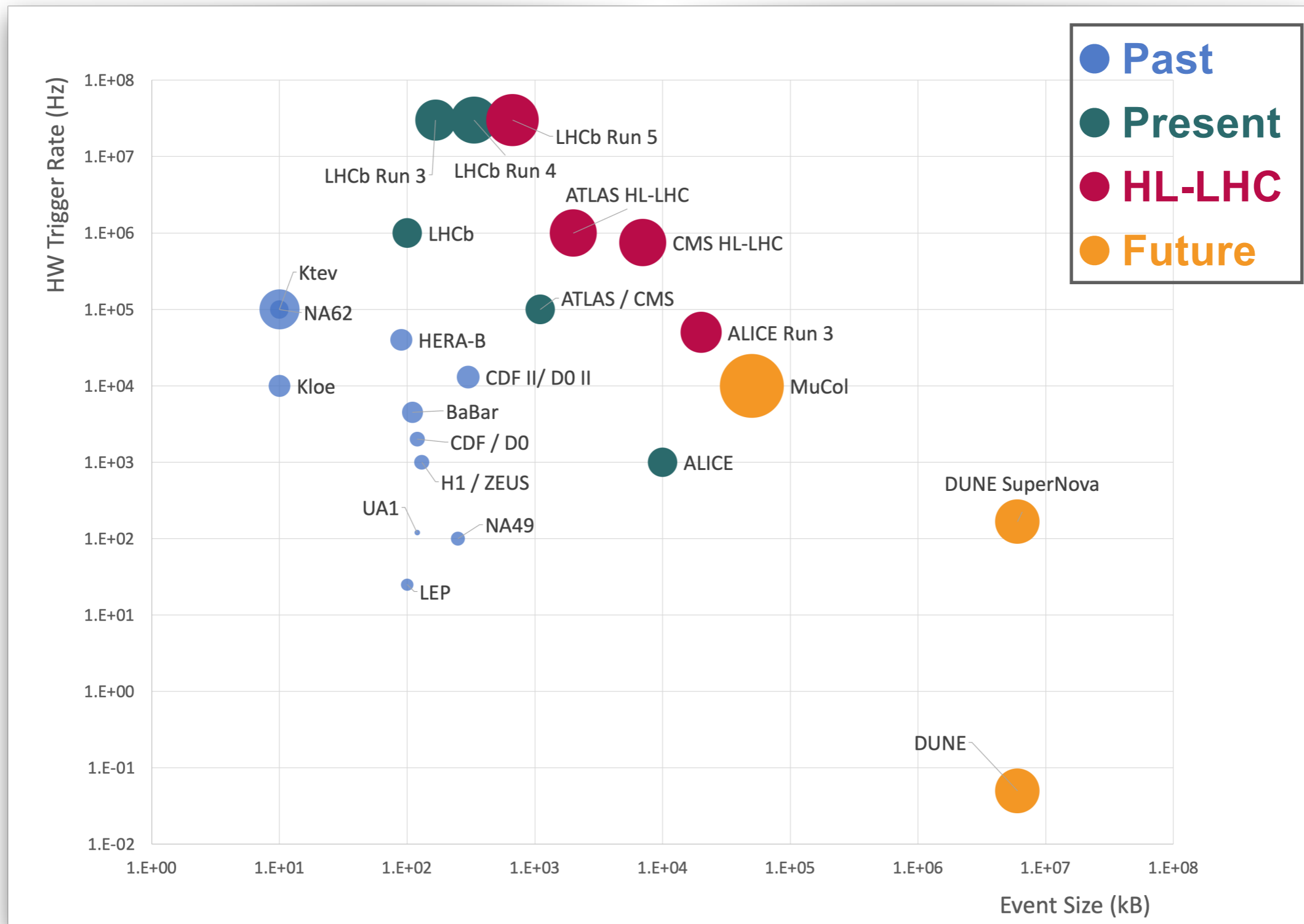
Data to Process:
100 kHz * 1 MB = 100 GB/s

Data to Store:
~ 1 PB / year / experiment

more channels, more complex events

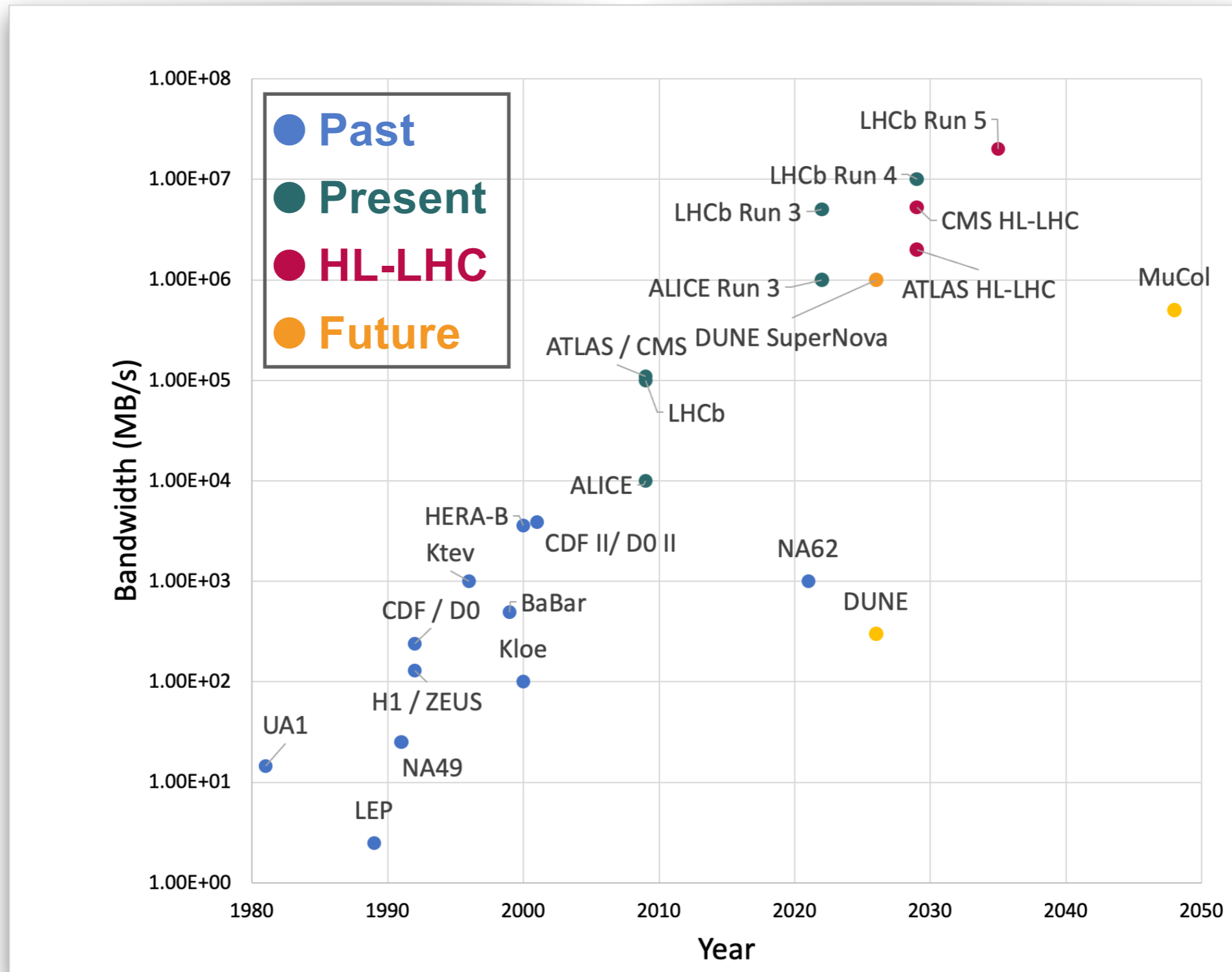
As the data volumes and rates increase, new architectures need to be developed

UPDATED FIGURE!



Courtesy of A.Cerri

LOOKING FOR MORE DATA IN THE FUTURE



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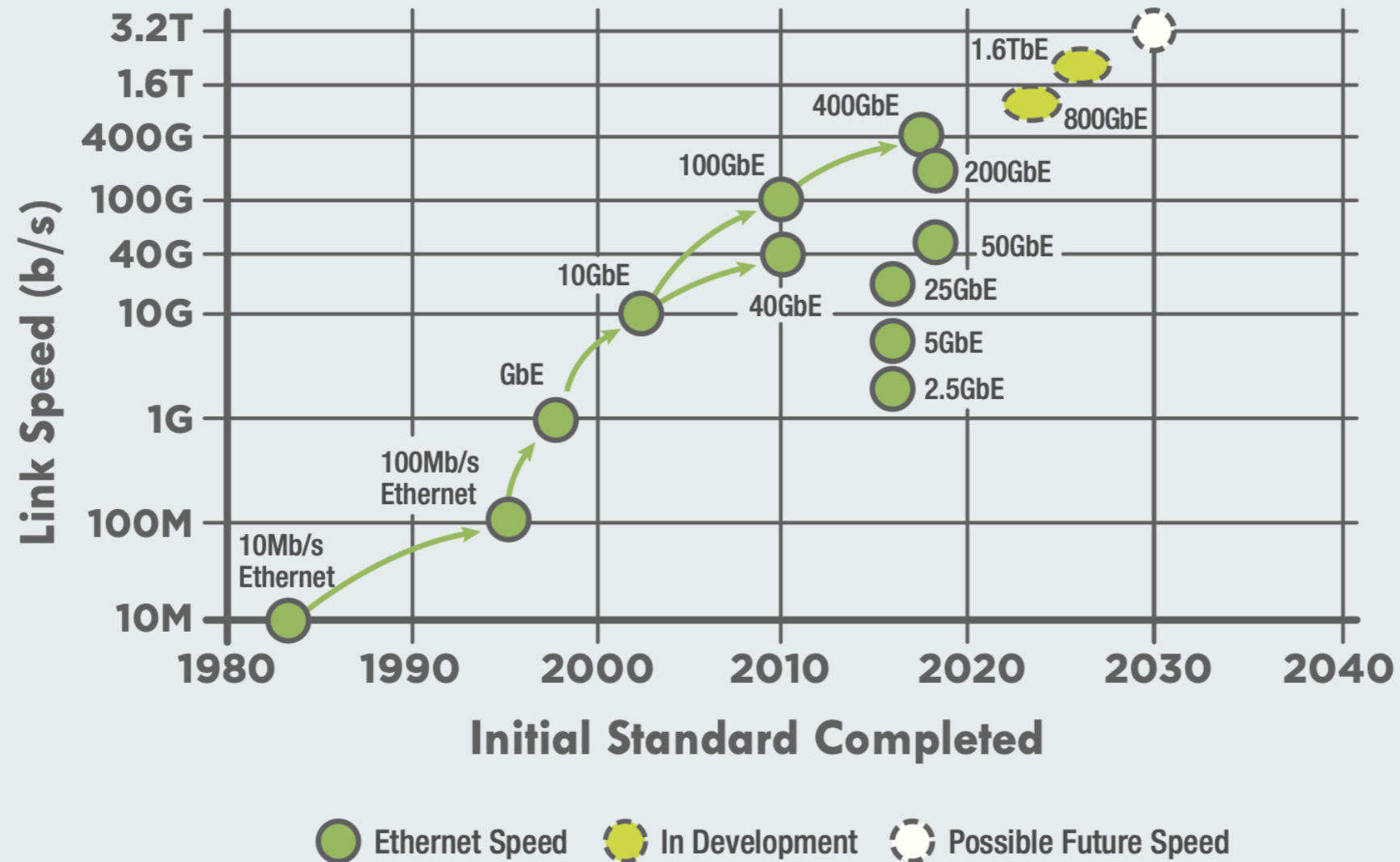
GENERAL T/DAQ TRENDS

- ➔ Increasing readout channels, and front-end cards, distributed in multi-level three structure
- ➔ Integrate synchronous low-latency in Front-End
 - ➔ limitations do not disappear, but decouple (factorise)
- ➔ Deal with dataflow instead of latency
 - ➔ **decouple** DAQ from High Level Triggers
 - ➔ decouple dataflow from storage, with temporary buffers
 - ➔ Use COTS network and processing
- ➔ Use **networks** as soon as possible
 - ➔ toward commercial bidirectional point-to-multipoint architecture
- ➔ Use “network” design already at small scale
 - ➔ easily get high performance with commercial components
- ➔ Increase data **aggregation** at the Event Building
 - ➔ reducing request rates on DAQ software
 - ➔ per time-frame, per orbit instead of per-event



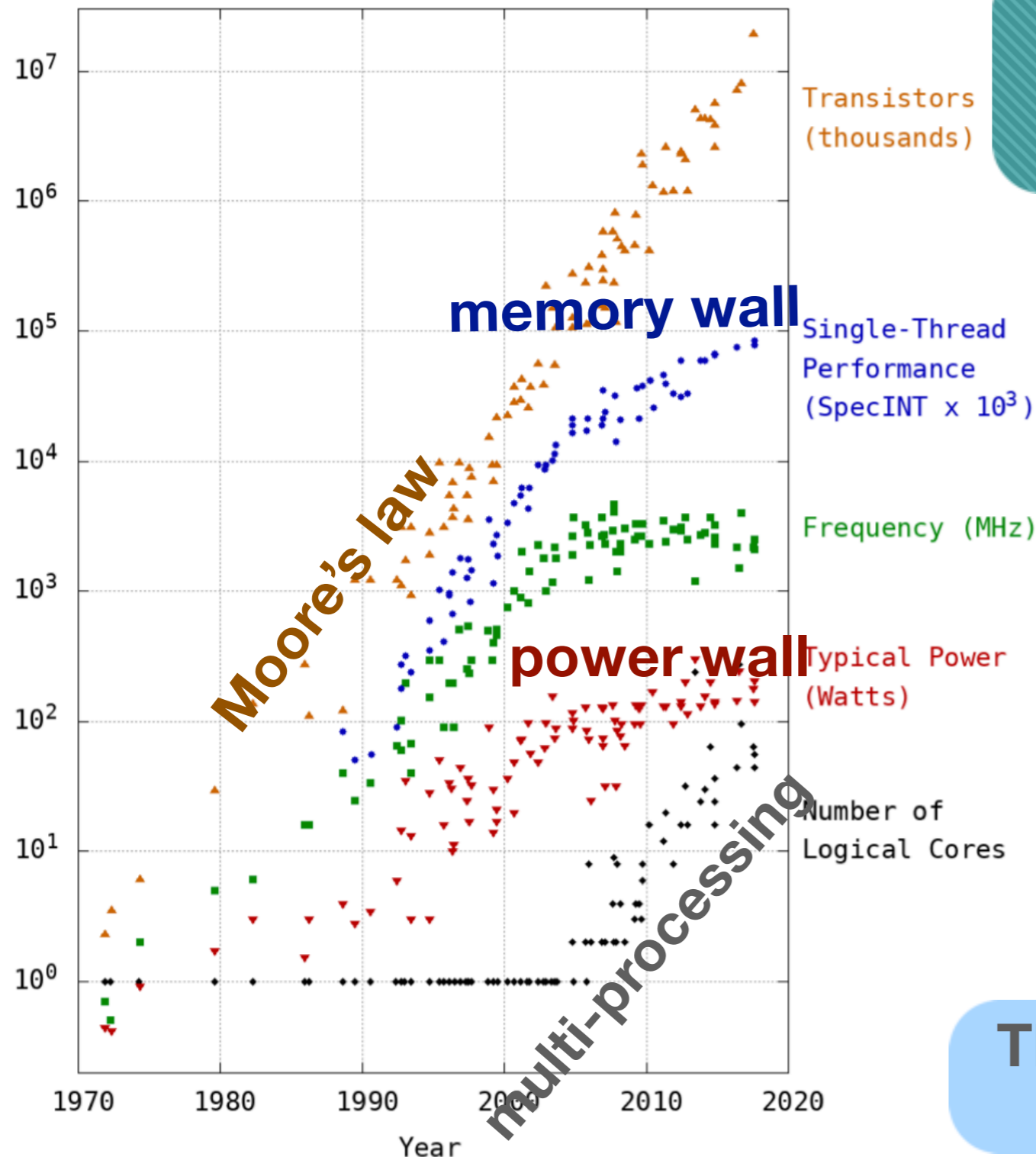
CLEAR WHY?

ETHERNET SPEEDS



EVOLUTION OF PROCESSING POWER TO BREAK WALLS

42 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data



Data Source: <https://github.com/karlrupp/microprocessor-trend-data>

- ▶ CPU frequencies are plateauing
- ▶ Local memory/core is decreasing
- ▶ Number of cores is increasing

- ➔ Exploiting CPU h/w, with more complicated programming
 - ➔ Vectorisation, low-level memory...
- ➔ Multithreading processing
 - ➔ To reduce memory footprint
- ➔ Use of co-processors:
 - ➔ High Performance Computing (HPC) often employ GPU architecture to achieve record-breaking results!

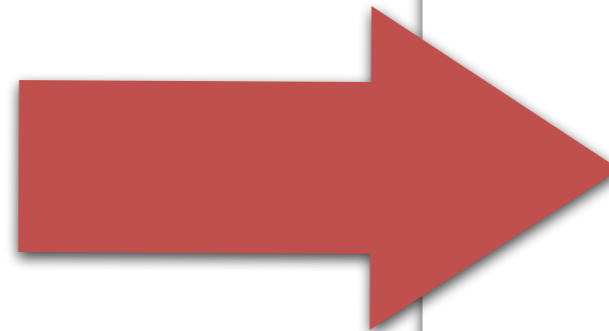
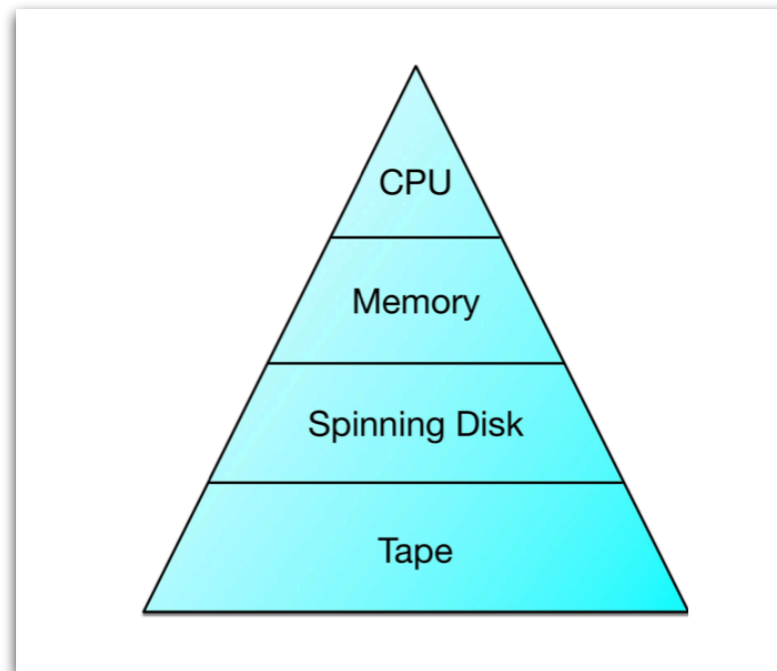
This requires fundamental re-write/optimization of our software

Read: HPC computing

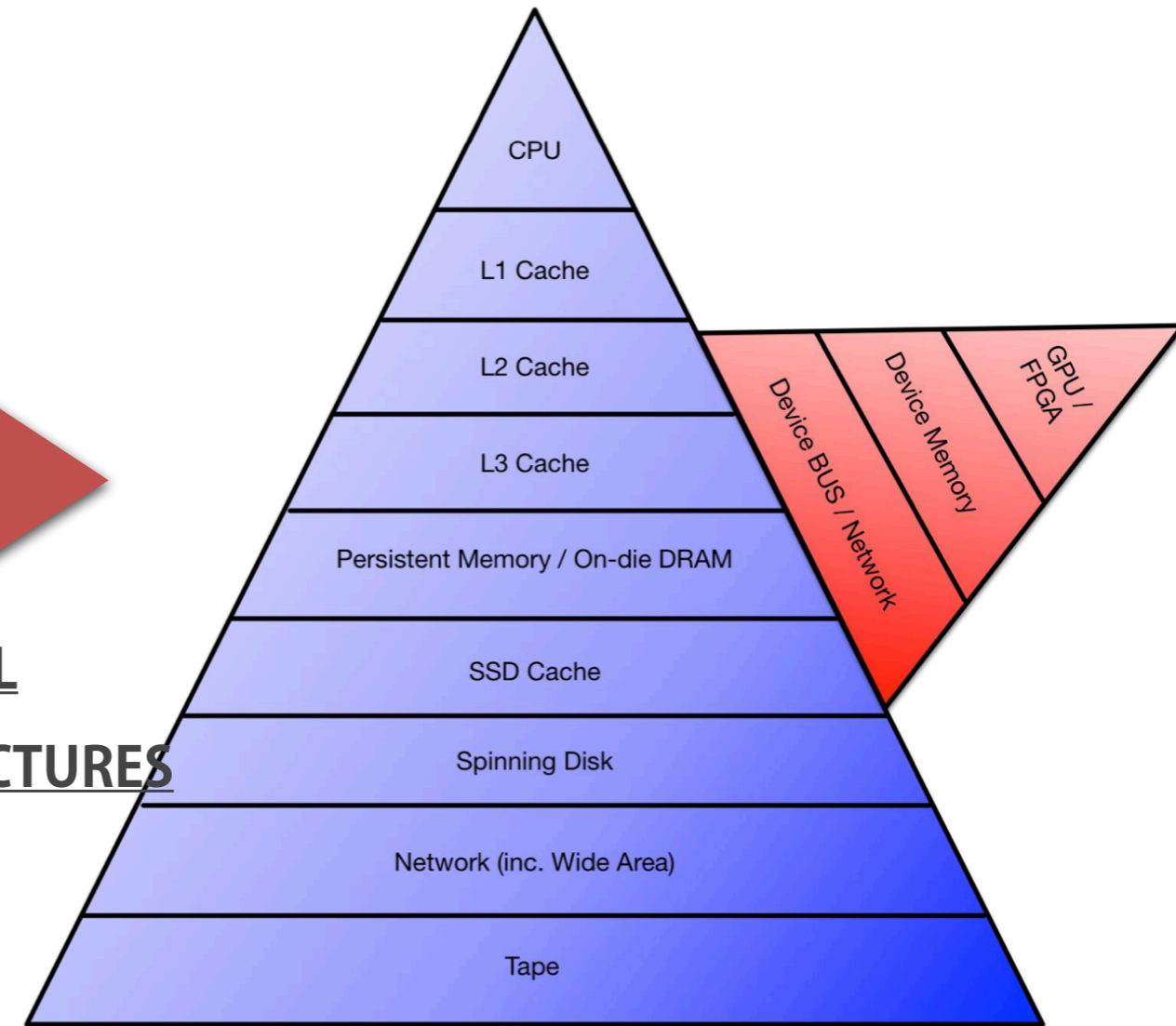
(TRIGGER) SOFTWARE EVOLUTION TO BREAK WALLS

“We’re approaching the limits of computer power – we need new programmers now”
[John Naughton, Guardian](#)

See LP-2022 slides from Graeme Stewart



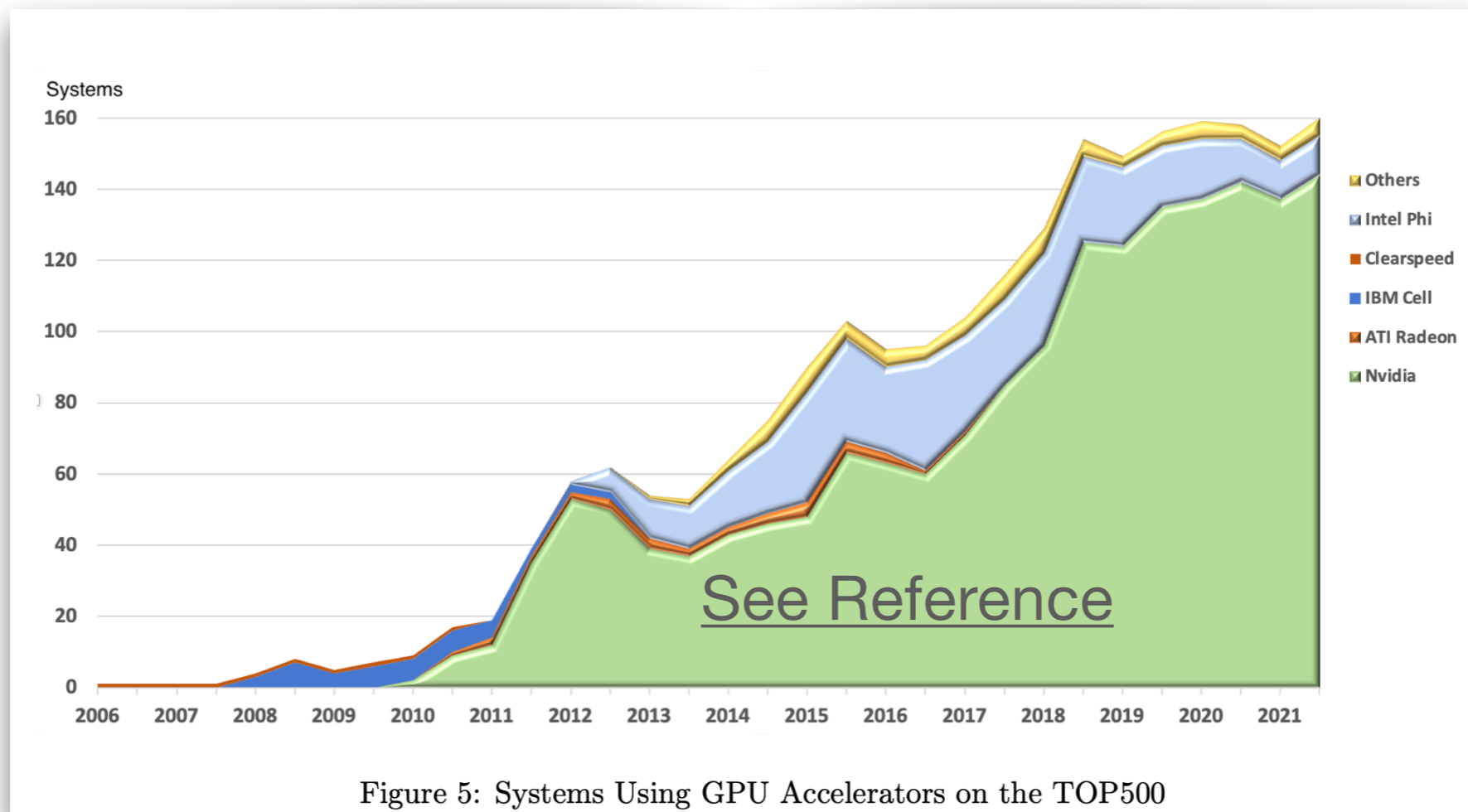
**EXPLOSION OF NOVEL
COMPUTER ARCHITECTURES**



- ➔ **Exploiting CPU hardware in new architectures**
 - ➔ more complicated programming (vectorisation, memory sharing...)
- ➔ **Exploit more efficiently instruction level parallelism (ILP)**

EXASCALE COMPUTING

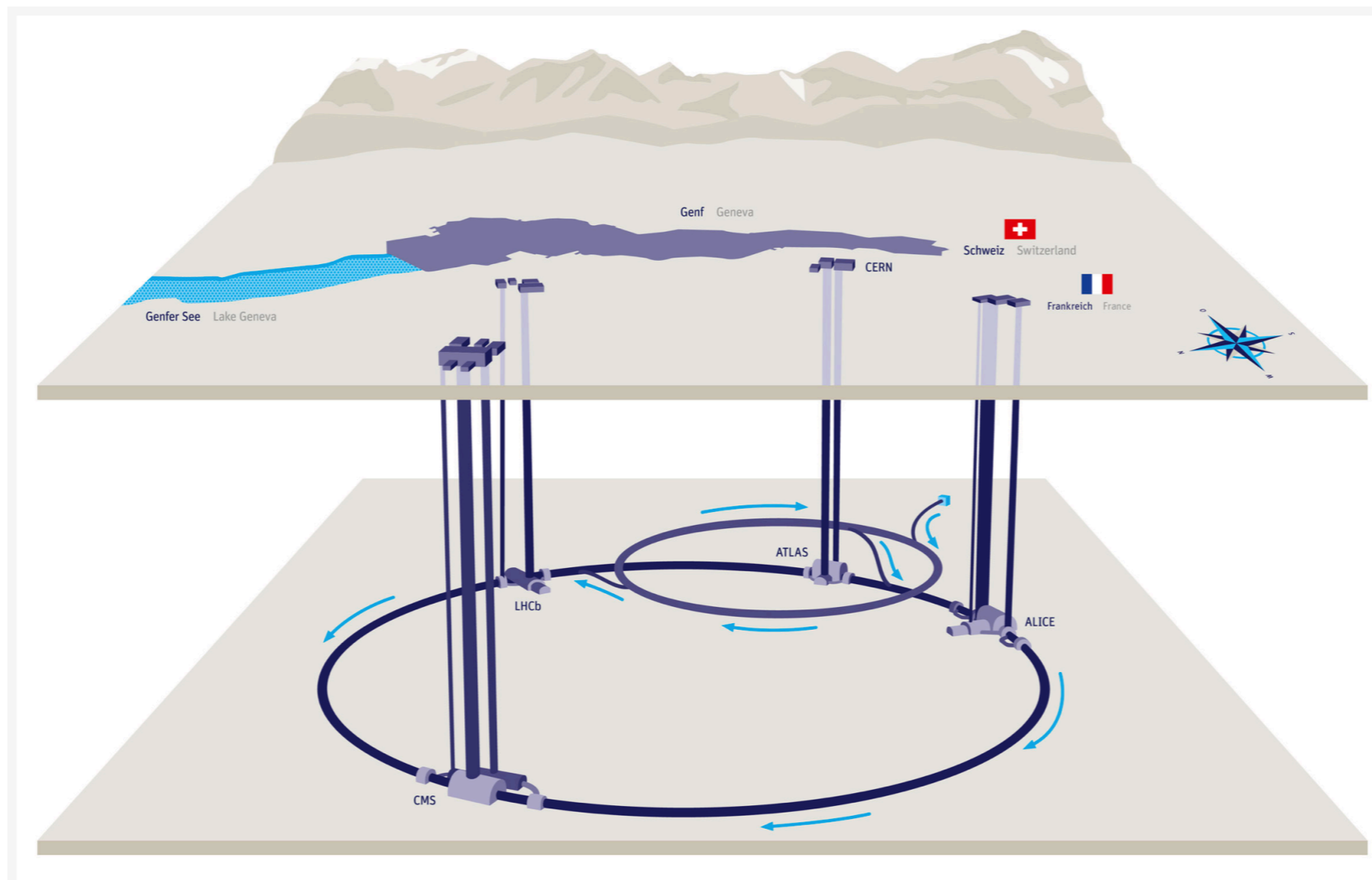
- **Scientific computing is the third paradigm, complementing theory and experiment**
 - Global scientific facilities (e.g., LIGO, LHC, Vera Rubin Observatory, the Square Kilometer Array)
- **Future trends in HPC focusing on:**
 - Rise of massive scale commercial clouds (Google Kubernetes, serverless computing,....)
 - Evolution of semiconductor technology (chip size and packaging, see Amazon Graviton 3)



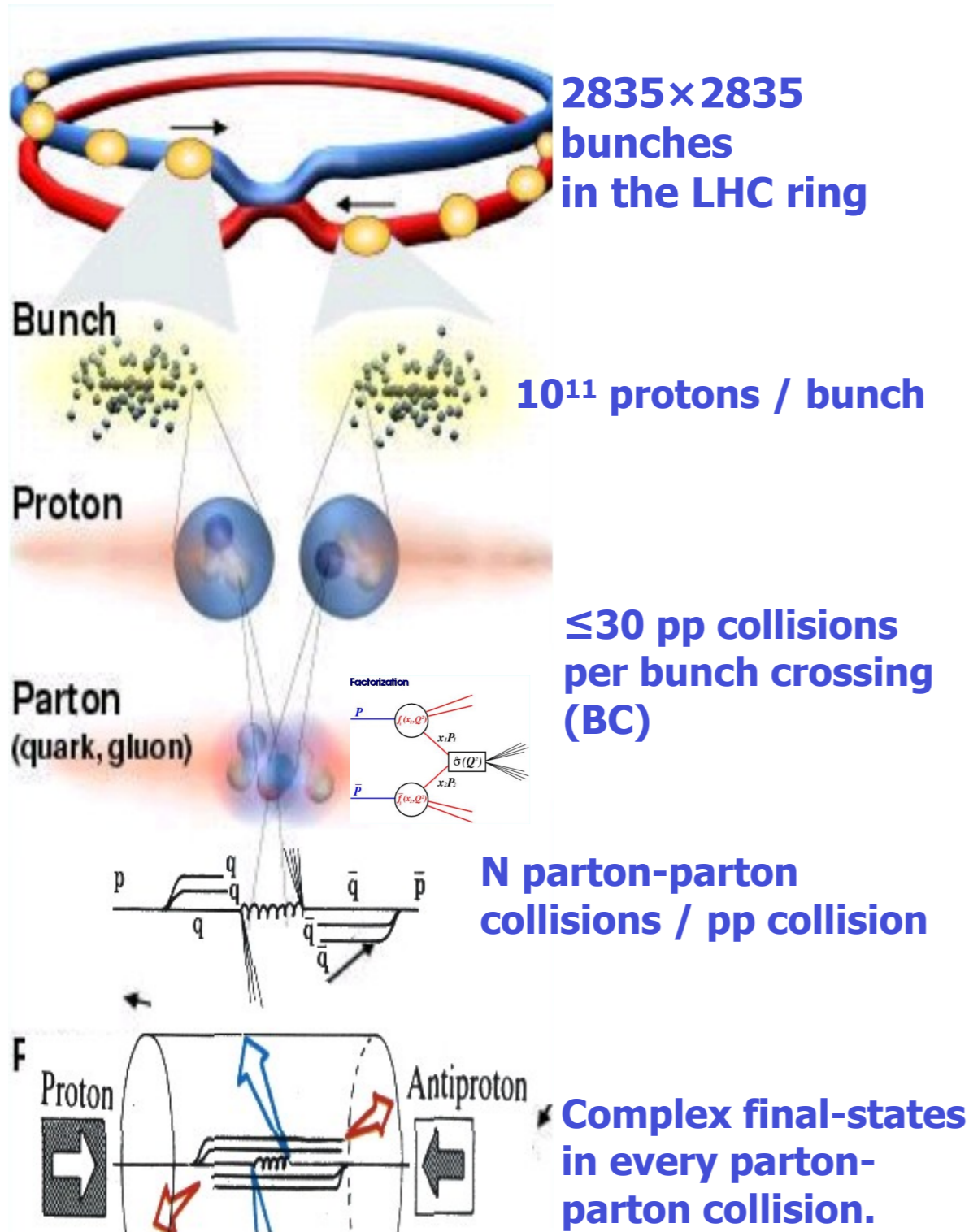
TOP500 today largely examples of a commodity monoculture: nodes with server-class microprocessors + GPUs

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LHC ENGINE AND ITS CHALLENGES



$$E_{\text{cms}} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$

$$L = 10^{34} / \text{cm}^2 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{BC clock} = 40 \text{ MHz}$$

Search for rare events overwhelmed in abundant low-energy particles

Three major challenges for T/DAQ

→ **Face High Luminosity:**

- fast electronics, to resolve in time
- fine granularity detector, to resolve in space ⇒ high data volume

→ **Search for rare physics:**

- high rejection or large data collection

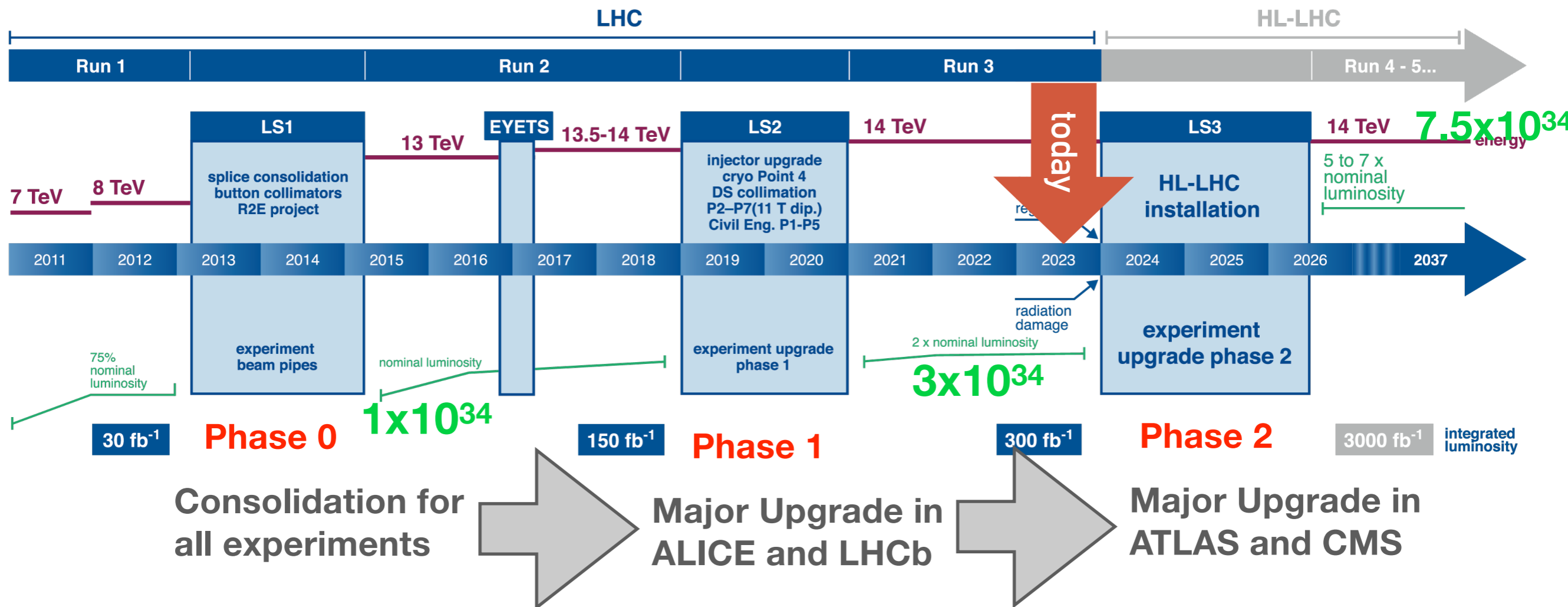
→ **Be radiation resistant:**

- very costly for electronics ⇒ survive up to 100 Mrad= 1 MGy

LHC BECOMING IMPRESSIVELY LUMINOUS

European Council (2014): "CERN is the strong European focal point for particle physics in next 20 years"

LHC / HL-LHC Plan



→ Experiments go beyond the initial design specifications (1x10³⁴ /cm²s) and need upgrade to improve, or at least maintain, the design performance

LHC EXPERIMENTS FOR A DISCOVERY MACHINE

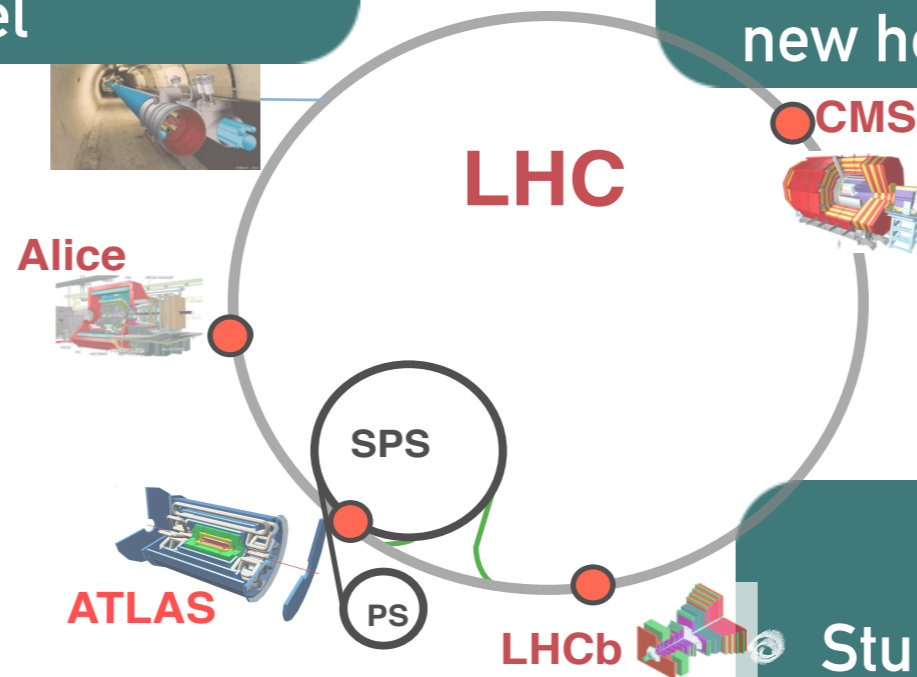
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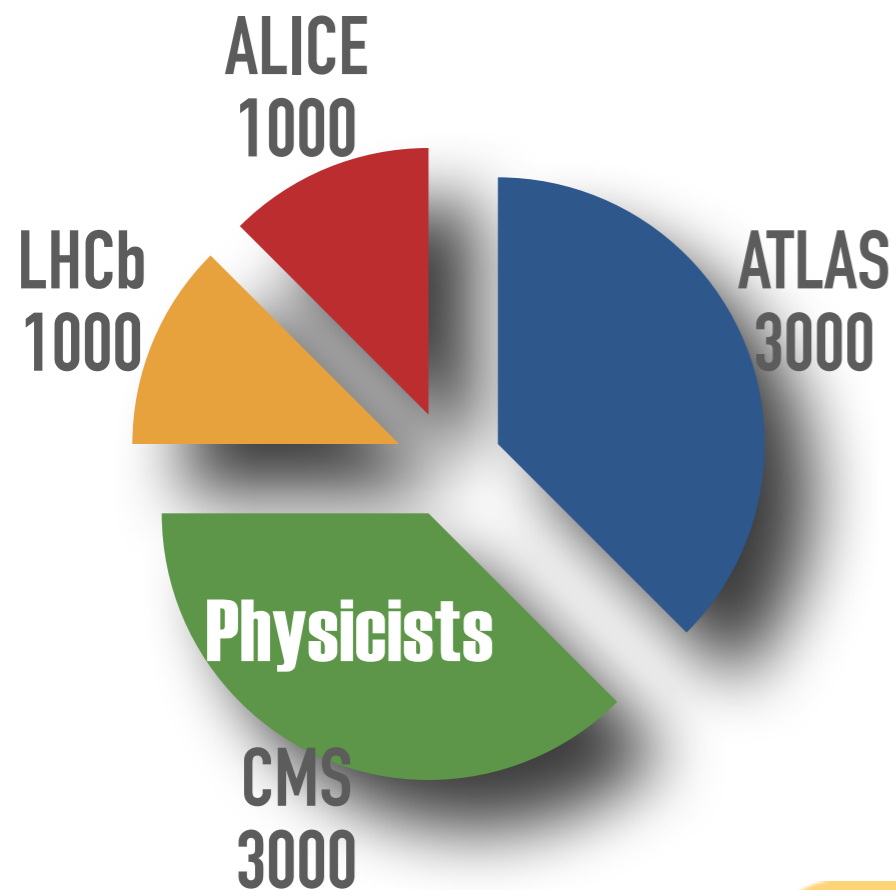
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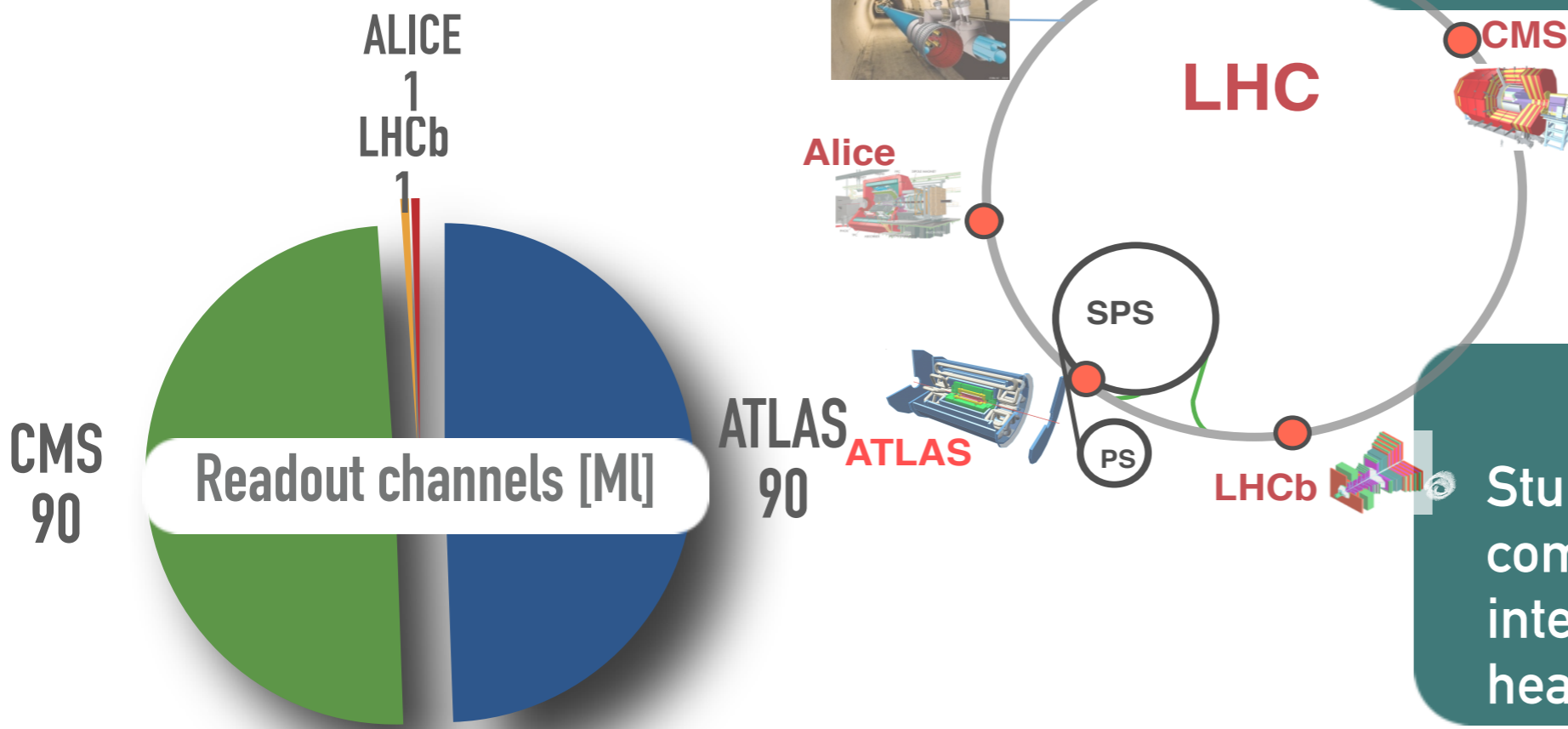
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DIFFERENT PHYSICS SEARCHES

.... and LHC operations

✦ **ATLAS/CMS: p-p collisions at full Luminosity**

✦ search in high energy scale

✦ **LHCb: p-p collisions at reduced Luminosity**

✦ search complex topologies of b-quark decays

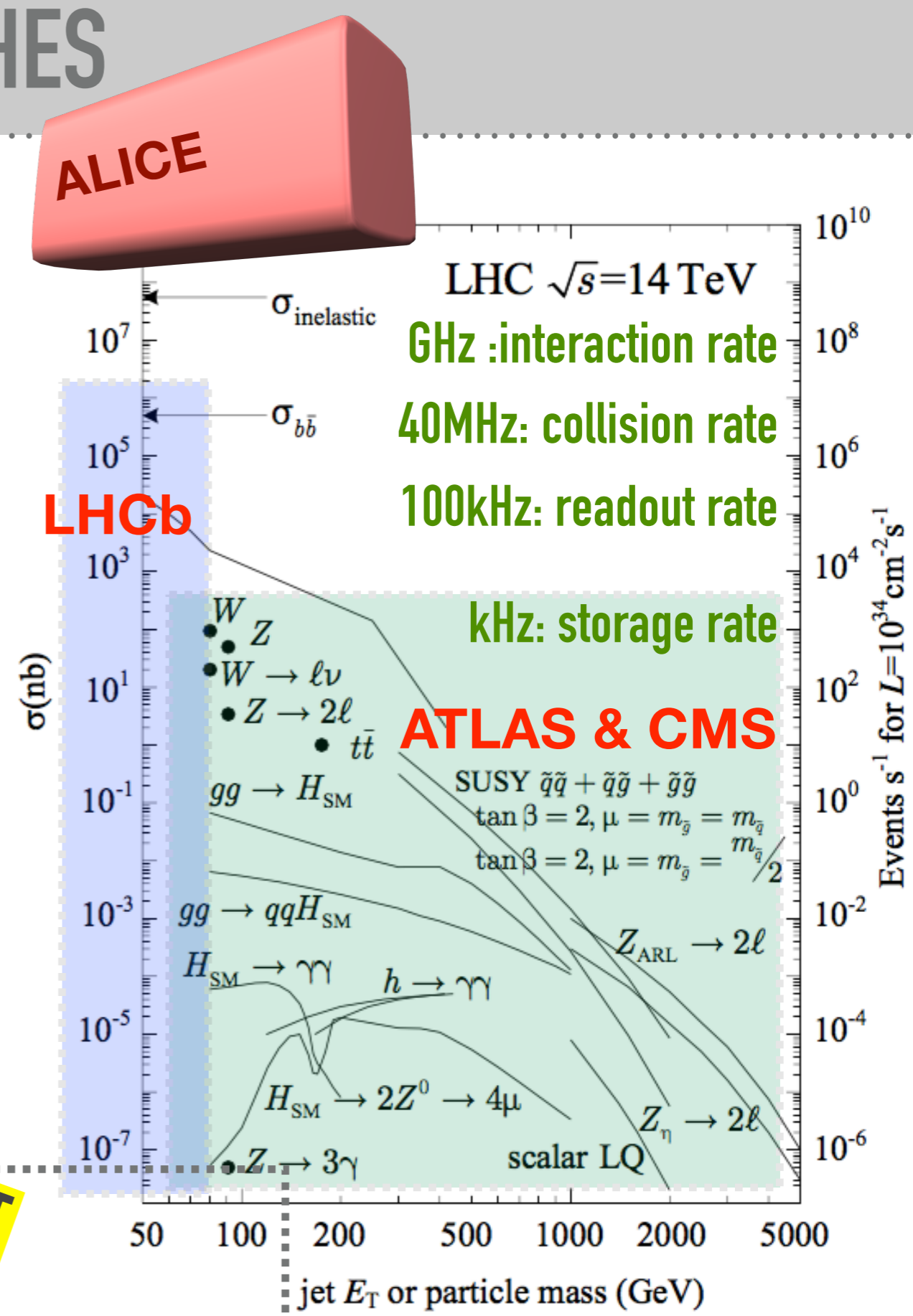
✦ **ALICE: heavy-ion collisions ~2000 mb**

✦ search in high energy density



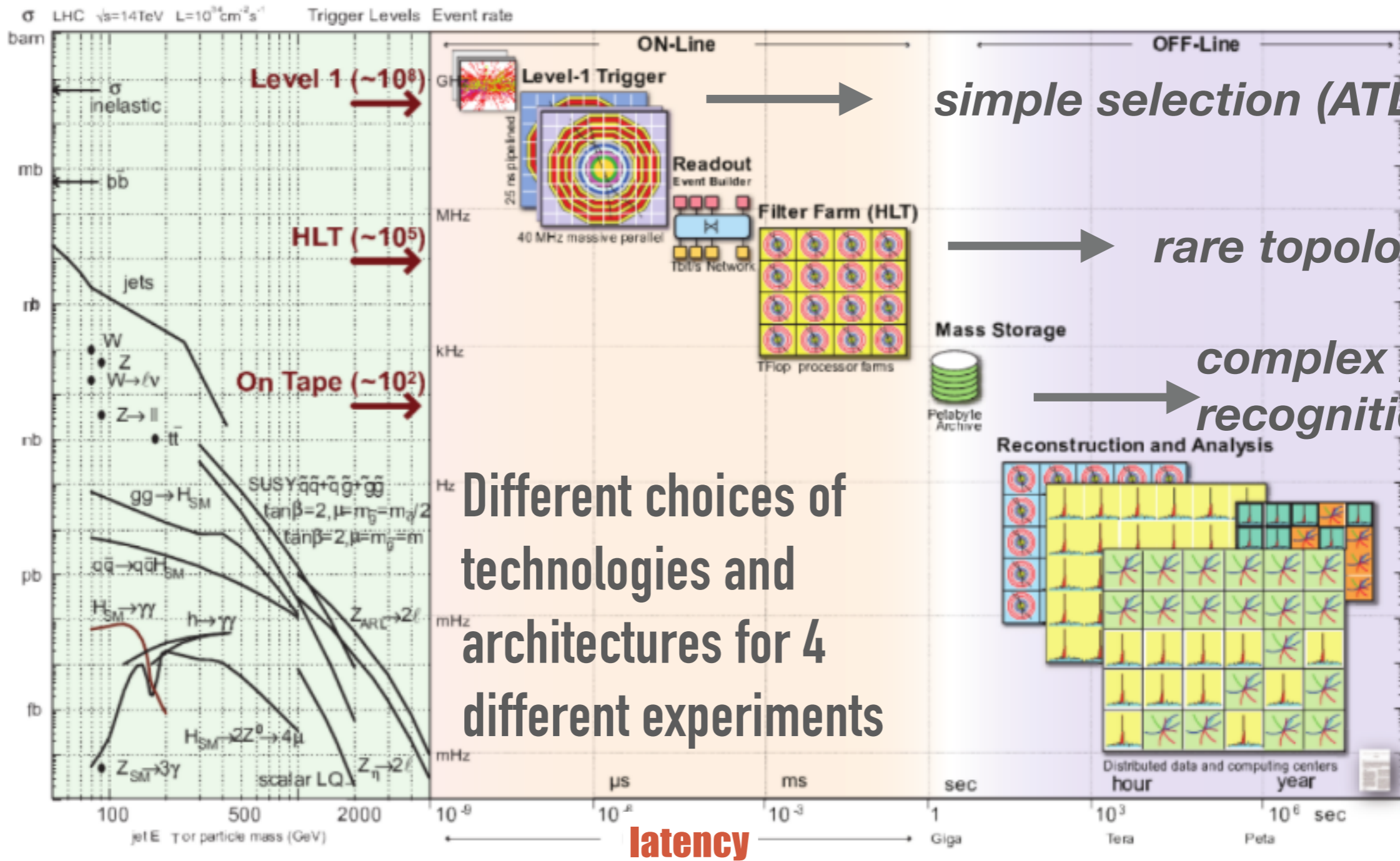
- ➔ Expected rates and S/B ratio
- ➔ Signal topology and complexity
- ➔ Size of event (number of channels, particle multiplicity)

DIFFERENT



ENHANCED TRIGGER SELECTIONS

data rates



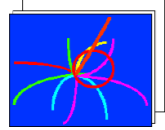
- **ATLAS/CMS: Trigger power:** reducing the data-flow at the earliest stage
- **ALICE/LHCb: Large data-flow:** low trigger selectivity due to large irreducible background

MANY PLAYERS, COMPLEX TDAQ ARCHITECTURES

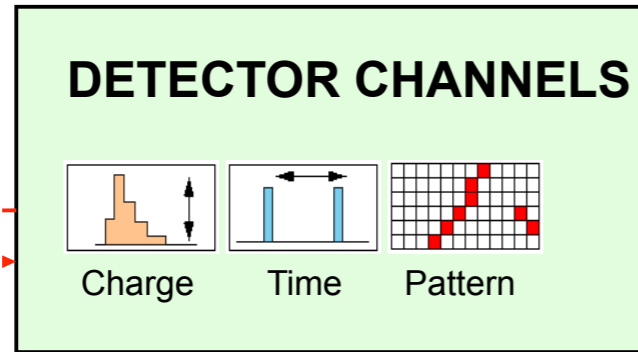
Buffering and parallelism

Maximum 1-2% deadtime

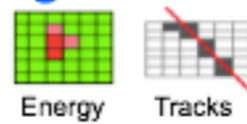
40 MHz COLLISION RATE



Level-1

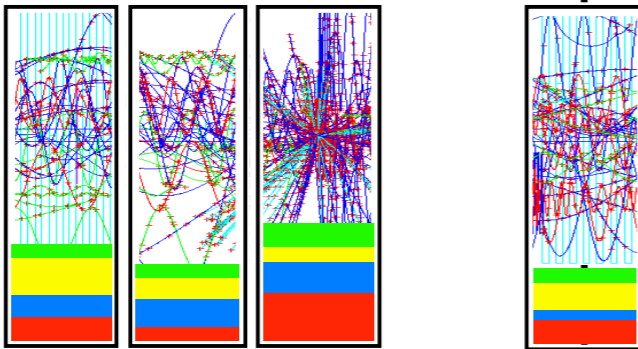


High speed electronics



- Level-1 triggers**
- ➔ Set max Readout rate
 - ➔ Hardware, synchronous
 - ➔ Readout parallelism
 - ➔ Latency ~ $\mu\text{sec/event}$

Readout Buffers

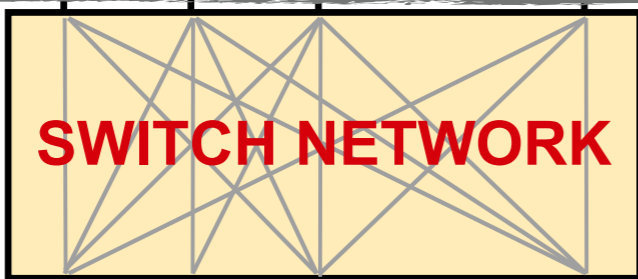


Readout links and buffering

Readout

L1/Readout

Event building

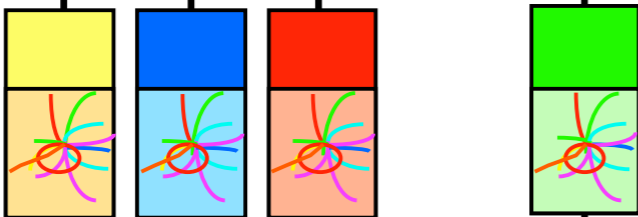


Large data network with dedicated technology

DAQ

HLT/DAQ

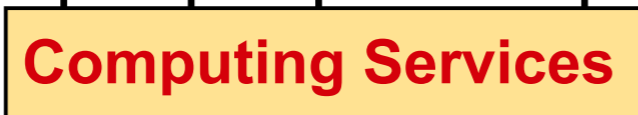
Event filtering



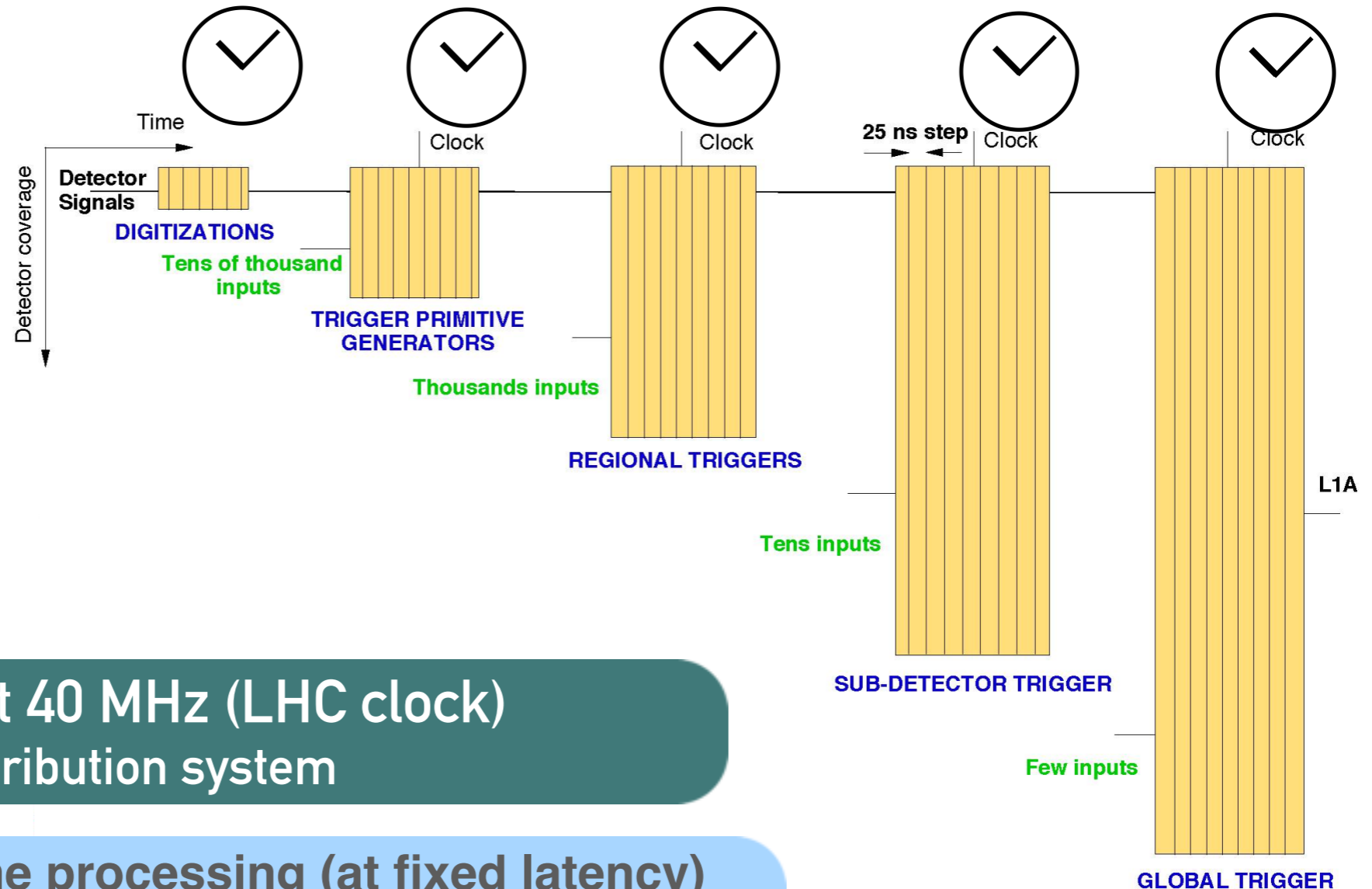
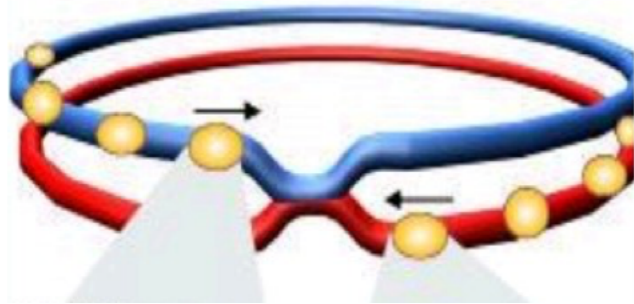
Dedicated PC farms

- Higher level triggers**
- ➔ Set max storage rate
 - ➔ Software, asynchronous
 - ➔ Event parallelism
 - ➔ Latency < 1 sec/event

Petabyte archive



LEVEL-1 TRIGGER REQUIREMENTS



Full synchronisation at 40 MHz (LHC clock)

➤ large optical time distribution system

- ➔ Synchronous: pipeline processing (at fixed latency)
- ➔ Low latency (fast processing and high speed links)
- ➔ Scalable
- ➔ Massively parallel
- ➔ Bunch Crossing identification capability

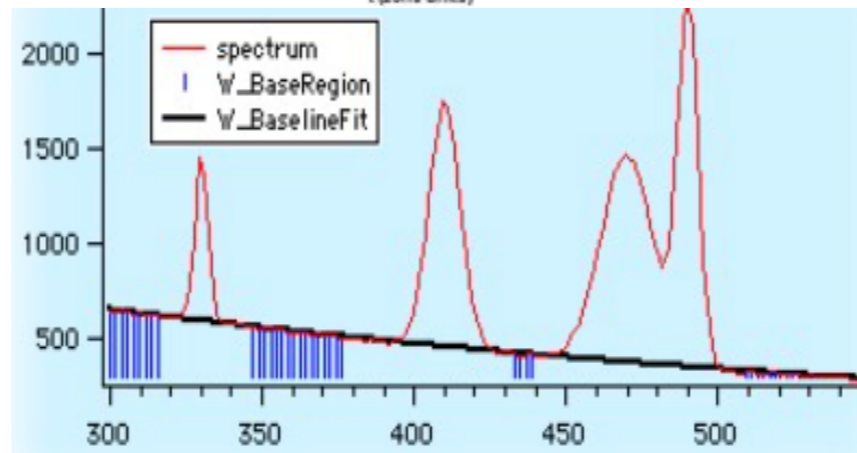
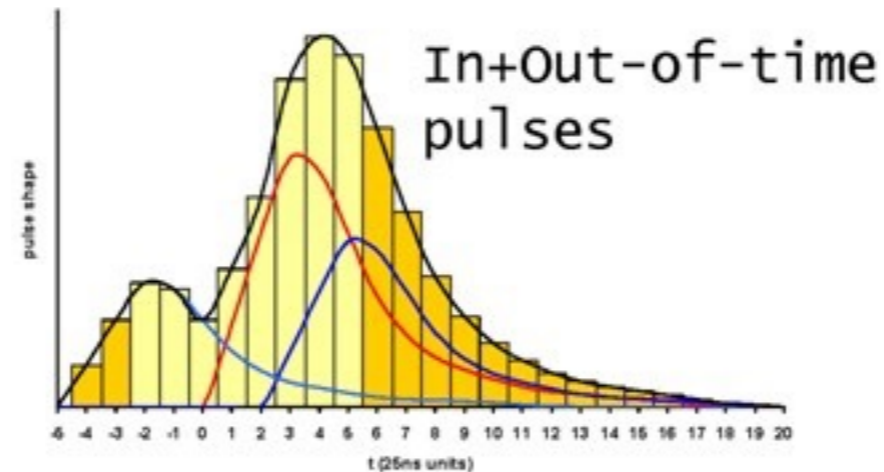
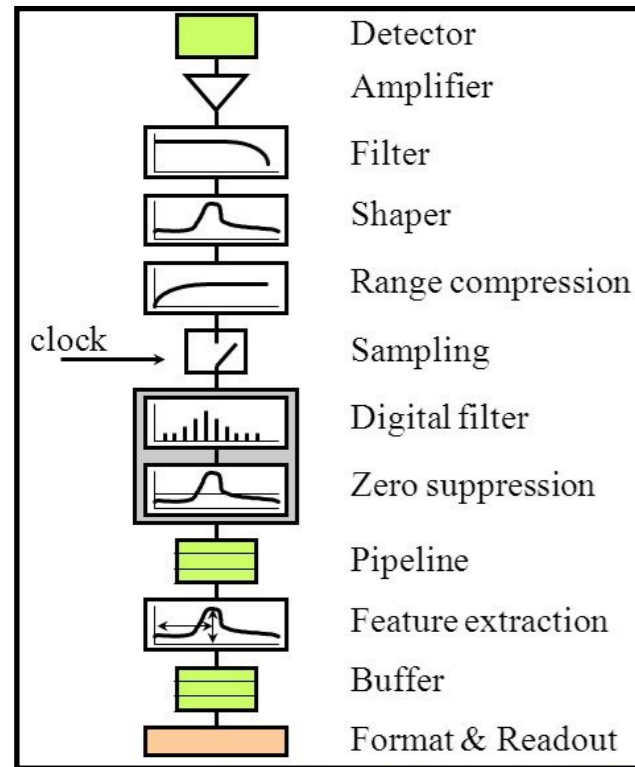
ALICE	No pipeline
ATLAS	2.5 μ s
CMS	3 μ s
LHCb	4 μ s

Fast, robust electronics

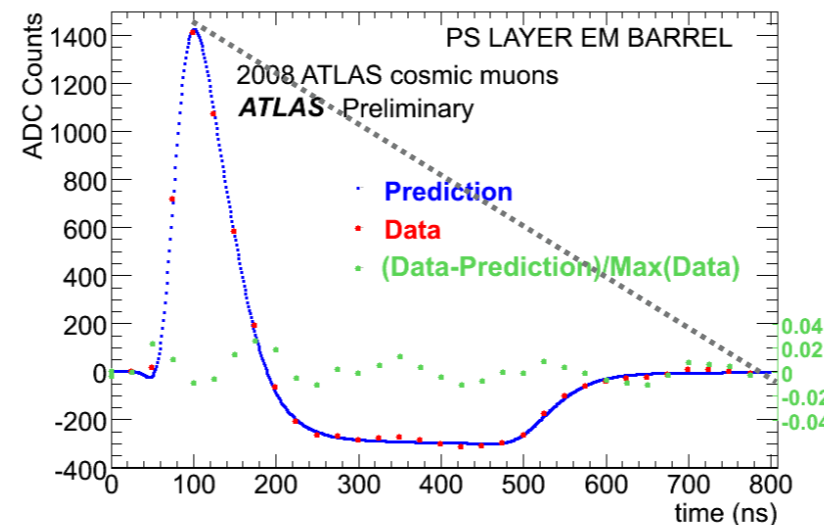
Latency dominated by cable/transmission delay

TRIGGER REQUIREMENTS ON FRONT-END ELECTRONICS

Tight design constraints for trigger & FE



ATLAS Liquid Argon calorimeter



Avoid

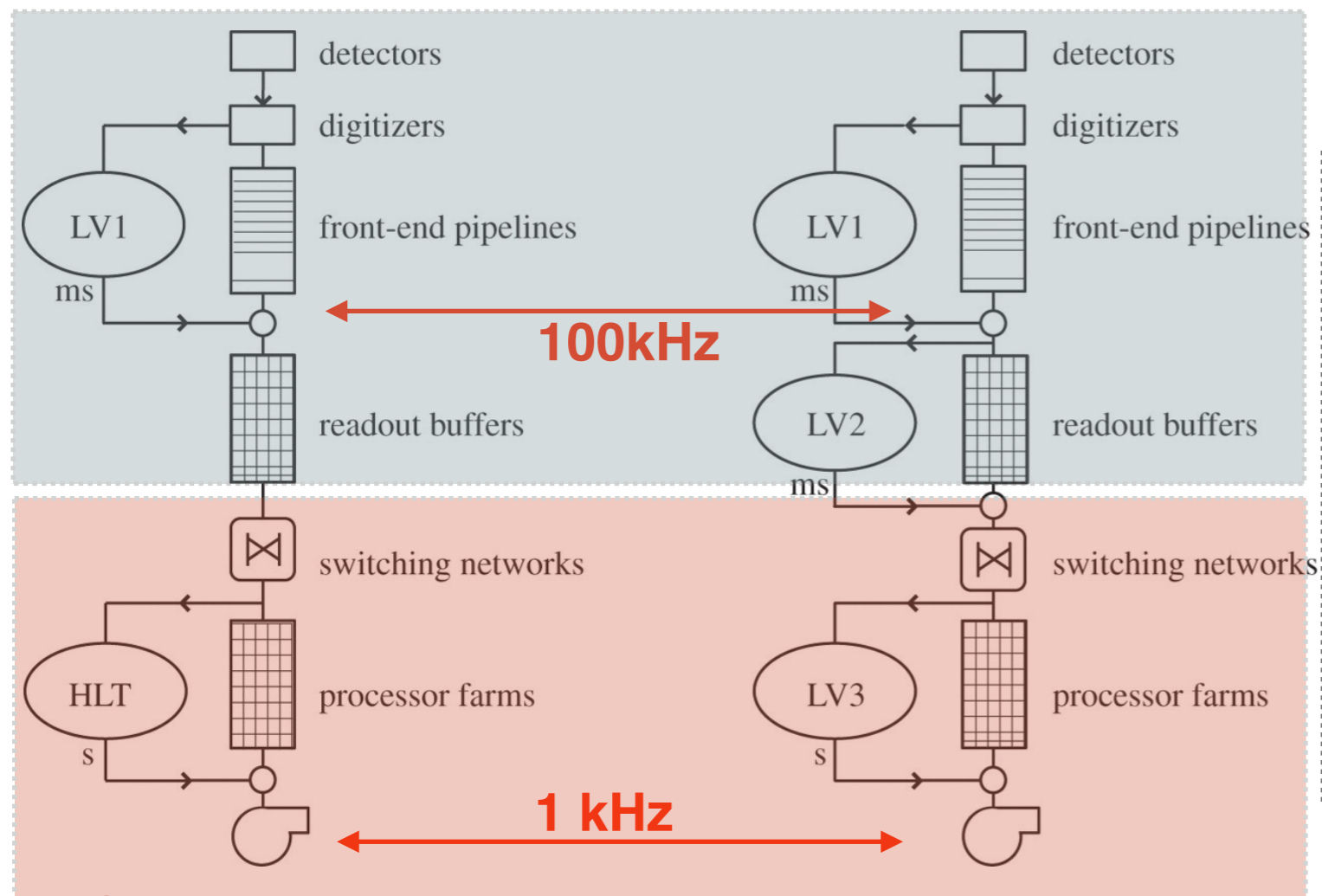
- ➔ **Electronic pile-up**
 - ➔ source of dead-time
 - ➔ distortion in pulse
- ➔ **In-time pile-up**
 - ➔ more collisions/BC
 - ➔ Baseline subtraction
- ➔ **Out-of-time pile-up**
 - ➔ BC-identification capability
 - ➔ peak finder algorithms

Make it easier with fast, low occupancy and digital detectors

HLT/DAQ REQUIREMENTS

- Robustness and redundancy
- Scalability to adapt to Luminosity, detectors,...
- Flexibility (10-years experiments)
- Based on commercial products
- Limited cost

Prefer use of PCs (linux based), Ethernet protocols, standard LAN, configurable devices



ATLAS/CMS Example

- 1 MB/event at 100 kHz for $O(100\text{ms})$ HLT latency
 - Network: $1 \text{ MB} \cdot 100 \text{ kHz} = 100 \text{ GB/s}$
 - HLT farm: $100 \text{ kHz} \cdot 100 \text{ ms} = O(10^4)$ CPU cores
- Can add intermediate steps (level-2) to reduce resources, at cost of complexity (at ms scale)

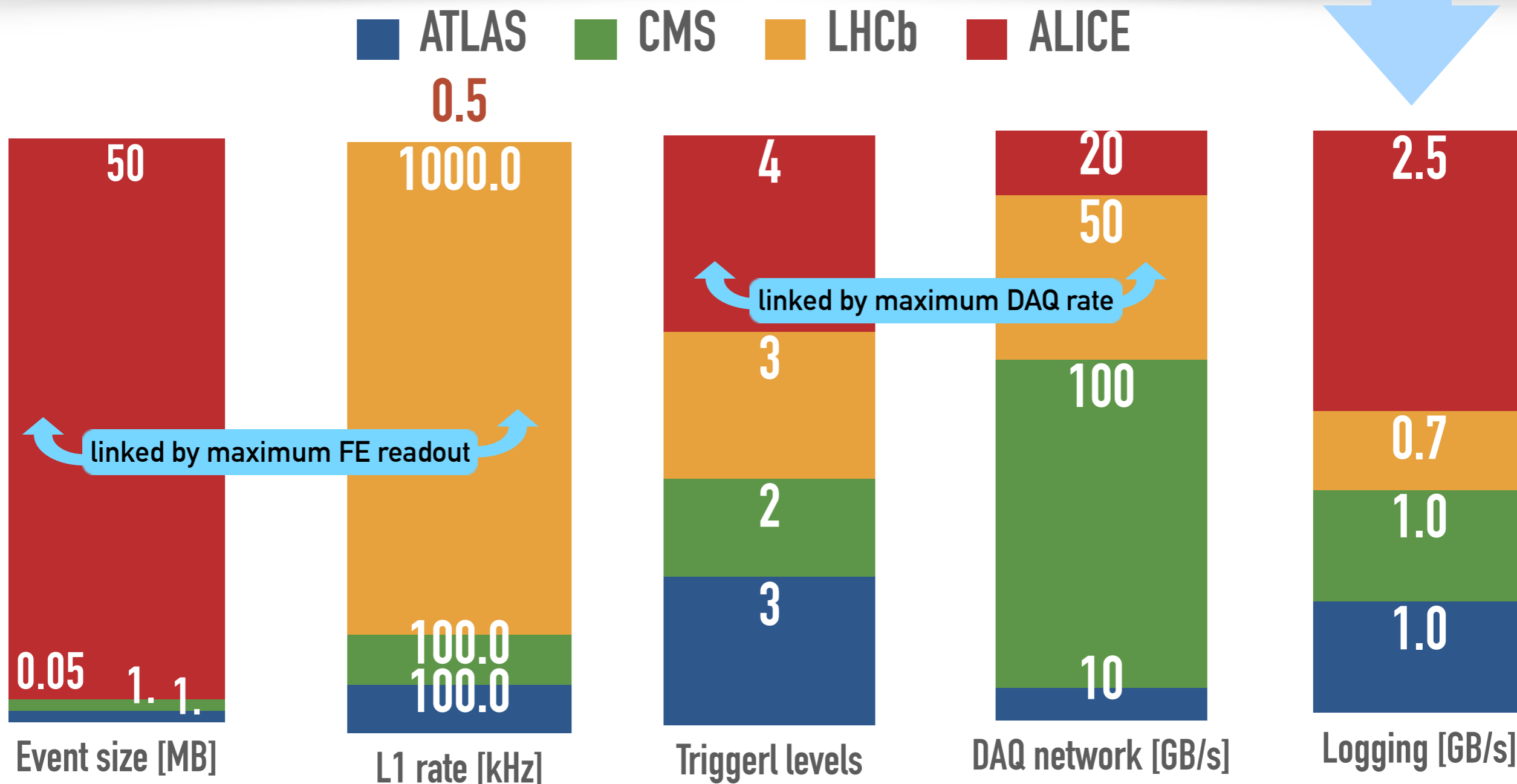
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COMPARING BY NUMBERS

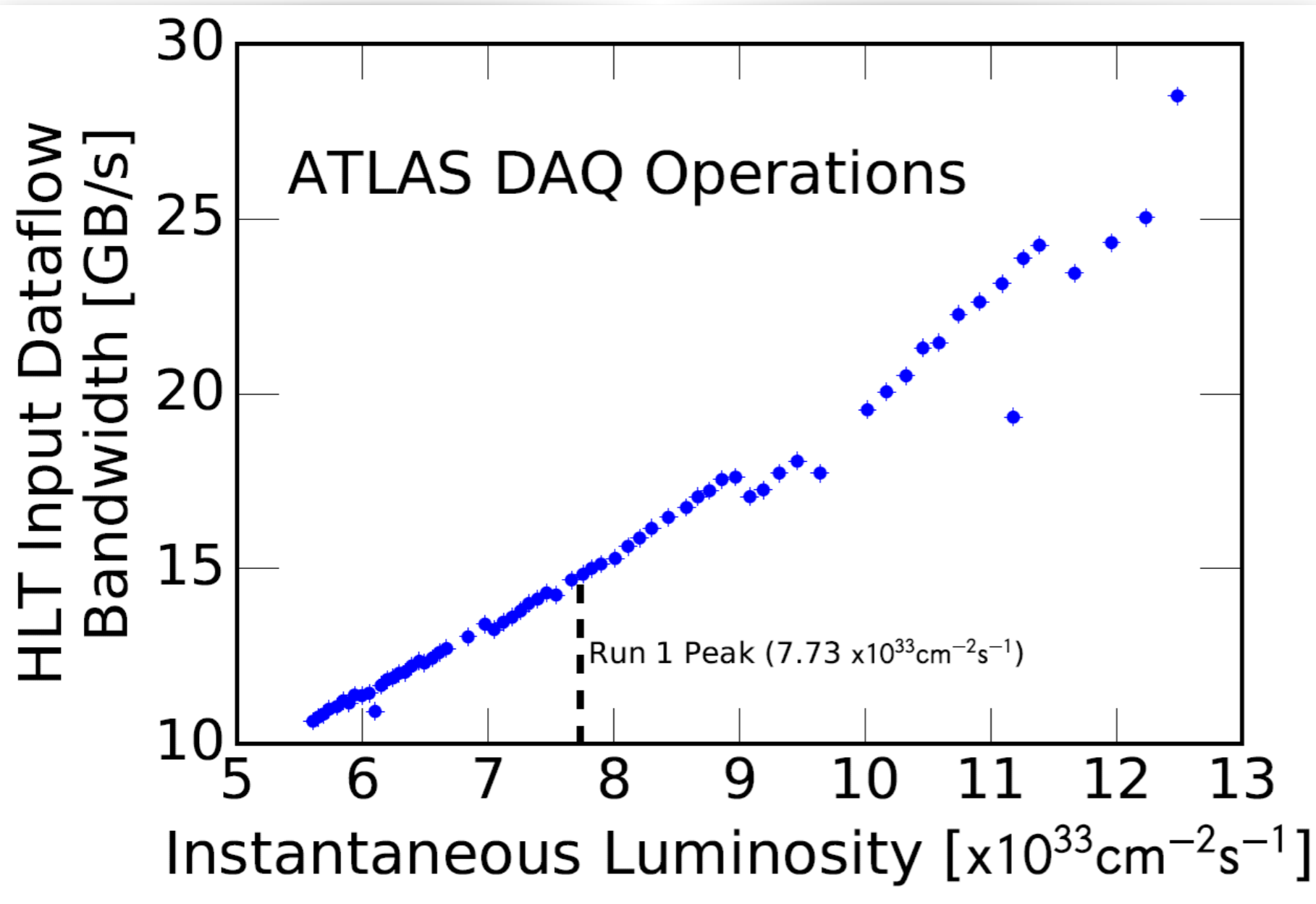
LHC experiments share the same CERN budget for computing resources, which is the constrain between trigger and DAQ power

Allowed storage and processing resources

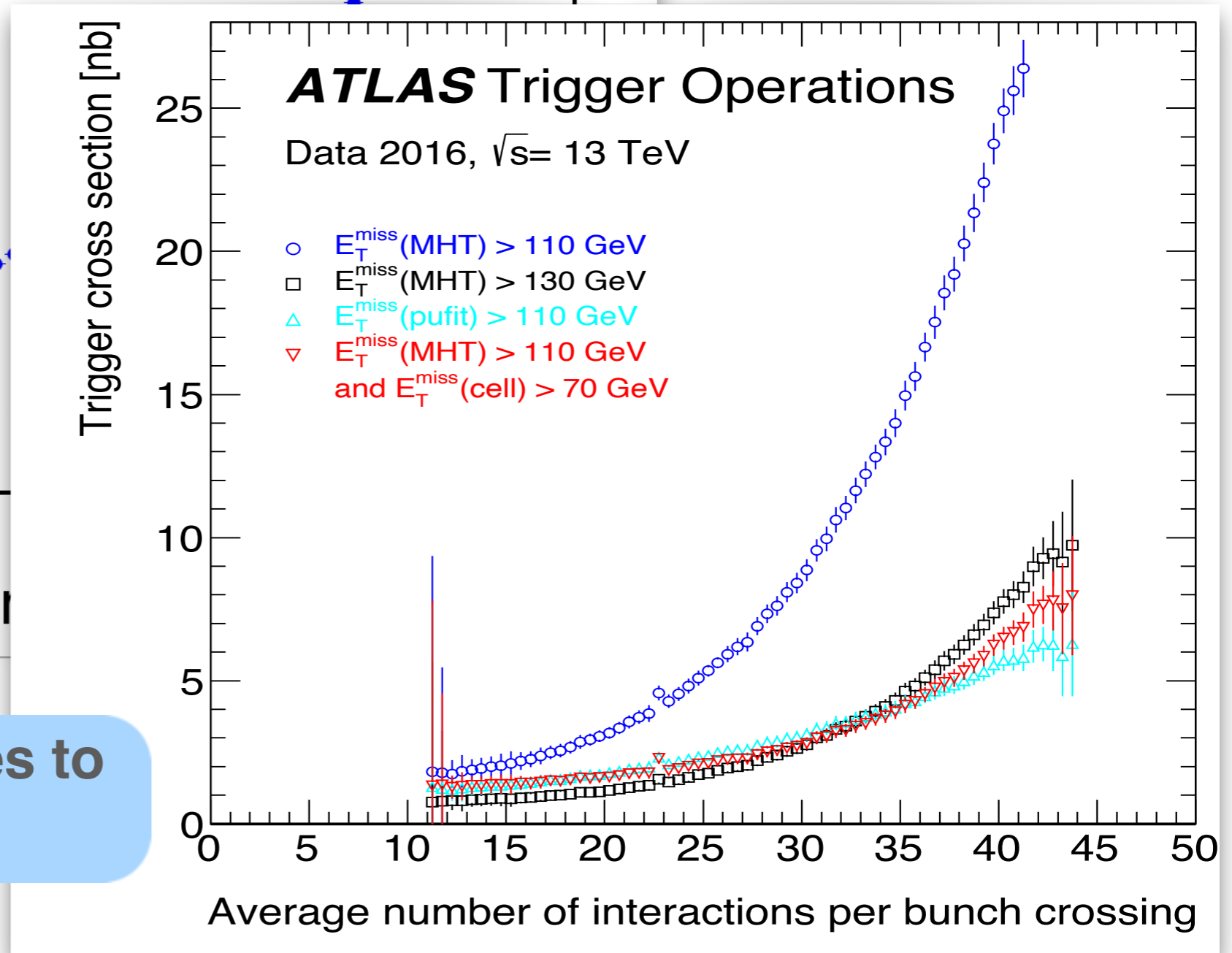
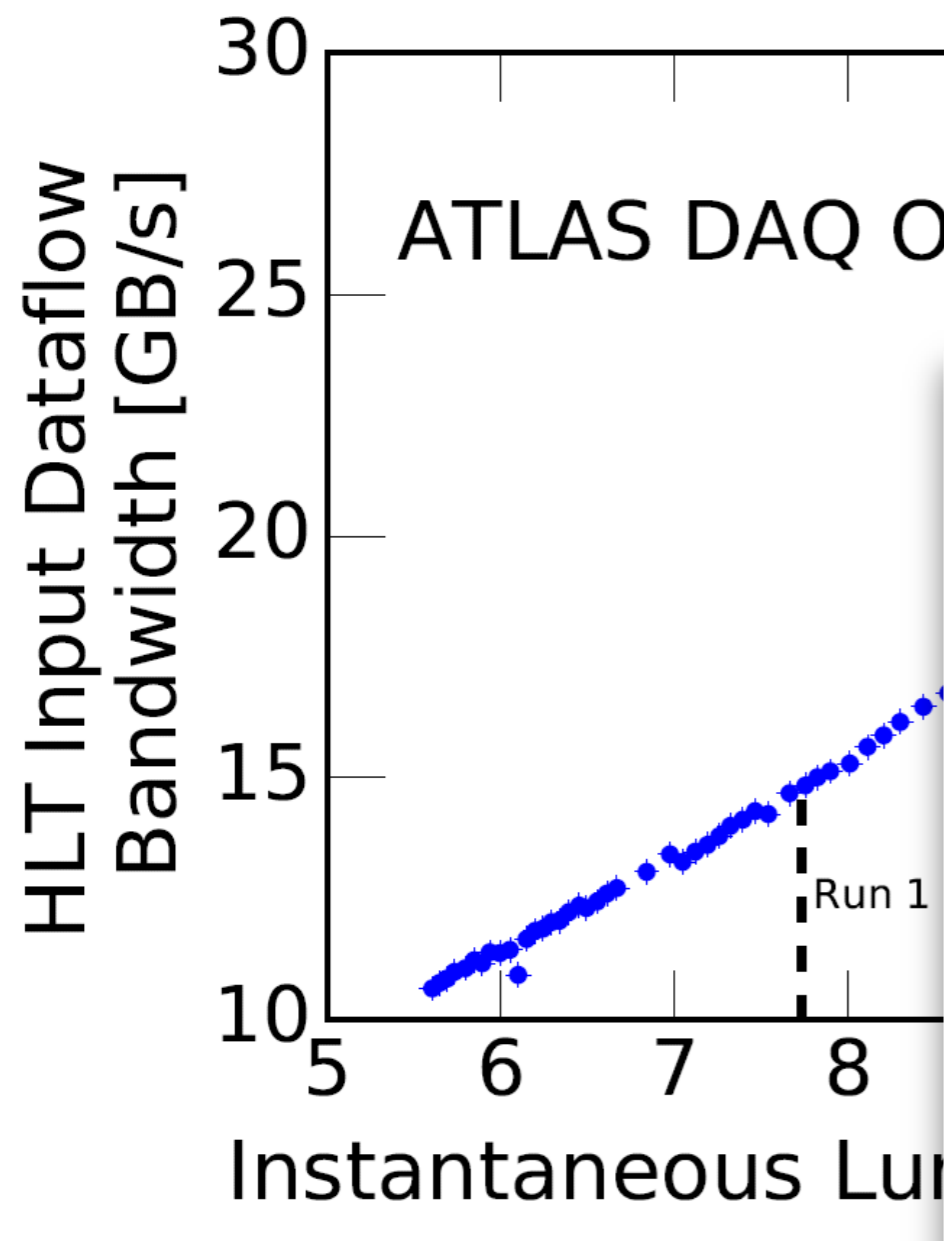
Design values in 2009



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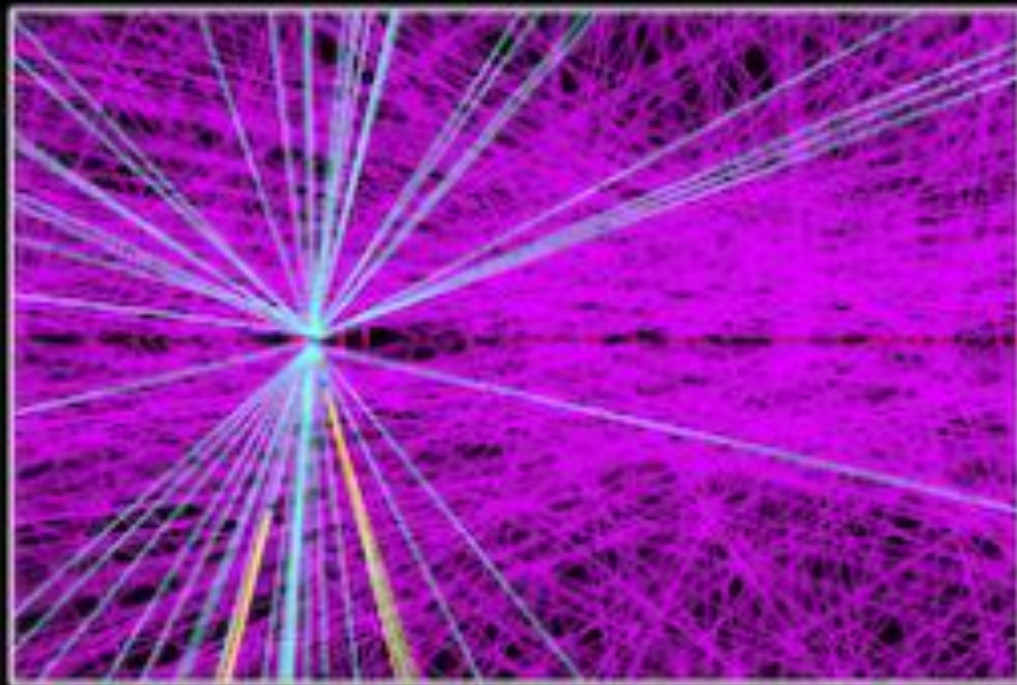
ONE EVENT AT HIGH-LUMINOSITY ($L=7.5 \times 10^{34}$ /CM²/S)

Design Luminosity x7.5

- 200 collisions per bunch crossing (any 25 ns)
- ~ 10 000 particles per event
- Mostly low p_T particles due to low transfer energy interactions



HL-LHC $t\bar{t}$ event in ATLAS ITK
at $\langle\mu\rangle=200$



**Physics program for the future
is towards more rare processes
at the same energy scale**

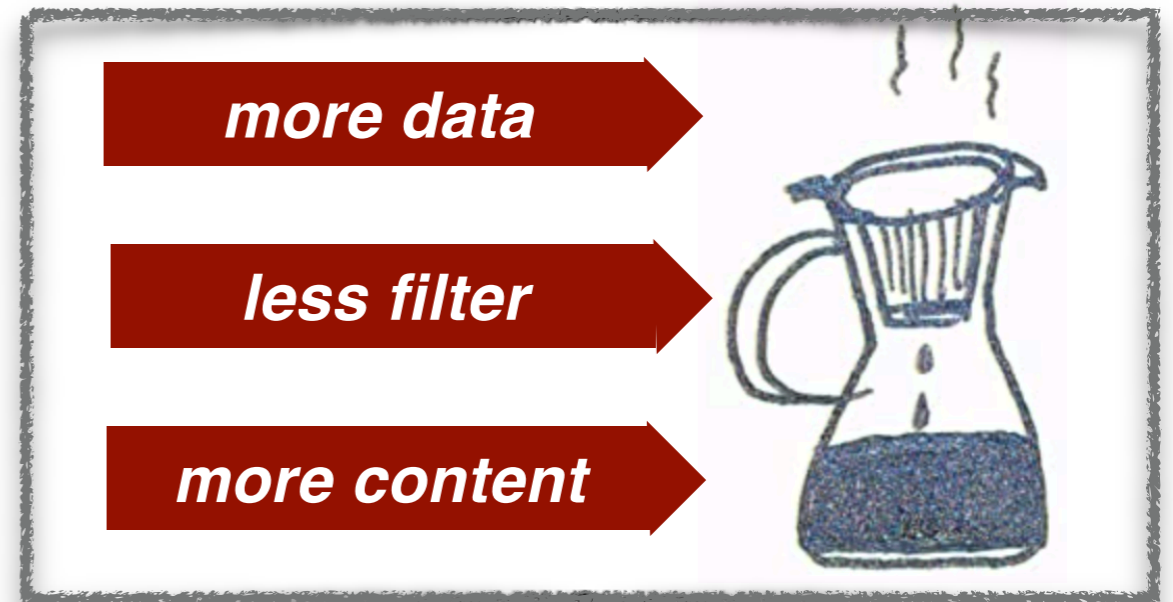
ADDITIONAL COMPLICATION AT HL-LHC

Luminosity x10, complexity x100: we cannot simply scale current approach

x10 higher Luminosity means...

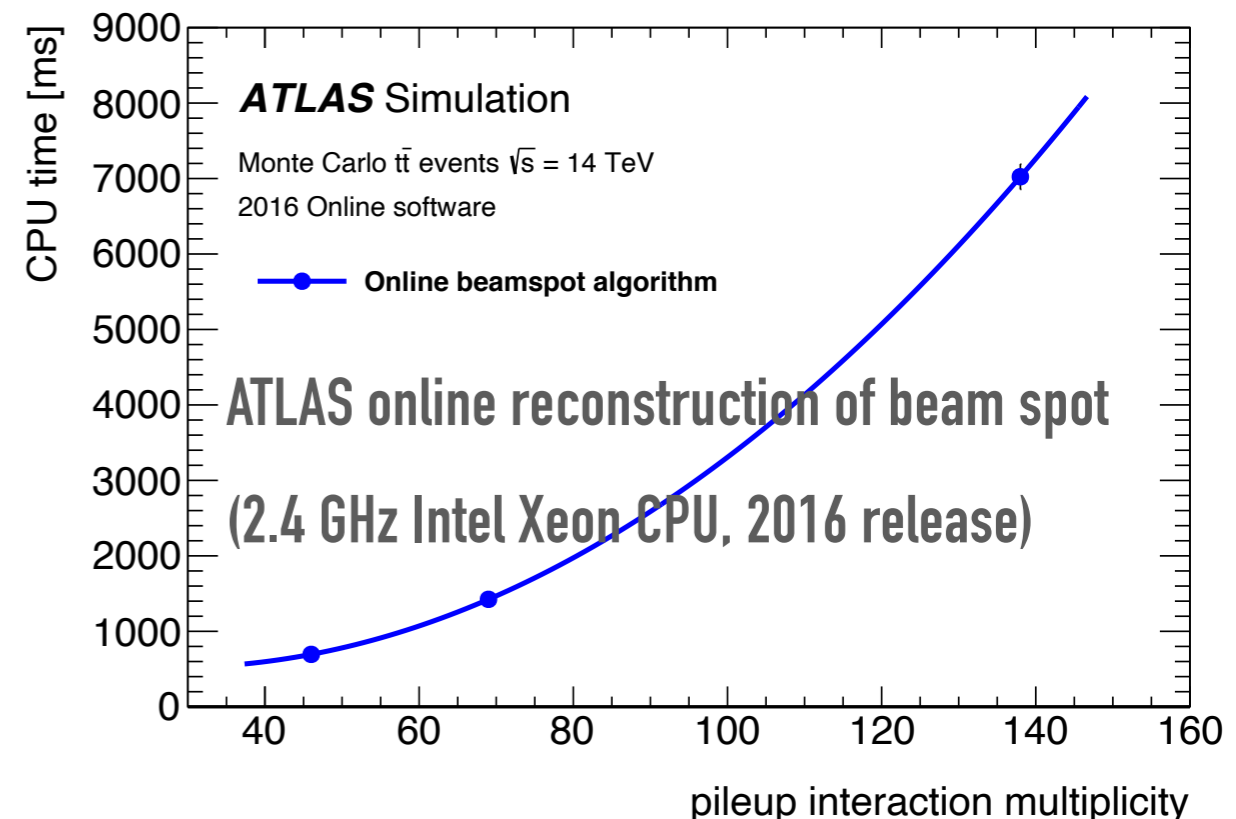
- ➔ More interactions per BC (pile-up)
 - ➔ Less rejection power (worse pattern recognition and resolution)
 - ➔ Larger event size
- ➔ Larger data rates:
 - ➔ FE readout rate @L1: 0.1 \Rightarrow 1 MHz
 - ➔ DAQ throughput: 1 \Rightarrow 50 Tbps

ATLAS/CMS numbers

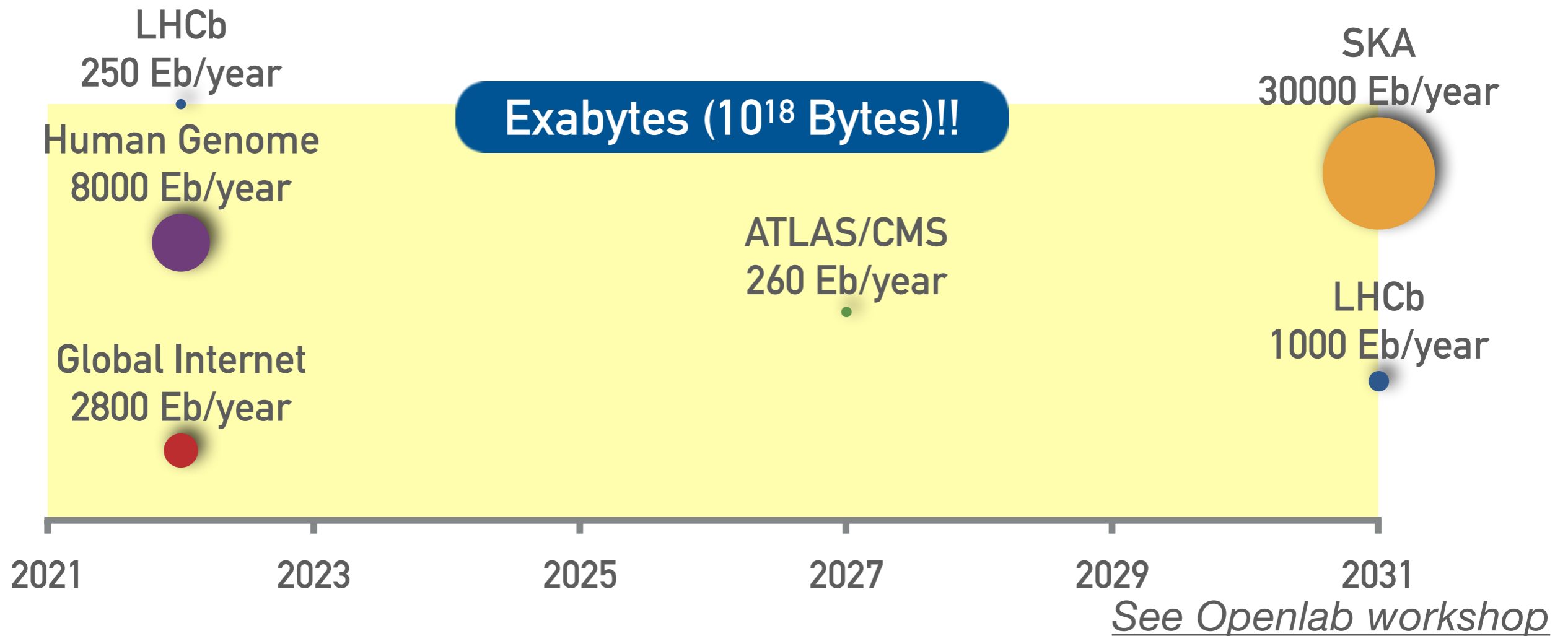
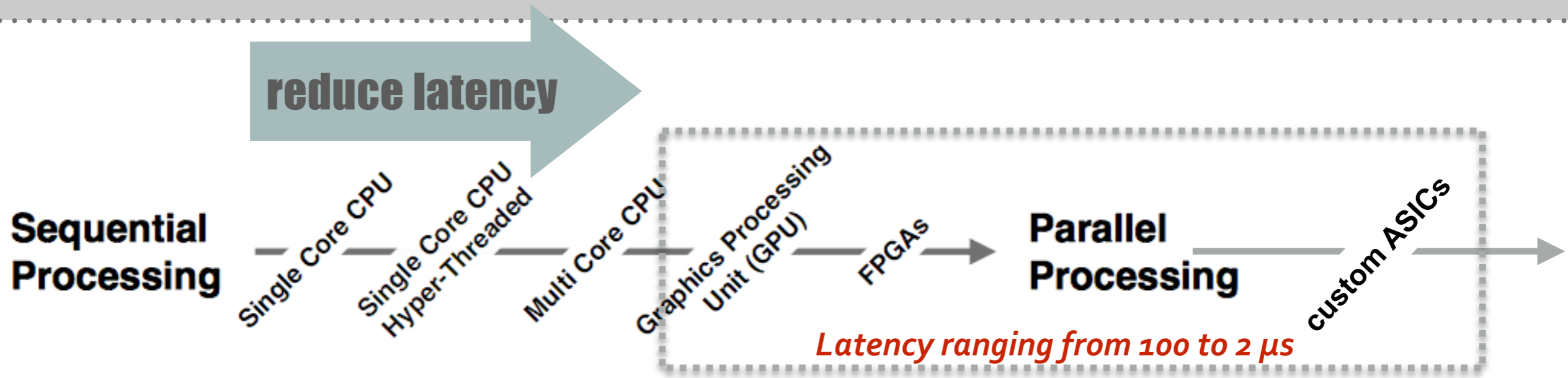


But cannot...

- ➔ Increase trigger thresholds
 - ➔ Need to maintain physics acceptance
- ➔ Scale dataflow with Luminosity
 - ➔ H/W: more parallelism \Rightarrow more links \Rightarrow more material and cost
 - ➔ S/W: processing time not linear $\sim L$



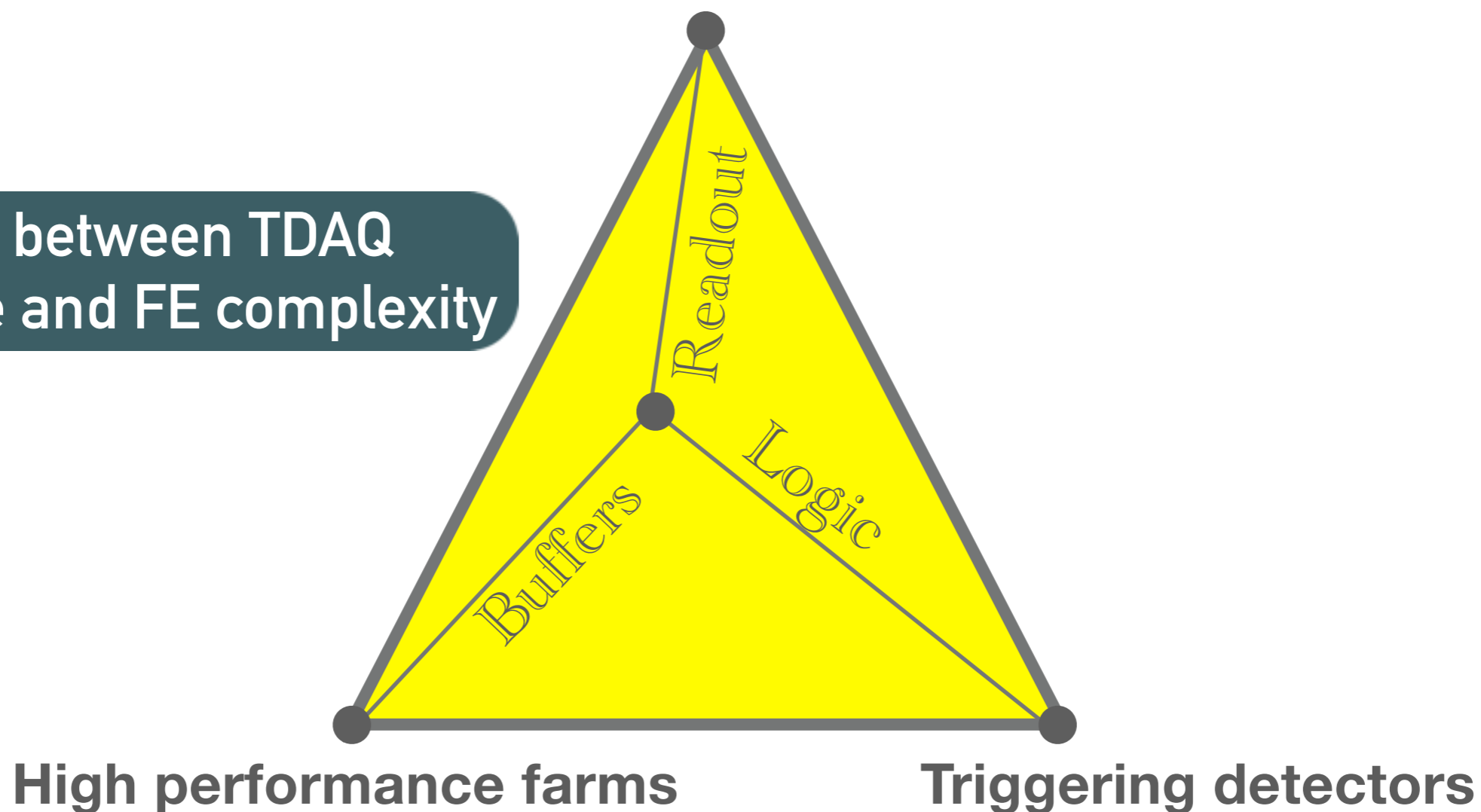
THE REAL-TIME ADVENTURE



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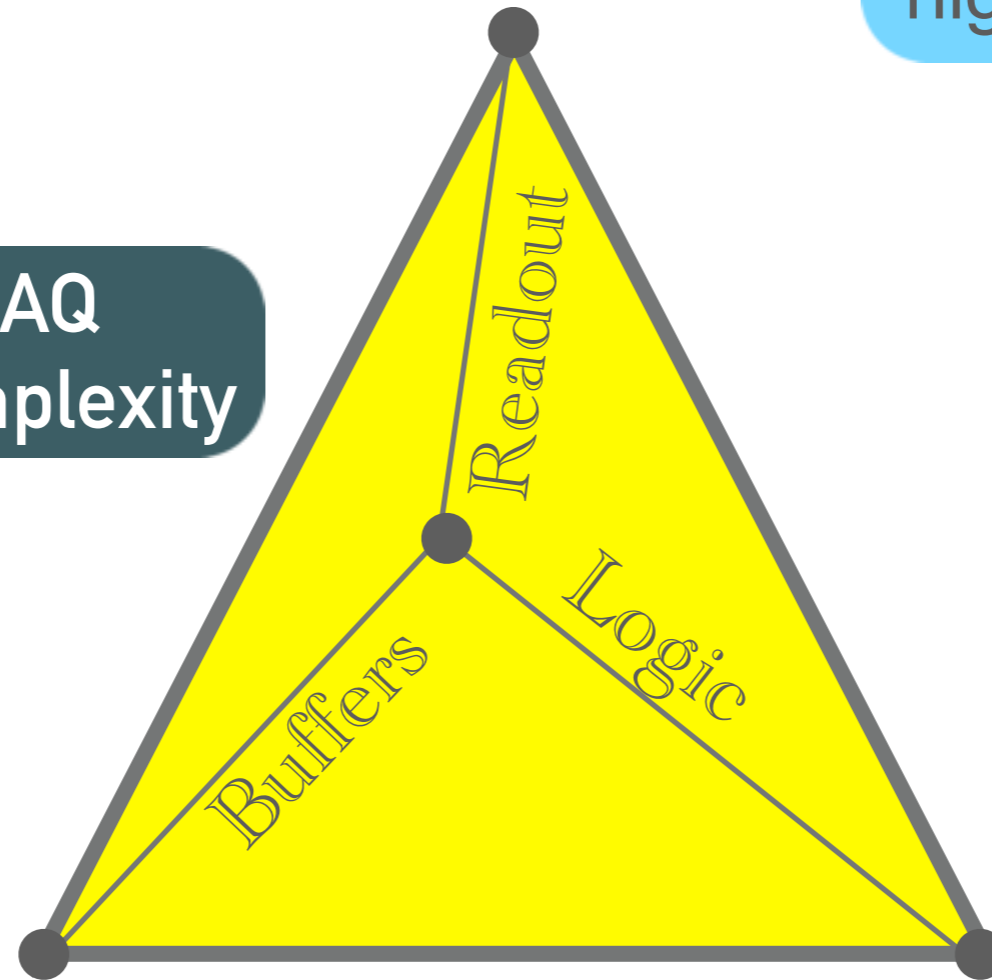
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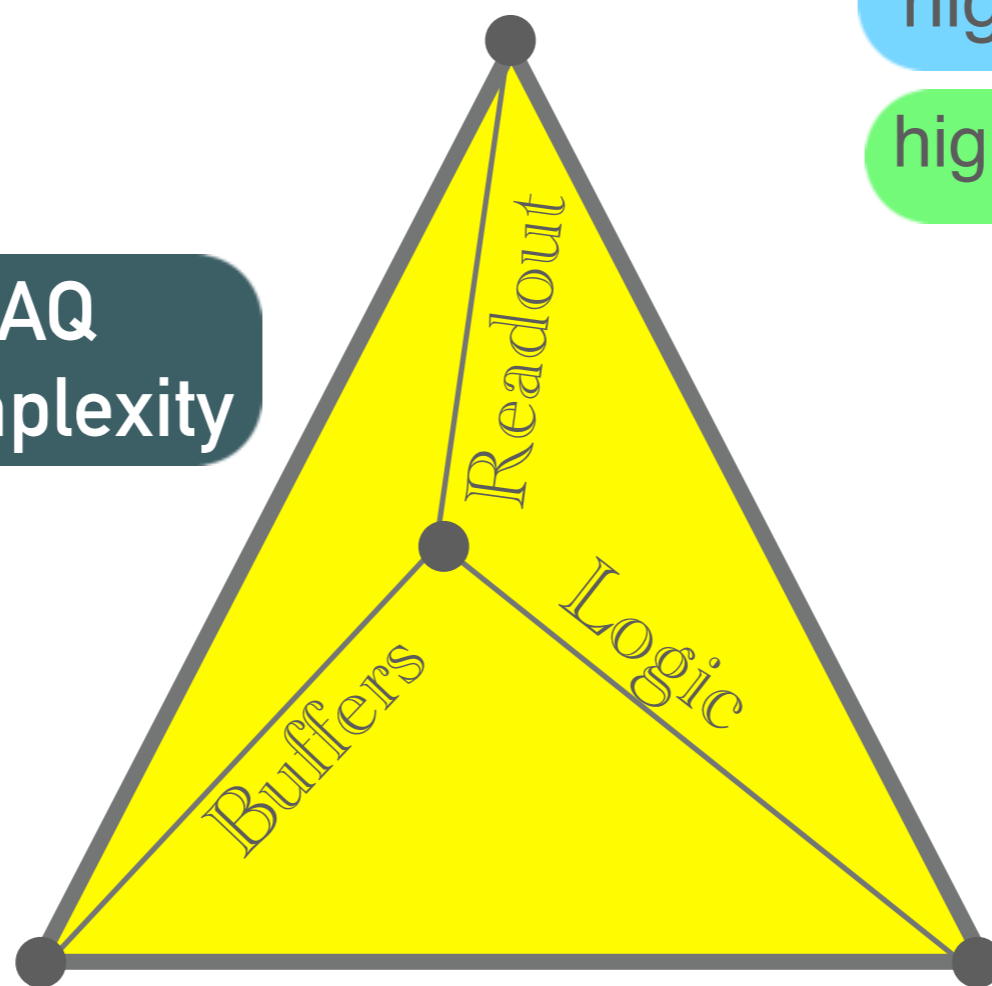
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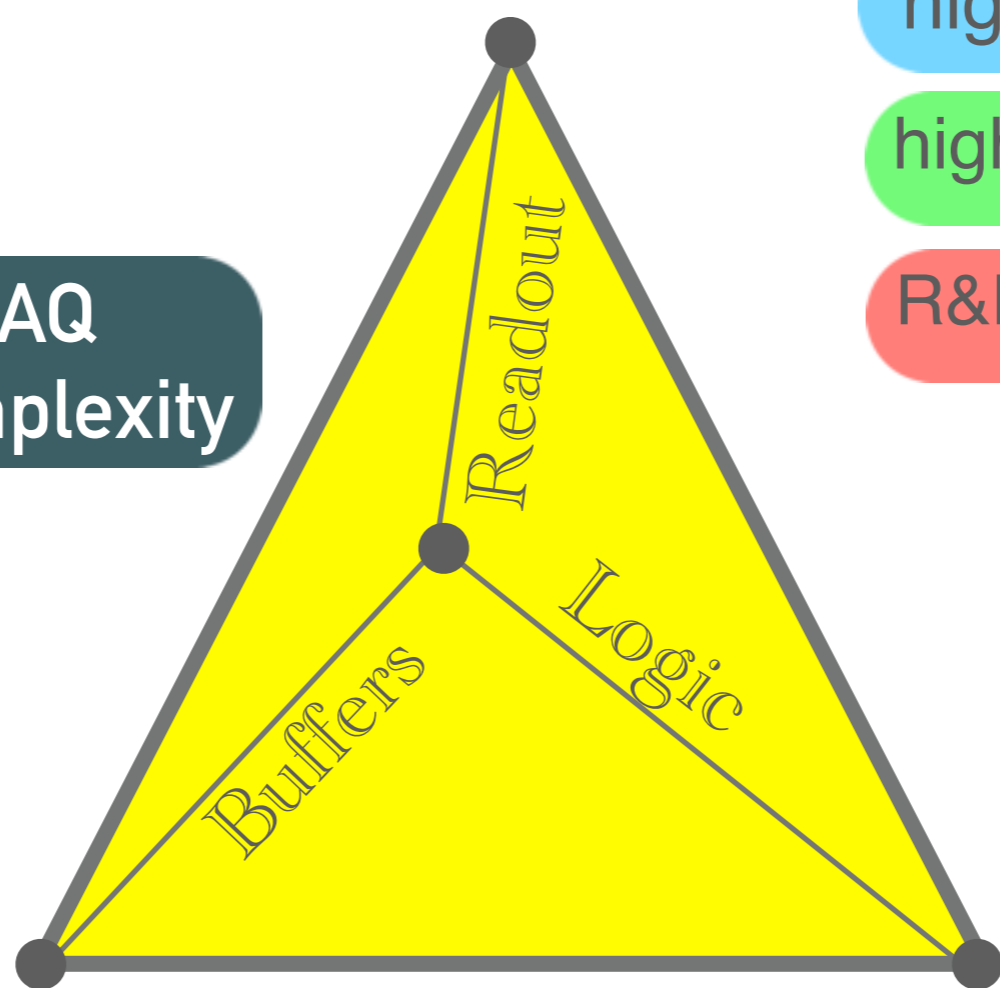
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tight: offline=online (LHCb, ALICE)

soft: decouple trigger/DAQ (ATLAS, CMS)

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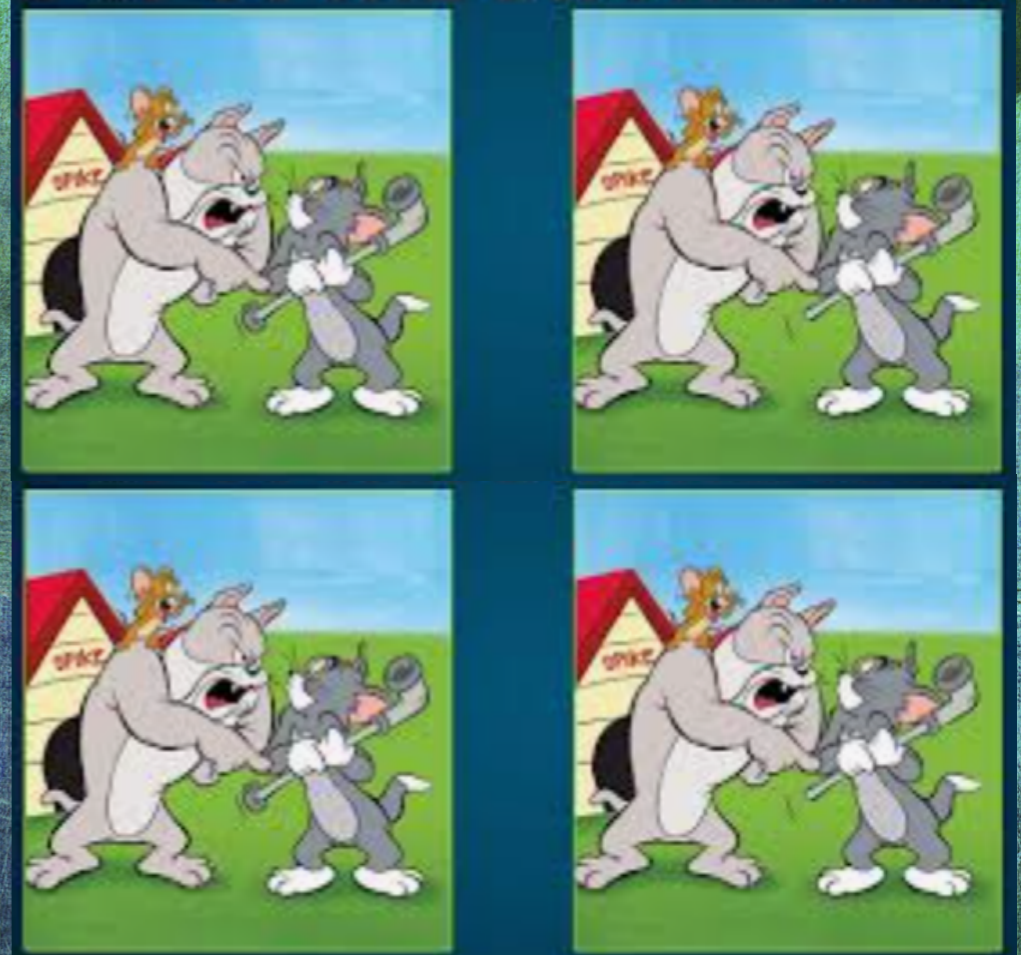
trigger-driven design

hardware track trigger (CMS)

COMPARE 4 EXPERIMENTS

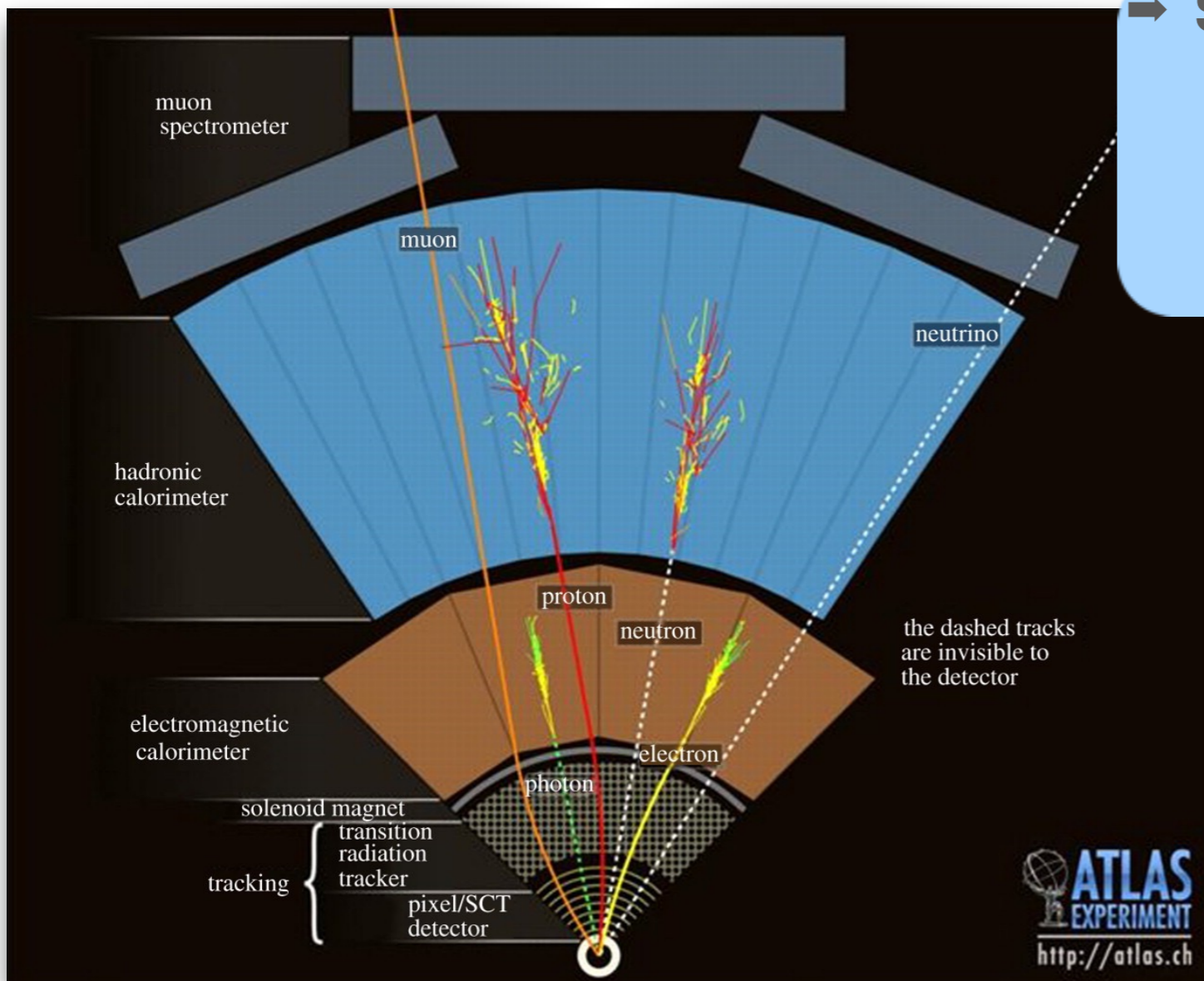
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*How to maximise physics
acceptance*

spot the differences



→ **Search in high-energy scale**

- Discover large mass particles through their high-energy products
- **Discovery** = inclusive selections



$$\frac{\text{everything}}{\text{Higgs}} = \frac{\sigma_{tot}}{\sigma_{H(500\text{GeV})}} \approx \frac{100\text{ mb}}{1\text{ pb}} \approx 10^{11}$$

**approximately
10⁶ rejection**

→ **Easy selection of high-energy leptons @L1**

→ Against thousands of particles/collisions (typically low momentum jets)

→ **Remember: 90M readout channels and full Luminosity ==> 1 MB/event**

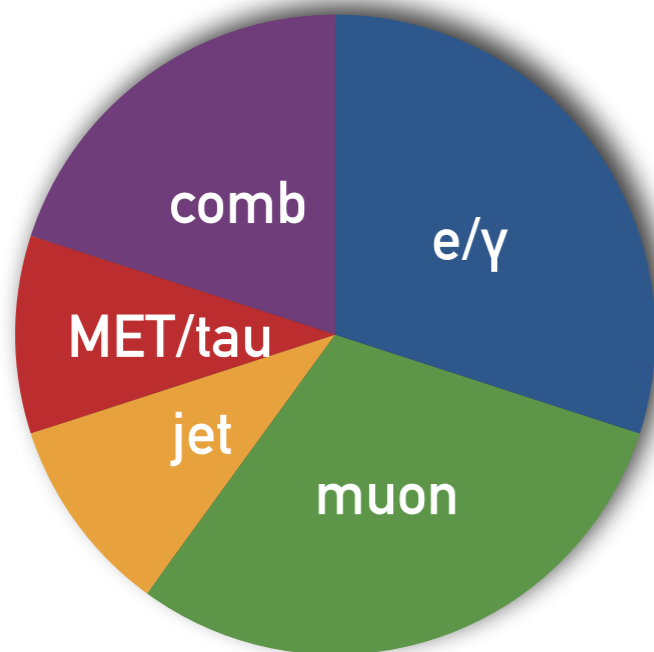
ATLAS & CMS DESIGN PRINCIPLES



Same physics plans, different competitive approaches for detectors and DAQ

→ Same trigger strategy and data rates

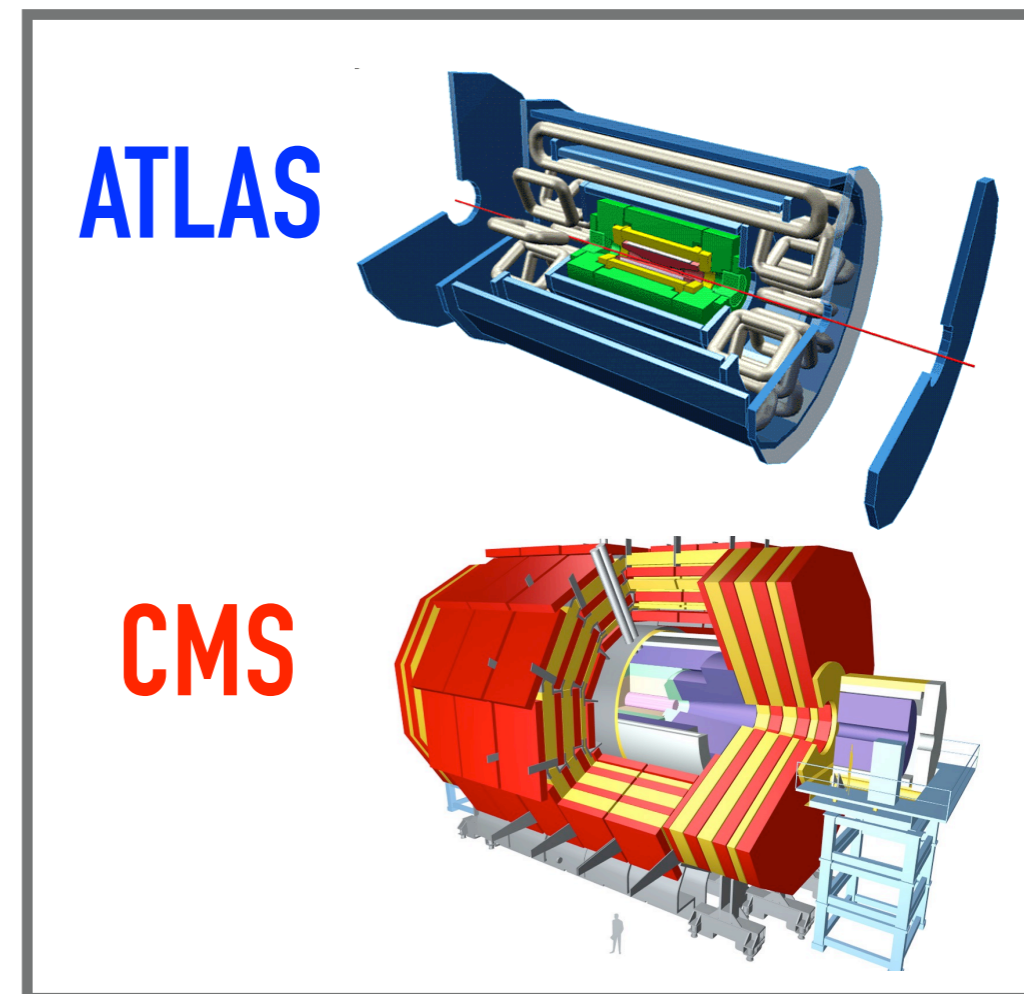
1 MB * 100 kHz = 100 GB/s readout network



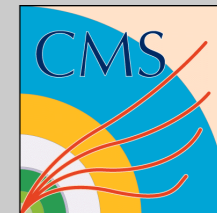
inclusive trigger selections

→ Different DAQ architectures

- **ATLAS**: minimise data flow bandwidth with multiple levels and regional readout
- **CMS**: large bandwidth, invest on commercial technologies for processing and communication



EXAMPLE: NETWORK EVOLUTION IN CMS



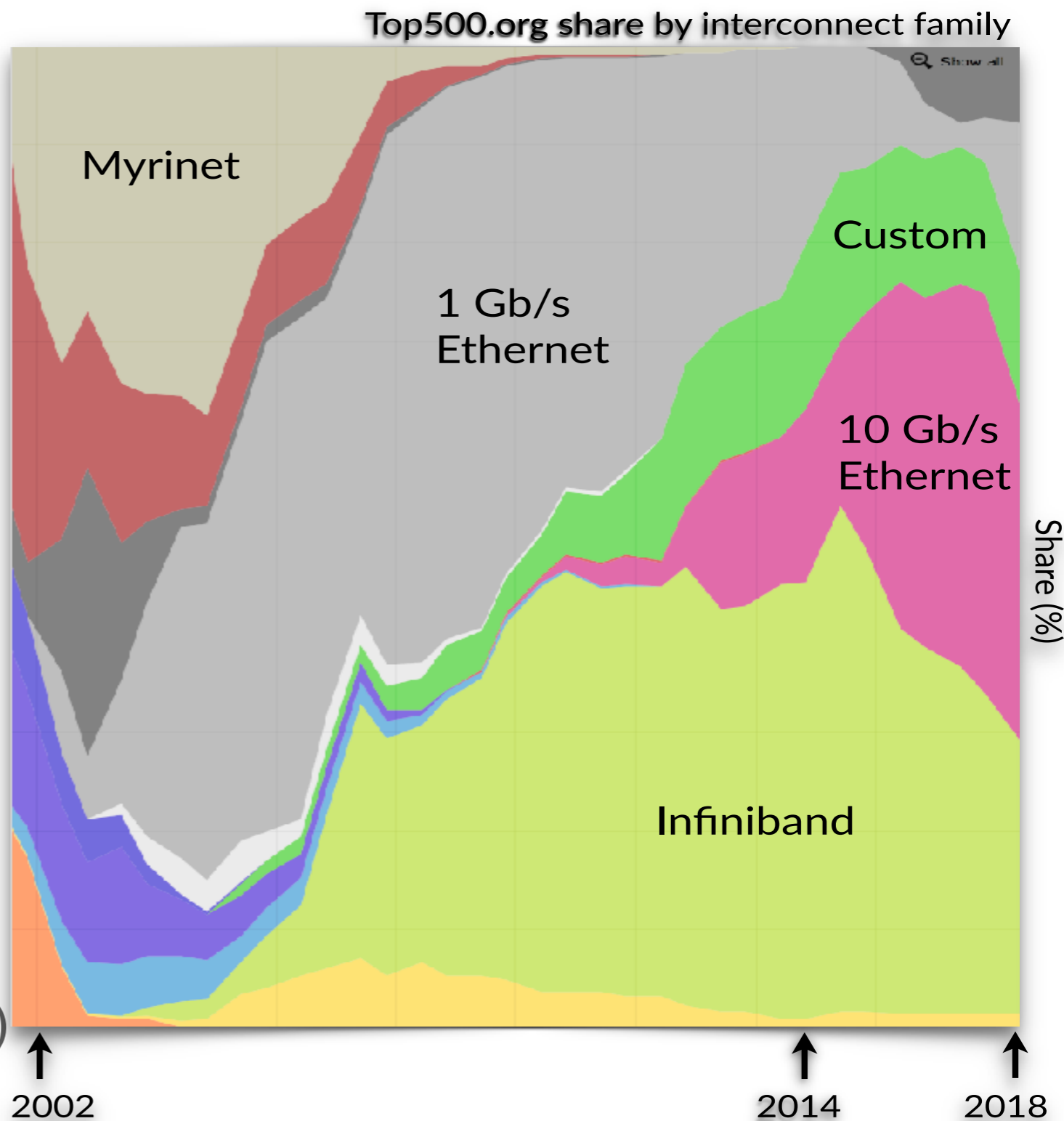
Run 1: 100 GB/s network

Myrinet widely used when DAQ-1 was designed

- ➔ high throughput, low overhead
- ➔ direct access to OS
- ➔ flow control included
- ➔ new generation supporting 10GBE

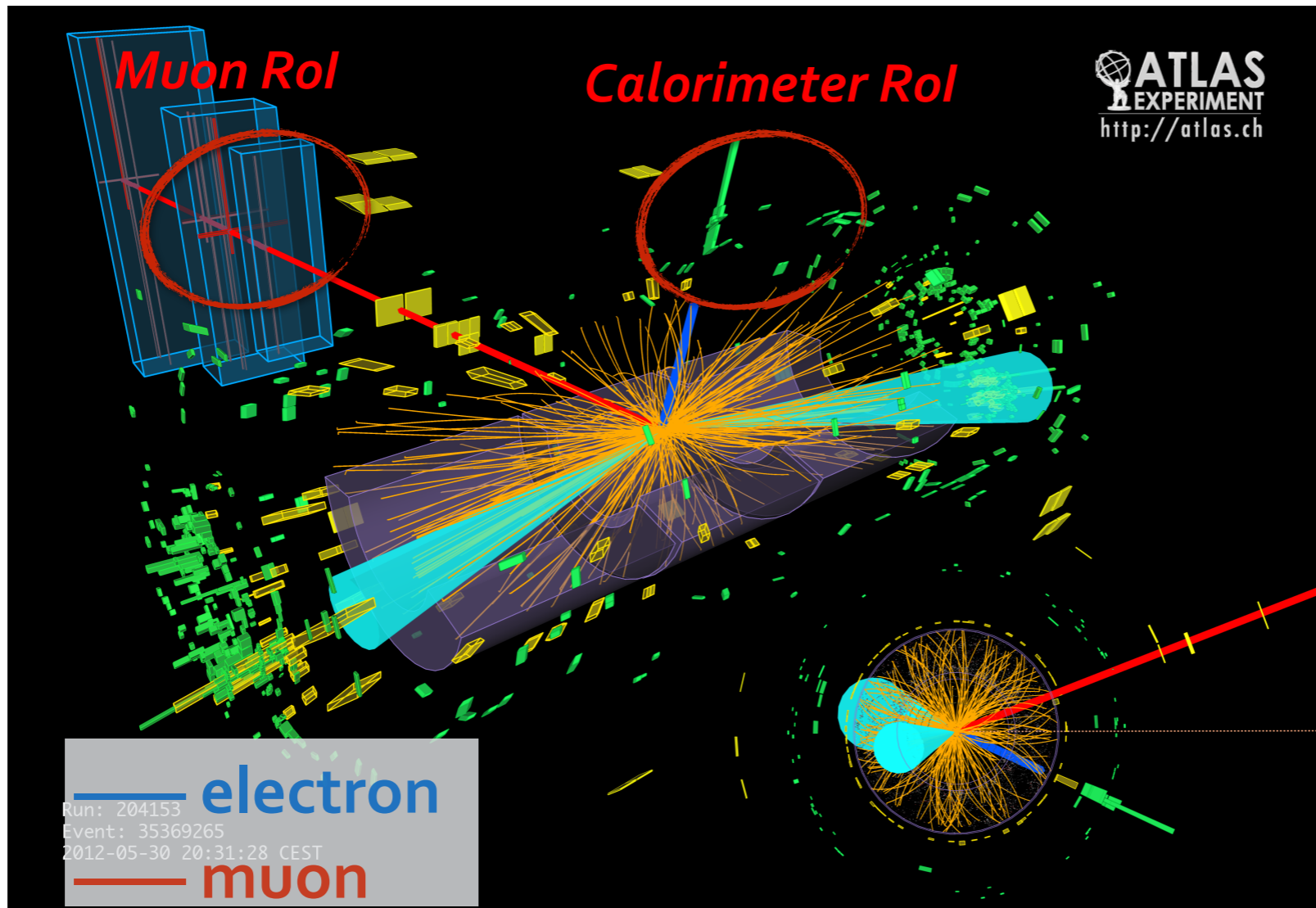
Run 2: 200 GB/s network

- ➔ Increased event size to 2MB
- ➔ Technology allows single EB network (56 Gbps FDR Infiniband)
- ➔ Myrinet → 10/40 Gbps Ethernet



Choose best prize/bitps!

HLT selections based on regional readout and reconstruction,
seeded by L1 trigger objects (RoI)

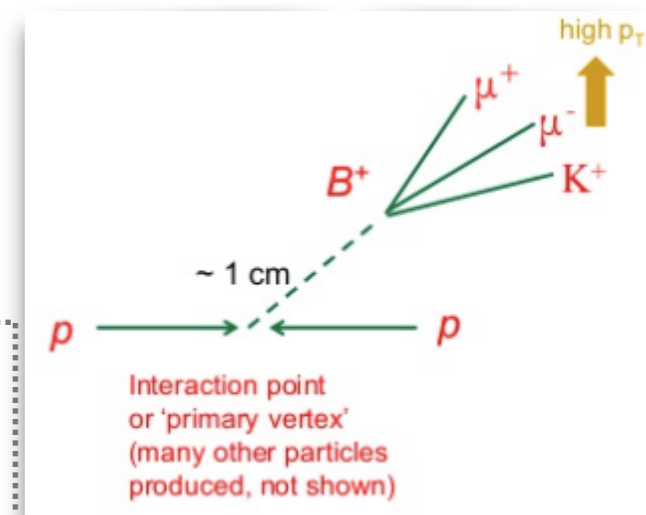
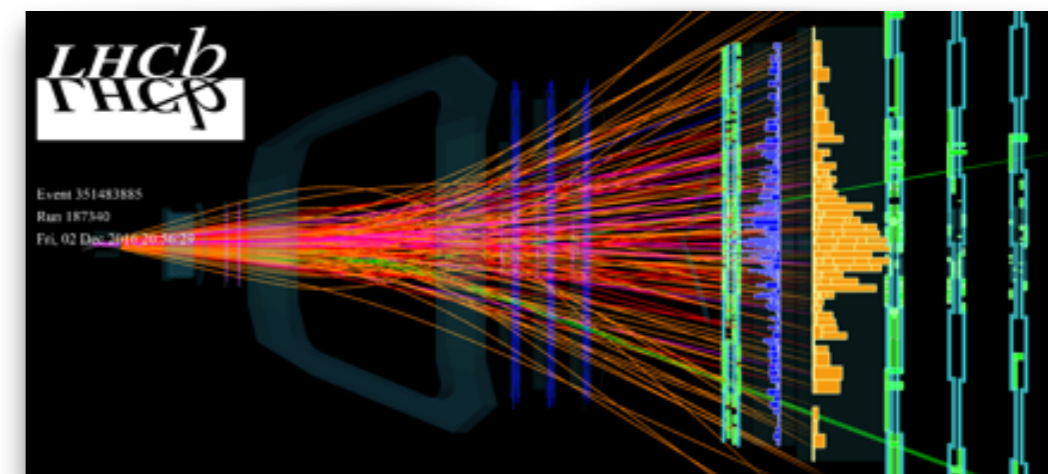
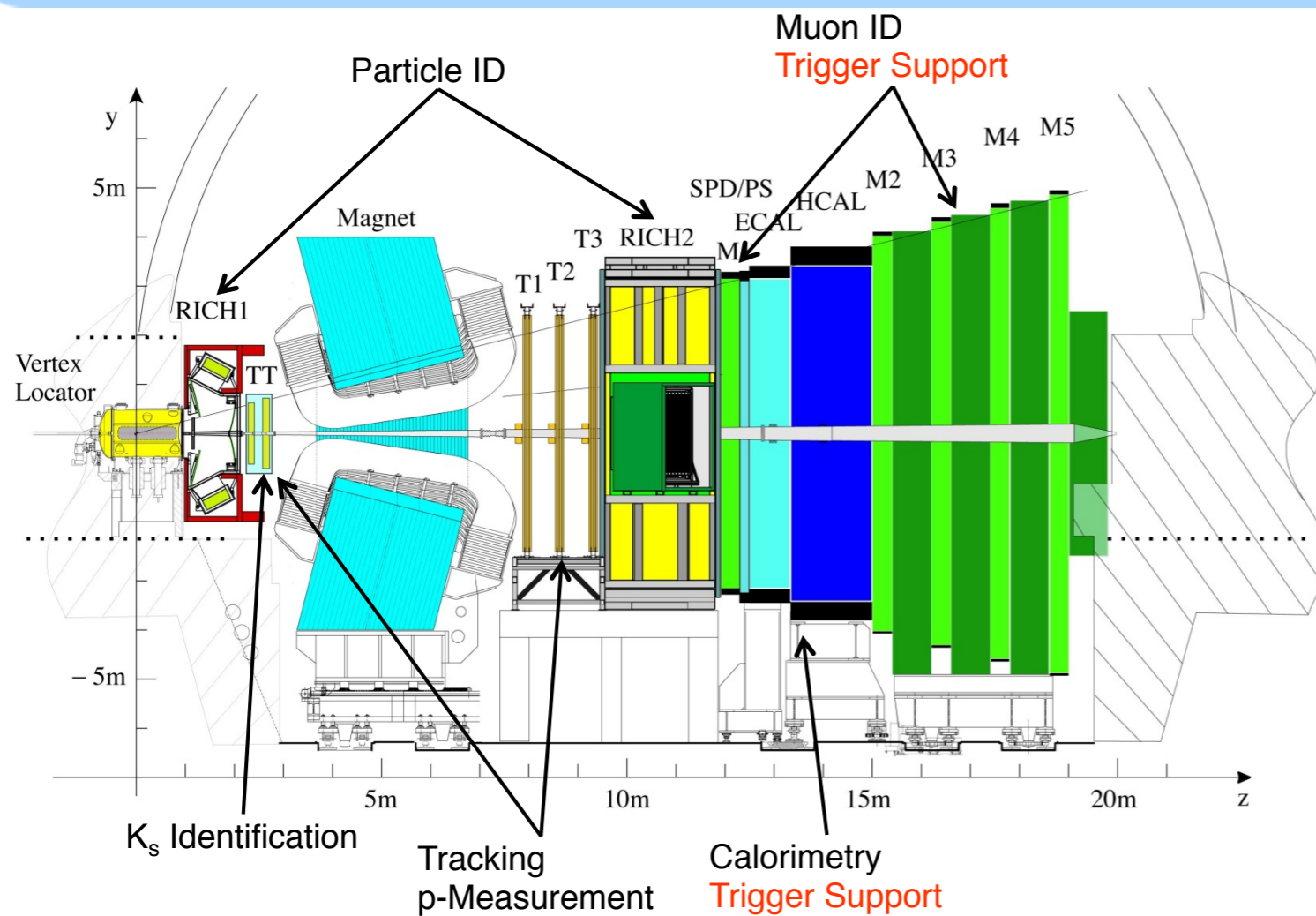


RoI=Region of Interest

- Total amount of RoI data is minimal: a few % of the Level-1 throughput
 - one order of magnitude smaller readout network ...
 - ... at the cost of a higher control traffic and reduced scalability

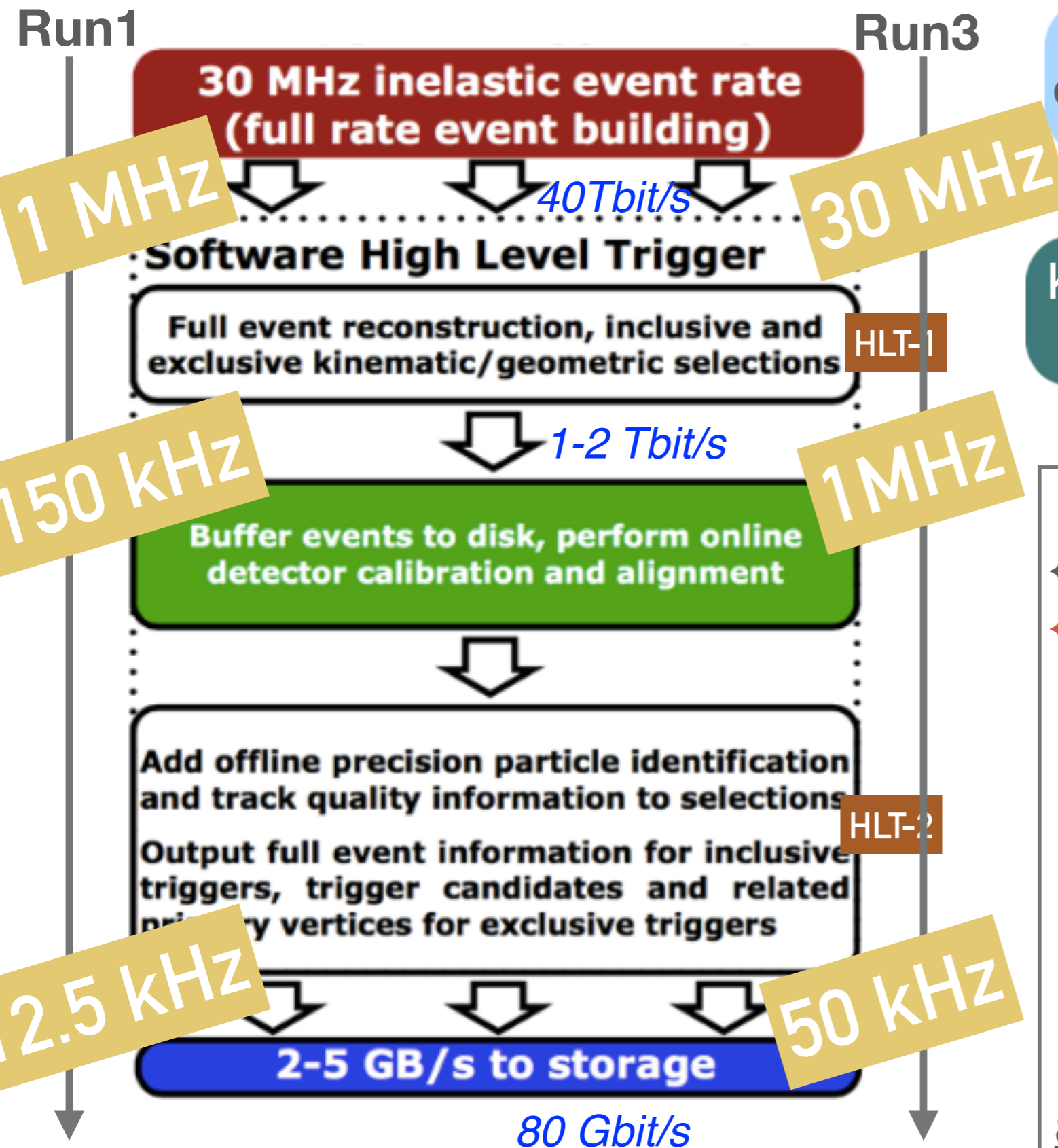
→ Precision measurements and rare decays in the B system

- Large production ($\sigma_{BB} \sim 500 \mu\text{b}$), but still $\sigma_{BB}/\sigma_{\text{Tot}} \sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$
- Interesting B decays are quite rare ($\text{BR} \sim 10^{-5}$)



- Single-arm spectrometer and low L \implies **reduced** event size
- Selection of B mesons \implies search for B-decay **topologies**
 - related to high mass and long lifetime of the b-quark

TRIGGER-LESS?



From Run1 to Run3, TDAQ system evolved to handle more readout rate

Key strategy: reduce data size at FE and suppress pileup with tracking

Tracking at ~30 MHz ?

- Run2: ~ 100k cores < 6 ms
- Run3: modern CPU & co-processors (FPGA/GPU)

arXiv:2105.04031

LHCB IN RUN3: NETWORK IS DATAFLOW

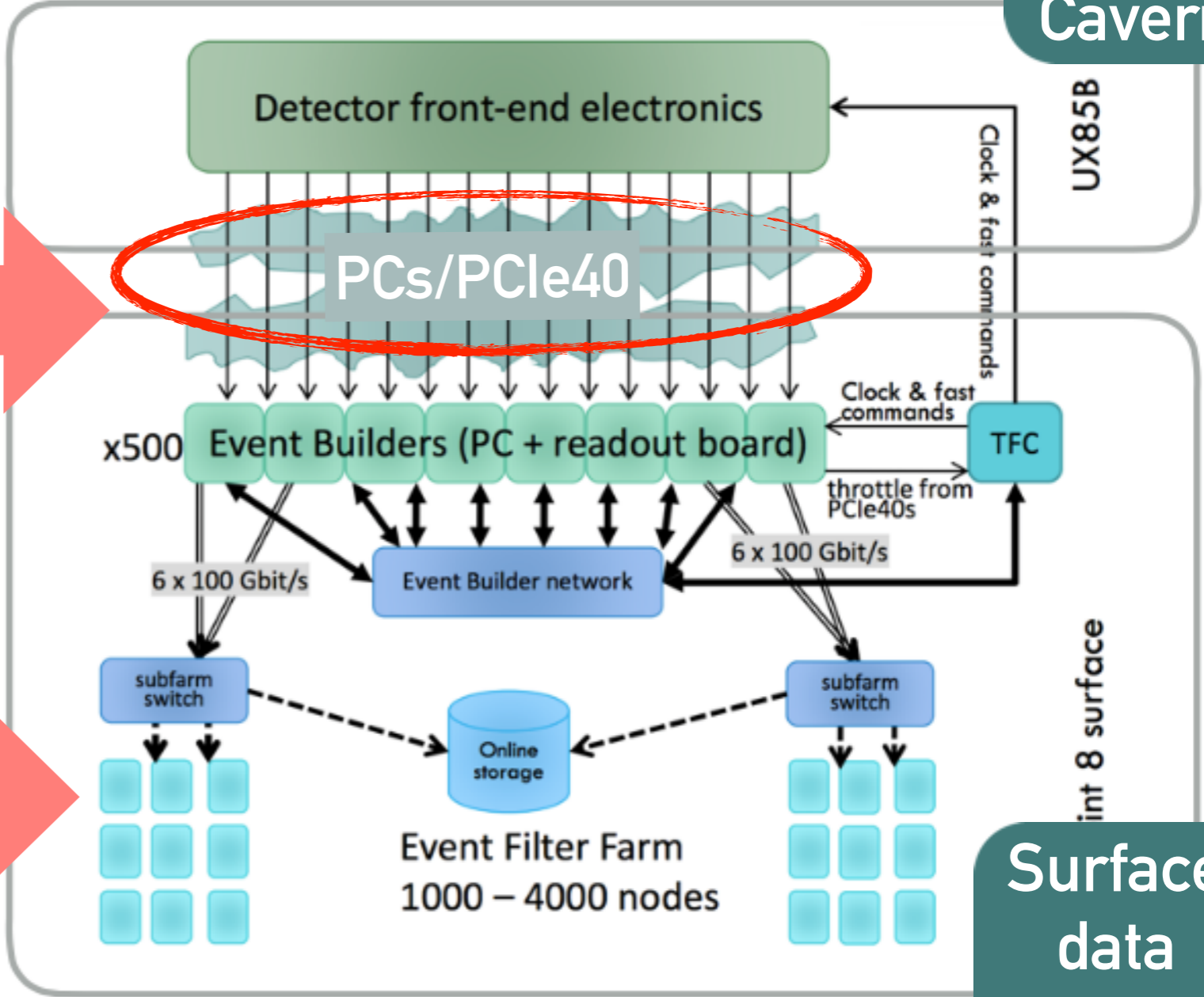
Readout @ 30 MHz
Event size ~ 150kB

150kB x 30MHz = 40Tbs

Inside Cavern

- ➔ **Data reduction:**
 - ➔ Custom FPGA-card (PCIe40) also used in ALICE
 - ➔ Data-packing for sub-detectors (zero-suppression, clustering)
- ➔ **Data pushed to the Event Building with massive link usage:**
 - ➔ ~10,000 GBT (4.8 Gb/s, rad-hard)

DAQ network < 40 Tbit/s
Record rate: <100 kHz

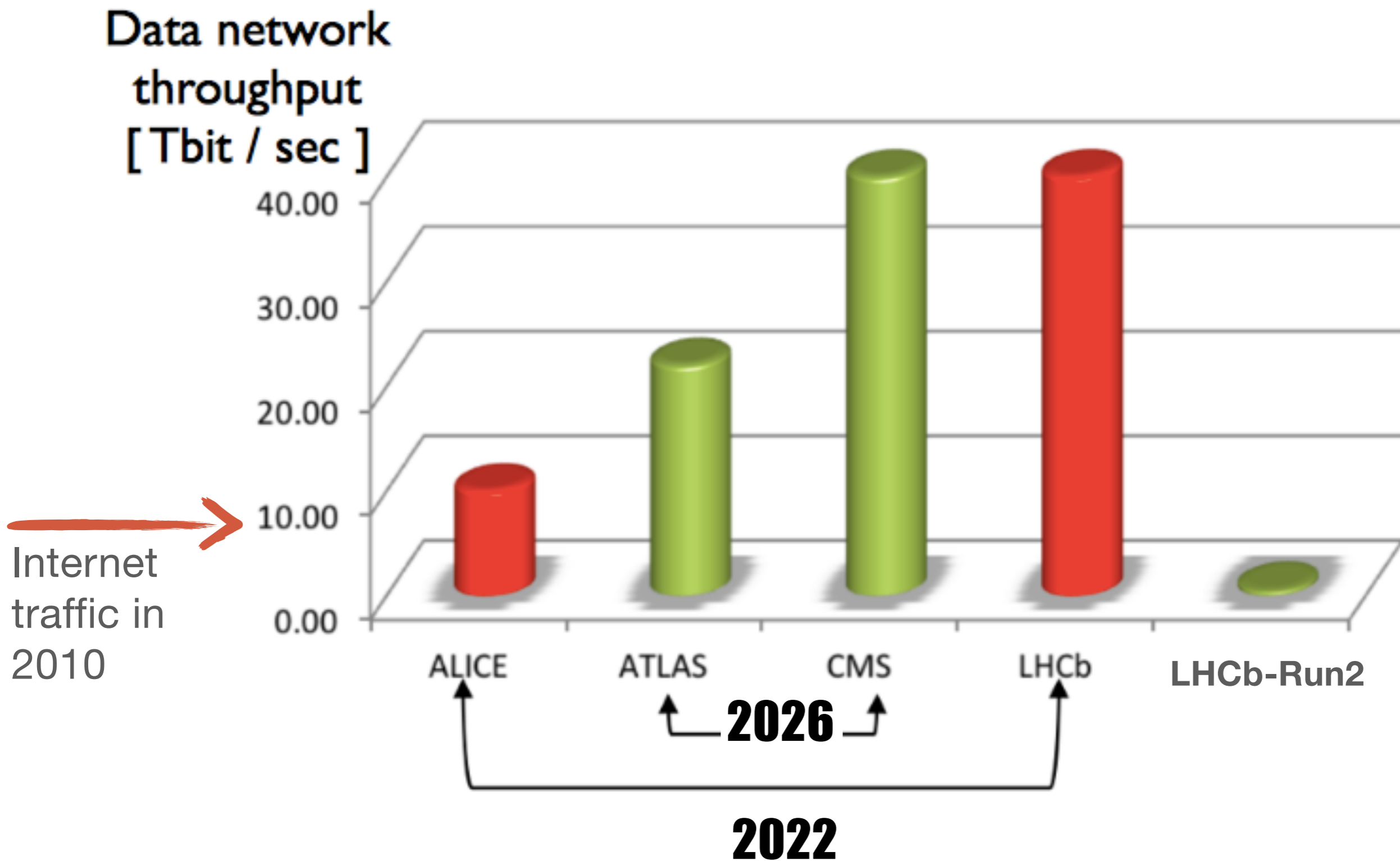


Surface data centre

PCIe-gen3: simple protocol, large bandwidth
PCIe: maximum flexibility in later networking choice

Ref for PCIe40

NETWORK TRAFFIC COMPARISON



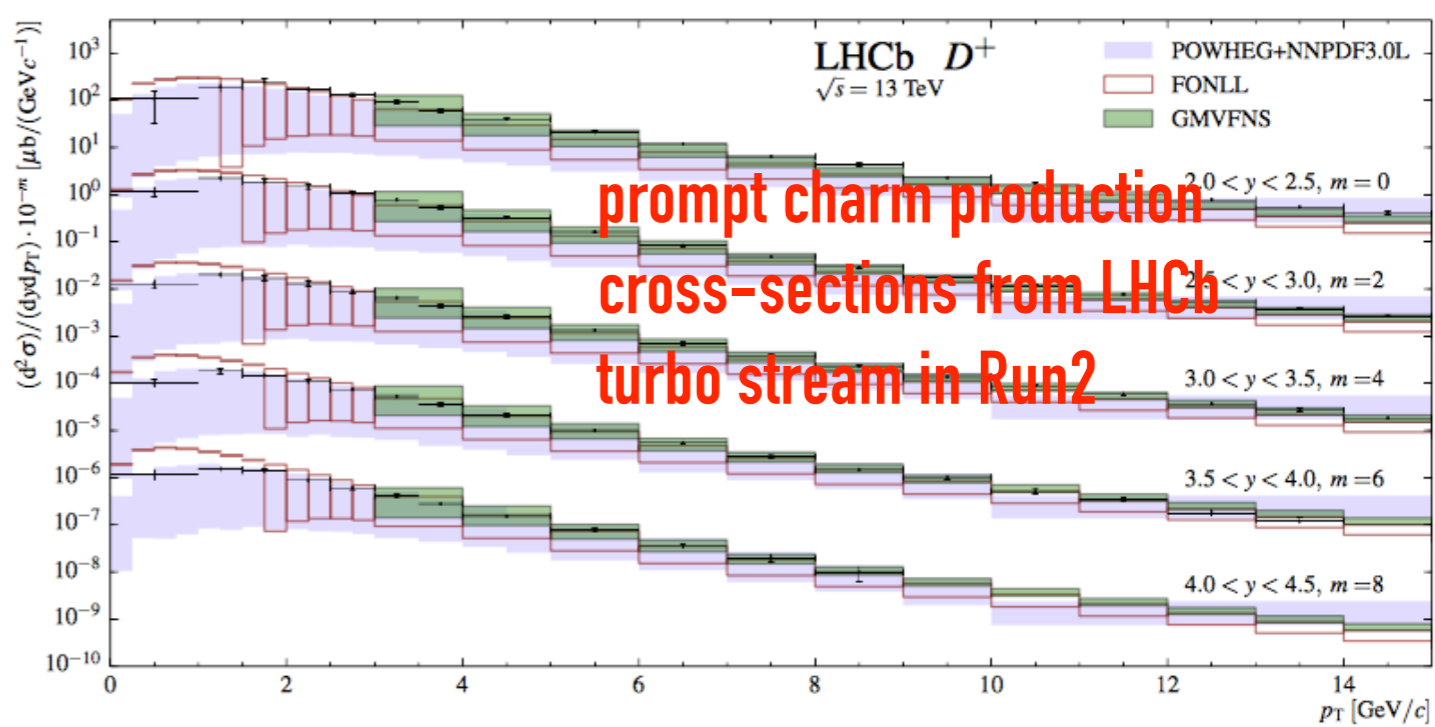
Same data volume as ATLAS/CMS HL-LHC upgrades! But earlier and for less money

A NEW TREND: REAL TIME ANALYSIS

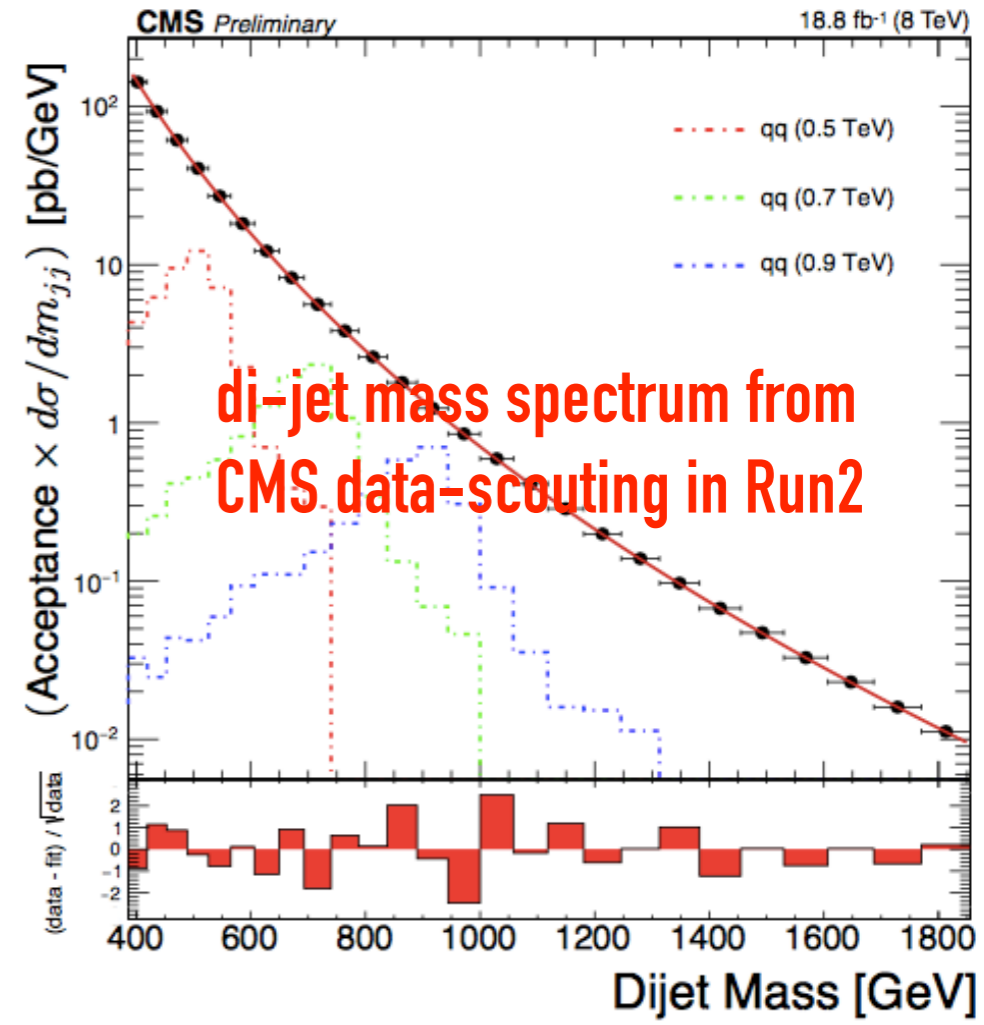
Can we get rid of FrontEnd raw data?

- ➔ Event size/10 -> x10 rate, for free
- ➔ Tested on dedicated data streams in many experiments:
 - ➔ Full online reconstruction (**LHCb**)
 - ➔ Data scouting (**ATLAS/CMS**)
 - ➔ for some high rate signatures, save only reduced information

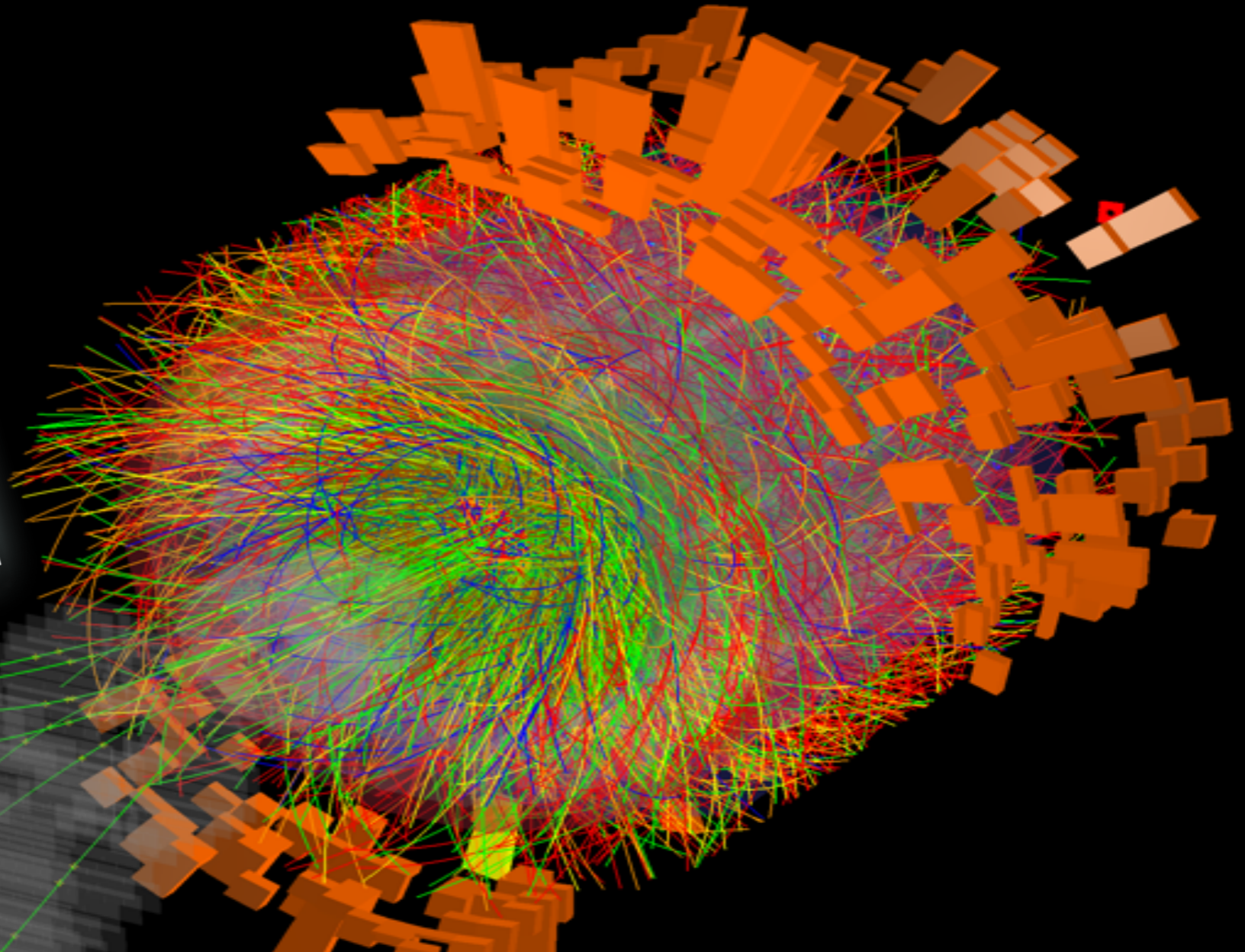
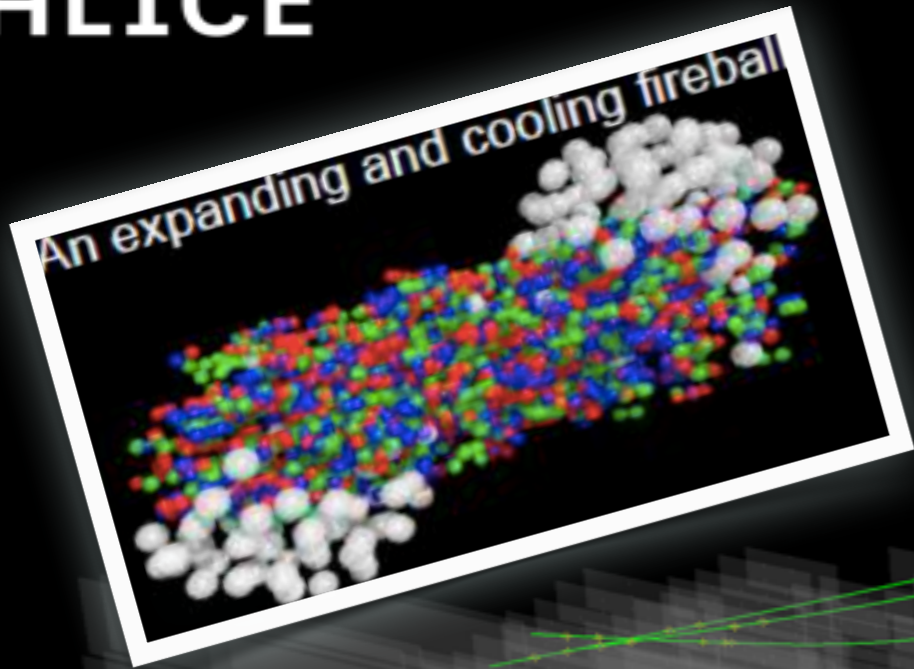
➔ Main data stream for LHCb & ALICE upgrade
➔ and be a guidance for all other experiments



prompt charm production cross-sections from LHCb turbo stream in Run2



di-jet mass spectrum from CMS data-scouting in Run2



- **Physics of strongly interacting matters & quark-gluon plasma, with nucleus-nucleus interactions**
 - High particle multiplicities (~ 8000 particles/d η)
 - Identify heavy short-living particles
 - By selecting low- p_T tracks (> 100 MeV)

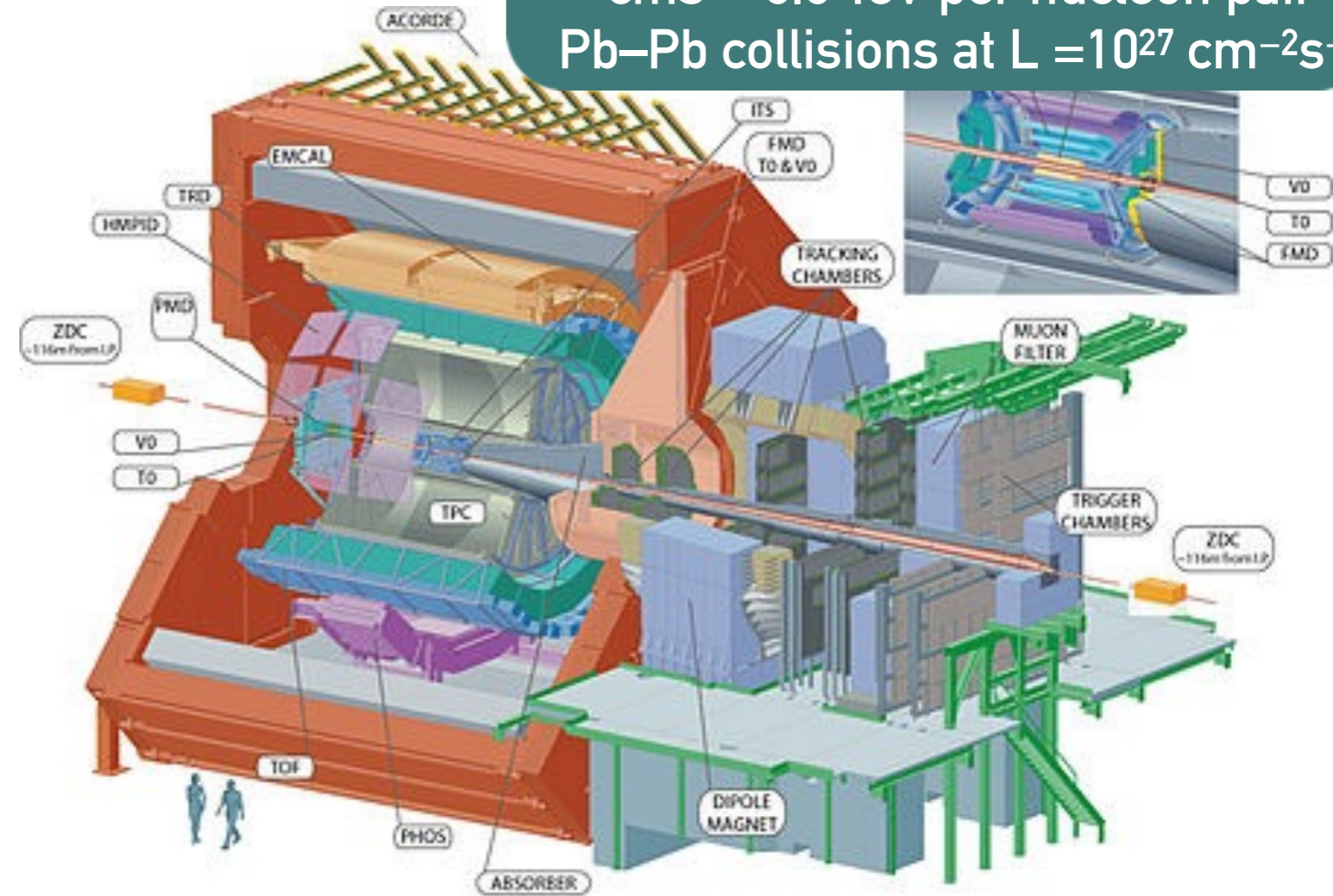
DESIGNED FOR HEAVY ION COLLISIONS



ALICE

cms = 5.5 TeV per nucleon pair
Pb–Pb collisions at $L = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

- 19 different detectors
- With high-granularity and timing information
 - Time Projection Chamber (TPC): very high occupancy, and slow response
- Large event size ($> 40\text{MB}$)
 - TPC producing 90% of data
- Complex event topology
 - low trigger rate: $\sim \text{kHz}$



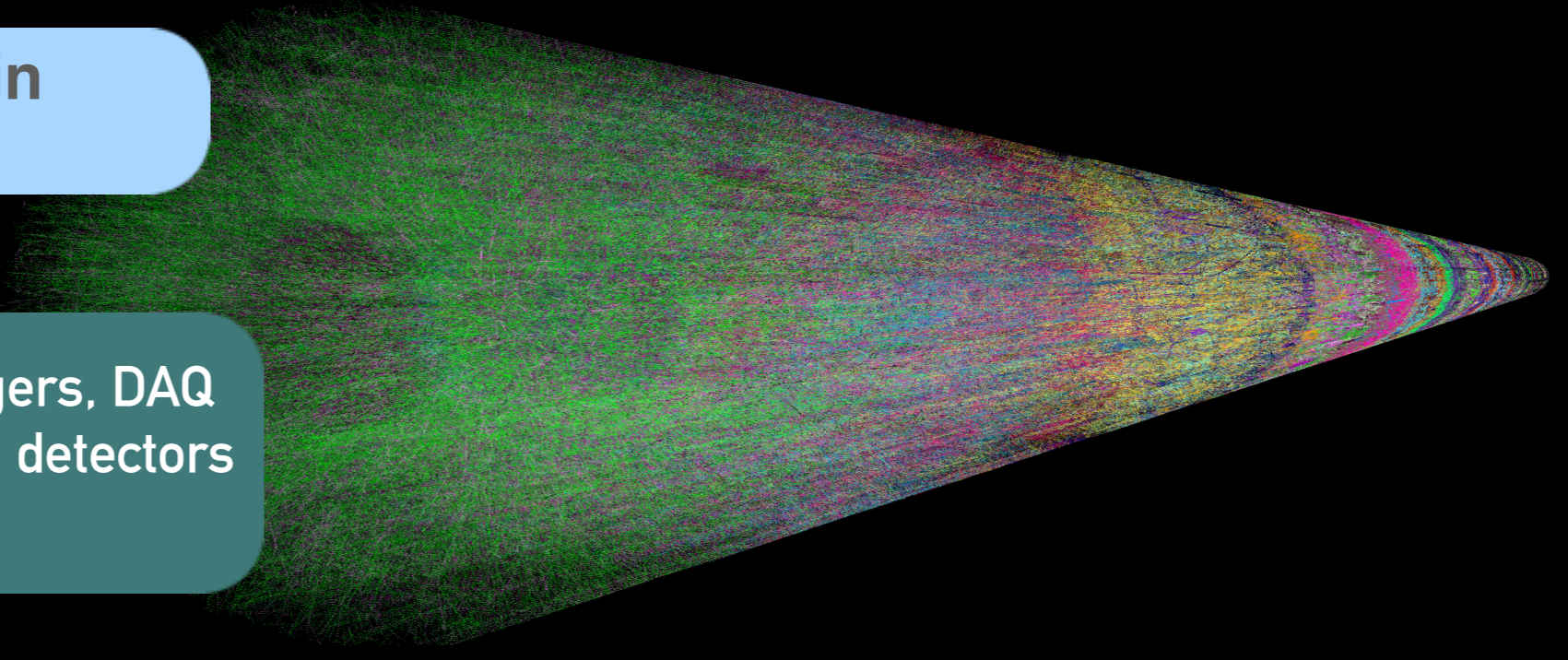
→ Challenges for TDAQ and evolution:

- detector readout: up to $\sim 50 \text{ GB/s} \implies \times 100$ for Run3
- storage: $1.2 \text{ TB/s (Pb-Pb)} \implies \times 100$ for Run3

How can we increase the readout rate, when it's close to TPC readout?

CONTINUOUS READOUT FOR RUN 3

Reconstruct TPC data in continuous readout



Pb-Pb

2 ms / 50kHz

TPC Tracks (reconstructed)

In addition to standard physics triggers, DAQ collects frames of data from (some) detectors at periodic intervals

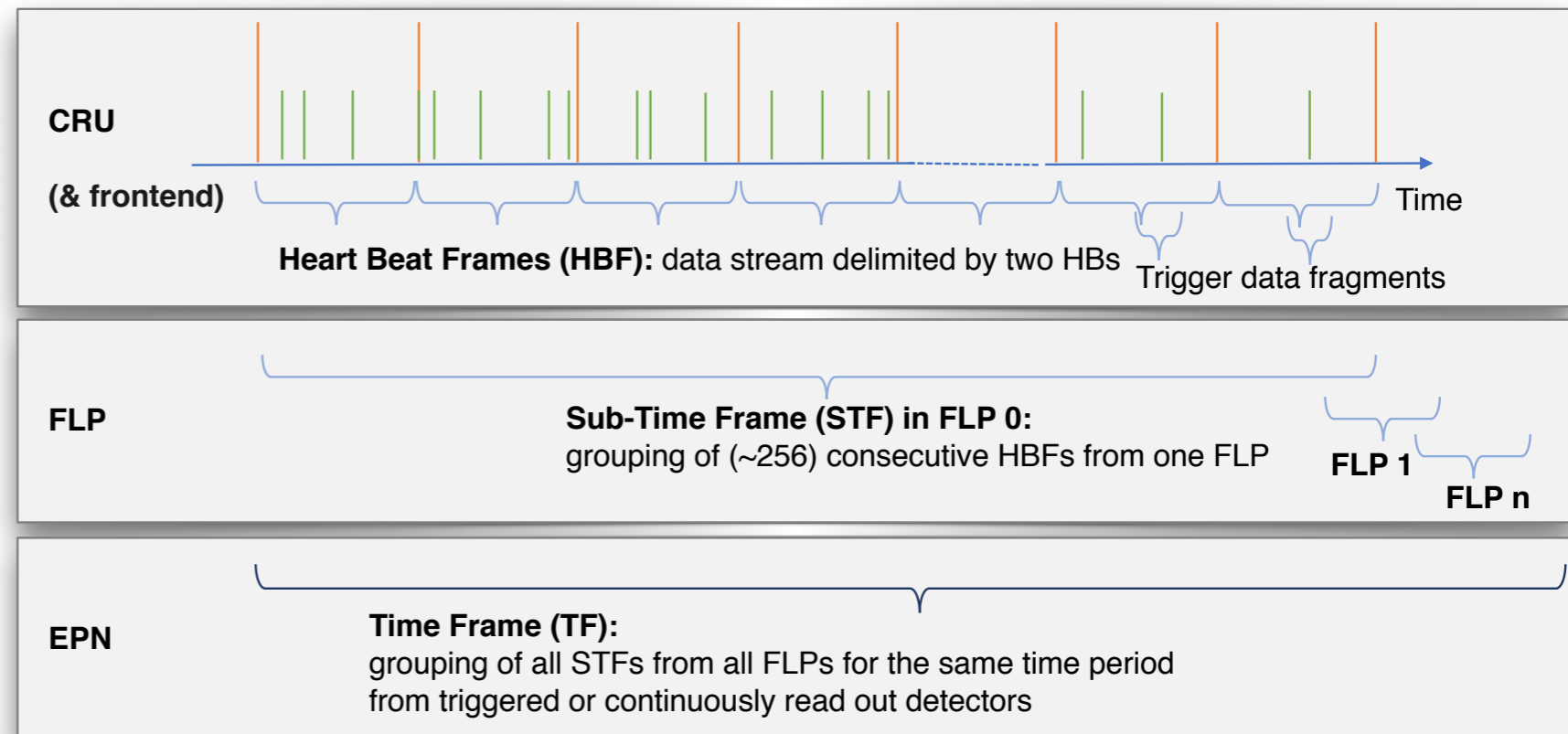
→ Heart Beat (HB) issued in continuous & triggered modes

→ subdivision of data into time intervals to allow synchronisation between different detectors

→ 1 per LHC orbit, $89.4 \mu\text{s}$: $\sim 10 \text{ kHz}$

→ Grouped in Time-Frames:

→ 1 every $\sim 20 \text{ ms}$: $\sim 50 \text{ Hz}$ (1 TF = ~ 256 HBF)

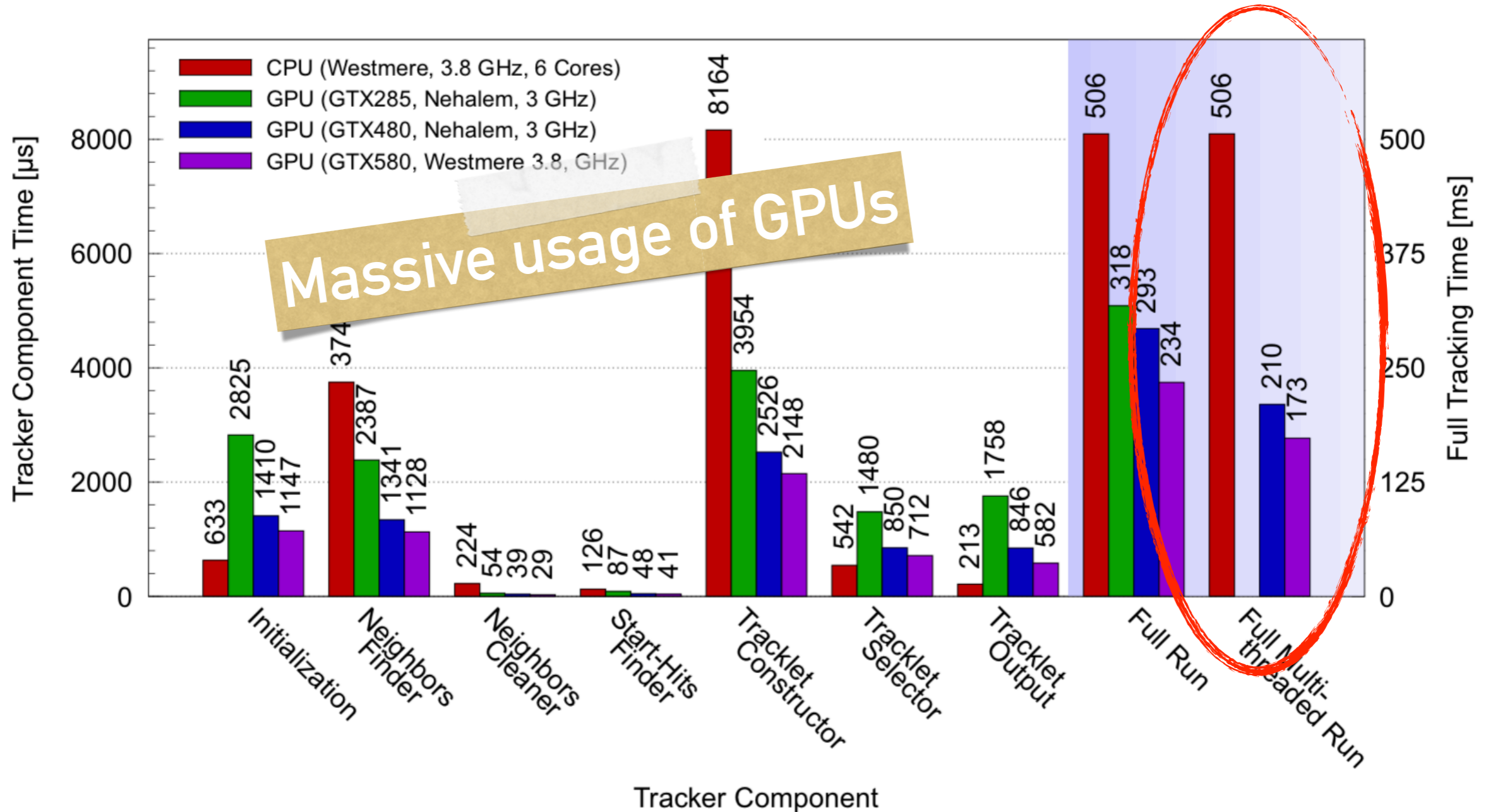


INCREASING THROUGHPUTS WITH COTS



ALICE

- ➔ Data compression in GPUs and FPGAs ==> x2 readout rate
- ➔ Network evolution: 2.5GB/s (2010) => 6GB/s (2015) ==> x2 DAQ throughput



Tracking processing based on GPUs since Run1!

OUTLINE

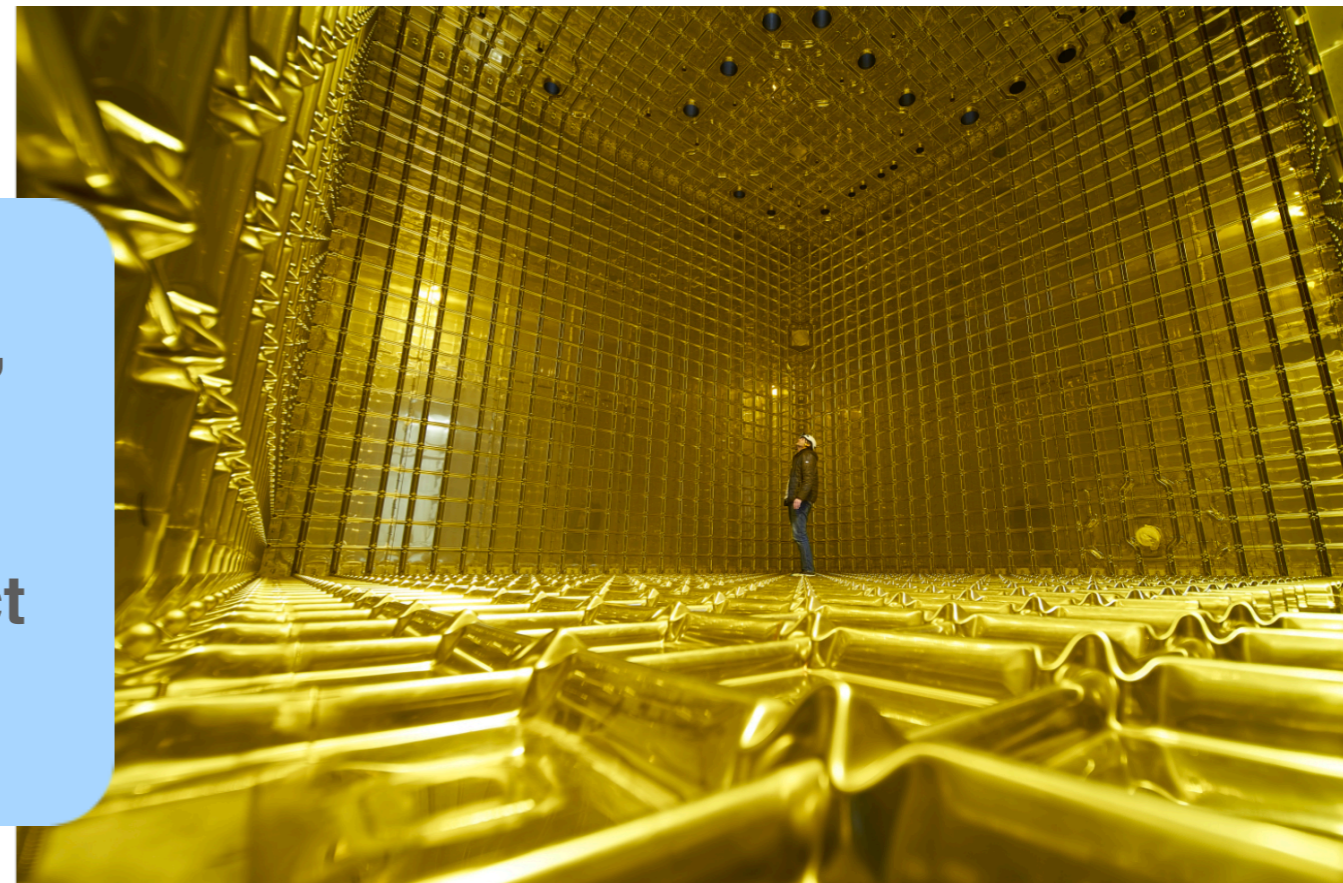
- Examples of small experiments with their limits
- Overview of LHC experiments and their upgrade
- **Future TDAQ systems (Dune/Proto-Dune)**



TDAQ FOR THE DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT (DUNE)

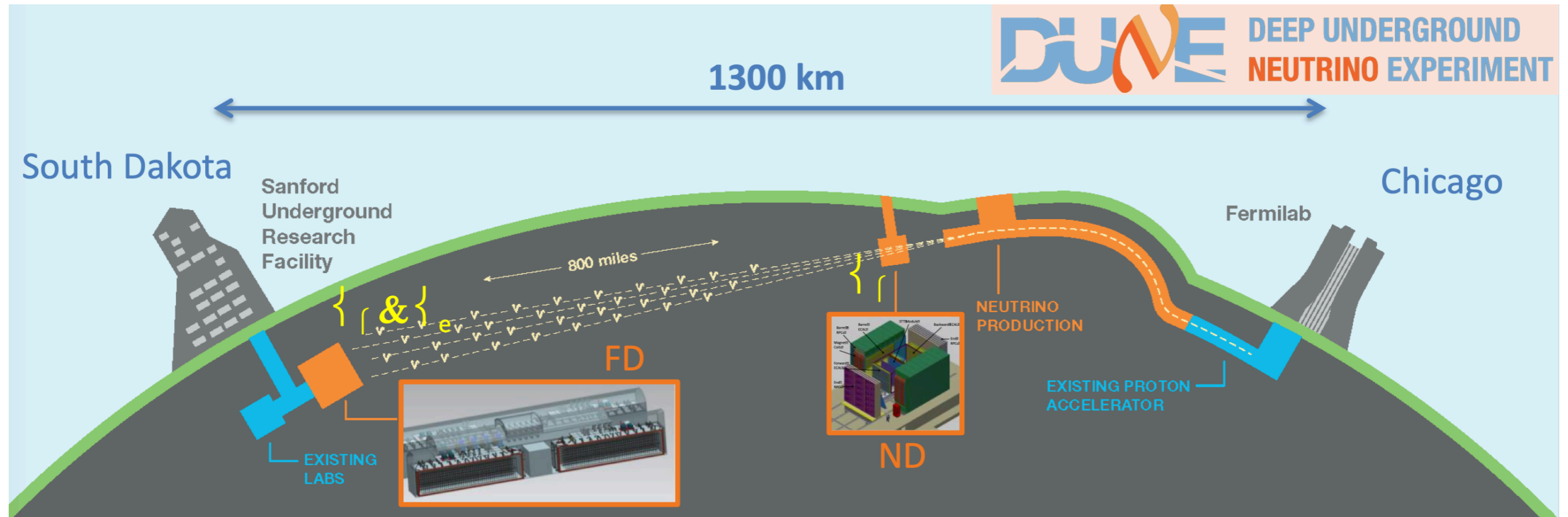
- ➔ **The next generation project for neutrino physics**
 - ➔ the experiment does not exist (ready for 2030)
 - ➔ the TDAQ of the experiment does not exist
- ➔ **Consider here design inputs:**
 - ➔ have a broad understanding of what the experiment wants to achieve
 - ➔ understand the detection principles and front-end electronics
 - ➔ understand the constraints in which the TDAQ will live

- ➔ <http://dunescience.org>
- ➔ **DUNE Collaboration : 1317 members, 208 institutions, 33 Countries**
- ➔ **Strong International partnership to build a mega neutrino science project based in US**
- ➔ **see recent CERN colloquium**



A view of the ProtoDUNE cryostat at CERN (Image: CERN)

DUNE FACILITY AND DETECTORS



- ➔ **Two detectors on a muon-neutrino beam @Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility**
 - ➔ One near the source of the beam, at Fermilab (**ND**), to characterise the beam & systematics
 - ➔ One, much larger, 1300 km downstream, 1.48 km underground (**FD**)
 - ➔ Massive Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers (70-kton, slow) + photon detectors (fast)
 - ➔ *the best particle imaging capability*
- ➔ **No quick access and no large host lab in the area !**
- ➔ **Prototypes at CERN Neutrino Platform (proto-DUNE)**
 - ➔ 2 prototypes, 1/20th the size of planned DUNE
 - ➔ *the largest liquid-argon neutrino detector in the world!*
 - ➔ Collected 4M events in 2018- 2020 from both cosmic rays and a beam

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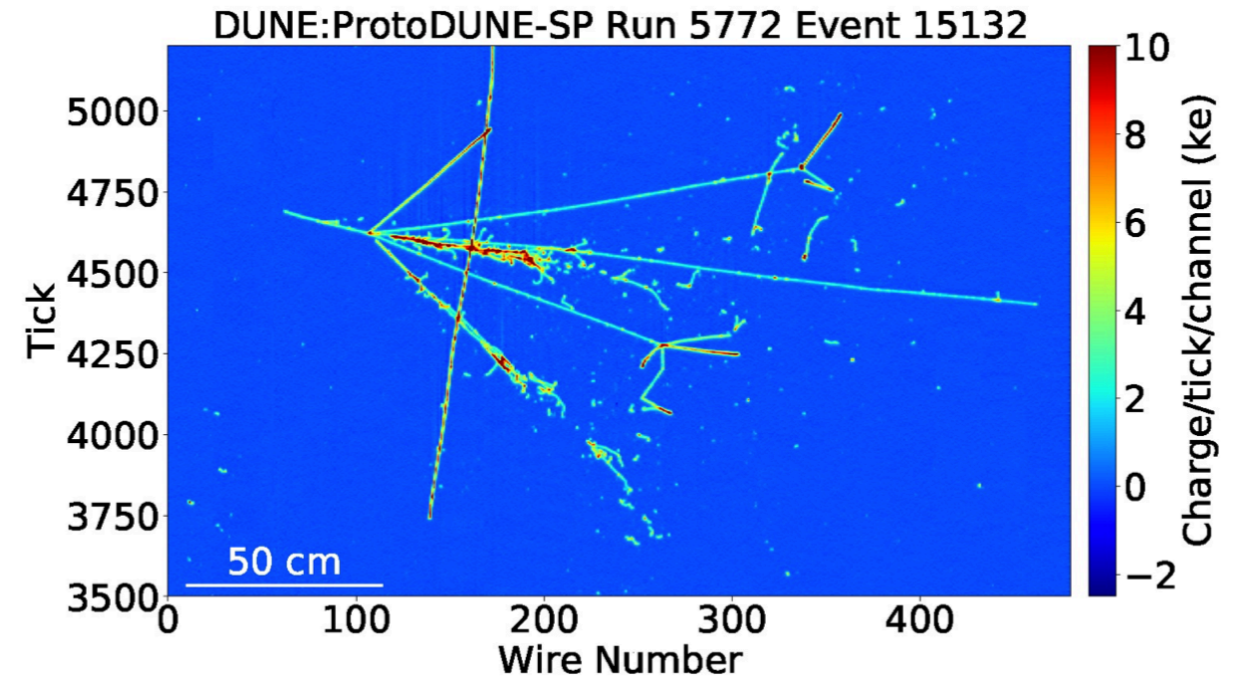
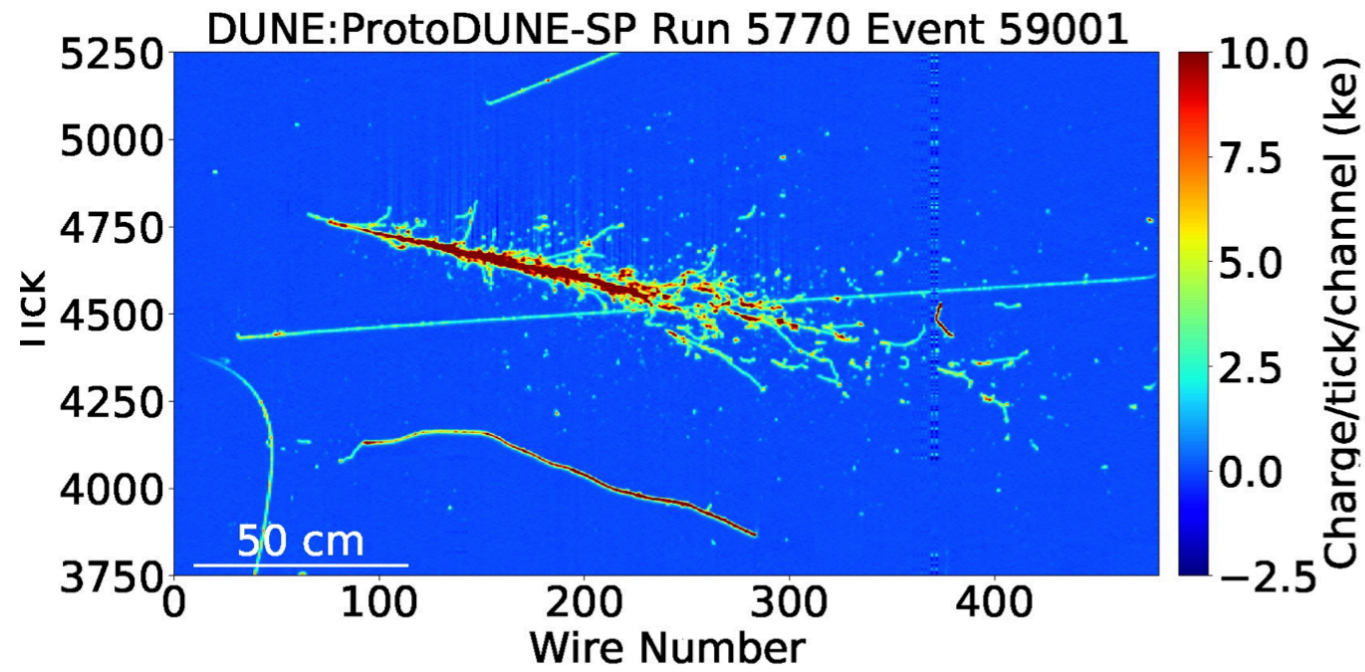
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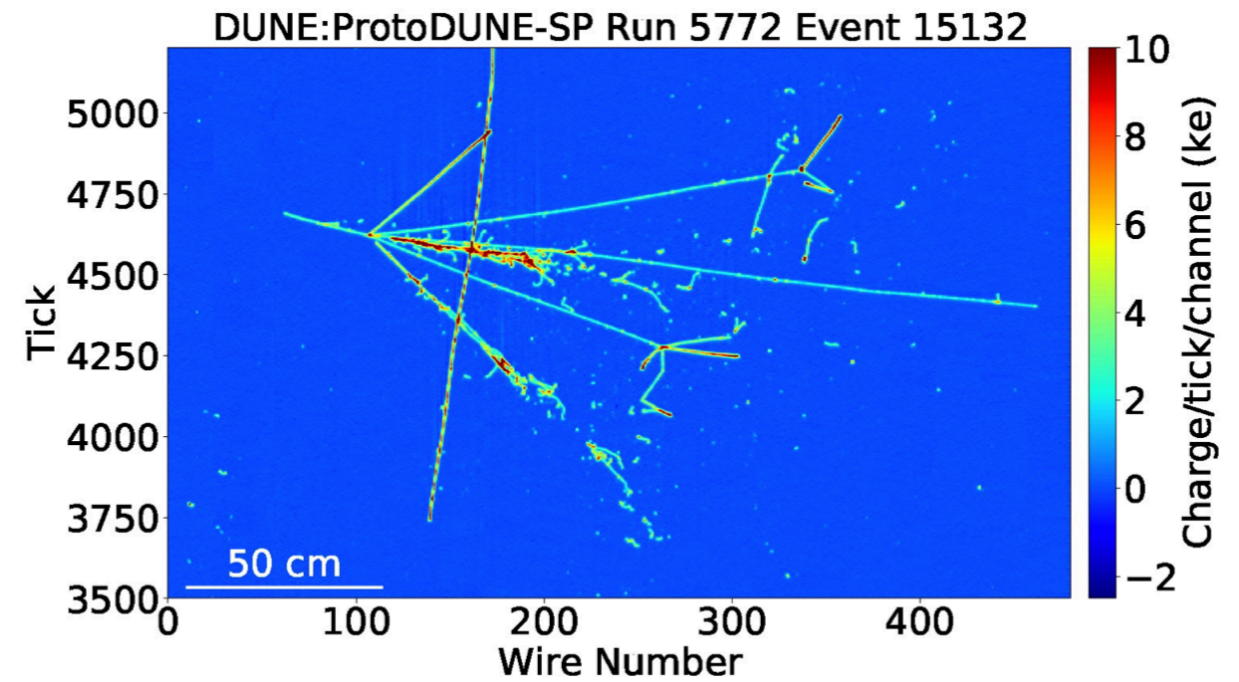
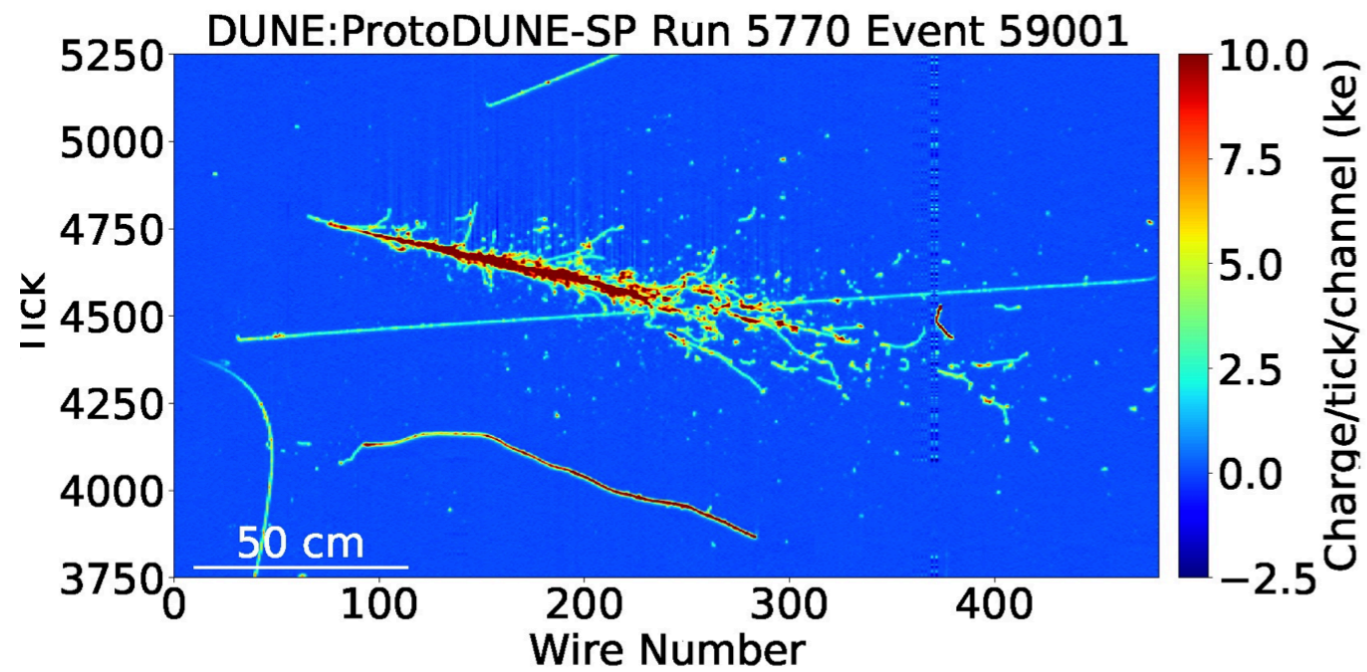
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 - Automated anomaly detection and recovery
 - Remote monitoring and control

DUNE SOFTWARE TRIGGER

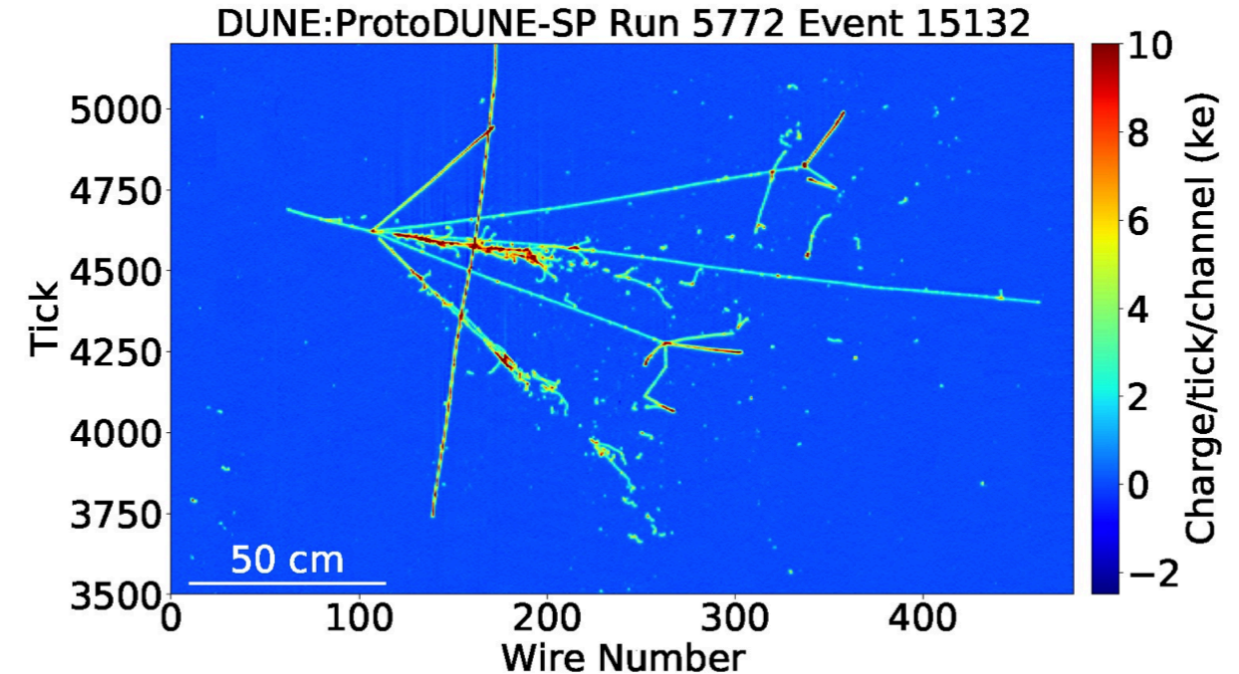
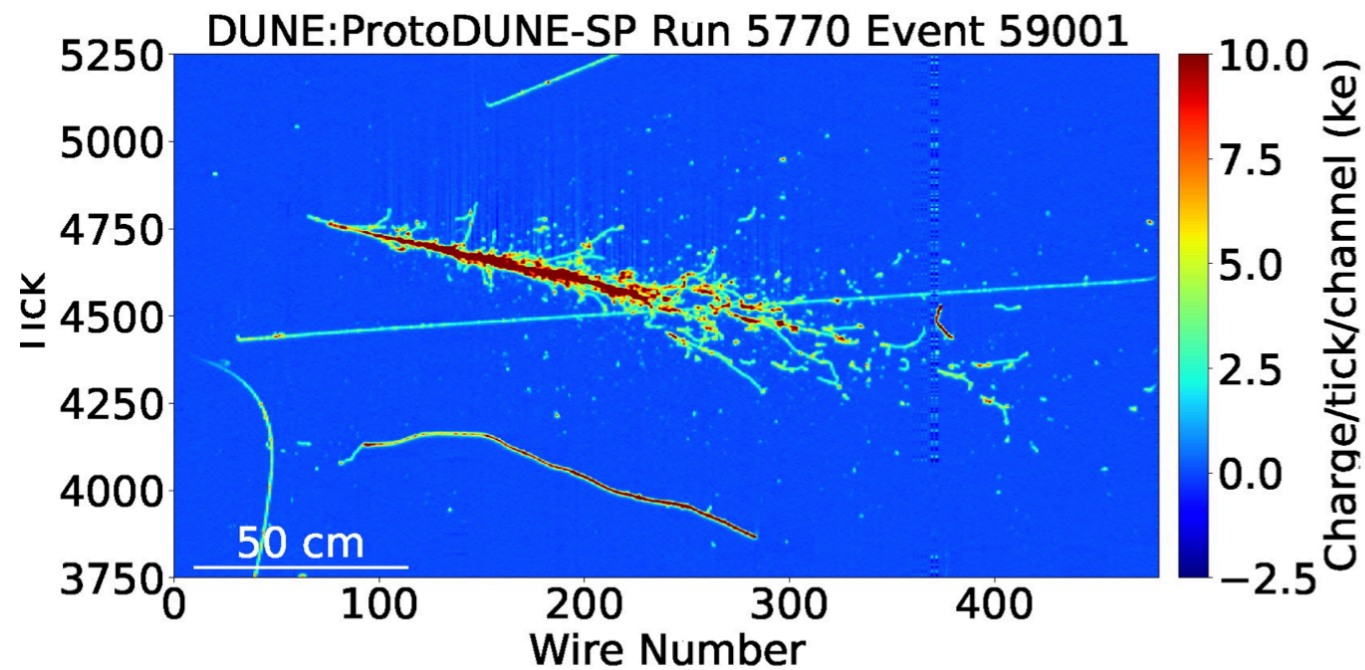


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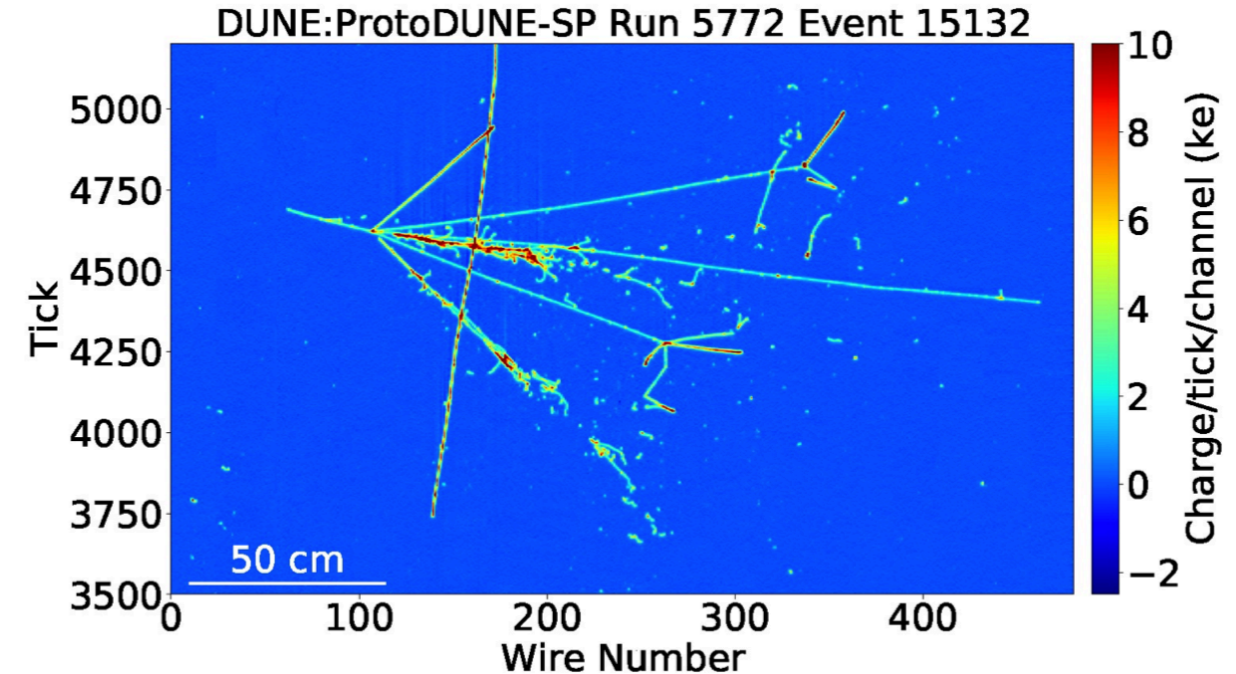
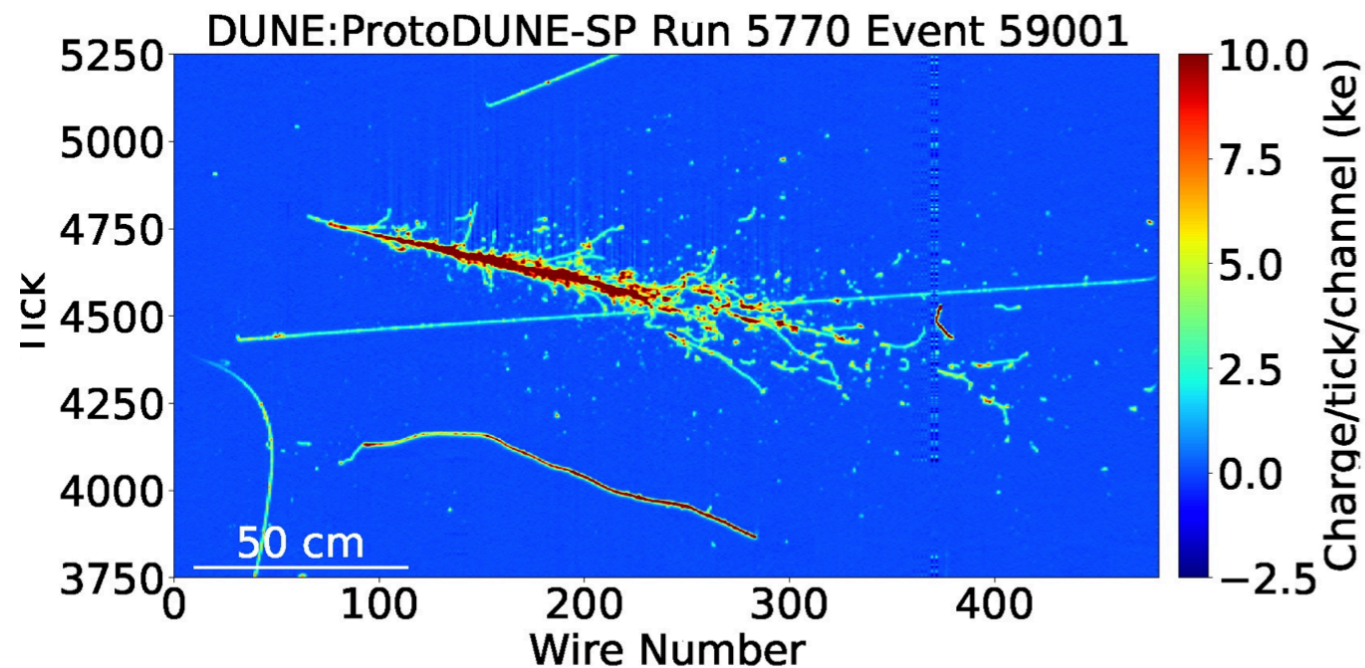


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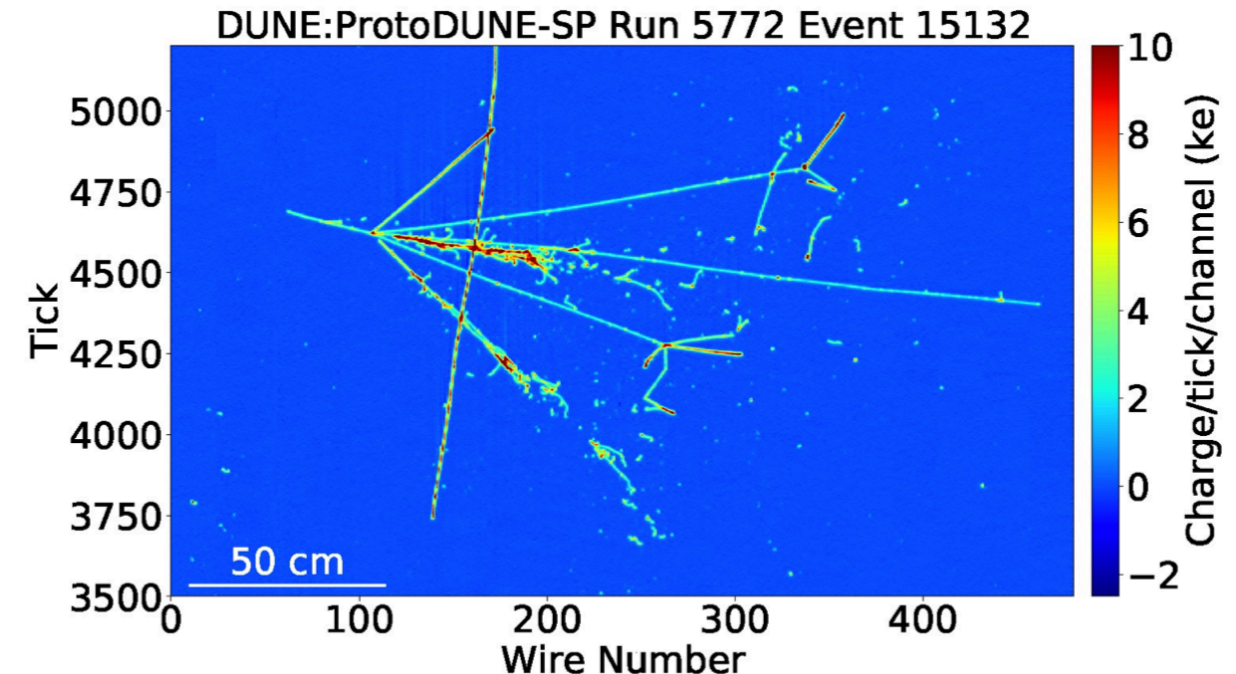
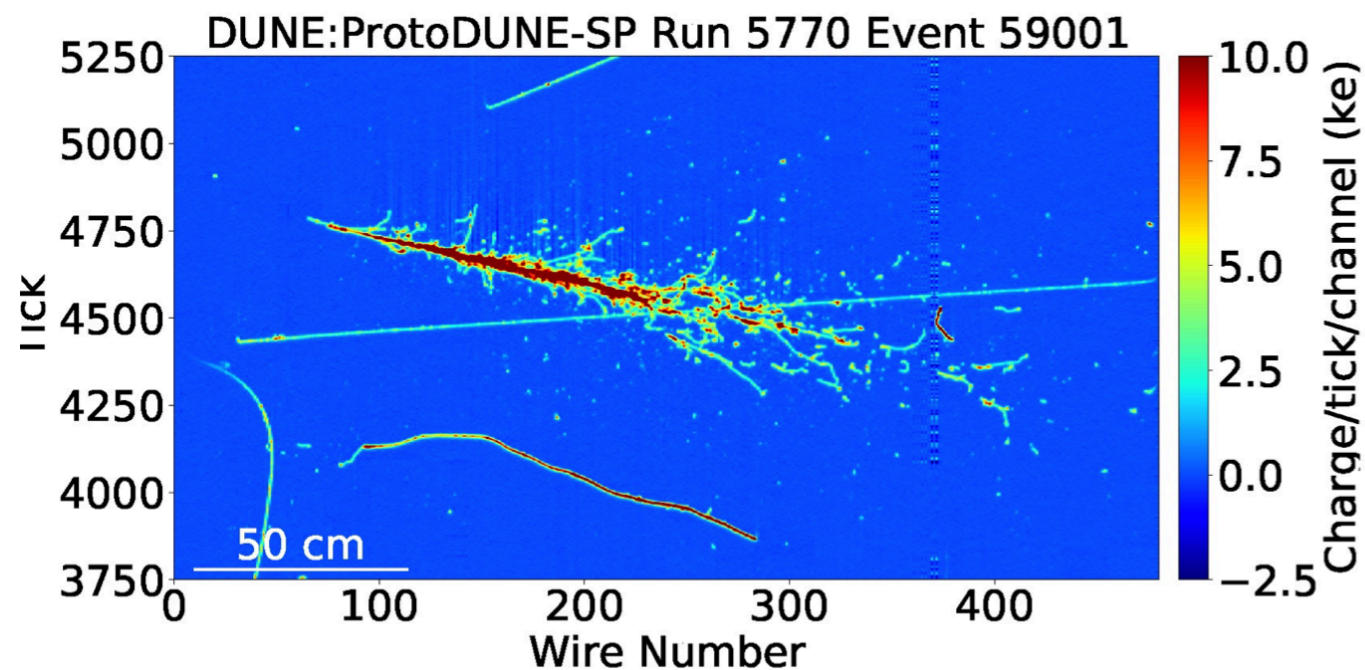
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 - ➔ And beam information may be slow to arrive anyway

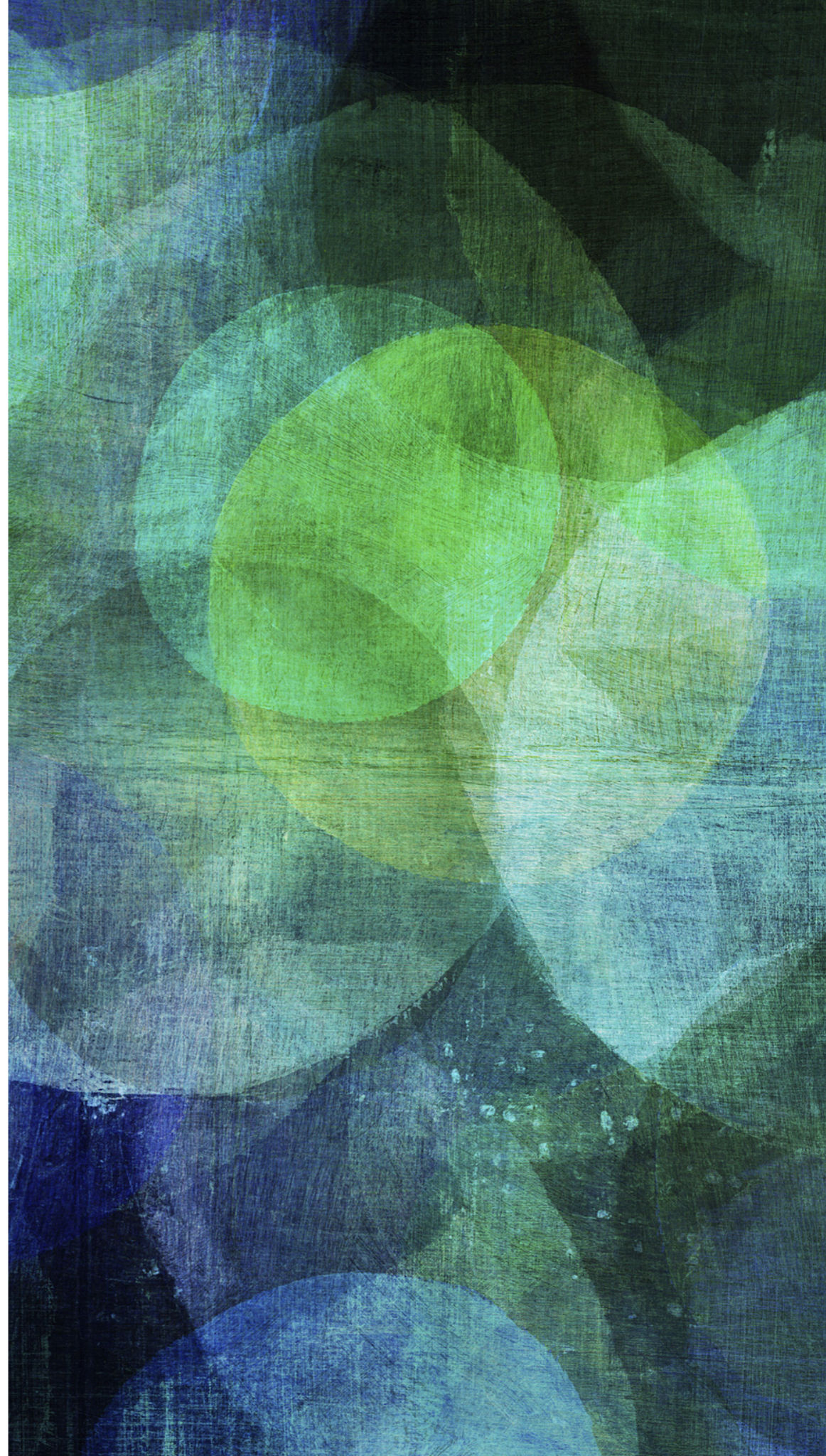
IT'S ALL ABOUT PHYSICS

- **The knowledge of hardware and software technologies is becoming critical in our community**
 - thanks to this school we try to keep a high level
- **The physics goals depends on technology and innovation**
 - Particle physicists must monitor technological trends and make innovation (especially true in TDAQ field)
- **Not always easy to make extrapolations for the future**

- **[Snowmass 2022 report]**
 - *“Modern computing architectures and emerging technologies are changing the way we do particle physics”*
 - *“Machine learning was essentially not a part of the 2013 Snowmass report”*
- **[ATLAS TDR, 2003]**
 - *“Thanks to the Moore law, in 2007 our event selection farm will be based on 8 GHz CPUs”*
- **[Ken Olsen, Founder of DEC, 1977]**
 - *“There is no reason anyone would want a computer at home.”*



BACK-UP SLIDES



CMS: 2-STAGE EVENT BUILDING IN RUN 1



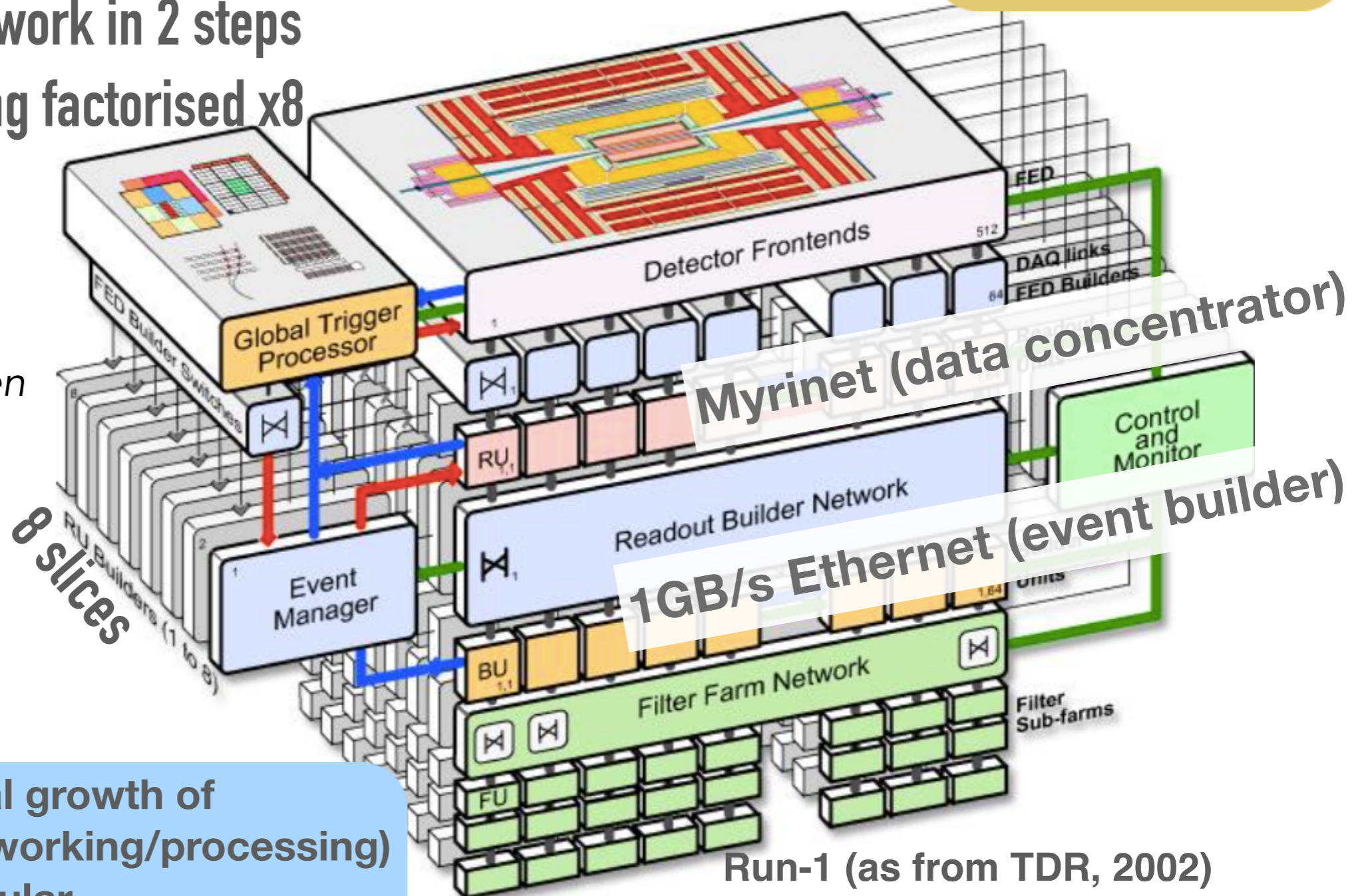
Cannot do Event Building at 100 kHz

CMS DAQ-1

100 GB/s readout network in 2 steps

100 kHz Event Building factorised x8

2 EB networks in blue
Filter network in green

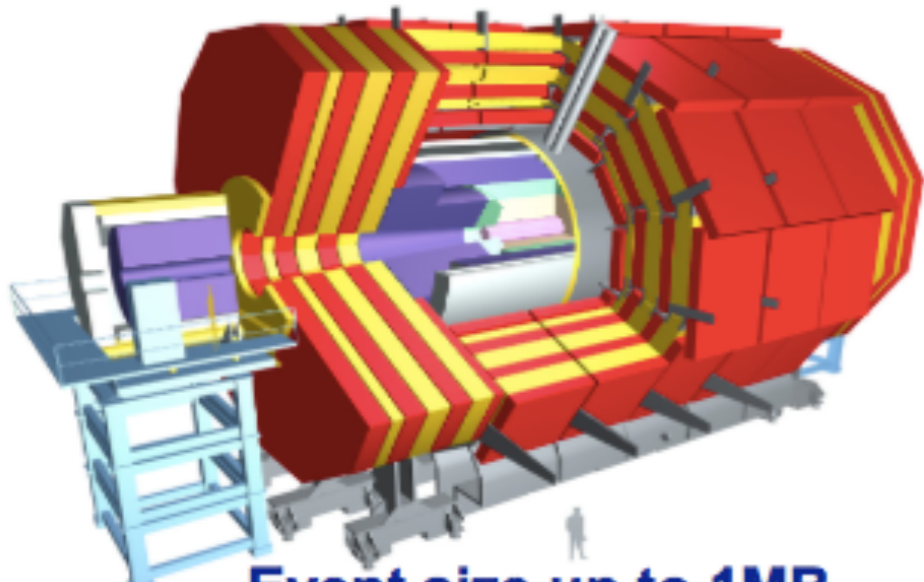


- ➔ Bet on exponential growth of technologies (networking/processing)
- ➔ Scalable and modular
 - ➔ Independent development of two network technologies

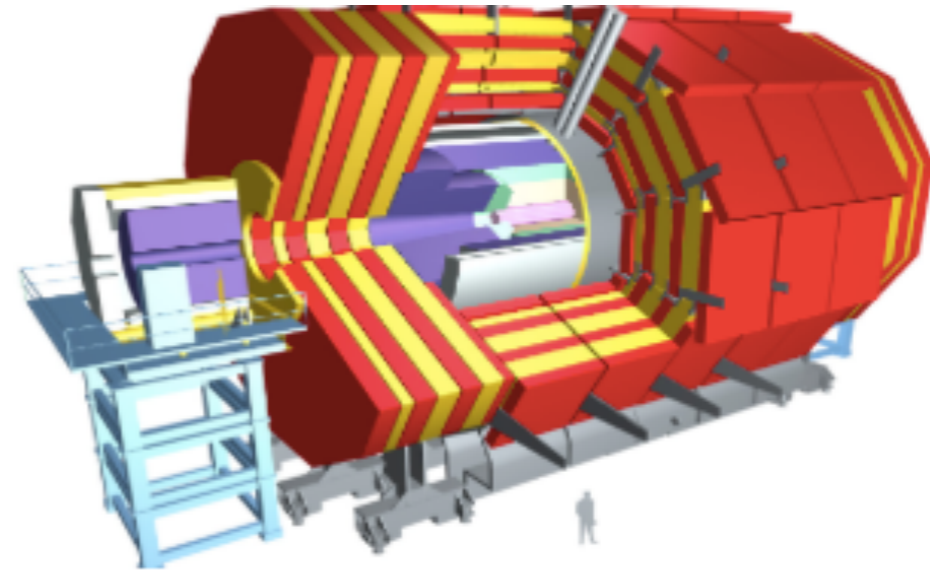
Run-1 (as from TDR, 2002)

- ➔ Myrinet + 1GB Ethernet
- ➔ 1-stage building: 1200 cores (2C)
- ➔ HLT: ~13,000 cores
- ➔ 18 TB memory @ 100kHz: ~90ms/event

EVOLUTION FROM RUN-1 TO RUN-2

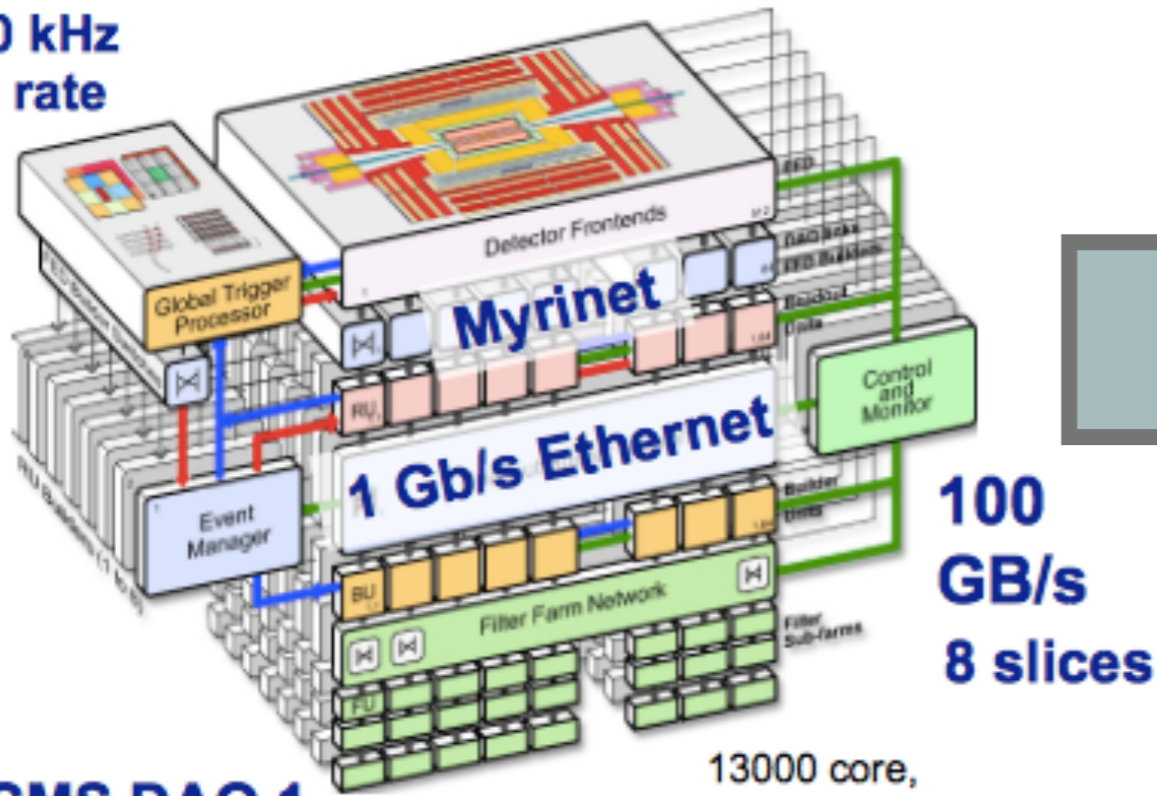


Event size up to 1MB



Event size up to 2MB

100 kHz
L1 rate

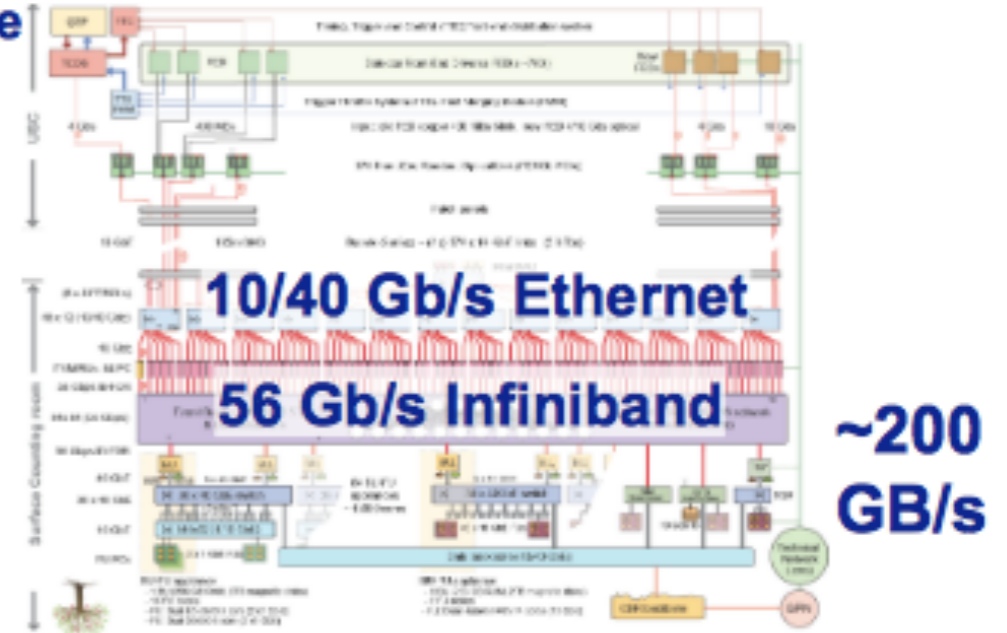


CMS DAQ 1

13000 core,
1260 host
filter farm

max. 1.2 GB/s to storage

100 kHz
L1 rate

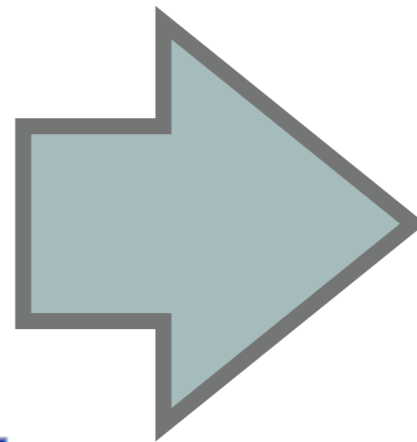


CMS DAQ 2

1 slice

16000+ core,
900 host
filter farm

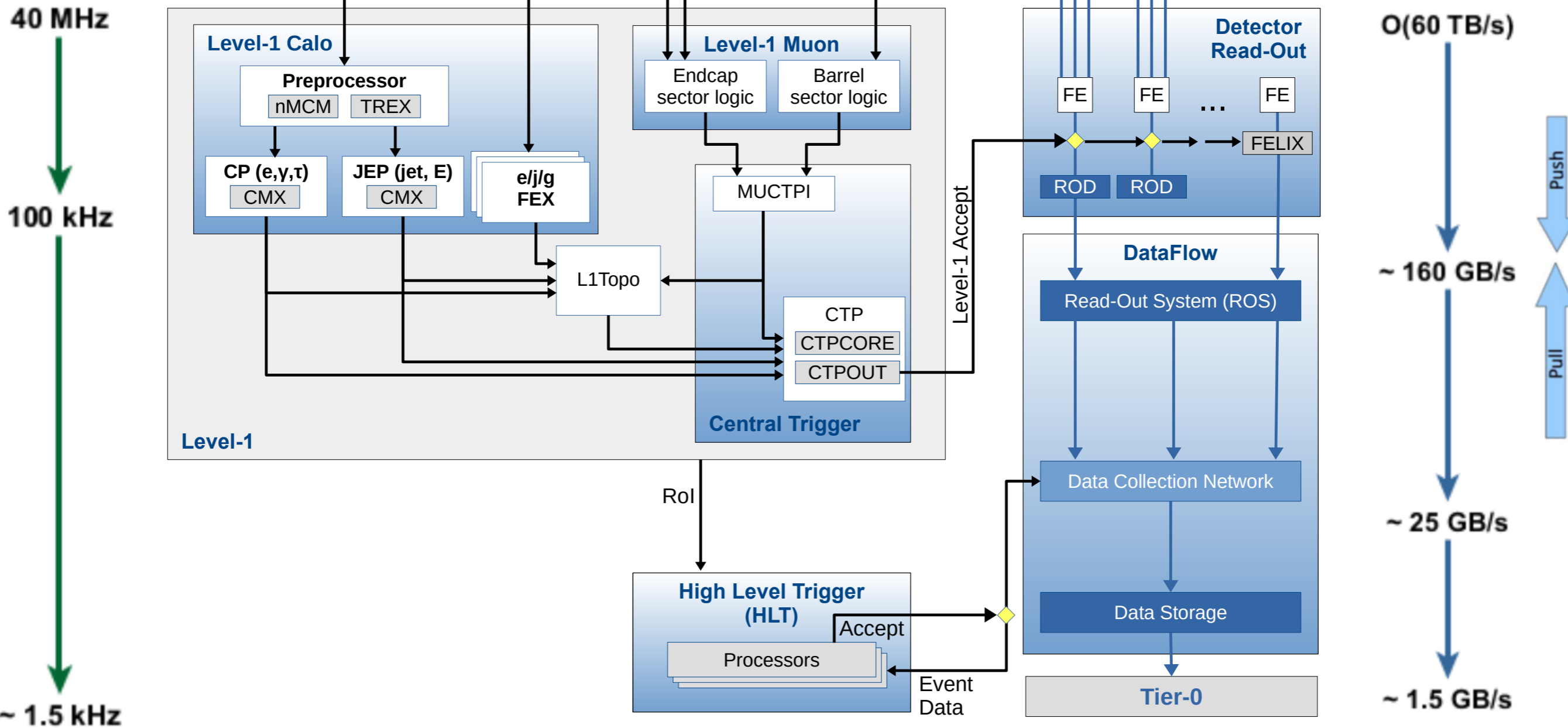
~ 3-6 GB/s to storage



ATLAS REGIONAL TDAQ ARCHITECTURE

Overall network bandwidth: ~ 10 GB/s (x10 reduced by regional readout)

Run 3



complex data router to forward different parts of the detector data, based on the trigger type

LHCb 2012 Trigger Diagram
40 MHz bunch crossing rate

Input rate

Low input rate and occupancy

- ◆ Limited acceptance: 10 MHz
- ◆ Limited **Luminosity** = $2 \times 10^{32} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

L0 Hardware Trigger : 1 MHz readout, high E_T/P_T signature

L0 trigger

- ◆ Select Bs in hadronic triggers
- ◆ Reject complex/busy events

450 kHz
 h^\pm

400 kHz
 $\mu/\mu\mu$

150 kHz
 e/γ

Software High Level Trigger

29000 Logical CPU cores

Offline reconstruction tuned to trigger time constraints

Mixture of exclusive and inclusive selection algorithms

60kB * 1MHz = 60 GB/s readout network

5 kHz (0.3 GB/s) to storage

High Level

- ◆ Multitude of **exclusive selections**

2 kHz
Inclusive
Topological

2 kHz
Inclusive/
Exclusive
Charm

1 kHz
Muon and
DiMuon

SCHEMA EVOLUTION

LHCb 2015 Trigger Diagram

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Software High Level Trigger

Partial event reconstruction, select displaced tracks/vertices and dimuons

150 kHz

Buffer events to disk, perform online detector calibration and alignment

Full offline-like event selection, mixture of inclusive and exclusive triggers

12.5 kHz Rate to storage

HLT-1

HLT-2

Can increase efficiency on B-hadrons?
YES, use more precision!!

Real-time calibration and alignments

Synchronous with DAQ

Use tracks for selections on B-decay vertices (in 35ms)

Split with a large buffer (4PB)!

Deferred Processing

Reconstruct with offline-like calibrations (in 350ms), becoming real-time physics analysis

UPGRADES FOR RUN 3

LHCb 2015 Trigger Diagram

40 MHz bunch crossing rate

L0 Hard Trigger
readout, 1 MHz



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12.5 kHz Readout

NO L0 trigger



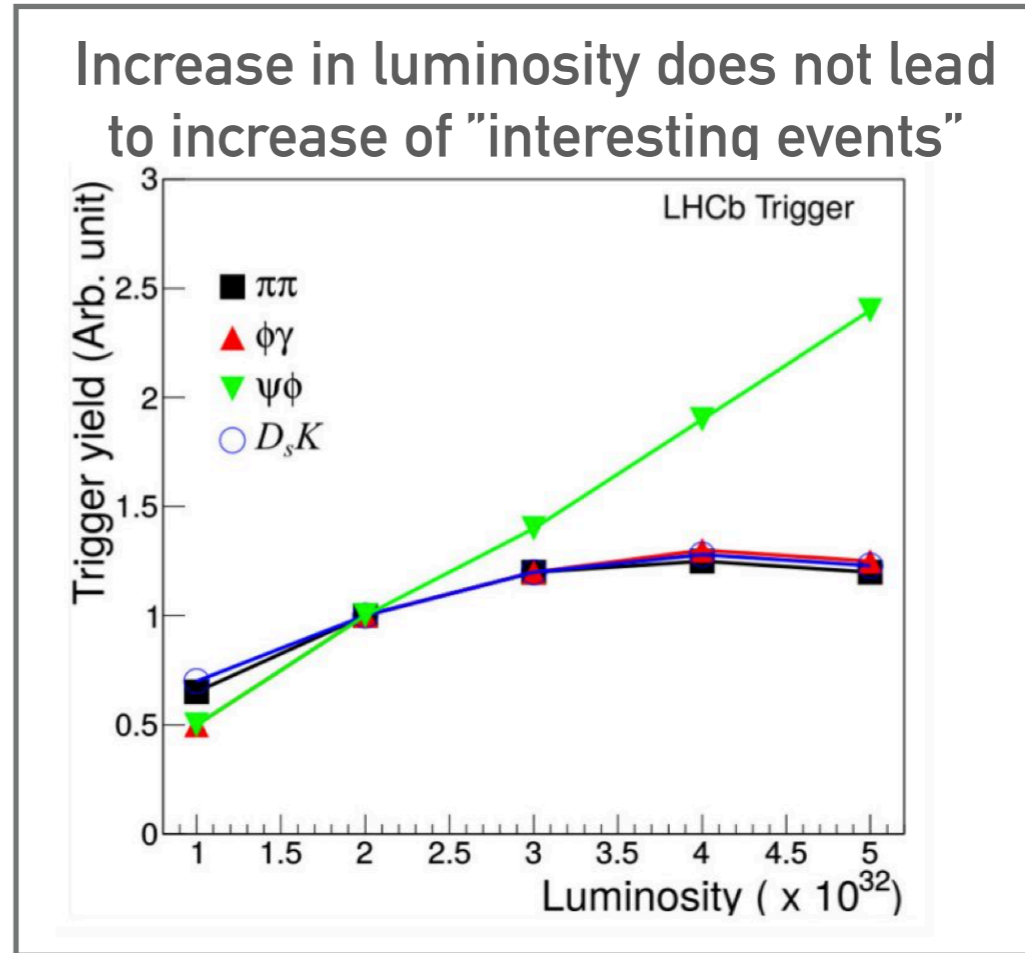
NO offline analysis

Can increase luminosity x10 ?
Can increase b-hadron efficiency x2?



YES, remove limit from L0 -1 MHz readout!

Increase in luminosity does not lead to increase of "interesting events"

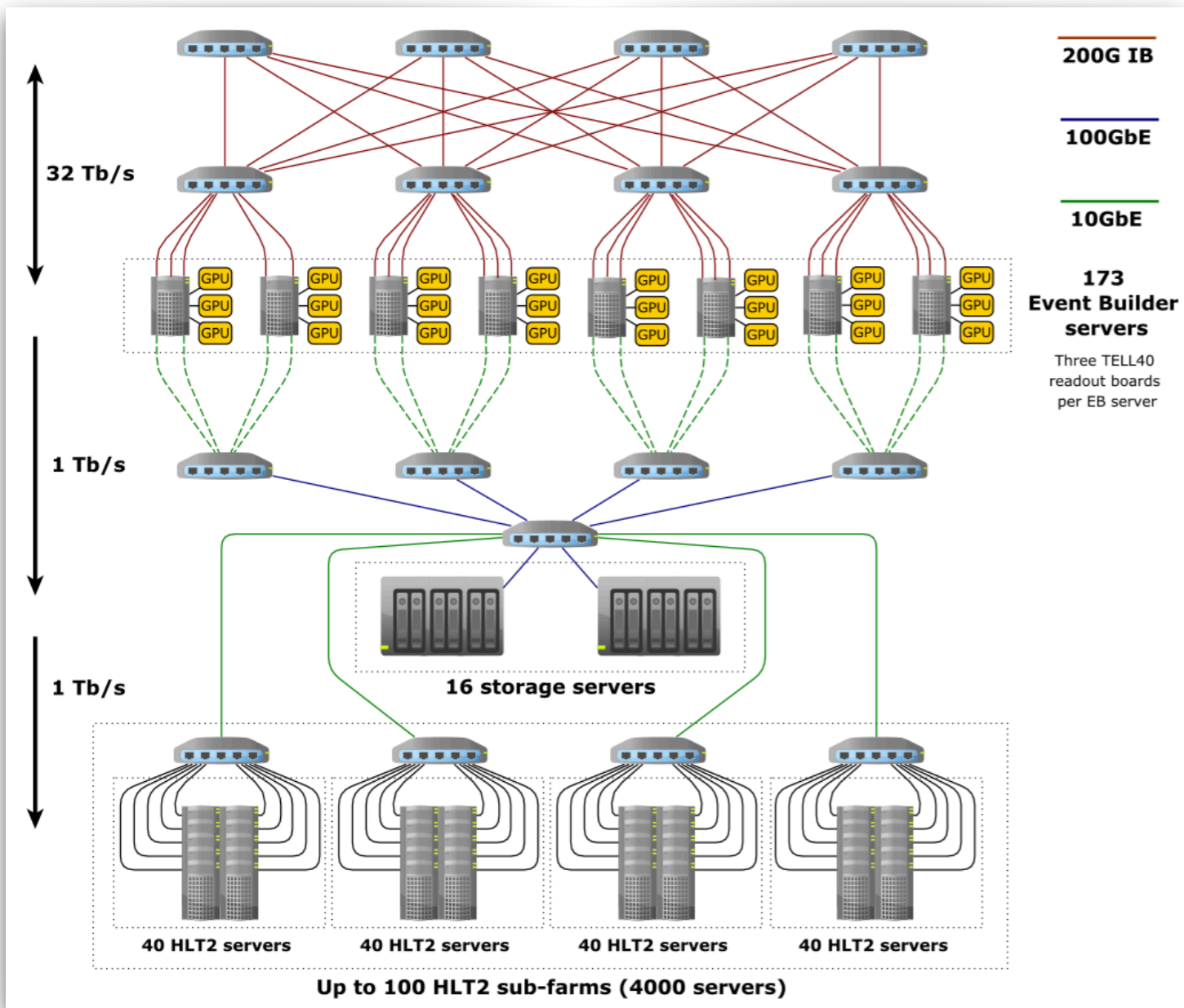


Allow detector readout and reconstruction at unprecedented rate: 30MHz !!

See Phase-I upgrade TDR

A 2-DIM FOLDED EVENT BUILDING

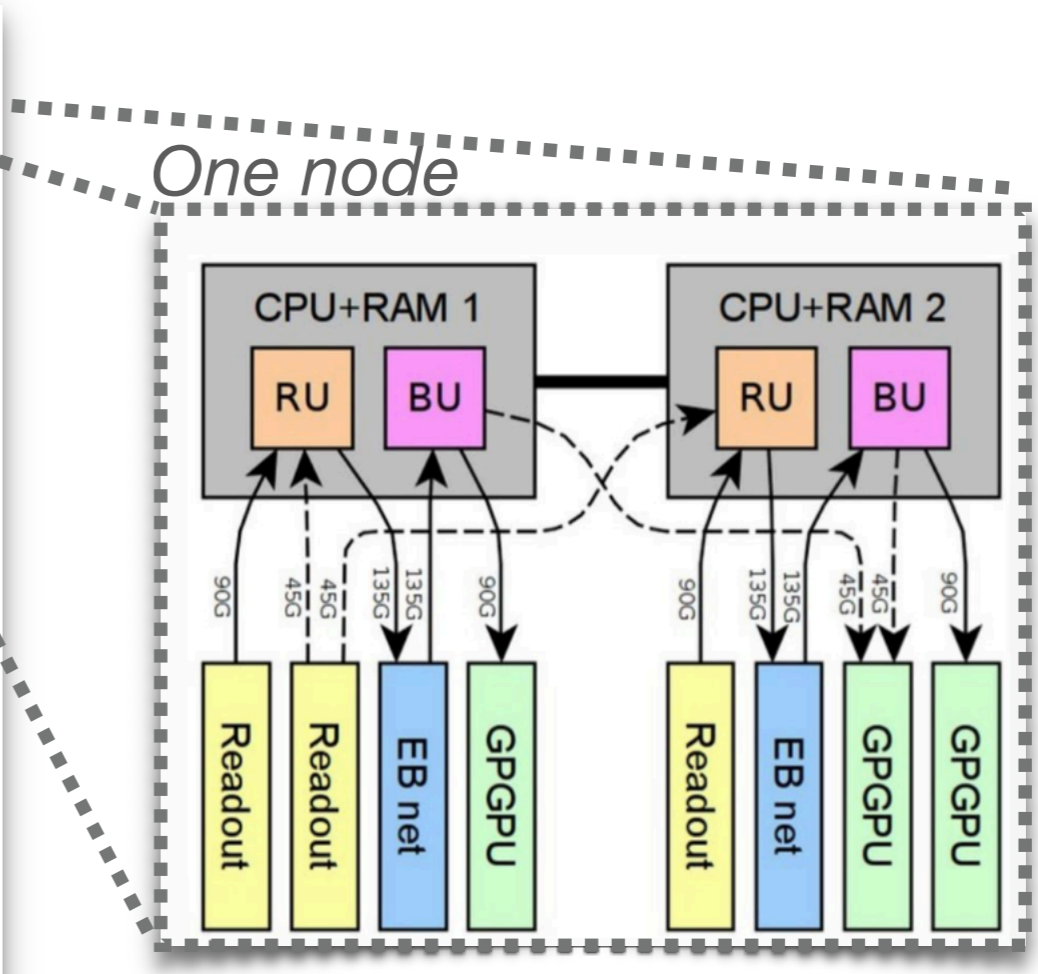
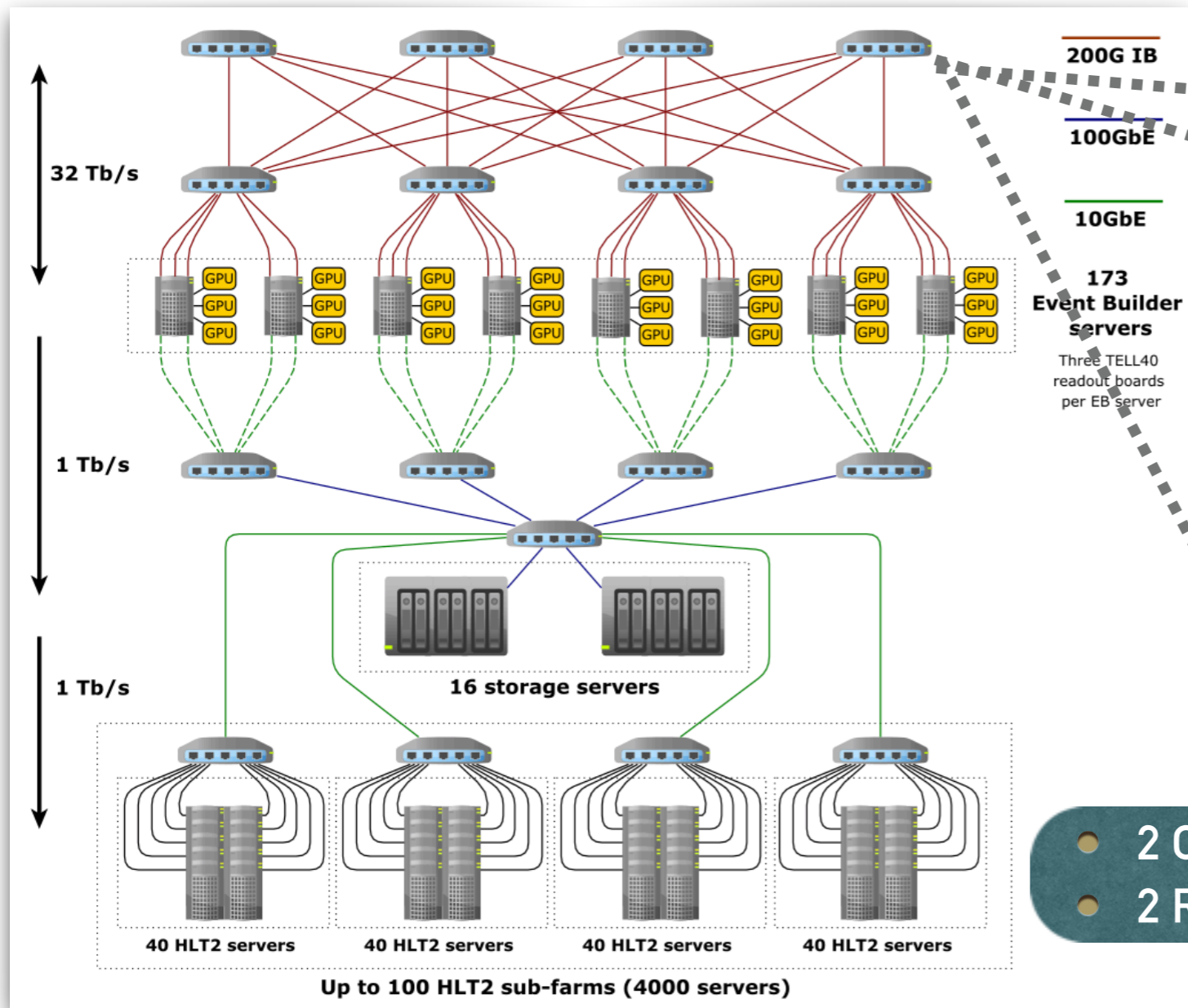
Large farm of equal nodes with 8 PCIe40 boards, specialised by firmware



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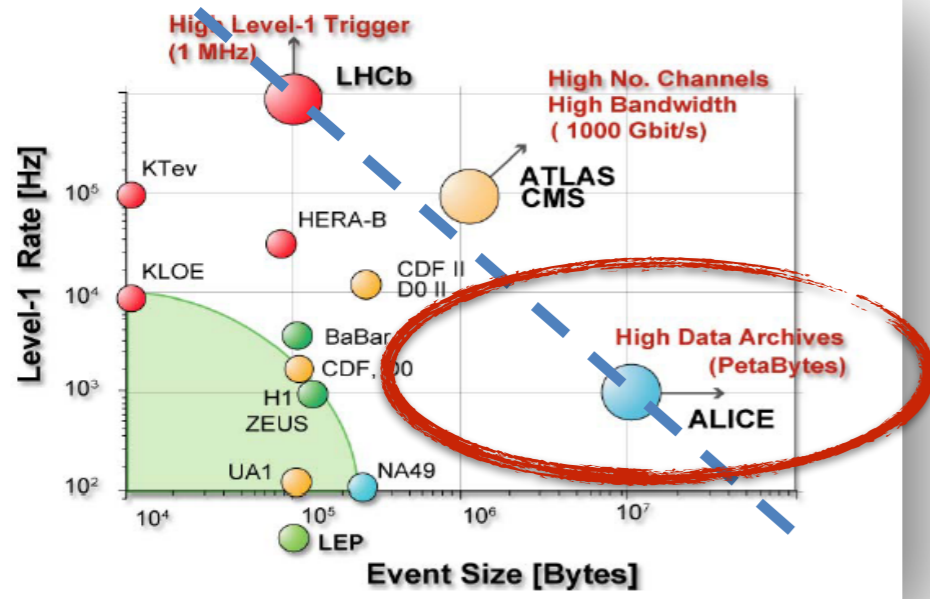
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- 2 CPUs with large RAM (up to 512 GB!)
- 2 RU, 2 BU, 2 infiniband NIC (200 Gb/s), 1-3 GPUs

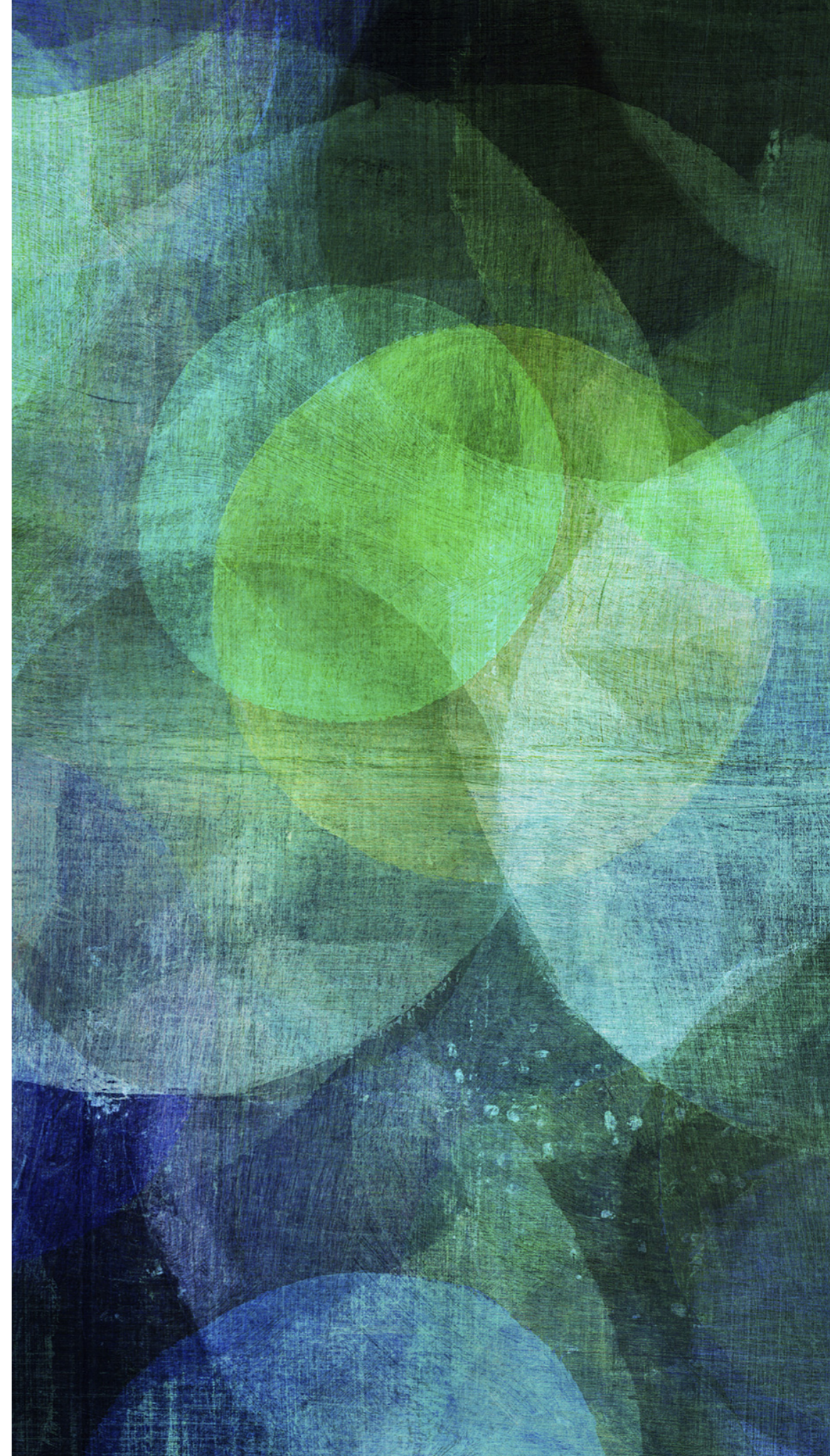
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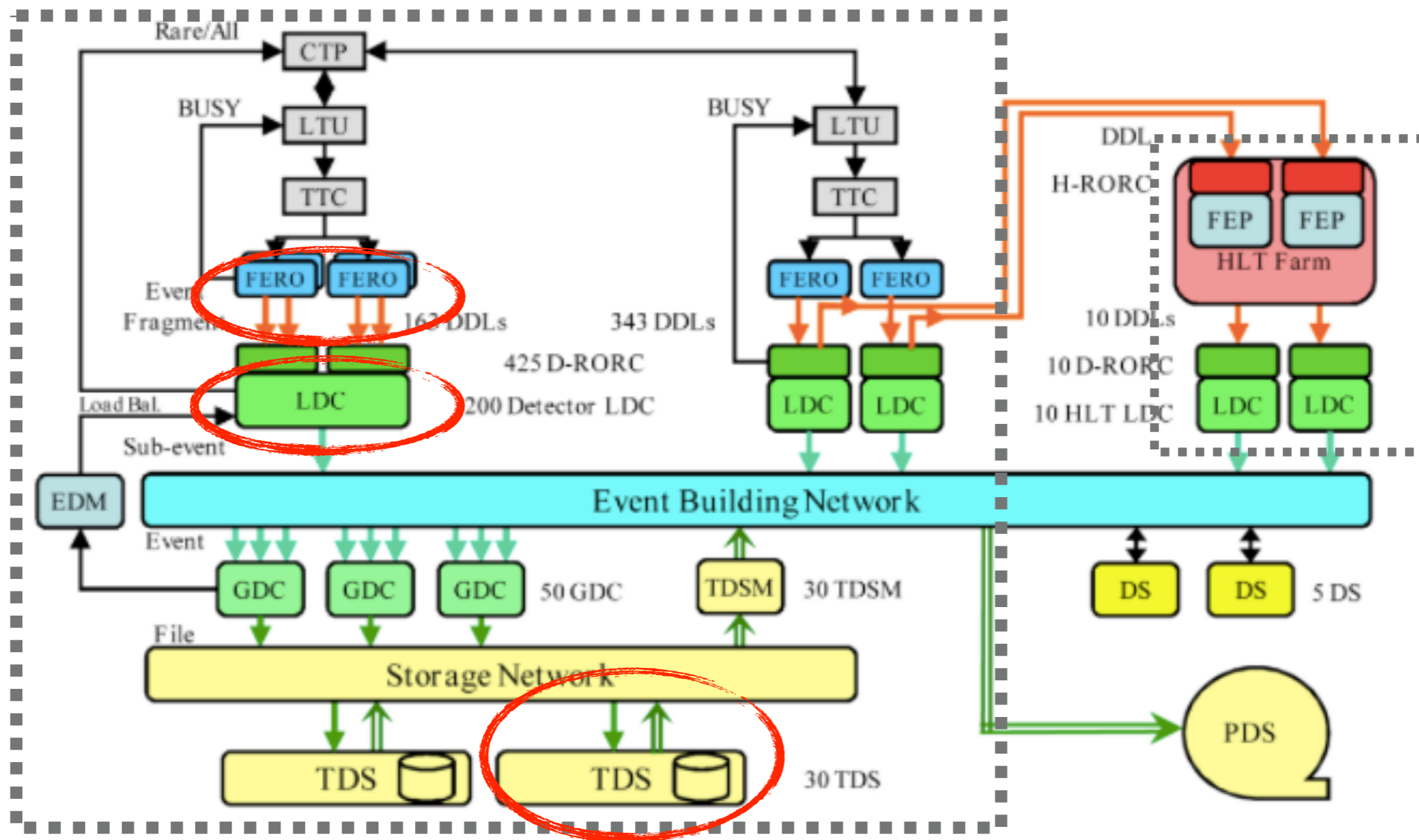
ALICE: THE SMALL BIG-BANG

Recording heavy ion collisions

<http://alice-daq.web.cern.ch>



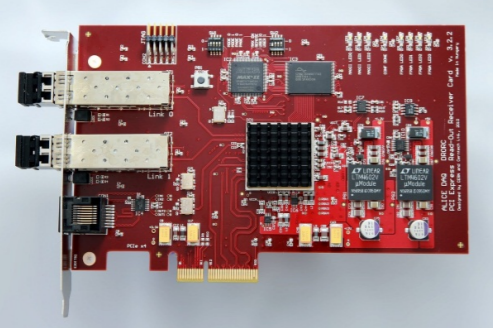

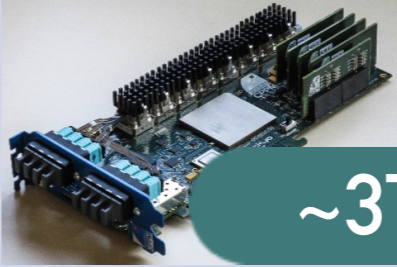
READOUT DATA CONCENTRATORS



- ➔ **Dataflow with local (LDC) and global (GDC) data concentrators**
 - ➔ Detector readout (~20 GB/s) with point-to-point optical links (DDL, max 6Gb/s)
 - ➔ Rate to the LDCs can go above 13 GB/s
- ➔ **Transient Data Storage (TDS)**
 - ➔ Before the Permanent Data Storage (PDS) and publish via the Grid

- ➔ **LHC heavy ion programme: extend statistics by x100!**
 - ➔ Increase detector granularity (==> increase event size!)
 - ➔ Increase storage bandwidth x O(100)
 - ➔ Offline reconstruction also challenging due to combinatorics
 - ➔ Increase readout rates ~kHz → 50 kHz (==> need new and faster electronics)
 - ➔ Rate very close to TPC readout !!

New TDAQ challenges!

RORC 1	C-RORC	CRU
		
2 ch @ 2 Gb/s PCIe gen.1 x4 (1 GB/s)	12 ch @ up to 6 Gb/s PCIe gen.2 x 8 (4 GB/s)	24 ch @ 5 Gb/s PCIe gen.3 X 16 (16 GB/s)
Custom DDL protocol	Custom DDL protocol (same protocol but faster)	GBT
Protocol handling TPC Cluster Finder	Protocol handling TPC Cluster Finder	Protocol handling TPC Cluster Finder Common-Mode correction Zero suppression

~3TB/s detector readout

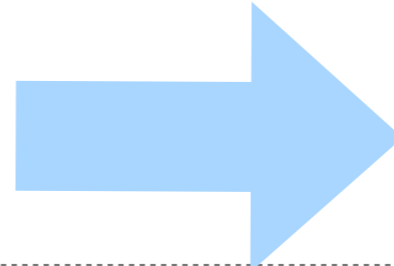
New Common Readout Unit (CRU), based on PCIe40 card



RUN 3 DAQ: ONLINE RECONSTRUCTION



Higher rates with smaller data?

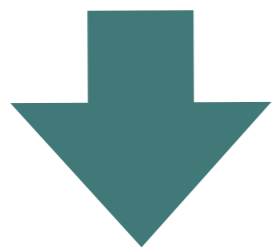


Store reconstruction, discard raw data

Very heterogeneous system

- Synchronous, with continuous data
 - Data compression in FPGA/CPU
 - 30s to analyse 20ms-time frame

- Asynchronous, reconstruction in GPUs
 - 250 EPN servers with 8 GPU-cards
 - Require large-memory GPUs!



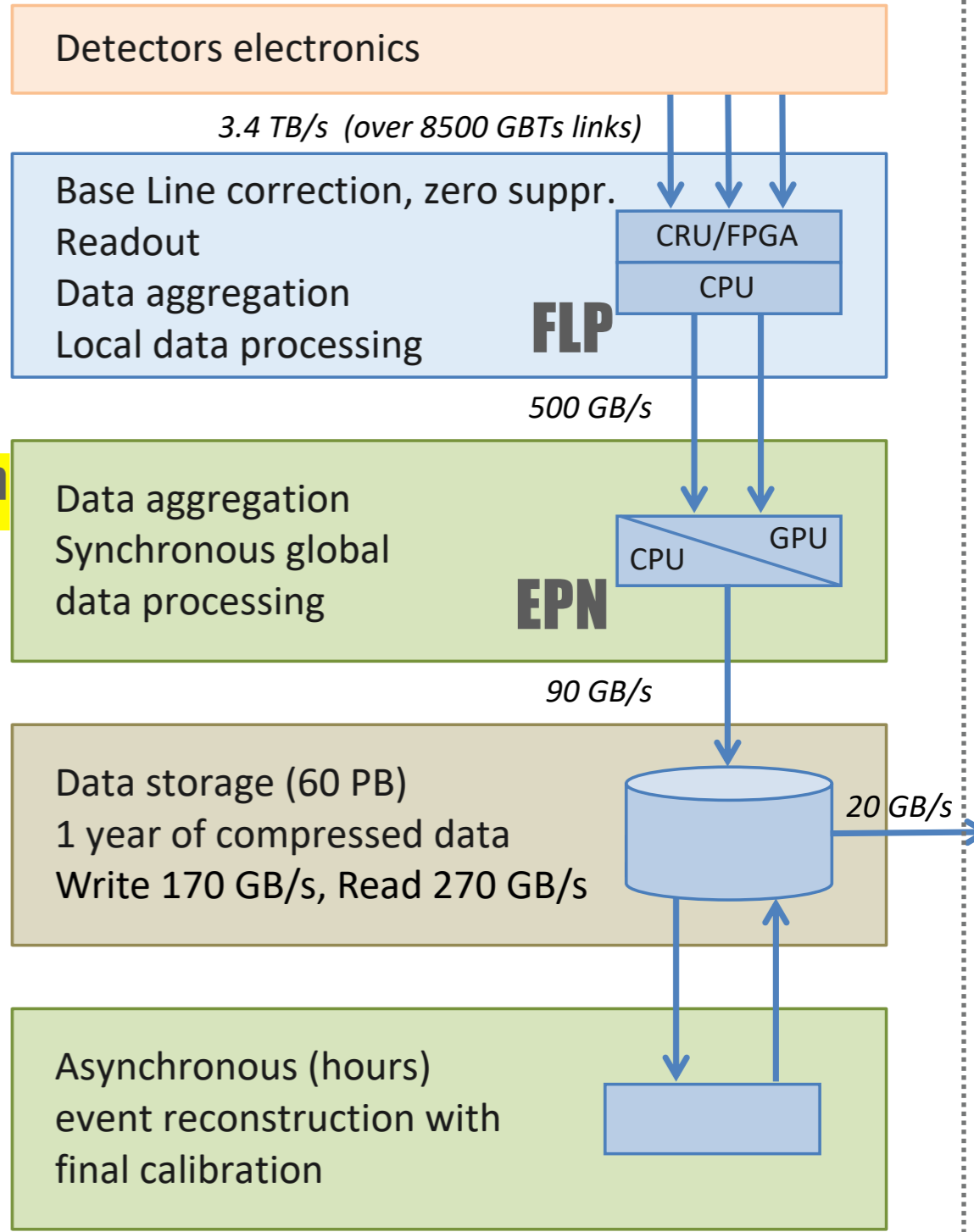
O² system

- Common online/offline software
 - Same calibrations and resources

Data reduction
Calibration 0

Data aggregation
Reconstruction
Calibration 1

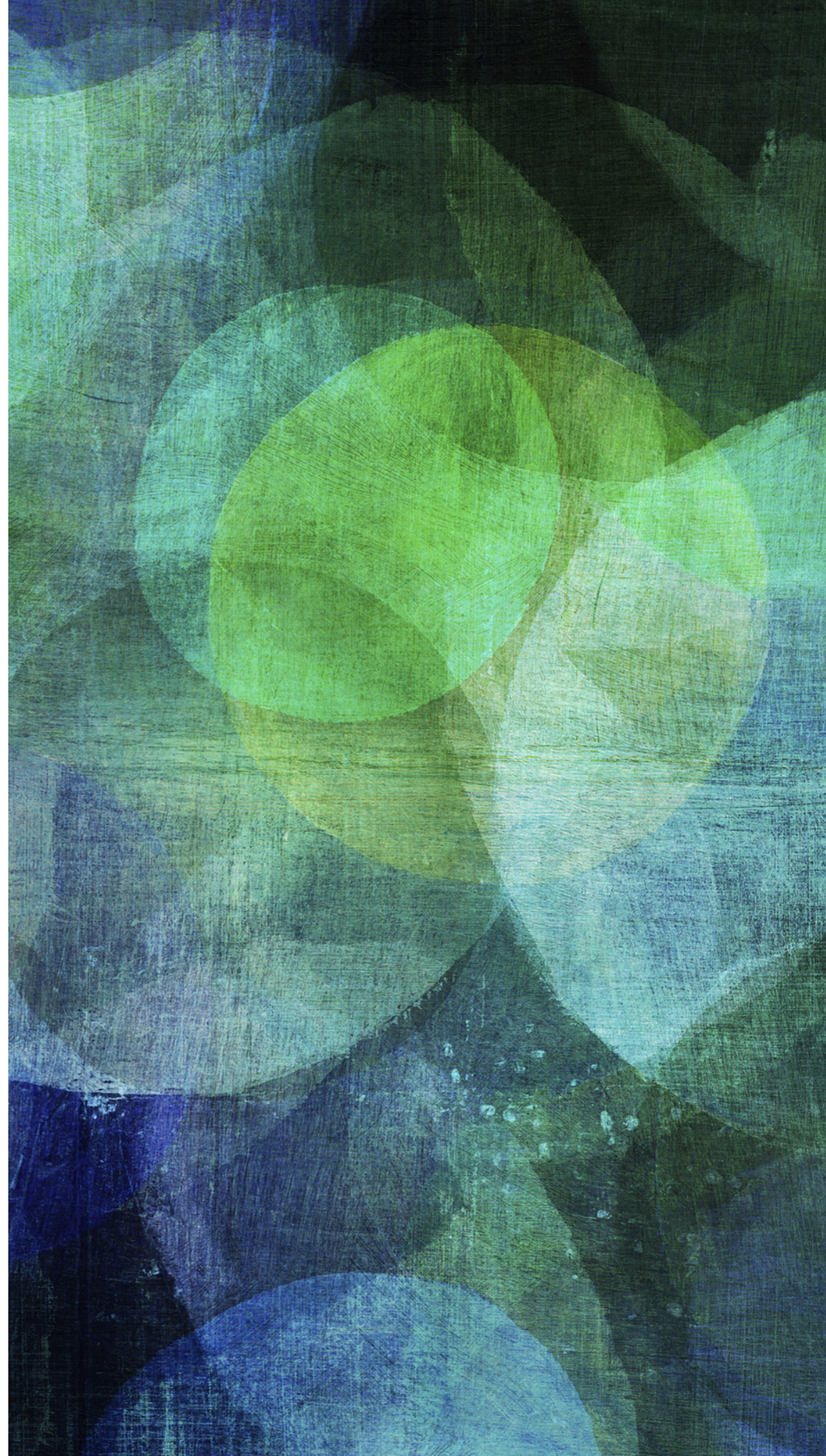
More
reconstruction
Calibration 2



SUMMARY OF THE SUMMARIES

- **LHC experiments are among the largest and most complex TDAQ systems in HEP, to cope with a very difficult environment (always top LHC Luminosity)**
- **Continuous upgrade following the LHC luminosity, with different approaches**
 - **ATLAS/CMS** high-rate readout and Event Building, based on robust trigger selections
 - **LHCb** pioneer online-offline merging with large data throughputs
 - **ALICE** drives the GPU evolution and data compression
- **With a general trend, towards higher bandwidths and commodity HW**
 - Scalability not obvious. Challenge remains for front-end and back-end technologies and efficient (cost, time, power) computing farms
 - Moore's law still valid for processors but needs more effort to be exploited
- **Each experiment trying to gain advantage from others' developments**
 - joined efforts already started for hardware/software
 - sometimes stealing ideas (“... but we can do better than that...”)

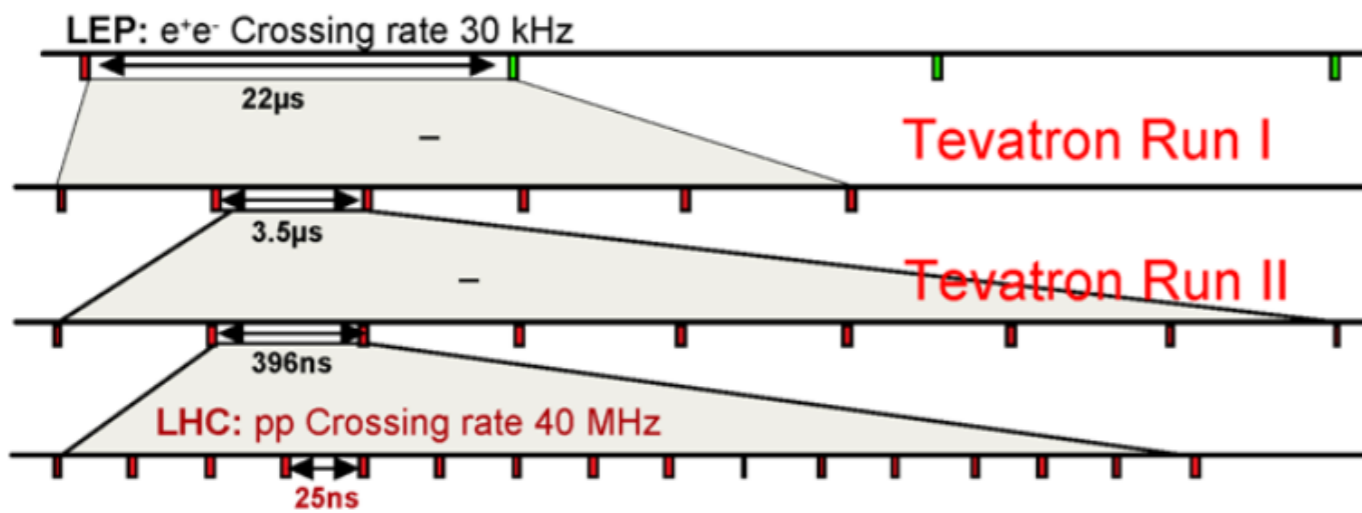
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LHC: THE SOURCE

The clock source

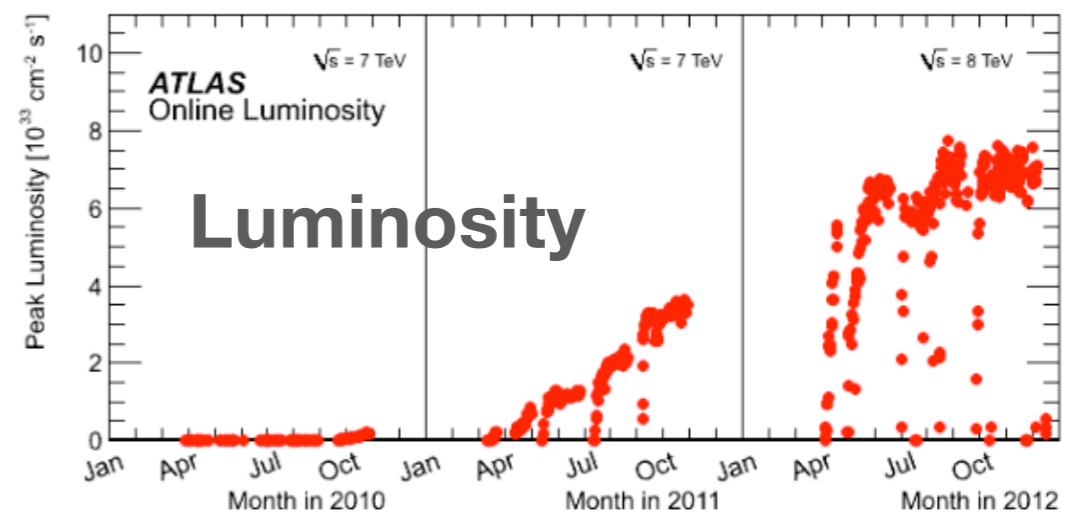
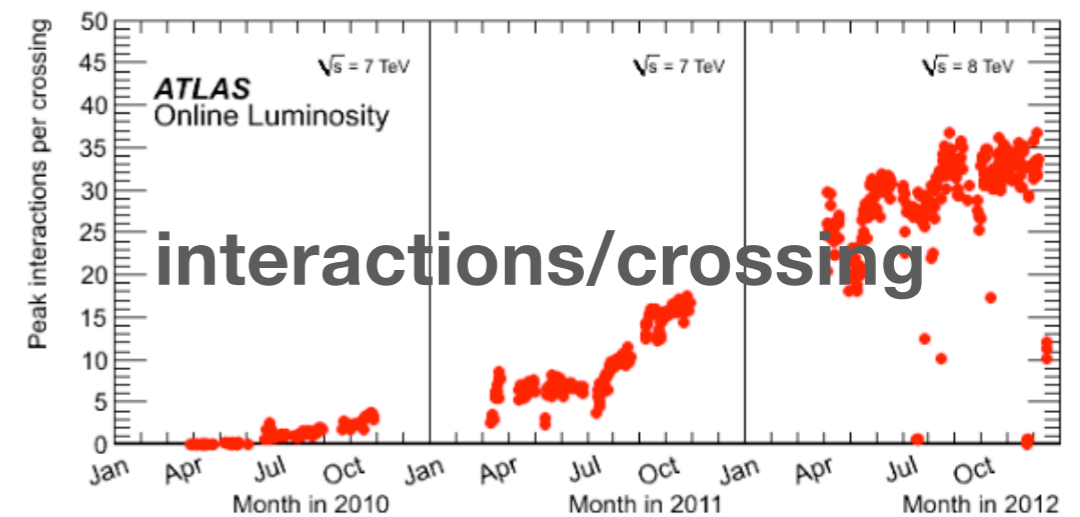
- ~3600 bunches in 27km
- distance bw bunches: $27\text{km}/3600 = 7.5\text{m}$
- distance bw bunches in time: $7.5\text{m}/c = 25\text{ns}$



At full Luminosity, every 25ns,
~23 superimposed p-p
interaction events

The pile-up source

- more collisions/bunch crossing:
~23 at design luminosity



PIPELINED TRIGGERS

- **Allow trigger decision longer than clock tick (and no deadtime)**
 - Execute trigger selection in defined clocked steps (**fixed latency**)
 - Intermediate storage in stacked buffer cells
 - R/W pointers are moved by clock frequency

- **Tight design constraints for trigger/FE**

- **Analog/digital pipelines**

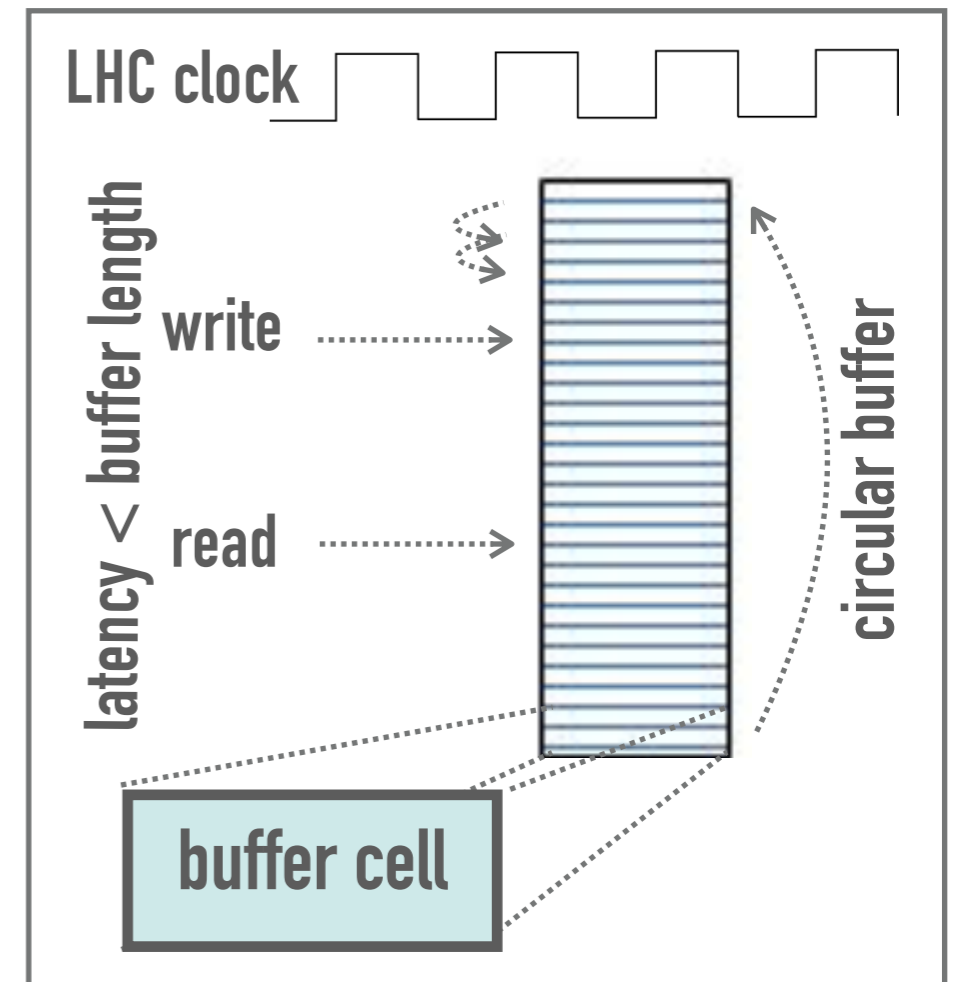
- Analog: built from switching capacitors
- Digital: registers/FIFO/...

- **Full digitisation before/after L1A**

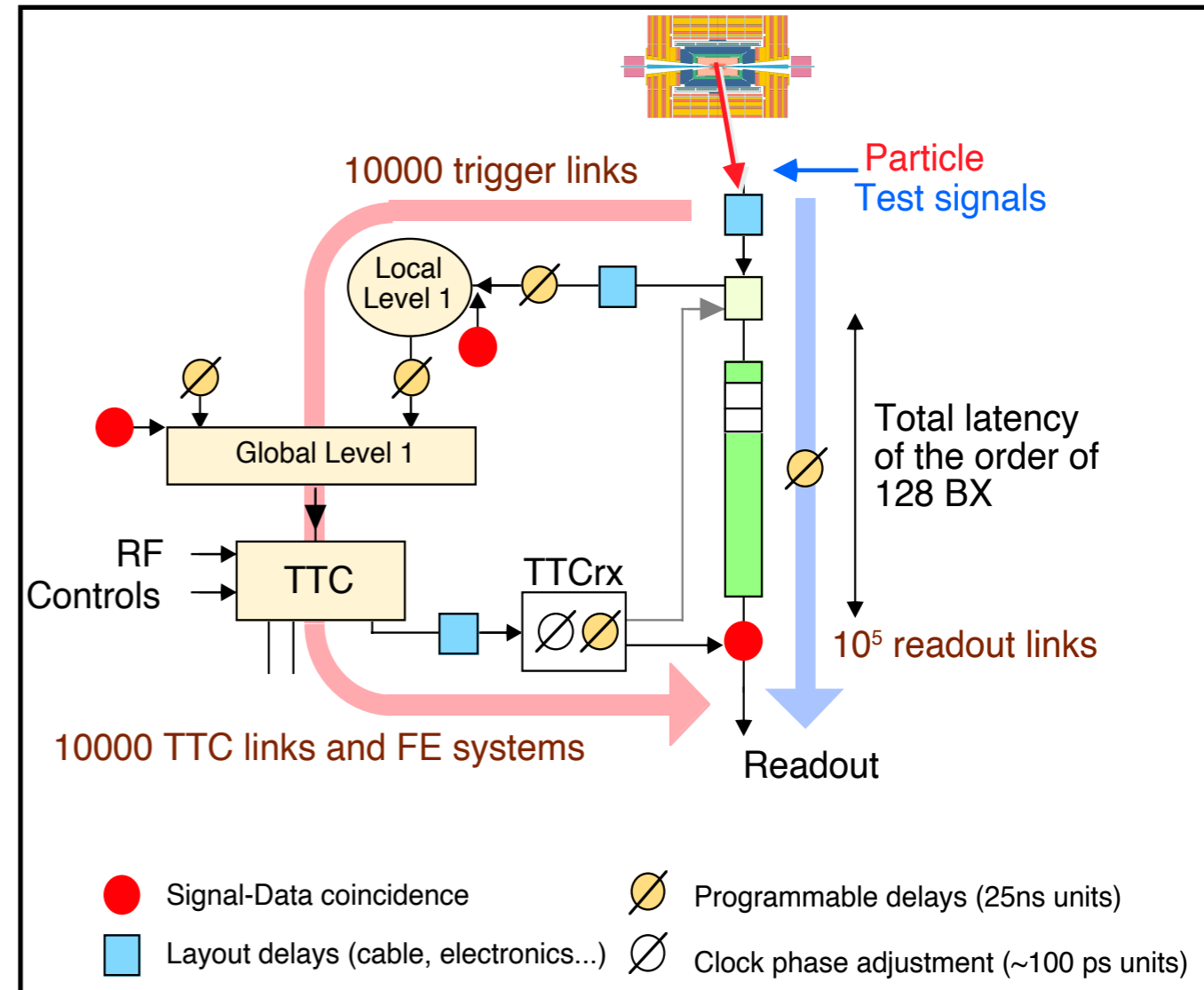
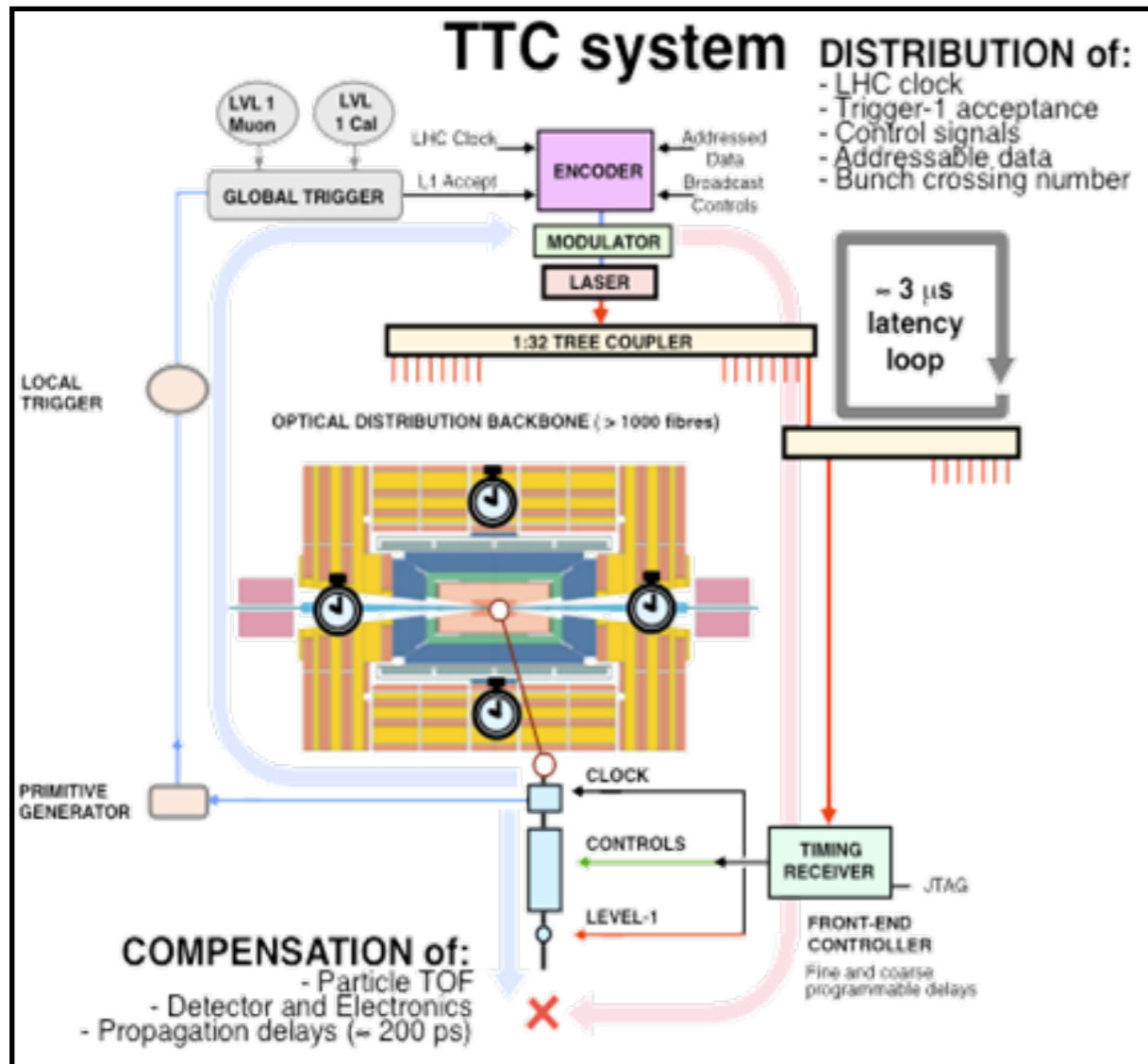
- Fast DC converters (power consumption!)

- **Additional complication: synchronisation**

- BC counted and reset at each LHC turn
- large optical time distribution system



LOCAL TIMING AND ADJUSTMENTS

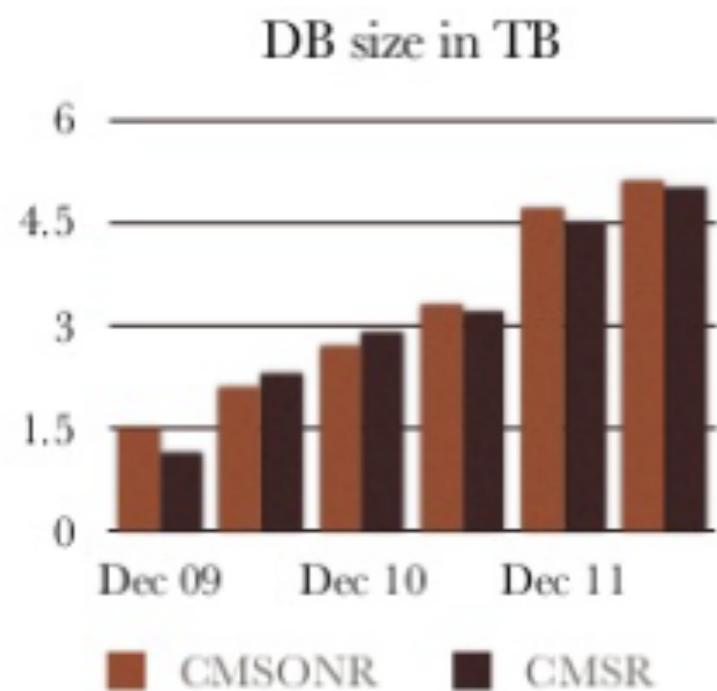


- ➔ **Common optical system: TTC**
 - ➔ radiation resistance
 - ➔ single high power laser
- ➔ **Large distribution**
 - ➔ experiments with $\sim 10^7$ channels

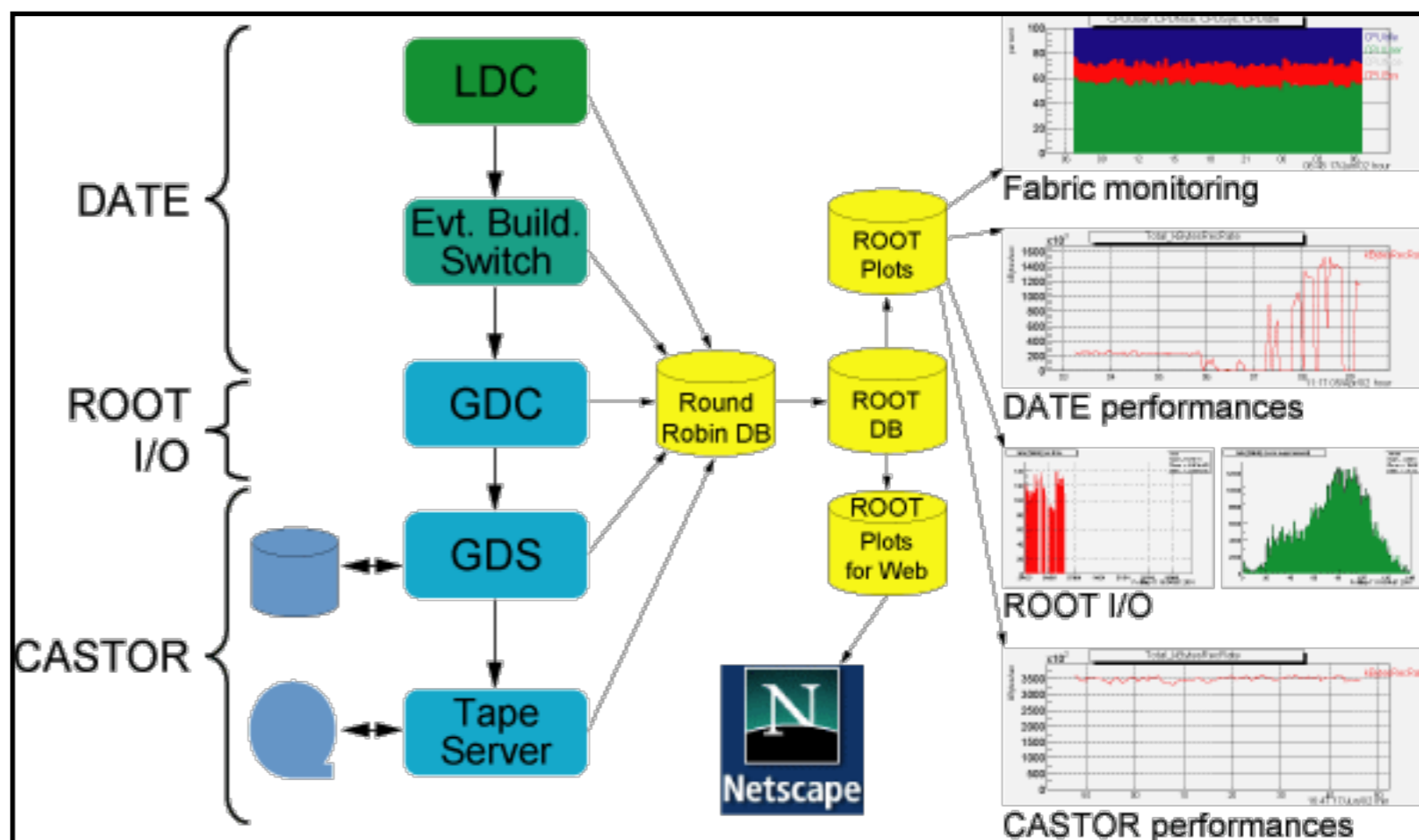
- ➔ **Align readout & trigger at (better than) 25ns and correct for**
 - ➔ time of flight (25 ns ≈ 7.5 m)
 - ➔ cable delays (10cm/ns)
 - ➔ processing delays (~ 100 BCs)

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

- ➔ **Multiple Databases: configuration, condition, both online and offline**
 - ➔ Use (Frontier) caches to minimise access to Oracle servers
- ➔ **Monitoring and system administration**
 - ➔ thousands of nodes and network connections
 - ➔ advanced tools of monitoring and management
 - ➔ support software updates and rolling replacement of hardware



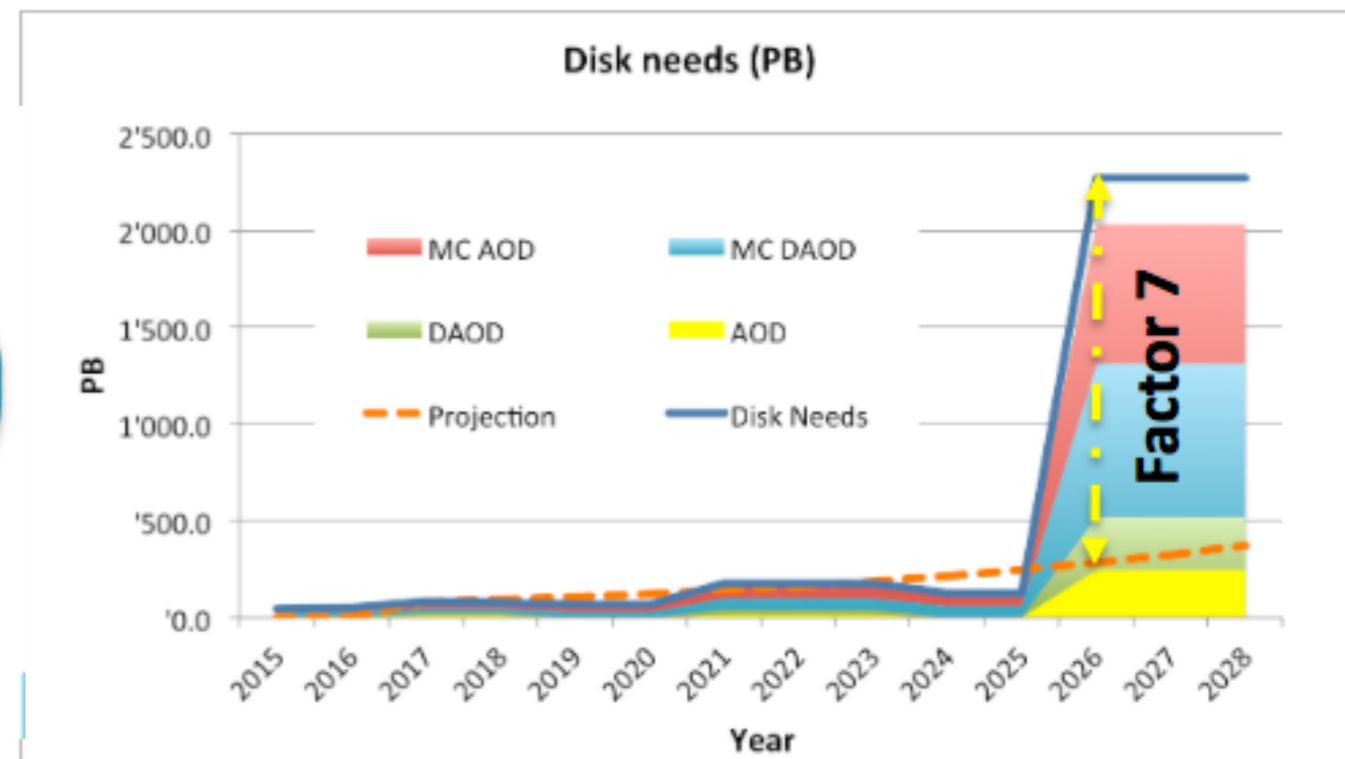
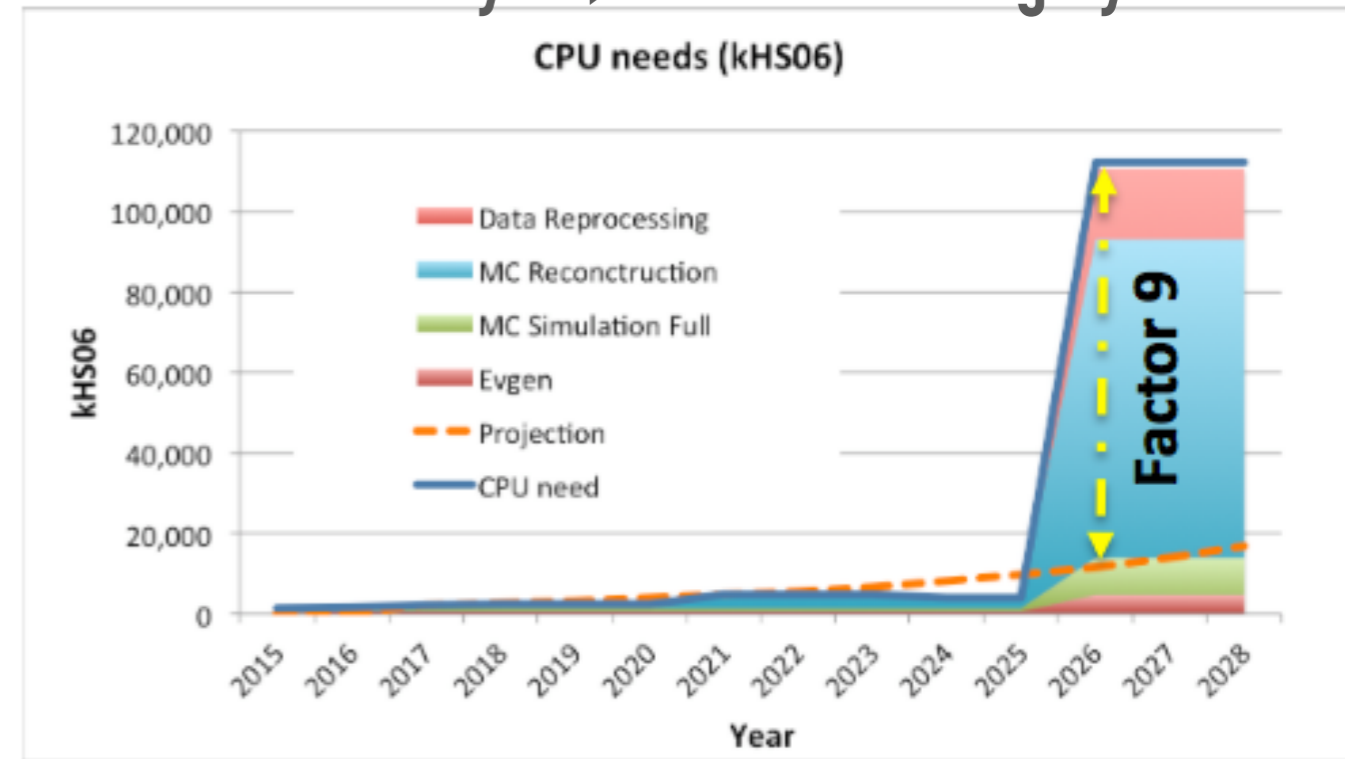
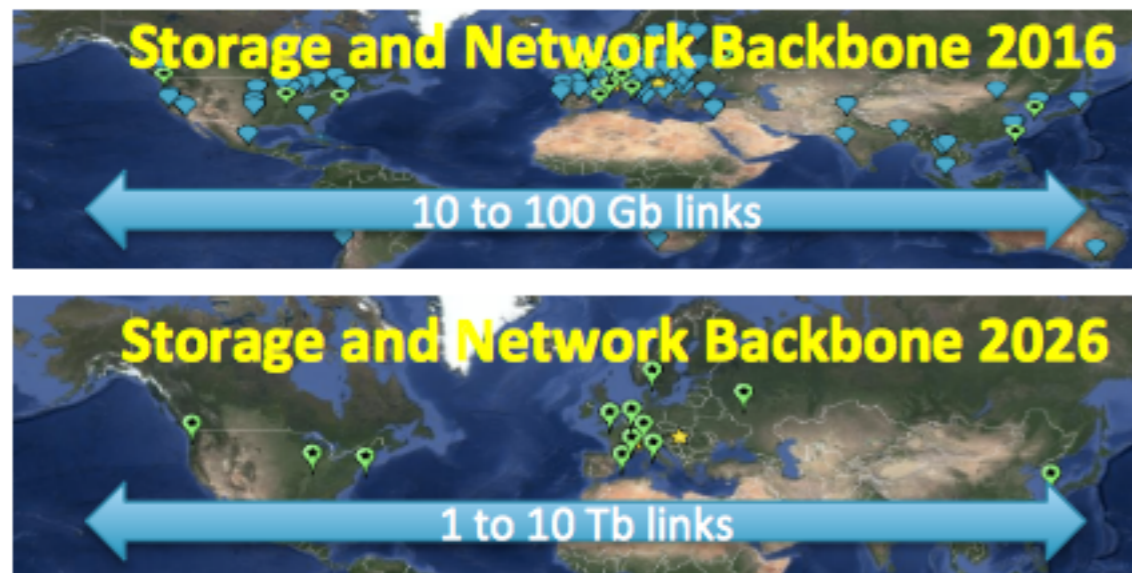
CMS DB grows about 1.5TB/year,
condition data only a small fraction



COMPUTING EVOLUTION FOR HL-LHC

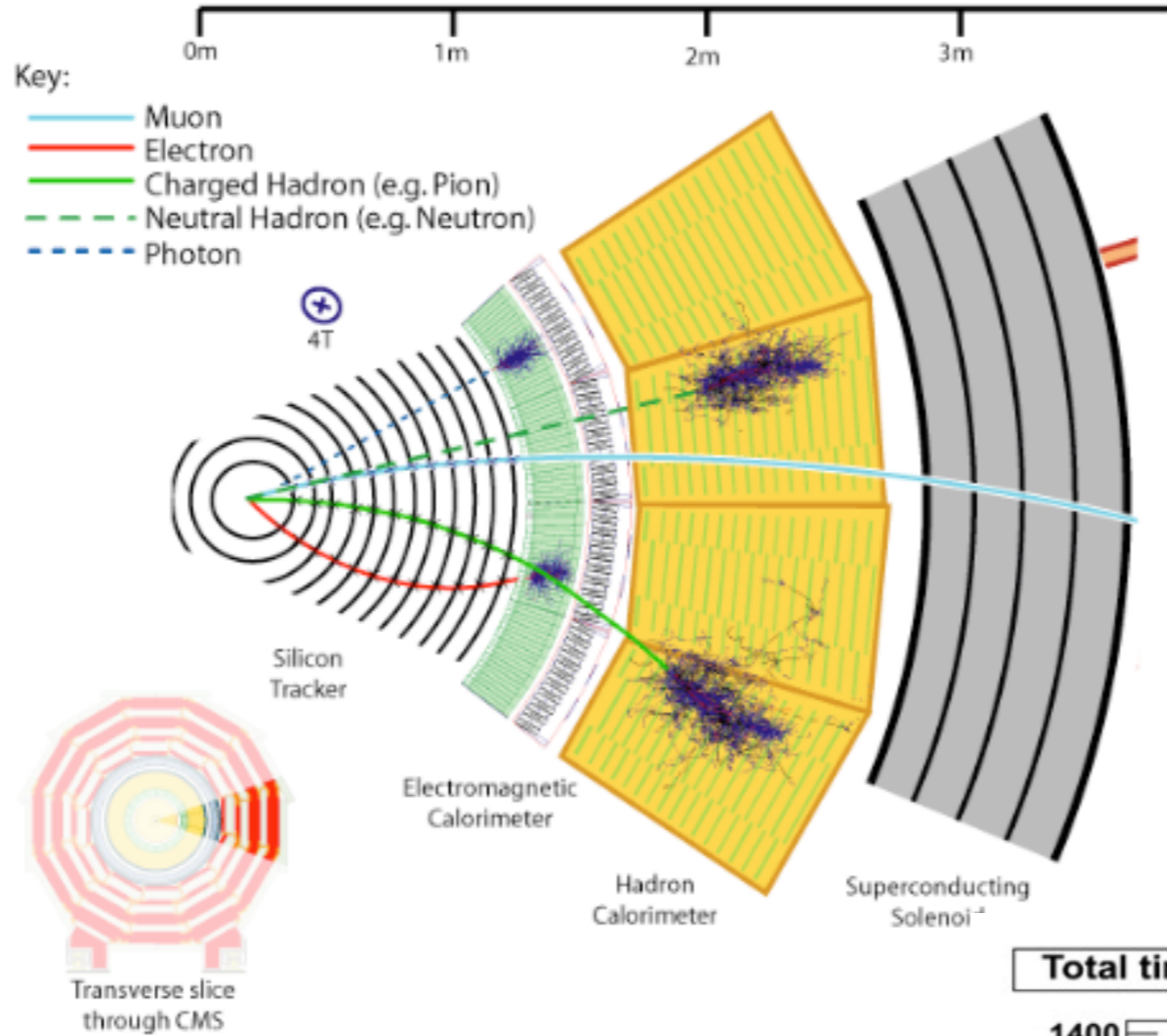
- ➔ Re-thinking of distributed data management, distributed storage and data access.
- ➔ A network driven data model allows to reduce the amount of storage, particularly for disk
 - ➔ Tape today costs 4 times less than disk
- ➔ **Computing infrastructure in HL-LHC**
 - ➔ Network-centric infrastructure
 - ➔ Storage and computing loosely coupled
 - ➔ Storage on fewer data centers in WLCG
 - ➔ Heterogeneous computing facilities (Grid/Cloud/HPC/ ...) everywhere

Projection of available resources in HL-LHC:
20% more CPU/year, 15% more storage/year



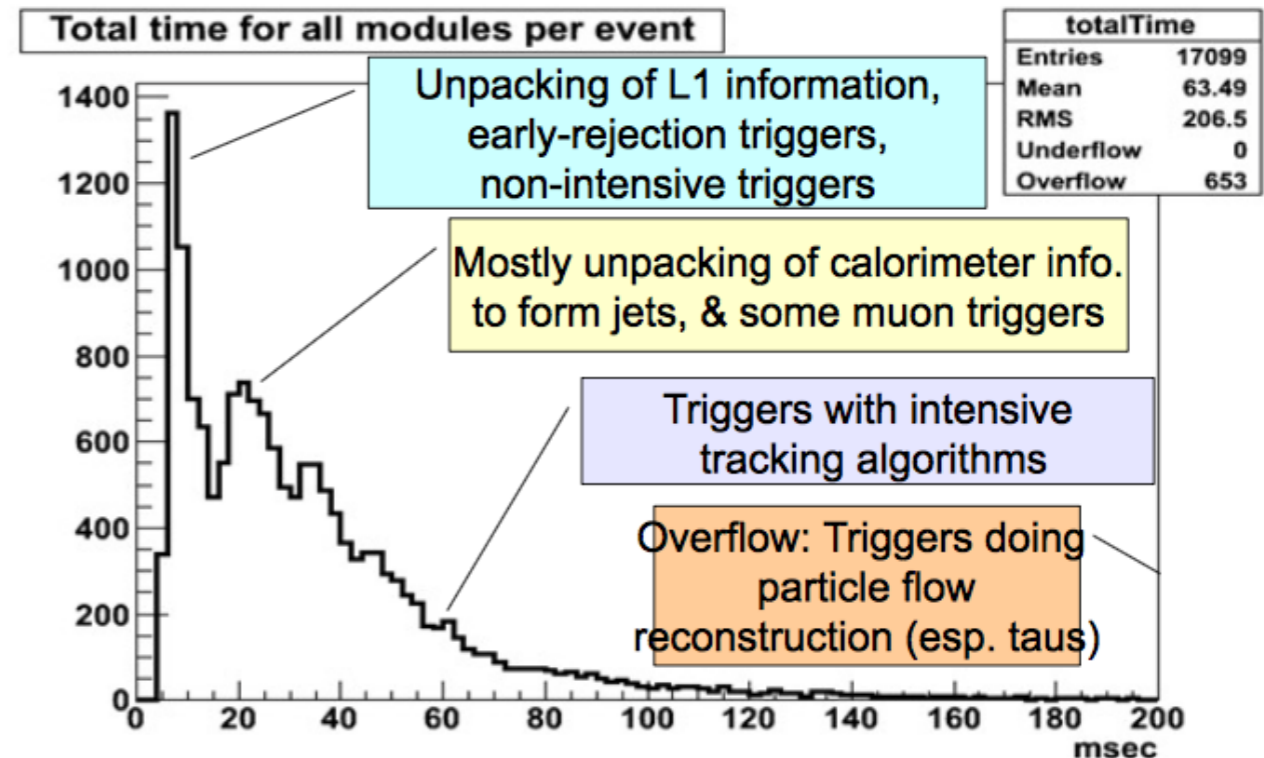
CALORIMETER TRIGGERS

electrons,
 photons, taus,
 jets,
 total energy,
 missing energy
 Isolation

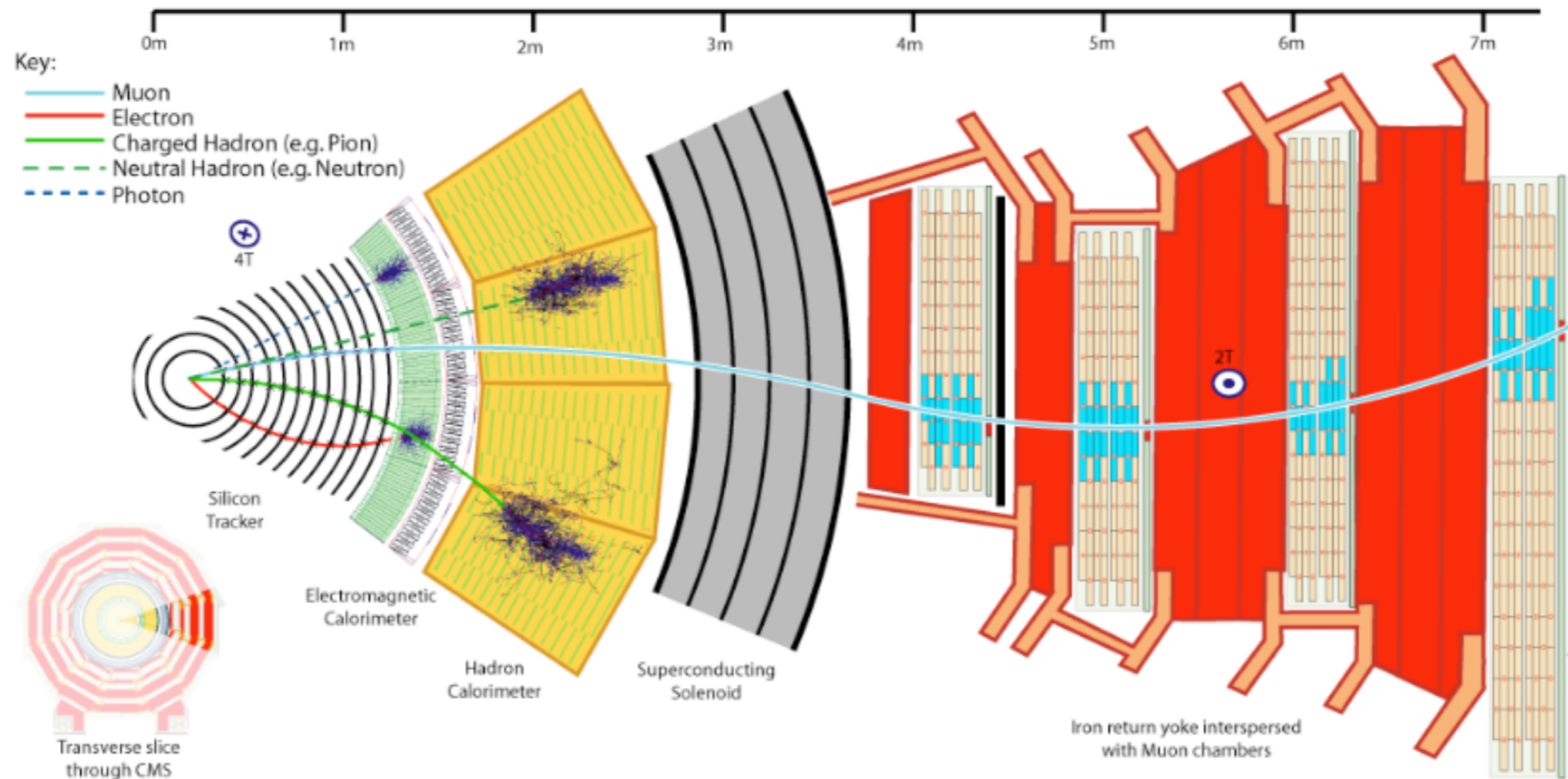


- ➔ Fast and good resolution (LArg, PbW₄ for e-m)
- ➔ First-level processing (40MHz)
 - ➔ “trigger towers” to reduce data (10-bit range)
 - ➔ sliding-window technique for local maxima
 - ➔ parallel algorithms for cluster shape and energy distribution

- ➔ High-level processing (100 kHz)
 - ➔ regional tracking in the inner detectors
 - ➔ bremsstrahlung recovery
 - ➔ measure activity in cones (with tracks/clusters) to isolate e/jets
 - ➔ jet algorithms



TRIGGERS FOR MUONS



➔ Dedicated detectors:

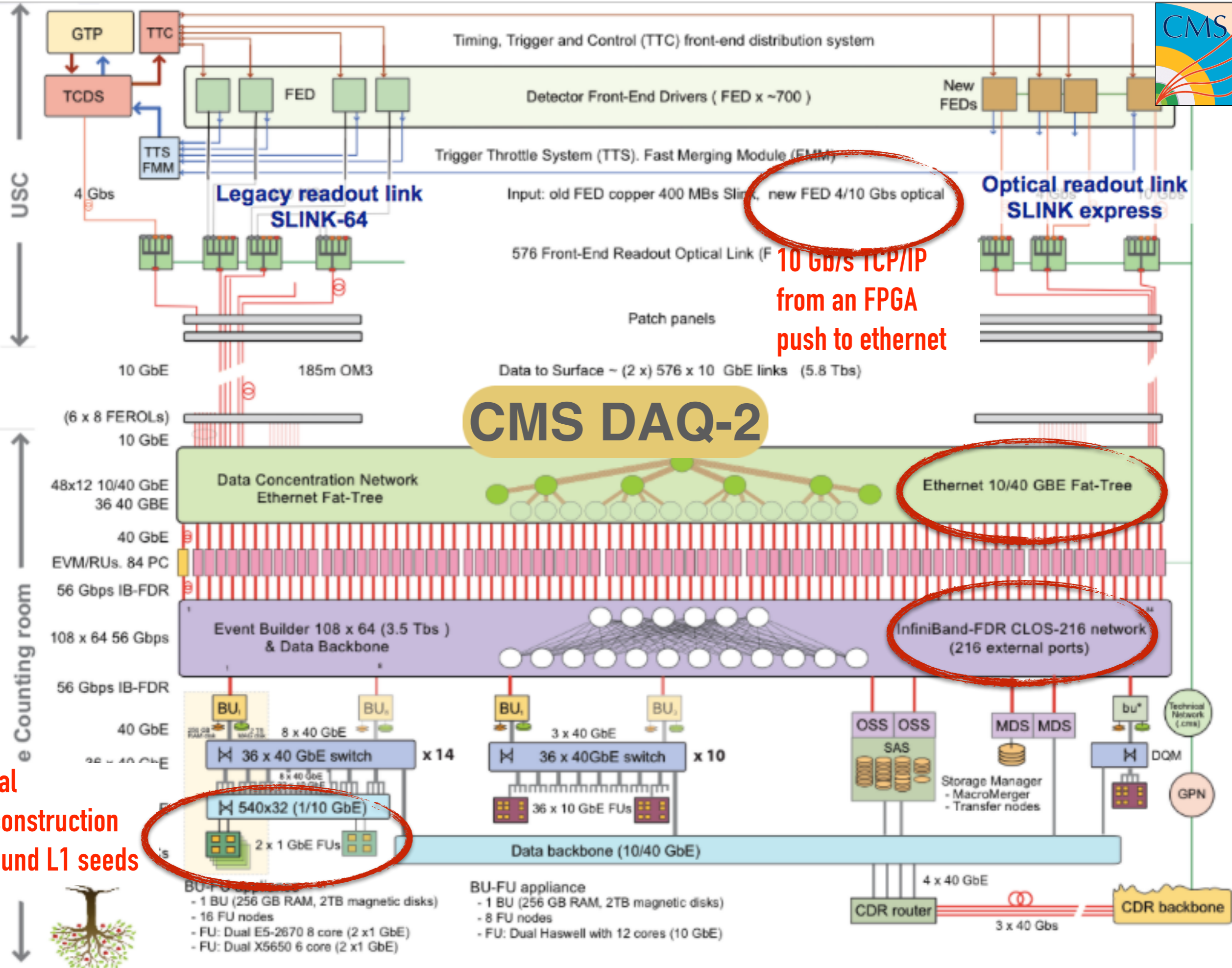
- ➔ low occupancy for fast pattern recognition
- ➔ optimal time-resolution for BC-identification

➔ L1 processing (40 MHz)

- ➔ pattern matching with patterns stored in buffers
- ➔ simplified fit of track segments

➔ High level processing (100 kHz)

- ➔ full detector resolutions
- ➔ match segments with tracks in the ID
- ➔ isolation



CMS DAQ-2

10 Gb/s TCP/IP from an FPGA push to ethernet

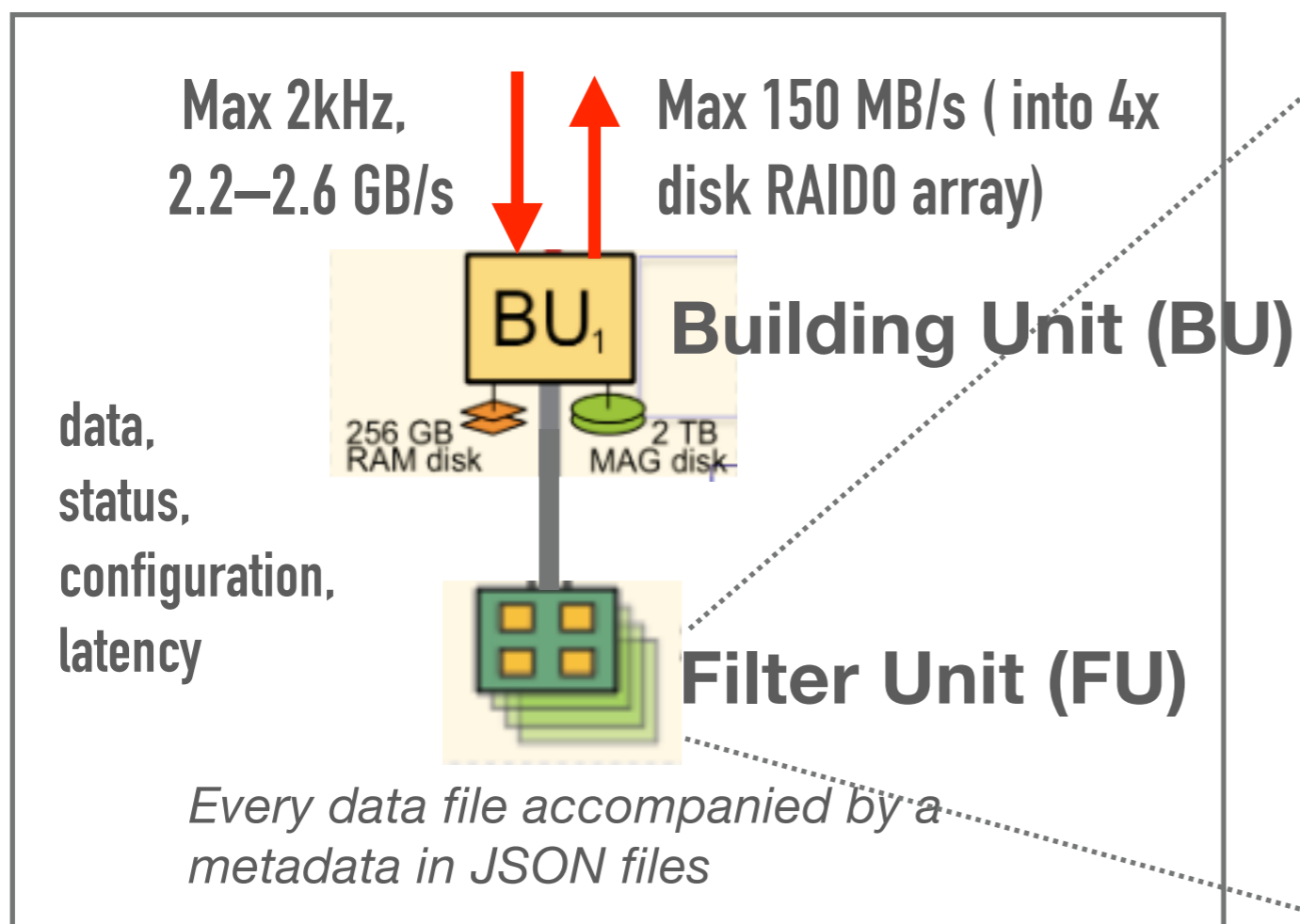
Ethernet 10/40 GbE Fat-Tree

InfiniBand-FDR CLOS-216 network (216 external ports)

local reconstruction around L1 seeds

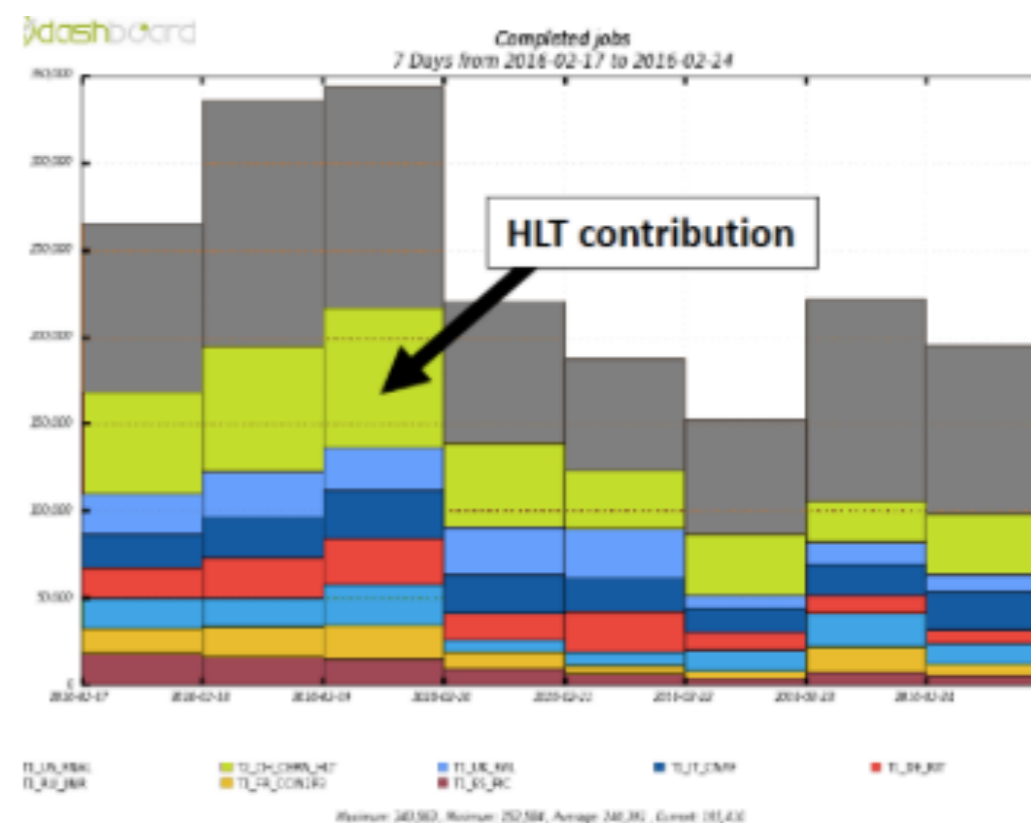


Full readout, but regional reconstruction in HLT seeded by L1 trigger objects



Integrated Cloud capability (New!)

- ➔ Added ability to run WLCG grid jobs in FUs during stops/interfill



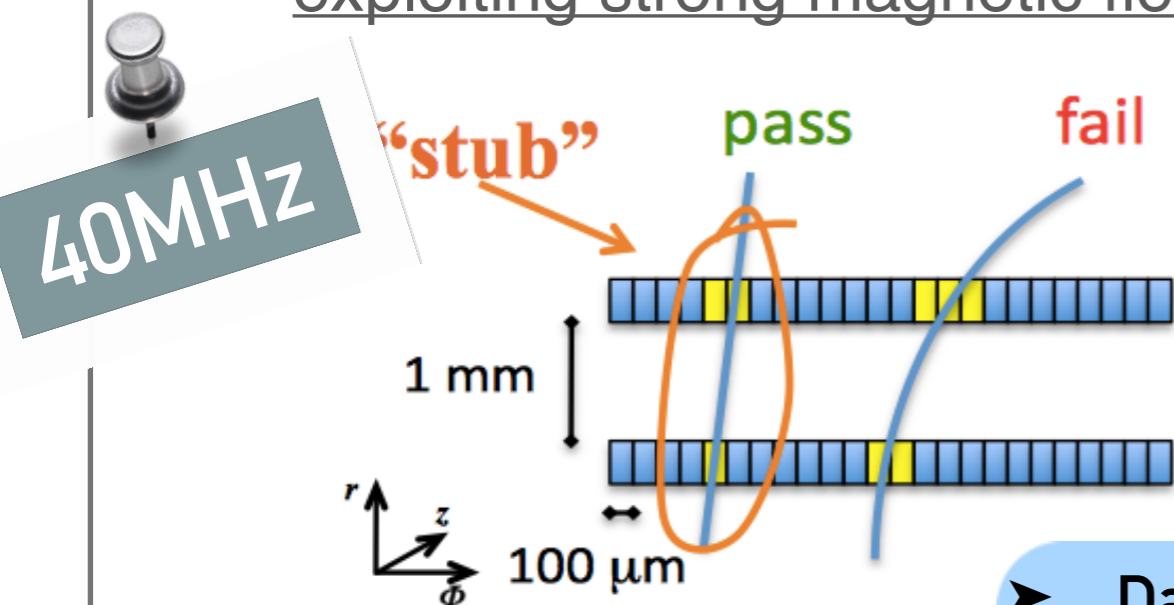
File-based communication

- ➔ HLT and DAQ completely decoupled
- ➔ Network filesystem used as transport (and resource arbitration) protocol (LUSTRE FS)

Track filtering (low p_T)

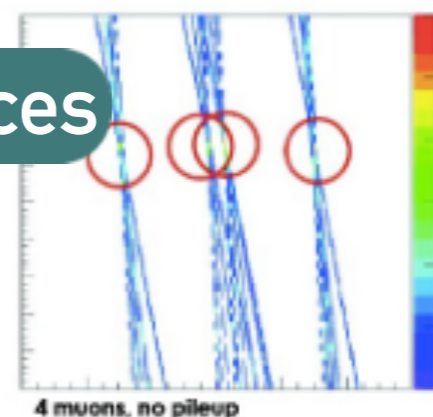
Reduce readout 40 \rightarrow 1 MHz by detector coincidences

- Special outer tracker modules
 - two layers of silicon at few mm
 - using cluster width and stacked trackers
- Design tracker to have coherent p_T threshold in the full volume
 - exploiting strong magnetic field of CMS

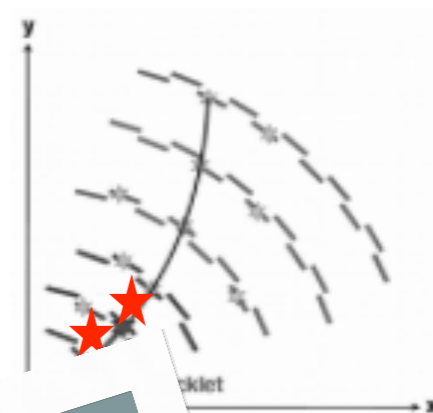


40MHz

Track finding options

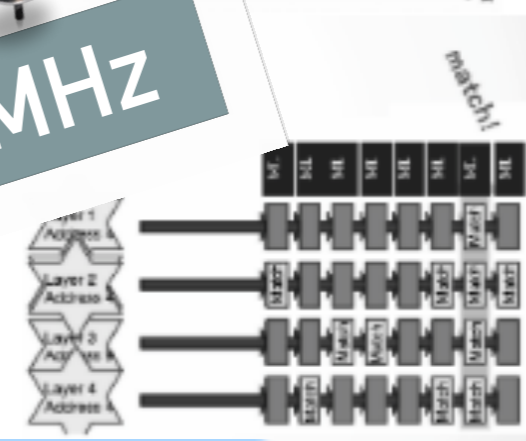


Hough Transform



Tracklets

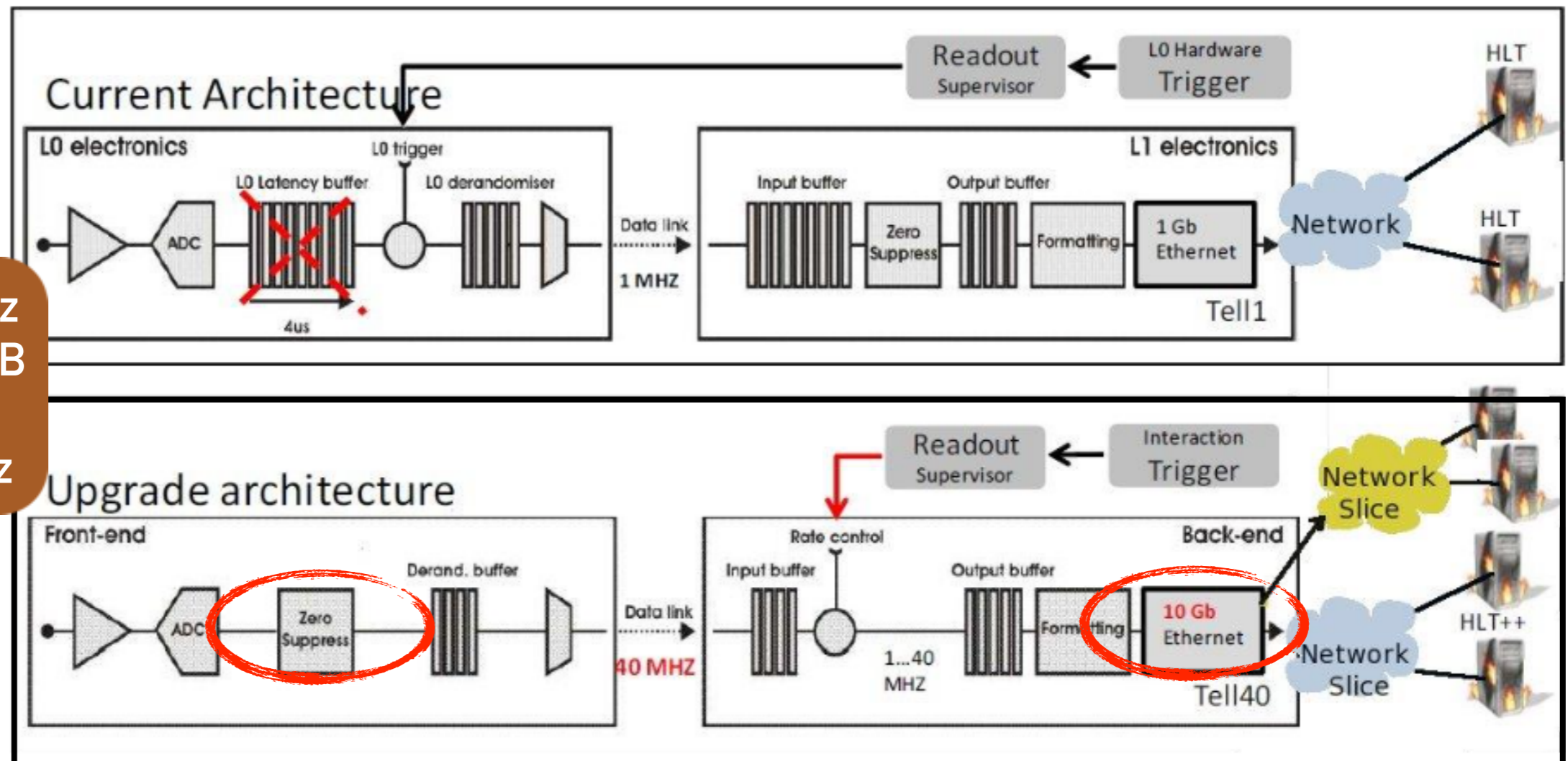
1MHz



Associative Memories

- Data rates > 50-100 Tbps
- Latency: 4+1 μ s
- Three R&D efforts: FPGA/ASIC

HOW TO LIVE WELL WITHOUT A L1 TRIGGER

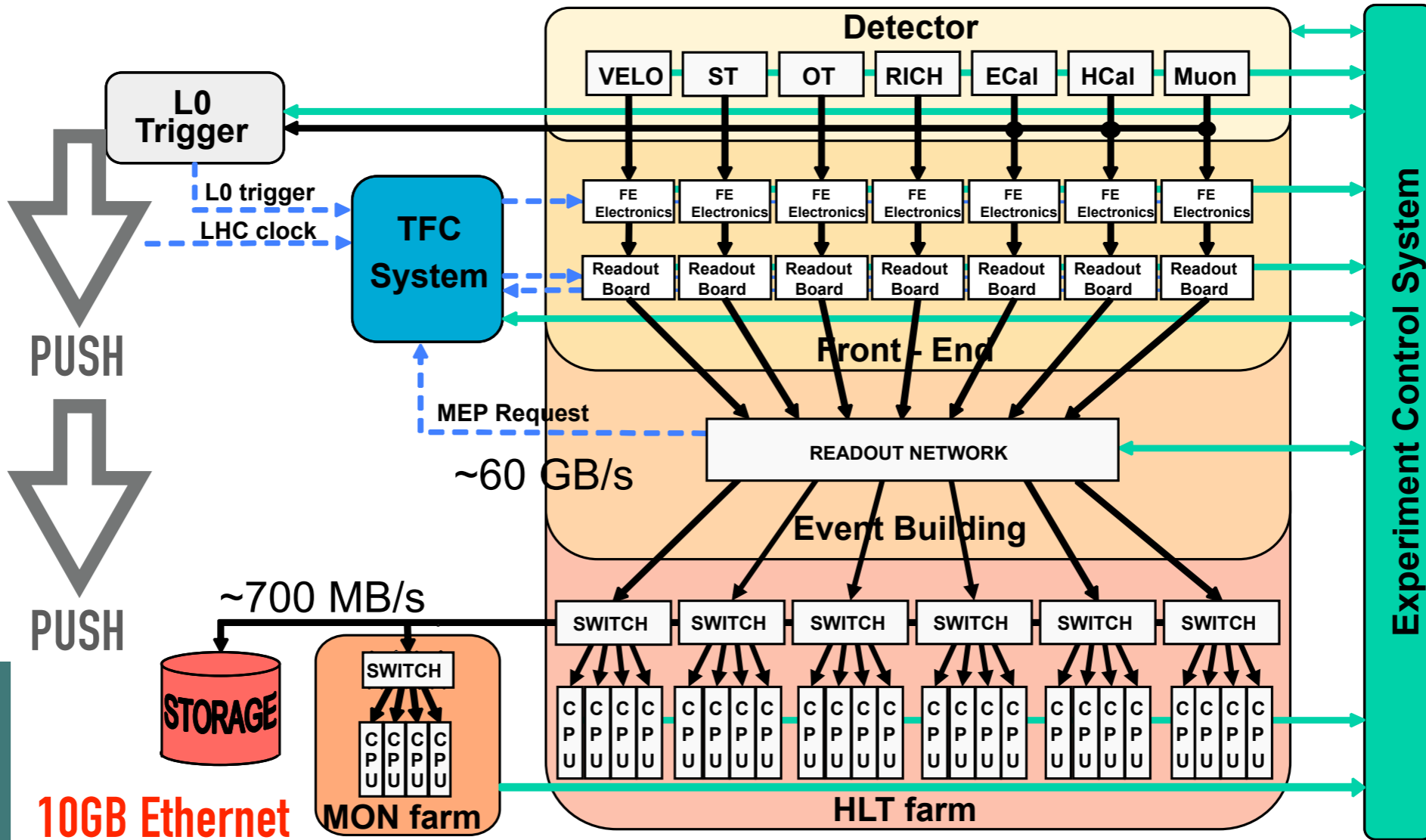


Readout: 40 MHz
Event size: 100kB
DAQ: 40 Tbit/s
Record: 100 kHz

- ➔ Need zero-suppressing on front-end electronics
- ➔ A single, high performance, custom FPGA-card (PCIe40)
 - ➔ $8800 (\# \text{ VL}) * 4.48 \text{ Gbit/s (wide mode)} \Rightarrow 40 \text{ Tbps}$
- ➔ Single board up to 100 Gbits/s (to match DAQ links in 2018)
- ➔ Event-builder with 100 Gbit/s technology and data centre-switches

TDAQ ARCHITECTURE IN RUN-2

Deep buffering in the readout network (overloaded x300 at LOA)



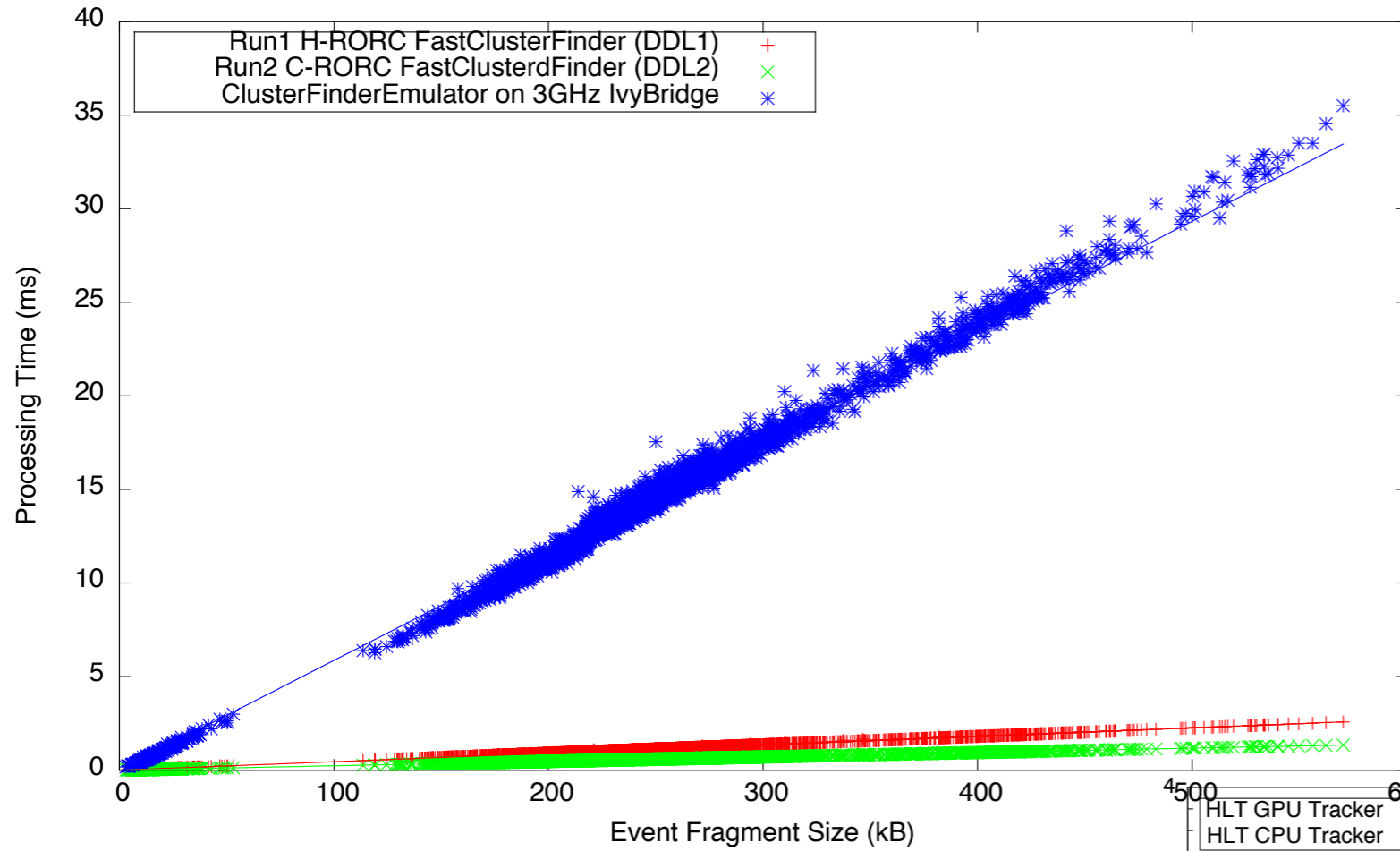
62 sub-farms, total 1780 nodes, with edge-routers (12 Gbps)

~700 MB/s
STORAGE
10GB Ethernet
MON farm

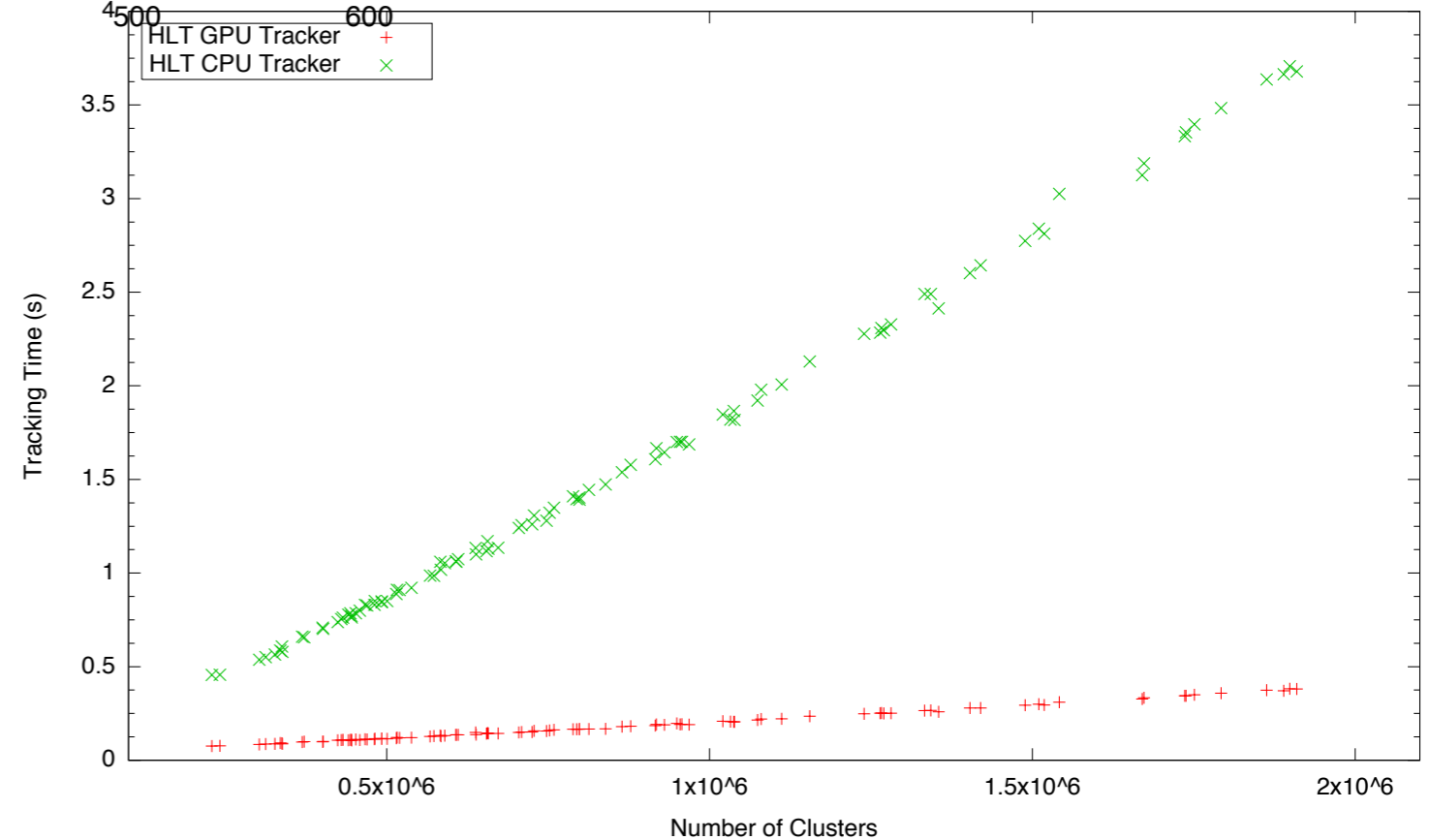
— Event data
- - - Timing and Fast Control Signals
— Control and Monitoring data

Average event size 60 kB
Average rate into farm 1 MHz
Average rate to tape ~12 kHz

- ➔ Small event, at high rate: ask for optimized transmission
 - ➔ TTC system is used to assign IP addresses to RO boards
 - ➔ Ethernet UDP, with 10-15 events packed ⇒ ~ 80 kHz

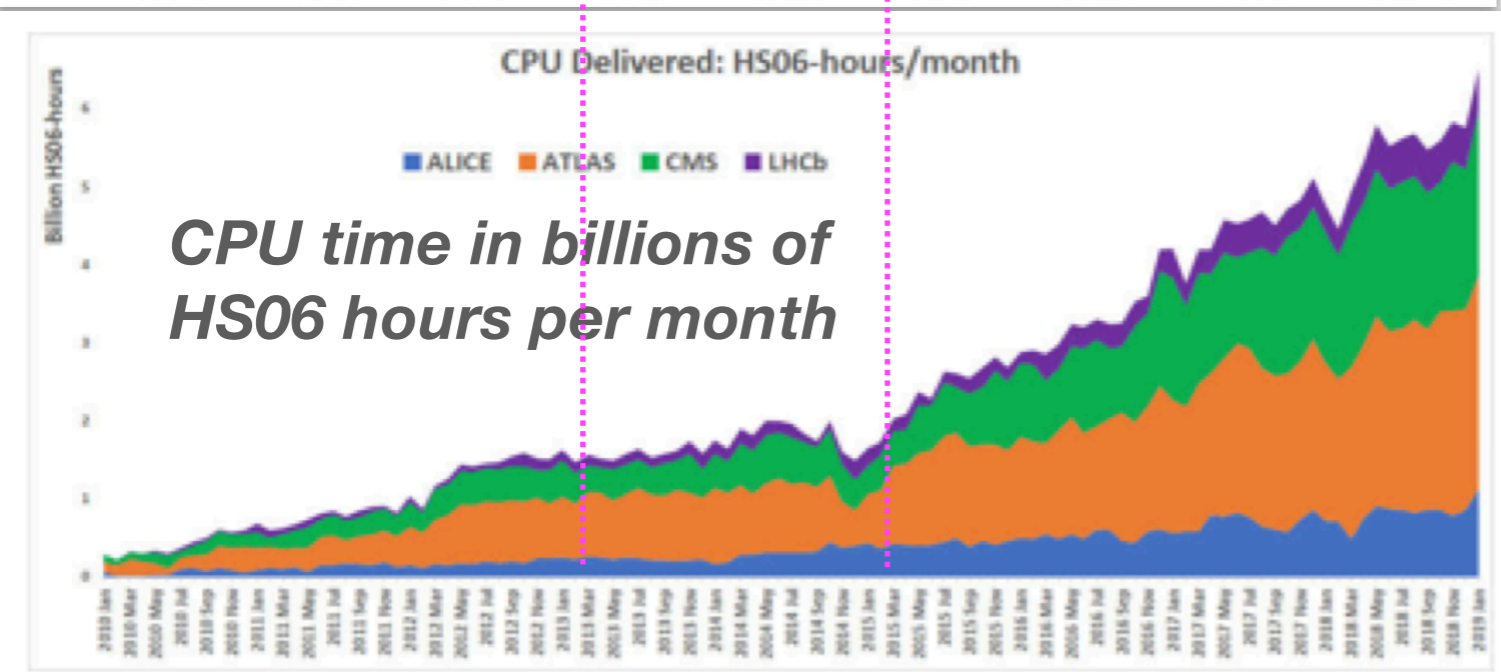
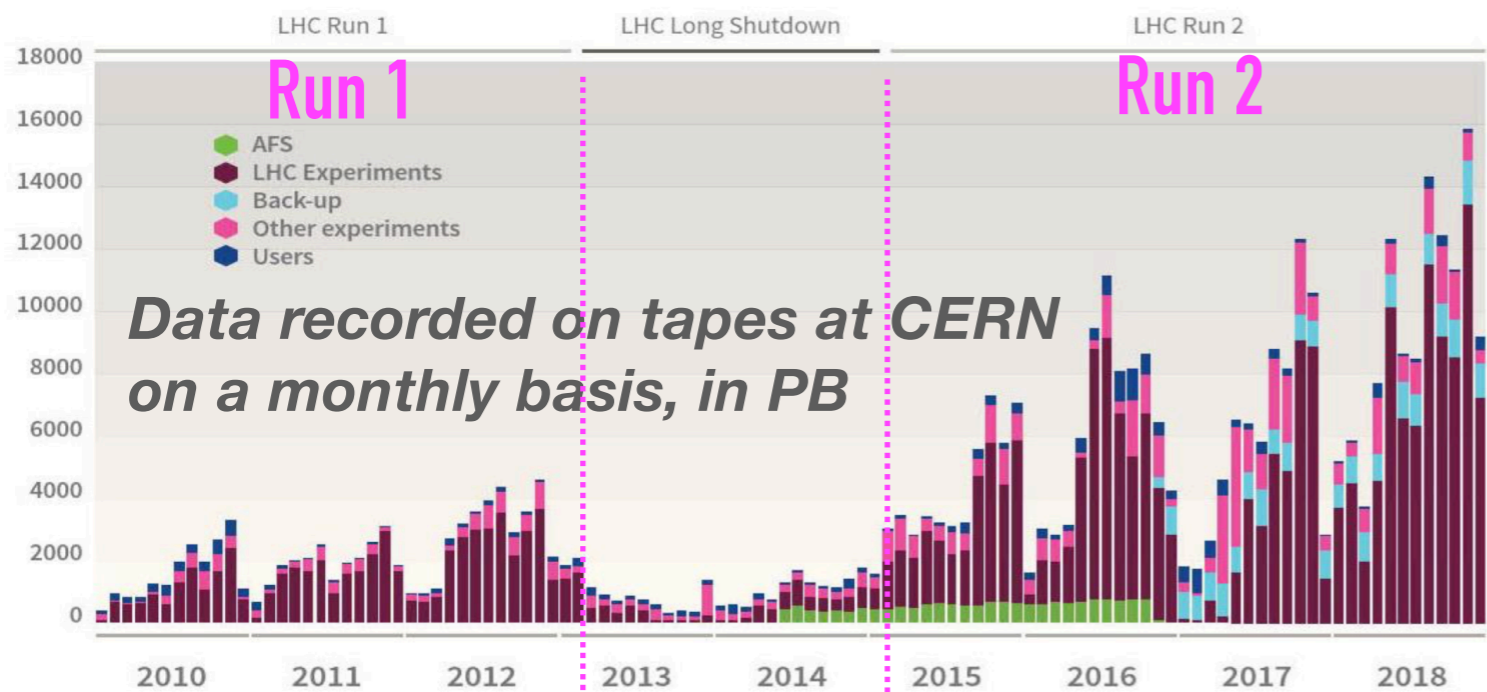


Tracking time of HLT TPC Cellular Automata tracker on Nehalem CPU (6Cores) and NVIDIA Fermi GPU.



Performance of the FPGA-based FastClusterFinder algorithm for DDL1 (Run1) and DDL2 (Run2) compared to the software implementation on a recent server PC.

LHC COMPUTING TOWARDS NEW PARADIGMS



Run1 + Run2

- **Data storage**
 - 339 PB on tapes, 173 PB on disks
- **Global CPU time delivered by Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG)**
 - about 900,000 cores

Run 3

- **Evolution of current technologies and current (flat) funding is ok**

Run 4

- **Linear increase of digitisation time**
- **Factorial increase of reconstruction time**
- **Larger events, lots of more memory**



see [Ref]

→ **Need factor 2-3 more storage and computing resources for HL-LHC**

→ new developments and R&D projects for data management and processing, SW multithreading, new computing models and data compression