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PSD TECHNOLOGIES FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS

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Apologies if I omitted your favorite detector!

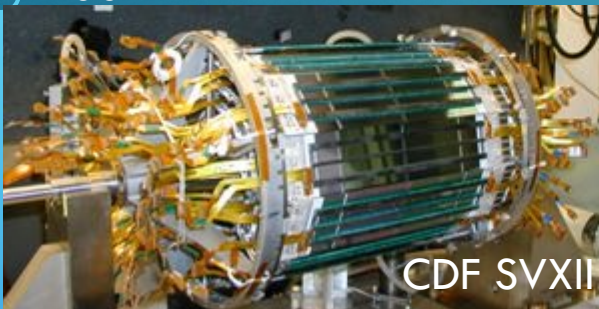
OUTLINE

- Suite of recent detectors
- Nearterm additions
- Future challenges

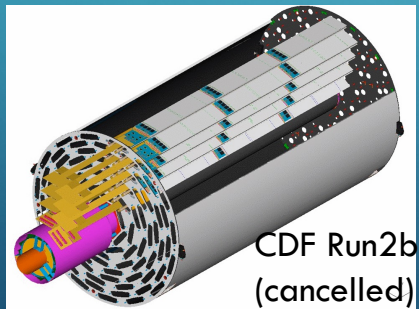
Disclaimer:

Major tracking technologies for particle physics experiments include gaseous and fiber-based detectors. Here I focus on silicon-based systems only.

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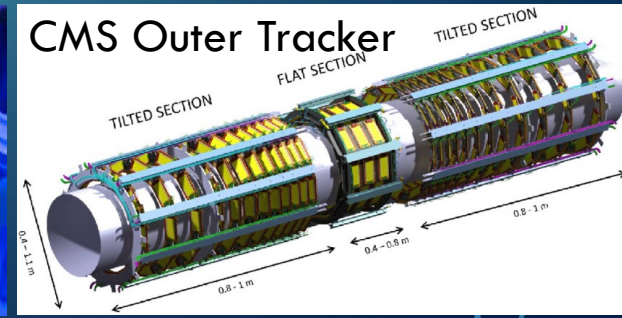
2008



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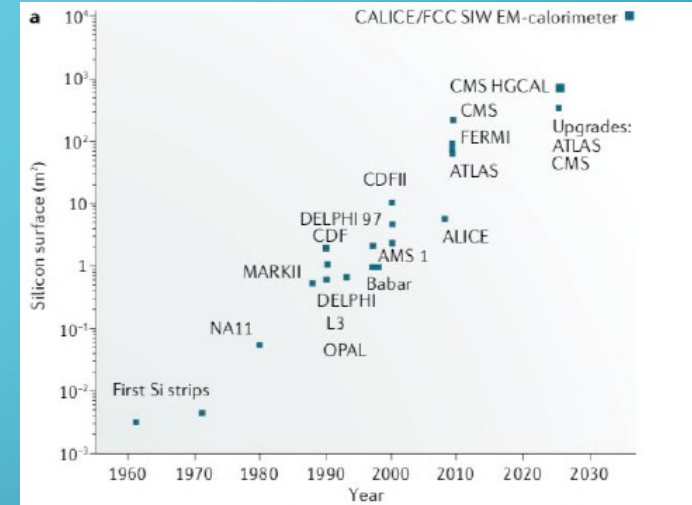


EVOLUTION OF SILICON TRACKERS FOR COLLIDERS

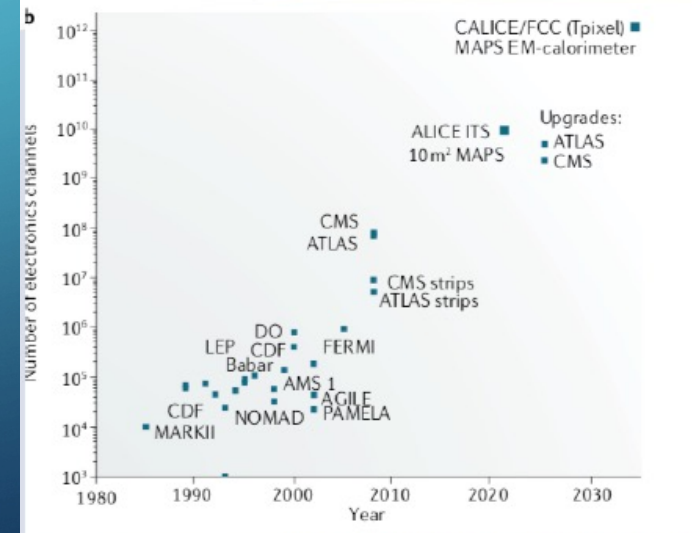
Dramatically increased challenges over the decades:

- Surface area
- Radiation exposure
- Readout channels

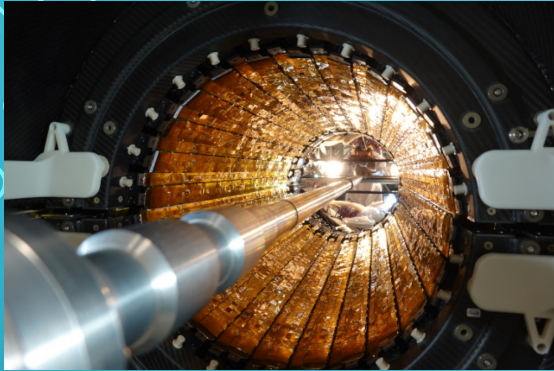
	HL-LHC Outer Pixel	HL-LHC Inner Pixel	FCC pp
NIEL [n_{eq}/cm^2]	10^{15}	10^{16}	$10^{15}-10^{17}$
TID	80 Mrad	2x500 Mrad	>1 Grad
Hit rate [MHz/cm ²]	100-200	2000	200-20000



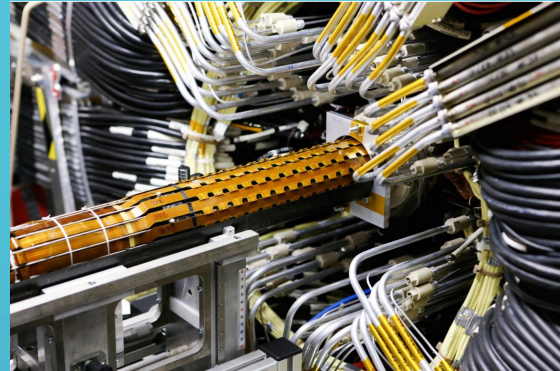
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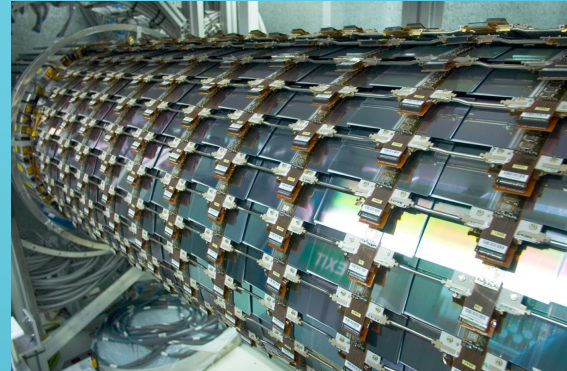
SILICON TRACKERS AT THE LHC



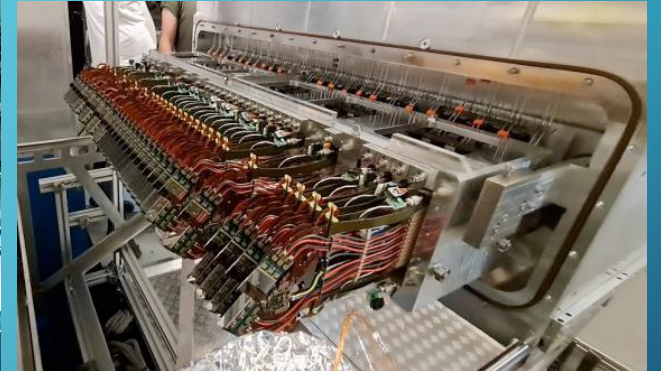
ALICE ITS Pixels



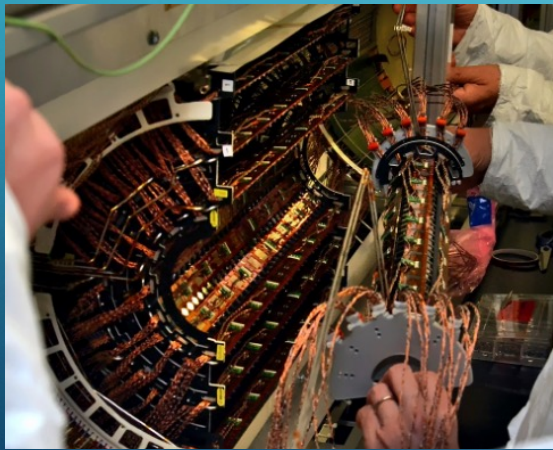
ATLAS Pixels with IBL



ATLAS SCT Strips



LHCb VELO Pixels



CMS Barrel Pixels



CMS Forward Pixels

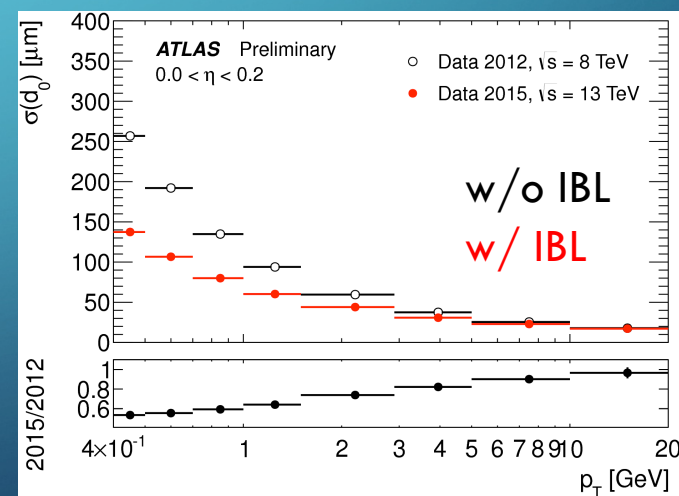
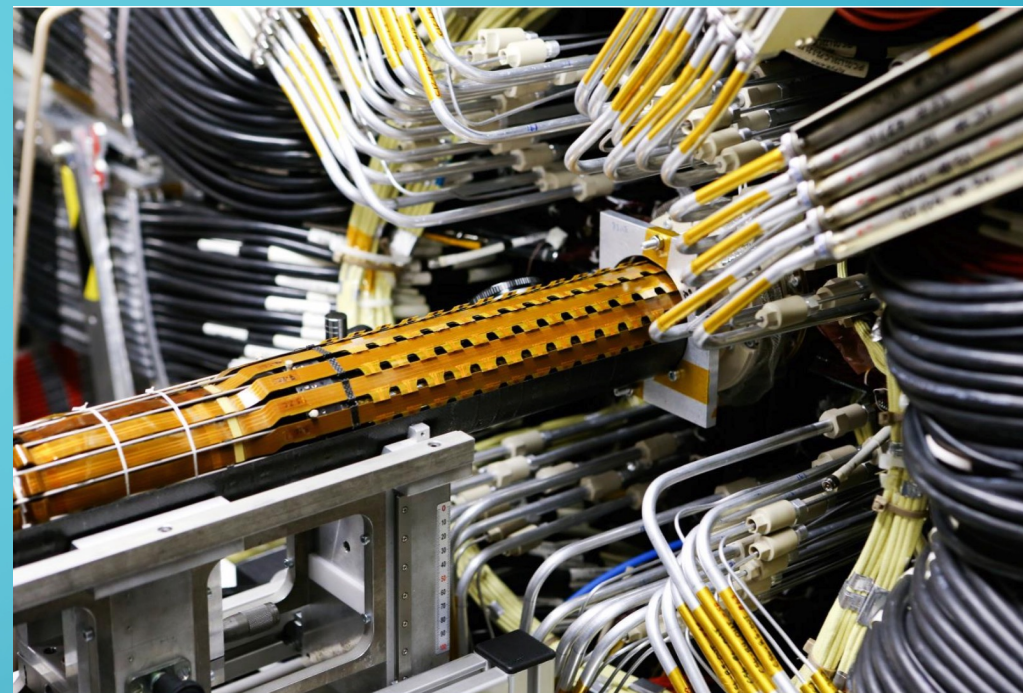


CMS Strip Tracker

ATLAS PIXELS

Insertable B-layer (IBL) upgrade in 2014

- closer to interaction point (3.35 cm)
- smaller pixels ($50 \times 250 \mu\text{m}^2$)
- better sensors, better r/o chip (including 3D sensors at higher z)
- more rad hard
- significantly reduced X_0/Layer

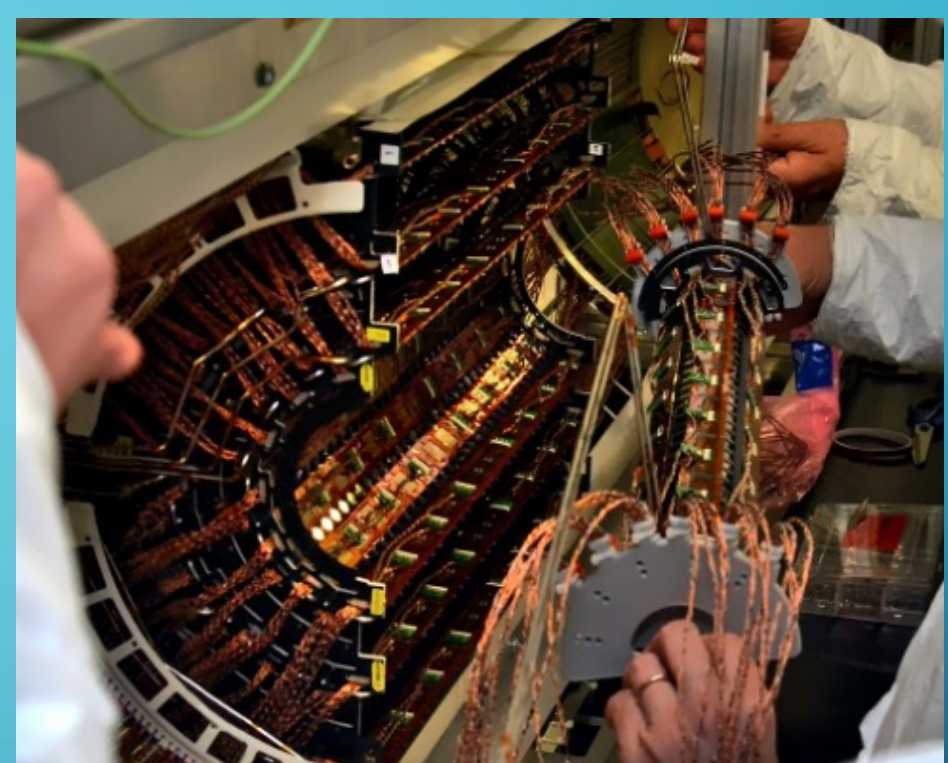


Improvement in impact parameter resolution

CMS PIXELS

Refurbishment during LS2

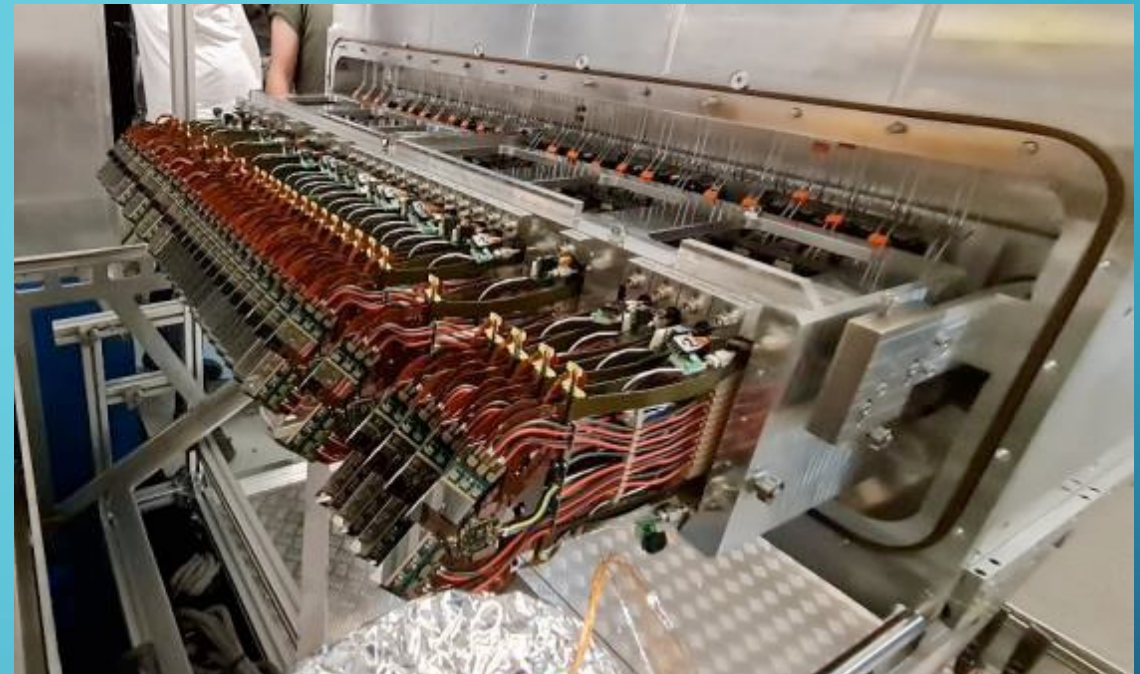
- new Barrel Layer1 with updated ASICs (lower thresholds)
- updated cooling and HV connections in the Endcap Disks
- new DC-DC converters with FEAST chip protected against failure in disabled output state
- upgraded HV power supplies up to 800 V ($I_{\max} = 15 \text{ mA}$)



LHCB VELO UPGRADE

The VErtext LOcator was updated from silicon strips to pixels in 2022

- closest pixel at 5.1 mm to the LHC beam
- read out every event at 40 MHz (ultra-highspeed VeloPix ASIC)
- 41M pixels across 52 modules in secondary vacuum



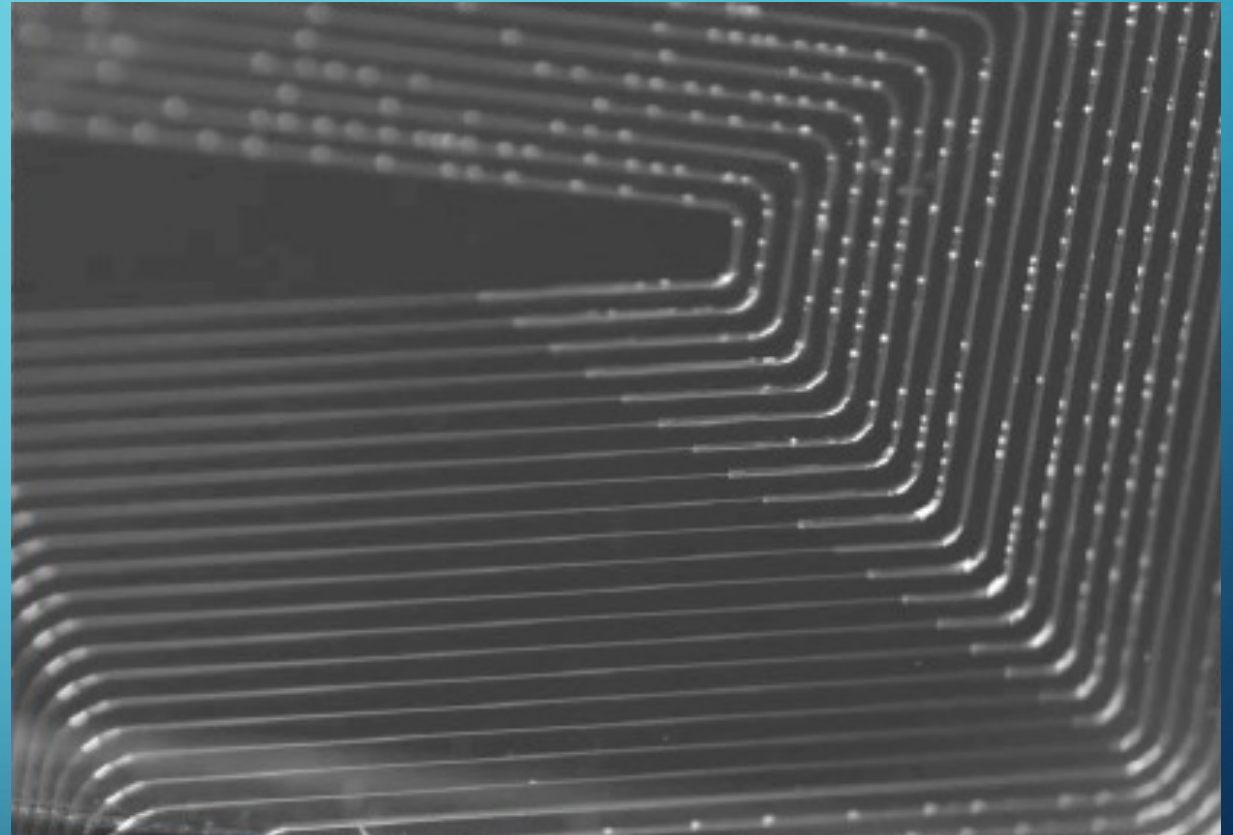
RF Foil separating VELO vacuum from LHC vacuum

- 150 μm thick shield (Torlon with NEG coating)
- 3.5 mm from beam and 0.9 mm from sensors
- thermally stable, shields against RF pick-up

LHCb VELO UPGRADE

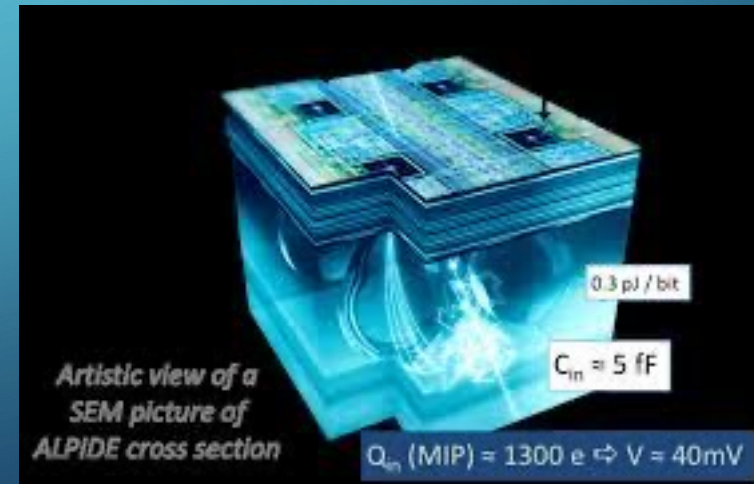
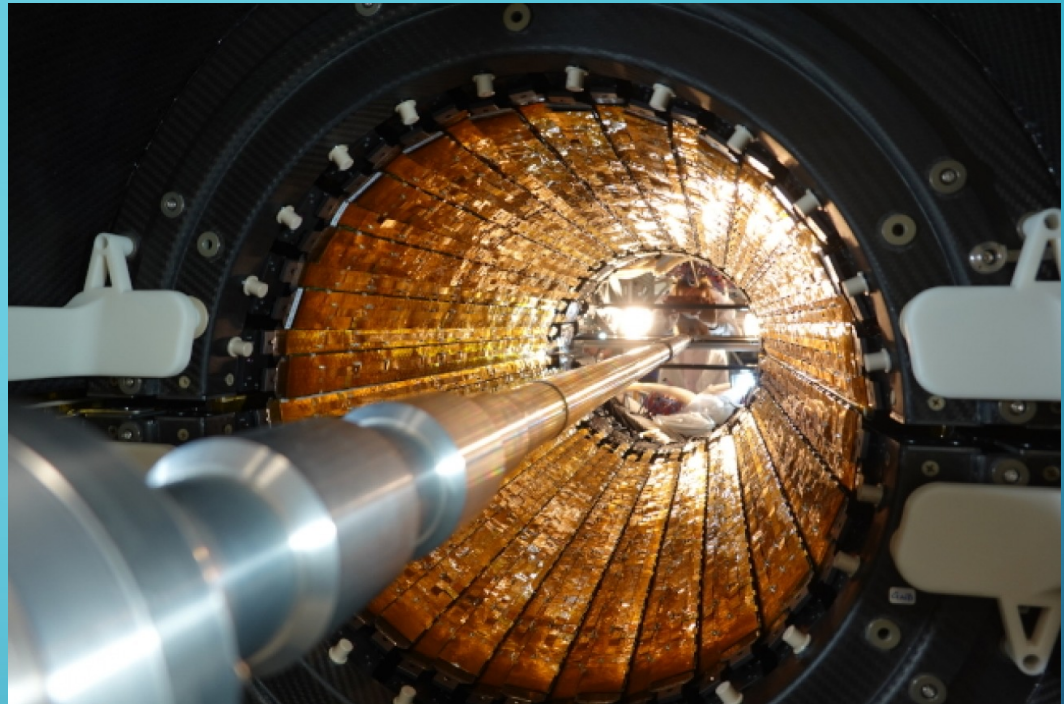
CO₂ cooling through microchannels

- efficient, light and powerful cooling needed for operating in vacuum, very close to the beam
- building on success from original LHCb evaporative CO₂ cooling
- 500 μm Si wafer with 120 x 200 μm² microchannels
- cooling power up to 40W at -30C

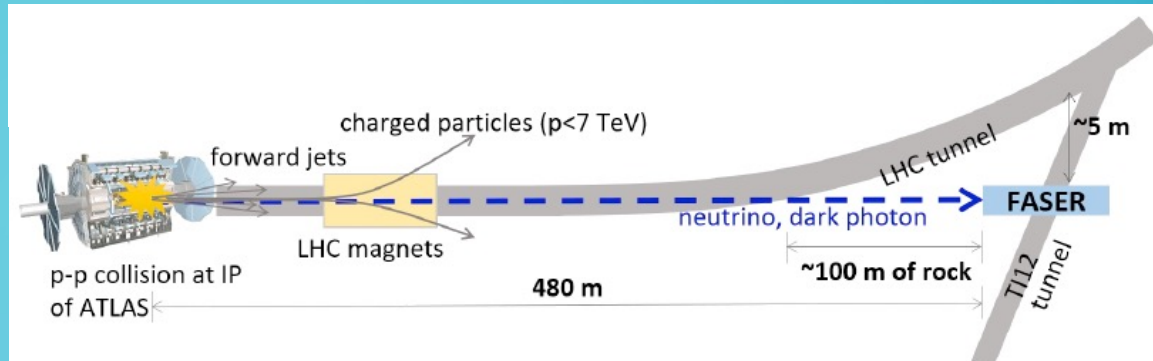


ALICE ITS UPGRADE

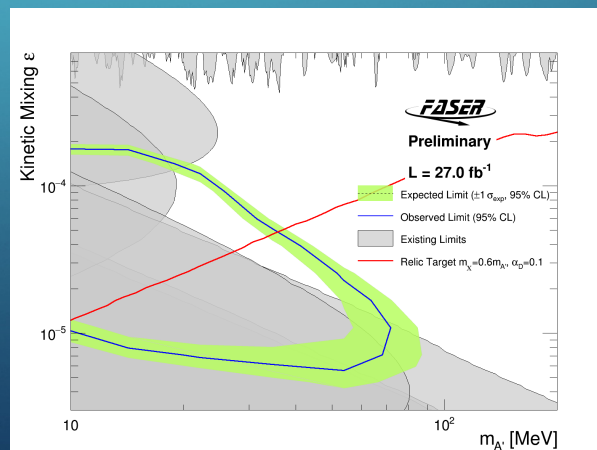
- New Inner Tracking System (ITS)
 - 10 m² of MAPS (Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor)
 - innermost layer: 2.2 cm from beam
- ALPIDE sensors
 - CMOS MAPS (180 nm TowerJazz technology)
 - first CMOS MAPS-based tracker at the LHC!
 - 50 / 100 μm thick (inner / outer ITS)
 - 130,000 pixels/cm²
 - pixel size: 20 μm x 27 μm
 - sensor size: 15 mm x 30 mm
 - hit efficiency > 99%
 - spatial resolution: 5 μm



FASER

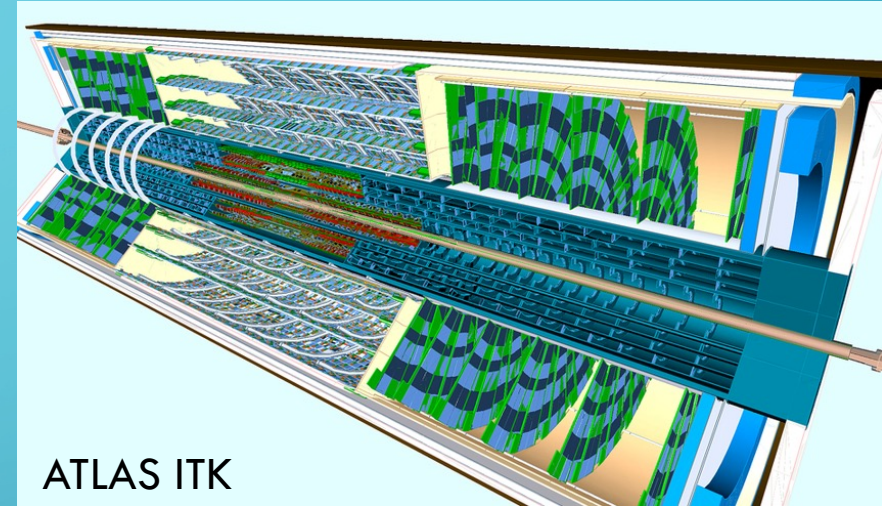
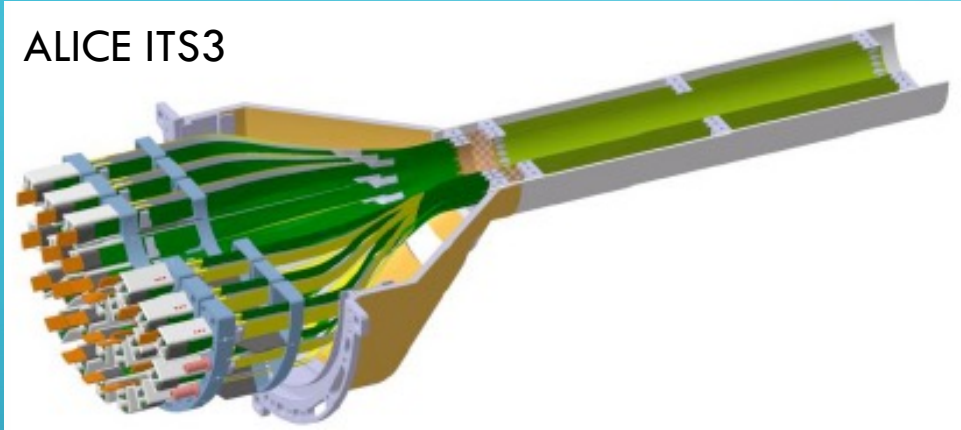


- New small experiment installed in an old LEP injector tunnel during LS2
- Designed to detect particles in forward region, such as dark photons, Axion-like particles, etc.
- Tracker: 72 ATLAS SCT modules
 - single-sided p-in-n strip detectors, 80 μm pitch
 - 10^5 channels in total in three stations



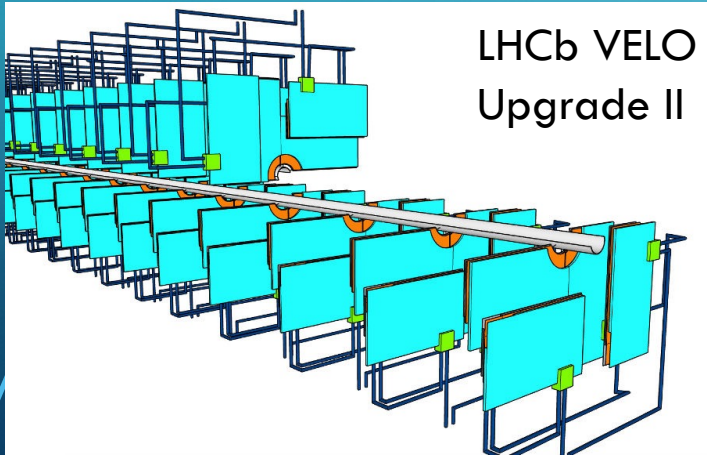
SILICON UPGRADES FOR HL-LHC

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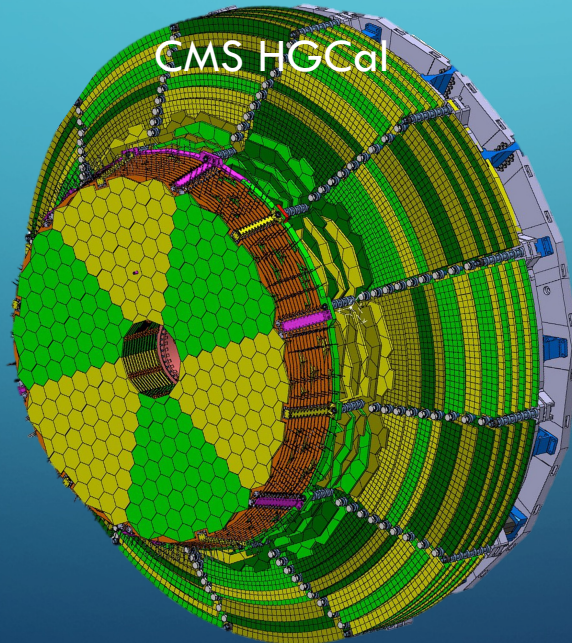


ATLAS ITK

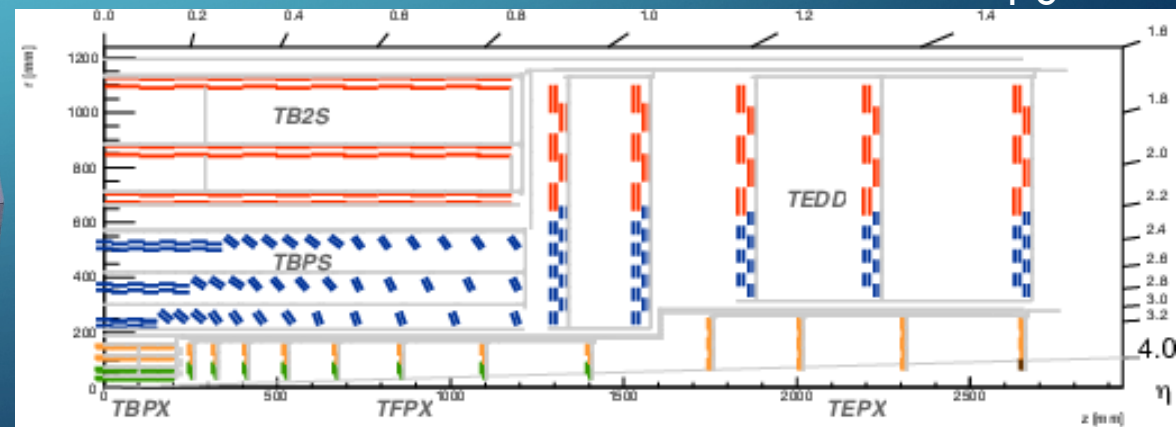
LHCb VELO Upgrade II



CMS HGCal

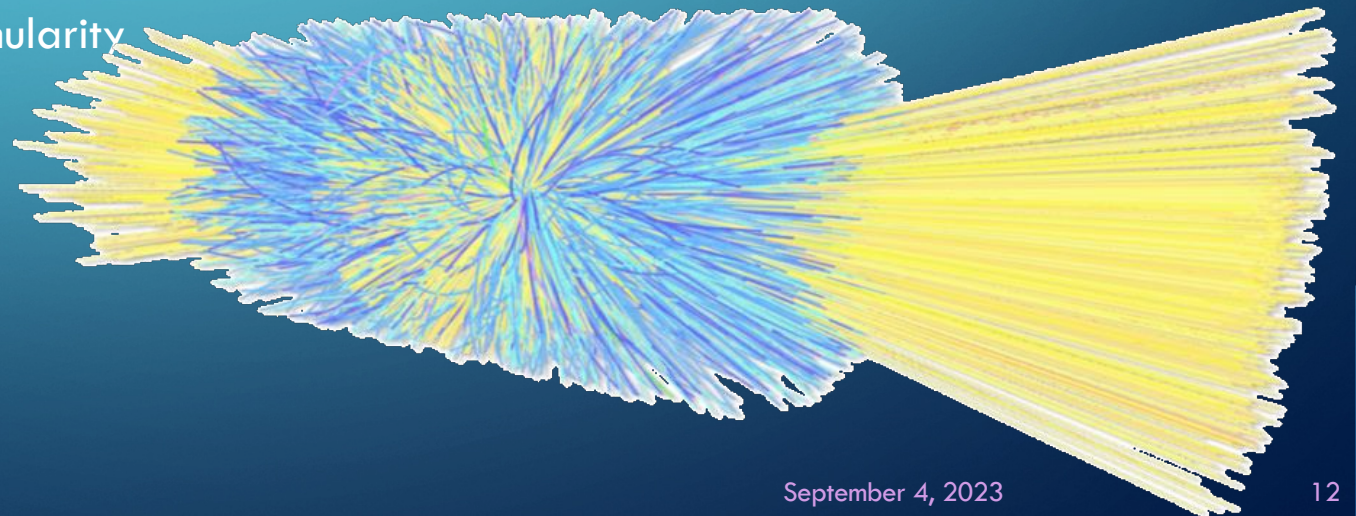
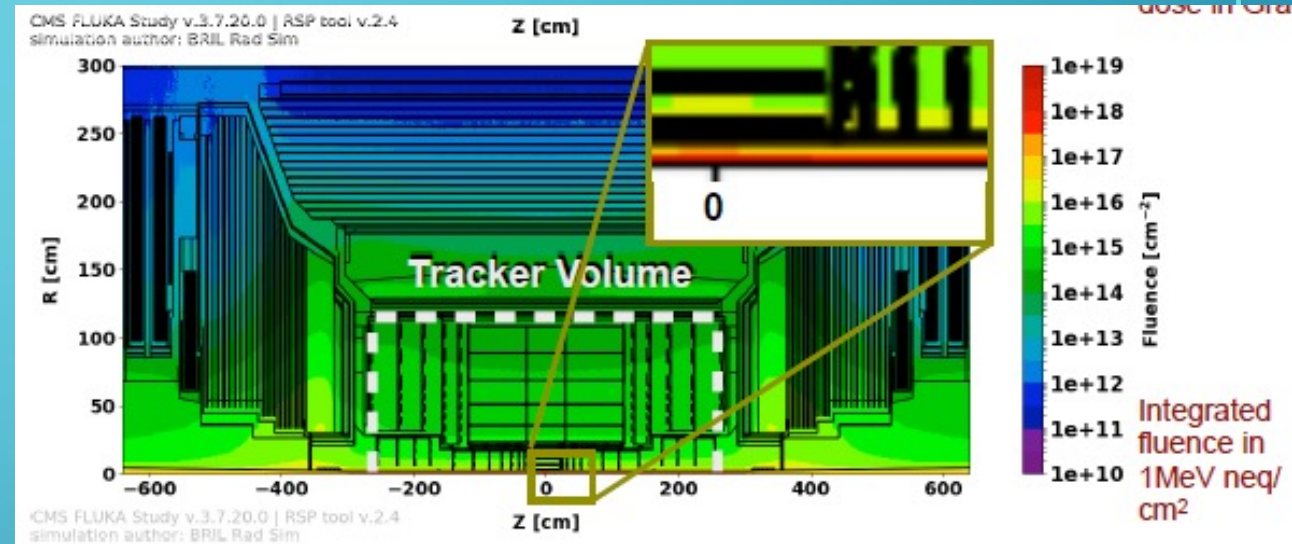


CMS Tracker Upgrade



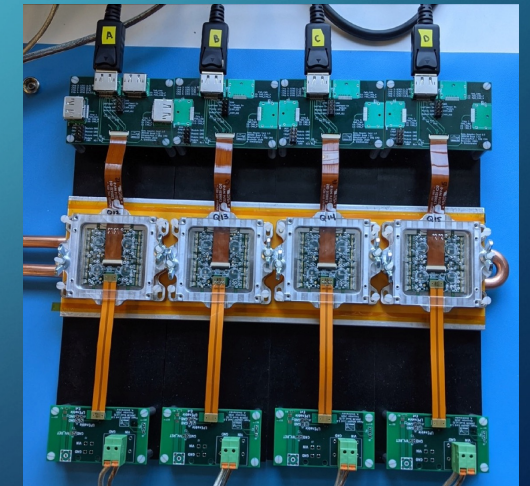
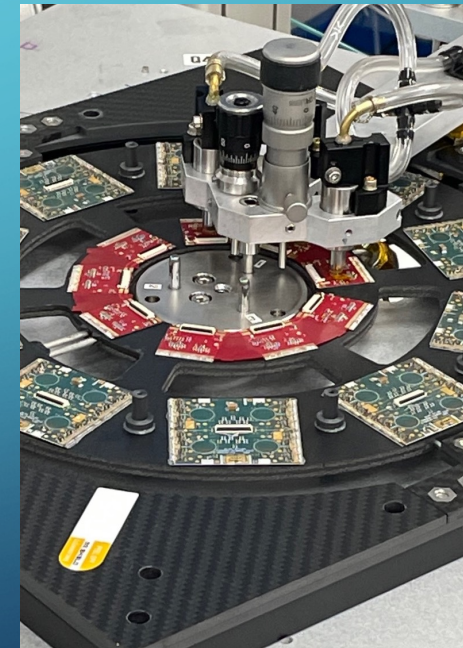
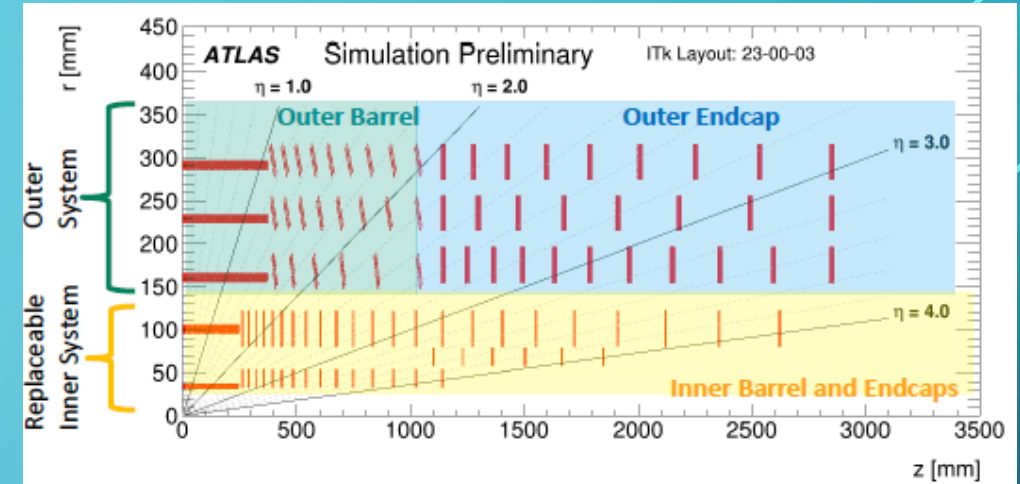
HL-LHC UPGRADES: REQUIREMENTS

- New environment:
 - Luminosity @ $5-7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - Integrated luminosity $\geq 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (x10 increase)
 - Pile-up up to $\langle \mu \rangle = 200$ (4x increase)
- Detector requirements:
 - High radiation tolerance
 - Improved track separation \rightarrow high granularity
 - Low occupancy, high bandwidth
 - Low mass



ATLAS ITK PIXELS

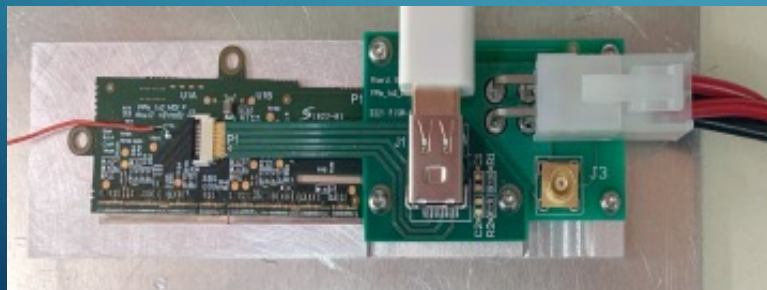
- Solutions for increased challenges:
 - All-silicon tracker with higher granularity (5×10^9 pixels)
 - Increased transparency: x2 lower ($2.4 X_0/\text{Layer}$)
 - Increased acceptance ($|\eta| < 4$): 5 barrel layers, up to 28 disks per endcap
 - 13m^2 active area
- Planar and 3D sensors
 - 3D (L0): $25 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$ (Barrel), $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$ (Endcap); more rad tolerant
 - Planar (L1-L4): $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$
- ITkPix chip developed out of RD53 (ATLAS-CMS common ASIC, 65nm TSMC)
- **Challenges:** large ASIC ($20 \times 20 \text{mm}^2$); high density, low-pitch bump bonding; large V_{bias} across thin air gap ($10 \mu\text{m}$) \rightarrow Parylene coating; large T_{ops} range; serial powering; low-mass services



CMS PIXEL UPGRADE

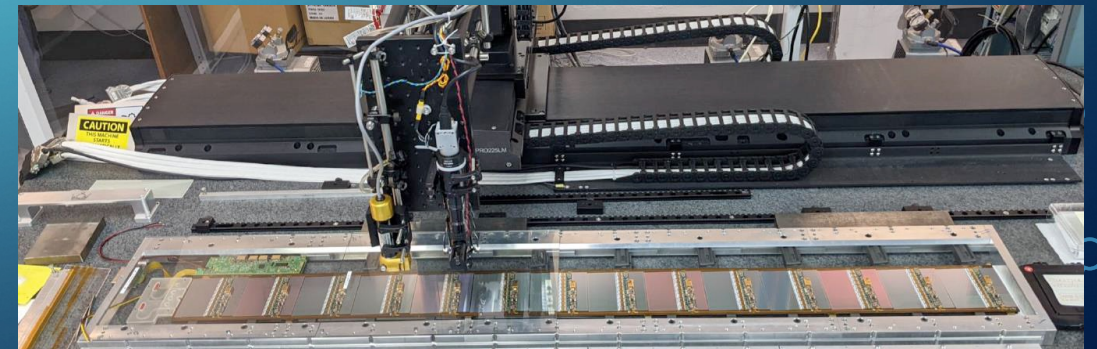
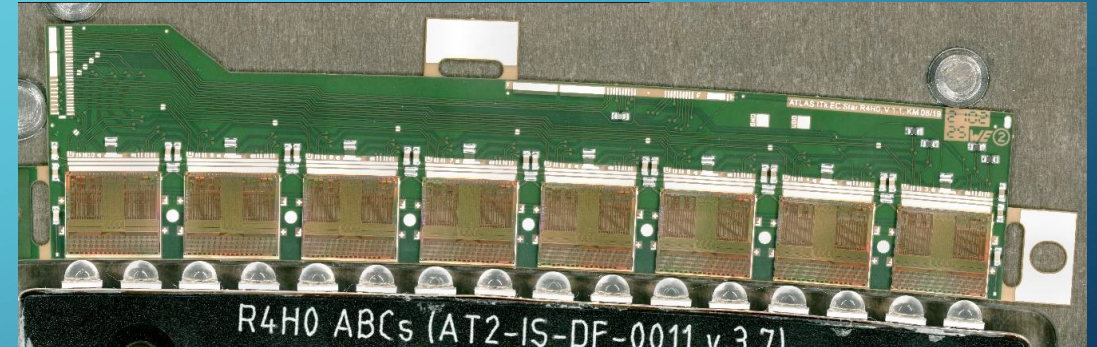
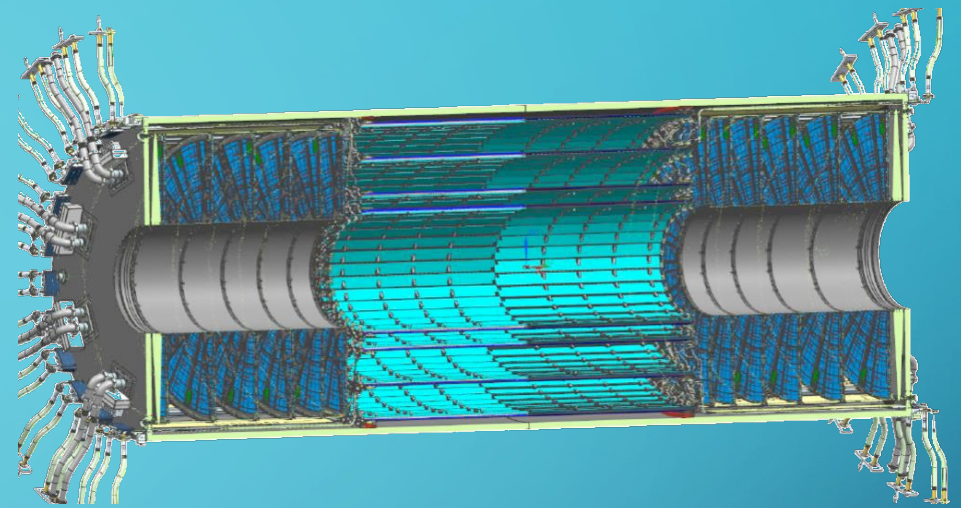
- 4.9m², 2x10⁹ pixels , 100x25μm² cell size
- Tracking coverage extended to $|\eta| \leq 4$
- 3D sensors in L1, planar n-in-p sensors everywhere else
- CROC chip based on common RD53 ASIC
- Parylene coating for spark protection
- Serial powering (insensitive to voltage drops, low mass cables)

light-weight mechanics: inner tracker can be removed for maintenance in an extended technical stop



ATLAS ITK STRIPS

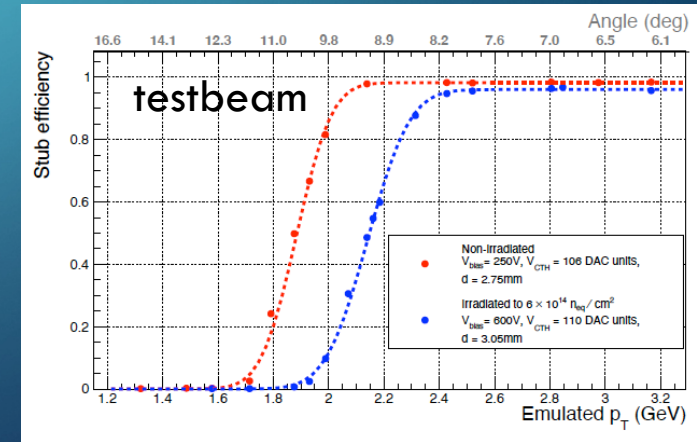
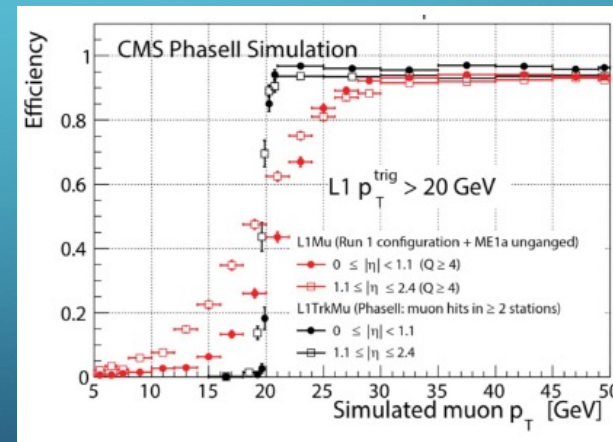
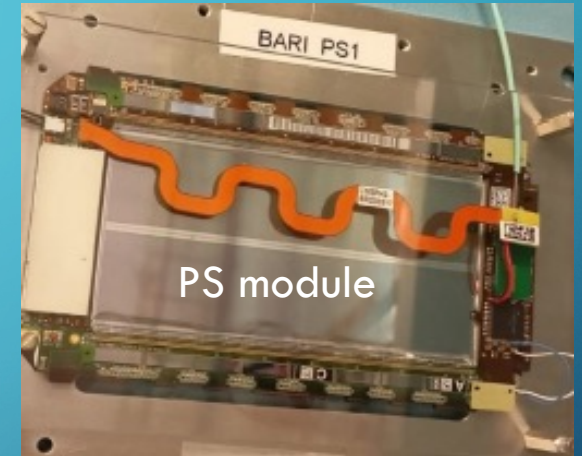
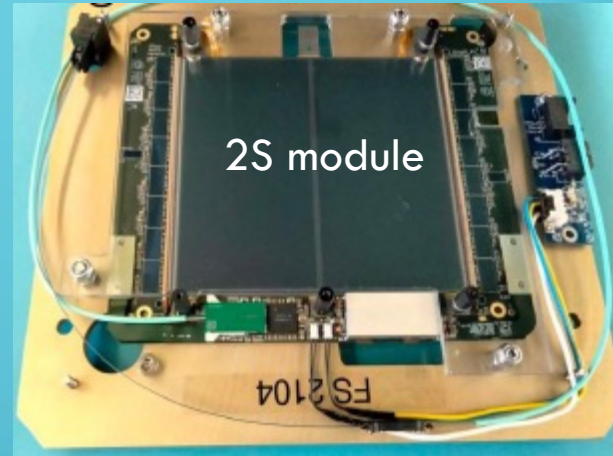
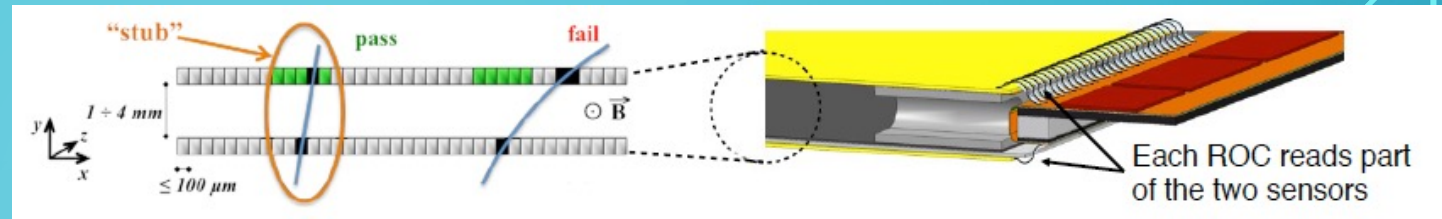
- 180m² silicon, 60M channels
- 4 barrel cylinders, 6 disks per endcap
 - Barrel is made up of 1.4m long staves
 - Disks are made up of petals (60cm in r x 30cm in ϕ)
 - CF-based sandwich with embedded cooling
- n-in-p type FZ sensors from HPK
- ABCStar/HCCStar/AMC chip family (130nm CMOS, GF), binary readout



CMS OUTER TRACKER

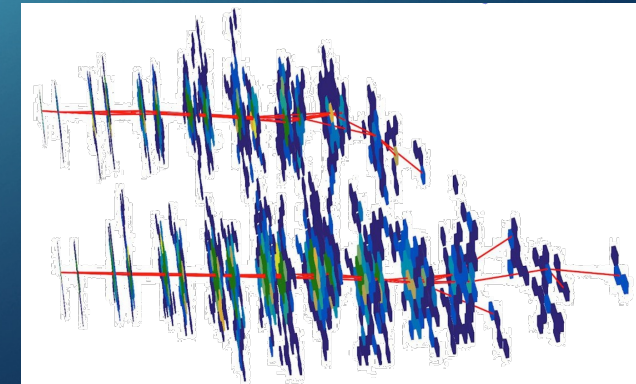
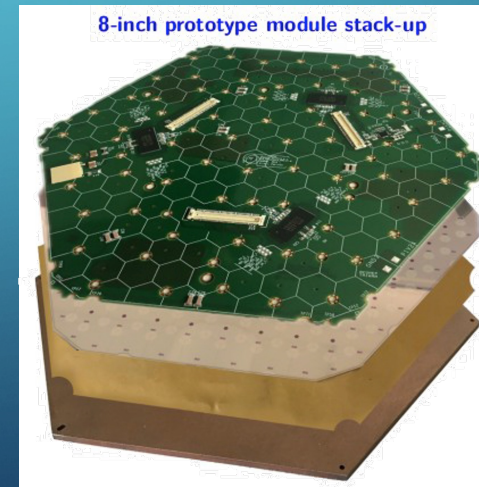
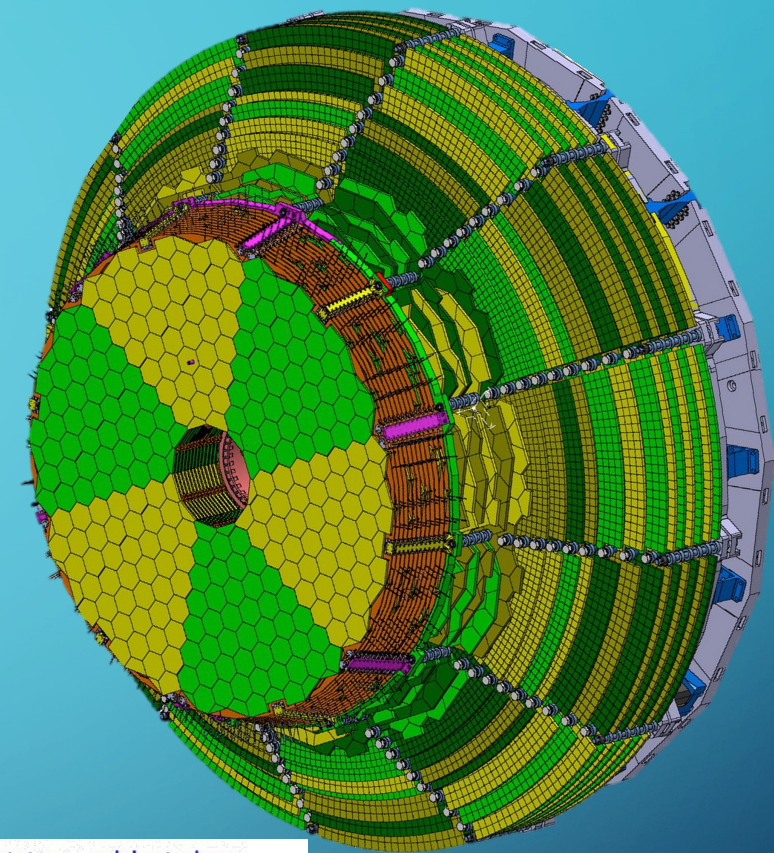
provides track information @ L1 trigger for 1st time at a hadron collider

- OT designed to provide L1 trigger stubs: p_T module concept
 - two closely spaced sensors read out by common set of ASICs
 - correlated stubs sent to backend at 40MHz
- Two types of module:
 - 2S (strip-strip) at outer radii
 - PS (pixel-strip) in inner layers
- 190m² silicon, 213M channels



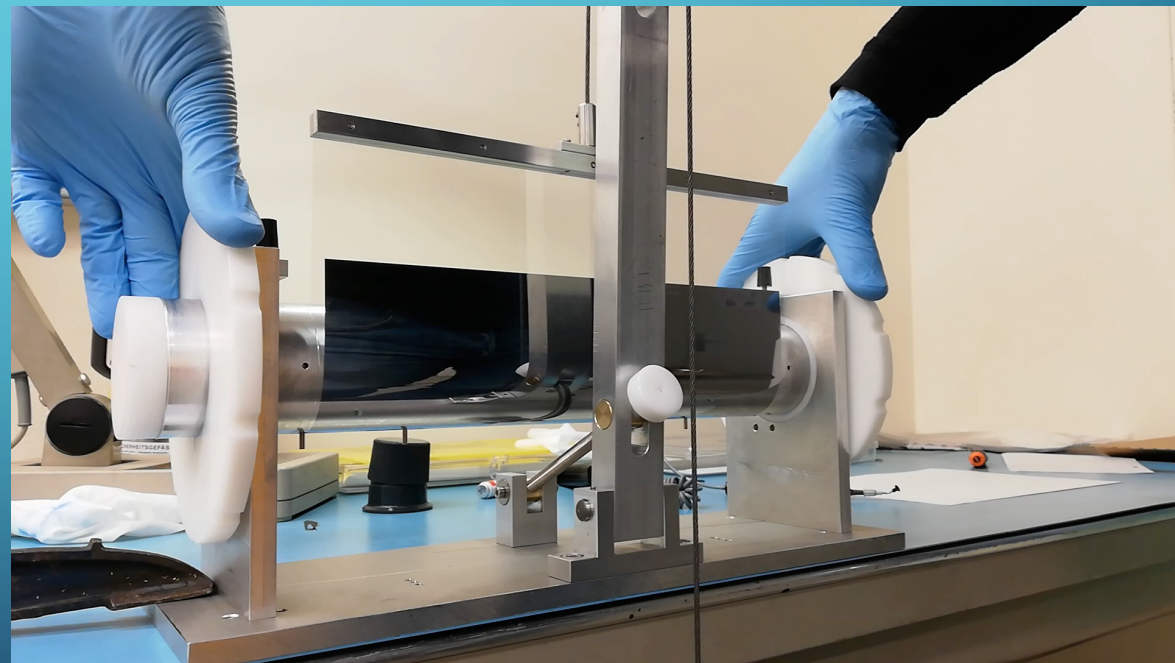
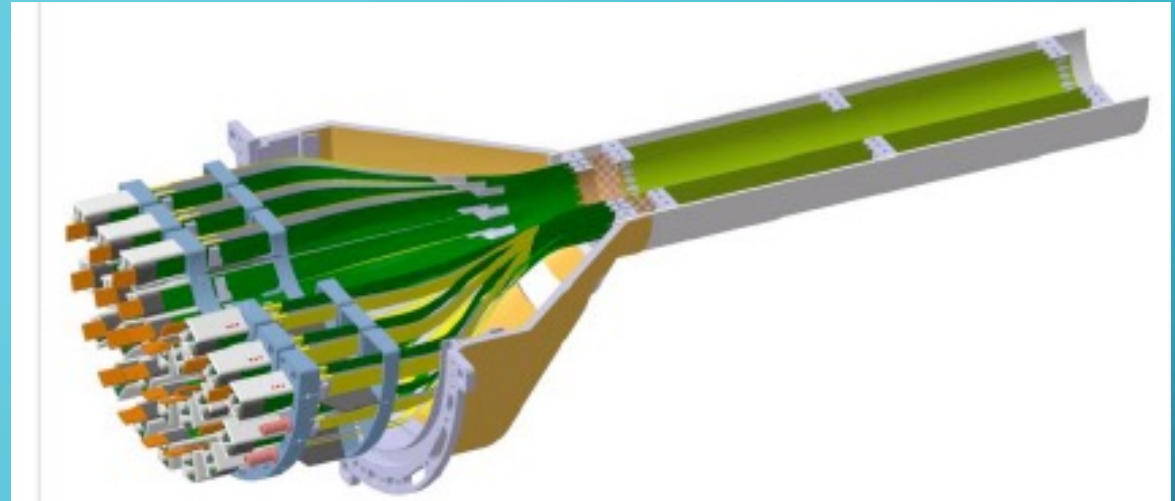
CMS HGCAL

- Composed of cassettes, multiple modules mounted on cooling plates with electronics and absorbers
 - Hexagonal modules based on silicon sensors in high-radiation regions (EM+HAD)
 - Scintillating tiles with SiPM readout in low-radiation areas (HAD)
- $1.5 < |\eta| < 3.0$, ~215 tonnes per endcap
- ~600m² of silicon, 8" wafers, 6M channels (0.5 or 1 cm² cell size)
- ~500m² of scintillators
- ~110kW(!) per endcap at end-of-life



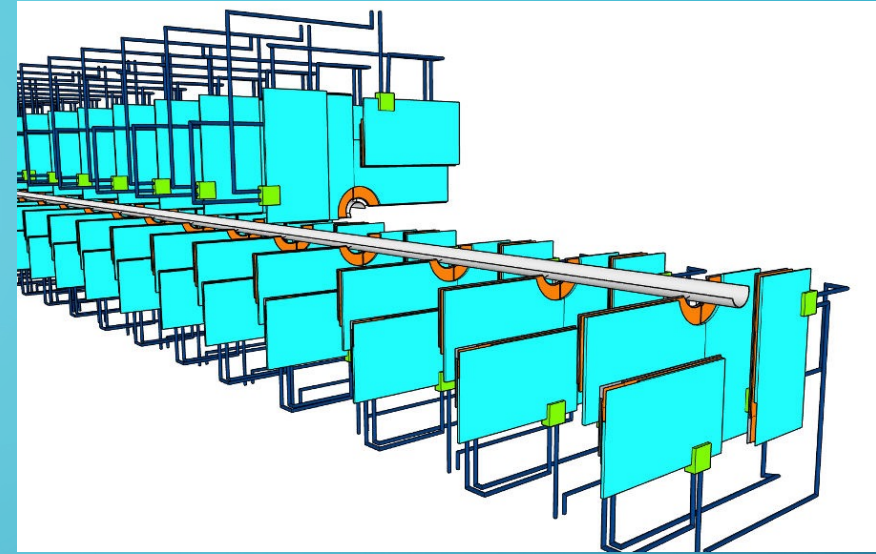
ALICE ITS3

- 300mm wafer-scale MAPS (65nm TPSCo), fabricated using stitching
 - thinned down to $\leq 50\mu\text{m}$ making them flexible; bent to target radii
 - mechanically held in place by carbon foam ribs
- Extremely low material budget: $<0.05\%$ X_0 , homogeneous material distribution
- Planning to use air cooling



LHCB VELO UPGRADE II

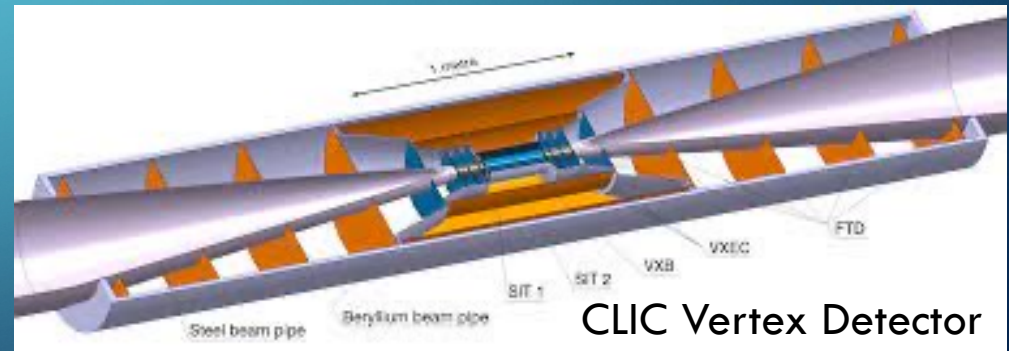
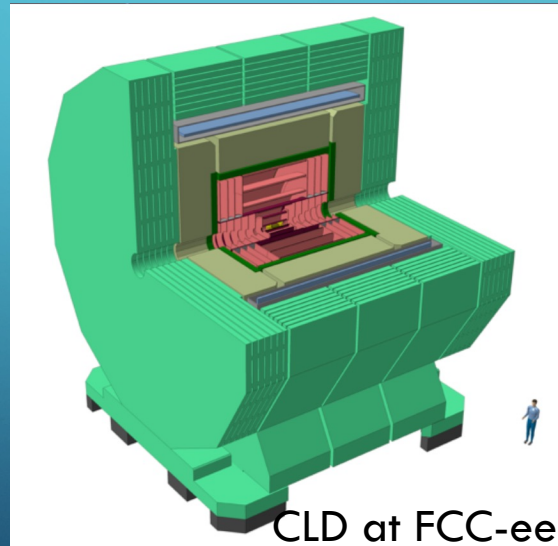
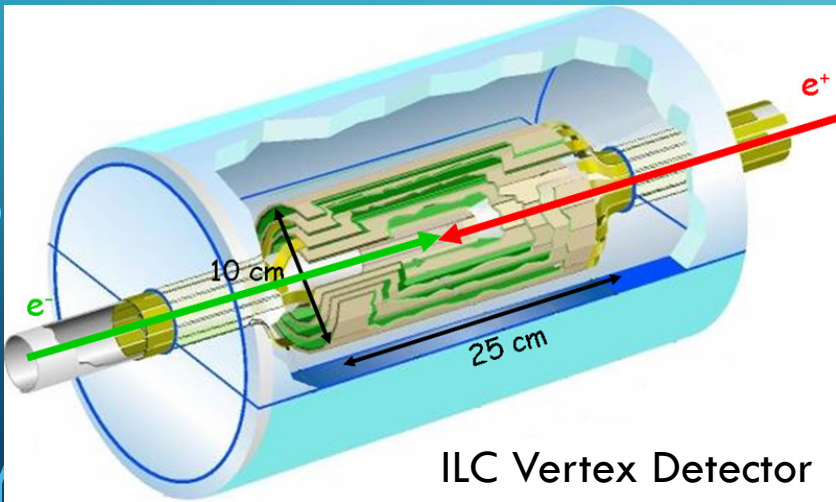
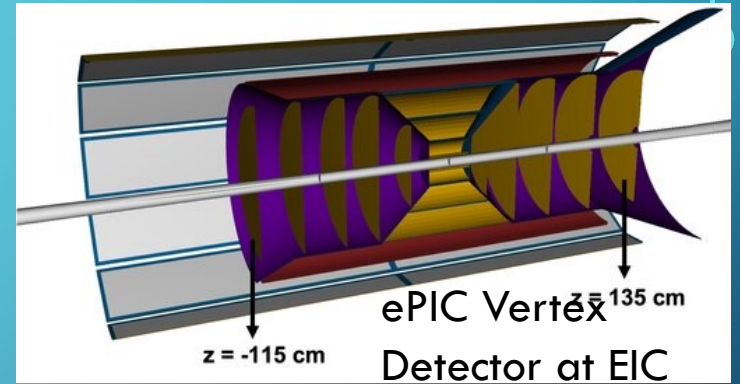
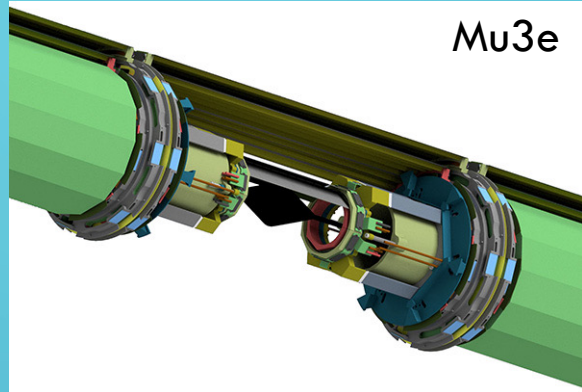
- Planned for Run5 (2035+)
- Increased pileup x10 → add timing (50ps/hit)
- R&D on candidate sensors:
 - 3D pixels, LGADs, SiEM (Silicon electron multiplier sensor)
- Radiation tolerance up to 6×10^{16} 1MeV n_{eq}/cm^2 (or regular module replacement)
 - extreme rates: 350kHz/pixel, 250Gb/s per ASIC
- Need to reduce mass by 80% X0 before 2nd hit → operation in LHC vacuum



R&D needed for RF shielding:
e.g. NEG coating →
amorphous carbon coating

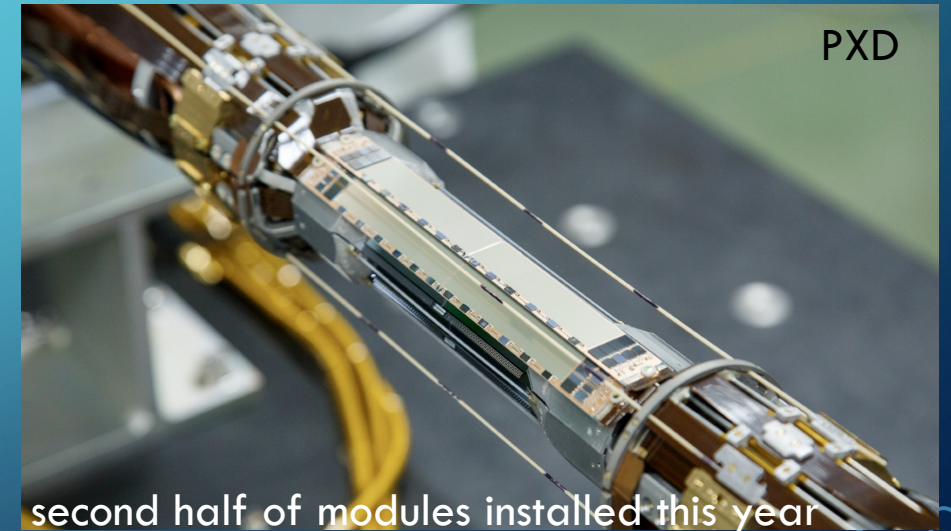
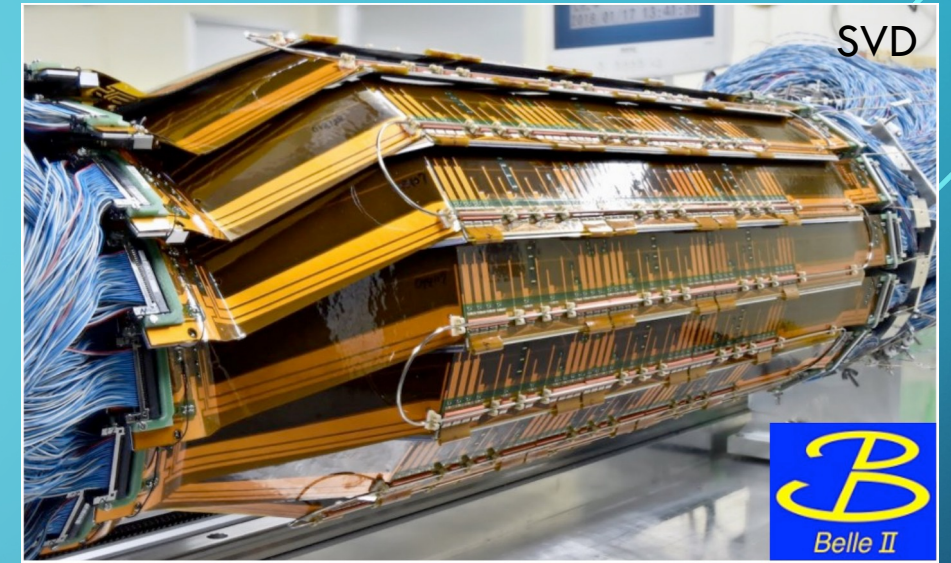
R&D needed for active cooling:
e.g. considering bi-phase
Krypton cooling for operation
<-40C

SILICON BEYOND THE LHC



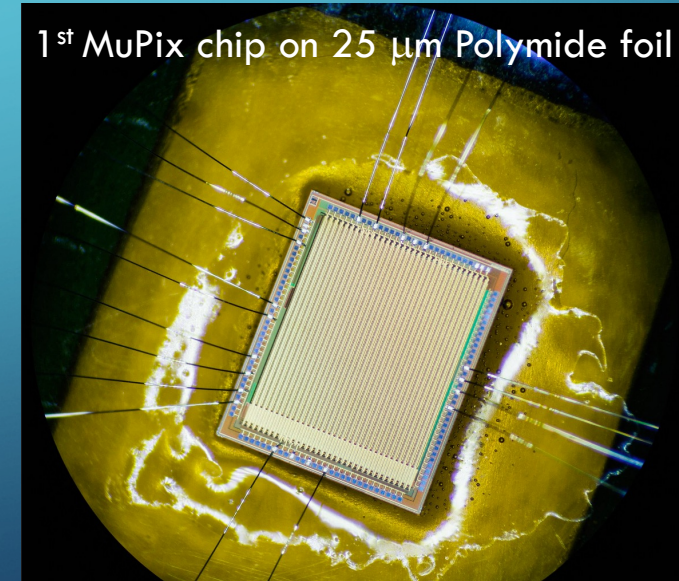
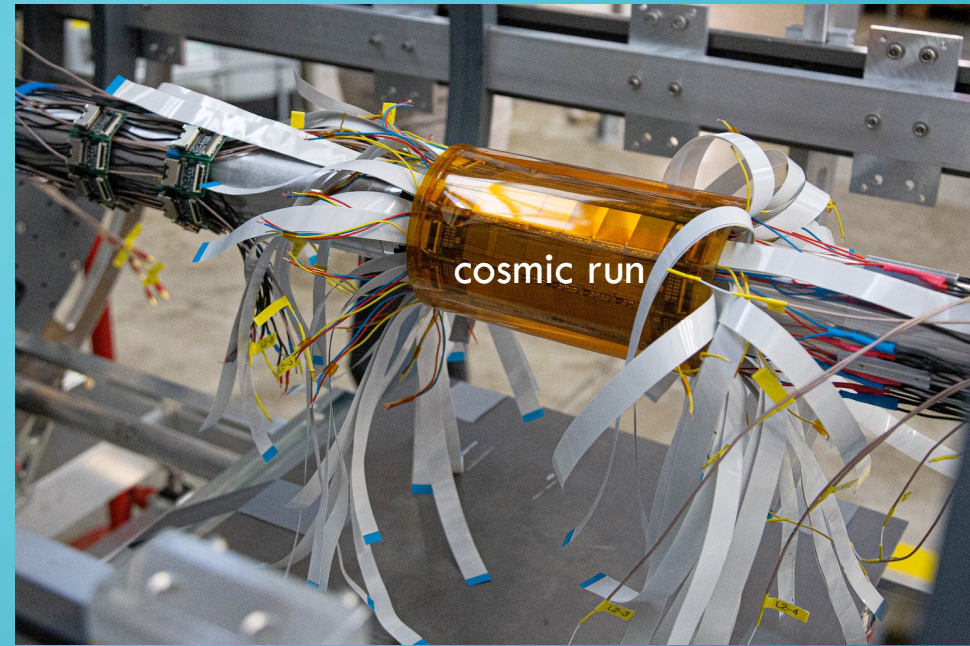
BELLE II PIXELS AND STRIPS

- SVD: double-sided strip sensors
 - AC-coupled strips on N-type substrate
 - 1.2m² sensor area, 224k strips
 - Wrapped flex circuit to read both side
- PXD: DEPFET pixel sensors
 - Ultra-thin sensor (75μm), pixel size (50x55-85μm²)
 - Low power consumption
 - High signal-to-noise
 - Switcher: rolling-shutter readout, 20μs integration time
 - Experienced some damage from beam loss events



MU3E

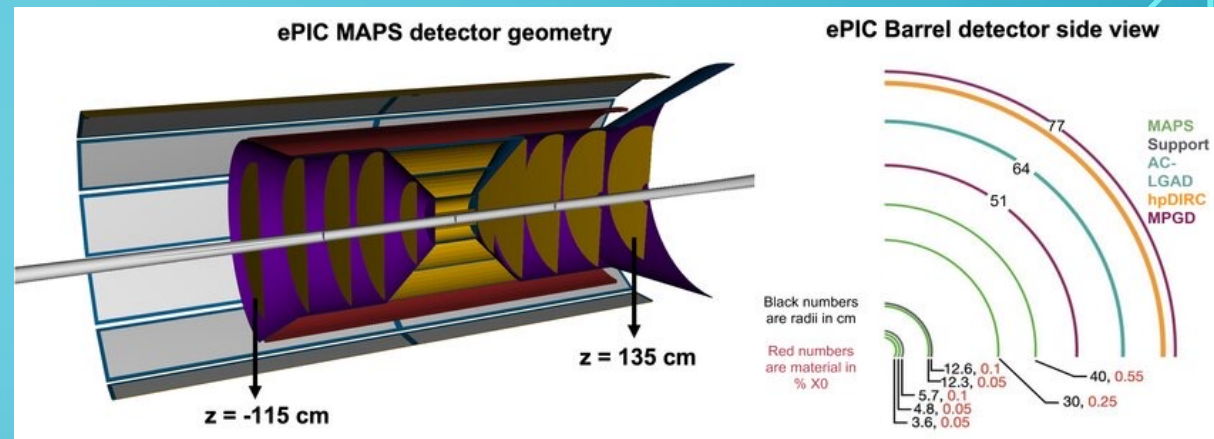
- Search for lepton flavor violating decay at PSI, under construction
 - High-rate capability ($>10^9$ muons/s)
 - Excellent momentum resolution (<0.5 MeV/c)
- Extremely low material budget
- Ultra-thin ($50\ \mu\text{m}$) HV-CMOS MAPS sensor modules ($X/X_0 = 1.1\ \text{‰}$)
 - Gaseous Helium cooling



ELECTRON ION COLLIDER

Advanced silicon technologies under study:

- LGAD and AC-LGAD (Low Gain Avalanche Detectors)
 - Pixel size: 0.5 – 1.3 mm
 - Resolution: spatial $\sim 30\mu\text{m}$, temporal $< 30\text{ps}$
- DMAPS (Depleted MAPS), e.g. MALTA
 - Pixel size: 36.4 μm
 - Resolution: spatial $\sim 7\mu\text{m}$, temporal $\sim 2\text{ns}$
- Lots of synergies with HEP developments
→ early deployment of new ideas



LGAD irradiation tests at LANSCE

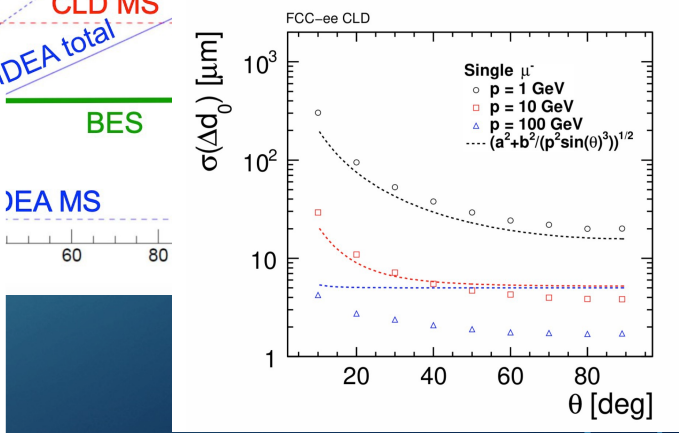
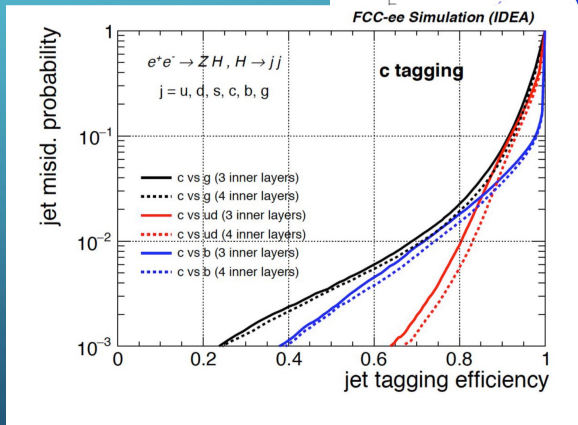
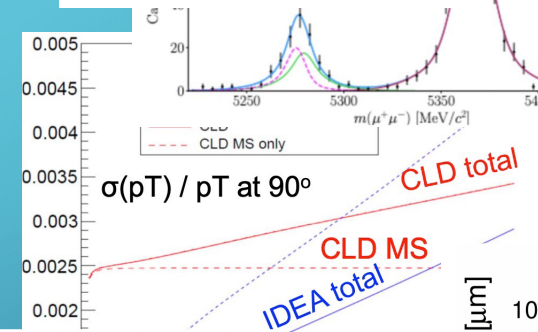
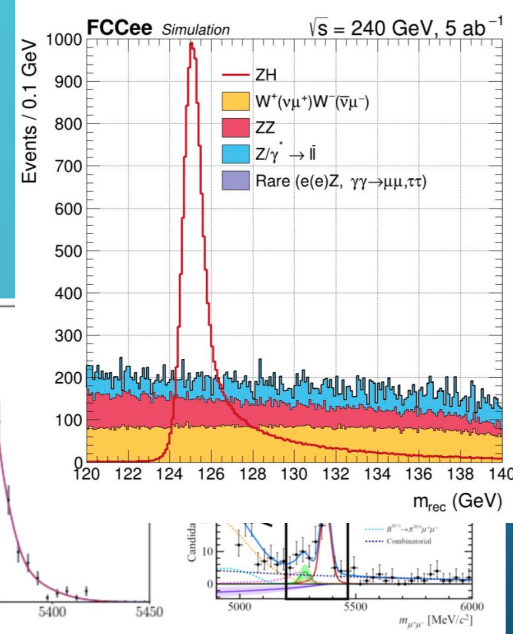
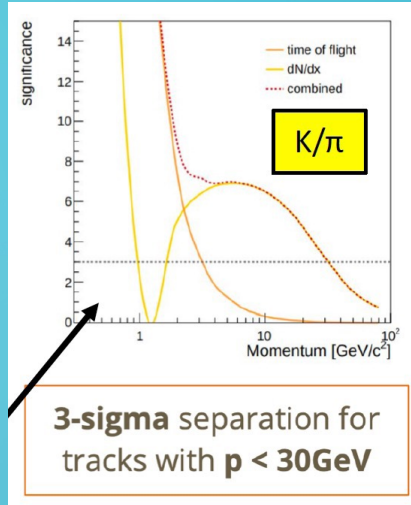
FUTURE COLLIDER DETECTORS

Focusing on e^+e^- Higgs factories

Physics goals set stringent requirements for vertexing and tracking at Lepton Colliders:

- fast readout, low power ($<20\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$)
- low material ($\sim 0.15 X_0$)
- spatial resolution ($\sim 3\mu\text{m}$)
- “perfect” hit finding efficiency ($\sim 100\%$)
- extremely low fake rate

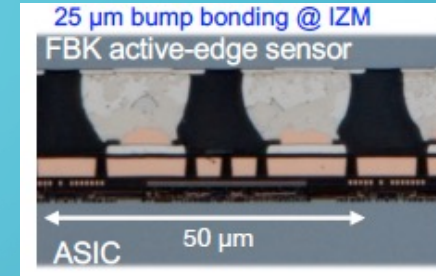
For future hadron or muon colliders, need R&D into radiation hardness and ultrafast timing



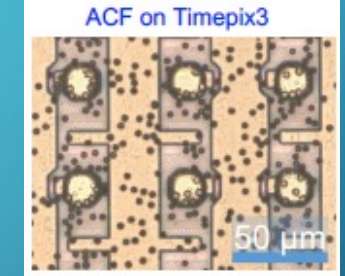
FUTURE COLLIDER DETECTORS

e.g. R&D on fine-pitch hybridization

- 25 μm pitch bump bonding, sensor thickness down to 50 μm
 - excellent interconnect yield >99.7% at IZM
- Hybridization with Anisotropic Conductive Films



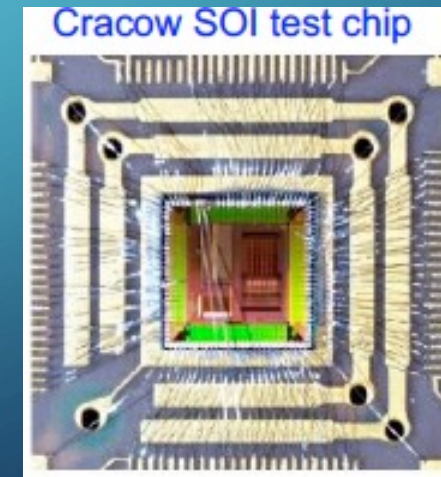
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e.g. R&D on Silicon-on-Insulator / 3D Integration

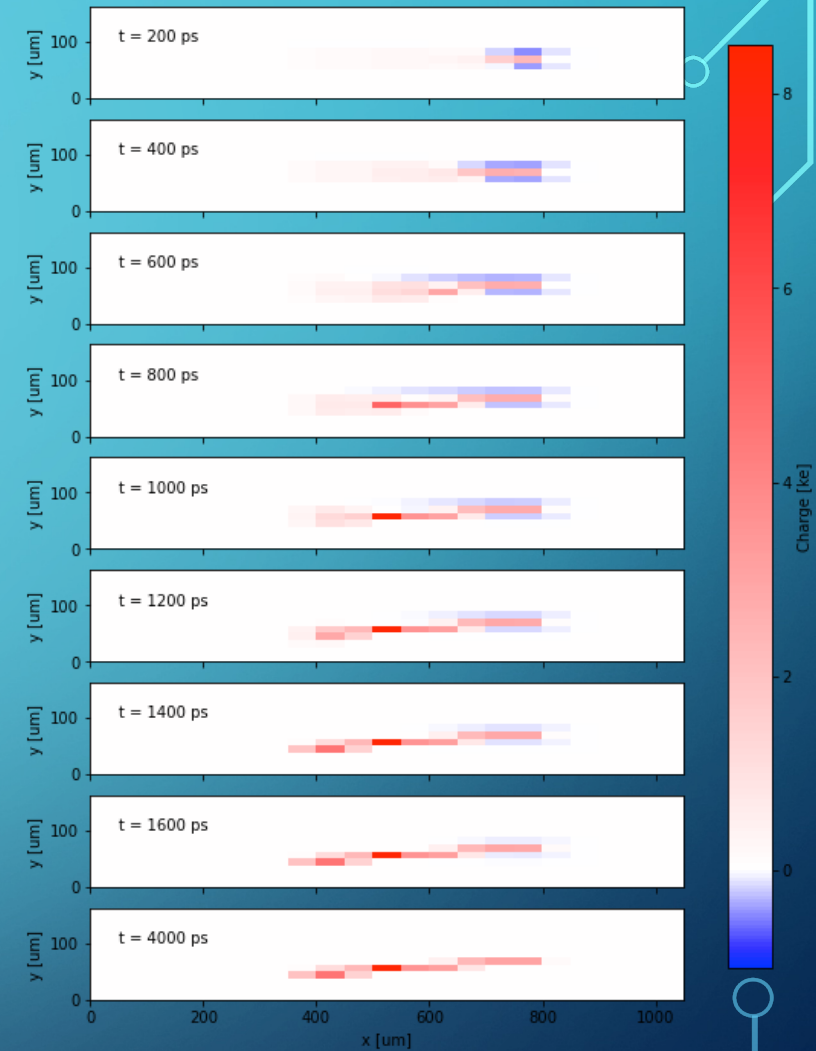
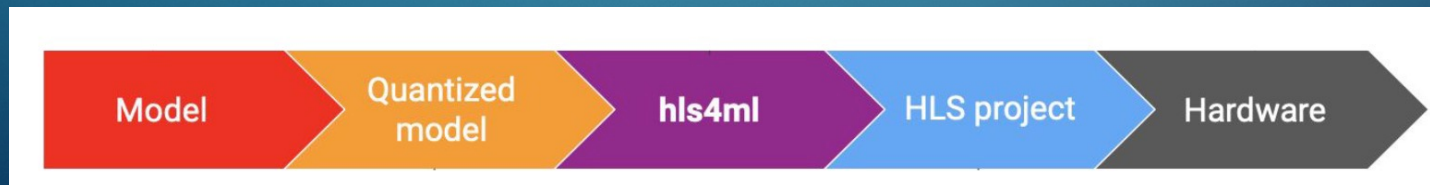
- SOI r/o electronics on thin low-resistivity wafer separated from high-resistivity sensor wafer by buried insulation oxide layer
- thin and fast "monolithic" sensors
- challenge: specialized and complex fabrication



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SMART PIXELS

- Idea: read out incident particle's properties (e.g. angle, or p_T) instead of raw data
 - reduces data rates to manageable levels
 - use AI to perform physics-motivated data reduction on-ASIC
- Use CMS Run2 data and simulation of charge evolution with time
 - train classifier to select clusters with $p_T > 200$ MeV
 - Implement classifier on-ASIC: 1,163 parameters, $< 300 \mu\text{W}$, $\text{area} < 0.2 \text{mm}^2$



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SUMMARY

- Silicon-based detectors are vital to the physics program of many different kinds of experiments
 - In future collider experiments they will be even more ubiquitous
 - However, in some cases we might be nearing the end of the possible (radiation hardness, feature size, low mass, timing, etc.)
- Need for a strong and diverse R&D program to explore novel concepts, including new materials

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