

Impressions from the workshop “Trigger and readout at the LHC experiments for Run 3 and beyond in Spain–COMCHA”

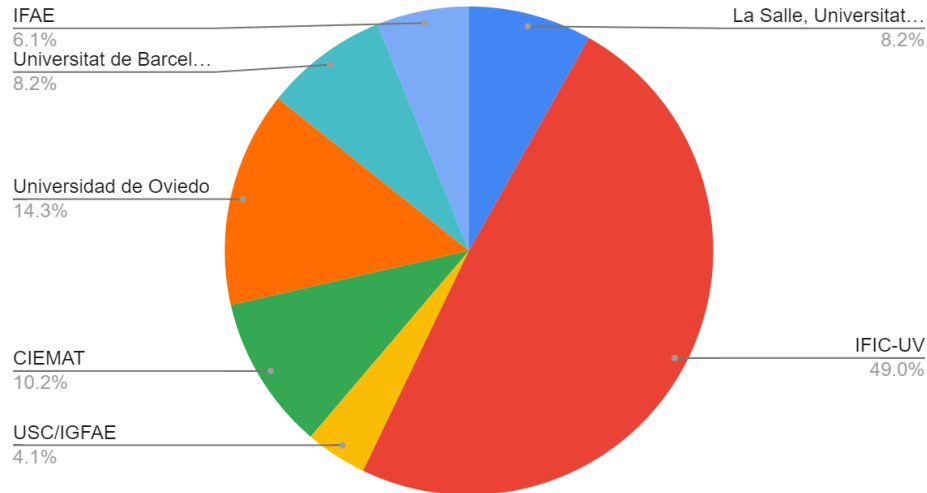
Or the impossible task of condensing 3 days in 30 minutes

by S. Folgueras on behalf of all the participants

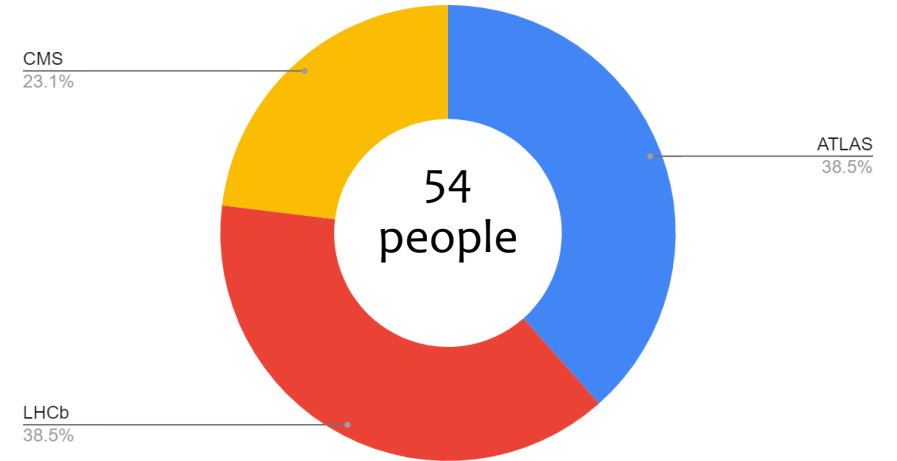
Introduction

The goal of this workshop was to give an overview of the plans of the different groups working in the trigger and DAQ systems of the LHC experiments at CERN for Run 3 and beyond, as well as to establish new synergies...

Institutos



Participación



Great success and attendance!

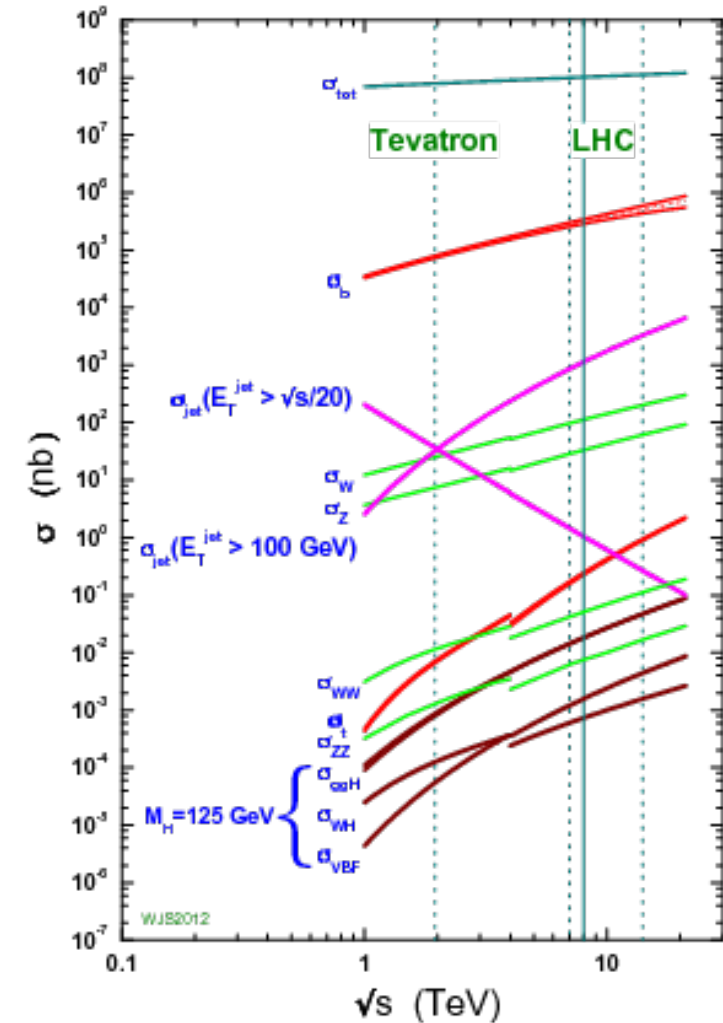
What is a trigger system and why it is needed?

- Store all the possibly relevant data provided by the sensors is UNREALISTIC and often becomes also UNDESIRABLE.

- You **CANNOT / DON'T WANT TO** store every event

$$BW \text{ (kB/s)} = \text{rate (Hz)} \times \text{size (kB)}$$

- Risk loosing interesting physics processes with low cross-sections.



Where do we contribute to?

- **Run 3 trigger performance, early performance and challenges**
 - Upgrades, commissioning and operations (CMS, ATLAS, LHCb)
- **High-speed electronics devices for trigger and DAQ**
 - Board design, assembly, validation, production, and commissioning: off-detector electronics for TileCal (ATLAS), on-detector board for DT (CMS)
 - Board validation, production, and commissioning: back-end electronics for the barrel muon trigger (CMS)
 - Board commissioning: overlap muon track-finder (CMS)
- **Trigger Algorithms, ML / AI applications running on both non-CPU HW and CPUs**
 - Long-lived particles (LHCb, CMS)
 - Muon tracking (LHCb, CMS)
 - Calorimeter reconstruction (LHCb, ATLAS)
 - Topological trigger (ATLAS, LHCb)

Will show a glimpse of what was discussed and showed in Valencia

A 3D visualization of particle detector data, likely from the ATLAS experiment at the LHC. It shows a complex network of colored lines (yellow, blue, red, green) representing particle tracks and energy deposits within a 3D model of the detector's internal structure. The tracks are dense and fan out from a central point, illustrating the high-energy environment of the collision.

Run 3 trigger performance, early performance and challenges

“First” look at Run-3 data: ATLAS

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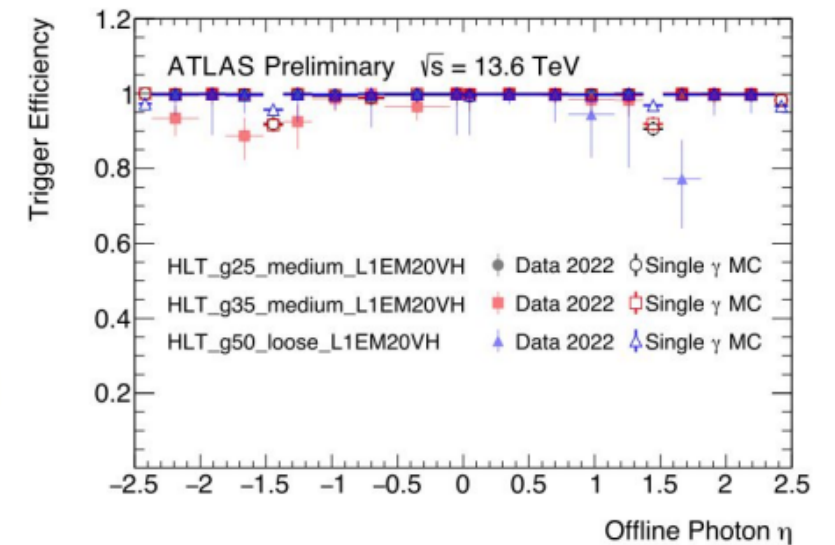
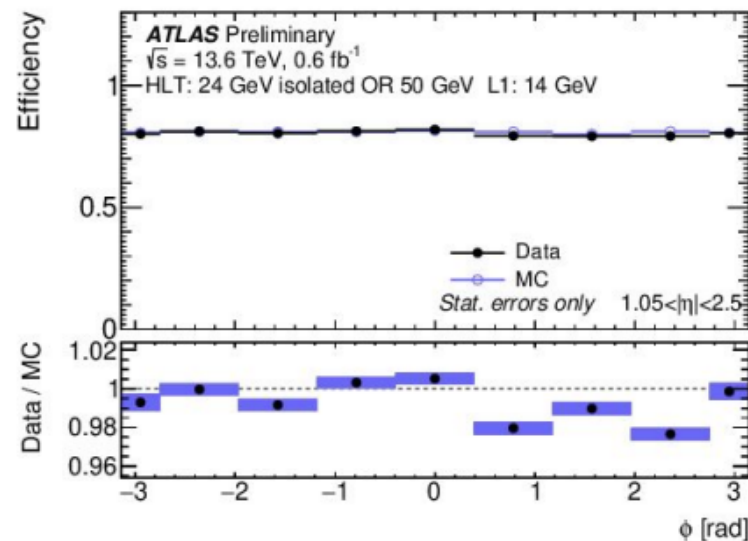
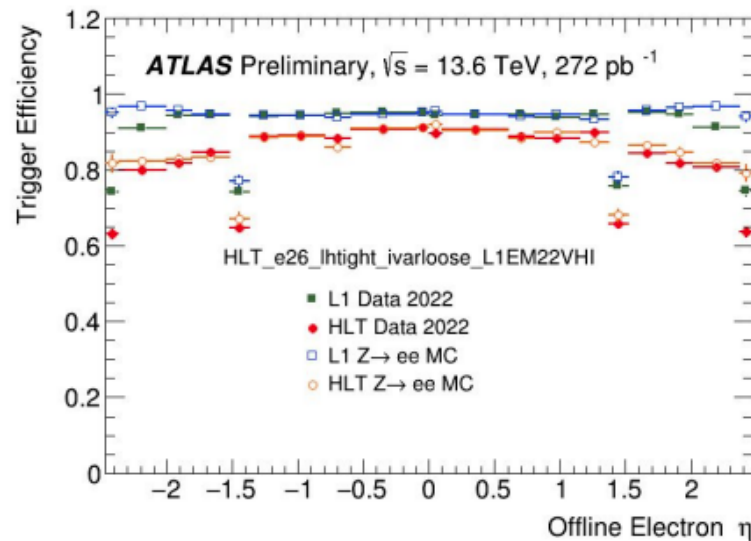
Good efficiency observed at L1 & HLT for the lowest unprescaled single electron triggers

Isolation of electrons from jet clusters at L1

Data efficiency not corrected for backgrounds

Good efficiency observed at HLT for lowest unprescaled single muon triggers in the barrel region

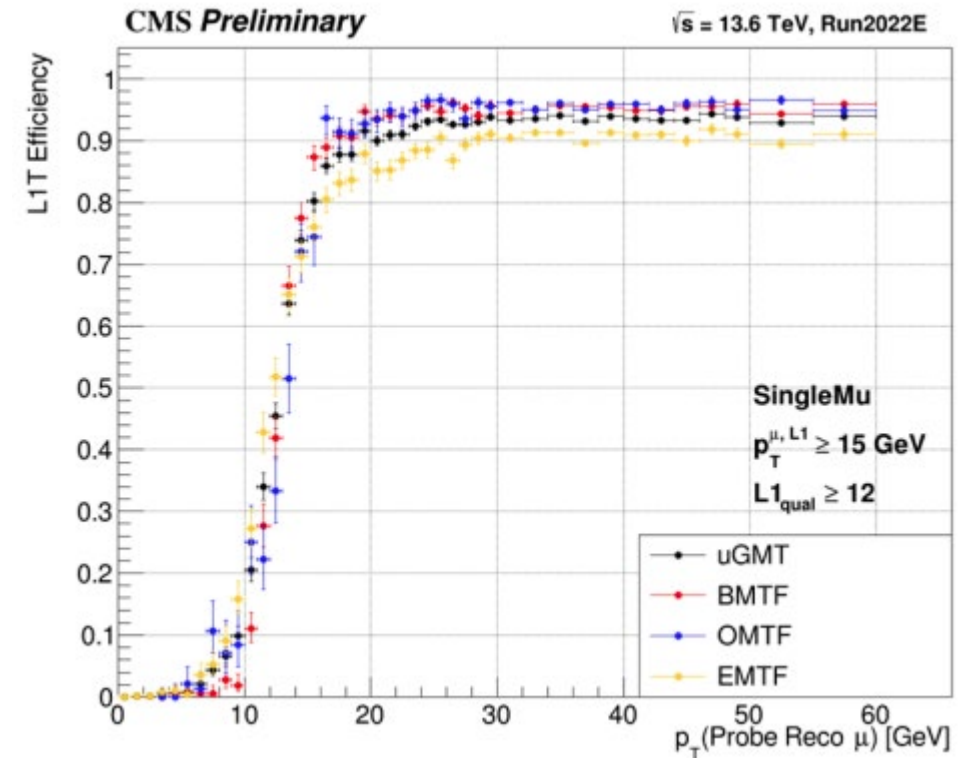
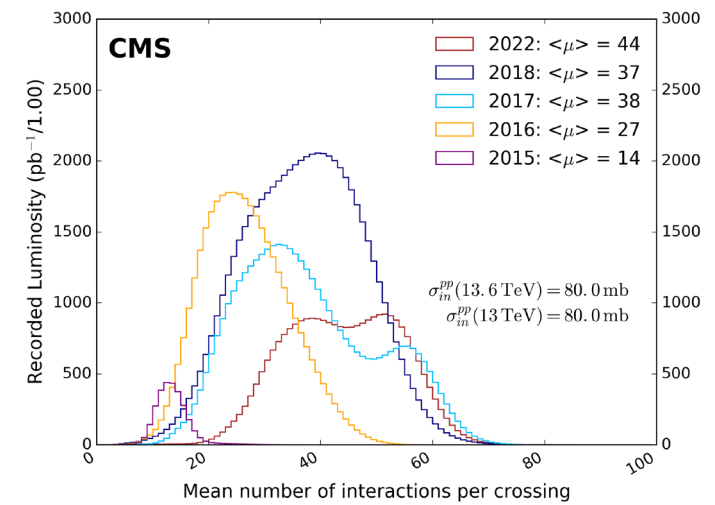
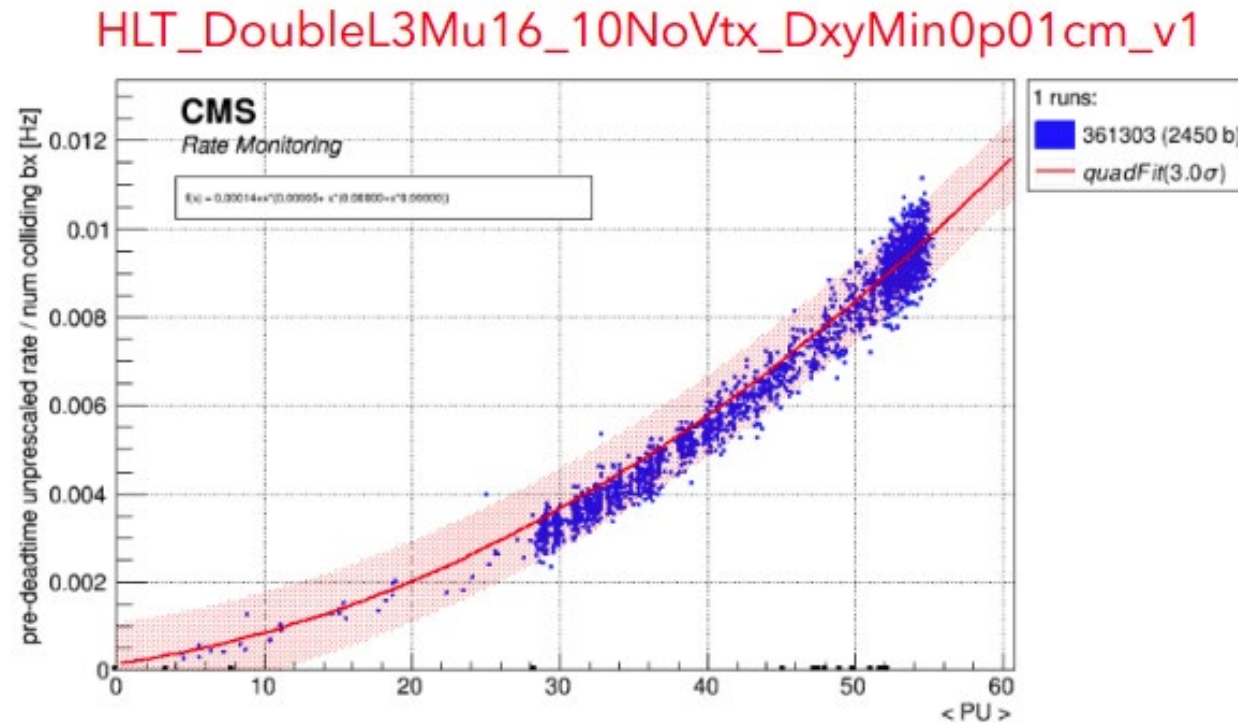
Good efficiencies for photon chains using the lowest threshold L1 EM triggers without isolation



[EgammaTriggerPublicResults](#), [MuonTriggerPublicResults](#)



- Excellent performance of muon triggers both for prompt and displaced muon signatures.
- Exciting physics program ahead of us.



The first upgrade

- LHCb switched to a full readout model at 30 MHz to overcome limitations of the two-level system.
- Relying on GPUs to perform tracking in different subdetectors (VELO, UT, SciFi)

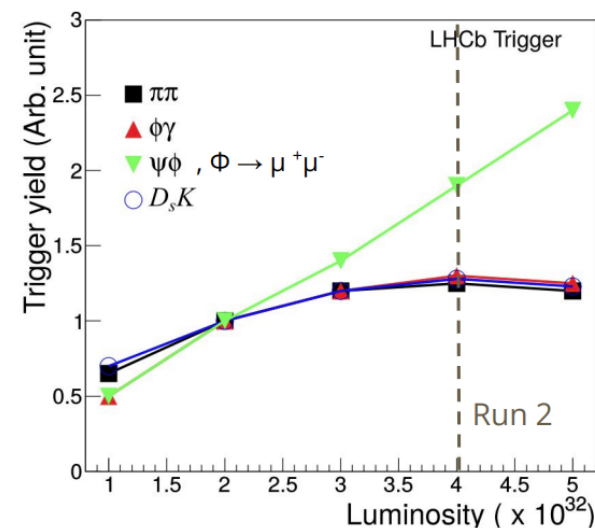
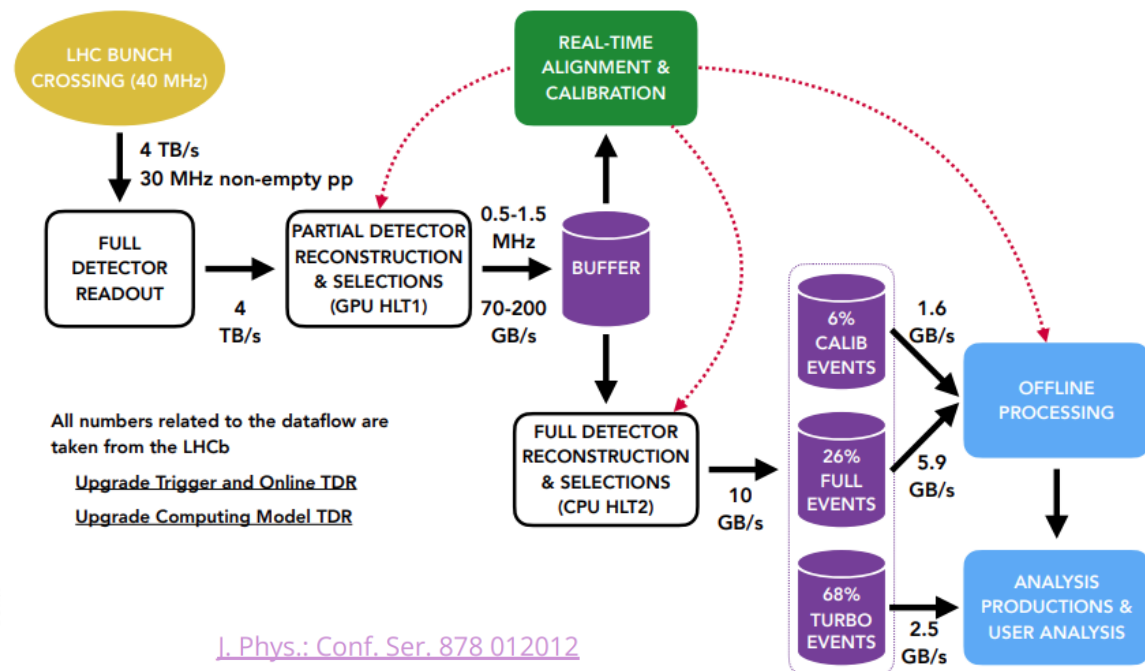
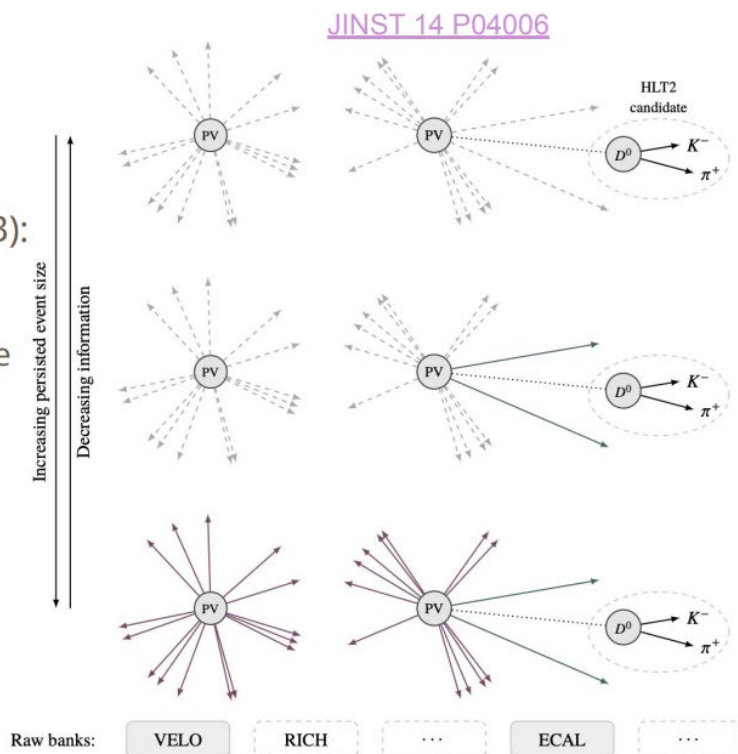
The turbo model

$BW(kB/s) = rate(Hz) \times event\ size(kB)$
 4 TB/s input \rightarrow 10 GB/s offline limit

- huge signal rate \rightarrow reduce evt size

Flexible persistence model:

- Turbo** (35 kB): signal only
- Full** (70 kB): all reco'd objects
- Selective**: signal + selection of reconstructed objects and raw banks

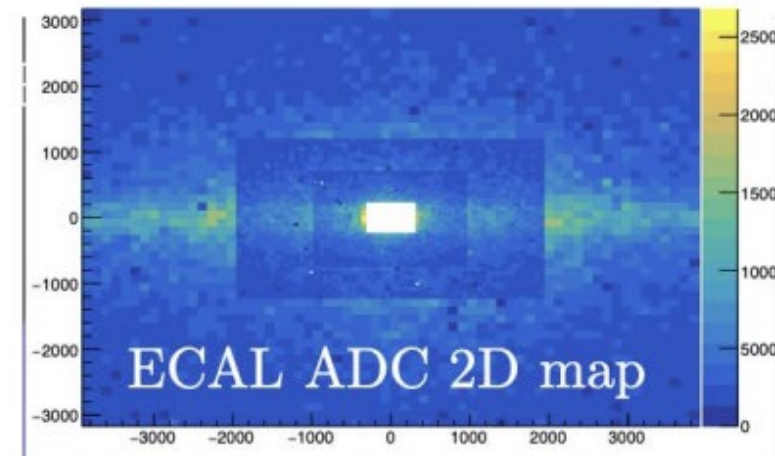
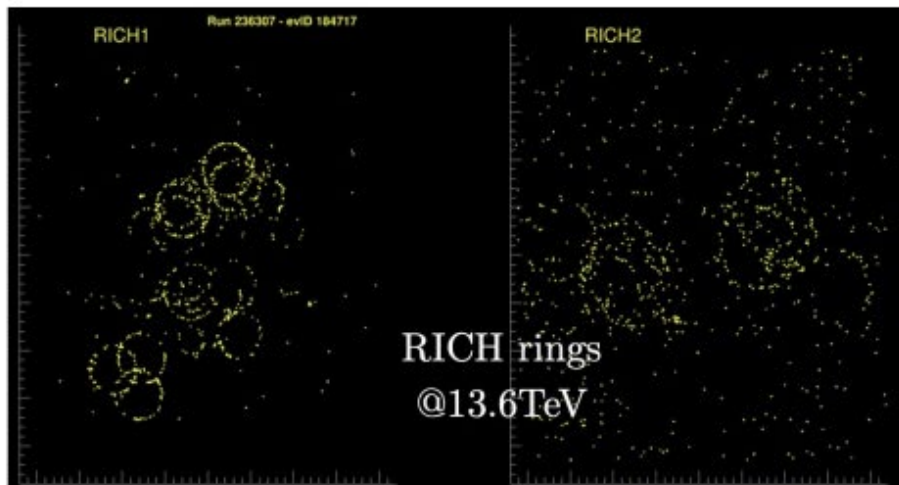
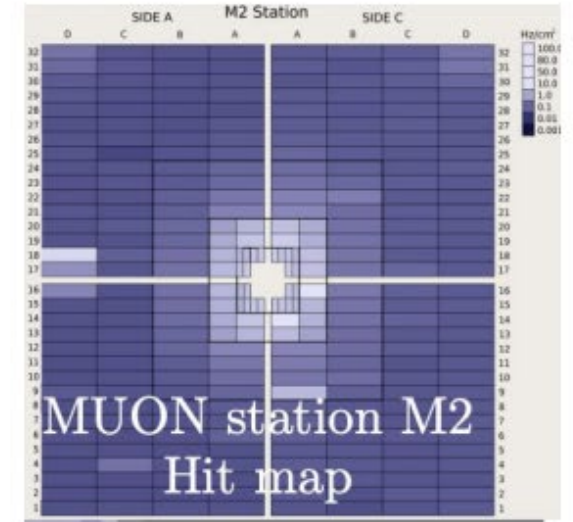
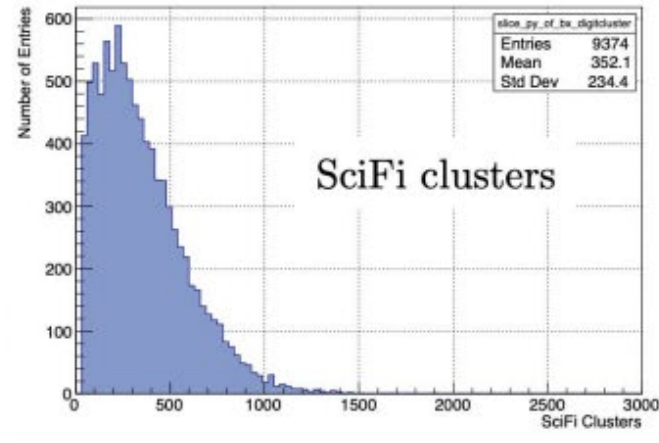
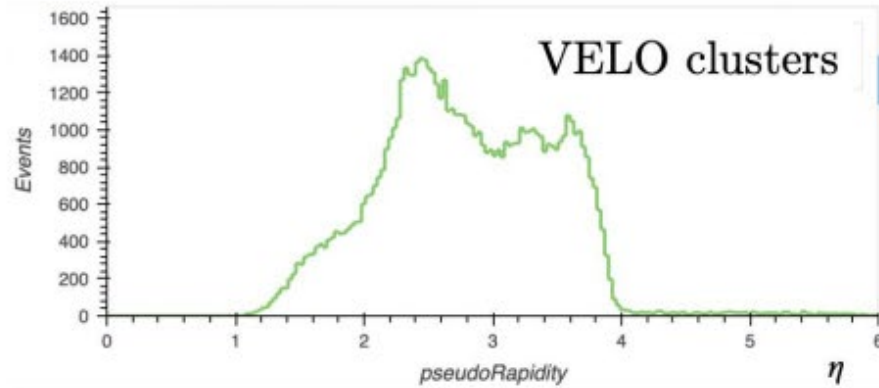


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Now it's time for commissioning

First Run 3 data



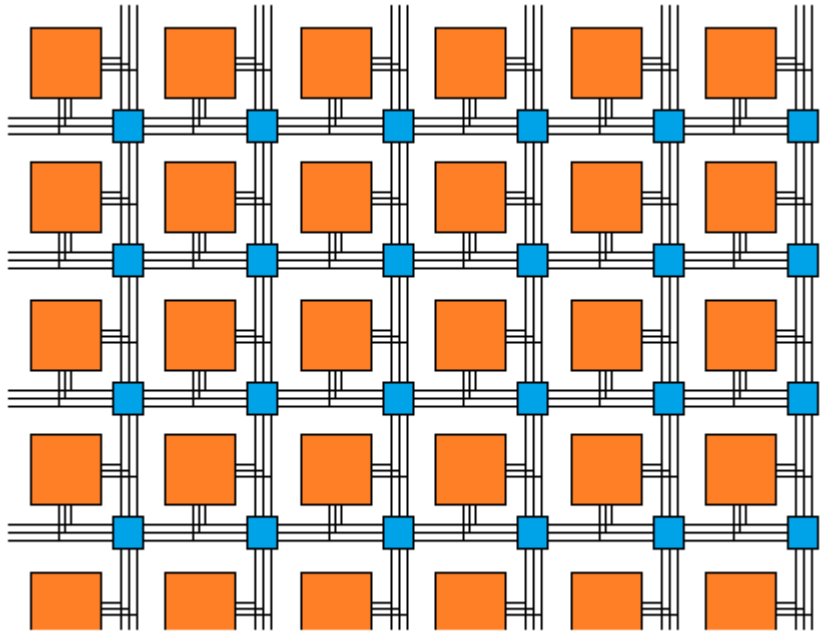
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High-speed electronics for trigger and DAQ

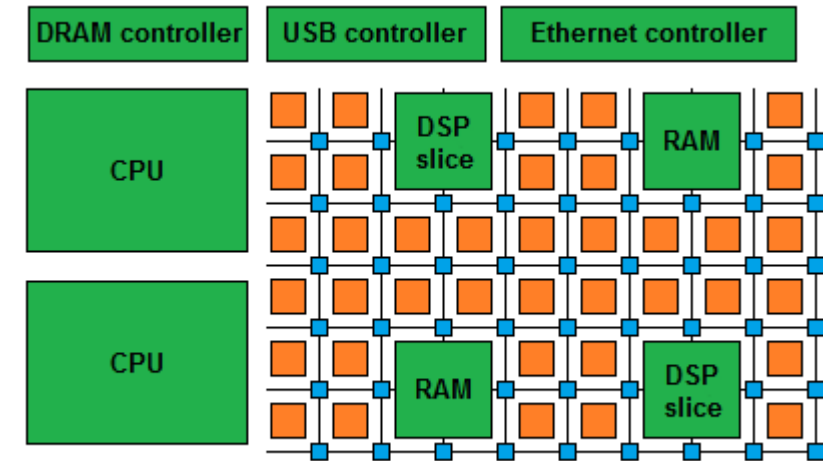


What is an FPGA?

- **FPGA stands for Field Programmable Gate Array**, essentially it's a piece of hardware that can be programmed as many times as the user wants and it can convert or implement any arbitrary equation into the form of the boolean equation, consequently, implement this as combinational and sequential logic. Simply put, an FPGA can be used to implement any logic function.
- FPGAs are extensively used at the LHC for both on- and off-detector electronics where high-speed processing of signals is required.



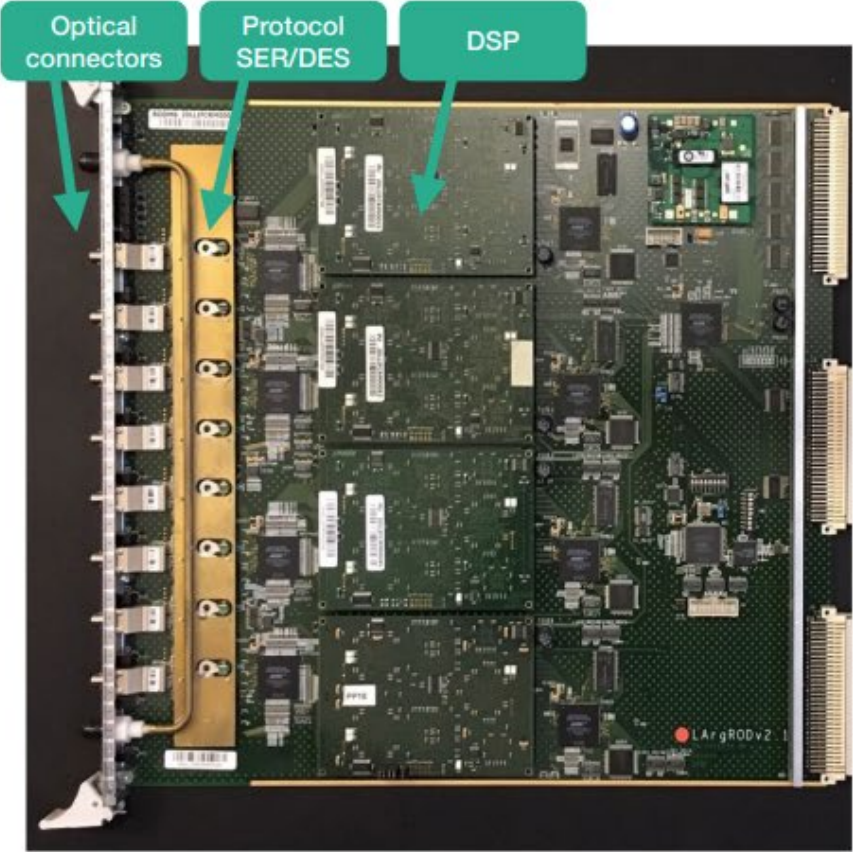
"Clean slate" FPGA: programmable **gates** and **routers**



Modern FPGA: lots of **hard**, not-field-programmable gates

ATLAS Tile Calorimeter – upgrades

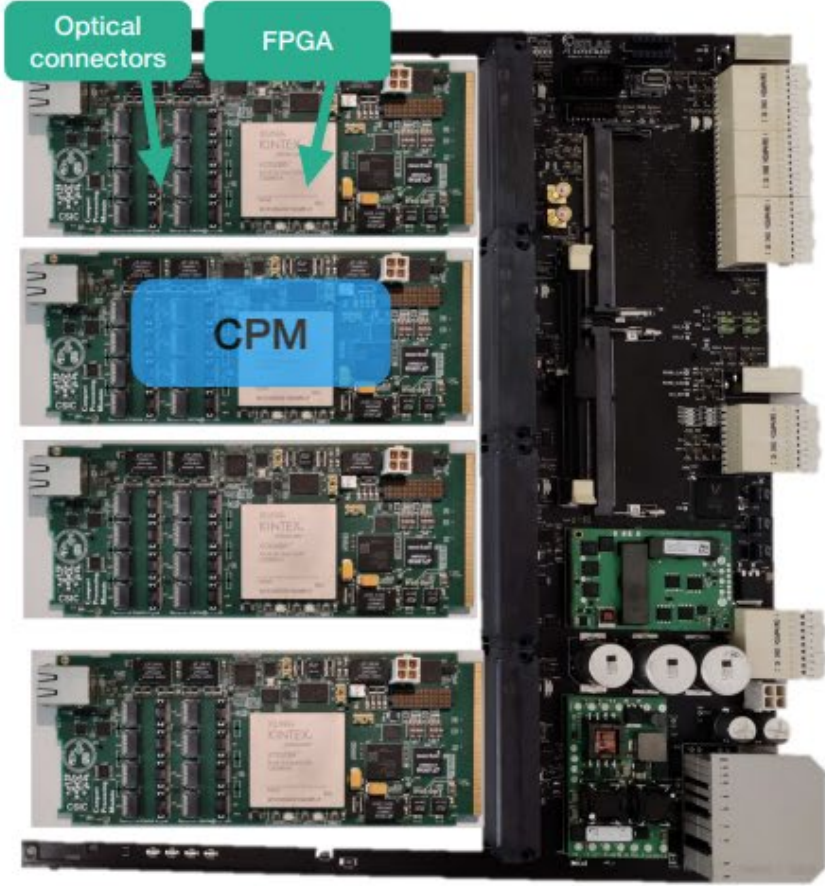
ROD (2000): VME9U ~ 34 x 36 cm – DSP processing
 Throughput (Max 1 Gb/s x line): RX: 5.12 Gb/s ; TX: 4 Gb/s
 8 optical receivers, 4 G-Link ser/des, 22 FPGAs / 8 DSPs



Huge increase in aggregated
 data rates not only due to
 individual line speeds

	Current	Phase II
Total BW	165 Gbps	40 Tbps
# fibers	256	4096
BW/module	800 Mbps	160 Gbps
# cards	32 (VME)	32 (ATCA)
# crates	4 (VME)	4 (ATCA)
BW/card	6.4 Gbps	1.28 Tbps

TillePPr (2020): ATCA8U ~ 35 x 28 cm - FPGA processing
 Throughput (16 Gb/s line): RX: 2 Tb/s Gb/s ; TX: 1 Tb/s
 24 Firefly (x4 : 96 links) , 10 FPGA

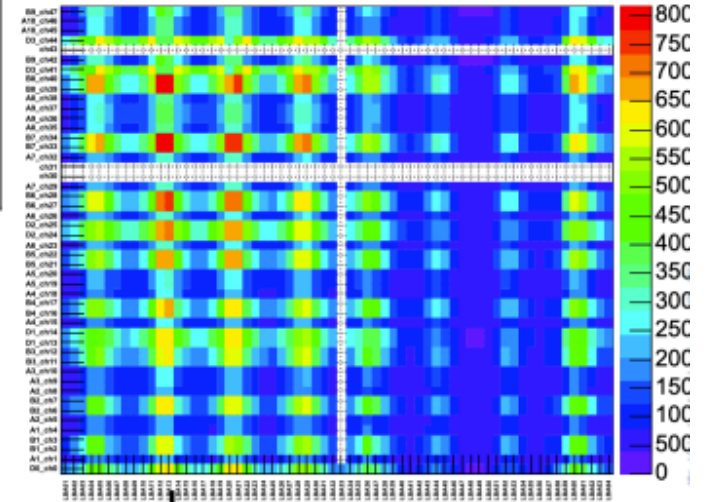


Demonstrator

- New hybrid electronics for Phase-II Upgrade
- Module inserted in LBA14 in July 2019
- Tested in ATLAS since M1 (May 2020)
- Backward compatibility with the current ATLAS TDAQ system
- Very useful to exercise new electronics and identify potential problems before Phase-II
- Recent upgrade to DBv6 during YETS

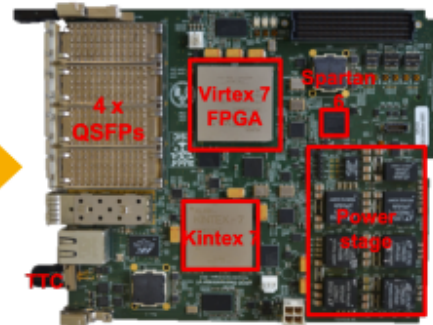
PPr	PreProcessor
FELIX	Front End Link eXchange
ROD	Read Out Driver
TTC	Timing, Trigger and Control
ALTI	ATLAS Local Trigger Interface
DBv6	DaughterBoard version 6
YETS	Year-End Technical Stop

Run 419373 Trigger AnyPhysTrig Partition LBA: Occupancy Map [MeV]



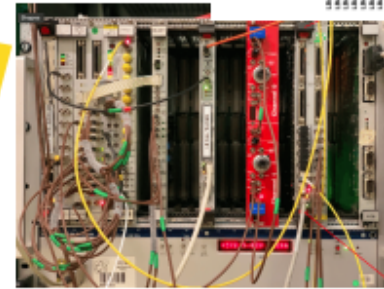
Demonstrator module
(4 x mini drawers)

4.8/9.6 Gbps



PPr Demonstrator
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L1A/TTC - 80 Mbps



TTC / ALTI system

800 Mbps

4.8/9.6 Gbps

Next
Step



Legacy ROD



FELIX System

Demonstrator
during splashes in 2022

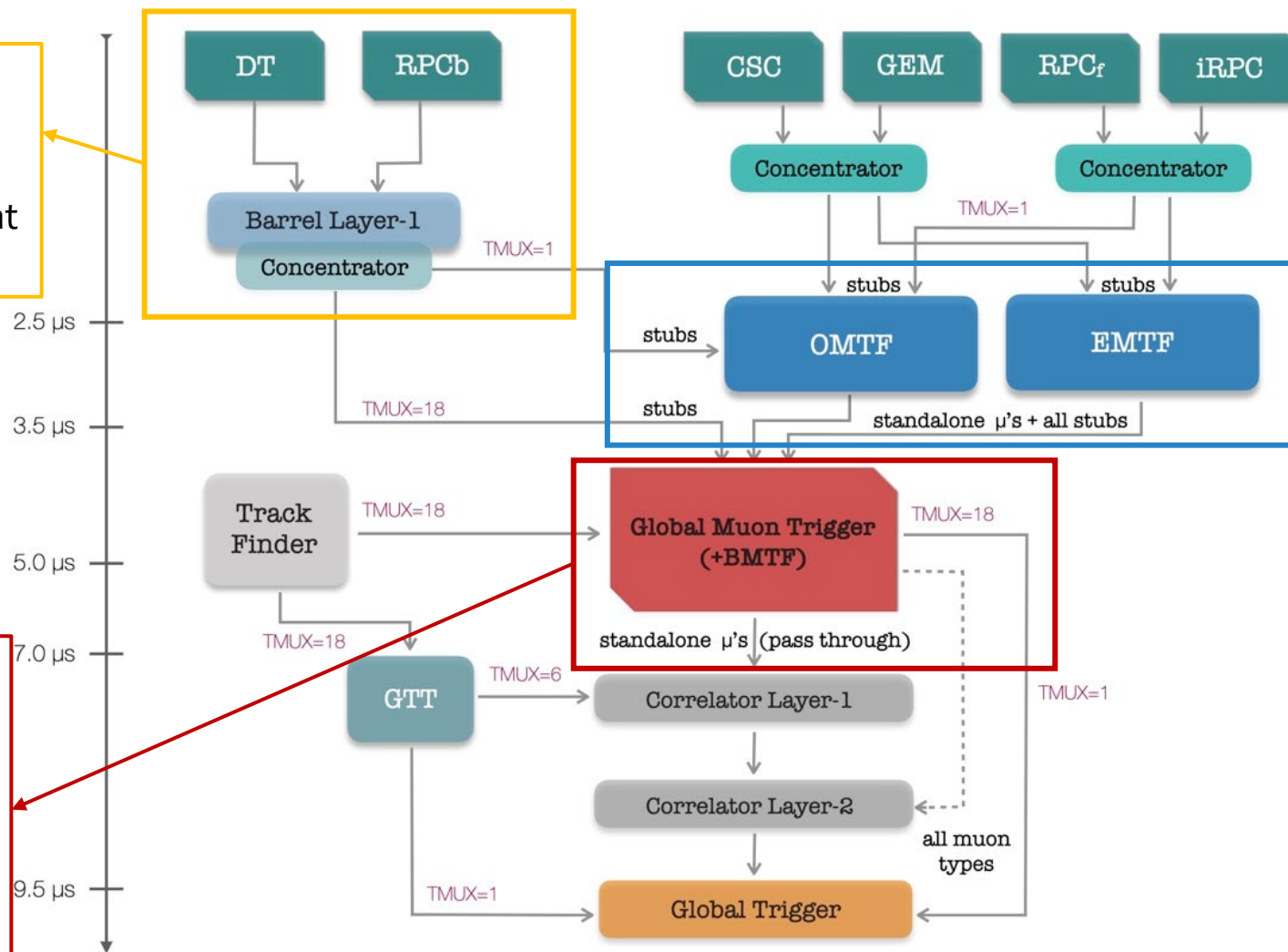
CMS Phase-2 Muon trigger architecture

Barrel Layer-1: local information, reconstructs segment direction in the different muon stations.



Hardware, software and firmware development.

Global muon trigger: Combines muon info (local and regional) with tracker information to reconstruct muons with ultimate momentum precision.



Muon Track Finders: Combine local info from different stations and subdetectors to estimate muon trajectory and momentum.

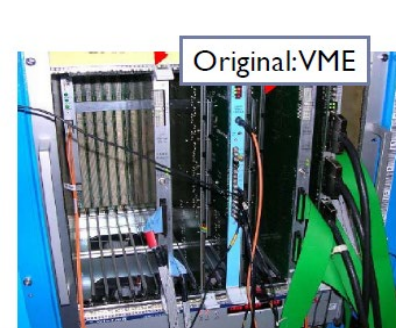
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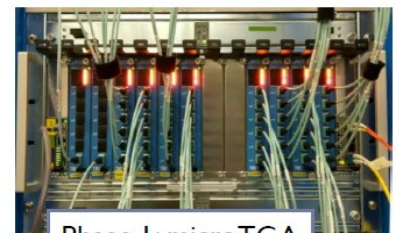
CMS DT Phase-2 Upgrade for HL-LHC



DT Backend



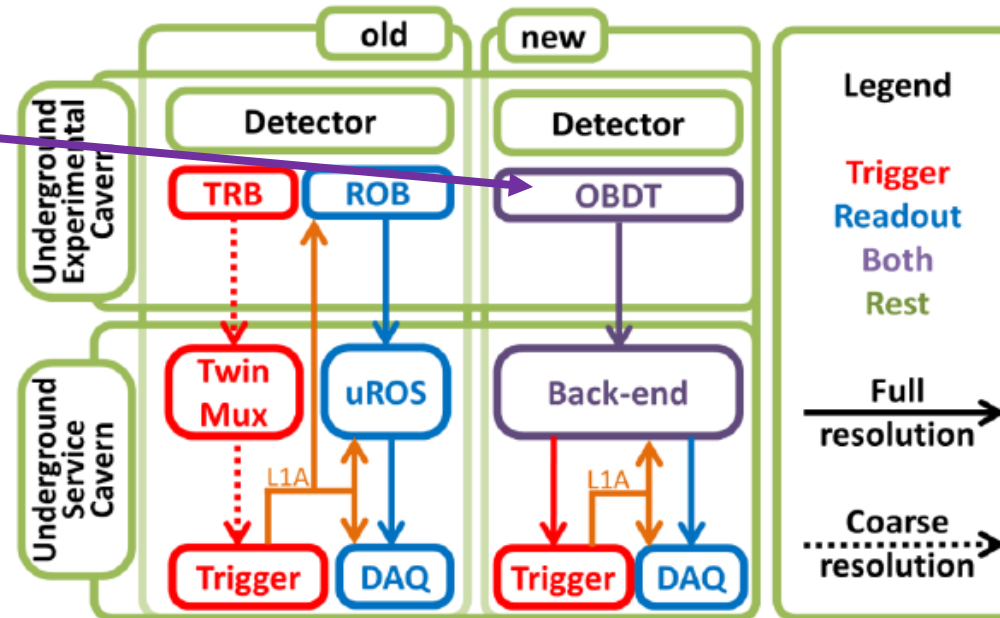
Original: VME



Phase 1: microTCA



Phase 2: ATCA



Legacy system limitations:

- ▶ Electronics not able to deal with increased processing demand
- ▶ Links not able to deliver the increased data rates
- ▶ Trigger algorithm works with coarse TDC resolution

- ▶ Fast-forward 20 years, we can take advantage of technological progress
- ▶ Not just dealing with increased rates... Also improve performance
- ▶ Availability of radiation-tolerant FPGAs and high-speed serial links over optical fibre means we can stream everything out of the experimental cavern
- ▶ Availability of high-performance FPGAs means we can perform a much finer trigger algorithm using full TDC resolution

CMS Muon DT trigger HW evolution

Original

50 000 on-detector ASICs
300 Actel ProAsicPlus FPGAs
(~ 2M equivalent Logic Cells)
Luminosity $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

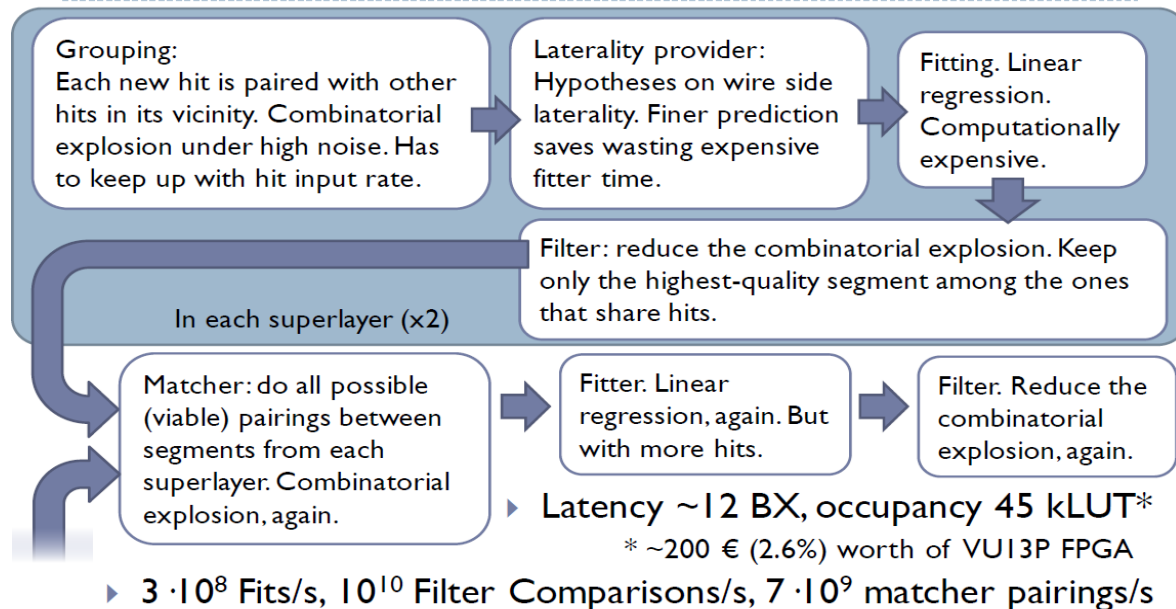
Phase I

50 000 on-detector ASICs
60 Xilinx Virtex7 FPGAs
(~ 20M Logic Cells)
Luminosity $2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Phase 2

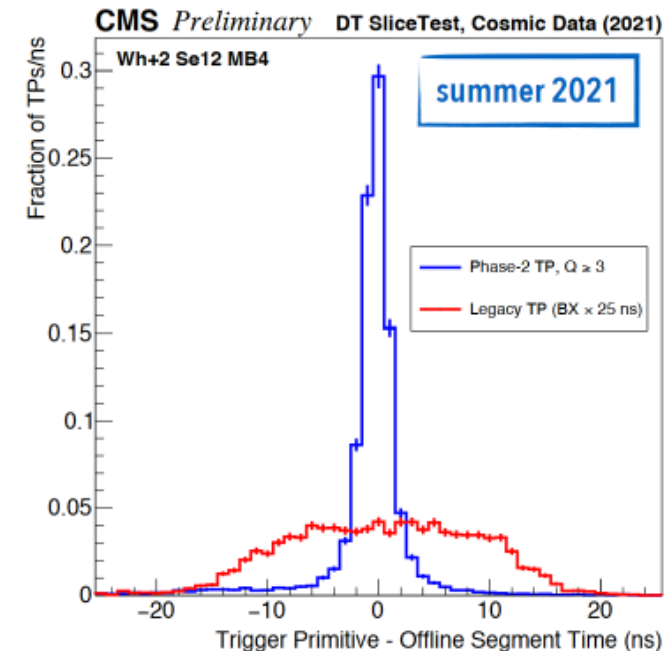
42 Xilinx UltraScale
Plus FPGAs (~ 70M
Logic Cells)
Luminosity $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Trigger algorithm data flow



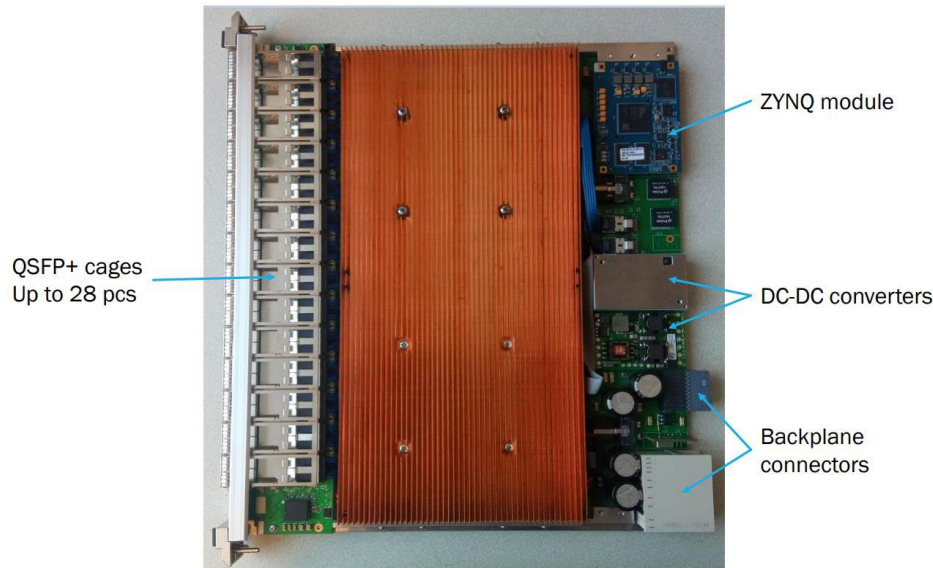
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A. Navarro - Electronics for CMS DT



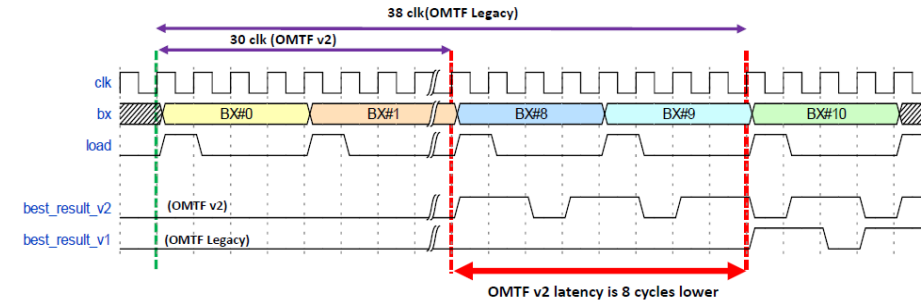
Muon track finder in CMS

- We have implemented an optimized version of the OMTF algorithm in HLS, with lower latency and area.
- Modularized small IPs provide a wider vision at RTL level of what's going on and allows to debug faster
- Firmware testbench has been done, algorithm works as expected, timing closes.



Latency results

Module	InputProcessor	GoldenProcessor	BestPatternSelector
Latency (cycles)	4	12	12



Latency has improved compared to OMTF legacy, reduced by 8 cycles due to the algorithm being fully pipelined and all data structures partitioned.

- Total latency of the module is $28 + 2$ (FFs) cycles.
- Algorithm maximum frequency is ≈ 200 MHz (with this latency)
- The new HLS version shows an 8-cycle improvement when compared to the legacy (VHDL) version.

Implementation

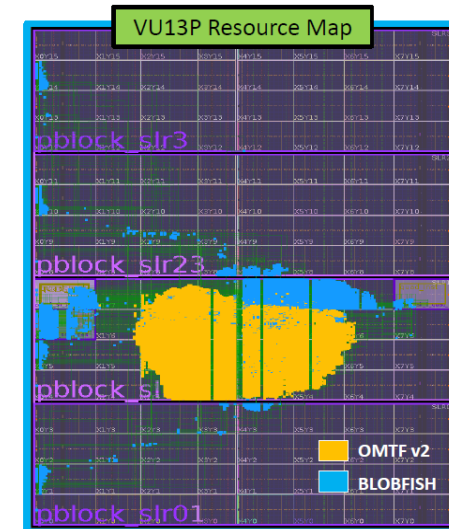
- Successful implementation and validation of OMTF algorithm in HLS.
- Acceptable resource utilization (1 SLR, < 25%).
- Latency and timing constraints are met.
- OMTF has been implemented along with BLOBFISH¹ framework.

(1) Basic Level Object Firmware Integration Shell (BLOBFISH) is a package made by the UCLA team which provides firmware infrastructure adapted to the board by using custom IP cores and tcl scripting. The core of the framework is the slr module that is an IP core that talks to the outside world through a 64-bit AXI interface.

OMTF	LUT	FF	DSP	BRAM
Legacy*	9,13%	4,08%	0,00%	8,70%
v2	7,66%	4,01%	0,00%	9,10%

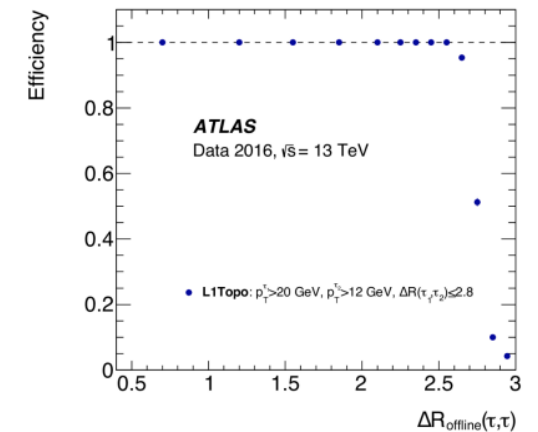
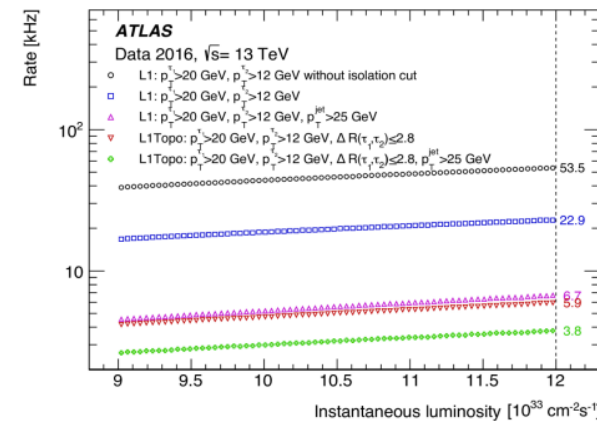
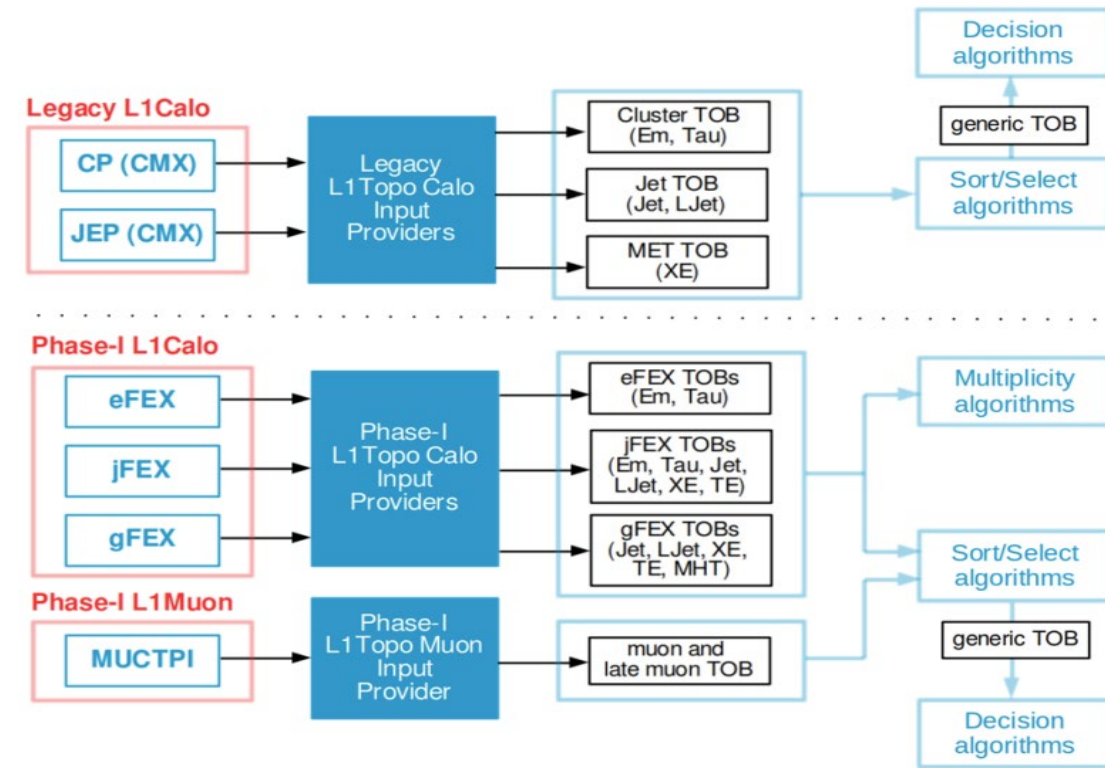
Utilization of OMTF v2 < 25% of a VU13P

(*) Utilization % scaled from *xvc1502* to *xvcu13p*



The ATLAS L1 Topological trigger

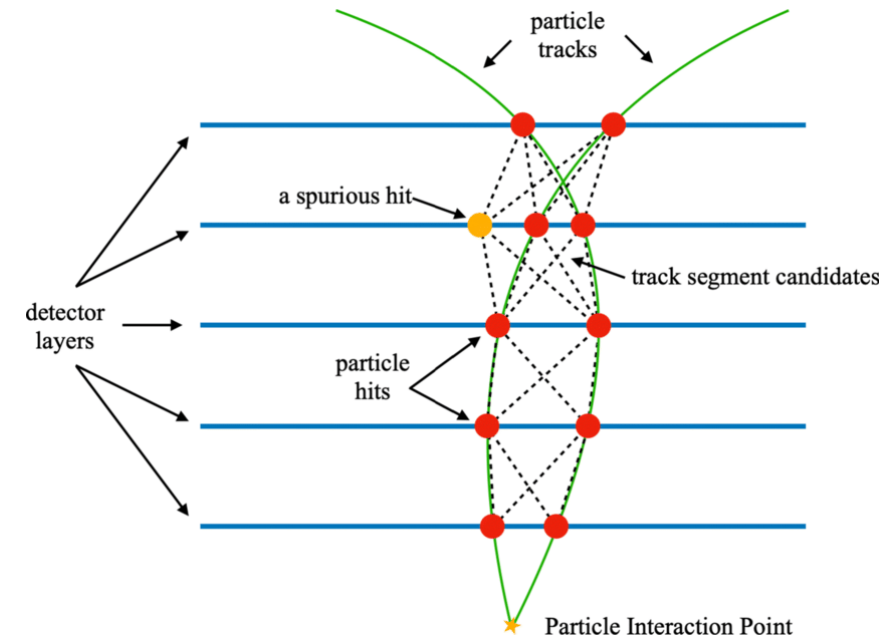
- The L1Topo system takes inputs from the Level-1 Calorimeter (L1Calo) and Level-1 Muon (L1Muon) systems and outputs decisions to the Central Trigger Processor (CTP).
- Level-1 Topological system has undergone several changes in Run-3 (Phase-1) to improve the trigger system.
- The upgrades bring:
 - Improved input granularities from L1Calo/Muon systems
 - More precise LUTs
 - New topological algorithms
 - Multiplicity calculation



Efficiency relative to the equivalent non-topological trigger.

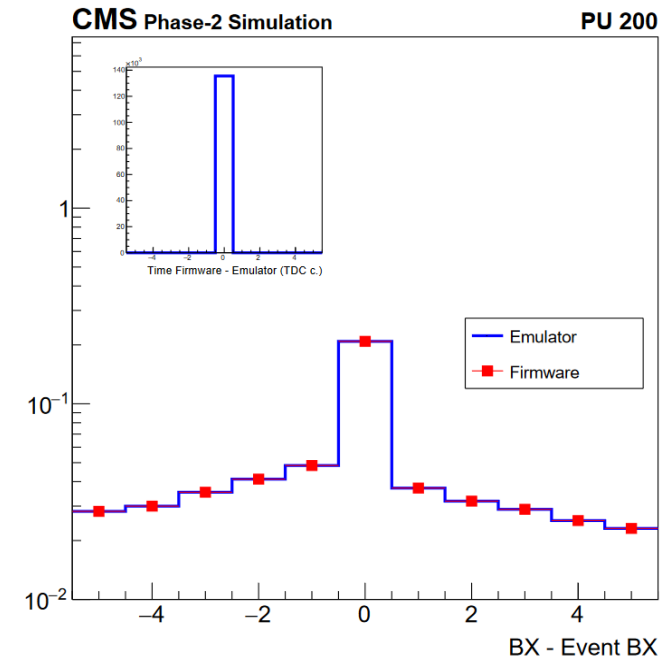
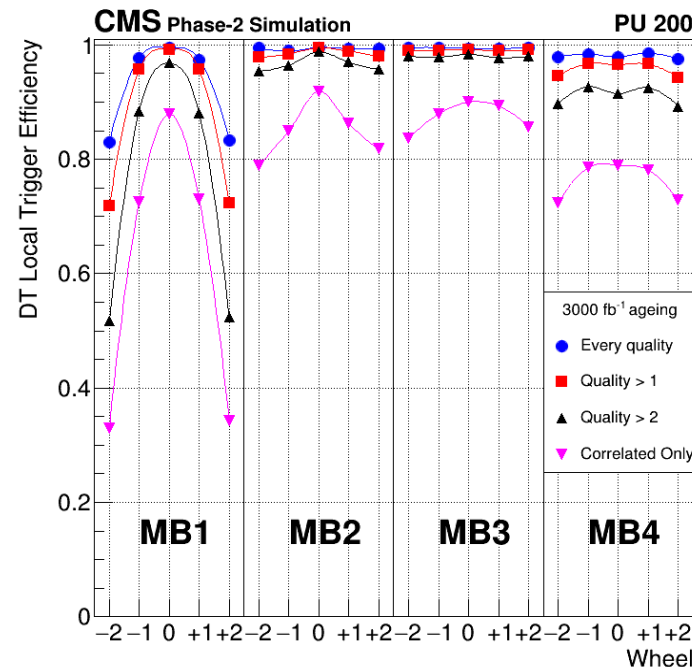
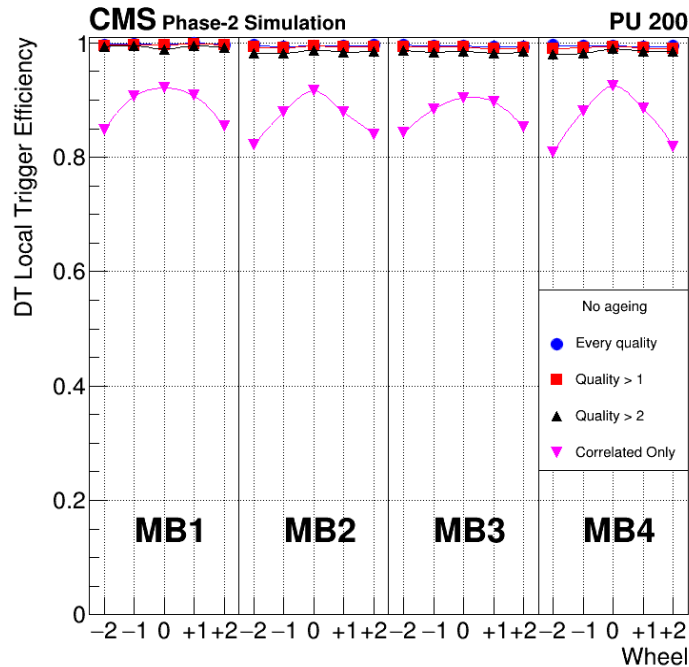
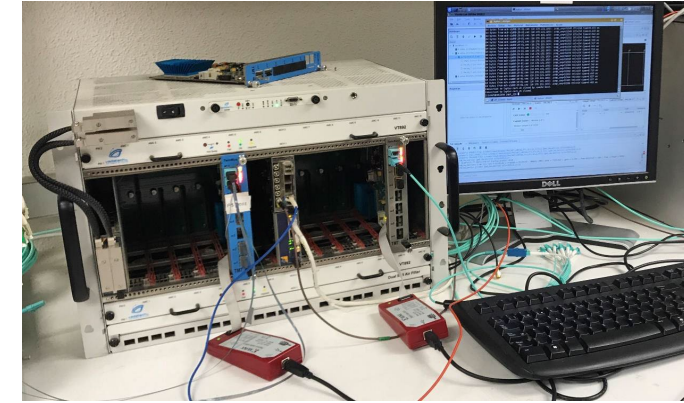
Algorithms: an overview

- Great expertise in particle tracking in different architectures: CPUs, GPUs, FPGAs
 - Exploring event reconstruction with GPU-only
 - Mixed approaches with CPU+GPUs
 - The use of FPGAs is completely standard in the hardware trigger
- Trend goes towards heterogenous infrastructures!
- **LHCb has completely re-designed the trigger application on GPUs.** [<https://allen-doc.docs.cern.ch/index.html>] Filtering an input rate of 30MHz down to 1-2MHz. It runs fast track reconstruction and selecting pp collision events based on one- and two-track objects entirely on GPUs.
- **CMS** uses GPUs for dedicated areas of the reconstruction (tracking) and CPUs for the rest of the High-Level-Trigger. FPGAs are used for hardware trigger.
- **ATLAS** uses FPGAs for the hardware trigger and CPUs for the High-Level-Trigger.
- Our teams have successfully developed (sophisticated) algorithms for all the architectures.



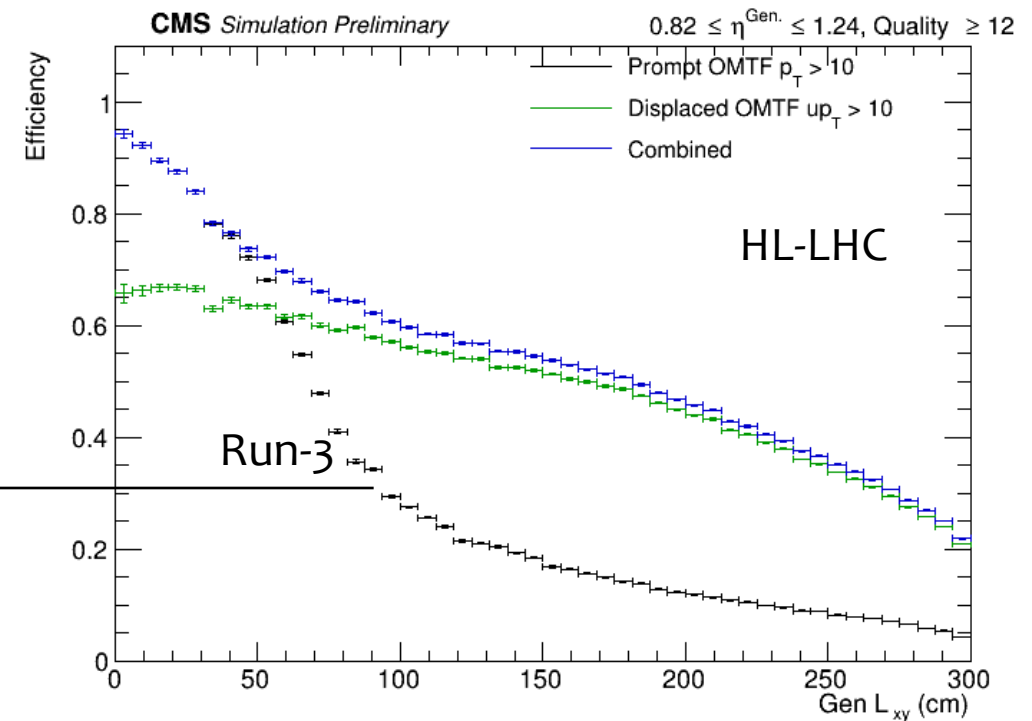
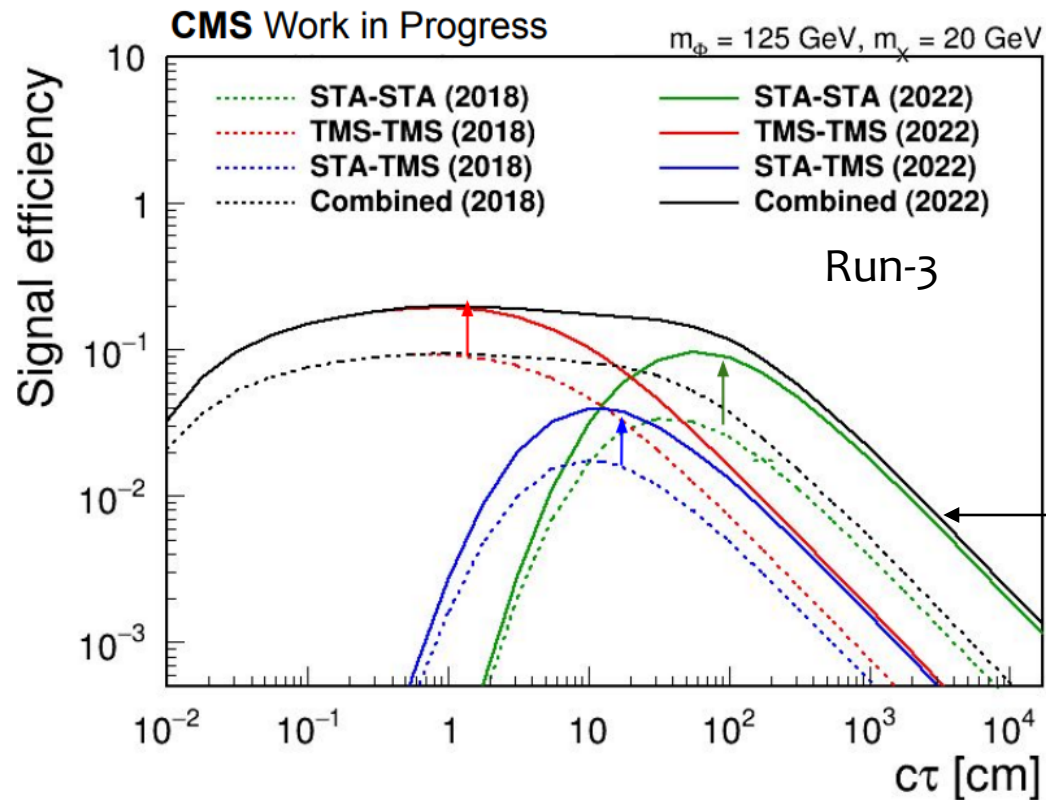
L1T Muon tracking algorithm in the CMS DT for the HL-LHC

- The Analytical Method is an algorithm implementing analytical solutions for reconstructing the DT trigger primitives for HL LHC.
- Performance studies show very good results, both in efficiency and in resolution.
- The AM firmware is on a good shape, showing a very good agreement with the AM emulator and providing good results at the DT Slice Test (already with Run 3 collision data).



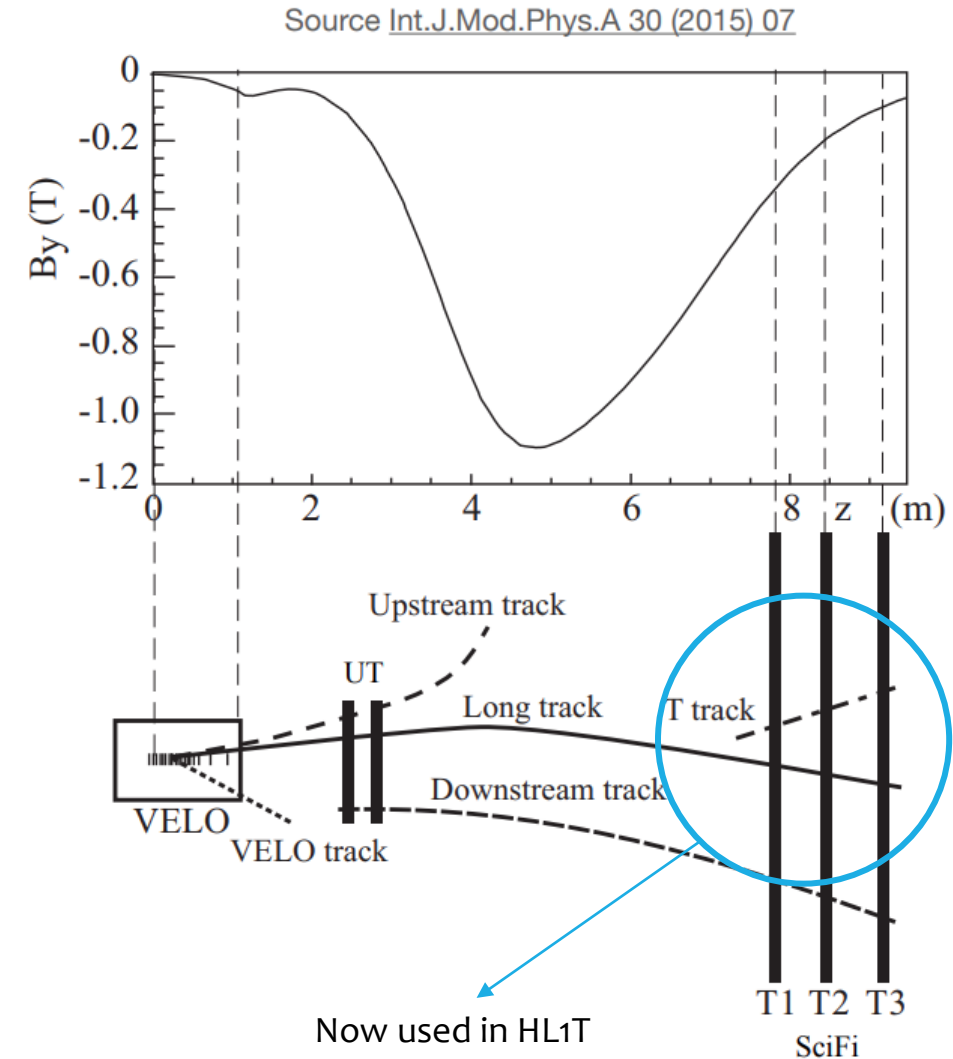
Algorithms: long-lived particles (CMS)

- Work to improve Run-3 sensitivity, but still limited by L1 efficiency.
- HL-LHC should be able to overcome this limitation with improved displaced (muon) reconstruction in the track finder.



Algorithms: long-lived particles (LHCb)

- In LHCb tracks are reconstructed from segments in the different 3 tracking subdetector:
 - Long: signal in VELO and SciFi (minimum) + UT (full)
 - Downstream: signal in UT and SciFi
 - T: hits only in SciFi
- It is possible to reconstruct particles with a decay flight distance > 2.6 m using only T tracks
 - Up to now, there have been no analyses with particles reconstructed only from T tracks
- By using tracks made exclusively from hits downstream of magnet, particles decaying up to 7.6 m from interaction point can be reconstructed, corresponding to lifetimes \sim few ns
- This enables new types of physics analyses, including electromagnetic dipole moment measurements, and searches for BSM LLPs

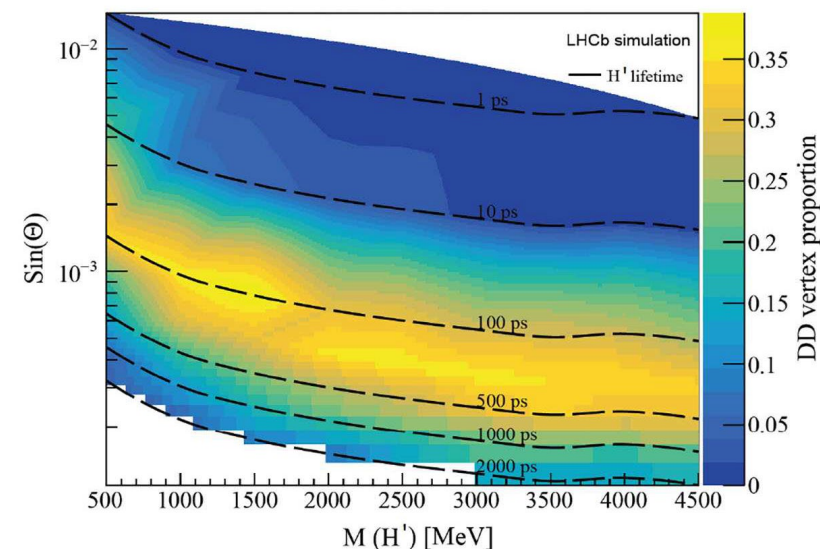
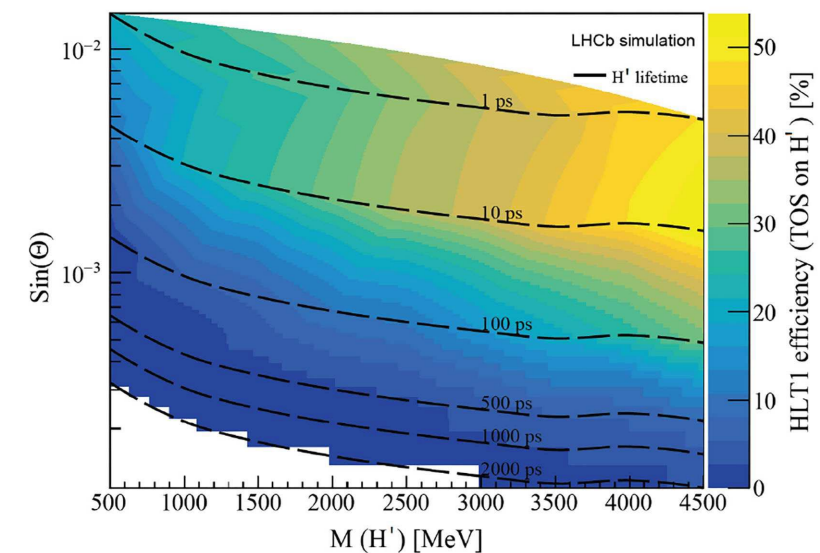
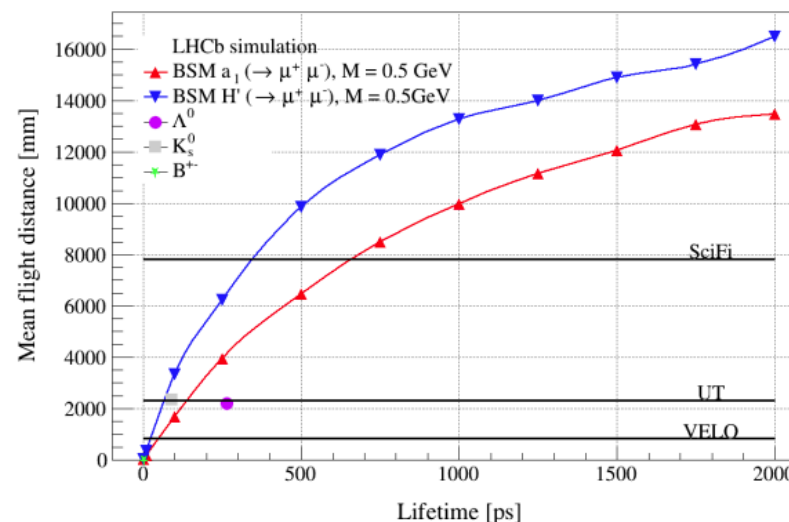


Algorithms: long-lived particles @HLT₁ (LHCb)

- Current HLT₁ uses only long tracks:
 - Decent efficiency (30-50 %) for low lifetime; Poor efficiency (< 10 %) for $\tau > 100$ ps
 - Loss in sensitivity for small H' mass
- Use downstream and T tracks instead @HLT₁
 - Extrapolate SciFi seeds to UT
 - Take the output of SciFi seeding
 - Filter out the used seeds
 - Extrapolate to UT stations

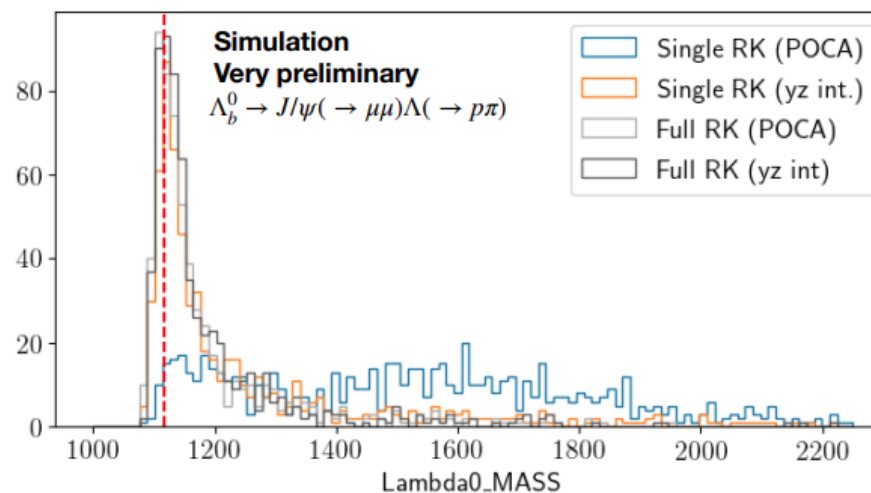
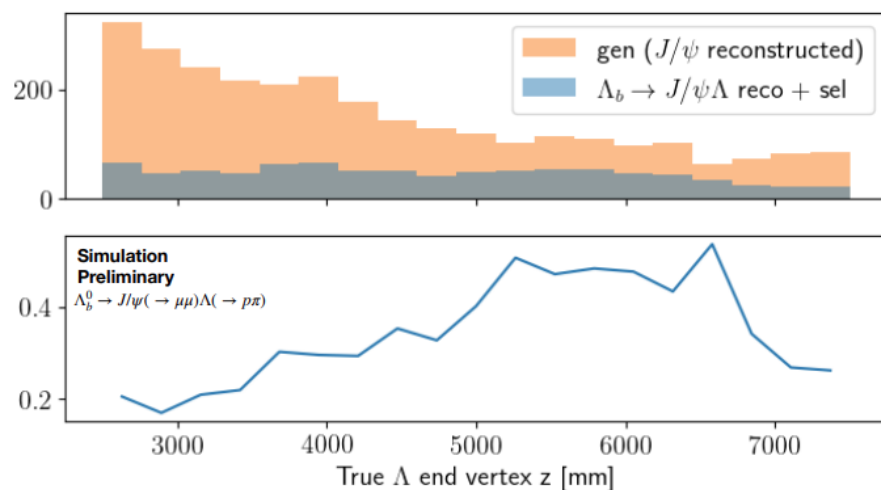
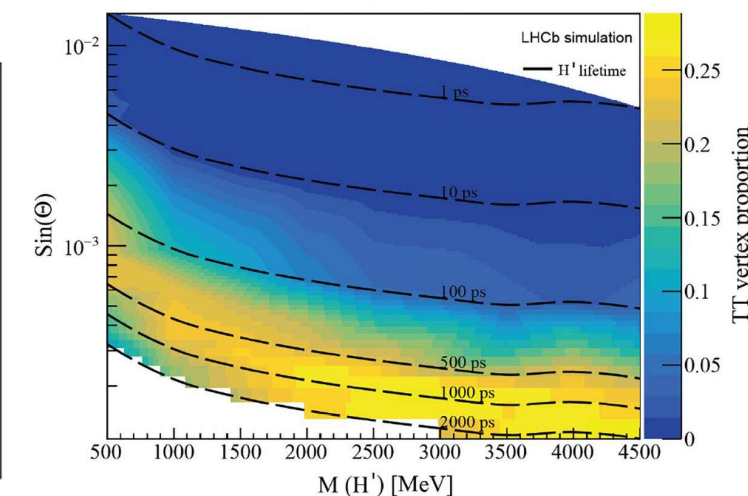
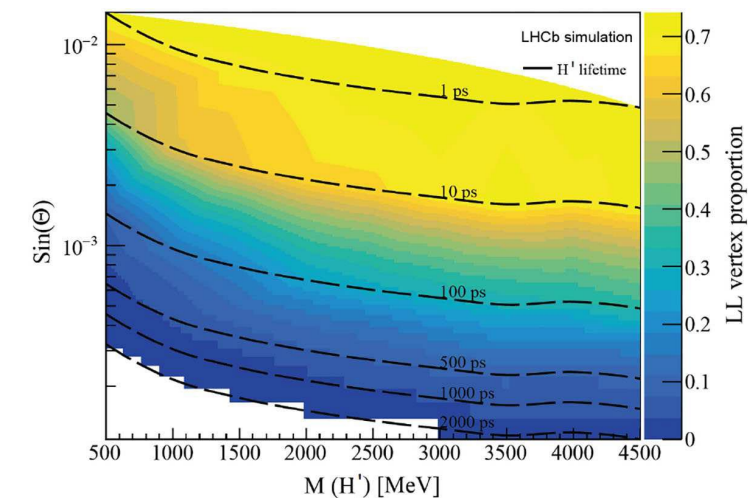
Downstream at HLT₁ level : Challenges

- Main challenges are:
 - Purity of Inputs to the algorithm (Input SciFi seeds)
 - ~28% ghosts in unmatched SciFi seeds
 - Algorithm throughput:
 - Must fit in the HLT₁ budget
 - Reconstruction efficiency and ghost rate:
 - The number of layers and type of trackers in the UT defines its capabilities.



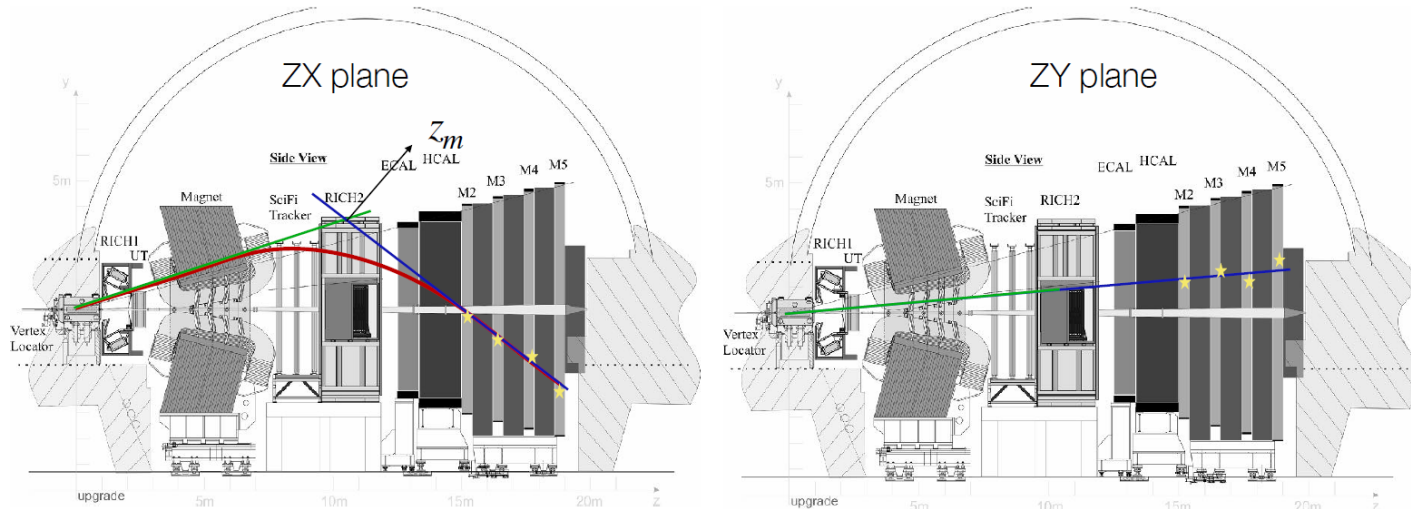
Algorithms: long-lived particles @HLT2 (LHCb)

- In HLT2 LHCb's Particle Vertex Fitter algorithm not suitable for T-tracks due to inhomogeneous field.
 - Runge Kutta (RK) extrapolation to fit correct vertex position
- Algorithm has been adapted to perform one RK extrapolation in first iteration, linear in subsequent
 - Mass resolution is still poor, there is still a significant z-bias
- Room for improvement to better resolve mass and z-position



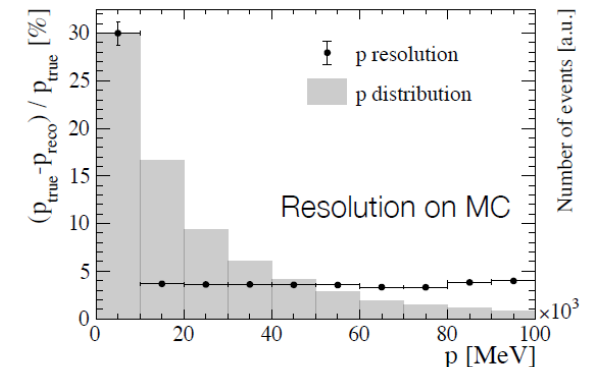
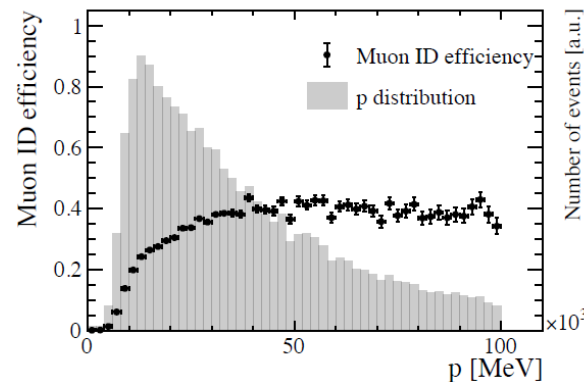
Algorithms: muon reconstruction @HLT₁ (LHCb)

- VELO-MUON tracking
 - Standalone muon tracking
 - No seeding from other tracking detectors)
- VELO-Muon matching
 - VELO tracks + Standalone MUON tracks
 - Momentum and charge: B field parametrisation
- Secondary vertex fitting
 - Use the VELO segment to obtain very precise secondary vertices
- 4% momentum resolution
- Default muon identification
- Usability:
 - Tag-probe track efficiency studies
 - High multiplicity events
 - Strange physics: lower momentum threshold needed
 - Commissioning: validate MUON time alignment



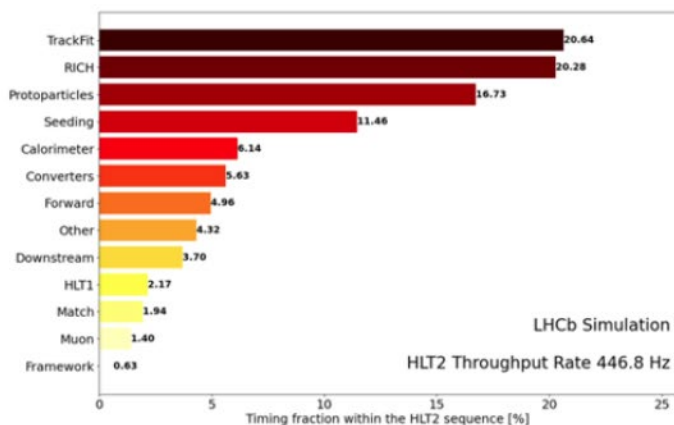
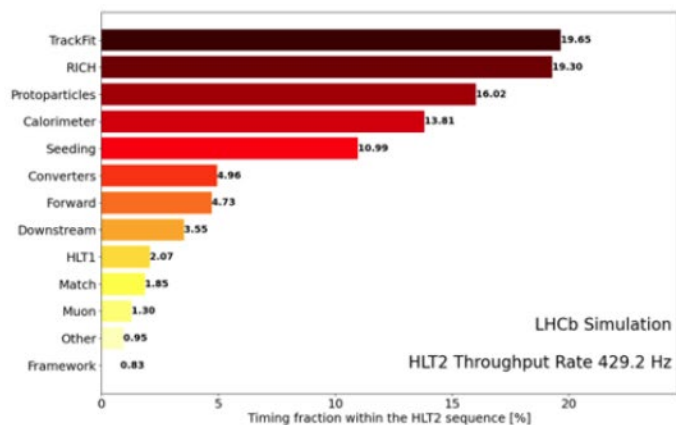
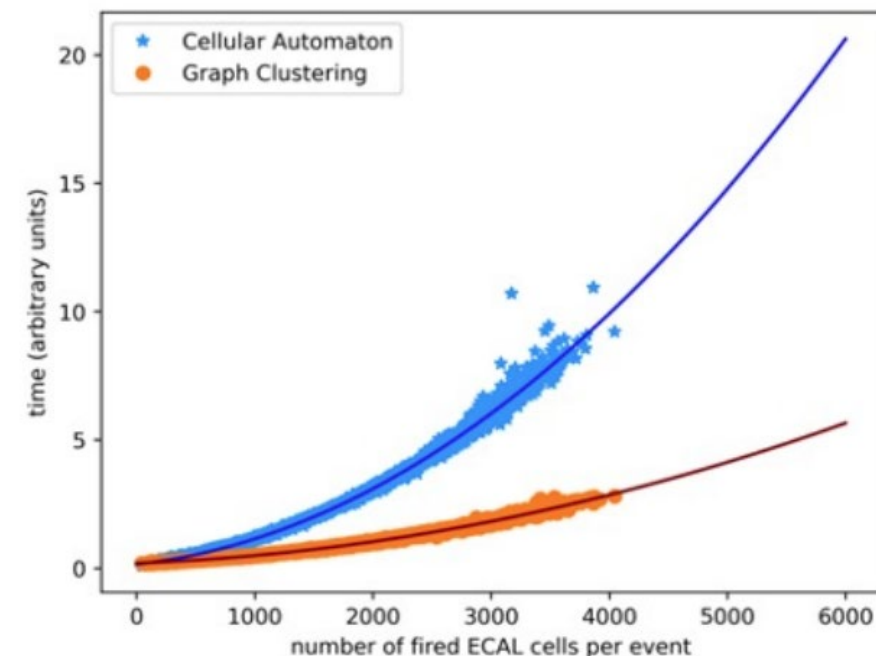
$$\frac{q}{p} = \frac{1}{|\int d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}|} \left(\frac{t_{x,\text{MUON}}}{\sqrt{1 + t_{x,\text{MUON}}^2 + t_{y,\text{MUON}}^2}} - \frac{t_{x,\text{VELO}}}{\sqrt{1 + t_{x,\text{VELO}}^2 + t_{y,\text{VELO}}^2}} \right)$$

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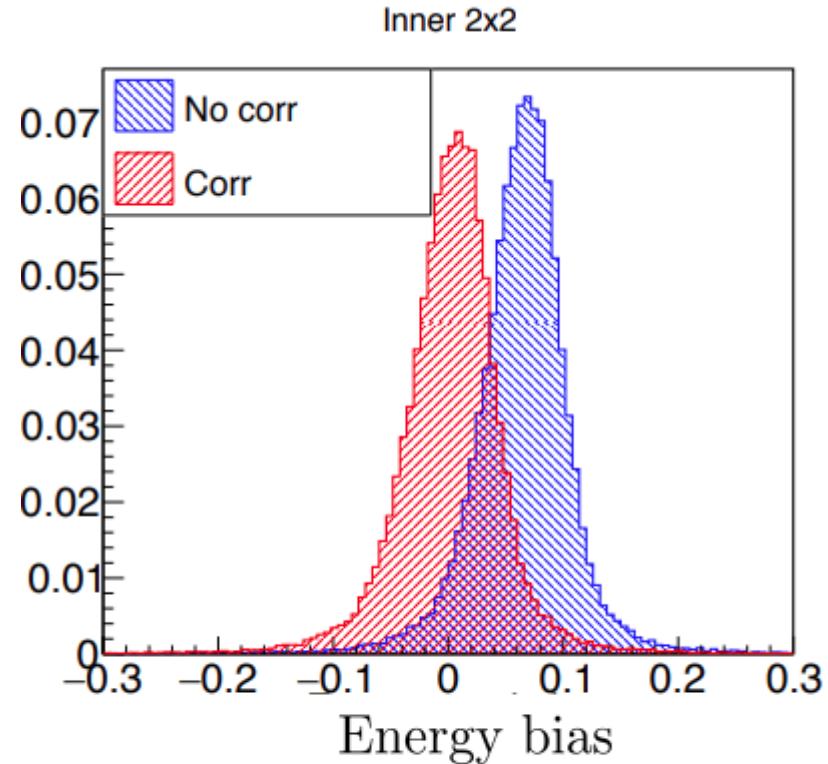
Algorithms: clustering algorithms @HLT2

- Algorithms also needed to adapt to new conditions, simply increasing the complexity of the model (ML, DL) may not fulfil all specifications (time, area...)
- Using graphs as data structure to store digis, with an insertion under certain rules, digits from the same cluster are already grouped together.
- Overlap cases are contained into independent connected components of the graph
 - Moore_hlt2_reco_baseline → change of -0.71%, calorimeter change from 20.74% to 18.98%.
 - Moore_hlt2_fastest_reco → change of **4.09%**, calorimeter change from **13.81%** to **6.14%**.
 - Moore_hlt2_pp_thor → change of **3.21%**, calorimeter change from **10.59%** to **4.71%**.



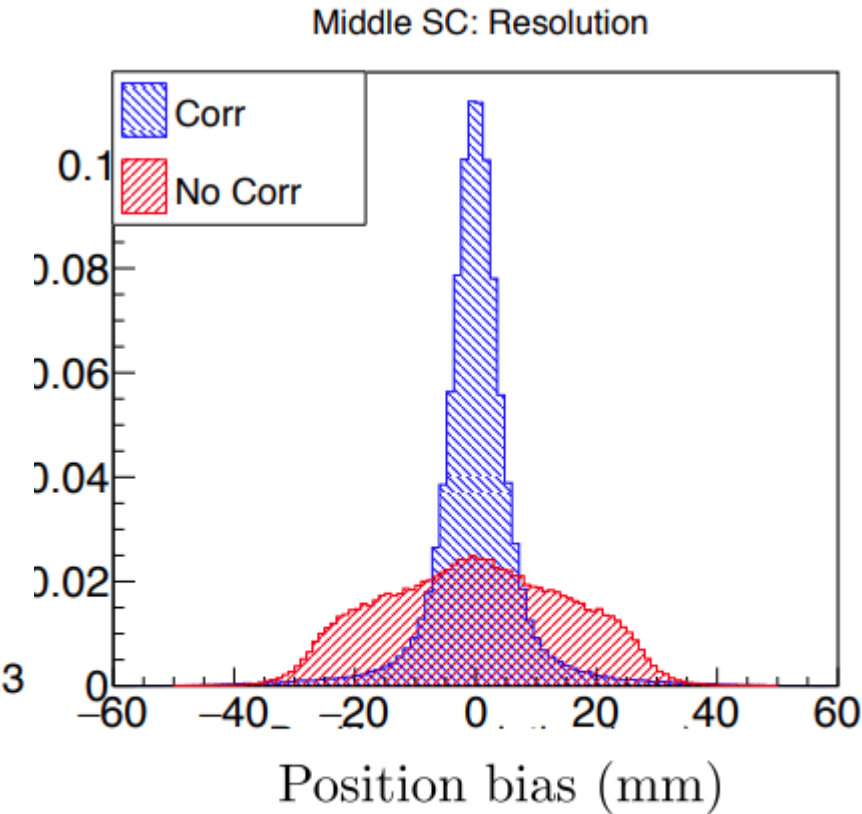
Algorithms: calorimeter calibrations for energy and position (LHCb)

- With the increased occupancy of Run 3, the effect of pile-up and external particles hitting the detector cell will be also increase. This will lead to a loss in resolution for both position and energy measurements.
- Using smaller cluster shapes (still larger than the Molière's radius), such as 2x2 or SwissCross, can reduce those effects resulting in better measurement resolution.



No corr: bias = -6.1%

Corr: bias = 0.02%

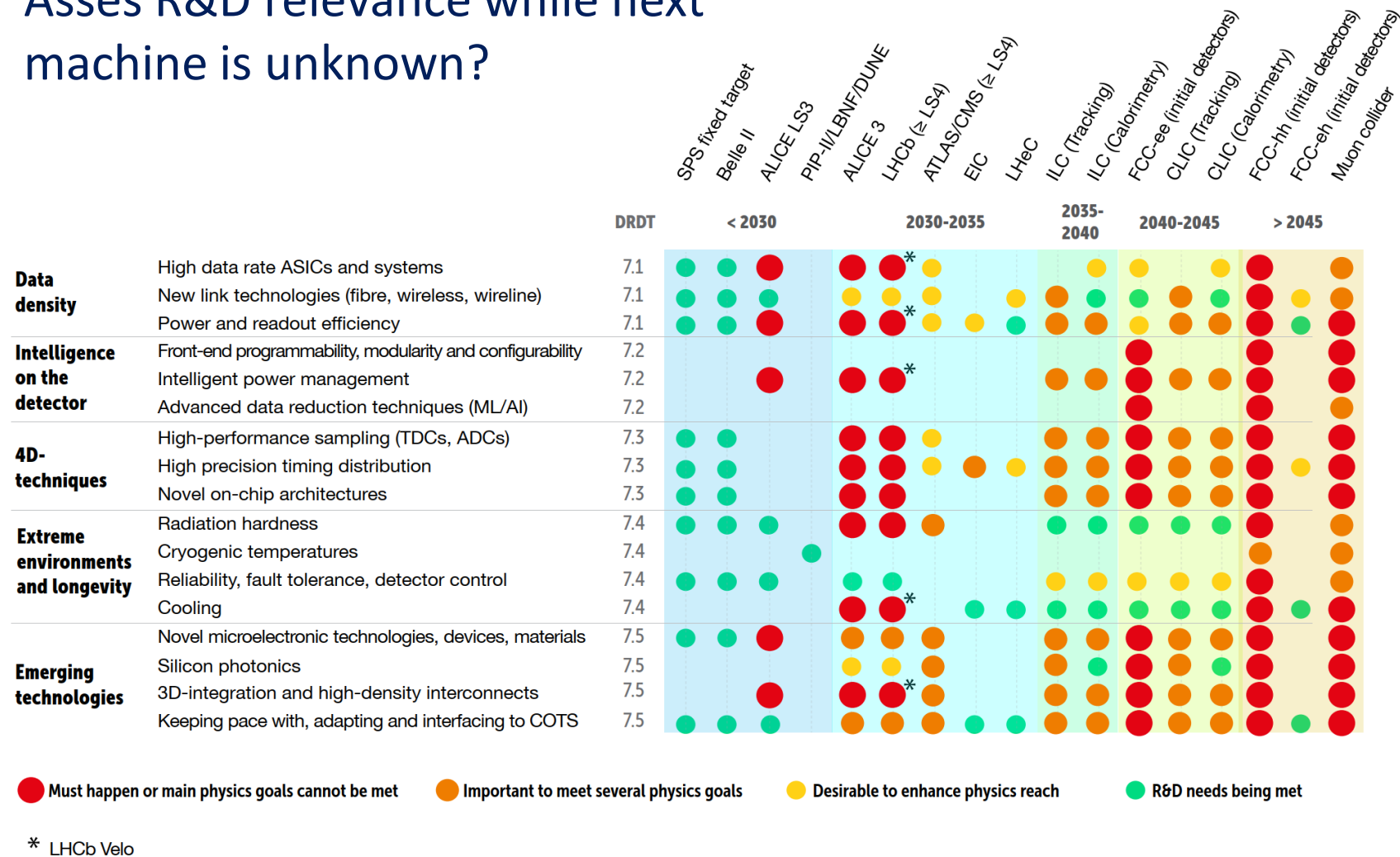


resolution = 3.598 ± 0.019 mm

A word about DRD7

- An R&D Collaboration on Electronics and On-detector Processing
- Spanish-wide DRD meeting in Barcelona → A role for CPAN
- Is ultra-high radiation hardness relevant? Or on the other hand, low material detectors?
- Conservative/simple frontends vs. adding sophisticated technological complexity on-detector?
- Is there some interest from the Spanish community in some of these topics? YES

Asses R&D relevance while next machine is unknown?



Outcome

- Great interest of the Spanish community on these topics, long-standing expertise in high-speed electronics and accelerator processors. Well established, internationally recognized community.
- Start a collaboration across different institutions. There is a significant interest from our community to work on high-speed electronics, heterogeneous computing architectures and trigger.
- Elaborate a document summarizing the interest of the different Spanish groups and express interest of our participation in the DDR7 collaboration: <https://www.overleaf.com/read/kpczrjtwyzbn>

If you wish to contribute to it, just let me know.





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