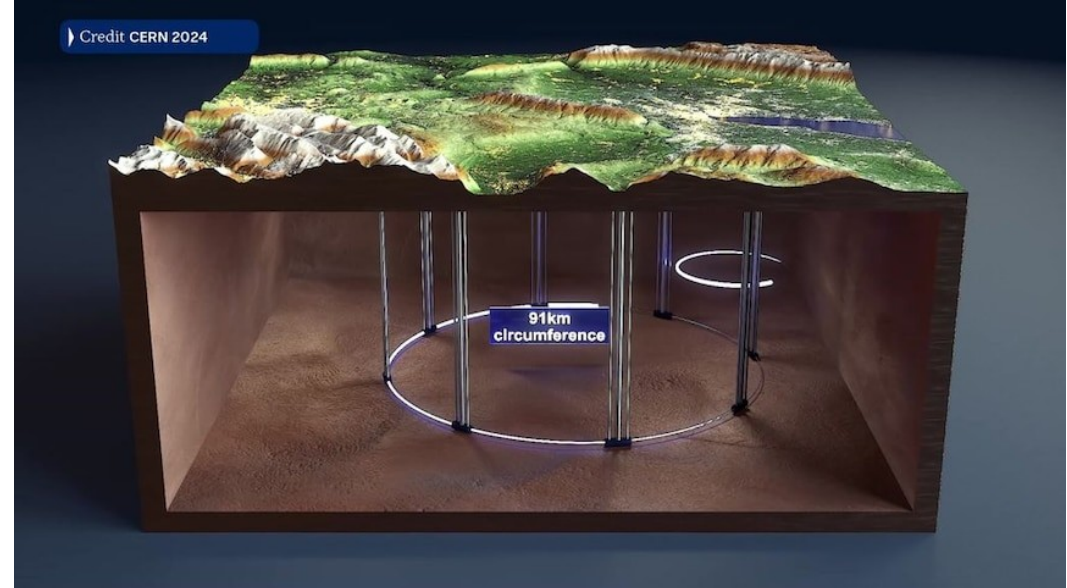
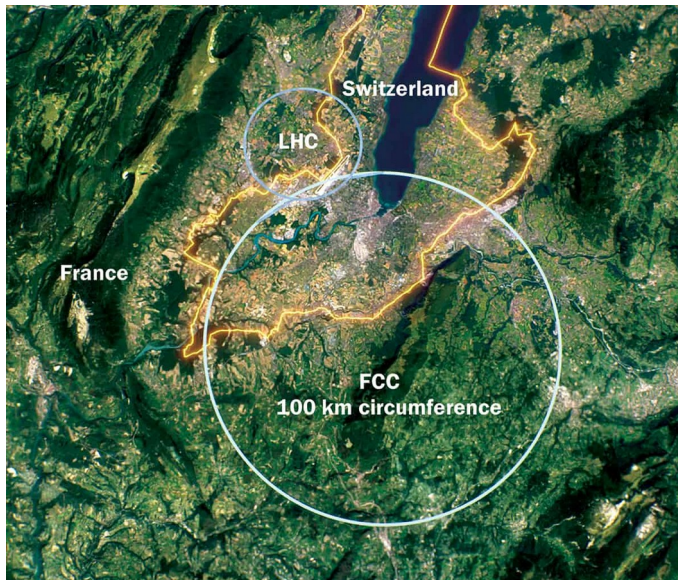


Trigger and Data Acquisition plans for FCCee



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Introduction

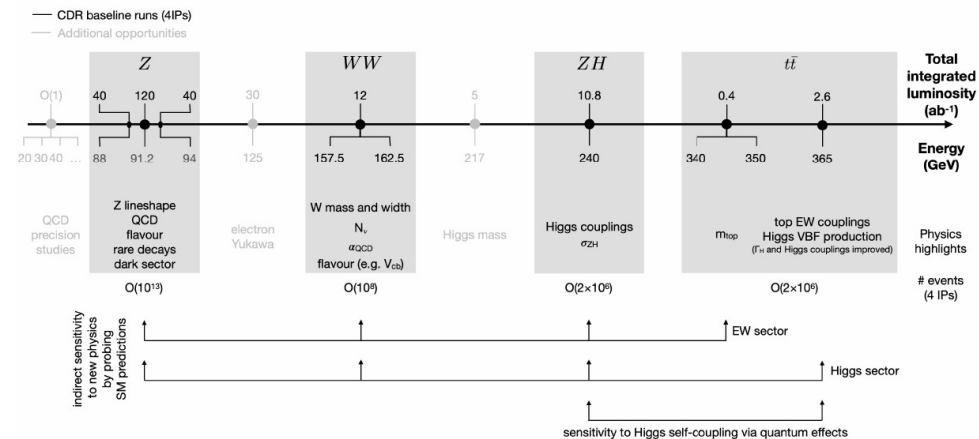
◆ Experiments at FCCee will need some kind of Data Acquisition:

- ➔ Lower expected data rates and background rates compared to the LHC
- ➔ High granularity detectors may generate large data volumes
- ➔ Unprecedented precision goals:
 - ➔ Constraints on material budget
 - ➔ "relative normalisation uncertainty $<10^{-5}$ "
- ➔ Several energy steps with vastly different running conditions (energy, collision rate)
- ➔ Openness to possible BSM scenarios

◆ Plan of the talk:

- ➔ Operation parameters
- ➔ Basic TDAQ architectures
- ➔ Few example questions that need to be studied
- ➔ Next steps

◆ In this talk I will use term TDAQ (Trigger and Data Acquisition) for everything that comes between detector and permanent storage, whatever architecture is selected ...



FCCee - detectors and data taking environment

FCCee parameters (emphasis on Data Acquisition)

- ◆ FCC physics programme is split into several energy steps (Z, WW, ZH, tt)
- ◆ With rising energy:
 - Cross section goes down
 - Bunch spacing increases significantly
 - Need flexible TDAQ
- ◆ Most challenging is running on Z peak, will focus on this scenario
 - 25 ns (40 MHz) bunch crossing rate
 - 100 kHz interaction rate
 - ~100 KHz background (mainly IPC ...)
 - Interaction in ~1 BC out of 400 (~1 event in M BCs for other data taking modes)

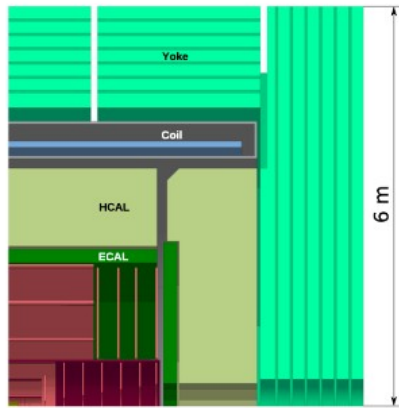
FCC-ee parameters		Z	W+W-	ZH	ttbar
\sqrt{s}	GeV	91.2	160	240	350-365
Luminosity / IP	$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	140	20	7.5	1.5
Bunch spacing	ns	25	160	680	5000
"Physics" cross section	pb	35,000	10	0.2	0.5
Total cross section	pb	70,000	30	10	8
Event rate	Hz	100,000	6	0.5	0.1
"Pile up" parameter [μ]	10^{-6}	2,500	1	1	1

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Possible experiments

FCC-ee Detector Concepts

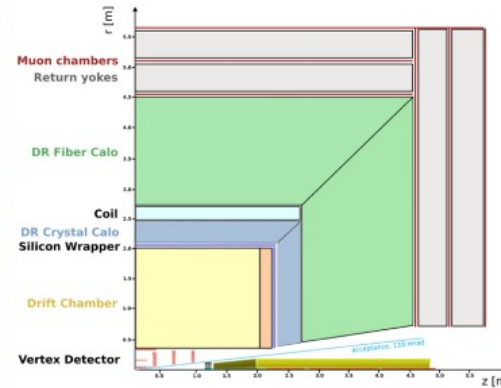
CLD



- Well established design
 - ILC -> CLIC detector -> CLD
- Full Si VTX + tracker
- CALICE-like calorimetry – very high granularity
- Coil outside calorimetry, muon system
- Possible detector optimizations
 - Improved σ_p/p , σ_E/E
 - PID: precise timing and RICH

[arXiv:1911.12230](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.12230)

IDEA



- Design developed specifically for FCC-ee and CEPC
- Si VTX detector; ultra-light drift chamber with powerful PID
- Crystal ECAL w. dual readout
- Compact, light coil;
- Dual readout fibre calorimeter
- Muon system

<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2502.21223>

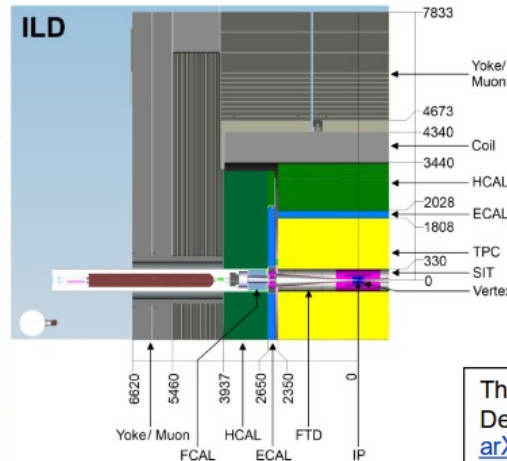
Allegro



- Still in early design phase
- Design centred around High granularity **Noble Liquid ECAL**
 - Pb+LAr (or denser W+LKr)
- Si VTX detector
- Tracker: Drift chamber, straws, or Si
- Steel-scintillator HCAL
- Coil outside ECAL in same cryostat
- Muon system

[Eur.Phys.J.Plus 136 \(2021\) 10, 1066, arXiv:2109.00391](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.00391)

ILD



- Designed originally for operation at the ILC
- Together with SiD, ancestor of CLD.
- Main difference and signature element:
 - Large-volume time projection chamber (TPC)

The International Linear Collider Technical Design Report - Volume 4: Detectors
[arXiv:1306.6329](https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.6329)

Basic possible TDAQ architectures

TDAQ architectures I

- ♦ Basic parameters of FCCee data acquisition system fixed by the accelerator and physics:
 - Fixed (and known) frequency of collisions
 - Can trigger by frequency of filled bunches
 - Can tag data by time stamps (like BC number, Orbit number ...)
 - Need full events (for Etmis, searches, ...)
 - No partial event building
 - Need to synchronise fragments from individual detectors
- ♦ Basic trigger strategies:
 - Trigger-less readout
 - Minimally triggered system
 - Classically triggered system
- ♦ These are convenient benchmarks to think about DAQ, in reality can consider mixed approaches
 - Physics pushes us towards trigger-less
 - Several practical considerations (data volume, material and power budget, ...) in opposite direction

TDAQ architectures II

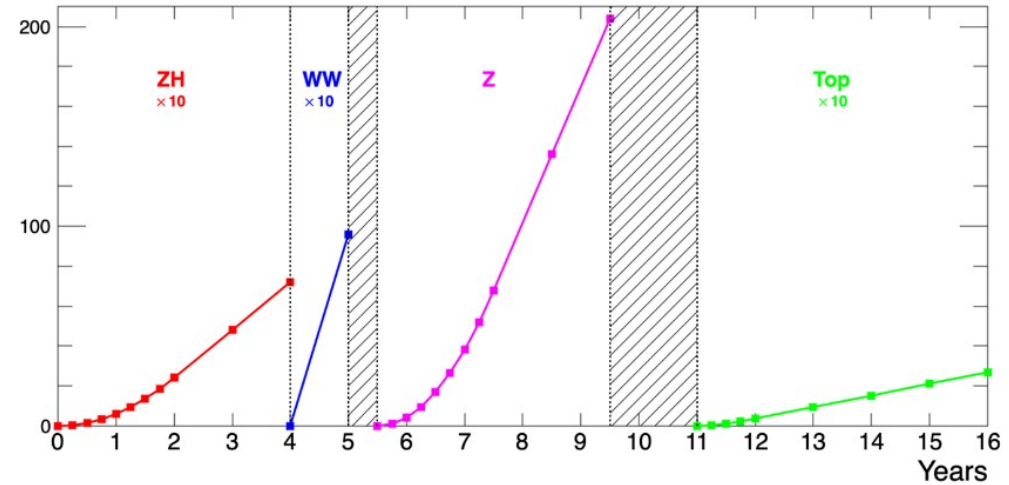
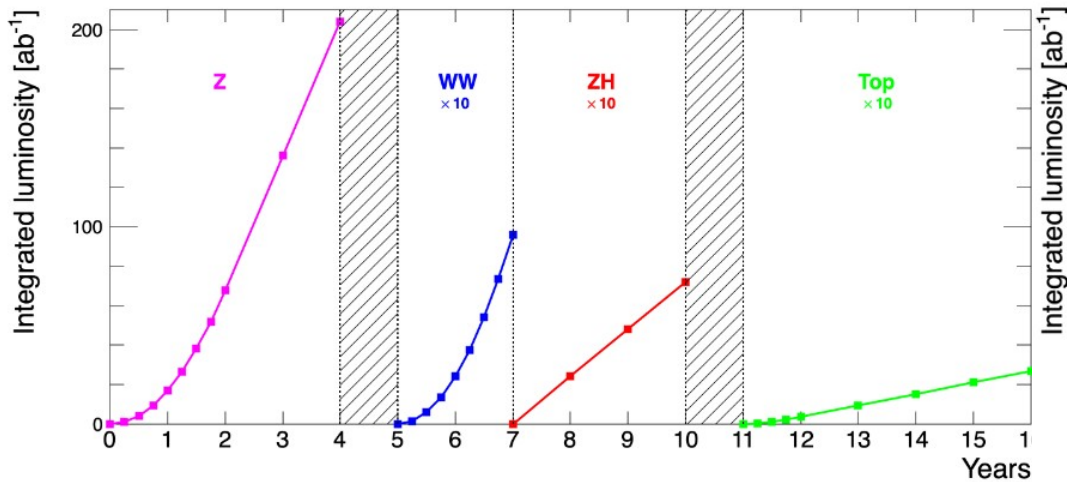
- ◆ Trigger-less architecture:
 - All the data that leave the detector end up on tape
- ◆ Dream of every data analyst!
- ◆ Means reading out all detectors at (at least) 40 MHz
 - Some sort of front-end data suppression should be possible
 - Intelligence at Front End (FE), noise filtering, zero suppression, ...
 - But this adds complexity to FE electronics
 - FE boards typically see only small part of the event
 - De-noising on FE can be dangerous if not done properly
- ◆ May end up with a lot of noise and background hits in the data acquisition system
- ◆ A lot of bandwidth comes from areas with bad access and severe material budget constraints (tracker, vertex detector)
- ◆ Challenge for off-line computing and long-term storage

TDAQ architectures III

- ▶ Minimally triggered architecture:
 - ▶ Record all physics events (100 kHz at Z pole)
 - ▶ Accepting only 1 in 400 events, significantly reduces the challenge
 - ▶ In reality we need to be conservative and accept higher rate (non perfect selection, monitoring triggers, ...)
 - ▶ But how to know which BC to read out???
 - ▶ Stream everything from Front End and then decide what to store?
 - ▶ Use subset of detectors at 40 MHz to determine what to read-out and read out the rest at 100kHz?
 - ▶ (This is typically done with calorimeters and muon system, are all physics cases covered? Do we need trackers for decision making?)
- ▶ Classically triggered architecture:
 - ▶ TEVATRON, HERA, LHC, ... used classical multi-stage triggers
 - ▶ With very loose selection can be close to minimally triggered architecture
 - ▶ Possible to reduce rate of certain physics channels
 - ▶ Give more bandwidth (and looser selection) to rare and BSM channels
- ▶ Note: Although LEP experiments used multi-stage triggers, their philosophy was closer to Minimally triggered architecture

Few (example) questions to address ...

FCCee per-detector offline data volumes I



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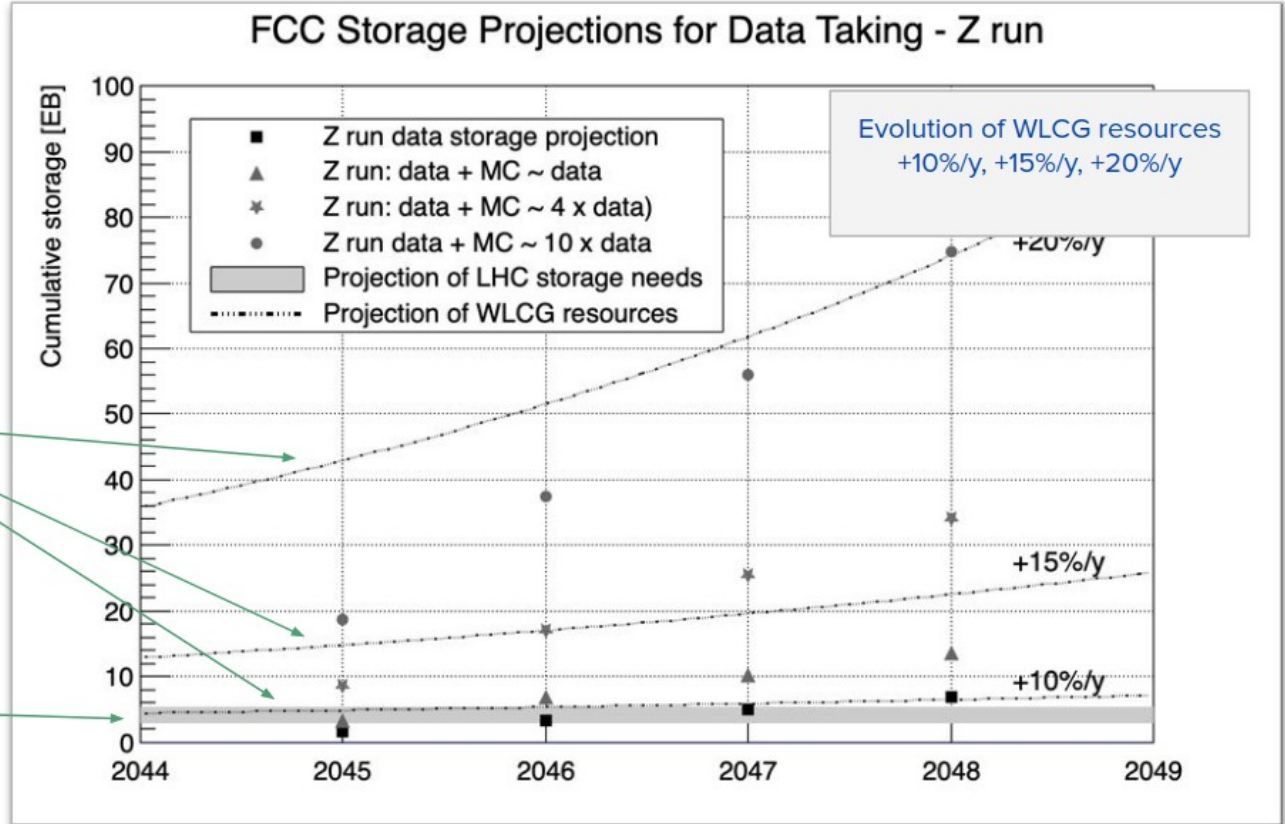
- ◆ There are several data taking scenarios
- ◆ In all cases expect significant data samples
 - ➔ Please don't think I am complaining about that!
 - ➔ Expect 200 ab^{-1} of integrated luminosity at Z pole over four years
 - ➔ Other runs on the level of 10 ab^{-1}
 - ➔ That's a lot of data to record and save

FCCee per-detector offline data volumes II

4 experiments
4 equal runs {2045, 2046, 2047, 2048}

Evolution of WLCG resources
+10%/y, +15%/y, +20%/y
(starting point: 500 PB in 2020
= ATLAS+CMS + 10%)

LHC at the end of HL (≈ 5 EB)



- ◆ Recent estimates of offline data volumes give roughly 1.7 EB/y
 - ➔ This is signal only, Zqq is the dominant contribution
 - ➔ If we assume 10x more MC than data, end up with 19 EB/y
 - ➔ This is about 20x more than HL-LHC overall storage needs
 - ➔ This doesn't include Bhabha scattering, beam backgrounds, ...
 - ➔ How much bandwidth is added by background?
- ◆ What exactly we want to save?

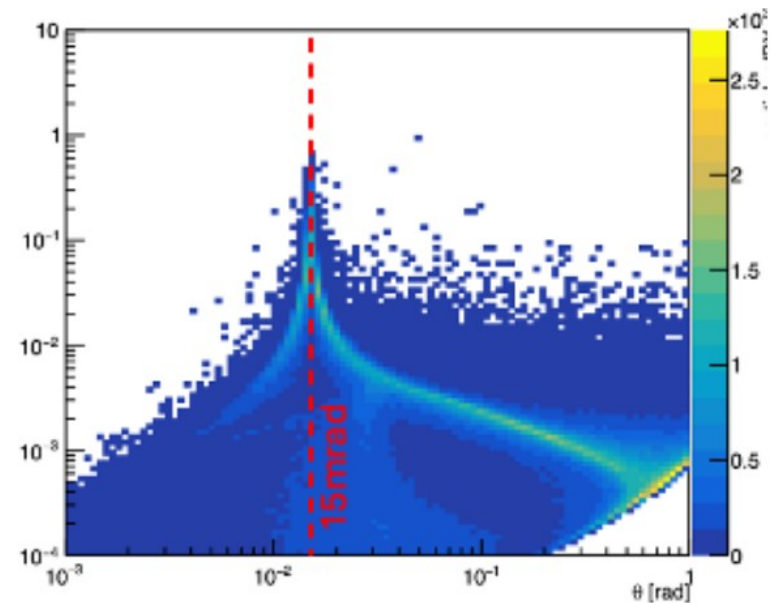
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Can we stream all the data from the detector? Do we want to?

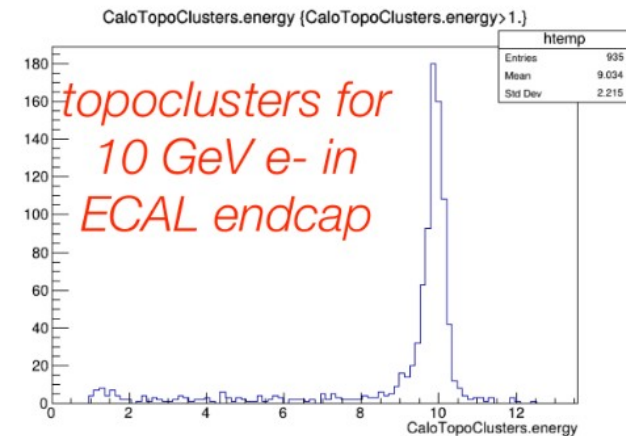
- ♦ Estimating full data rate to be streamed from the detector is non-trivial
 - Huge impact on possible TDAQ architectures
- ♦ Signal data rates are huge, but easier to estimate
 - CLD example, 1.1 MB/event Zqq, 0.16 MB/event Zll [link](#)
 - If we assume Bhabha event size similar to Zll and $\gamma\gamma$ similar to Zll, end up with around 260 GB/s
- ♦ Real question is the impact of beam related background and noise
 - Can easily produce data rates in TB/s region
 - Preliminary estimates for data rate from detector including background vary considerably
 - 1.3 TB/s [link](#) vs 11 TB/s [link](#) vs 14 TB/s [link](#)
- ♦ A lot of rate is coming from detectors with very difficult access and strict material budget constraints
 - Recent study for Allegro estimates [link](#) :
 - 3TB/s from Vertex Detector
 - 7.5 TB/s from Drift Chamber (assuming Idea geometry)
- ♦ All these numbers depend on good simulation of background and good understanding of detector readout

Collisions vs background -energy distribution

- ◆ Background dominated by Incoherent Pair Production (IPC)
 - Then radiative Bhabha, beam gas, ...
 - Mostly going forward and low Pt
 - Should be quite easy to identify interaction events!
 - Argument for minimally triggered or fully triggered TDAQ
 - Traditional approach is to use calorimeter and muons
 - Are trackers needed in trigger?
 - Very likely they are, for example for LLPs
 - Impact on tracker design
- ◆ Can control all systematics? Can we know trigger efficiencies with sufficient precision?
 - Trigger efficiencies at LEP (for hadronic Z) known on 10⁻³ level [link](#)
- ◆ What about BSM signals? Long-lived particles, out of time signals?



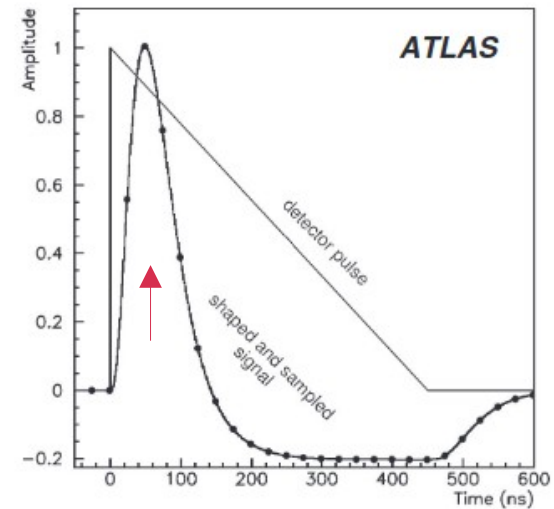
IPC background simulation [link](#)



Allegro, simulation [link](#)

Collisions vs background - timing

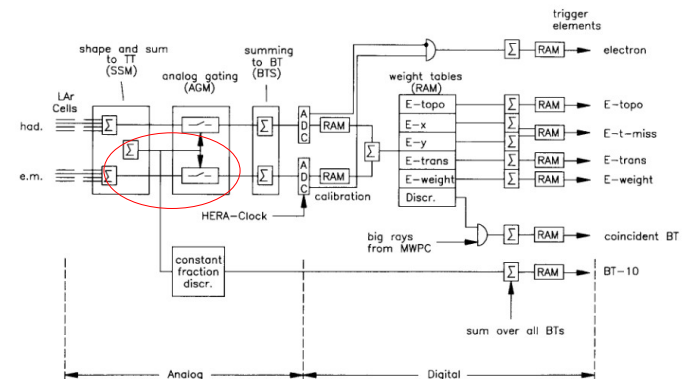
- ▶ Bunch crossing identification is notorious problem when bunch crossings are close
 - At 40 MHz several detectors may have longer signals than BC spacing
- ▶ There are several approaches on the market, for example:
 - H1 used constant fraction discriminator
 - ATLAS calorimeter trigger:
 - Filter matched to signal+peak finder
 - Matched filter+autocorrelation+peak finder
 - Above mentioned with baseline correction
 - Timing cut using OFC
 - Possibly RNN in the future
- ▶ Will any of these suffice at FCCee?
- ▶ Especially for BSM scenarios (out of time particles, ...)
- ▶ Room for innovative approaches



ATLAS LAr [link](#)

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H1 Calorimeter Group / The H1 liquid argon calorimeter system



H1 Calorimeter Trigger [link](#)

Next steps

Next steps I

Expression of Interest: Development and Implementation of Advanced TDAQ Systems for FCC-ee Experiments

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- ♦ Recently several groups expressed interest in contributing to FCCee TDAQ studies
 - Several countries (Germany, Switzerland, US, UK)
 - Mainly involved in LHC experiments, trigger or data acquisition
 - Wide range of expertise, data acquisition, software and hardware triggering, ...
 - Contact person: Davide Cieri (davide.cieri@cern.ch)

Next steps II

- ◆ Group met few times, keen to collaborate
 - Exact organisational details need to be defined
- ◆ First steps:
 - Discuss TDAQ architectures that may be used at FCCee
 - General studies of interest for all Detector Concepts
 - Started formulating list of questions to groups working on individual Detector Concepts
 - Need to build communication channels, contact people, ...
- ◆ Later on:
 - Final TDAQ design will need strategic decisions affecting detectors, readout and physics potential
 - This can be done only on the level of individual Detector Collaborations
 - May not be as "plug&play" as other detector components
 - Most people involved in TDAQ EoI plan to join individual Detector Collaborations at some point
 - Some have joined already...

Next Steps III: Questions to experiments

- ◆ General:
 - What readout capabilities have been already demonstrated?
 - What readout capabilities are currently assumed?
 - (!) What is impact of readout on material budget, power budget, cooling power, ...
- ◆ Sub-detector capabilities:
 - Can your sub-detector read out at 40MHz?
 - If yes, can it generate (contribute to) trigger signal indicating presence of physics? To what extend can it differentiate between background and physics?
 - If not, can it buffer data to be read out on reception of external trigger?
- ◆ Sub-detector data volume:
 - What is the occupancy and data volume for each type of typical event: Z, WW, ZH, ttbar, beam background?
 - What is the number of channels and typical data size per channel?
 - Is it safe to assume that data volume is (occupancy)x(number of channels)x(data size/channel) or are things more complicated?

Summary and Conclusions

- ▶ Triggering and Data Acquisition at FCCee provide challenge of its own:
 - ▶ Large precision needed
 - ▶ Big event samples
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ Design of experiments have impact on TDAQ architecture and TDAQ architecture has impact on detector design
 - ▶ Need iterative process
- ▶ TDAQ activities for FCCee are in a very early stage
 - ▶ Several groups have recently expressed interest via ESPPU EoIs
 - ▶ TDAQ progress depends on close communication with FCCee detector communities

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Backup slides

Useful talks and references

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- ♦ Anna Sfyrla, Steven Schramm, Ideas on getting started on FCC ee activities, 8th FCC Physics Workshop, Jan 2025 [link](#)
- ♦ Anna Sfyrla, Steven Schramm, Thoughts for DAQ at FCCee, Third Joint Workshop on DAQ at LHC, Feb 2025 [link](#)
- ♦ CEPC workshop 2024 [link](#)
- ♦ CEPS baseline trigger design presentation at CEPC workshop [link](#)
- ♦ EoI Development and Implementation of Advanced TDAQ Systems for FCC-ee Experiments [link](#)

