

Three Decades of Greek Contribution to the ATLAS Experiment



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Why LHC and ATLAS ?

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CERN/LHCC/92-4
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ATLAS

Letter of Intent
for a
General-Purpose pp Experiment
at the
Large Hadron Collider at CERN

Abstract

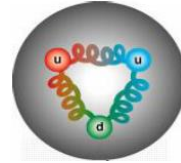
The ATLAS collaboration proposes to build a general purpose proton-proton detector for the Large Hadron Collider, capable of exploring the new energy regime which will become accessible. The detector would be fully operational at the startup of the new accelerator. The detector concept, the research and development work under way to optimize the detector design, and its proposed implementation are described, together with examples of its discovery potential.

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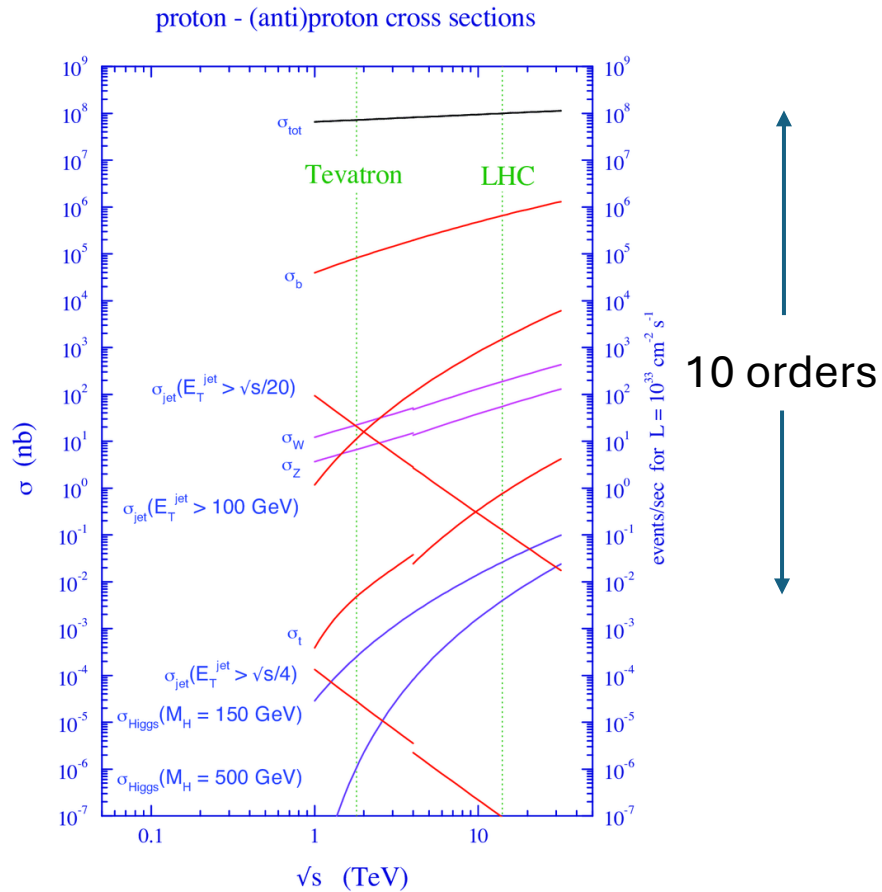
- Higgs boson discovery
- Supersymmetry
- Find new physics via
 - Direct searches
 - Precision measurements

LHC and ATLAS

$$E^2 = P^2 + M^2$$

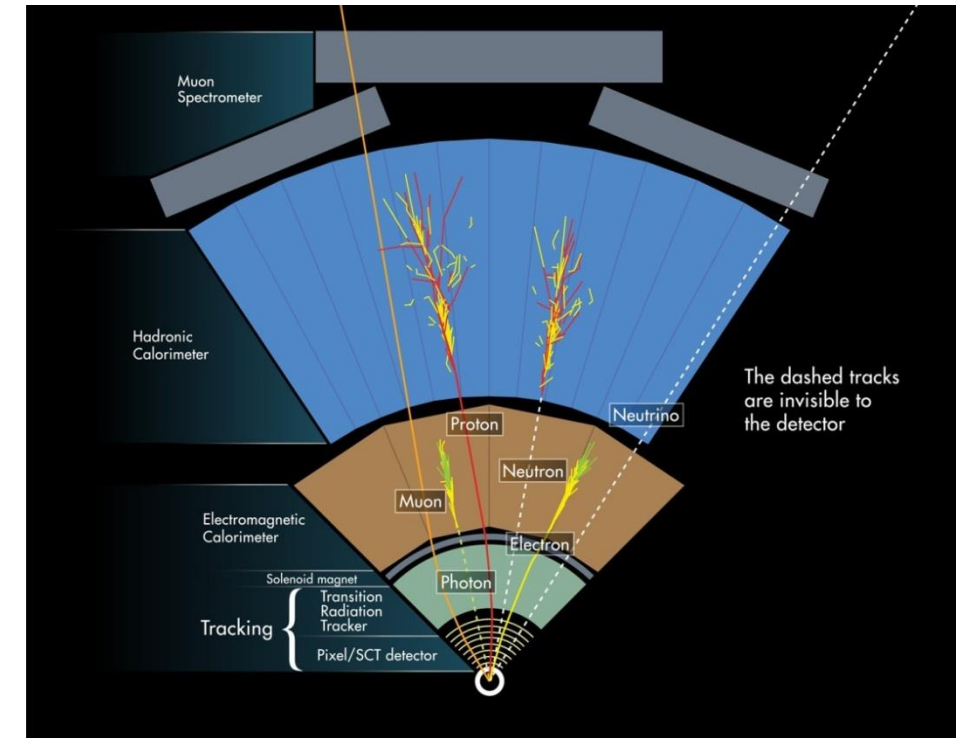
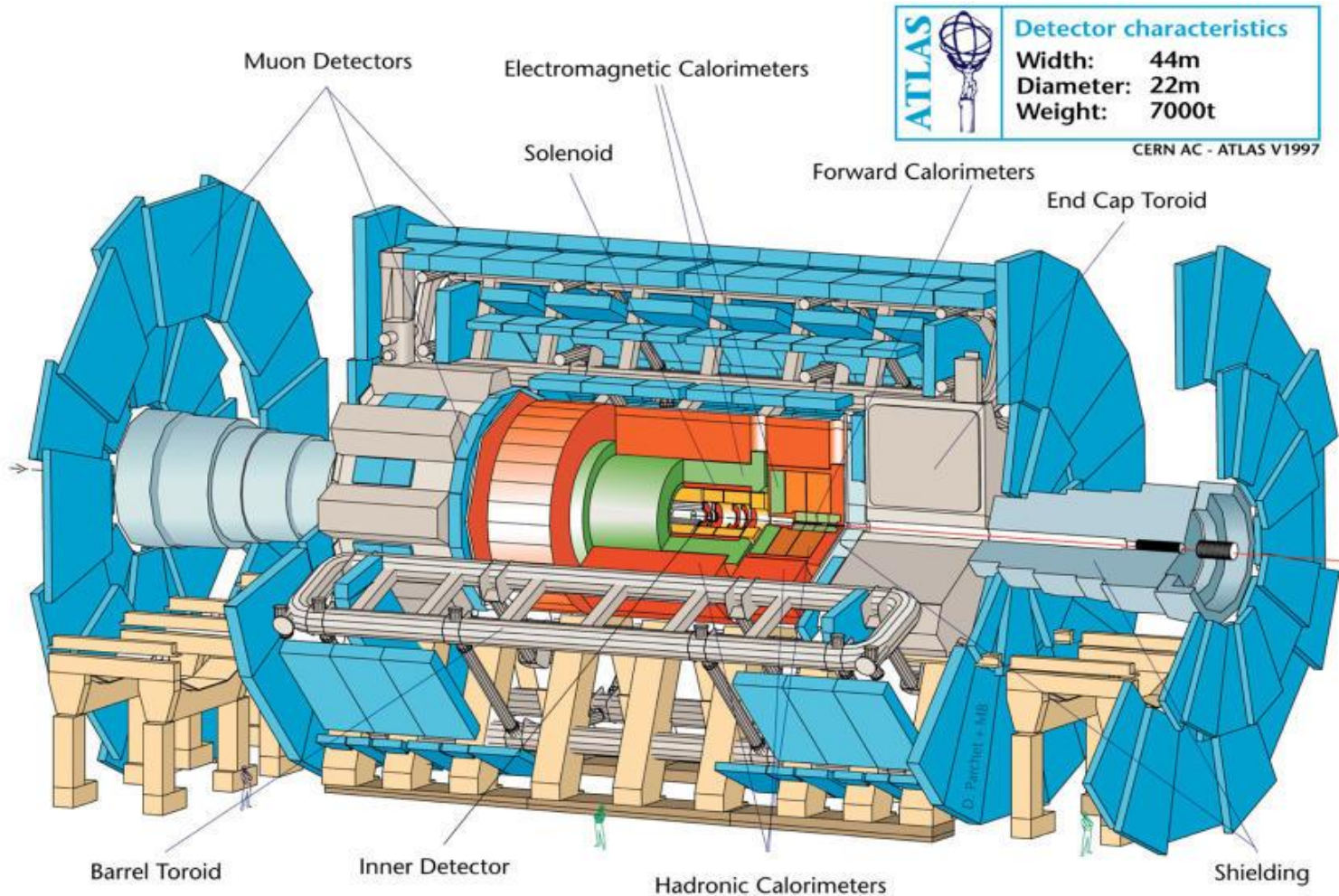


$E_b = 6.8 \text{ TeV}$



40.000.000 bunch crossings / s

LHC and ATLAS



Fast, precise, hermetic detector to measure E , P , charge, flavor of “stable” particles

... and reconstruct all decaying particles

Main contributions of the Greek Institutes

Detector development, construction, operation and validation

- MDT BIS chambers construction and integration
- Micromegas development, construction, integration, commissioning
- Electronics design, manufacture and validation
- Detector Control System (DCS)
- Muon system Operation
- Muon reconstruction and performance studies

Physics analysis

- Higgs boson discovery and measurements of its properties
- SM precision measurements
- Searches for BSM (new) physics

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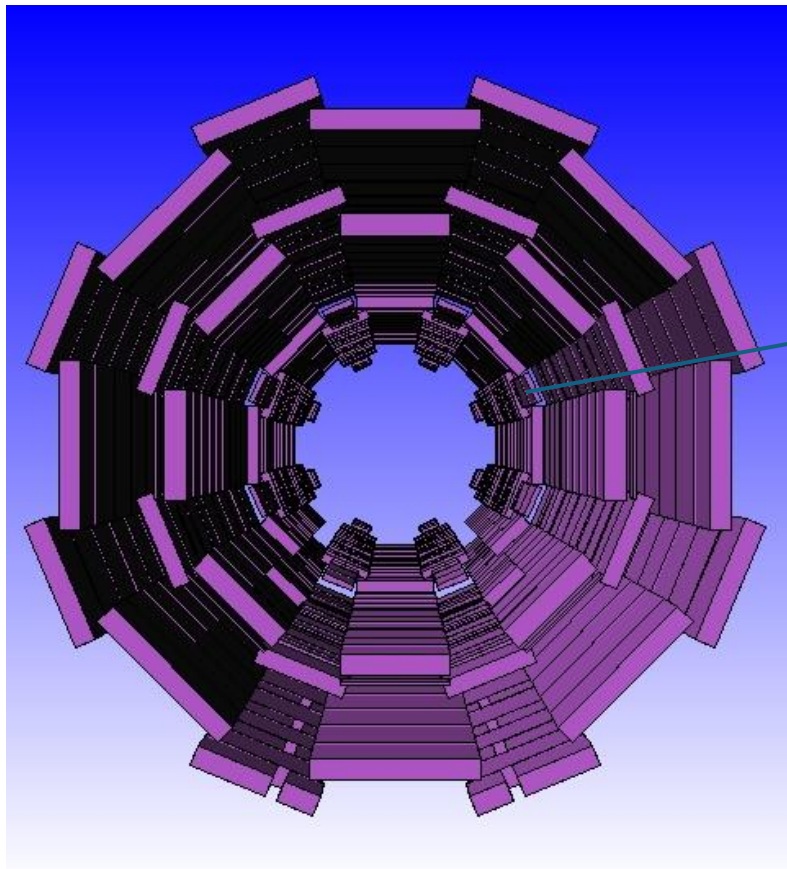
Currently:

- 16 PhD candidates
- Similar amount of MSc students
- Several undergraduate students

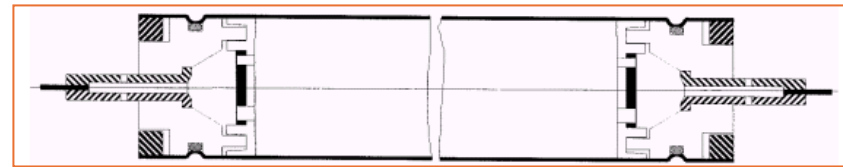
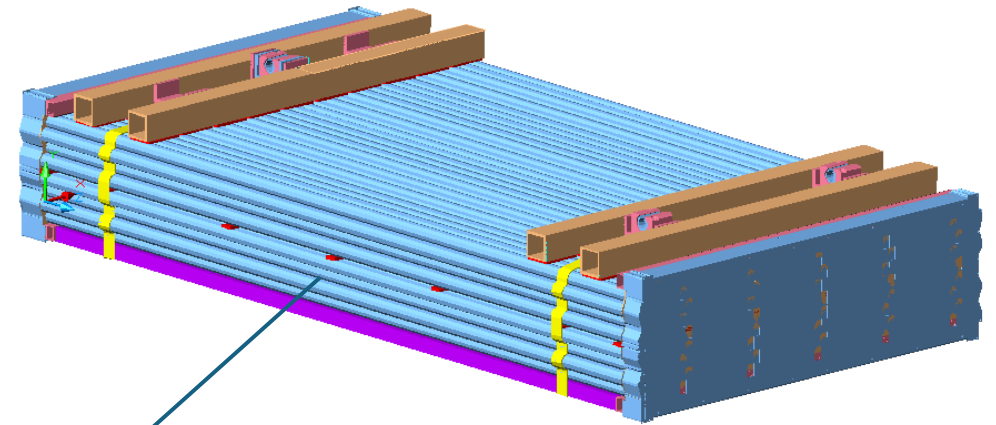
Previous years:

- 45 PhD and ~60 MSc theses completed within ATLAS
- Dozens of undergraduate students had their first contact with research

MDT BIS chambers construction and integration



Transverse view of the Muon Spectrometer



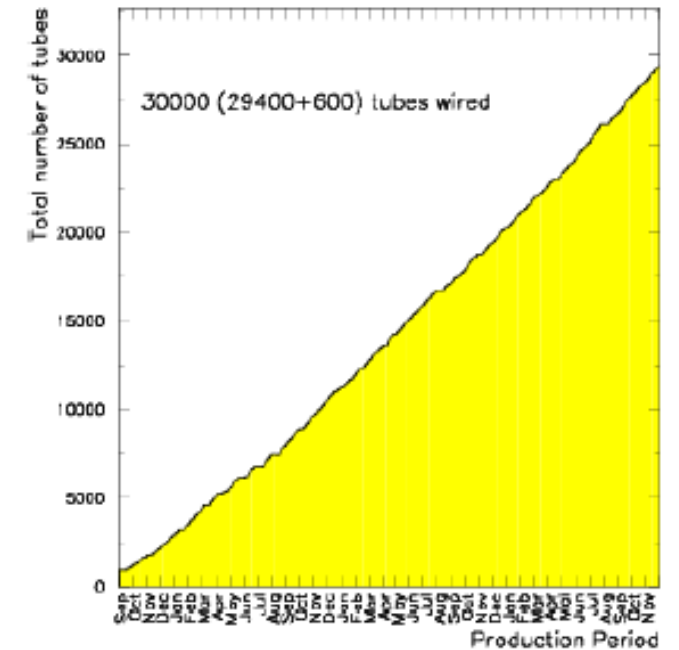
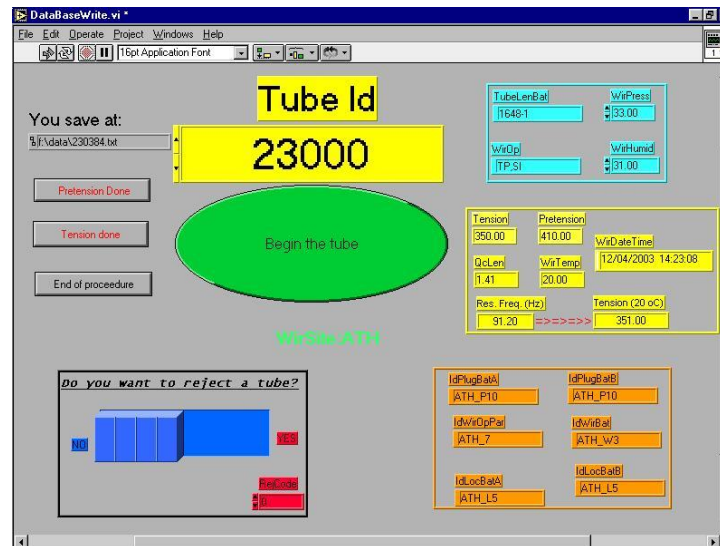
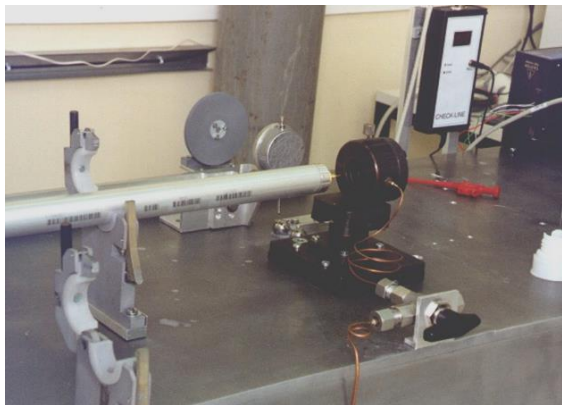
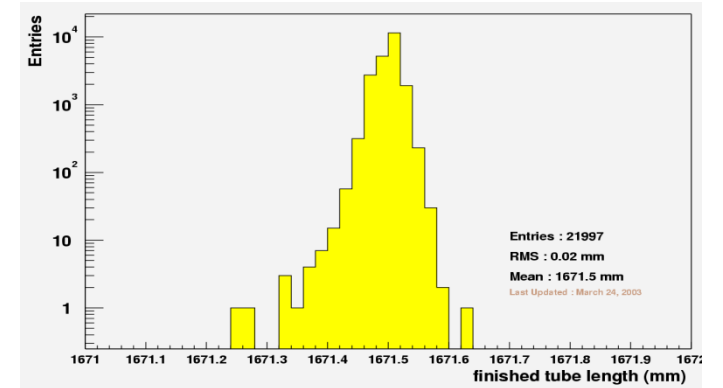
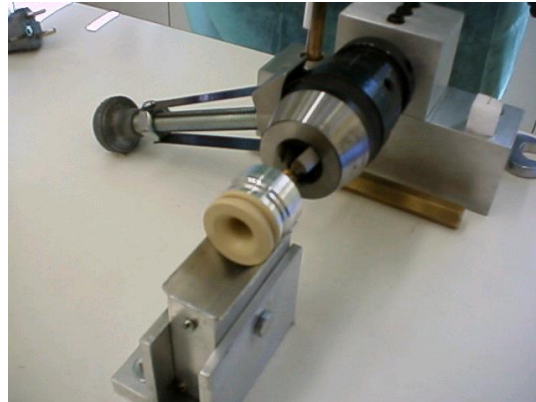
MDT tube with the end-plugs and the wire

- NKUA *MDT tube assembly*
- NTUA *Quality Assurance of MDT tubes*
- AUTh *MDT chamber assembly*

30000 tubes
112 chambers

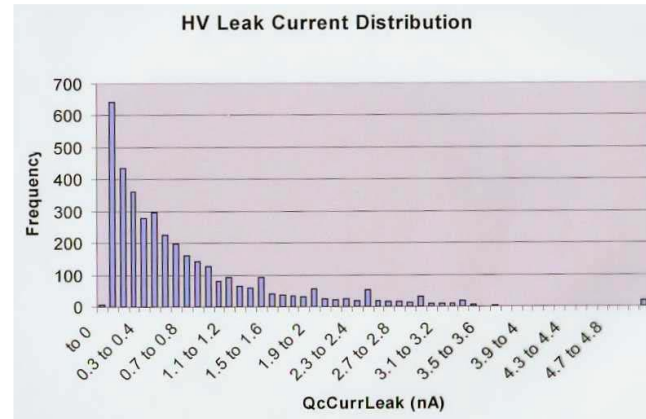
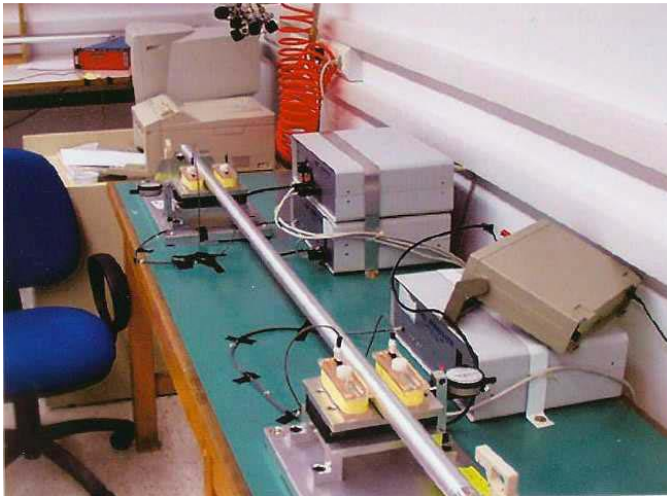
Very tight specifications!

MDT BIS chambers construction: Tube assembly

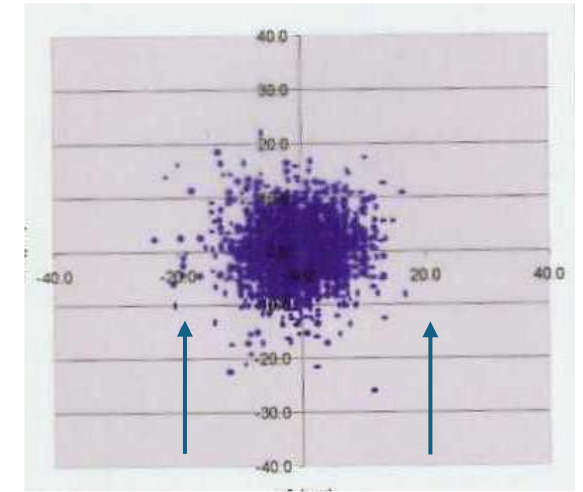


MDT BIS chambers construction: Tube quality assurance

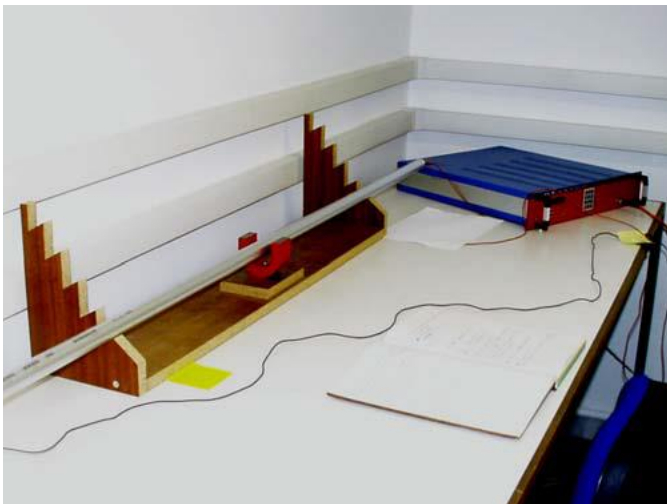
Wire position measurement



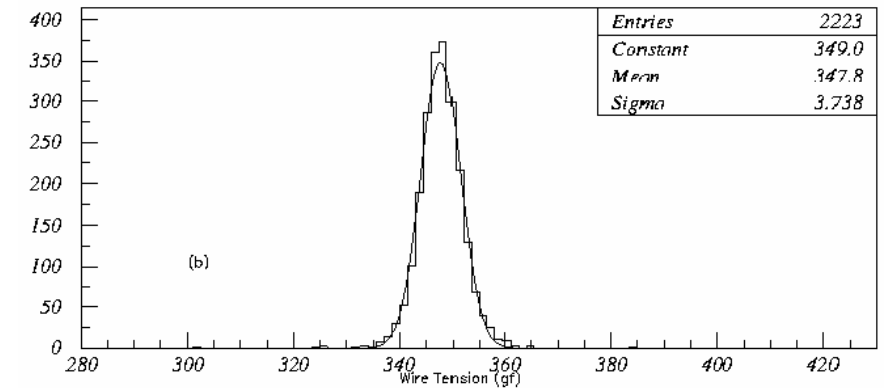
$\sigma=4.3\mu\text{m}$



Wire tension measurement

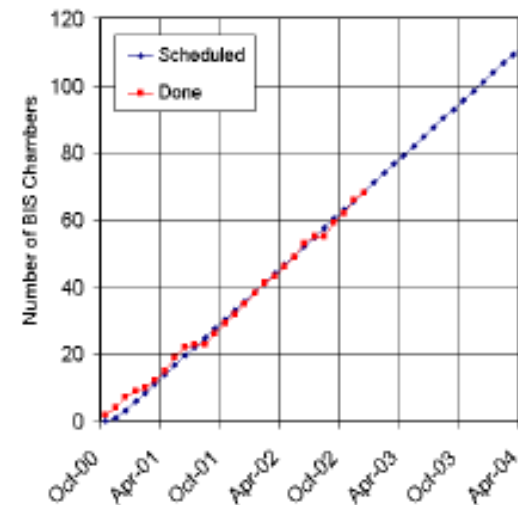
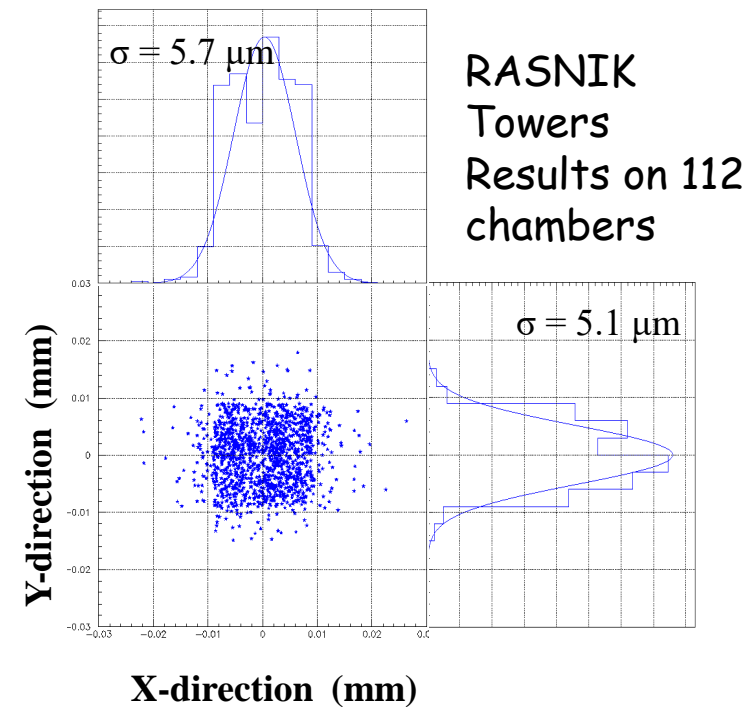
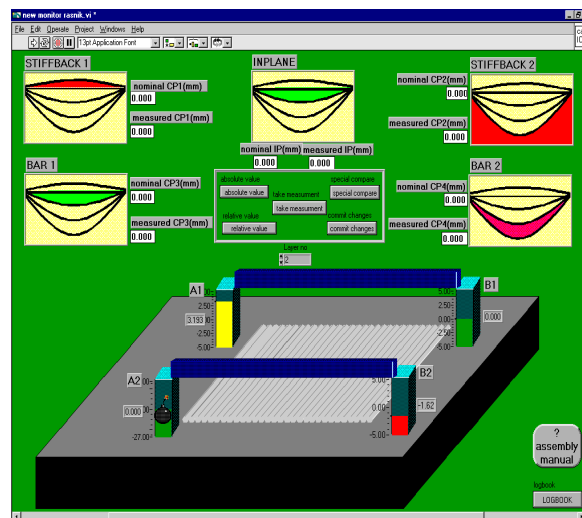
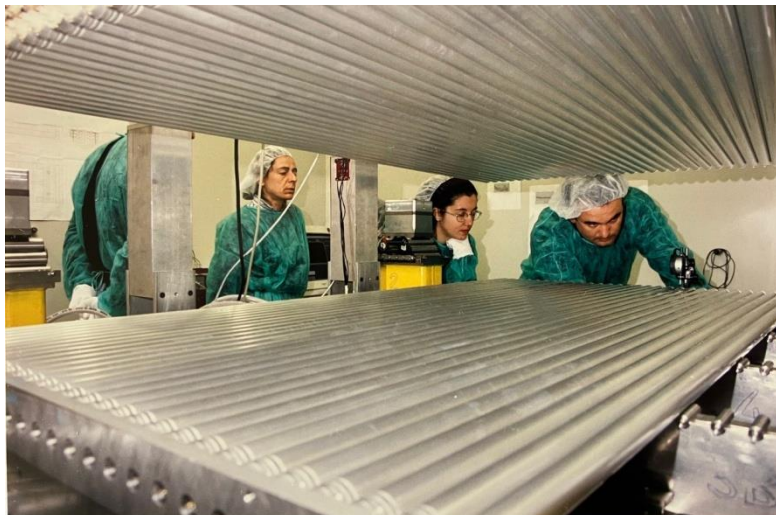


Gas leak measurement



30,000 tubes finished March 2004

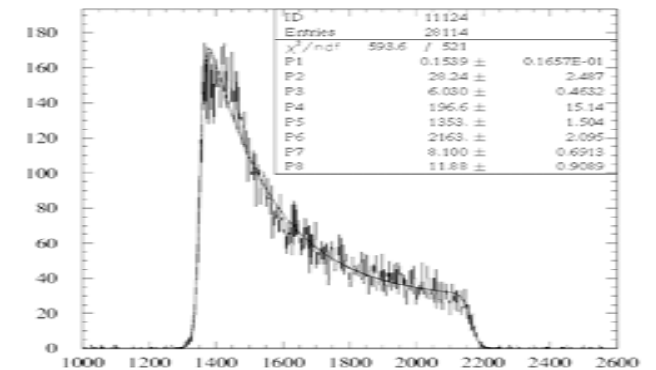
MDT BIS chambers construction: Chamber assembly



112 chambers finished April 2004

MDT BIS chambers integration

- Preparatory Activities
- Integration phase I – Mechanic components
- Gas Leak Test
- Integration phase II - Electronic components
- Noise test
- Cosmic ray test
- Final qualification and insertion in Data Base



MDT BIS chambers integration

First MDT chamber to arrive at CERN



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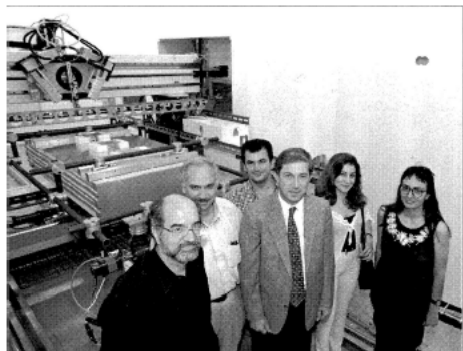
Week Monday 16 August

La première chambre à muons d'ATLAS arrive de la chaîne de production grecque

Il est bien loin le temps où un institut pouvait construire tout seul de A à Z un détecteur pour une grande expérience de physique des particules. Dans le cas du LHC, certains sous-ensembles de détection sont si grands et si complexes que la construction de leurs éléments doit être répartie dans le monde entier. Le détecteur de muons d'ATLAS est l'un de ces systèmes : 46 institutions en Europe, en Chine, aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique, en Israël, au Japon et en Russie participent à sa construction. Après la fabrication de plusieurs prototypes en Allemagne, aux Etats-Unis, en Italie, aux Pays-Bas et en Russie, la première chambre de précision à sortir d'une chaîne de production est le fruit de la collaboration de trois universités grecques. Elle est arrivée au CERN le 5 août en provenance de Thessalonique. Cette chambre est le premier modèle complet d'une série de 1200 qui seront construites de par le monde dans les prochaines années.

Le système de détection des muons d'ATLAS sera un énorme dispositif d'un volume d'environ 17 000 m³. A

l'intérieur de ce volume, les éléments de détection de précision couvriront une surface de 5500 m² et contiendront quelque 400 000 éléments actifs. Des chambres de déclenchement sur les muons, d'une superficie identique, sont également en construction. Le contrôle de qualité d'un dispositif aussi complexe serait déjà ardu si la construction était centralisée. La participation de 46 instituts ajoute une difficulté supplémentaire. La précision est capitale pour le détecteur de muons d'ATLAS et l'unité formée des modules provenant de différentes régions



Le délégué de la Grèce au Conseil, le professeur Emmanuel Floratos (au centre), accompagné par des membres de l'équipe grecque, auprès de la première chambre à muons d'ATLAS construite en Grèce installée dans le tomographe à rayons X au CERN.

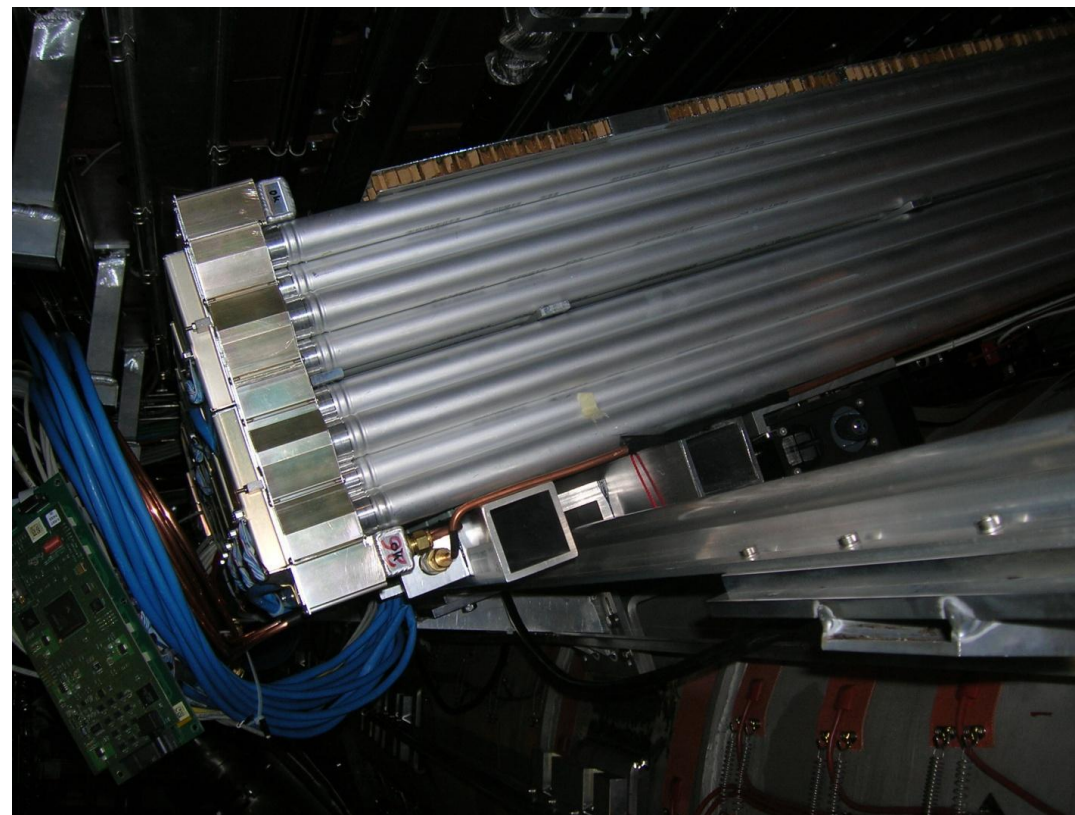
First ATLAS muon chamber arrives from Greek production line

Gone are the days when a single institute could build an entire particle detector for a large particle physics experiment single handed. With the arrival of the LHC even some sub-detector systems are so big and complex that their construction has to be shared around the world. One such system is the ATLAS muon detector which is being constructed in 46 institutions in Europe, China, Israel, Japan, Russia and the United States. Following the construction of a number of prototypes in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia and the USA the first precision chamber to come off a production line was built by a collaboration of three Greek universities and it arrived at CERN from Thessaloniki on 5 August. This chamber is the first complete model of 1200 that will be built around the world over the next few years.

The ATLAS muon detection system will be an enormous device covering a volume of some 17 000 cubic metres. Within this volume the precision detector elements will have a surface of 5500 square metres and contain some

400 000 active elements. Another 5500 square metres of muon trigger chambers are also under construction. Quality control for such a complex device would be challenging even if it were being built in one place. Having 46 institutes involved adds an extra dimension to an already complex task. Precision is paramount for the ATLAS muon detector and uniformity between the modules coming from different parts the world has to be carefully controlled. To this end, the collaboration has established a stringent quality control process, and it is a great

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~7 years from the start of the effort

A Greek Collaboration can participate & contribute to a very big scale experiment!

Greek Institutes contributions to ATLAS physics potential studies



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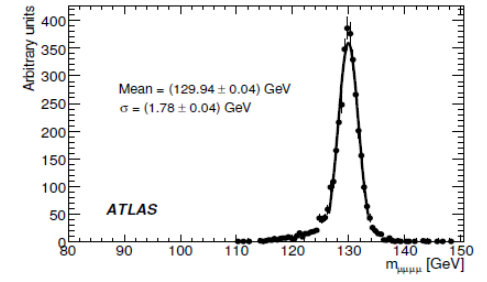
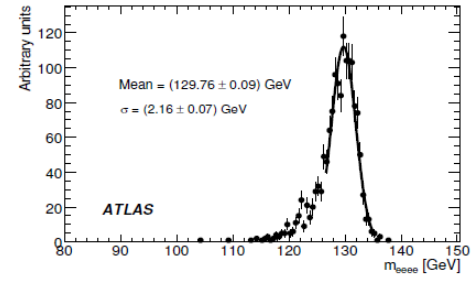
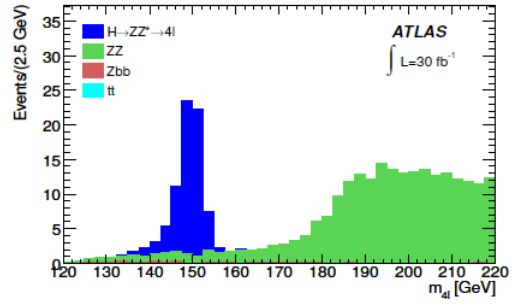


Figure 18: Reconstructed $H(130 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow 4e$ mass after application of the Z-mass constraint fit.

Figure 19: Reconstructed $H(130 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow 4\mu$ mass after application of the Z-mass constraint fit.

Expected Performance of the ATLAS Experiment

Detector, Trigger and Physics

The ATLAS Collaboration

- Muons
- Diboson Studies
- $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4\ell$
- $H/A/h \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- $W' \rightarrow \mu\nu$
- $Z' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

A detailed study is presented of the expected performance of the ATLAS detector. The reconstruction of tracks, leptons, photons, missing energy and jets is investigated, together with the performance of b -tagging and the trigger. The physics potential for a variety of interesting physics processes, within the Standard Model and beyond, is examined. The study comprises a series of notes based on simulations of the detector and physics processes, with particular emphasis given to the data expected from the first years of operation of the LHC at CERN.

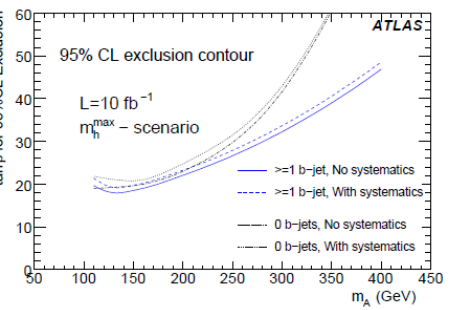
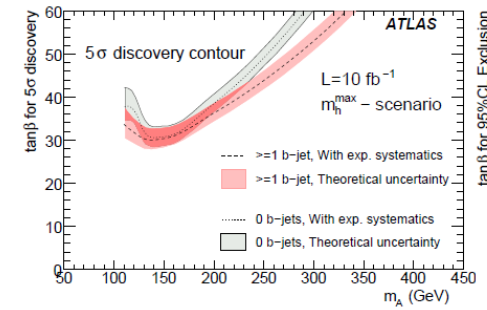


Figure 24: $\tan\beta$ values needed for the 5σ -discovery (left) and for the 95% CL exclusion of the signal hypothesis (right), shown in dependence on the A boson mass.

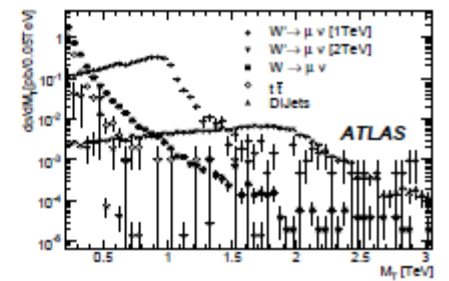
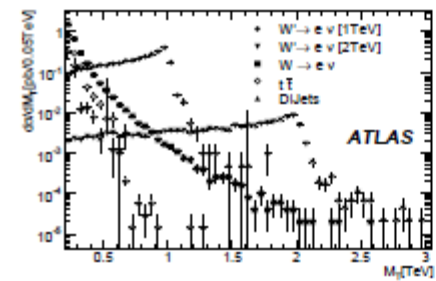
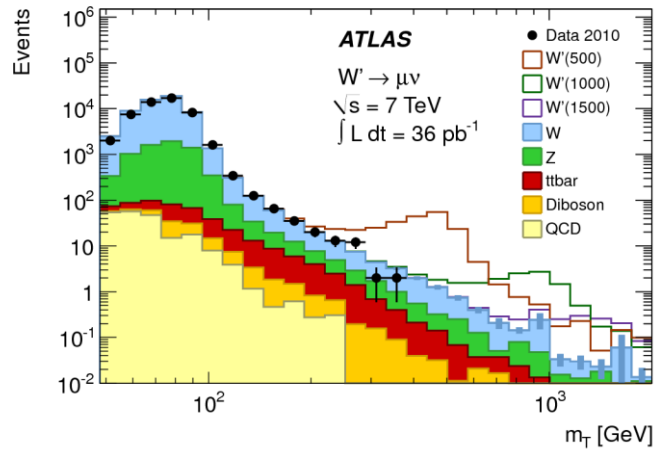


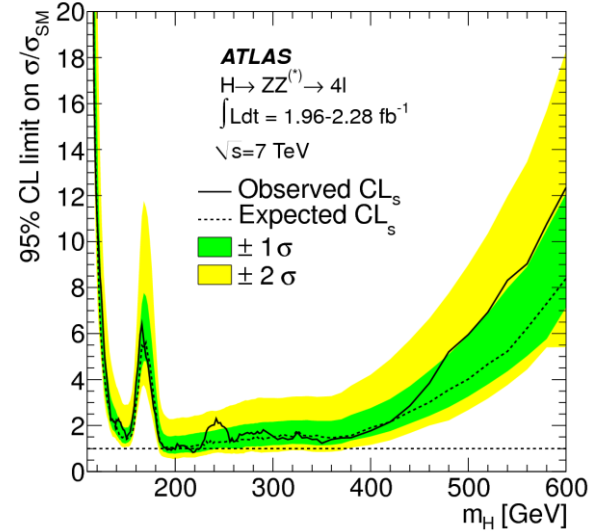
Figure 14: Transverse mass spectrum after the basic kinematic requirements for background and signal ($m_{W'} = 1$ and 2 TeV). Left: electron mode; right: muon mode.

Run 1 Physics (highlights)

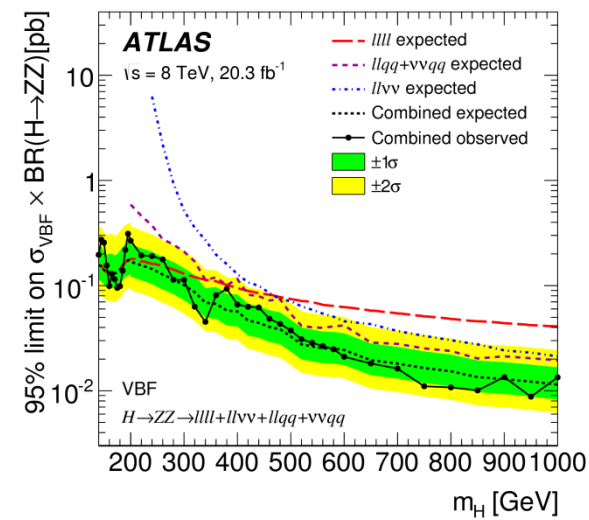
Search for $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$



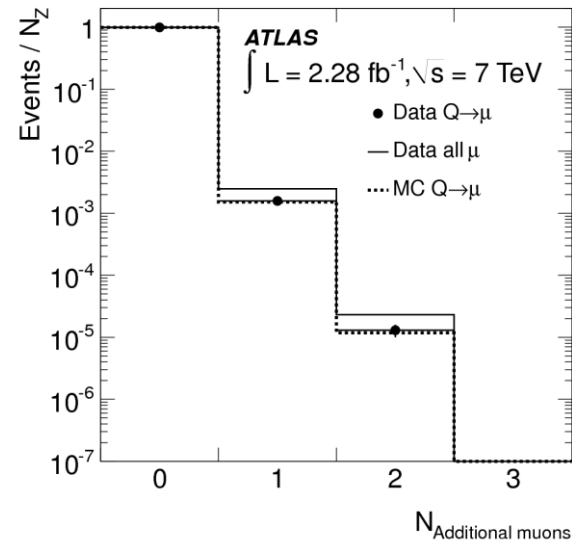
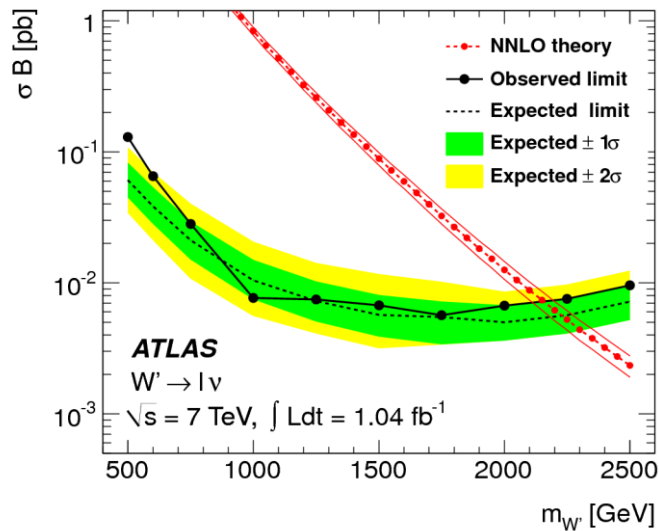
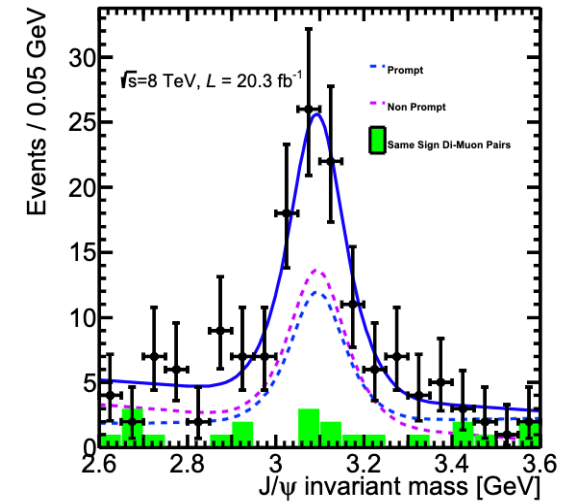
Search for $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4\ell$




Search for heavy $H \rightarrow ZZ$



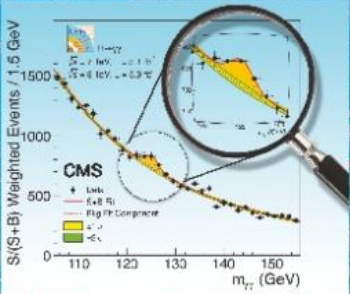
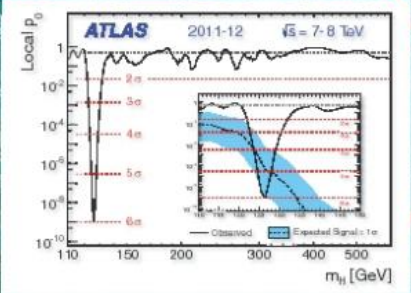
First observation of the associated production of Z boson with prompt and non-prompt J/ψ



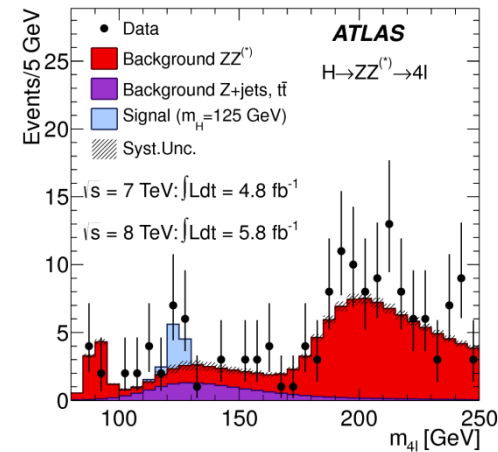
Run 1 Discovery of the Higgs boson by ATLAS and CMS



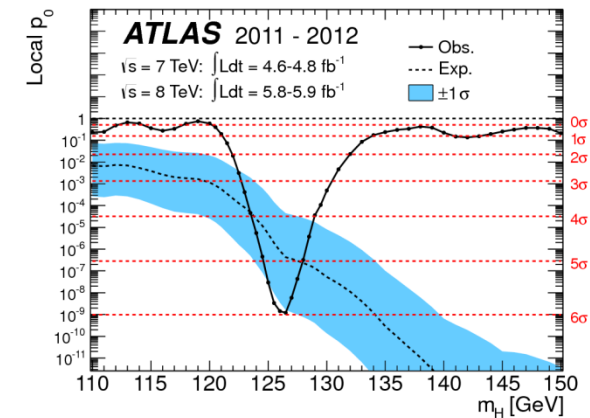
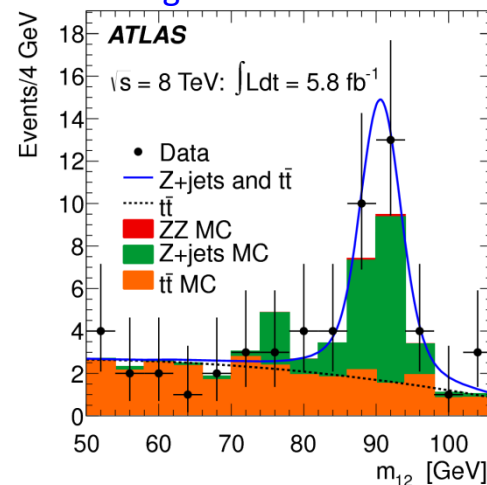
First observations of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson at the LHC

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Data driven reducible background estimation



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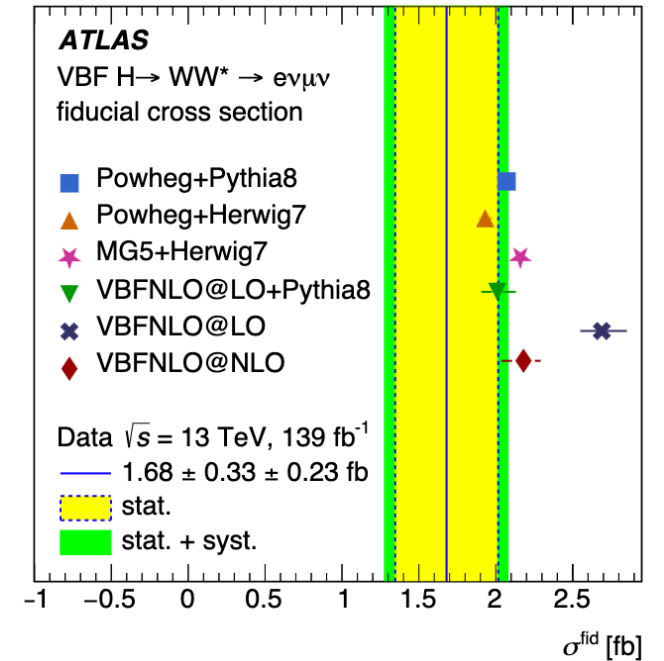
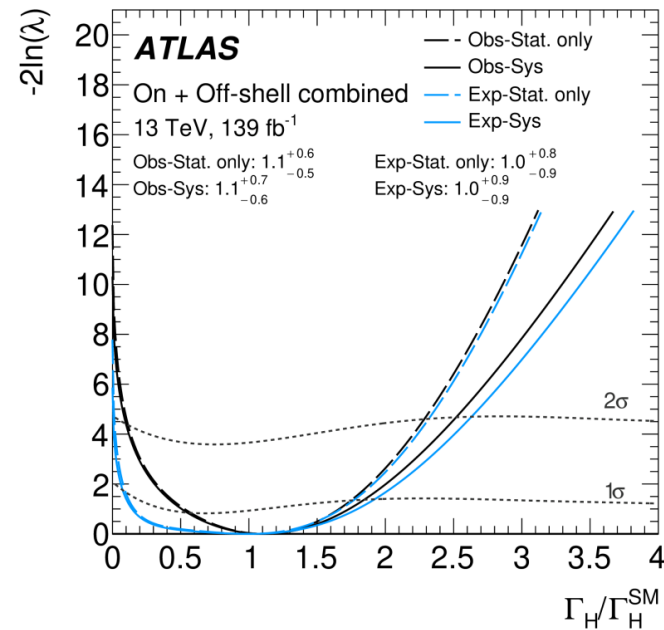
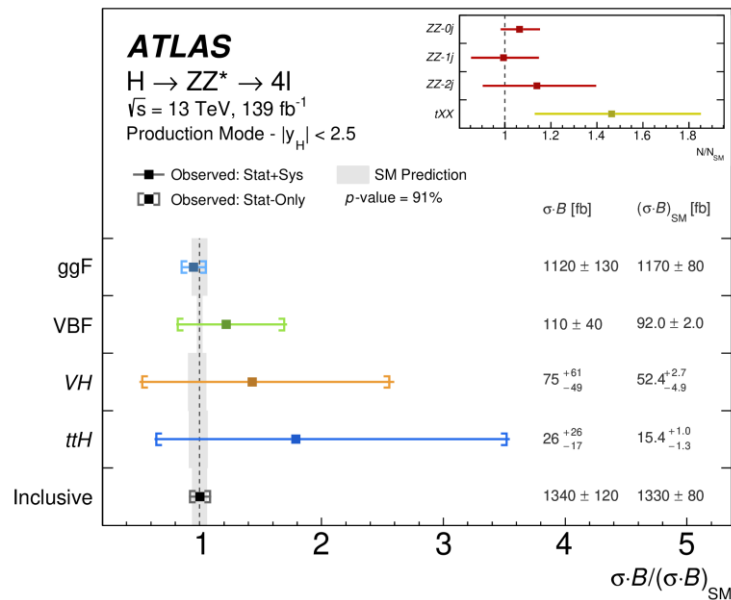


2 PhD students from Greek Institutes in the $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4\ell$ analysis
 2012 ATLAS Thesis Award
 Several researchers originating from Greek institutes

Run 2 Physics (highlights) : Measurement of Higgs boson properties

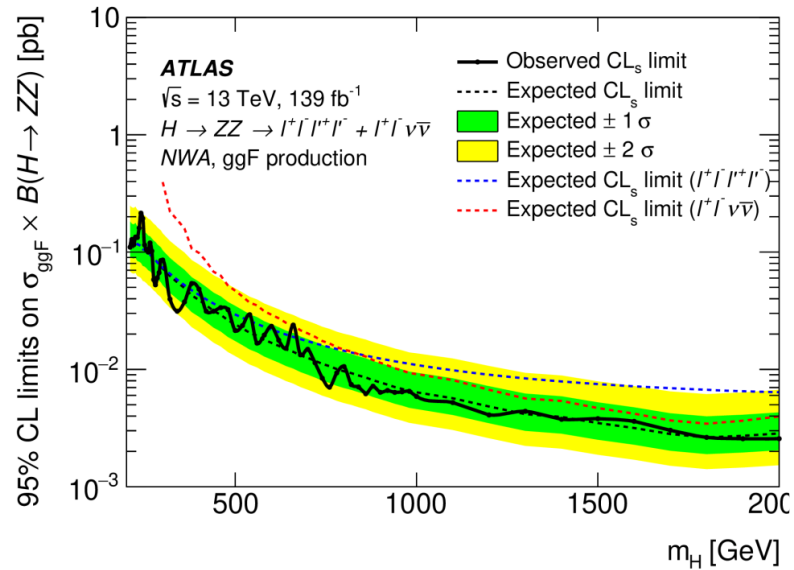
... After one week of celebrations ... focus was put to study the newly discovered boson properties
mass, spin, couplings, width, ...

This continued in Run 2

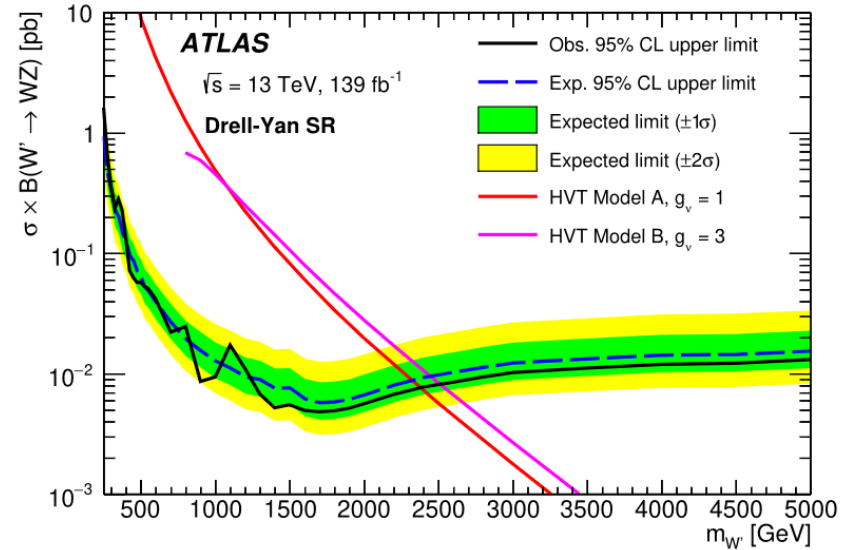


Run 2 Physics (highlights): Direct Searches

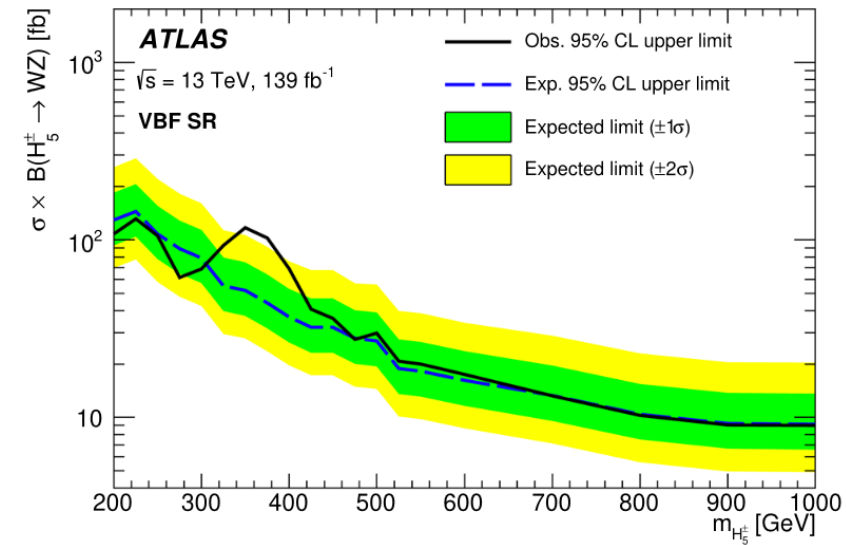
Heavy $H \rightarrow ZZ$



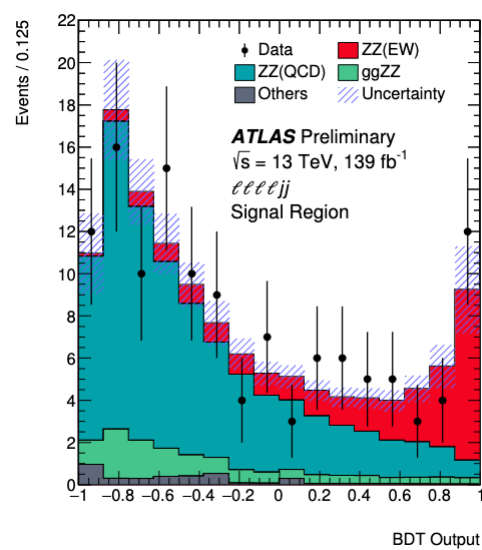
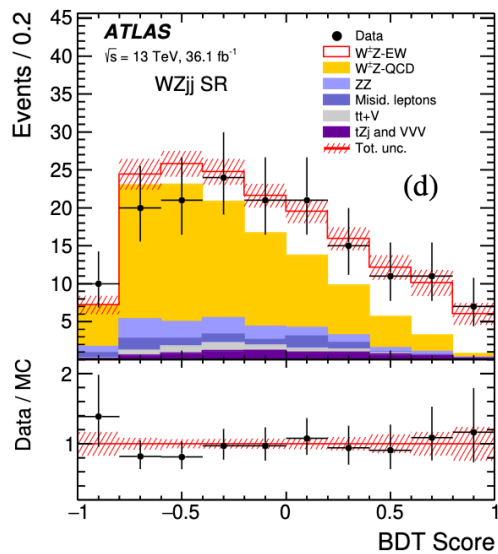
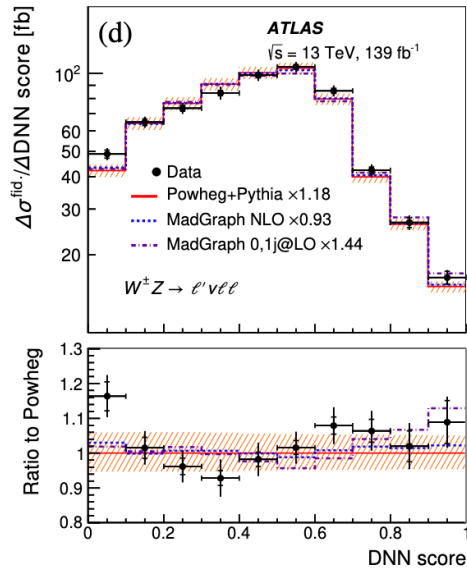
$W' \rightarrow WZ$



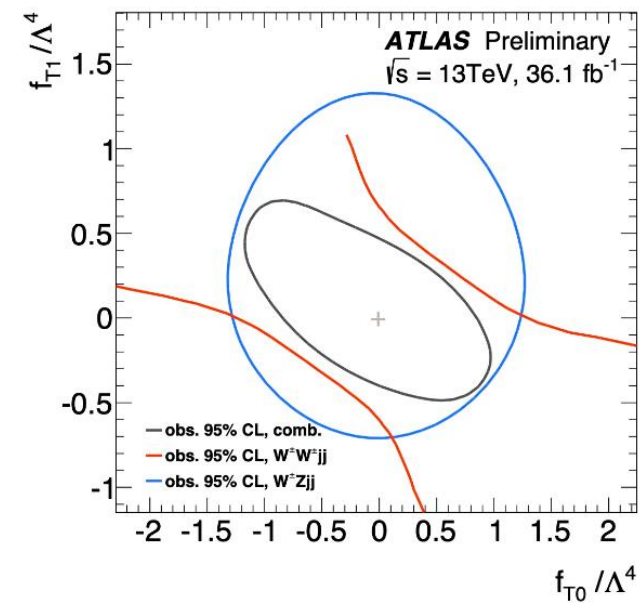
$H_5^\pm \rightarrow WZ$



Run 2 Physics (highlights): Precision measurements



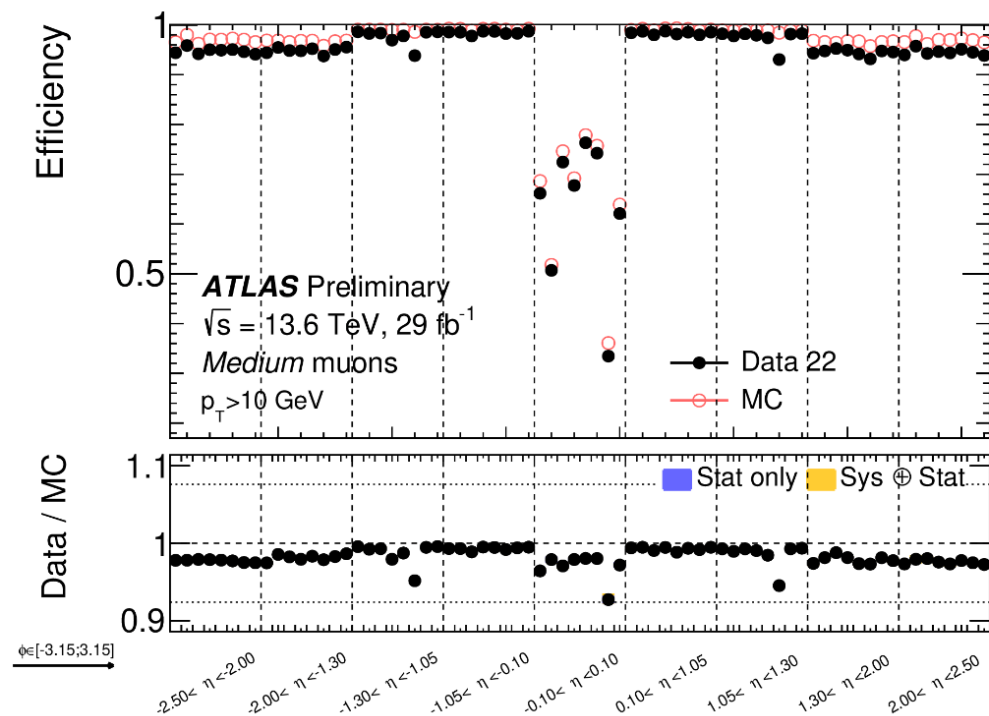
Interpretation in terms of NP



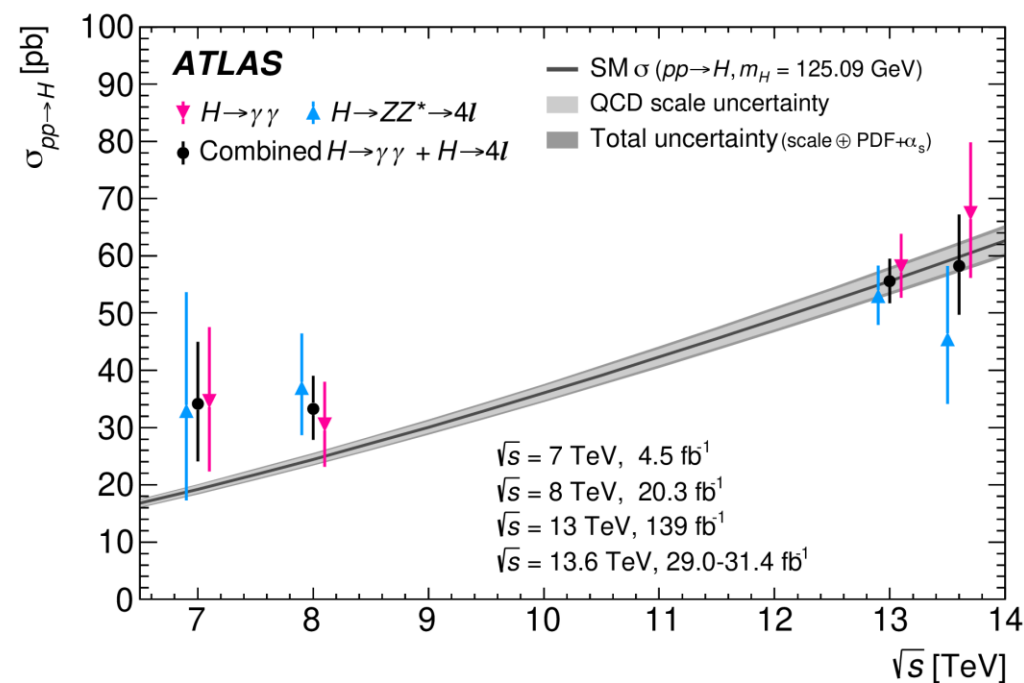
- The presence of a W boson and a Z boson with a simultaneous longitudinal polarization observed with significance of **7.1 standard deviations**
- EWK production of $W^\pm Z$ bosons in association with two jets is measured with observed significance of **5.3 standard deviations**
- EWK production of ZZ bosons in association with two jets is measured with observed significance of **5.5 standard deviations**

Run 3 Physics (highlights):

Muon efficiency measurements & identification quality studies

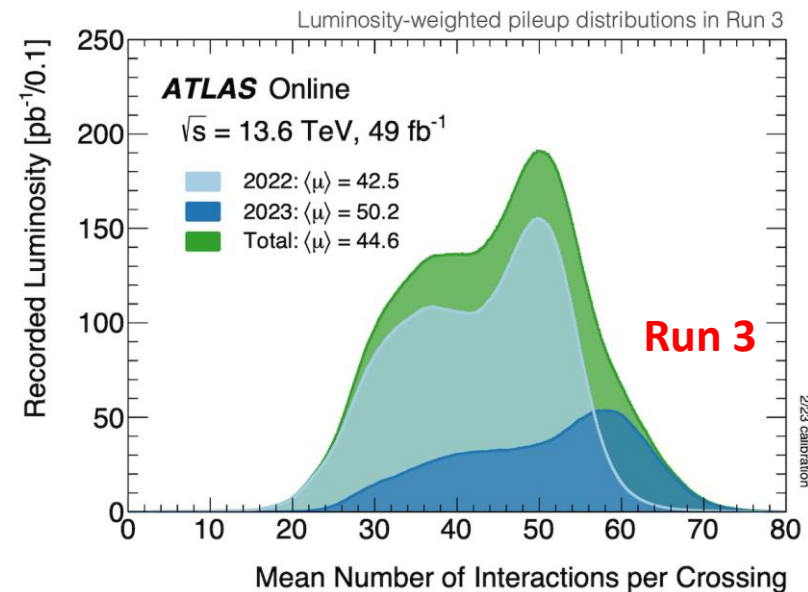
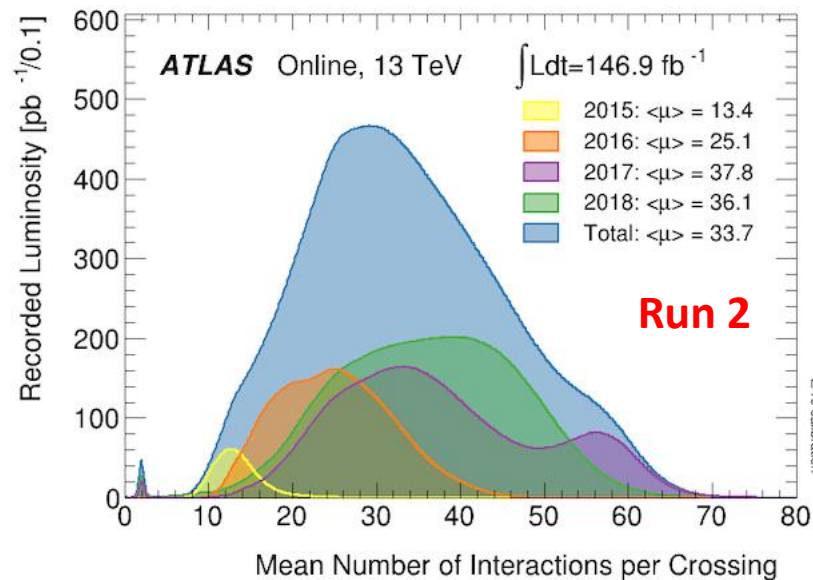
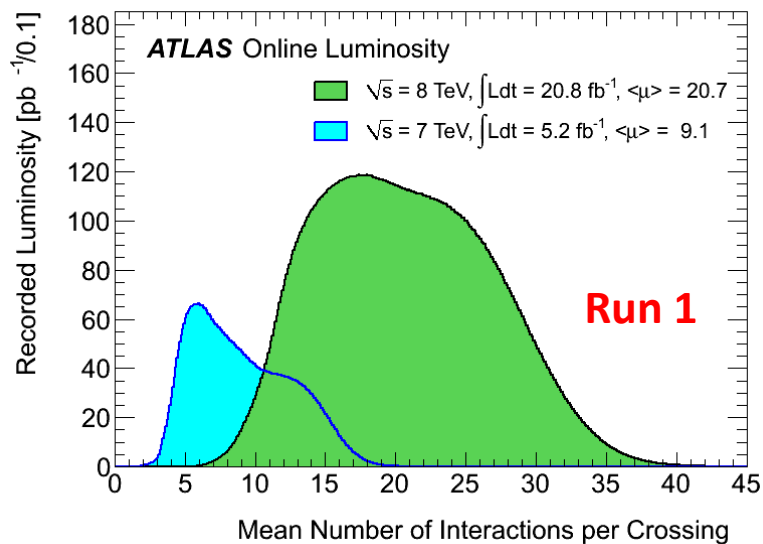


Measurement of the Higgs-boson cross-section @ 13.6 TeV

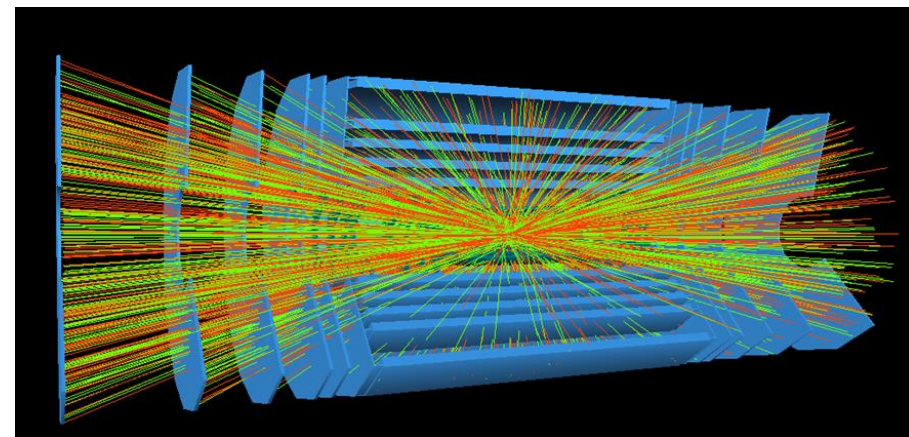
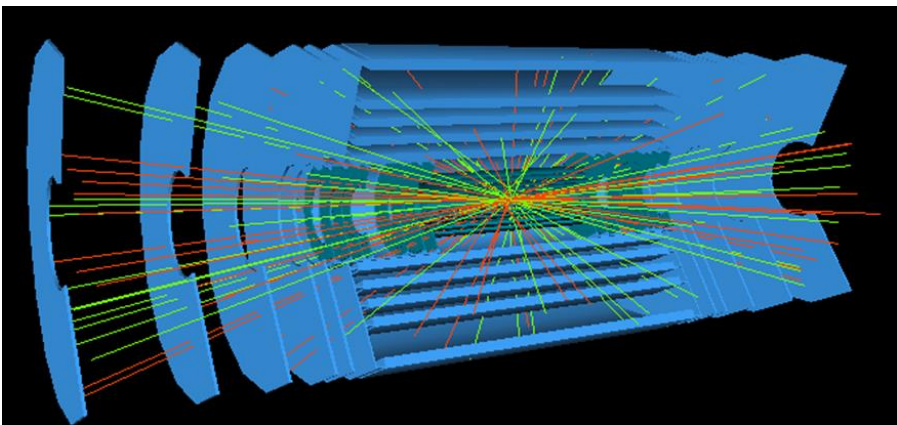


Several other analyses are in progress

... moving from Run 1 ATLAS detector towards ATLAS at HL-LHC



Run 1 Run 2 Run 3 HL-LHC

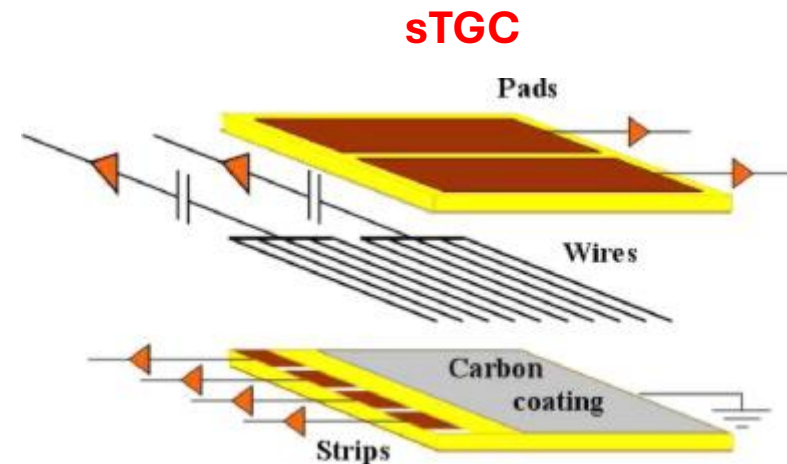
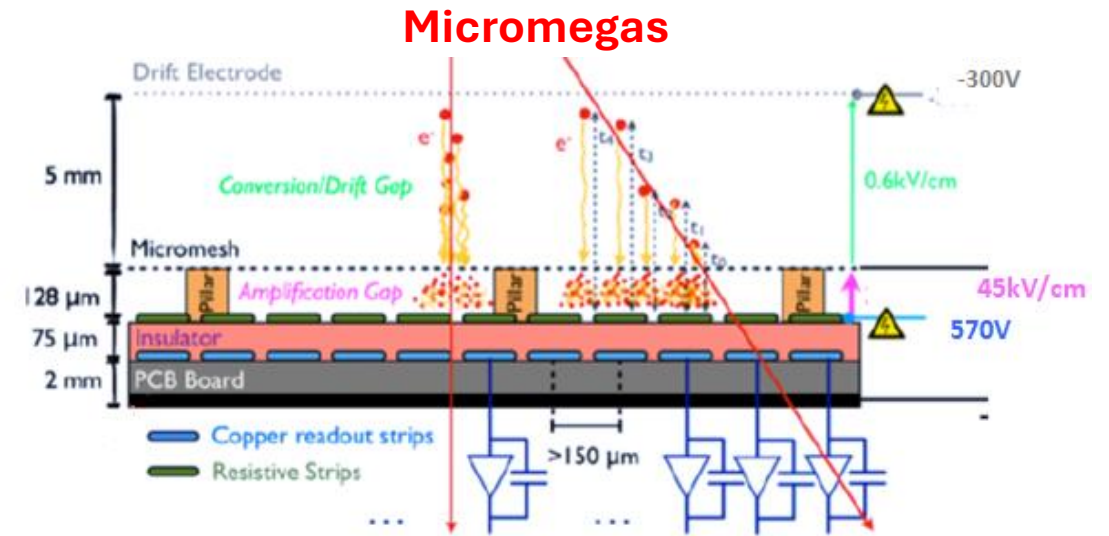
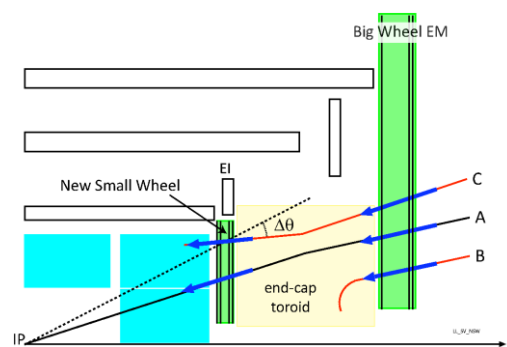
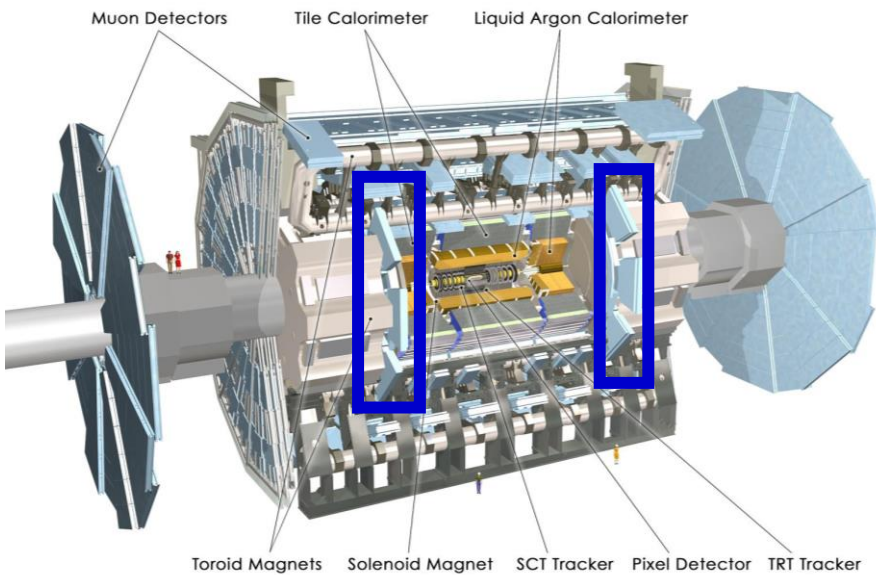


Detector upgrades Phase 1 – NSW

NSW

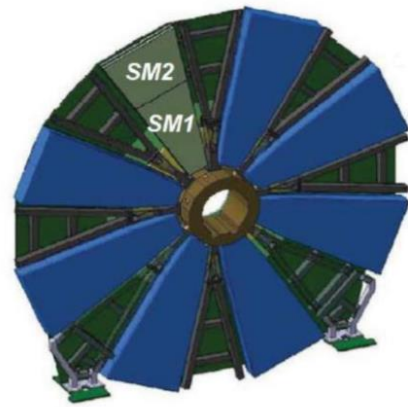
Operation up to 15 kHz/cm^2

- Reduce substantially single muon trigger fake rate
- Maintain excellent efficiency and resolution of tracking at very high rates
- 16 active layers → redundancy for tracking and pattern recognition

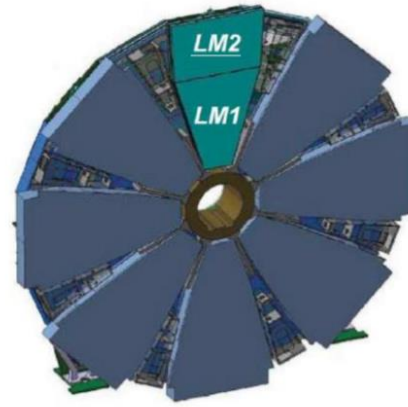


$1 \text{ mrad} + 100 \mu\text{m}$ (single hit) resolution needed

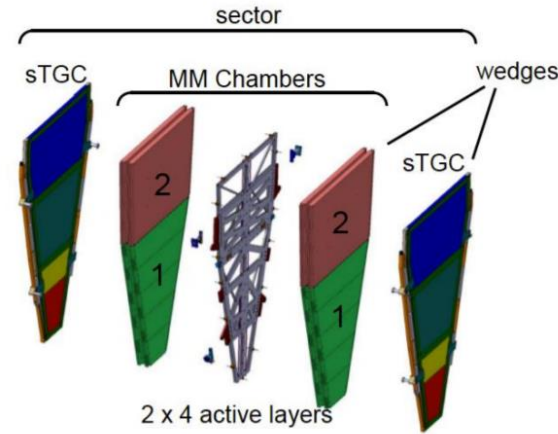
$\sim 2.5 \text{ M}$ read-out channels



Small sectors



Large sectors



2013 TDR

2017
Construction
Start

Dec 2018
MM+sTGC
integration

Dec 2019
First sector
Installation on JD

Aug 2021
Side A wheel
completion

Oct 2021
Side C wheel
completion

Taking Data



NSW Contribution

The Greek teams played a major role in several aspects of NSW upgrade:

- **MM R&D program (started in 2008, continues up to now)**
- **MM Construction**
- **MM Integration and Commissioning**
- **sTGC Integration and Commissioning**
- **NSW Integration and Commissioning**
- **NSW Trigger Commissioning**
- **Design RO Electronics**
- **NSW installation in P1**
- **Validating NSW in the pit**
- **NSW incorporation in software and performance studies**

- Electronics cards designed, fabricate assembled and tested by the Greek institutes and Greek industry.
- NSW services and Micromegas Services design.
- Design of the NSW micromegas gas system.
- Design of the NSW Detector Control System (DCS).
- Gas leak validation of the micromegas modules and sectors
- Micromegas integration in BB5
- Micromegas Commissioning in Bat191

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Most of the names listed here were young PhD, MSc or undergraduate students

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

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

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



Site Review May 2017



LM2 Drift Panel Construction



Drift Panel Cleaning



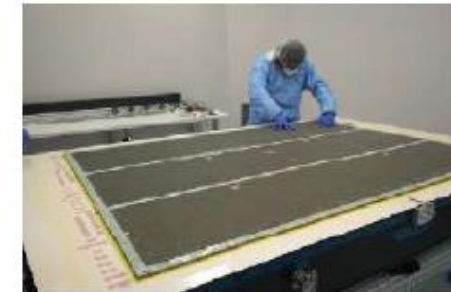
Drift Panel QA measurements



Mesh Stretching



Drift Panel equipped with Mesh



LM2 Drift Panel Construction

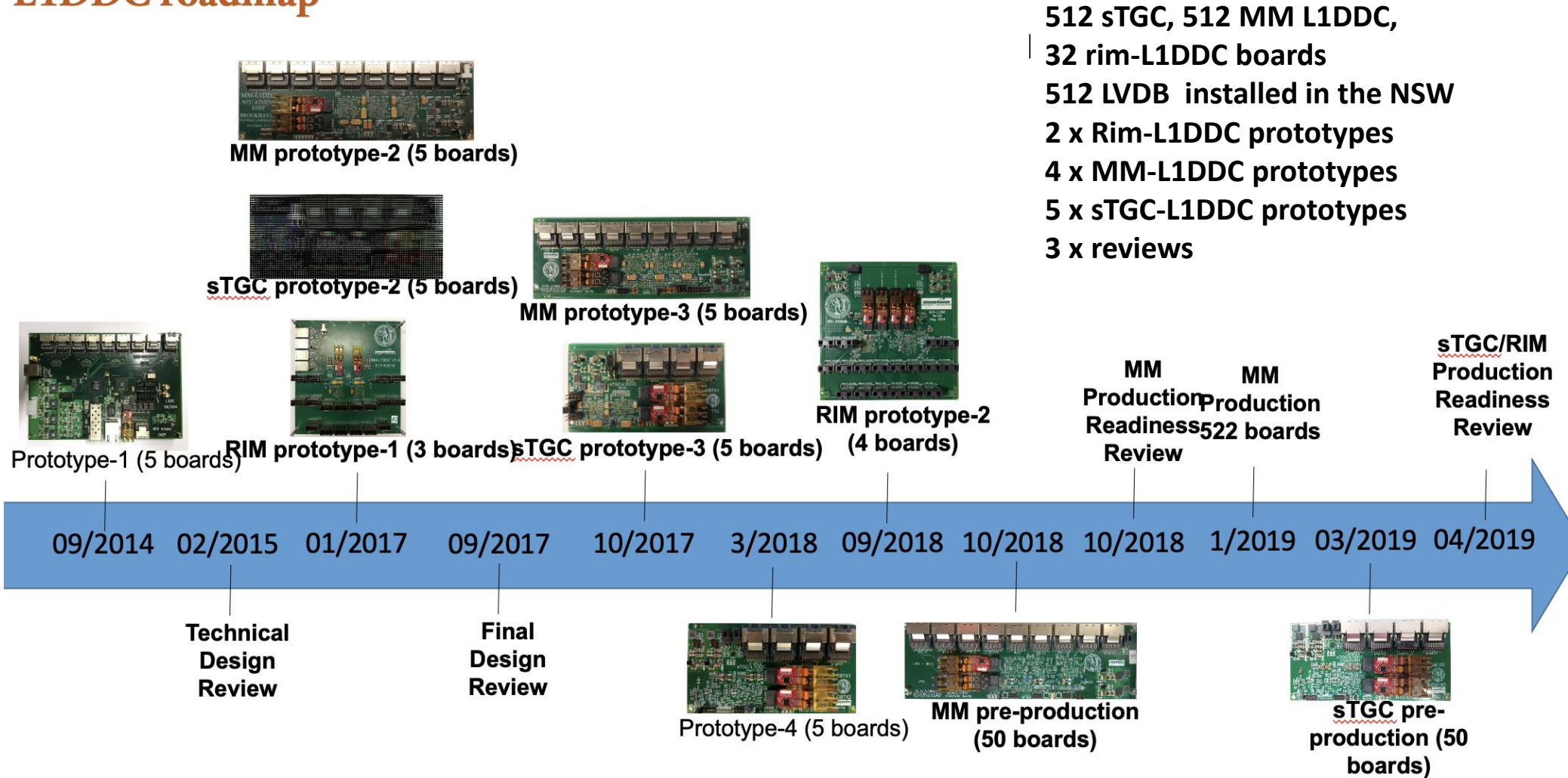


Drift Panel Cleaning



The Team,

L1DDC roadmap



NSW: Electronics design cont... and QAQC

sTGC Trigger Repeaters boards

Restoring attenuated trigger signals

Demokritos

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



Operating in ATLAS since
Jan. 2022 without any problems

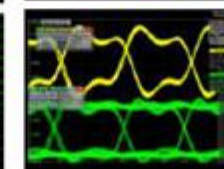
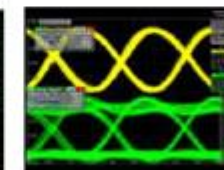
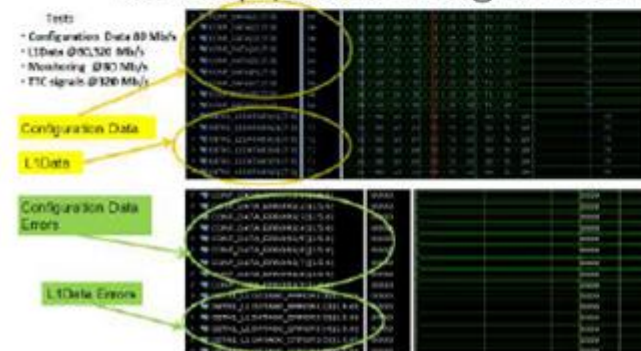
L1DDC Quality Control

NTUA – UNIWA – NKUA – Demokritos



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

Results for preproduction boards @ ECTLab UNIWA



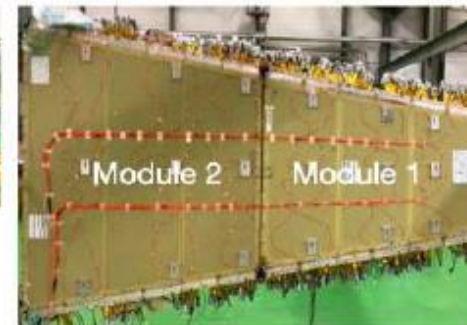
NSW: Micromegas integration commissioning at BB5 - Complexity



← Integration chambers onto the spacer frame



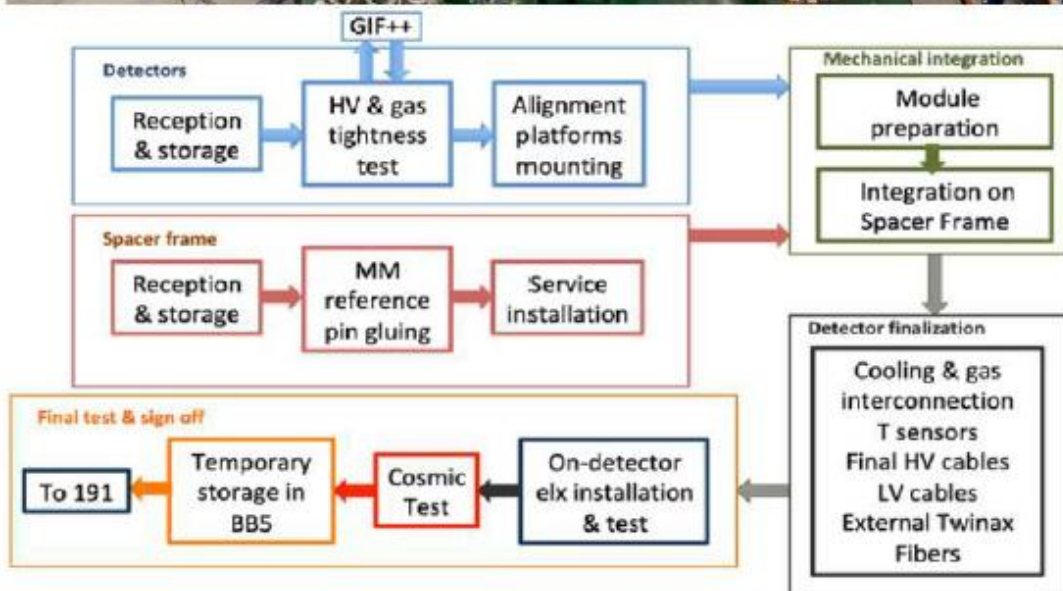
Cooling interconnections



Optical fibres for alignment system



Install electronics cards



• **Assemble the MM modules into wedges, install services and electronics, validate the performance of the wedge with cosmic rays (@CERN)**

- Wedge production line : About 20 people occupied daily, distributed to the different tasks

• **Optimised throughput for integration and testing of 1 sector every 10 days**

- Activity parallelisation and testing automation

NSW: Micromegas installation – commissioning at b 191 - Accuracy

Micromegas surface commissioning

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



Pre-installation connections and tests

- On the wheel
- On the mm quadruplets

Post-installation parallel work stream 1

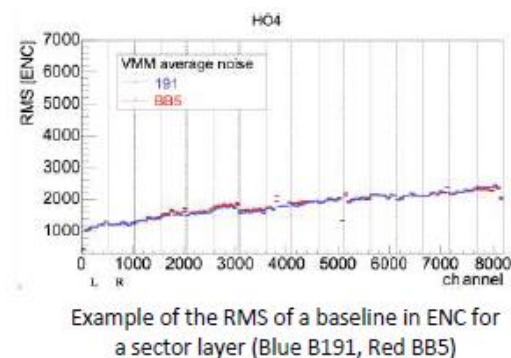
- Gas flushing
- HV connection
- HV operation

Post-installation parallel work stream 2

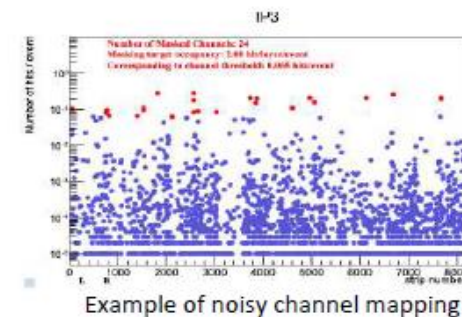
- Sensor connections
- Temperature reading
- Cooling operation
- Read out connection
- LV operation
- Configuration of electronics
- DCS monitoring of electronics

Data taking and sign-off at B 191

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



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



Example of noisy channel mapping



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



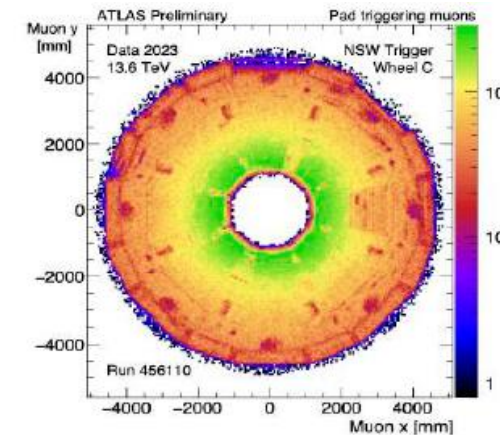
2023: sTGC Pad trigger included

2024: Micromegas trigger included

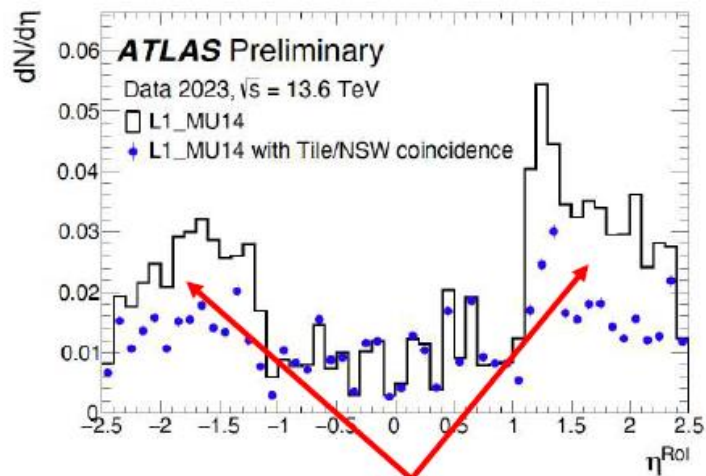
Muon trigger rate decreased by 14 kHz

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

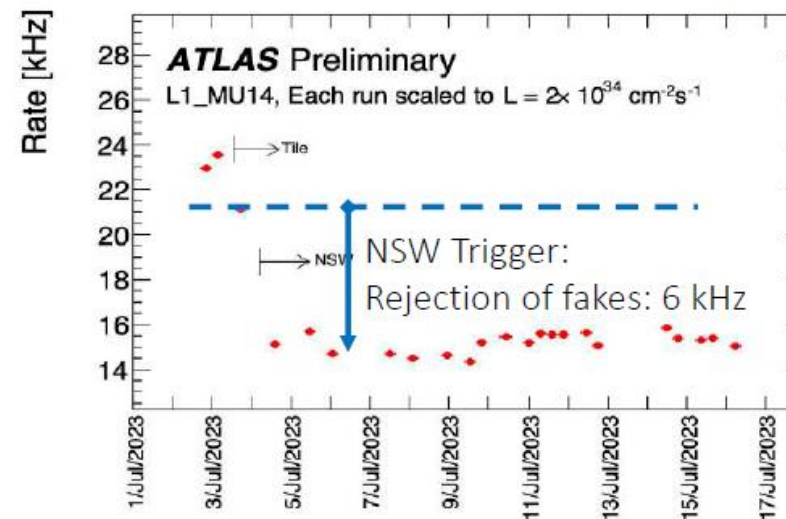
- Commissioning of the sTGC Trigger on all 32 sectors on surface (2020 – 2021) and in P1 after NSW integration to ATLAS (2022)
- Integration of NSW sTGC Trigger in ATLAS
- Successful integration of the NSW Pad Trigger into ATLAS
- 4th of July 2023: NSW in ATLAS trigger → Rejection of 6 kHz fakes
- Allowed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



NSW Pad Trigger Hitmap



NSW Pad Trigger- Rejection of fake muons



Contribution to software, performance and Phase II upgrade

Muon software development

NSW readout geometry, alignment, cabling map

NSW simulation

Multi-Threaded (MT) migration

MT Muon reconstruction & validation

Tracking implementation in ACTS

Muon performance for physics analyses

Phase II upgrade

MS: RPC DCT QAQC

MS: MDT Mezzanine QAQC / production

TDAQ: Trigger Processor Phase II

Summary

The journey of Greek Institutes in ATLAS started in 1994 with the ATLAS technical proposal

Twice it was possible for us to have major contributions to this fascinating and extremely complex detector, with

- 1) The construction and integration of the **MDT BIS chambers**
- 2) Several contributions to the **NSW phase I upgrade**

We hope that we have fairly contributed to exploit the potential of the detector and helped in extracting significant physics results with the highlight up to now, being **the discovery of the Higgs boson**

Despite the very limited funding, we hope that we'll be able to fulfill in a similar way our commitments to the collaboration in the very interesting years to come

We have achieved a very successful collaboration with Greek industry and made the liaison towards technology transfer from CERN

We would like also to invite warmly students and young researchers to join us, since there is no better place than ATLAS to learn deeply about science and technology

We would like to thank warmly ATLAS and MUON management for their support and all our ATLAS colleagues for the fruitful collaboration

Special thanks to

Peter Jenni for his catalytic role in the formation of Greek ATLAS

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Back up Slides

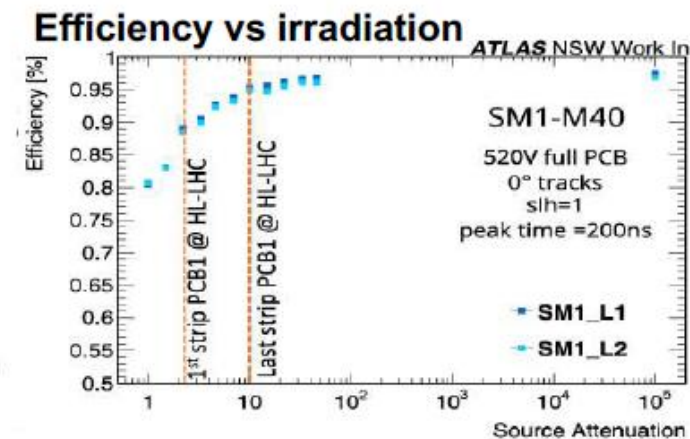
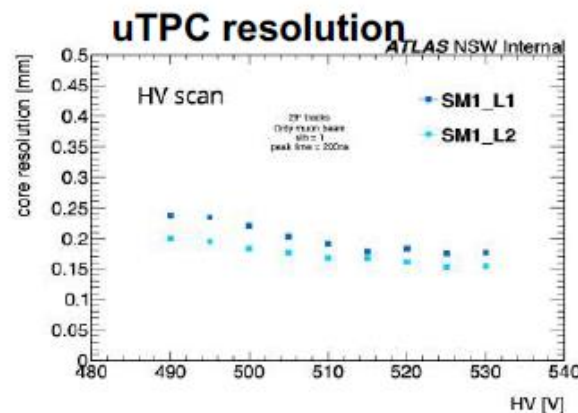
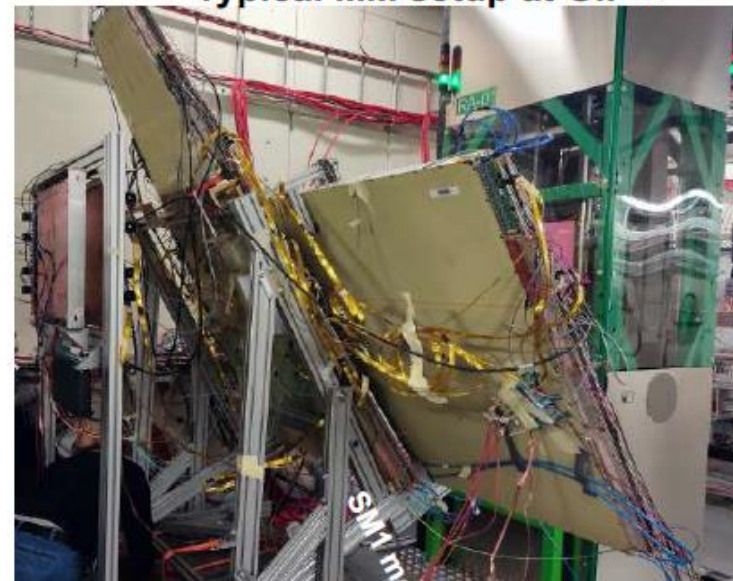
Responsibilities - Coordination positions

- Outreach Coordinator (*C. Kourkoumelis 2012 - 2014*)
- Muon Speakers Committee Member (*C. Kourkoumelis 2015 - 2021*)
- MM (NSW) surface commissioning (*D. Fassouliotis 2019 - 2020*)
- Muon Detector Performance Group sub-Coordinator for the integration of the NSW geometry and alignment (*S. Angelidakis 2021 - today*)
- Co-convener of the Efficiency subgroup of ATLAS MCP (*S. Angelidakis 2022-2023*)
- Co-convener of the ATLAS MCP (*S. Angelidakis 2023 - today*)
- ATLAS Muon Software Coordinator (*G. Stavropoulos 2021 - today*)
- ATLAS Muon Steering group (*G. Stavropoulos 2021 - today*)
- NSW Trigger Coordinator (*T. Geralis 2021 - today*)
- NSW Electronics Steering group (*T. Geralis 2017 - today*)
- Vertical Slice Laboratory responsible (*T. Geralis 2022 - today*)
- Speakers Committee Member (*K. Kordas 2020 - 2022*)
- SCAB Member (*C. Petridou 2019 - 2021*)
- International Computing Board Member (*D. Sampsonidis, 2012 - today*)
- Collaboration Advisor Group Member (*C. Kourkoumelis 2006 - 2010*)
- B-Physics Convener (*C. Petridou 2008 - 2010*)
- PubCom Member (*C. Petridou 2008 - 2010*)
- National Contact Physicist (*D. Samsonidis, 2023 - today*)
- National Contact Physicist (*E. Gazis, 2005 - 2023*)
- Upgrade Advisory Board Member (*D. Samsonidis, 2023 - today*)
- Upgrade Advisory Board Member (*E. Gazis, 2015 - 2023*)
- NSW Electronics Steering (*T. Alexopoulos 2017 - 2023*)
- Muon DCS coordinator (*T. Alexopoulos 2016 - 2019*)
- Muon DCS coordinator (*C. Paraskevopoulos 2022 - today*)
- NSW DCS coordinator (*T. Alexopoulos 2016 - 2020*)
- NSW DCS coordinator (*P. Tzanis 2021 - 2022*)
- NSW commissioning coordination (*E. Koulouris 2019-2022*)
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- Micromegas Analysis co-coordinator (*T. Alexopoulos 2016 - 2019*)
- Micromegas representative in Muon SG (*T. Alexopoulos 2022 - today*)
- Micromegas testbeam co-coordinator (*T. Alexopoulos 2015 - 2019*)
- NSW services coordinator in commission (*K. Iakovidis 2019 - 2022*)
- NSW Steering group (*T. Alexopoulos 2017 - 2023*)

NSW: Micromegas R&D (started well before TDR - continues up to now)

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

Typical MM setup at GIF++



STGC-L1DDC prototype-I



STGC-L1DDC prototype-III



STGC-L1DDC prototype-IV



STGC-L1DDC pre-production



mu2e prototype-I



mu2e prototype-II



BBALA



Rim-L1DDC prototype-I



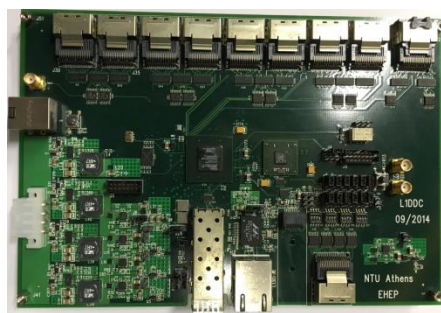
Twinax tester



Rim-L1DDC prototype-II



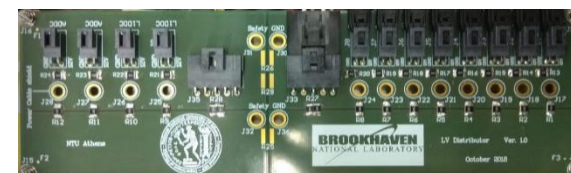
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GPVMM



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LVDB prototype-2



MM-L1DDC prototype-II



MM-L1DDC prototype-III

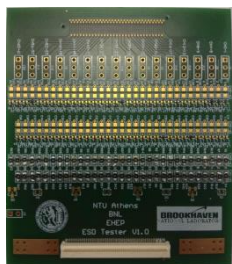


MM-L1DDC pre-production



Type of cards used in NSW designed fabricated by NTUA

ESD tester



miniSAS FMC



miniSAS to SMA



MDT 436



MDT 446



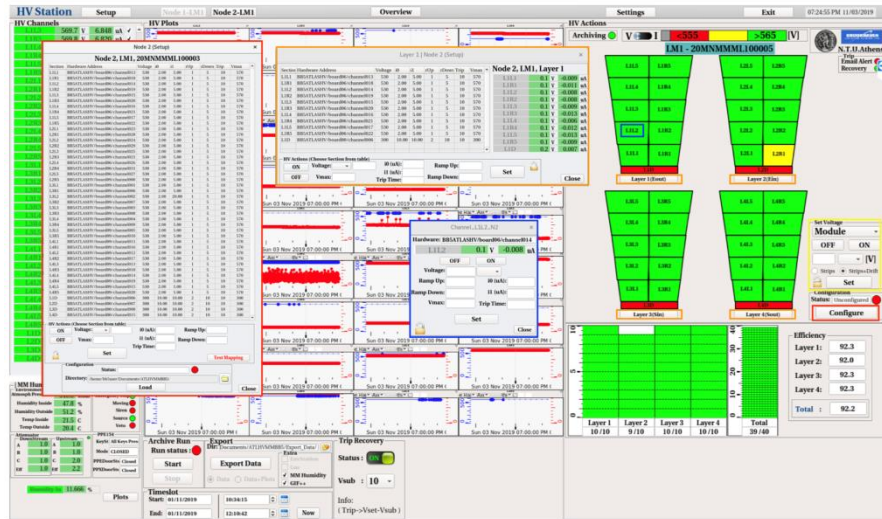
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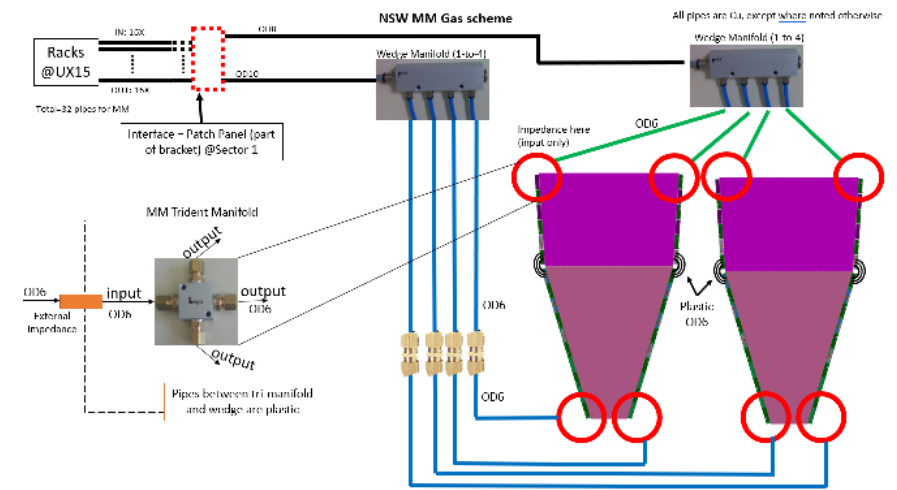
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NSW: Design and implementation of DCS and MM gas system/gas leak measurement (NTUA)



MM gas system scheme



NSW: sTGC assembly and integration – Vertical Slice



sTGC Trigger Slice system in B180

Build by the Demokritos group (Feb. 2020)

Complete autonomous Trigger Slice → 1 Sector wedge

Complete FE, Trigger (Pad, strips and Trigger processor) and DAQ system.

Connections as on the ATLAS detector for proper timing

Proper cooling

Used for NSW Trigger developments remotely.

Particularly useful during Covid pandemic



Grabbing of the sector



Adjusting center of gravity



Moving towards the wheel



Set orientation to 22.5 deg



Installation Fixation on NSW A



Ready for survey

