

# Trends and Strategies for Triggering in HEP experiments

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# Introduction & objectives

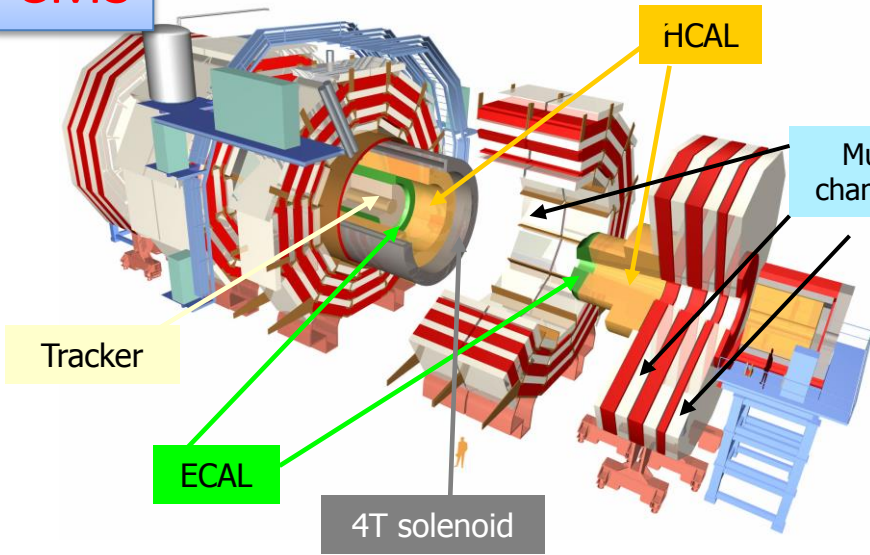
- Subject proposed by organisers
  - with a request to compare ATLAS, CMS and LHCb strategies
- Part 1: Review the current triggers
  - with only brief descriptions of the experiments
  - broadly similar approaches, with subtle differences
- Part 2: Describe the plans for the future at HL-LHC
  - experiments diverge significantly from each other
- I hope to answer: In what way, and why?
- **Warning:**
  - I need to assume some familiarity with some of the material to cover such a big subject. I hope not too much...
- **Thanks for slides from other sources which I try to acknowledge!**

# The experiments in a nutshell

- ATLAS and CMS are General Purpose LHC experiments
  - similar overall designs, but some important differences in philosophy
- CMS – cylindrical **4T 6m diameter** solenoid magnet
  - contains silicon tracker, **crystal ECAL**, **brass-scintillator HCAL**, +...
  - **gaseous muon system** in iron yoke return magnetic field
- ATLAS – **vast toroidal open** magnet system for muons
  - inner tracking detector in **2T B-field**: silicon and TRTs
  - **LAr** and **scintillator-tile** calorimeters, **gaseous muon detectors**
- LHCb - a dedicated forward spectrometer at LHC
  - narrower range of objectives, esp B-physics, CP violation, rare decays
    - particle ID using Cerenkovs
  - very different layout to GPDs in some important respects
  - **scintillator** calorimetry, **gas detectors** in muon system

CMS

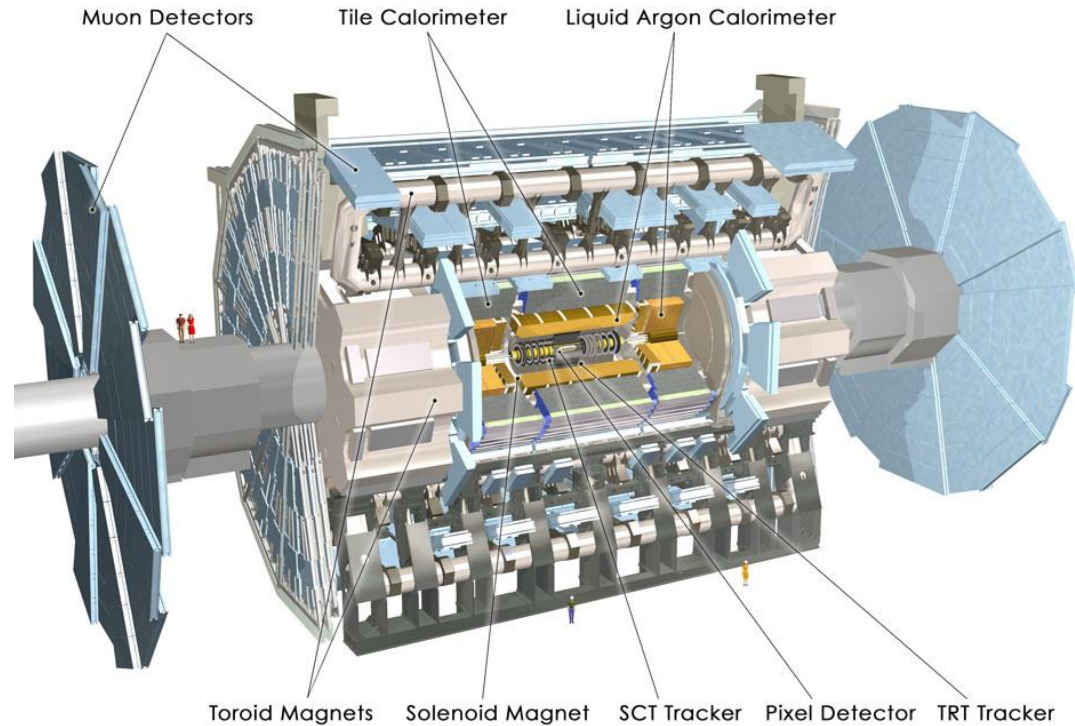
# LHC Detectors



Total weight 12,500 t  
 Overall diameter 15 m  
 Overall length 22 m  
 Magnetic field 4 T

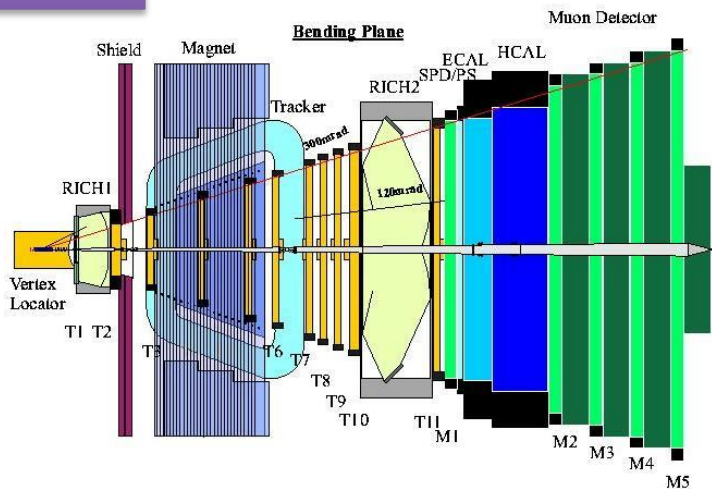
Total weight 7,000 t  
 Overall diameter 25 m  
 Overall length 44 m  
 Solenoid B field 2 T

ATLAS



LHCb

Overall length 20 m  
 Integral B field 4 Tm



# Detectors & trigger

- ATLAS & CMS – similar physics goals and detector requirements
  - similar angular coverage
  - emphasise leptons, down to low  $p_T$  for wide range of physics
  - electronics deeply embedded inside the experiment, with little access
  - run at maximum machine luminosity with high efficiency
  - $\mu$ s: open geometry with large lever arm & little material (ATLAS)
  - detectors embedded in magnet yoke, lower volume & more scattering (CMS)
  - Calorimeters: LAr with long electron drift time (ATLAS)
  - scintillators with fast charge collection  $\sim 1BX$  (CMS)
- LHCb - to capture high statistics modest luminosity is sufficient
  - many final states with muons,  $e/\gamma/\pi^0$  with high  $p_T$  from B decay

# Basic problem

- Reduce event rate so that next stage of processing can be done
  - keep repeating until rate is low enough
  - then store data for full analysis (at leisure!)
- Sounds like a simple problem?
  - what is raw event rate?
  - how long is available to make decision?
  - how long is available for processing data?
  - what is the rate reduction to be achieved?
- Event rate determined by total pp cross-section
  - at  $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \Rightarrow \sim 20$  events per 40 MHz bunch crossing in CMS & ATLAS
    - there may also be signal remnants from earlier crossings
    - in LHCb luminosity is lower to aim for  $\langle N \rangle \sim 1$  event per crossing
- Rate at which data can be stored  $\sim 100$  Hz (1990s) – few kHz (today)

# Trigger levels

- Not feasible to go from raw event rate to storage rate in one step
  - data volume is large
  - data are not physics quantities (E, p, x, y, z, vectors...): convert & calibrate
  - algorithms for decisions may be complex
  - multiple overlapping events must be distinguished
  - processing speed and number of processors are finite
  - there are (not small) overheads from data transmission delays:  $t \sim L/c$
  - data must be temporarily stored **locally** until event decision is made
- LHC solution – multi-level trigger
  - L1: fast hardware decision constrained by on-detector electronics
    - pipeline memory sizes, power for digitisation, precision of variables
  - L2: possible intermediate decision in hardware
  - L3: maximal event processing before storage
    - not usually with full offline precision

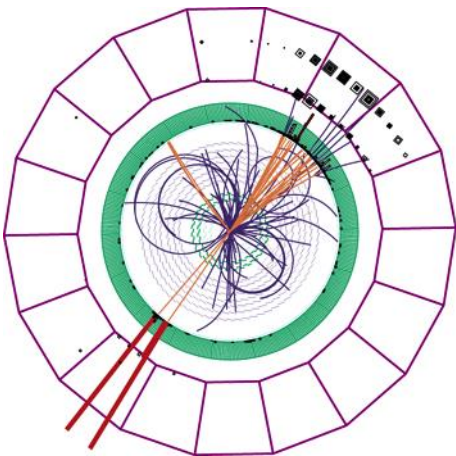
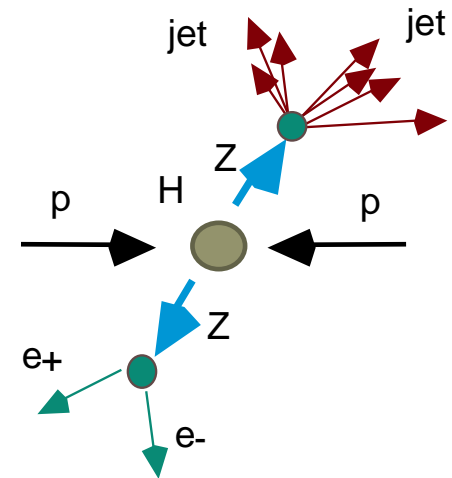
# Trigger requirements

- High – as possible - efficiency for the most interesting events
  - should not introduce bias
- Large (enough) rate reduction
  - but can pass unwanted (with hindsight) events as BW permits
- Fast decision
  - to match hardware constraints, mainly at FE
- Deadtime free
  - to maximise good data, and  $\epsilon^N \ll 1$
- Flexible enough to adapt to changing experimental conditions
  - physics programme also evolves and typical early focus is on limited number of searches
- (affordable in \$ & W)



# Triggering

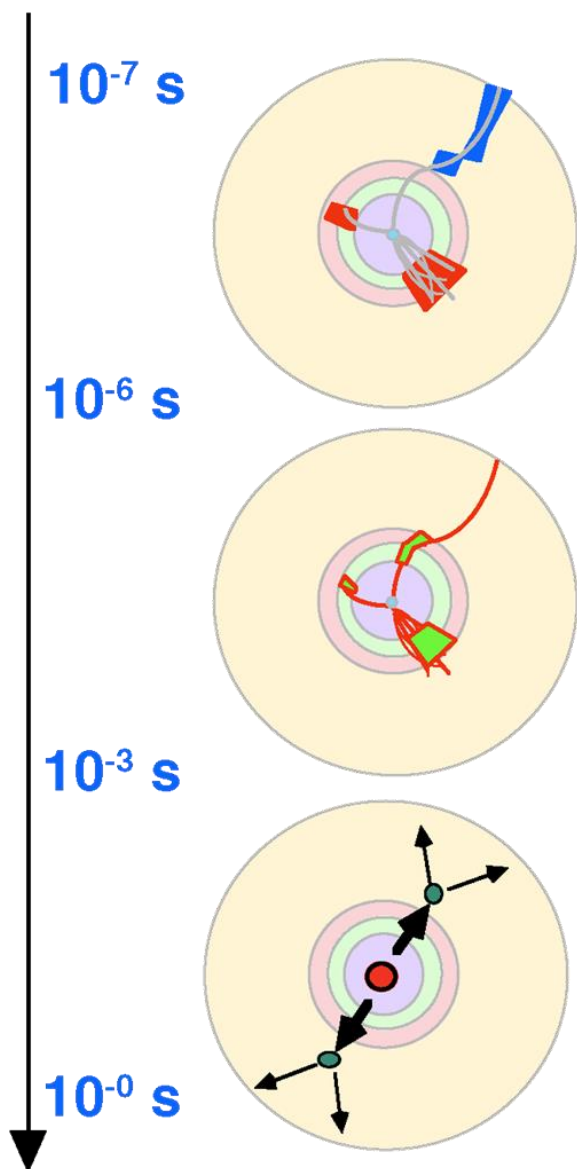
- Primary physics signatures in the detector are combinations of:
  - Candidates for energetic electron(s) and photons (**ECAL**)
  - Candidates for  $\mu$ (s) (**muon system**)
  - Hadronic jets (**ECAL/HCAL**)
- Vital not to reject interesting events
  - very wide range of cross-sections, many very small
- Fast Level-1 decision in custom hardware
  - Higher level selection in software



- Tracker not part of L1 trigger
  - Data volume enormous
  - Technically was not feasible for LHC



# LHC Trigger Levels



$10^{-7}$  s

**Collision rate  $10^9$  Hz**

**Channel data sampling at 40 MHz**

**Level-1 selected events  $10^5$  Hz**

**Particle identification** (High  $p_T$  e,  $\mu$ , jets, missing  $E_T$ )

- Local pattern recognition
- Energy evaluation on prompt macro-granular information

$10^{-6}$  s

**Level-2 selected events  $10^3$  Hz**

**Clean particle signature** (Z, W, ..)

- Finer granularity precise measurement
- Kinematics. effective mass cuts and event topology
- Track reconstruction and detector matching

$10^{-3}$  s

**Level-3 events to tape 10..100 Hz**

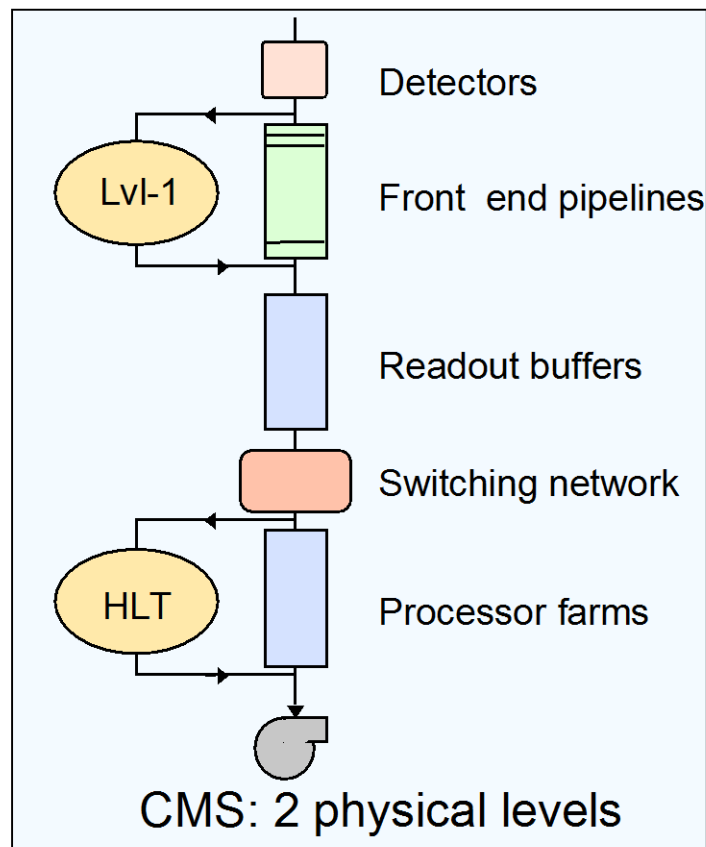
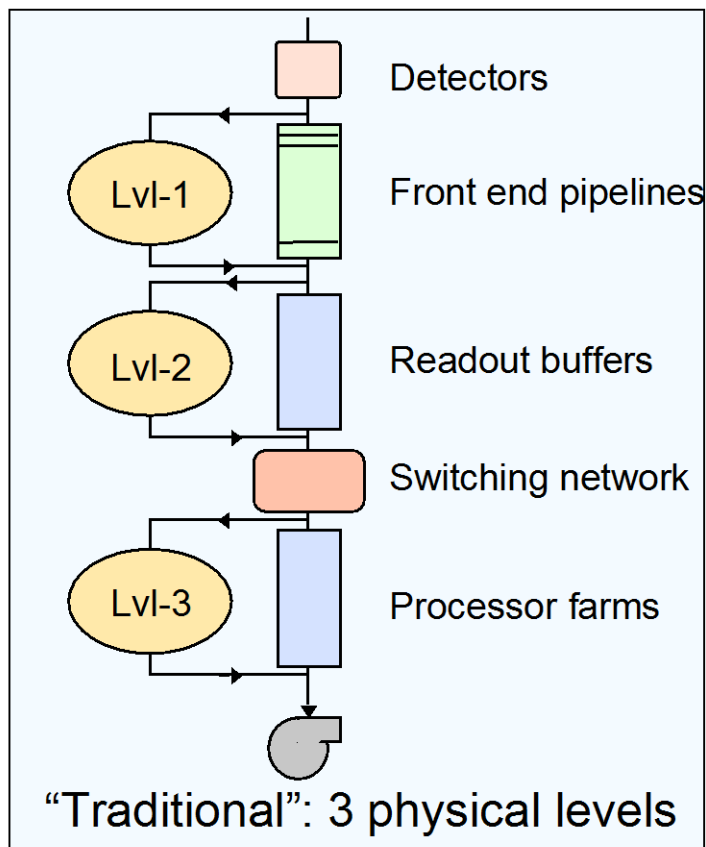
**Physics process identification**

- Event reconstruction and analysis

$10^0$  s

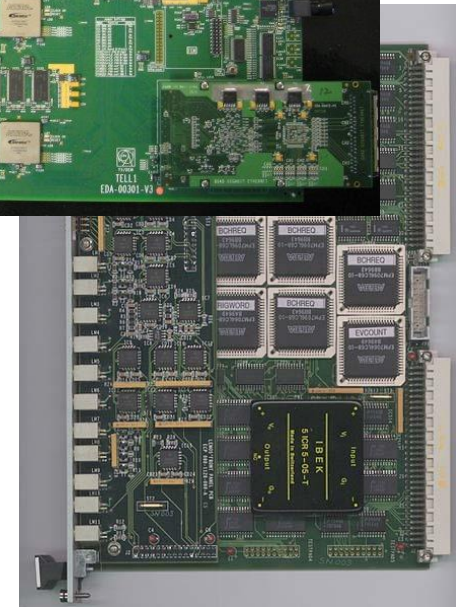
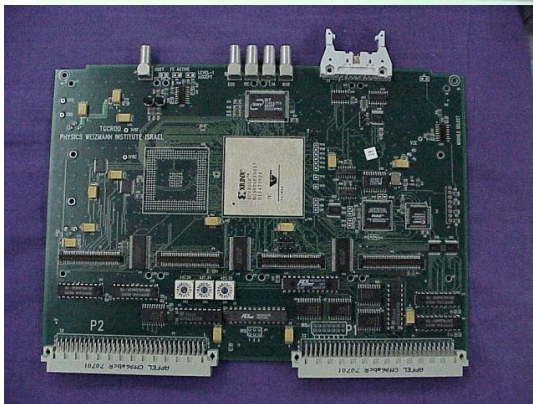
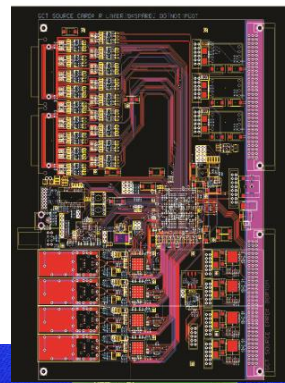
# Online Selection Flow in pp

- **Level-1 trigger: reduce 40 MHz to  $10^5$  Hz** LHCb call this L0
  - ◆ This step is always there LHC GPD target
  - ◆ Upstream: still need to get to  $10^2$  Hz; in 1 or 2 extra steps



# L1 processing hardware

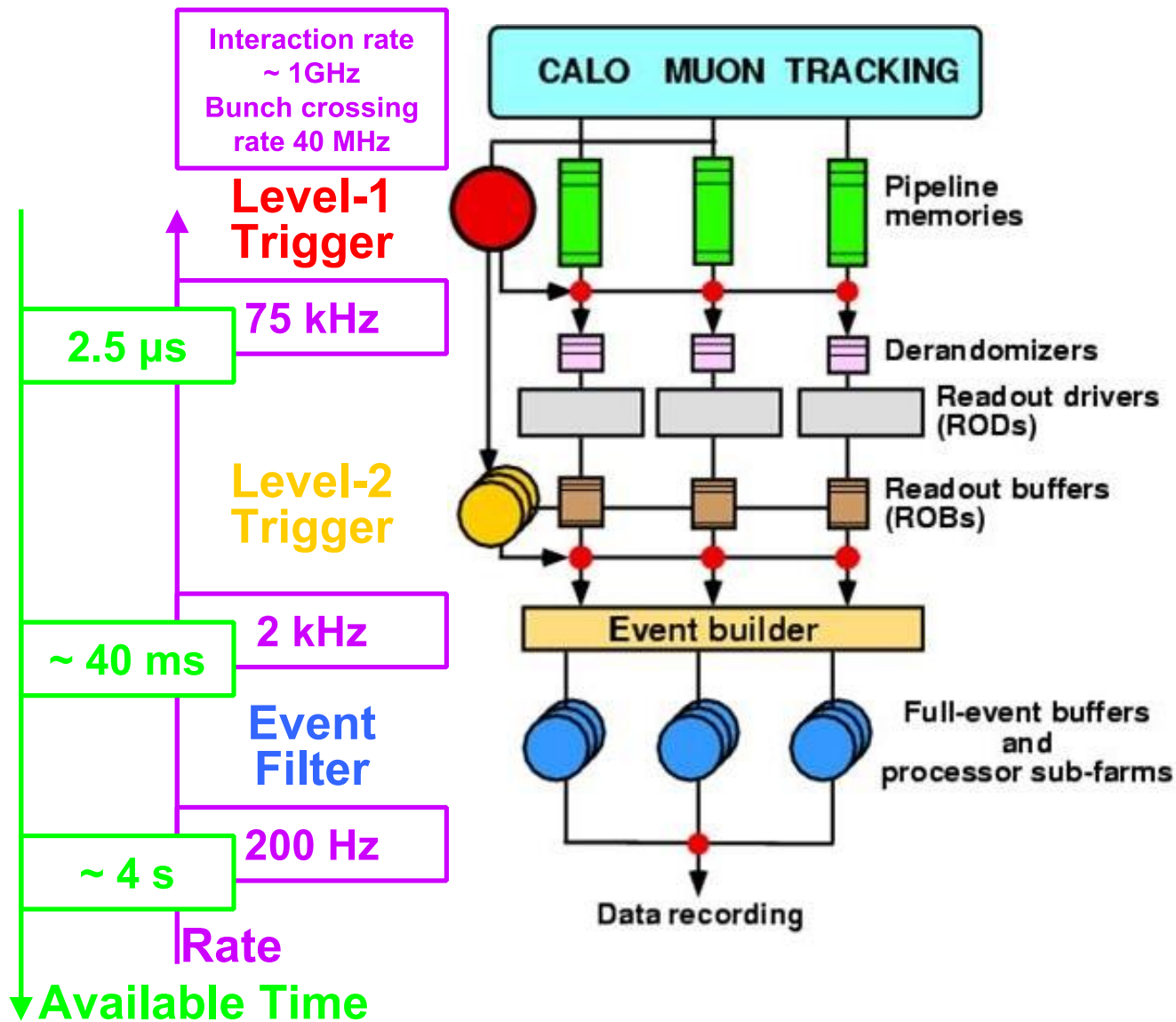
- Processing hardware based on ASICs and FPGAs
  - ideally flexible but constrained by objectives and technology performance
    - evolves with time
  - aim for pipelined, parallel computations



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# ATLAS Trigger/DAQ System



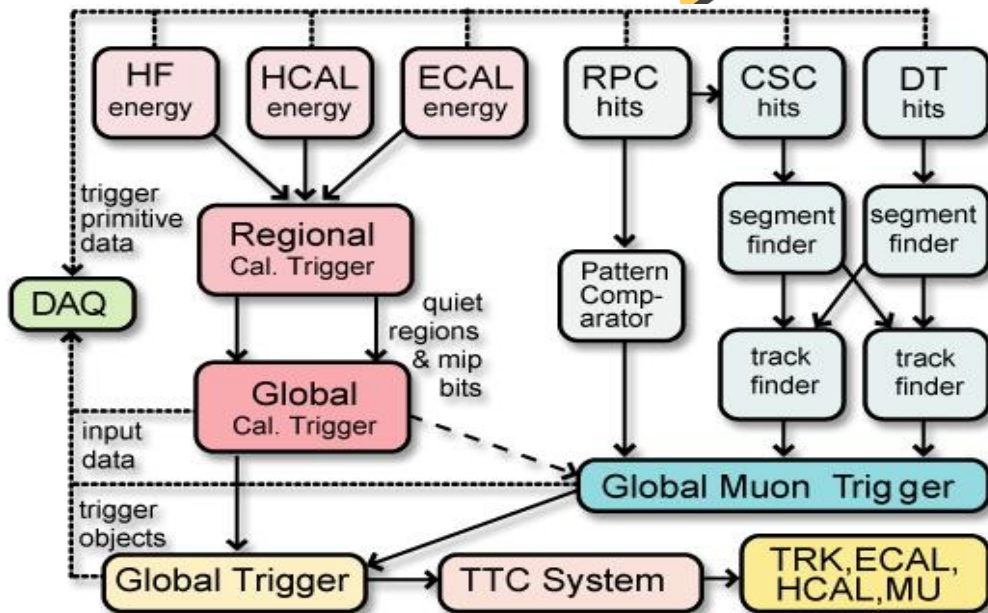
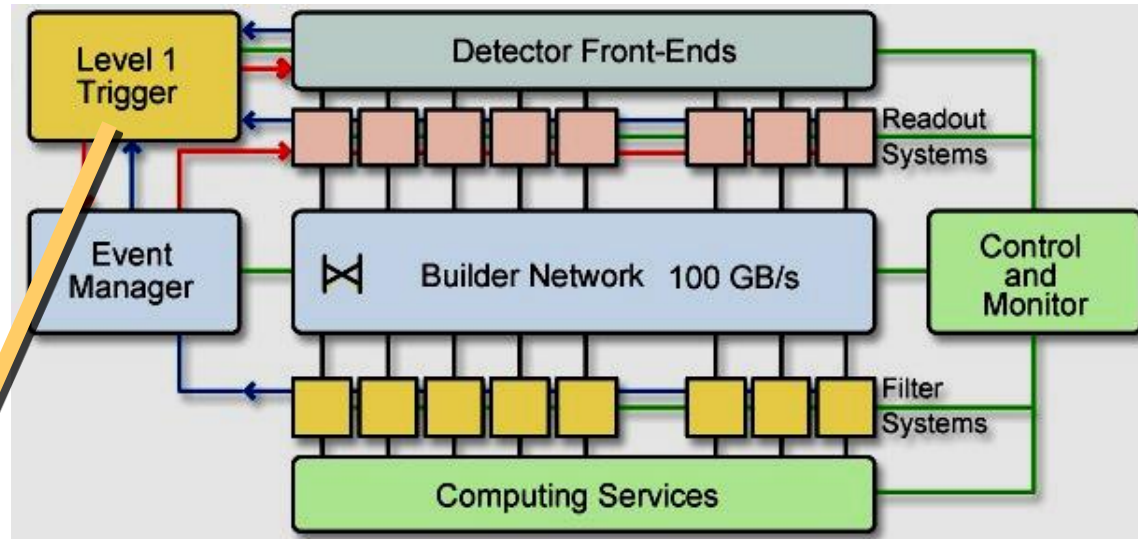
**Level-1 Trigger:**  
*Electronics + Firmware*

**Level-2 Trigger**  
**+ Event Filter:**

- L2 trigger processes data from Regions of Interest to limit data transfers before final trigger decision

# CMS Level-1 Trigger & DAQ

- L1 trigger initiates transfer of event data from detector to HLT
  - Readout Systems
  - Filter Systems
- No intermediate trigger stage



## L1 Trigger:

- Highly distributed
- Both on detector and off detector
- Large variance in technology
- Trigger based on calorimeter and muon systems (no Si-Tracker)
- It is reasonably programmable

# Issues for trigger (1)

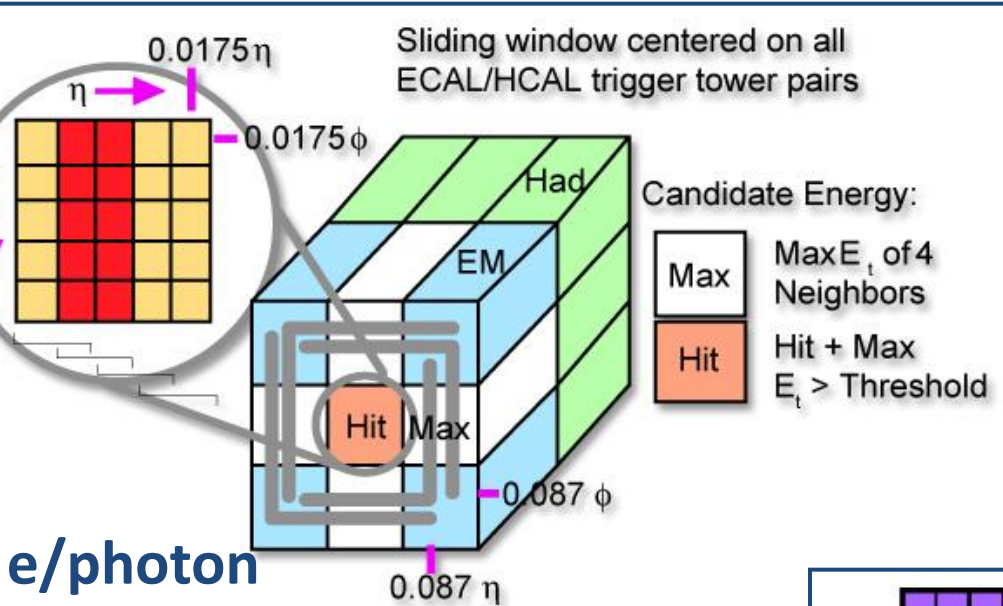
- L0/L1 latency - determined by FE electronics technology
  - ASIC pipelines in trackers, calorimeters 128 - 256 BX
    - longer lengths now feasible but 10-20 $\mu$ s practical limit
  - Processing time depends on cable delays, TOF & experiment geometry
- Bunch crossing association
  - fast response sensors or more complex processing
    - even more complex with increasing pileup
  - synchronisation of detectors and data links
    - clock quality and distribution
- Bandwidth requirements
  - speed of links (<1 Gbps 1990s, >10 Gbps today)
  - volume of data : no of channels and no bits
  - data routing, error correction & decoding, serialisation/deserialisation



## Issues for trigger (2)

- Event processing challenges
  - Boundaries and size of objects (jets cf  $e/\gamma$ )
    - transferring and sharing data between boards, remaining synchronised
  - Simple, efficient and effective algorithms
    - Finding tracks in complex geometries or large overlapping calorimeter objects
  - Capacity of processing nodes (IO, storage, board complexity, size)
    - limits imposed by technology
  - Architecture: regional or global, handling of overlaps and data sharing
  - Internal structure & hierarchy
    - typically several types of processing in parallel, with different latencies
    - global decision on best, possibly overlapping objects required
- In short: a complex problem with many variables
  - unlikely that experiments will find identical solutions
  - decisions on practical implementation subject to law of unintended consequence

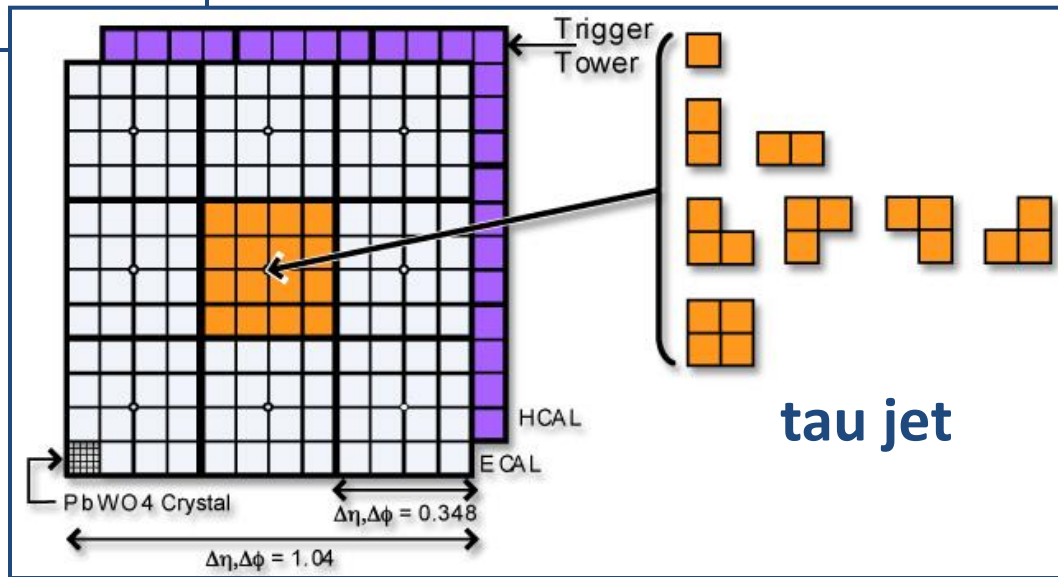
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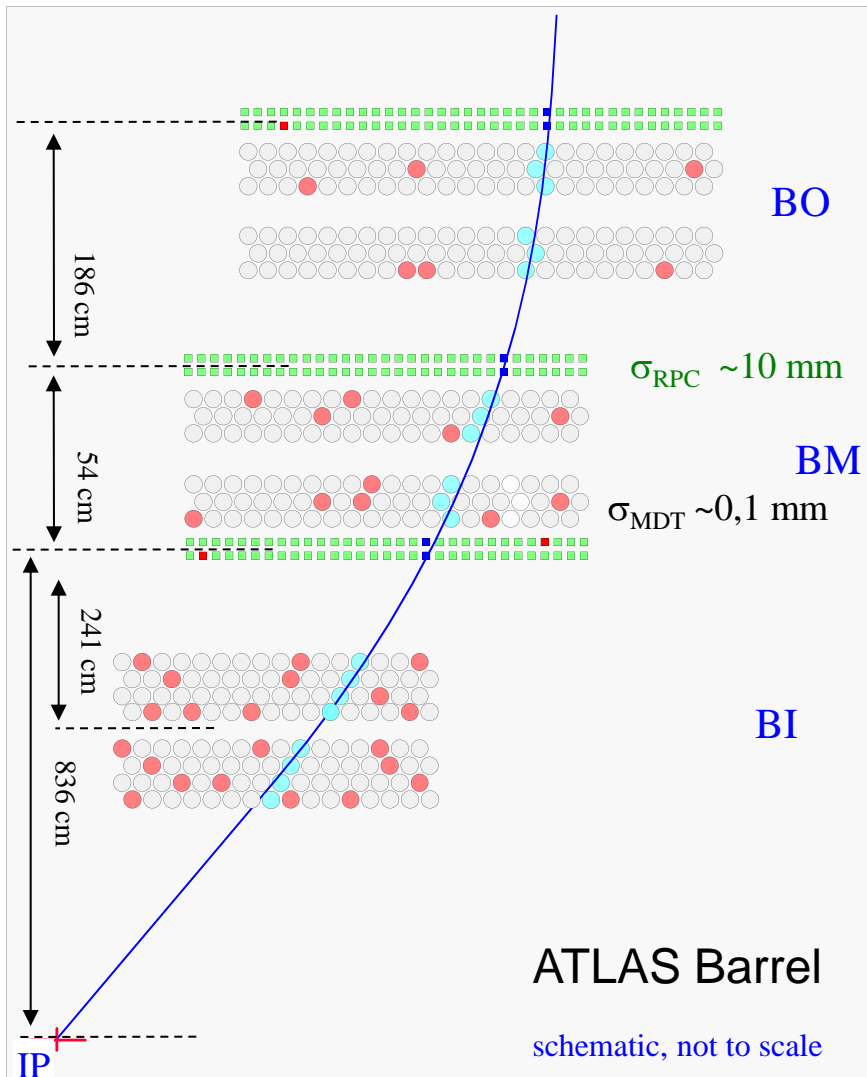
- Electron/photon
  - Large deposition of energy in small region, well separated from neighbour
  - pileup worsens the separation for lower  $p_T$  objects

## ■ jets

- hadrons – large, likely overlapping objects
- $\tau$  - isolated irregular, narrow energy deposits
- simulations identify likely patterns to accept or veto

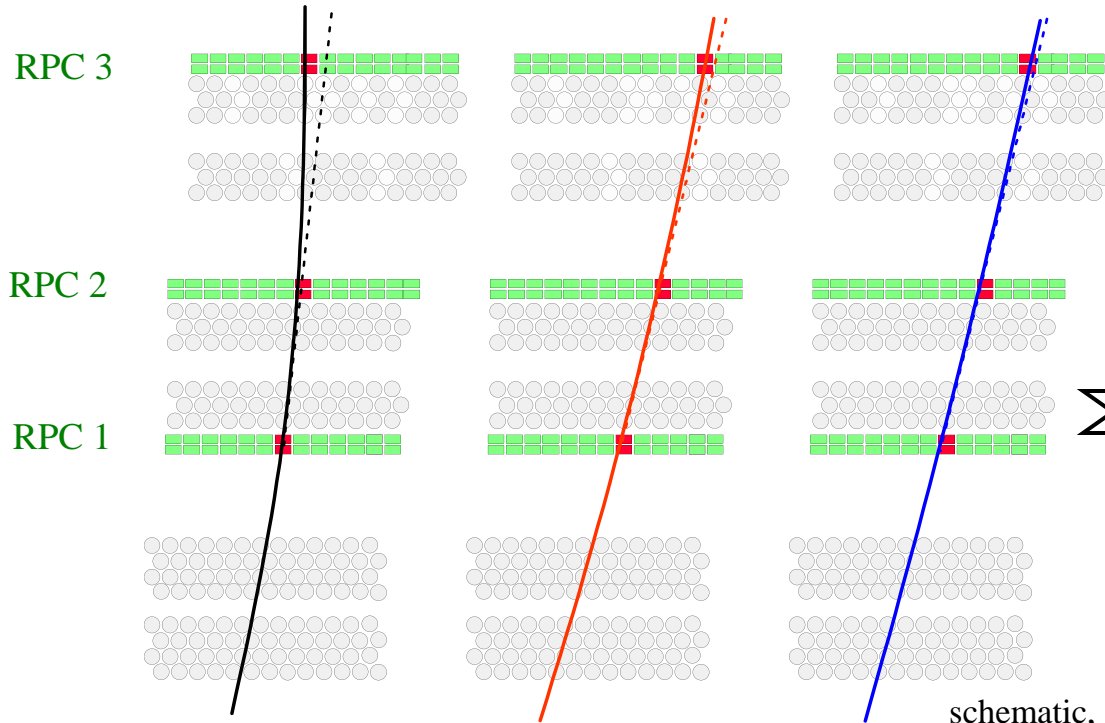


# Muon triggers



- Find penetrating tracks originating from collision region
  - Strongly dependent on geometry and detector response
  - typically combine fast response (RPC) with higher spatial resolution (DT)
  - challenges increase with occupancy and event pileup

# The problem of RPC granularity and single muon L1 rate



schematic,  
not to scale

$p_T = 10 \text{ GeV}$

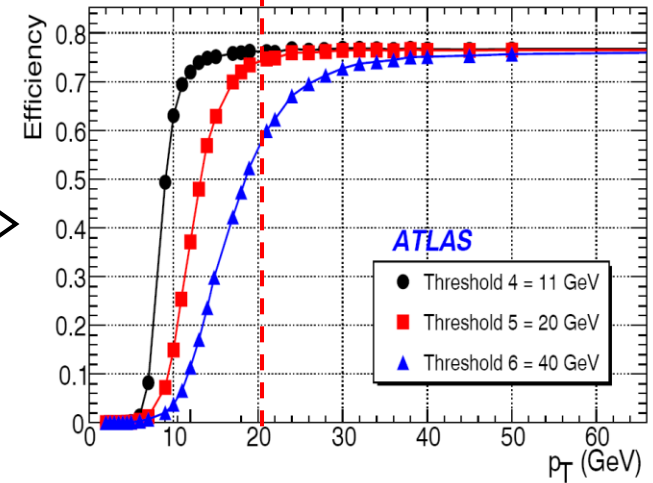
$p_T = 20 \text{ GeV}$

$p_T = 40 \text{ GeV}$

$\sigma_{\mu} > p_T$ : 734 nb  
actual trig. rate 110 kHz

47 nb  
24 kHz

3 nb  
11 kHz



High- $p_T$  muons are a clear signature for interesting physics !

However: the present L1-trigger system has insufficient spatial resolution to tag muons above 10 GeV

# 1, 2, 3... levels?

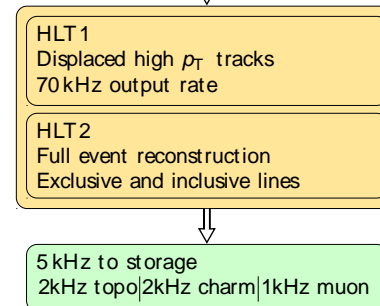
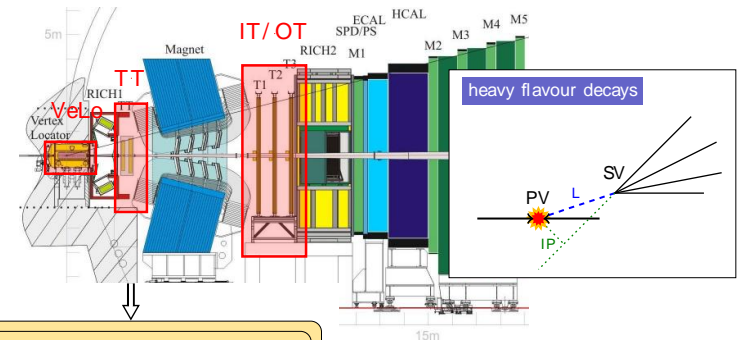
- Not feasible to achieve sufficient data reduction in single step
  - mostly still the case today
  - 100 kHz was GPD target, 1 MHz for LHCb
    - but now feasible to increase the L0/L1 rate from technology progress
- When decisions were made on L2, two points of view
  - (custom) hardware processors needed to reduce data volume in ~50ms
  - sufficient computing power would evolve to avoid intermediate level
    - this proved to be correct, partly because of long LHC construction time
- ATLAS and CMS therefore diverged, with future implications
  - CMS must always store data on-detector until L1 decision
    - hardware trigger latency limited by shortest buffer length
    - transfer large data volume quickly to HLT = large BW
  - ATLAS can transfer selected data to L2 buffers
    - potentially much longer trigger latency possible
    - much smaller fraction of data, but more complexity

# Special case of LHCb

- LHCb can read out entire detector faster than GPDs
  - the detector is much smaller (e.g. tracking  $\sim 0.5\text{M}$  chan)
  - then process events in HLT for storage at 5 kHz, event size  $\sim 0.1$  MB
- 1 MHz is sufficient to allow HLT time to make selection
  - to avoid excessive HLT processing time include pileup veto
    - allows to increase  $\langle N_{\text{coll}}/\text{BX} \rangle$ , and increase L, thus statistics

- ✕ Select high  $E_T$  hadrons,  $e^\pm$ ,  $\gamma$ , threshold  $E_T > 2.5 - 3.5\text{ GeV}$
- ✕ Efficiency hadronic  $B$ -decays  $\leftarrow 50\%$ , radiative  $B$ -decays  $\leftarrow 80\%$
- ✕ L0 hadron rate  $\leftarrow 450\text{ kHz}$ , L0  $e^\pm/\gamma$  rate  $\leftarrow 150\text{ kHz}$
- ✕ Momentum resolution  $\Delta p/p \leftarrow 20\%$
- ✕ Single muon  $p_T > 1.5\text{ GeV}$ , dimuon  $p_{T,1}p_{T,2} > (1.3\text{ GeV})^2$
- ✕ Efficiency typically  $\leftarrow 90\%$  for dimuon channels
- ✕ L0 muon rate  $\leftarrow 400\text{ kHz}$

## Status of the LHCb trigger HLT1: Add tracking information



# Overview of the LHCb L0 trigger

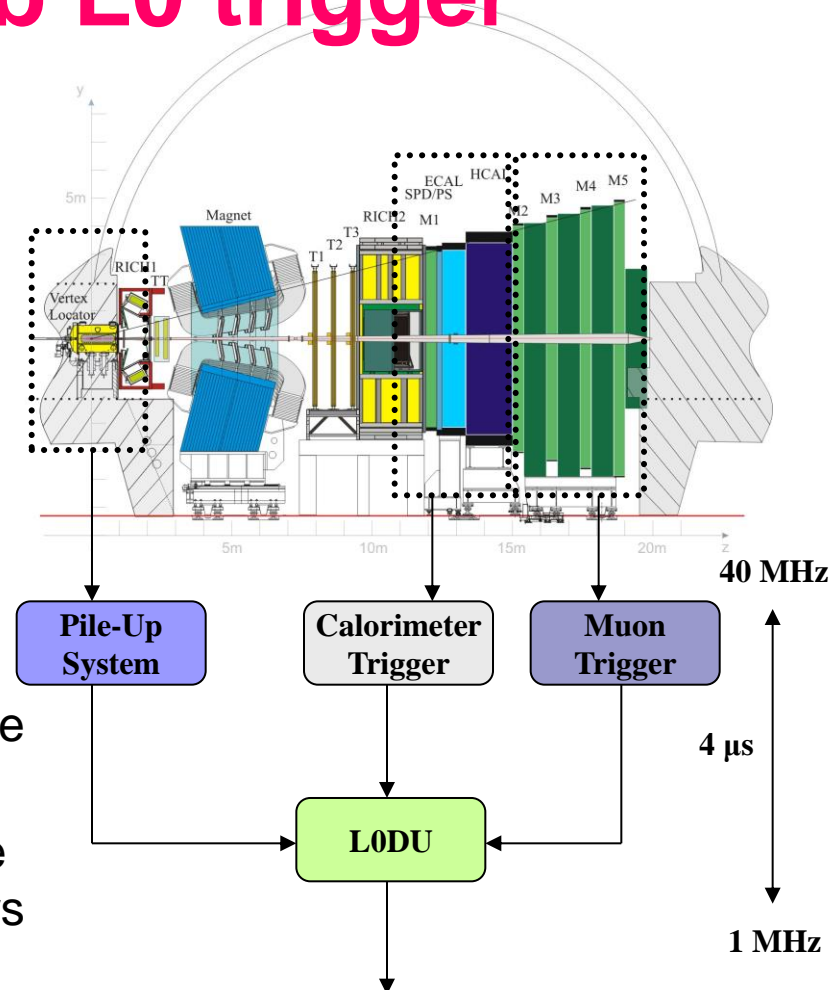
## Composed of four custom processors:

- L0 Calorimeter trigger
- L0 Muon trigger
- L0 Pile-Up system

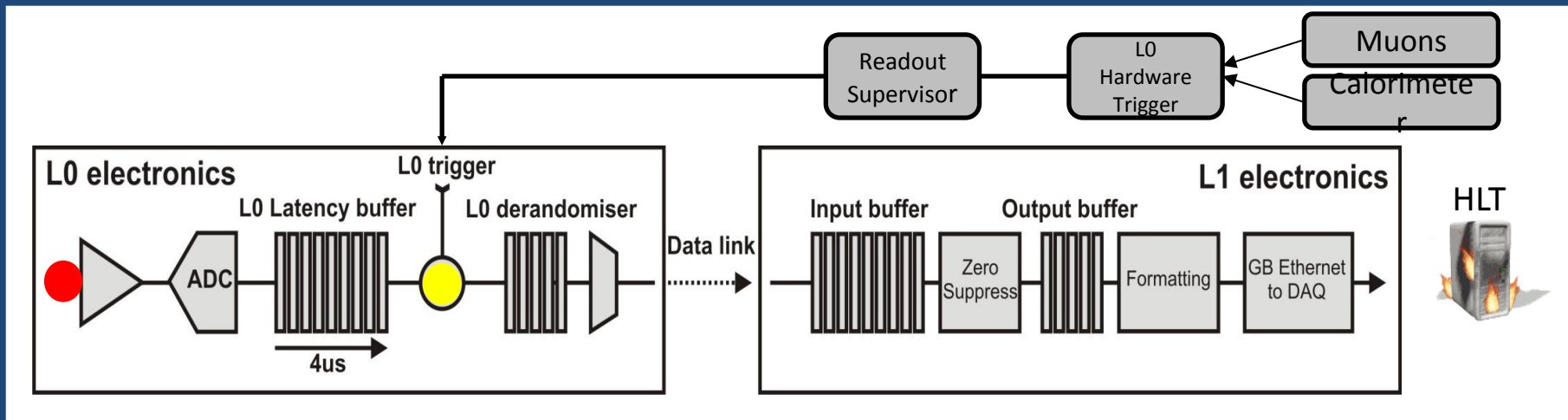
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## The Level 0 Decision Unit (L0DU)

- Reduce the data flow down to 1 MHz for the next trigger level
- System fully synchronous, pipeline architecture  
=> each event is processed  
=> a decision is produced every 25 ns and the system is able to generate consecutive triggers
- A physics algorithm is applied to select events and to deliver the L0DU decision



Bunch crossing rate	40 MHz *
L0 trigger rate	1 MHz average
L0 trigger latency	4 $\mu$ s fixed (160 BXs)
Event readout time	900 ns
Event rate to DAQ	1 MHz





# Summary

- Many ways to solve the same problem
  - choices to be made are not simple
  - have implications for data handling and processing
  - and impact on future plans, as we shall see

Part 2

# The Future

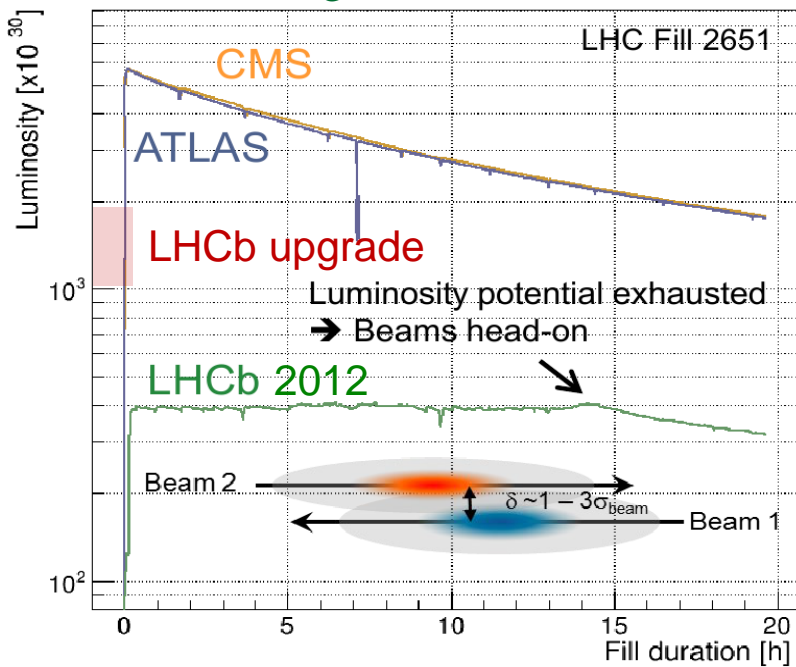
# Trigger upgrades

- All the experiments wish to profit from the increased HL-LHC luminosity to carry out high statistics studies
  - there will be significant changes to the detectors
  - technology has evolved considerably since experiments were built
  - but conditions will be more challenging
- Start with the simplest case: LHCb
  - presently single level (L0) hardware trigger
  - but small data volume per event and relatively simple geometry
  - increase data taking rate by a factor  $\sim 5$
- Proposed solution
  - dispense with hardware trigger
  - pass all detector data to fast processors for event selection

Can this be done by other experiments too?

# How to increase LHCb statistics significantly

## 2012 running conditions



## up to LS2 (2018)

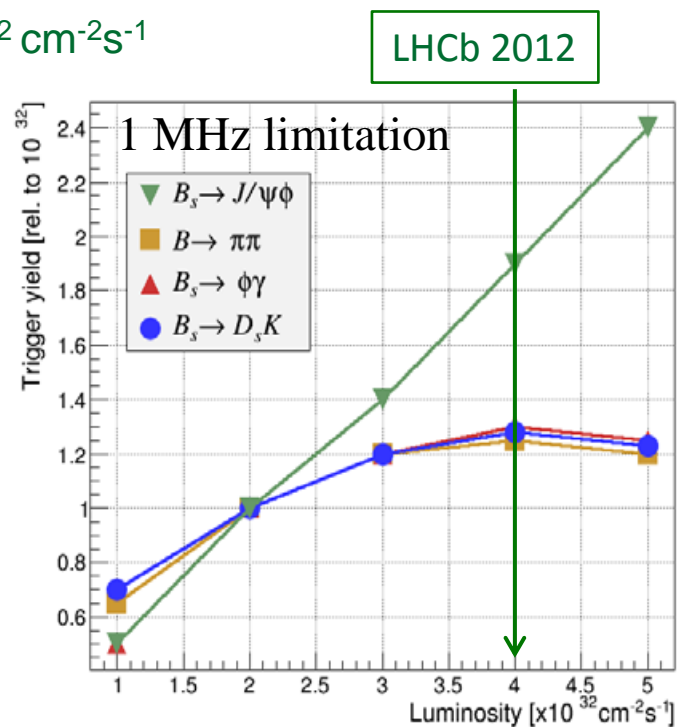
- levelled luminosity of  $\sim 4 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- pile-up  $\sim 1$
- record  $\sim 3-5 \text{ kHz}$

←  $1-2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

←  $\sim 4 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

## post LS2 (2020)

- levelled luminosity  $1-2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- pile-up  $\sim 5$
- record  $\sim 20 \text{ kHz}$



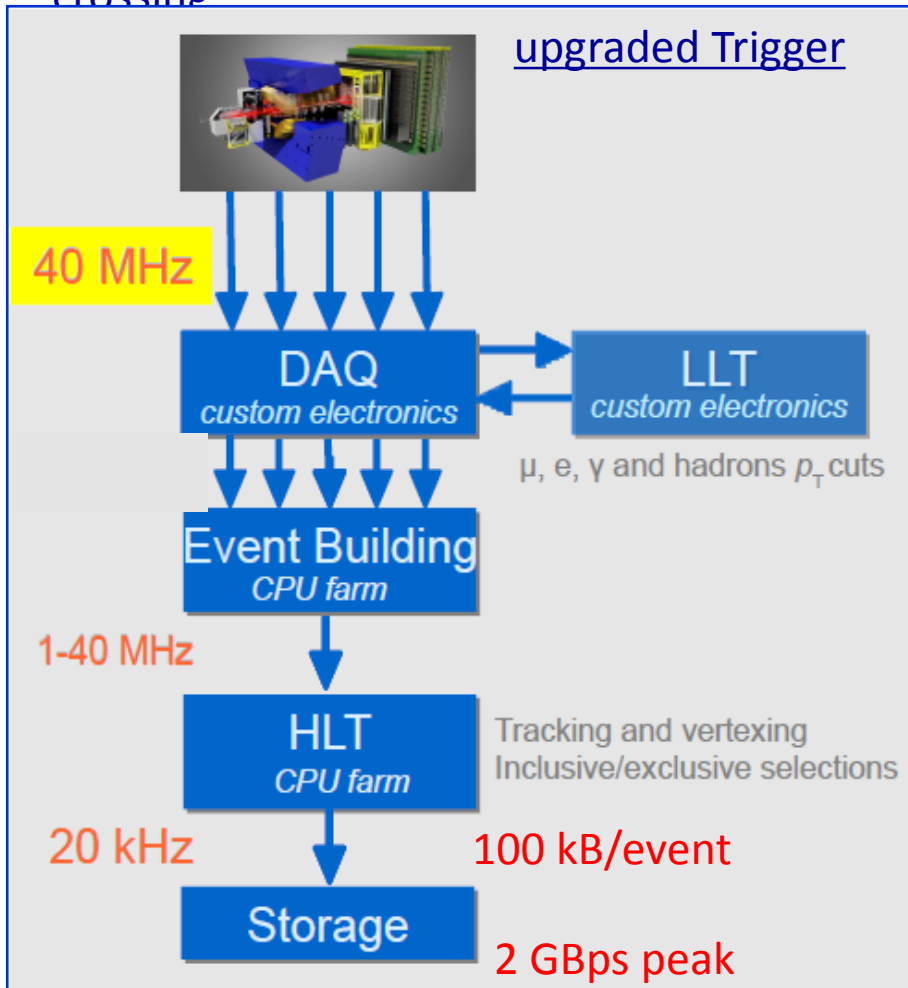
# Trigger upgrade

run an efficient and selective software trigger with access to the full detector information at every 25 ns bunch crossing

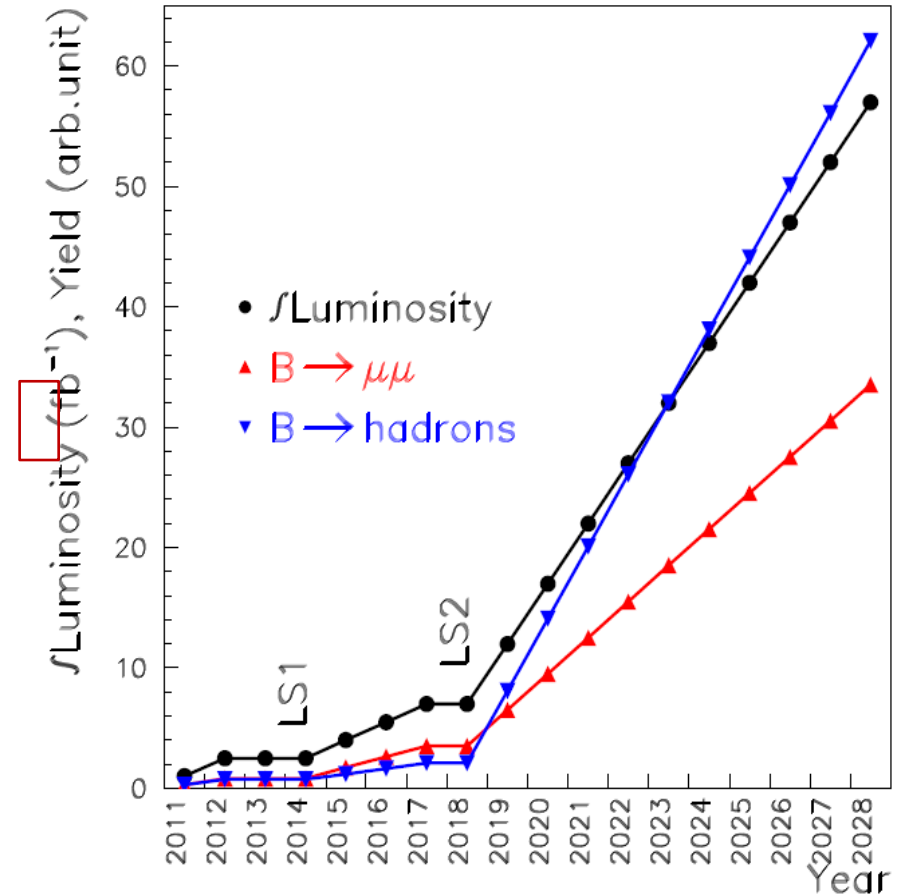


increase luminosity and signal yields

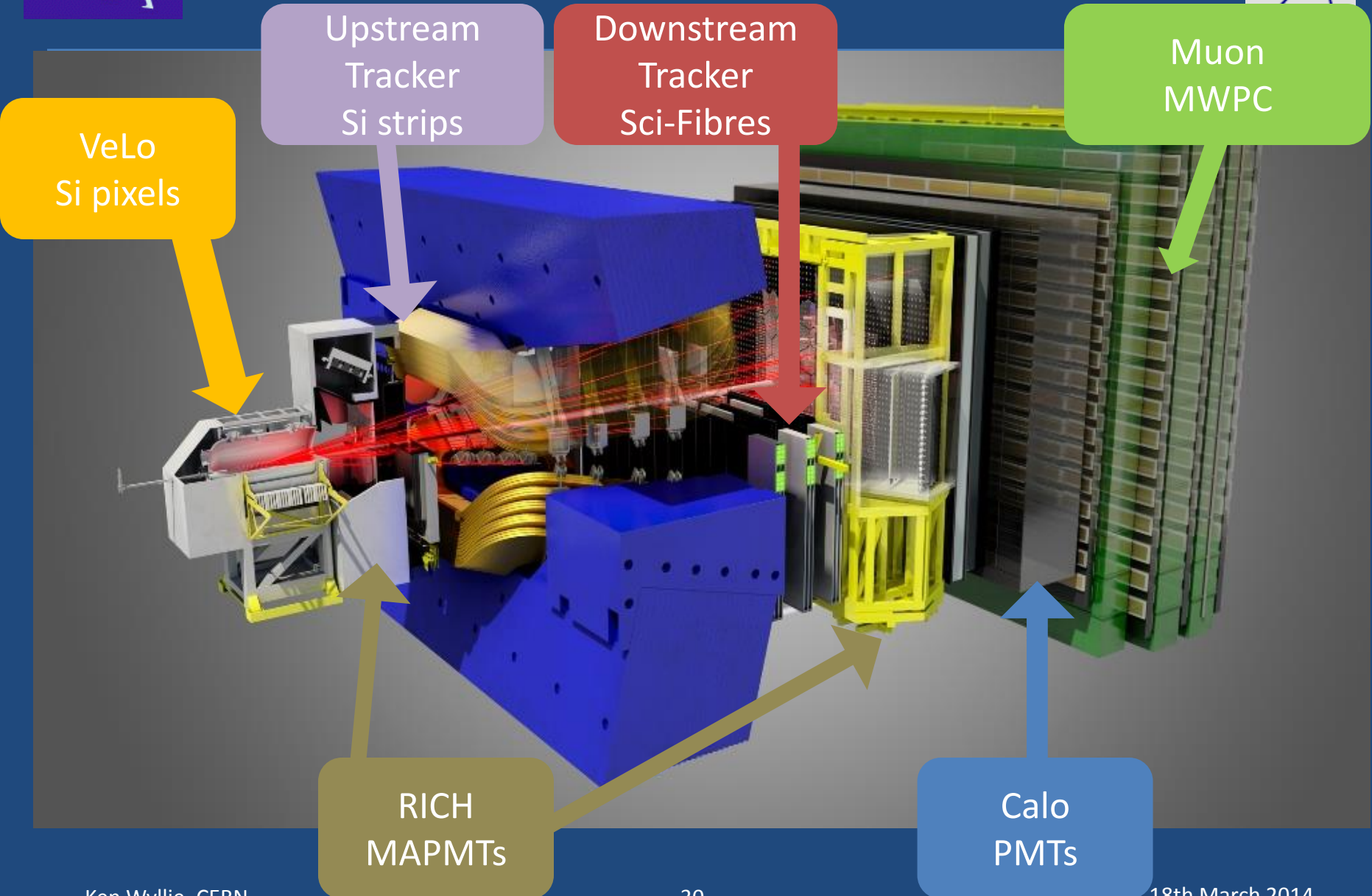
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effect on luminosity and signal yields

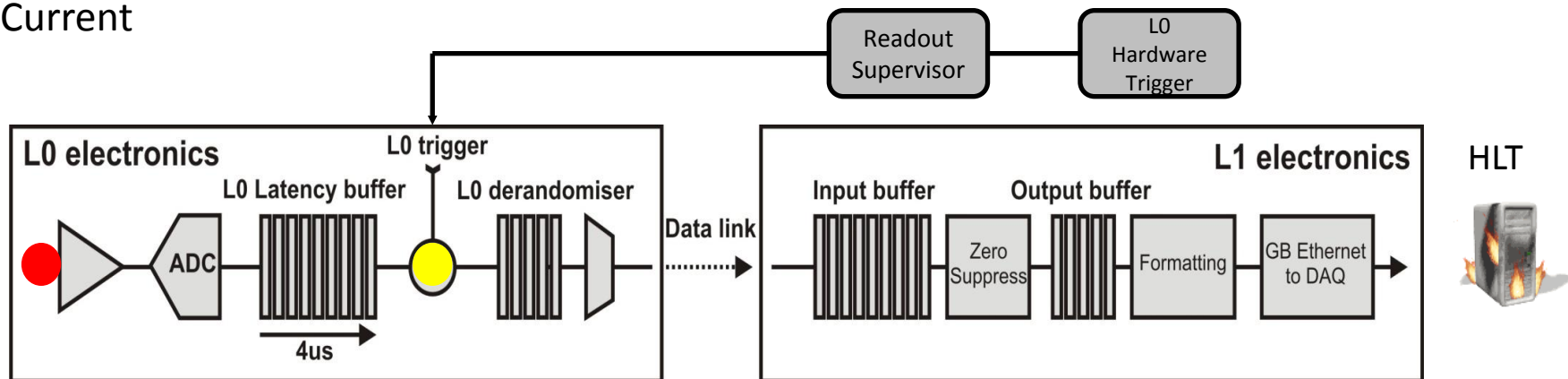


# LHCb tomorrow

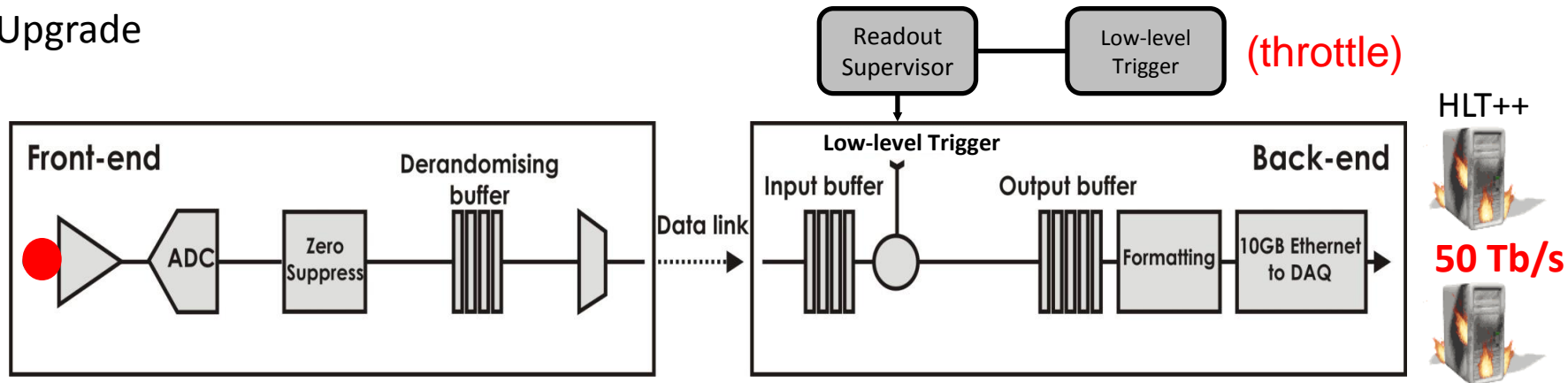


No 'front-end' trigger, Event rate to DAQ nominally 40 MHz

## Current



## Upgrade

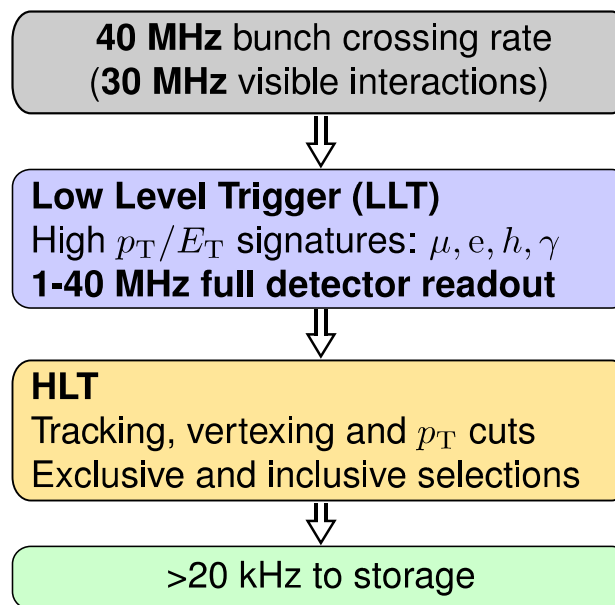
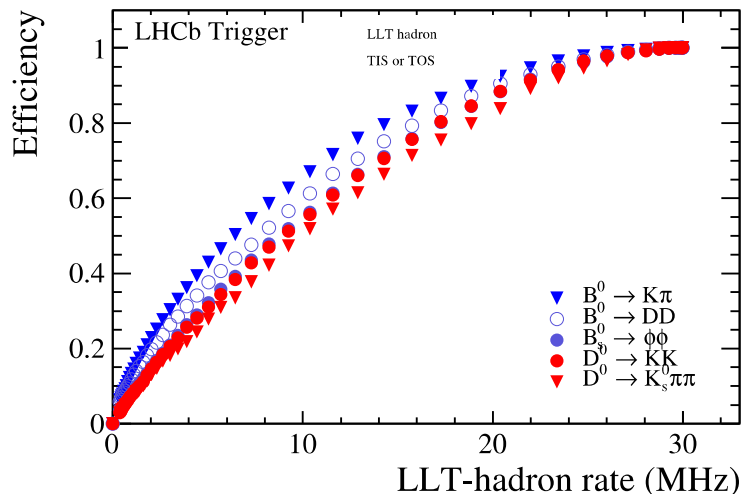




# The Upgrade Trigger

TDR in preparation

- ▶ At  $\mathcal{L} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , 1 MHz readout becomes a bottleneck:
  - ▶ Saturation problem: at increased lumi signal less well separated in L0.



- ▶ Readout upgraded to 40 MHz: **Full readout** of 30 MHz Visible pp interactions
  - ▶ L0-hardware trigger removed, software Low-Level Trigger (LLT) as replacement
  - ▶ Acts as 'handbrake' during commissioning, 1 – 40 MHz scaleable output rate

offline quality tracking at 30 MHz is possible in software



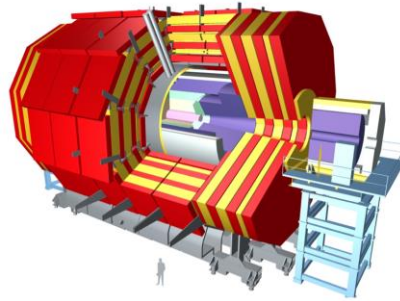
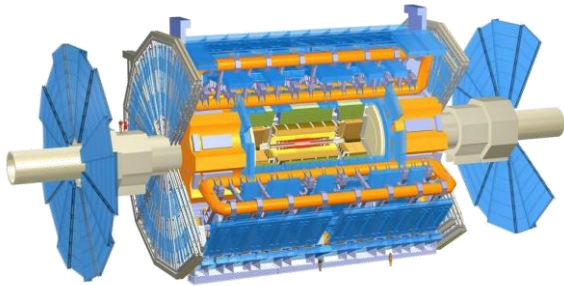
ATLAS & CMS

# GPDs: scope of detector upgrades

- Most sub-detectors are foreseen to survive to  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - with on-going maintenance and refurbishment where possible
- Trackers must be completely replaced
  - radiation damage limits their lifetimes to  $<500 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- New tracker readout systems are therefore essential
  - based on more modern technologies, which improve performance
    - though to meet even greater challenges – radiation, occupancy, precision
  - all sub-system readout systems must remain compatible
    - some constraints on tracker changes, and modifications to others
- Triggers must also be substantially upgraded
  - designed for  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $\langle N_{\text{ev}} \rangle \sim 25$
  - with safety factors – but exploited to maximise acceptance



# ATLAS & CMS @ Run 4 (2025)



Level 1

0.5 – 1 MHz

Level 1



HLT

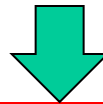
HLT

5-10 kHz



2MB/event

10 kHz



4MB/event

Storage

Storage

10-20 GB/s

← PEAK OUTPUT →

40 GB/s

Hardware triggers retained  
- but with much higher rate

Why?

Preserve low trigger thresholds

BW is still insufficient to  
transmit all data off detector at  
40 MHz

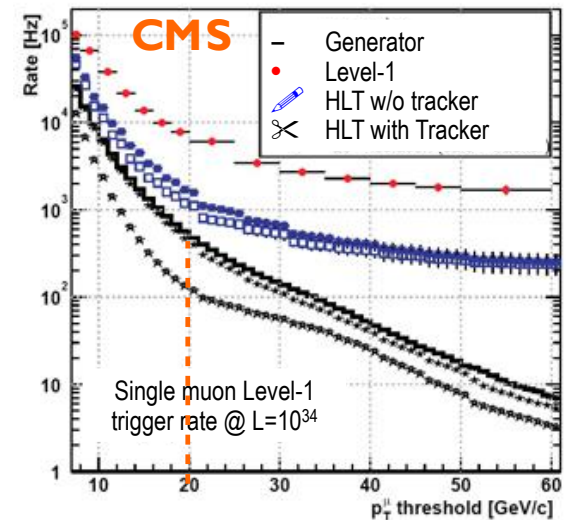
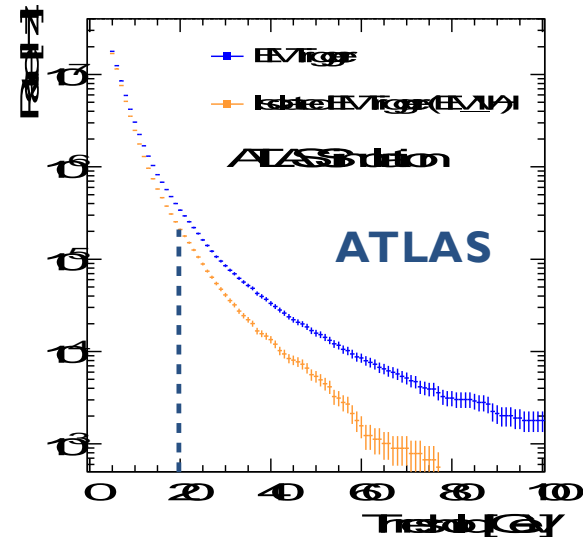
Why?

# New issues for trigger

- $L \sim 5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  (levelled)  $\Rightarrow N_{\text{ev}}/\text{BX} \sim 140 - 200$
- Calorimeters
  - isolation of  $e/\gamma/\tau$  degraded by pile-up from  $\pi^0 \gamma$ s and hadrons
  - many more jets, which overlap
- Muon systems
  - increased combinatorial fakes, enhanced by MS (CMS)
- Outcome: much higher rate of L1 triggers
  - usual response is to increase thresholds, which risks physics
  - even worse - raising thresholds does not look effective
- Options to mitigate
  - increase L1 accept rate – and improve performance of HLTs
  - seek new input data to help the trigger decision
    - but only modest improvements expected from gains in  $\mu$  & Calo systems

# New Trigger Schemes Required

- Choice of trigger has direct impact on tracker design
- Tracker input to Level-1 trigger
  - $\mu$ , e and jet rates would exceed 100 kHz at high luminosity
  - Increasing thresholds would affect physics performance
    - Muons: increased background rates from accidental coincidences
    - Electrons/photons: reduced QCD rejection at fixed efficiency from isolation
- Add tracking information at Level-1
  - Move part of High Level Trigger reconstruction into Level-1
  - Challenge: squeeze data processing into a few micro seconds



# Improvements To Current Triggers

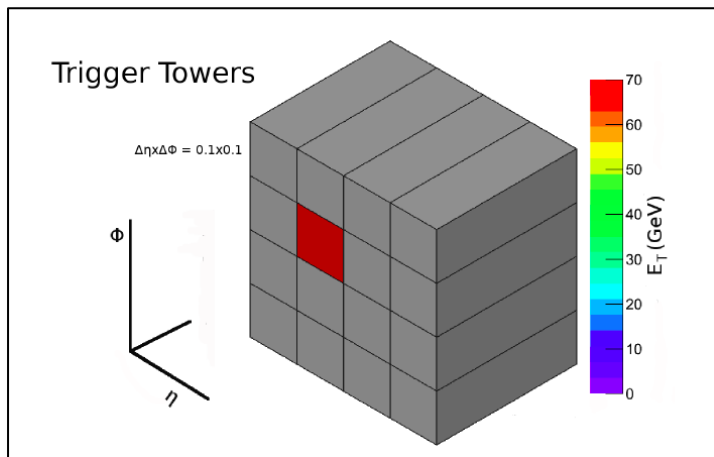
extract further information, where possible, from  $\mu$  & Calo trigger data

Examples

# ATLAS Level-1 calorimeter trigger

Run-1 calorimeter trigger input:  
Trigger Towers  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.1 \times 0.1$

- Used to calculate core energy, isolation



Run-1 trigger menu  
at  $L_{inst} = 3 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



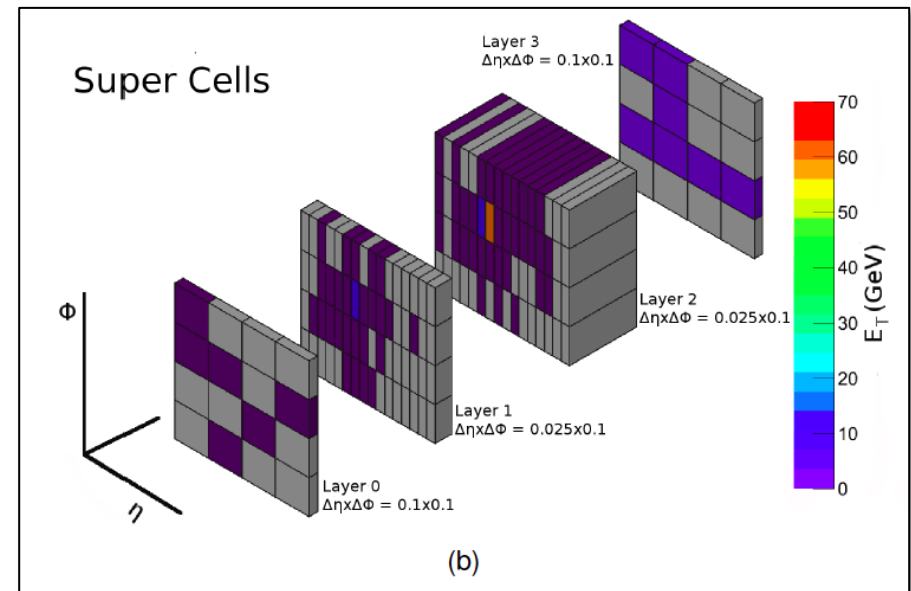
Total rate for EM triggers  
would be **270 kHz!**  
(Total L1 bandwidth is 100kHz)



maintain lower thresholds  
at an acceptable rate



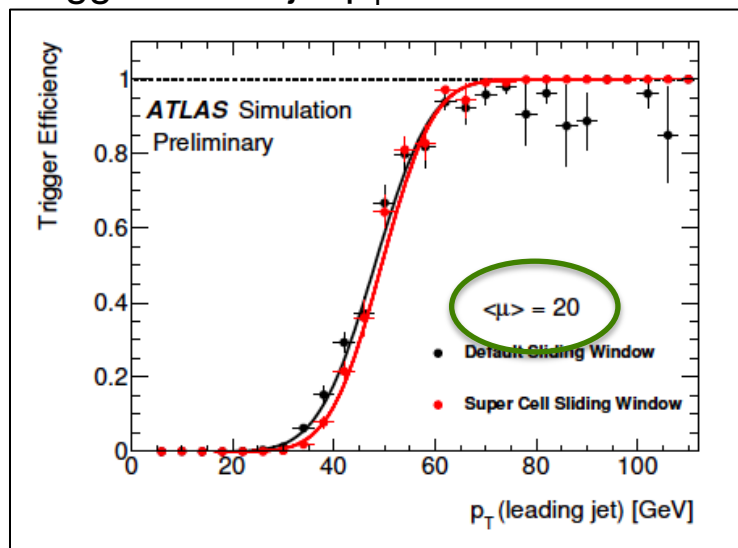
Provide better granularity  
and better energy resolution



Complemented by new L1Calo  
trigger processors eFEX and jFEX

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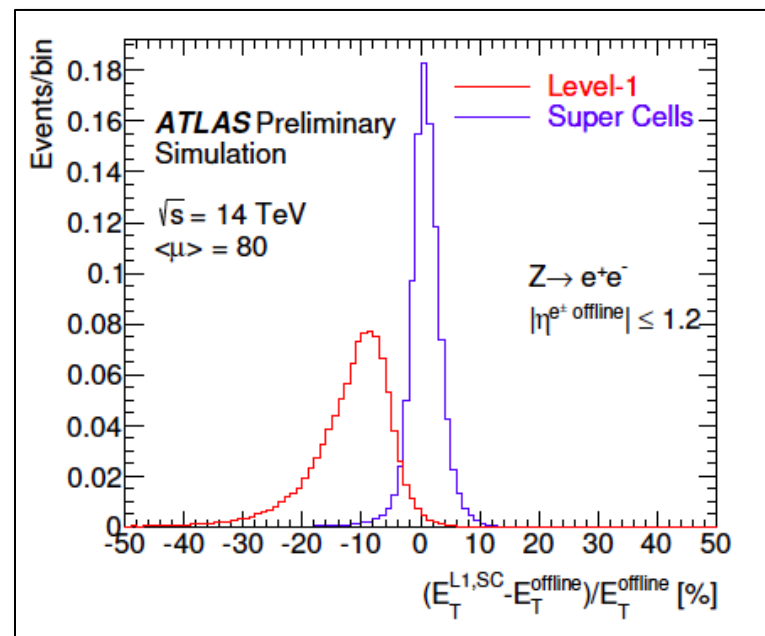
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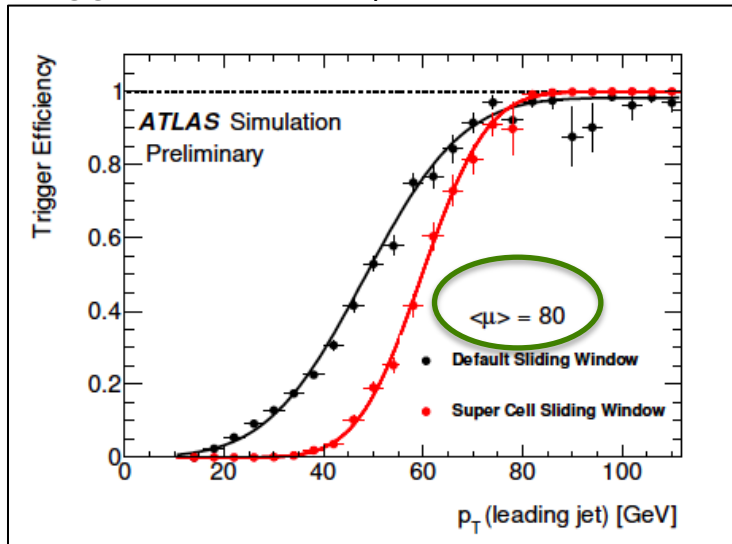
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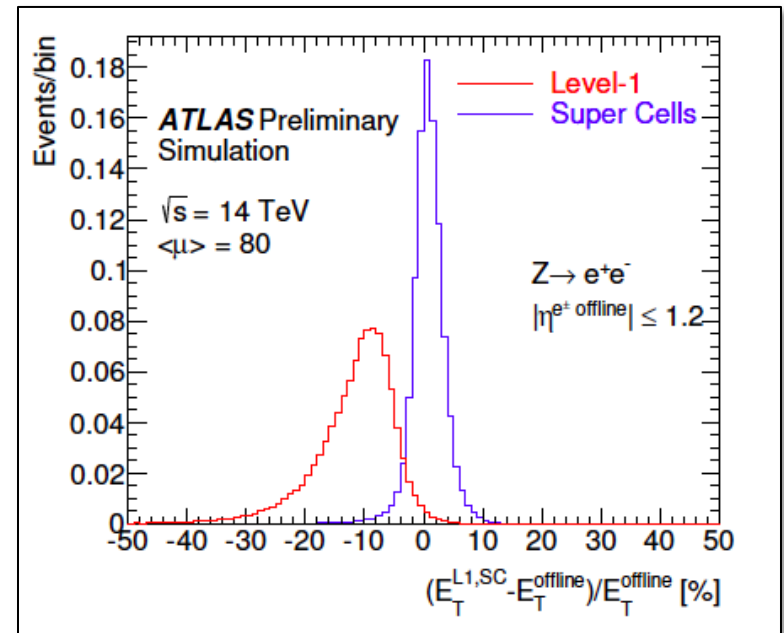
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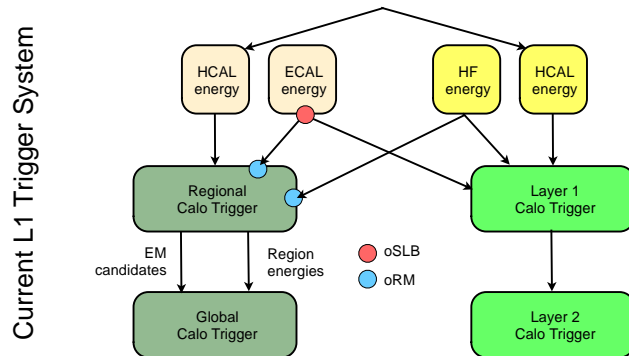
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# CMS Phase 1 Upgrade of L1 Trigger

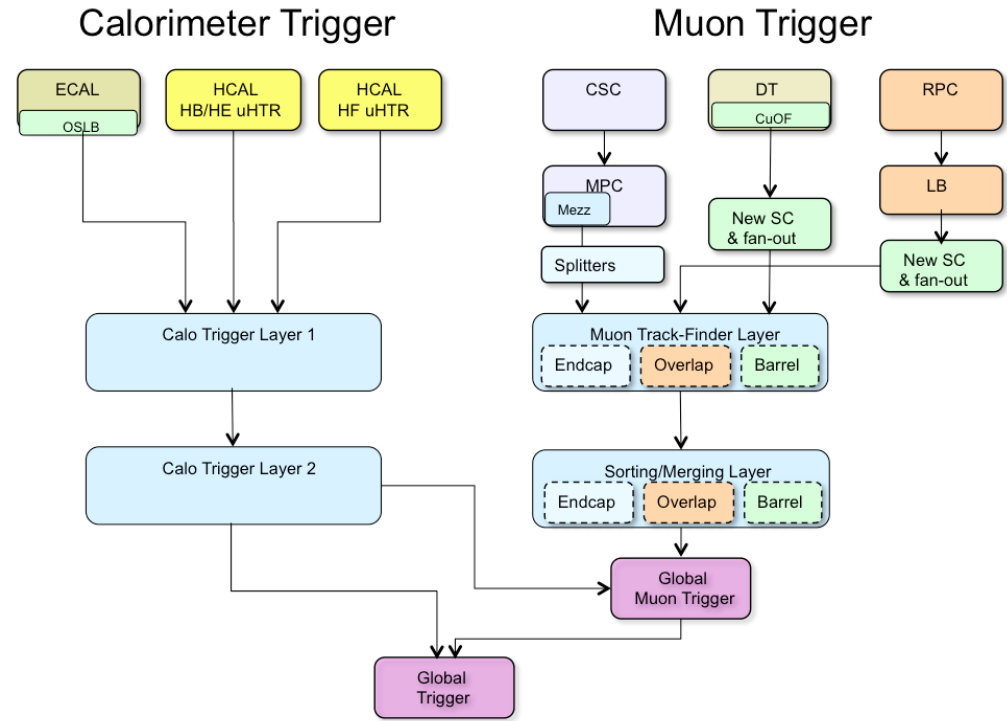
- Hardware based on powerful FPGAs and high bandwidth optics
  - Calorimeter, Muon and Global triggers built with few board types, all using Virtex 7 FPGA
  - Improved algorithms for PU mitigation and isolation
  - Trigger inputs split during LS1 to commission new trigger in parallel to operating system



Optical splitting for parallel commissioning, calorimeter trigger

transmit greater granularity calorimeter information = more bits

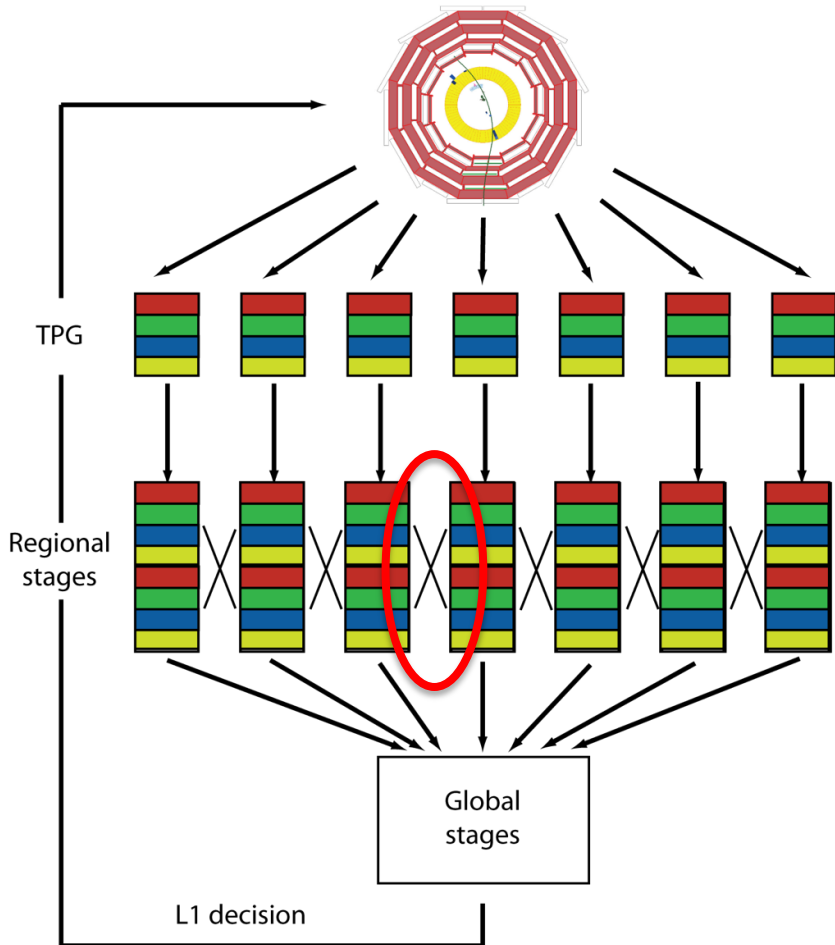
Upgrade L1 Trigger System



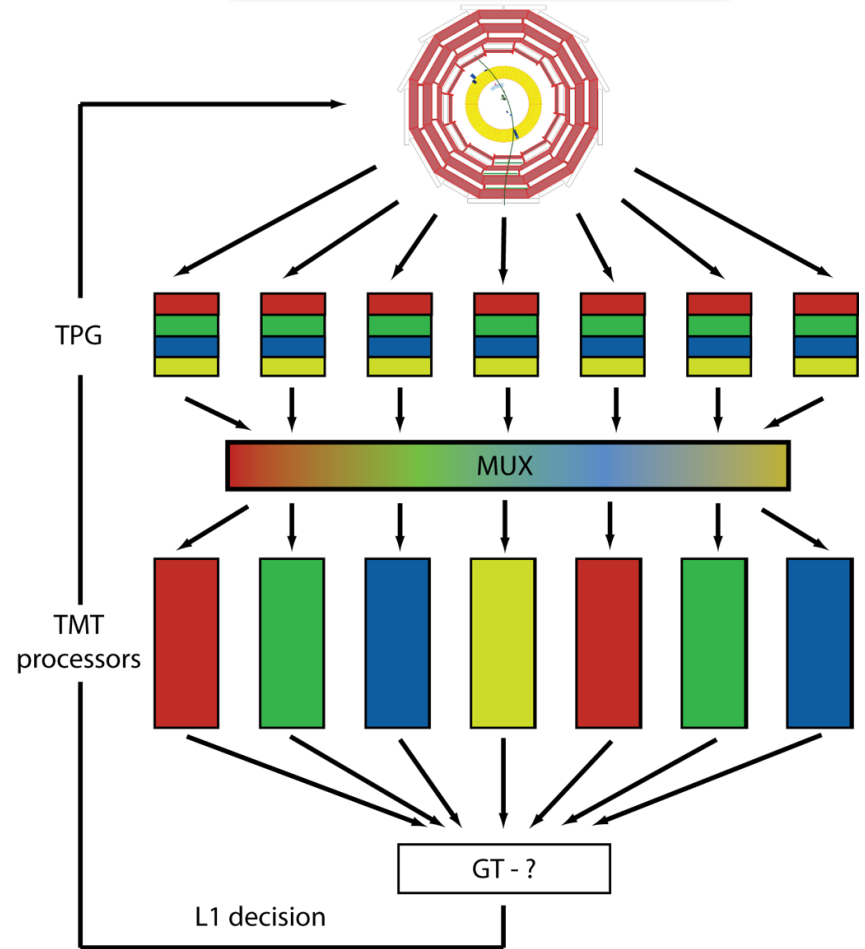
Level 1 Trigger Upgrade

# New Trigger Architecture

Conventional



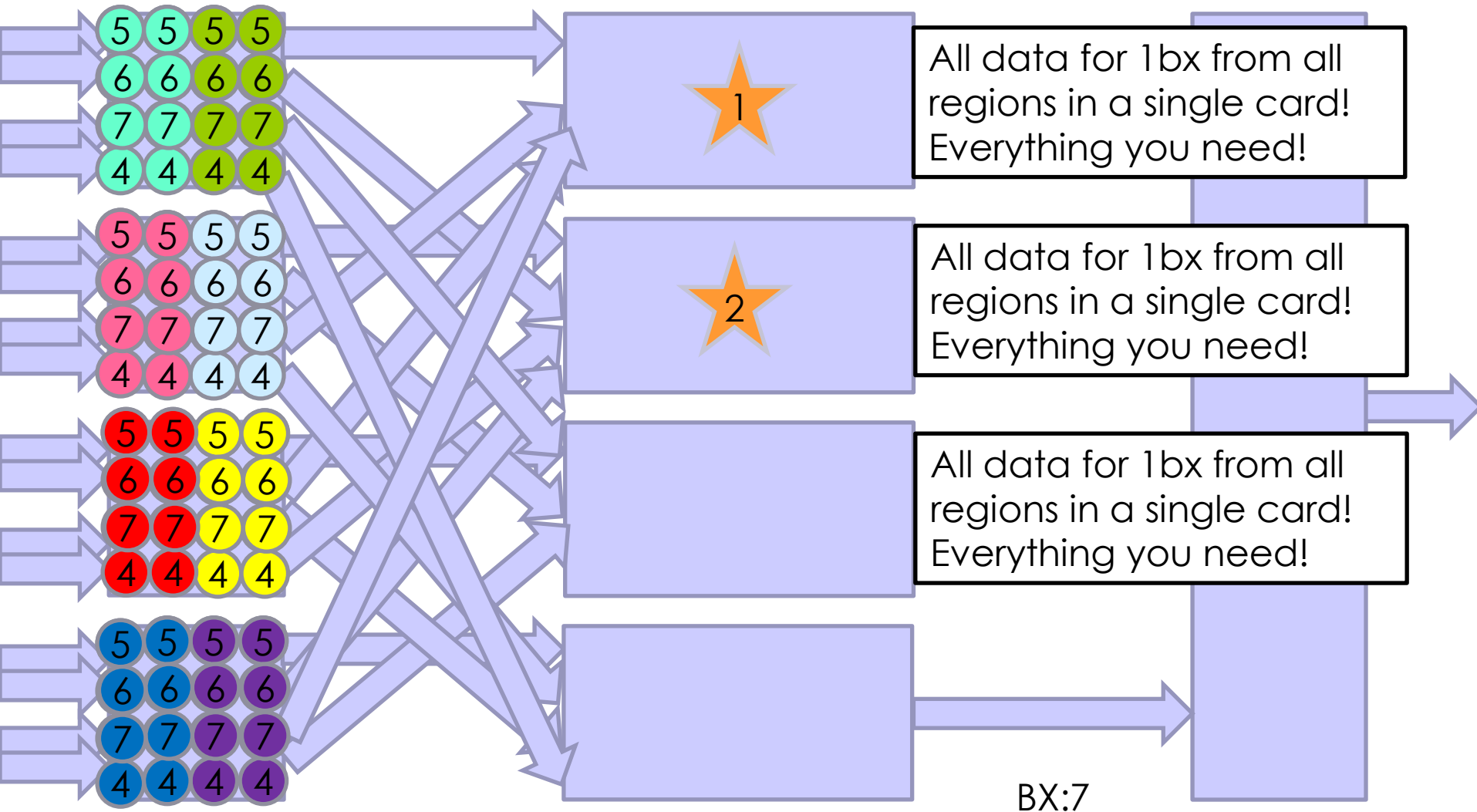
Time Multiplexed



# What Is A Time Multiplexed Trigger?

- Multiple sources send to single destination for complete event processing
  - as used, eg, in CMS High Level Trigger
- Requires two layers with passive switching network between them
  - can be “simple” optical fibre network
  - could involve data processing at both layers
  - could also be data organisation and formatting at Layer 1, followed by data transmission to Layer 2, with event processing at Layer 2
  - illustration on next slide

# Time-multiplexing



# Advantages of TMT

- “All” the data arrive at a single place for processing
  - in ideal case avoids boundaries and sharing between processors
  - however, does not preclude sub-division of detector into regions
- Architecture is naturally matched to FPGA processing
  - parallel streams with pipelined steps at data link speed
- Single type of processor, possibly for both layers
  - L1= PP: Pre-Processor   L2 = MP: Main Processor
- One or two nodes can validate an entire trigger
  - spare nodes can be used for redundancy, or algorithm development
- Many conventional algorithms explode in a large FPGA
  - timing constraints or routing congestion for 2D algorithms
- Synchronisation is required only in a single node
  - not across entire trigger

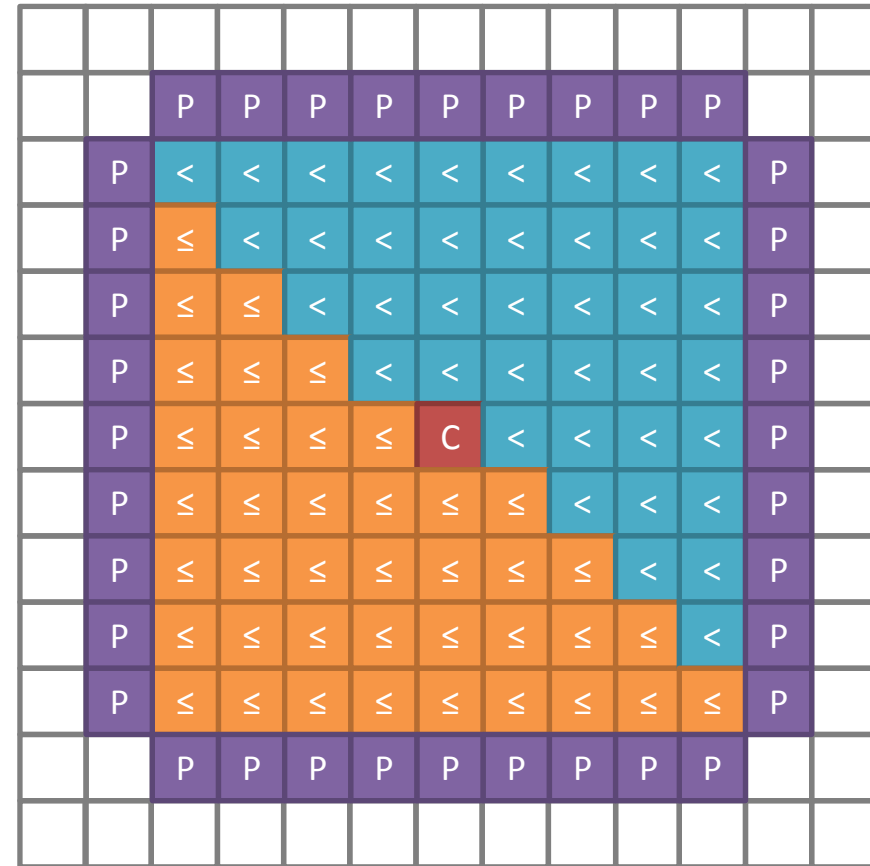
# TMT jet algorithm

- Jets

- $9 \times 9$  sum of trigger towers at every site
- Fully asymmetric jet veto calculation
- Local (“Donut”) or Global pile-up estimation
- Full overlap filtering
- Pile-up subtraction
- Pipelined sort of candidates in  $\phi$
- Accumulating pipelined sort of candidates in  $\eta$

- Ring sums

- Scalar and Vector (“Missing”) ET
- Scalar and Vector (“Missing”) HT



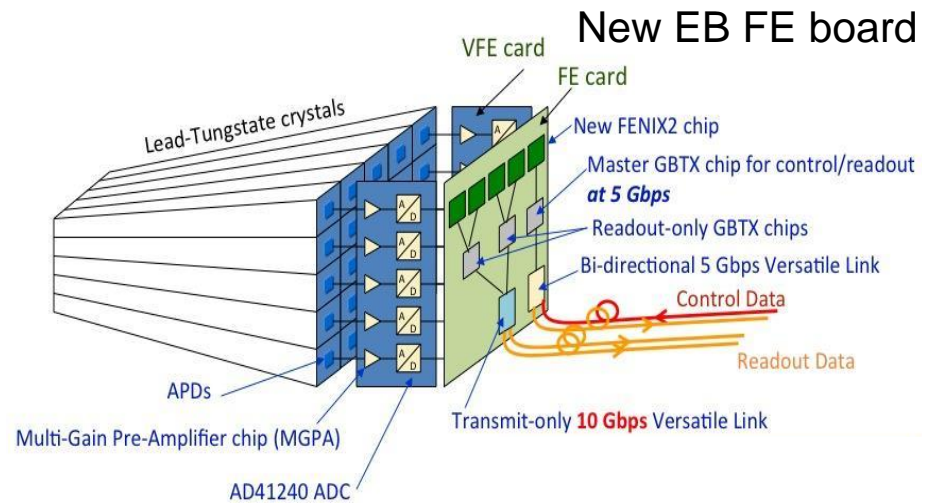
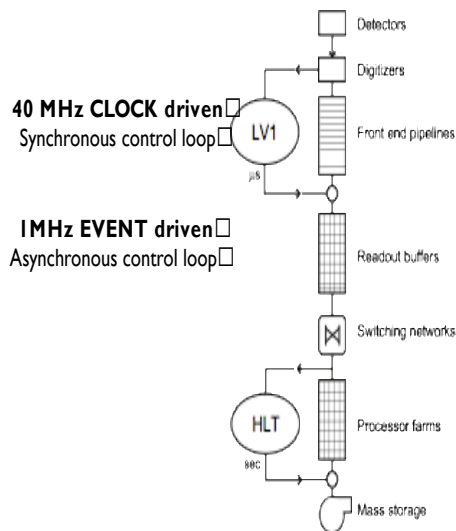
$9 \times 9$  jet at tower-level resolution

50% LUT utilization INCLUDING links ,  
 buffers, control, DAQ, etc.  
 Runs at 240 MHz

# HL-LHC CMS Trigger

- L1-trigger to build on the Phase 1 architecture
  - outer tracker information available to all trigger objects
  - increased granularity (EB at crystal level)
  - operate up to 1 MHz
- Replacement of ECAL Barrel FEE
  - Allow 10  $\mu$ s latency at L1
- Upgrade HLT and DAQ to handle 1 MHz into HLT and 10 kHz out

- Match leptons with tracks
- Improved isolation of  $e, \gamma, \mu, \tau$
- Vertex association to reduce effect of pileup in multiple object triggers



HLT to profit from “Moore’s Law” for CPUs, networks, and storage



# Track-based Triggers

How will the data be processed?

See also Stefano Mersi - Friday

# Tracker challenges and constraints

- Trackers are sub-detectors with largest channel count
  - so data volume is VERY large
    - leave remaining technical challenges for other lecturers
- Issues
  - how can the data be transmitted from the tracker to L1 pre-processors?
  - once arrived, what can be done with it?
  - once reconstructed, how can it be applied to the trigger decision?
  - the solution should be compatible with existing trigger architecture
- Conclusions to date
  - reconstruction of tracks will be required
    - individual points or track segments are not sufficient
  - ATLAS: transmit limited data from RoI, guided by L0 trigger from Calo/ $\mu$
  - CMS: suppress low  $p_T$  hit data from detector to reduce data volume

# ATLAS New Tracker (LS3)

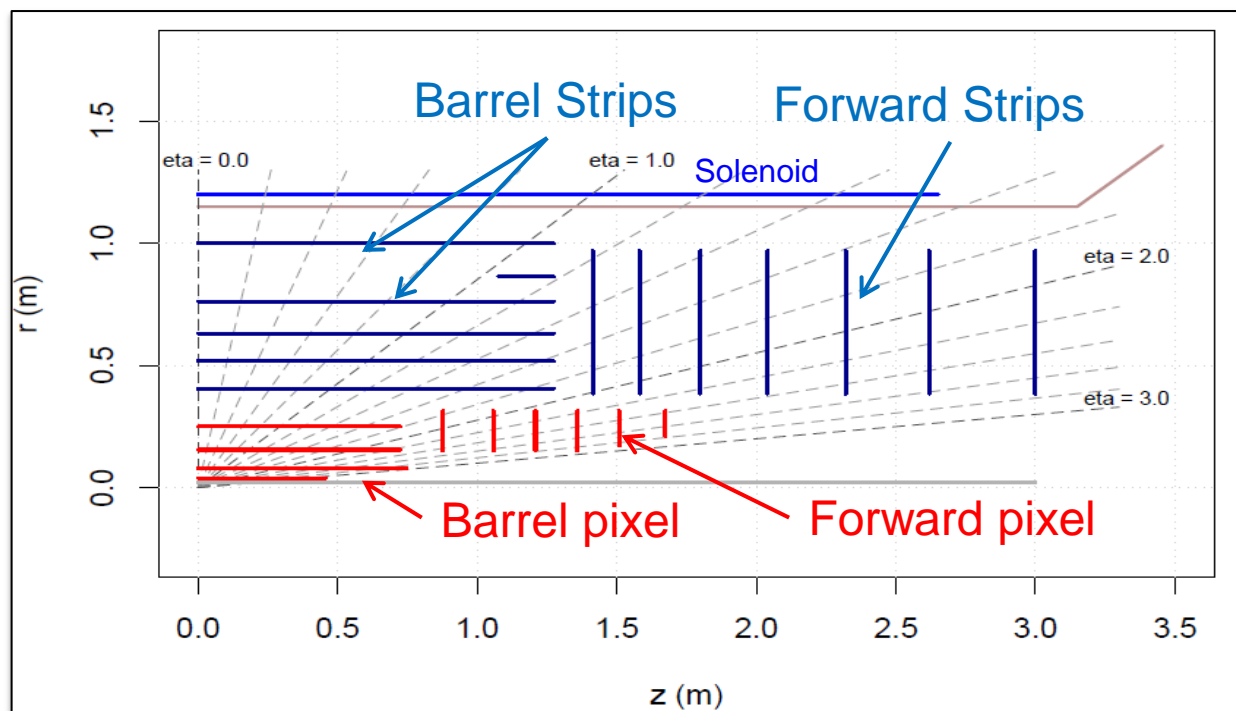
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- Limiting factors at HL-LHC
  - Bandwidth saturation
  - High occupancies
  - Radiation damage

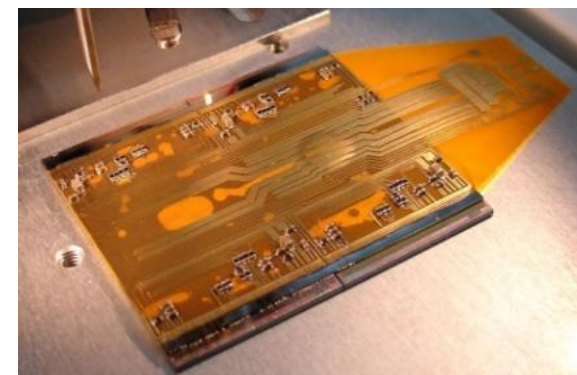


Microstrip  
Stave  
Prototype

New (all Si) ATLAS Inner Tracker for HL-LHC



Quad Pixel Module Prototype

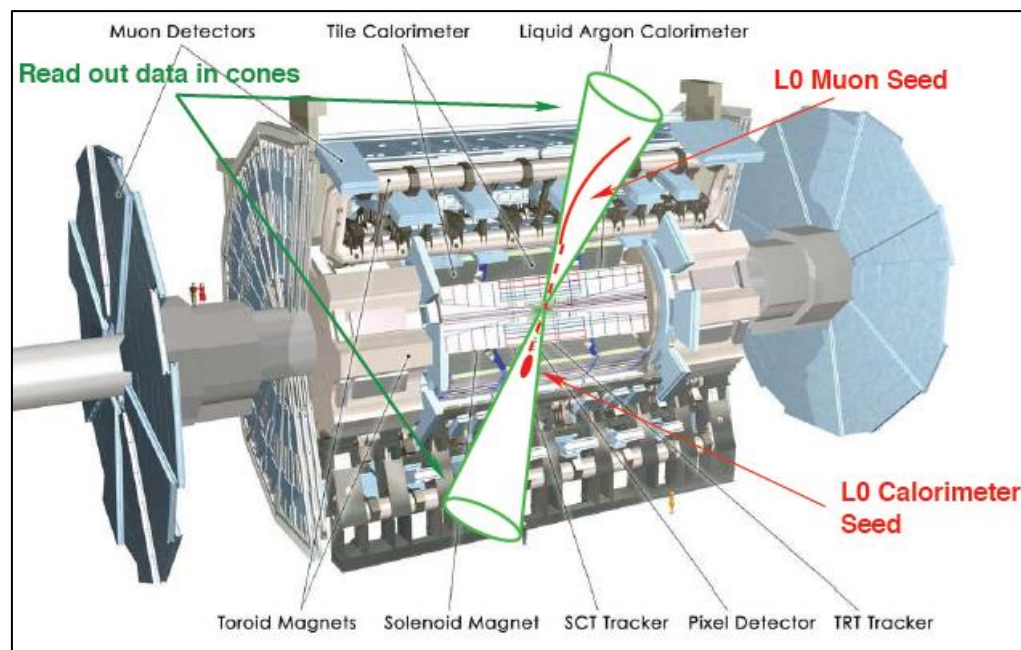


New 130nm ASICs

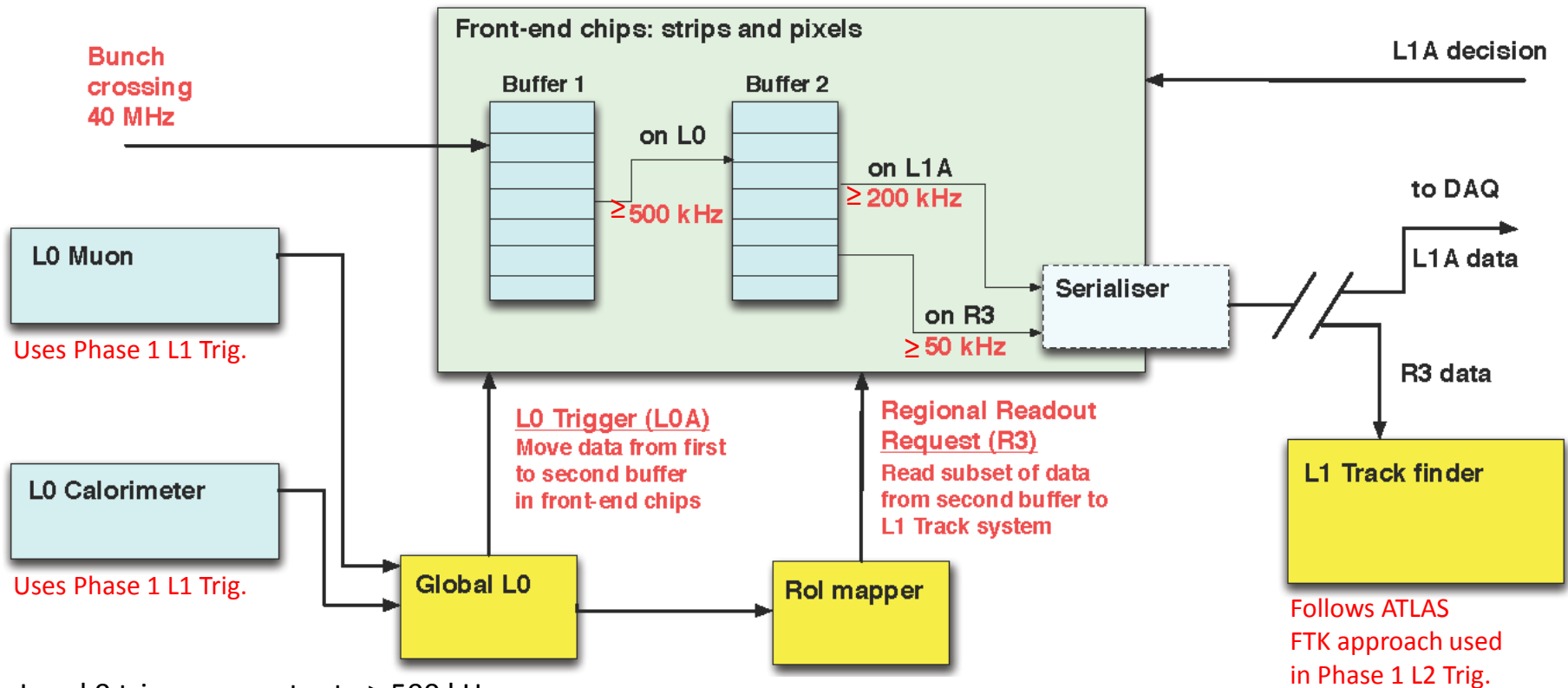
- incorporates L0/L1 logic

Sensors compatible with 256  
channel ASIC

- Adding tracking information at Level-1 (L1)
  - Move part of High Level Trigger (HLT) reconstruction into L1
  - Goal: keep thresholds on  $p_T$  of triggering leptons and L1 trigger rates low
- Triggering sequence
  - L0 trigger (Calo/Muon) reduces rate within  $\sim 6 \mu\text{s}$  to  $\gtrsim 500 \text{ kHz}$  and defines Rols
  - L1 track trigger extracts tracking info inside Rols from detector FEs
- Challenge
  - Finish processing within the latency constraints



# ATLAS "Double buffer" readout



- Level 0 trigger accept rate  $\geq 500$  kHz
  - On an L0 accept, copy data from primary to secondary buffer
  - Identify "Regions" in detector (1-10% of the detector on each L0 accept) like L1 Rol
  - Generate "Regional Readout Request" (R3) - modules in "Region" read out subset of their data
- On an L1 accept ( $\geq 200$  kHz), all modules read out event from Secondary buffer
- Since only  $\sim 10\%$  of the detector (the "Regions") will be read out on the Level 0 accept, R3 request rate for any specific part of the detector will be  $\geq 50$  kHz

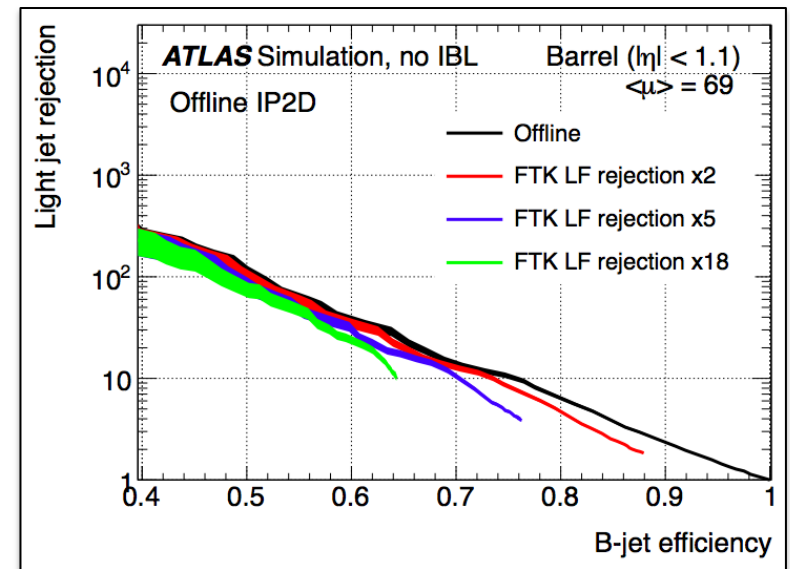
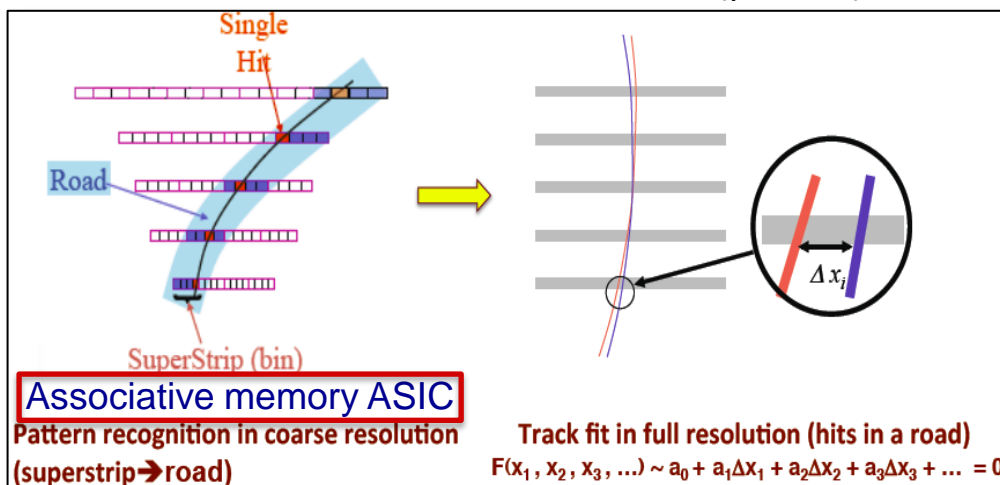
# ATLAS Fast Track Trigger (FTK)

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- Dedicated, hardware-based track finder
  - Runs **after L1**, on duplicated Si-detector read-out links
  - Provides **tracking input for L2** for the full event
    - not feasible with software tracking at L2
  - Finds and fits tracks ( $\sim 25 \mu\text{s}$ ) in the ID silicon layers at an “offline precision”

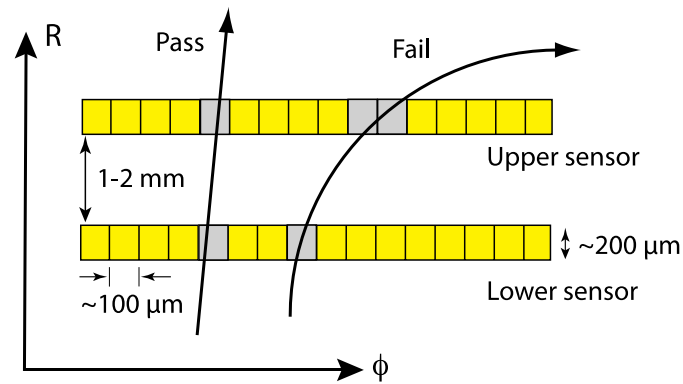
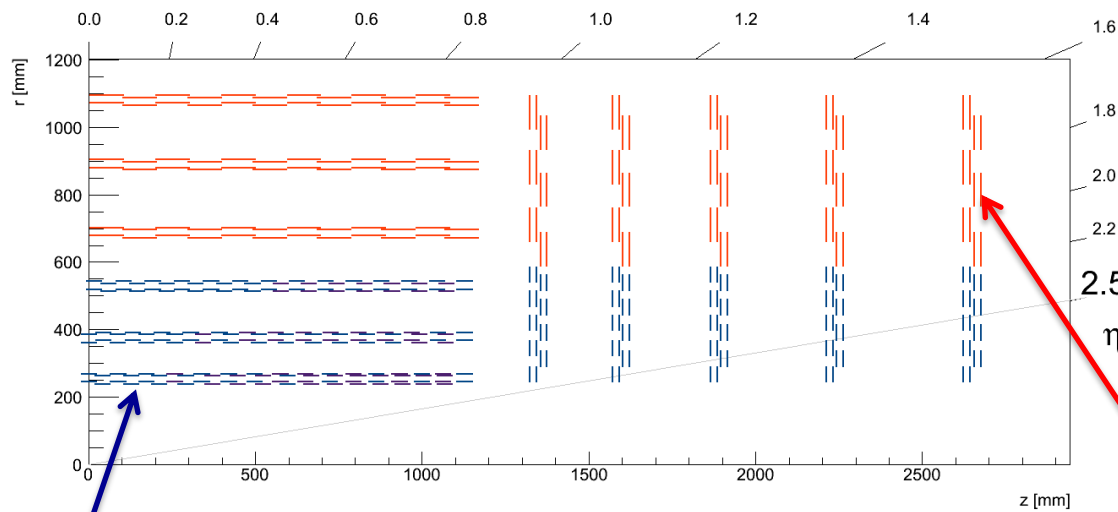
- Processing performed in two steps

hit pattern matching to pre-stored patterns (coarse)      subsequent linear fitting in FPGAs (precise)



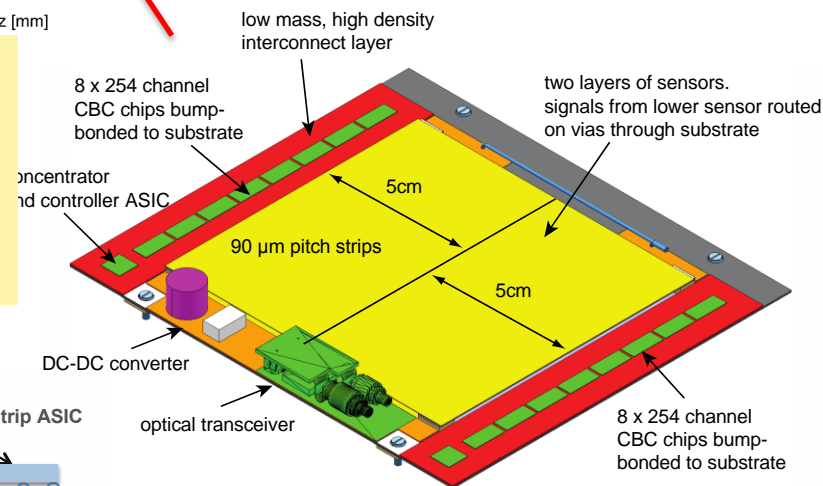
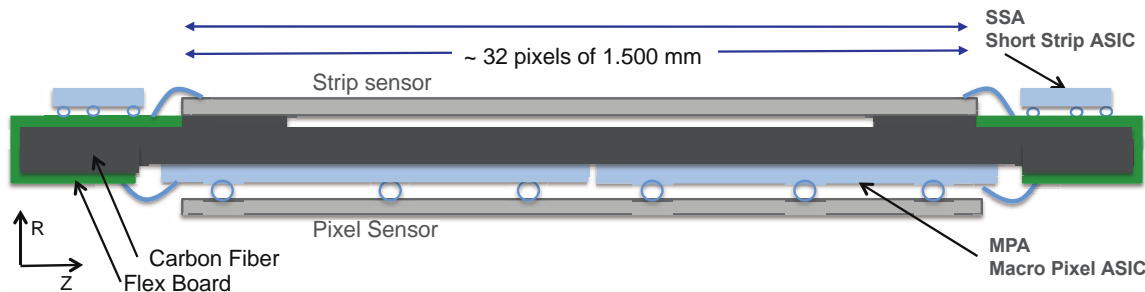
Light jet rejection using FTK compared to offline reconstruction  
(further improved by addition of IBL)

# CMS Phase II Outer Tracker design



- ~15000 modules transmitting
  - $p_T$ -stubs to L1 trigger @ 40 MHz
  - full hit data to HLT @ 0.5-1 MHz

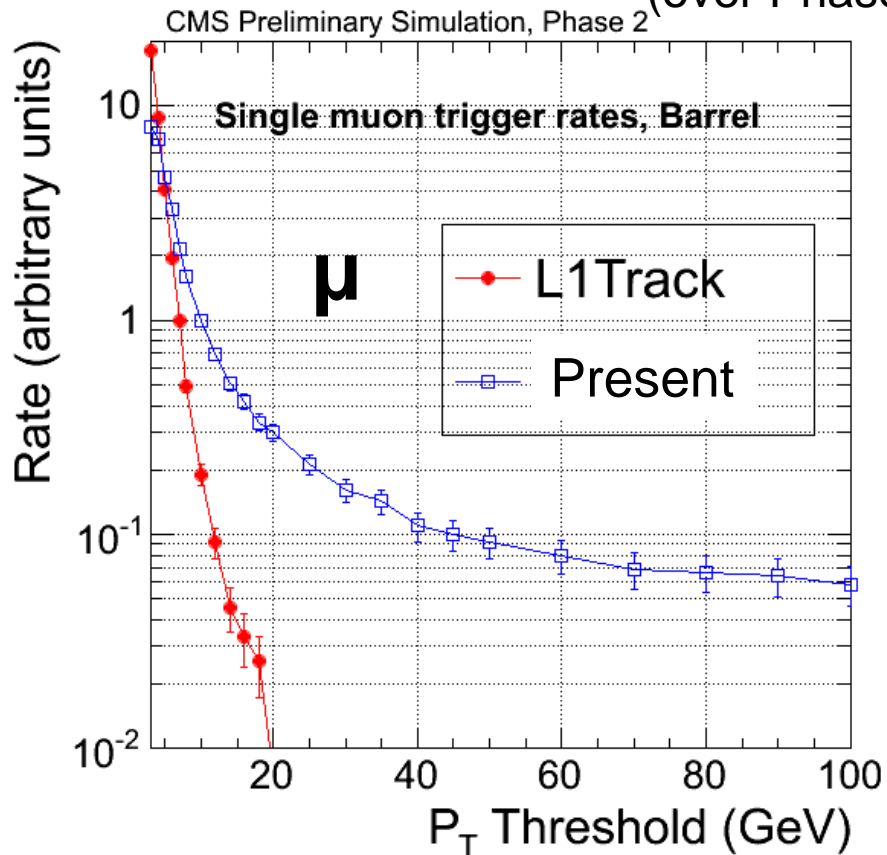
~7100 PS-modules



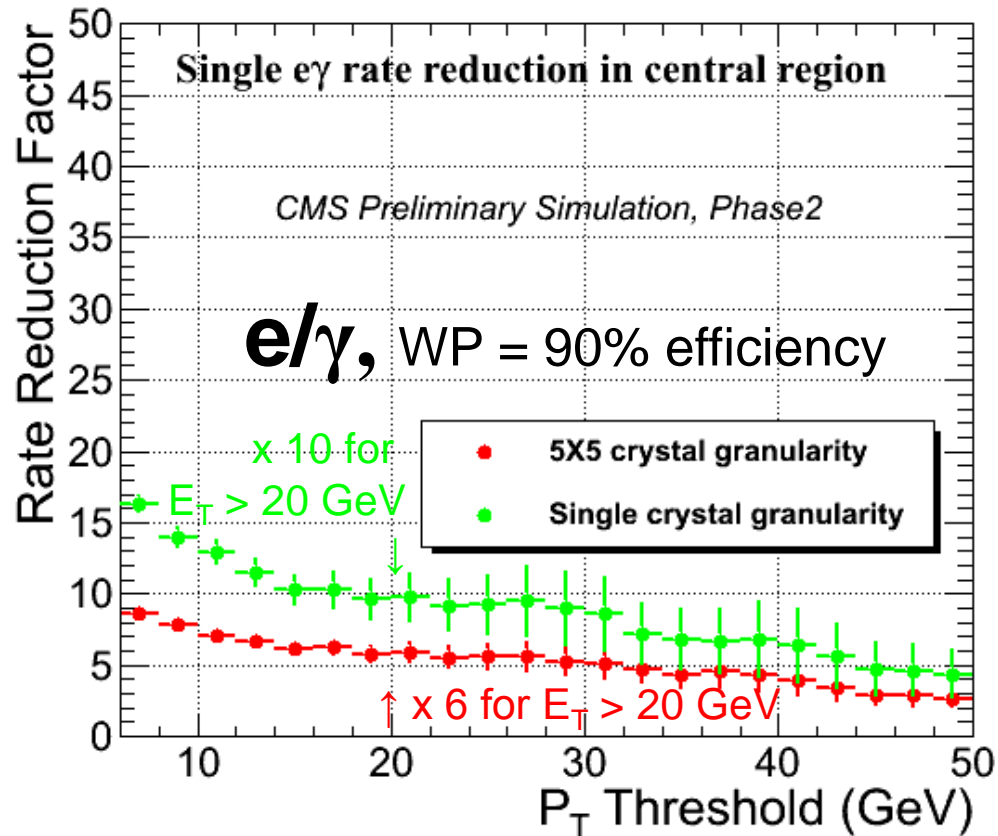
~8400 2S-modules

# CMS Gains for $\mu$ , e Triggers

(over Phase 1 Trigger,  $|\eta| < 1$ )



Matching Drift Tube trigger primitives  
with L1Tracks: **large rate reduction:**  
Removes flattening at high  $P_t$



**Rate reduction** by matching L1  $e/\gamma$   
to L1Track stubs for  $|\eta| < 1$ .

Red: with current (5x5 xtal) L1Cal granularity.

Green : using single crystal-level position resolution  
improves matching

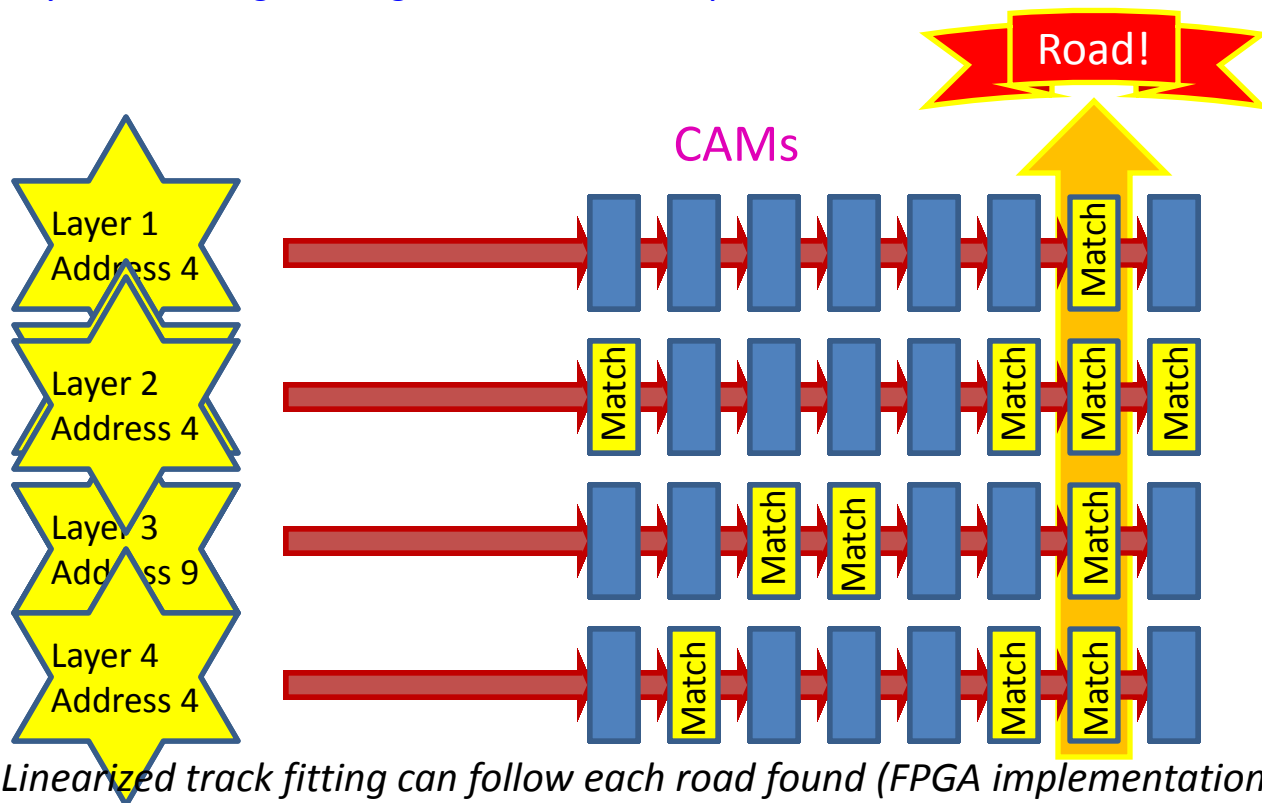
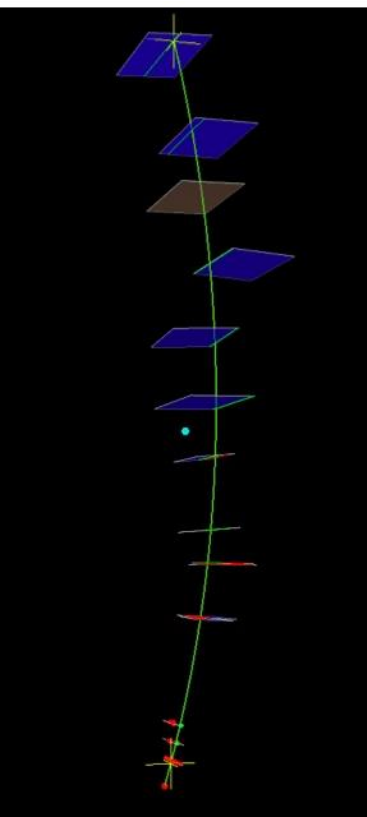


# The AM approach

## • Pattern Recognition Associative Memory

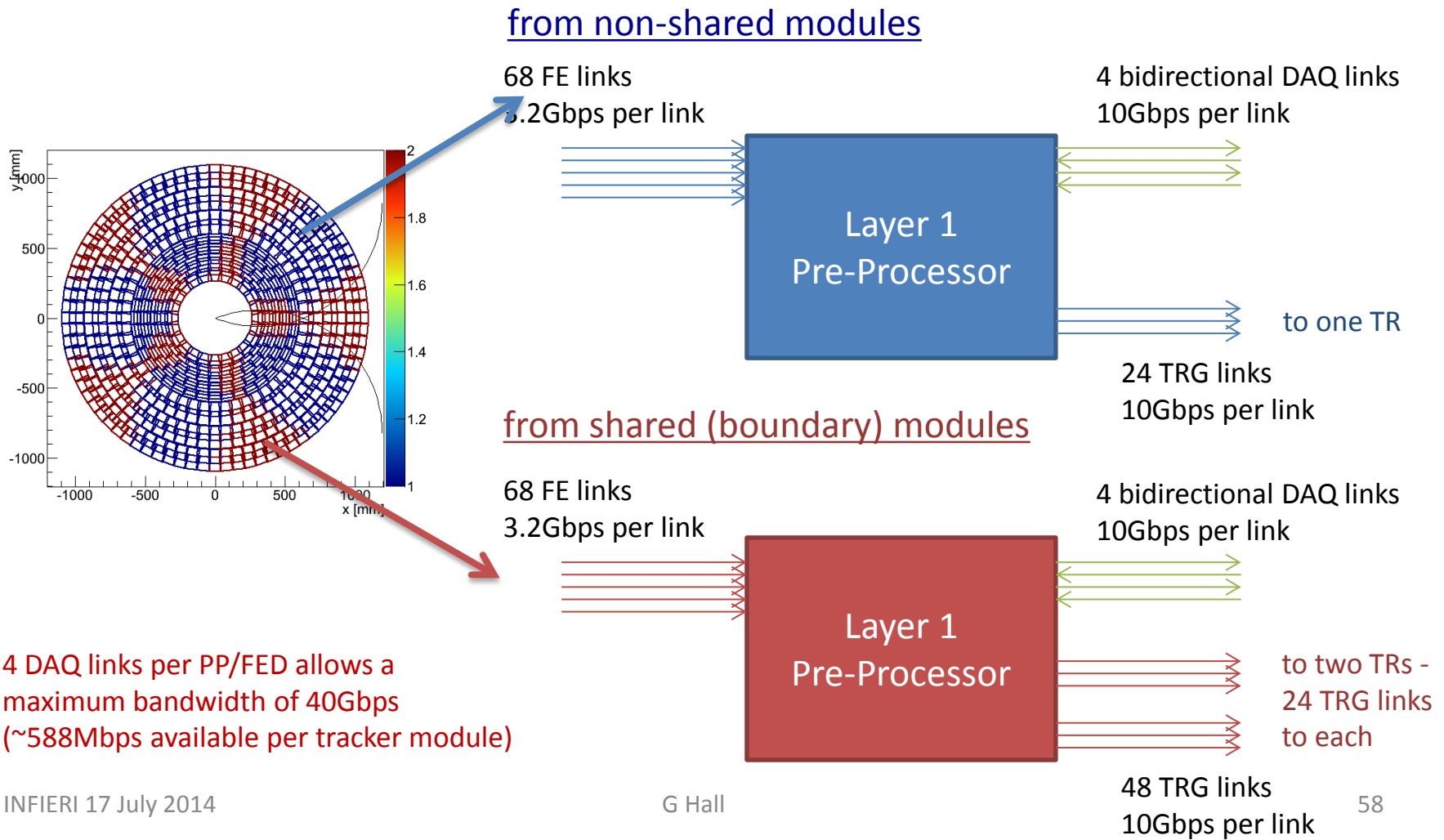
- Based on *CAM cells to match and majority logic to associate* hits in different detector layers to a set of pre-determined hit patterns (simple working unit, yet massively parallel)
- *Pattern Recognition finishes right after all hits arrive (fast data delivery important)*
- *Potentially good approach for L1 application (require custom ASIC)*

*A PR engine naturally handles a given region: divide & conquer*

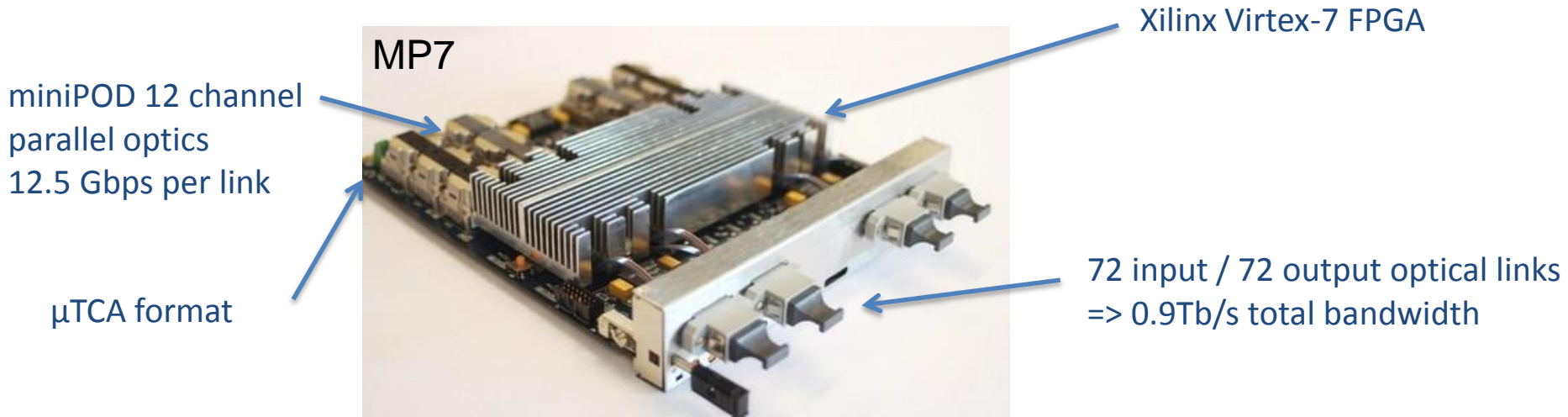


# Time Multiplexed Track Trigger

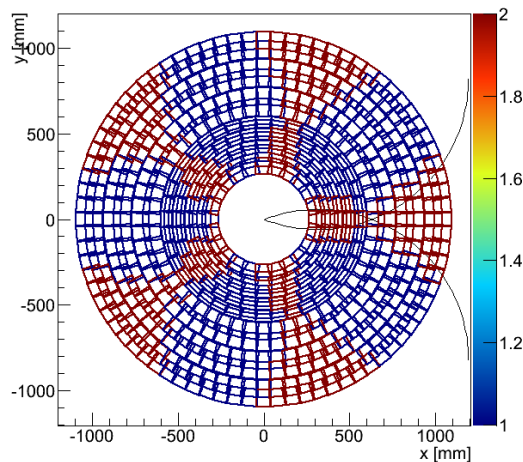
- Still too much data to transmit to a single module
  - sub-divide tracker into slices, with data shared between processors



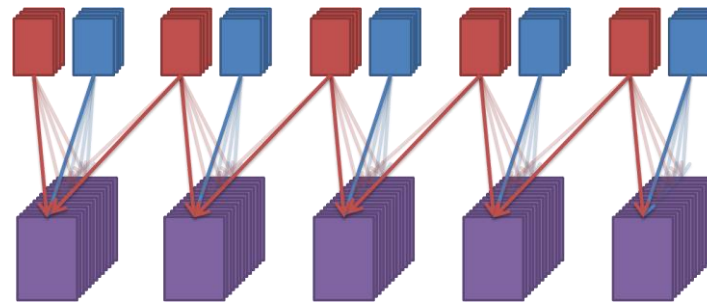
*Demonstrator for TM track trigger:  
using hardware & expertise developed for L1 calorimeter trigger upgrade*



*example implementation:  
divide tracker up into 5 regions in phi*



*processors (purple) build tracks in the FPGA  
or data can be forwarded to AM ASICs*



- ~230 Layer 1 - PreProcessors
- input data from tracker
- output trigger data is formatted & time multiplexed
- 120 Main Processors
- each receive data over 24BX
- each processes one phi sector per event

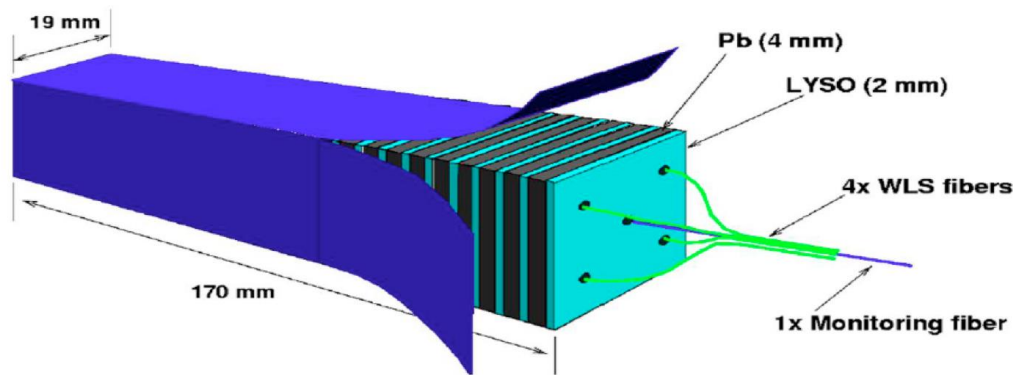
# Summary

- Detector design and present architectures impose constraints on future triggers
- LHCb
  - small data volumes and simple geometry make it now feasible to read out all the data for event selection in CPU
- ATLAS and CMS
  - new trigger strategies are needed to preserve wide physics programme
  - extra information from tracking should be deployed at L1 but too much data to read it all out
  - either
  - L0 trigger + processing to find all tracks in seeded, limited region (ATLAS)
  - or
  - suppress low  $p_T$  hits in L1 data to find higher  $p_T$  tracks in entire detector (CMS)

# BACKUP MATERIAL

# Possible further CMS challenge

- Endcap Calorimeters – require replacement because of radiation damage
  - Build EE towers in eg. Shashlik design (crystal scintillator: LYSO, CeF)
  - Rebuild HE with more fibers, rad-hard scintillators



- OR Particle Flow Calorimeter (PFCAL) – following work of CALICE
  - fine transverse & longitudinal segmentation to measure shower topology using silicon pads
- Either solution will require solution for triggering