

Trigger & DAQ

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- constraints
 - physics
 - architectures
 - strategy
 - examples
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- resource optimization
 - special cases
 - interaction w. analysis
 - upgrades



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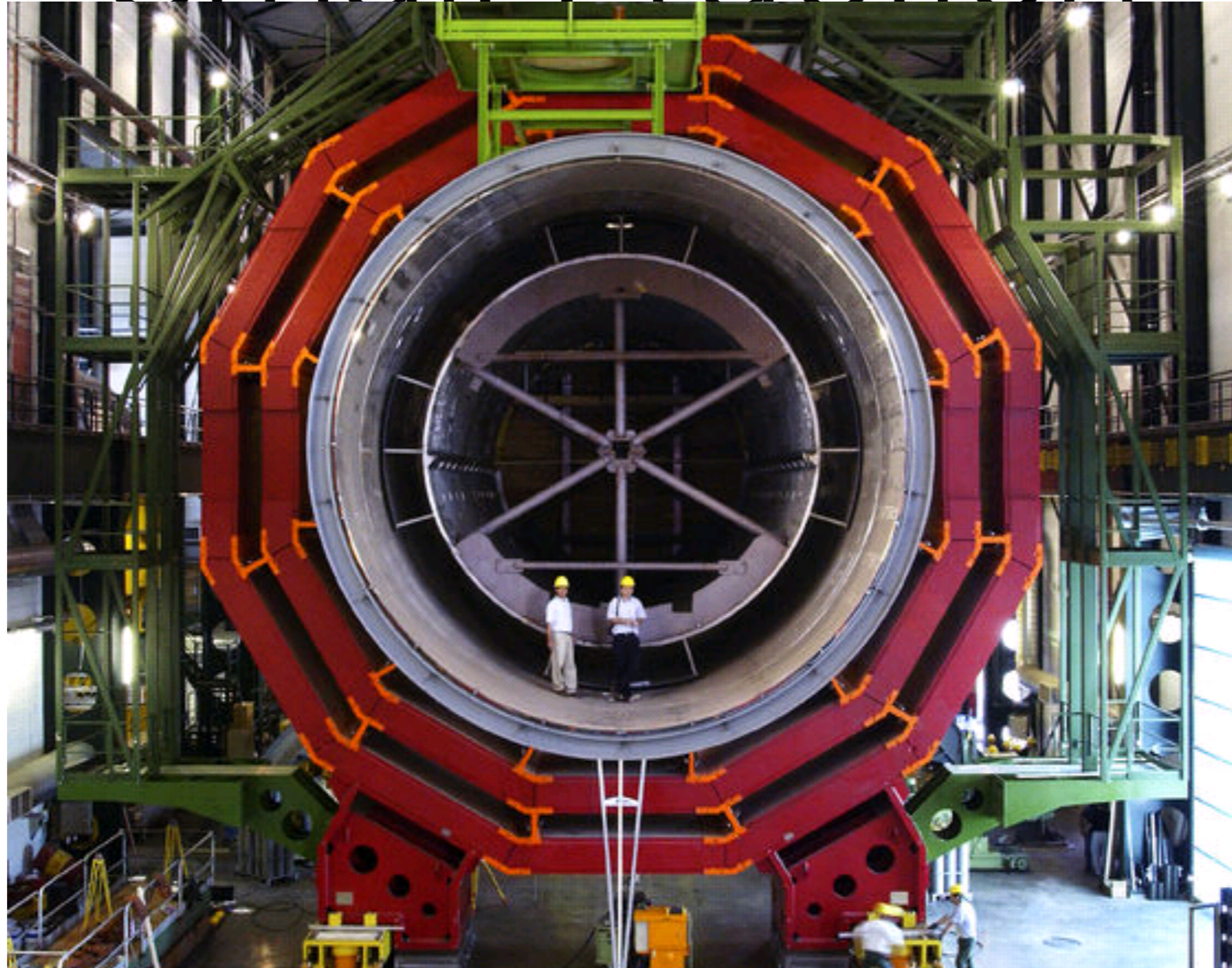
Trigger (particle physics)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In [particle physics](#), a **trigger** is a system that uses [simple criteria](#) to [rapidly decide](#) which [events](#) in a [particle detector](#) to keep [when only a small fraction of the total can be recorded](#). Trigger systems are necessary due to real-world limitations in data storage capacity and rates. Since experiments are typically searching for "interesting" events (such as decays of rare particles) that occur at a relatively low rate, trigger systems are used to identify the events that should be recorded for later analysis. Current accelerators have event rates greater than 1 MHz and trigger rates that can be below 10 Hz. The [ratio of the trigger rate to the event rate](#) is referred to as the [selectivity of the trigger](#). For example, the [Large Hadron Collider](#) (LHC) has an event rate of 20 MHz ($2 \cdot 10^7$ Hz), and the [Higgs boson](#) is expected to be produced there at a rate of roughly 1 Hz. The LHC detectors can manage a readout of a few hundred events per second. Therefore the minimum selectivity required is 10^{-5} , with much stricter requirements for the data analysis afterwards.^[1]

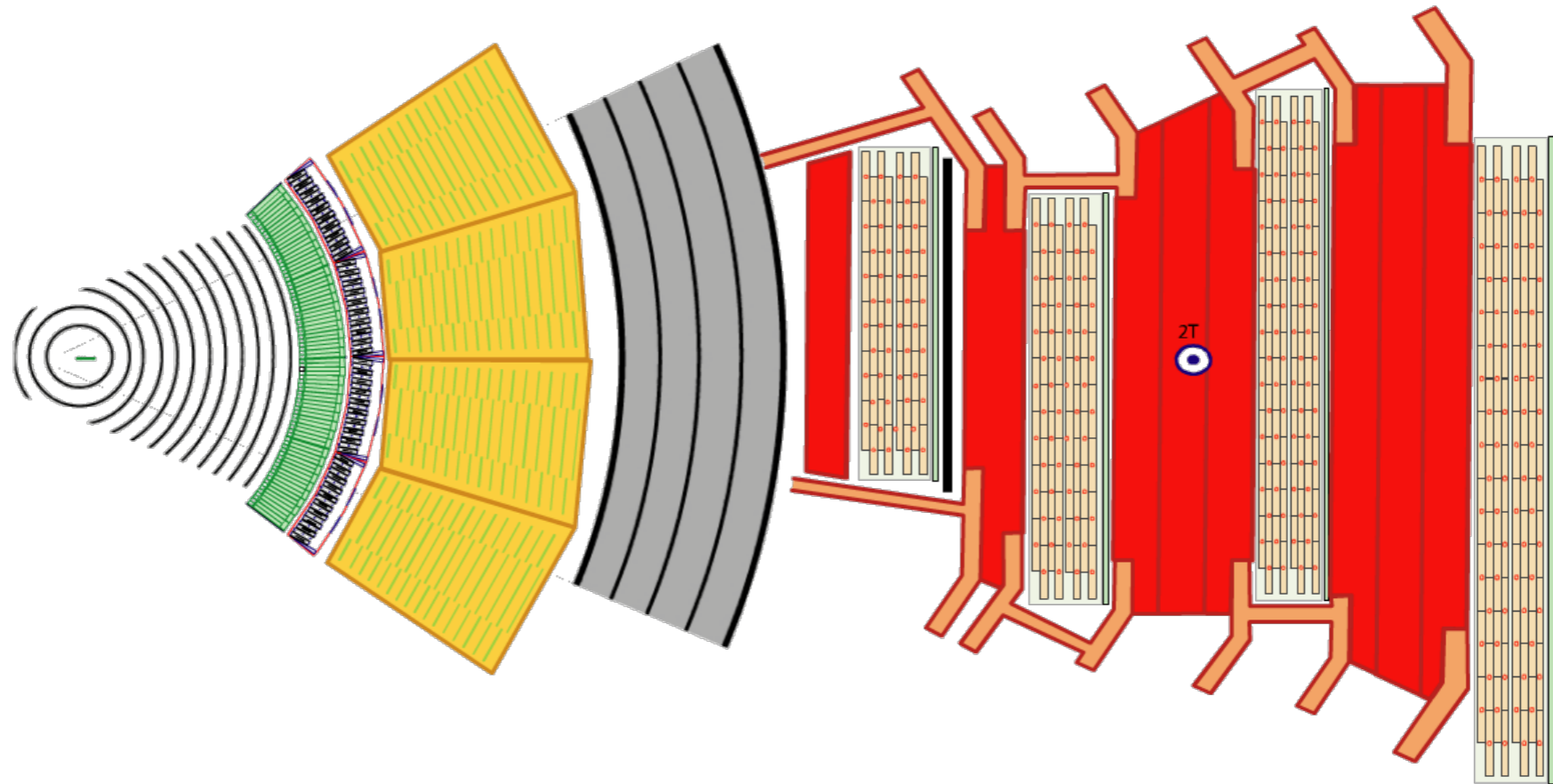
- Simple criteria
- Rapidly decide
- Selective
- Small fraction can be recorded

Small Fraction



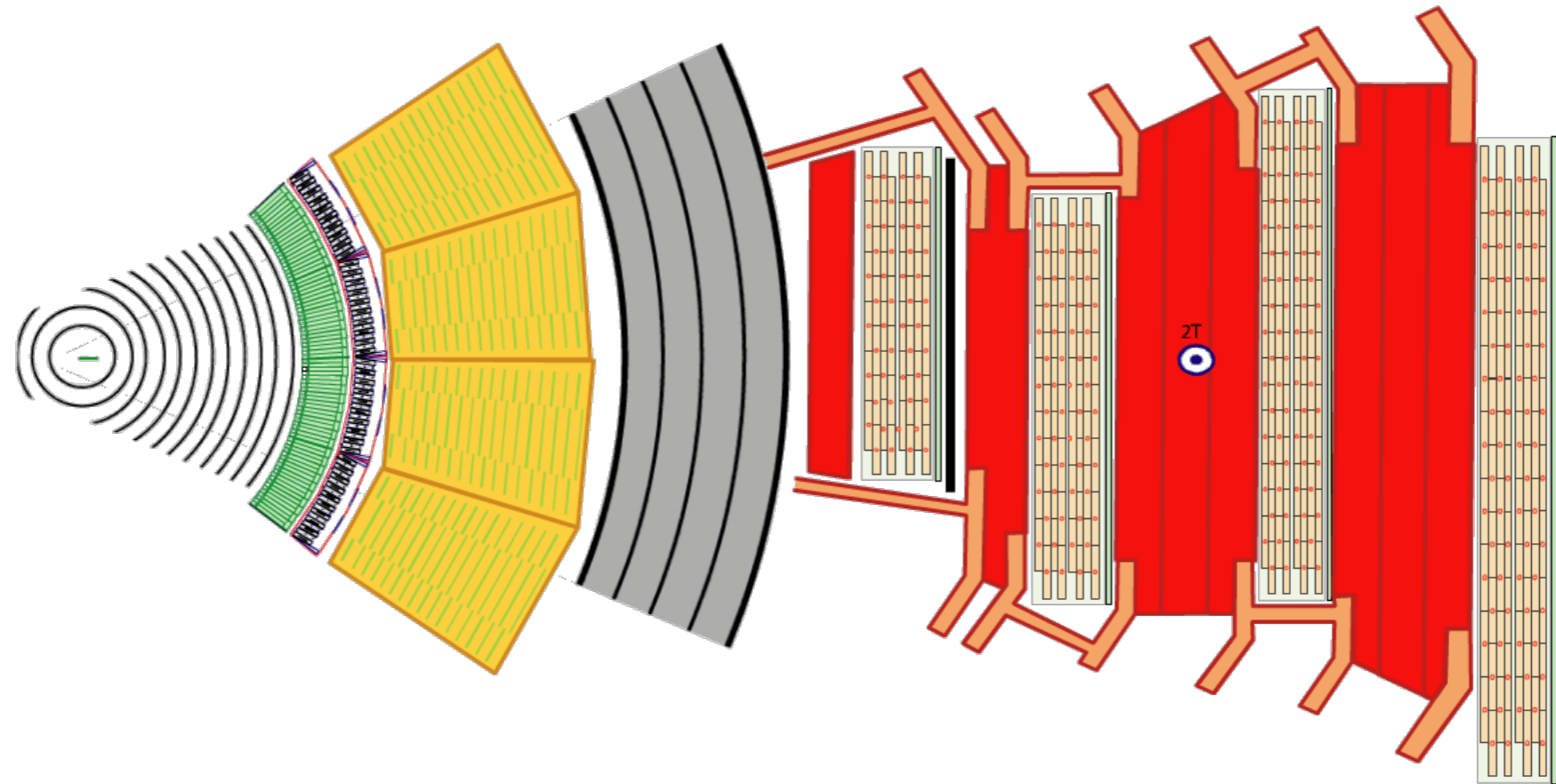
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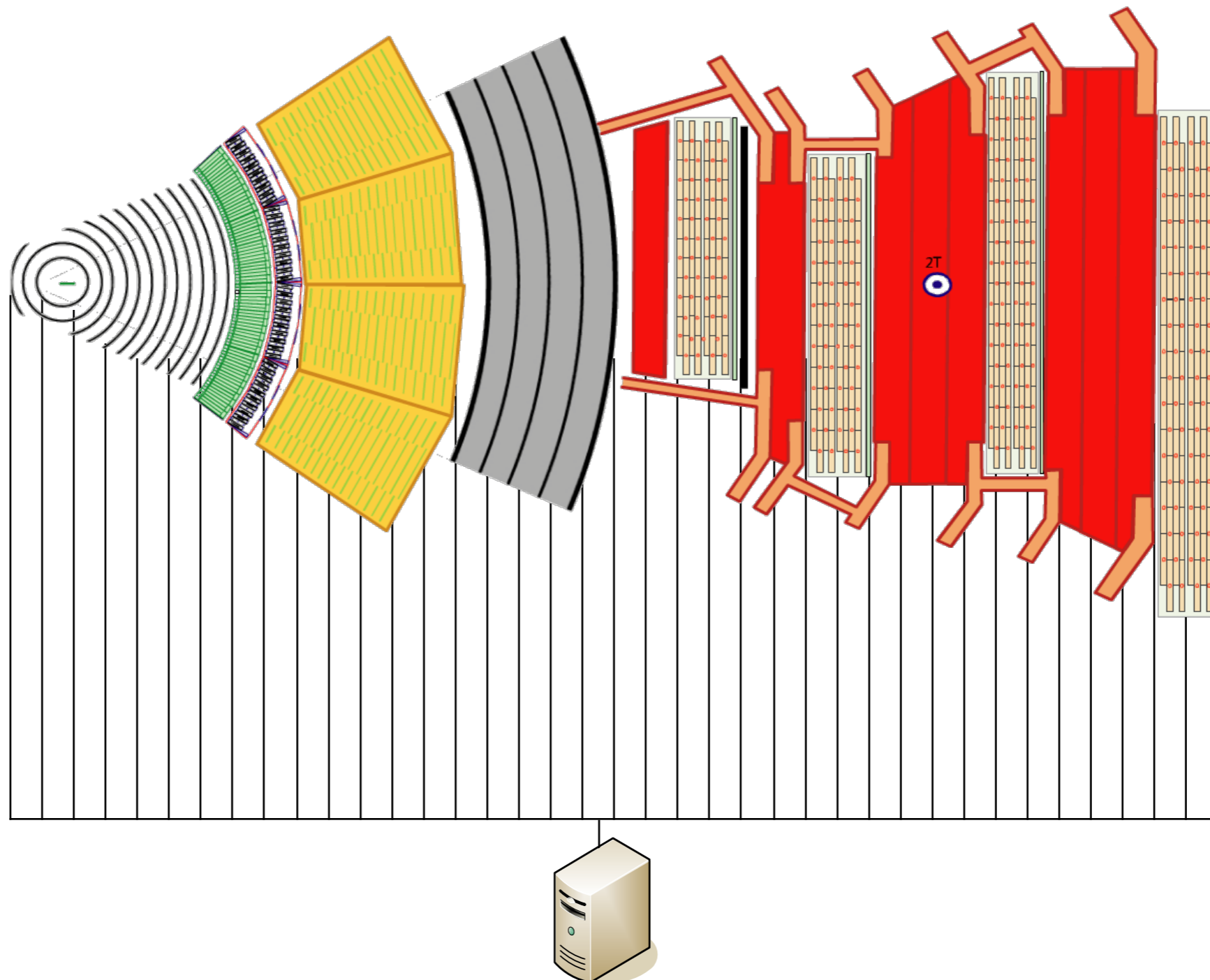


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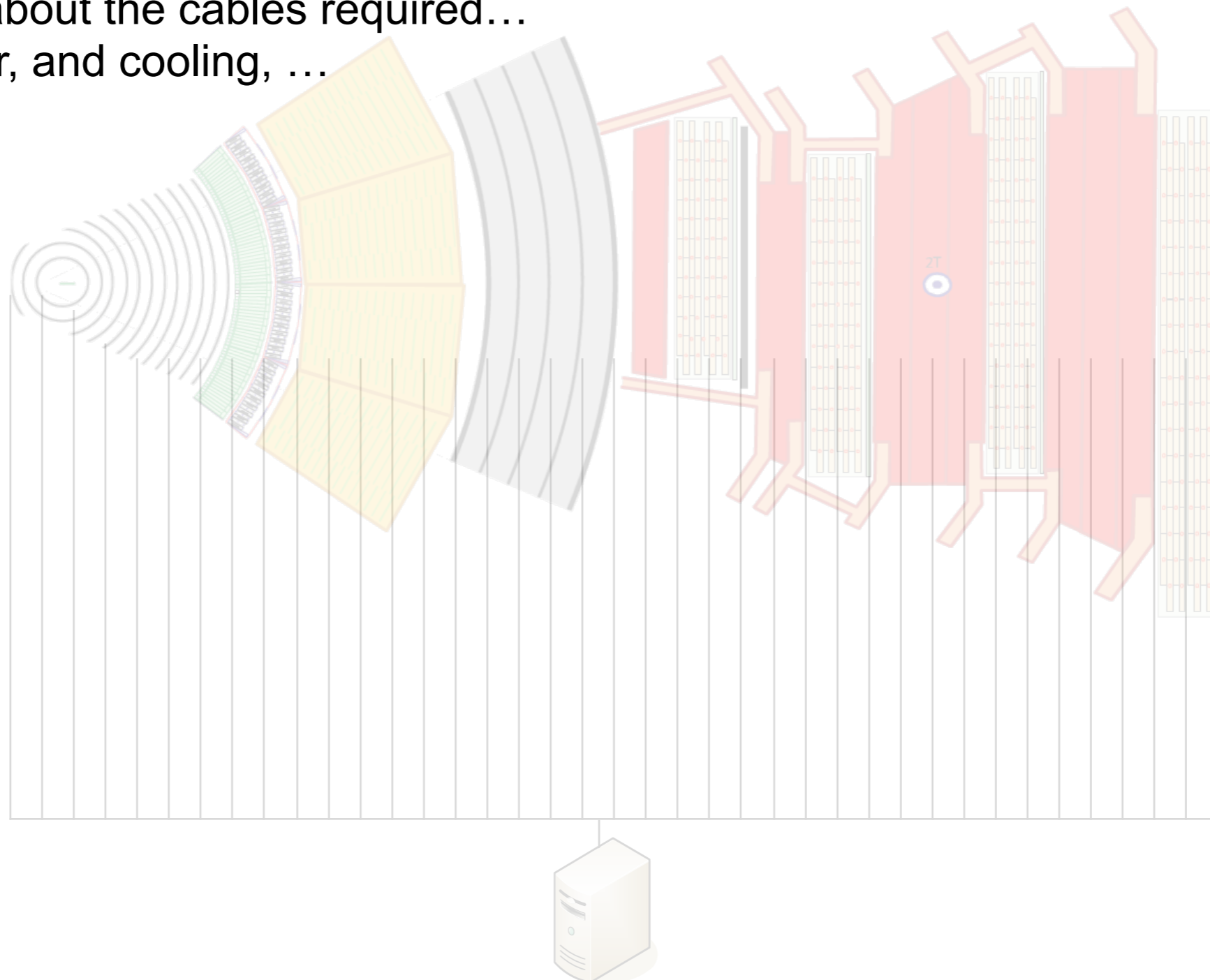


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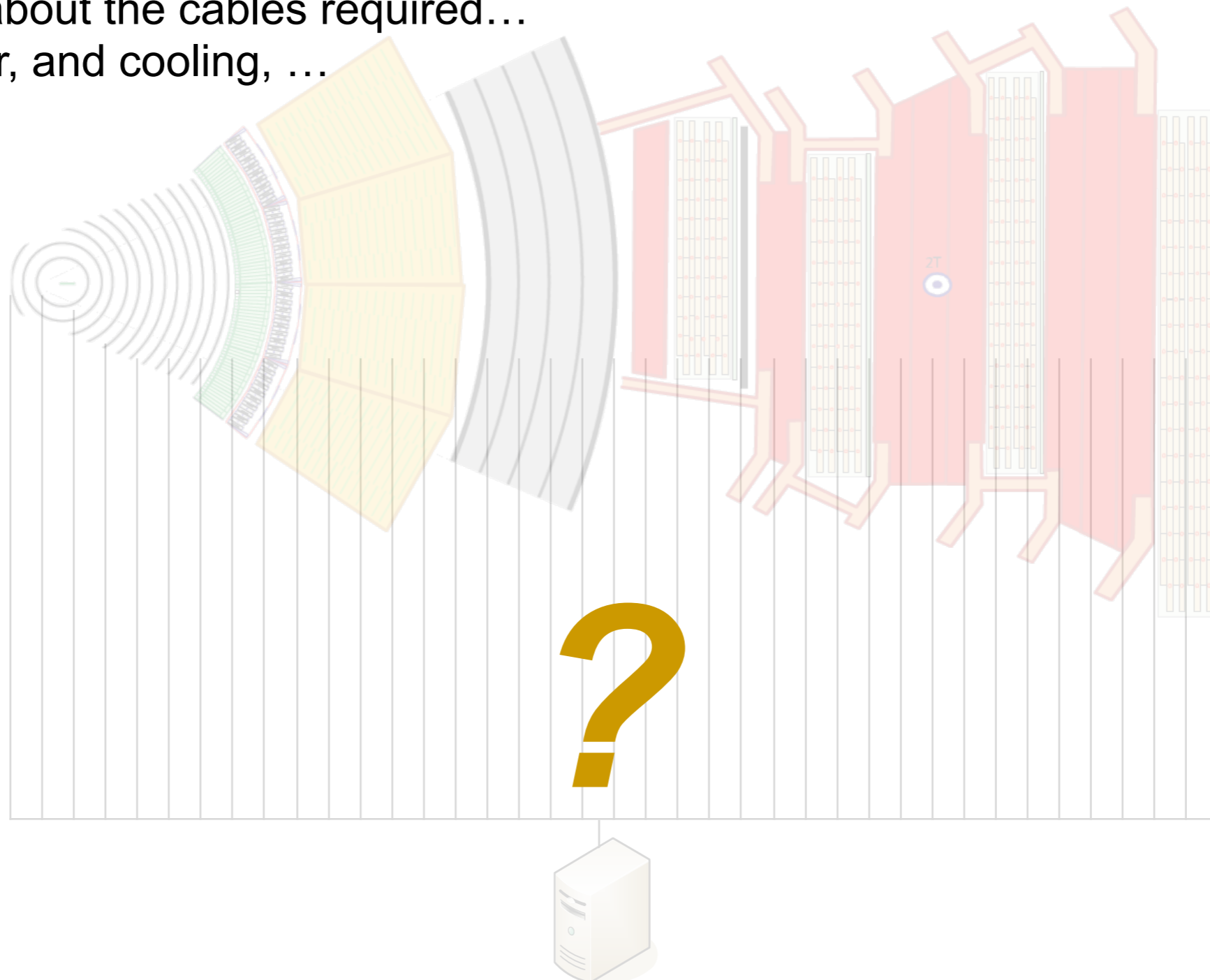
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Bottlenecks!

digitization →

data transfer →

event building →

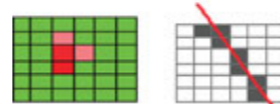
processing →

permanent storage →

crossing rate: 40 MHz
collision rate: 1 GHz

raw data production

100s Petabit s⁻¹



energy tracks

Level-1 trigger

100 kHz output rate

50 million fragments s⁻¹

readout network

2 Terabit s⁻¹

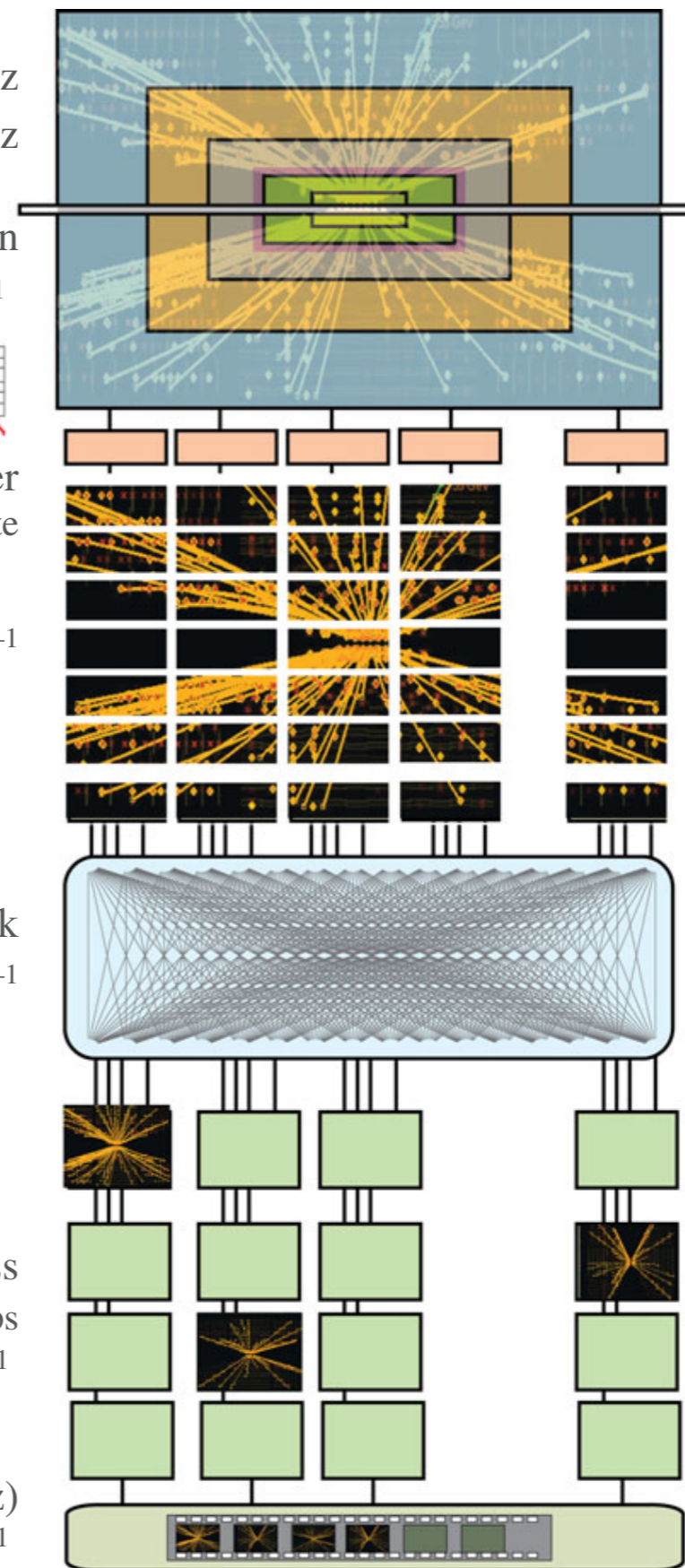
build and process

10 TeraFlops

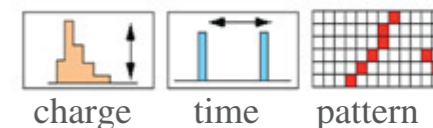
100 000 event s⁻¹

store O(100Hz)

10s Gigabit s⁻¹



100 millions sensors



charge time pattern

billions of analogue/digital

parallel readout

hundreds of fragment readers

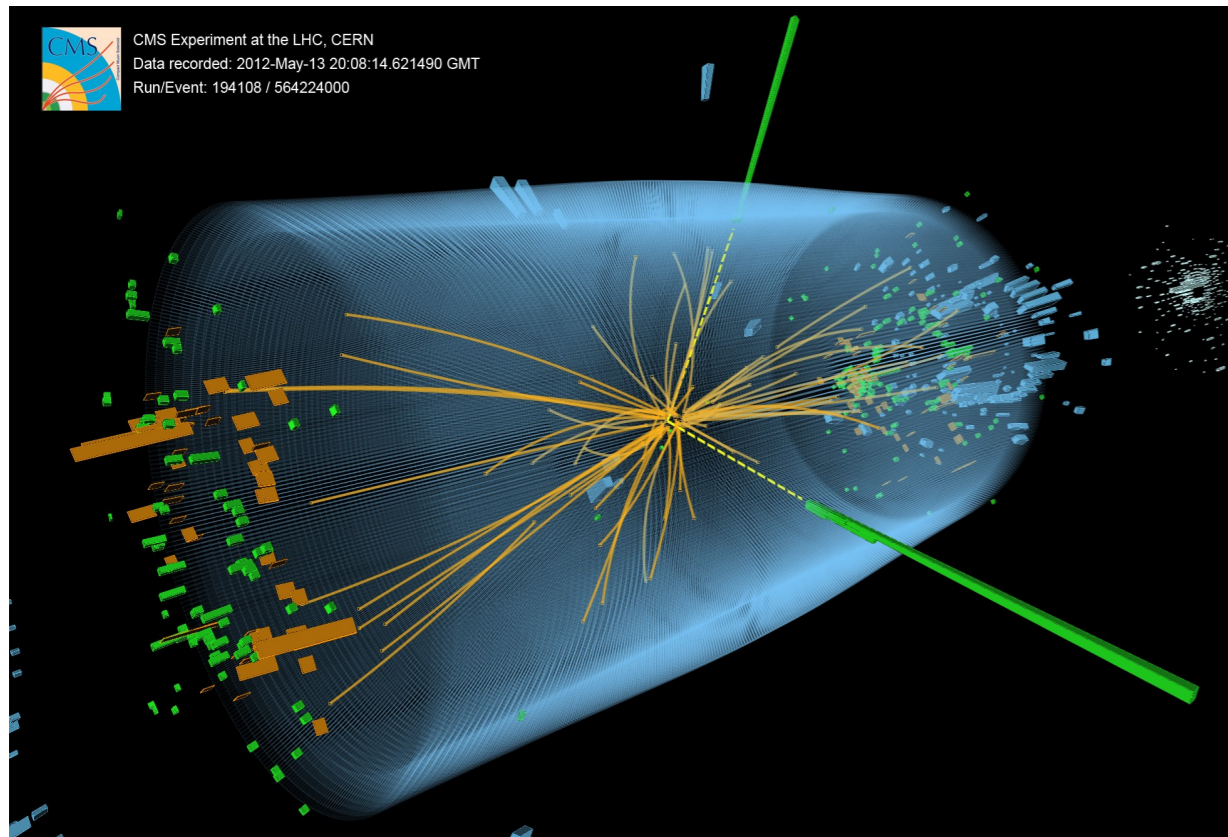
data to surface
thousands optical links

event builder
switching systems with
thousands ports

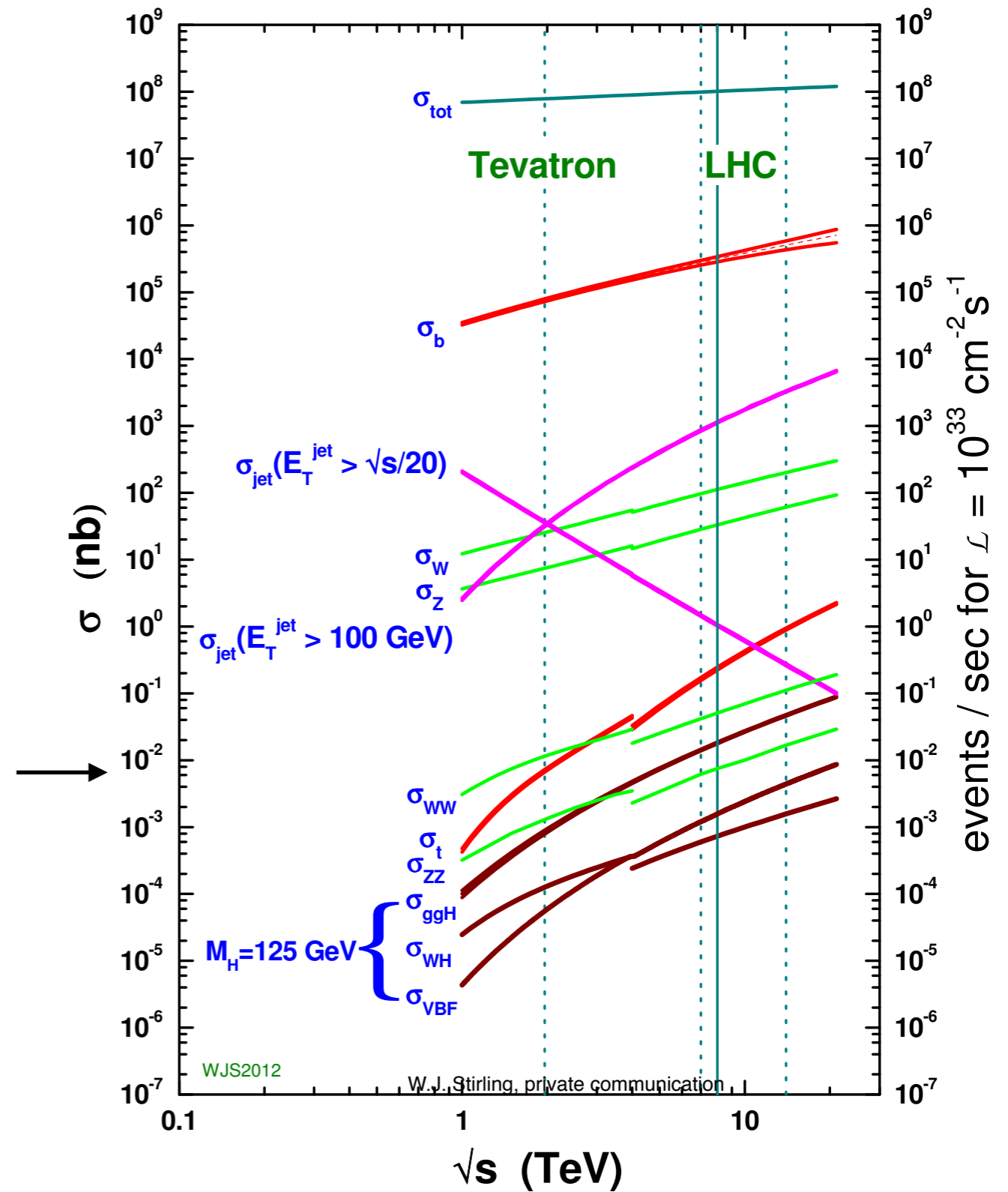
event filter
thousands CPU cores

local mass storage
hundreds Terabit

Be *Selective*



proton - (anti)proton cross sections



One (125 GeV/c²) Higgs for every 10¹⁰ pp interactions

Selective in Perspective



drop: $0.1 \text{ ml} = 10^{-7} \text{ m}^3$

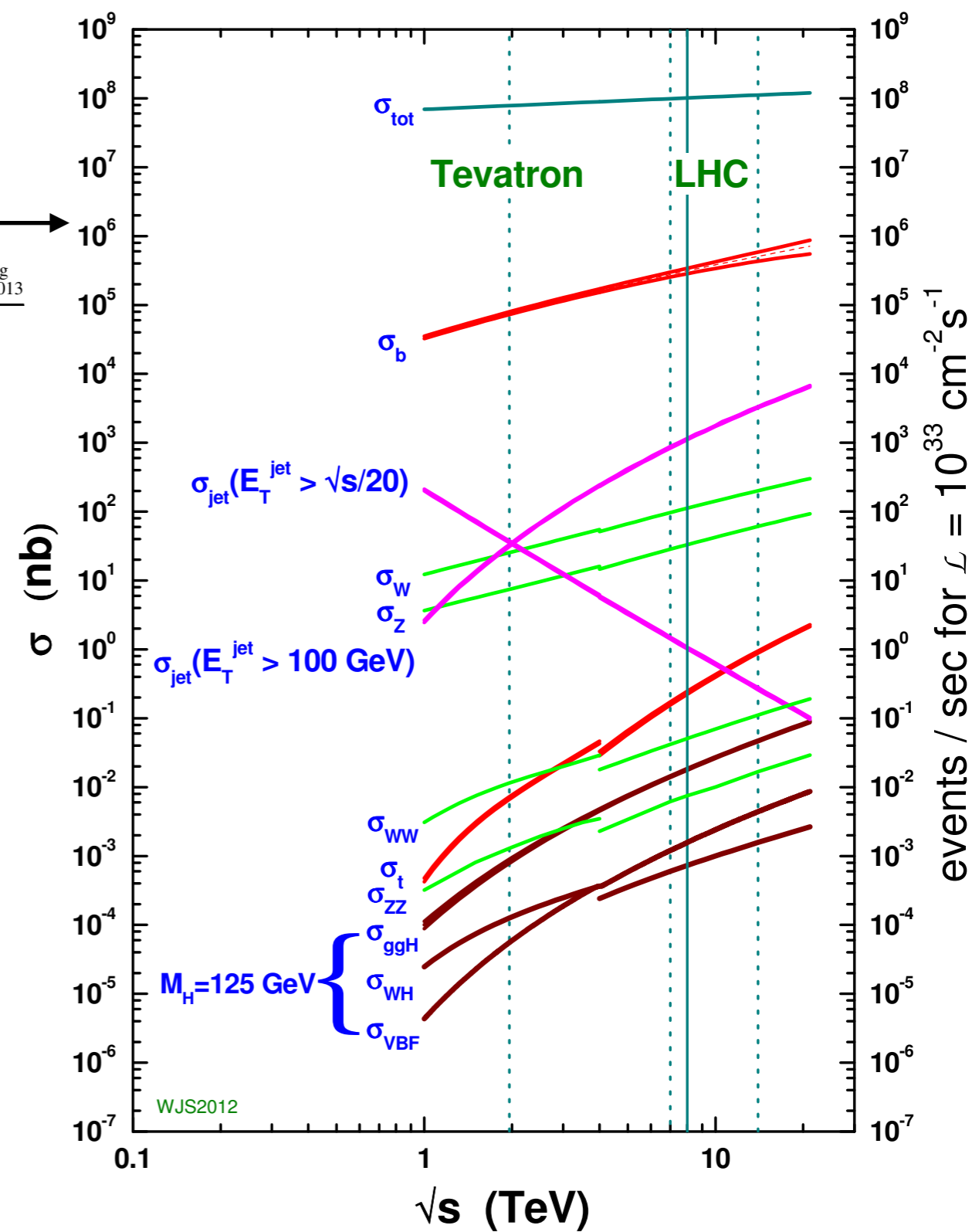


olympic swimming pool: $50 \times 25 \times 2 \text{ m}^3$

Higgs : min bias \sim 2 drops : olympic swimming pool

Some things are not so rare...

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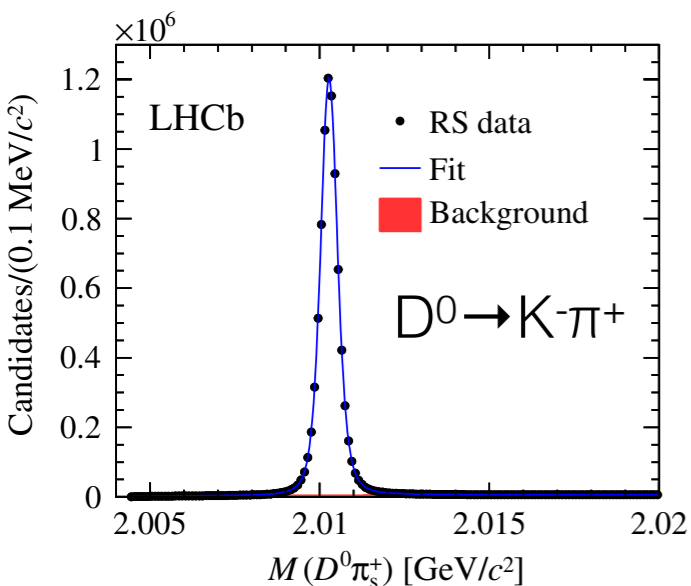
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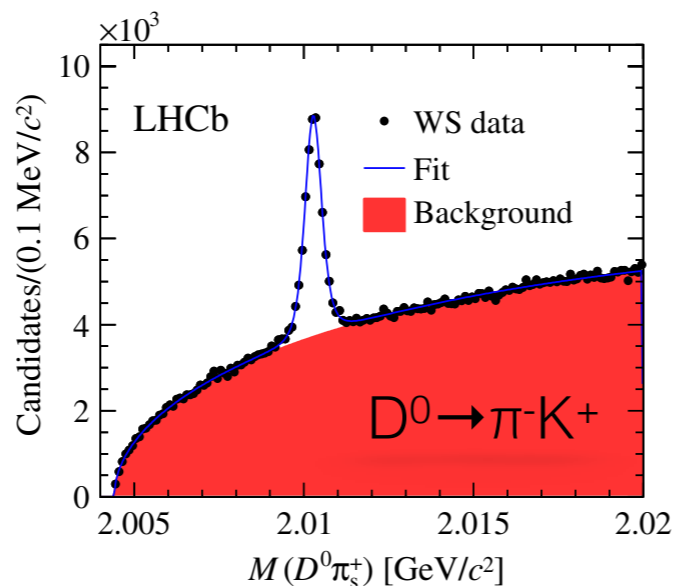
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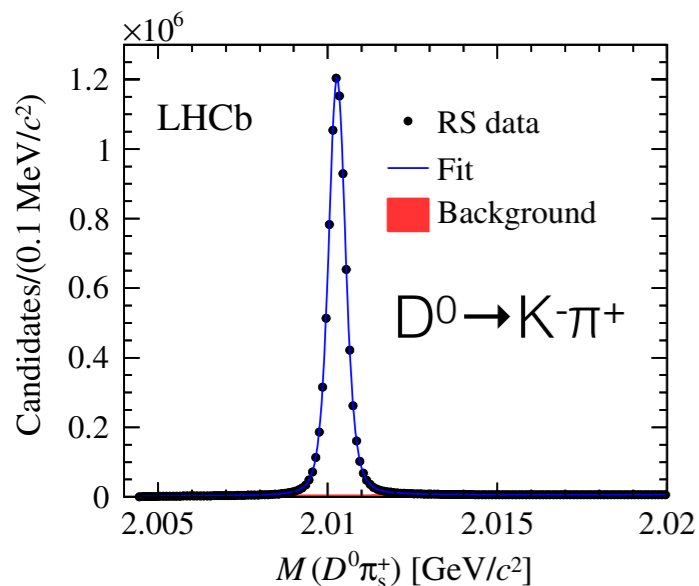
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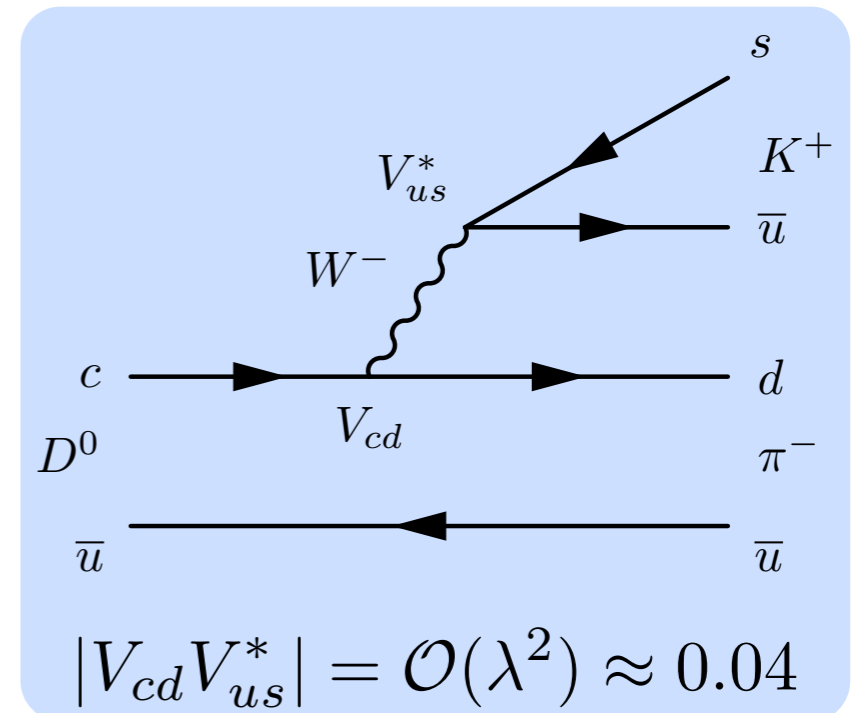
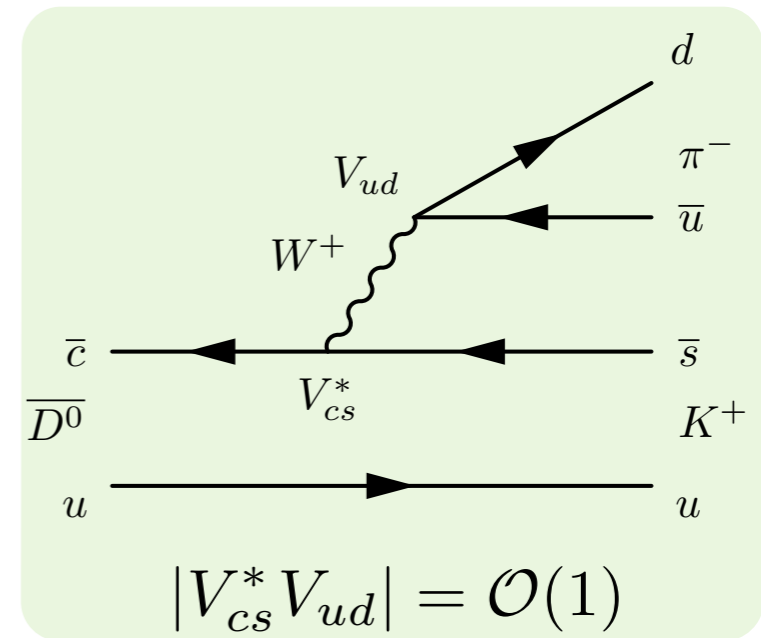
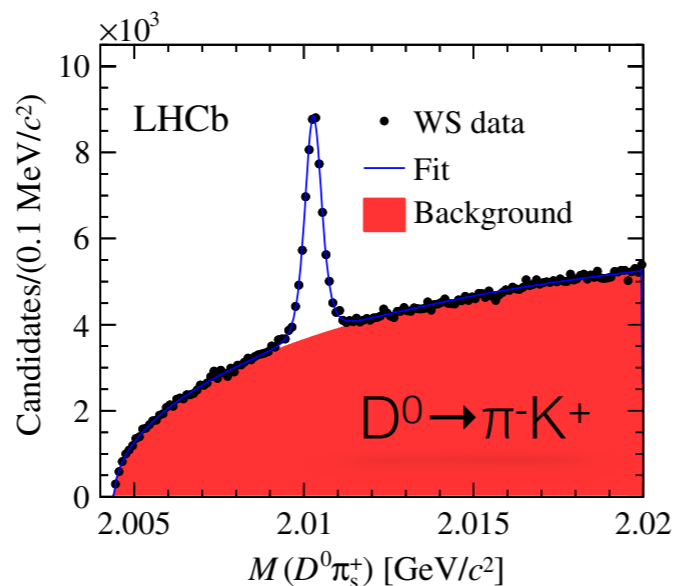
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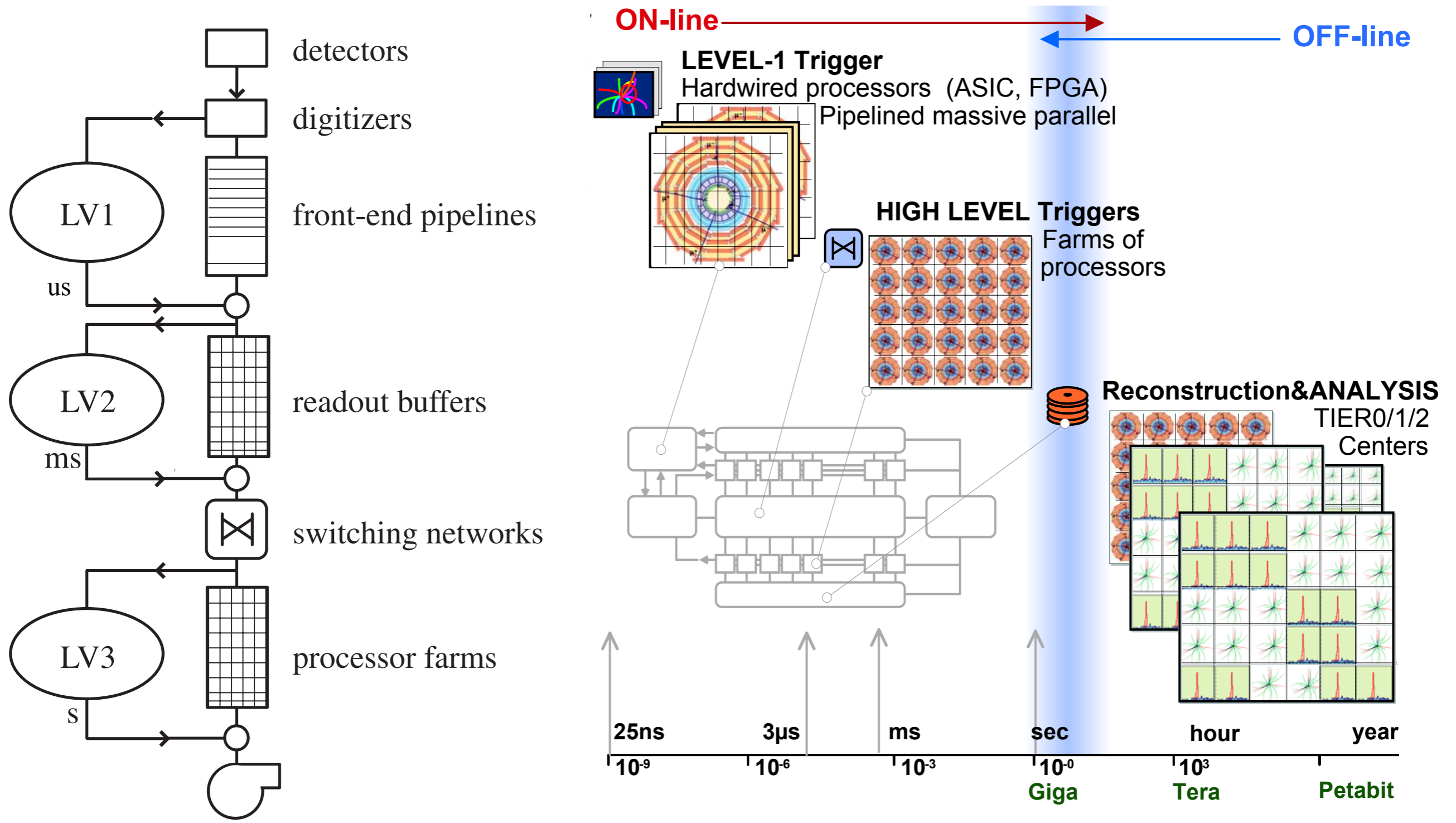
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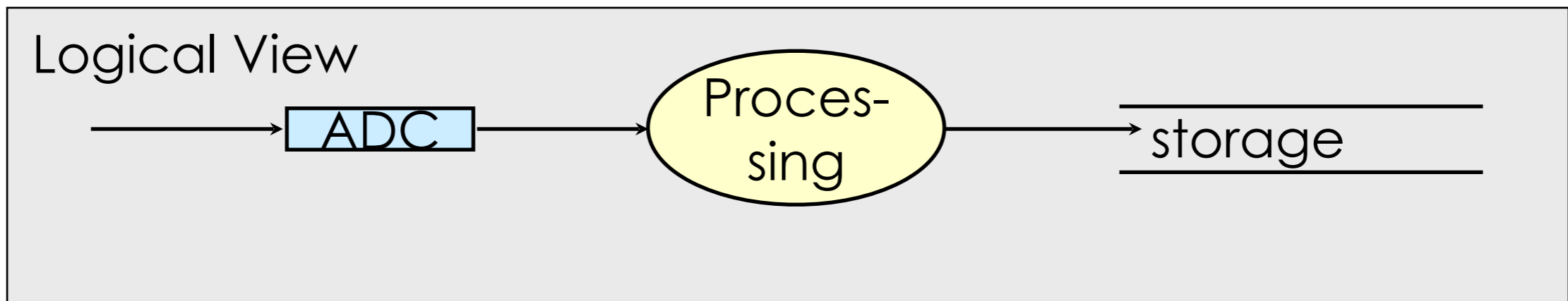
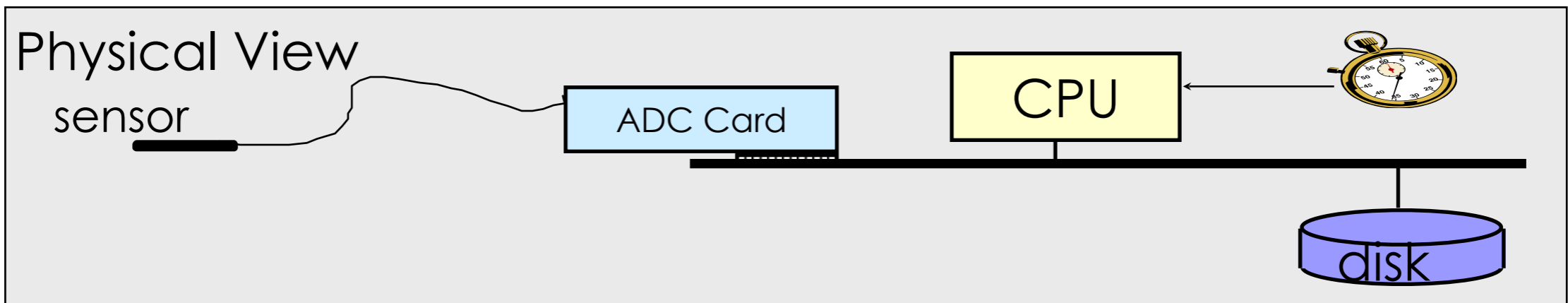
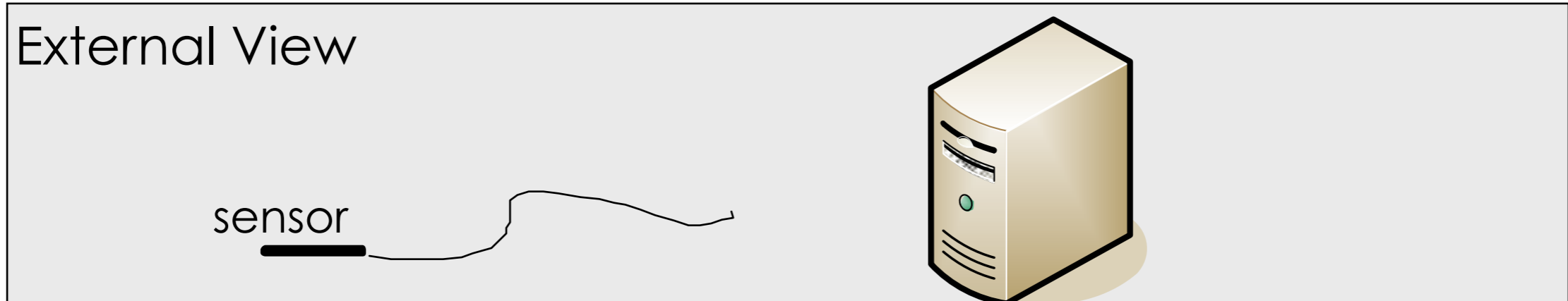
3.6K events



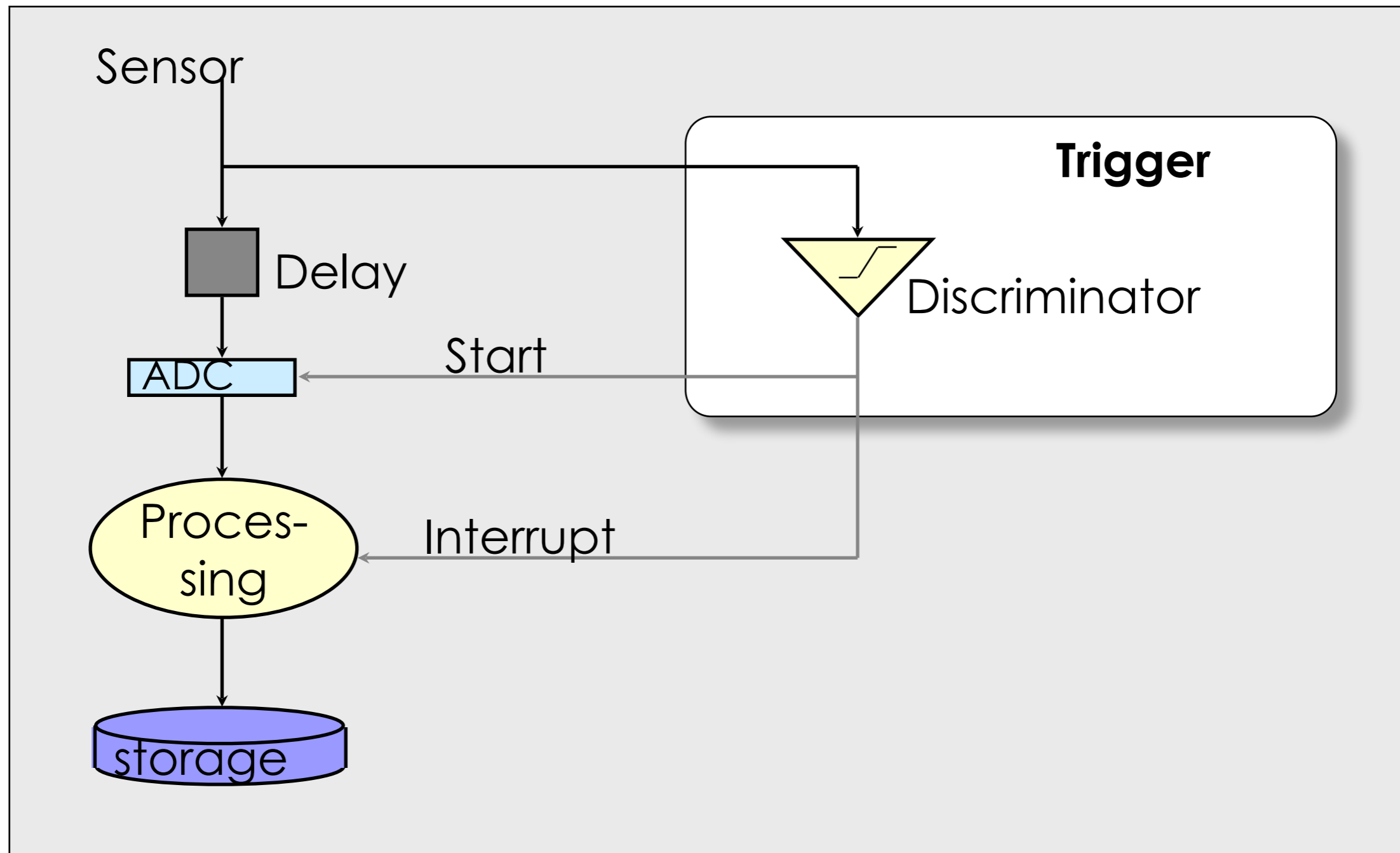
Rapidly Decide — where/when?



Trivial DAQ

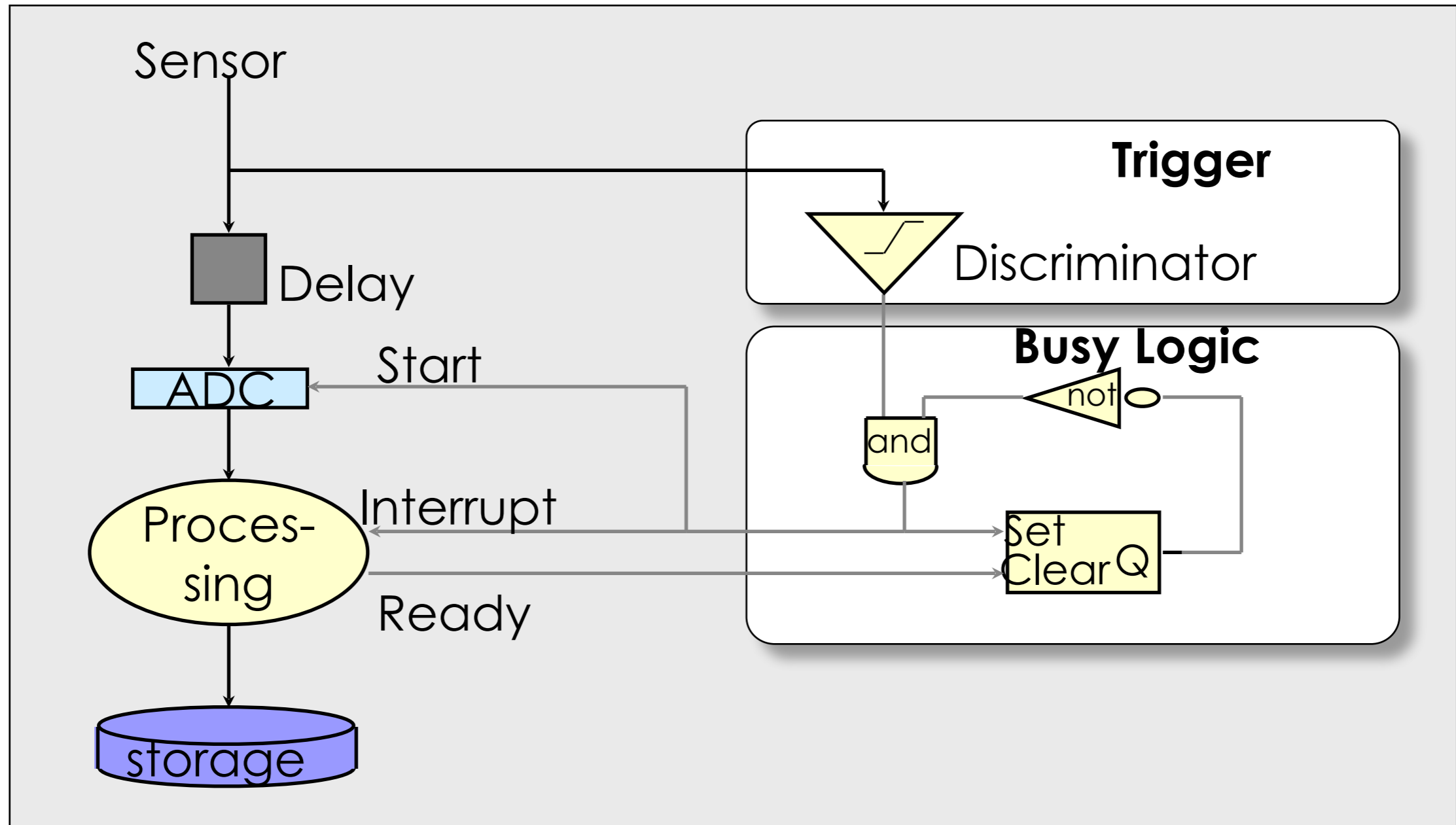


Trivial DAQ with a trigger



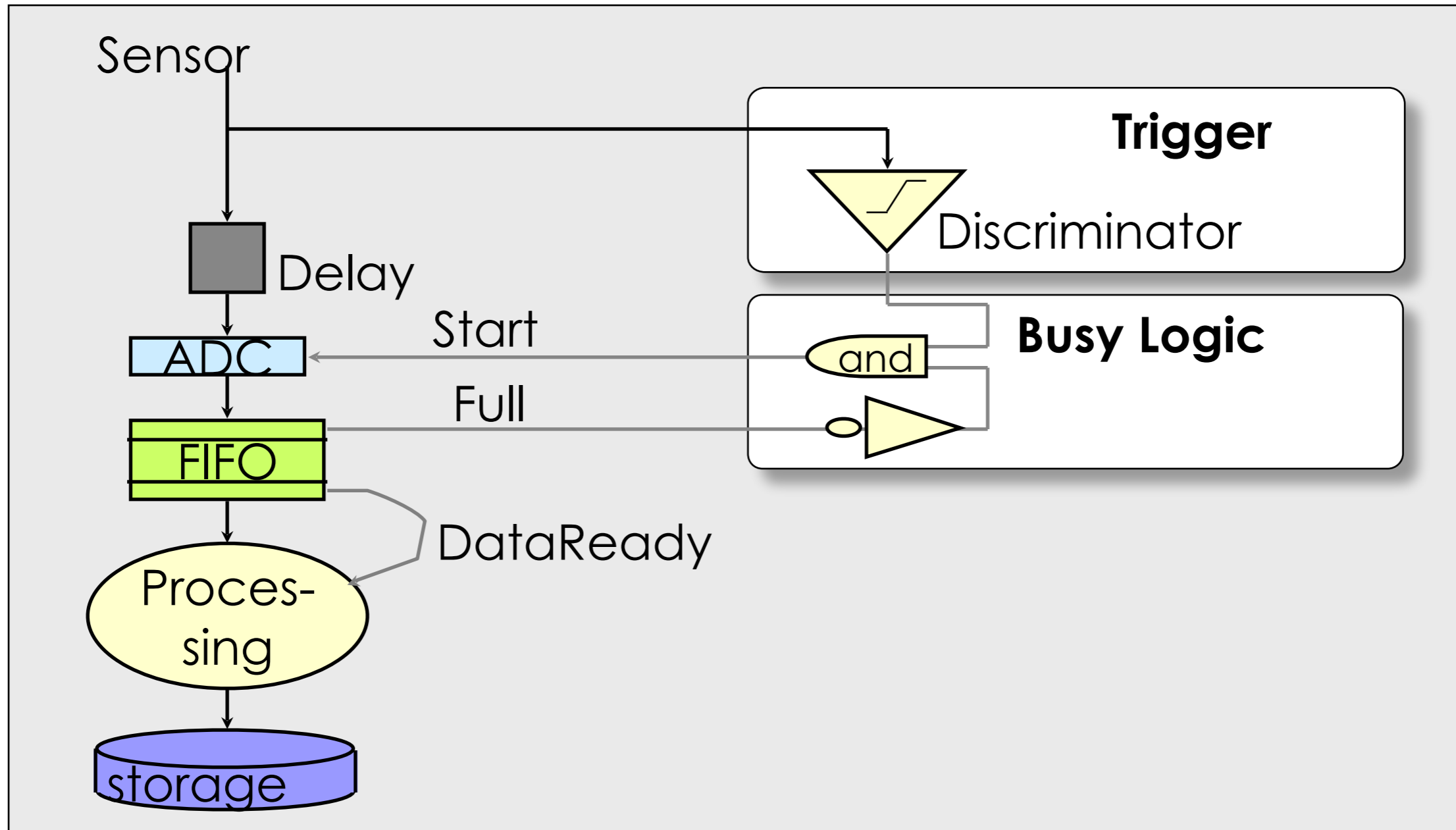
What if a trigger is produced when the *ADC* or *processing* is busy?

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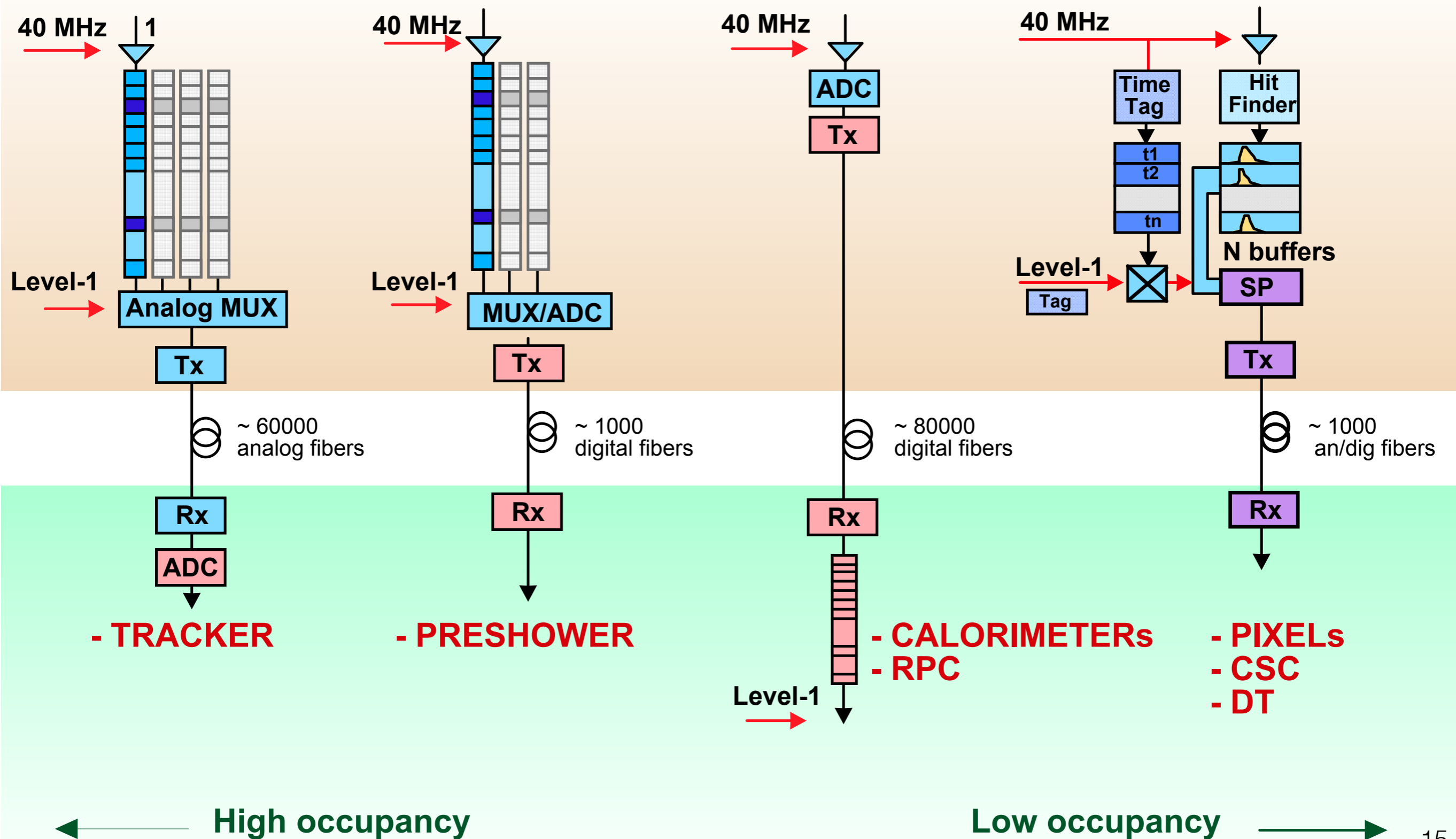
Deadtime (%) is the ratio between the time the DAQ is *busy* and the total time.

Trivial DAQ with a trigger

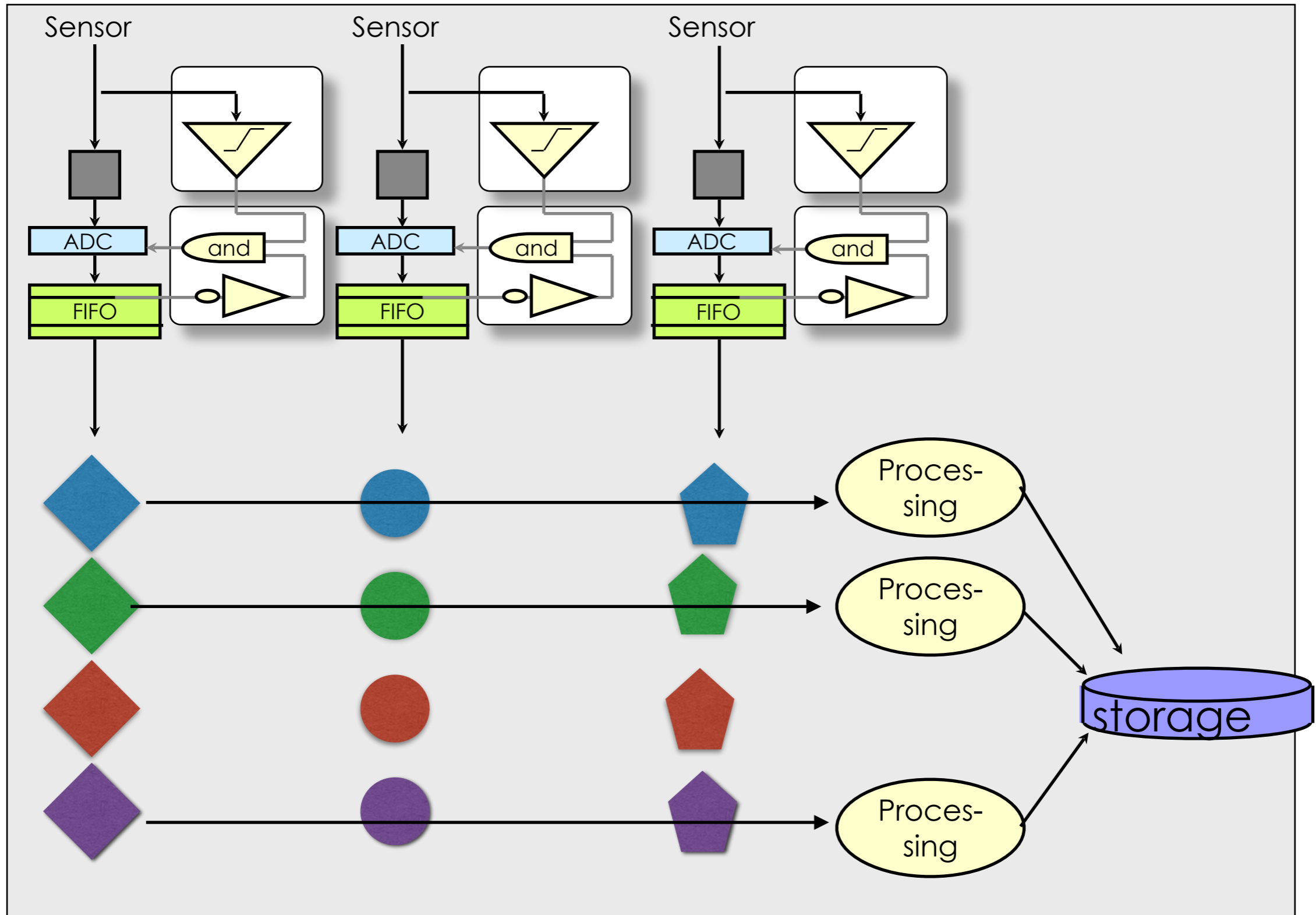


Buffers are introduced to de-randomize data: decouple the data production from the data consumption. **Better performance.**

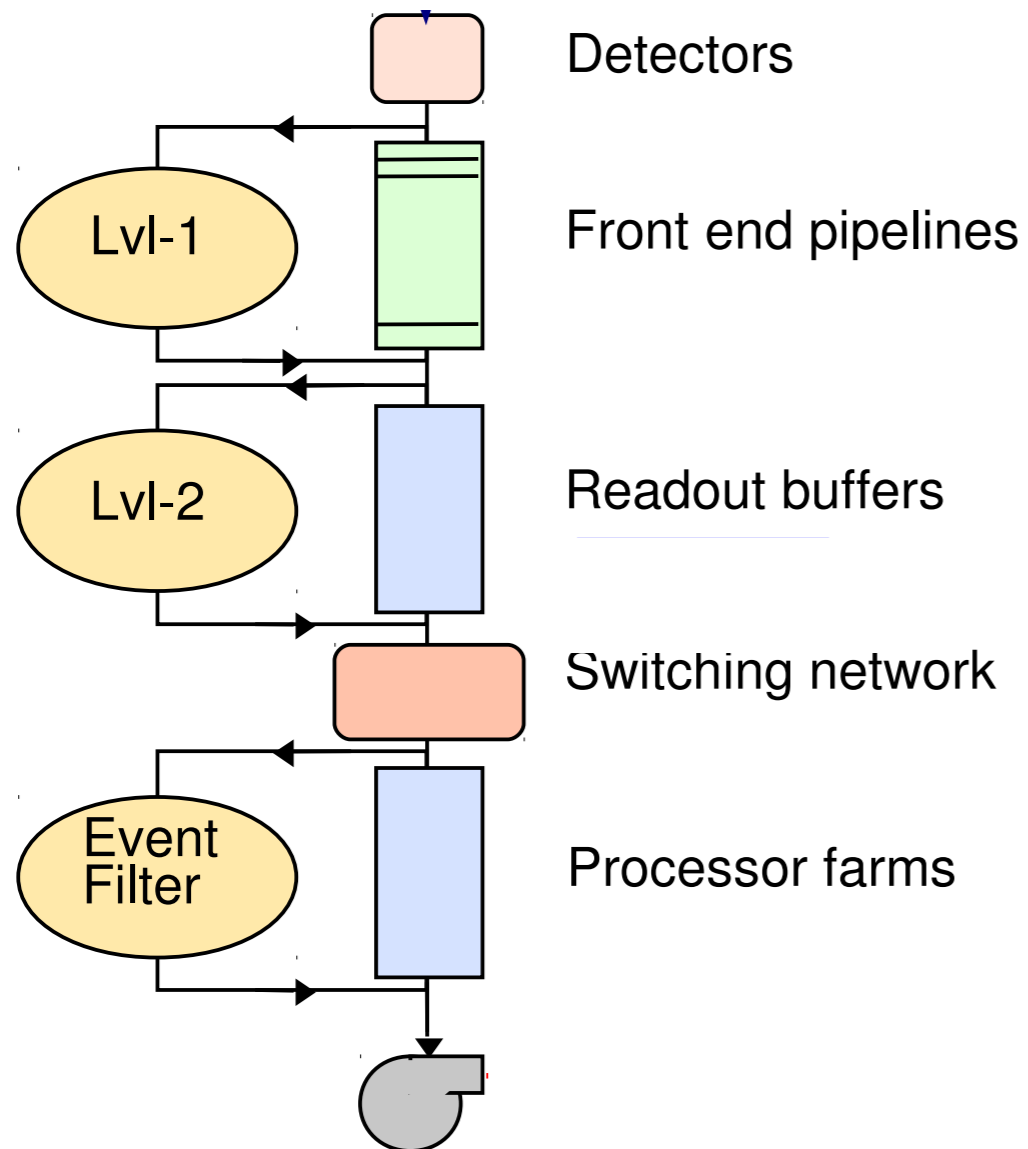
Real case is less trivial...



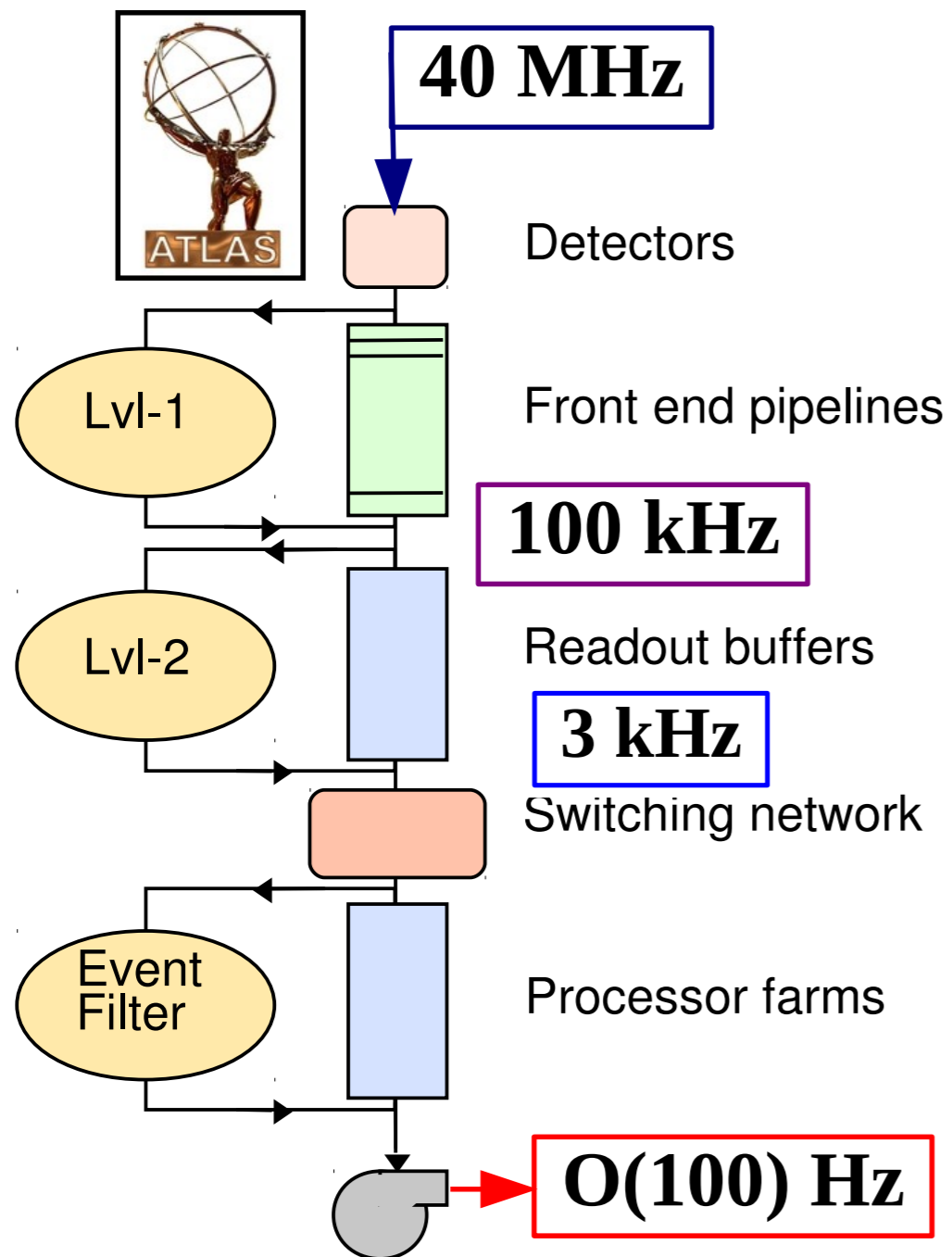
DAQ with trigger & event builder



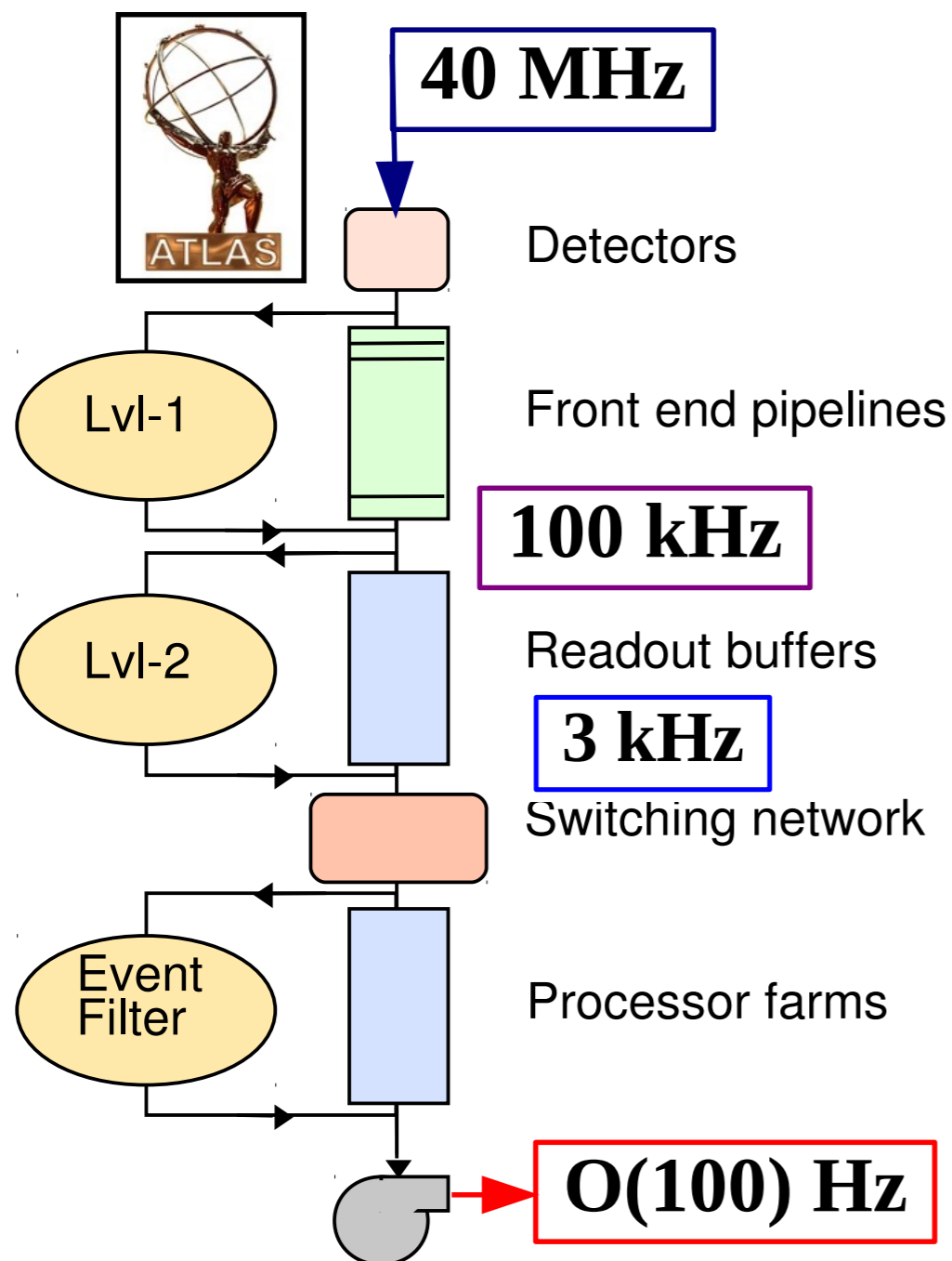
Reduction in stages...



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What about CMS?

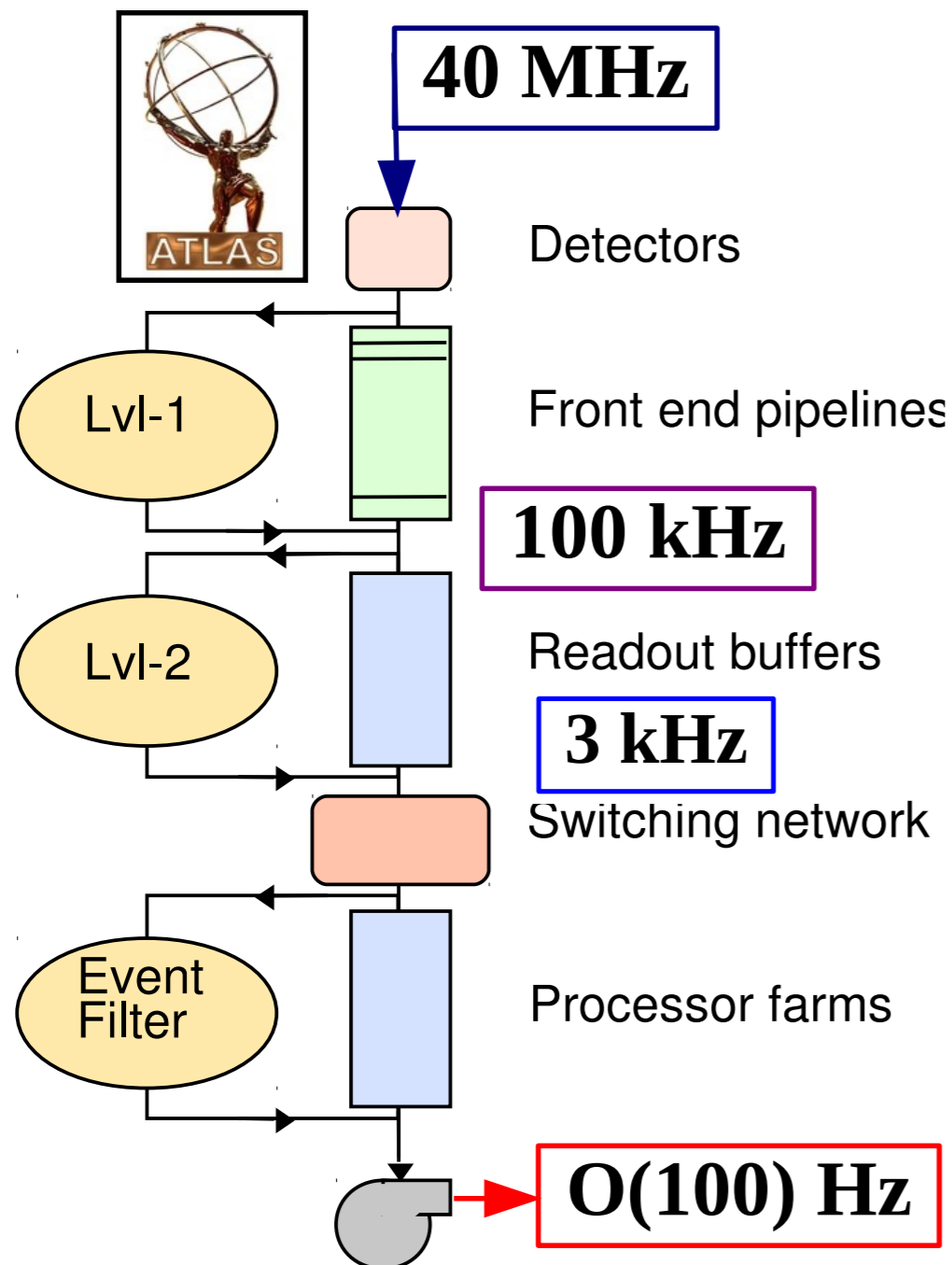


At CMS, TriDAS (Trigger and Data Acquisition System) Project Manager Sergio Cittolin, TriDAS Institution Board Chair Paris Sphicas and Smith decided not to have a second level trigger. They would take the output of L1 straight to the computer farm for software processing. The main reason for doing this was that the L2 hardware was too restrictive. It was not fully programmable, and was only used at the time because there was no telecom switch that could convey the full L1 output of 100 kHz of 1 MB events to the farm.

However, Cittolin, studying technology trends and extrapolating world-wide computing network infrastructure, was convinced that a switch with the required bandwidth would be available and affordable by the year 2000. So, when the technical proposal was written in '94-'95, a plan to go from L1 to the computer farm was laid out.

- from <http://cms.web.cern.ch/news/triggering-and-data-acquisition>

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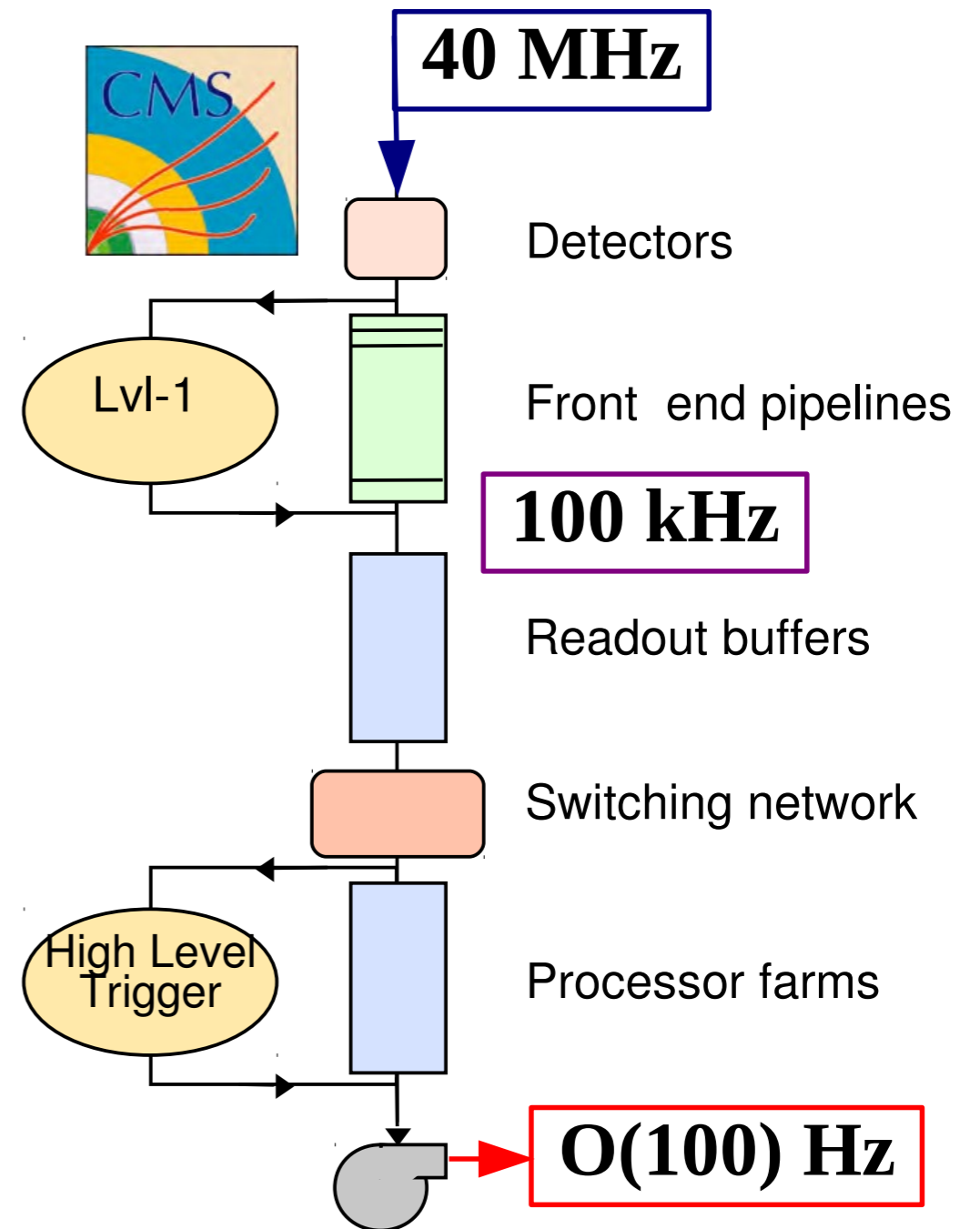
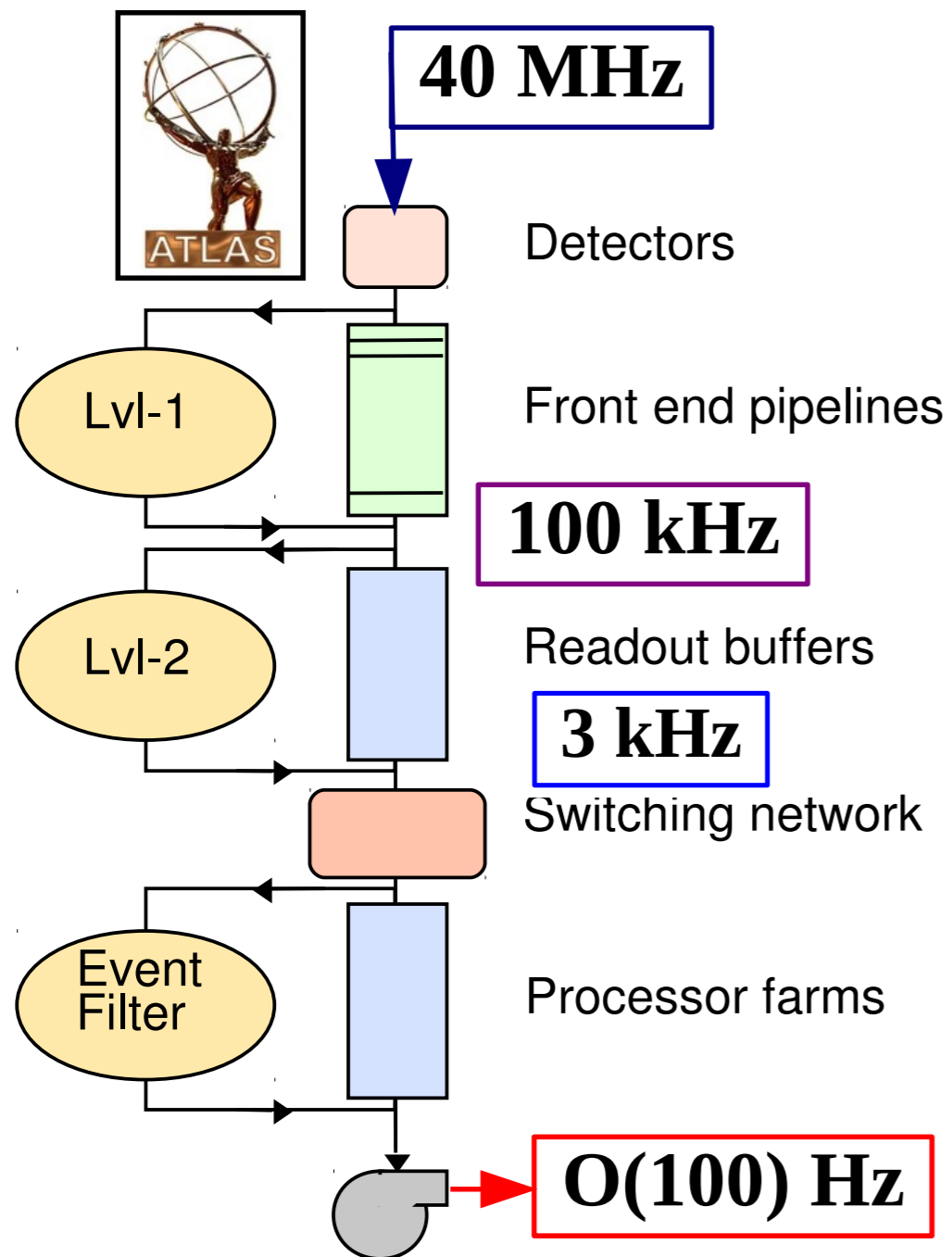


When the technical proposal was presented to the **LHC Experiments Committee (LHCC)** in 1994, a different approach was adopted to deal with the bandwidth problem, in order to pass the reviews: The proposal said that 10% of the data would go through the switch for processing and would be used as a basis to knock down the rate by a factor of 10 — sufficient for the switches of 1994 to handle! This 10% — including main calorimeter information, summary of tracking information and so on — would then be used to decide whether to keep the event or not. The group hoped, though, that they would not have to face the problem at all.

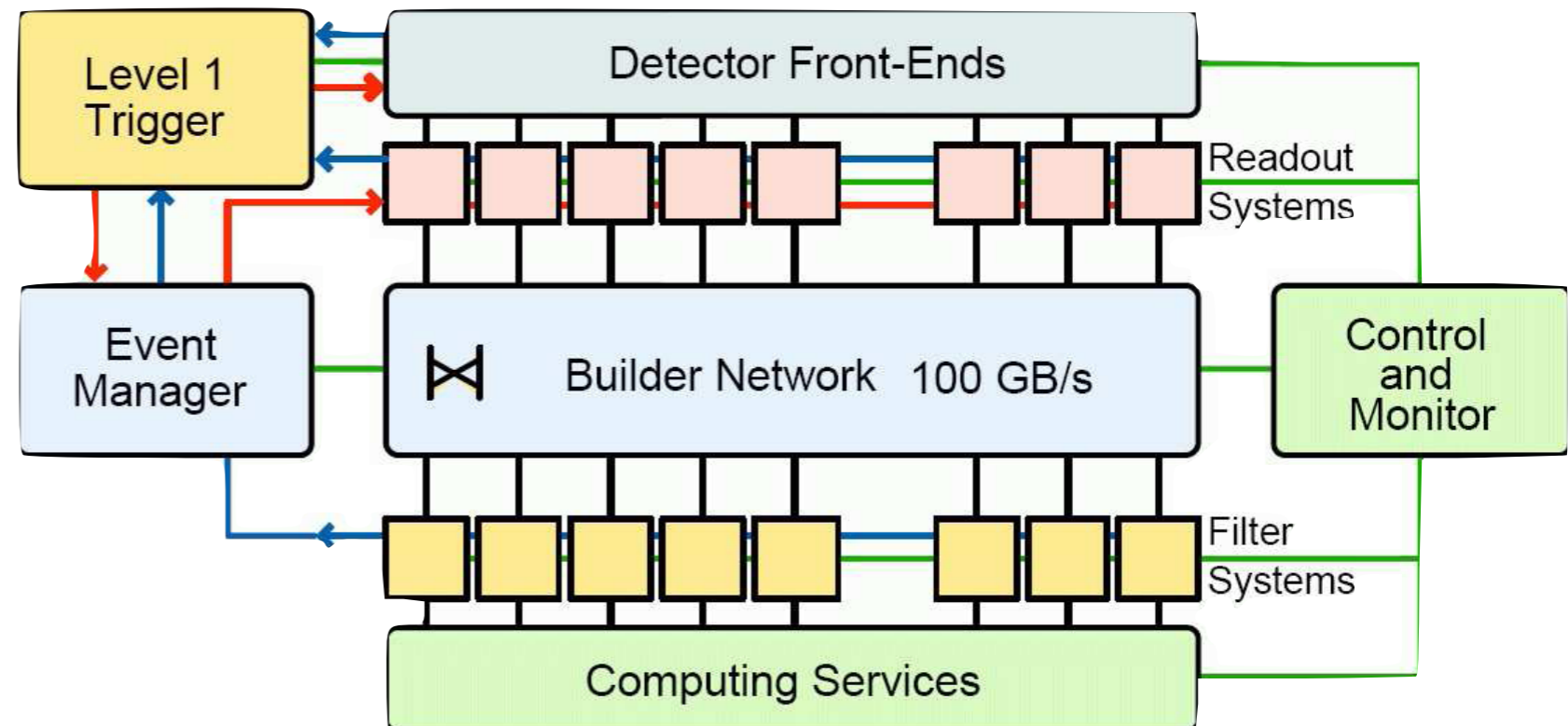
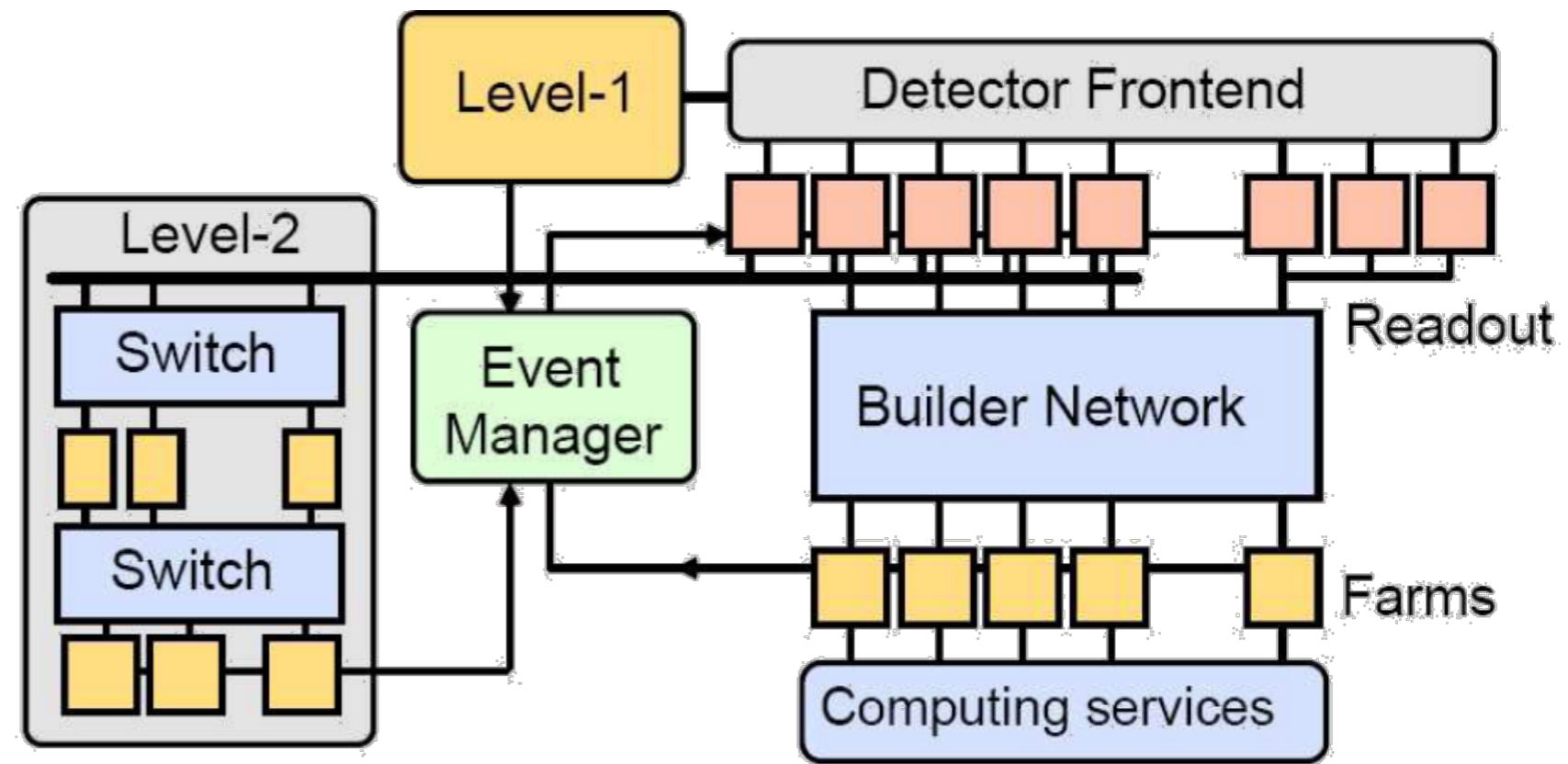
Wesley Smith adds: “I think it’s been proven that we really built it almost optimally. It was a long extrapolation but I think in retrospect it’s a fairly successful design. The higher level triggers worked out quite well, are well designed, and showed the flexibility of the system. In the end, if you look back at the history, we did make the right decisions. Although at the time, as always, it was not clear.”

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Reduce in stages...



Complexity vs. Capacity

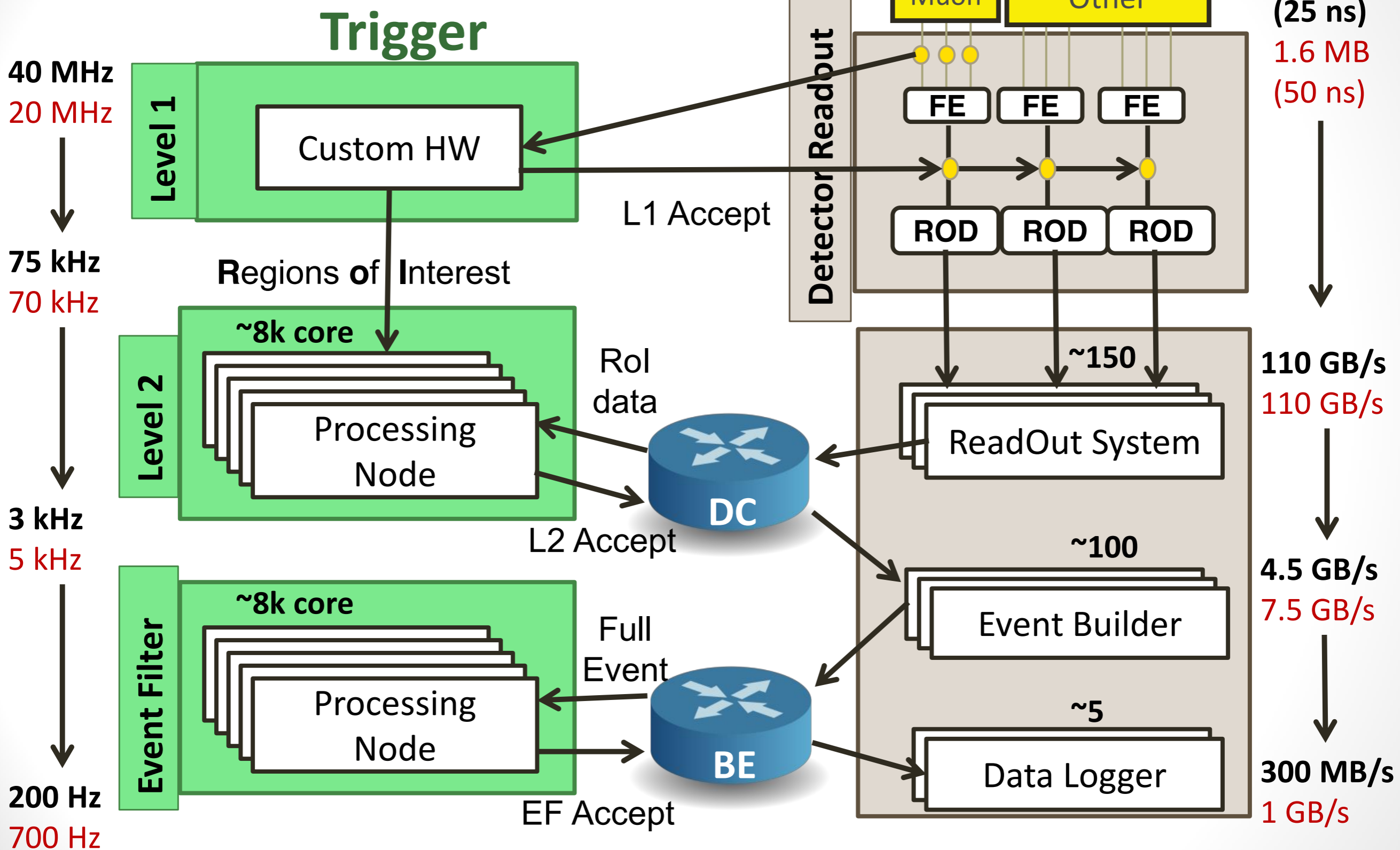


- Send a part, ask a better question; Send everything only if interesting (ATLAS)
- Send everything, ask questions later (ALICE, CMS, LHCb)

Atlas Run 1

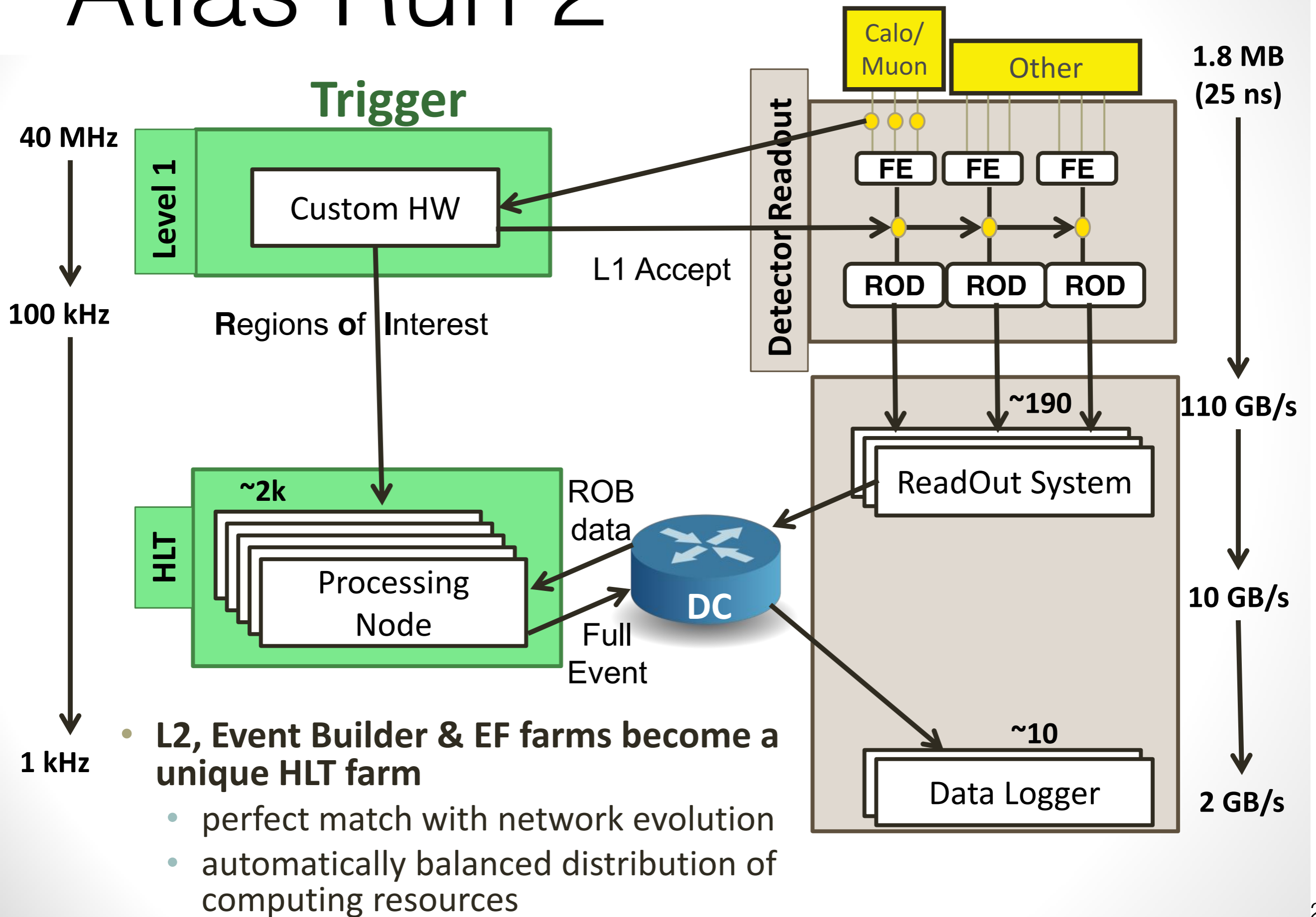
Design
(2012 - avg)

DAQ



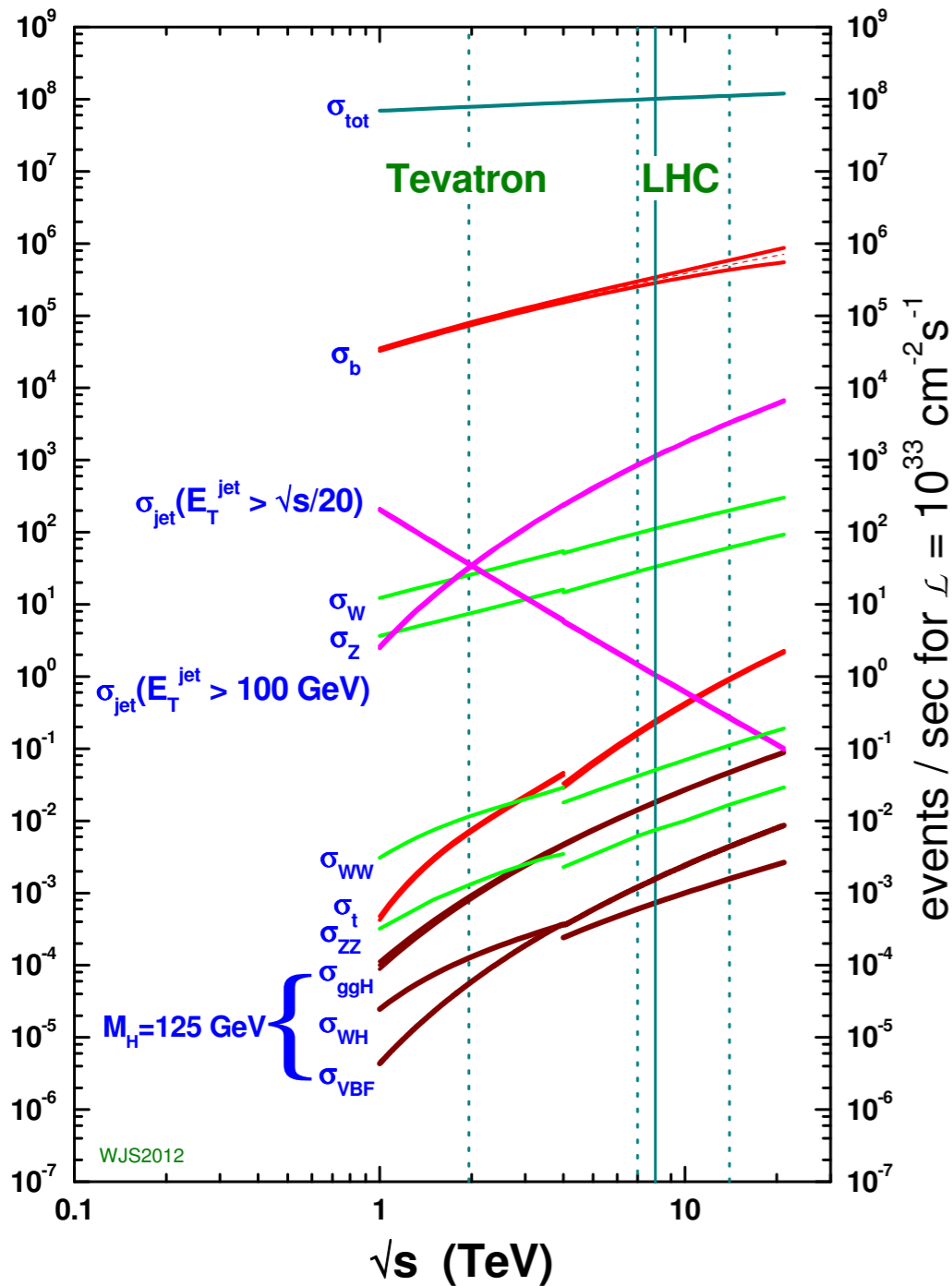
Note: Level 2 (L2) + Event Filter (EF) = High Level Trigger (HLT)

Atlas Run 2

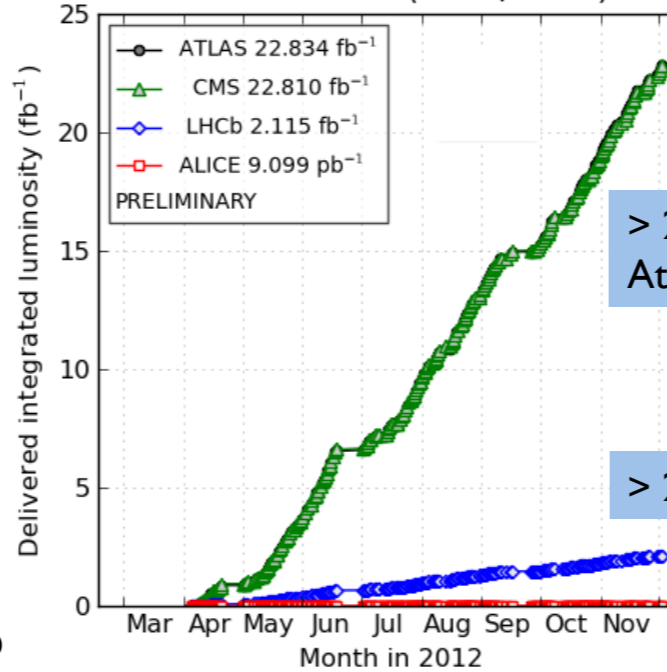


LHCb

proton - (anti)proton cross sections

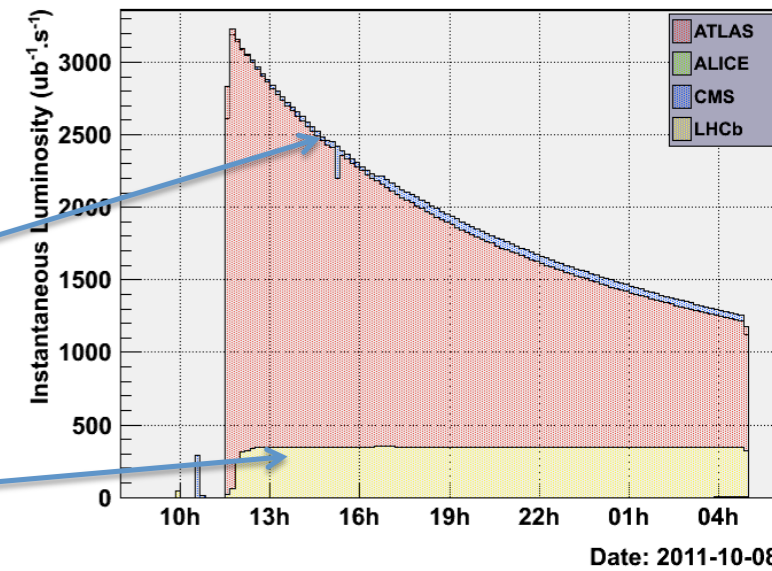


LHC 2012 RUN (4 TeV/beam)



> 22/fb
Atlas, CMS

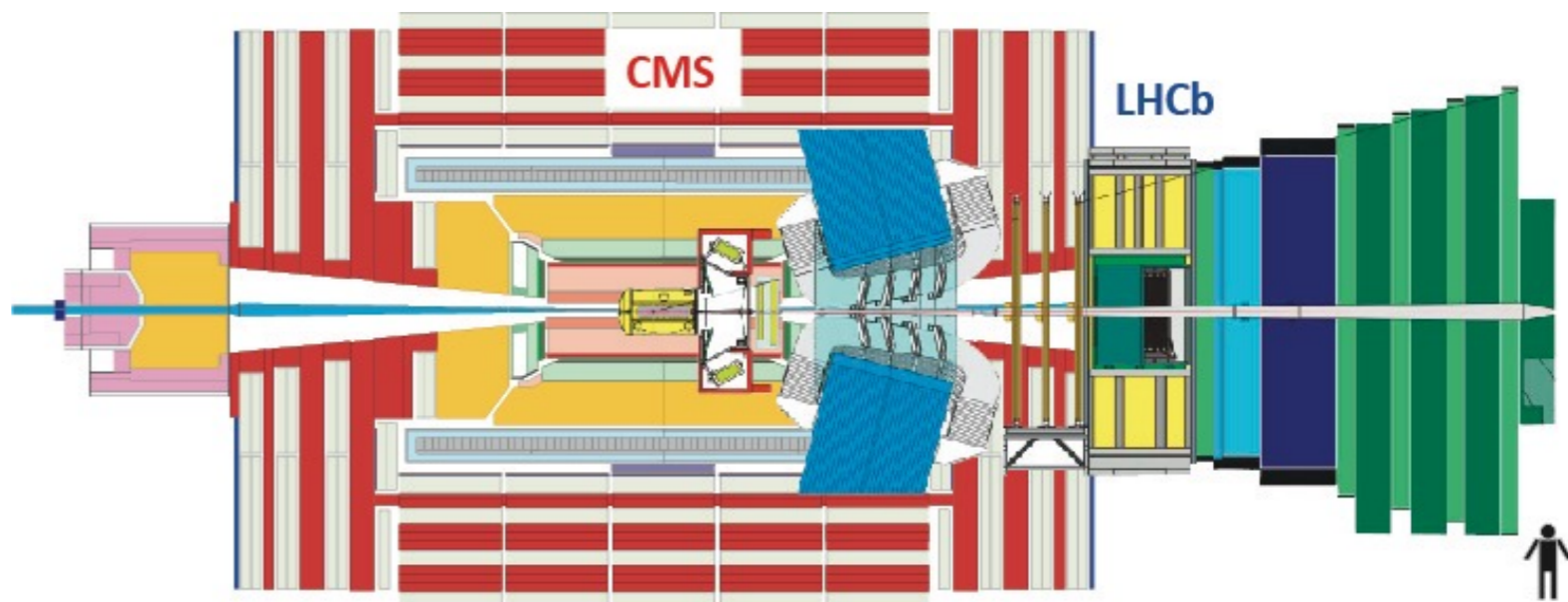
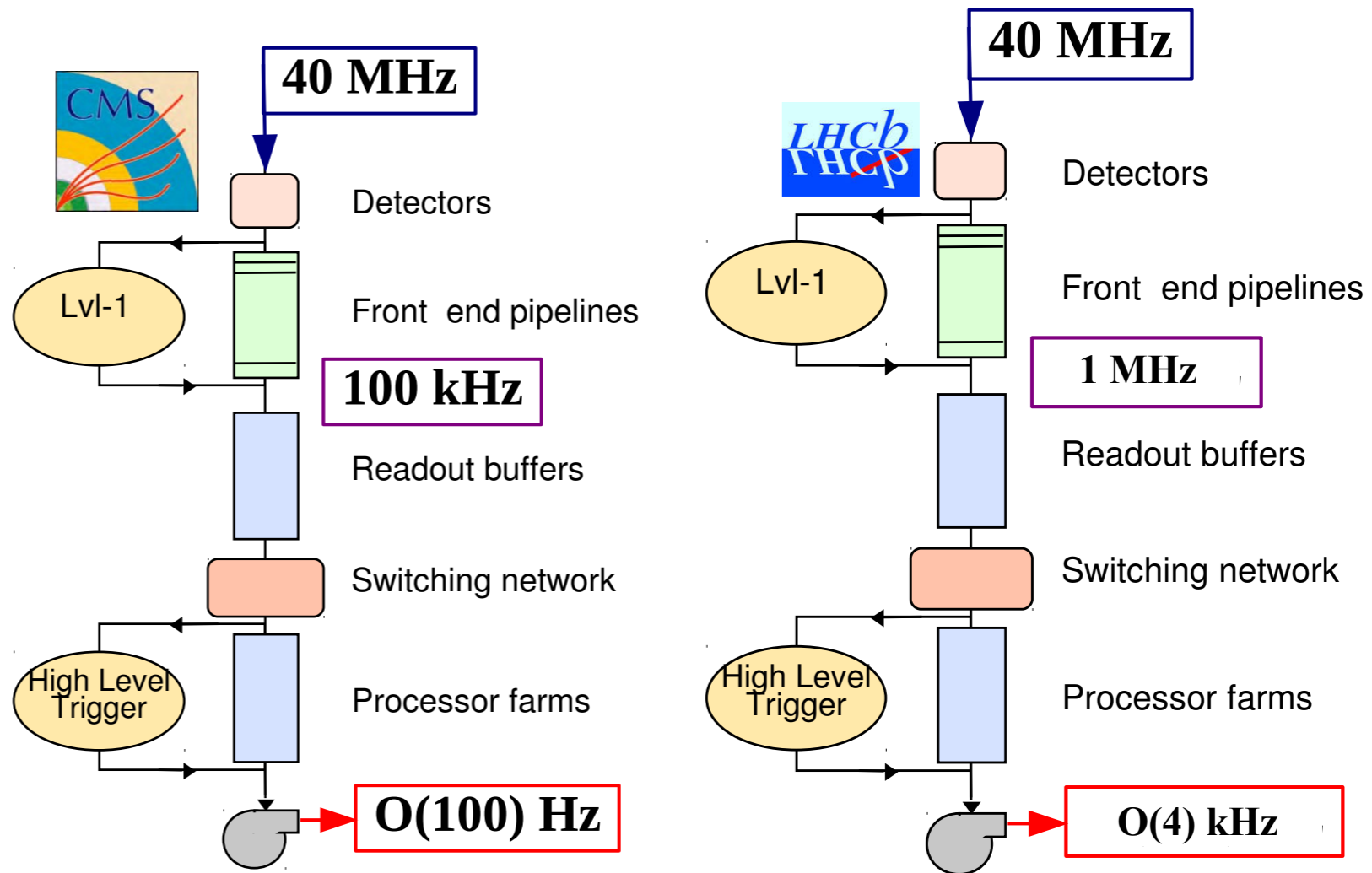
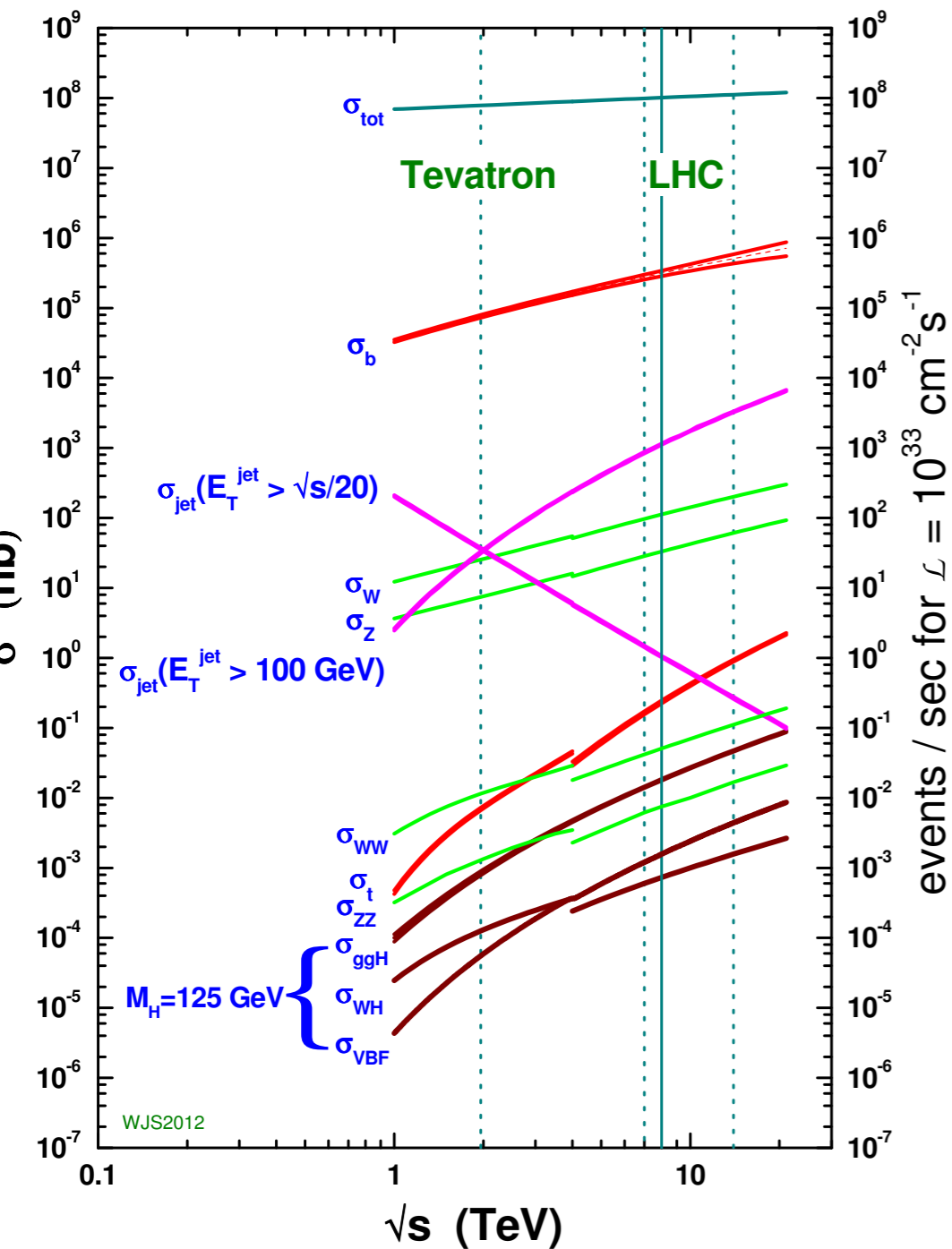
> 2/fb LHCb



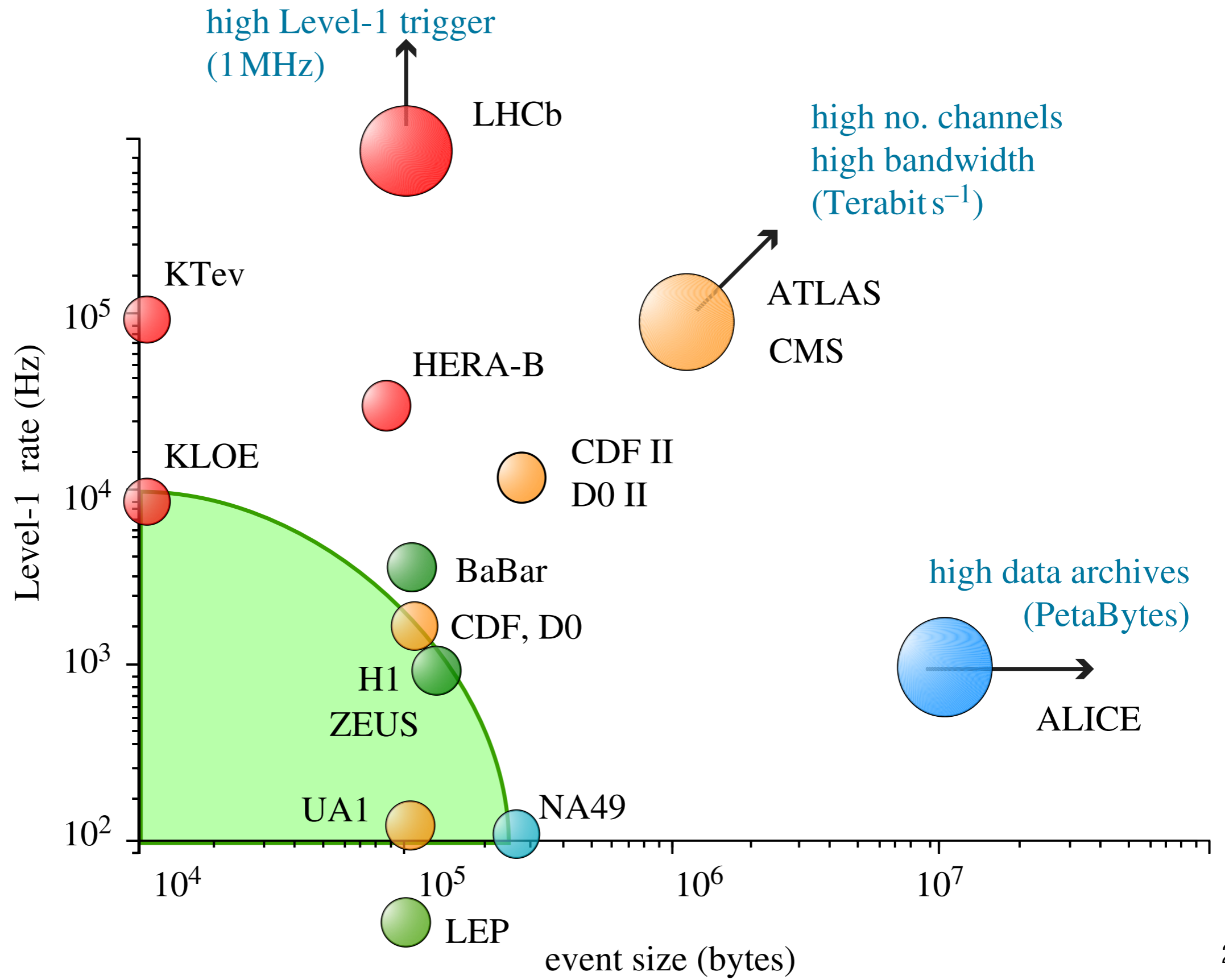
lumi-leveled @ $4 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

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Data Rates

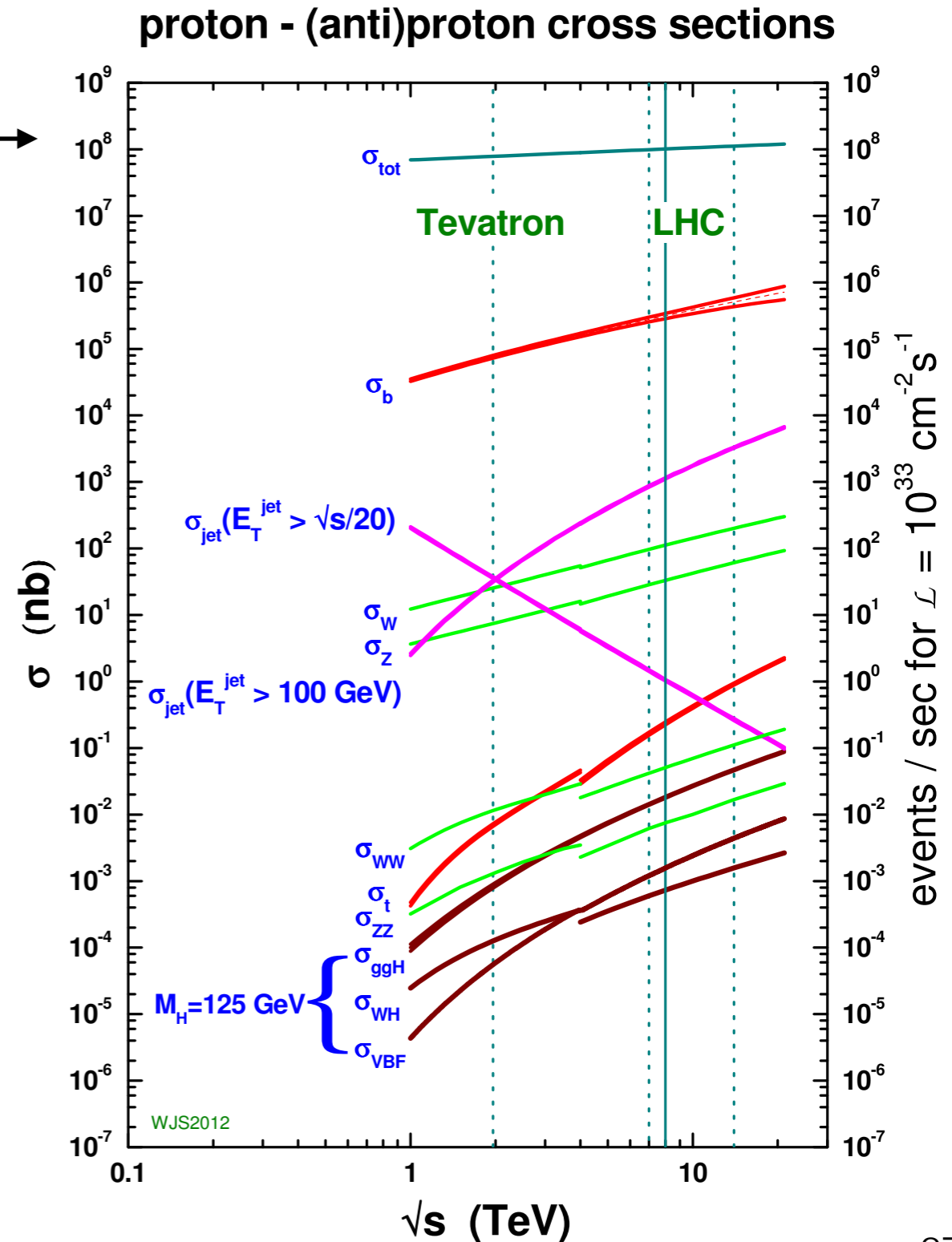


Data Rates

	No.Levels Trigger	Level-0,1,2 Rate (Hz)	Event Size (Byte)	Readout Bandw.(B/s)	HLT Out B/s (Event/s)
ALICE	4	Pb-Pb 500 p-p 1K	50M 2M	25G	1250M(0.1K) 200M (0.1K)
ATLAS	3	LV-1 75K LV-2 3K	1.5M	4.5G	900M (0.6K)
CMS	2	LV-1 75K	1M	100G	1000M (1K)
LHCb	2	LV-0 1000K	0.05M	50G	200M (4K)

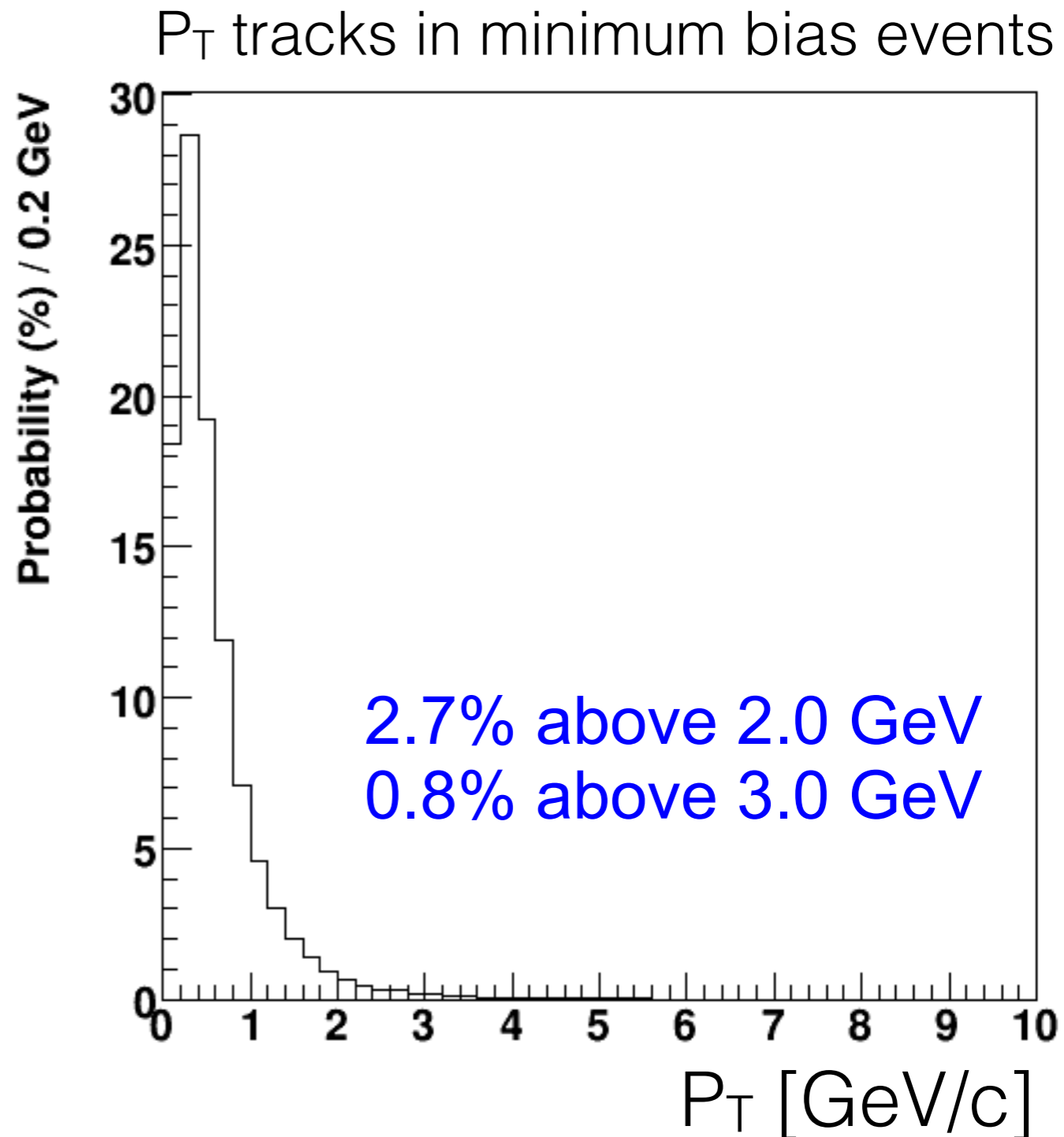
The background...

- So what do those 70 mb of 'uninteresting' minimum bias events look like?



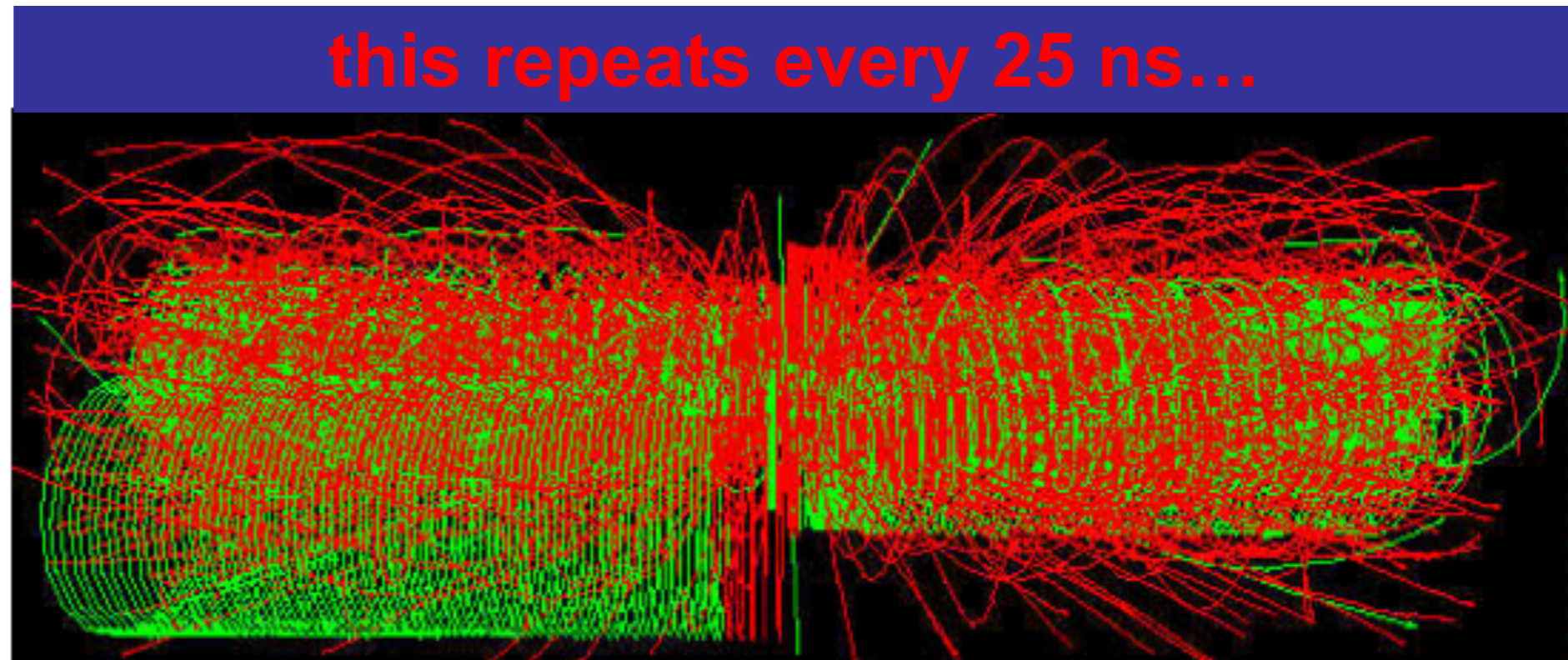
Know Your background

- $\sigma(pp) = 70 \text{ mb}$; @ $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} = 700 \text{ MHz}$
- @ 40 MHz: pileup of $O(20)$
- 1 min bias event @ 14 TeV:
 - 5 charged particles (dominantly pions) per unit rapidity
 - isospin: $\pi^0 : \pi^\pm = 1:2$
- within $|\eta| < 2.5$: 25 π^\pm + 25 photons per min bias
- # tracks $> 3 \text{ GeV}/c$: $0.8\% \times 25 = 0.2$ per min bias event
- @ 20 pileup: ~ 4 min bias tracks with $P_T > 3.0 \text{ GeV}$.



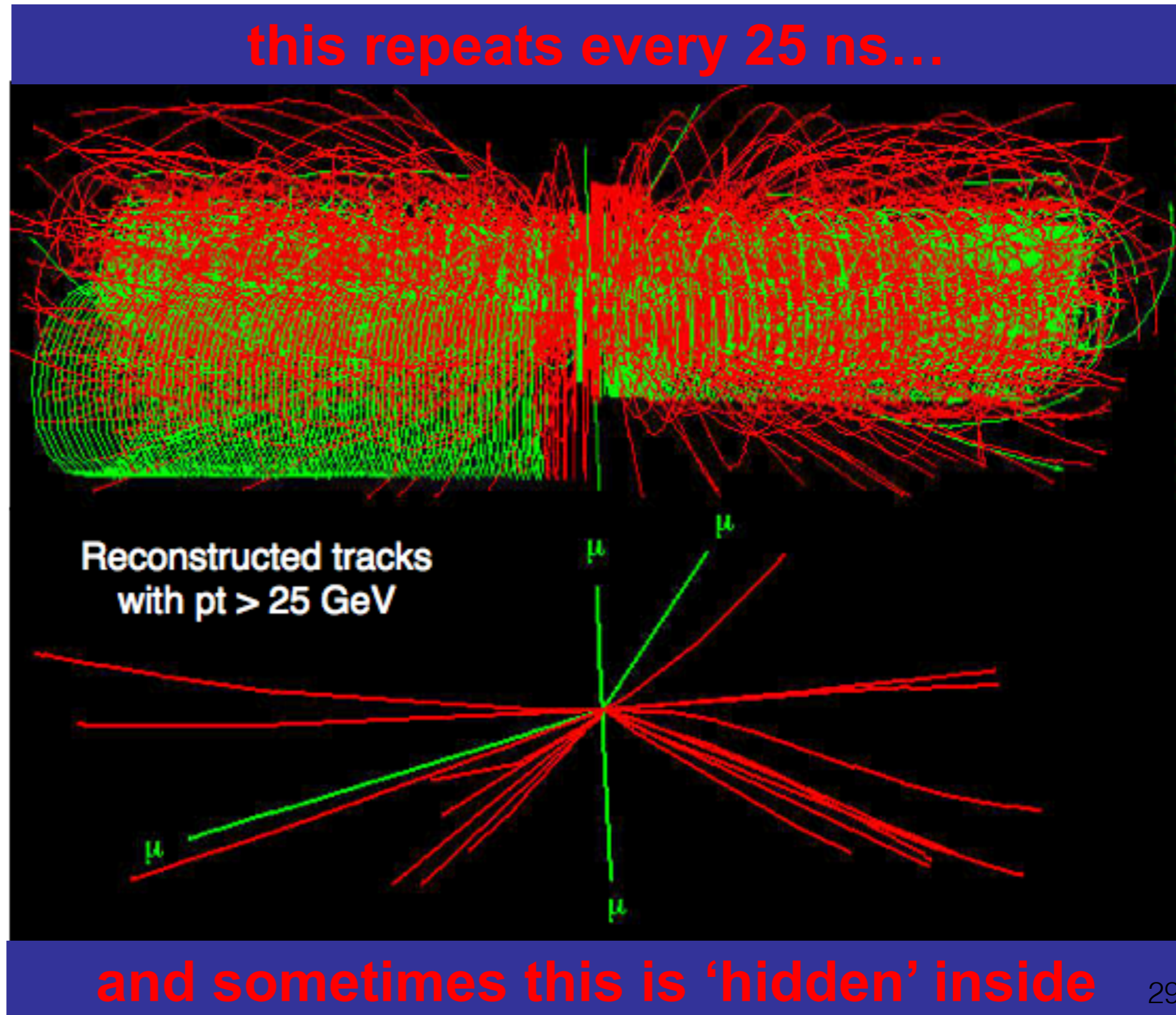
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- $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$

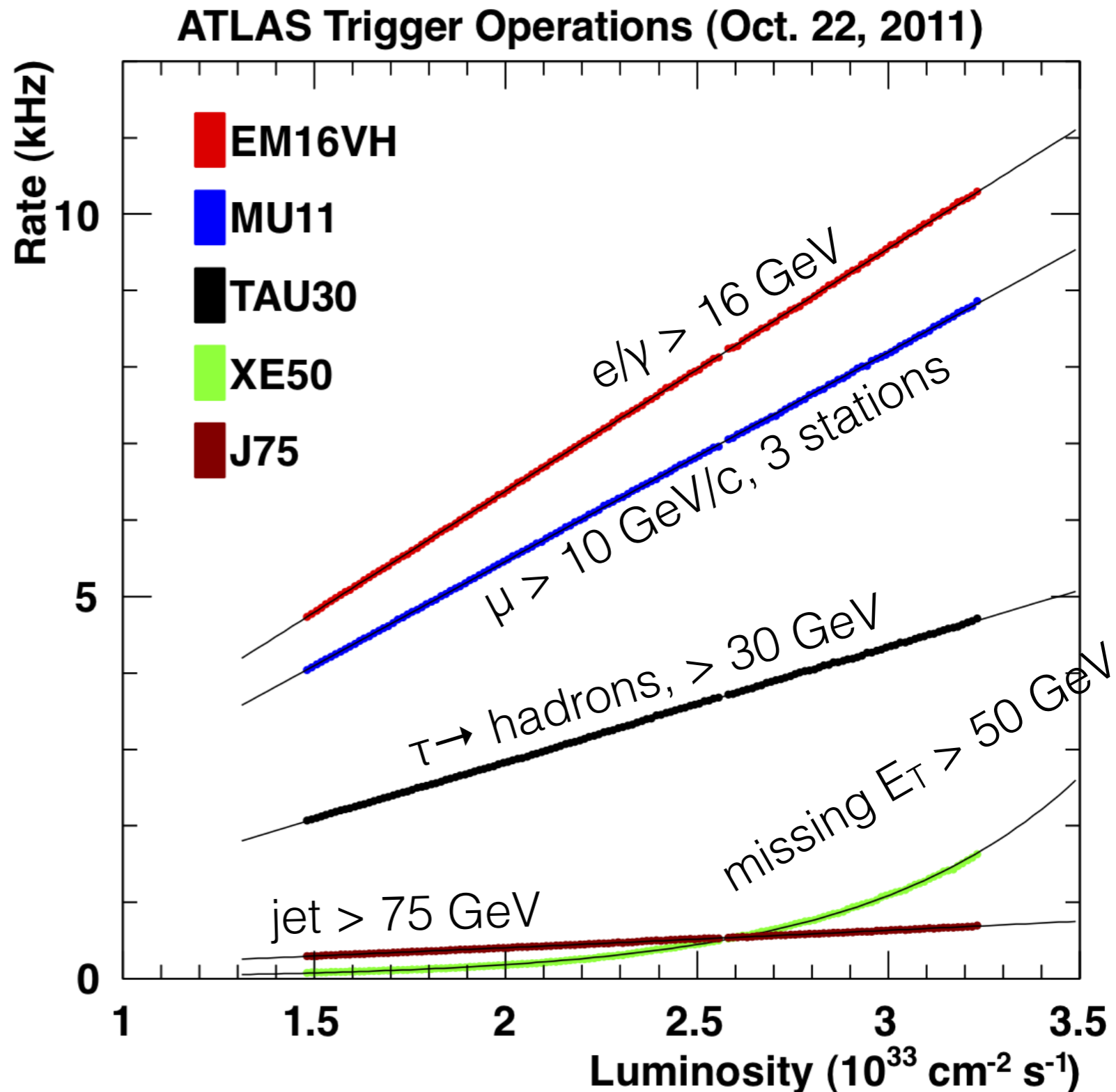


Know your signal

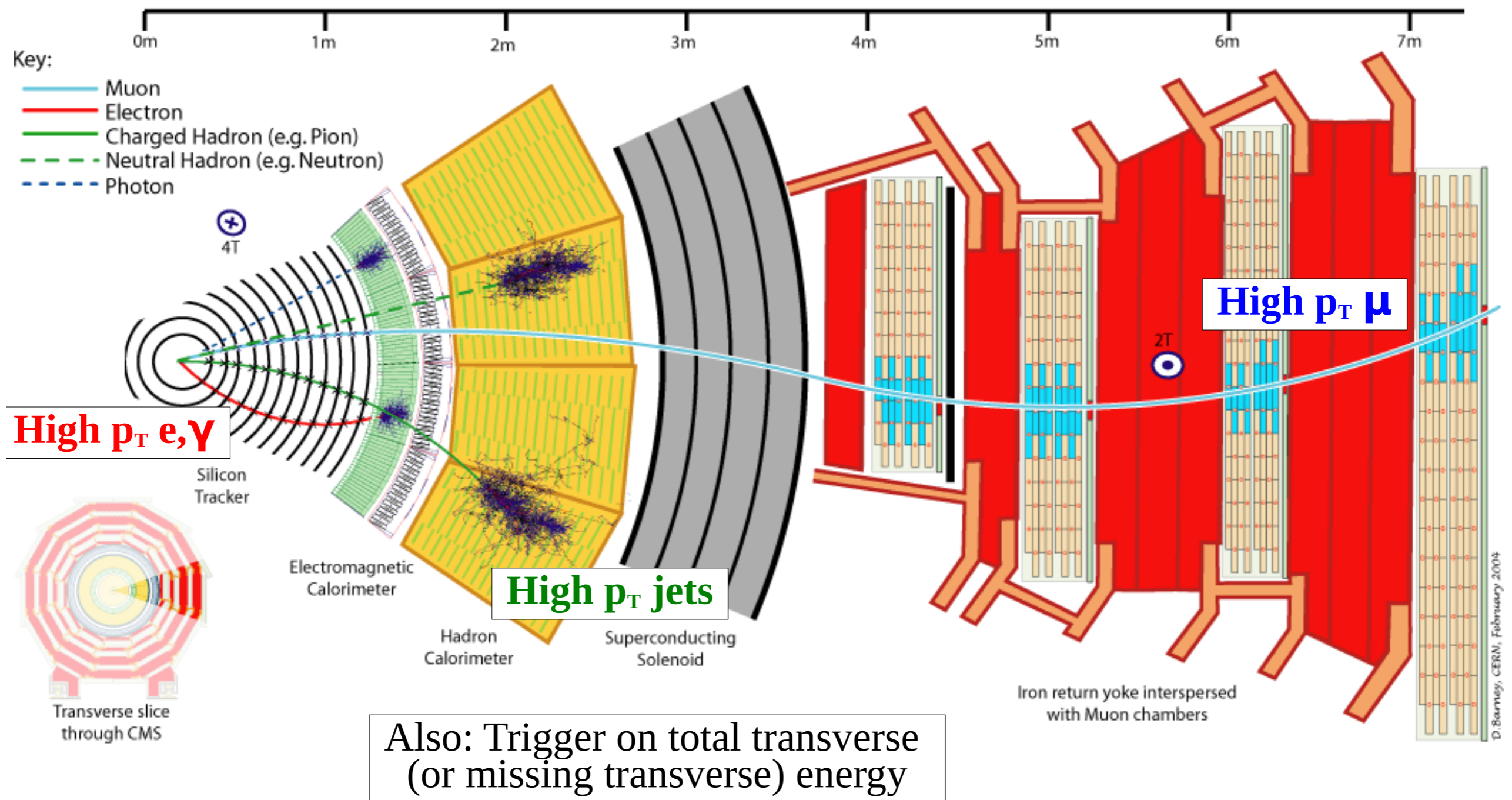
- pp collisions produce typically hadrons with P_T of $O(1)$ GeV/c
- “interesting” physics has leptons & hadrons with “large” p_T :
 - $W \rightarrow e\nu$: $M(W) = 80 \text{ GeV}/c^2$,
 $P_T(e) \sim 30\text{-}40 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: $M(H) = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$;
 $P_T(\gamma) \sim 50\text{-}60 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$: $M(B) = 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$;
 $P_T(\mu) \sim 2 \text{ GeV}/c$

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 - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: $M(H)=125$ GeV/ c^2 ; $P_T(\gamma) \sim 50\text{-}60$ GeV/c
- impose high P_T requirement on identified electrons, muons, “jets” ...
- beyond that: more complicated algorithms (eg. missing E_T) & coincidences

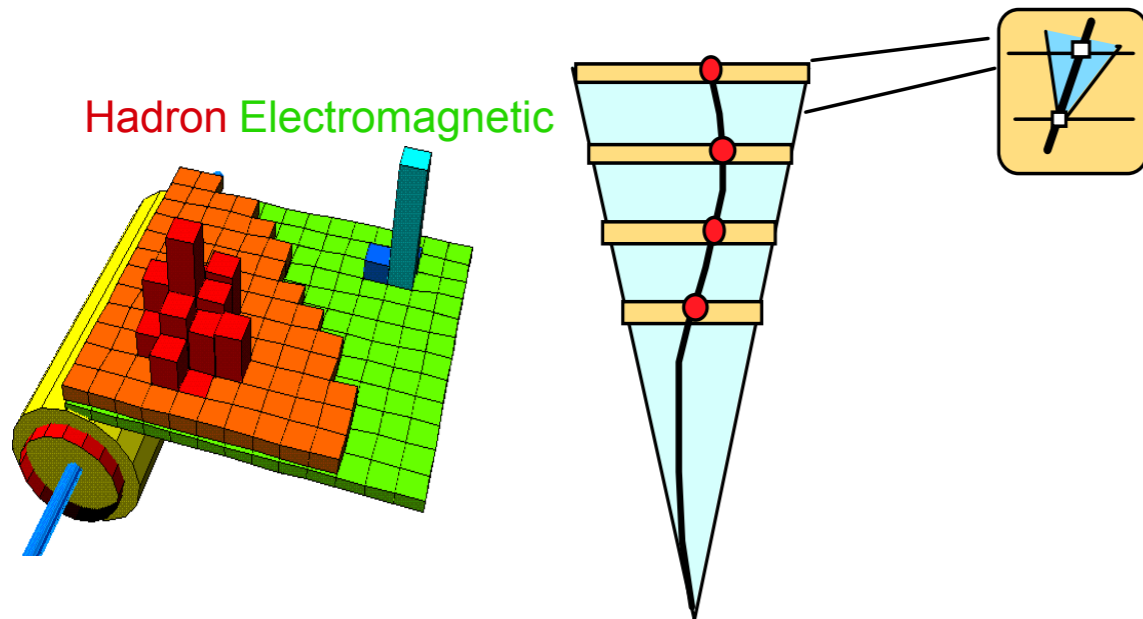


Identified High P_T objects



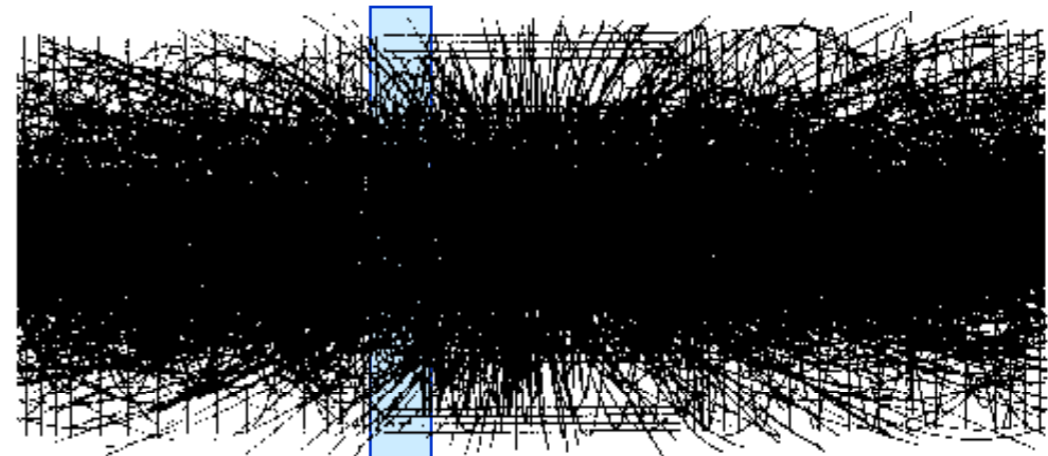
To track or not to track?

- **Pattern recognition much faster/easier**

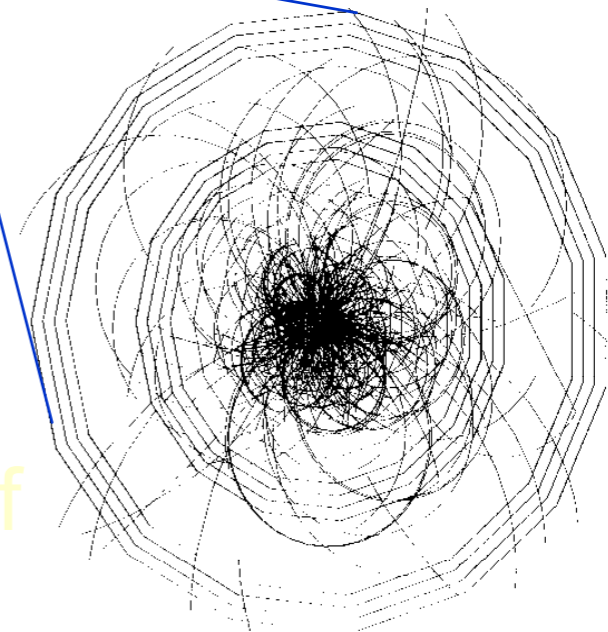


- **Simple algorithms**
- **Small amounts of data**
- **Local decisions**

- **Compare to tracker info**

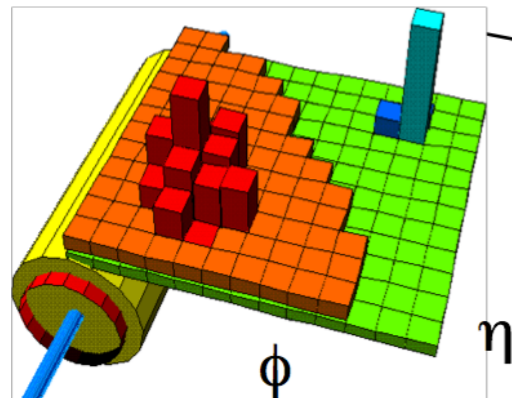


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- **Huge amounts of data**
- **Need to link sub-detectors**



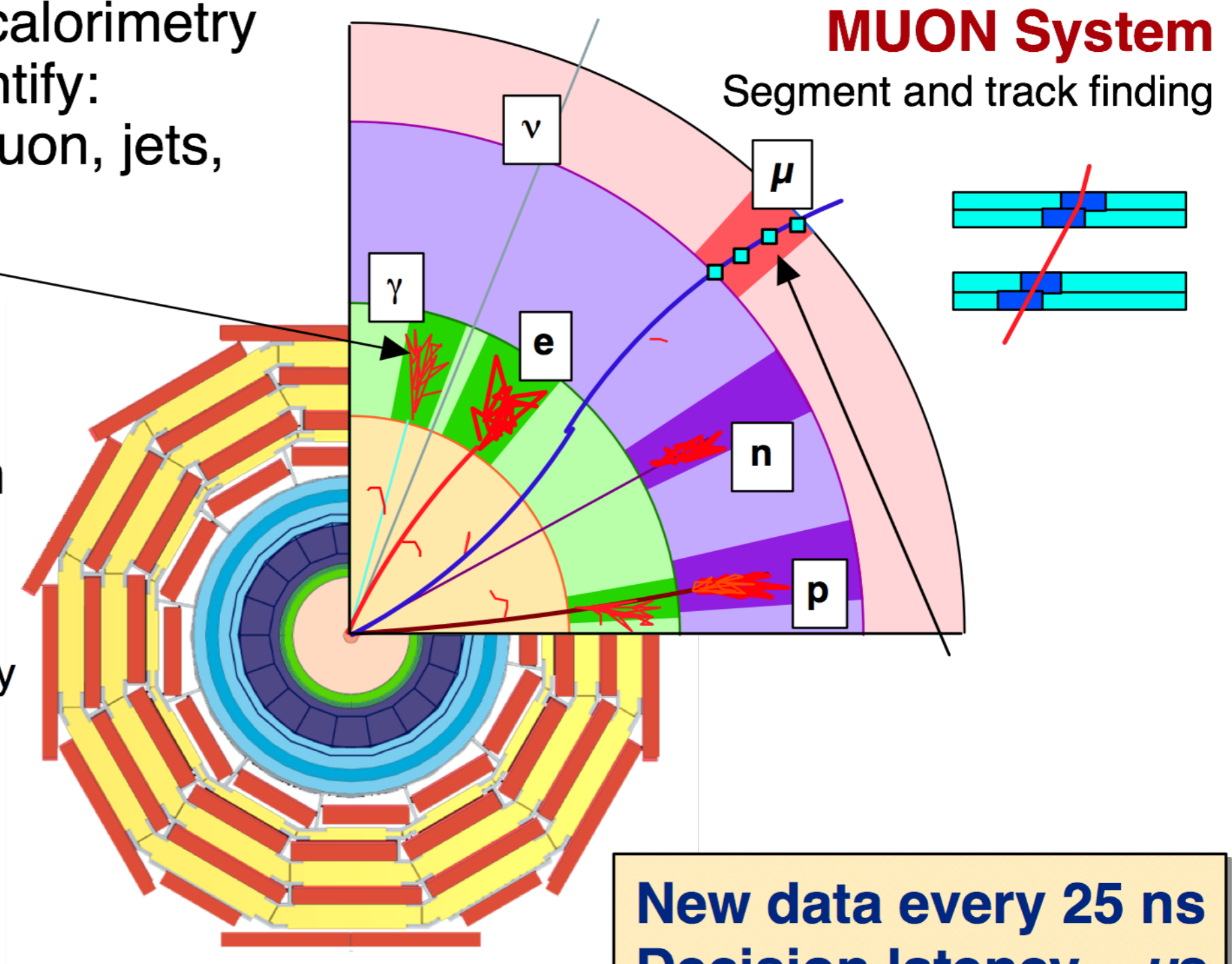
Keep it local...

Use prompt data (calorimetry and muons) to identify:
High p_t electron, muon, jets,
missing E_T



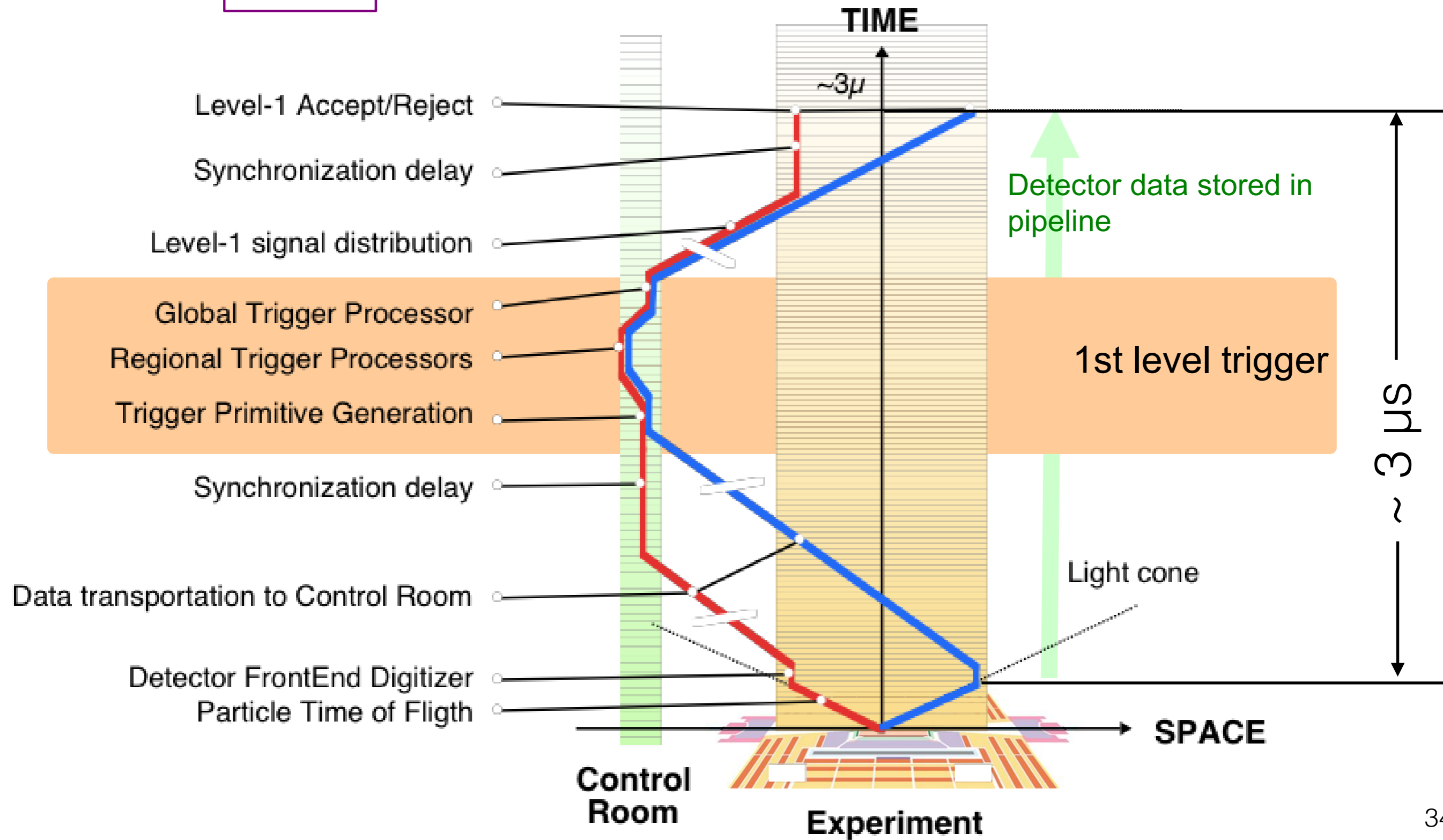
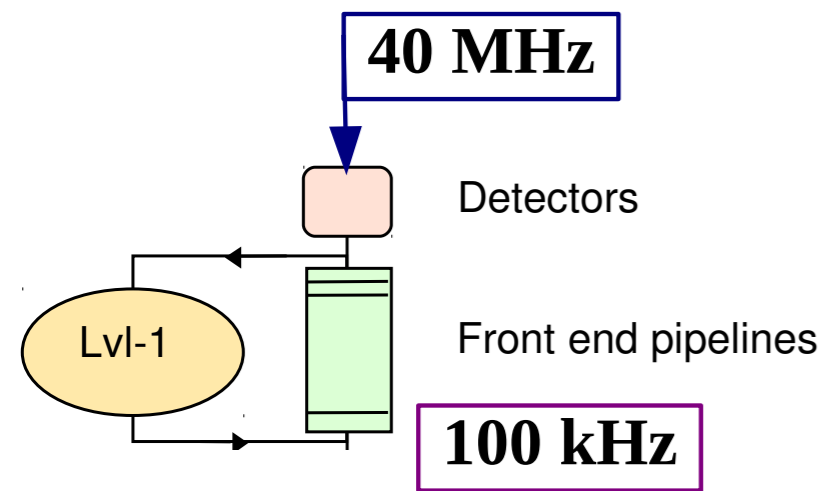
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Cluster finding and energy deposition evaluation

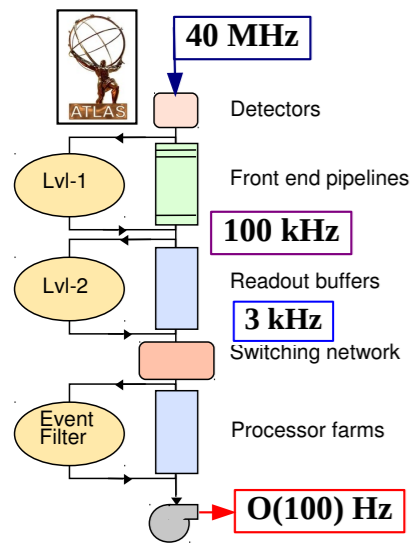


New data every 25 ns
Decision latency $\sim \mu\text{s}$

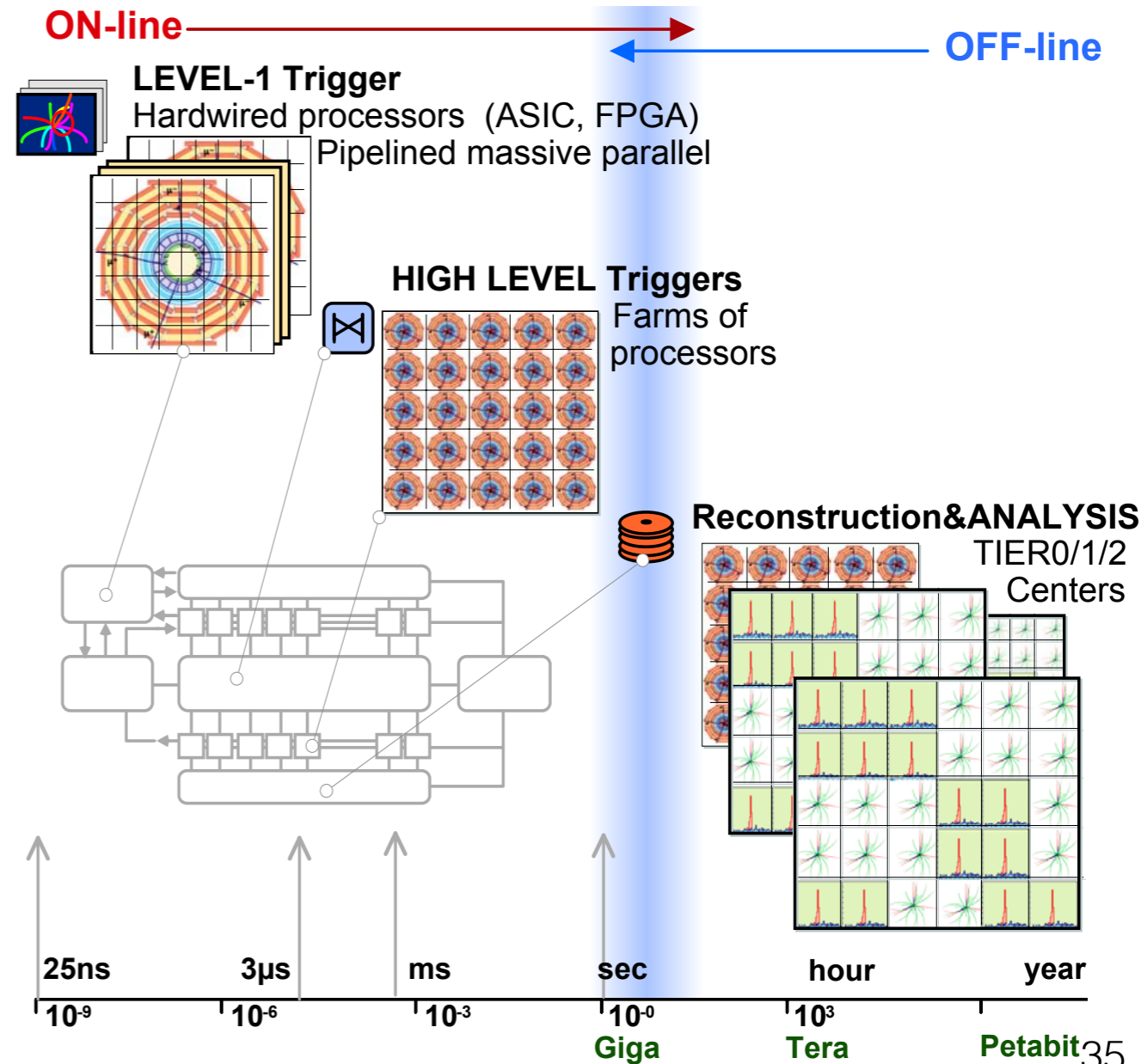
From local objects to global decisions

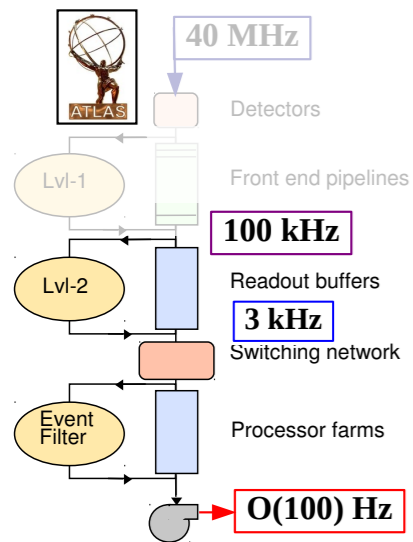


Life After L1



- Where are we:
 - Atlas / CMS: 75 - 100 kHz; event size 1 - 2 MB
 - LHCb: 1 MHz; event size 60 KB
 - Alice: O(kHz) & O(GB)
- Ideally: run 'full-blown' reconstruction and selection
 - this takes O(s) / event → your Intel sales rep will be extremely happy to sell you 0.1M-1M CPUs
- Reality: "staged" reconstruction and selection
 - start by looking at part of the event data
 - Atlas: region of interest from L1: < 40 ms / event, reduce by factor ~30
 - LHCb: 1st stage HLT partial tracking: < 10 ms / event, reduce by factor ~15
- Then do the "expensive" parts





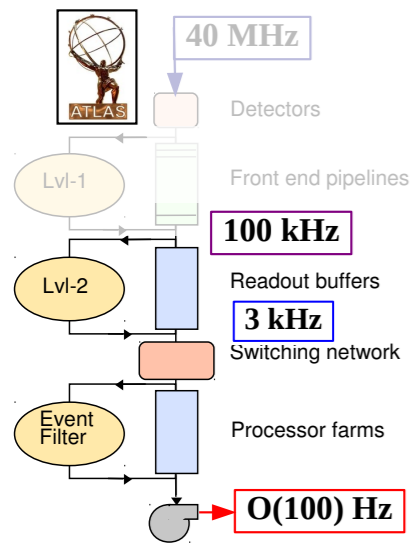
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- LHCb: 29K CPU cores (run 1)
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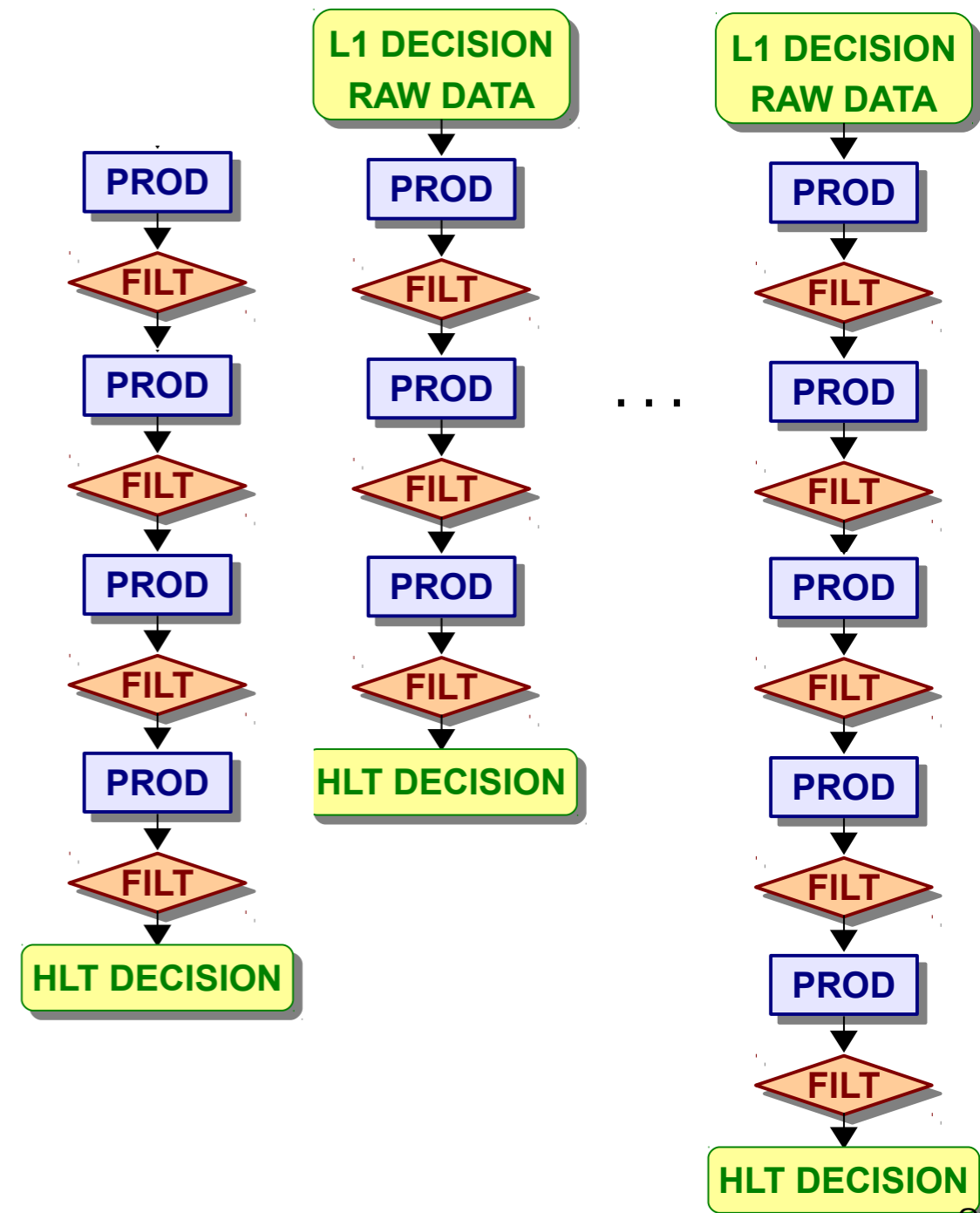


And that, in simple terms, is what we do in the High Level Trigger

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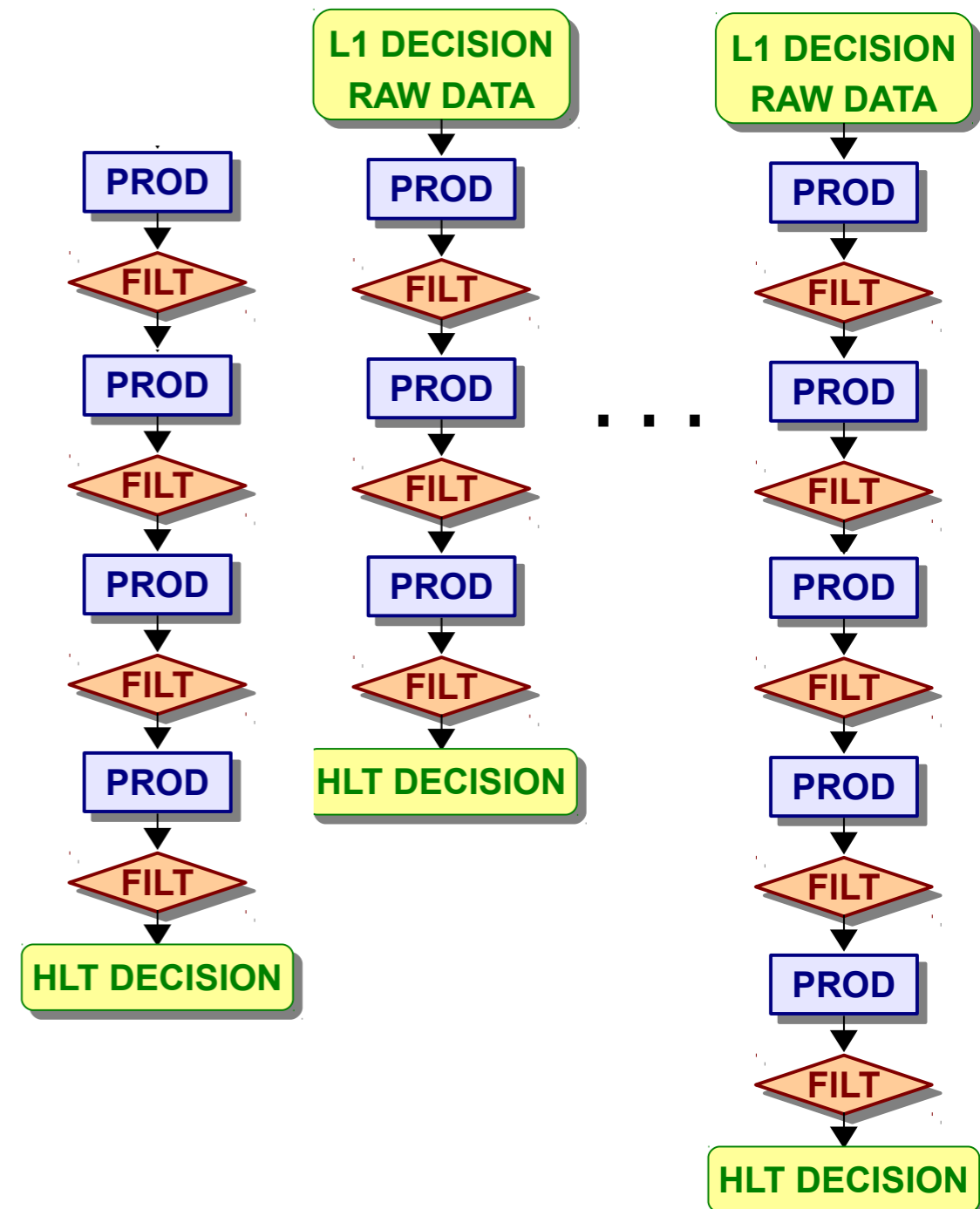


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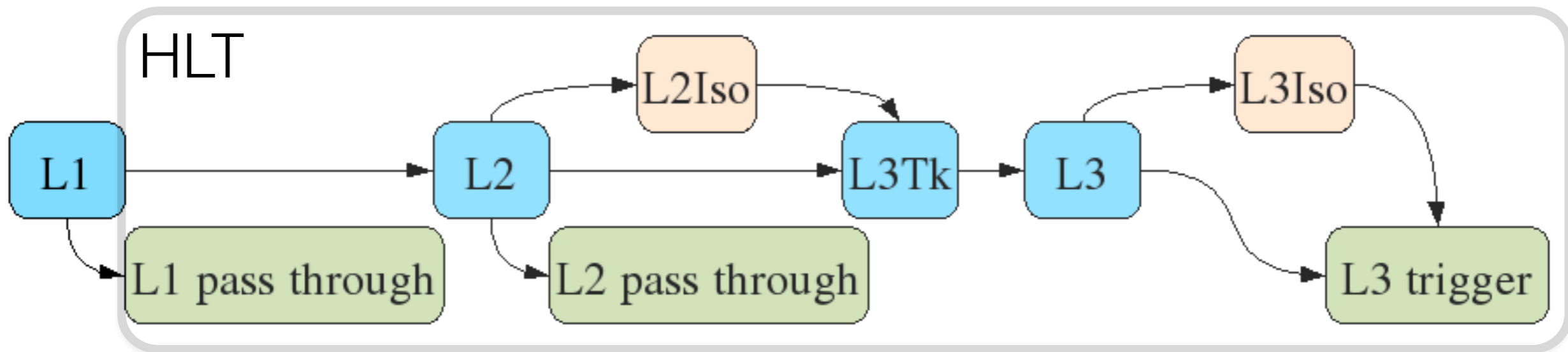
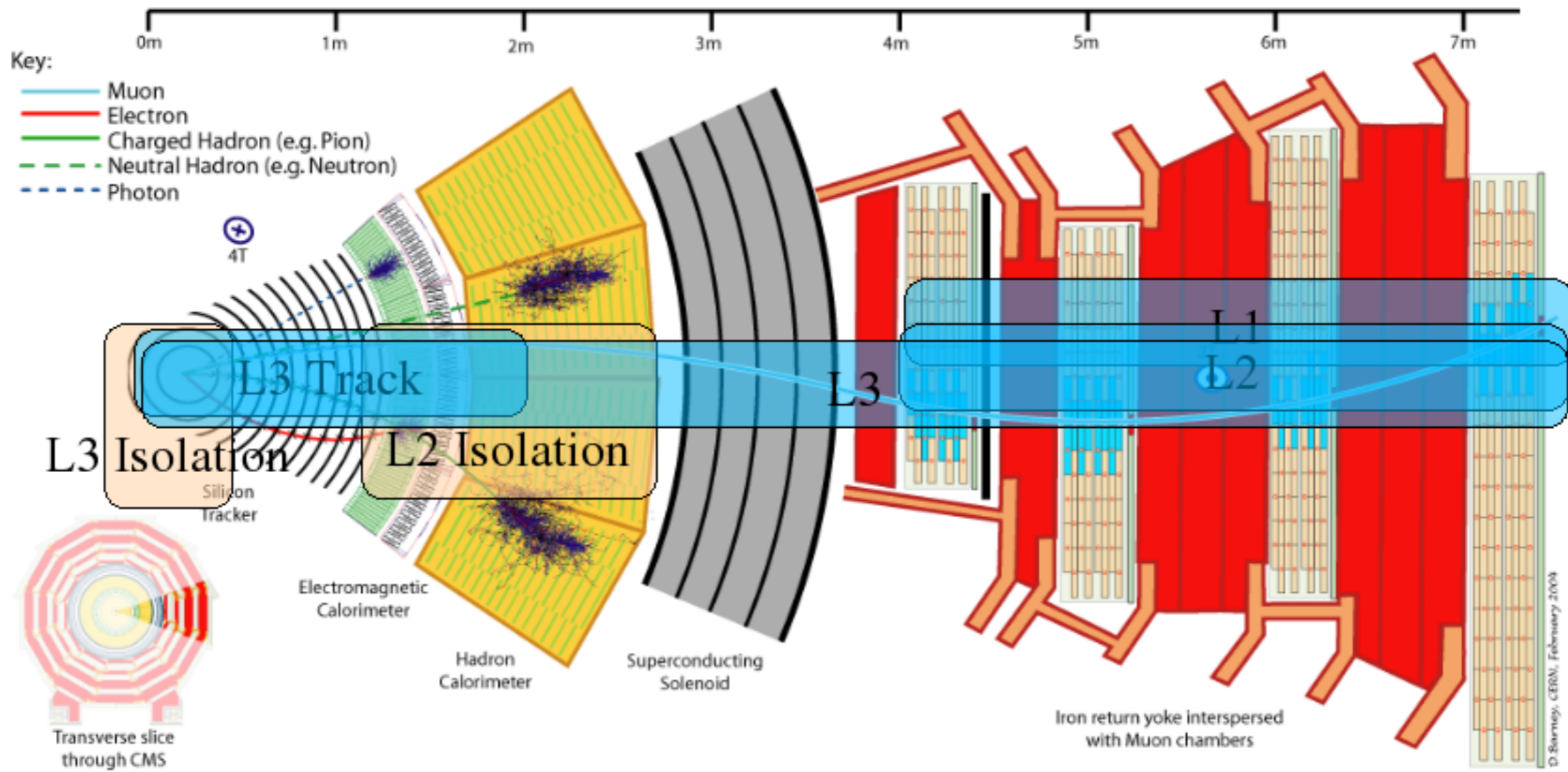


HLT “paths”/“chains”/“lines”

- HLT accept is an ‘OR’ of 100-1000 different decisions...
- paths are (logically) independent
- but may share common parts
- each path is typically alternates reconstruction & filtering
 - typically do ‘fast’/‘easy’ things first
 - can use the L1 information as a ‘seed’
- remember: most events are rejected
 - “early accept” is not only a bad idea, it doesn’t help either...
 - early abort, within a path is a good idea

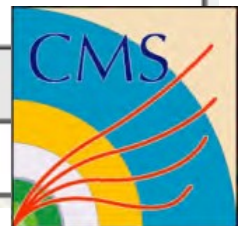


CMS HLT Muon Workflow



Trigger “menus”

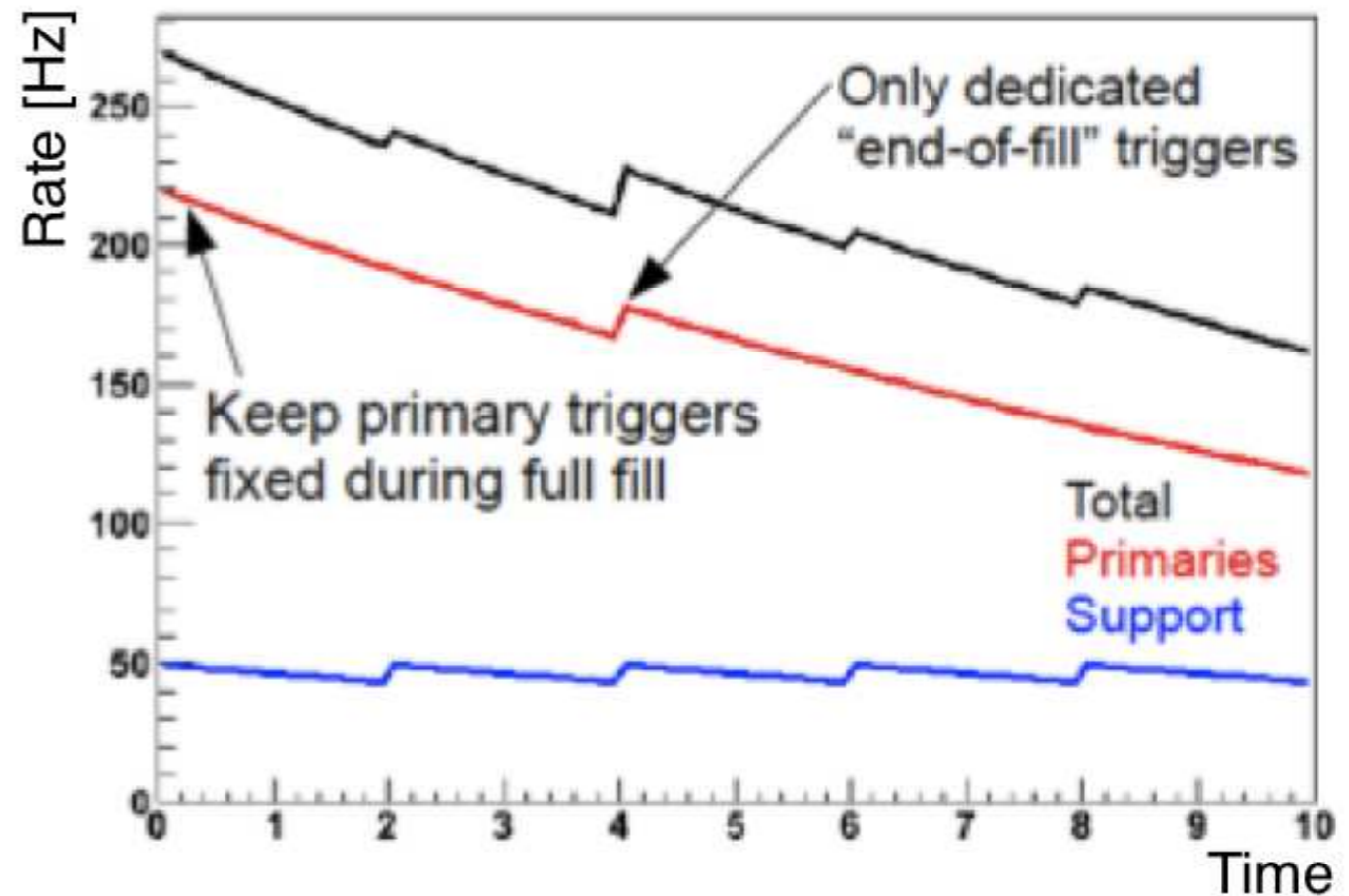
(Unprescaled) Object	Trigger Threshold (GeV)	Rate (Hz)	Physics
Single Muon	40	21	Searches
Single Isolated muon	24	43	Standard Model
Double muon	(17, 8) [13, 8 for parked data]	20 [30]	Standard Model / Higgs
Single Electron	80	8	Searches
Single Isolated Electron	27	59	Standard Model
Double Electron	(17, 8)	8	Standard Model / Higgs
Single Photon	150	5	Searches
Double Photon	(36, 22)	7	Higgs
Muon + Ele x-trigger	(17, 8), (5, 5, 8), (8, 8, 8)	3	Standard Model / Higgs
Single PFJet	320	9	Standard Model
QuadJet	80 [50 for parked data]	8[100]	Standard Model / Searches
Six Jet	(6 x 45), (4 x 60, 2 x 20)	3	Searches
MET	120	4	Searches
HT	750	6	Searches



Object breakdown for LHC Run 1 instantaneous luminosities of (nearly $7 \times 10^{33} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ at the start of a fill)

Menu details

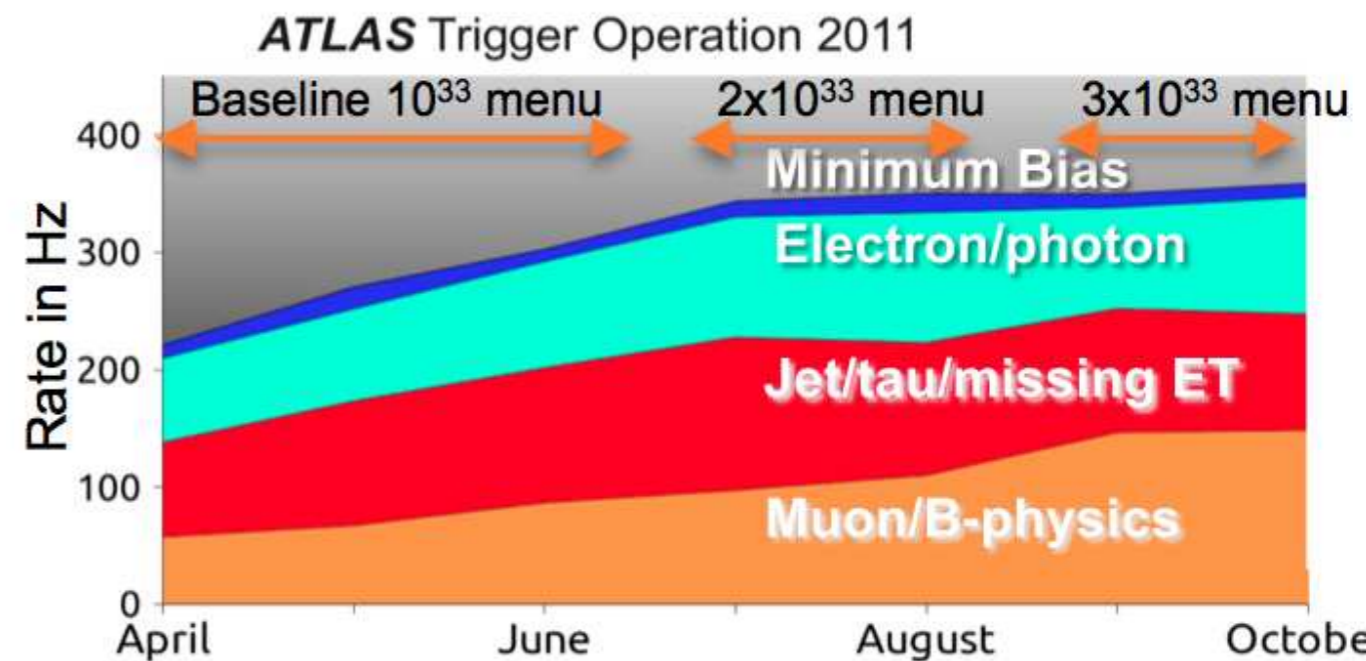
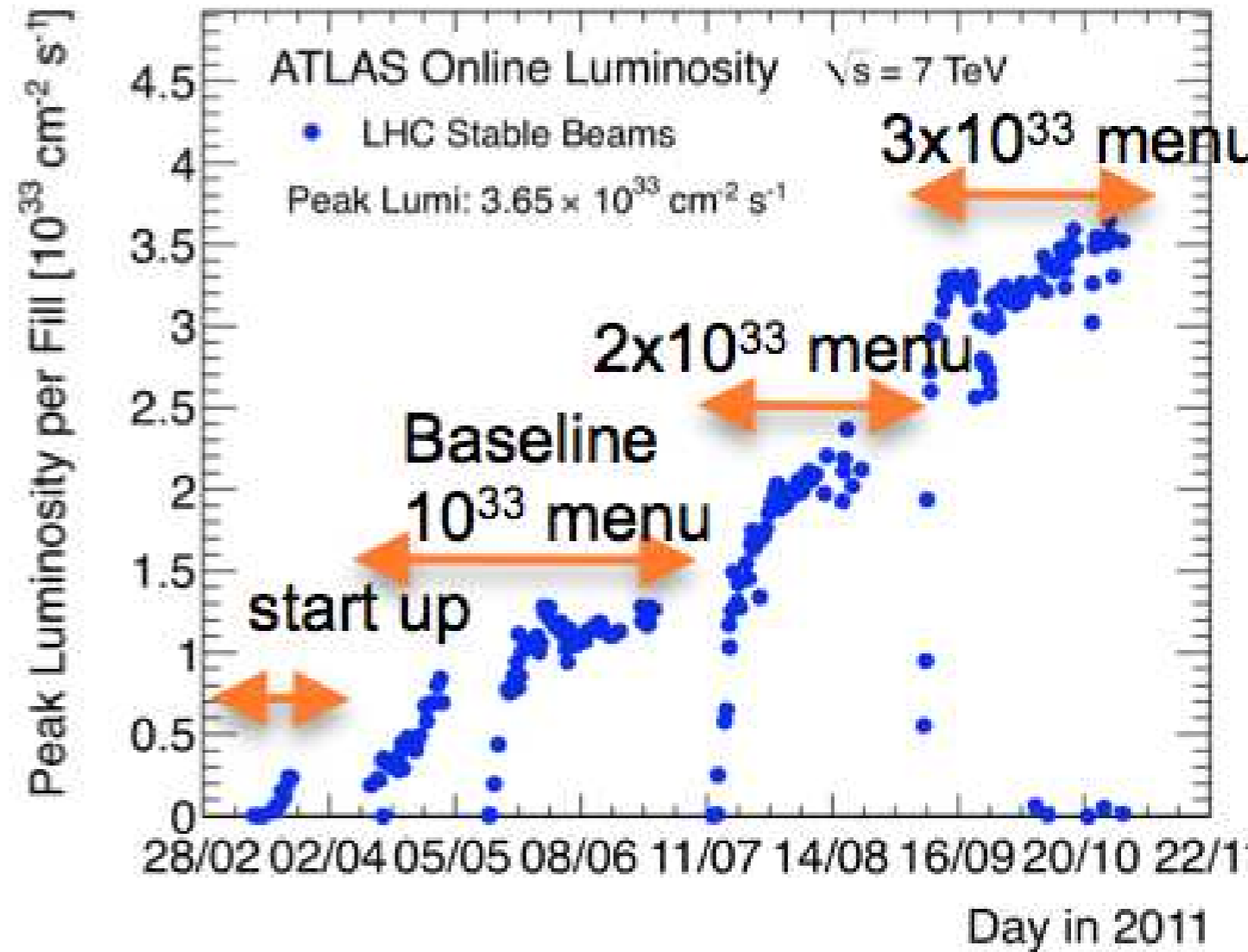
- Primary chains:
 - main source of signal
- Backup chains:
 - increased threshold — in case of ‘trouble’ (malfunction, or increased luminosity ;-)
- As luminosity decays, capacity can be used — add additional chains
 - eg. lower threshold of primary chains supporting chains
- monitoring chains:
 - used for eg. data-quality
- supporting chains:
 - extract eg. trigger efficiencies, background control regions, ...



Rates changed by ‘prescale’ sets

Menu 'evolution'

- Output bandwidth is a finite, shared resource
- How to decide what gets how much?
- Depends on the 'physics goals' of the experiment...



Interaction with Analysis

analysis preparation:

- setup/ optimize a trigger for your physics signal
 - define a trigger strategy (based on the available resources)
 - convert to trigger chain (already existing?)
 - determine rates and efficiencies from MC
- define a monitoring strategy
 - define trigger chain to be used for monitoring of your physics trigger (**efficiency from data**)
 - rates of the monitoring trigger (pre-scales?)
- integrate this in the overall trigger menu (done by Trigger Menu Coordination for online running)

threshold?
more exclusive?
pre-scaling?
more conditions?

not OK

OK

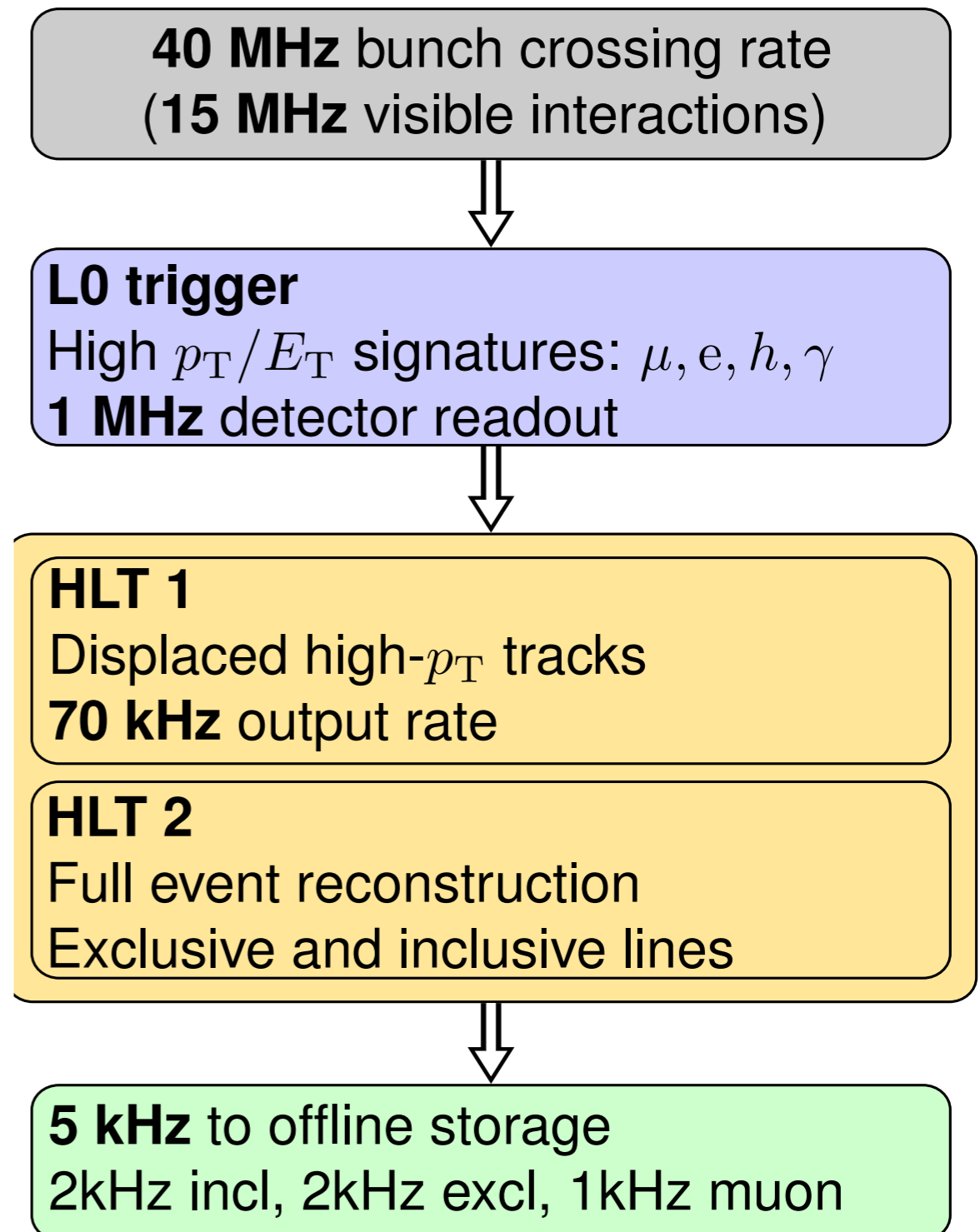
- use the trigger online (take data)
- monitor trigger quality
- determine trigger eff. (from data)
- correct your measurement

LHCb: 2011-2012 trigger

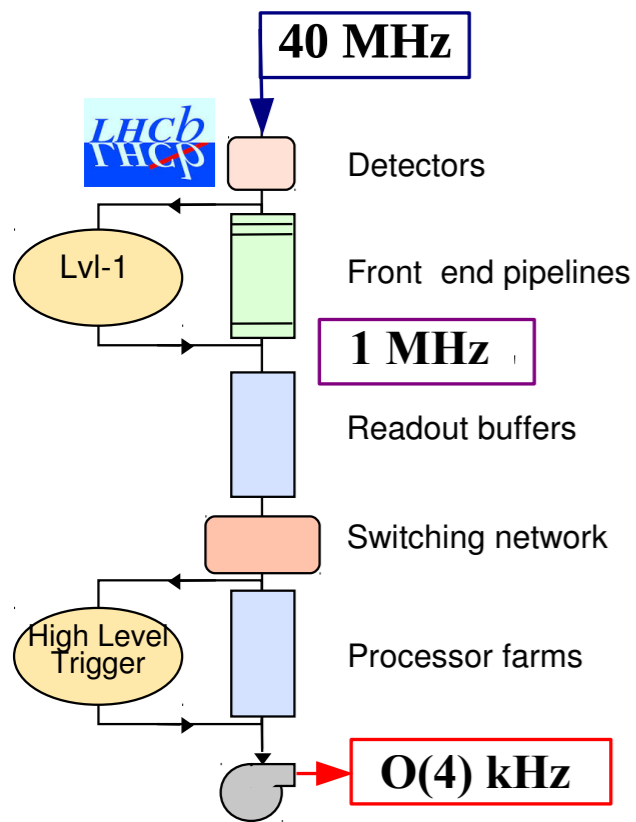
Three stage architecture:

- Level 0 (L0) — near detector hardware, fixed 4 μ s latency
- Higher Level Trigger (HLT1 and HLT2) — software running on 29,000 cores

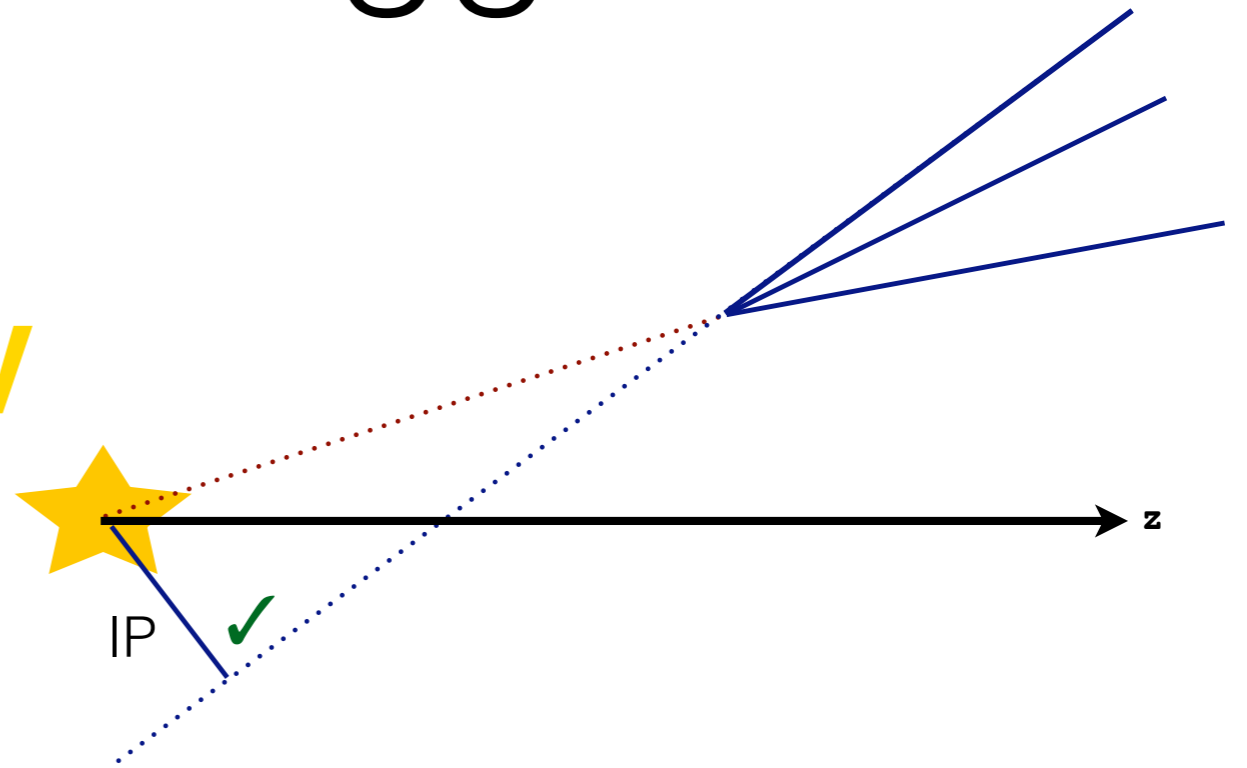
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LHCb: Inclusive B triggers



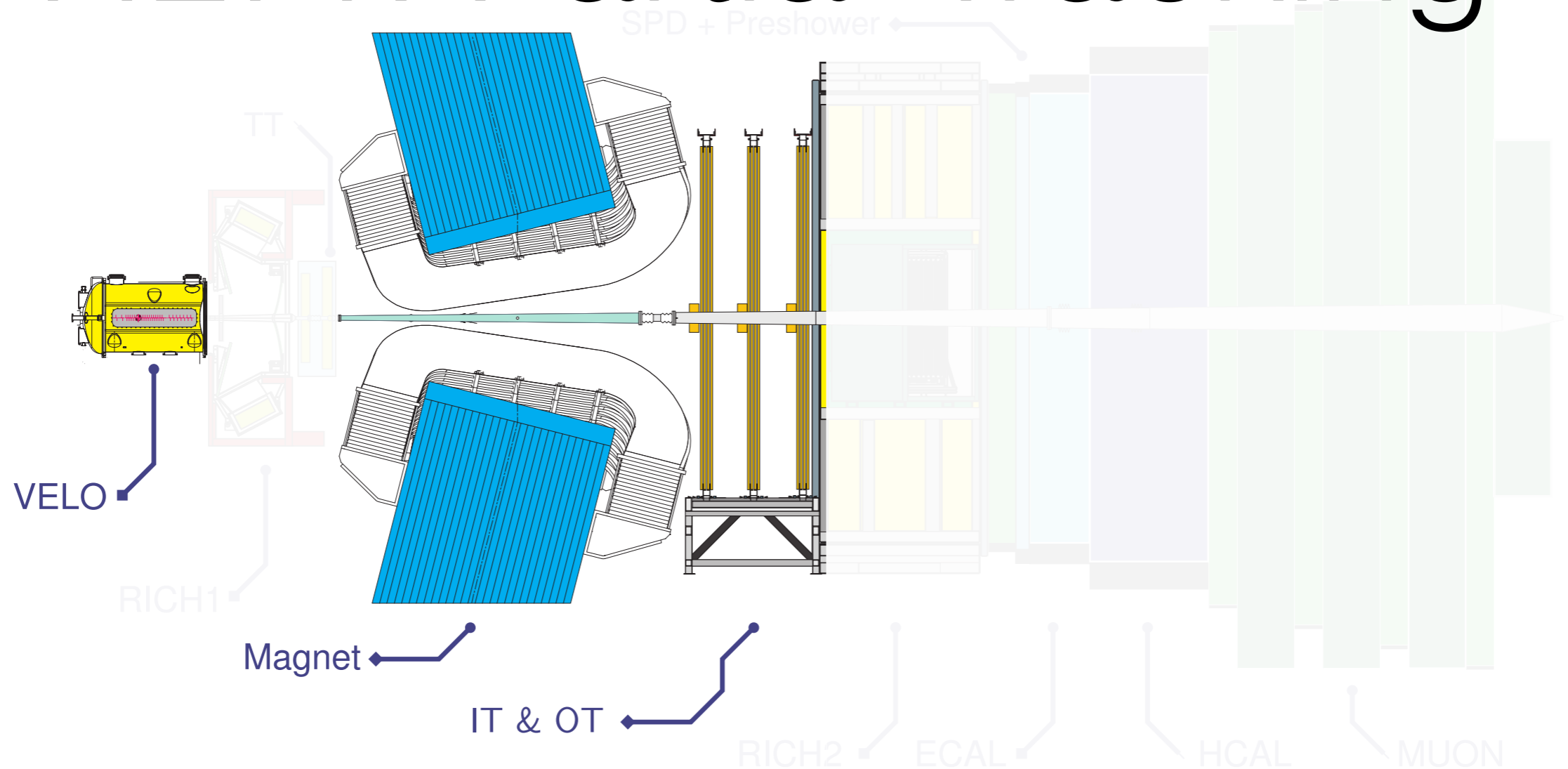
PV



- B momentum $O(100)$ GeV/c
- B mass $O(5)$ GeV/c²
- B lifetime ~ 1.5 ps

1. Typically (at least) one daughter has a “large” P_T
2. $O(10\%)$ of the time has a muon as daughter
3. Typically (at least) one daughter has “high impact parameter” (IP) \rightarrow requires ‘track trigger’

HLT1: Partial Tracking



- HLT1 adds tracking in VErteX LOcator (VELO) and primary vertex reconstruction

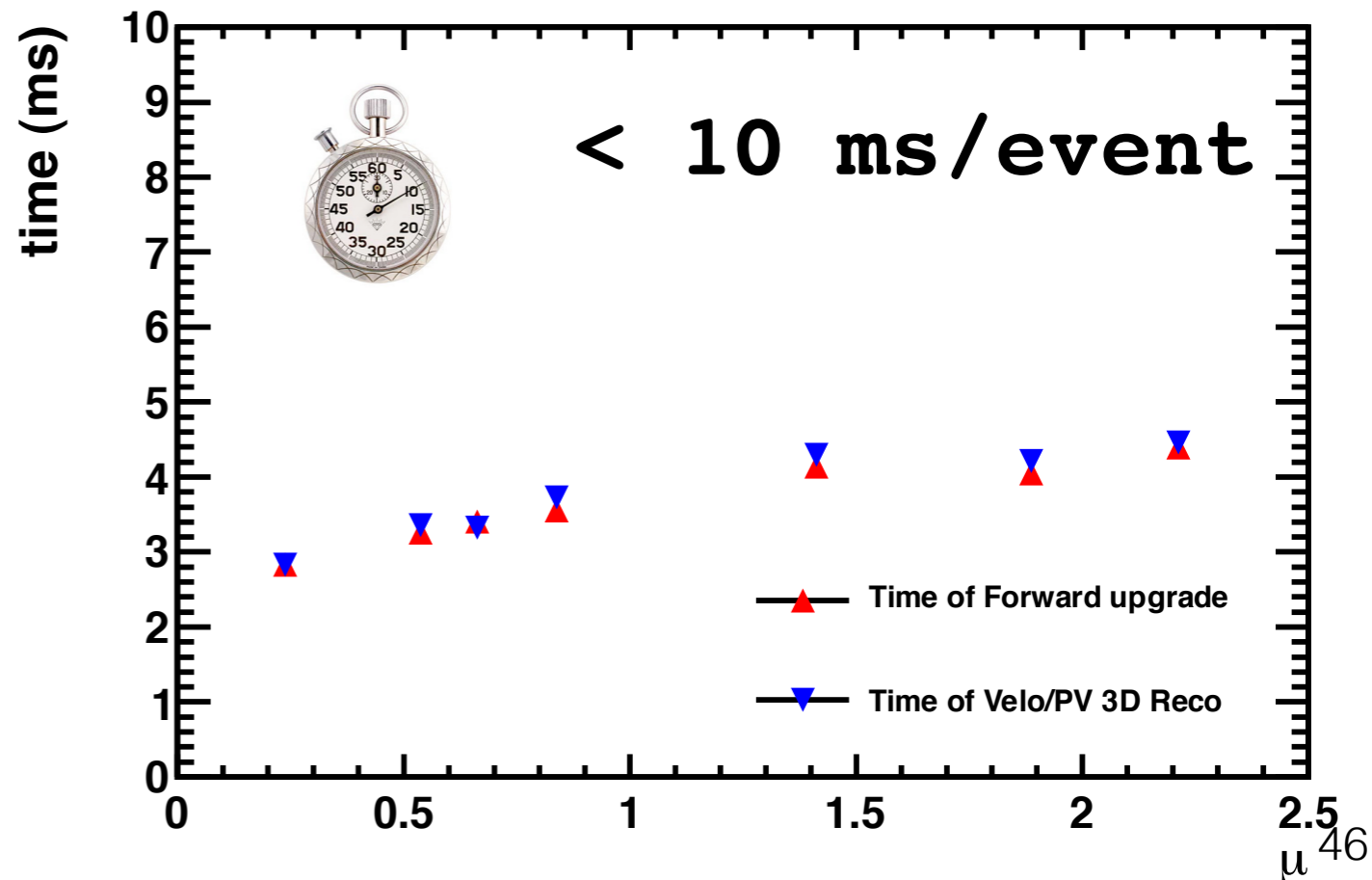
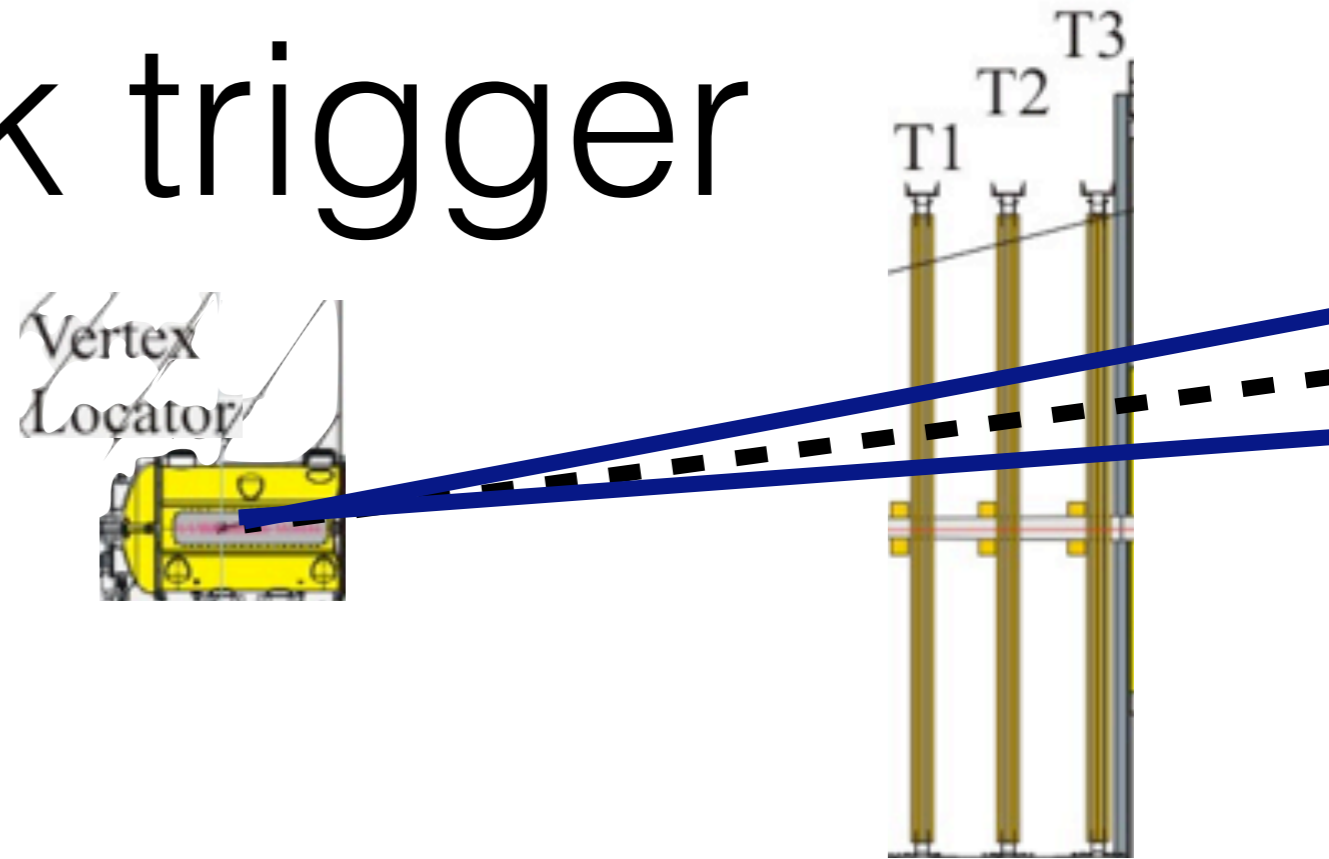
- VELO tracks, either matched to muon hits, or with large IP are extended through the magnet

- P_T dependent search windows:

track	μ	$\mu\mu$	other
min. p_T [GeV]	1.0	0.5	1.6

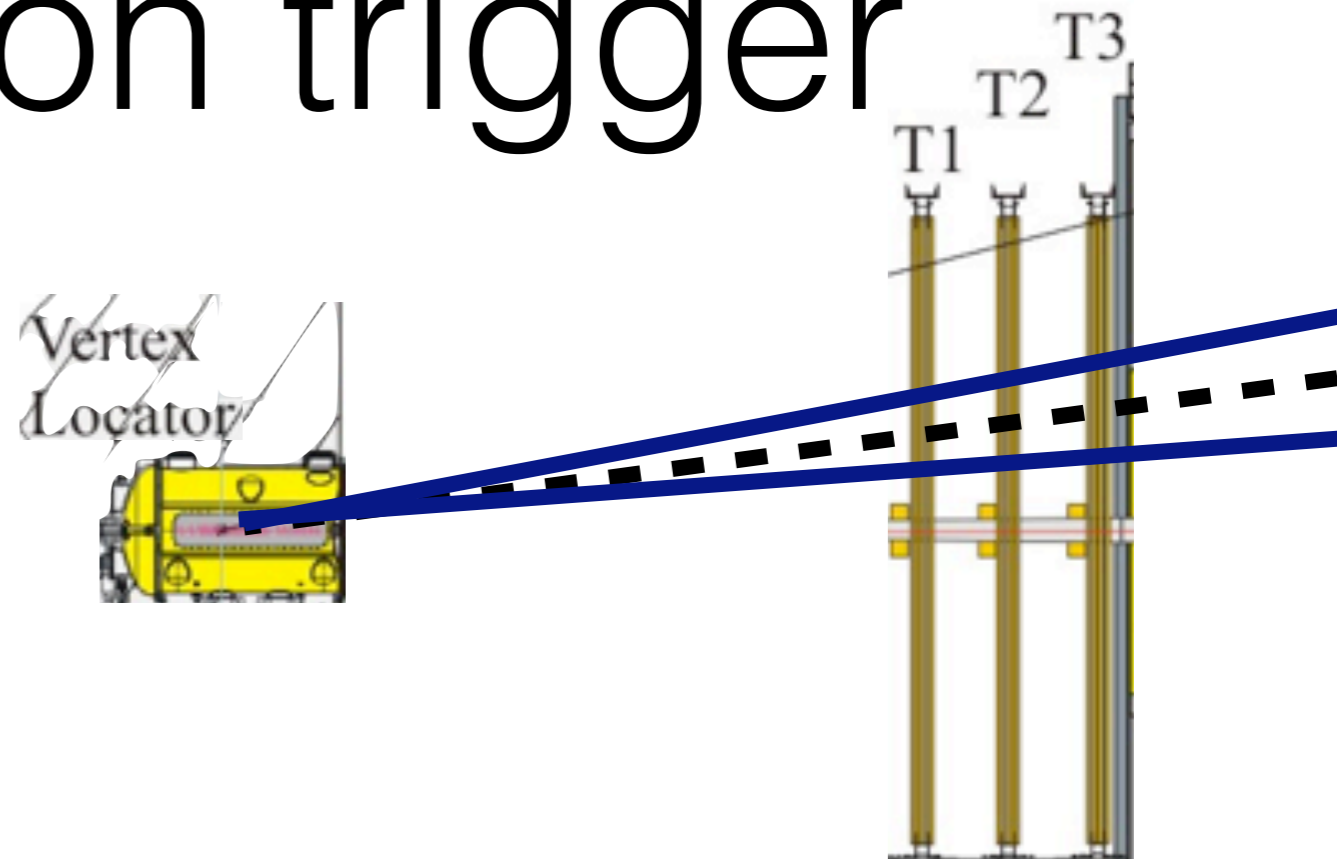
Hlt1 Track trigger

- First reconstruct all tracks in vertex detector
- Compute primary vertices
- Select displaced track(s)
- Determine momentum of displaced track(s)
 - reconstruct in 'region of interest' — defined by minimum req. P / P_T (3 / 1.6 GeV in 2012)



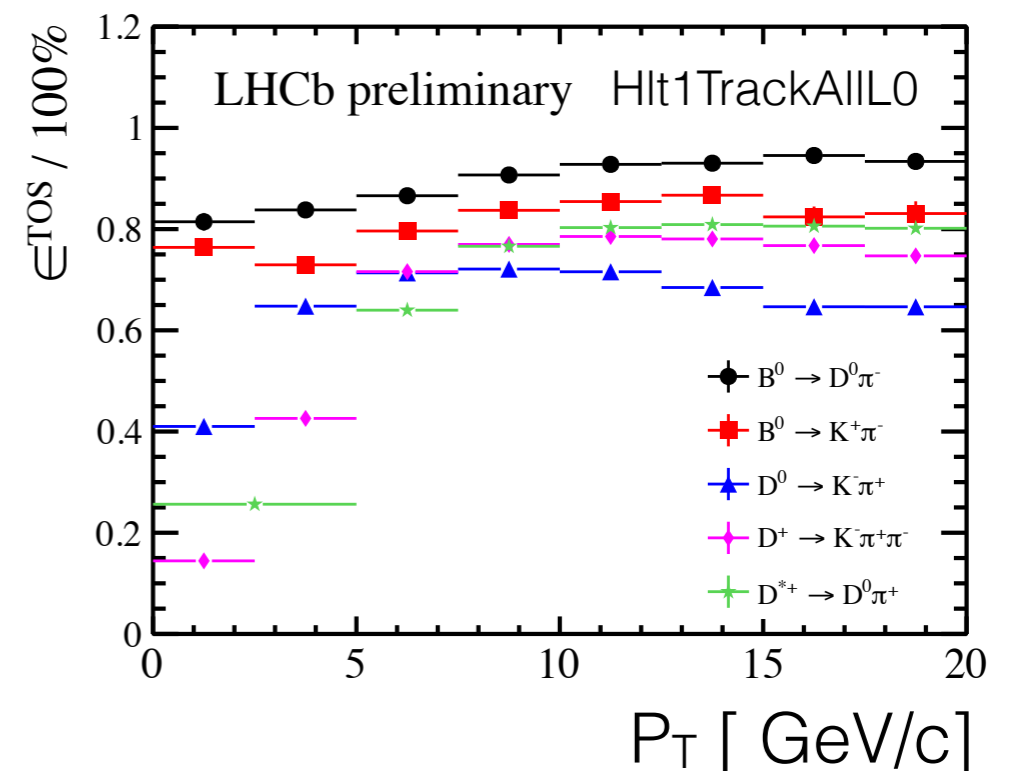
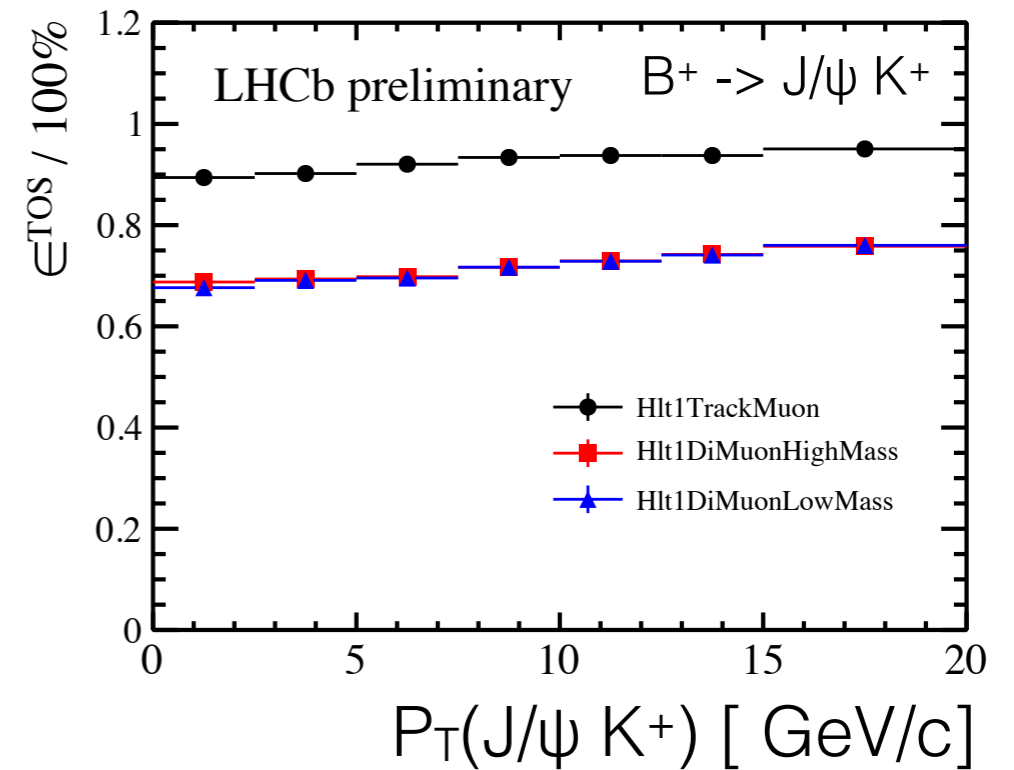
Single Muon trigger

- First reconstruct all tracks in vertex detector
- Select muon matches
- Determine momentum of muon-matched track(s)
 - reconstruct in ‘region of interest’ — defined by minimum req. P / P_T (3 / 0.5 GeV in 2012)
 - lower than 1Track because muon matching more ‘selective’ than IP
- Guarantee “independence”, but avoid “duplicate work”



HLT1: Performance

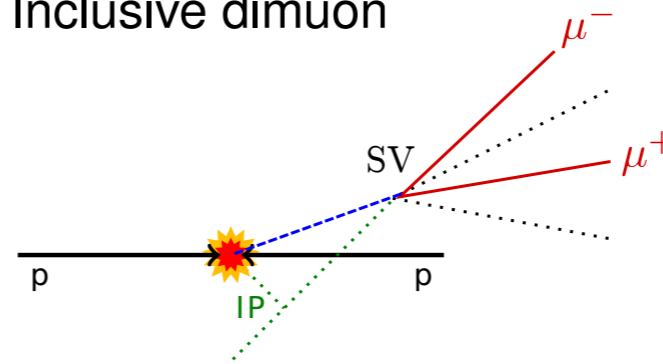
- Muon lines
 - Track matched to muon hits
 - Either high P_T or large IP
 - ~ 14 kHz
- Inclusive lines
 - Single track with large IP and high P_T
 - ~ 56 kHz
- 1 MHz input \rightarrow 70 kHz output
 - Tuned to HLT2 CPU usage
 - At this point, \sim half the CPU capacity has been used — so HLT2 can take 14x longer



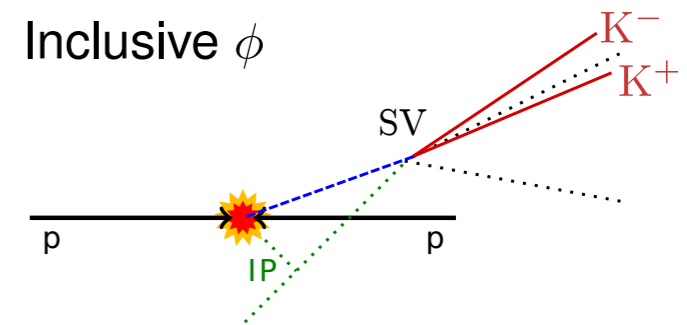
HLT2: Full Reconstruction

- Tuned versions of offline reconstruction algorithms
 - eg. $P_T > 300 \text{ MeV}/c$
- Combination of inclusive and exclusive trigger decisions
- Flexible software environment
 - supports eg. dedicated MVA-based selections

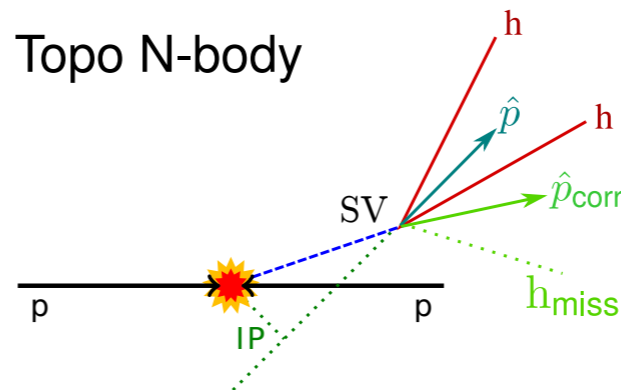
Inclusive dimuon



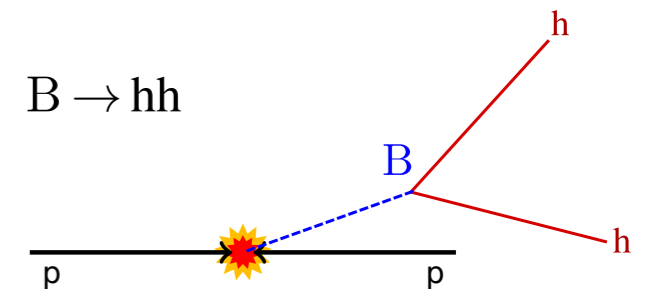
Inclusive ϕ



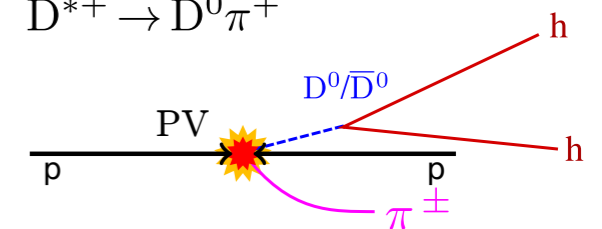
Topo N-body



$B \rightarrow hh$



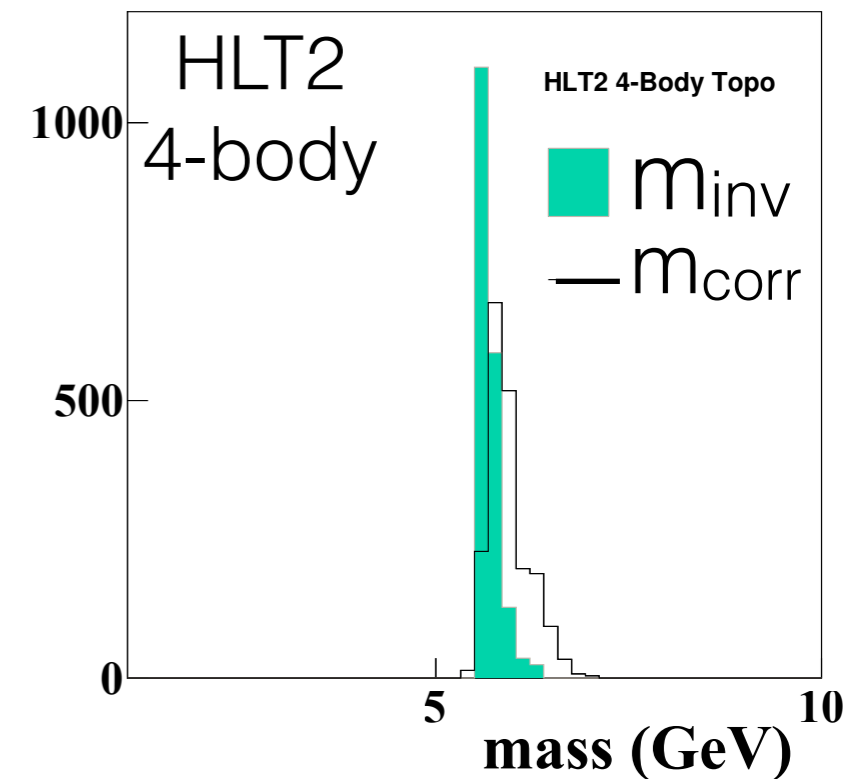
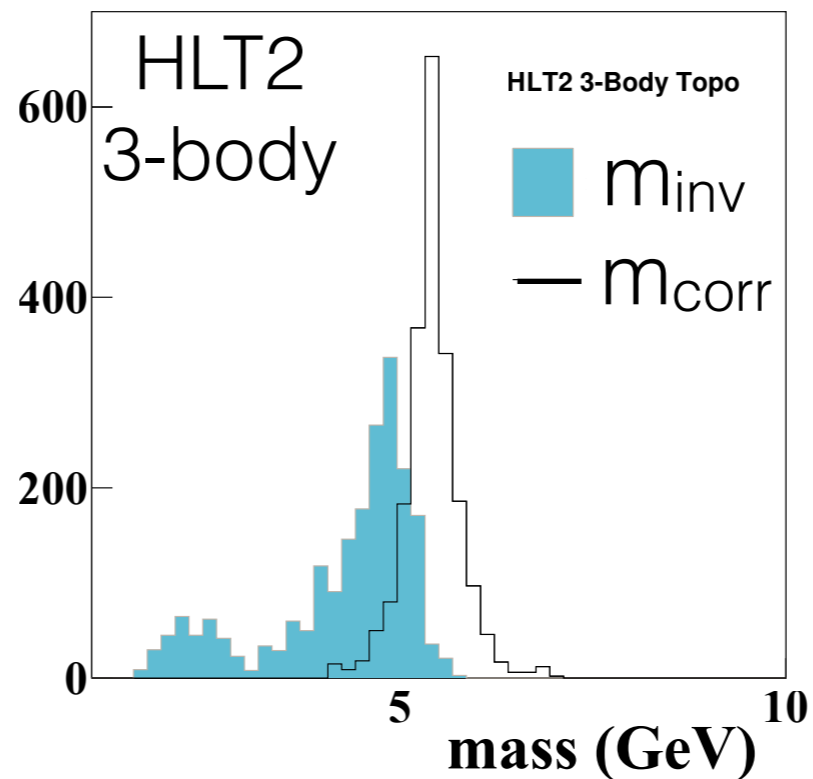
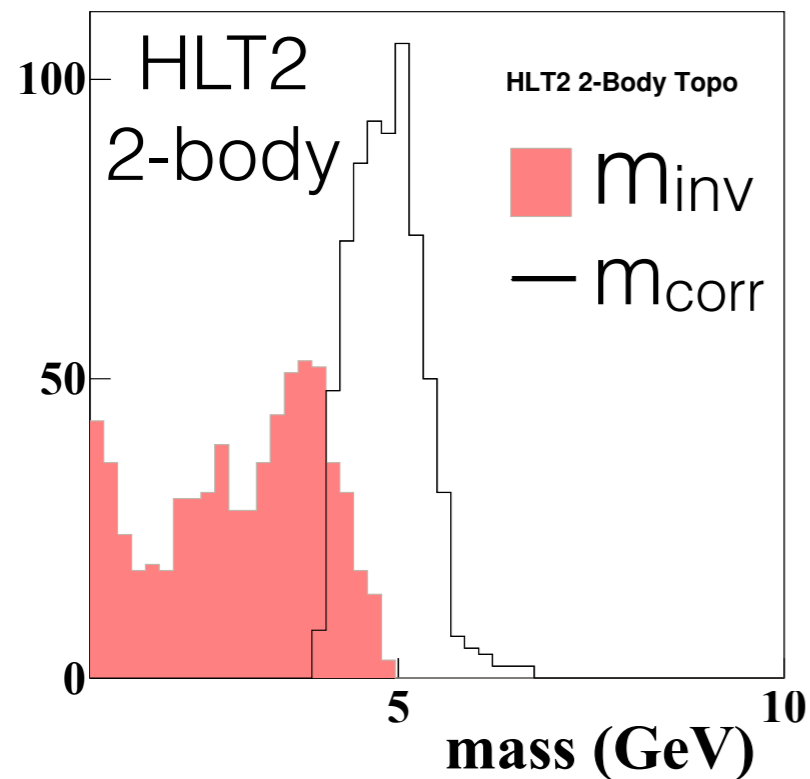
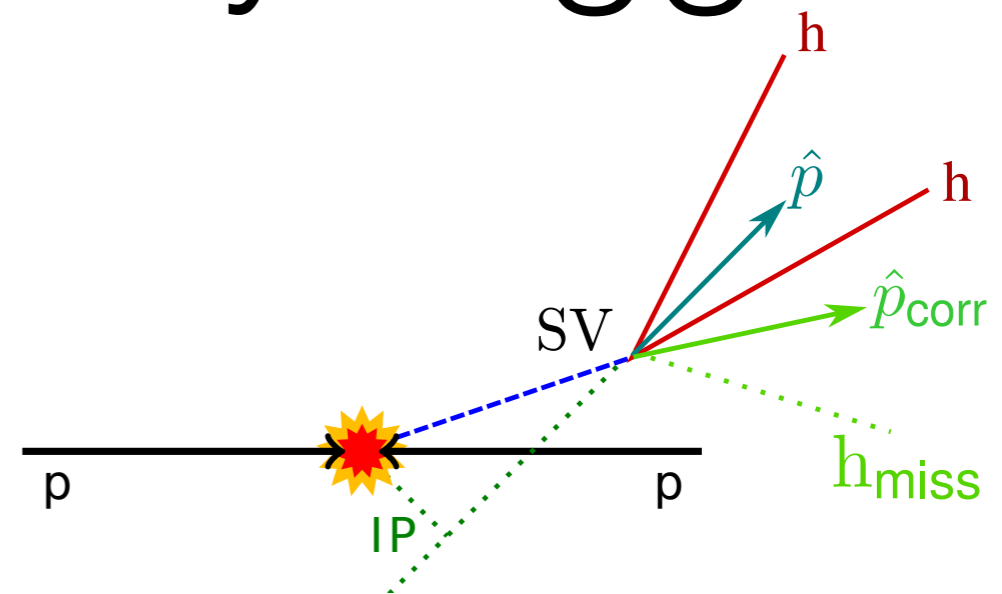
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Topological N-body Triggers

- Utilizes excellent vertex and momentum resolution to compute:

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Example: 4-body B decay, m_{inv} and m_{corr} for 2, 3 and 4 body selections

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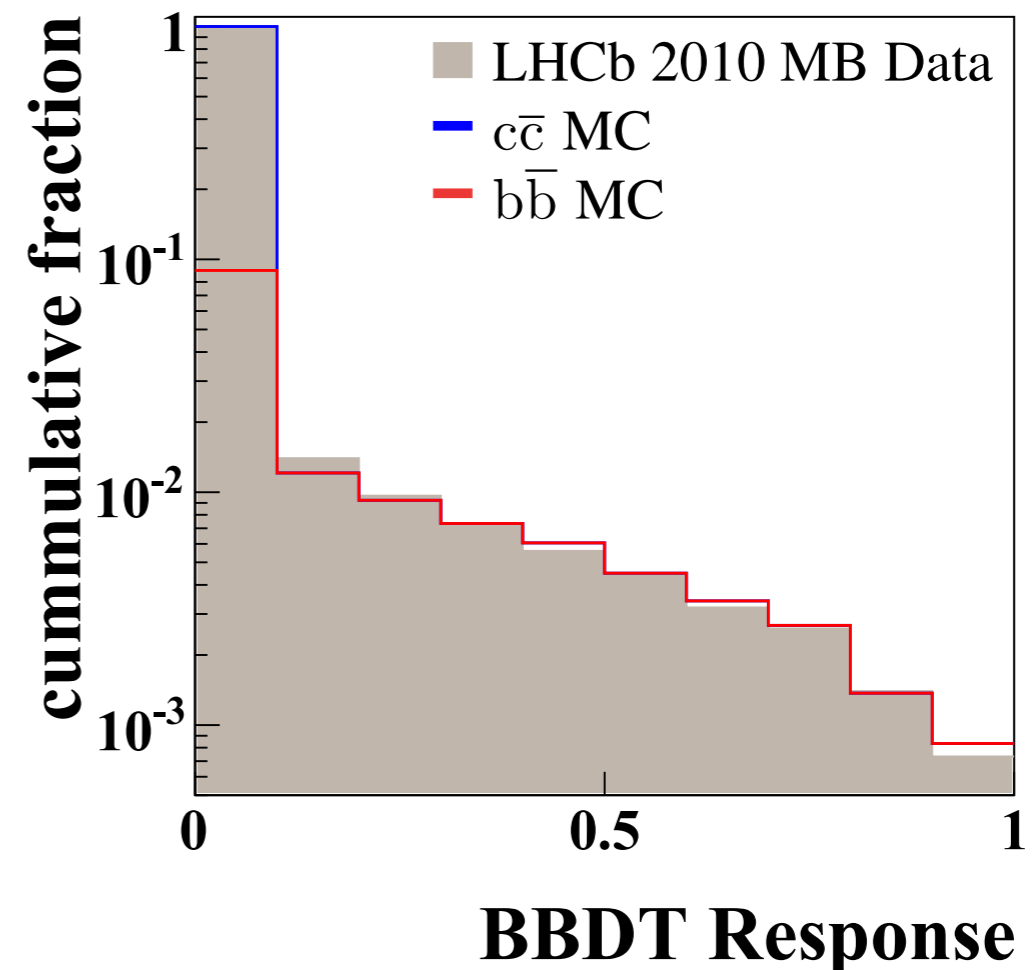
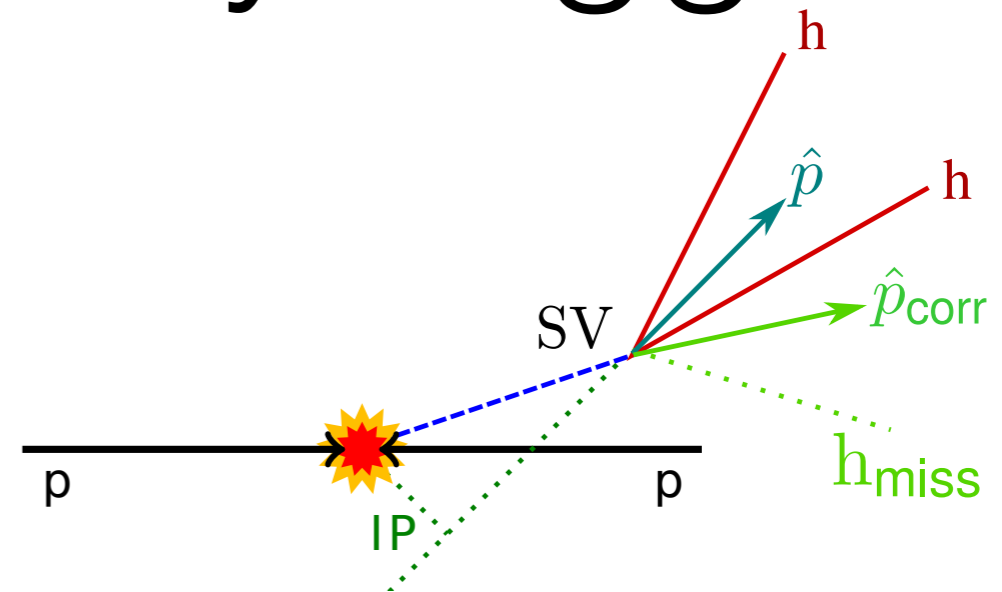
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- Uses a dedicated “Bonzai” Boosted Decision Tree [JINST 8 (2013) P02013] with

- P_T , $IP\chi^2$, $FD\chi^2$, m_{inv} , m_{corr}

- Capable of filling its allotted bandwidth with $\sim 100\%$ pure generic $b\bar{b}$ events





ENTR'ACTE

Trigger & DAQ

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VU Amsterdam & Nikhef

- constraints
 - physics
 - architectures
 - strategy
 - examples
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- resource optimization
 - special cases
 - interaction w. analysis
 - upgrades



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Bottlenecks!

digitization →

data transfer →

event building →

processing →

permanent storage →

crossing rate: 40 MHz
collision rate: 1 GHz

raw data production

100s Petabit s⁻¹



energy tracks

Level-1 trigger

100 kHz output rate

50 million fragments s⁻¹

readout network

2 Terabit s⁻¹

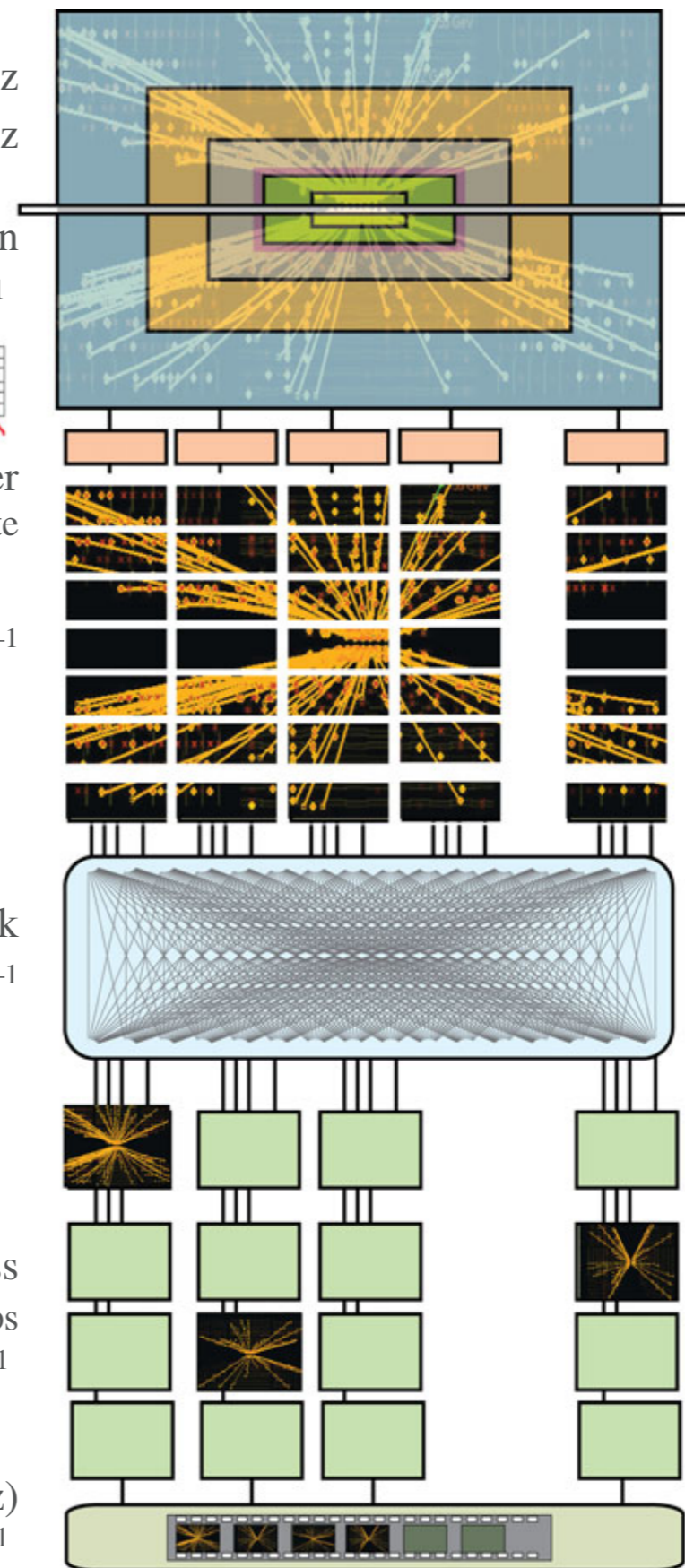
build and process

10 TeraFlops

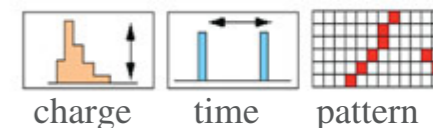
100 000 event s⁻¹

store O(100Hz)

10s Gigabit s⁻¹



100 millions sensors



billions of analogue/digital

parallel readout

hundreds of fragment readers

data to surface
thousands optical links

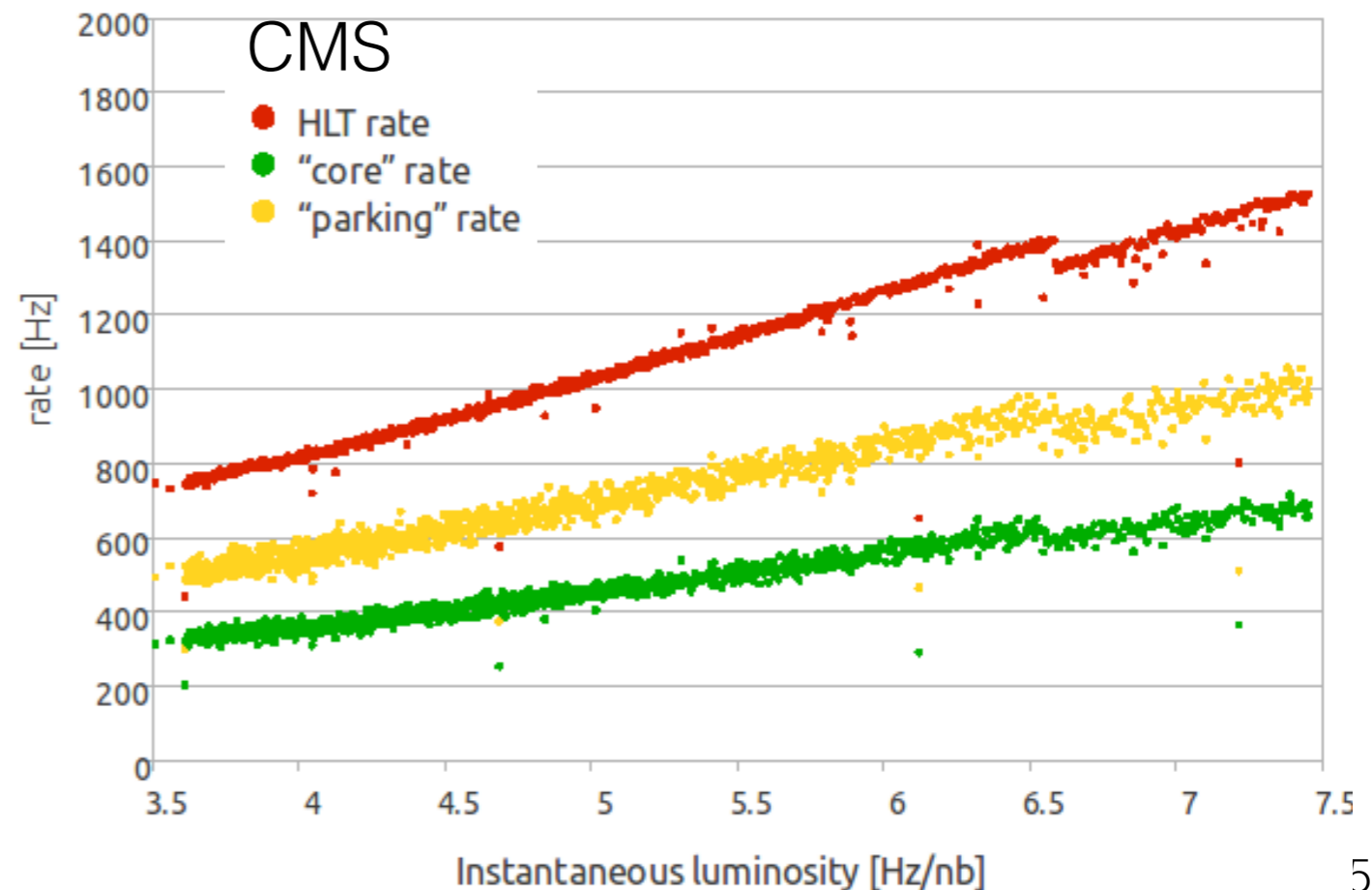
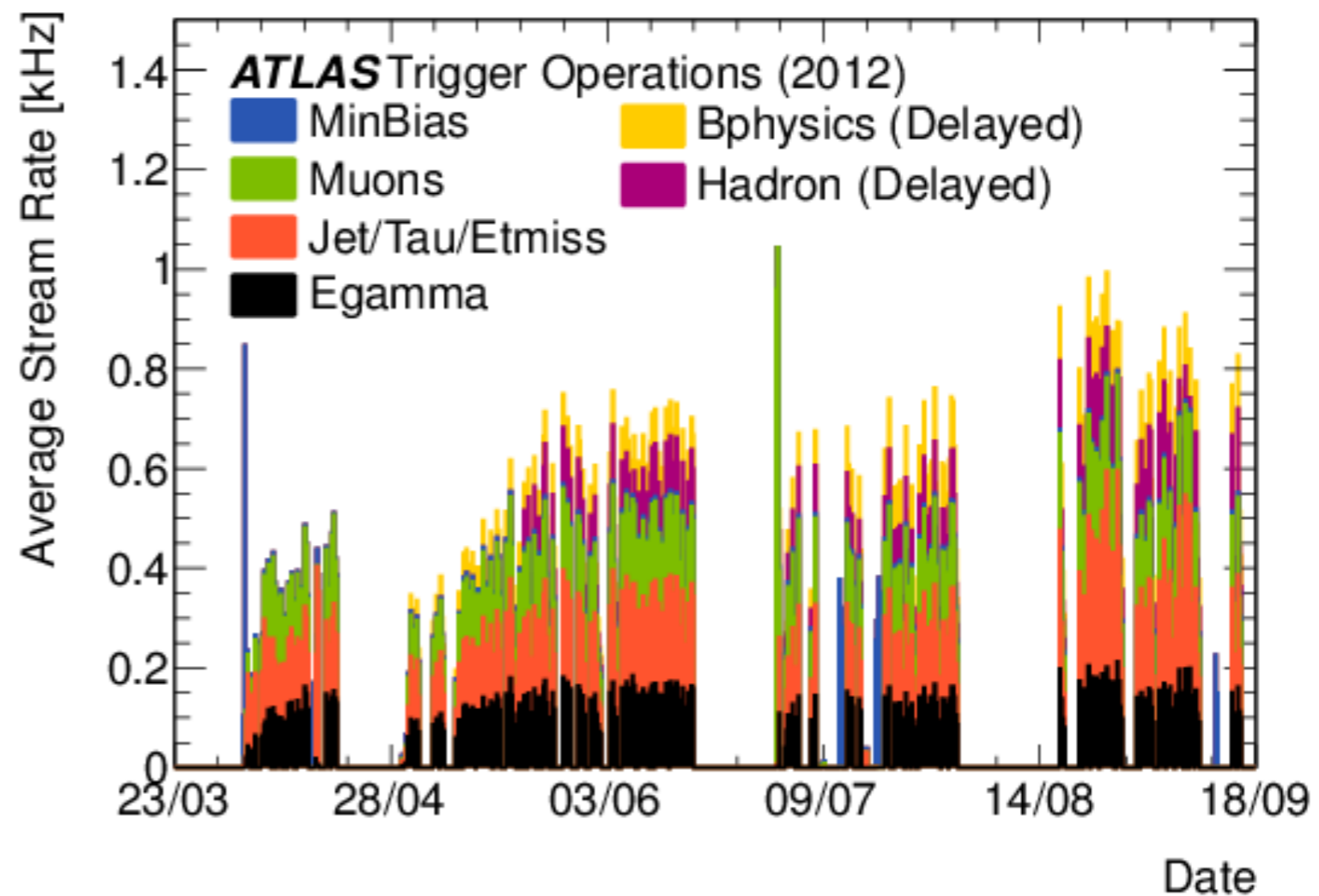
event builder
switching systems with
thousands ports

event filter
thousands CPU cores

local mass storage
hundreds Terabit

Over-committing

- During 2012, both CMS and Atlas 'overcommitted' their output rate
- The excess is 'parked' (delayed) and only processed offline eg. during shutdowns
- Allows to eg. increase statistics for precision measurements



LHCb 2012: Deferred Trigger

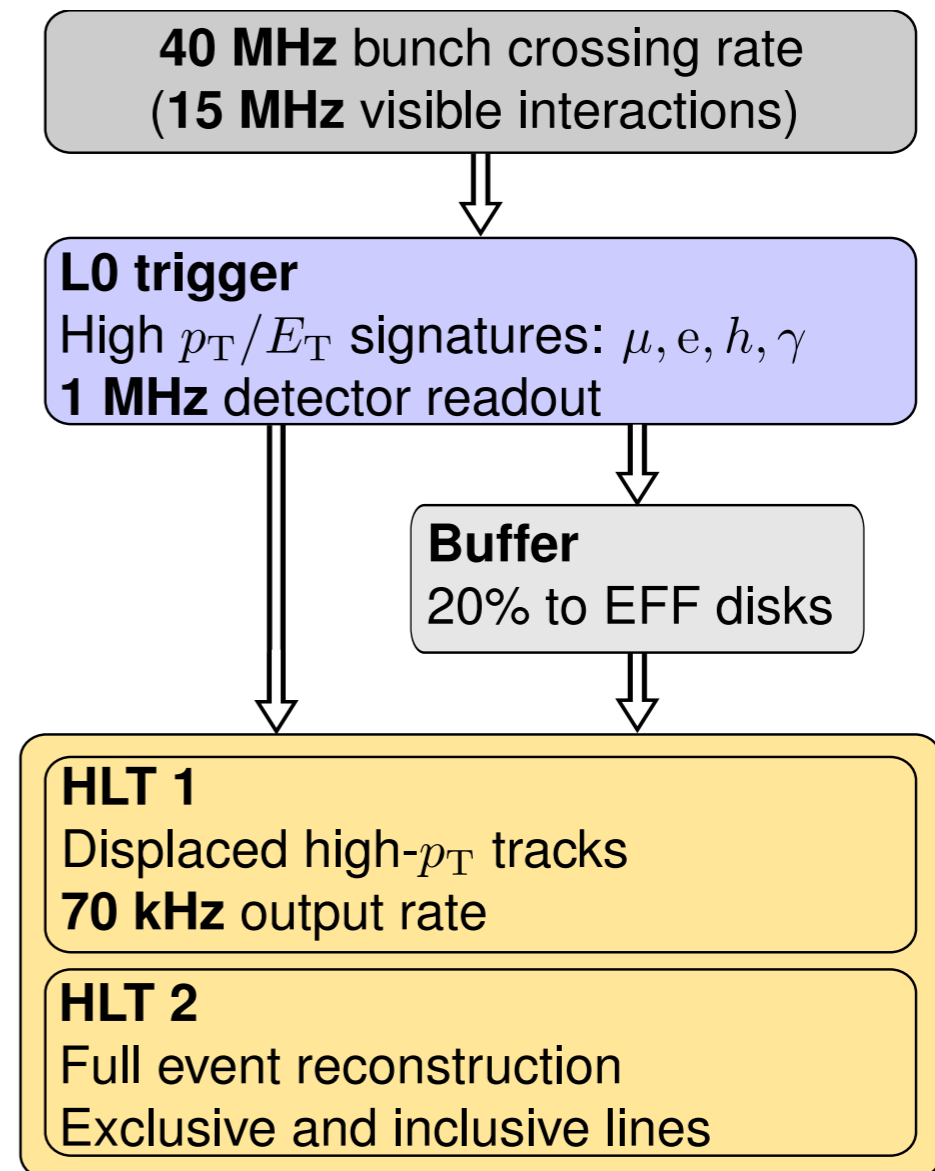
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Table 5. LHC availability 2012

Mode	% of scheduled time
Access	14%
Setup	28%
Beam in	15%
Ramp and squeeze	8%
Stable beams	36%

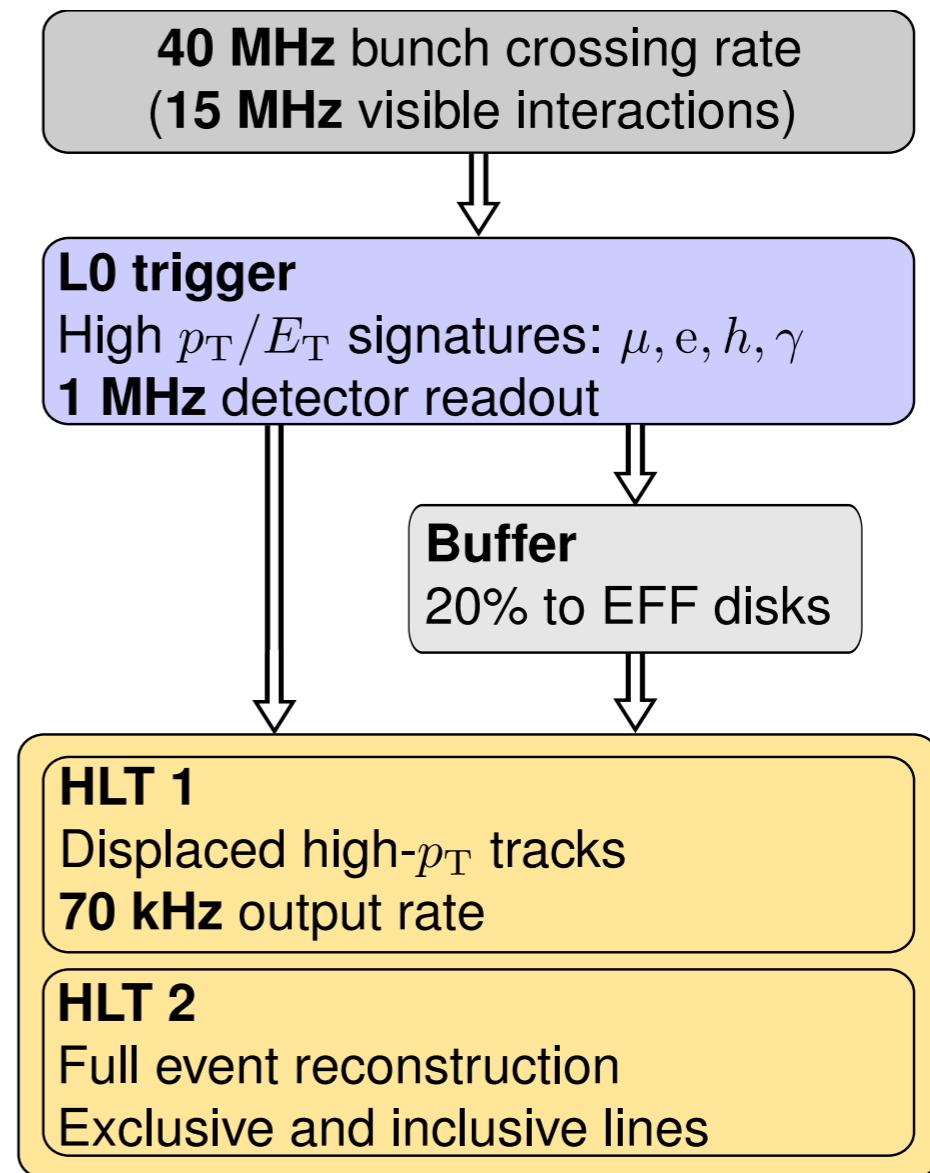
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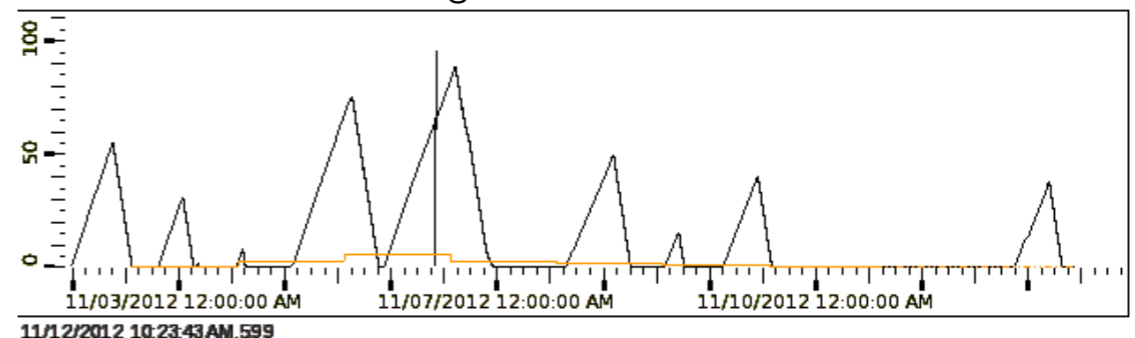


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- Peak disk usage in 2012: 88%



Disk usage as a function of time



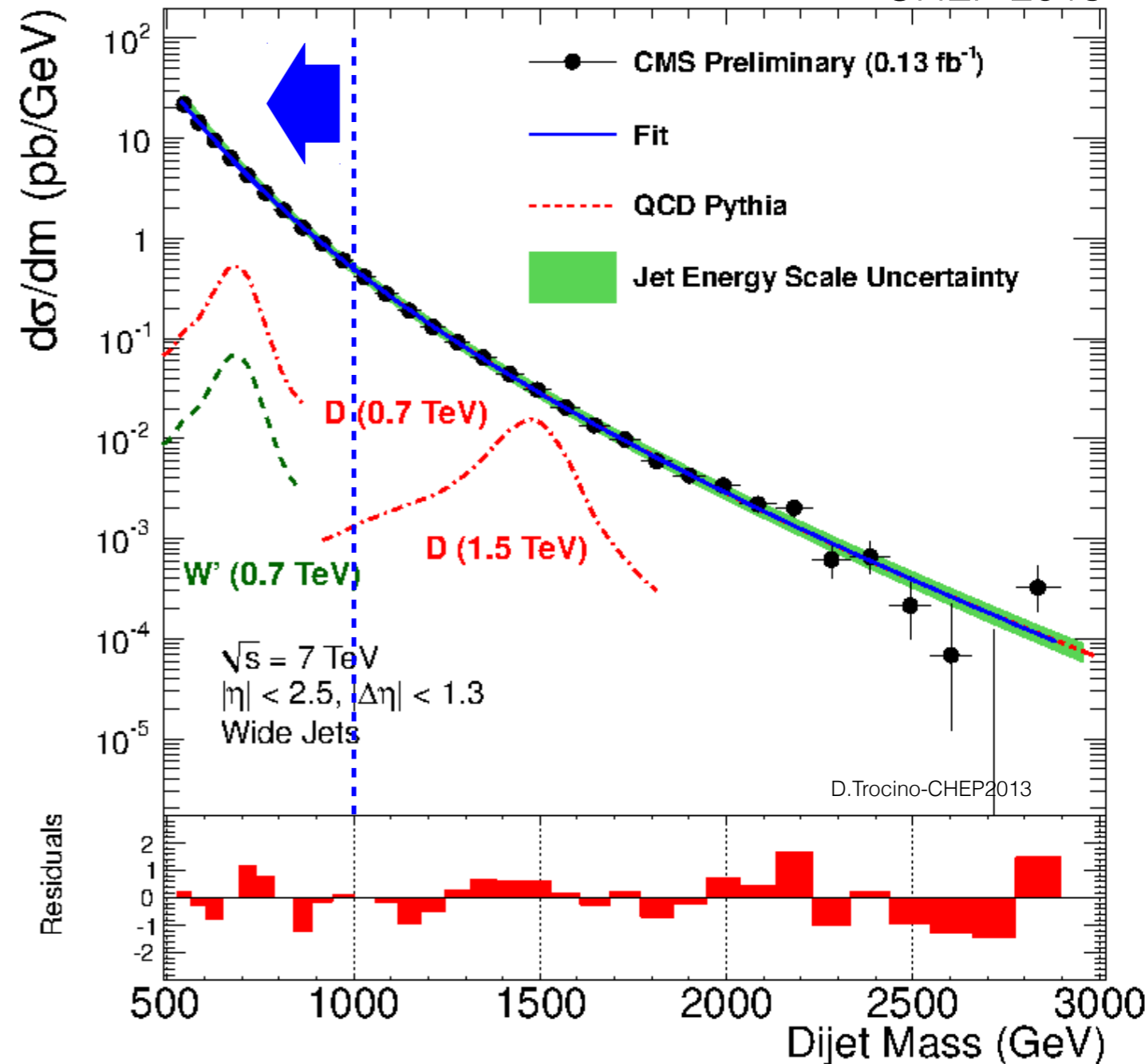
Reduced events

data scouting extended the dijets searches below 1 TeV

CHEP 2013

CMS 'scouting':

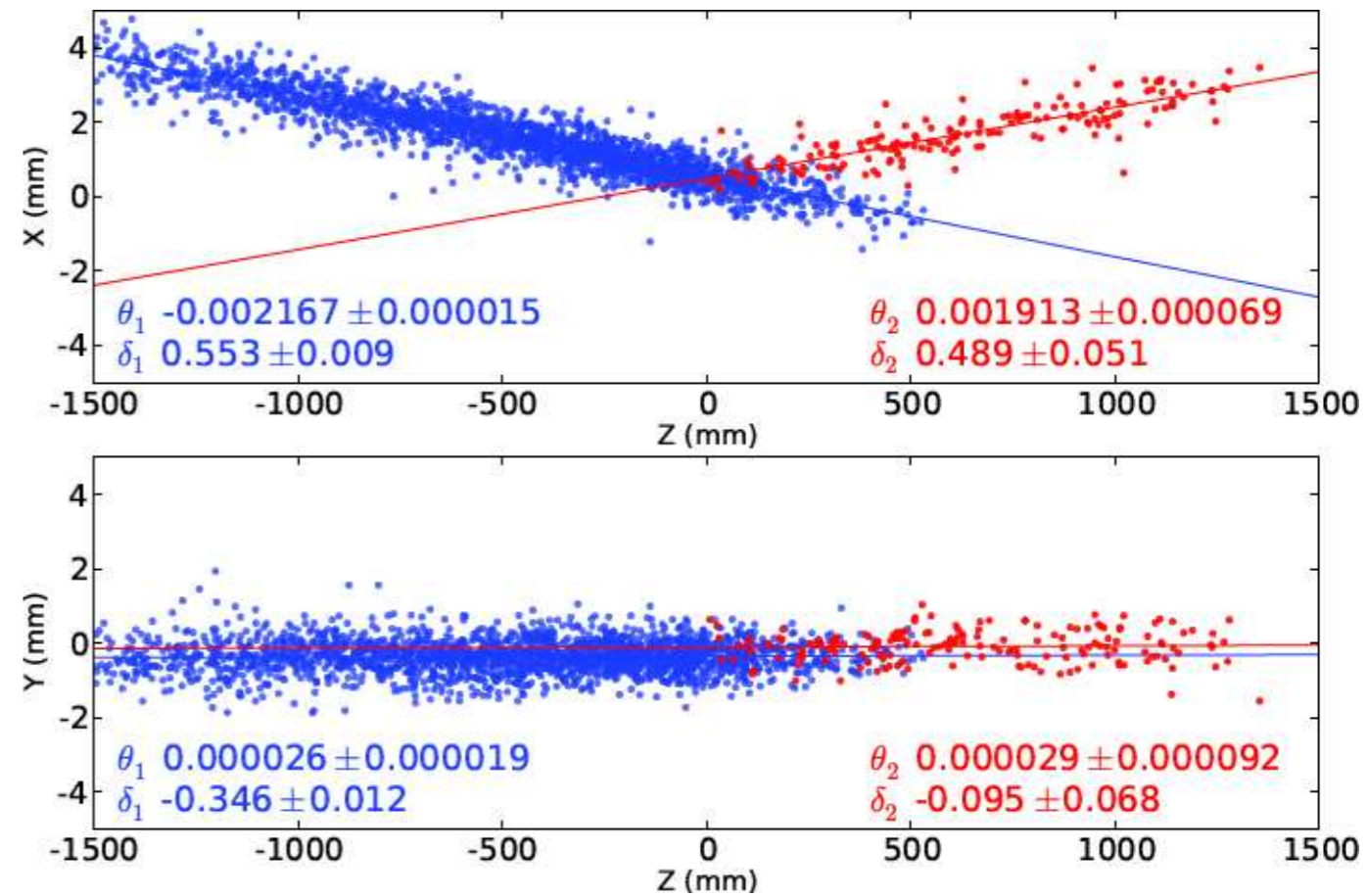
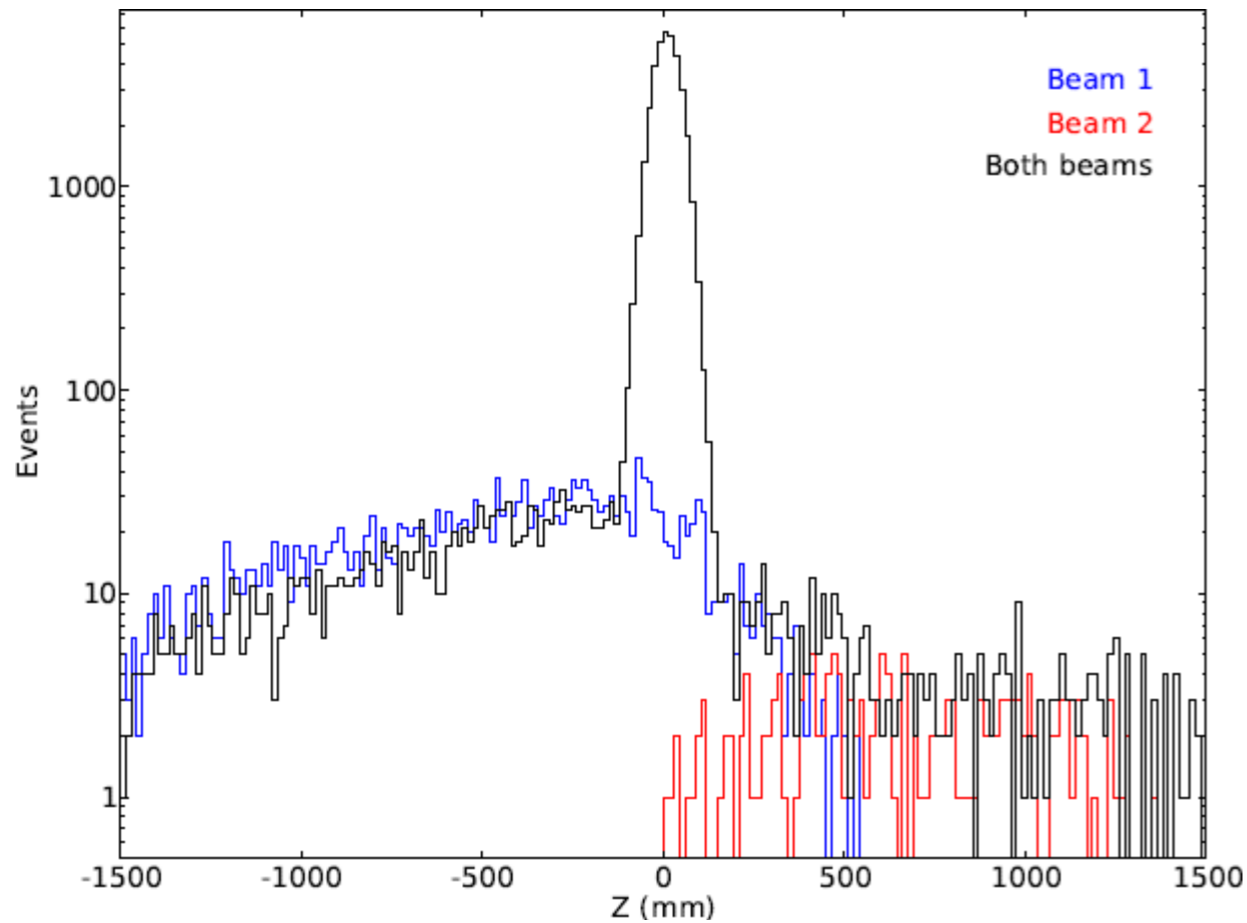
- lower thresholds -> higher rate
- compensate by reducing event size
 - eg only HLT calorimeter jets — O(kB)
- If something shows up, incorporate into core physics / parked triggers



LHCb Lumi Trigger

- reduced event — only tens of bytes
 - stores only ‘luminosity counters’:
 - # of vertices, # of tracks, various other multiplicities
- Generated at a known, fixed rate, O(1 kHz)
 - rate is ‘relative prime’ wrt. LHC revolution frequency
- kept with all data streams at all times
- used as ‘heartbeat’ — allows *rate limited* lines in a distributed system (without assumptions on # of CPUs, CPUs with different speeds, ...)

LHCb luminosity calibration



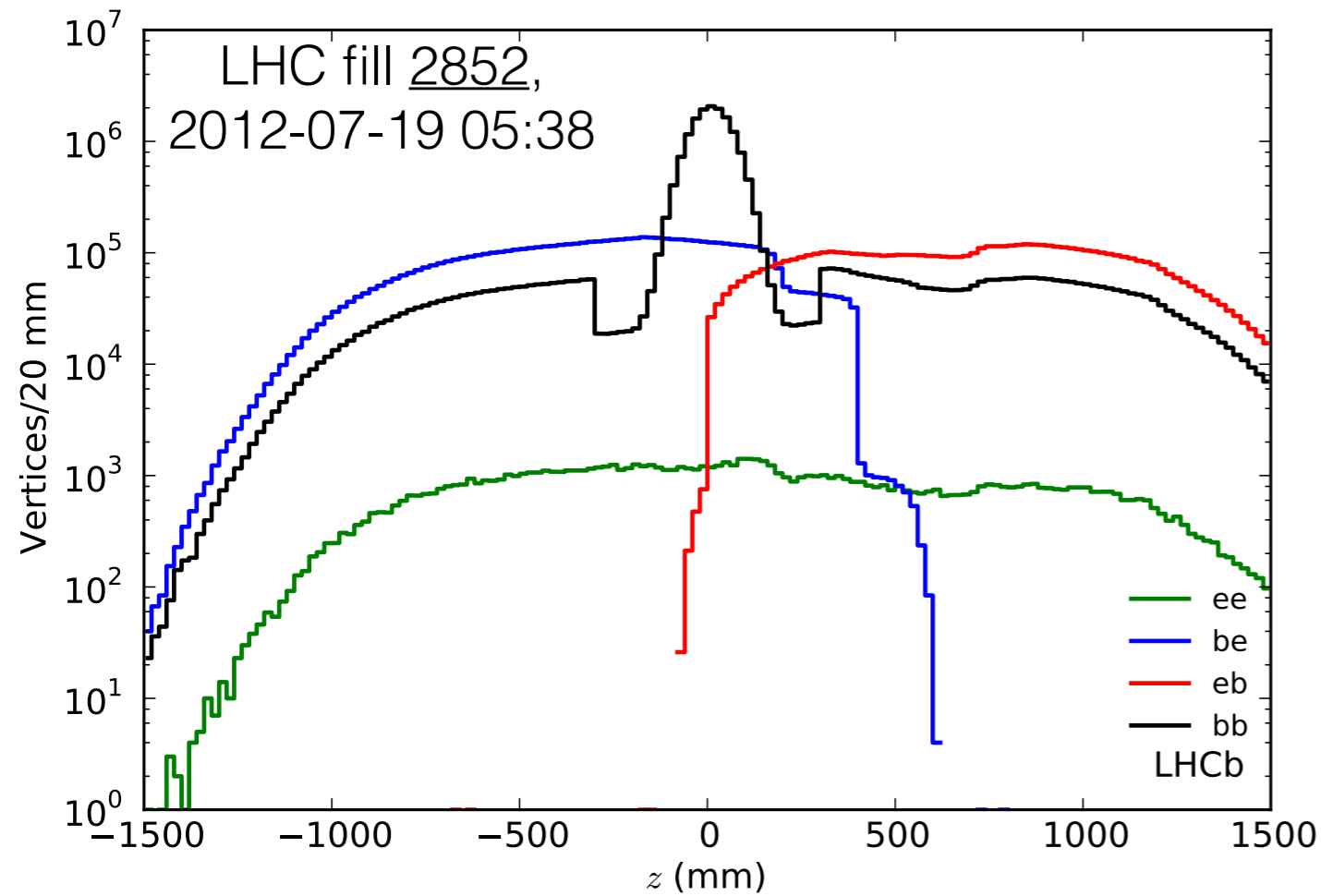
25 Apr 2010 **15 Oct 2010**

LHC fill number	1059	1422
$N_{1,2}$ (10^{10} protons)	1	7–8
β^* (m)	2	3.5
$n_{\text{coll}}/n_{\text{tot}}$	1/2	12/16
$\mu_{\text{vis}}^{\text{max}}$	0.03	1
Trigger	minimum bias	22.5 kHz random ~130 Hz minimum bias beam-gas
$\tau_{N_1 N_2}$ (h)	950	700
τ_L (h)	30	46

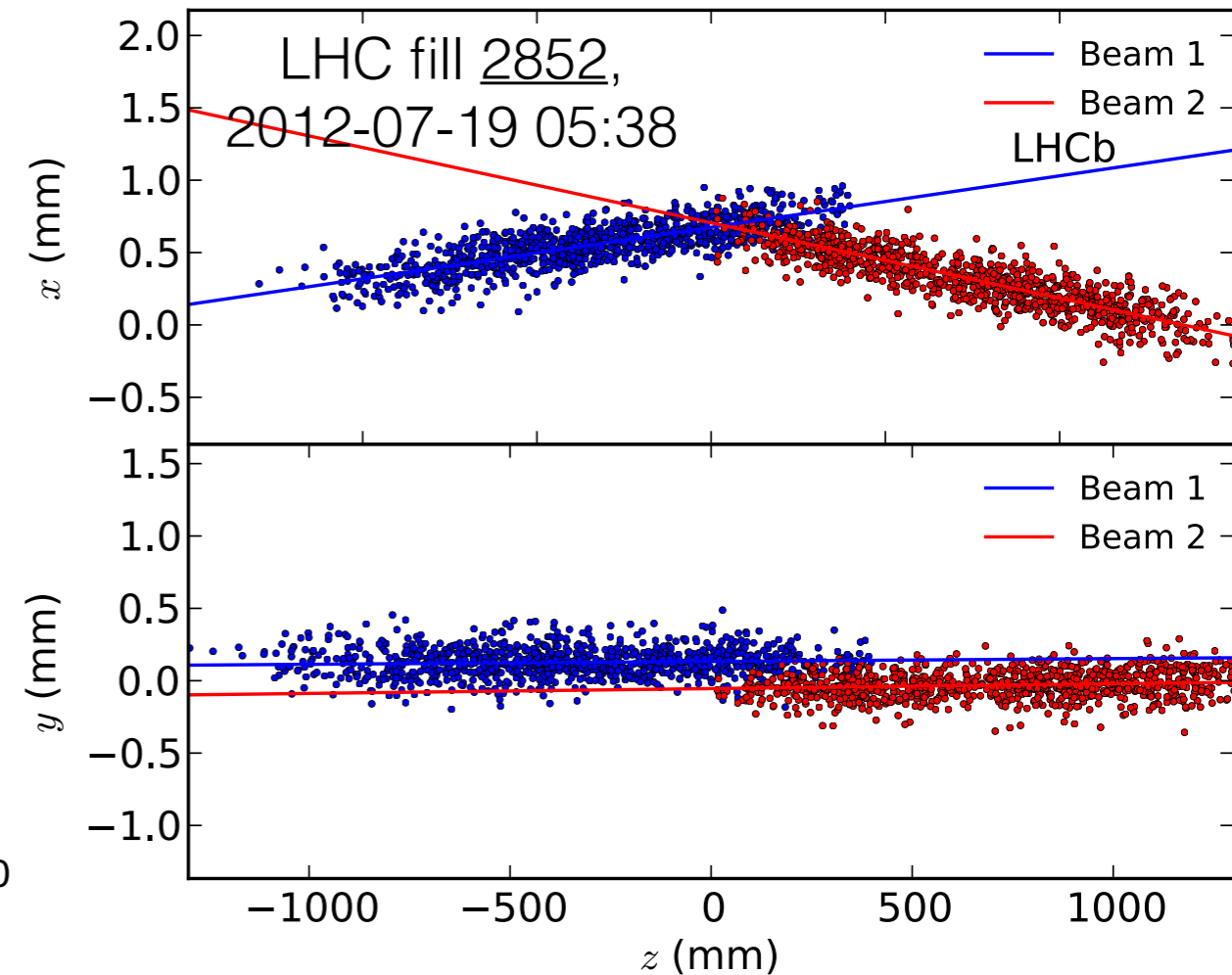
Use dedicated configuration:

- HLT lumi counters
- vertex detector raw data, to increase rate by $\sim 10x$

LHCb luminosity calibration



40 min of data taking



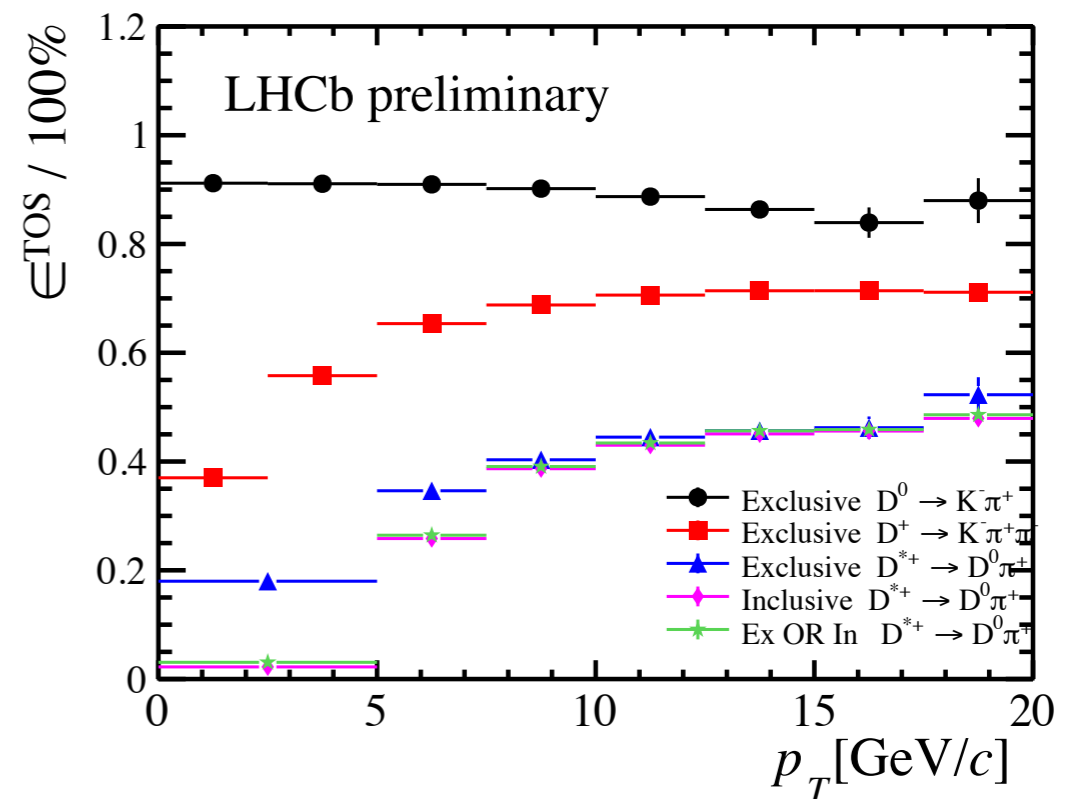
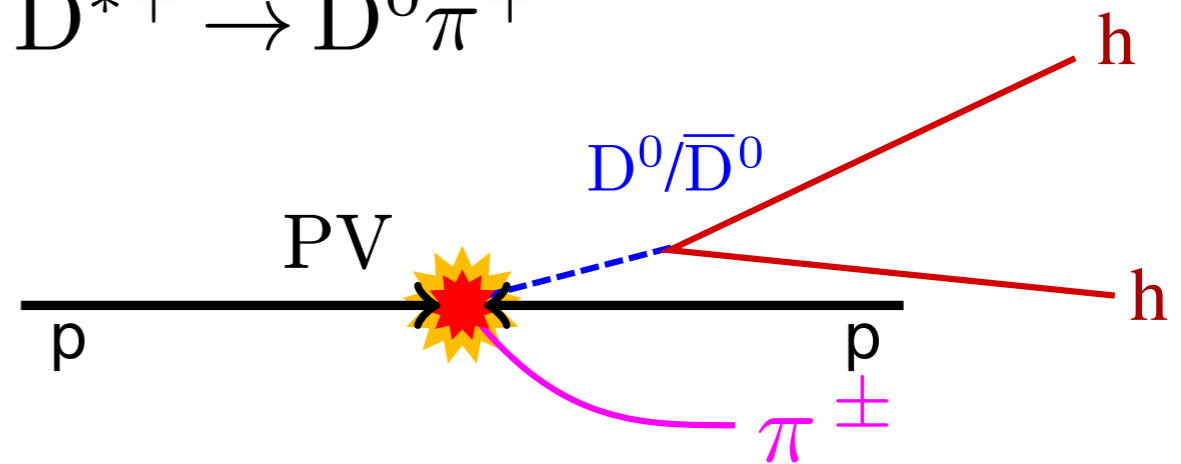
first 1000 vertices

Data is used to determine beam shape, size & overlap
==> provides a 1.4% calibration of luminosity

Charm @ LHCb

- Charm important part of LHCb physics:
 - Observation of D^0 - D^0 bar oscillations [[PRL 110 \(2013\) 101802](#)]
 - Measurement of D^0 - D^0 bar mixing parameters [[PRL 111 \(2013\) 251801](#)]
- High production rate, 600 kHz in 2012, requires *exclusive* selections.
- Exception: $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$
 - use D^*-D^0 mass difference to select $D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h'^-$
 - Cabibbo favored ($D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$) rate is 300x suppressed rate ($D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- K^+$)

$$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$$



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Triggering on Charm

many (excited) charmed hadrons, huge production rate (20xsigma_b), small mass

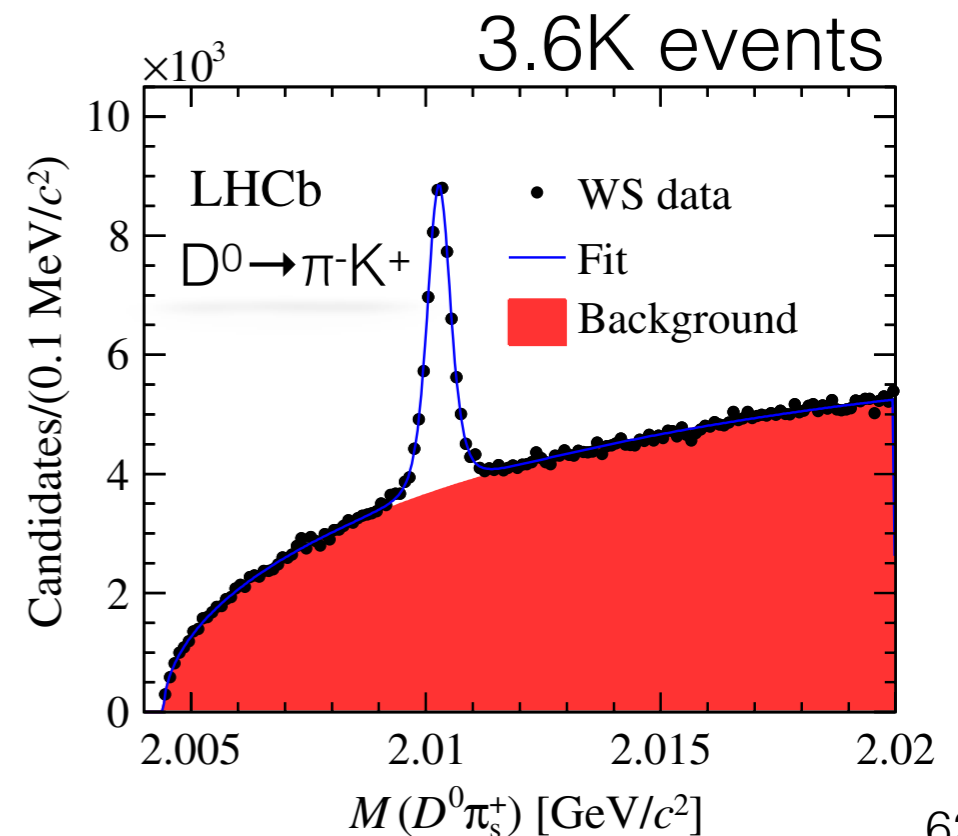
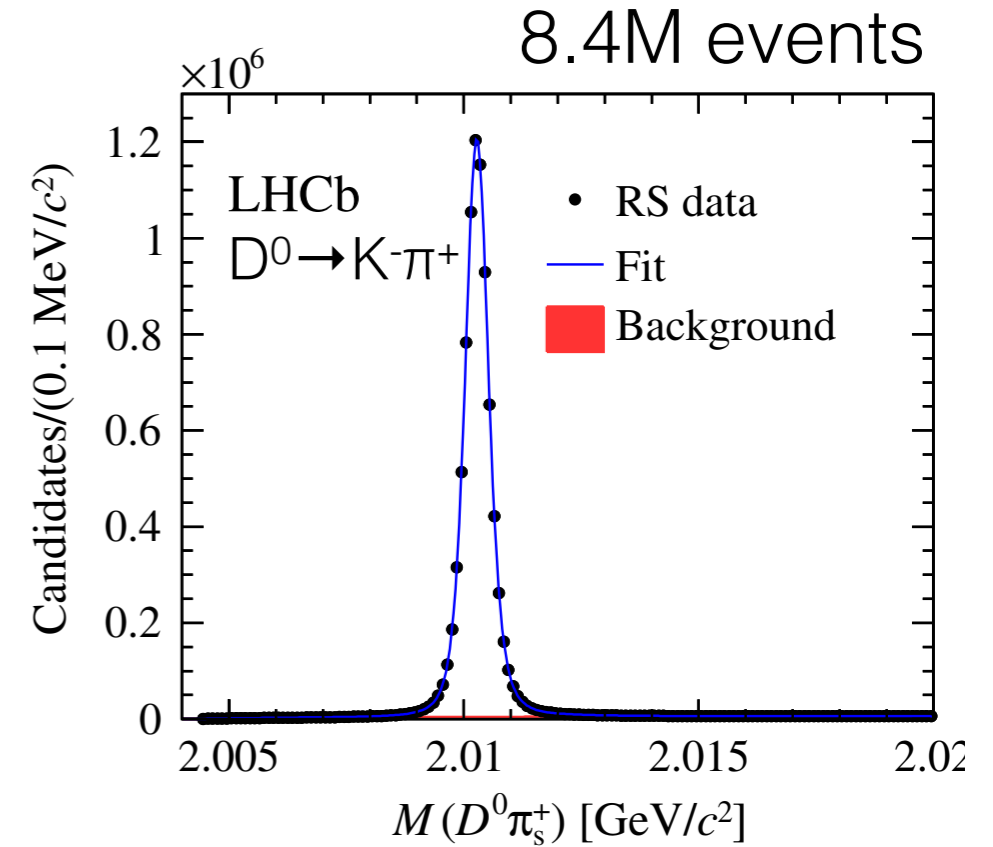
but typically smallish *interesting* branching ratios

—> go exclusive!

- implies low momentum tracking & particle ID
- which is expensive
- and requires good calibrations

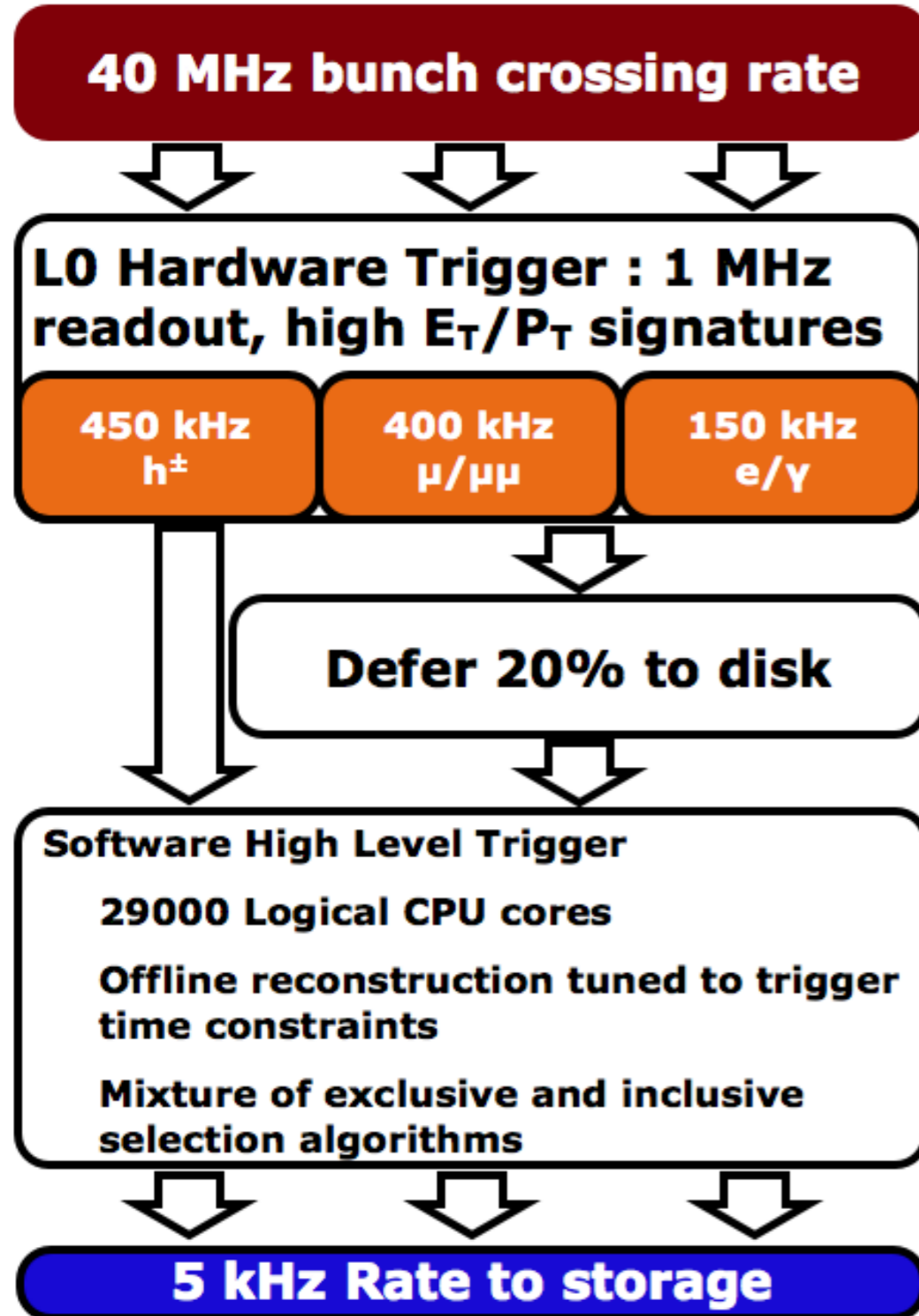
but if you go down this road:

- can reject large fraction of favored decays while keeping the suppressed ones
- use trigger candidates for analysis —> turbo!
- and drop offline processing!

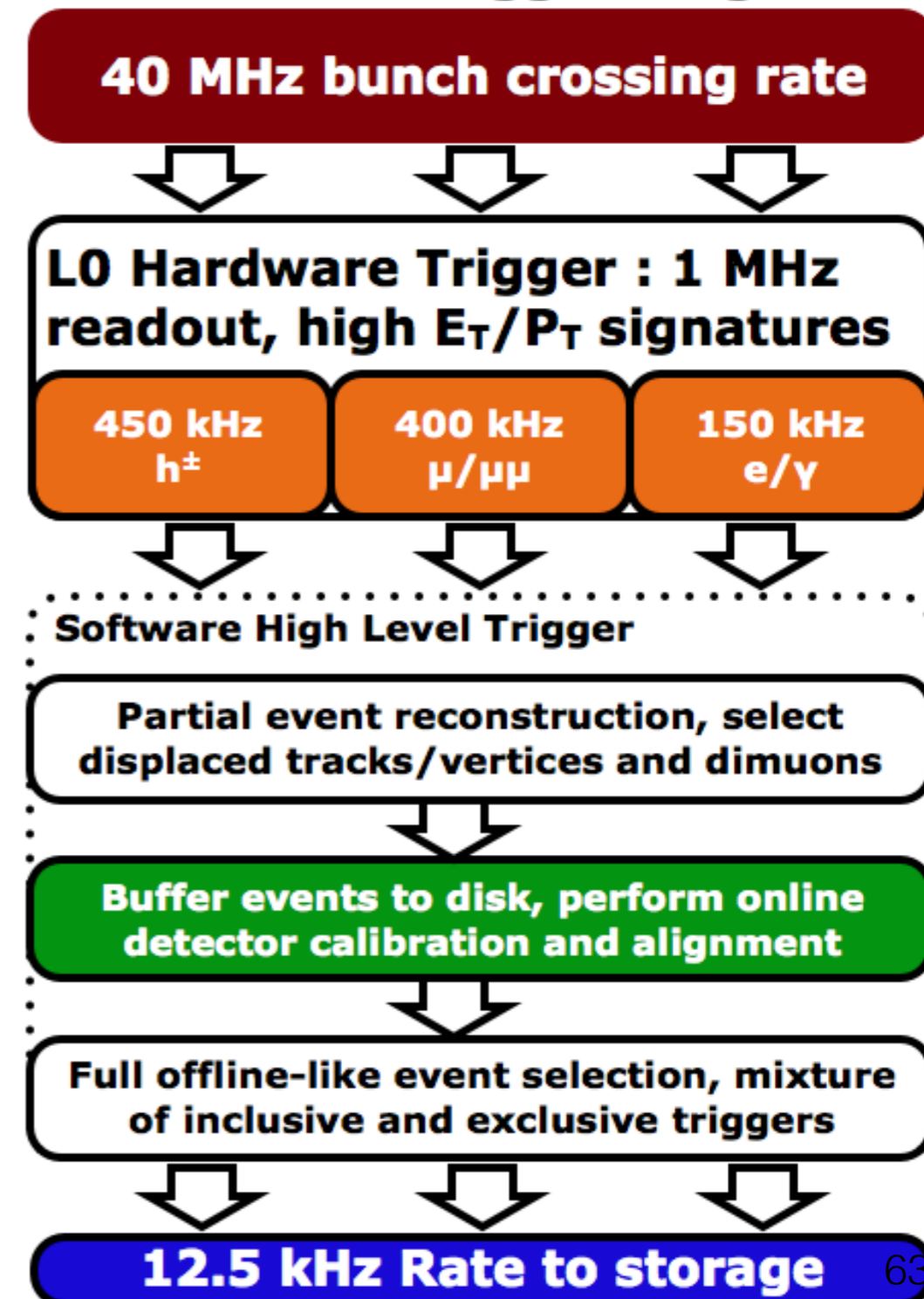


Enabling online calibrations

LHCb 2012



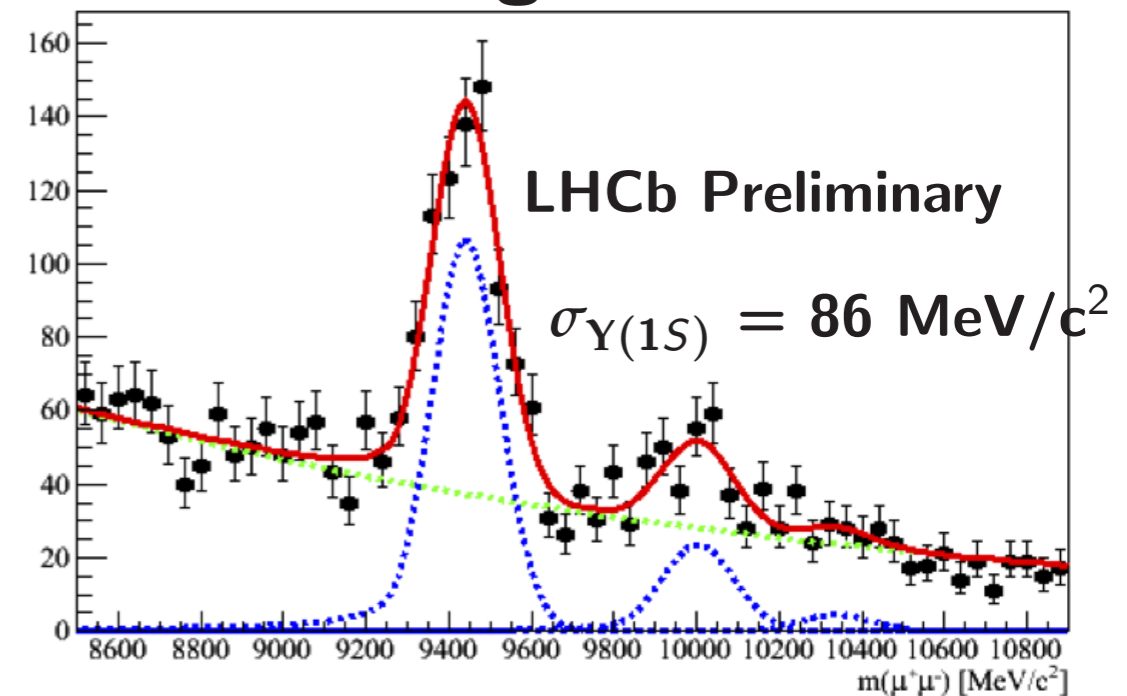
LHCb 2015 Trigger Diagram



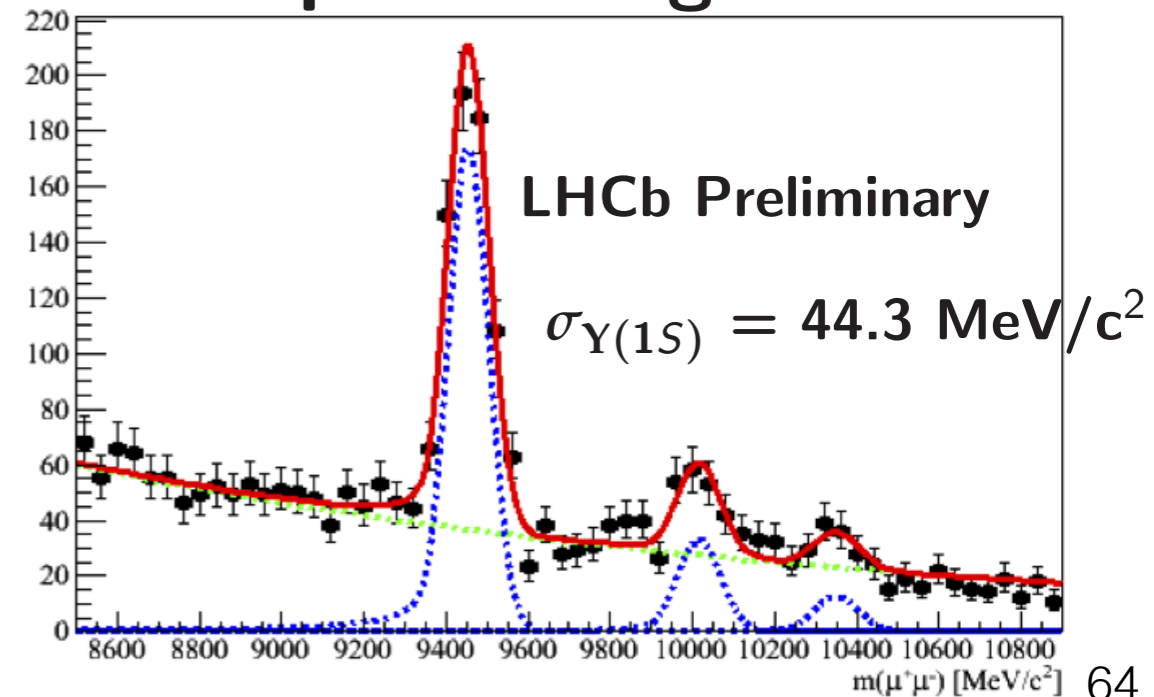
Real-time calibrations

- minimizes online-offline differences
- more stable performance
- allows 'sharper' HLT selections
- enables physics analysis directly on HLT output → turbo!
- eliminates one round of offline-reconstruction
 - less offline grid-usage & less storage → increase HLT output bandwidth!
- calibrations become part of the workflow at the pit
 - better documented, more automated

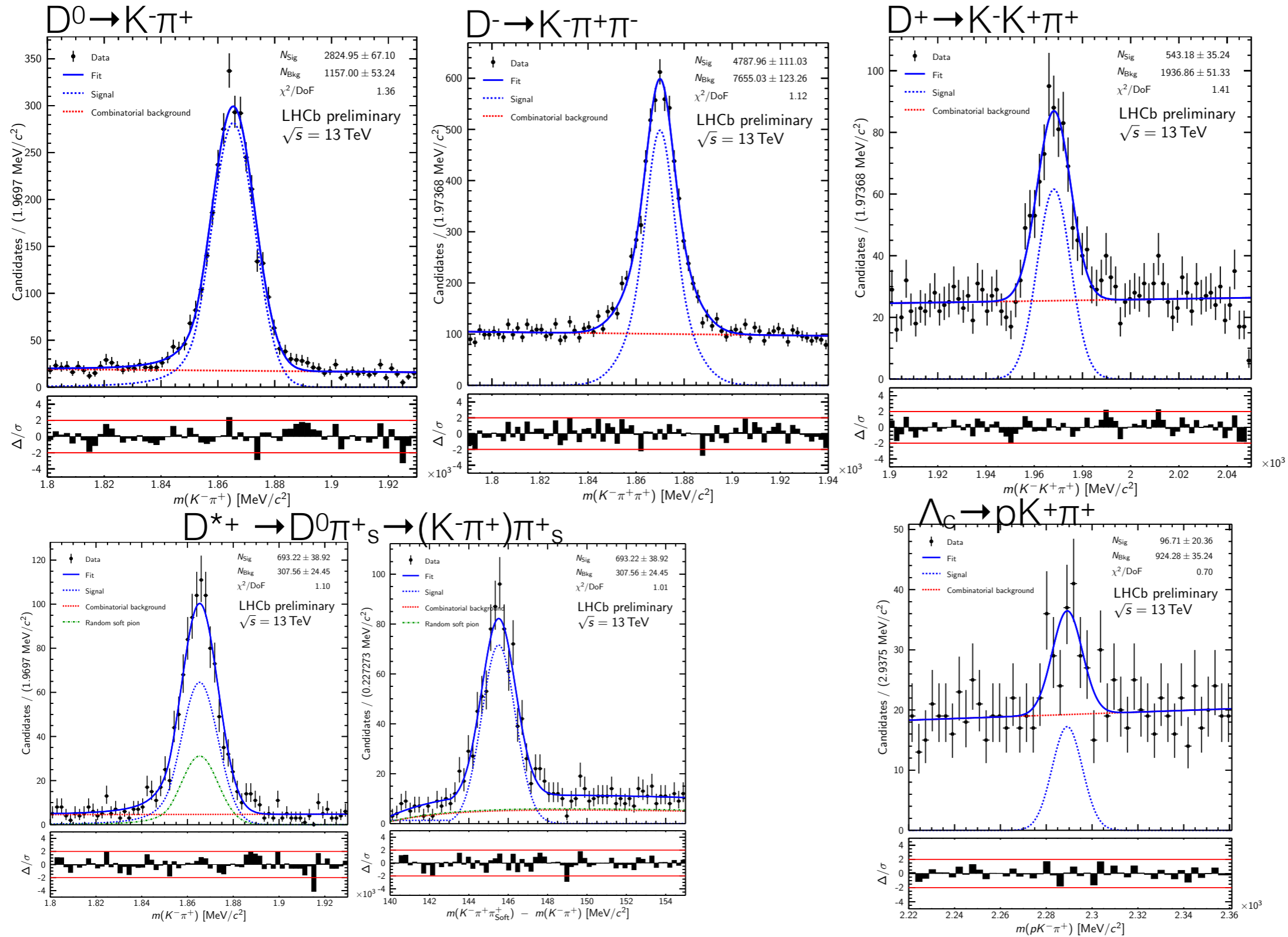
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Improved alignment

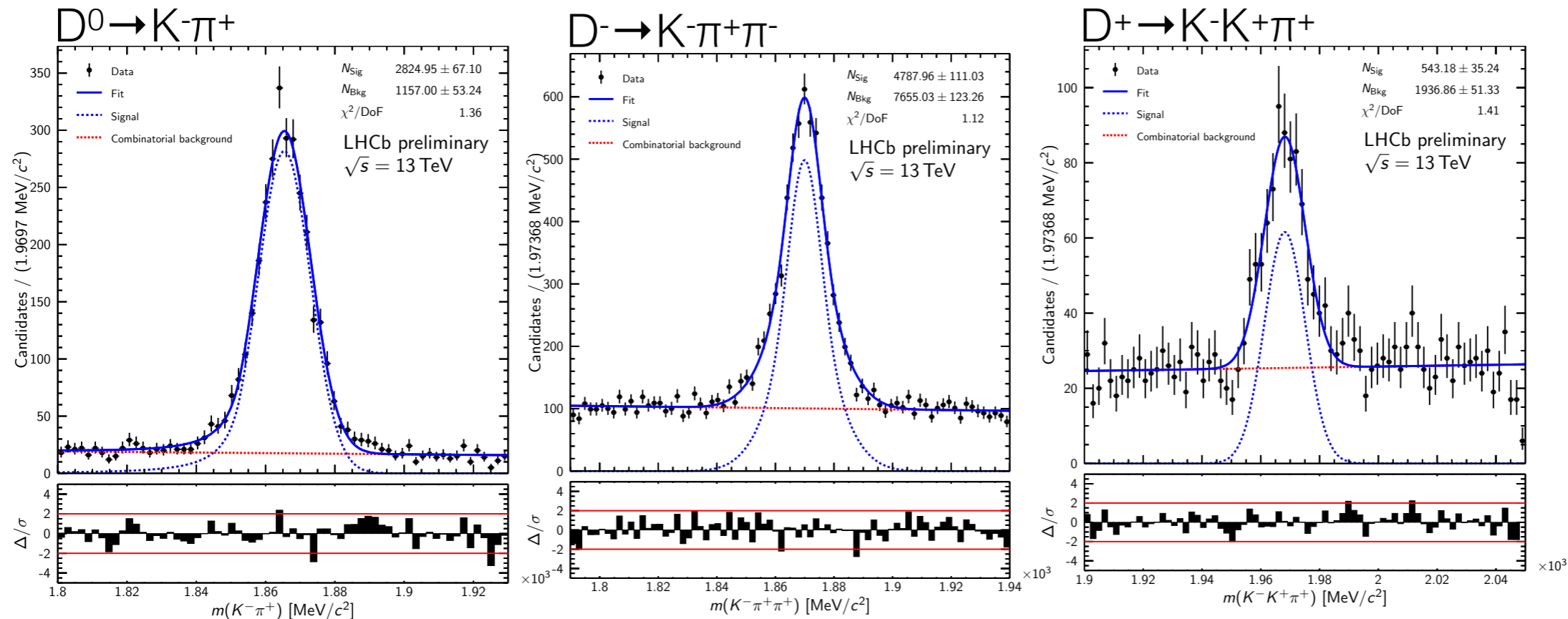


LHCb 'turbo stream'



Early June 2015 — clear charm in first “physics” fill @ 13 TeV⁶⁵

LHCb 'turbo stream'



- As *complete* signal is found by the HLT, provide 'just' the HLT output for analysis.
 - Must insure *all* information required for analysis is provided by HLT output
 - First iteration 'now': let's see if we can publish a 'turbo analysis' or that we missed something...
- Initially keep 'raw event' — just in case we forgot something — keep it 'parked'
 - consider it 'parking with a preview'
- If it works, only keep HLT output (like the CMS 'scouting') ; smaller events → higher rate.

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more conditions?

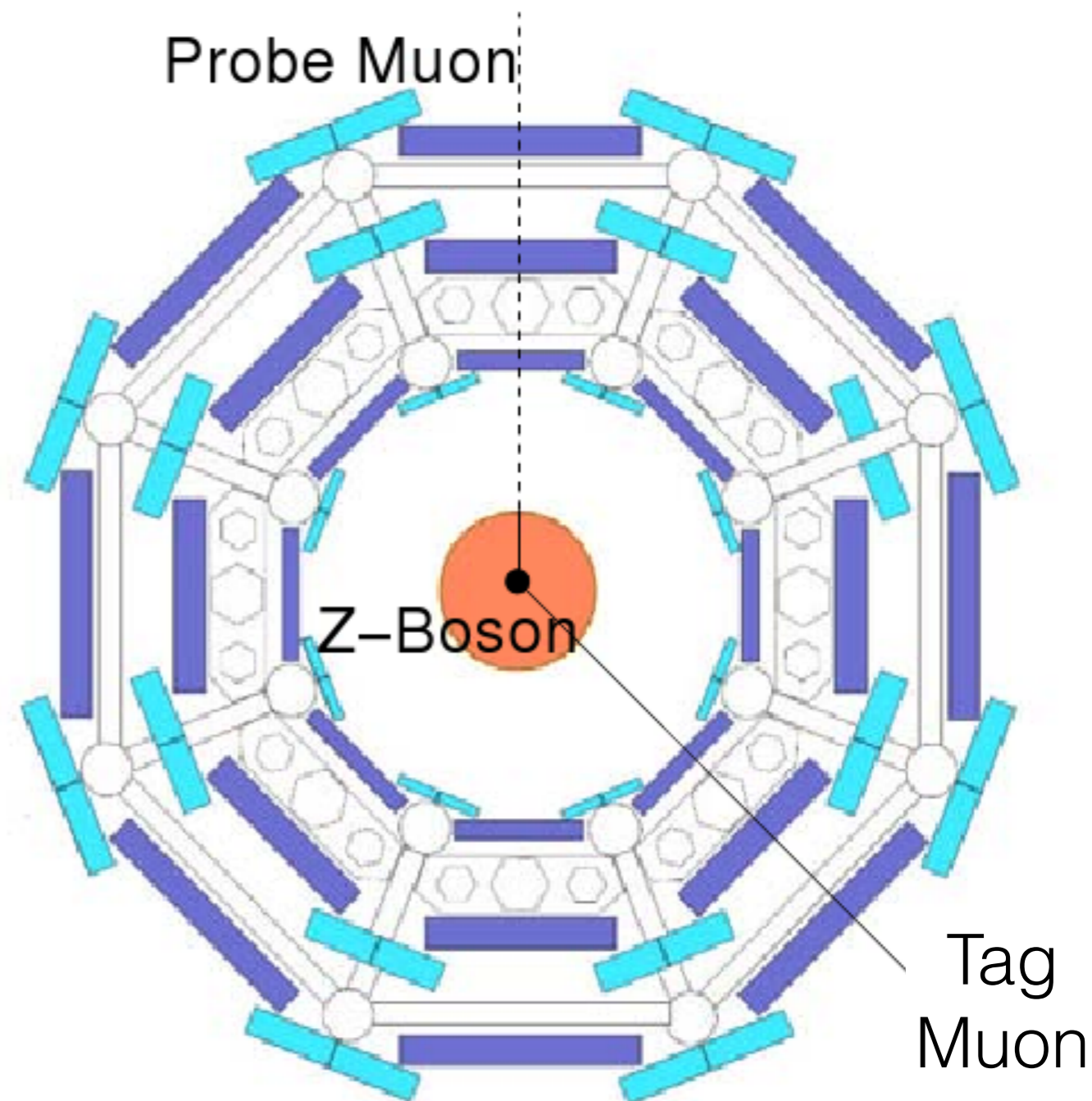
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OK

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- monitor trigger quality
- **determine trigger eff. (from data)**
- correct your measurement

Determining efficiencies: “Tag and Probe”

- Assuming a single-muon trigger
- Try to identify a muon *without* using the muon system
- Reconstruct a dimuon resonance with one identified muon (‘tag’) + one track (‘probe’)
 - require $M_{\text{tag+probe}} \sim M_Z$
- Now check if trigger *also* recognized this ‘probe’
- backgrounds can be subtracted using the dimuon invariant mass spectrum

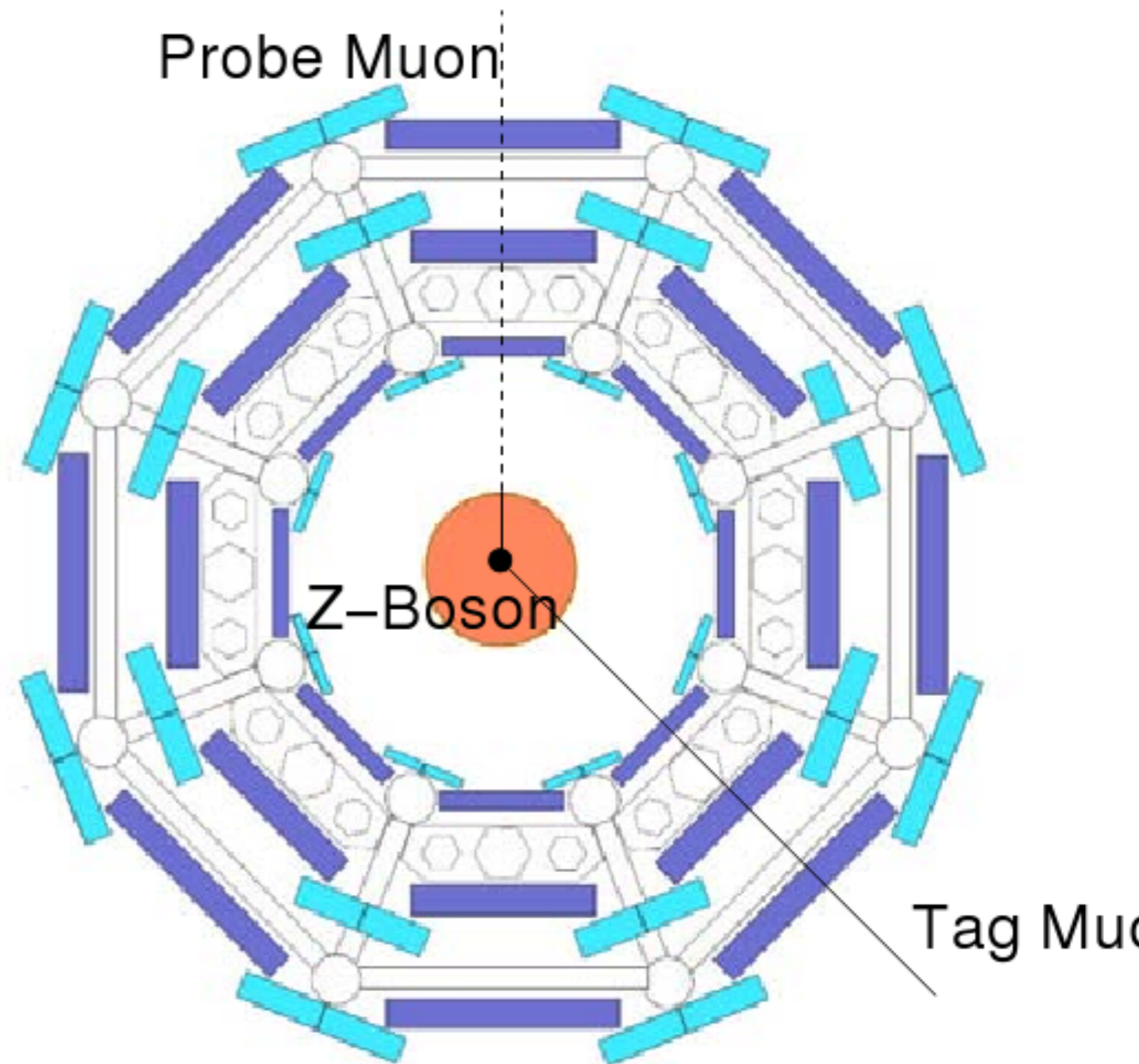
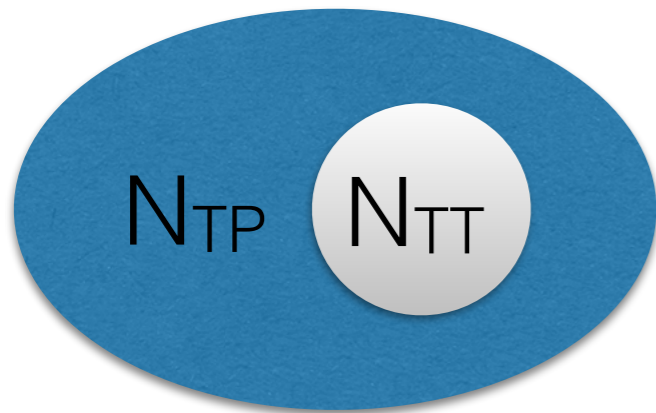


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$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon = 2 N_{TT} / (N_{TP} + 2N_{TT})$$

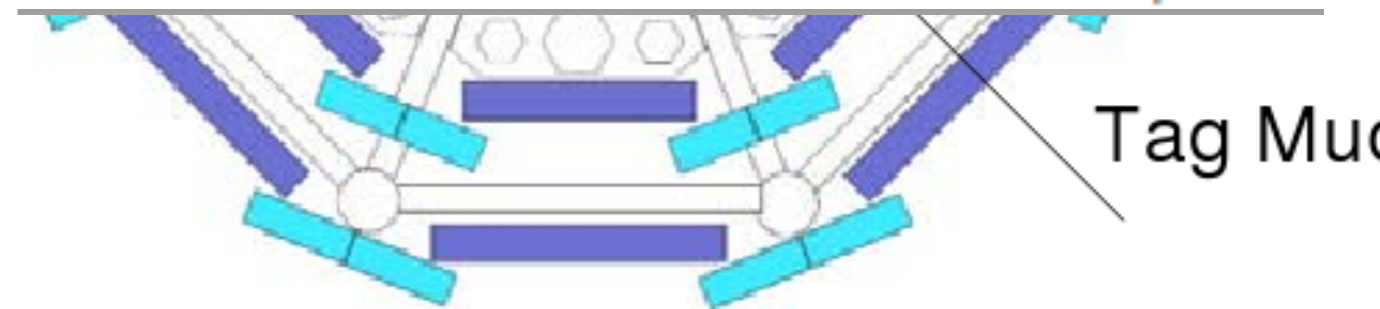
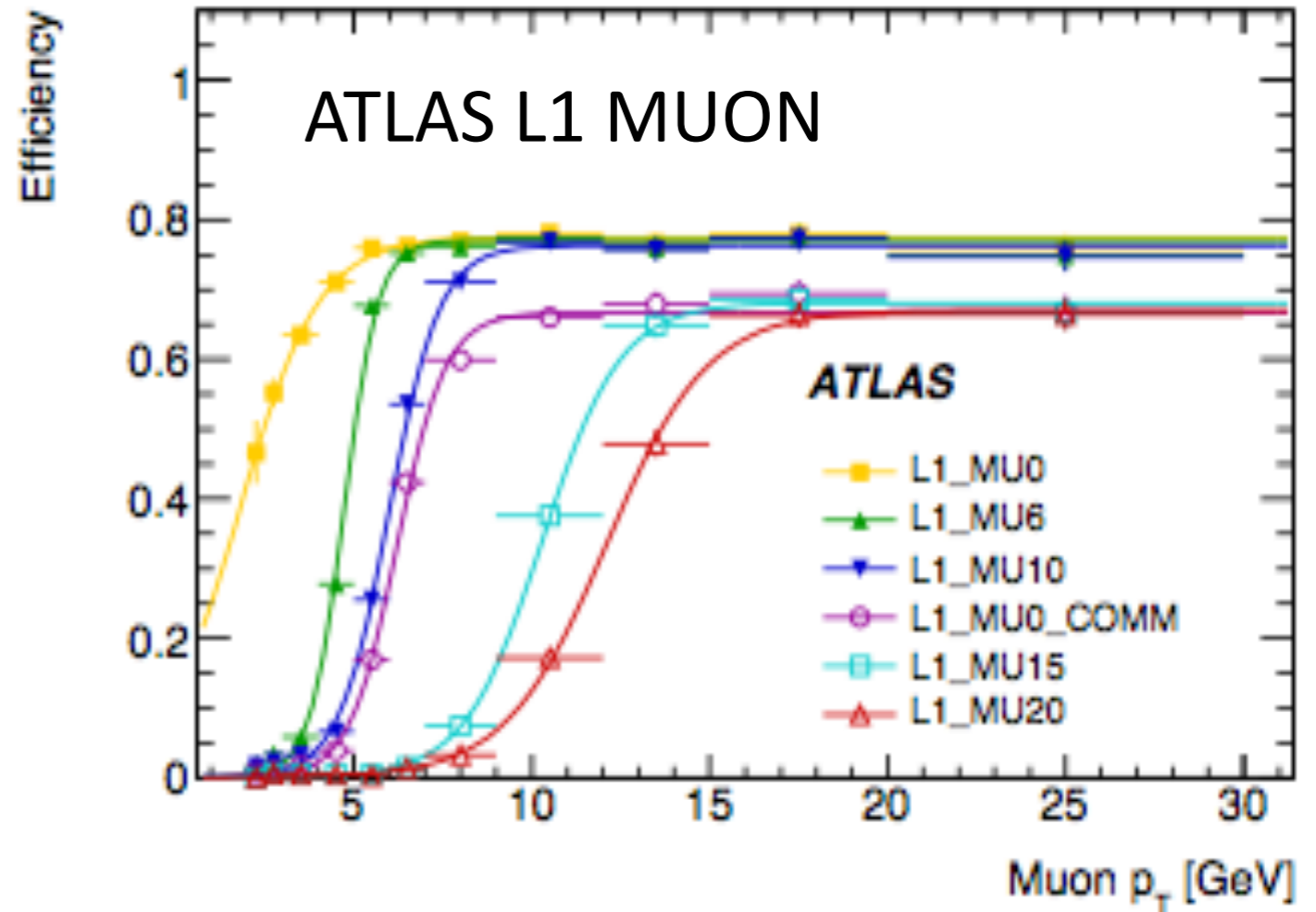
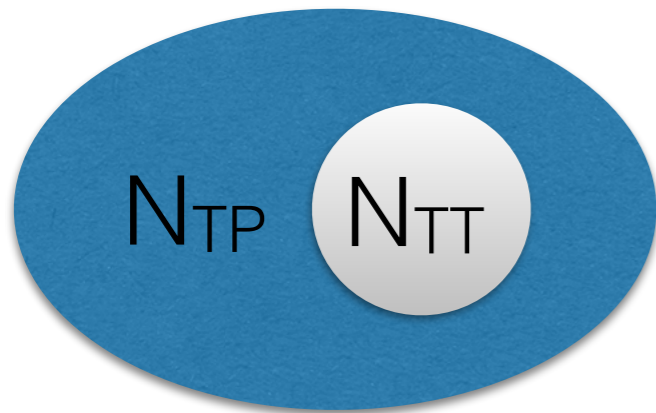


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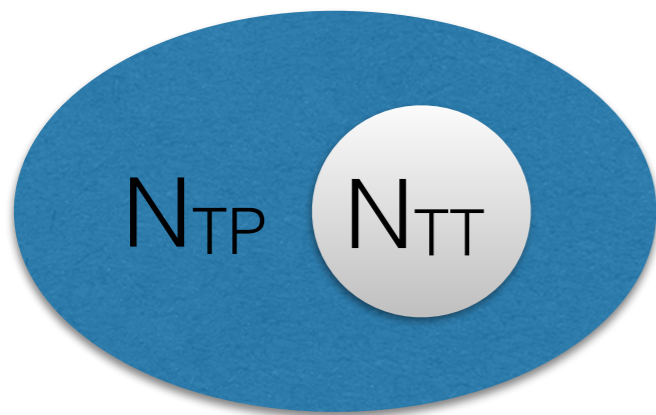


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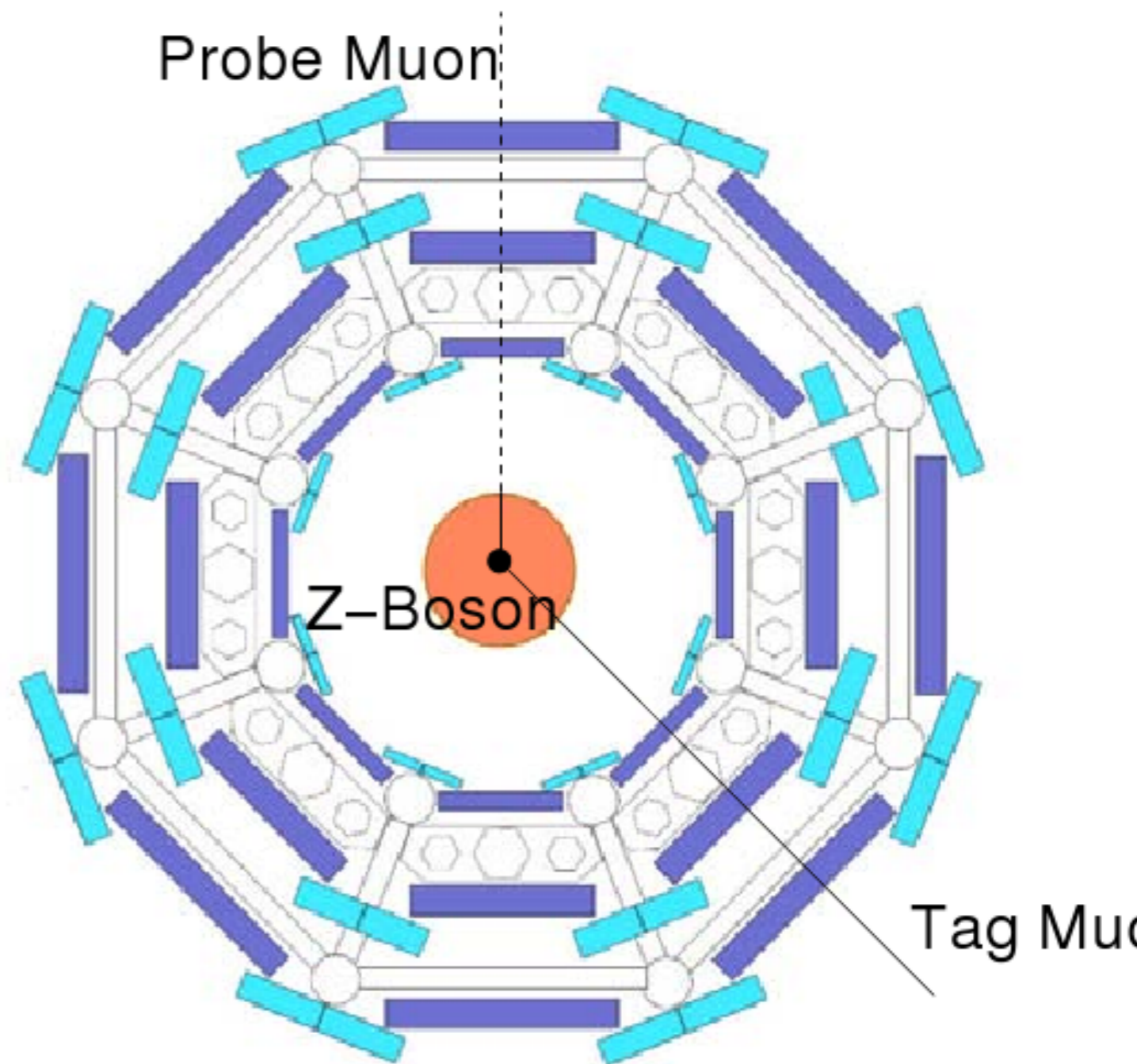
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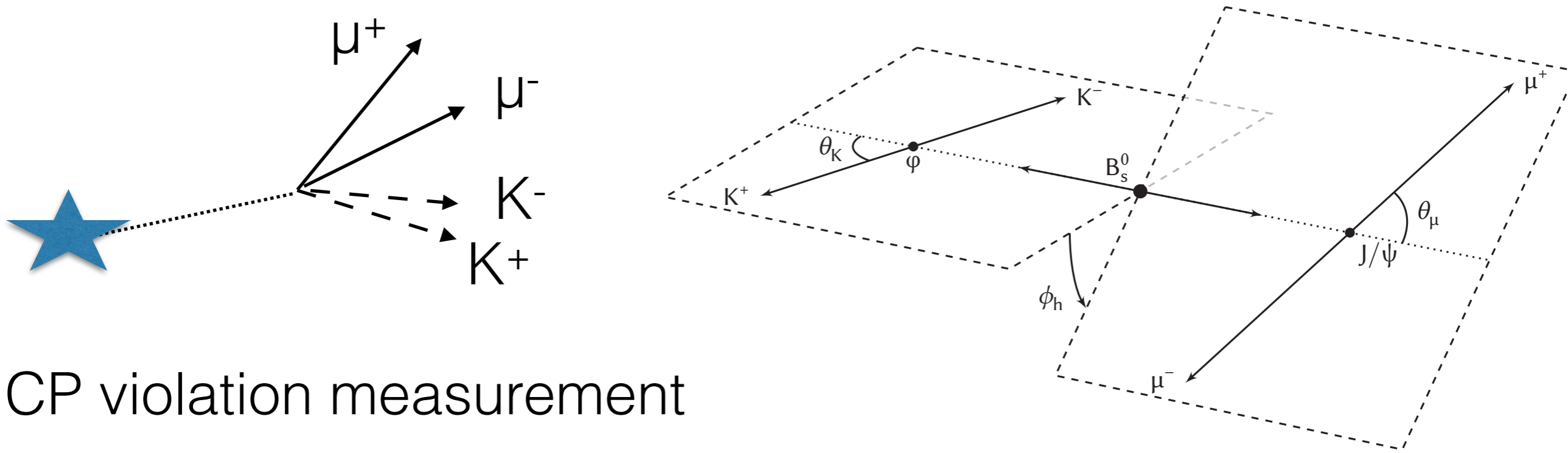


formally: conditional efficiency of getting a 2nd (tag) muon given that at least one was identified (as tag) assuming identifying a 2nd muon is uncorrelated from the 1st, for the given sample of $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays



Determining efficiencies:

LHCb $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$



- CP violation measurement

- must measure (amongst others) proper time, decay angles

- CDF / D0 collected 9k signal events each in ~ 7 years

- LHCb collected 90K signal events in ~ 2 years

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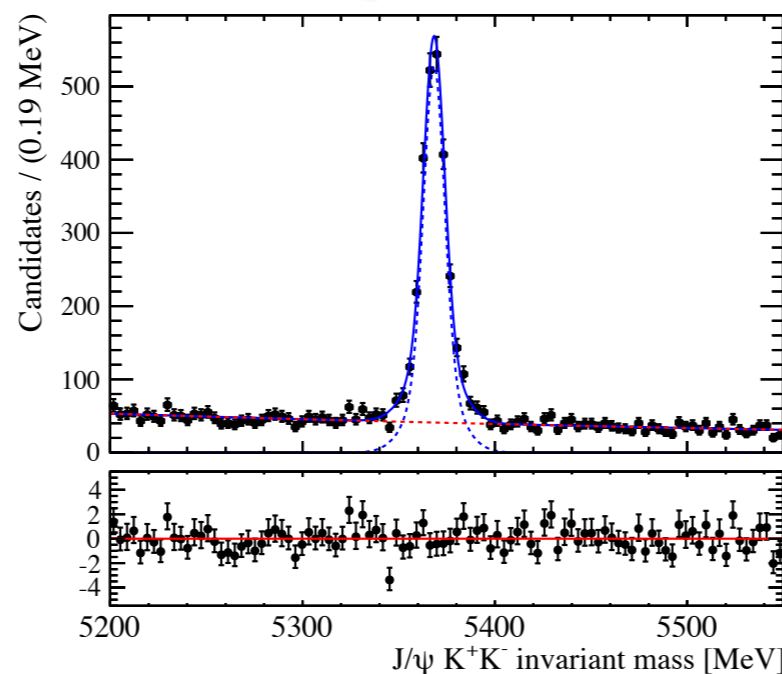
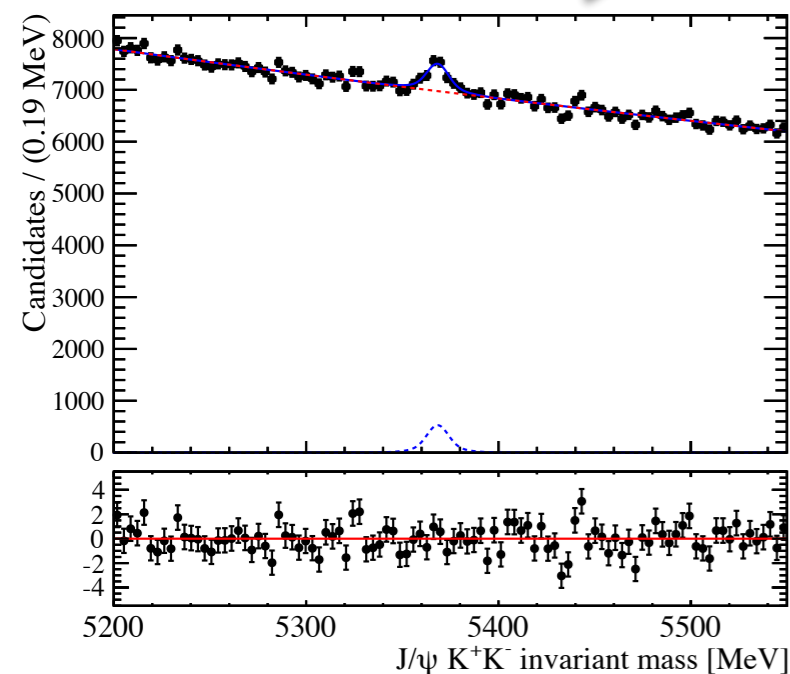
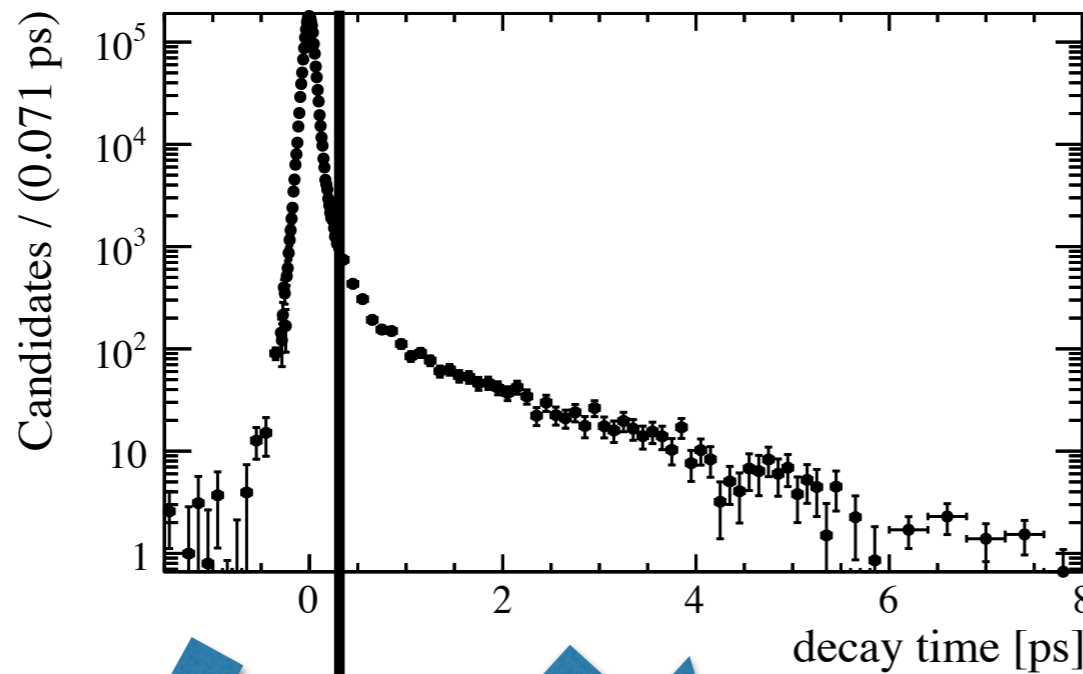
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Triggering

$B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$

- CDF / D0 used a ‘dimuon trigger’
- does not ‘distort’ the decay time distribution
- In LHCb, lots of $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ produced \rightarrow ‘(di)muon’ trigger consumes significant bandwidth
- How to reduce this bandwidth?
 - Argue in meetings that your analysis is very important, demand larger fraction of bandwidth...
 - prescale...
 - use more powerful (and complicated) methods, eg. ANN, BDT, ... — typically requires ‘exclusive’ selection
 - add P_T cuts on the J/ψ or muons — distorts the angular distribution
 - require ‘detached J/ψ ’ — distorts decay time distribution



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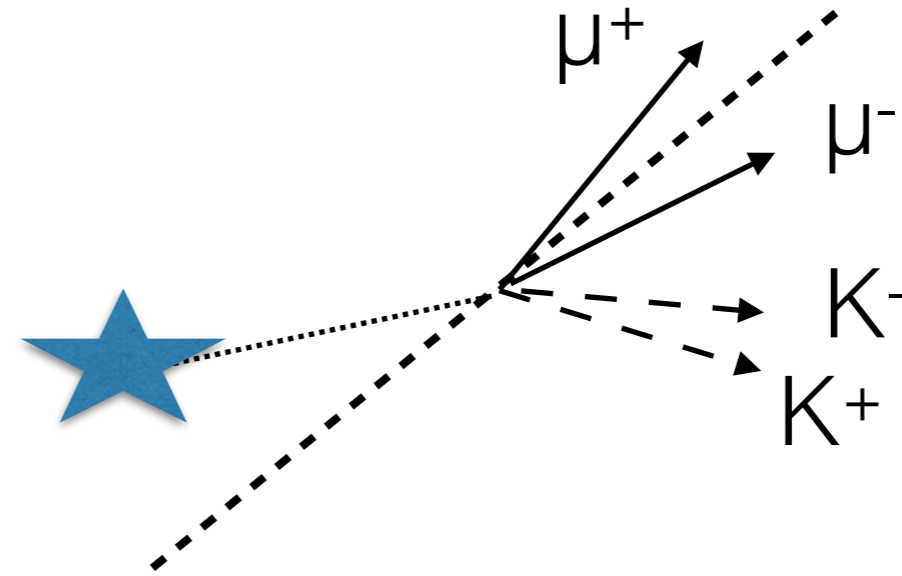
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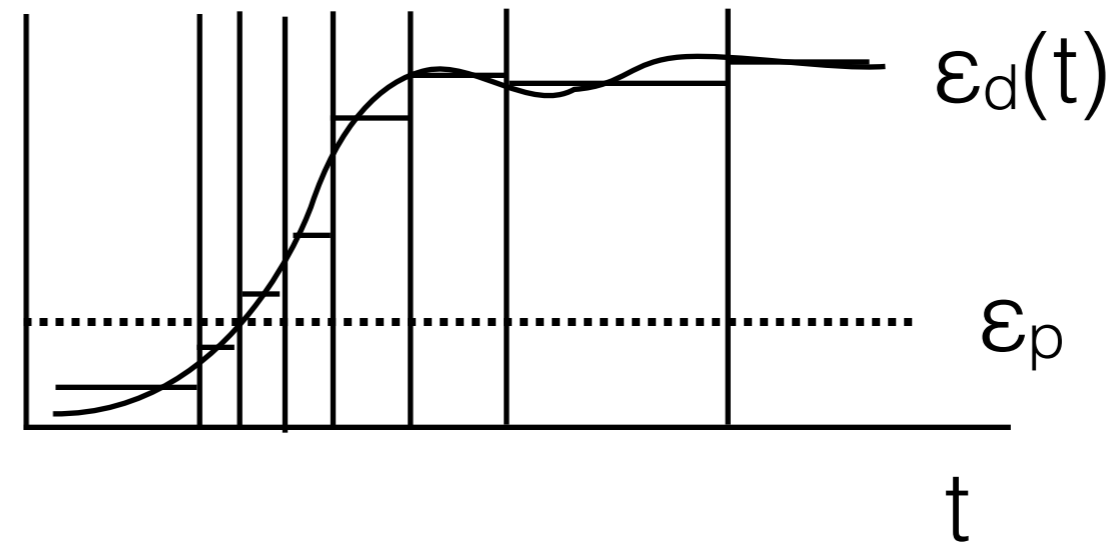
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Use of multiple triggers



- Take existing dimuon trigger, add prescale $\rightarrow \epsilon_p$
- Take existing dimuon trigger, add detached requirement $\rightarrow \epsilon_d(t)$
- $\epsilon_p = N_p / (N_p + N_d)$
- $\epsilon_d = N_d / (N_p + N_d)$
- actually, $\epsilon_d = \epsilon_d$ given p , and assuming ϵ_p is constant — which is it isn't due to non-trivial tracking efficiency...
- actually: handle background
- actually: there are two levels of HLT and multiple lines / level



for each time interval:

	P	D	
P & !D	ϵ_P	$1 - \epsilon_D(t)$	N_p
!P & D	$1 - \epsilon_P$	$\epsilon_D(t)$	N_d
P & D	ϵ_P	$\epsilon_D(t)$	N_{pd}
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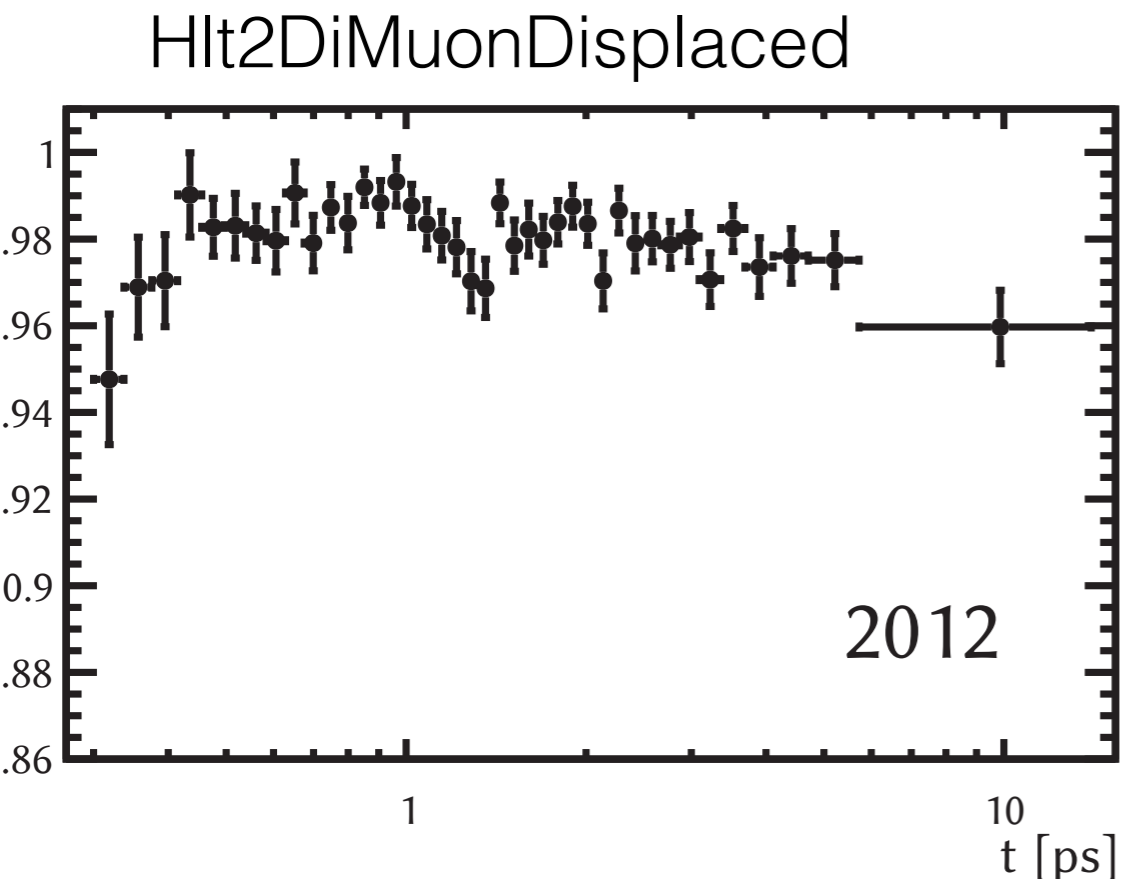
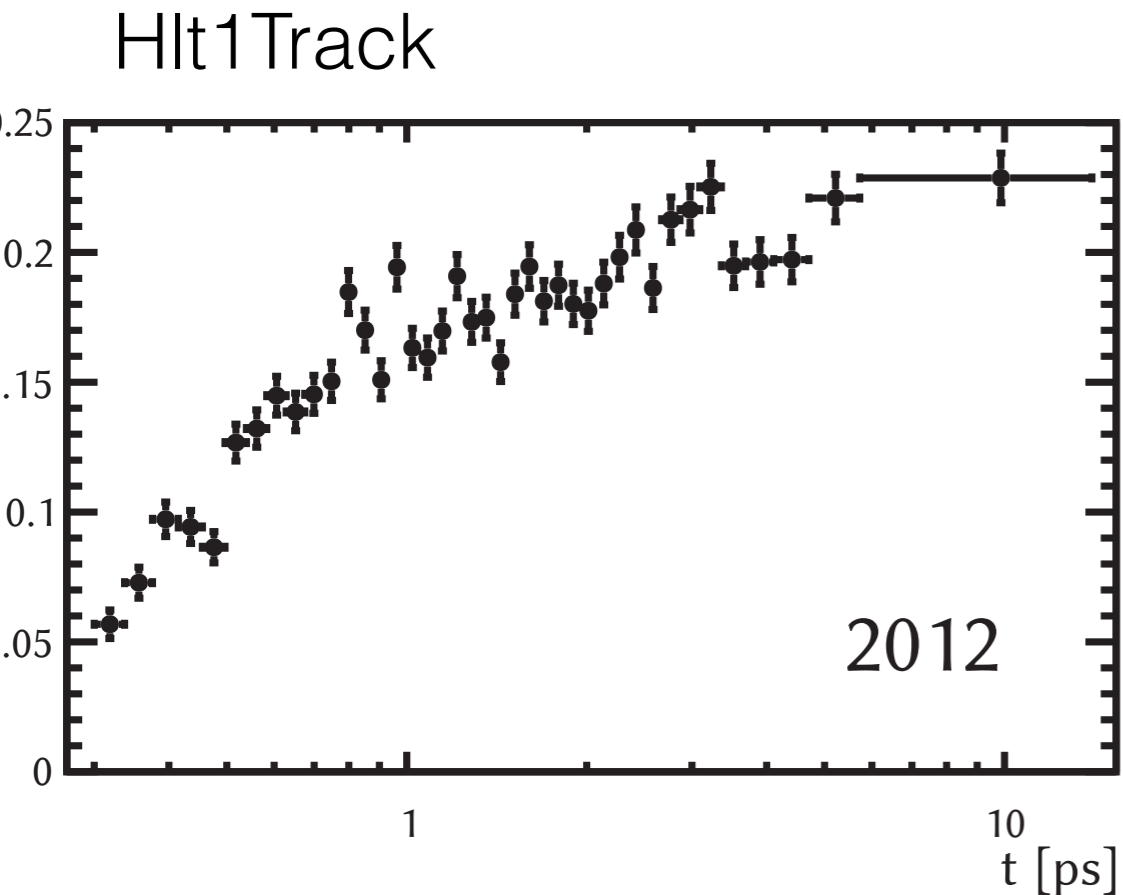
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Efficiency of displaced J/ψ triggers



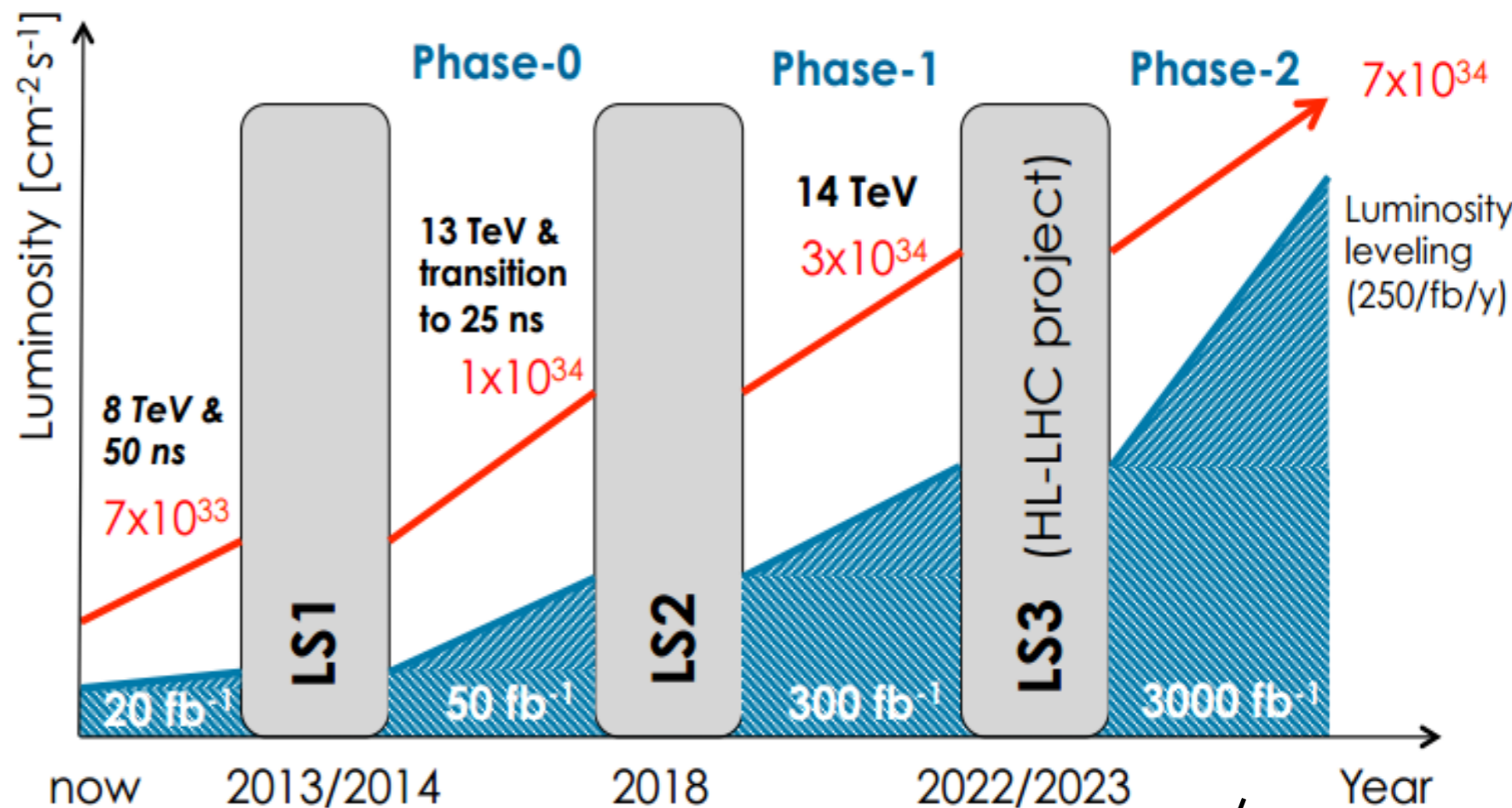
- Measured efficiency *relative* to prescaled ‘lifetime unbiased’ triggers
- Next one has to include this in the likelihood normalization.

$$\int dt \epsilon(t) \int dt' R(t - t') F(t')$$

$$= \sum_i \epsilon_i \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \int dt' R(t - t') F(t')$$

- If you don't like ‘discretized’ efficiency description, use splines instead (see eg. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1407.0748> for relevant integrals)

HL-LHC



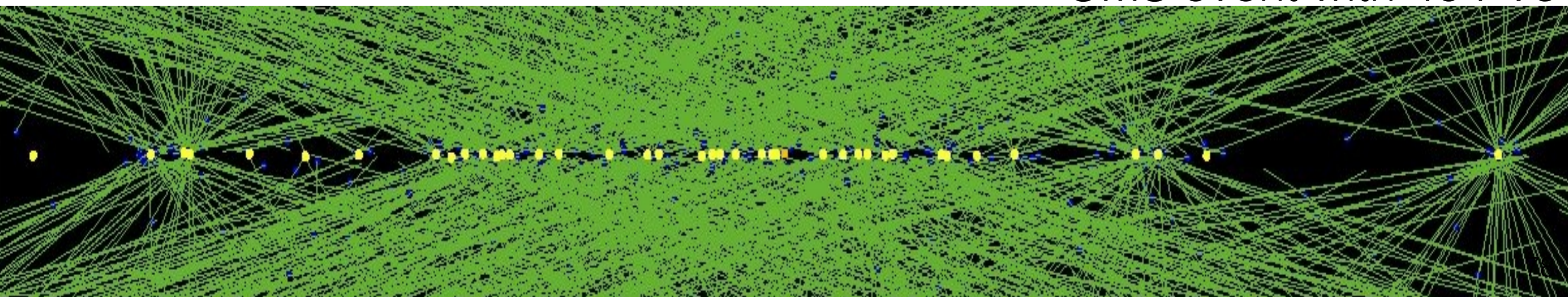
- lumi-leveling @ $5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 25 ns
- 14 TeV — minbias = 80 mb
- 140 PU *on average*, in region $\sigma_z = 7.5 \text{ cm} / \sqrt{2}$ along beam
- $\sim 0.3 \text{ mm}$ between PVs

Process	σ	Rate (Hz)
Min bias	84 mb	3.4×10^9
t \bar{t}	900 pb	45
$W \rightarrow l\nu$	20 nb	1.0×10^3
SM Higgs	30 pb	1.5

Vertex Consistency

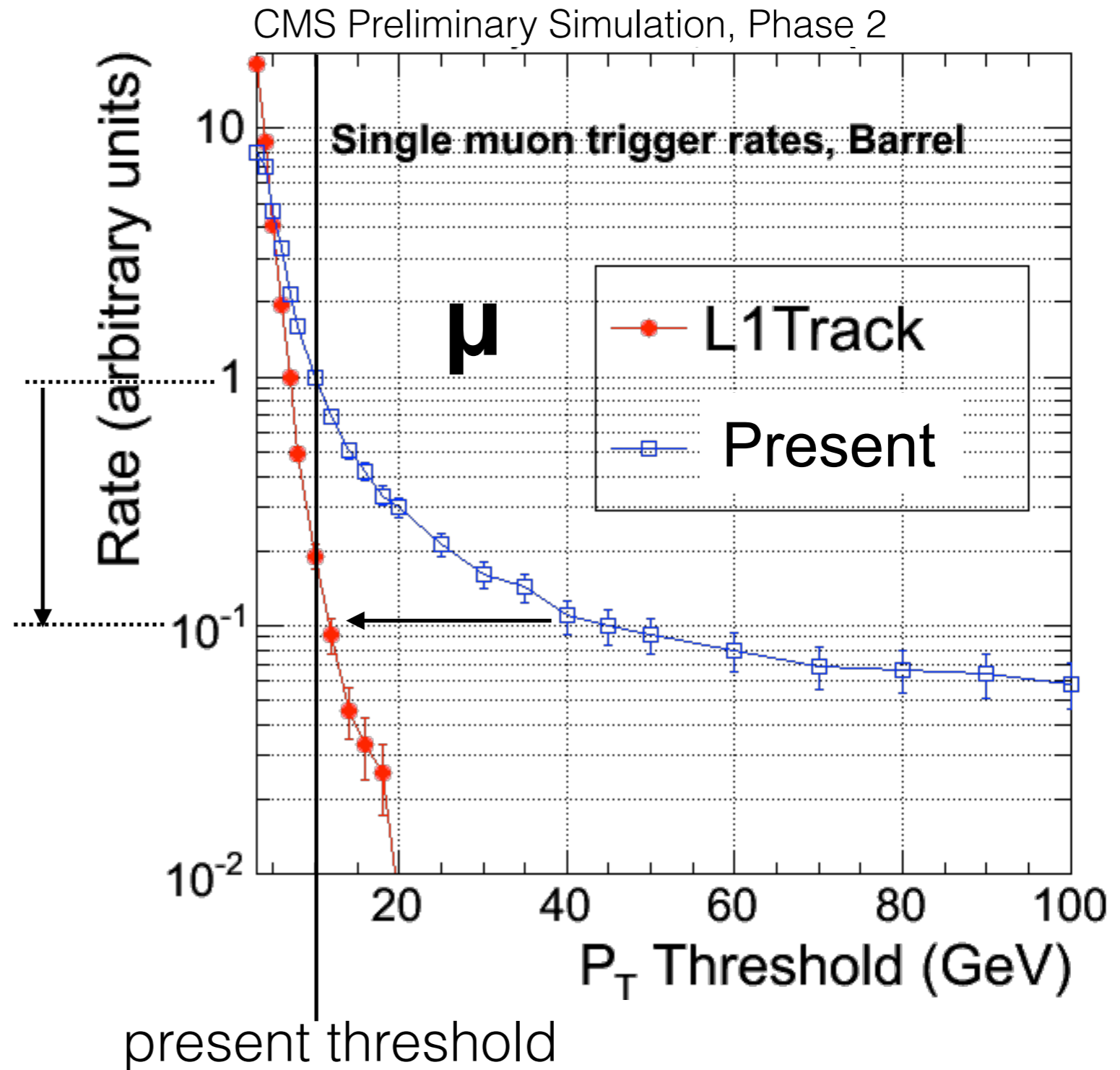
- With $O(140)$ interactions, 'multi-object' triggers will fire due to combinations from different PVs
- With tracking, can restrict to combinations from same interaction

CMS event with 40 PVs



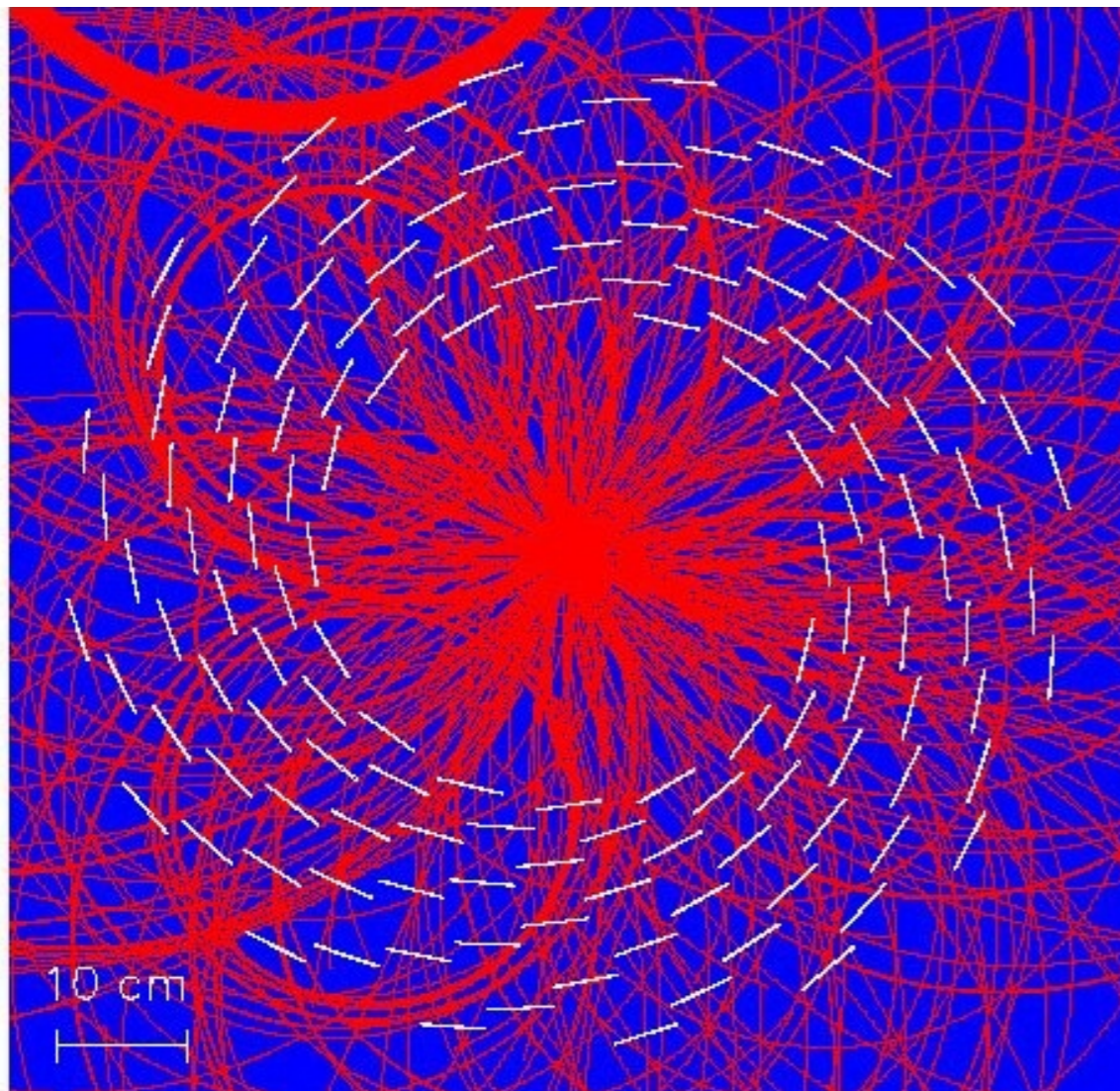
Use of tracking at L1...

- For example, for CMS, L1 muons momentum measurement can be significantly improved using the tracker

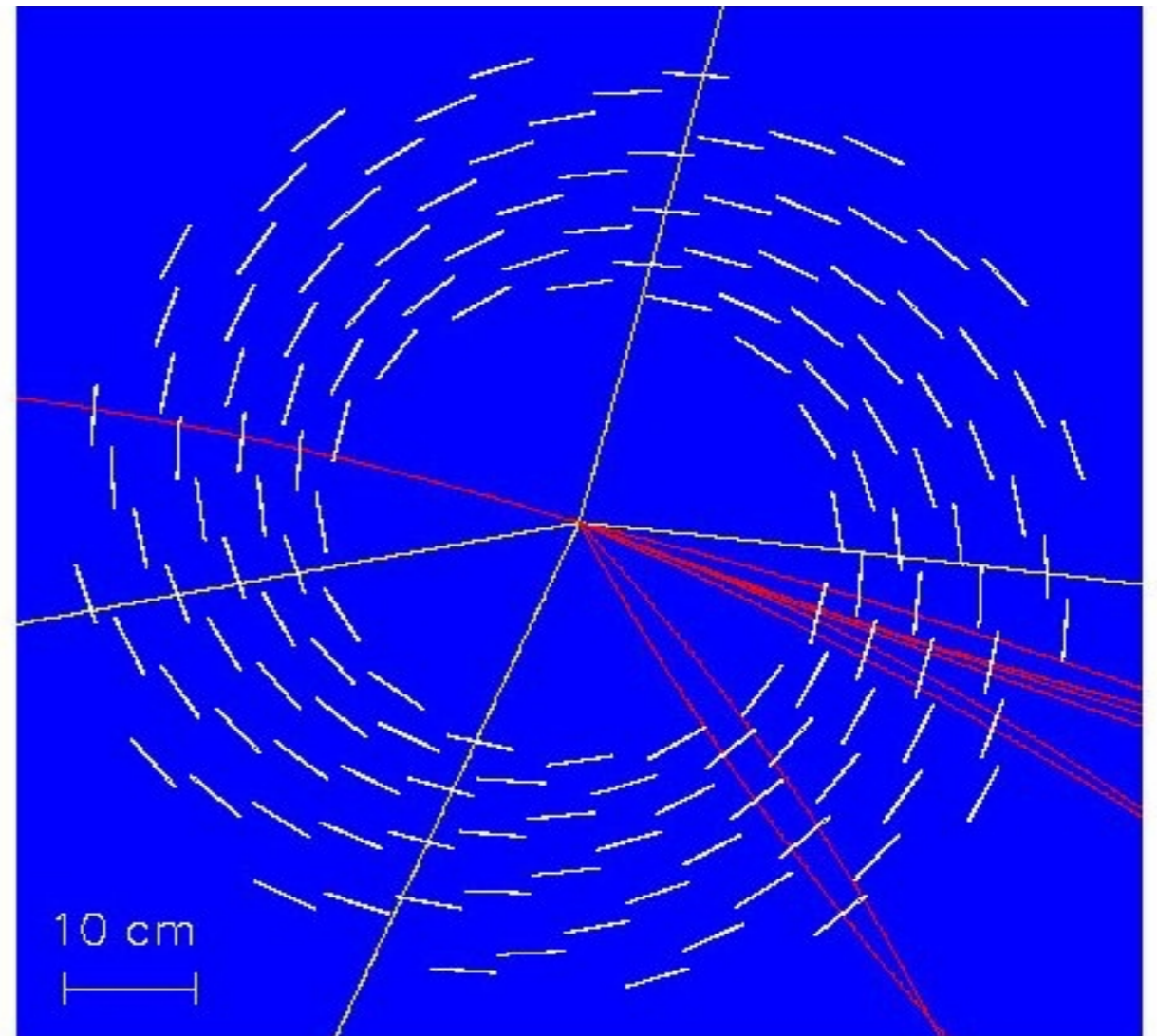


How to track at L1?

All Tracks



Tracks with $P_t > 2$ GeV

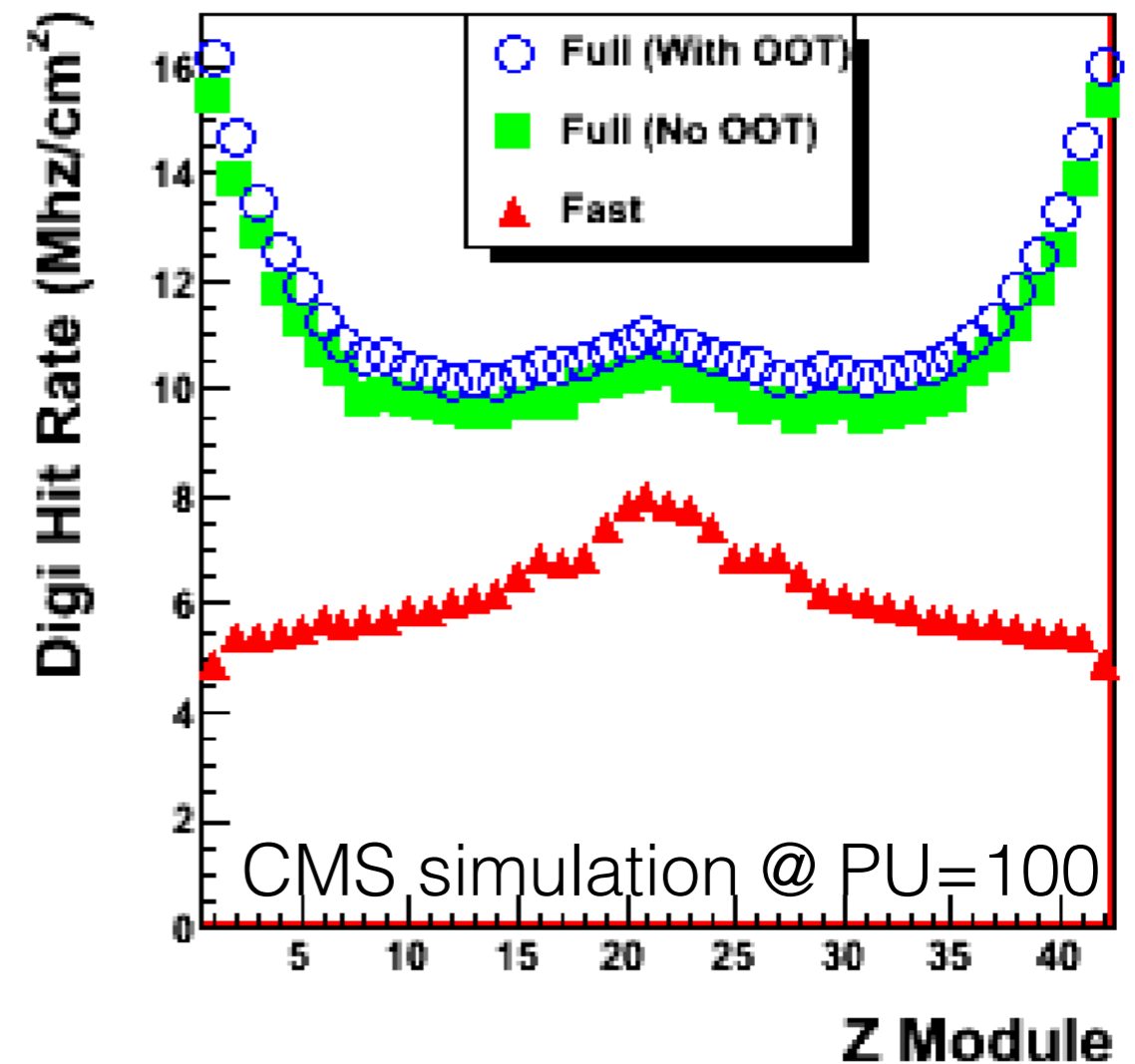


H \rightarrow 4mu, with 20 pile-up

How much data?

- Assuming 50 cm^2 modules, need 800 MHz of hits.
- @25 bits / hit \rightarrow 20 GB/s *average*.
- To deal with peak rate: O(50 GB/s)
- state-of-the-art *rad-hard*
 - GBLD10, 10 GB/s \rightarrow need O(5) links / module!!!
- How to reduce this?

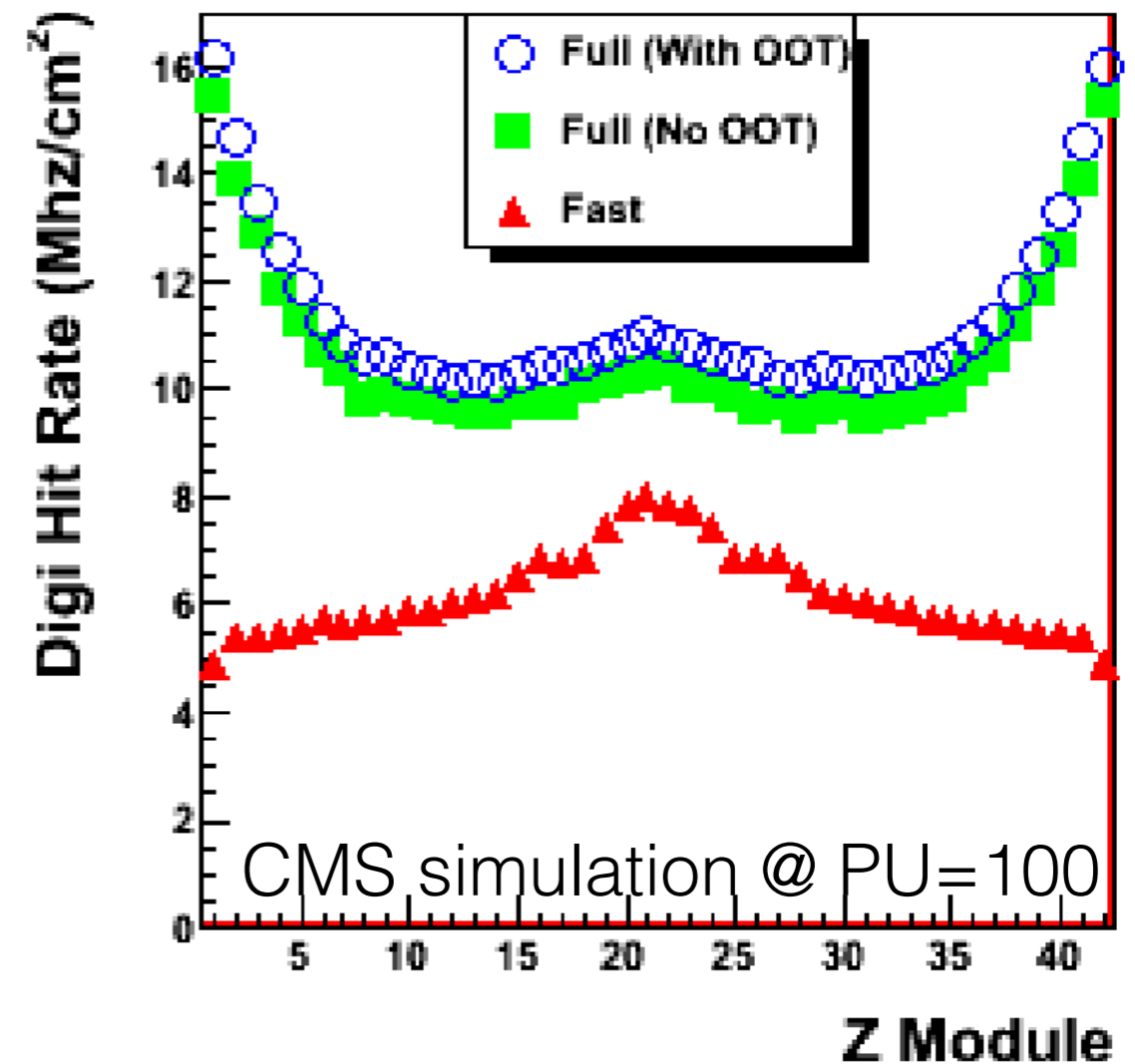
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Atlas: use 'LVL0' to provide ROI using calorimeter, muon system & read out at reduced rate

CMS: perform *local* 'self-seeding' at full rate

Colorblind Monkeys...



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Effects of colour vision phenotype on insect capture by a free-ranging population of white-faced capuchins, *Cebus capucinus*

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Unlike most eutherian mammals, which have dichromatic (two-colour) vision, most platyrrhine primate species have polymorphic colour vision. This unique characteristic is enabled via multiple alleles for a mid- to long-wavelength-sensitive (M/LWS), single-locus opsin gene on the X chromosome. In combination with the autosomal opsin common to most vertebrates, this arrangement provides heterozygous females with trichromatic (three-colour) vision, whereas homozygous females and males are dichromats. Trichromatic vision enables visual differentiation among longer-wavelength colours, such as red, orange, yellow and green. Currently, many researchers attribute the evolution and maintenance of polymorphic colour vision to trichromat (= heterozygote) advantage. However, dichromacy may be more suited for achromatic tasks, such as penetrating colour camouflage, especially under low-light conditions. We evaluated whether dichromatic capuchin monkeys (*Cebus capucinus*) were more efficient than trichromatic monkeys at capturing camouflaged and noncamouflaged insects. Through faecal DNA analysis, we determined the genotypes of the M/LWS opsins for 34 capuchins in two groups inhabiting Santa Rosa National Park, Costa Rica. Dichromatic monkeys were more efficient at detecting camouflaged, surface-dwelling insects, especially under conditions of low ambient light. However, unexpectedly, trichromats were more efficient in extracting embedded, noncamouflaged insects from substrates. To our knowledge, this is the first study to document a foraging advantage to dichromatic monkeys in the wild. Our findings show that there is a lack of heterozygote advantage in foraging for surface-dwelling insects and therefore indicate that this mechanism may not be the sole driving force maintaining polymorphic colour vision in this population.

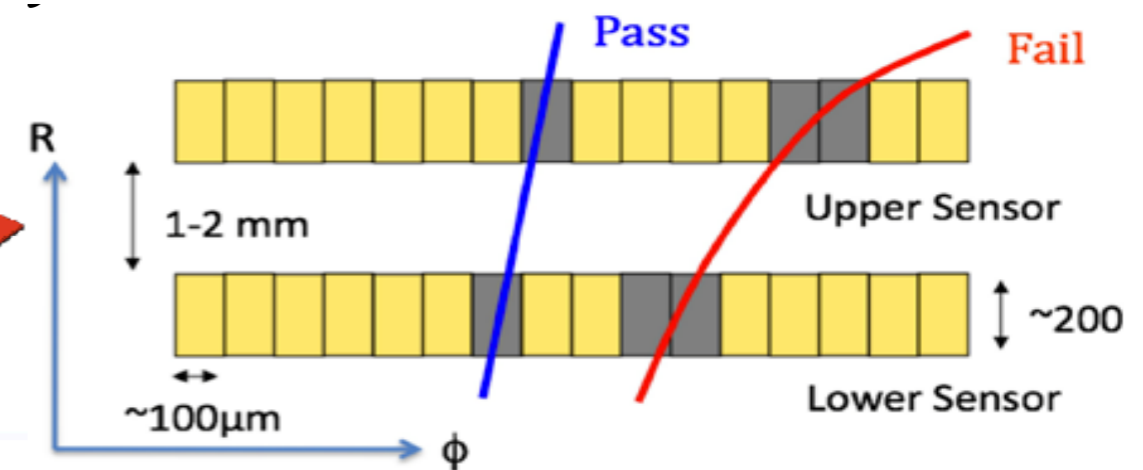
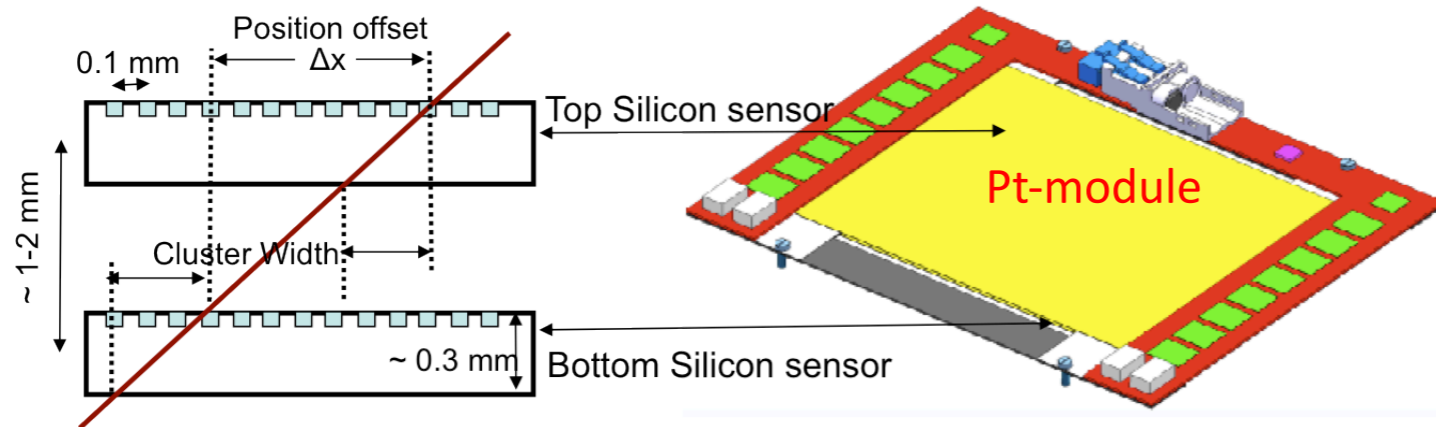
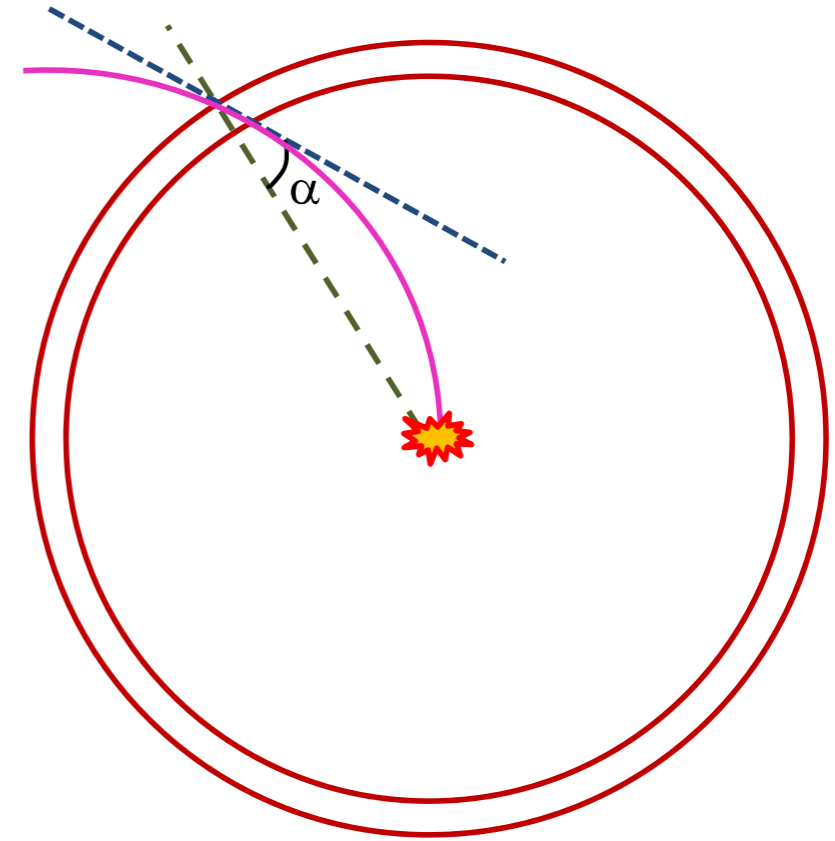
- ... are better at detecting *camouflaged* insects!

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CMS Stacked Tracker

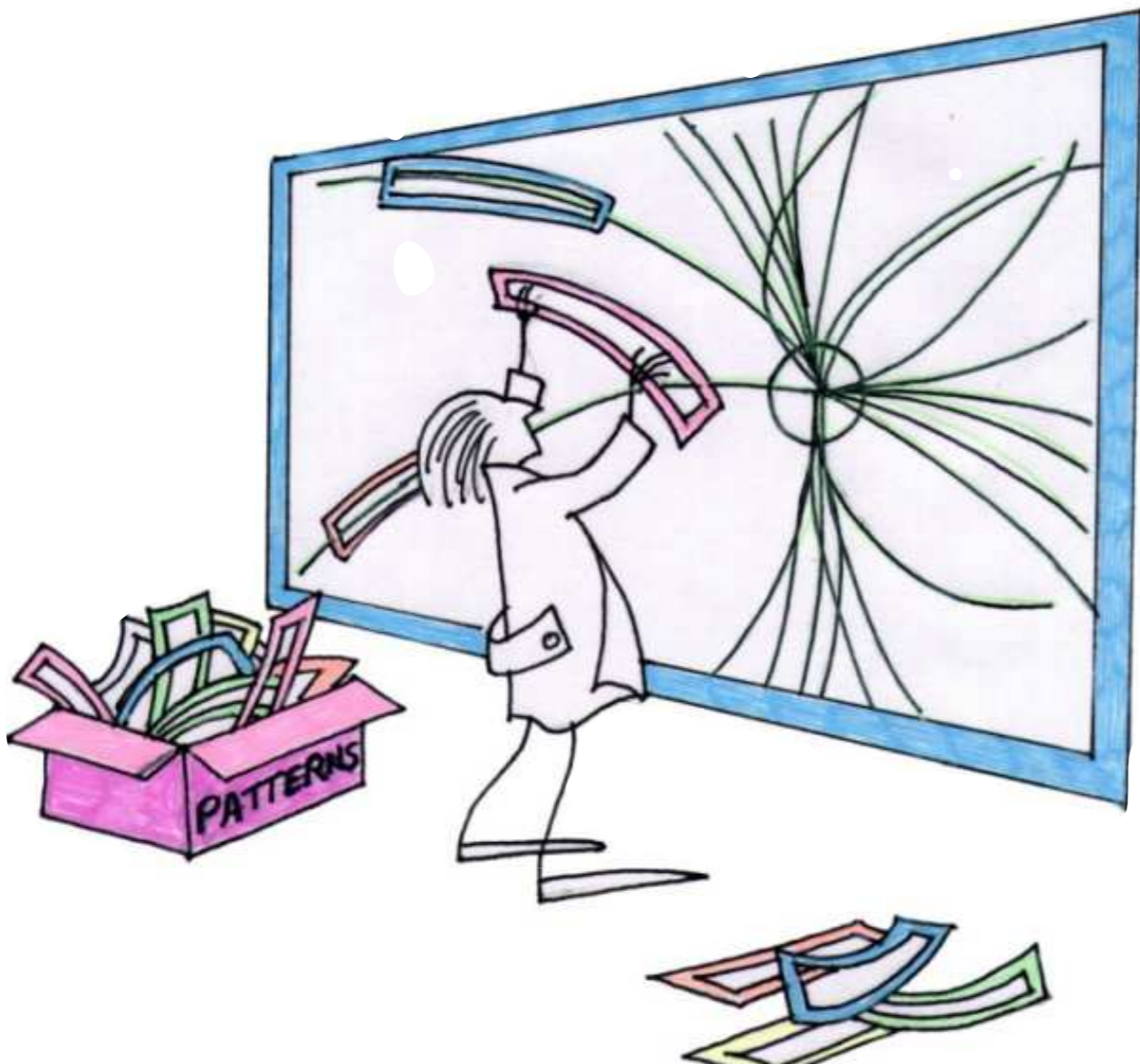
Use correlation between P_T and direction @ some radius:

1. cluster width depends on angle
2. with two layers close in radius, P_T cut implies geometric correlation



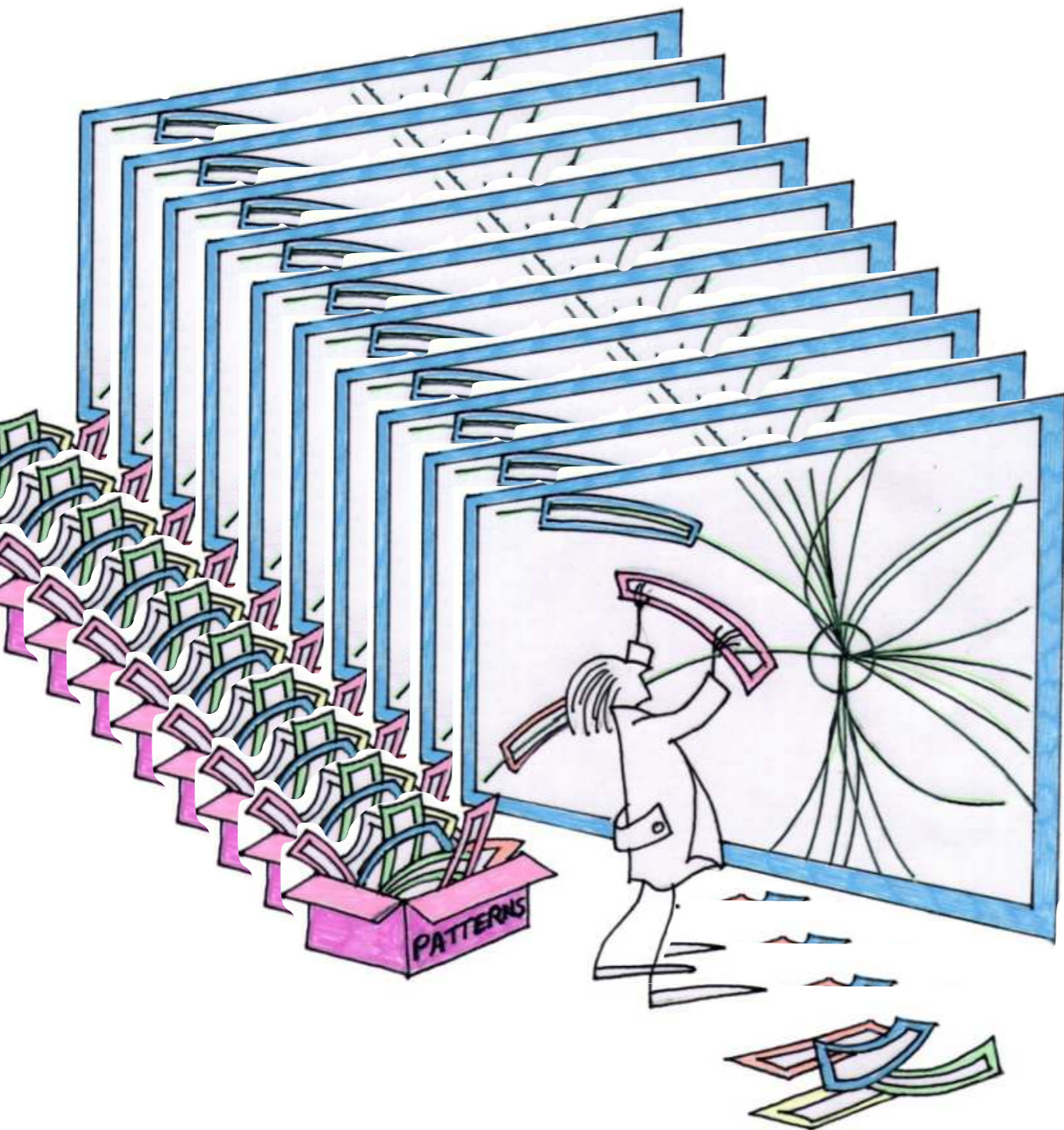
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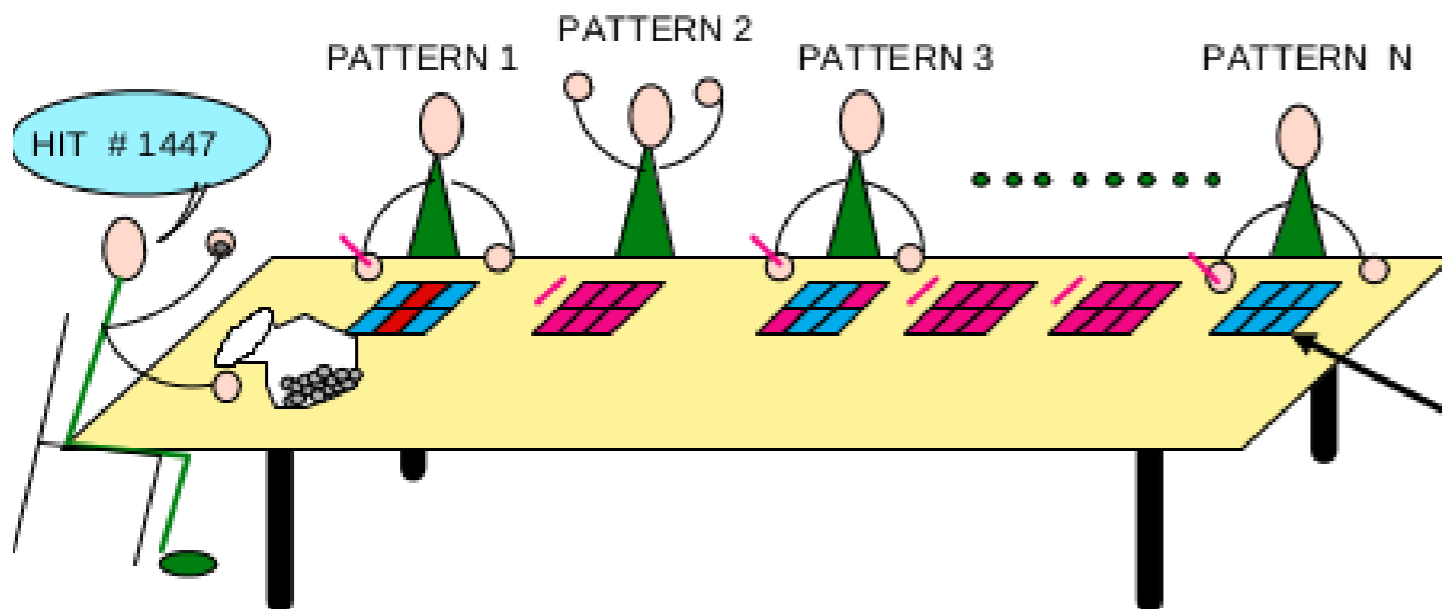
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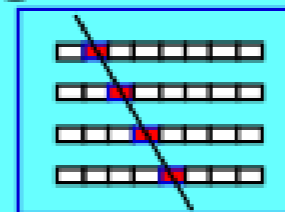
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2. Use FPGA or eg. so-called 'Associative Memory' to match observed pattern with table ("reverse lookup")

AM = BINGO PLAYERS



Bingo scorecard



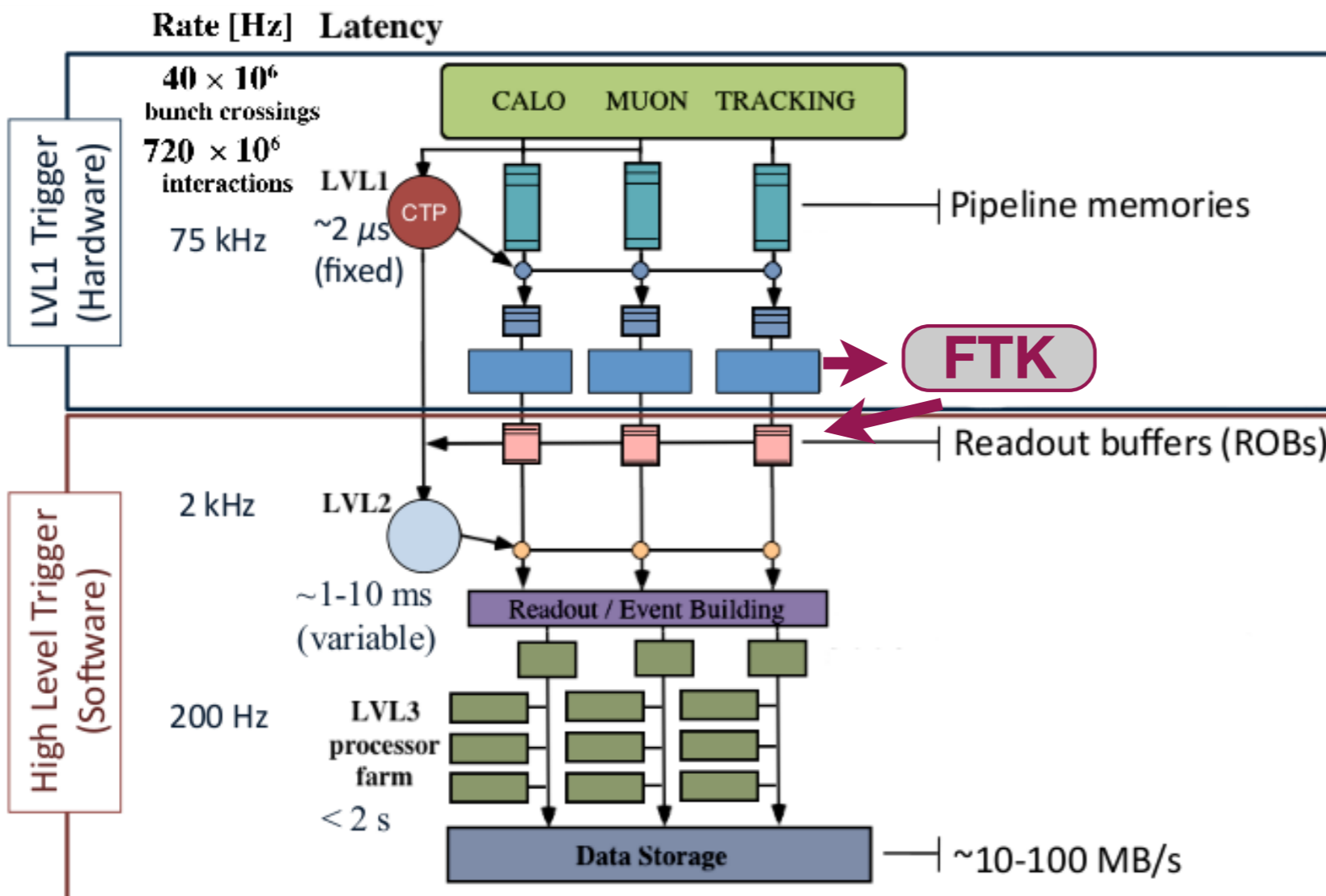
Used in eg. Atlas FTK

Atlas FTK

2015: partial installation

2016: initial HLT usage

2017: complete coverage, use for physics

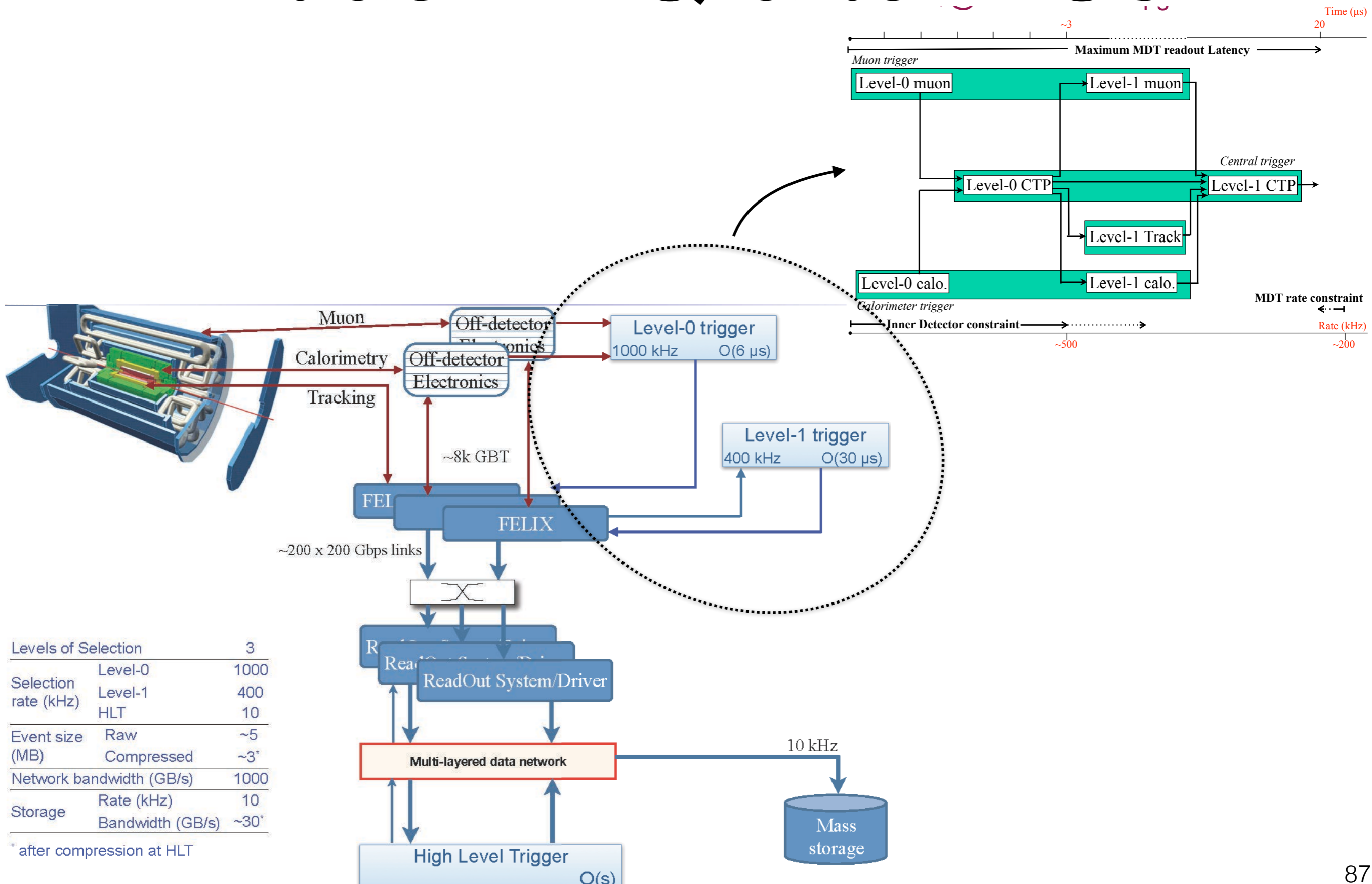


Processes L1
accepted events
(100kHz)

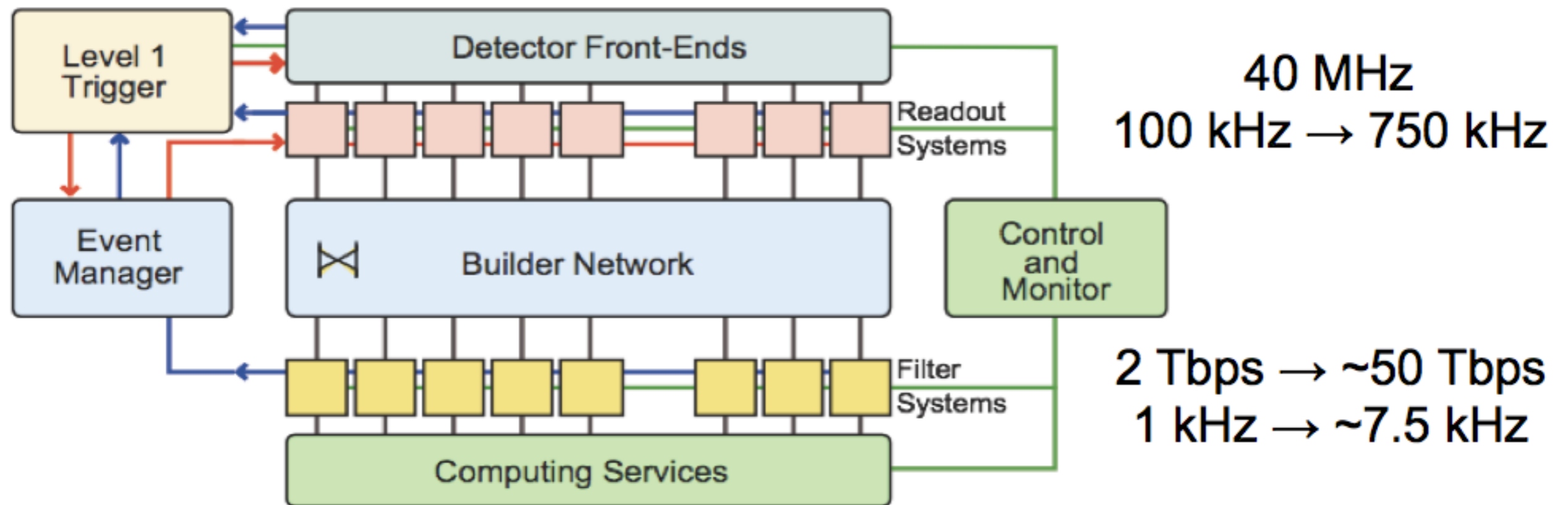
Output tracks with
 $P_T > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$ to HLT.

FTK latency $\sim 100 \mu\text{s}$

Atlas DAQ after LS3



CMS DAQ after LS3



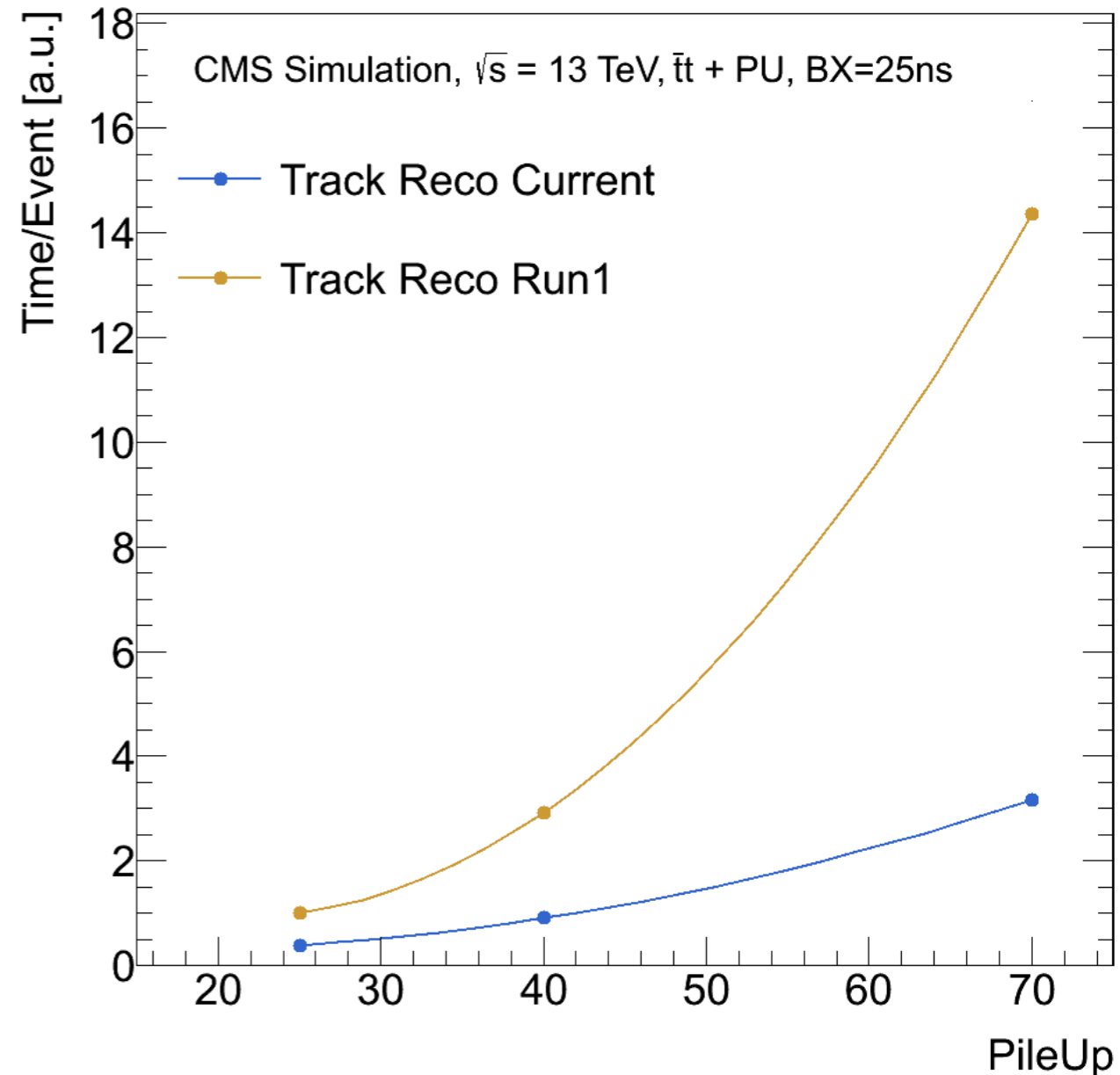
- Track trigger combined with calorimeter & muon triggers regionally, then transmitted to global L1
- L1 latency: 12.5 us

LHC Trigger/DAQ upgrades

	ALICE	LHCb	CMS	ATLAS
Hardware trigger	No	No	Yes	Yes
Software trigger input rate	50 kHz Pb-Pb 200 kHz p-Pb	30 MHz	500/750 kHz for PU 140/200	0.4 MHz
Baseline processing architecture	CPU/GPU/FPGA/ Cloud&Grid	CPU farm (+coprocessors)	CPU farm (+coprocessors)	CPU farm (+coprocessors)
Software trigger output rate	50 kHz Pb-Pb 200 kHz p-Pb	20-100 kHz	5-7.5 kHz	5-10 kHz

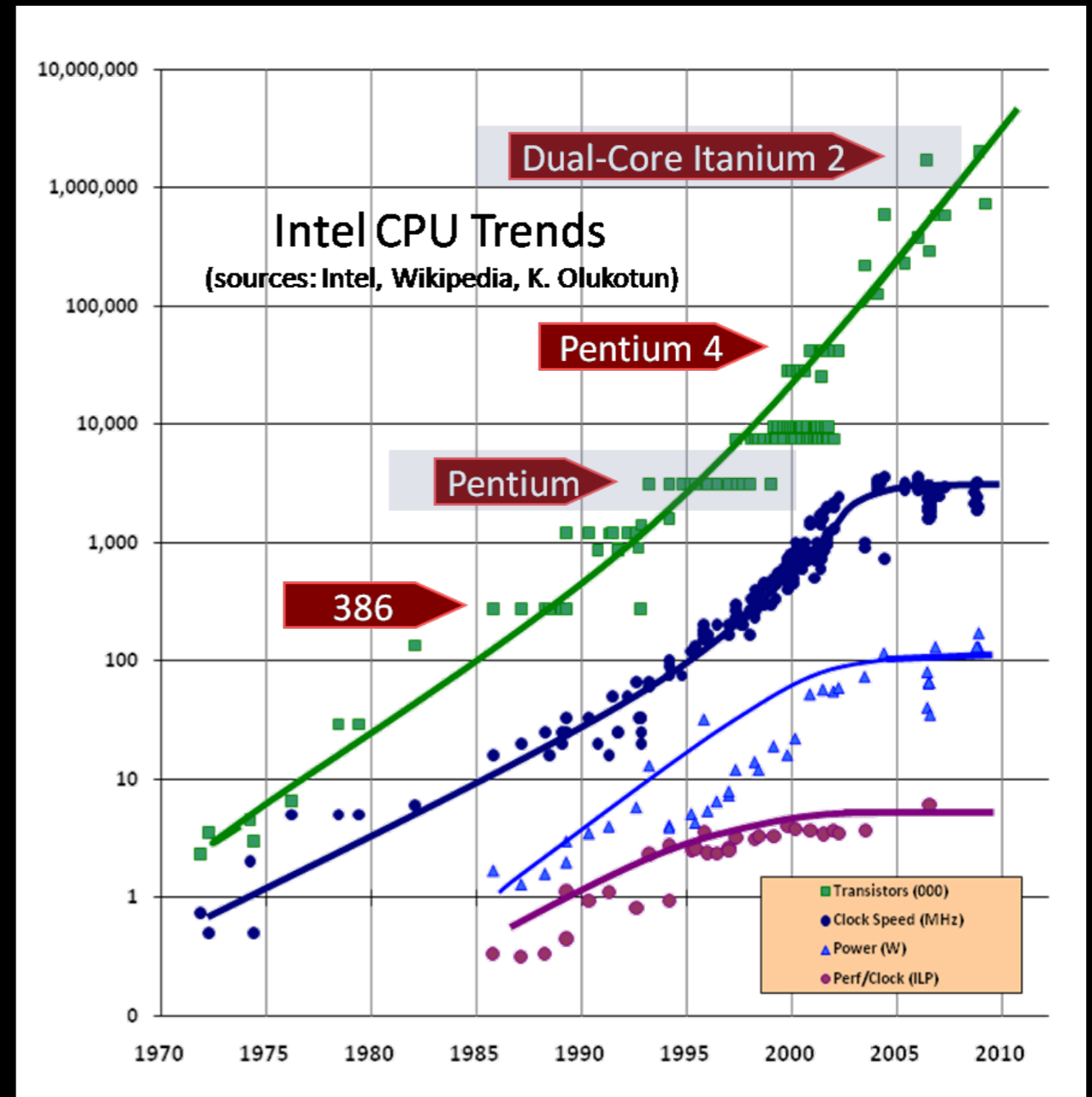
HLT: can it scale?

- CMS HLT will have to process x10, with same rejection $\div 100$ as today
- Scaling of CPU time seems \sim linear with pile-up (non-trivial!)
- ✓ Need $O(10 \times 5)$ today's capacity
— 50 = 30%/year x 10 years
- And will have access to tracks from L1 track trigger



HLT: will it scale?

- Already in 2005 (*) it was realized that “things are about to change”
- First 2 GHz Intel CPU: August 2001
- Days of ever faster “sequential processing” are long gone...



(*) Herb Sutter, [Dr. Dobb's Journal](#), 30(3), March 2005.

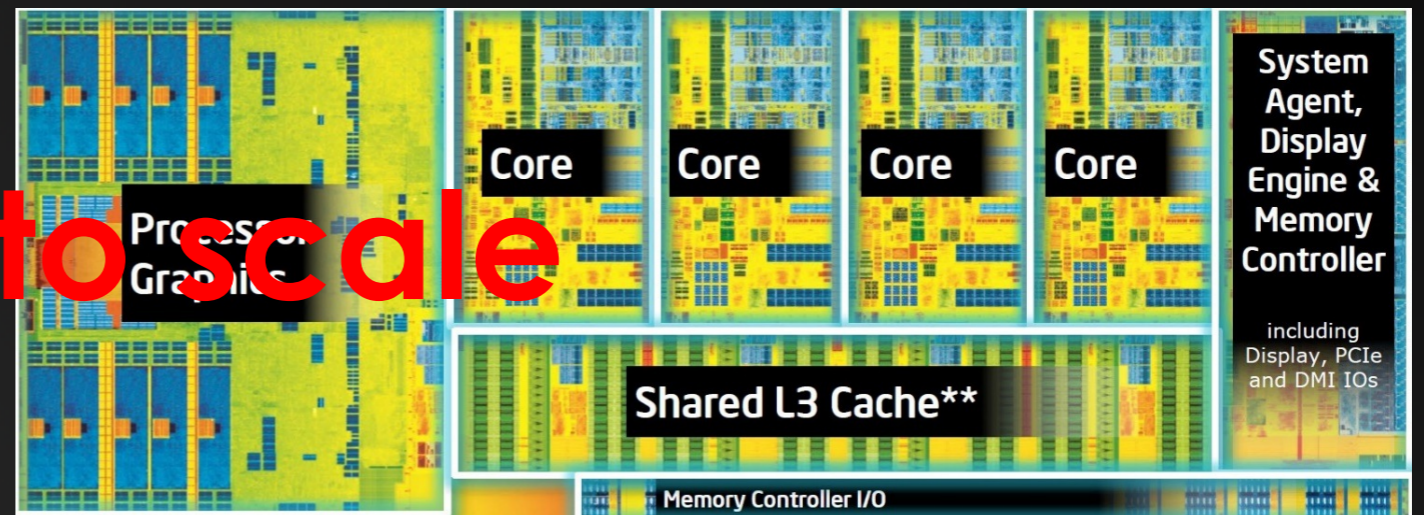
HARDWARE LANDSCAPE

“Yesterday”
3.1 million transistors

Today
1.4 billion transistors



Not to scale



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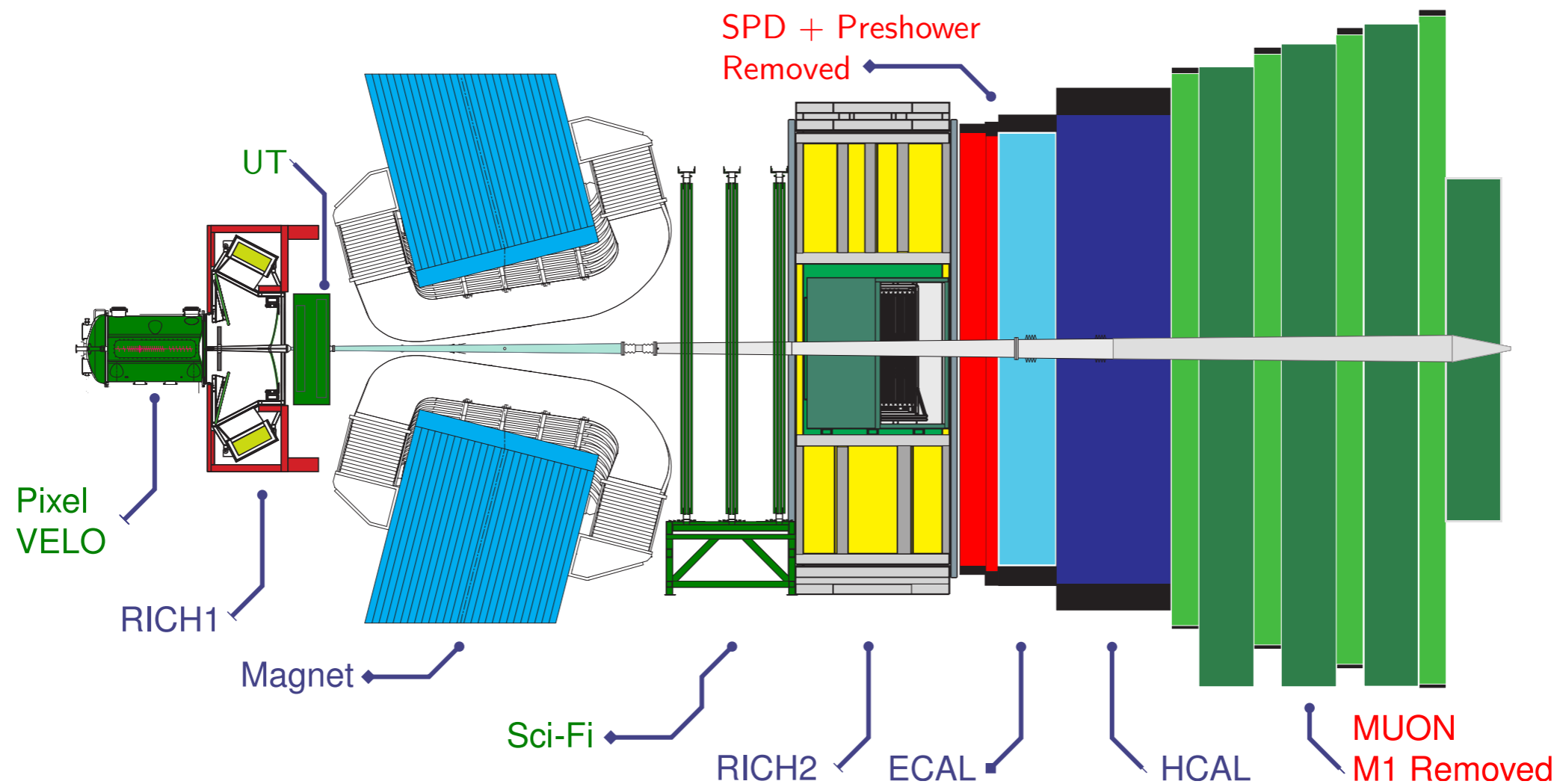
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Shared L3 Cache

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The LHCb Upgrade: post-LS2

- After LS2, LHCb will run at 5x higher luminosity: $L = 2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



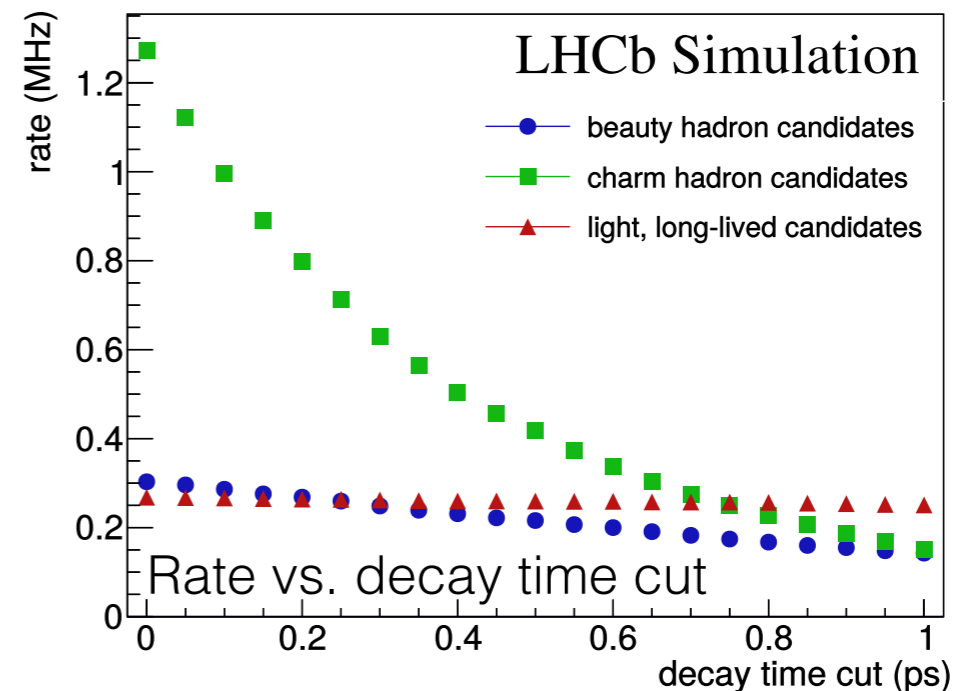
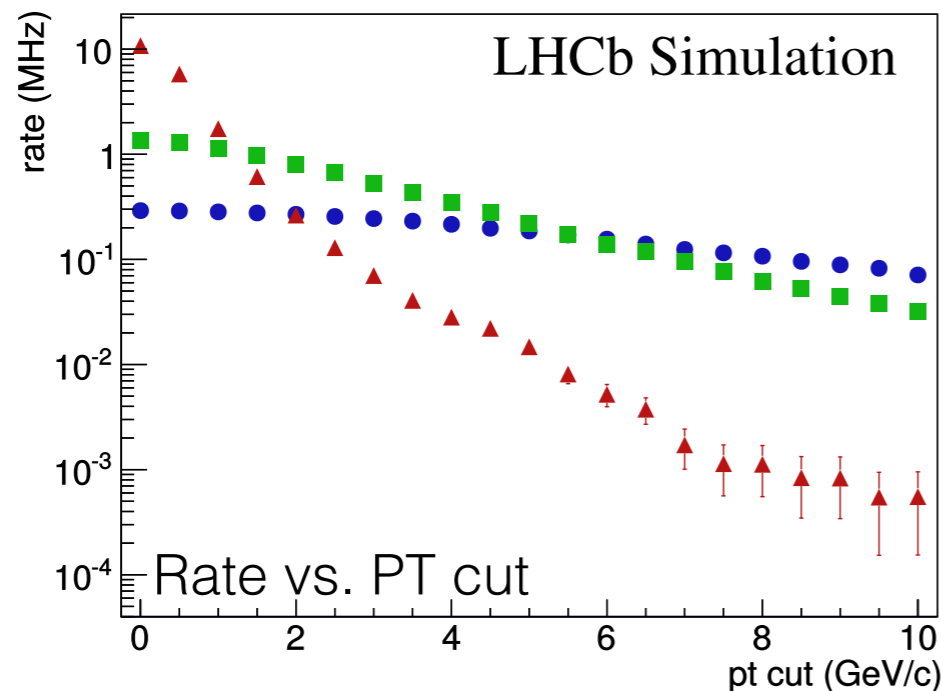
- VELO: r, ϕ strips \rightarrow pixels
- Trackers: strawtubes \rightarrow scintillating fibers + silicon microstrips
- RICH: replace photon detectors; CALO: SPD, PRS removed; MUON: M1 removed

LHCb Upgrade Environment

- Average pp collisions per bunch crossing: 1.5 → 7.6

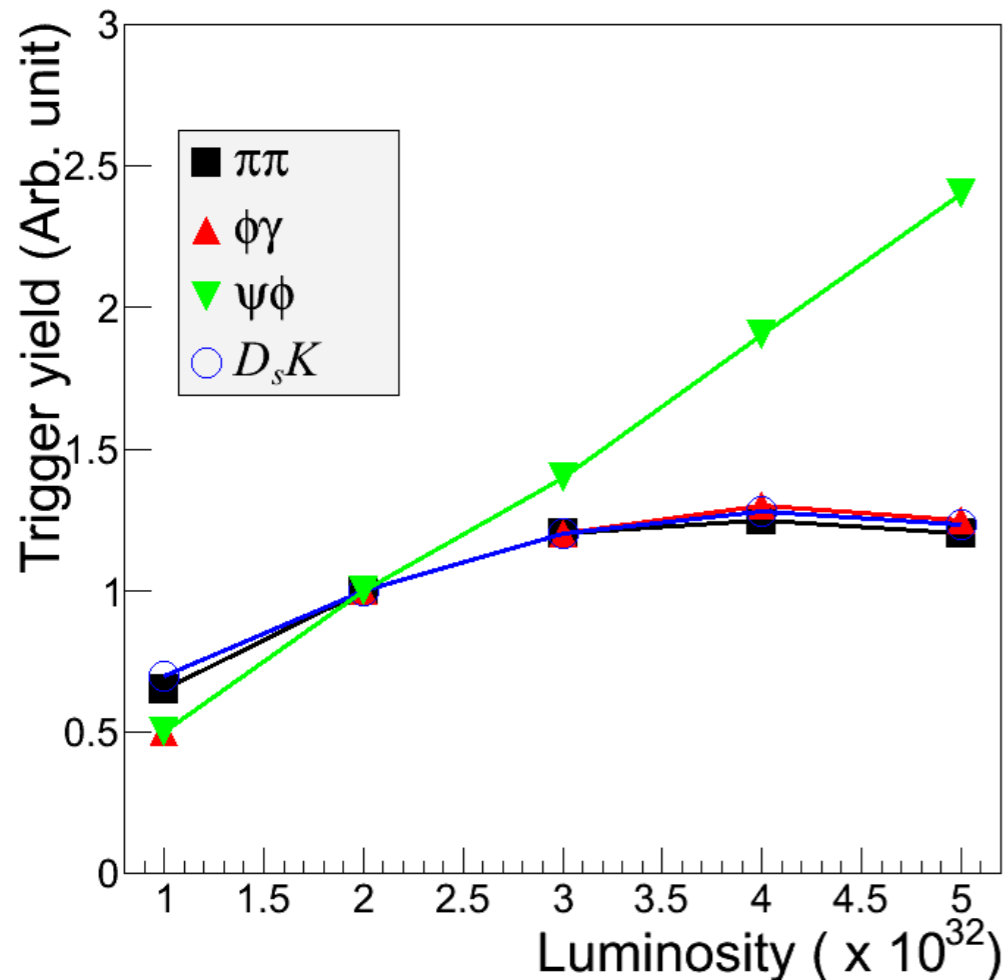
Run I	Per event	with vertex in VELO	Rate [GB/s]
b-hadrons	0.0258 ± 0.0004	0.0029 ± 0.0001	0.9
c-hadrons	0.297 ± 0.001	0.0422 ± 0.0005	3.3
light, long-lived hadrons	8.04 ± 0.01	0.511 ± 0.002	1.1
Upgrade	Per event	with vertex in VELO	Rate [GB/s]
b-hadrons	0.1572 ± 0.0004	0.01874 ± 0.0001	27
c-hadrons	1.422 ± 0.001	0.2138 ± 0.0005	80
light, long-lived hadrons	33.291 ± 0.006	2.084 ± 0.001	26

- Challenge: must go beyond rejecting background — classify signal, and choose wisely...



- P_T and IP alone not sufficient to reduce rate: requires *all* available detector information...

LHCb upgrade...

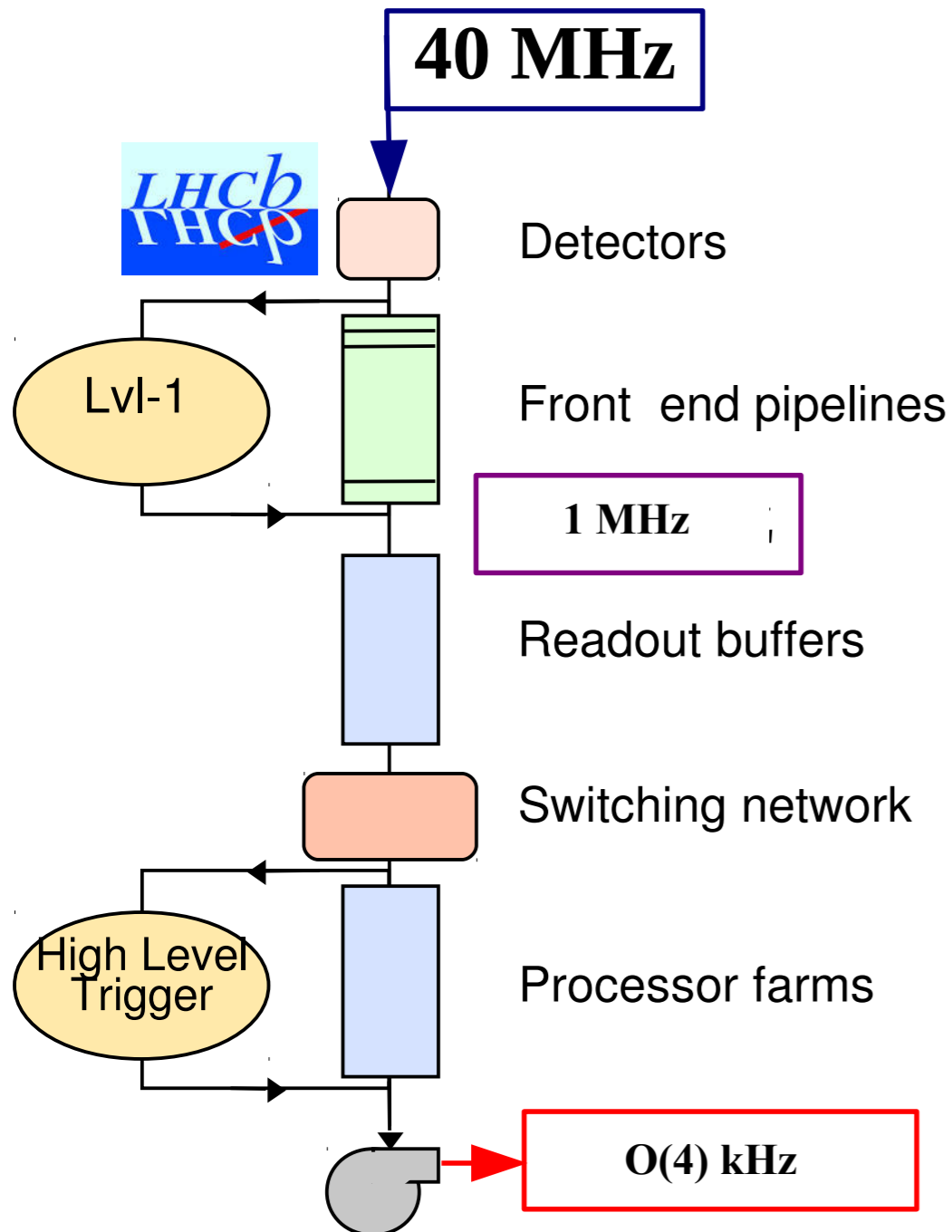


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1. build a better (and thus much more complicated!) L0
2. or ...



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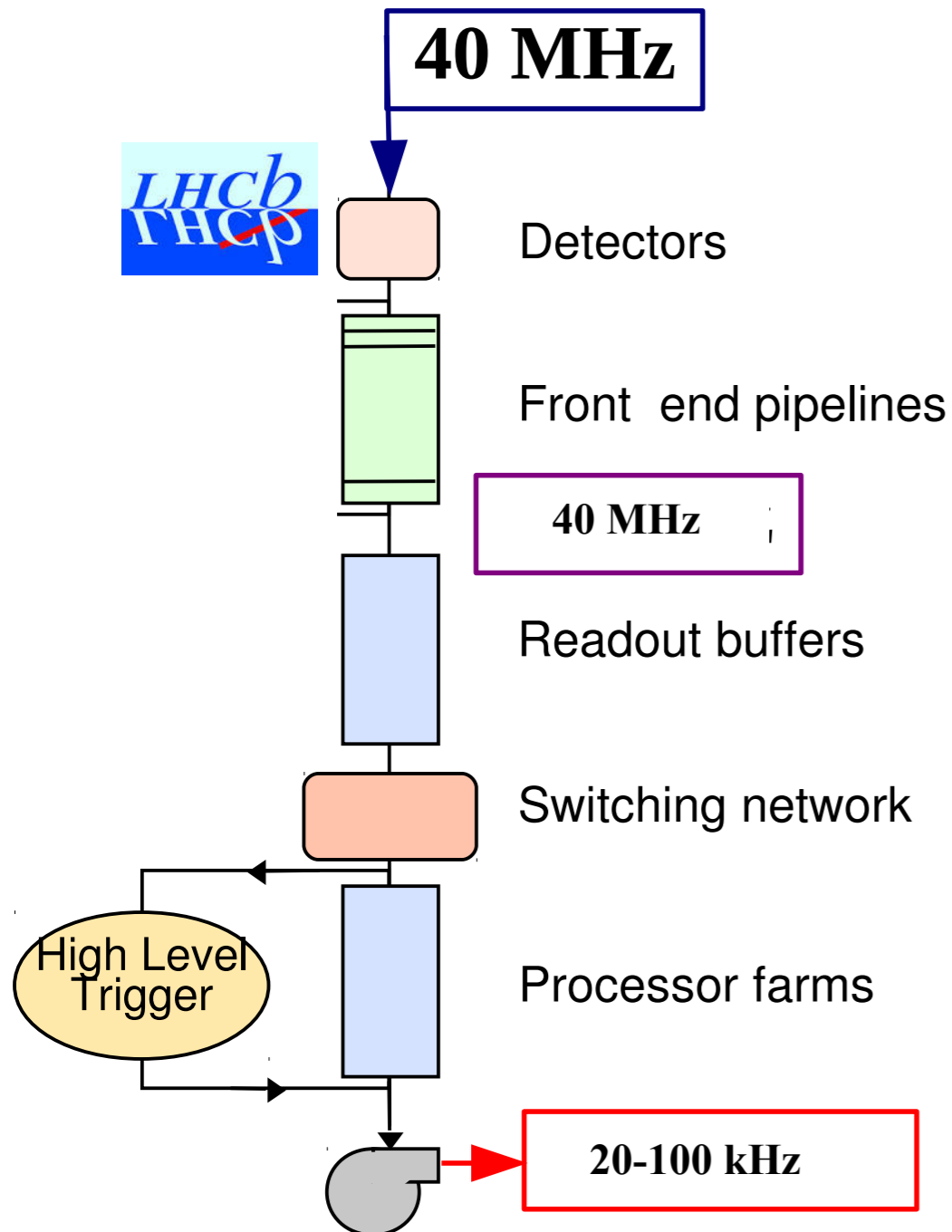


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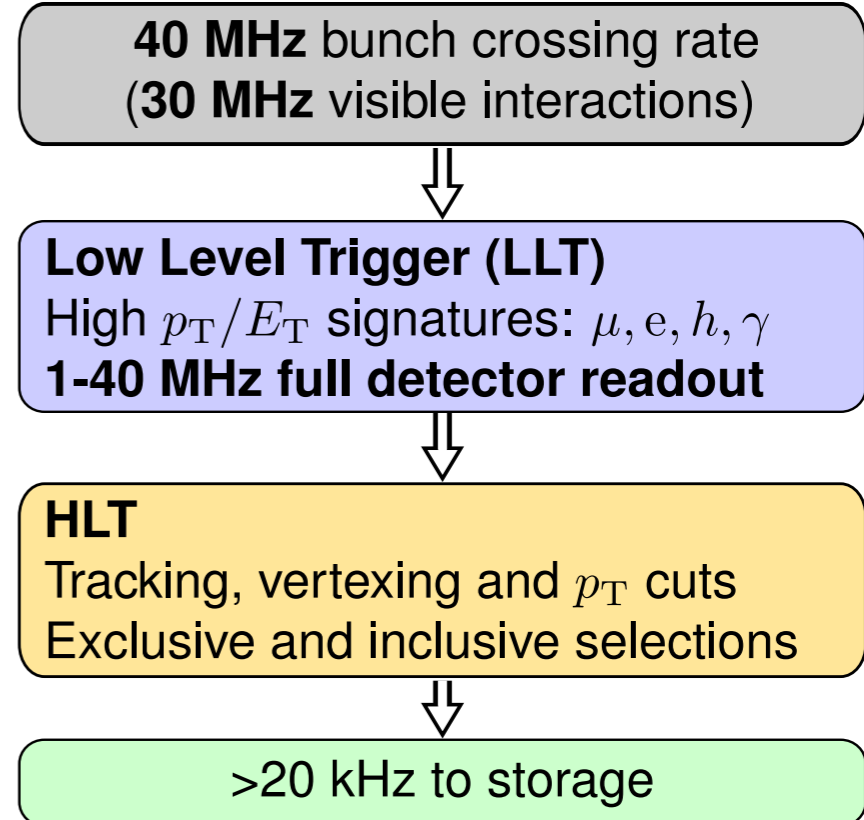
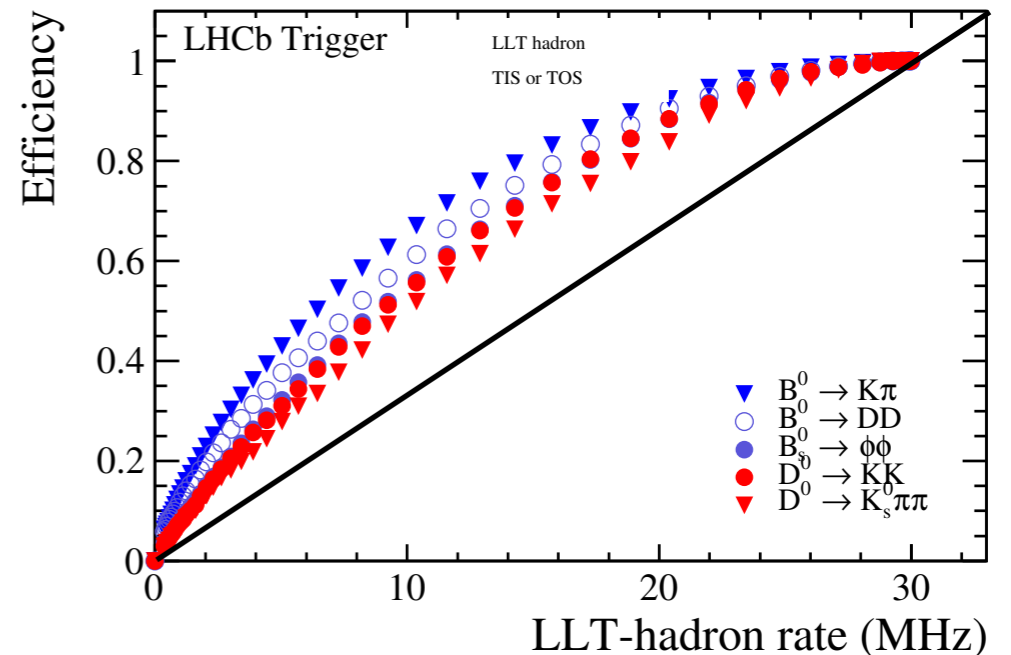
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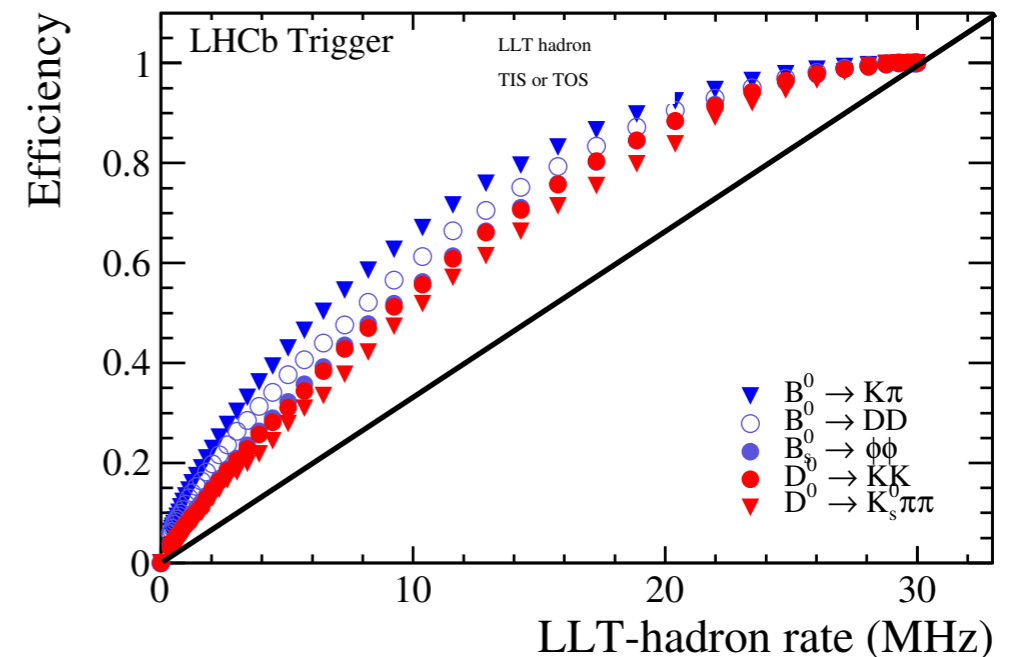
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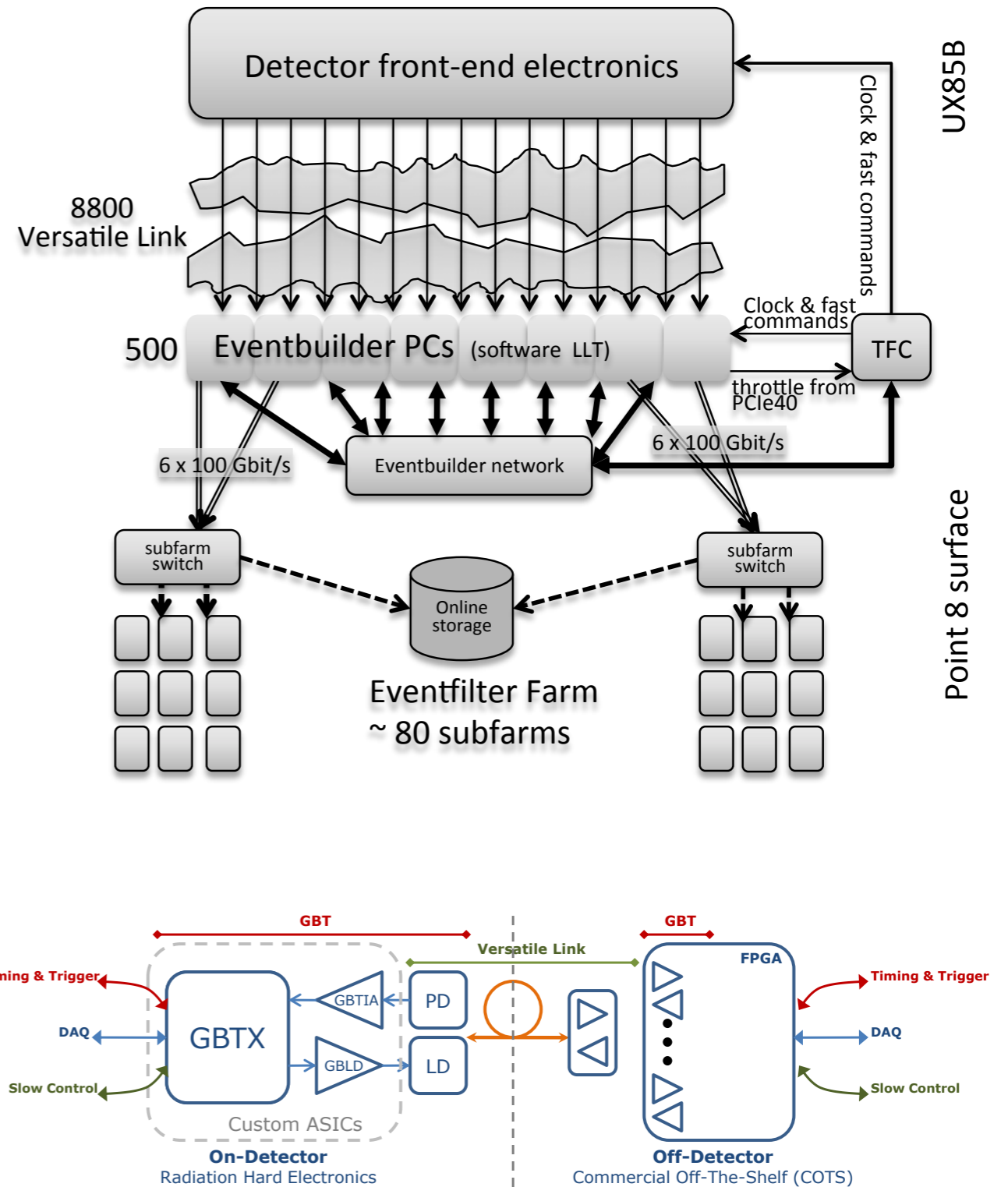
40 MHz bunch crossing rate
(**30 MHz** visible interactions)

HLT
Tracking, vertexing and p_T cuts
Exclusive and inclusive selections

>20 kHz to storage

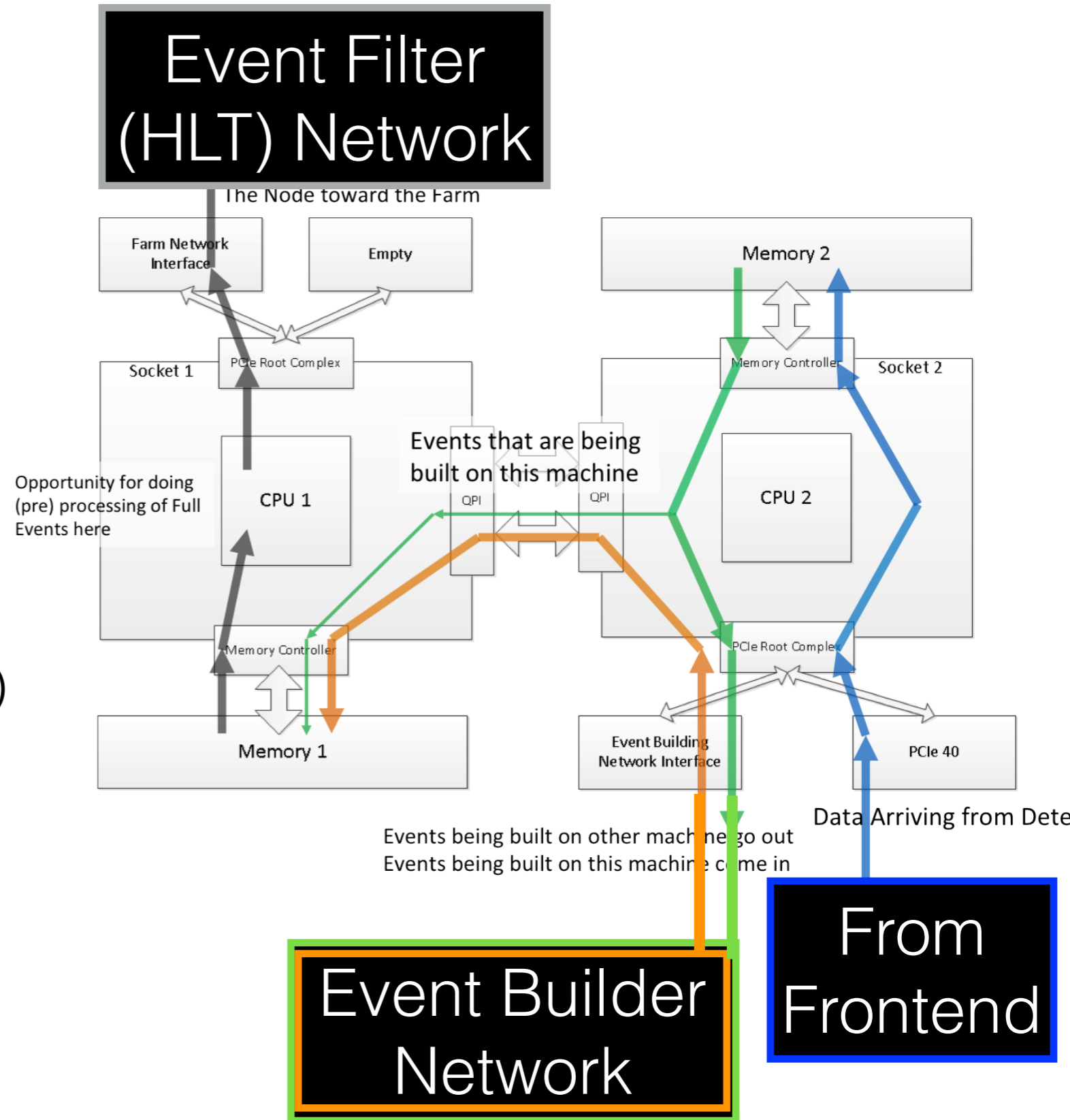
Event Building @ 40 MHz

- 32 Tbit/s
- “All data to the surface”
- Decouple front-end electronics from event builder network
 - Frontend → GBT → PCIe
 - GBT: Rad-hard, integrated into front-end, so no commodity solution possible...
- Buffering in PC memory



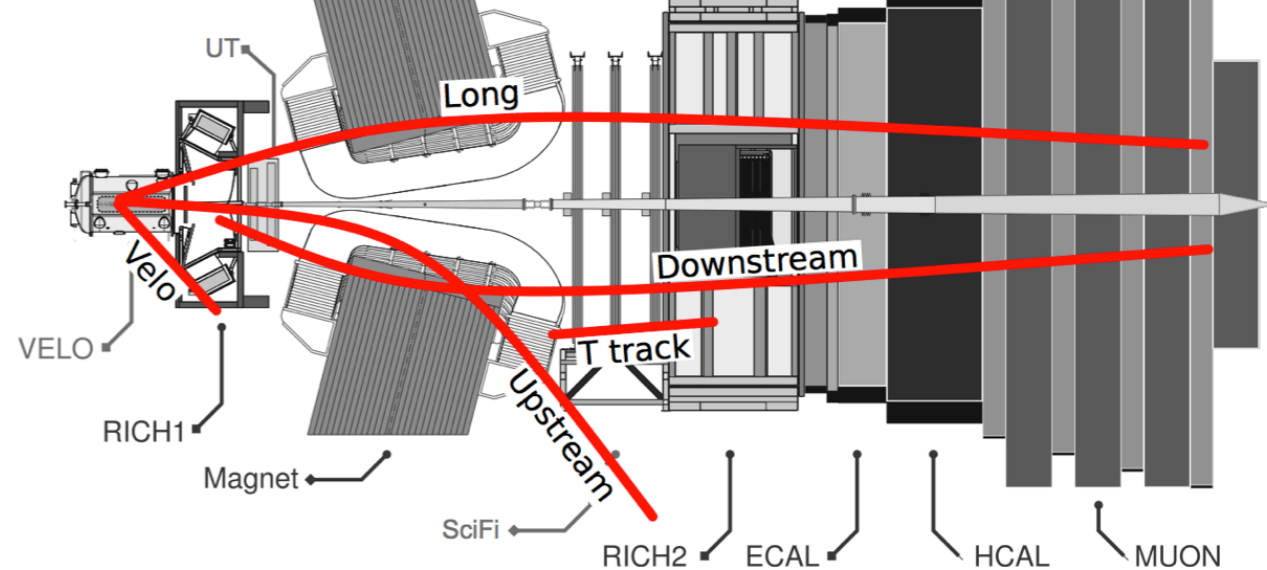
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- “COTS” as soon as possible
- O(500) servers for event building
- “Data Center” (“thin” switch, Infiniband/Ethernet/OmniPath) instead of “Telecom” (ATCA, “fat” switch)
- Event Filter: O(1000) servers

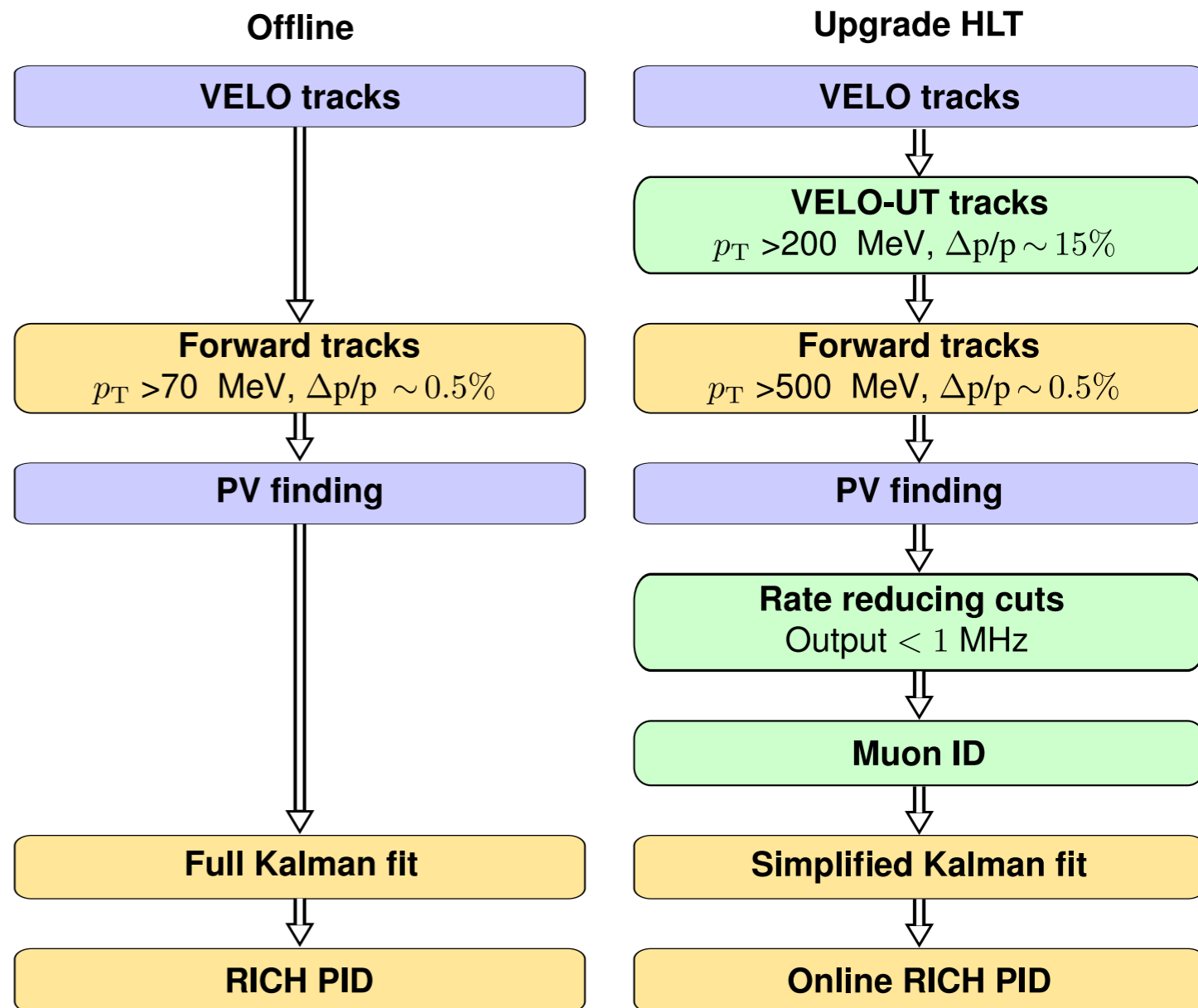




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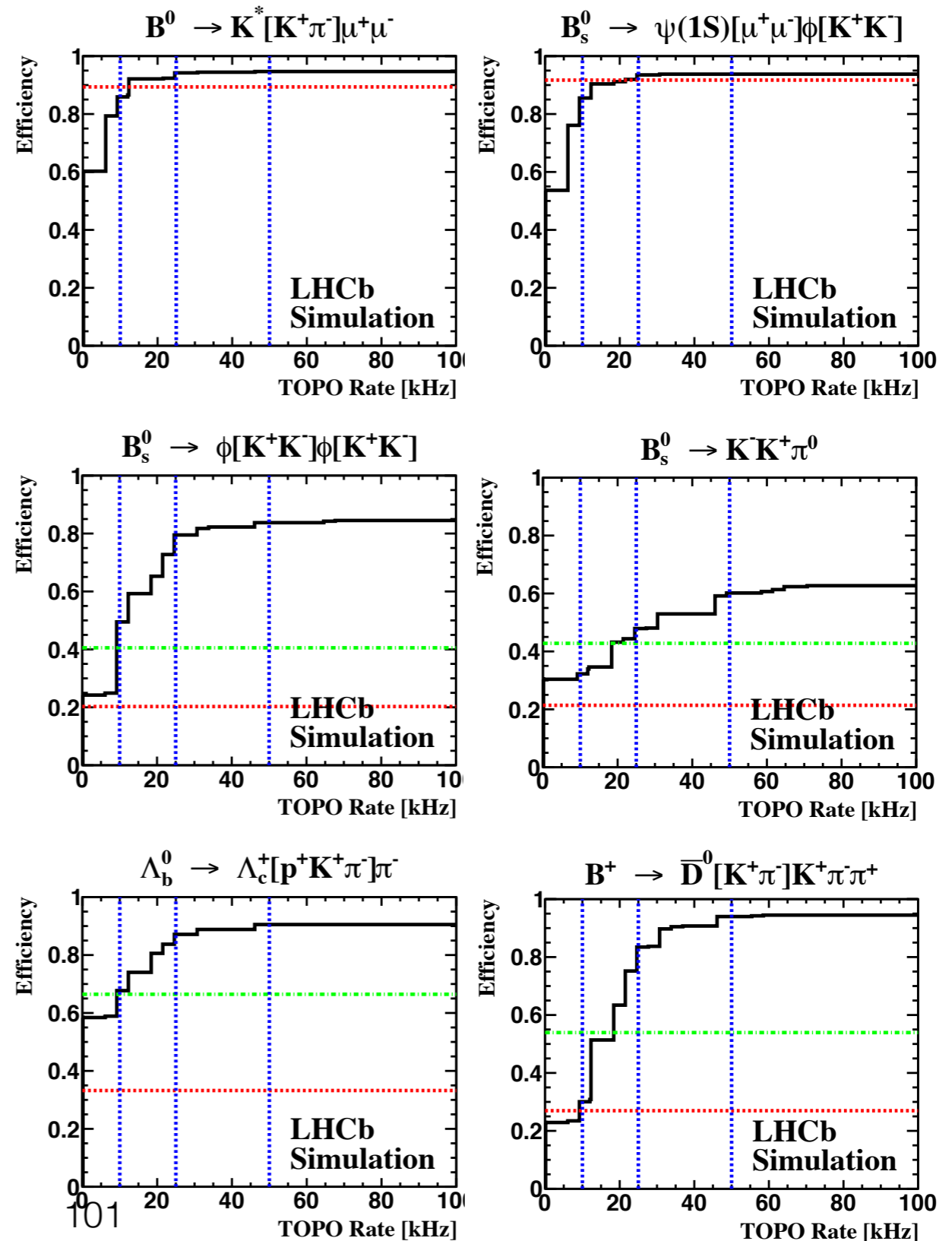
- Offline-quality tracking, *in software*, is possible @ 30 MHz
- Estimated trigger farm: O(1000) servers
- Tracking requires 5.4 ms/event, out of an *estimated* budget of 13 ms/event @ 30 MHz (*)
- Thanks to the upgraded vertex detector & tracker designs!
- Converge online and offline reconstruction.



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Upgrade Topological Trigger

- Same principle as Run 1 : preselect displaced tracks with ΣP_T , followed by BBDT
- Timing: <0.1 ms (*)
- At 25-50 kHz output rate, large efficiency gains over Run 1
 - red: run 1 efficiency
 - green: 2x run 1 efficiency
- [LHCb-PUB-2014-031](#)



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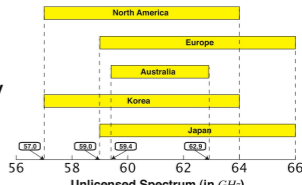
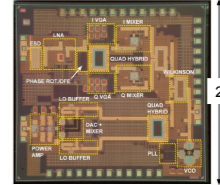
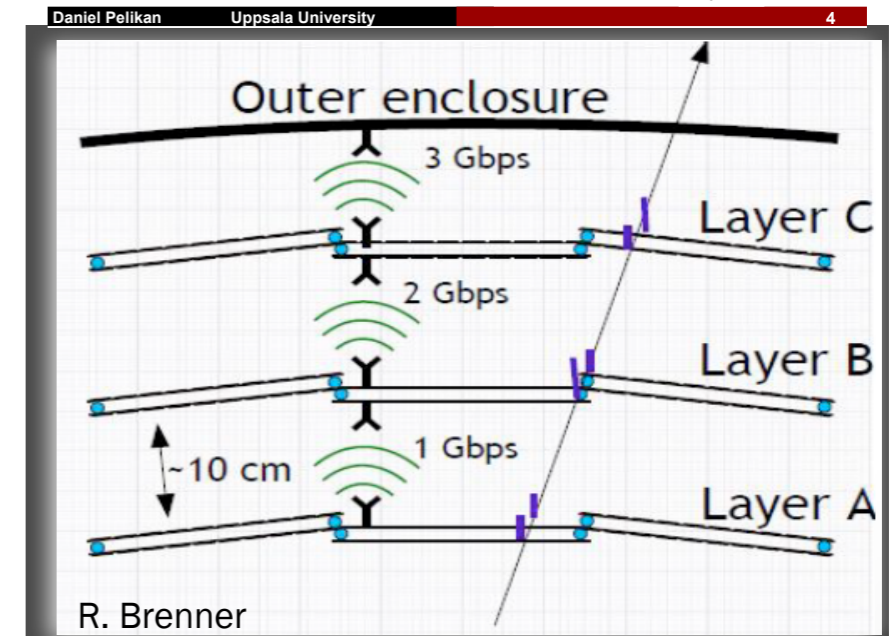
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 - But keep dreaming: wireless transmission!

Wireless!

60 GHz technology

- mm waves
 - Small structures
- Up to 7 GHz unlicensed frequency spectrum.
 - Enormous bandwidth for data transfer.
- Fast developing technology.
 - First implementations are commercially available.
 - A lot of products are expected in the consumer marked, wireless uncompressed video connections...
 - Low power.
 - Achievable in 65nm CMOS.

Specifications	Value
Frequency band	57-66 GHz
Bandwidth	9 GHz
Data Rate	4.5 Gbps
Target Power consumption	250 mW
Transmission Range	10 cm (1m)

(*) GPD = General Purpose Detector

The Future

- When possible, go 'triggerless', and shift burden to CPUs (+coprocessors) (LHCb, Alice)
- Real-time calibration has arrived (LHCb, Alice)
- Atlas & CMS will need L1 triggers
- Tracking at L1 should allow current thresholds in the HL-LHC era
- Evolution of processing power of (co-)processors crucial for HLT
 - Will we be able to use all the silicon effectively?
- There remains a lot to be done! Join the challenge!

Trigger & DAQ

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