The ATLAS detector at LHC

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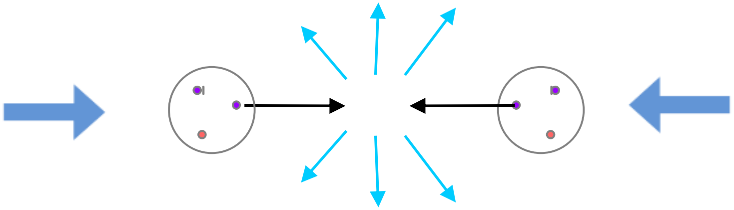
Introduction

We study new physics by colliding high energy particles

New particles are produced from the energy released when they collide head on.

If we collide protons the probability (cross section) for this is very small

Not only must the protons collide head on but also their constituent quarks.



We have done this for some time, so if we look for something new, it is a very rare such event.

And if we find it, we want many such events to believe the results

Thus,

- **We must collide a large number of protons each time – use high luminosity proton beams**
- **We must repeat collisions many times – use high collision rates**

Why we need many events

To determine if our **N** new observed events constitute a discovery we must determine if the same data could be produced by combinations of well-known events (e.g. using Monte-Carlo simulations), however unlikely. This is the background **B**.

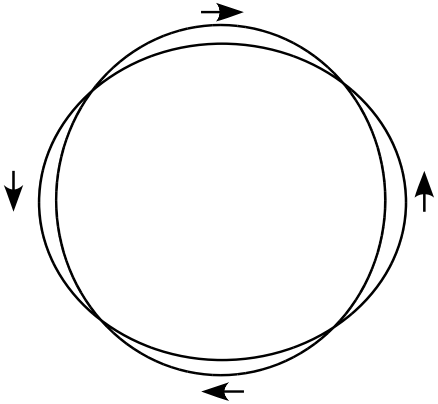
For **N** to be a discovery **N**>>**B**

If **N** is 8 and **B** is 4 then σ(**B**) is 2 (assume Poisson distribution) and **N** is 2σ away i.e. 5% probability that N is just random noise

If we measure 4 times as long **N** will be 32, **B** is 16 and σ(B) is 4 i.e. 4σ away (0.006% that it is random noise). Much smaller probability that **N** is due to random noise but not enough. 5σ (0.00005% it is random noise) is required for discovery.

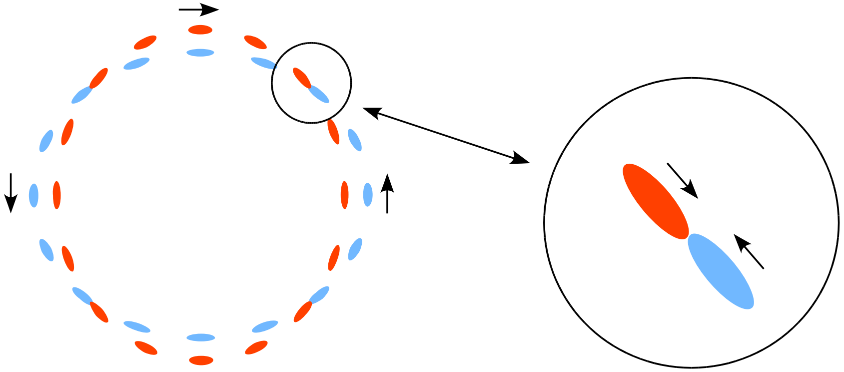
If the significance of **N** is less than 5σ it could grow to 5σ after more measurements, but the significance could also decrease or even dissapear

One solution to get high luminosity and high repetition rate is to circulate the protons in two ring accelerators that cross in regions where the particles can collide



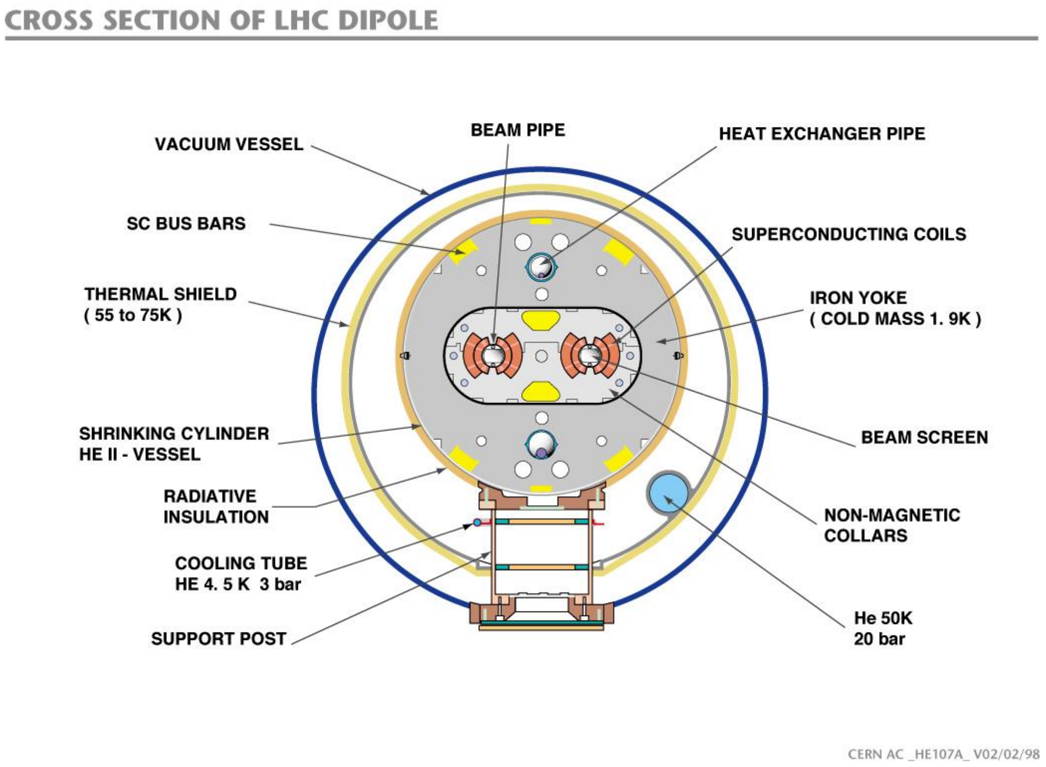
- **Most protons will pass through and continue to recirculate, but some would collide**
- **Eventually all protons will be lost, but before that they will pass each other many times**

A more practical solutions is to group the protons in bunches and let the bunches collide



The Large Hadron Collider

- 27km circumference double ring collider
- 13 TeV (6.5+6.5) – 0.999999991 times c, i.e. 3m/s less than c
- 4 interaction points with detectors – ATLAS, CMS, LHC-B and ALICE
- 10^{34} protons/cm^2/sec focused into 16 μ beams that collide
- 1600 superconducting magnets (up to 9T) to bend and focus the beams
- Bunches with about 10^{11} protons collide every 25 ns
- The total beam energy is 562 MJ – melts 2 ton cupper
- Start of operations 2010 (2008)



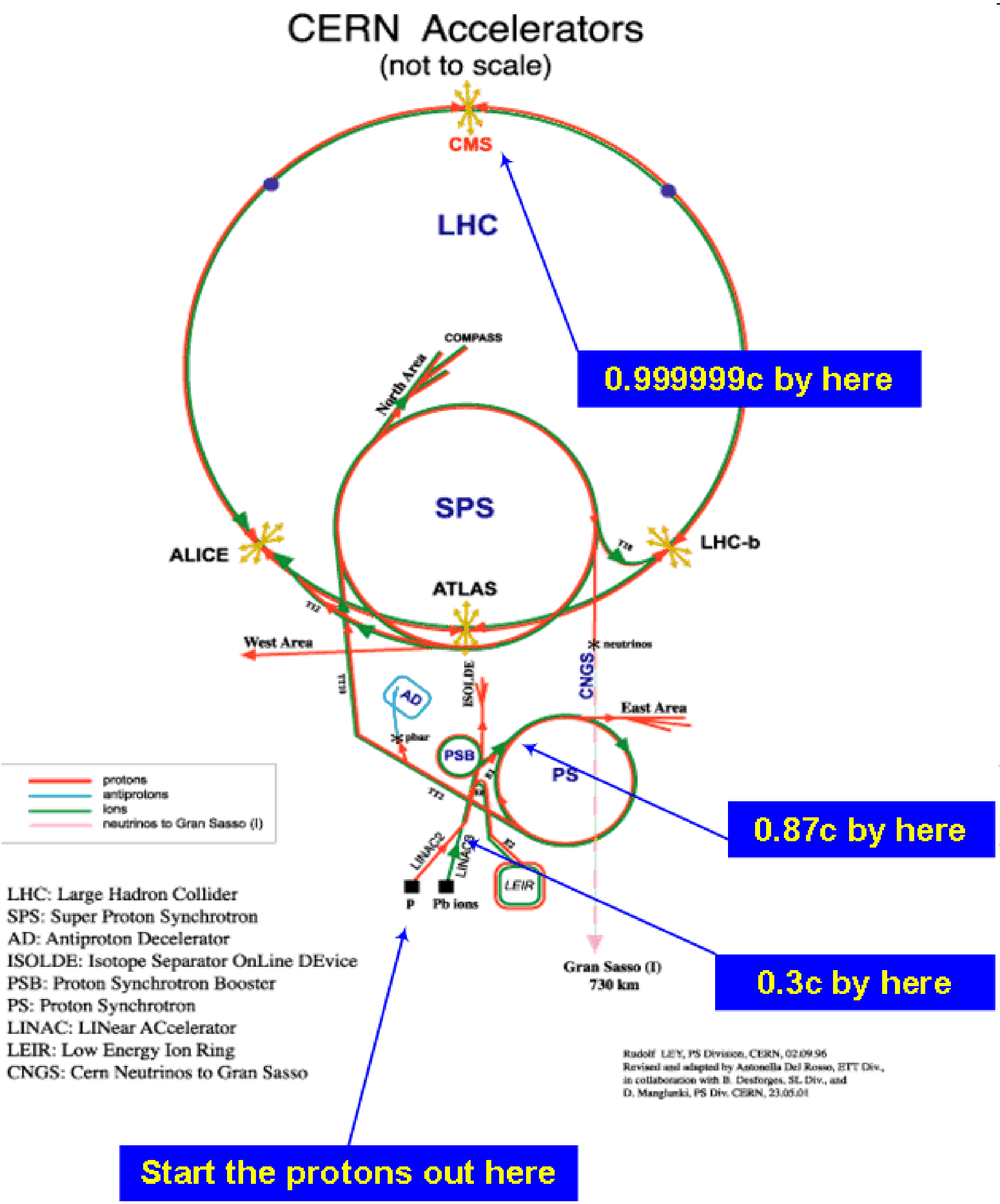
A hierarchical system of accelerators

Lineac 2 → PS Boster → PS → SPS → LHC

50 MeV I.4 GeV 25GeV 450GeV 6.5TeV

One or two injections into LHC per day

450 GeV injected protons accelerate to 6.5 TeV in 20 minutes



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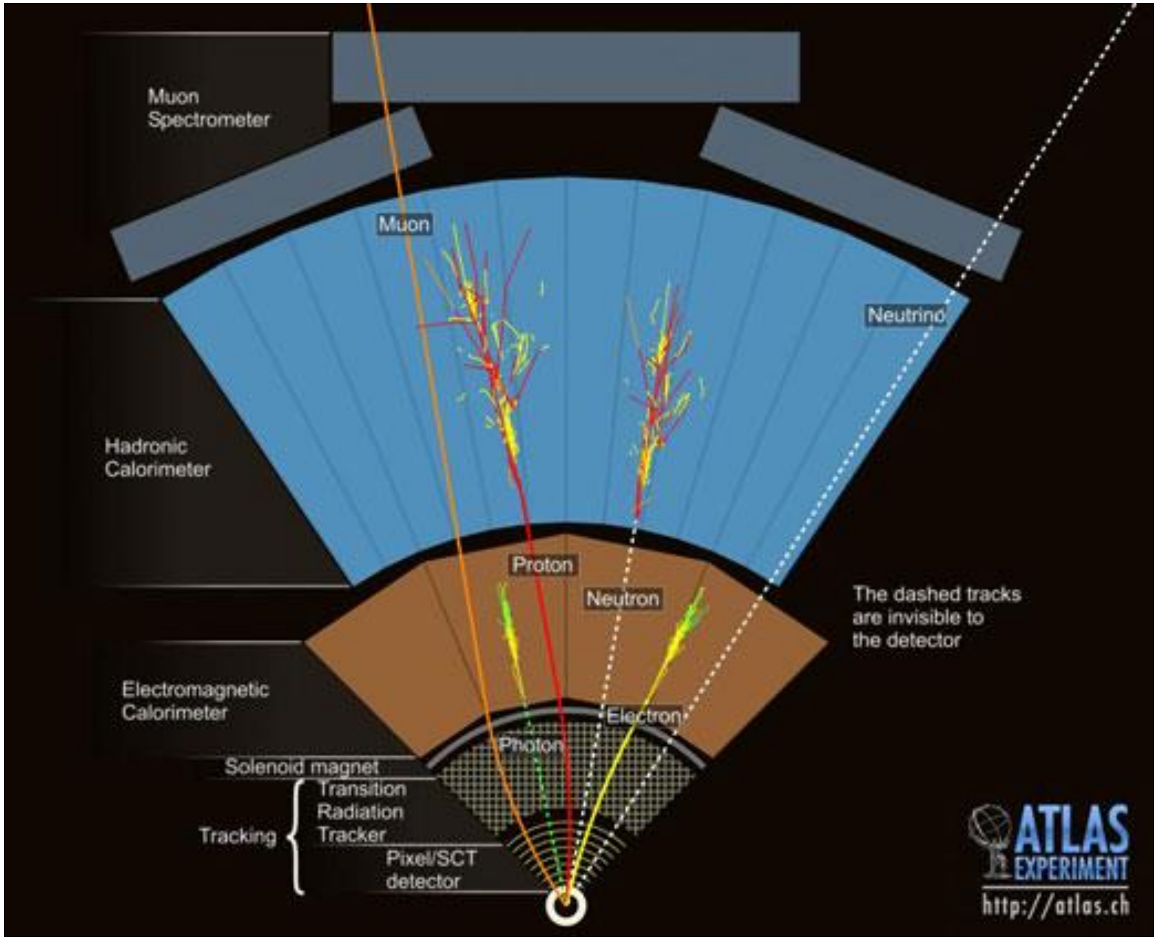
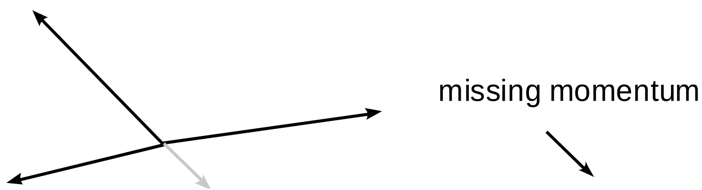


Transverse plane

- All short-lived particles decay before entering the detector itself
- Remaining particles: e-, e+, γ, hadrons (p, n..., jets), μ+, μ-, ν, ?
- A high energy quark will pick up other quarks as it leaves the interaction point, creating a hadron jet
- Onion-like construction with multiple subdetector and magnet shells:
  - Inner detector to find charged particle tracks
  - Magnets to deduce charge and momentum
  - Electromagnetic calorimeter to measure e/g tracks and energy
  - Hadron calorimeter to measure hadron tracks and energy
  - Muon detector to detect muon tracks and momentum

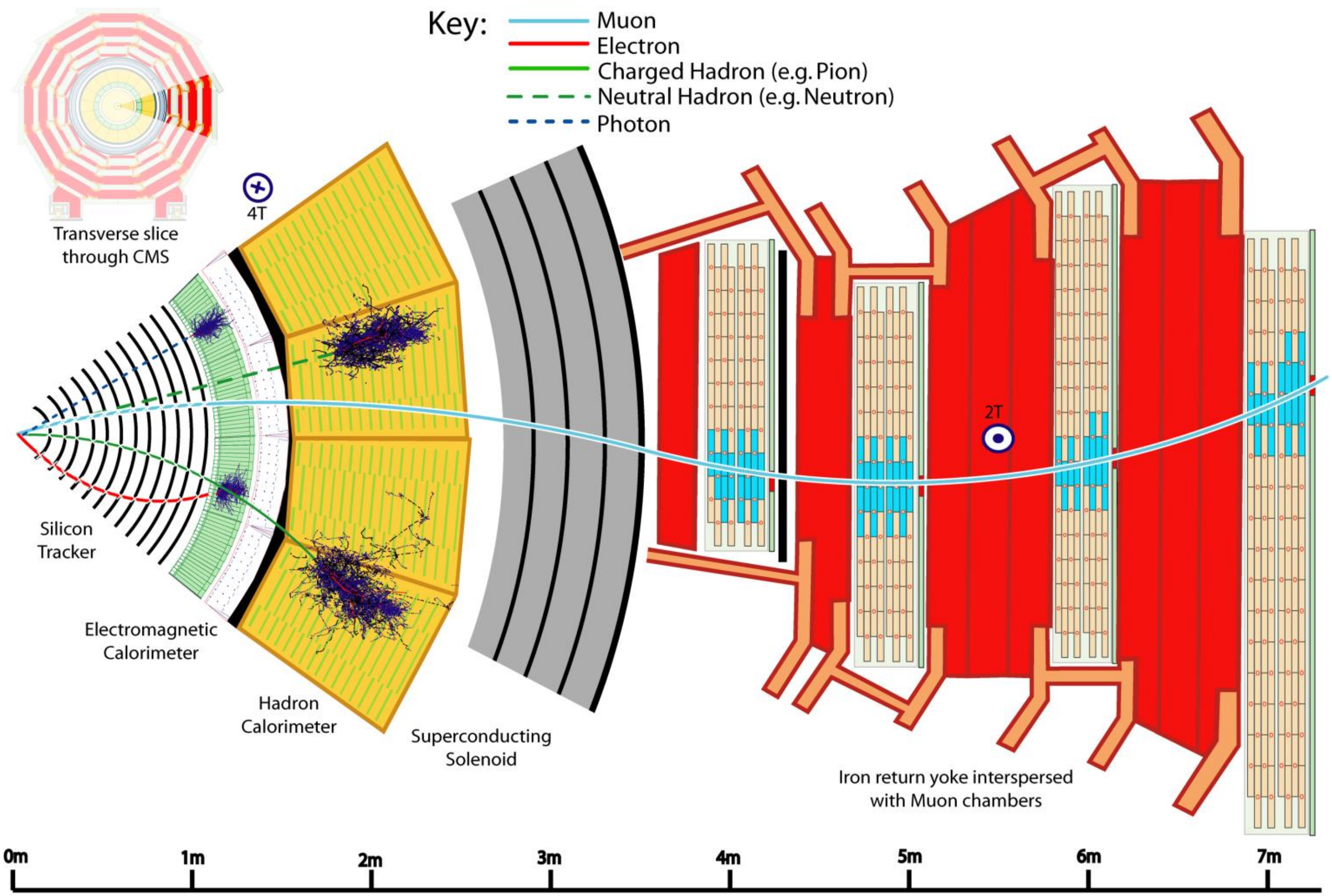
Identifying the collision event

Missing momentum



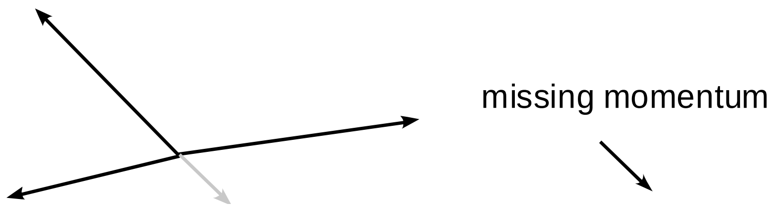
Transverse vectorial momentum sum should be 0
If not, something is missing

Group particles from the same interaction point – deduce source particle: e+e- ->Z $\mu+\mu-$ ->Z 2Z-> H



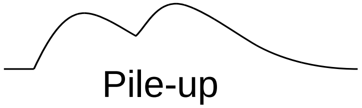
Inner detector information geometrically precise, but amplitude information not needed

Good energy information in calorimeters and muon detector to determine missing momentum



Only transverse momenta considered, but all particles should be present – hermeticity

Detector signals are long, many bunch crossings, but must be associated with correct bunch crossing, if not, false missing momentum – **pile-up** problem at high count rates



Broken detector parts must be corrected for

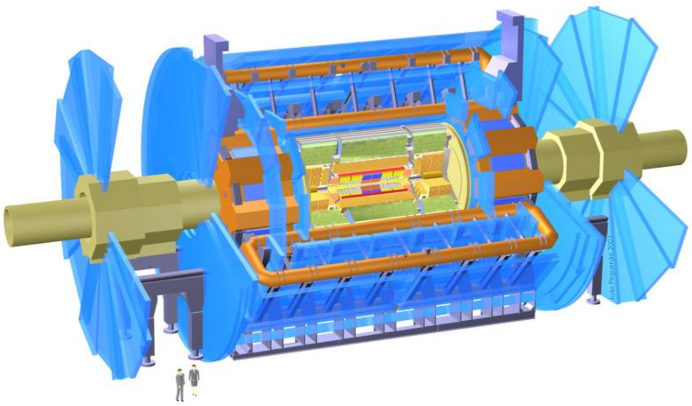
E/M calorimeter should be deep enough to contain electrons and γ

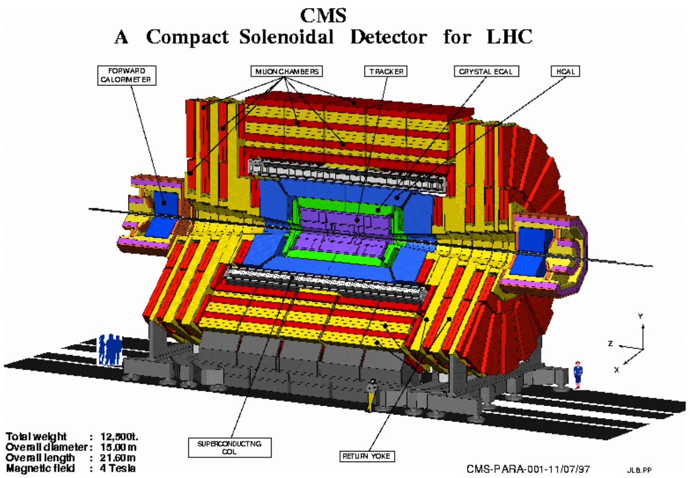
Hadron calorimeter should be deep enough to contain hadrons

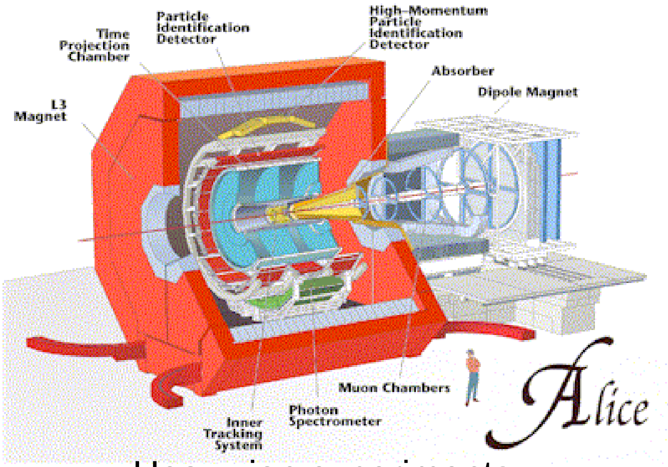
Radiation levels determine choice of detectors and electronics

Design compromises necessary for economical reasons

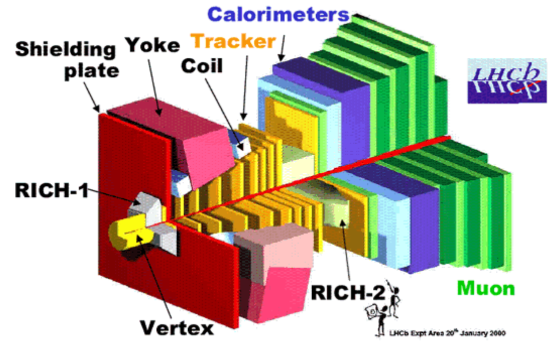
LHC Detectors







Heavy ion experiments,
Pb – Pb or Au – Au about 2 weeks/year



Low luminosity B physics

ATLAS -CMS
Similar but different – magnet system, detector solutions, TDAQ system
Competition – Collaboration

LHC results and cost

RESULTS so far

Higgs particle discovered 2012 July 4th (Nobel prize 2013)

No strong indications for BSM physics (Beyond Standard Model) yet

No SUSY (SuperSymmetry) yet

750 GeV bump exciting – could be something, or not – BSM in case it is – more next month

COSTS

LHC material costs ~3.1 G€

ATLAS material costs ~.3 G€

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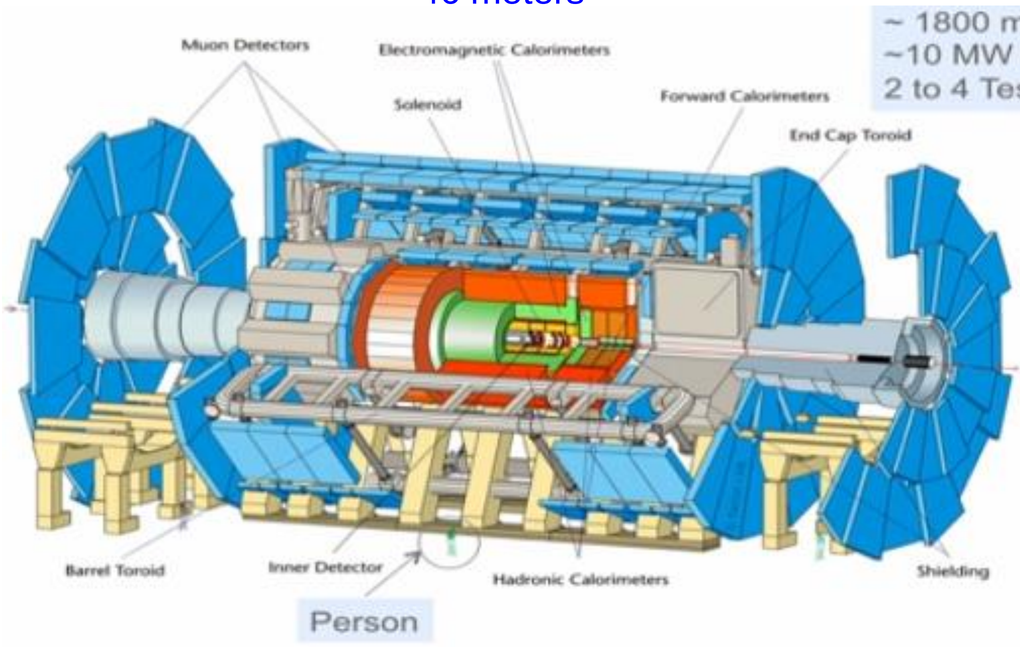
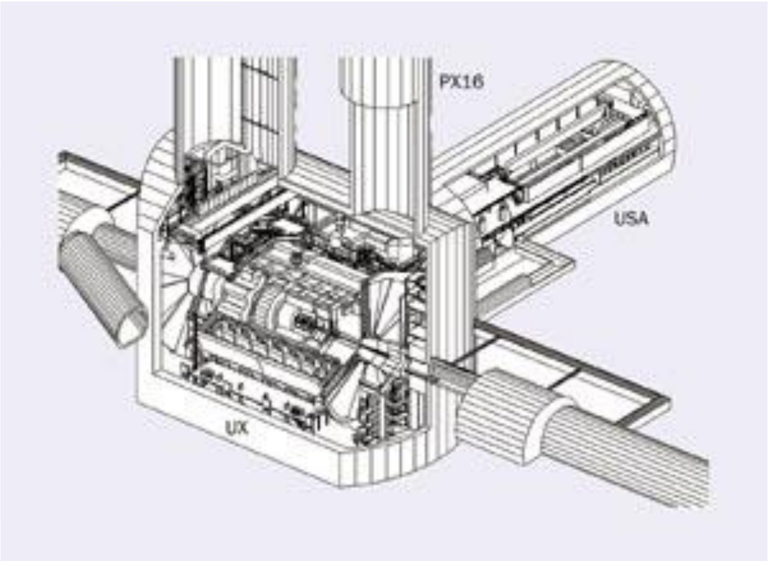


~ 1800 miles of cables
~10 MW of electric power
2 to 4 Tesla mag. field



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100m below surface
Access shafts 12 – 22 m diam.

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E/M calorimeter 16 bit - ~300 kch

Hadron calorimeter 16 bit ~10kch

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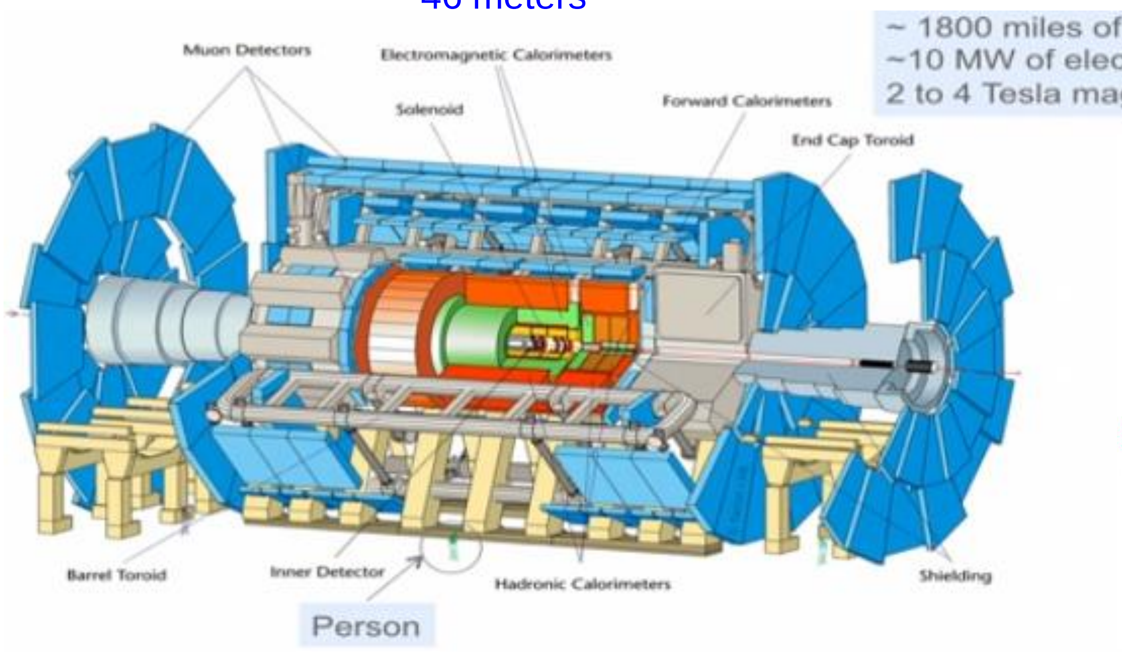

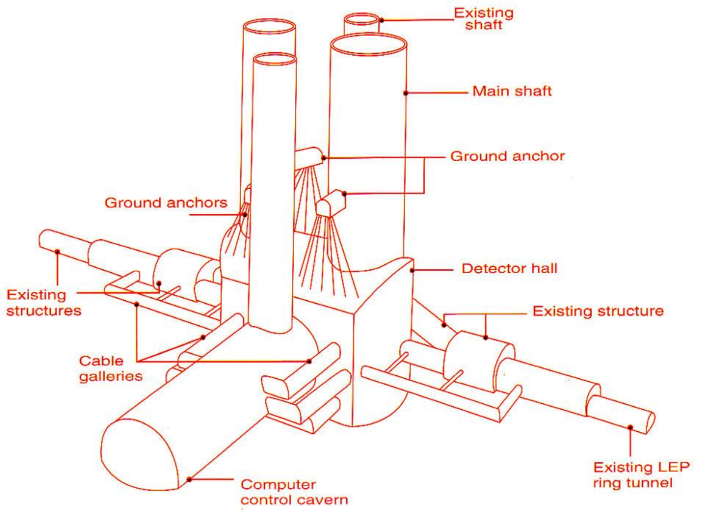

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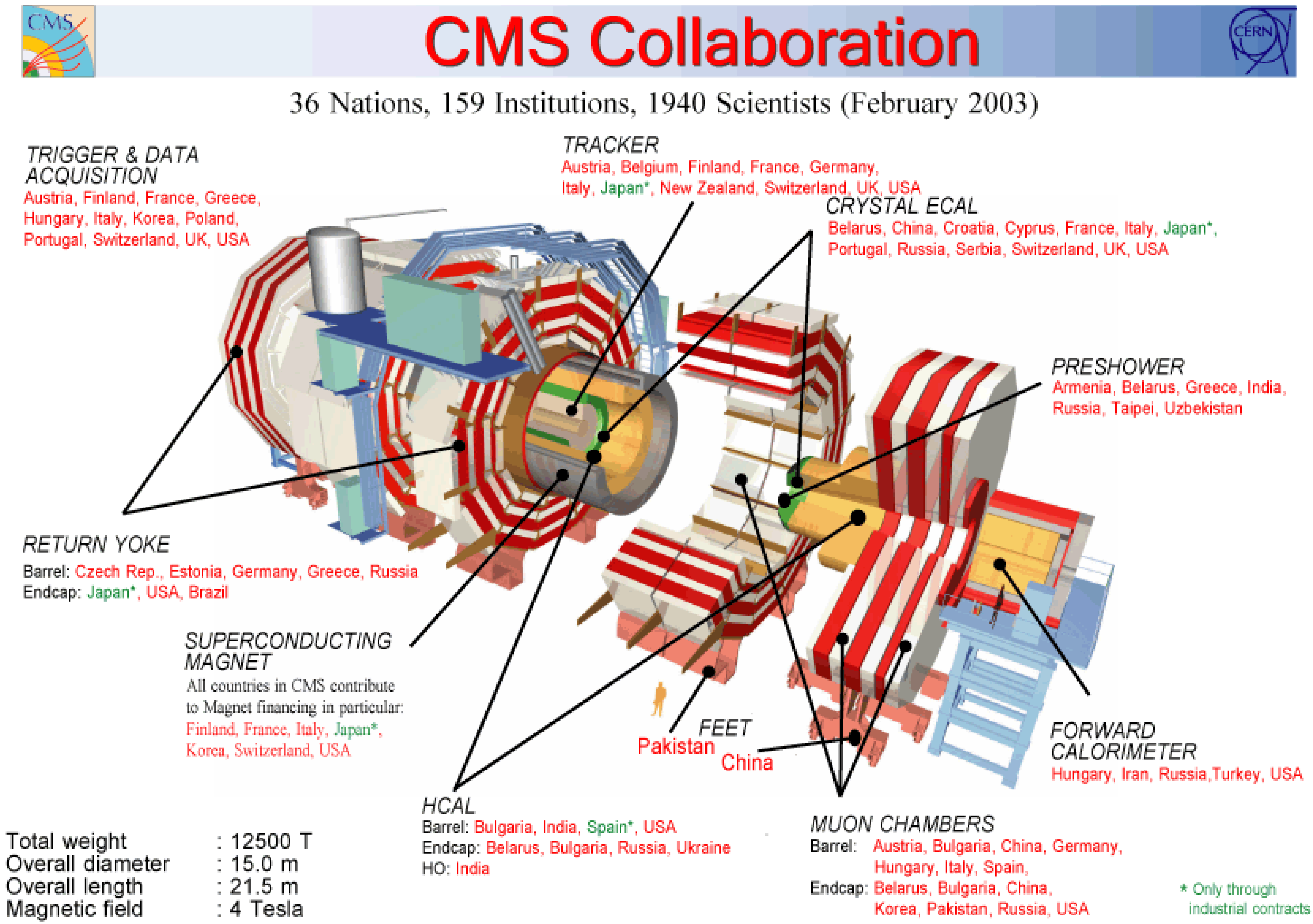
CMS – Compact Muon Solenoid



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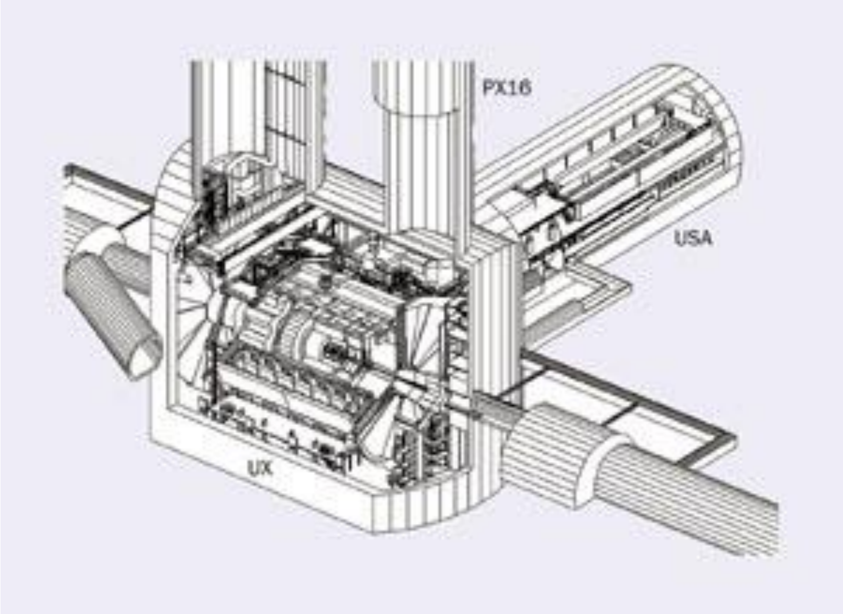

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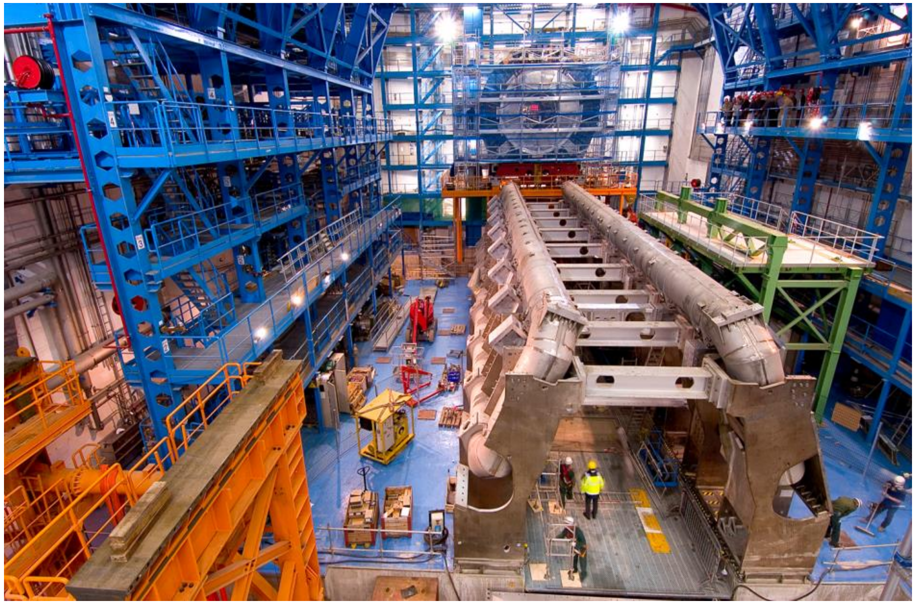
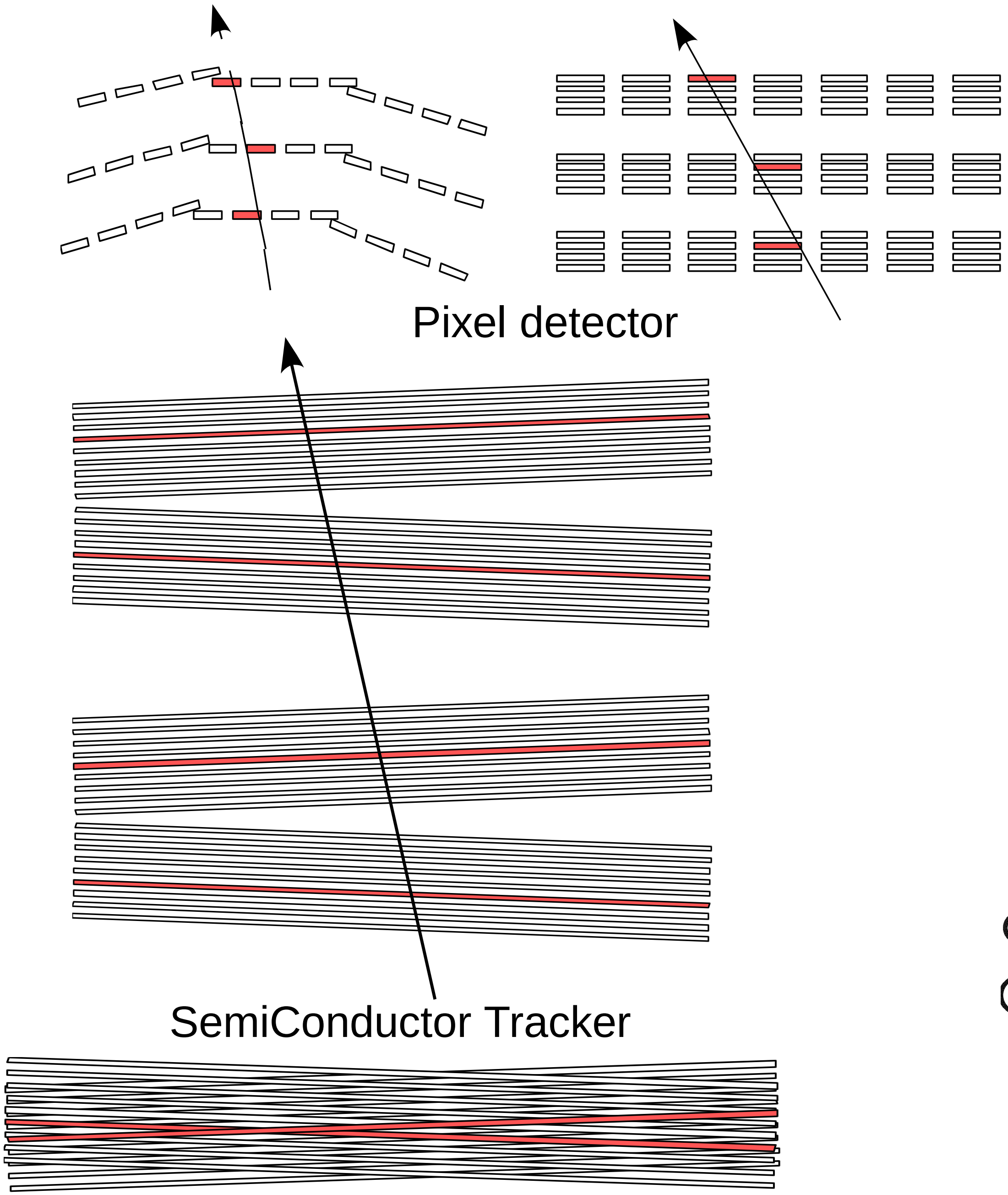


ATLAS inner detector



Magnetic field 2T
3 different detector types

Pixel detector 80 Mch
Silicon pad detector 2D resolution 12 µx110µ

Semiconducor Tracker (SCT) 6 Mch
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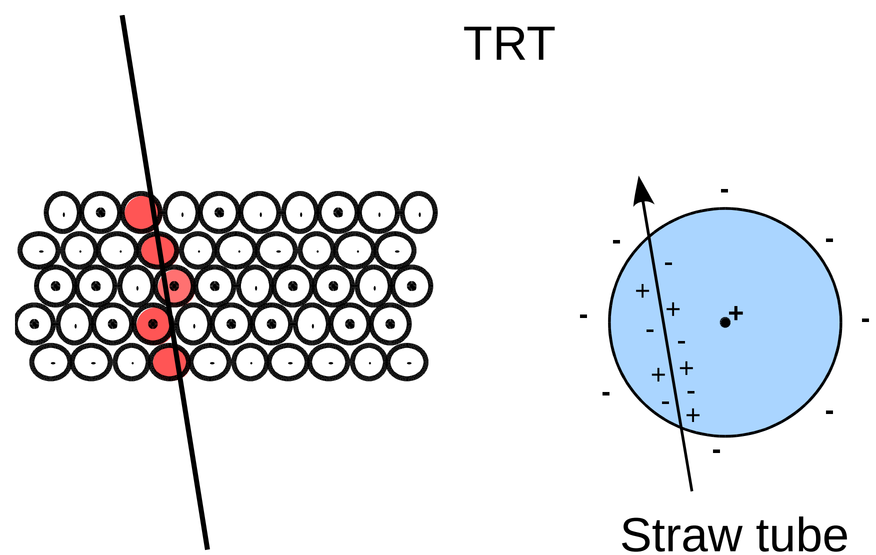
Double layers Resolution 23 µ x800µ

Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT) 300kch
Gas detector – straw tubes
Electron identification



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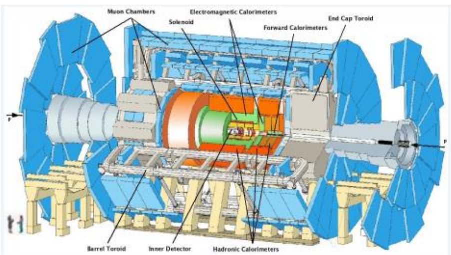

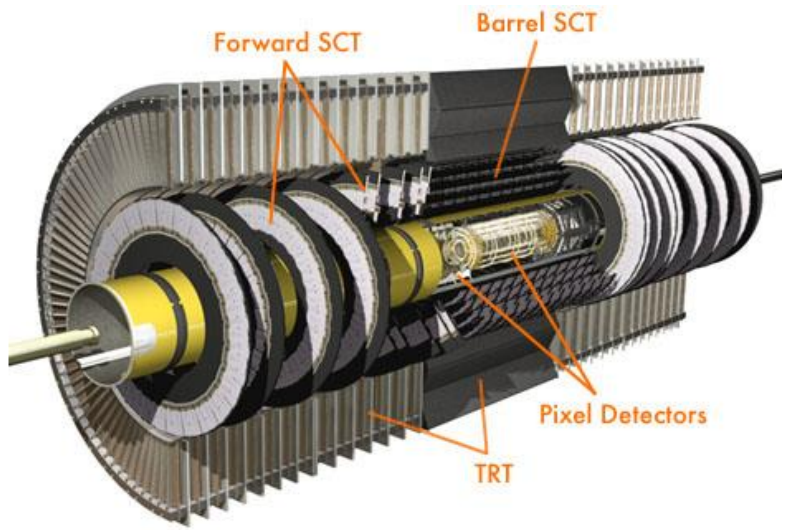

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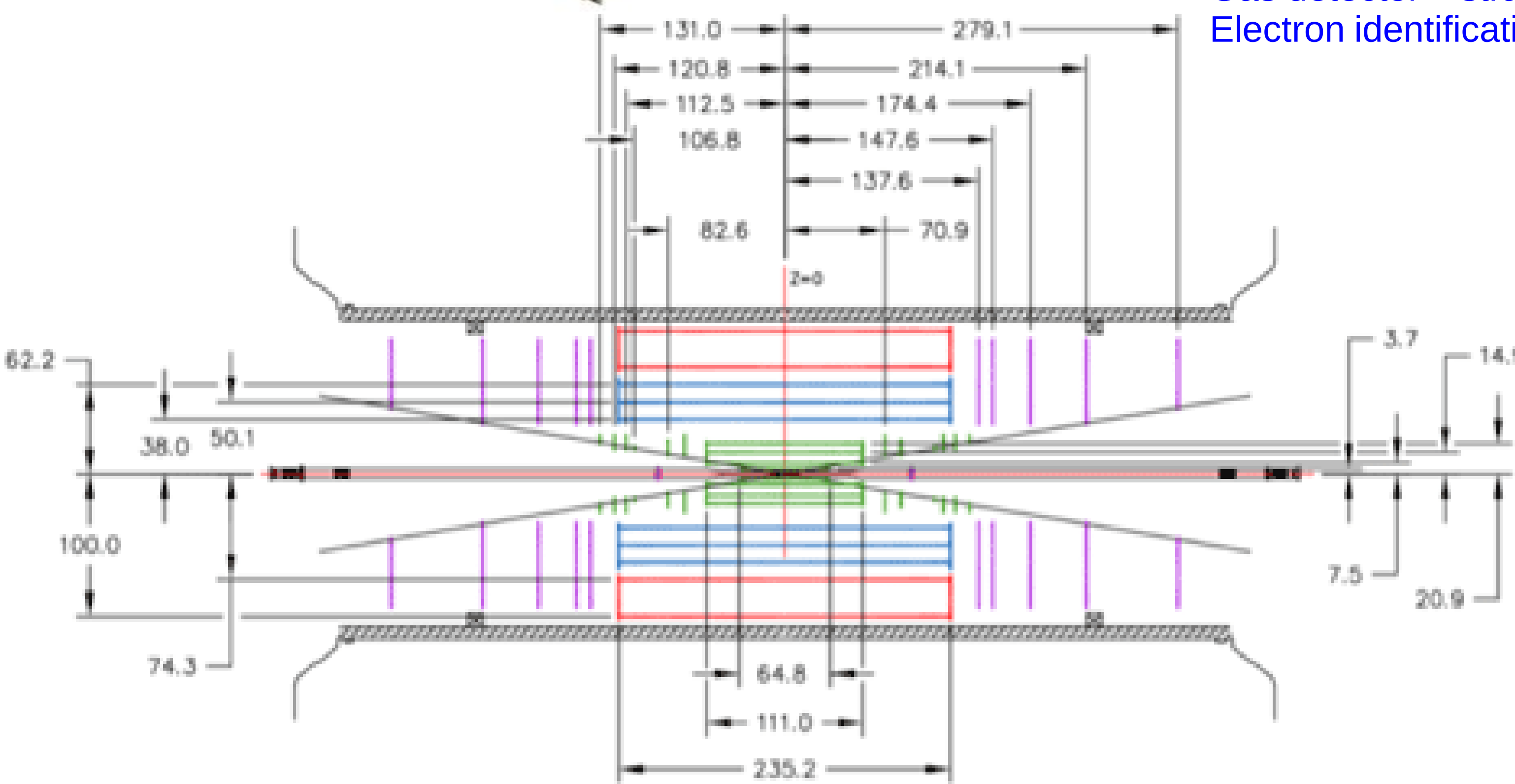

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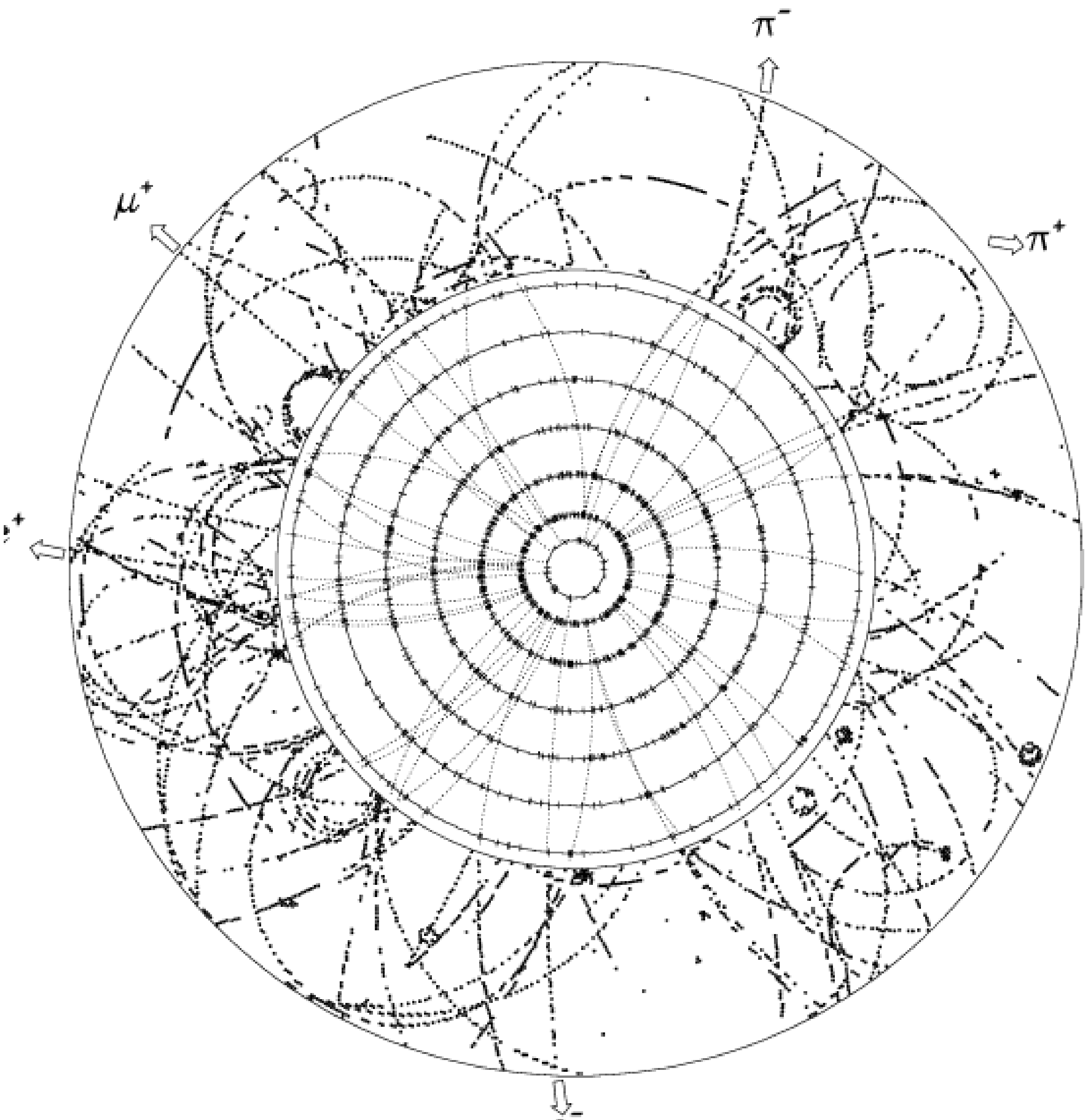

About 1000 particles

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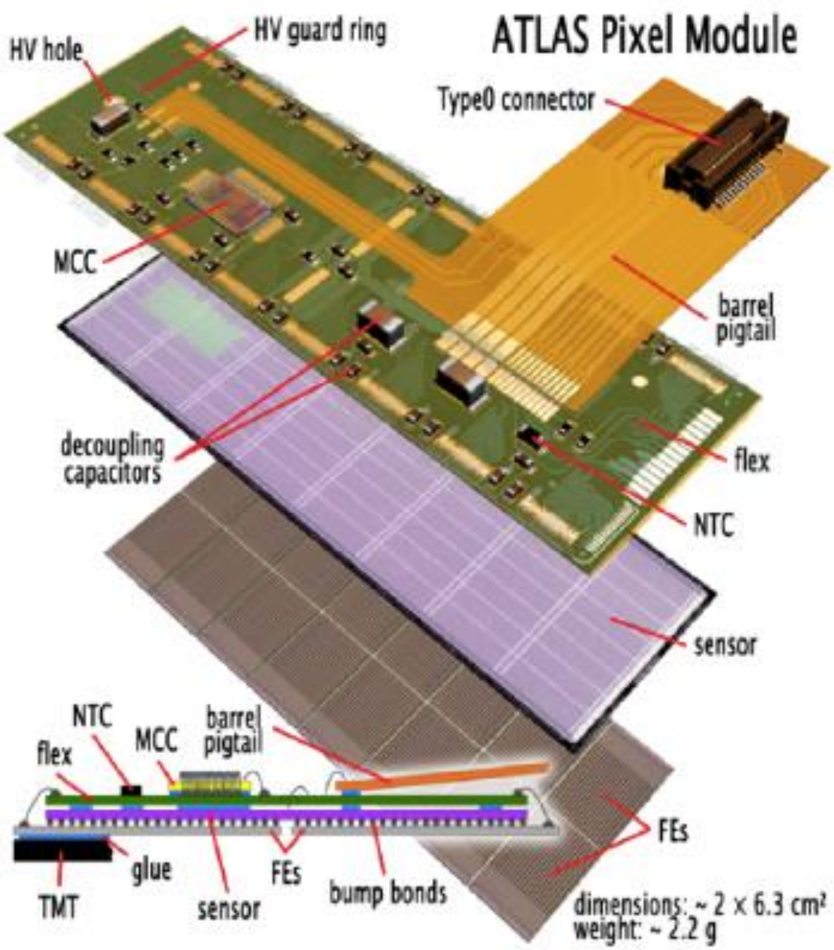
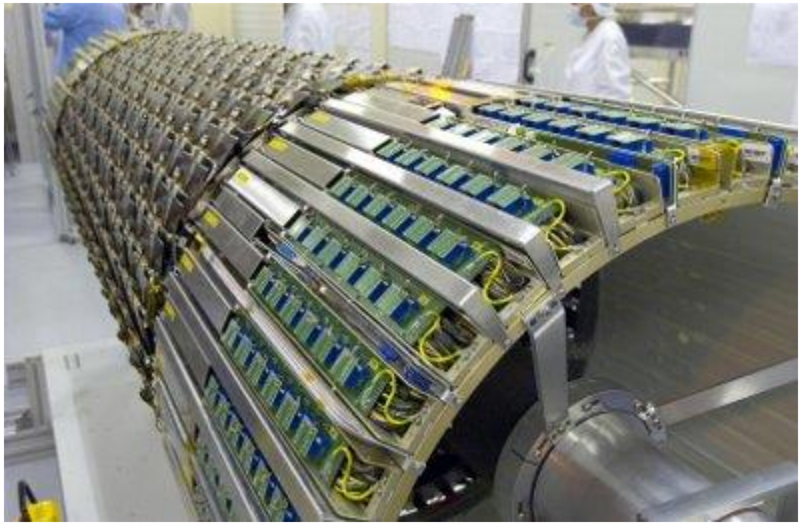
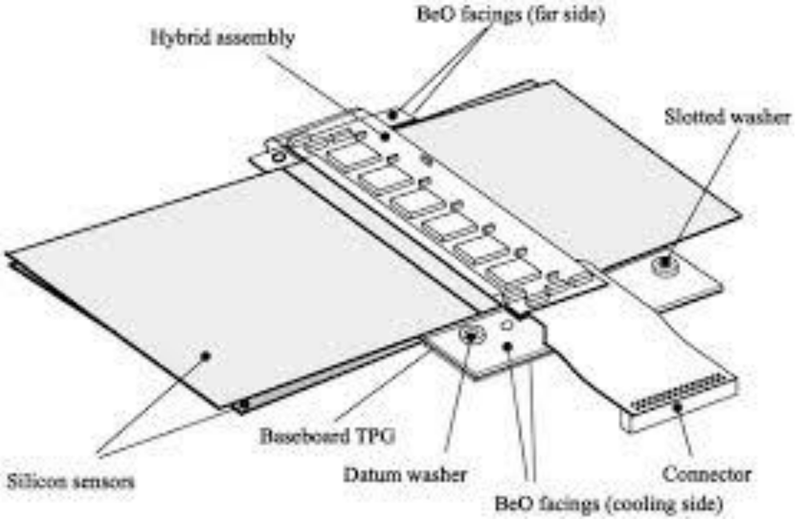
Pixel detector 3 sample points
Strip detector 4 sample points
TRT 36 sample points

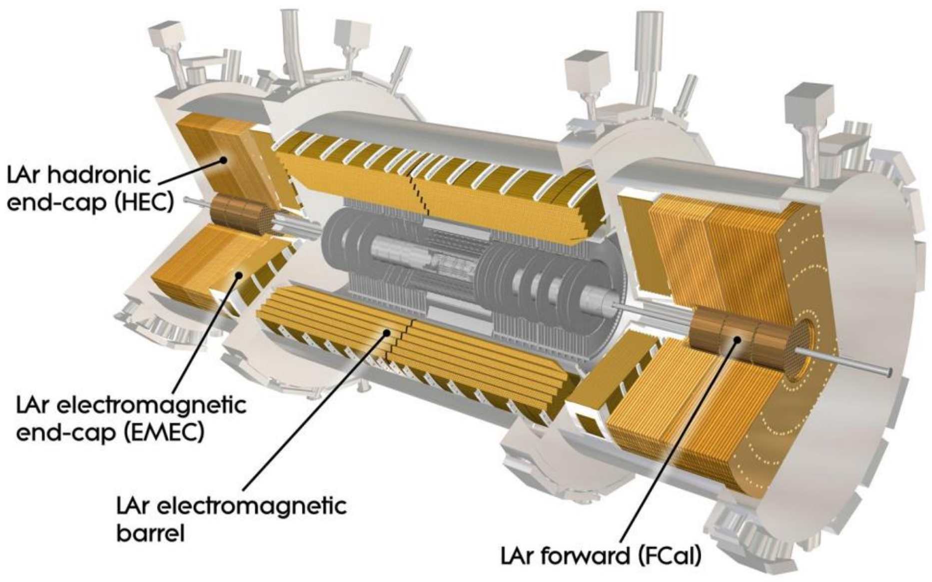


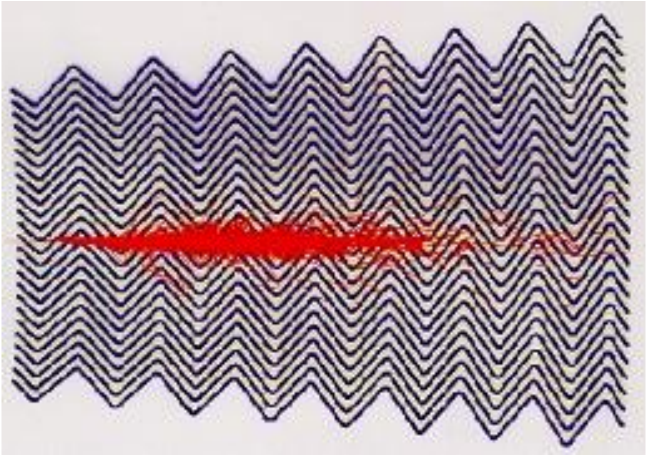
Radiation tolerance, power and cooling problematic





Liquid Argon e-m calorimeter



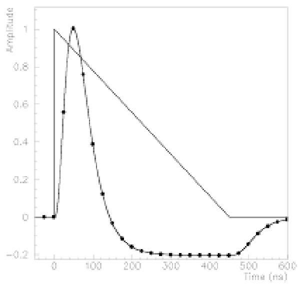


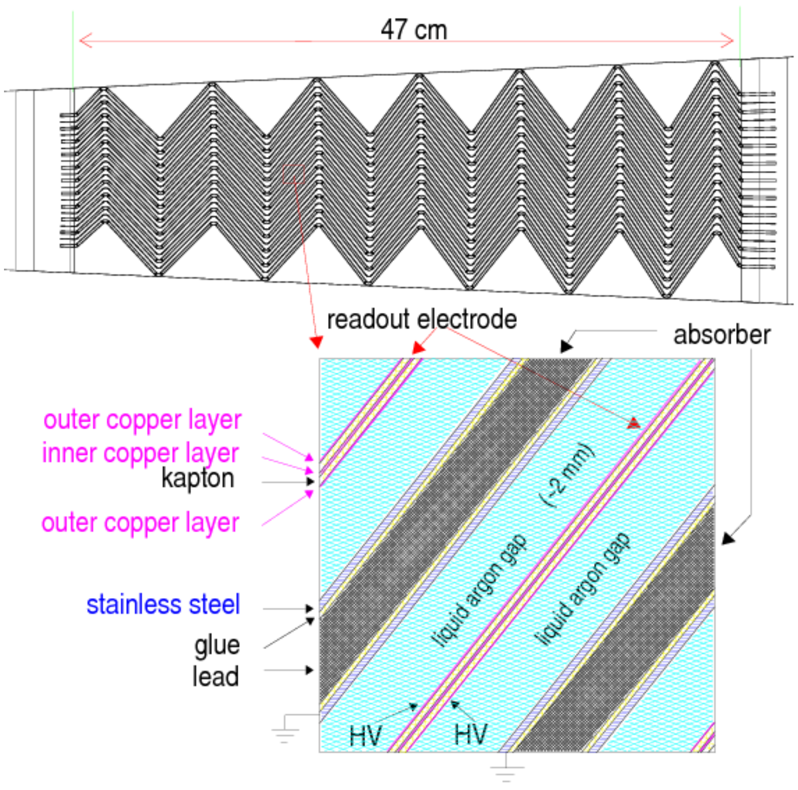
Liquid Argon-Lead/stainless steel calorimeter (87^{o}K)

16-bit dynamic range

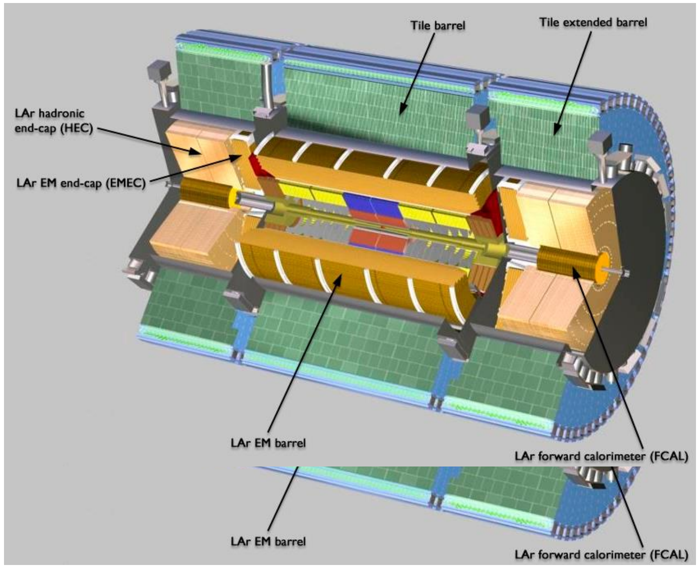
Cooled preamplifiers

4 layers + presampler





TileCal hadron calorimeter



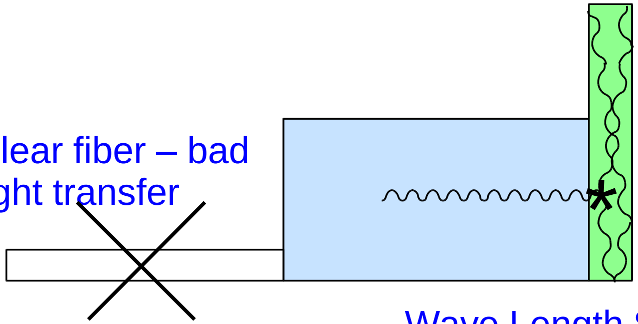
Interleaved steel and scintillator tiles

256 modules, each weighing 10 tons

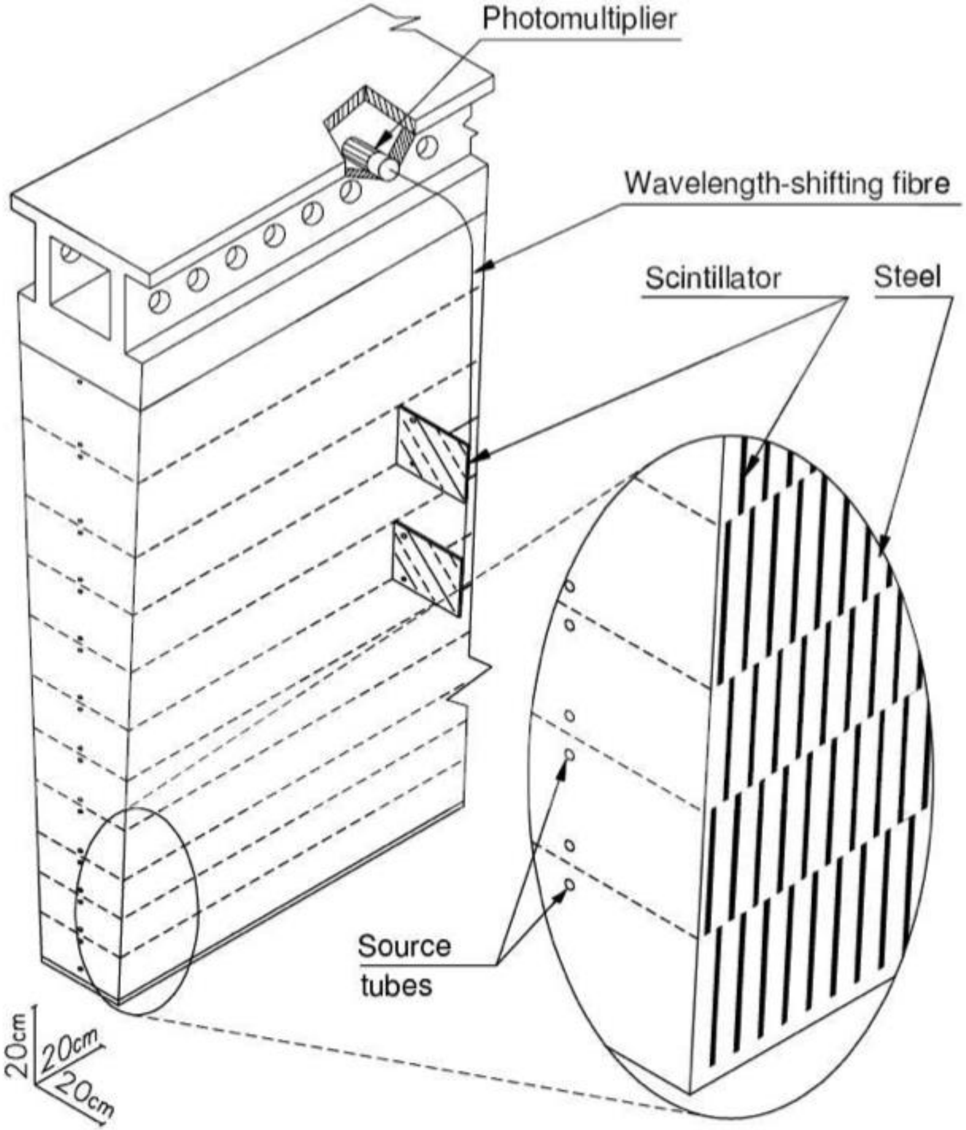
4 depth layers

Coarse spatial but good amplitude resolution

Clear fiber – bad light transfer



Wave Length Shifting fiber – good light transfer



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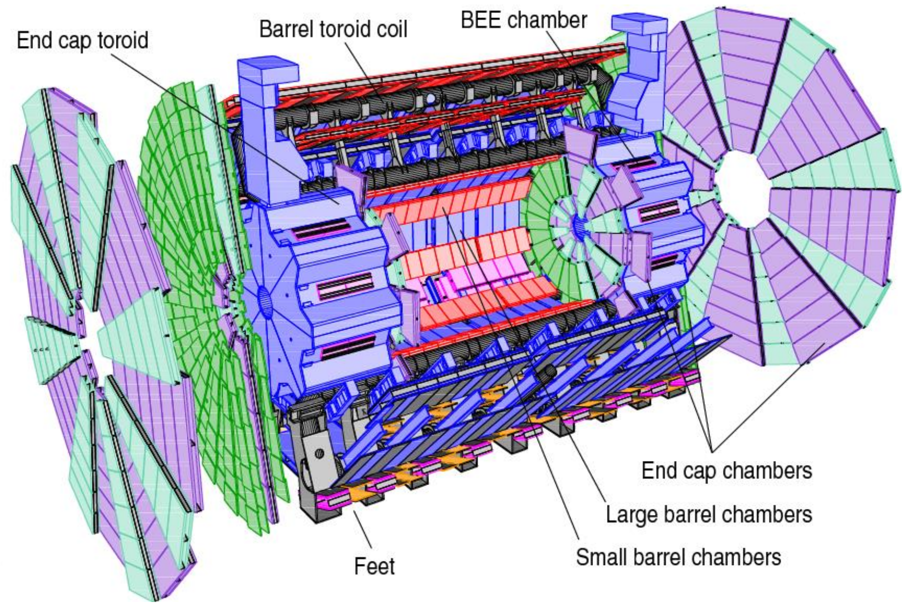
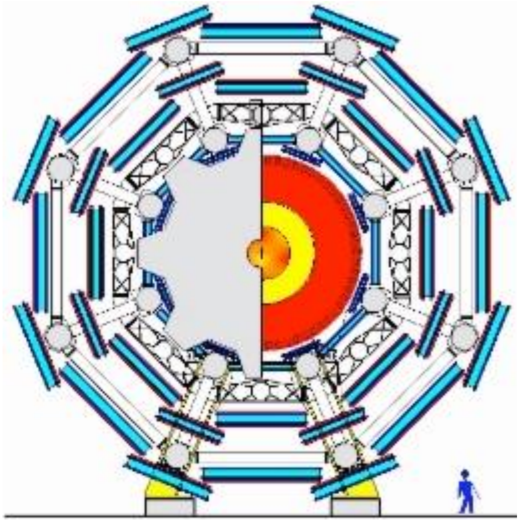




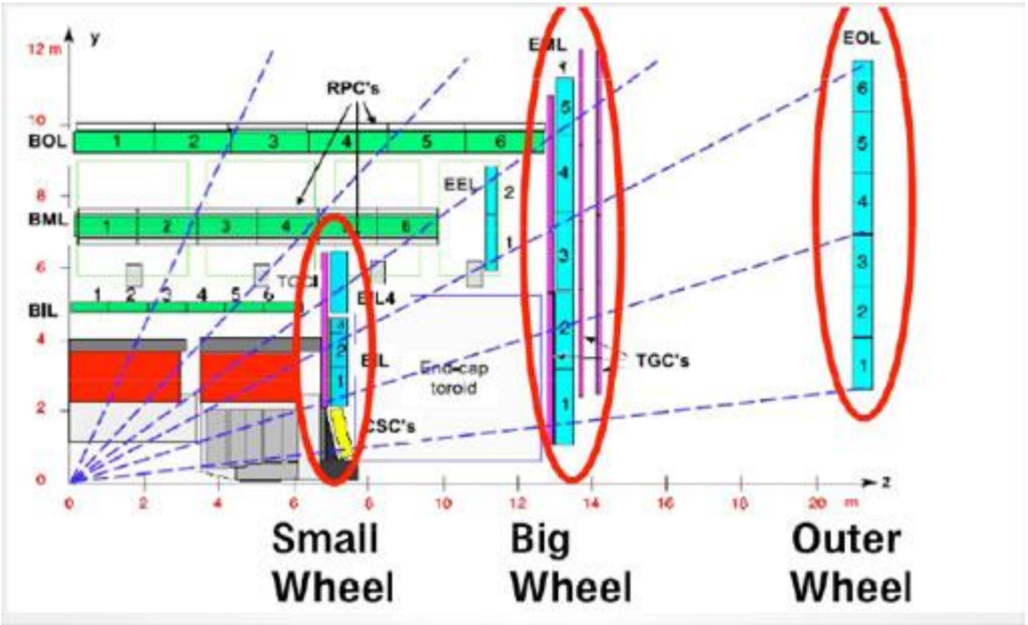
Geometrical alignment precision 30 μm

Alignment can change due to temperature change or deformations when the magnet field is changed

Cost → Use gas detectors, different types for precision and trigger and different types for normal and high intensity regions, close to beam pipe

MDT(Monitored Drift Tubes) and CSC (Cathod Strip Chambers) for high precision. CSC for high intensity forward regions

RPC (Resistive Plate Chambers) and TGC (Thin Gap Chambers) for trigger. TGC for high intensity regions.



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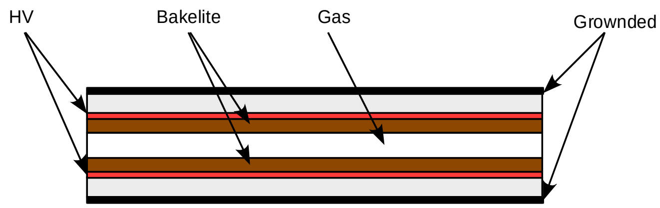

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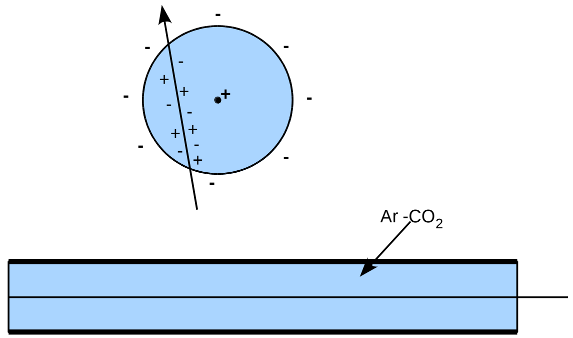

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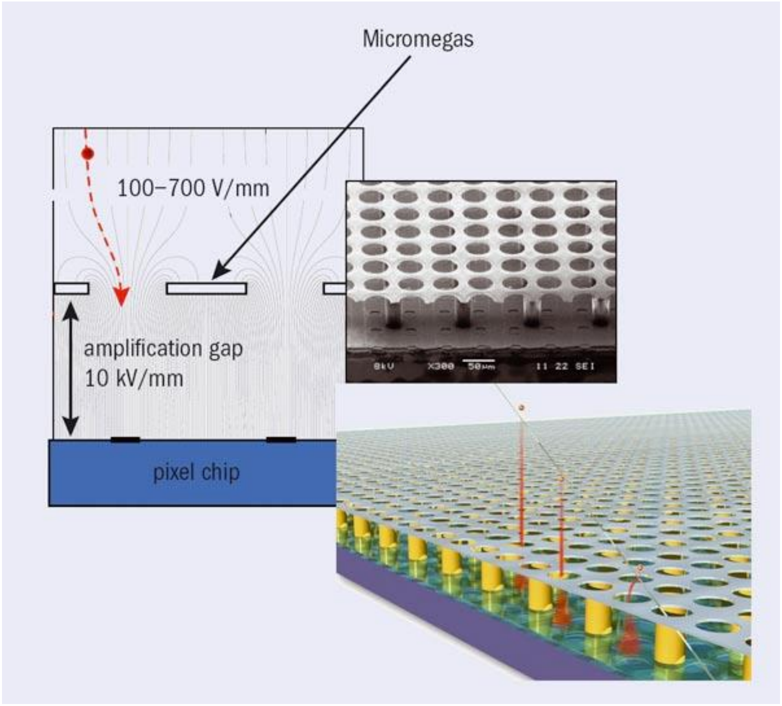
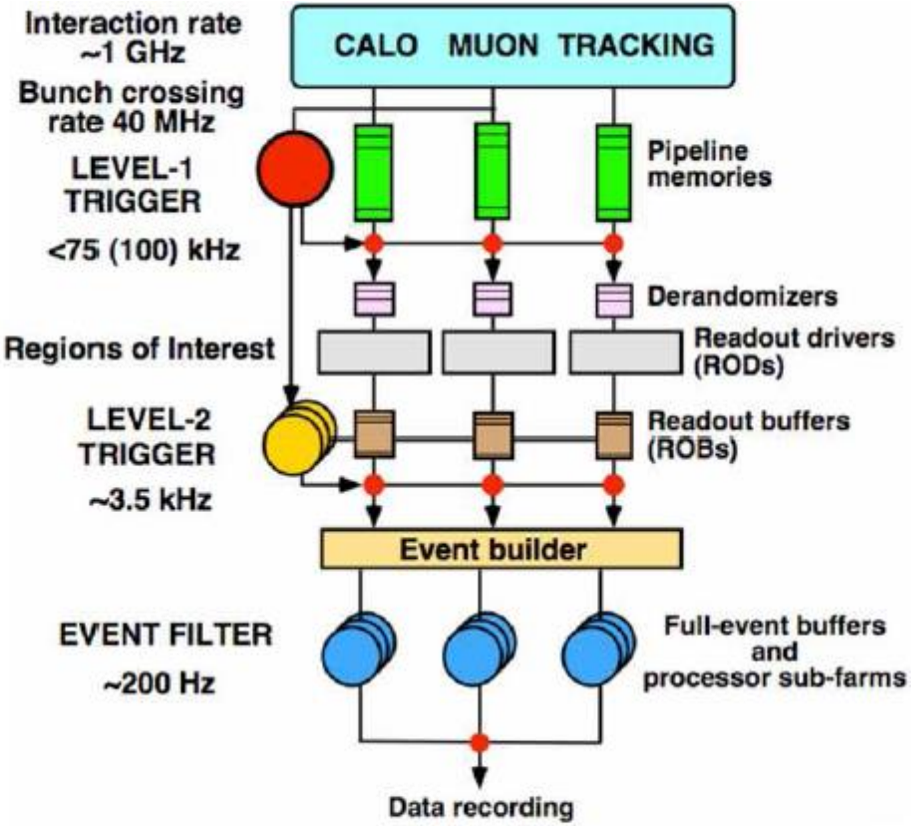


Micromegas for muon detector upgrade

Trigger and Data Acquistion (TDAQ)

Reading out all data, every bunch crossing, completely impossible - data transfer limitations
Solution -> use multilevel trigger – data storage limitations, radiation tolerance



First level trigger – pipe-lined processing (in FPGAs) of merged calorimeter and muon data with reduced spatial and amplitude information - delivers Regions Of Interest

Second level trigger – PC based software processing full resolution data from all subdetectors but only from RIOs

Third level trigger – Event Builder – PC farm to on-line analyze all data at highest precision

A first selection criteria is to require large transverse energy components to guarantee a head-on collision

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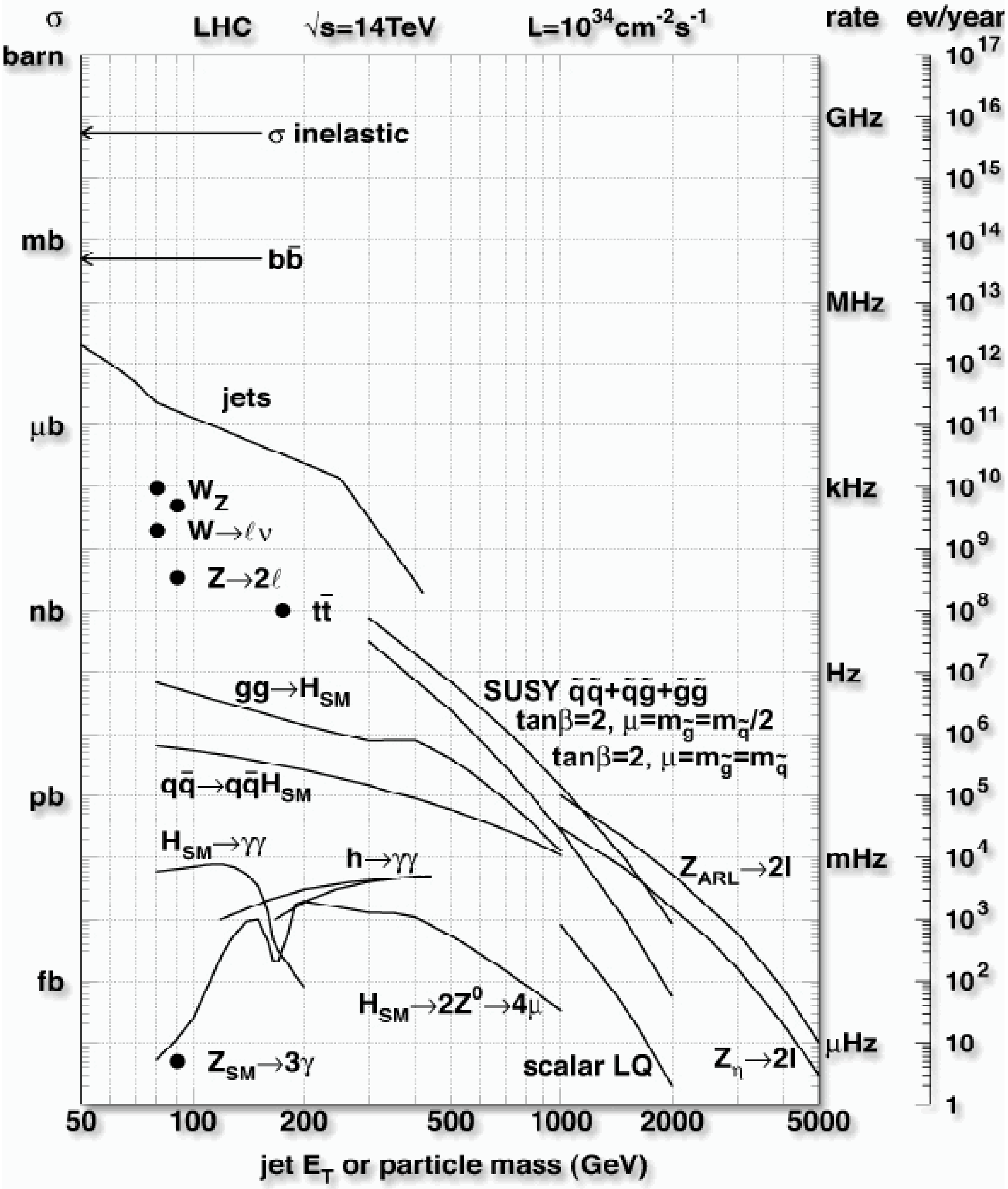


First level trigger

The Calorimeter trigger processor and the Muon trigger processor reports to the **Central Trigger Processor** (CTP)

CTP looks for characteristic signatures in the data that indicates that the data contains an interesting event e.g.

- 4 isolated electrons or
- 4 muons or
- 2 high energy electrons over a certain threshold and 2 jets
- etc.

The search criteria are defined in the **Trigger Menu** data base

The current Trigger Menu selection is defined at the start of a run

All data can be stored on the detector for maximum 2.5 μs – the **latency** of the first level trigger

Before this, a decision must made on saving or not saving that data

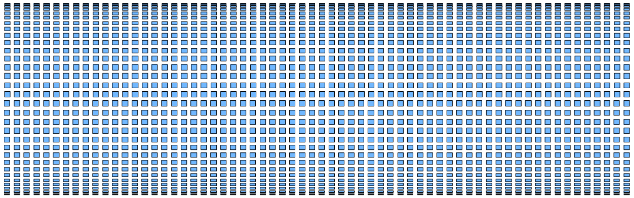
The specified data latency allows for sending the data from the detector to the trigger processor in USA-15 (Underground Storage Area), process it and send the result back to the detector for possible transmission of the entire data set.

First level trigger

Each bunch crossing, i.e. each 25ns

4096 trigger data values arrive from LAr and Tile

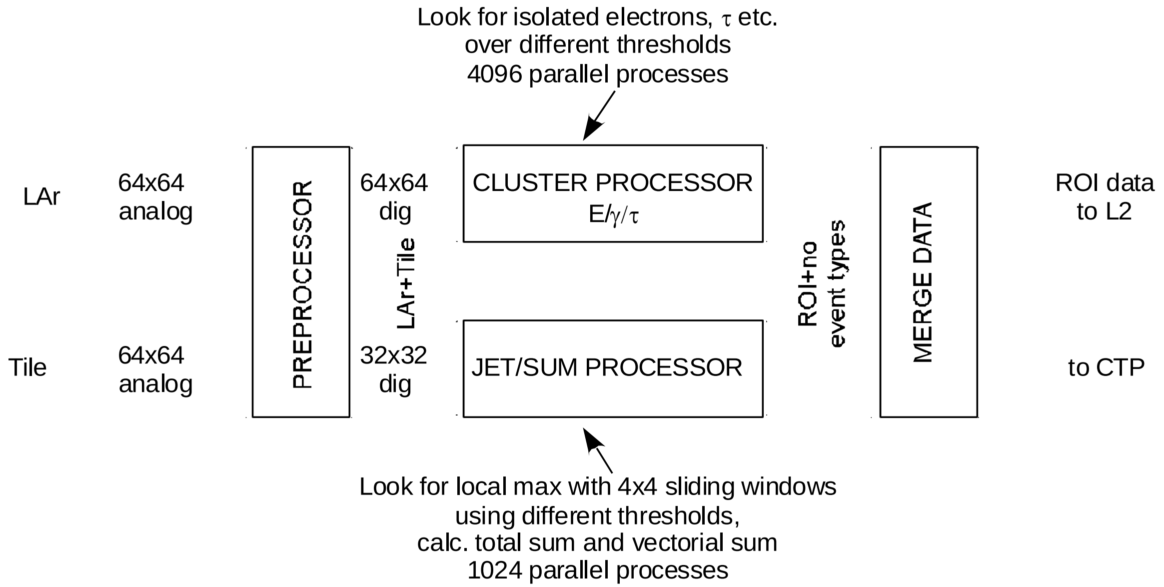
64 cell rows around the calorimeter cylinder and 64 cells in each row along the detector



For each corresponding trigger cell one must study if it cntained an interesting event

4096 parallel processes start every 25ns and should be completed within 1 μs

FPGAs widely used together with pipelined processing



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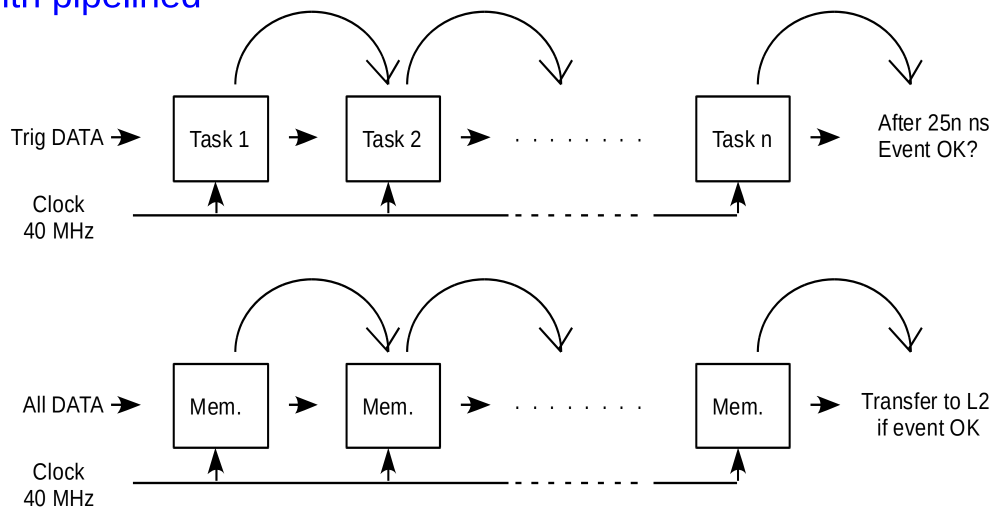

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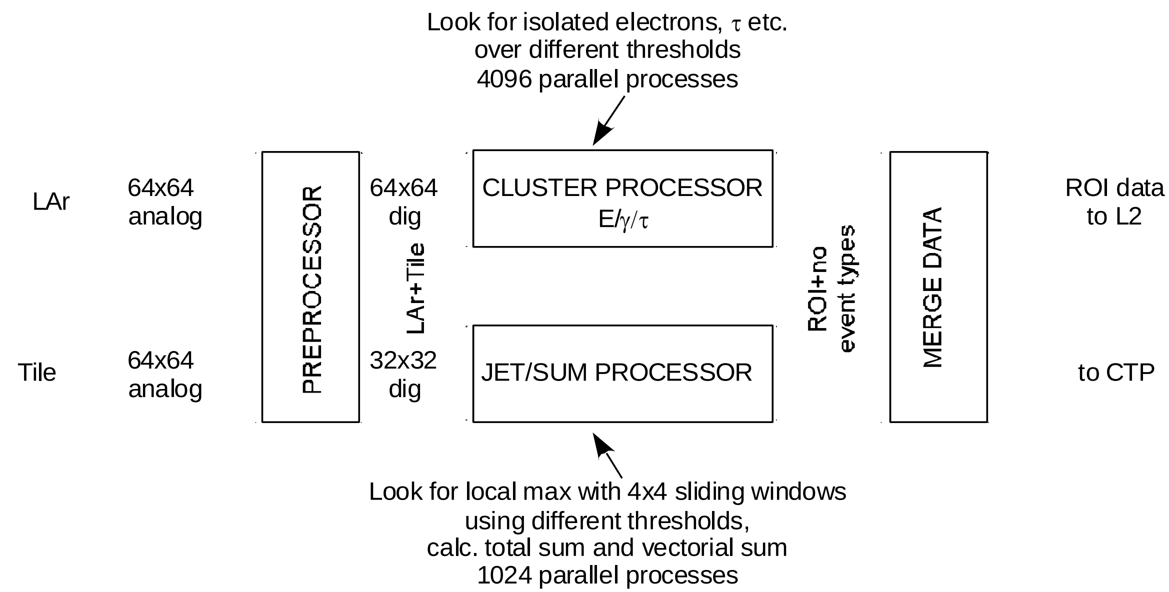
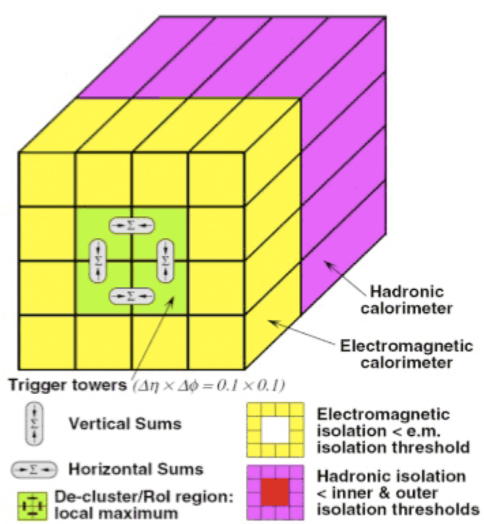


CLUSTER FINDING e/γ ALGORITHM



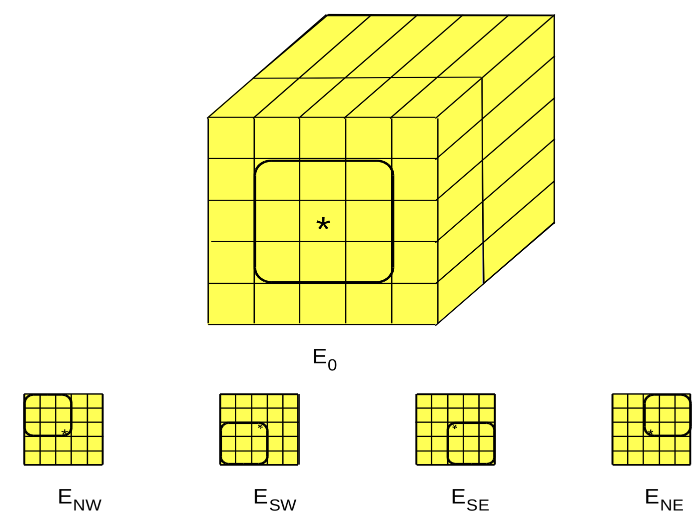
For each cell anf each set of thresh.

Vert. SUM or Hor. SUM > thresh.

Em isolation SUM< thresh.

Had isolation SUM < thresh.

JET MAX ALGORITHM



Condition for jet maximum: $E_{NW}, E_{SW}, E_{SE}, E_{NE} < E_0$

Synchronization

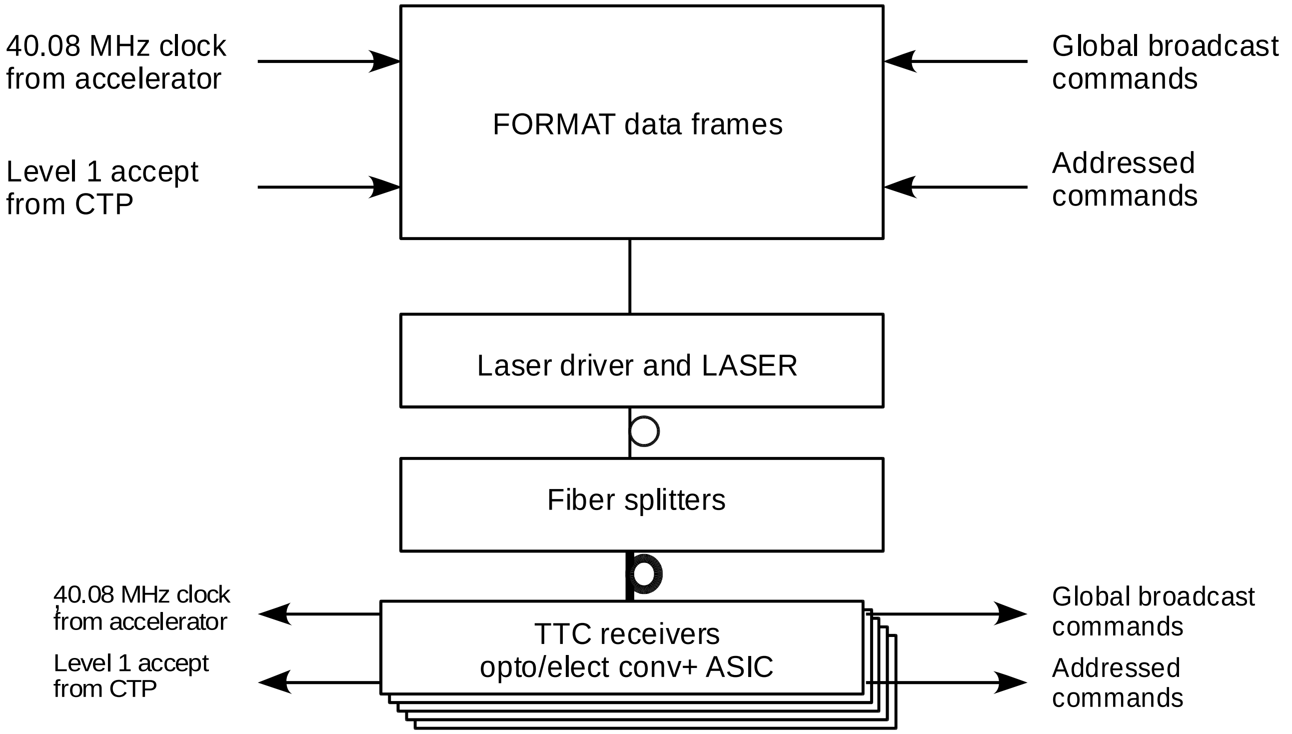
The Timing, Trigger and Control (TTC) system is responsible for synchronization

The accelerator clock 40.08 MHz distributed to all Front-End units with local phase control

L1A distributed to all FE-boards with programmable delay to maintain sync.

Addressed commands to configure local FE-boards

Maintains Bunch Crossing Identifier BCID to label events

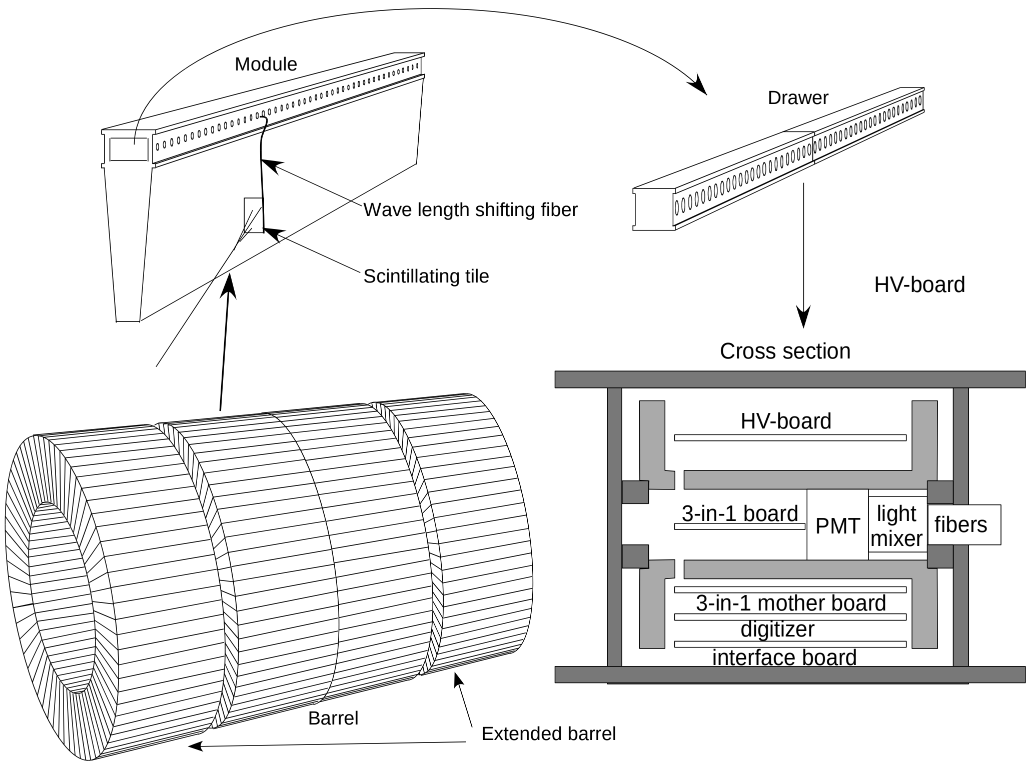


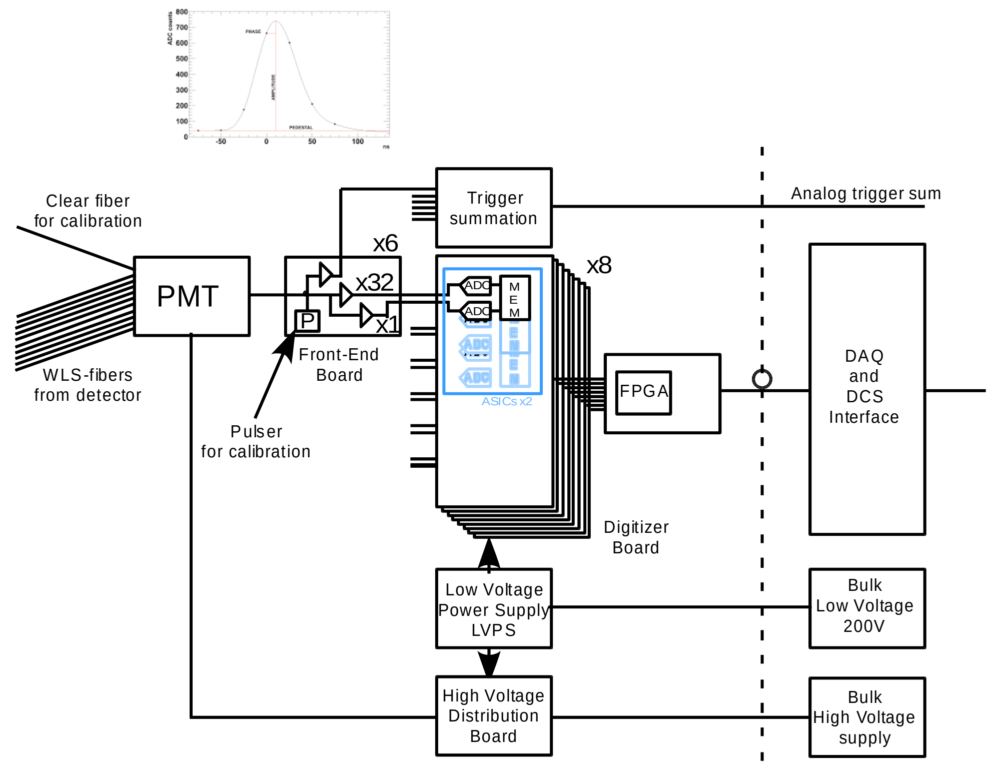
Detector Control - DCS

The Detector Control System or Slow Control, as it was called before, is responsble for initializing all system components incuding configuring the FPGAs

It is also responsible for safety functions

Front-End example - TileCal





4x64 modules (with electronics in "drawers") with 46 or 32 PMTs each read out by 2 10 bit ADCs (high and low gain)

256x8 Digitizer boards with 2 ASICs each containing digital pipeline and de-randomizer

Analog trigger signals – digitized in USA-15

3 calibration methods: Charge injection, Laser and circulating source through detector

ATLAS upgrades

LHC have regular stops for longer maintenance and upgrade

End of operation 2035?

Upgrade phase 0
Prepare for full energy 13 TeV
Insertable B-layer – replace the inner pixel layer

Upgrade phase 1
3 times higher luminosity, need better algorithms
New Small Wheel
Topological trigger – not only count event but also consider their geometrical relationship
LAr fully digital trigger
New trigger architecture

Upgrade phase 2 – Prepare for HE-LHC (High Energy LHC)
10 times higher luminosity, need still better algorithms
New Trigger system – level 0 (L0a: 1MHz, Latency: 6μs)/level 1(L1a:<400kHz,Latency: <30μs)?
New inner detector – no TRT, track trigger (introducing track data into Level 1)?
New TileCal electronics – read out all data to USA-15 – fully digital trigger

Future

General trends

More on-detector FPGAs – new FPGAs more radiation tolerant to hard but not soft errors – develop correction strategies for soft errors
More high speed data transmission – 10 Gb/s or more
Early digitization

After 2035? FCC? ILC? CLIC?

Future Circular Collider
FCC
50+50TeV p – p
100 km circumference
Assumes new magnet technologies

BUT THIS IS FOR YOU!