Collider Particle Physics
- Chapter 11 -

LHC: accelerator and detectors

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Chapter Summary

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- LHC detectors
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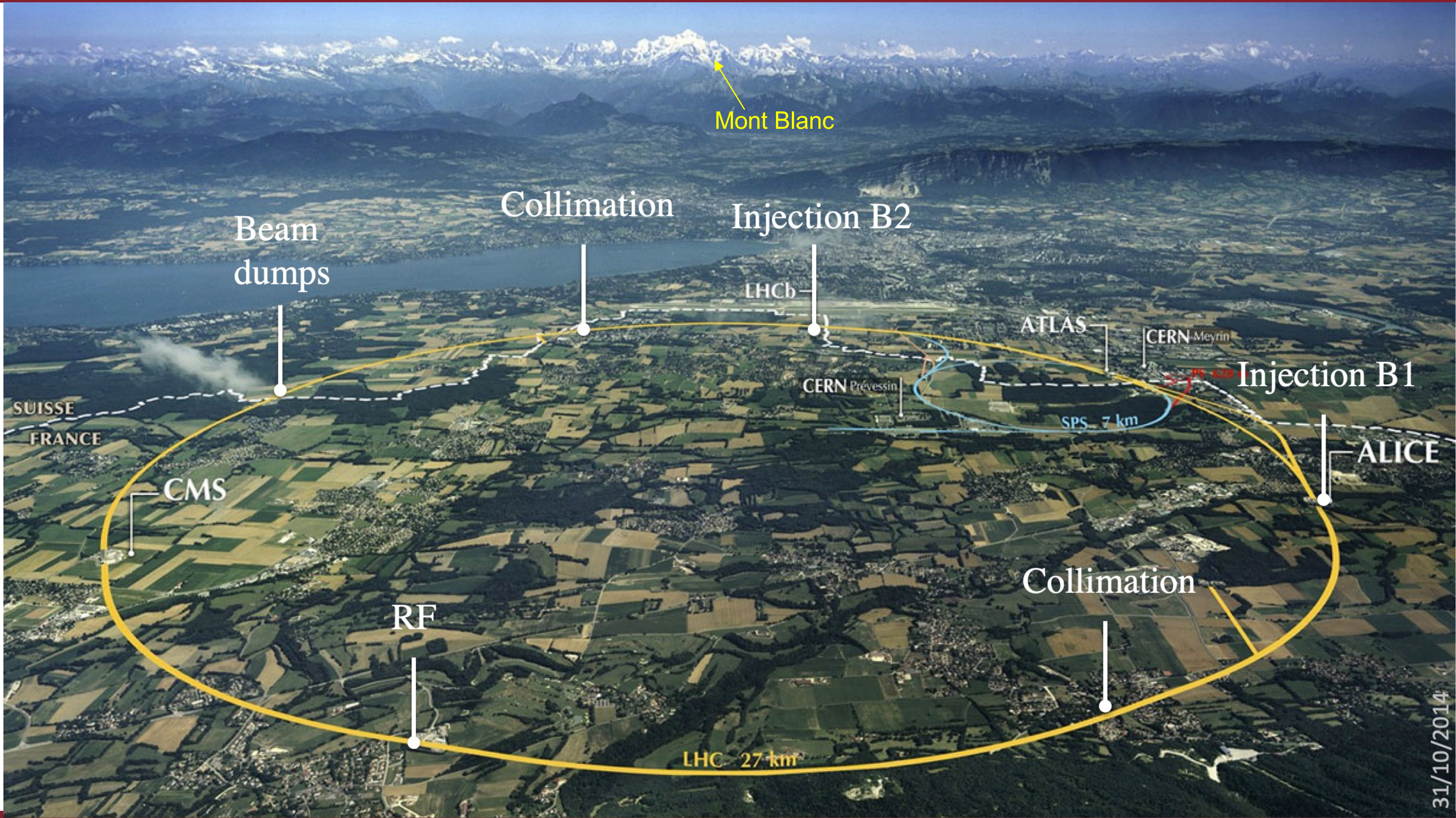
LHC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CMS
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RF
LHC 27 km
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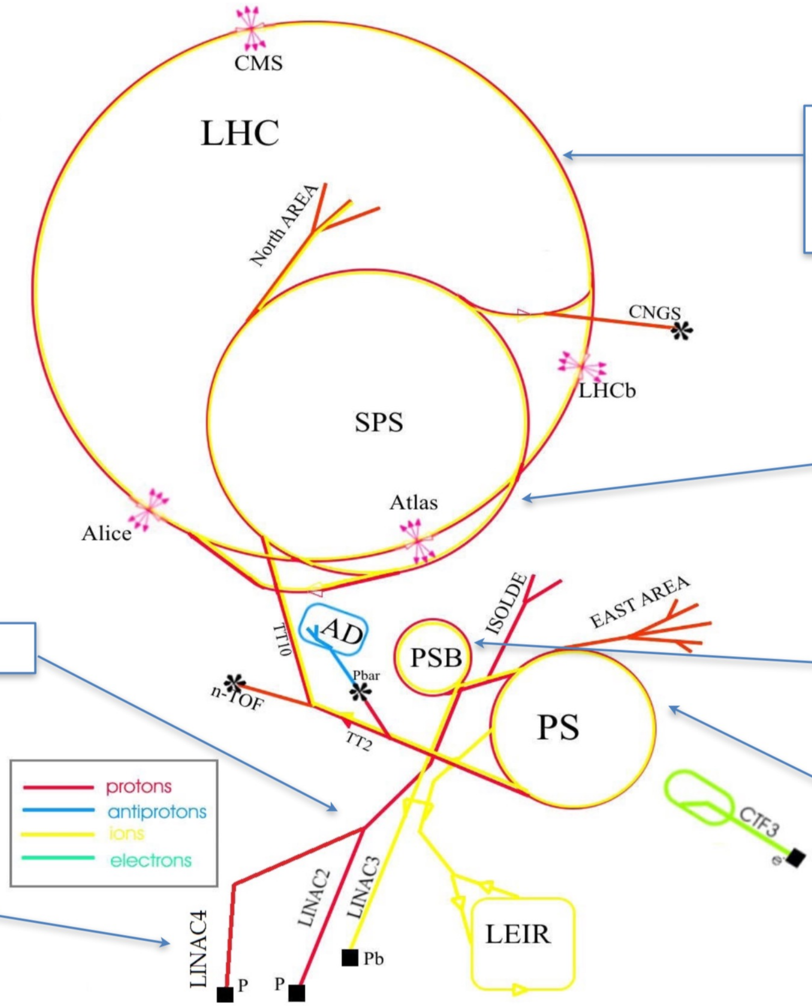
LHC accelerator complex

Few interesting facts

9300 Magnets (among which 1232 bending dipoles) reaching 8.3T with current of 11,400 A.

Beams are made of trains with a total nominal number of bunches of 2808 each containing approximately 100 Billion protons. Bunches are separated within trains by 25ns (approximately 7m).

Each proton has the kinetic energy of a mosquito and the total energy of the beams is 350 MJ ~ 1 TGV à 150 km/h.



Ramped to 7.5 TeV in the LHC
The maximum number of bunches (2808) not reached at Run 2 is limited by the injection kickers (~1 μs) and by the beam dump extraction (~3 μs)

SPS accelerates protons to 450 GeV, bunches before injection in the LHC.

The booster accelerates protons at 1.4 GeV.

PS brings them to 26 GeV, it is in the PS that bunches are formed with a 25ns spacing.

Accelerated at 50 MeV in a LINAC

Hydrogen (gas) is ionized in a duoplasmotron.

First accelerated with a RF quadrupole at 750 keV.

LHC Collider: the tunnel

LHC parameters

Quantity	number
Circumference	26 659 m
Dipole operating temperature	1.9 K (-271.3°C)
Number of magnets	9593
Number of main dipoles	1232
Number of main quadrupoles	392
Number of RF cavities	8 per direction
Energy, protons*	6.5 TeV (6.8 TeV in 2022)
Energy, ions	2.56 TeV/u (**) (record: 6.8 TeV/u in 2022)
Peak magnetic dipole field	7.74 T
Distance between bunches	~7.5 m
Luminosity (protons)	Peak Luminosity: ~ 1.2 x 10^{34} cm^{-2} s^{-1} (record:2.6 x 10^{34} in 2022)
No. of bunches per proton beam (design value)	2808
No. of protons per bunch (at start)	1.2 x 10^{11}
Number of turns per second	11 245
Number of collisions per second	1 billion

(*) Design value: 7 TeV
(**) Energy per nucleon

Large Hadron Collider timeline

LHC time table:

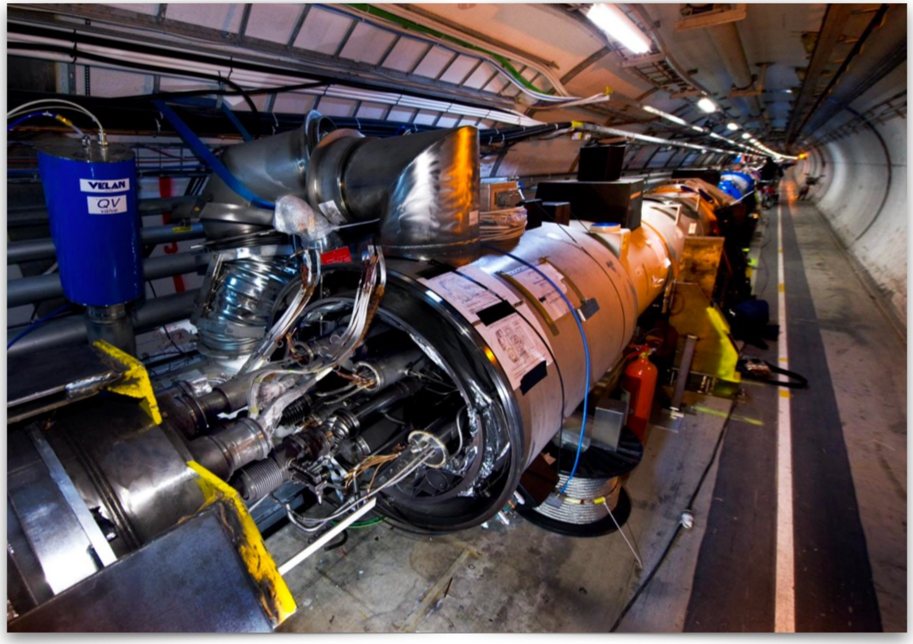
- **Early 1980's:** first ideas about a multi-TeV proton collider at CERN
- **Oct 1990:** ECFA workshop on LHC in Aachen
- **16 Dec 1994:** CERN council approves the LHC
- **Feb 1996:** approval of ATLAS and CMS
- **Apr 1998:** start civil engineering
- **7 Mar 2005:** first dipole magnet installed
- **26 Apr 2007:** last dipole installed
- **10 Sep 2008:** first circulating beams
- **Oct 2009:** first pp-collisions

Not precisely the expected start …

THE Sun

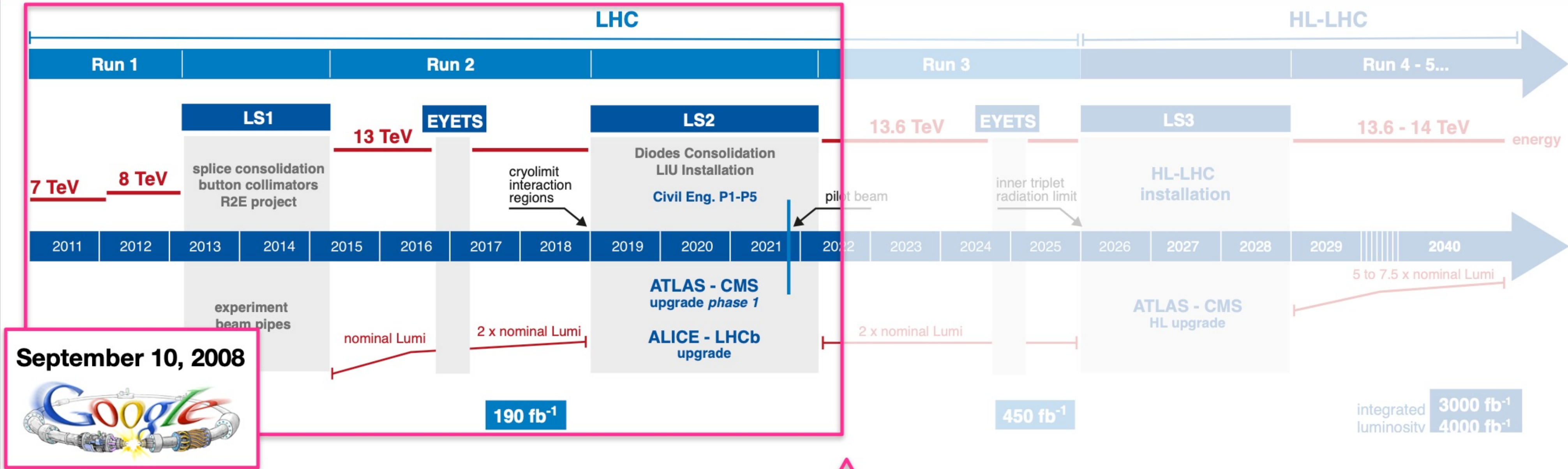
1 September 2008

19 September 2008



… not the end of the world, but 700 m damaged area with 39 dipoles and 14 quadrupoles and beam vacuum affected over 2.7 km, 1 year repair and LS1 to consolidate interconnections!

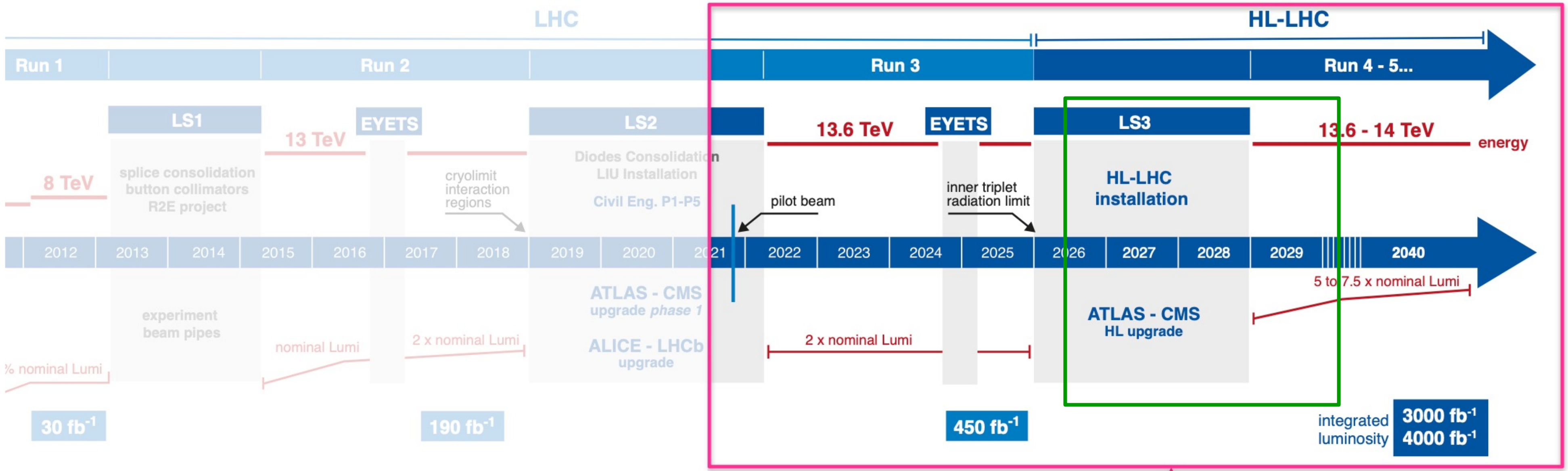
10 years of LHC

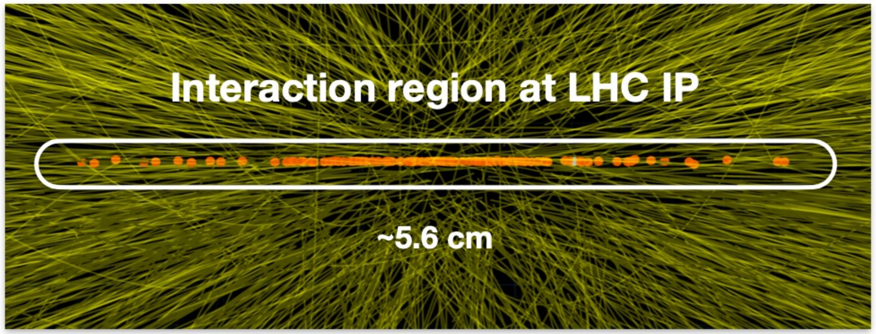


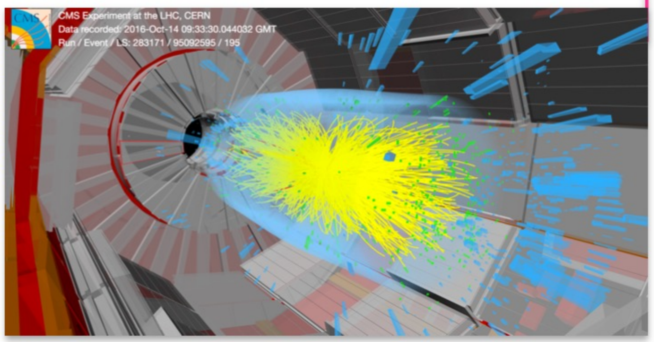
The day the world switched on to particle physics

We are here!!

The next 20 years of LHC: towards HL-LHC







Higher intensity comes at a cost:

At Run 2 average inelastic collisions per bunch crossings (Pile Up) was approximately 40.

Expected PU at HL-LHC **140-200**

Start of Run3: July 5th 2022

Run 3 started at 13.6 TeV !!

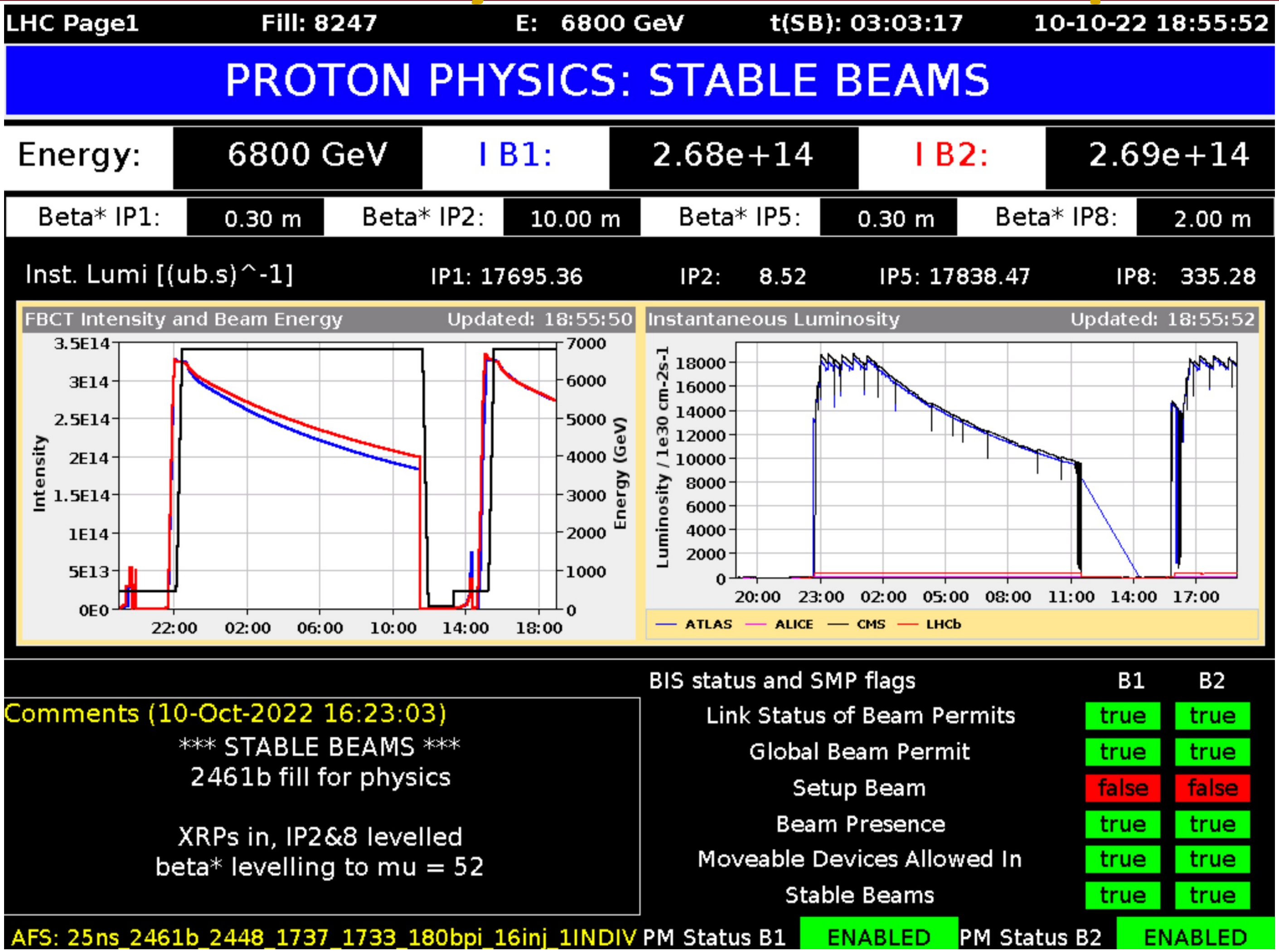
News and pictures from yesterday at CERN

The third run of the Large Hadron Collider has successfully started

A round of applause broke out in the CERN Control Centre on 5 July at 4.47 p.m. CEST when the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) detectors started recording high-energy collisions at the unprecedented energy of 13.6 TeV

LHC performances

LHC cycle in 2022: example



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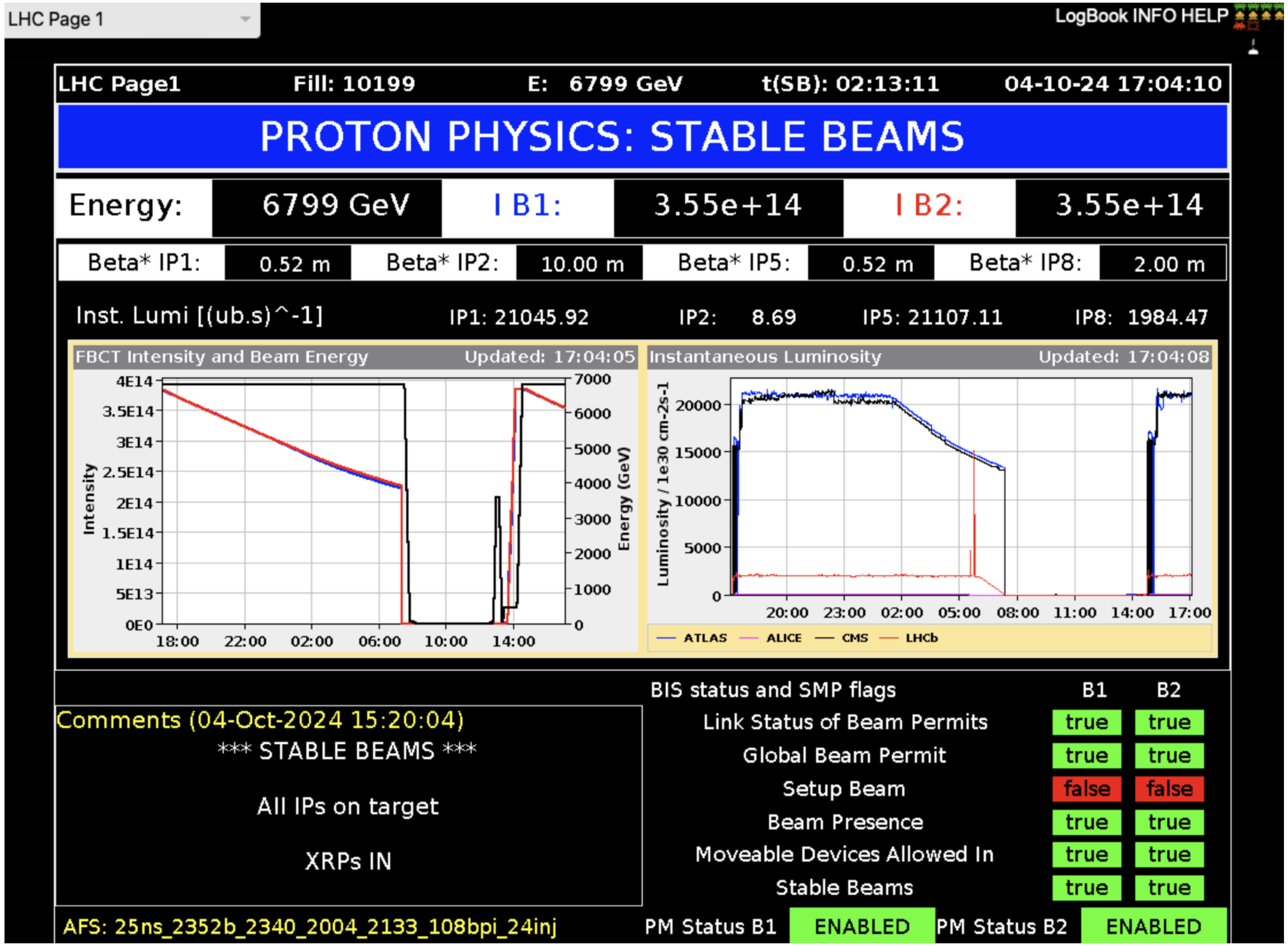
This what you can see in several screens around CERN …
and in the control rooms of course

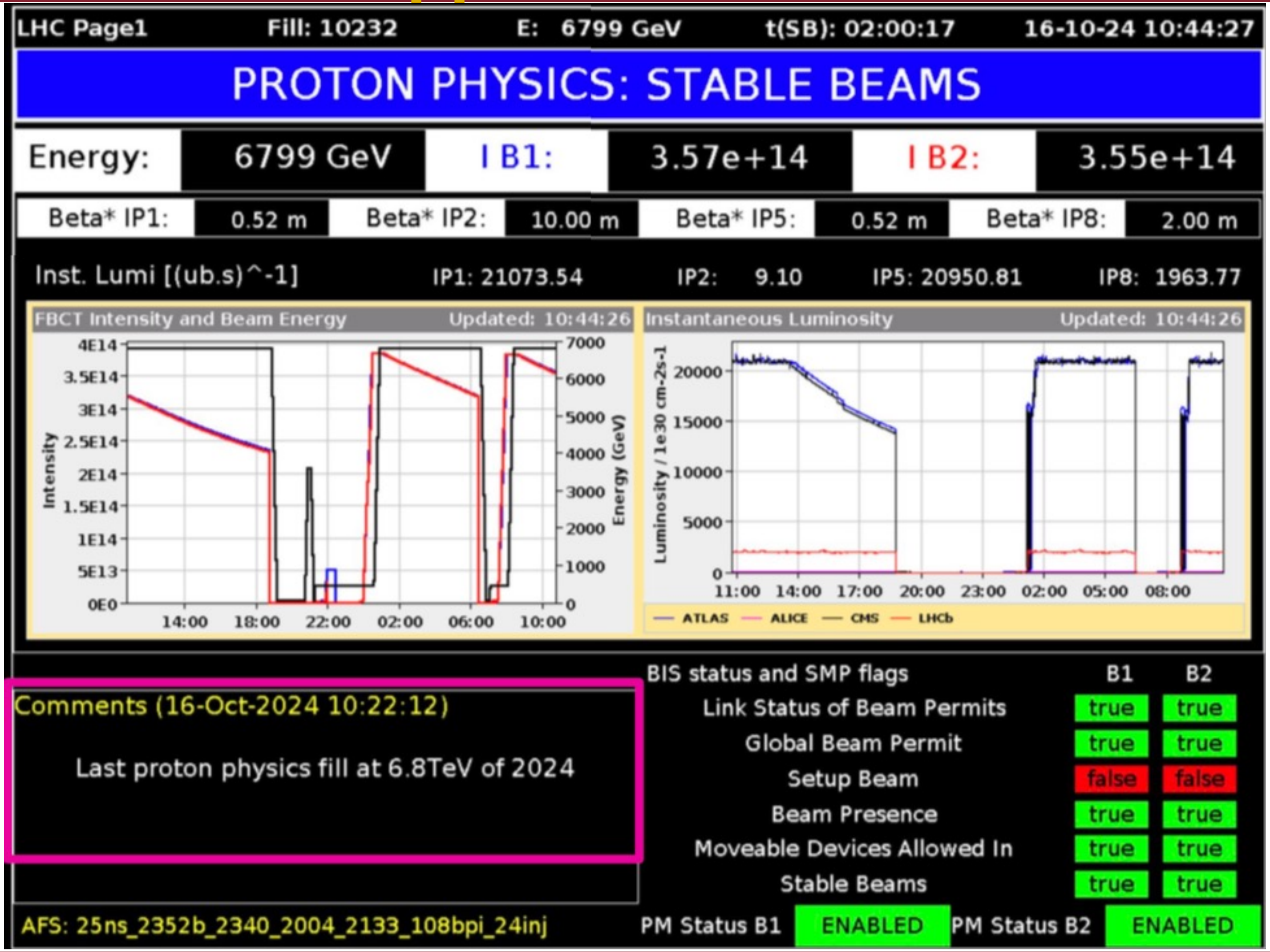
Filling scheme →

LHC cycle in 2024: example

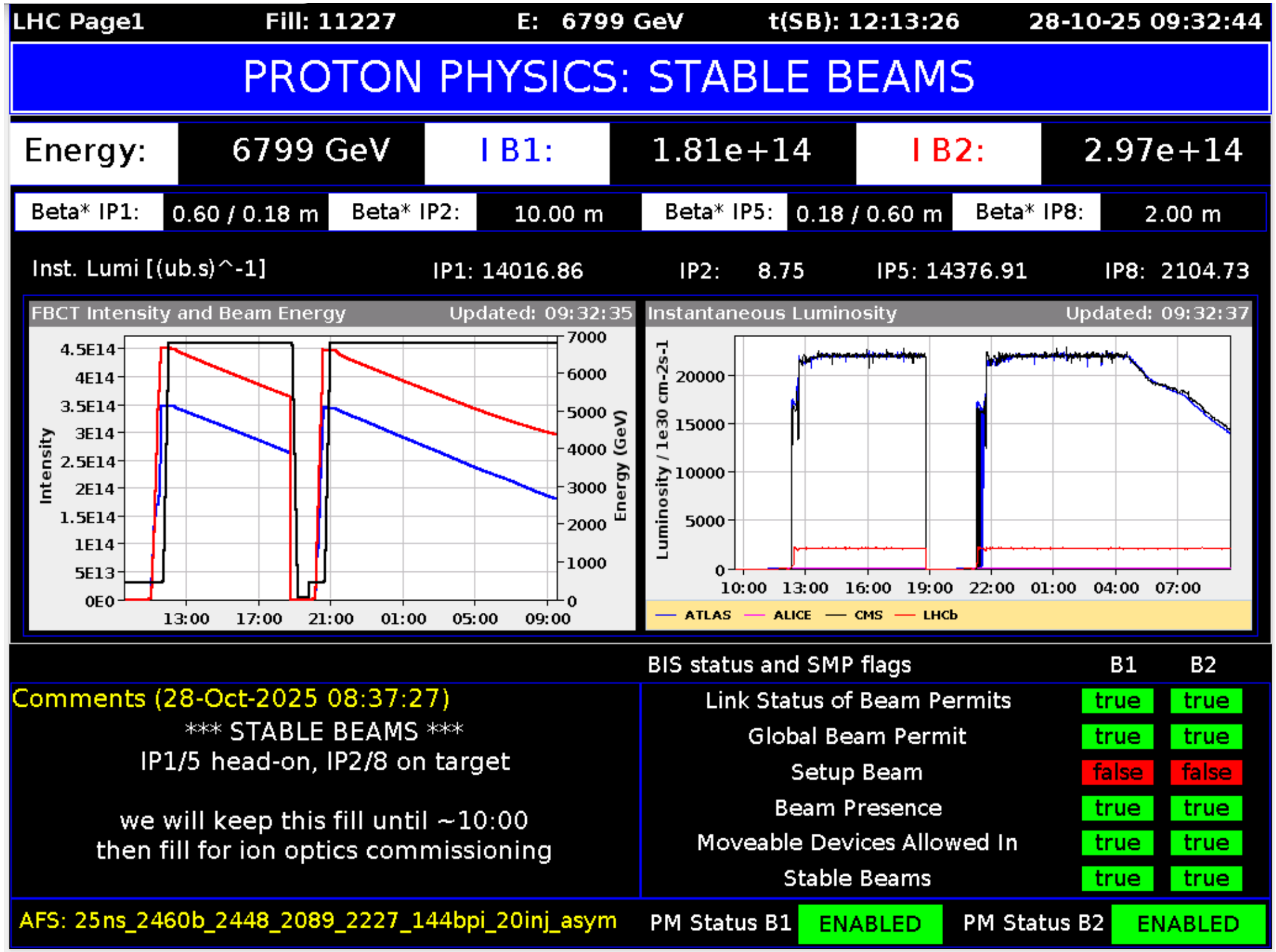


- Top luminosity (2.1x10^{34} cm^{-2} s^{-1}) is kept for several hours (~ 8 hours).
- The initial luminosity could be higher but it kept at a lower value increasing Beta* (namely the beam dimension at the interaction point). As long as the number of protons diminish, the beams are squized (lower beta*).
- When they reach the limit (beta* 30 cm), the luminosity decays, until it is more convenient to dump the beams and start over a new fill.
- The limiting factor to have a higher luminosity, besides the LHC triples, is the maximum L1 rate sustainable in the experiments (about 95 kHz in Atlas) and/or the pile-up.
- To be noticed on the left plot: the beam intensity is going down as soon as the stable beam is declared !

Last pp LHC run in 2024

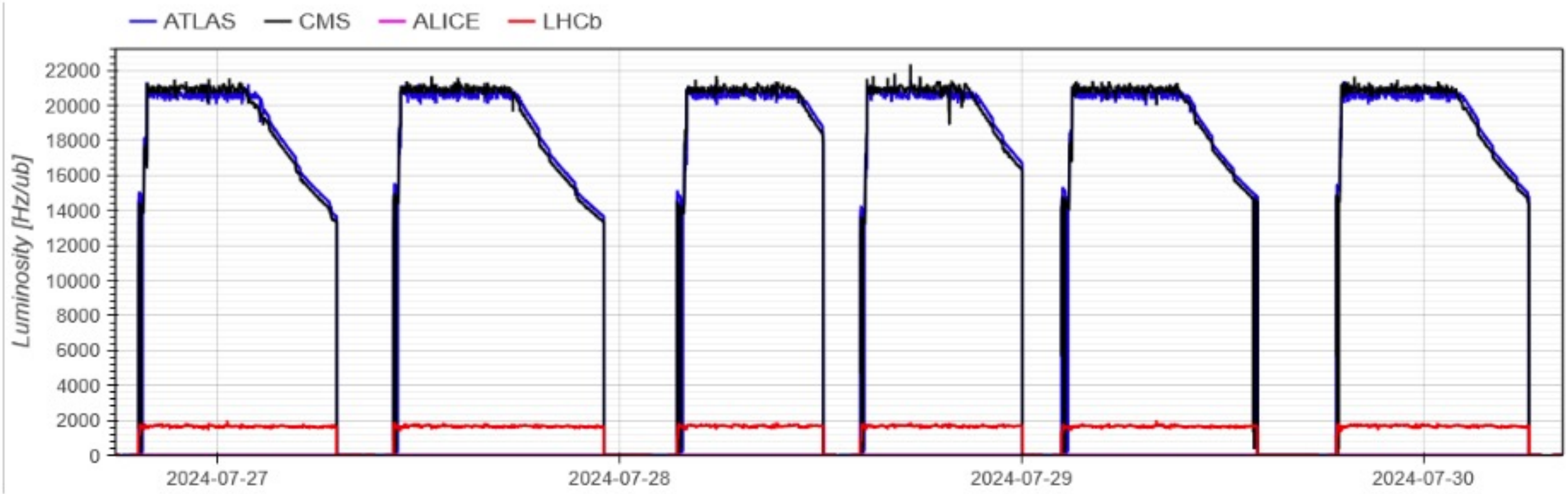


Last pp LHC run in 2025



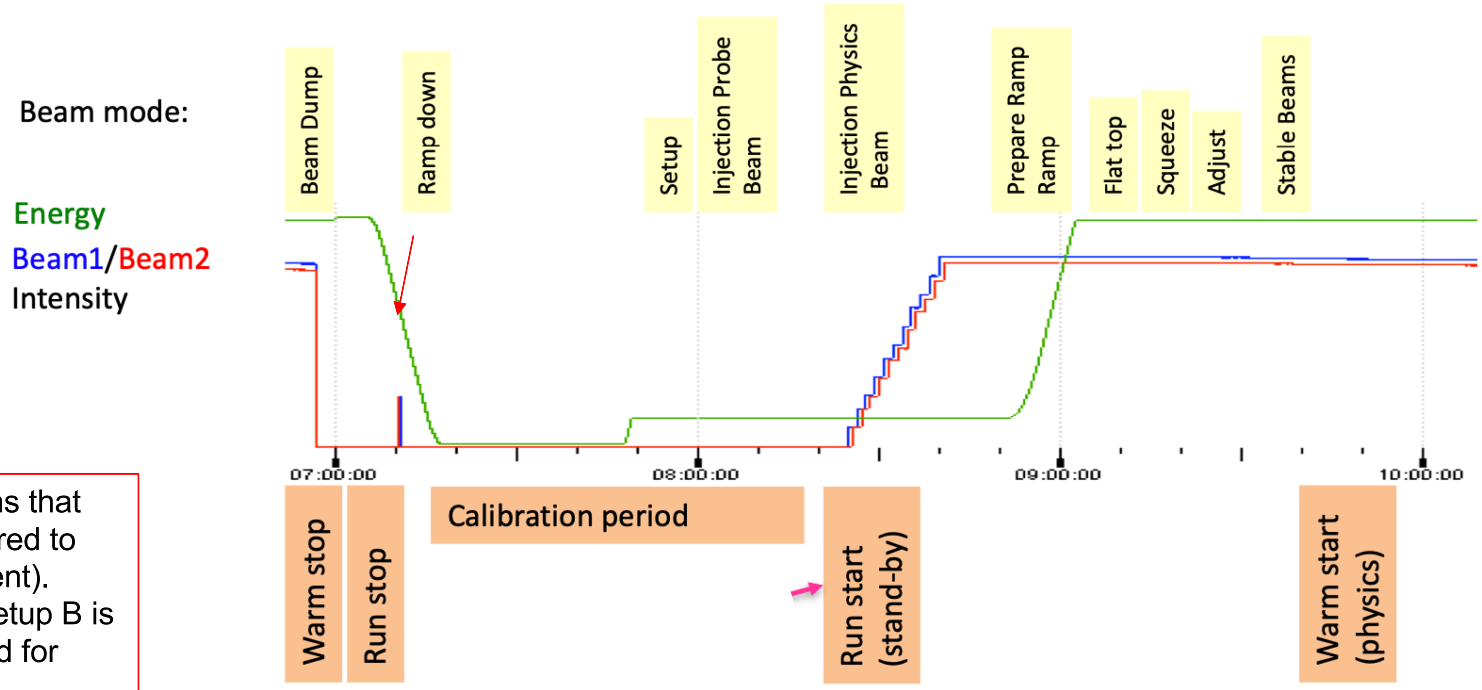
Test: one beam with 1.8×10^{11} proton per bunch and the other with 1.4×10^{11} ppb due to vacuum problem in one sector

LHC 2024: instantaneous luminosity in three days



- **Combined** (beta* + offset) **levelling** allowed for
  - **6-7 hours levelling** with BCMS beams
  - **Well balanced** luminosity between CMS and ATLAS
- LHCb levelled **through the entire fill**

LHC cycle: details



Ramp down means that the B-Field is lowered to reach 0 T (no current). Then, during the setup B is set to value needed for 450 protons.

Time estimates for 2017/2018 (based on Fill 6343, to be updated for Run 3)	
Injection Physics Beam to Prepare Ramp	~40 min
Ramping	~20 min
Squeeze	~15 min
Adjust (plus levelling to target Lumi)	~10-20 min
Running with levelled Lumi	~ 3 hours
Dump to Stable Beams (fastest turn-around in 2017)	**> 2 hours**
Precycle	~30 min

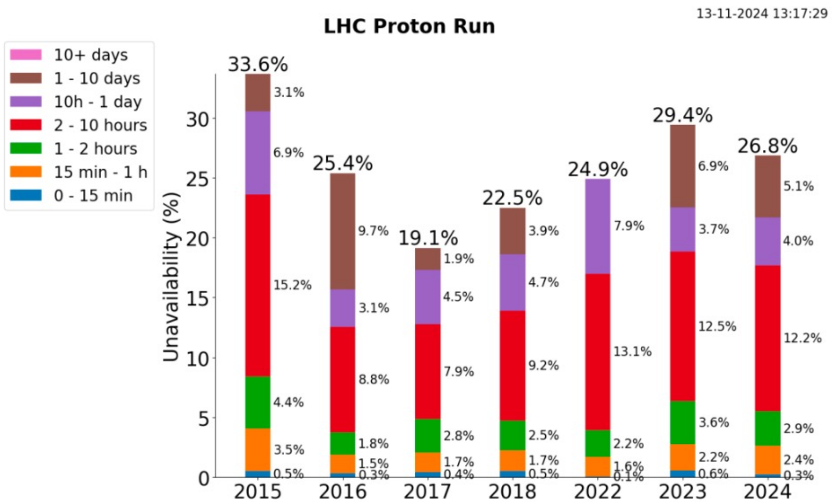
LHC performance in 2024

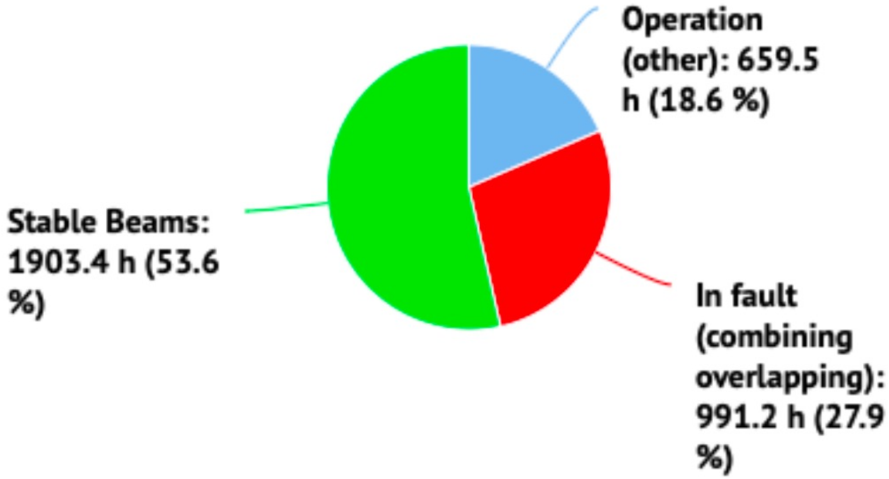
Availability

- Availability is <u>THE key factor</u> for accelerator performance
- **Availability factor** was ~constant through Run2 and Run3 for small (<24h) faults

Availability

72.1%

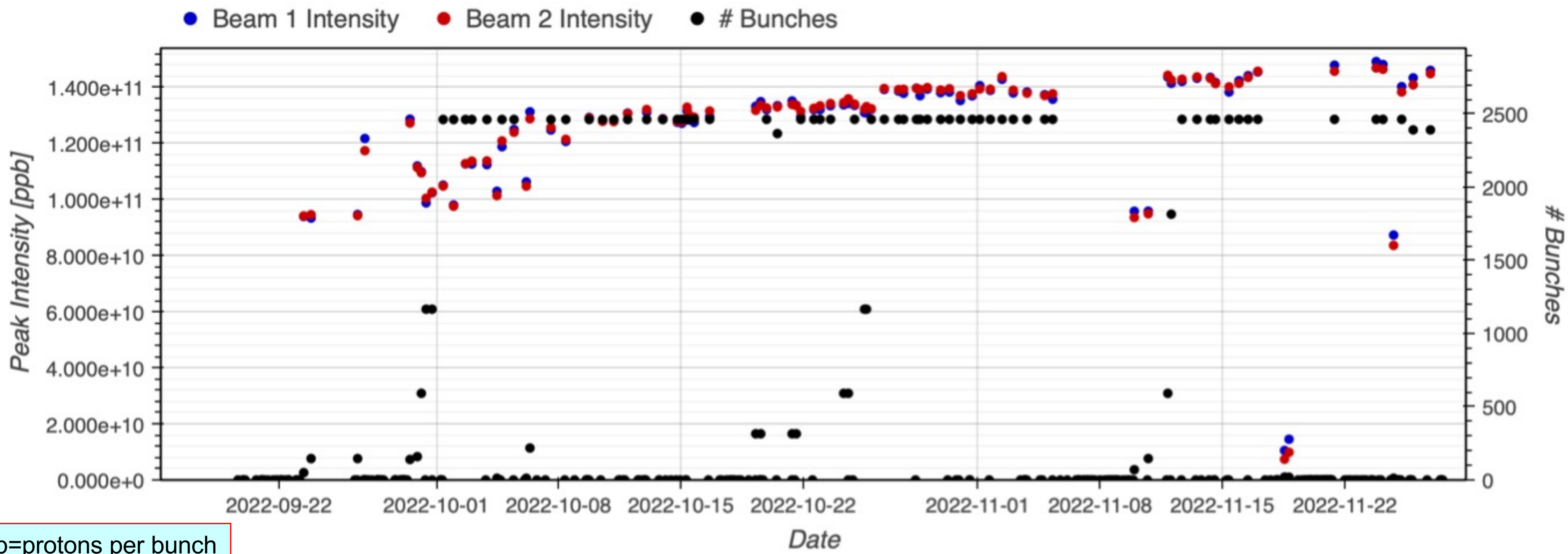




NOTE: the availability of the proton run is calculated on the effective time from the retrospetctively calculated schedule (long faults are not included)

Minor differences in numbers are due to slightly different choices in term of dates (including or not scrubbing run, TS recovery etc)

LHC 2022 parameters: # of bunches and ppb



ppb=protons per bunch

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{k \cdot N^2 \cdot f}{4\pi \cdot \beta^* \cdot \epsilon} \cdot F$$

N = *No. particles per bunch*

K = *No. bunches*

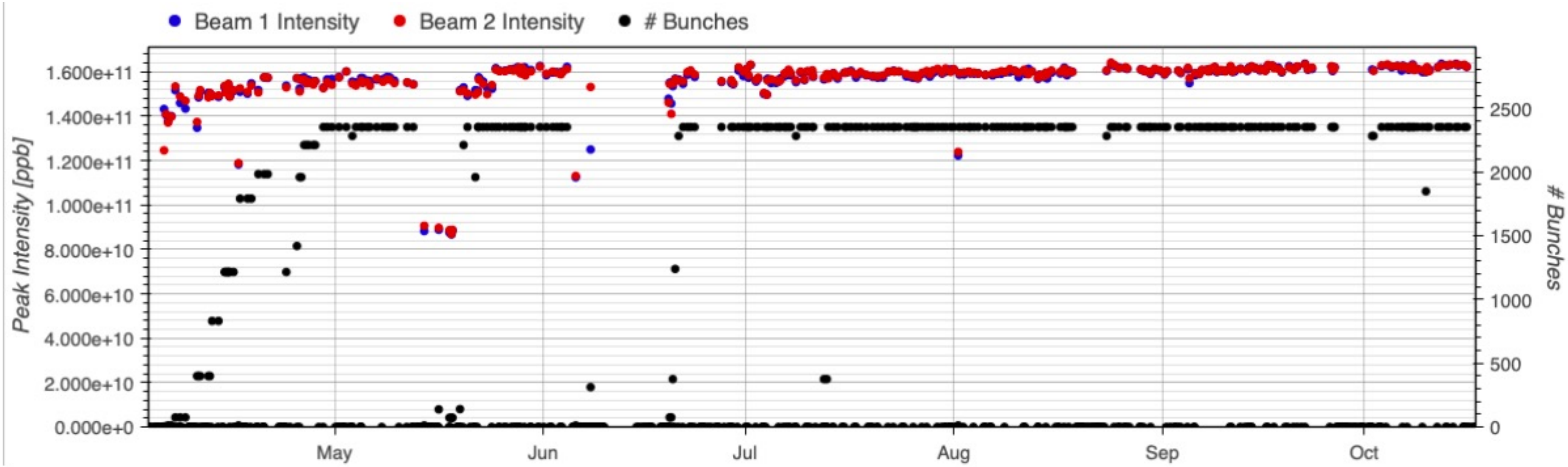
β^* = *beta-function at IPs*

ε = *transverse emittance*

f = *revolution frequency*

F = [0 …1] *depends on the crossing angle*

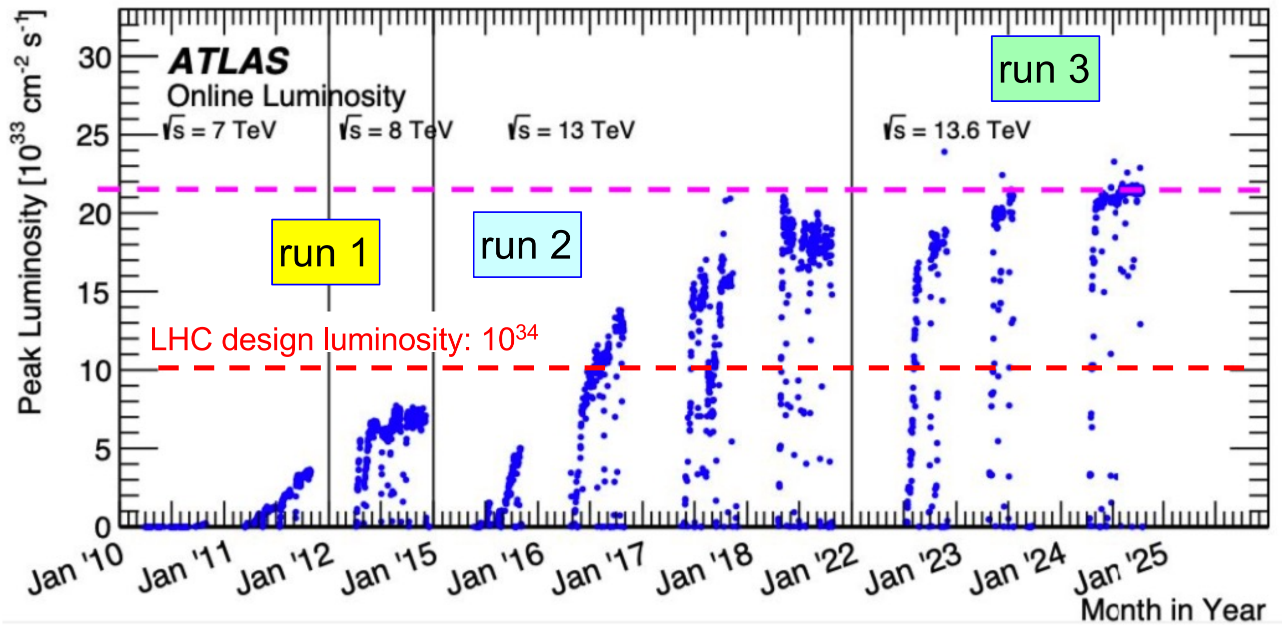
LHC 2024 parameters: # of bunches and ppb



- Bunch intensities stable at **1.6e^{11} ppb** at start of stable beams
- **Stored energy ~410 MJ** / beam @6.8 TeV (~100 kg TNT)

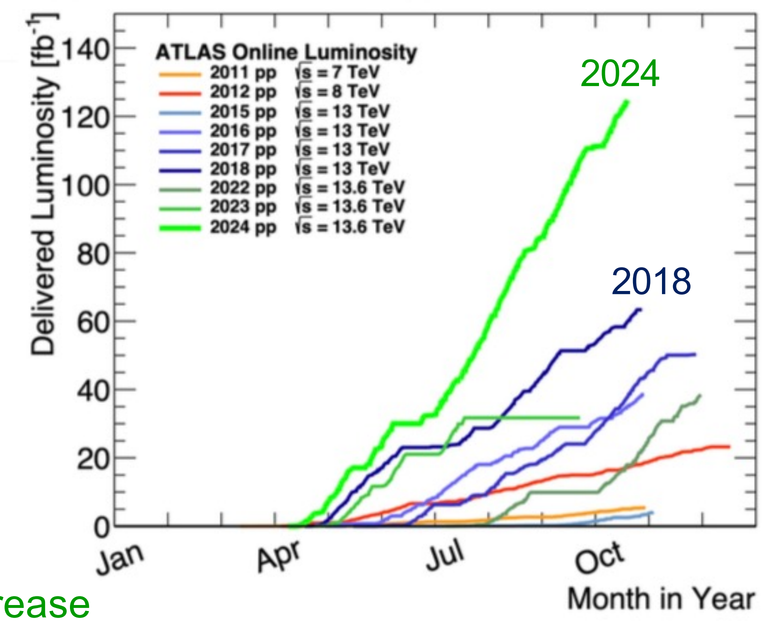
Reminder
The nominal total number of bunches is ~3600,
but not all of them can be filled.
The number of bunches colliding is 2340 (in Atlas and CMS)

LHC: peak luminosity



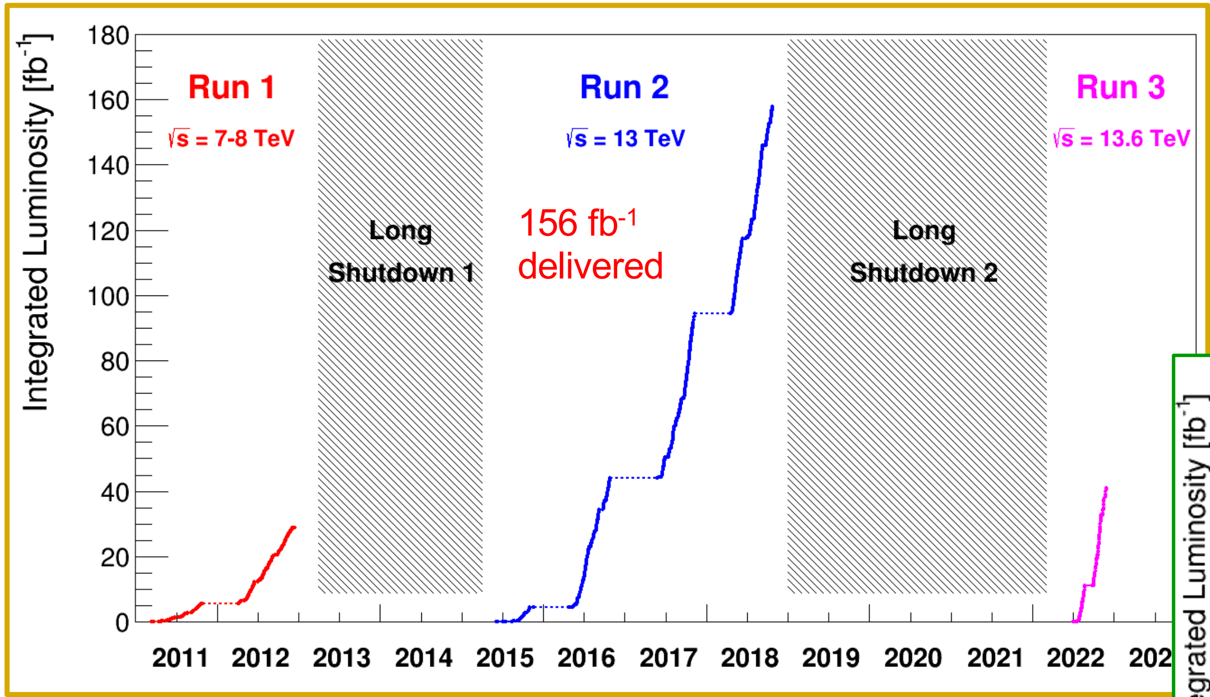
$2.15 \cdot 10^{34} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$ (Limited by cryogenic)

ATLAS Integrated Luminosity



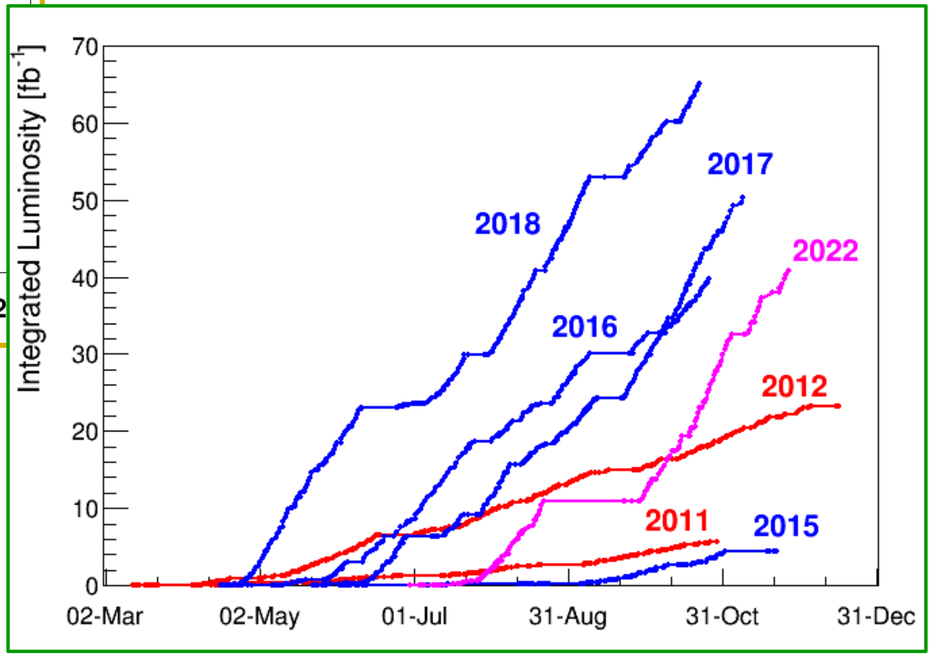
2023: after July 17th the integrate Lumi didn't increase

LHC: integrated luminosity along the years

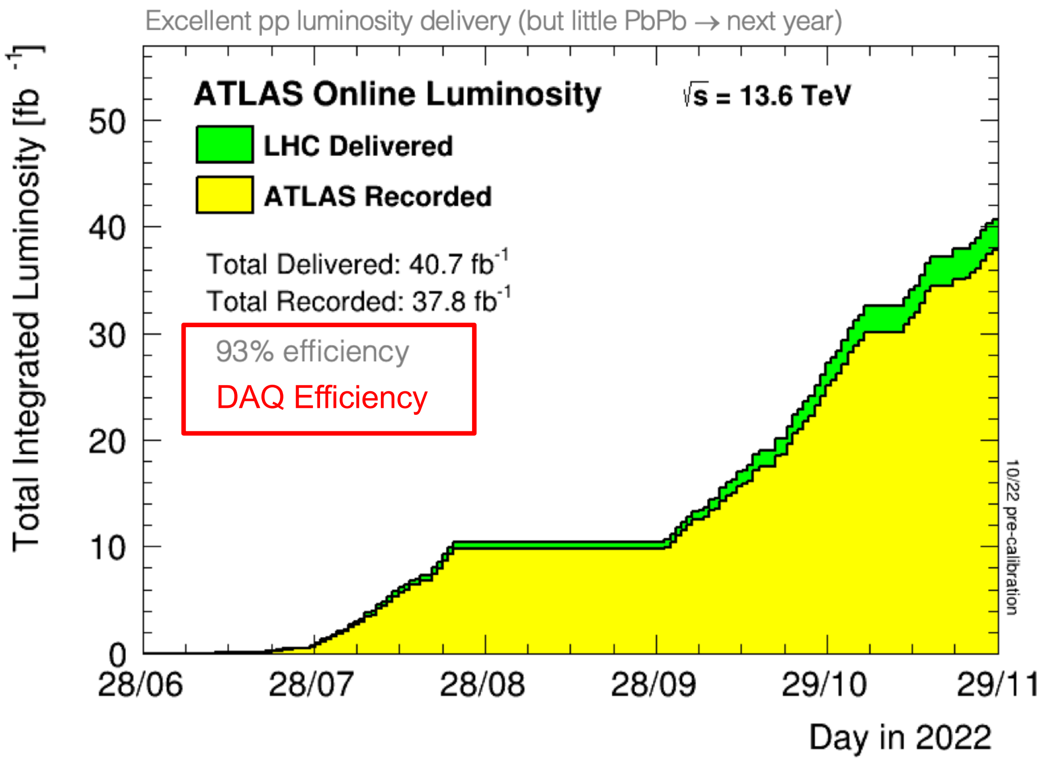


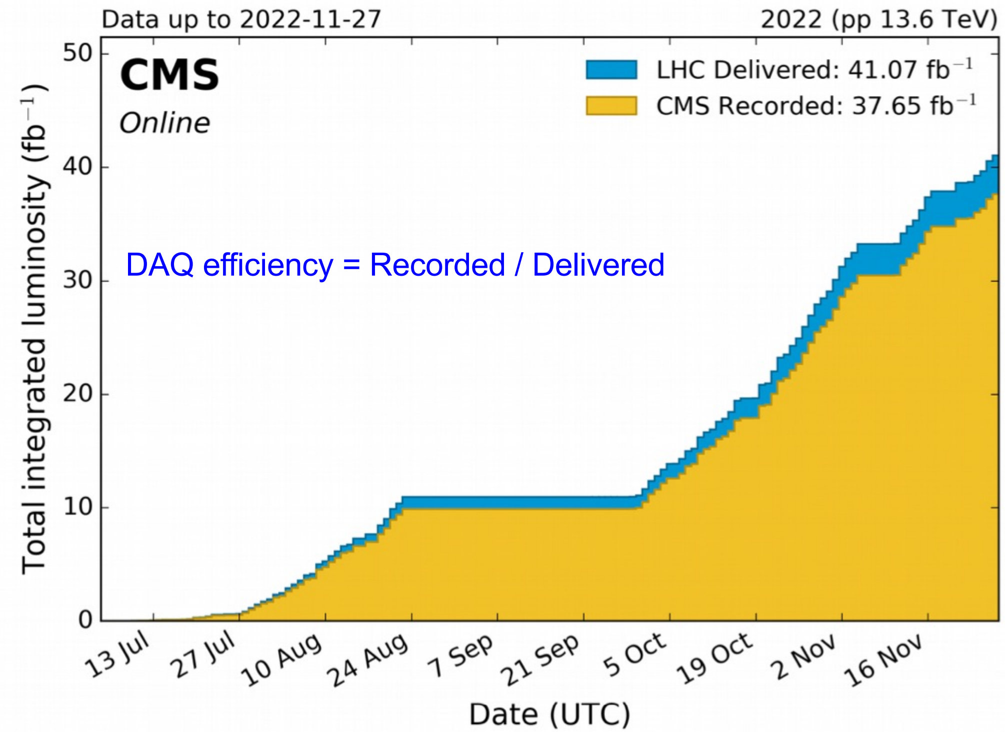
July 5th
Start of Run 3 physics

November 28th
End of 2022 run



ATLAS and CMS luminosity in 2022

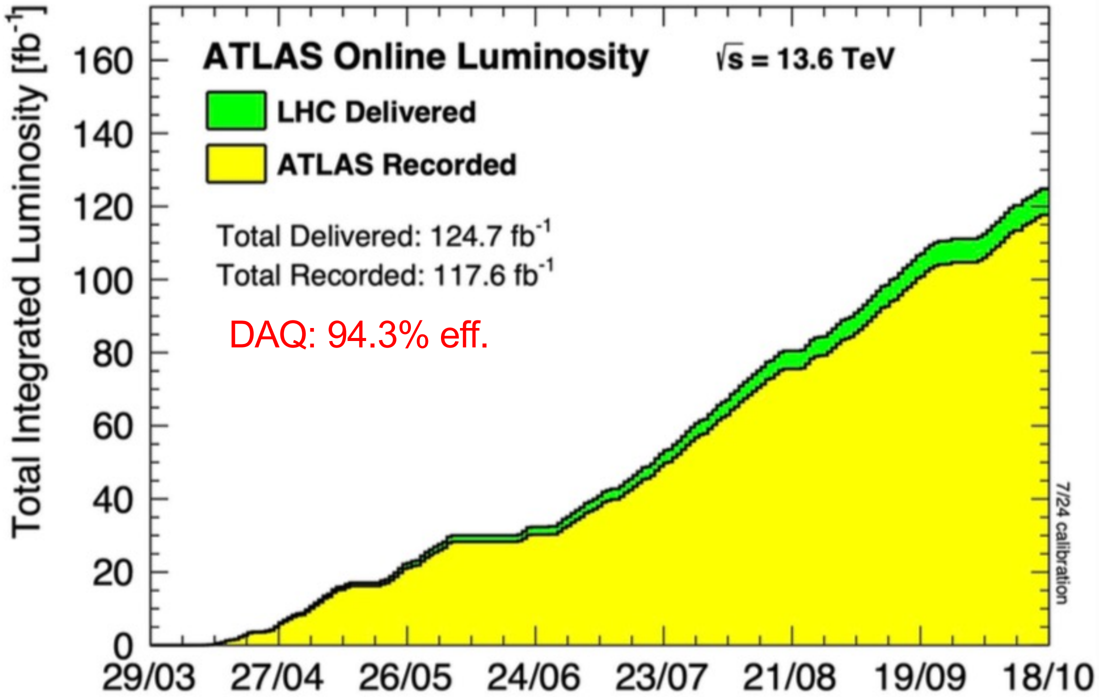




DAQ efficiency: it takes into account DAQ deadtime, automatic resynchronisations of some part of the detector and all kind of problems (hardware and/or software) that prevent the experiment to take data.

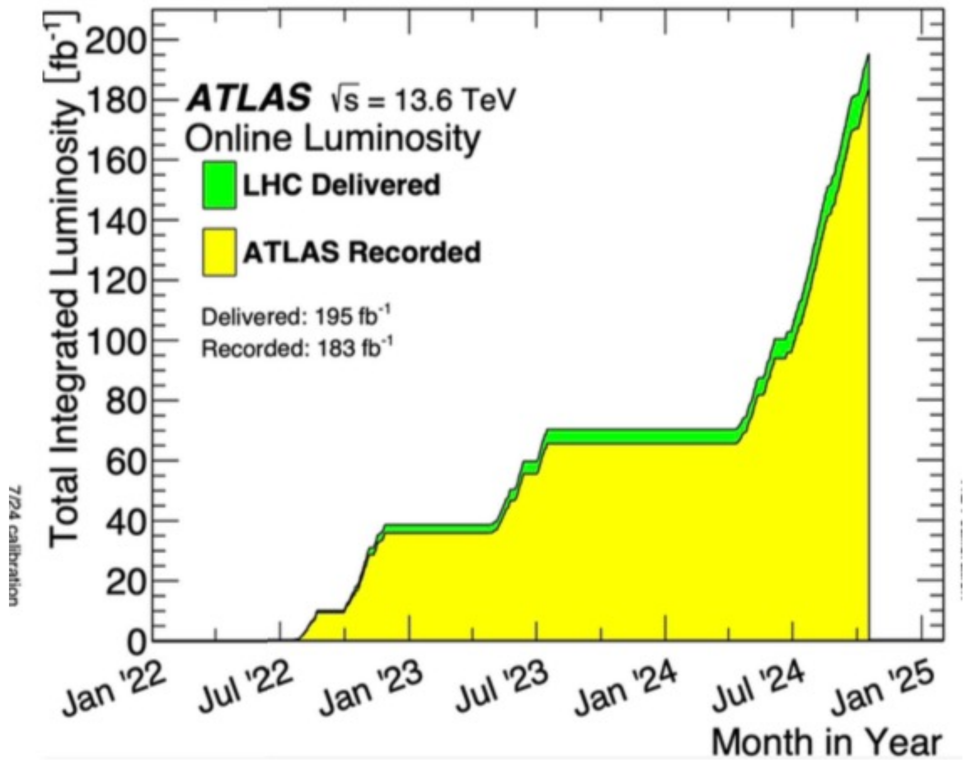
ATLAS luminosity in 2024 and in Run3

2024



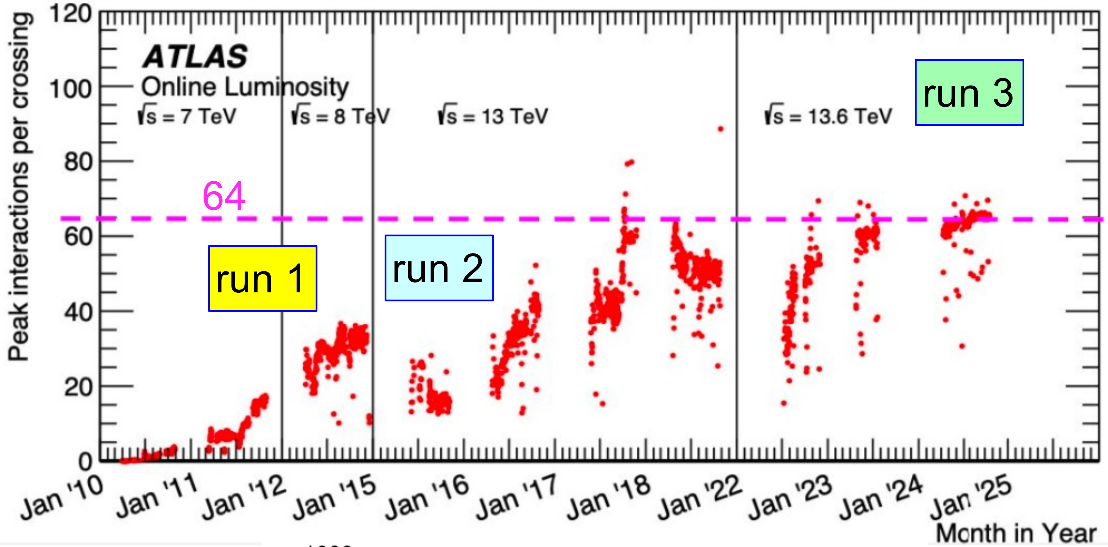
DAQ: 94.3% eff.

Run3



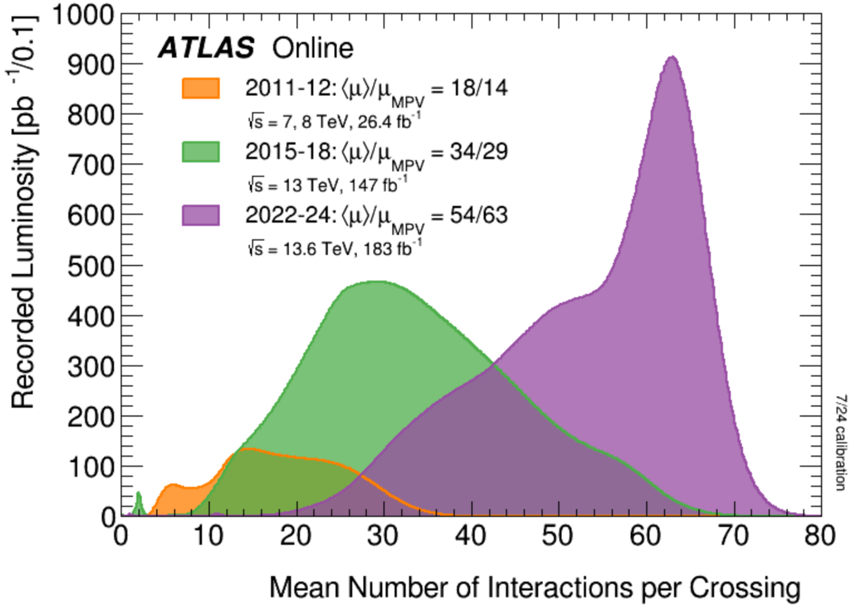
CMS has similar numbers

LHC: pile-up

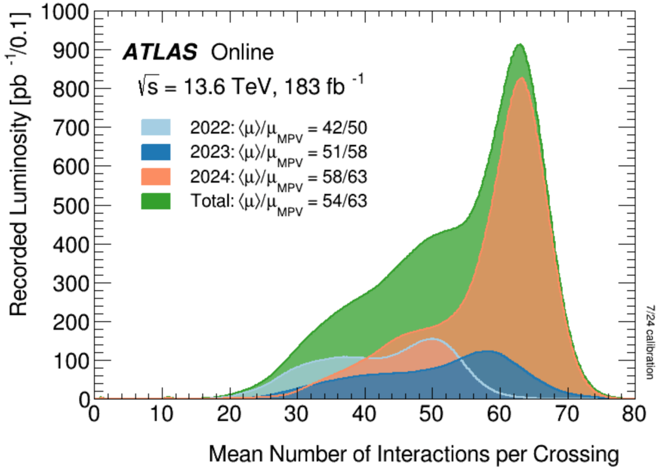


Pay attention: an increase of the pile-up means an increase of the L1 rate in the experiment.
So, to handle a higher pile-up, the experiment has to reduce the Level-1 rate (by improving the rejection capabilities)

ATLAS: recorded luminosity as a function of the pile-up

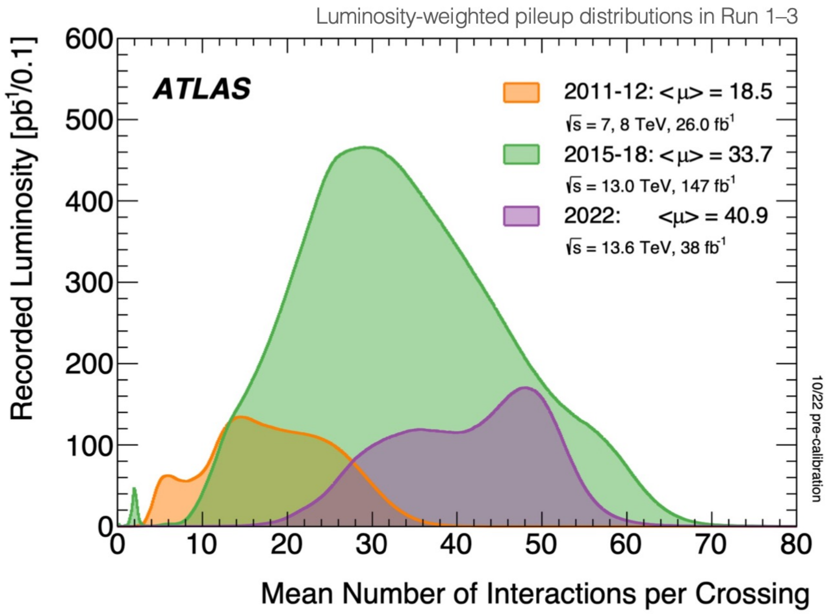


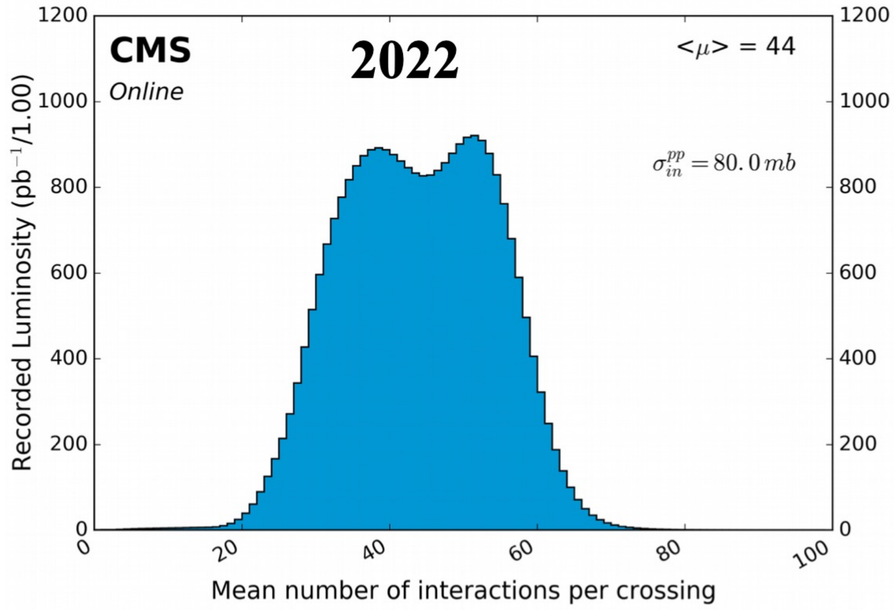
Run-3 pile-up

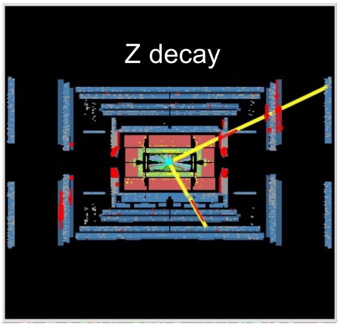


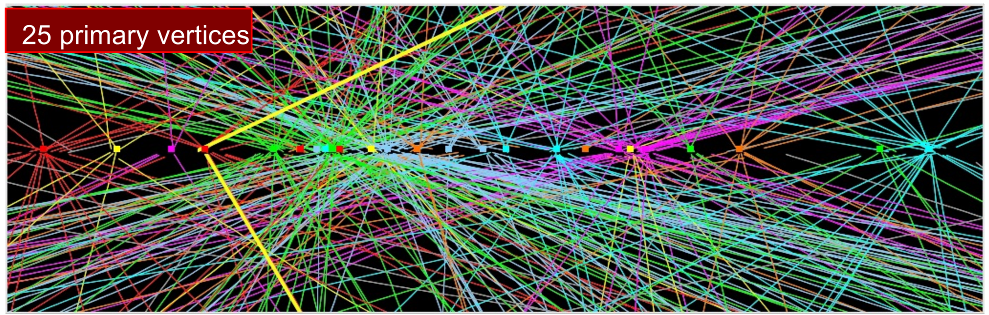
ATLAS and CMS pile-up

Pile-up = mean number of proton interactions per crossing









$$PU = \mathcal{L} \cdot \sigma \cdot \tau =$$

$$2 \cdot 10^{34} \times 80 \cdot 10^{-27} \times 25 \cdot 10^{-9} = \mathbf{40}$$

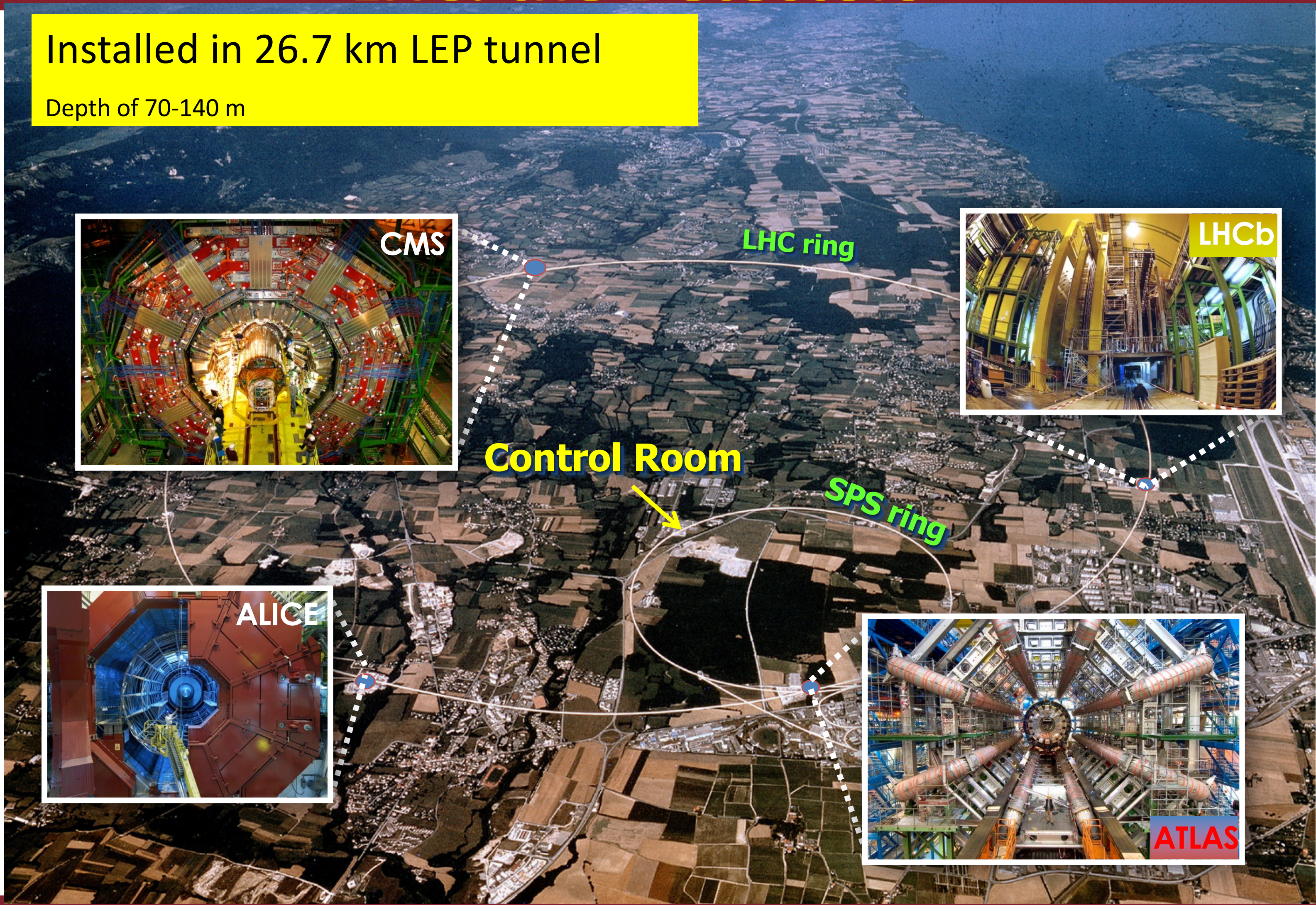
[*actually, the pile up depends on the number of protons per bunch*]

LHC detectors

LHC: the Detectors

Installed in 26.7 km LEP tunnel

Depth of 70-140 m

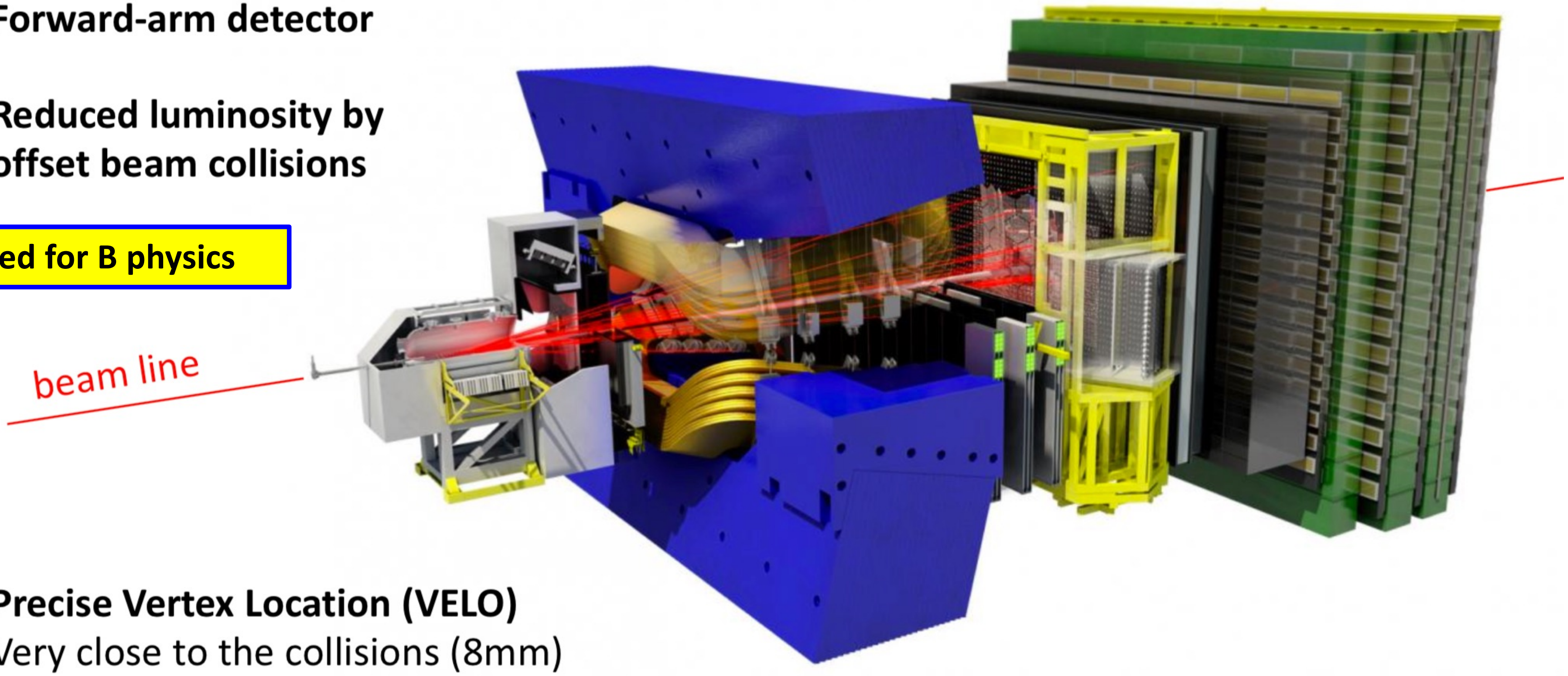


LHCb detector

Forward-arm detector

Reduced luminosity by offset beam collisions

❑ **it is specialized for B physics**



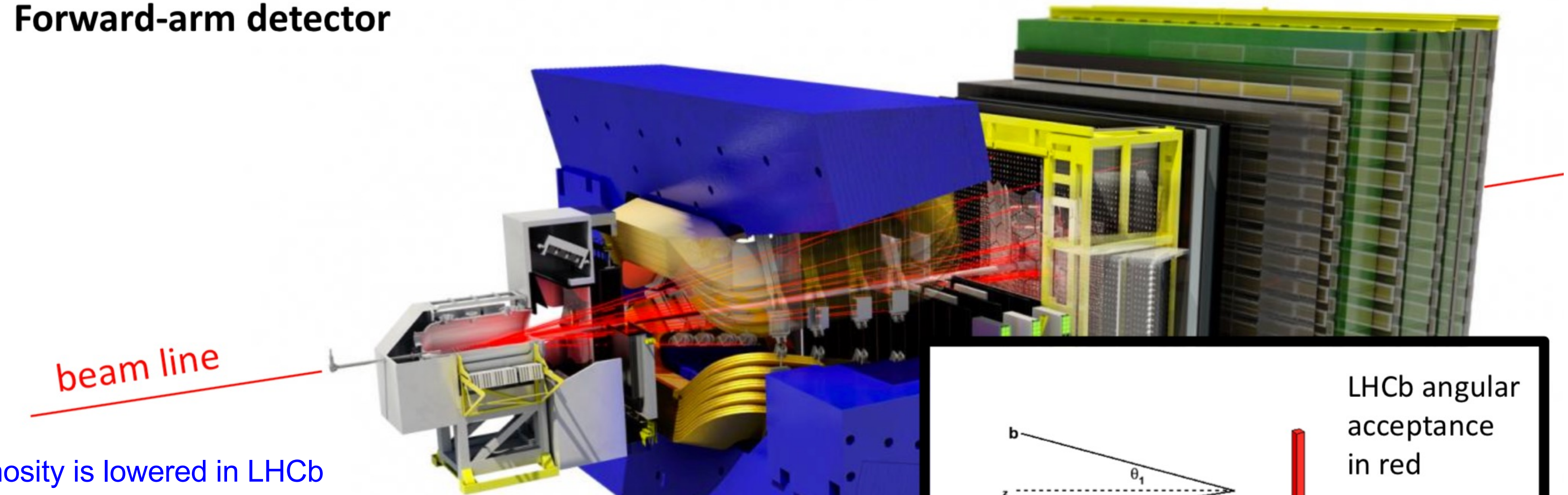
Precise Vertex Location (VELO)
Very close to the collisions (8mm)
→ must be moved away for safety every time beam is injected (!)

Excellent particle identification using Cherenkov radiation to measure particle speed

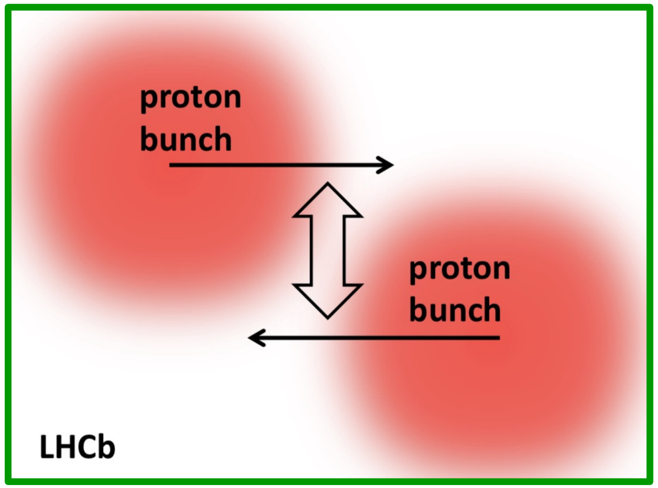
Powerful software-based trigger – make decisions using full event reconstruction

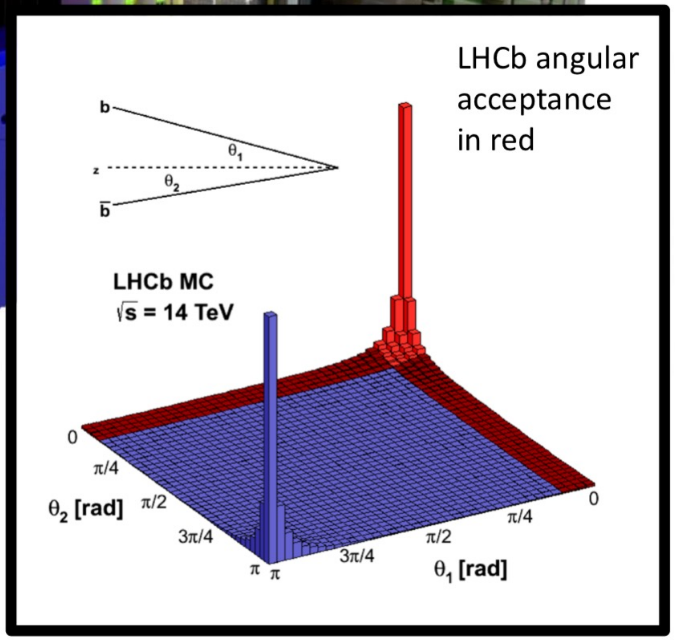
LHCb detector

Forward-arm detector



How lumininosity is lowered in LHCb

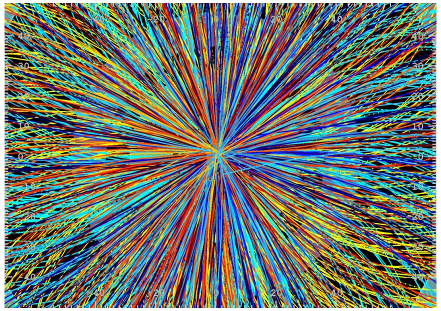




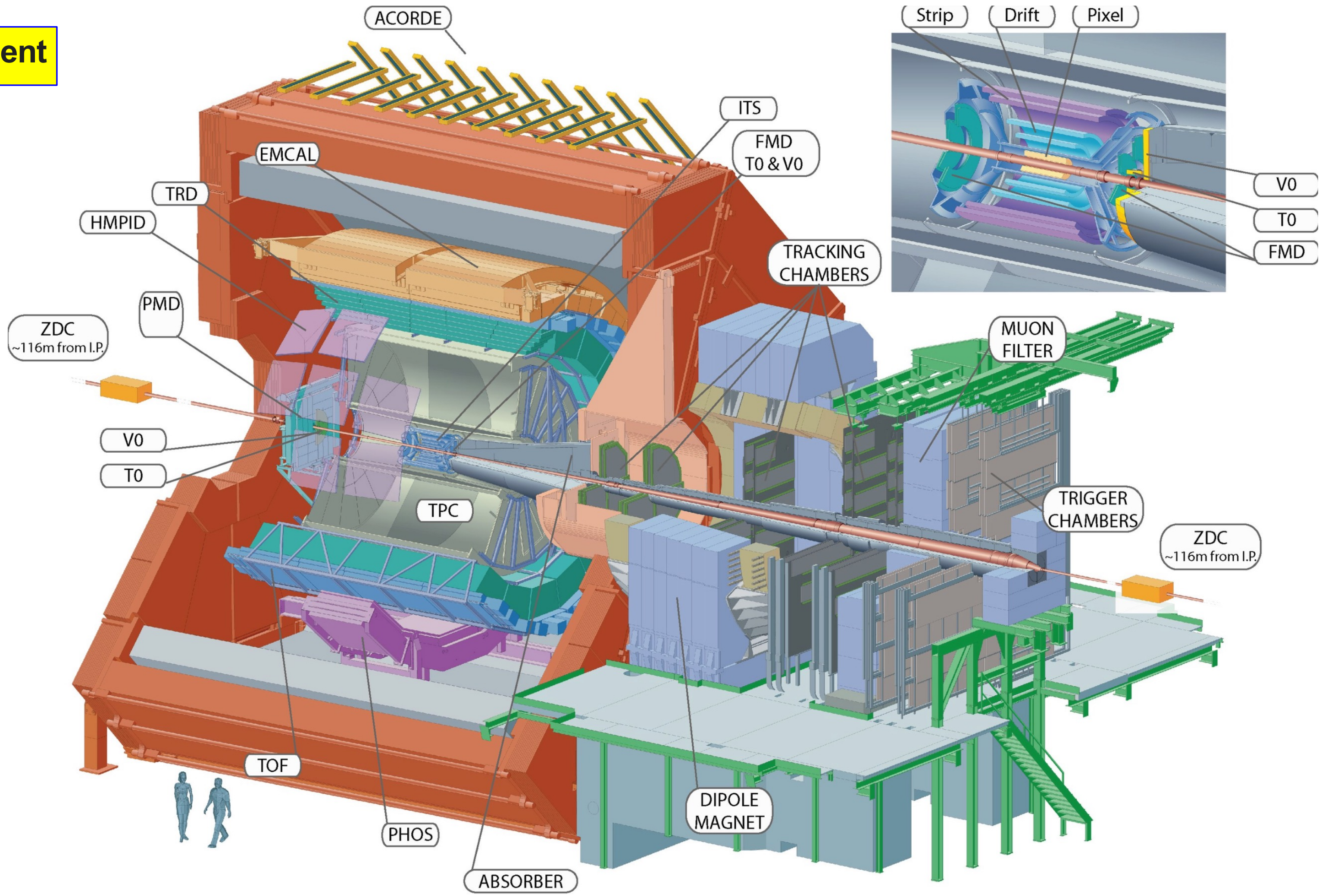
ALICE Detector

A Large Ion Collider Experiment

It is specialised for heavy ion collisions



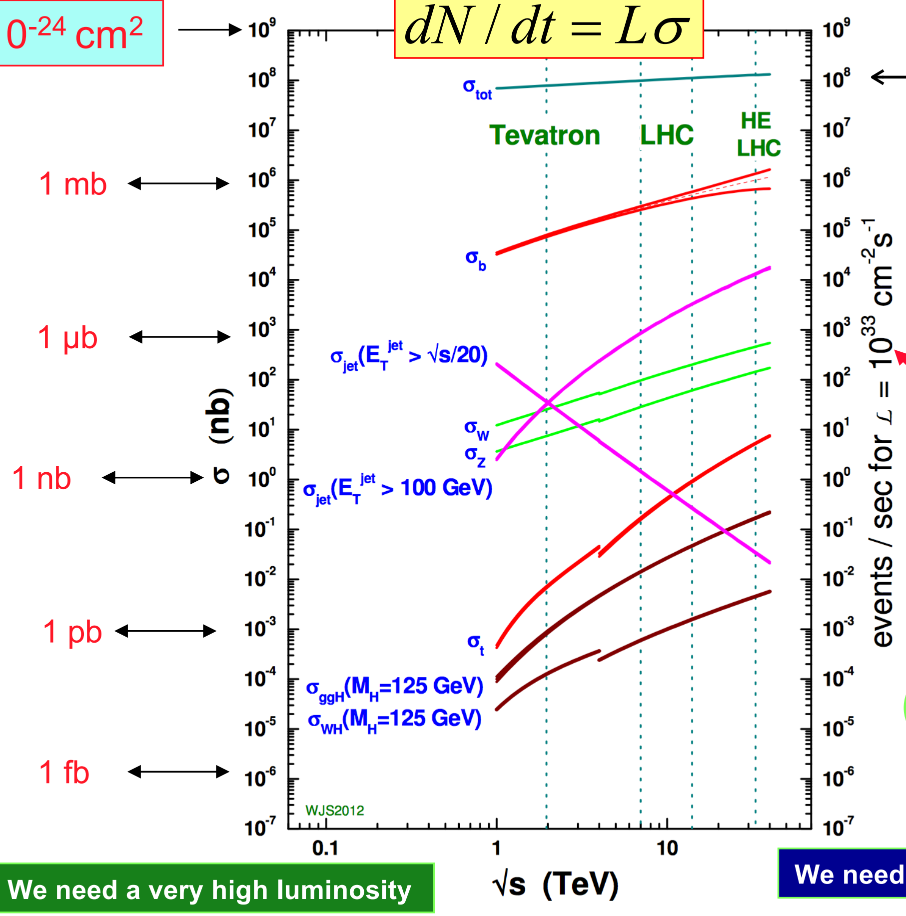
A Pb-Pb collision in Alice.



Production cross-section at LHC

proton - (anti-)proton cross sections

$$dN/dt = L\sigma$$



total cross section: 10^8 evts/s (dominated by strong interaction)

Background is around here

(QCD bg)

max. read-out: ~ 10^3 evts/sec

$\mathcal{L}(2016)=10^{34}$ cm^{-2}s^{-1} ➔ x 10 the ev/s

O(1) top-event/sec

O(1) Higgs/min

Rare events/interesting events are around here

We need a very high luminosity

We need a very high background rejection capability

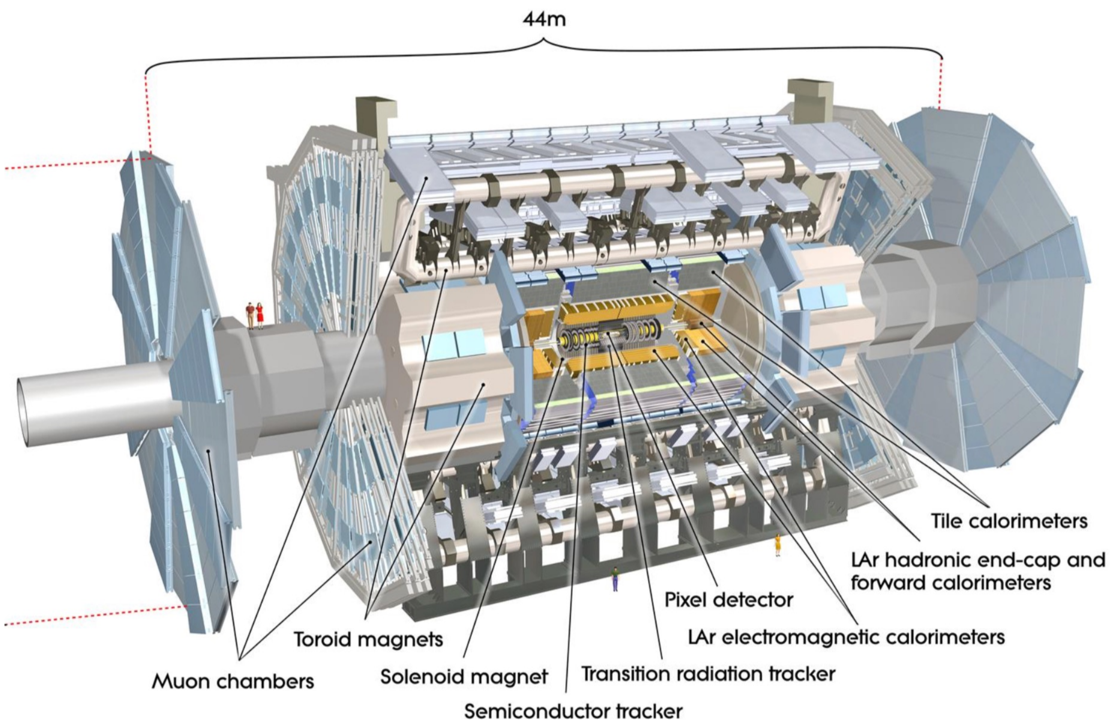
General Purpose Detectors: ATLAS and CMS

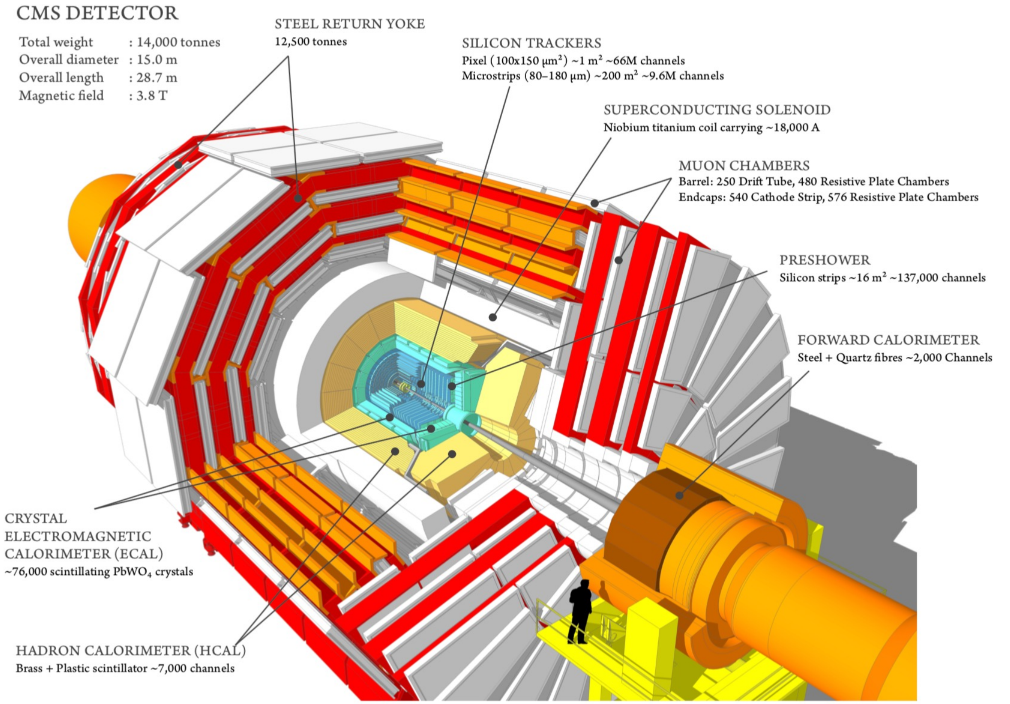
ATLAS nano fact sheet

- 25m Diameter and 44m length
- Over 7000 tons
- O(100) Million readout channels

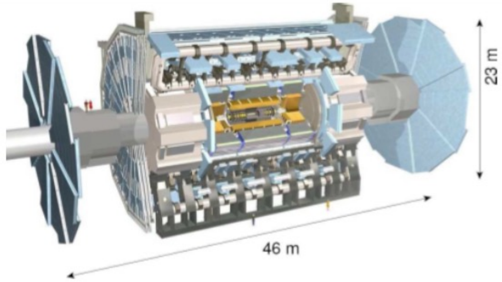
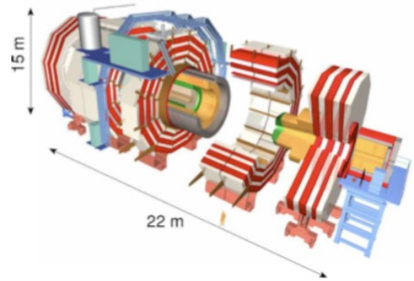
CMS nano fact sheet

- 15m Diameter and 21m length
- 14000 tons
- O(75) Million readout channels



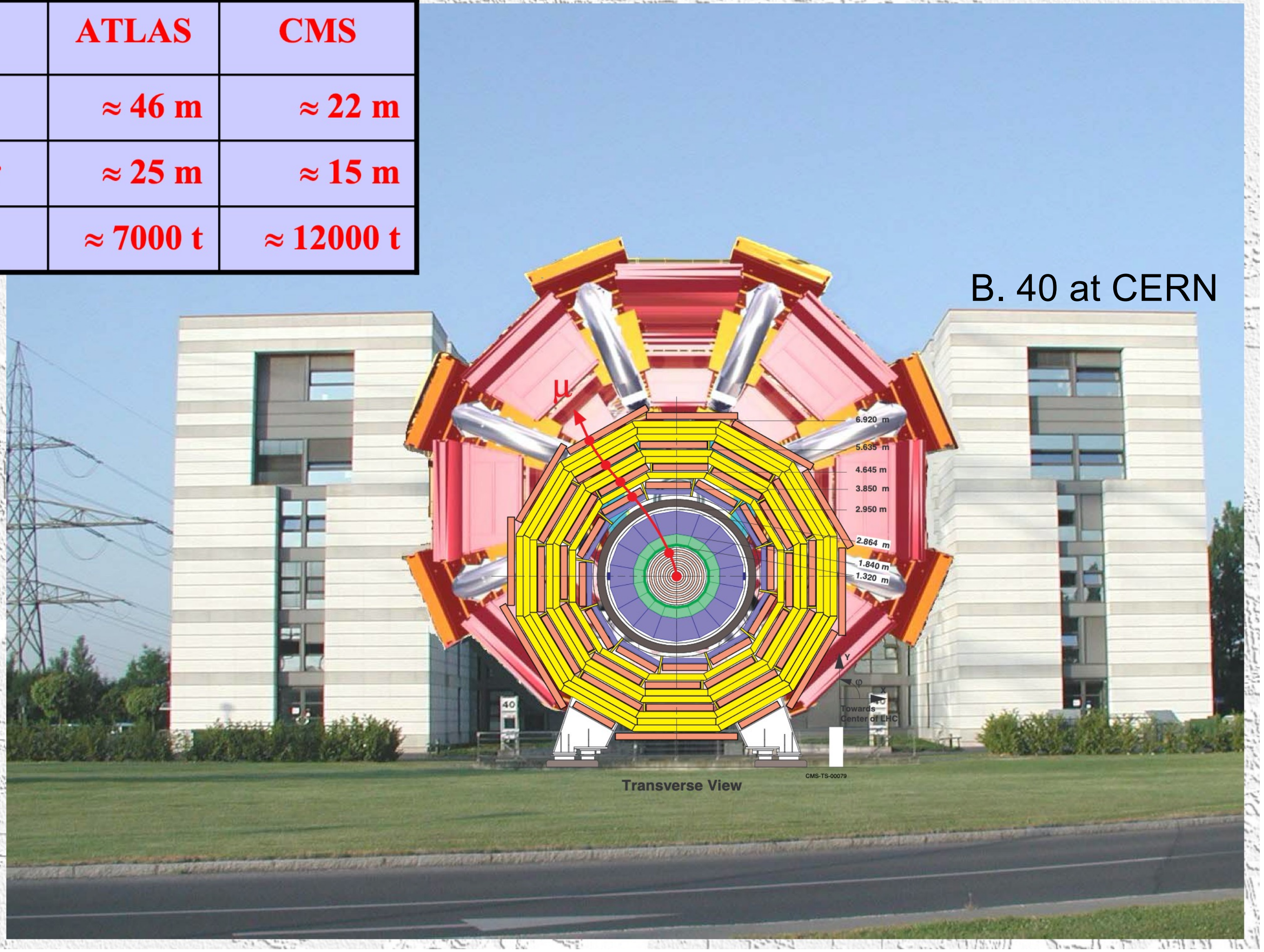


ATLAS and CMS: comparison

Sub System	ATLAS	CMS
Design		
Magnet(s)	Solenoid (within EM Calo) 2T 3 Air-core Toroids	Solenoid 3.8T Calorimeters Inside
Inner Tracking	Pixels, Si-strips, TRT PID w/ TRT and dE/dx $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 5 \times 10^{-4} p_T \oplus 0.01$	Pixels and Si-strips PID w/ dE/dx $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-4} p_T \oplus 0.005$
EM Calorimeter	Lead-Larg Sampling w/ longitudinal segmentation $\sigma_E/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.007$	Lead-Tungstate Crys. Homogeneous w/o longitudinal segmentation $\sigma_E/E \sim 3\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.5\%$
Hadronic Calorimeter	Fe-Scint. & Cu-Larg (fwd) $\gtrsim 11\lambda_0$ $\sigma_E/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.03$	Brass-scint. $\gtrsim 7\lambda_0$ & Tail Catcher $\sigma_E/E \sim 100\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.05$
Muon Spectrometer System Acc. ATLAS 2.7 & CMS 2.4	Instrumented Air Core (std. alone) $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 4\ \%\ (\text{at } 50\,\text{GeV})$ $\sim 11\ \%\ (\text{at } 1\,\text{TeV})$	Instrumented Iron return yoke $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 1\%\ (\text{at } 50\,\text{GeV})$ $\sim 10\%\ (\text{at } 1\,\text{TeV})$

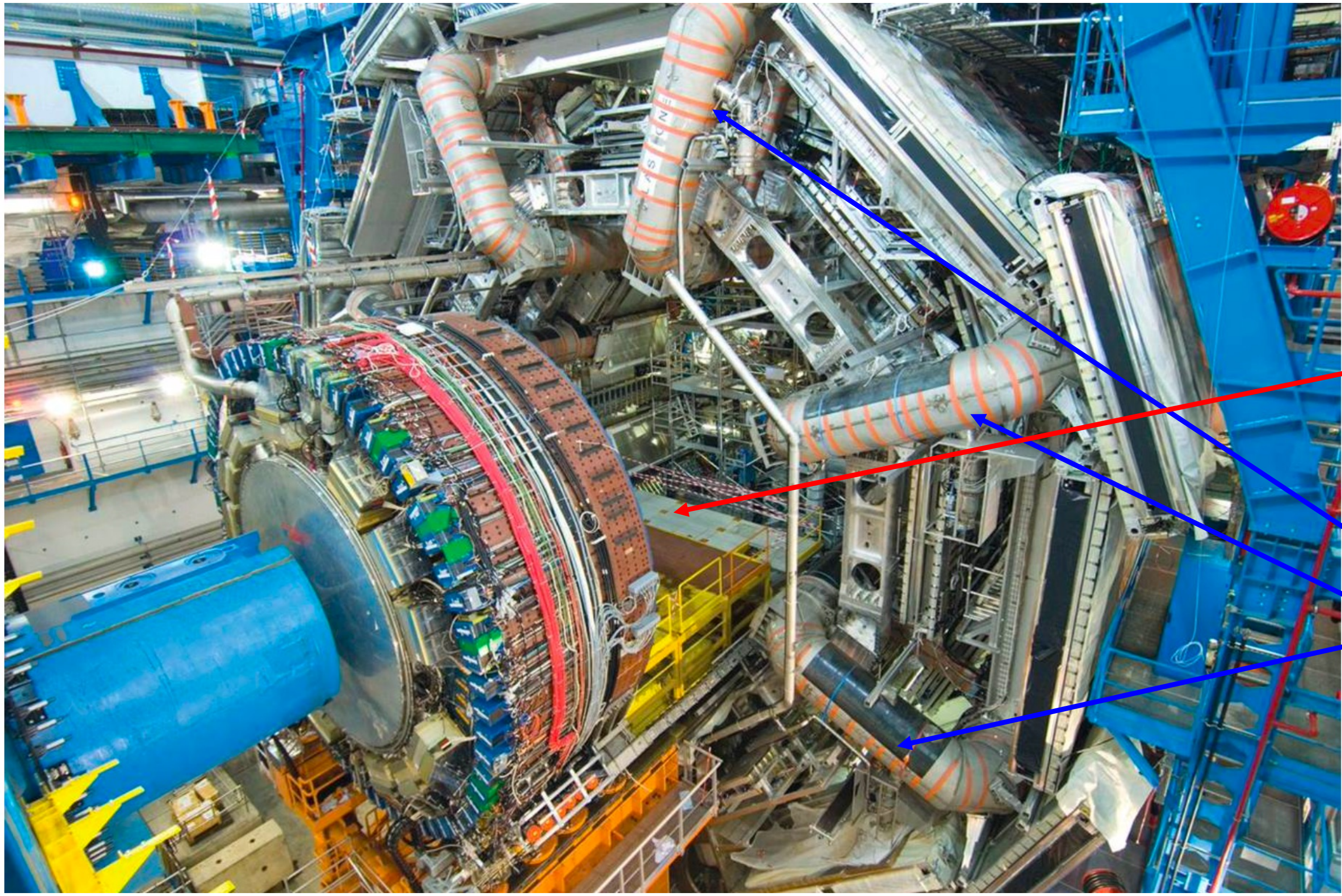
Comparison of Atlas and CMS

	ATLAS	CMS
length	≈ 46 m	≈ 22 m
diameter	≈ 25 m	≈ 15 m
weight	≈ 7000 t	≈ 12000 t



On the ATLAS control room wall

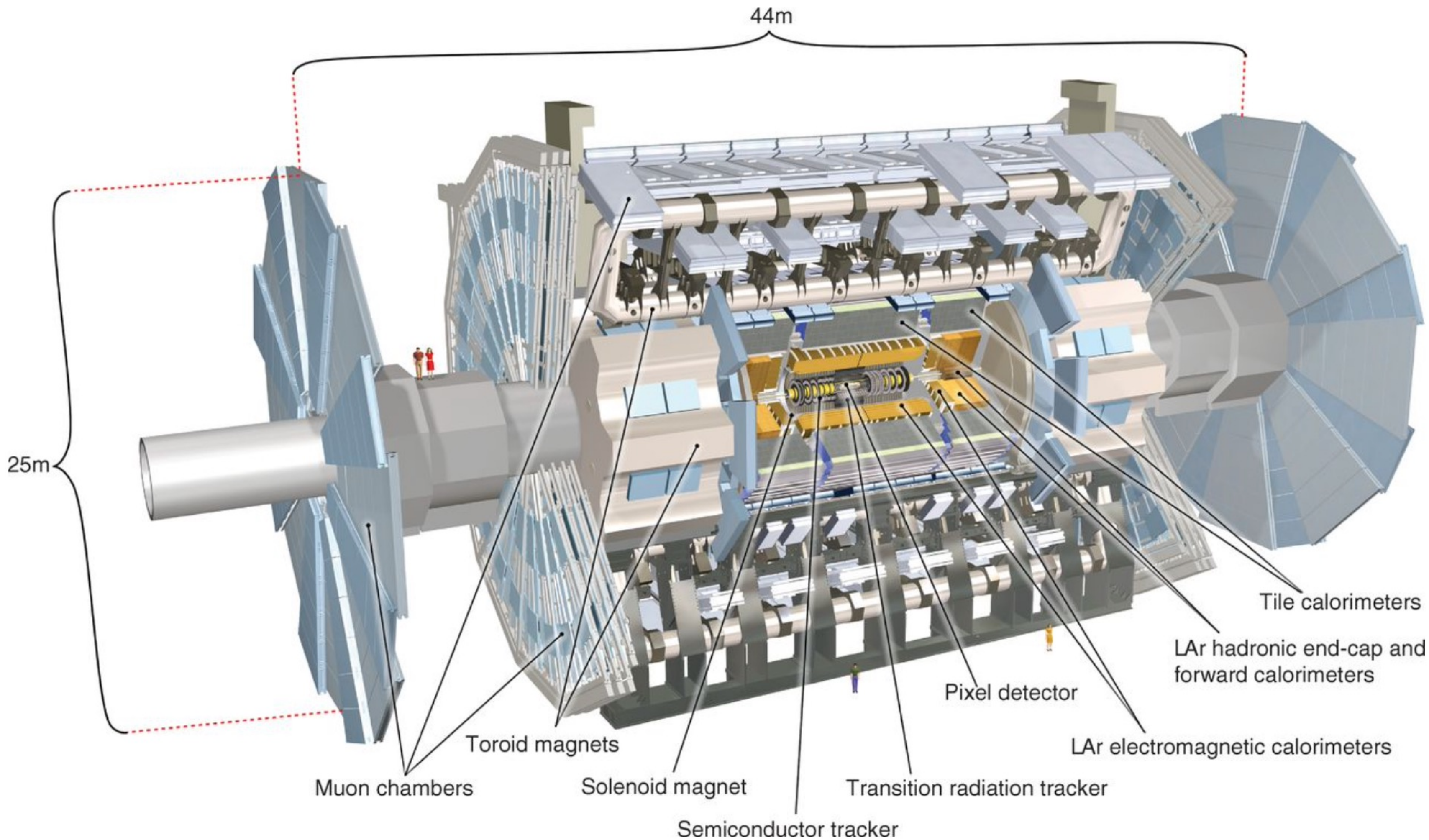
The ATLAS detector



View of the endcap calorimeter before insertion

Barrel toroid superconducting coils

The Atlas detector: scheme



The Atlas detector: inner tracker

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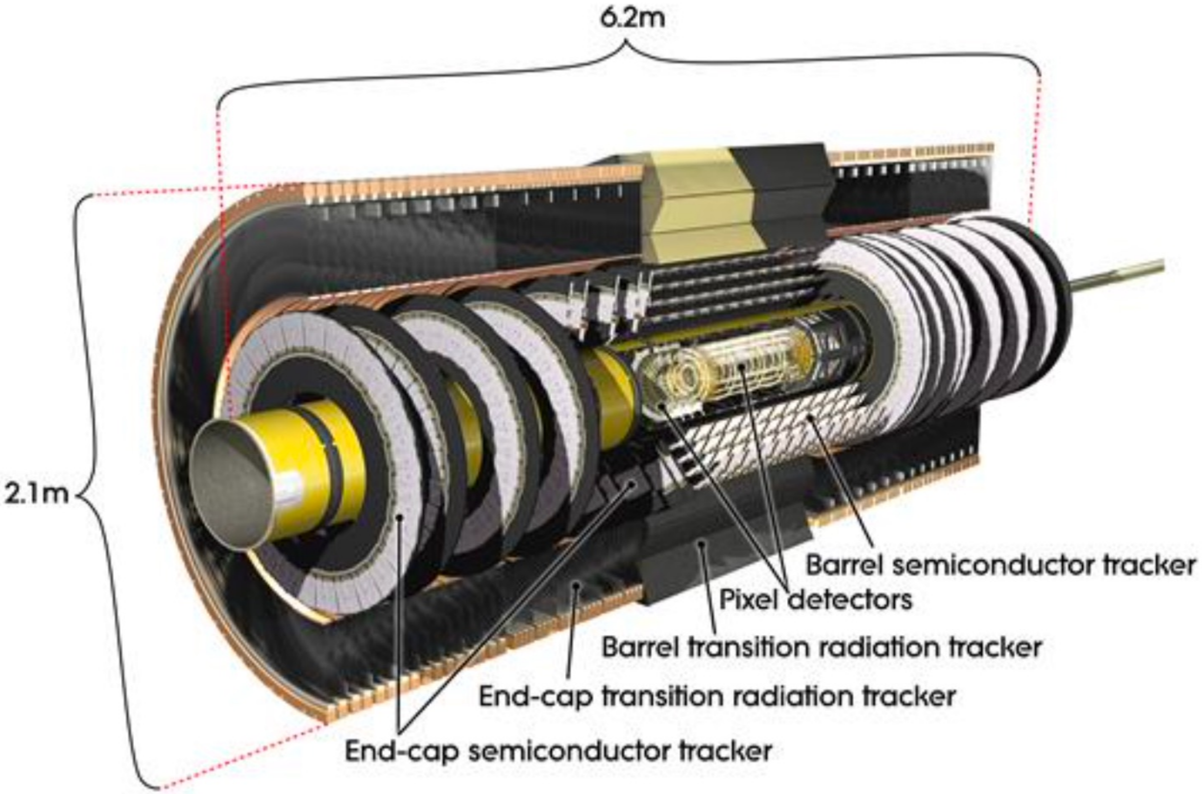

Pixel	SCT	TRT
3 cylindrical layers	4 cylindrical layers	73 straw planes
2×3 disks	2×9 disks	160 straw planes

The Atlas detector: calorimeters

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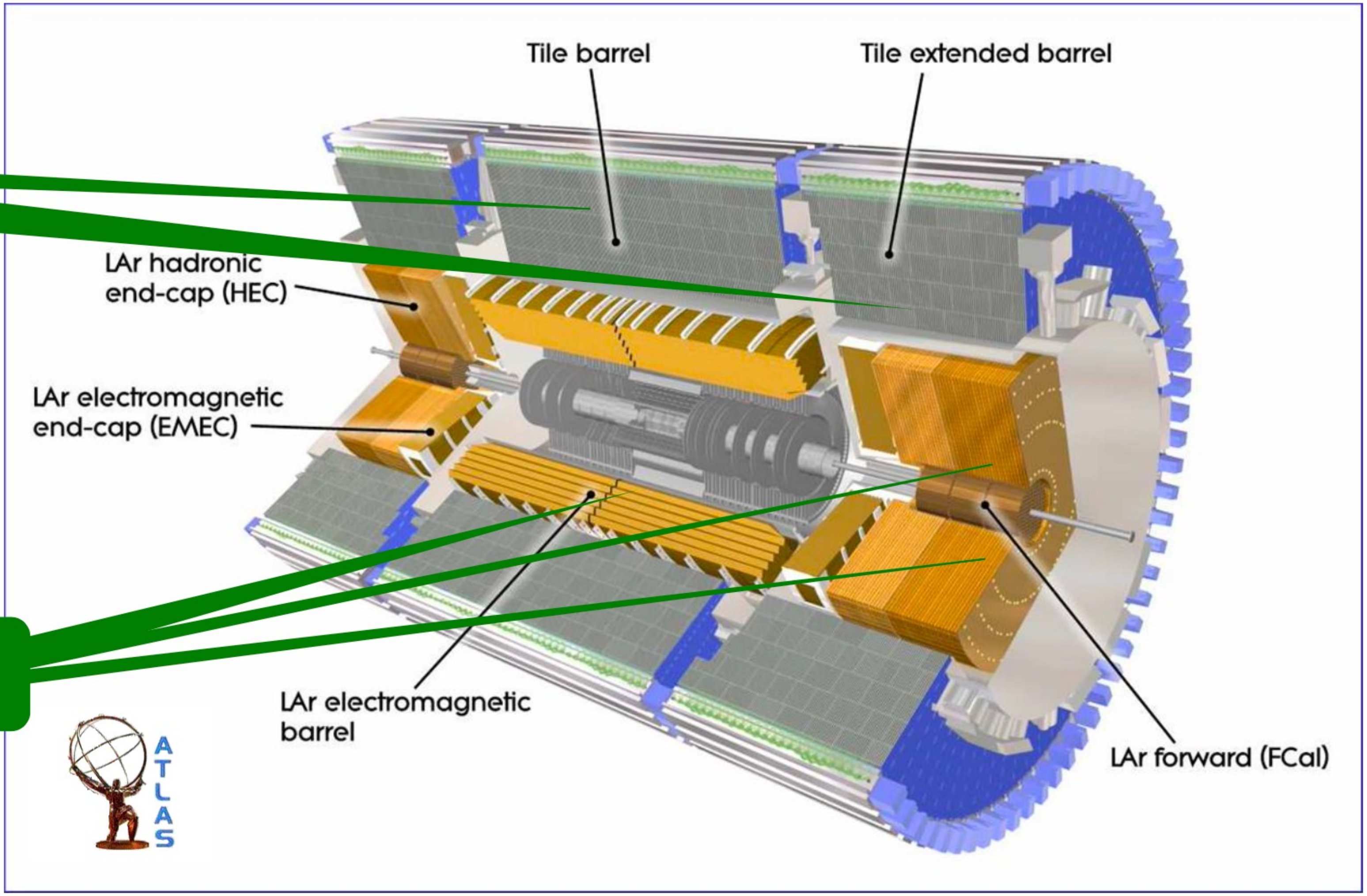
sandwich scint-Fe

"accordion" LAr - Pb



The Atlas detector: ecal

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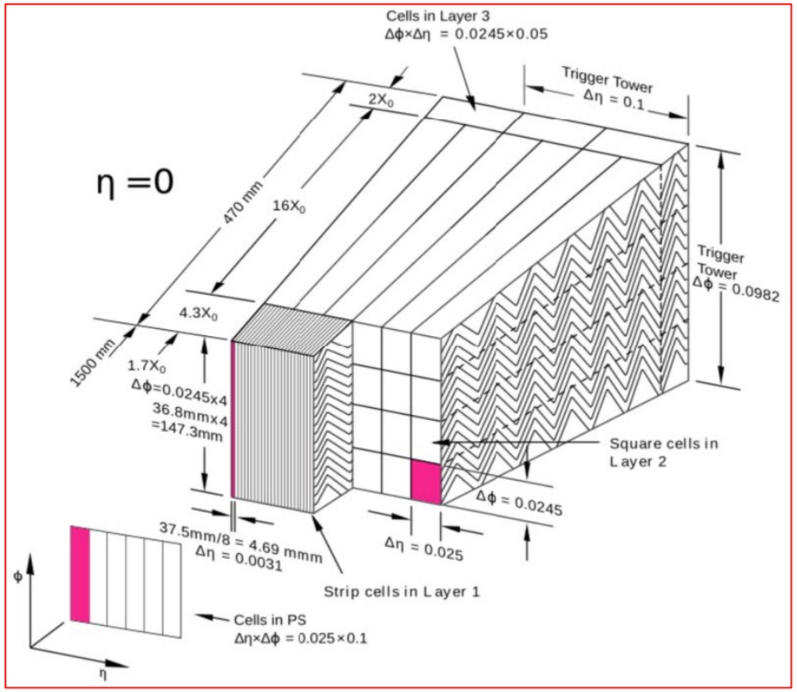
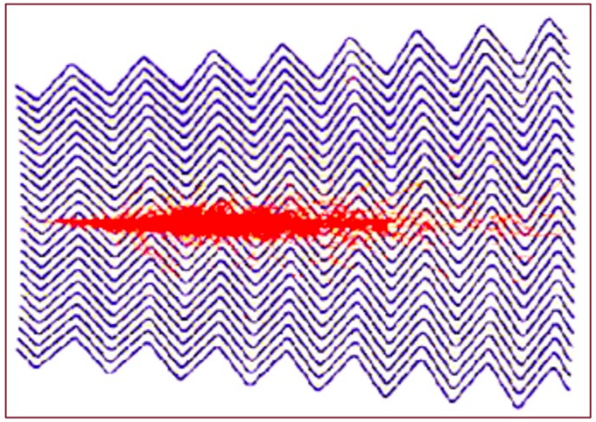


e/γ



- "accordion" LAr – Pb
- cryogenic
- hermetic
- longitudinal + radial segmentation

The Atlas detector: e id and measurement

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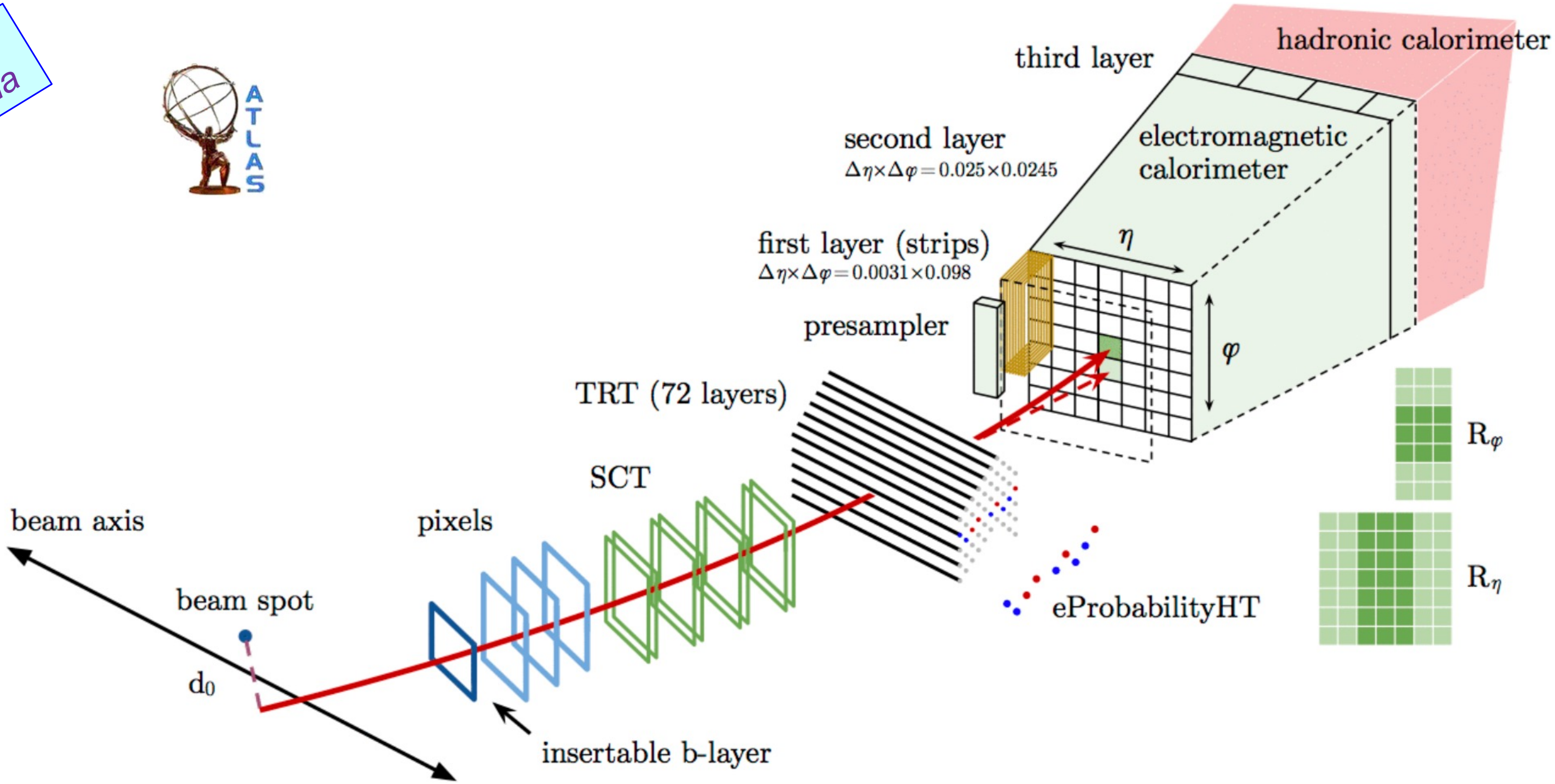

an electron is detected many (>> 100) times after the interaction point; even the non-detection in the had. calo is important (cfr a γ in the pixels/SCT/TRT).

The Atlas detector: hcal

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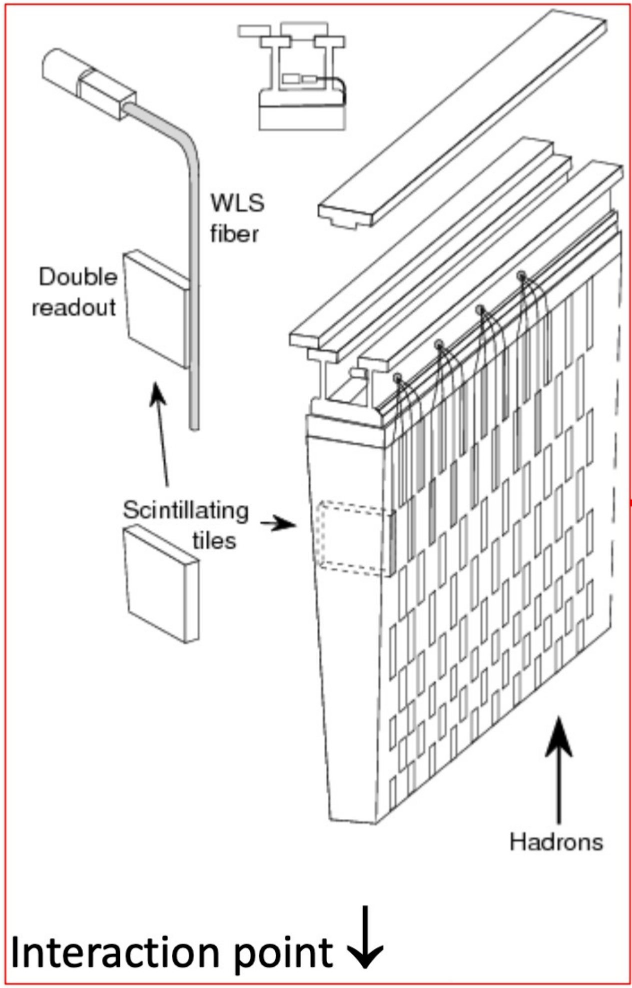
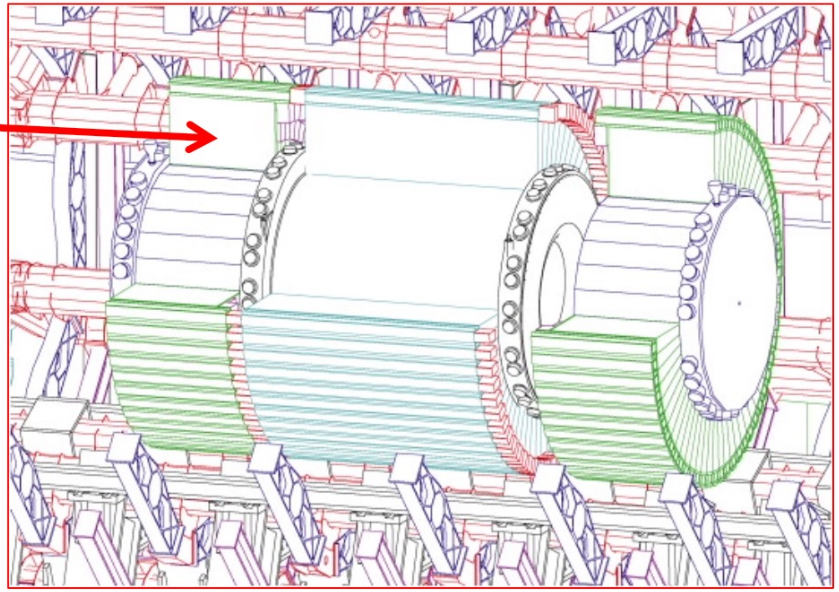
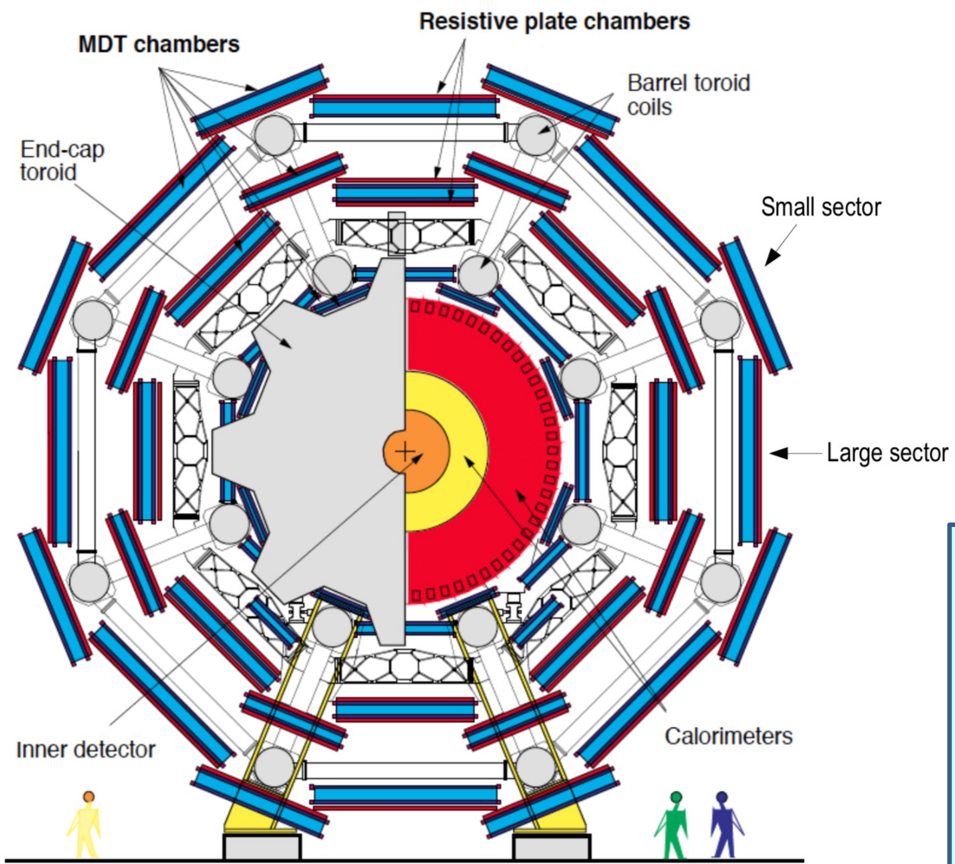
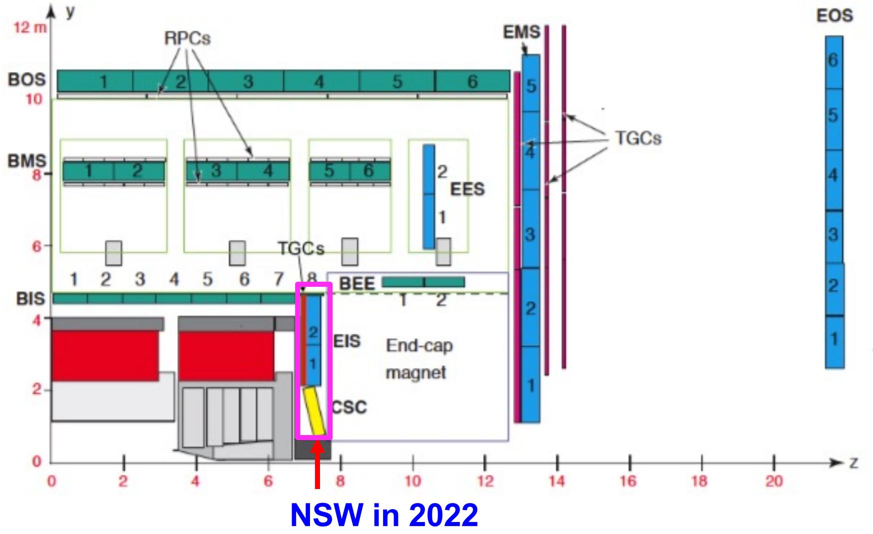


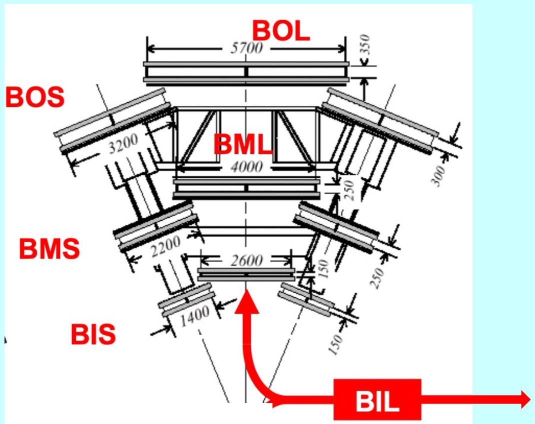
- "tiles" Fe – Scintillator
- WLS readout
- hermetic
- high segmentation

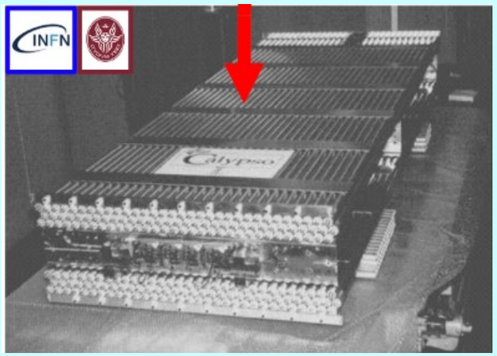


The Atlas detector: muon spectrometer









The Atlas detector: MDT chamber

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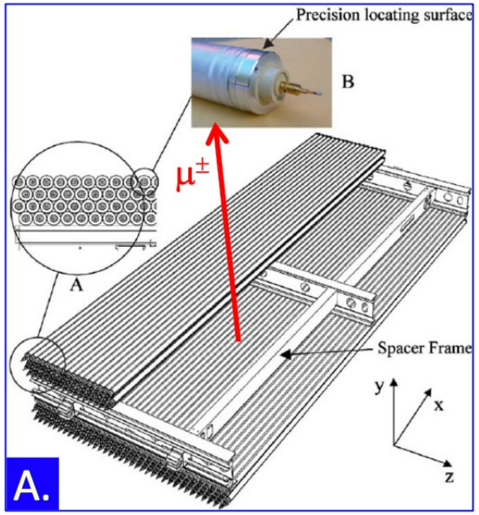
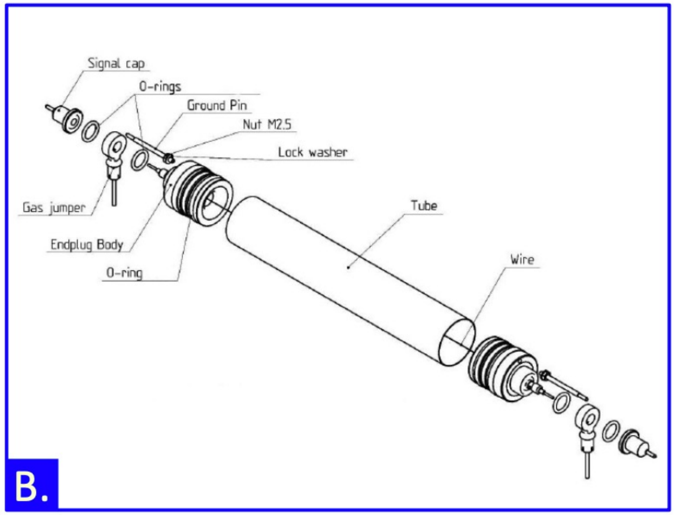
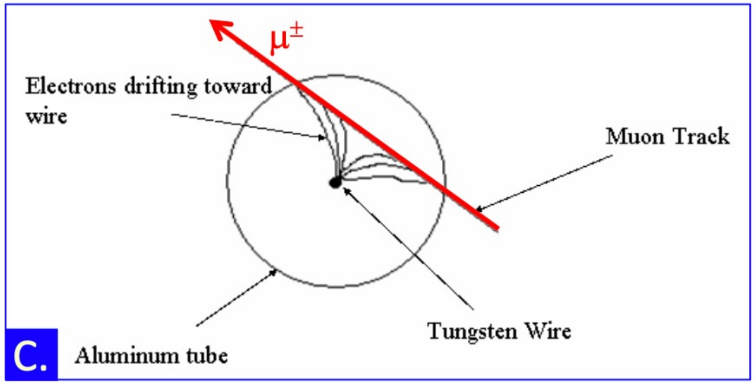
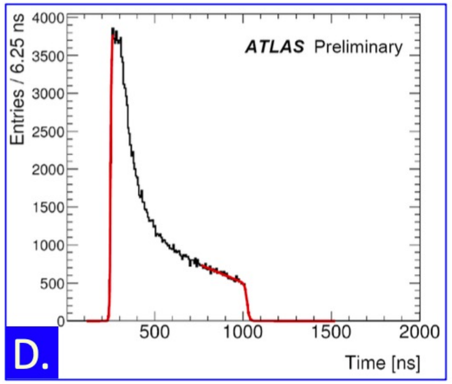
Schematic view of:

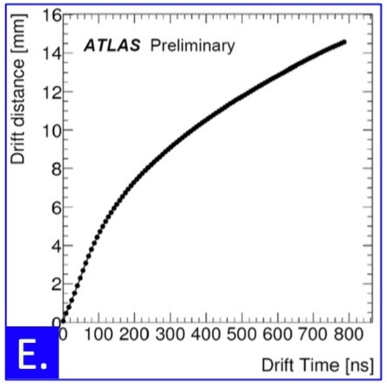
A. a chamber of drift tubes
B. a single tube
C. a muon hitting a tube
D. the hit time distribution
E. the r-t relation











The CMS detector

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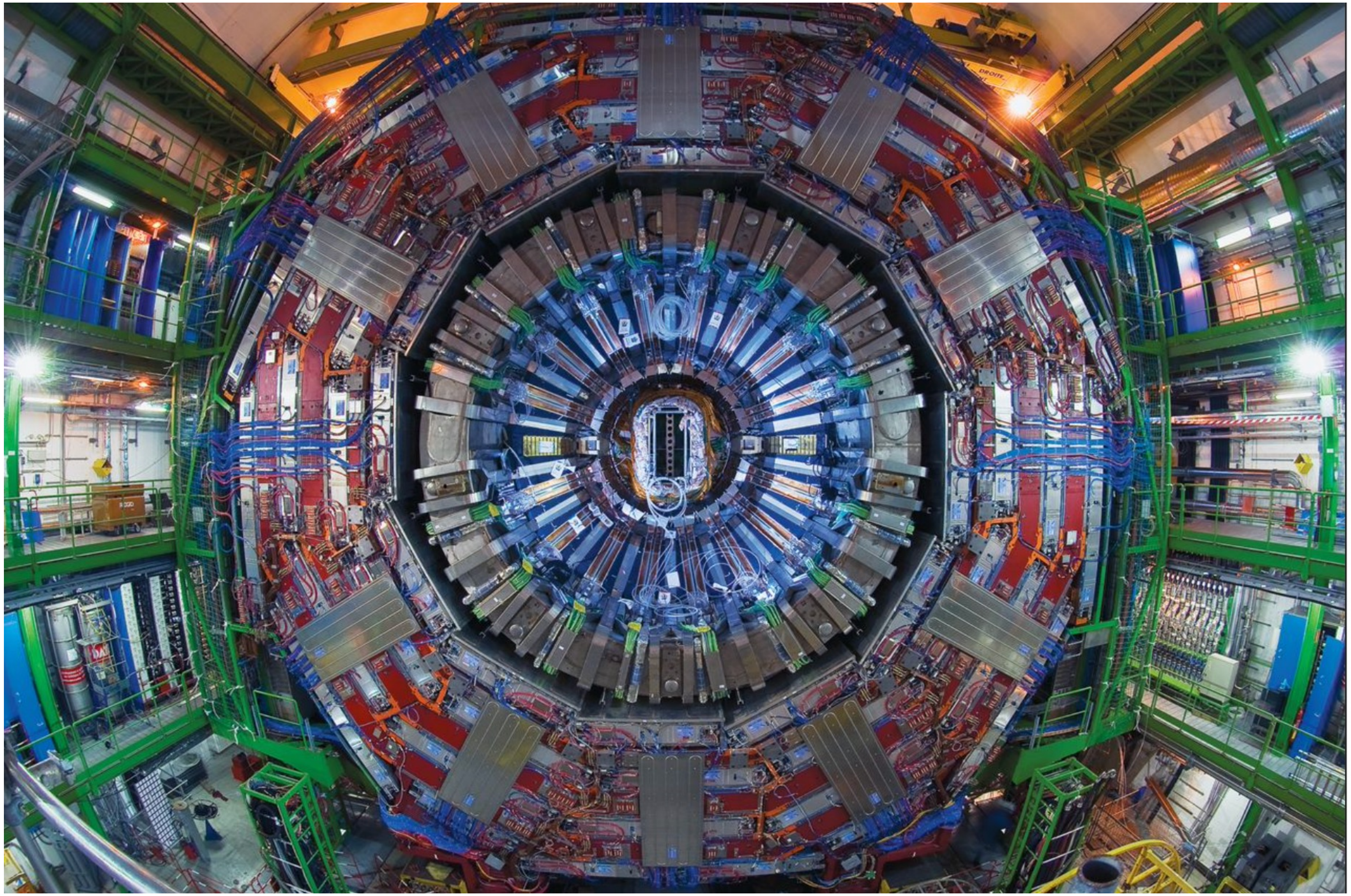
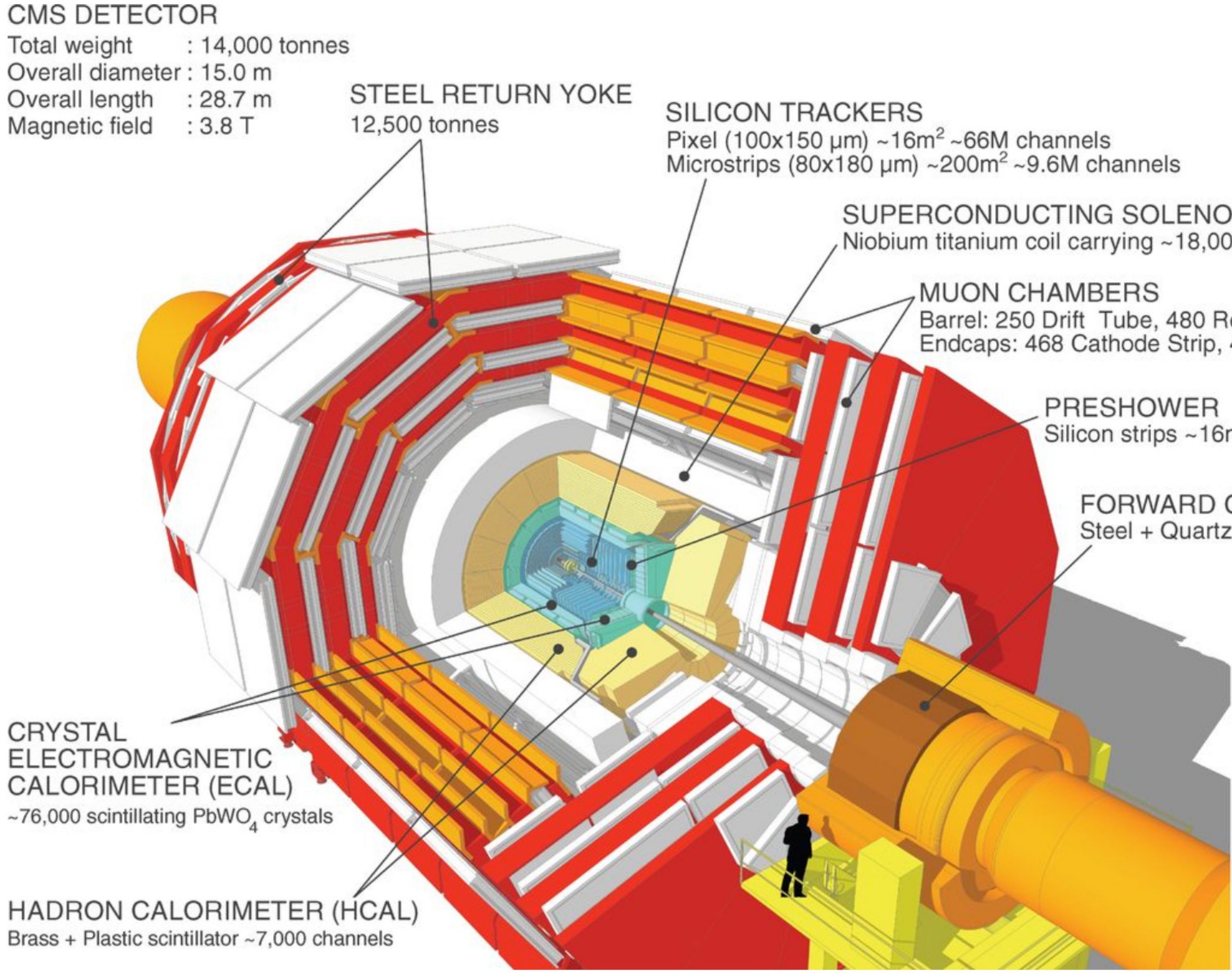
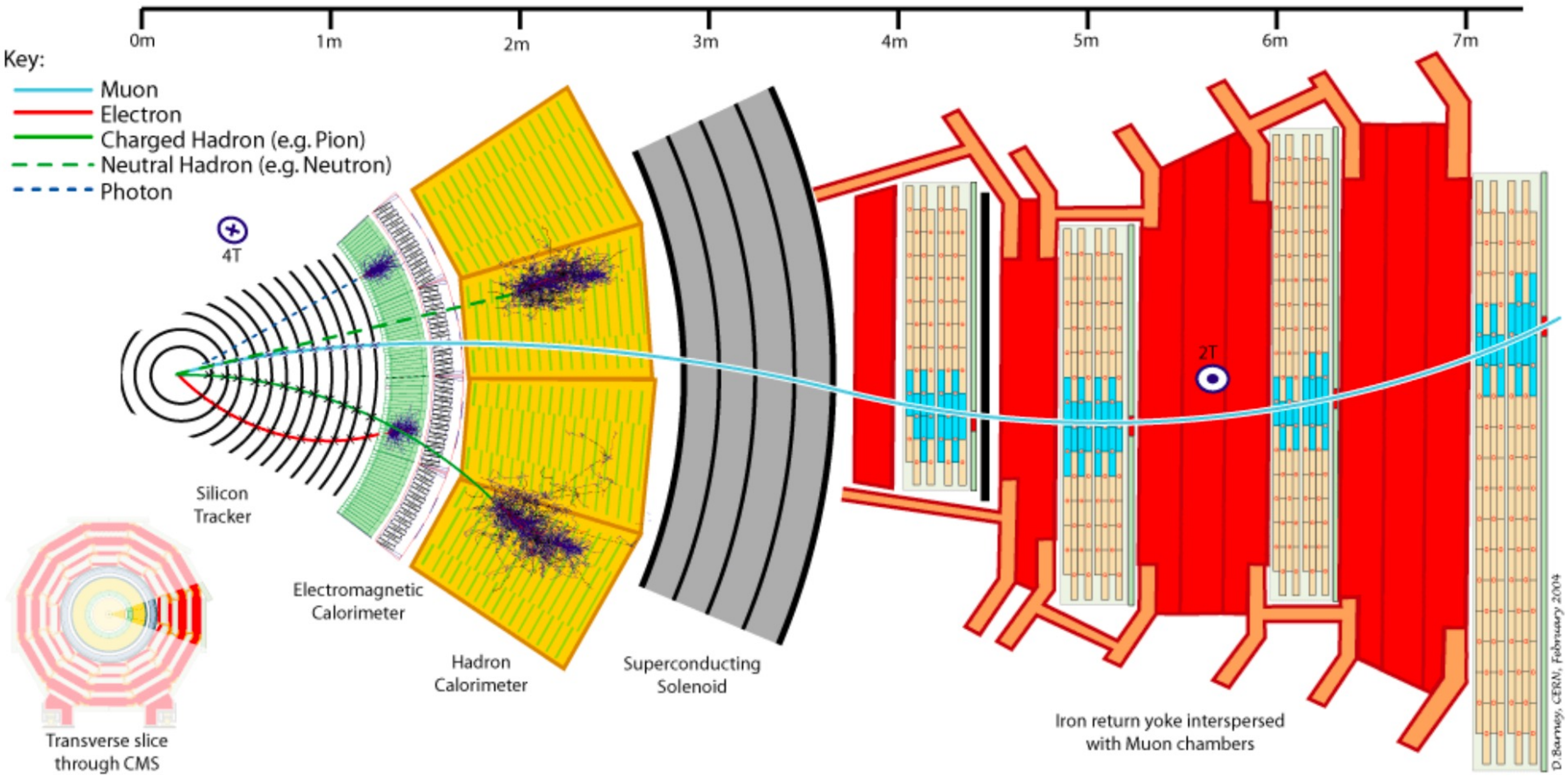


The CMS detector: view



The CMS detector: scheme



The CMS detector: inner tracker

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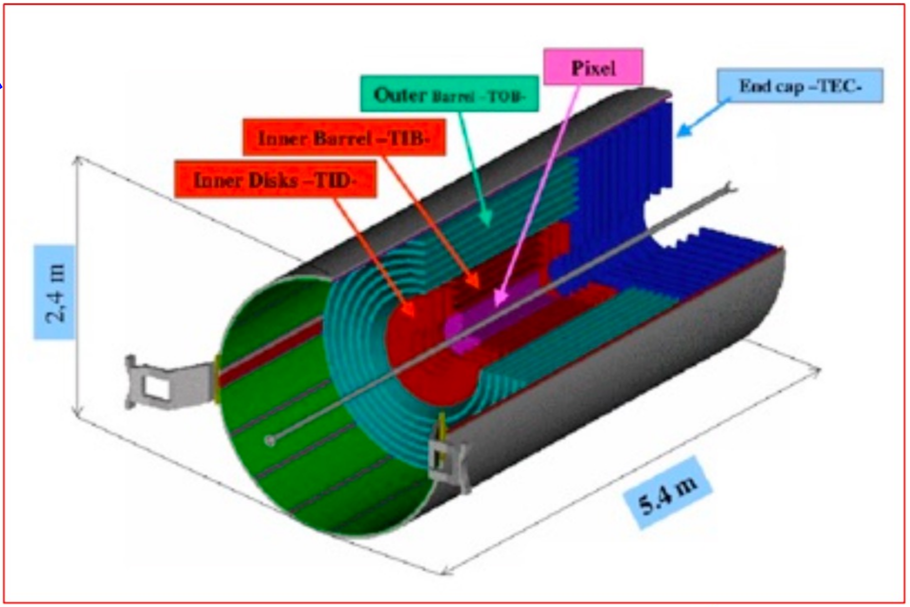

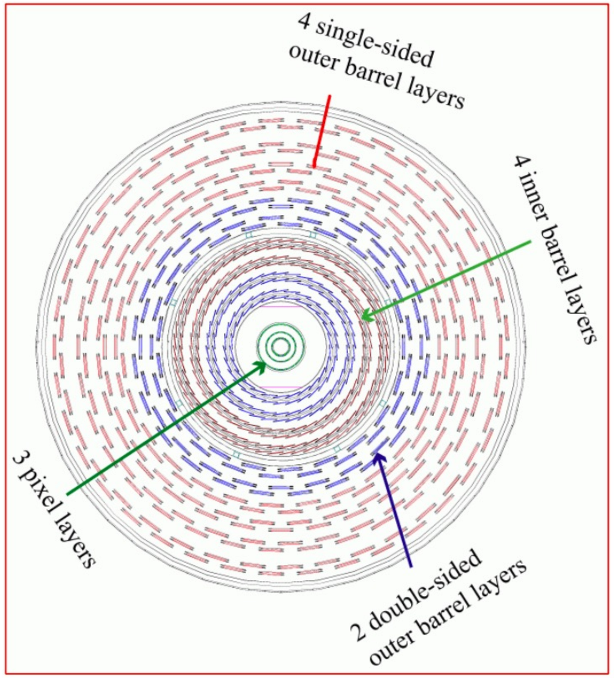

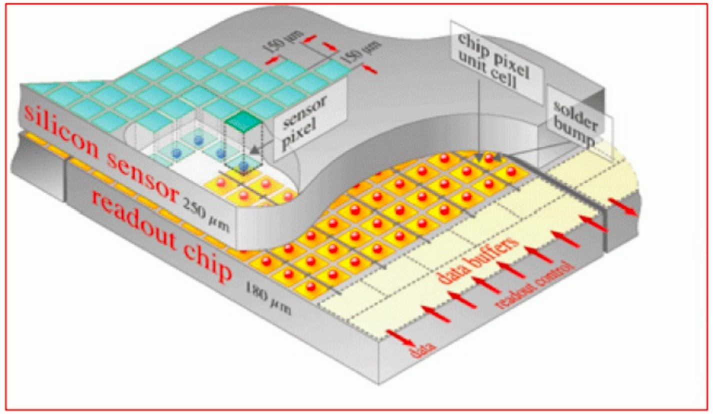

Si pixel + strip detector

The CMS detector: ecal

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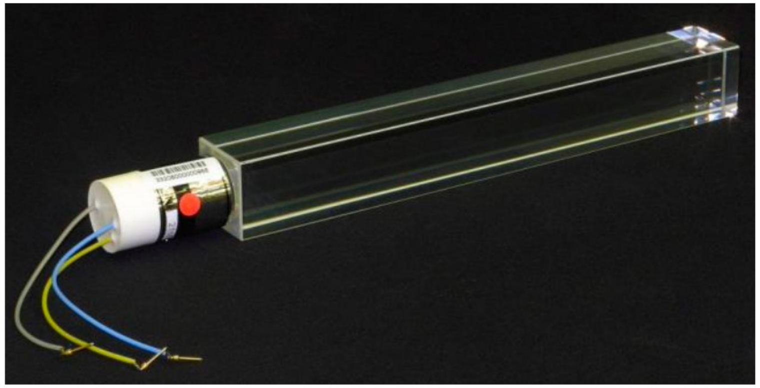

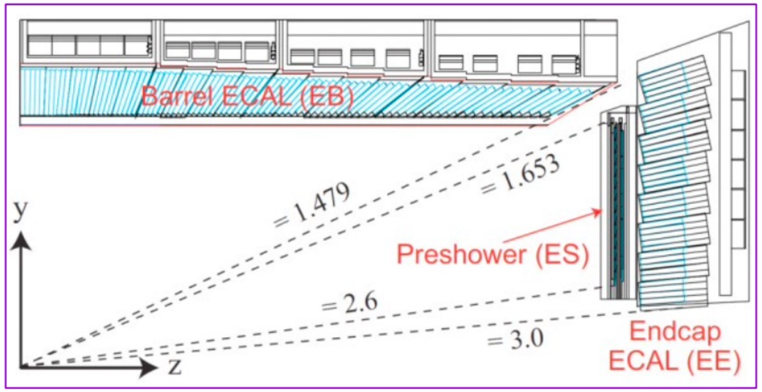

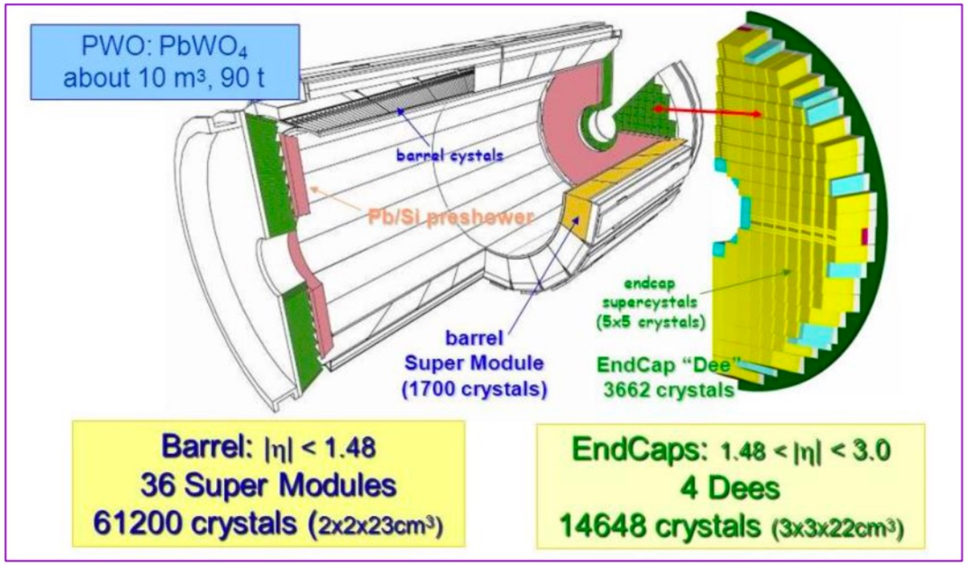

e.m. calo:
$PbWO_4$ crystals

The CMS detector: hcal

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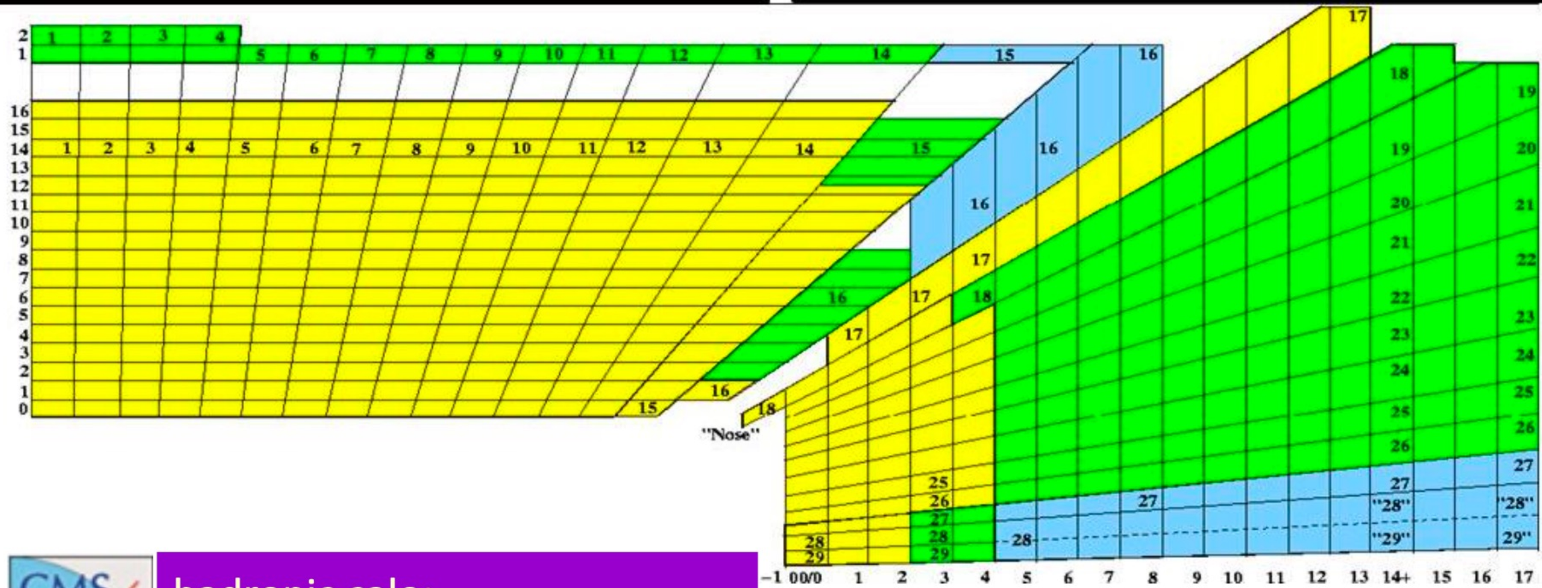
HCAL (tower structure):
- Barrel (HB): $|\eta| < 1.4$, 2304 towers
- End caps (HE): $1.3 < |\eta| < 3.0$, „ towers
- Outside coil (HO): $|\eta| < 1.26$ (tail catcher)

→ 4608 towers (Plastic scintillator tiles, $\approx 10\ \lambda_N$)
→ $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\varphi \approx 0.087 \times 0.087 \rightarrow 0.350 \times 0.175$

- Forward (HF): $2.9 < |\eta| < 5.0$ (not shown)

→ 2 x 900 towers (Quartz fibers, $\approx 10\ \lambda_N$)
→ $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\varphi \approx 0.111 \times 0.175 \rightarrow 0.302 \times 0.350$

CASTOR calorimeter (not shown):
- $5.1 < |\eta| < 6.5$, $\approx 22\ X_0$, $\approx 10\ \lambda_N$



hadronic calo:
Brass/scintillator/wls readout

The CMS detector: muon spectrometer

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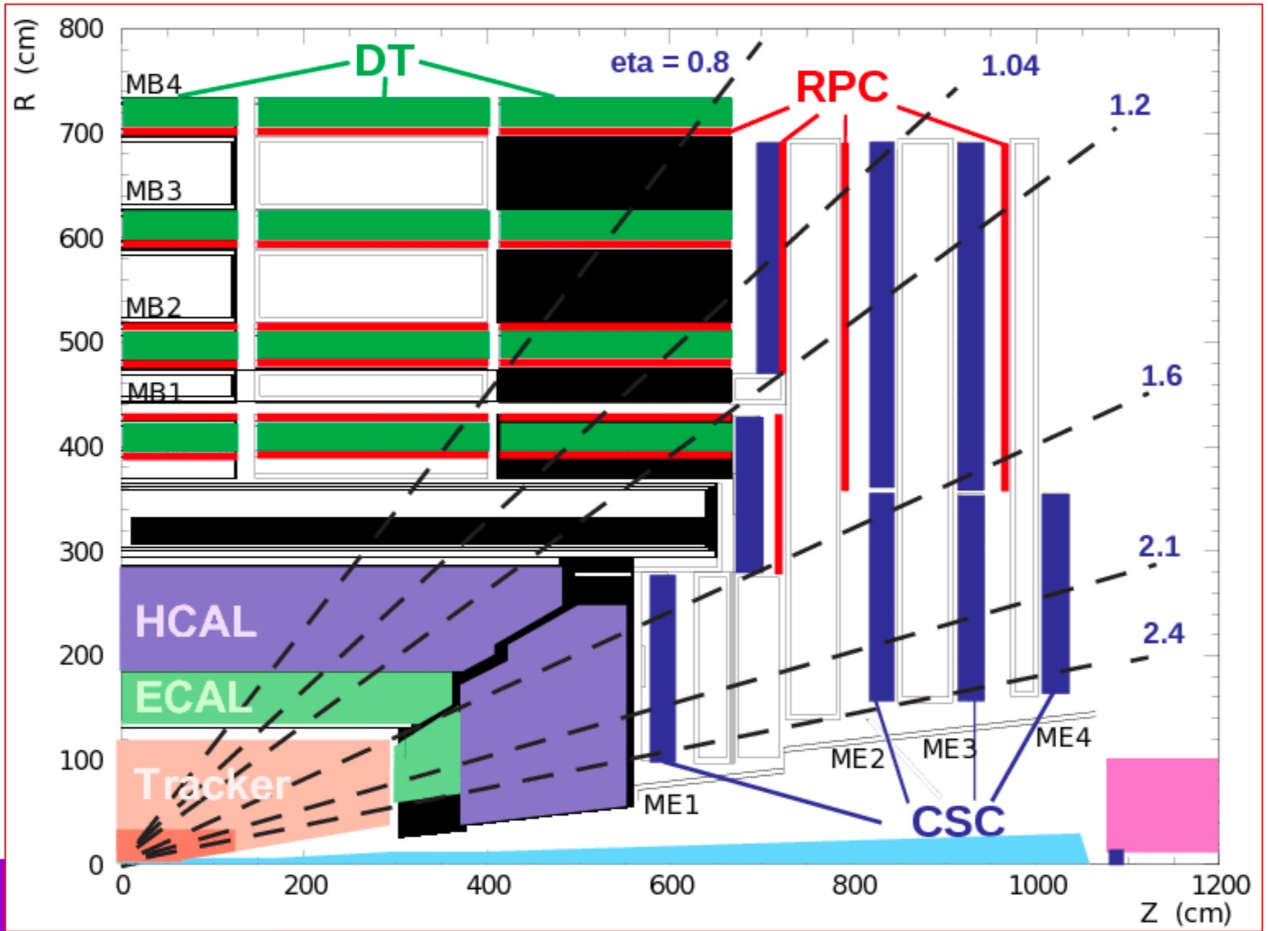

muon system:
drift tube (DT) chambers

Detector comparison: structure

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	ATLAS	CMS
Magnet(s)	Air-core toroids + Solenoid in inner cavity Calorimeters outside field 4 magnets	Solenoid Calorimeters inside field 1 magnet
Tracker/ Inner Detector	Silicon pixels, Silicon strips, Transition Radiation Tracker. 2T magnetic field	Silicon pixels, Silicon strips. 4 T magnetic field
Electro-magnetic calorimeter	Lead plates as absorbers with liquid argon as the active medium	Lead tungstate (PbW04) crystals both absorb and respond by scintillation
Hadronic calorimeter	Iron absorber with plastic scintillating tiles as detectors in central region, copper and tungsten absorber with liquid argon in forward regions.	Stainless steel and copper absorber with plastic scintillating tiles as detectors
Muon detector	Large air-core toroid magnets with muon chamber form outer part of the whole ATLAS	Muons measured already in the central field, further muon chambers inserted in the magnet return yoke

Detector comparison: resolutions

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	ATLAS	CMS
Tracker/ Inner Detector	TRD → particle identification $\sigma/p_T \approx 5 \times 10^{-4} p_T$ (GeV) $\oplus$ 0.01	No particle identification $\sigma/p_T \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-4} p_T$ (GeV) $\oplus$ 0.005
Electro-magnetic calorimeter	$\sigma/E \approx 10\%/\sqrt{E}$ (GeV) Longitudinal segmentation	$\sigma/E \approx (2 \div 5)\ \%/\sqrt{E}$ (GeV) No longitudinal segmentation
Hadronic calorimeter	$> 10\ \lambda$ $\sigma/E \approx 50\%/\sqrt{E}$ (GeV) $\oplus$ 0.03	$> 5.8\ \lambda$ + tail catcher $\sigma/E \approx 65\%/\sqrt{E}$ (GeV) $\oplus$ 0.05
Muon detector	air $\sigma/p_T \approx 7\%$ @ 1 TeV (spectrometer alone)	Fe $\sigma/p_T \approx 5\%$ @ 1 TeV (combining spectrometer + tracker)

imho (*common, but not unanimous*):

- two complementary strategies almost everywhere;
- … with different optimizations (e.g. resolution vs robustness);
- a textbook example of "guided" detector design;
- … to guarantee optimal results (→ not miss major discoveries).

Detector comparison: magnetic spectrometers

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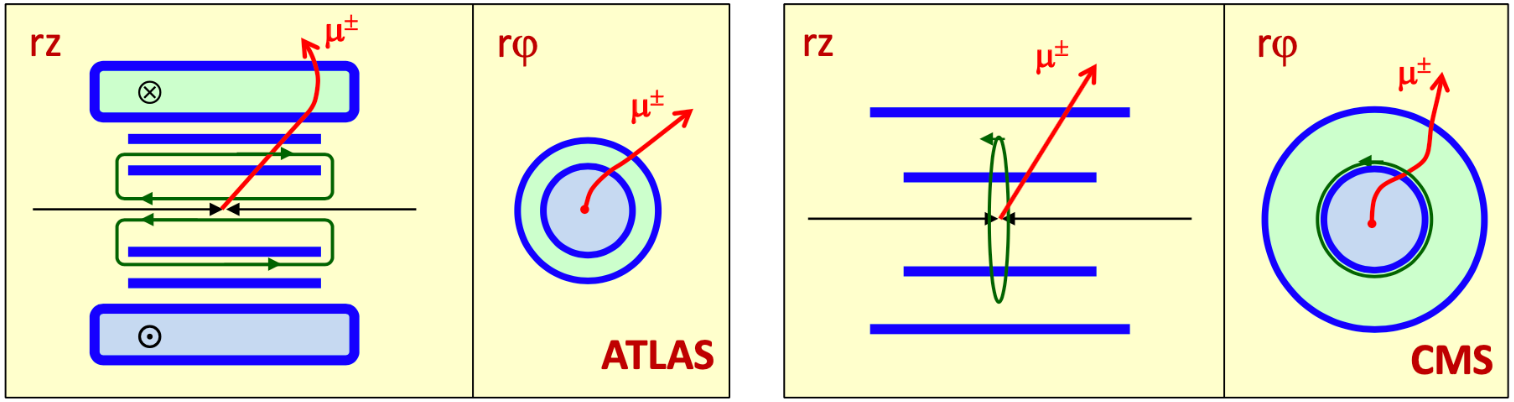

ATLAS:

- main magnet: <u>toroid</u> B = 0.7 T;
- bending in (r,z);
- straight tracks in (r,φ);
- at small r, a solenoid B = 2 T → bending also in (r,φ);
- less precise in extrapolating to main vtx;
- μ-system in air → no multiple scatt. for μ's;
- larger bending for μ at large η → more precise.

CMS:

- main magnet: <u>solenoid</u> B = 4 T;
- bending in (r,φ);
- straight tracks in (r,z);
- more precise in extrapolating to main vtx;
- μ-system in Fe → large multiple scatt. for μ's;
- less bending for μ's at large η.

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ATLAS and CMS performances

Detector performances: $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$

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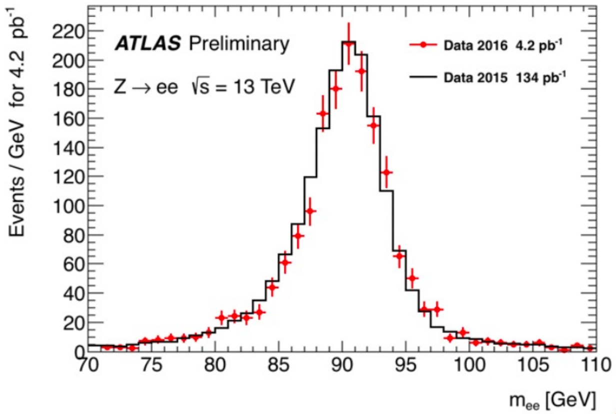
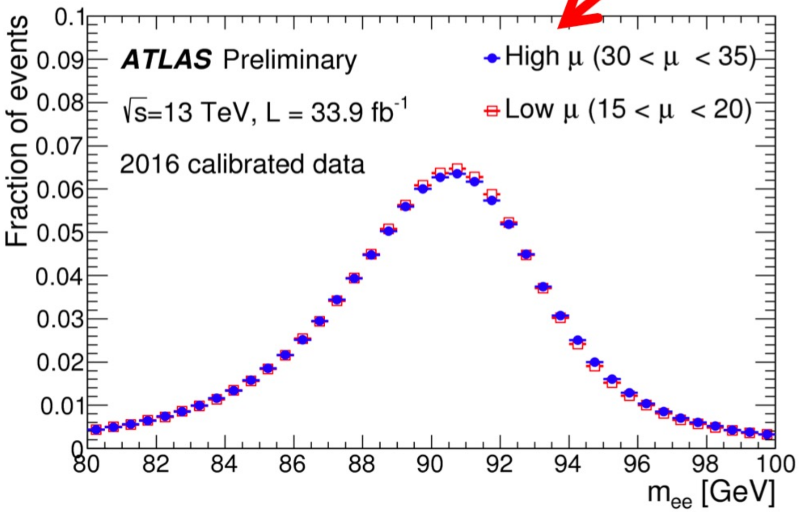
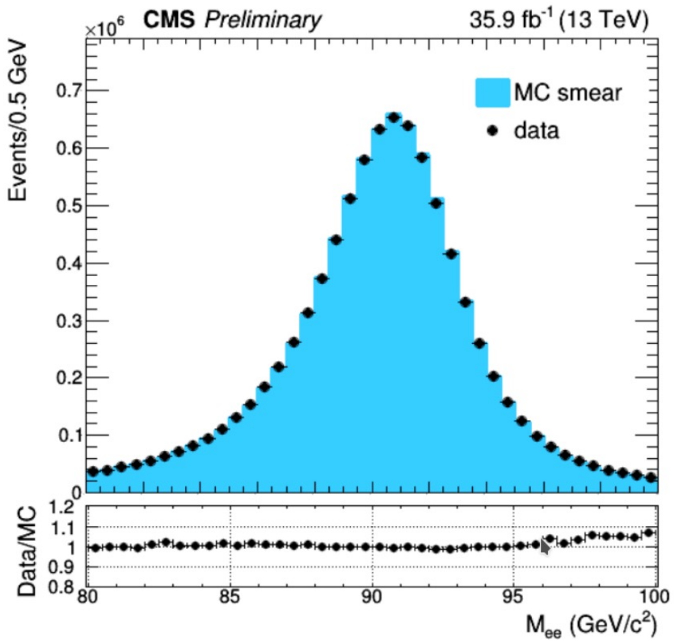


- the classic benchmark of tracker + e.m. calo.;
- no improvement wrt LEP, used only for detector debug/calibration (e.g. to show the independence from $\mathscr{L}$).





Detector performances: Z → $\mu^+\mu^-$

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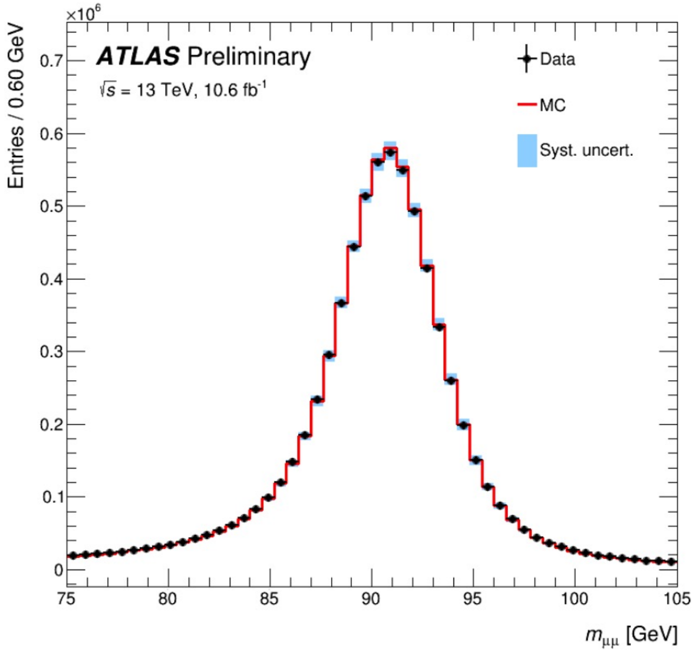
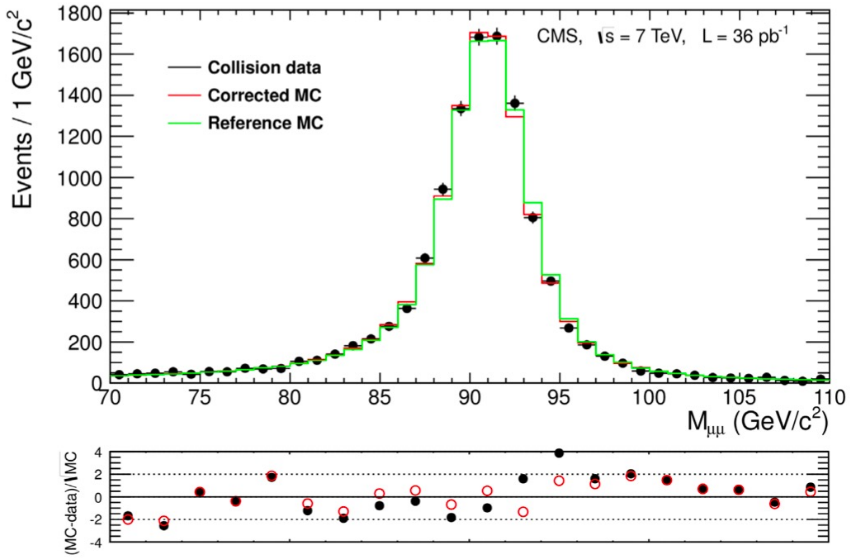


- the classic benchmark of tracker + muon chambers;
- [no way to improve wrt LEP, used only for detector debug/calibration.]



A famous joke:

time evolution of physics processes: discovery → precision meas → detector study → background.

Detector performances: J/Ψ → $\mu^+\mu^-$

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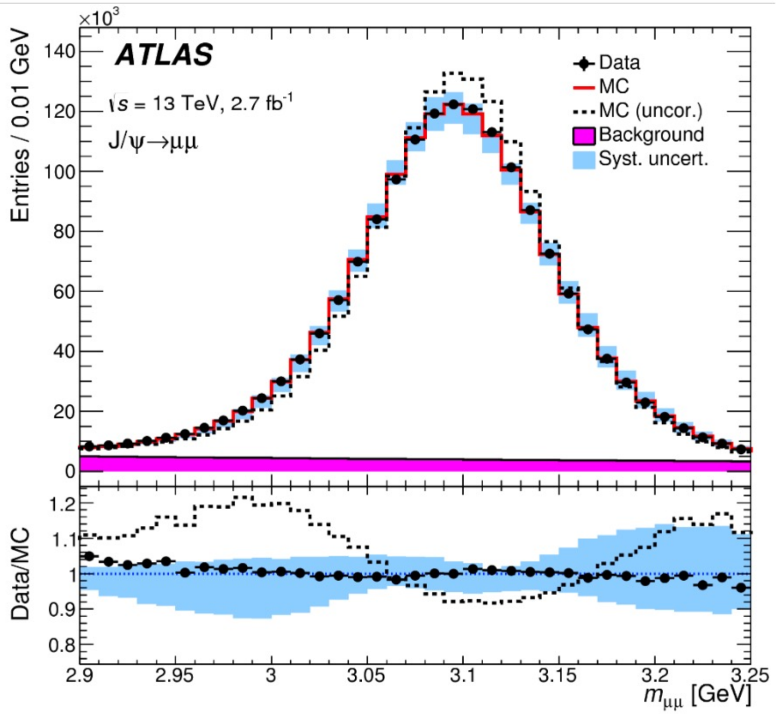
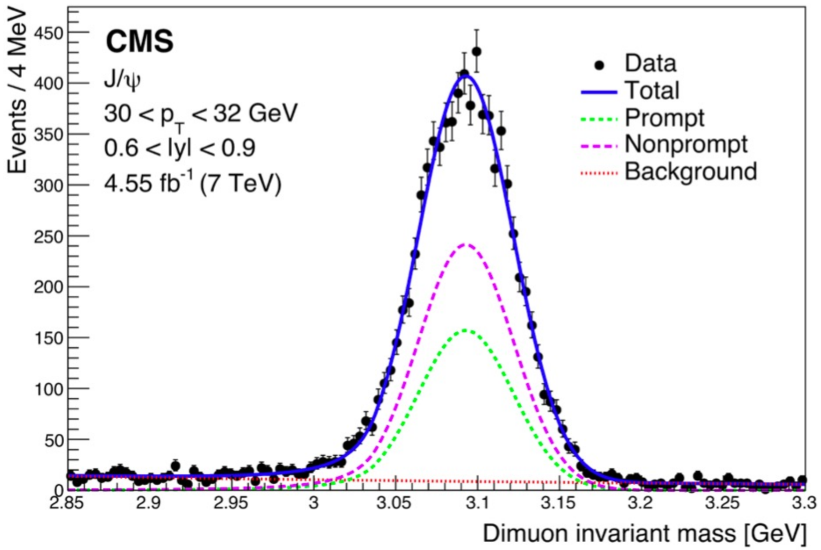


$Z \to \mu^+\mu^-$ and J/ψ $Z \to \mu^+\mu^-$ are ideal channels for μ studies :

- inner detector + muon spectrometer;
- agreement (MC ↔ data) → confidence in analysis (including errors !).



Detector performances: silicon trackers

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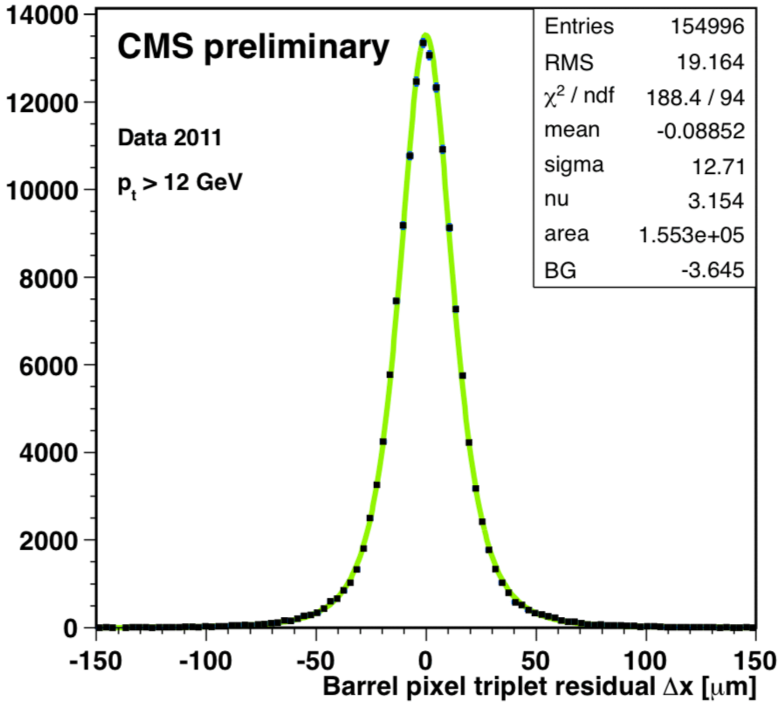
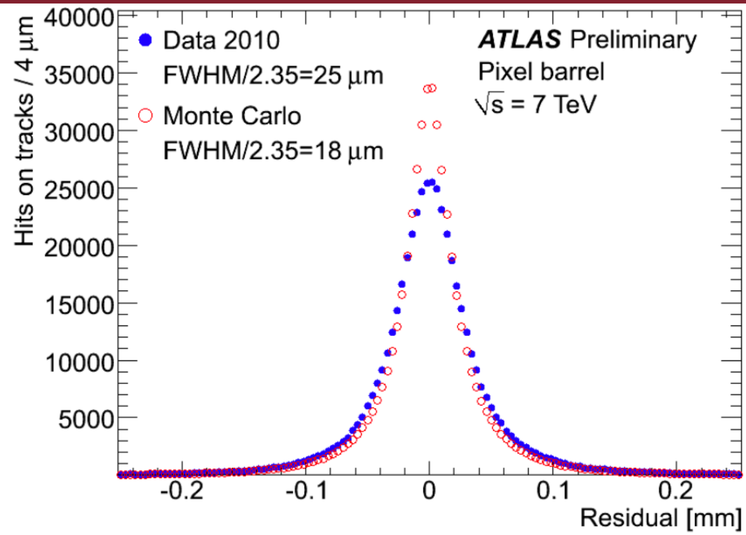
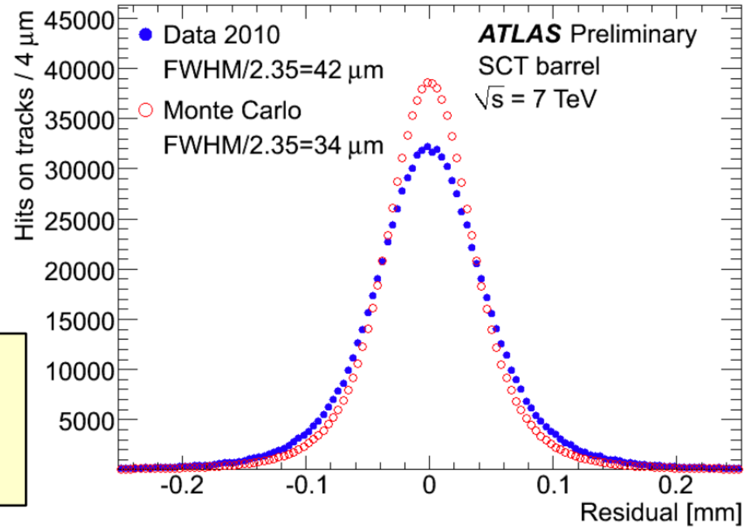
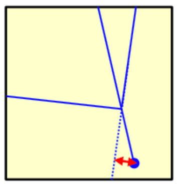






- resolution of few μm necessary for impact parameter → identification of secondary verteces → heavy flavors → higgs;
- agreement (MC ↔ data) → confidence in analysis (including errors !).



Detector performances: vertex resolution

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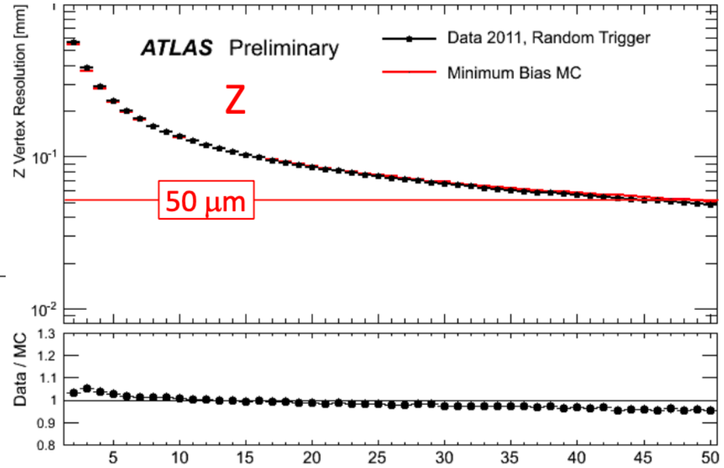
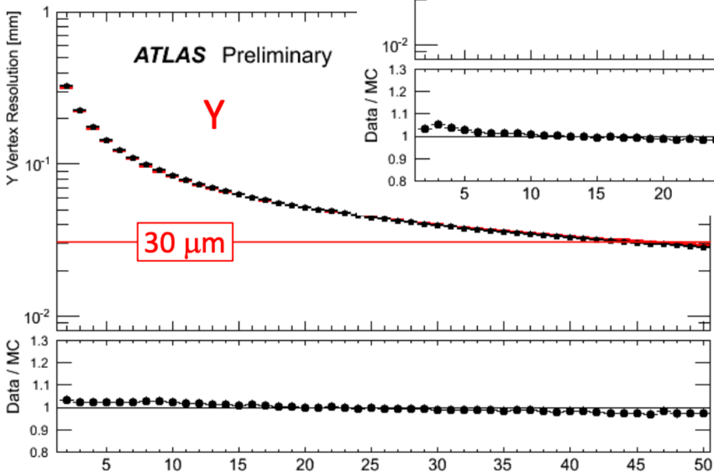
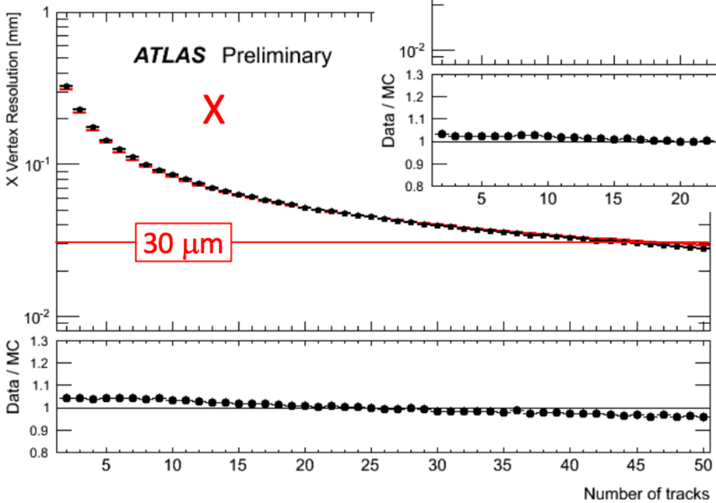
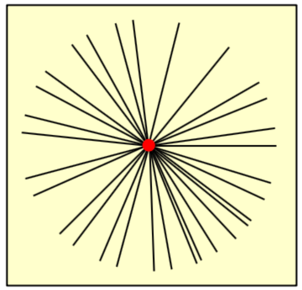
- Vertex resolution as a function of its track multiplicity.
- Expect $\sigma \approx \sigma_0/\sqrt{N} \oplus \sigma_1$;
- σ_0 and σ_1 constants, different for xy (transverse) and z (beam axis).









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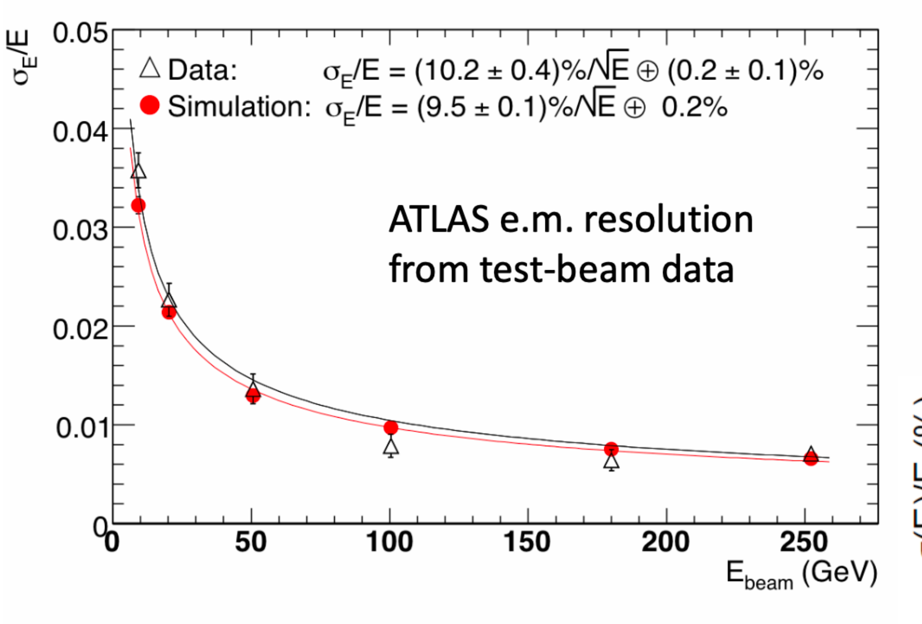
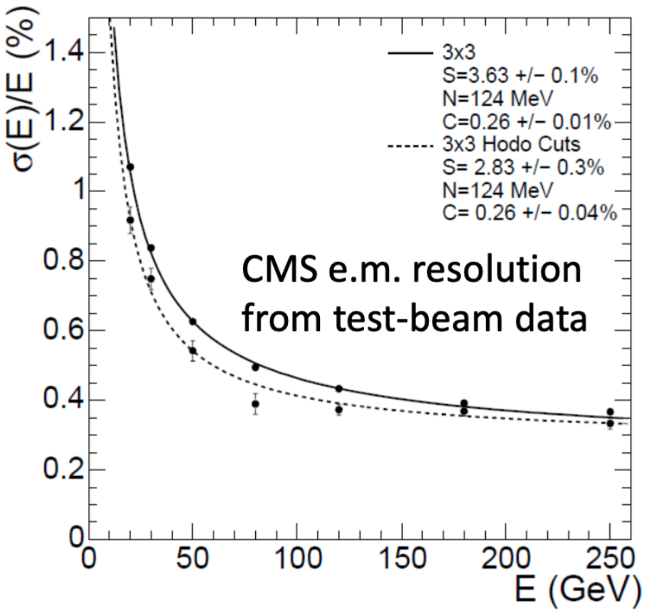


→ test these expectations with real particles:

- Z (previous slides);
- π^0, η, ... (next slides)



- although real life is somewhat different (sys from cell-to-cell calib, control of temperature, etc), test-beam results are impressive;
- expect $\sigma/E \approx \sigma_1/E \oplus \sigma_2 / \sqrt{E} \oplus \sigma_3$;
- σ_1 looks negligible, while σ_3 dominates at high E.

Detector performances: $\pi^0, \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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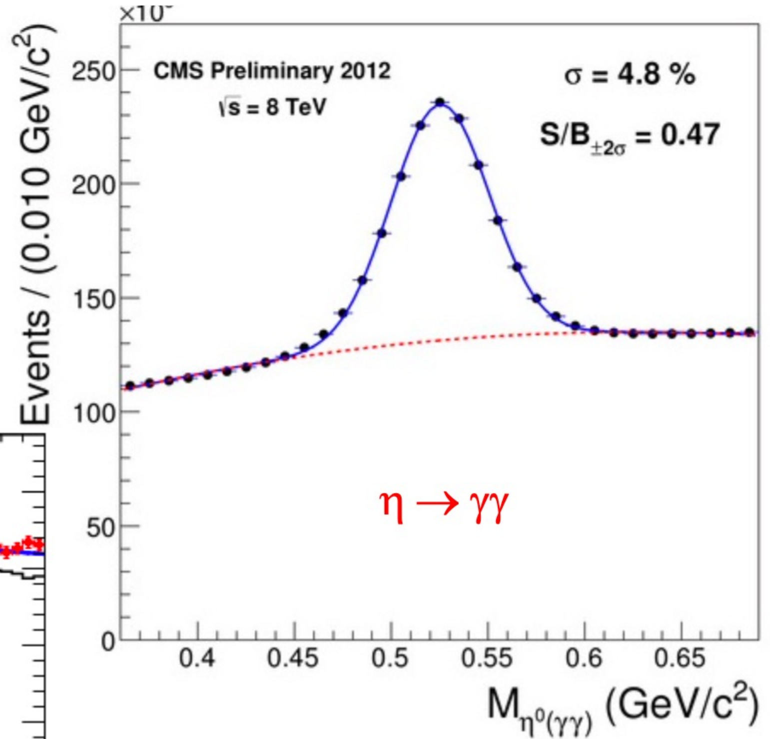
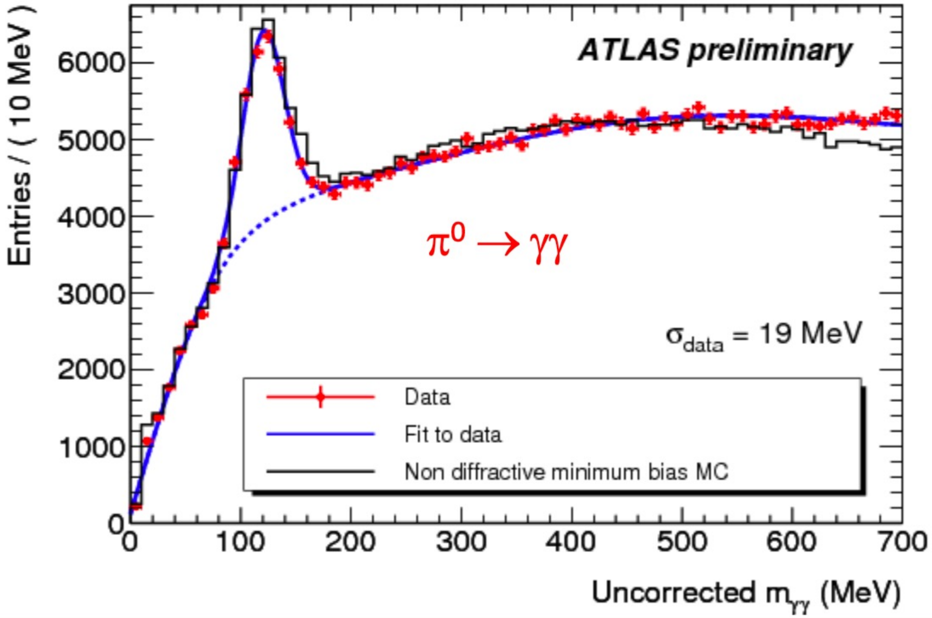
The π^0 and η widths are a measurement of the electro calo resolution in a difficult environment (inside jets or in high multiplicity events).

Notice the good (almost perfect) agreement with MC predictions.





Detector performances: jet resolution

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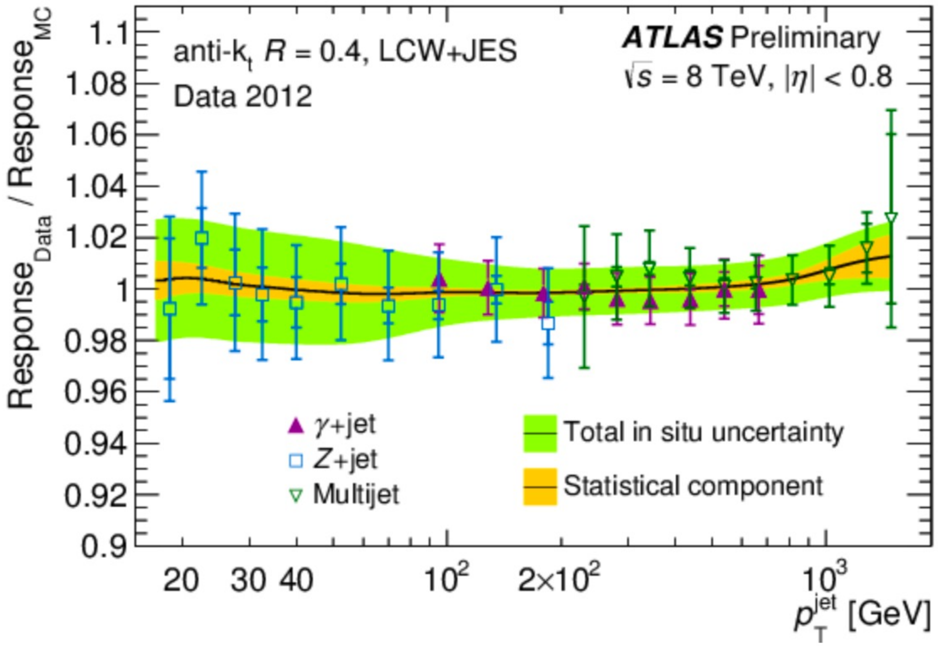
jet resolution as a function of p_T^{jet} :

- measured for different event types;
- stat and (mainly) syst uncertainty 2%, almost independent on p_T.



Detector performances: Atlas muon spectrometer

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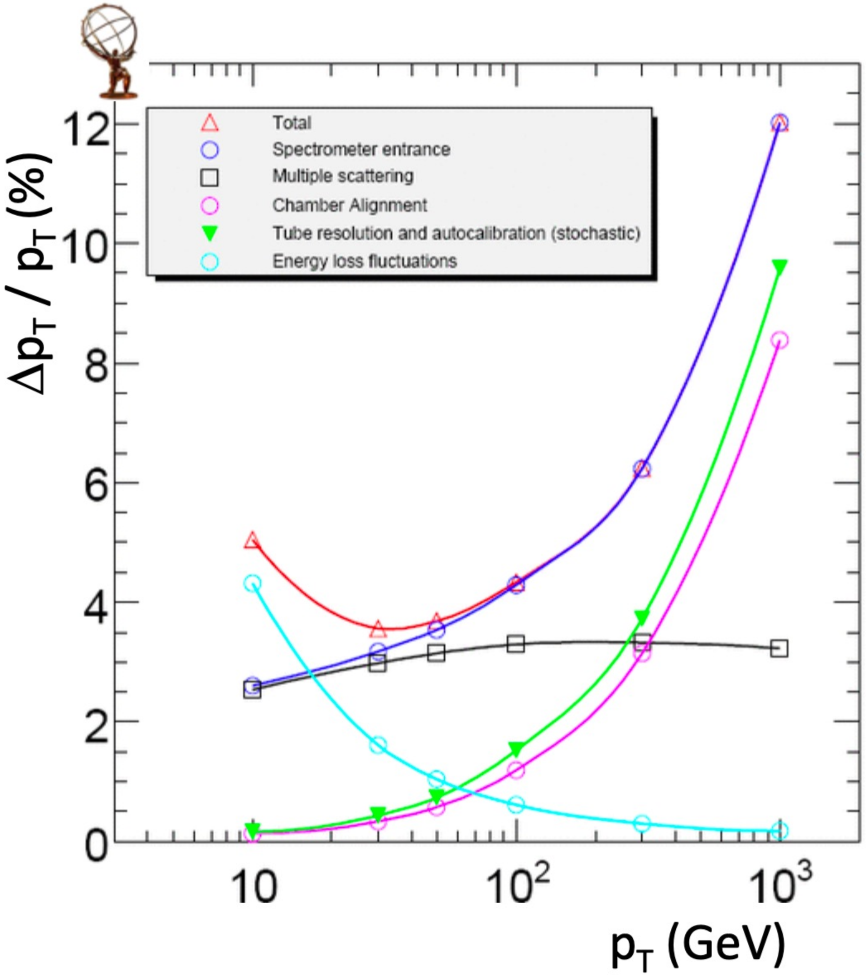

$\Delta p_T/p_T$ vs p_T [project, low η] :

▼ meas. error + calib ($\propto p_T$);

○ chamber alignment ($\propto p_T$);

□ multiple scattering ($\propto \approx$const);

○ ΔE_μ(calo) fluctuations (tail at high loss measurable from brem shower);

○ at spectrometer entrance (= ▼ ⊕ ○ ⊕ □);

△ total at main vertex (= ○ ⊕ ○).

- at low p_T (p_T < 200 GeV) vtx extrapolation (○) and scattering (□) give the main contributions;
- at high p_T the accuracy of the spectrometer (▼⊕○) dominates;
- at fixed p_T and high η (not shown), Δp_T gets worse.

Detector performances: invariant mass $\mu^+\mu^-$

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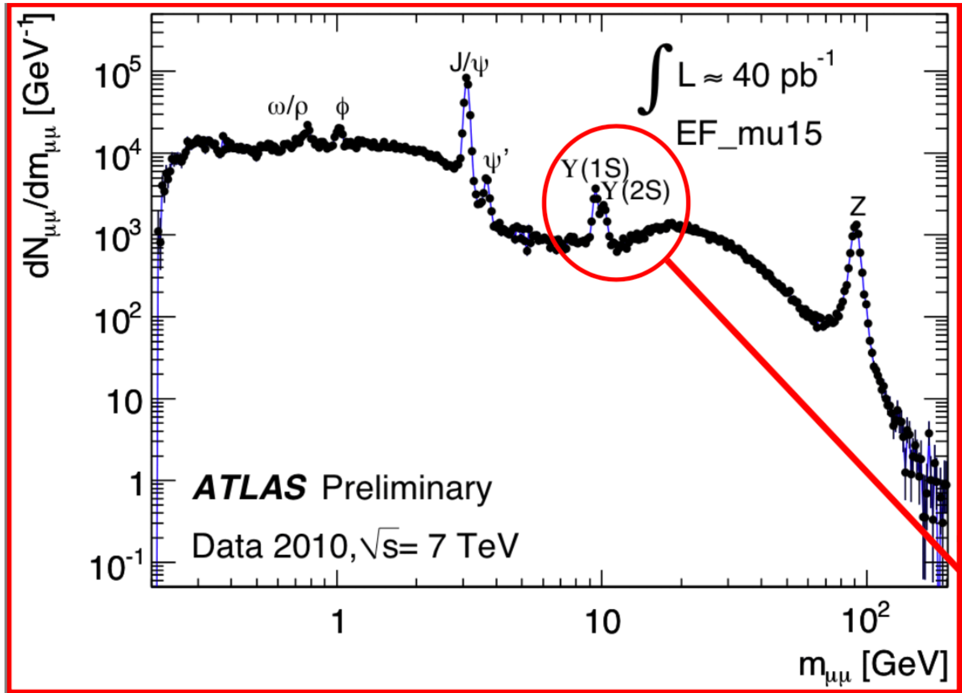
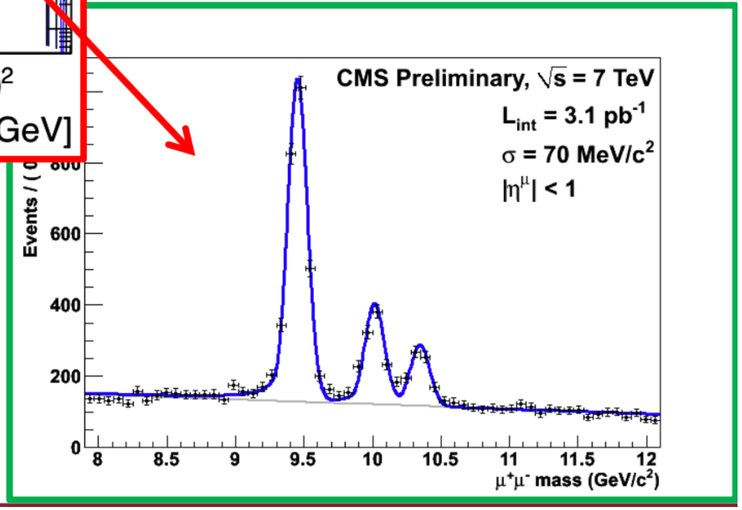


- at low $m_{\mu\mu}$, low trigger thresholds from low $\mathscr{L}$ runs;
- also a technical challenge.



Detector performances: W → ℓ ν

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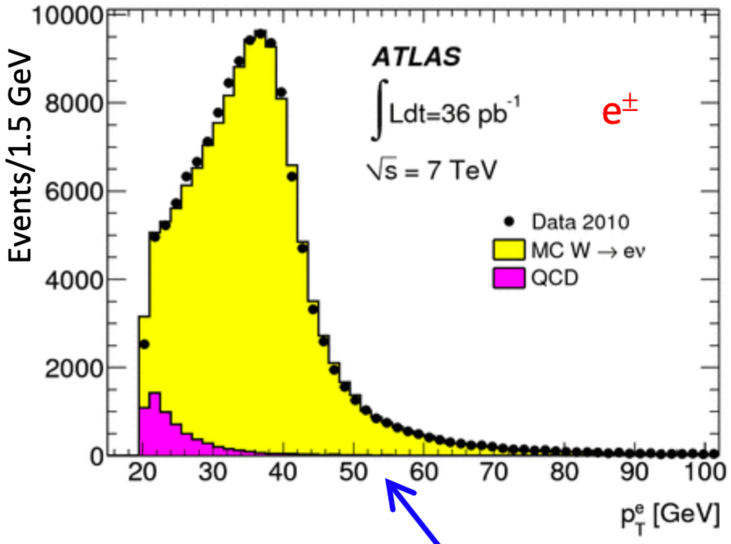
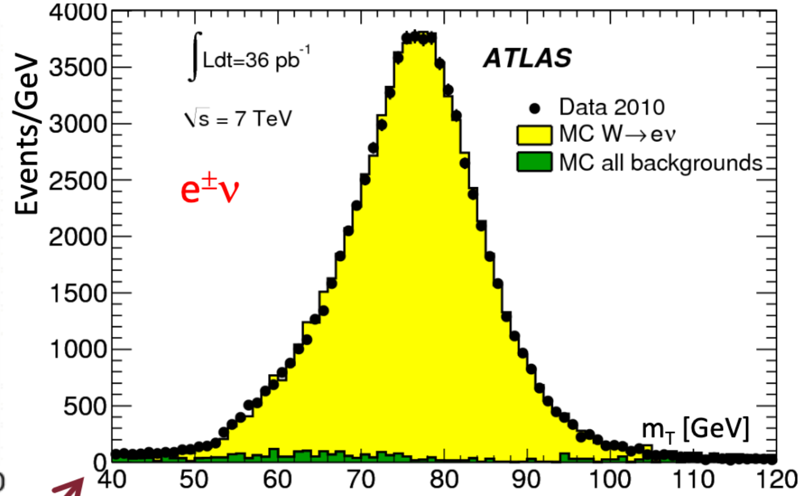
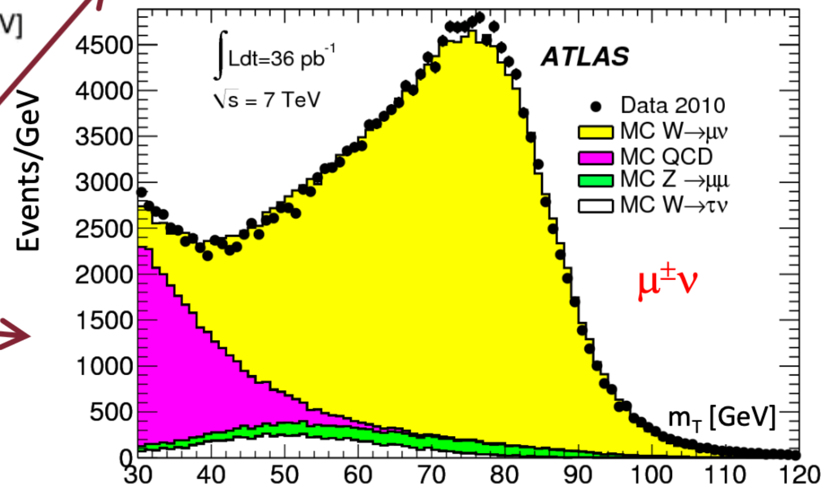






- the jacobian peak of the $e^{\pm}$;
- the transverse mass for $e^{\pm}\nu$ and $\mu^{\pm}\nu$.

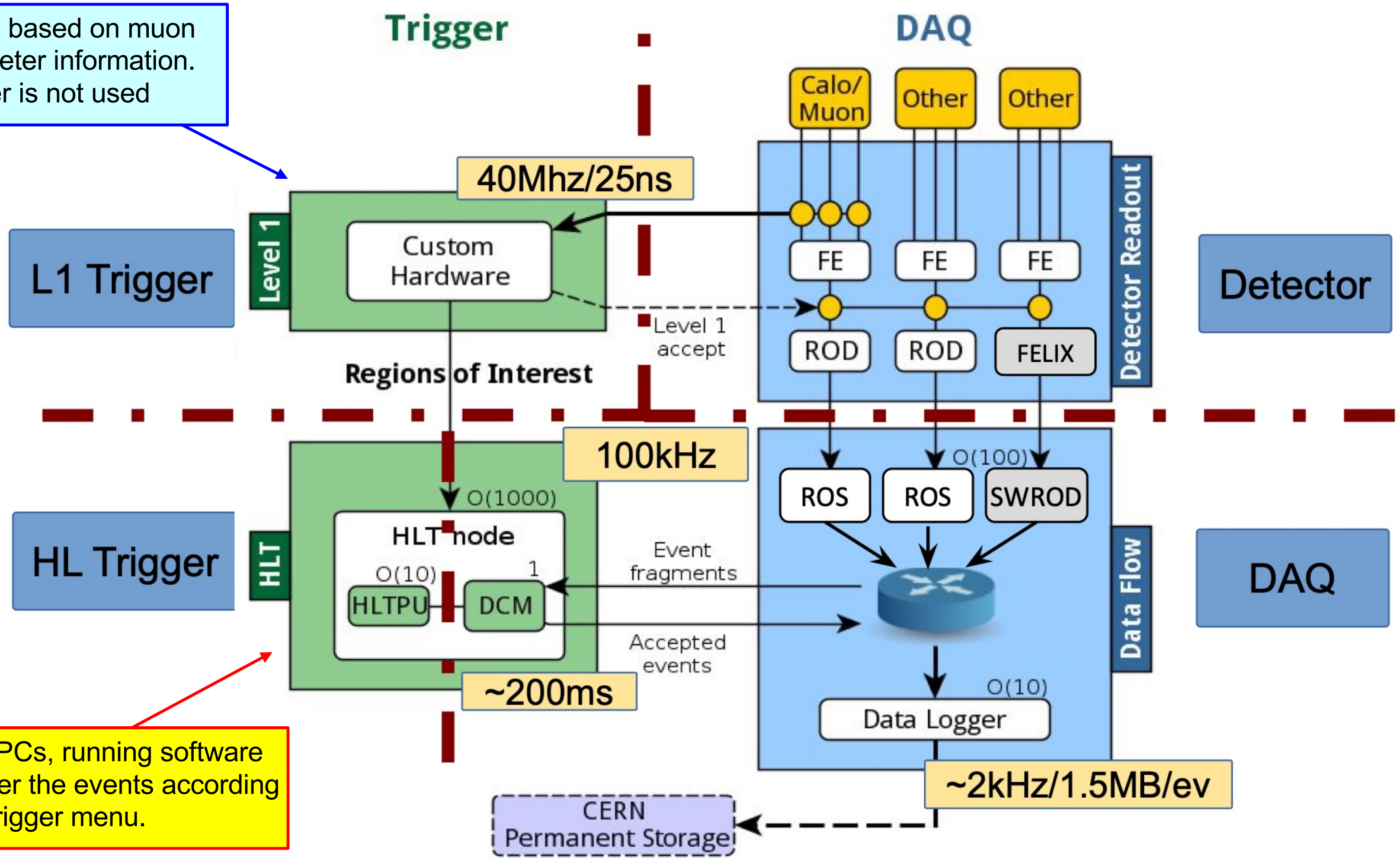
Trigger system

Trigger Concept

- ❑ **Trigger of interesting events at the LHC is much more complicated than at e+e- machines.**
  - **At any crossing of the two beams we have proton-proton collision, therefore the interaction rate is 40 MHz**
  - **At any crossing we have more than one proton-proton collision --> pile up around 50 or more at Run3**
- ❑ **The maximum recording rate depends on the computing I/O technology.**
  - **currently with event size about 1-2 MB we can record event at a rate of 1-2 kHz (it was 100 Hz in Run1).**
  - **Therefore the trigger system has to reduce the rate from 40 MHz down to 1-2 kHz: a reduction factor of ~10^4.**
- ❑ **Trigger will cut "physics events". The challenge is to select the "good" one with the hope/design not to cut the unknown/new events, for instance long living particles decaying in the middle of the detector.**
- ❑ **The time between collisions is 25 ns … too short to have a synchronous L1 trigger.**
  - **The L1 latency is about a few μs, including time needed for signal transmission. Trigger/DAQ electronics could be as far as 100 m from the the Front End electronics, corresponding to about 0.5 μs of transmission time.**
  - **A series of pipelines/buffer have been introduced to allow enough time for having a trigger decision. With a latency of 2.5 μs at L1, a buffer with a depth of at least 2500/25=100 is needed to contain events relative to 100 bunch crossing.**
- ❑ **Trigger detectors/electronics must have the capability to identify the bunch crossing that actually gave the trigger → fast detector (like RPC with a resolution time of 2-3 ns) or electronics tricks in other cases.**
- ❑ **Usually the trigger system has been implemented as a two stage trigger.**

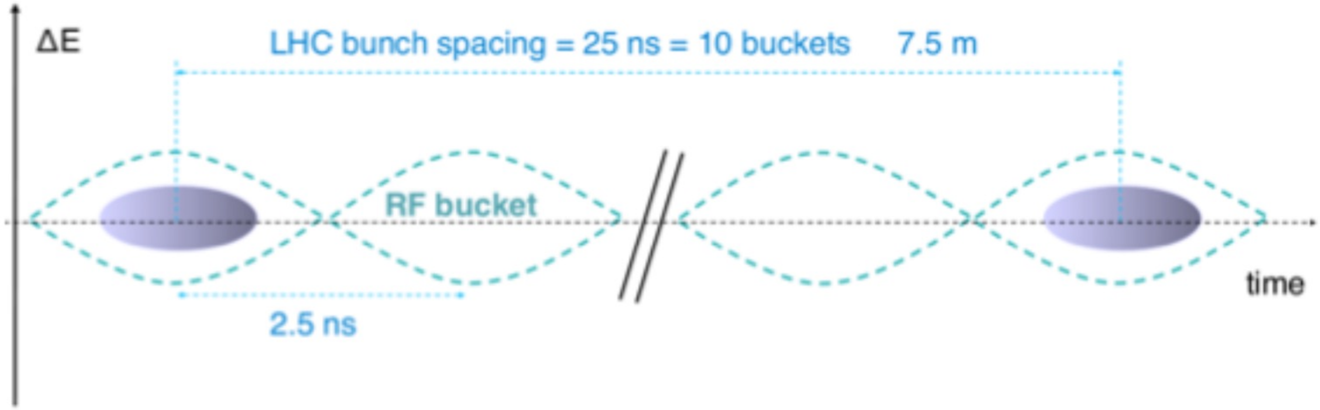
Example: ATLAS DAQ/Trigger overview

L1 trigger is based on muon and calorimeter information. Inner tracker is not used



Farm of many PCs, running software algorithm to filter the events according to predefined trigger menu.

LHC bunch structure



The trigger must know in which BCID should expect a collision.

- LHC bunch spacing of 25 ns corresponds to 10 buckets (7.5 m, 2.5 ns RF buckets)
- 3564 possible bunches in LHC identified by Bunch Crossing Identifier (BCID)
  - → BCID = 0,…., 3563
- A bunch can be filled or empty
  - 2 crossing bunches can be
    - "paired": both beams with protons
    - "unpaired": only one beam with protons
    - "empty": neither beam with protons
  - ATLAS defines additional crossings for special purposes
- A Bunch Group (BG) is a list of BCIDs

Maximum number of bunches in LHC: 2800; in 2022: ~ 2400 bunches

Bunch structure is defined in the PS

Detector performances: trigger thresholds

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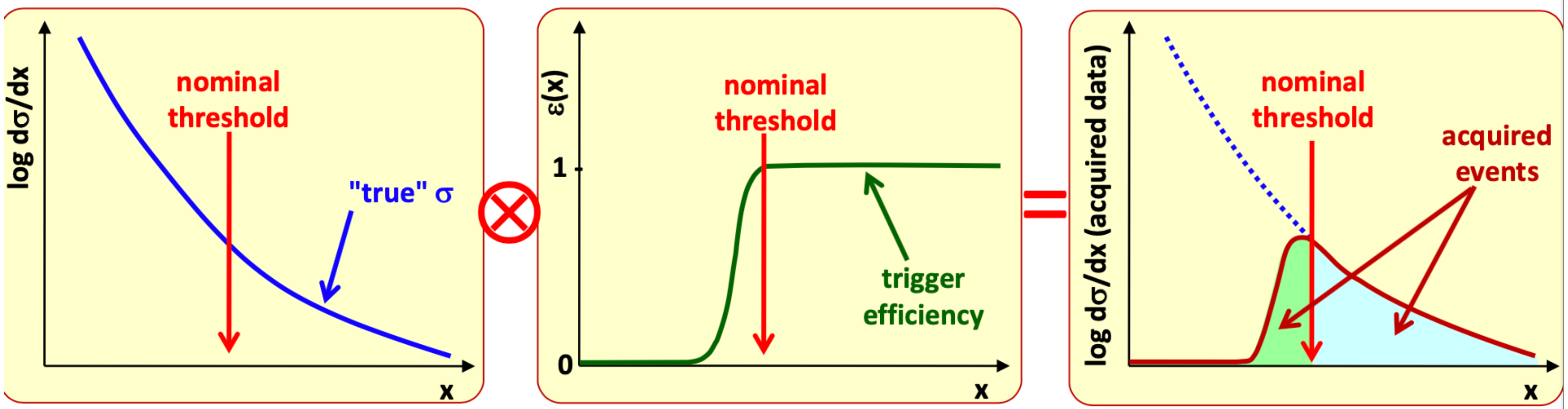
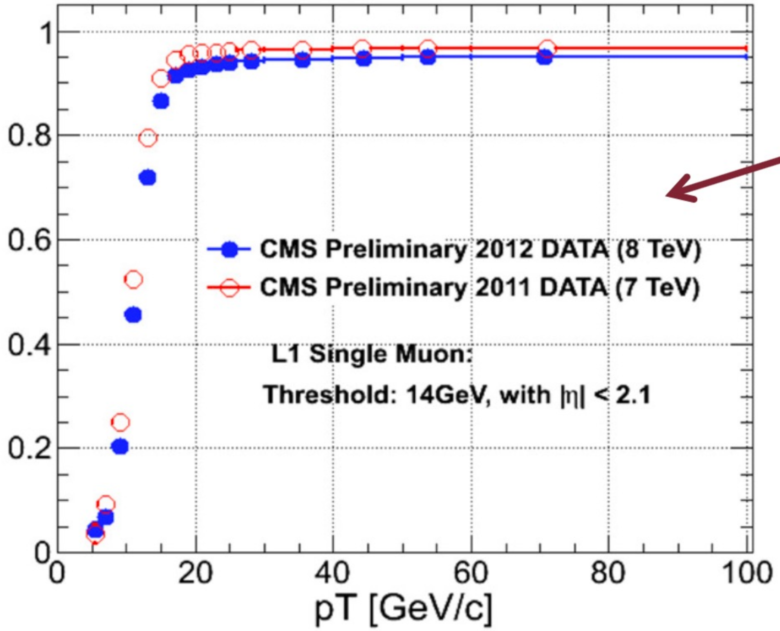
- e^+e^- : small cross section → [R = $\mathscr{L}\sigma$ ≈ few Hz] → **event trigger**, i.e. trigger on single bunch crossing, if it contains an event candidate; @ LEP, 1□ ≈ 10^{-3}, negligible dead time;
- pp($\bar{p}$p) : high hadronic total cross section → [R = $\mathscr{L}\sigma$ ≈ 10^6 - 10^9 Hz] → rates too big (and uninteresting events) → **physics trigger**, i.e. select a (tiny) fraction of events, which exhibit peculiar characteristics (i.e. high-p_T, multileptons, high $\not{E}_T$ ...); use cuts (i.e. thresholds), user defined in kinematical variables;
- the thresholds are applied on a kinematical variable "x" (e.g. p_T^{lepton}), measured in a rough and fast way by the trigger detector(s); therefore the experimenters have to compromise among rejection, efficiency, dead time, bandwidth ... and physics.

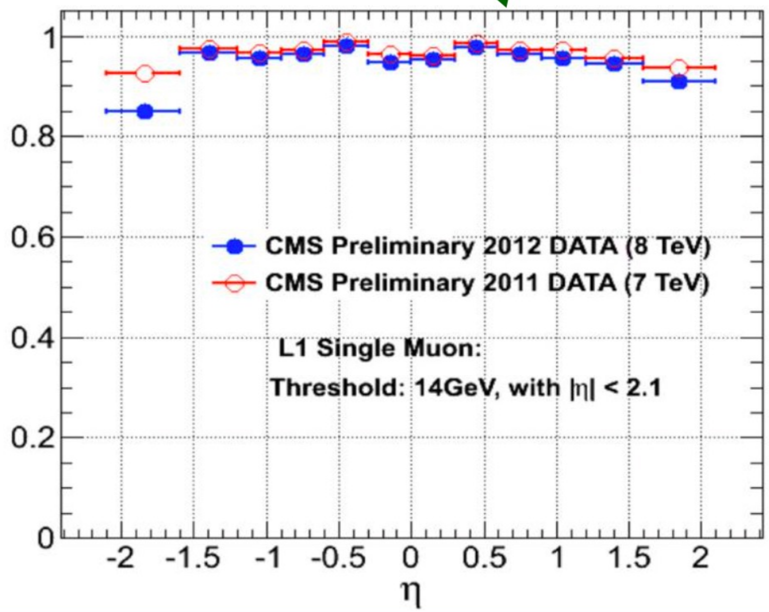


Detector performances: muon trigger level-1



Efficiency ε at level 1 :

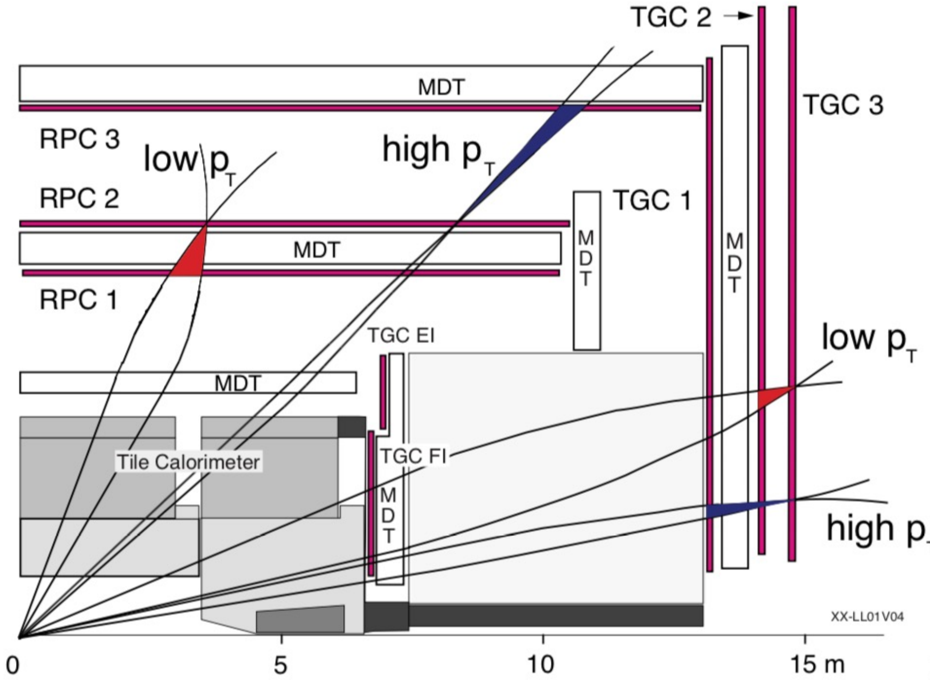
- vs p_T : notice the "size" of the threshold;
- vs η, integrated for p_T > 14 GeV : notice the flatness.



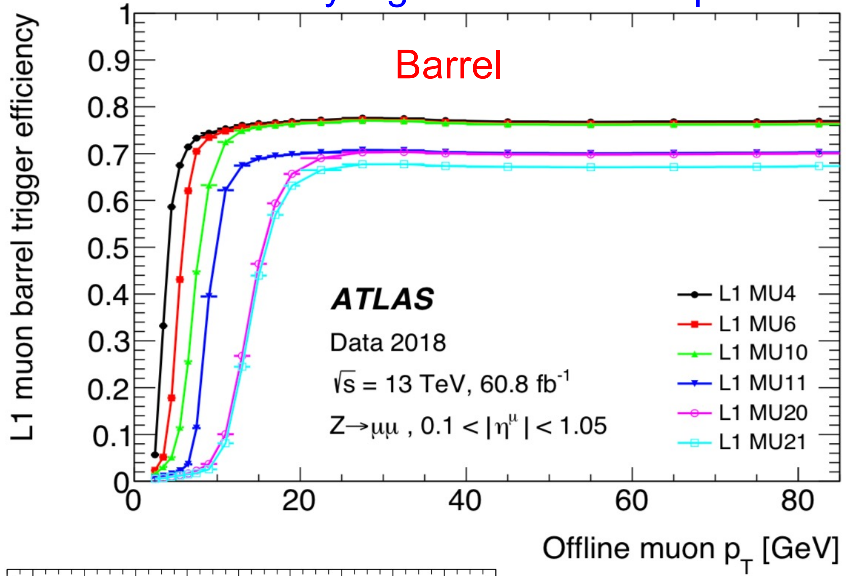
NB the effective yield $N_{obs} = N_{produced} * \varepsilon$:

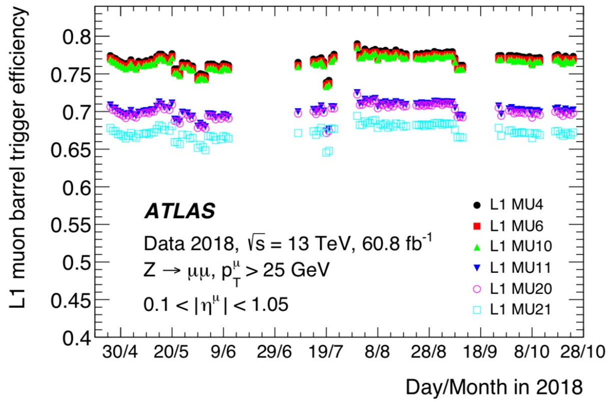
- the bulk of the data is near p_T threshold
- ... where ε is varying;
- ... and the physics less interesting.

ATLAS: L1 Muon Trigger



Efficiency x geometrical acceptance

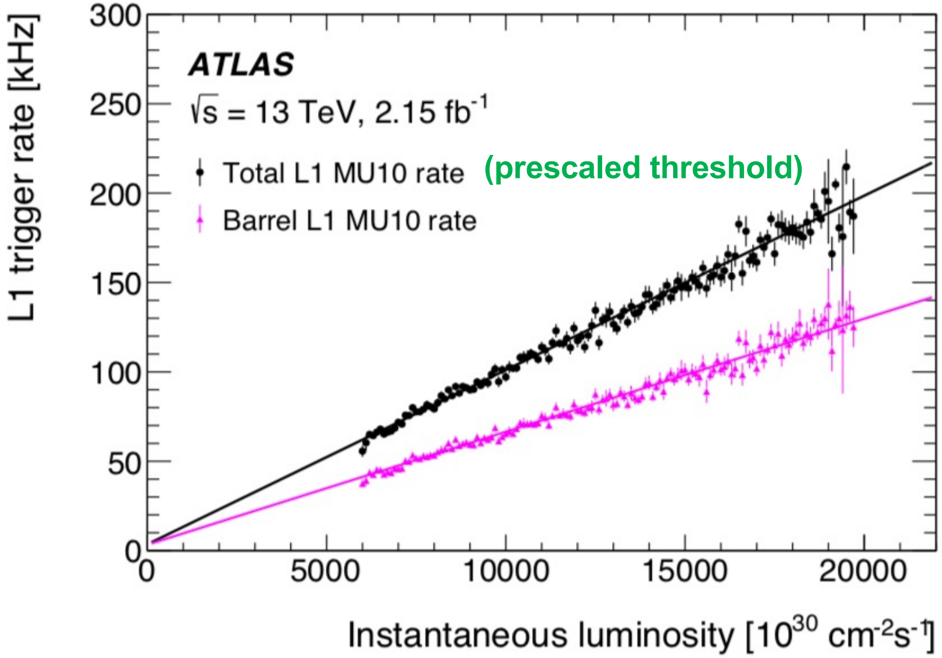


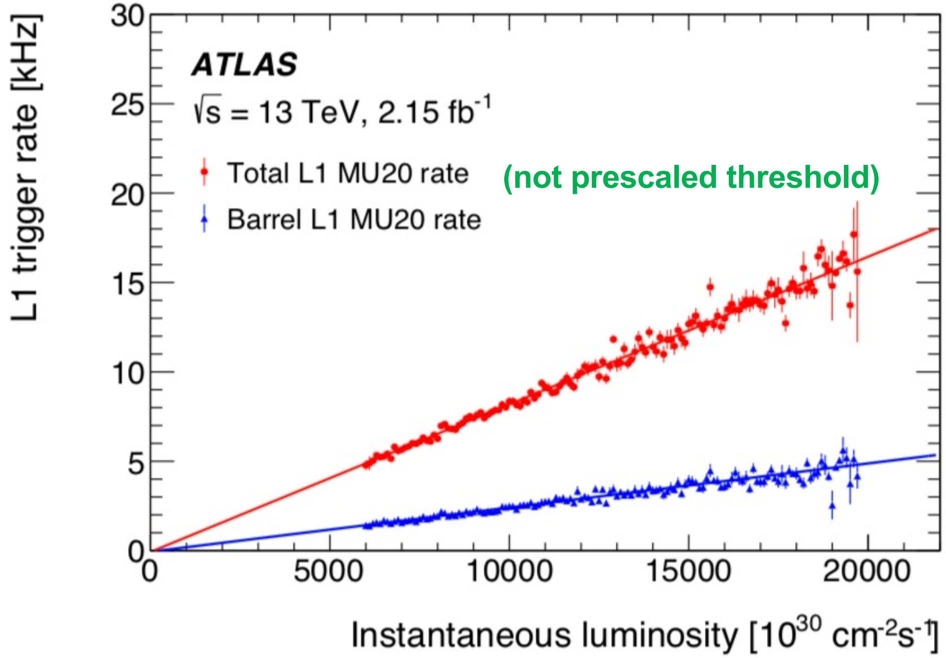


Trigger efficiency as a function of time

ATLAS: L1 Muon Trigger rate (an example)

- ❑ A trigger has to be as efficient as possible down to the lowest possible threshold
- ❑ On the other hand the trigger rate as to be kept under controll → that implies higher trigger thresholds





- ❑ A compromise between these two conflicting requirements has to be found.
- ❑ The trigger menu is changed online (adjusting prescaling factor) as a function of the LHC instantaneous luminosity.
- ❑ In any case, for HL-LHC, all trigger electronics will be changed in order to accommodate a L1 rate of ~ 1 MHz.

Event display

ATLAS: 2 jets ; $p_T \approx 2$ TeV

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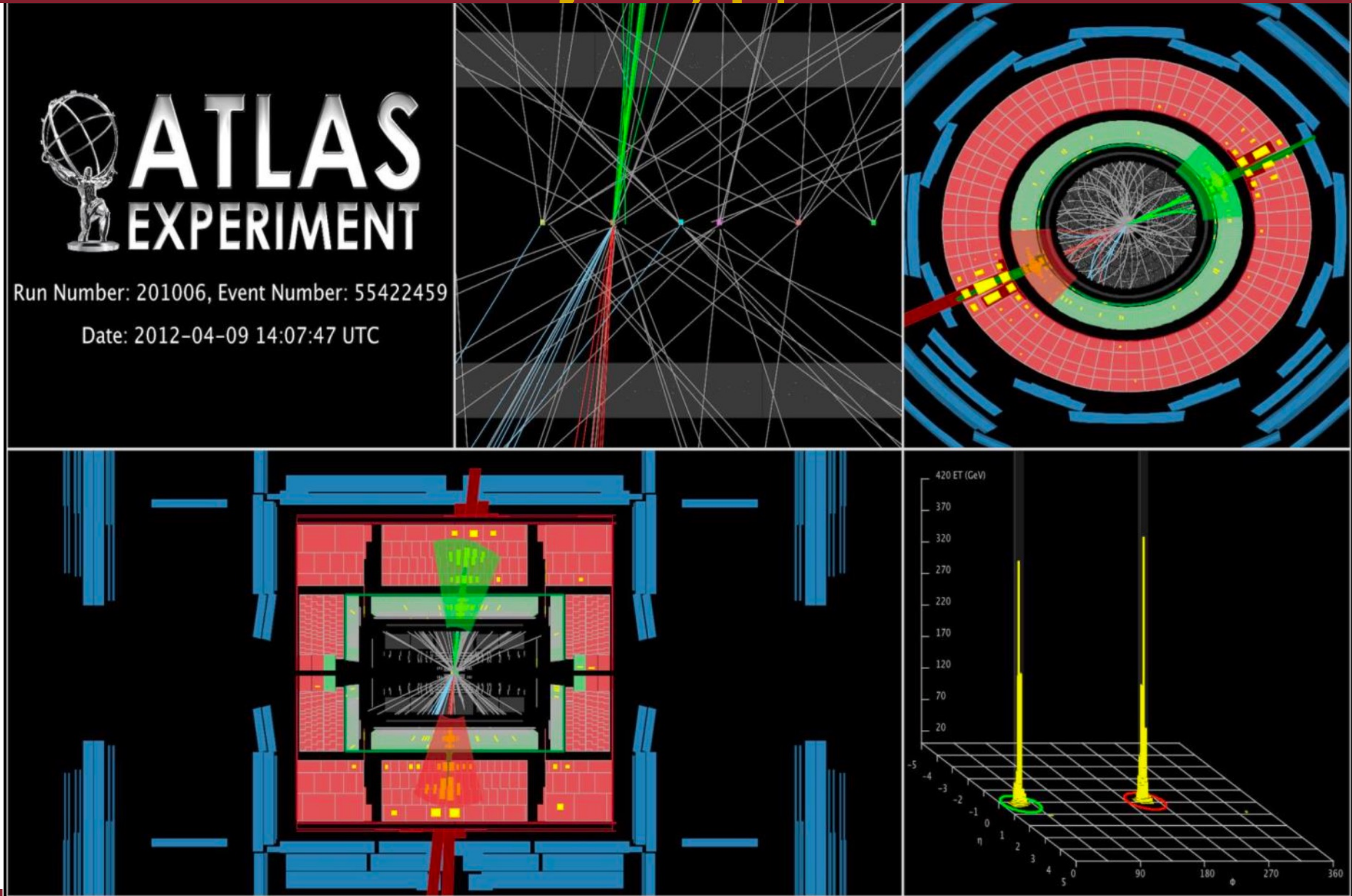

CMS: multijet event

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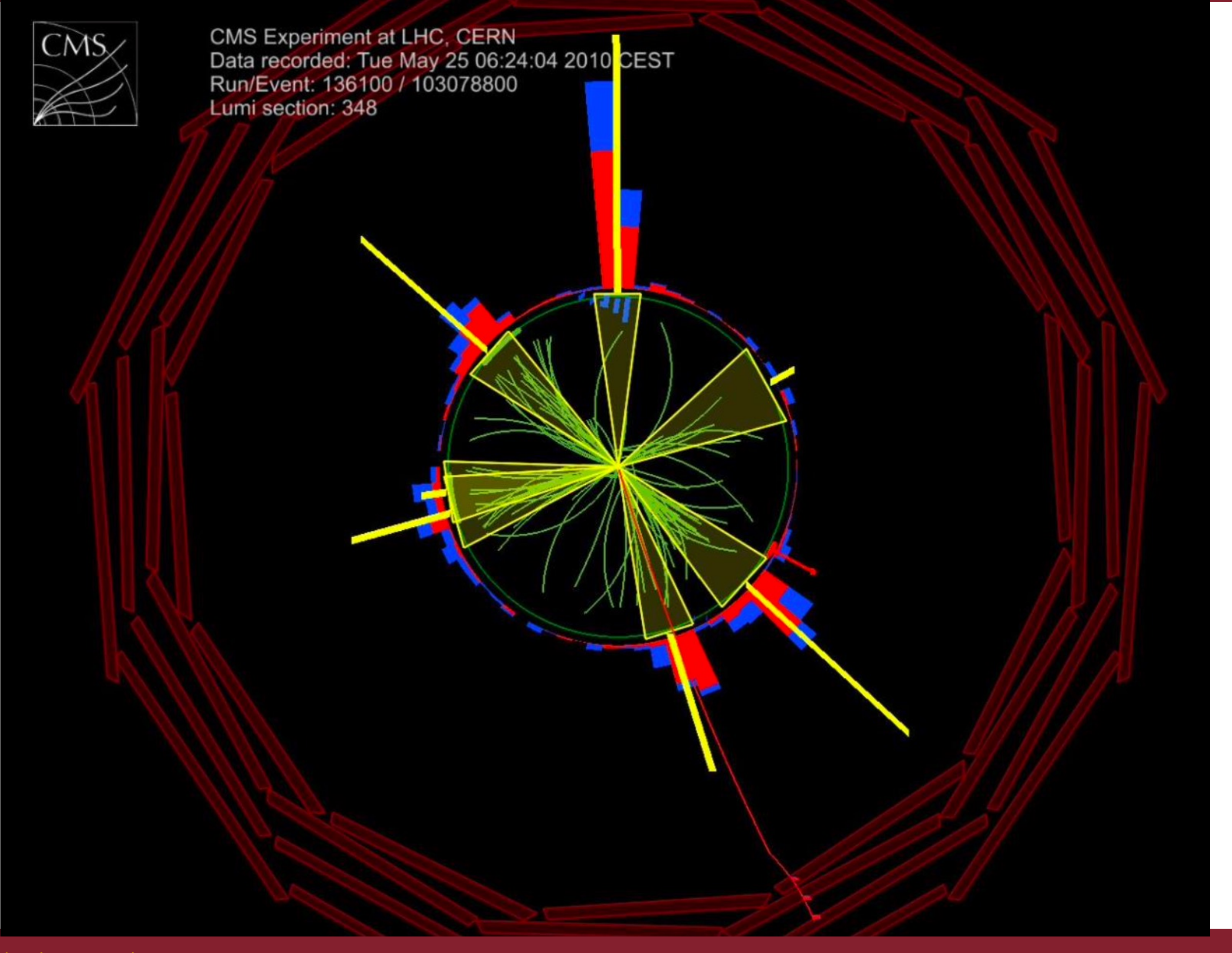

CMS: W → eν

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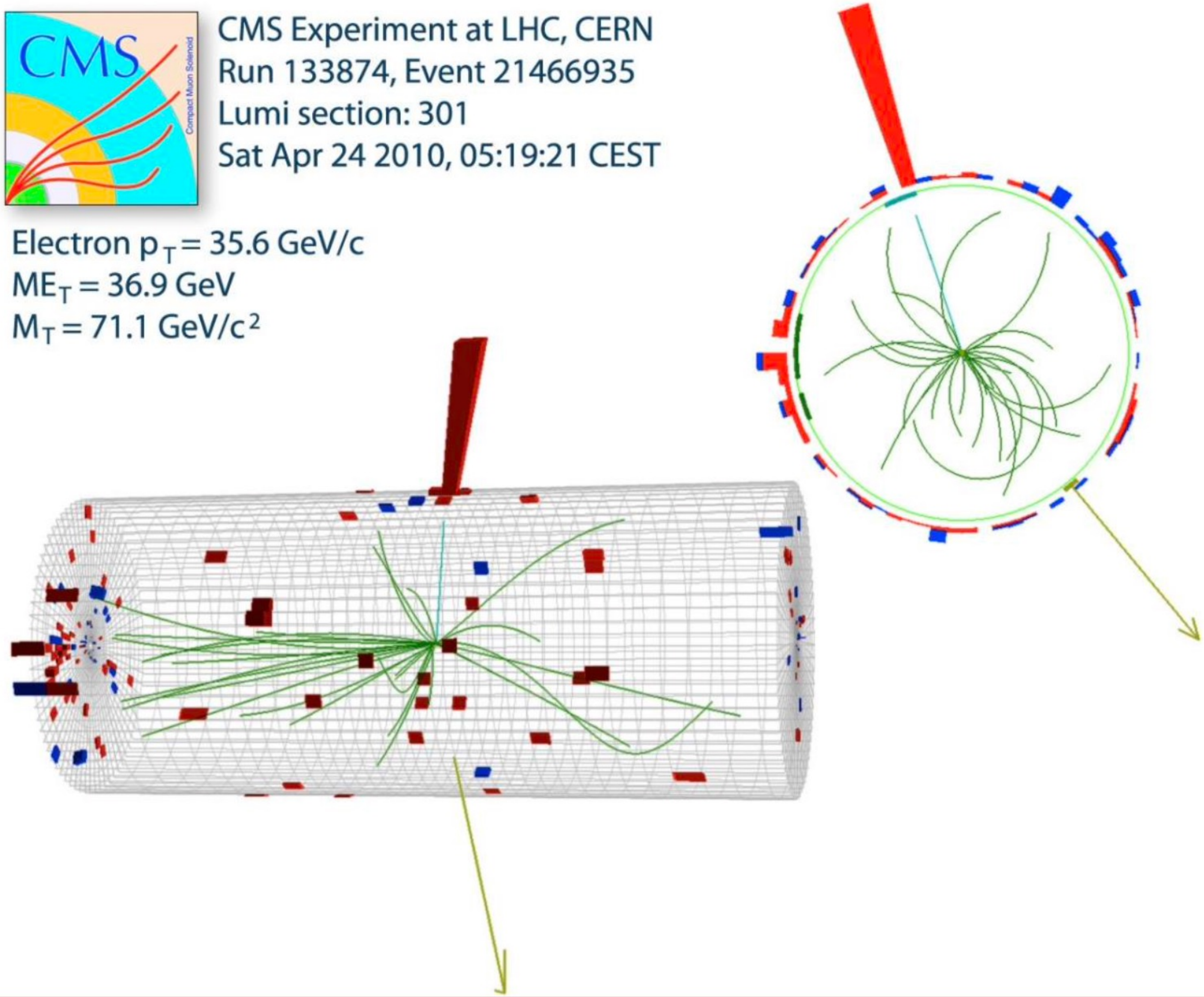

ATLAS: $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow (e^+e^-)(\mu^+\mu^-)^*$

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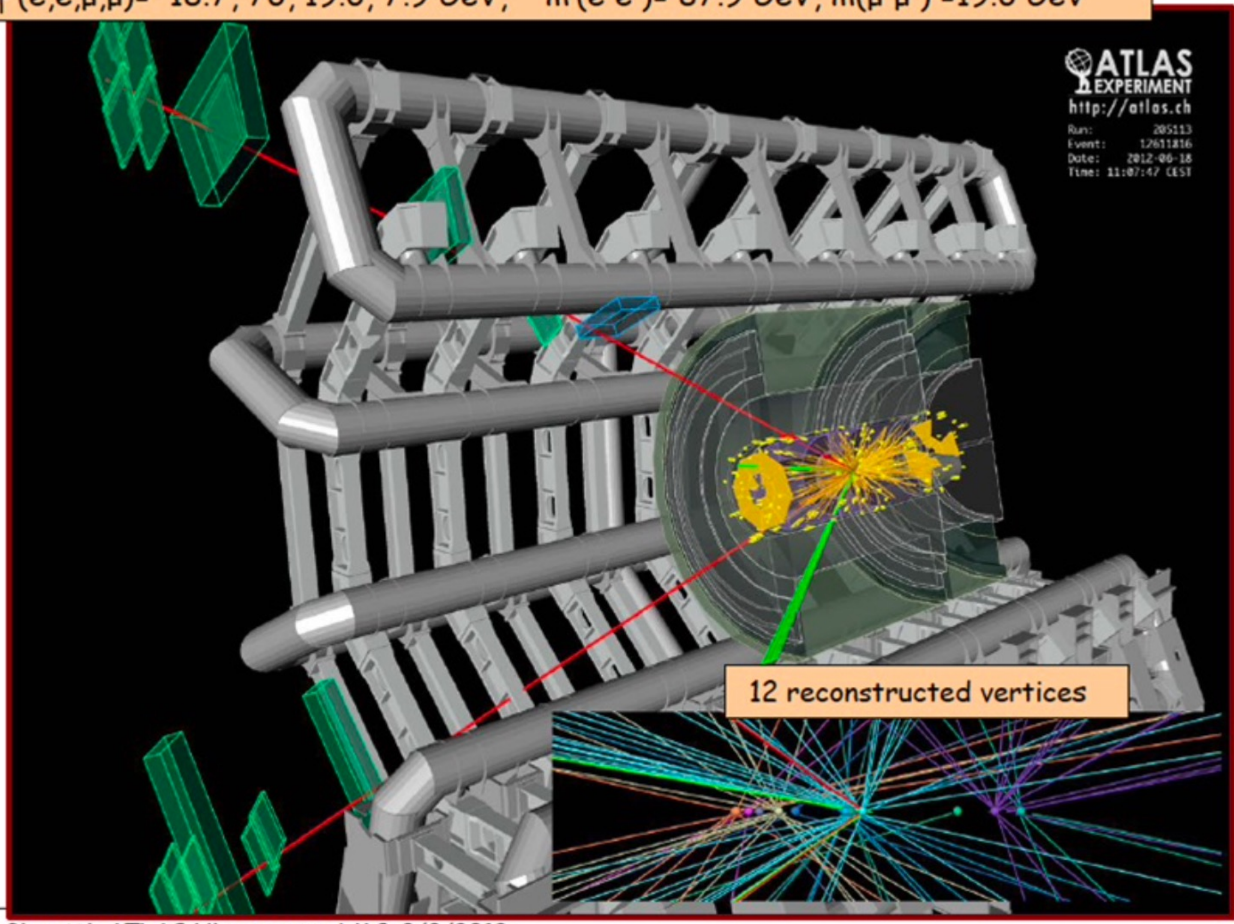
2e2μ candidate with $m_{2e2\mu}$= 123.9 GeV

p_T (e,e,μ,μ)= 18.7, 76, 19.6, 7.9 GeV, m (e^+e^-)= 87.9 GeV, m($\mu^+\mu^-$) =19.6 GeV



F. Gianotti, ATLAS Higgs paper, LMC, 8/8/2012

ATLAS: $H \to ZZ^* \to (\mu^+\mu^-)(\mu^+\mu^-)^*$

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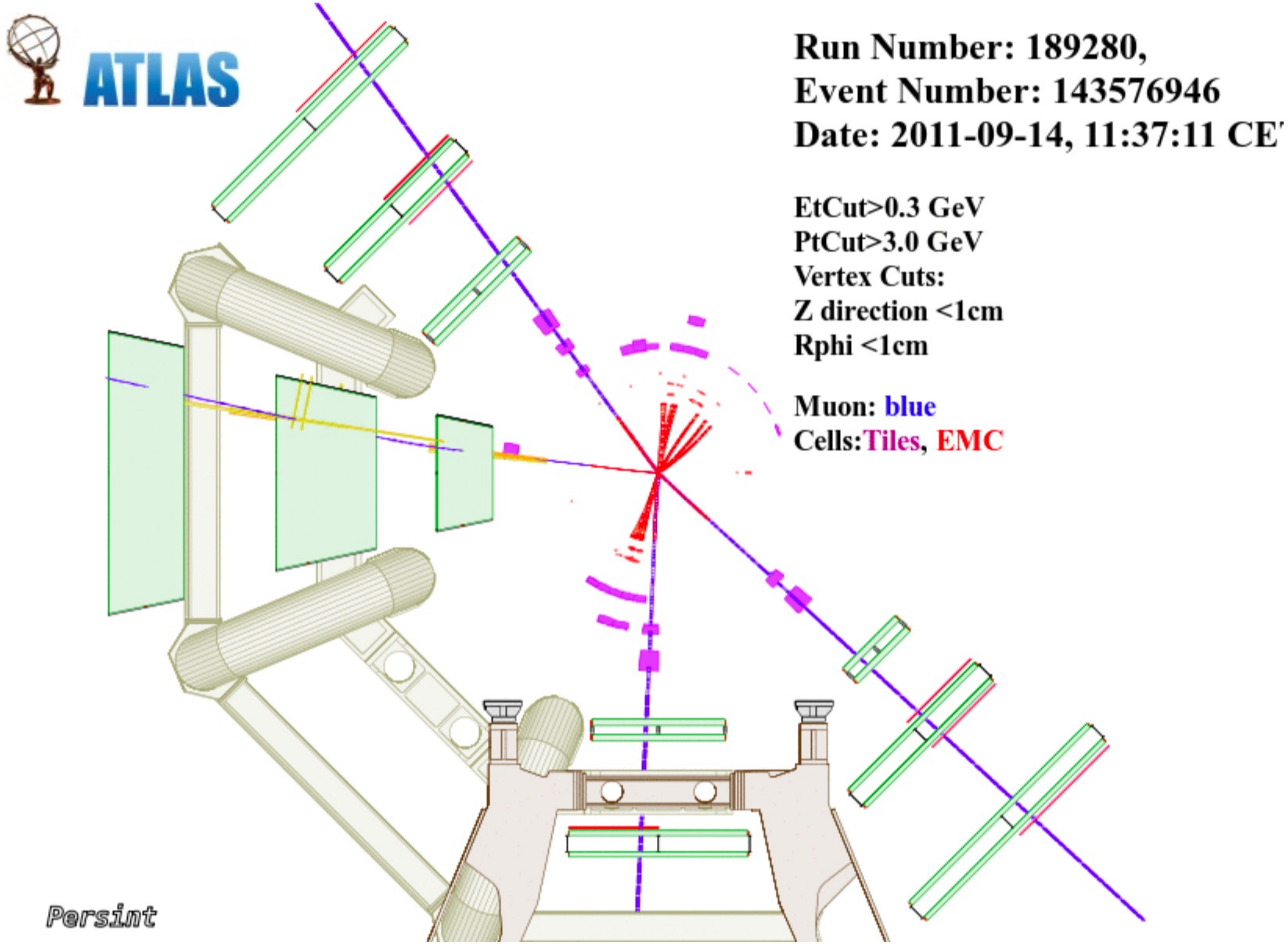

ATLAS: H → W^+W^- → $e^+ \nu$, $\mu^- \bar{\nu}$

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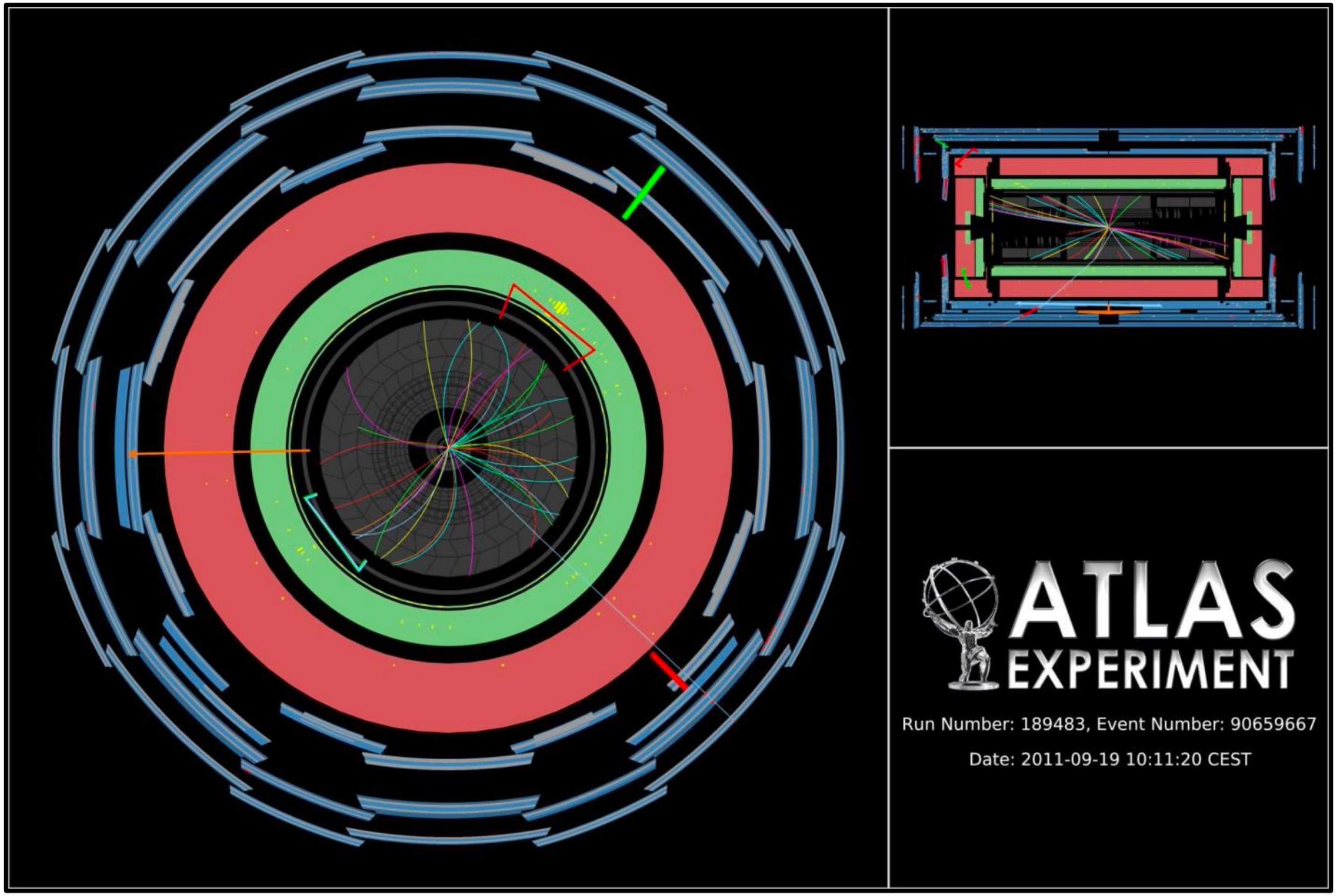

ATLAS: $Z \to \mu^+\mu^-, Z \to \mu^+\mu^-$

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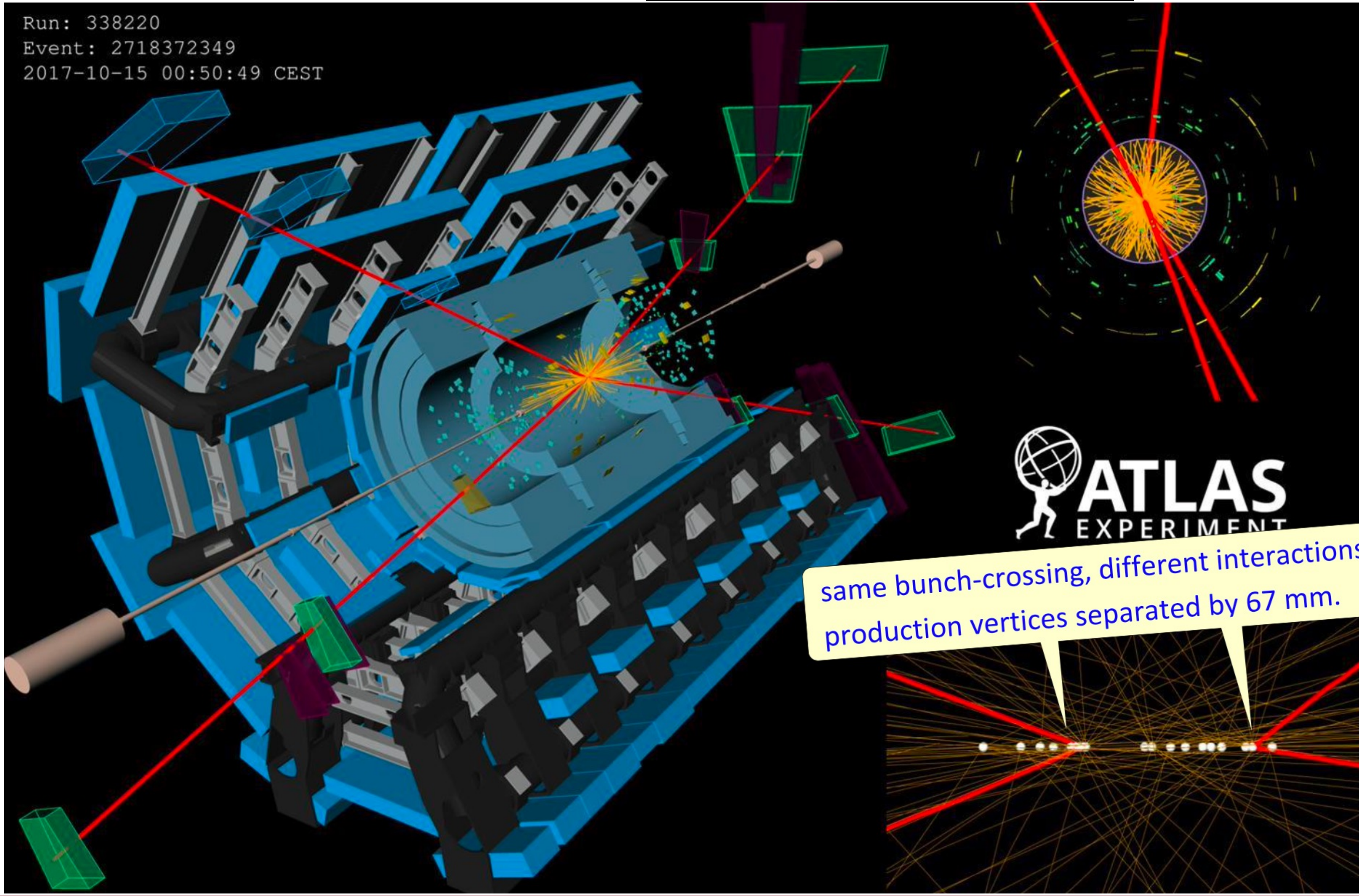

same bunch-crossing, different interactions production vertices separated by 67 mm.

ATLAS: $H \to \gamma\gamma$

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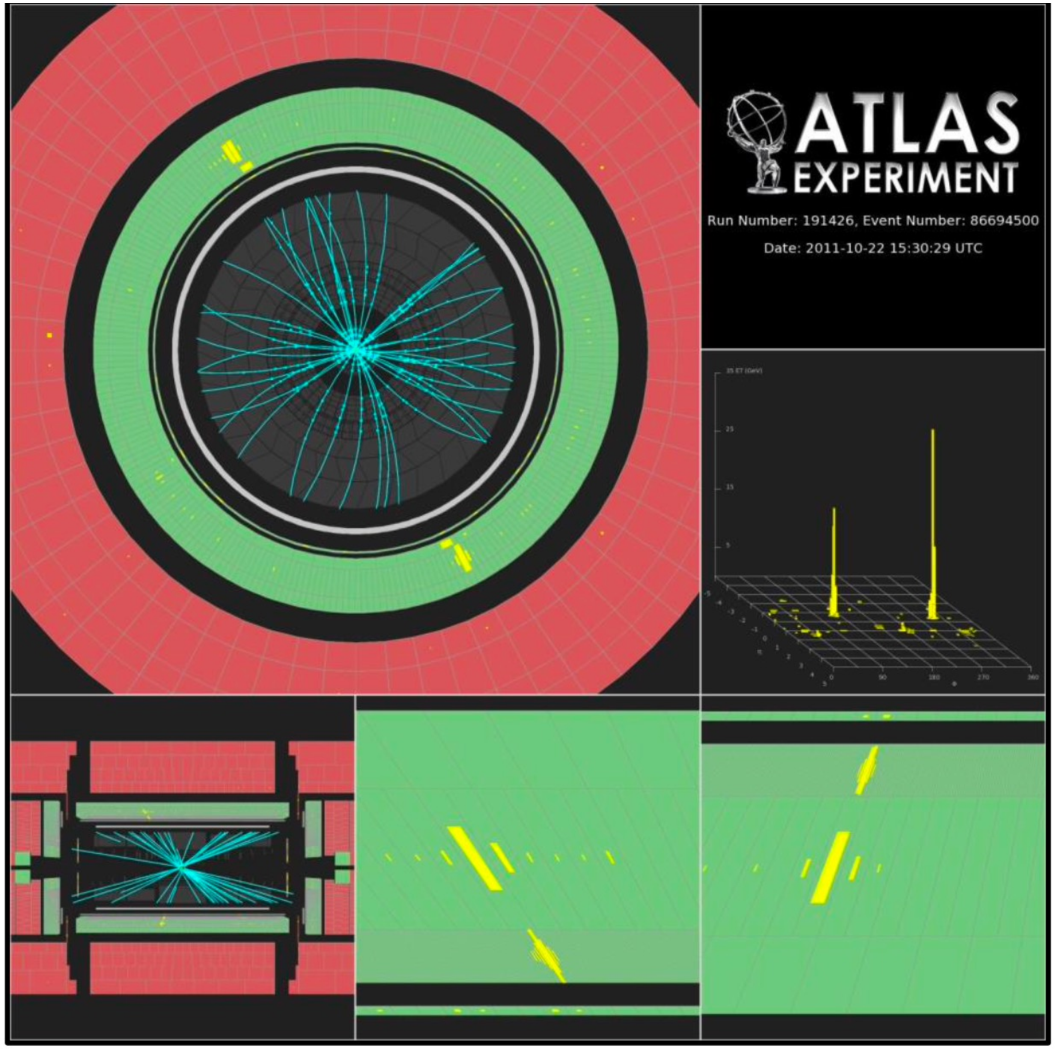

CMS: $H \to \gamma\gamma$

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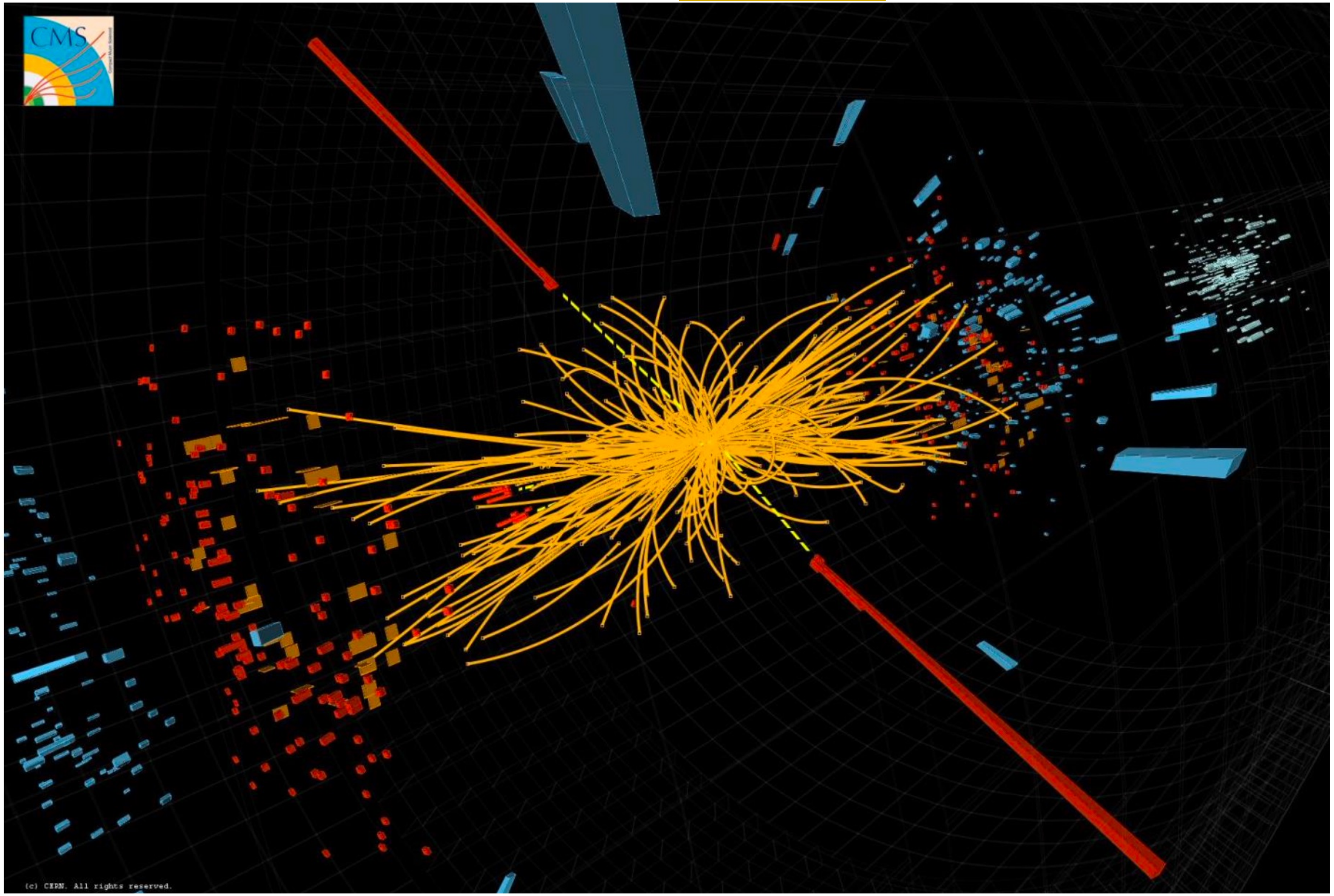
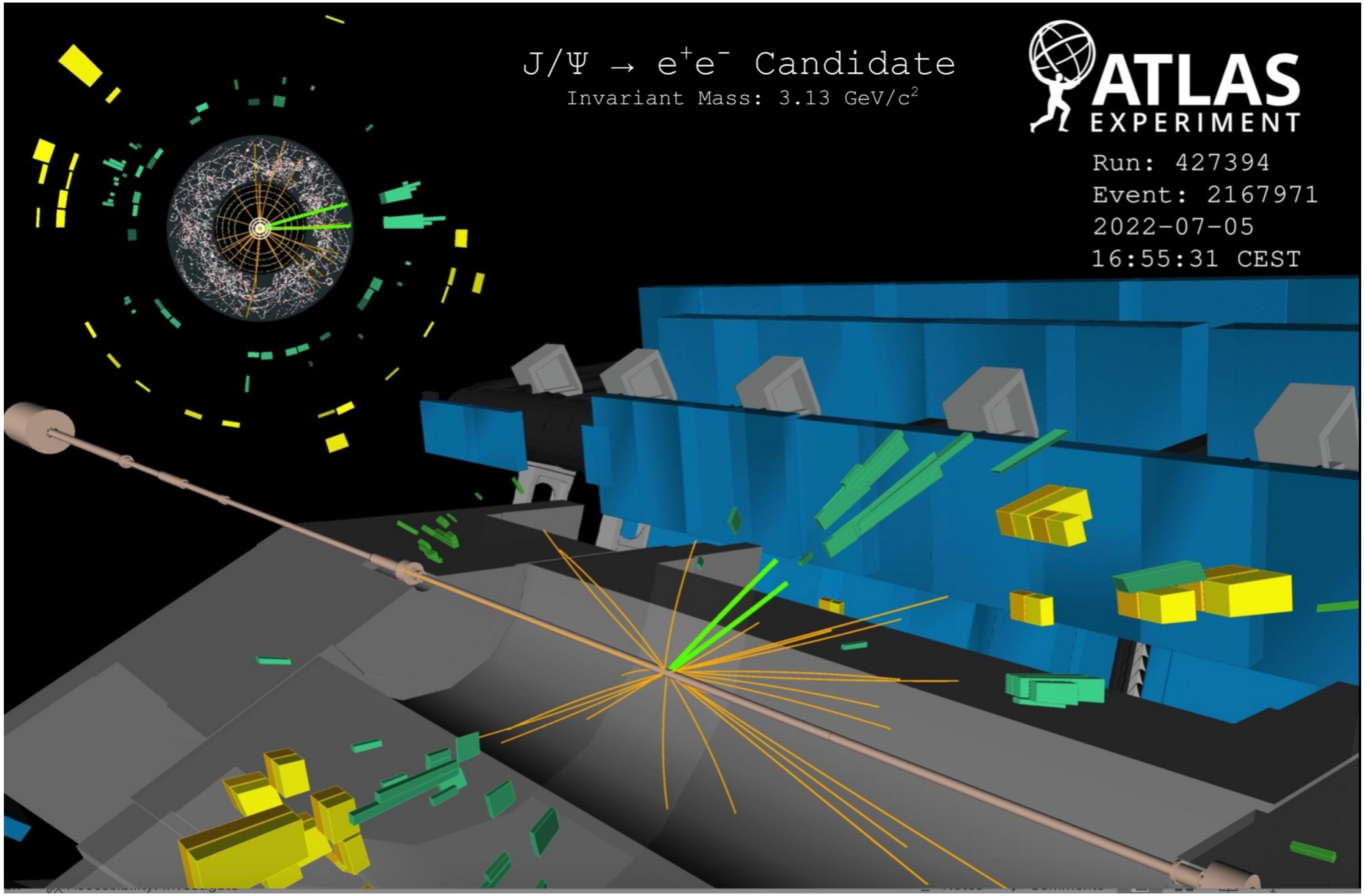
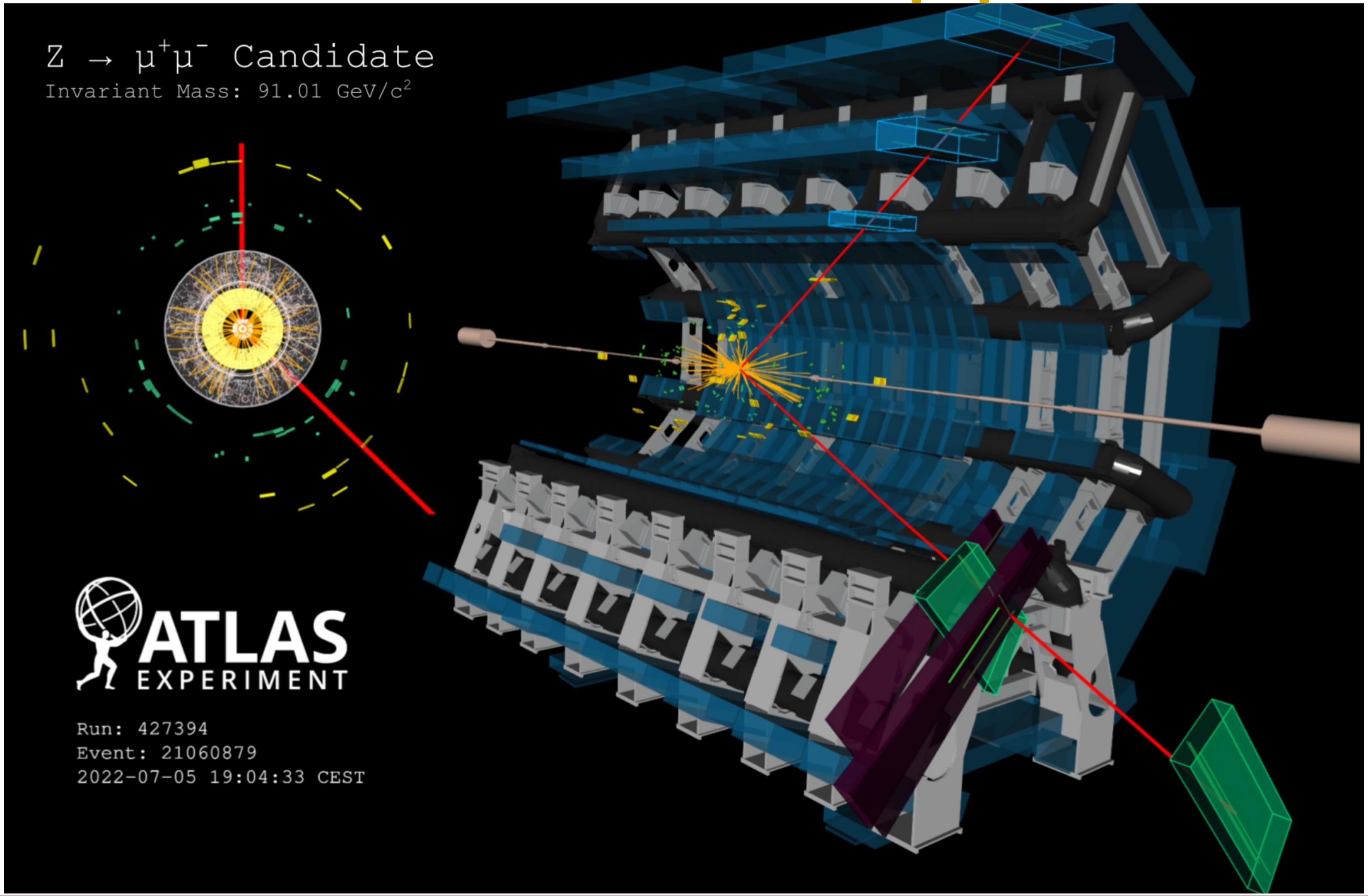


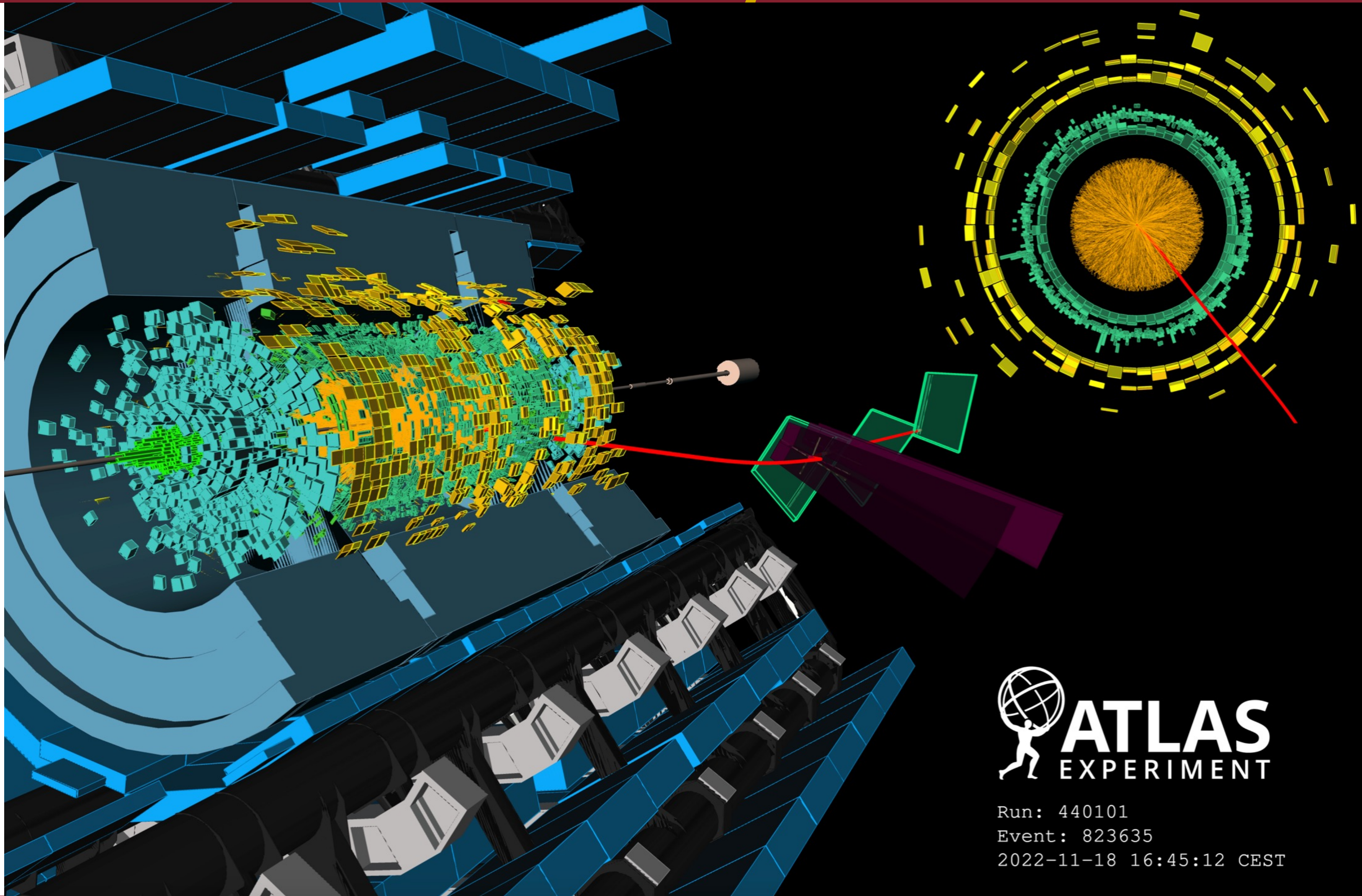
ATLAS Run-3: J/Ψ → e+e-



ATLAS Run3: Z → $\mu^+\mu^-$



ATLAS Run3: heavy ion collision



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