

# *Physics at the Large Hadron Collider*

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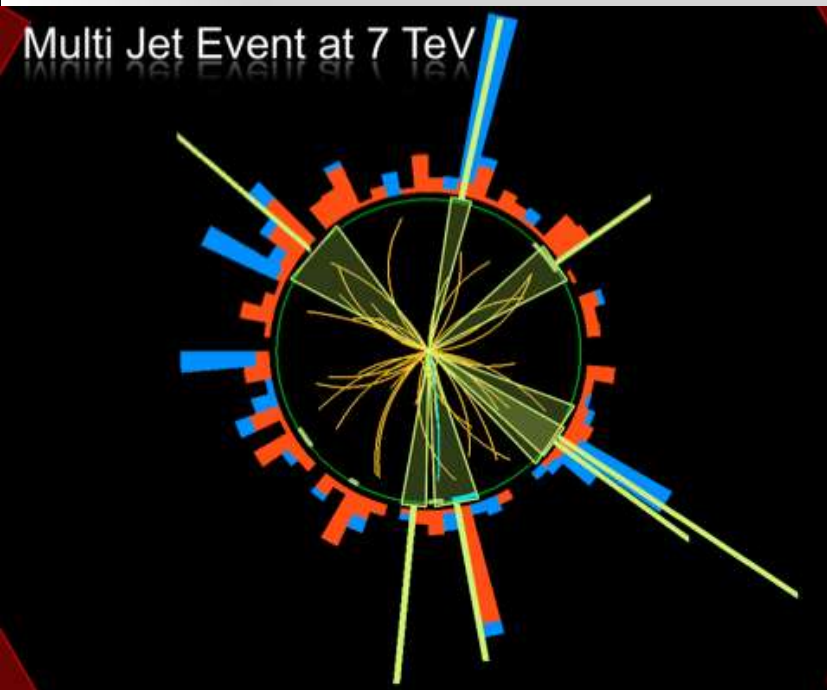
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# Lecture Plan

Overview of the 2 lectures in the next days

- **Lecture 1:** Introduction to Experimental Techniques at the LHC & Measurements and test of the Standard Model
- **Lecture 2:** The Higgs boson and Searches beyond the Standard Model, and a short outlook to the future at the LHC



Disclaimer:  
ATLAS & CMS have very  
similar results  
Typically one chosen  
for illustration

# Outline Lecture I

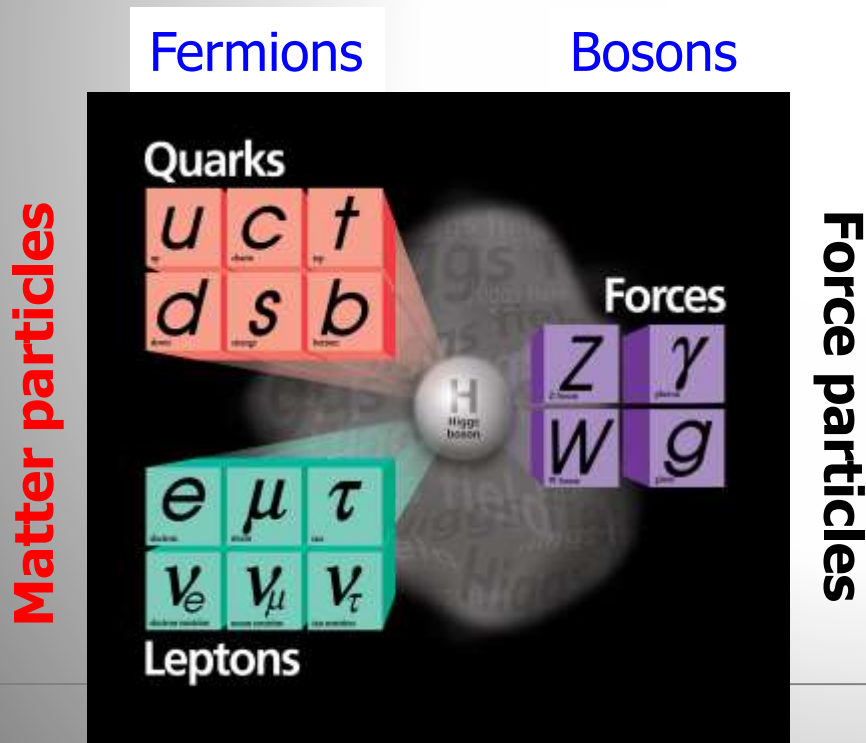
- Introduction: Experimental Particle Physics
- The Large Hadron Collider
- Experiments at the LHC
- Experimental Challenges
- Experimental Objects
- Basics of experimental pp collisions
- Standard Model Measurements
- Summary

What is the world made of?  
What holds the world together?  
Where did we come from?



# The “Standard Model”

Over the last 100 years: combination of **Quantum Mechanics and Special Theory of relativity** along with all new particles discovered has led to the **Standard Model of Particle Physics**.  
**The new (final?) “Periodic Table” of fundamental elements:**



The most basic mechanism of the SM, that of granting mass to particles remained a mystery for a long time

A major step forward was made in July 2012 with the discovery of what could be the long-sought Higgs boson!!

Fermions: particles with spin  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Bosons: particles with integer spin

# CERN: founded in 1954: 12 European States

## "Science for Peace"

## Today: 23 Member States

~ 2500 staff

~ 1800 other paid personnel

~ 13000 scientific users

Budget (2018) ~ 1150 MCHF

**Member States:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, **Portugal**, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom, Serbia

**Associate Members in the Pre-Stage to Membership:** Cyprus, Slovenia

**Associate Member States:** India, Lithuania, Pakistan, Turkey, Ukraine

**Applications for Membership or Associate Membership:**

Brazil, Croatia

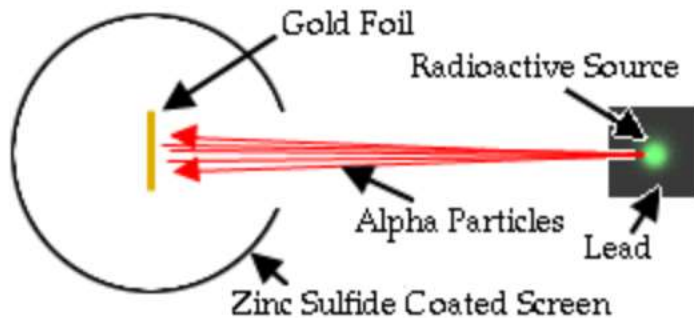
**Observers to Council:** Japan, Russia, United States of America; European Union, JINR and UNESCO



# High Energy Physics Experiments

First High Energy Physics Experiments:

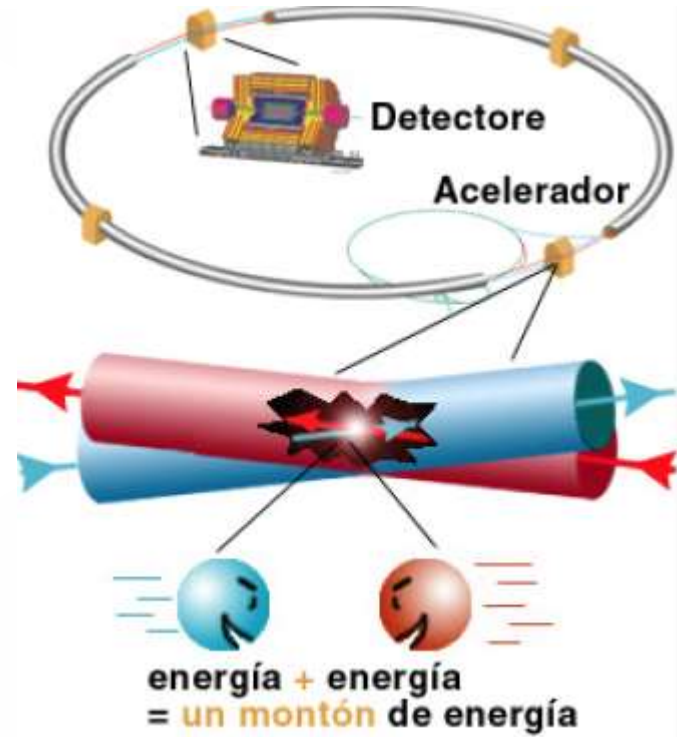
**Beam on fixed target!**



Rutherford experiment (1909)

High Energy Physics Experiments since mid 70's:

**Colliding beams!**



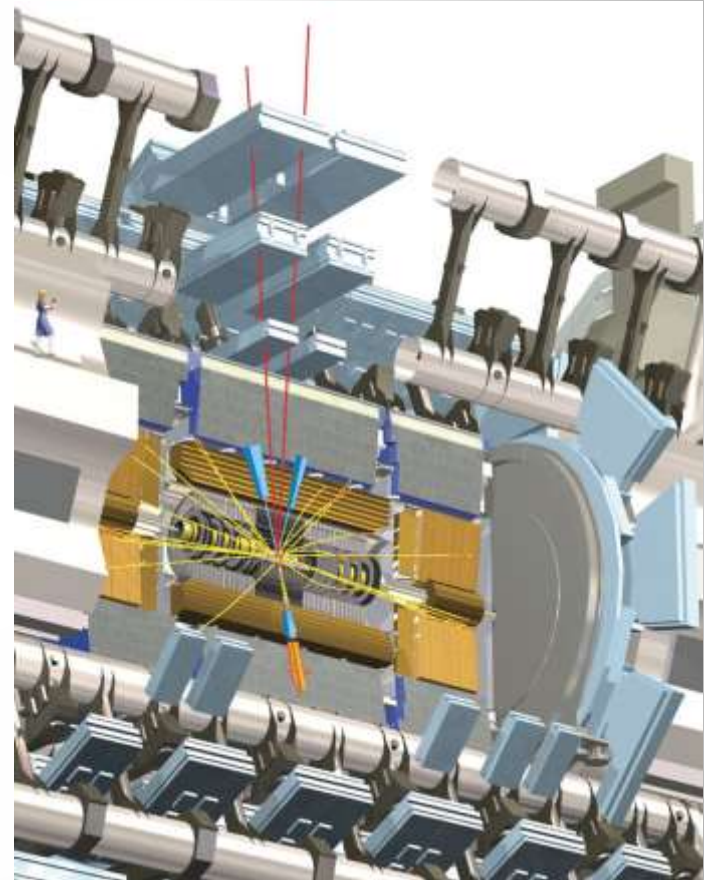
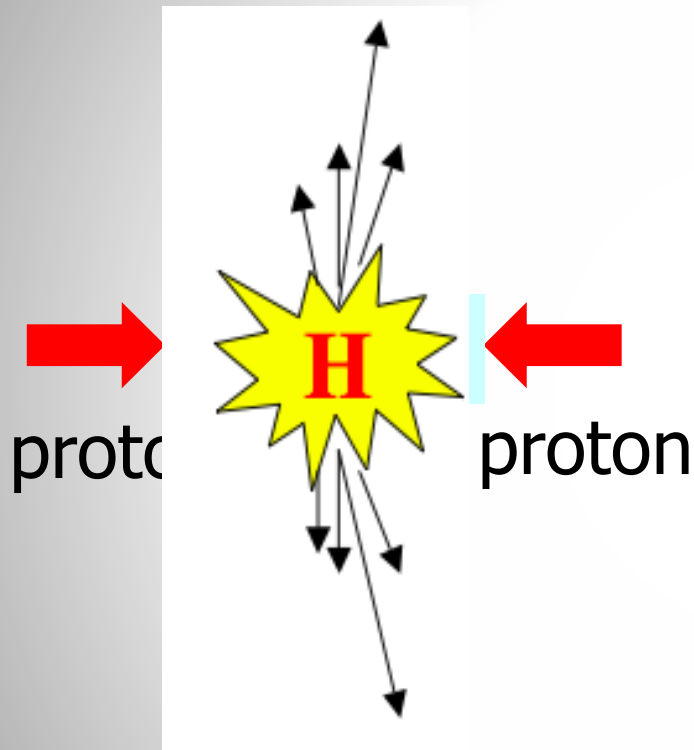
Centre of mass energy squared  $s=2E_1m_2$

Centre of mass energy squared  $s=4E_1E_2$

**...plus secondary beams such as neutrinos...**

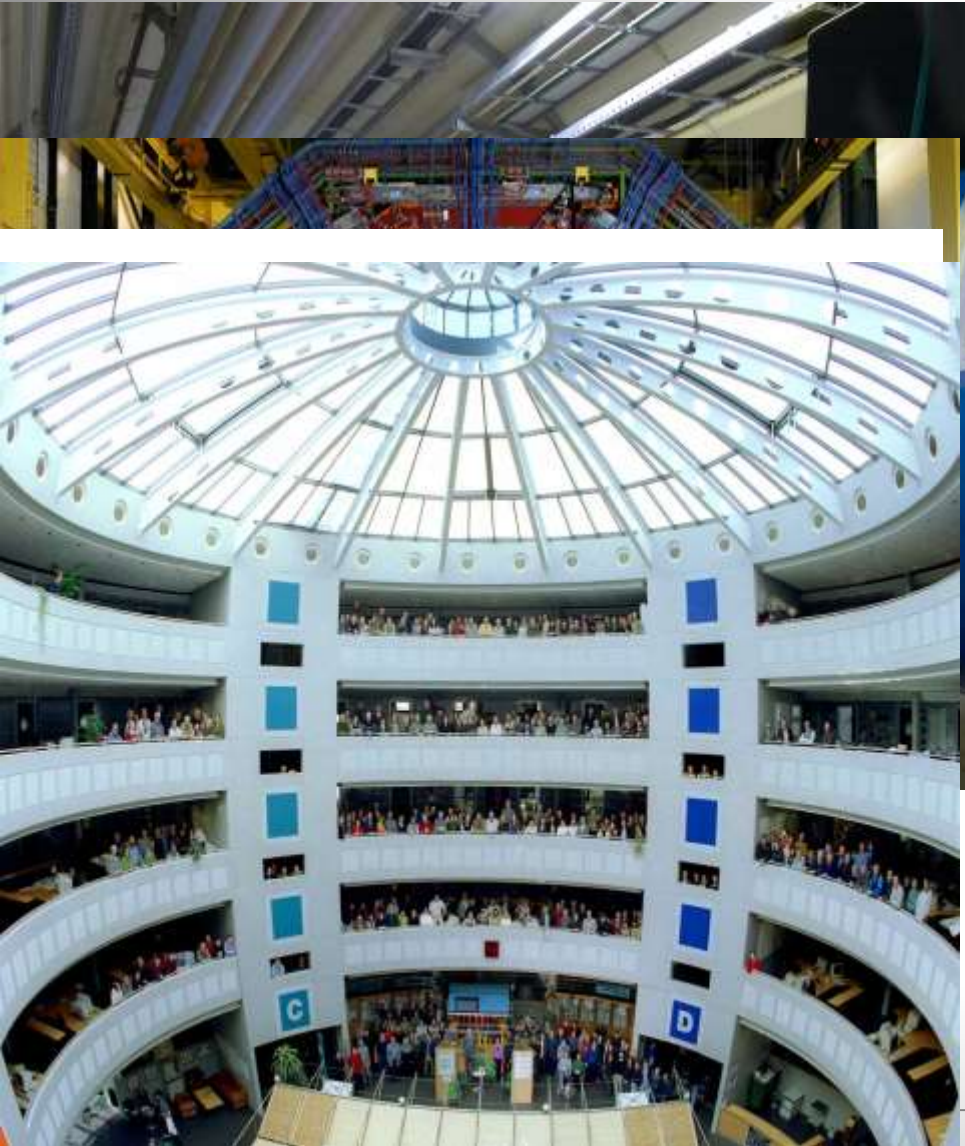
# LHC: The Higgs Particle

Technique: Produce and detect **Higgs** Particles at Particle Colliders



Experimental view...

# This Search Requires.....



**1. Accelerators :** powerful machines that accelerate particles to extremely high energies and bring them into collision with other particles

**2. Detectors :** gigantic instruments that record the resulting particles as they “stream” out from the point of collision.

**3. Computing :** to collect, store, distribute and analyse the vast amount of data produced by these detectors

**4. Collaborative Science on Worldwide scale :** thousands of scientists, engineers, technicians and support staff to design, build and operate these complex “machines”.

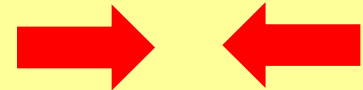
# **The Large Hadron Collider...**

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# The Large Hadron Collider = a proton proton collider

Also a heavy ion collider

7 TeV + 7 TeV  
6.5 TeV + 6.5 TeV  
(4/3.5 TeV + 4/3.5 TeV)



1 TeV = 1 Tera electron volt  
=  $10^{12}$  electron volt

## Primary physics targets

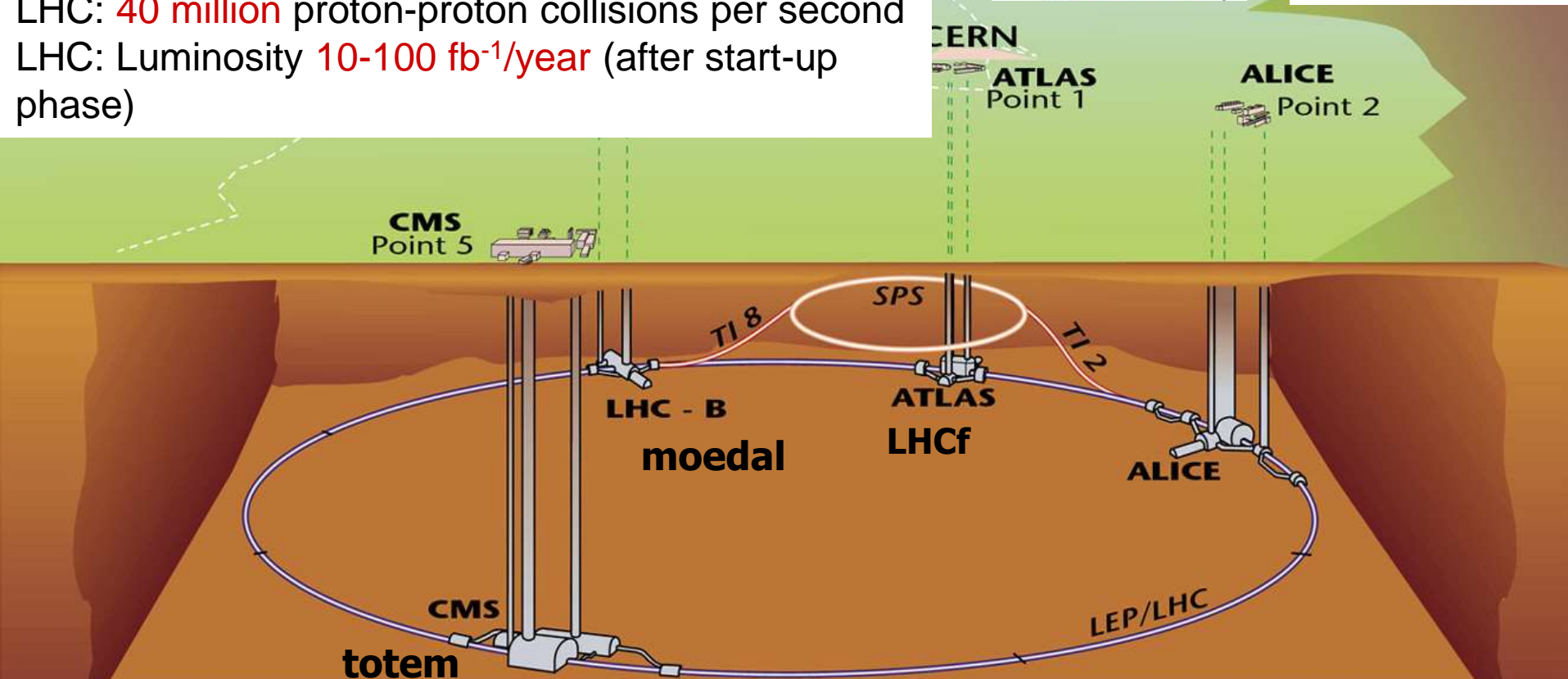
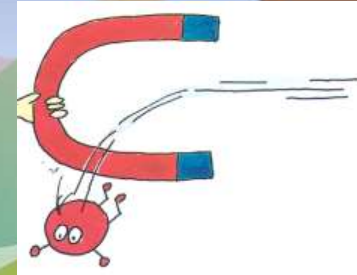
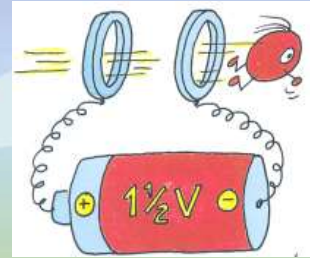
- Origin of mass
- Nature of Dark Matter
- Understanding space time
- Matter versus antimatter
- Primordial plasma

The LHC is a Discovery Machine

Will LHC determine the future course of High Energy Physics?

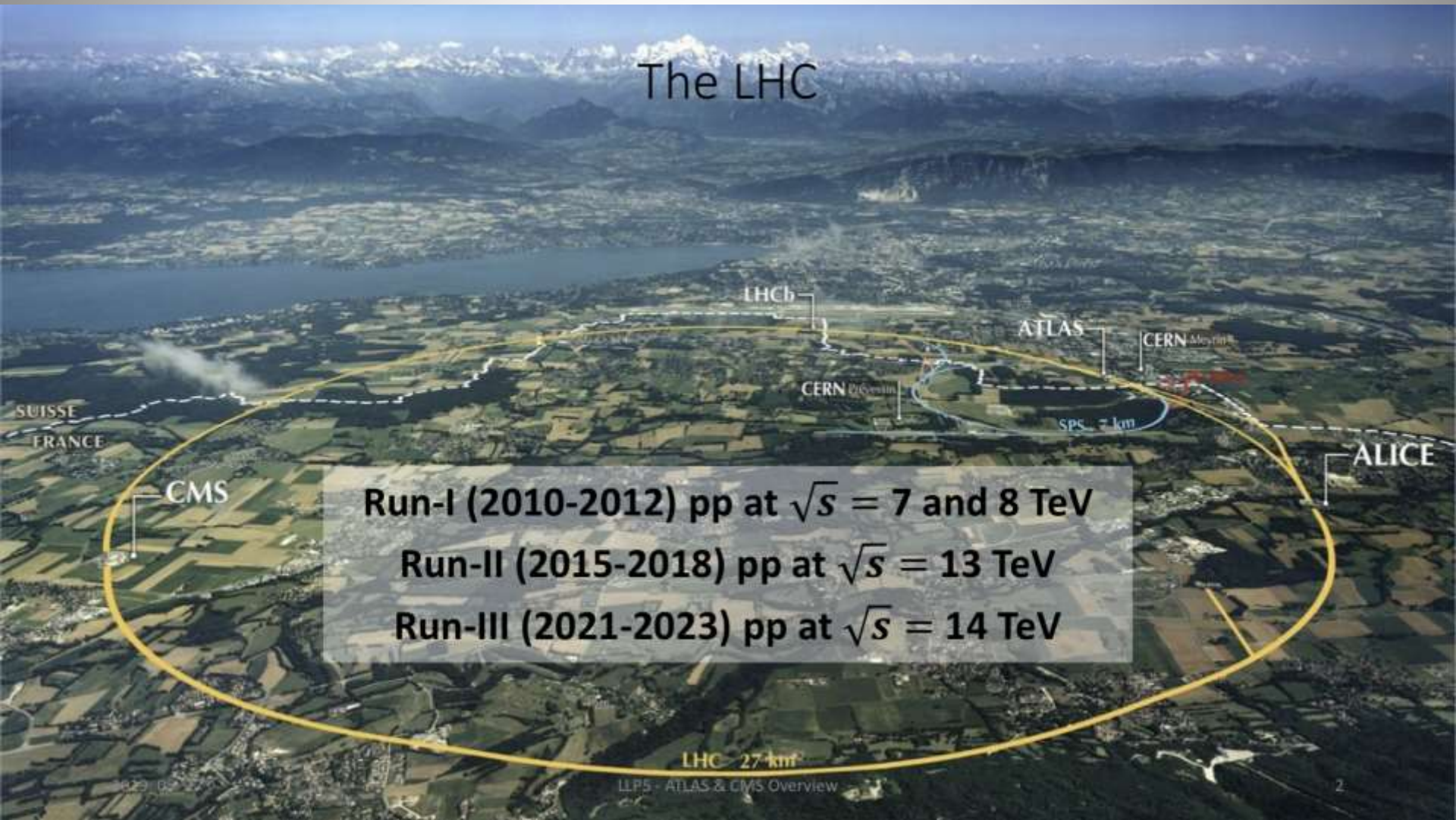
# The LHC Machine and Experiments

LHC is **100m** underground  
LHC is **27 km** long  
Magnet Temperature is **1.9 Kelvin** = -271 Celsius  
LHC has ~ **9000 magnets**  
LHC: **40 million** proton-proton collisions per second  
LHC: Luminosity  **$10\text{-}100 \text{ fb}^{-1}/\text{year}$**  (after start-up phase)



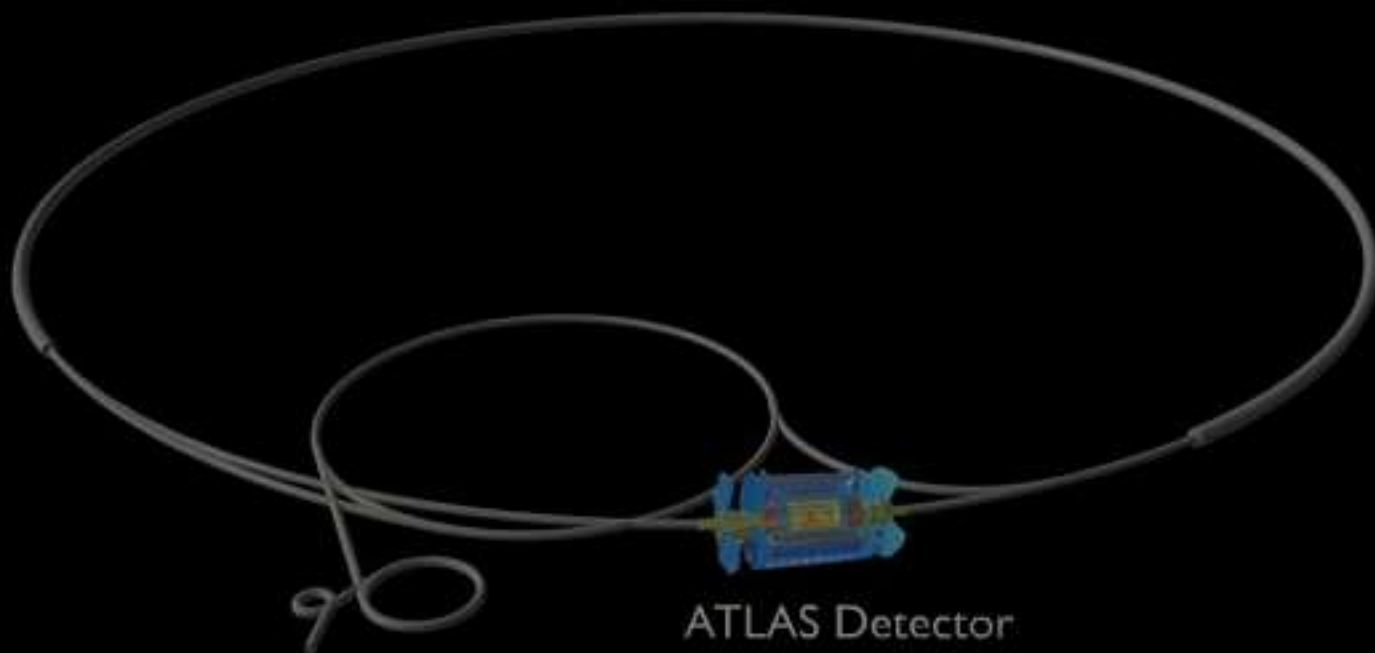
- **High Energy**  $\Rightarrow$  factor 7 increase w.r.t. past accelerators
- **High Luminosity** (# events/cross section/time)  $\Rightarrow$  factor 100 increase

# LHC Running



PLAY▶

Large Hadron Collider



ATLAS Detector

# Example: LHC Operation 2018:

LHC Page1

Fill: 6714

E: 6499 GeV

t(SB): 01:57:38

23-05-18 09:46:44

## PROTON PHYSICS: STABLE BEAMS

Energy:

6499 GeV

I(B1):

2.52e+14

I(B2):

2.58e+14

Inst. Lumi [(ub.s)<sup>-1</sup>]

IP1: 16386.48

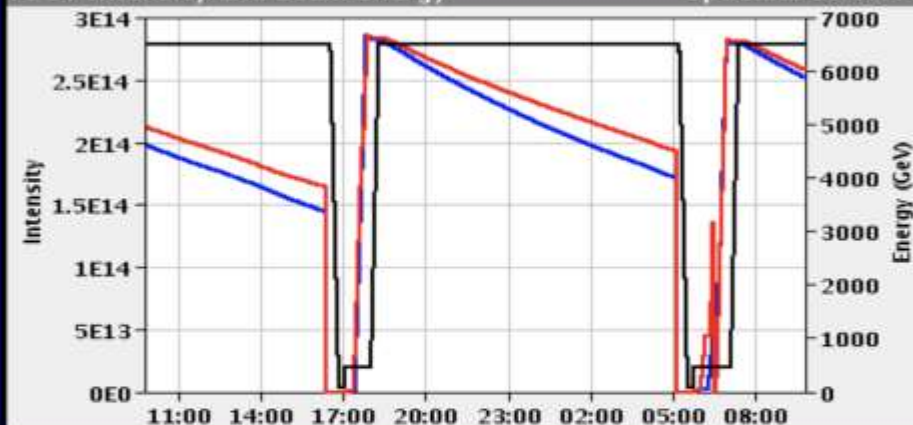
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FBCT Intensity and Beam Energy

Updated: 09:46:44



Instantaneous Luminosity

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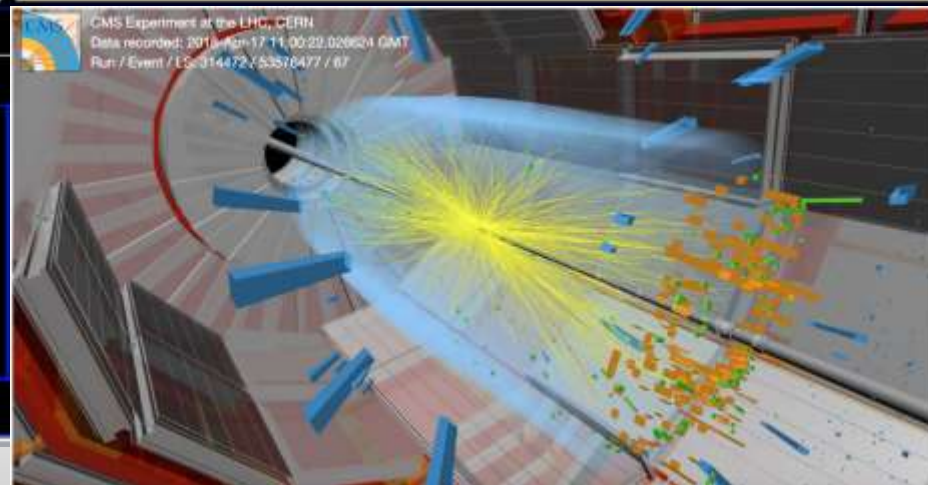


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pots in  
Angle levelling IP1 IP5

Physics fill with 2556b

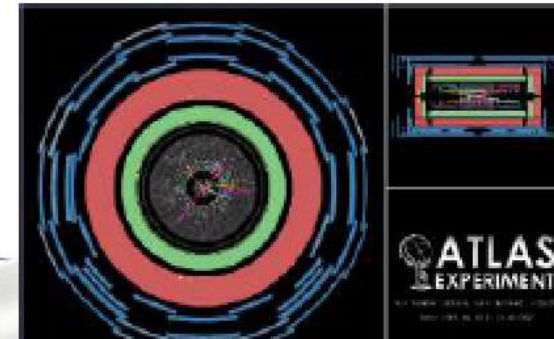
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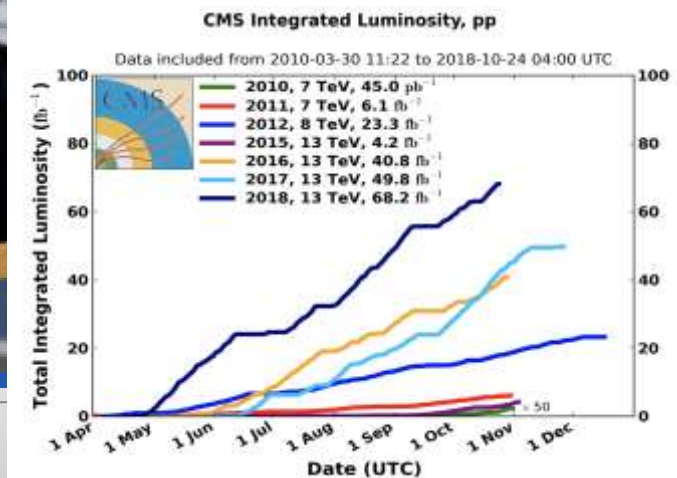
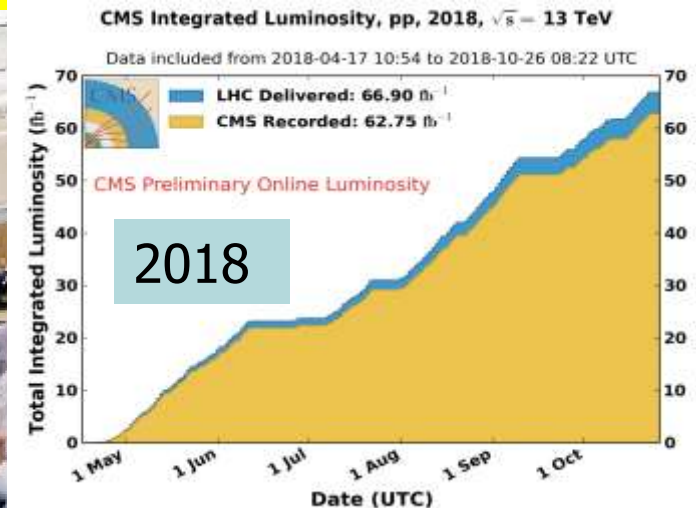
# LHC experiments are back in business at a new record energy 13 TeV

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015      Run-2 starts

proton-proton Run-2 finished 24/10/18 6:00am



- 2010-2012: Run-1 at 7/8 TeV CM energy
  - Collected  $\sim 27 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- 2015-2018: Run-2 at 13 TeV CM Energy
  - Collected  $\sim 150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



# LHC Highlights

- LHC switched on at 7 TeV in March 2010
  - > The highest energy in the lab!
- LHC @ 13 TeV from 2015 onwards
- Most important highlight so far:
  - The discovery of a Higgs boson
- Many results on Standard Model process measurements, top-physics, b-physics, heavy ion physics, searches, Higgs physics
- Waiting for the next discovery...
  - > Searching beyond the Standard Model



March 30 2010 ...waiting..  
...since 4:00 am



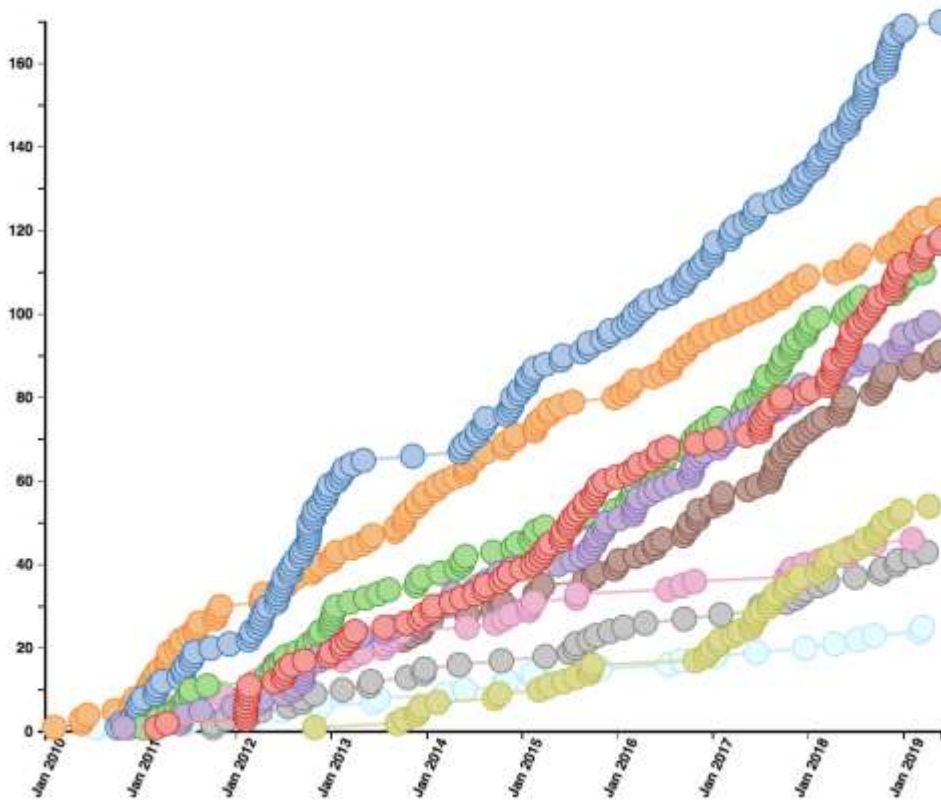
12:58 7 TeV collisions!!!

# LHC Publications: Example CMS

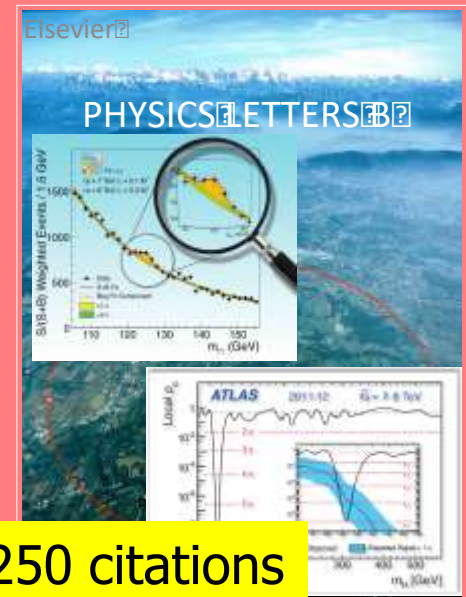


~ 880 publications on  
pp (and pPb/PbPb)  
physics since 1/2010

About 100 papers on  
Higgs studies!!  
Paper 16 was the  
discovery paper!

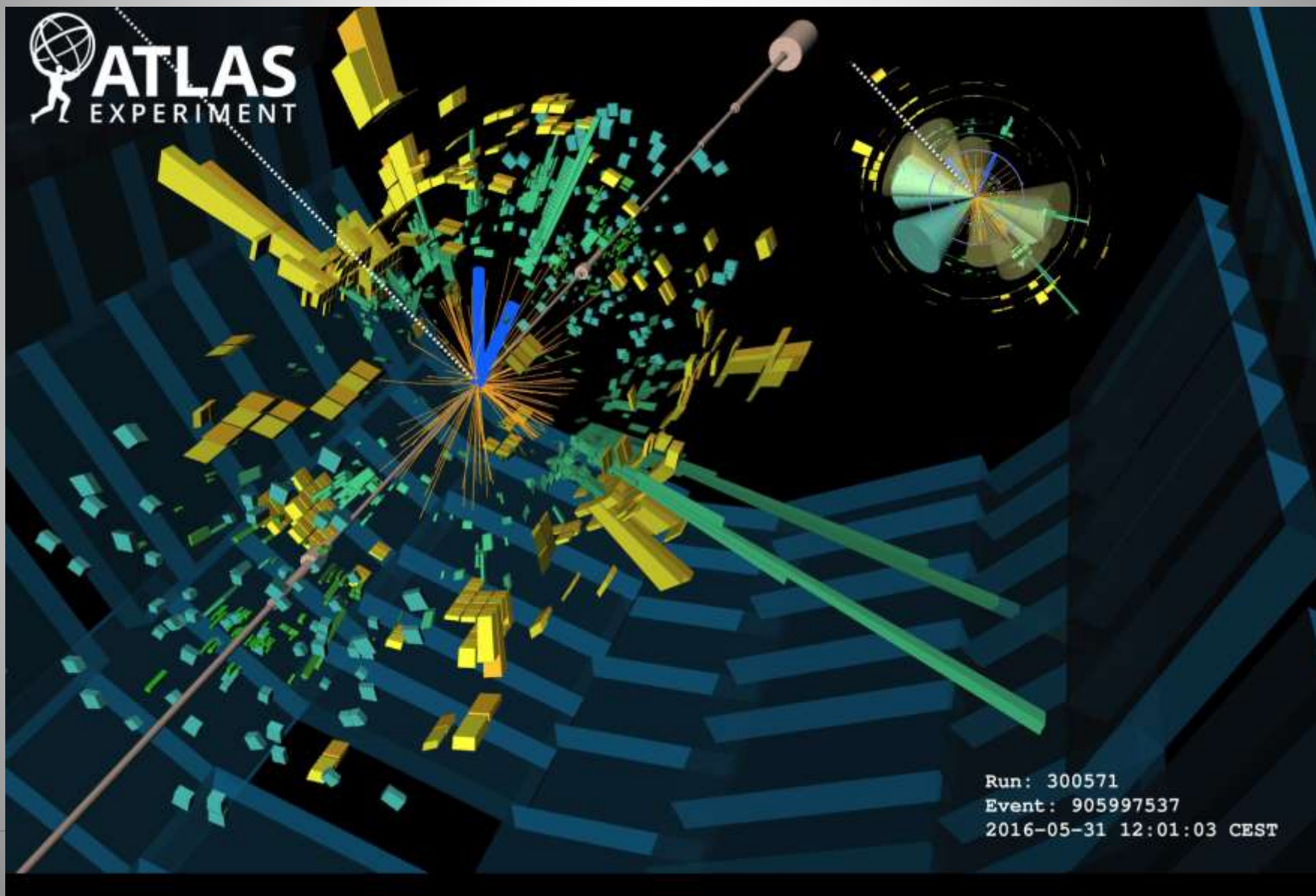


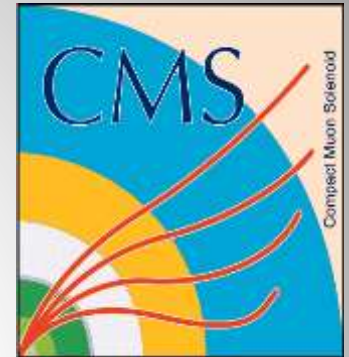
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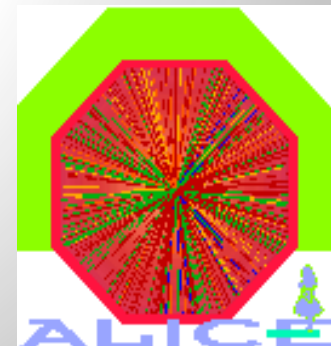
>9250 citations

# Collision in the ATLAS Detector





# Experiments at the LHC



# Schematic of a LHC Detector

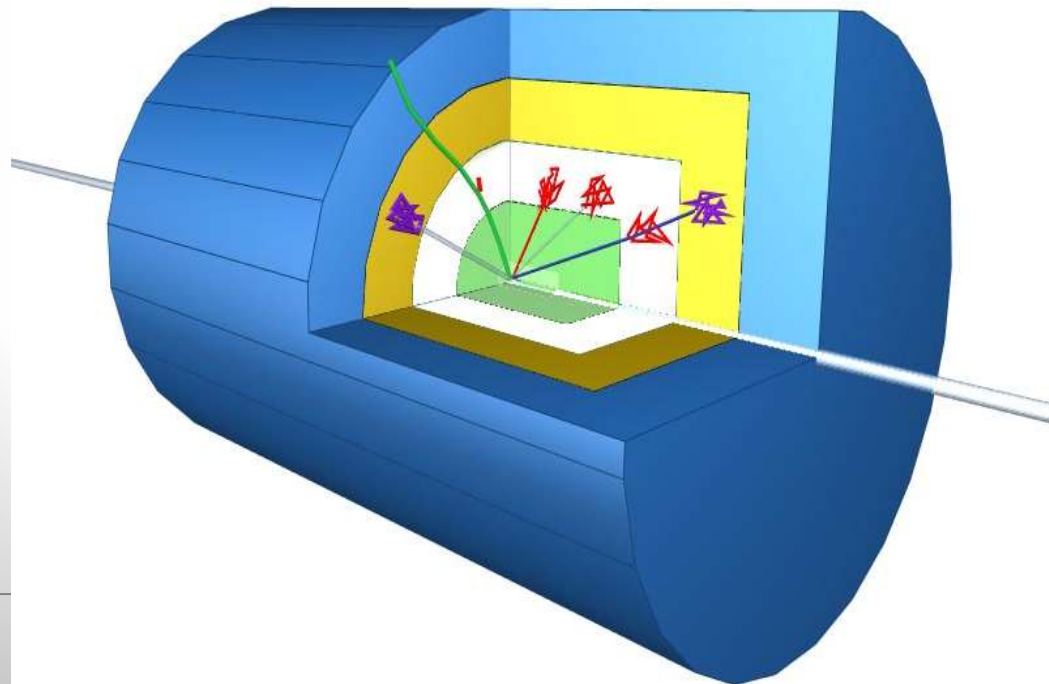
**Physics requirements drive the design!**

**Analogy with a cylindrical onion:**

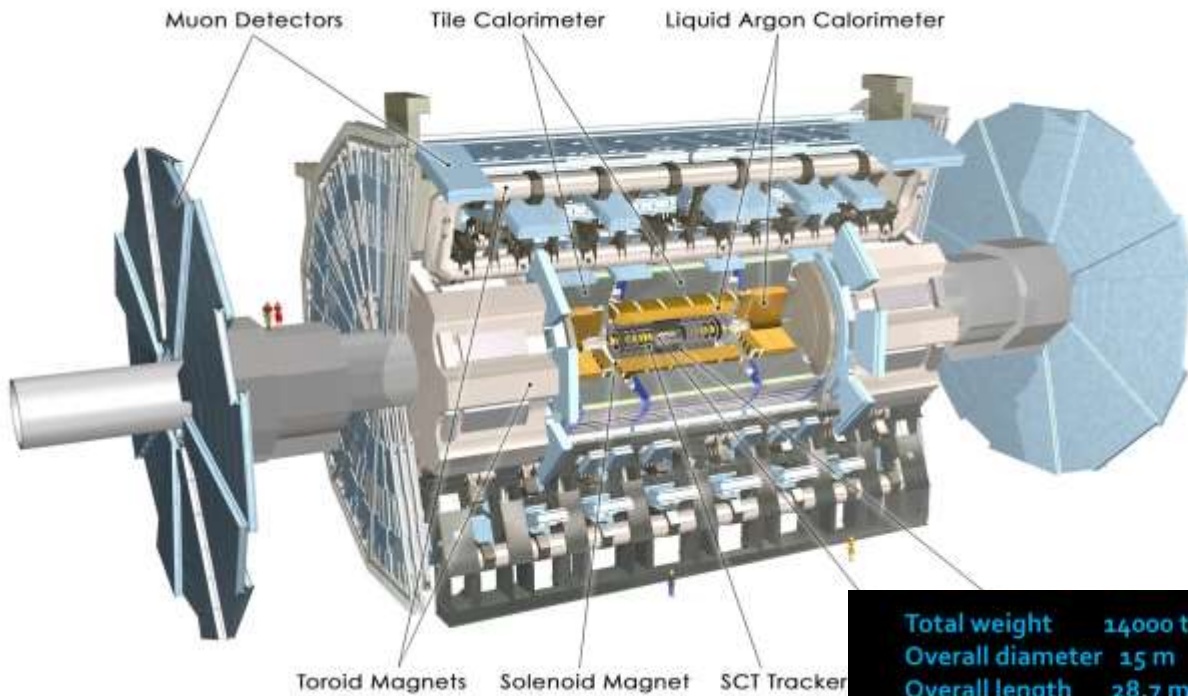
Technologically advanced detectors comprising many layers, each designed to perform a specific task.

Together these layers allow us to identify and precisely measure the energies and directions of all the particles produced in collisions.

Such an experiment has ~ 100 Million read-out channels!!

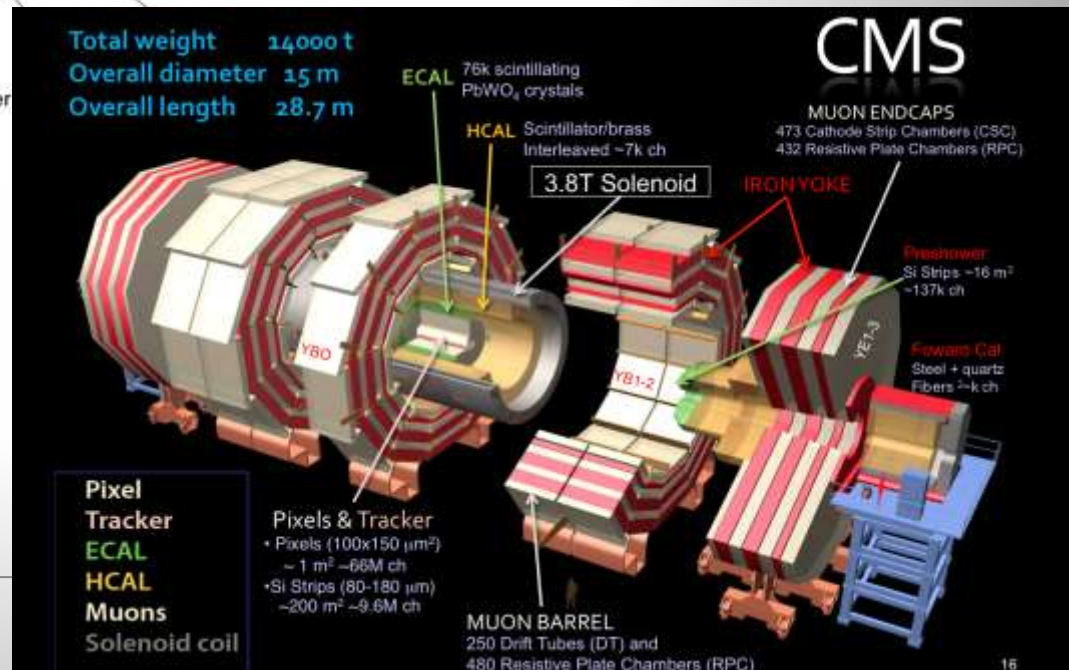


# The Higgs Hunters @ the LHC



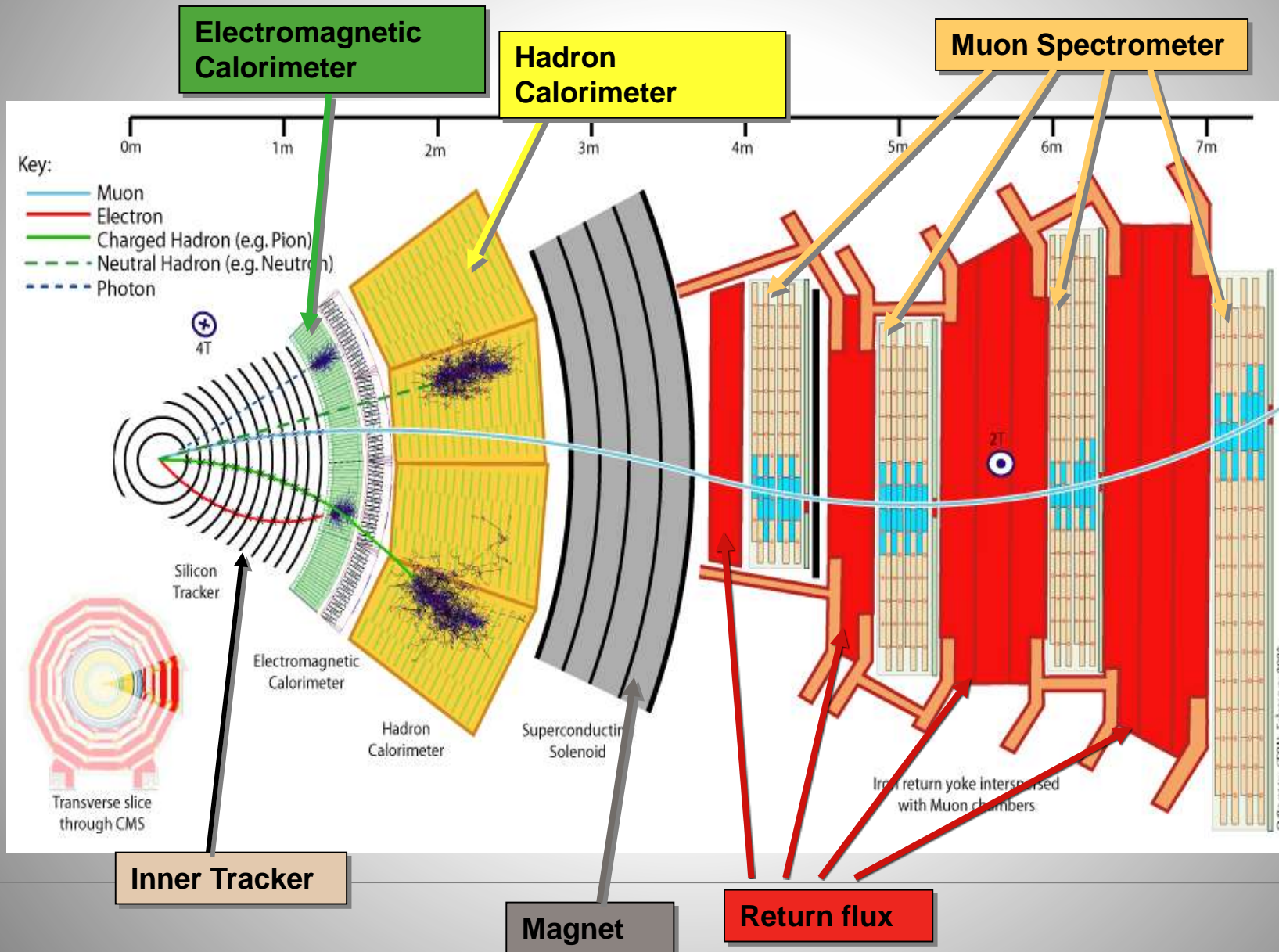
The ATLAS experiment

The CMS experiment



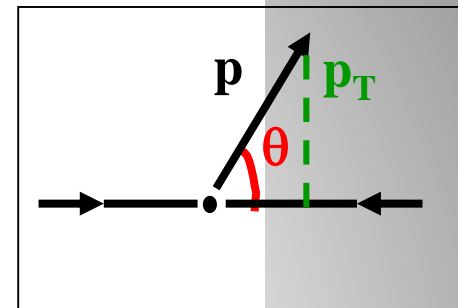
These experiments use different technologies for their detector components

# Particles in Detectors



# Kinematic Variables for pp Scattering

- Transverse momentum,  $p_T$  and  $E_T = E \sin\theta$ 
  - Particles that escape detection (0) have  $p_T = 0$
  - Visible transverse momentum  $\neq 0$ 
    - Very useful variable!
- Longitudinal momentum and energy,  $p_z$  and  $E$ 
  - Particles that escape detection have large  $p_z$
  - Visible  $p_z$  is not conserved
    - Not so useful variable
- Angle:
  - Polar angle  $\theta$  is not Lorentz invariant
  - Rapidity:  $y$
  - Pseudorapidity:  $\eta$

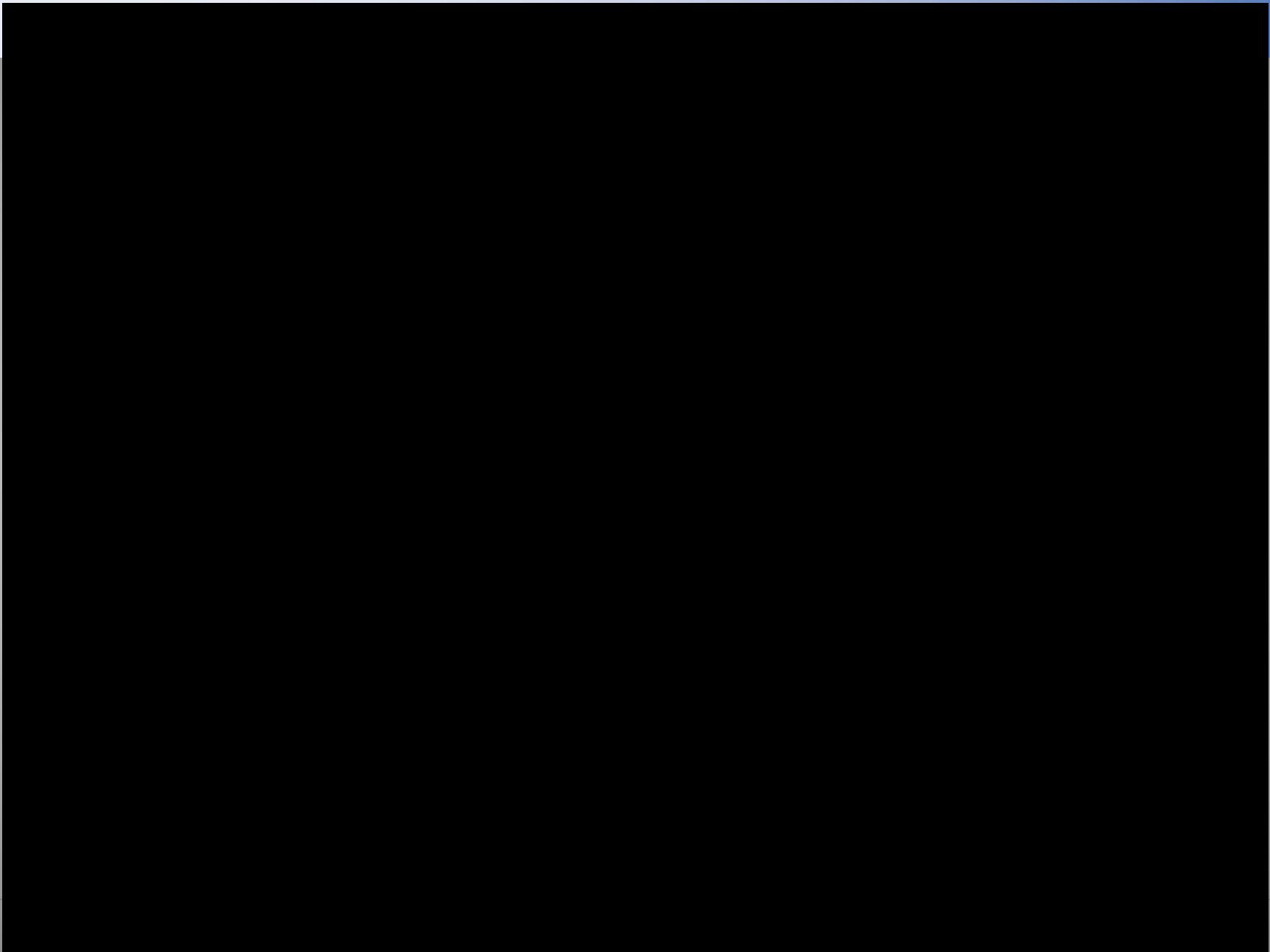


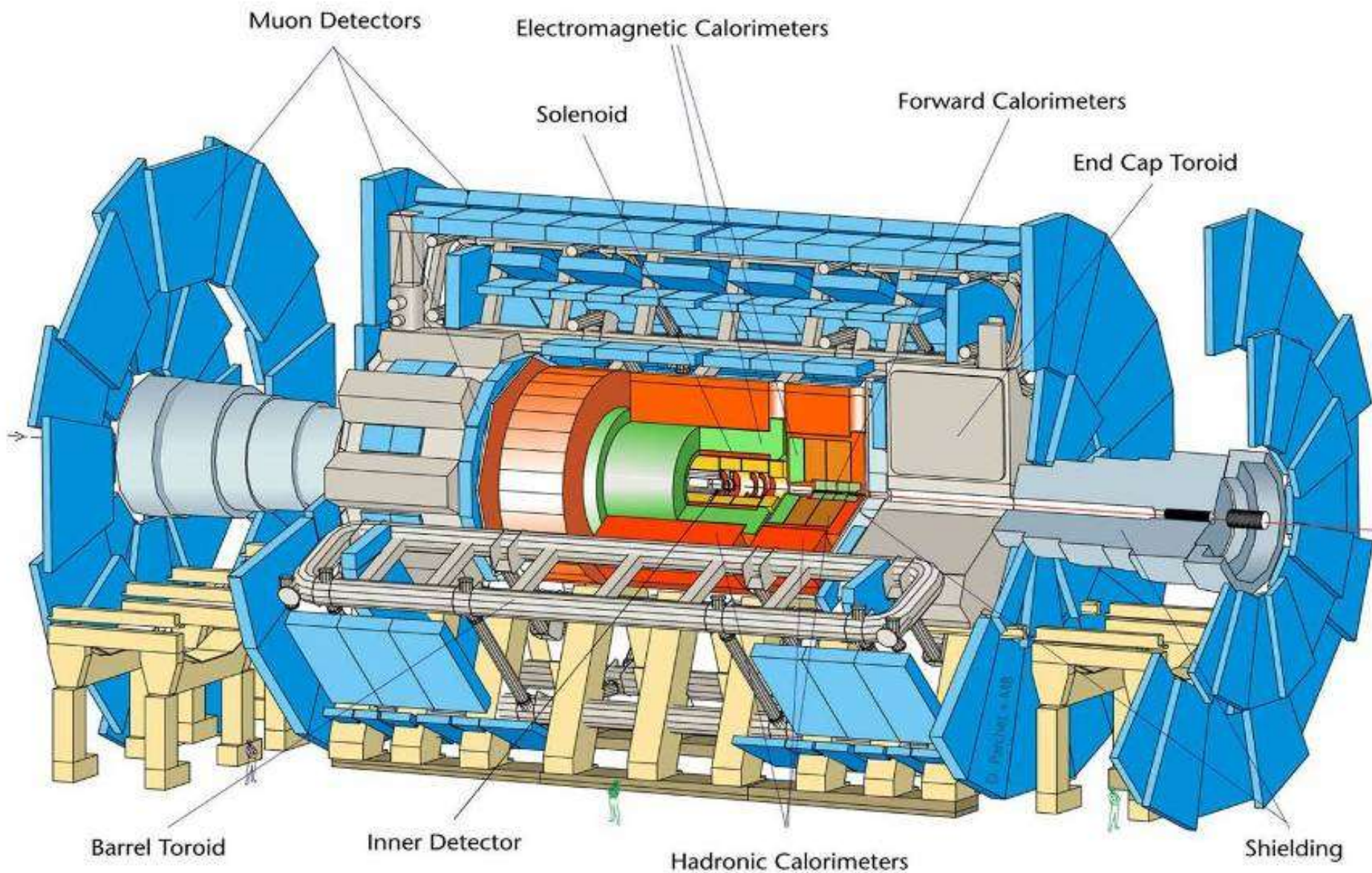
For  $M=0$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$$

$$y = \eta = -\ln\left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

- Missing  $E_T$  and  $P_T$ : Vectorial sum of all transverse momenta





**Length = 55 m; Width = 32 m; Height = 35 m; but spatial precision ~ 100  $\mu\text{m}$**

# CMS Detector

## Compact Muon Solenoid

**Total weight:**  
**14000 tons**  
**Overall diameter:**  
**15 m**  
**Overall length:**  
**28.7m**

**STEEL RETURN YOKE**  
~13000 tonnes

**SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID**  
Niobium-titanium coil  
carrying ~18000 A

**HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)**  
Brass + plastic scintillator  
~7k channels

**SILICON TRACKER**  
Pixels ( $100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$ )  
~1m<sup>2</sup> ~66M channels  
Microstrips (80-180 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
~200m<sup>2</sup> ~9.6M channels

**CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL)**  
~76k scintillating PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals

**PRESHOWER**  
Silicon strips  
~16m<sup>2</sup> ~137k channels

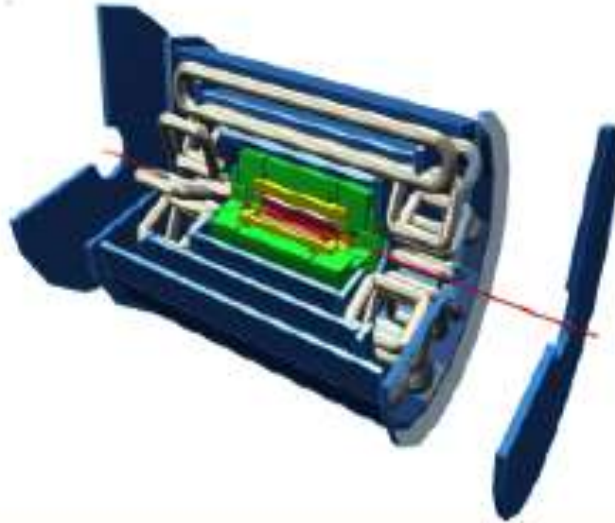
**FORWARD CALORIMETER**  
Steel + quartz fibres  
~2k channels

**MUON CHAMBERS**  
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube & 480 Resistive Plate Chambers  
Endcaps: 473 Cathode Strip & 432 Resistive Plate Chambers

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# General Purpose Detectors at LHC

**ATLAS** A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS



**CMS** Compact Muon Solenoid



In total about

~100 000 000 electronic channels

Each channel checked

40 000 000 times per second (collision rate is 40 MHz)

Amount of data of just one collisions

~1 000 000 Bytes

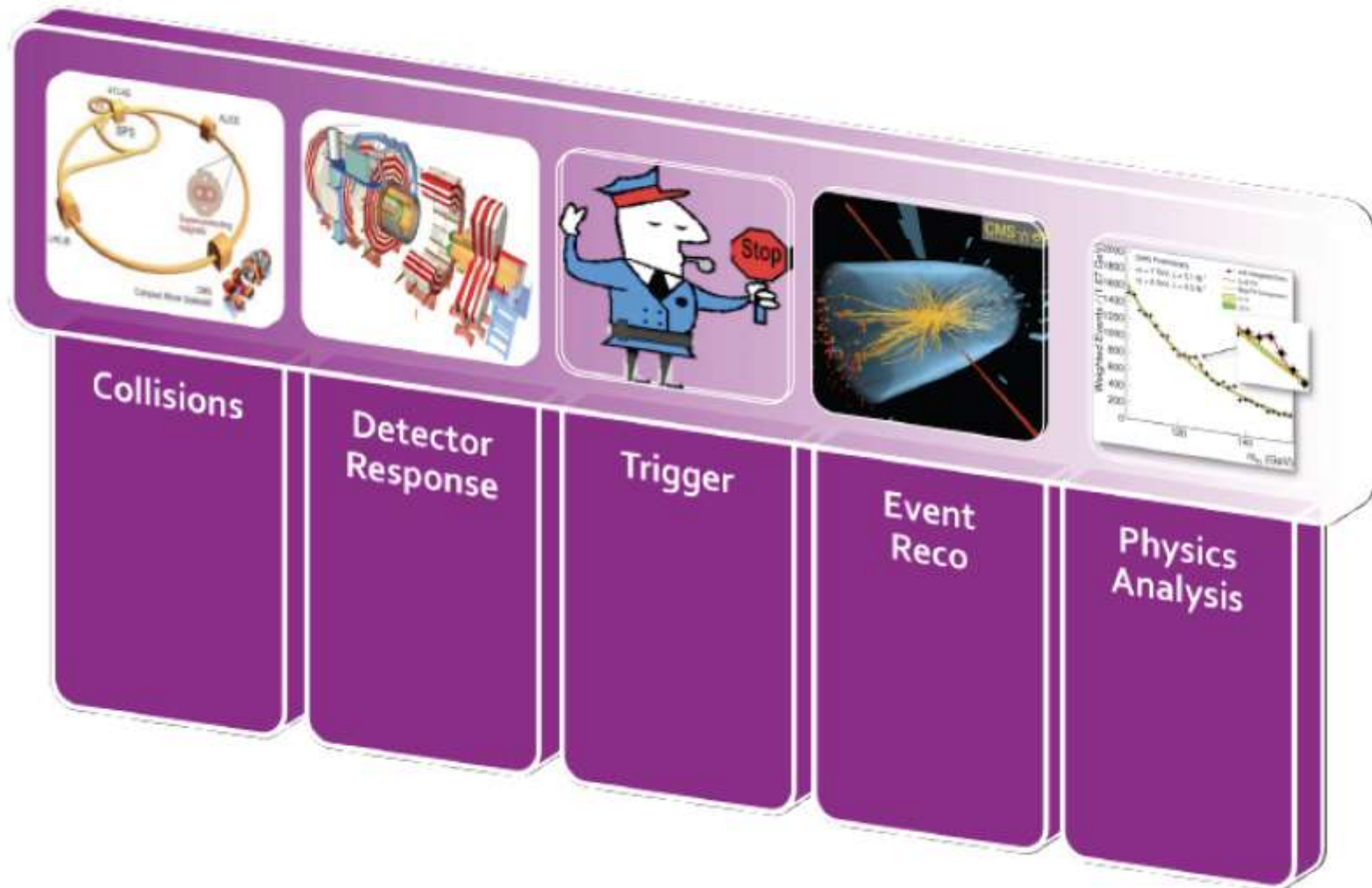
Trigger (online event selection)

Reduce 40 MHz collision rate to ~1 kHz data recording rate

Readout to disk

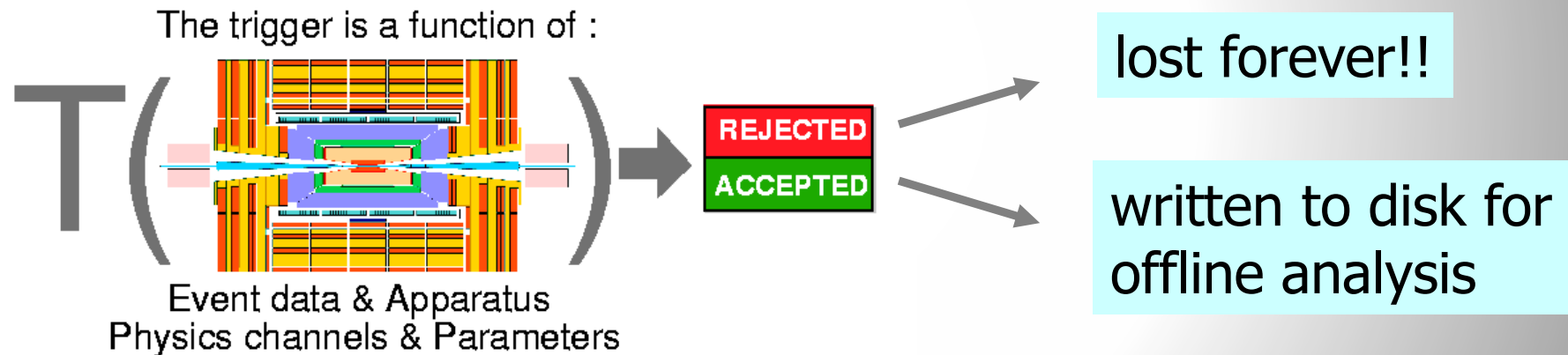
O(1000) collisions/sec  $\Rightarrow$  petaBytes of data/year

# From Collisions to Papers...



# Event Filtering: the Trigger System

Bunch crossing rate is 40 MHz      Event size  $\sim 1$  Mbyte  
2007 technology (and budget) allows only to write a  $\sim 1$  kHz  
of events to tape       $\rightarrow$  need a factor  $\sim 10^5$  online filtering!!



The event trigger is one of the biggest challenges at the LHC  
 $\Rightarrow$  Based on hard scattering signatures: jets, leptons, photons,  
missing  $E_T, \dots$

# The LHC Data Challenges

Experiments were anticipated to produce about **15 Million Gigabytes** of data each year (~20 million CDs!)

The total volume in eg ATLAS is 5 billion detector events and several billion Monte Carlo events amounting to 100 Million Gigabytes of data in 3 years

LHC data analysis requires a computing power equivalent to **~100,000 of today's fastest PC processors**

=> Requires many cooperating computer centres, as CERN can only provide ~20% of the capacity

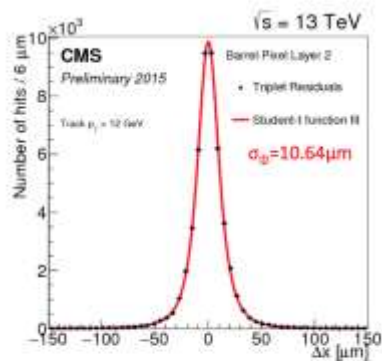
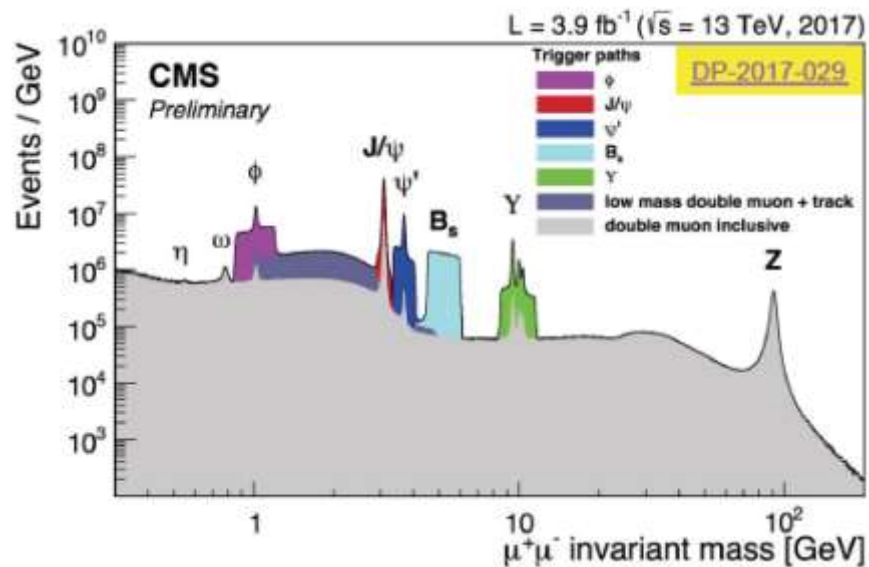
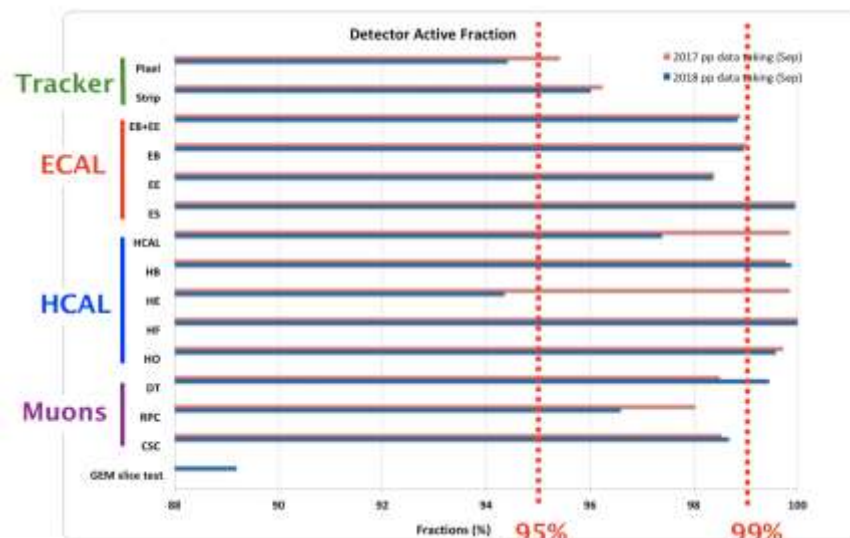


**GRID Computing**

# Detector Performance @ 13 TeV

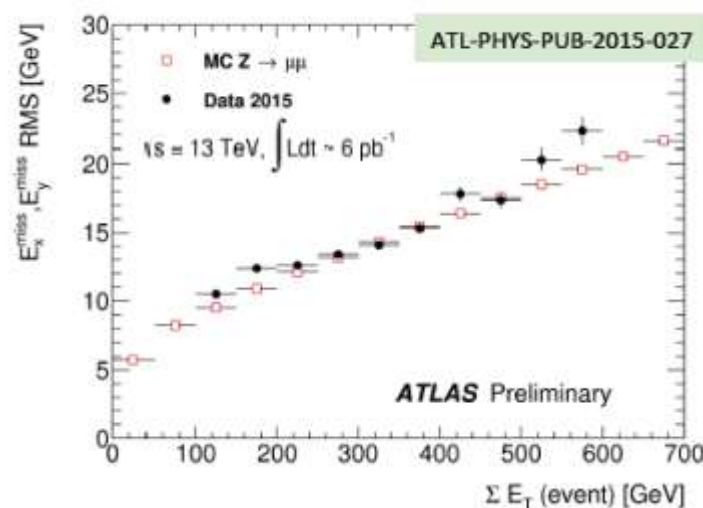
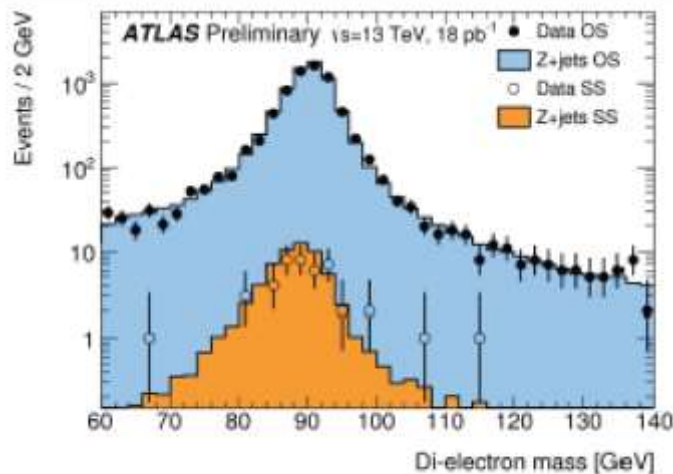
Some examples from the Run-2 data

CMS and ATLAS continue to have an excellent performance



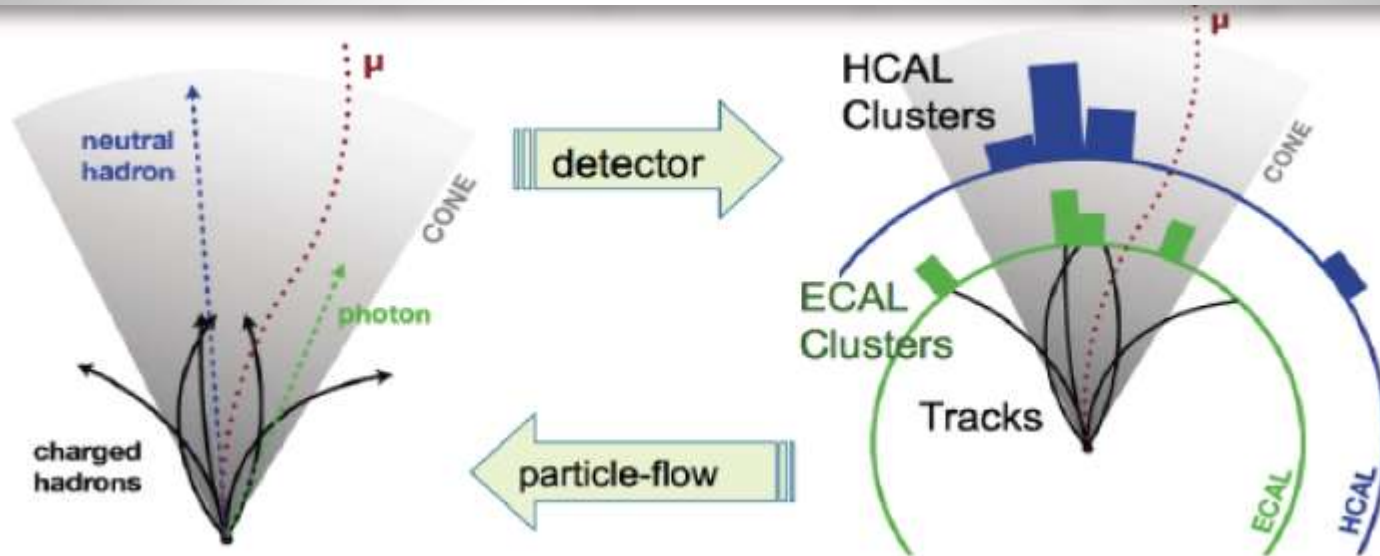
Pixel Detector Resolution:

- Transverse to the beam:  $\sigma_\phi = 10.64 \mu\text{m}$
- Parallel to the beam:  $\sigma_z = 29.09 \mu\text{m}$



# Global Event Reconstruction

Using all information of the detector together for optimal measurement



- Optimal combination of information from all subdetectors
- Returns a list of reconstructed particles
  - $e, \mu, \gamma$ , charged and neutral hadrons
    - Used in the analysis as if it came from a list of generated particles
    - Used as building blocks for jets, taus, missing transverse energy, isolation and PU particle identification

Adapted in CMS

# B-quark Tagging

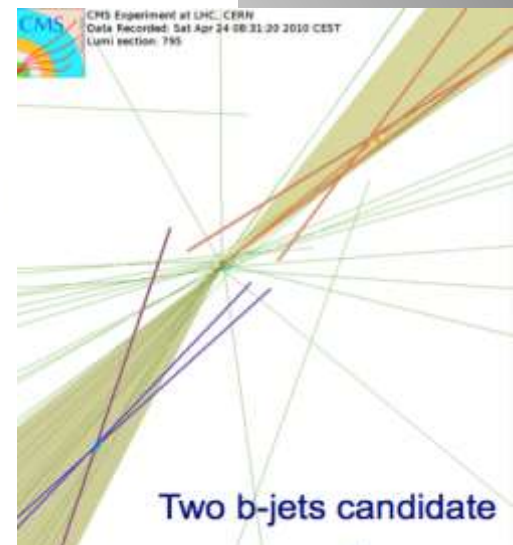
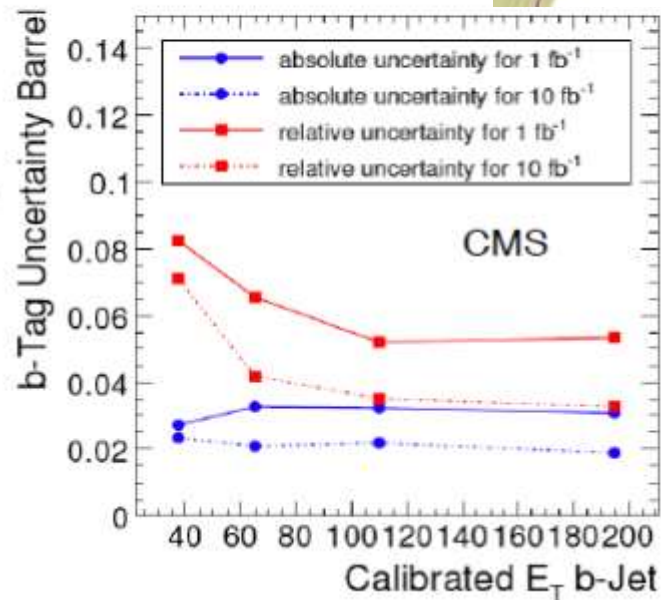
Generally: look for jets with displaced vertices (or leptons) from B-meson decays

## b-tag efficiency

### Select b-enriched samples using tt sample

- $t \rightarrow W b \sim 100\%$   $\rightarrow$  tagging top = tagging b
- Select pure b sample by using tt event topologies
  - 1(2) high  $p_T$  leptons,  $E_{T,miss}$ ,  $m_W$  &  $m_t$  constraints
  - 70-80% b-purity after selection

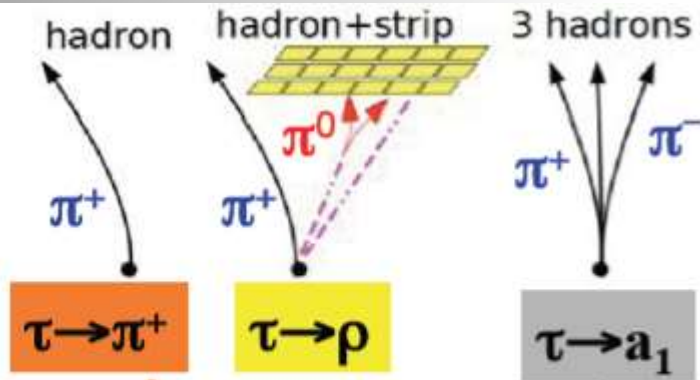
- CMS study  $1(10) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - Efficiencies 40% to 60% (at  $E_{b\text{-jet}} > 100$ ) GeV
  - Uncertainty 4-6% for large data samples
- ATLAS study  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 
  - Similar efficiencies, purities
  - Estimated uncertainty  $\sim 10\%$



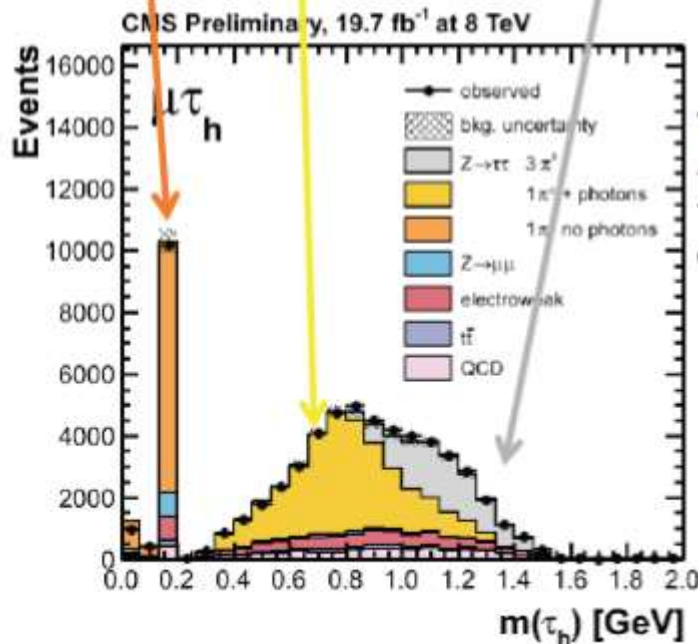
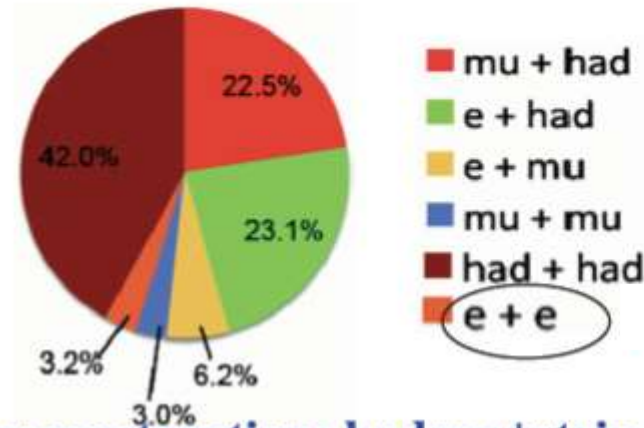
New: Deep Learning NNs..

# Tau-finding

Hadronic tau decays are narrow low multiplicity 'jets'



All di-tau final states used in Higgs search

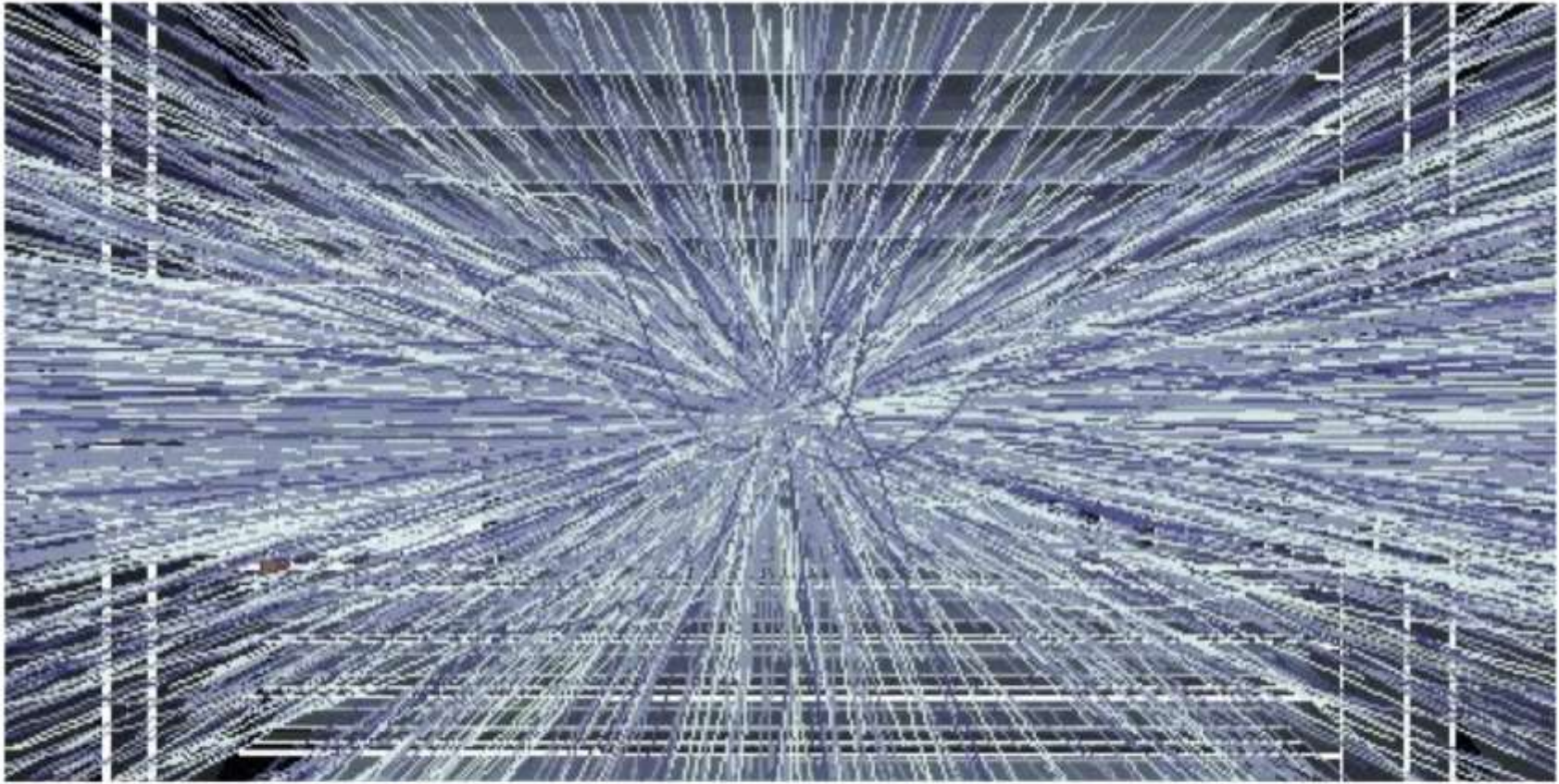


**Tau reconstruction: hadron+strip**  
**Particle-flow based algorithm to reconstruct different hadronic tau decay modes**

$\tau_h$  identification: efficiency  $\sim 60\%$   
 fake rate  $\sim 1\%$

The  $\tau_h$  mass distribution used to **control** the tau energy-scale **within 3%** & reconstruction of decay modes

# The New Wave: Machine Learning



Why do we need Machine Learning?

M. Pierini et al.

# The New Wave: Machine Learning

## FUTURE ML & COMPUTING



- Traditionally, ML is applied offline or in the high-level (software) trigger in CPUs
- Can we deploy ML in ultra-fast FPGAs to bring it to L1 trigger?
- Can we bring FPGA-accelerated ML workflows to HLT and offline?

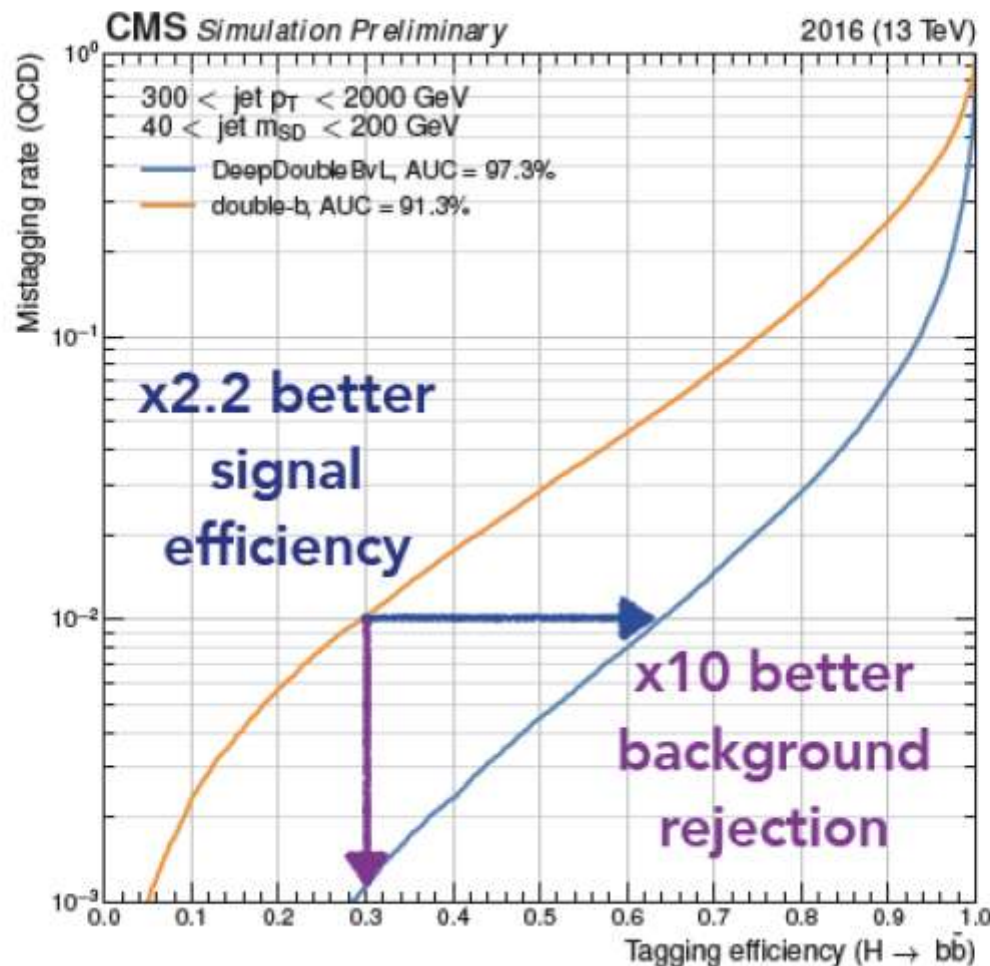
Field Programable Gate Array

# The New Wave: Machine Learning

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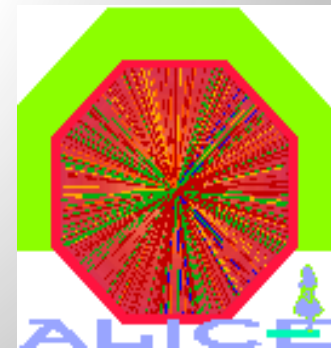
## DEEP DOUBLE-B TAGGER

- Large performance gain over previous algorithm

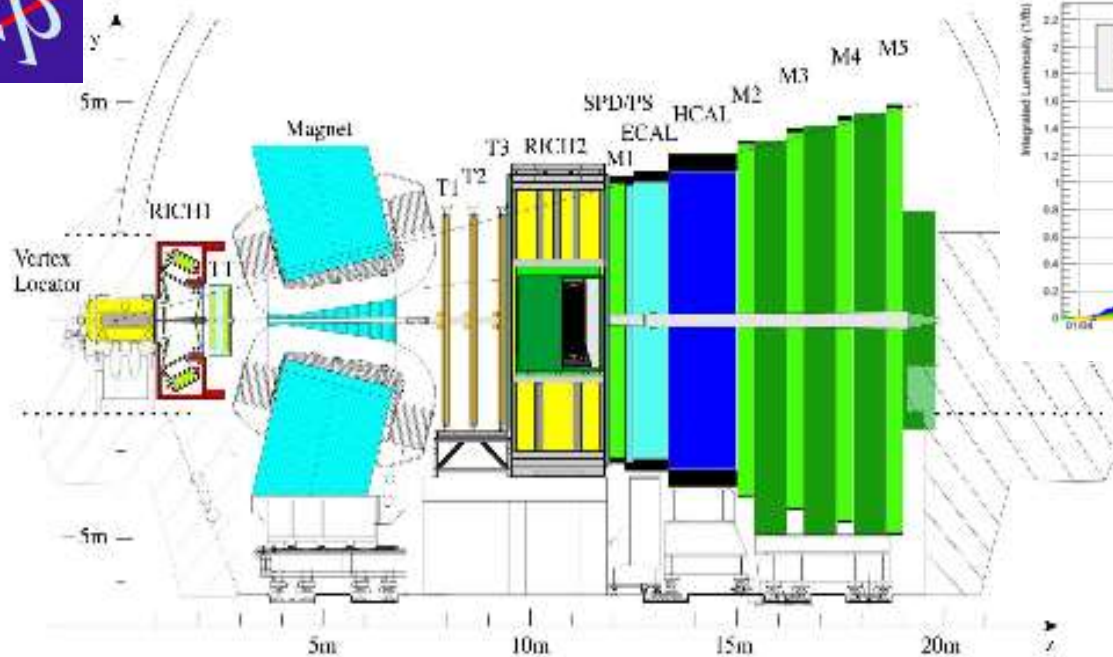




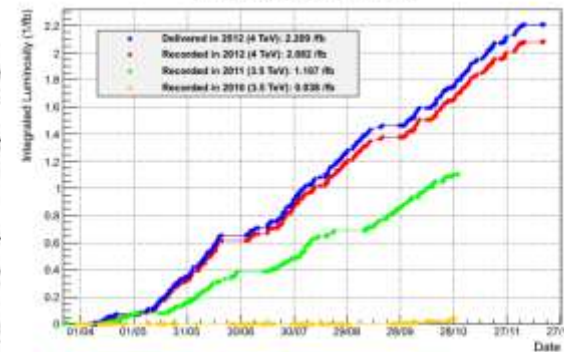
# Other Experiments at the LHC



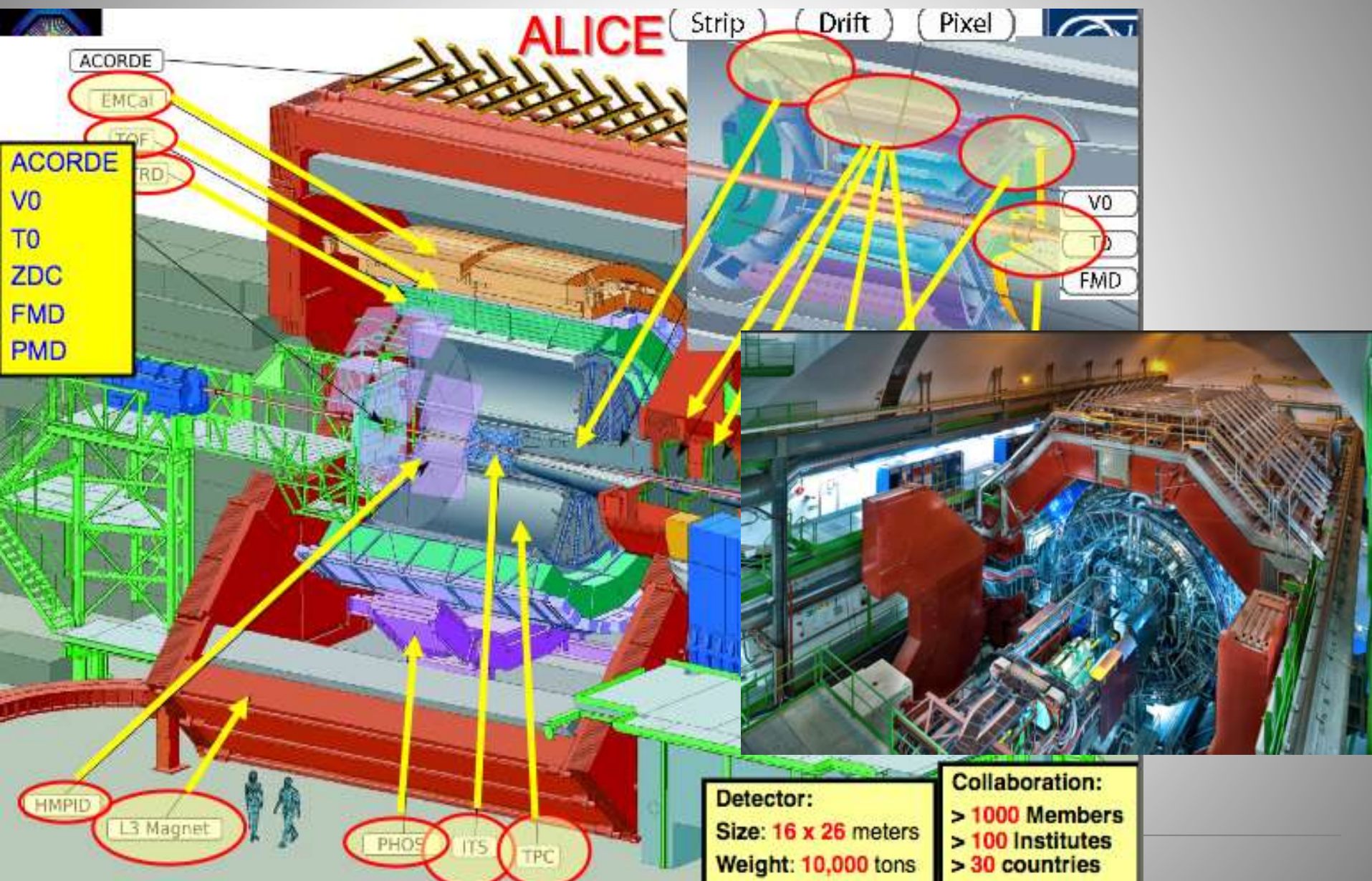
# LHCb: Bottom and Charm Physics



LHCb Integrated Luminosity



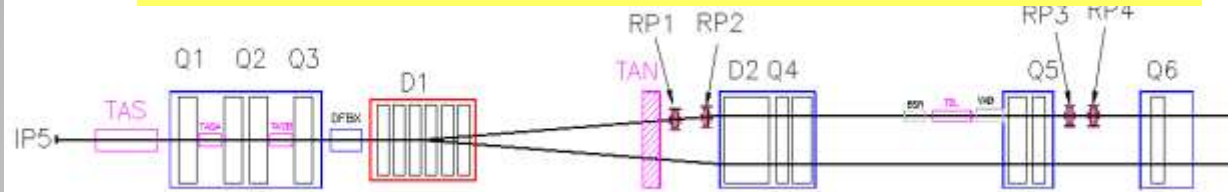
# ALICE: Heavy Ion Physics at the LHC



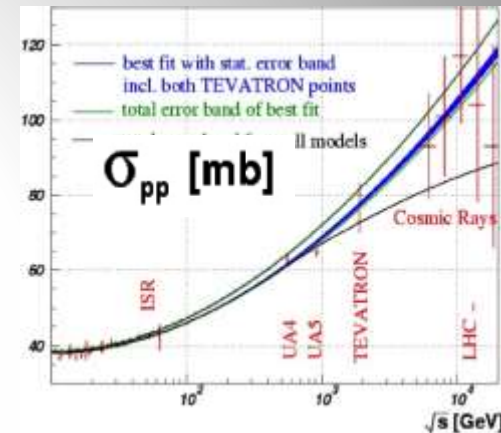
# A Few Smaller Experiments: TOTEM & LHCf



**TOTEM**: measuring the total, elastic and diffractive cross sections  
 Add Roman Pots (and inelastic telescope)  
 to CMS interaction regions (200 m from IP)  
 Recently: common runs with CMS

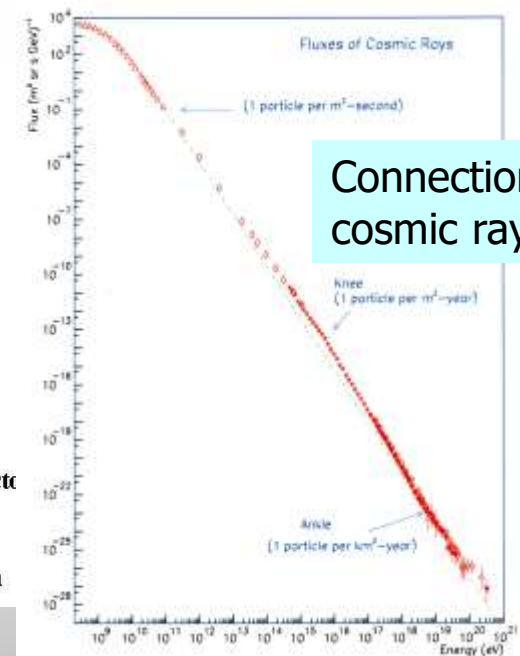
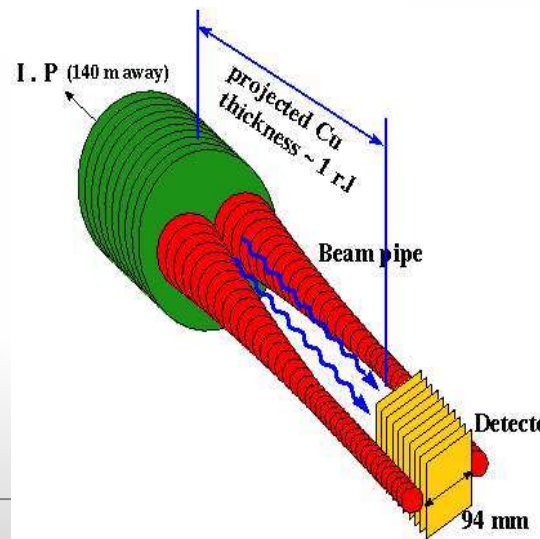


TOTEM and Elastic cross section Measurement



**LHCf**: measurement of photons and neutral pions in the very forward region of LHC

Add a EM calorimeter at 140 m from the Interaction Point (of ATLAS)

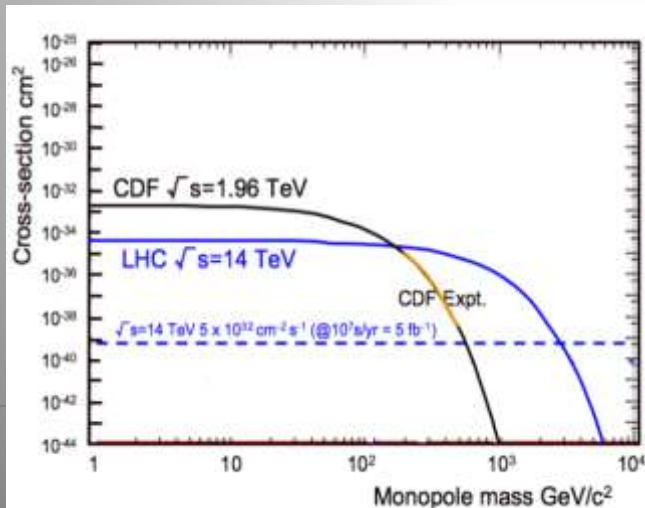
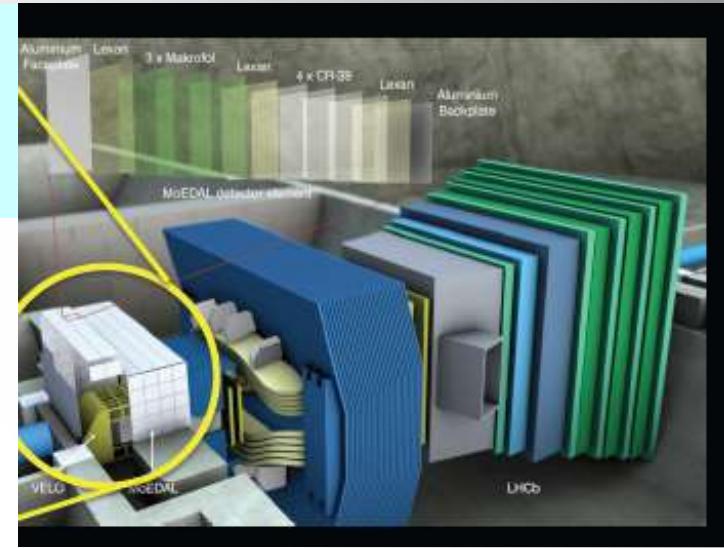
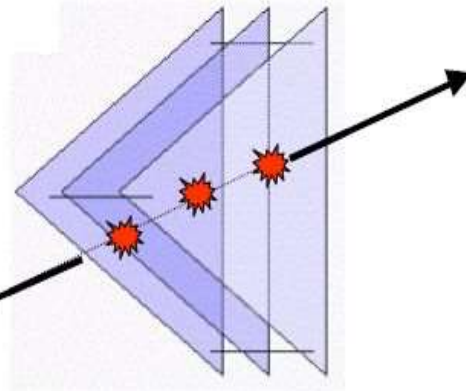
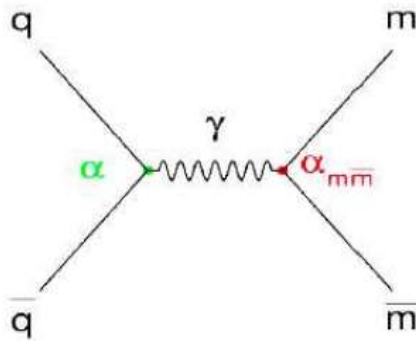


Connection with cosmic rays

# MoEDAL: Monopole and Exotics Detector at the LHC

Heavy particles which carry “magnetic charge”  
Could eg explain why particles have “integer electric charge”

## Monopole production



Remove the sheets after some running time and inspect for ‘holes’

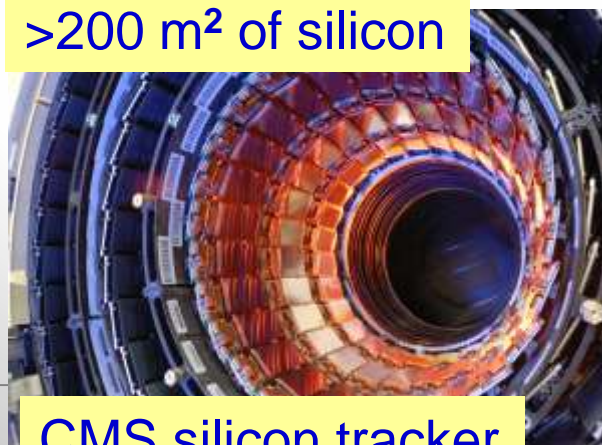
# The LHC Detectors are Major Challenges

- CMS/ATLAS detectors have about 100 million read-out channels
- Collisions in the detectors happen every 25 nanoseconds
- ATLAS uses over 3000 km of cables in the experiment
- The data volume recorded at the front-end in CMS is 1 TB/second equivalent to the world wide communication network traffic (2007)
- Data recorded during the 10-20 years of LHC life will be about all the words spoken by mankind since its appearance on earth
- A worry for the detectors: the kinetic energy of the beam is that of a small aircraft carrier of  $10^4$  tons going 20 miles/ hour



ATLAS pixel detector

>200 m<sup>2</sup> of silicon



CMS silicon tracker

Object	Weight (tons)
Boeing 747 [fully loaded]	200
Endeavor space shuttle	368
ATLAS	7,000
Eiffel Tower	7,300
USS John McCain	8,300
CMS	12,500

# Summary: Challenges@ LHC

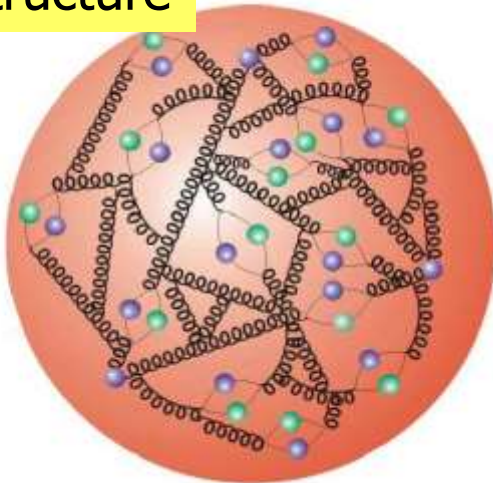
- High event rate and pile-up
  - High granularity: typically 10x more channels compared to detectors before the LHC
- Timing/synchronization of  $10^8$  channels is non trivial
- Event size ( $> 1$  Mbyte)/Computing
  - Limit event rate to a few 100 Hz, use the Grid
- Trigger reduce event rate from 40MHz to a few 100 Hz
  - Multi-layered trigger system and pipelined electronics
- Detectors need excellent hermeticity (missing  $E_T$ ), lepton identification, B & Tau identification, jet measurements...
- Detectors must be radiation hard and reliable for  $\sim 10$ -20 years...

We have these detectors: Let's look at physics

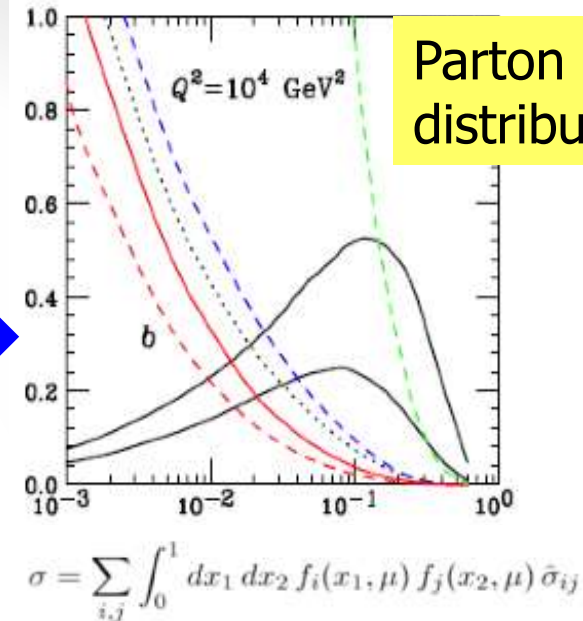


# pp-Collisions : Complications

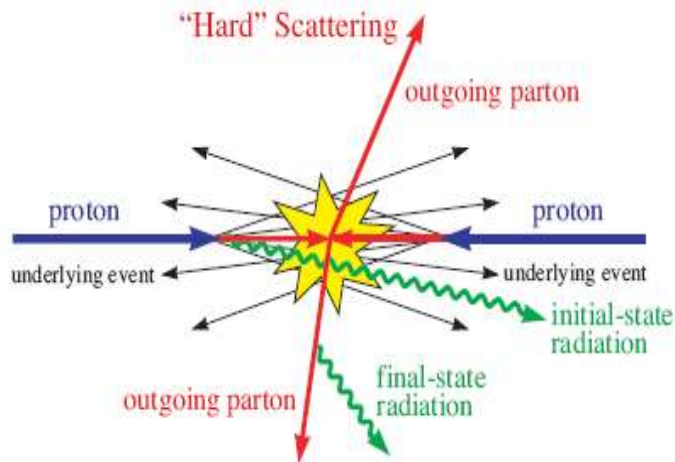
Protons have structure



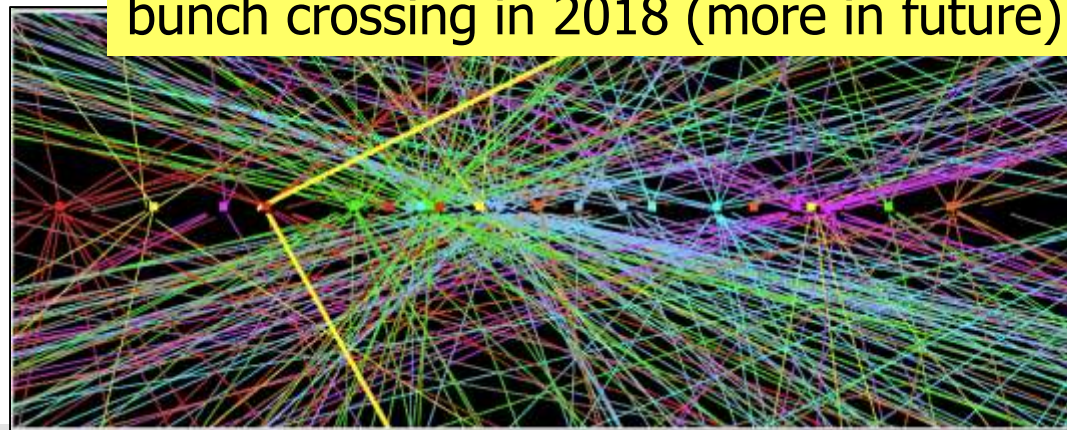
Parton distributions



Underlying event



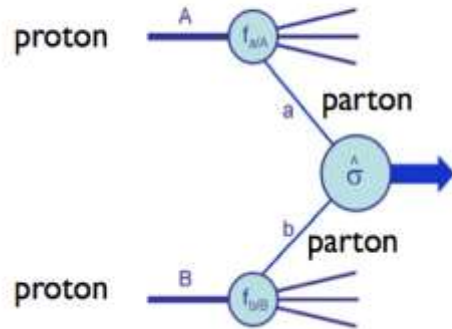
Pile-up: approximate 40 collisions per bunch crossing in 2018 (more in future)



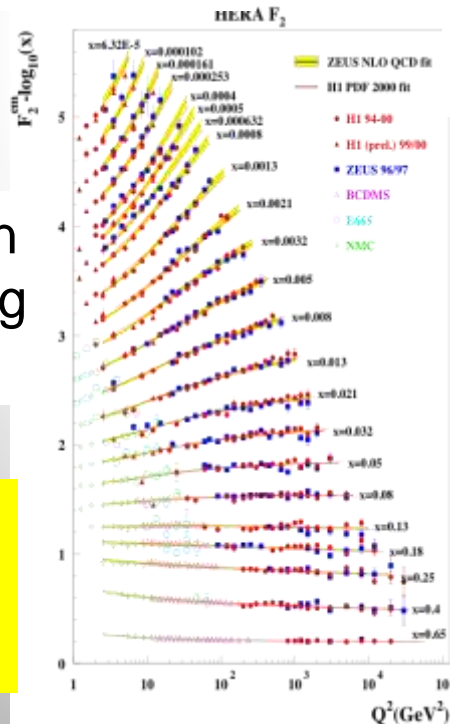
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  event with  $\sim 20$  reconstructed vertices (2012)

# Proton-proton collisions and PDFs

Generic LHC Collision

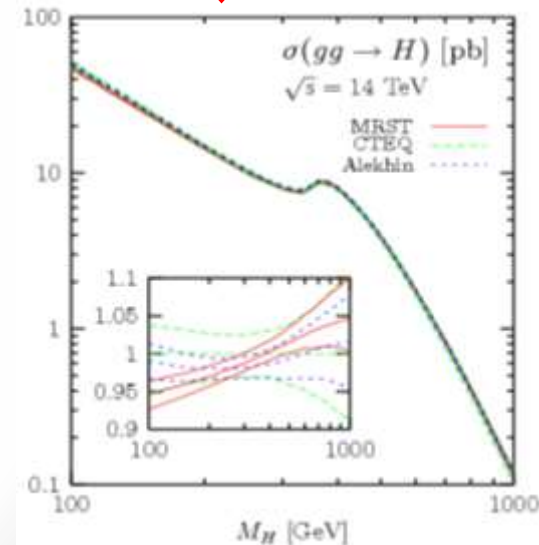
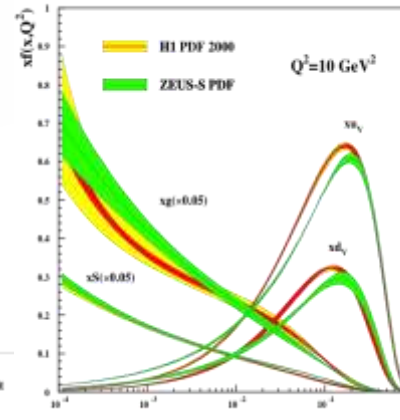


Parton Distribution Functions: the probability of finding a parton with momentum fraction  $x$  in the proton



Structure function measurements eg from HERA

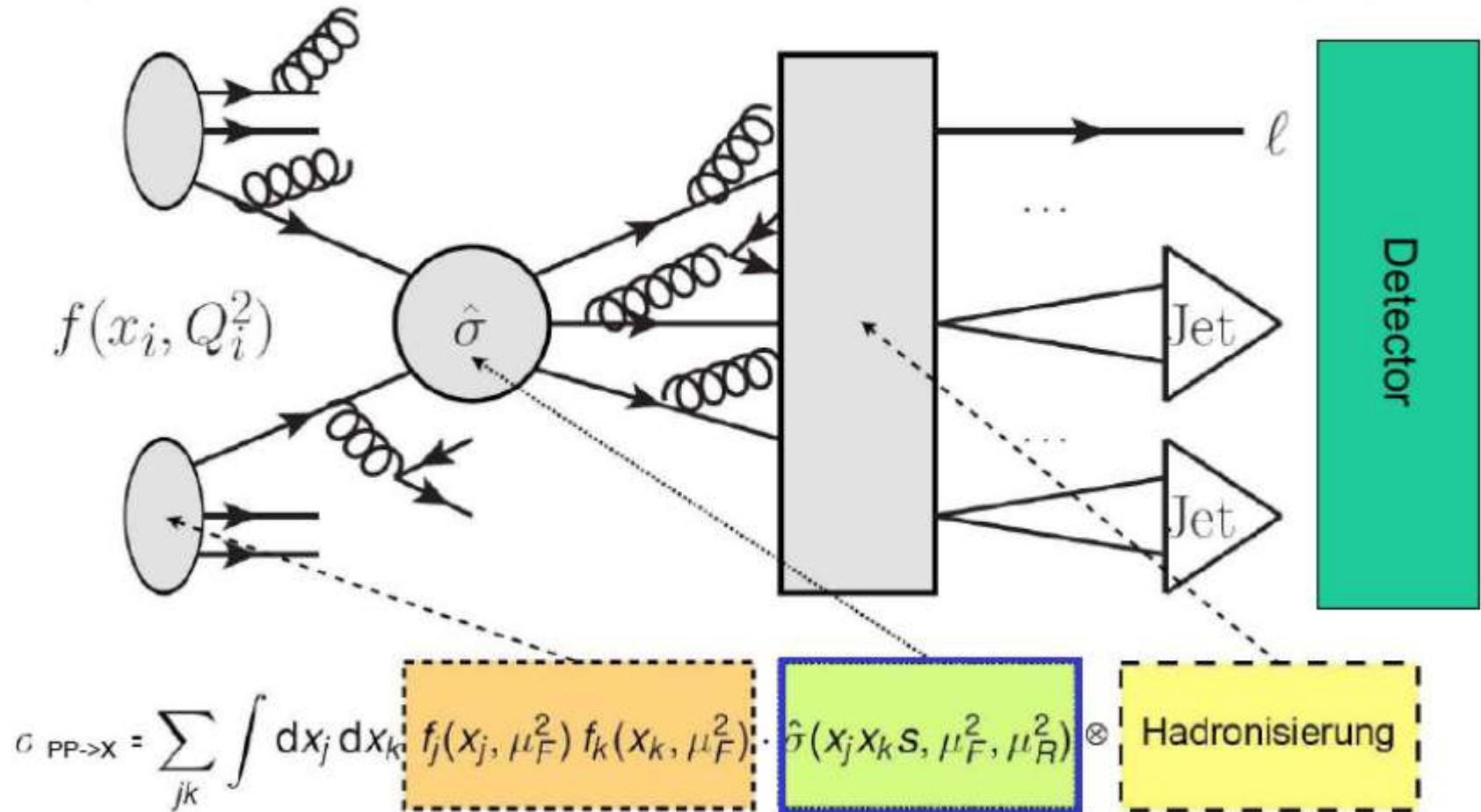
Now also LHC pp data used to constrain PDFs



Simple spread of existing PDFs gives up to 10% uncertainty on Higgs cross section. Possible gain ~ factor of 2 with final HERA data (PDF4LHC)  
Using also input from LHC data in new fits

# Proton-Proton Collisions

Cross Section = PDFs X Sub Process X Hadronisation



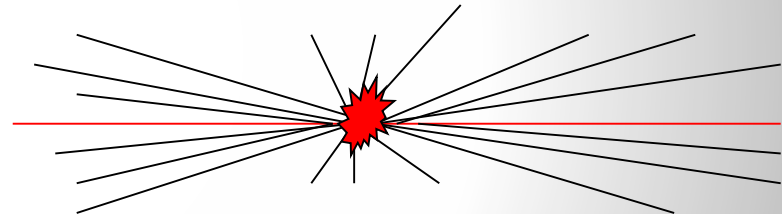
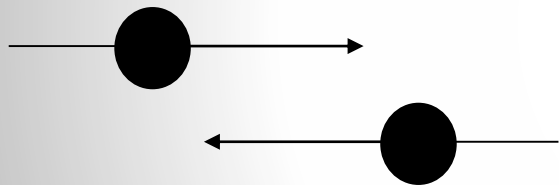
# Proton-proton Collisions

Most interactions due to collisions at large distance between incoming protons where protons interact as “a whole”

→ small momentum transfer ( $\Delta p \approx \hbar / \Delta x$ )

→ particles in final state have large longitudinal momentum but small

→ transverse momentum (scattering at large angle is small)



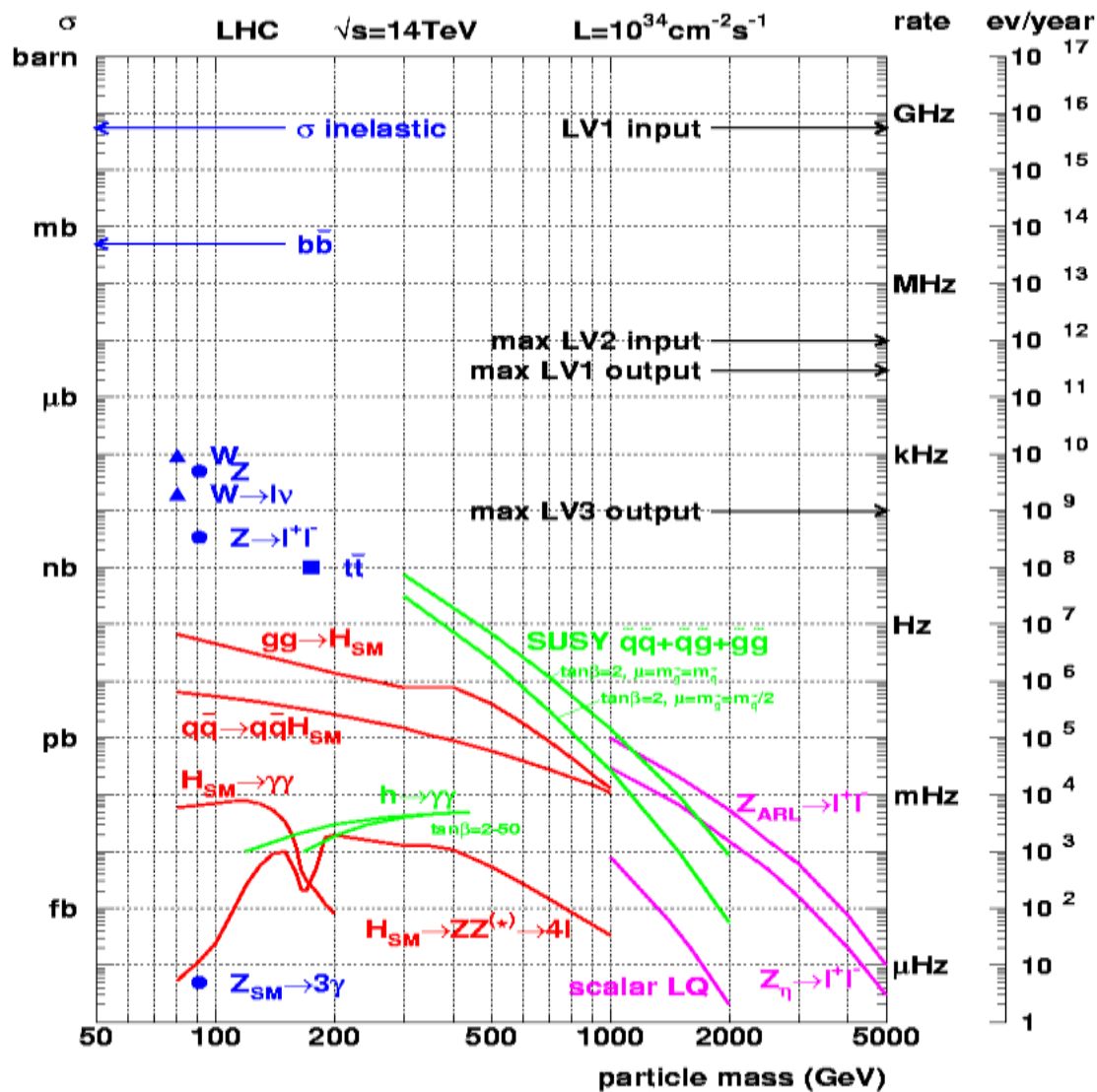
$\langle p_T \rangle \approx 500 \text{ MeV}$  of charged particles in final state

Most energy escapes down the beam pipe.

These are called soft events...

A minimum bias data event sample is dominated by soft events

# Cross sections at the LHC



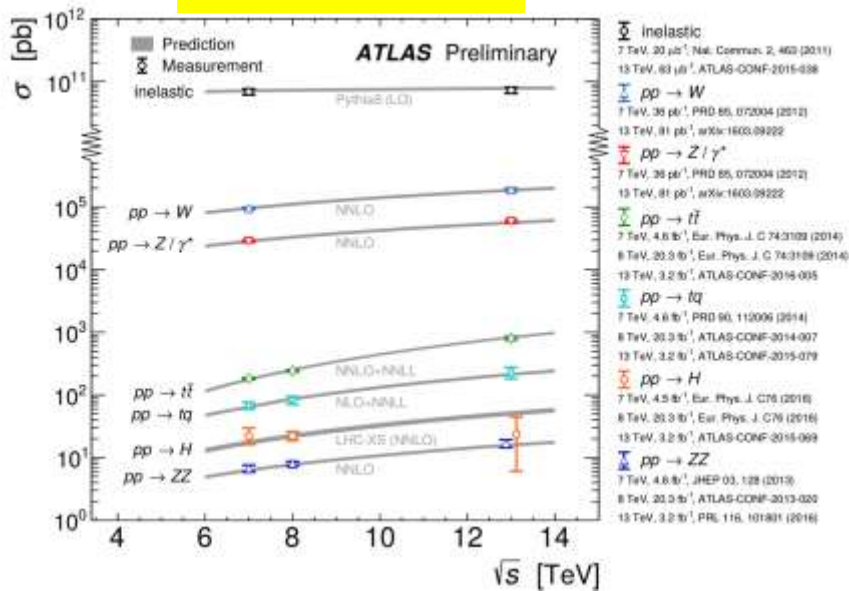
“Well known”  
processes, don’t  
need to keep all of  
them ...

**New Physics!!**  
This we want to keep!!

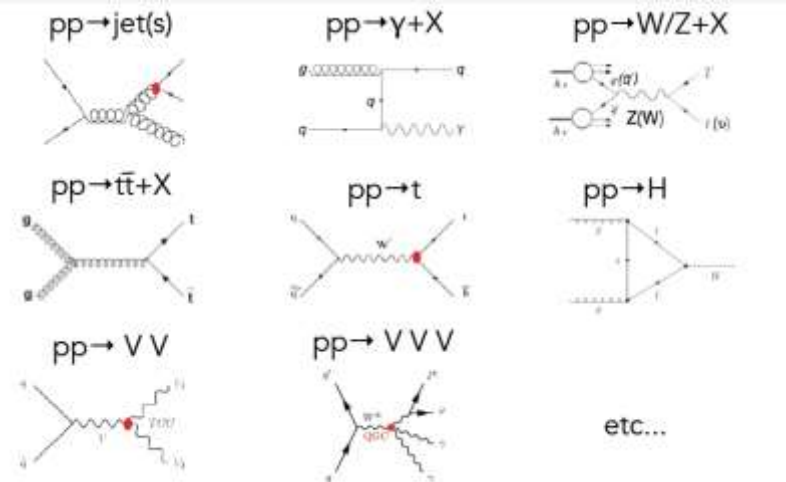
# Standard Model Measurements

- Standard Model measurements form an integer part of the physics program of the LHC
- Precision measurements allow test for a wide range of SM predictions, and extract fundamental parameters (eg  $\alpha_s$ )
  - Requires matching precision at theory prediction side
- Important to understand backgrounds for searches for new physics

## Cross Sections



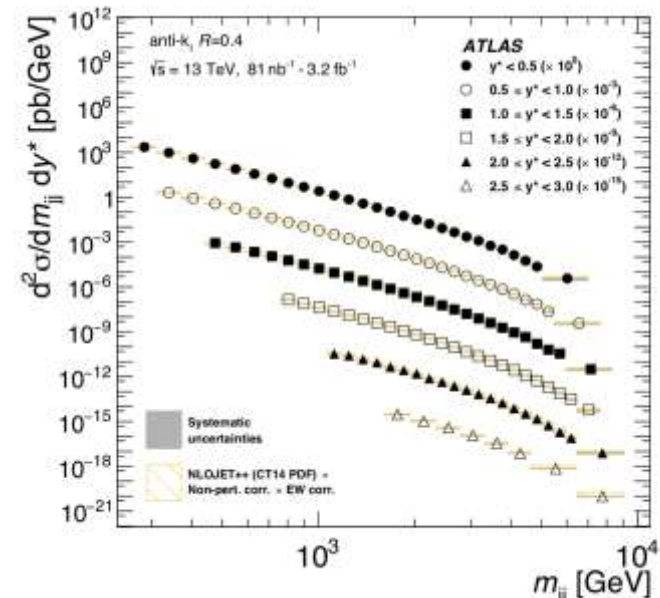
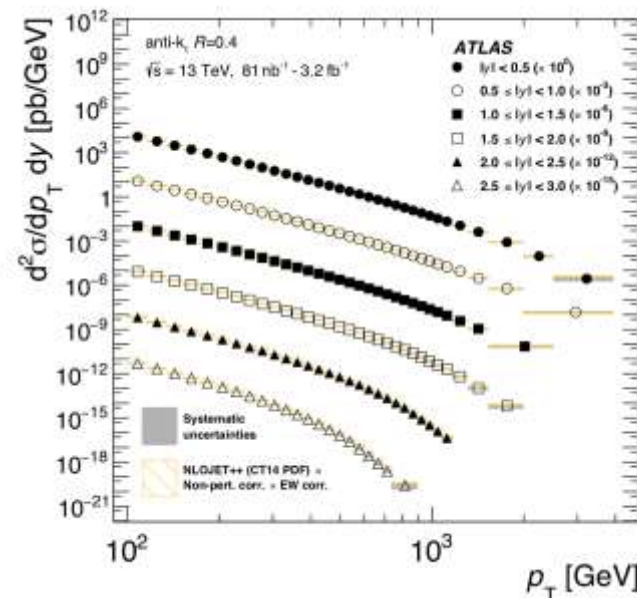
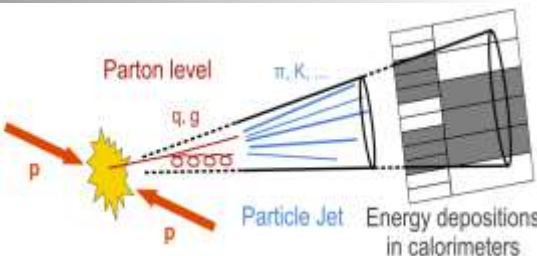
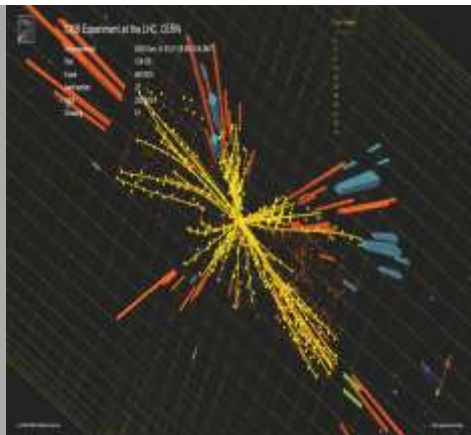
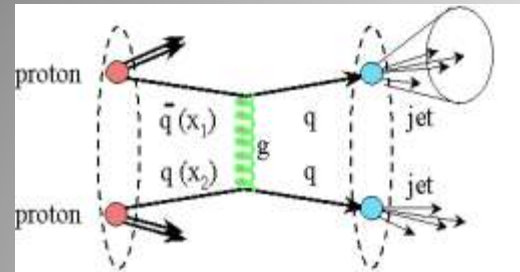
## Many processes studied: Examples



# Inclusive Jet Production (13 TeV)

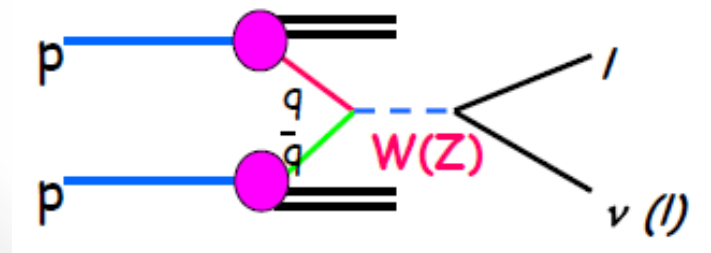
arXiv:1711.02692

Differential cross sections with  $R=0.4$   
Jet  $p_T$  spectrum consistent with predictions  
from NLOJET++



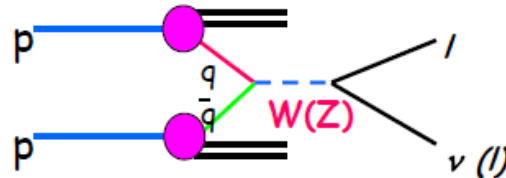
Agreement with NLO calculations over the full range, up to and beyond  
2 TeV  $p_T$  jets... QCD predictions work well over a large range...

# W, Z Production



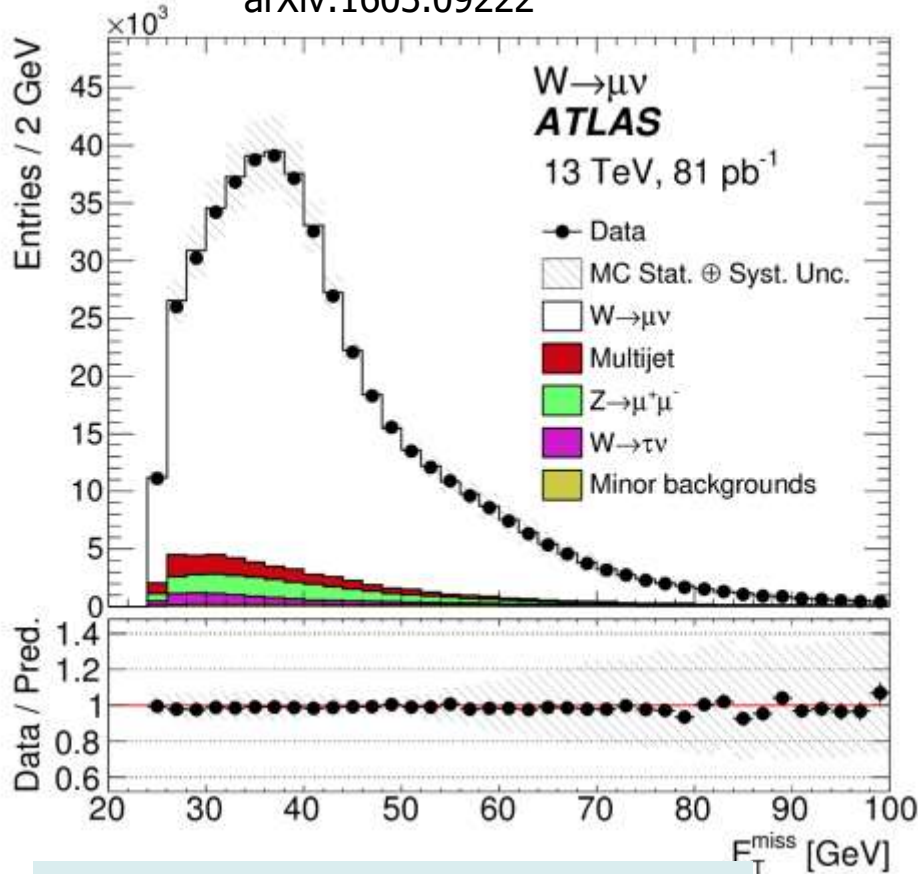
# W and Z Boson Production

Select final states with leptons

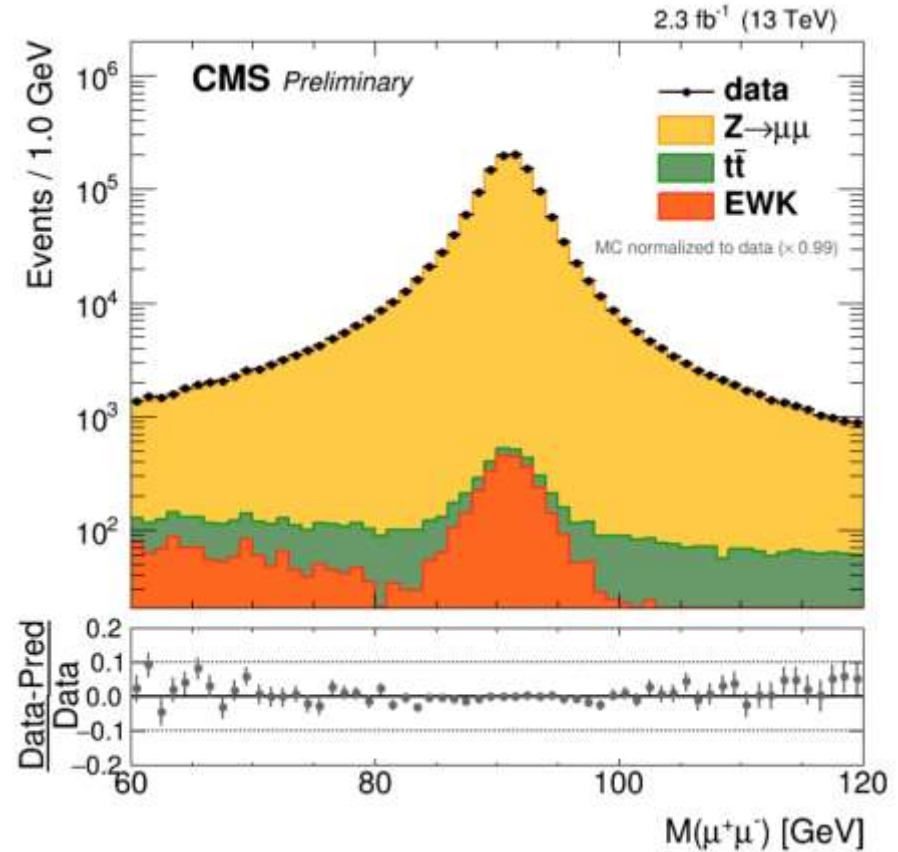


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CMS-PAS-SMP-15-011



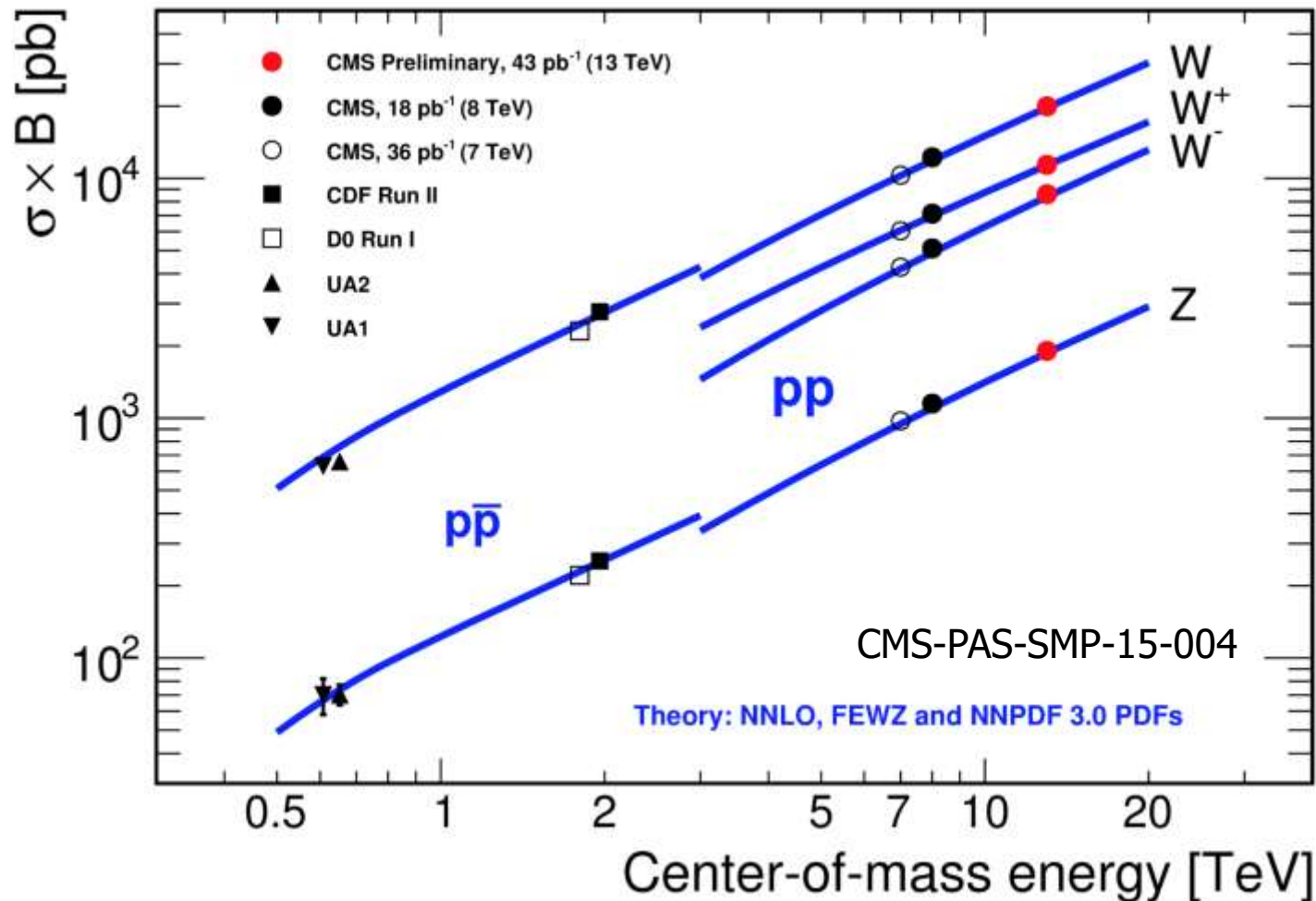
Missing transverse energy  
from the  $W \rightarrow \mu + \nu$  decays



Z peak (di-muon pair  
mass distributions)

# W and Z Boson Production

Measurements at 7/8/13 TeV with a precision of 3-4%  
->dominated by the luminosity uncertainty!



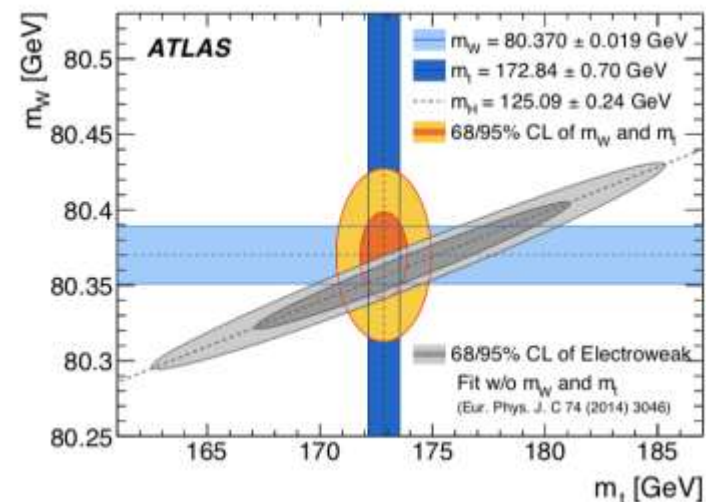
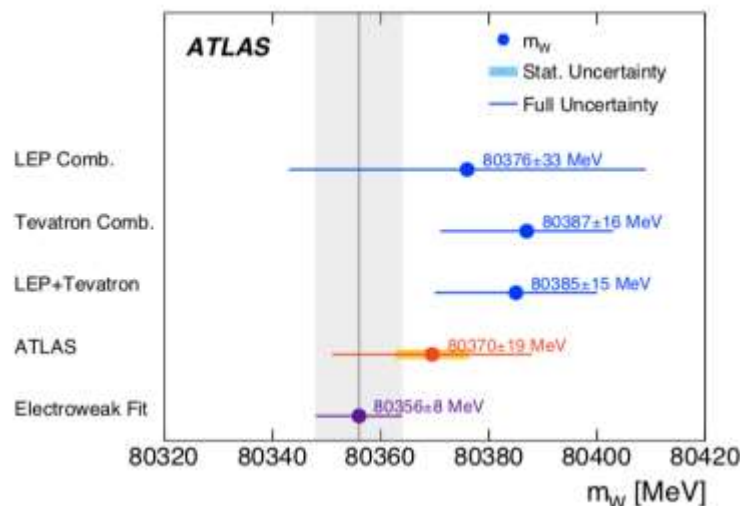
Many detailed EWK studies possible –and done-- with the large Z,W samples

# W-Mass Determination

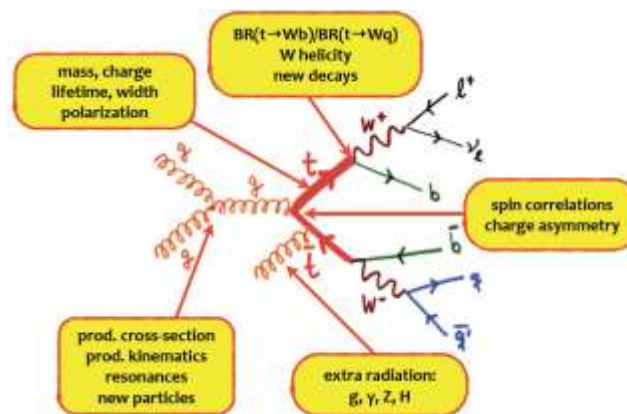
- Measurement based on 7 TeV data ( $4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ). It takes time to get the systematic uncertainties under control for precision!!
- Included  $\sim 14 \cdot 10^6$  W leptonically decaying W candidates
- Technique uses template fits to the W  $p_T$  and  $m_T$  predictions
- Calibration of energy scale, recoil response and efficiency studies using the large Z sample. Modelling of helicity effects constrained by W and Z data.

arXiv:1701.07240

$$\begin{aligned} m_W &= 80370 \pm 7 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 11 \text{ (exp. syst.)} \pm 14 \text{ (mod. syst.) MeV} \\ &= 80370 \pm 19 \text{ MeV,} \end{aligned}$$

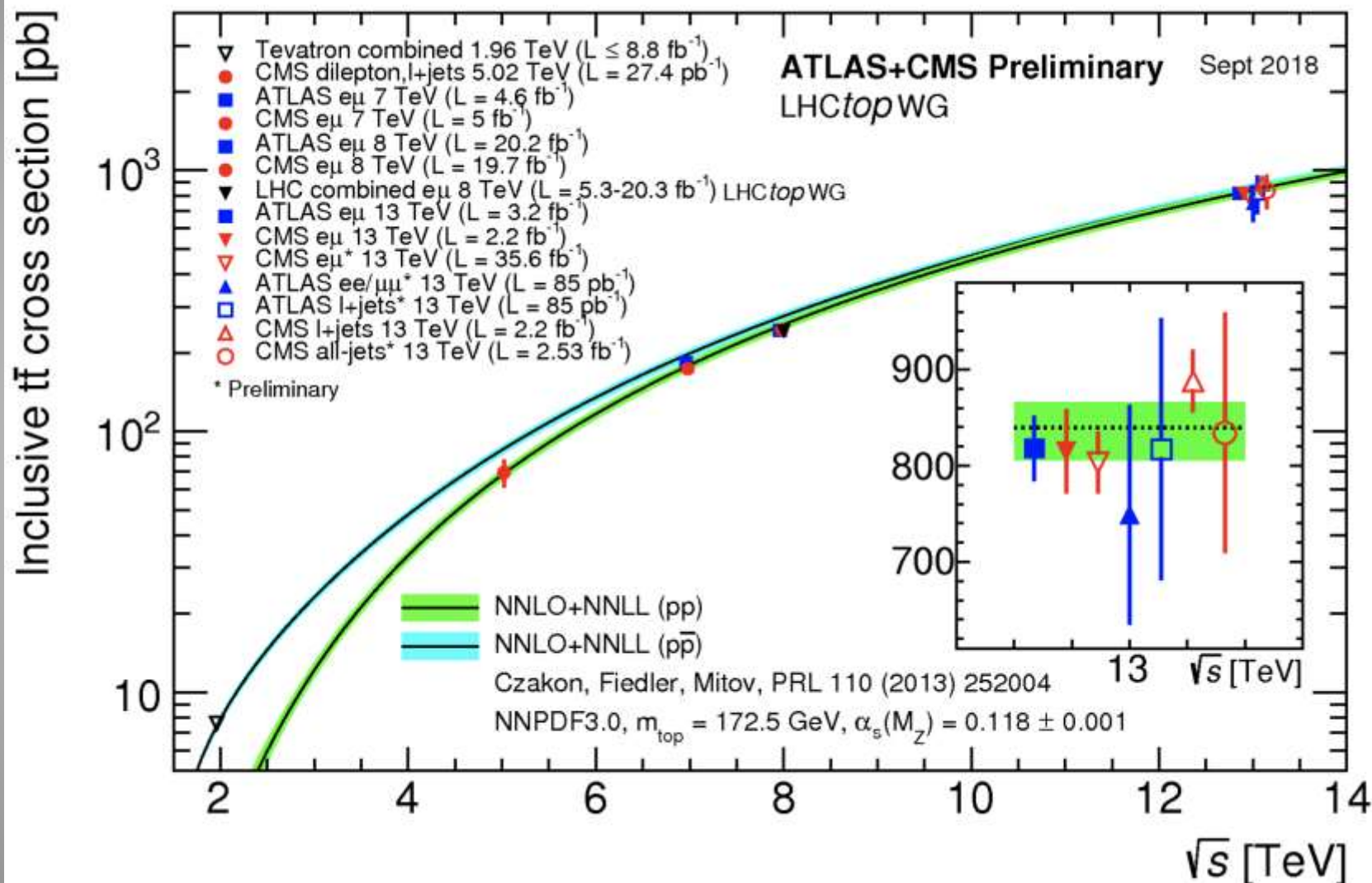


# Top Production



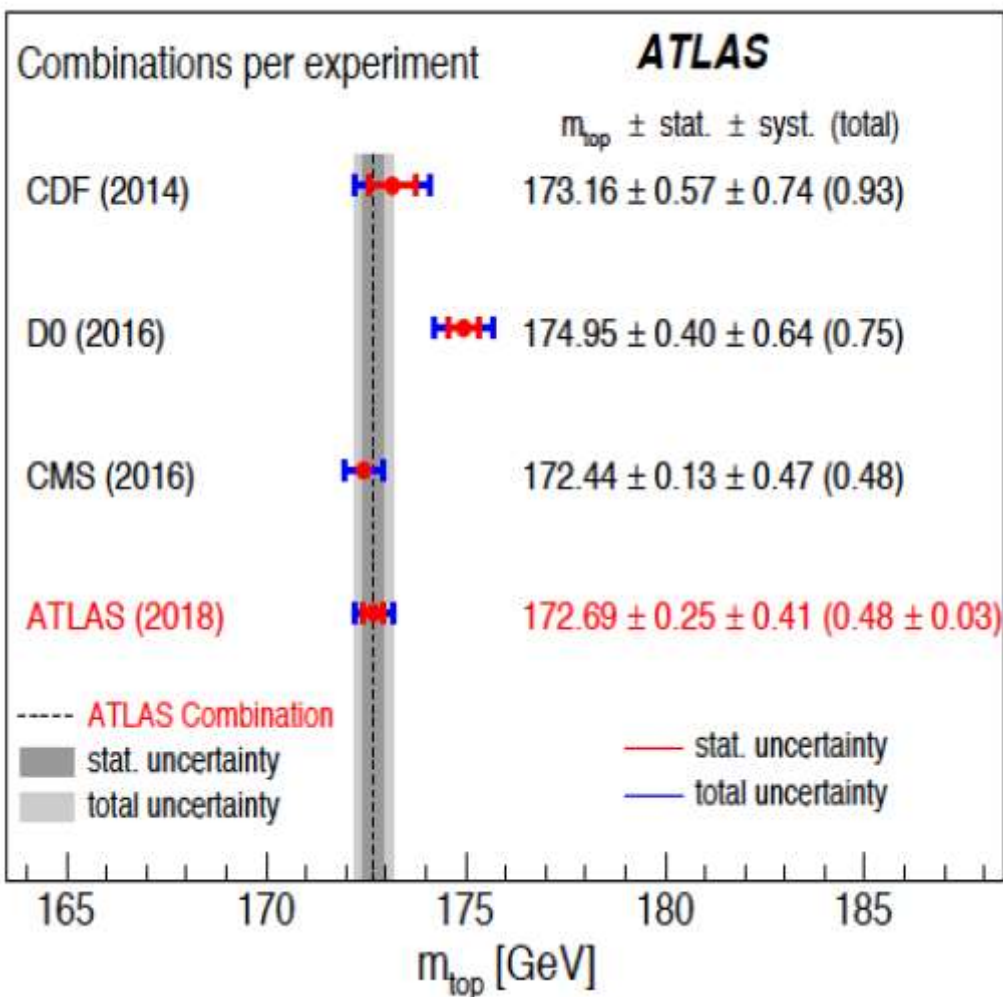
- The heaviest known elementary particle:  $\sim 173$  GeV
- Coupling to the Higgs  $\sim 1 \rightarrow$  Special role in EWK symmetry breaking?  
 LHC is a top factory with  $\sim 5 \cdot 10^6$  produced  $t\bar{t}$ -pairs (run-1)  
 $\sim 10^8$  produced  $t\bar{t}$ -pairs (run-2)

# Top Quark Cross Sections



Good agreement with the SM predictions up to the 13 TeV

# Top Mass Determination



Steady improvements during run-1 and run-2

Precision reached now  $\sim 0.3\%$

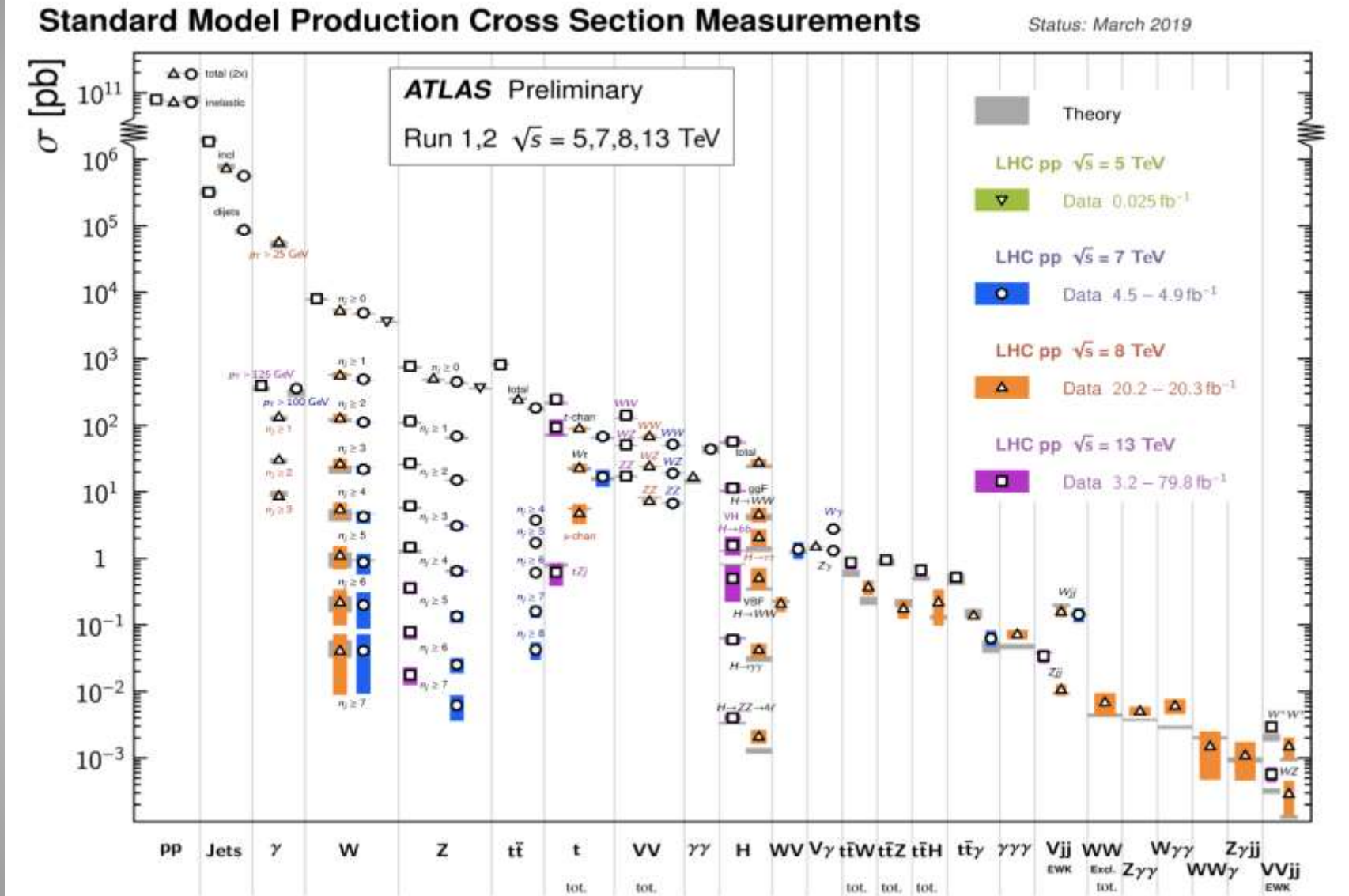
Hadronization model uncertainties one of the main limitations

Several alternative methods have been and are being explored using  $J/\psi$ , secondary vertices, ...  
This is not the final word yet

Experiment combination under way

Note: the average value LHC somewhat lower than Tevatron one:  $174.34 \pm 0.64 \text{ GeV}$

# Summary: Cross Sections 7/8/13 TeV

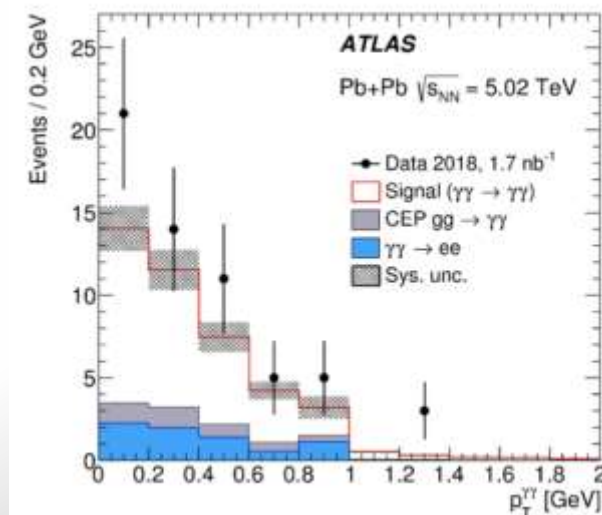
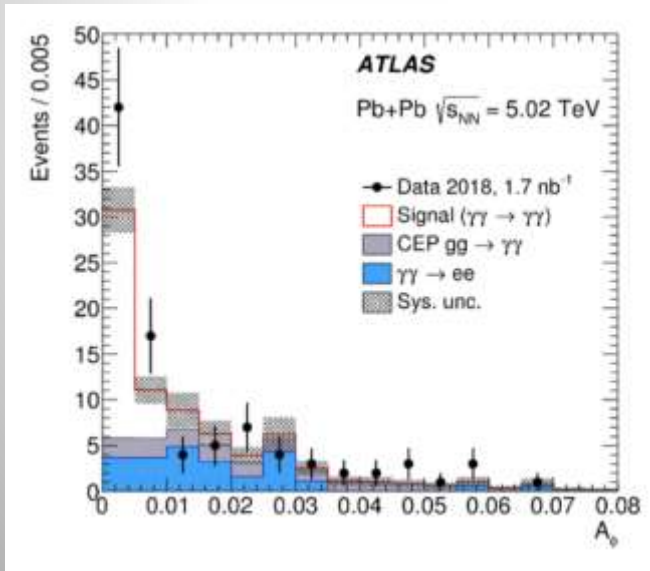
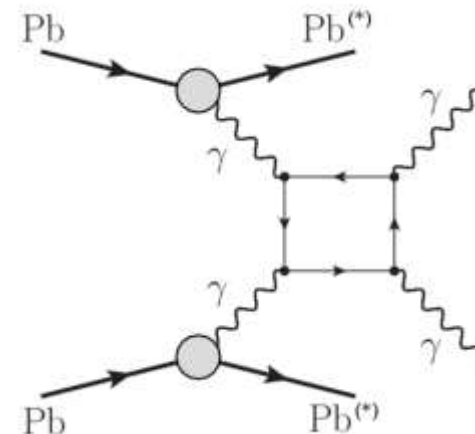


**All measurements in good agreement with the Standard Model predictions!!**

# Light-by-light Scattering

- Select ultra-peripheral collisions in PbPb
- Exclusive 2-photon final state selection
- Small acoplanarity ( $< 0.01$ )
- Small diphoton  $p_T$  ( $< 1$  GeV or 2 GeV)
- 42 events found, 6 background events est.
- CMS result: arXiv:1810.04602

arXiv:1904.03536



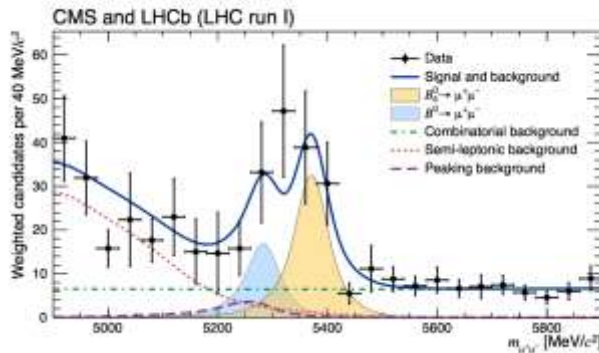
$$\sigma_{\text{fid}}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 78 \pm 13 \text{ (stat)} \pm 7 \text{ (syst)} \pm 3 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ nb}$$

8.2 $\sigma$  (6.2 $\sigma$ ) obs/exp

# Measurements of $B_{s(d)} \rightarrow \mu\mu$

arXiv:1411.4413  
Published in Nature

• Three  $B_s$  particles in a billion will decay into two muons. This decay has been chased for 30 years!!



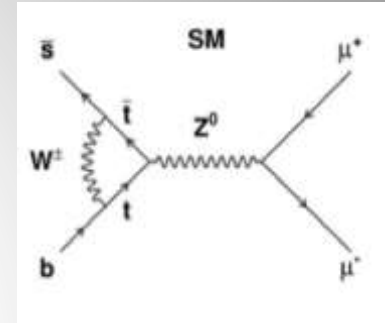
## Results:

$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.8^{+0.7}_{-0.6}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.9^{+1.6}_{-1.4}) \times 10^{-10}$$

## Observed (Expected) significance

- ◆  $B_s$ :  $6.2\sigma$  ( $7.4\sigma$ )
- ◆  $B^0$ :  $3.2\sigma$  [WT],  $3.0$  [FC] $\sigma$  ( $0.8\sigma$ )



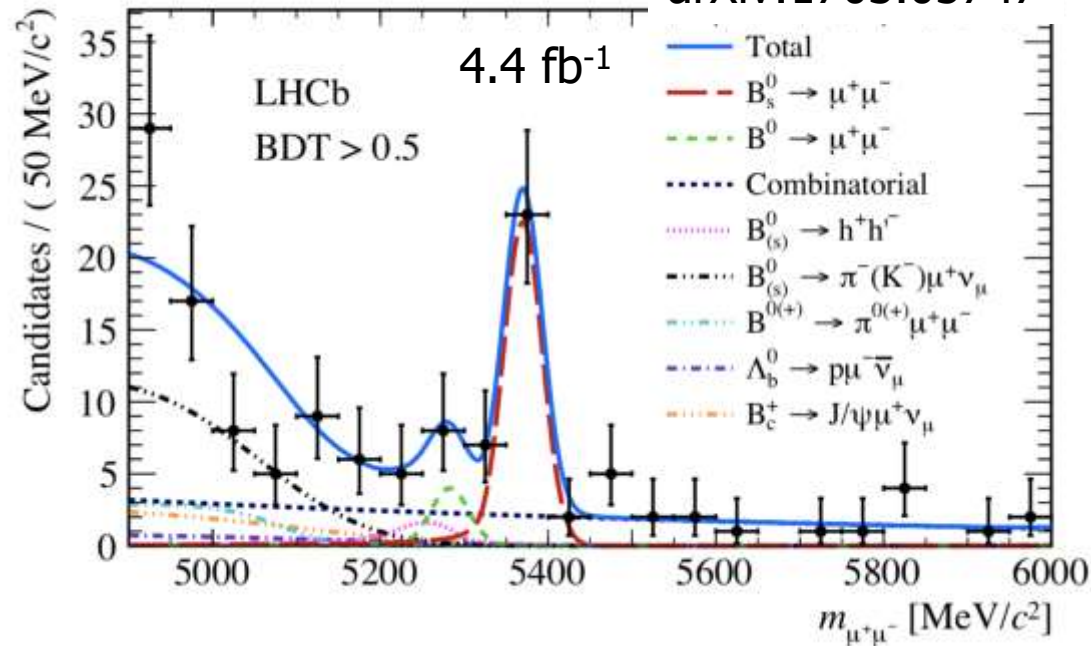
Present most precise results  
Significance for  $B_s$  to muon  
decay is  $7.8\sigma$

$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.0 \pm 0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}} = (3.66 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ at } 95\%$$

arXiv:1703.05747

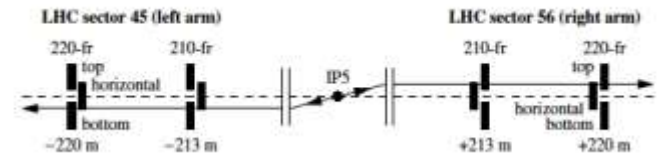


# Total and Elastic Cross Sections

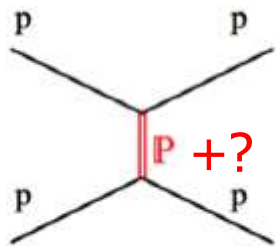
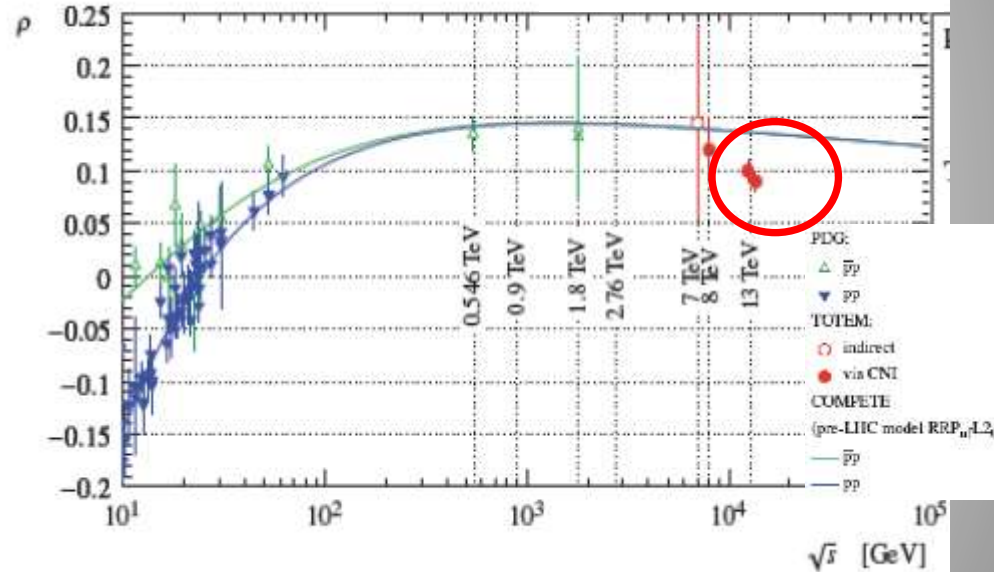
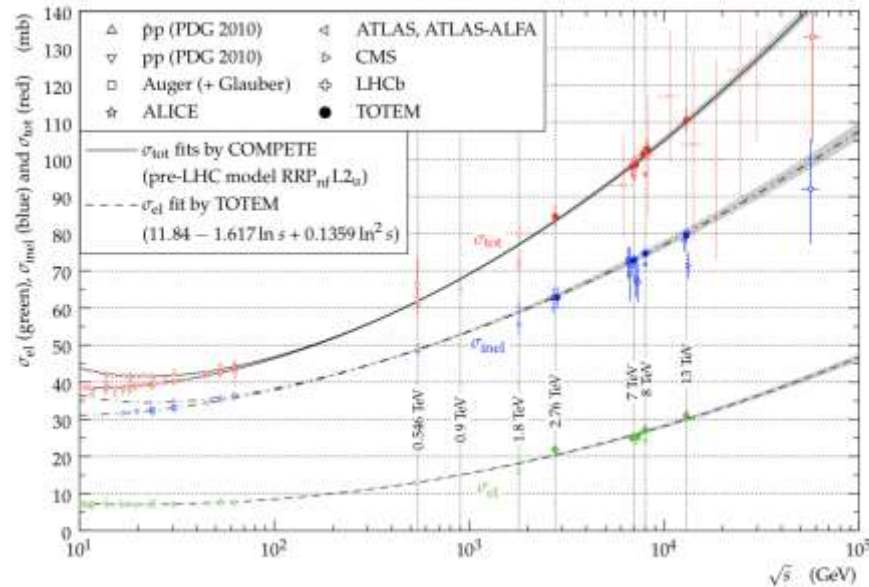
TOTEM experiment: Total cross section and elastic/diffractive scattering

New measurements at 13 TeV

arXiv:1712.06153



CERN-EP-2017-335

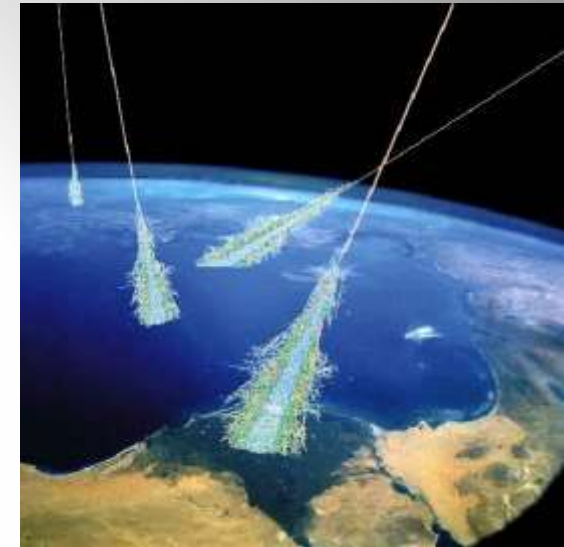
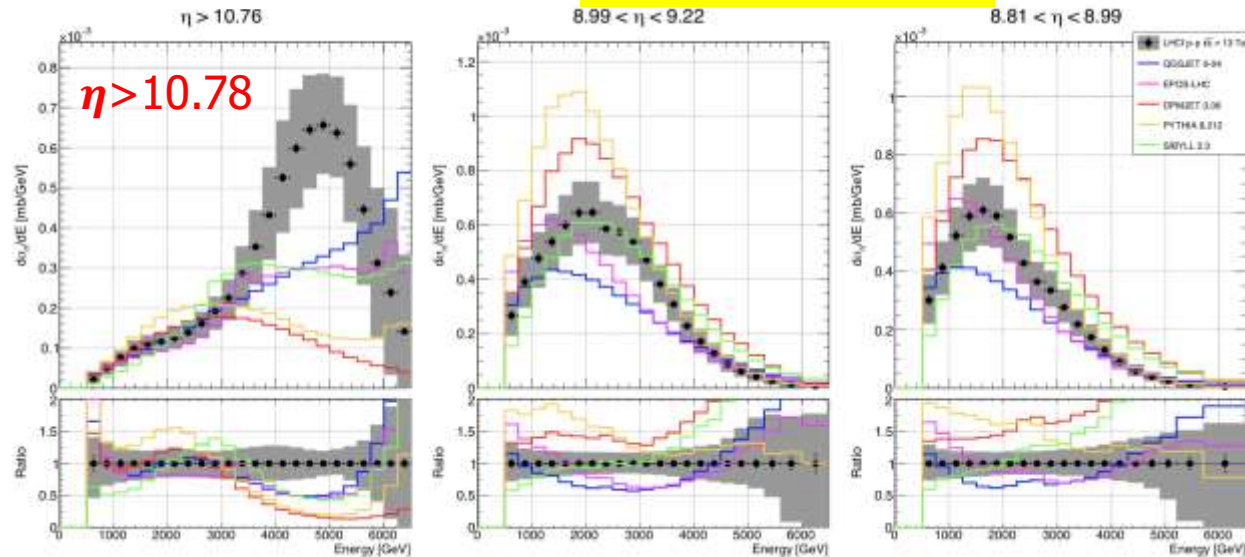


$\rho$ : the ratio of the real to imaginary part of the nuclear elastic scattering amplitude at  $t=0$ , is lower than expected  
First direct evidence for "odderon" exchange in elastic scattering??

# Forward Particle Production

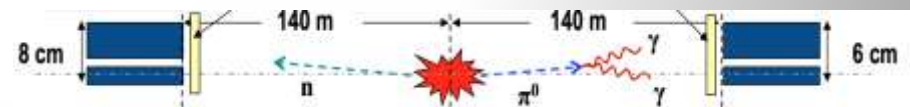
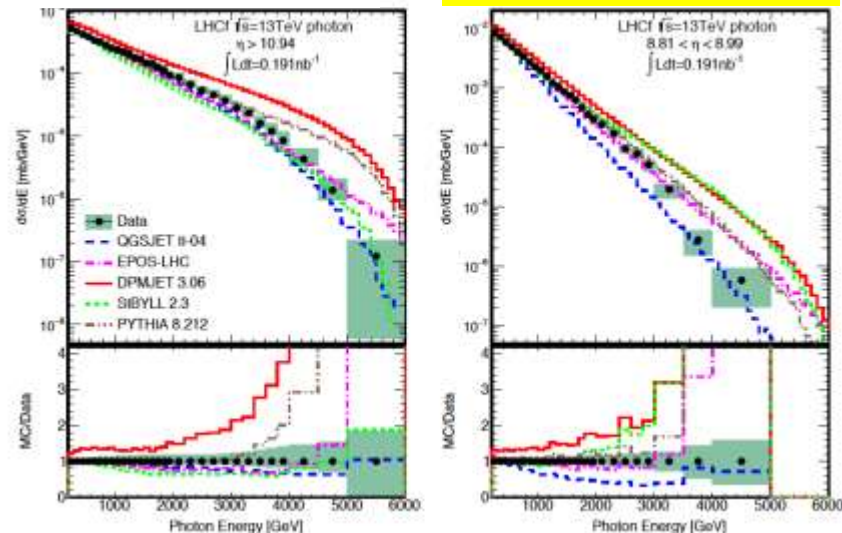
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## Forward neutrons



arXiv:1703.07678

## Forward Photons



LHCf experiment:  
Forward measurements  
compared to Monte Carlos for  
Cosmic Ray studies  
No model reproduces the data  
well !!

# Summary

- The LHC is **the highest energy collider** built by mankind so far. Seven experiments are currently collecting and analysis proton-proton (and AA) data.
- **The experiments face huge challenges.** A very crucial component is the selection trigger
- The physics program at the LHC is very diverse, with general purpose from Standard Model test in the new high energy regime, to searches for new physics
- Measurements of Standard Model processes show good agreement with predictions. **Precise measurements require precise calculations.**
- We will look at some **specific searches for new physics** in the next lecture

