
Introduction to Online System

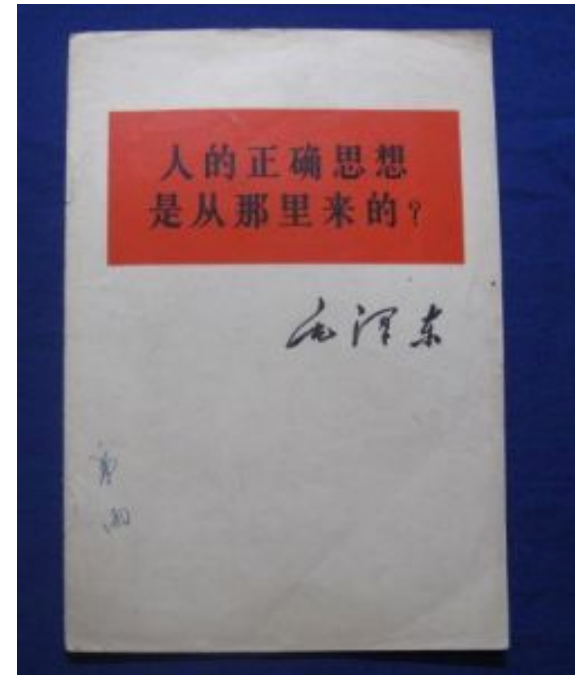
Trigger and DAQ (TriDAS) and beyond

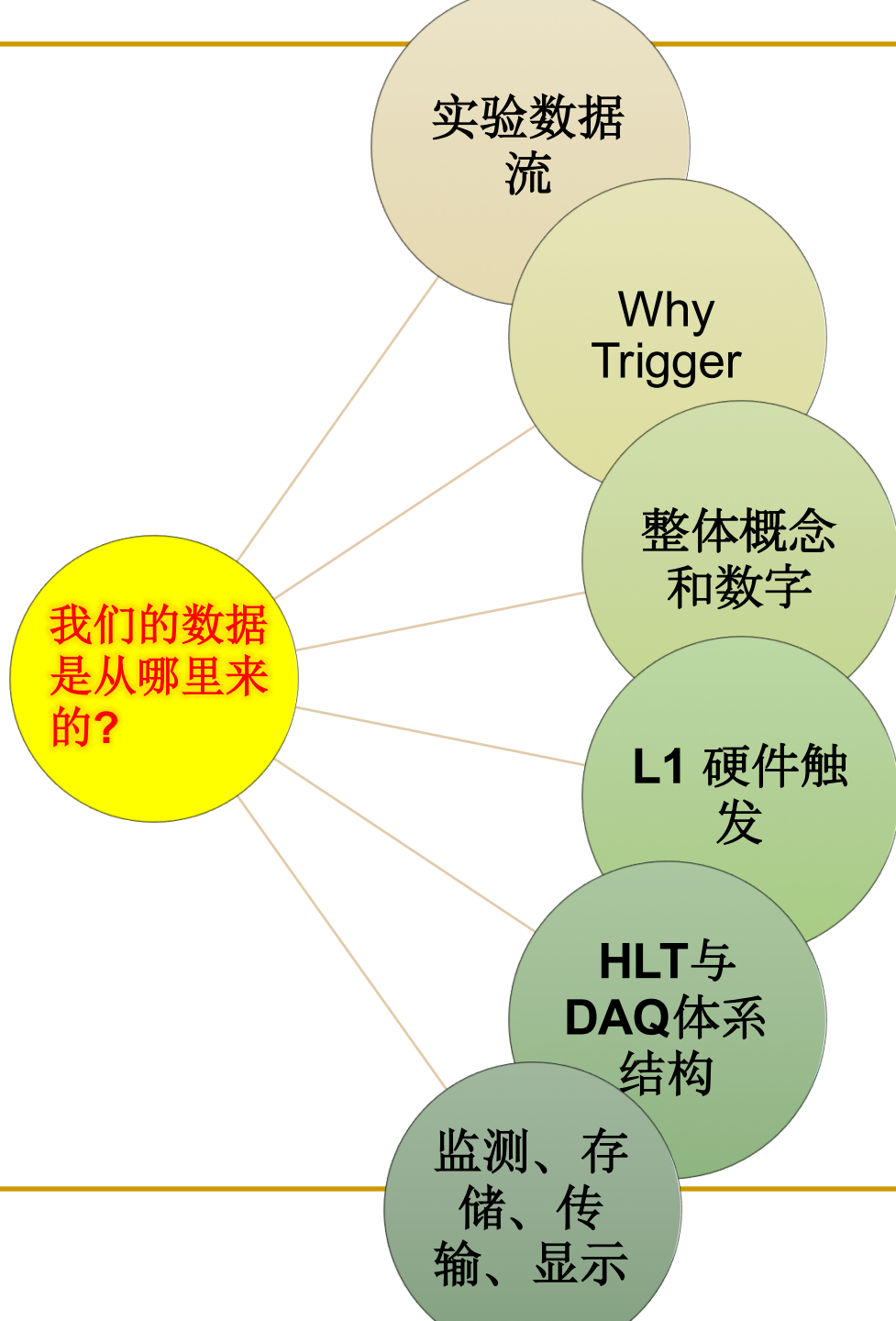
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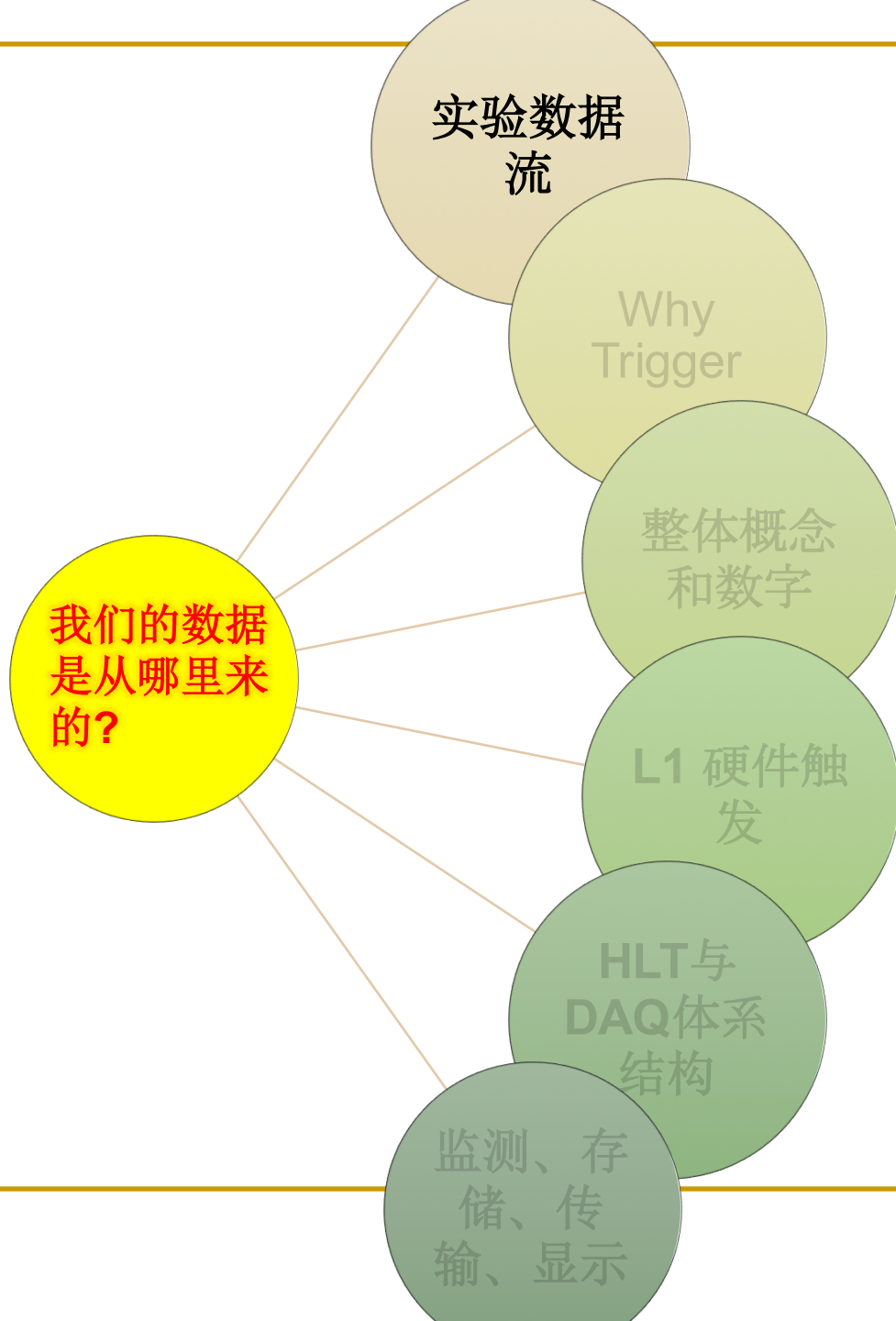
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是从天上掉下来的吗？
... 不是。
是自己头（电）脑里固有的吗？
.... 不是。
... 只能从 ...科学实验 ...中来。

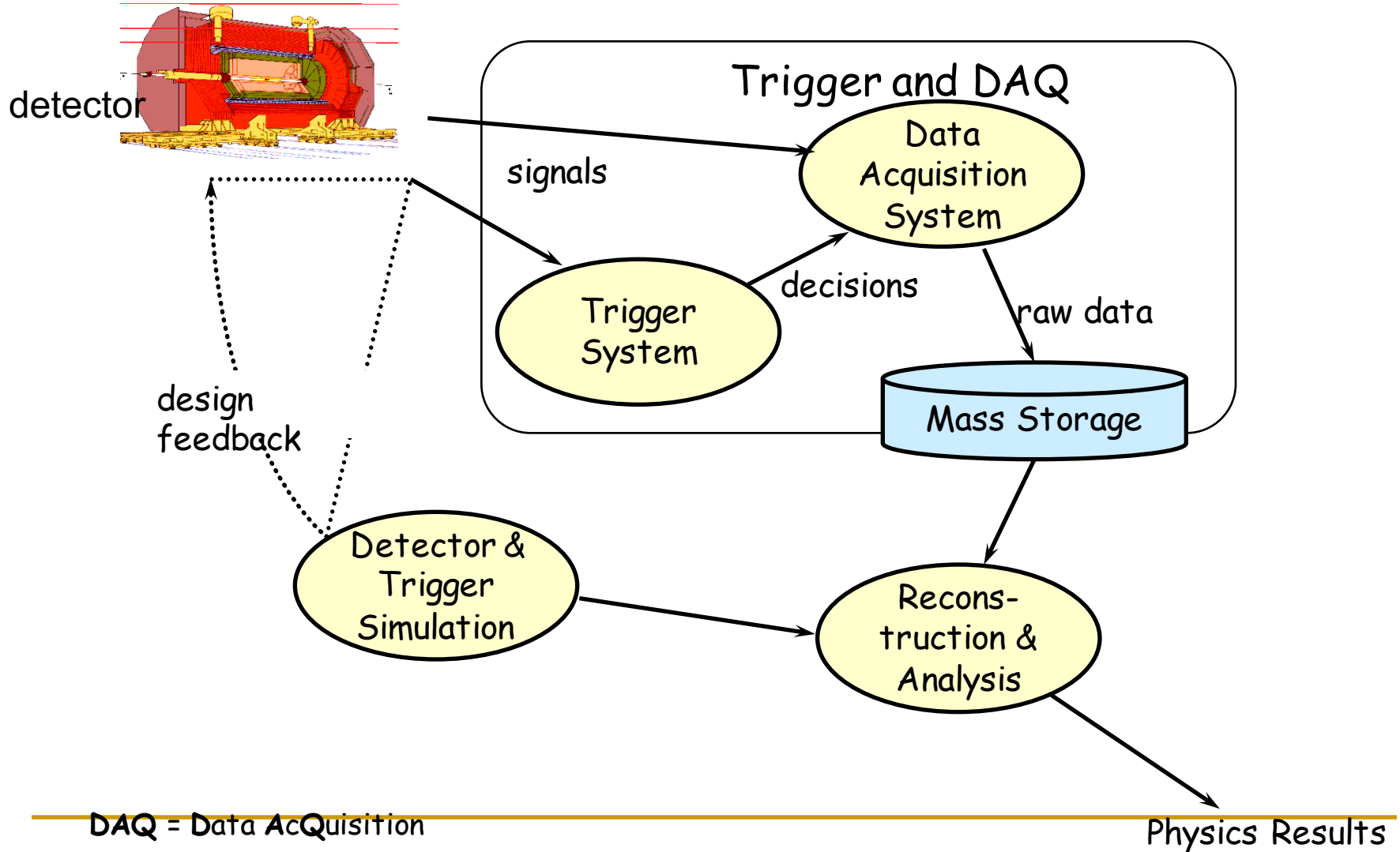
我们的数据
是从哪里来的？







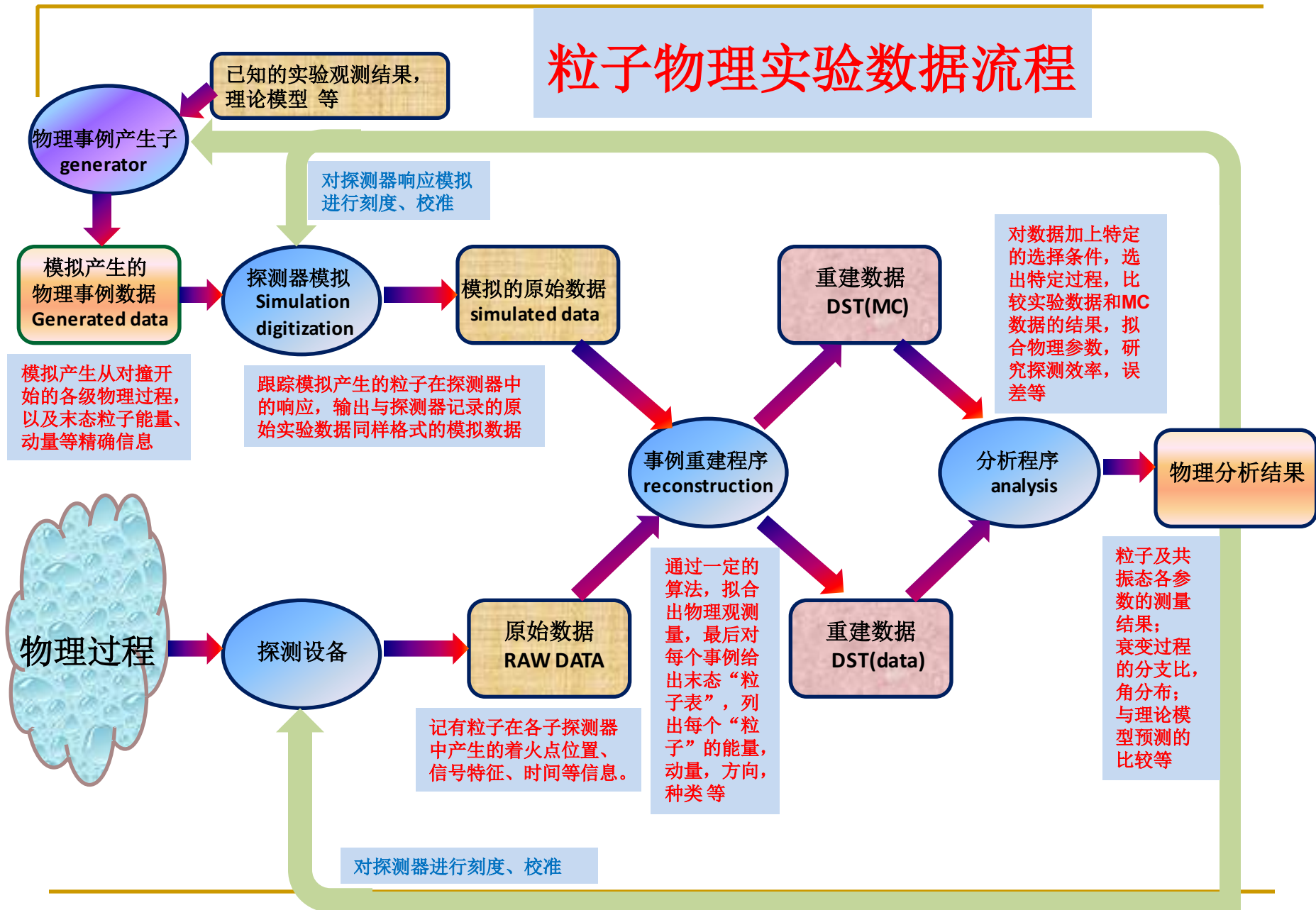
A modern HEP experiment



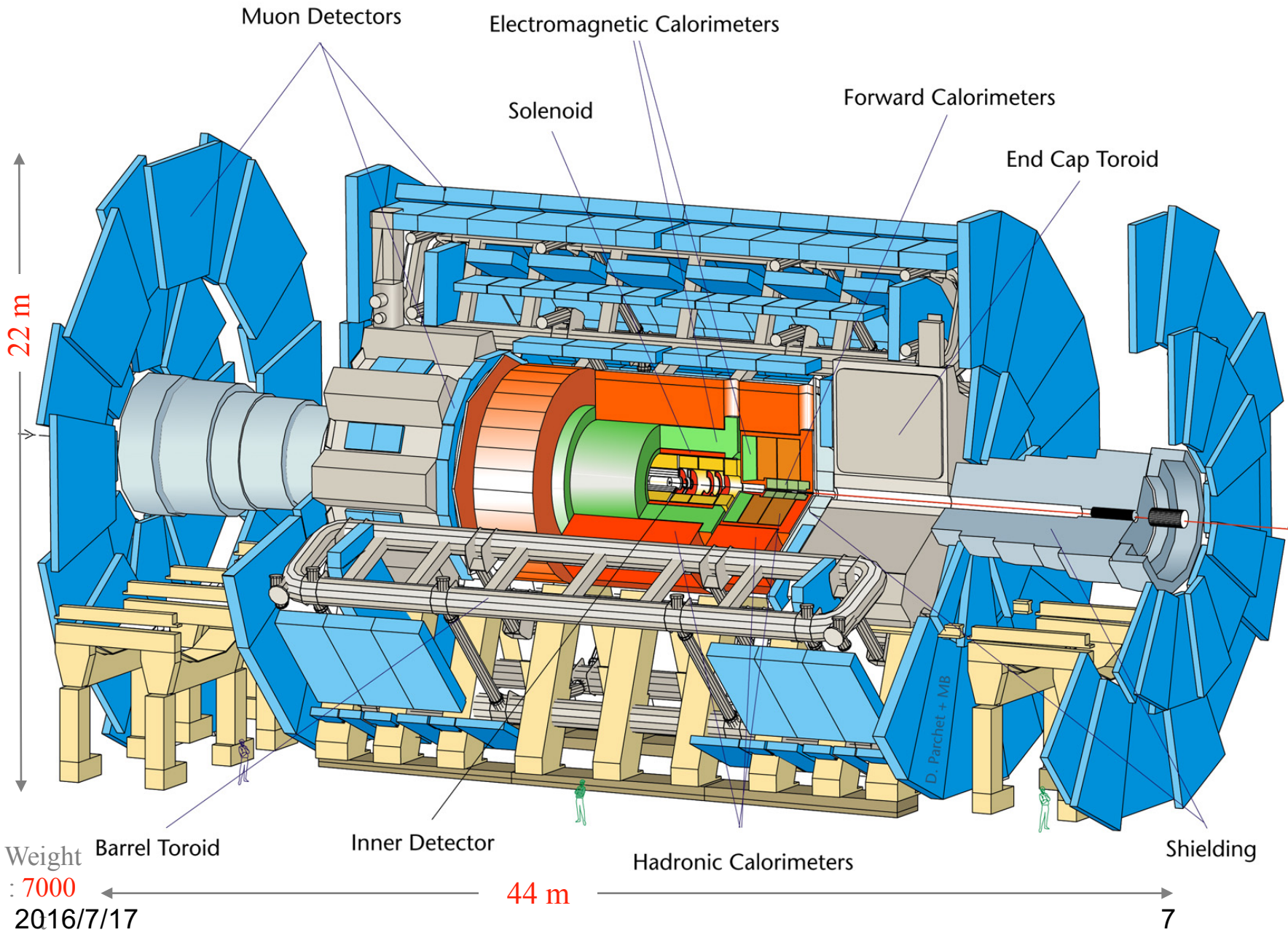
DAQ = Data Acquisition

Physics Results

粒子物理实验数据流程



ATLAS (A Toroidal Lhc Apparatus)



CMS Detector

SILICON TRACKER

Pixels ($100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$)
~1m² ~66M channels
Microstrips (80-180 μm)
~200m² ~9.6M channels

CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL)

~76k scintillating PbWO₄ crystals

PRESHOWER

Silicon strips
~16m² ~137k channels

STEEL RETURN YOKE

~13000 tonnes

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID

Niobium-titanium coil
carrying ~18000 A

FORWARD CALORIMETER

Steel + quartz fibres
~2k channels

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)

Brass + plastic scintillator
~7k channels

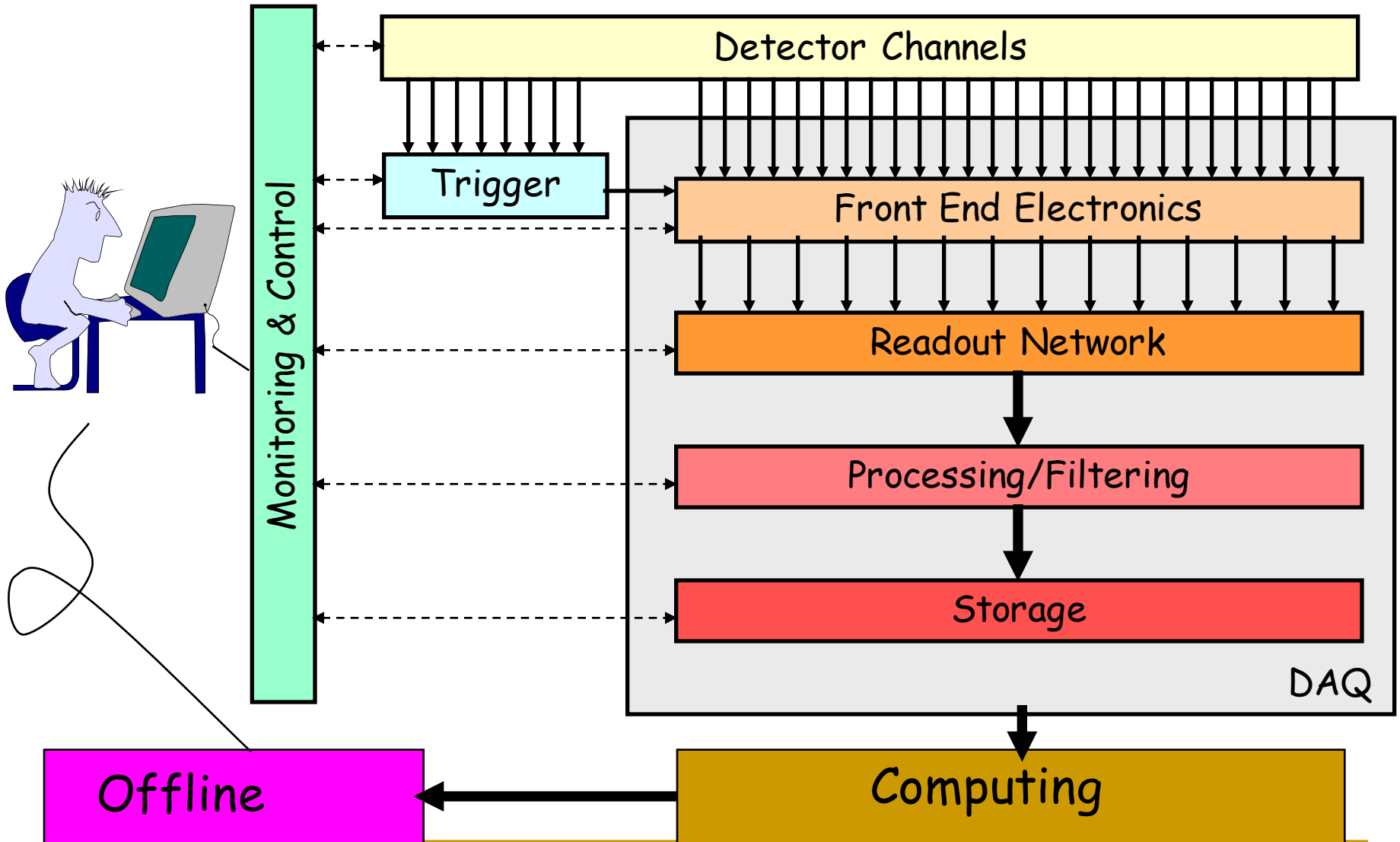
MUON CHAMBERS

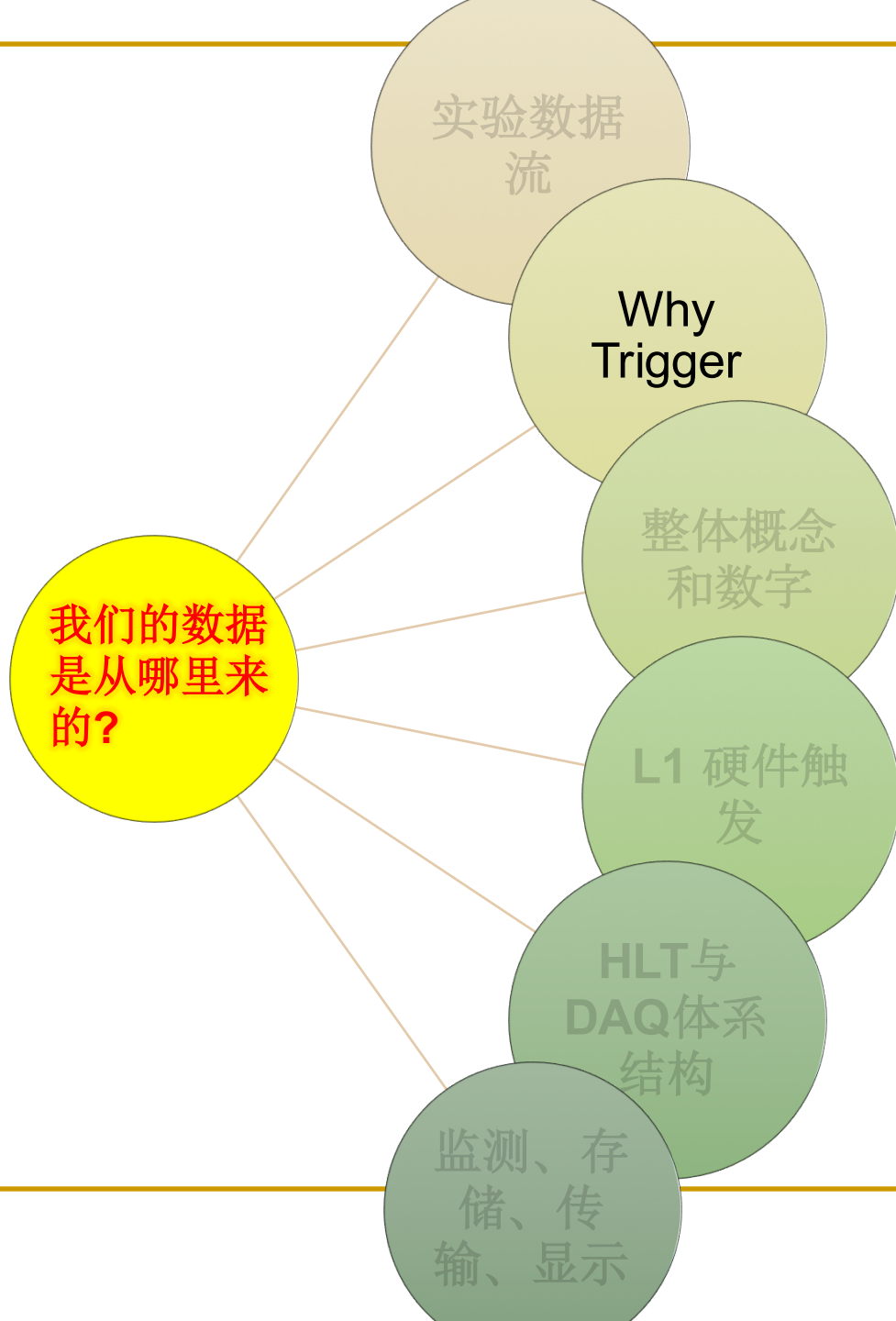
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube & 480 Resistive Plate Chambers
Endcaps: 473 Cathode Strip & 432 Resistive Plate Chambers

Flexible trigger
Large silicon tracker
Strong magnetic field
Broad acceptance

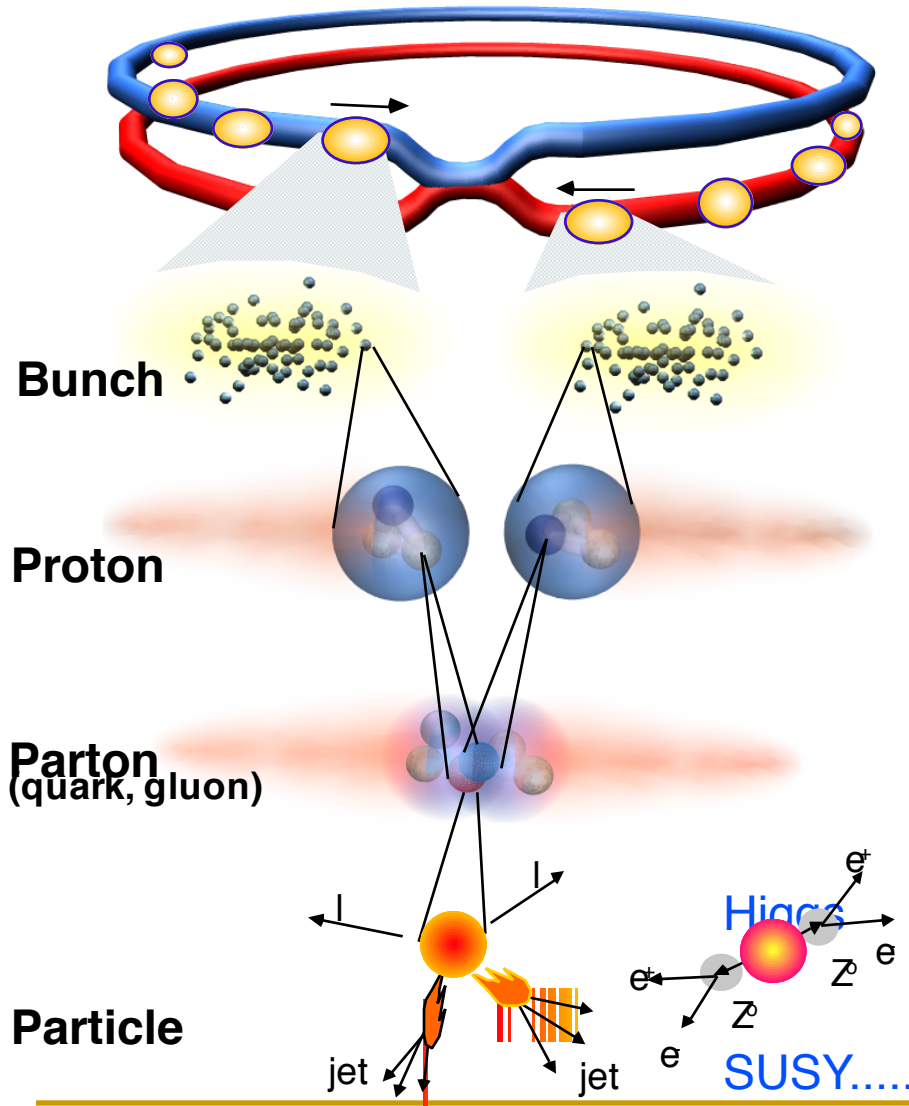
Total weight : 14000 tonnes
Overall diameter : 15.0 m
Overall length : 28.7 m
Magnetic field : 3.8 T

Online: Trigger, DAQ, Monitoring & Control ...





Collisions at the LHC:



Proton - Proton

Protons/bunch

Beam energy

Luminosity

2804 bunch/beam

10^{11}

7 TeV (7×10^{12} eV)

$10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

Crossing rate 40 MHz (every 25 ns)

Collision rate $\approx 7 \times 10^8 \text{s}^{-1}$

data recording rate 300 Hz

200-300 MB/sec

New physics rate $\approx .00001$ Hz

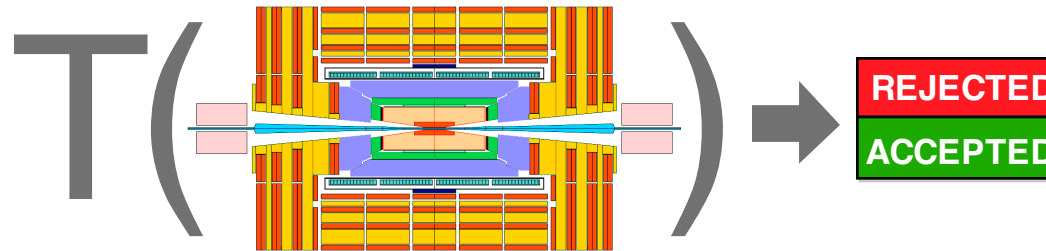
Event selection:

1 in 10,000,000,000,000

Triggering

- Task: inspect detector information and provide a first decision on whether to keep the event or throw it out

The trigger is a function of :



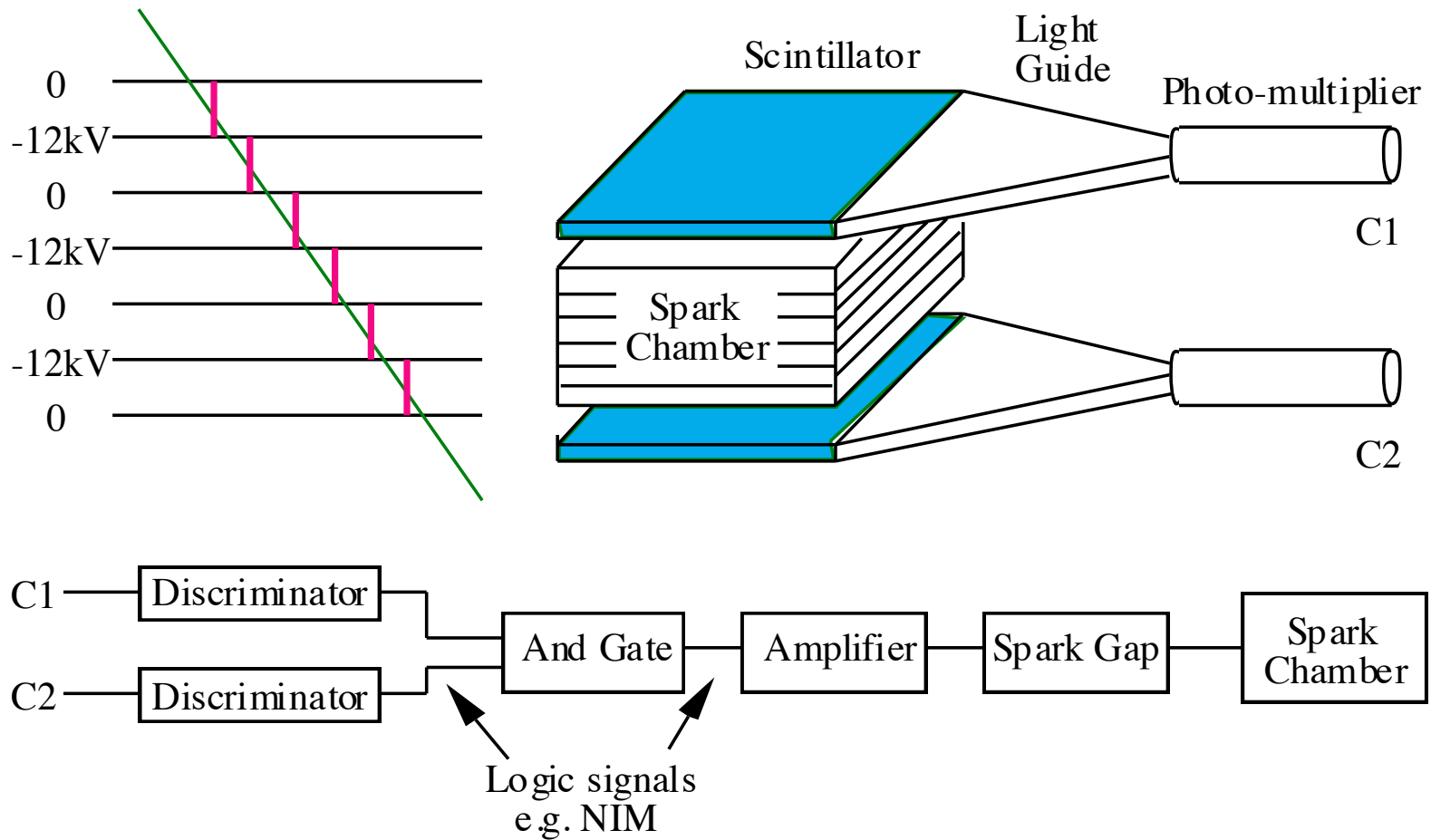
Event data & Apparatus
Physics channels & Parameters

- **Detector data not (all) promptly available**
 - **Selection function highly complex**
- ⇒ **T(...)** is evaluated by successive approximations, the
TRIGGER LEVELS
(possibly with zero dead time)

General trigger requirements

- The role of the **trigger** is to make the **online selection** of particle collisions potentially containing interesting physics
- Need **high efficiency** for selecting processes of interest for physics analysis
 - Efficiency should be precisely known
 - Selection should not have biases that affect physics results
- Need **large reduction of rate** from unwanted high-rate processes (capabilities of DAQ and also offline computers)
 - Instrumental background
 - High-rate physics processes that are not relevant for analysis
- System must be **affordable**
 - Limits complexity of algorithms that can be used
- Not easy to achieve all the above simultaneously!
- And never forget that **an event rejected by the Trigger is lost for ever!**

1960/70s: Simple trigger for spark chamber



Dead time

- Experiments frozen from trigger to end of readout
 - Trigger rate with no deadtime = R per sec.
 - Dead time / trigger = τ sec.
 - For 1 second of live time = $1 + R\tau$ seconds
 - Live time fraction = $1/(1 + R\tau)$
 - Real trigger rate = $R/(1 + R\tau)$ per sec.

Rate in Hz	Dead time ms.	Live time %	Trigger rate Hz
10	10	91	9.1
1000	10	9.1	91

Solution: multi-level triggers!

Exercise: the good event trigger rate of the two level trigger is

$$S = \frac{pfR}{1 + R(t + f\tau)}$$

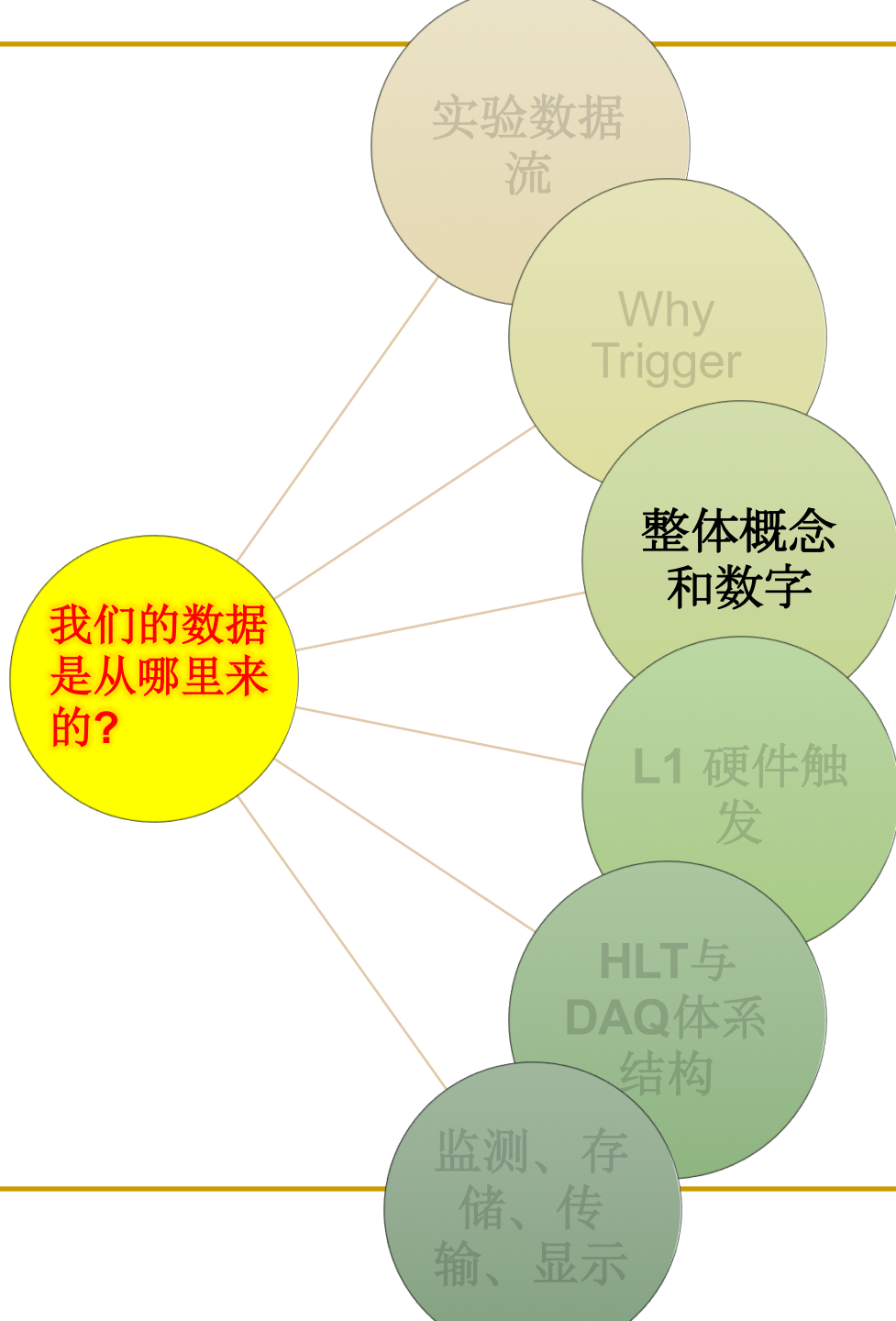
where p is the purity of the event sample selected by the second-level trigger, R is the first-level trigger rate, t is the second-level decision time, f is the fraction of events that pass the second-level trigger, and τ is the readout time. |

Trigger systems 1980's and 90's

- bigger experiments → more data per event
- higher luminosities → more triggers per second
 - both led to increased fractional deadtime
- use multi-level triggers to reduce dead-time
 - first level - fast detectors, fast algorithms
 - higher levels can use data from slower detectors and more complex algorithms to obtain better event selection/background rejection

Trigger systems 1990's and 2000's

- Dead-time was not the only problem
- Experiments focussed on rarer processes
 - Need large statistics of these rare events
 - But increasingly difficult to select the interesting events
 - DAQ system (and off-line analysis capability) under increasing strain - limiting useful event statistics
 - This is a major issue at hadron colliders, but will also be significant at ILC
- Use the High Level Trigger to reduce the requirements for
 - The DAQ system
 - Off-line data storage and off-line analysis

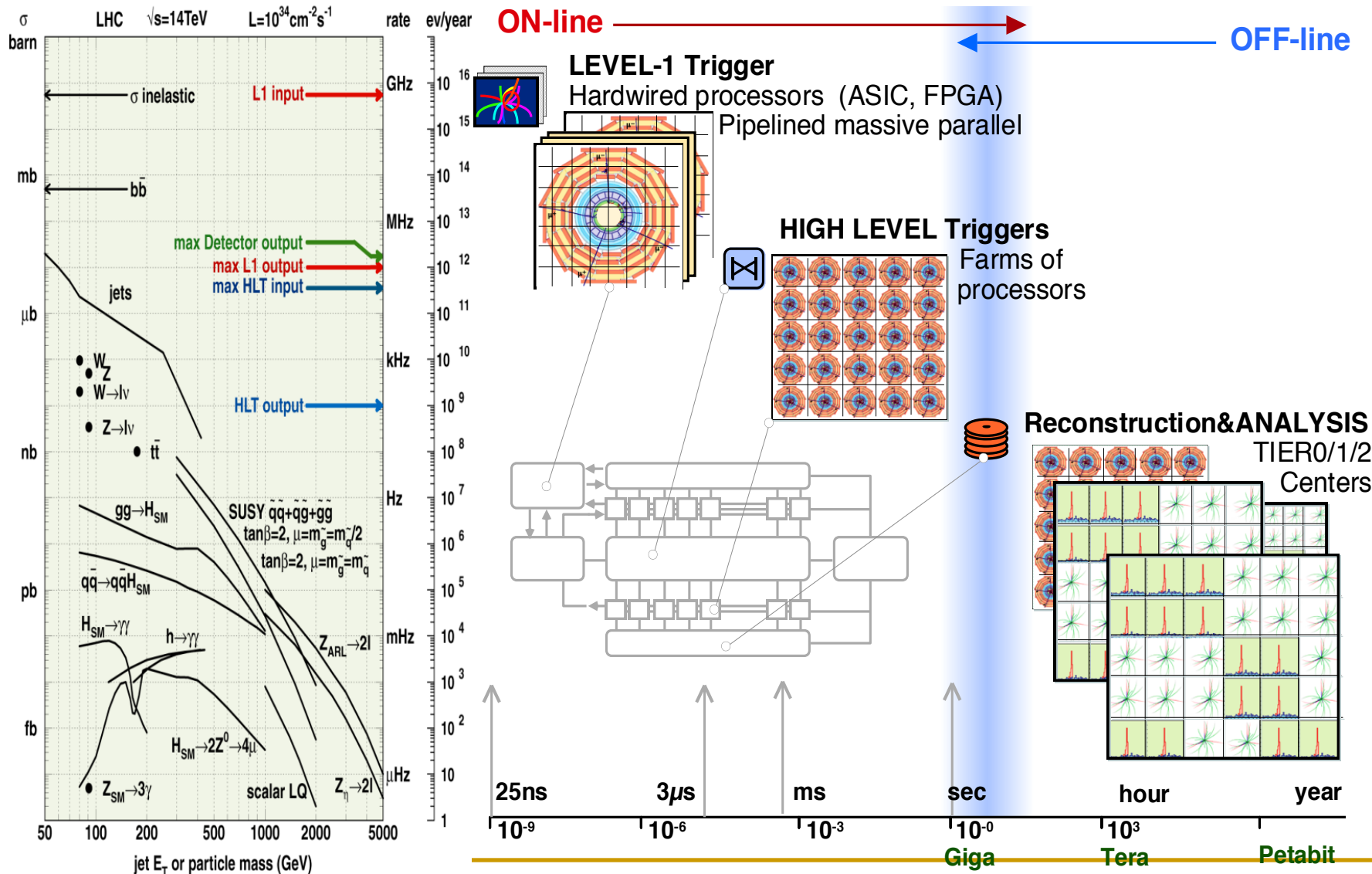


实验的取数环境：加速器的时间结构，事例率和数据率，数据量，死时间

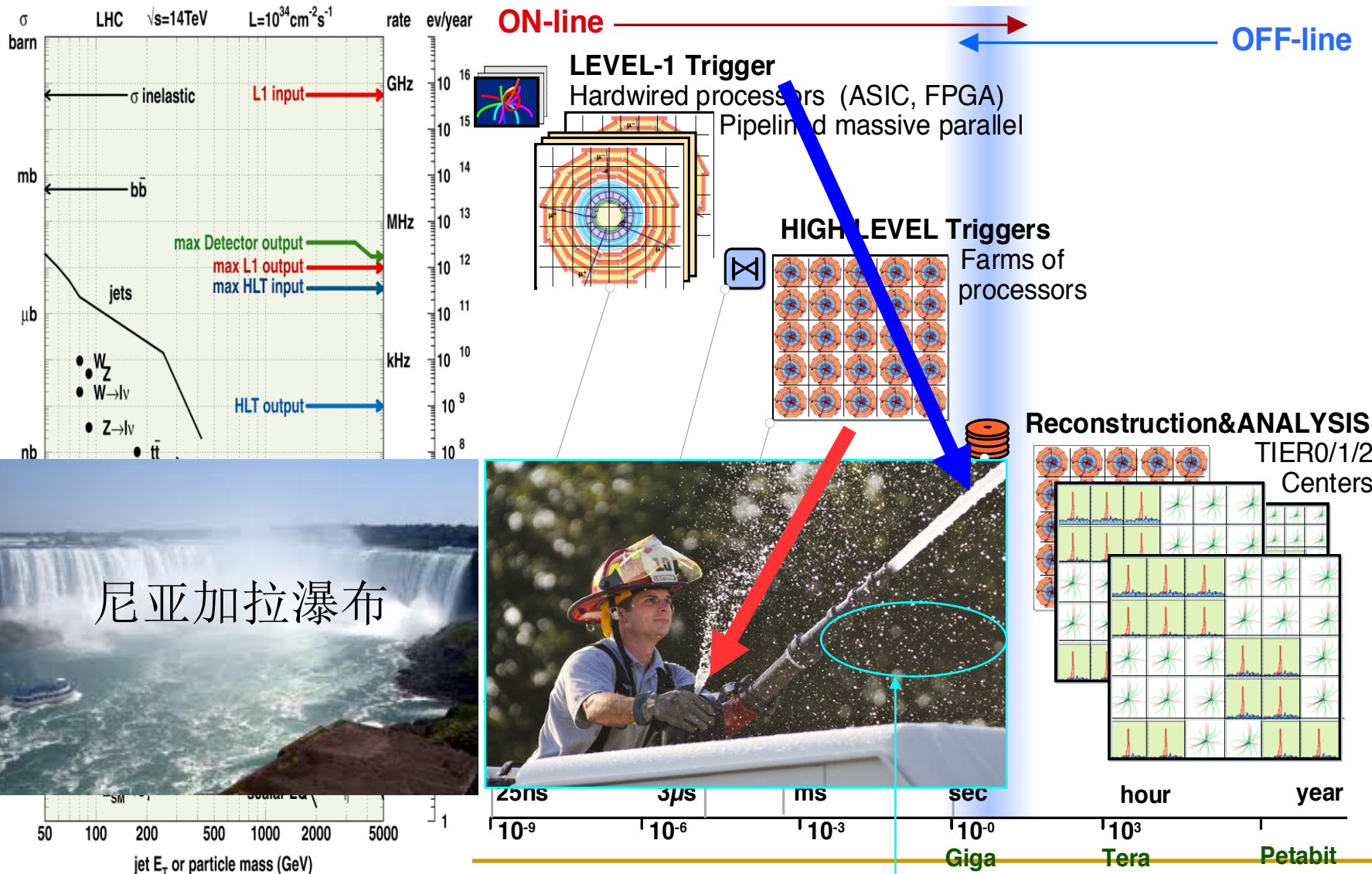
一些对撞机及相应探测器的参数

对撞机	最大束流 能量/GeV	亮度/(10^{30} $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)	周长 /km	束团数	对撞周期 /ns	探测器	电子学道数
DAΦNE	0.75	5	0.0977	30~120	2.7 ~ 10.8	KLOE	23k
BEPC	2.2	5	0.2404	1	802	BES	20k
CESR	6	830	0.768	9X4	14-220	CLEO	400k
LEP	101	10000	26.66	5120	22000	ALEPH etc	100~ 300k
KEKB	8+3.5	3000	3.016	1658	2	BELLE	133k
HERA	e30+ p920	14	6.336	189+180	96	H1 etc	250k
Tevatron	1000	210	6.28	36	396	CDF etc	75~100k
LHC	7000	10000	26.66	2835	25	CMS etc	100M

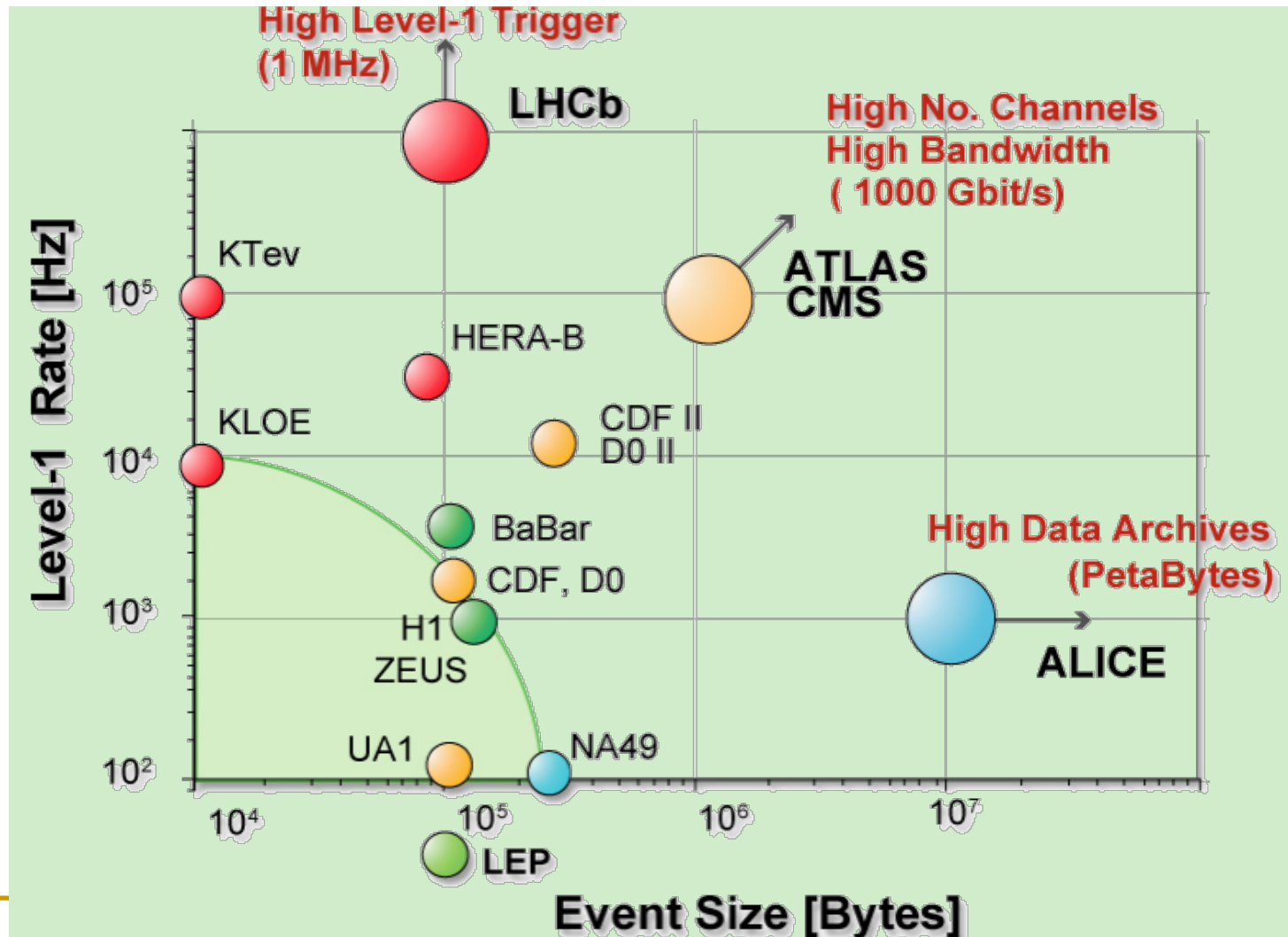
LHC实验数据流：物理信号的挑选



触发系统：现代对撞实验的大脑



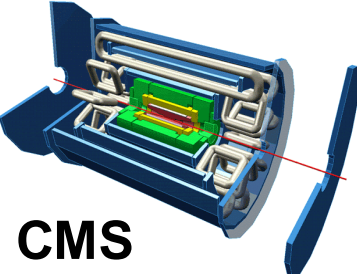
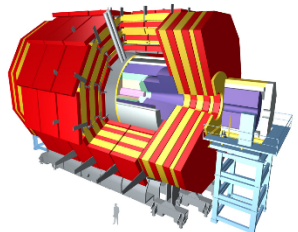
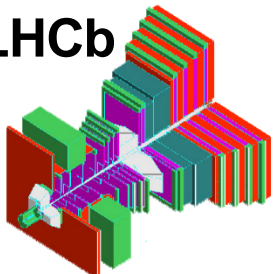
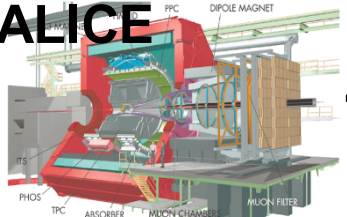
Data Rate: TrigDAQ Comparisons



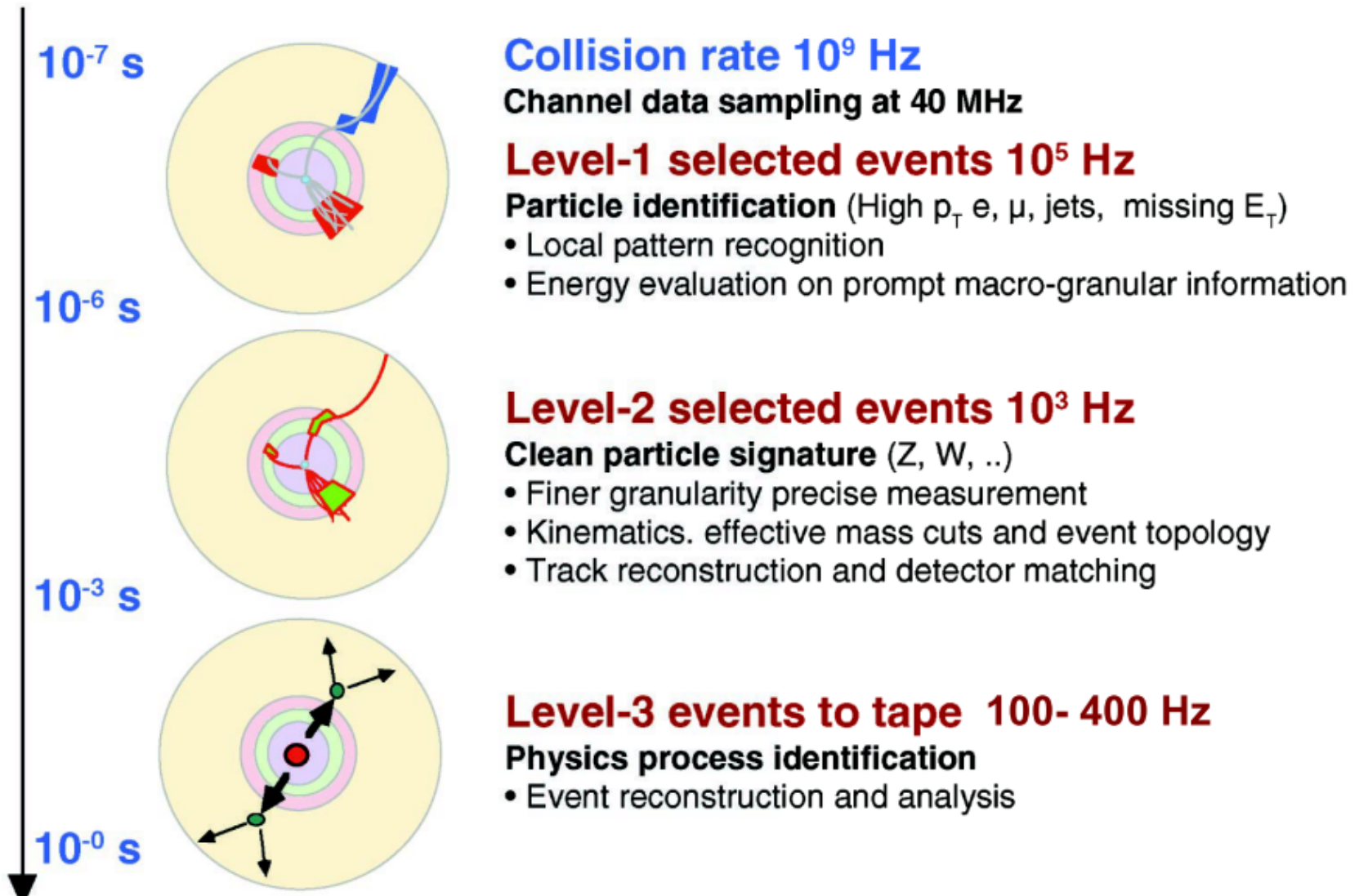
ATLAS/CMS Data Flow Rates

- From detectors $> 10^{14}$ Bytes/sec
 - After Level-1 accept $\sim 10^{11}$ Bytes/sec
 - Into event builder $\sim 10^9$ Bytes/sec
 - Onto permanent storage $\sim 10^8$ Bytes/sec
- $\sim 10^{15}$ Bytes/year

LHC Trigger and DAQ summary

ATLAS	No.Levels Trigger	First Level Rate (Hz)	Event Size (Byte)	Readout Bandw.(GB/s)	Filter Out MB/s (Event/s)
	3	10^5 LV-2 10^3	10^6	10	100 (10^2)
CMS					
	2	10^5	10^6	100	100 (10^2)
LHCb					
	3	LV-0 10^6 LV-1 $4 \cdot 10^4$	2×10^5	4	40 (2×10^2)
ALICE					
	4	Pp-Pp 500 p-p 10^3	5×10^7 2×10^6	5	1250 (10^2) 200 (10^2)

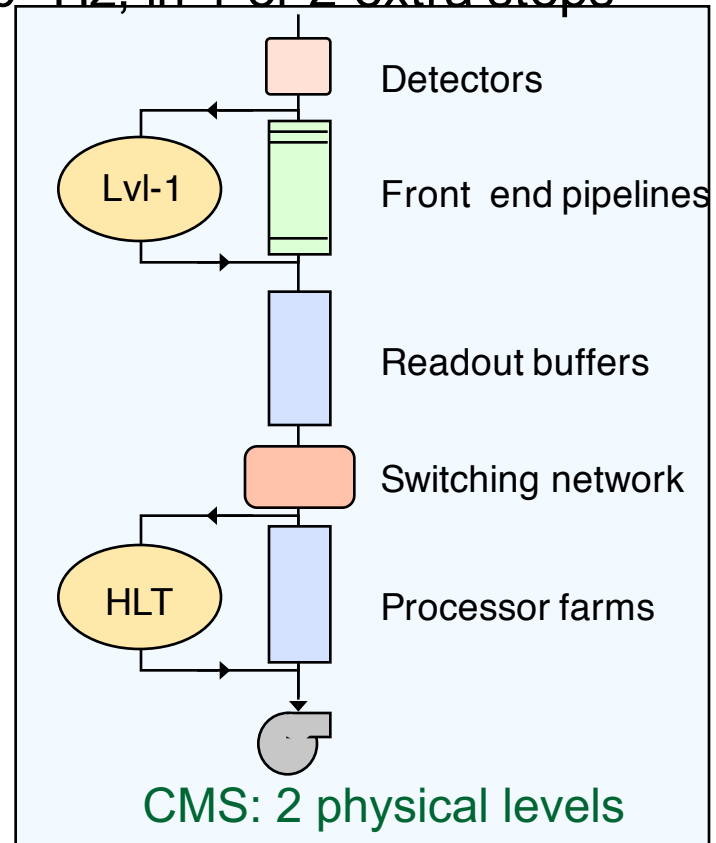
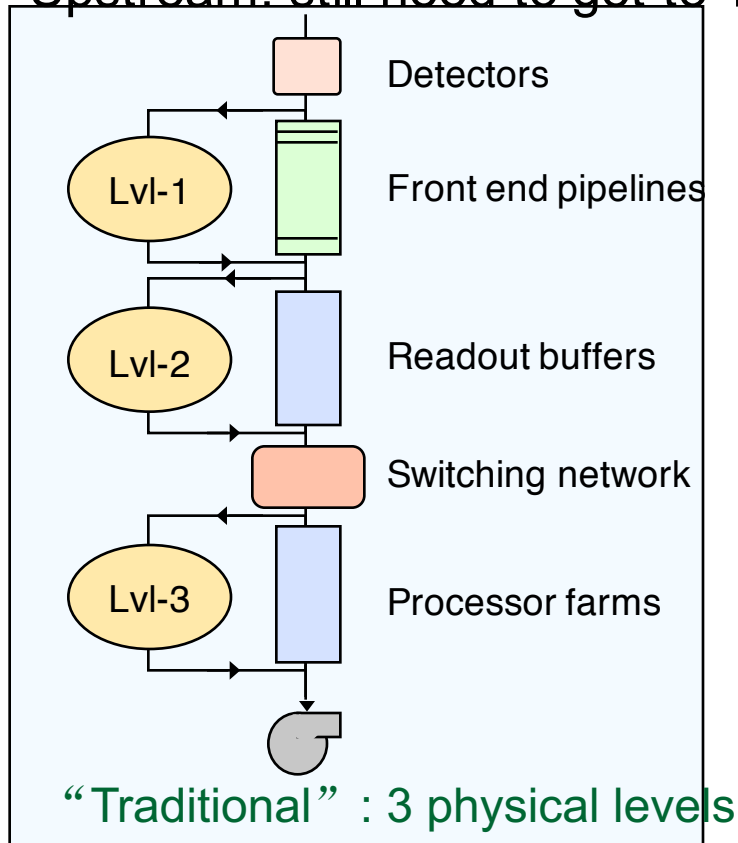
Trigger Levels



Level-1 Trigger

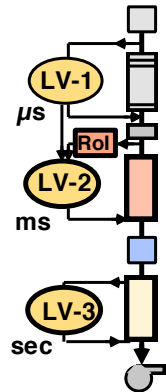
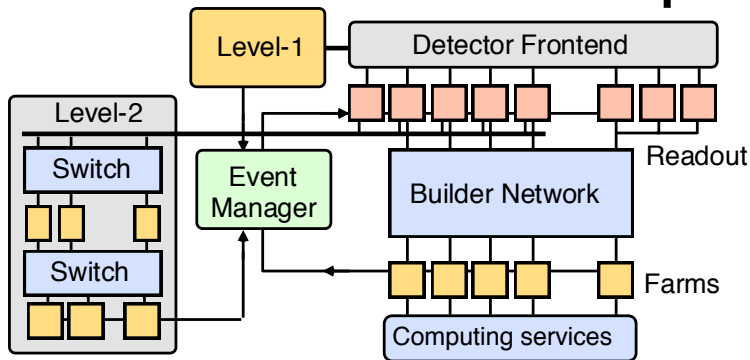
- Level-1 trigger: reduce 40 MHz to 10^5 Hz

- This step is always there
- Upstream: still need to get to 10^2 Hz; in 1 or 2 extra steps

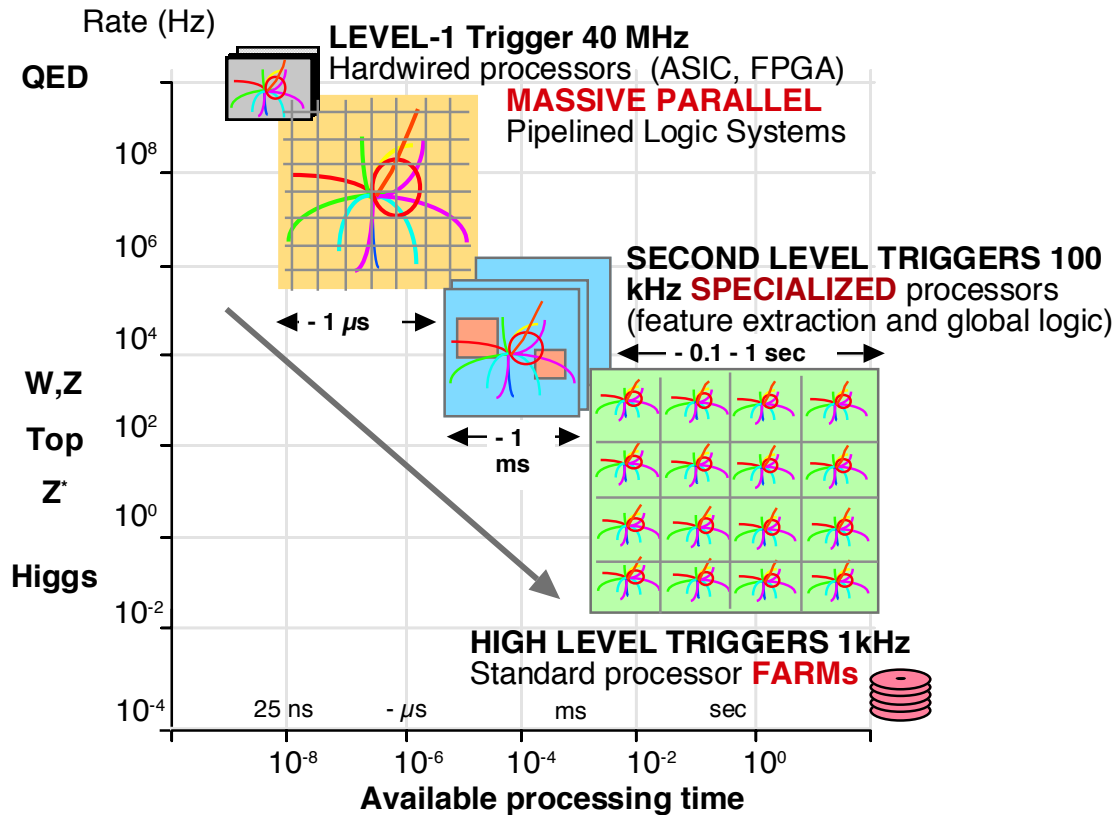


Three physical entities(ATLAS)

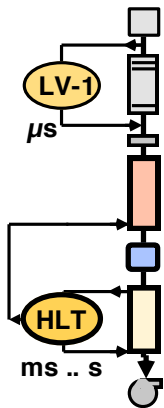
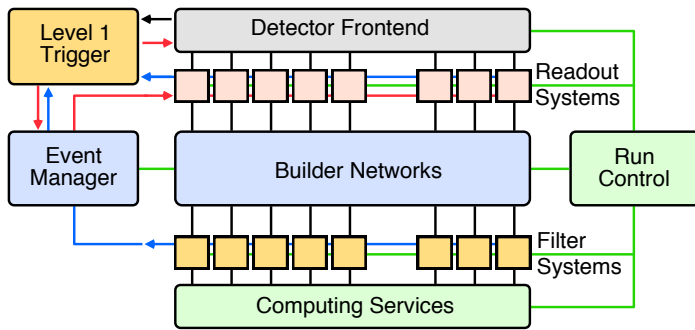
- Additional processing in LV-2: reduce network bandwidth requirements



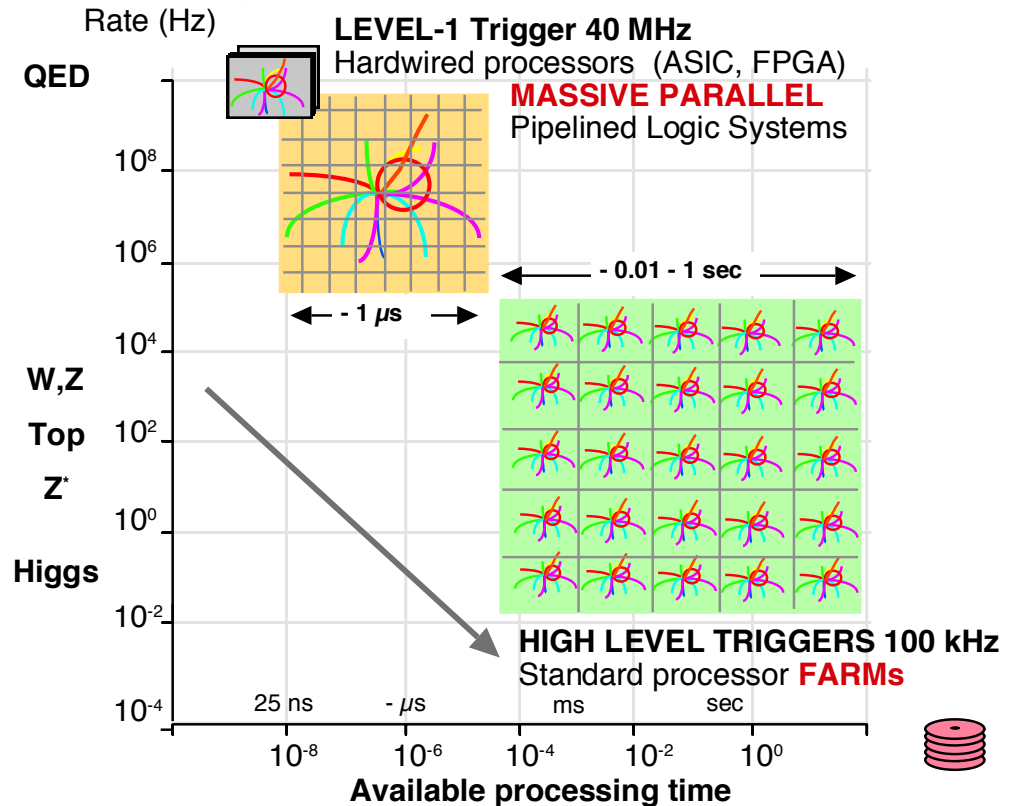
40 MHz
 10^5 Hz
 10^3 Hz
10 Gb/s
 10^2 Hz



Two physical entities(CMS)



40 MHz
 10^5 Hz
1000 Gb/s
 10^2 Hz

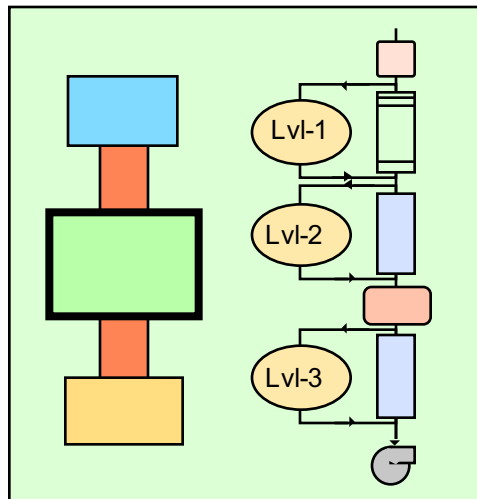


- Reduce number of building blocks
- Rely on commercial components (especially processing and communications)

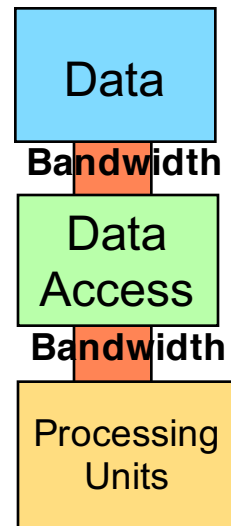
Comparison of 2 vs 3 physical levels

■ Three Physical Levels

- Investment in:
 - Control Logic
 - Specialized processors

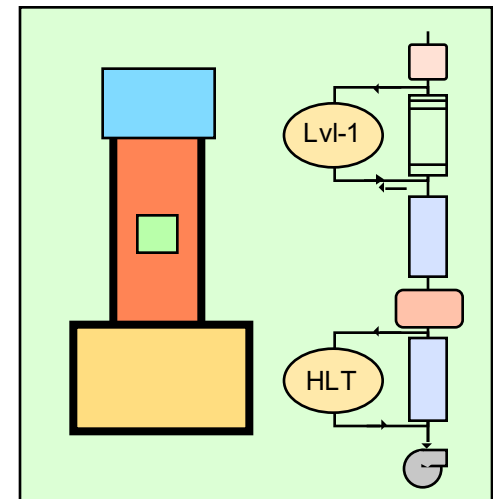


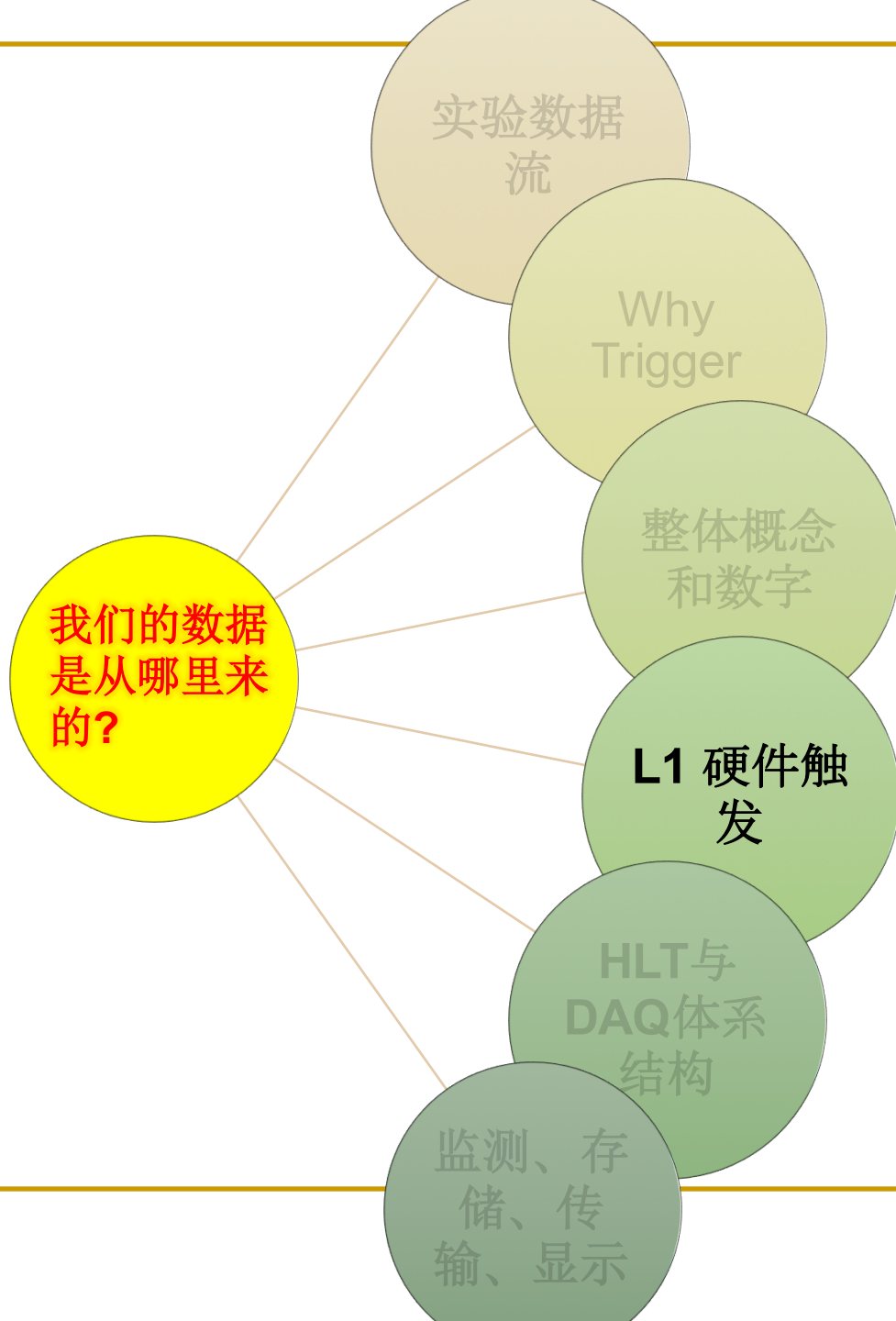
Model



■ Two Physical Levels

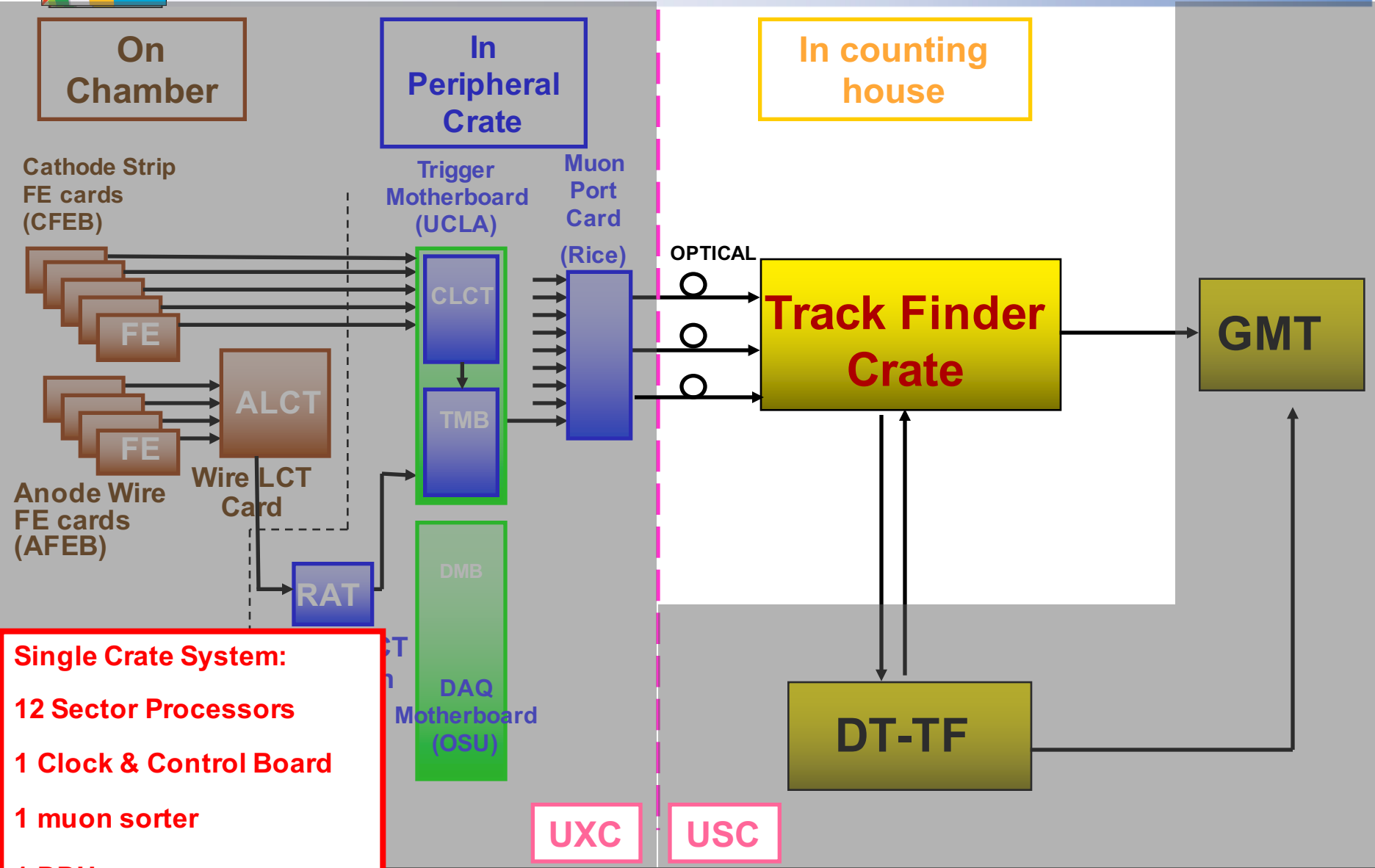
- Investment in:
 - Bandwidth
 - Commercial Processors







CMS CSC Track Finder

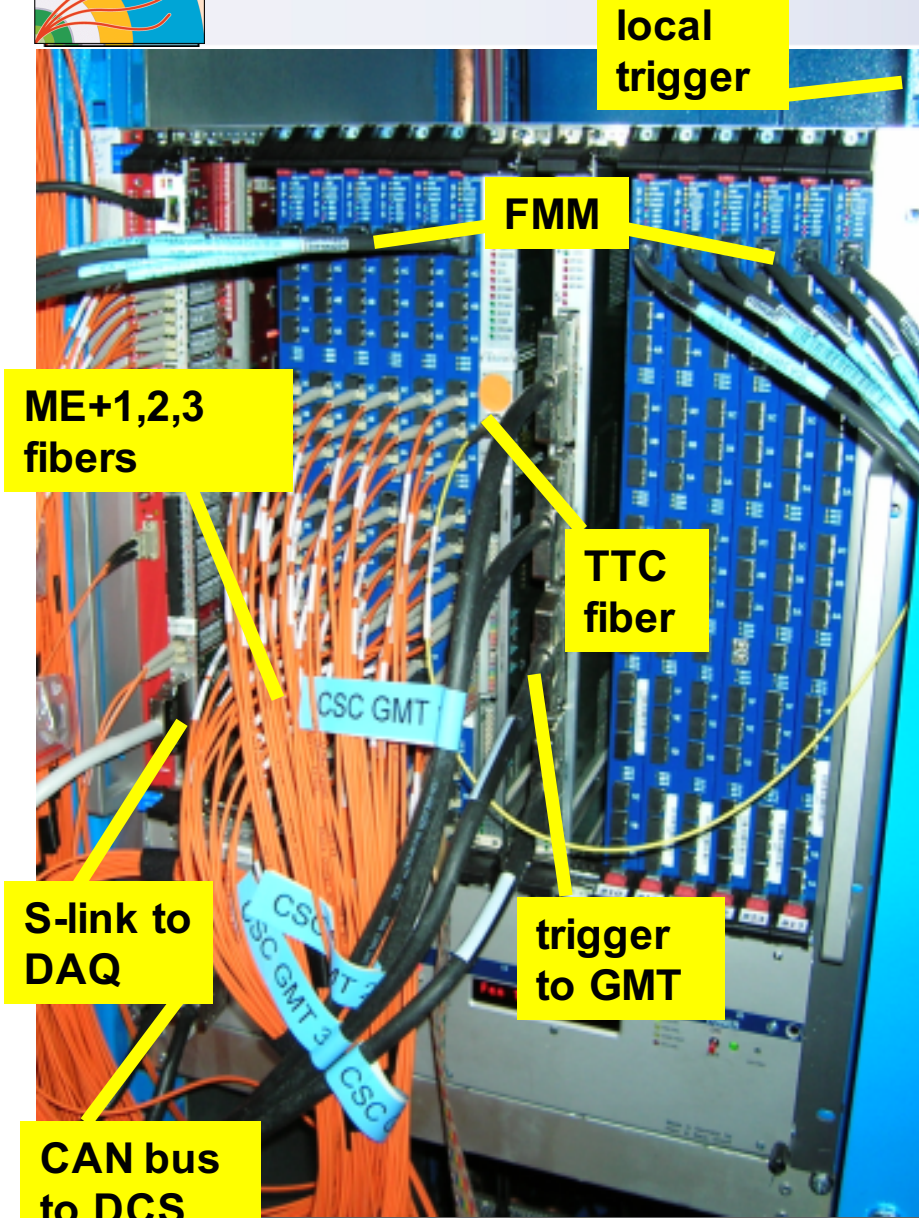


Single Crate System:
 12 Sector Processors
 1 Clock & Control Board
 1 muon sorter
 1 DDU

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Hardware Layout



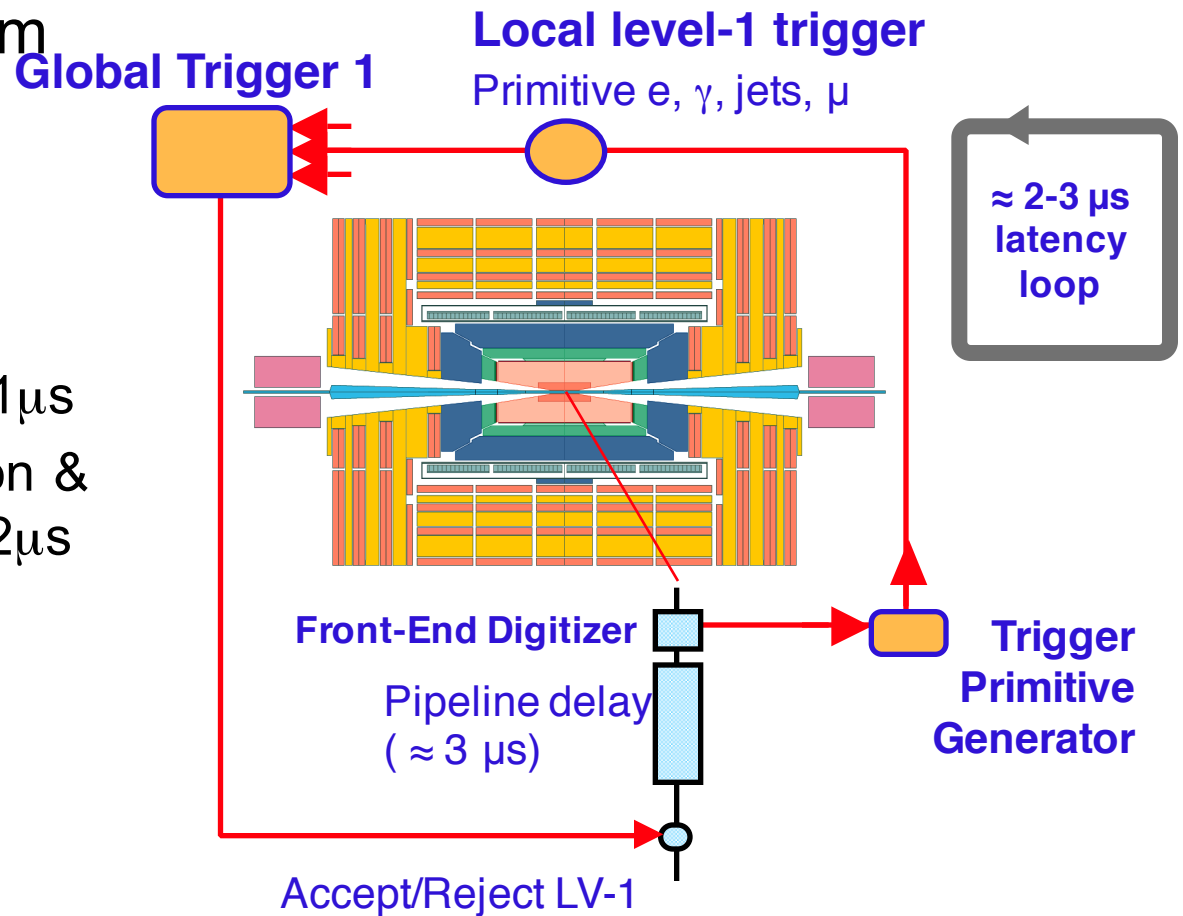
CSCTF transition board and connection cables to DTTF with Channel-Link LVDS transmission

Technologies in Level-1 systems

- **ASIC(Application-Specific Integrated Circuit) used in some cases**
 - Highest-performance option, better radiation tolerance and lower power consumption (a plus for on-detector electronics)
- **FPGA(Field-Programmable Gate Array) used in all systems**
 - Impressive evolution with time. Large gate counts and operating at 40 MHz (and beyond)
 - Biggest advantage: flexibility
 - Can modify algorithms (and their parameters) in situ
- **Communication technologies**
 - High-speed serial links (copper or fiber)
 - LVDS up to 10 m and 400 Mb/s; HP G-link, Vitesse for longer distances and Gb/s transmission
 - Backplanes
 - Very large number of connections, multiplexing data
 - operating at ~160 Mb/s
 - High speed optical links (fibers)
 - Up to 10Gb/s per link

Level-1 Trigger: decision loop

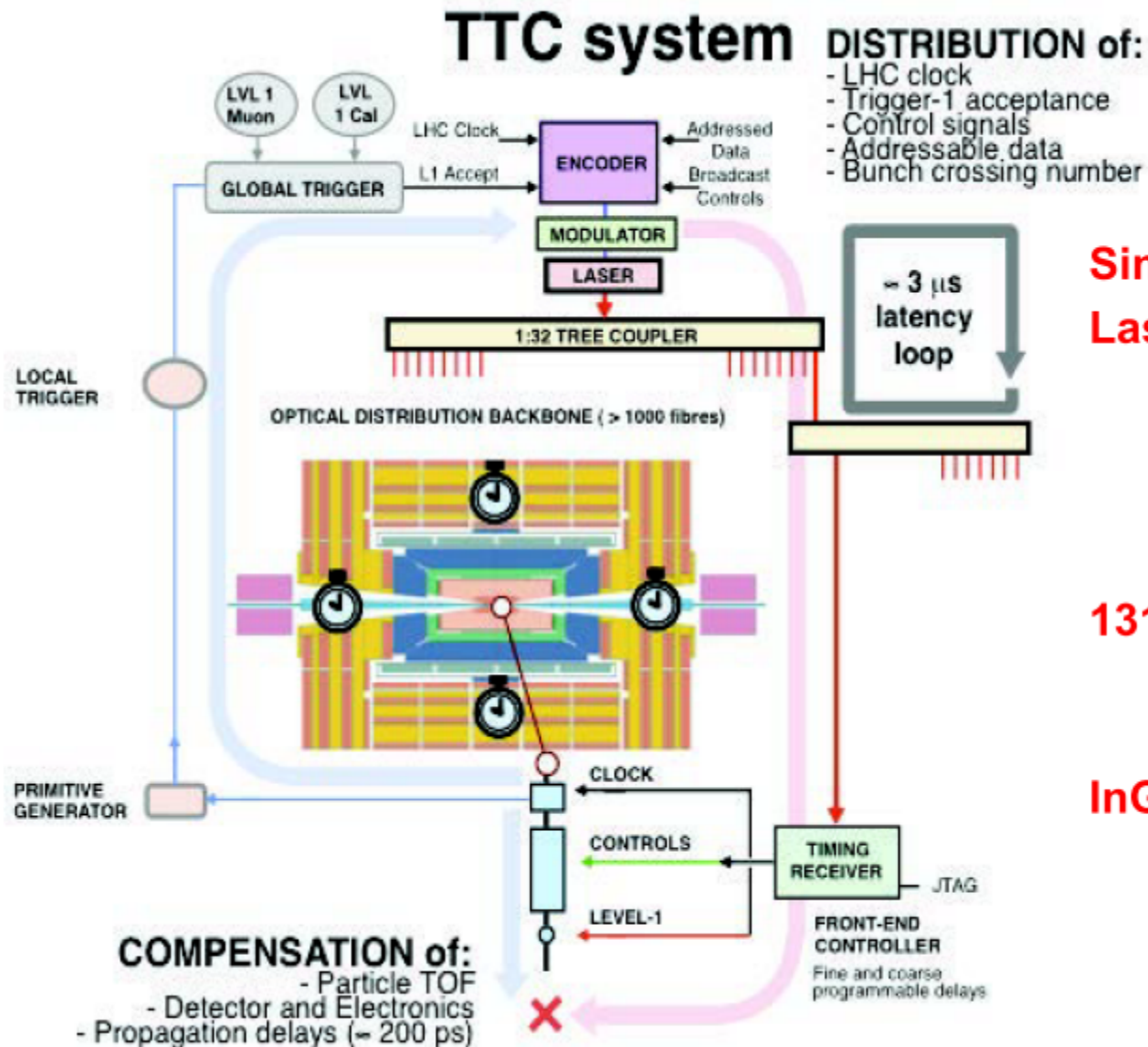
- Synchronous 40 MHz digital system
 - Typical: 160 MHz internal pipeline
 - Latencies:
 - Readout + processing: $< 1\mu\text{s}$
 - Signal collection & distribution: $\approx 2\mu\text{s}$
- At Lvl-1: process only calo+ μ info



Global Trigger

- A very large OR-AND network that allows for the specification of complex conditions:
 - 1 electron with $P_T > 20$ GeV OR 2 electrons with $P_T > 14$ GeV OR 1 electron with $P_T > 16$ and one jet with $P_T > 40$ GeV...
 - The top-level logic requirements (e.g. 2 electrons) constitute the “trigger-table” of the experiment
 - Allocating this rate is a complex process that involves the optimization of physics efficiencies vs backgrounds, rates and machine conditions

Trigger timing and control



Optical System:

Single High-Power Laser per zone

- Reliability, transmitter upgrades
- Passive optical coupler fanout

1310 nm Operation

- Negligible chromatic dispersion

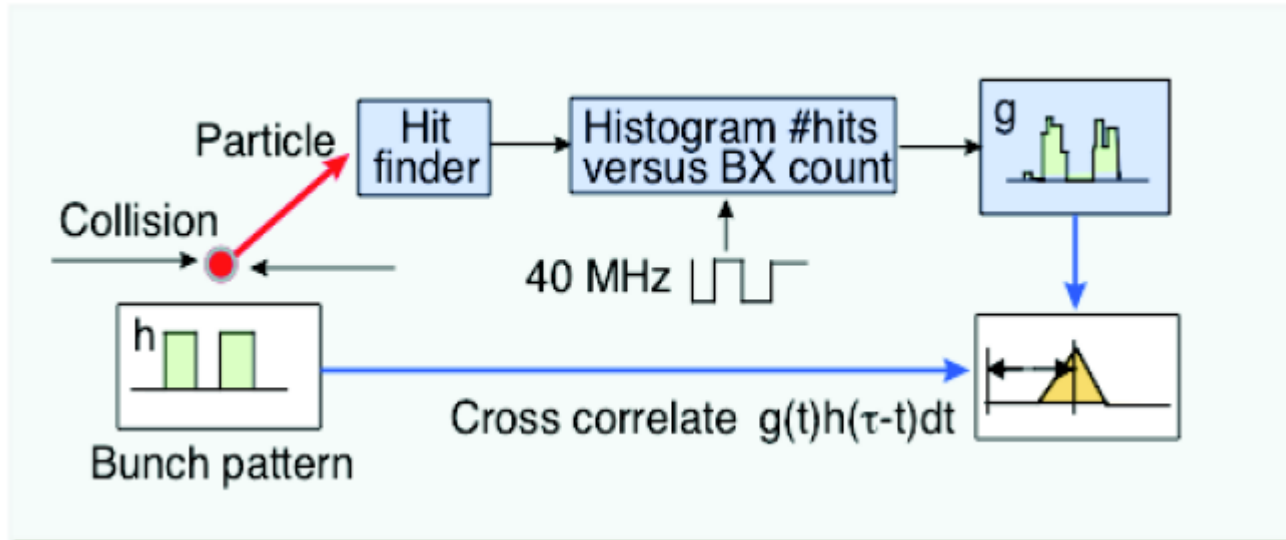
InGaAs photodiodes

- Radiation resistance, low bias

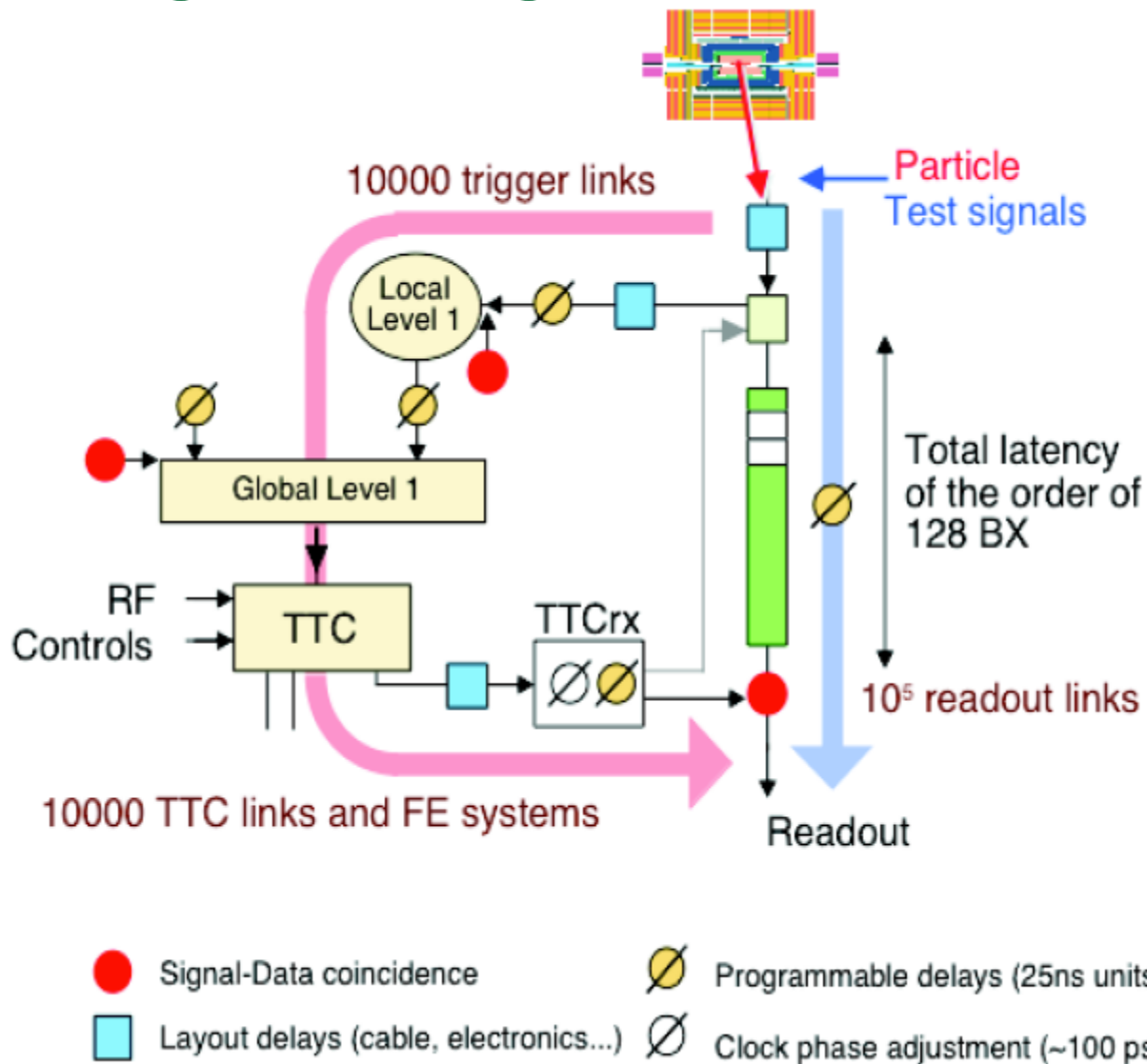
Synchronization



2835 out of 3564 p bunches are full, use this pattern:



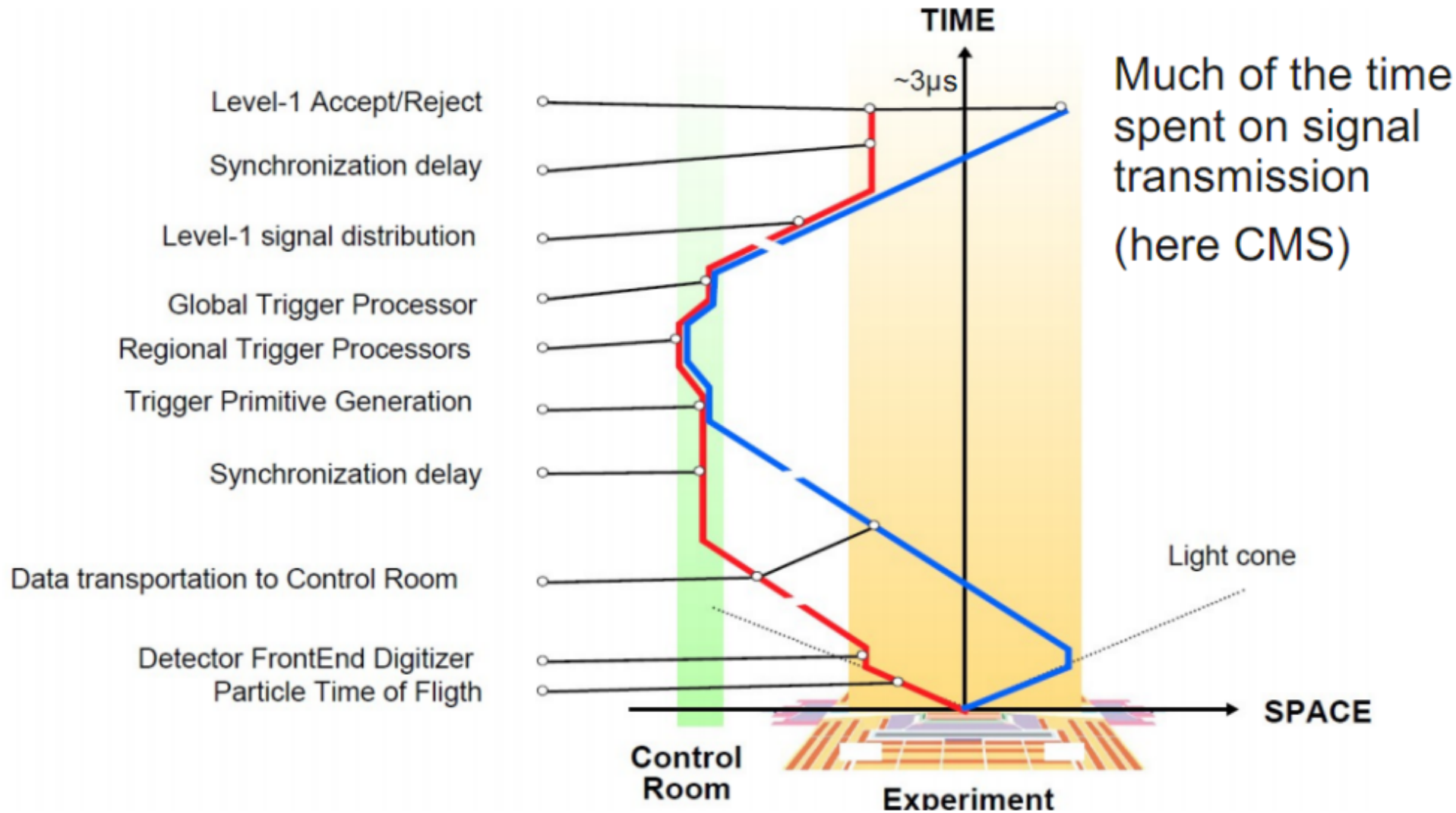
Align the signal



Need to Align:

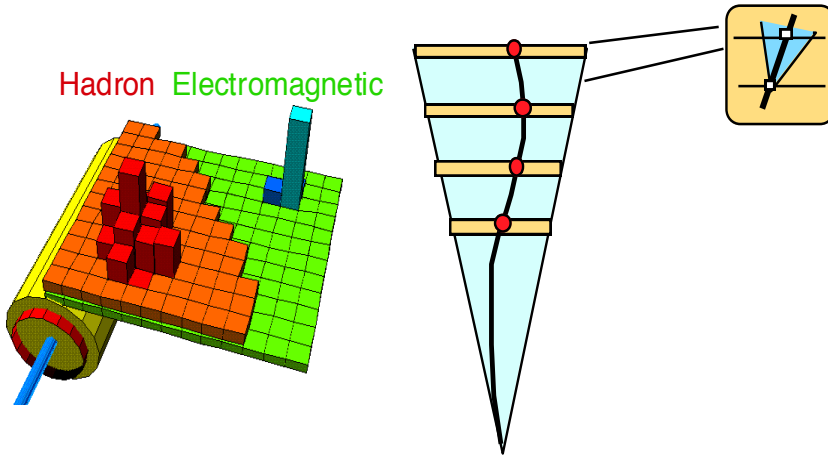
- Detector pulse w/collision at IP
- Trigger data w/readout data
- Different detector trigger data w/each other
- Bunch Crossing Number
- Level 1 Accept Number

Trigger Latency



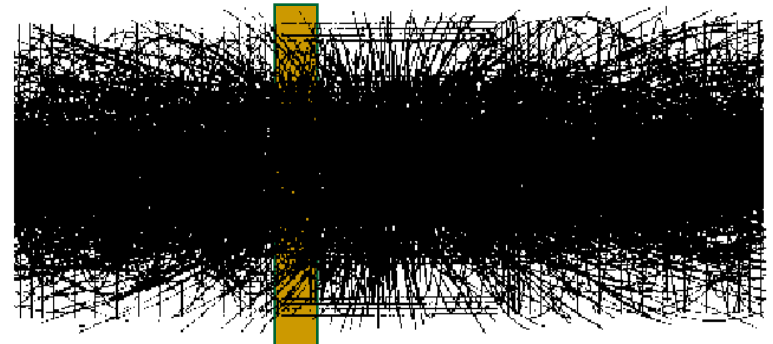
At Level-1: only calo and muon info

- Pattern recognition much faster/easier

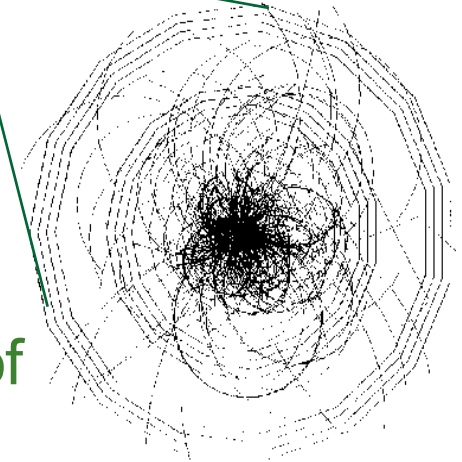


- **Simple algorithms**
- **Small amounts of data**
- **Local decisions**

- Compare to tracker info



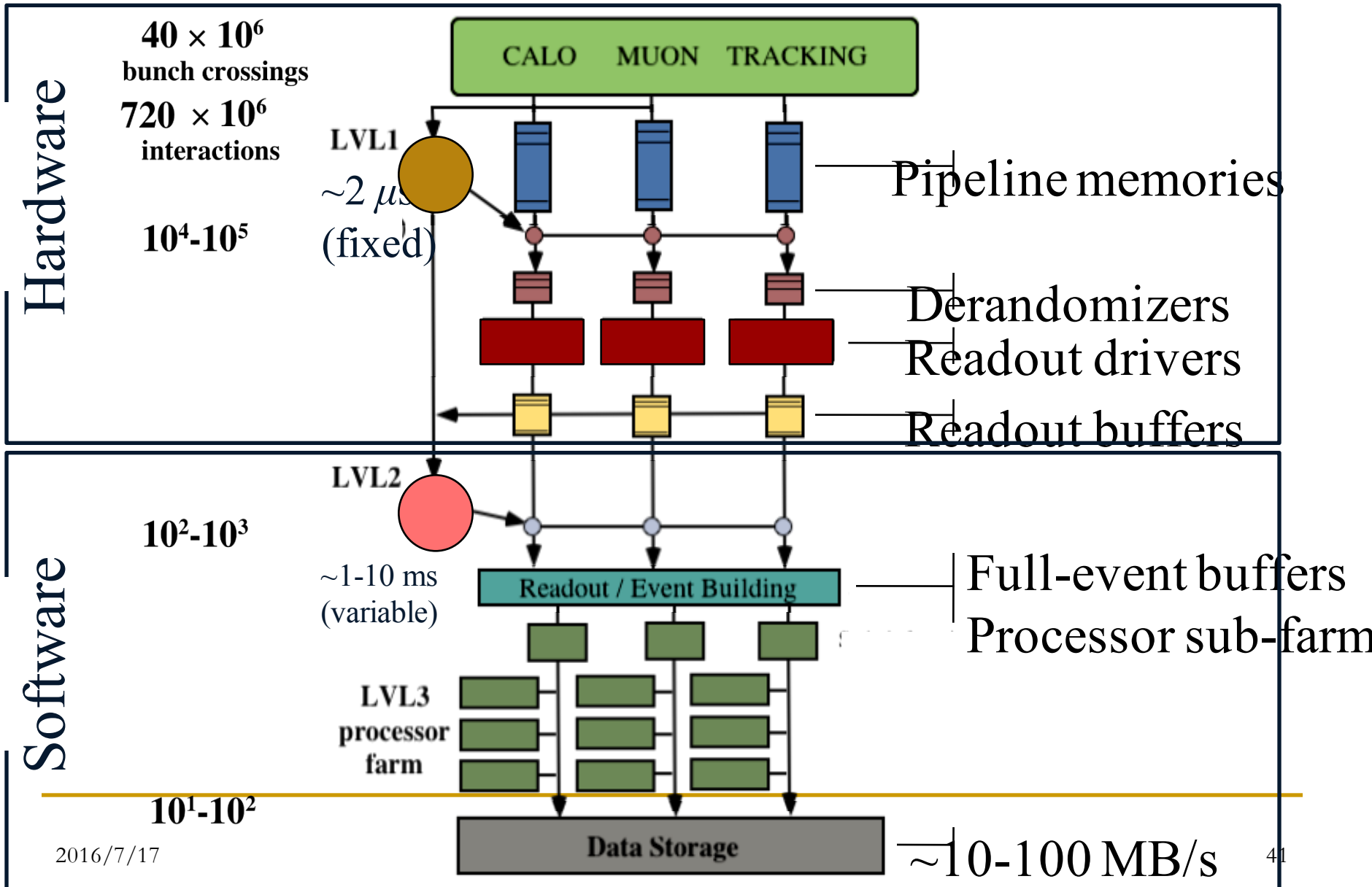
- Complex algorithms
- Huge amounts of data



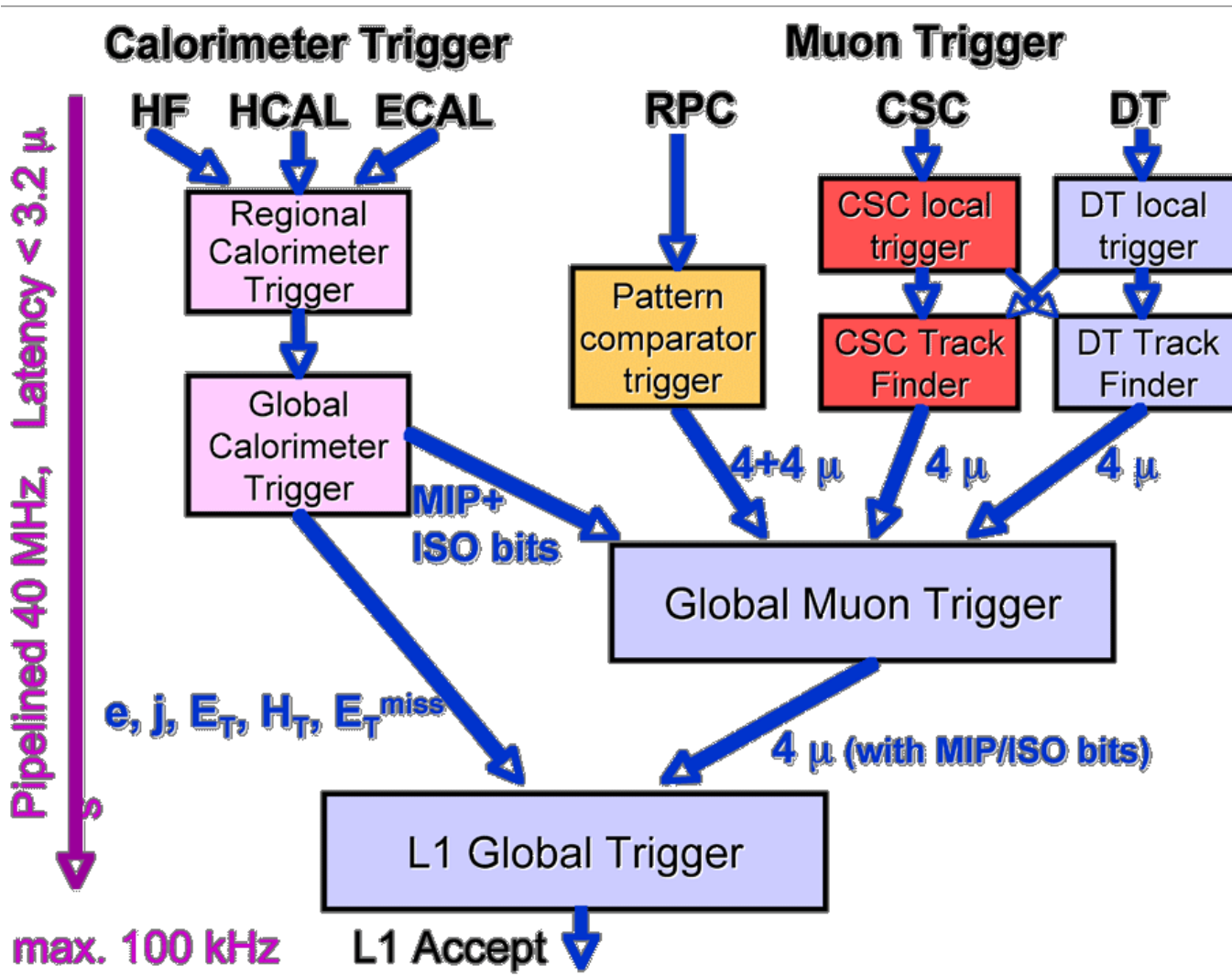
- Need to link sub-detectors

The ATLAS Trigger System

Rate [Hz] Latency

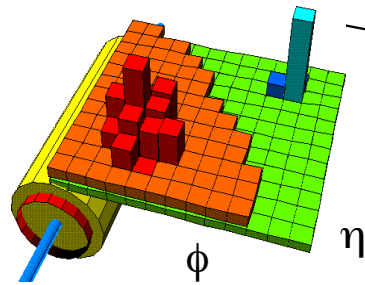


Overview of CMS L1 Trigger



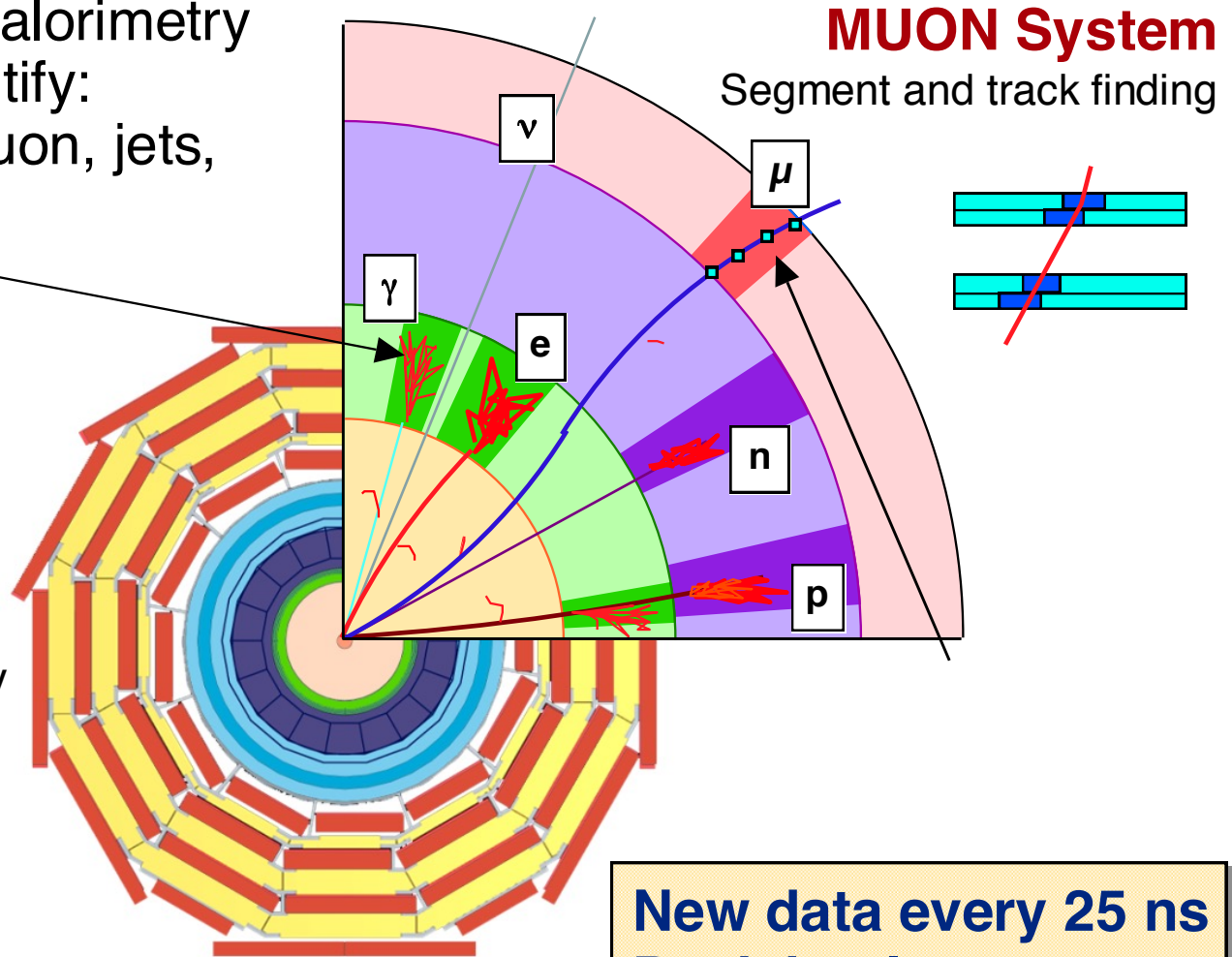
Trigger alg: based on Particle signatures

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



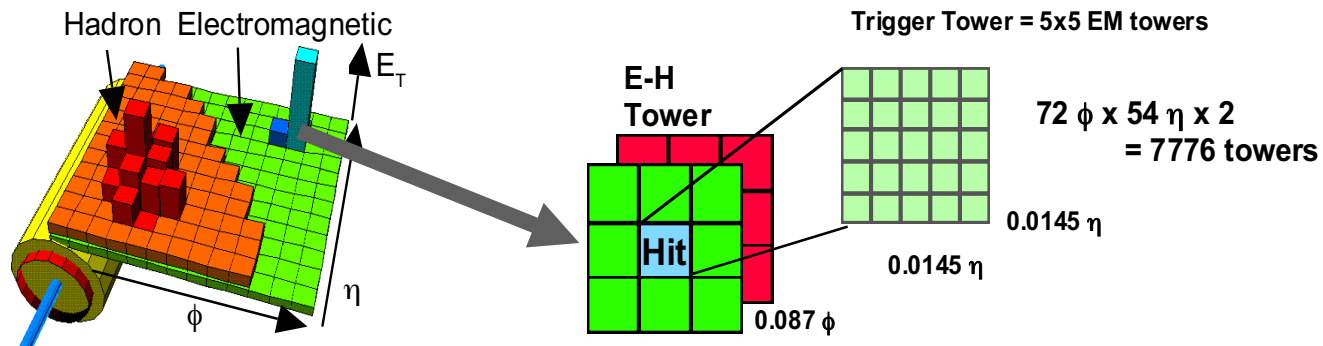
CALORIMETERS

Cluster finding and energy deposition evaluation



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

Lvl-1 Calo Trigger: e/γ algorithm (CMS)

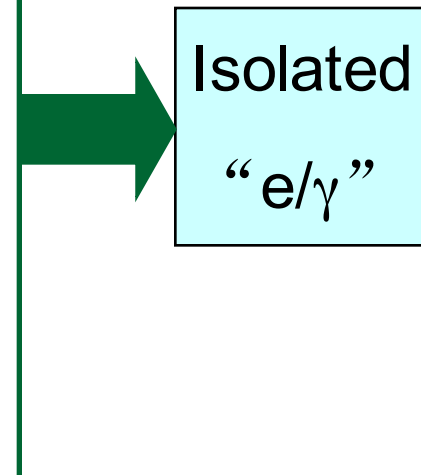


$$E_T(\text{Hit}) + \max E_T(\text{Neighbors}) > E_T^{\min}$$

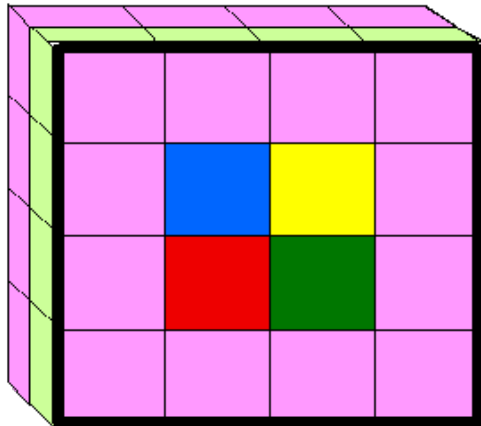
$$E_T(\text{Neighbors}) / E_T(\text{Hit}) < HoE^{\max}$$

At least 1 $E_T(\text{Neighbors}) < E_{\text{iso}}^{\max}$

Fine-grain: ≥ 1 $(\text{Fine-grain}) > R E_T^{\min}$



ATLAS em cluster trigger algorithm



 E.M. calorimeter
 Hadronic calorimeter

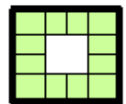
$\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi \approx 0.1 \times 0.1$

“Sliding window”
algorithm repeated for
each of ~4000 cells



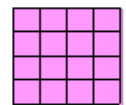
> E.M. cluster threshold

AND



< E.M. isolation threshold

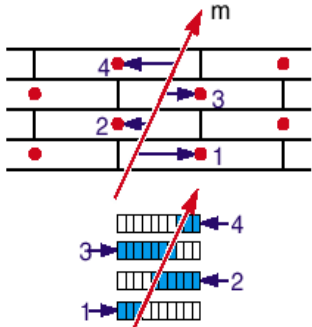
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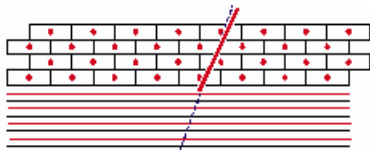
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Lvl-1 muon trigger (CMS)

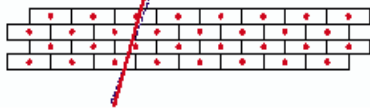
Drift Tubes



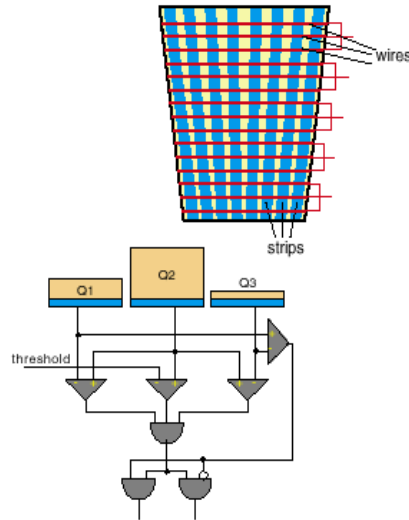
Meantimers recognize tracks and form vector / quartet.



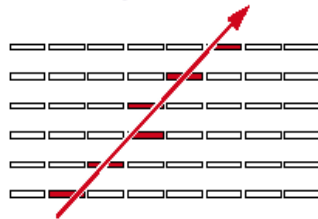
Correlator combines them into one vector / station.



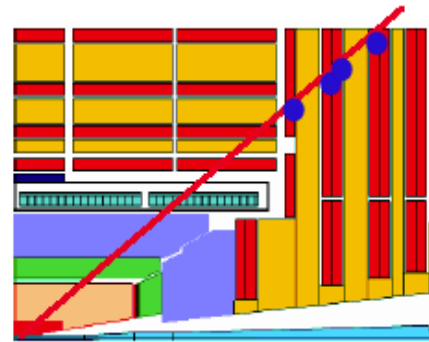
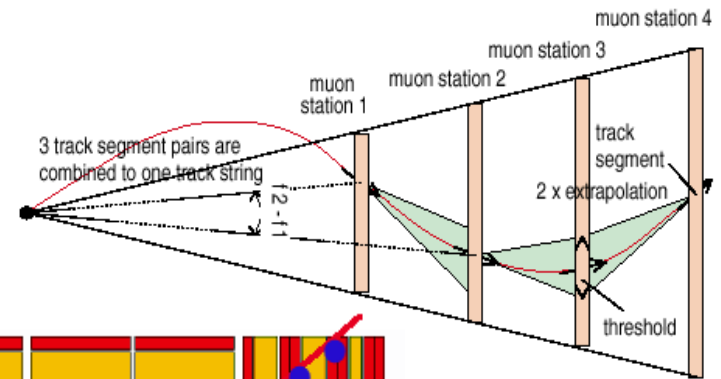
CSC



Comparators give 1/2-strip resol.



Hit strips of 6 layers form a vector.



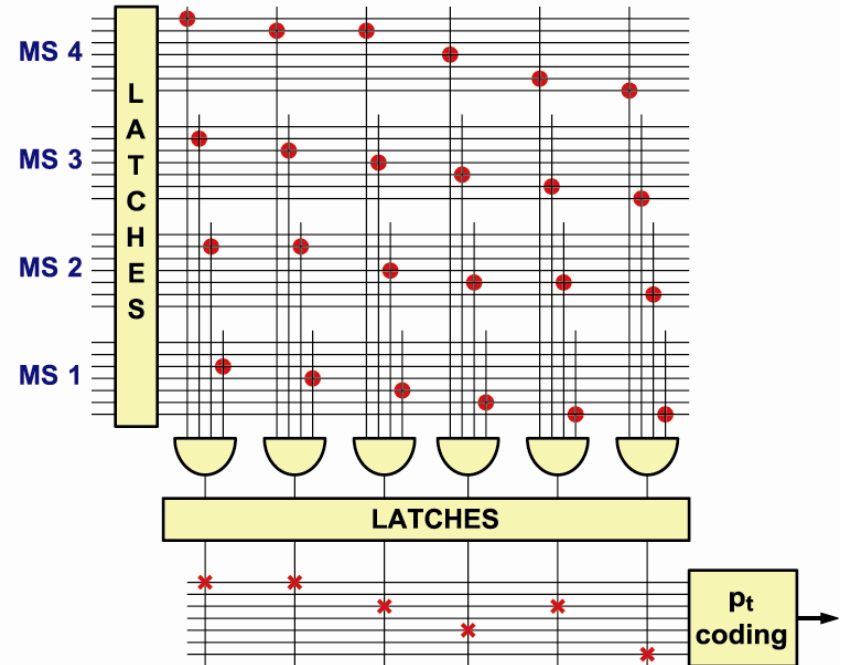
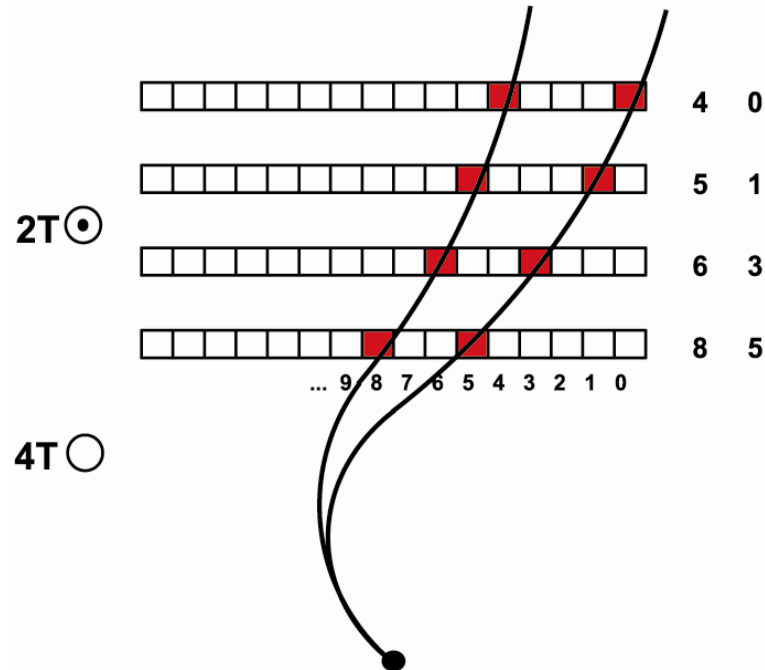
- Extrapolation: using look-up tables
- Track Assembler: link track segment-pairs to tracks, cancel fakes
- Assignment: P_T (5 bits), charge, η (6 bits), φ (8 bits), quality (3 bits)

Hardware implementation:

ASICs for Trigger Primitive Generators

FPGAs for Track Finder processors

Lvl-1 muon trigger (CMS)



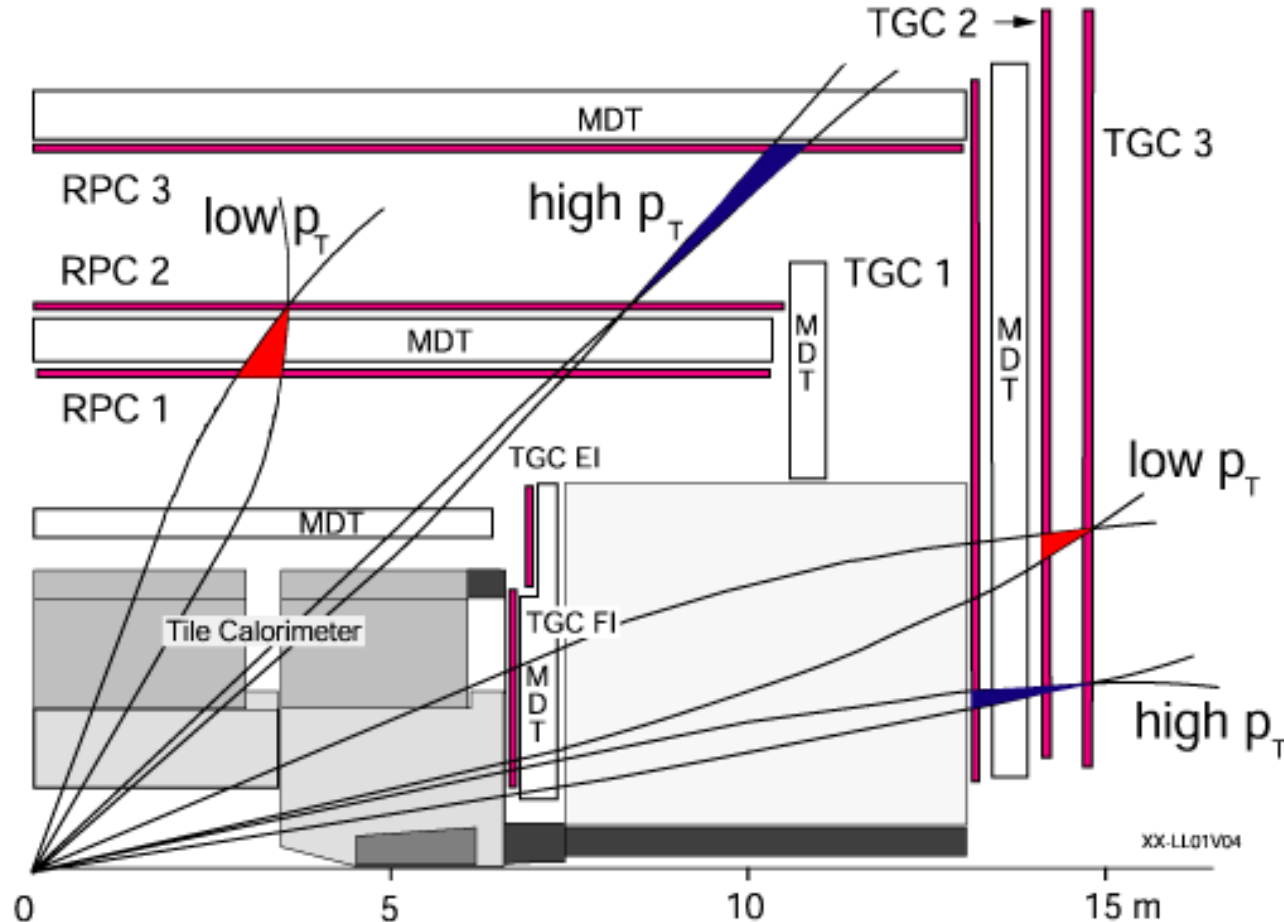
Pattern of strips hit:
Compared to predefined patterns
corresponding to various p_T

Implemented in FPGAs

The LVL1 Muon Trigger (ATLAS)

- Safe Bunch Crossing Identification
- Wide p_T -threshold range
- Strong rejection of fake muons (induced by noise and physics background)

→ Fast and high redundancy system

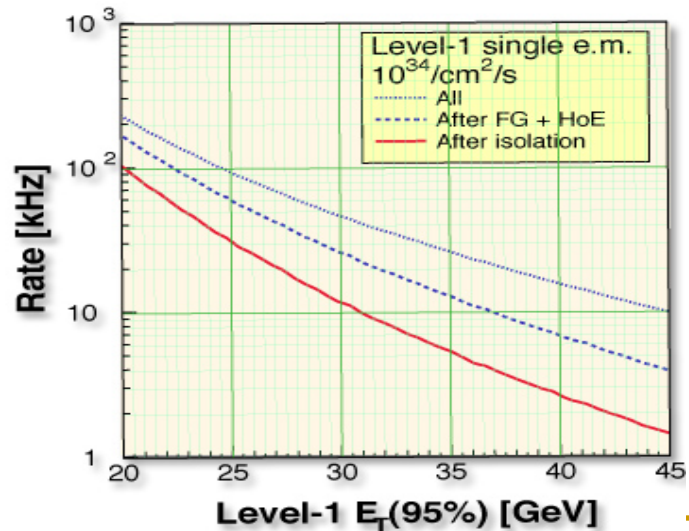
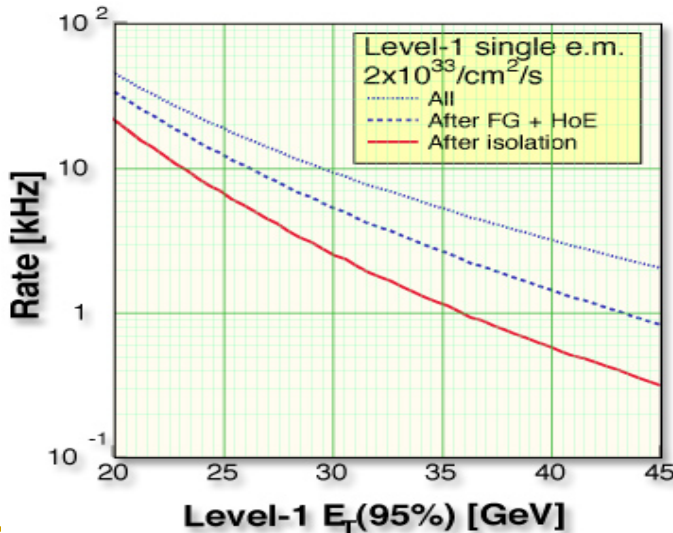
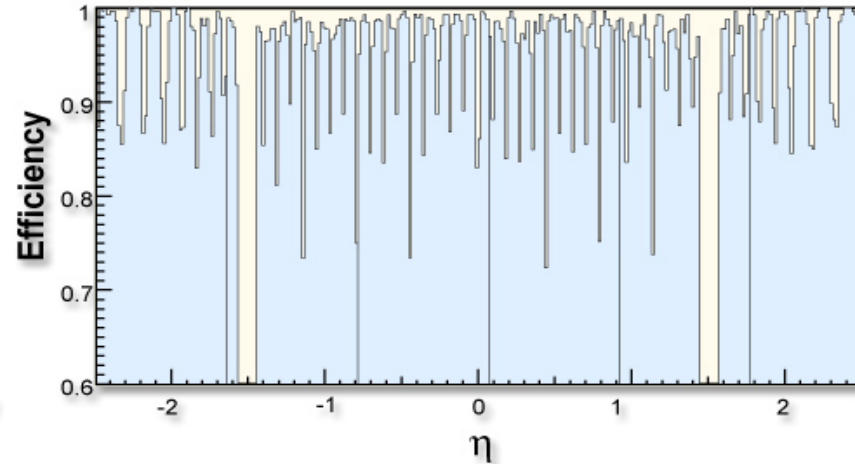
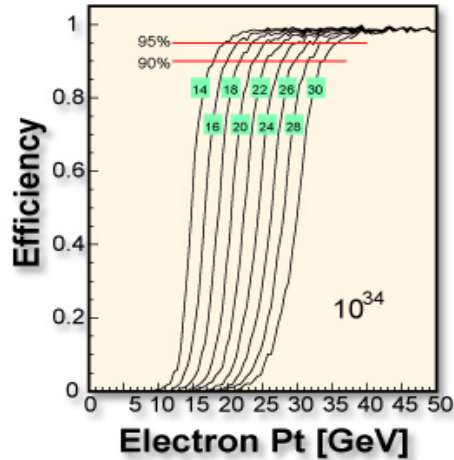


However this system:

1. Looks only for tracks coming from the pp collision point
2. Looks only for ultrarelativistic tracks

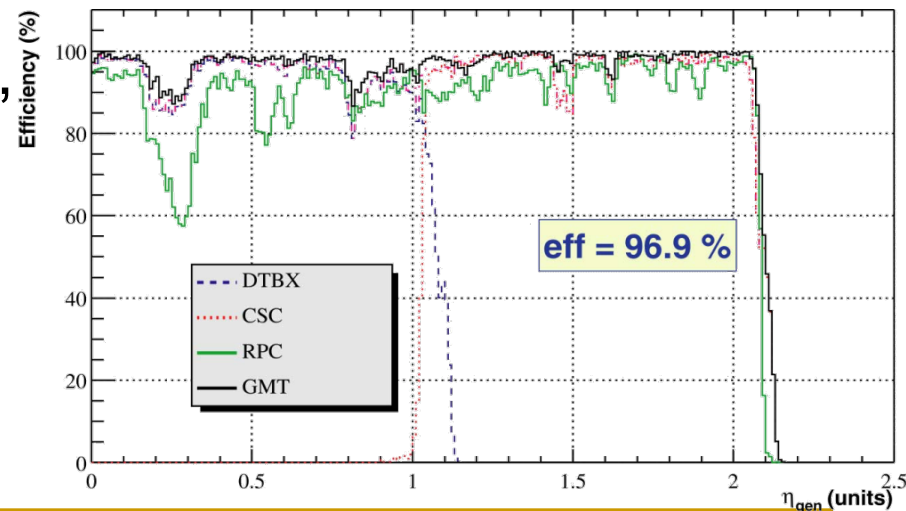
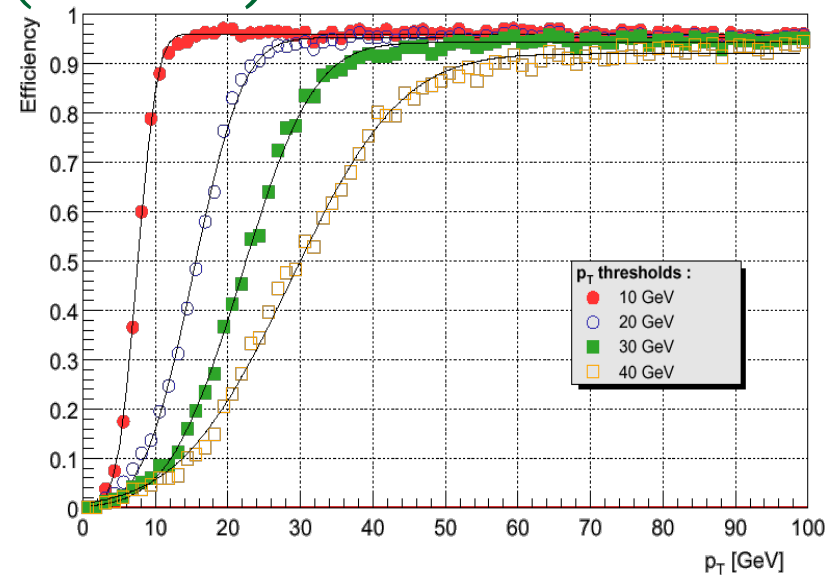
Lvl-1 Calo e/ γ trigger: performance

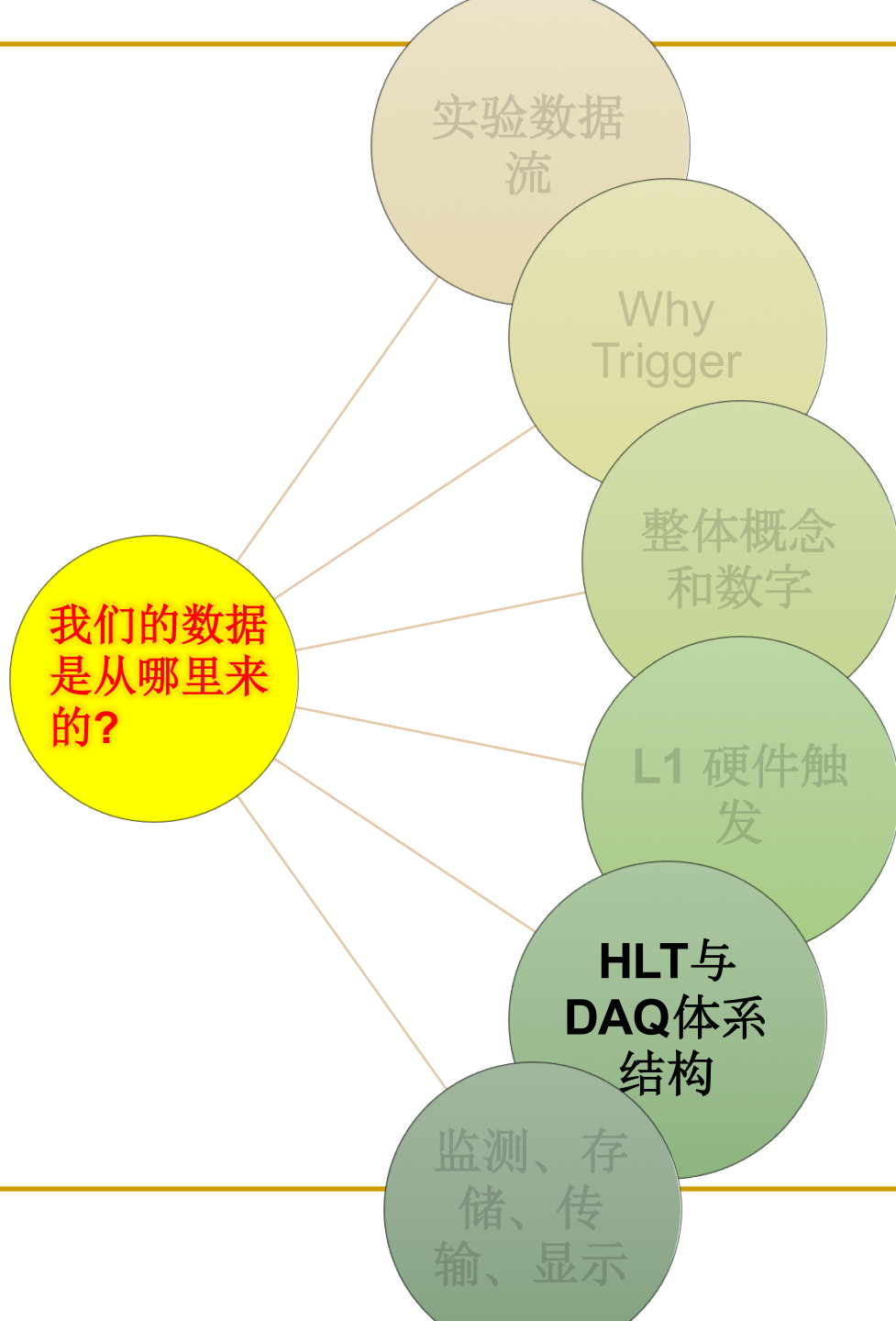
■ Efficiencies and Trigger Rates



Global muon trigger (CMS)

- Combine results from RPC, CSC and DT triggers
- Match muon candidates from different trigger systems; use complementarity of detectors
- improve efficiency and rate
- assign muon isolation
- deliver the 4 best (highest P_T , highest-quality) muons to Global Trigger
- Pt resolution:
 - 18% barrel
 - 35% endcaps
- Efficiency: ~ 97%



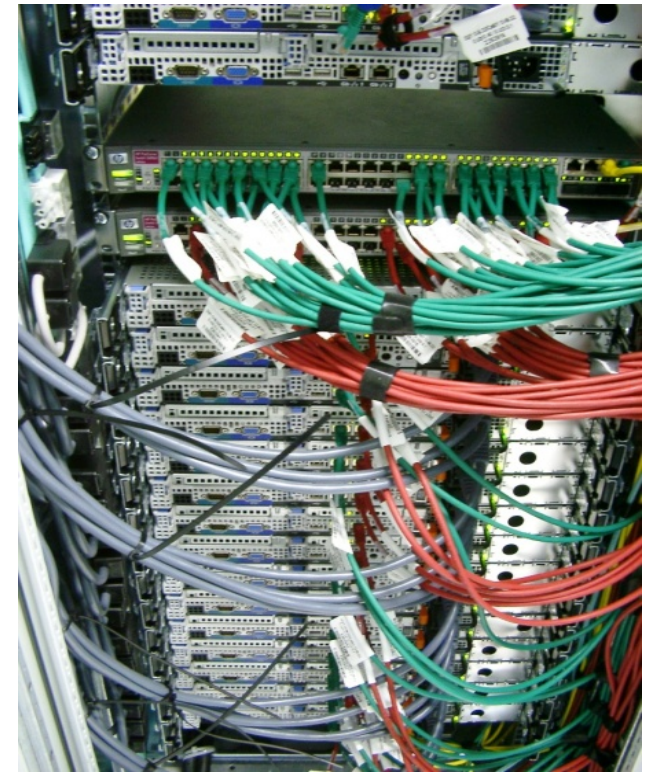
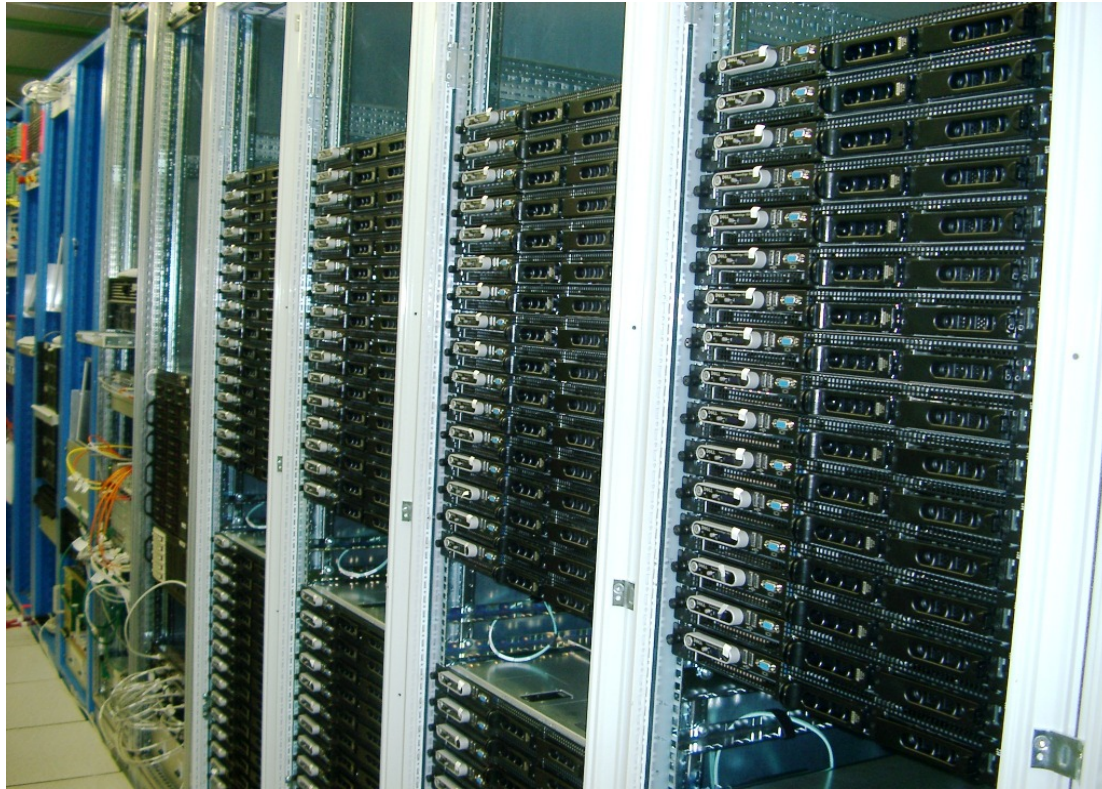




HLT/DAQ Hardware(ATLAS)

First 4 racks of HLT processors, each rack contains

- ~30 HLT PC's (PC's very similar to Tier-0/1 compute nodes)
- 2 Gigabit Ethernet Switches
- a dedicated Local File Server



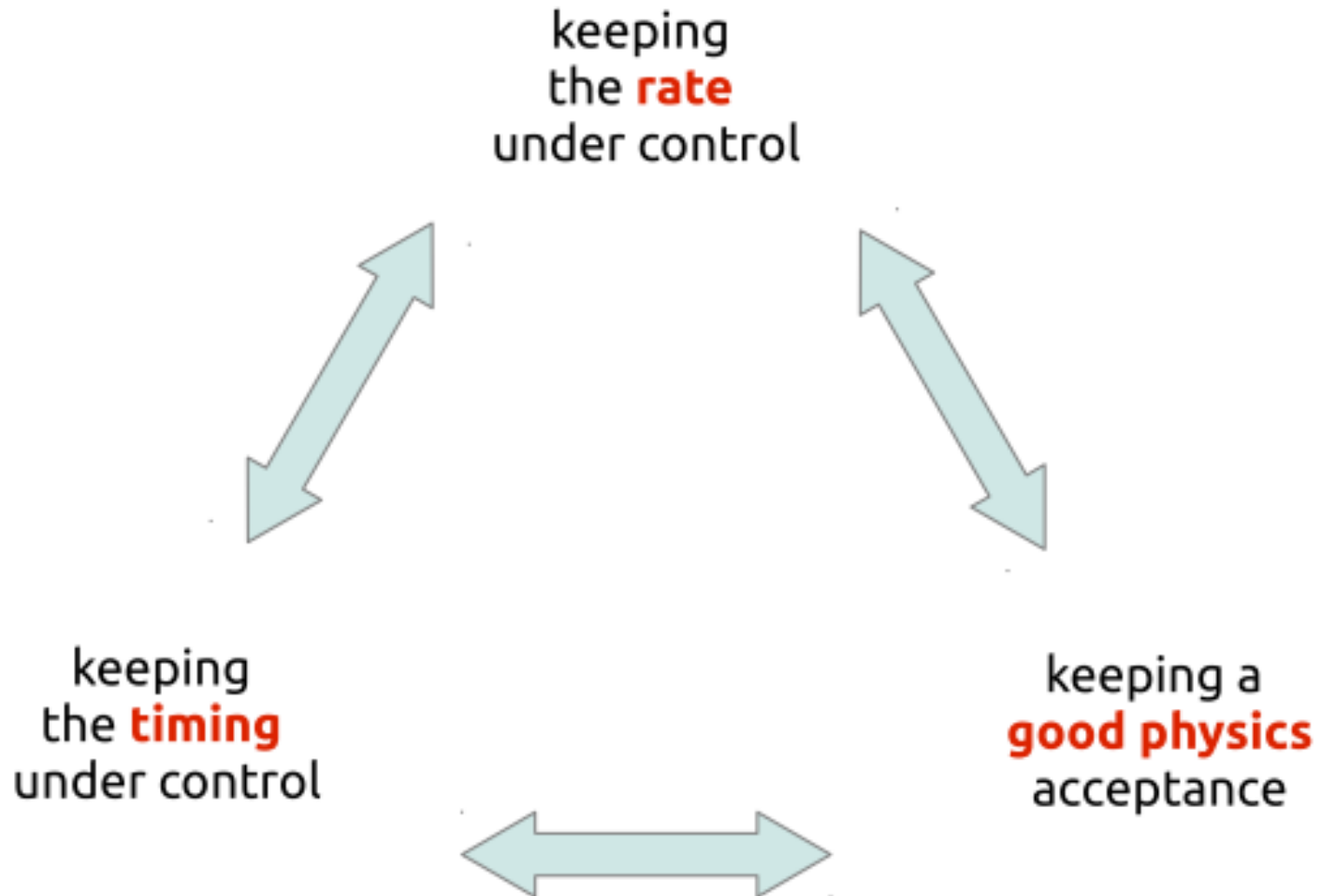
High Level Triggers (HLT)

- **Run on farm of commercial CPUs: a single processor analyzes one event at a time and comes up with a decision**
- **Has access to full granularity information**
- **Freedom to implement sophisticated reco algorithms, complex selection requirements, exclusive triggers ...**

Constraints:

- CPU time (Cost of filter farm)
 - Reject events ASAP: set up internal “logical” selection steps
 - L2: muon+ calorimeter only
 - L3: use full information including tracking
- Must be able to measure efficiency from data
 - Use inclusive selection whenever possible
 - Single/double object above pT/ET, etc.
 - Define HLT selection paths from the L1
- Keep output rate limited (obvious...)

HLT Challenge: Compromise





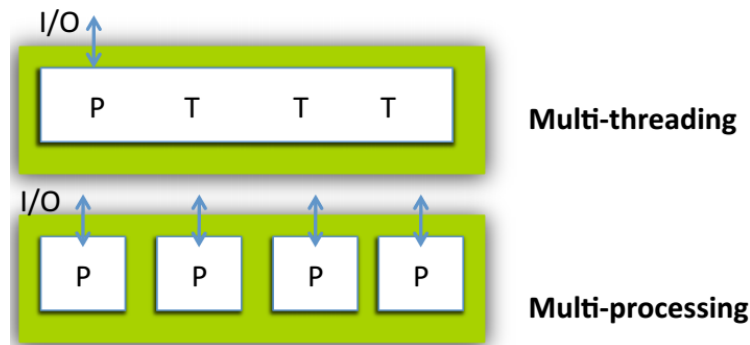
HLT design principles

- **Early rejection**

- Alternate steps of feature extraction with hypothesis testing: events can be rejected at any step with a complex algorithm scheduling

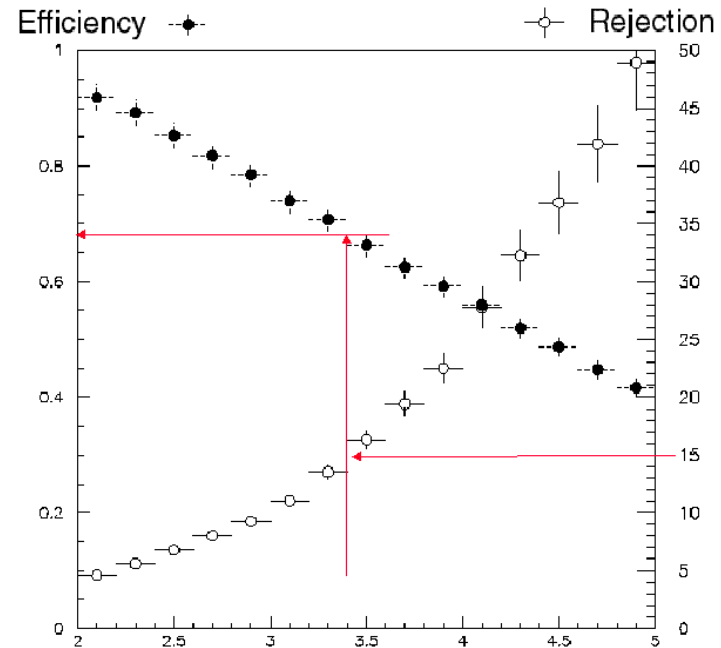
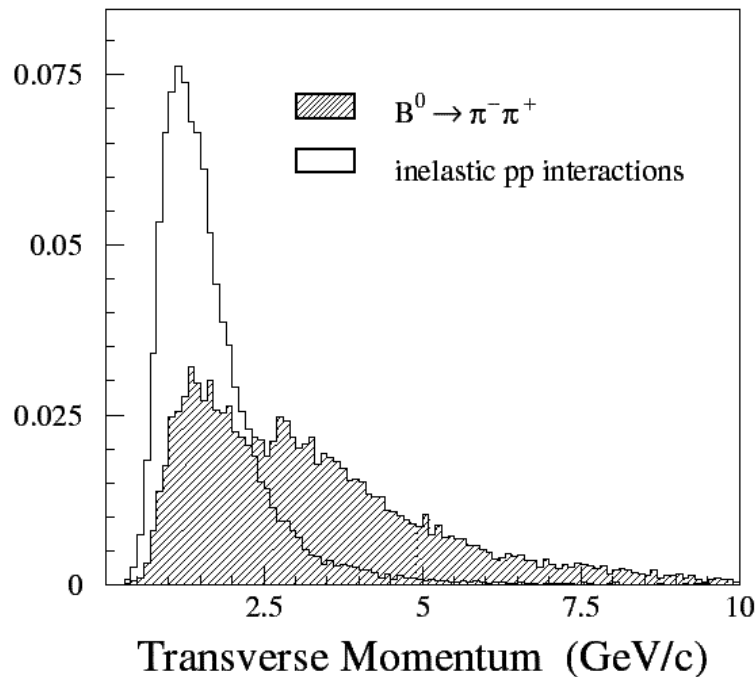
- **Event-level parallelism**

- Process more events in parallel, with multiple processors
- Multi-processing or/and multi-threading



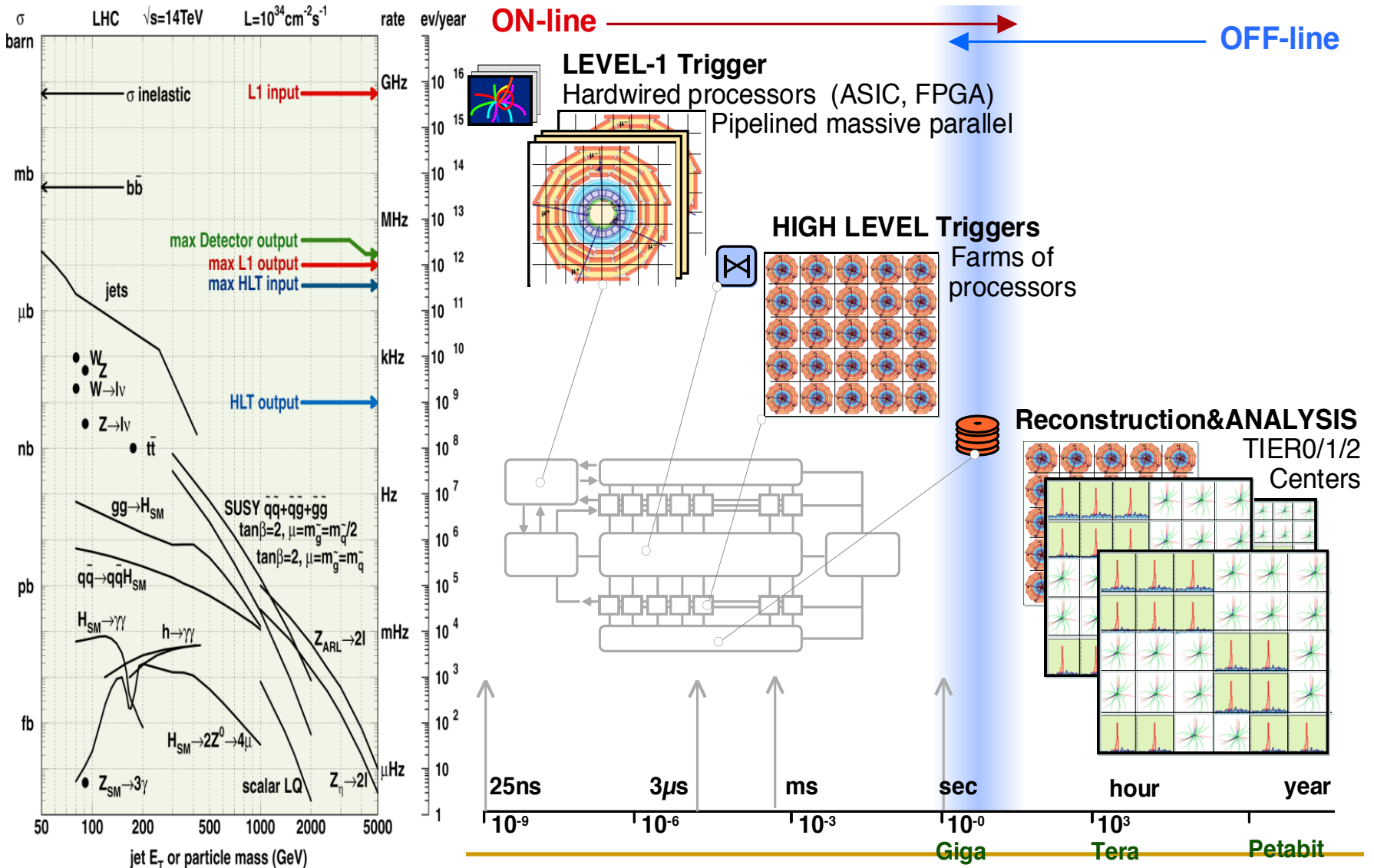
- Queuing of the shared memory buffer within processors
- **Algorithms are developed and optimized offline, often software is common to the offline reconstruction**

Trigger performance: Efficiency vs background rejection

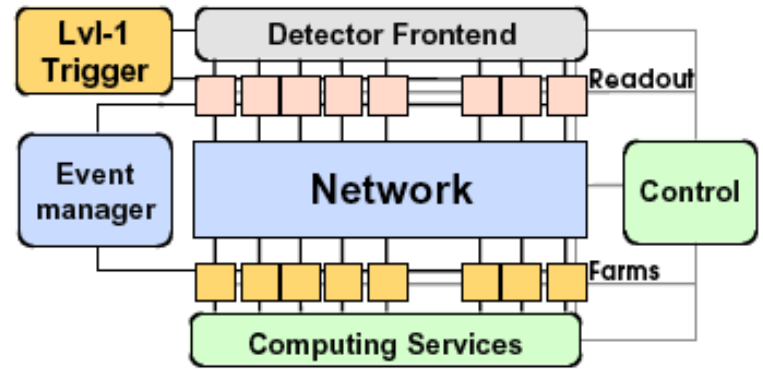
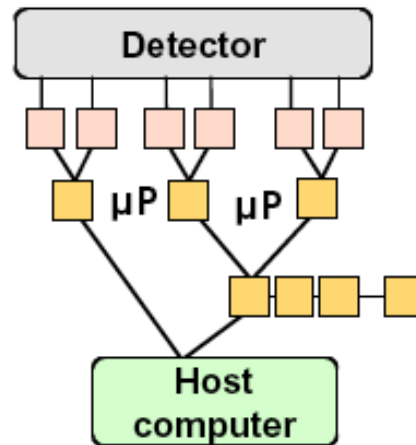
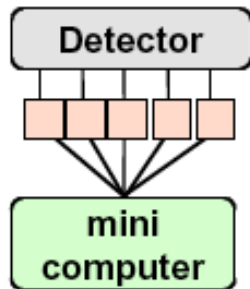


- Example: B meson trigger in LHCb
- **Discriminating variable:** Transverse momentum (P_T)

LHC实验数据流：物理信号的挑选



The evolution of DAQ systems



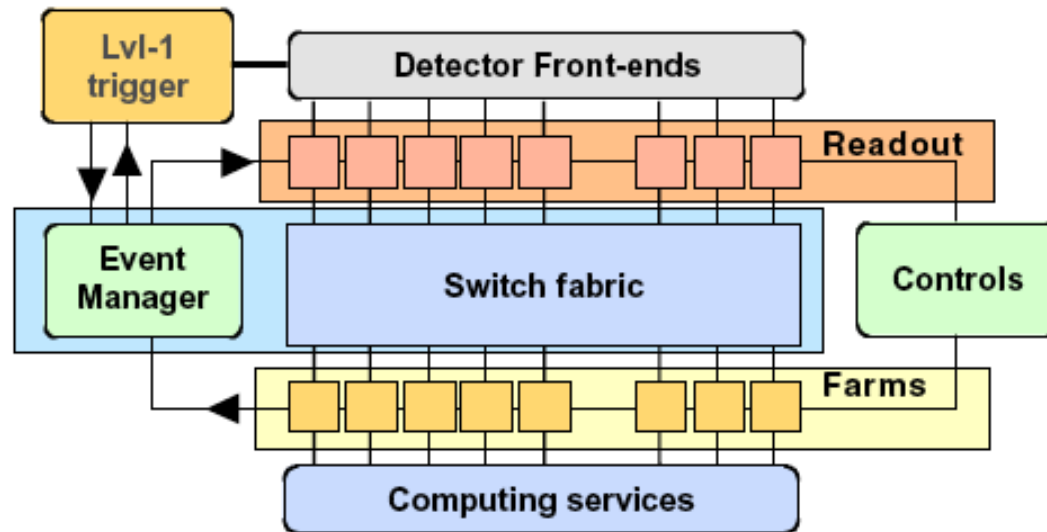
1970-80
MiniComputers
first standard:
CAMAC
•kByte/s

1980-90
Microprocessors
Distributed
systems
•MByte/s

1990-2000+
Communications networks
Control & Data networks
Embedded processors
•GByte/s

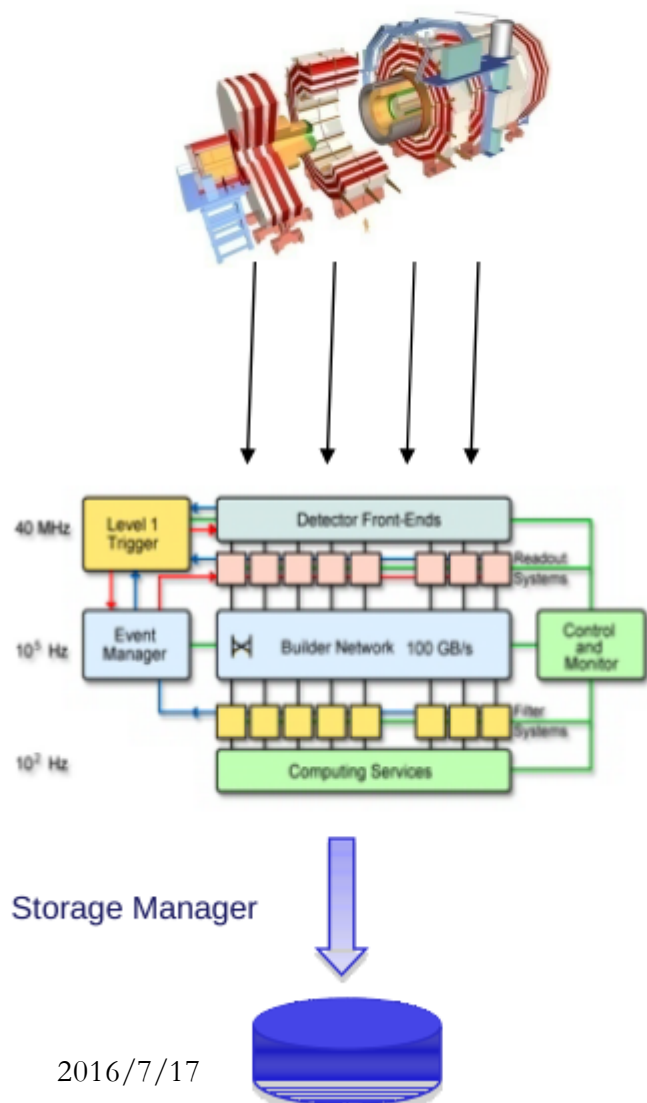
Typical architecture 2000+

- Basic Architecture: ~ same for most experiments



- Readout (units/drivers/buffers/...)
- Switching network
- Processor Farm
- Control & Monitor System

Overview of the CMS DAQ and useful terminology

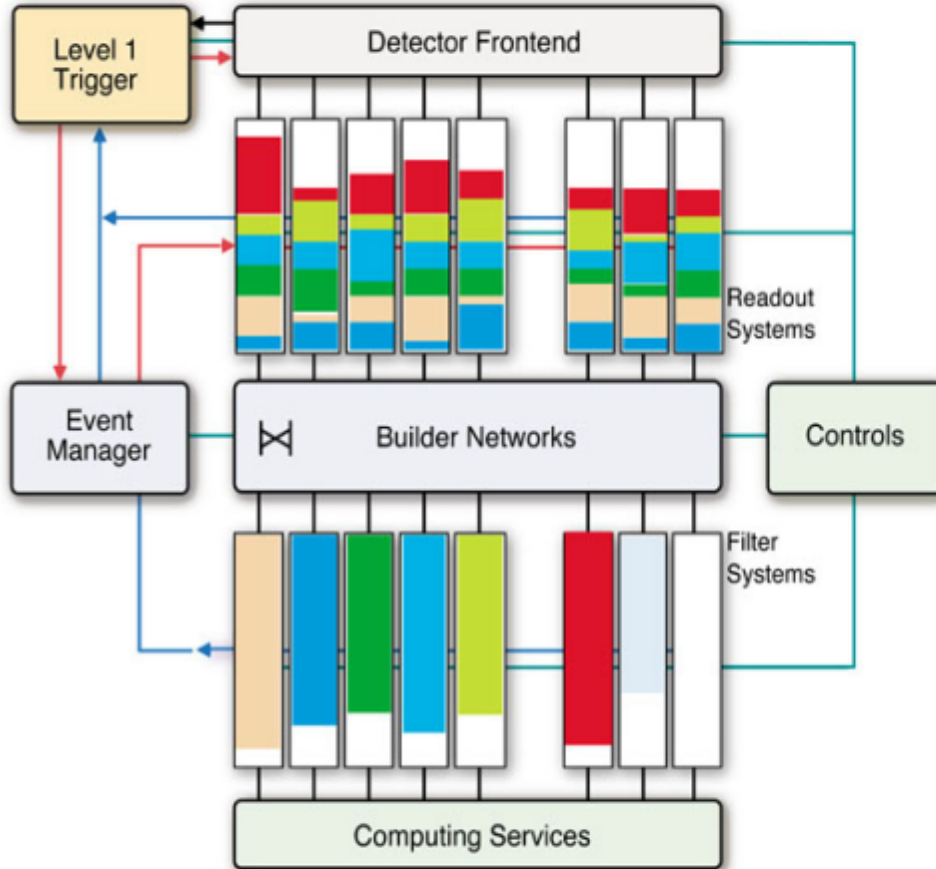


- Detector signals are collected through individual data acquisition systems (cables and boards) that end up at the FEDs: the first element of Global Data Acquisition system (DAQ)
- **FED (detector FrontEnd boards):** multiple FEDs per detector collect event fragments that are sent to the online event processing farm
- **Builder Units:** Computing farm that collects event fragments from all FEDs and merge them to produce full event information
- **Filter Units:** Computing farm where the High Level Trigger (HLT) is run to filter interesting events
- **Storage Manager:** application that saves to local disks events selected by the HLT

Event Building

Event builder :

Physical system interconnecting data sources with data destinations. It has to move each event data fragments into a same destination



Event fragments :

Event data fragments are stored in separated physical memory systems

Full events :

Full event data are stored into one physical memory system associated to a processing unit

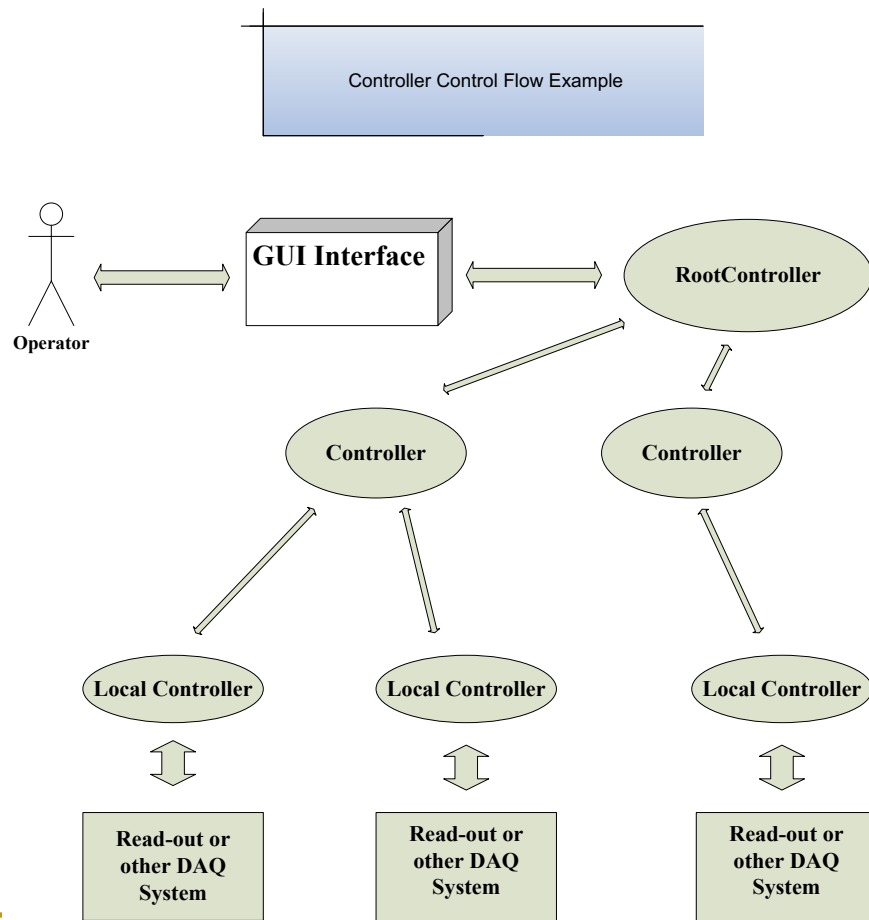
Hardware:

Fabric of switches for builder networks
PC motherboards for data Source/Destination nodes

运行控制 (RunControl)

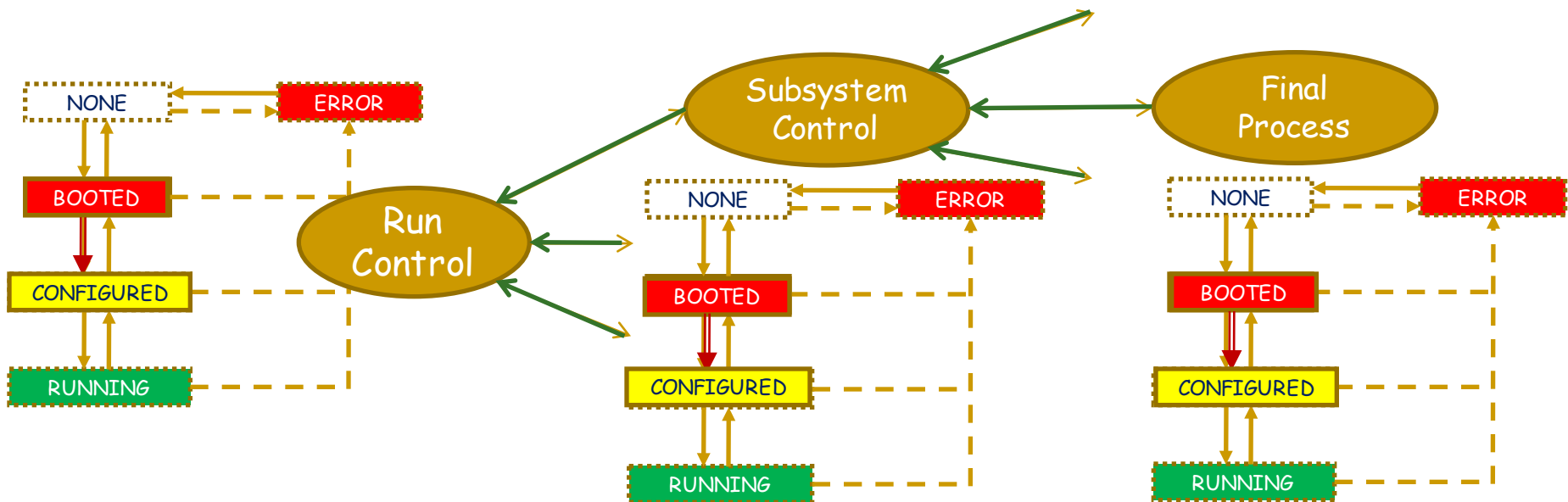
➤ 负责系统运行控制，提供DAQ系统的状态管理，控制数据获取的动作行为

➤ 遵循有限状态机模型的控制器分级系统，组织成树型层次结构，避免单一控制结点产生消息瓶颈



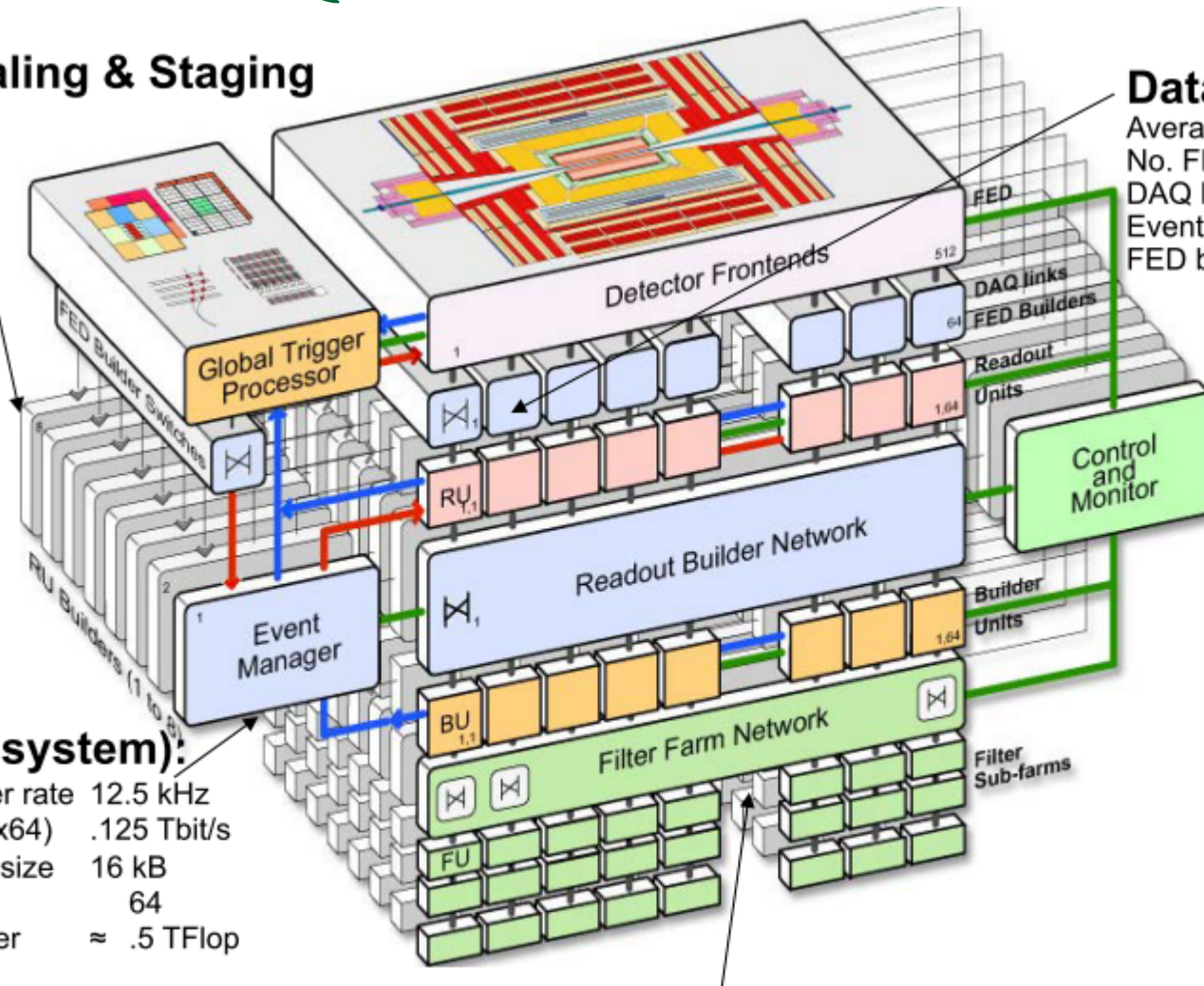
Propagating transitions

- Each component or sub-system is modeled as a FSM
 - The state transition of a component is completed only if all its sub-components completed their own transition
 - State transitions are triggered by commands sent through a *message system*



CMS DAQ

DAQ Scaling & Staging



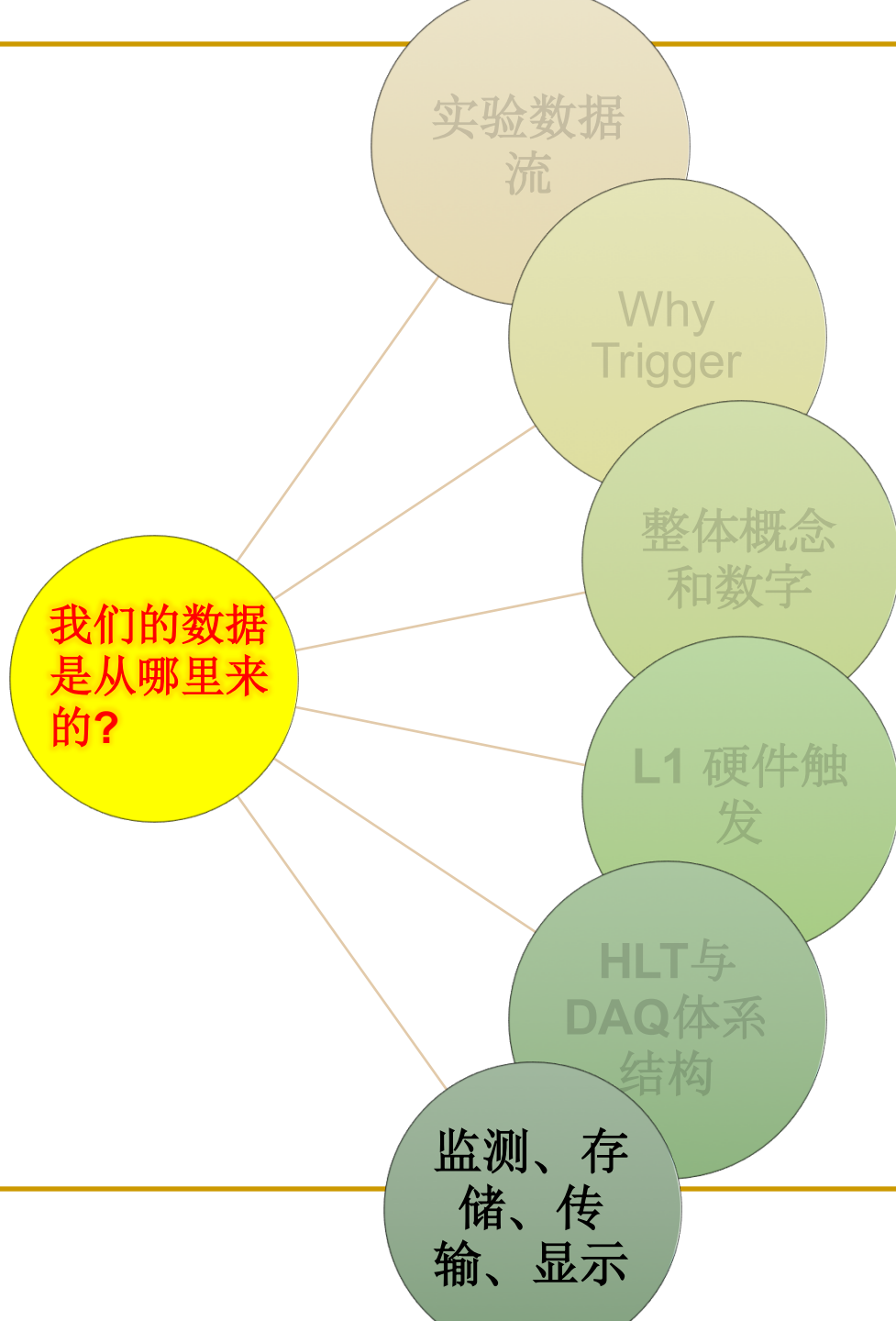
Data to surface:

Average event size	1 Mbyte
No. FED s-link64 ports	> 512
DAQ links (2.5 Gb/s)	512+512
Event fragment size	2 kB
FED builders (8x8)	≈ 64+64

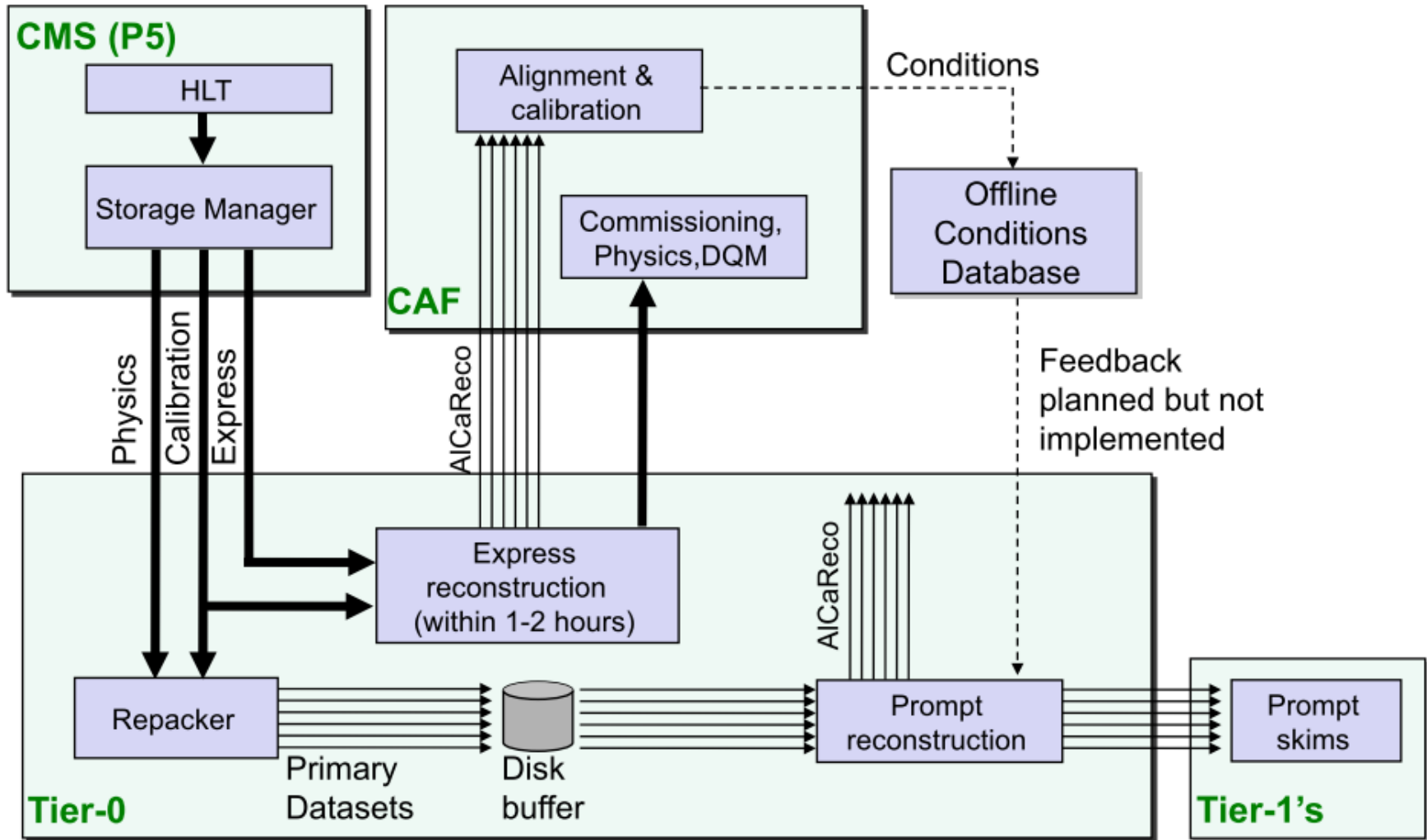
DAQ unit (1/8th full system):

Lv-1 max. trigger rate	12.5 kHz
RU Builder (64x64)	.125 Tbit/s
Event fragment size	16 kB
RU/BU systems	64
Event filter power	≈ .5 TFlop

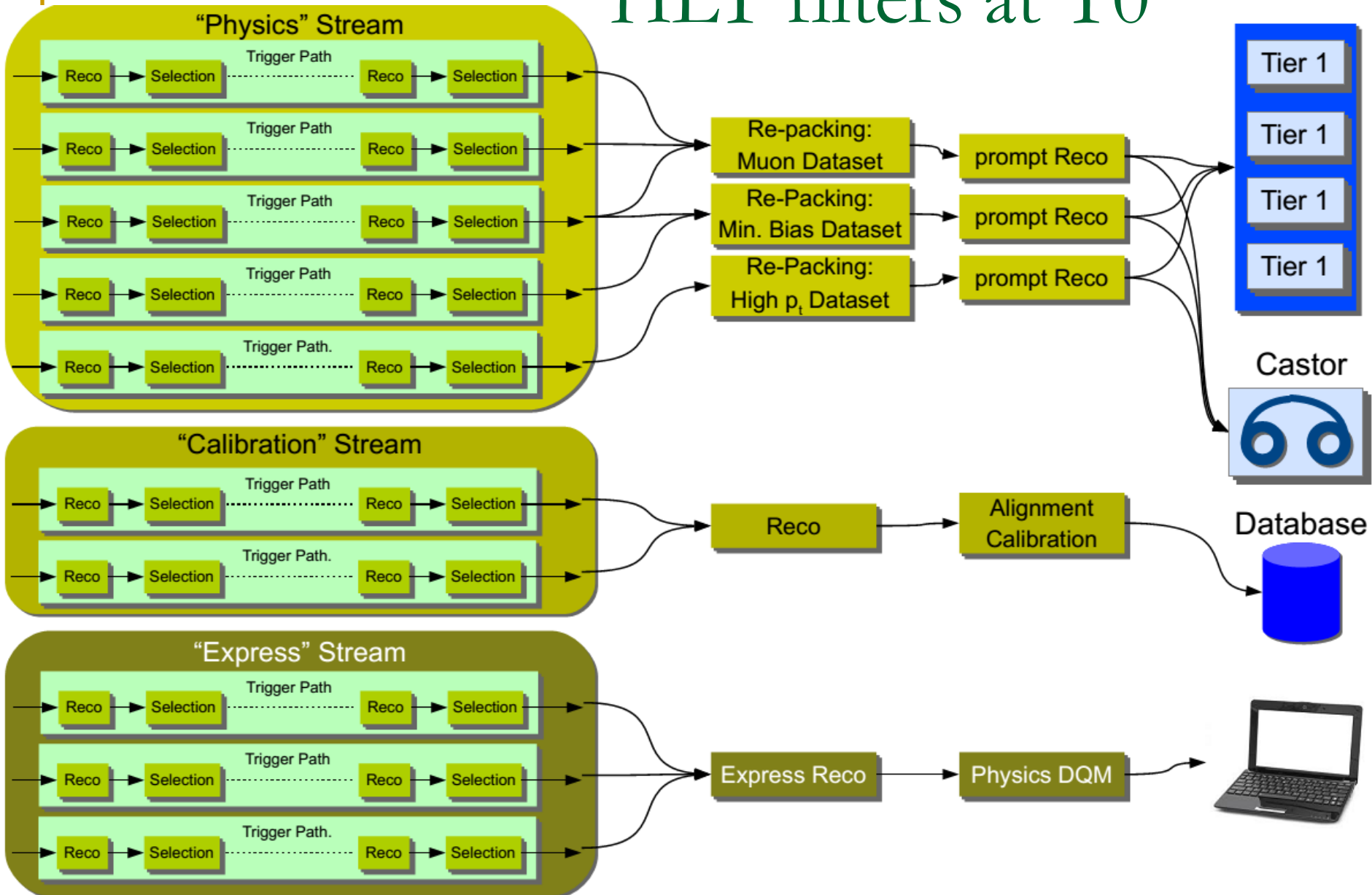
HLT: All processing beyond Level-1 performed in the Filter Farm
Partial event reconstruction “on demand” using full detector resolution



Central Processing @ CERN

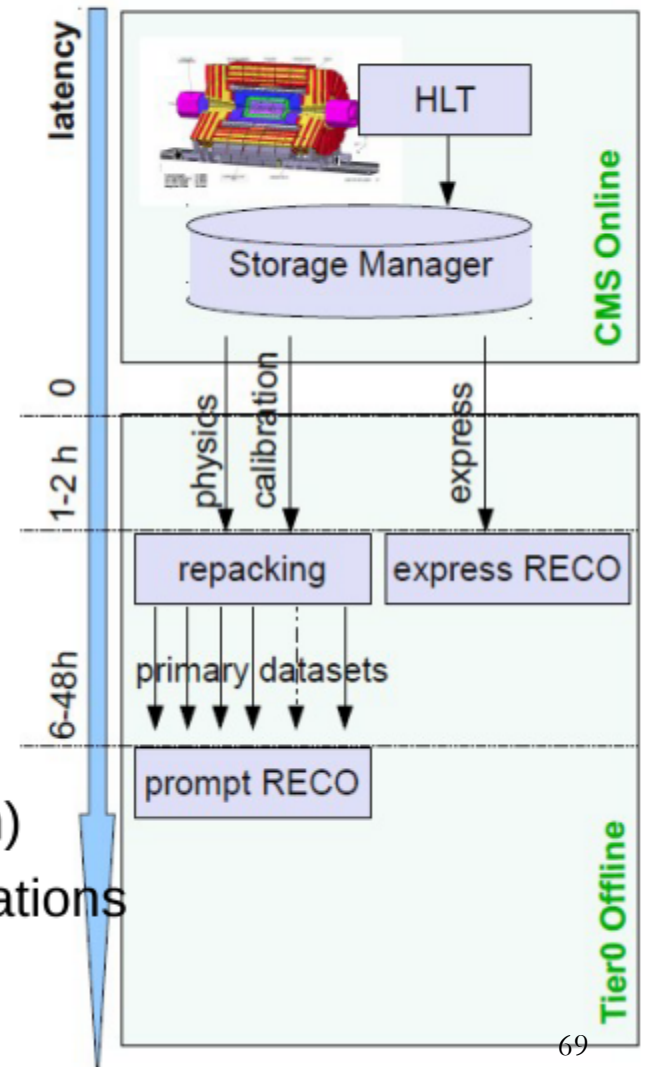


HLT filters at T0



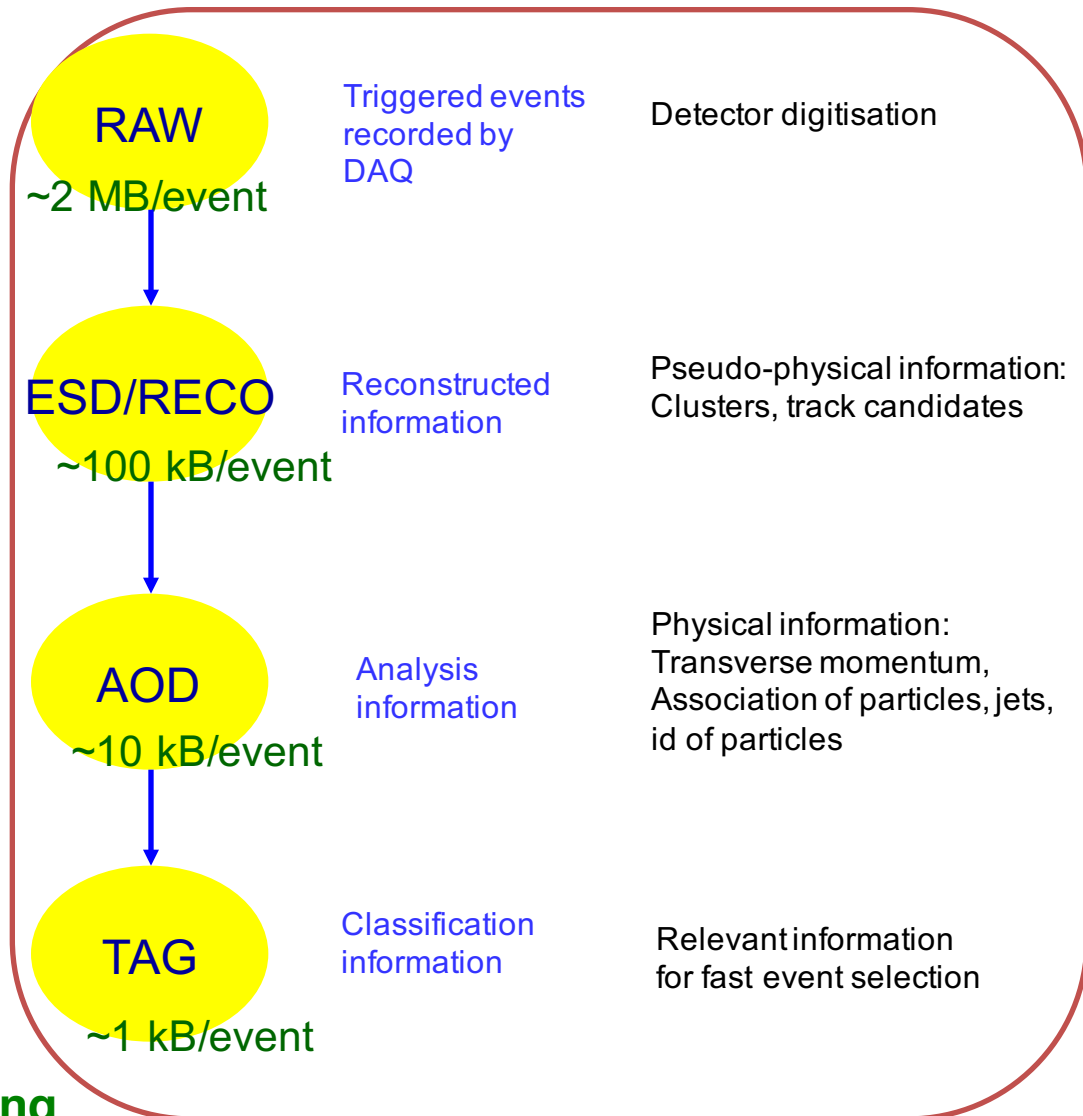
Data Streams and Tier0 workflow

- Data streams & Tier0 workflows → specialized for different tasks
- Depending on the latency
 - **express** → prompt feedback & calibrations
 - short latency: 1-2 hours
 - ~40Hz bandwidth shared by:
 - calibration ($\frac{1}{2}$)
 - detector monitoring ($\frac{1}{4}$)
 - physics monitoring ($\frac{1}{4}$)
 - Alignment & Calibration (AICa) streams
 - bulk data → sample for physics analysis (**prompt reconstruction**)
 - split in Primary Datasets (using High Level Trigger (HLT) decision)
 - will be delayed of 48h → get latest calibrations
 - writing ~300Hz



Data Tiers and Algorithms

- HEP data are organized as *Events* (particle collisions)
- Simulation, Reconstruction and Analysis programs process “one event at a time”
 - Events are fairly independent
→ Trivial parallel processing
- Event processing programs are composed of a number of Algorithms selecting and transforming “raw” event data into “processed” (reconstructed) event data and statistics



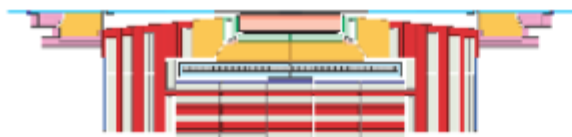
Data Certification

- The complexity of the offline workflows requires robust validation
- Several stages of Data Quality Monitoring (DQM):
 - **online DQM** → monitor detector performance during data-taking
 - dedicate event stream (sampling)
 - **offline DQM** → monitor performance of physics objects
 - runs on full statistics available for analysis:
 - express reco → fast feedback
 - prompt-reco → continuous monitor
 - offline re-reco → validation of software and condition updates
- **Physics Validation Team** → coordinates the validation activity.

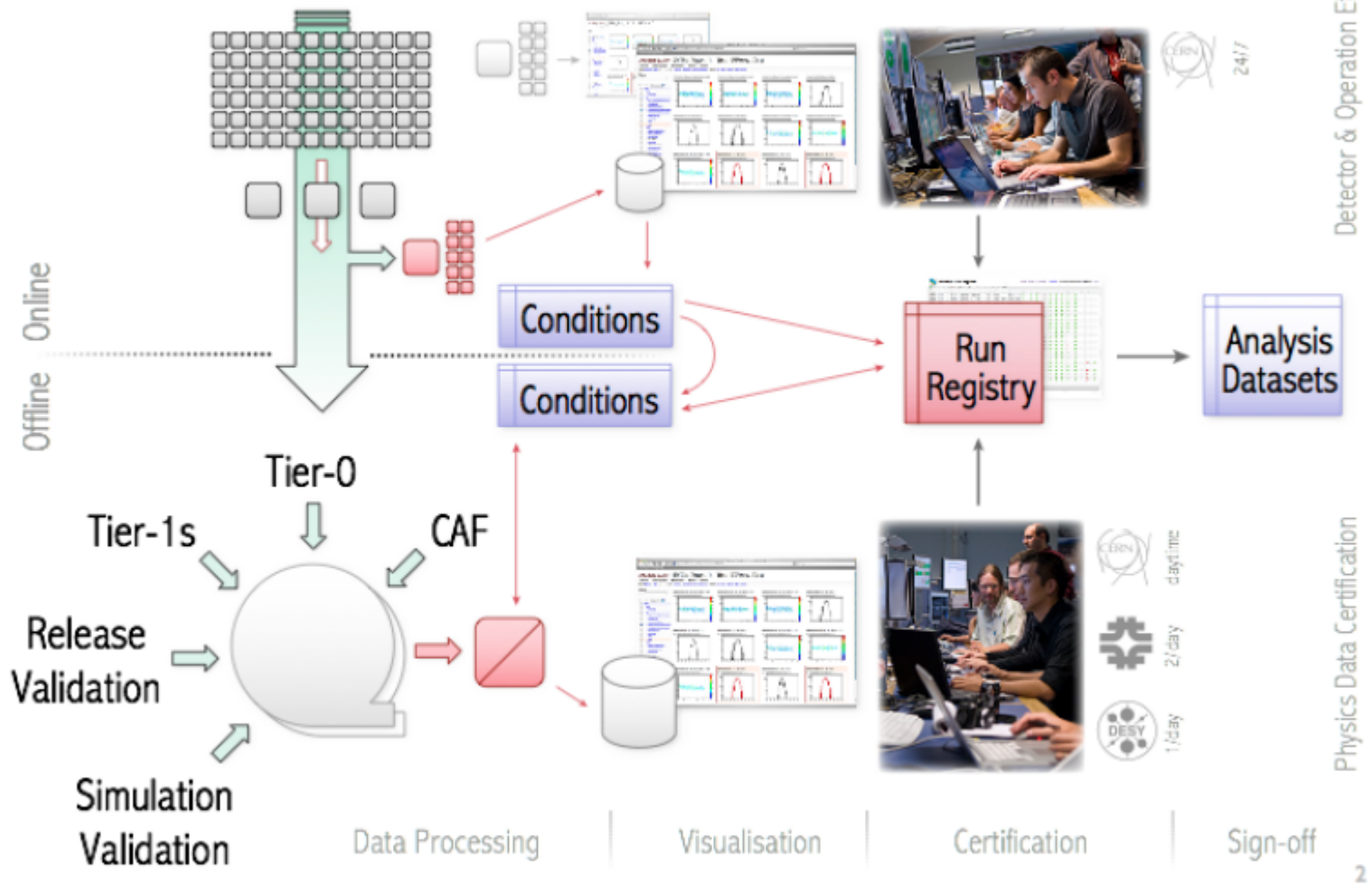
Feedback from:

- groups responsible for physics objects
- detector performance groups
- analysis group






Online DQM end to end



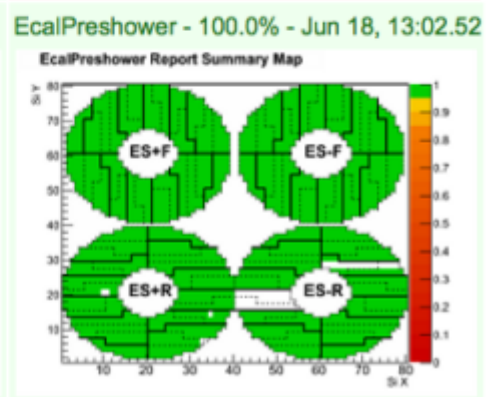
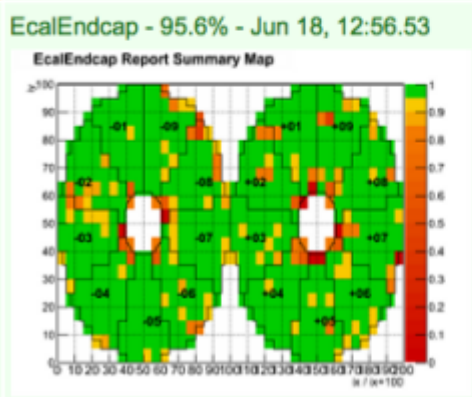
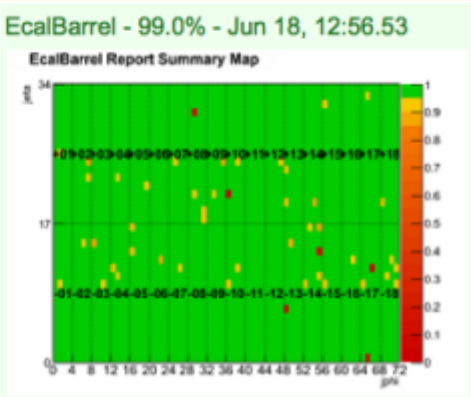
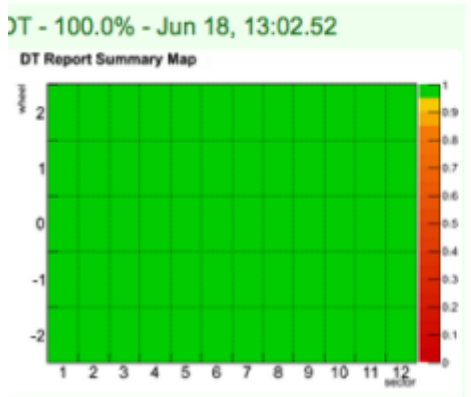
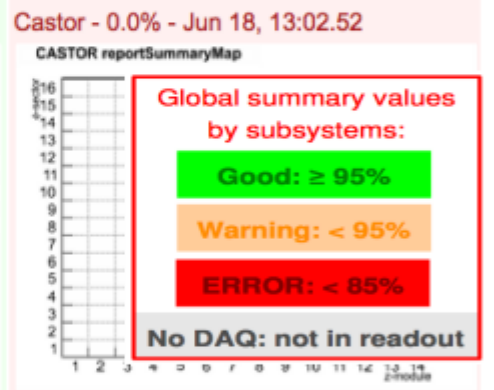
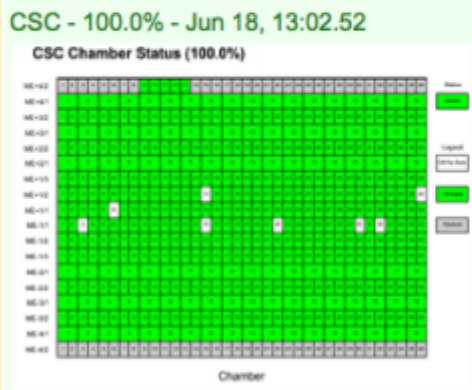
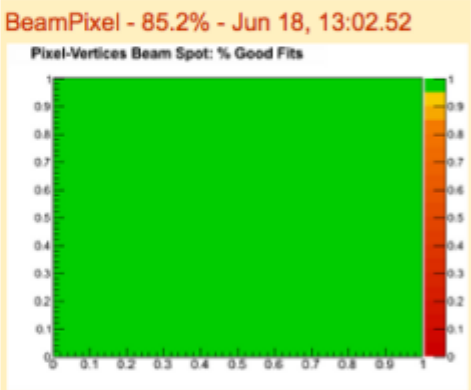
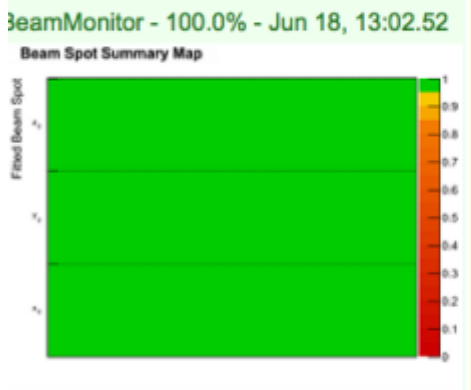
Scope of Online DQM Shifts:
 Identify problems with detector performance or data integrity during the run
 → SPOT PROBLEMS QUICKLY FOR OPTIMAL OPERATION EFFICIENCY

GUI – Summary Workspace

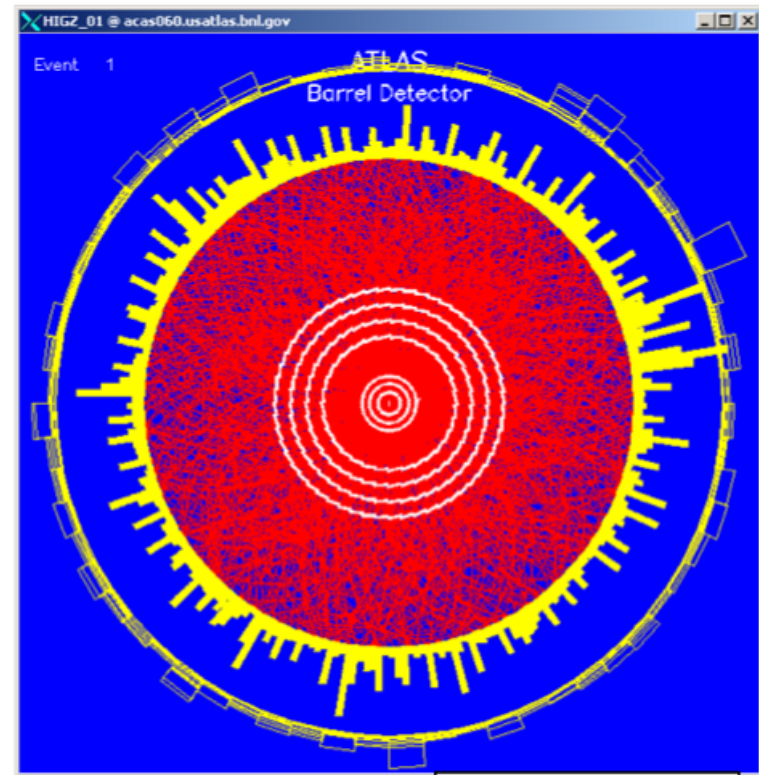
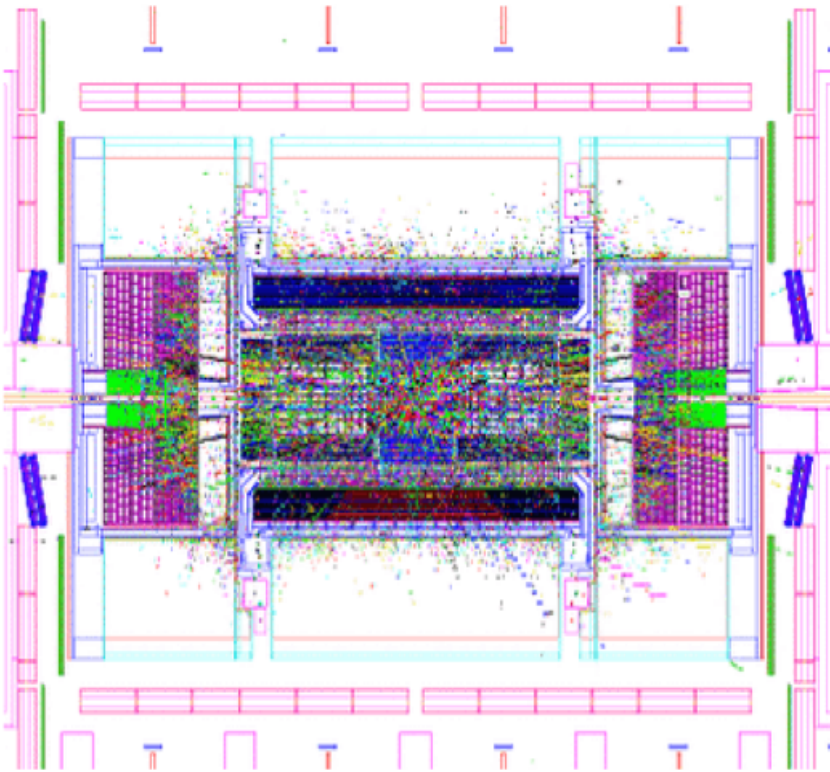

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Reports	DT	EcalBarrel	HLX	Tracking FeedBack	
Shift	Pixel	EcalCalibration	L1T	Ecal FeedBack	
Everything	RPC	EcalEndcap	L1TEMU	Hcal FeedBack	
	SiStrip	EcalPreshower		L1T FeedBack	
	SiStripLAS	HCAL		HLT FeedBack	
		HCALcalib		CSC FeedBack	

<https://cmsweb.cern.ch/dqm/online>



TriDAS Challenges: HL-LHC@ 10^{35}



- 230 min.bias collisions per 25 ns. crossing
- ~ 10000 particles in $|\eta| \leq 3.2$
- mostly low p_T tracks
- requires upgrades to detectors

$$N_{ch}(|y| \leq 0.5)$$

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Further References:

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- <http://www.chep2013.org/>

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- V2: CERN-LHCC-2003-022, ATLAS-TRD-016

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- <http://isotdaq.web.cern.ch/isotdaq/isotdaq/Home.html>

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- 物理学是实验科学
- 以大搏小，见微知著

$$dp \cdot dx \sim \hbar \xrightarrow{p \sim E} 1 \text{ TeV} \propto \frac{1}{2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ meters}}$$

- 以今日之物理探究明日之物理
 - 技术支撑
 - 标准烛光
- 研无定法，无所不用其极