

NGT & ATLAS

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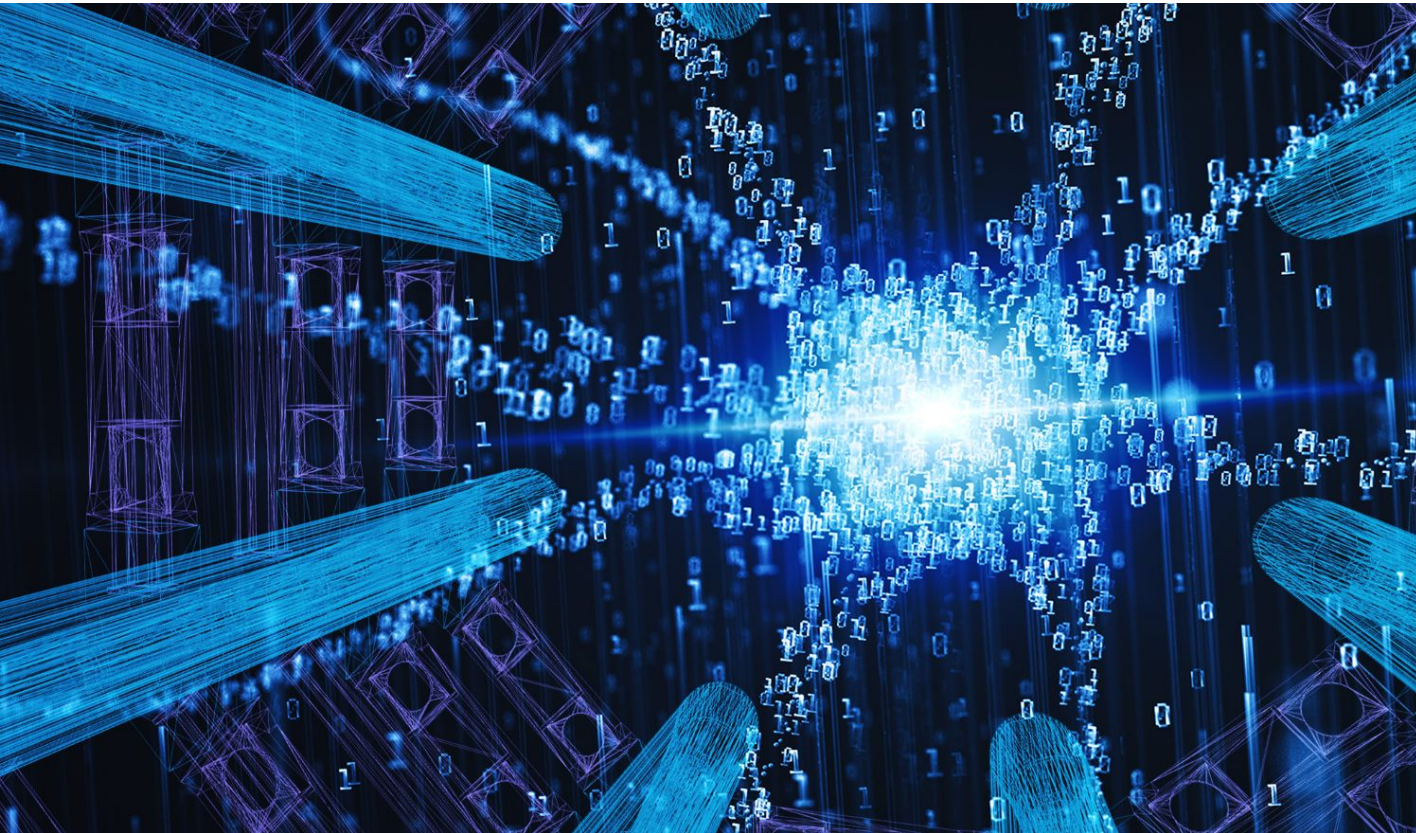
NexTGen
Next Generation Triggers



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BSM benchmarks for Next Generation Triggers
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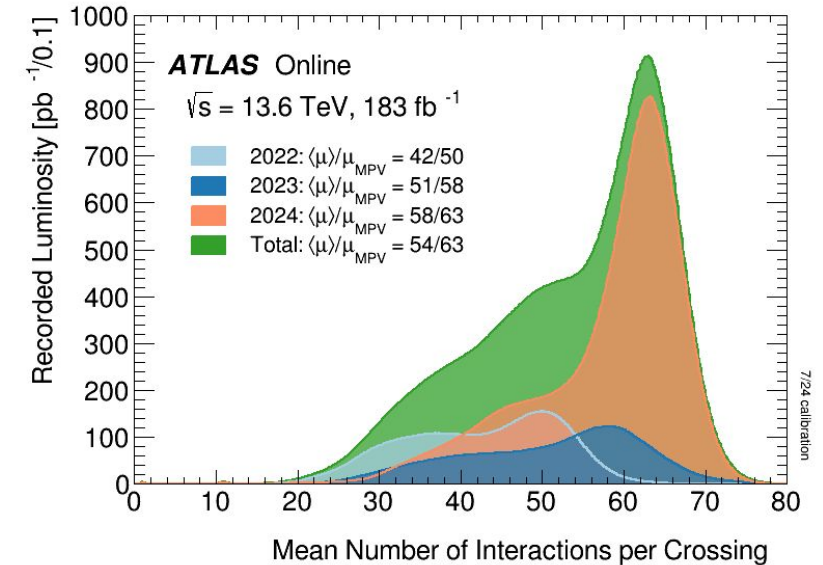
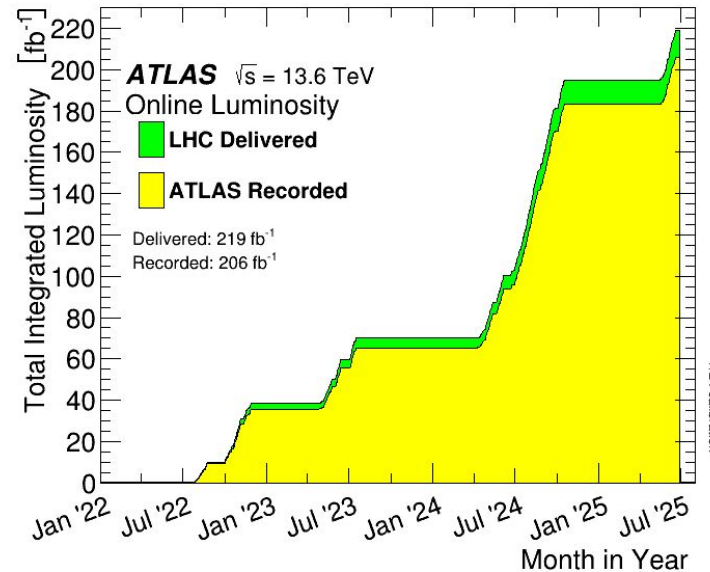
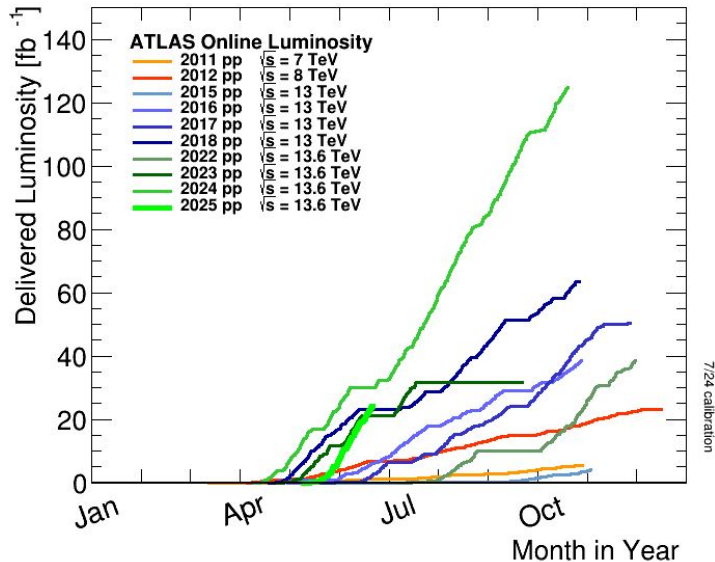
Outline of this talk



- **ATLAS Run 3 Trigger system**
- **ATLAS Phase-2 Upgraded Trigger system**
- **ATLAS NextGen Trigger program (WP2)**
 - WP 2.1 Optimal Real-Time Event Selection in the Global Trigger system
 - WP 2.2 Enhancing the Level-0 Muon Trigger
 - WP 2.3: High Throughput Data-Collection
 - WP 2.4: Event Filter Tracking
 - WP 2.5: Optimized Event Filter Muon Trigger Selection
 - WP 2.6: Common Tracking Event Filter infrastructure
 - WP 2.7: Enhanced Reconstruction for Higher Level Event Filtering

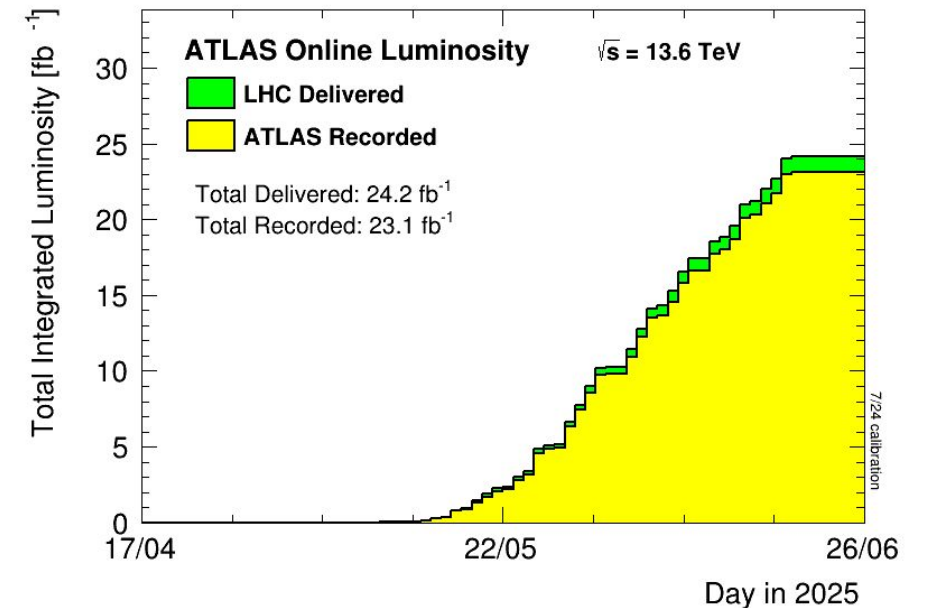
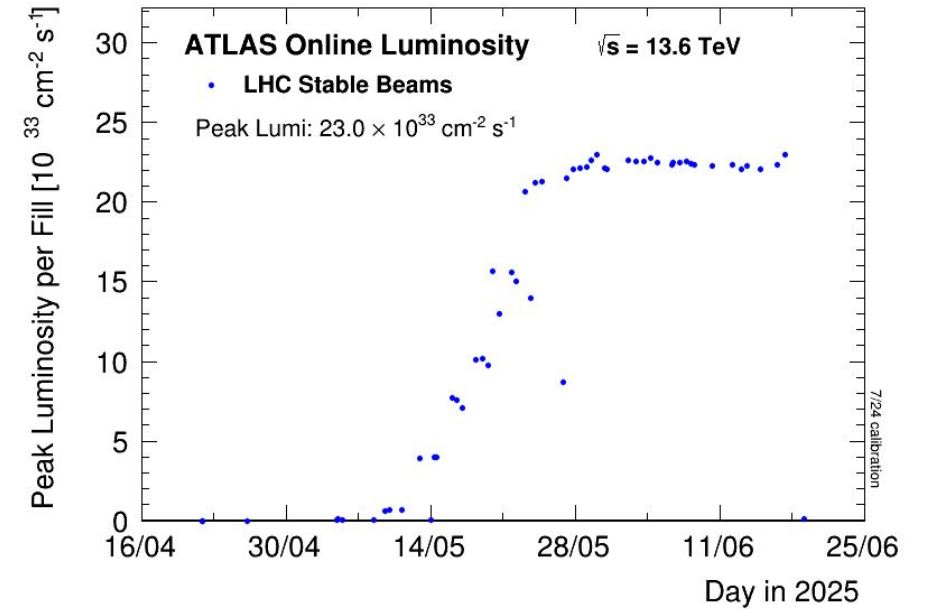
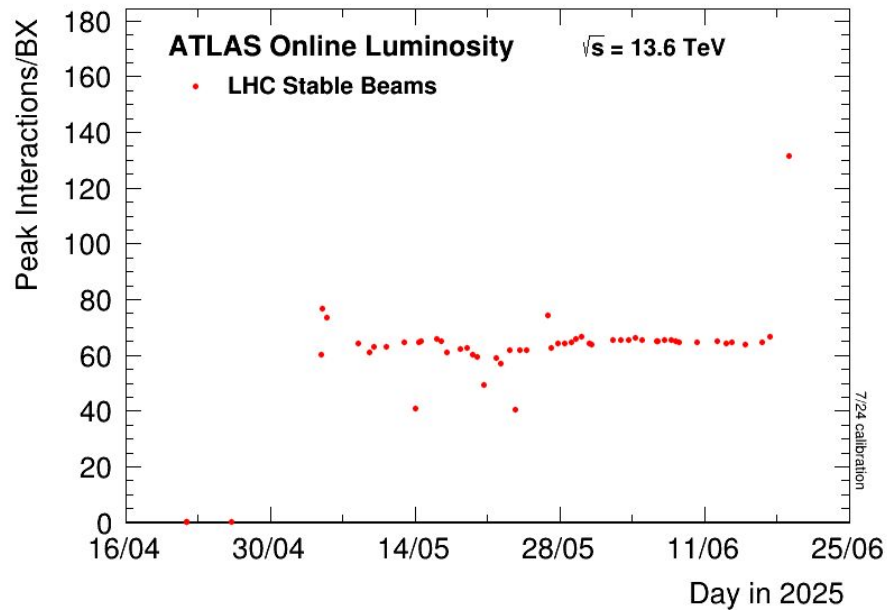
ATLAS operation status towards 2025 data taking

- 2024 was a very productive year for LHC/ATLAS, with a collected dataset of 118 fb^{-1}
- In total, collected over 203 fb^{-1} in Run 3, way more with respect to Run 2 (147 fb^{-1})
- Running at peak luminosity $\sim 2.2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$, with an average interaction per bunch crossing $\langle \mu \rangle \sim 64$
- Recording efficiency $\sim 94\%$, increasing as data-taking continues:
 - Careful follow-up of all issues causing dead-times
 - Continuously improving systems to be more robust against failures/mistakes



2025 data taking first results

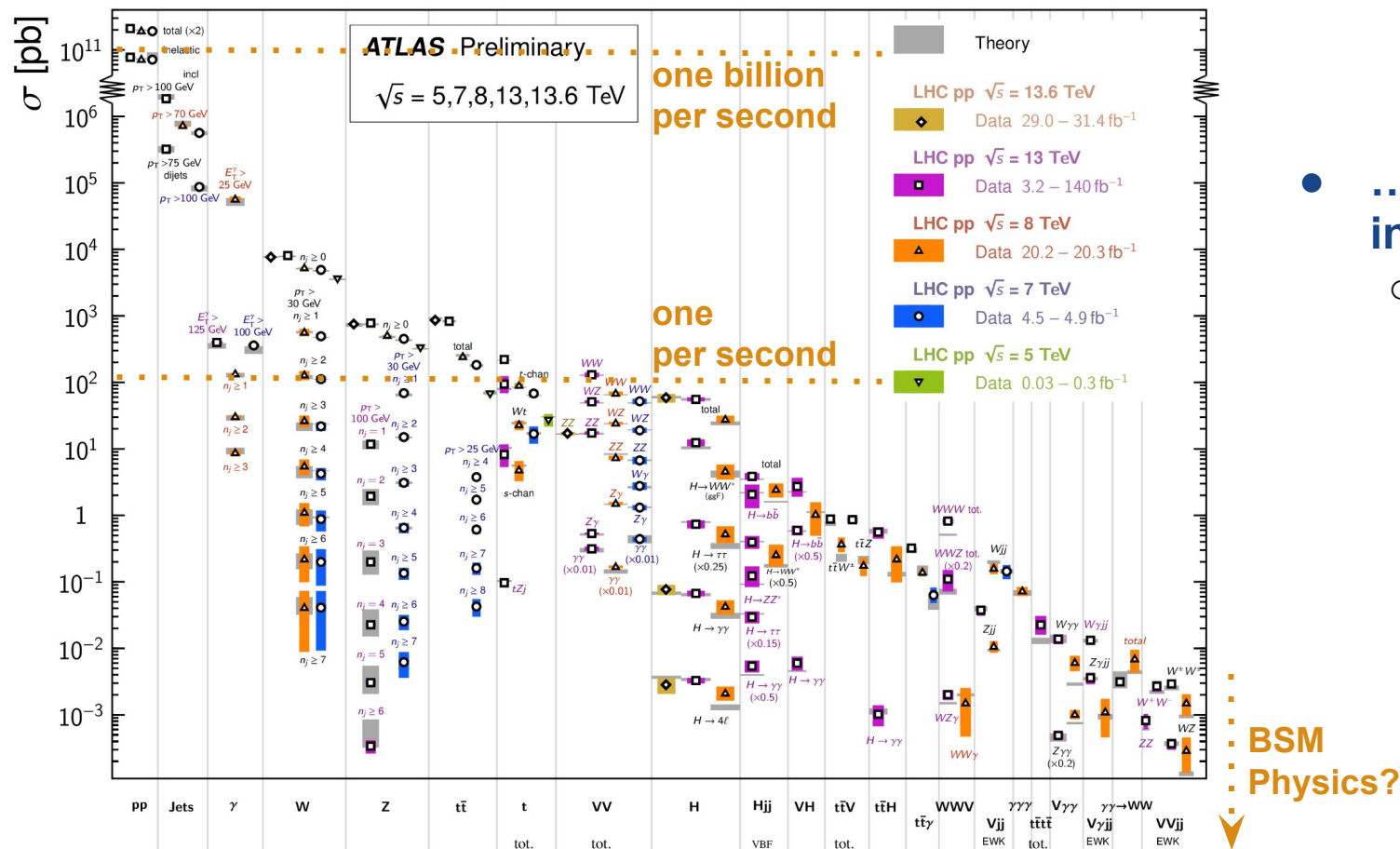
- Already collected $\sim 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ running also at higher peak luminosity with respect to last year
- “Levelling” of the luminosity allow to keep a constant pileup over time



Main challenges

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: June 2024



- We can't deal with the full amount of data

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- too much for detector read-out and offline computing
 - event size $\sim 2 \text{ MB} \rightarrow \sim 80 \text{ TB/s}$... we can *only* afford 8 GB/s!
- ... but we want more of rare and interesting events!
 - Literally like finding a needle in a haystack



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Main challenges

Select only the most “interesting” events and reject “boring” ones

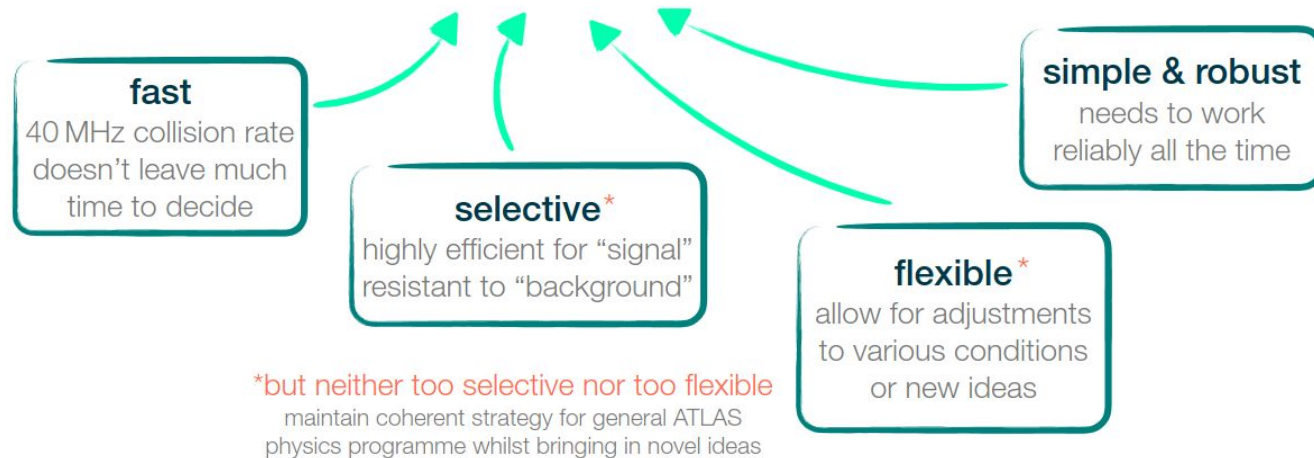
- What is interesting and what is boring?

- Dependent on physics goals

- Often something with a lot of energy, or more creative solutions exploiting event topologies.

- How is the selection applied?

- Let's **TRIGGER!**



- Data processing (events) at a high rate (40 MHz)
- Each event is accepted or rejected: **What we don't record is lost forever!**
- Rate reduction to affordable level for the DAQ chain
 - Reduction over 4 orders of magnitude: 40 MHz to 3 kHz in Run 3
- Continuous tradeoff between reconstruction quality and time for taking decision
 - Separation power and resolution lowers rates for same efficiency and adds acceptance to signatures difficult to reconstruct
 - Stalled trigger system loses events forever...

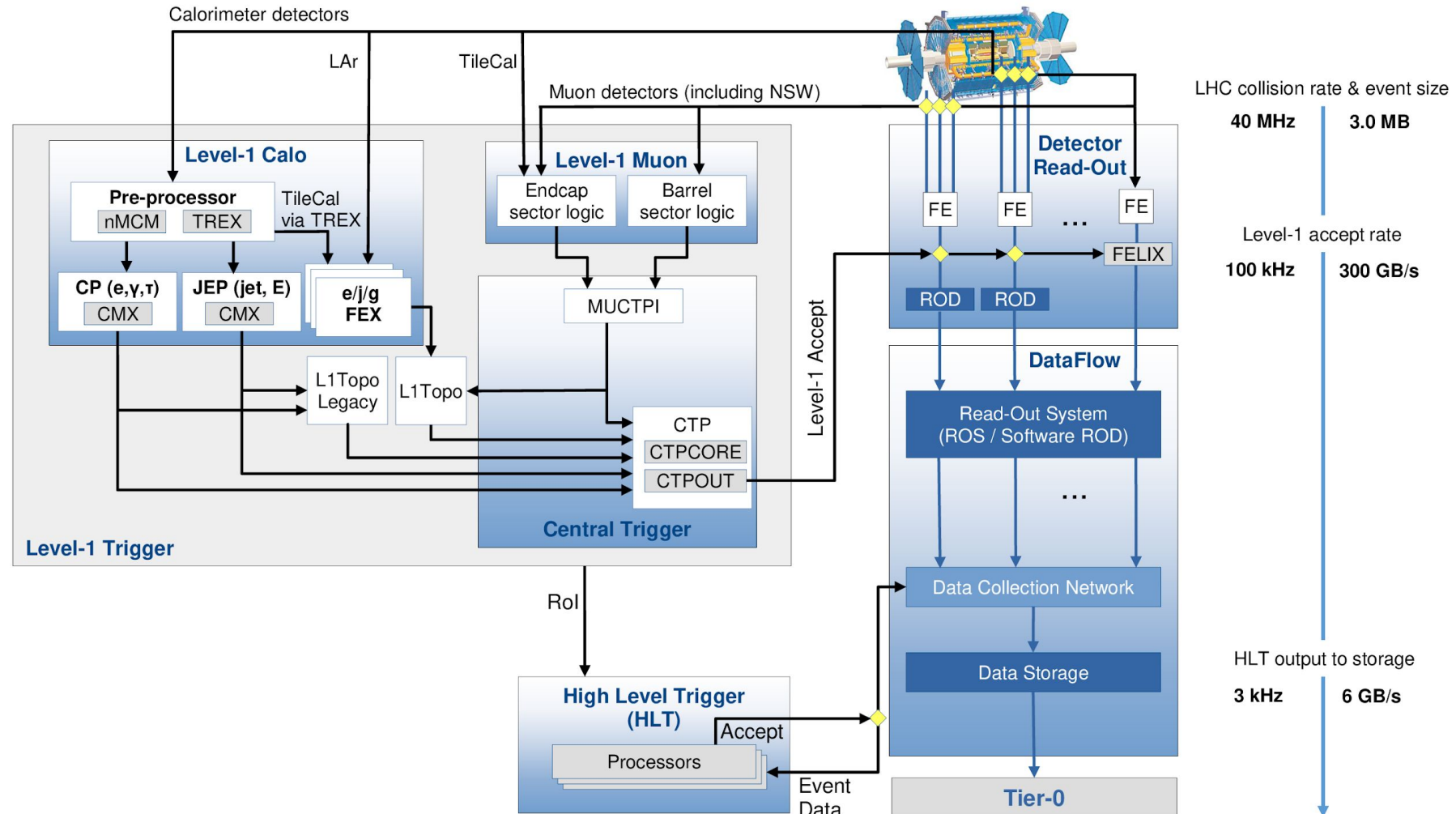
Trigger Menu and signatures

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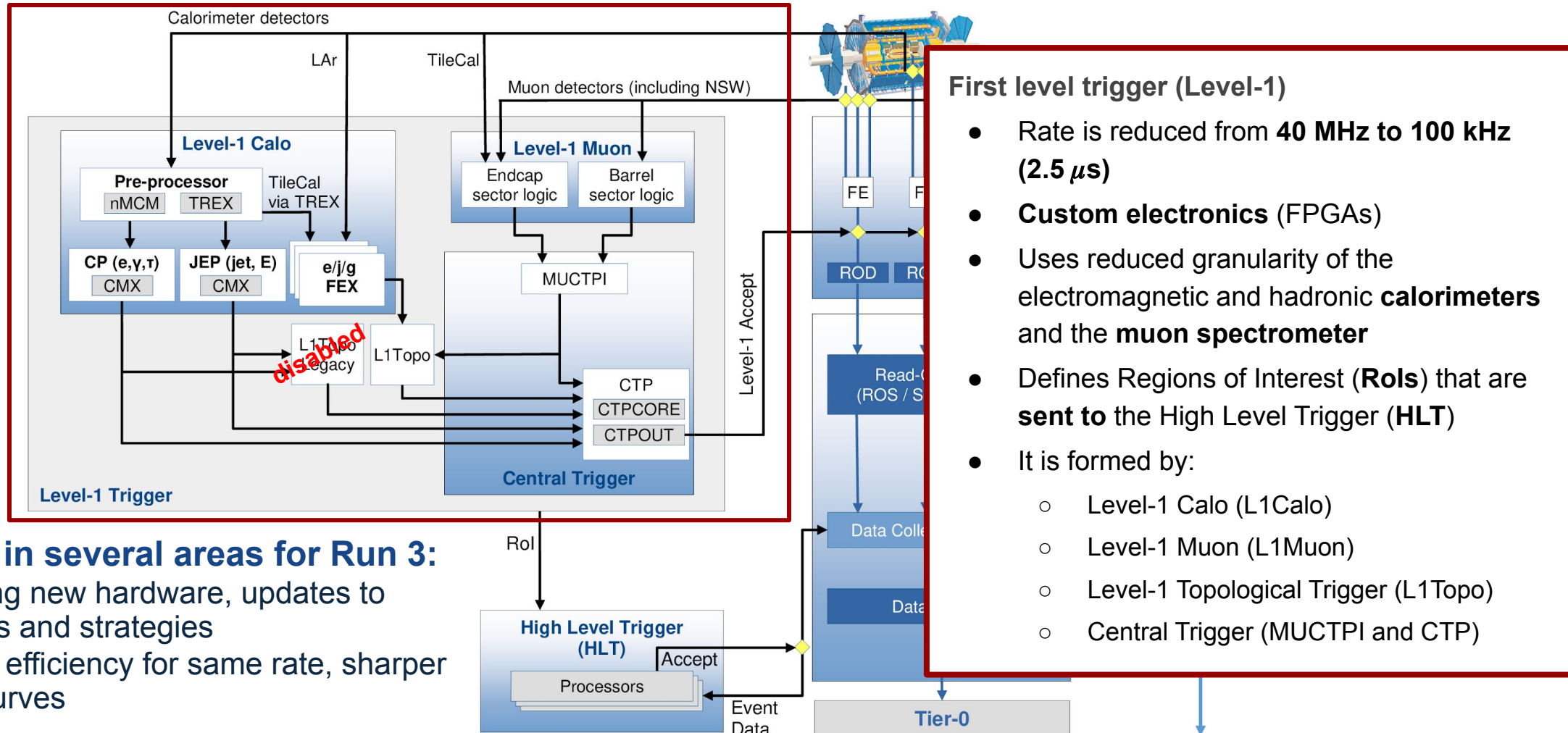
- The menu is a collection of trigger chains and corresponding set of rules defining the rate each chain is allowed to write out
 - Defines the Physics program and reach of ATLAS
- Design is driven by
 - Physics priorities aiming to record a balanced dataset for analyses
 - Representative of major processes; high efficiency for rare processes; supporting triggers for calibration, efficiency measurements, etc
 - Rate limitations at L1 and HLT
 - Online and offline resources
 - available CPU, bandwidth, and Tier-0 processing capacities
- Varies with luminosity and time
- Different menus defined for specific purposes and conditions
- Trigger signatures correspond to groups of closely related chains motivated by physics signatures
 - Inner detector tracking, calo clustering, e/gamma, tau, jet, b-jet, MET, muons, B-physics and light states, unconventional tracking, minimum bias.

Trigger	Typical offline selection	Trigger Selection		L1 Peak Rate [kHz]	HLT Peak Rate [Hz]
		L1 [GeV]	HLT [GeV]	$L=2.0 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	
Single leptons	Single isolated μ , $p_T > 27 \text{ GeV}$	20	26 (i)	16	218
	Single isolated tight e , $p_T > 27 \text{ GeV}$	22 (i)	26 (i)	31	195
	Single μ , $p_T > 52 \text{ GeV}$	20	50	16	70
	Single e , $p_T > 61 \text{ GeV}$	22 (i)	60	28	20
	Single τ , $p_T > 170 \text{ GeV}$	100	160	1.4	42
Two leptons	Two μ , each $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$	2×10	2×14	2.2	30
	Two μ , $p_T > 23, 9 \text{ GeV}$	20	22, 8	16	47
	Two very loose e , each $p_T > 18 \text{ GeV}$	2×15 (i)	2×17	2.0	13
	One e & one μ , $p_T > 8, 25 \text{ GeV}$	20 (μ)	7, 24	16	6
	One loose e & one μ , $p_T > 18, 15 \text{ GeV}$	15, 10	17, 14	2.6	5
	One e & one μ , $p_T > 27, 9 \text{ GeV}$	22 (e, i)	26, 8	21	4
	Two τ , $p_T > 40, 30 \text{ GeV}$	20 (i), 12 (i) (+jets, topo)	35, 25	5.7	93
	One τ & one isolated μ , $p_T > 30, 15 \text{ GeV}$	12 (i), 10 (+jets)	25, 14 (i)	2.4	17
Three leptons	One τ & one isolated e , $p_T > 30, 18 \text{ GeV}$	12 (i), 15 (i) (+jets)	25, 17 (i)	4.6	19
	Three very loose e , $p_T > 25, 13, 13 \text{ GeV}$	$20, 2 \times 10$	$24, 2 \times 12$	1.6	0.1
	Three μ , each $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$	3×6	3×6	0.2	7
	Three μ , $p_T > 21, 2 \times 5 \text{ GeV}$	20	$20, 2 \times 4$	16	9
	Two μ & one loose e , $p_T > 2 \times 11, 13 \text{ GeV}$	2×10 (μ)	$2 \times 10, 12$	2.2	0.5
Signle photon	Two loose e & one μ , $p_T > 2 \times 13, 11 \text{ GeV}$	$2 \times 8, 10$	$2 \times 12, 10$	2.3	0.1
	One loose γ , $p_T > 145 \text{ GeV}$	24 (i)	140	24	47
Two photons	Two loose γ , each $p_T > 55 \text{ GeV}$	2×20	2×50	3.0	7
	Two γ , $p_T > 40, 30 \text{ GeV}$	2×20	35, 25	3.0	21
	Two isolated tight γ , each $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$	2×15 (i)	2×20 (i)	2.0	15
Single jet	Jet ($R = 0.4$), $p_T > 435 \text{ GeV}$	100	420	3.7	35
	Jet ($R = 1.0$), $p_T > 480 \text{ GeV}$	111 (topo: $R = 1.0$)	460	2.6	42
	Jet ($R = 1.0$), $p_T > 450 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{\text{jet}} > 45 \text{ GeV}$	111 (topo: $R = 1.0$)	$420, m_{\text{jet}} > 35$	2.6	36
b-jets	One b ($\epsilon = 60\%$), $p_T > 285 \text{ GeV}$	100	275	3.6	15
	Two b ($\epsilon = 60\%$), $p_T > 185, 70 \text{ GeV}$	100	175, 60	3.6	11
	One b ($\epsilon = 40\%$) & three jets, each $p_T > 85 \text{ GeV}$	4×15	4×75	1.5	14
	Two b ($\epsilon = 70\%$) & one jet, $p_T > 65, 65, 160 \text{ GeV}$	$2 \times 30, 85$	$2 \times 55, 150$	1.3	17
	Two b ($\epsilon = 60\%$) & two jets, each $p_T > 65 \text{ GeV}$	$4 \times 15, \eta < 2.5$	4×55	3.2	15
Multijets	Four jets, each $p_T > 125 \text{ GeV}$	3×50	4×115	0.5	16
	Five jets, each $p_T > 95 \text{ GeV}$	4×15	5×85	4.8	10
	Six jets, each $p_T > 80 \text{ GeV}$	4×15	6×70	4.8	4
	Six jets, each $p_T > 60 \text{ GeV}$, $ \eta < 2.0$	4×15	$6 \times 55, \eta < 2.4$	4.8	15
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$	50	110	5.1	94
B-physics	Two μ , $p_T > 11, 6 \text{ GeV}$, $0.1 < m(\mu, \mu) < 14 \text{ GeV}$	11, 6	11, 6 (di- μ)	2.9	55
	Two μ , $p_T > 6, 6 \text{ GeV}$, $2.5 < m(\mu, \mu) < 4.0 \text{ GeV}$	2×6 (J/ψ , topo)	2×6 (J/ψ)	1.4	55
	Two μ , $p_T > 6, 6 \text{ GeV}$, $4.7 < m(\mu, \mu) < 5.9 \text{ GeV}$	2×6 (B , topo)	2×6 (B)	1.4	6
	Two μ , $p_T > 6, 6 \text{ GeV}$, $7 < m(\mu, \mu) < 12 \text{ GeV}$	2×6 (Υ , topo)	2×6 (Υ)	1.2	12
Main Rate					1750
B-physics and Light States Rate				86	200

Overview of the current ATLAS trigger system

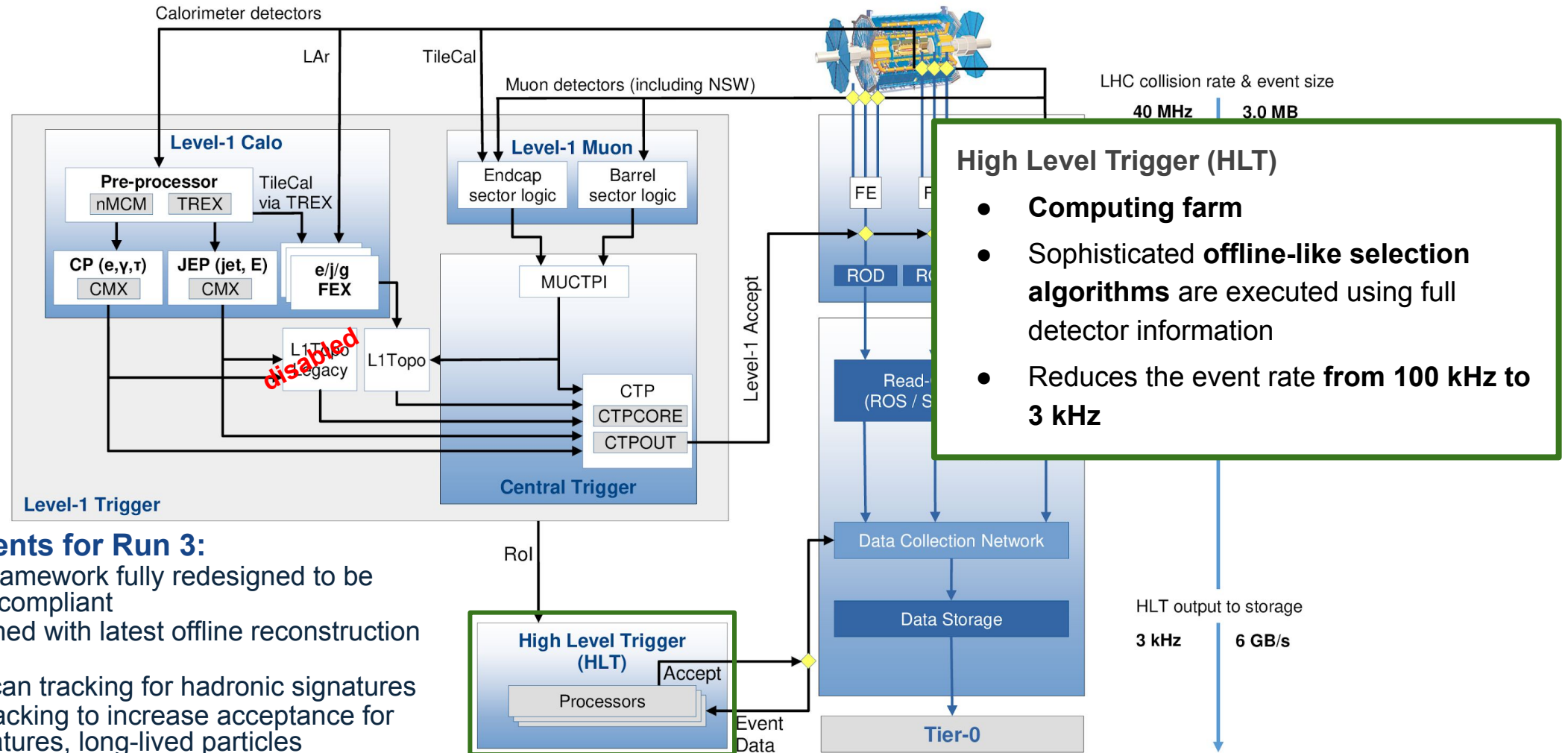


Overview of the current ATLAS trigger system



- **Upgrades in several areas for Run 3:**
 - Introducing new hardware, updates to algorithms and strategies
 - Improved efficiency for same rate, sharper turn-on curves

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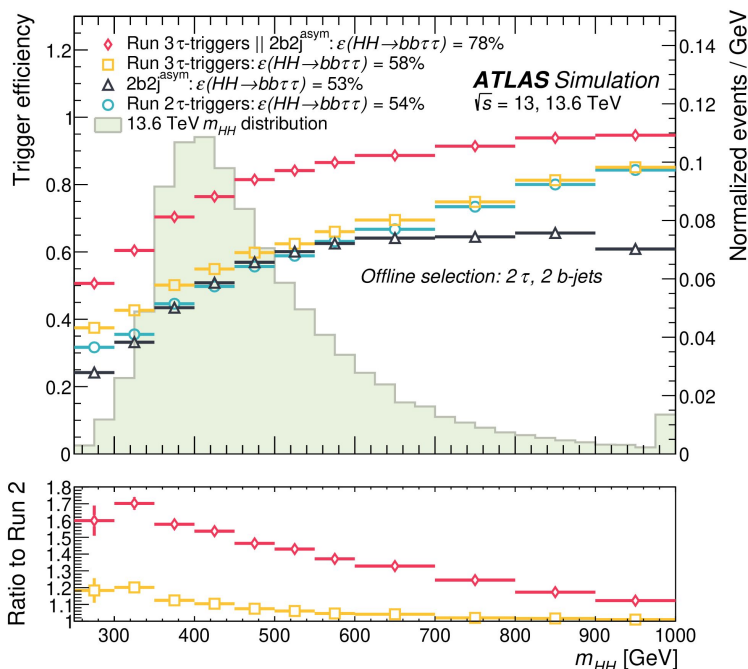
• HLT improvements for Run 3:

- HLT software framework fully redesigned to be multi-threaded compliant
- Selections aligned with latest offline reconstruction techniques
- Usage of full scan tracking for hadronic signatures
- Large radius tracking to increase acceptance for displaced signatures, long-lived particles

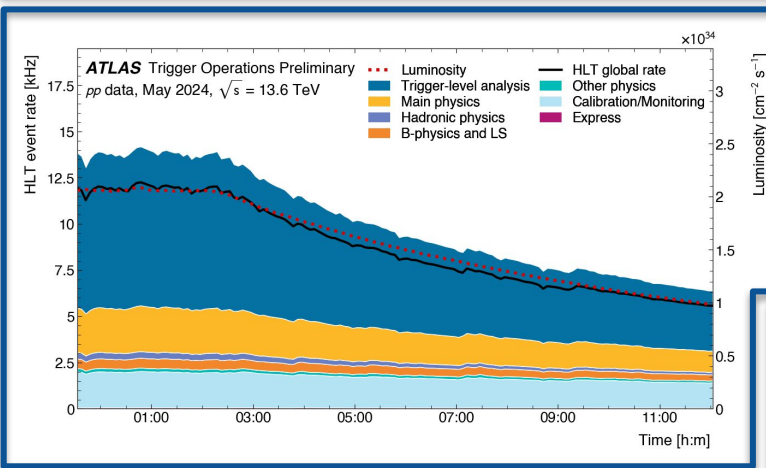
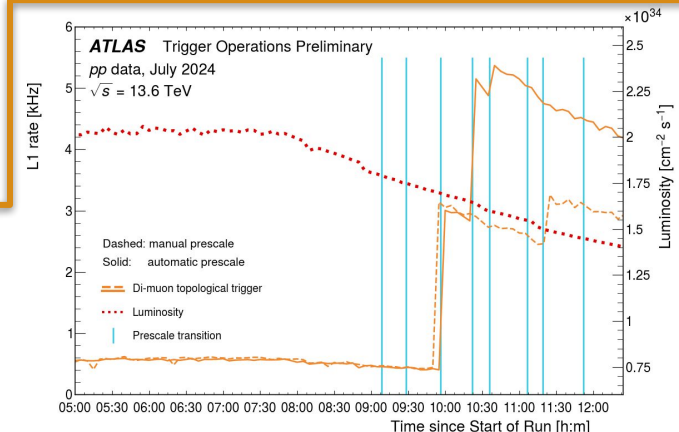
Highlights on trigger developments

Fast b-tagging preselection, running on calorimeter-based jets, which is scheduled before the HLT precision-tracking-based b-tagging

x5-10 event rejection for events entering the precision b-tagging algorithms

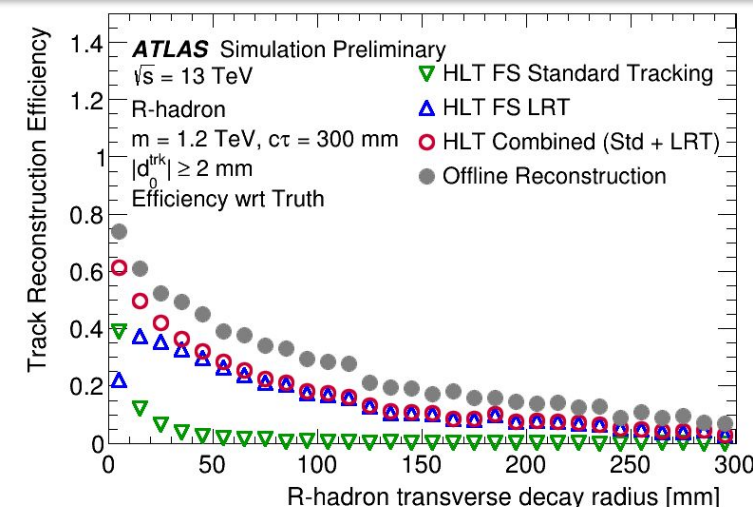


As a run progresses the delivered luminosity decreases and the rate of the various triggers drops creating “space” towards the end of run
Increase the rate of previously pre-scaled trigger chains based on physics-driven priority



Trigger-Level Analysis (TLA): circumvent the bandwidth limitation using partial event building (0.3% of the size of a full event)
Used directly in the corresponding physics analysis, e.g. di-jet resonance searches

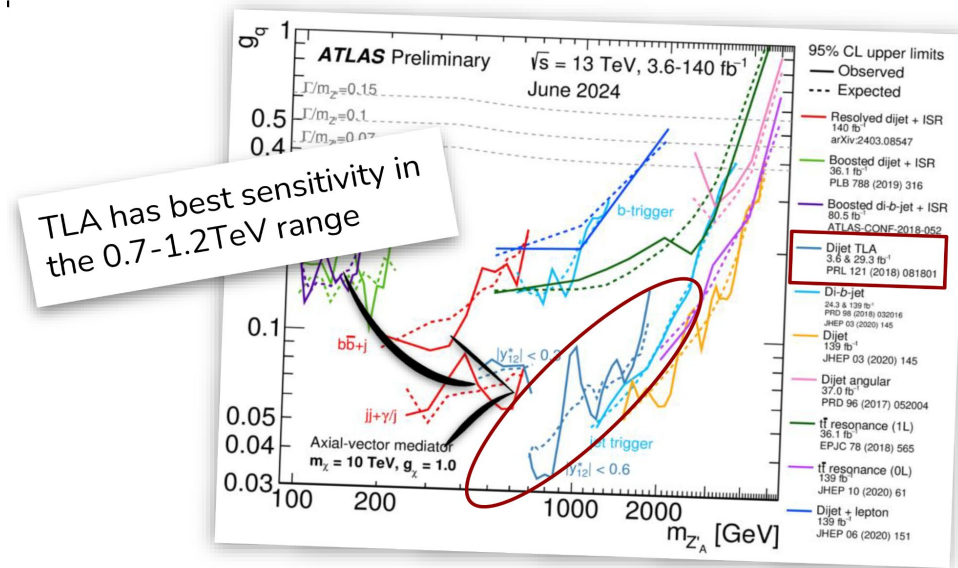
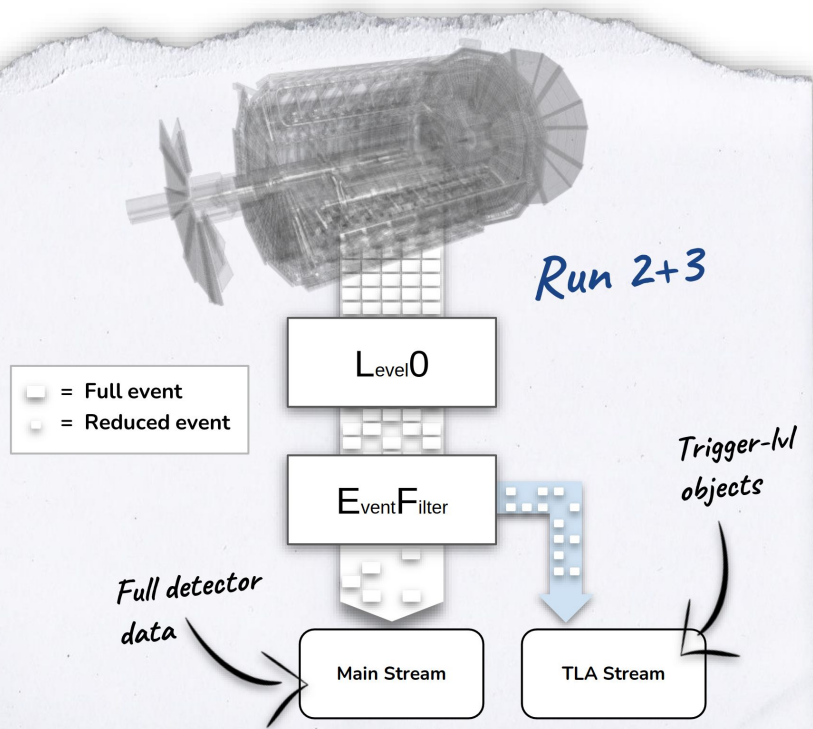
Large radius tracking to increase acceptance for displaced signatures
Targets charged particles with large displacements up to 300 mm improving acceptance for long-lived particles



What is Trigger Level Analysis (TLA)?

- Why do TLA?

- Many BSM / exotics searches (e.g. dark matter mediators) **limited** by available **trigger bandwidth**
- If we can not reduce trigger rate: **Reduce event size!**



- How to do TLA?

- Baseline TLA workflow only stores **lightweight high-level information** from **trigger reconstruction** (HLT-jets, -photons, -muons, etc.)
- TLA Mechanism stores **robust information sufficient for analysis**, including information about shower profiles and isolation variables
- ... but **not** designed to allow full “offline” reconstruction from low-level information
- TLA triggers operate in Run 3
 - Updated Trigger Menu to reflect physics priorities of ATLAS, hoping to further analyses probed by TLA in Run 2 (e.g. [arXiv:1804.03496](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.03496))

Unconventional Tracking for Long-Lived Particles

- **Many unique, non-standard signatures that rely on tracking information for identification**

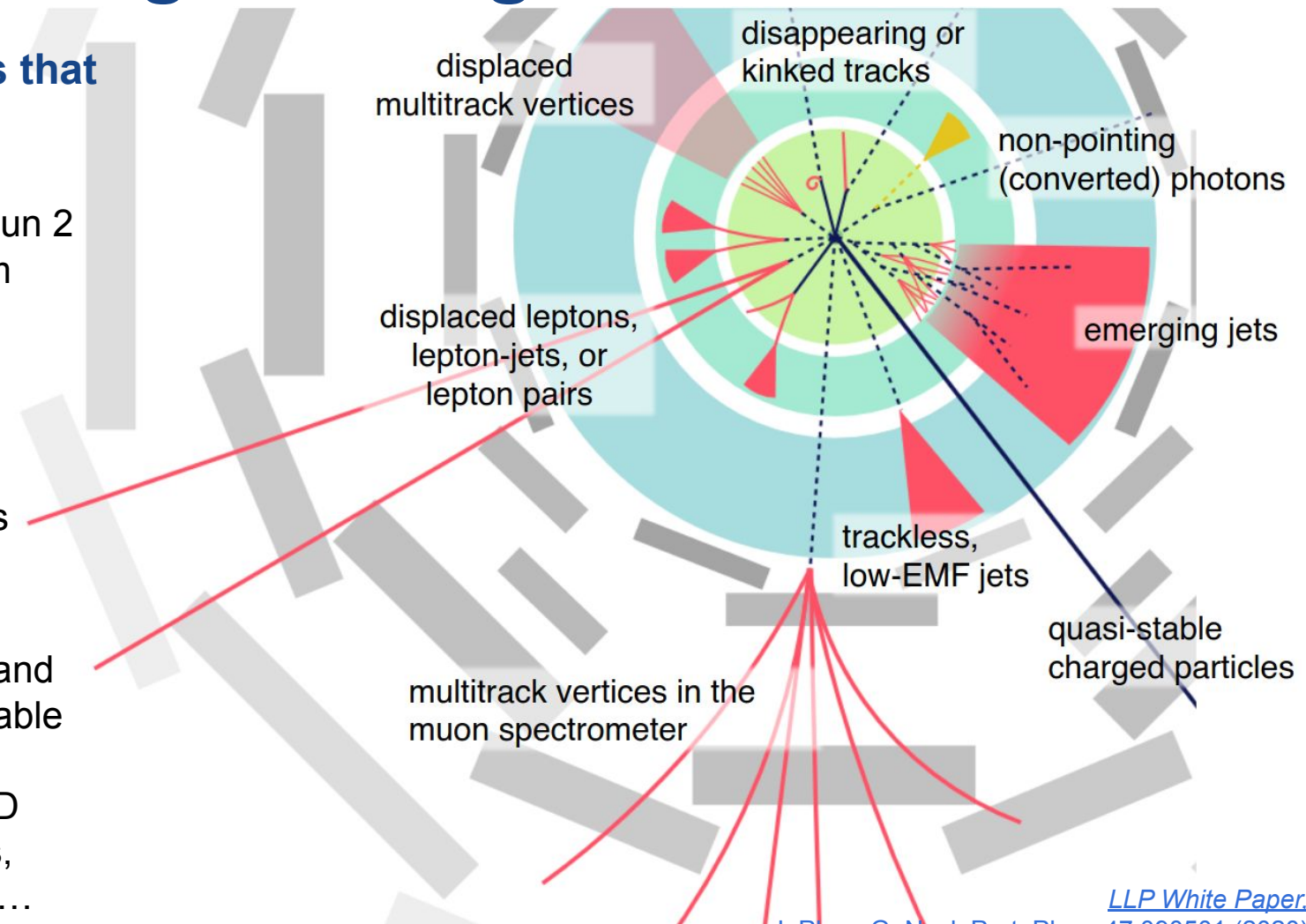
- Only standard tracking was used in the Run 2 trigger, with coverage out to $|d_0| < 5-10$ mm
 - **Not adequate for most LLPs**
- Extended to previously uncovered phase-space in Run 3 - next slide

- **Keeping rates under control!**

- High thresholds in calo and muon triggers
- Triggering on displaced objects

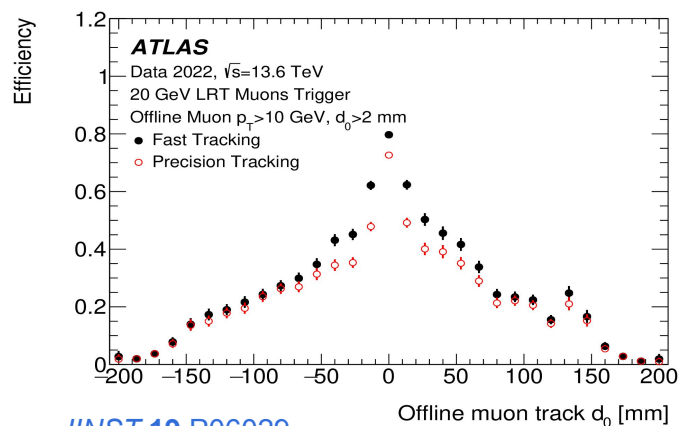
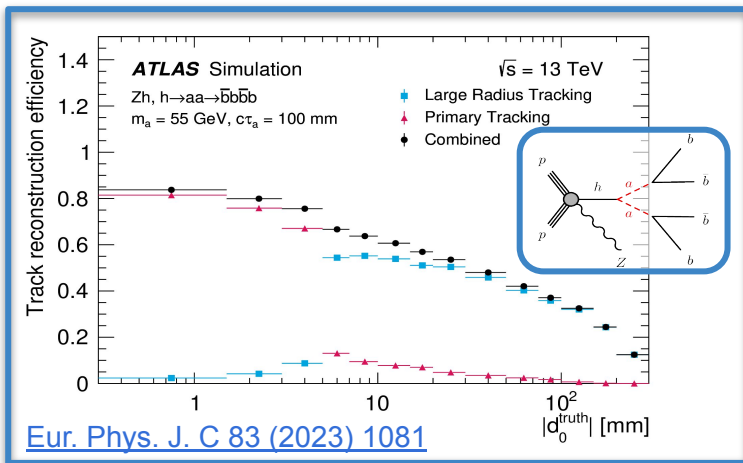
- **Several physics signatures:**

- Massive charged LLP w/ (isolated track) and w/o (large energy deposit in silicon) ID stable lifetime, disappearing tracks, neutral LLP decaying into jet/displaced vertex in the ID volume, displaced vertices, emerging jets, displaced objects (objects with large d_0), ...



[LLP White Paper](#)
[J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 47 090501 \(2020\)](#)

Large Radius Tracking in trigger for Run 3



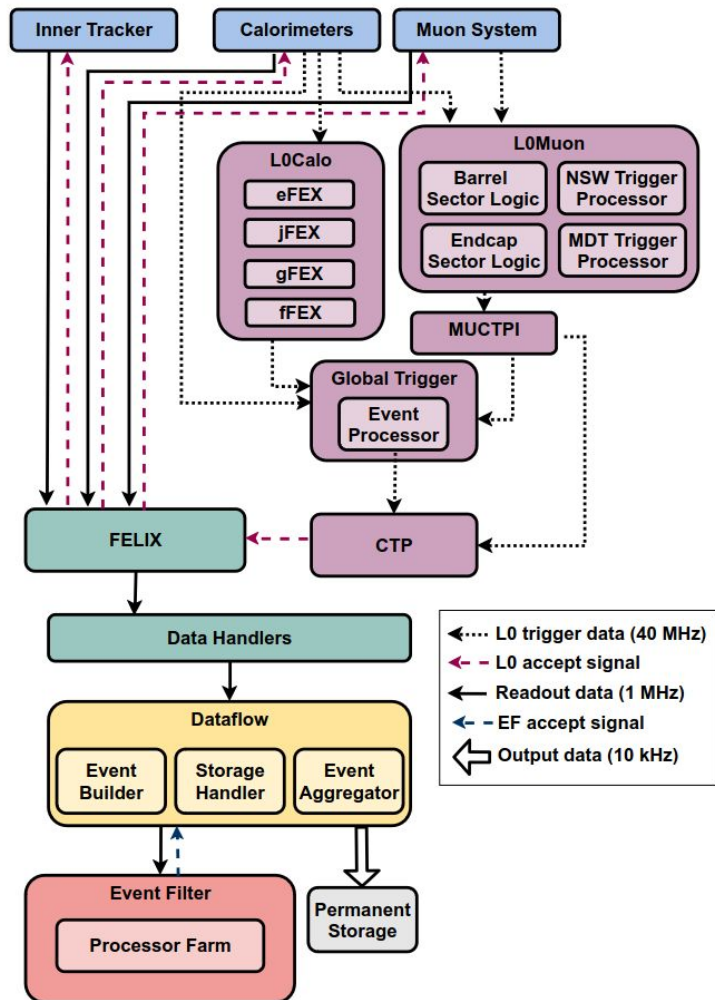
- **Plethora of long-lived particle triggers worked on and deployed for Run 3**

- Charged LLP
 - Disappearing track triggers, large dE/dx , isolated high p_T track
- LLP decaying into jets
 - Hit-based displaced vertex, emerging jets, displaced jets
- LLPs decaying into SM leptons

- **General approach:**

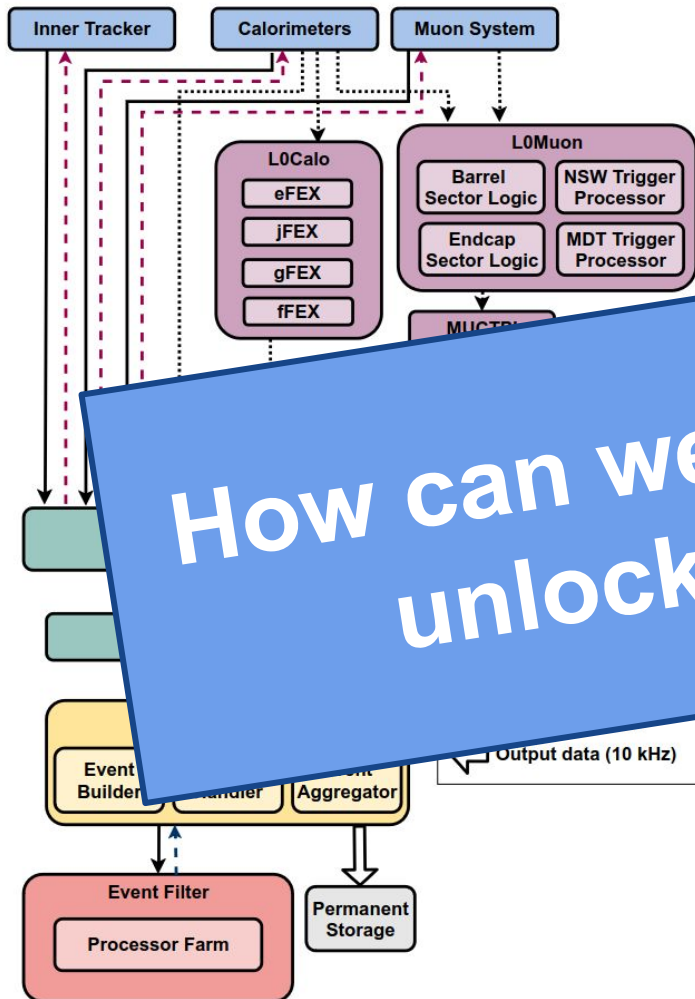
- Apply requirements to reduce jet or MET thresholds
 - Single jet threshold: 420 GeV; ETmiss threshold: 90 GeV
- Run Large Radius Tracking (LRT)
 - New feature introduced in the HLT for Run 3
 - Based on the offline LRT reconstruction: improved for Run 3 to reduce the number of fake tracks and processing time, while maintain high signal efficiency
 - Covers tracks with cover $|z_0| < 500 \text{ mm}$ and $|d_0| < 300 \text{ mm}$, with tight quality requirements to reduce fake tracks

The ATLAS TDAQ Phase-II architecture



- **High-pileup conditions during the HL-LHC present a significant challenge to the ATLAS TDAQ system**
 - Extensive Phase-II upgrade program will encompass multiple systems, including tracking, triggering, and data acquisition
- **Hardware trigger at Level-0 (40 MHz $\rightarrow$ 1 MHz @ 10 μ s latency): process data from subdetectors, identifies physics objects, evaluate event-level physics quantities**
- **Accepted events are transmitted to the Event Filter (EF) that provides final accept/reject decision (1 MHz $\rightarrow$ 10 kHz)**
 - EF farm will run tracking, calorimeter and muon algorithms

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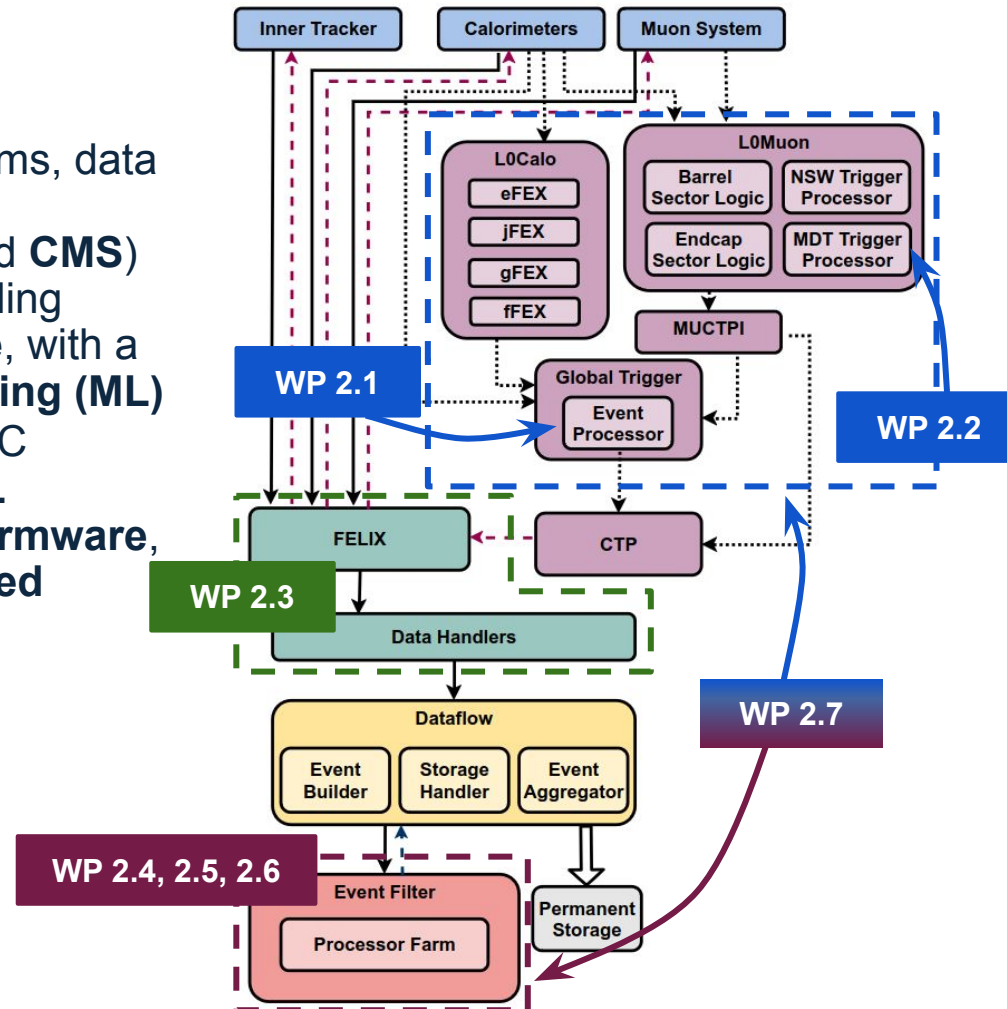
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How can we build on the current program to unlock new physics opportunities?

The Next Generation Triggers Project & ATLAS: WP 2

- **Main objectives:**

- Enhance the trigger systems, data collection, and processing capabilities of **ATLAS** (and **CMS**) in the HL-LHC era, extending **beyond current baseline**, with a **focus on Machine Learning (ML)**
- Drive innovation in HL-LHC triggers through **novel ML techniques, optimized firmware, and accelerator-supported software**

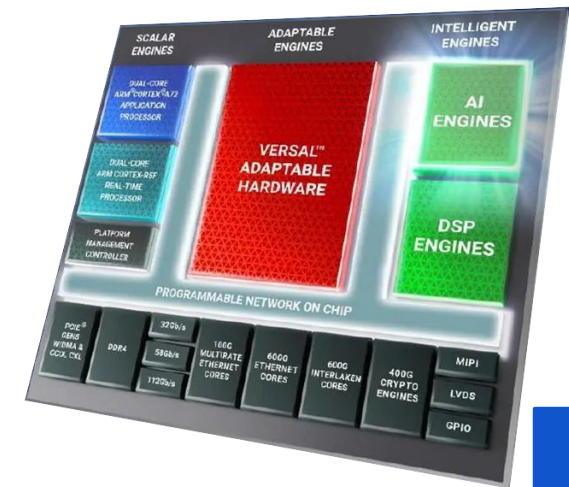
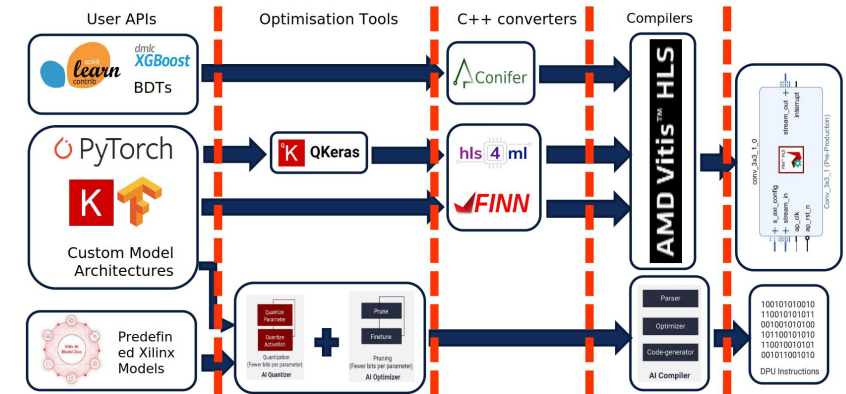


- **Project is developed within ATLAS TDAQ in collaboration with CERN Team:**

- Tasks are **fully integrated** in ATLAS Phase-2 TDAQ Upgrade
- Goal is to **extend** (not replace!) the **scope and functionality** of the **baseline trigger system**
- **Focus is on innovation/R&D** (e.g., novel ML, optimized firmware, support for heterogeneous comp.)

Optimal Real Time Event Selection in the Global Trigger System

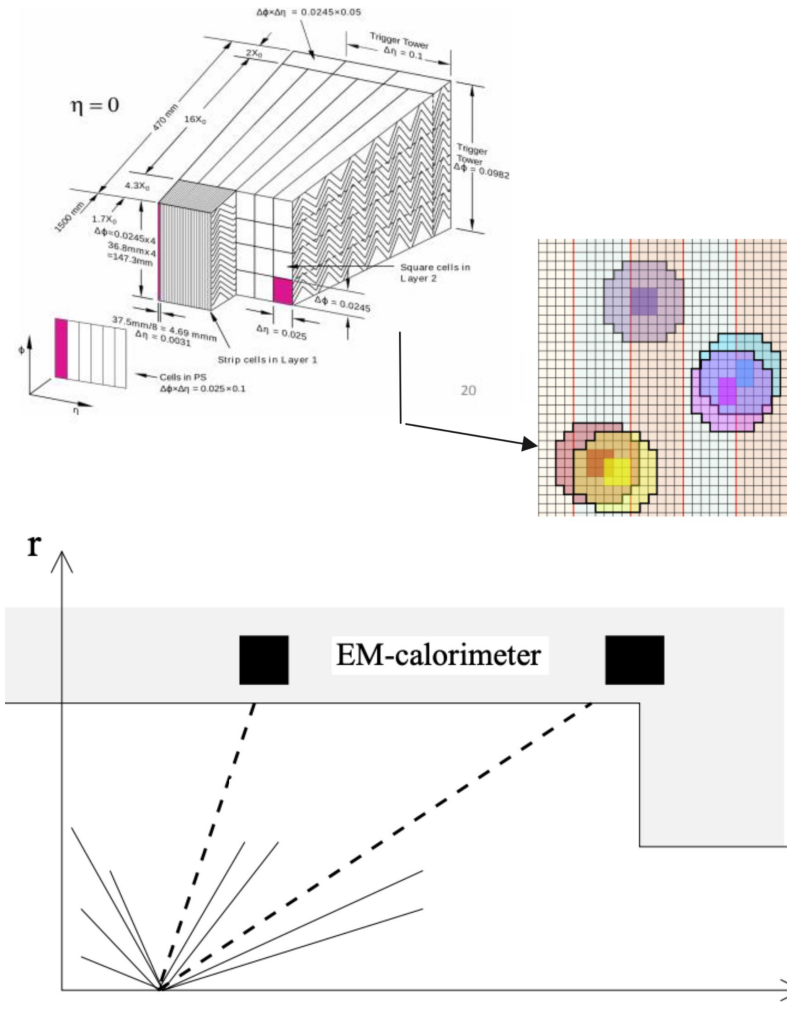
- **Focuses on extending the L0 Global Trigger using firmware-based offline-like algorithms for event selection**
 - Receives data at 50 Tbps, tight latency of 10 μ s
 - System faces key constraints (which drive decisions on FPGA selection), e.g., number of links from pre-processors, complexity of algorithms
- **Main goal: Exploration of novel ML reconstruction within the ATLAS Global Trigger**
 - Explore novel ML algorithms for L0 Global
 - Develop a common framework for ML optimisation for FPGA development
 - FPGA model, performance metrics, resource constraints and latency budget
 - Easy to deploy now models on hardware (provides interface to firmware)
 - Evaluation of new industry technologies
 - New technology in AMD focuses on dedicated vector processors (AI-Engines) that are optimised for Digital Signal Processing and ML



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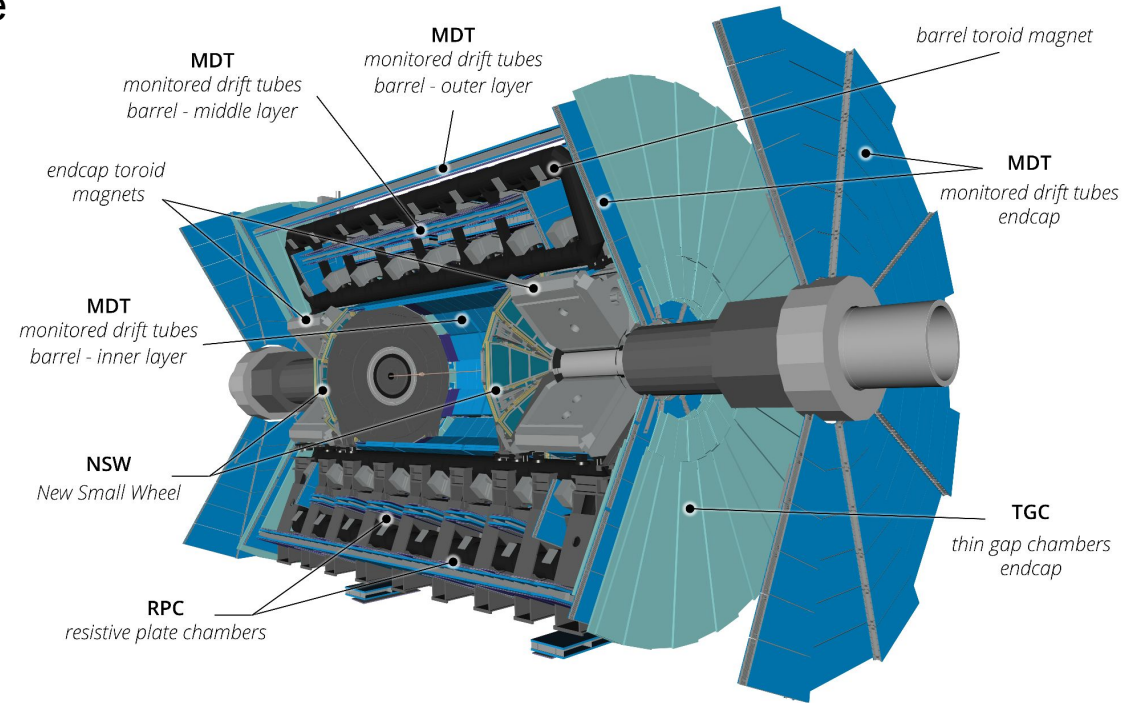


- **Ability to run more complex pattern recognition in the global (L0) trigger**
 - Using jet/global Feature EXtractors (j/gFEX) objects in L0 Global Trigger algorithms, benchmarking at high pileup
 - Enhanced pileup suppression using CNN (classify bkg, tau, electron, b-jet)
 - Vertex estimation using calorimeter shower shape information
 - Other ideas: jet reconstruction, fast jet calibration, boosted hadronic object identification, anomaly detection...
 - E.g. real-time jet finding directly from the cell information as preselection step to speed up trigger decisions for hadronic signals containing jets: [ATL-DAQ-PUB-2024-003](#)

⇒ **Most time-critical step, meaning that any improvement to resolution or ability to look for more complex topologies can give us a big gain!**

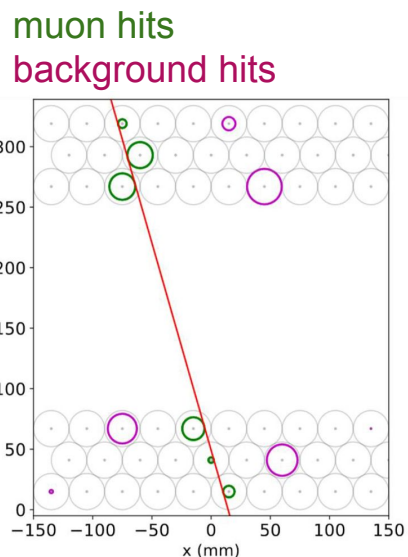
Enhancing the Level-0 Muon Trigger

- **Muon trigger undergoes significant upgrade:**
 - measurements from MDT; additional layer of RPCs in the barrel; new electronics
- **Baseline L0 Muon trigger relies only on fast trigger detectors**
 - RPCs in the barrel, TGCs and NSW in the endcap
- **Main goals:**
 - **Alternative algorithms** (ML and non-ML) are being studied to adapt the L0 Muon triggers in **scenarios of reduced RPC performance** or coverage for new RPC chambers, **extending acceptance** using **MDTs**
 - Also study **exotic** (e.g., non-prompt) **muon signatures**

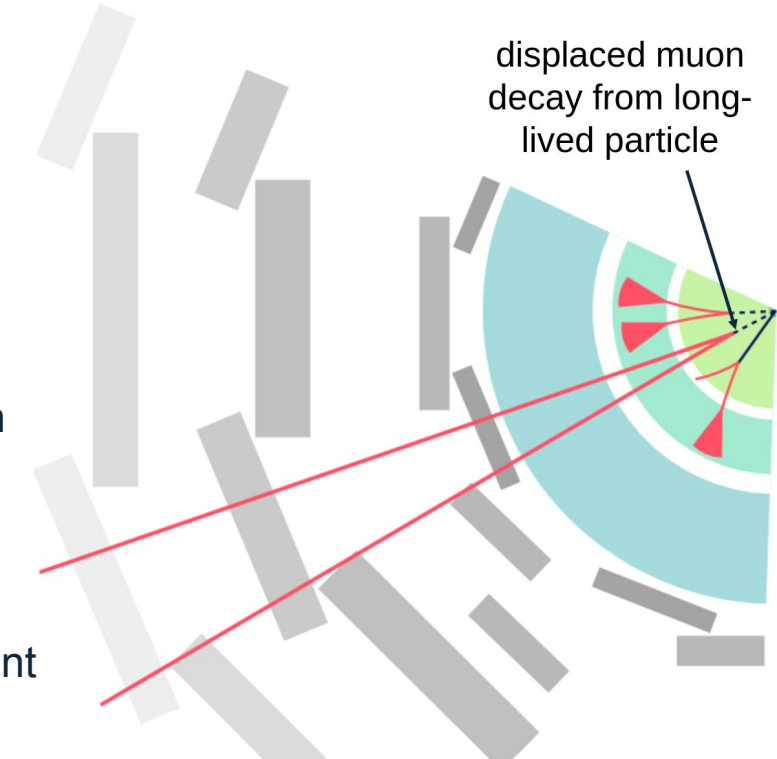
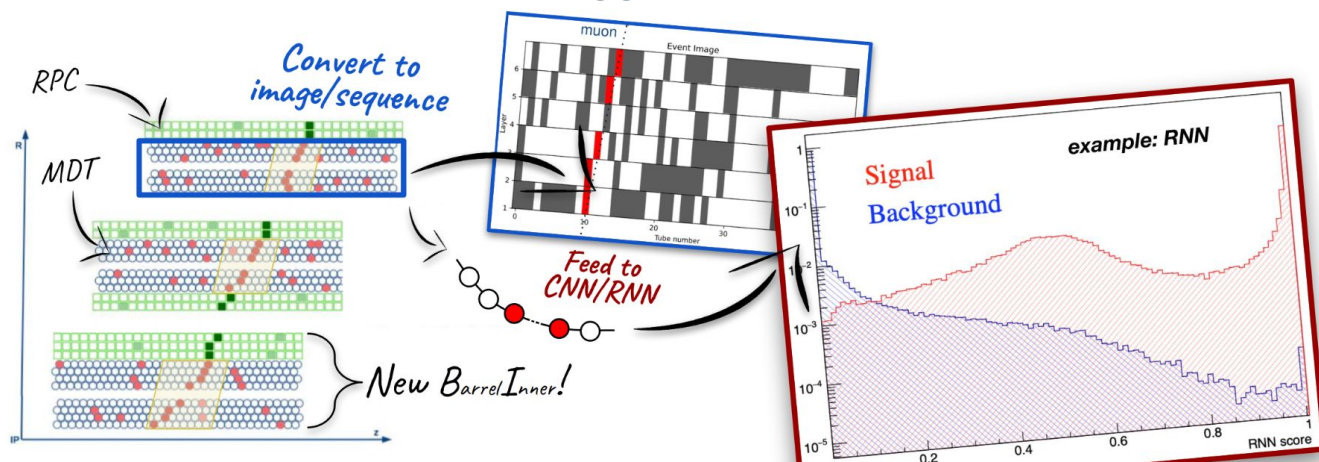


Enhancing the Level-0 Muon Trigger

- **Supplement pattern recognition algorithms with MDT**
 - Used to **select** good RPC seeds or **recover** missing ones
 - **Exploring algorithms** more suitable for sparse data for pattern recognition as well as ML methods, e.g. for momentum estimation
- **Studying displaced muon signatures**
 - Angles rejected by standard muon triggers - pointing requirement
 - late decays in front of the MS: very non-pointing tracks
 - decays **within** the MS: diverging patterns of hits, rather than fully independent tracks
 - Developing dedicated algorithms targeting signals → **require novel trigger concepts**



Pattern recognition
using ML

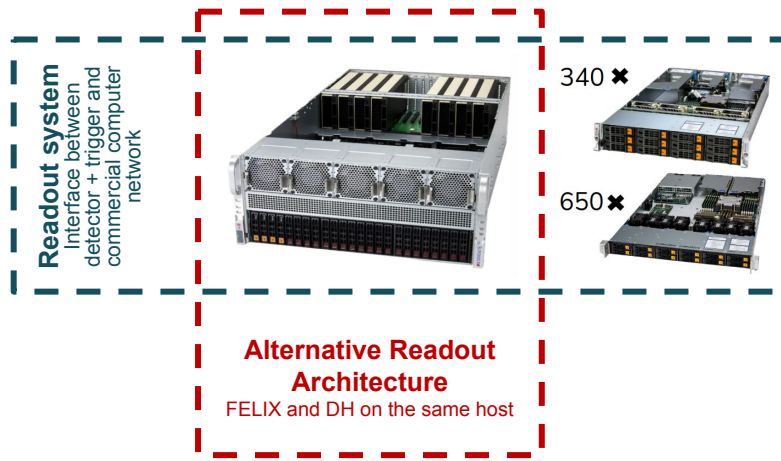
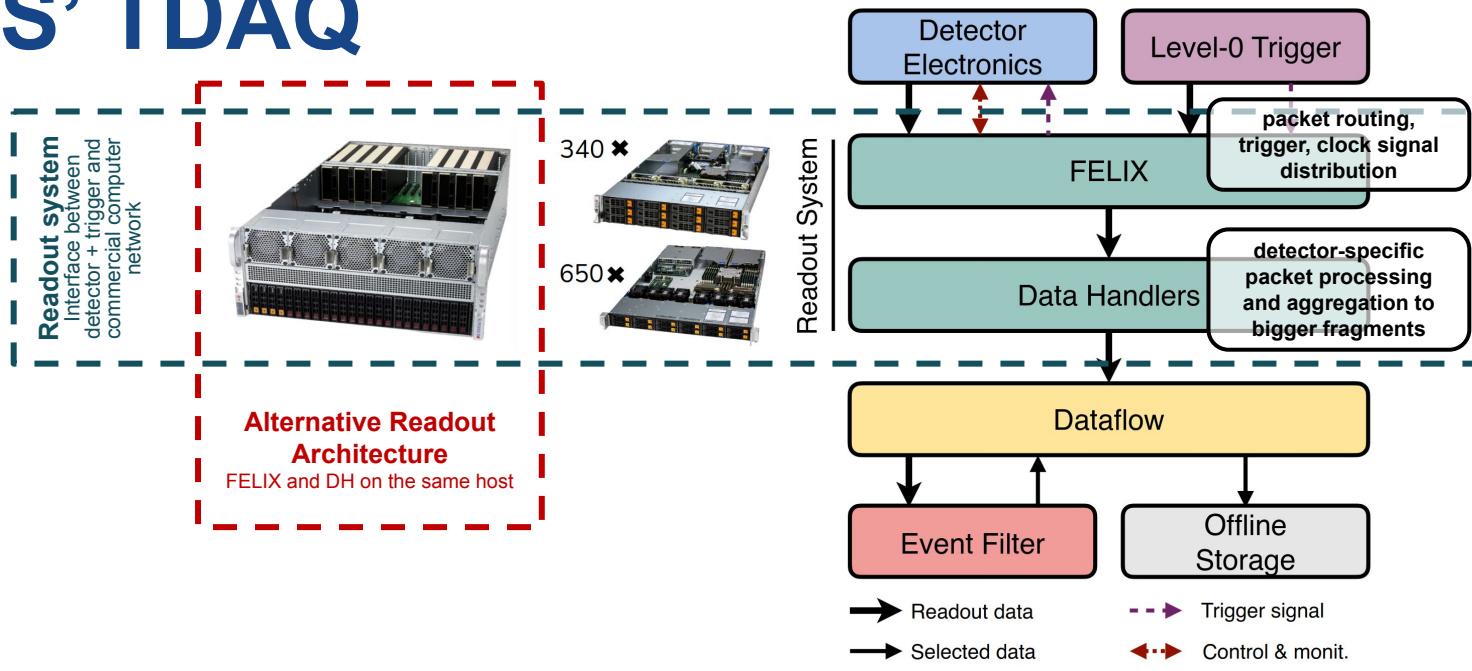


- **Overcoming current trigger limitations:**
 - **Collimated muons not resolved** as separate muons
 - **Mis-reconstructed p_T** for non-pointing muons failing the trigger coincidence window
 - **High p_T thresholds**, especially for single muon triggers

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Enhancing the ATLAS' TDAQ

- **Main goal:** Ensure the ATLAS data acquisition infrastructure delivers required event information reliably and with minimal latency to maximize the potential of WP2 trigger approaches
 - The readout subsystem connects detector-specific optical links to a commercial network, posing **significant technical challenges**
 - **Optimize** readout performance and **eliminate** system **bottlenecks**
 - **Support application** such as TLA with sufficient sustainable bandwidth
- **Developments on alternative server architecture led to optimization in data-transmission to EF**
 - **Direct access** from DH to FELIX cards
 - Testing of end-to-end data transmission in progress
 - Downstream effects on detector interfaces being studied



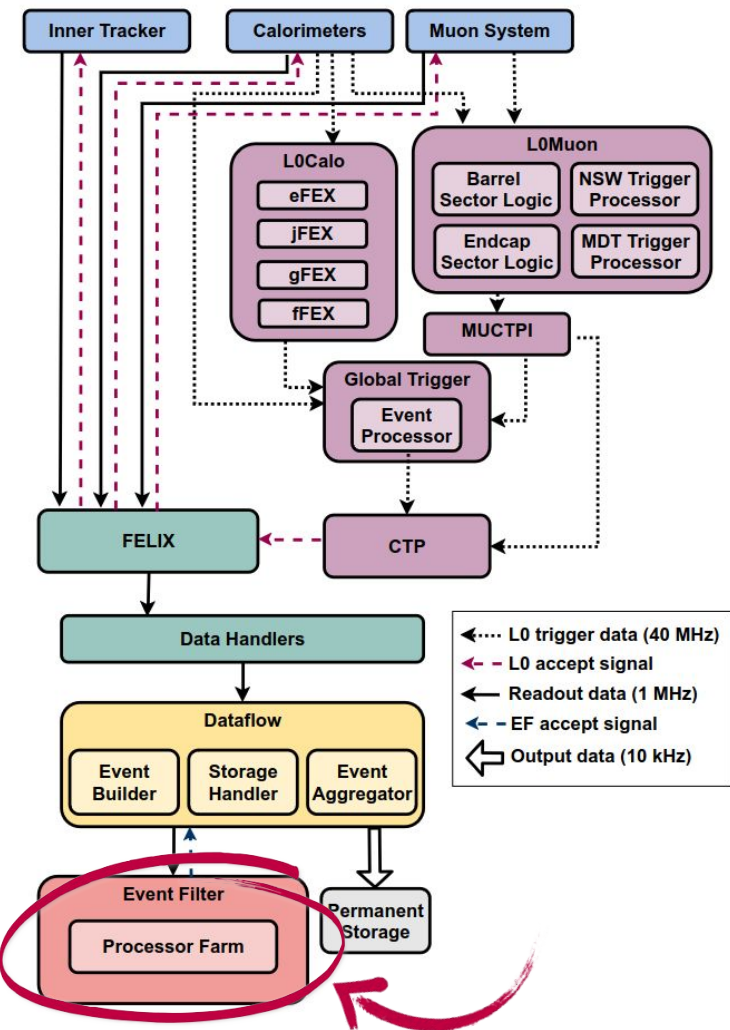
Alternative readout systems to the baseline being **under investigation**
😊 **Cheaper**
😞 **No flexible data routing between FELIX and DH**



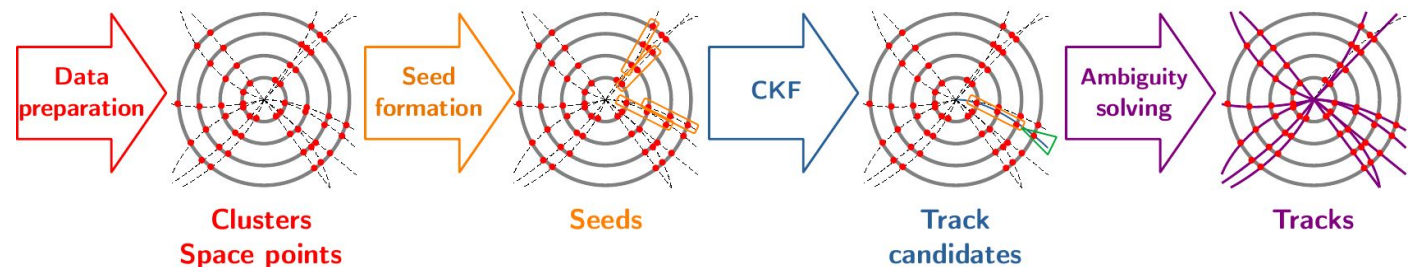
	Baseline	Alternative
CPU cores	42k	54k (+28%)
Number of Servers	990	280 (-70%)
Power (kW)	495	366 (-26%)
Racks	36	28 (-22%)
Relative Cost	100%	78% ¹⁰

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Event Filter Tracking



- EF farm will run tracking (WP 2.4), calorimeter and muon (WP 2.5) algorithms
- EF Tracking refers to the **tracking algorithms running on flexible, heterogeneous commercial system**
 - [TDR for Phase-II Upgrade of the ATLAS TDAQ System - Event Filter Tracking Amendment](#)
 - Combines **regional tracking** on the majority of the events, with **full-scan tracking** at a reduced rate
 - Investigates **unconventional tracking** strategies for new triggers
- **Main goal: Development of an algorithmic solution for the ATLAS EF track reconstruction**
 - Exploring **optimal classical numerical and Machine Learning (ML) techniques**, e.g. Graph Neural Networks (GNN)
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- **Contributing to R&D lines** for algorithms and technologies to extend trigger event selection
- **Provide support and enable deployment** of the tracking chain at EF trigger
 - Inputs for the 2025 technology choice report: hard deadline on August 1st!!

⇒ **Optimization of physics and processing performance of the track reconstruction at the EF**



CPU

GPU

FPGA

ACTS-based Fast Tracking (FT) CPU Chain

ACTS Clustering / SPs

Graph-based (FTF) Seeding in ACTS

ACTS CKF

ACTS Clustering / SPs

GNN based proto-Track Finding

ACTS (C)KF

FPGA Clustering / SPs

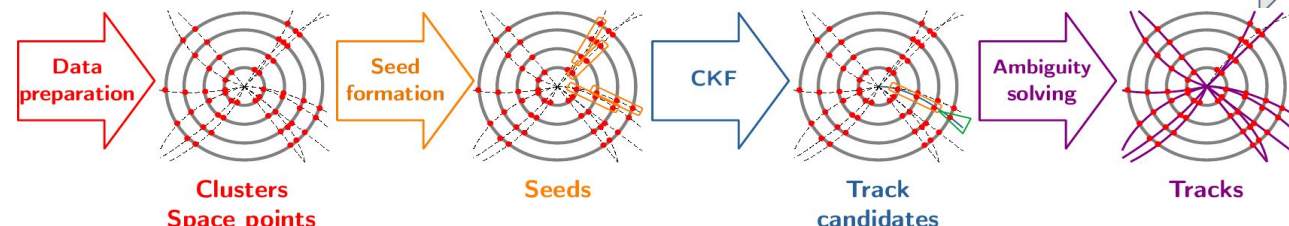
Track Seeding

ACTS CKF

FPGA Clustering / SPs and proto-Track finding

ACTS (C)KF

PROCESSING FLOW

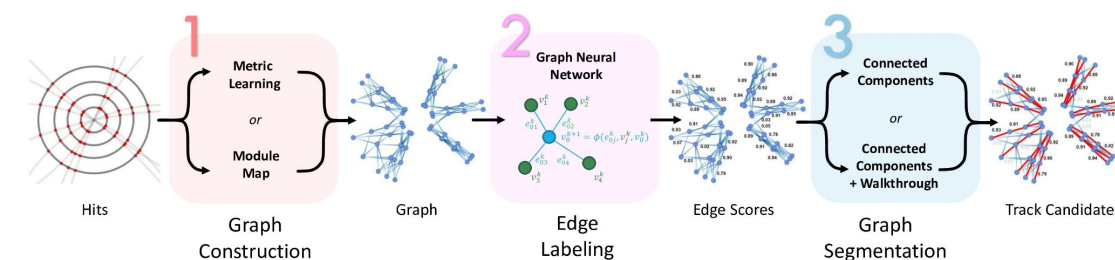


Accelerator based



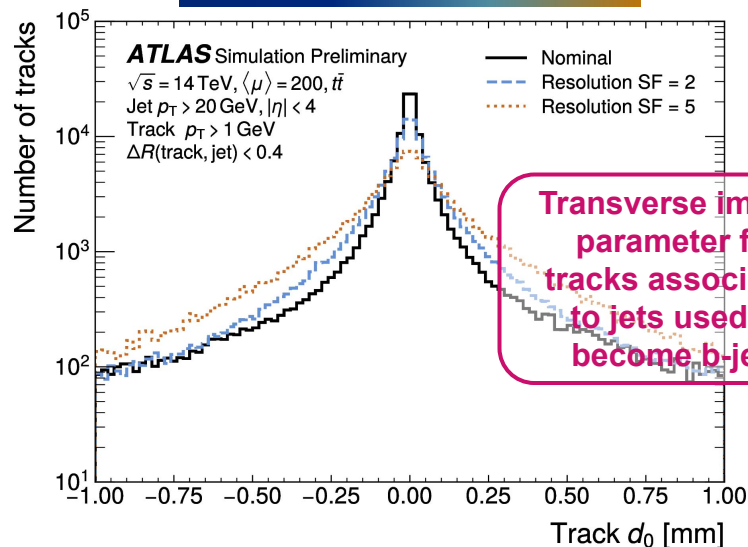
CPU based

Sliding window which can be optimized for FPGA solution

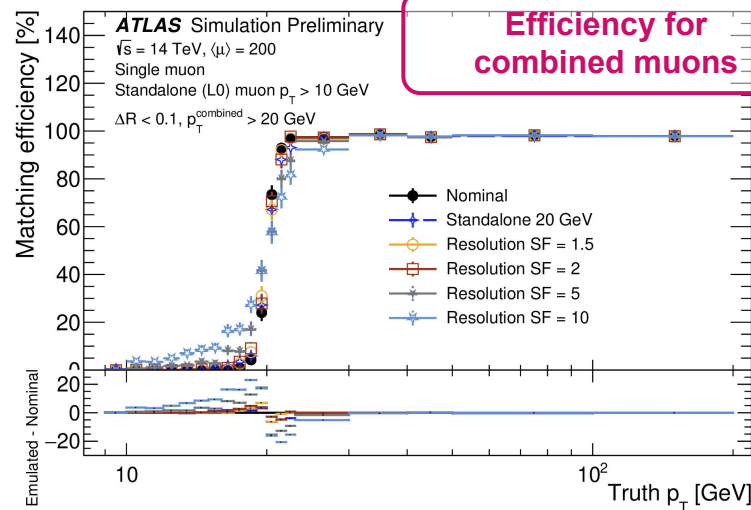


Work Package 2.4

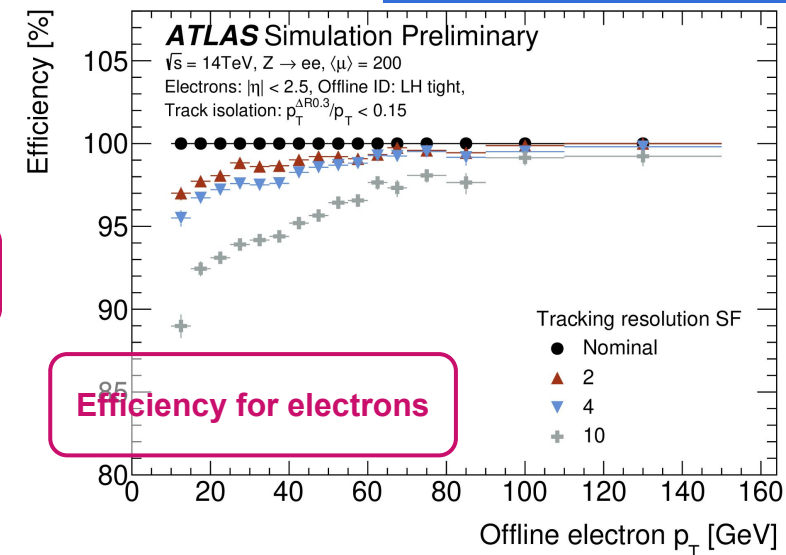
Event Filter Tracking



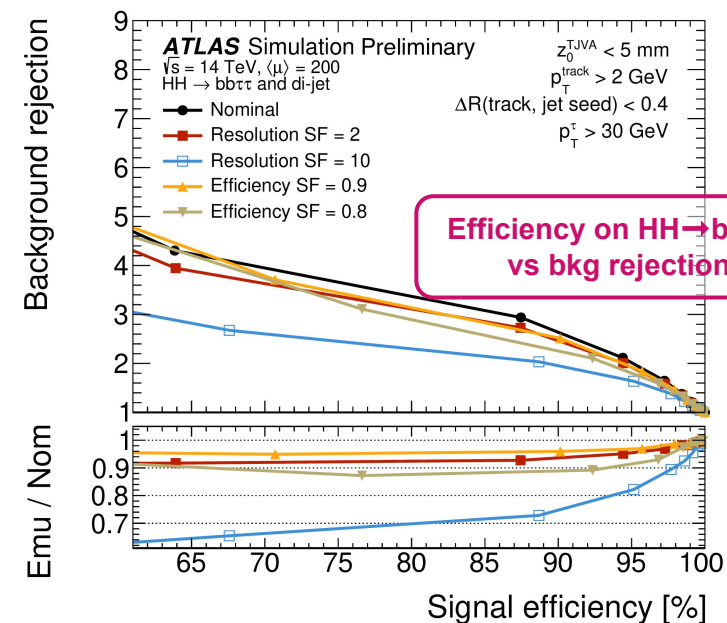
Transverse impact parameter for tracks associated to jets used to become b-jets



Efficiency for combined muons



Efficiency for electrons



Efficiency on HH $\rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ vs bkg rejection

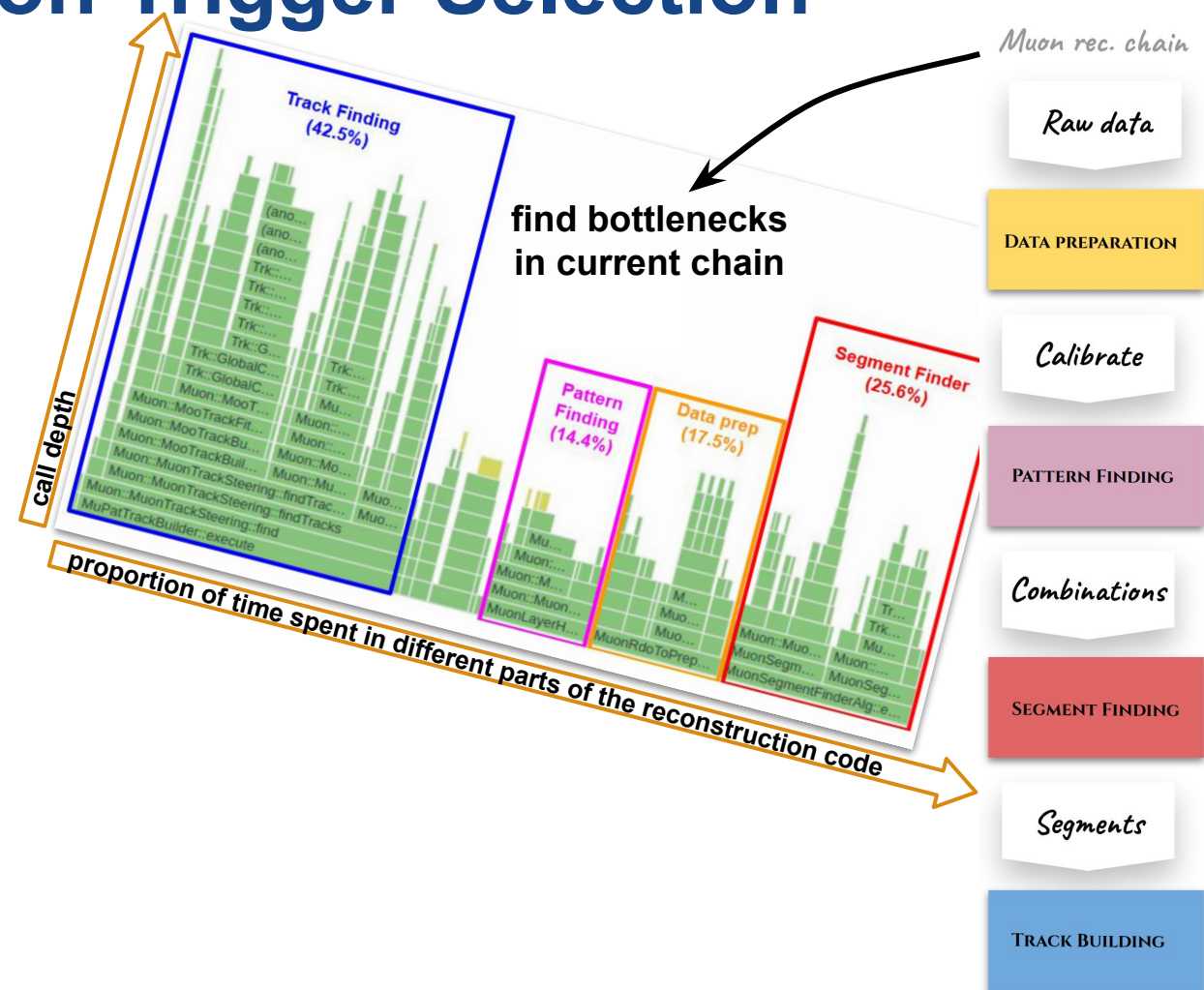
- Improving HLT Tracking provides:

- Offline-like performance: improved b-tagging, resonance reconstruction, vertexing, ...
- loss of rejection (== rate increase for same efficiency) if degraded ID resolution
- Tighter turn ons: improved signal acceptance for same rate budget
- Pileup suppression: helps keeping HLT rate under control
- Support for TLA with offline-like tracking
- Faster tracking add capacity to process more

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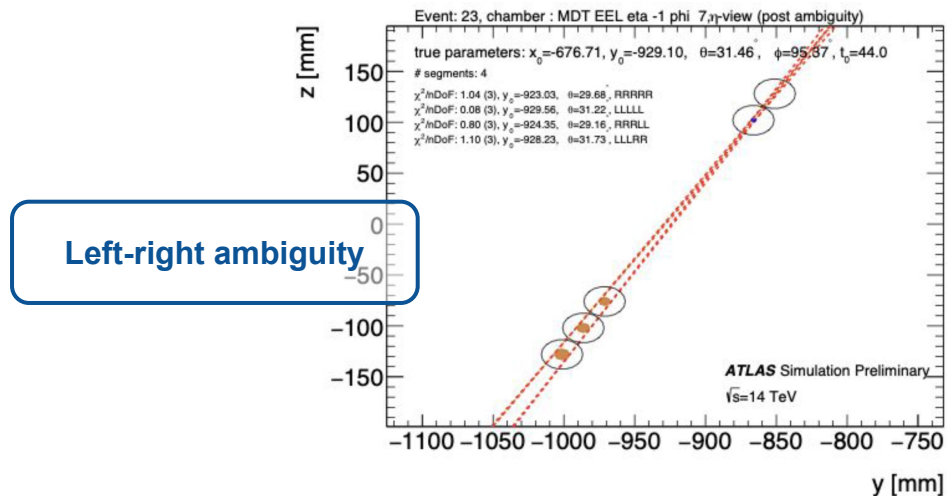
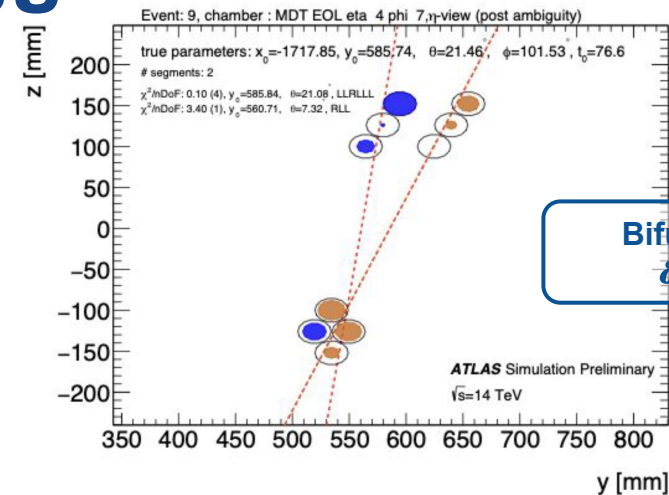
Optimized Event Filter Muon Trigger Selection

- **Main goal:** Providing advanced muon reconstruction with optimized precision and efficiency
 - Leveraging muon track reconstruction by using **extended L0 muon trigger coverage** (WP 2.2) and the **ACTS tracking infrastructure**
 - Develop **novel ML-based reconstruction** techniques to surpass classical algorithms
- **Current focus: migrate / reimplement classical reconstruction based on ACTS**
 - Sharing as much code as possible with inner tracking (both online and offline)
 - Use understanding of bottlenecks, implement reconstruction improvements
 - New implementation has significant muon reconstruction chain speed-up (~2-3x) with no impact on physics performance



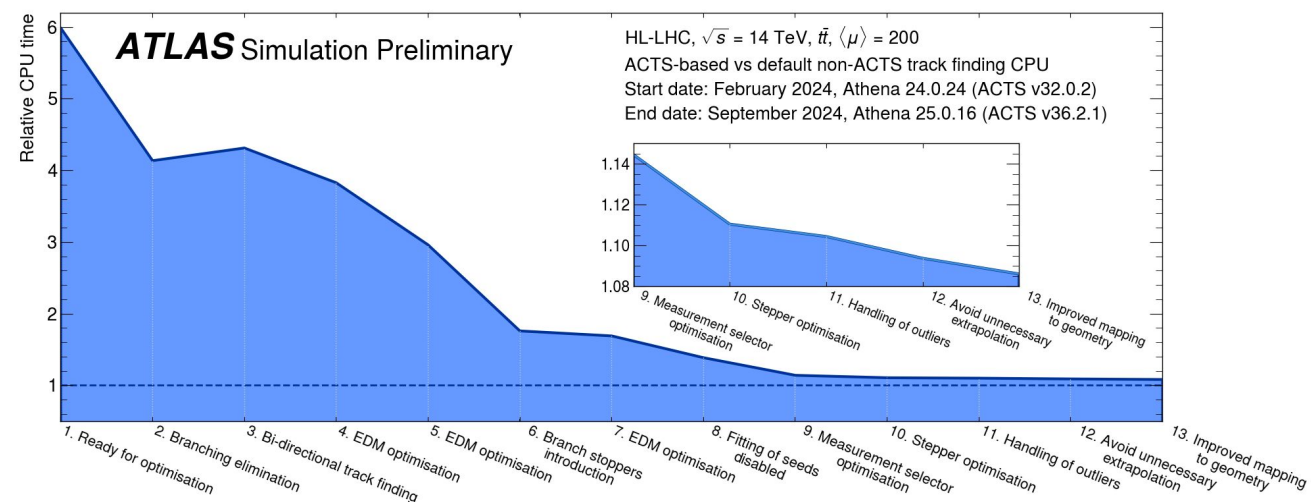
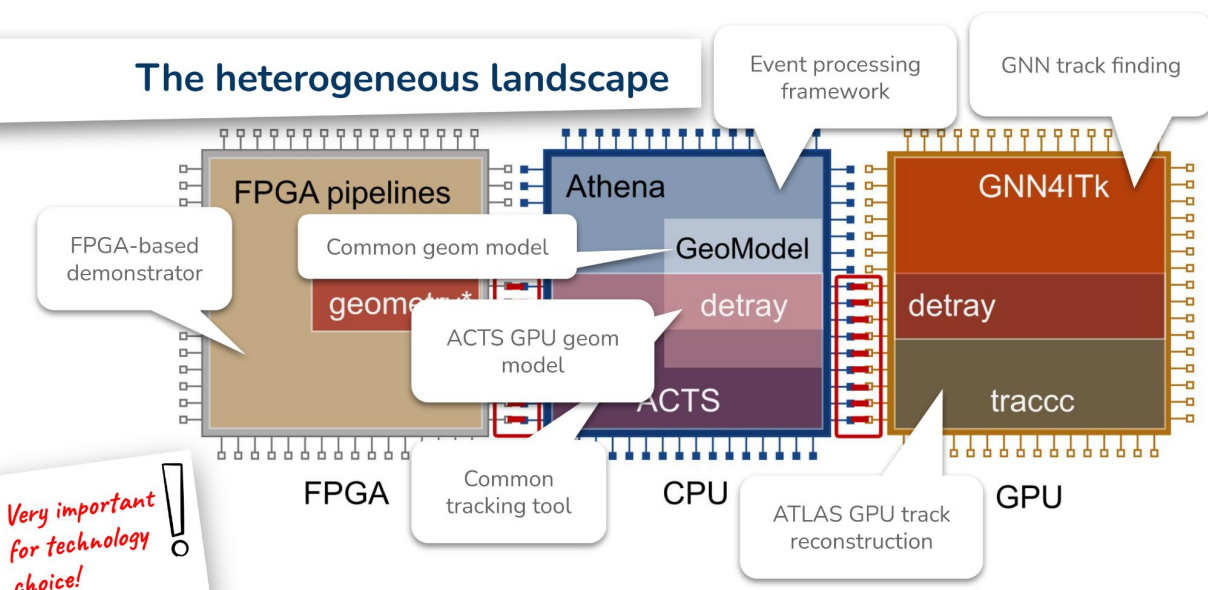
Optimized Event Filter Muon Trigger Selection

- Solve limitations of classical approaches exploring strategies based on ML techniques
 - Plots to the right is a schematic of a side-on view of a muon chamber. Circles represent the simulated “drift radius”, as simulated...
 - Left-right ambiguity of drift circles: the true tangent is **unknown!** Multiple analytical solutions, only one is correct.
 - Also with significant background from δ -electrons: Segment finding needs to suppress background drift circles
- Use ML to solve ambiguity in segment finding and to deal with background
 - Building GNN based segment finding:
 - Initial performance looks promising
 - Plan to add ML-based segment parameter regression
 - Might allow smaller search windows for segment attachment
- Access to lower threshold and to more challenging signatures, combined with L0 muon efforts



Common Tracking EF infrastructure

- **Main goal: Development of core algorithm and infrastructure to support other WP on EF**
 - Support ATLAS EF prototypes within ACTS, including technical assistance and data modeling
 - Improve integration of GPU, CPU and FPGA based demonstrators
 - Common geometry model and tracking tools, enable ML pipeline interfacing ACTS, optimize data structures for diverse (heterogeneous) workflows
 - Major effort to improve ACTS track reconstruction chain
 - Benefit from ATLAS offline optimization effort (changes to ACTS + Athena code)
- **Increased commonality with offline implicitly makes TLA more feasible and understandable**

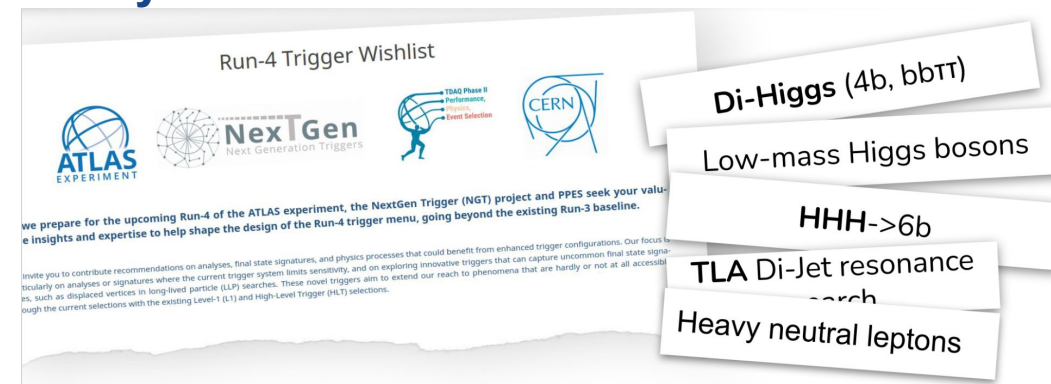


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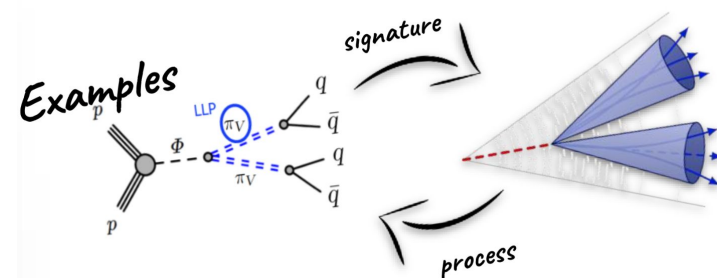
Enhanced Reco for Higher Level Event Filtering

- **Main goal:** Overall optimization of the Run-4 trigger menu with focus on physics application
 - **Exploit capabilities** developed in other WPs, e.g. new reconstruction techniques for **enhanced particle identification**
 - Connect reconstruction and physics analysis
 - **Go beyond** conventional trigger strategies
 - Trigger concepts for exotic, non-standard signatures
 - Investigate TLA and other real-time analysis methods
- **require close collaboration with other WP**
- Use results from WP 1.6 to define new benchmarks for trigger algorithms

- **Conducted survey to assess trigger limitations in analysis**



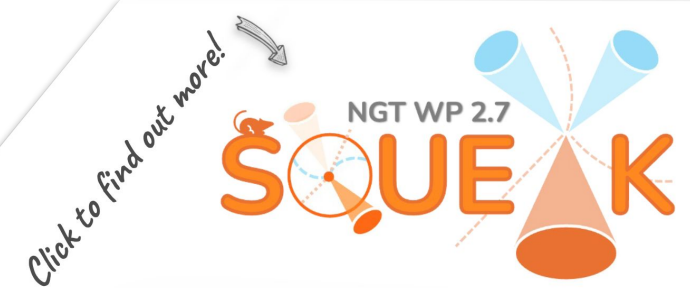
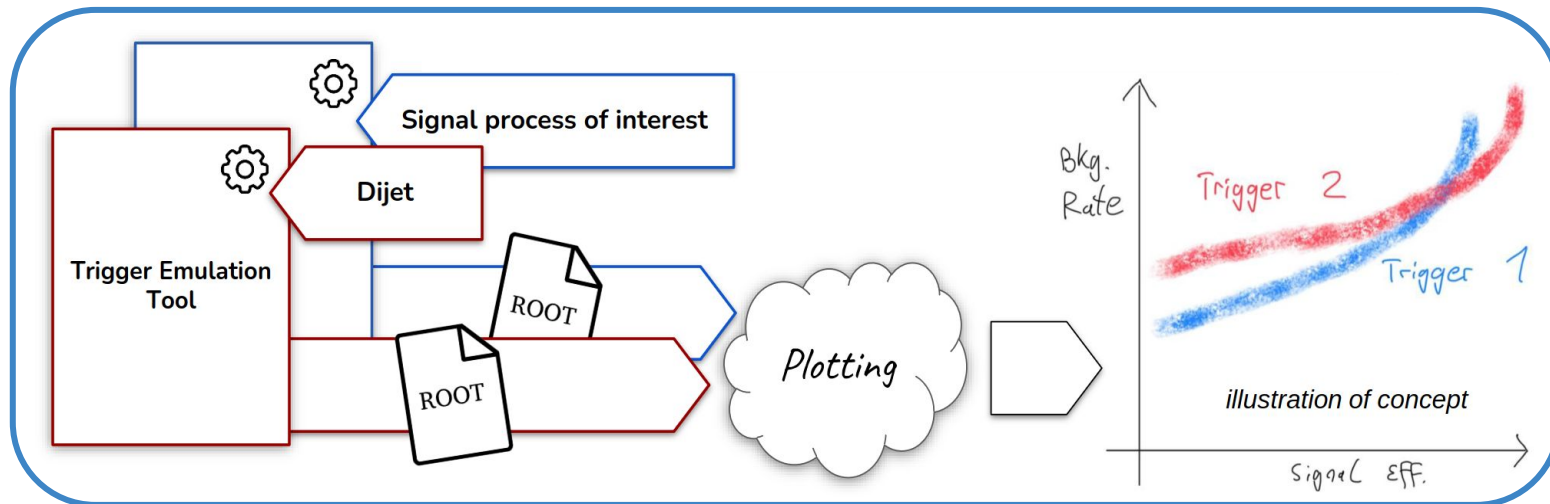
- **Look in two directions: from physics to signatures as well as from signatures to physics applications**



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Trigger Emulation

- Developing fast emulation tool to evaluate triggers without full menu simulation
 - Use of modified **offline reconstruction as proxy for trigger reconstruction**
 - **Fast and flexible** definition of prototype triggers
- **Simple QUick and Easy Analysis toolKit**
 - **Flexibility over precision:** not replacing baseline, just to scan different chains quickly for a **good working point**



- *Simple to use*
- *Integration into Athena*
- *Allows for the implementation of new variables (also ML-based)*
- *Fast and reliable*
- *Mimics trigger conditions as close as possible*

Interesting candidates investigated in full ATLAS trigger simulation

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Identifying Interesting Physics Scenarios

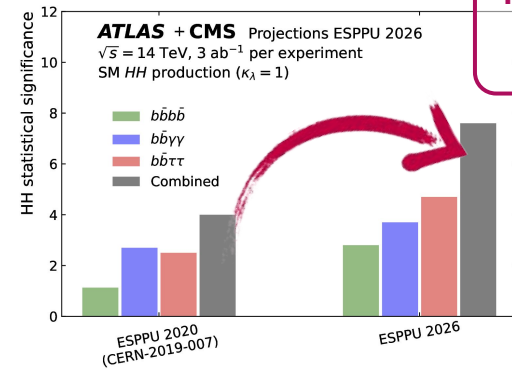
$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2} M^2 H^2 + \lambda H^3 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda' H^4$$

● Di-Higgs

- Rare process – essential to characterize self-coupling of the Higgs
- Fundamental parameter of the Higgs potential
- Recent advances: Potential for HH at HL-LHC beyond original expectations → Need triggers to make the most of it

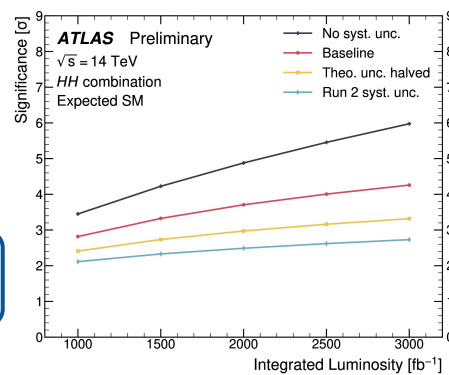
Trigger Selection	Run 1 Offline p_T Threshold [GeV]	Run 2 (2017) Offline p_T Threshold [GeV]	Planned HL-LHC Offline p_T Threshold [GeV]	L0 Rate [kHz]	After regional tracking cuts [kHz]	Event Filter Rate [kHz]
isolated single e	25	27	22	200	40	1.5
isolated single μ	25	27	20	45	45	1.5
single γ	120	145	120	5	5	0.3
forward e			35	40	8	0.2
di- γ	25	25	25,25	20	20	0.2
di- e	15	18	10,10	60	10	0.2
di- μ	15	15	10,10	10	2	0.2
$e - \mu$	17,6	8,25 / 18,15	10,10	45	10	0.2
single τ	100	170	150	3	3	0.35
di- τ	40,30	40,30	40,30	200	40	0.5 ⁺⁺⁺
single b -jet	200	235	180	25	25	0.35 ⁺⁺⁺
single jet	370	460	400	25	25	0.25
large- R jet	470	500	300	40	40	0.5
four-jet (w/ b -tags)		45 [†] (1-tag)	65 (2-tags)			0.1
four-jet	85	125	100	100	20	0.2
H_T	700	700	375	50	10	0.2 ⁺⁺⁺
E_T^{miss}	150	200	210	60	5	0.4
VBF inclusive			2x75 w/ ($\Delta\eta > 2.5$ & $\Delta\phi < 2.5$)	33	5	0.5 ⁺⁺⁺
B -physics ⁺⁺				50	10	0.5
Supporting Trigs				100	40	2
Total				1066	338	10.4

Phase II TDR trigger limitation → TLA prospect?



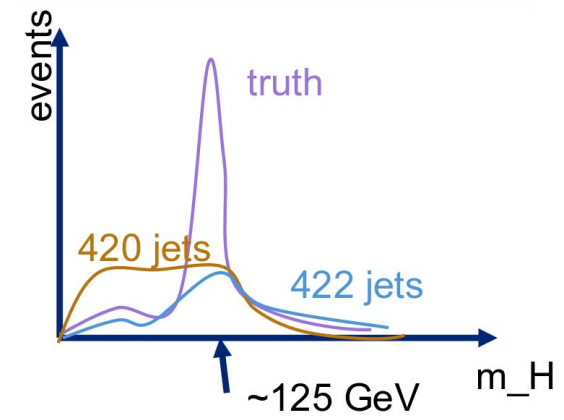
Improvements in analysis and reconstruction techniques
→ much stronger projection

Physics projections for European Strategy for Particle Physics



● Using offline-like jets at L0

- Investigating HH→bbbb at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV with $\langle \mu \rangle = 200$
- Jet building from topo clusters available at L0 (emulated for study “422”)
- LUT-based fast jet calibration
- Usage in TLA being evaluated



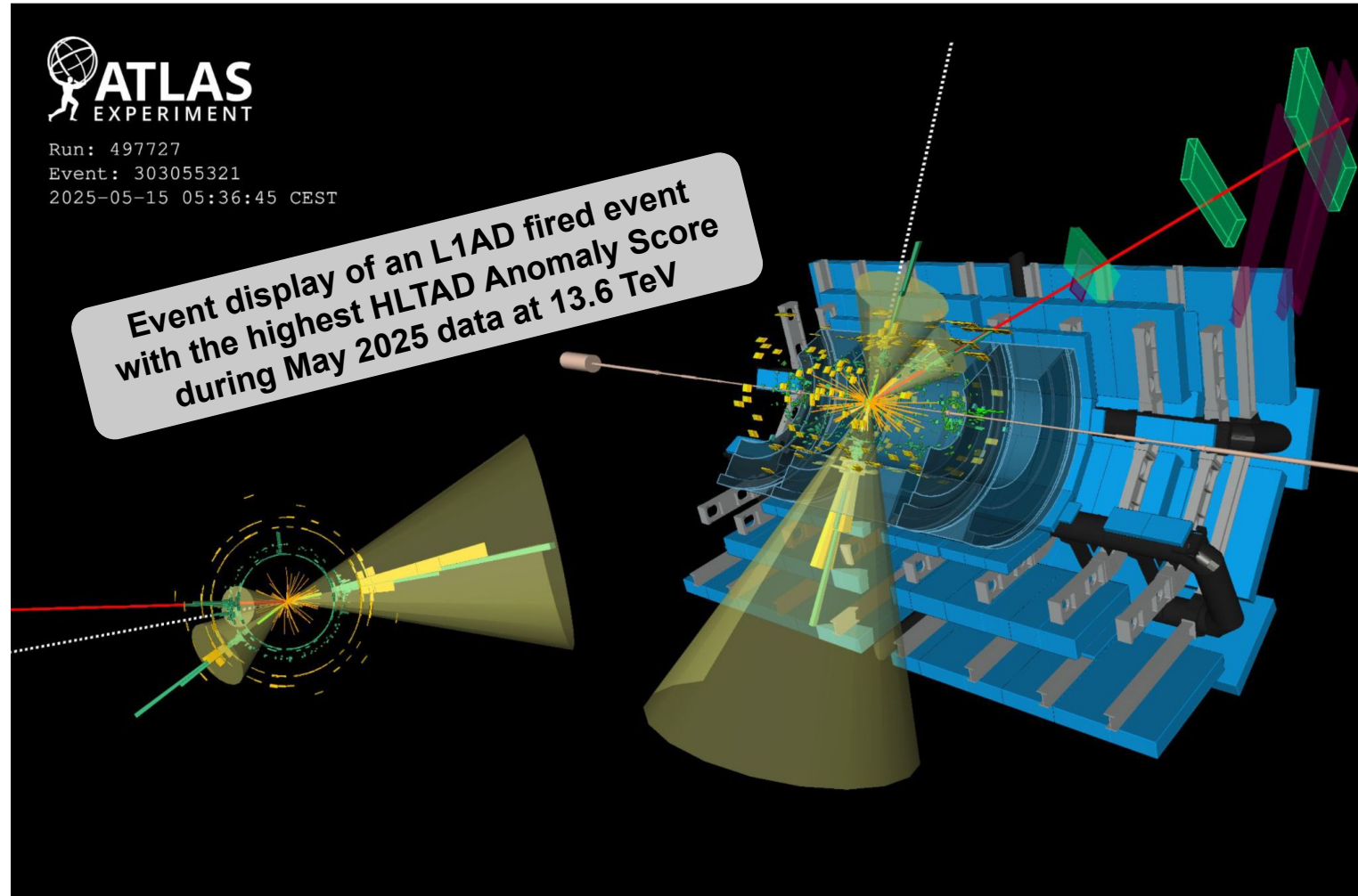
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- **Exotic signatures**

- Interested in **non-standard signatures** in the detector that require **novel trigger concepts**, e.g. investigating **TLA** scenarios **beyond baseline**
- Particularly interested in **exotic** final states
- Also exploring anomaly detection in the trigger
 - Enhance detection efficiency for unknown signatures while maintaining a model agnostic approach

In this event:

- **4 jets with $p_T > 50$ GeV** ($p_T = 831$ GeV, 304 GeV, 253 GeV, 56 GeV)
- **1 muon with $p_T > 30$ GeV** ($p_T = 113$ GeV)
- **3 electrons with $p_T > 30$ GeV** ($p_T = 209$ GeV, 82 GeV, 60 GeV)
- **215 GeV of MET**



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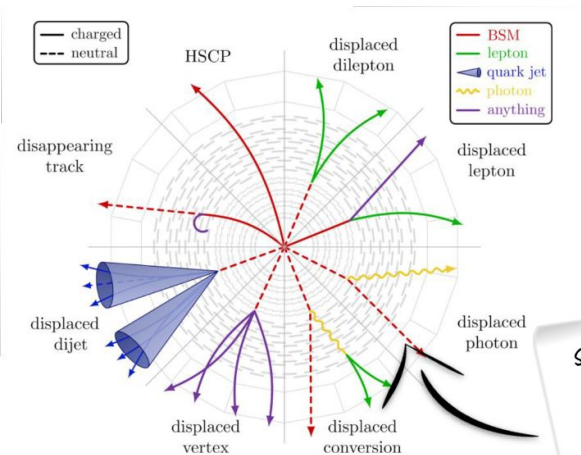
Exotic signatures with muons

- Provide **physics signature** input to muon trigger developments
- Ongoing work **with 2.2 & 2.5** studying unconventional muon signatures (e.g. soft, displaced, collimated)
 - LLPs decaying to pairs of collimated muons, or to pairs of high impact parameter muons, highly ionizing particles, hadronic decays in the muons
- Studies needed into the **feasibility** and **physics potential** of muons used in **Event Filter TLA**

Too collimated muons (2 or more)
→ Tracks overlap on the same RPC Pad, trigger only sees one muon

High impact parameter muons
→ p_T is mismeasured if evaluation assumes beamspot

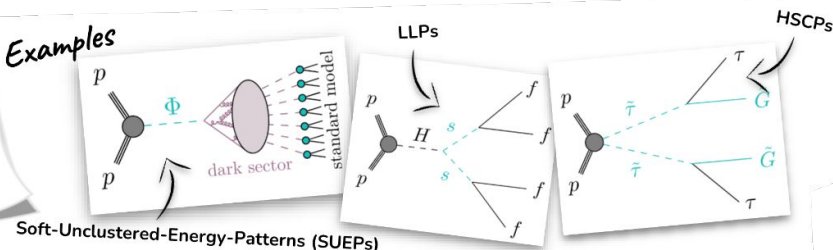
Displaced vertices in front of or in the MS
→ Need to use standalone muons for vertex reconstruction



Signatures for LLPs

- Time (delayed)
- Unusual Ionisation pattern
- Displacement

Examples



Soft-Unclustered-Energy-Patterns (SUEPs)

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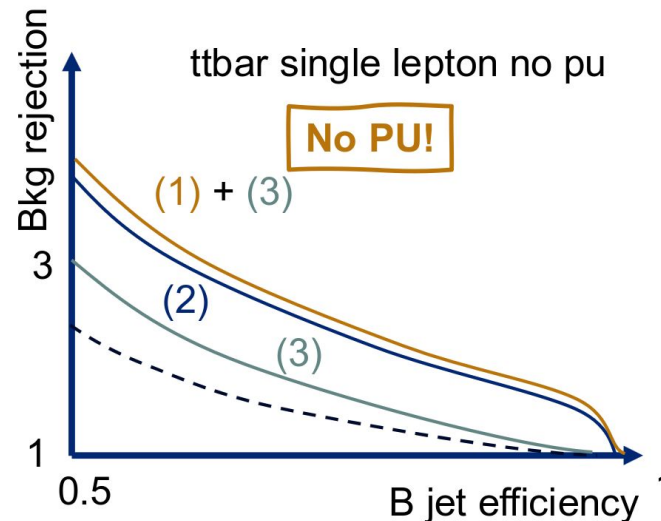
4.2 Key requirements for the ITk design

The HL-LHC will operate in a regime of leveled instantaneous luminosity, with a maximum at the beginning of each fill of up to $\mathcal{L} = 7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ which corresponds to approximately 200 inelastic proton-proton collisions per beam crossing. Since the release of the Strip TDR in December 2016 the target Integrated Luminosity was increased from 3000 fb^{-1} to 4000 fb^{-1} which is now in accordance with what the HL-LHC machine will be able to deliver over the lifetime of Phase II [67]. This increase in integrated luminosity is still within the safety factors used in the design and prototyping of the Strip Tracker, and the design presented in [1] is compliant with this new requirement. For the new Pixel tracker, in order to meet the required total integrated luminosity and maintain good tracking performance over the lifetime of Phase II, it is foreseen that the inner two layers of the Pixel Detector will be replaced part way through the HL-LHC program.

The replacement detector is not described in this volume as it is entirely possible that it will be made using new technologies. The requirement to be able to replace the inner section of the ITk Pixel Detector during a long LHC shutdown (i.e. during a “large opening” of the ATLAS Detector) places severe constraints on the design of the pixel package. The of the ATLAS Detector) places severe constraints on the design of the pixel package. The outer section should not rely on the presence of the inner section. In addition, the pixel package must be able to support the beam pipe without requiring the inner section to be present. This is the same hierarchy already implemented in the current ID when the Insertable B-Layer was added in 2014 around a new, smaller radius beam-pipe [2, 3]. In this way it is possible to guarantee the integrity of the ATLAS Detector and some limited data

- **Blue-sky R&D: Hit-based b-tagging (joint with WP 2.4)**

- Assuming *new ITk pixel sensors* would provide **timing measurement** (starting [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-023](#) where 4D tracking was studied) to help discriminate signal from pile-up hits,
- Assuming a new **readout technology** that would allow to read the two Innermost Layers at a rate $> 1\text{MHz}$,
- Would this allow **light-jet rejection** at trigger level **without tracks**?



- **GNN based algorithm based on raw hits under study**

- Evaluating signal efficiency vs bkg rejection using different types of inputs:

Calorimeter clusters (1)
All ITk layers (2) [hypothetical]
Two innermost ITk layers (3)

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Conclusions

- **Main objective of NGT project is to extend the Run-4 trigger to increase the physics reach of the HL-LHC**
 - **Develop, improve and deploy** reconstruction and trigger techniques
 - Investigate **new approaches**, including ML
 - NGT activities and personpower are integrated within the existing ATLAS structures especially extending R&D **beyond baseline approaches!**
- **Agenda plenty of interesting developments in front of us!**
 - NGT fuel is the **expertise of the entire community**: strongly benefits from collaboration within and across work packages!



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