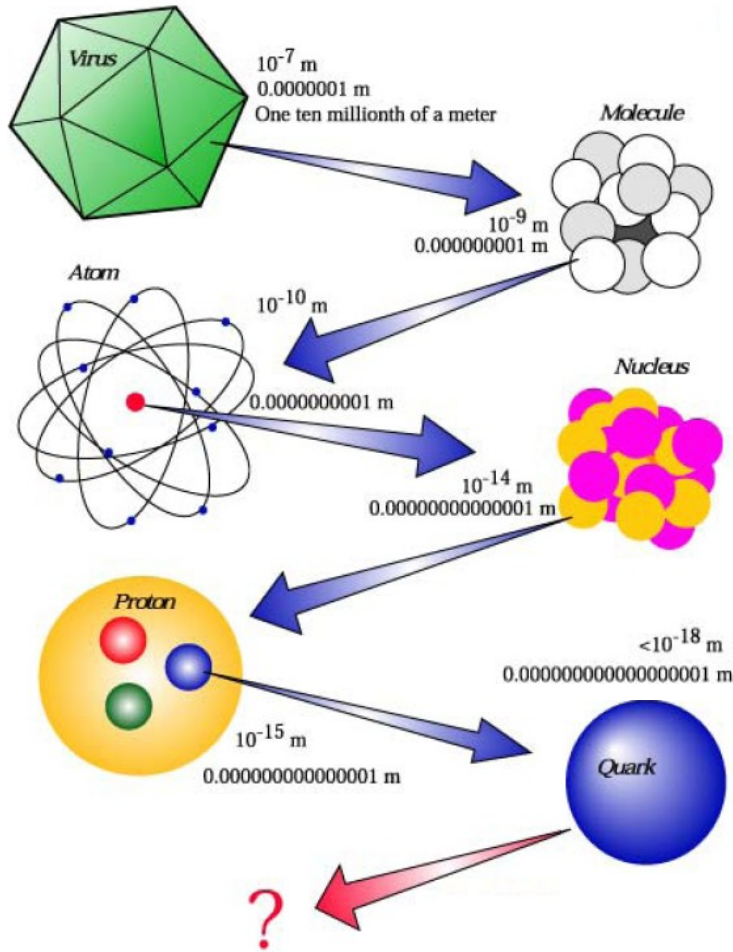


Code optimization in High Energy Physics - challenges at the LHC -

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$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

See at small scales

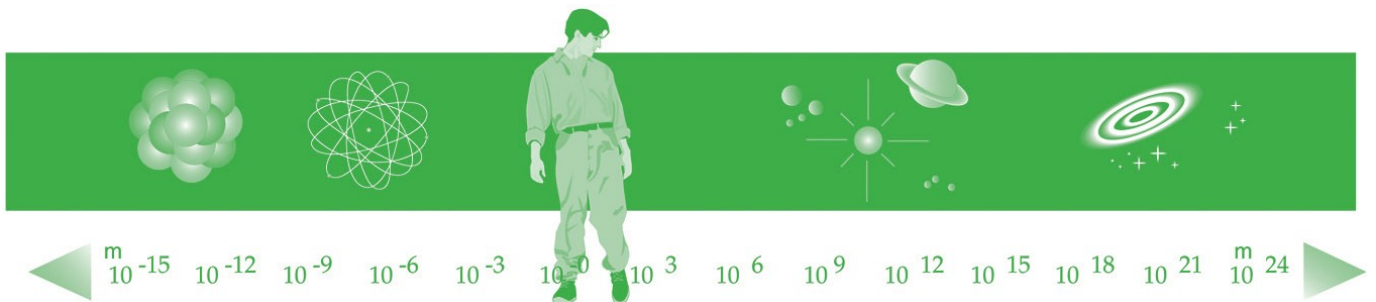


High p

High Energy Physics

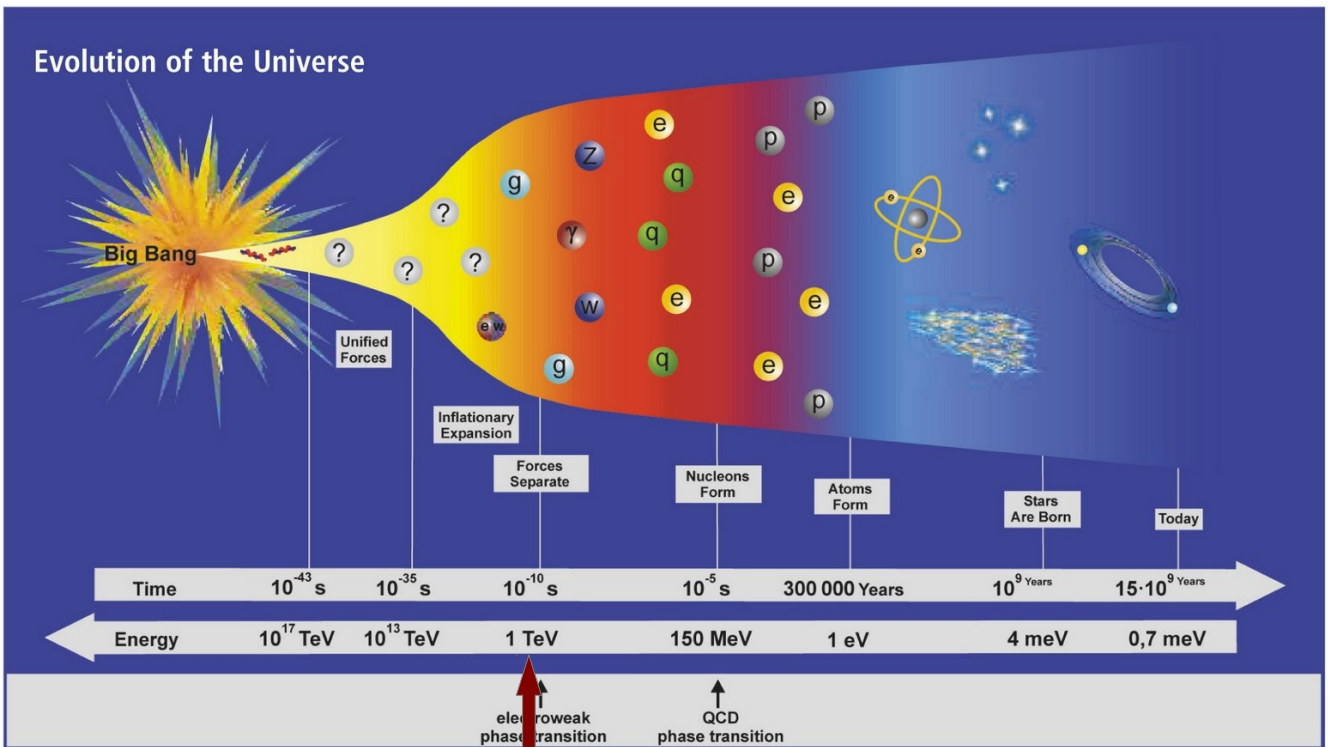
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Particle Physics



the 2 frontiers:
very big and very small

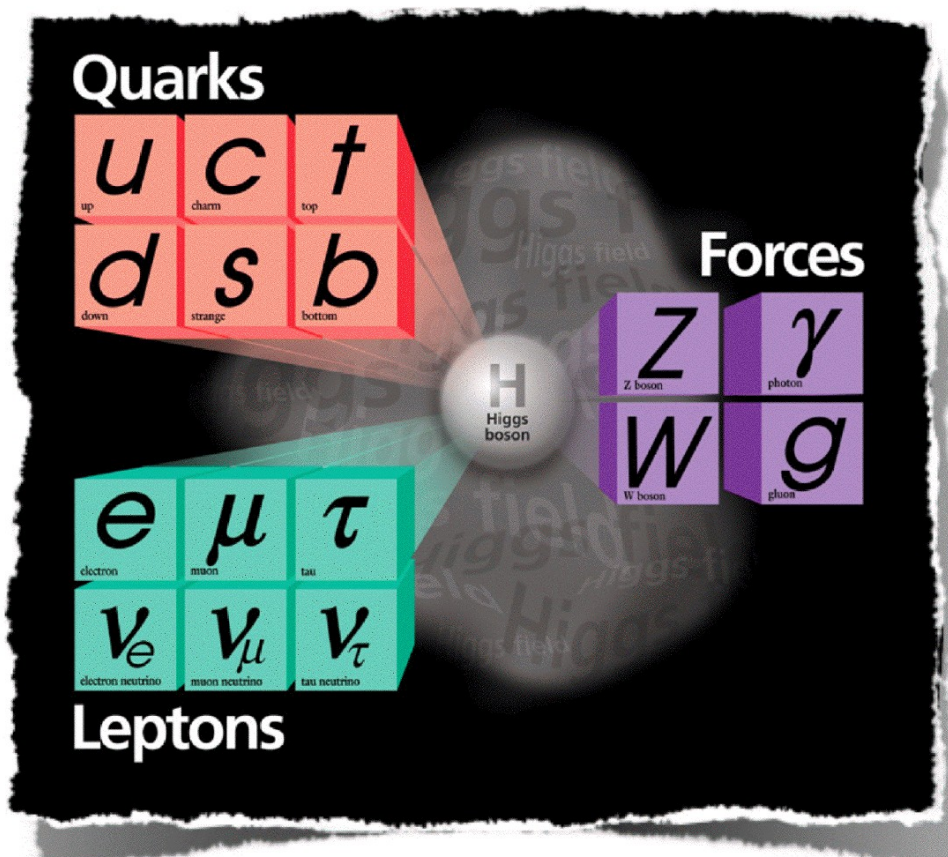
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Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

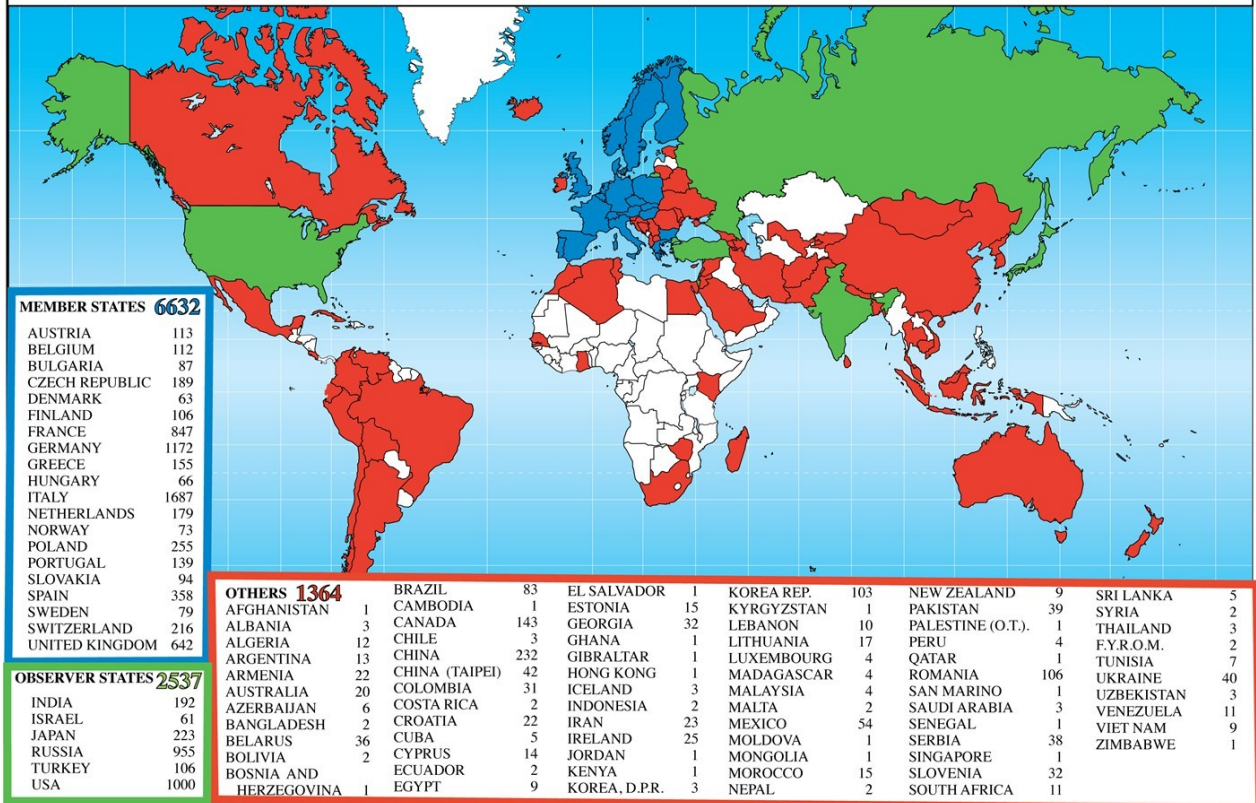
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Standard Model of Particle Physics

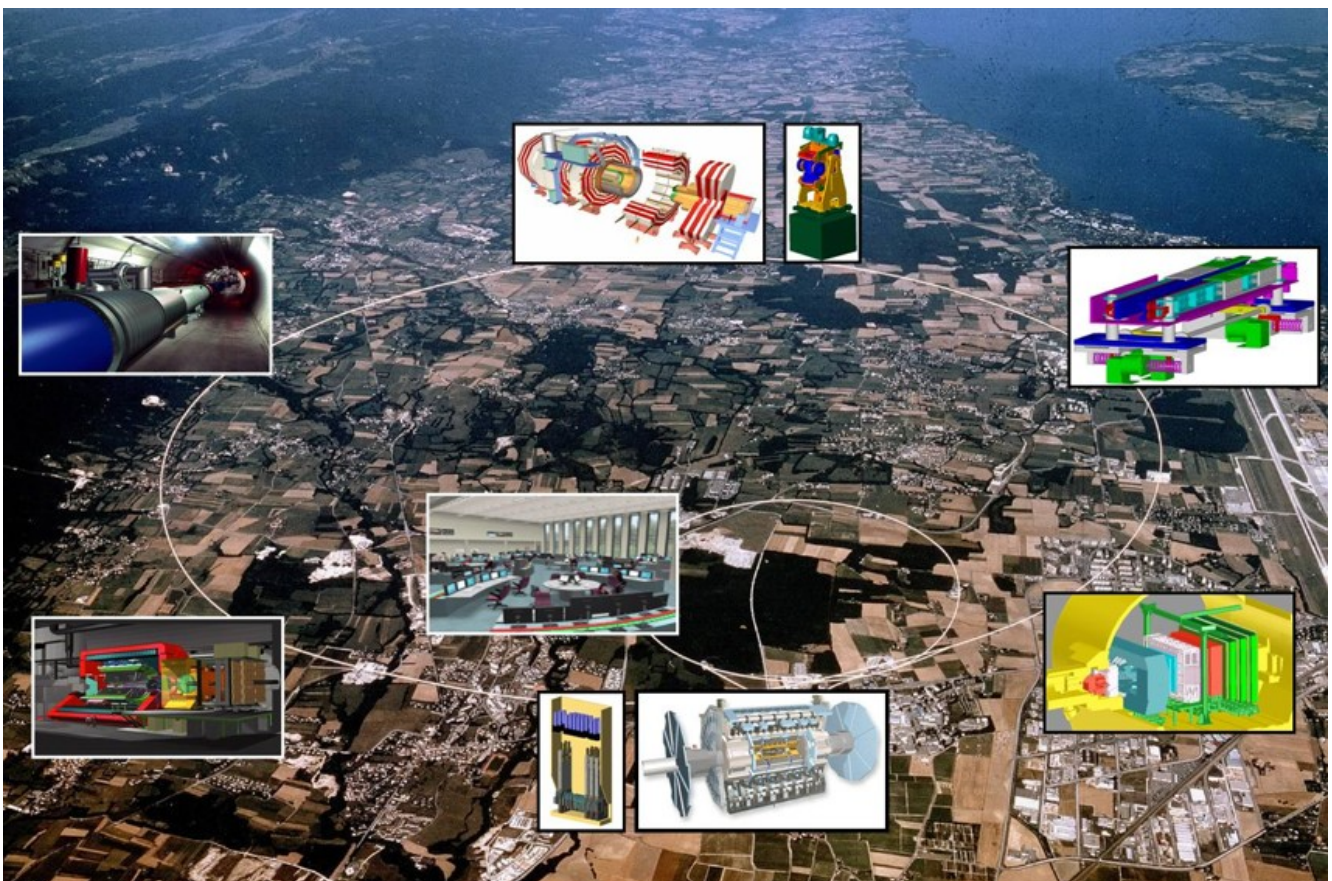


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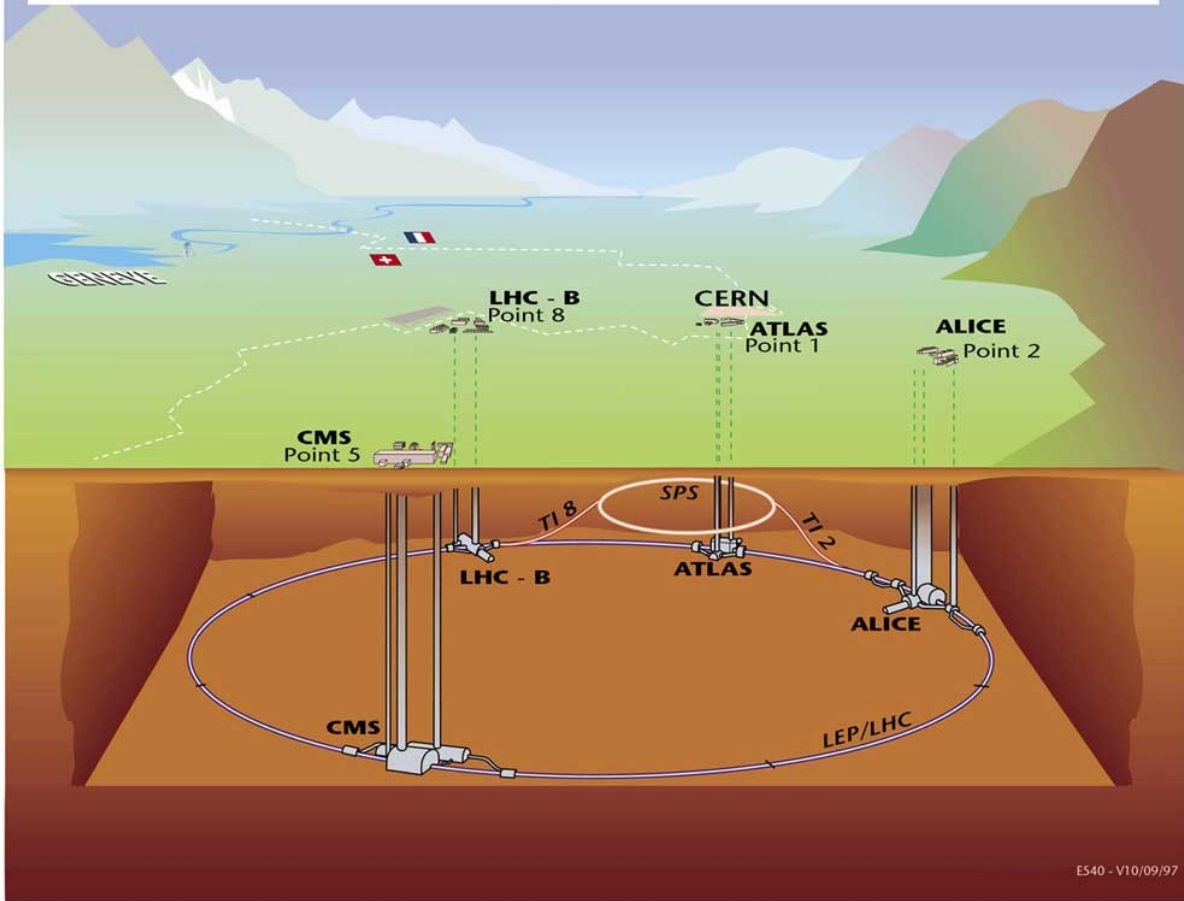
Distribution of All CERN Users by Nationality on 27 June 2011



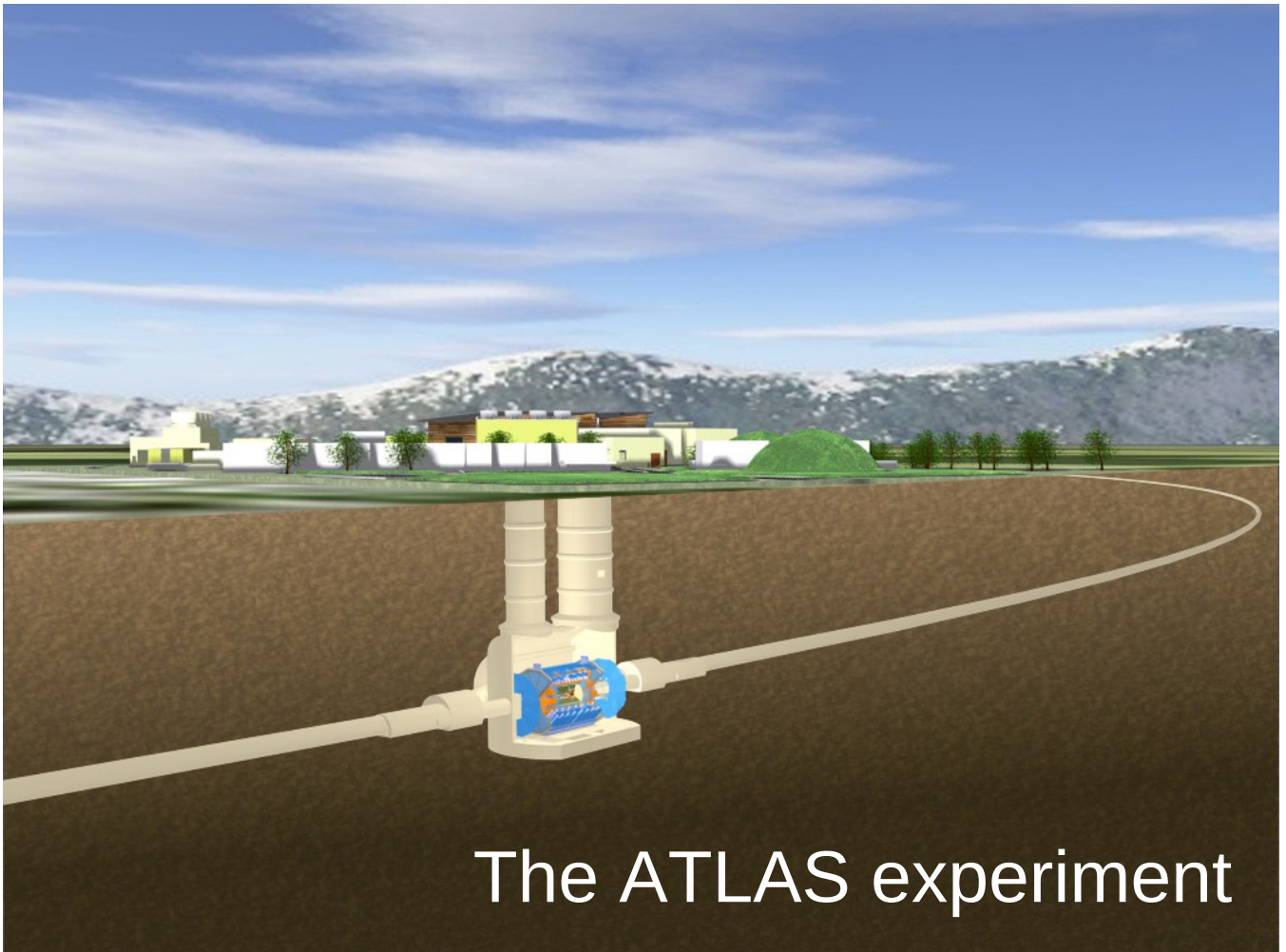
The LHC



Overall view of the LHC experiments.

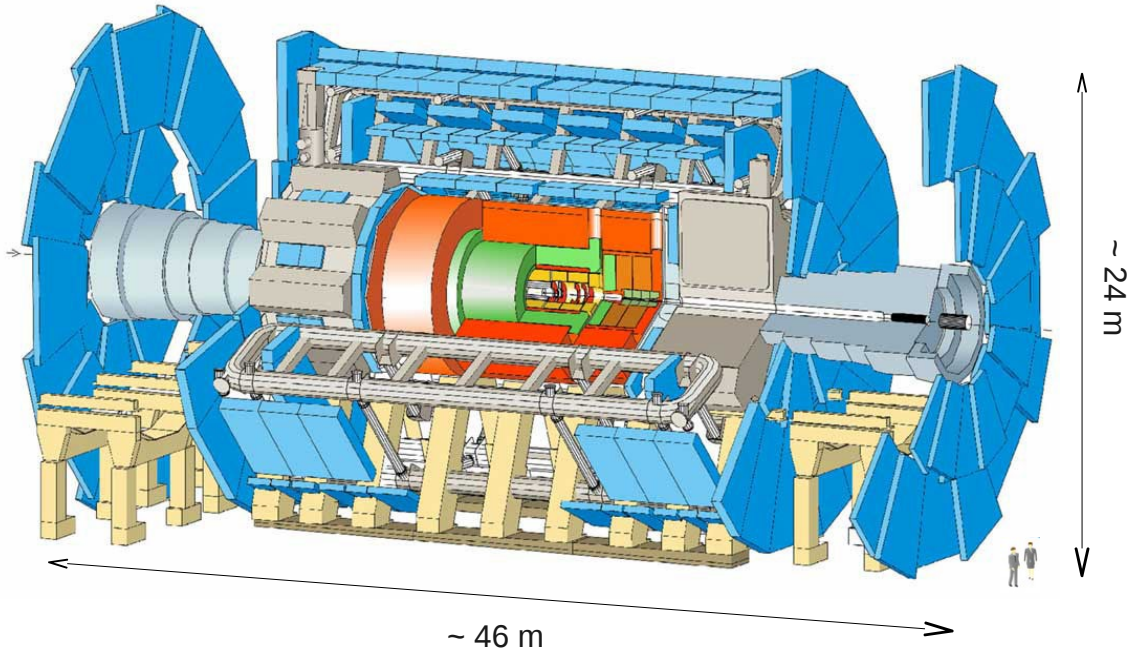


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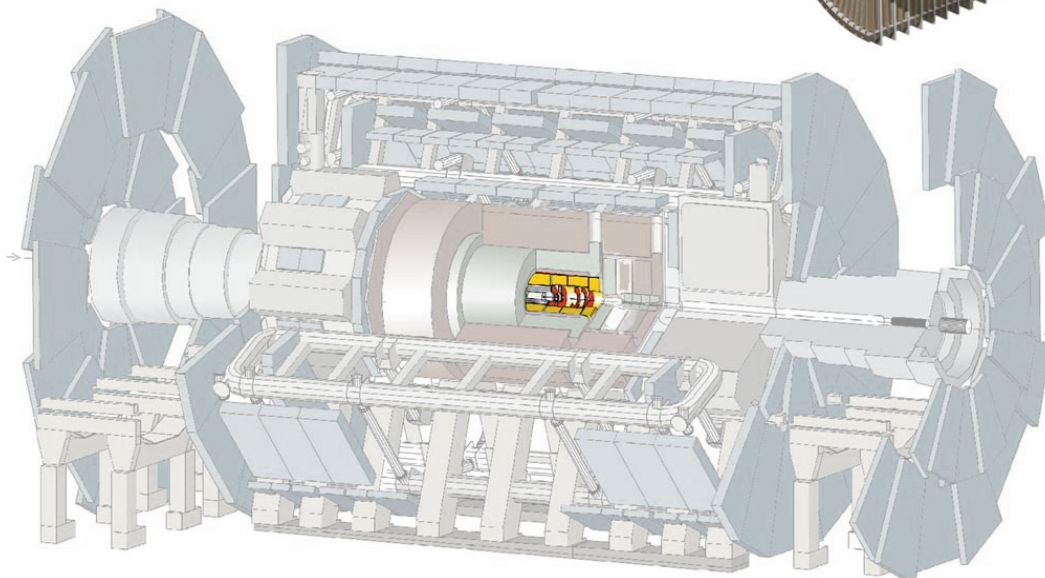
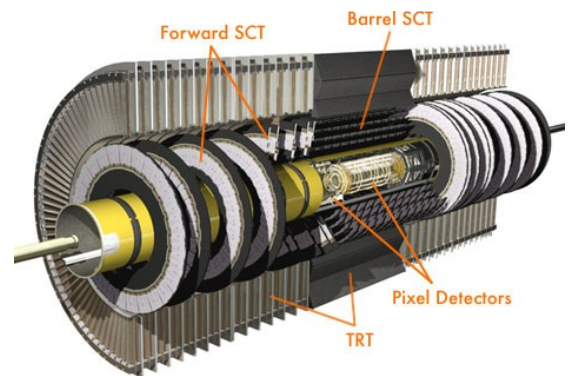
The ATLAS detector

- ~ 7000 t
- ~ 10^8 channels
- ~ 3000 km of cables
- ~ 40×10^6 collisions / s
- ~ 1 PB of data / s



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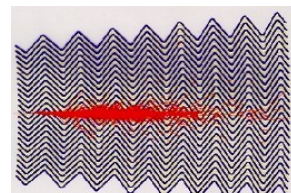
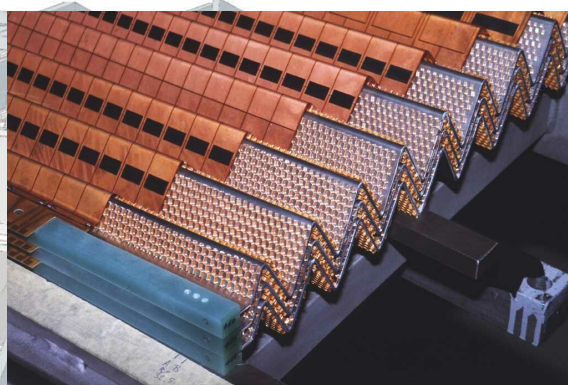
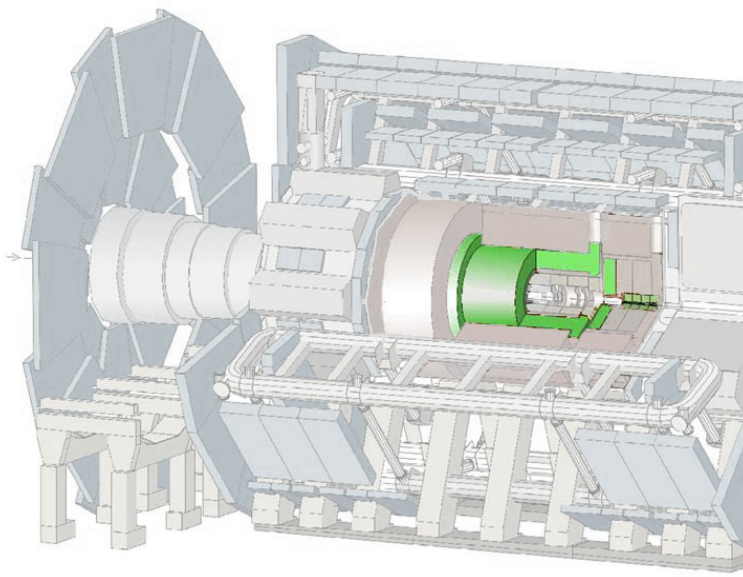
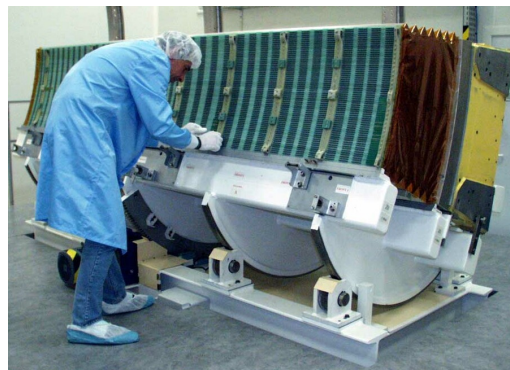
Inner detector



$\sigma/p_T \sim 3.8 \times 10^{-4} p_T \text{ (GeV)} \oplus 0.015$
i.e. $\sigma/p_T < 2\%$ for $p_T < 35 \text{ GeV}$

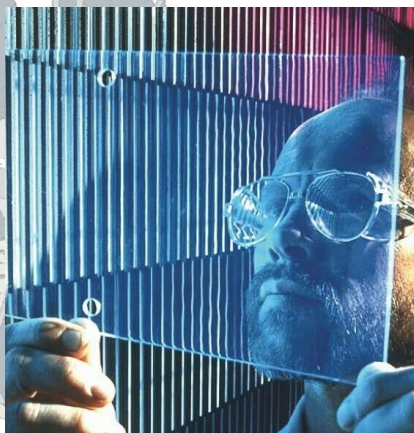
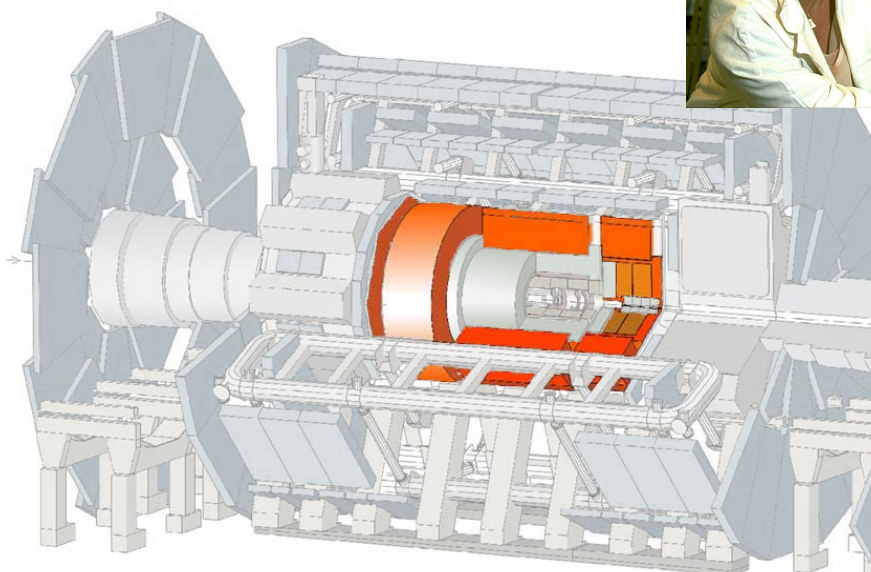
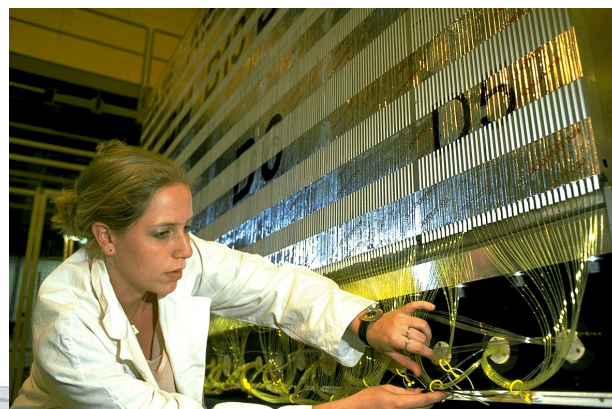
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Electromagnetic calorimeter



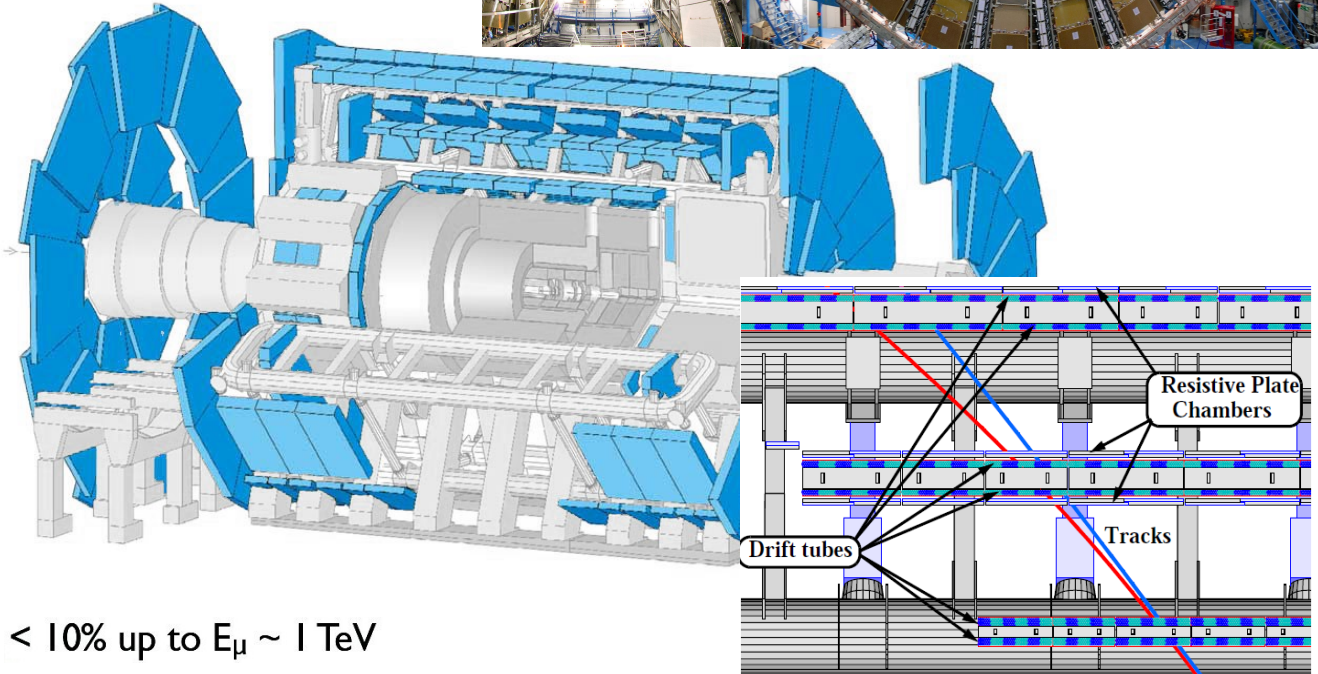
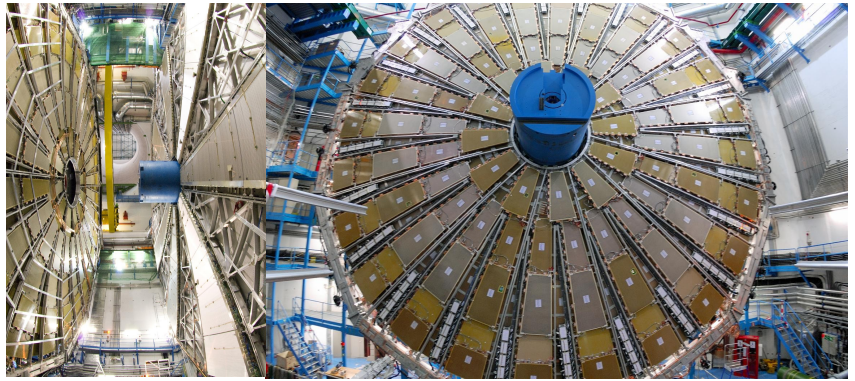
$$\sigma/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$$

Hadronic calorimeter

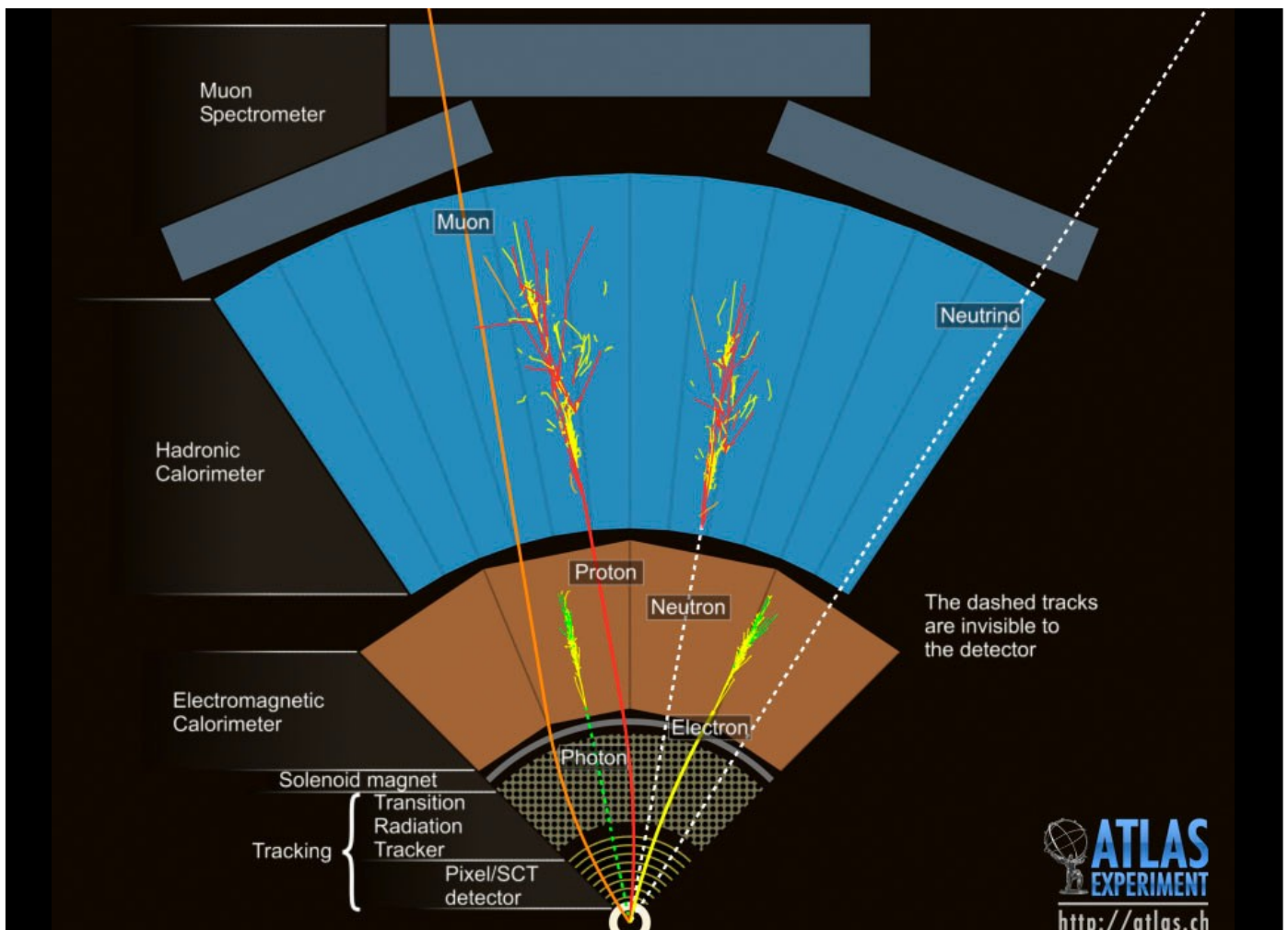


$$\sigma/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.03$$

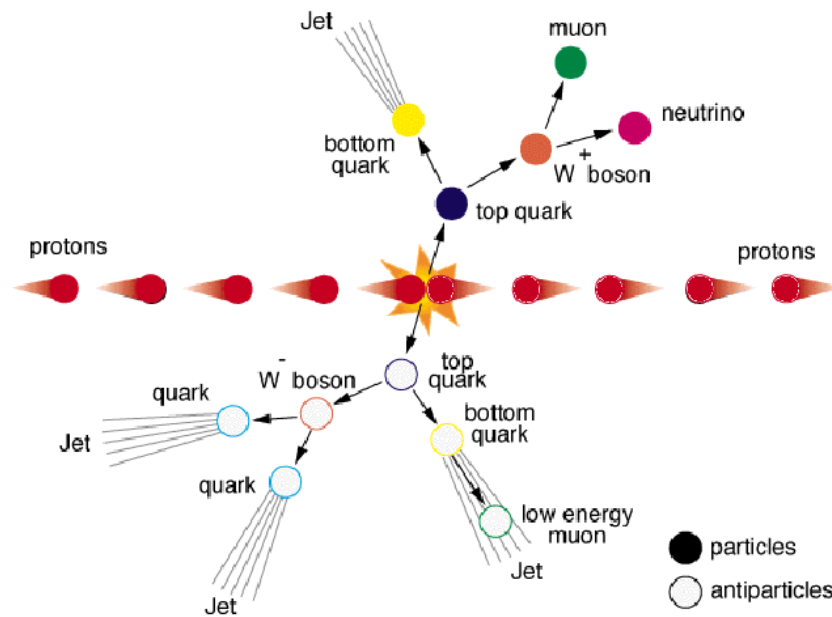
Muons detector



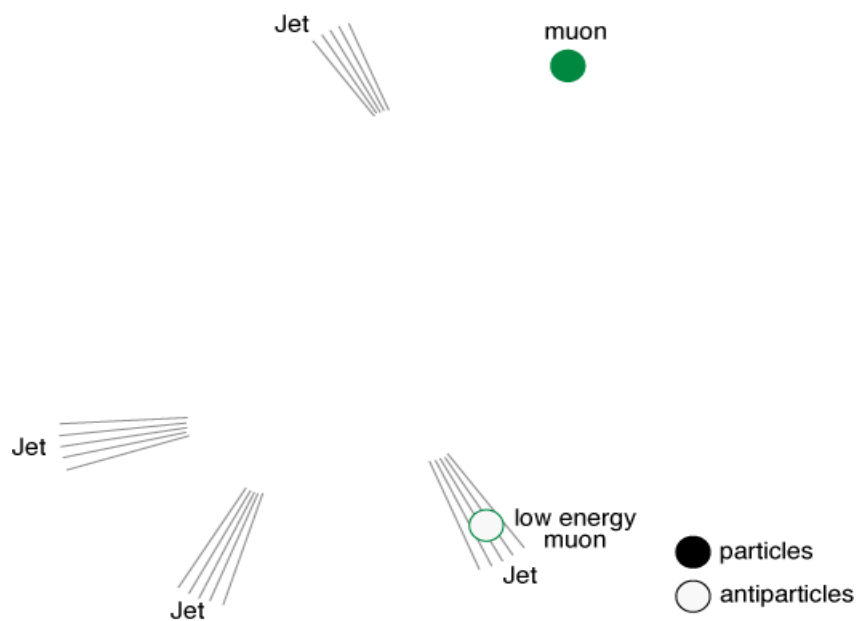
< 10% up to $E_{\mu} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$



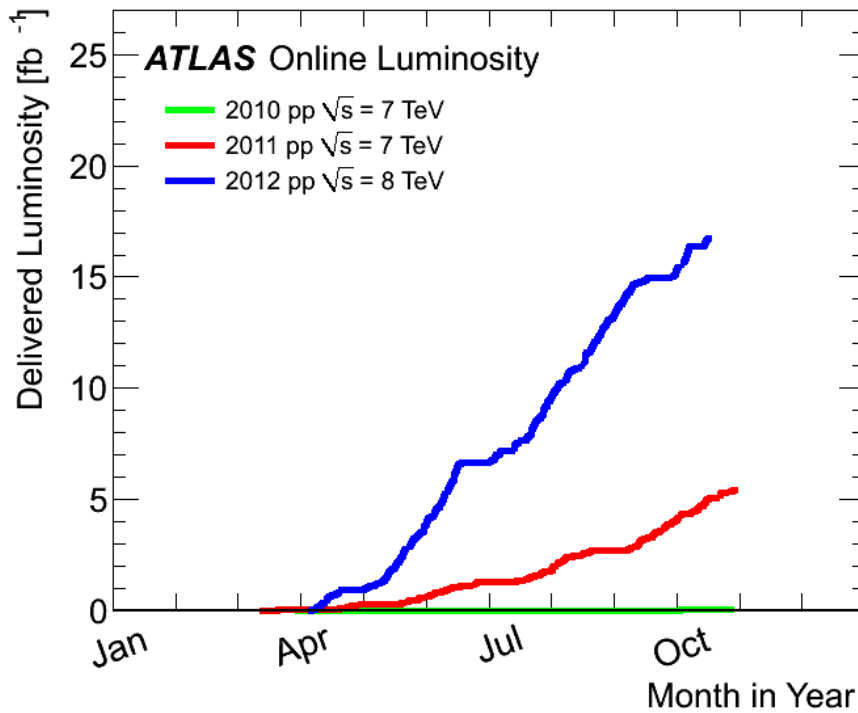
What happens in a collision?



What do we see in the detector?

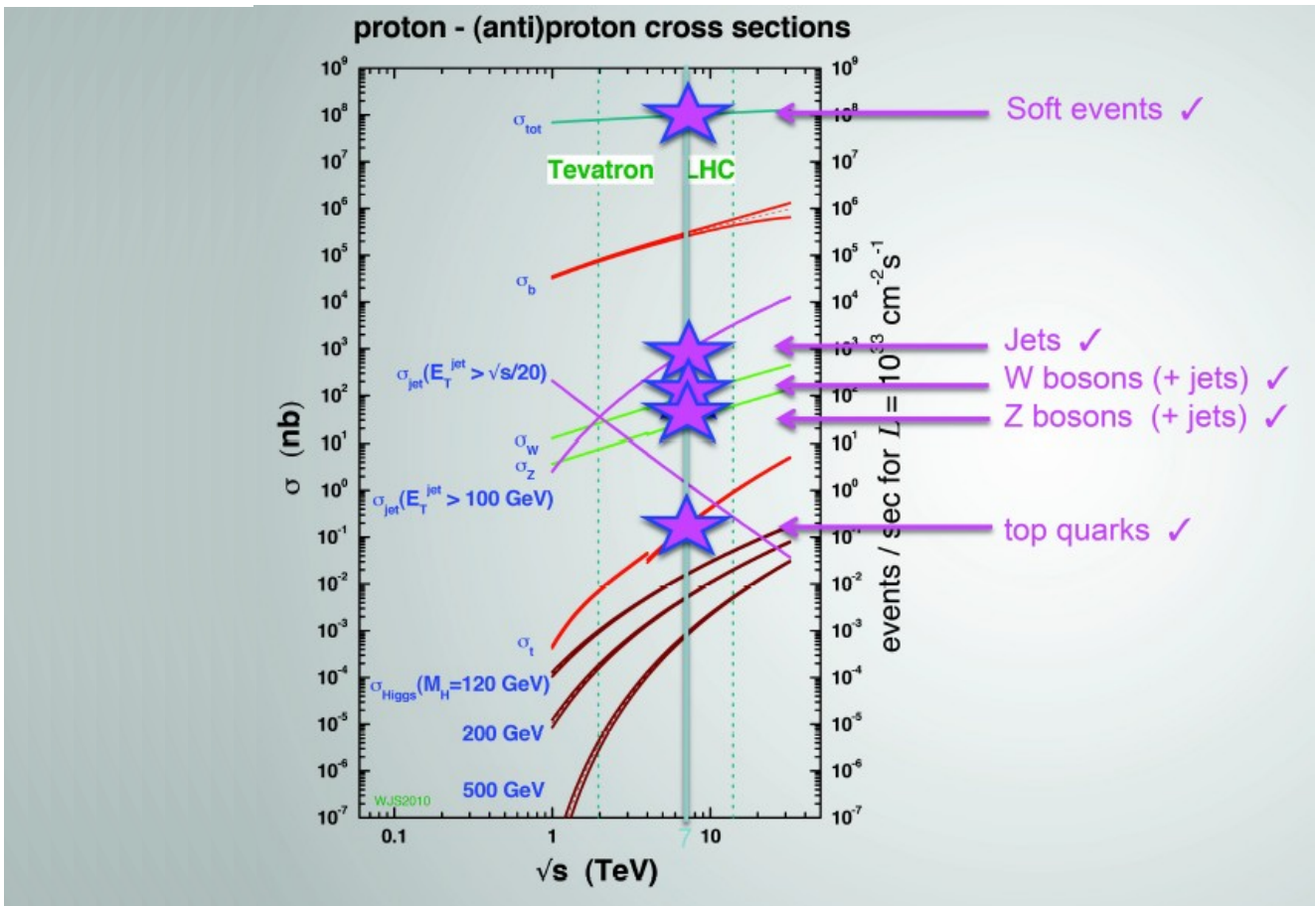


Data collected by ATLAS



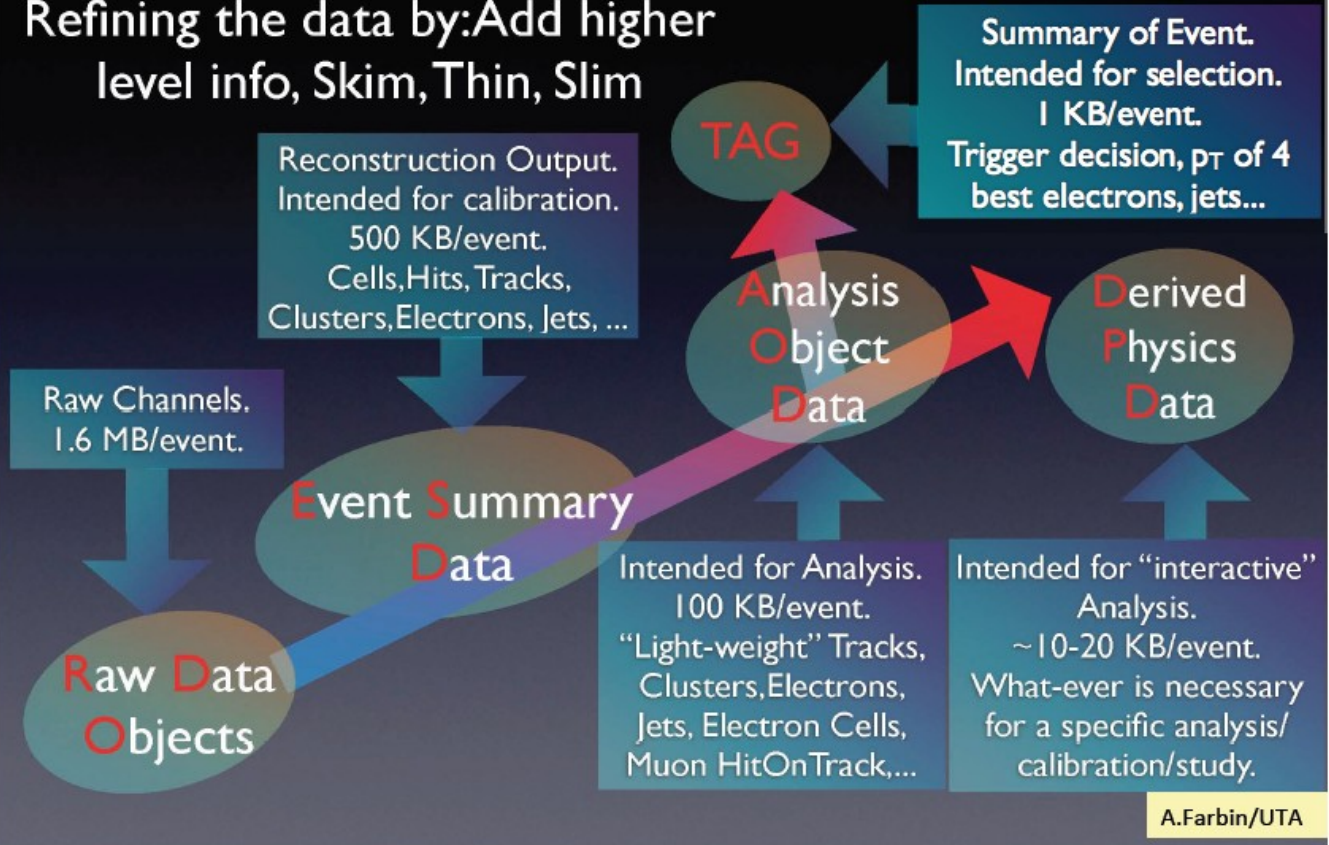
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Summary of pp collisions results



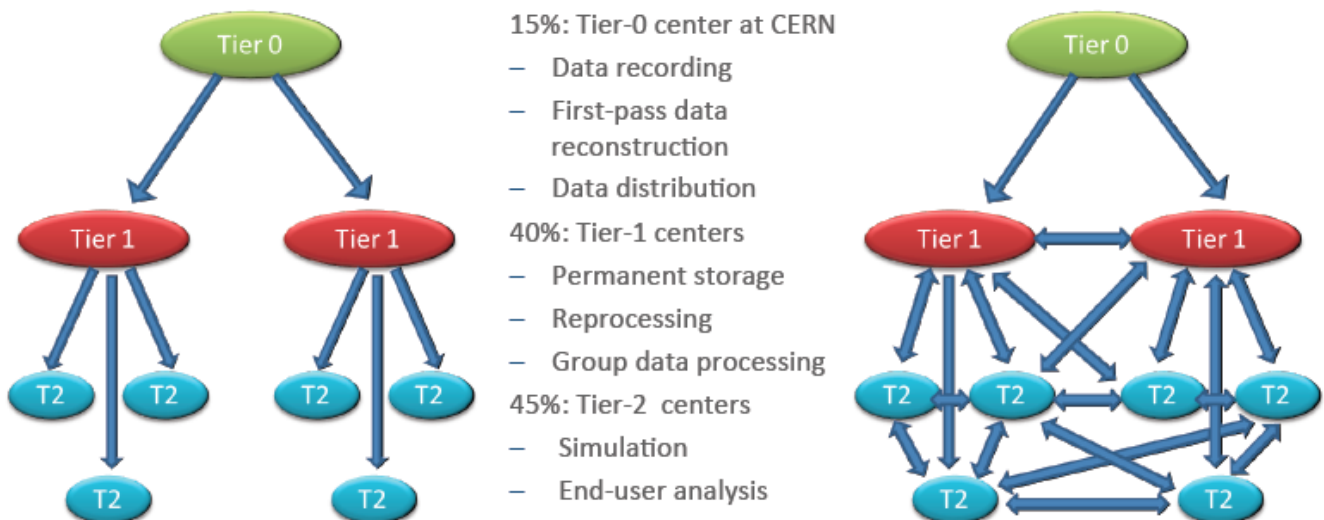
The Event Data Model

Refining the data by: Add higher level info, Skim, Thin, Slim



Grid Data Processing

- ATLAS Grid Data Processing (GDP) uses Grids with three different interfaces split in ten "clouds" organized as large computing centres with tape data storage (Tier-1 sites) each associated with 5-6 other computing centres (Tier-2 sites)
 - ATLAS clouds evolve from the hierarchy (left) to the mesh (right)

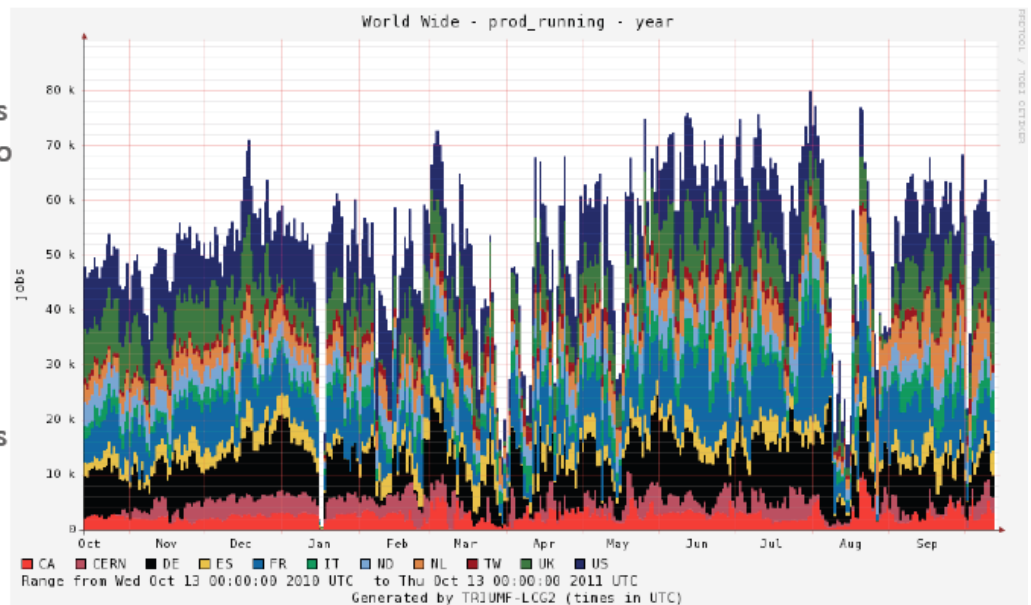


- GDP system empowered further data processing steps performed by dozens of ATLAS physics groups with coordinated access to computing resources worldwide

From Reprocessed Data to Physics Analysis

- In contrast with the major reprocessing campaign that are conducted only few times per year, the centrally managed production for physics groups process full available dataset once every few weeks, providing further improvements in the data used for ATLAS physics analysis shortly after the reprocessing or data taking

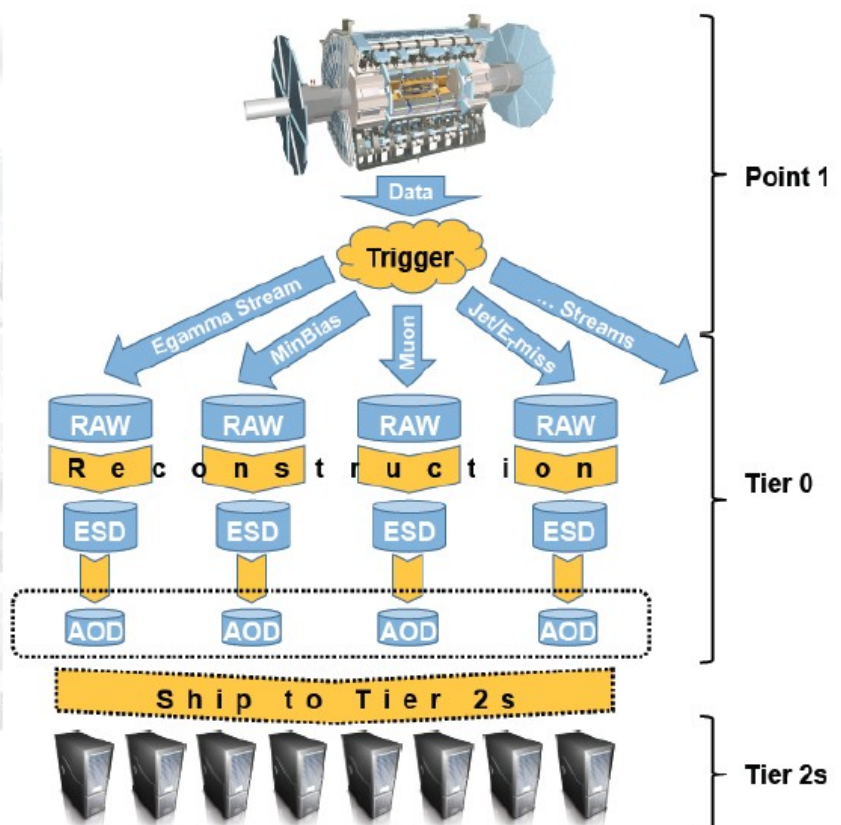
- Physics analysis of the detector data relies on the results of the “Monte Carlo experiments” produced by the CPU-intensive detector response simulations tasks mostly running on the Grid Tier-2 sites

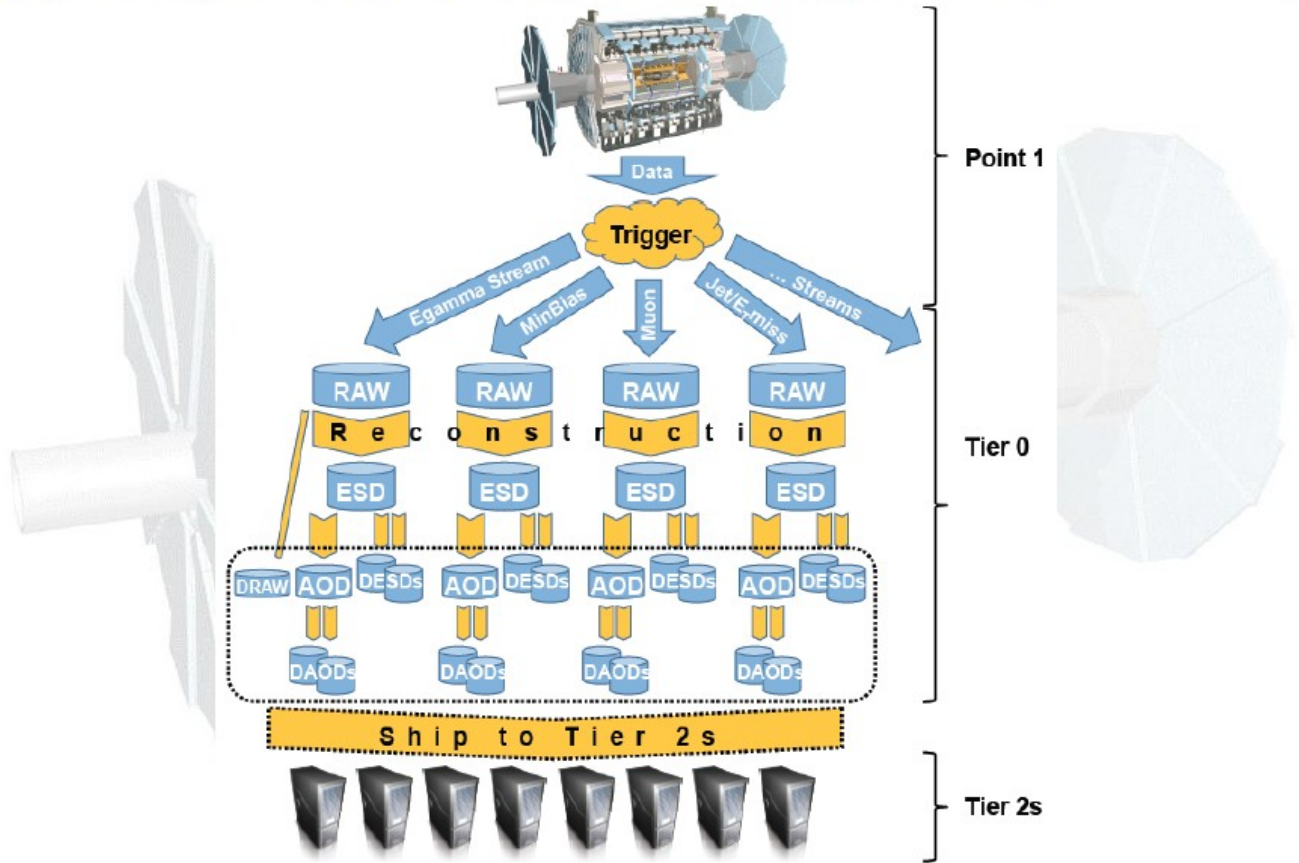


Data placement – original

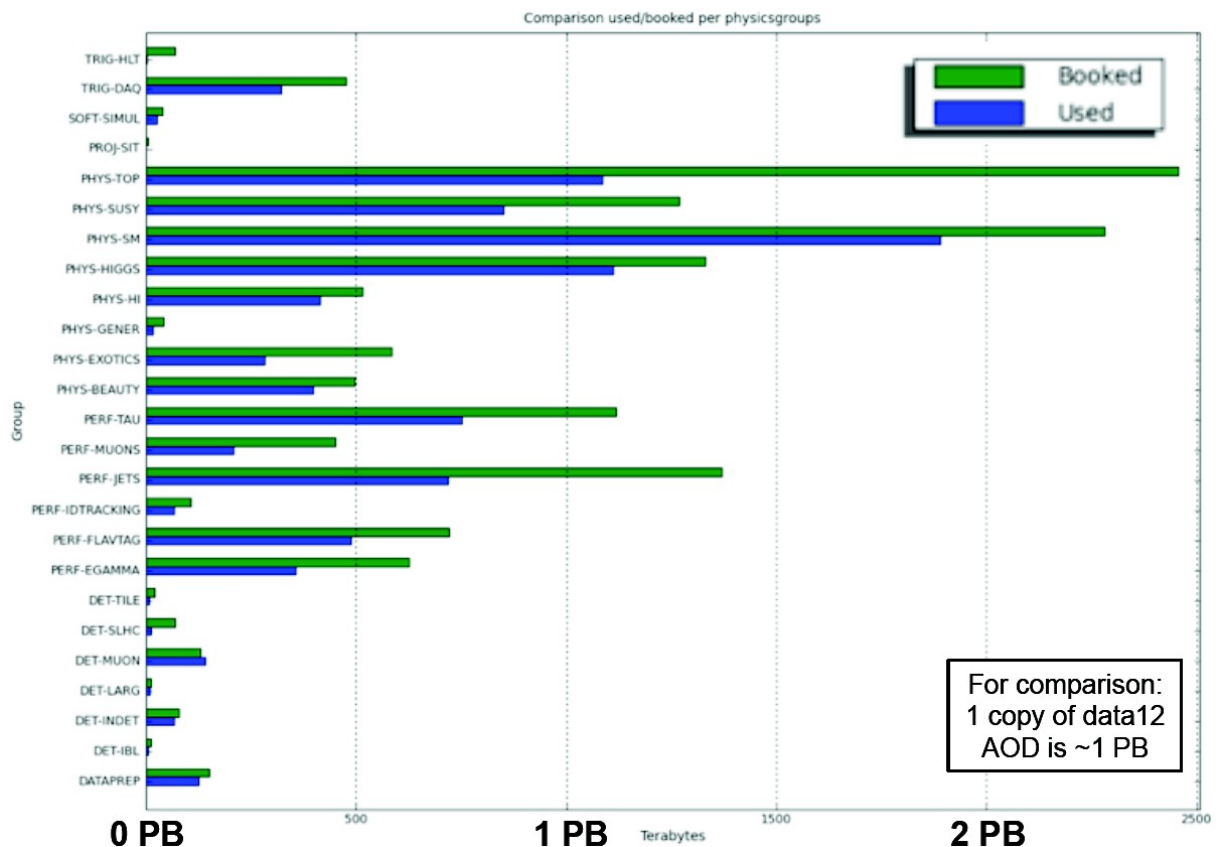
Available to all users:

- Only data that are on disks at the tier-2s is readily available for user analysis.
- Only the AOD (and the TAG) is shipped to the tier-2s.
- Very detailed information that resides only in the ESD is NOT accessible to users.
- The AOD is still very large for frequent analyzes by users.





Group ntuples

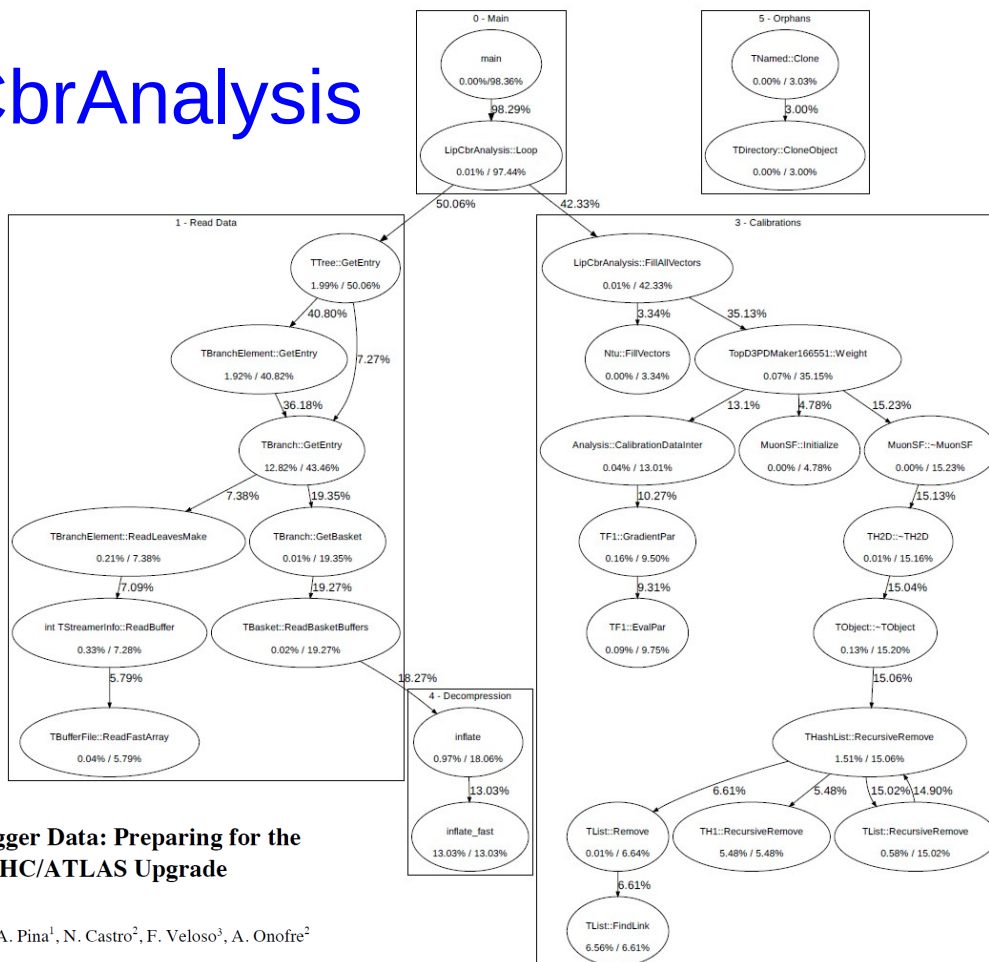


What do we do with the ntuples?

data
(either real data or MC)
analysis

LipCbrAnalysis

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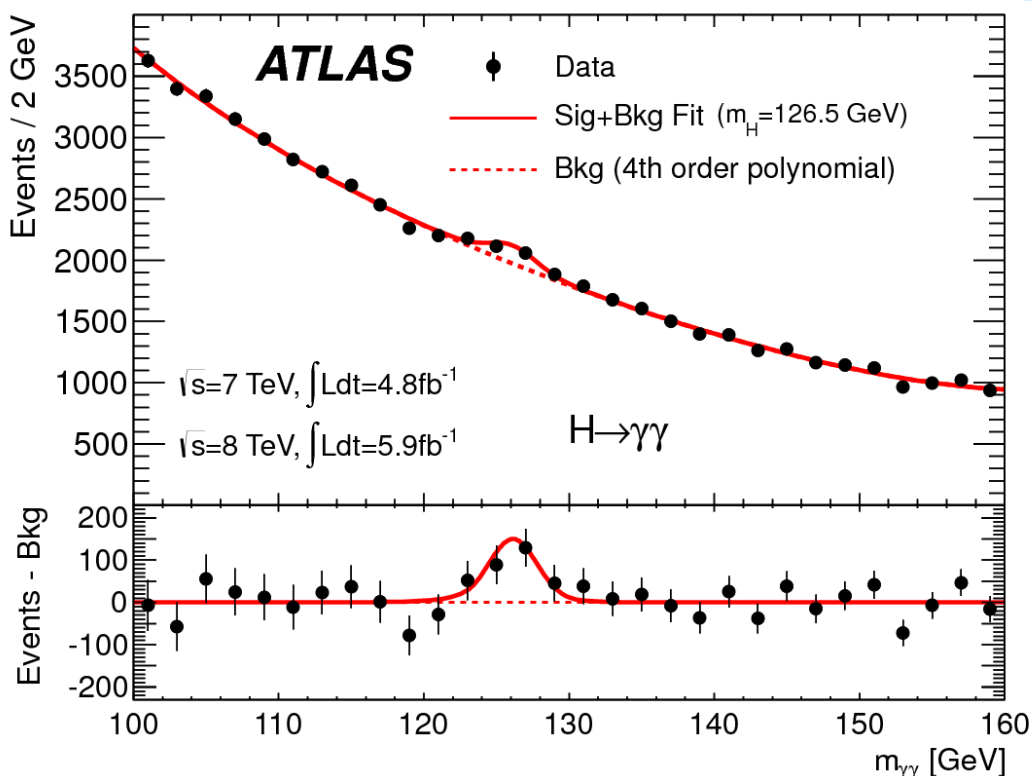
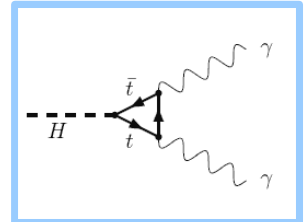


Even Bigger Data: Preparing for the LHC/ATLAS Upgrade

What do we get in the end?

- (small) txt files
- root files with histograms (small compared to the input ntuples)

$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$



Outstanding Challenges

◆ Analysis Code Optimization

- ◆ Use current analysis code (LipCbrAnalysis), identify possible inefficiencies (way data is read, identify redundant operations, identify obsolete code, etc.) and correct them, without major changes in the underlying framework
- ◆ We need to gain a significant factor in speed in order to remain competitive with increasing flow of data

Going Even Further:

◆ I/O Optimization

- ◆ Is it possible to have a more efficient I/O handling within our framework (we read on average 5TB of data/per analysis)?
- ◆ We crucially depend on ROOT package (not trivial to optimize!) <http://root.cern.ch/drupal/>

◆ Local Resources Optimization:

- ◆ test the use of Parallel ROOT Facility (PROOF)
- ◆ ...