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Challenges in Collider physics

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About me and this talk

- Background

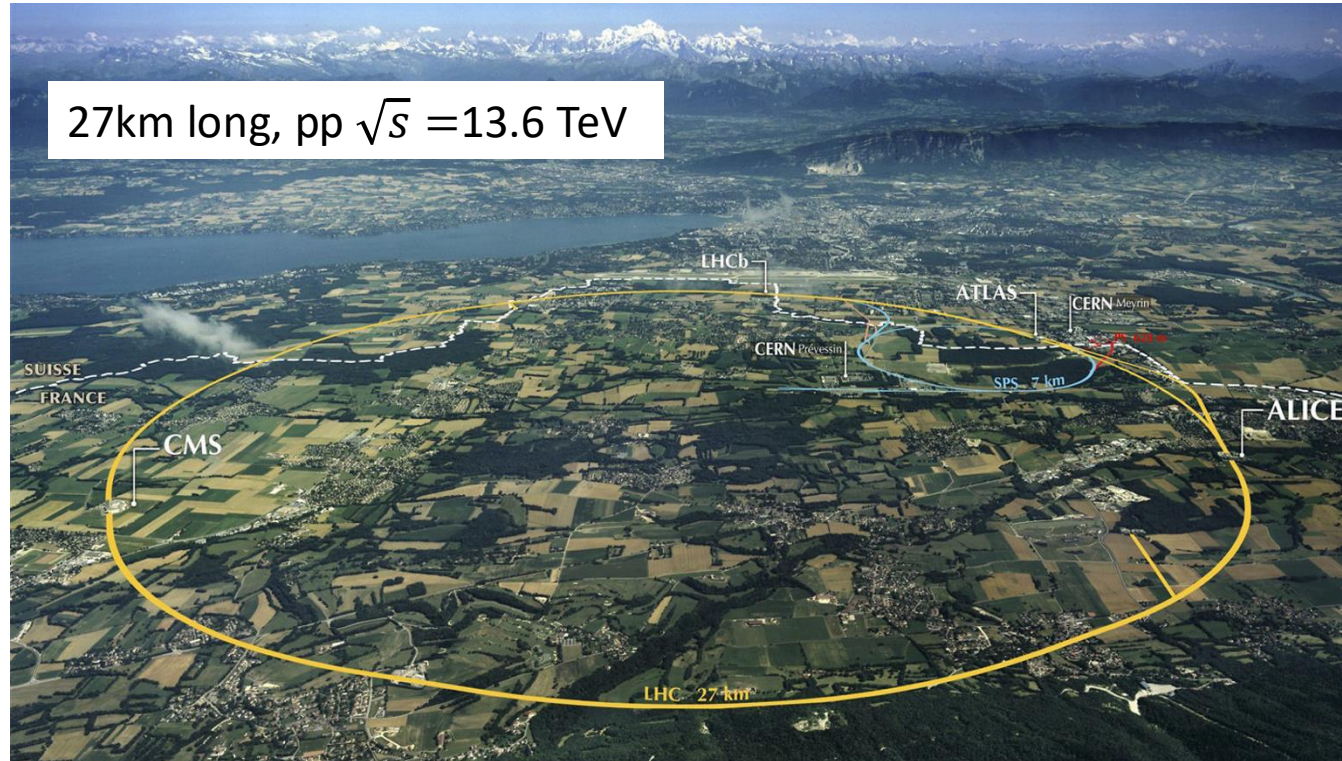
- PhD on the search for **supersymmetric particles** at the ATLAS experiment in 2019.
- Now working on operating of a **distributed computing cluster** for the ATLAS experiment and developing **machine learning** for collider physics.



- This talk

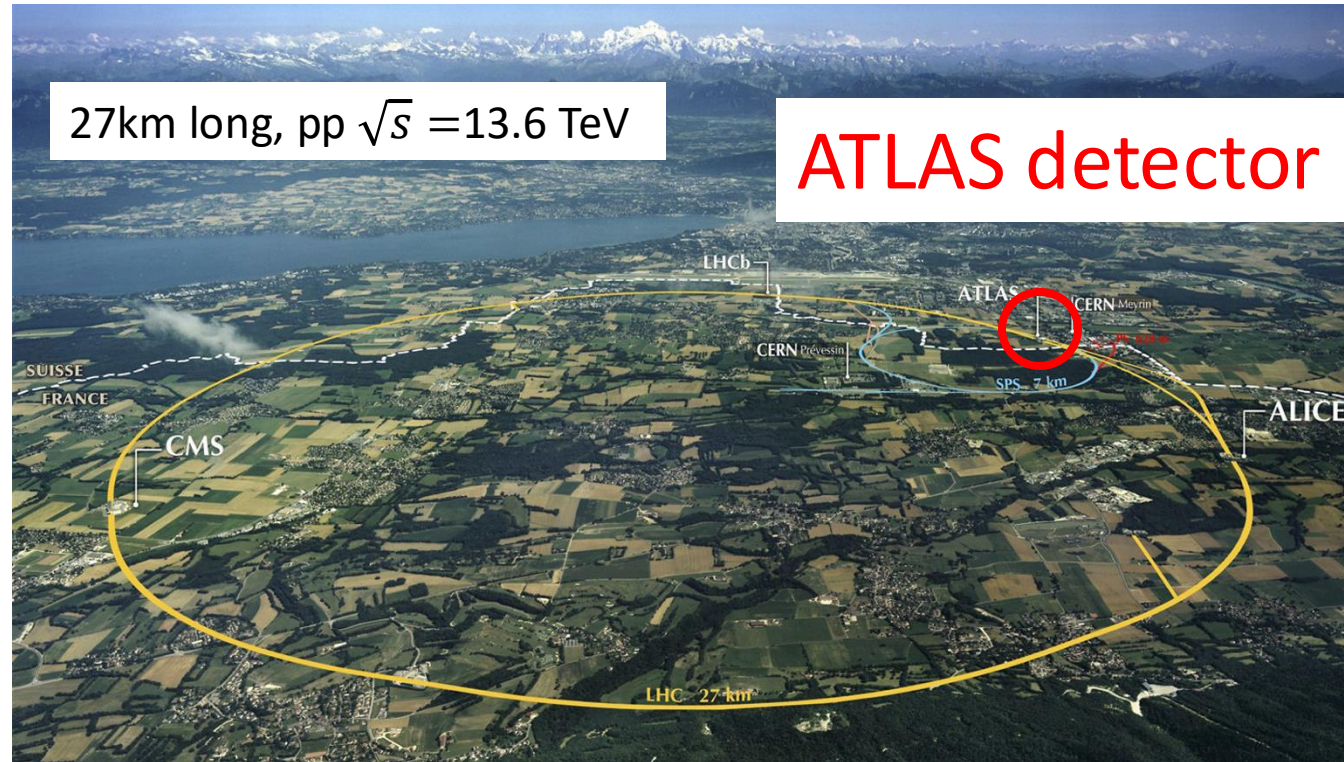
- Talk about the **challenges** in collider physics.
 - But focusing **only** on **ATLAS/LHC**. And highly **biased** by my interests!
 - **Many ML/AI applications in ATLAS/LHC!** But they are out of the scope of this talk.

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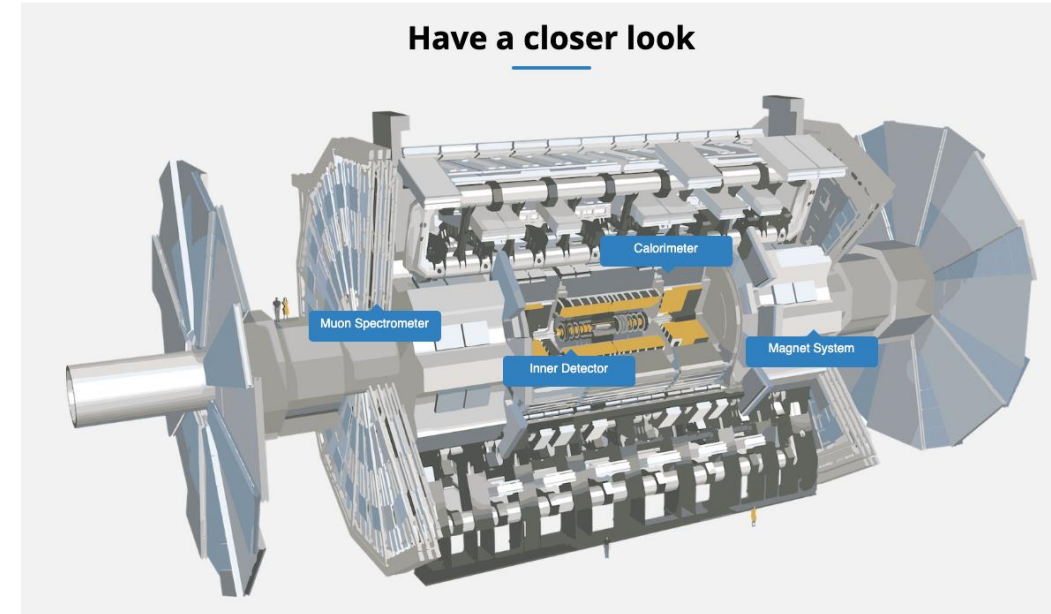
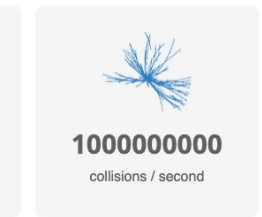
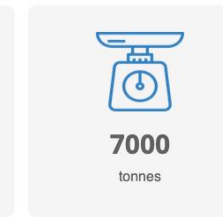
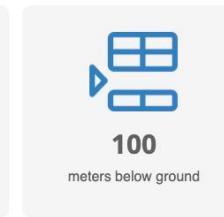
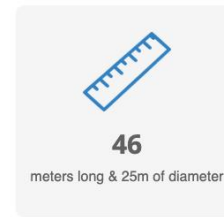
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ATLAS experiment

- ATLAS collaboration: **6000** members from **42** countries. (~150 members from Japan)
- ATLAS detector: **multipurpose** detector
- Major scientific milestone
 - Discovery of Higgs boson ← **Achieved!**
 - **Precise measurements** of the Standard Model: Top quark, EW boson, **Higgs boson**, ...
 - **Discovery** of beyond the Standard Model: Dark matter, Supersymmetry, Heavy Higgs, ...

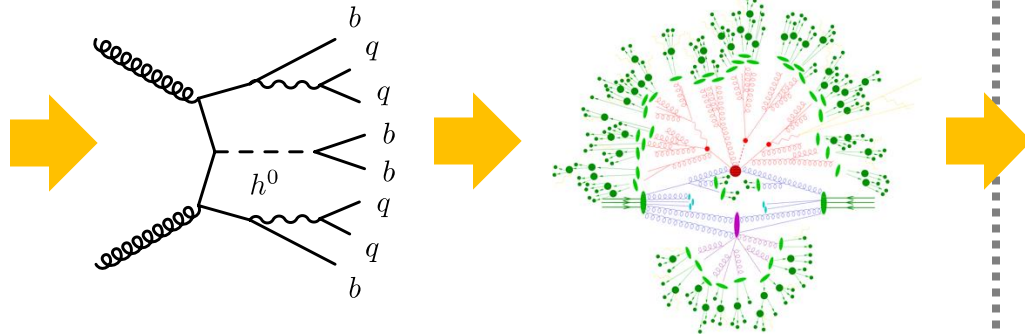


[ATLAS website](#)

Production pipeline

Nature

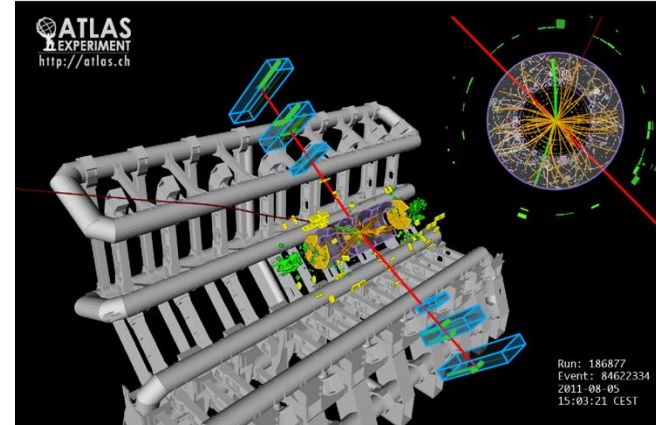
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Theory

Parton-level $O(10)$

Stable particle $O(100)$



Sensor output $O(10^8)$

Trigger

40 MHz

Hardware Trigger

100 kHz

Software Trigger

3 kHz

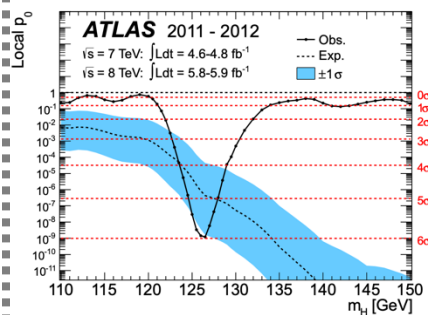
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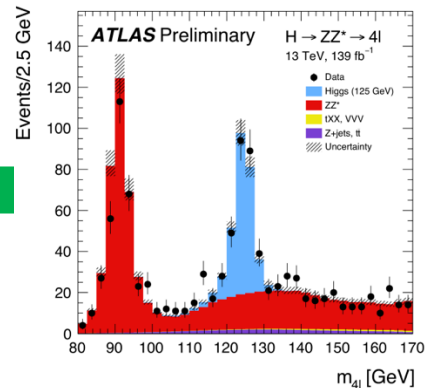
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Offline analysis

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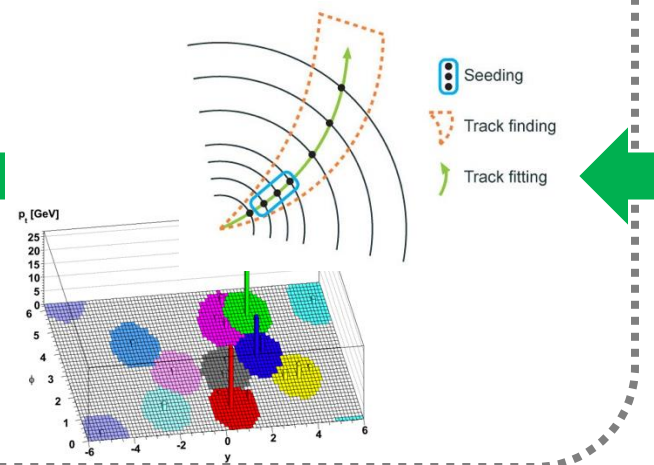


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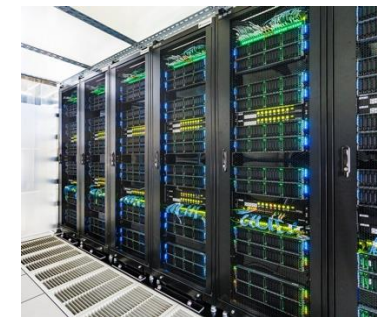


Combine four lepton 4-vectors

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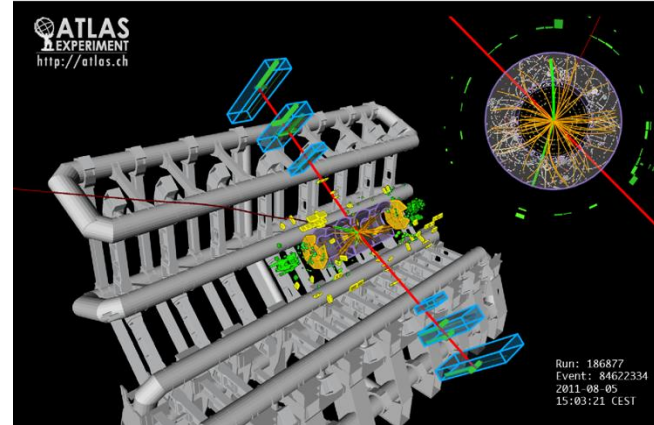
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GEANT4
A SIMULATION TOOLKIT



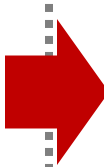
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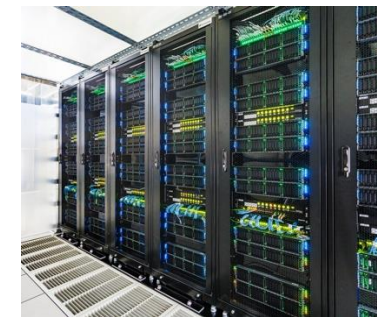
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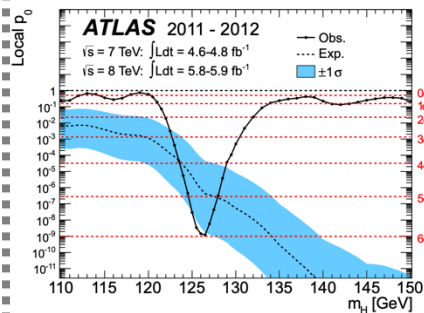
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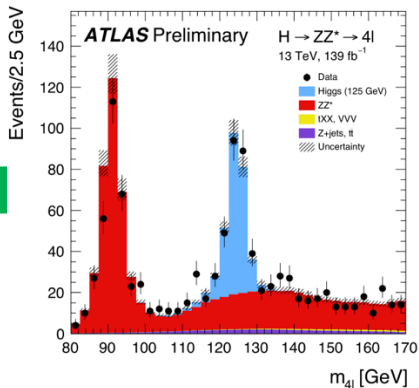
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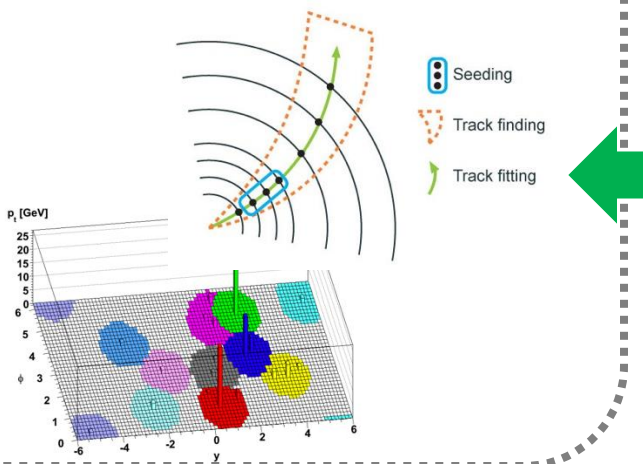


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Detector simulation:
a few min / event

Luminosity: $2 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$, $\langle \mu \rangle \sim 40$

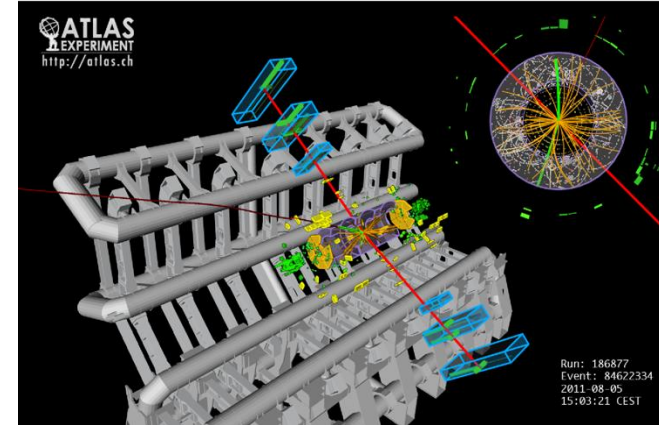
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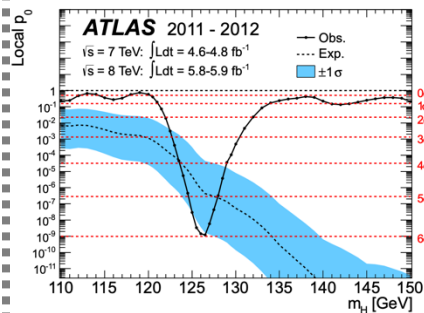
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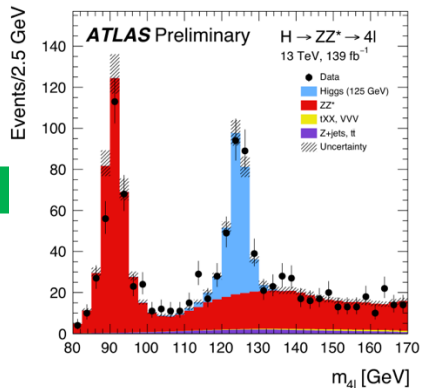
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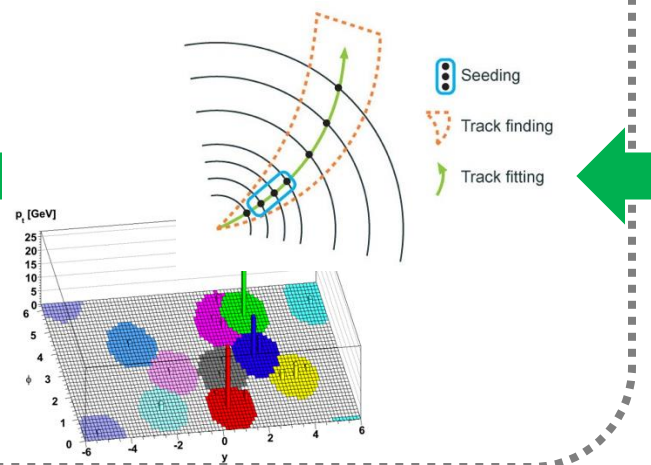


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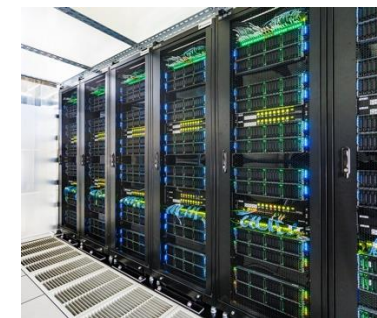


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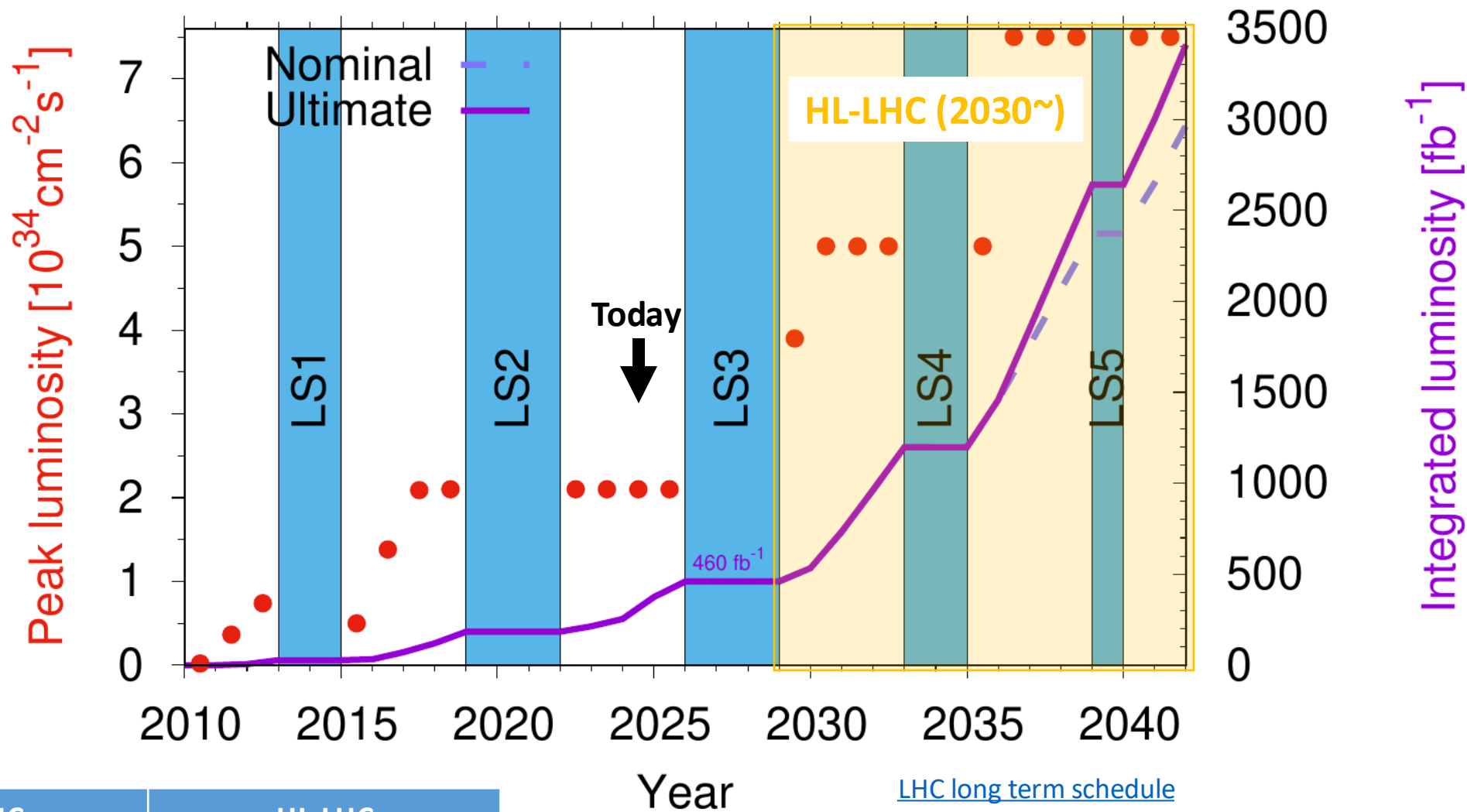
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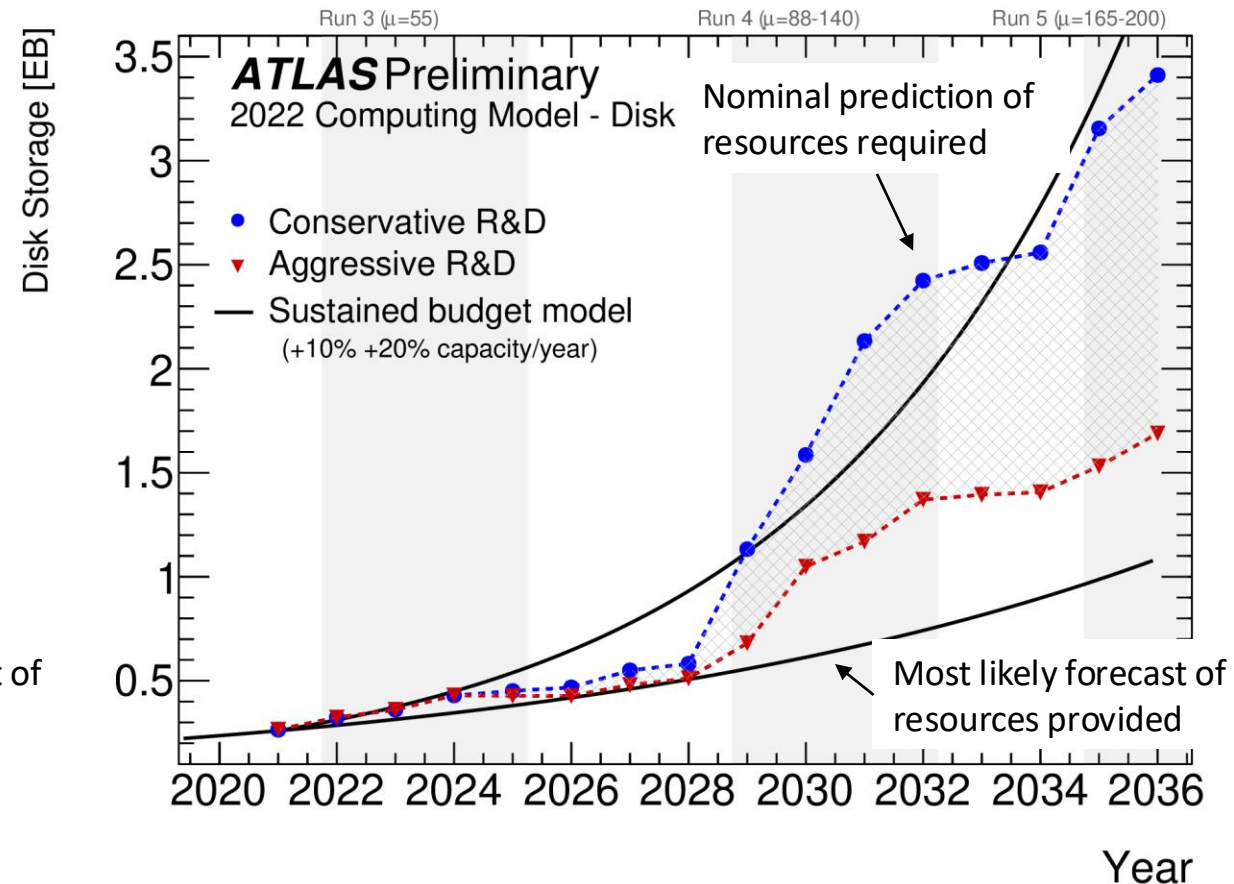
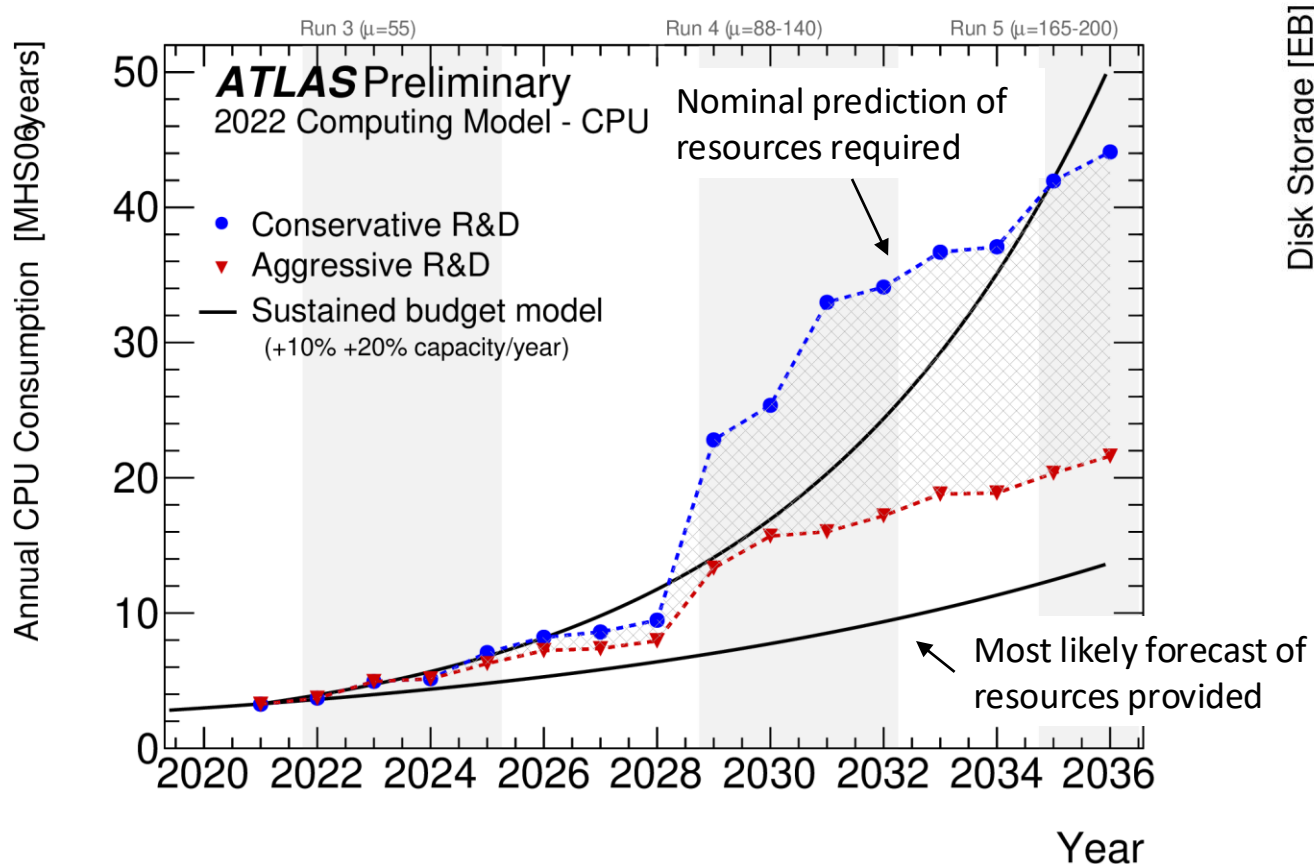
Upgrade plan: High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC)



	LHC	HL-LHC
Peak lumi	$2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\langle \mu \rangle$	~40	~200
Int. lumi	~450 fb^{-1}	~3500 fb^{-1}

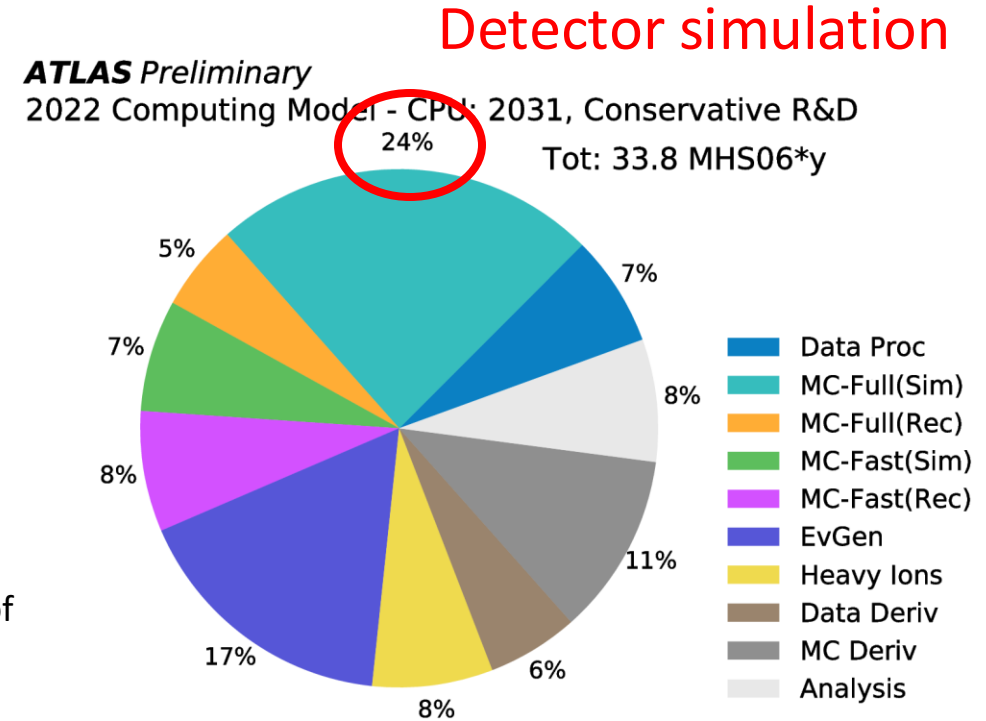
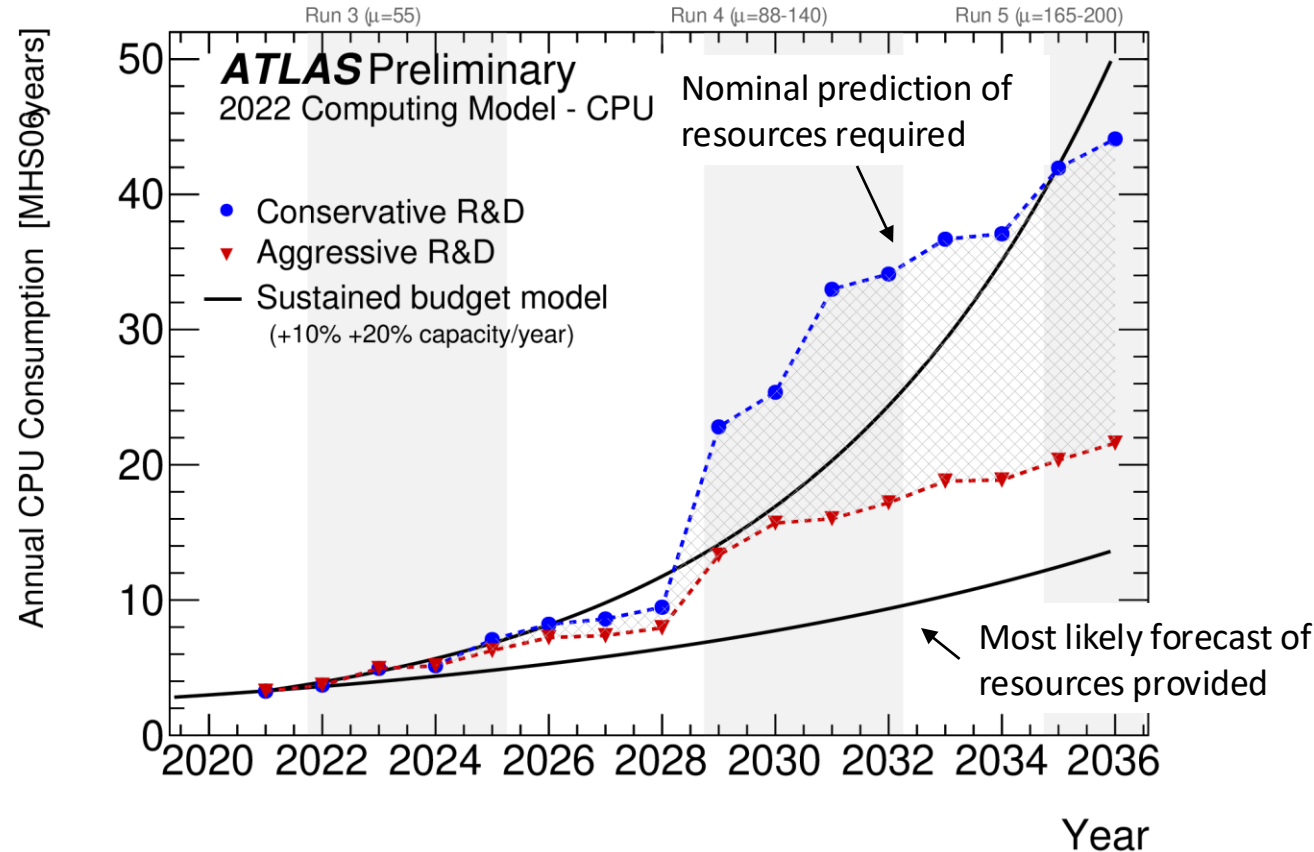
Challenges for the HL-LHC: Computing resources

[ATLAS S&C HL-LHC Roadmap](#)



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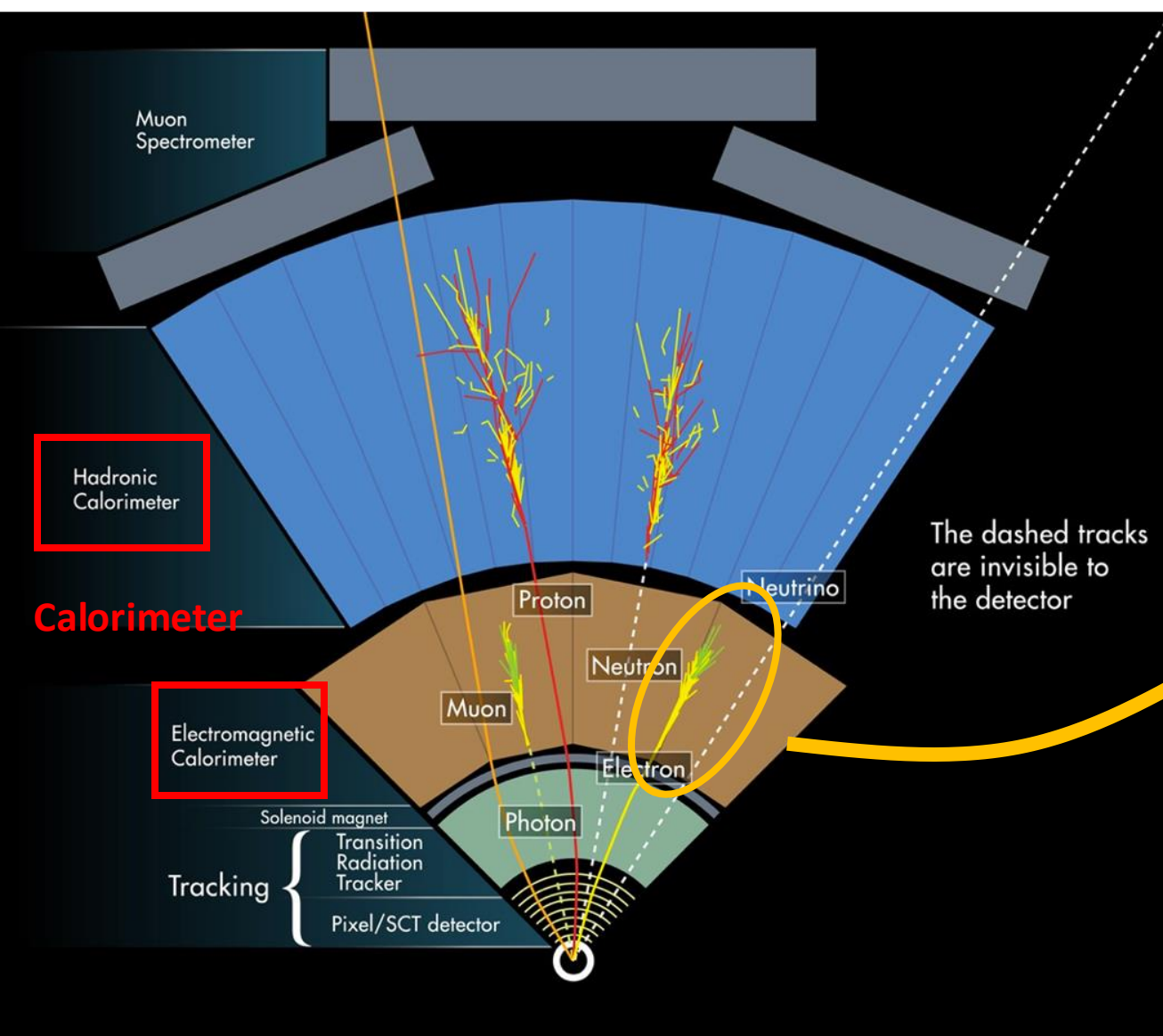
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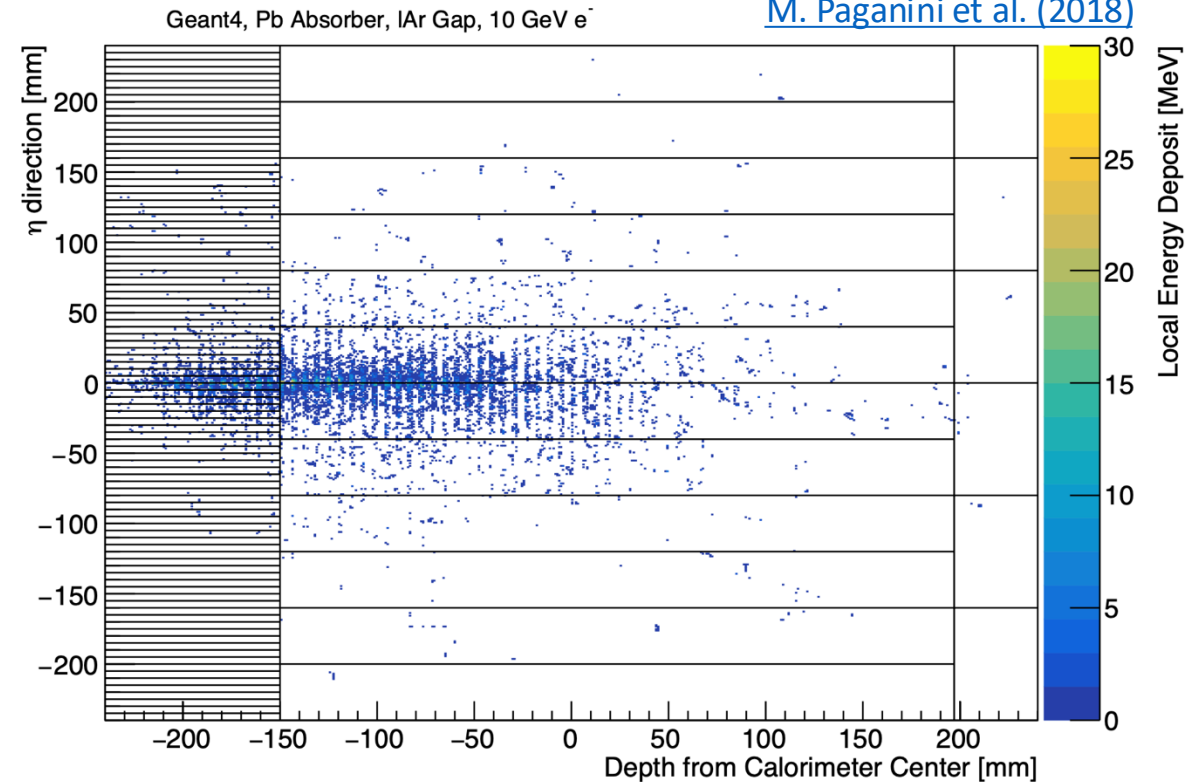
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Challenges for the HL-LHC: Detector simulation

Particle interaction in detector



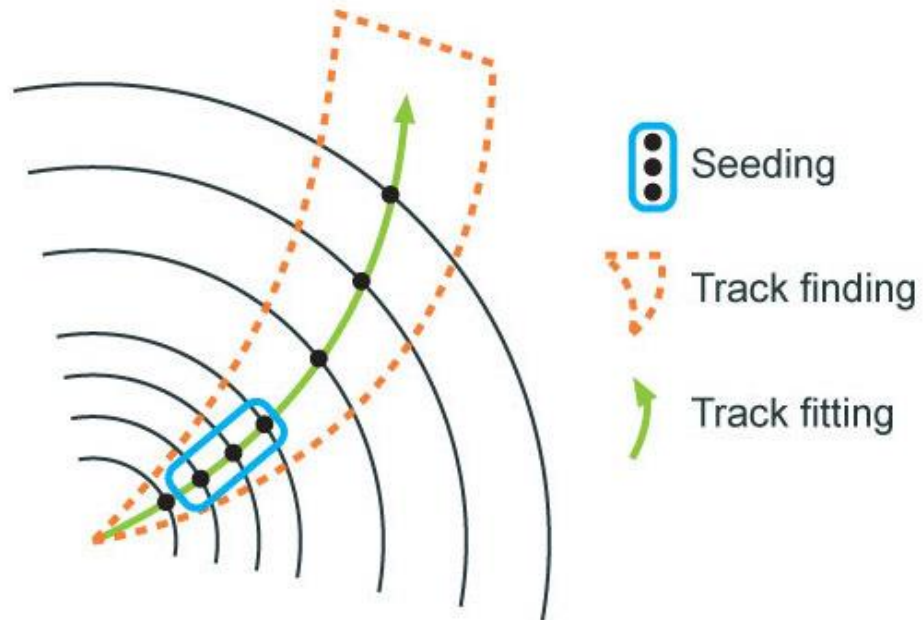
Shower in calorimeter



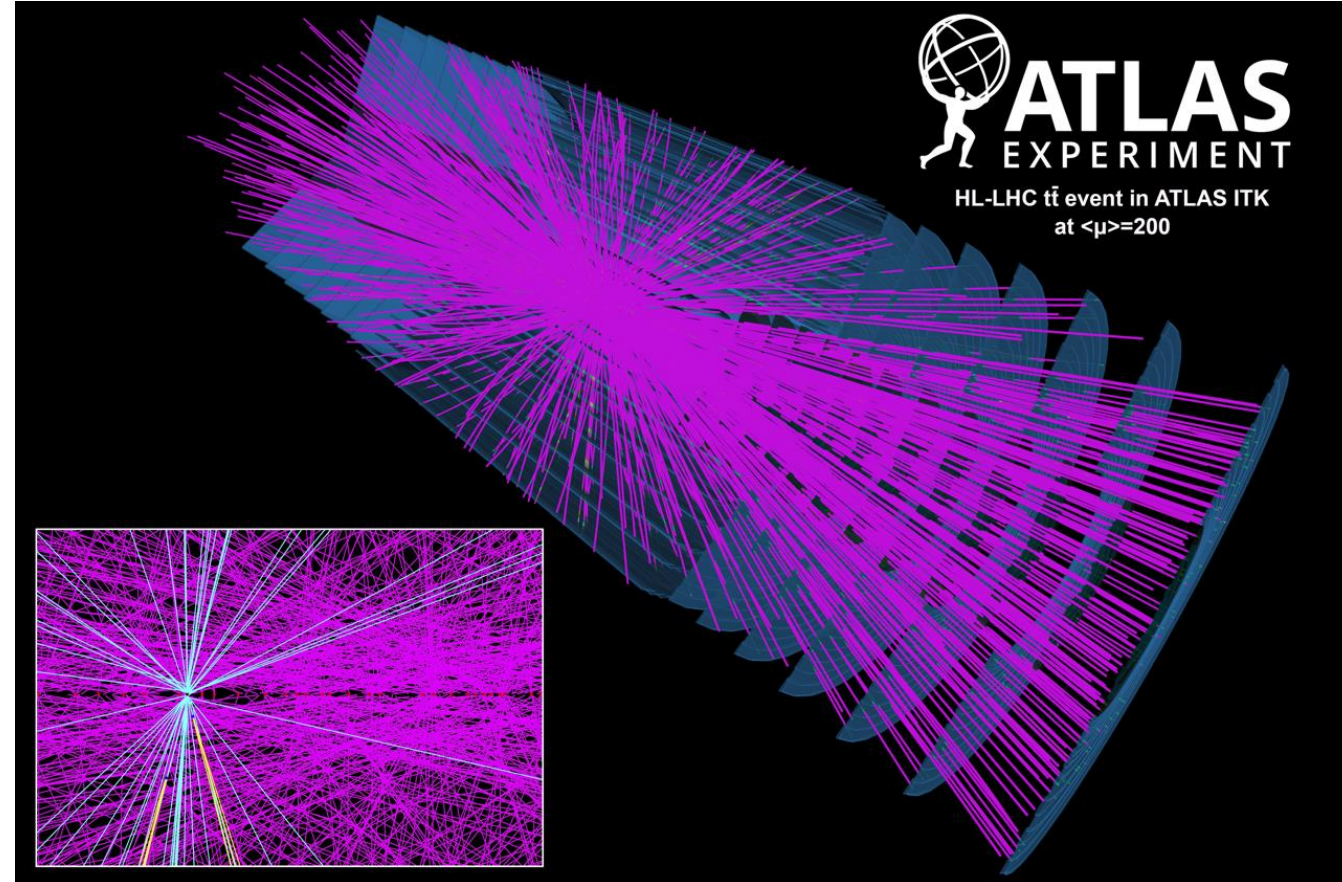
- Particle energy is measured in a calorimeter where it produces a **particle shower**
- Particle shower is simulated by Geant4. But it's computationally expensive.
- **ML-based fast simulation is an active topic**

Challenges for the HL-LHC: Track reconstruction (tracking)

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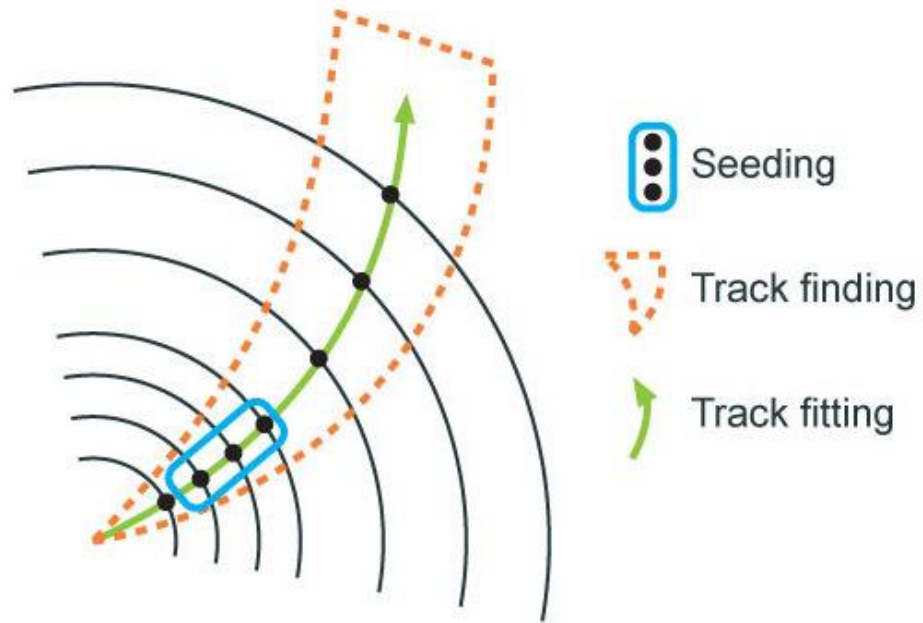
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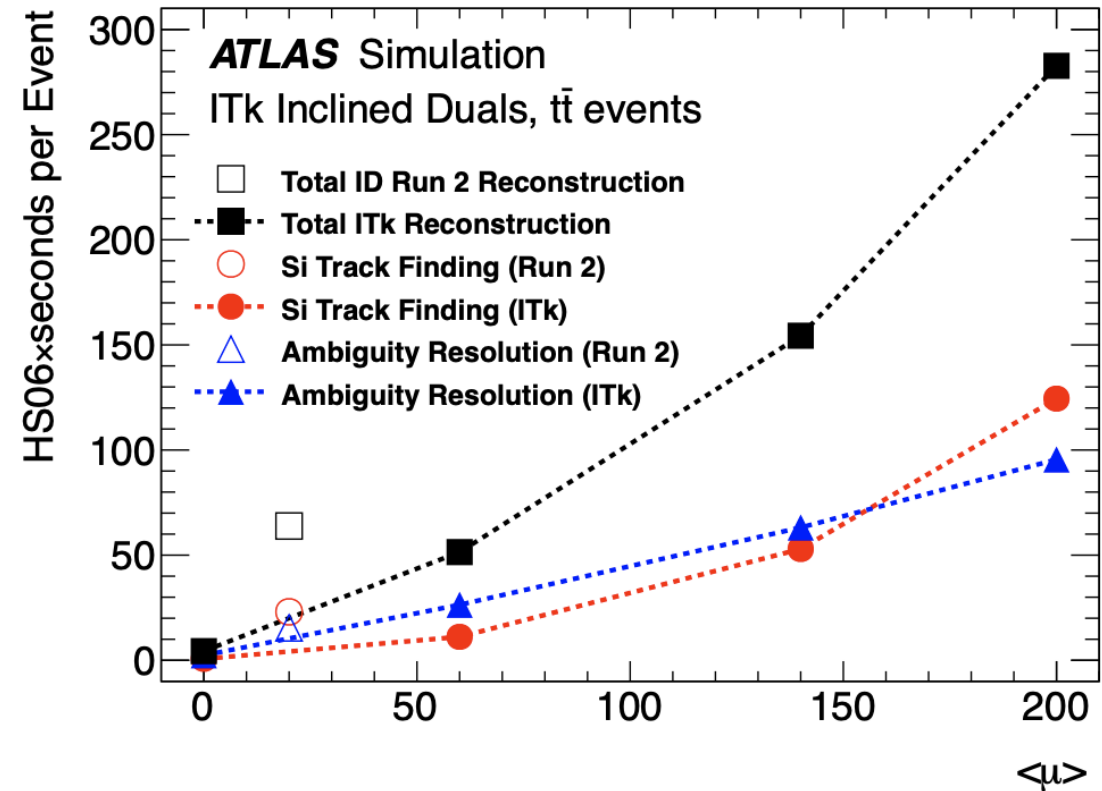
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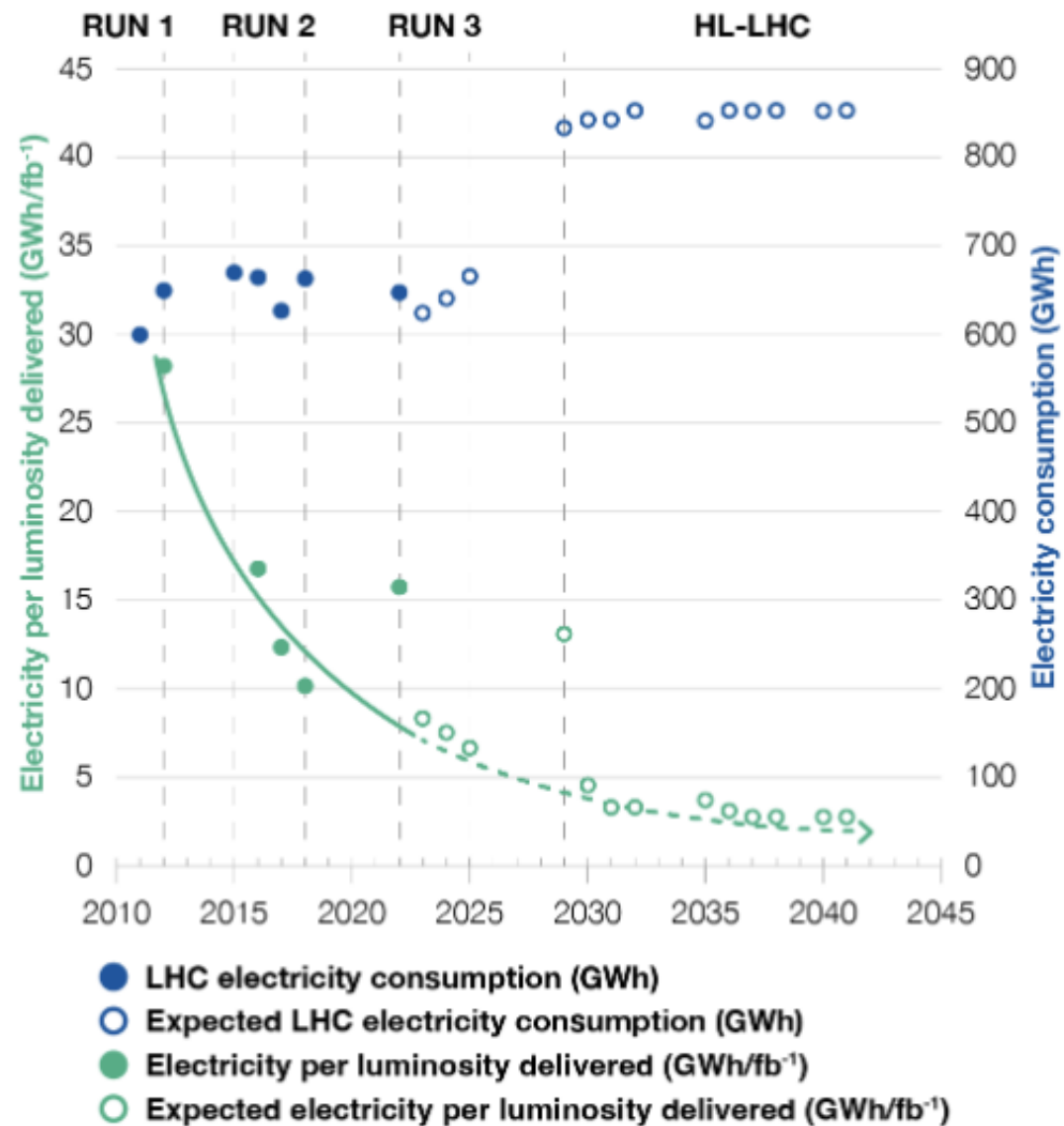


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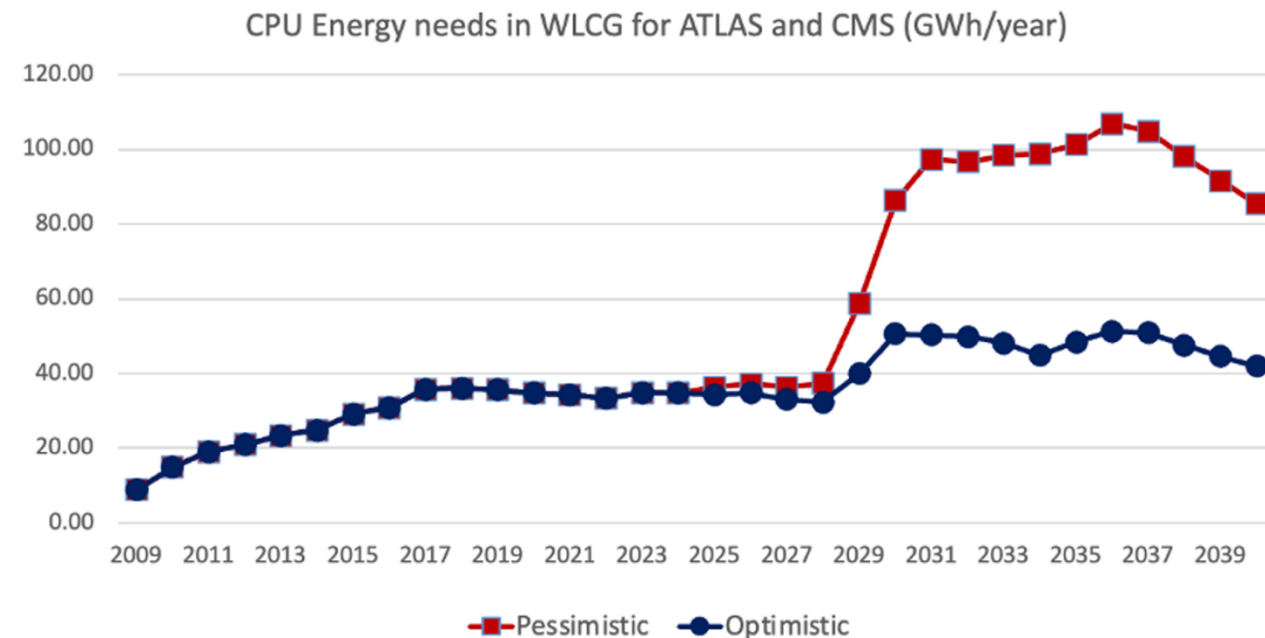


- Track reconstruction is a process of reconstructing the trajectories left by the charged particles by connecting the activated sensor space points.
- Track reconstruction is strongly affected by **pileup** → **increases of the computation time.**
 - because track seeds consist of three combinatorial triplets.

Challenges for the HL-LHC: Electricity consumption



[D. Britton, et.al., CHEP2023](#)



- **Power consumption** needs to be considered.
- Very large deep learning models (e.g. LLM) consume a lot of power.

Challenges for application/expansion of ML/AI (from my interests)

Domain adaptation

- Simulations are **not** perfect.
- The more powerful model tends to exploit the incompatibility.
- It is necessary to bridge the gap between simulations and data.

Explainability

- Demand to know why the AI predicts/generates them. It is necessary to verify the process.
- **Uncertainty**

Model agnostic search / Anomaly detection

- New physics might be beyond the scope of human thinking.
- We need a search that does not rely on the specific signal models.

Integrate multiple tasks into a single model

- The pipeline is made up of several tasks. The overall prediction could be improved if they were used as a differentiable chain.
- How to balance multiple losses is one of the issues.

Summary

- This talk focuses on the **challenges of LHC/ATLAS**.
- ATLAS handles **huge** and **complex** experimental data with **fast** and **sophisticated** processing.
- The upgraded collider, **HL-LHC**, will start in 2030. It will bring more difficult challenges. There are many areas that can be solved or mitigated by **AI/ML**.
 - detector simulation, tracking, power consumption, ...
 - trigger, DAQ, particle reconstruction/identification, event generation, ...