



TRIGGER AND DATA ACQUISITION

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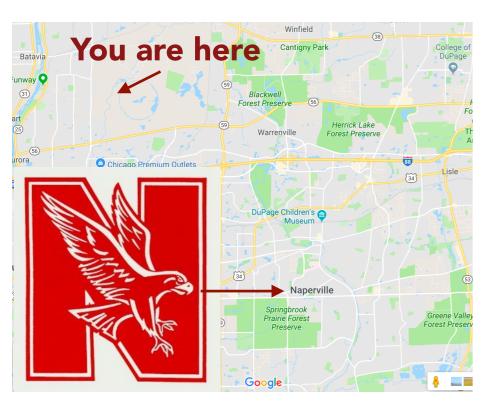
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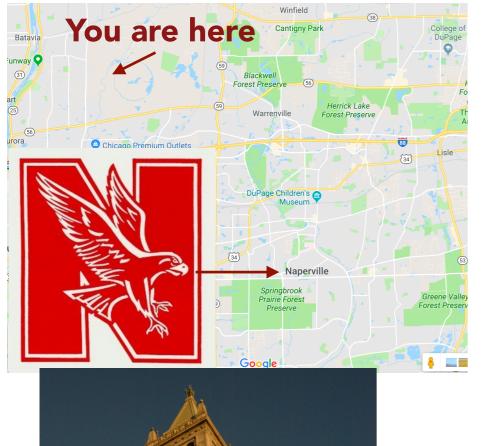


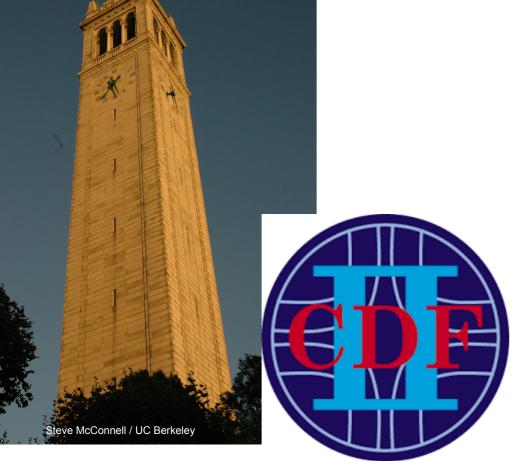
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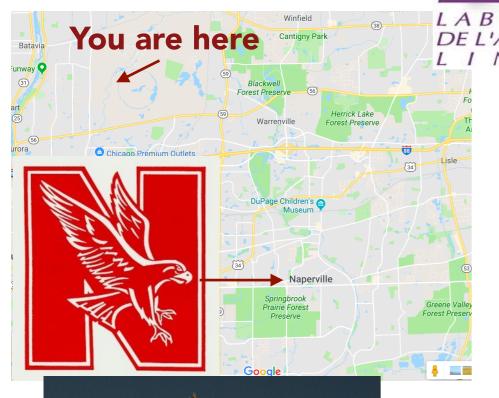












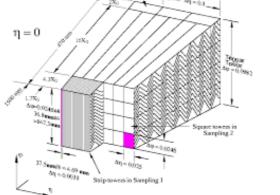


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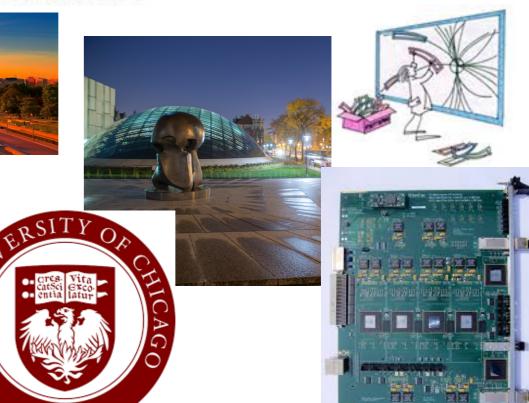
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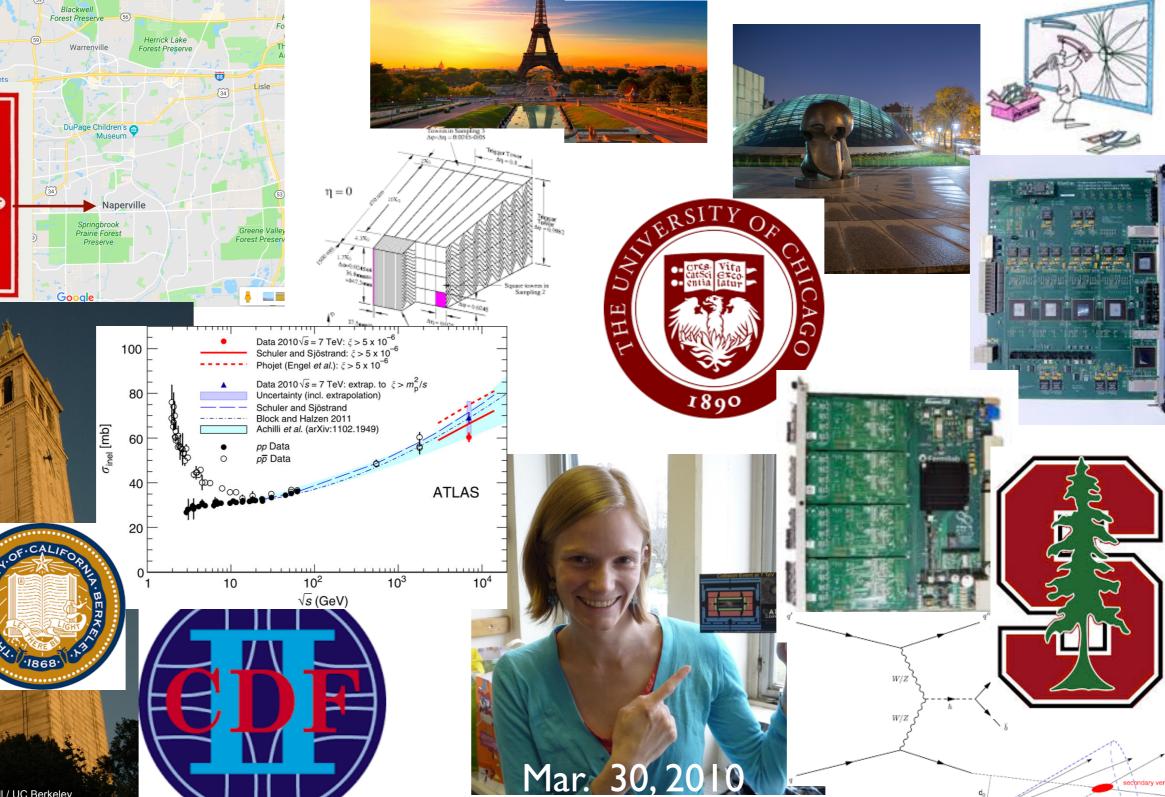
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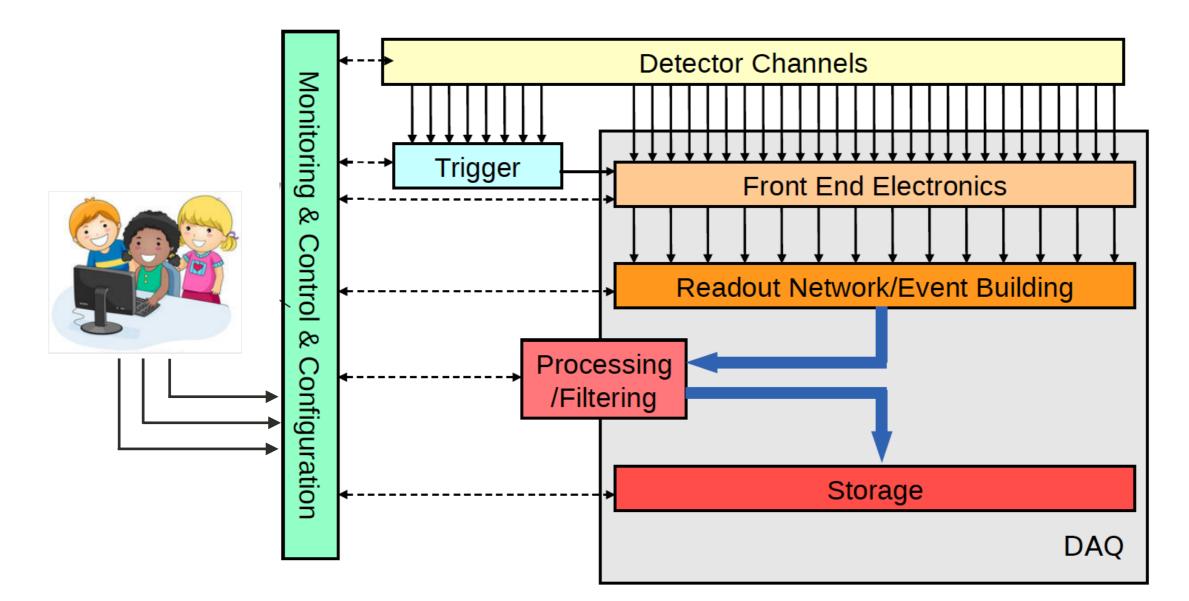


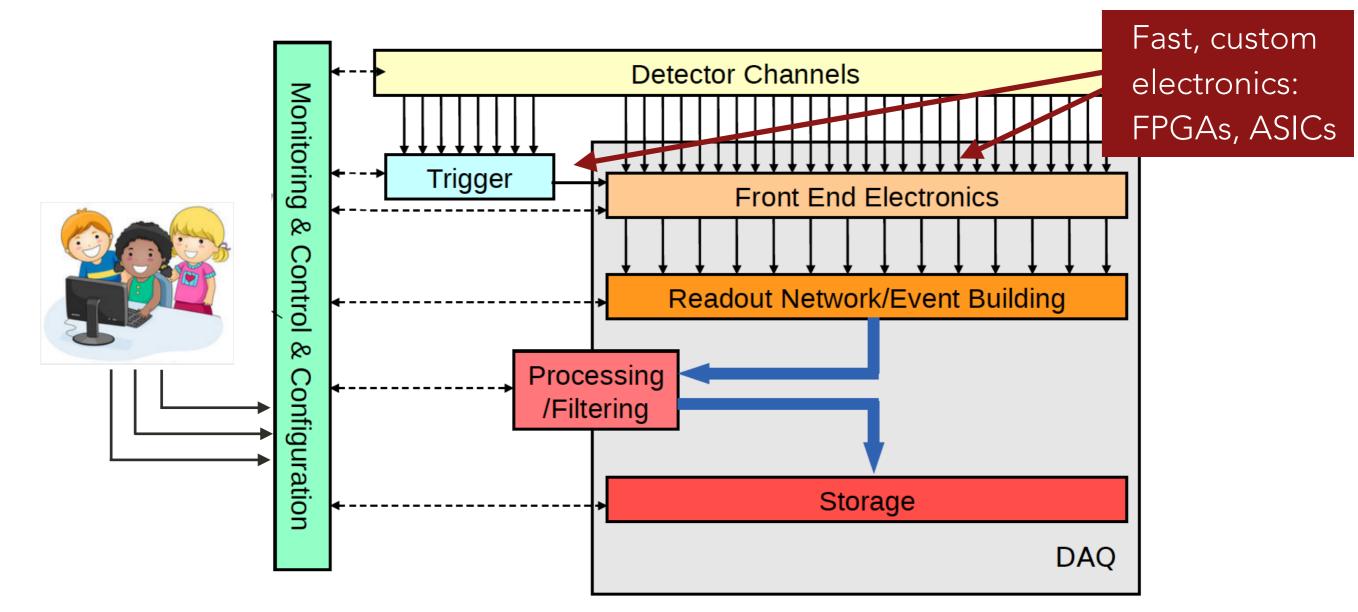
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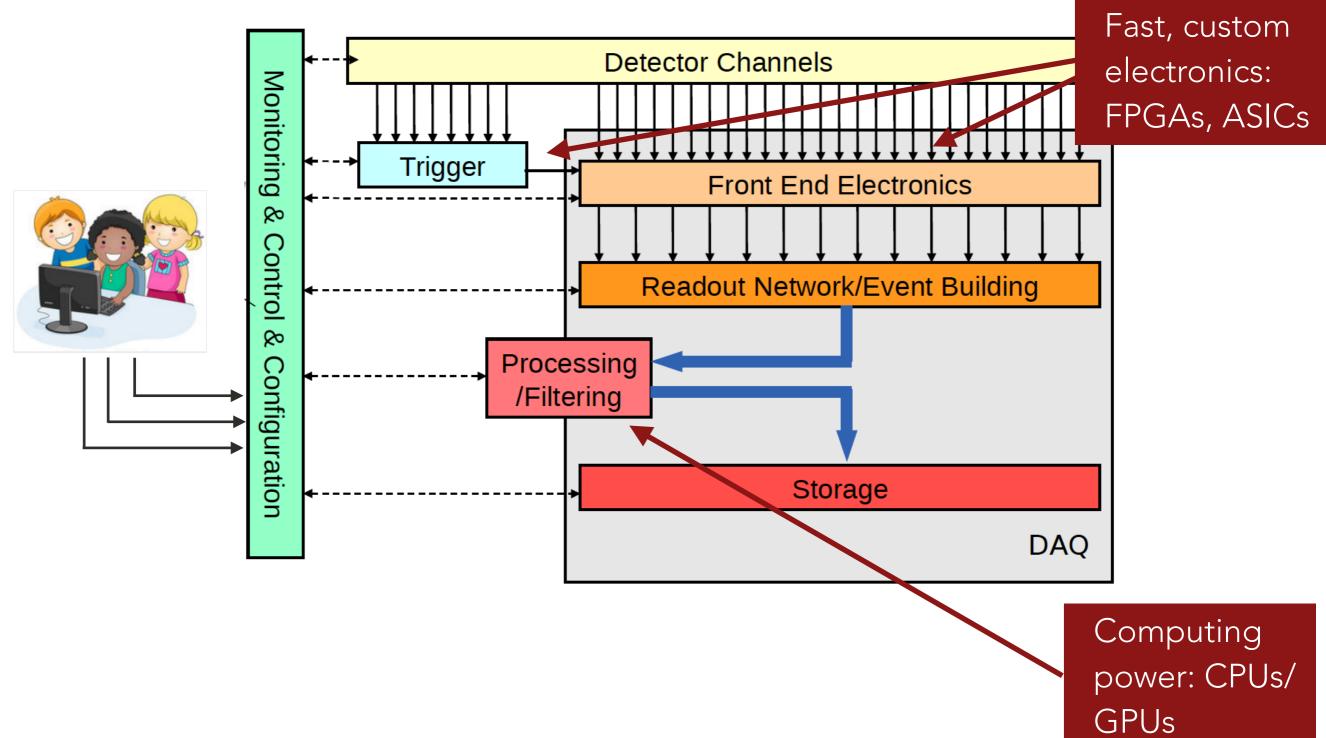


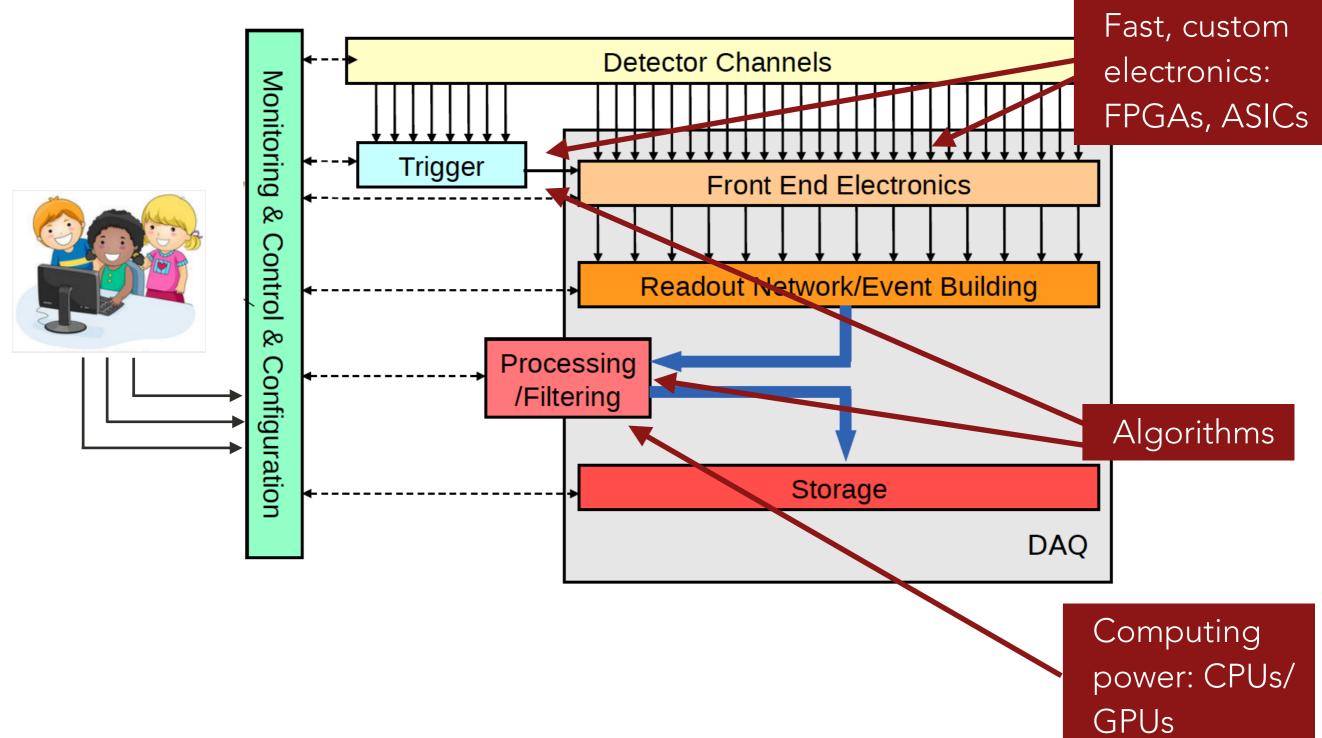
- Will I learn how (insert experiment here) specifically triggers on (insert physics process here)?
 - No, my goal is to give you enough of a framework for understanding TDAQ generally such that you can apply your knowledge to specific situations
- Will I learn basic electronics?
 - Not really. We'll cover a few important concepts, but take a class at your institution or attend the <u>ISOTDAO</u> or <u>EDIT</u> schools for more information
- These lectures are inspired by <u>Andrea Negri</u>, <u>Wainer Vandelli</u>, and <u>Roberto</u> <u>Ferrari</u>'s lectures at ISOTDAQ and CERN as well as <u>Wesley Smith</u>'s previous HCPSS lectures.
- These are a little ATLAS-heavy, but the concepts apply generally so please forgive me!

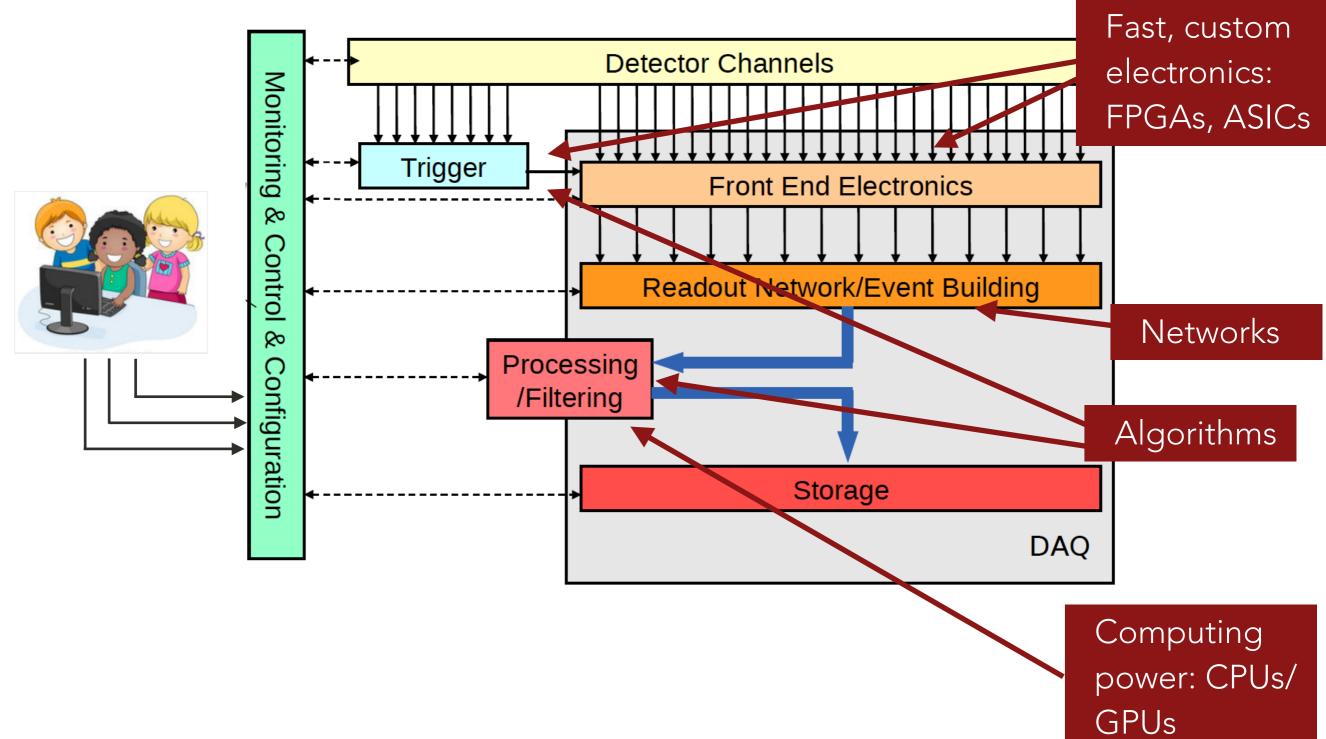
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- Trigger & Data Acquisition comprise the systems for deciding which data to record (Trigger) and getting it off the detectors to storage for analysis (DAQ)

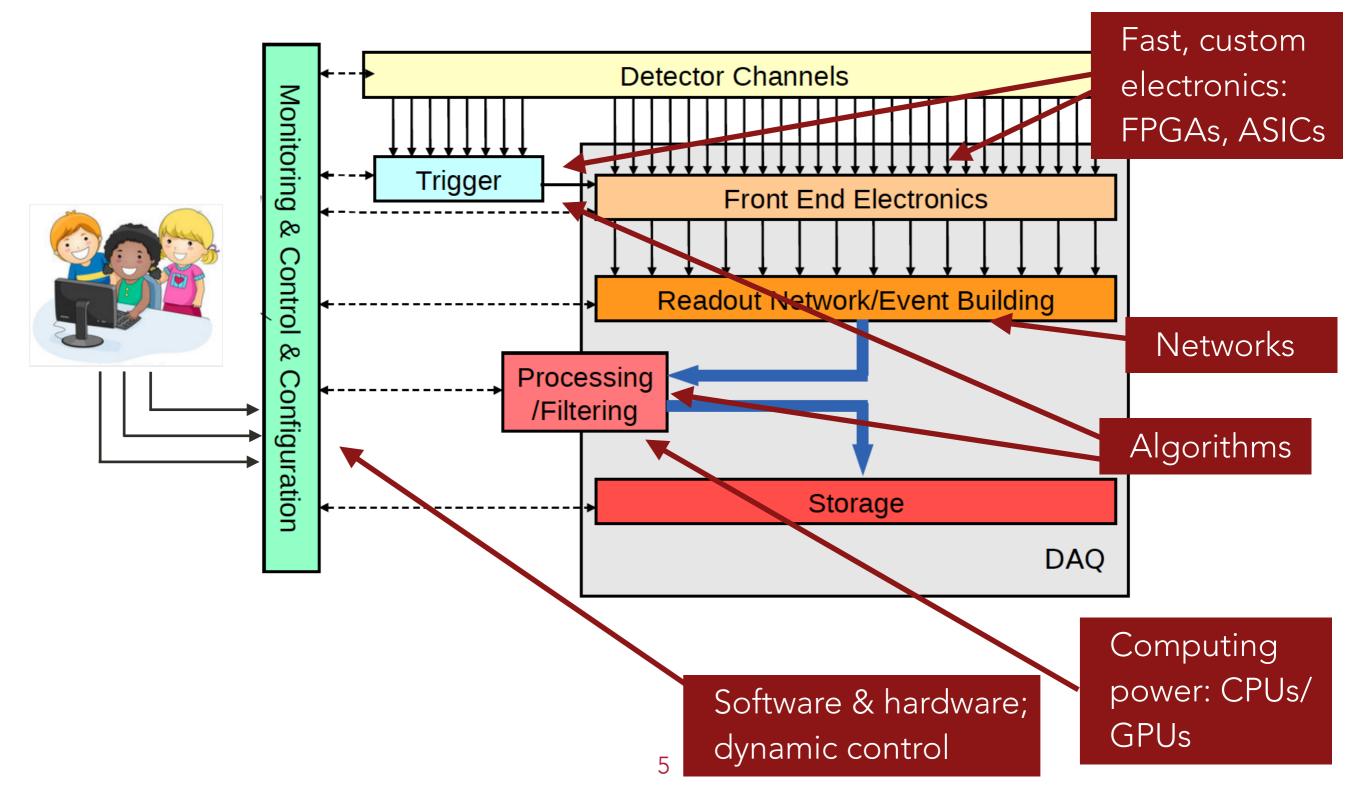


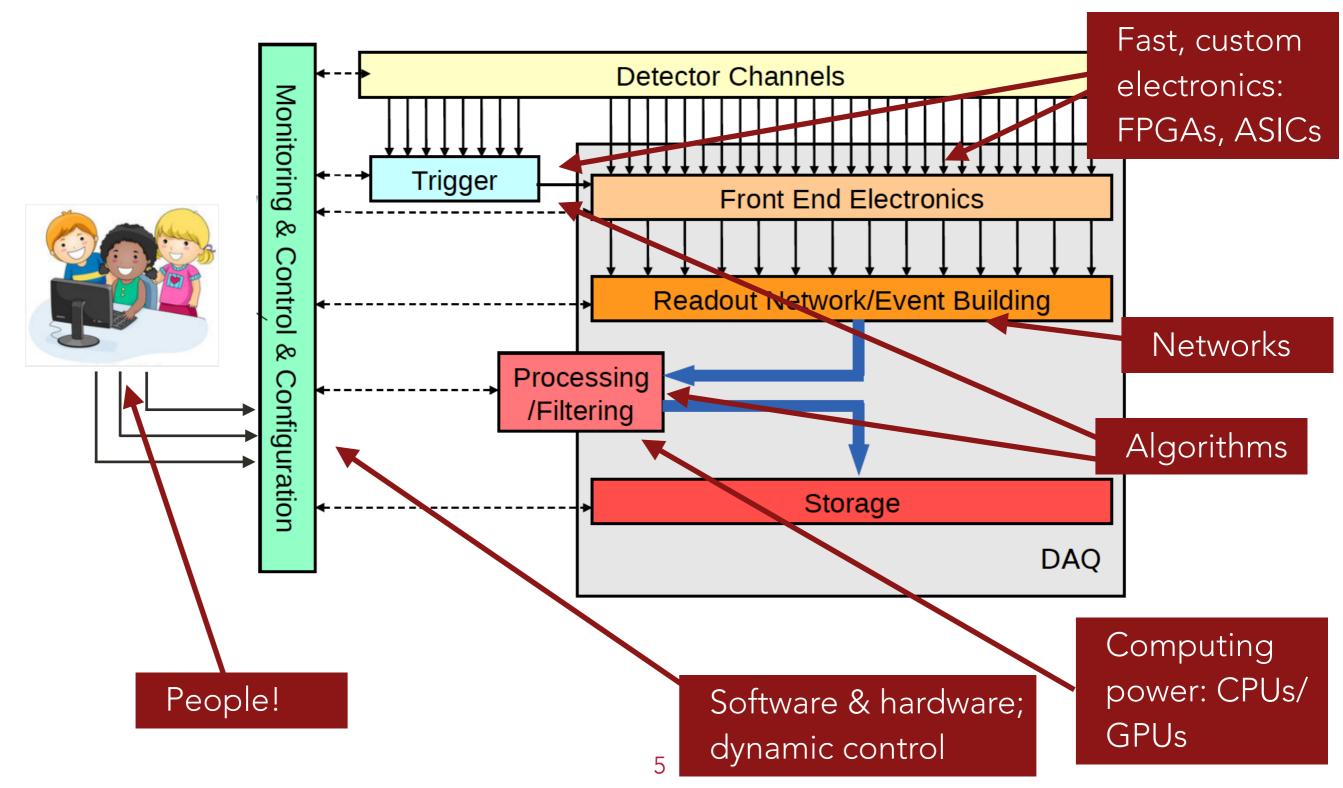


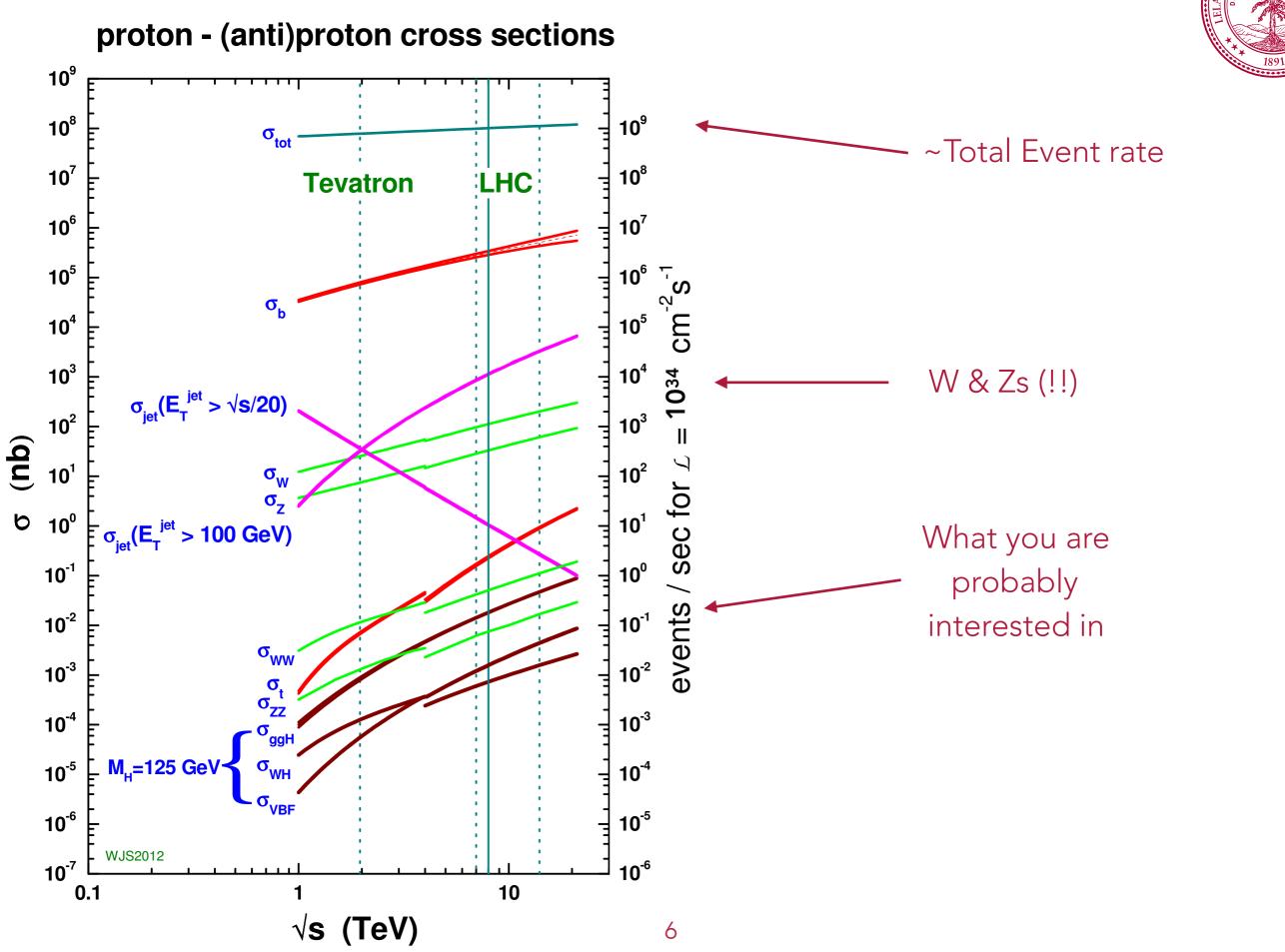




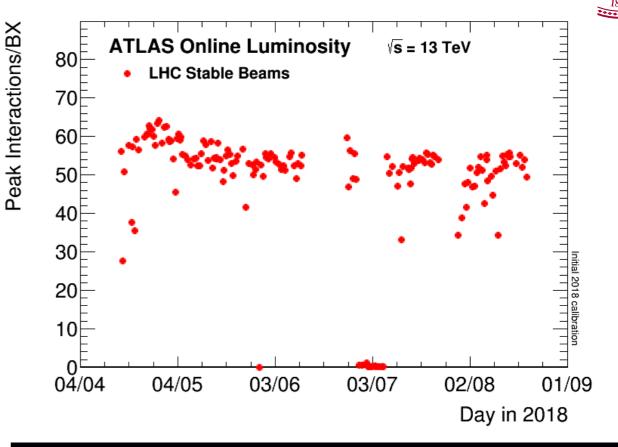


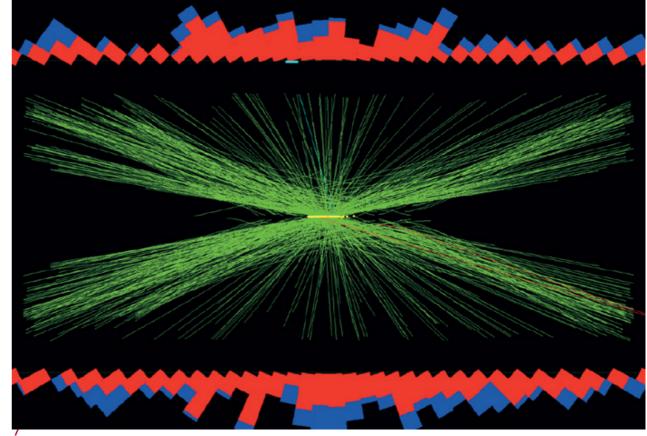




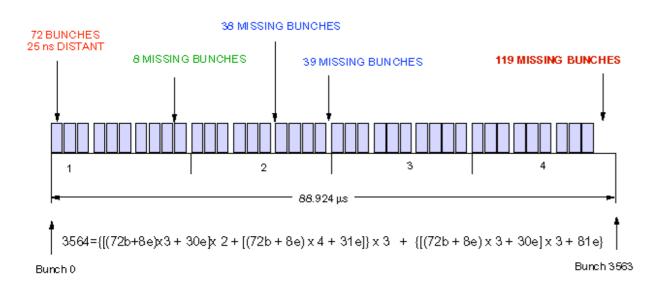


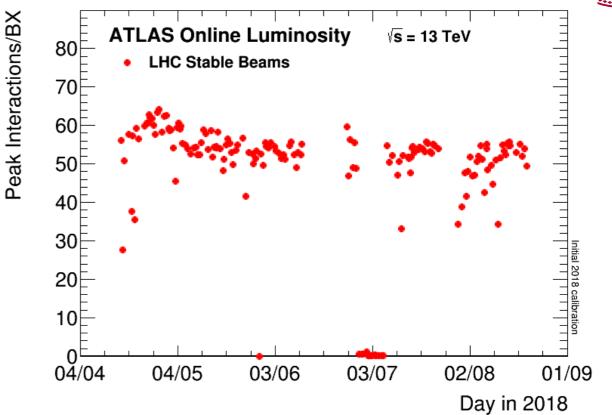
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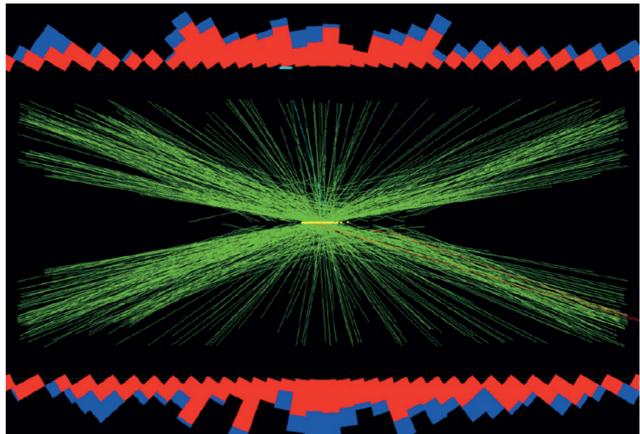




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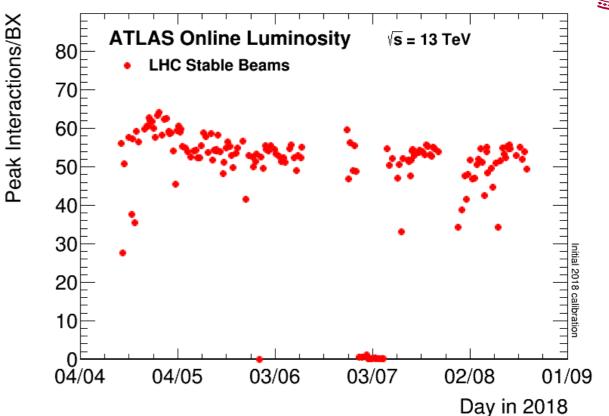


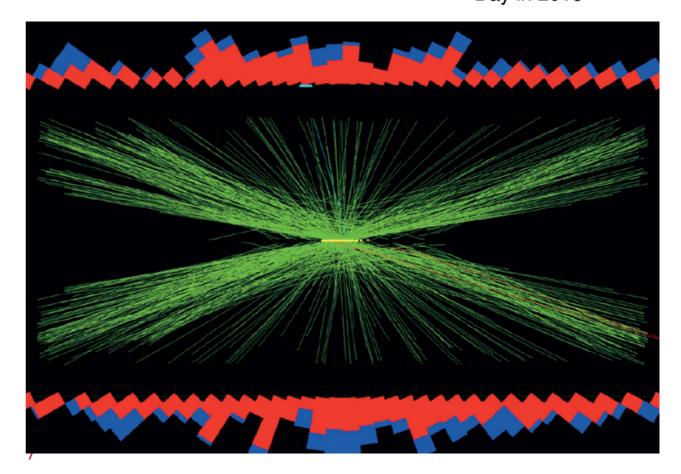






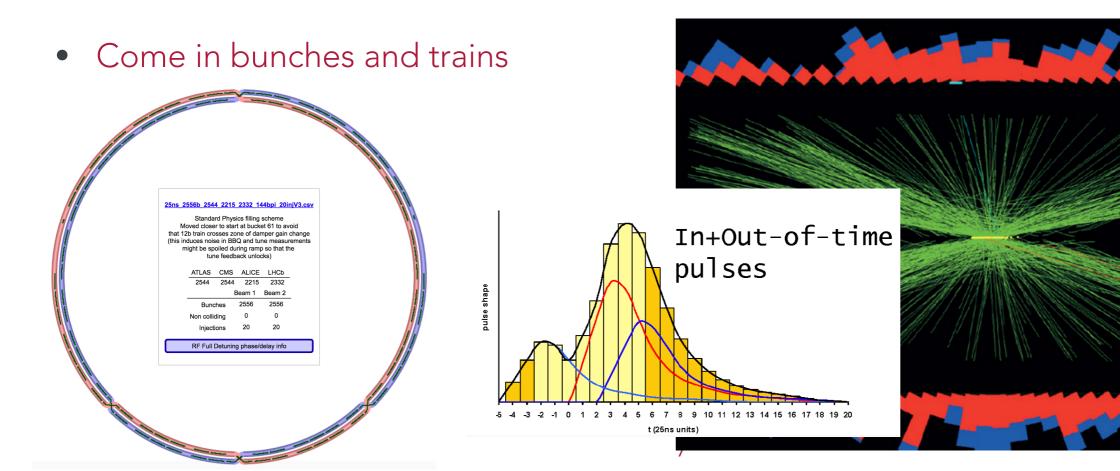
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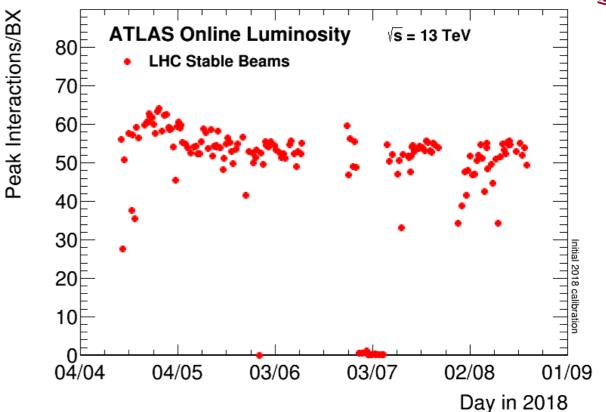






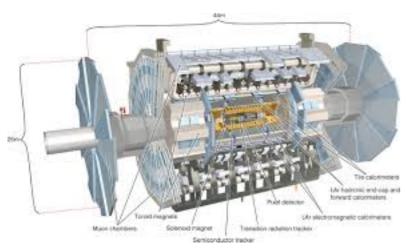
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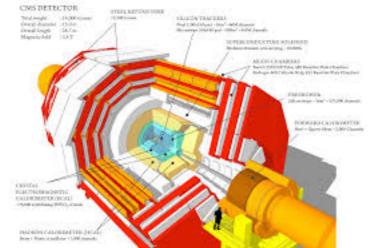


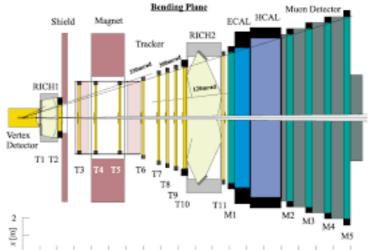




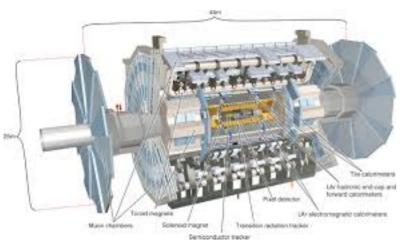


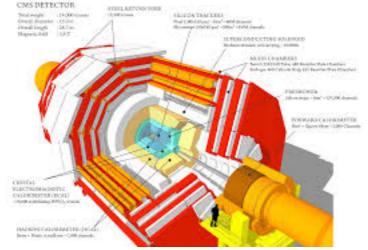


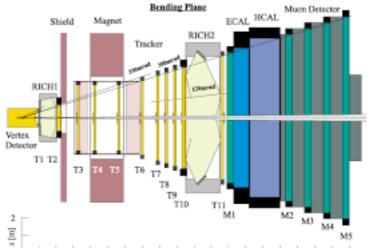






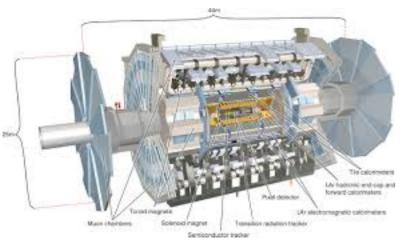


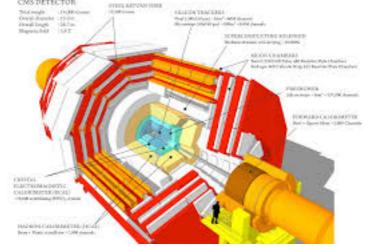


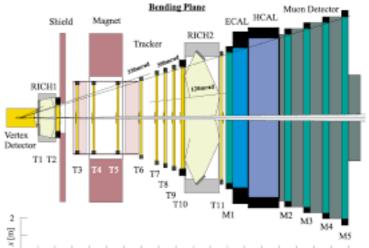


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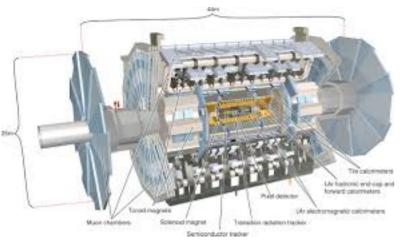


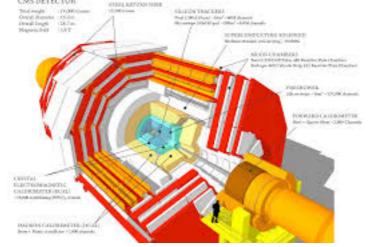


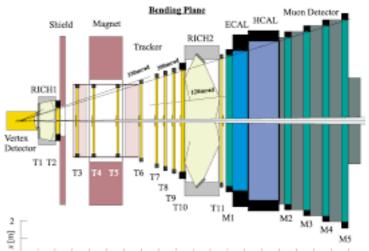


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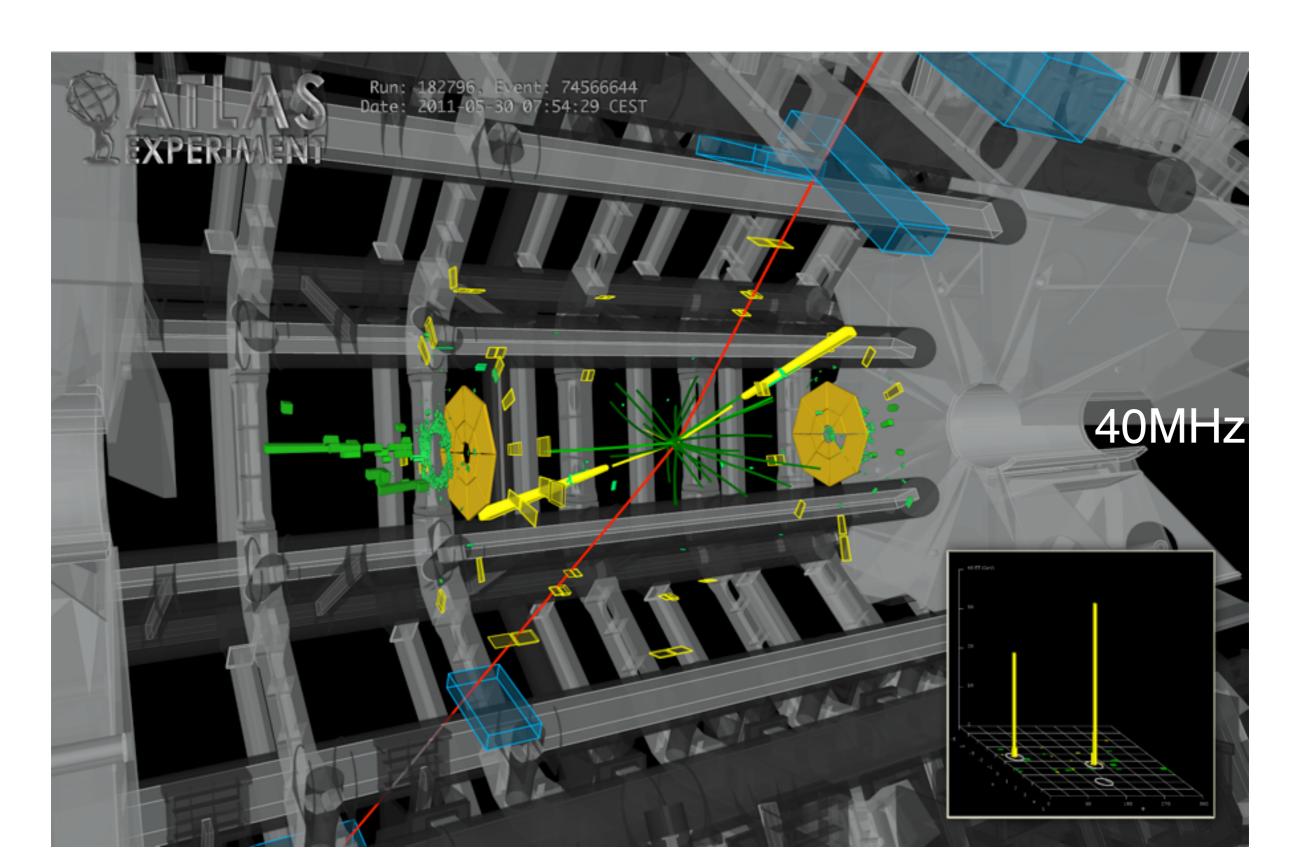




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- There are a number of bottlenecks to contend with:
 - Local, on detector data storage how much data can I store on my detector before shipping it out?
 - How fast can I get data off my detector what are my readout bandwidth limitations?
 - How much data can I write to storage can my output bandwidth, disk space and computing resources cope?

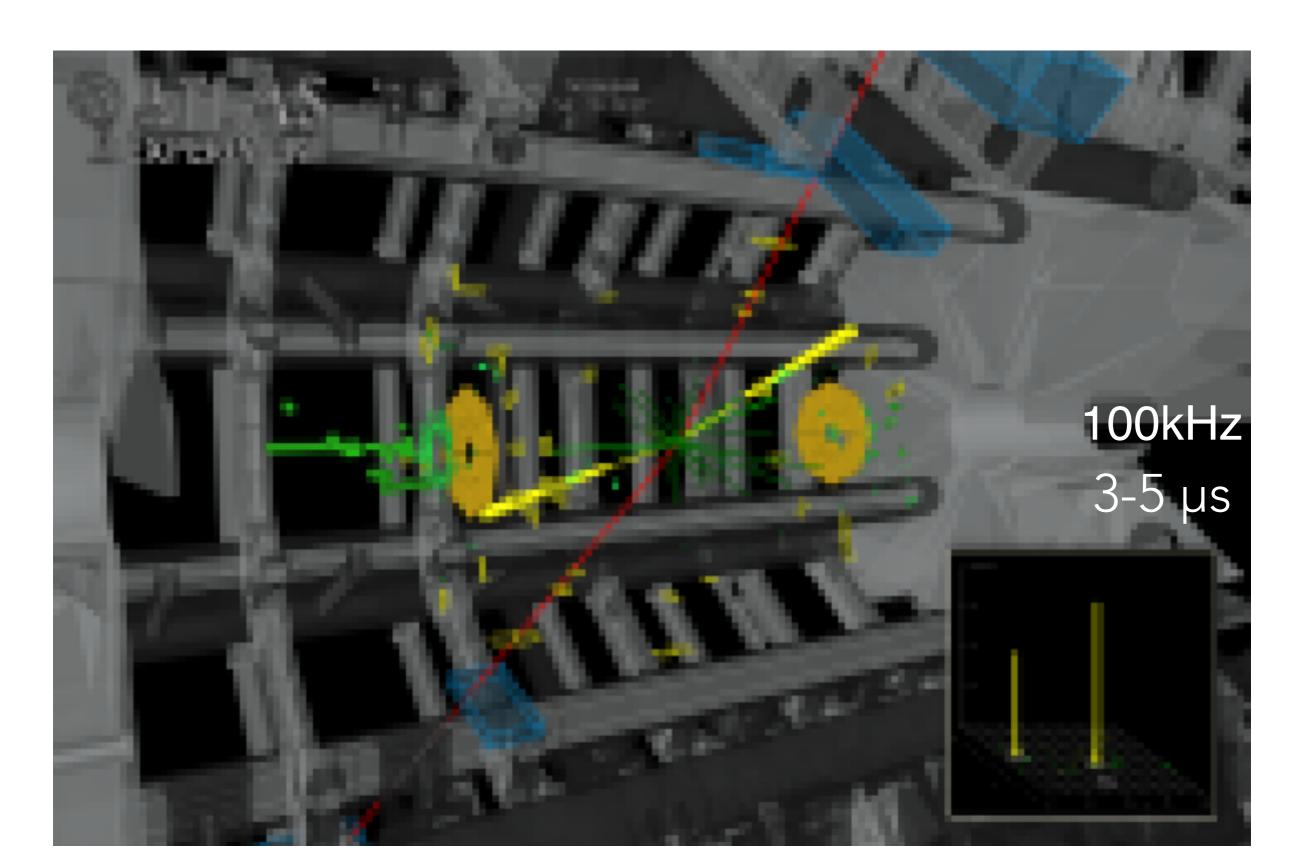
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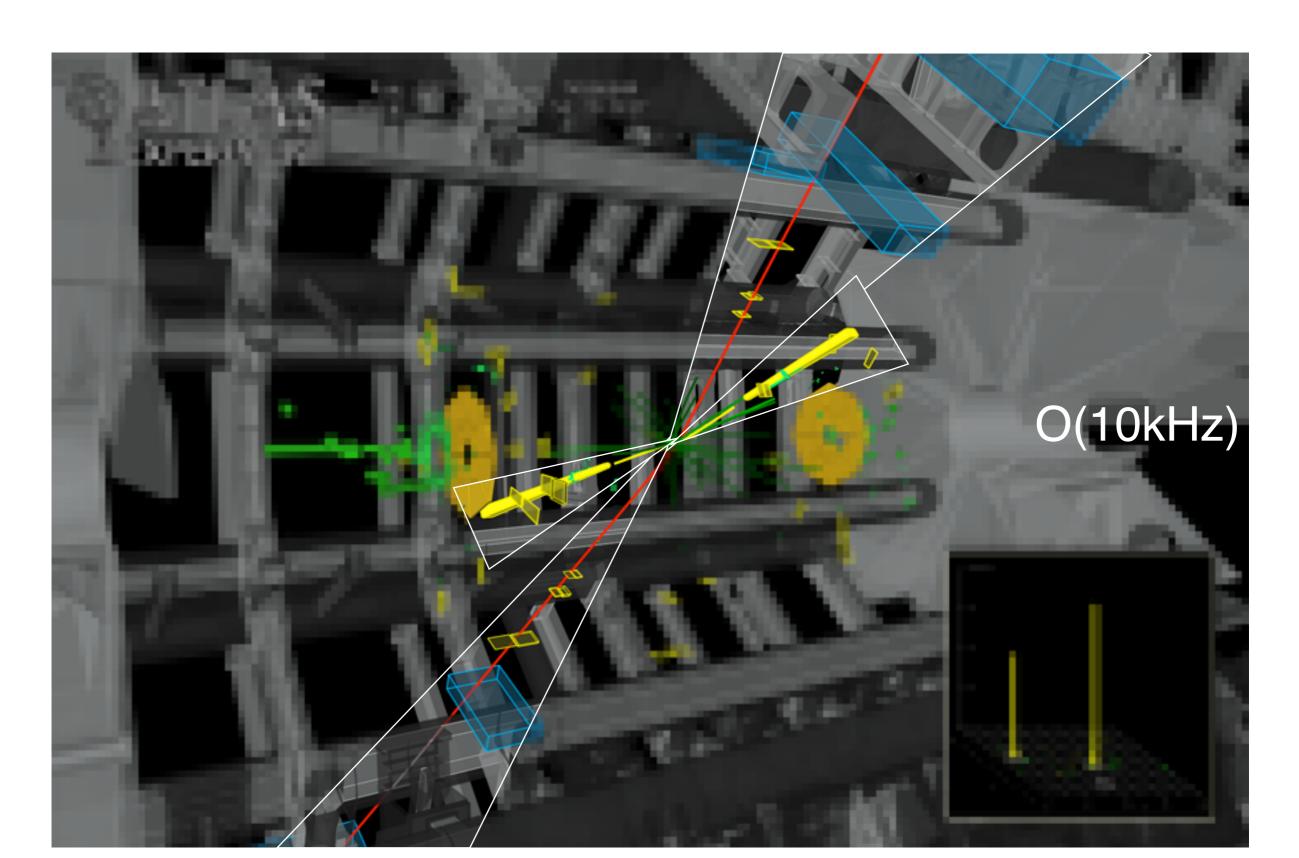
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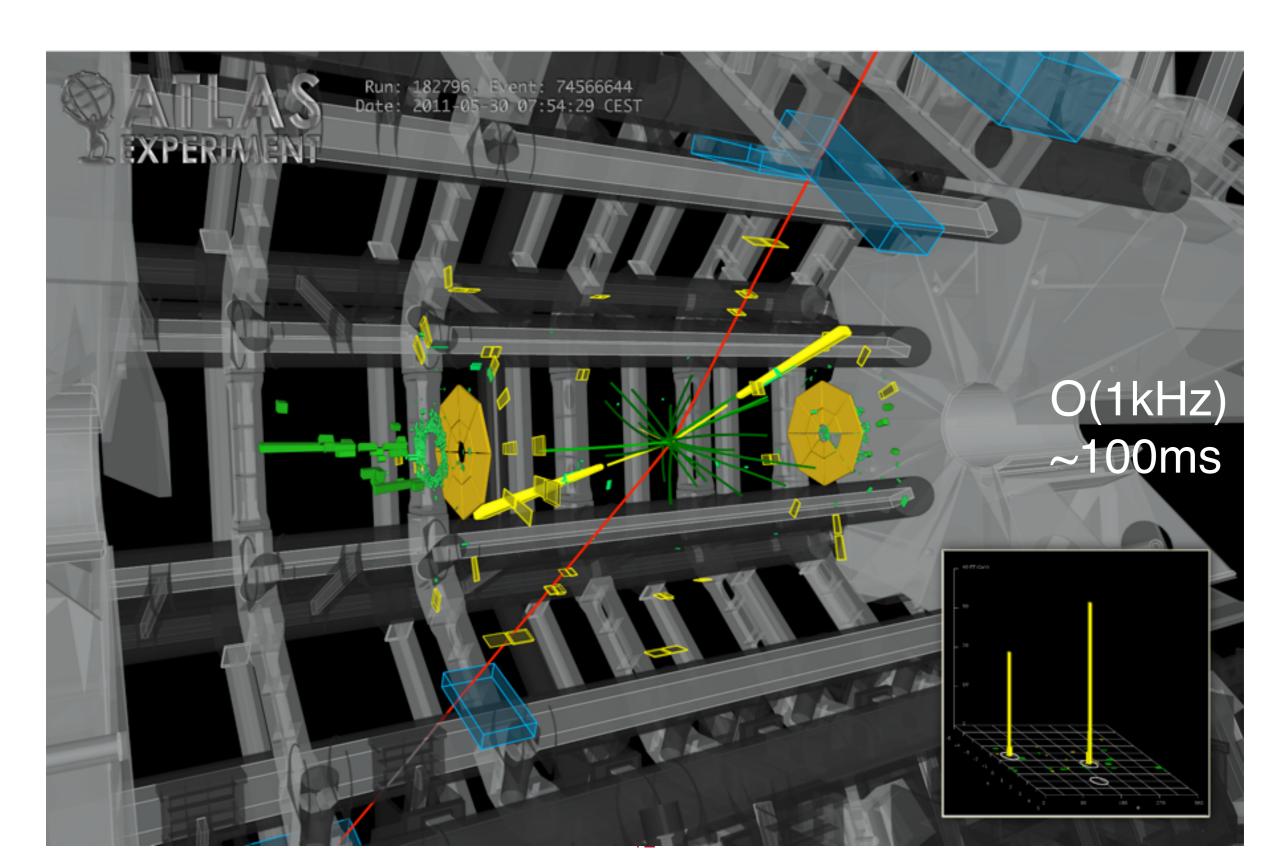
STEP 2: SELECTIVE SIGHT





STEP 3: THE FULL PICTURE (ALMOST)

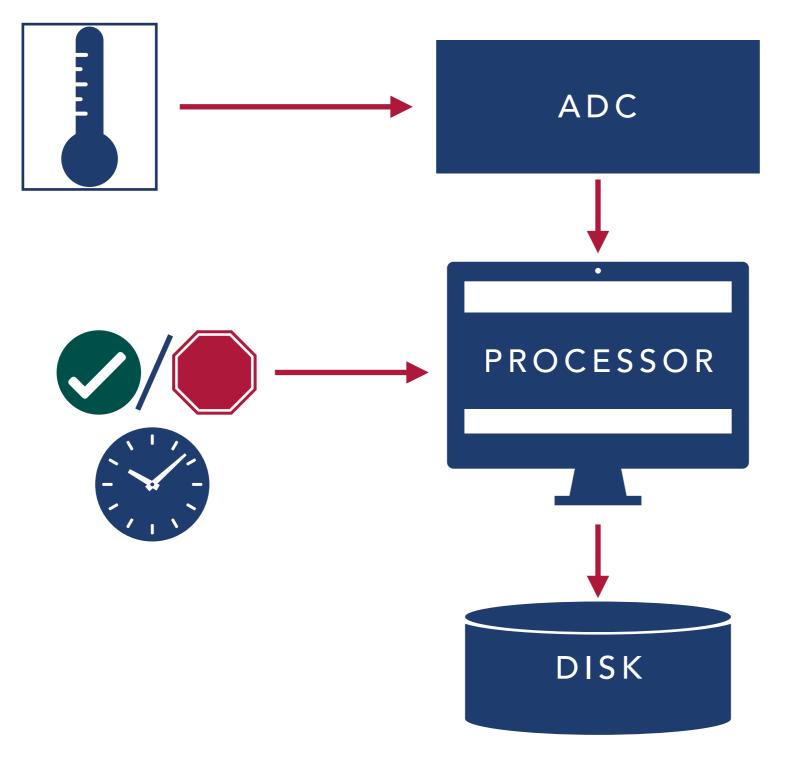




LET'S START WITH AN EXAMPLE

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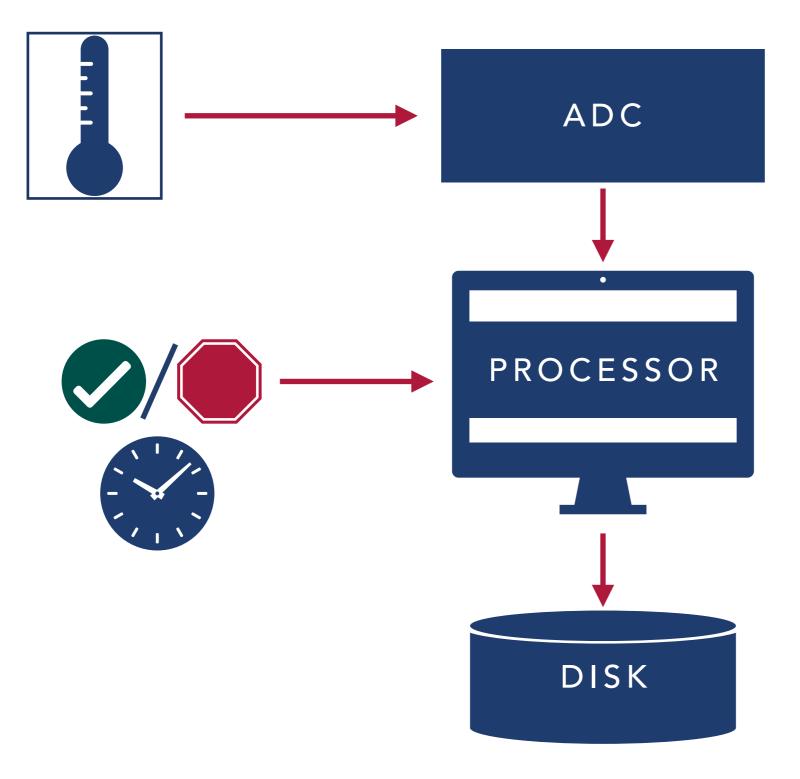


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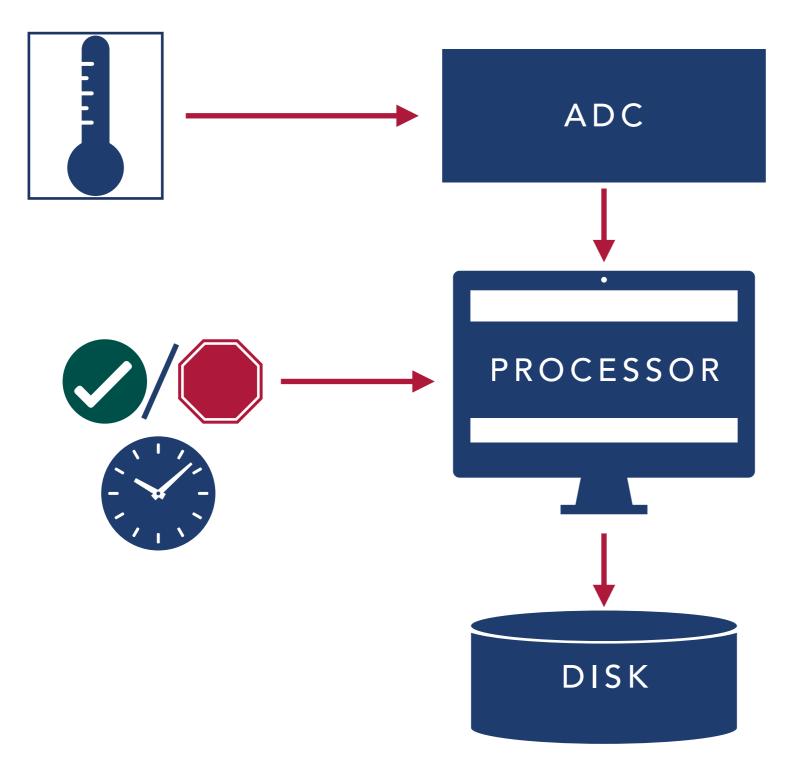




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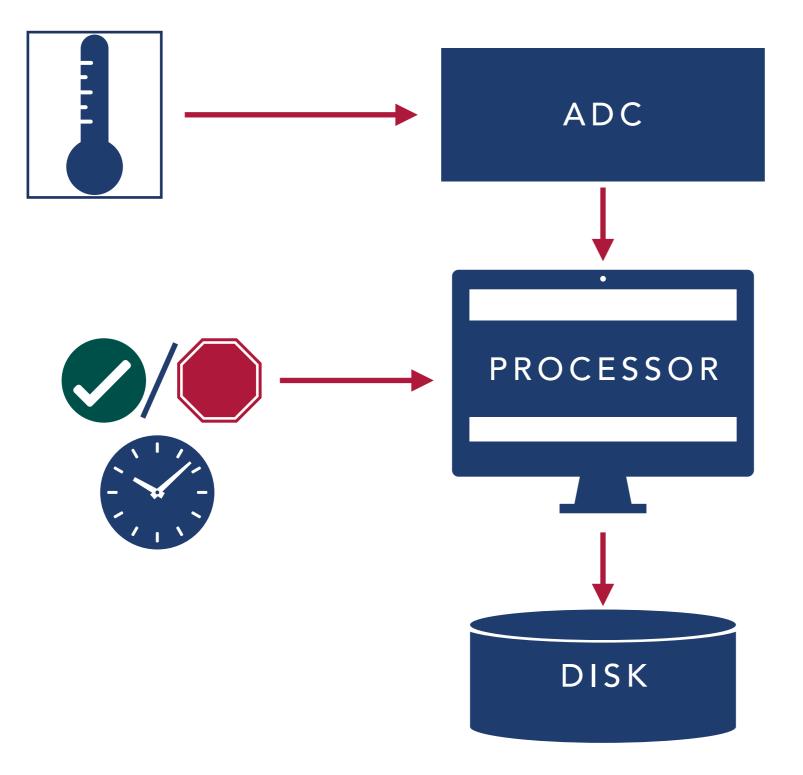
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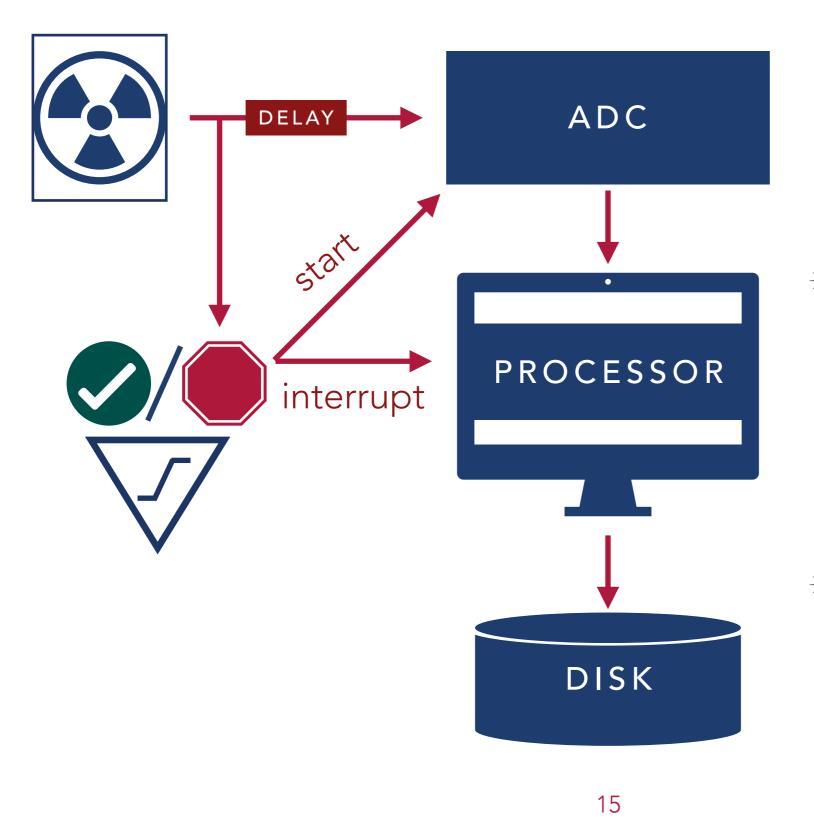


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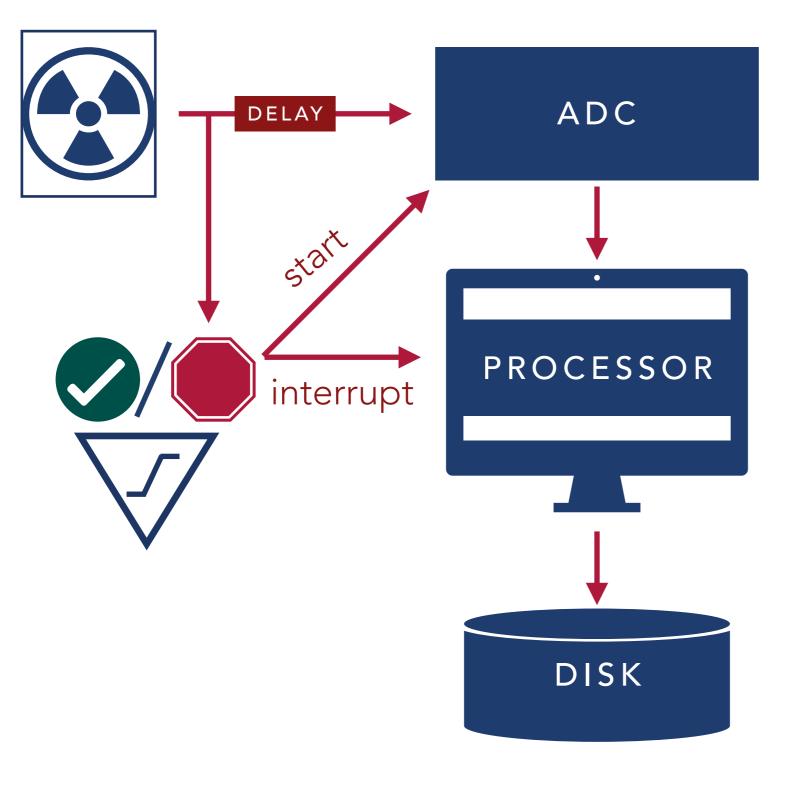


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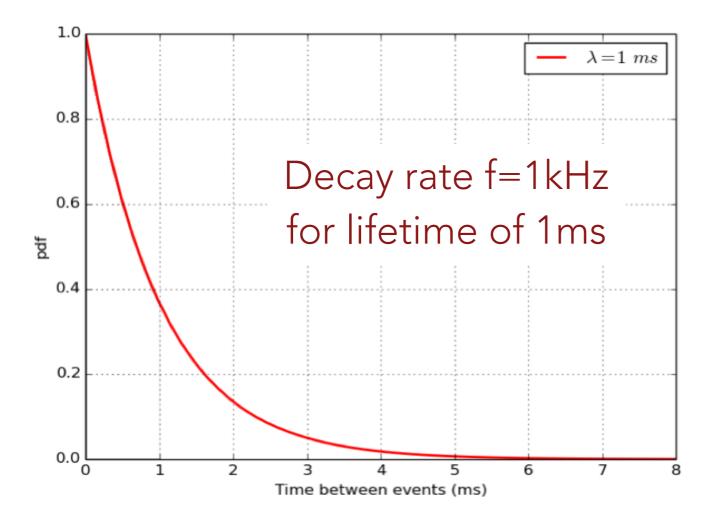
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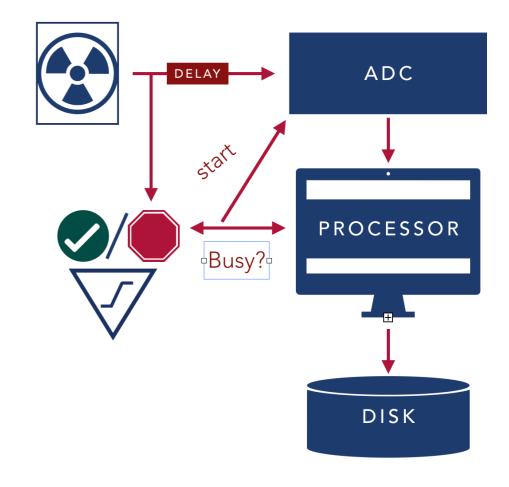


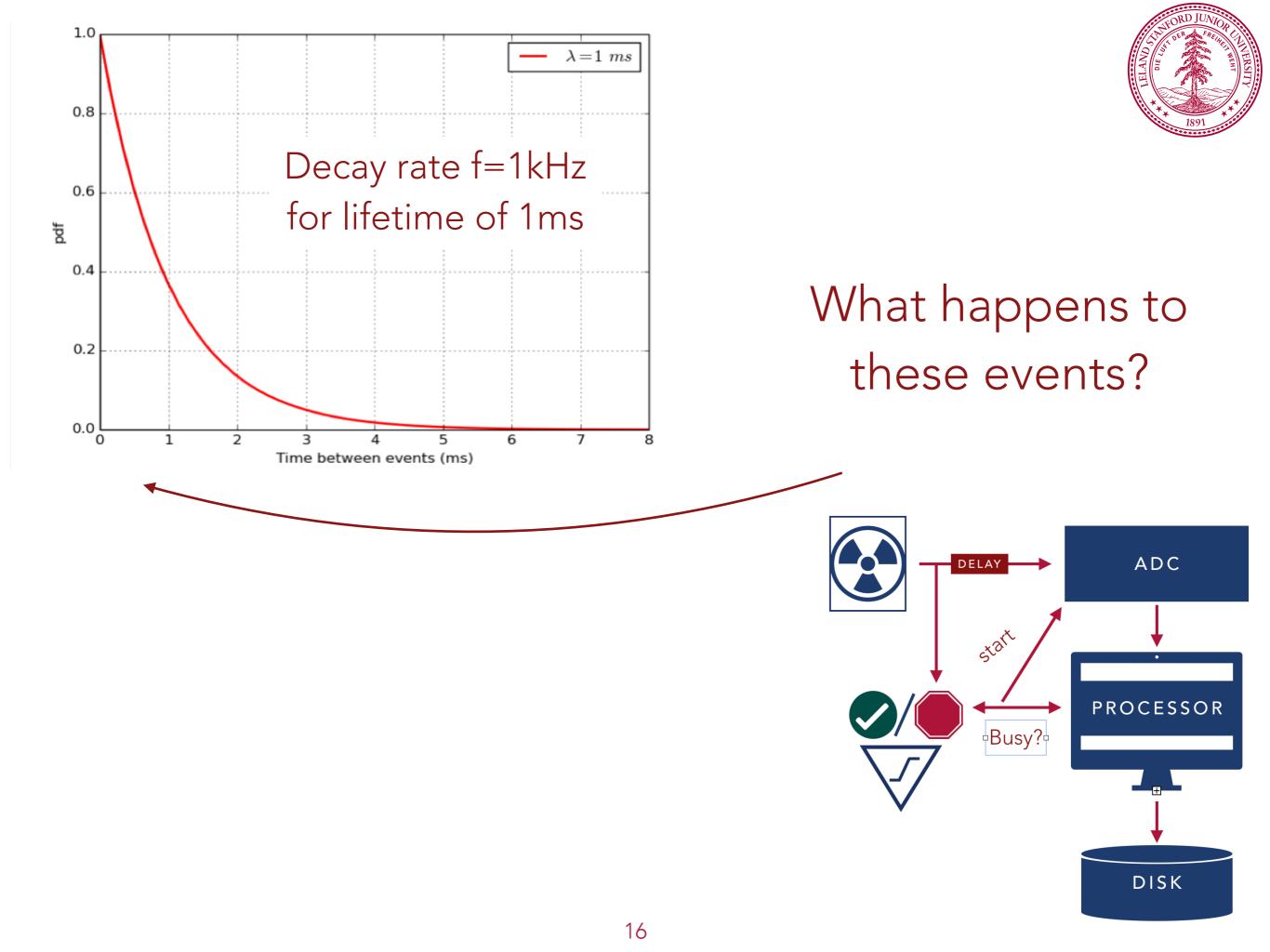


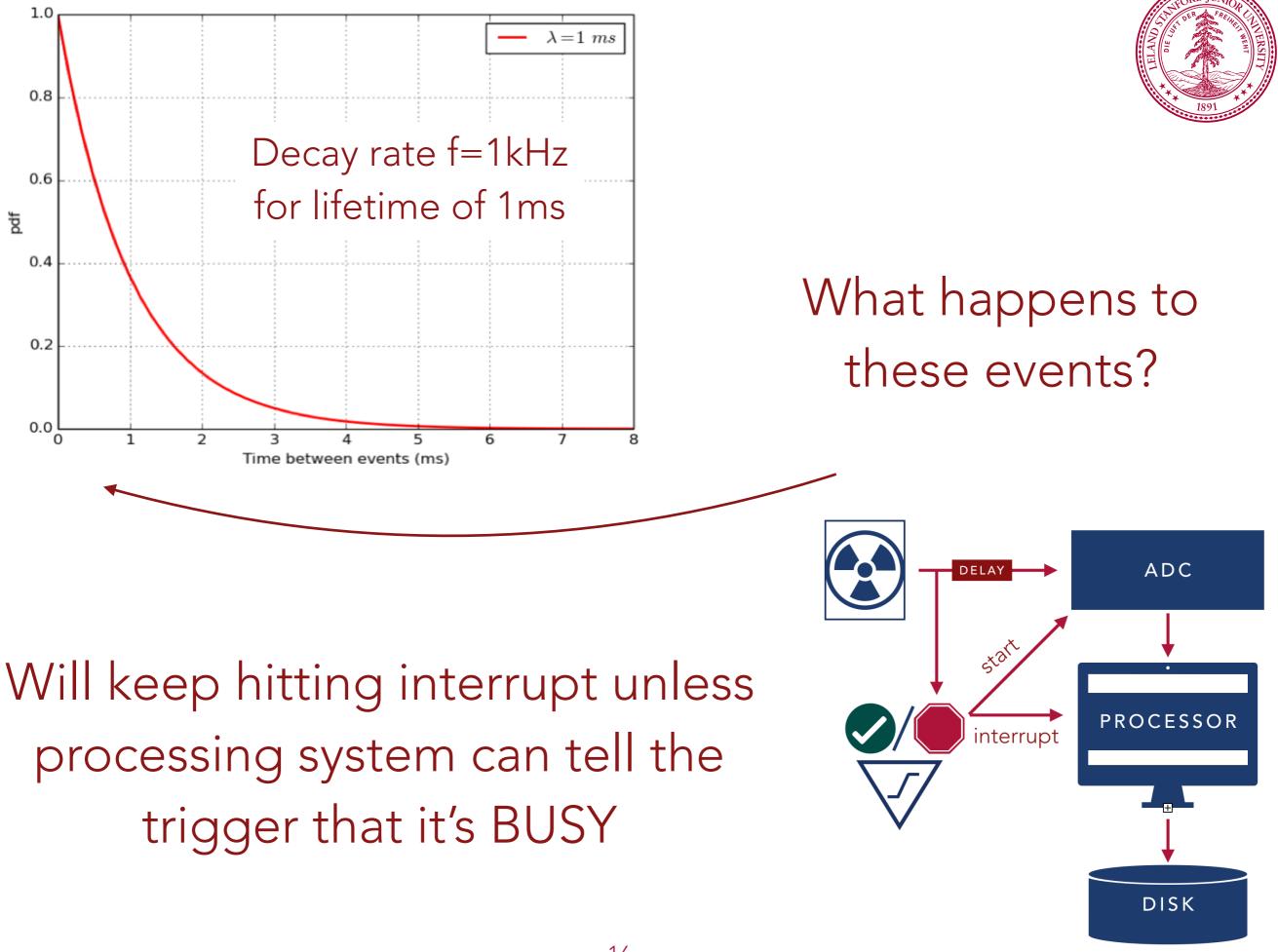
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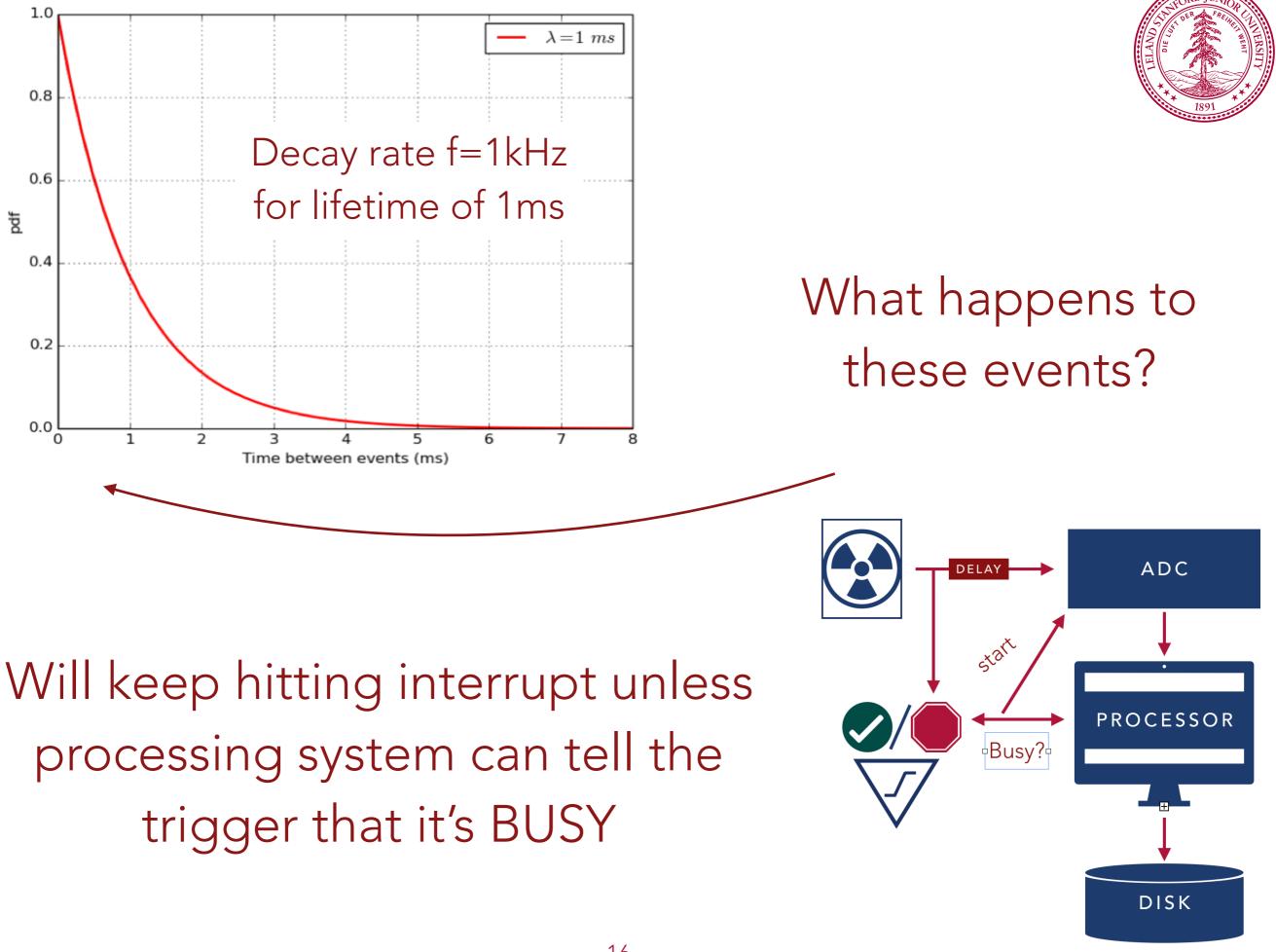












BRIEF PAUSE TO REGROUP



- For stochastic processes, our system needs to be able to:
 - Determine if there is an "event" (trigger)
 - Process and store the data from the event (acquisition)
 - Have a **feedback** mechanism so that the trigger knows if the data processing pipeline is free to process a new event





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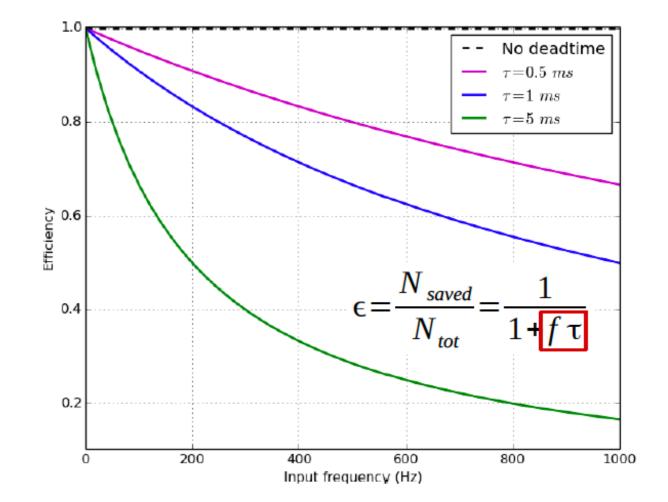
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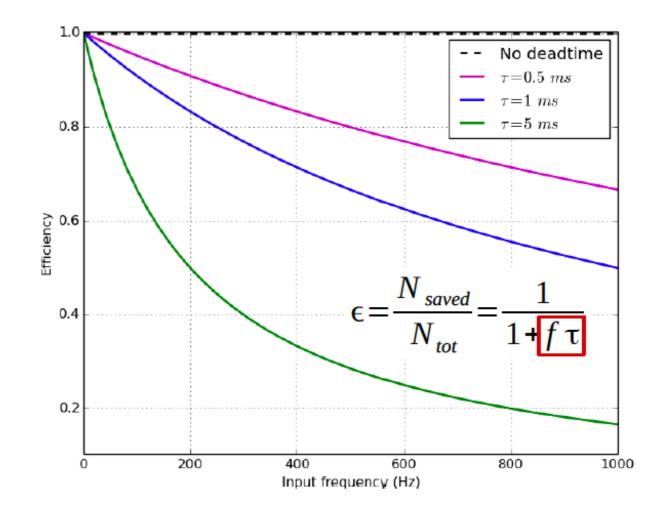
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 τ = 0.01 ms!

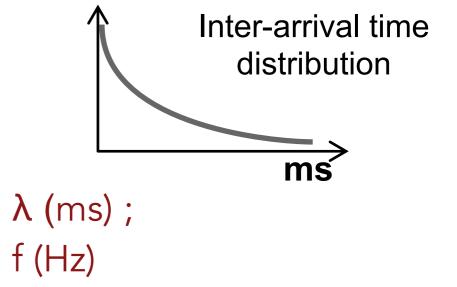






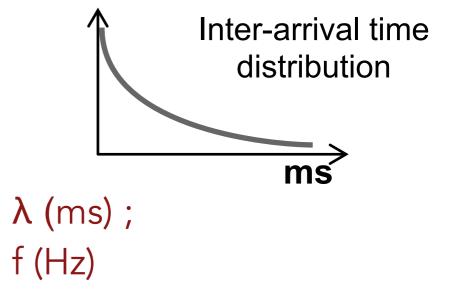


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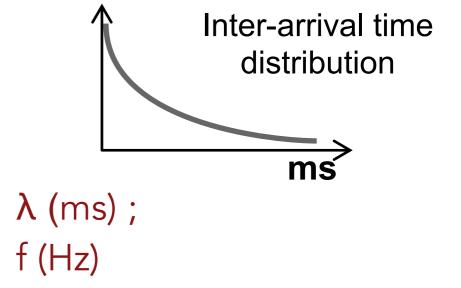


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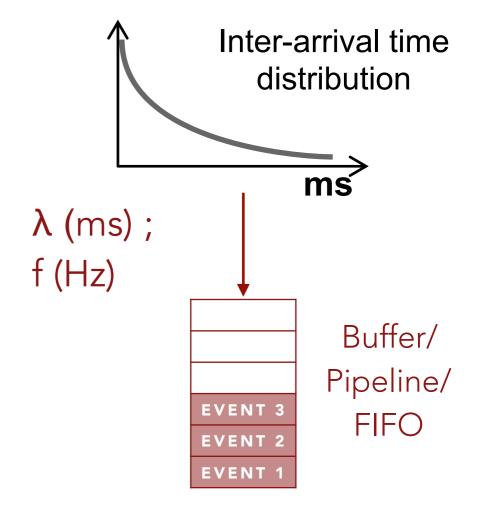


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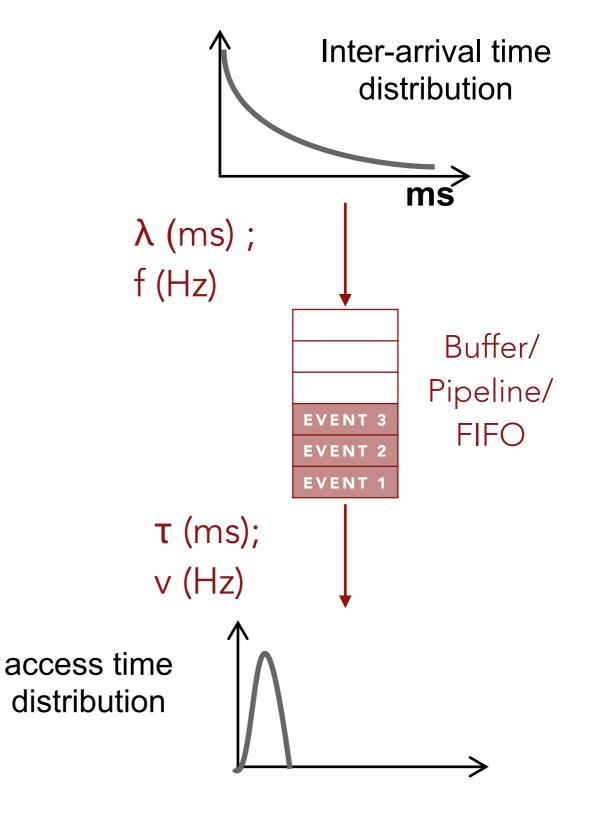


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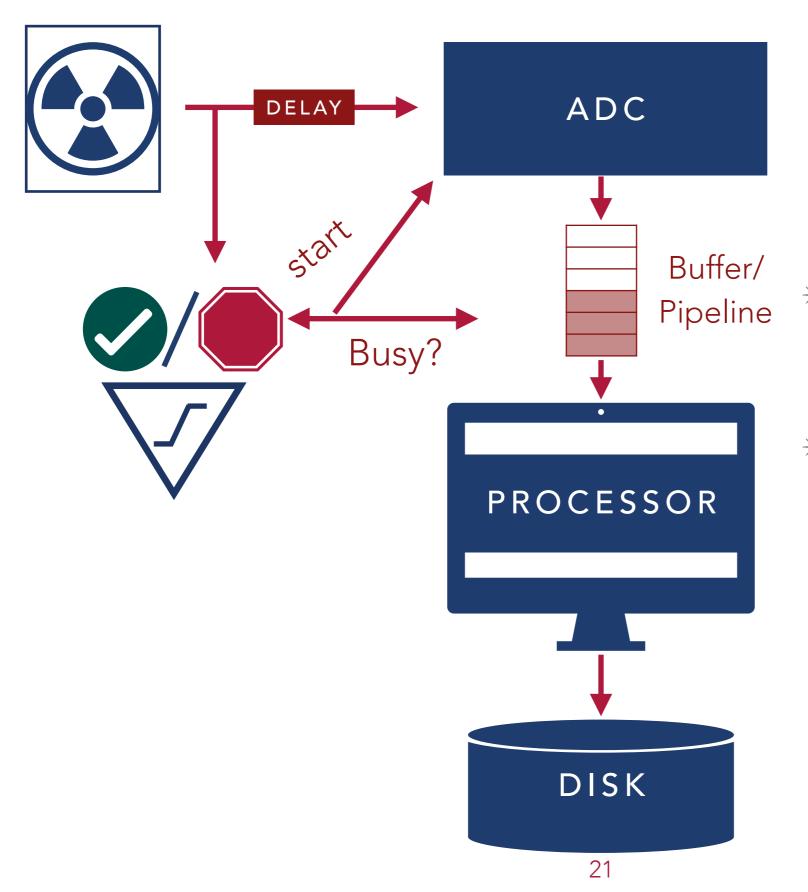


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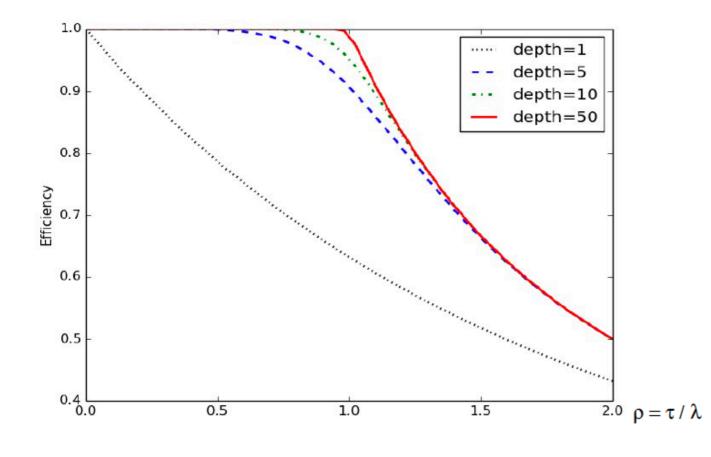
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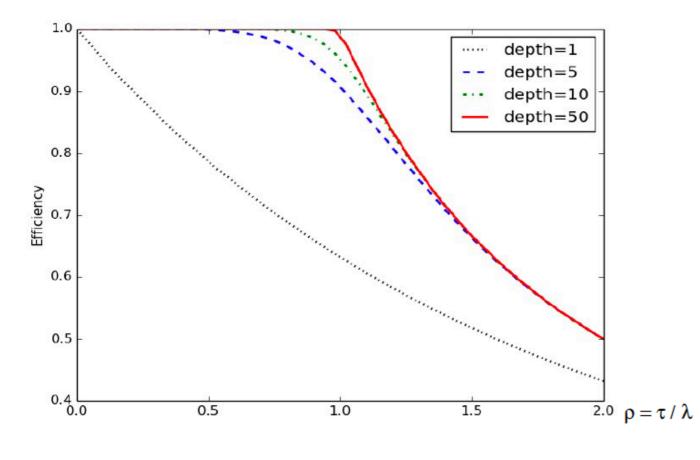


- Busy is now defined by if the buffer is full or not.
- Processor pulls data from the buffer at fixed rate, separating the event receiving and data processing steps

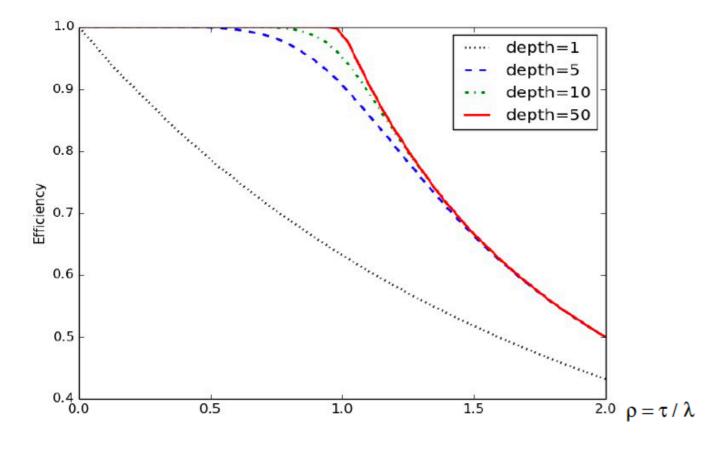




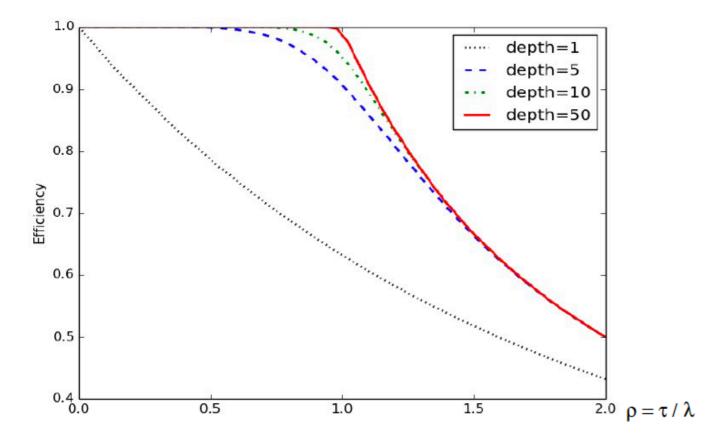
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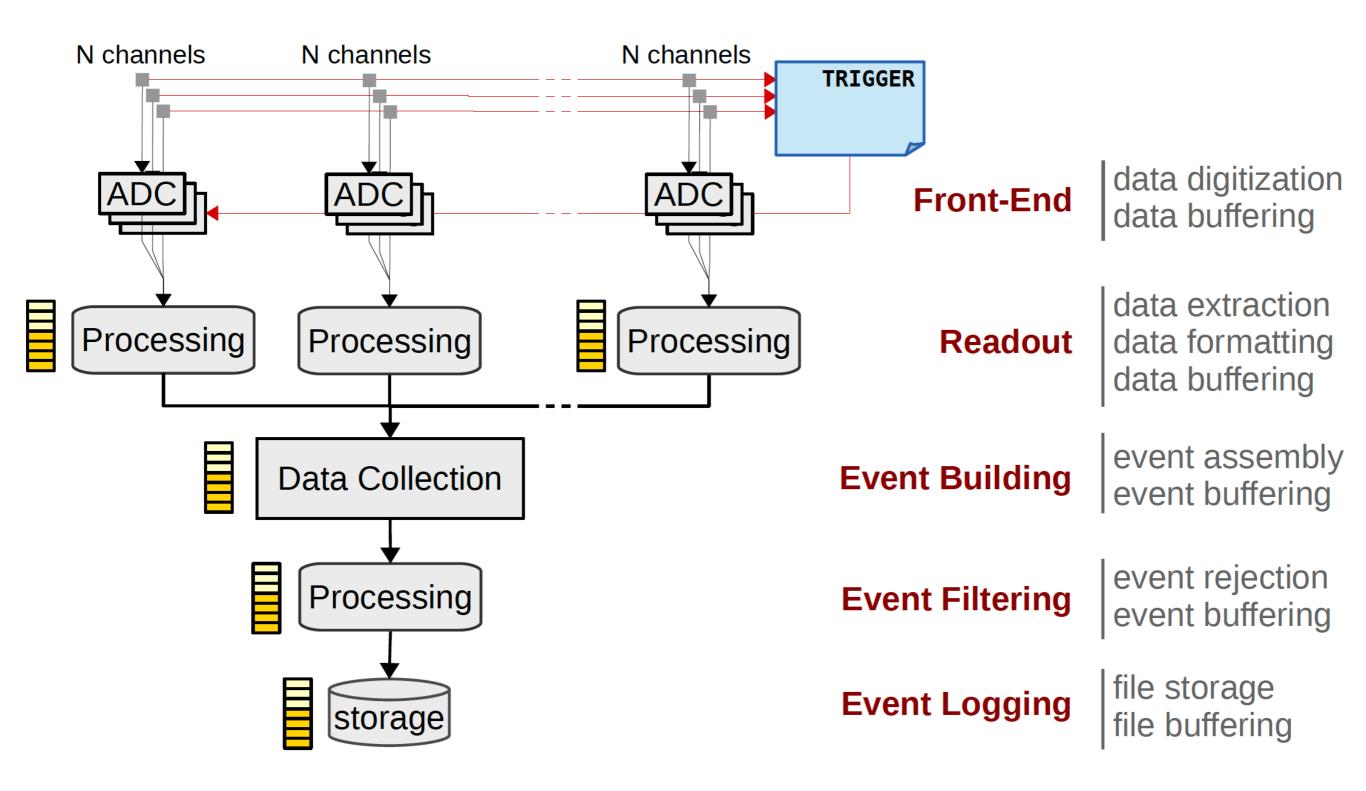


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GENERALIZING TO MULTI-CHANNEL SYSTEM





Andrea Negri

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- Remainder of today and tomorrow's lectures are going to explain how these basic concepts are applied to the LHC trigger & data acquisition problem now and in the the future

THE REST OF THE LECTURES

- Overview of the current ATLAS & CMS TDAQ architecture
 - ATLAS Level 1 Trigger & DAQ
 - CMS High Level Trigger & DAQ
- How triggers are constructed for the LHC environment
 - The art of menu building
 - Creative solutions to challenging conditions
- Looking forward to the upgrades
 - LHCb: The trigger-less future?
 - Contending with 200 simultaneous collisions



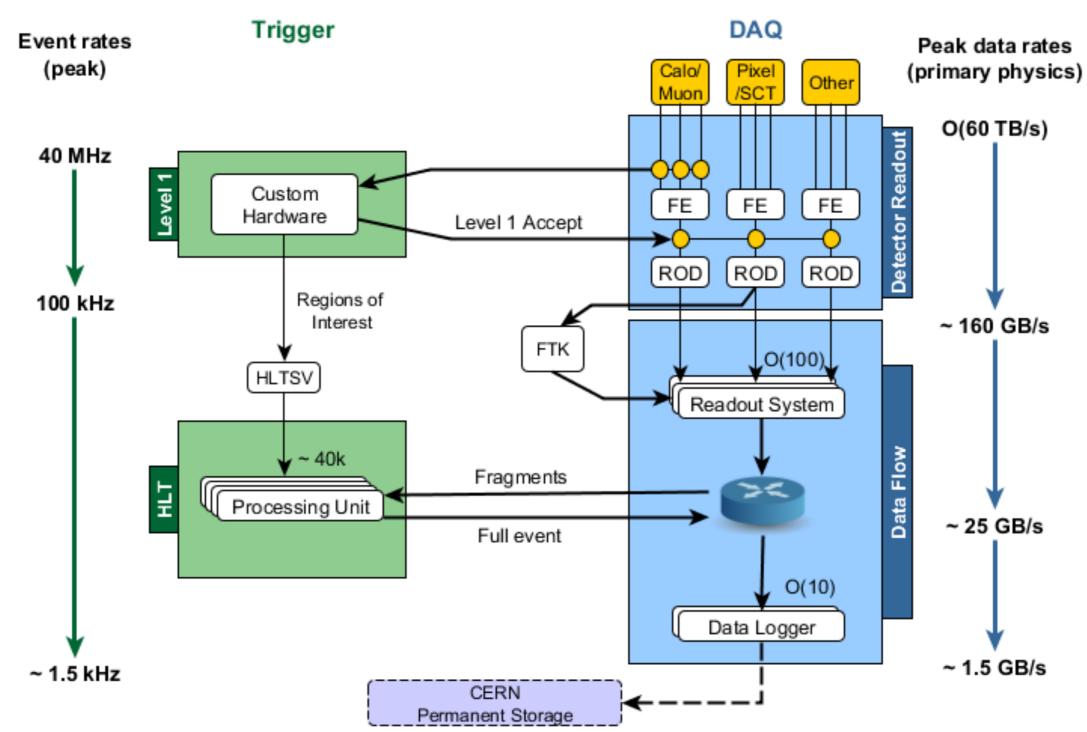


Tomorrow

TDAQ: CMS & ATLAS STYLE

ATLAS RUN II TDAQ SYSTEM

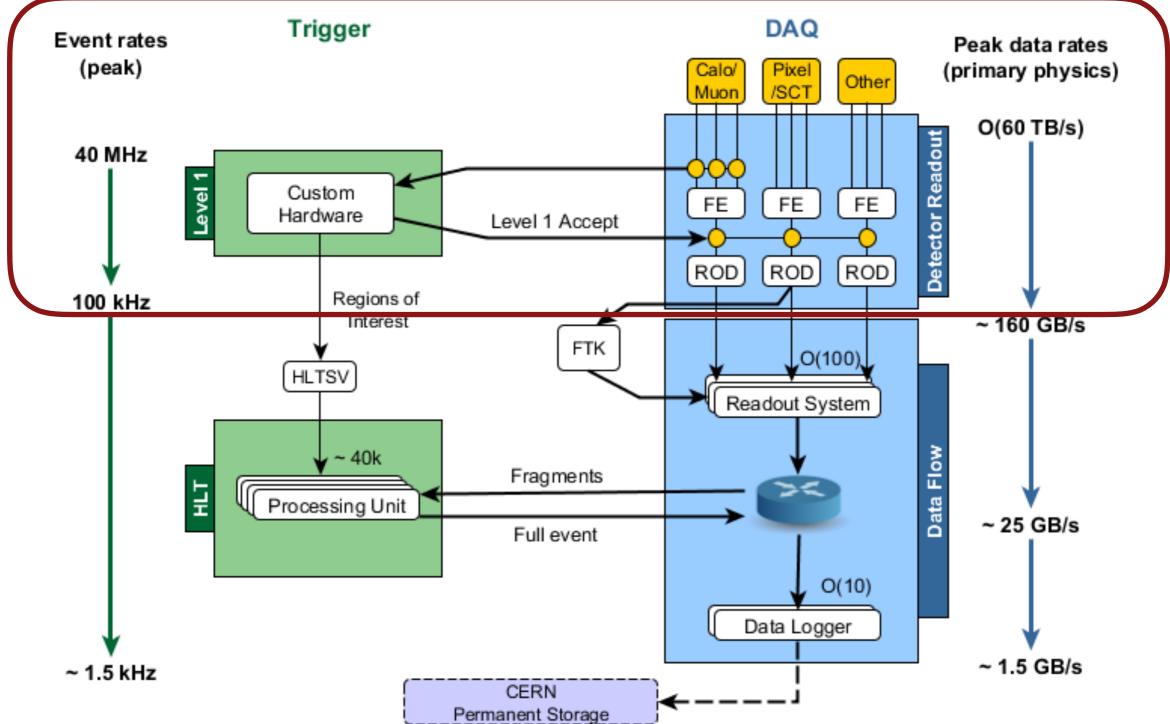






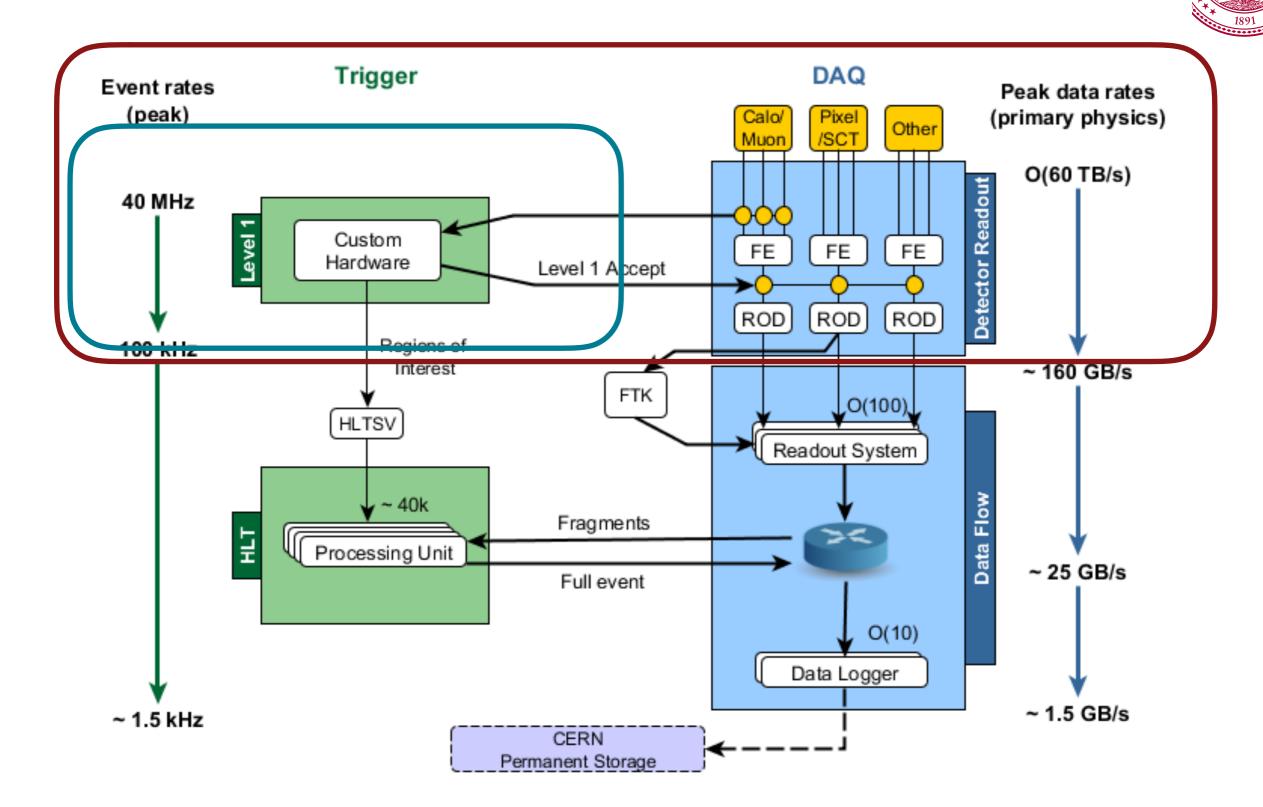
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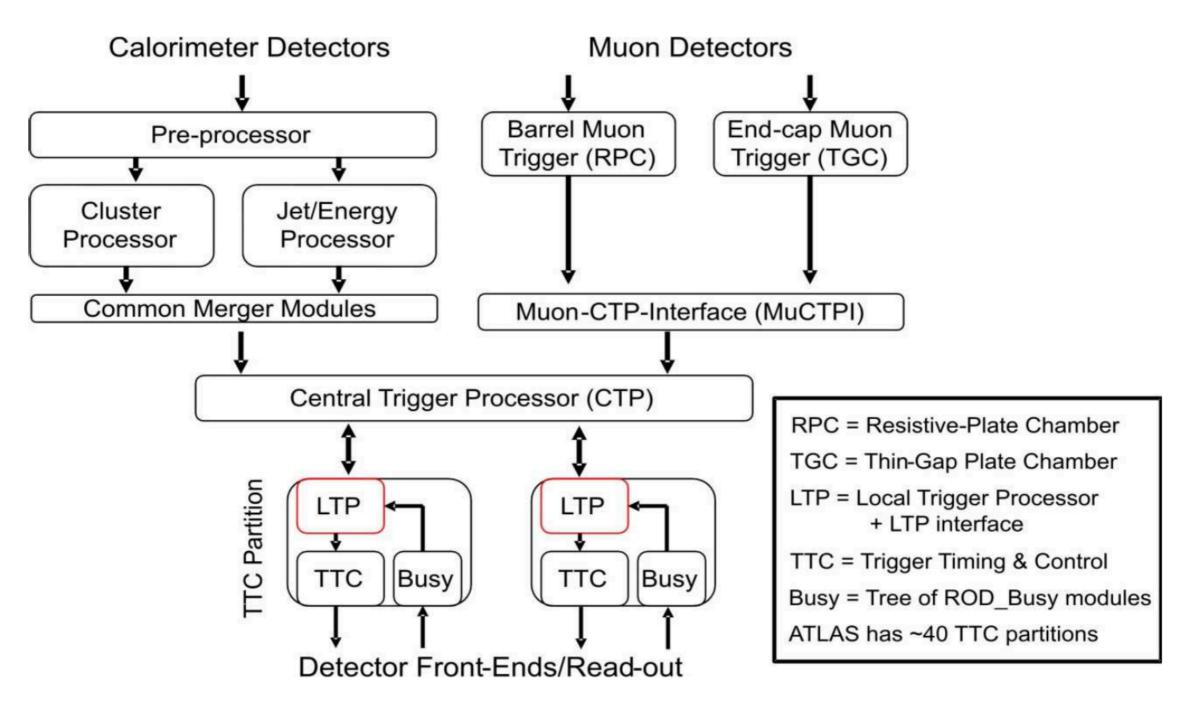


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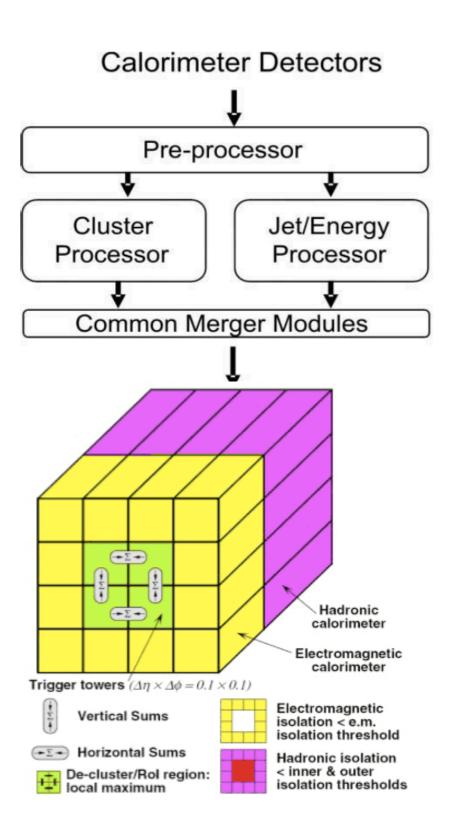
















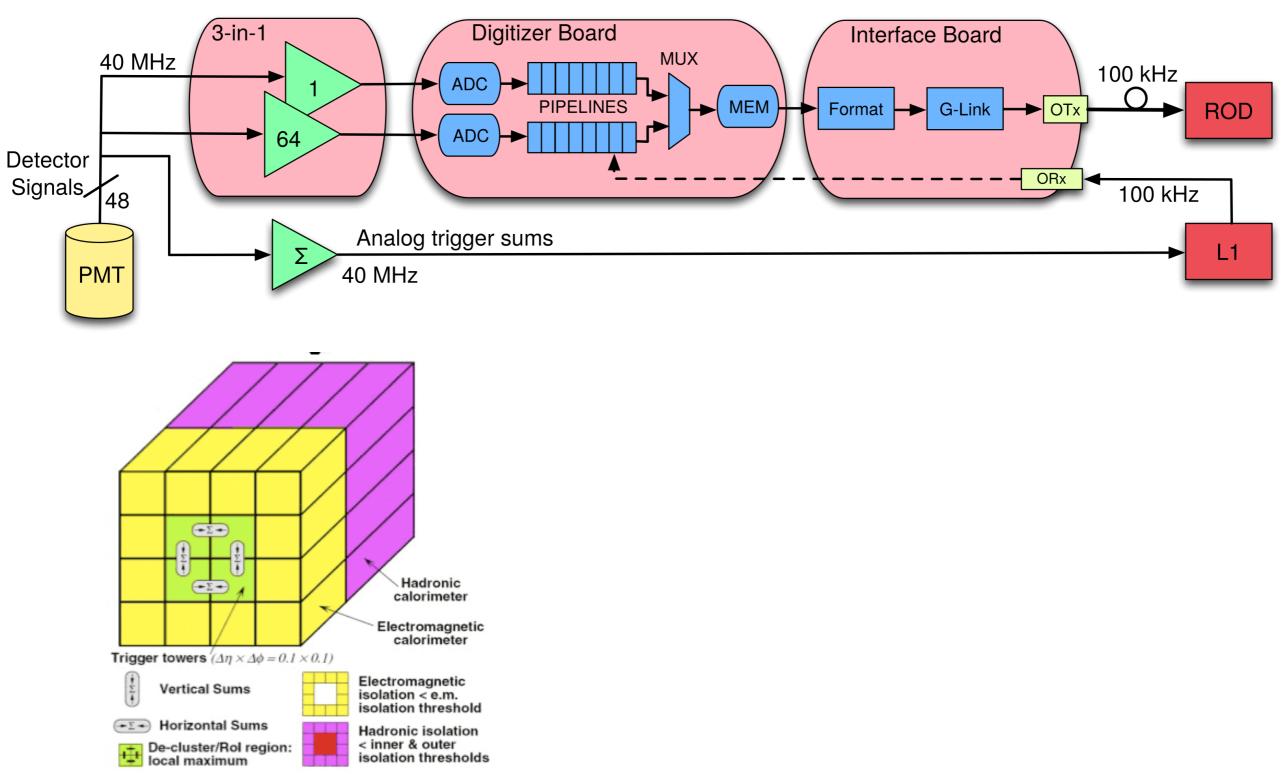
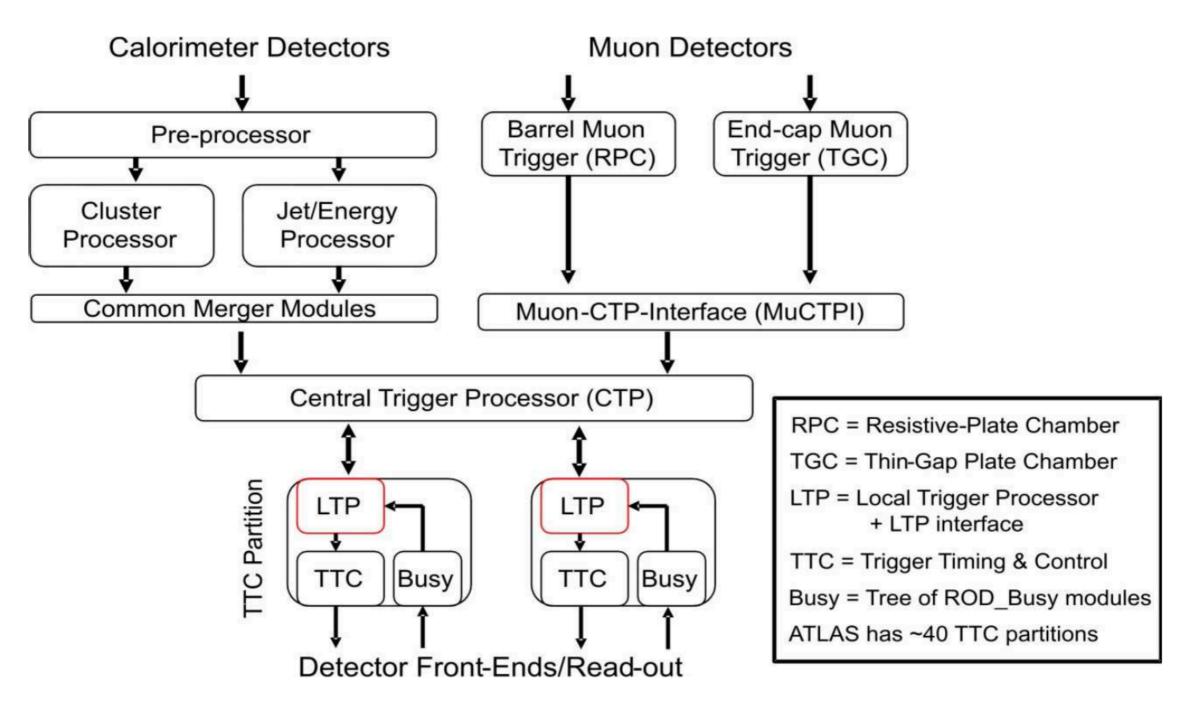


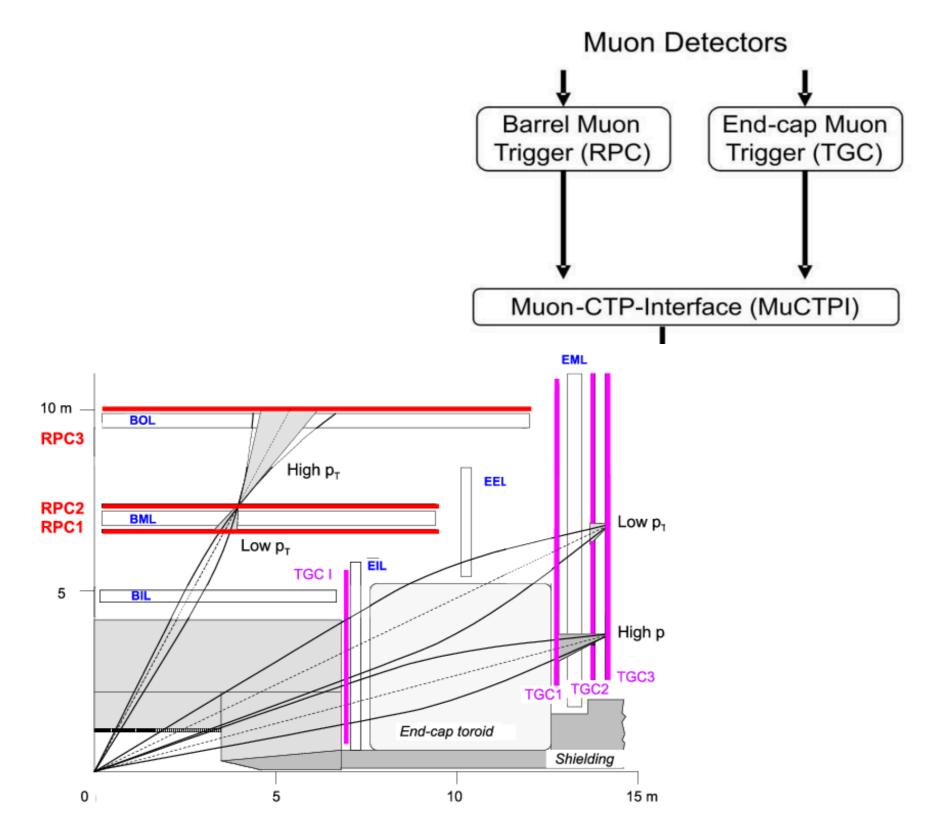
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TOPOLOGICAL TRIGGERS

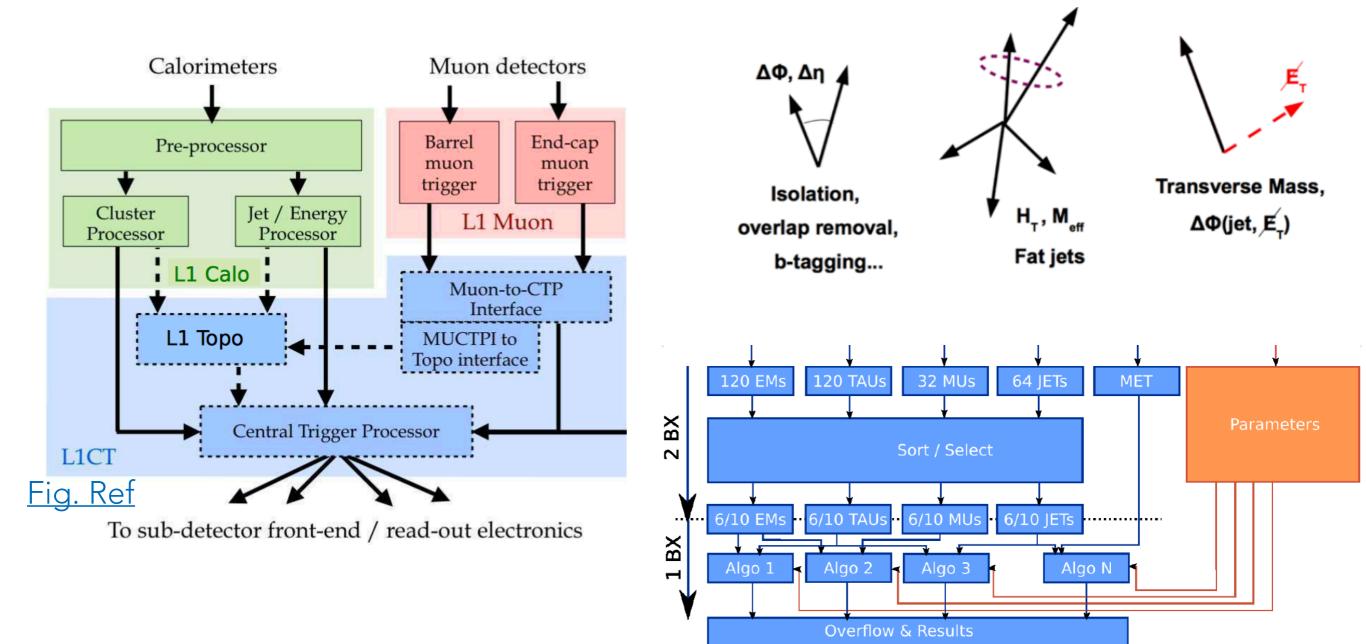
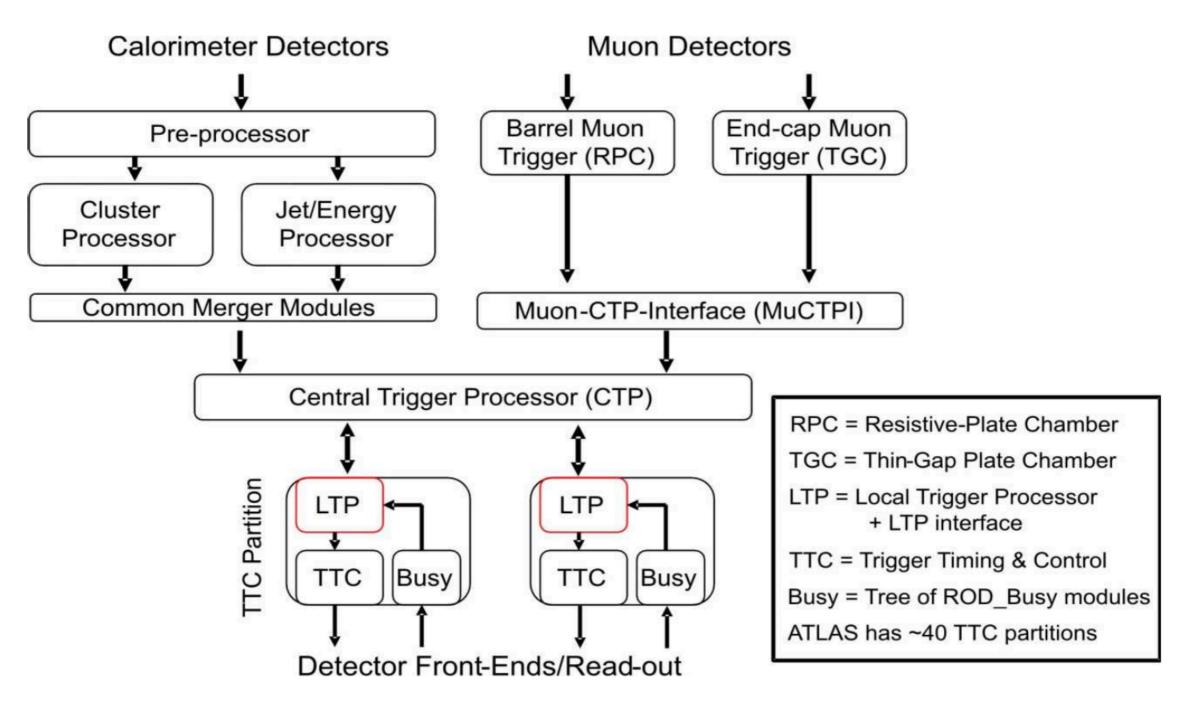


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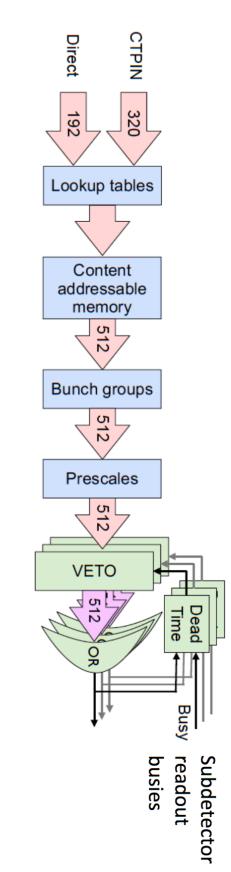




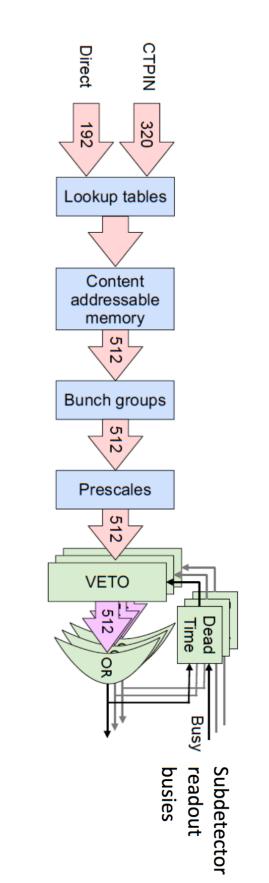




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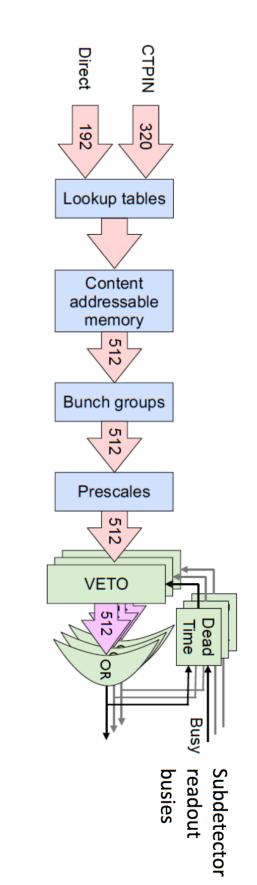


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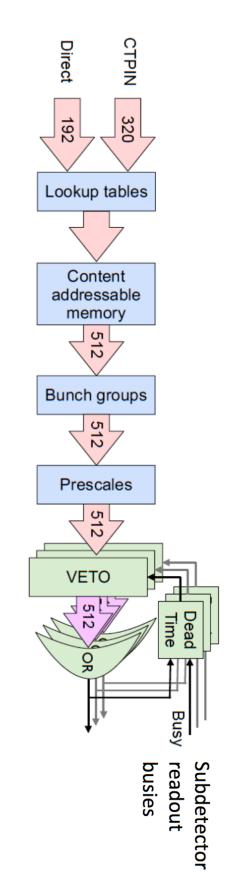


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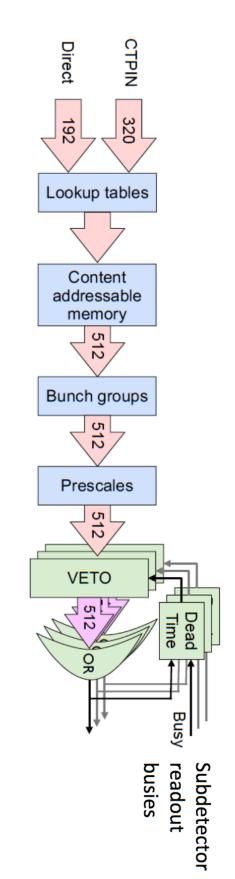


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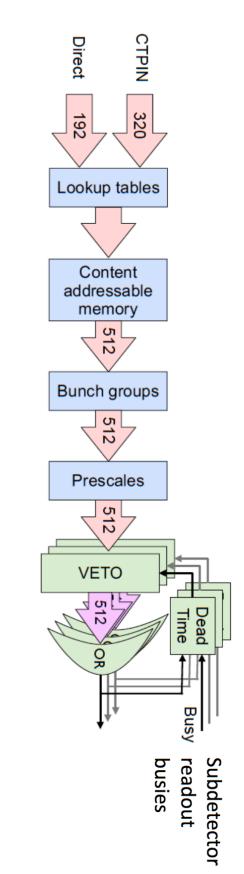


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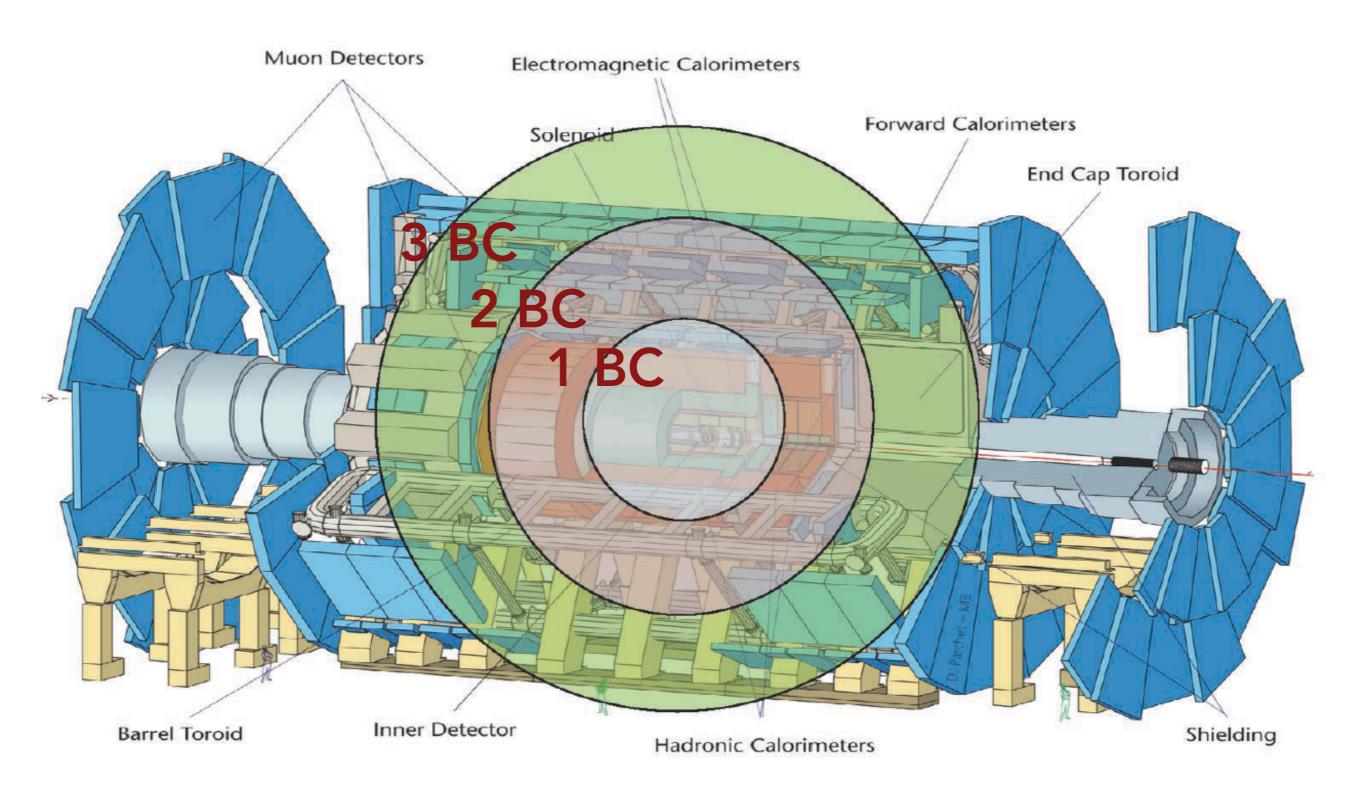
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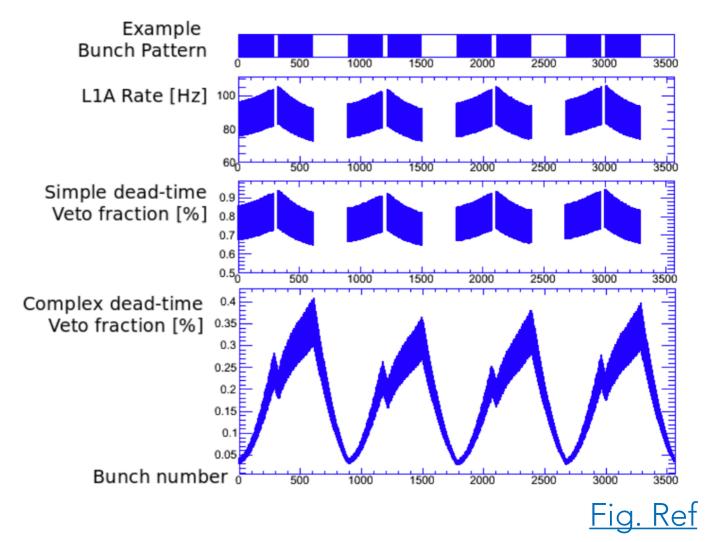


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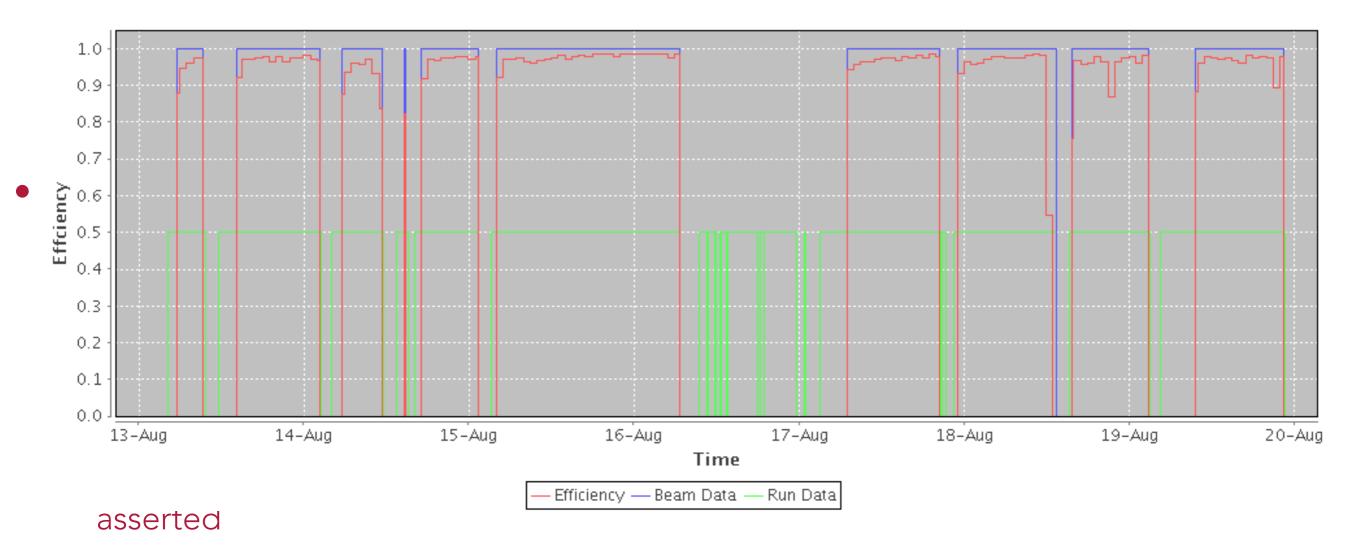
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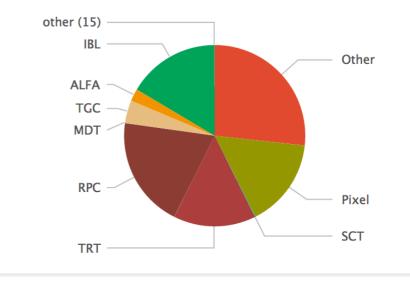
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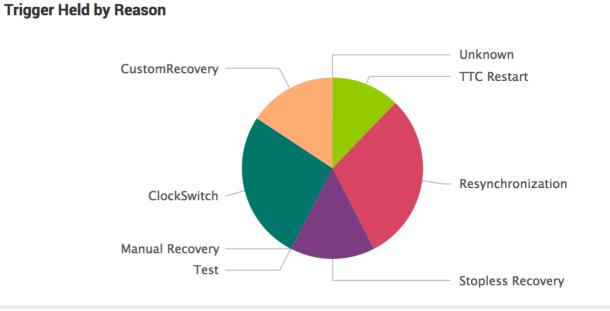


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Trigger Held by System







SUMMARY

- TDAQ is the system which allows us to take data off our detectors for analysis
- Efficiency of data taking is controlled through stochastic input rate, DAQ processing rate, and ability to buffer events to process
- We'll learn more about how these are implemented and what people are thinking about the future tomorrow!

