

ATLAS Experiment: Physics Analysis, Operations and Maintenance

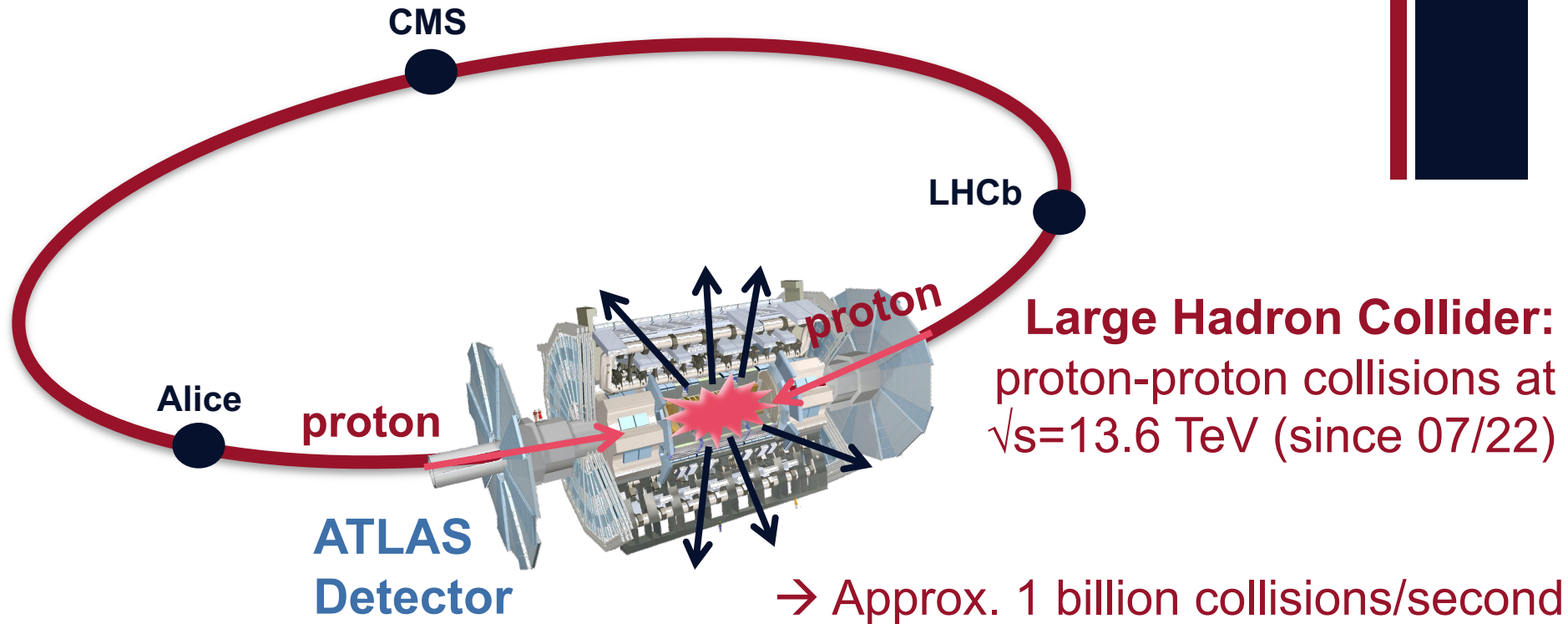
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+ATLAS & the LHC

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ATLAS: multi-purpose experiment recording collisions since 2010

On average 1000 collisions/second saved for physics analysis

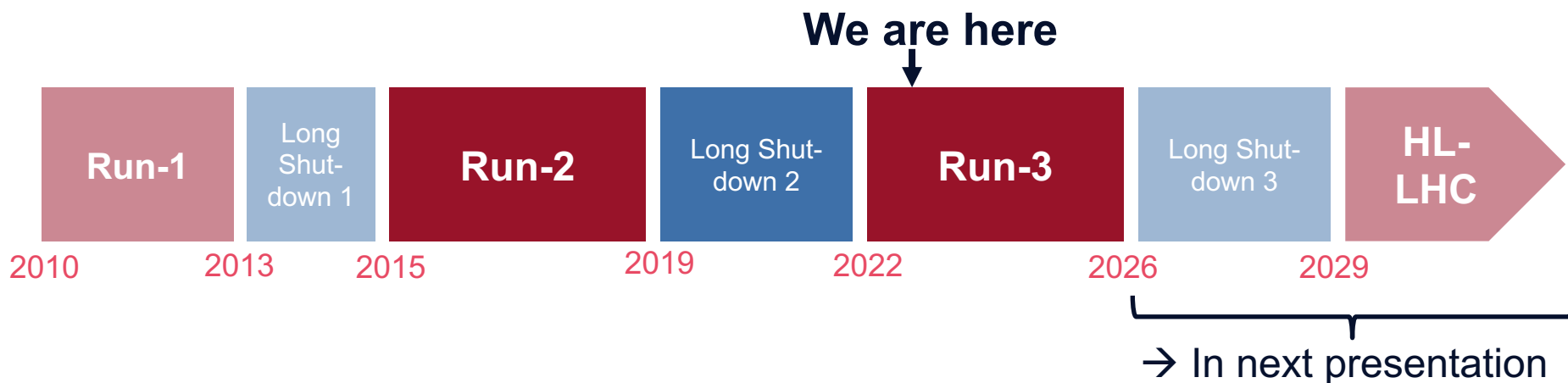
→ **Increasingly large data sets: transition to precision measurements and searches for ultra-rare processes**



ATLAS & LHC Roadmap

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- Data set of Run-2 available for analysis (13 TeV, 140 fb⁻¹)
 - Many results published (1000 papers by the ATLAS collaboration in 06/21!) and **more analyses ongoing**
- **Run-3 data taking started in 07/22** after intense preparations and upgrades (13.6 TeV, projected ~250 fb⁻¹)
 - 10 fb⁻¹ already recorded





ATLAS UK Community

14 universities + RAL

~400 active ATLAS members

~160 students

Activities: Physics research, data reconstruction, computing, experiment operation & maintenance, detector upgrade



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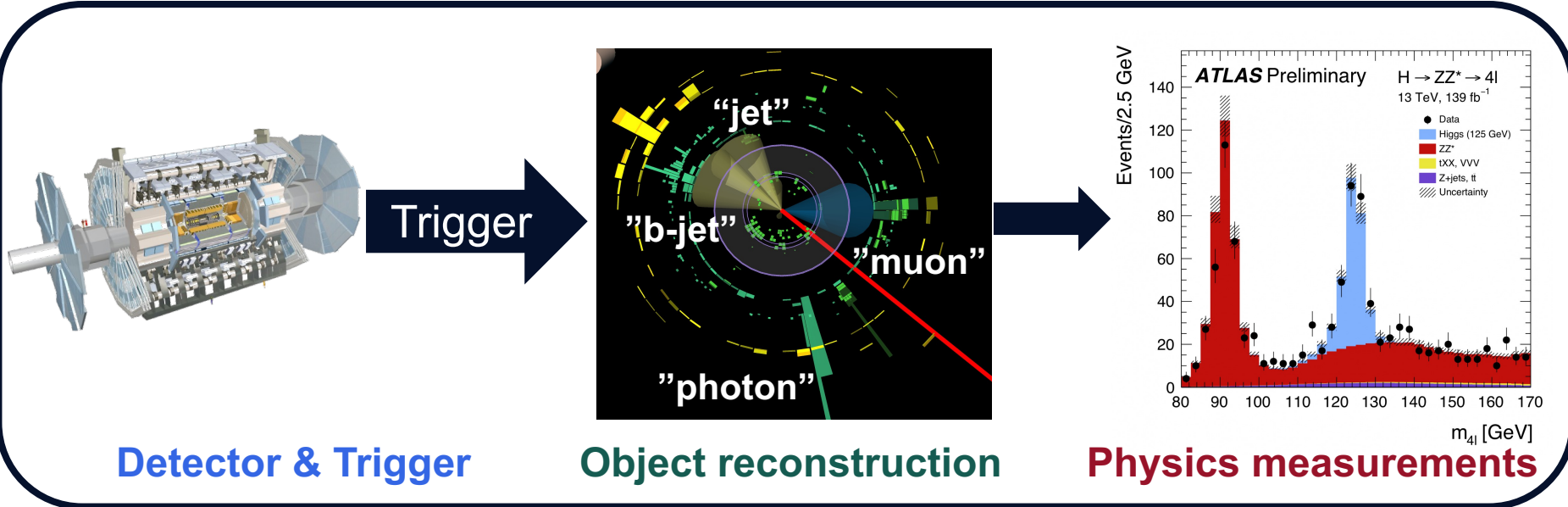
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+ ATLAS UK Activities

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Computing & simulations

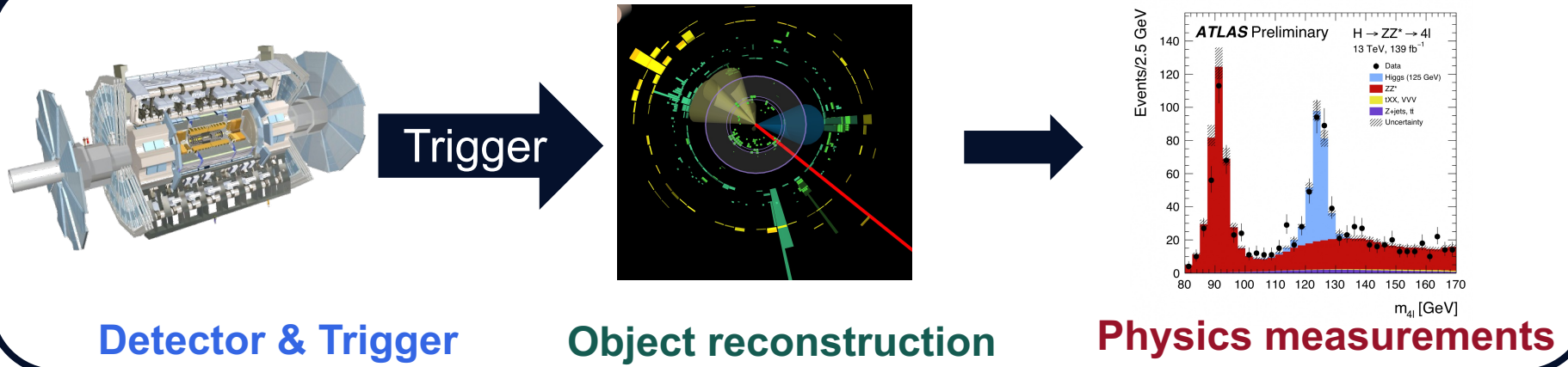


Strong and continued involvement and leadership from the UK ATLAS community across key areas of experiment operation and physics measurements

+ ATLAS UK Activities

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Computing & simulations



- Semiconductor tracker (**SCT**) and trigger (**L1Calo**, **HLT**) operation, maintenance and upgrade
 - Object reconstruction (**tracking**, **muons**, **jets**, **b-jet** and **tau ID**)
 - Measurements (**Standard Model incl. Higgs boson**, **searches for new physics**)
- + providing **computing** resources and (improved) **simulated data**

Run-2 Physics Highlights

Immense amount of results, including key milestones and first observations, with **major UK involvement and leadership** (sub-group convenerships, analysis coordination)

Areas span:

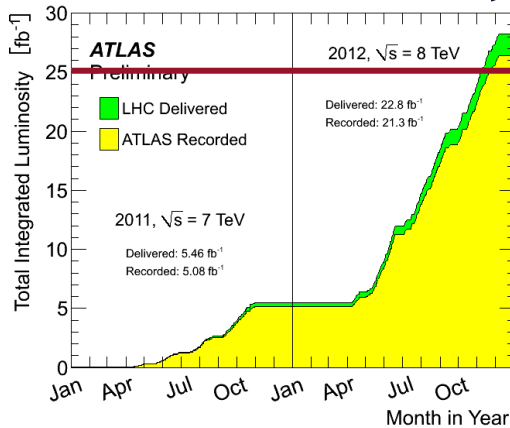
- Higgs boson, W, Z, top and B-hadron measurements, incl. precision measurements and searches for rare processes
- Searches for new particles, extended Higgs sector, invisible particles, Supersymmetry (SUSY)



Run-2 Data Set

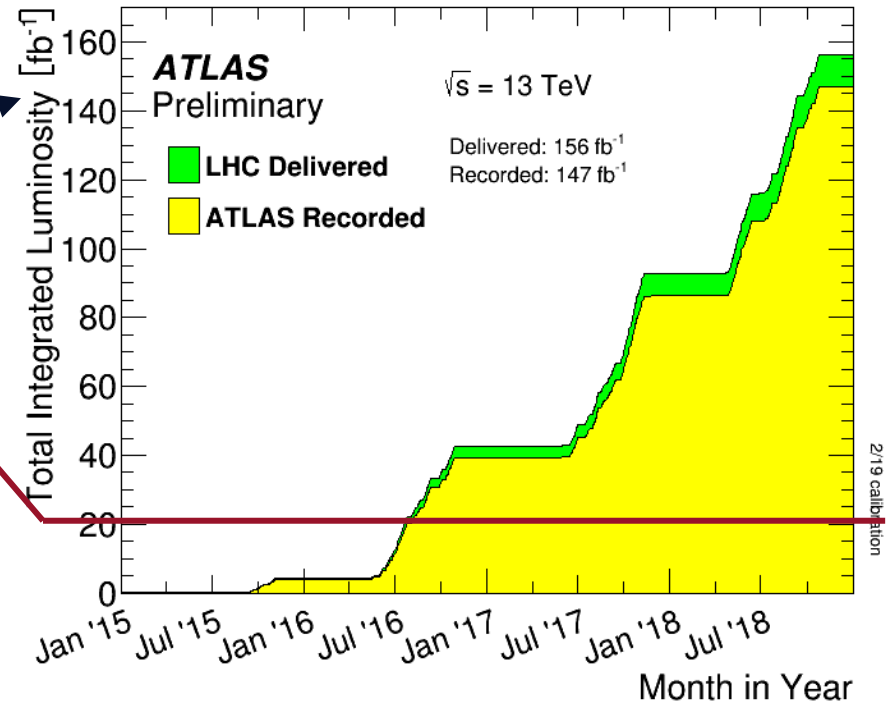
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Run-1



8 → 13 TeV

Run-2



Run-2: massively successful and resulted in immense data set

Thanks to dedicated LHC and experiment operations teams

W bosons	~26 billion
Z bosons	~8 billion
Top quarks	~275 million
Higgs bosons	~8 million
Higgs pairs	~4000
Z γ jj events	~650

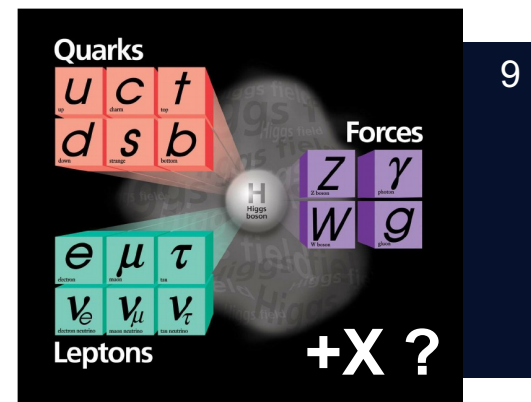
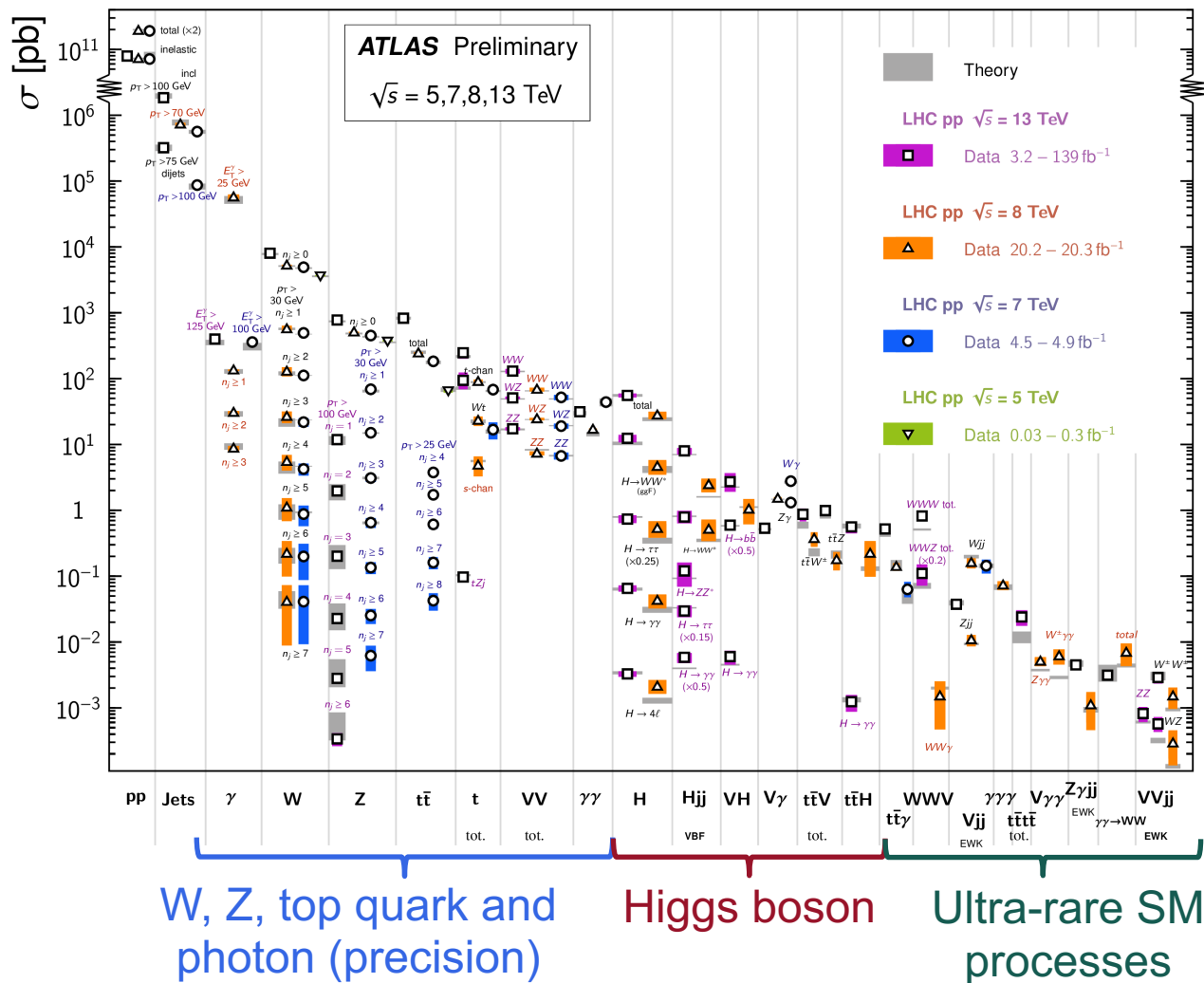


Run-2 Physics

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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Run-2: many first observations (e.g. $H \rightarrow bb$, $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$) and unprecedented precision

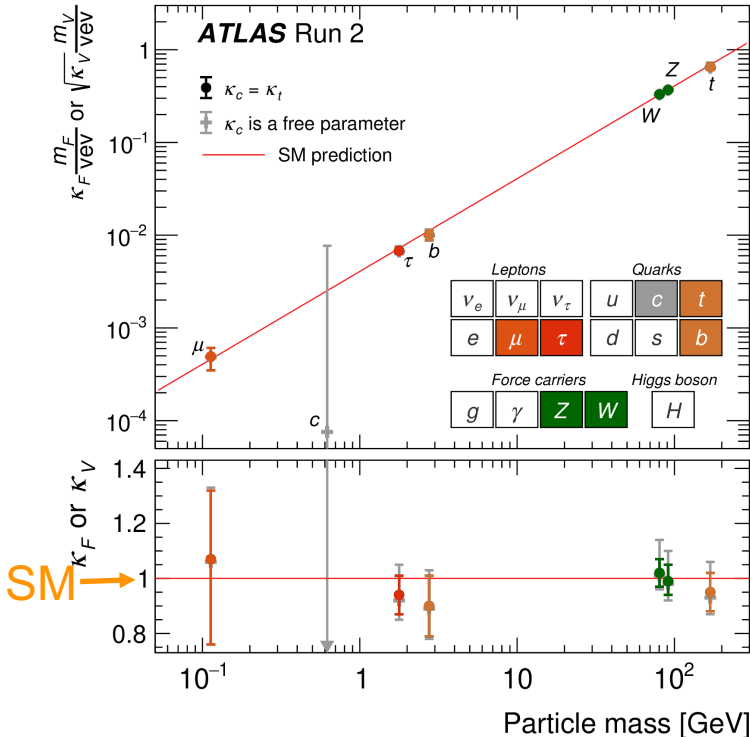
→ Most extensive knowledge about SM

More data will allow to **unravel fundamental processes in more detail** and probe extreme phase space regions where **new physics might be hidden**

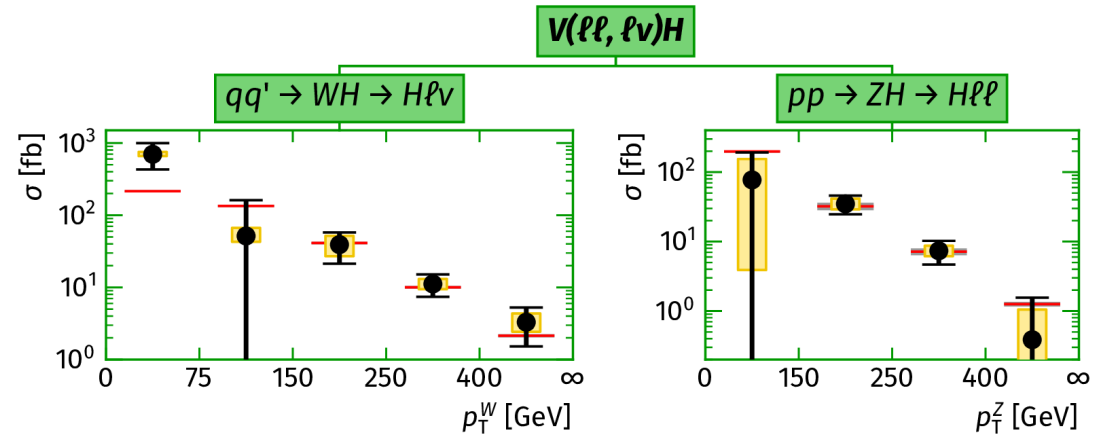
The Higgs Boson

Combining all measurements → most comprehensive map of Higgs boson interactions
All major production modes – ggF, VBF, WH, ZH, ttH – observed!

Coupling strength to SM particles



x-section as function of momentum



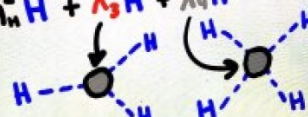
Probing higher and high p_T with increasing precision

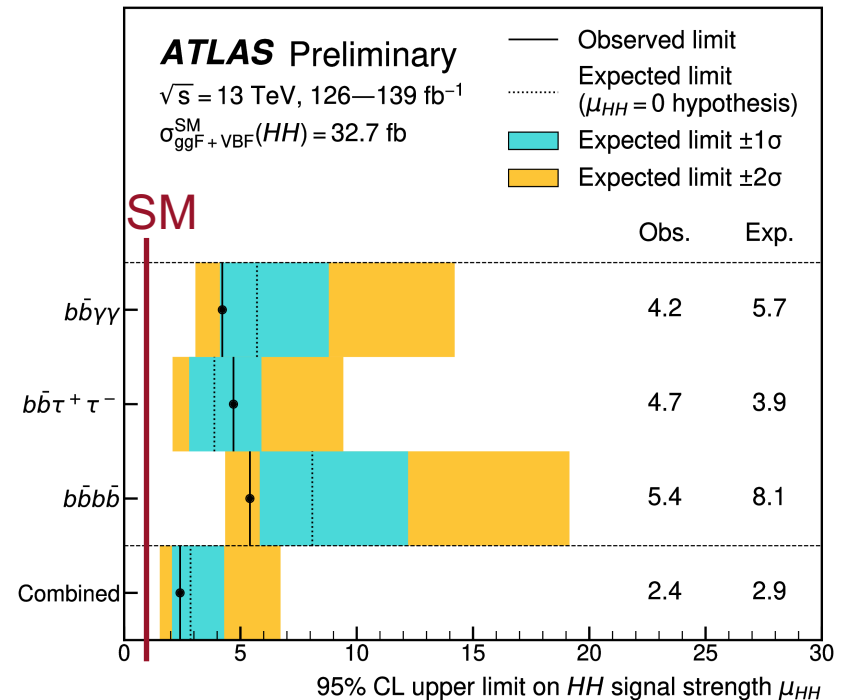
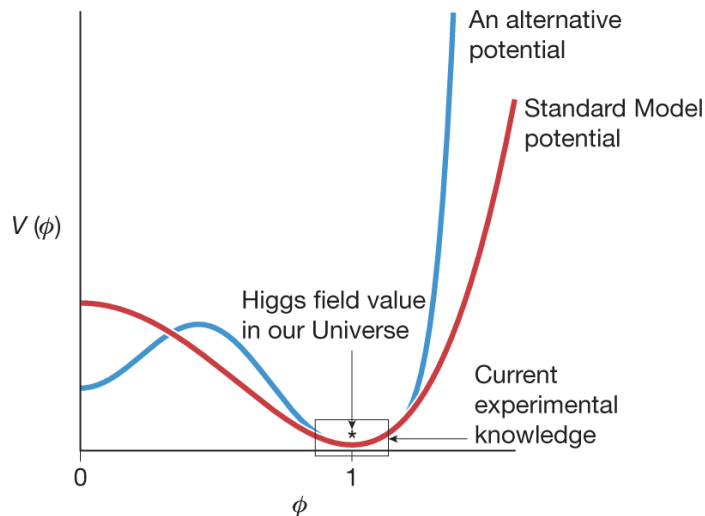
plot thickens: Higgs boson connected to mass generation of all (?) SM particles

+ What about two Higgs Bosons?

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Higgs boson self-interaction connected to shape of Higgs field potential \rightarrow Insights into electro-weak symmetry breaking during universe's early stages and long-term stability

$$V(H) = m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda_3 H^3 + \lambda_4 H^4$$




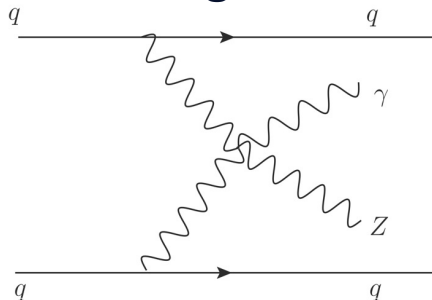
x-section*branching ratio < 2.4*SM expectation
 \rightarrow reaching SM sensitivity (& beating earlier projections)!

+ W, Z and Top Quark Precision Measurements

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- Ultra-rare (never observed before) SM processes are especially susceptible to new physics
- Their measurement further probes validity of SM
 - Electro-weak processes, e.g. vector-boson scattering, also connected to electro-weak symmetry breaking

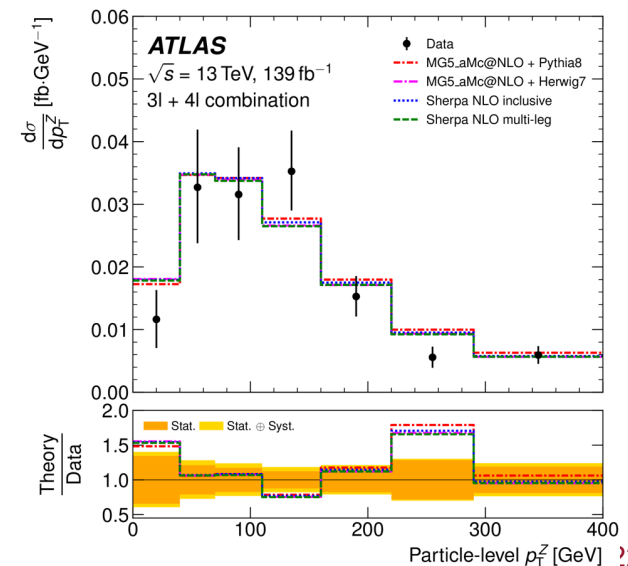
Z γ scattering observation



$$\sigma_{EW} = 4.49 \pm 0.40 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.42 \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

→ (so far) everything in agreement with SM

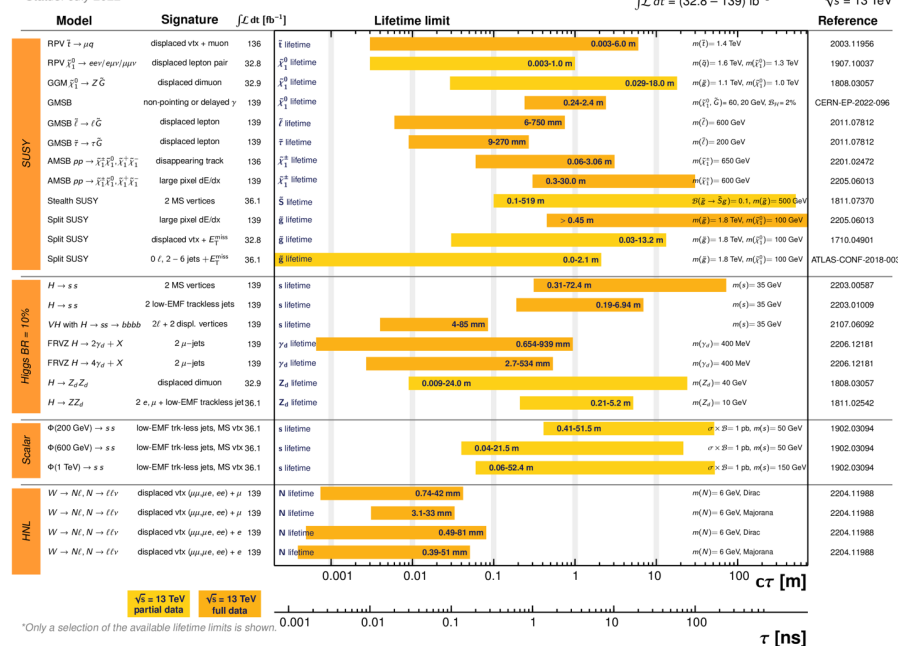
ttZ x-section measurement



SUSY ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-013

Long-lived particles [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-034](#)

ATLAS Preliminary
1 $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



*Only a selection of the available lifetime limits is shown.

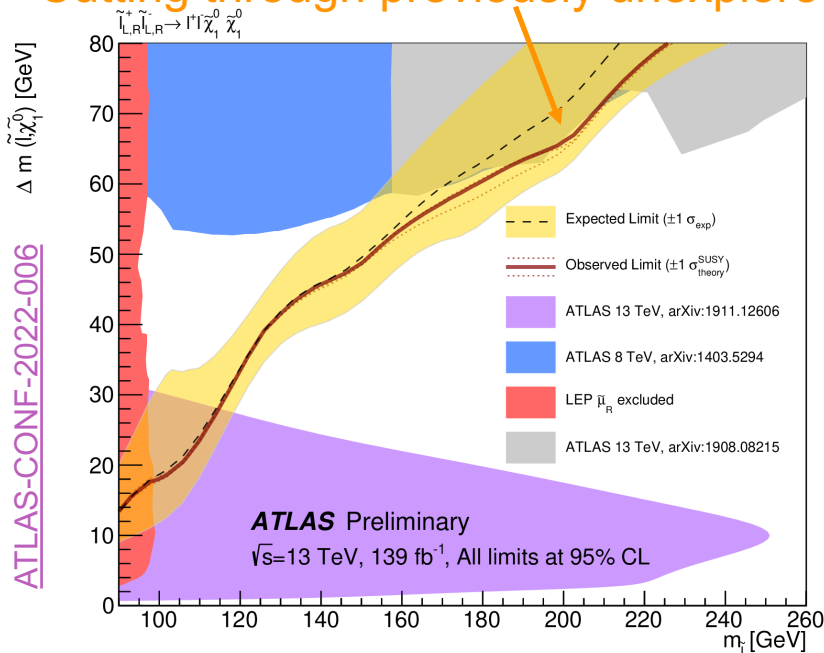
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+ Searches for New Particles

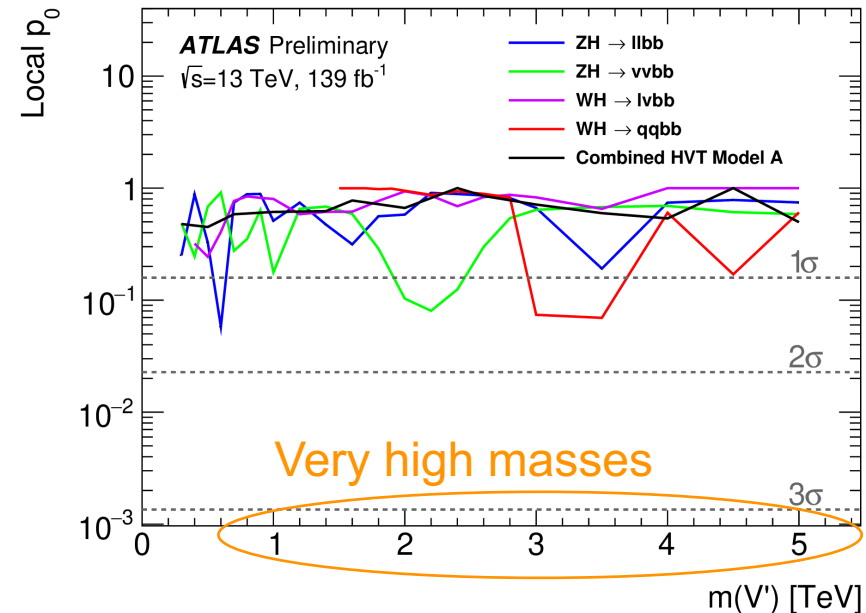
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Combining many Run-2 measurements to reach improved sensitivity esp. at ultra-high masses and unexplored phase spaces

Cutting through previously unexplored space



Neutralino and slepton exclusion limits (SUSY)



Heavy new particle exclusion limits

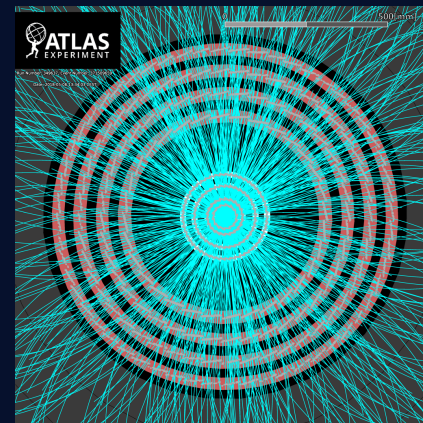
Systematically mapping out new phase spaces
 → (so far) no sign of new physics

ATLAS Experiment Operations and Maintenance

In the following focussed on the systems with major UK involvement

Major to-do items transitioning from Run-2 to Run-3:

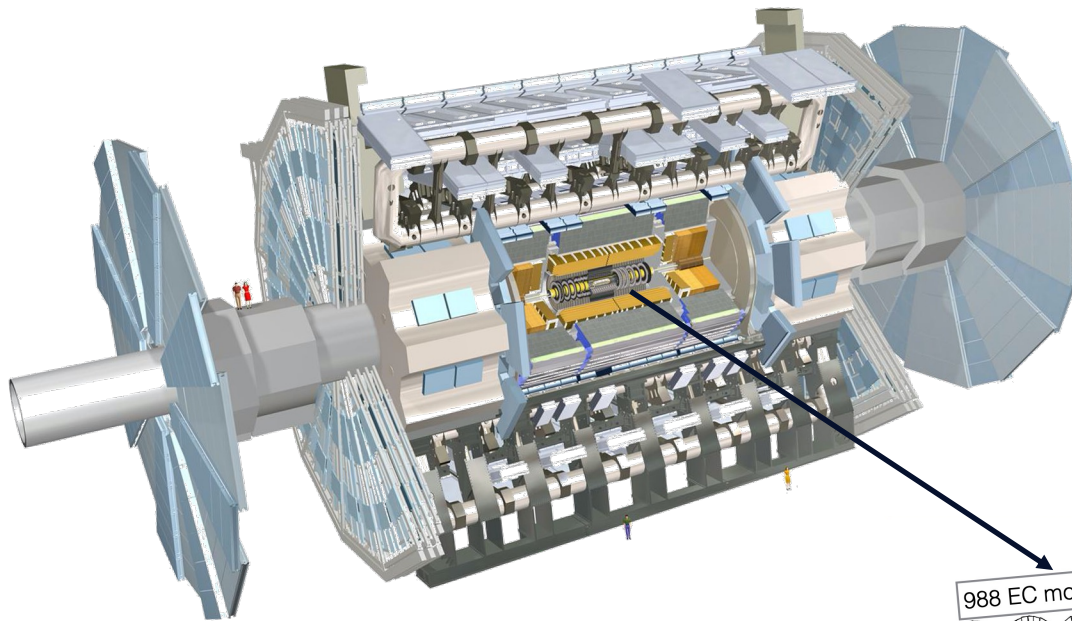
- maintaining aging systems
- handling ultra high and dense data rates due to large amount of parasitic collisions (pile-up)
- upgrade and fine tune where possible



+ Semiconductor Tracker (SCT)

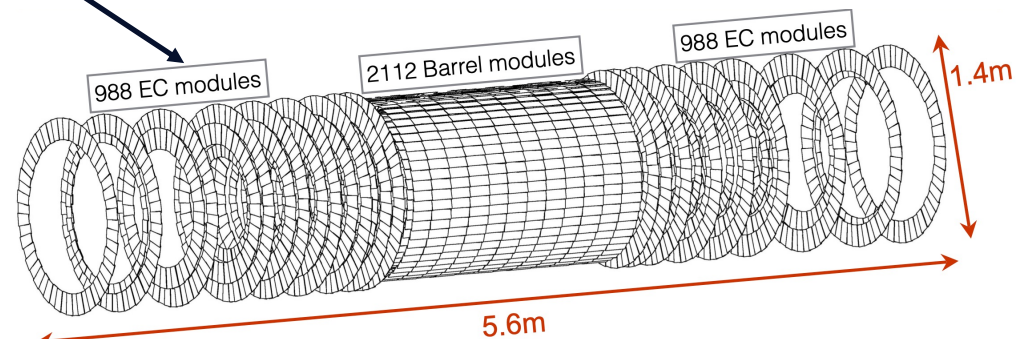
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Detector providing tracking information one of the systems closest to the interaction point (immense radiation doses)



Built with major UK involvement

Taking data since 2010



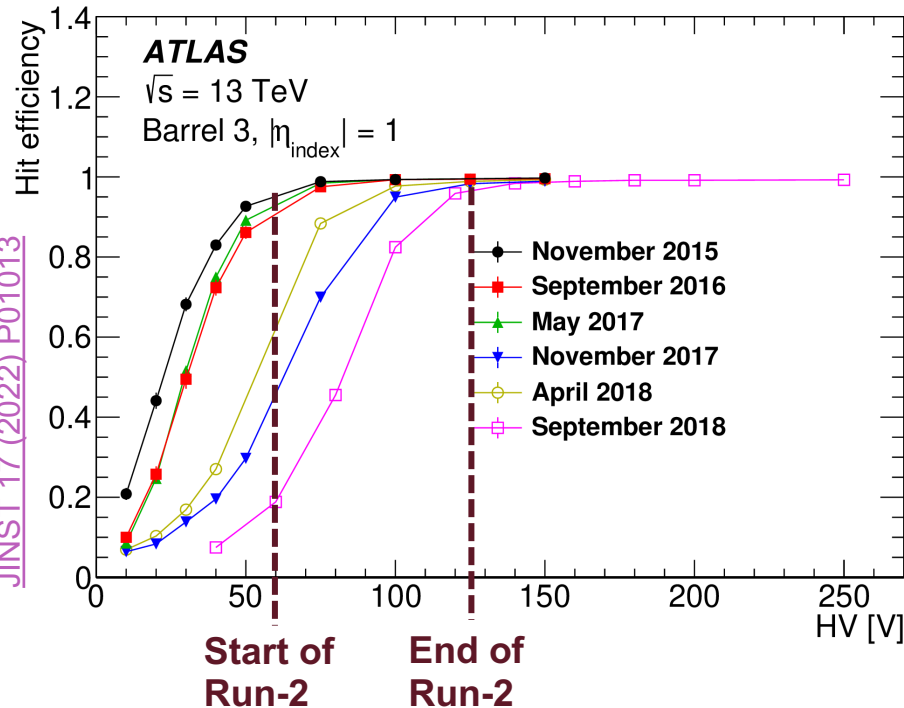
+ SCT: from Run-2 to Run-3

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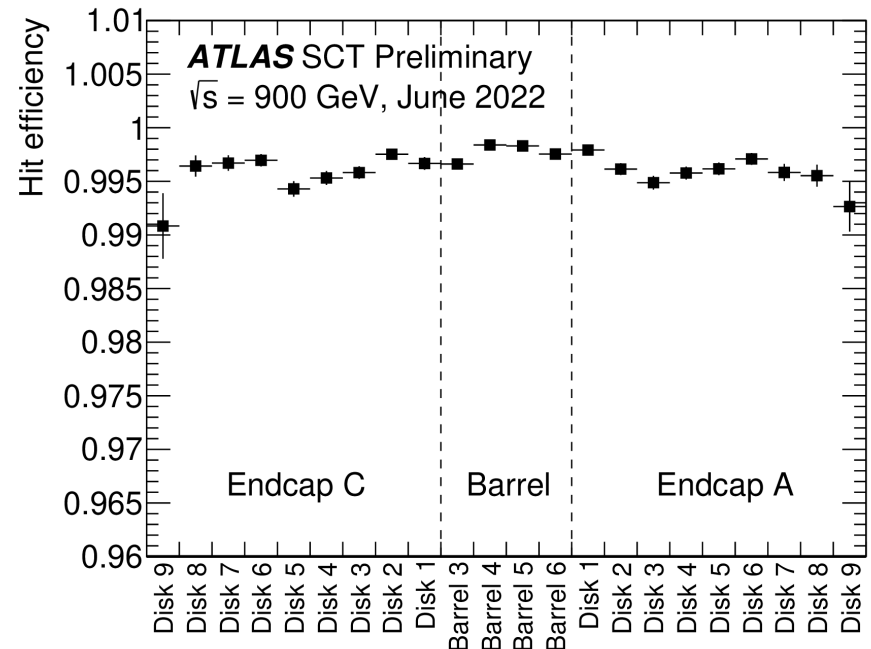
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Detailed study of Run-2 performance

to prepare for Run-3 operations



→ High voltage needs to be adjusted

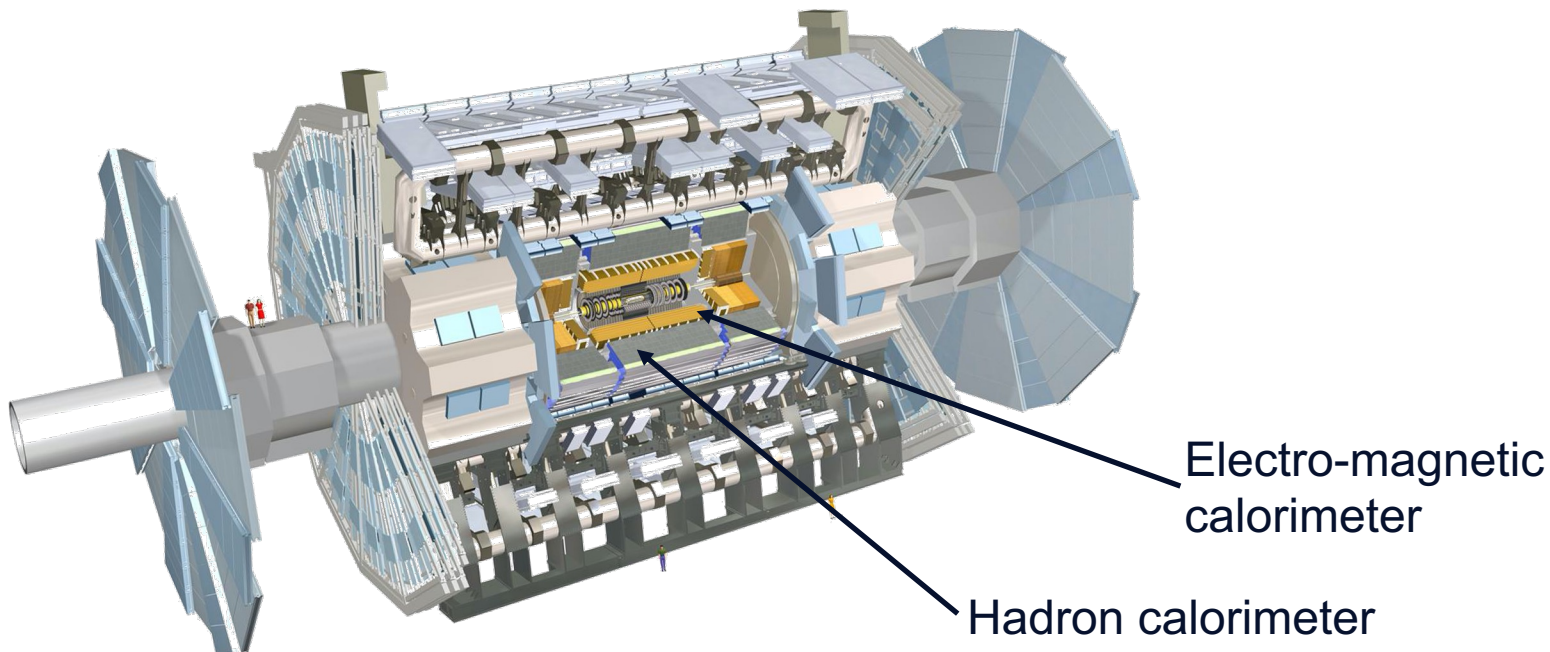


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Run-3 commissioning after tweaking operational settings

+ L1Calo Trigger

- Hardware trigger delivering decisions with rate of 40,000,000/second keeping 100,000 events/second
- Combines information about dense activity in the calorimeters (\rightarrow jets, electrons, hadronically decaying tau-leptons) or imbalance of activity (\rightarrow missing energy)

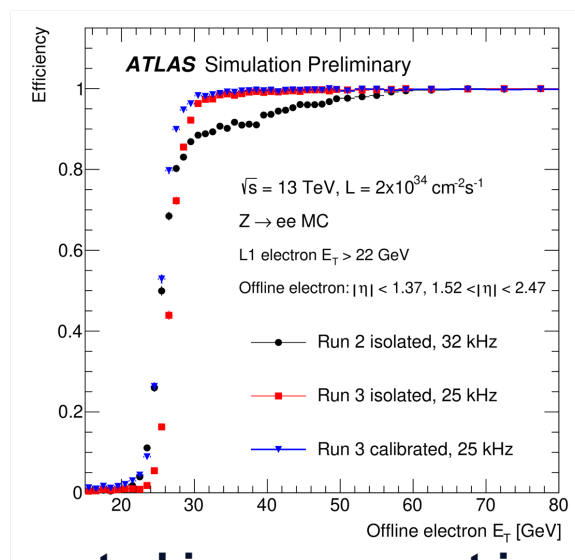


+ L1Calo Trigger Upgrade

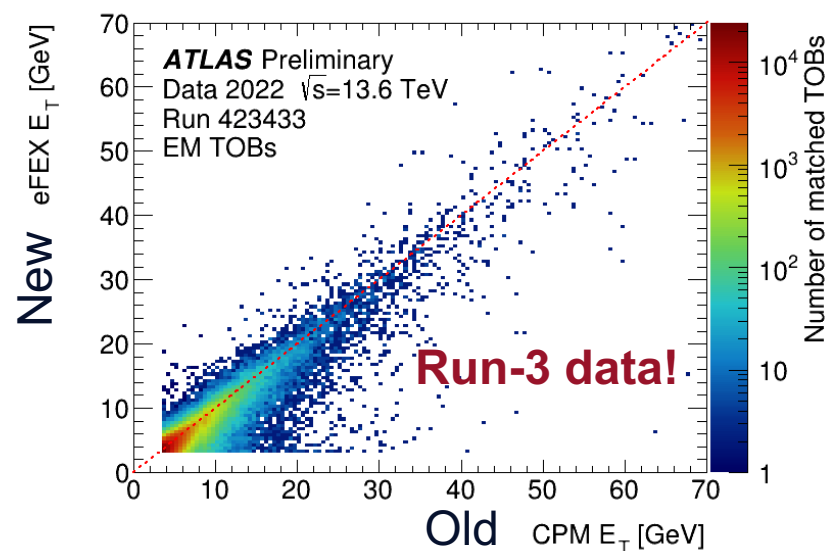
- Currently being upgraded (for usage during Run-3) with **UK institutes dominating leadership** → **improvements in electron and tau trigger + better performance vs. pile-up**

■ Status:

- Installation and integration into ATLAS completed (as of last week!)
- Next year: finalise operation/monitoring software and fine-tuning



Expected improvement in electron trigger performance



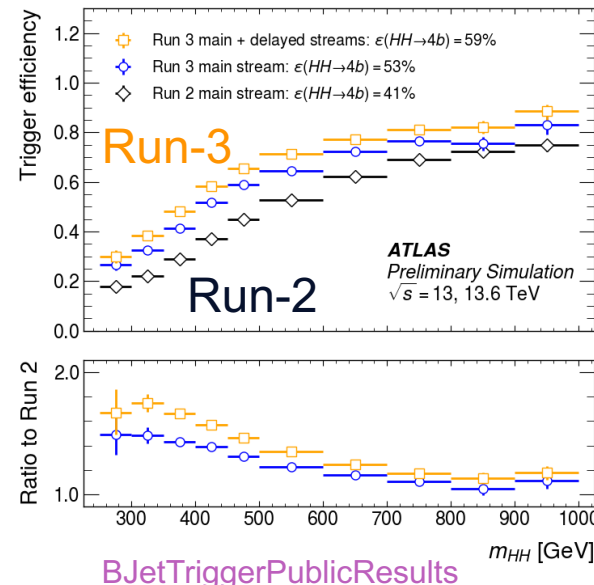
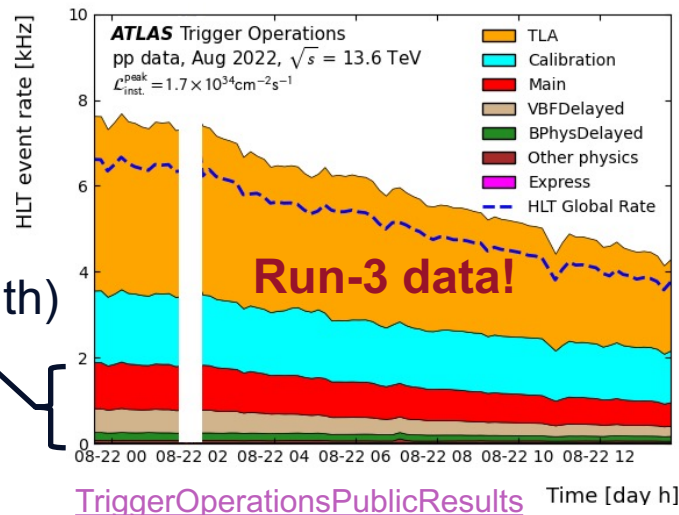
Correspondence between old and upgraded systems

+ High-Level Trigger

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- Software based trigger receiving $\sim 100,000$ events/second to reduce to ~ 1000 events/second kept for physics
- Software optimisation and upgraded computing facilities towards Run-3 \rightarrow more frequent and more complex operations (e.g. track reconstruction) possible

\rightarrow Expanded and improved triggering for Run-3! (dedicated long-lived particles trigger, b-jets, ...)



Better
 $HH \rightarrow bbbb$
acceptance

Run-3 Outlook

+ First Collisions

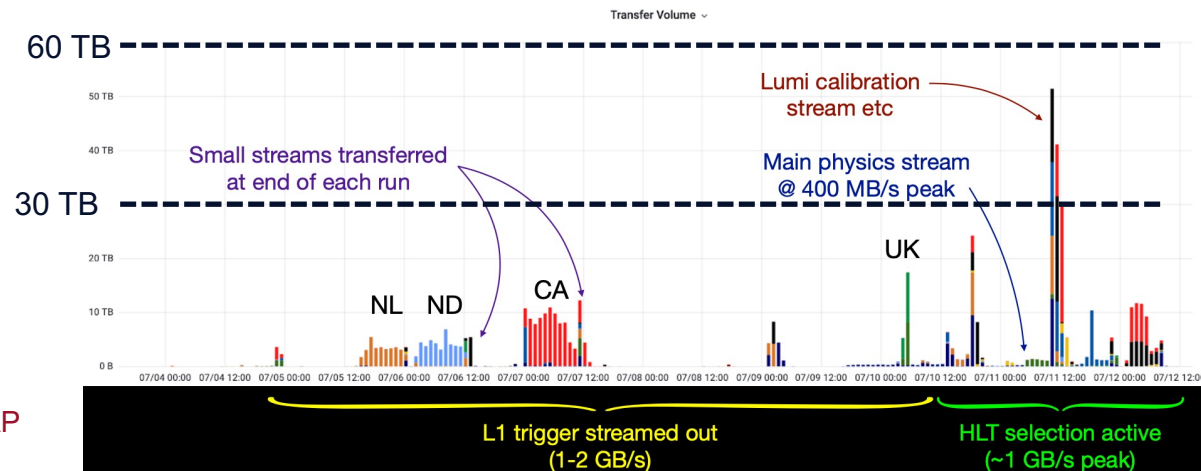
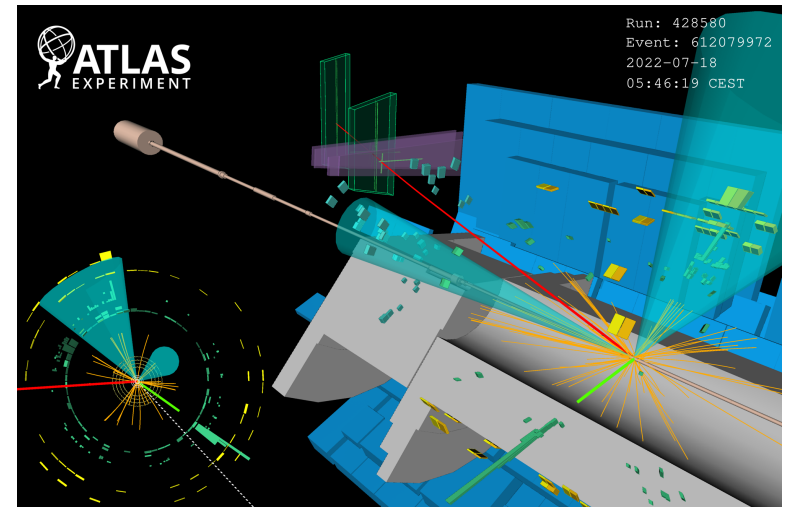
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ATLAS Run-3 data taking at collision energy of 13.6 TeV
officially started on 05/07/22

ATLAS Control Room: first 13.6 TeV collision



Early Run-3 top quark pair (17/07/22)



**Data transfer
vs. time
(04/07/22 –
12/07/22)**

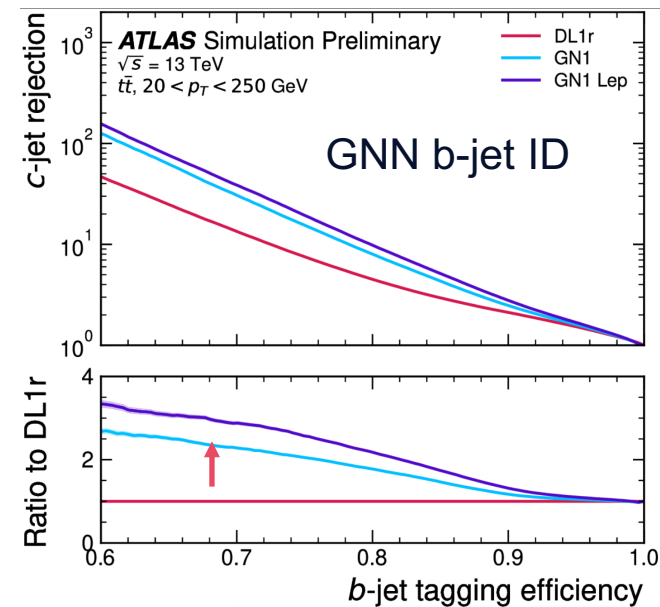
+ Run-3: New Opportunities

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- **Larger dataset expected and increased x-sections** due to higher collision energy (HH +11%, Z' with 6 TeV mass +70%)
- **Upgraded & new detector systems**, e.g. “New Small Wheel” for improved muon trigger and muon reconstruction in forward region
- **Improved triggers and new trigger signatures** for increased acceptance of SM and new beyond SM signatures
- Continued work on **improving reconstruction algorithms**, esp. using advanced machine learning
 - Tracking in ultra-dense environments
 - Graph neural networks for b-jet identification
 - ...

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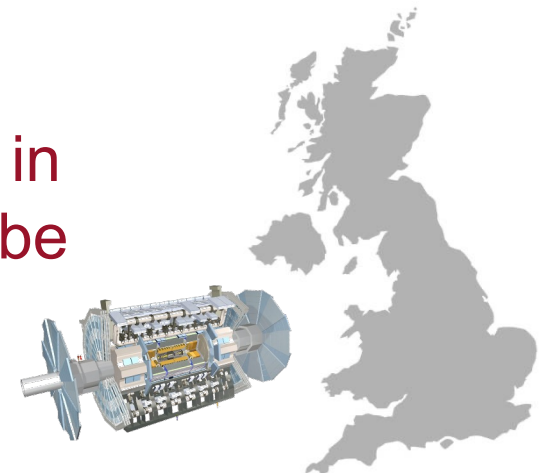
Improved rejection
of non-b-jets



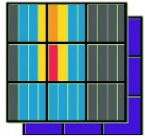
+ Summary

- Run-2 was a hugely successful data taking period with many major physics milestones reached
- Run-3 data taking is ongoing, which will collect at least ~2 times the data of Run-2
- Upgrading ATLAS experiment's systems (where possible) and improving data collection/reconstruction continues
- Many exciting physics results still awaiting as we enter high-precision era!

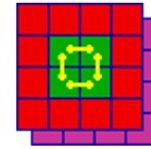
Large involvement from UK community in key areas and leadership: continues to be integral part of the collaboration



Backup



L1Calo Phase-1: UK major tasks

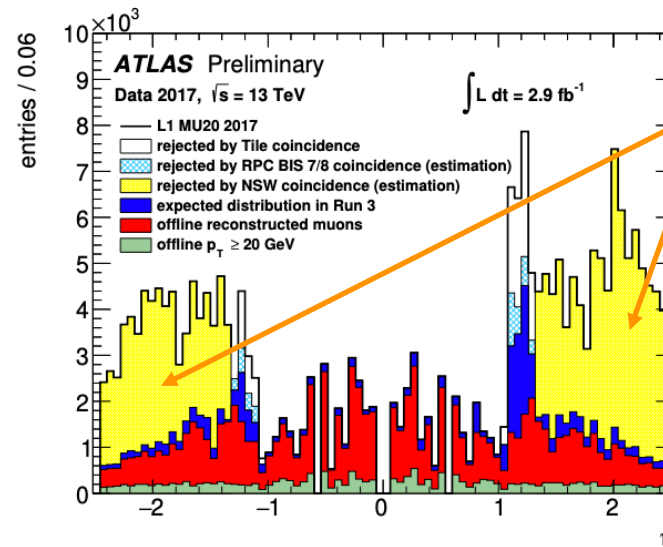
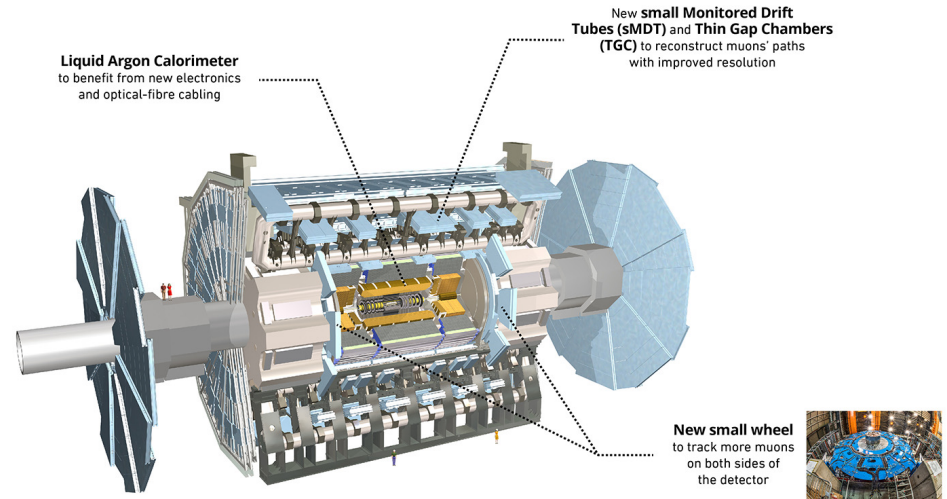
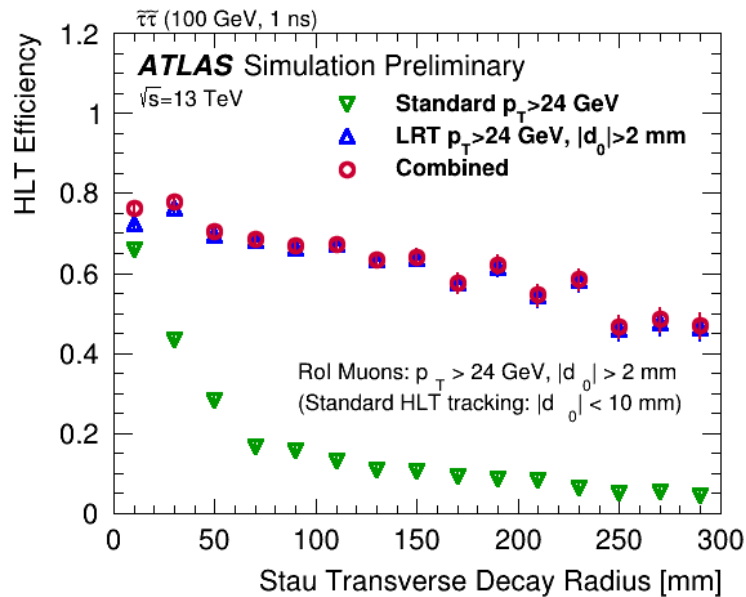


- eFEX module
 - Main processor for identifying electron/tau objects
 - Firmware well established and fairly stable
 - Long history of module production problems, but now installed
- ROD sub-module
 - Readout for eFEX and jFEX modules
 - Used for some time in Point-1, 100 kHz readout established
- Online and offline software
 - Used to configure and validate hardware
 - Reaching maturity for UK modules
 - Will require more features for full operational monitoring
- Commissioning, Run Coordination and Management
 - UK has significant CERN presence and responsibility in all areas
 - Also supported remotely and regular visits from UK experts
- Last year
 - Installation
 - Low-level debugging (mapping, link stability)
 - Integration with ATLAS (LArg and TDAQ)
- Next year
 - Establish stable operation
 - Calibrate and fine-tune triggers
 - Expect to switch on new triggers in 2023
 - Finish production of eFEX spares

+ Run-3 Opportunities – additional material

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Dedicated trigger for long-lived particles



Background rejection with NSW

Simulation

- Simulated data used to be able to develop analysis strategies before full data is available and perform “blind analysis” to avoid bias
 - Several hundred billions of events produced
 - Full chain of theoretical description of a given process, detector response, object reconstruction has to be simulated
 - Strong UK involvement in improving description of simulation (compared to data) and making simulation of detector/reconstruction response faster
- Better MC and more efficient MC production for Run-3

- UK pledges large storage and computing resources (between 10-15% share in CPU resources; several tens of PB storage in form of tape and disk)
- As data sets increases more work put in efficient (lowering time and CPU costs) towards Run-3

