

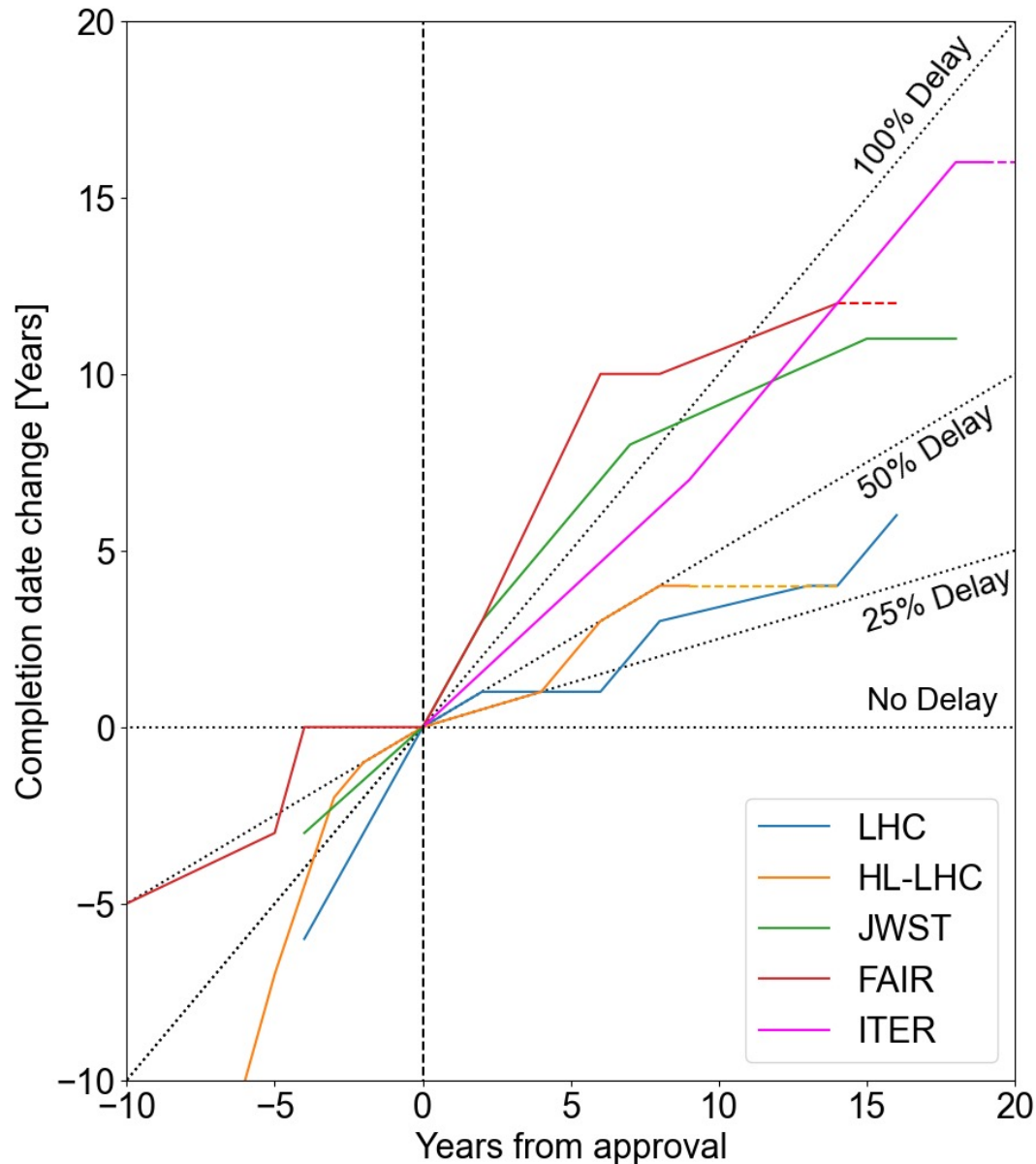
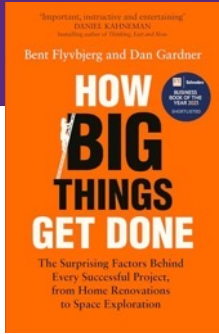
## Detector & Computing: Research & Development

- Research Examples & Emerging Themes
- Cross-community initiatives
  - 8 Detector R&D (DRD) Collaborations
  - HEP Software Foundation / WLCG, including



Chris Parkes, University of Manchester

# How long will my mega-project take ?



- Underestimate our project schedules

- Plan based on similar projects **not** hours/widget
- Political interests have strong effect

**R&D Phase**  
critical to project success

# How much do other mega-projects overrun ?

Project Type	N	Percentage of projects with cost overrun	Percentage of projects with a cost overrun greater than 1.5	Mean overrun for projects with a cost overrun greater than 1.5
IT	5360	40.86	18.26	5.53
Nuclear power	196	96.94	54.59	3.04
Tunnels	69	73.91	27.54	2.03
Solar Power	41	39.02	2.44	1.5

from B. Flyvbjerg, et al. "The Uniqueness of IT Cost Risk: A Cross-Group Comparison of 23 Project Types"  
May, 2025. <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5247223>

- *One-of-a-kind* projects **commonly** go over budget/schedule and are fat-tailed (tails follow Pareto distribution)

- Reduce risk:

“Lego” pieces

Long planning

Proven  
technology

& Short  
construction

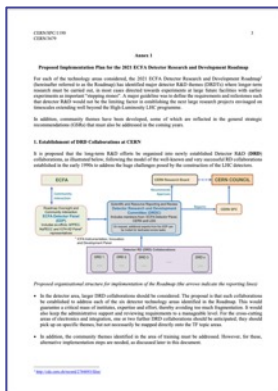
**R&D Phase**  
critical to project success

“The community should define a global detector R&D roadmap” ESPPU 2020

## Roadmap



## Implementation



**DRD  
I - 8**

- 8 DRD collaborations
- Strategic recommendations
- Under ECFA auspices, CERN hosted  
<https://indico.cern.ch/category/6805/>

- “Facilitates coordination and common efforts in HEP software and computing internationally”

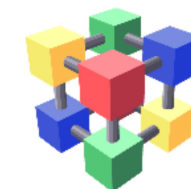
## Roadmap 2017



## Update 2025



- 13 activity areas  
<http://hepsoftwarefoundation.org/>  
Evolve our computing infrastructure



**WLCG**  
Worldwide LHC Computing Grid



# Post-Blue Sky & Pre Construction

## Targeted R&D

(pre-TDR)

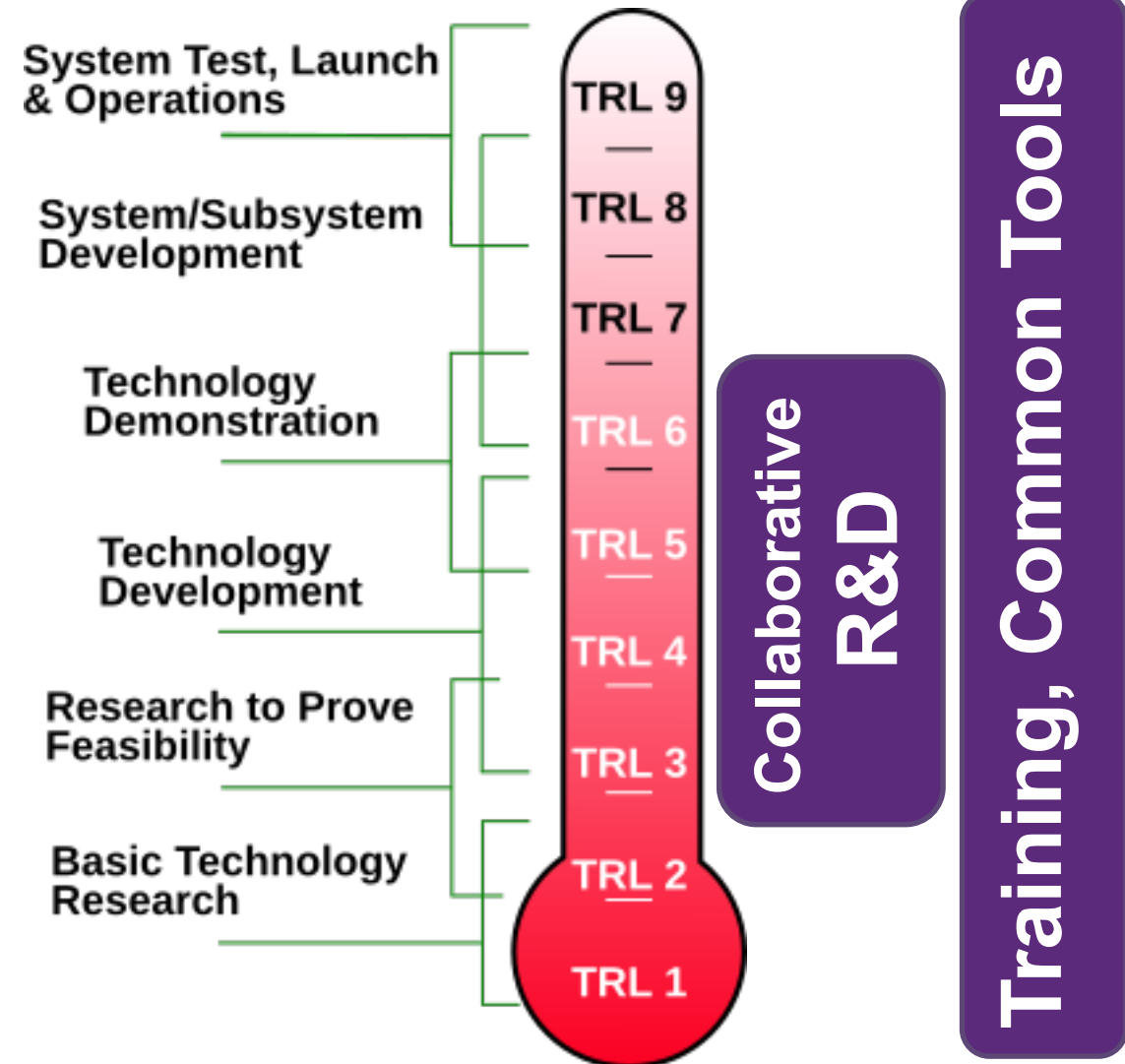
e.g.:

- ALICE III
- LHCb Upgrade II
- DUNE Phase II
- SHIP
- ePIC at EIC....

## Experiment agnostic R&D

- Technology development
- Performance & options
- Longer timescale projects (FCC etc...)

## Technology Readiness Levels



# Detector R&D – general themes

Gas

Liquid

Solid  
State

Photon &  
PID

Quantum

Calorimetry

Electronics  
Processing

Mechanics  
& Cooling

- Precision timing (10-50ps)
  - Separate LHC primary vertices, Particle ID
- CMOS Detectors
  - Integrated sensor & electronics
- Novel technologies
  - Quantum technologies

## Strategic Recommendations

- Facilities (testbeam, irradi.)
- Engineering support
- Software support
- Industry engagement
- Training
- Open Science
- Environmental Impact

- 130 Institutes (prior to MoU signing) ,30 countries
- Established from previous RD51 – enlarged scope
- First to proceed with **Memo. of Understanding**

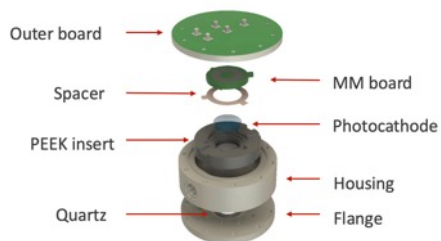
# Time + Space

 $dE/dx$ 

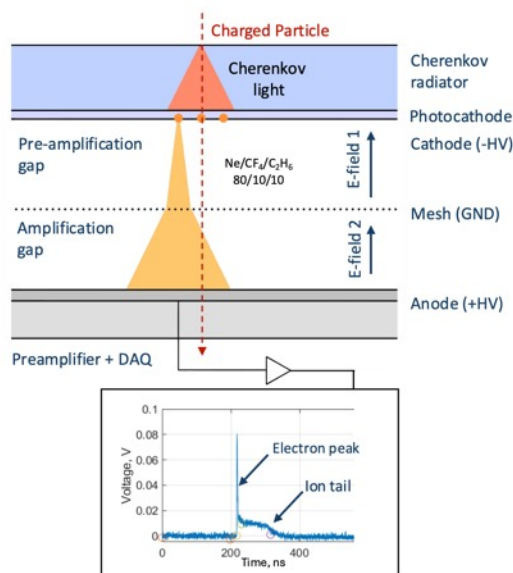
# Environment

# TPCs

# Picosec



- Cherenkov Radiator  
~ 20ps



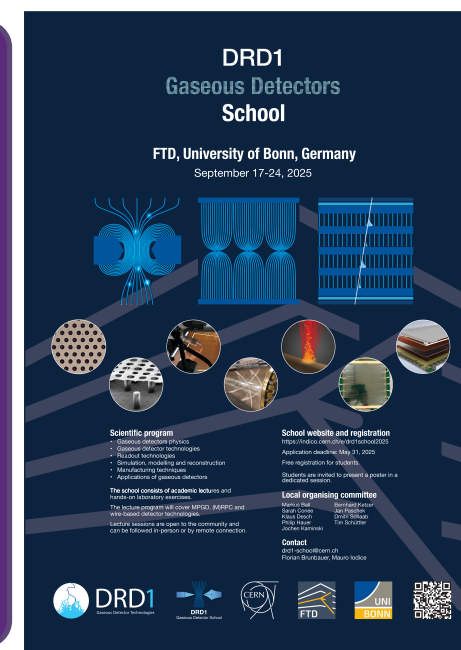
# Beyond HEP WP

# Muography

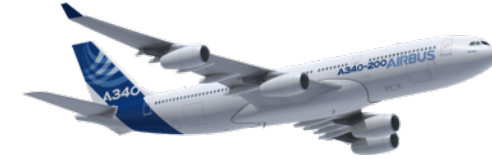
# Medical

# Neutron

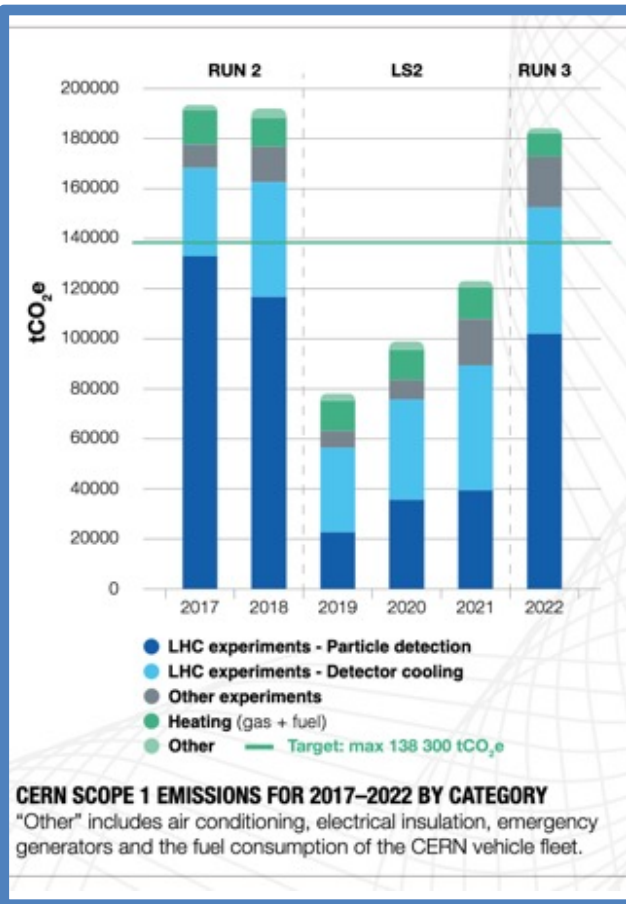
# Training



- Largest detector/computing impact is high global warming potential gas emissions (80% LHC – ATLAS/CMS RPCs)



100,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e /annum =  
fully occupied A340 London → New York per day



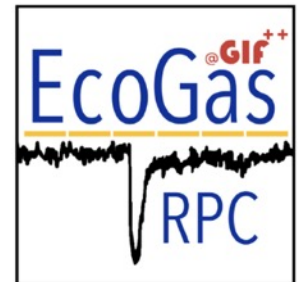
## 5th DRD1 Collaboration Meeting and Topical Workshop Towards Sustainable Gas Mixtures for Future Detectors

Sealing

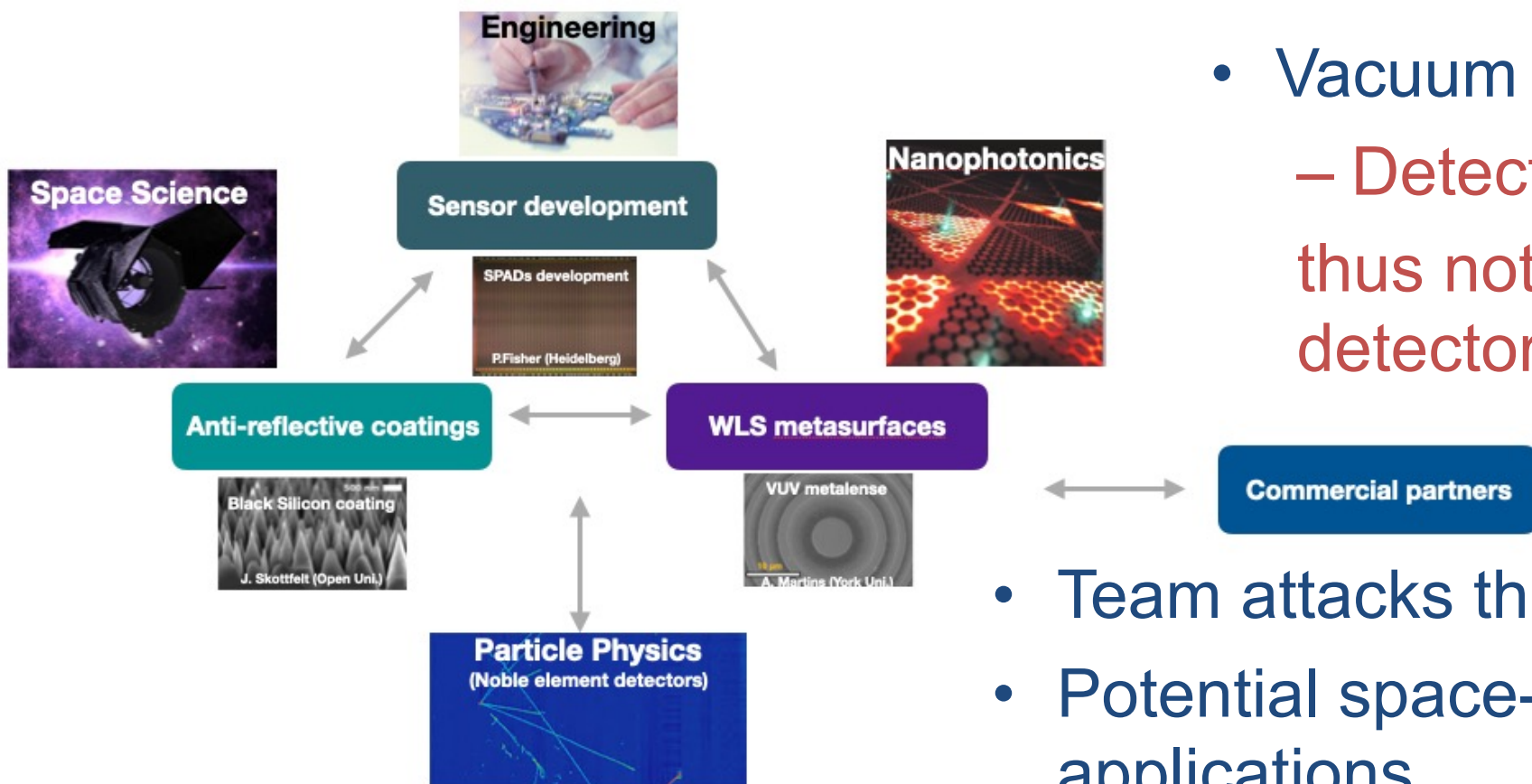
Recirculate  
Recuperate

Alternative  
Gases

- SF6 GWP 23,000
- ATLAS alternative gas, 25% GWP reduction
- Continued use of technology mandates replacement



- 86 institutions, 17 countries
- **Diverse communities & facilities working together** as network (neutrino, dark matter), new collaborations & funding applications

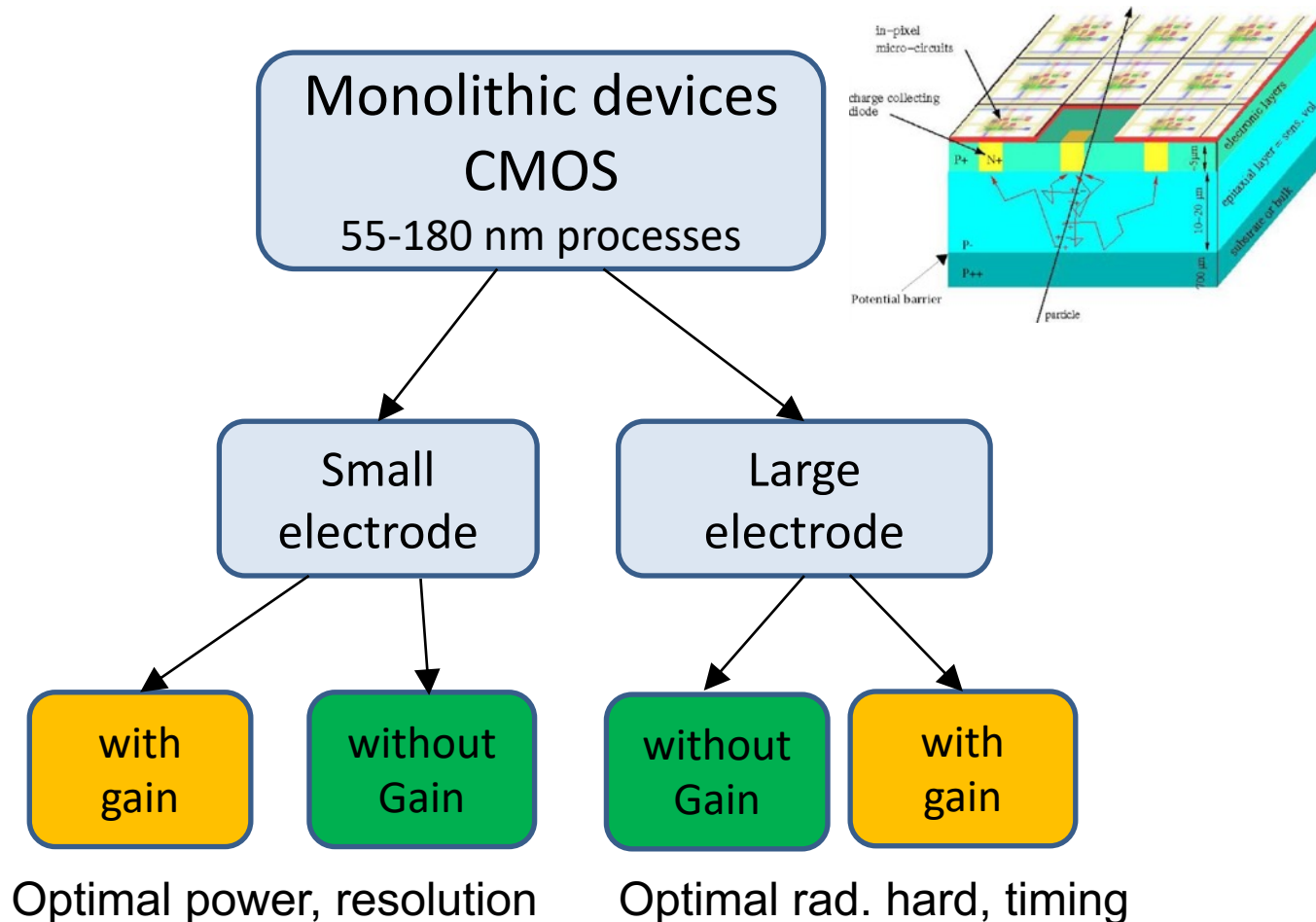


- Vacuum ultra-violet sensors
  - Detector eff. typically ~20% thus not suited to Ar/Xe detectors

- Team attacks this from multiple angles
- Potential space-science & commercial applications



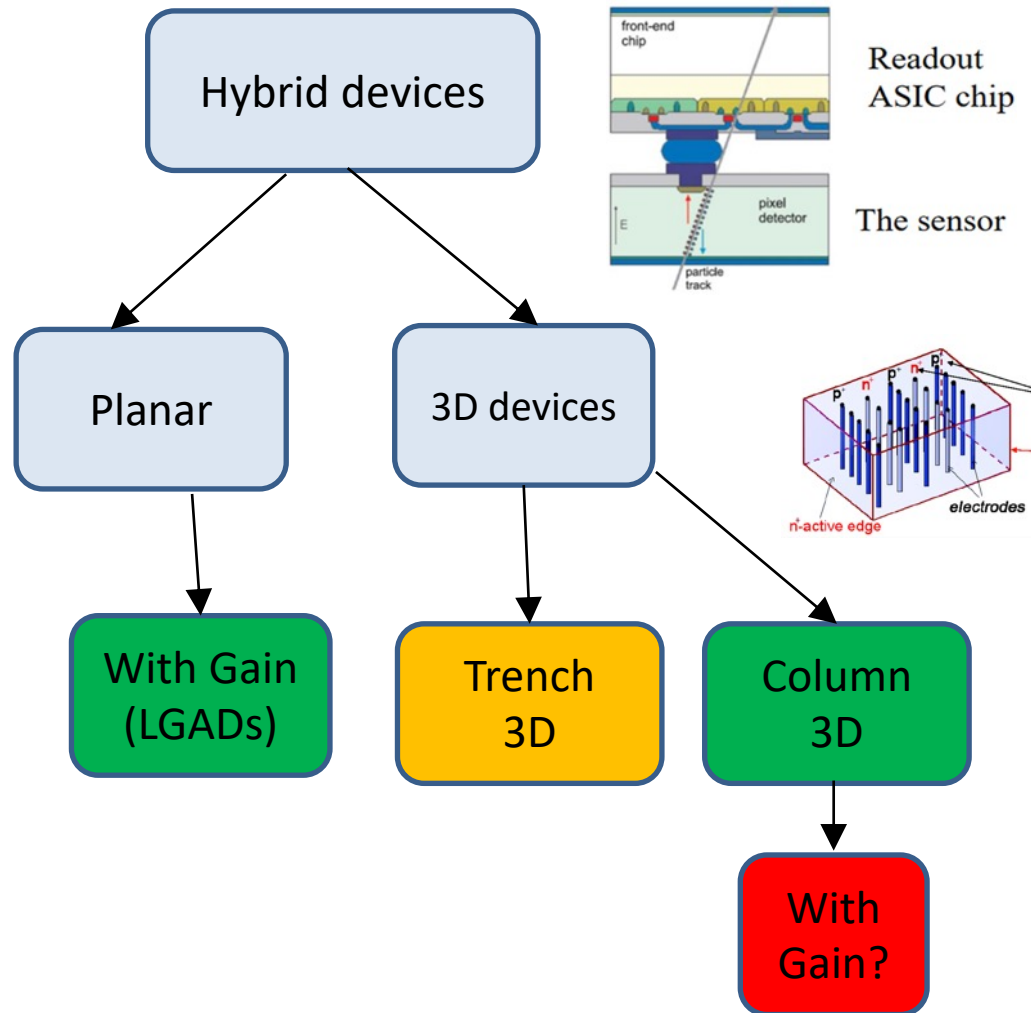
- 146 institutes, 30 countries
- Formed from RD50 (rad hard Si) & RD42 (Diamond)



- Monolithic sensor & readout for tracking
  - high spatial resolution
  - high data rate
  - high radiation tolerance
  - **Uniform eff. over cell**
  - **Timing capabilities, gain layer**

ideas  
recent  
demonstrated

- 146 institutes, 30 countries
- Formed from RD50 (rad hard Si) & RD42 (Diamond)



- Towards 4D tracking  
Dense tracking environment, PID
  - $10 \times 10 \times 10 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$ , ps
- **LGADs:**
  - fill factor, radiation hardness
- **3D:**
  - Cell size, column width

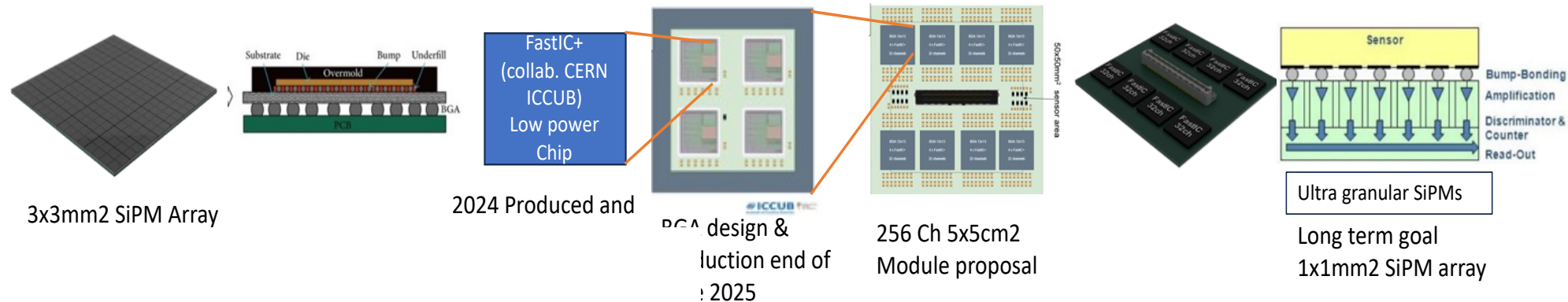


# DRD4: Photon Detectors & Particle Identification



Photon &  
PID

- 67 institutes, 20 countries
- RICH detectors as a main focus
- also includes Scintillating Fibre & Transition Radiation Tracking



- SiPM use becoming widespread – replacing vacuum and gas based detectors in some applications
  - Improving timing of SiPMs ~ 20ps
  - Vertical integration to Front End Electronics
  - Integration with integrated cooling

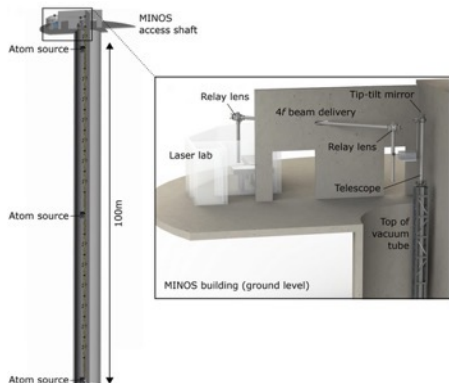
- 112 institutes, 26 countries and growing....wide community outside HEP
- Quantum detectors – e.g. below ionisation limit

Cryogenic

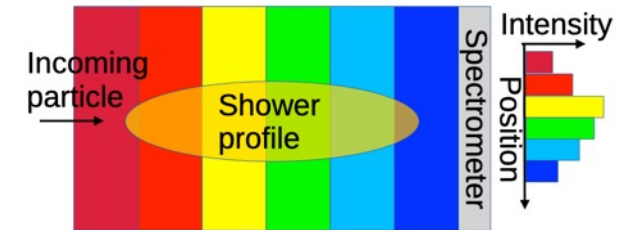
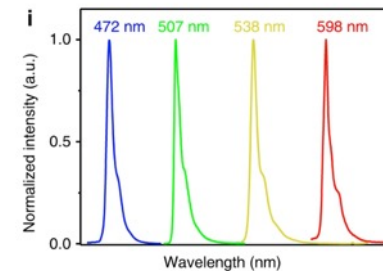
Superconducting

Spin-based  
NV-diamondMetamaterials  
0,1,2 D materials

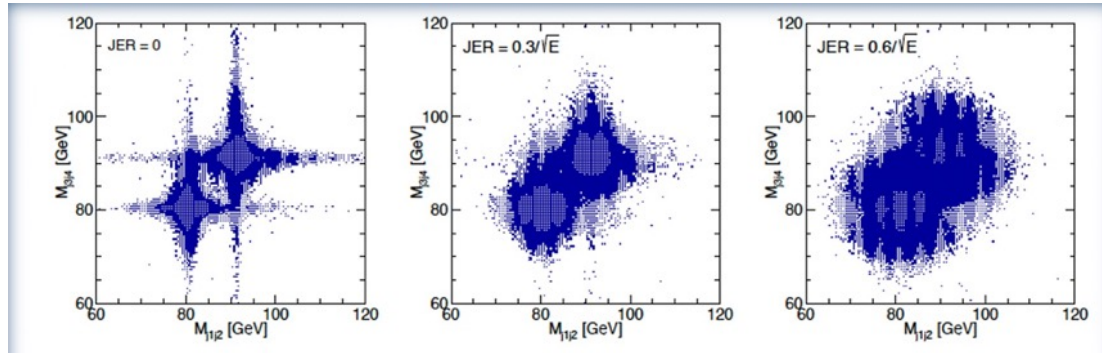
## Dedicated Experiments e.g.

Atom  
InterferometryAbsolute  
Neutrino massAxion tunable  
cavities

## Technology Applications e.g.

Quantum Dot  
Chromatic Calorimetry

- 128 institutes, 28 countries – component from CALICE but much wider
- Focus on calorimeters for future projects, FCC-ee a main driver



- Disentangle W/Z Peaks

$$\text{Jet energy: } \delta E_{\text{jet}}/E_{\text{jet}} \approx 30\% / \sqrt{E} [\text{GeV}]$$



Position (3D)

Timing

Energy

Gaseous  
→DRD1Solid State  
→DRD3Optical  
→DRD4Quantum Dots  
→DRD5Electronics  
→DRD7

Sandwich calorimeters with embedded electronics

Liquified Noble Gas calorimeter

Optical calorimeters



# DRD7: Electronics and On-Detector Processing

- 67 institutes, 19 countries
- R&D not a service for other DRDs- Strong opportunities but high costs

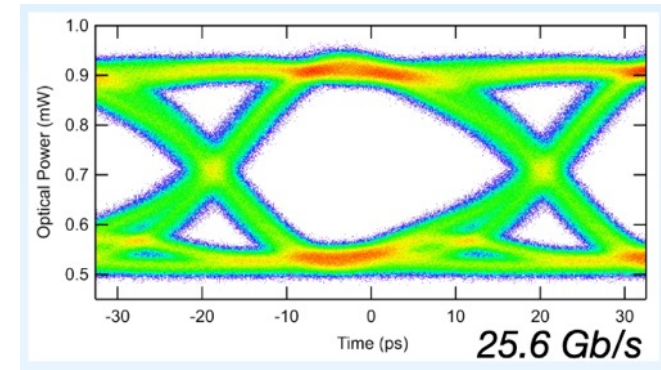
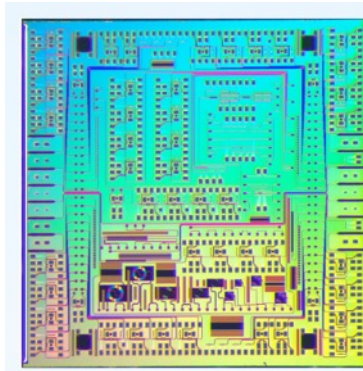
## Some example developments

Silicon photonics  
100Gb/s

Intelligence on Front End  
Fewer more versatile FE electronics

Front End to DAQ  
Custom off the shelf – “no back end”

Cryogenic operation



- ASIC development commonly schedule limiting for experiments
- **“Tools & Technologies” WG**
  - Accessing technologies, tools
  - Collaboration & coordination Of development & fabrication

- 40 institutes, 14 countries and growing...
- Developed from Forum on Tracking Detector Mechanics
- Much is silicon det. driven – but expanding, interest large gas detectors

New materials  
Additive manufacture

Global systems

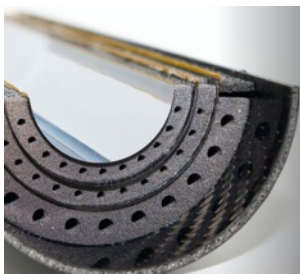
Low mass mechanics  
& thermal management

Cooling

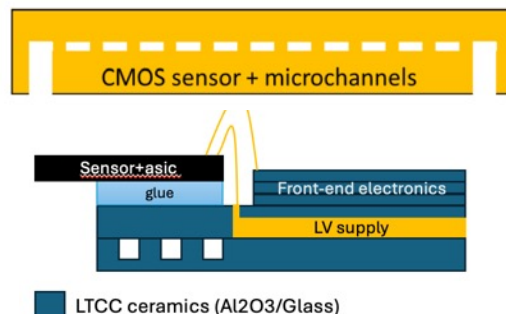
Design &  
Qualification Tools

## example developments

Curved sensors  
Hits closer to  
interaction point  
Low mass mechanics



Microchannels  
Integrated/ceramics



- Mechanics & Cooling a key detector performance driver
- **Schedule:** R&D continues much later in project than you think  
– share information

# Computing – general themes



- Coordination and common efforts in HEP Software and infrastructure

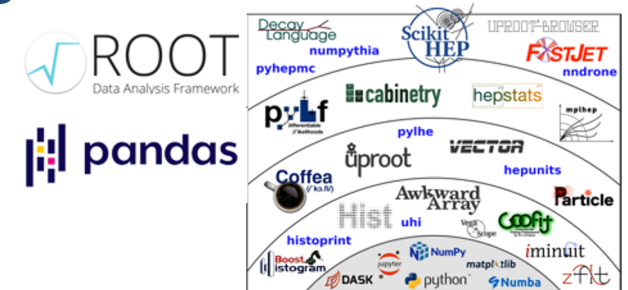
- **GPUs**

Supercomputer list dominated by CPU-GPU systems

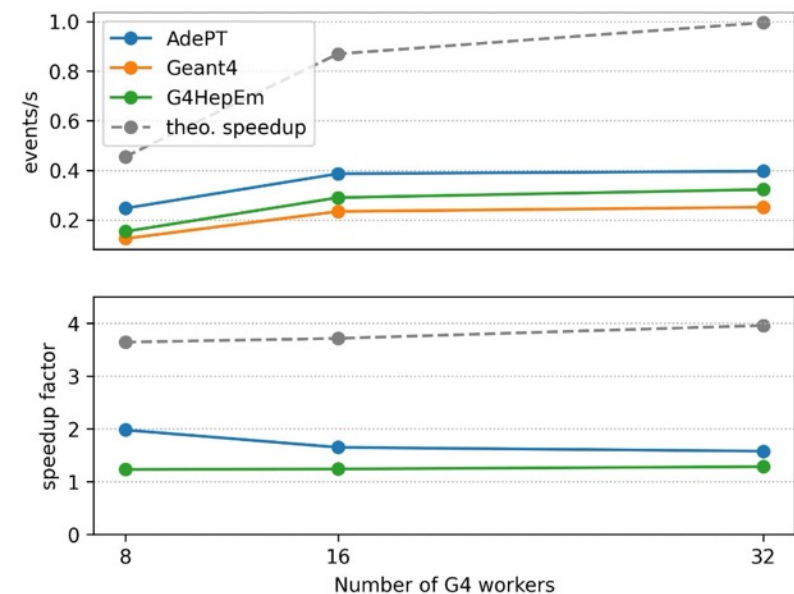
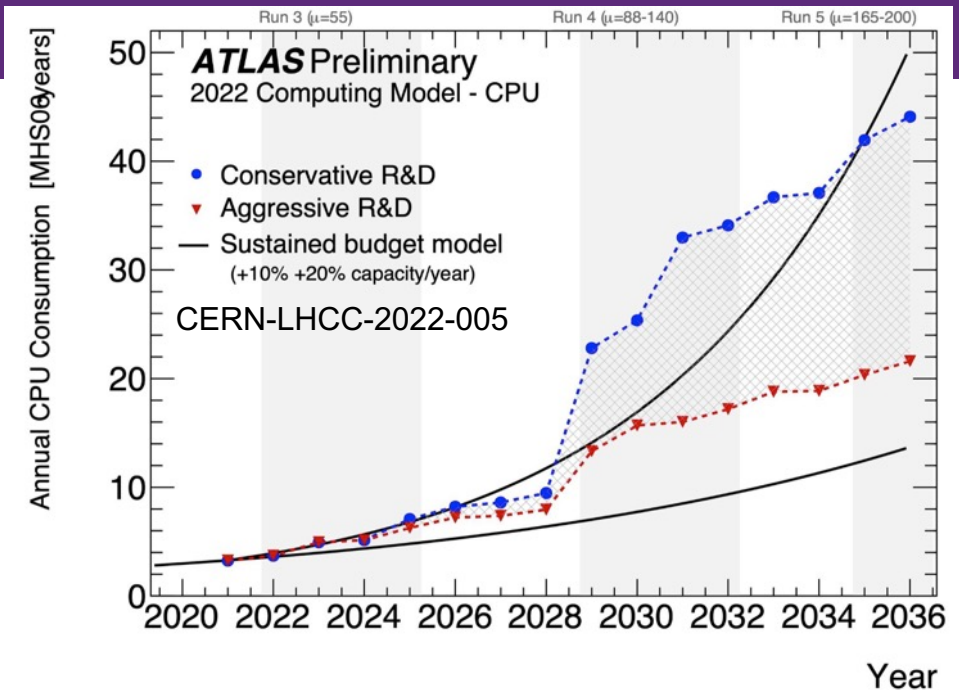
- **Machine Learning** (Triggers, Tracking)
- **Triggerless, Streaming readout**
- **Cross-experiment collaboration, interoperability**
  - Huge array of tools: community & industry



- International collaboration only 36 FTE



- Overall CPU for HL-LHC mitigated by
  - software Improvements
    - Fast simulation & reconstruction
  - HL-LHC schedule delays
- EM showers: up to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of run time in collider expts (G4HepEm)
- Photons: 99% of run-time neutrino, dark-matter, LHCb RICH
- GPU-CPU combined architectures
  - **Geant4 plugins** (AdePT, Celeritas, ML approaches), promising, geometry bottleneck

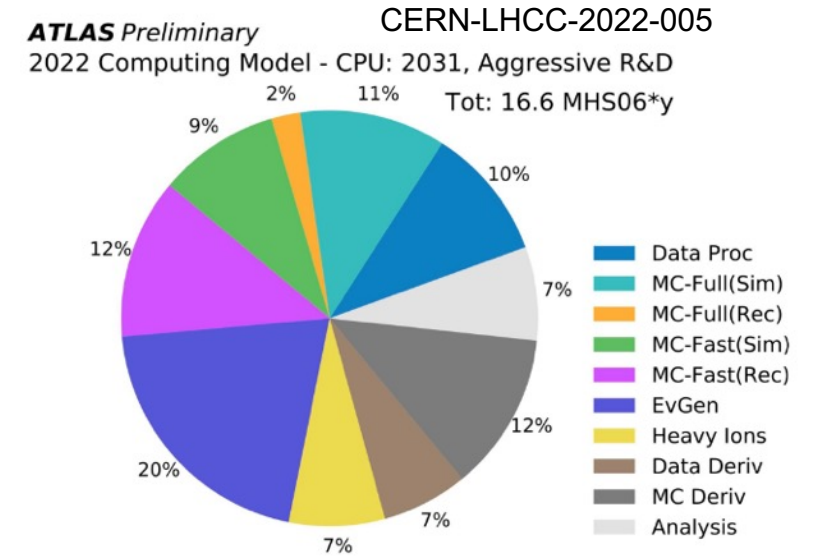


<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1528440/>

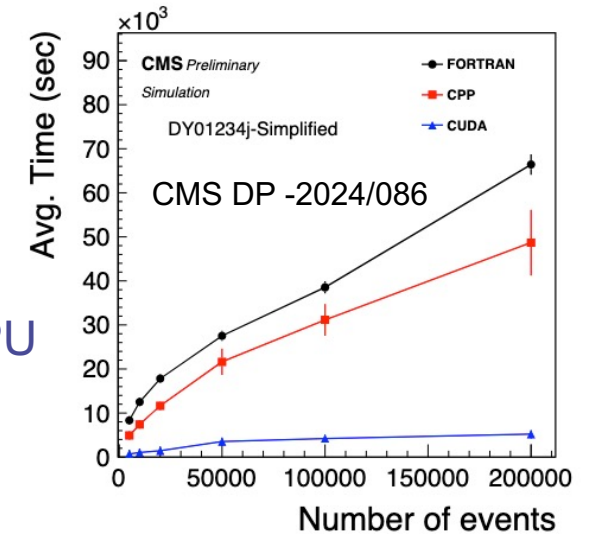
- ~ 20% of CPU demands during HL-LHC

Approaches include:

- Reducing negative weights through weight redistribution
- **Matrix element calculations in GPUs**
- ML in event generation



MadGraph4GPU  
7x speed up





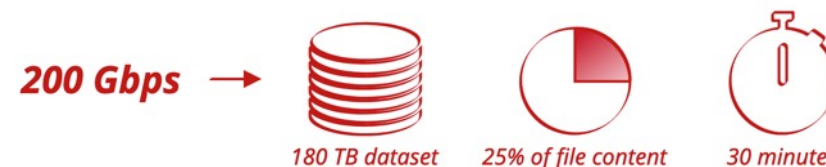
- **What will an HL-LHC analysis look like ?**

Central Processing

OR

Distributed Resources  
that feel like

Single Machine Analysis

Analysis Grand Challenge  
Analyst Surveys

- **Data access time – Disk / tape cost trends, round-robin access**
- **Interoperability** - wide range of tools in HEP today
- Languages: C++ performance, Python usability – interest in Julia
- Improving integration with computing infrastructure (multi-threading, distributed computing)
- Machine Learning – statistical inference, automatic differentiation
- Data and Workflow Management Systems,
- FAIR principles, open data, preservation
- Reinterpretation of results (RIVET)



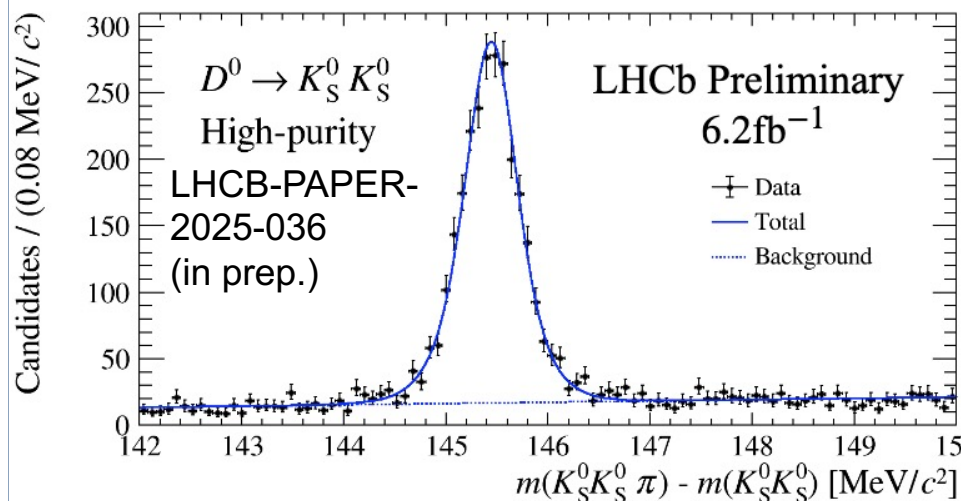
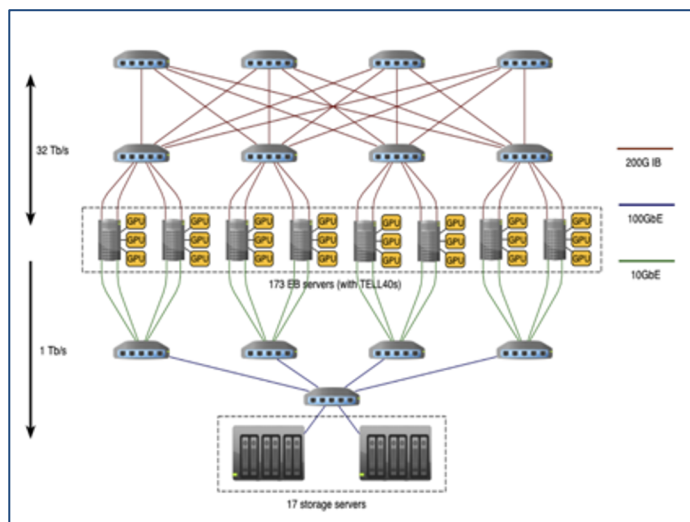
# Software Triggers & Tracking

- Run 3 GPU Software Trigger Farms
  - Real time analysis, tracking & triggering
    - discard raw data, keep reconstructed data
- ML in trigger, including in FPGAs
  - Anomaly detection, b-tagging, Jet reconstruction....
- HL-LHC frontier – 4D tracking, hit-time information

Conifer

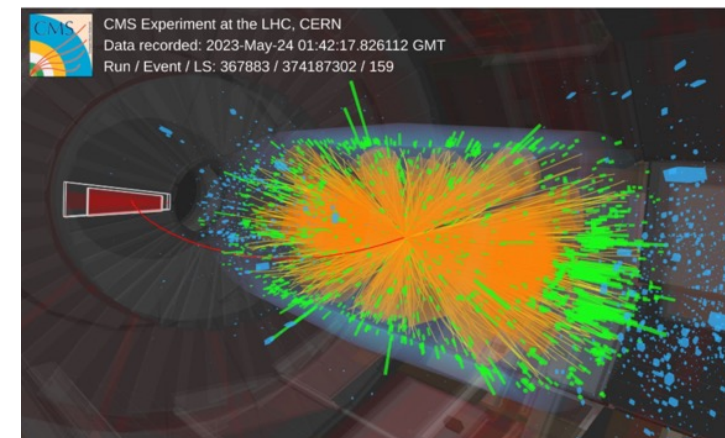
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LHCb Run 3 Trigger/ Upgrade I – 3 x efficiency  $D \rightarrow K_S K_S$

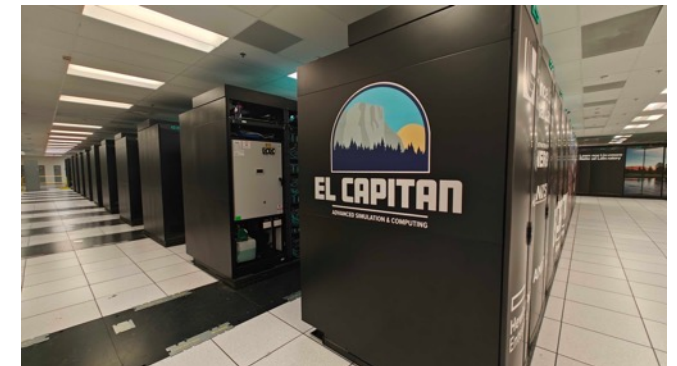


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ML based trigger in FPGA



- Funding agencies favour interdisciplinary infrastructures
  - HPC centres as pledged resources or as opportunistic resources
- HPC centres increasingly offering GPU capacity
  - Demand from AI/ML communities.
  - Low precision GPU for ML training – poor match to simulation needs
- Our codebases generally optimized for x86 64 bit CPUs
  - require modernization to run efficiently on different architectures
  - Portability libraries will assist  `kokkos`
- An opportunity:
  - millions of lines of software
    - streamline the code for maintainability
    - improve its performance



# Training, Infrastructures, Industry, Societal Engagement

- Discoveries are facilitated by technologies
- Our funding mechanisms often under-emphasise leadership in detectors & computing – career paths
- Mutually beneficial relationship with industry
  - Skills pipeline - training
  - Collaborative developments
- Field-wide initiatives often provide better mechanisms for training & industry Engagement at scale



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# Summary

- **Role of community wide bodies**
- **8 DRD Collaborations** active

Interaction with Funding Agencies to develop

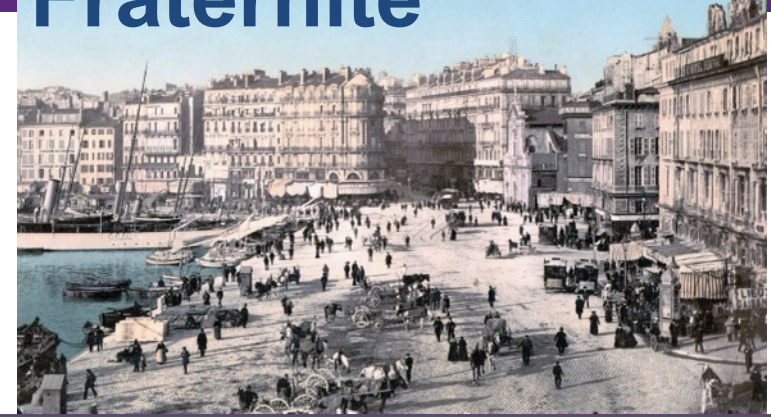
- GPU computing
  - Machine Learning
  - Analyses - interoperability
- 
- Precision Timing
  - CMOS detectors
  - Novel technologies



## DRD

## I-8

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**Fraternité**



**R&D**

Key progress  
through **Fraternité**

Facilitates tomorrow's  
discoveries

Critical to project success  
cost, schedule