



# CMS pixel detector operations in LHC Run 3

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# The CMS experiment

## CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes  
Overall diameter : 15.0 m  
Overall length : 28.7 m  
Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE  
12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS  
Pixel ( $100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}$ )  $\sim 1\text{m}^2 \sim 66\text{M}$  channels  
Microstrips ( $80 \times 180 \mu\text{m}$ )  $\sim 200\text{m}^2 \sim 9.6\text{M}$  channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID  
Niobium titanium coil carrying  $\sim 18,000\text{A}$

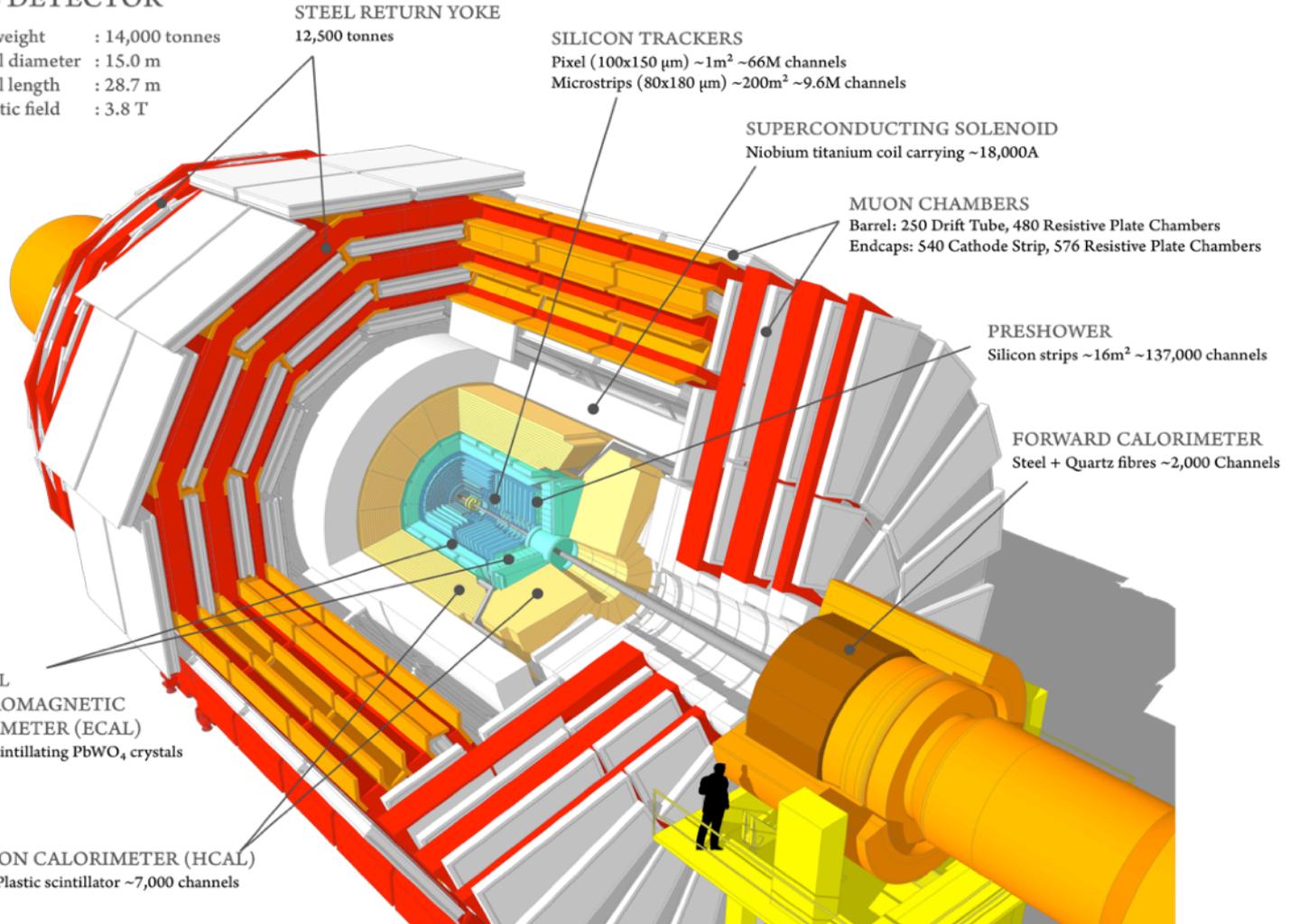
MUON CHAMBERS  
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers  
Endcaps: 540 Cathode Strip, 576 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER  
Silicon strips  $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 137,000$  channels

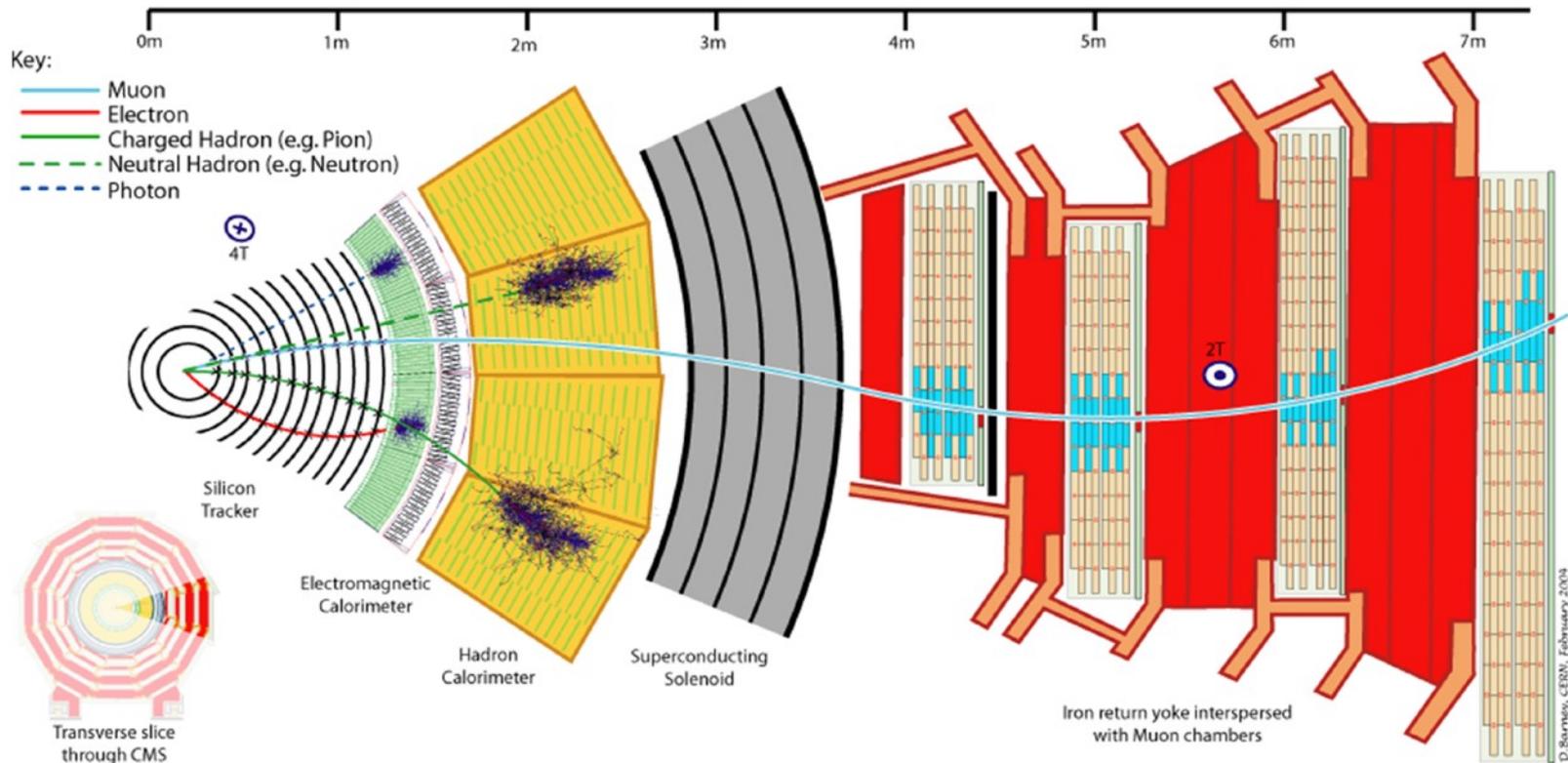
FORWARD CALORIMETER  
Steel + Quartz fibres  $\sim 2,000$  Channels

CRYSTAL  
ELECTROMAGNETIC  
CALORIMETER (ECAL)  
 $\sim 76,000$  scintillating  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals

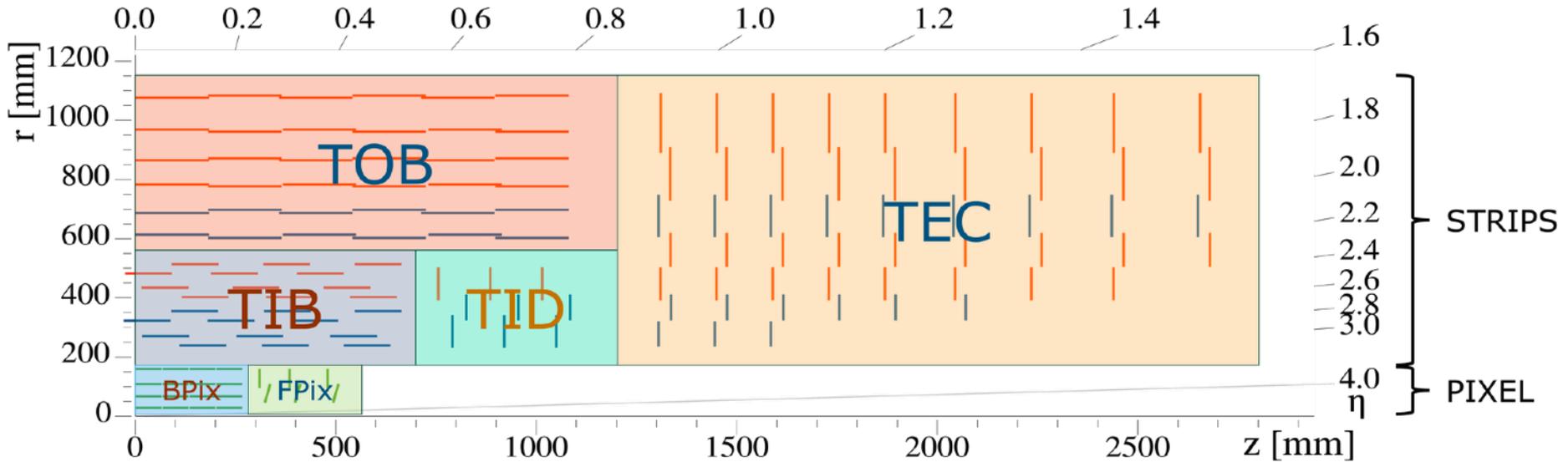
HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)  
Brass + Plastic scintillator  $\sim 7,000$  channels



# A particle's journey through CMS



# Tracking detectors of CMS



Pixel tracker

➔ Barrel Pixels and Forward Pixels

Strip tracker

➔ Tracker Inner Barrel, Tracker Inner Disk, Tracker Outer Barrel, Tracker Endcap

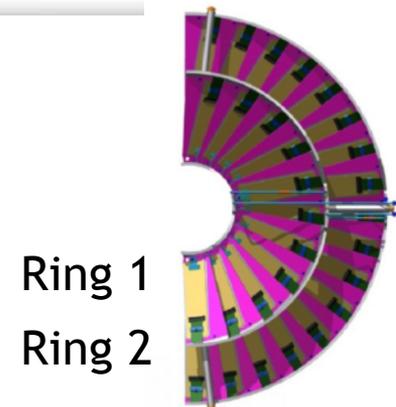
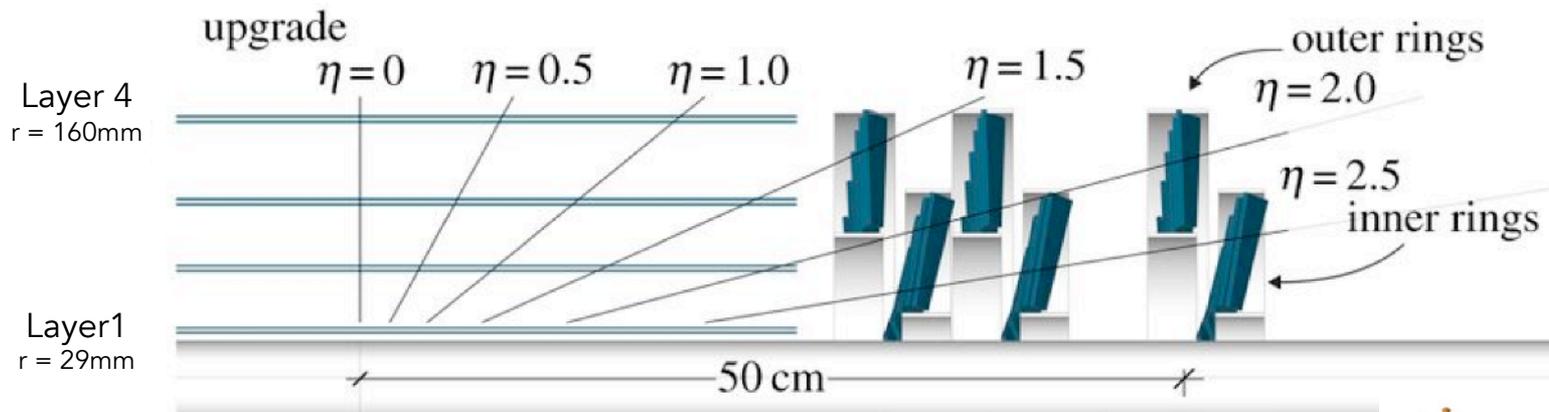
# Pixel detector

## Barrel pixels (BPix)

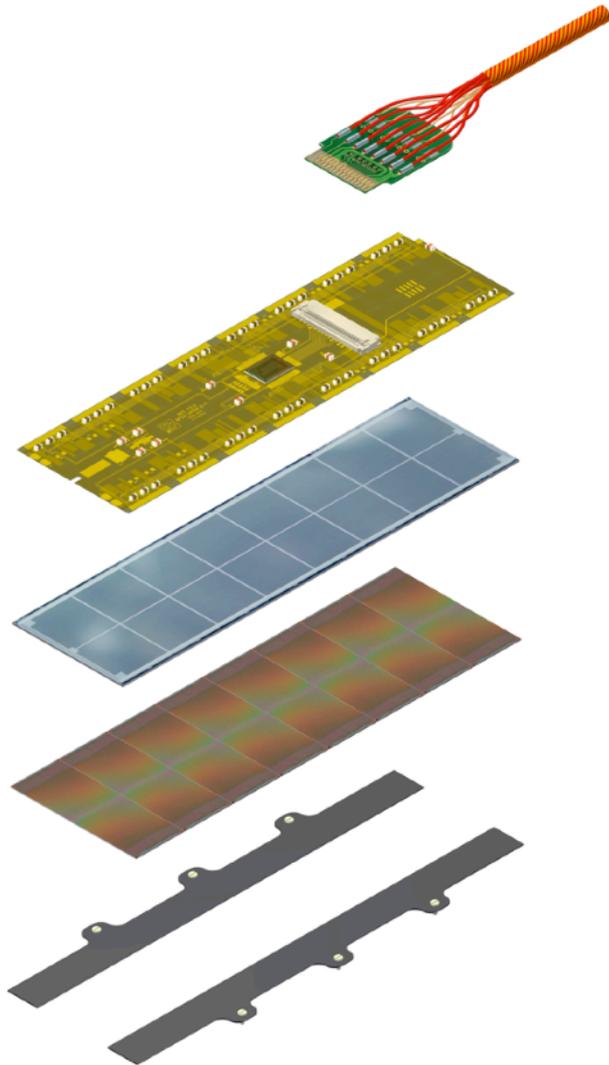
- 4 layers
- 1184 total modules

## Forward pixels (FPix)

- 3 disks \* 2 rings on each end
- 672 total modules



# Module design



## Signal and power cables

### Token bit manager (TBM) chip

- Receives clock, level 1 trigger accept, configuration data
- Orchestrates readout
- 2 TBM/module in layer 1

### Silicon sensor

- $(150 \times 100) \mu\text{m}^2$
- $280 \mu\text{m}$  n-in-n

### Read out chips

#### PSI46dig

- Digital readout
- Double column drain
- $> 90\%$  efficiency up to  $200\text{MHz}/\text{cm}^2$  hit rate

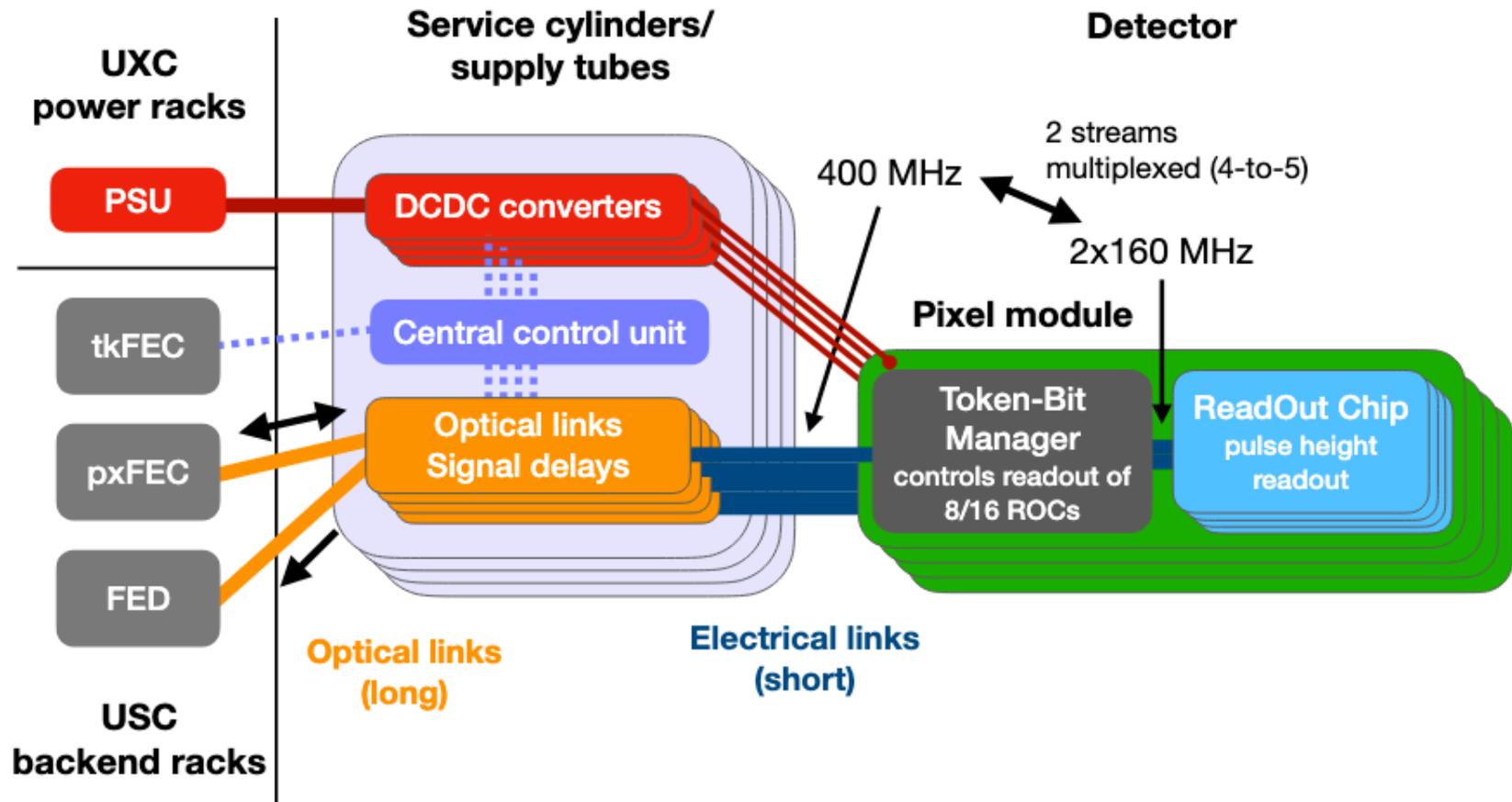
#### PROC600

- Specialized for layer 1
- $> 90\%$  efficiency up to  $600\text{MHz}/\text{cm}^2$  hit rate

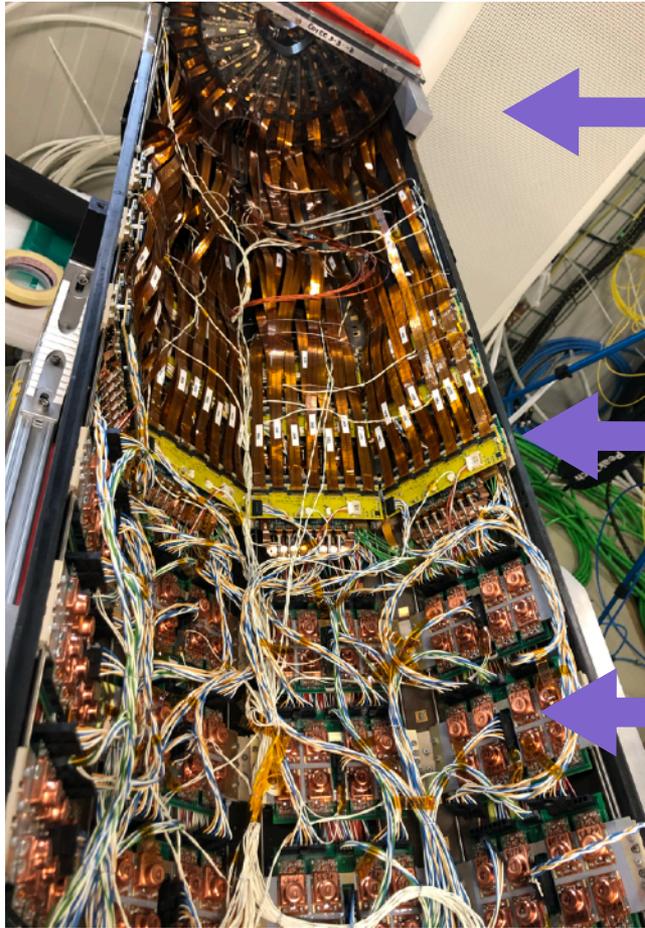
### Base strip

# Signal path

FEC = Front-end Controller  
FED = Front-end Driver  
USC = Underground Service Cavern  
UXC = Underground Experimental Cavern



# Detector with service cylinder



**Modules**



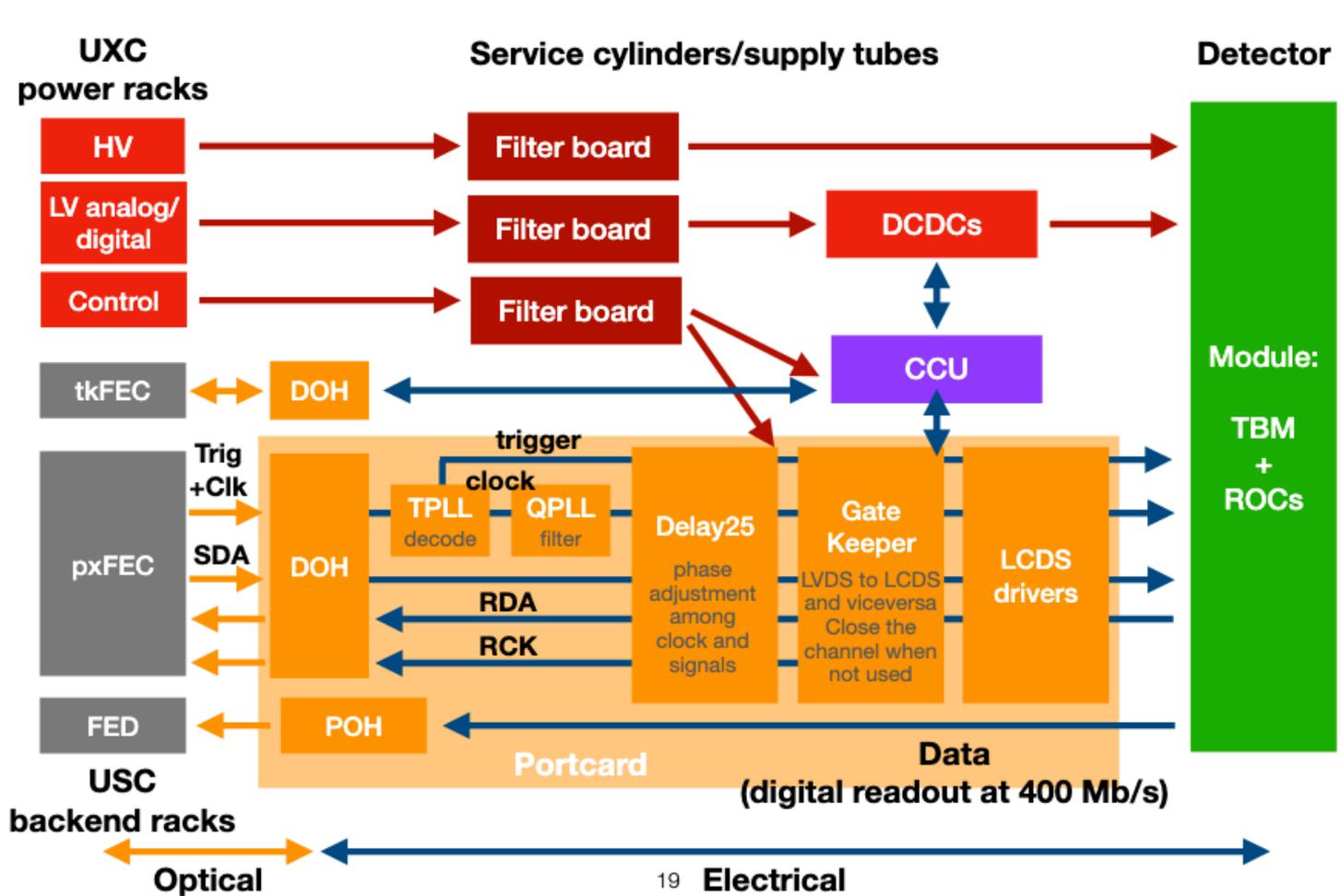
**Portcards/  
electronics with  
delay chips**



**DCDC  
converters**



# Hardware connections



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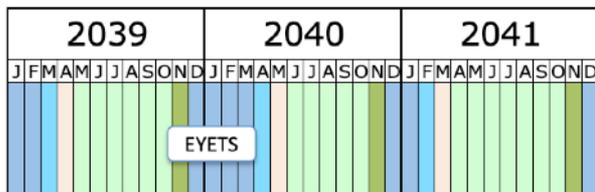
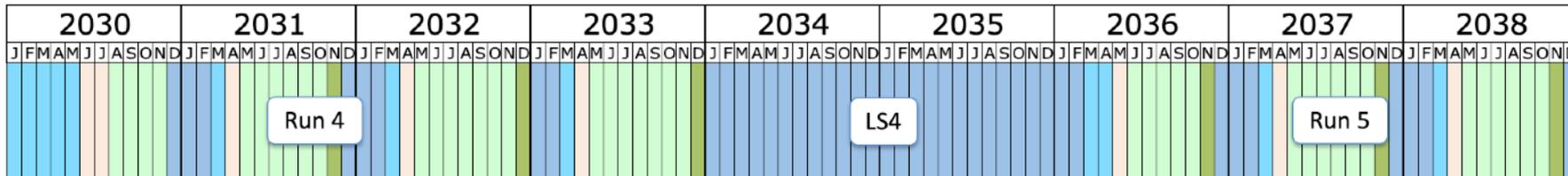
Change from Phase-0 pixel to Phase-1 pixel

Refurbishment of Phase-1 including new BPix Layer 1



*an old version of the LHC schedule!*

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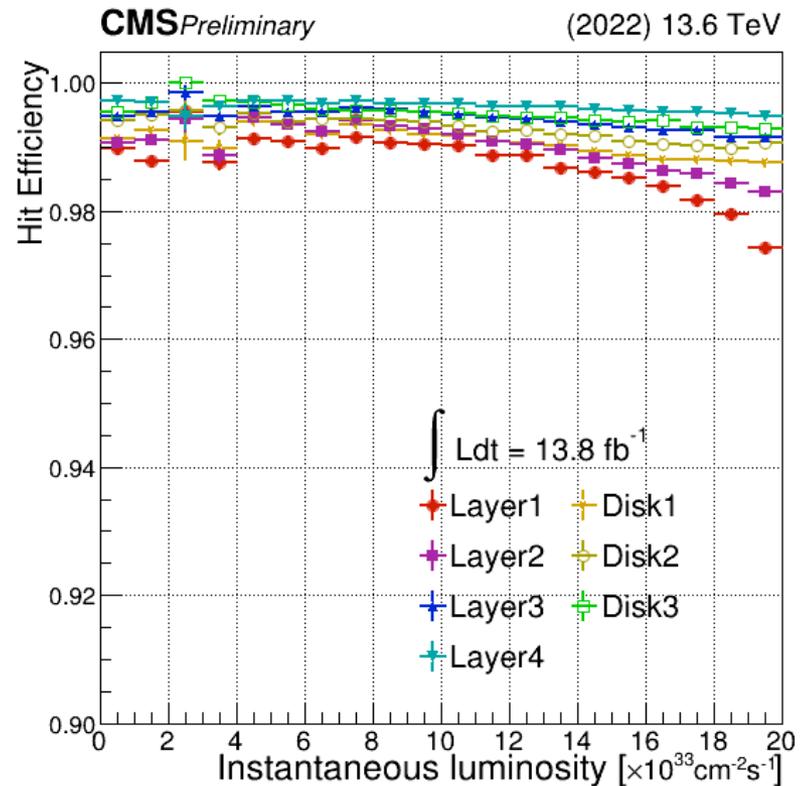


- Shutdown/Technical stop
- Protons physics
- Ions
- Commissioning with beam
- Hardware commissioning

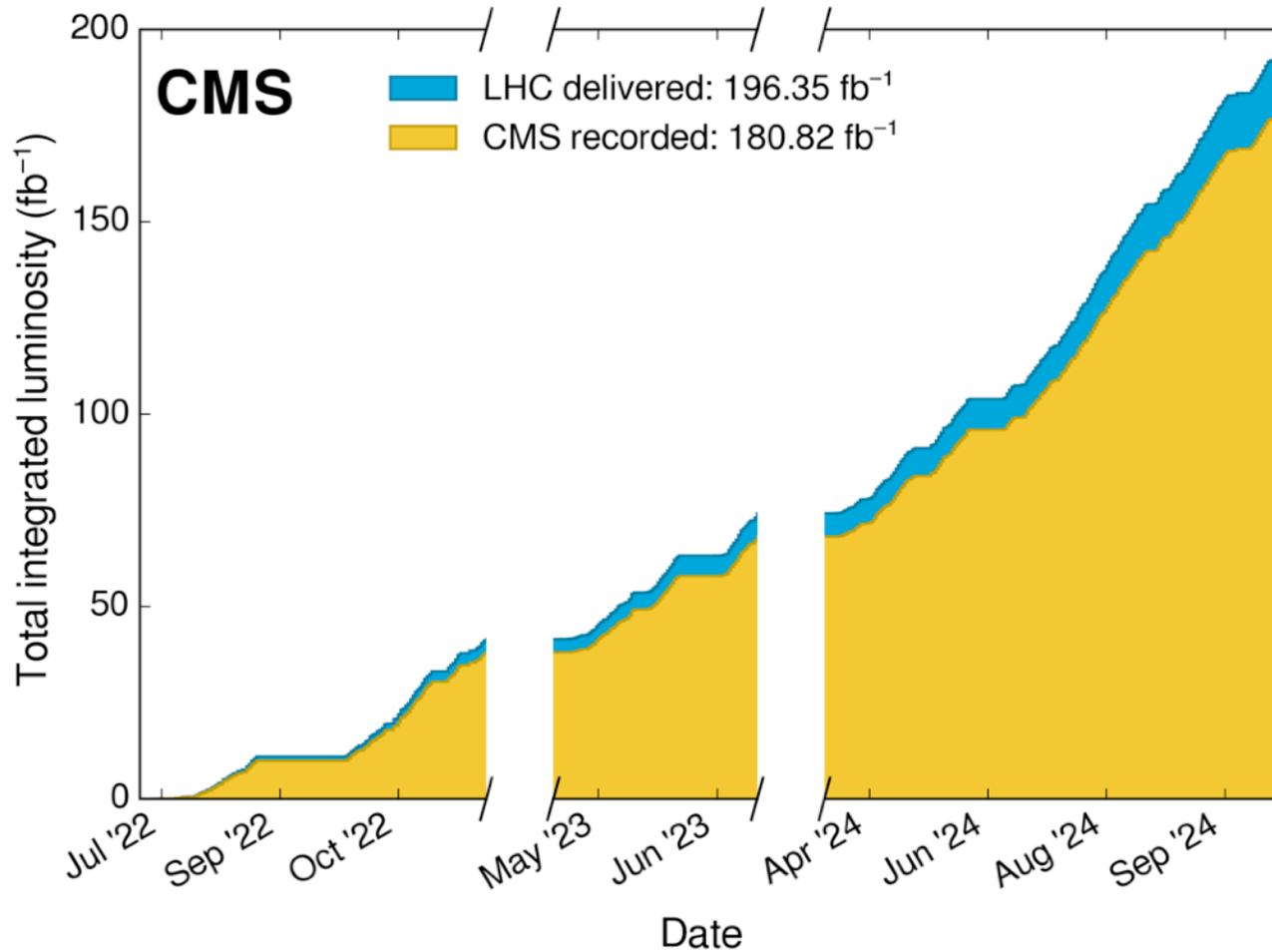
Last update: November 24

# Beginning of Run 3

- Pixels refurbished and reinstalled in June 2021
- **Completely new layer 1** has significant improvements
  - ➔ Readout chip decreased dynamic inefficiency and reduced crosstalk
  - ➔ New TBM with additional delay option
  - ➔ New high density interconnect for more robust HV operation
- Some layer 2 modules replaced
- New DCDC converters
- Improved FPix cooling connections
- ➔ **Excellent performance in start of Run 3 in 2022**

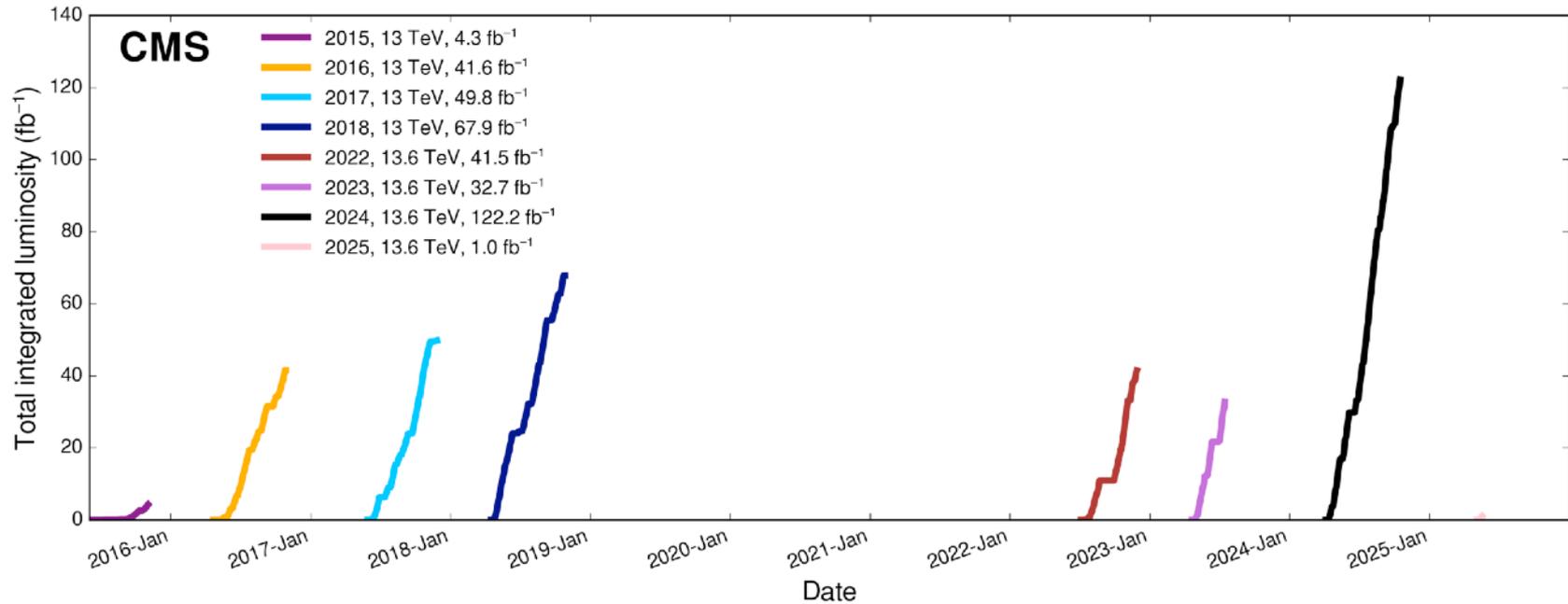


# Run 3 luminosity



- 124 fb<sup>-1</sup> delivered in 2024
- Projecting up to 120 fb<sup>-1</sup> in 2025

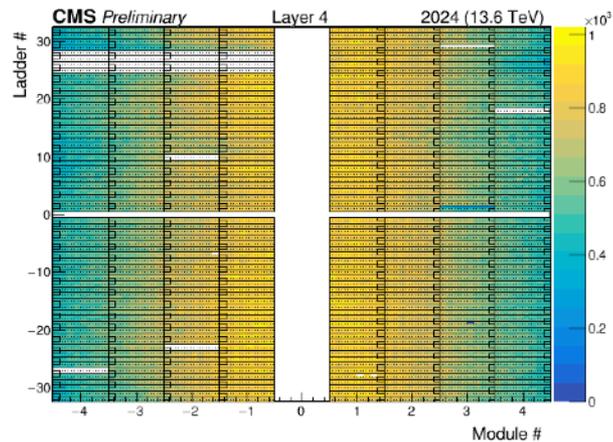
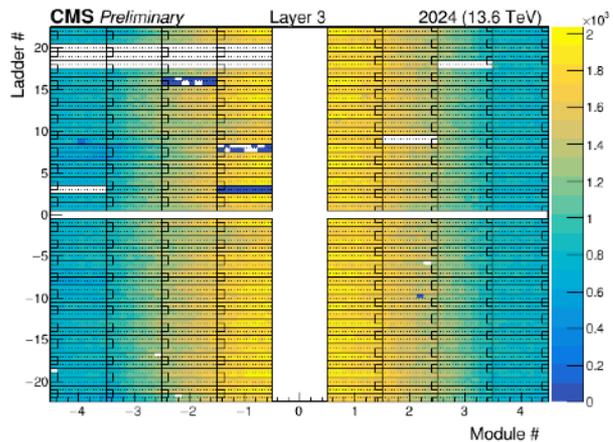
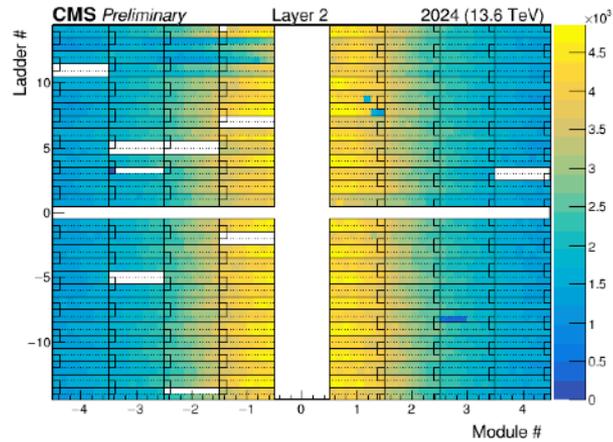
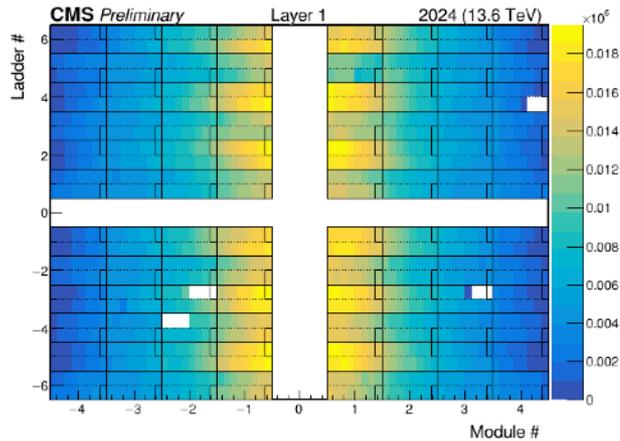
# Luminosity since 2016





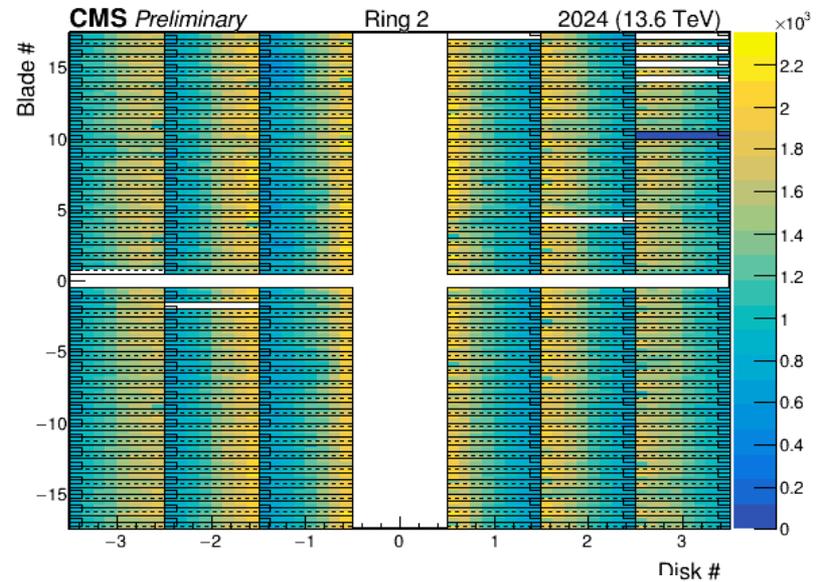
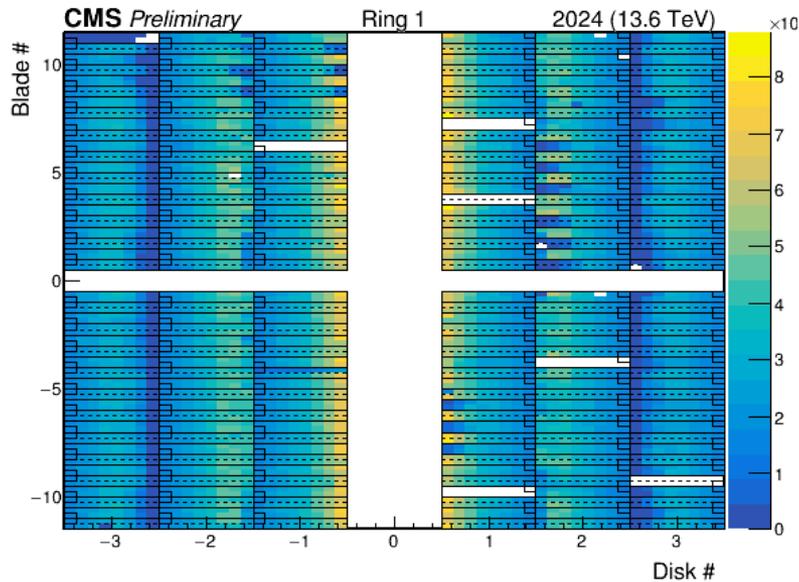
# Performance

# Active detector fraction: BPix

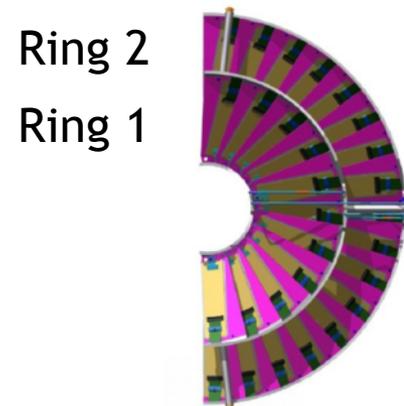


Total active fraction now:  
96.0%

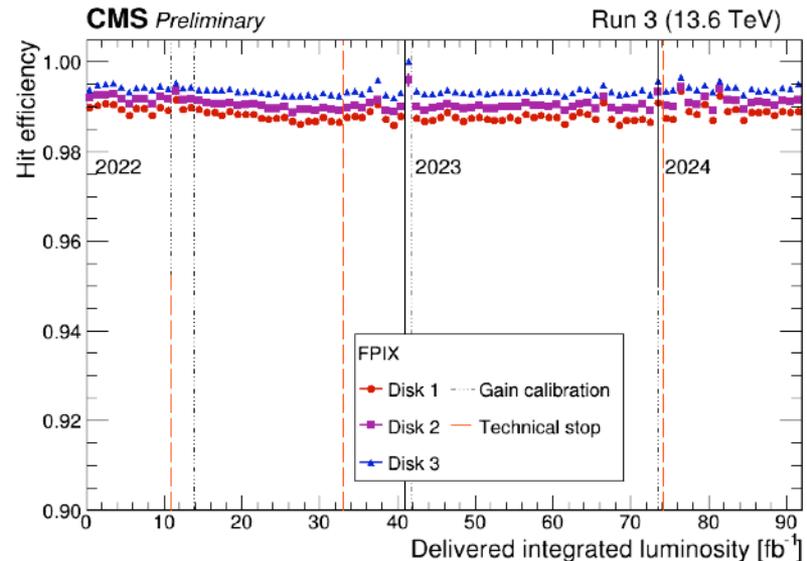
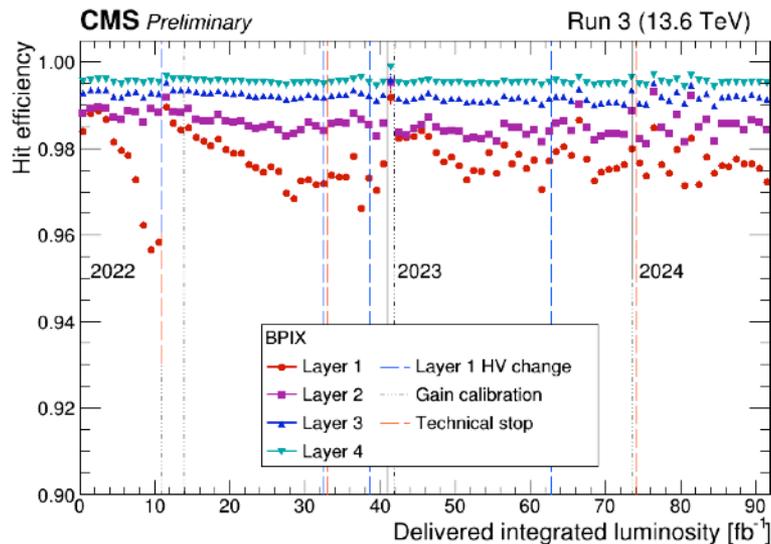
# Active detector fraction: FPix



Total active fraction now: 95.8%

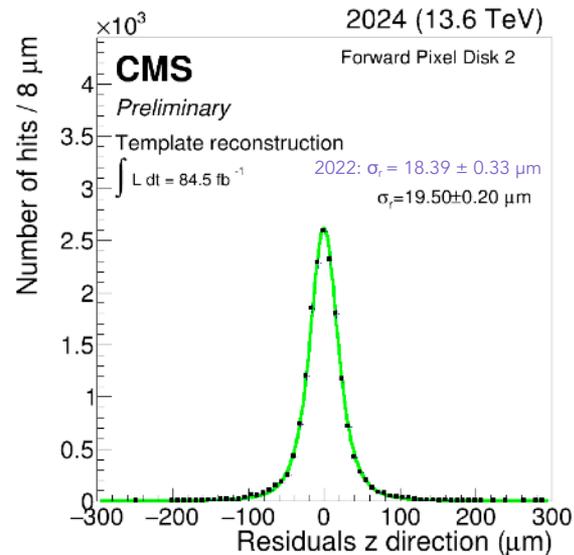
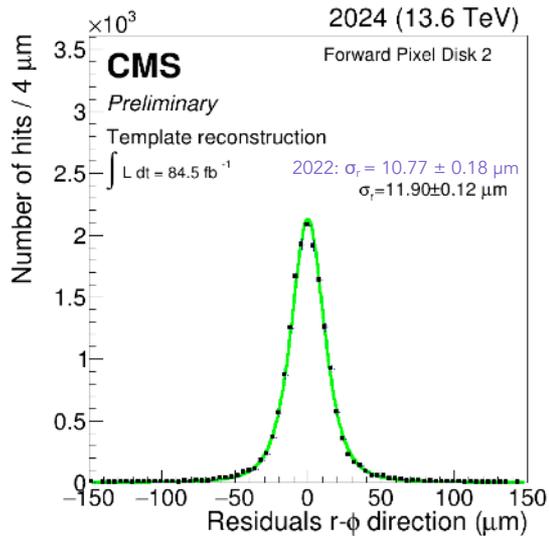
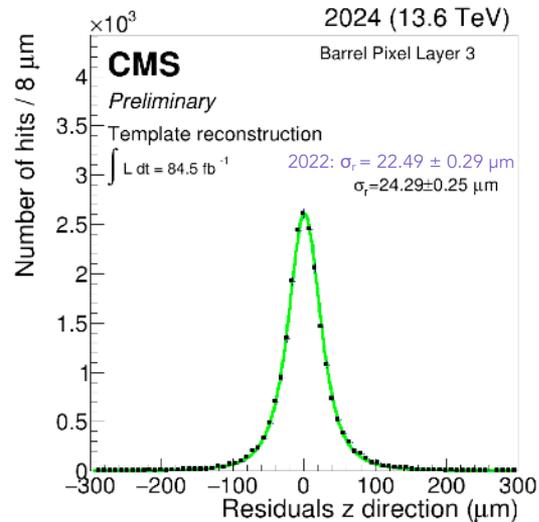
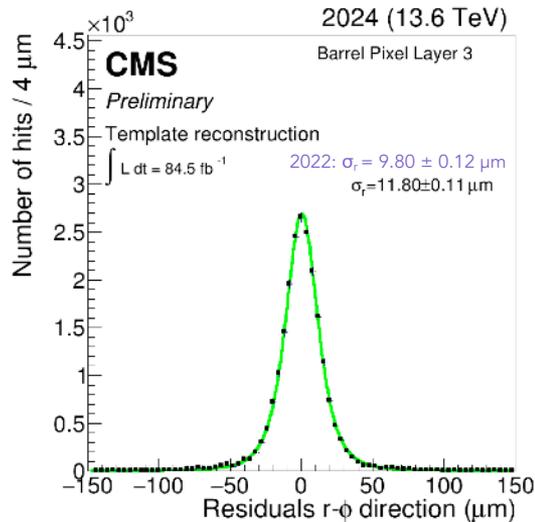


# Hit efficiency



- Hit efficiency affected by gain calibration, HV setting, and annealing during technical stops
- ➔ High hit efficiencies for all layers and disks

# Resolution



Great position resolution

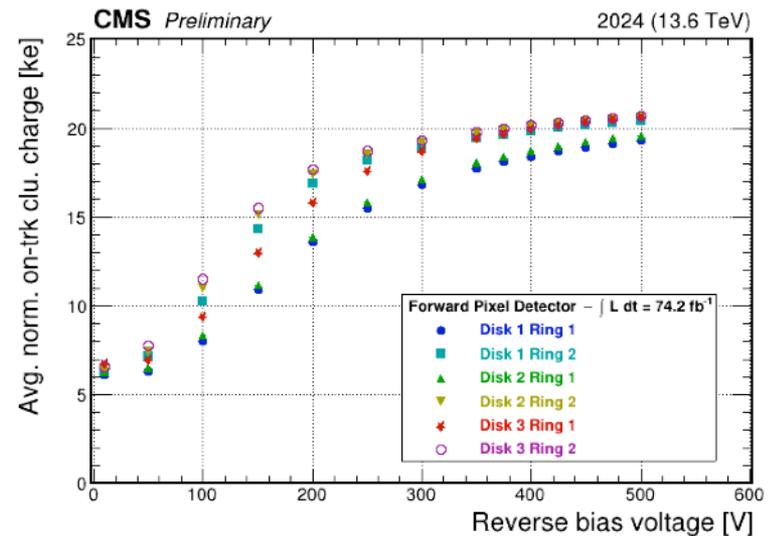
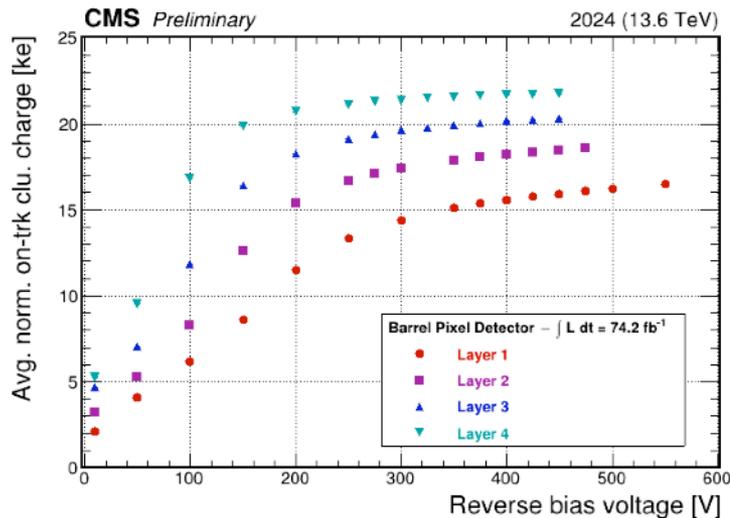
- ➔ Performance consistent with expected evolution
- ➔ Comparable to performance seen in previous years

# Cluster charge measurement

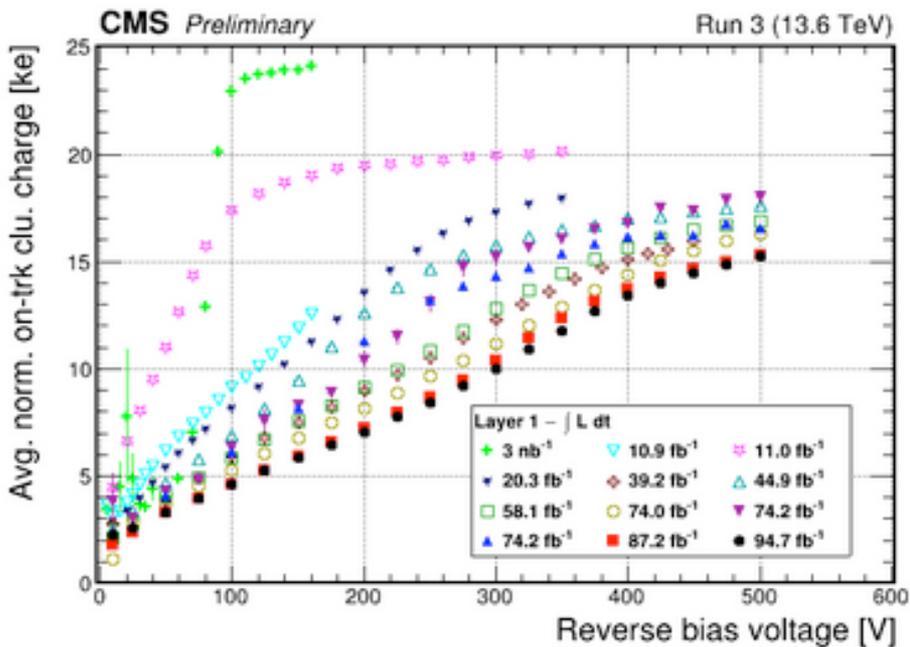
Cluster charge measured as function of bias voltage to determine when settings should be adjusted

Current settings

- Layer 1: 600 V
- Layer 2: 450 V
- Layer 3: 350 V
- Layer 4: 300 V
- Ring 1: 450 V
- Ring 2: 350 V



# BPix Layer 1 bias scans



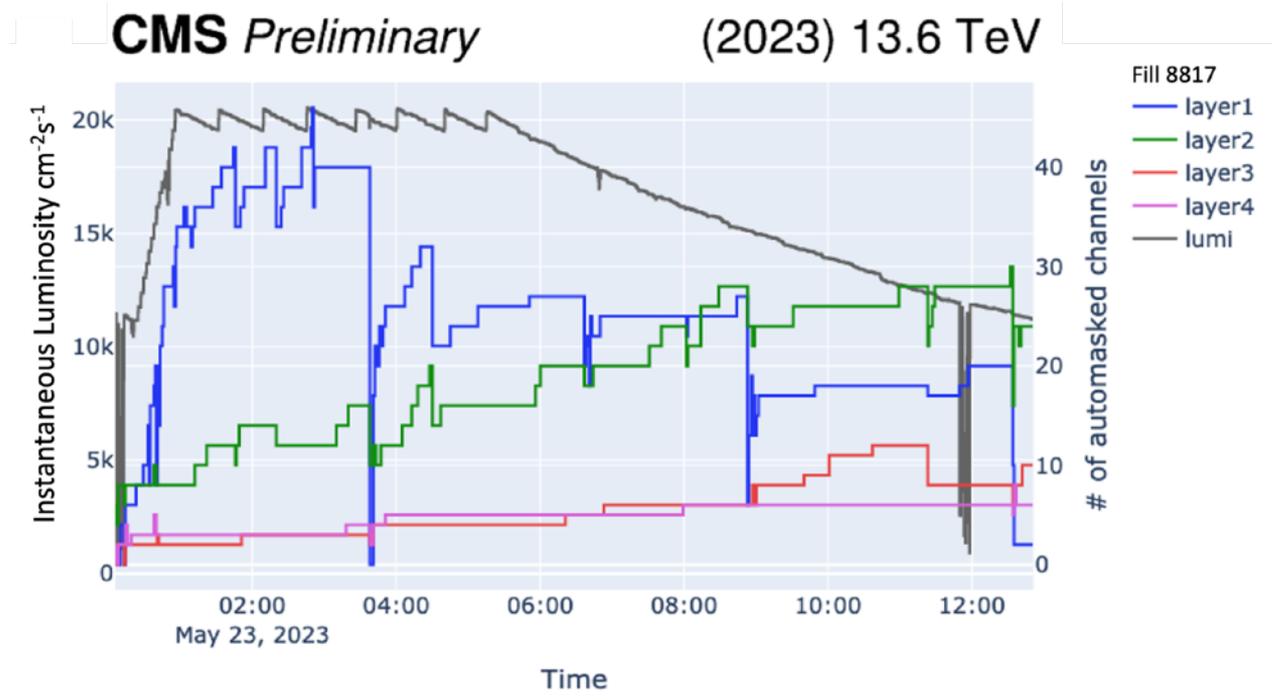
Layer 1 evolving rapidly

- ➔ HV bias scans performed regularly to monitor performance
- ➔ Layer 1 began Run 3 with HV bias of 150 V, now at 600 V
- ➔ Maximum setting of power supplies is 800 V

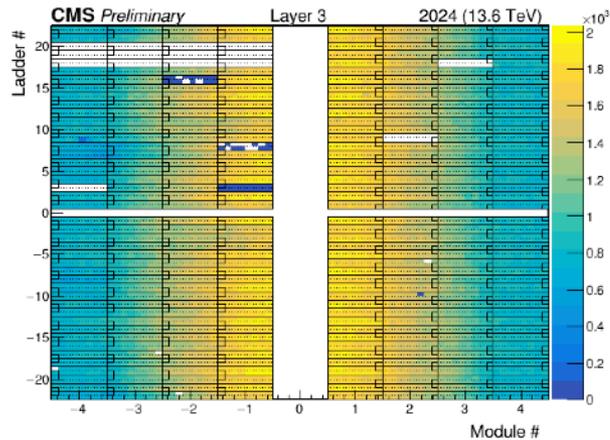
# Operational challenges

# Automasked channels

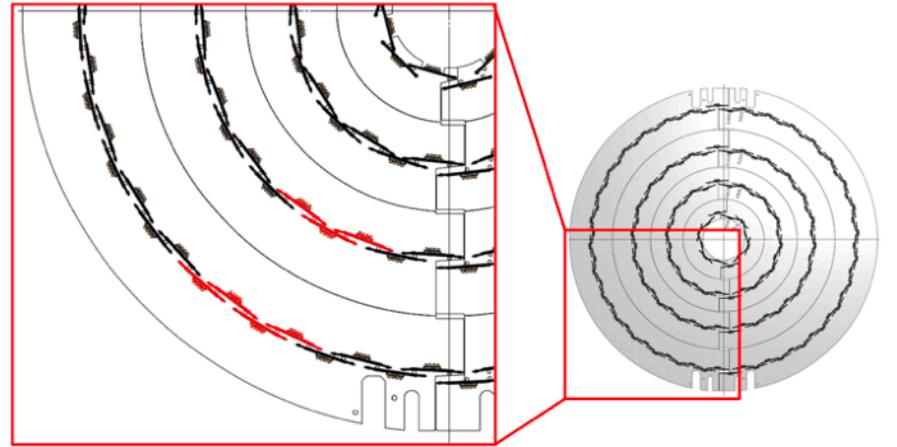
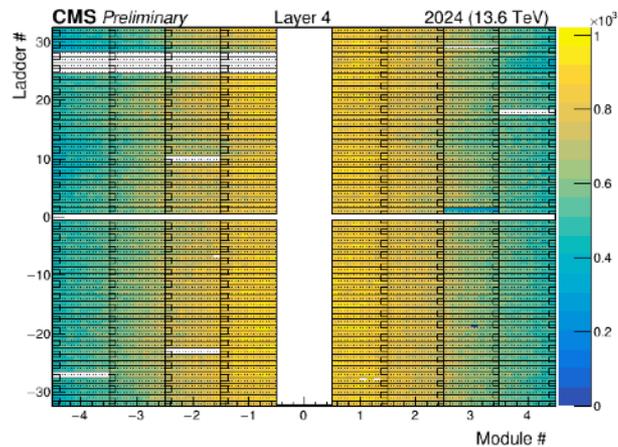
- Channels masked during data-taking due to readout errors
  - ➔ **Layer 1:** operational problem sometimes mitigated by changing timing settings on TBM
  - ➔ **Layer 2-4:** unrecoverable SEUs accumulate over a fill, recovered by powercycling via DCDC between LHC fills
- Recovery action at certain pile up for Layer 1



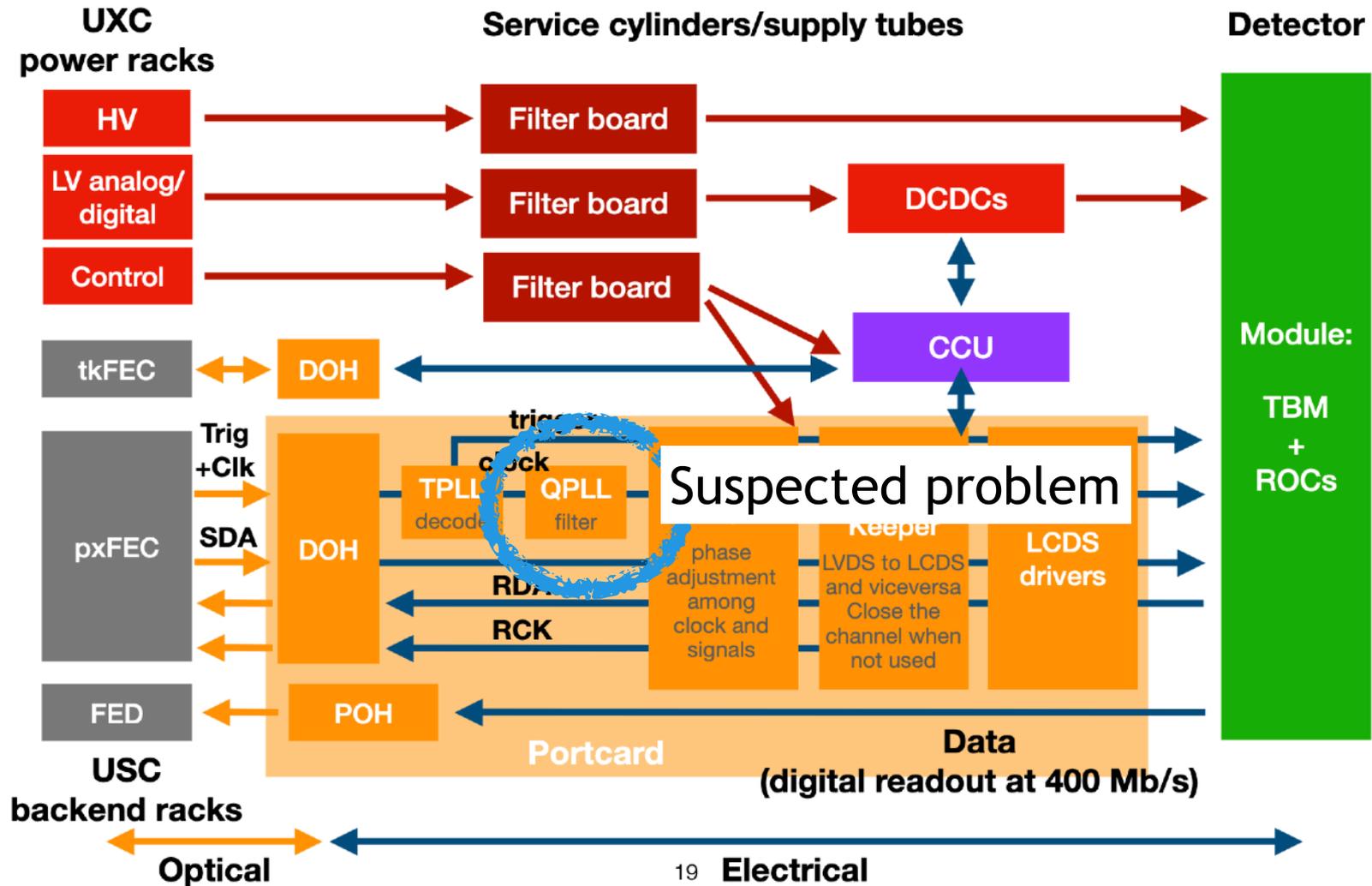
# BPix QPLL issue



- Quartz controlled PLL circuit does not lock to LHC clock
- Layers 3 and 4 of one sector of barrel pixels affected
- Modules are not currently read out
  - ➔ Fixing the issue would require extracting and reinstalling pixel detector

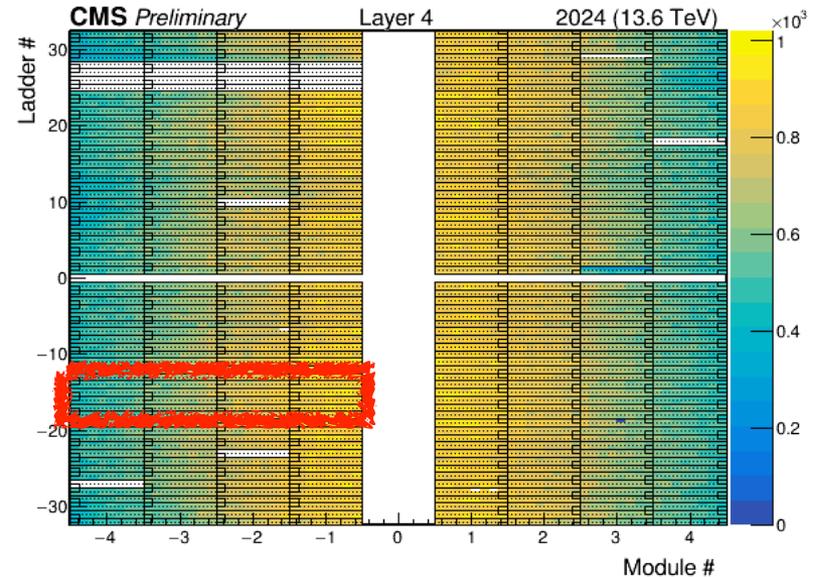


# Pixel hardware connections



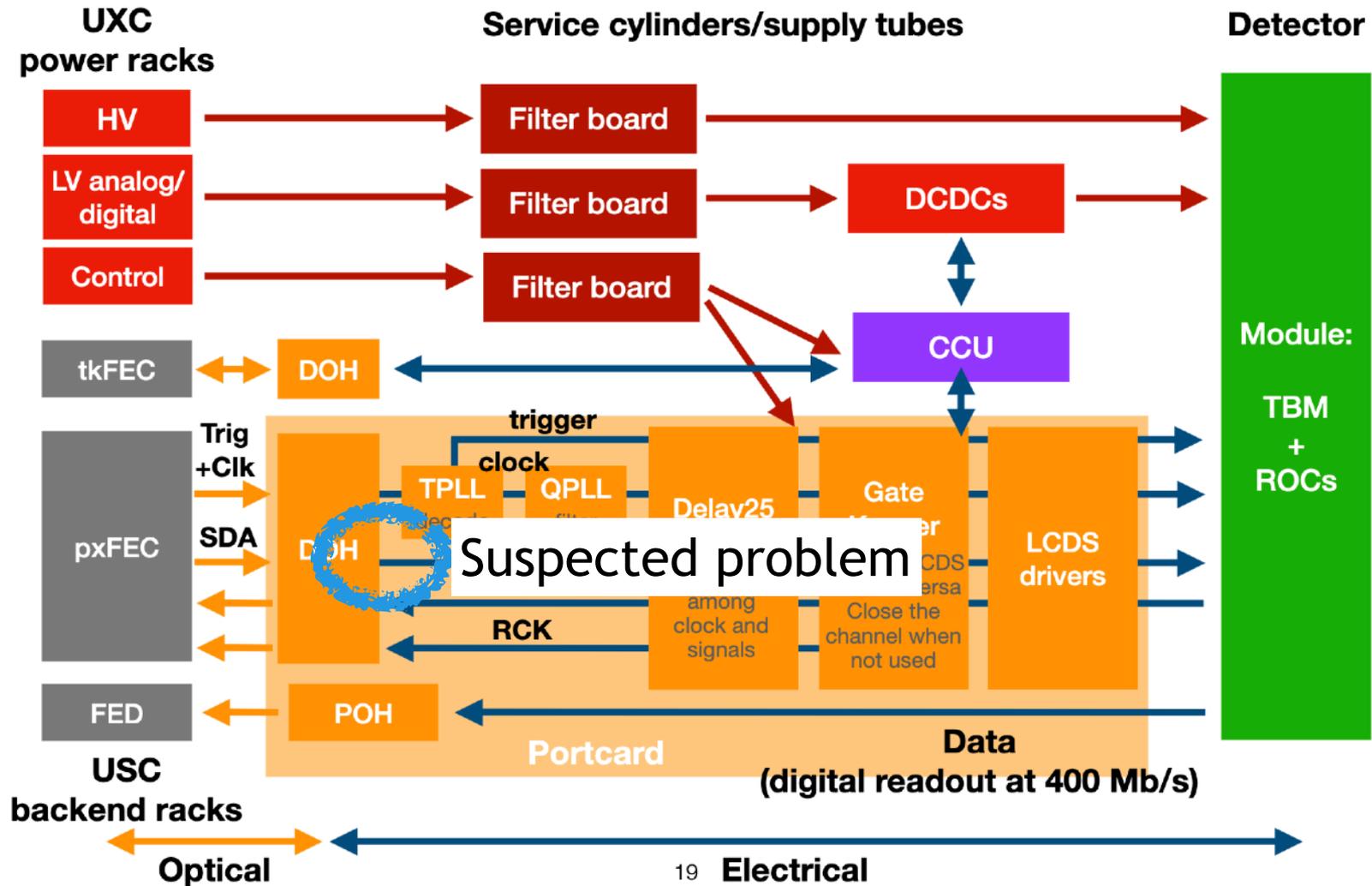
# BPix issue on electronics line

- Group of 16 modules in BPix Layer 4 that are functional only sporadically
- Implemented software change to minimize the number of times the modules are reprogrammed



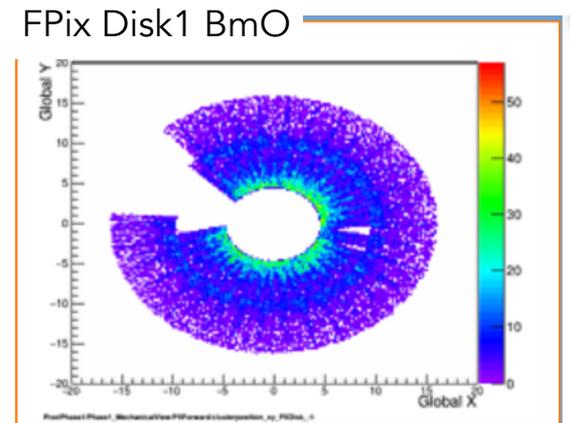
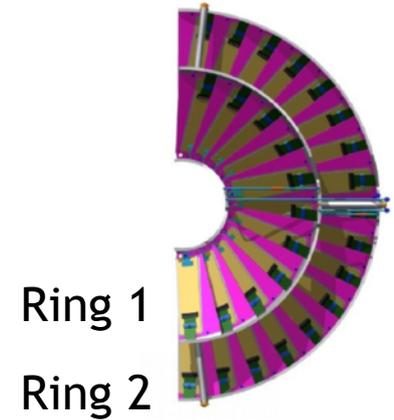
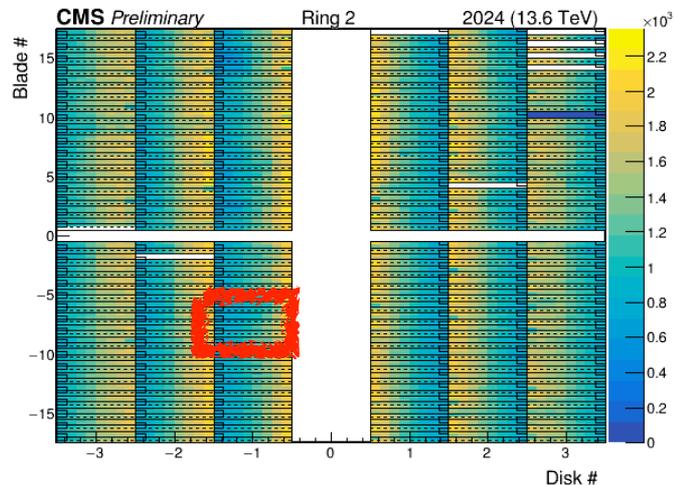
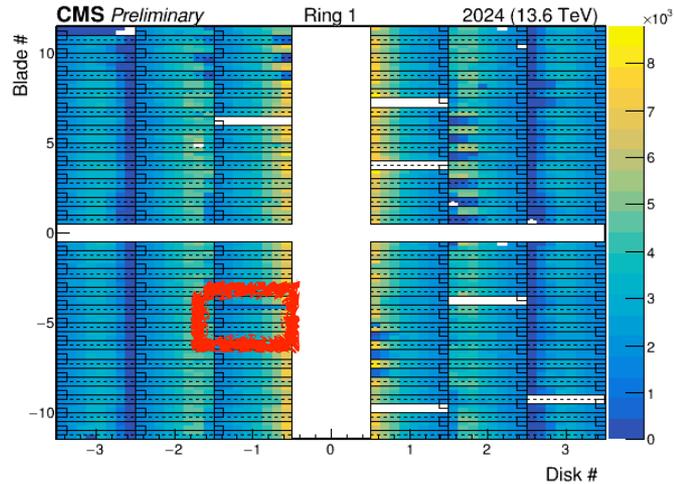
- ➔ Another issue that would require extracting and re-installing the detector

# Pixel hardware connections



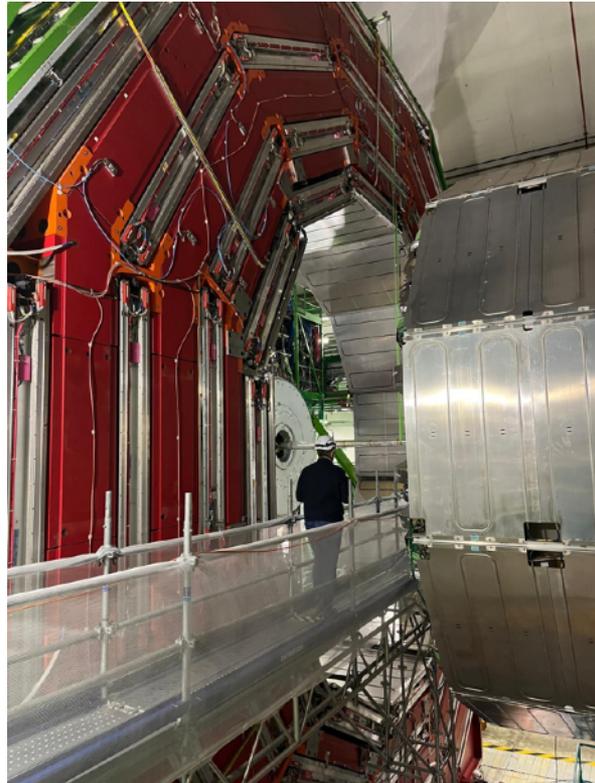
# FPix portcard issue

- FPix portcard stopped working in July 2024
- Corresponds to a group of 14 modules
- Receives clock but no triggers

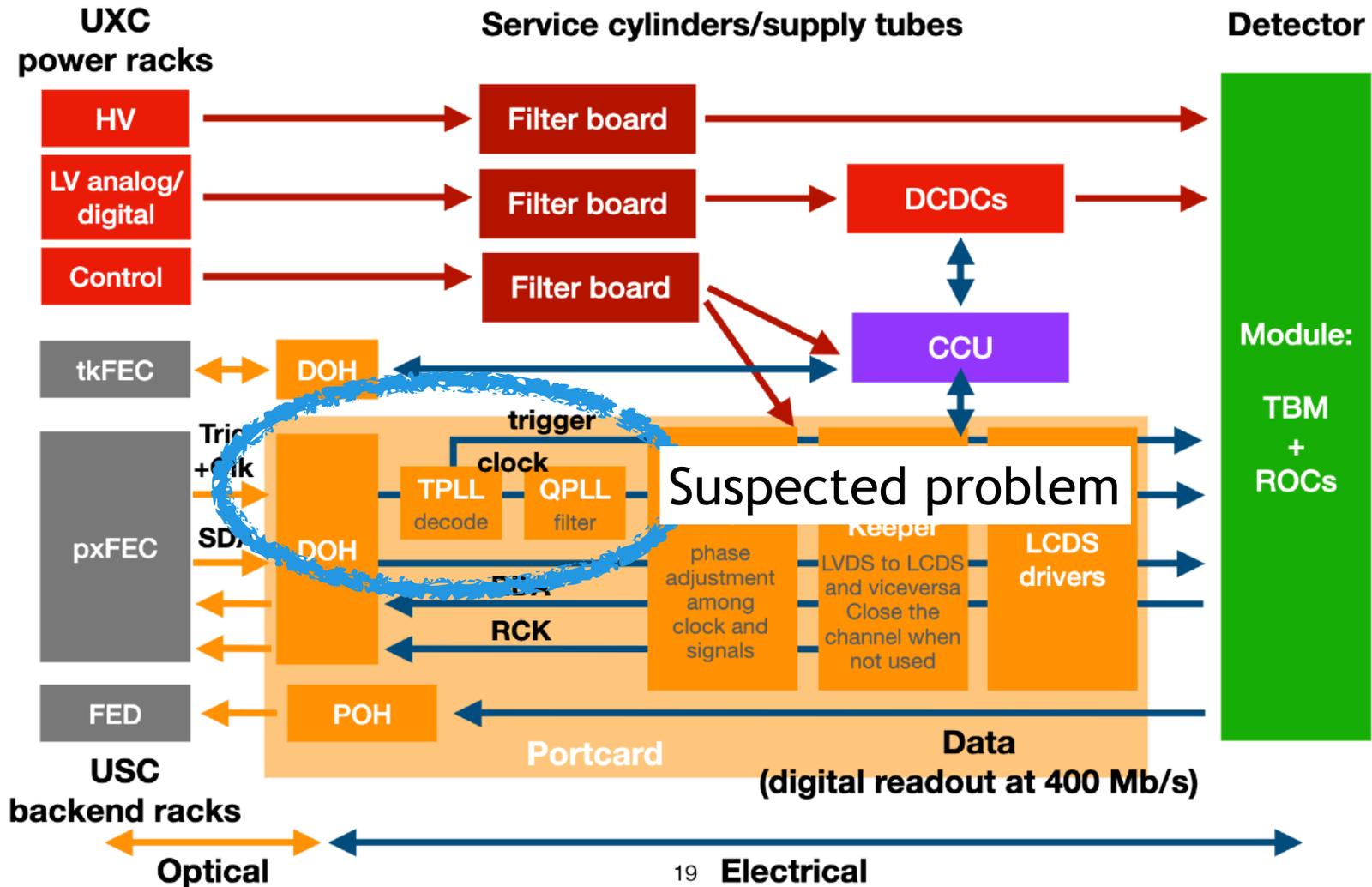


# Intervention on FPix this year

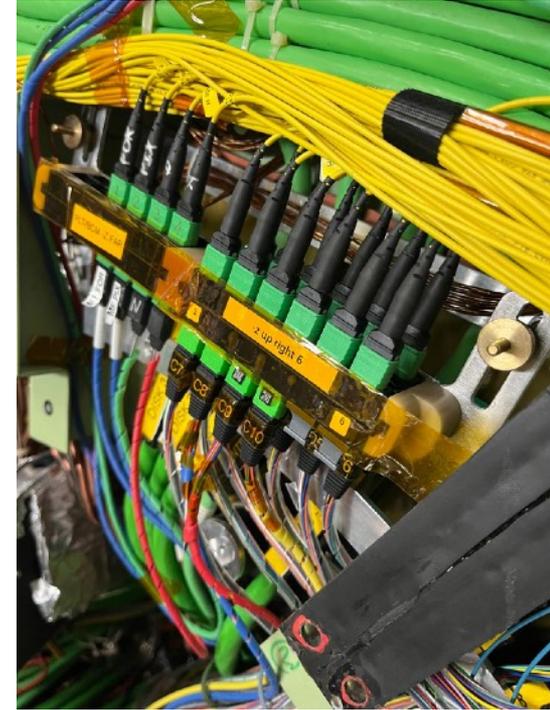
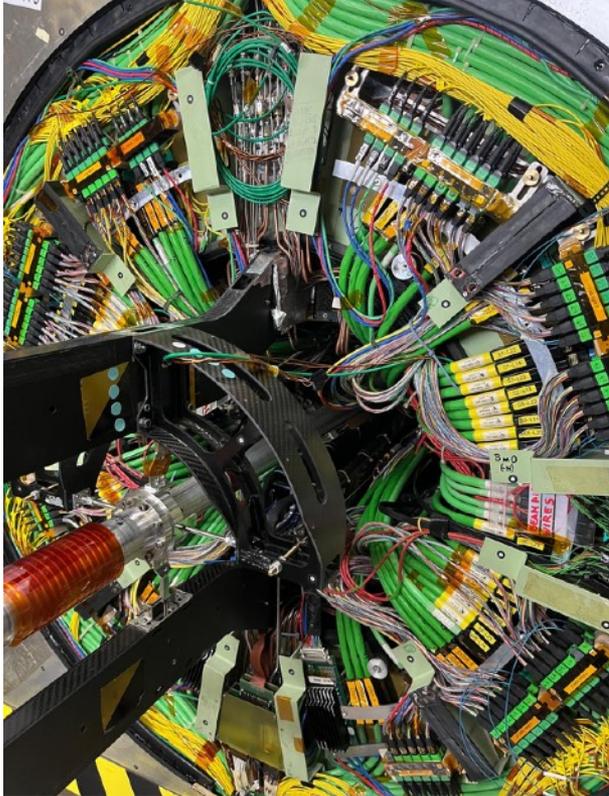
- The CMS detector was opened during the 2024/2025 Technical Stop of the LHC
- We took the opportunity to try to clean our fiber connection of the malfunctioning portcard!



# Pixel hardware connections

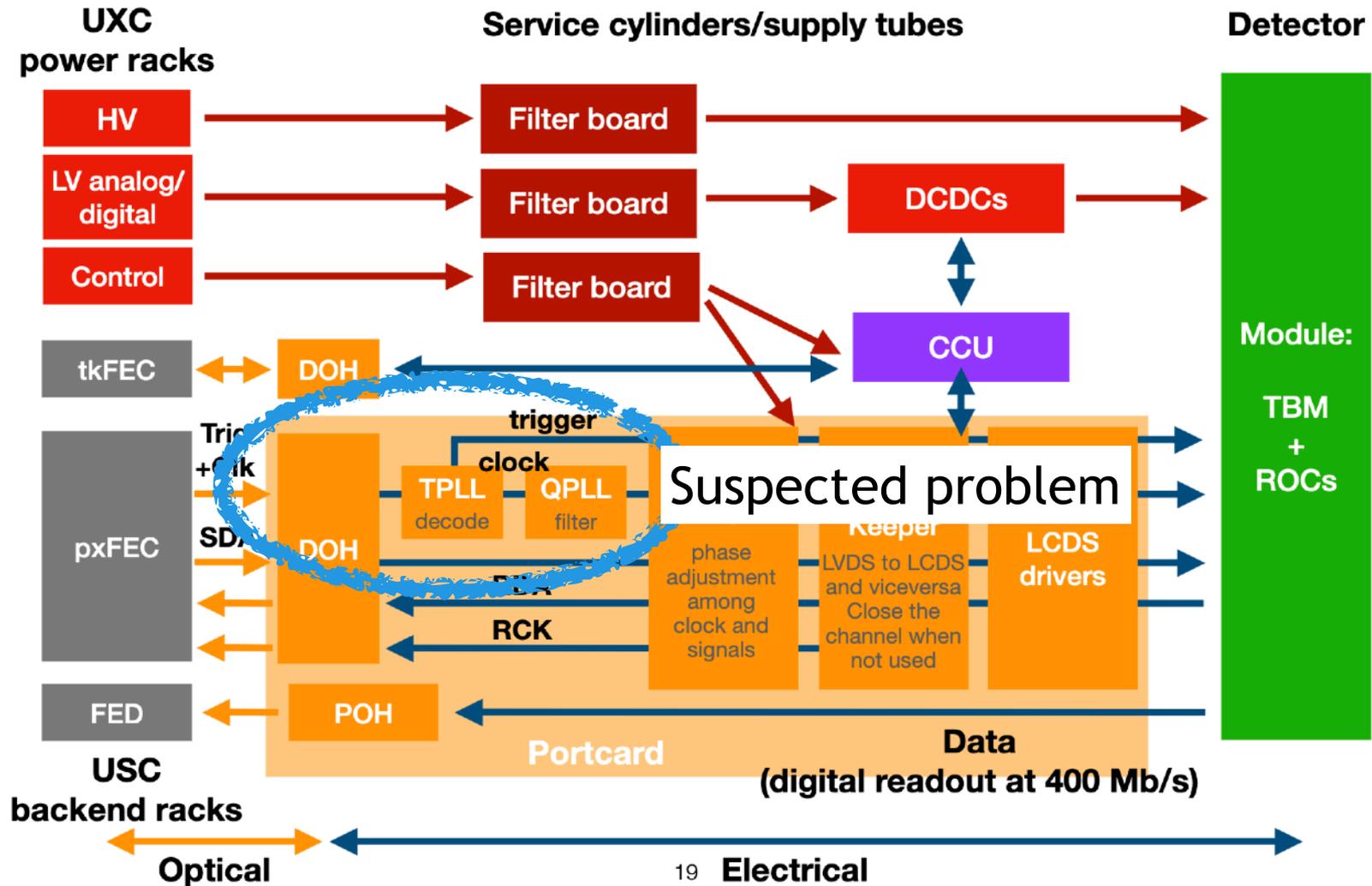


# Cleaning pixel fiber assoc. with problematic FPix portcard

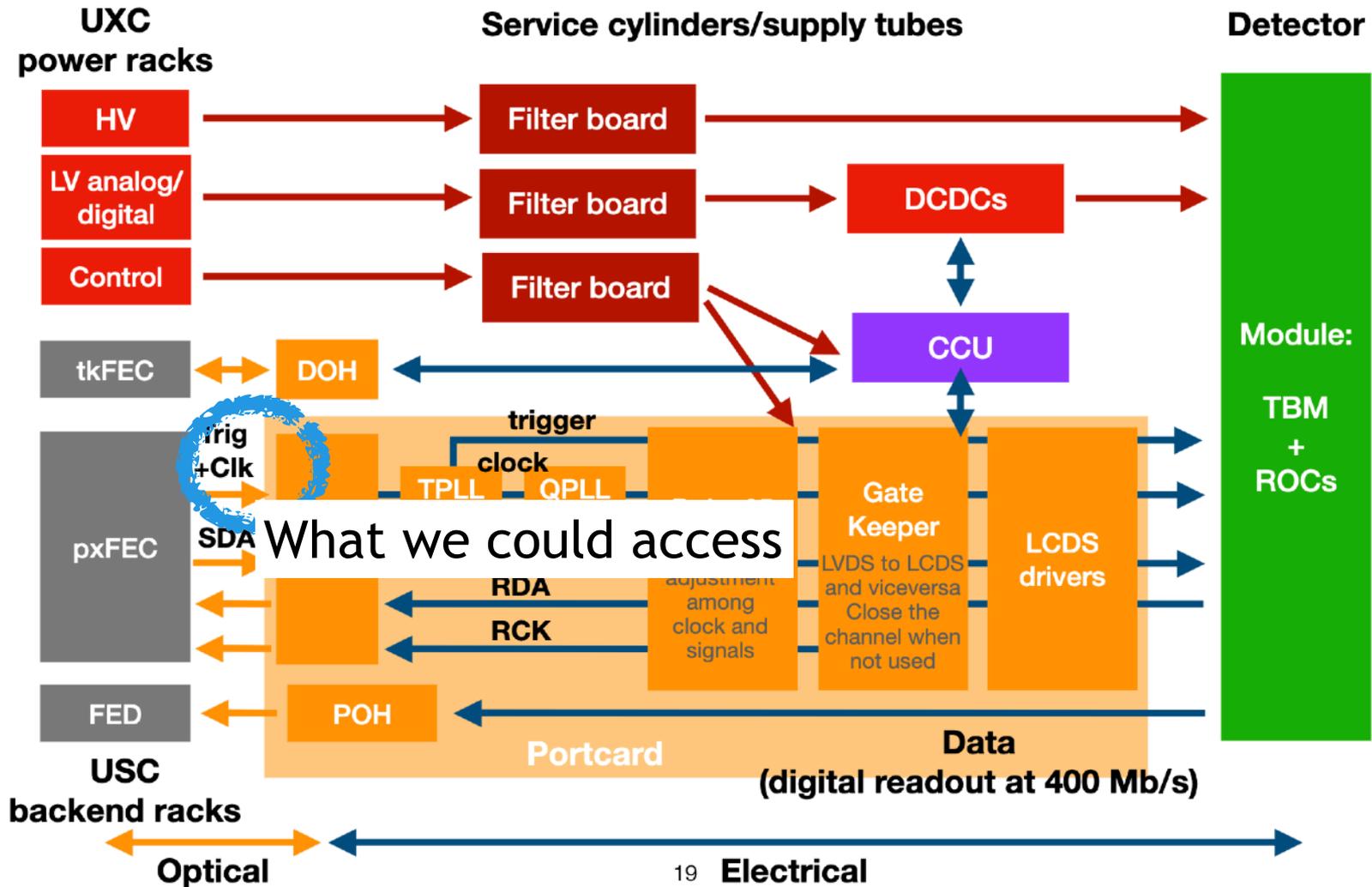


- ➔ Optical fiber connection inspected and cleaned
- ➔ Intervention did not recover these modules

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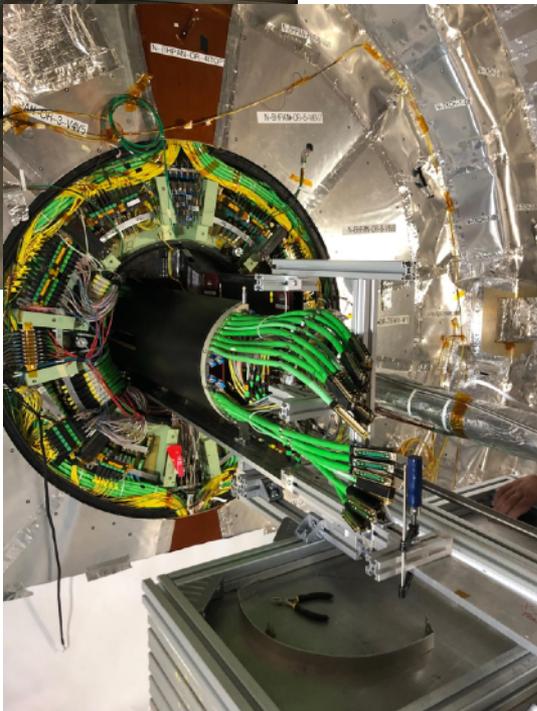
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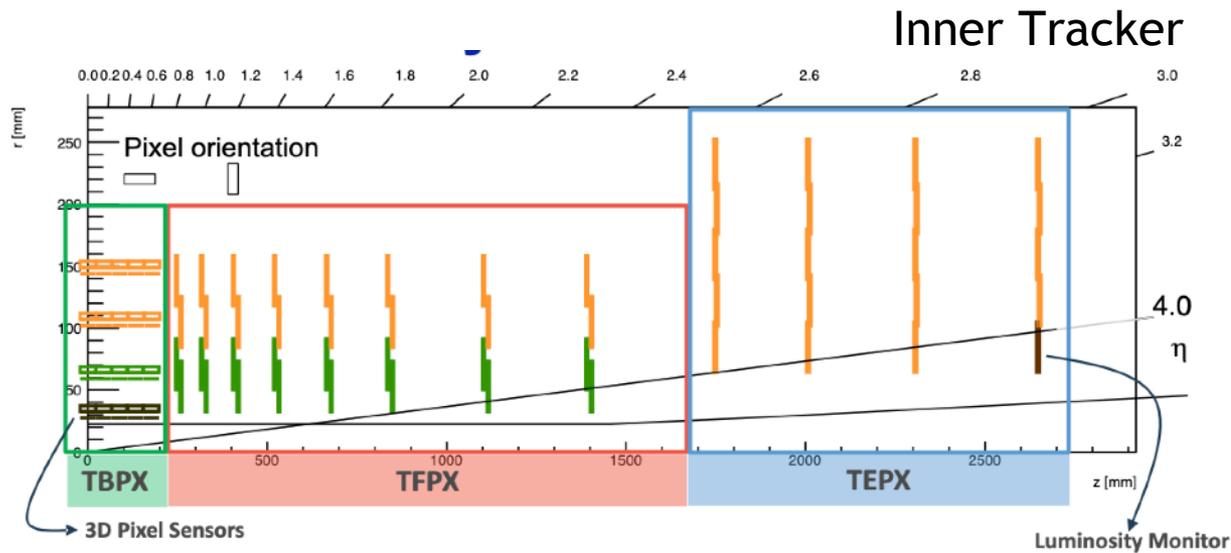
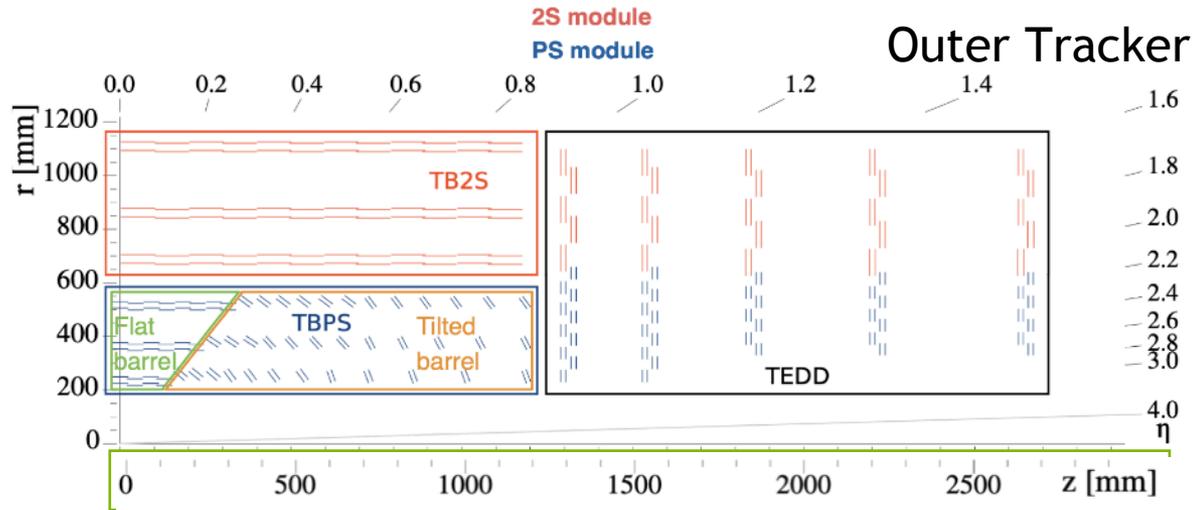
# What's next?

# Decommissioning activities for 2026

- **Run 3 ends 30 June 2026**
- UXC (experimental cavern)
  - Pixel detector and beampipe
  - Cooling and power systems
  - Strip tracker and its services
- USC (service cavern)
  - Services and DAQ racks



# Transition to Phase 2



- CMS will be getting a brand new tracking system for HL-LHC (aka CMS Phase 2)
- **IPHC will play an extremely important role!**

# Summary

- The CMS pixel detector is performing well with continuous monitoring and calibrations
- High amount of integrated luminosity during LHC Run 3 has presented challenges
  - ➔ Radiation damage degrades performance over time
  - ➔ A few problems with electronics located on the service cylinders have led to losses of small groups of modules
  - ➔ Readout errors at high pile up create a challenge for BPix Layer 1
- Run 3 will conclude next year and the tracking system of CMS will be upgraded

**Thank you!**

# Backup

# Radiation levels

## BPix Layer 1

End Of	Luminosity[fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Dose[Mrad]	Fluence[10 <sup>14</sup> ]	Voltage
2017	51	19.	4.0	350
2018	117	45	9.3	450
2022	41	16	3.2	400
2023	73	28	5.8	450
2024	197	75	16	550

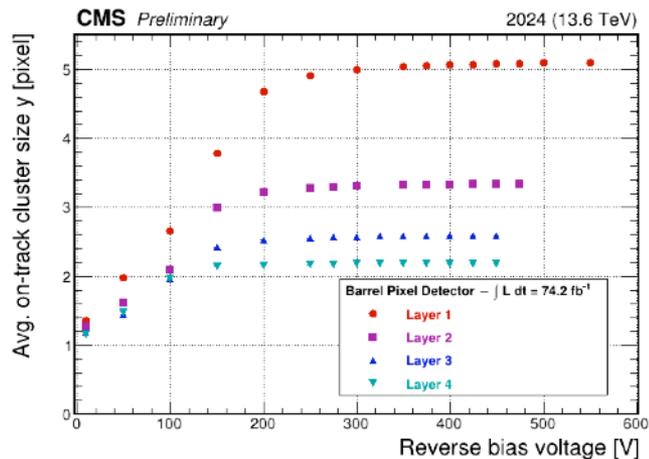
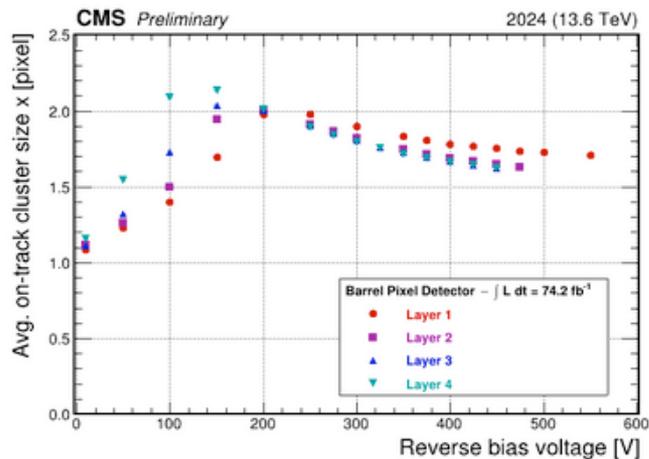
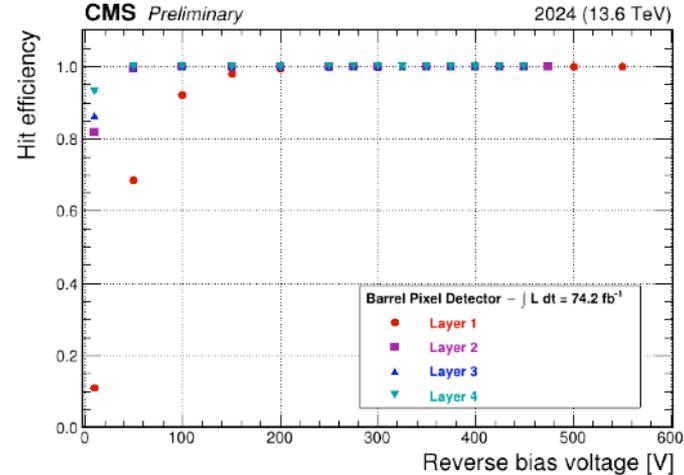
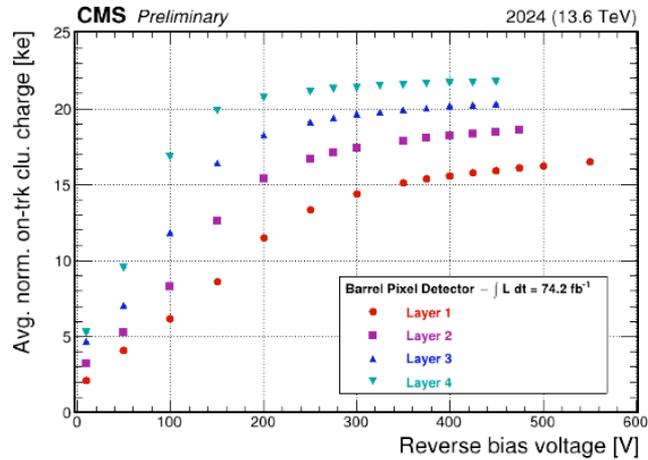
## Comparison among BPix and FPix

	Dose[Mrad]	Fluence[N-eq/cm <sup>2</sup> ]		
Layer 1	75	16E14	121/25	143/30
Layer 2	31	6E14	42/8.3	48/9.4
Layer 3	15	3E14	20/4.1	23/4.7
Layer 4	8	1.8E14	11/2.5	12.5/2.9
FPix inner	83	17E14	<u>115/23</u>	<u>131/26</u>
FPix middle	17	3.2E14	<u>23/4.4</u>	<u>26/5.0</u>
FPix outer	9	1.8E14	<u>12/2.4</u>	<u>14/2.8</u>

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# Cluster size and hit efficiency

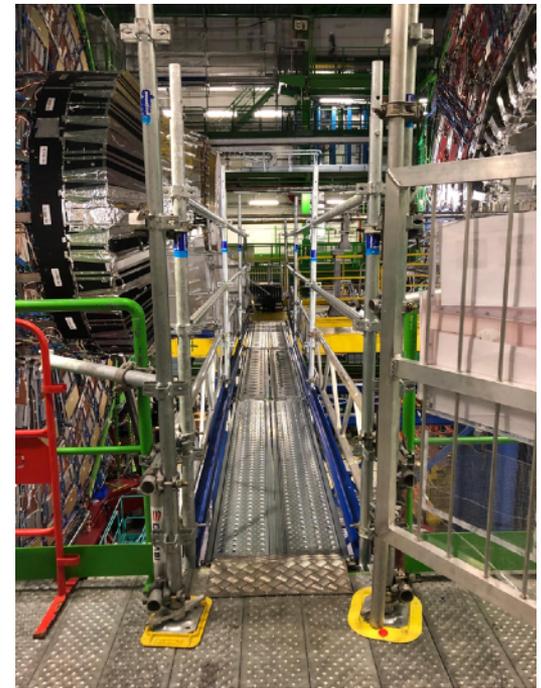
Hit efficiency and cluster size in x and y also used to evaluate performance



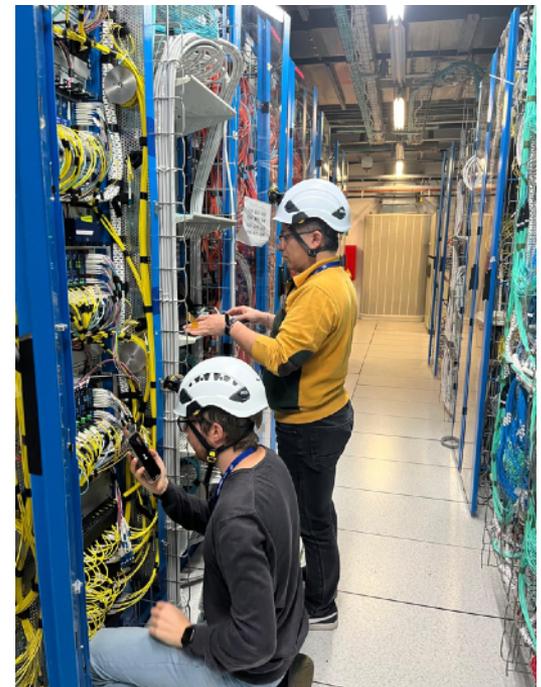
# UXC vs. USC

- Important distinction between activities in the experimental cavern (UXC) and service cavern (USC)
- Especially at the beginning of LS3, there will be restrictions in UXC based on the radiation zone classification
  - More trainings required
  - Active dosimeter to be worn
  - Limit time in this zone
  - Will be closely monitored by Radiation Protection team

UXC

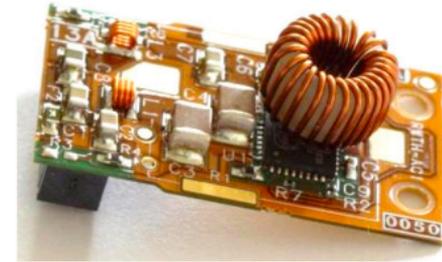


USC

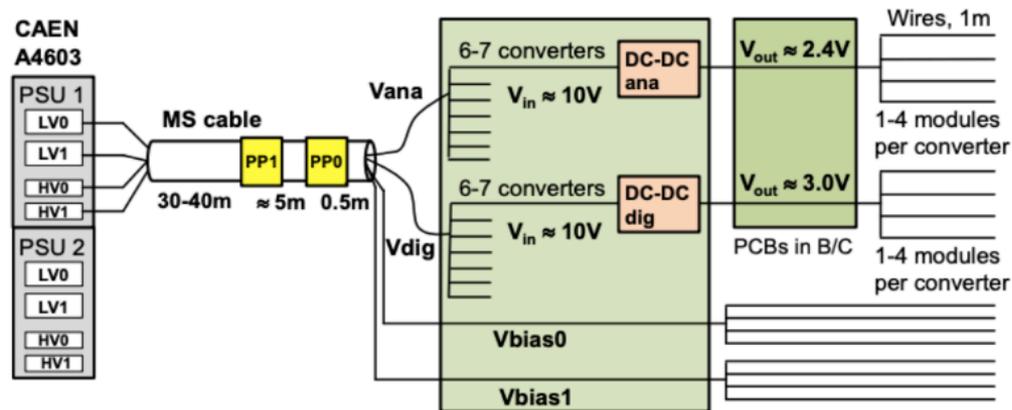


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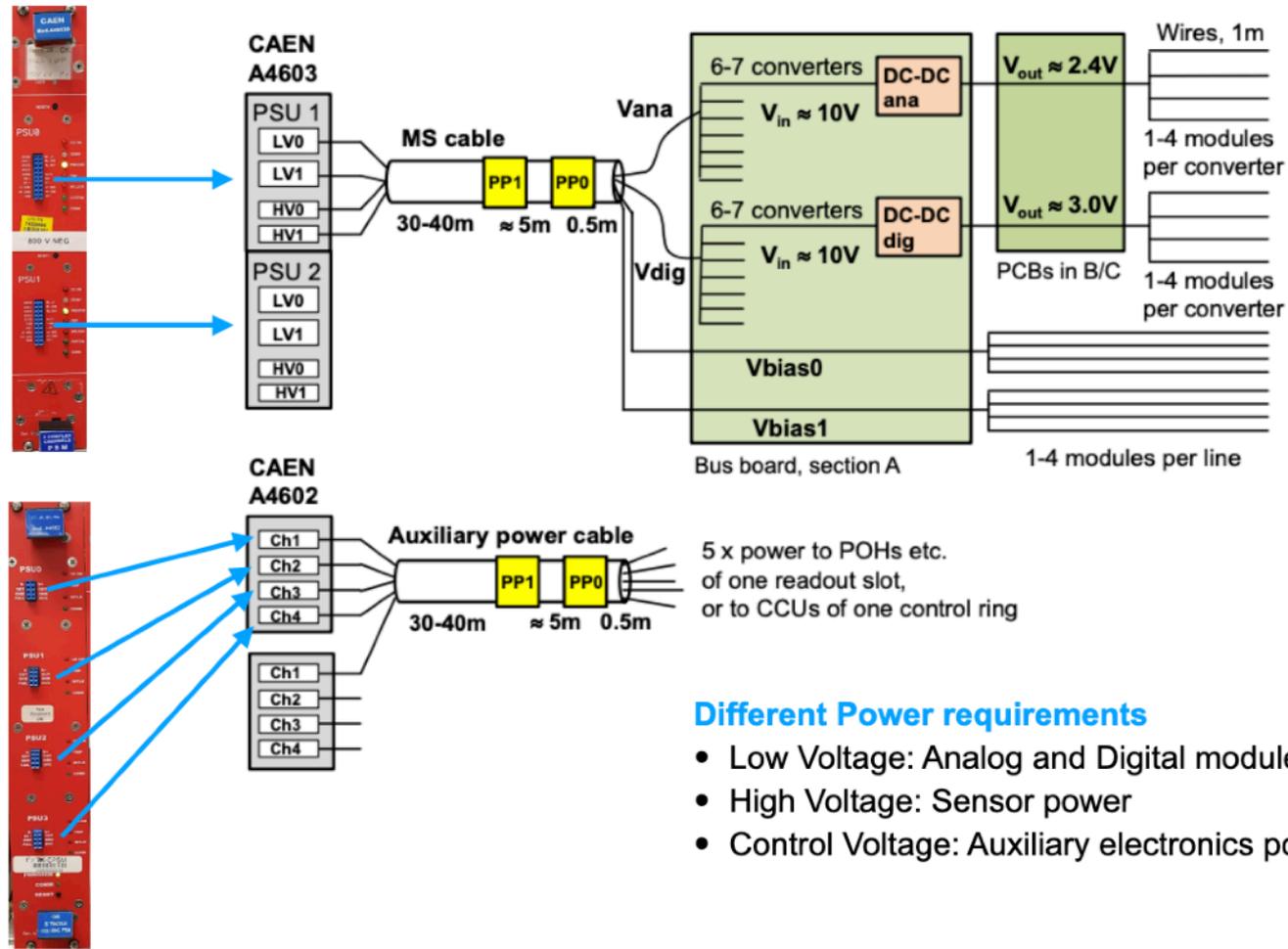
- DC-DC converters used in detector
- 1216 total DC-DC converters convert input of 10 V and converts this to 2.4 - 3.5 V for the ROC and TBM
- One pair of DC-DC converter delivers the analog and digital voltage
- Placed about 1 m away from detector modules
- Connected to power supply channel



Type	Required
2.4 V (= Analog)	608
3.3 V (=Digital, BPix)	320
3.5 V (=Digital, FPix & BPix L2)	288



# Powering system



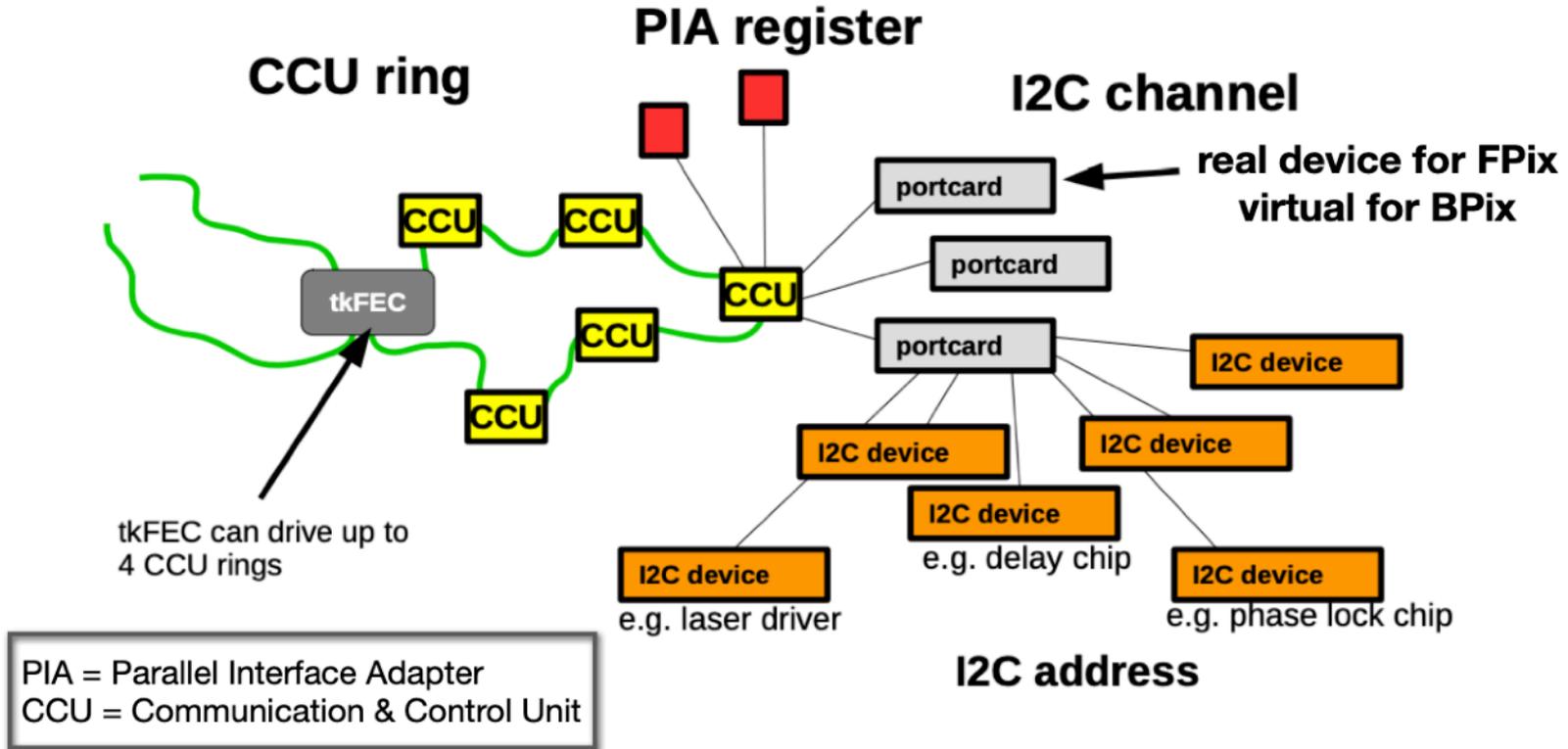
## Different Power requirements

- Low Voltage: Analog and Digital module power
- High Voltage: Sensor power
- Control Voltage: Auxiliary electronics power

# Auxiliary hardware

CCU uses

- 12C channels to program readout electronics on service half-cylinders
- PIA registers to enable/disable DCDC converters and generate reset signals



# Hit efficiency and residuals measurement

**Hit efficiency** is the probability to find any cluster within 1mm around an expected hit independent of the cluster quality

- Measured using muon tracks with  $p_T > 2$  GeV
- Bad components of the pixel detector are excluded from the measurement

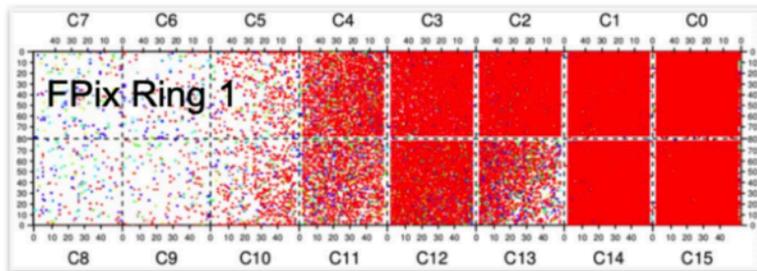
**Hit residuals measurement:**

- Triplet method
  - $p_T > 12$  (4) GeV tracks with hits in 3 layers (disks) are selected and refitted using hits in two of three layers (disks) for the BPIX (FPIX).
  - Trajectory is extrapolated to remaining layer (disk) and residuals with the actual hit are calculated for the BPIX (FPIX)
  - Residual distribution fitted with the Student-t function to obtain the mean offset ( $\mu$ ) and resolution ( $\sigma$ )
    - Residual offset (mean) and resolution are obtained from the fit
  - Triplets considered:
    - Layer 3: propagate from hits on Layer 2 and 4
    - Disk 2: propagate from hits on Disks 1 and 3
- Reconstruction:
  - Generic:
    - Simple algorithm based on track position and angle
    - Used in our High Level Triggers (HLT) and early track iterations offline
  - Template:
    - Algorithm based on detailed cluster shape simulations
    - Used in the final fit of each track in the offline reconstruction

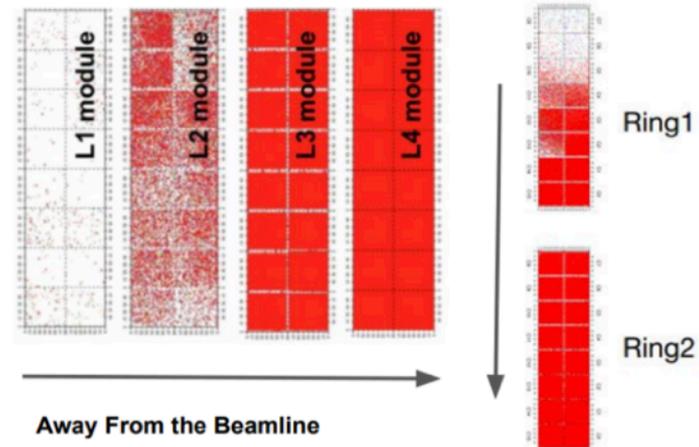
# DCDC damaged modules

DCDC damaged modules not correctly powered

- Sensor leakage current cannot be drained efficiently if the ROC is not powered
- Bias voltage (HV) ON and module power (LV) OFF leads to bad grounding
- Leakage current is drained through the pre-amplifier, damaging the pre-amplifier and the module
- Damage seems to accumulate with radiation and distance from beamline
- 6 (accessible) Layer 1 modules replaced during 2017-18 YETS out of total 8 damaged modules in Layer 1
- Accessible DCDC-damaged modules in Layer 2 were replaced during LS2



Damages due to HV on and LV off



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