

From discovery to precision physics: ATLAS Trigger and Data Acquisition evolution

[Riccardo Scaglioni](#) (University and INFN Pavia)

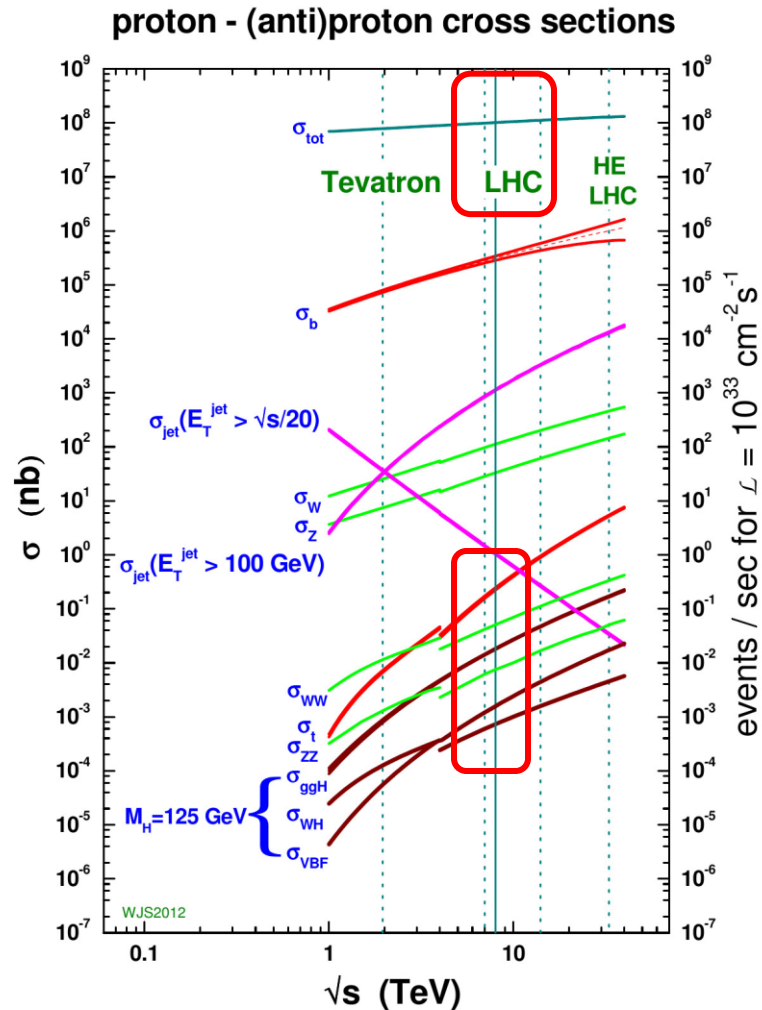
Supervisors:

Andrea Negri (University and INFN Pavia)

Gabriella Gaudio (INFN Pavia)



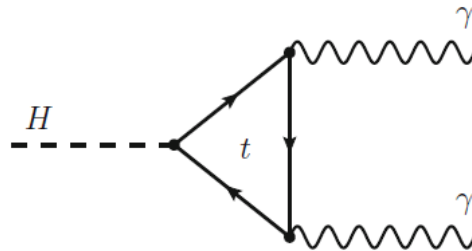
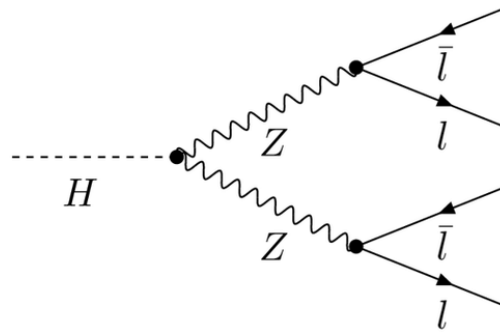
Physics at the Large Hadron Collider



- Center of mass energy: $\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$
- High collision frequency: 40 MHz
- Lot of collisions data produced: $> 60 \text{ TB/s}$
- **Very rare interesting events (Higgs $\sim 10^{-10} \sigma_{\text{tot}}$)**
- **Designed to validate new physics models**

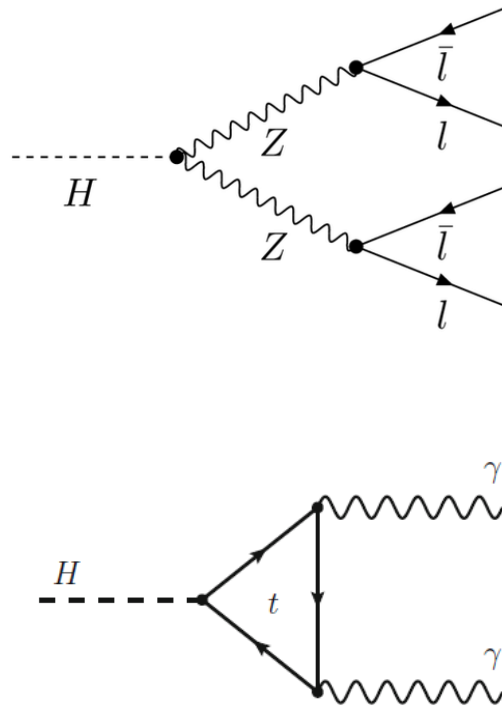
What does data taking mean?

What we are looking for:

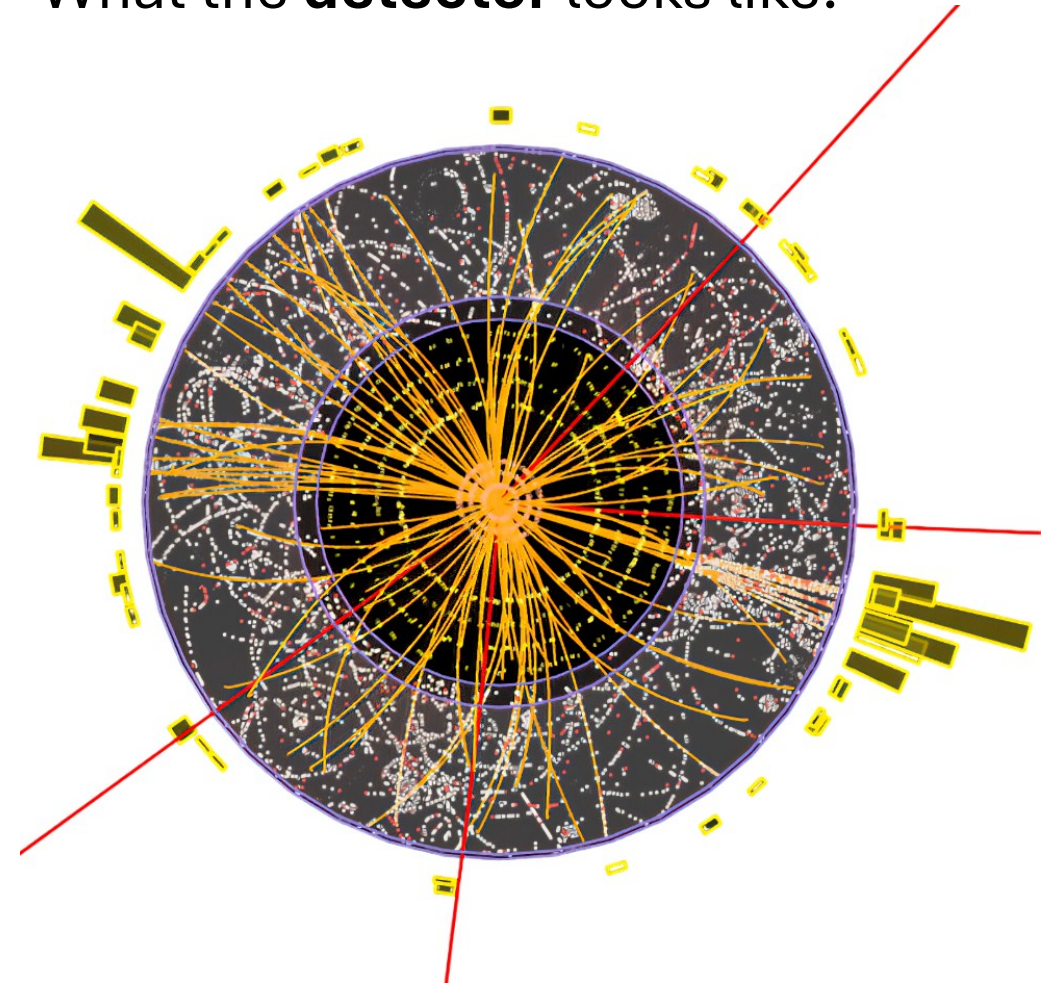


What does data taking mean?

What we are looking for:

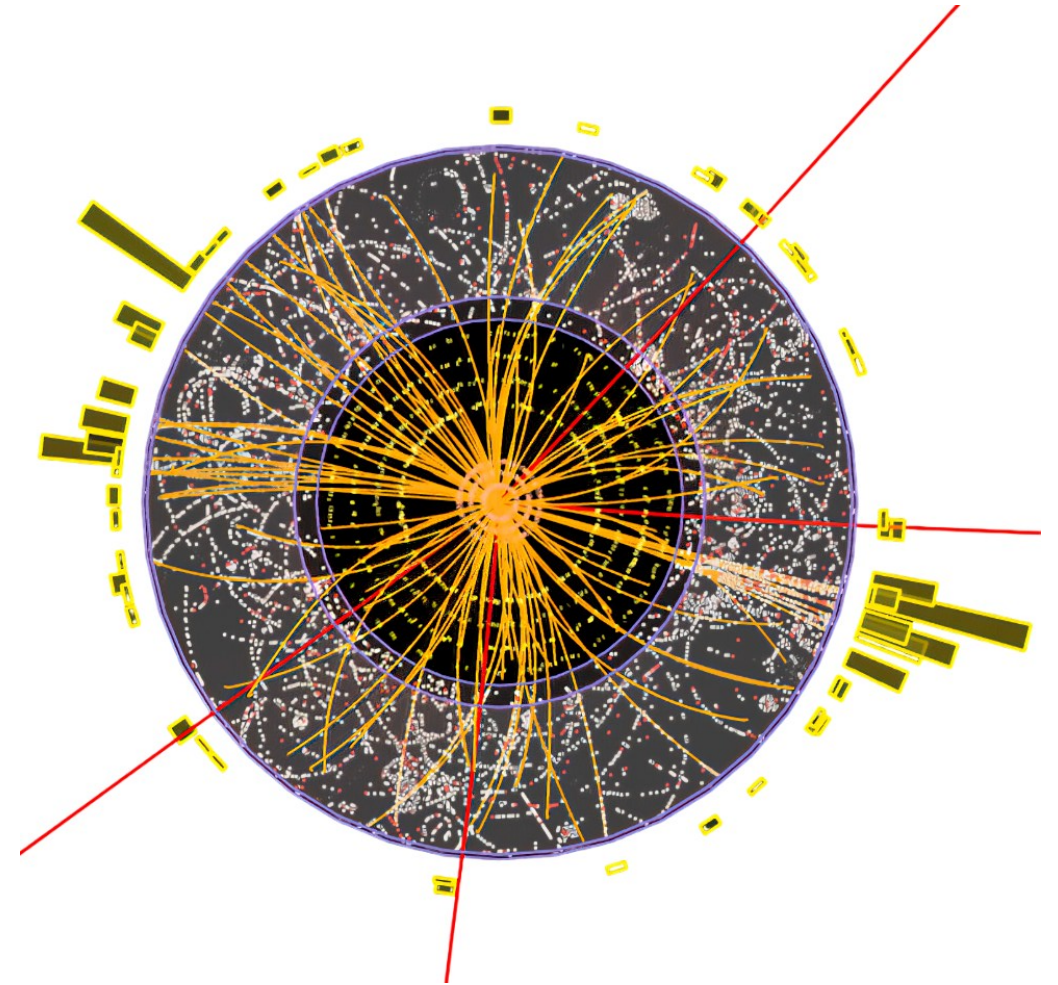


What the **detector** looks like:

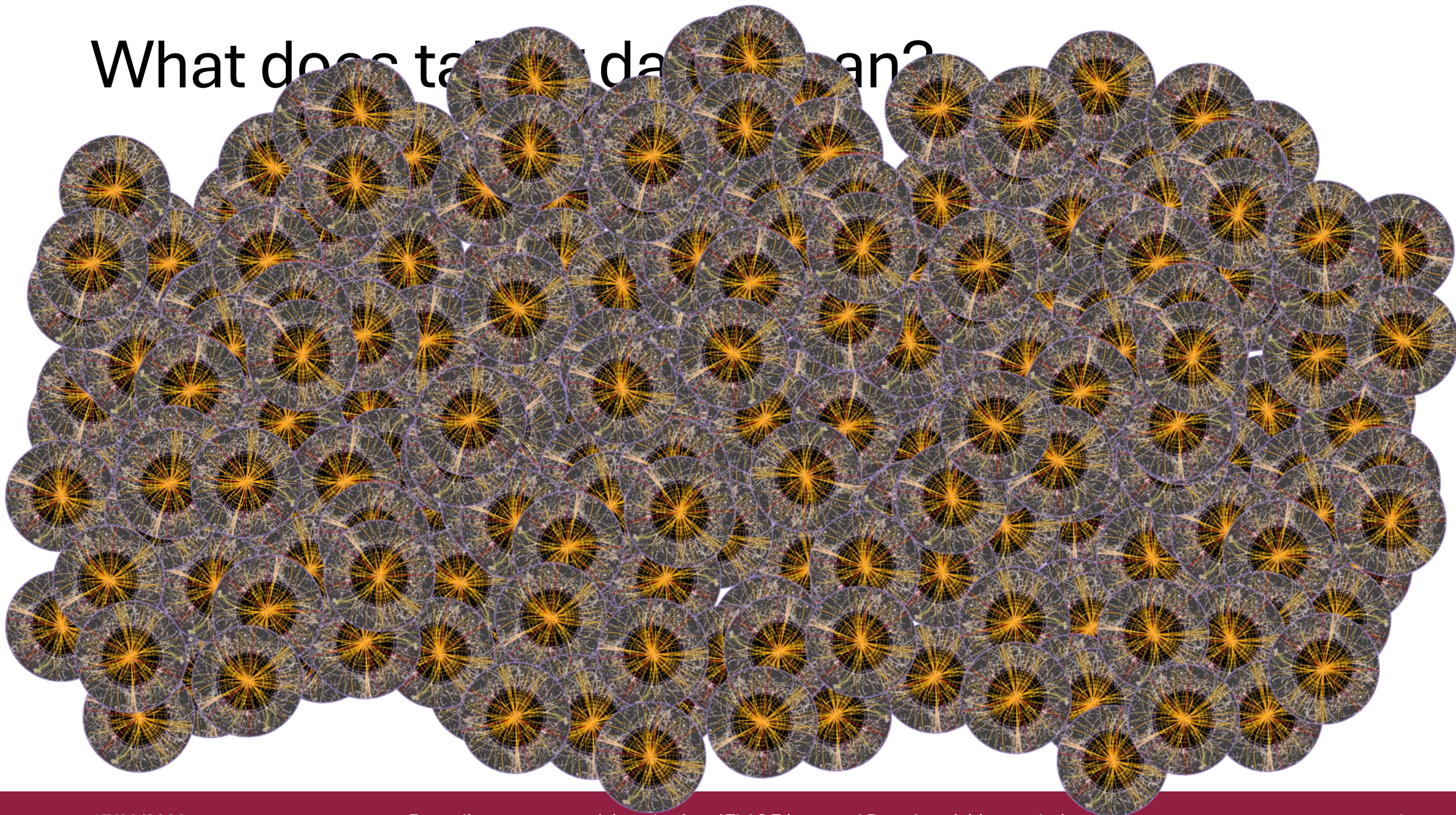


What does data taking mean?

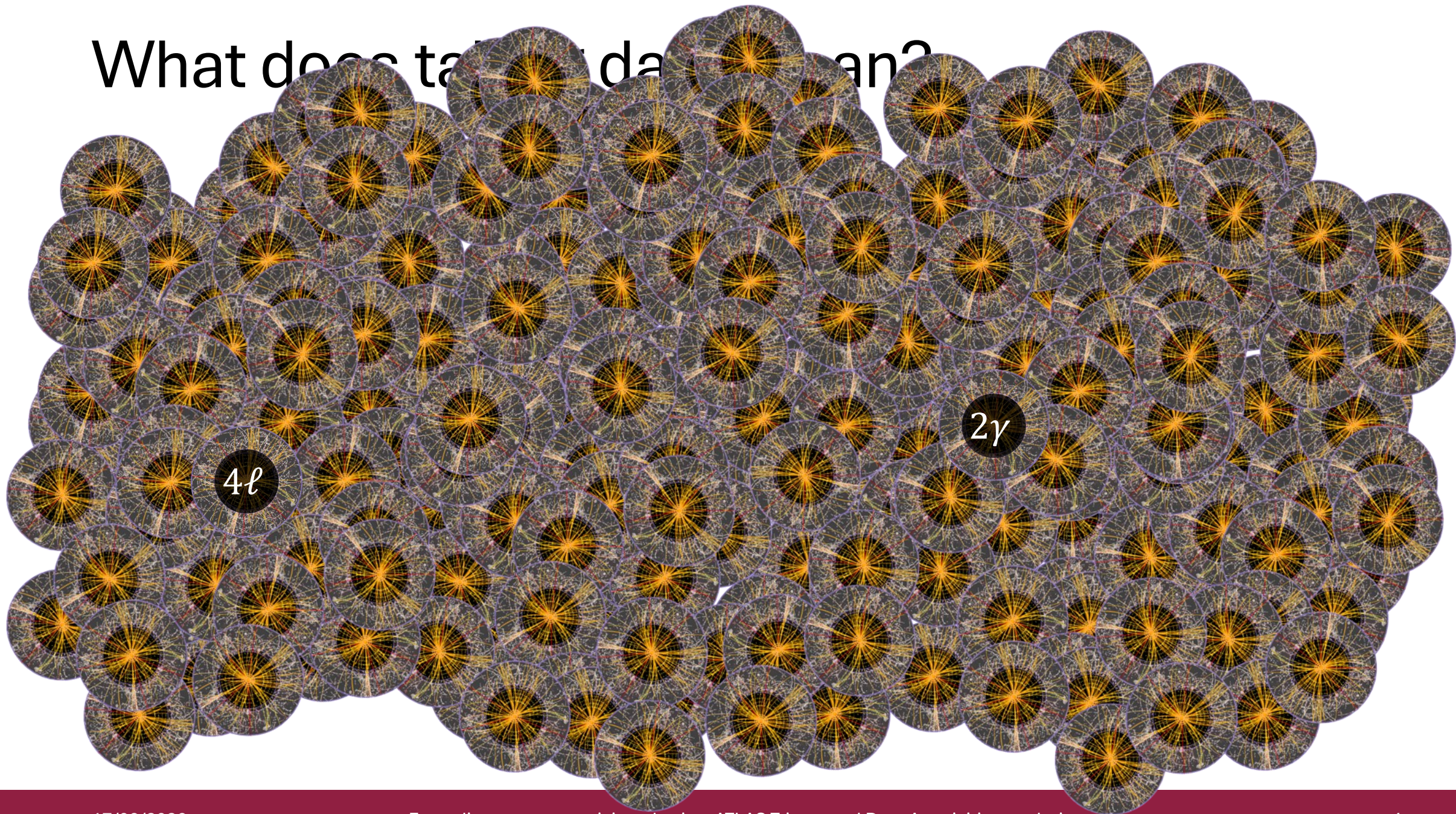
LHC produces
40 million collisions
per seconds



What does taking data mean?



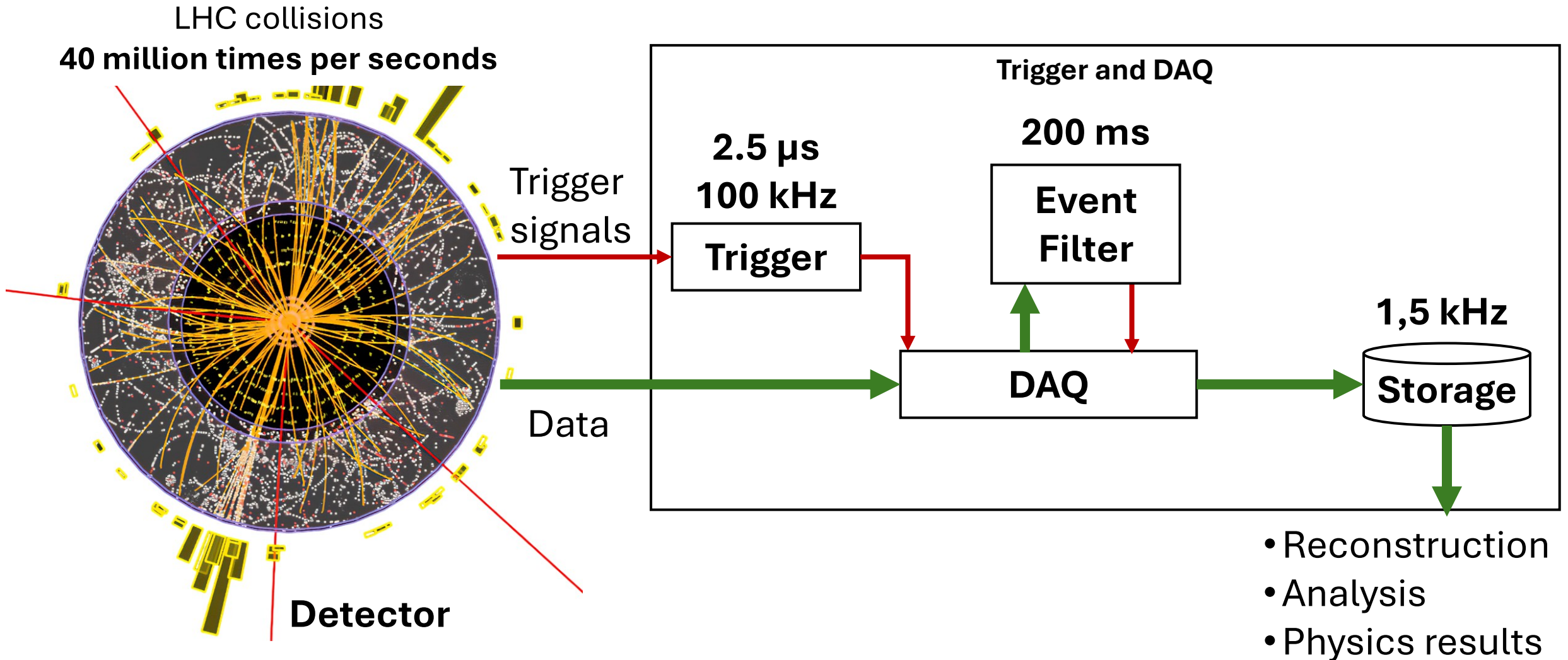
What does taking data mean?



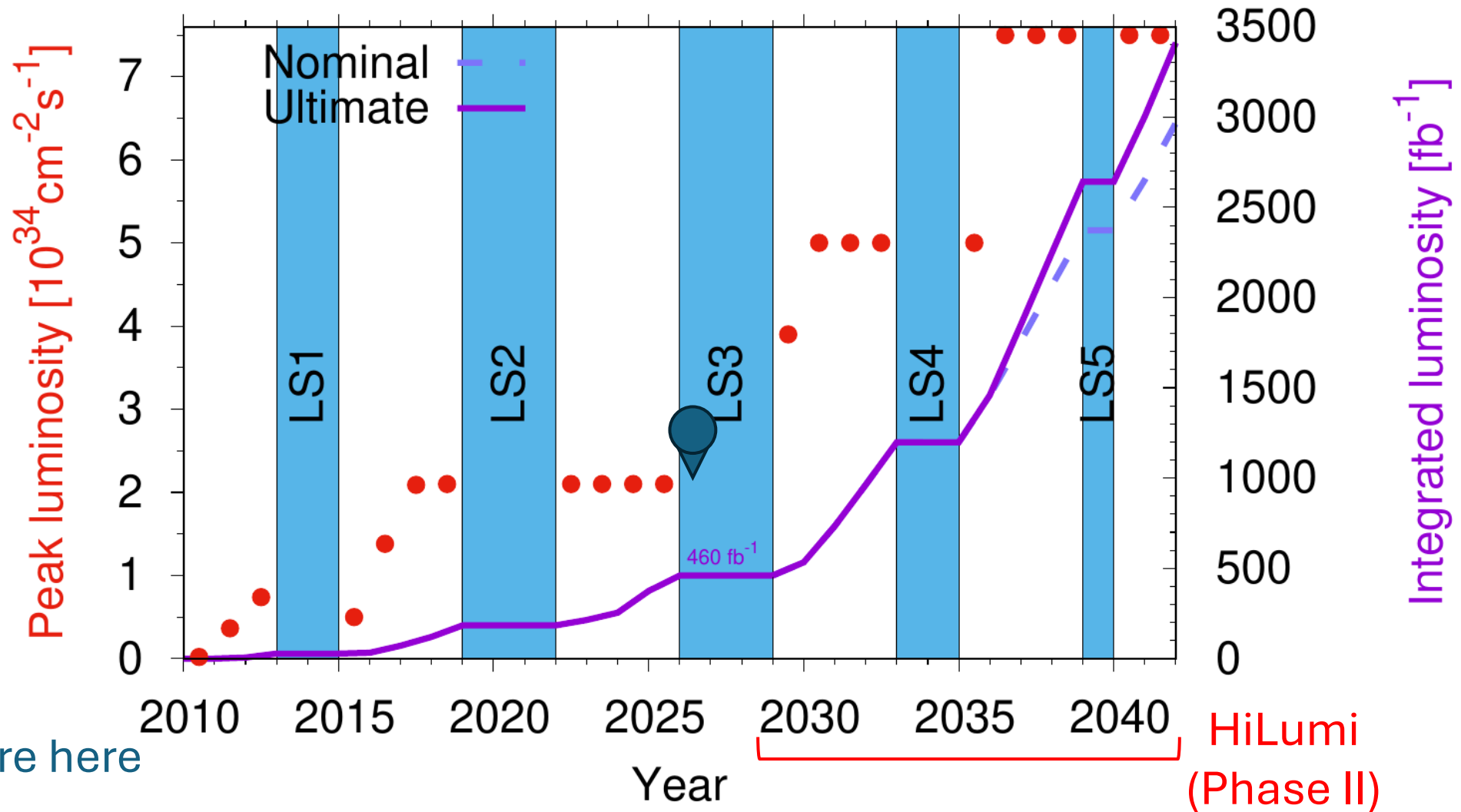
What does take data mean?



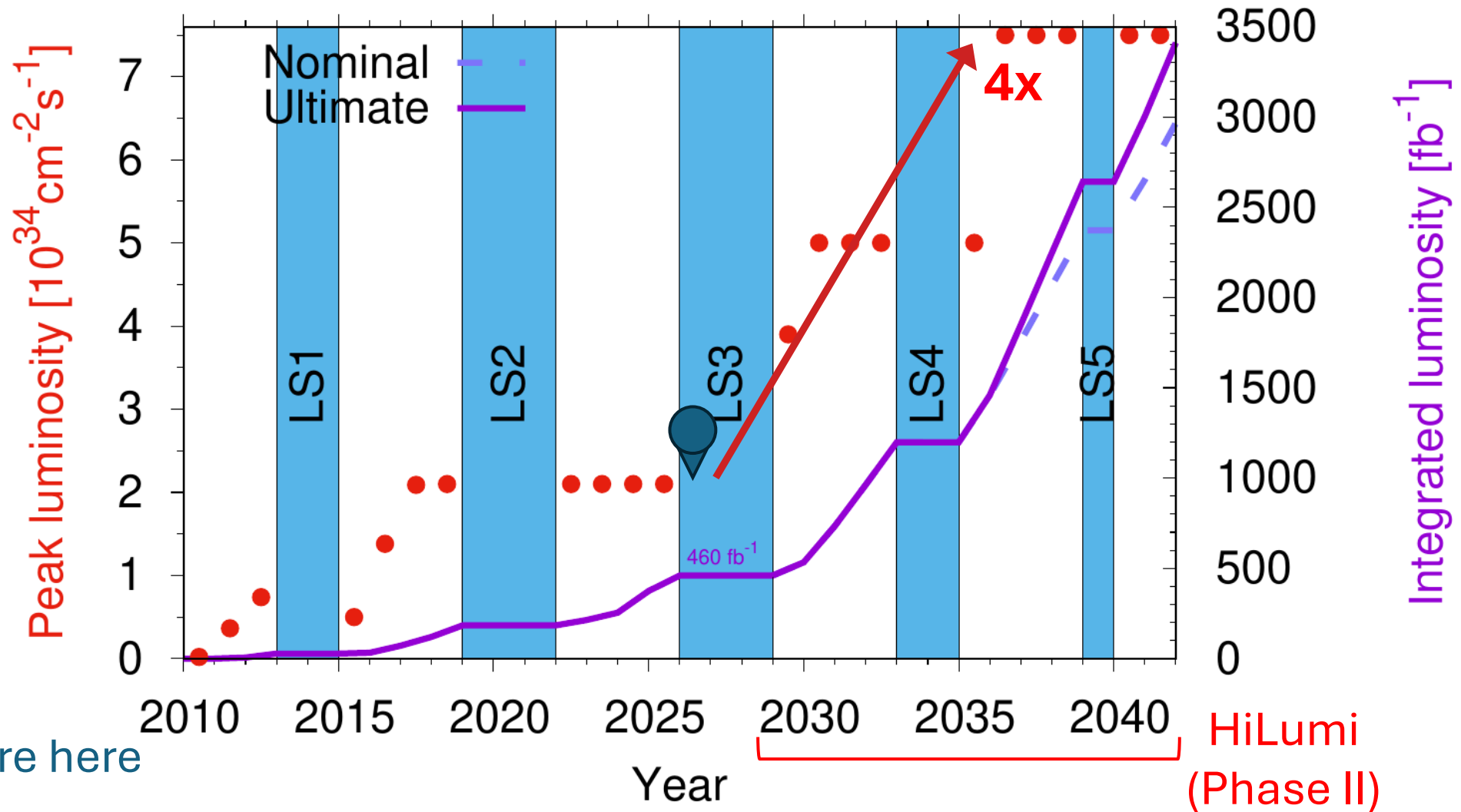
What does data taking mean?



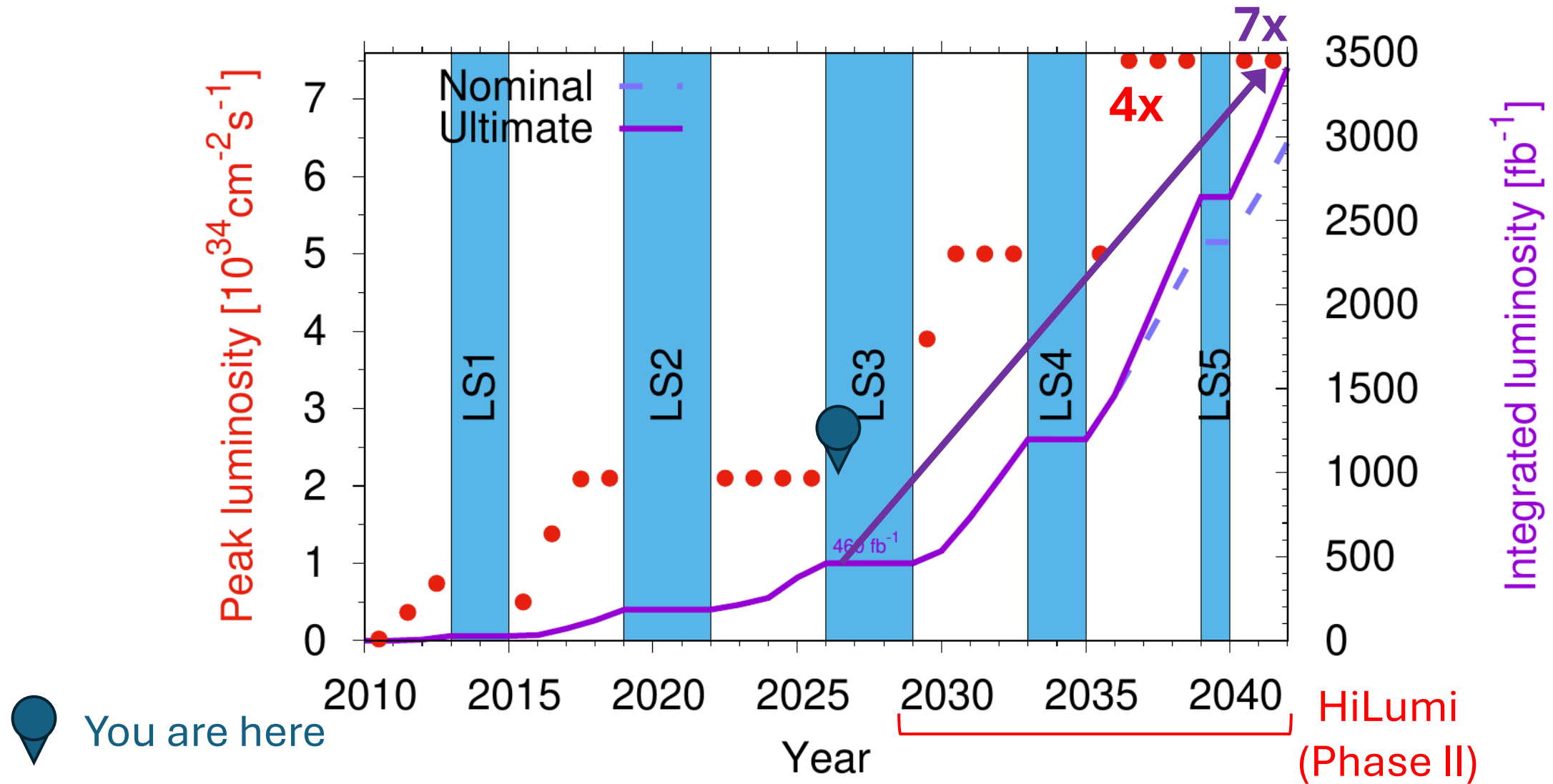
The High Luminosity Upgrade



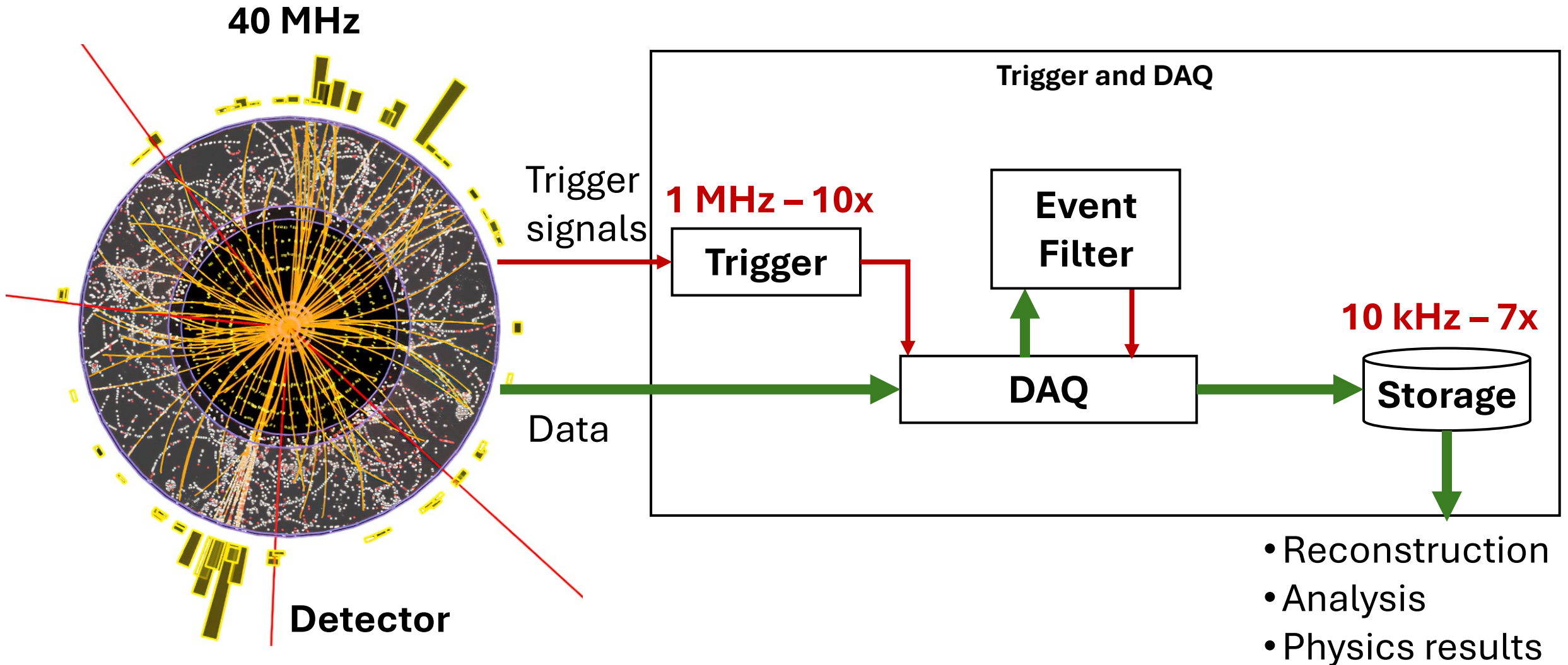
The High Luminosity Upgrade



The High Luminosity Upgrade



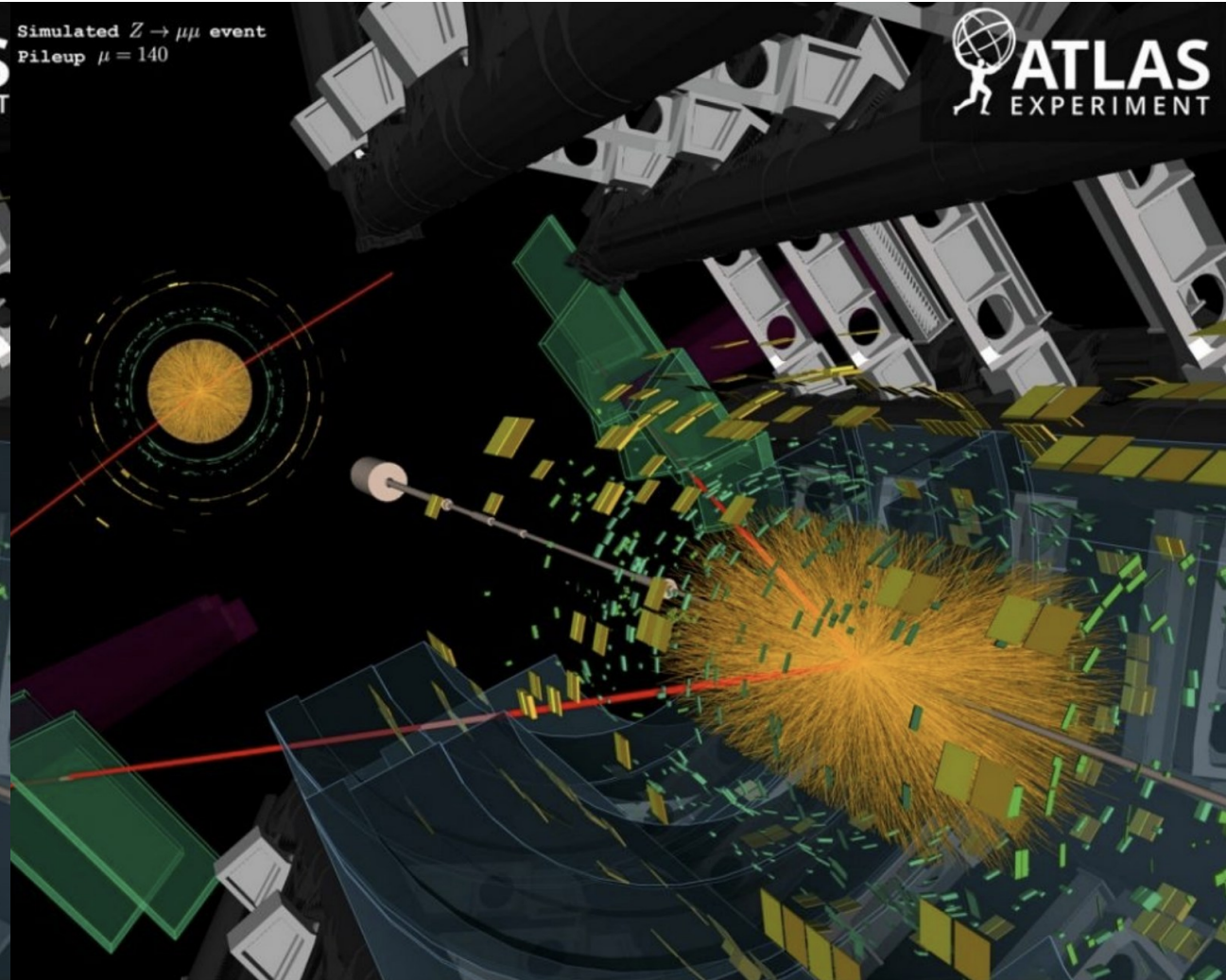
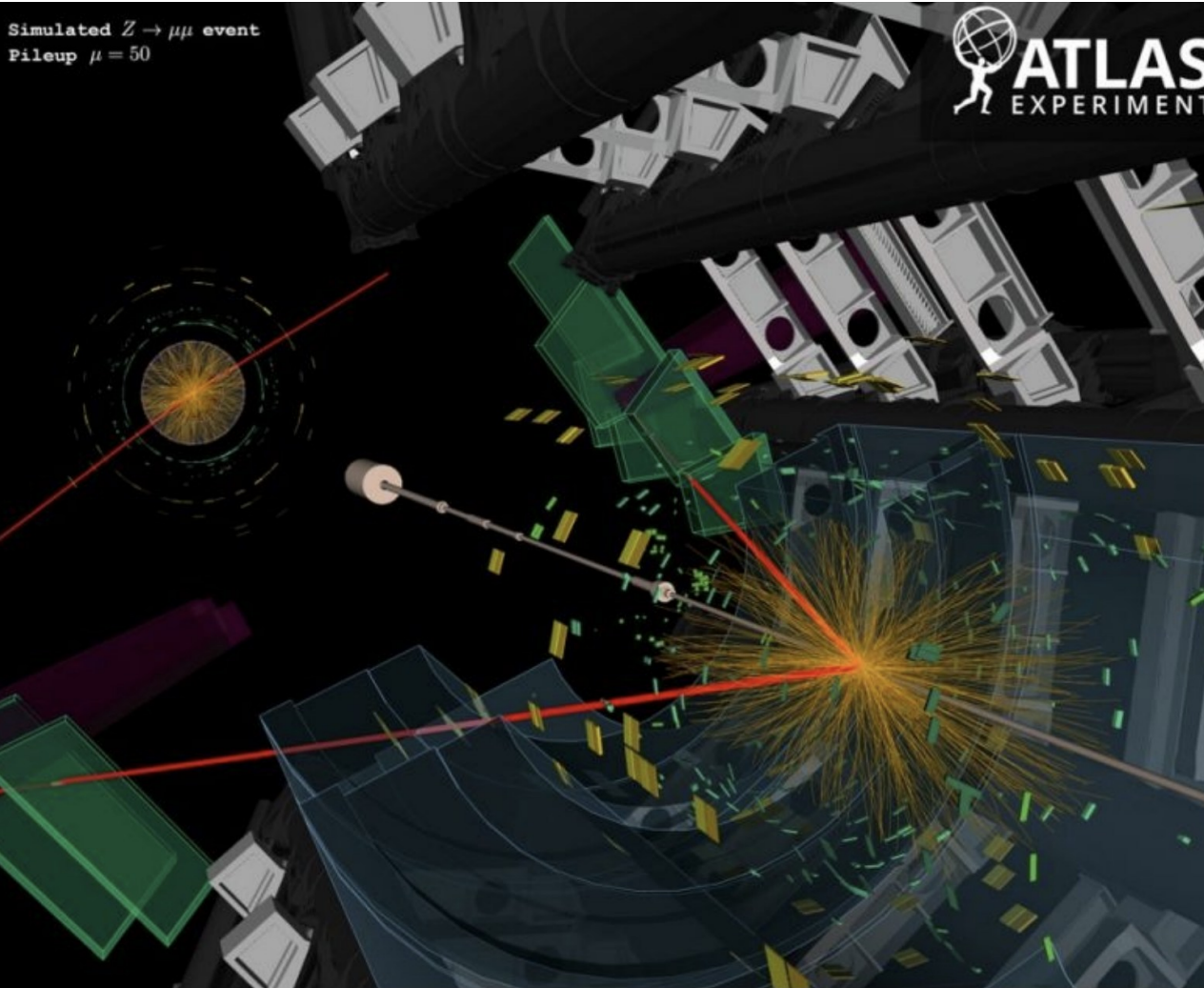
High Luminosity challenges



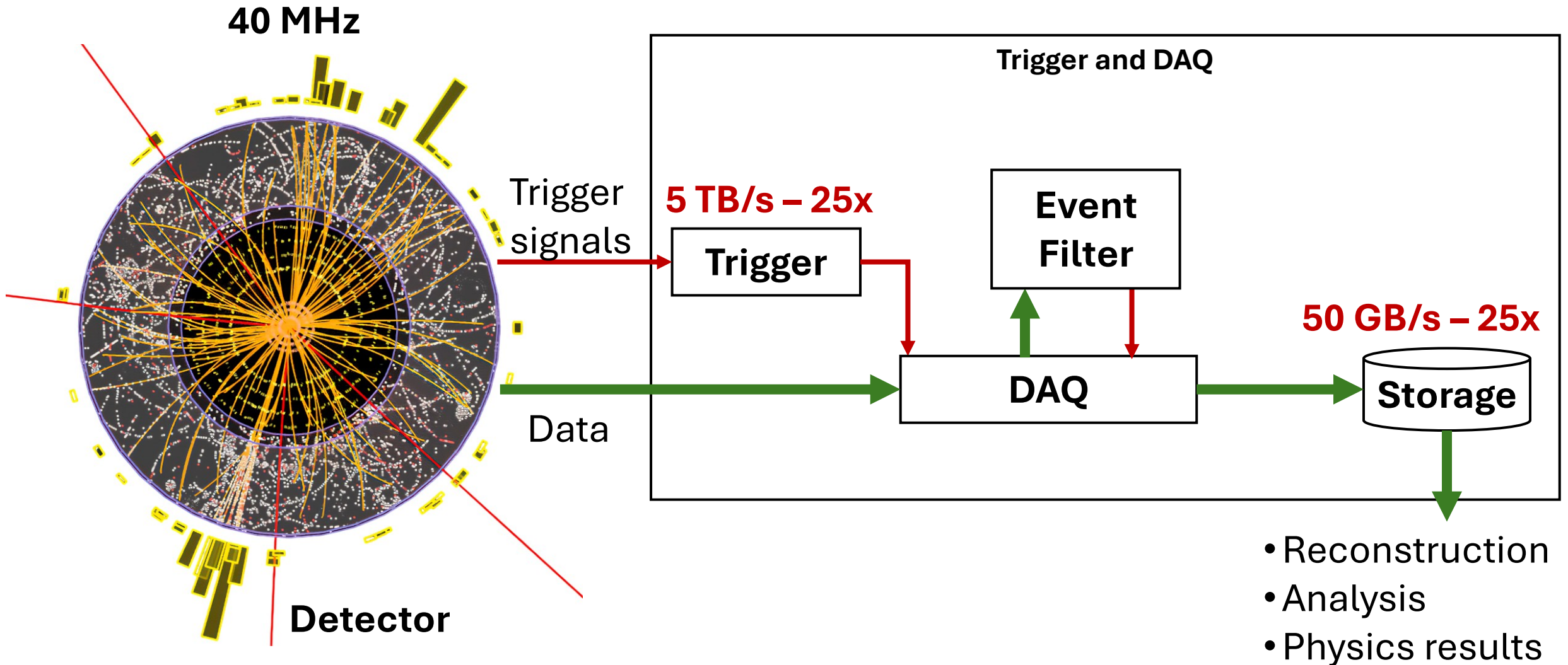
High Luminosity challenges

Montecarlo simulations: Run 3 equivalent

Run 4 equivalent



Rate but also data



What do we do?

Better detector



Faster trigger



Improved selection



Each with some upper limit: technology, availability, cost

We can just go bigger



More computing power
and storage...

We can('t) just go bigger



More computing power and storage... comes with huge drawbacks:

- Size
- Costs (~ Millions €)

We can('t) just go bigger



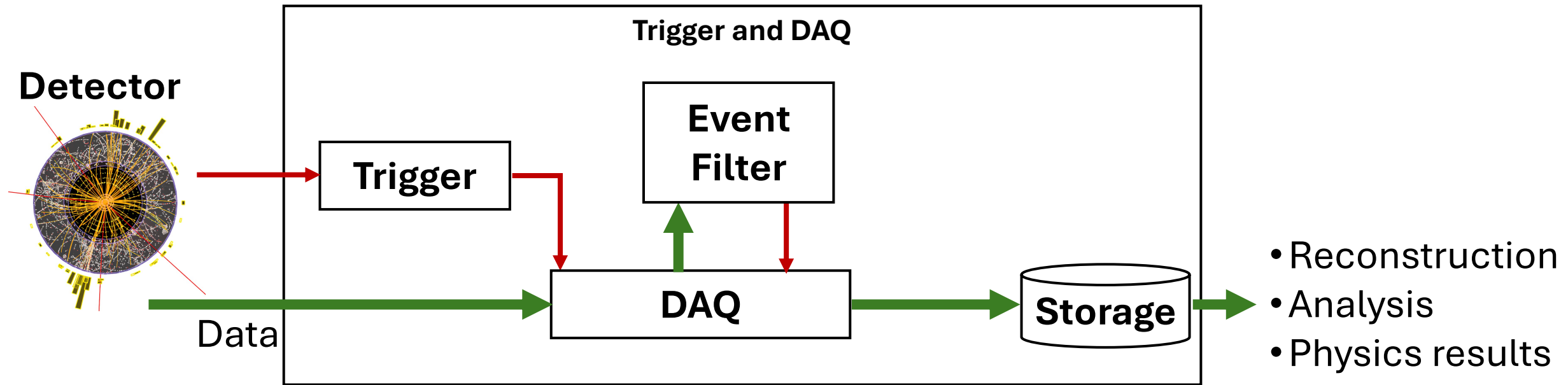
More computing power and storage... comes with huge drawbacks:

- Size
- Costs (~ Millions €)

We need be smart about **resource usage!**

The PhD project

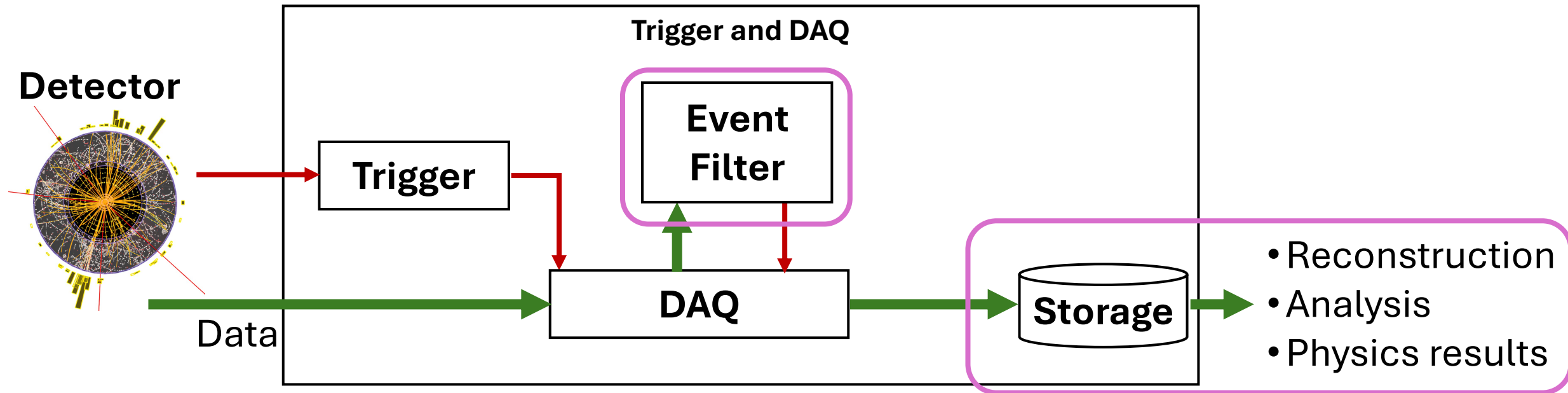
My research approaches this problem from two sides:



The PhD project

My research approaches this problem from two sides:

Trigger Level
Analysis

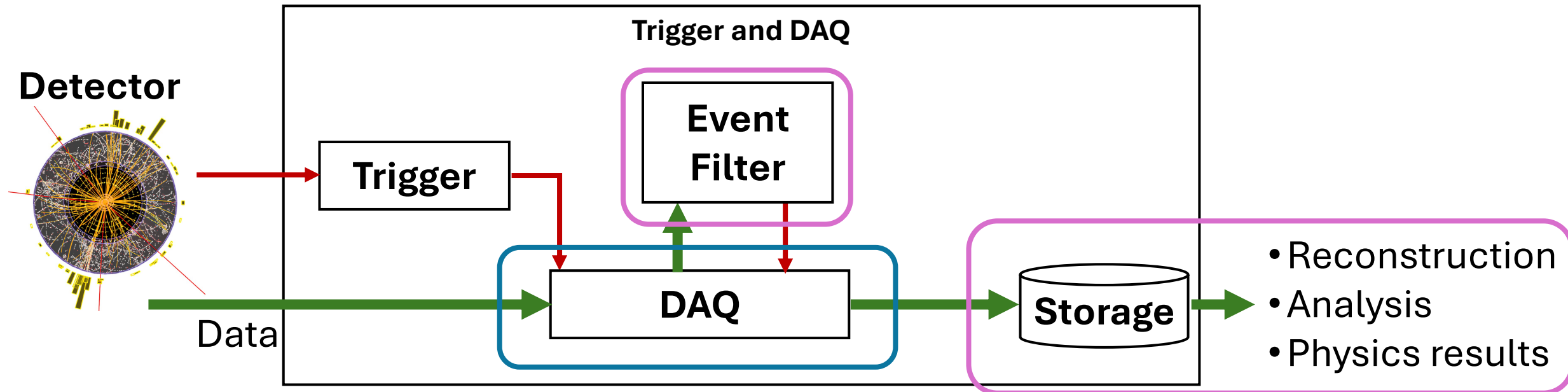


The PhD project

My research approaches this problem from two sides:

Trigger Level
Analysis

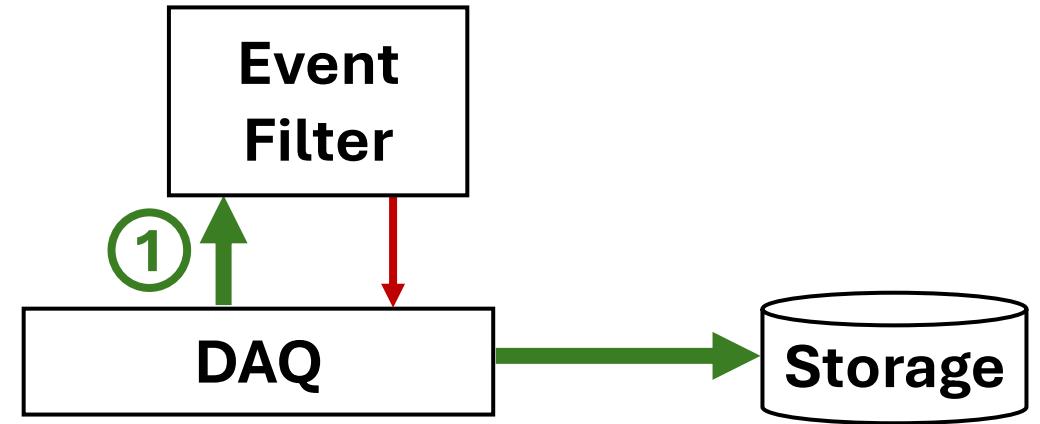
Data Acquisition
Optimization



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

Normal data taking:

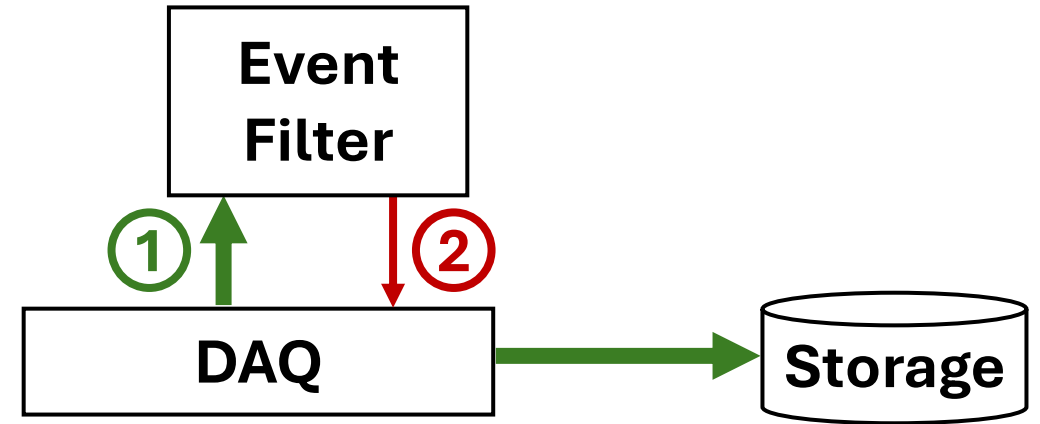
1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

Normal data taking:

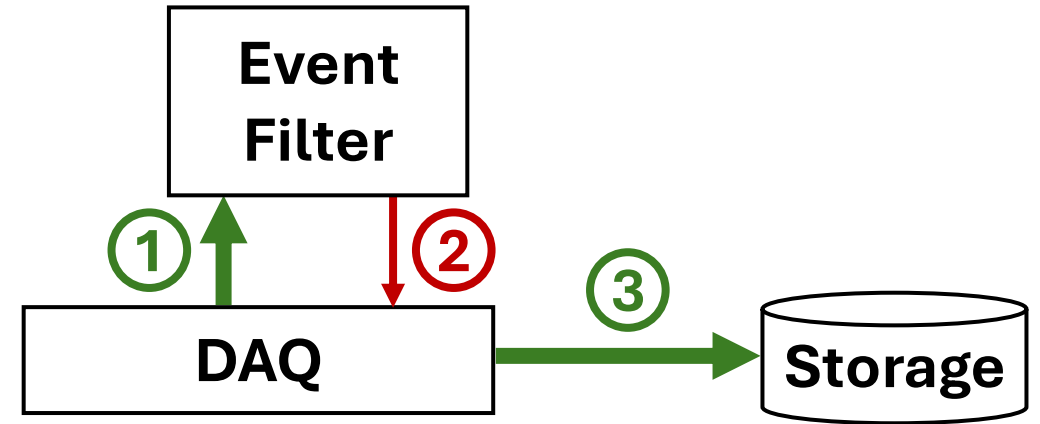
1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter
2. Event Filter :
 - Reconstruct the event physics
 - Select interesting events
 - Sends **decision** to DAQ



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

Normal data taking:

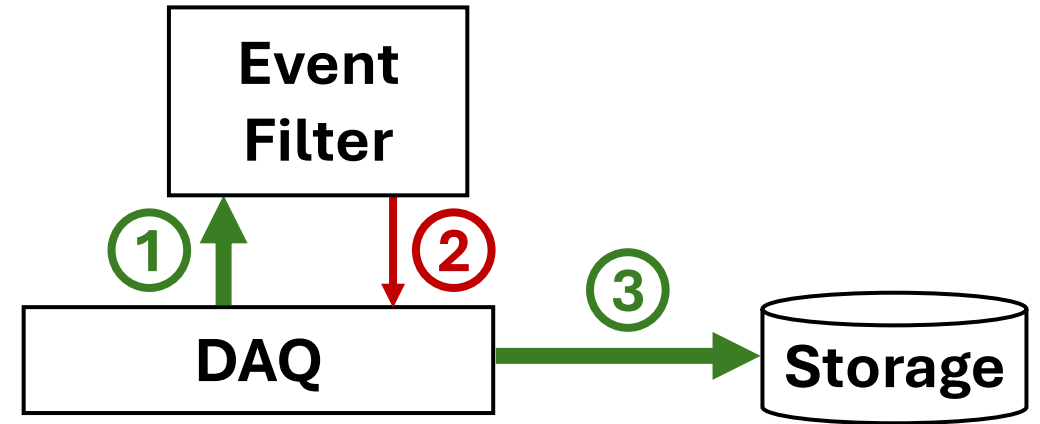
1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter
2. Event Filter :
 - Reconstruct the event physics
 - Select interesting events
 - Sends **decision** to DAQ
3. DAQ saves **full raw event data** to storage



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

Normal data taking:

1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter
2. Event Filter :
 - Reconstruct the event physics
 - Select interesting events
 - Sends **decision** to DAQ
3. DAQ saves **full raw event data** to storage

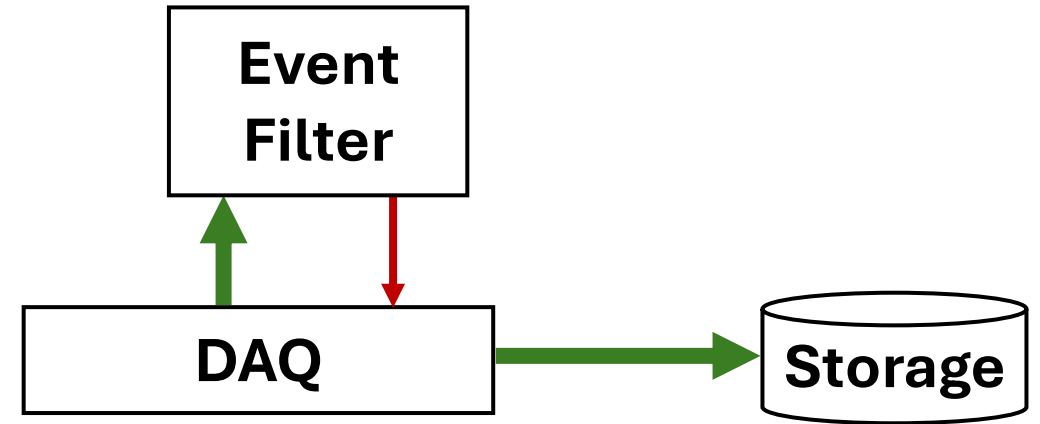


Storage Bandwidth (Data/s) is limited:

- **Raw Events** are heavy (~5 MB)
- Hard limit on how many events we can record (or not?)

Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

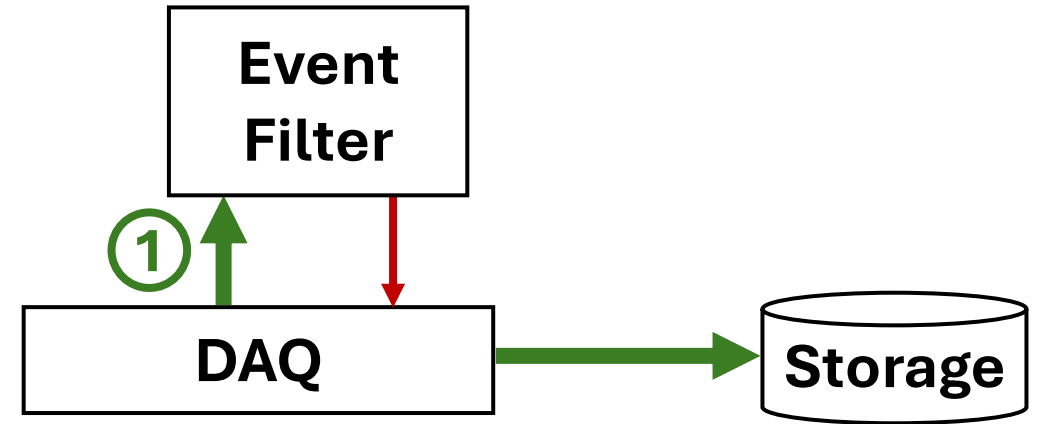
What if we don't record full events?



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What if we don't record full events?

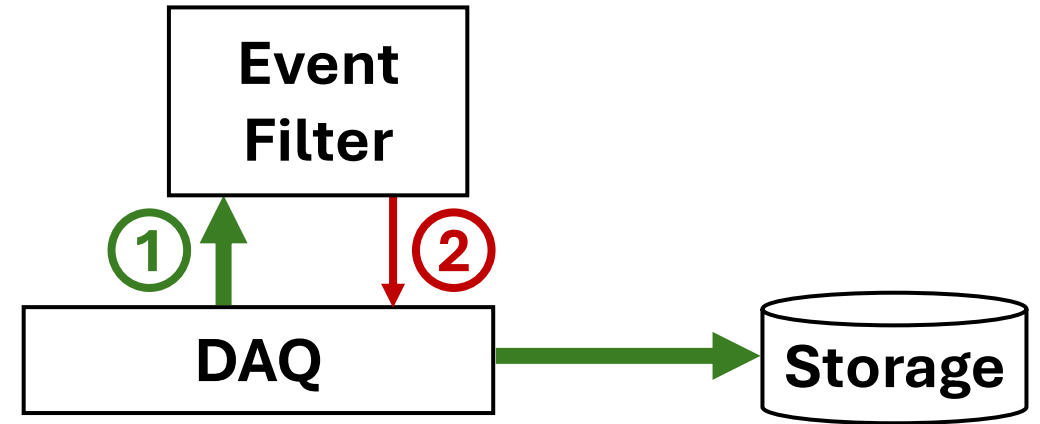
1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter
2. Event Filter :
 - Reconstruct the event physics
 - Select interesting events



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What if we don't record full events?

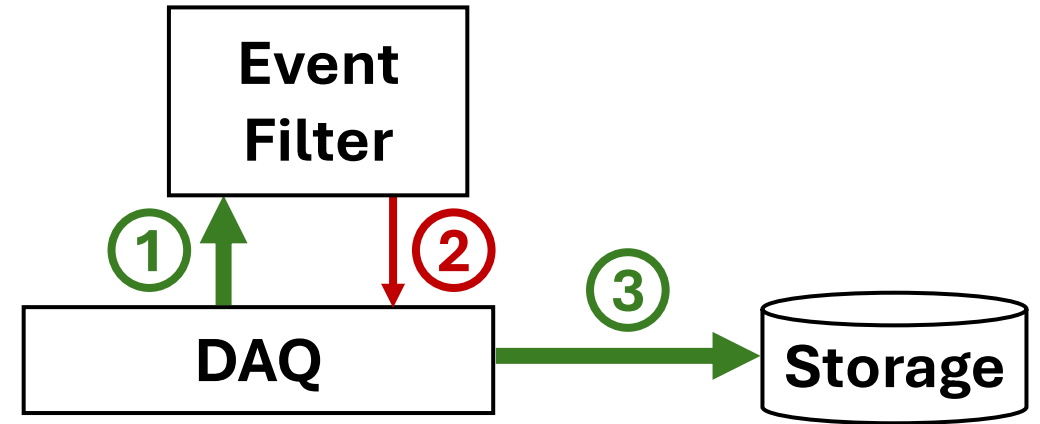
1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter
2. Event Filter :
 - Reconstruct the event physics
 - Select interesting events
 - Sends **decision and reconstructed event** to DAQ



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What if we don't record full events?

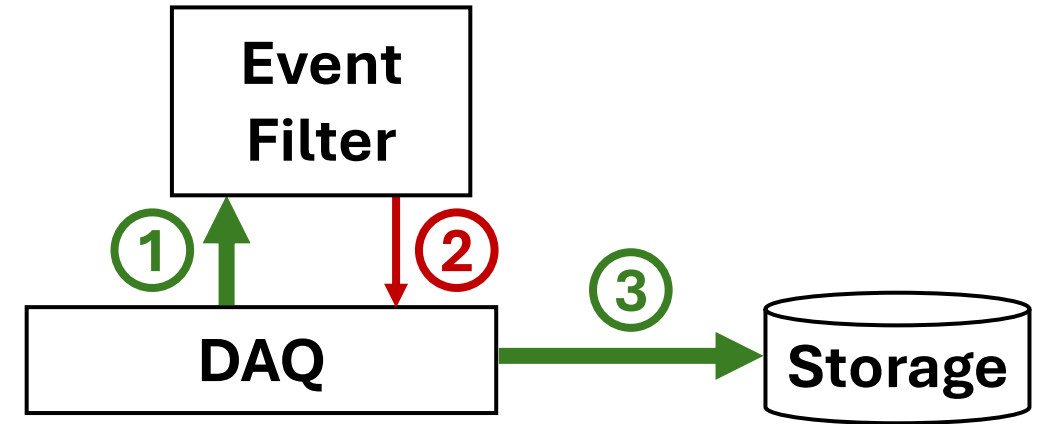
1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter
2. Event Filter :
 - Reconstruct the event physics
 - Select interesting events
 - Sends **decision and reconstructed event** to DAQ
3. DAQ saves **reconstructed event** to storage



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What if we don't record full events?

1. DAQ sends **full raw event data** to Event Filter
2. Event Filter :
 - Reconstruct the event physics
 - Select interesting events
 - Sends **decision and reconstructed event** to DAQ
3. DAQ saves **reconstructed event** to storage



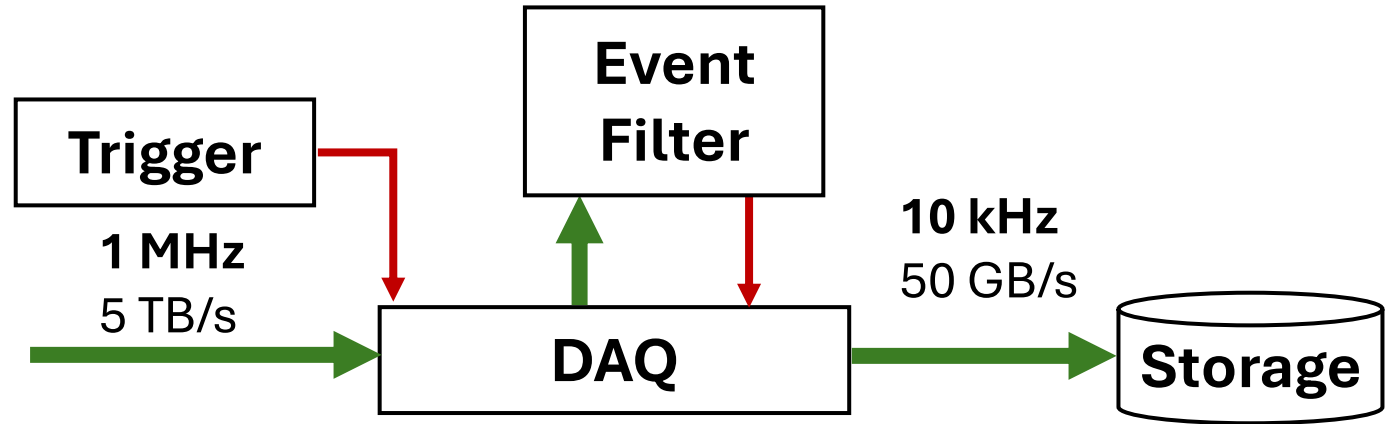
Storage Bandwidth (Data/s) is limited:

- **Reconstructed events** are much lighter (~50 kB)
- Up to **x100 events recorded**

Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What do we gain from this?

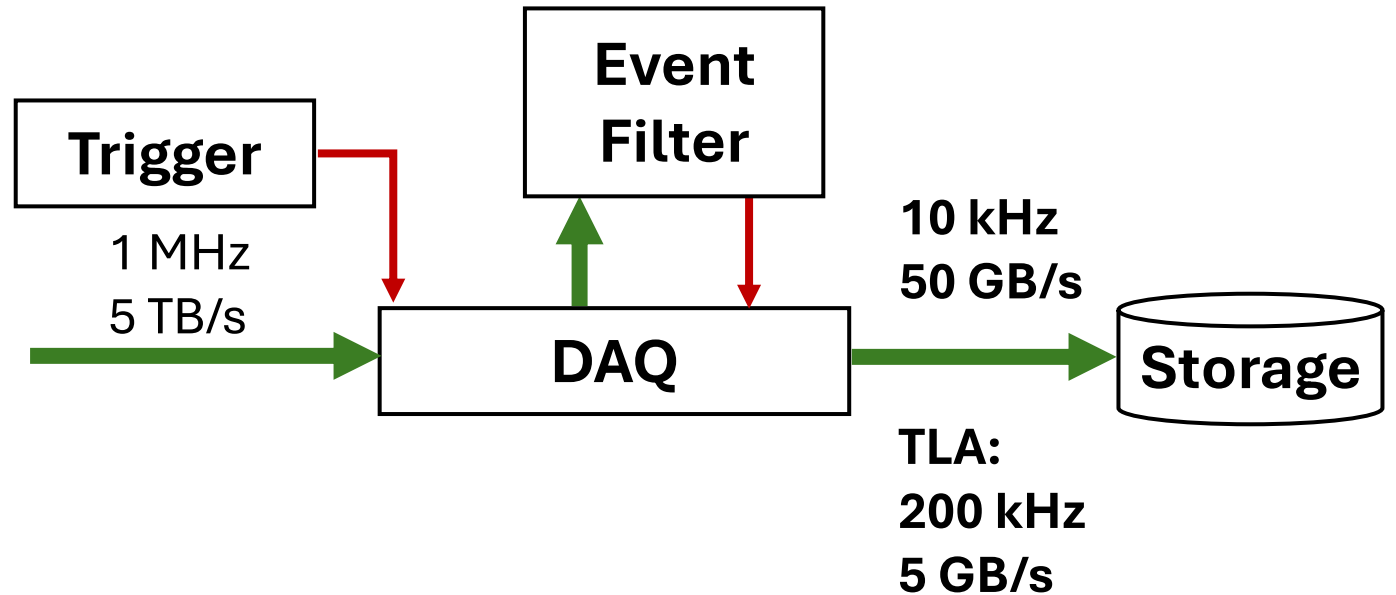
- We discard around **99% of trigger selected events**



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What do we gain from this?

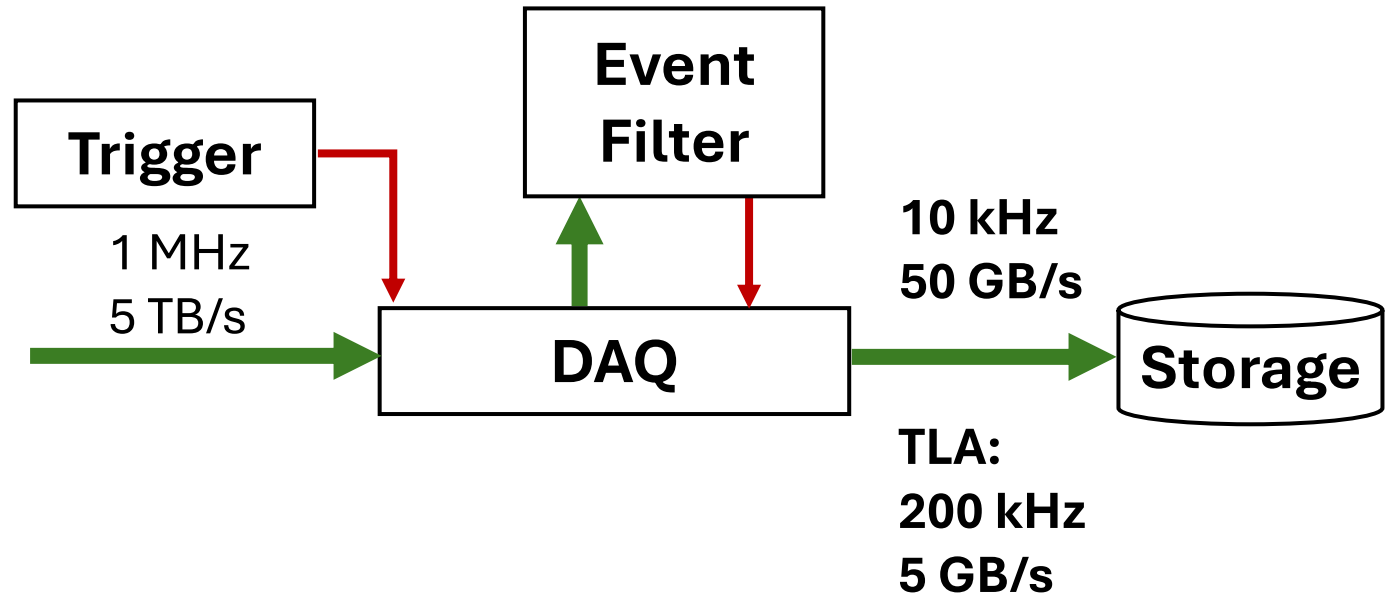
- We discard around **99% of trigger selected events**
- We can recover up to ~200 kHz using 10% more bandwidth



Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What do we gain from this?

- We discard around **99% of trigger selected events**
- We can recover up to ~200 kHz using 10% more bandwidth

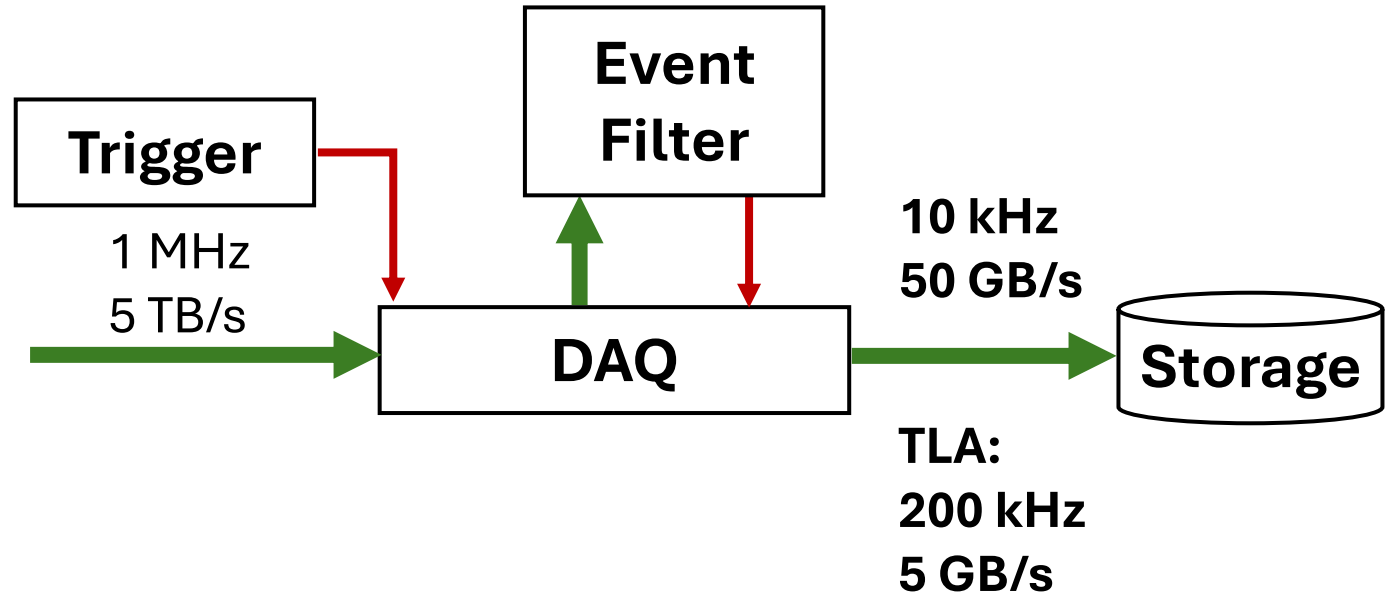


Low cost, high gain... **x20 Event rate, only 10% more data stored**

Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm

What do we gain from this?

- We discard around **99% of trigger selected events**
- We can recover up to ~200 kHz using 10% more bandwidth

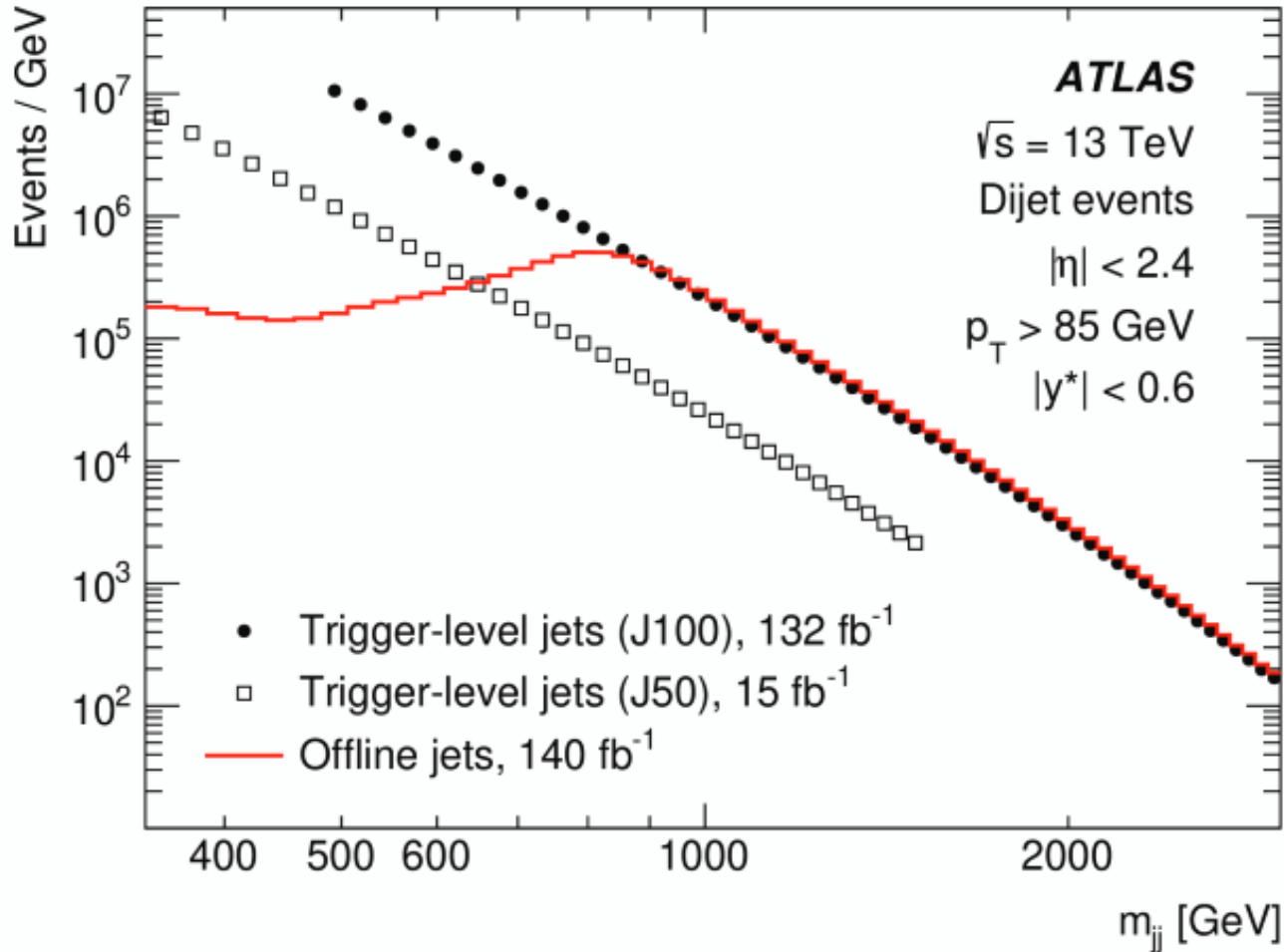


Low cost, high gain... **x20 Event rate, only 10% more data stored**

but

Information loss... if there is a mistake, **raw** is **unrecoverable**, event is **lost**

Trigger Level Analysis, a new paradigm



- **Not all signals were made the same!**

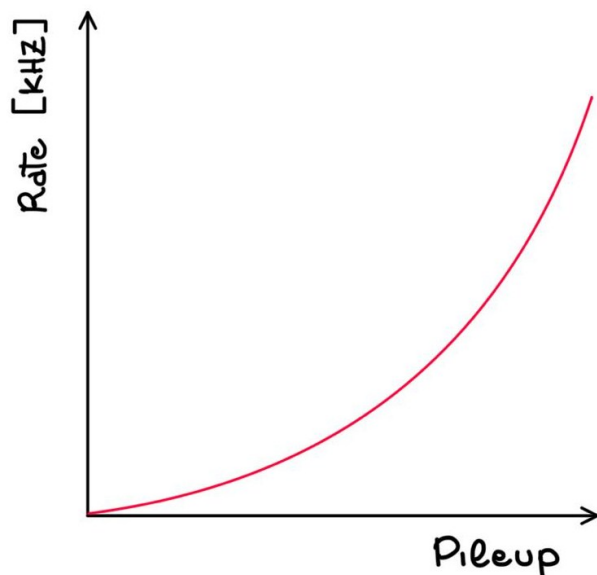
- ✓ Must have good quality online reconstruction

- Lower thresholds
 - Higher acceptance
 - More statistics
 - More discovery potential

PhD Project: Jets TLA

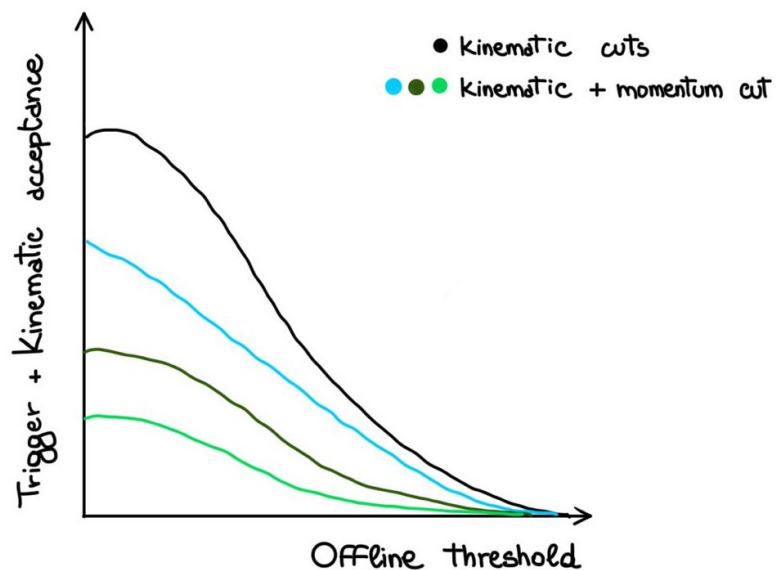
PhD focus are jets signatures:

From data

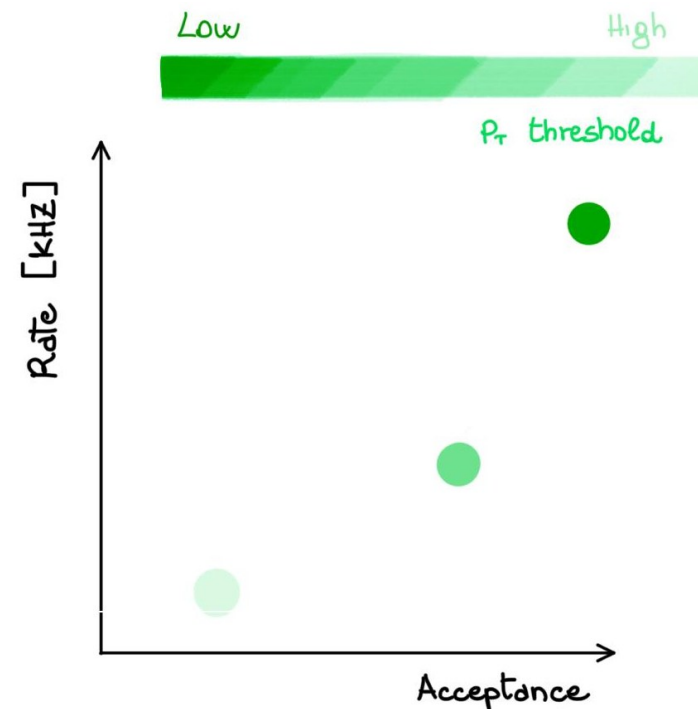


Rate estimation
for Run 4

From MC



Signal sample
acceptance

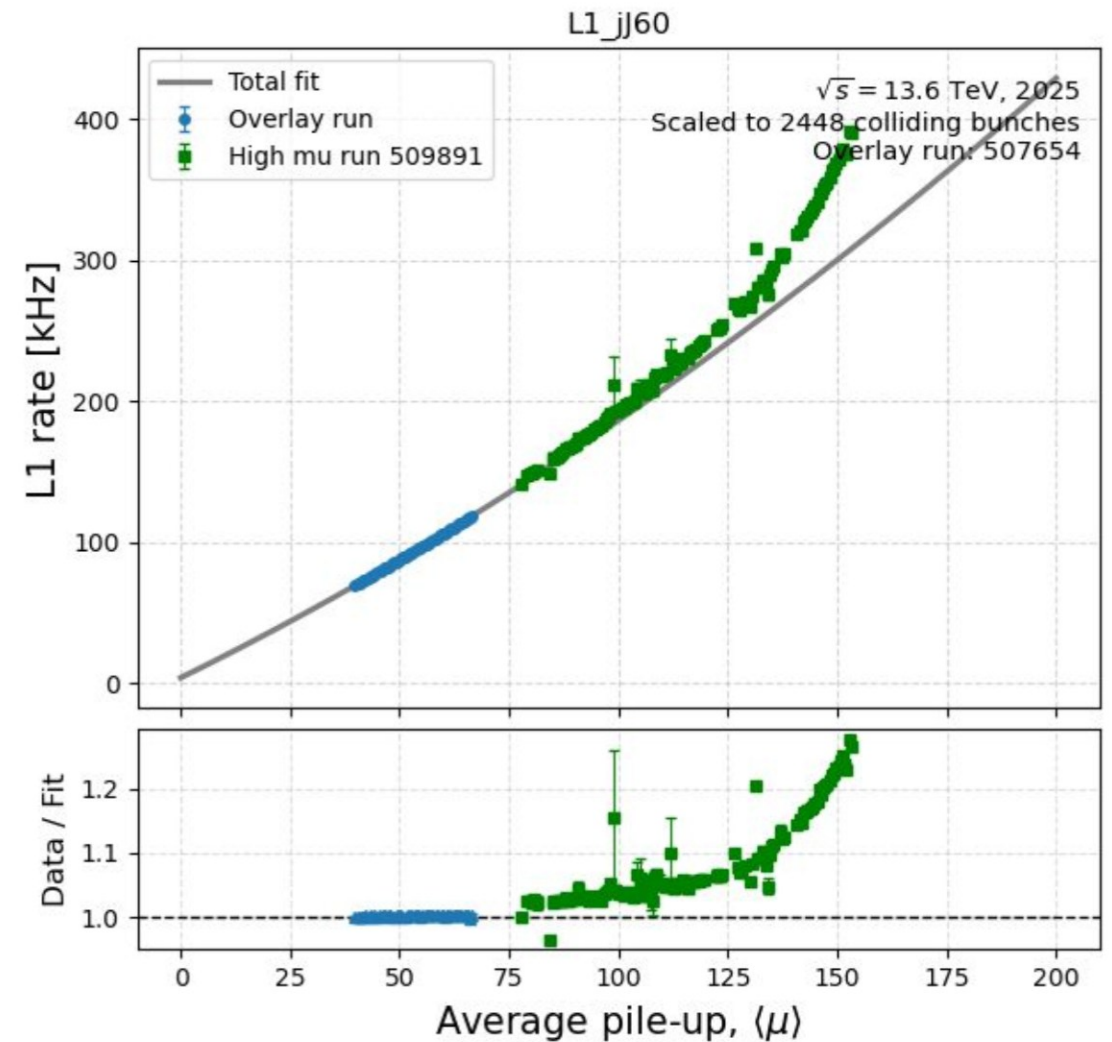


Rate vs acceptance
for proposed trigger

PhD Project: Jets TLA, status

Model evaluation showed discrepancies:

- Proposed models underestimate rate scaling
- Run 4 condition are difficult on the current hardware
- Difference could be pileup driven noise around the forward region



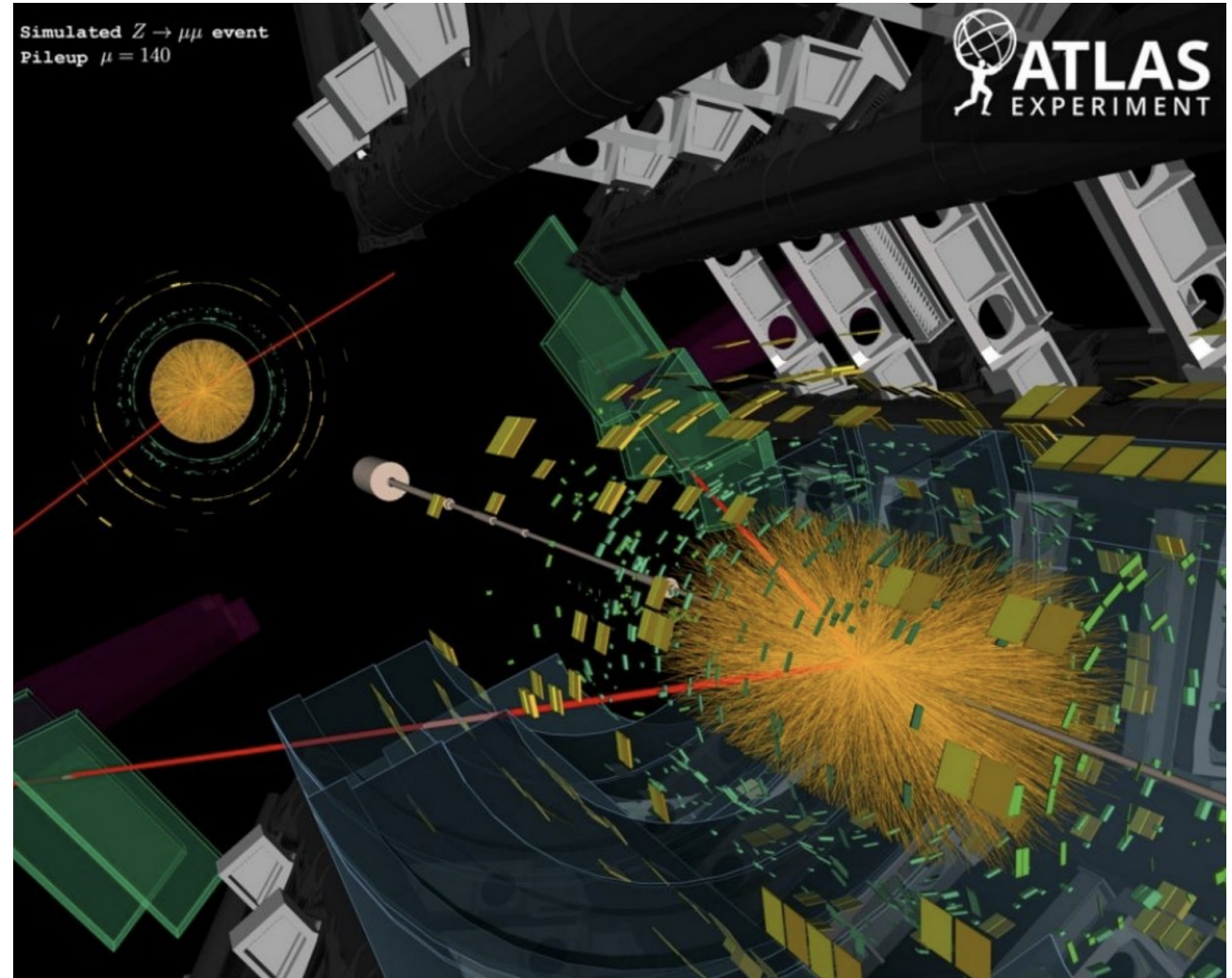
PhD Project: Jets TLA, status

Work in progress:

- Monte Carlo simulation to identify noise regions
- Better fit to confirm rate models

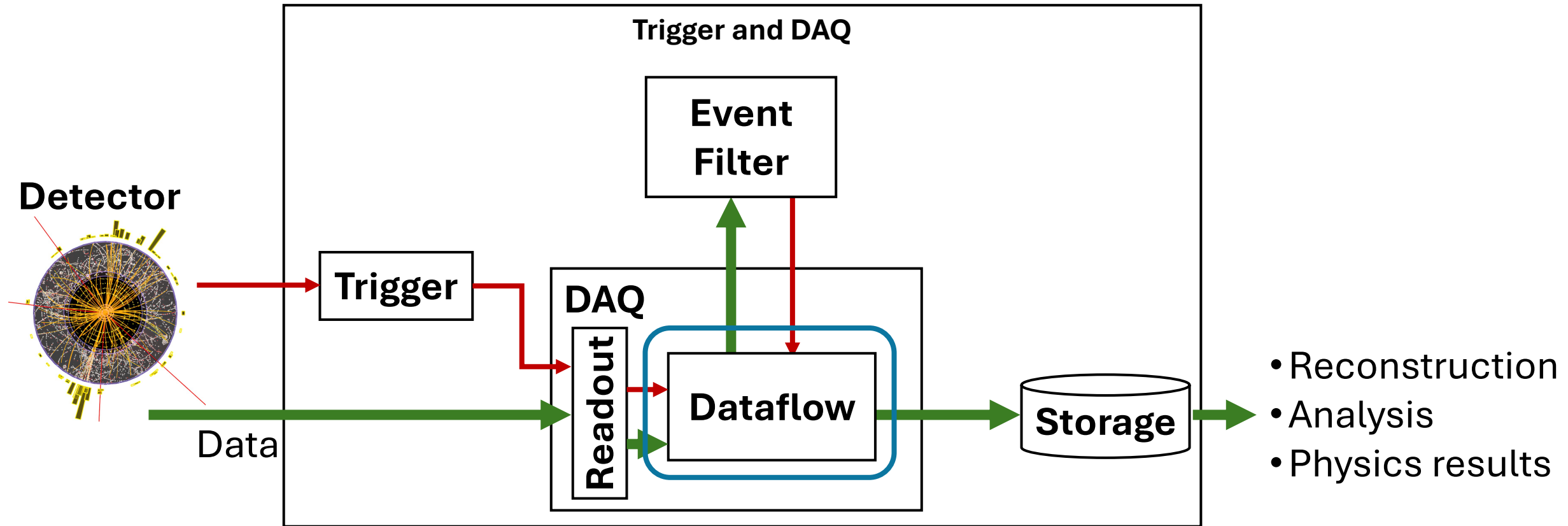
Thesis goals:

- Acceptance plot using new, updated models
- Full TLA cost-benefit evaluation for jets



The other side: Dataflow

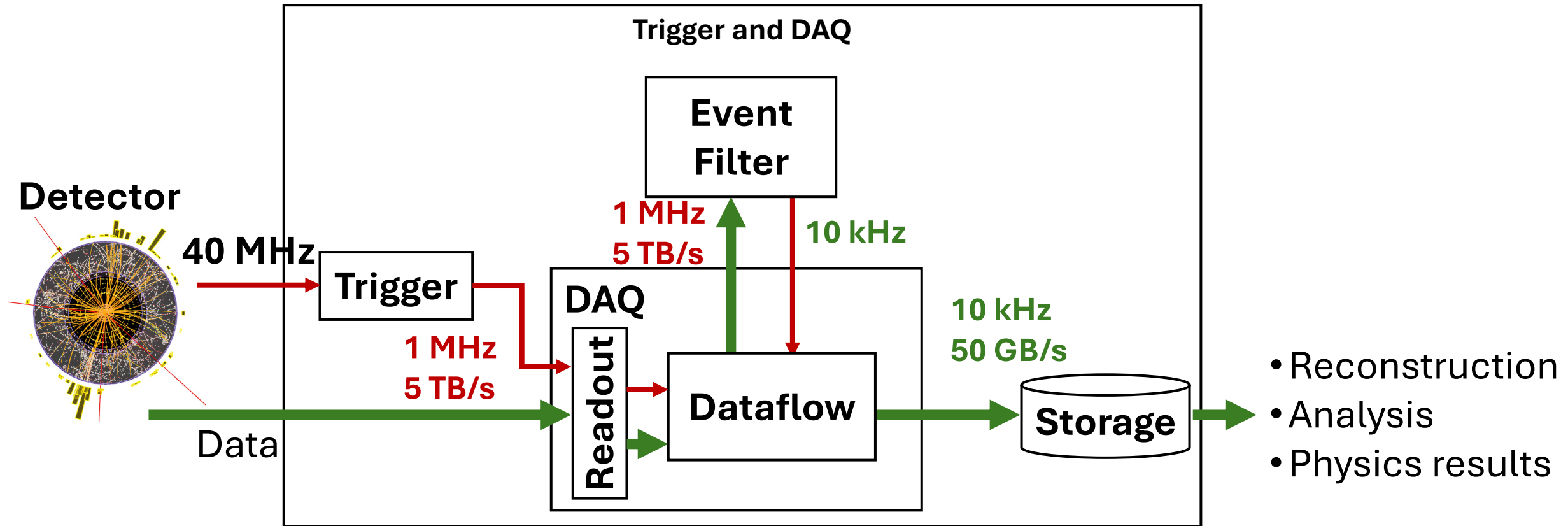
At the center of DAQ is the **Dataflow** system.



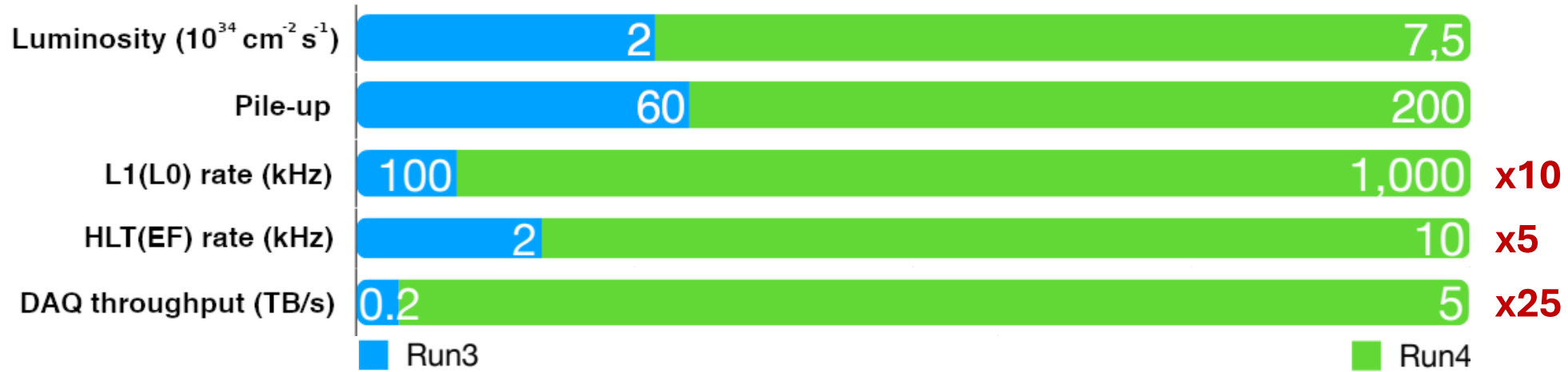
The other side: Dataflow

At the center of DAQ is the **Dataflow** system.

With the upgrade, this will have to sustain:



PhD project Dataflow evolution



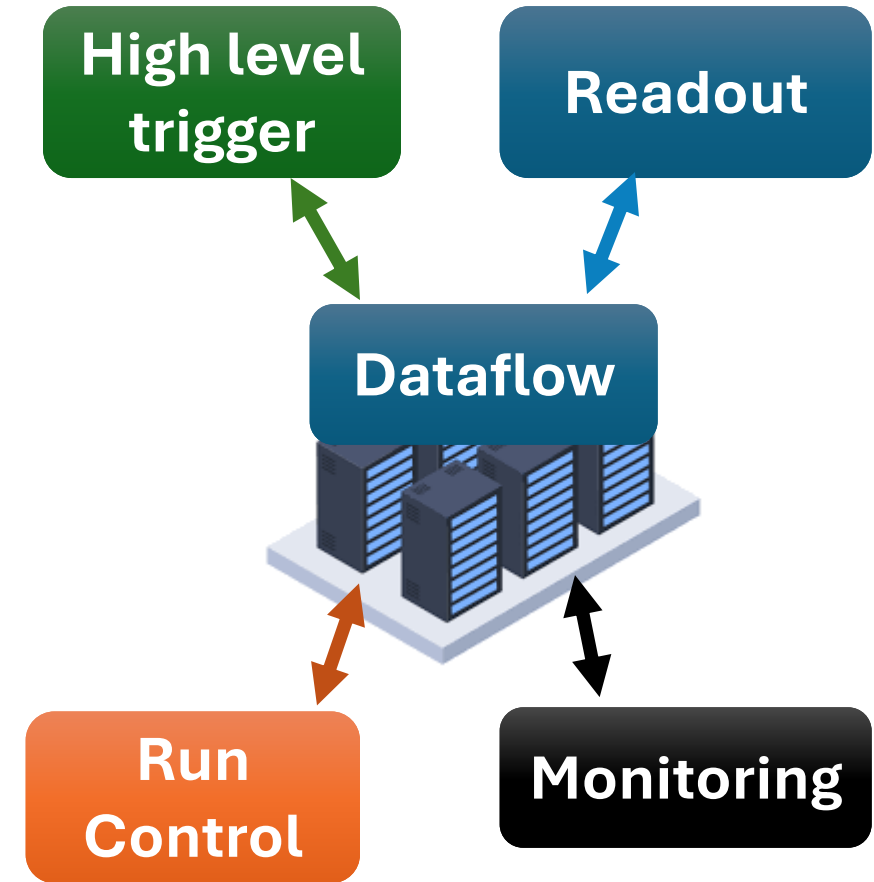
Research focus is:

- Develop the new system to handle much **higher performance**
- **Optimize resource usage** as much as possible to **lower upgrade costs**
- Create a **flexible system** to accommodate new workflows (like **TLA**)

The other side: Dataflow

System integration is critical:

- Dataflow talks with almost **all DAQ systems**
- We need extensive test for **reliability** and **robustness** to ensure maximum **efficiency**
- Integration with **monitoring** tools to provide early **problems detection**



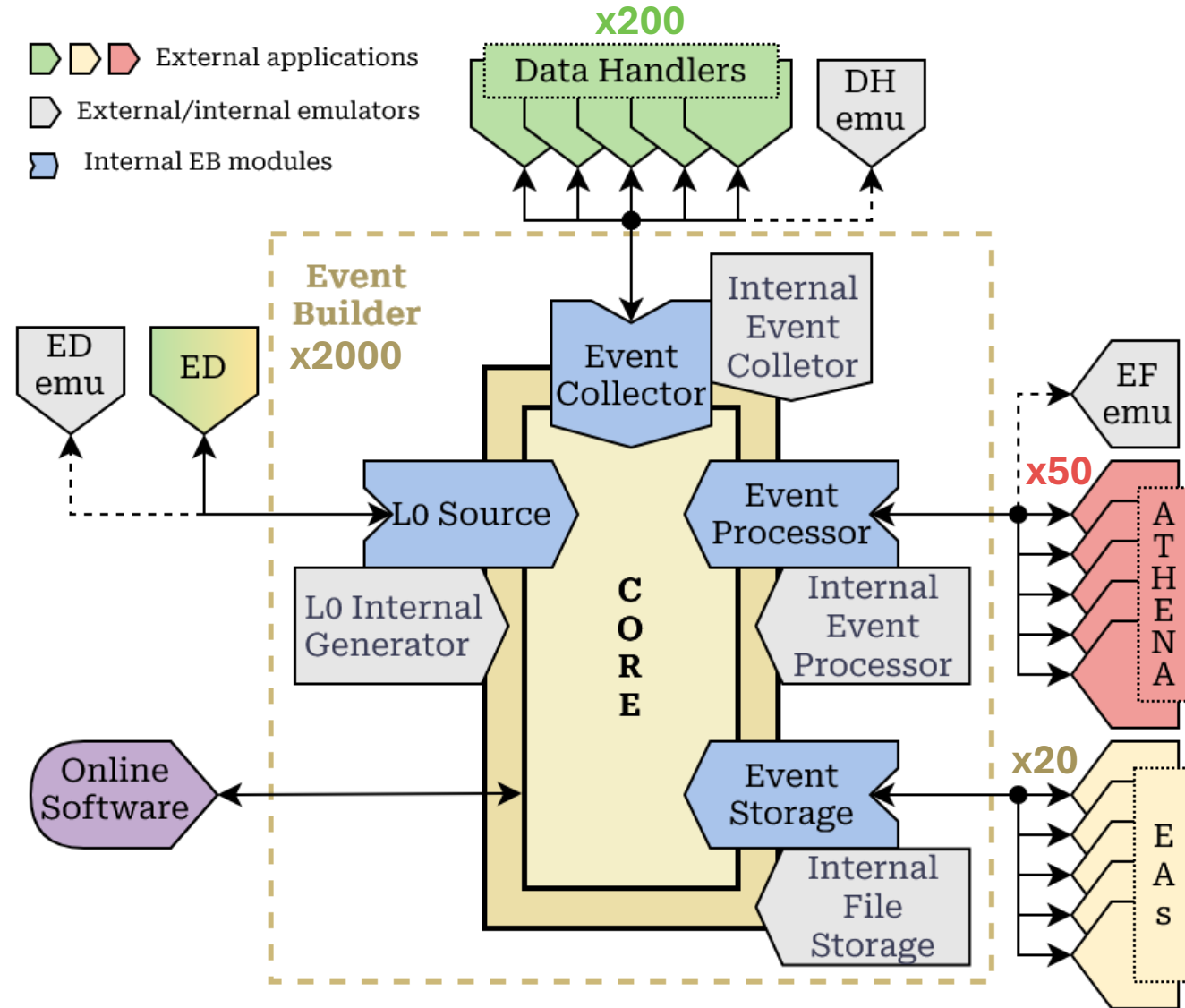
PhD Project: Jets TLA, status

Work in progress:

- Core software prototype is done
- Full system performance **tests and optimization** ongoing

Thesis goals:

- Complete **Technical Design Report** of the system
- **Working system**, integrated with the rest of DAQ



Conclusions

Research paths

ATLAS Hi-Lumi upgrades:

- New analysis techniques, TLA
- TDAQ upgrade: Dataflow

Trigger Level Analysis

More physics, less space!

- Increasing discovery reach
- Enhance data collection

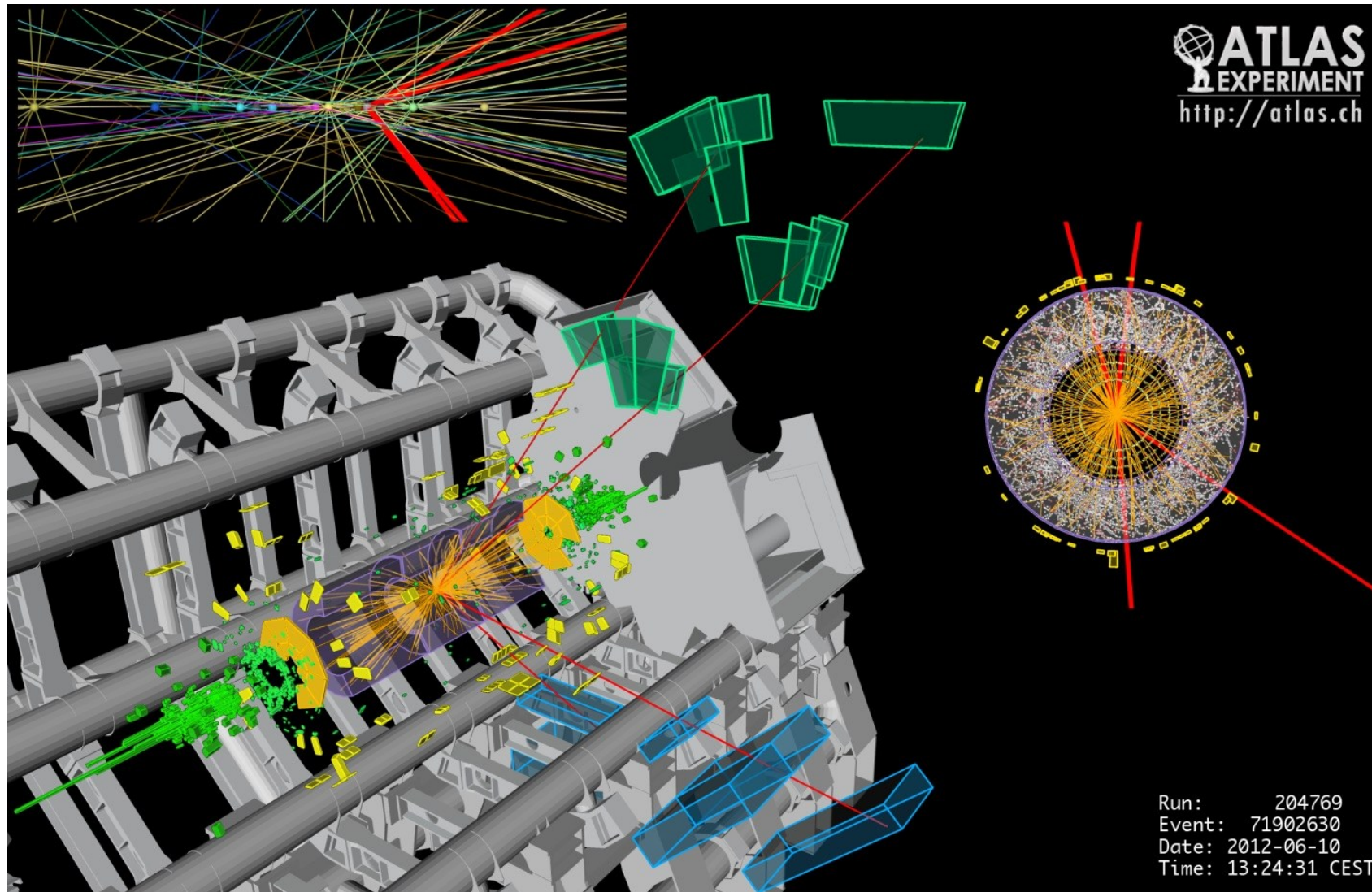
Dataflow Evolution

Faster. Denser. Better. Cheaper.

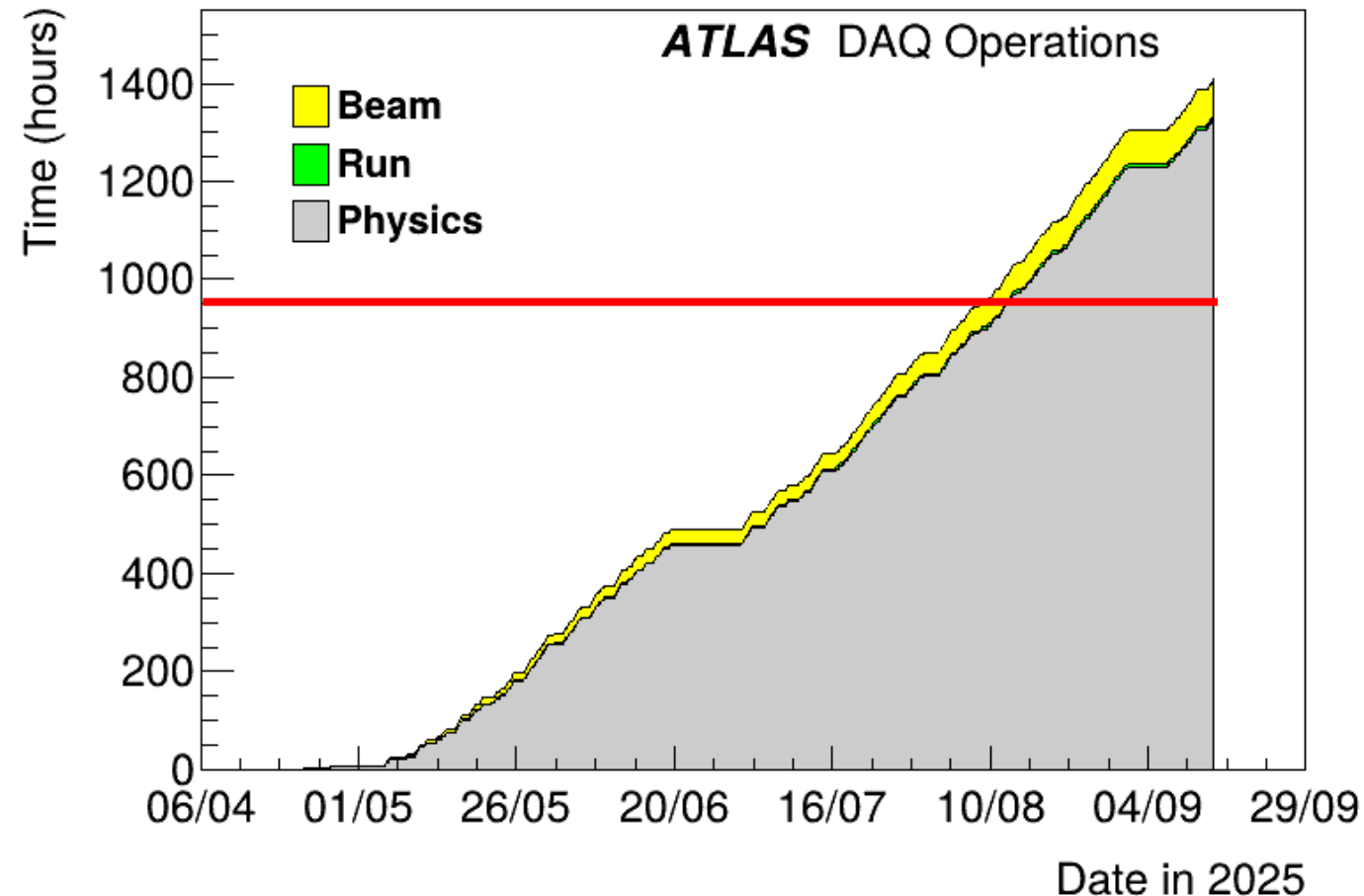
- Better DAQ performance
- Peak efficiency and flexibility

Backup slides

The Higgs candidates



The ATLAS experiment TDAQ



DAQ must maximize **efficiency**.

In previous Runs:

- Very small data loss from DAQ: **93%** all time avg efficiency
- Dataflow efficiency: **100%**

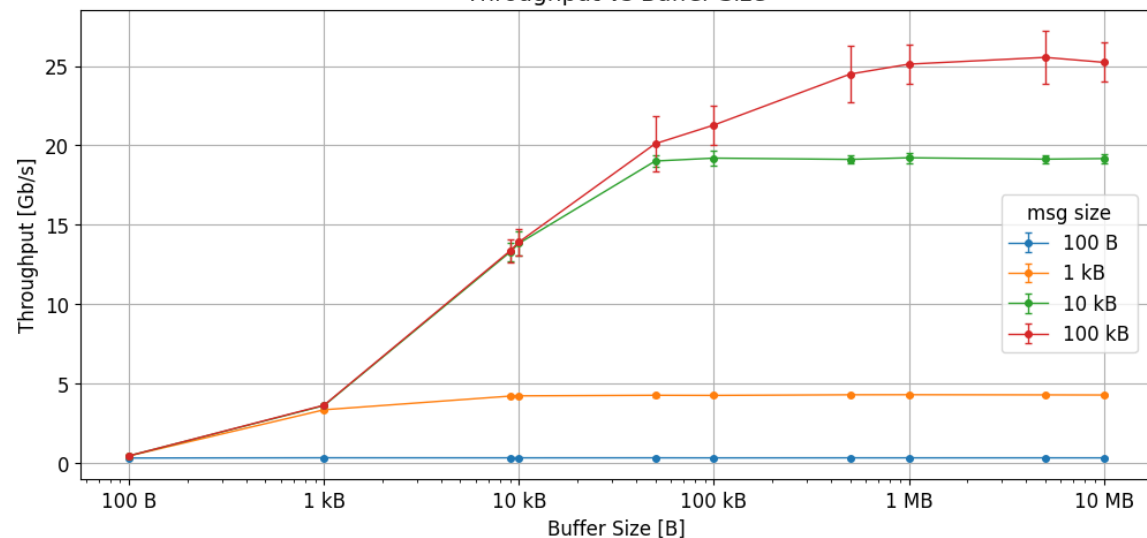
What happens if the Dataflow system fails?

With 80% efficiency:

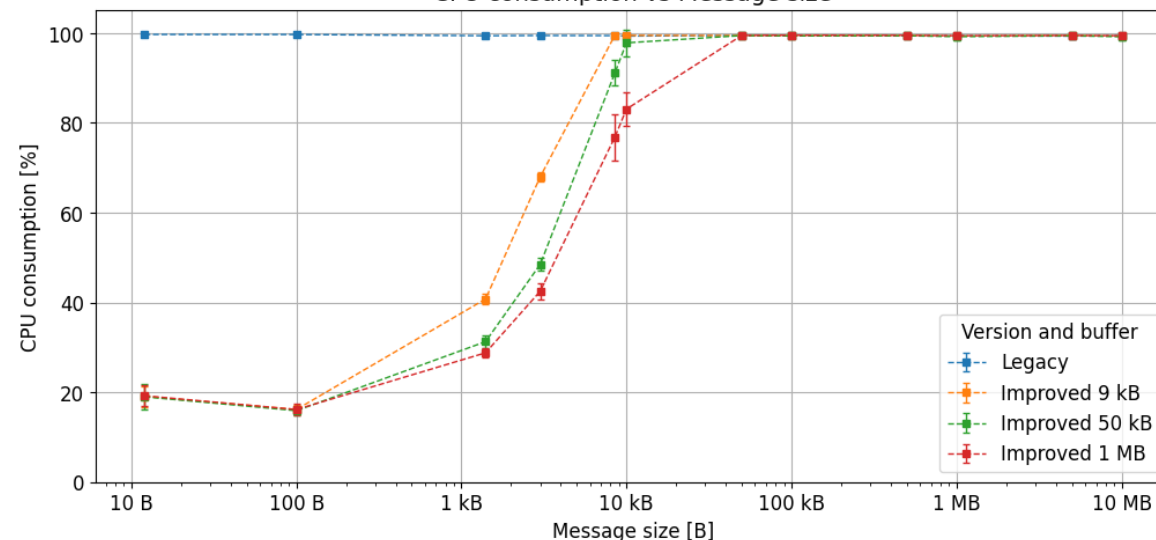
- DAQ efficiency would drop to **74,4%**
- **Severe impact** on rare event detection and measurement

Buffer size evaluation

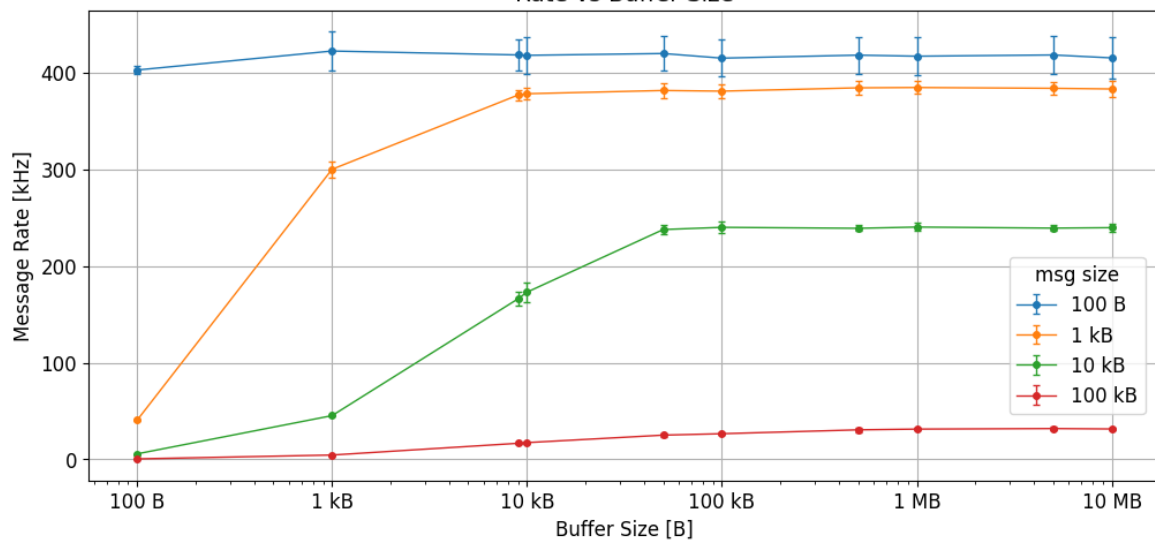
Throughput vs Buffer Size



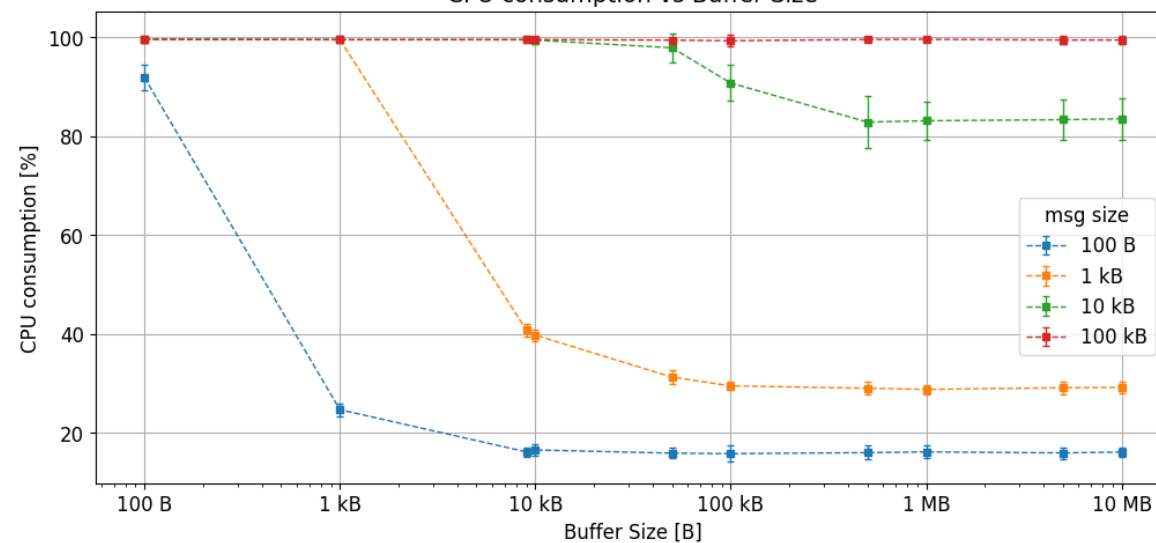
CPU consumption vs Message size



Rate vs Buffer Size



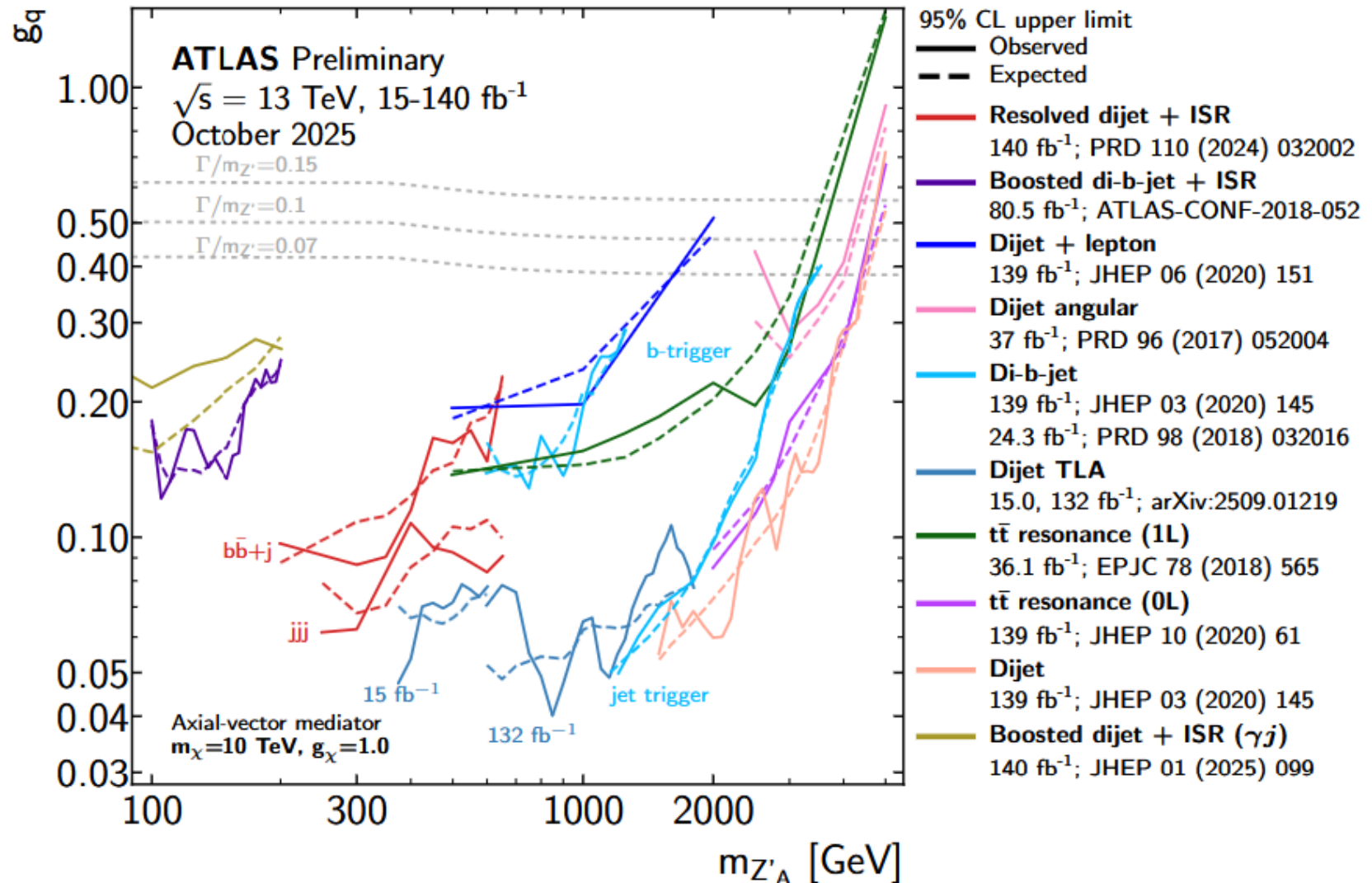
CPU consumption vs Buffer Size



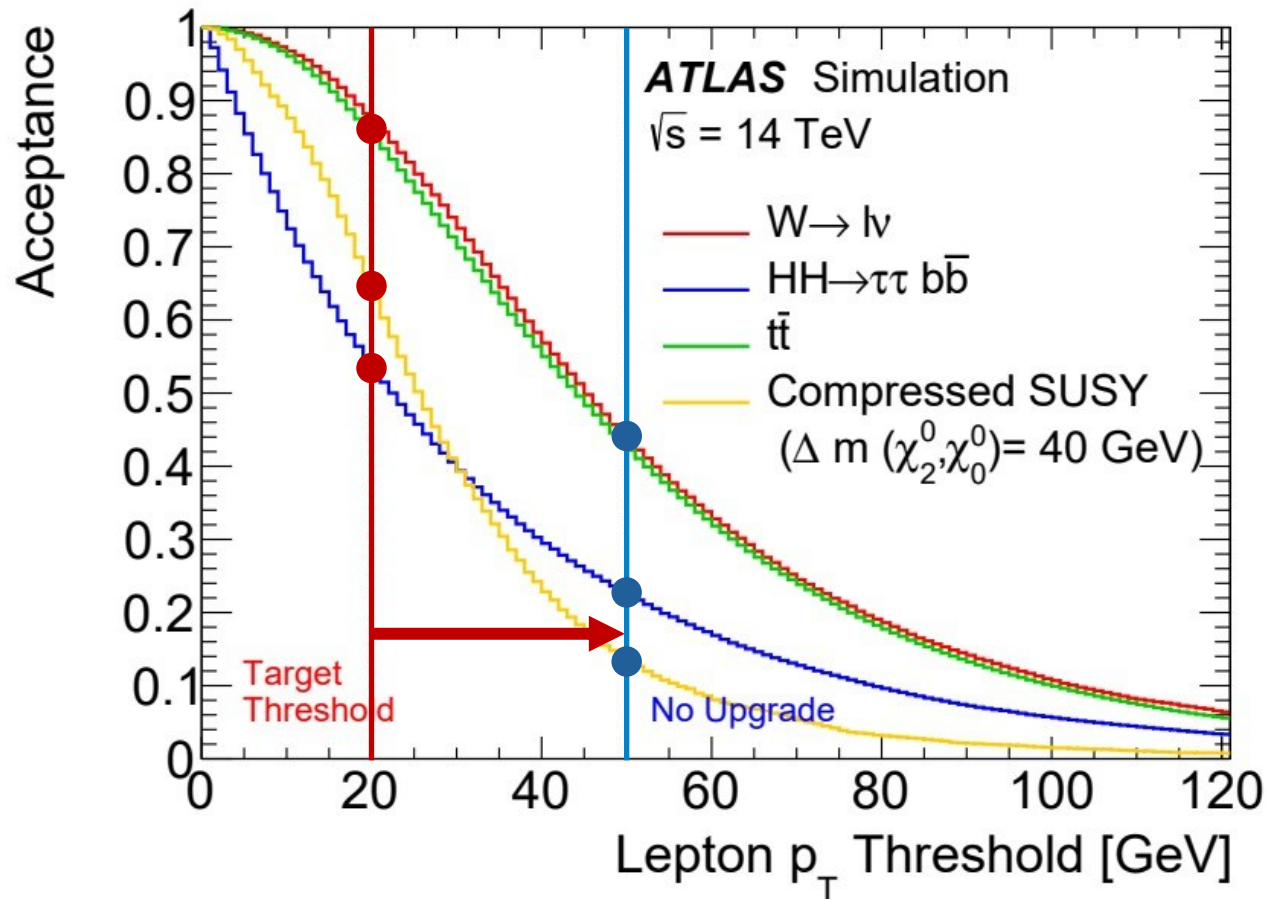
Where does TLA helps?

Dijet resonance in search for Z' mass (exclusion plot)

- Normal trigger only reaches up to ~ 1 TeV dijet mass
- Lower masses are prescaled (too many events)



The High Luminosity Upgrade



To solve the issue, one can raise the **thresholds, but**

- severely reduce acceptance

With the current detector this means

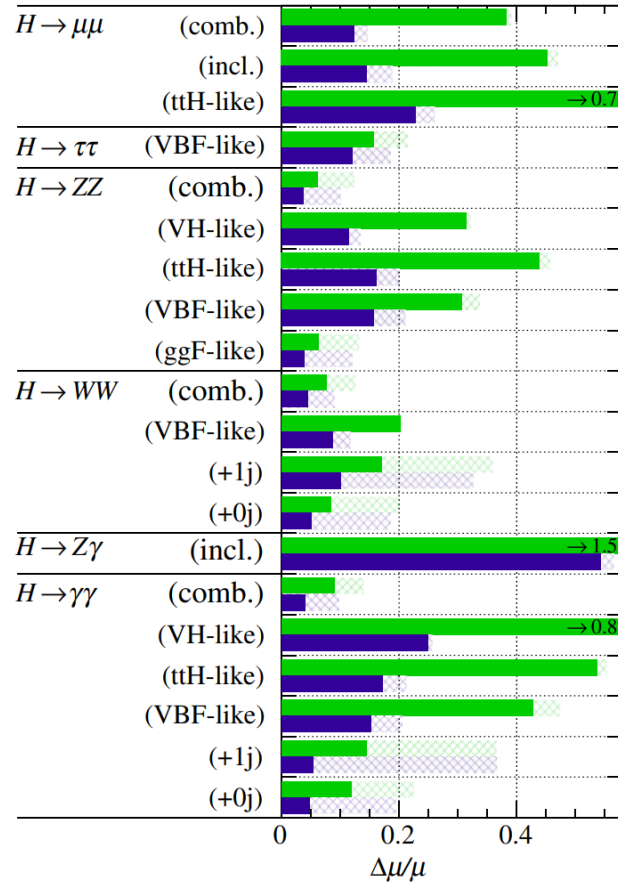
- Raising single μ , e^- thresholds from 20 GeV to 50 GeV
- Efficiency dropping by almost 50%

Trigger rate must be increased

The High Luminosity Upgrade

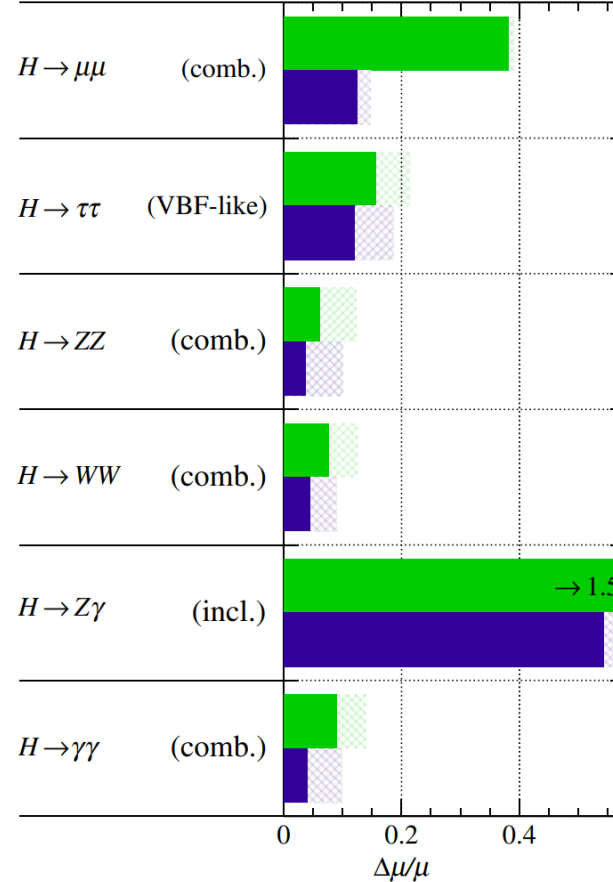
ATLAS simulation preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV: $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$; $\int L dt = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



ATLAS simulation preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV: $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$; $\int L dt = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



The **High Luminosity Upgrade** aim is:

- Switch from discovery to **precision measurements**
- **Extend** the accelerator **lifetime** collecting as much data as possible
- Significantly **improve precision** for the Higgs sector
- Observe **very rare** new phenomena