



ATLAS Tracker:

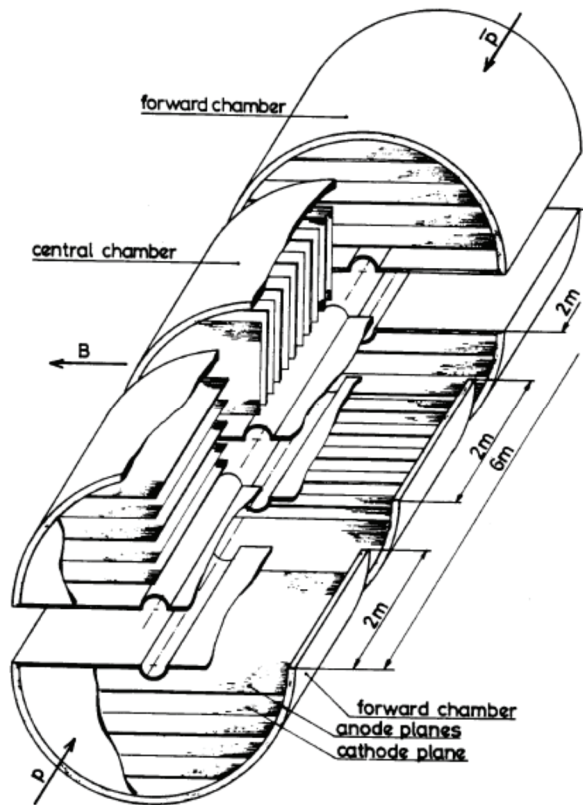
Version '2026'

(The expert & newcomers view)

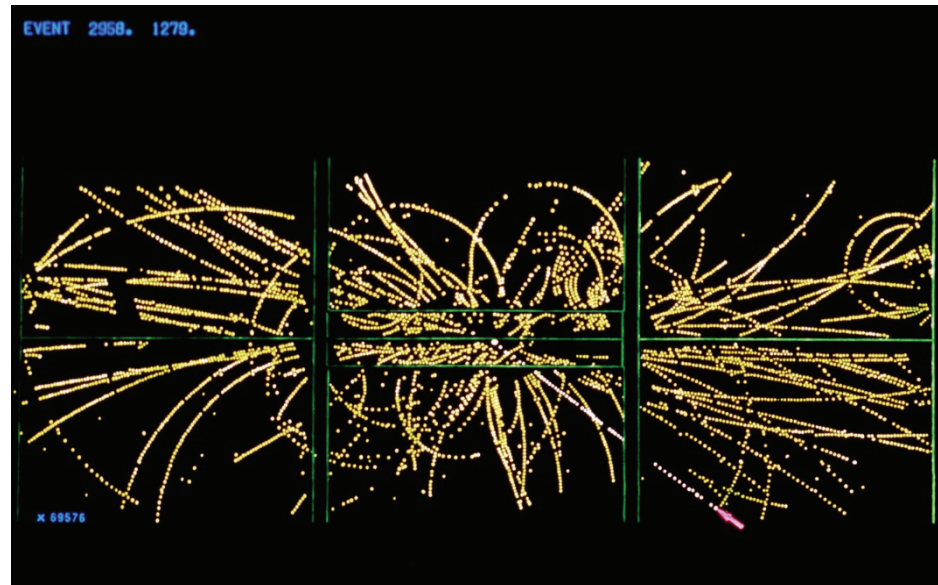
1984... 'State-of-the-Art'

(1^e large LHC workshop – Lausanne)

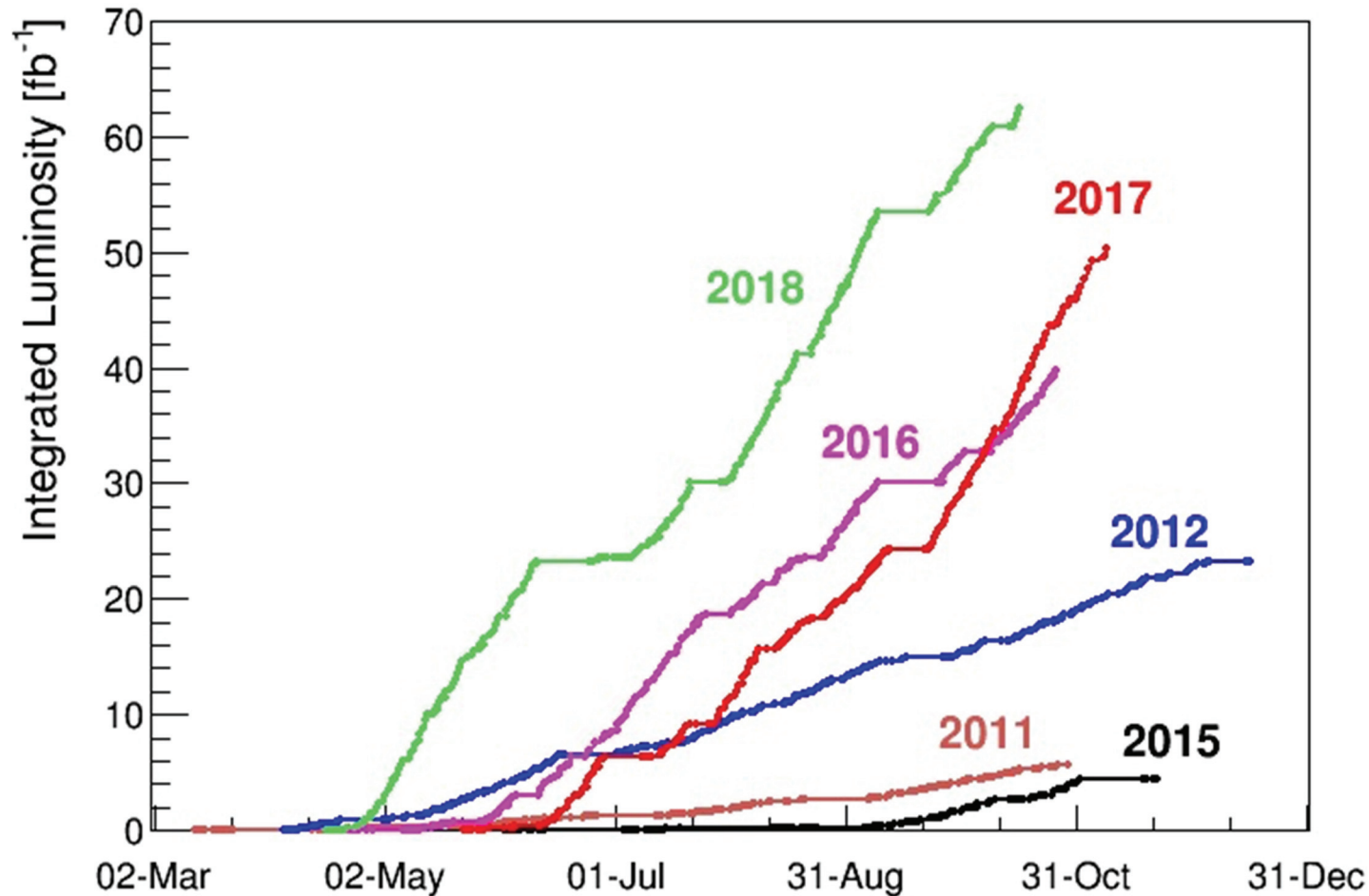
- Wire chamber technology
- Small amount of material
- $\mathcal{L} \sim 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- # of (hard) proton-antiproton collisions/bunch-crossing < 1
- Low occupancy



- UA1 & UA2: discovery W and Z⁰ in $p - \bar{p}$ @ 540 (630) GeV



LHC: 2011 - 2018... proton – proton luminosity (integrated per year)

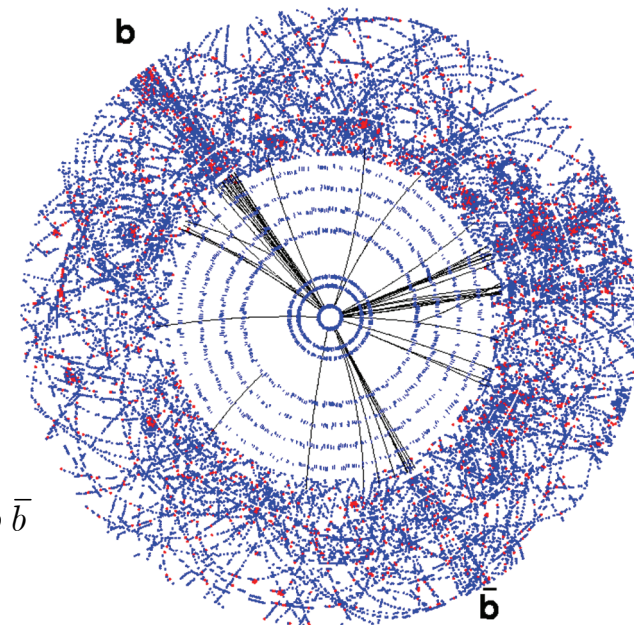
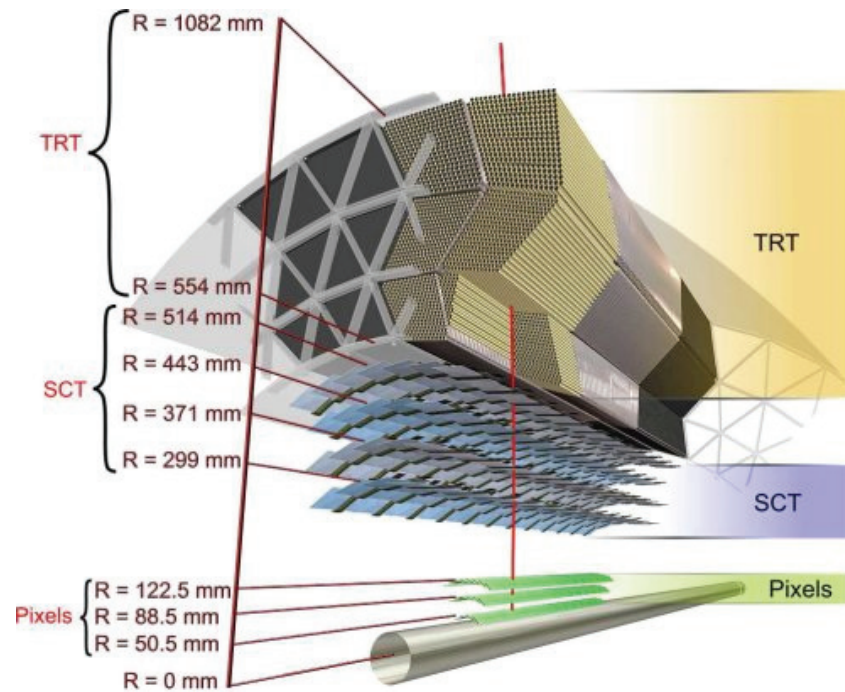


- Nom. luminosity: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{N^2}{\Delta t \times S_{eff}} \sim \frac{(1.15 \times 10^{11})^2}{25 \times 10^{-9} \times 4\pi \times (16 \times 10^{-4})^2} \sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

2011 - 2023... 'State-of-the-Art'

(in ATLAS Inner Detector)

- Silicon + wire 'chamber' technology
- Decent amount of material
- # of (hard) proton-proton collisions/bunch-crossing ~ 25
- Low (SiO)/high (TRT) occupancy



$$H^0 \rightarrow b \bar{b}$$

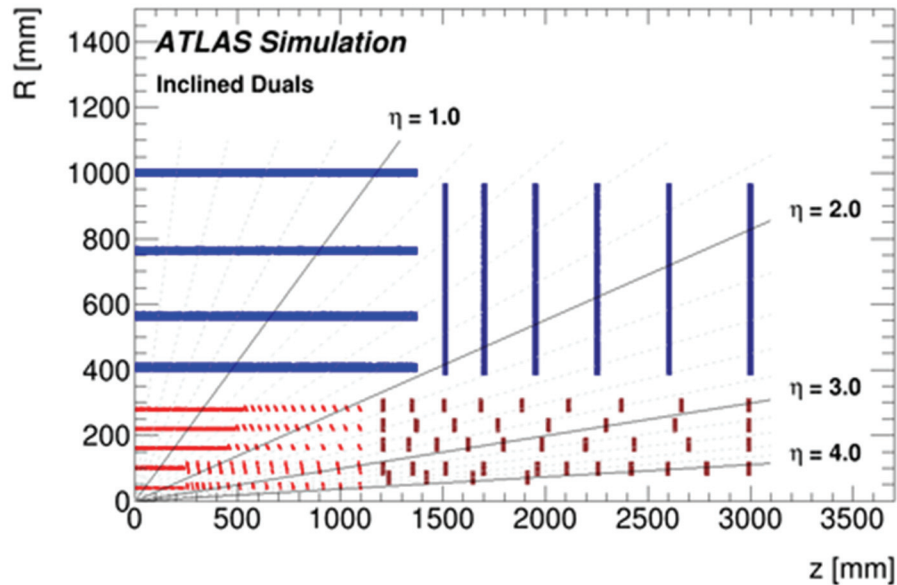
2021 and beyond...

(2026: ATLAS Inner Detector → ATLAS Inner Tracker - ITk)



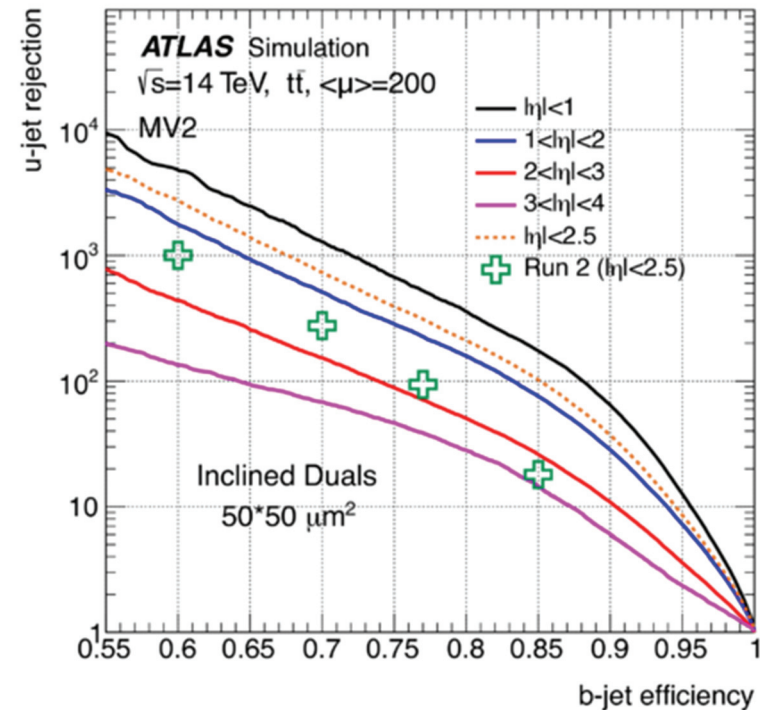
- 2017 – 2018: 2 x nom. lum. @ 13 TeV
- 2021 – 2023: 2.5 x nom. lum. @ 14 TeV
- 2026 – 5 – 7 x nom. lum. @ 14 TeV

...towards 2026: build completely new Inner Tracker

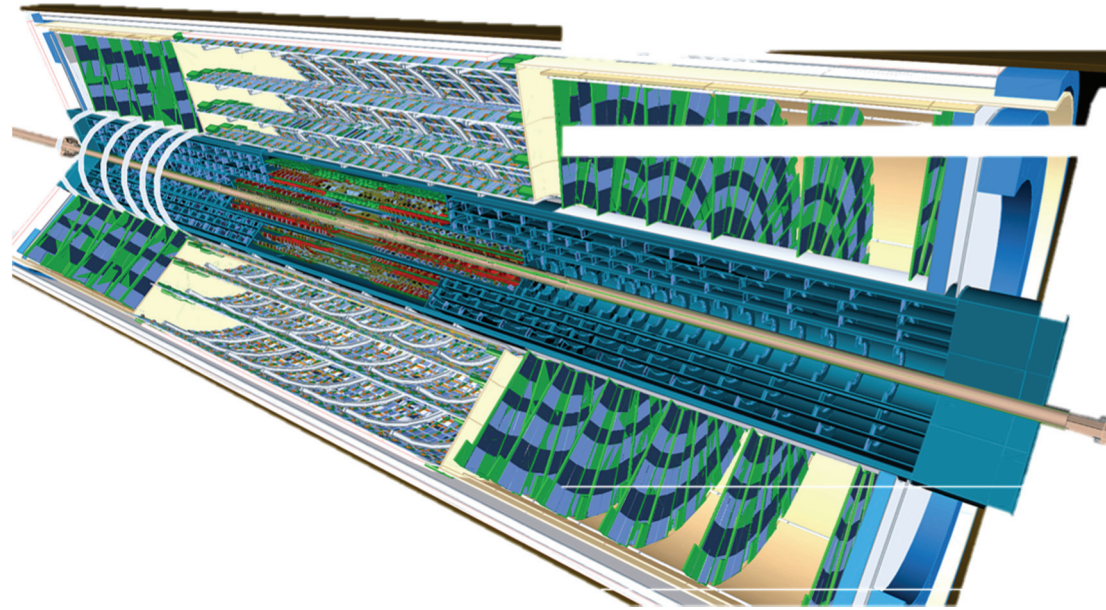


- Trigger rate 100 kHz \rightarrow 1 MHz
- New electronics (130 nm)
- Strip detector (8×10^7 strips, $|\eta| < 2.7$)
- Pixel detector (5×10^9 pixels, $|\eta| < 4$)
- Silicon: ~ 200 m²

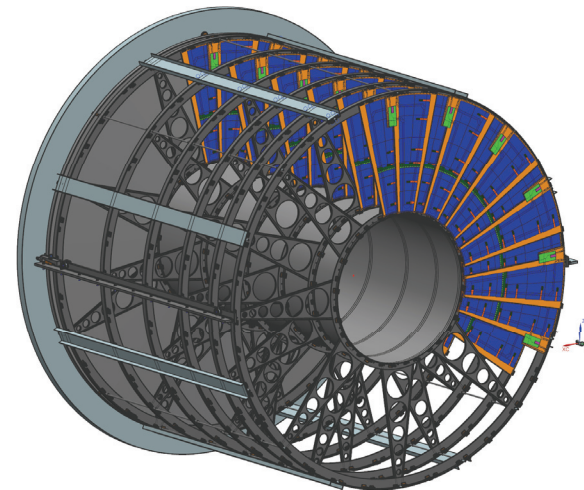
- All silicon tracker
- Tolerable amount of material
- # of (hard) proton-proton collisions/bunch-crossing ~ 200



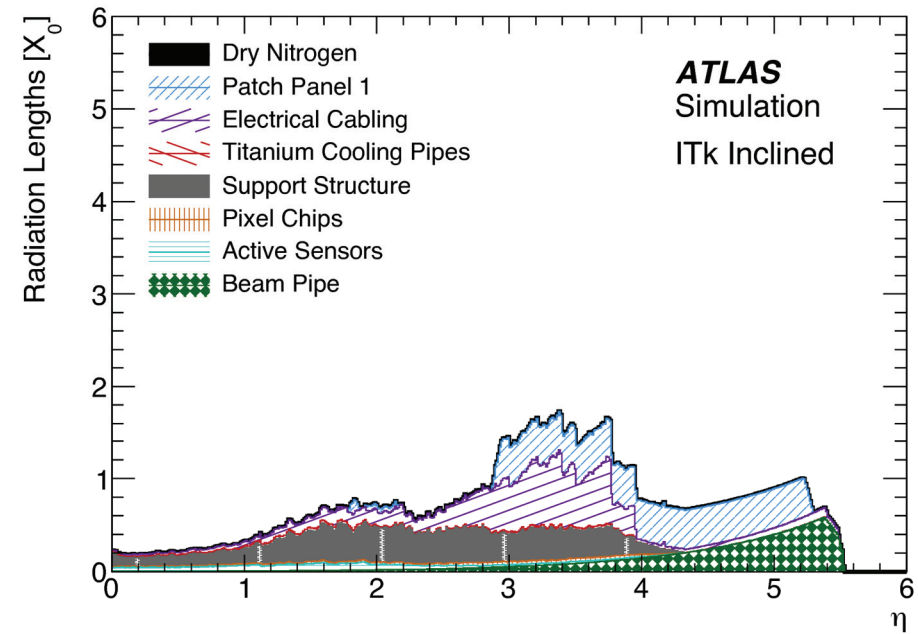
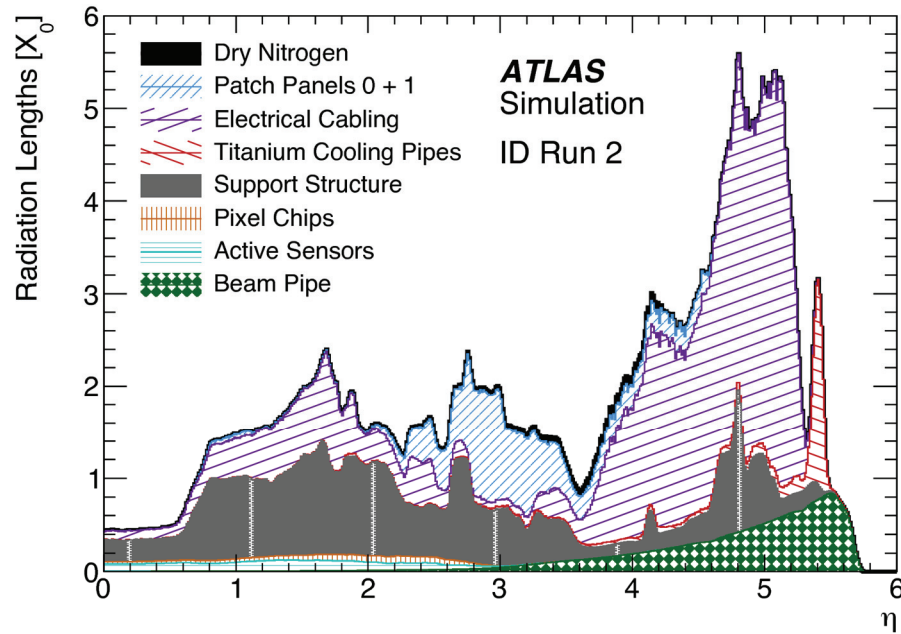
...towards 2026: build completely new Inner Tracker



- End-cap: 6 disks with 32 petals
- 40,000 readout chips → cooling
- Open carbon support structure vs disks



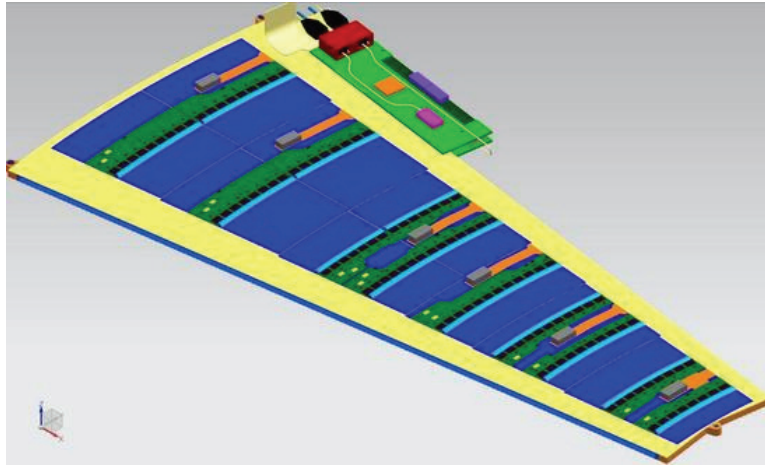
...towards 2026: material budget



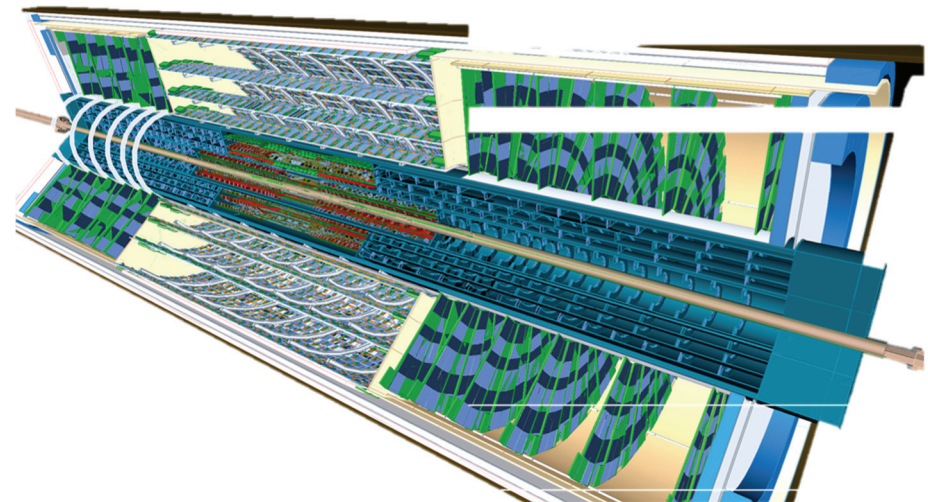
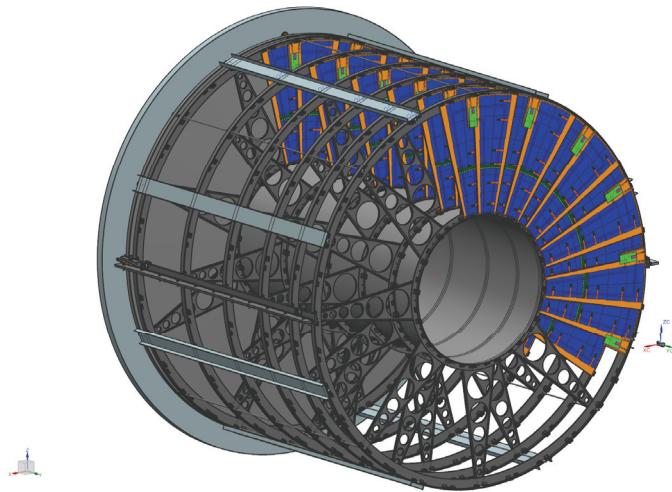
- Inner Detector (old):
 - Pixels
 - SCT (strips)
 - TRT (straws + foil)

- Inner Tracker (new):
 - Pixels
 - Strips

...towards 2026: build completely new Inner Tracker



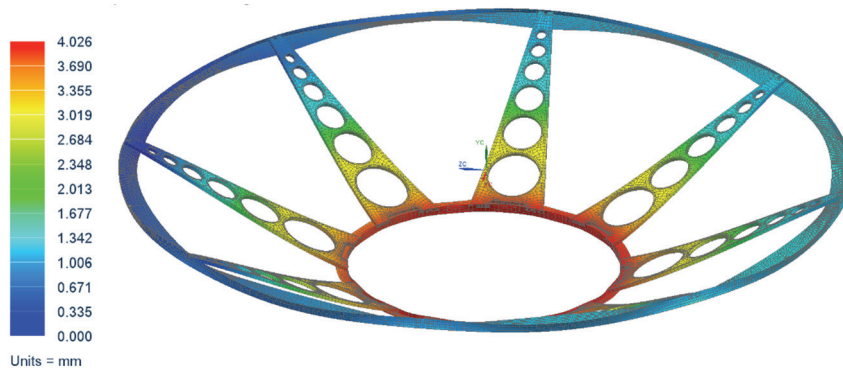
- n in p, 75 μm pitch, 1280 strips/unit
- 310 μm thick wavers
- End-cap: 6 disks with 32 petals
- 40,000 readout chips \rightarrow cooling
- Open carbon support structure vs disks



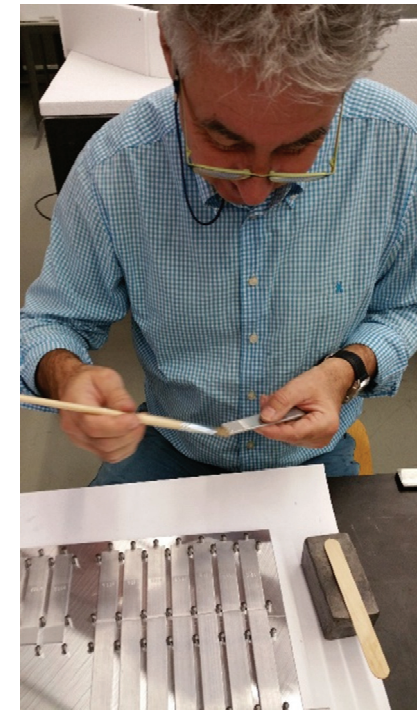
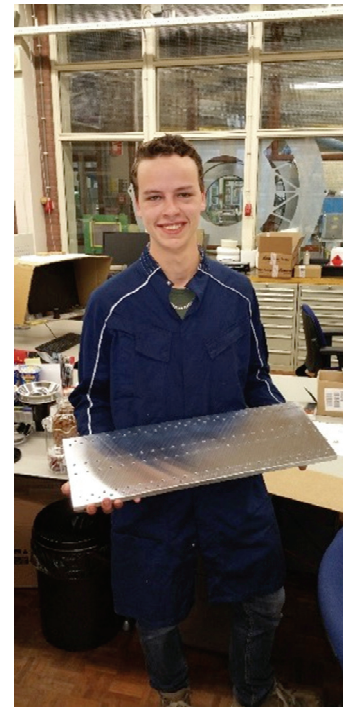
Open carbon petal support structure vs carbon disks



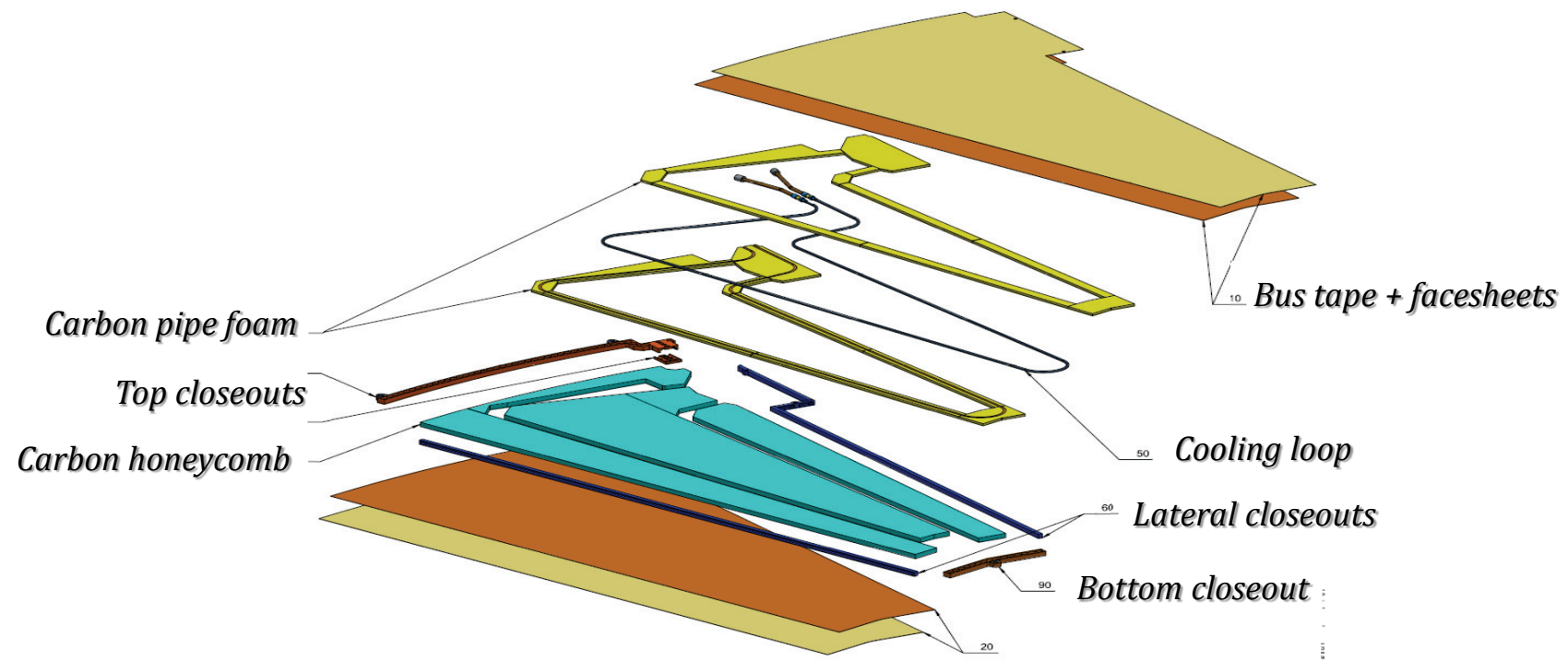
- Epoxy irradiation tests



- Design petal support structure & validation

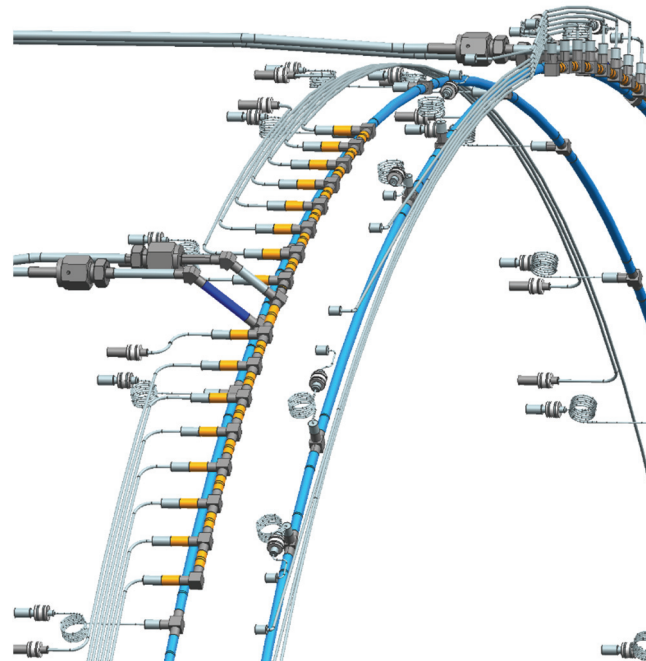
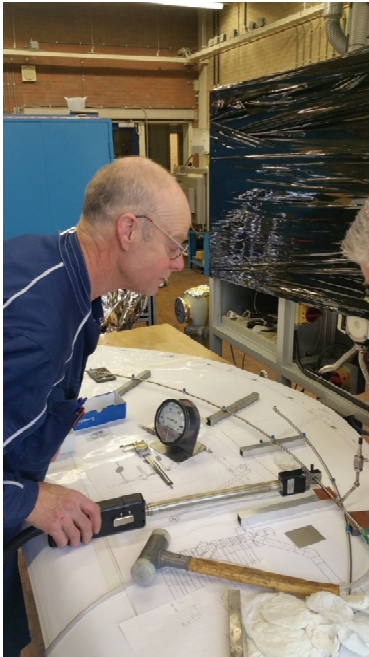


Petal sandwich structure with integrated cooling pipe

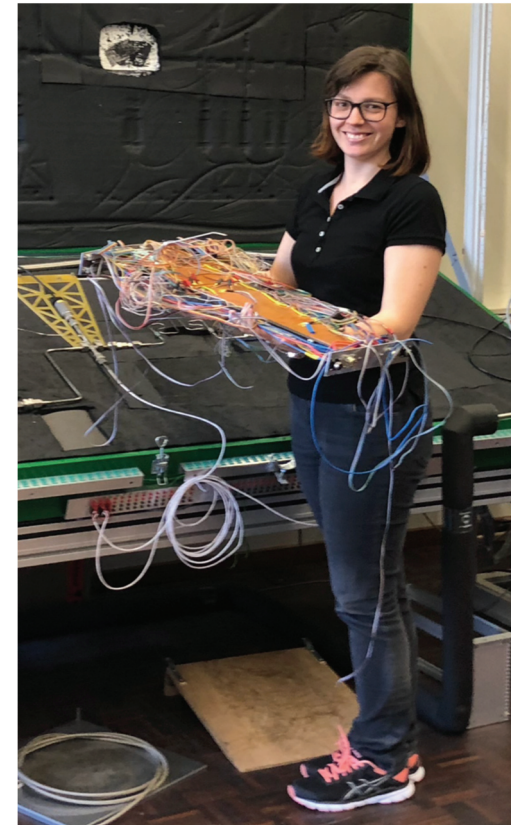


- Titanium cooling pipe connects to outer rim pipes (support structure)

Connecting cooling pipes from petals to manifolds

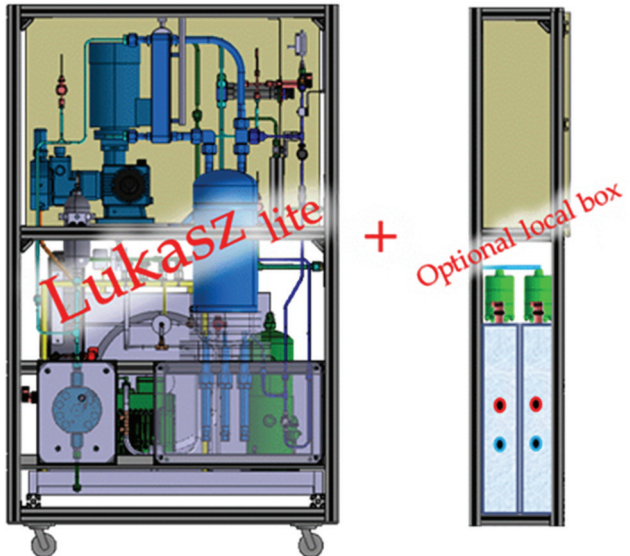


- Extensive cooling tests



- Cooling pipes from petals are connected to inlet and outlet manifolds at the outer rim

CO₂ cooling plant

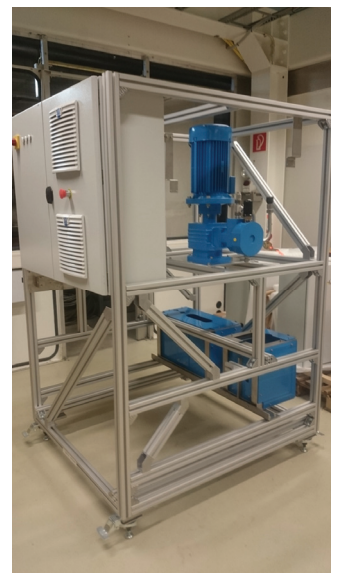
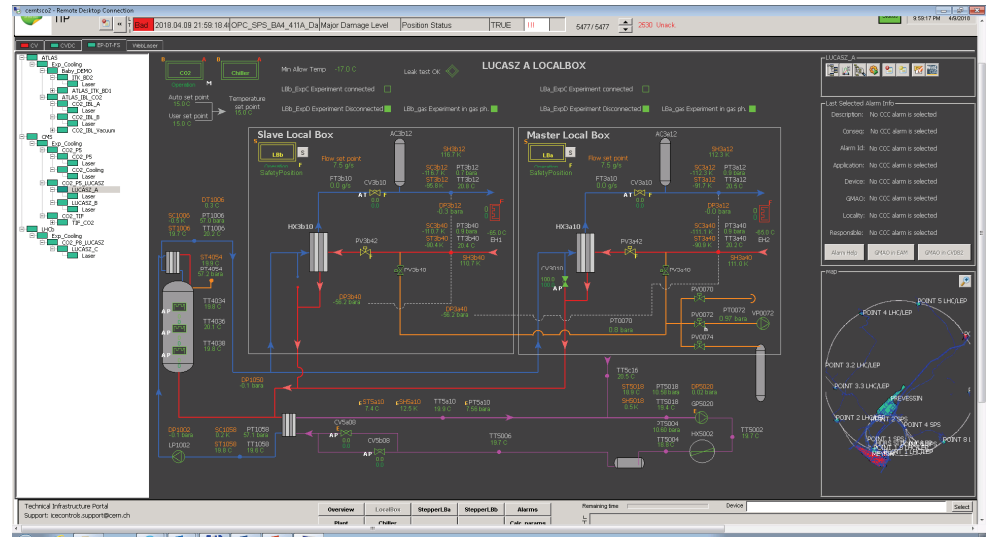


Can operate alone but requires expert user.
All regulations are manual.

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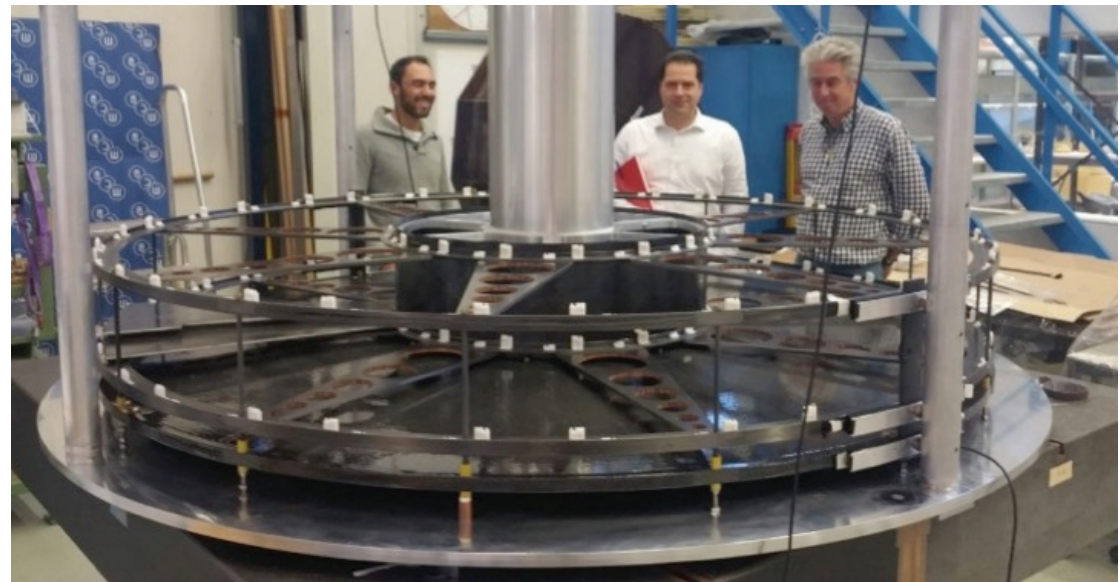
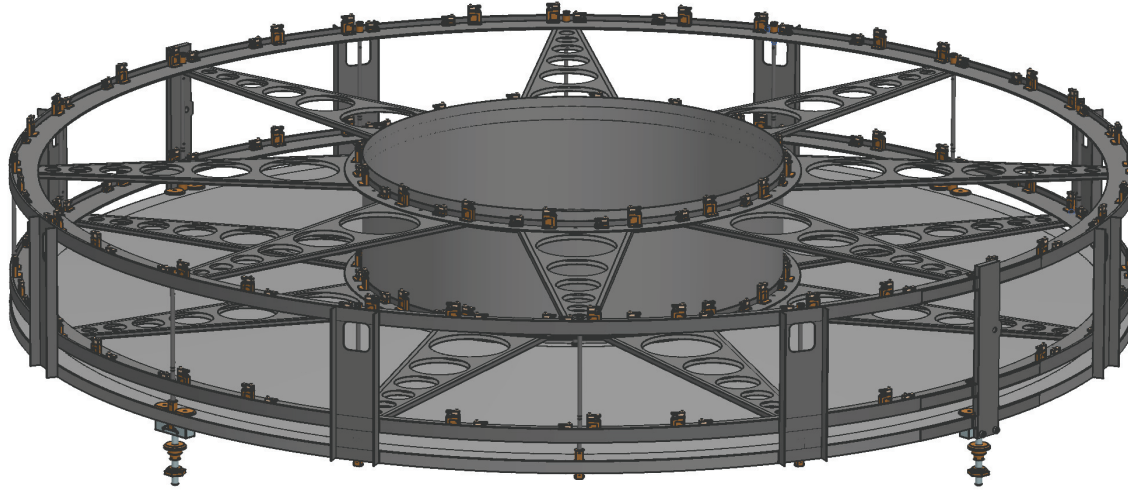
The local boxes contain all the control and automation part,
making the units user friendly for non experts

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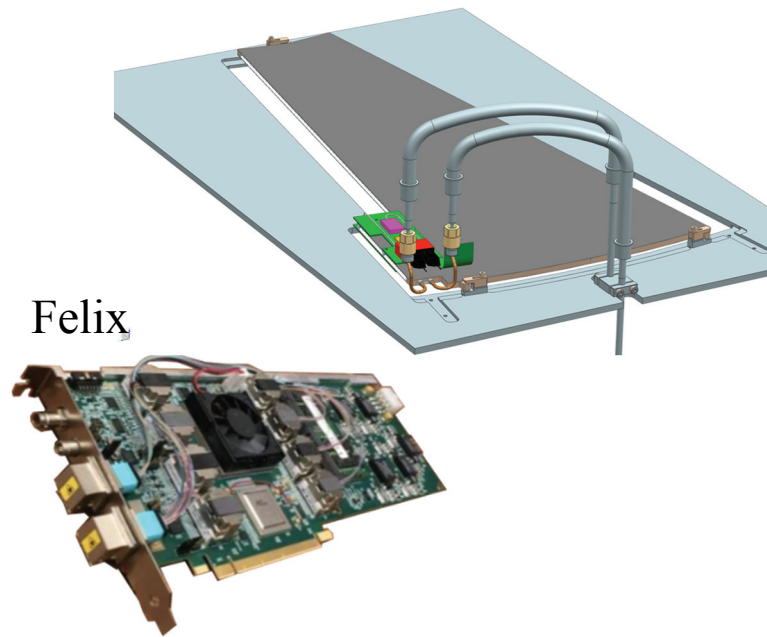


- 2 kWatt CO₂ cooling plant with remote control

Nikhef global support prototype

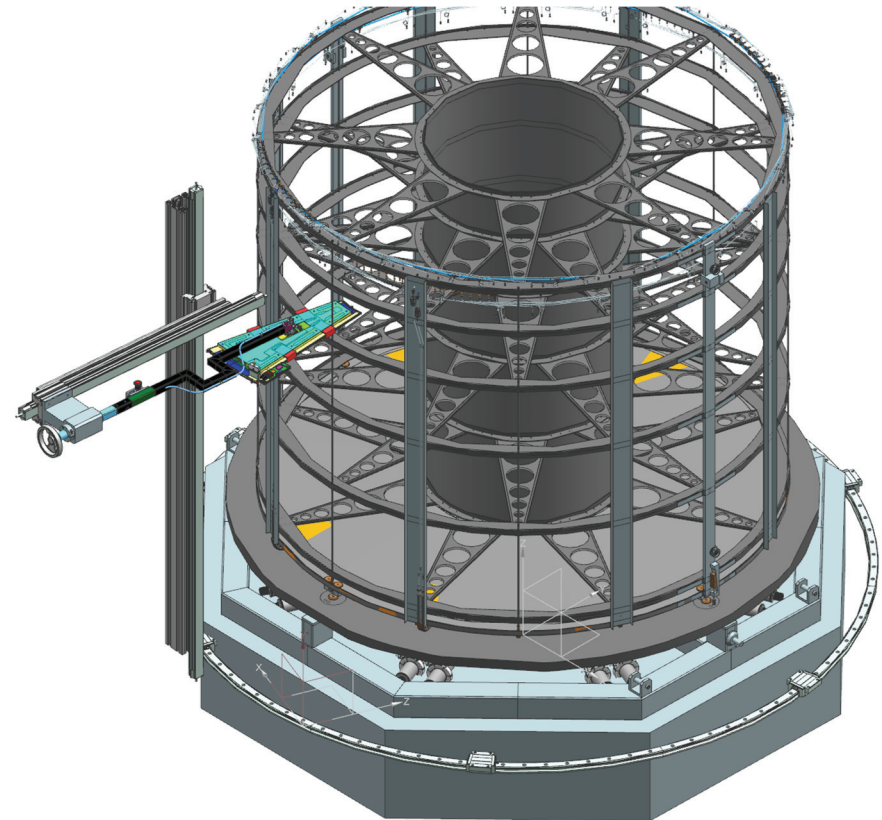


Petal reception test and end-cap assembly

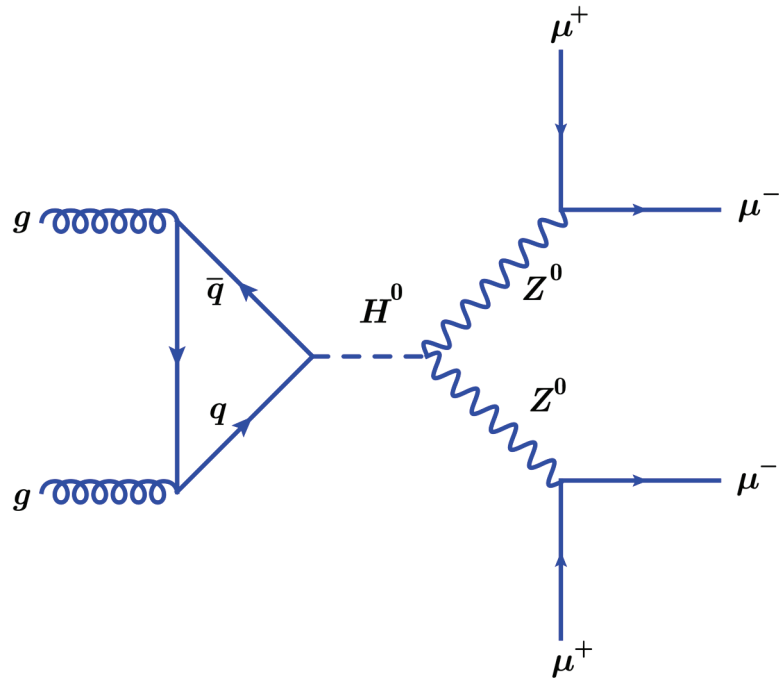


- Petal reception test:
 - DAQ
 - DCS
 - Cooling

- Vertical assembly
- Robot petal insertion



From science fiction (1984) to science reality (2038?)



- ‘Golden’ event @ LHC

- Platinum event @ HL-LHC?

