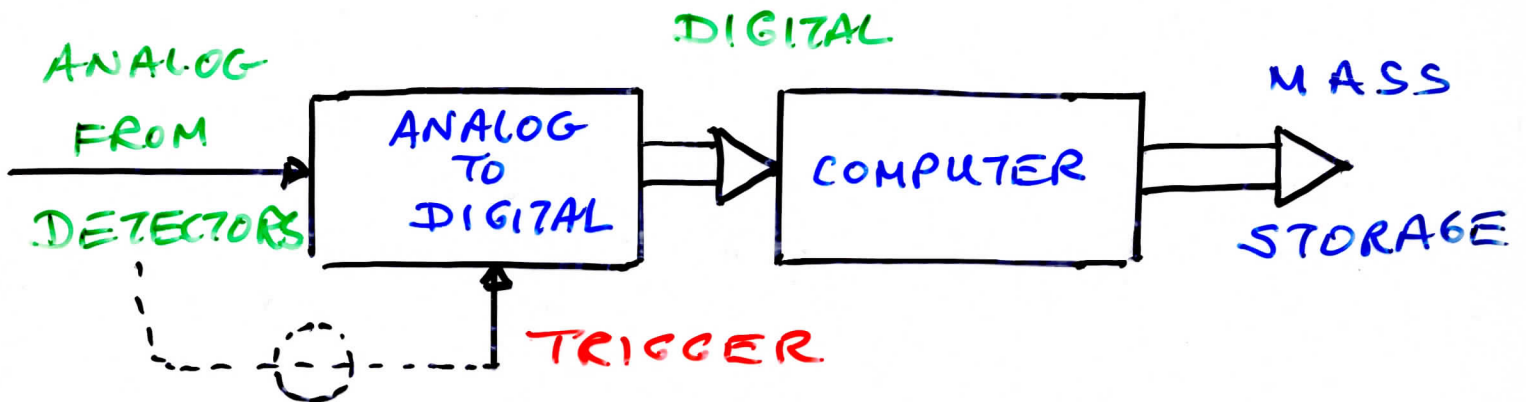


# TRIGGERING & DATA ACQUISITION

## DATA FLOW IN EXPERIMENT



## REASONS FOR TRIGGER

### 1) A → D CONVERSION

NEED SOME GATE FOR ADC,  
START/STOP FOR TDCs

- ANALOG SIGNAL FLOW CONTINUOUSLY FROM DETECTORS
- DECIDE WHEN HAVE "INTERESTING EVENT"

• A → D TAKES TIME

$\sim 10 \mu s$

+ COMPUTER READ OUT  $\sim \mu s$

## 2) SELECTION OF INTERESTING DATA

- SELECT PHYSICS vs BACKGROUND
- UNBIASED
- UNDERSTANDABLE

## 3) DEAD TIME

- USUALLY BACKGROUND RATE > SIGNAL RATE
- CONTINUAL A → D → NEVER SEE SIGNAL  
     ↓  
     DEAD TIME

- REAL ~~FIRE~~ EVENTS AT  $\nu$  Hz  
 $\Delta t$  → CONVERSION TIME

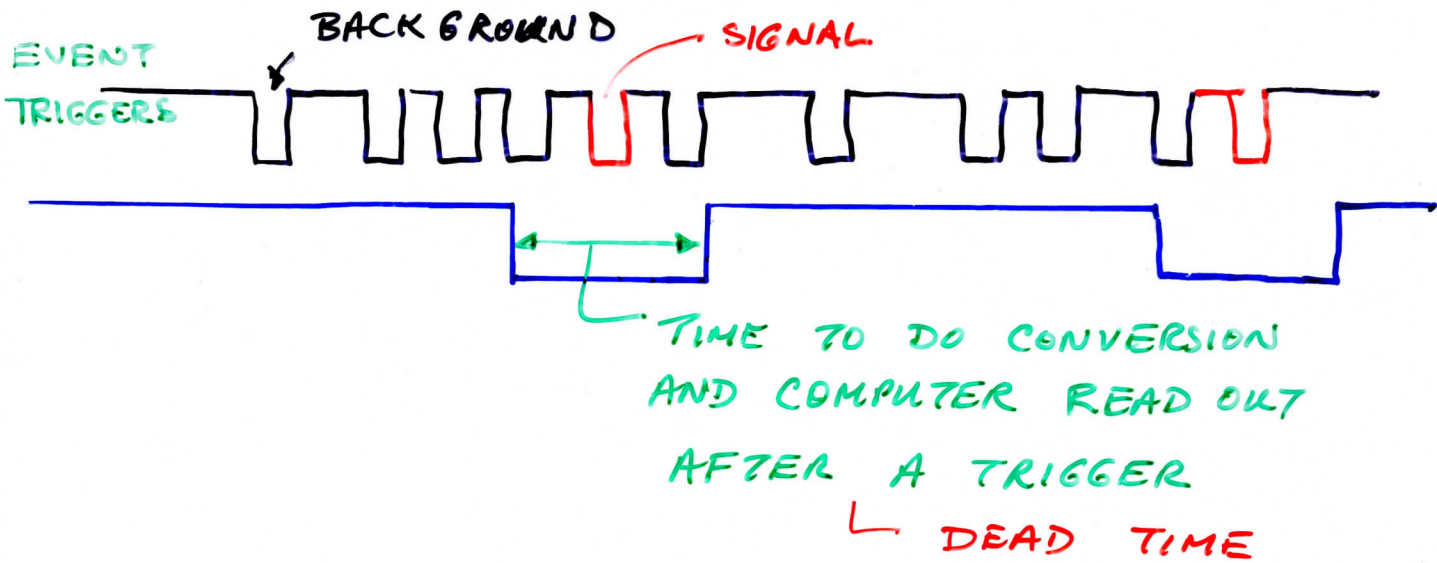
TIME BETWEEN EVENTS =  $\frac{1}{\nu} + \Delta t$

OBSERVED RATE  $\nu' = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\nu} + \Delta t}$

LIVETIME  $\epsilon = \frac{\nu'}{\nu} = \frac{1}{1 + \nu \Delta t}$

$\nu \rightarrow$  LARGE } DEAD  
 $\Delta t \rightarrow$  LARGE }

## DEAD TIME



TAKE ARGUS BEAM GAS EXAMPLE

BG RATE  $\sim 10^3 \text{ Hz}$

READ OUT TIME  $\sim 1 \text{ ms}$

$\therefore$  ~~100%~~ 50% DEAD TIME FROM BG.

"REASONABLE" VALUE OF DEAD TIME  $\sim 1-10\%$

IE. WANT EXPERIMENT ALIVE FOR AT LEAST 90% OF THE TIME

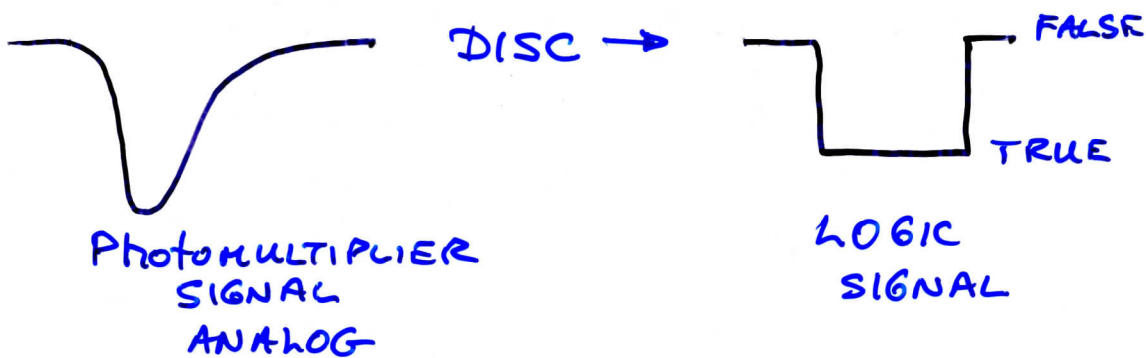
- IN CDF / ZEUS / ATLAS DEAD TIME WOULD BE 100%

↳ MULTI LEVEL DEADTIMELESS TRIGGER.

• SIGNALS FROM DETECTOR ELEMENTS — ANALOG

WANT TO MAKE A 'LOGIC' DECISION IN  
TIME SCALES  $\sim 100$  ns

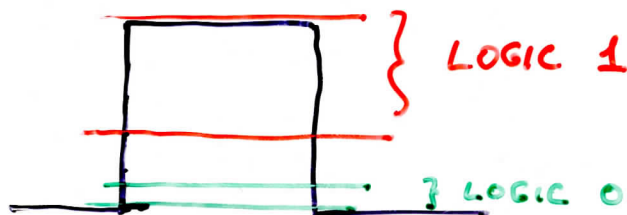
↓ CONVERT ANALOG SIGNALS  
TO FAST LOGIC PULSES



### LOGIC LEVELS

	NIM	TTL	ECL
1	$-14 \rightarrow -18$ mA	$2 \rightarrow 5$ V	$-1.75$ V
0	$-1 \rightarrow +1$ mA	$0 \rightarrow 0.8$ V	$-0.09$ V

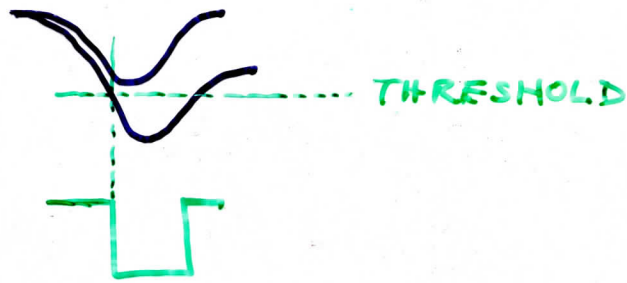
VERY FAST



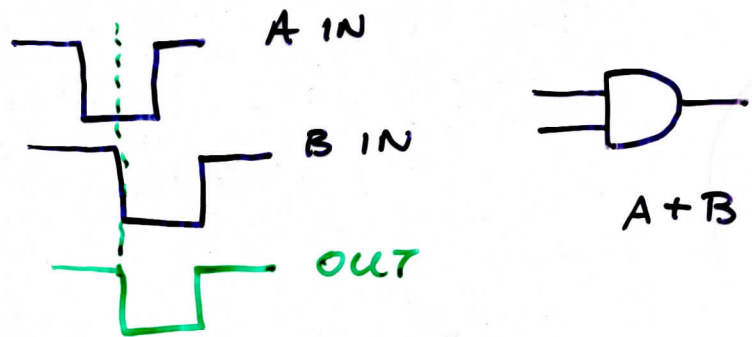
# BASIC ELEMENTS

'LEO' GIVES  
NICE EXPOSITION!

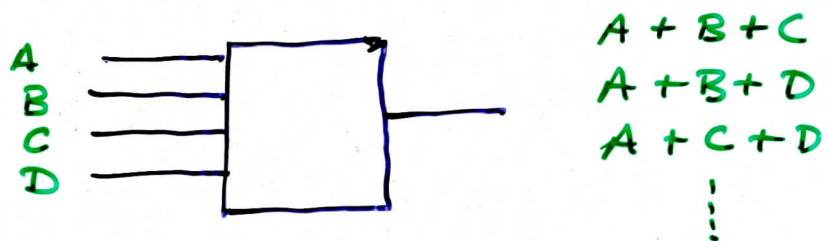
## • DISCRIMINATOR



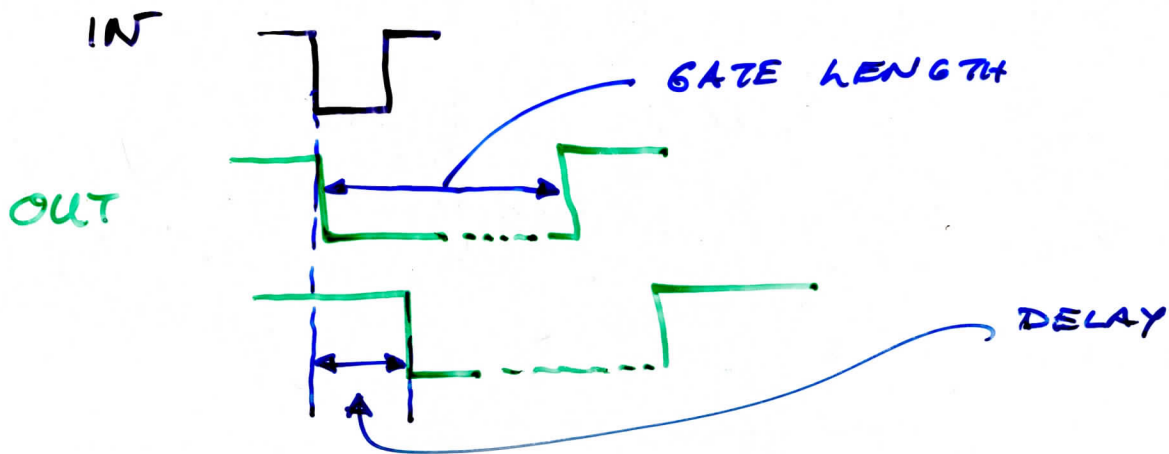
## • COINCIDENCE UNIT



## • MAJORITY LOGIC UNIT

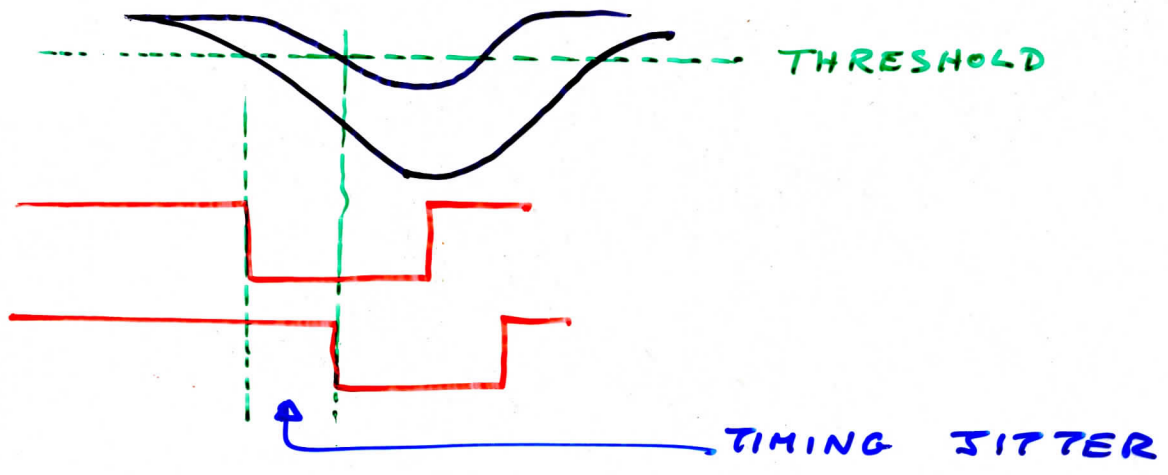


## • GATE / DELAY GENERATOR



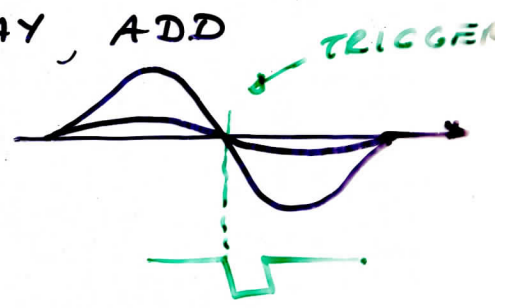
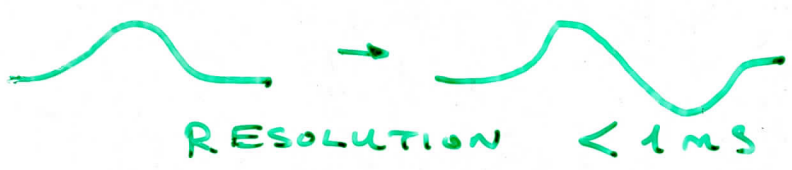
# DISCRIMINATORS

TO FORM A COINCIDENCE, OR MEASURE THE TIME THAT A PULSE ARRIVES WANT THE DISCRIMINATOR TO "FIRE" AT A WELL DEFINED TIME



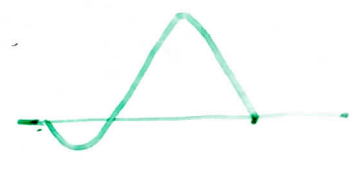
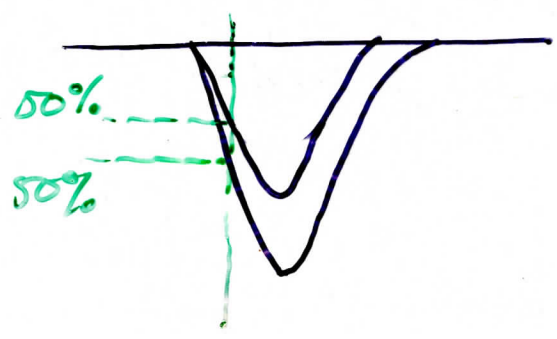
## • ZERO CROSSING

INVERT, DELAY, ADD

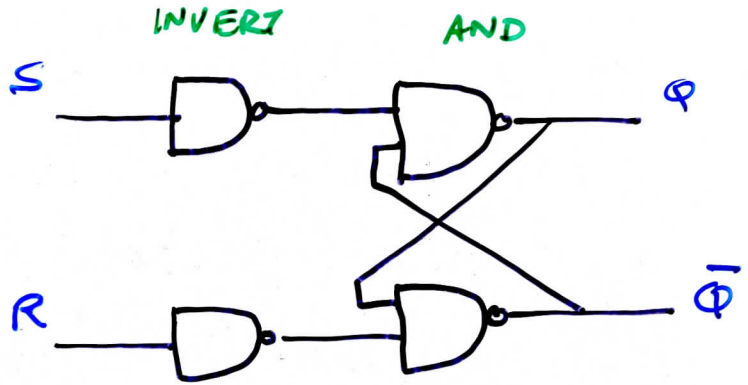
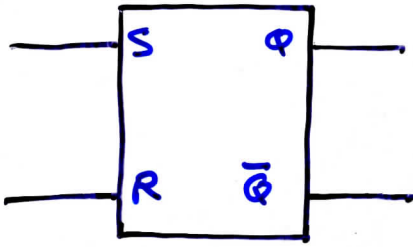


## • CONSTANT FRACTIONS

MAKE ZERO CROSSING AT 50%



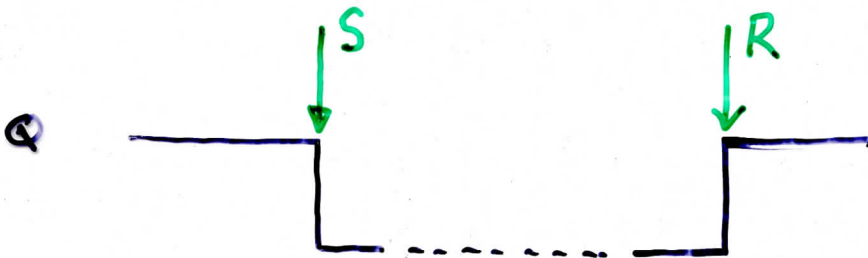
# FLIP - FLOP



## MEMORY ELEMENT

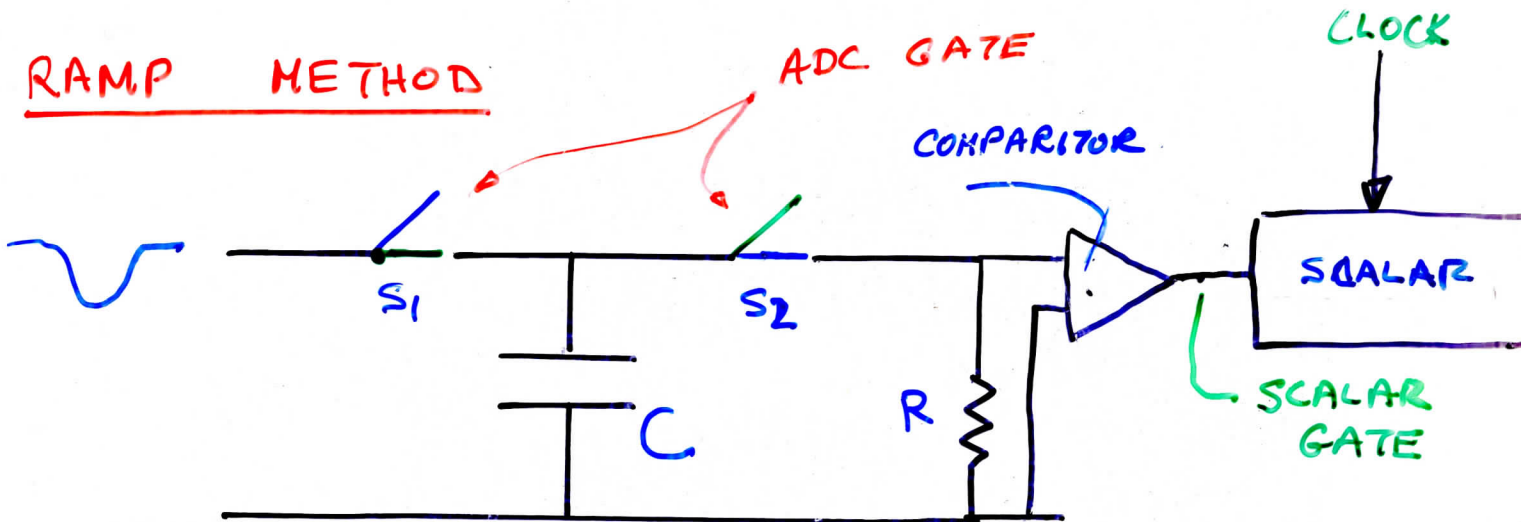
SET → Q = TRUE 1

RRESET → Q = FALSE 0



# ADC PRINCIPLES

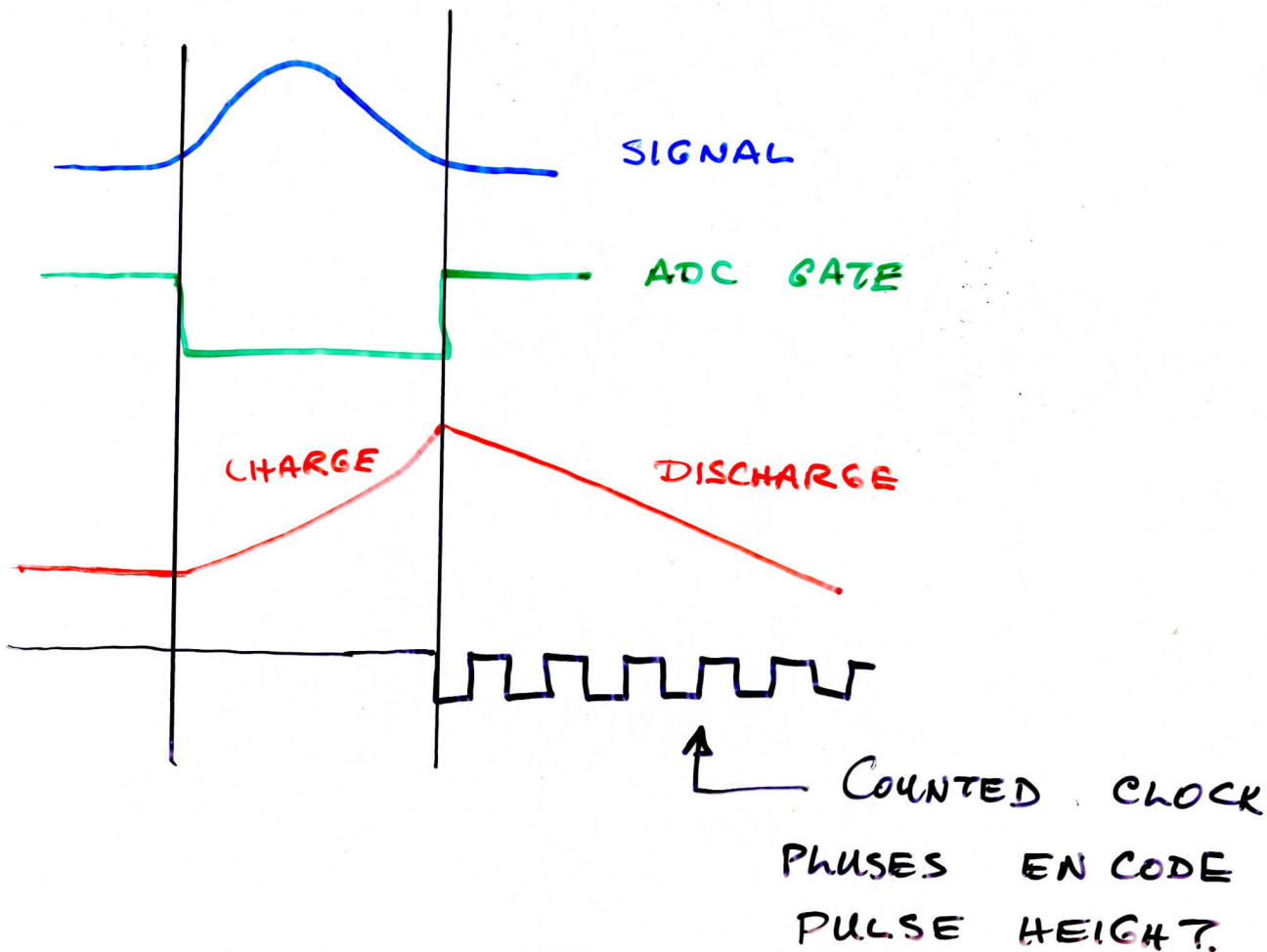
## RAMP METHOD



$S_1$  CLOSED  $S_2$  OPEN  $\rightarrow$  SIGNAL CHARGES C

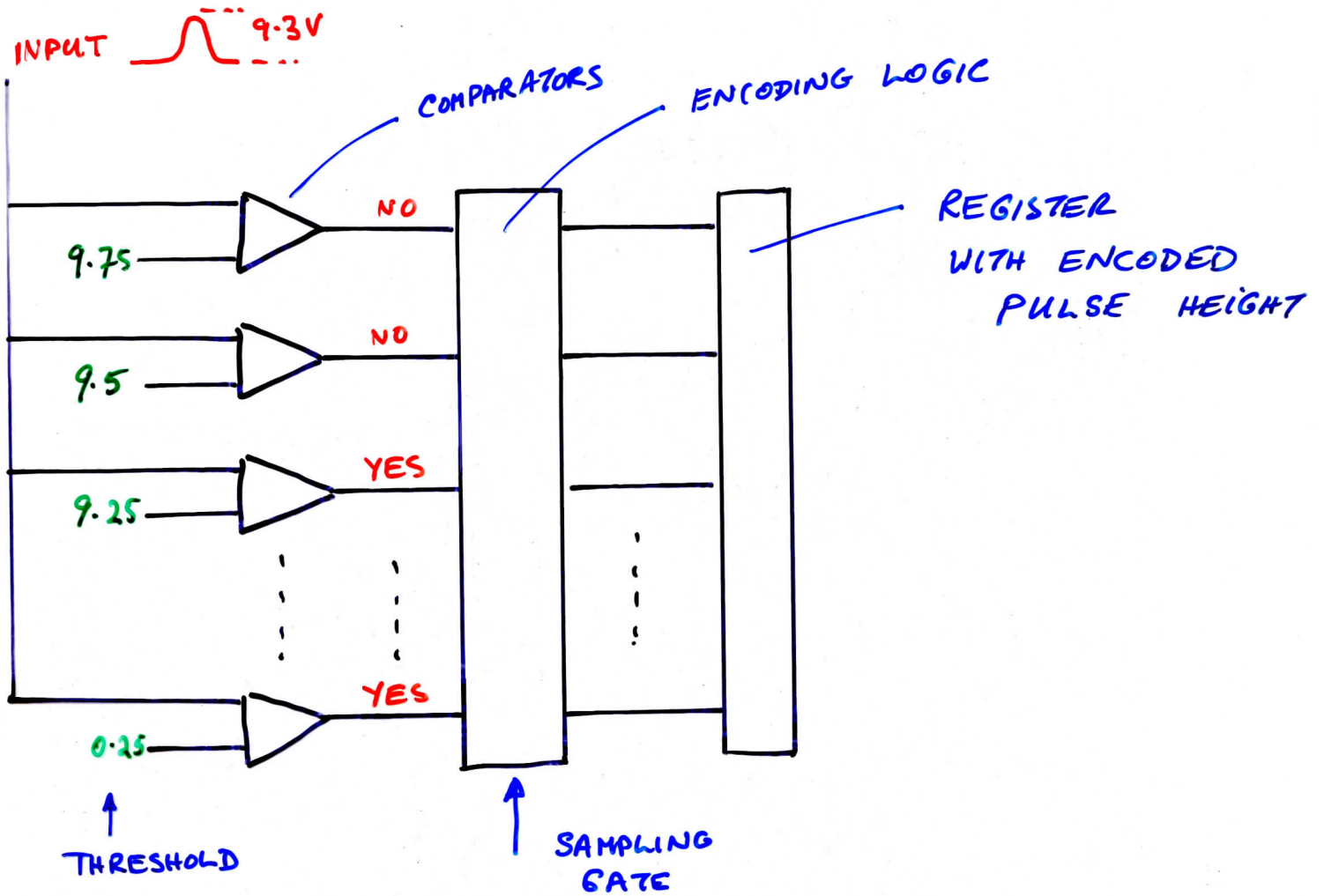
$S_1$  OPEN  $S_2$  CLOSED  $\rightarrow$  C DISCHARGES

SCALAR COUNTS CLOCK UNTIL COMPARATOR SHOWS C DISCHARGED.





# PRINCIPLE OF FLASH ADC



40ms of  $\sim \mu s$

- LARGE NO. OF COMPONENTS  
of  $10^4$  CHANNELS

→ INTEGRATED CIRCUIT?

# INTERFACE TO COMPUTER

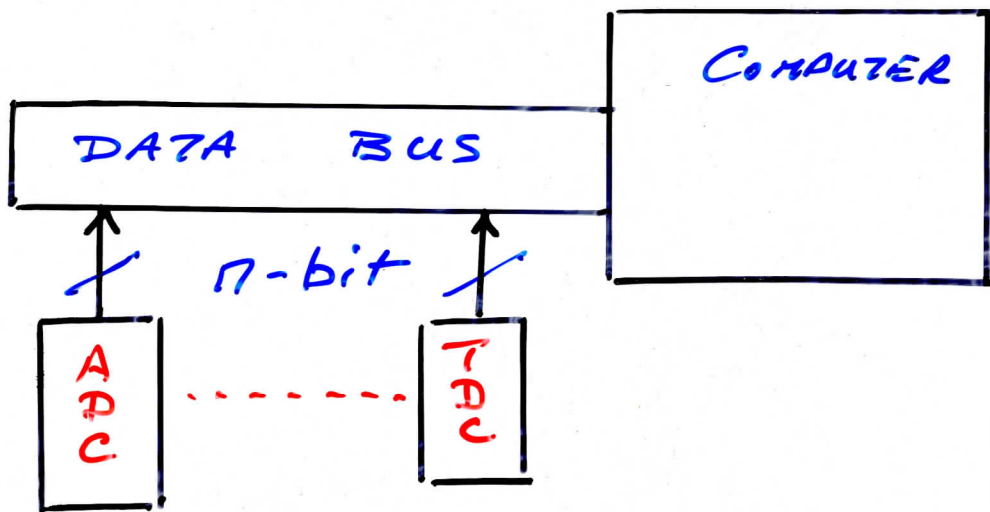
• VERY SIMPLE MODEL OF SIMPLE SYSTEM

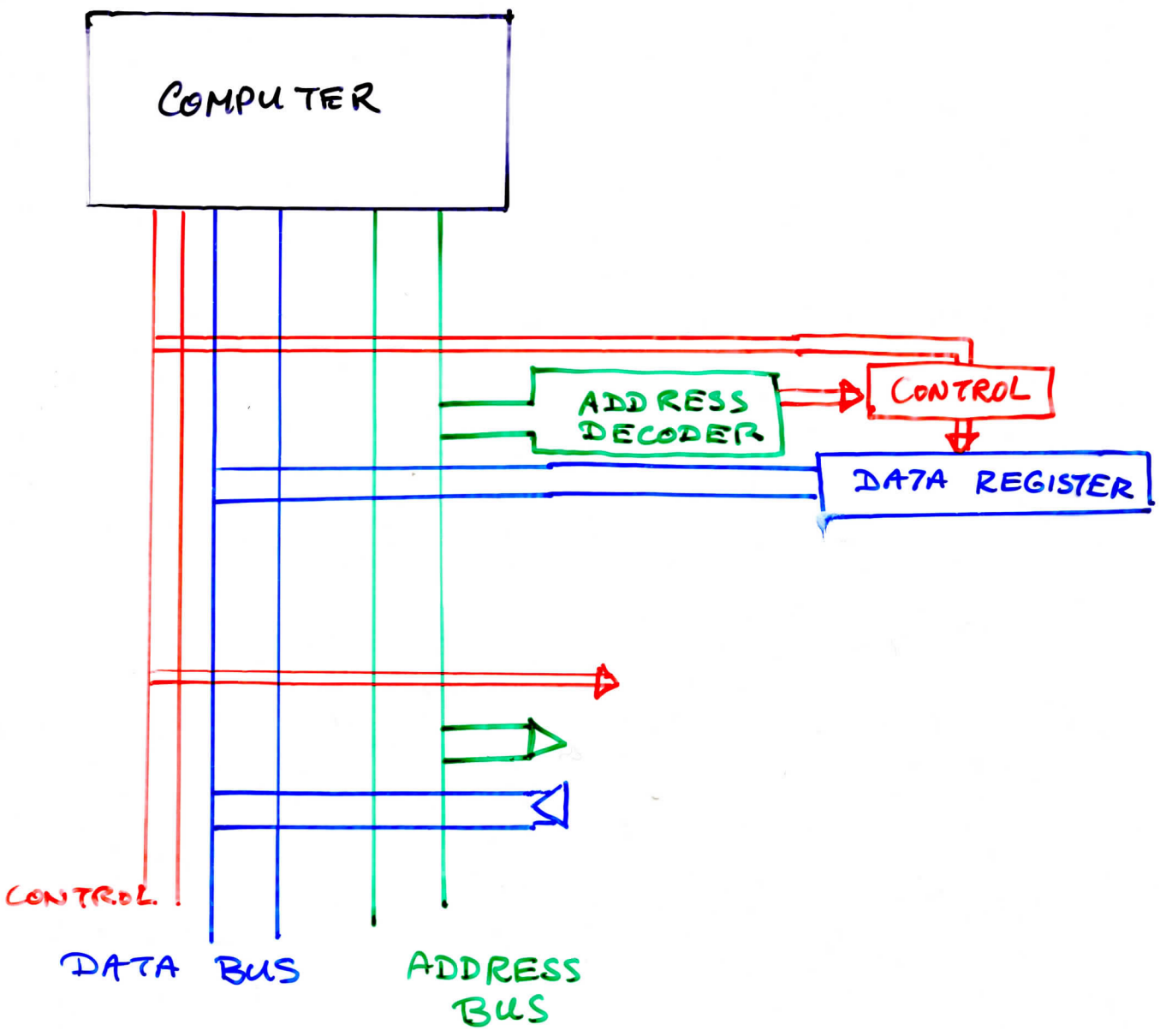
• ADC + TDC VALUES 16, 32, 64 bit numbers

→ MANY 1000s

→ RATE FEW → 100s Hz

• MUST READ OUT BY COMPUTER





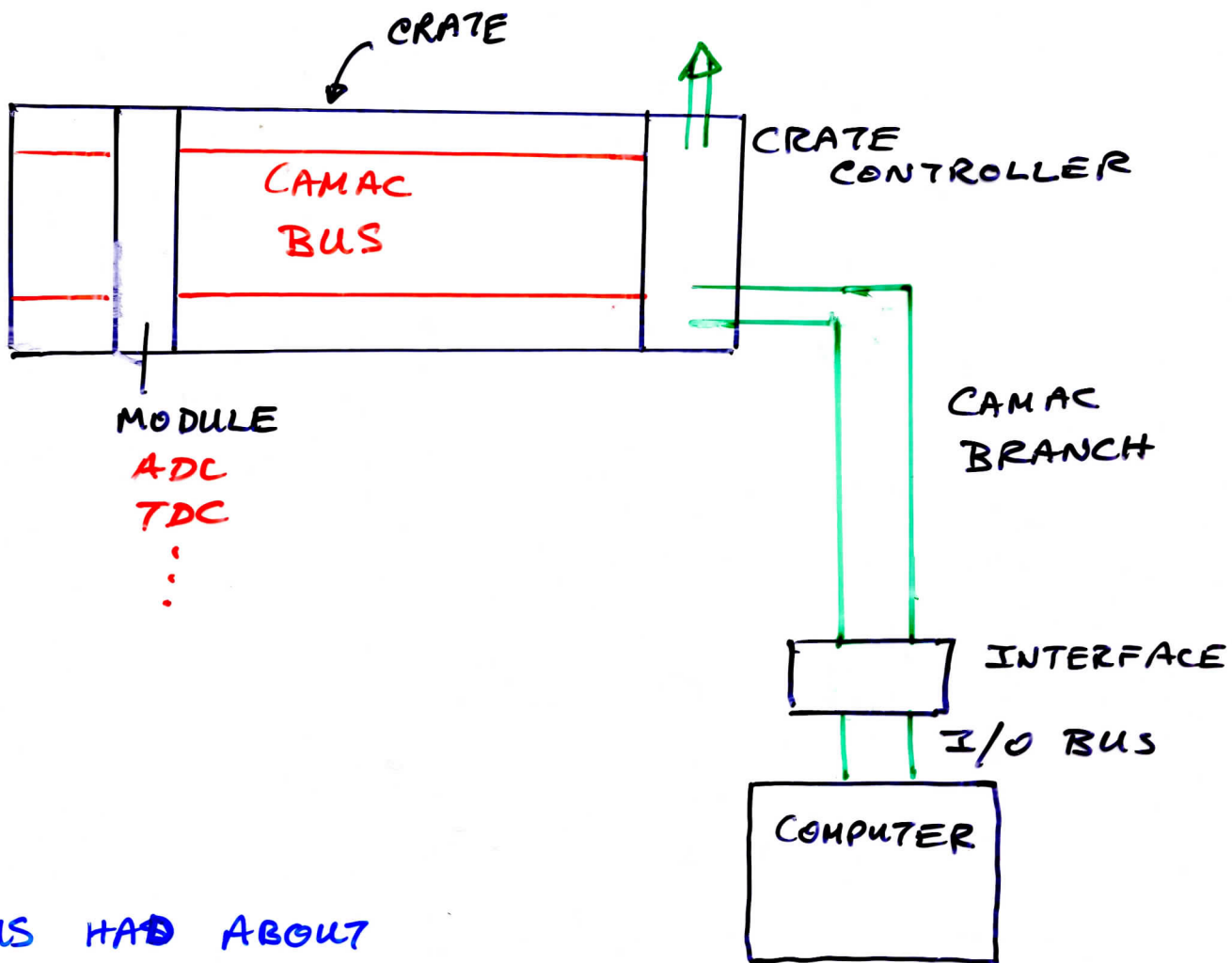
- COMPUTER PUTS MODULE ADDR + CONTROL WORD ON BUS (EQ, "PUT YOUR REGISTER CONTENTS ON DATA BUS")
- ADDRESSED MODULE DECODES IT'S ADDRESS AND RESPONDS

# CAMAC

ONLY USED IN VERY SIMPLE SYSTEMS

- MANY MODULES IN AN EXPERIMENT
- MANY MANUFACTURERS

∴ NEED MECHANICAL AND BUS STANDARD



ARGUS HAD ABOUT TWENTY CAMAC CRATES

- CDF WOULD NEED HUNDREDS
- ATLAS THOUSANDS ?

← COMMAND + ADDRESS

← UNADDRESSED COMMAND  
INIT, CLEAR, INHIBIT, BUSY

← TIMING SYNCHRONOUS BUS CRATE

← 24-BIT 11<sup>2</sup> DATA OUT

→ 24-BIT 11<sup>2</sup> DATA IN

→ RESPONSE OF MODULE Q,X  
1-BIT

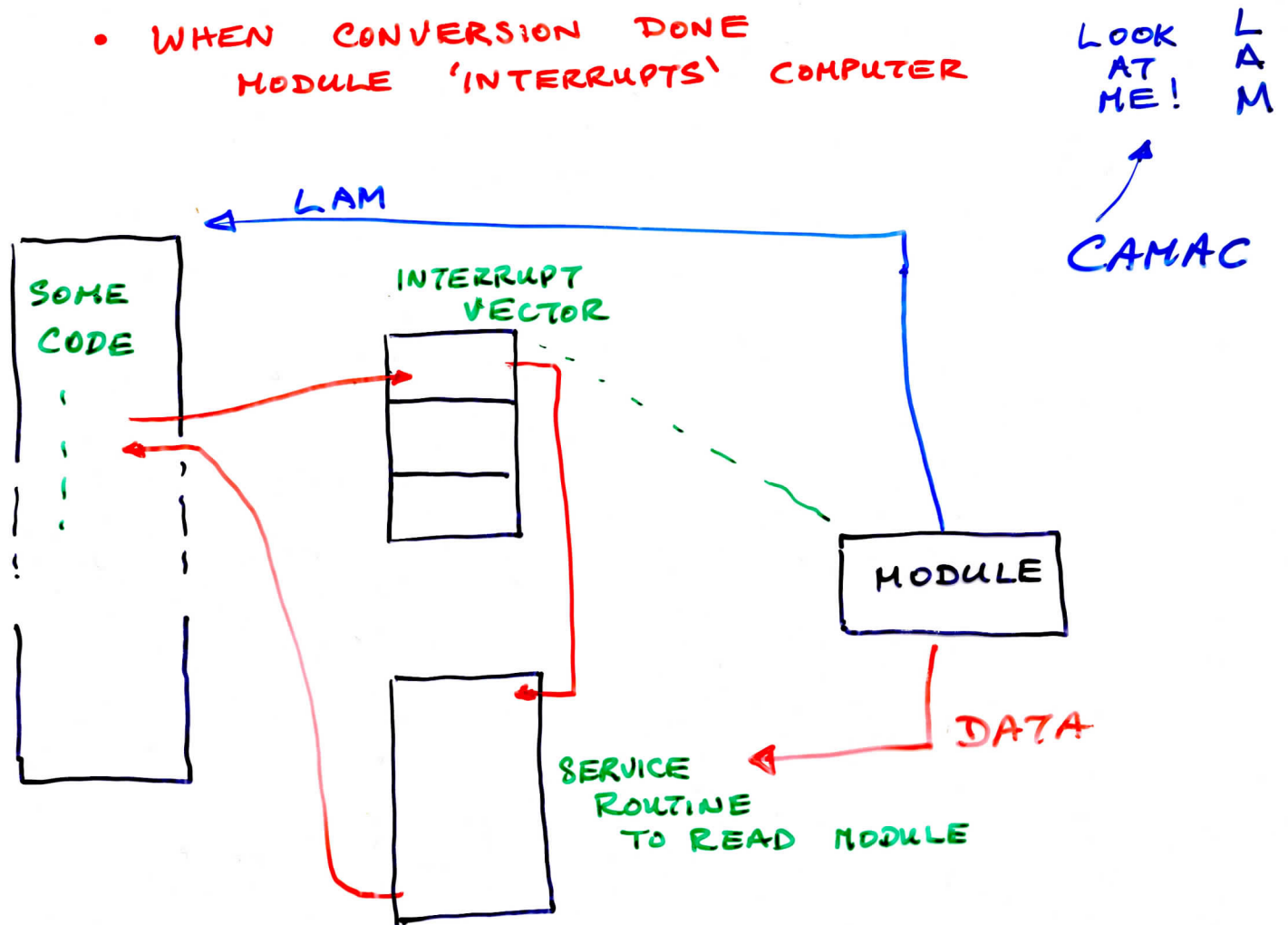
→ INTERRUPT (LOOK AT ME)  
LAM

MODULE

CONTROLLER

# INTERRUPTS

- TRIGGER STARTS ADC CONVERTING
- WHEN CONVERSION DONE  
MODULE 'INTERRUPTS' COMPUTER



- COMPUTER EXECUTING SOME CODE
- LAM CAUSES INTERRUPT
- CONTROL JUMPS VIA INTERRUPT VECTOR  
TO SERVICE ROUTINE TO READ MODULE
- COMPUTER STARTS WHERE IT LEFT  
OFF WITH " SOME CODE "

OTHER BUSES

eg. TEST BEAM / LAB

CAMAC  
SMALL  
SYSTEMS

ESSENTIALLY 16 BIT.  
1  $\mu$ S CYCLE — 1 MByte/sec

ONE  
MASTER

VME  
MODERN  
EXPERIMENTS

INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR 32 BITS  
40 MByte/SEC BAND WIDTH

FAST BUS  
CDF

> 10 MBytes/sec

32 BIT

ASYNCHRONOUS OPERATION

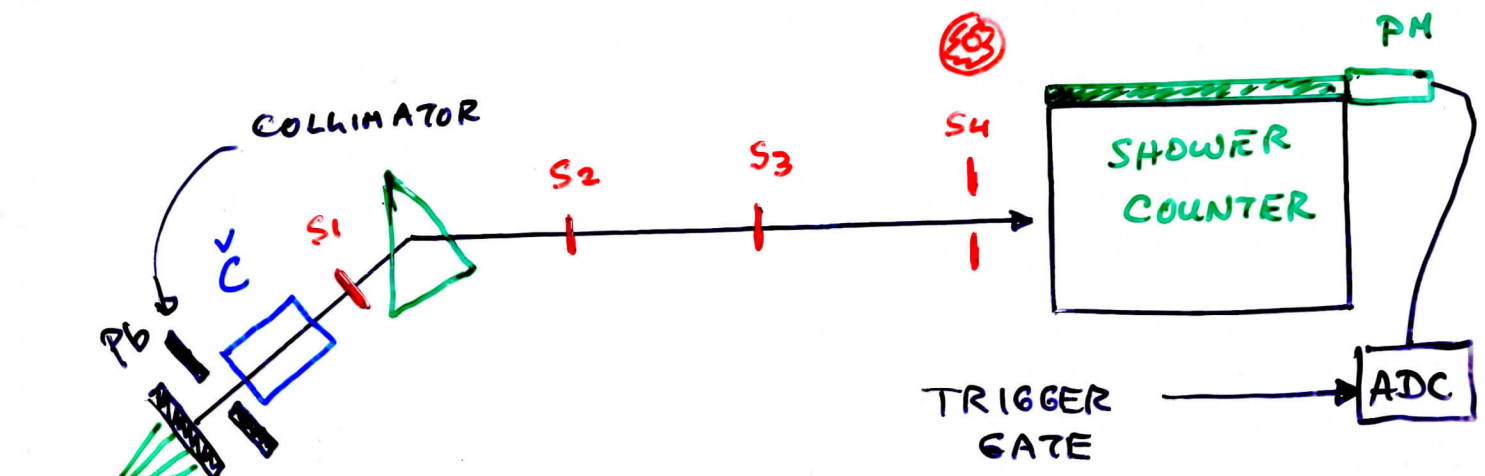
MODULE  $\leftrightarrow$  MODULE COMMUNICATION

(MANY MASTERS)

LARGE MODULES  $\rightarrow$  MANY CHANNELS

TRIVIAL EXAMPLE

CALIBRATION OF A SINGLE EM. CALORIMETER.



ELECTRON TRIGGER  $\checkmark \cdot S_1 \cdot S_2 \cdot S_3 \cdot \bar{S}_4$

$pp \rightarrow pp \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$   
 $k^+ k^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$

WITH COLLIMATOR OPEN

$e^+$  BEAM OF DEFINITE MOMENTUM

WITH COLLIMATOR CLOSED

$\mu^+$  BEAM FROM  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$   
 $k$



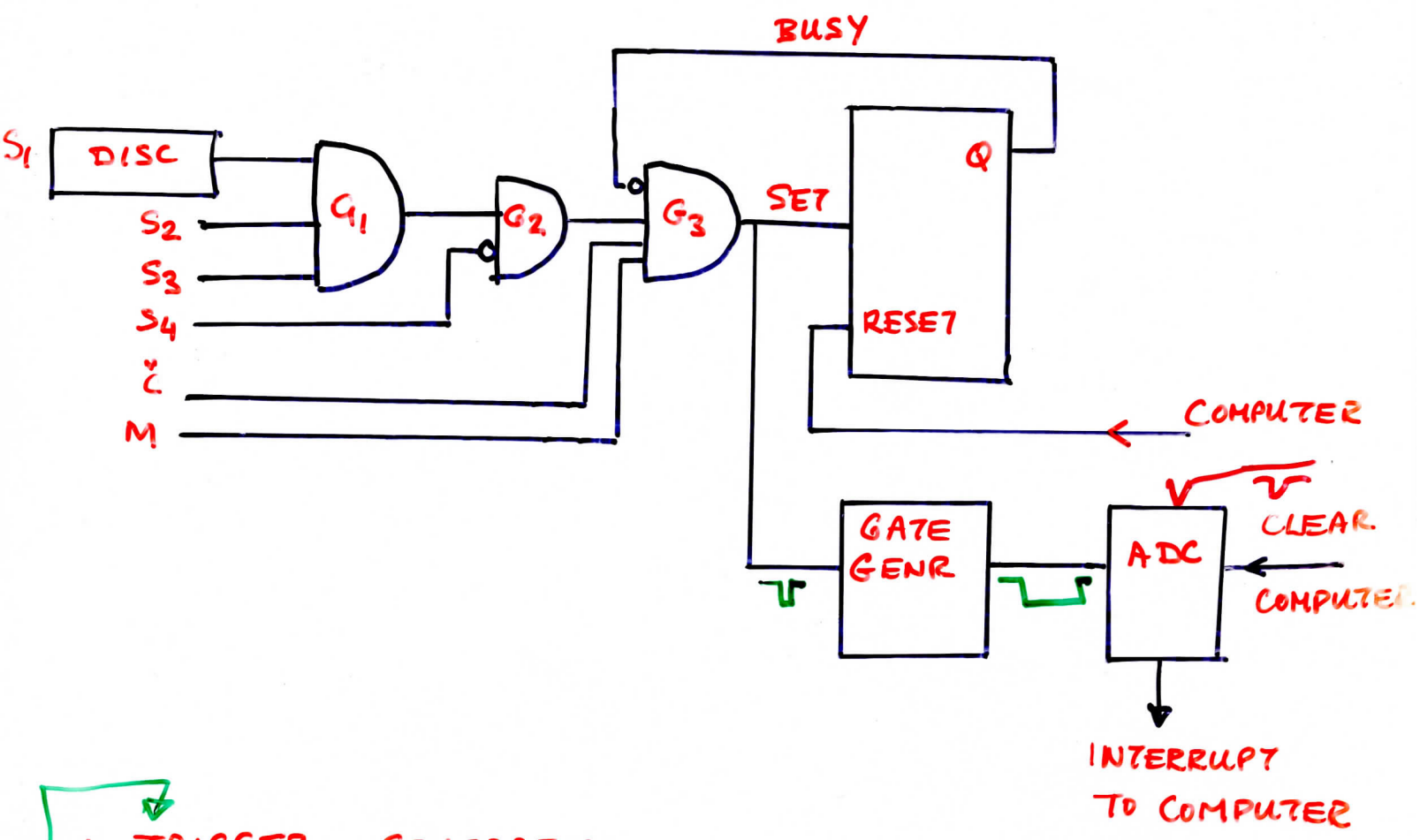
# WANT A TRIGGER WHEN

- BEAM PARTICLE  $S_1 \cdot S_2 \cdot S_3$
- NO "HALO" PARTICLE  $\overline{S_4}$  ← NOT
- ELECTRON  $\checkmark C$
- ACCELERATOR ON M

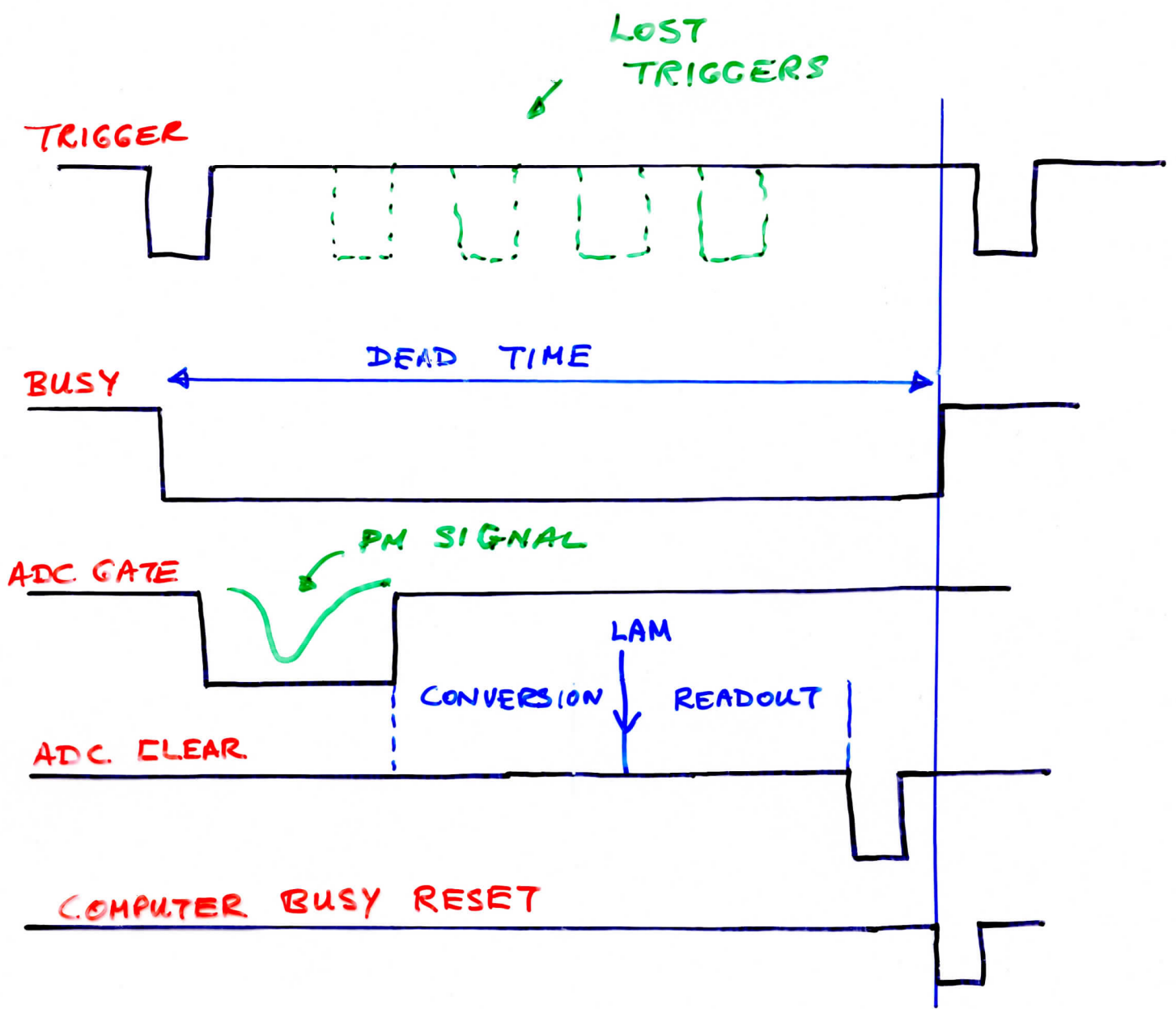
# THEN

- GENERATE GATE TO PHOTOMULTIPLIER ADC
- INHIBIT ANOTHER TRIGGER DURING  

CONVERSION  
 +  
 COMPUTER READ OUT



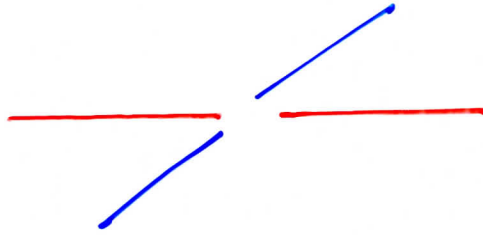
- TRIGGER GENERATED  
 $S_1 \cdot S_2 \cdot S_3 \cdot \bar{S}_4 \cdot \bar{C} \cdot M \cdot \bar{BUSY}$
- TRIGGER SETS BUSY — CLOSES G3  
 NO MORE TRIGGERS
- TRIGGER ALSO STARTS ADC GATE
- WHEN ADC HAS FINISHED CONVERSION  
 IT INTERRUPTS THE COMPUTER
- COMPUTER READS OUT ADC, THEN  
 RESETS FLIP-FLOP → AND CLEARS IT.  
 → ALLOWS A NEW TRIGGER TO SET OFF WHOLE PROCESS AGAIN



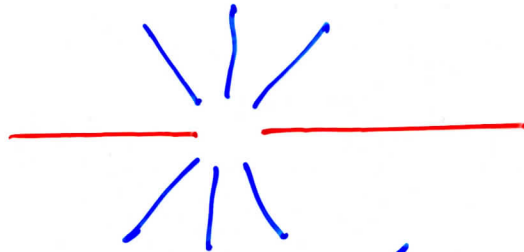
# ARGUS EXAMPLE

SIMPLE EXAMPLES<sup>20</sup>  
INSTRUCTIVE!

## EXAMPLE SIGNALS

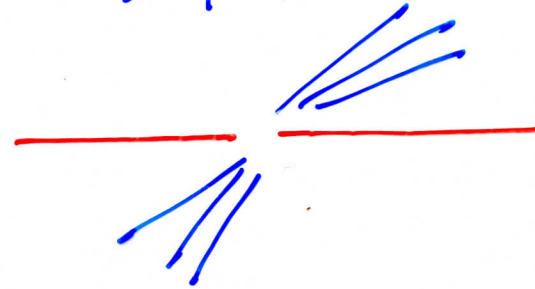


$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$$



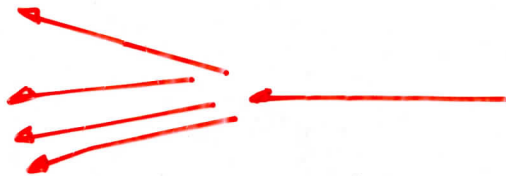
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow B\bar{B}$$

↳ MANY TRACKS

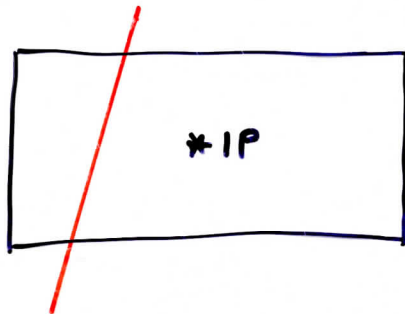


$$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow 2 \text{ JETS}$$

## EXAMPLE BACK GROUNDS



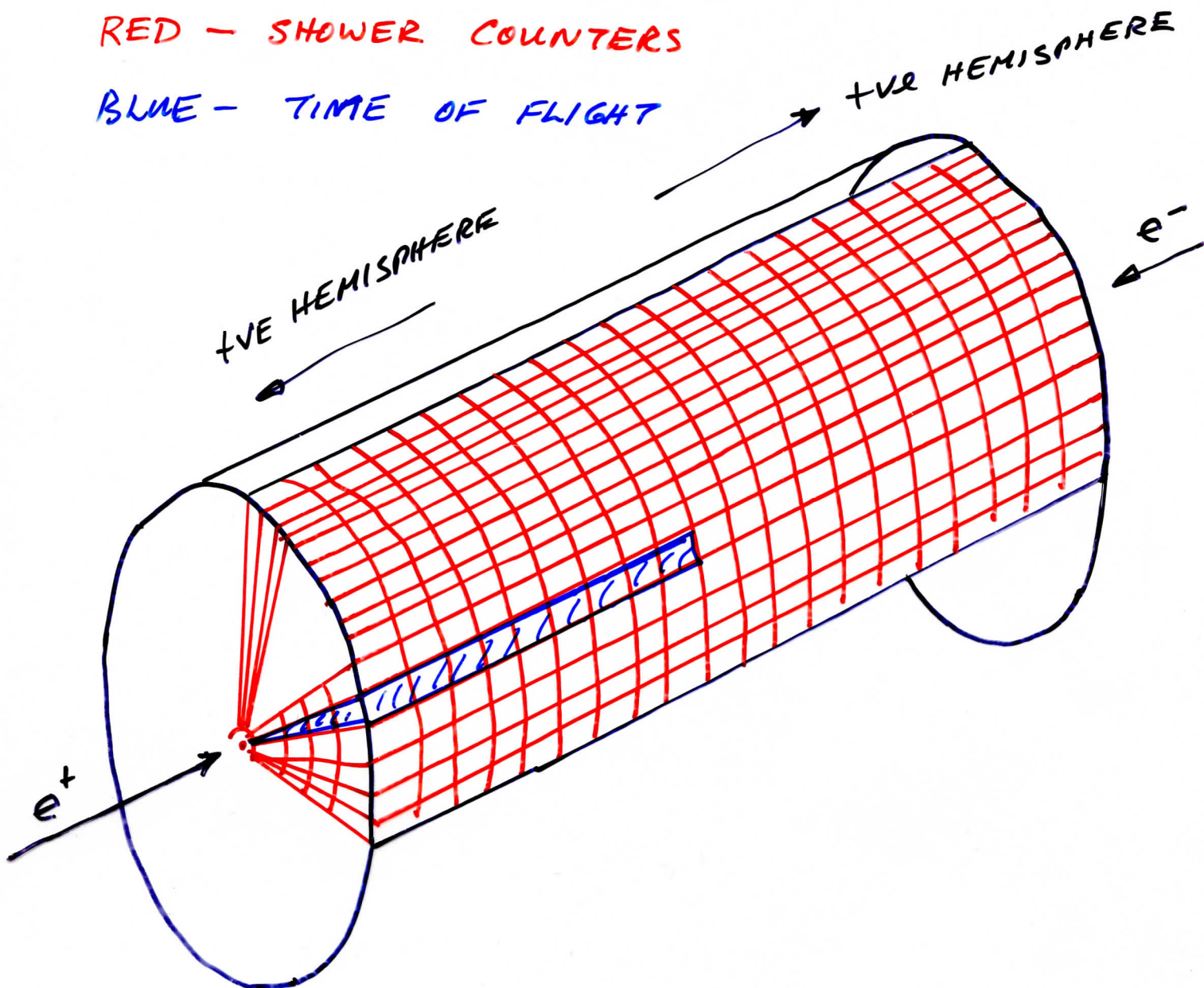
BEAM GAS



COSMIC

RED - SHOWER COUNTERS

BLUE - TIME OF FLIGHT



$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

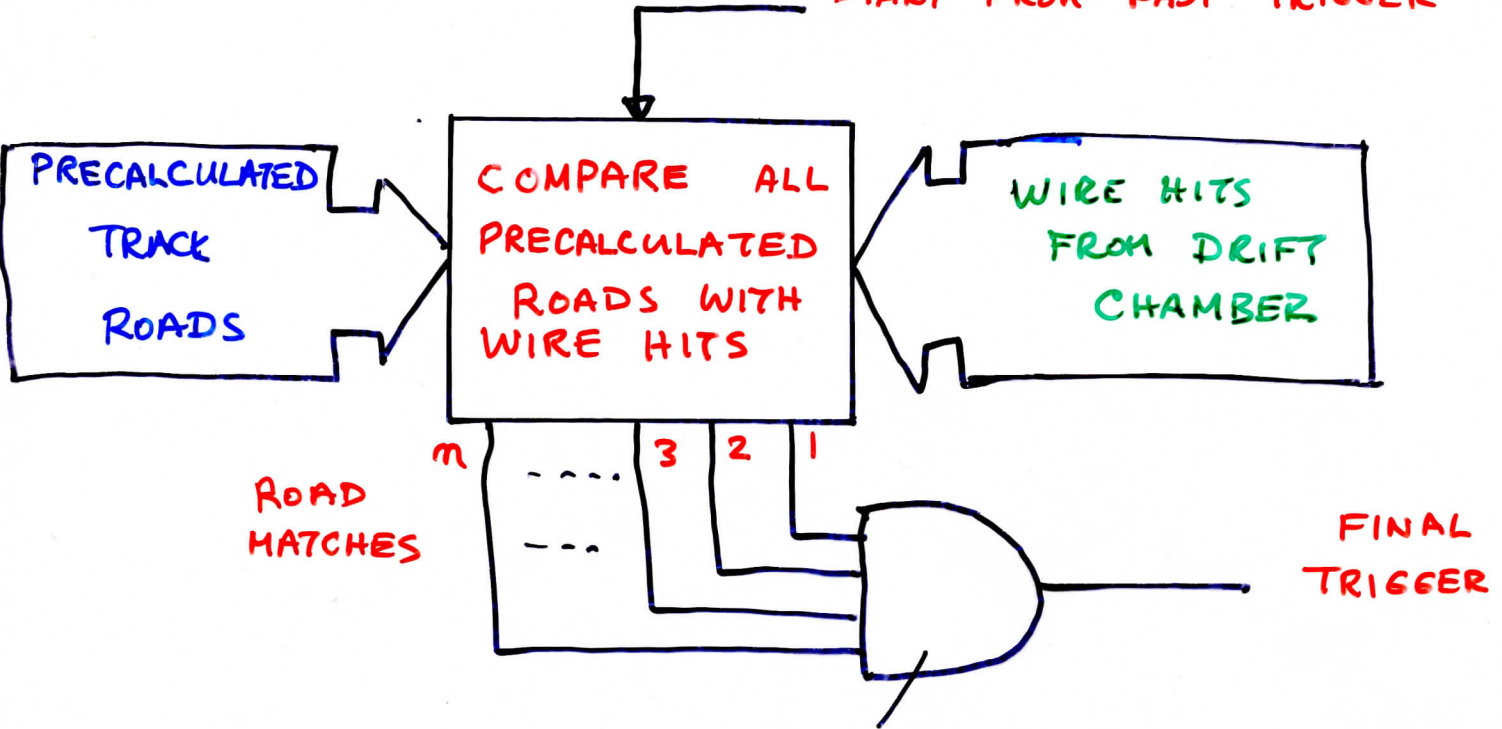
~ 5 GeV IN EACH HEMISPHERE

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \begin{matrix} B \bar{B} \\ q \bar{q} \end{matrix}$$

ONE GROUP OF SC + TOF  
IN EACH HEMISPHERE

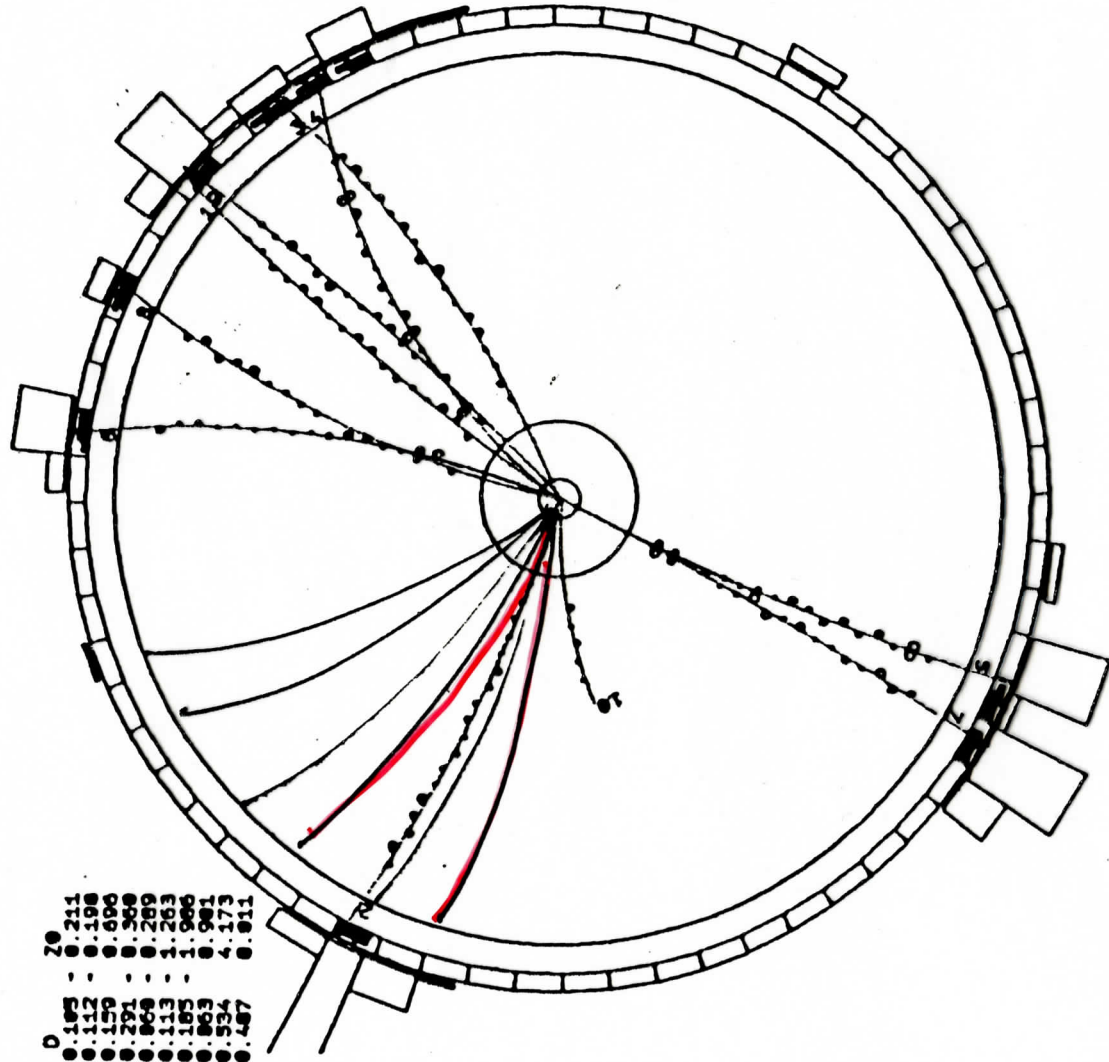
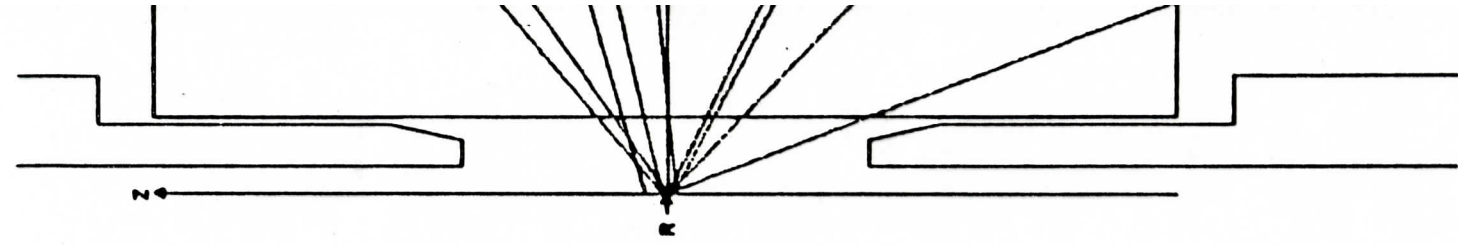
# TRACK FINDER

START FROM FAST TRIGGER



MAJORITY LOGIC TO SELECT  
REQUIRED NUMBER  
OF TRACKS

USE OF PRECALCULATED "LOOK-UP-TABLE"  
OF ROADS MAKES THIS VERY FAST, BUT  
ALSO FLEXIBLE



NICE  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

(7)  
 2203  
 4804  
 18 RZ  
 AL 0.868

23

P	D	Z <sup>0</sup>
-1.218	0.105	0.211
-0.588	0.112	0.198
0.387	0.159	0.690
-0.414	0.291	0.360
1.446	0.868	0.280
0.482	0.113	1.283
-2.018	0.185	1.986
-0.482	0.863	0.981
1.258	0.534	4.173
0.588	0.487	0.811

(12)

# MODERN COLLIDER TRIGGER

eg. ZEUS, ATLAS, CDF II

- BEAMS CROSS EVERY 96ms ZEUS  
25ms ATLAS

• VERY HIGH BACKGROUND

BEAM - GAS ZEUS

BEAM - BEAM ATLAS

CANNOT EVEN MAKE FAST COINCIDENCE DECISION IN THIS TIME

? 100% DEAD TIME

↳ DEADTIME LESS TRIGGER

- MANY COMPLEX INTERESTING CHANNELS WITH LOW RATE

Higgs

SUSY

t-quark

→ COMPLICATED, TIME CONSUMING CALCULATIONS

• TRACK 4-VECTOR

•  $E_T$

• INVARIANT MASSES



ZERO DEAD TIME → PIPELINED TRIGGER

- STORE ANALOG INFO FROM EVERY CHANNEL IN PIPELINE MEMORY
  - ANALOG INFO FLOWING INTO PIPELINE Clocked BY BEAM CROSSING
  - NEW ENTRY EVERY 96ms (ZEUS)
  - 5 $\mu$ S PIPELINE
    - PROCESS DATA + MAKE 1<sup>ST</sup> LEVEL DECISION IN < 5 $\mu$ S
- ON 1<sup>ST</sup> LEVEL ACCEPT (1kHz - ZEUS)
  - STOP PIPELINE
  - CLOCK DATA OUT OF PIPELINE
  - DIGITIZE DATA
  - RE-ENABLE PIPELINE
  - DATA STARTS FLOWING INTO PIPELINE



• 2<sup>ND</sup> LEVEL TRIGGER

- CRUDE RECONSTRUCTION
- DECIDE IF EVENT LOOKS INTERESTING
- PASS TO 3<sup>RD</sup> LEVEL

GOVERNED BY PROCESSING POWER  (100Hz)

• 3<sup>RD</sup> LEVEL

- MANY (100 - 1000) GENERAL PURPOSE PROCESSORS LOOKING AT EVENTS IN PARALLEL

- FULL RECONSTRUCTION

VERTICES

~~E<sub>T</sub>~~

INVARIANT MASSES

PARTICLE ID.

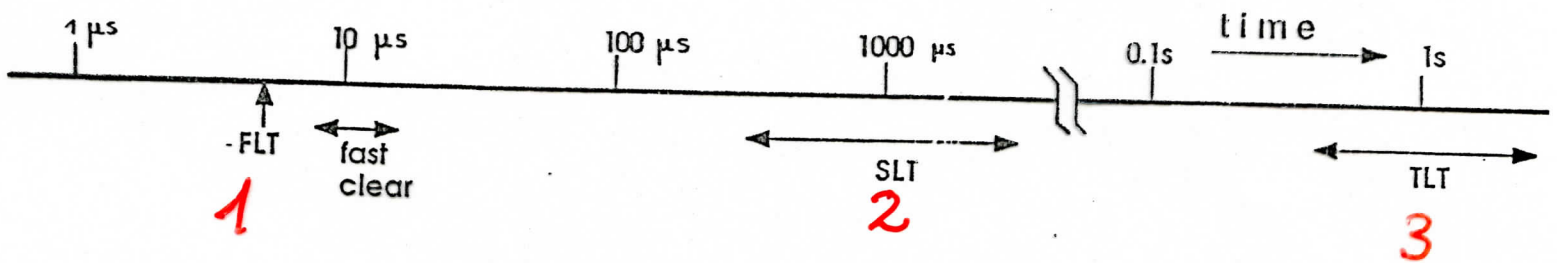
(3Hz - ZEUS)

# MULTI-LEVEL TRIGGER (ZEUS)

1) MAKE FAST DECISION

2) READ OUT DETECTORS → START PIPELINE

3) PROCESS DATA  
SIMPLY  
↓  
COMPLETELY



# ZEUS TRIGGER

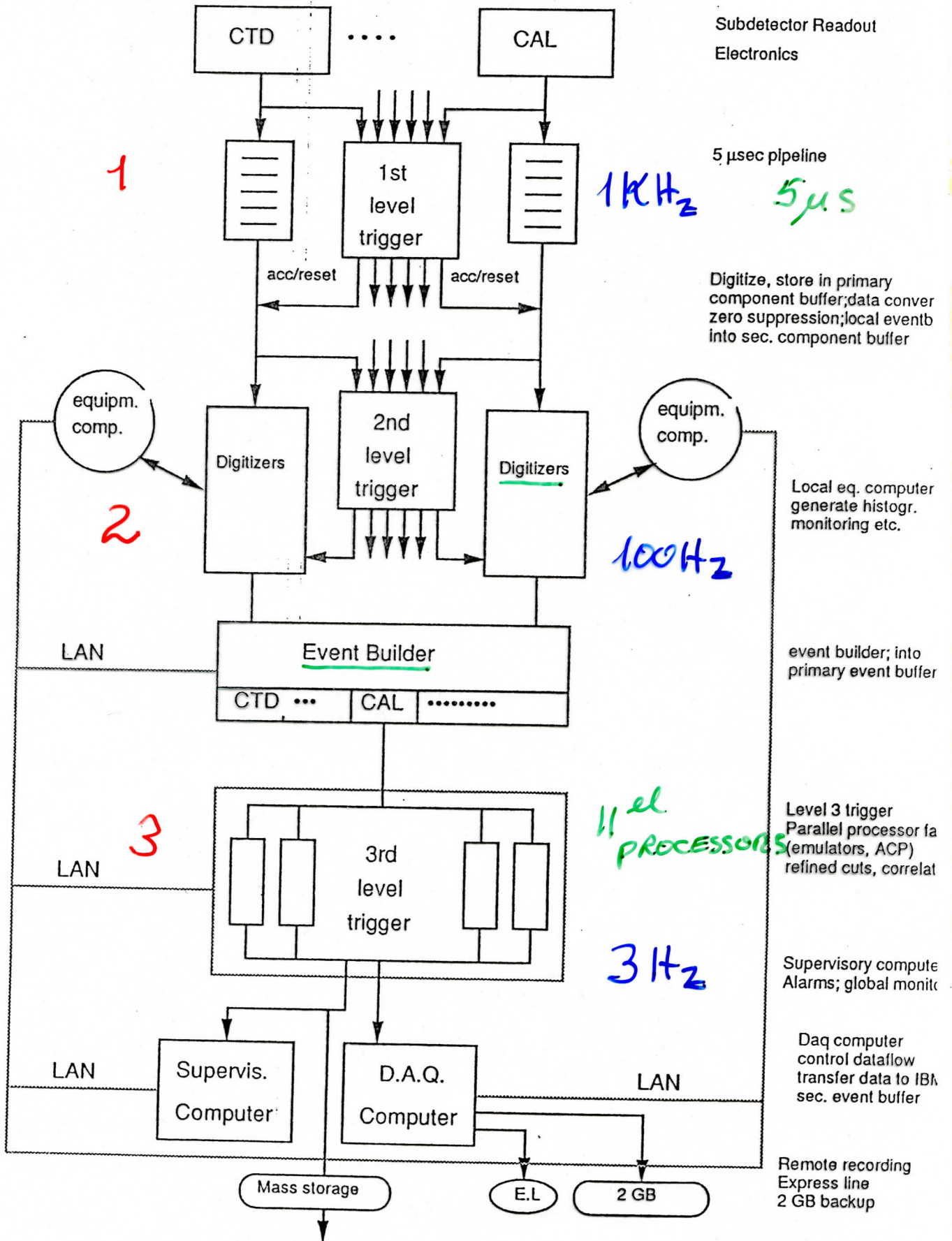
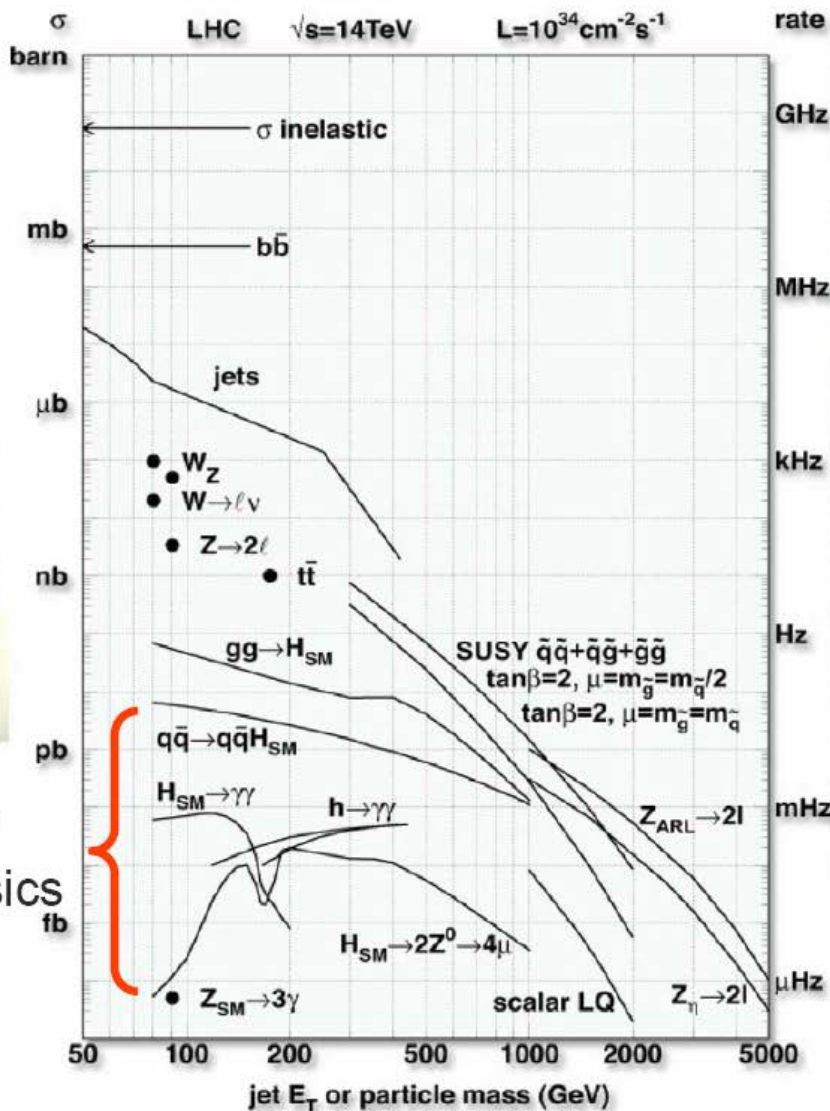


Fig. 15.2.1 Outline for the ZEUS Data Acquisition



← Interaction rate:  $\sim 1\text{GHz}$   
 event size: 1.5MB (140 million channels)  
 1PB/sec  
 ! affordable 300MB/sec  
 online rejection:  
 99,9995%!  
 ← Storage rate:  $\sim 200\text{Hz}$

**Enormous rate reduction necessary !**  
**Powerful trigger needed!**

'new'  
 physics

# TRIGGER OVERVIEW

## 3-Level Trigger System:

### LVL1:

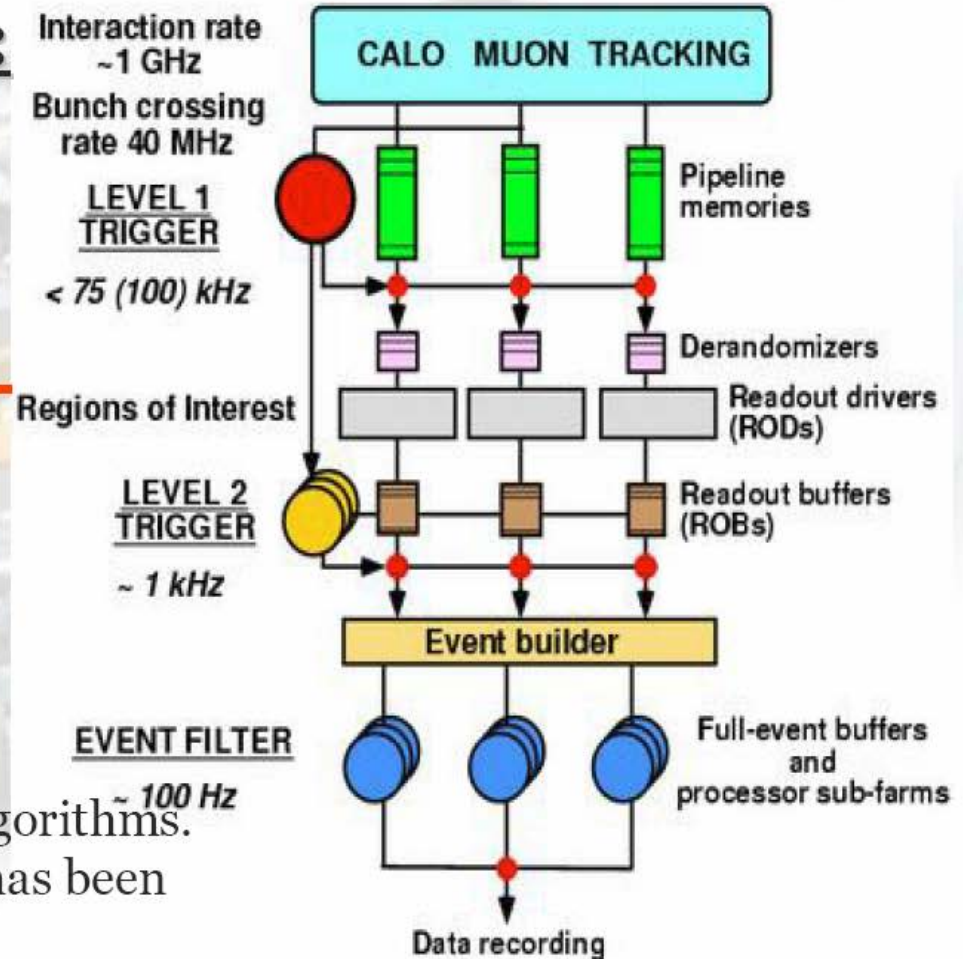
Hardware based system.  
Coarse Information from calorimeters  
and muon trigger chambers.

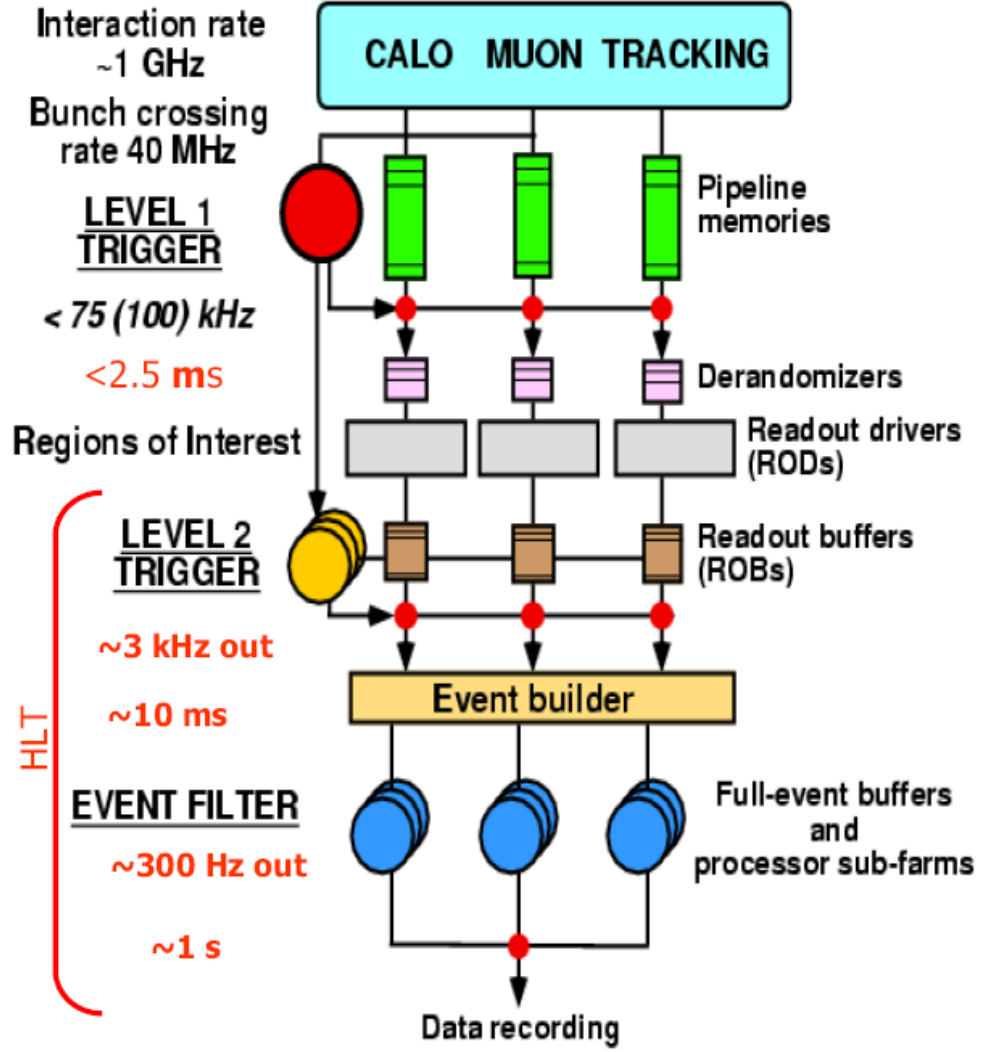
### LVL2:

Based on optimized software algorithms.  
Full granularity data in RoIs,  
defined by LVL1, available.

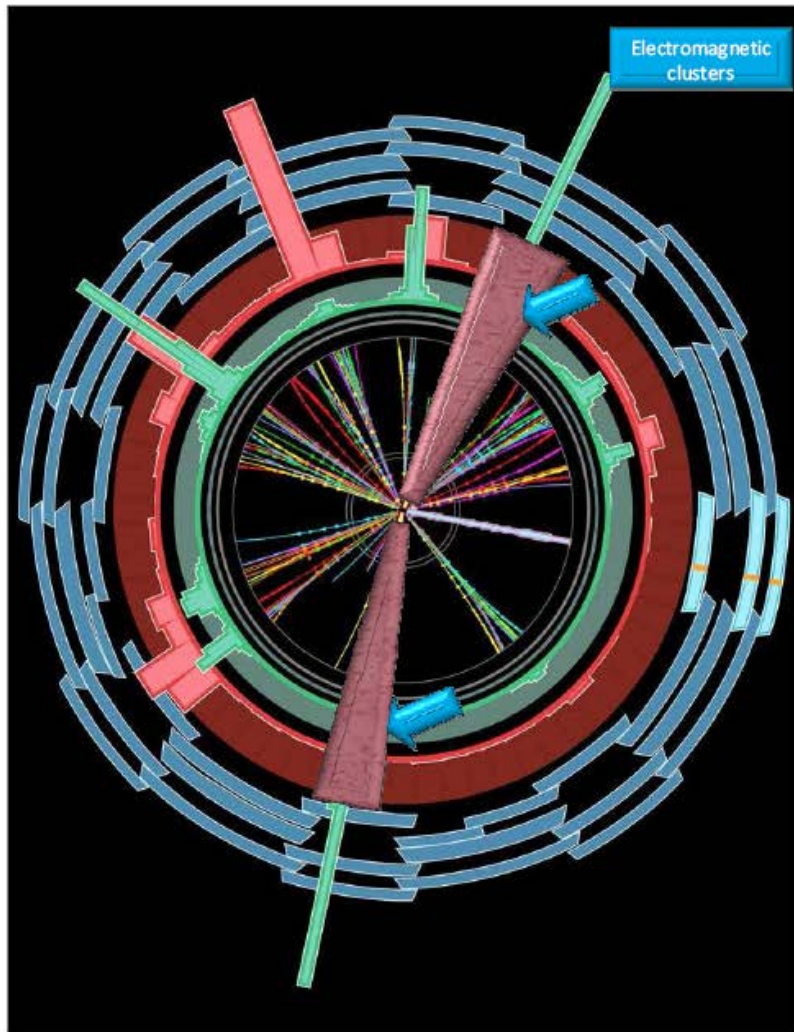
### Event Filter:

Implemented using (complex) software algorithms.  
Performs its task only after the full event has been  
assembled in the Event Builder.





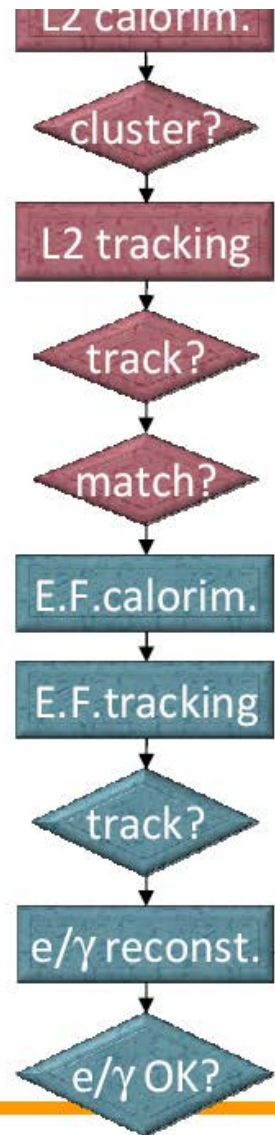
<p><b>LEVEL 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hard ware based: FPGAs, ASICs</li> <li>• uses larger granularity of the calorimeter and muon information</li> <li>• identify <b>Regions of Interest</b> for further processing</li> <li>• reduction from 1 GHz to 75 kHz</li> <li>• <b>latency of 2.2 μs</b></li> </ul>	<b>LVL1: hardware</b>
<p><b>LEVEL 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• full granularity within the <b>RoI</b></li> <li>• seeded by LVL1-trigger</li> <li>• fast reconstruction</li> <li>• only data within <b>RoI processed</b></li> <li>• combination of detectors within <b>RoI</b></li> <li>• reduction from 75 kHz to 1 kHz</li> <li>• <b>execution time of ~ 40 ms</b></li> </ul>	<b>HLT (LVL2 + EF): software</b>
<p><b>EVENT FILTER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seeded by level 2</li> <li>• full event information available</li> <li>• full granularity of detectors</li> <li>• "offline like" algorithms</li> <li>• reduction from 1kHz to 200 Hz</li> <li>• <b>averaged execution time of 4 s</b></li> </ul>	<b>HLT (LVL2 + EF): software</b>



**Level1:**  
 Region of Interest is found and position in EM calorimeter is passed to Level 2

Level 2 seeded by Level 1  
 •Fast reconstruction algorithms  
 •Reconstruction within RoI

Ev.Filter seeded by Level 2  
 •Offline reconstruction algorithms  
 •Refined alignment and calibration





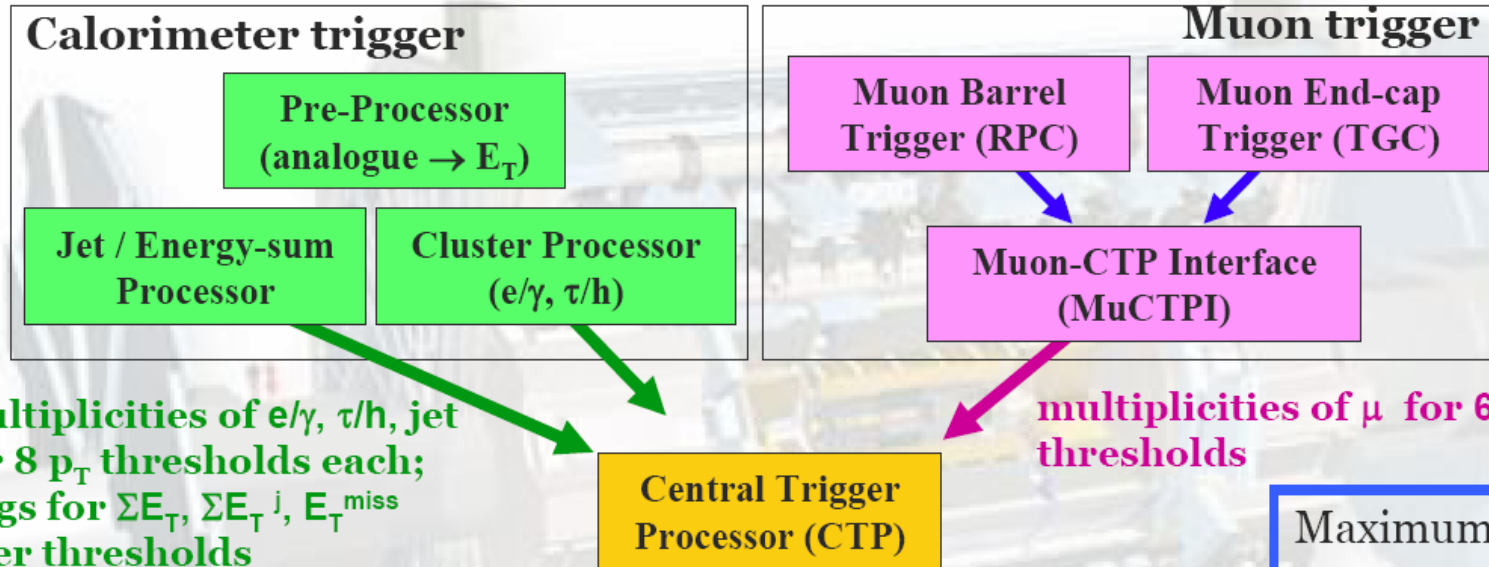
## TRIGGER MENU CLASSES

Object	Examples of physics coverage	Nomenclature
Electrons	Higgs (SM, MSSM), new gauge bosons, extra dimensions, SUSY, W, top	e25i, 2e15i
Photons	Higgs (SM, MSSM), extra dimensions, SUSY	$\gamma$ 60i, 2 $\gamma$ 20i
Muons	Higgs (SM, MSSM), new gauge bosons, extra dimensions, SUSY, W, top	$\mu$ 20, 2 $\mu$ 10
Jets	SUSY, compositeness, resonances	j360, 3j150, 4j100
Jet+missing $E_T$	SUSY, leptoquarks	j60 + xE60
Tau+missing $E_T$	Extended Higgs models (e.g. MSSM), SUSY	$\tau$ 30 + xE40

Trigger menu 'NoXXi':

- 'N' = min. number of objects required
- 'o' = type of selection ('e'=electrons, ' $\gamma$ '=photons, ' $\mu$ '=muons, 'b'=b-tagged jet; 'xE'=missing  $E_T$ ; 'E'=total  $E_T$ ; 'jE'=total  $E_T$  using only jets).
- 'XX' = threshold in transverse Energy
- 'i' = indicates an isolation requirement

# LEVEL1 OVERVIEW



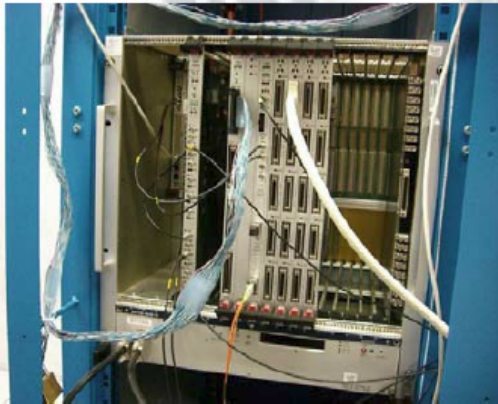
multiplicities of  $e/\gamma$ ,  $\tau/h$ , jet  
for 8  $p_T$  thresholds each;  
flags for  $\Sigma E_T$ ,  $\Sigma E_T^j$ ,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$   
over thresholds

multiplicities of  $\mu$  for 6  $p_T$   
thresholds

central part of LVL1 trigger system.  
calculation of **trigger decision**  
based on inputs from L1Calo and L1Muon

Maximum latency:  
 $\sim 2.5 \mu\text{s}$   
( =100 BC! )

Data fragments  
held in pipelined  
Memories. Upon  
LVL1 acceptance  
transferred to  
Read Out Buffers  
(ROB).



# LVL1 CALORIMETER TRIGGER

Electronics on detector: **summation of signals** to form **~7200 Trigger Towers** granularity  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.1 \times 0.1$

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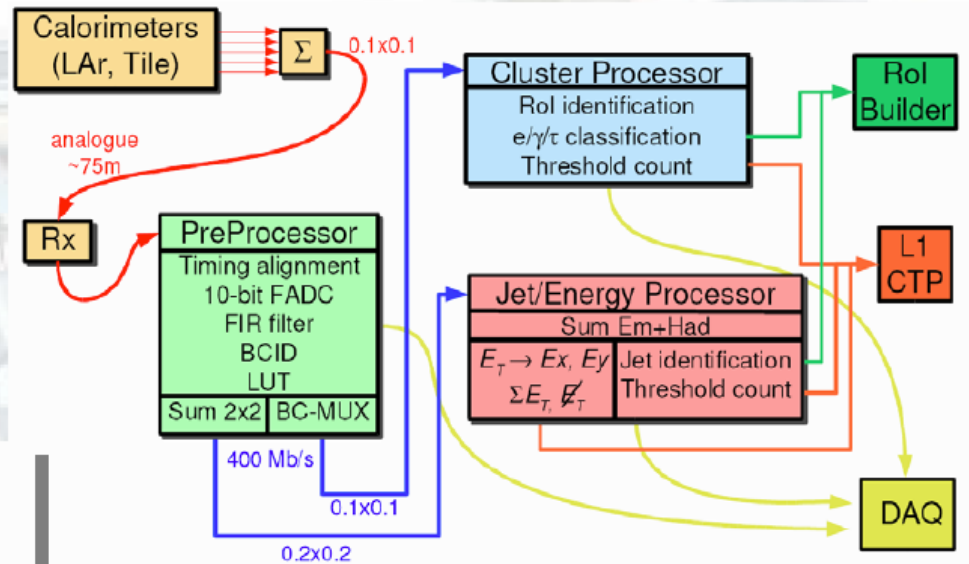
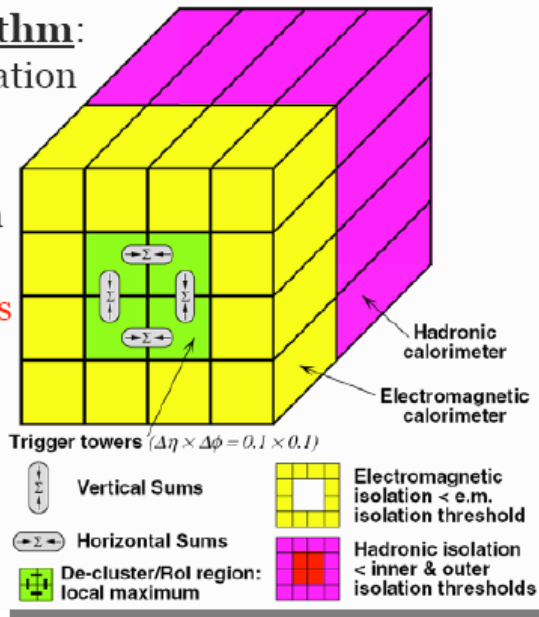
## electronic components :

- **PPr**: digitisation of analogue signals from calorimeters and bunch crossing ID
- **JEP**: jet finding and energy sums
- **CP**:  $e/\gamma$  and  $\tau$ / had. cluster finding

## example: $e/\gamma$ algorithm:

- goal: good discrimination  $e/\gamma \leftrightarrow$  jets

- identify **2x2 RoI** with local ET maximum
- **cluster/ isolation cuts** on various ET sums

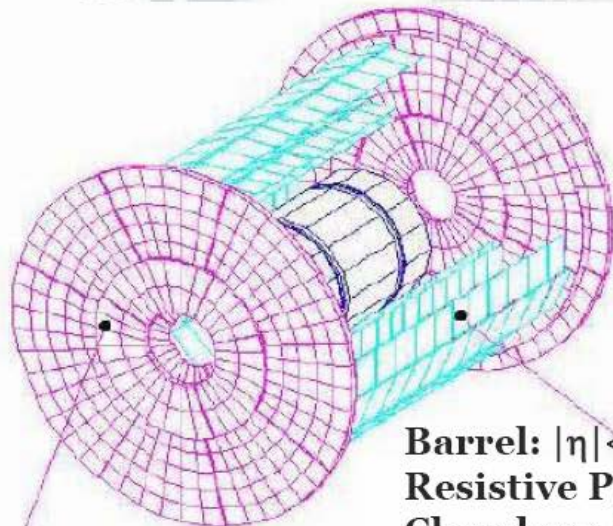


## output:

- **at 40 MHz**: multiplicities for  $e/\gamma$ , jets,  $\tau$ /had and flags for energy sums to **Central Trigger (CTP)**
- **accepted events**: position of objects (RoIs) to **LVL2** and additional information to **DAQ**

# LVL1 MUON Trigger

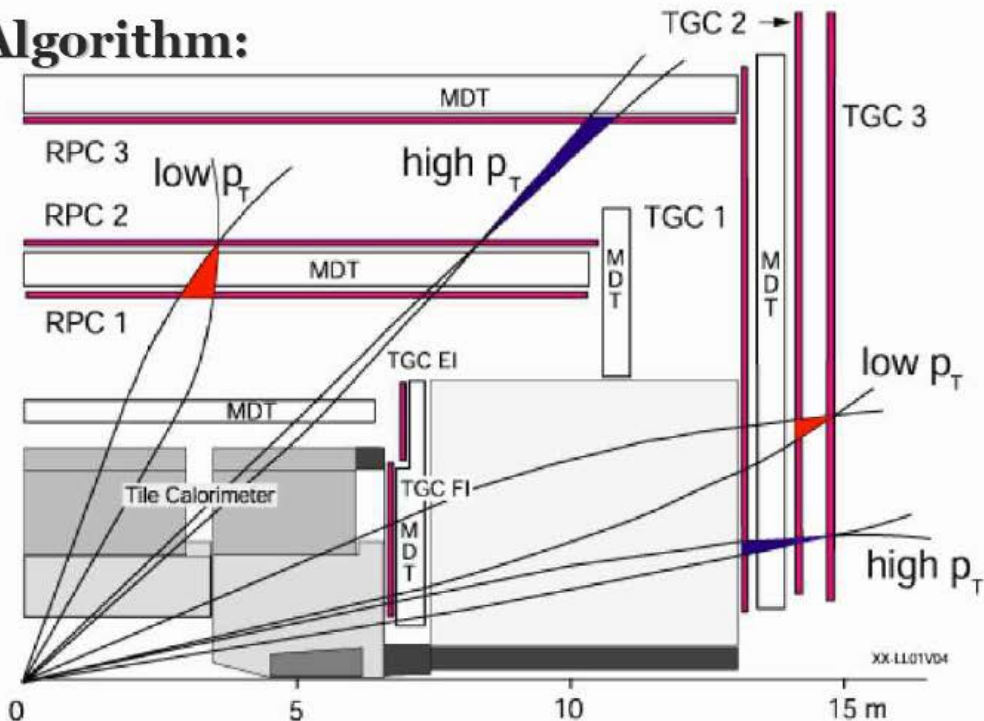
## Trigger Chambers:



Barrel:  $|\eta| < 1.0$   
Resistive Plate  
Chambers (RPCs)

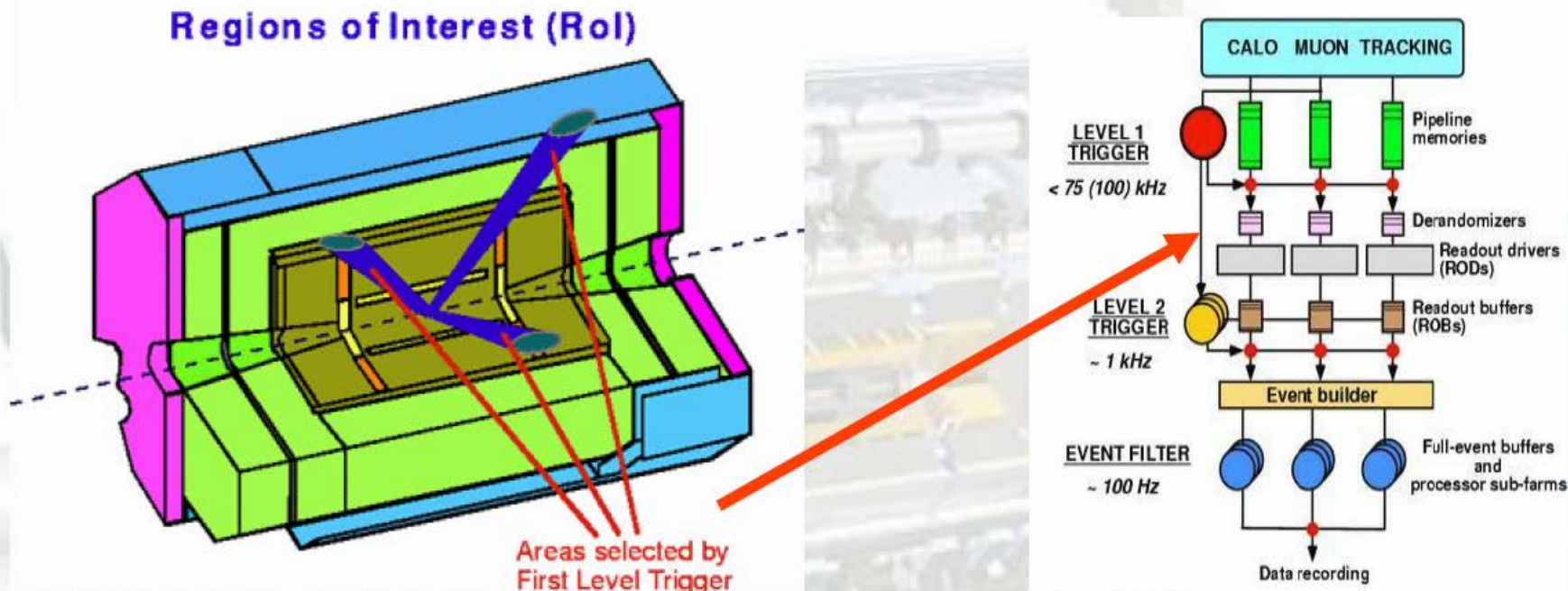
End-caps:  $1.0 < |\eta| < 2.4$   
Thin Gap Chambers (TGCs)

## Algorithm:



- **deflection** depends on muon  $p_T$
- programmable width of **6 coincidence windows** determines the  $p_T$  threshold.
- MuCTPI collects information from RPC and TGC triggers and does overlap removal. Sends results to the CTP for LVL1 event decision

# REGIONS of INTEREST



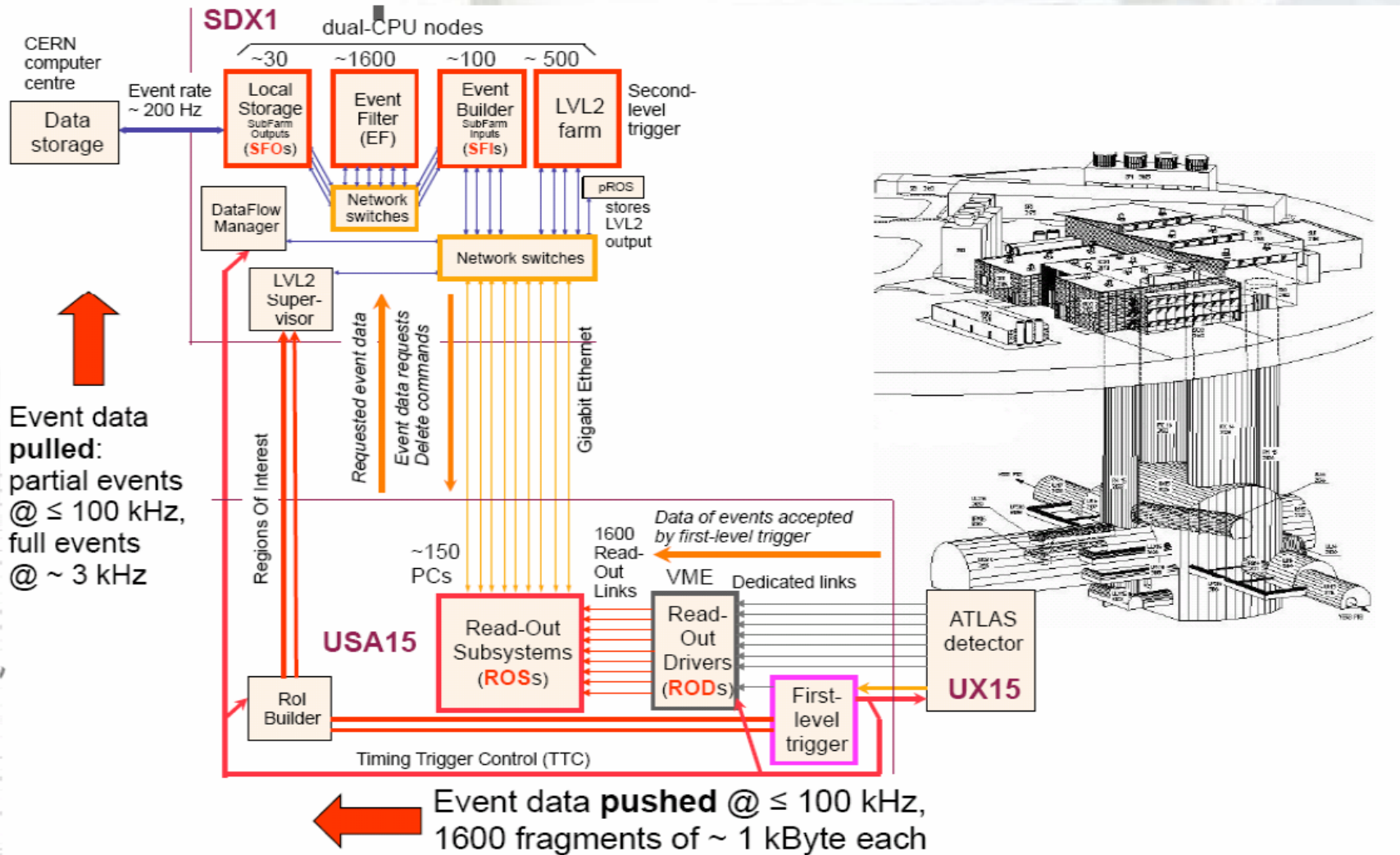
- LVL1 sends **Regions of Interest** to LVL2 for high  $p_T$   $e/\gamma/\tau/\text{jet-}/\mu$  candidates.
- RoIs are used to **'seed' the LVL2 selection.**
- LVL2 uses ( in these regions) full precision from the inner tracker in addition to full granularity data from the calorimeters.

**total amount of transferred data is small**



**~2% of the total event data!**

# LVL2 and EF run in large PC farms on the surface



## Step-wise processing and decision:

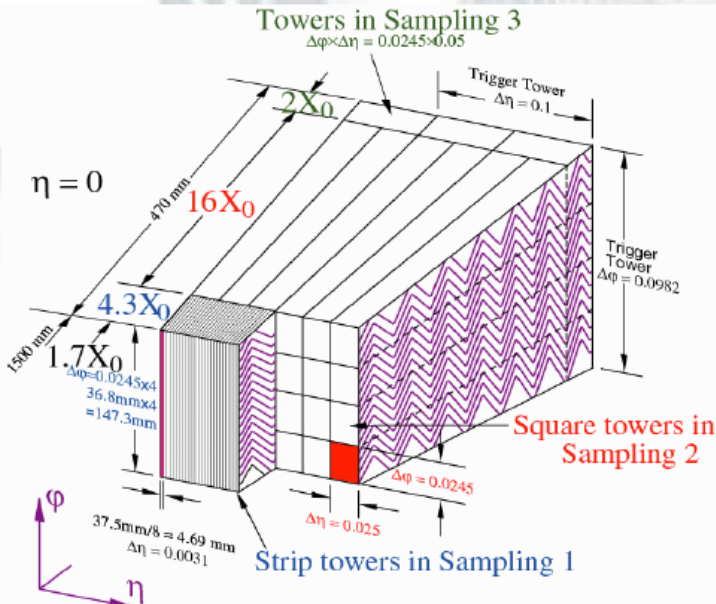
- Inexpensive (data, time) algorithms (clustering) first.
- complicated last (i.e. tracking).

## Seeded reconstruction:

- Algorithms use results from previous steps.

## HLT Output Rates

Selection	$2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Rates (Hz)
Electron	e25i, e15i	~40
Photon	$\gamma$ 60i, $2\gamma$ 20i	~40
Muon	$\mu$ 20, $2\mu$ 10	~40
Jets	j400, 3j165, 4j110	~25
Jet & $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	j70 + xE70	~20
tau & $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	$\tau$ 35 + xE45	~5
b-physics	$2\mu$ 6 with $m_b / m_{J/\psi}$	~10
Others	pre-scales, calibration, ...	~20
Total		~200



*LVL2 confirms & refines LVL1*  
*EF confirms & refines LVL2*

