

# ATLAS Forward Detectors

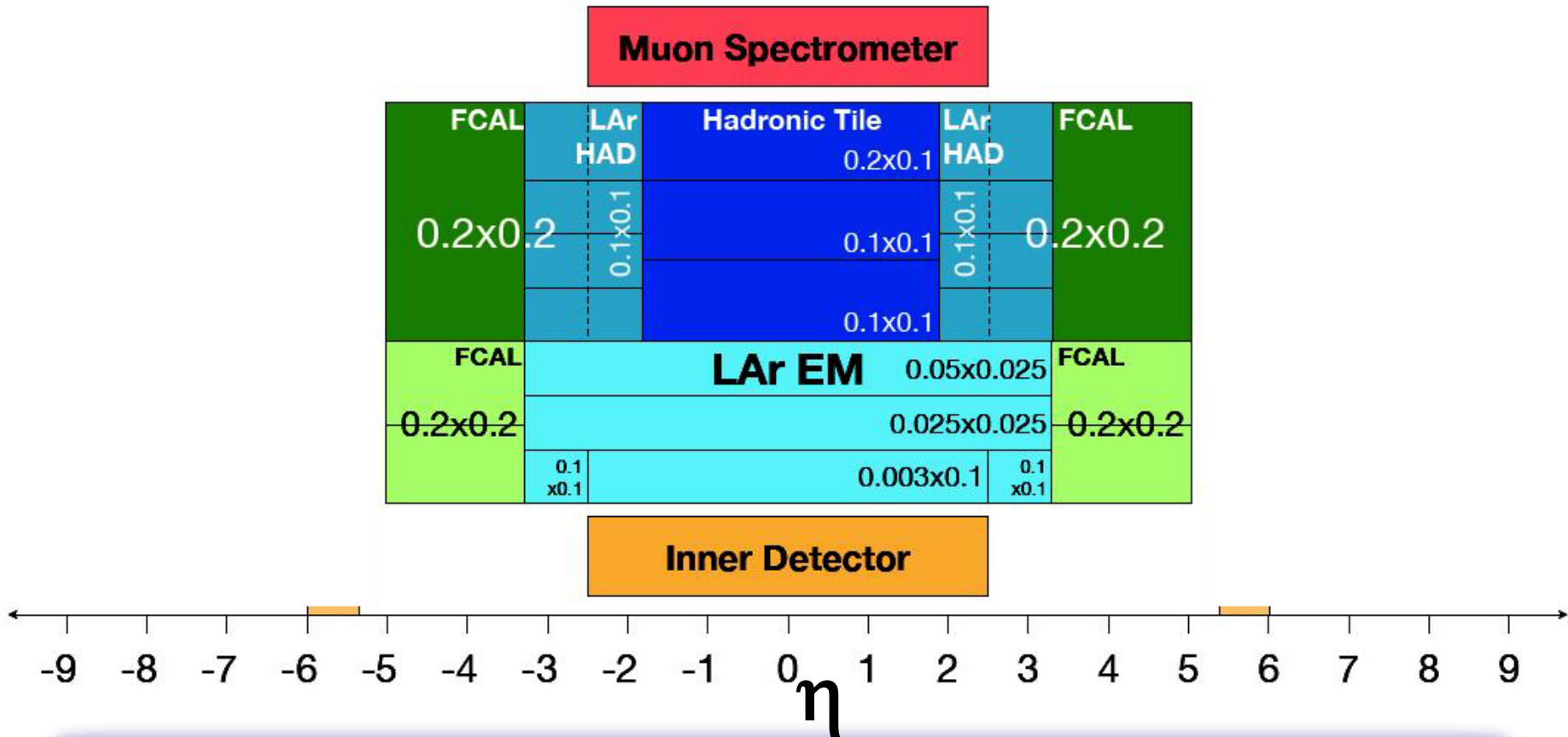
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# ATLAS Central Detector Coverage

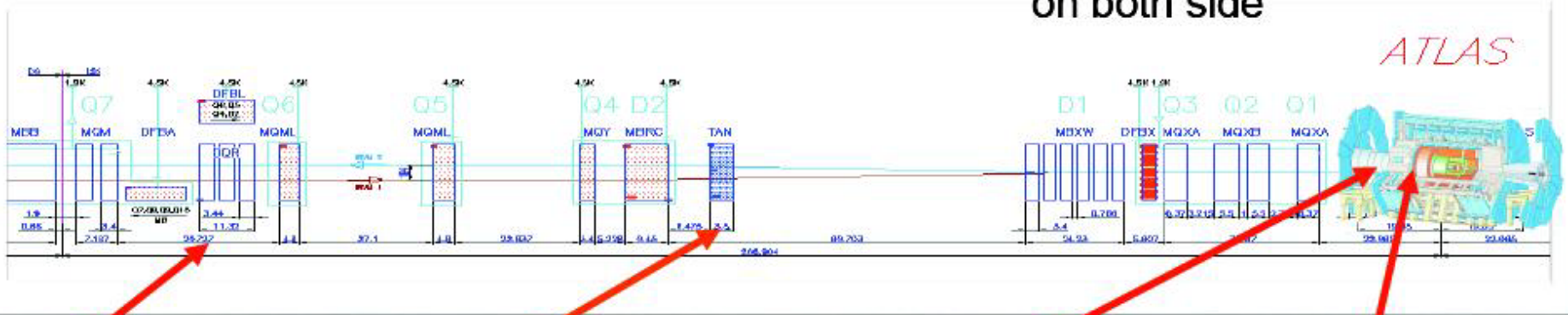


Central Detector covers

- Inner Tracker  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- EM calorimeter  $|\eta| < 3.2$
- Hadronic Calorimeter  $|\eta| < 4.9$
- Muon Spectrometer  $|\eta| < 2.7$

# ATLAS FORWARD Detectors

on both side



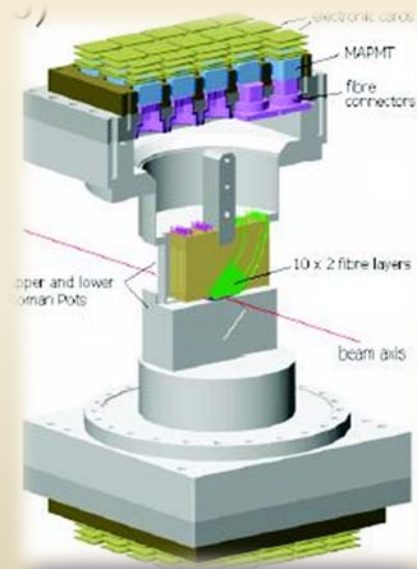
**ALFA at 240 m**

**ZDC at 140 m**

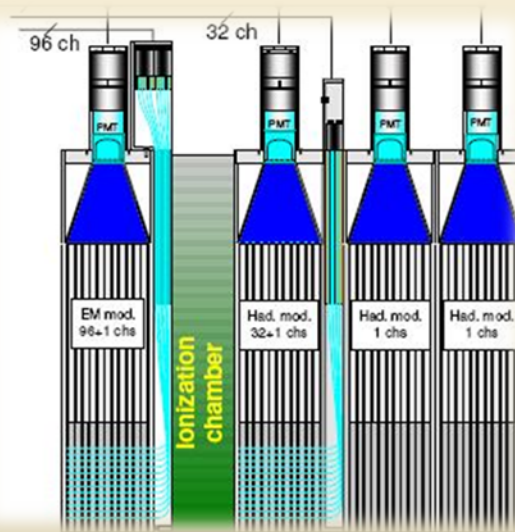
**LUCID at 17 m**

**MBTS at 3.6 m**

Minimum Bias  
Trigger  
Scintillator



**Absolute  
Luminosity  
For ATLAS**

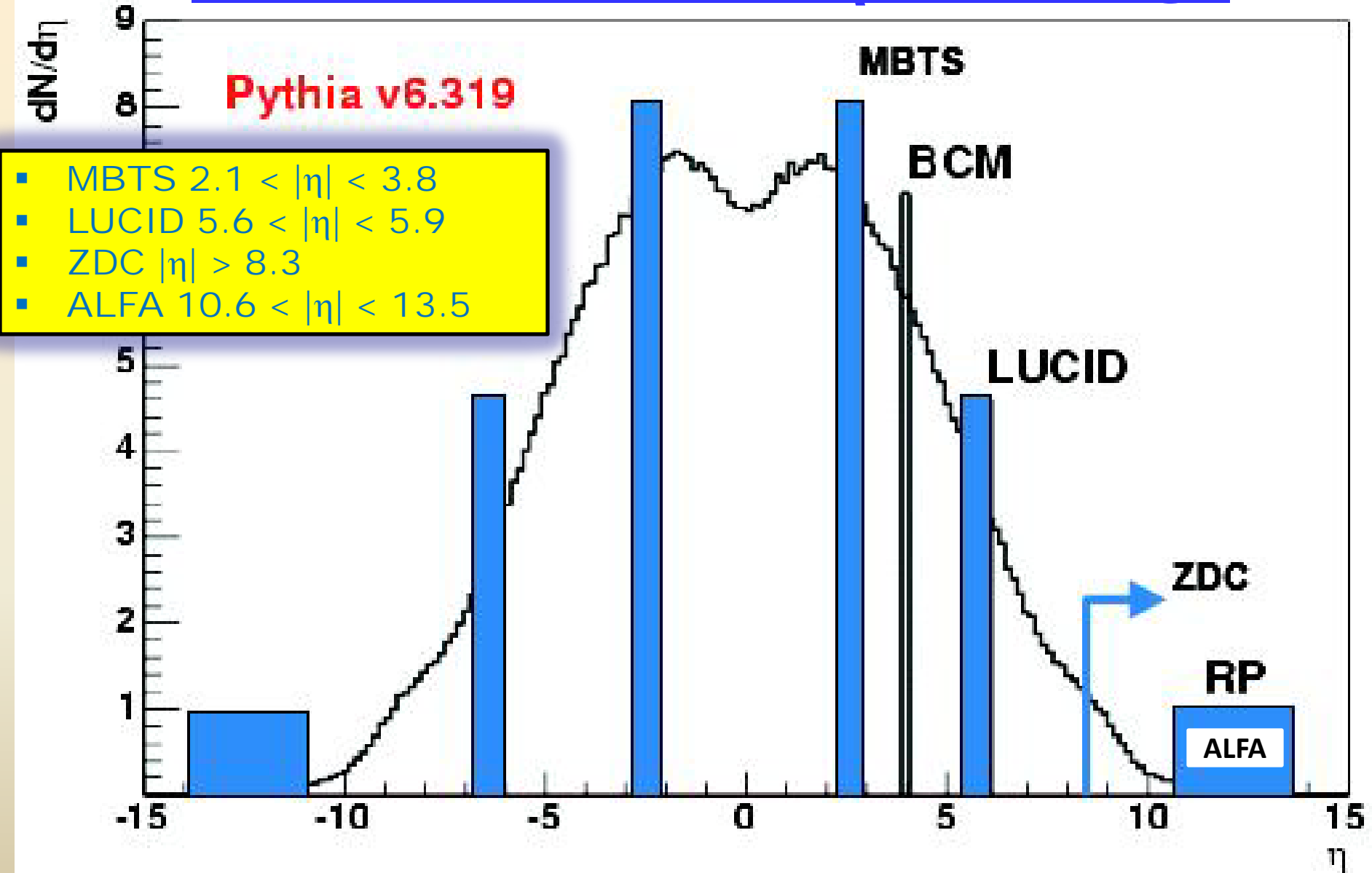


**Zero Degree  
Calorimeter**



**Luminosity Cherenkov  
Integrating Detector**

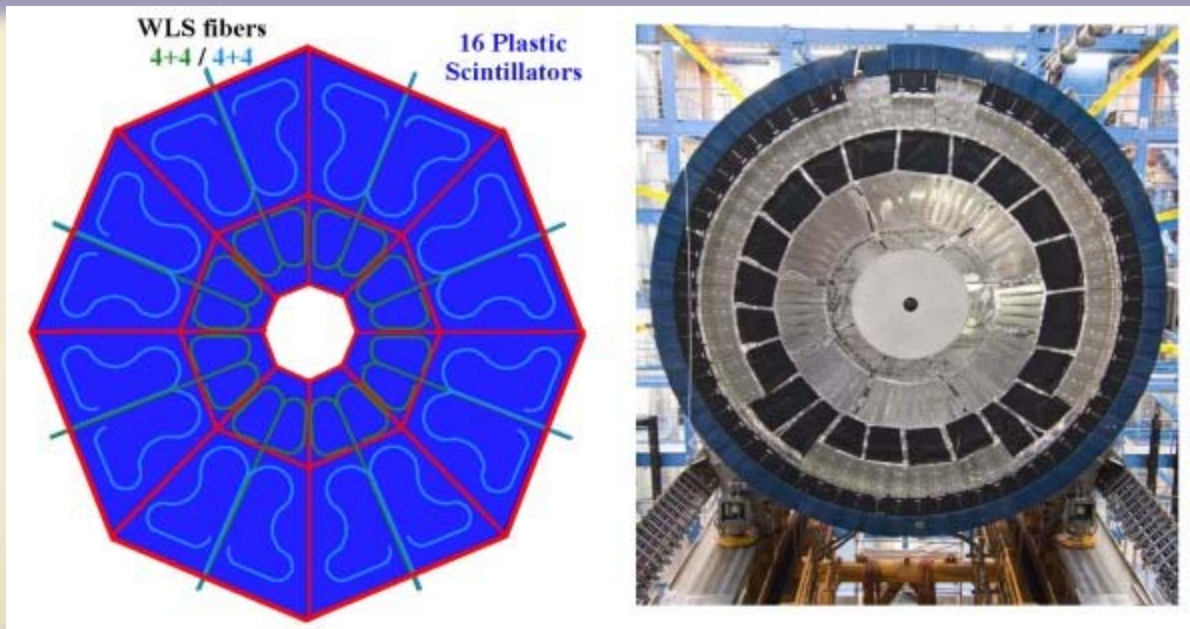
# ATLAS Forward $\eta$ Coverage



# MBTS

## Minimum Bias Trigger Scintillator

- 32 independent wedge-shaped plastic scintillators (16 per side) read out by PMT's
- Full coverage from  $2.1 < |\eta| < 3.8$  in two  $\eta$  bins

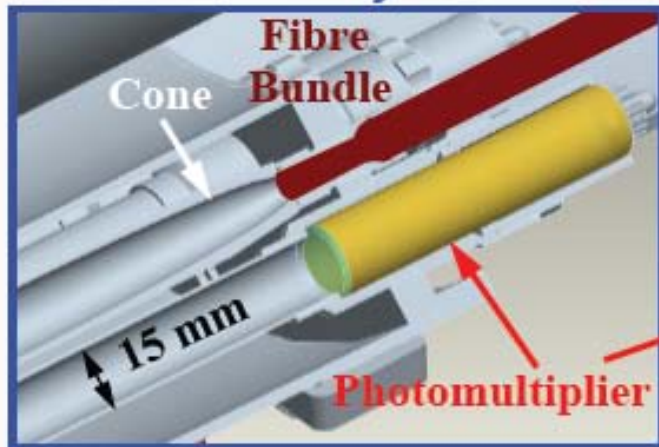
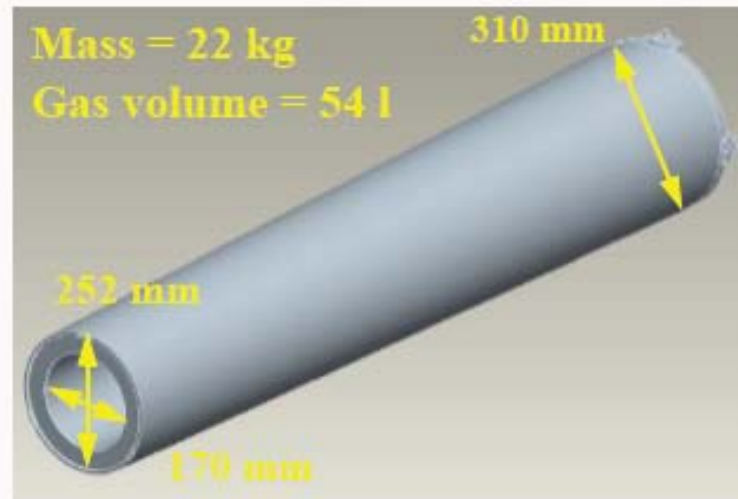


- Designed to provide Level 1 trigger on minimum bias events
- Timing used to veto halo and beam gas events
- Also being used as gap trigger for various diffractive subjects

# LUCID

$$5.6 < |\eta| < 5.9$$

Luminosity measurement using Cherenkov Integrating Detector



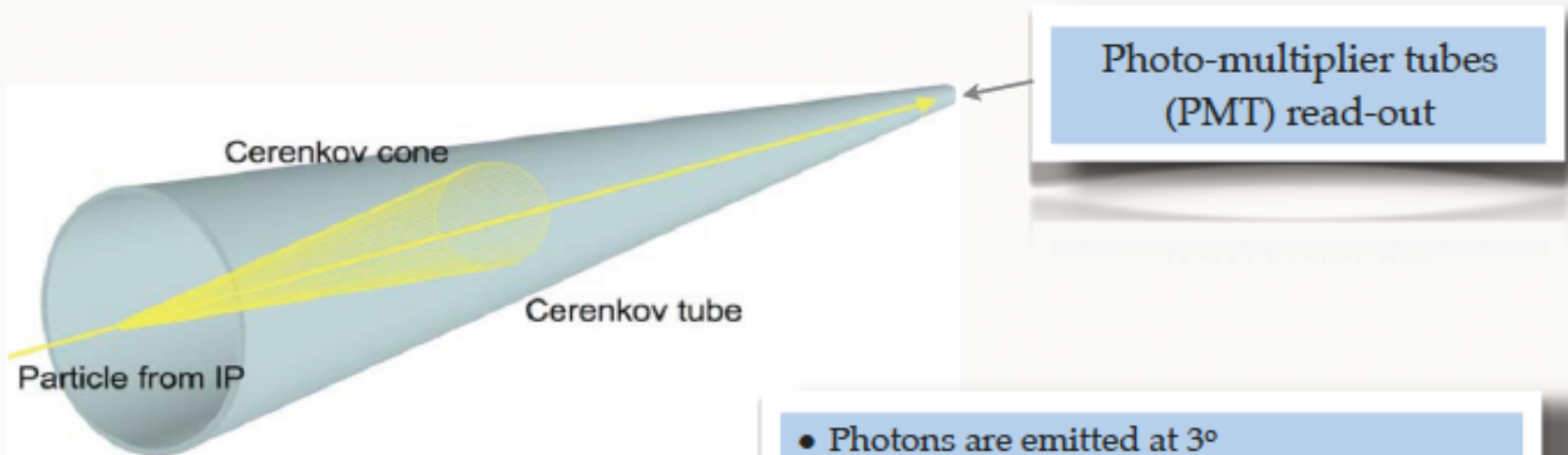
Hamamatsu R762 Rad Hard PMT



The quartz window thickness is 0.8 mm

Array of 20 Aluminum tubes with  $C_4F_{10}$  gas at 1.1 bar as radiator

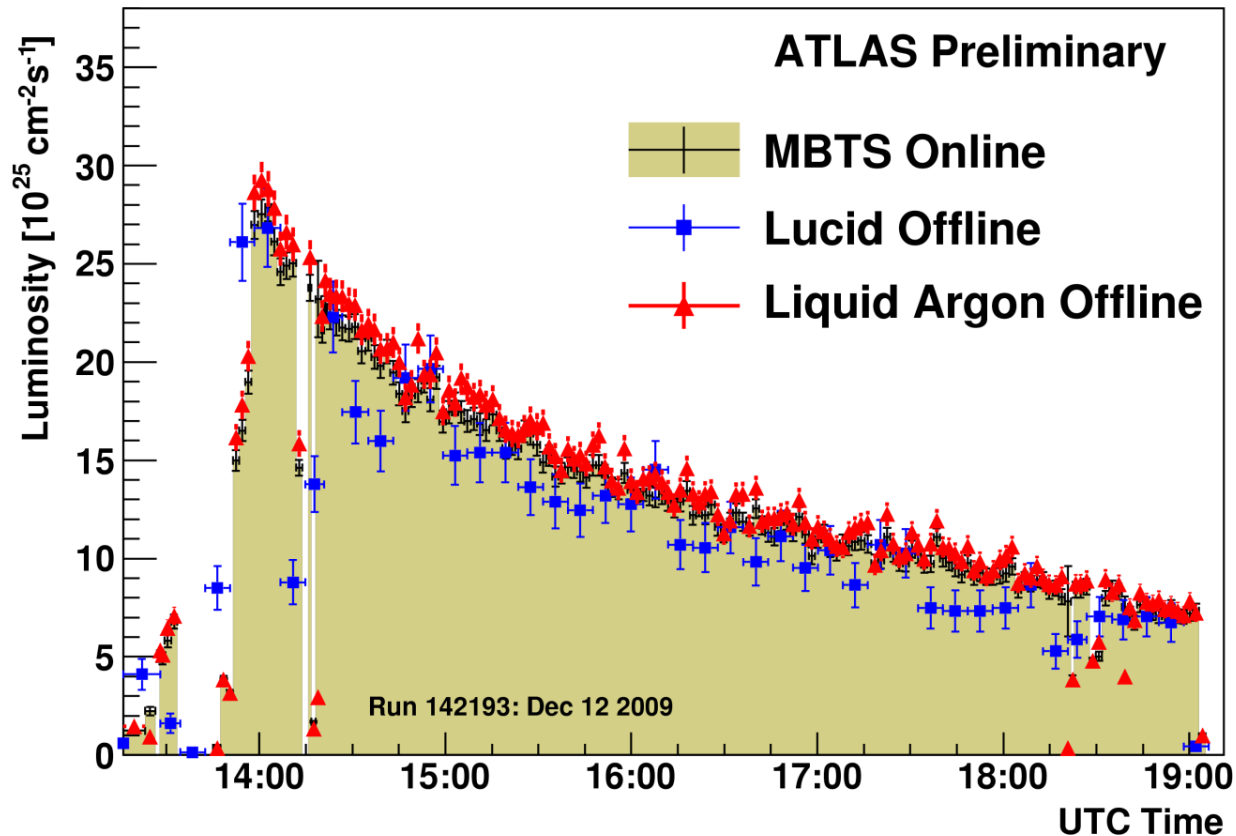
# LUCID Principle



- Photons are emitted at  $3^\circ$
- On the average 3 reflections inside the tube
- Further radiation of photons inside the PMT window

- Background suppression:
  - Cherenkov threshold: in the gas (10 MeV for  $e^-$  and 2.8 GeV for  $\pi$ )
  - Tubes are pointing to the pp interaction region.
- The fast response (few ns) allows for single bunch crossing detection.

# Luminosity Measurements (900 GeV)

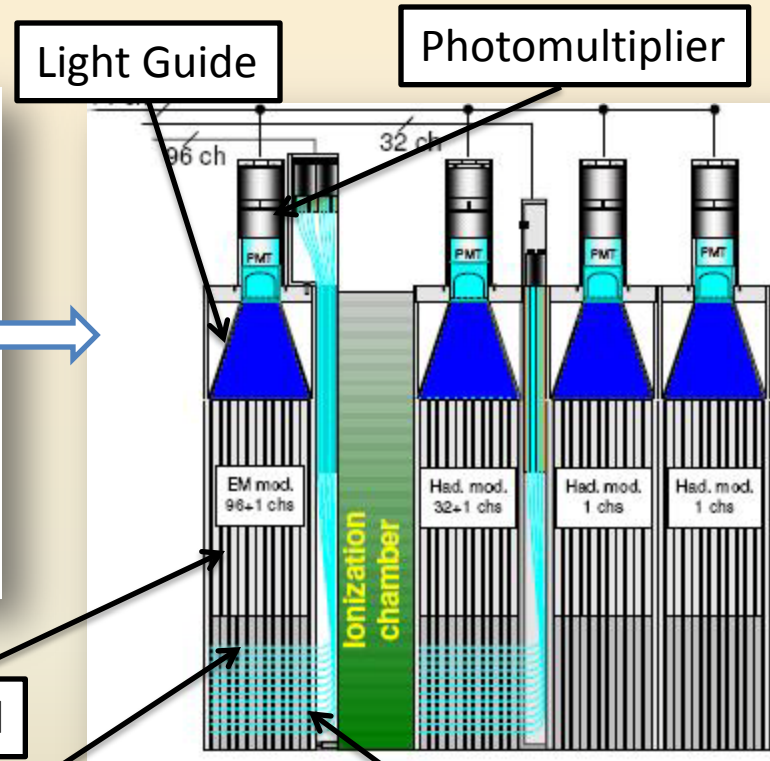
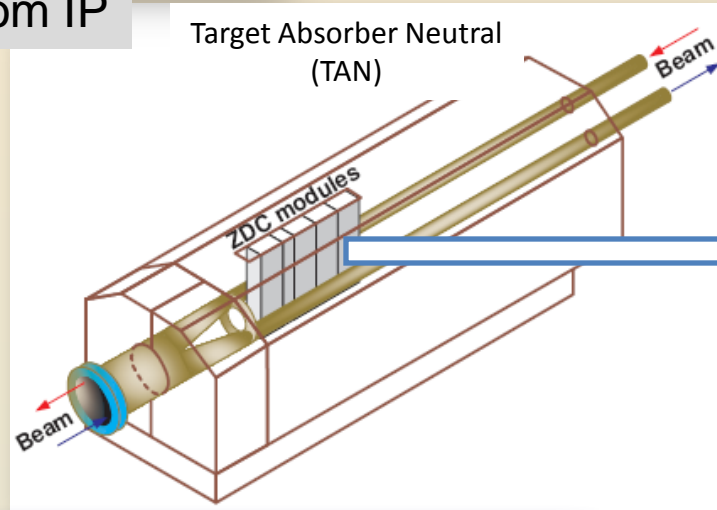
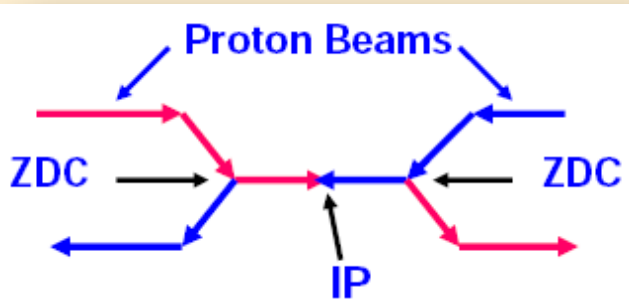


- Integrated Luminosity recorded by ATLAS:  $20 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- Max. Peak Luminosity:  $7 \times 10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Note: LUCID optimized for higher luminosity, but performed well at very low luminosity



# ZDC

Zero Degree Calorimeter



1 Electromagnetic , 3 Hadronic Modules

- ZDC detects forward **neutral** particles with  $|\eta| > 8.3$
- Designed for heavy ion collisions
- Determine Centrality of the events
- Provide Minimum bias Trigger
- Luminosity Measurements

**At the moment only Hadronic Part is installed; EM after LHCf removed**

## LUCID goals achieved in 2009 run

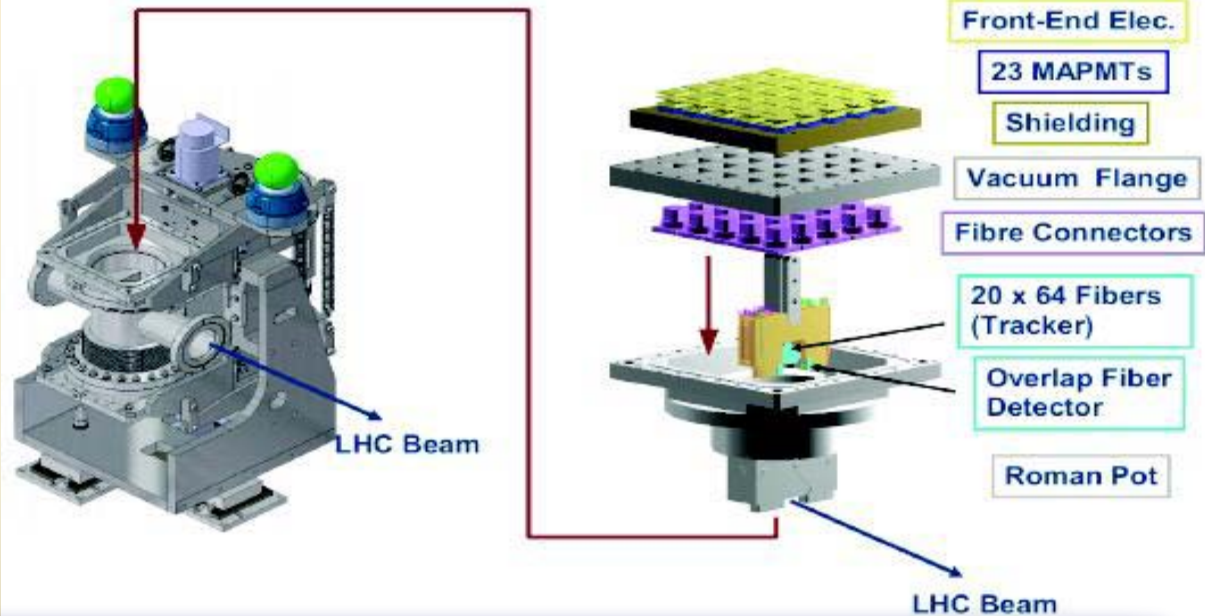
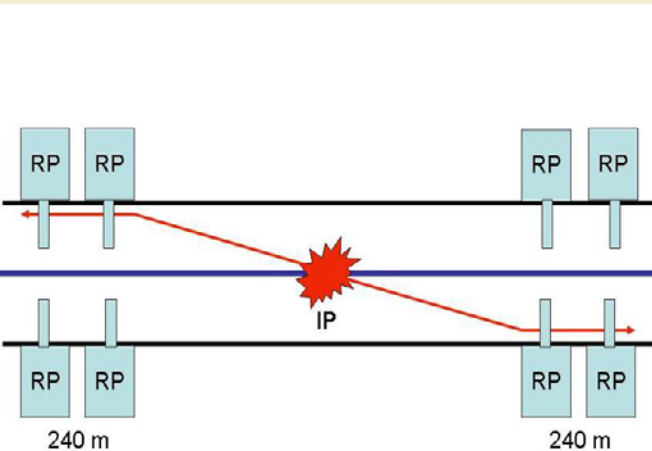
- Stable readout of PMT signals, response equalized within few percent
- Sensitivity to beam background with unstable beams
- Online publication of full set of raw counts for Online Luminosity Calculator
- Coincidence counts (hits in both sides) are background free
- Sensitivity to  $L$  already at  $L \approx 10^{26}$

## ZDC goals achieved in 2009 run

- PMT readout integrated in DAQ and trigger, working since first beams
- SW infrastructure for luminosity and beam background monitoring
- Collected data useful to understand energy scale, tune timing, gain, thresholds

# ALFA Absolute Luminosity For ATLAS

- Main goal to provide absolute luminosity via elastic scattering
- Planned to operate with special beam conditions
  - High  $-\beta^*$  optics
  - Reduced beam emittance (low luminosity  $\sim 10^{27} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )



- 4 sets of Roman Pots (2 per side) located  $\pm 240\text{m}$  from IP
- Operating position close to the beam (1mm)
- Spatial Resolution  $30 \mu\text{m}$
- Scintillating Fibre Tracker

# ALFA Recent Progress: August 2009



Photographs of installation of the mechanics for one station (1/4 of total Roman Pot system)

# ALFA Recent Progress: January 2010



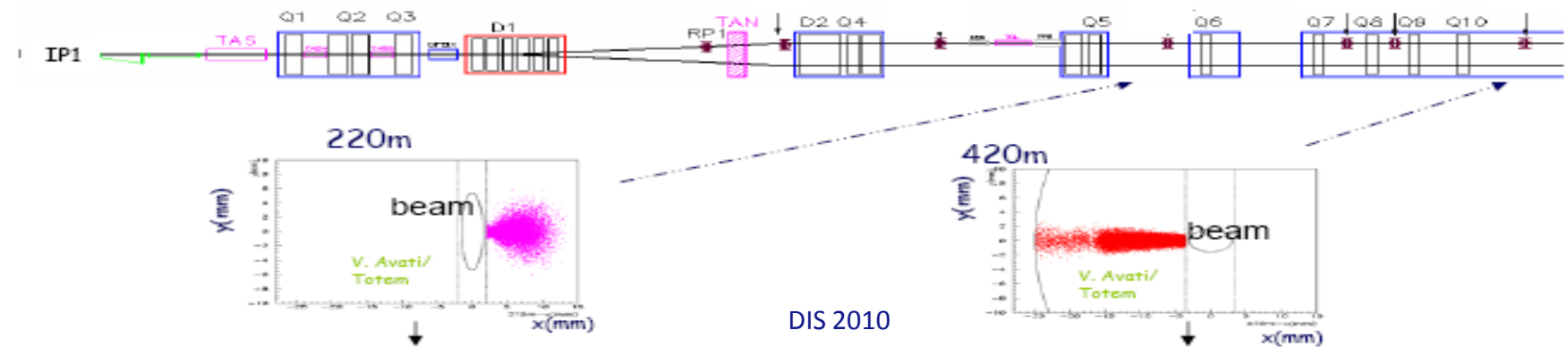
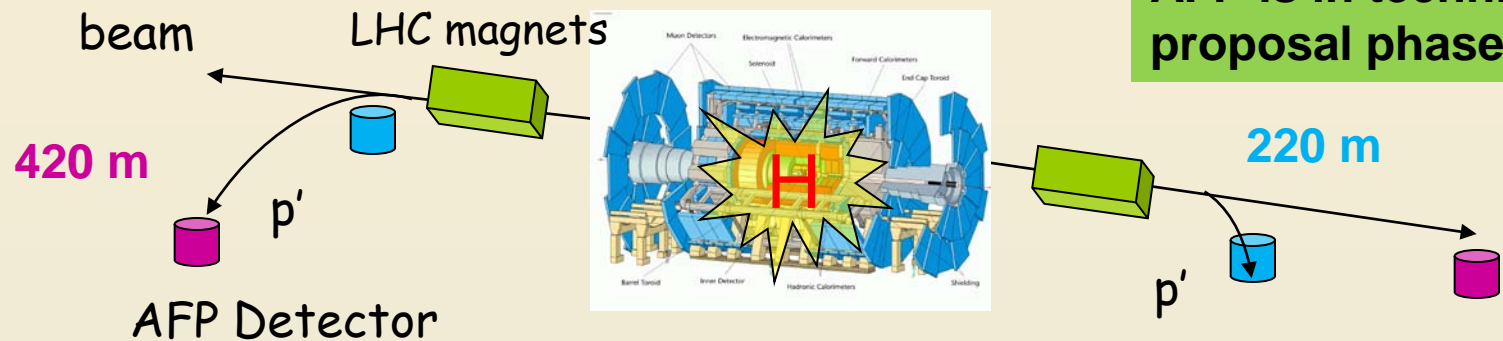
Installation of first complete detector (~1500 independent fibers) inside pot with electronics on top. (1/8 of total number of detectors)

Remaining 7 detectors to be validated in test beam September-October 2010.

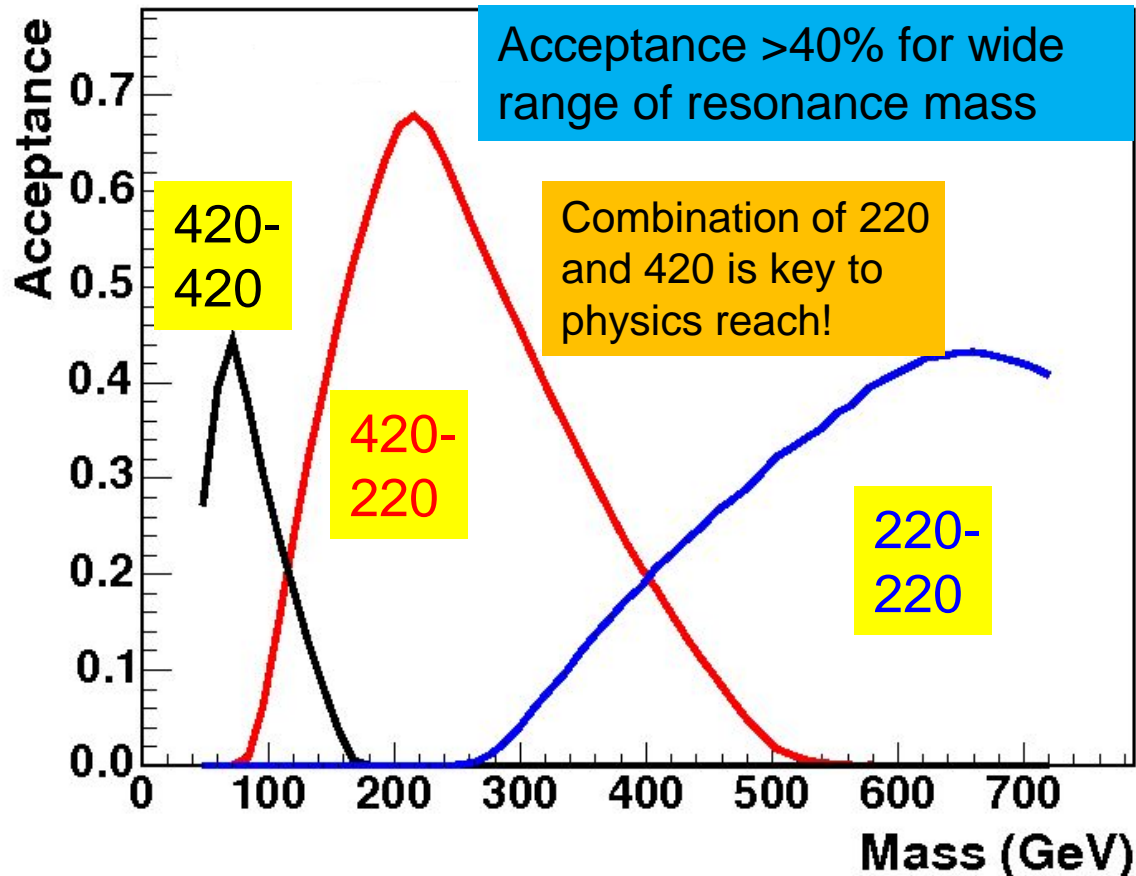
Require a one month shutdown after November 2010 to complete ALFA installation.

# ATLAS Forward Proton Upgrade

AFP concept: add new ATLAS sub-detectors at 220 and 420 m upstream and downstream of central detector to precisely measure the scattered protons to complement ATLAS discovery program. These detectors are designed to run at  $10^{34}$  and operate with standard optics (need high luminosity for discovery physics)



# What does AFP Provide?



- Mass and rapidity of centrally produced system

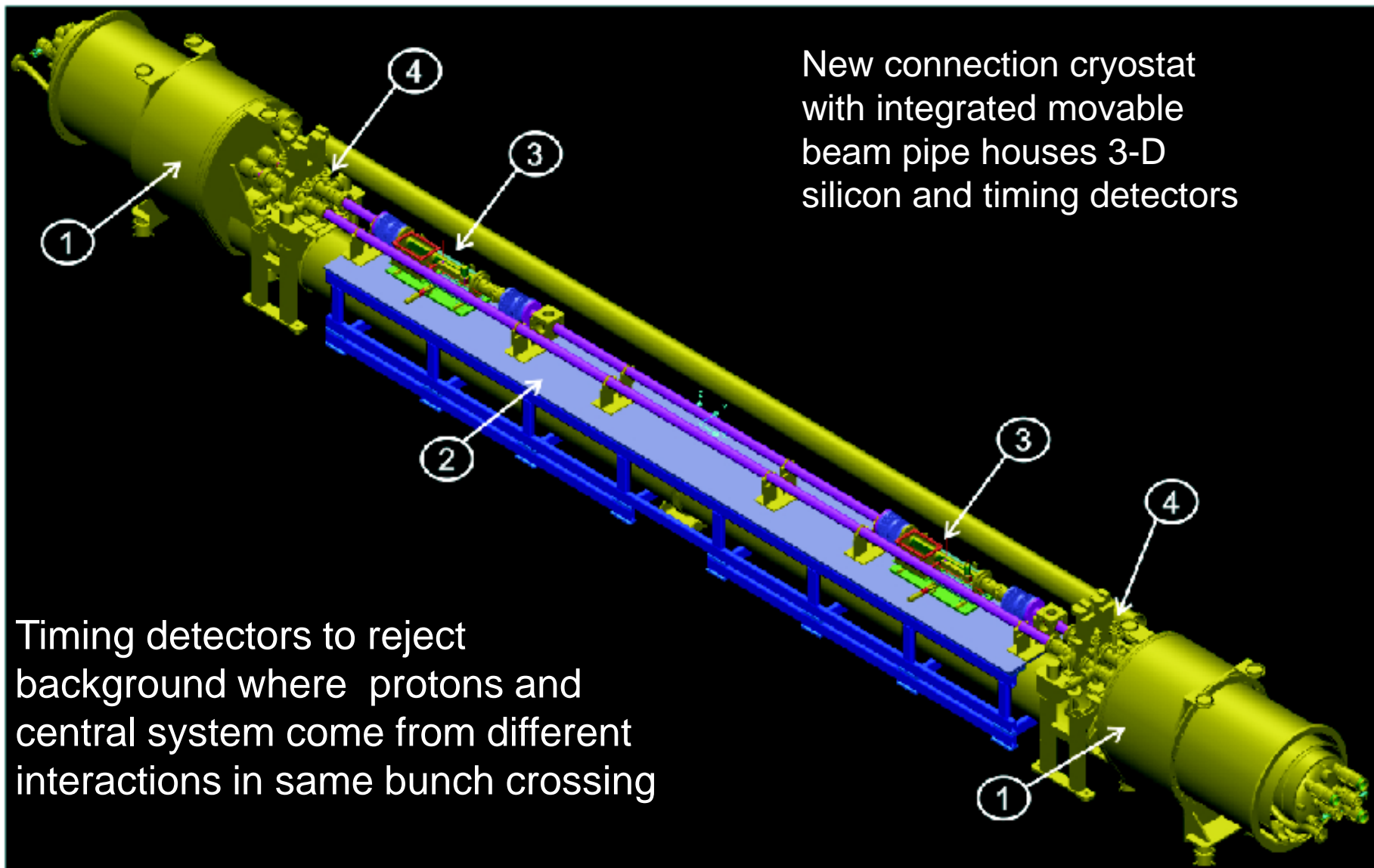
$$M = \sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_2} \cdot \sqrt{s}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(\xi_1 / \xi_2)$$

- where  $\xi_{1,2}$  are the fractional momentum loss of the protons
- Mass resolution of 3-5 GeV *per event*

**Allows ATLAS to use LHC as a tunable  $\sqrt{s}$  glu-glu or  $\gamma\gamma$  collider while simultaneously pursuing standard ATLAS physics program**

# AFP in Pictures



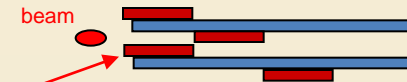
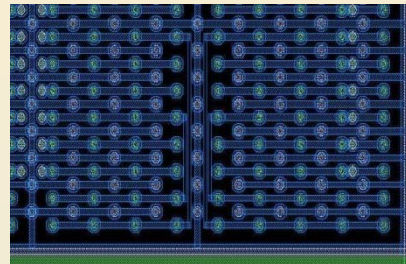
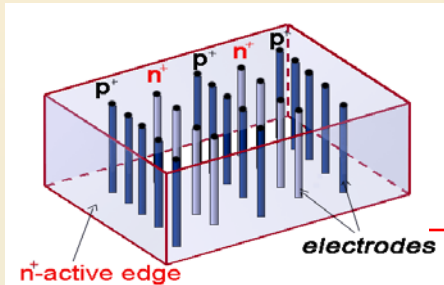
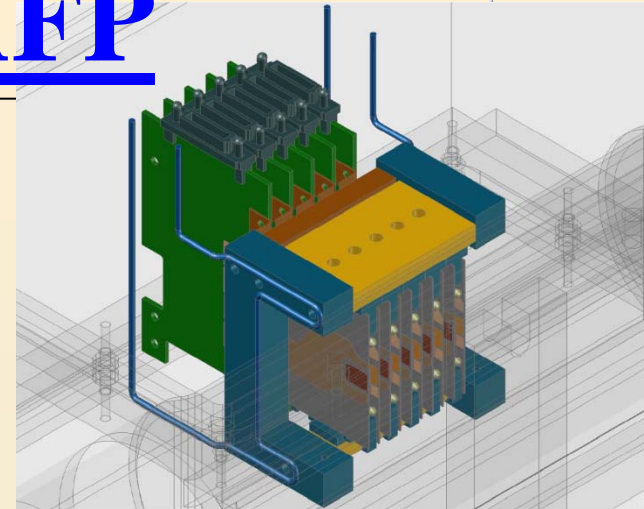
New connection cryostat with integrated movable beam pipe houses 3-D silicon and timing detectors

Timing detectors to reject background where protons and central system come from different interactions in same bunch crossing



# Tracking in AFP

Array of rad-hard **active edge** 3D silicon detectors with resolution  $\sim 11\text{-}14 \mu\text{m}/\text{plane}$  and  $1 \mu\text{rad}$  angular resolution. 3D technology development which is also an ATLAS R&D Project for Insertable B Layer



**Edge response with tracks  $< 4 \mu\text{m}$**

- Angular Error =  $(2 \times \text{Precision}) / (\text{Distance between stations} \times \sqrt{(2N)})$

$N$  = number of planes per station. Two stations eight metres apart per arm.

3D with 50 micron pitch at 10 degree angle gives precision of 11 microns in test beam.

$N$  planes  $\Rightarrow (2.75 \text{ mrad})/\sqrt{(2N)}$  Around 6 planes needed for specification.

# Conclusions

- Just getting started
- Looking FORWARD to completed detectors, new capabilities
- See Christophe Royon's talk about plans to use these detectors