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E FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTÍCULAS
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[DATA SCIENCE *in* PARTICLE PHYSICS]

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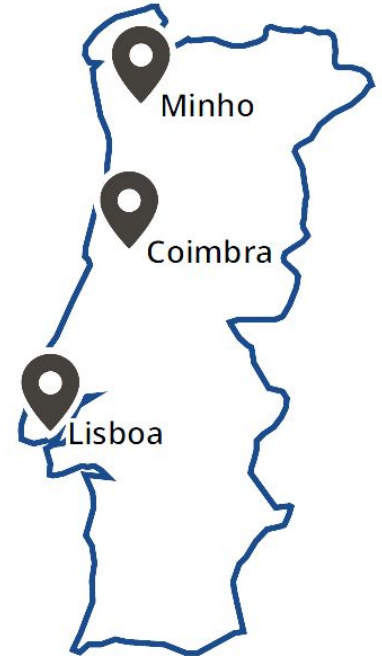
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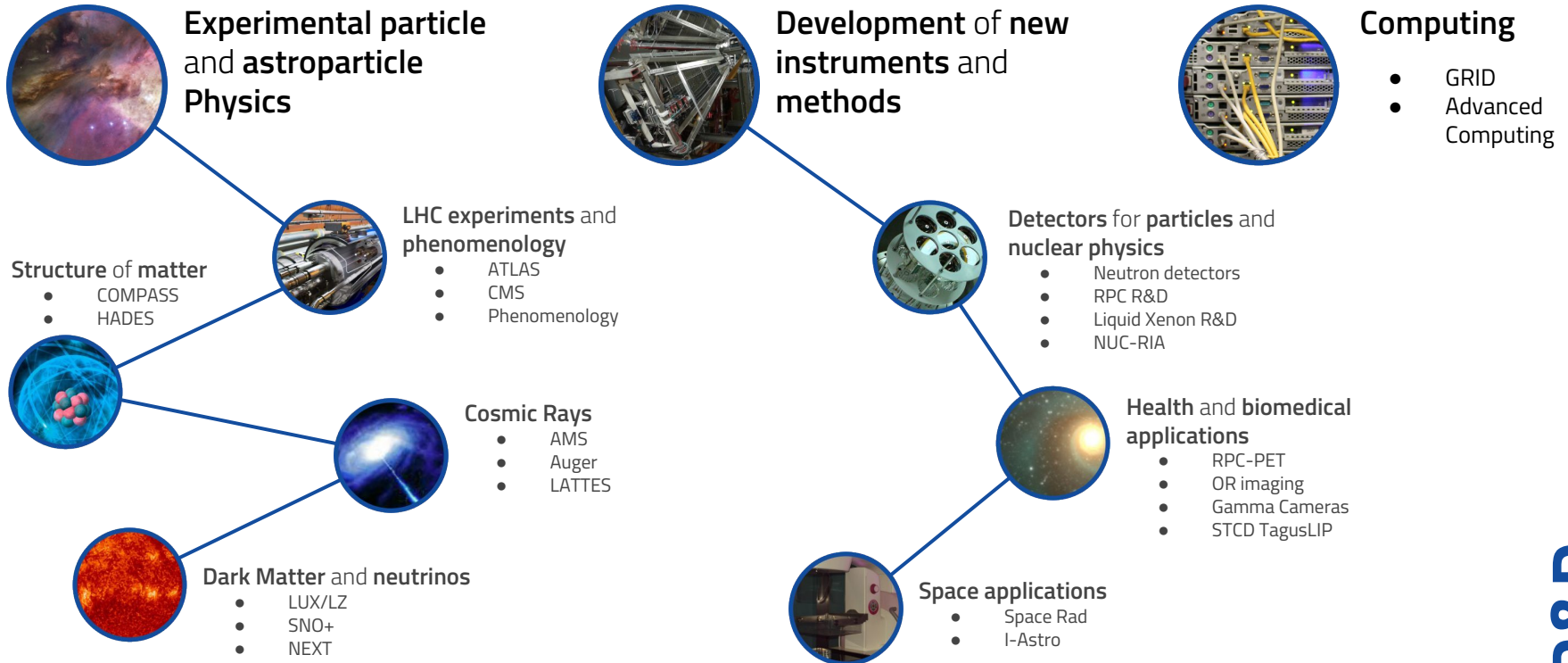
Laboratório de Instrumentação e Física Experimental de Partículas

- LIP is the reference laboratory for experimental particle physics and associated technologies in Portugal
- LIP exists for the discovery of the fundamental laws of the Universe, ensuring the full participation of the Portuguese scientific community in this endeavour, and to share this knowledge with society
- The laboratory is nation-wide, with nodes in Lisbon, Coimbra and Braga, in close collaboration with the local universities



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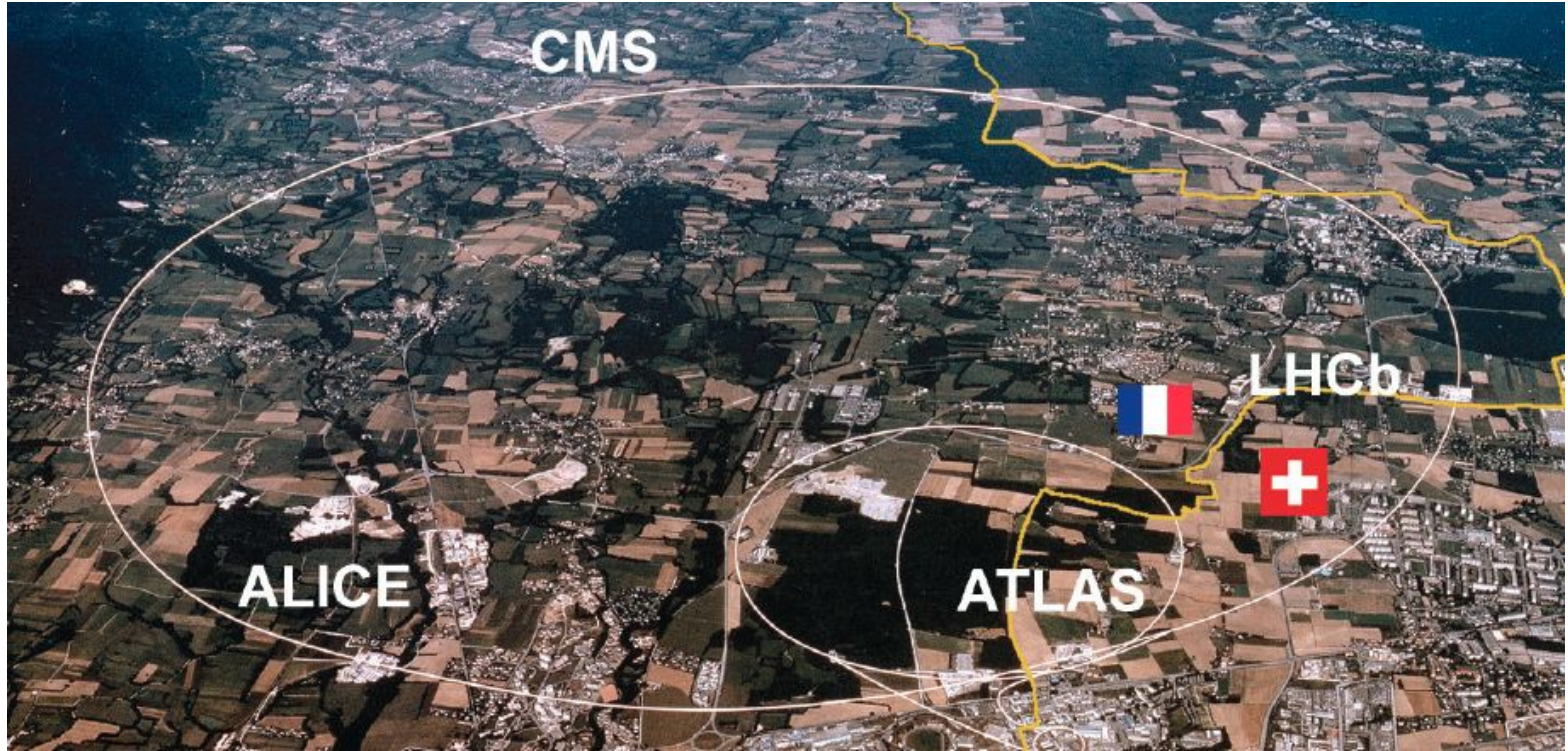
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- The European Laboratory for Particle Physics
- Located in the franco-swiss border
- Portugal is a member since 1986, with LIP being the reference portuguese partner



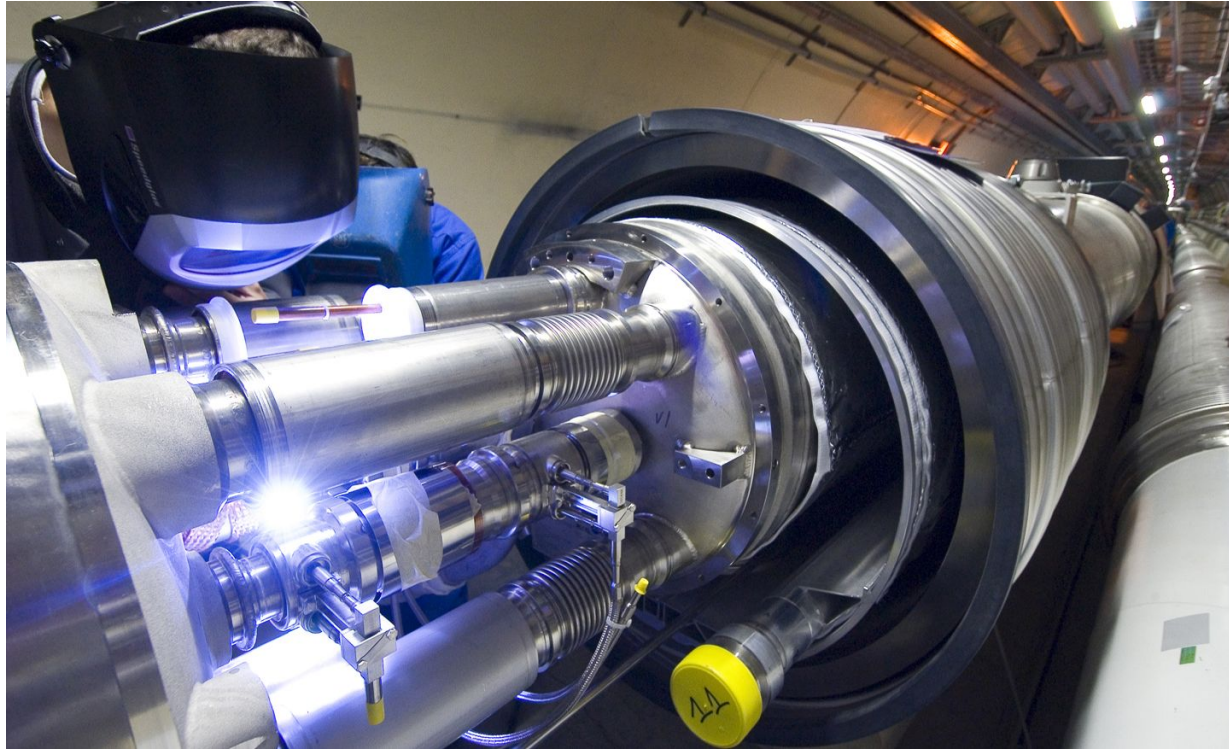
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one of the fastest race tracks on the planet



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the emptiest space in the solar system



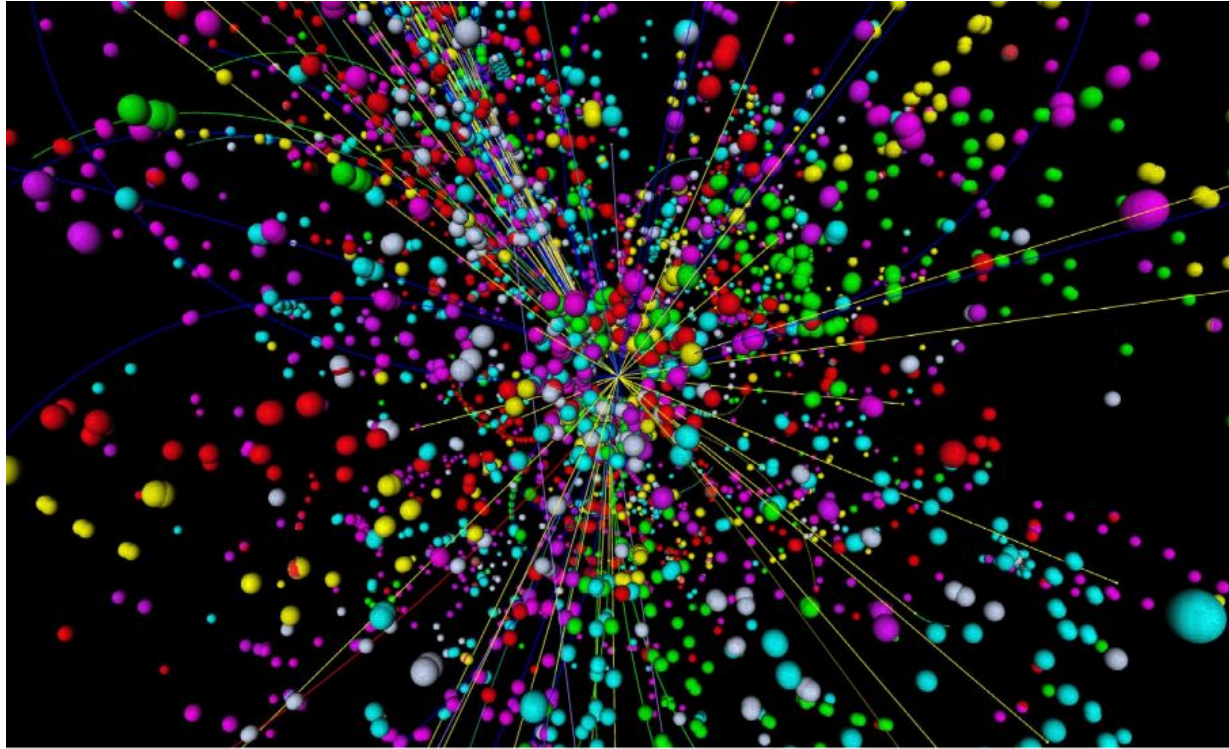
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one of the coldest places in the Universe



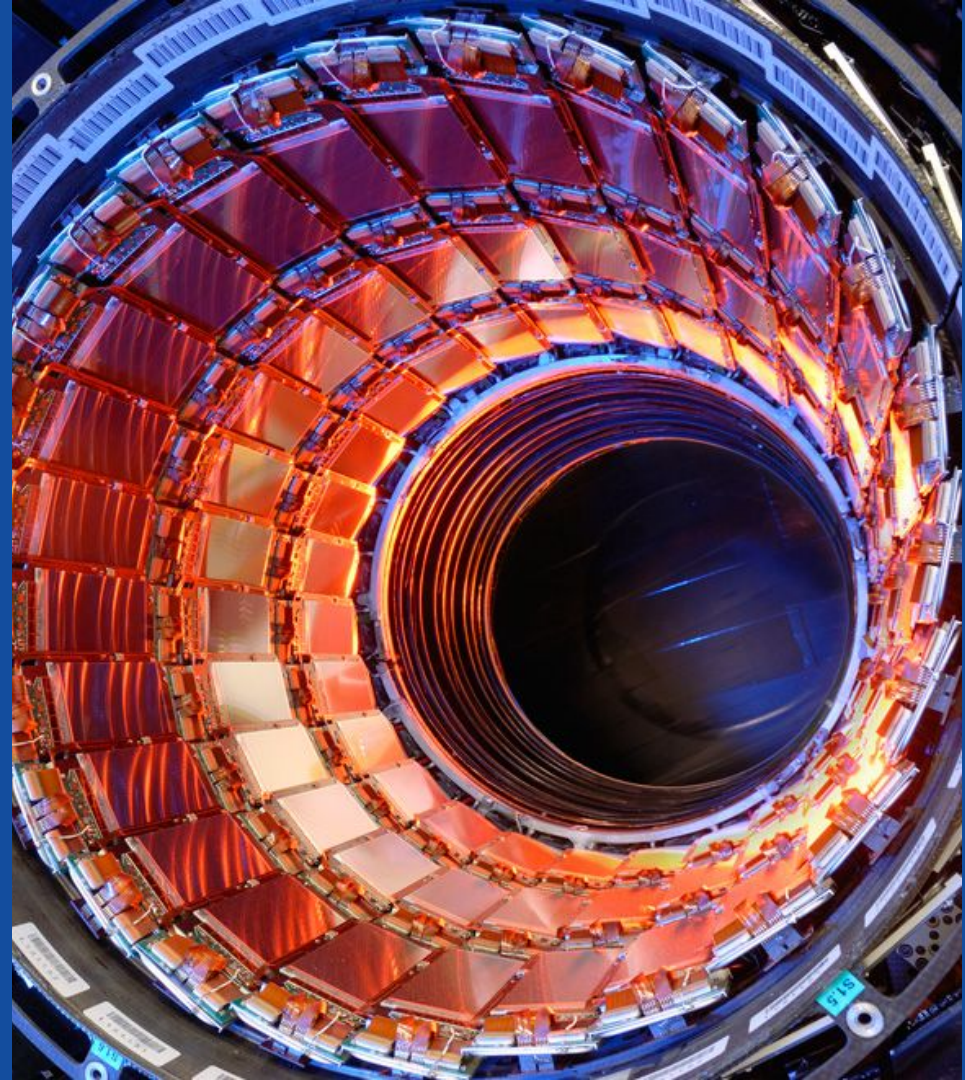
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one of the hottest places in the Galaxy



In the frontier of the technology

- Particle physics accelerators and detectors are amongst the most complex devices built by the humankind
- Being on the edge of the technology is required



LIP competences

data analysis and processing in particle physics

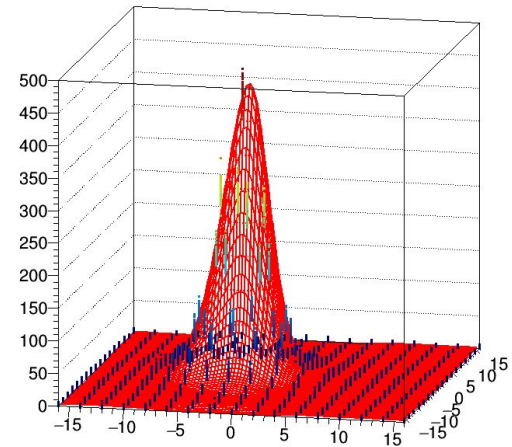
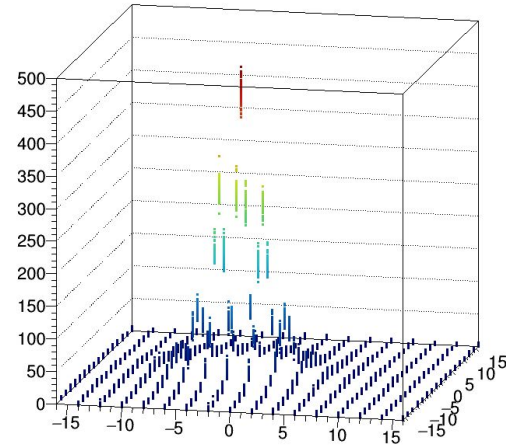
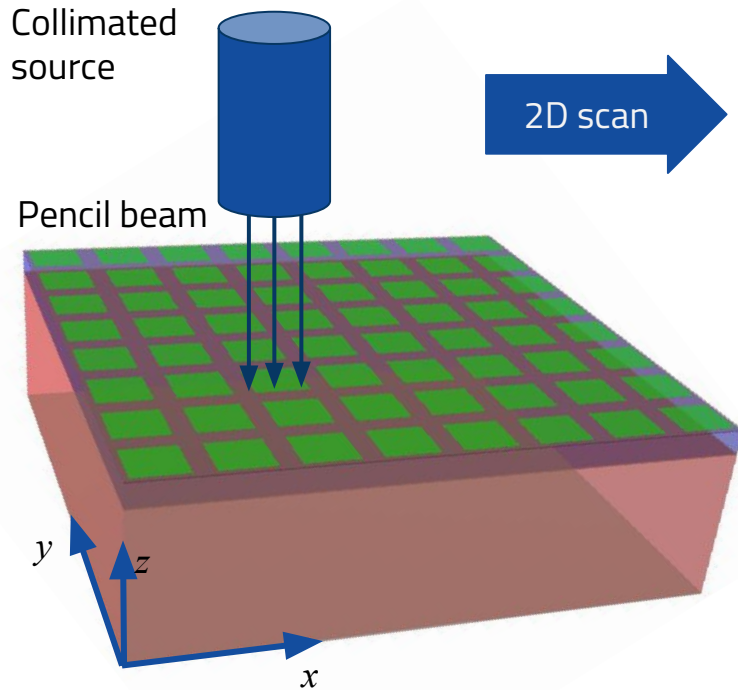
- LIP has been involved in the analysis of extremely large amounts of data produced by different experiments in High Energy Physics for a long time
- Expertise on the implementation and development of elaborate multivariate techniques aiming at a vast range of applications
- Competence in efficient data processing to better use the available computing resources

LIP competences

data analysis and processing in particle physics

BDT kNN Octave SK-Learn
TMVA TensorFlow Numpy
Keras GlusterFS Pandas DNN CNNs
FPGAs RNNs ANN Distributed training Matlab
Pre-processing SVM RNNs K-fold GPUs CV
PCA NNs Theano XGBoost

Calibrating detectors in particle physics an example



Scan the detector with a pencil beam of monoenergetic γ -rays on a fine grid and then fit the obtained data with the appropriate smooth function

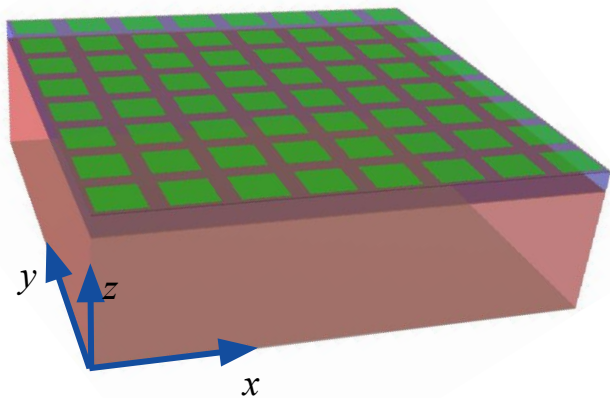
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This standard calibration procedure has some important limitations:

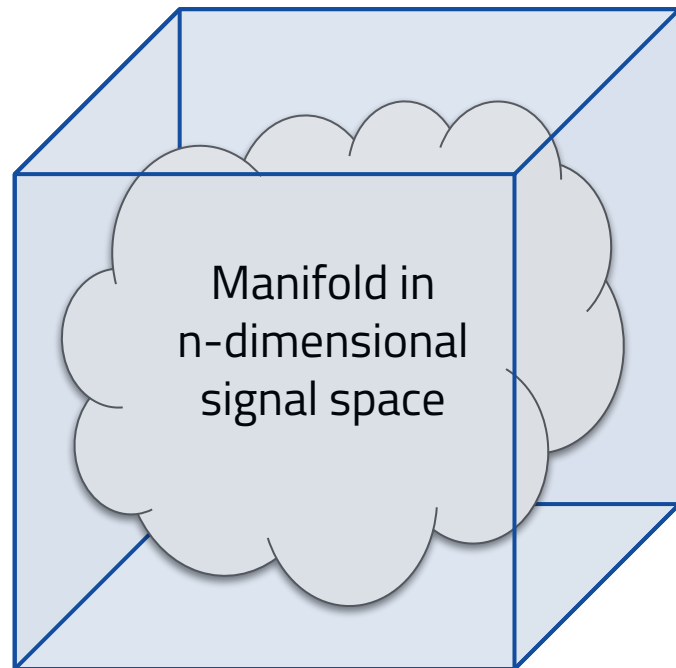
- Time consuming (N_{steps}^2)
- 3D is feasible (scan at different angles and solve a linear system) but cumbersome and even more time consuming (N_{steps}^3)

A machine learning approach can be the solution

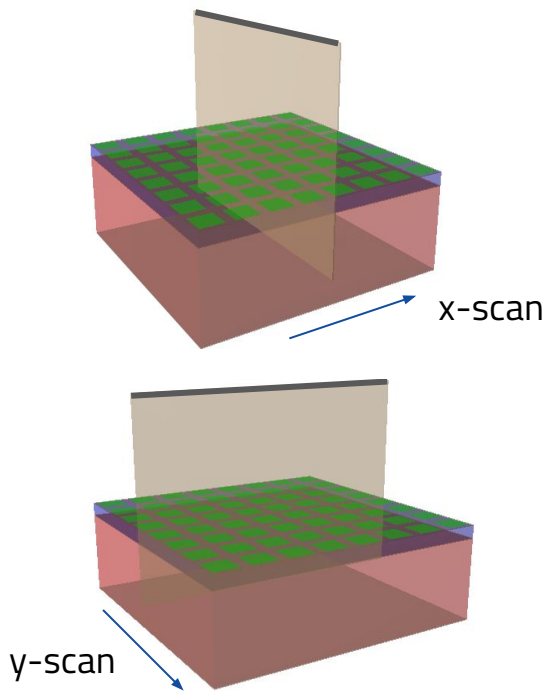
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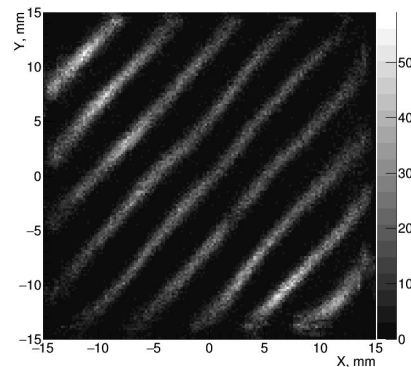
Event parameter space
e.g. x, y, z



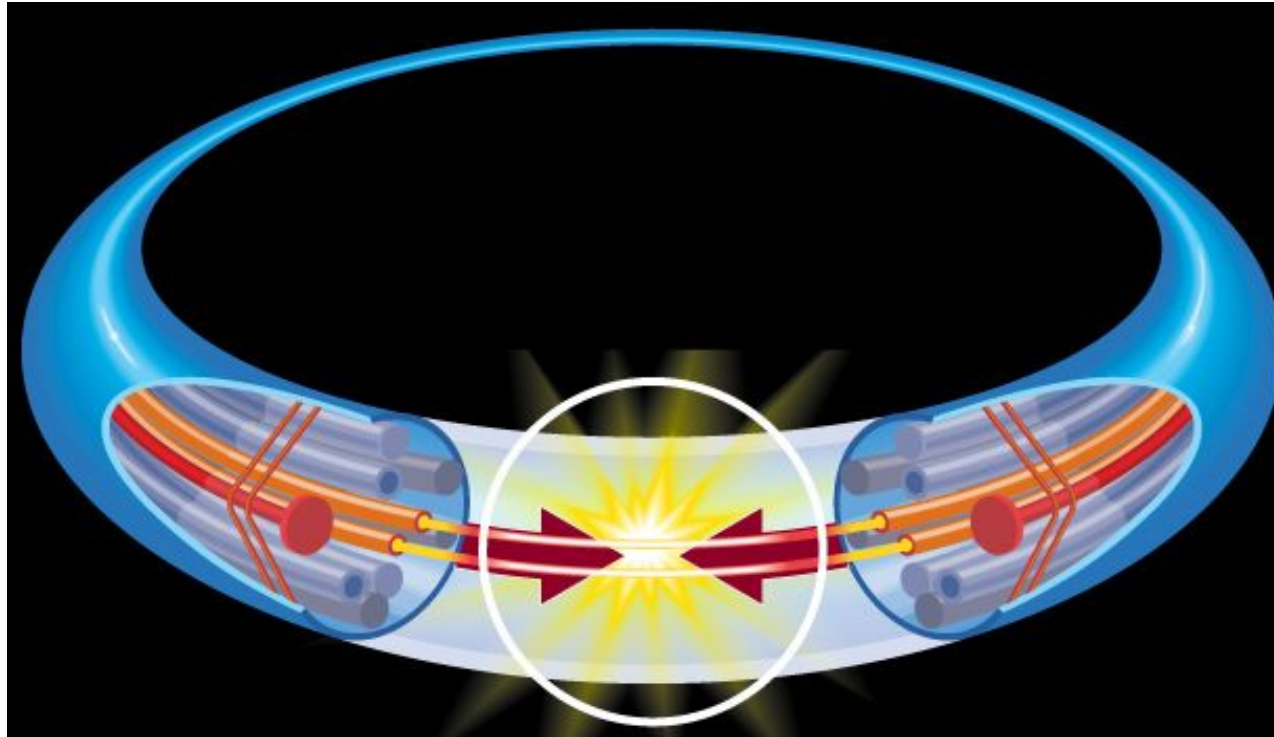
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- Pencil beam -> knife-edge beam
- 2D scan -> 2 x 1D scans ($N_{\text{steps}}^2 \rightarrow 2 \times N_{\text{steps}}$)
- 3D scan -> 3 x 1D scans ($N_{\text{steps}}^3 \rightarrow 3 \times N_{\text{steps}}$)
- Use nearest neighbour (kNN) to find the points on the intersection between the scan lines/planes
- Then proceed as in the standard calibration

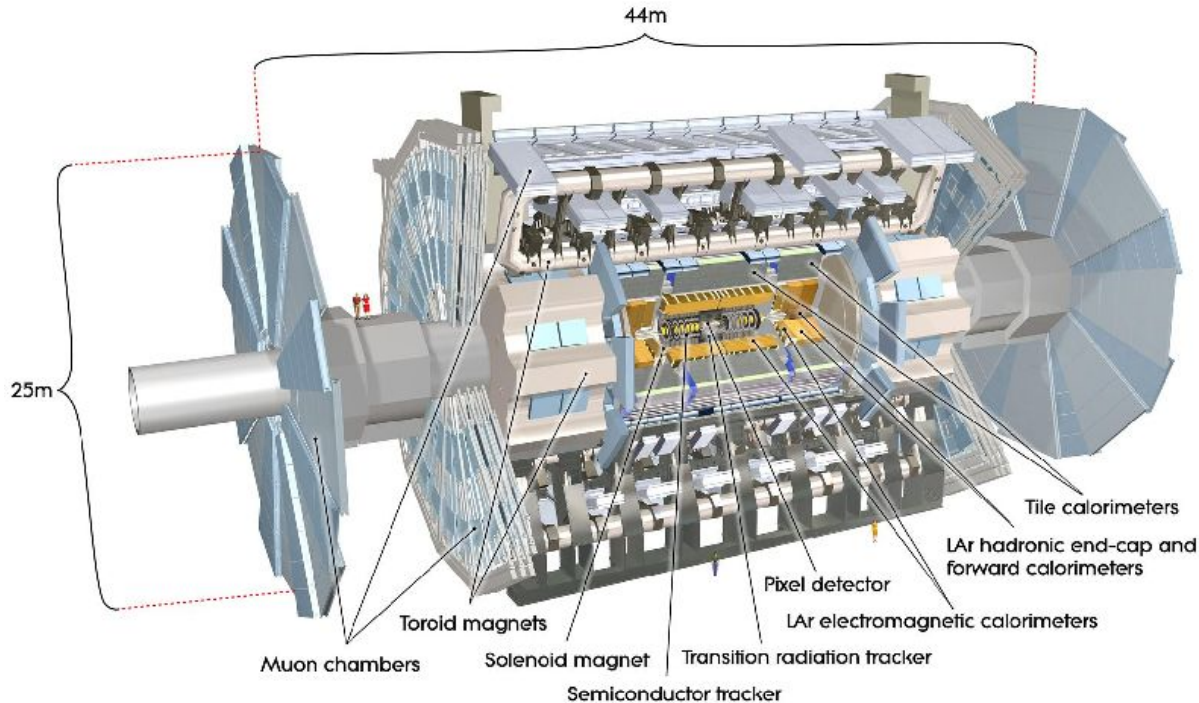


From data to physics at the Large Hadron Collider a long and complex path



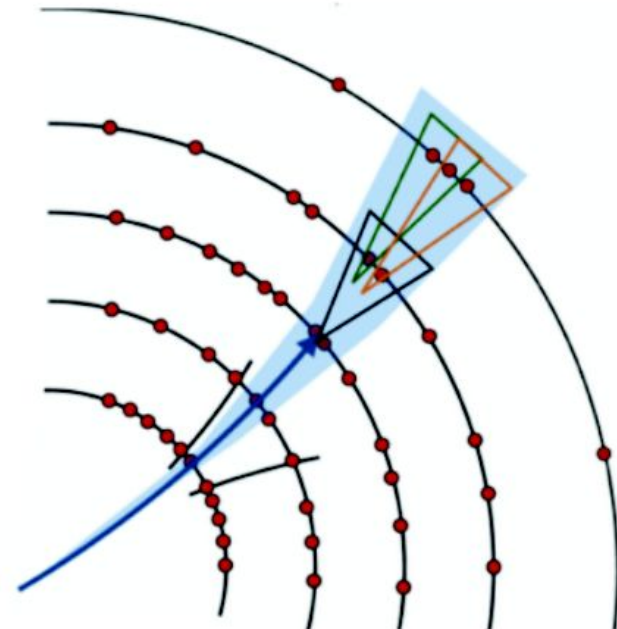
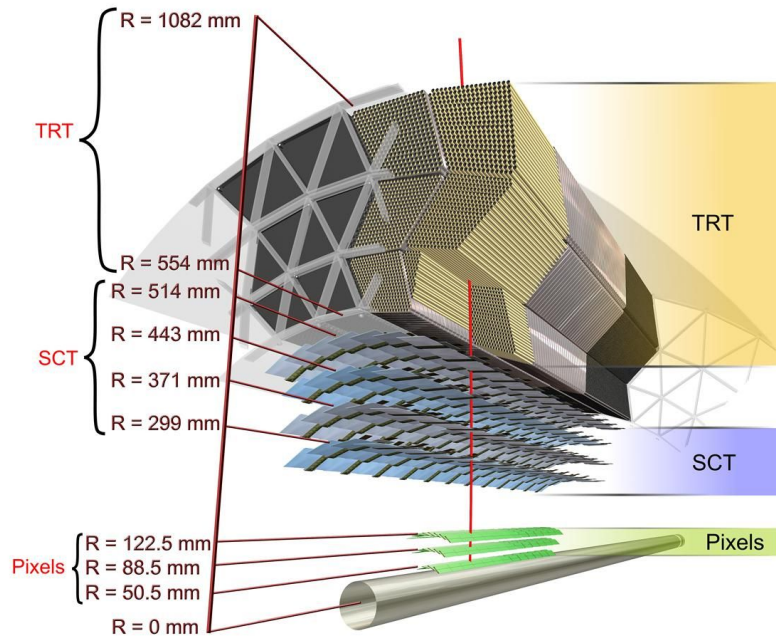
~1 billion
collisions
per second

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Hundreds of millions of readout channels

Tracking in particle physics connecting the dots...



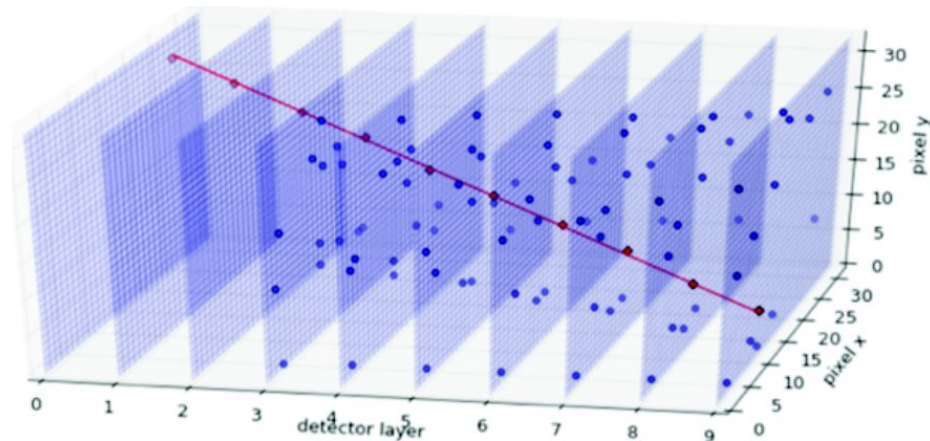
Credit: Andy Salzburger

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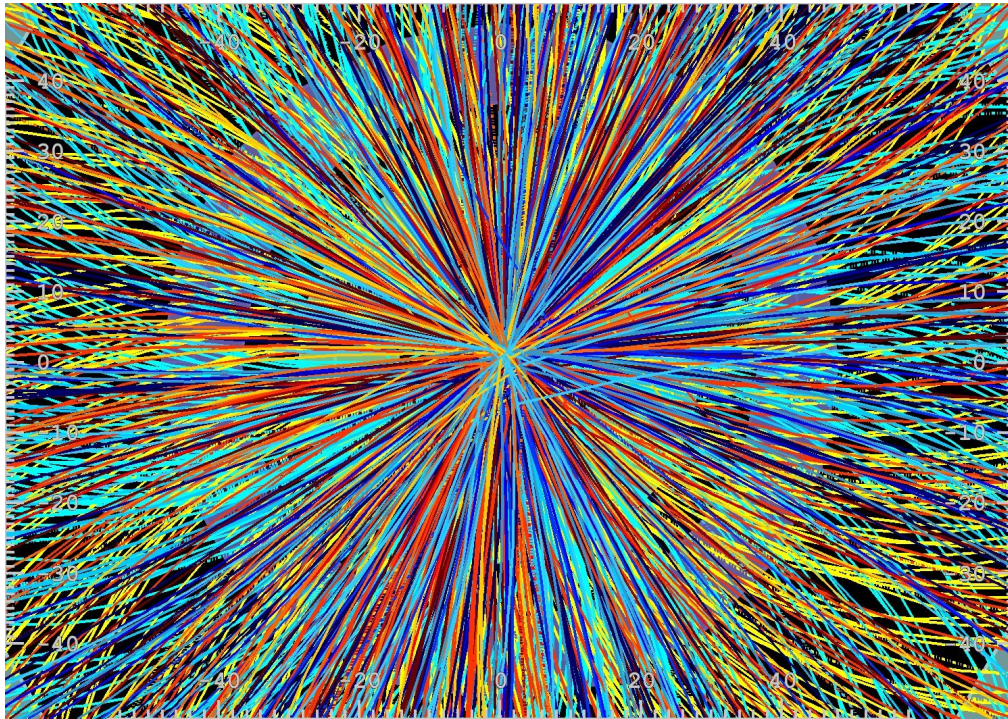
Tracking algorithms in particle physics have been quite successful so far

In a nutshell:

- *Track seeding*: combinatorial search
- *Track building*: combinatorial Kalma Filter (time consuming)
- *Track fitting*: final parameter estimation



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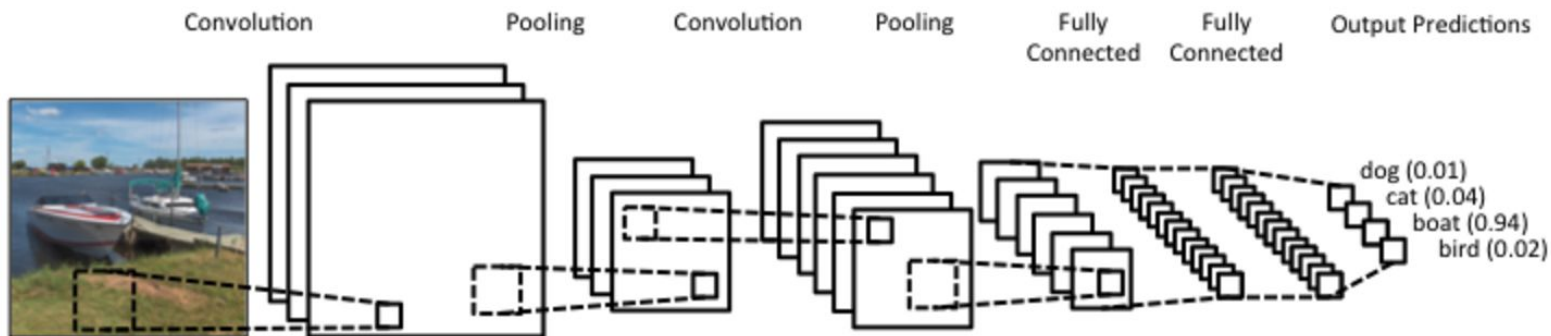
But with more data, the problem can become much more complex....

Tracking in particle physics

connecting the dots...

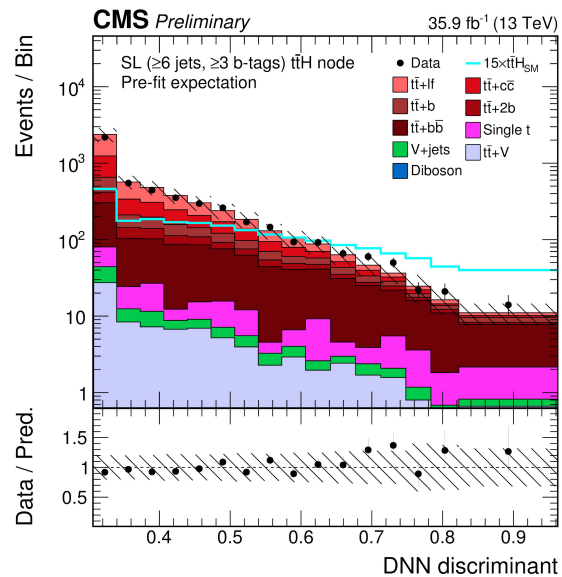
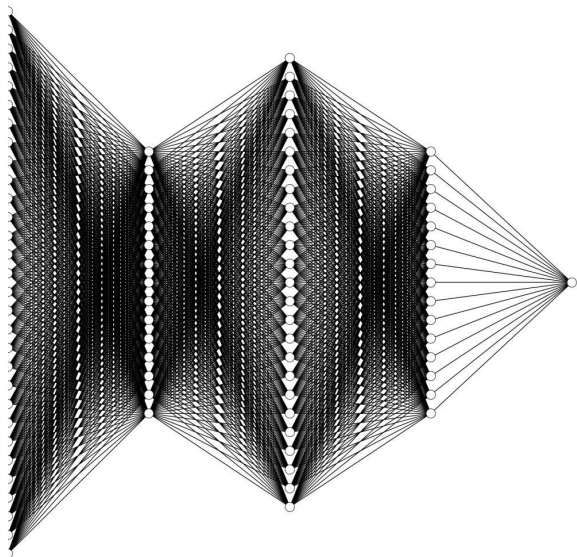
Use of sophisticated machine learning techniques is required

- we need to be able to run tracking faster and in parallel
- convolutional neural networks have great success in image classification and can be used as track finders
- treating track finding as an image recognition problem



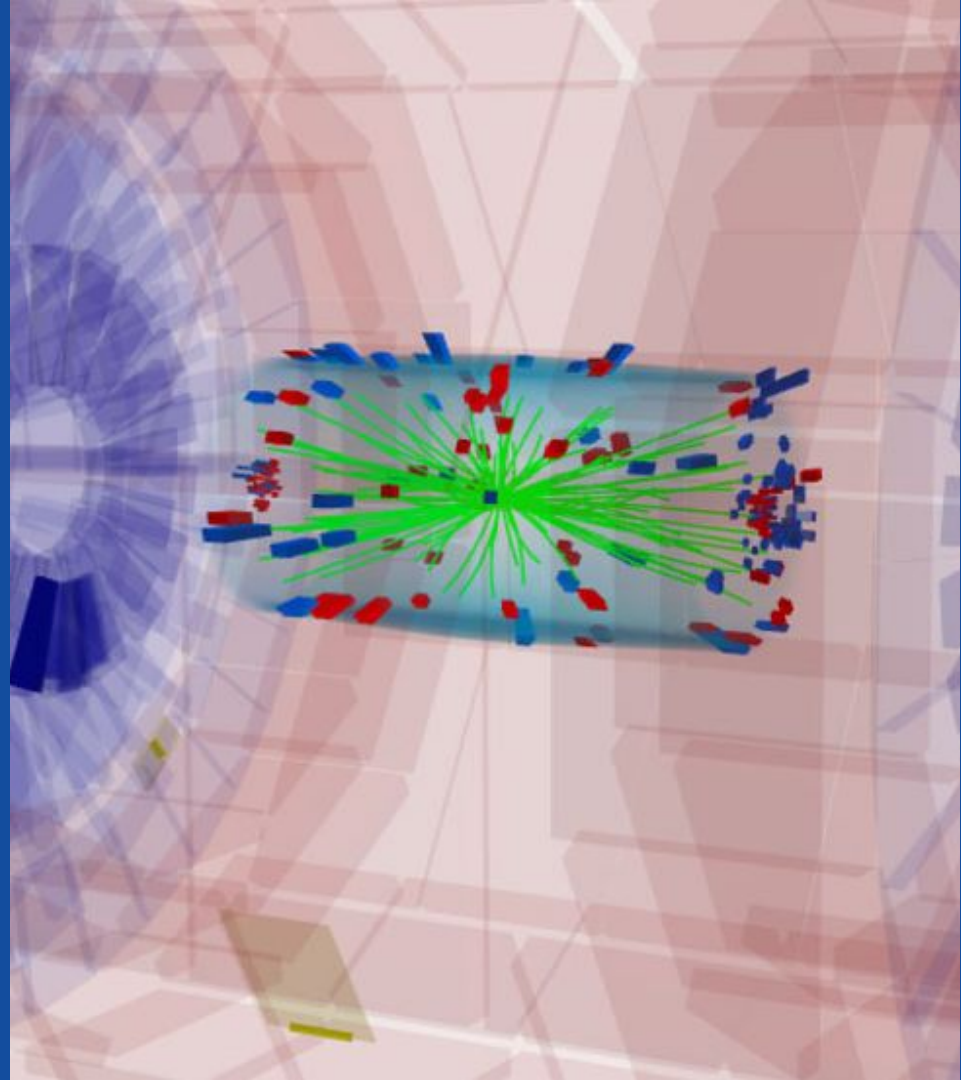
Searching for rare events finding a needle in many haystacks

The interesting collisions at the Large Hadron Collider are extremely rare so advanced multivariate techniques are required



Summary

- at LIP we have more than 30 years of expertise in the analysis of large and complex data
- the most suitable technique has to be chosen for each problem
 - uncertainties and imperfect datasets
- possible synergies with other fields and activities



Thanks!

Any questions?

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