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# Triggering Jets in Run3 with the ATLAS Global Feature Extractor



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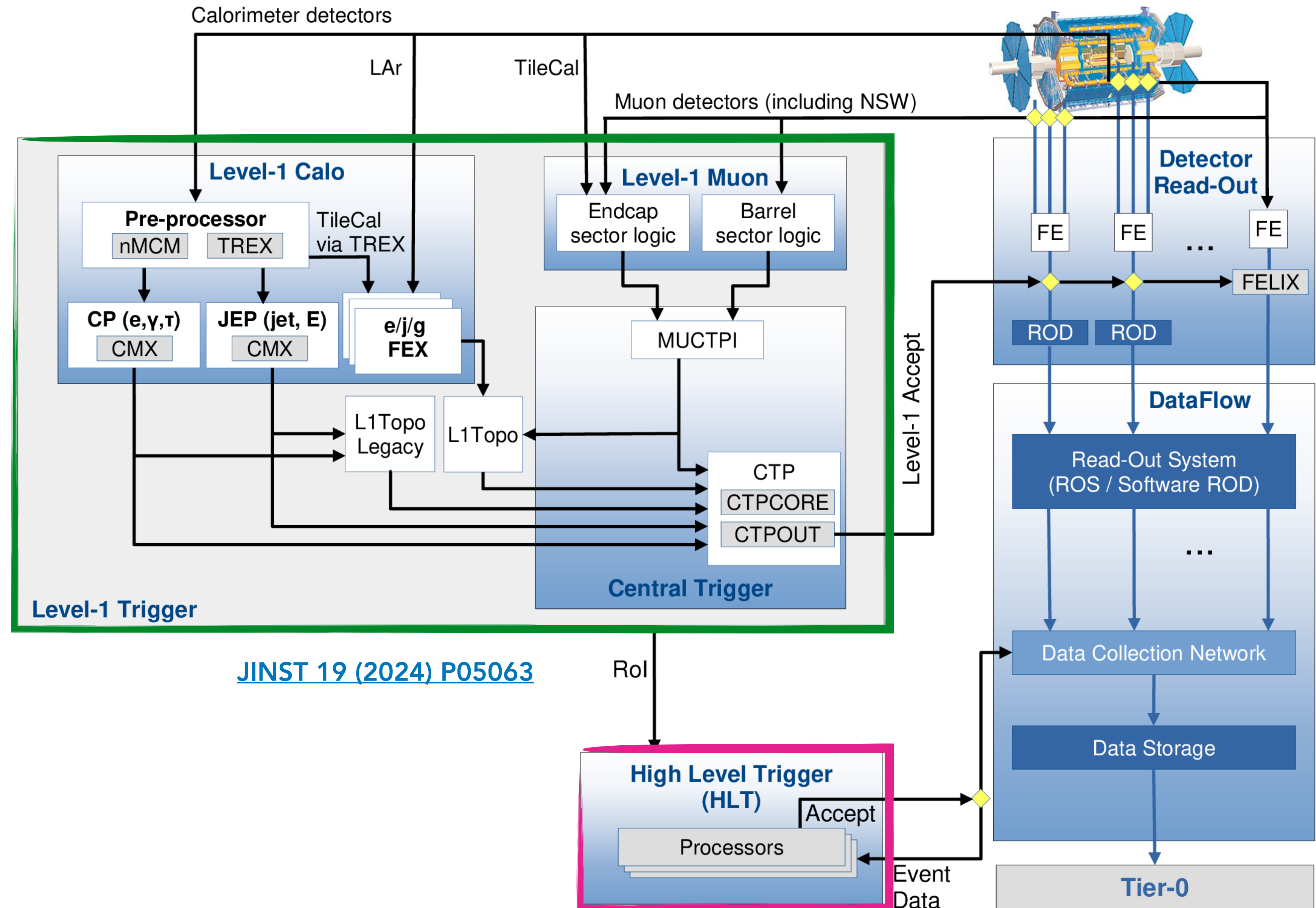
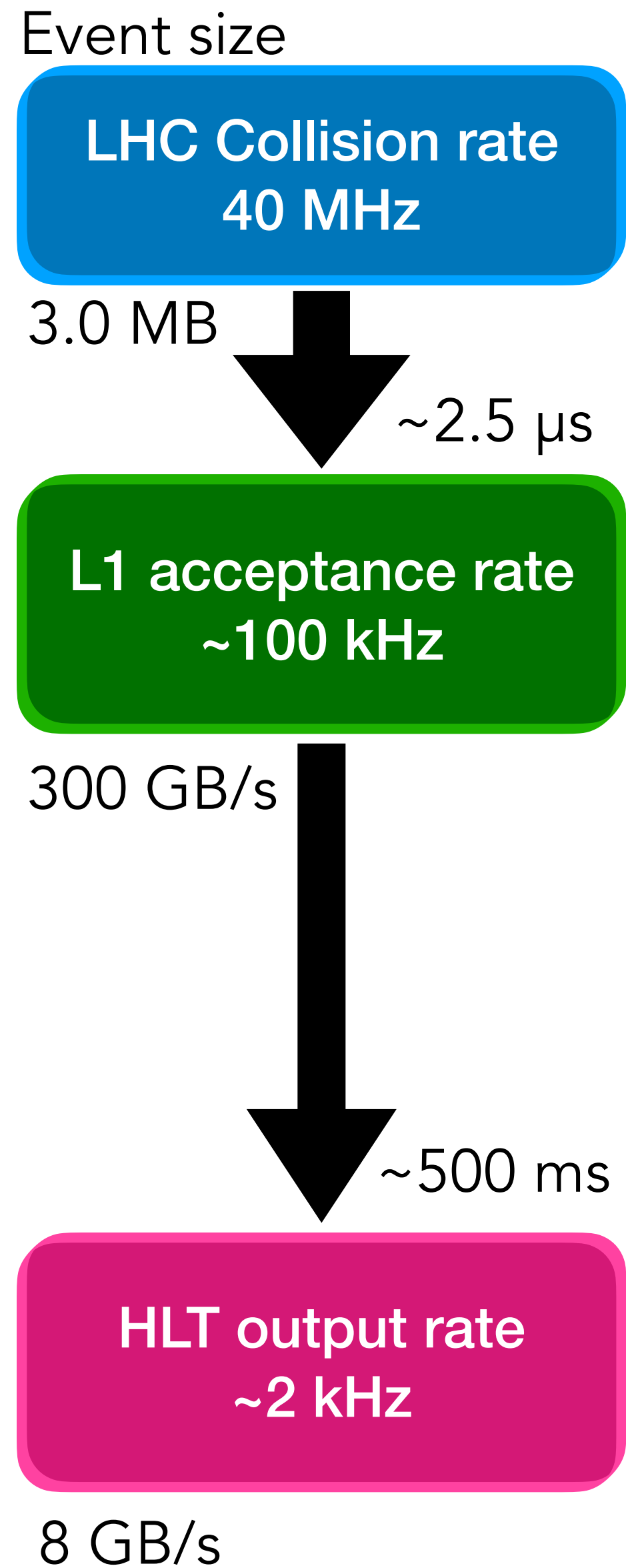
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# gFEX

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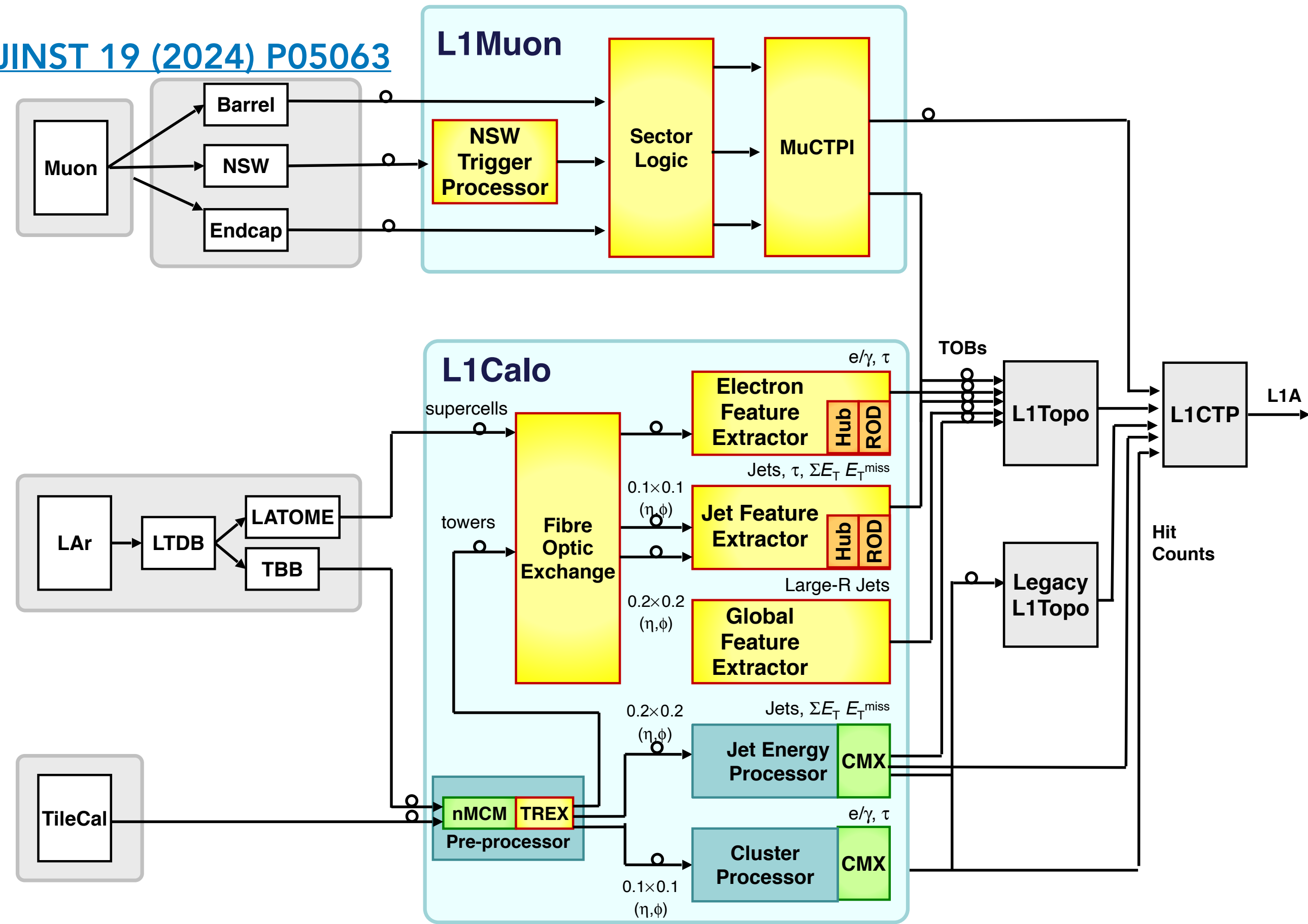


# The ATLAS Trigger System in Run3



# ATLAS Level-1 Trigger

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## Phase-I Upgrade

Hardware and software upgrades to improve performance of trigger in high-luminosity and high pile-up environment in Run-3

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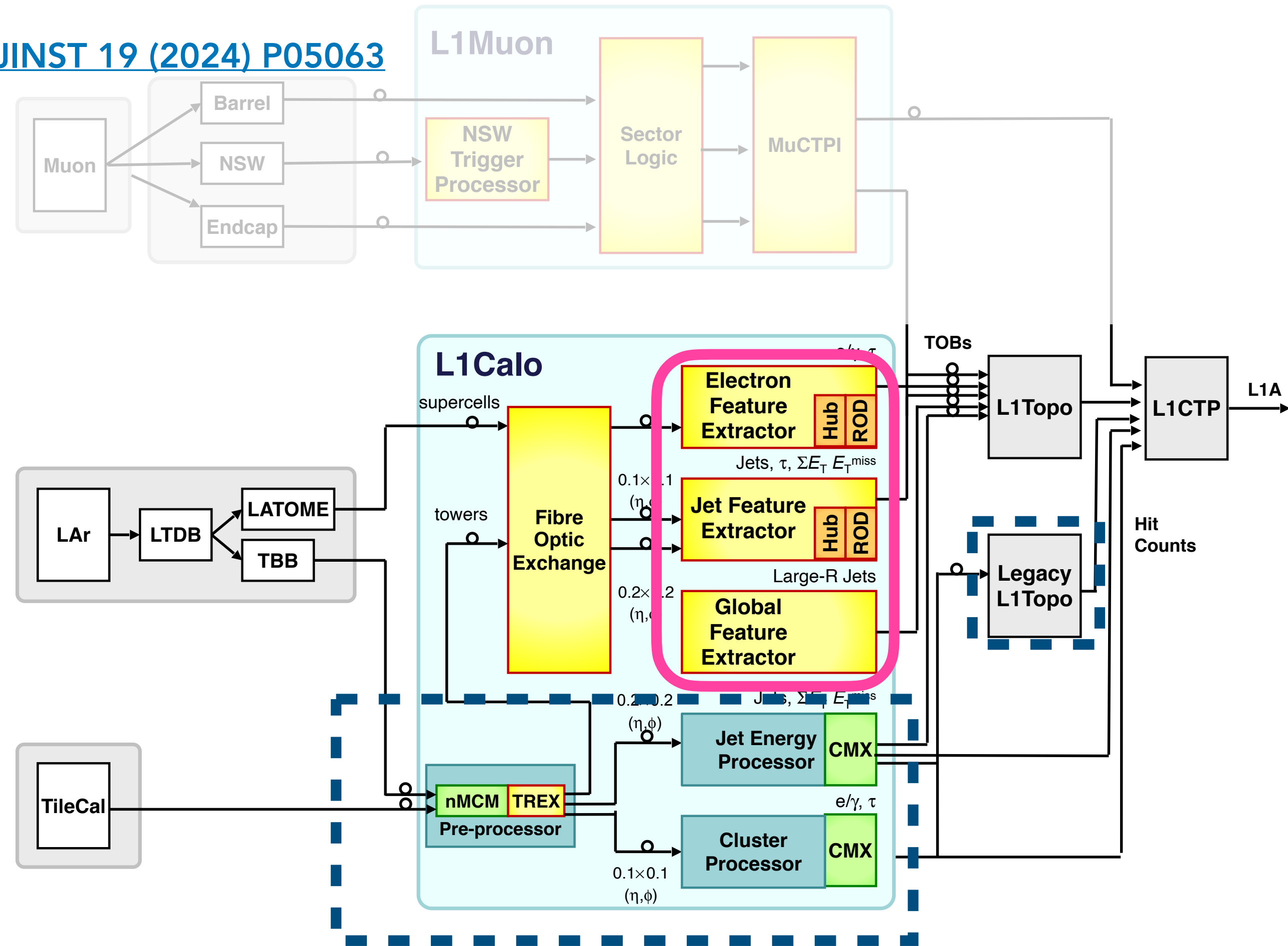
Level-1 hardware

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- Custom-made electronics (high-power **FPGAs**) to implement more sophisticated algorithms
- **Phase-I system** running in parallel to the **Legacy system** during the commissioning phase

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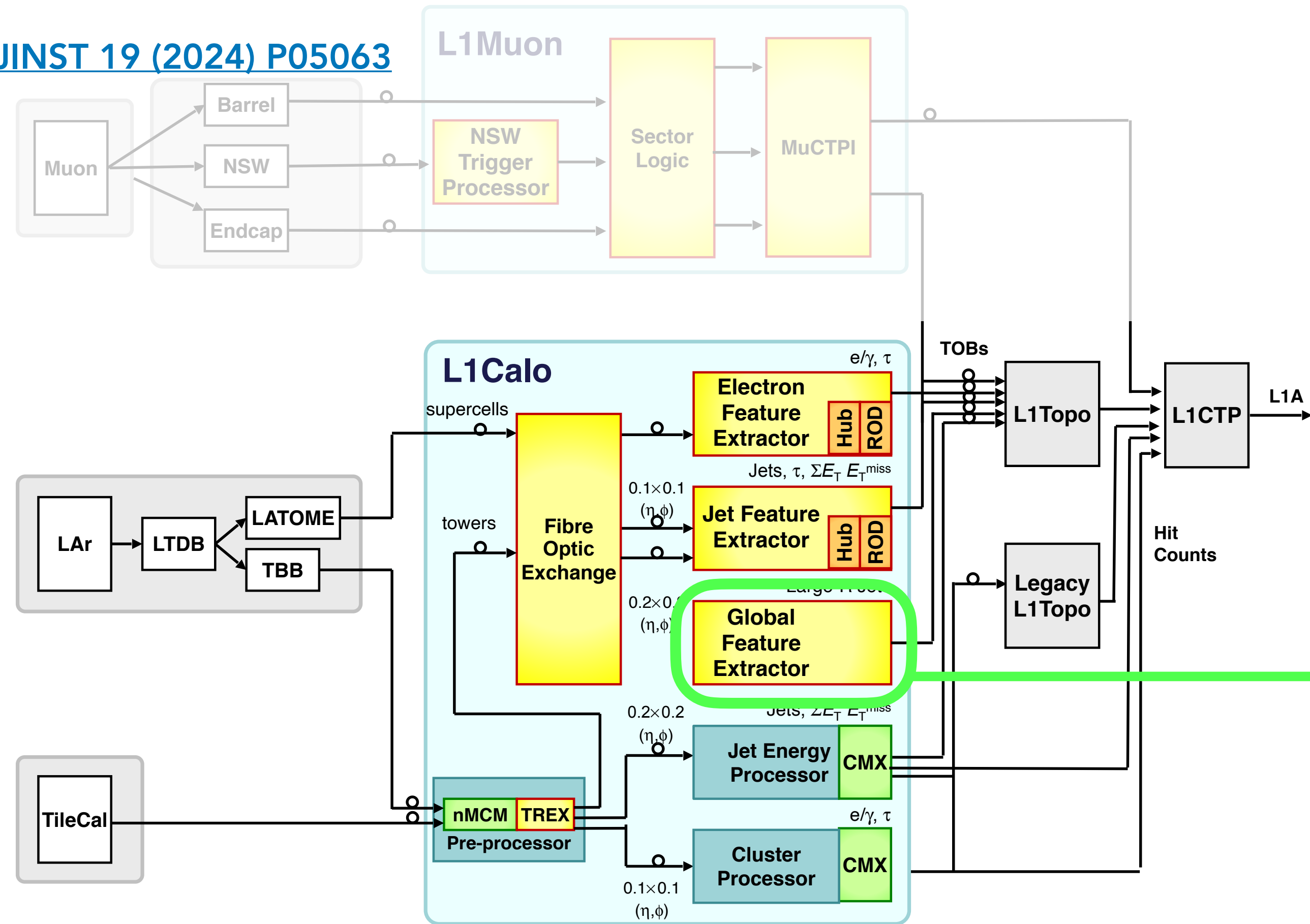
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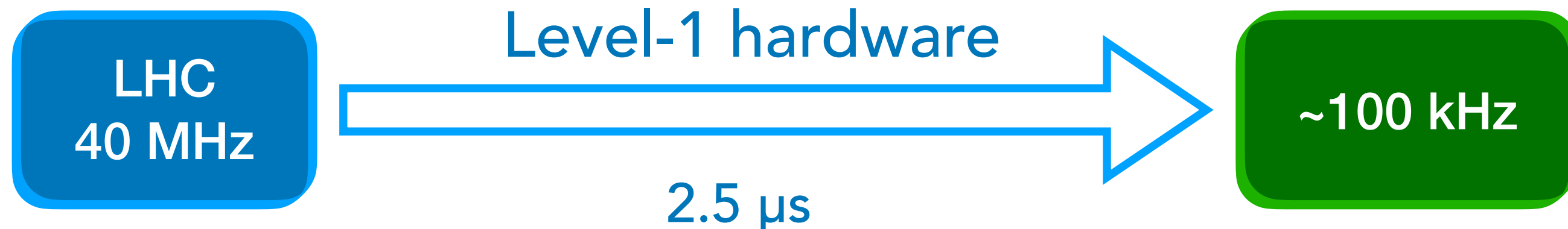
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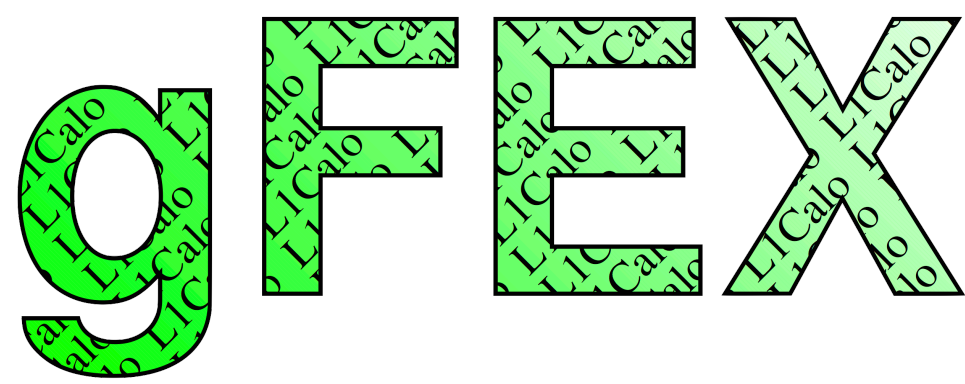
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**gFEX**

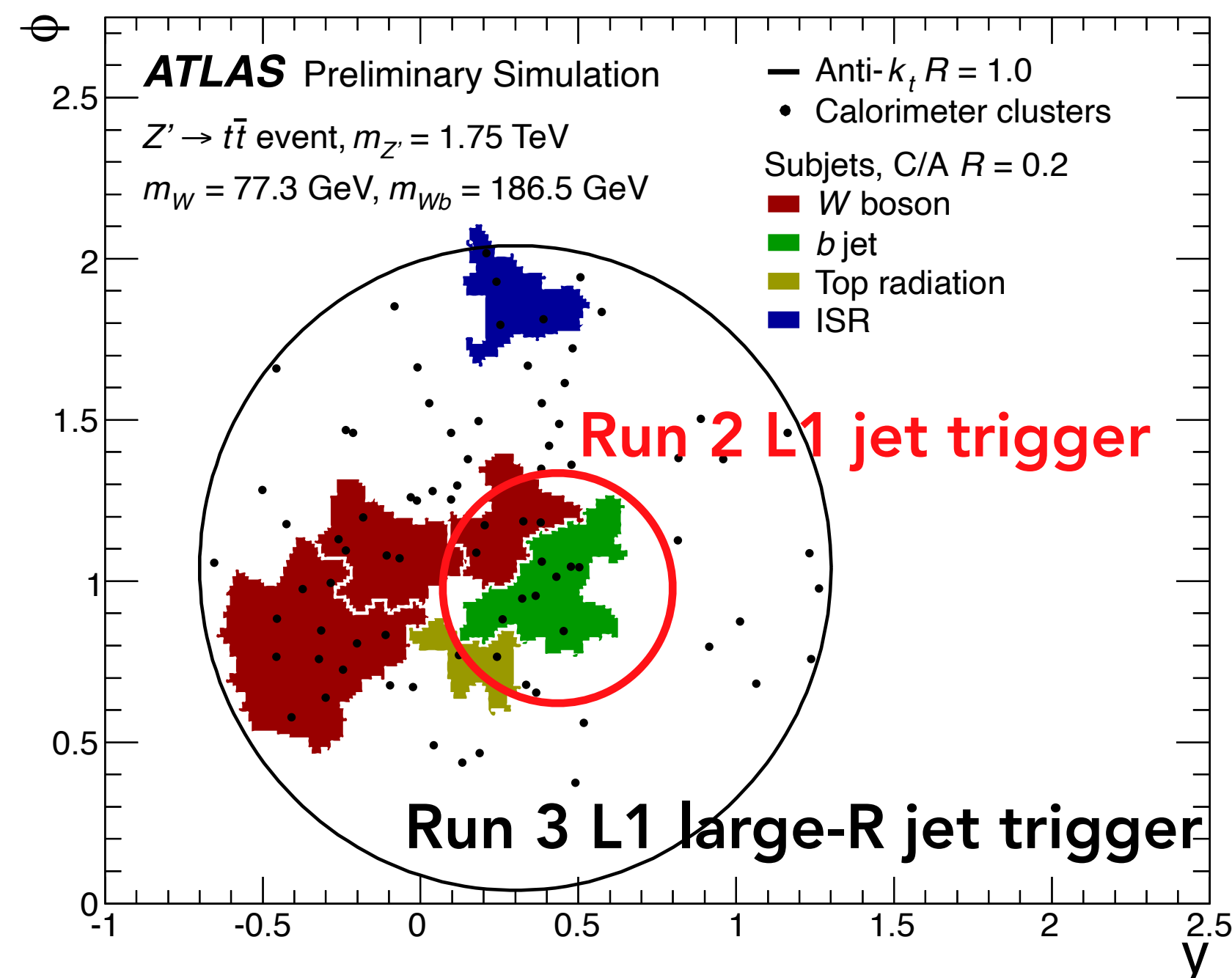




# global Feature EXtractor

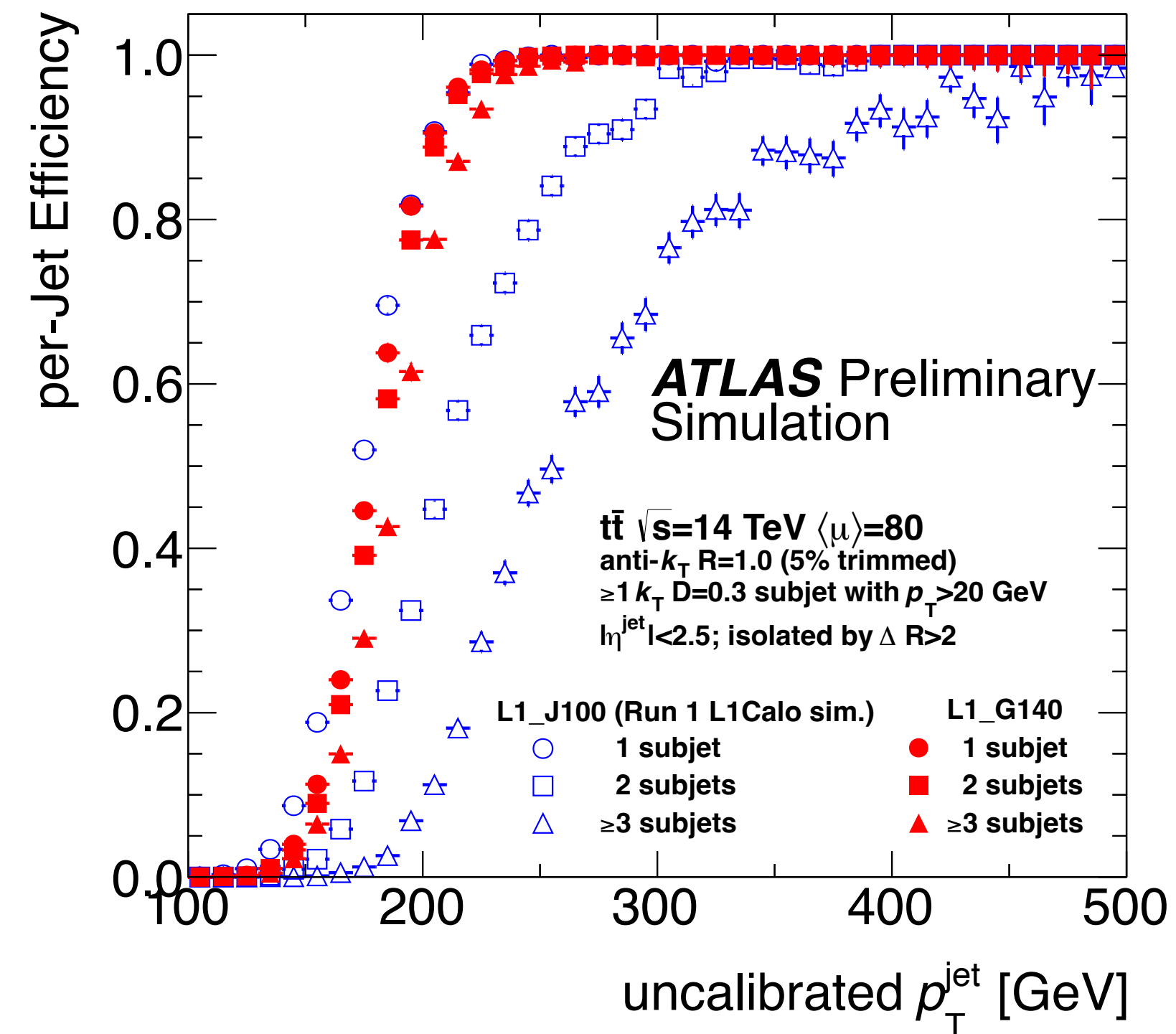
- Designed to provide **large-radius jet triggers**, estimation of **local pile-up**, **MET**, and other global observables for triggers at low rates and maximal acceptance
- Full calorimeter available in a single module: the algorithms can scan the entire  $\eta$ - $\phi$  range
- Identify patterns of energy associated with the hadronic decays of high momentum Higgs, W, & Z bosons, top quarks, and exotic particles in real-time at the 40 MHz LHC bunch crossing rate

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Event display  
of a shower  
from simulated  
top quark  
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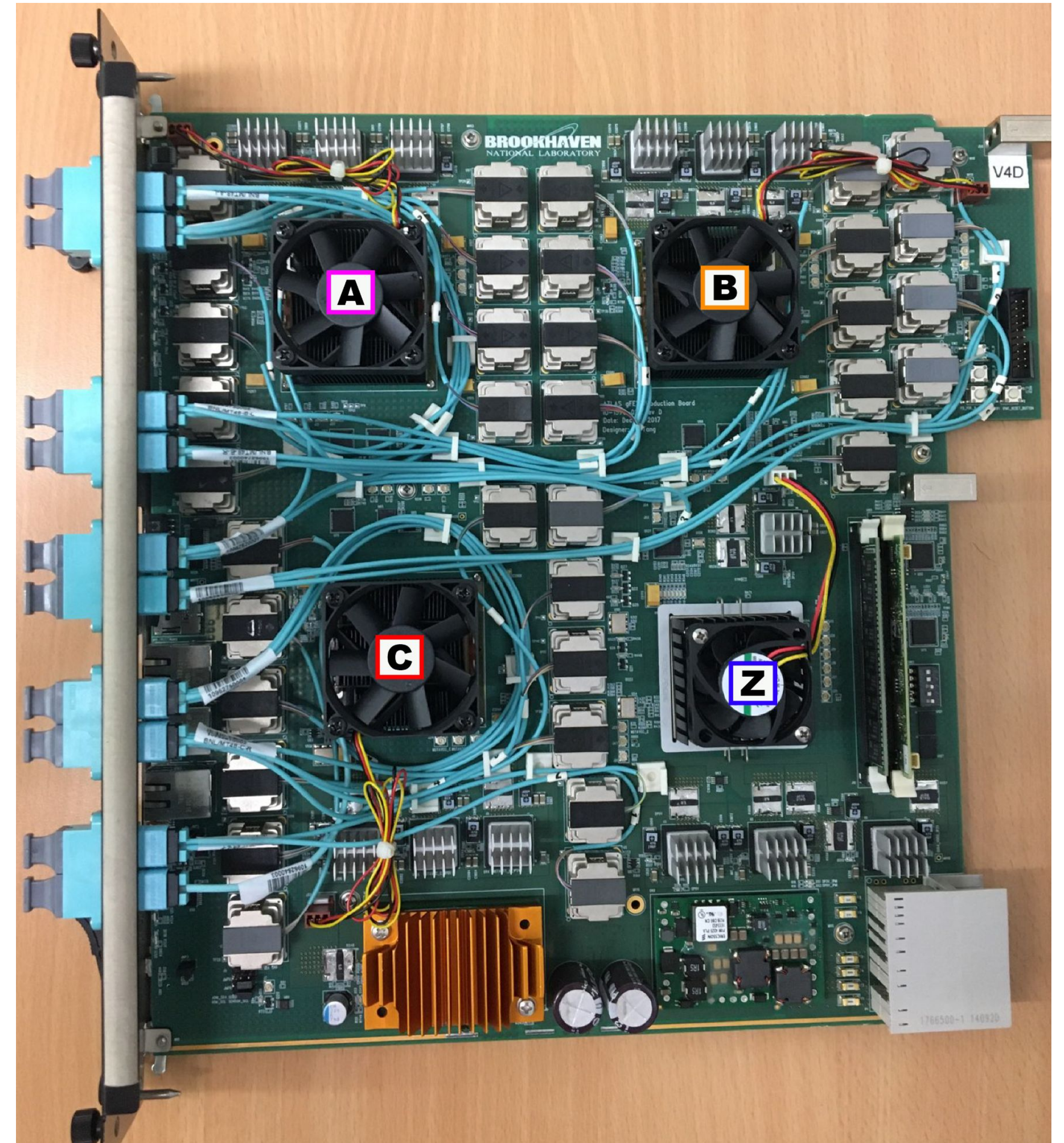
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Expected  
performance of  
gFEX large-R jet  
trigger vs Run-1  
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# gFEX Components

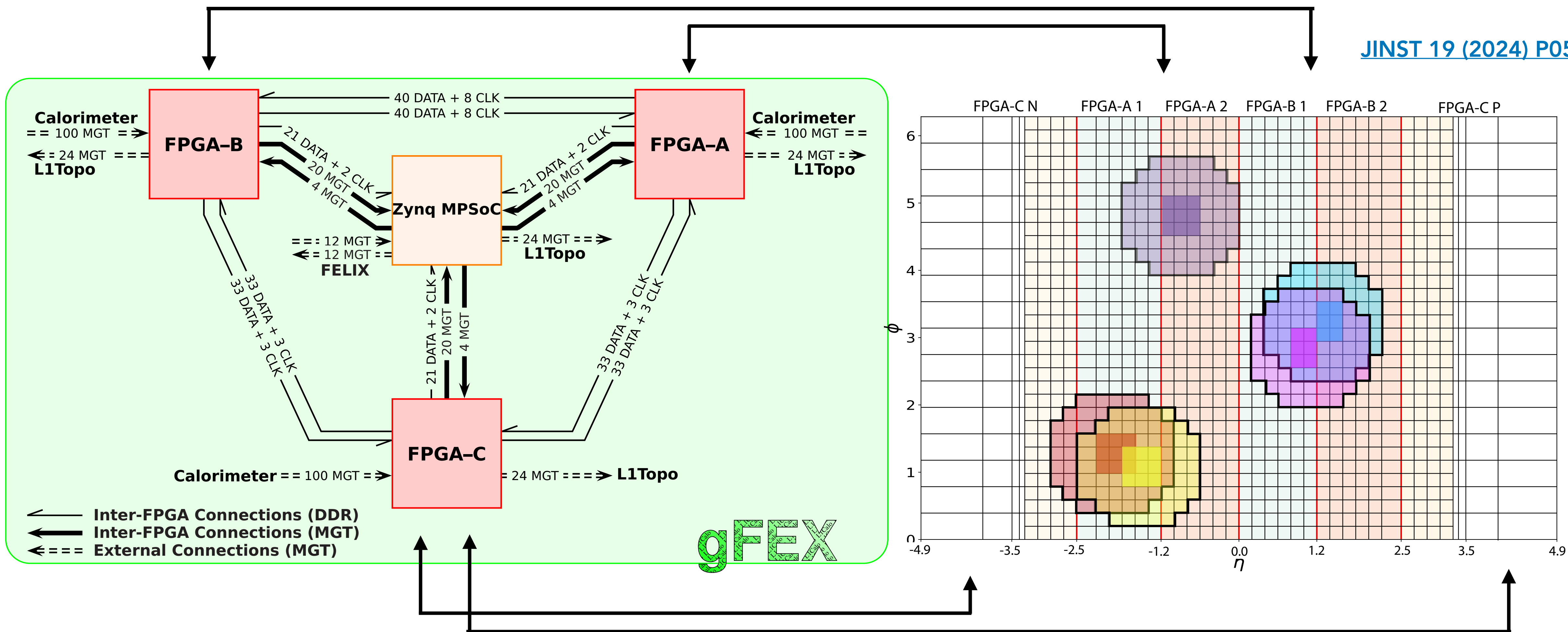
- Three Vertex Ultrascale+ processor FPGAs (pFPGAs **A**, **B**, **C**) process calorimeter data via low-latency links
- Each pFPGA executes feature identification algorithms covering different regions of  $\eta$ :
  - FPGA-**A**:  $-2.5 < \eta < 0$
  - FPGA-**B**:  $0 < \eta < 2.5$
  - FPGA-**C**:  $2.5 < |\eta| < 4.9$
- Zynq (**Z**) is a Multi Processor System-on-Chip (Zynq SoC) which combines an FPGA and a CPU
- Zynq provides configuration and monitoring for gFEX, implements a Linux operating system, and the on-board Detector Control System (DCS)





# gFEX Architecture

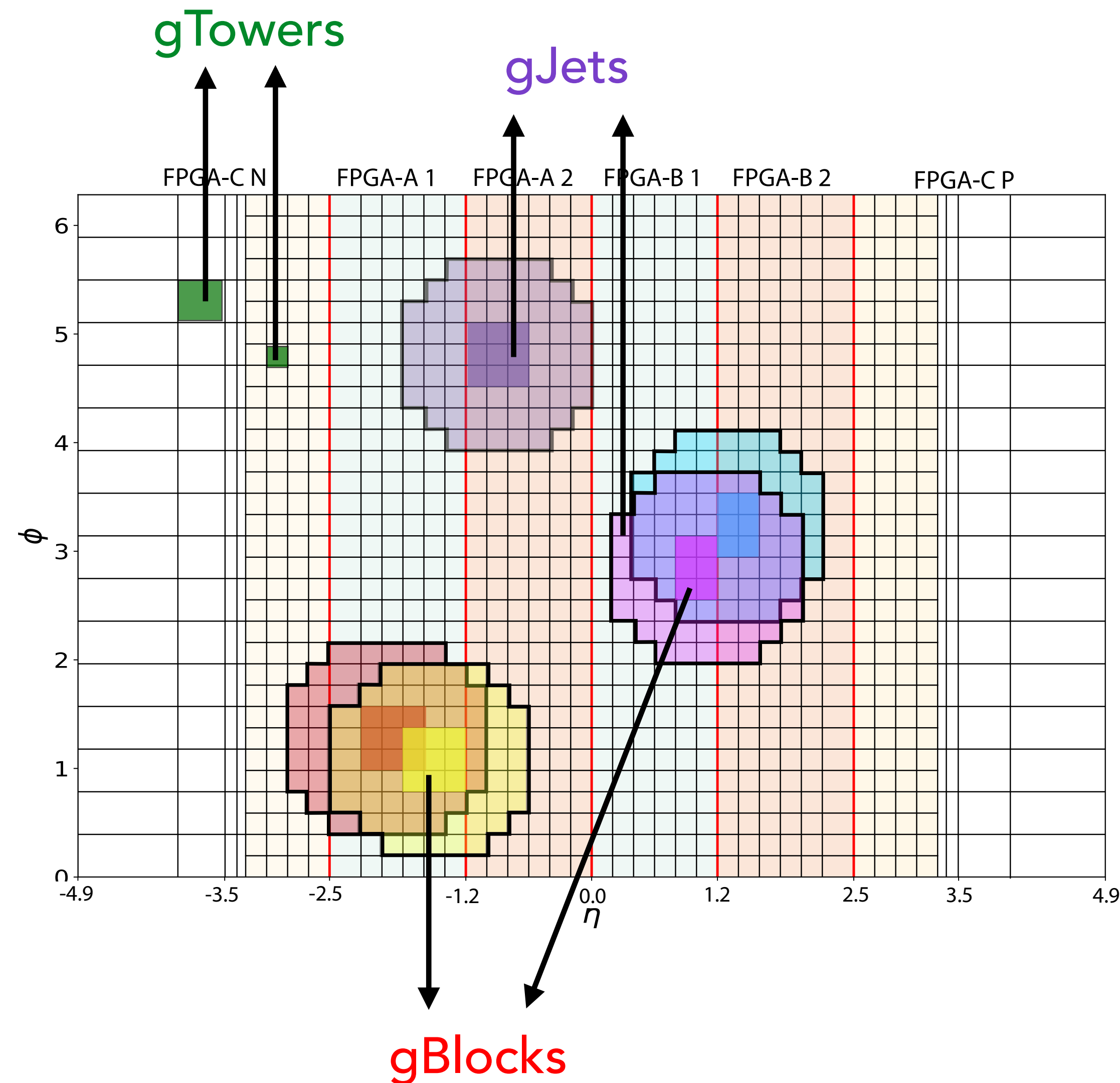
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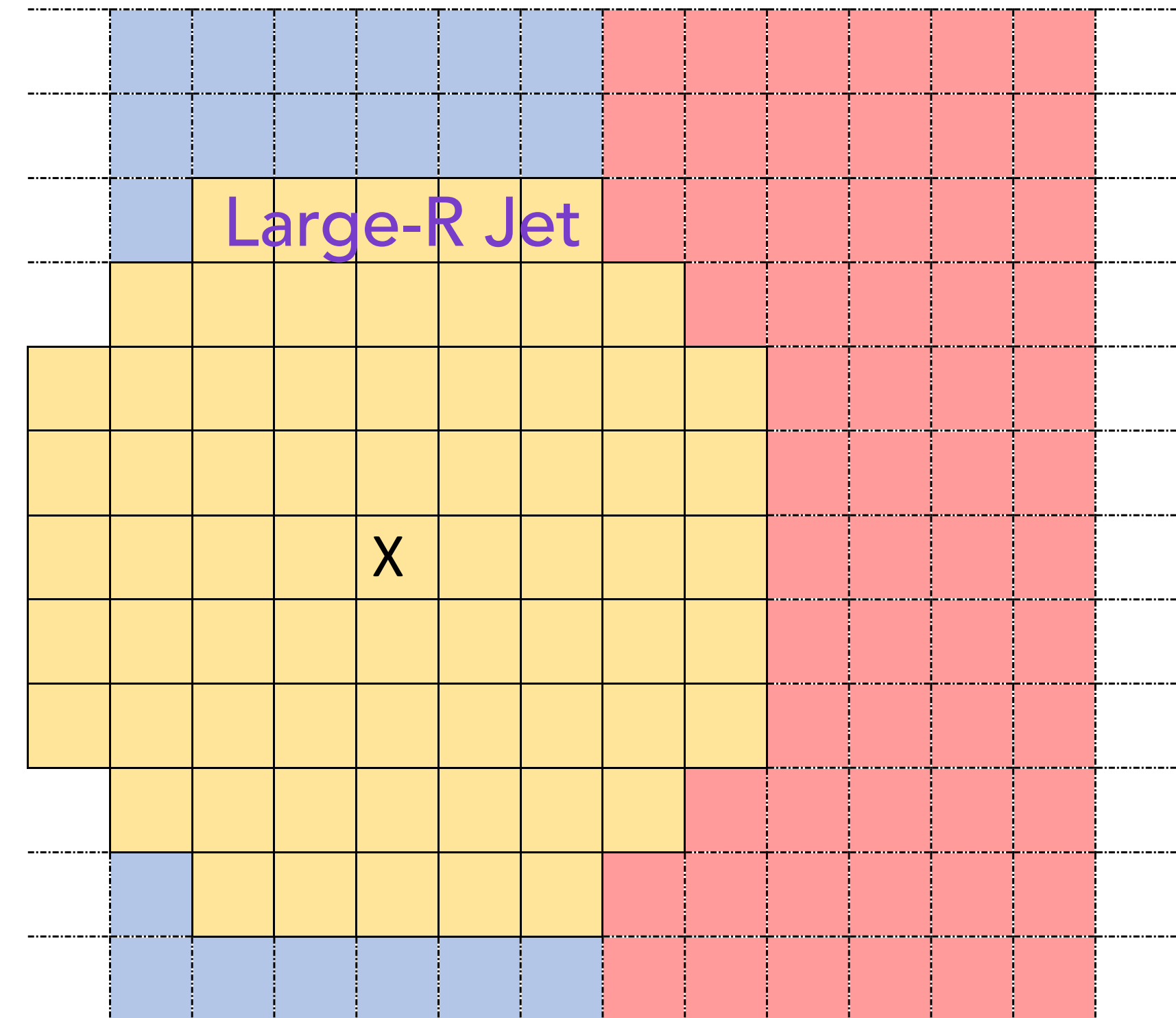
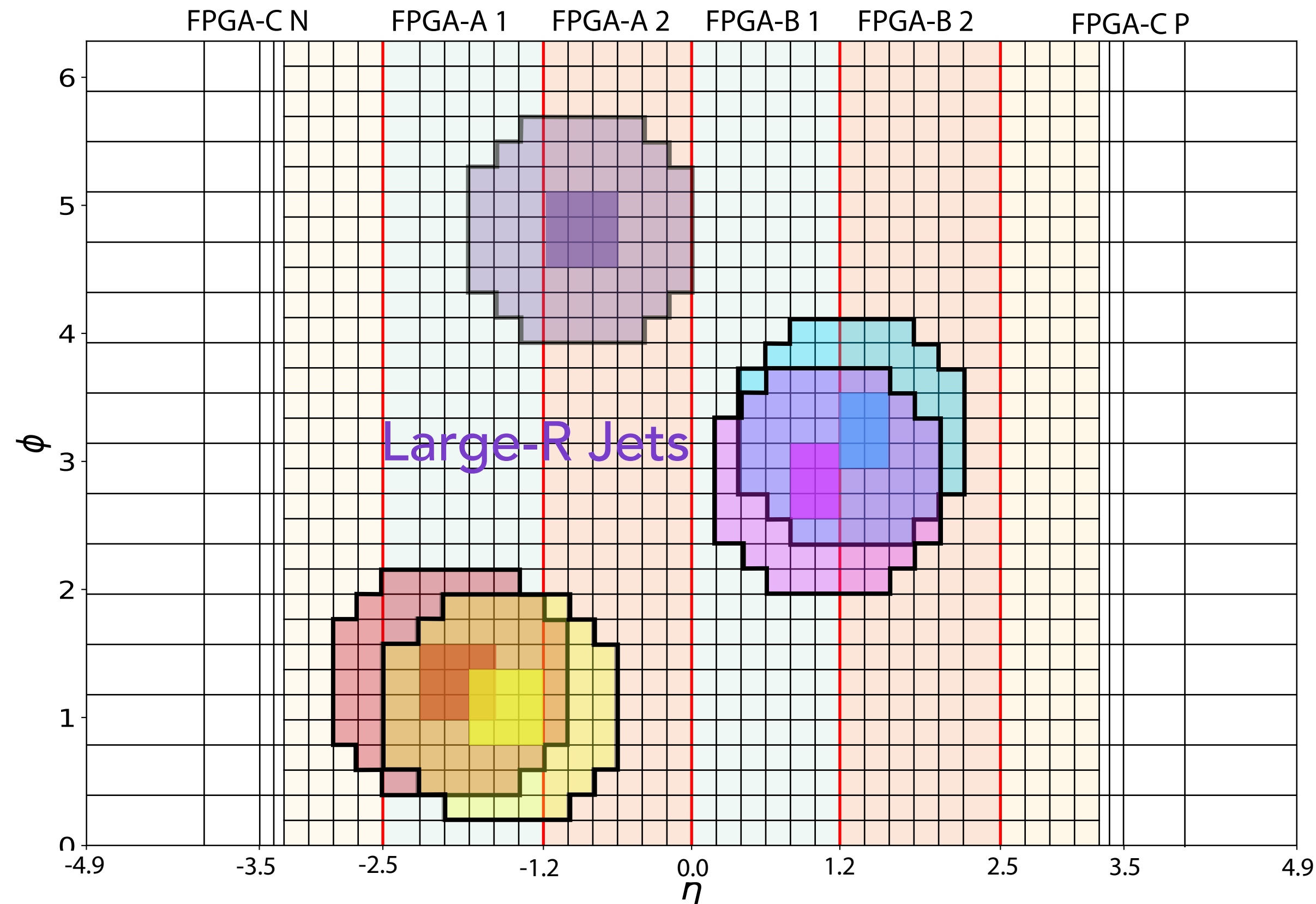
- pFPGAs: receive input fibers from calorimeter and send output jet trigger objects to Zynq and L1Topo
- Zynq SoC receives data from pFPGAs and computes global quantities that are sent to L1Topo (MET)
- The pFPGAs communicate with each other via low-latency links (inter-FPGA communication)

# Jet Finder Algorithm

- **gTowers**: the digital units of gFEX with typical size  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.2 \times 0.2$  (but larger in forward region), constructed in the gTower Builder with inputs from LAr ( $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.025 \times 0.1$ ) and Tile calorimeter ( $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.1 \times 0.1$ )
- The Jet Finder algorithm is responsible to identify jet objects:
  - **gBlocks**: 3x3 gTowers, corresponding to **small-radius jets**
  - **gJets**: 69 gTowers, **large-radius jets** built with a seeded cone algorithm (requiring gBlock seed above threshold)
  - **Pile-up correction** is performed by subtracting the energy density  $\rho$  from the gJet energy (per tower)
- For each pFPGA, the algorithm outputs the following Trigger Objects (TOBs): energy density  $\rho$ , 4 gBlocks and 2 gJets with highest  $E_T$  (only central objects are sent to the L1Topo system)



# Large Jets with gFEX

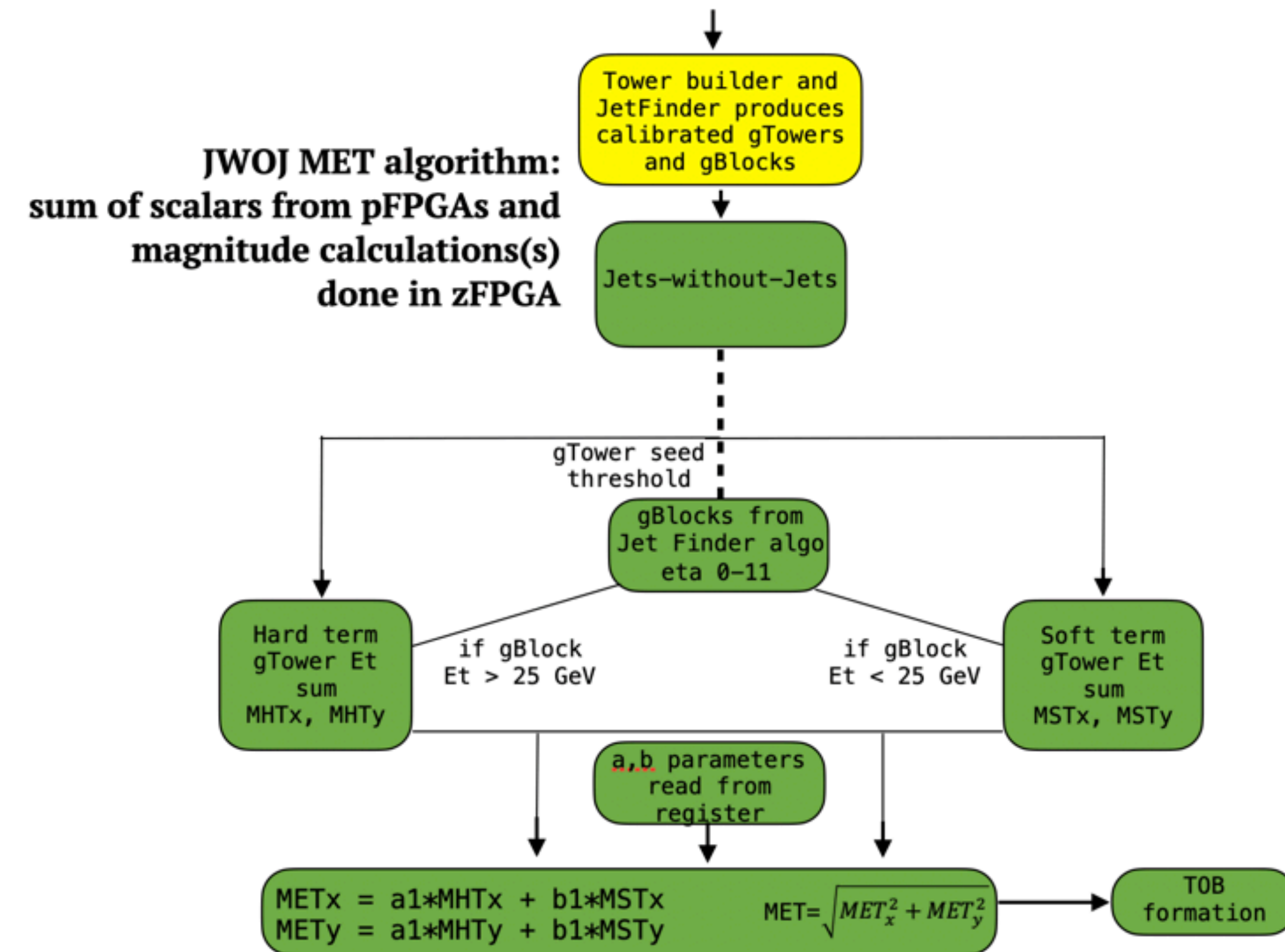


- The jet finder algorithm determines the sum of energies in the 69 towers forming a large-R jet
- All possible large-R jet locations are evaluated on every bunch crossing
- Algorithm selects most energetic jet with a central gBlock (3x3 region) above 20 GeV threshold
- No requirement that the central gBlock is a local maximum (no requirements on sub-structure)
- No plans to use large R jets with centers having  $|\eta| > 2.5$

# Jets without Jets Algorithm

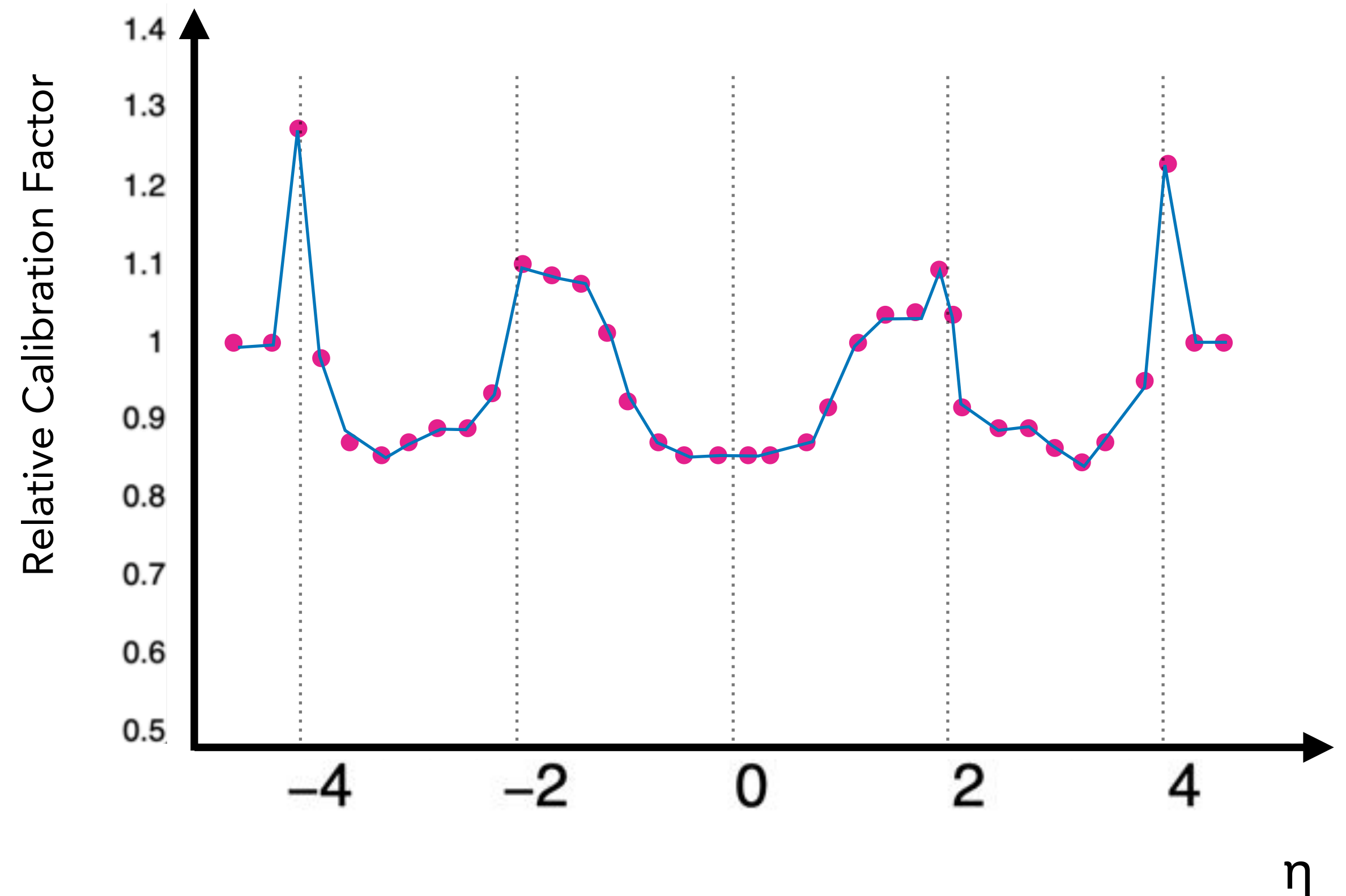
- Default algorithm for missing transverse energy (MET) calculation
- Original proposal for Jets without Jets JHEP04(2014)013
- Receives **gTowers** and **gBlocks** (small-R jets) from jet algorithm
- Separates gTowers into two terms, based on gBlock threshold
- Hard term (**MHT**) includes gTowers with gBlock  $E_T > 25$  GeV,
- Soft term (**MST**) includes the remaining gTowers
- MET is a linear combination:  $MET_{x,y} = a_{x,y} MHT_{x,y} + b_{x,y} MST_{x,y}$
- $a, b$  parameters for each pFPGA (configurable in firmware)
- MET terms calculated in each pFPGA and summed up as:  

$$MET = \sqrt{MET_x^2 + MET_y^2}$$
- The algorithm outputs the scalar MET/Sum $E_T$ , MET/MHT/MST  $x,y$  components as Global TOBs

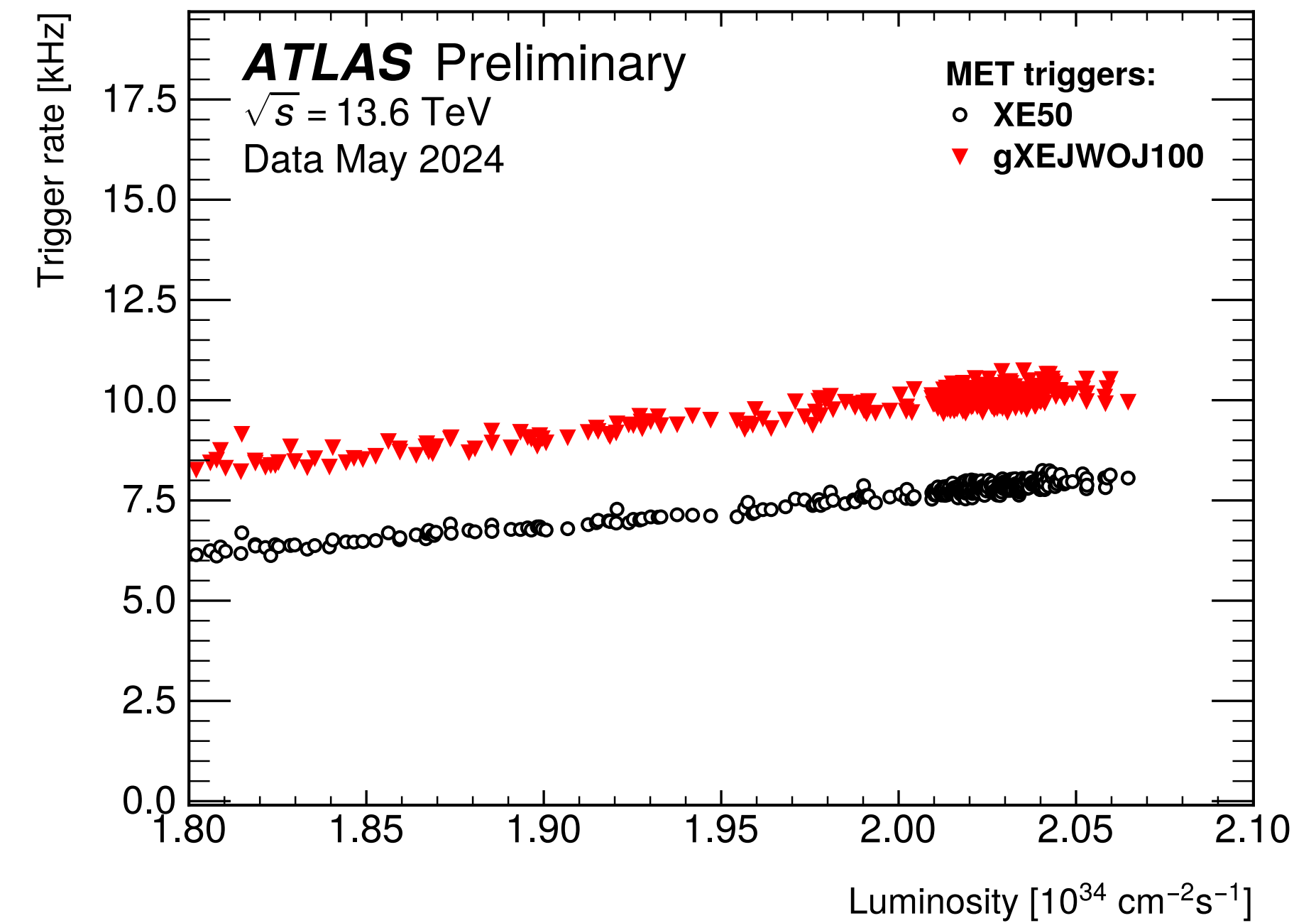
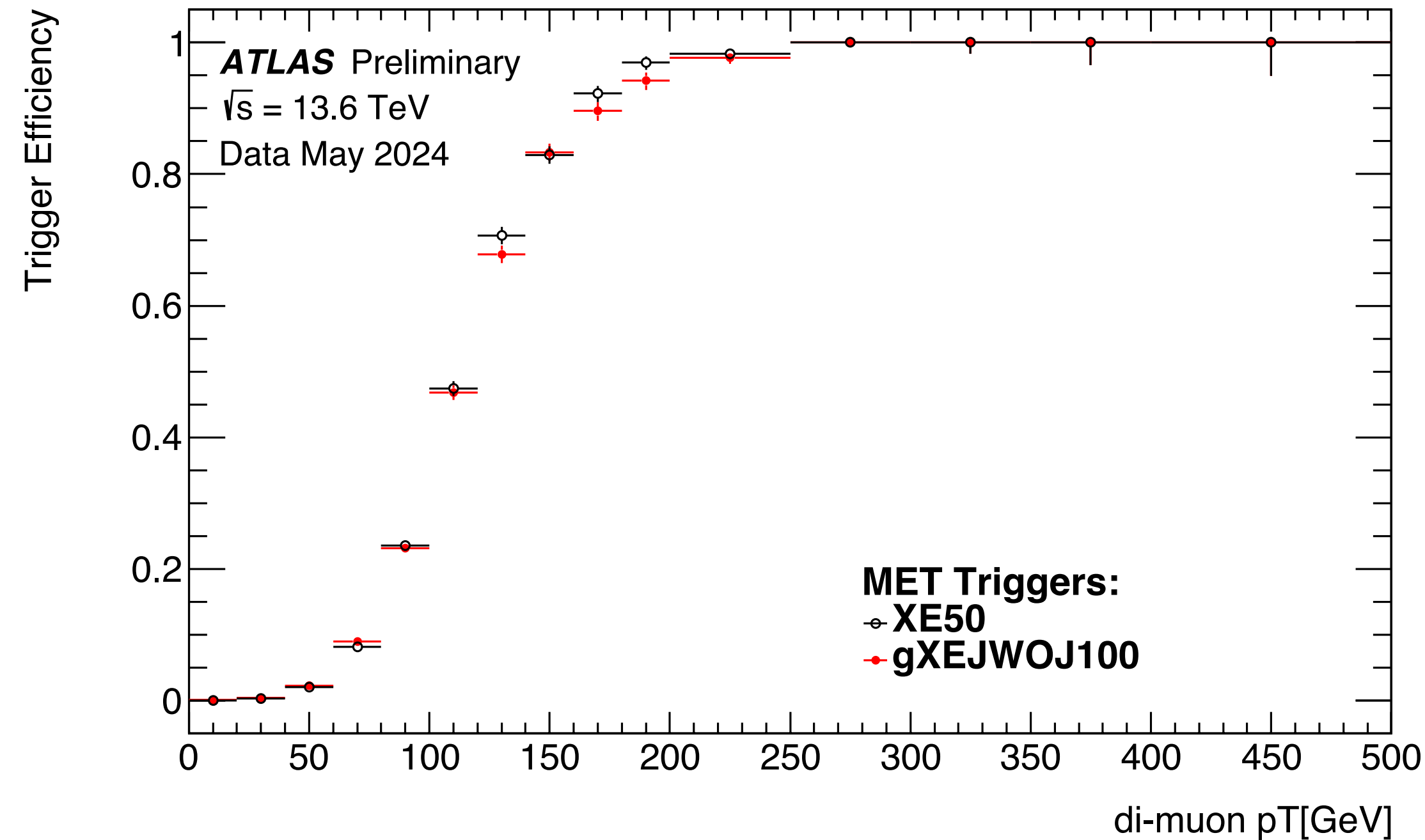


# gTower Calibration

- gFEX implements calibration at the tower-level (important for MET evaluation)
- Eta-dependent calibration
- Using a  $Z(\rightarrow \mu\mu) + jet$  selection
- For energy balance in the  $(Z, jet)$  system, require  $Z_{pT} > 50 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\Delta\Phi(Z, jet) > 1$
- In each eta bin for each FPGA:
  - Calculate the sum of energy in the gTowers within  $\Delta R = 0.4$  around the offline jet with highest  $p_T$
$$CF = \frac{\sum_{\Delta R=0.4} gTower E_T}{Offline\ jet\ E_T}$$
- The calibration factor is extracted as the mean of the distribution in each eta bin
- The tower calibration has been recently deployed in firmware

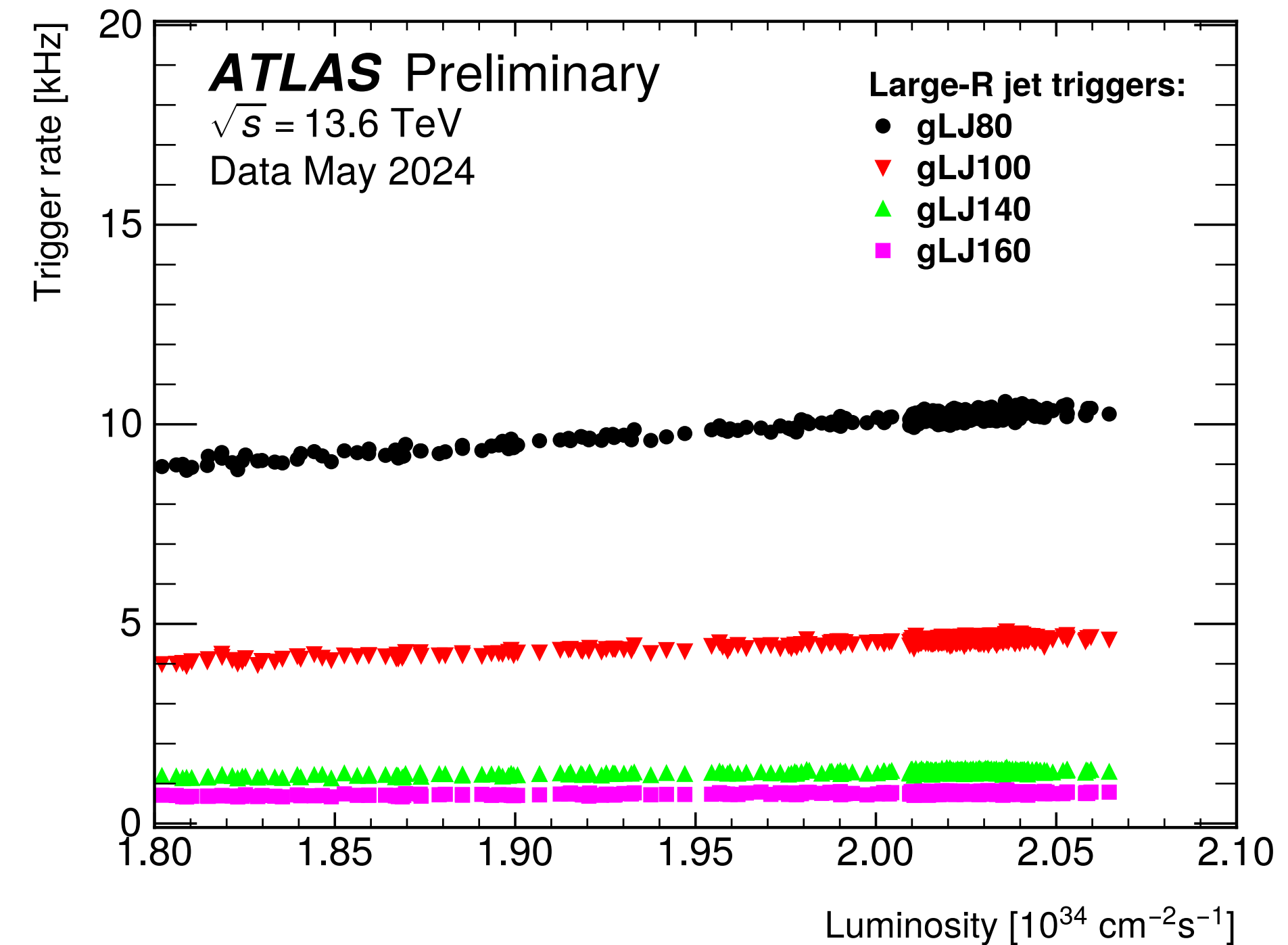
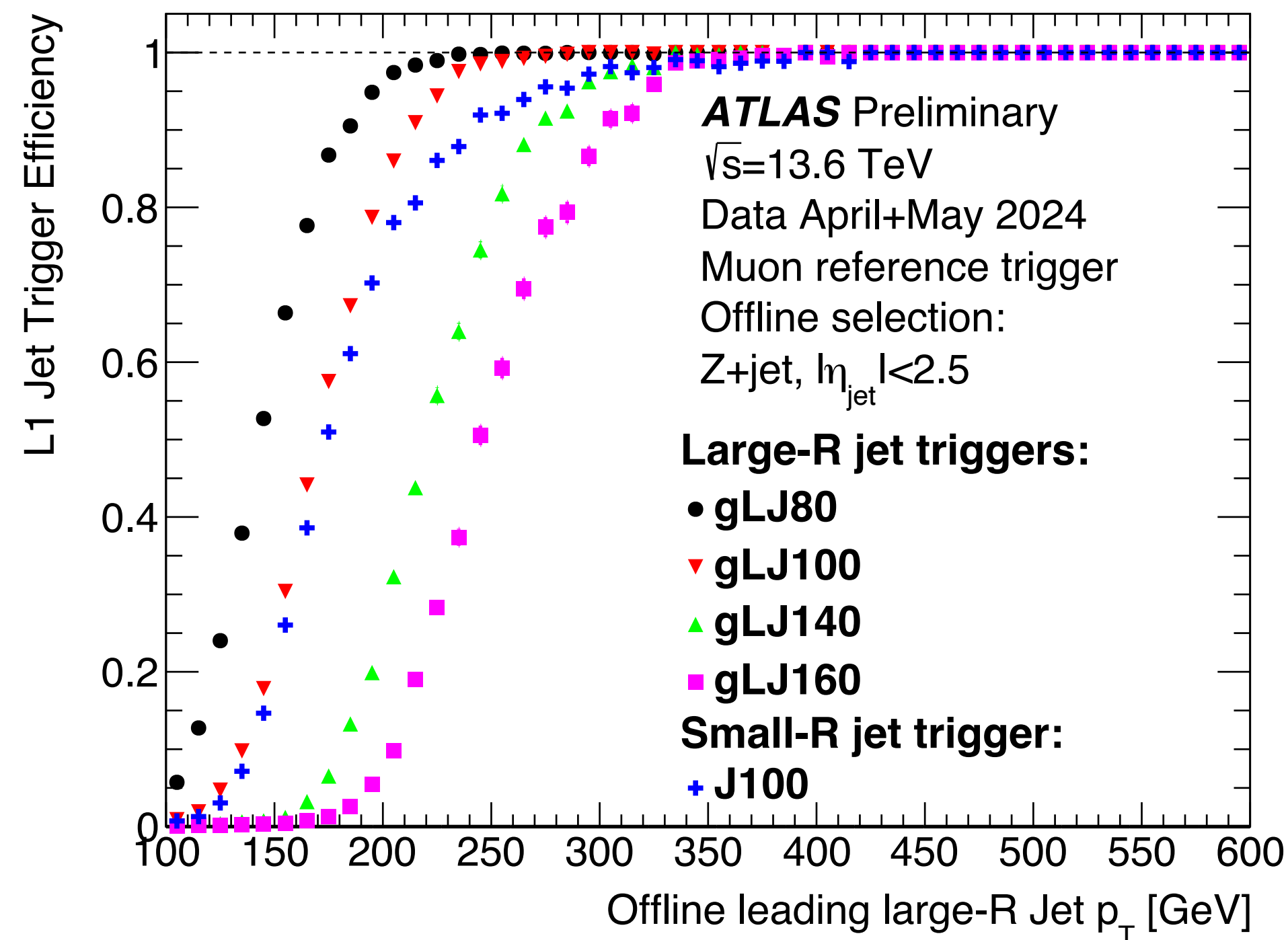


# JwoJ MET Trigger Performance in 2024



- Trigger efficiency extracted from a Z+jet data sample using a completely independent muon trigger
- L1Calo uncalibrated missing transverse energy (MET) efficiency for the **gFEX JwoJ algorithm**, and missing ET efficiency from the L1calo legacy system as a function of the di-muon system pT
- Corresponding trigger rates are shown as a function of instantaneous luminosity
- The efficiency curves and rates are determined using data recorded in ATLAS in May 2024
- Significant rate reduction expected with the gTower calibration

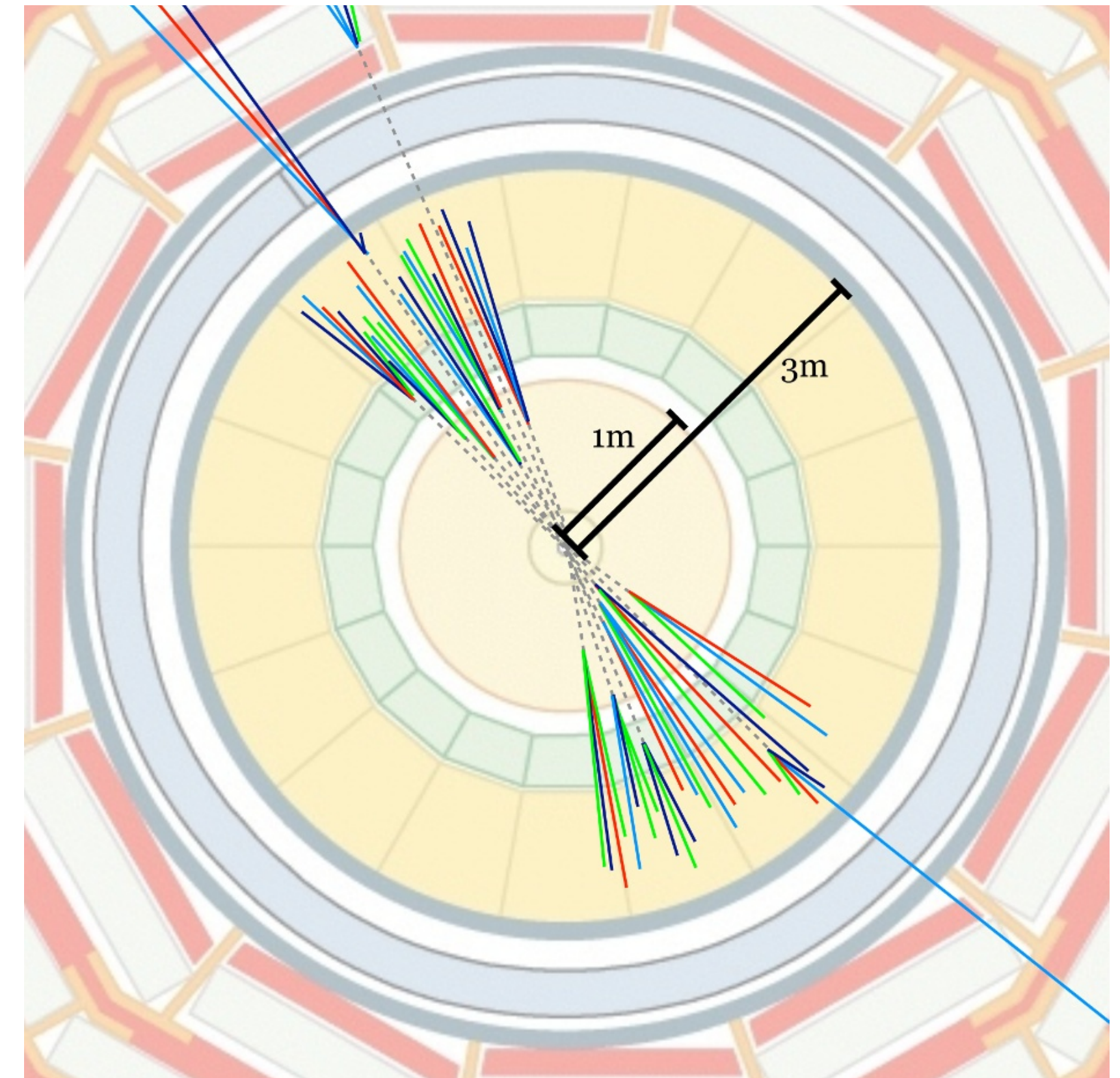
# Large-R Jet Trigger Performance in 2024



- Single large-R jet trigger efficiencies for the Phase-I system compared to the Legacy system trigger L1\_J100 for offline jet pseudorapidities of  $|\eta| < 2.5$  as a function of the offline large-R jet  $p_T$
- gLJ100 is running at a rate of 4.4kHz and J100 is running at a rate of 4.2kHz at a luminosity of about  $2 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- LR jet triggers used by most of the analyses in Run2 are based on L1 Legacy J100, now outperformed by gLJ100
- Evaluated before gtower calibration and trigger threshold update, using data recorded in ATLAS in April-May 2024

# Emerging Jets Trigger with gFEX

- Many new physics scenarios with the dark sector have final states with long-lived particles (for example,  $Z'$  decaying to dark mesons) that might be heavy, resulting in LR-jets
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- Previously seeded by L1 Legacy and jFEX small-R jet
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Pair production of dark quarks forming two emerging jets ([JHEP](#))

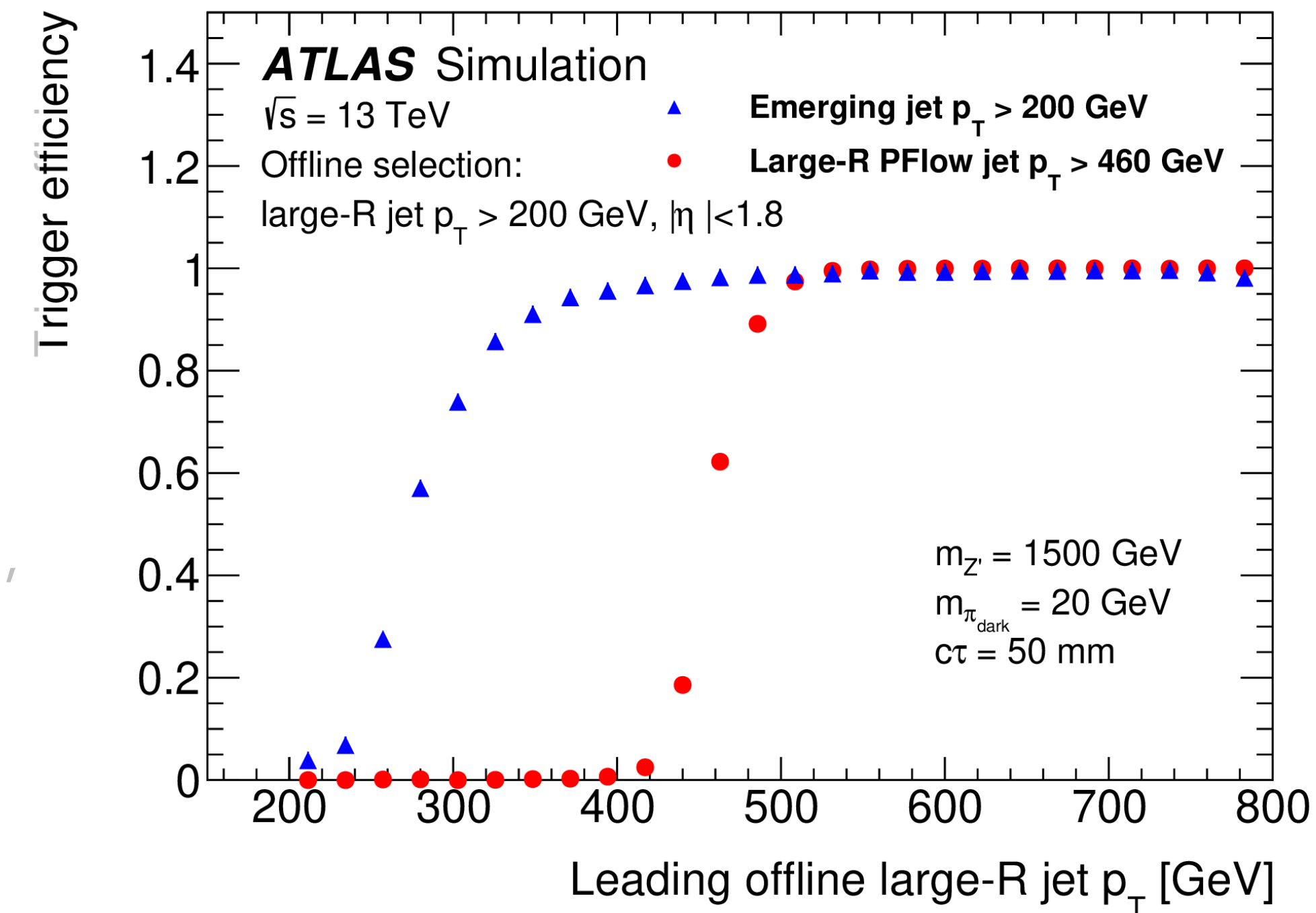


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Efficiency of the new emerging jet trigger compared to a single large-radius jet trigger for a  $Z'$  decaying into two dark pions with a proper decay length ( $c\tau$ ) of 50 mm. Emerging jet trigger is efficient down to much lower jet  $p_T$  than the single large-R jet trigger.  
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# Summary and Conclusions

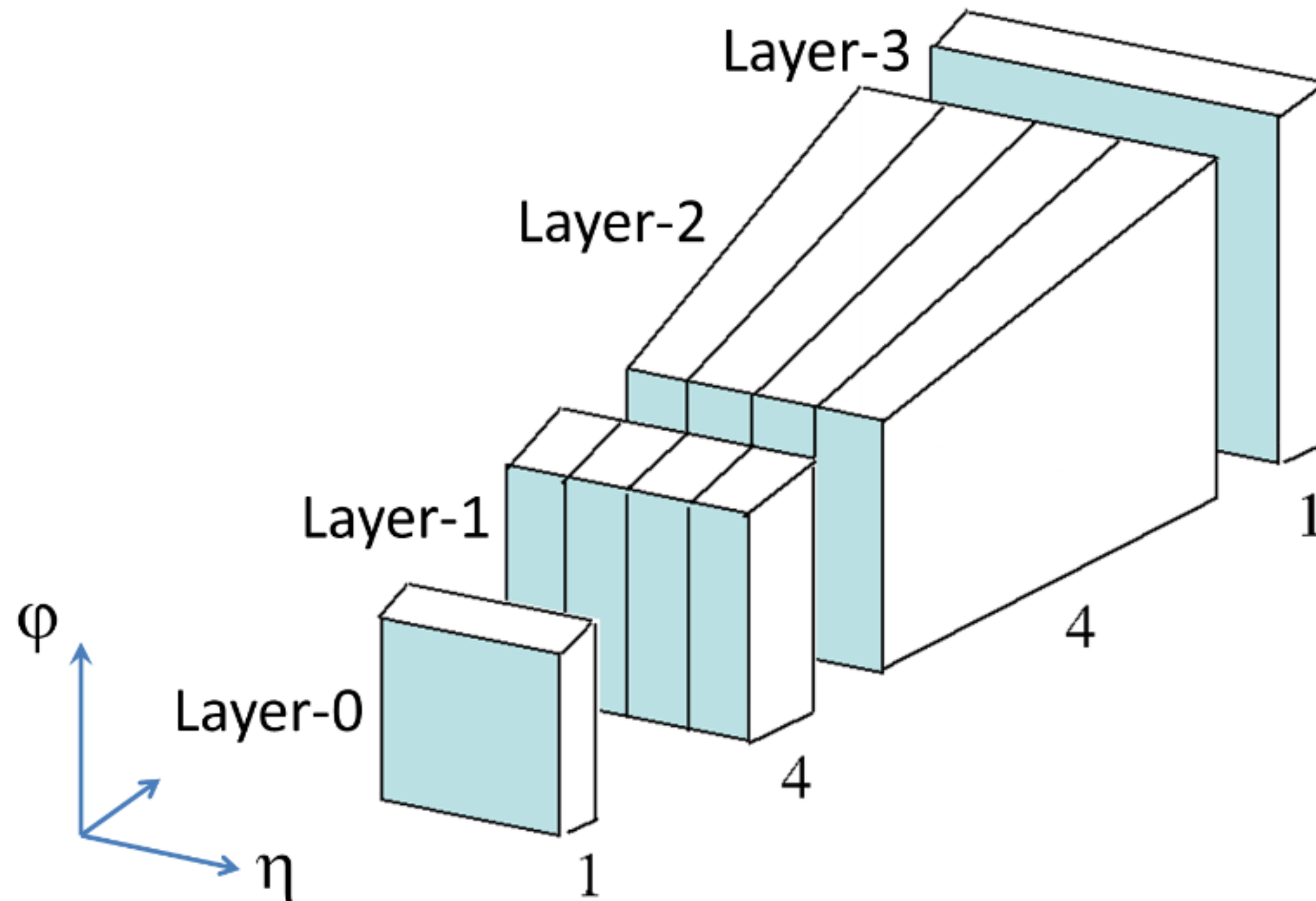
- gFEX is operating as part of the Level-1 Calorimeter Trigger System in ATLAS
- Designed to provide large-radius jet triggers, estimation of local pile-up, MET, and other global observables for triggers at low rates and maximal acceptance-> **very inclusive trigger**
- Good performance of the gFEX MET and large-R jet trigger items, with **no requirements on sub-jets**
- Large-R jet trigger outperforms the L1Topo Simple Cone algorithm (default large-R jet at L1) in rate
- gTowers calibration recently deployed in firmware-> unique capability of **tower-level calibration**
- Significant rate reduction expected with tower calibrations
- Opportunities for physics cases, e.g. emerging jets trigger seeded by gFEX large-R jets
- Analyses with boosted jets, e.g. bosons (di-Higgs, SH) or top quark decays, Dark Matter and SUSY searches can benefit from the large-R jets gFEX trigger
- MET and invisible particles, e.g. H->invisible can benefit from a MET gFEX trigger

*Thank you!*

# Additional Material

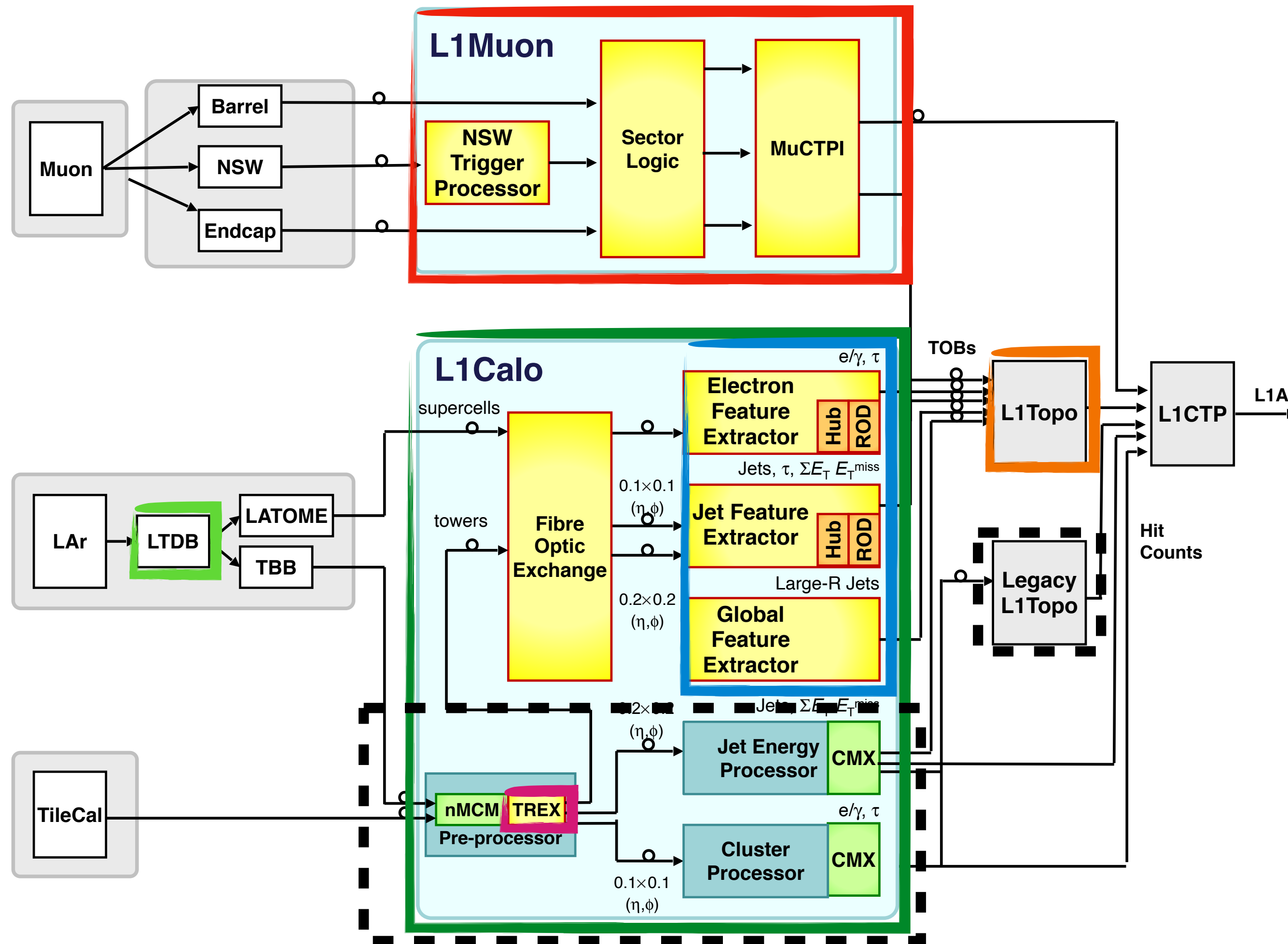
# LAr Calorimeter Upgrade

## Super Cells



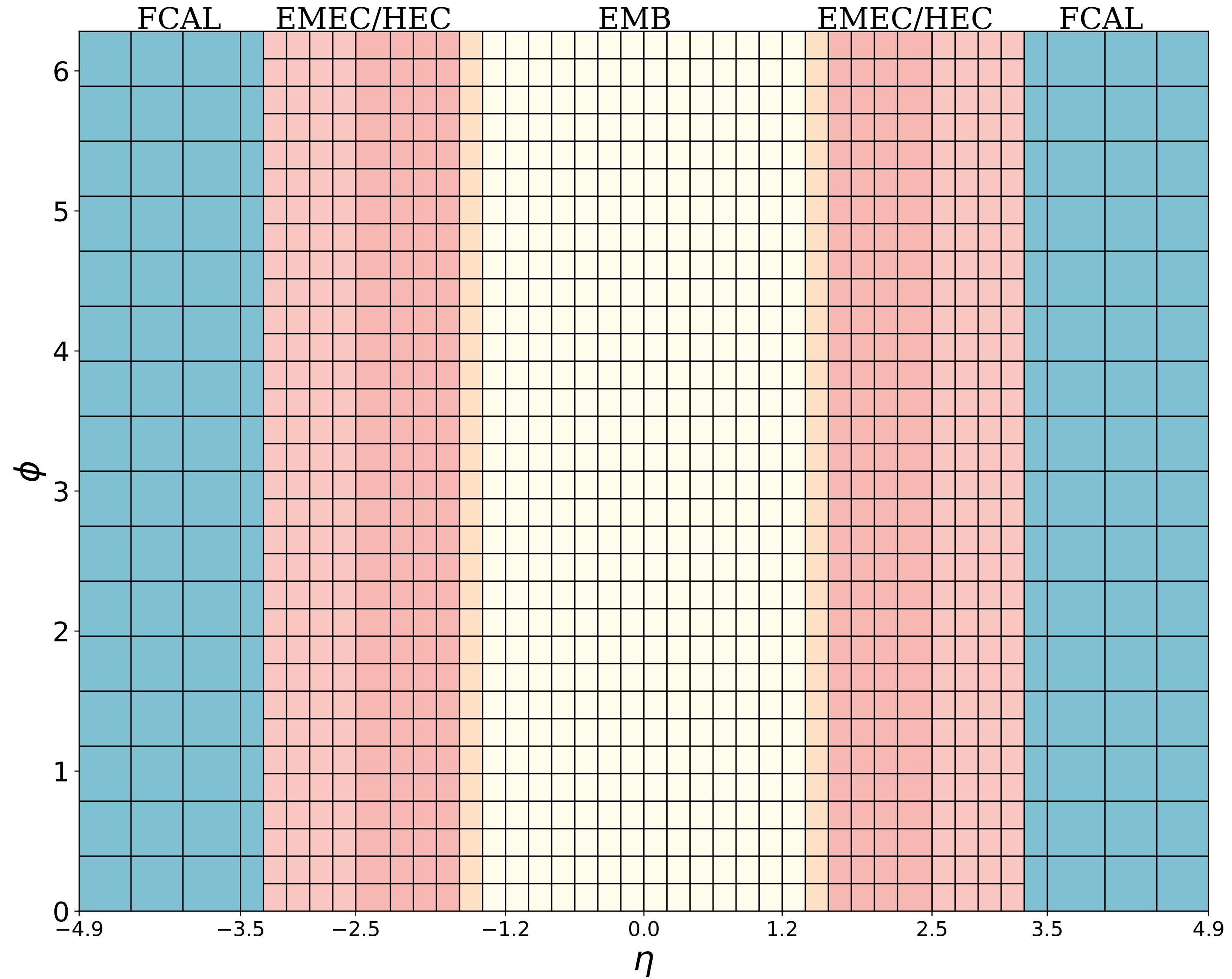
- In Run1 and Run2, input from LAr calorimeter consisted of **trigger towers** spanning  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.1 \times 0.1$
- **Finer granularity** data provided by the LAr Digital Processing System in Run3, both in  $\eta$ - $\phi$  and longitudinally
- New **readout element** called **SuperCell (SC)**
- Each Legacy tower is divided into 10 SCs, each providing an  $E_T$  value
- Improved resolution for Level-1 Calorimeter trigger, especially for  $e/\gamma$ , and  $\tau$  triggers

# Level-1 Trigger System



- **L1 Muon:** new EndCap Sector Logic for NSW, and new Muon-to-CTP interface (MUCTPI)
- New calorimeter electronics for the digitization and calibration of LAr data (**LAr Trigger Digitizer Board**)
- **Tile Rear EXtension (TREX)** provides digitized input from Tile calorimeter
- **New Feature EXtractor (FEX)** modules for **L1Calo** to identify events containing calorimeter-based physics objects
- **Level-1 Topological Processor (L1Topo)** for multiplicities and topological selections (uses inputs from FEXs)
- **Legacy system** working in parallel to Phase-1 in 2023, now being decommissioned

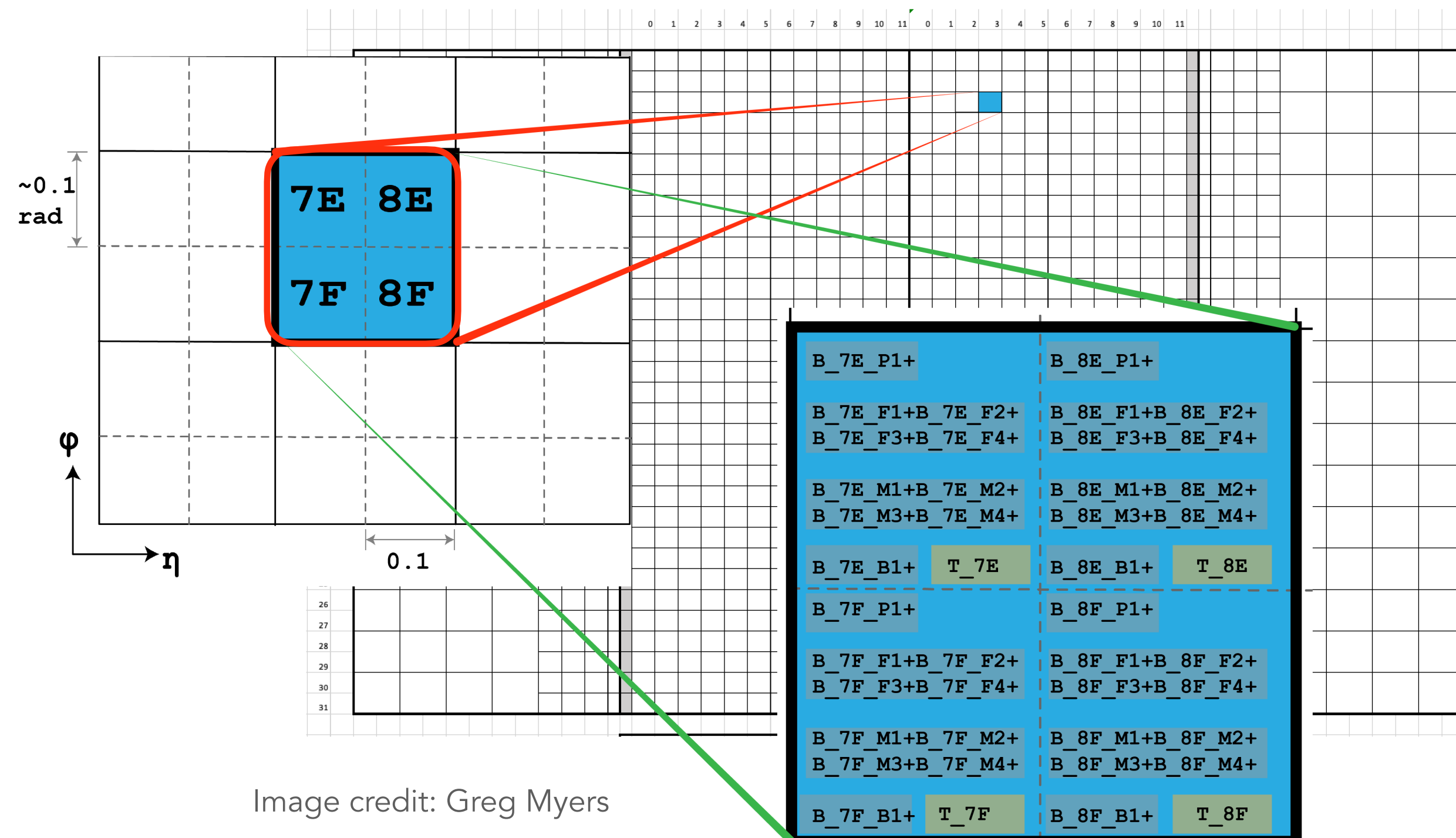
# gTowers



# Input to gTowers

**gCaloTower** sum of inputs from LAr or TREX, with size  $0.2 \times 0.2$ , built for gFEX

**gTower** sum of gCaloTowers from LAr and Tile, the input to gFEX, with typical size  $0.2 \times 0.2$



- Fibers have either 8 or 16 gCaloTowers in them
- 48 fibers with 8 energies (EMB, EMEC)
- 16 LAr EMEC-HEC fibers each with 16 energies (overlap)
- 16 Tile fibers with 16 energies (up to letal  $\sim 1.6$ )
- 896 unique slots for gCaloTower energies input to one pFPGA
- Some of them from LAr EMEC-HEC are not used



# gFEX Alternative MET Algorithms

## Noise cut (NCMET)

Implements a noise-cut, similar to the Run-2 style of MET in HLT

- Evaluate noise  $\sigma$  according to the RMS of the  $E_T$  distribution for each gTower
- Apply cut  $E_{T,gTower} > 4\sigma$
- Compute MET by evaluating the  $x,y$  components, using non-zero towers:

$$\text{MET}_x = \sum_t E_T^t \times \cos \phi^t, \text{MET}_y = \sum_t E_T^t \times \sin \phi^t$$

## Rho+RMS (RhoMET)

- Pileup subtraction using

$$\rho = \frac{\sum_{i \in \text{gTowers}} E_{T,i}}{\sum_{i \in \text{gTowers}} n_i} \quad (E_{T,i} < 10 \text{ GeV})$$

- $\sigma$  estimated with the RMS of gTower energy (dynamic computation)
- $3\sigma$  noise cut applied to each gTower
- Compute MET:

$$\text{MET}_x = \sum_t E_T^t \times \cos \phi^t, \text{MET}_y = \sum_t E_T^t \times \sin \phi^t$$

# Trigger Naming Convention

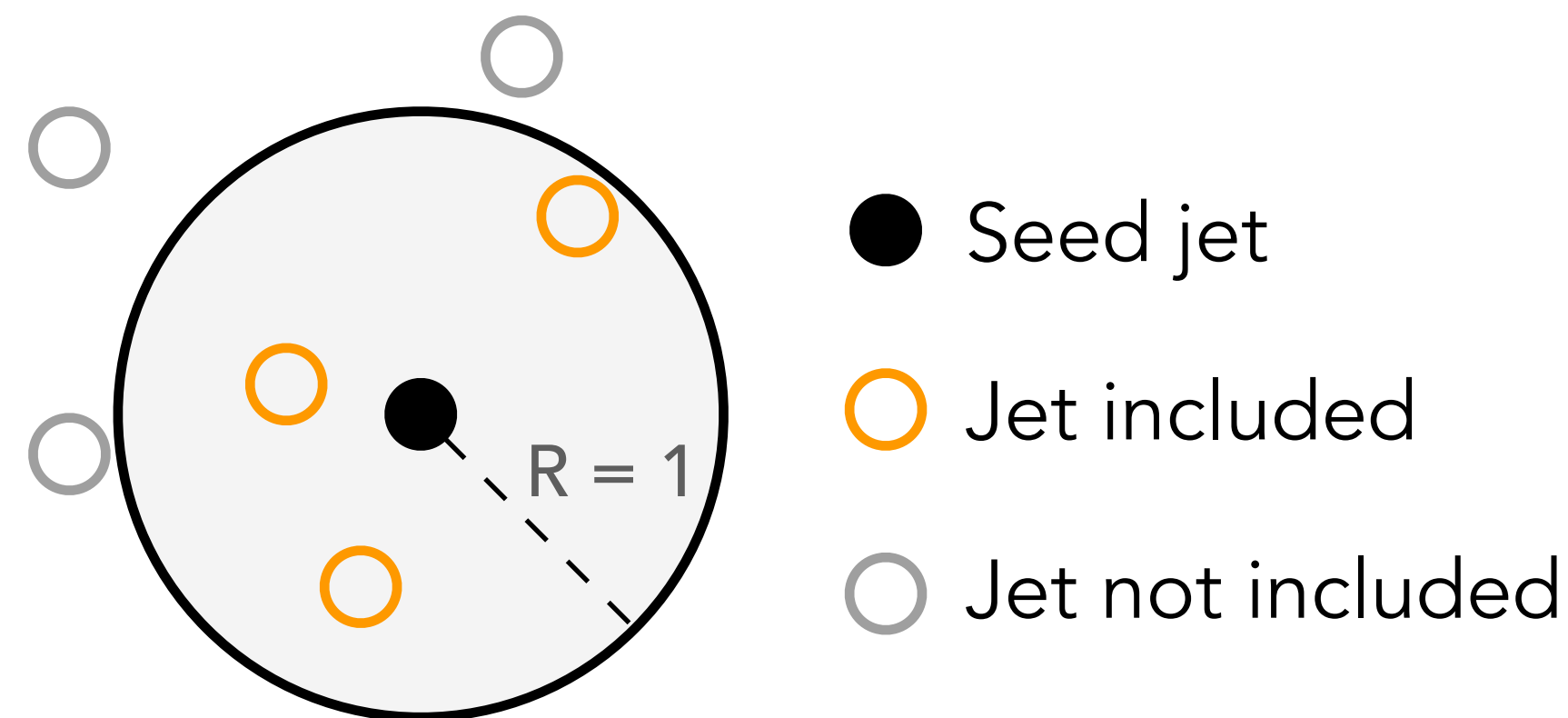
- The naming convention for L1 has to accommodate the running in parallel of multiple systems (jFEX, gFEX, etc...)
- gFEX **small-R jets** are indicated with **gJ**
- **Large-R jets** are computed only by gFEX and are denoted with **gJL**
- XE (**missing transverse energy**) items can be computed in different systems and with different algorithms, the current gFEX default is **gXEJWOJ** (MET obtained with the jets without jets algorithm)
- Energy values used in the names of the Run-3 L1 items reflect the mid-point of the turn-on curve (in Run-2 was the HW energy cut)
- $E_T$  thresholds associated with the gLJ trigger items have been recently updated to account for this new convention (bottom table)
- Note that the gLJ efficiency plot (next slides) does not include the thresholds update, which only produces a shift of the curves

gXEJWOJ Trigger Item	Threshold [GeV]
gXEJWOJ60	30
gXEJWOJ70	35
gXEJWOJ90	40
gXEJWOJ100	50
gXEJWOJ100	55
gXEJWOJ120	60
gXEJWOJ500	300

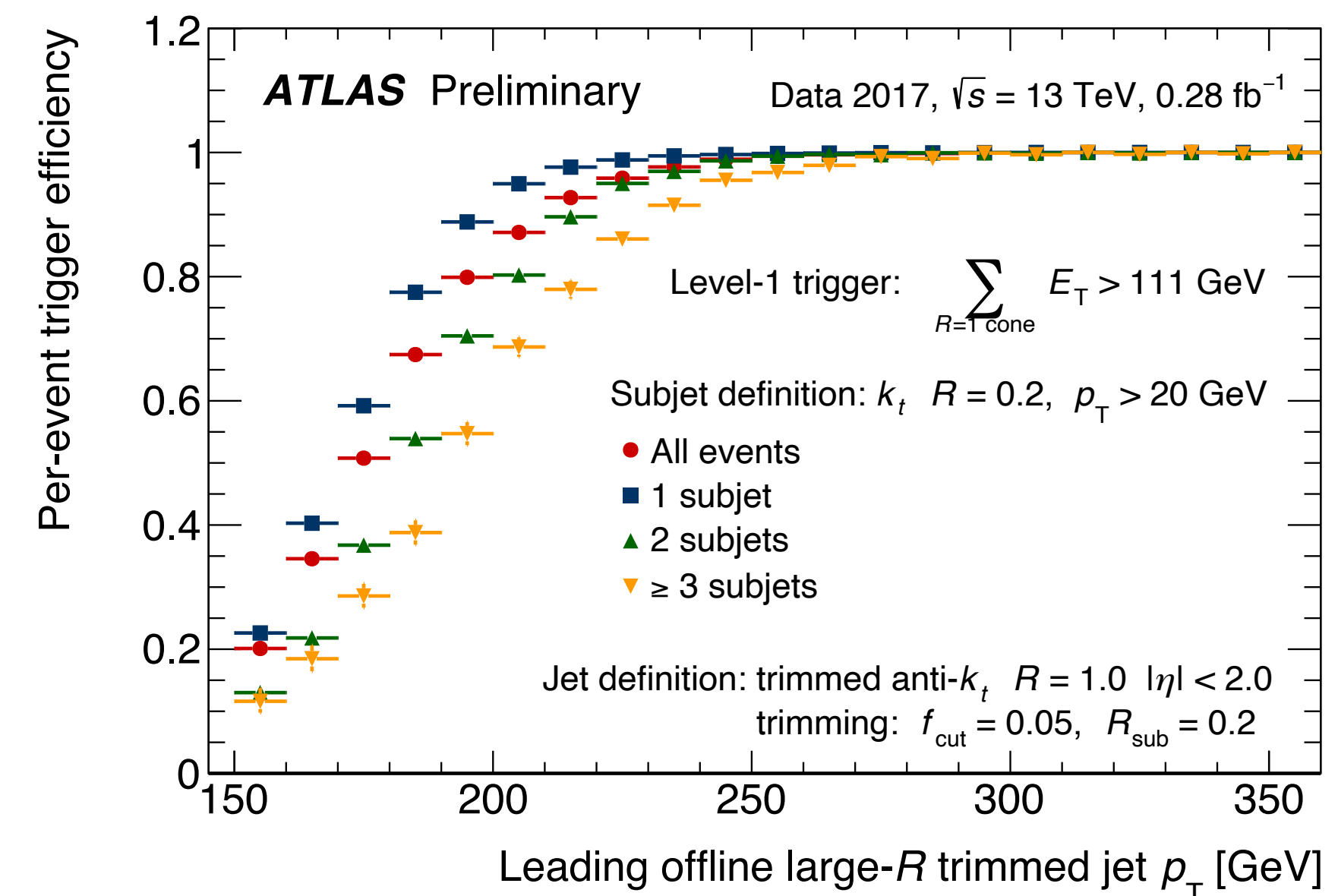
gLJ Trigger Item	Old Threshold [GeV]	New Threshold [GeV]
gLJ80	80	50
gLJ100	100	70
gLJ140	140	110
gLJ160	160	130

# L1Topo Simple Cone Algorithm

- The **L1Topo Simple Cone algorithm** is the default L1 large- $R$  jet algorithm used to seed all HLT triggers targeting boosted hadronically decaying massive particles
- It sums the transverse momenta  $E_T$  of all jet TOBs above a threshold within a cone of  $R = 1$  around a seed jet
- The obtained sum, representing the energy of the large- $R$  jet, is required to be larger than a certain threshold
- The resulting trigger item is currently called **SC111\_CjJ40** (LR jet threshold = 111 GeV; SR jet threshold = 40)



Visual representation of the L1Topo Simple Cone



L1Topo simple cone algorithm trigger efficiency for events with jets of various numbers of subjets ([link](#))