

# Heavy Ion Physics

## Lecture 2: Accelerators and Detectors

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# History of the relativistic heavy ion physics

- Figures of merit:
  - CM energy per colliding nucleon pair
  - Atomic number of the colliding nuclei
- Accelerators with  $O(1 \text{ GeV})$  per nucleons beams started to operate in the 1970s
  - Berkeley, Brookhaven in the US
  - GSI in Germany
  - CERN in Switzerland/France
  - Dubna in Russia
- Physics driven by continuous improvements in both accelerator and detector technology!

# Accelerators in Relativistic Heavy Ion Physics

Accelerator	Place	HI-Periods	Max. Energy	Projectiles	Experiments
Bevalac	LBNL, Berkeley	1984 – 1993	< 2 AGeV	C, Ca, Nb, Ni, Au, ...	Plastic Ball, Streamer Chamber, EOS, DLS
Synchro- Phasotron	JINR, Dubna	1974 – 1985	> 100 AMeV		
AGS	BNL, Brookhaven	1986 – 1994	14.5/11.5 AGeV	Si, Au	E802, ..., E917
SPS	CERN, Geneva	1986 – 2002	200/158 AGeV	O, S, In, Pb	NA34,... , WA80,...
SIS	GSI, Darmstadt	1992 – today	2 AGeV	Kr, Au	FOPI, KAOS, HADES
RHIC	BNL, Brookhaven	2000 – today	$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV	Cu,Au	STAR, PHENIX, BRAHMS, PHOBOS
LHC	CERN, Geneva	2010 →	$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5$ TeV	O, Ar, Pb	ALICE, CMS, ATLAS
FAIR	GSI, Darmstadt	?	30/45 AGeV	Multiple	
Nuklotron	JINR, Dubna	?	~5 AGeV		

# Fixed Target vs. Colliding Beams

- Fixed target
  - CM energy limited by  $E_{CM} = \sqrt{2(1\text{GeV})E_{beam}}$ . Best ever achieved was at CERN SPS with  $E_{beam}$  of about 160 GeV/nucleon ( $E_{CM} \sim 20$  GeV per nucleon pair)
  - Very high beam intensity/luminosity
- Colliding beams
  - Much higher CM energy  $E_{CM} = 2E_{beam}$ . Expect  $E_{CM} \sim 5500$  GeV per nucleon pair at LHC
  - Lower luminosity
- I will focus on results from colliding beam facilities:
  - RHIC at Brookhaven National Laboratory, since 2000
  - LHC at CERN, since 2010

# The First Dedicated Heavy Ion Collider

## Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

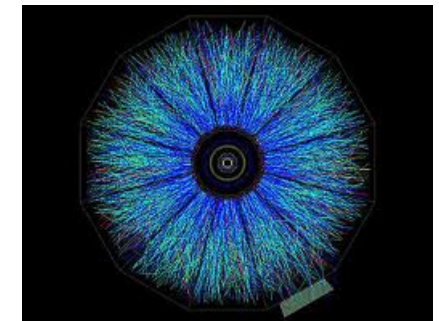
Au+Au 7.7 - 200 GeV

d+Au

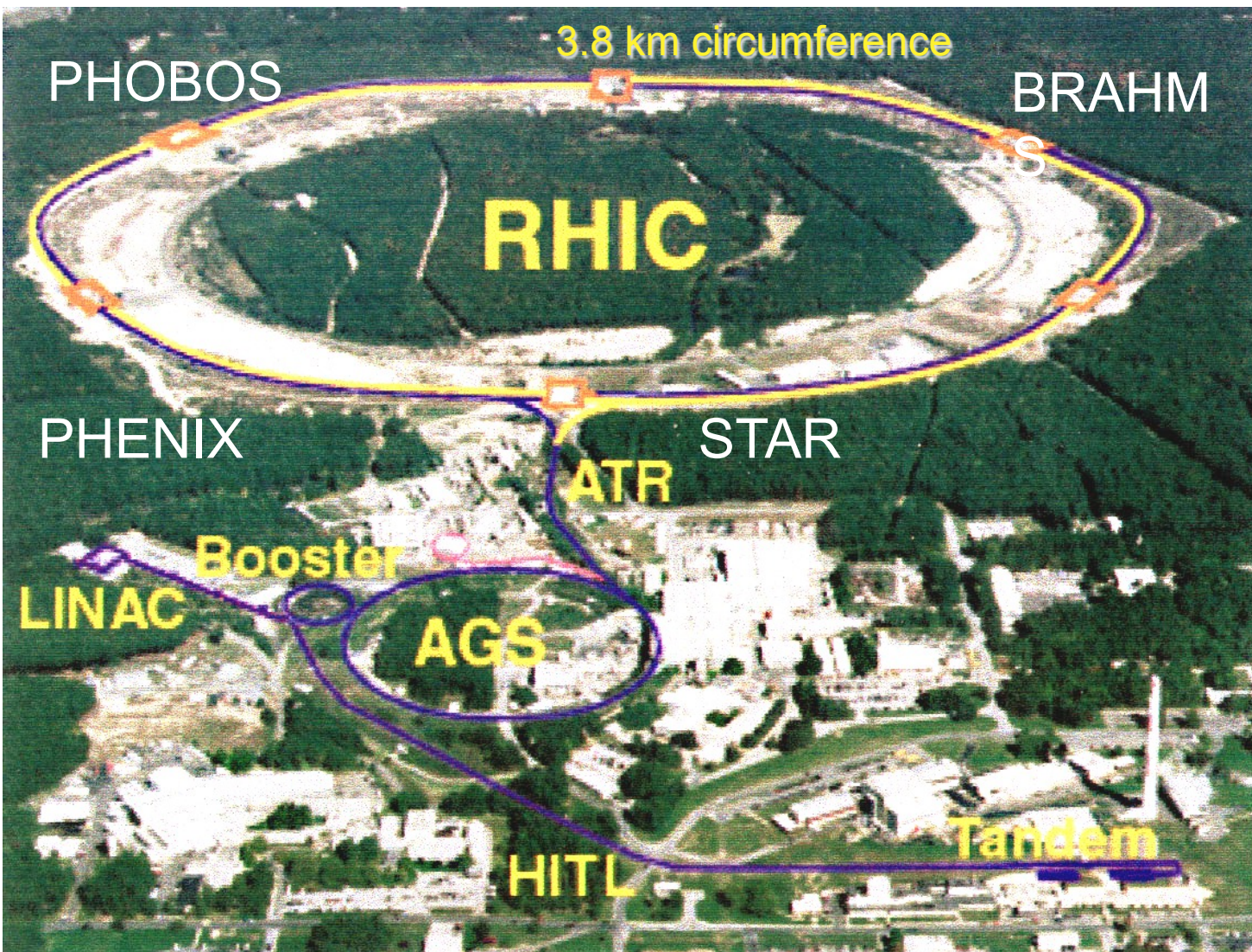
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Cu+Cu

...



Since 2000~

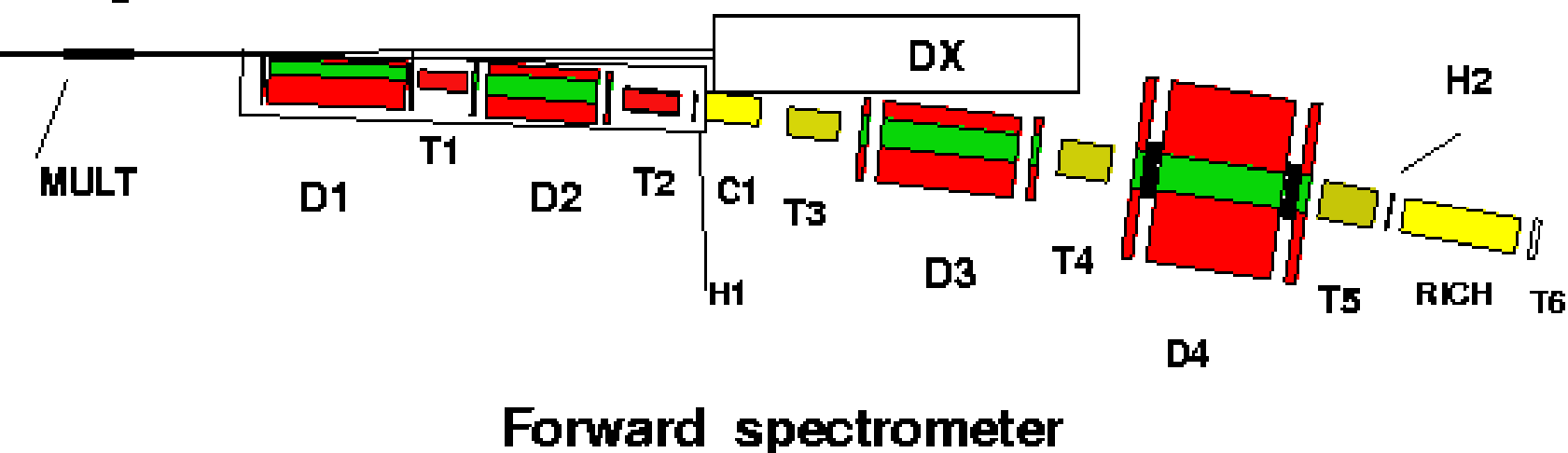
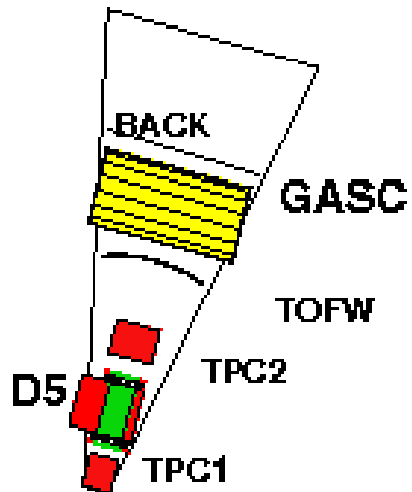


# BRAHMS@RHIC

Specialized in:

- Quality PID spectra over a broad range of rapidity and  $p_T$
- Special emphasis:
  - Where do the baryons go?
  - How is directed energy transferred to the reaction products?
- Two magnetic dipole spectrometers in “classic” fixed-target configuration

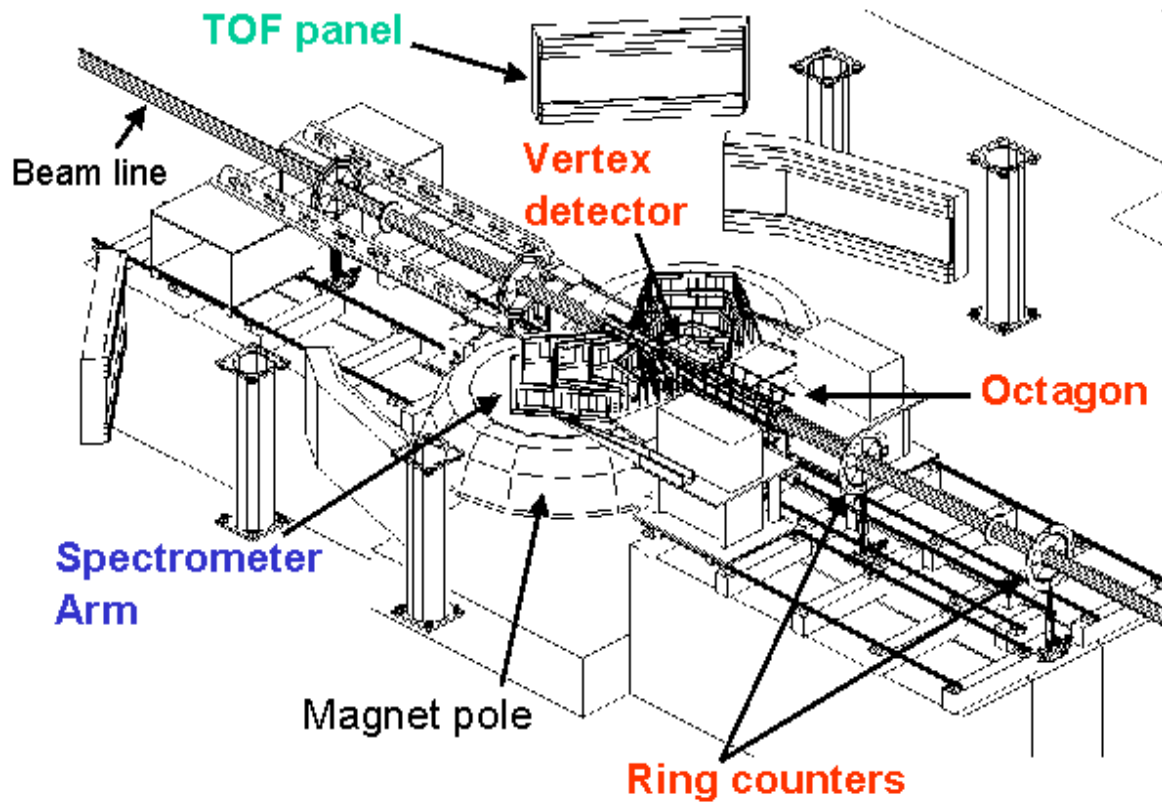
**Mid rapidity spectrometer**



**Forward spectrometer**

# PHOBOS

## PHOBOS DETECTORS



Large acceptance  
multiplicity detector

Small acceptance  
spectrometer with  
particle identification

Collecting large  
quantity of minimum  
bias events

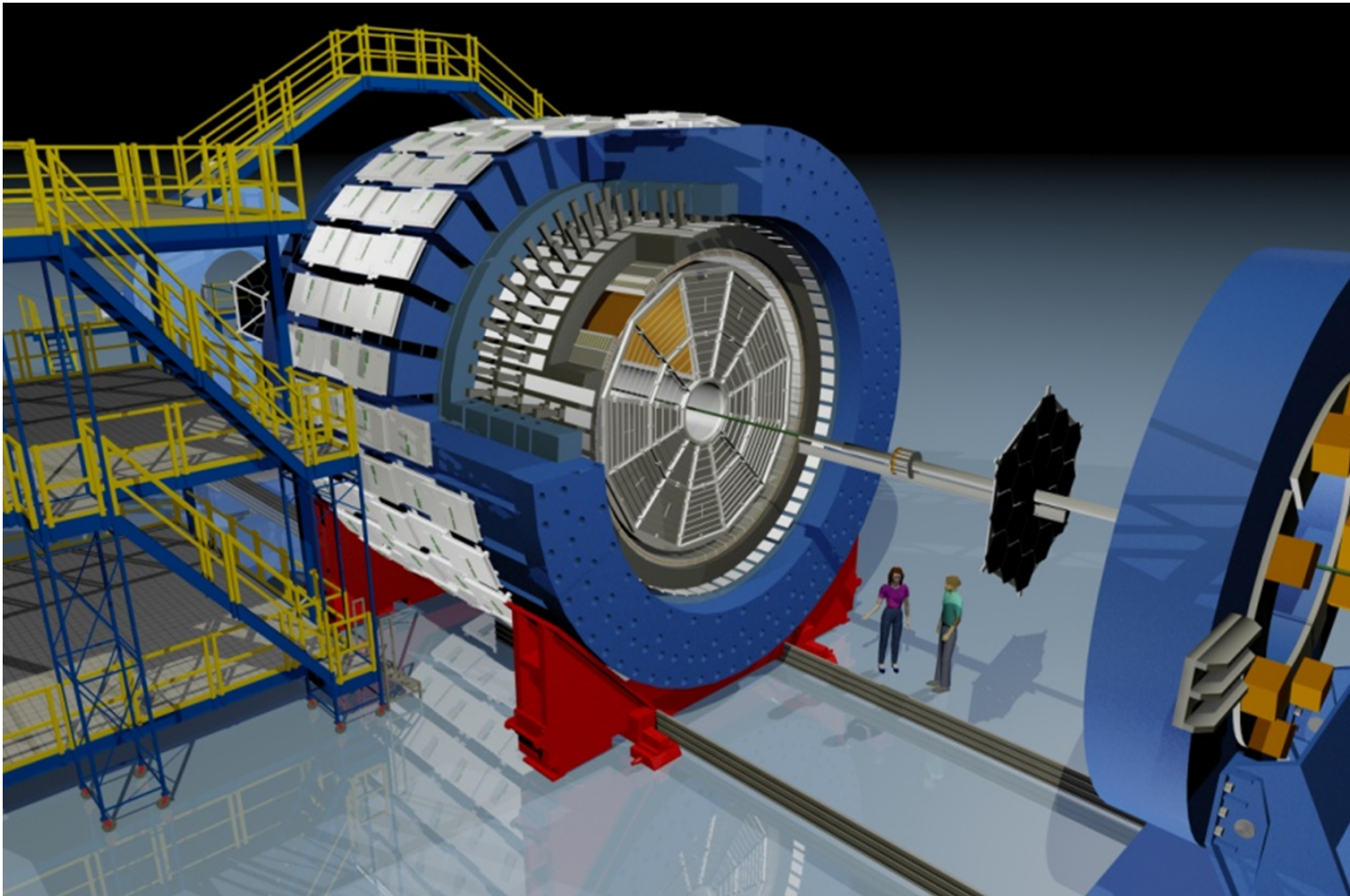
*Rachid Nouicer*

*APS, March 1999*

*Atlanta, Georgia*

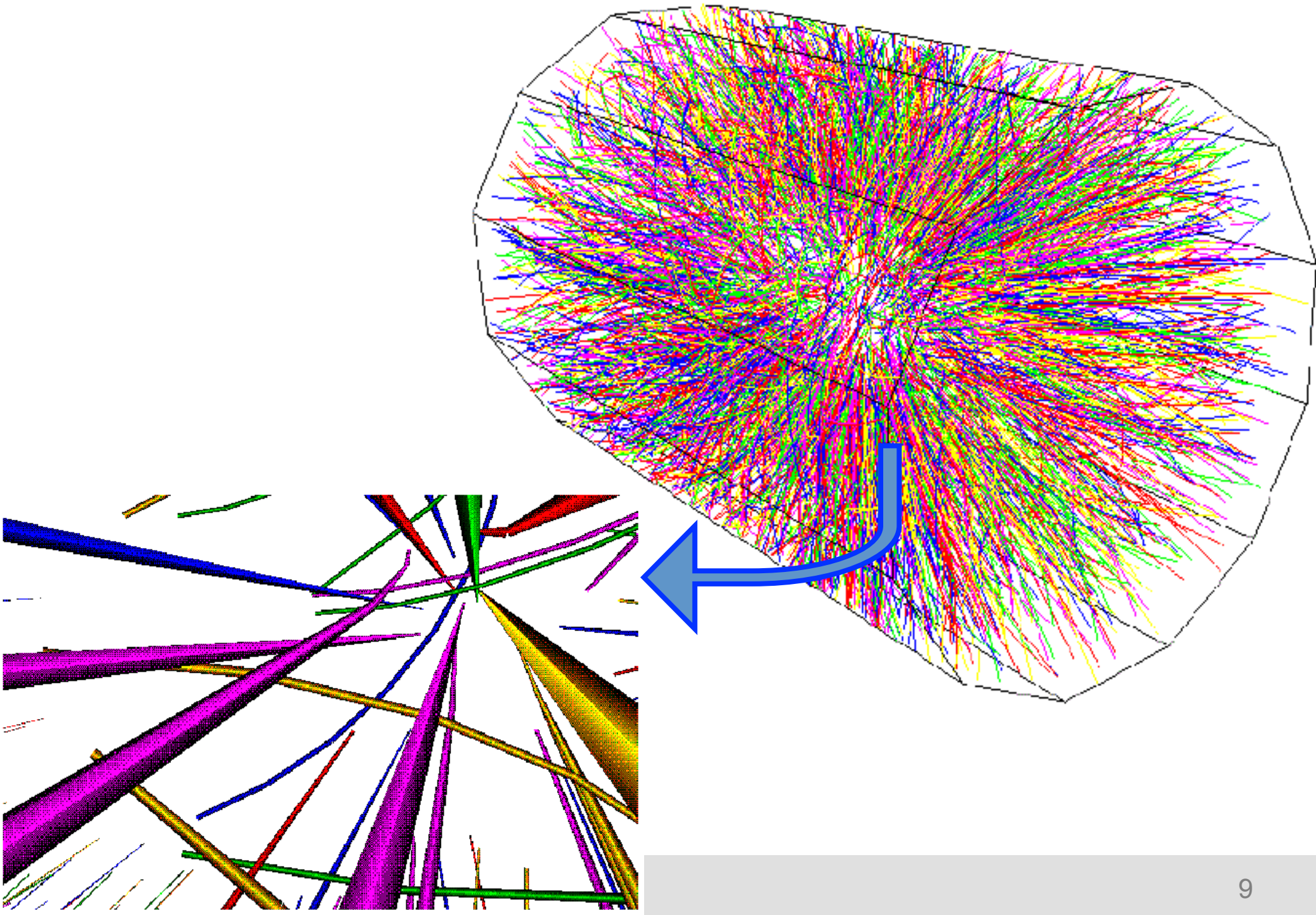
# STAR

- An experiment with a challenge:
  - Track  $\sim 2000$  charged particles in  $|\eta| < 1$



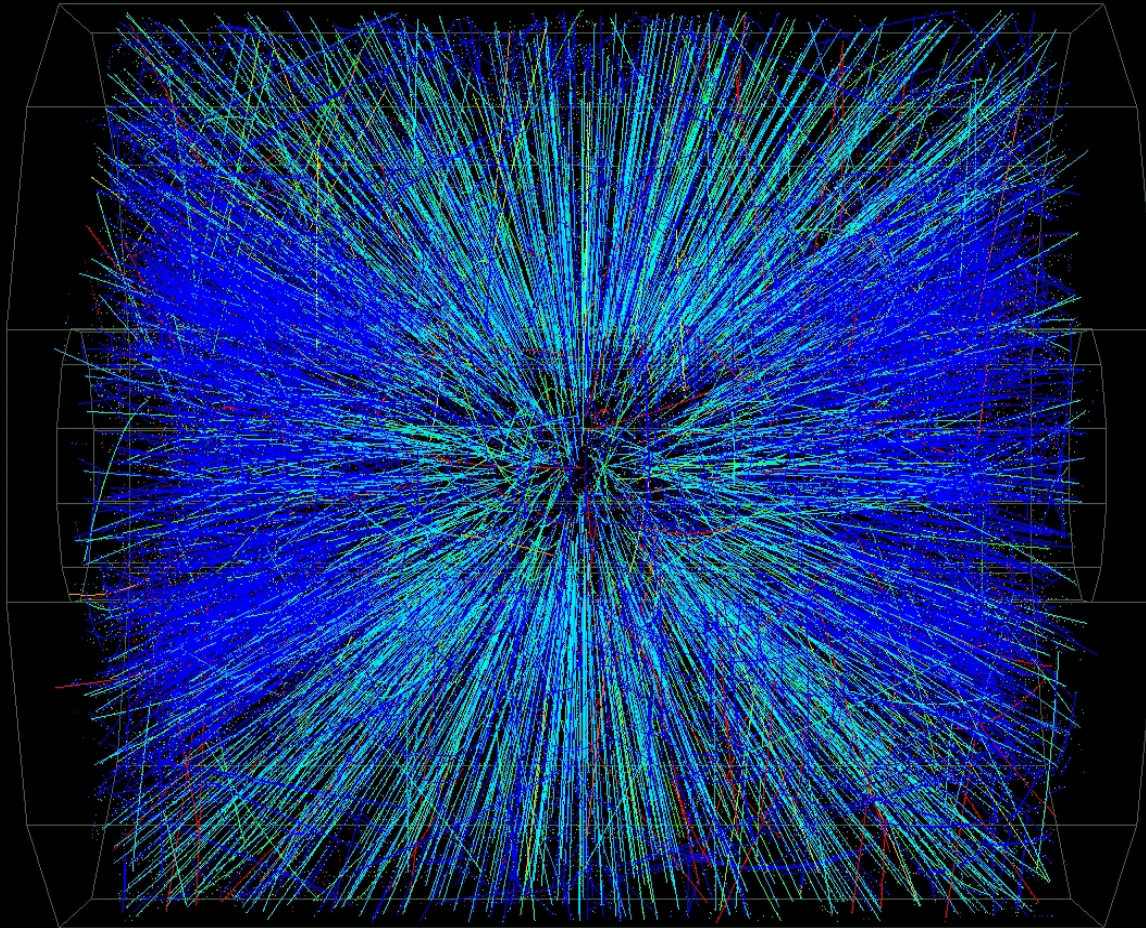
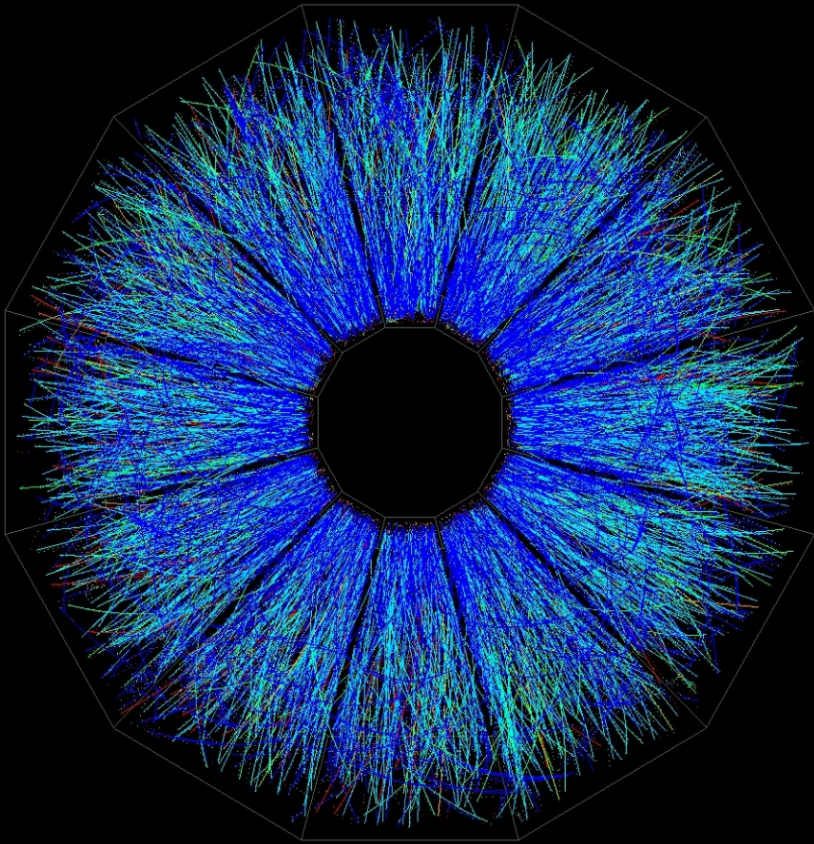


# STAR Event



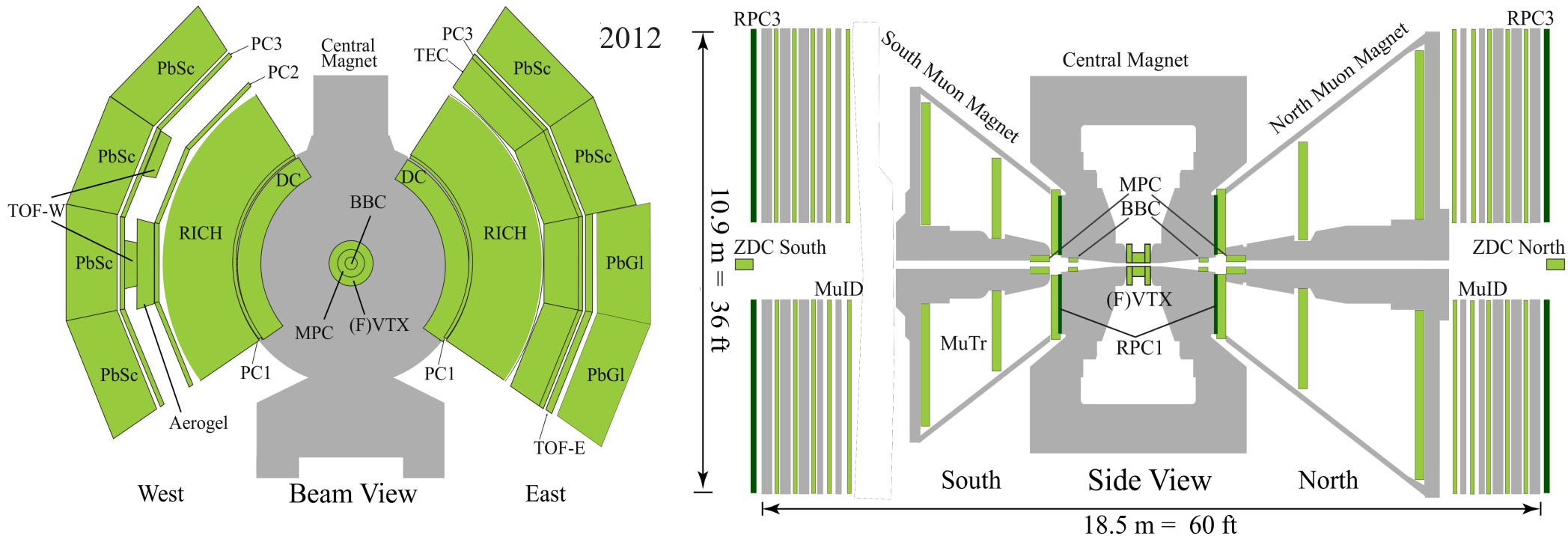
# STAR Event

Data Taken June 25, 2000.  
Pictures from Level 3 online display.



# PHENIX

## PHENIX Detector

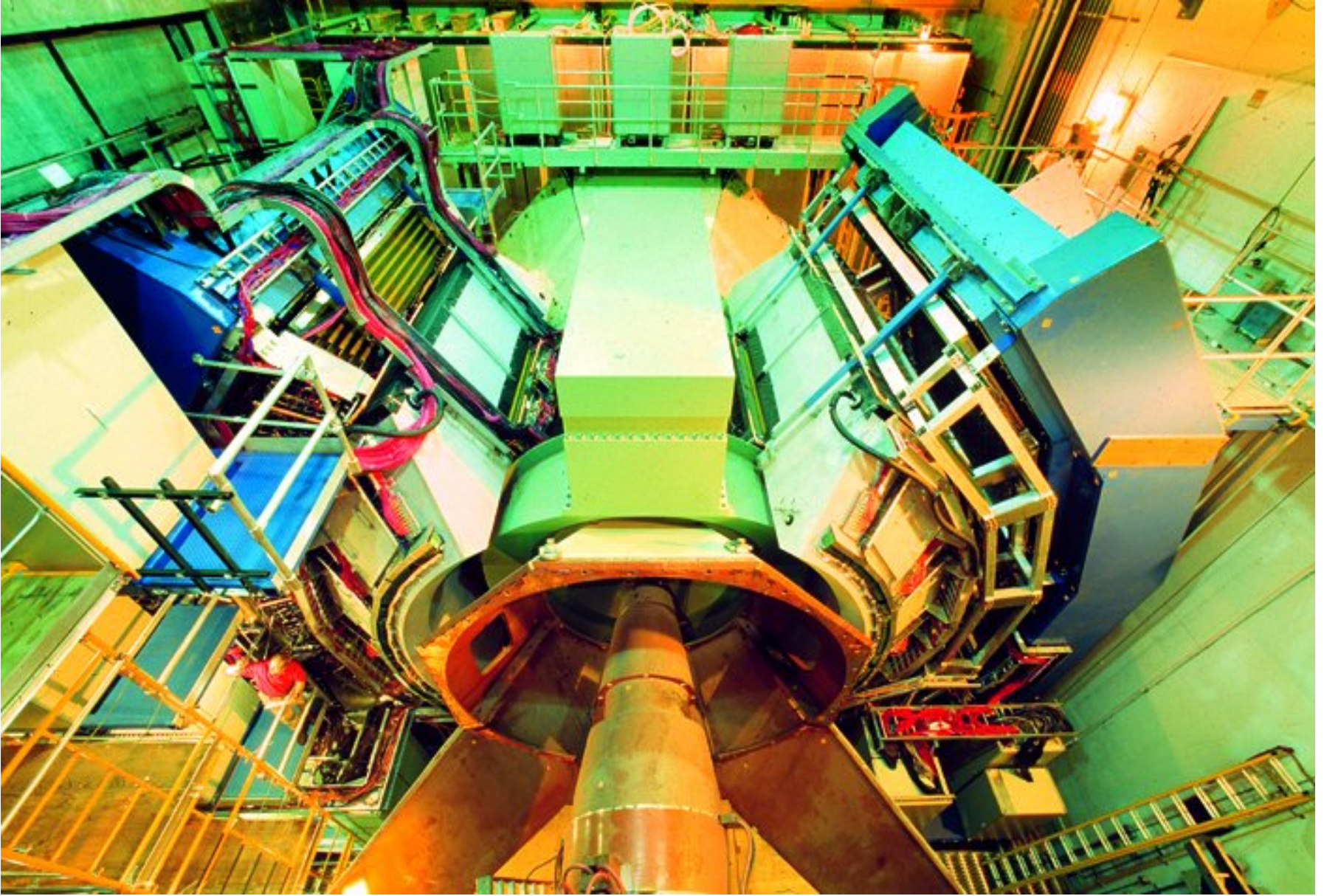


- An experiment with something for everybody
- A complex apparatus to measure
  - Hadrons; Muons; Electrons; Photons

## Executive summary:

- High resolution; High granularity

# PHENIX Reality



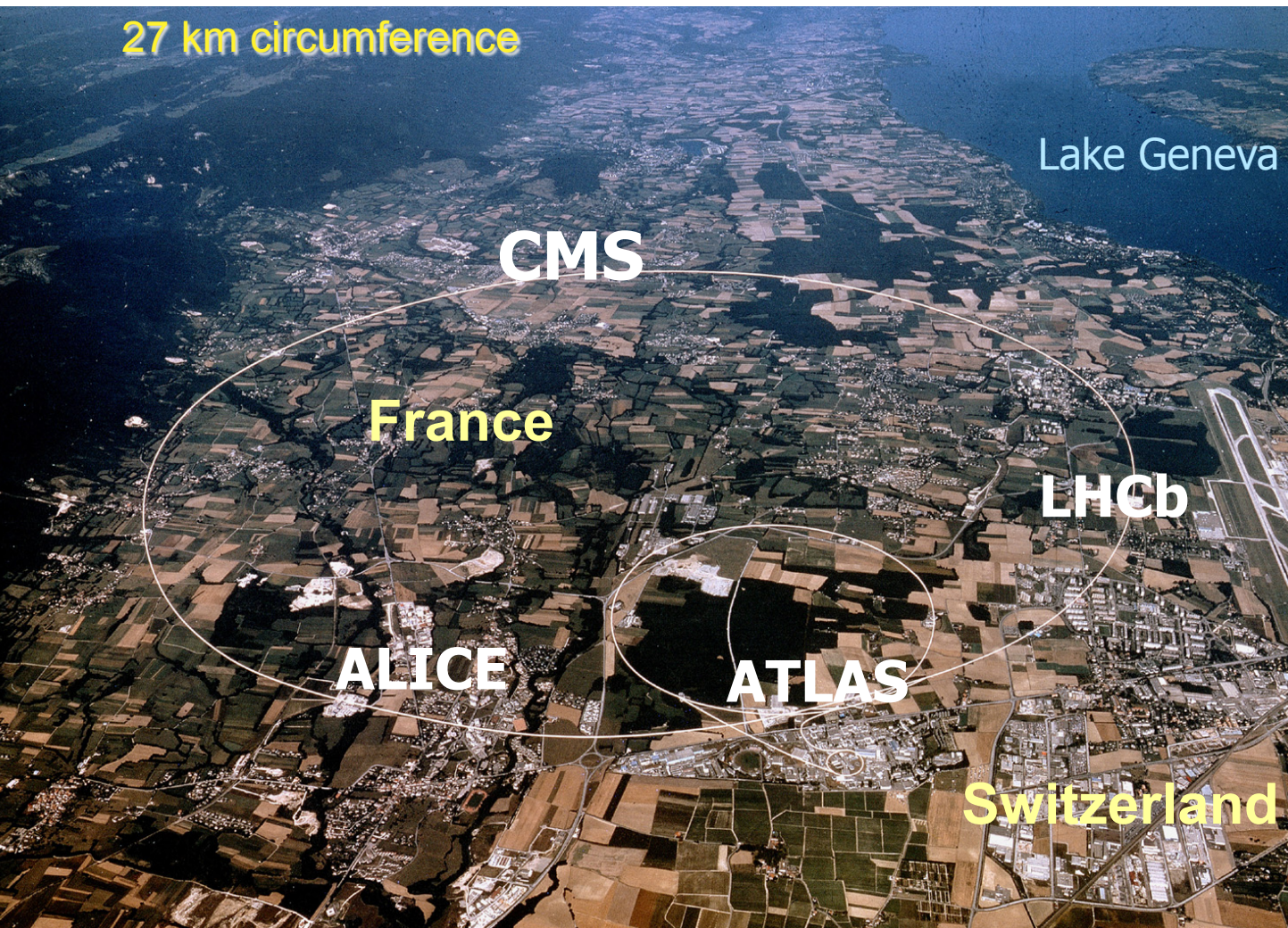
# PHENIX Single Event



# The New Frontier

## Large Hadron Collider

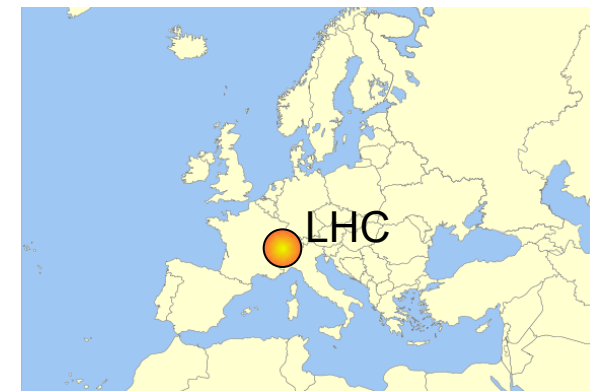
p+p 7-8 TeV  
Pb+Pb 2.76 TeV  
p+Pb 5.02 TeV



2015 and beyond:  
p+p 13-14 TeV  
Pb+Pb 5~5.5 TeV  
P+Pb ~8 TeV

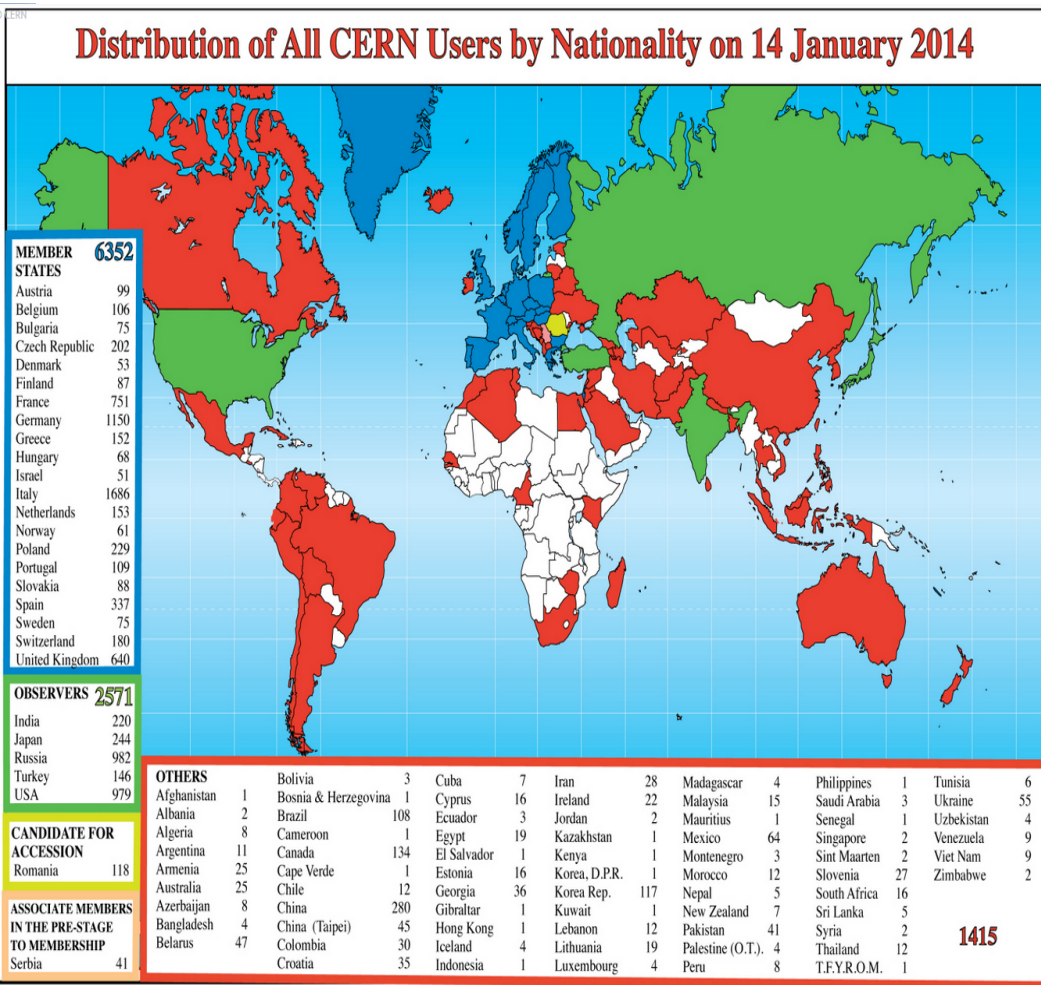


RHIC



Flags of CERN's Member States

# LHC: ~10,000 users



Construction Budget: ~12 billion USD (~50% LHC, ~50% detectors)

20 European Member States and around 60 additional countries collaborate in our scientific projects.

# Speed of the accelerated protons and lead ions



**Formula 1**



**100 m/s**

**Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird**



**980 m/s**

**LHC**

**$\sim c = 300,000,000$  m/s**

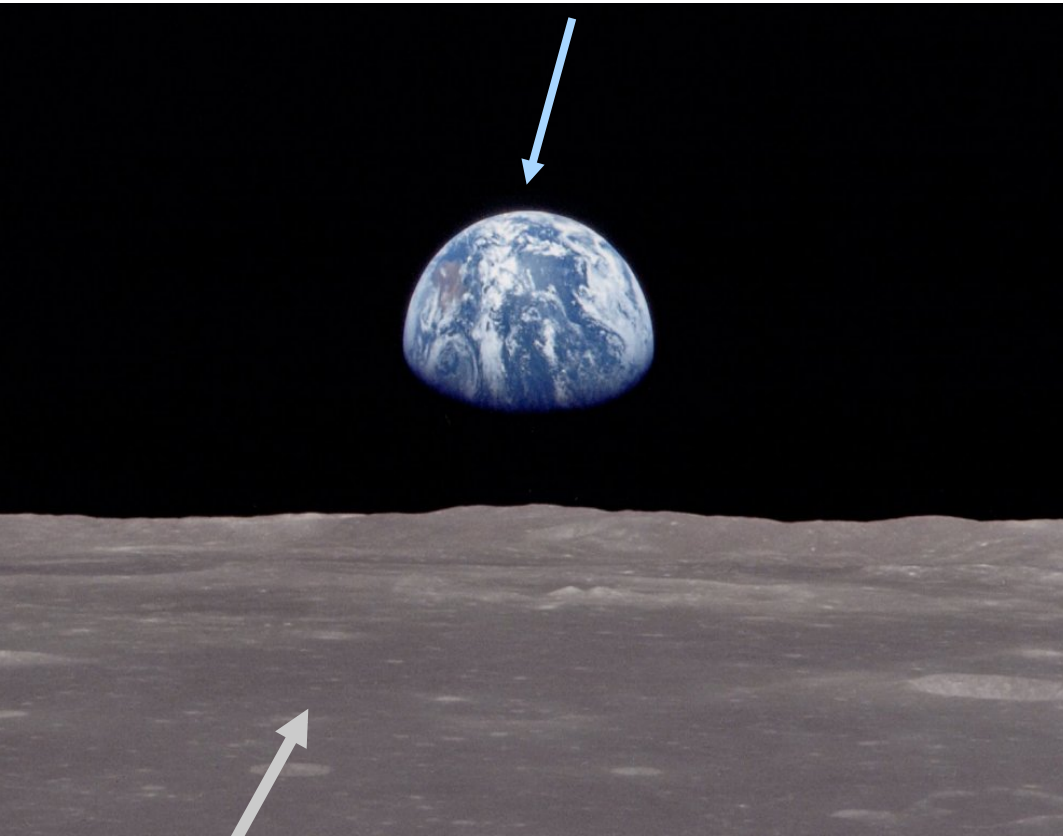
Protons at 4 TeV:  $(1-3e-8)c$   
Ions at the same B field:  $(1-2e-7)c$   
Differ by 51 m/s

Difference:  $\sim 4.6$  mm after 1 turn!



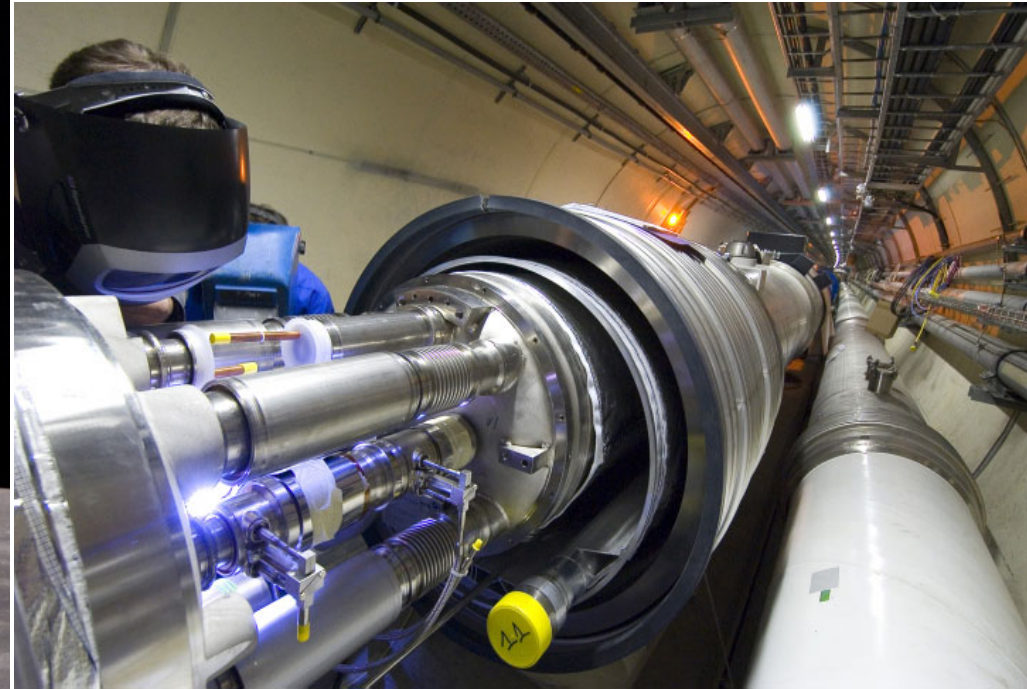
# Inside the beam pipe

Earth ~ 1 atm



Moon ~  $10^{-14}$  atm

LHC ~  $10^{-15}$  atm



Like pumping down a cathedral...

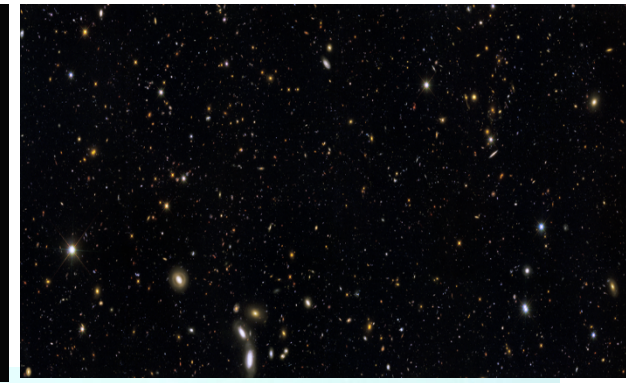
To accelerate protons to almost the speed of light, we need a vacuum similar to interplanetary space. The pressure in the beam-pipes of the LHC will be about 10 times lower than on the moon.

# Superconducting Magnets

LHC ~ **-271°C**



Neptune ~ **-218°C**



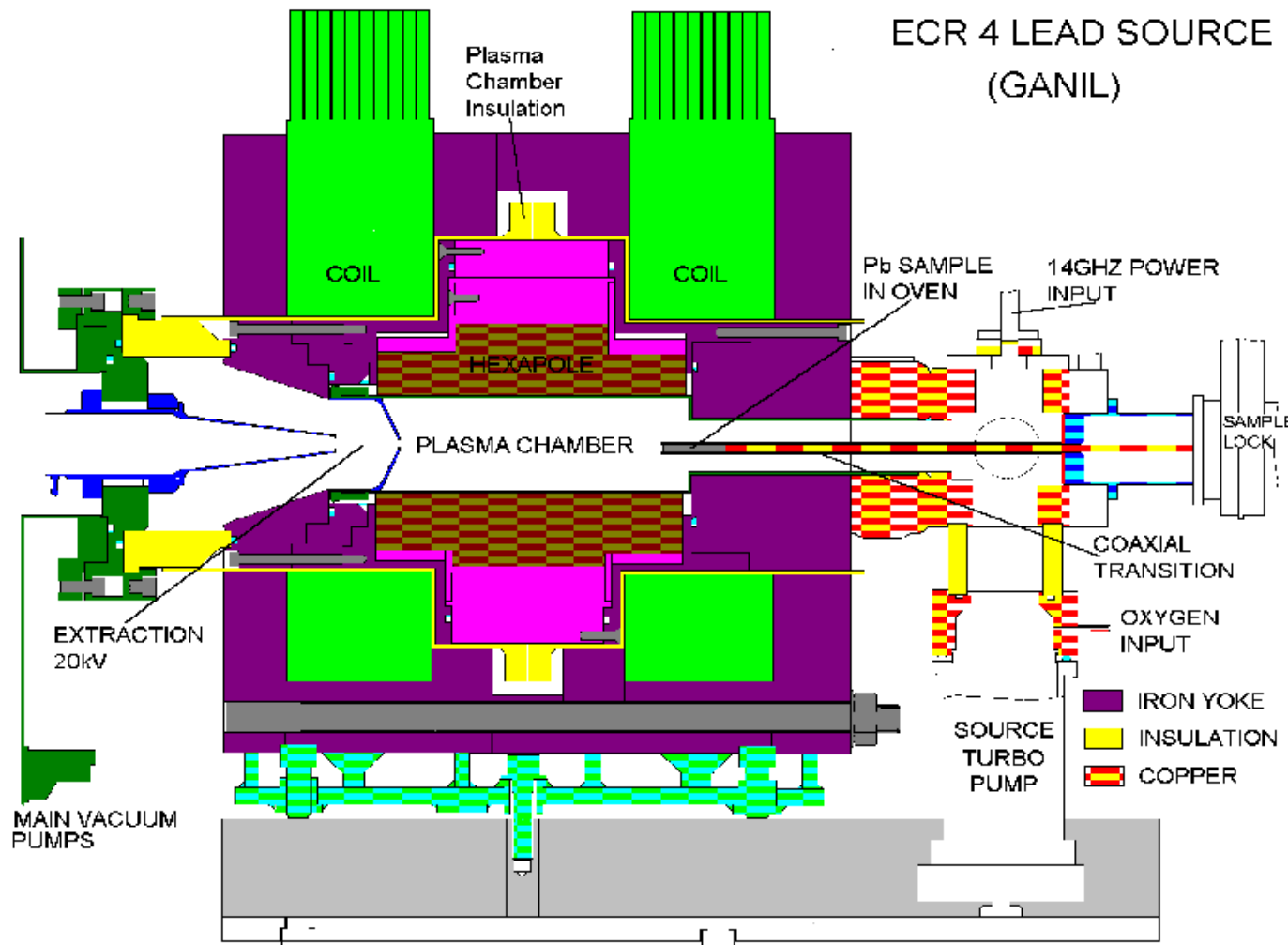
Interstellar space  
~ **-263°C**



Magnetic field: 8.4 Tesla (~200,000 times of the field from Earth)

With a temperature of around -271 degrees Celsius, or **1.9** degrees above absolute zero, the LHC is colder than interstellar space.

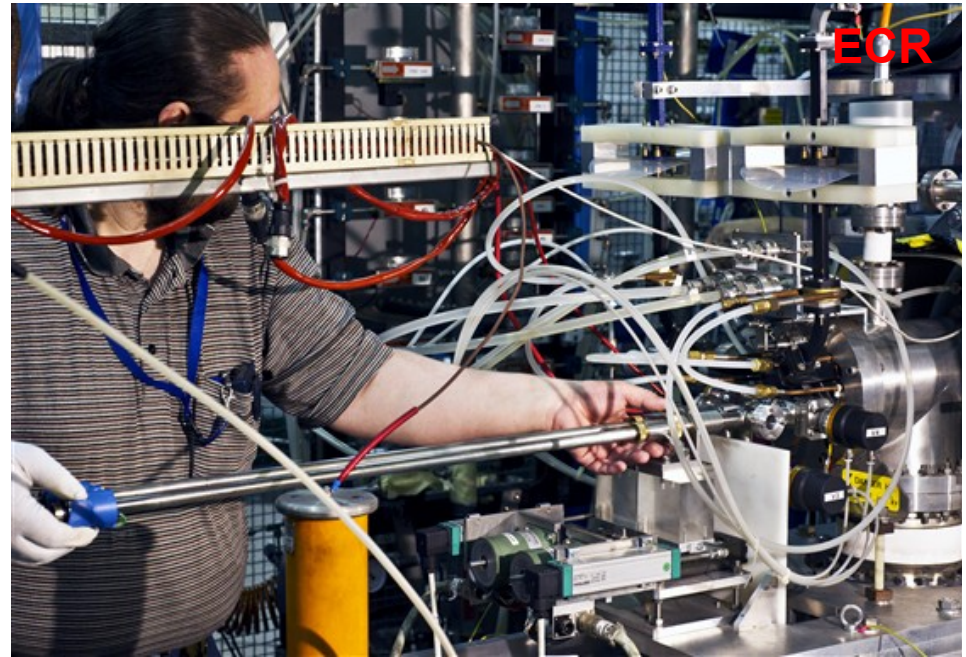
# Lead Ions at LHC



- A cloud of ions is bombarded by energetic electrons circulating in magnetic field
- Electrons are energized by circularly polarized microwaves at cyclotron frequency
- CERN/LHC uses isotopically pure  $^{208}\text{Pb}$
- About 1300\$/gram

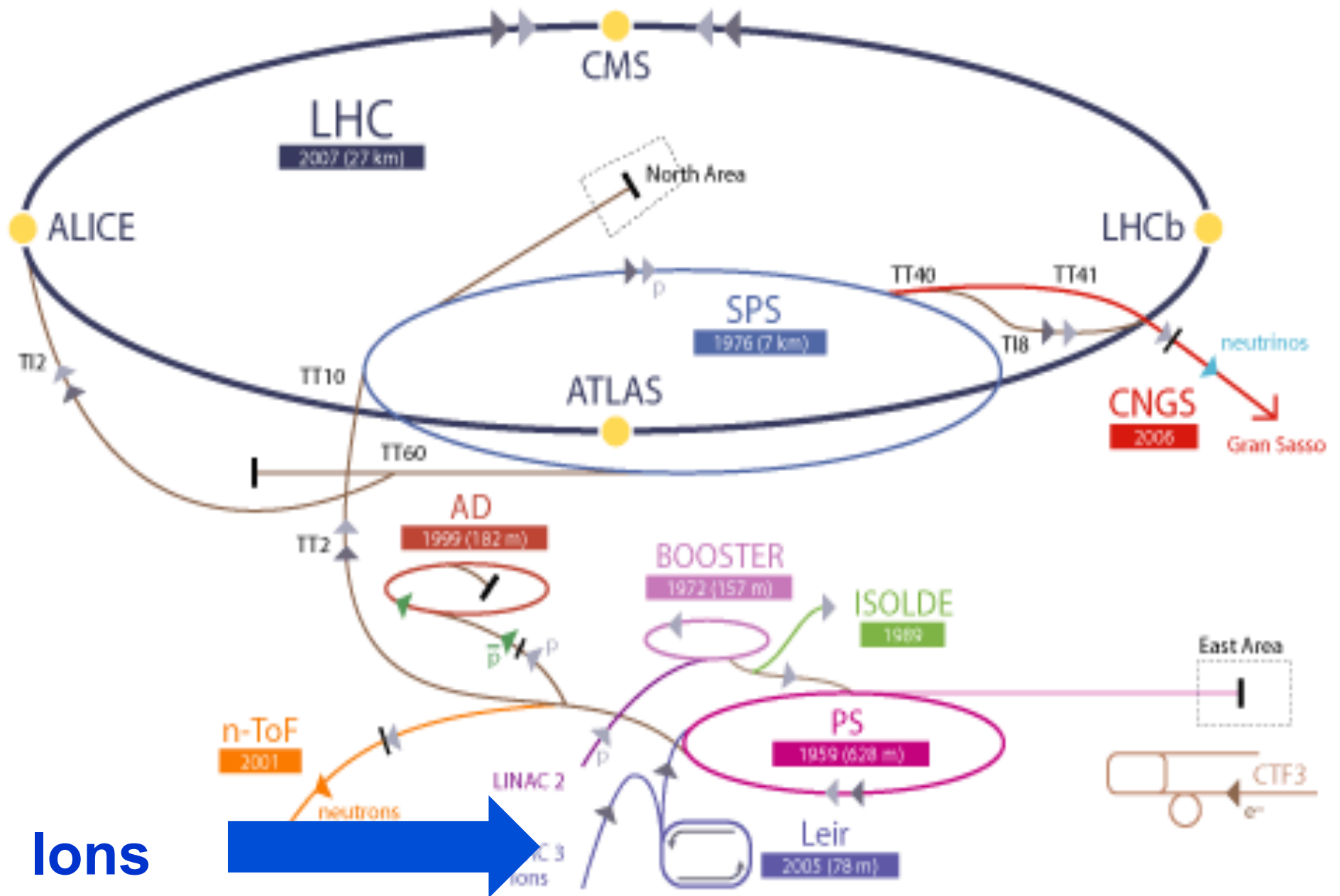
# Lead Beams in LHC

- LHC is accelerating ions of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ , fully ionized, charge +82

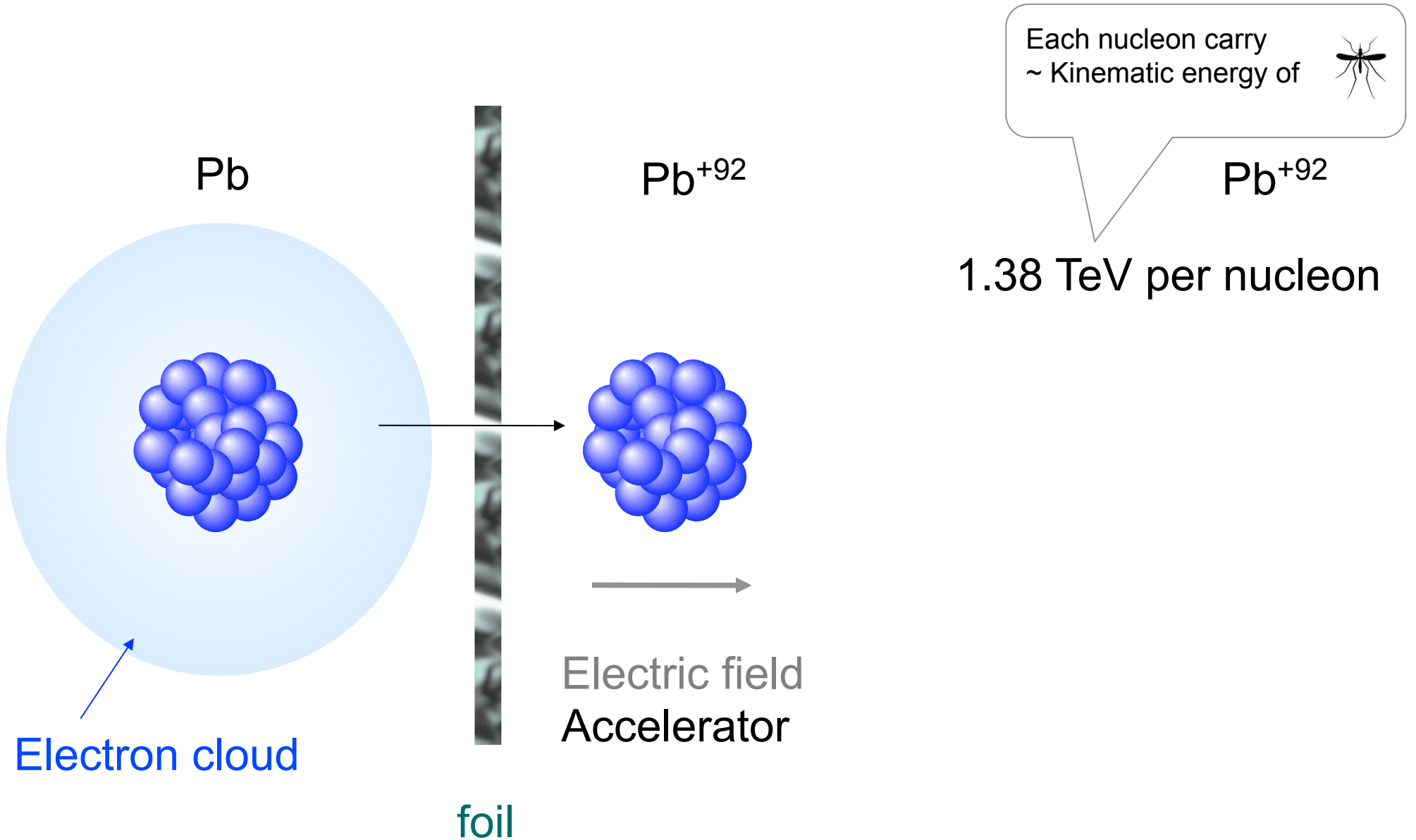


- Energy of 2.76 TeV/nucleon pair ( $82/208=0.4$  times proton energy of 7 TeV)
- “Only”  $7 \cdot 10^7$  ions per bunch, much less than typical proton bunch of  $10^{11}$  Electrostatics!
- In 2010 LHC collided up to  $\sim 140$  bunches per beam, about 1/40 of nominal luminosity,  $\sim 200$  Hz of inelastic collisions
- In 2011 we got 20 times higher luminosity

# CERN Accelerator Complex



# Stripping all electrons

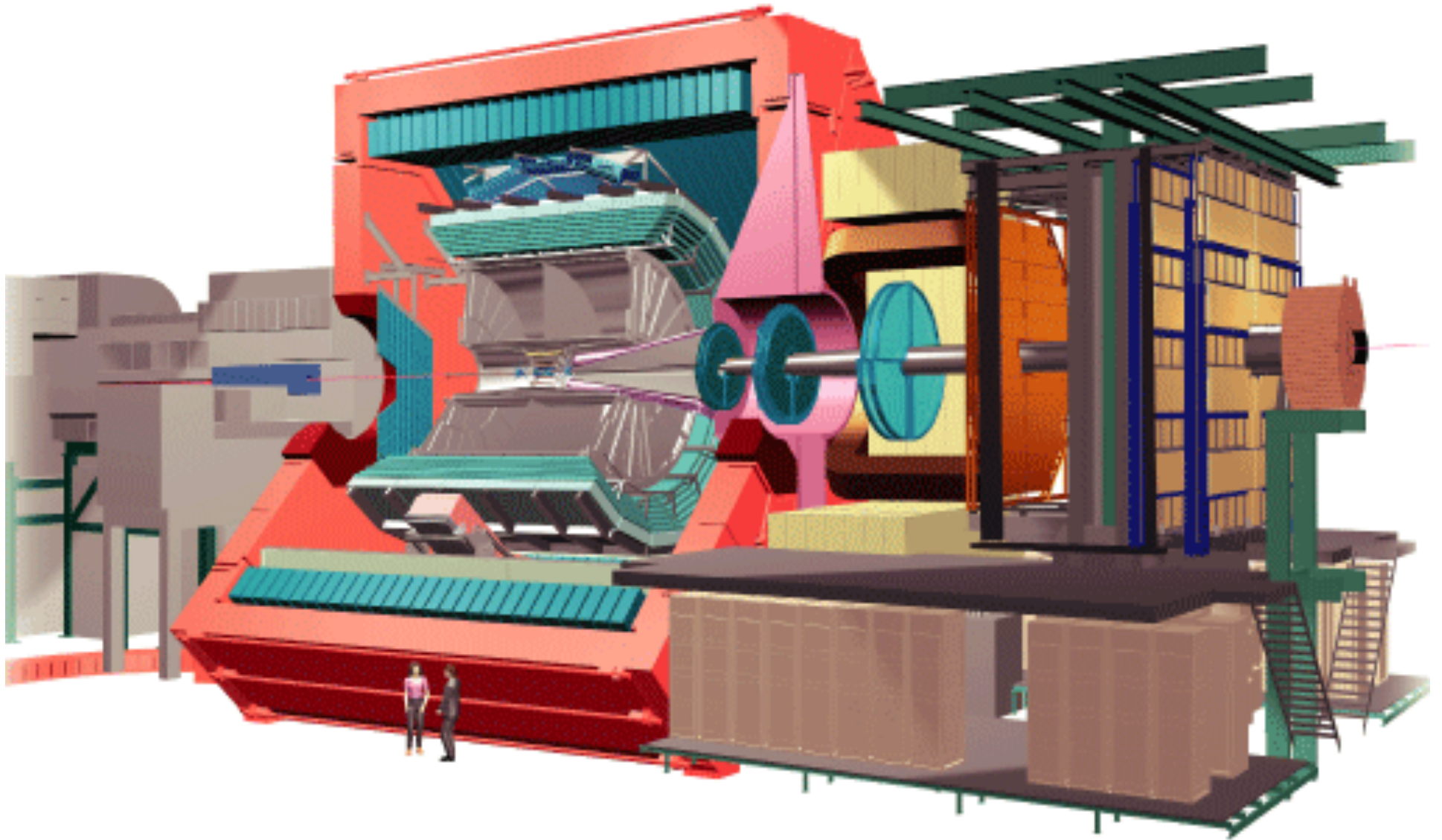


Each ion carry 1.38 TeV x 208 ~ 50  $\mu$ J

# CERN Accelerator movie

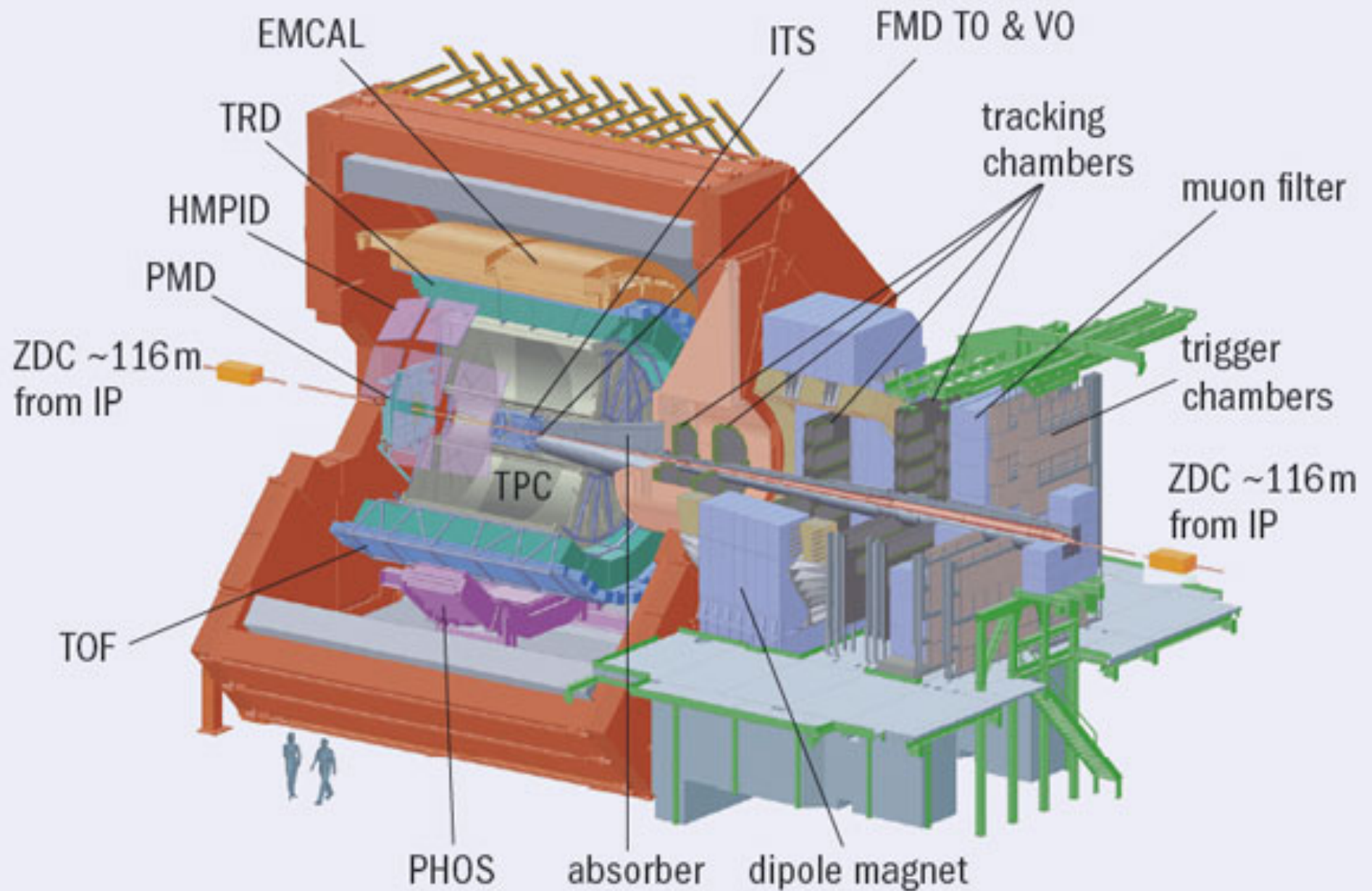


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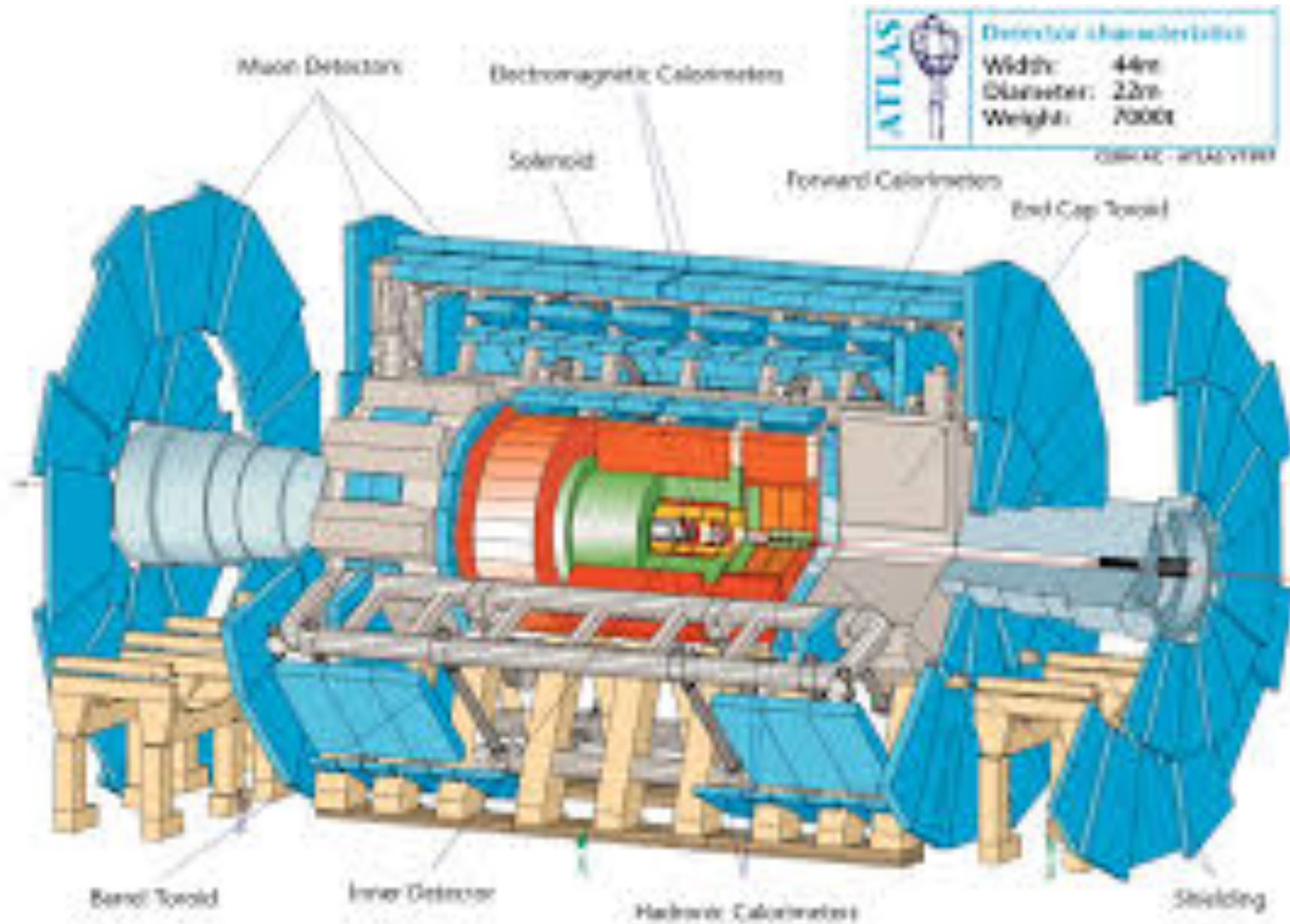




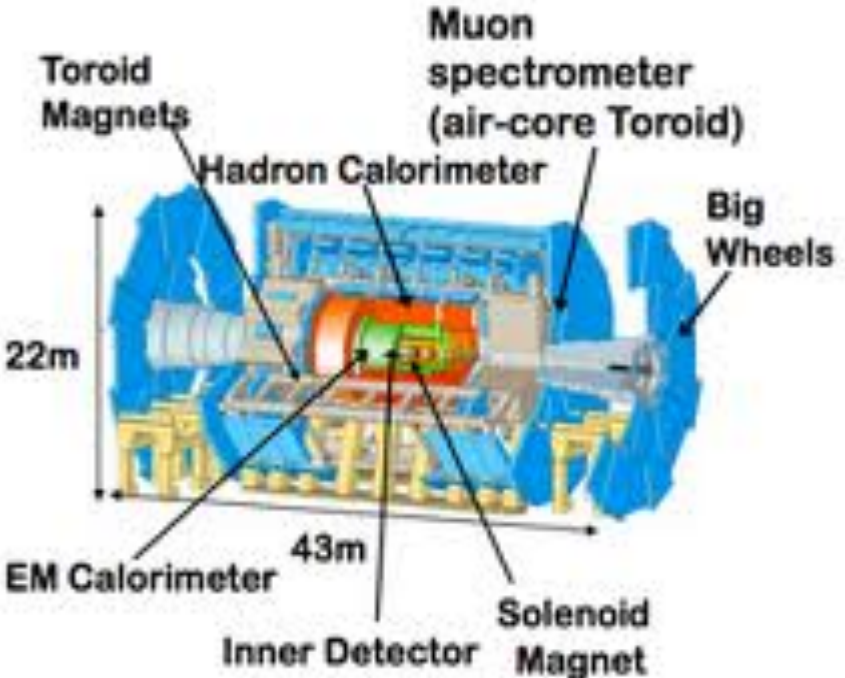
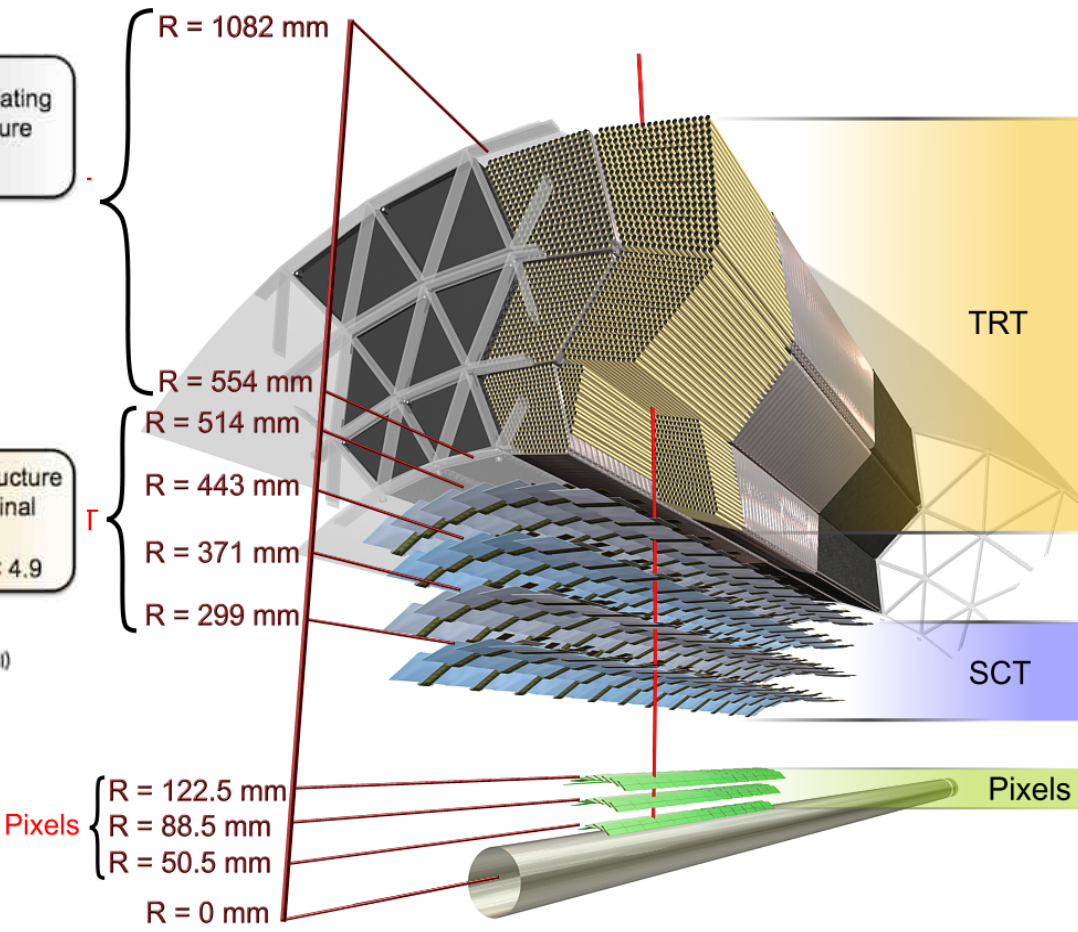
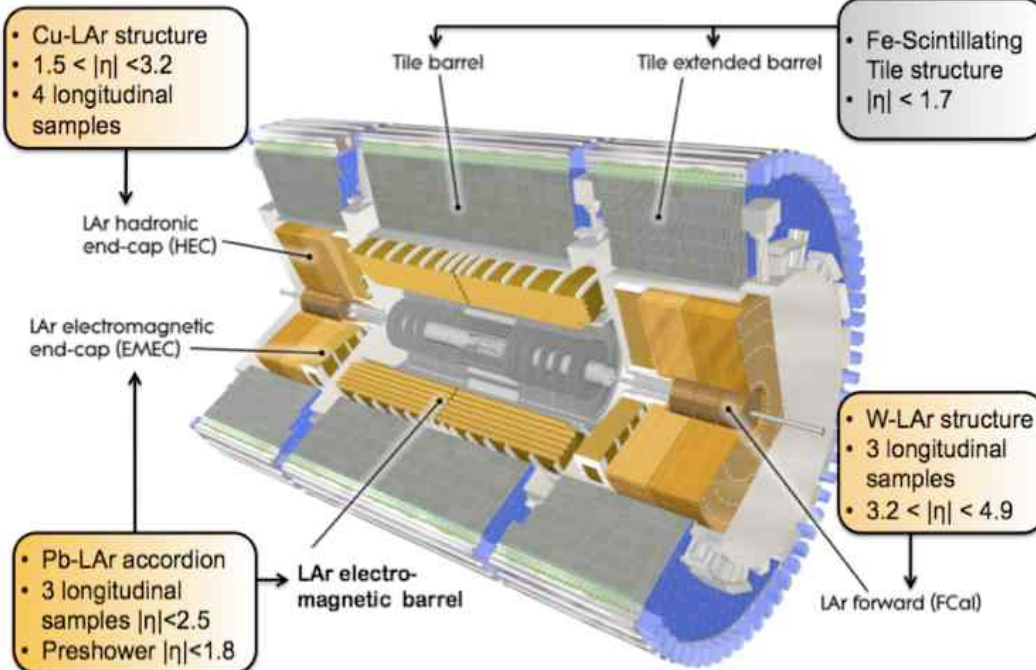
# ALICE Detector Elements



# ATLAS Detector



# ATLAS Detectors



# CMS detector - construction (2000)



Cessy, France

# CMS design principles

- Use one single superconducting solenoid to provide uniform axial magnetic field
  - Largest coil that can be transported to CERN by road
  - Place tracking and calorimeters inside the coil
- Best possible electromagnetic calorimeter
  - Use  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals
- Best possible tracking system
  - Based completely on silicon sensors
- Hermetic calorimetry
- Large and redundant muon system
- Construct large pieces on the surface and then lower them underground for final assembly
- Affordable?? (cost ~500 million US\$)

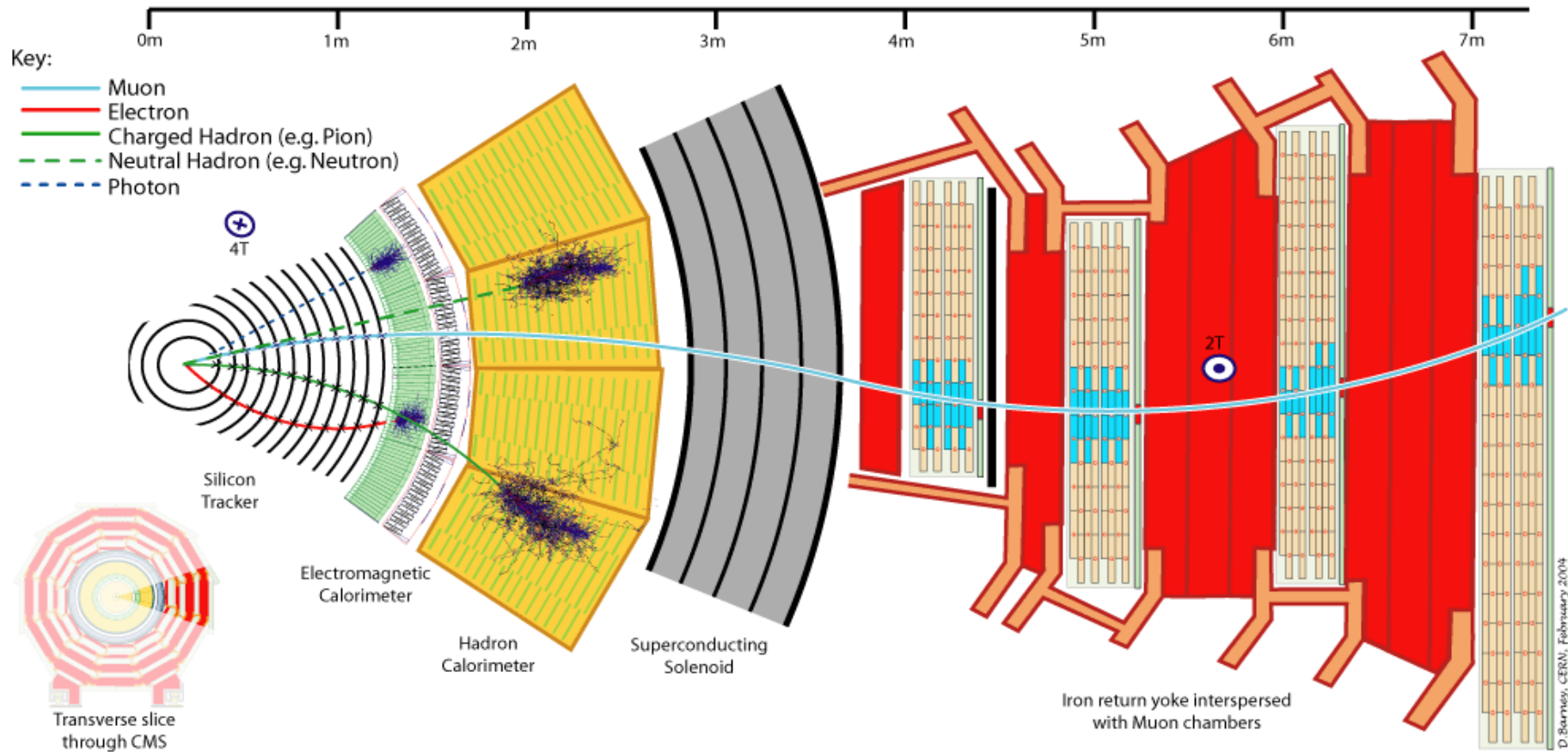
# “Boundary conditions”

- LHC was designed to find Higgs and to extend the high energy frontier.
- BUT, Geneva region is small!, accelerator had to fit between the city and the mountains
  - “small” radius-> large magnetic field -> relatively low energy of 14 TeV
  - Some of us still remember SSC accelerator in Texas: 80 km circumference, 40 TeV
- LHC answer: high luminosity, ~25 (or more!) collisions every 25 ns
- All sub-detectors, trigger and DAQ need to be FAST

# CMS as a detector for heavy ions

- Much lower luminosity, collision frequency was  $\sim 4\text{kHz}$  compared  $1\text{ GHz}$  for pp
- But the multiplicity is higher, corresponds to 200-300 pp collisions at the same time
- % of fired channels in some detectors is relatively high, e.g. strip tracker or calorimeters
  - Requires some adjustments to electronics and software
- Specially designed triggers
- Adjustments to data acquisition system

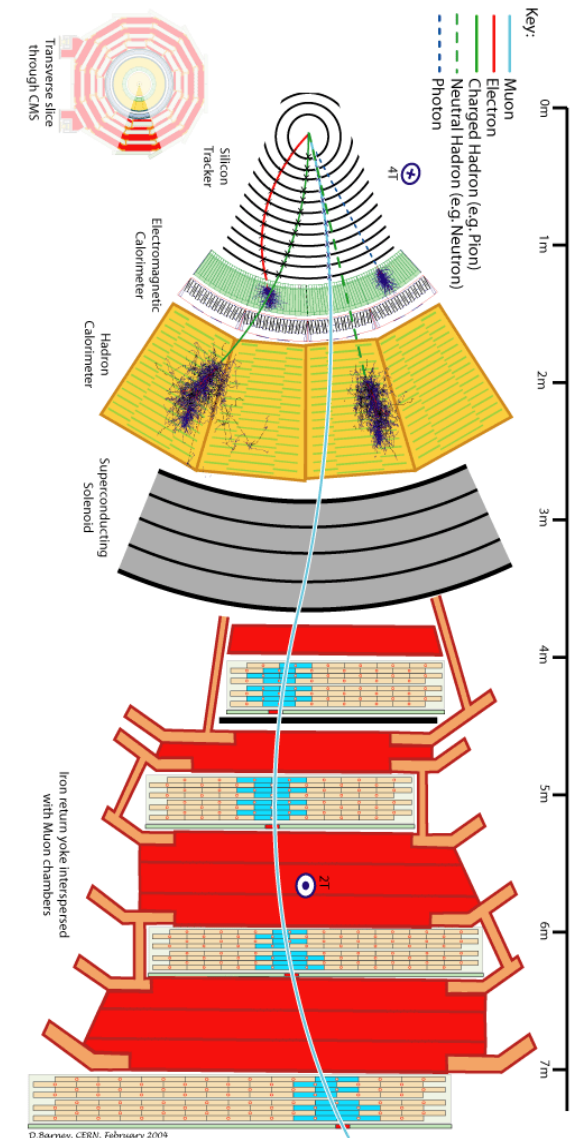
# Particles in CMS



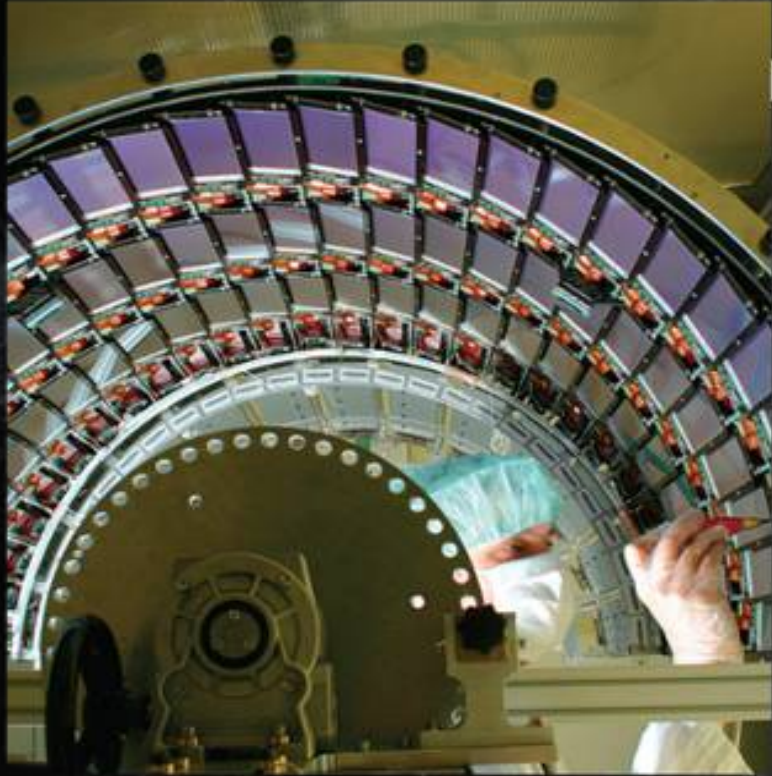


# CMS Sub-detectors

- Starting from the interaction point and going outwards
- Silicon Tracker
- Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)
- Hadronic Calorimeter (HCAL)
- Solenoid Magnet
- Muon Detectors

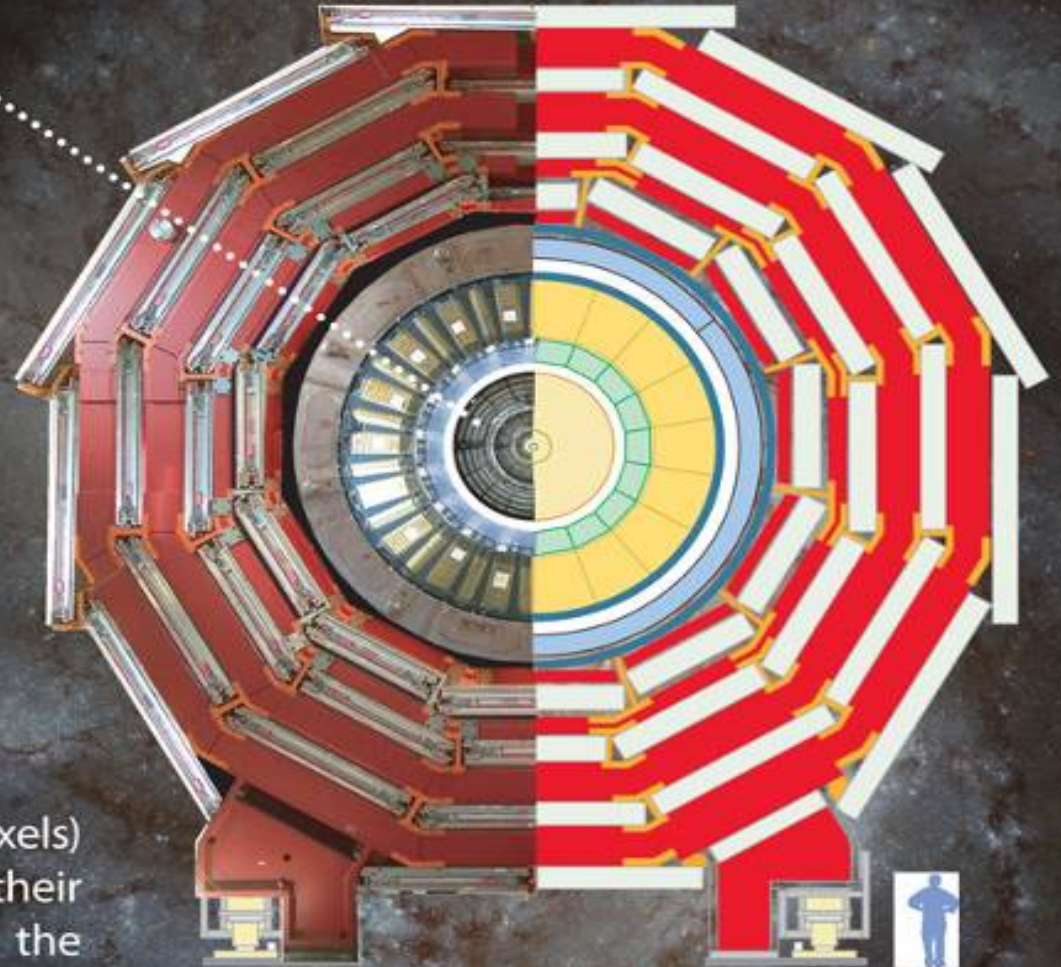


# CMS Sub-detectors: Tracker



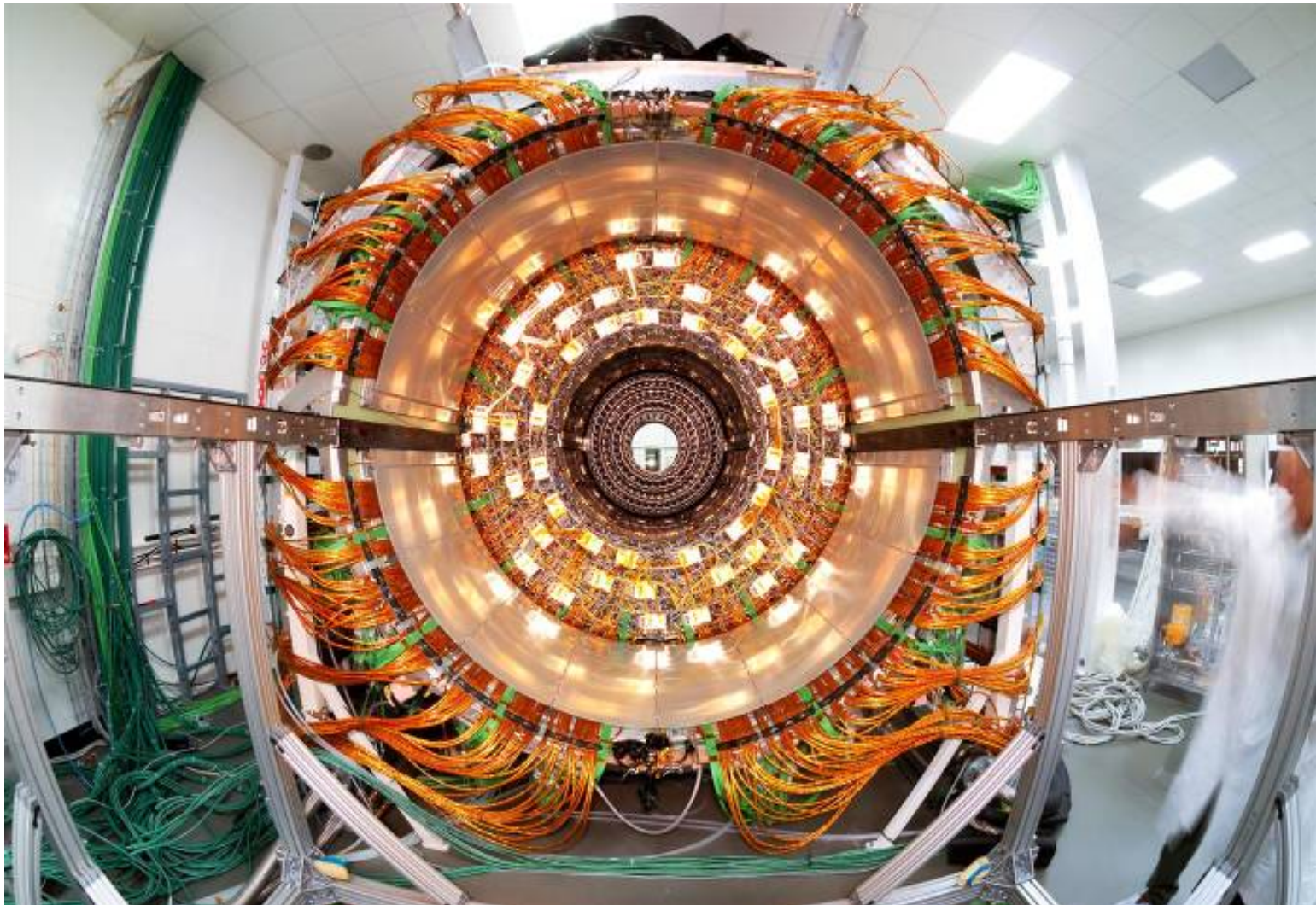
## Tracker

Finely segmented silicon sensors (strips and pixels) enable charged particles to be tracked and their momenta to be measured. They also reveal the positions at which long-lived unstable particles decay.

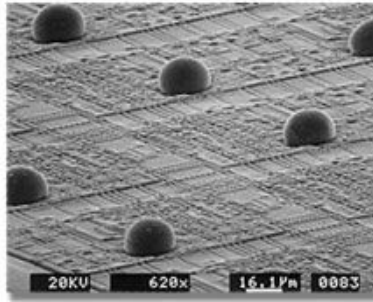
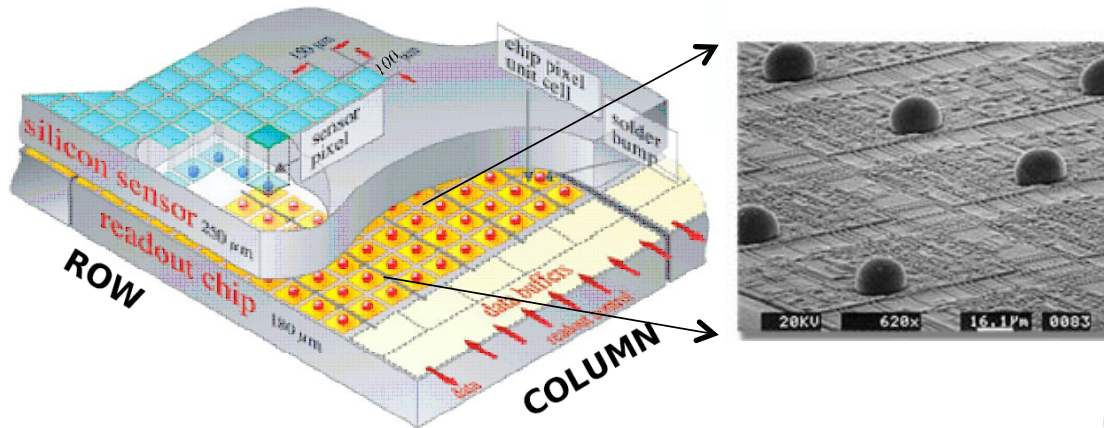


# CMS Sub-detectors: Tracker

- Largest silicon-sensor system ever made
  - 6m long, ~2.2m diameter, will operate at  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - More than  $220\text{m}^2$  of sensors (65M pixels and 10M strips)



# Pixel ReadOut Chip

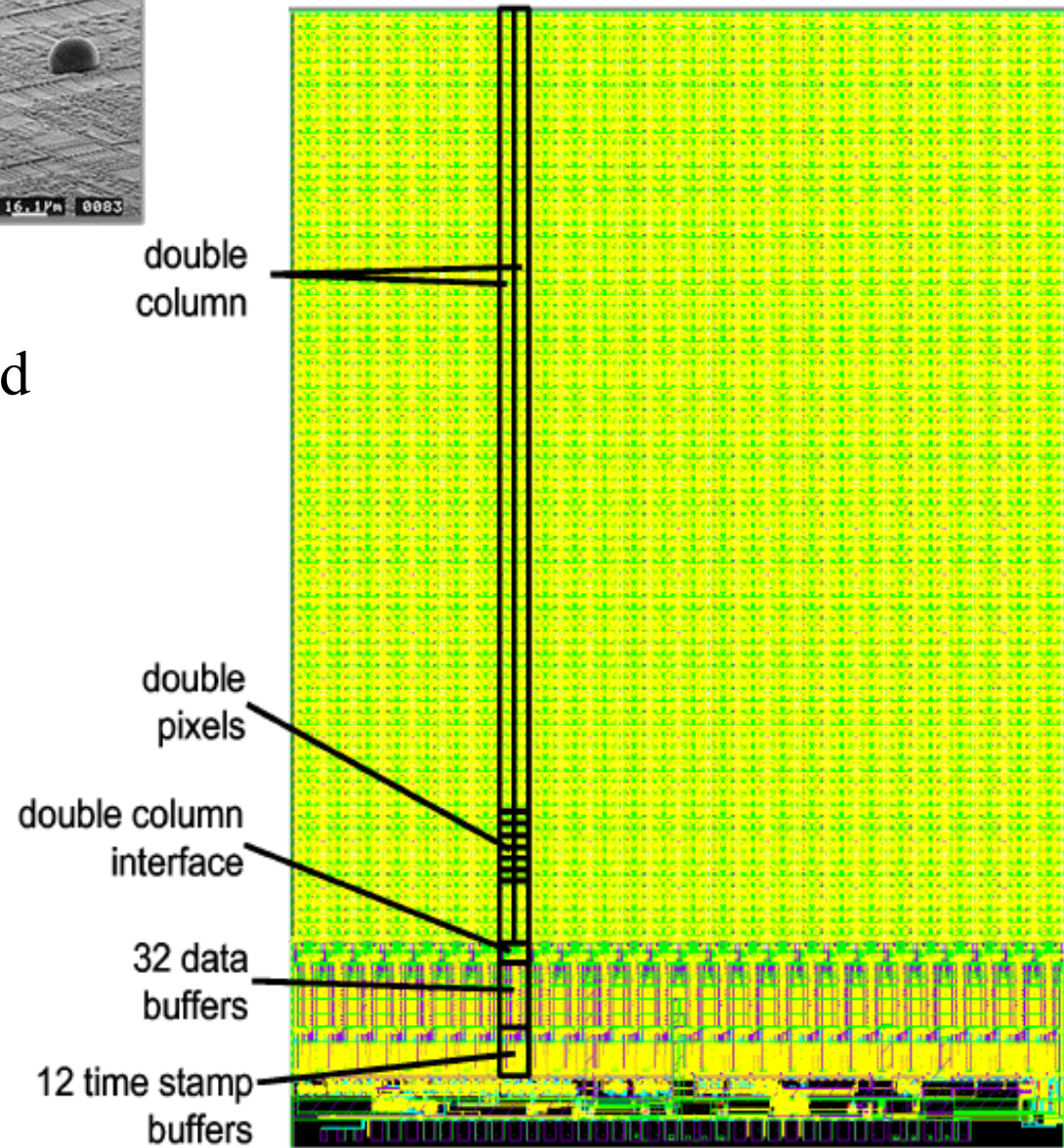


- ReadOut Chip (ROC) bump bonded sensor pixels.

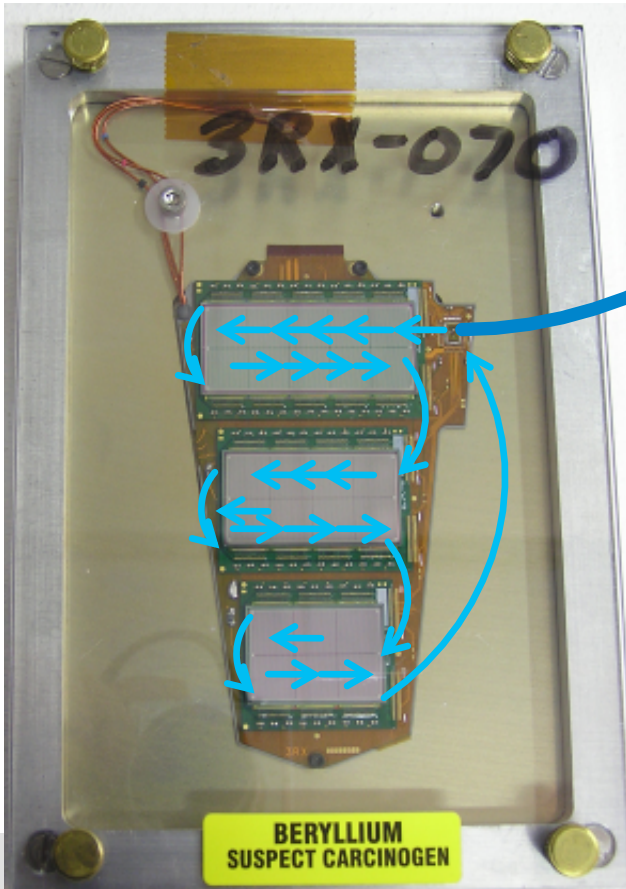
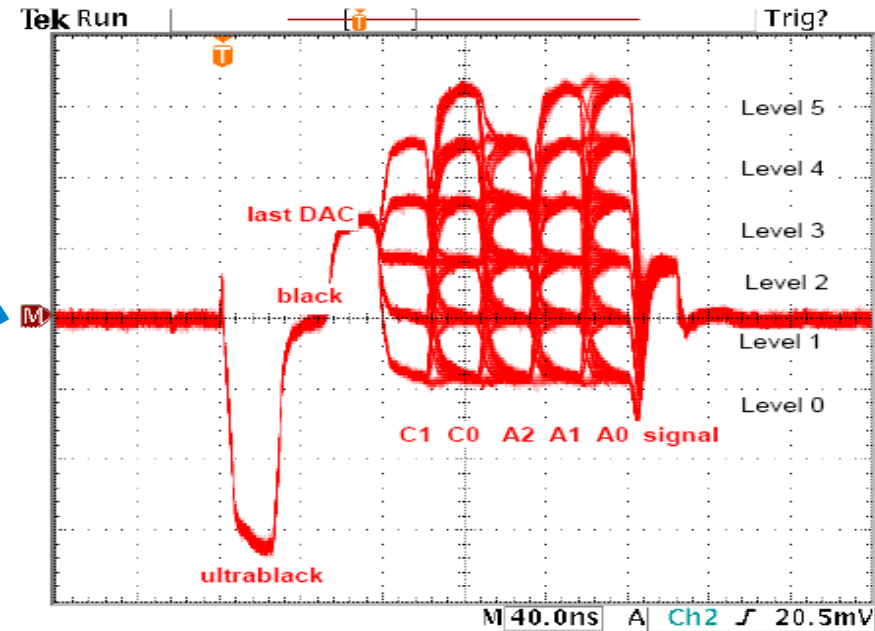
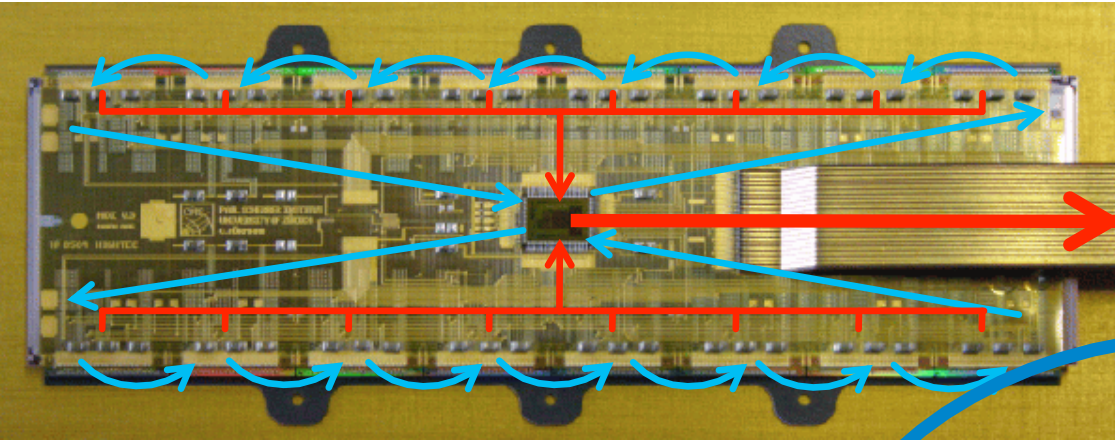
- $52 \times 80 = 4160$  pixels per ROC
- 15,840 ROCs
- 66 million pixels

- Automatic zero-suppression

- Each pixel has a programmable threshold

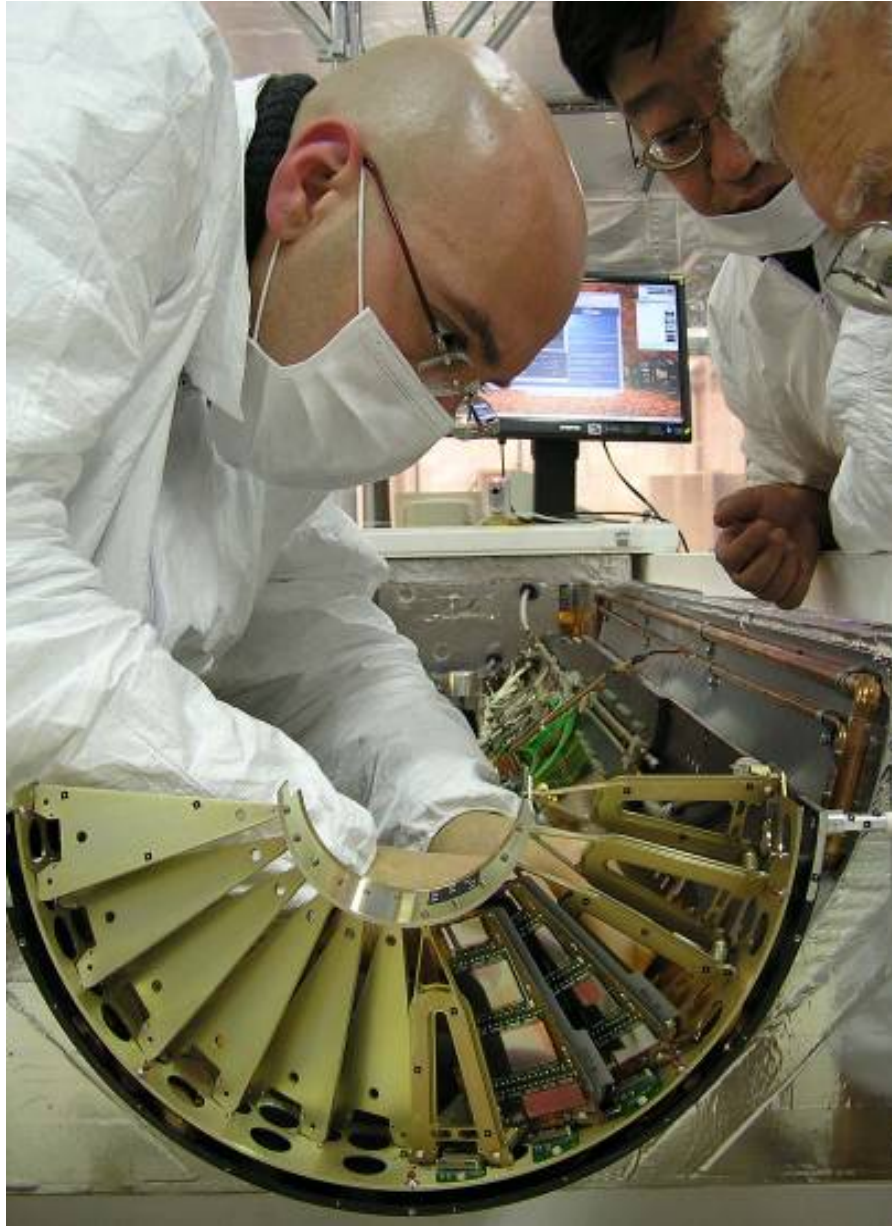


# Pixel Analog Readout



- On receiving a L1 trigger, the Token Bit Manager (TBM) initiates a sends “token bits” that instruct each ROC to send its hit data to the TBM
- The signal from the TBM is electrical and analog. It encodes the ROC #, row and column and charge deposit of each pixel hit
- The electrical signal from the TBM is converted to optical by the Analog-Optical Hybrid (AOH)

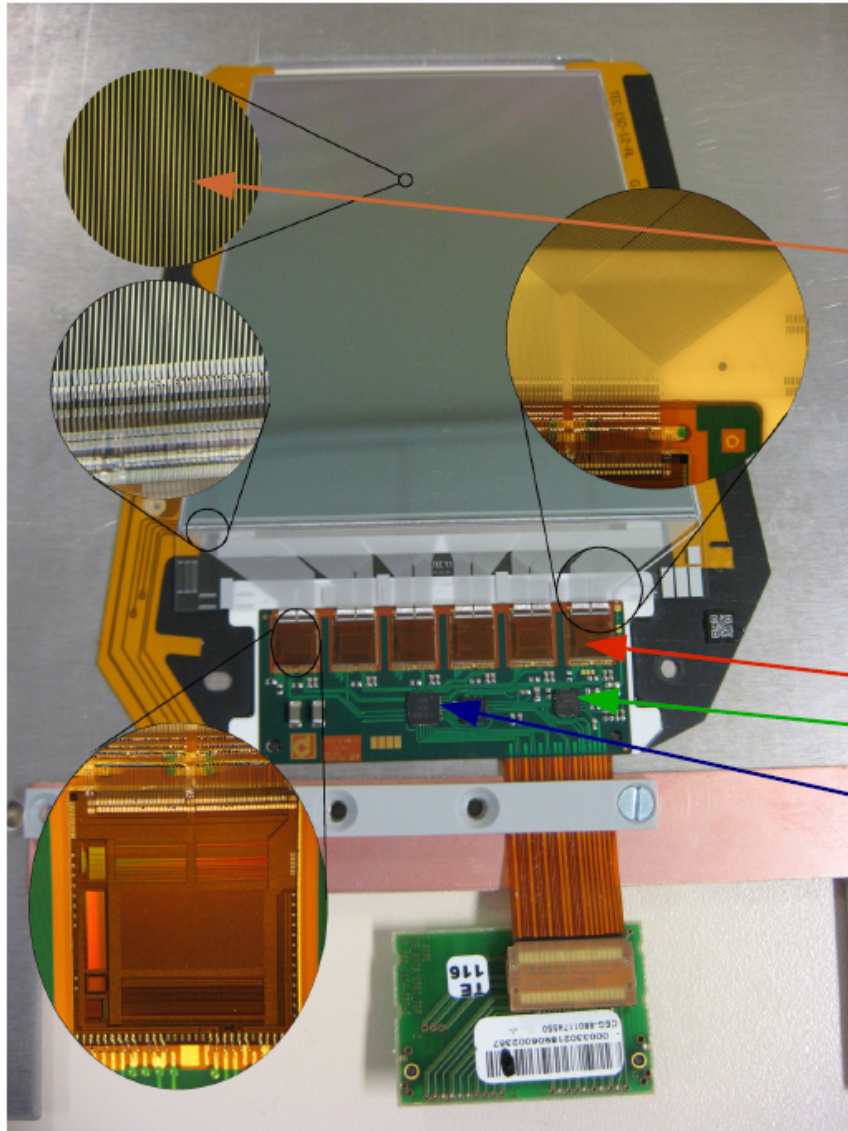
# CMS Sub-detectors: Tracker



*Assembling (left) and installation (below) of part of the Pixel detector*



# Tracker Sensor



- Sensor

- p<sup>+</sup> implant in n-type silicon bulk
- 512 or 768 **strips**
- strip pitch  $p=80-205$  m.
- $w/p = 0:25$  (w: p<sup>+</sup> implant width).
- AC-coupled readout.

- Electronics on Hybrid

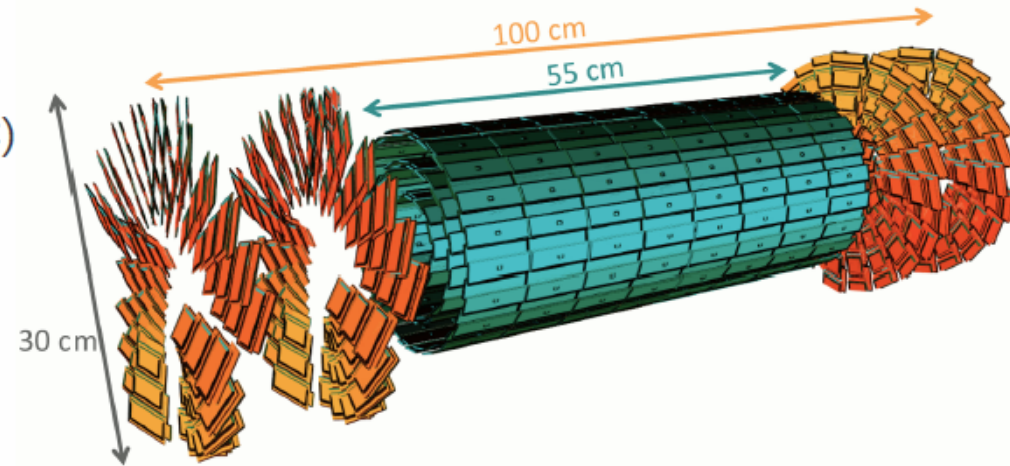
- 4 or 6 **APV** readout chips.
- **DCU**: leakage current, temperature, ..
- Multiplexed on 2 or 3 readout lines by **MUX**.

# Tracker detector

- Silicon pixel + Strip detector with optical analog readout

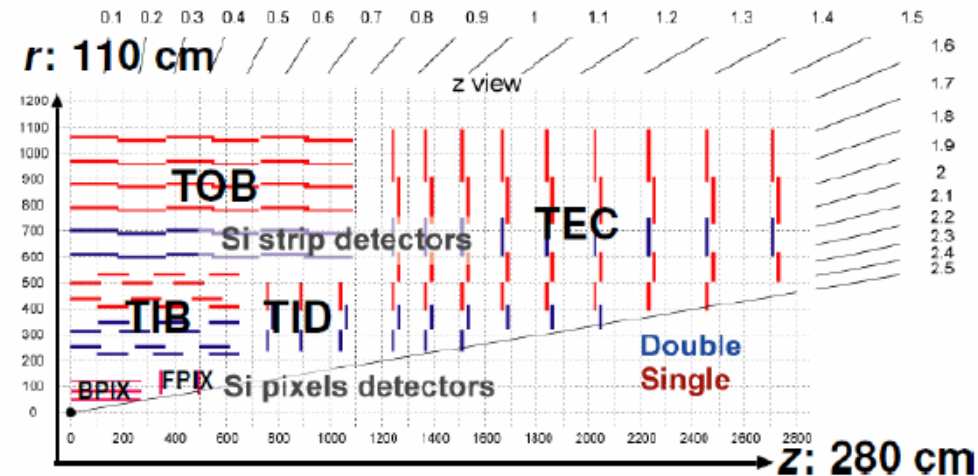
- **Pixel :**

- N+ in n sensors :
  - 100  $\mu\text{m}$  x 150  $\mu\text{m}$
  - 52x80 pixel read by one ReadOut Chip (ROC)
- **Barrel (Bpix):**
  - 3 layers (56cm long) at  $r= 4.3, 7.2, 11.0$  cm
  - 48M pixels, 11520 ROCs, 1120 RO links
- **Endcap (FPix) :**
  - 4 disks inner (outer) radius=6 (15) cm at  $z= \pm 34.5, \pm 46.5$  cm
  - 18M pixels, 4320 ROCs, 192 RO links



- **Strip :**

- 9.3M strips in 15148 modules :
  - Inner: 4 layers barrel (TIB), 3 disks (TID) cap
  - Outer: 6 layers barrel (TOB), 9 disks (TEC) cap
- 200m<sup>2</sup> silicon sensor (p-in-n) :
  - Pitch from 80 to 205  $\mu\text{m}$
  - $20 < r < 55$  cm thin ( $d=320$   $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - $r > 55$  cm thick ( $d=500$   $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Generally measure  $r\Phi$  direction
- Some radii ('Stereo'):
  - additional 2nd modules rotated by 100 mrad
  - measurements for  $\eta(\text{track})$



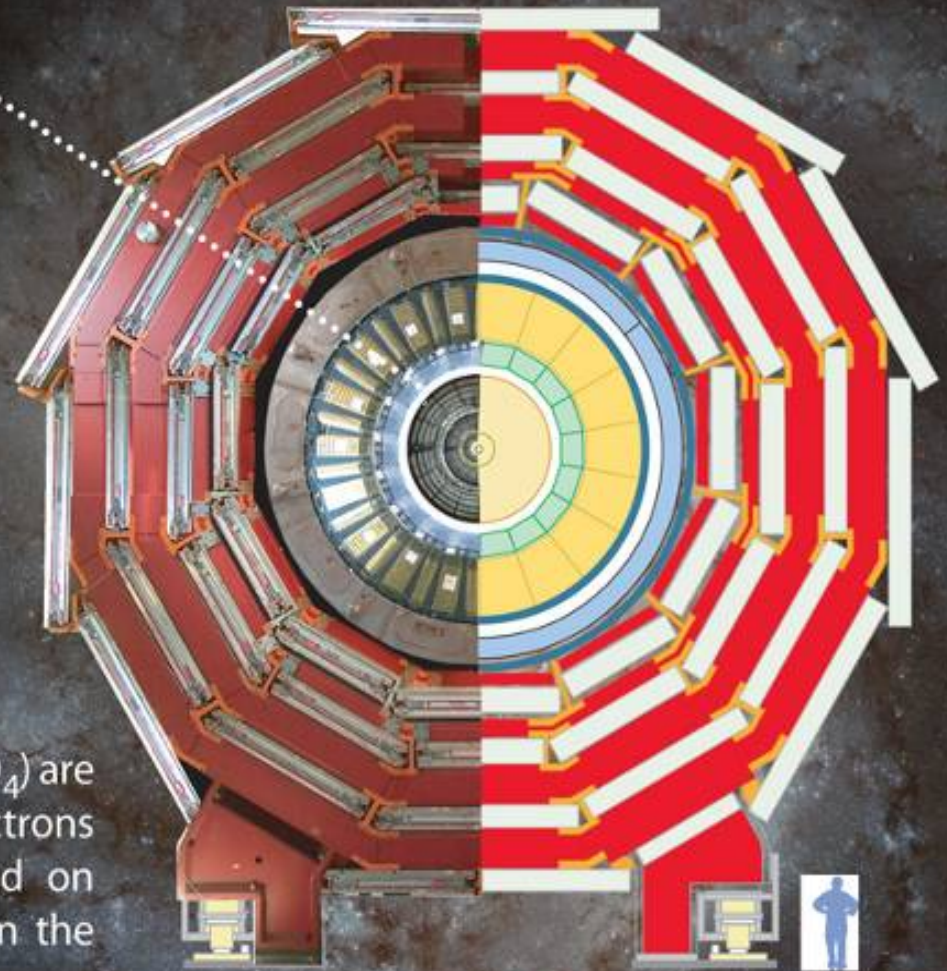


# CMS sub-detectors: ECAL



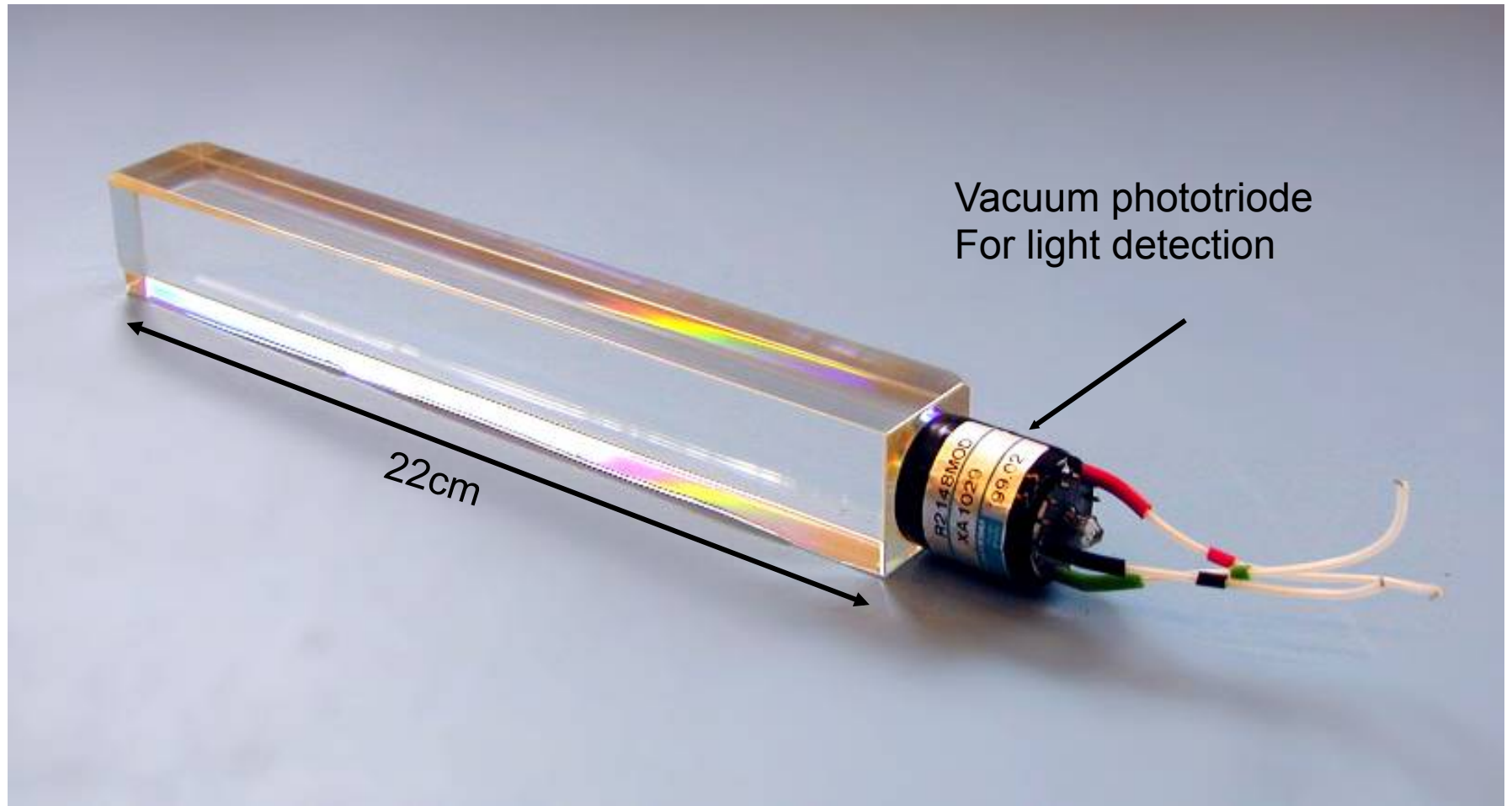
## Electromagnetic Calorimeter

Nearly 80 000 crystals of lead tungstate ( $\text{PbWO}_4$ ) are used to measure precisely the energies of electrons and photons. A 'preshower' detector, based on silicon sensors, helps particle identification in the endcaps.

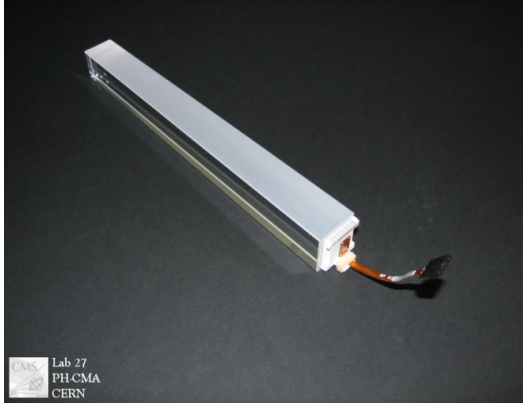


# Calorimeters: Lead Tungstate Crystal

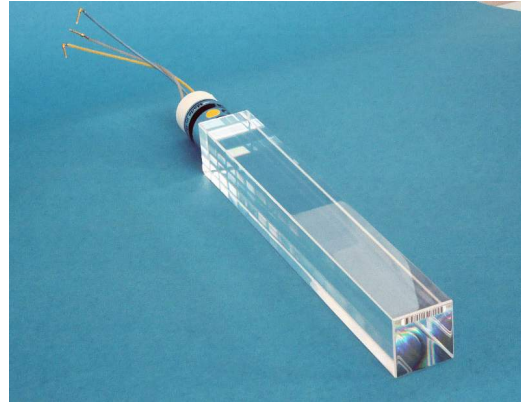
- One dense substance –  $\text{PbWO}_4$  - produces the shower and scintillation light



# Lead tungstate crystals ( $\text{PbWO}_4$ )



Barrel crystal,  
tapered  
34 types



Endcap crystal,  
tapered  
1 type

## Reasons for choice:

- **Homogeneous medium**  $8.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- **Fast light emission**  $\sim 80\%$  in 25 ns
- **Short radiation length**  $X_0 = 0.89 \text{ cm}$
- **Small Molière radius**  $R_M = 2.20 \text{ cm}$
- **Emission peak** 420 nm

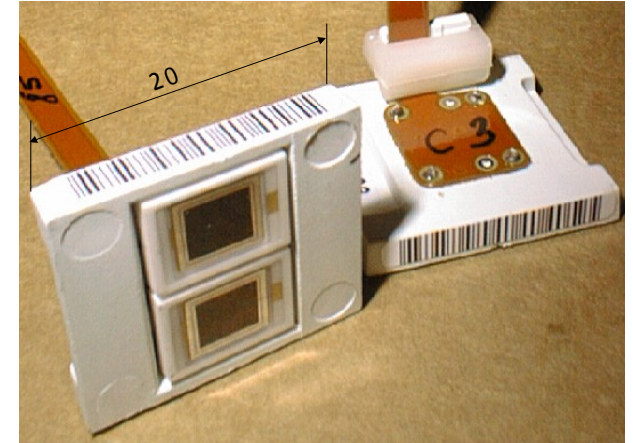
## Caveats:

- LY temperature dependence  $\sim -2.2\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$  **Need to stabilise to few  $0.01^{\circ}\text{C}$**
- Formation/decay of colour centres under irradiation altering crystal transparency **Need precise monitoring system**
- Low light yield **Need photodetectors with gain in magnetic field**
- Light yield spread between crystals  $\sim 10\%$  **Need intercalibration**

# Photodetectors

## **Barrel:** Avalanche photo-diodes (APD, Hamamatsu)

- Two 5x5 mm<sup>2</sup> APDs/crystal, ~ 4.5 p.e./MeV
  - Gain 50
  - QE ~ 75% at 420 nm
  - **Temperature dependence  $\Delta G/\Delta T = -2.4\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$**
  - **High-Voltage dependence  $\Delta G/\Delta V = 3.1\%/V$**
- Need to stabilize T at few 0.01°C and HV at ~10mV**

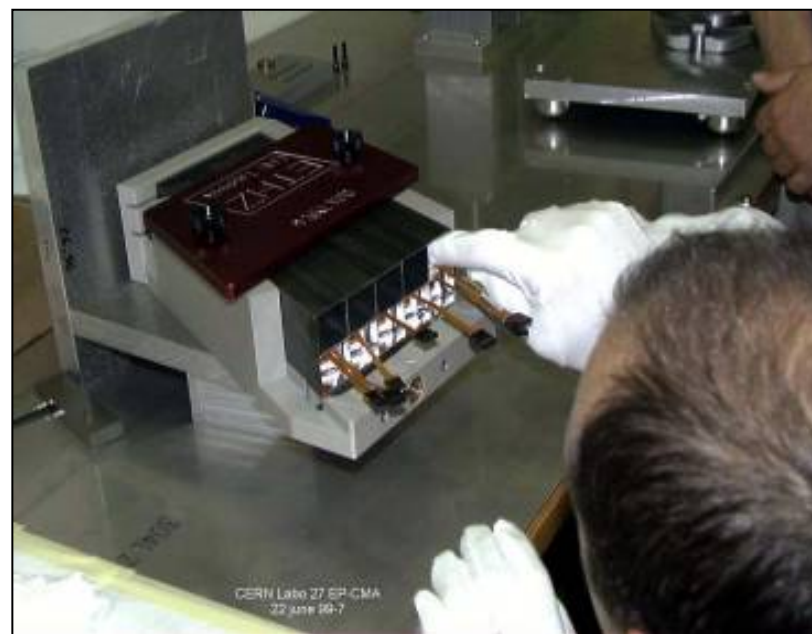
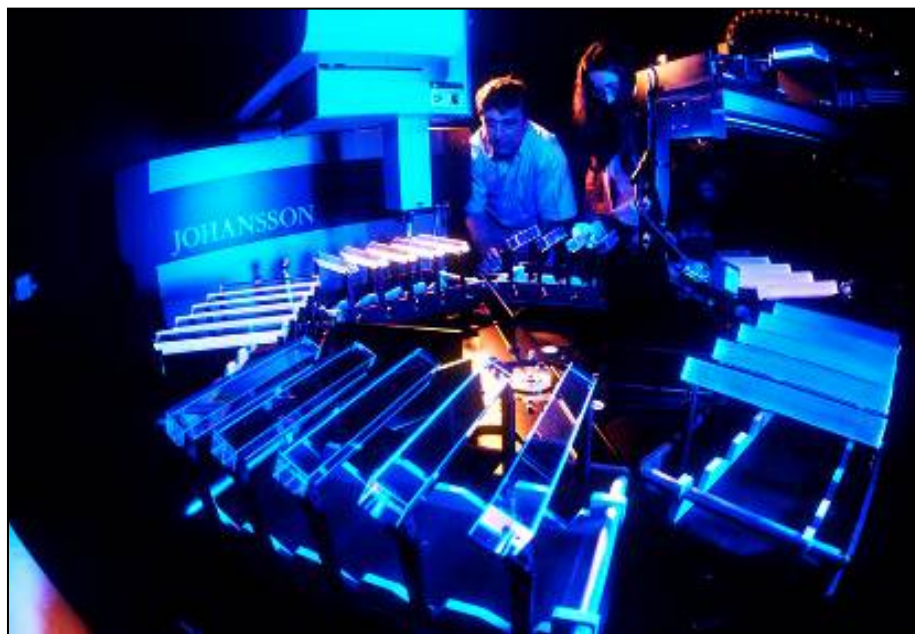


## **Endcaps:** Vacuum photo-triodes (VPT, RIE)

- More radiation resistant than Si diodes
  - UV glass window
  - Active area ~ 280 mm<sup>2</sup>/crystal, ~ 4.5 p.e./MeV
  - Gain 8 -10 (B=4T)
  - Q.E. ~ 20% at 420 nm
  - **Gain spread among VPTs ~ 25%**
- Need intercalibration**



# CMS Sub-detectors: ECAL

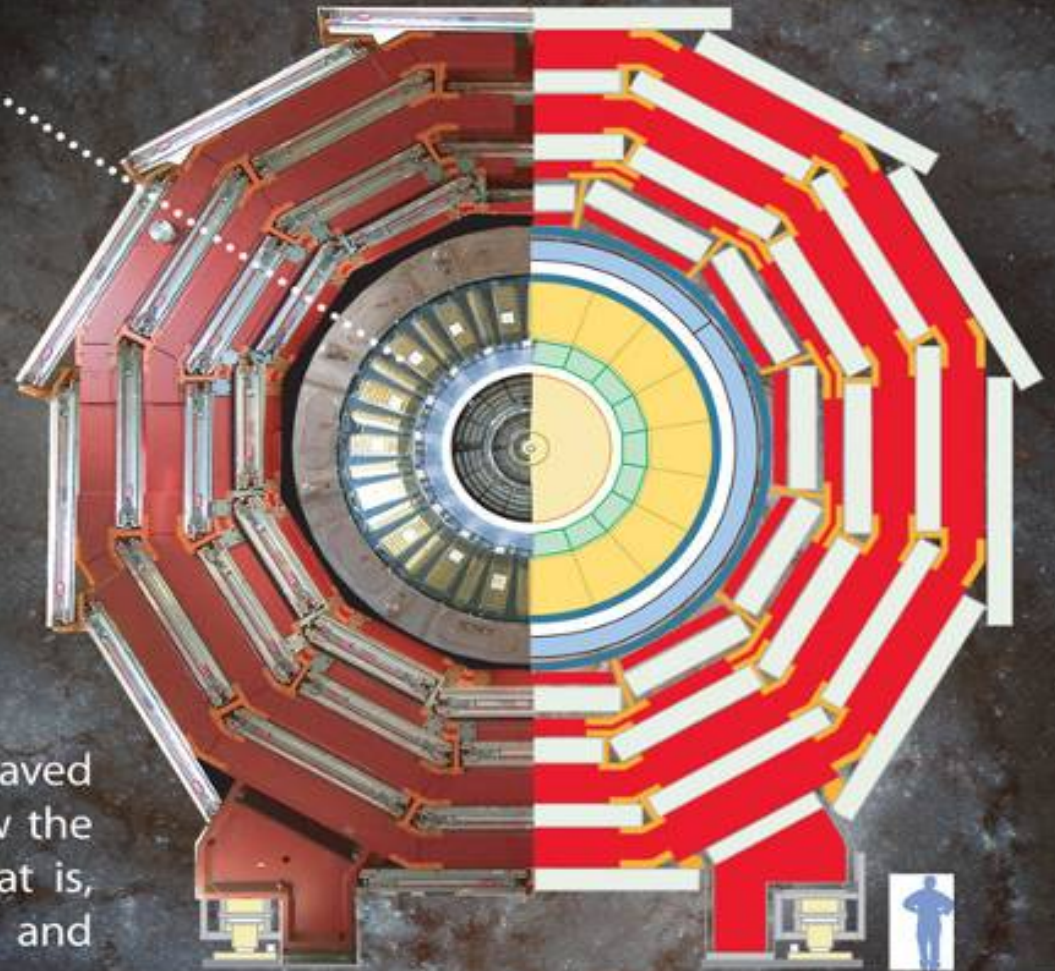


# CMS Sub-detectors: HCAL

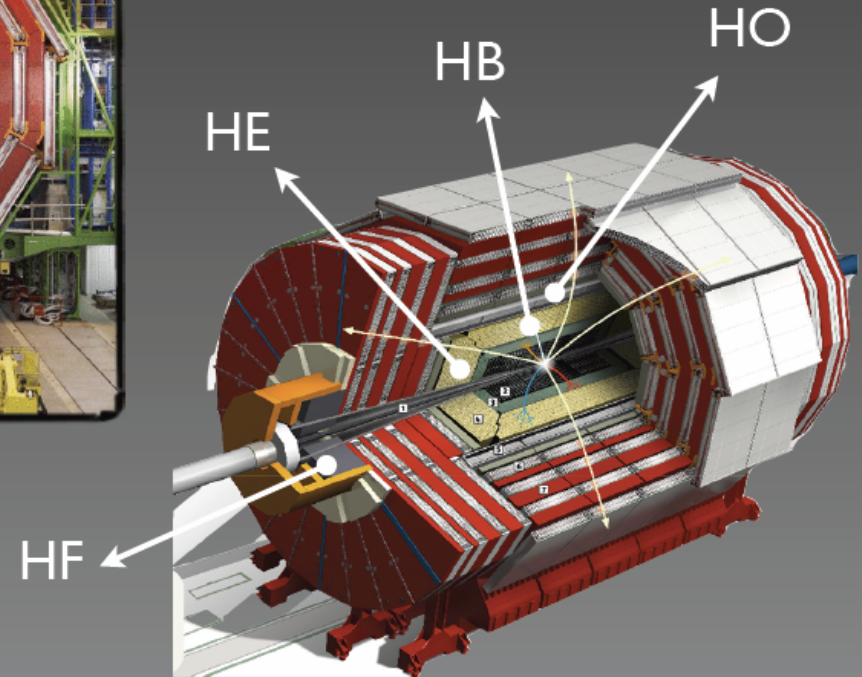
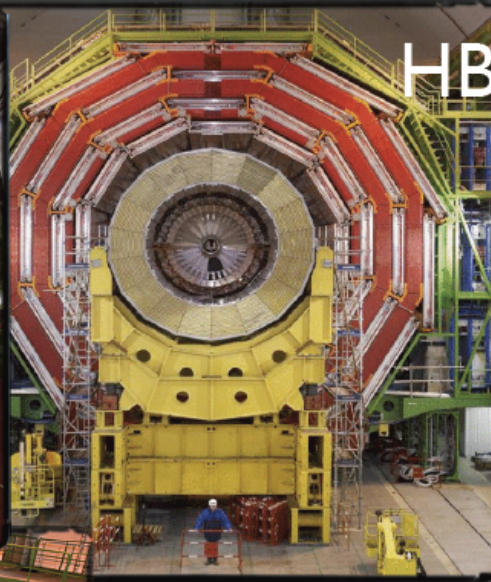
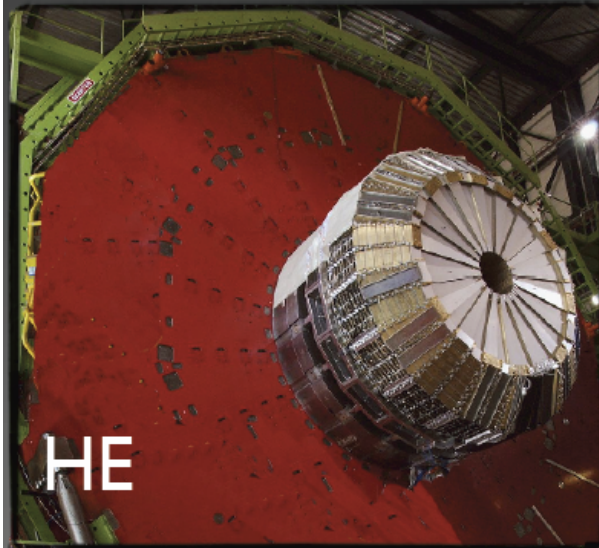


## Hadron Calorimeter

Layers of dense material (brass or steel) interleaved with plastic scintillators or quartz fibres allow the determination of the energy of hadrons, that is, particles such as protons, neutrons, pions and kaons.



# HCAL Structure



Detector	Active Material	Absorber	Readout	# Channels
HB/HE/HO	Scintillator Tile	Brass	Hybrid Photo-Diode (HPD)	2592/2592/2160
HF	Quartz Fiber	Steel	PMT	1728

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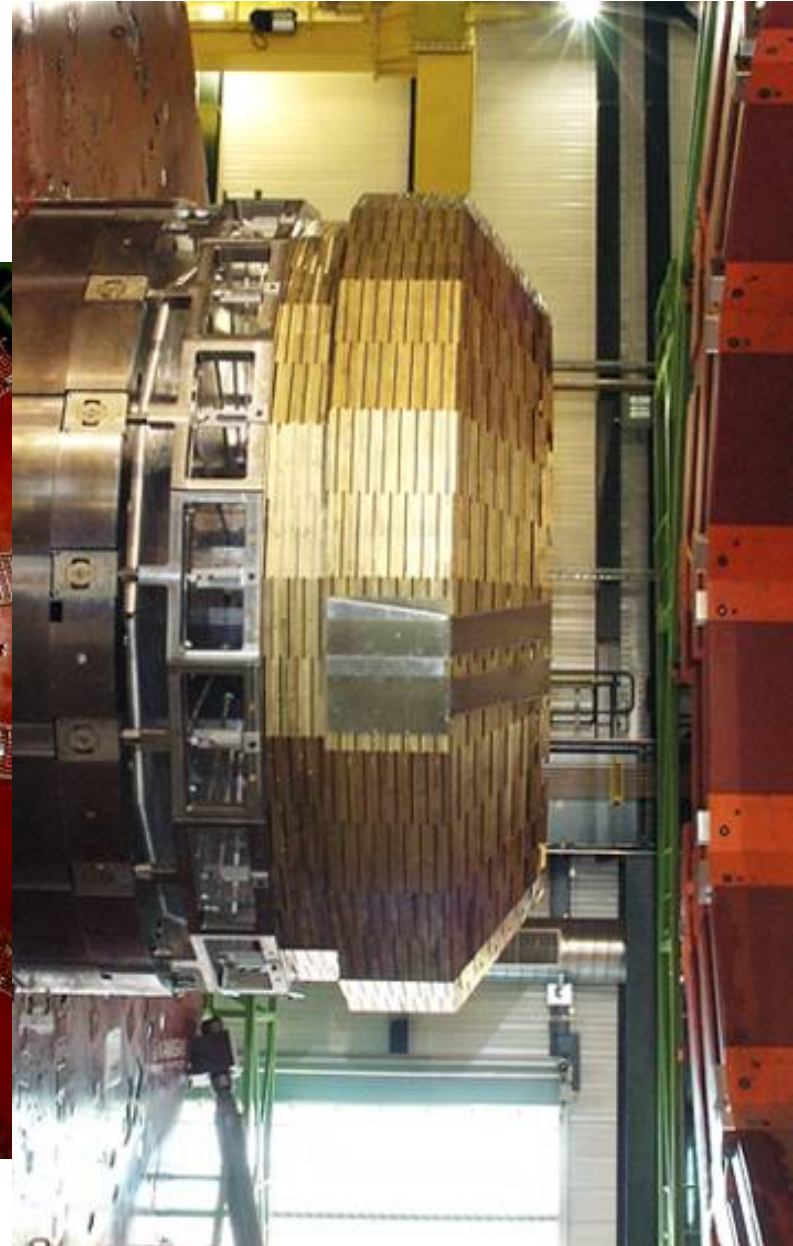
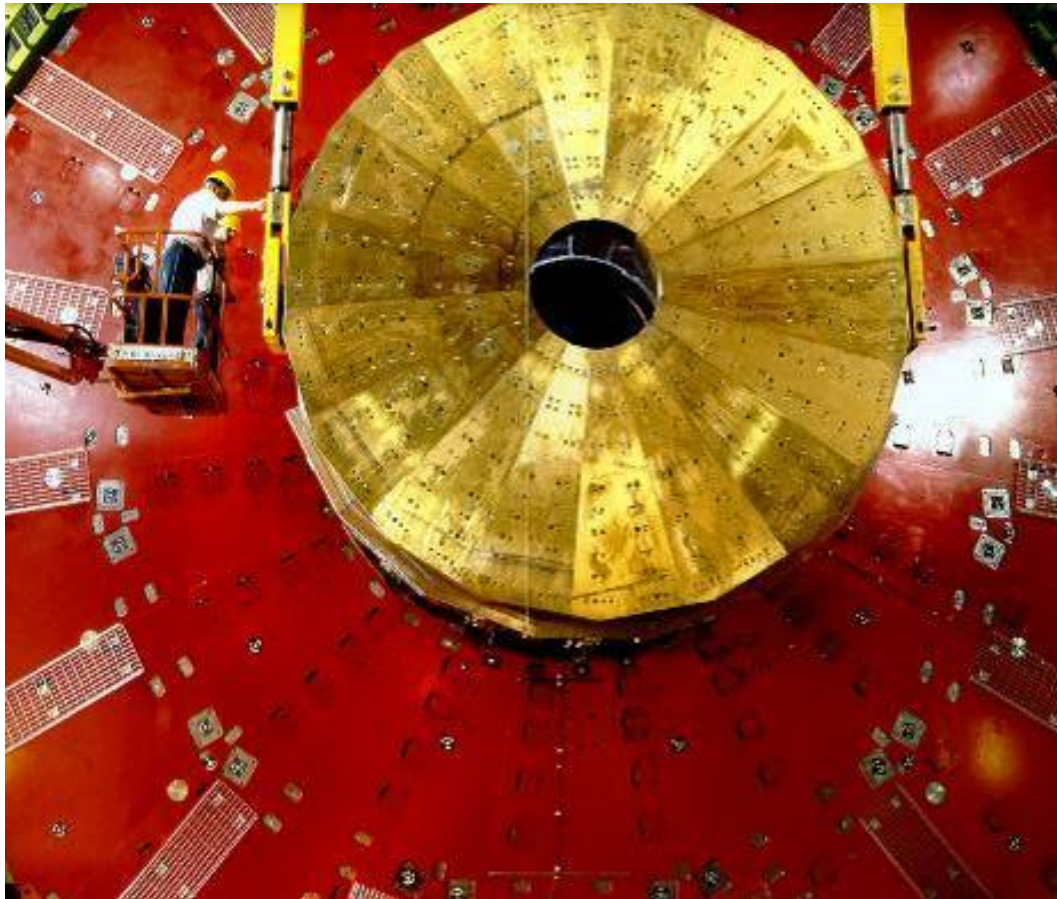
**Weapons to ploughshares: Brass for HCAL recuperated from Russian warships!**





# CMS Sub-detectors: HCAL

*Installed Endcap HCAL*

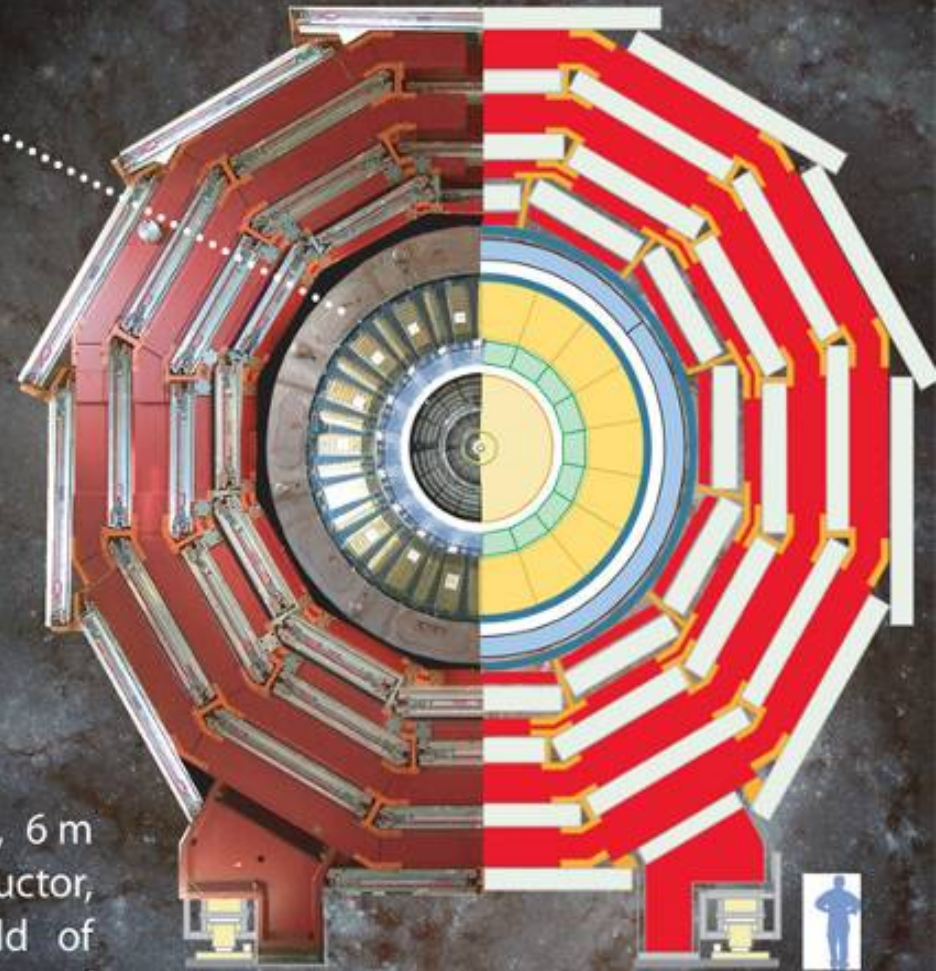


# CMS Solenoid



## Superconducting Solenoid

Passing 20 000 amperes through a 13 m long, 6 m diameter coil of niobium-titanium superconductor, cooled to  $-270^{\circ}\text{C}$ , produces a magnetic field of 4 teslas (about 100 000 times stronger than that of the Earth). This field bends the trajectories of charged particles, allowing their separation and momenta measurements.

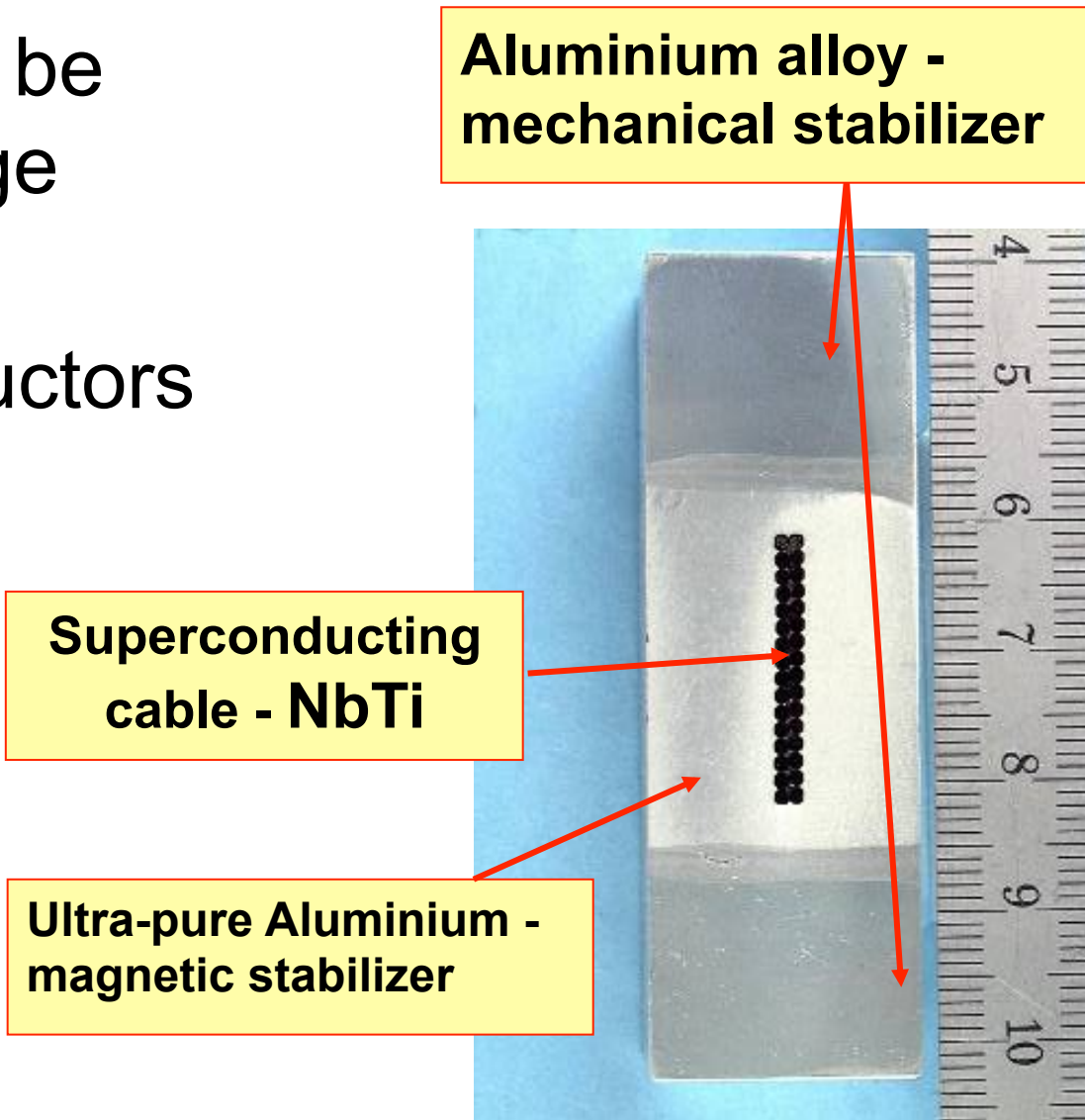


# CMS Solenoid



# Magnet cable

- B-field needs to be uniform and large (few teslas)
- Use superconductors



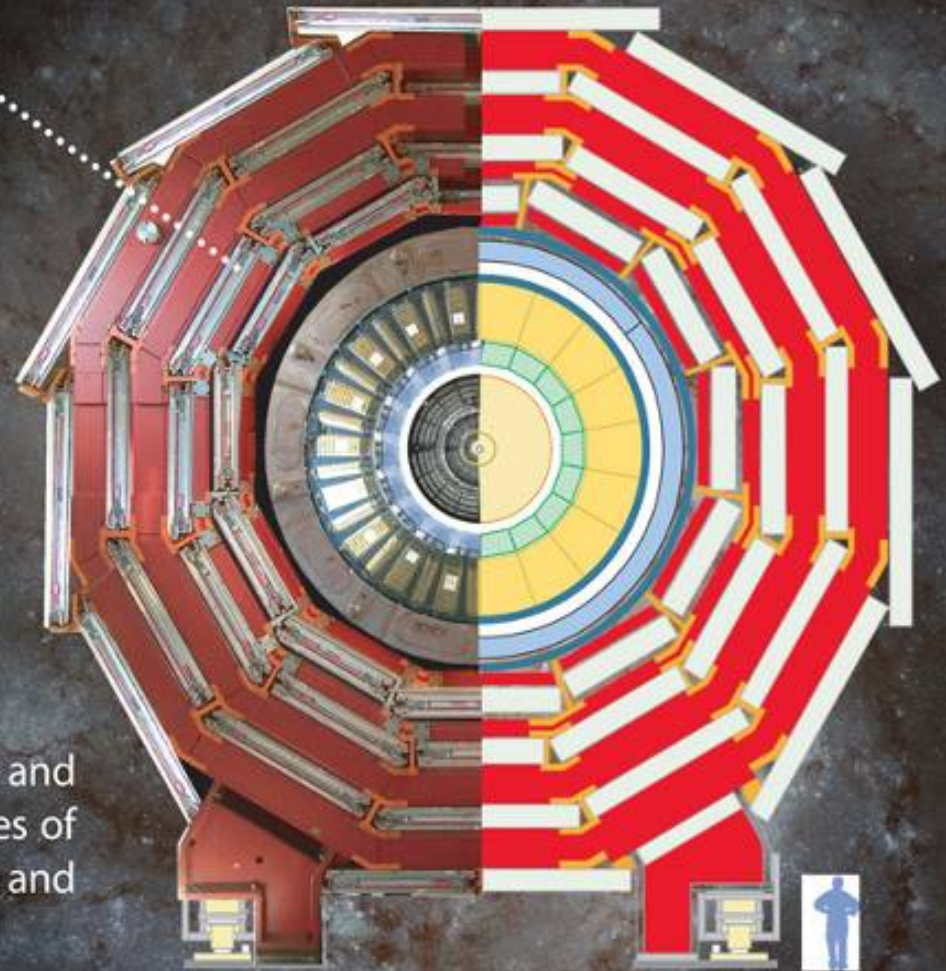
***CMS uses approx: 1 million km of NbTi filaments!***

# CMS Solenoid



*Coil is constructed vertically but needs to be horizontal!*

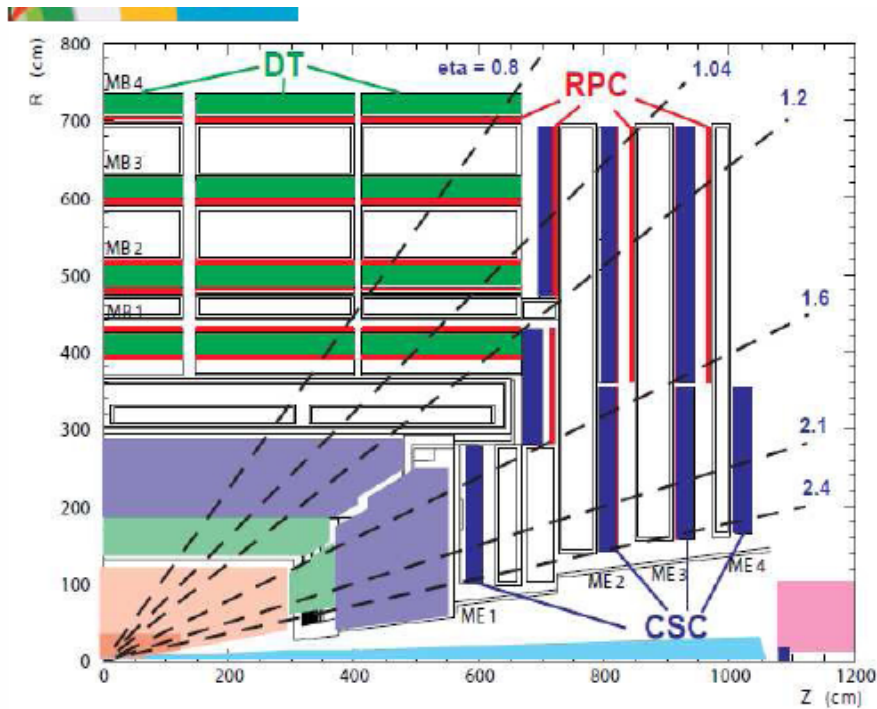
# CMS sub-detectors: Muon Chambers



## Muon Detectors

To identify muons (essentially heavy electrons) and measure their momenta, CMS uses three types of detector: drift tubes, cathode strip chambers and resistive plate chambers.

# Muon system



Barrel: 5 Wheels  
Endcap: 4 Disks per side

Total Weight: 14,500 tons  
Overall diameter: 14.60 m  
Overall length: 21.60 m  
Magnetic Field: 3.8 T

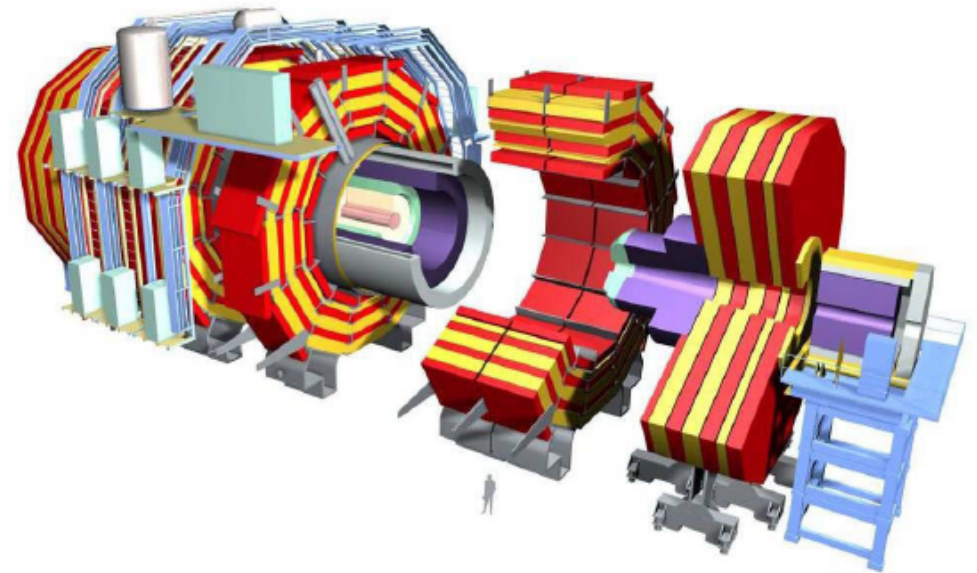
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Drift Tube (DT) in the barrel ( $|\eta| < 1.2$ )

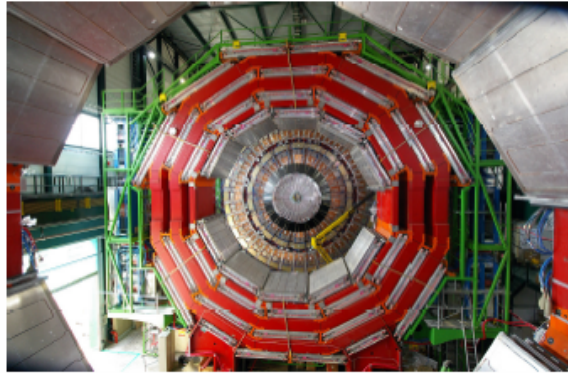
Cathode Strip Chambers (CSC) in the endcaps ( $0.9 < |\eta| < 2.4$ )

Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC) both in barrel and endcaps (up to  $|\eta| = 1.6$ )

All detectors used both in triggering and reconstruction

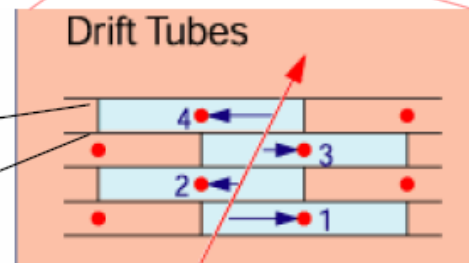
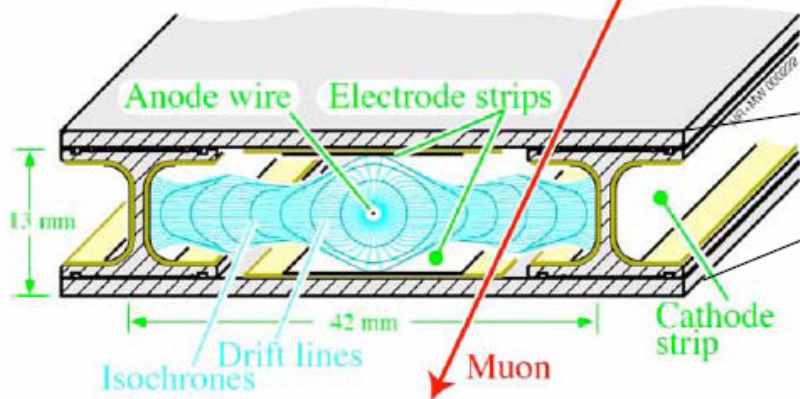
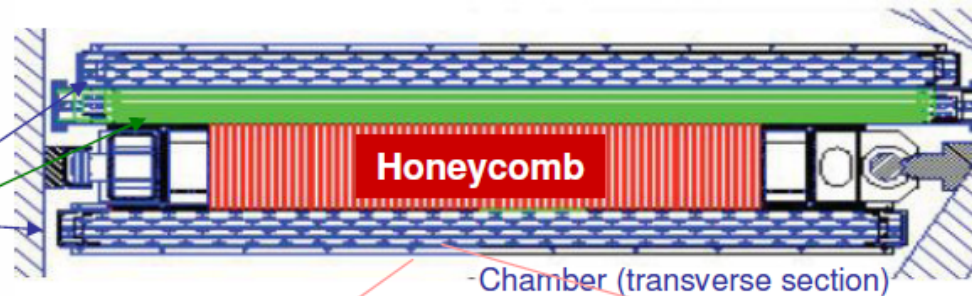


# Drift Tubes



250 chambers (50 per wheel)  
5 wheels / 12 sectors / 4 stations  
Readout channels > 170k

- (4+4) layers in the bending coordinate ( $\Phi$ )
- 4 layers measuring  $z$  ( $\Theta$ )  
(except in outermost station)

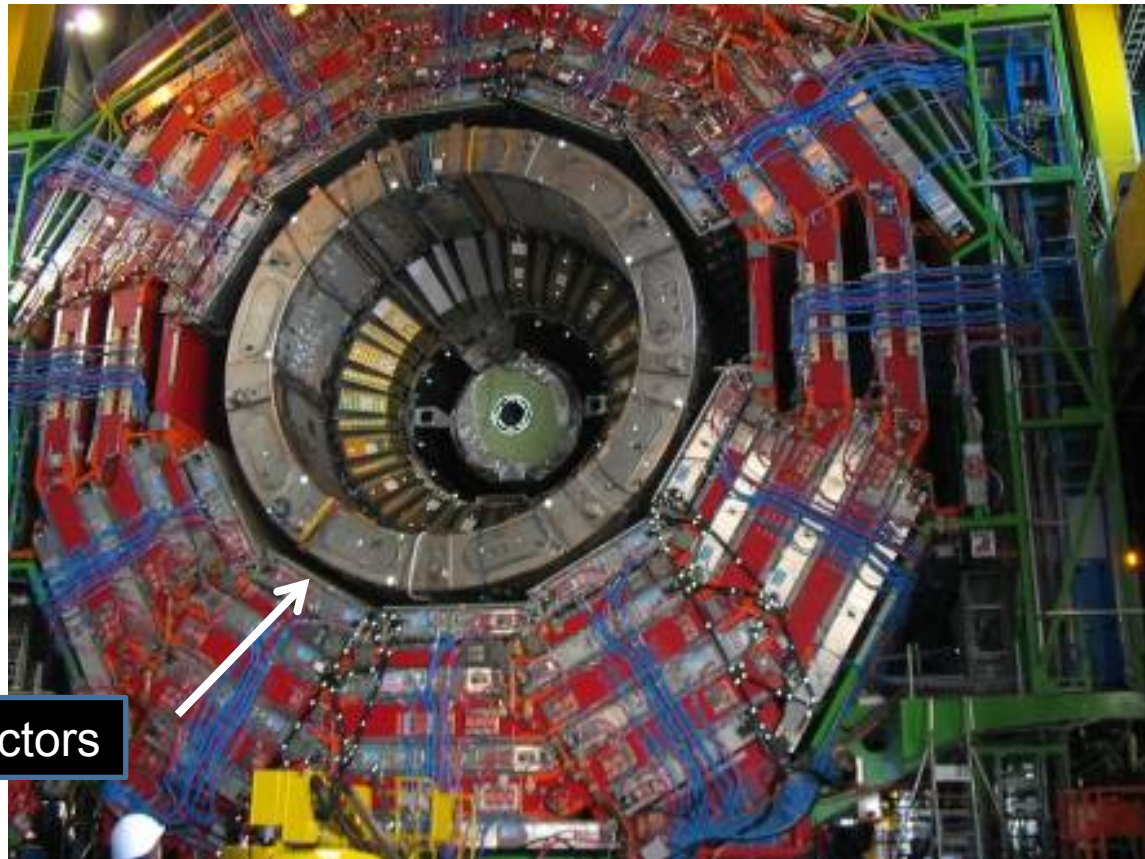


Gas mixture: Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> (85/15) %  
Anode wire: 3.6 kV  
Electrode strips: 1.8 kV  
Cathode: -1.2 kV  
V<sub>drift</sub> ~ 55  $\mu$ m/ns  $\rightarrow$  Max drift time ~ 380 ns  
Single wire resolution ~ 200  $\mu$ m  
Local reconstruction ( $r$ - $\Phi$ ) ~ 100  $\mu$ m



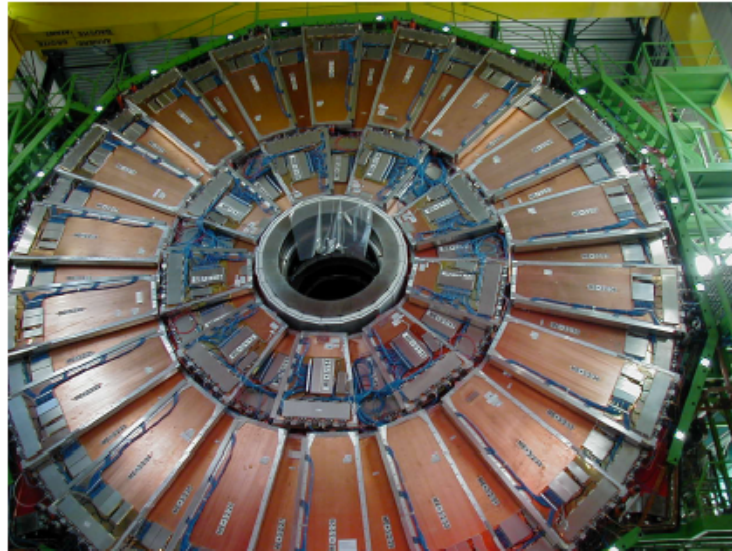
# CMS sub-detectors: Muon Chambers

- Position measurement
  - Drift Tubes (DT) in barrel
  - Cathode Strip Chambers (CSC) in endcaps
- Trigger
  - Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs) in barrel and endcaps



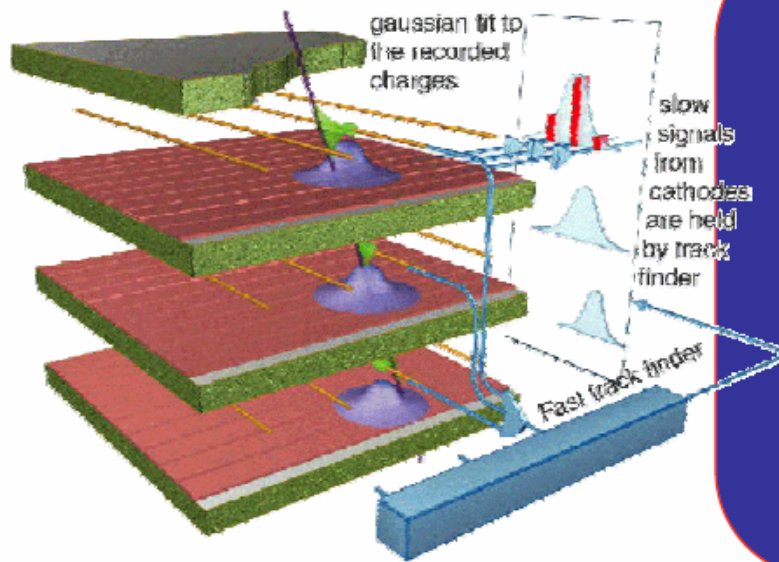
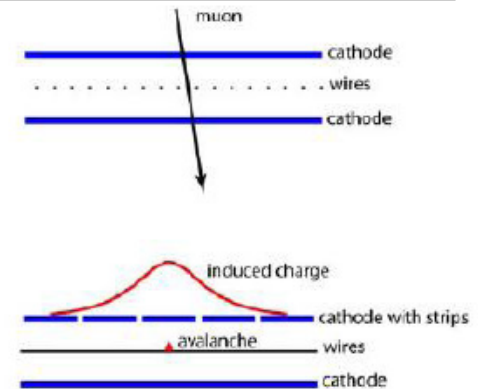
Muon detectors

# Cathode Strip Chambers



Tracking and triggering in the endcaps.  
CSCs used due to higher B field and rate

468 chambers, >400k channels.  
 • 4 disks/endcap,  
 • 1, 2 or 3 rings/disk  
 • 18 or 36 chambers/ring  
 2 million cathode strip chamber wires.



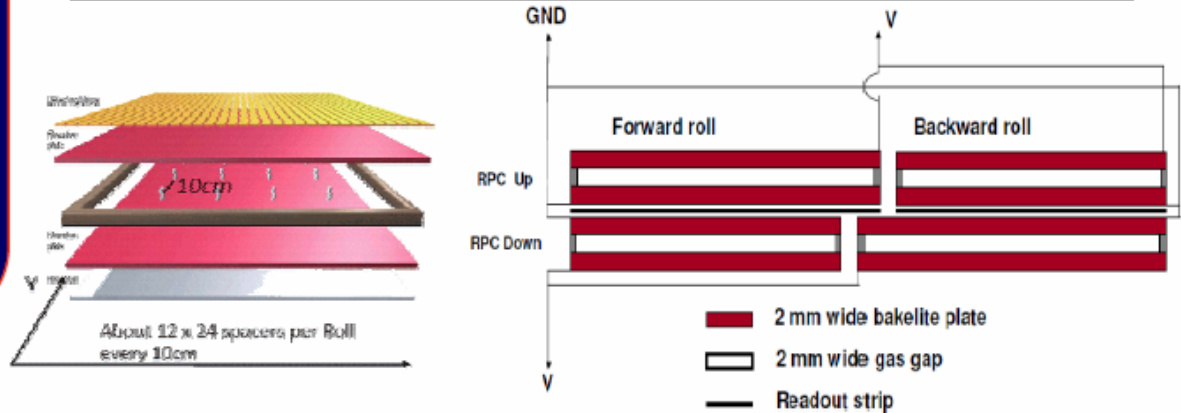
## MWPC chambers with cathode strip readout

- 6 layers per chamber
  - 9.5 mm gap, Ar/CO<sub>2</sub>/CF<sub>4</sub> (40/50/10)%
- Bending coordinate ( $\Phi$ ) measured by centroid on strips
  - Strip pitch 8.4-16 mm
- Fast response from wire group (r coordinate) for BX identification
- Design resolution
  - ~150  $\mu\text{m}$ /chamber
  - 75  $\mu\text{m}$  for the innermost chamber that operate in a critical region (less spaced, tilted wires; smaller strips; smaller gap)

# Resistive Plate Chambers

- Double-gap in avalanche mode to cope with hit rates up to  $\sim 1\text{KHz}/\text{cm}^2$
- $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4/\text{iso-C}_4\text{H}_{10}/\text{SF}_6$  (96.2/3.5/0.3)%; closed loop
- Strips measure bending coordinate ( $\Phi \sim 1\text{ cm}$  resolution)
- Fast response; very good timing resolution ( $\sim 2\text{ns}$ )

RPC used both in reconstruction and triggering in barrel and endcaps



## BARREL

480 chambers (72 per wheel)  
5 wheels / 12 sectors / 6 stations  
Readout channels > 50k

## ENDCAPS

432 chambers (72 per Disk)  
6 Disks / 2 rings / 36 stations  
Readout channels > 40k



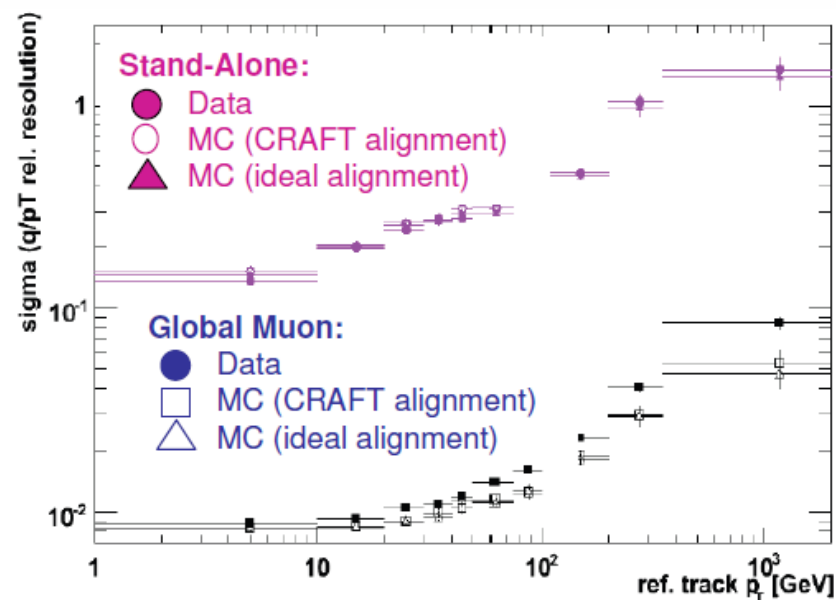
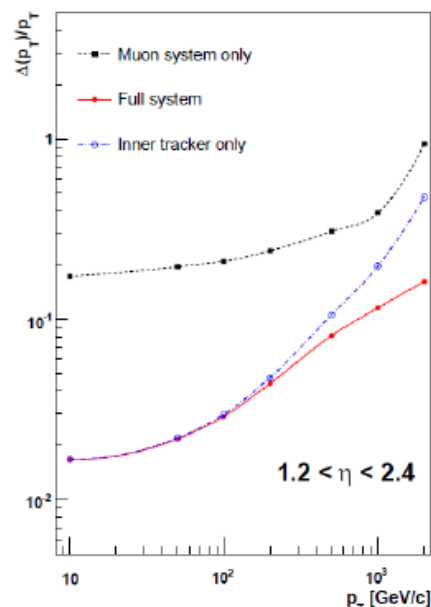
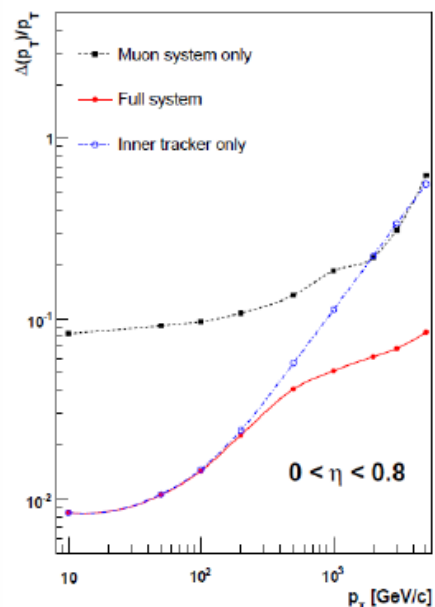
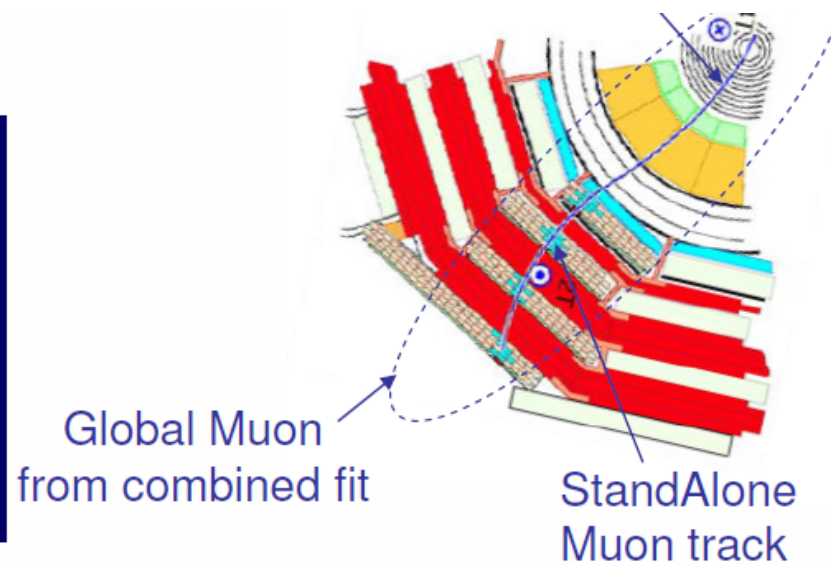
# Muon reconstruction in CMS



## Muon reconstructed independently both in Tracker and in muon system

- Inner tracker dominates resolution up to 200 GeV/c due to multiple scattering in the iron
- Above 200 GeV/c, improvement from combined muon-tracker fit

**Resolution measured by comparing bottom and top leg of the cosmic track**



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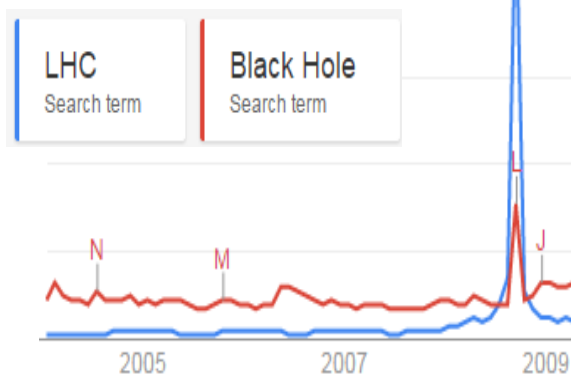
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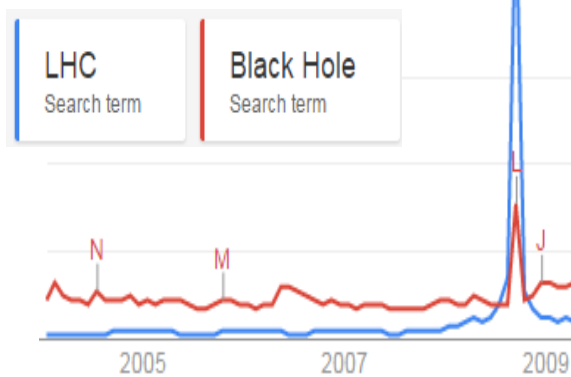


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