

4. LHC experiments



Summary from yesterday:

- **Hadron colliders** play an important role in particle physics discovery but also precision measurements
 - **LHC will open up TeV energy range**
new particles with 3-5 TeV mass could be produced and hopefully detected
 - **typical signatures** include high p_T objects, leptons and photons and often missing (transverse) energy
 - **challenges at LHC**
huge interaction rates and large QCD background pile up
- requires detectors and electronics**
fast, high granularity, radiation hard
... let's have a look at them!



Detector requirements

The signatures we look for ...

- Leptons and photons at high p_T
- missing Energy $\rightarrow E_{t,miss}$
- b quarks, tau leptons
- Jets

with high backgrounds and low pT pile up

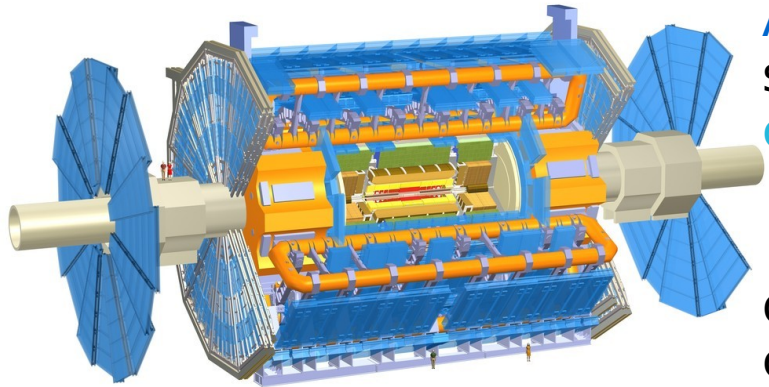
Detector requirements ...

- radiation hardness
- timing 25 ns
- identify and measure leptons, photons at high pT
lepton ID over huge background e/jet $\sim 10^{-5}$
- good measurement of missing transverse Energy
energy measurement in forward region ($|\eta| < 5$)
- b and τ tag (silicon detectors)
- highly selective and fast trigger
signal xs $\sim 10^{-14}$ of total xs



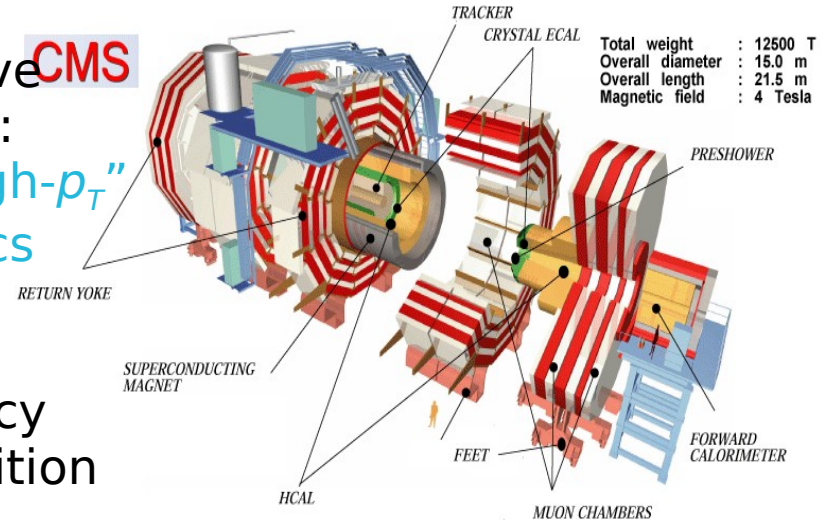
LHC experiments

ATLAS



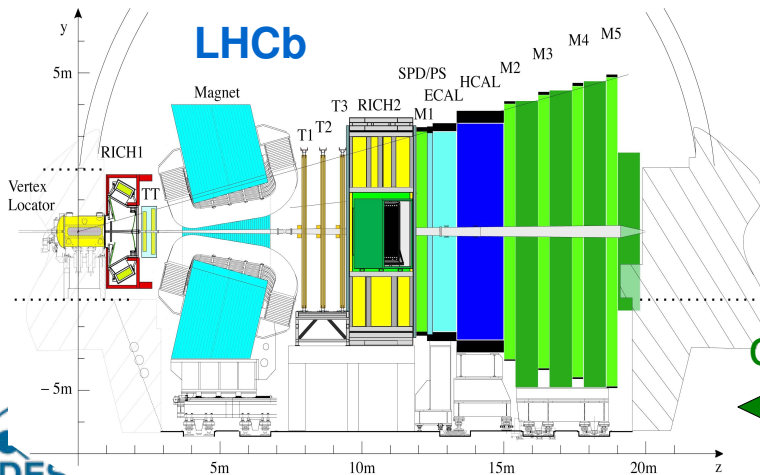
ALTAS and CMS have same physics goals:
concentrate on “high- p_T ”
discovery physics

different detector
concepts redundancy
and fruitful competition

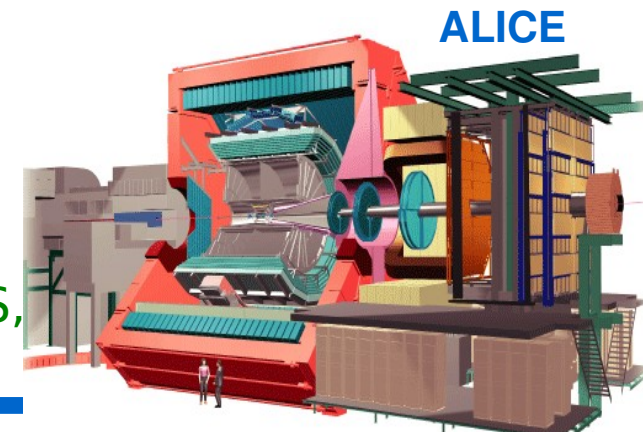


LHCb looks like a fixed-target
experiment (though it is not!), but
only forward region covered...
concentrates on low- p_T B physics in
pp collisions

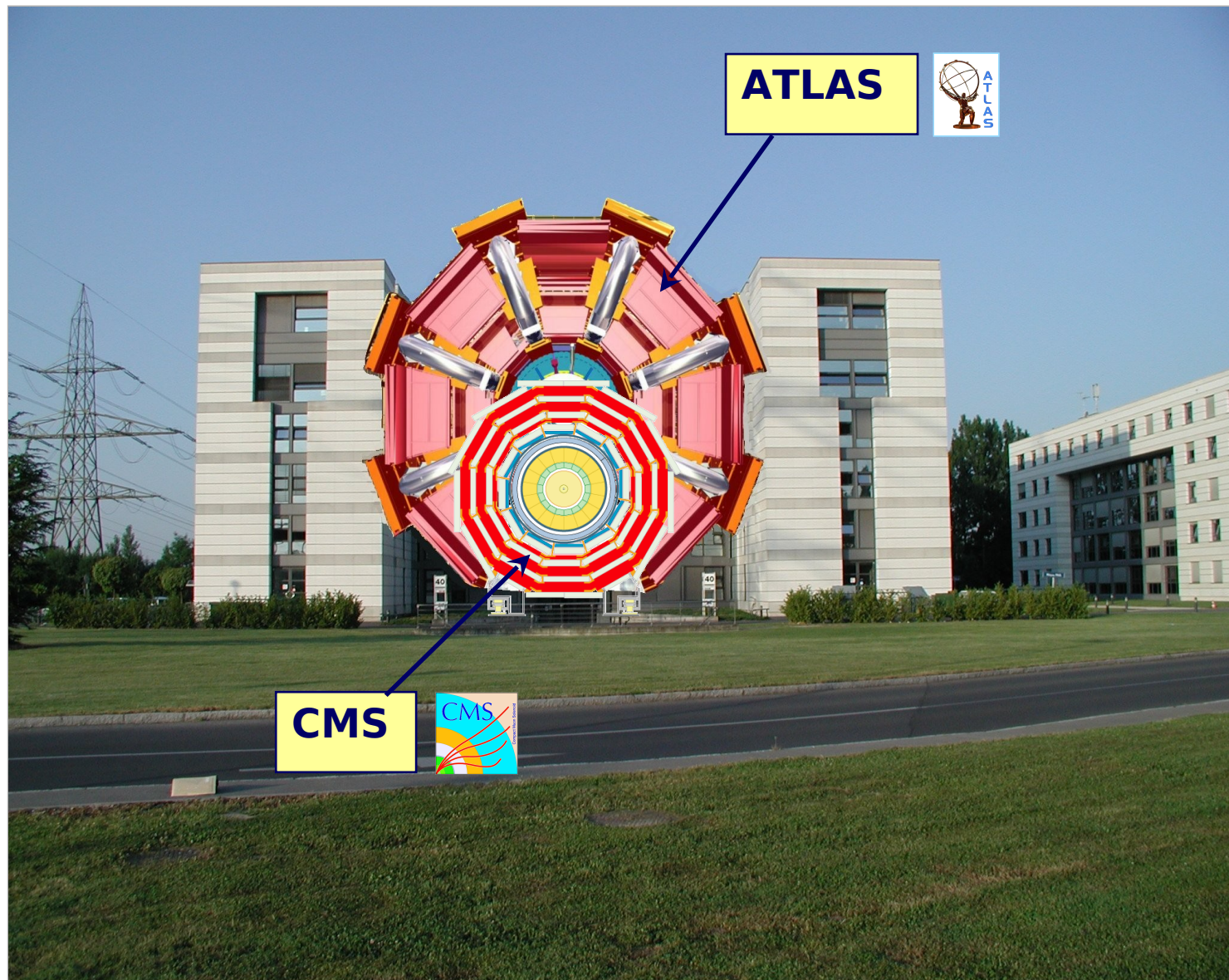
ALICE will exploit high-
energetic nucleus-nucleus
(“heavy-ion”) collisions



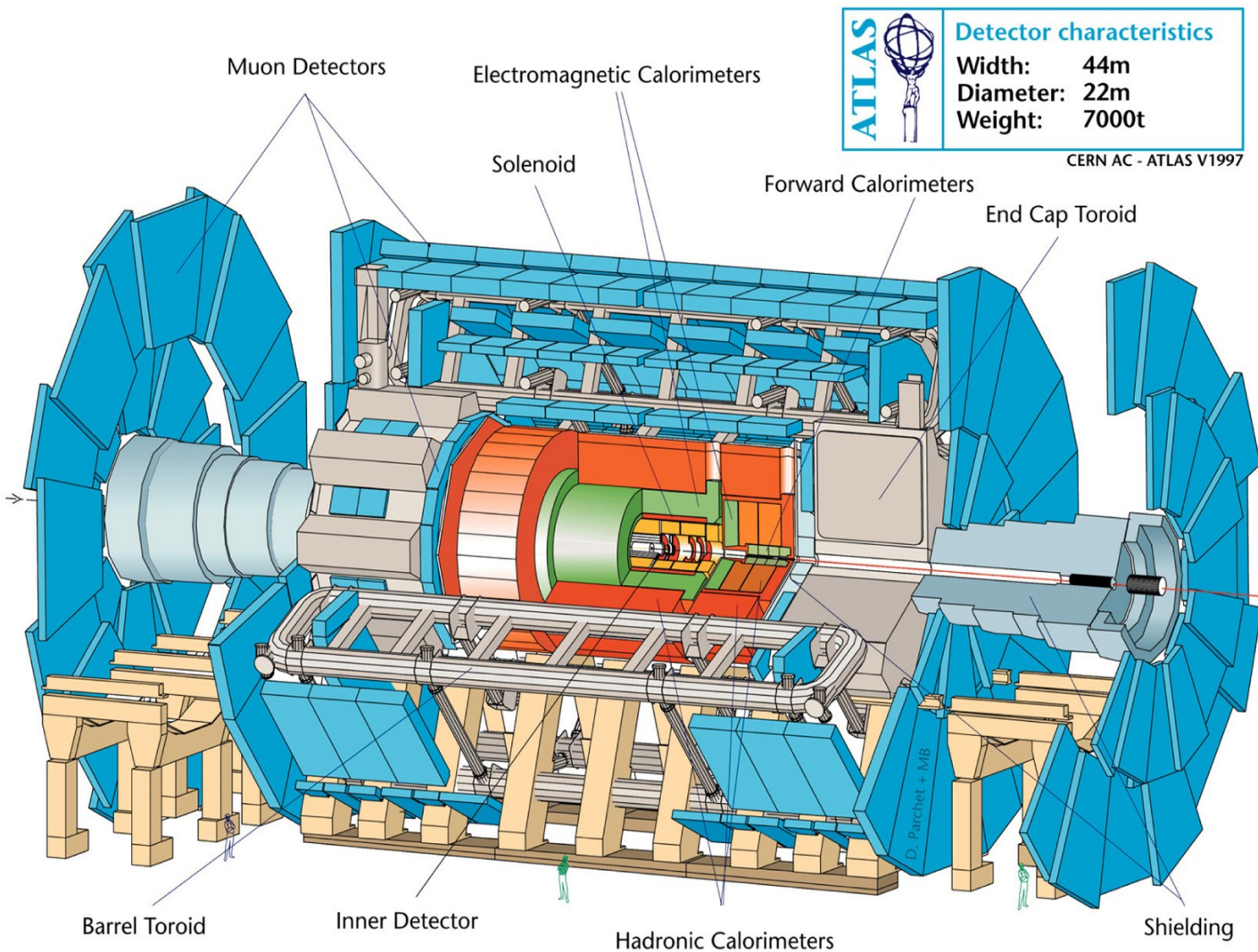
This lecture concentrates
on high- p_T pp physics,
only covers CMS and ATLAS,
← sorry ! →



ATLAS and CMS in their office building



A Toroidal LHC Apparatus



Detector characteristics	
Width:	44m
Diameter:	22m
Weight:	7000t
CERN AC - ATLAS V1997	

SemiConductorTracker Pixel Detector

6 Mio channels:
80 μm x 12 cm
100 Mio channels:
50 μm x 400 μm
space resolution $\sim 15 \mu\text{m}$

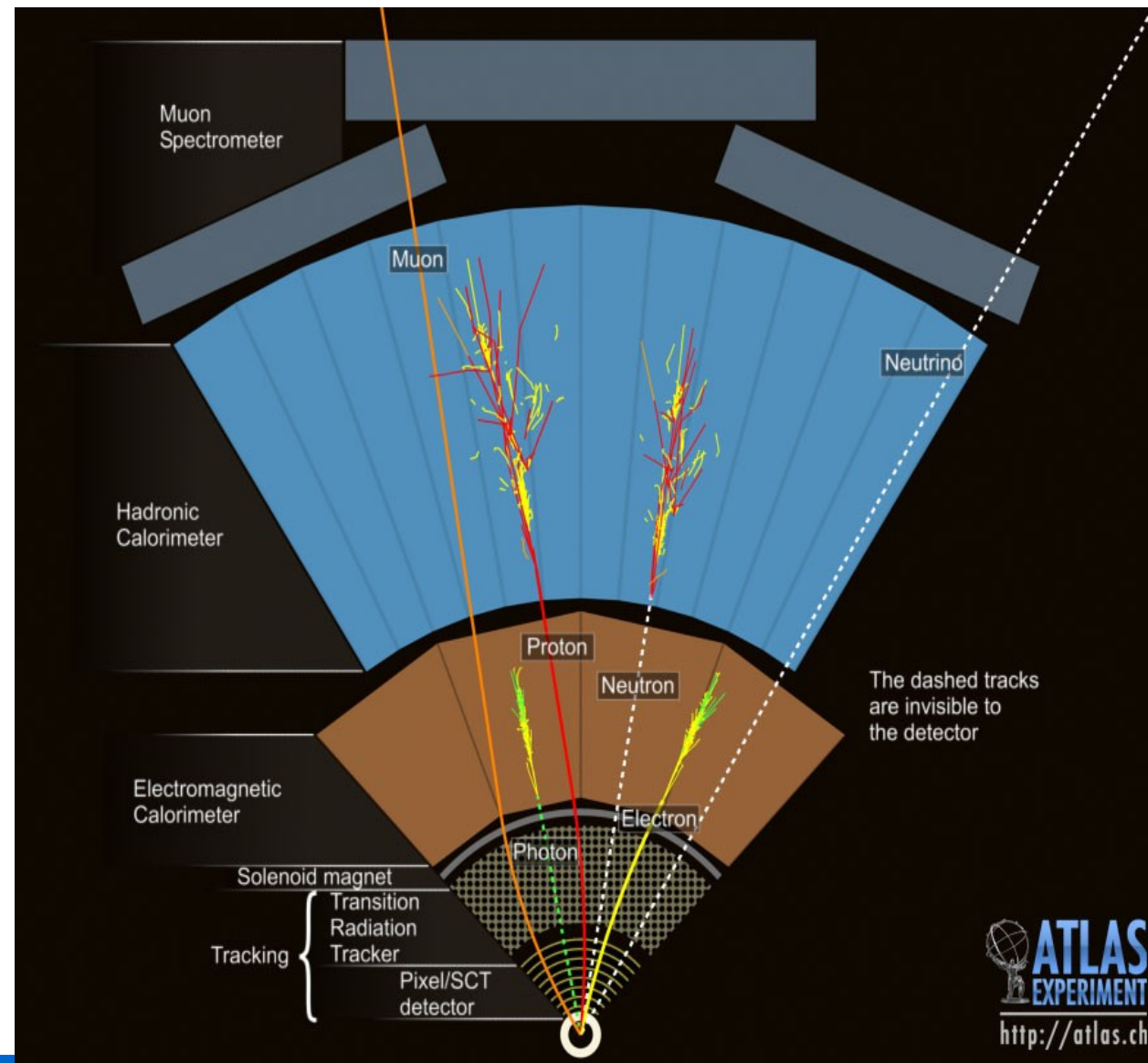
solenoid
2T field
momentum measurement

el. magn. and
hadr. calorimeters

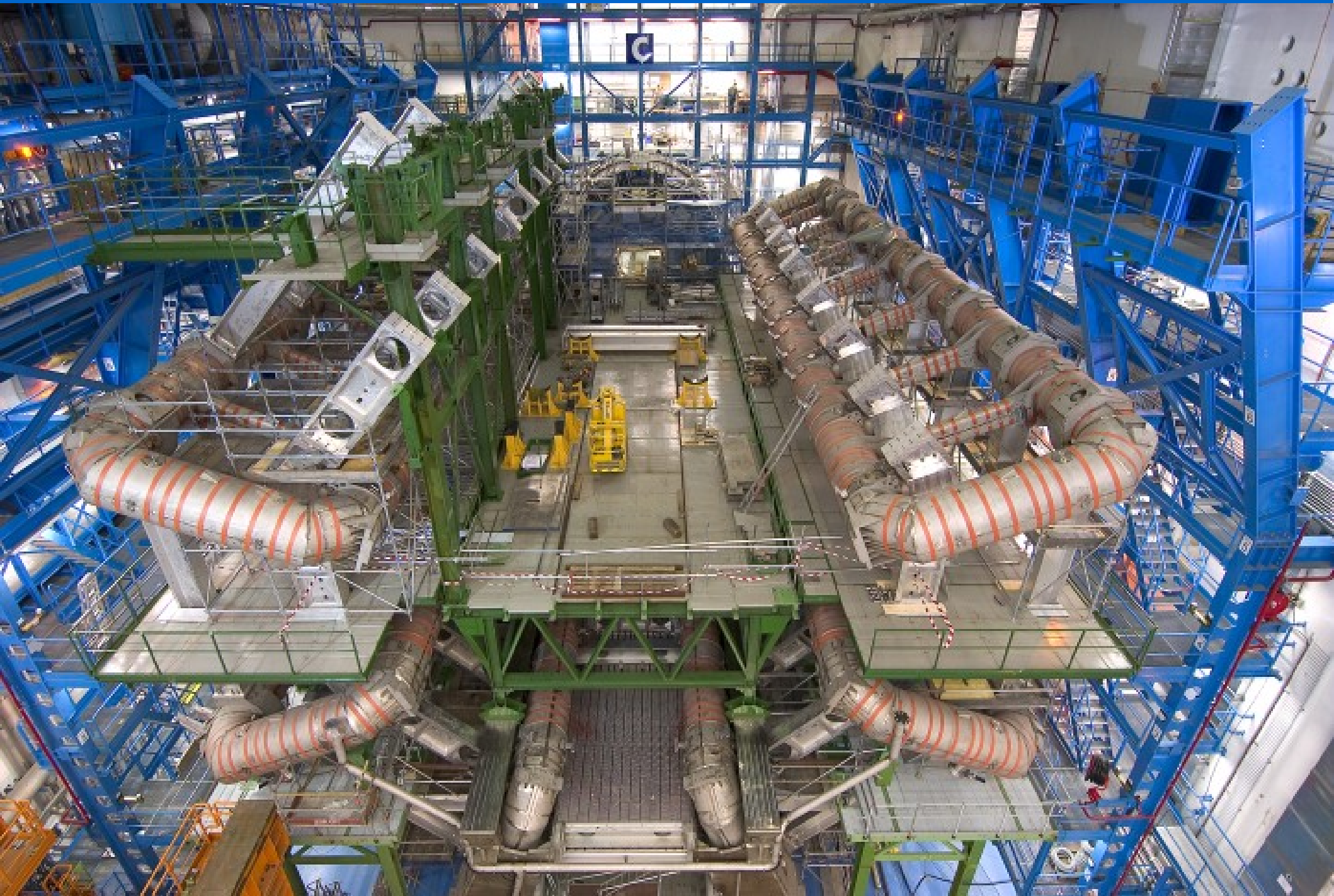
muon spectrometer
(streamer tubes)
8 superconducting
toroid magnets

Particle measurement in ATLAS

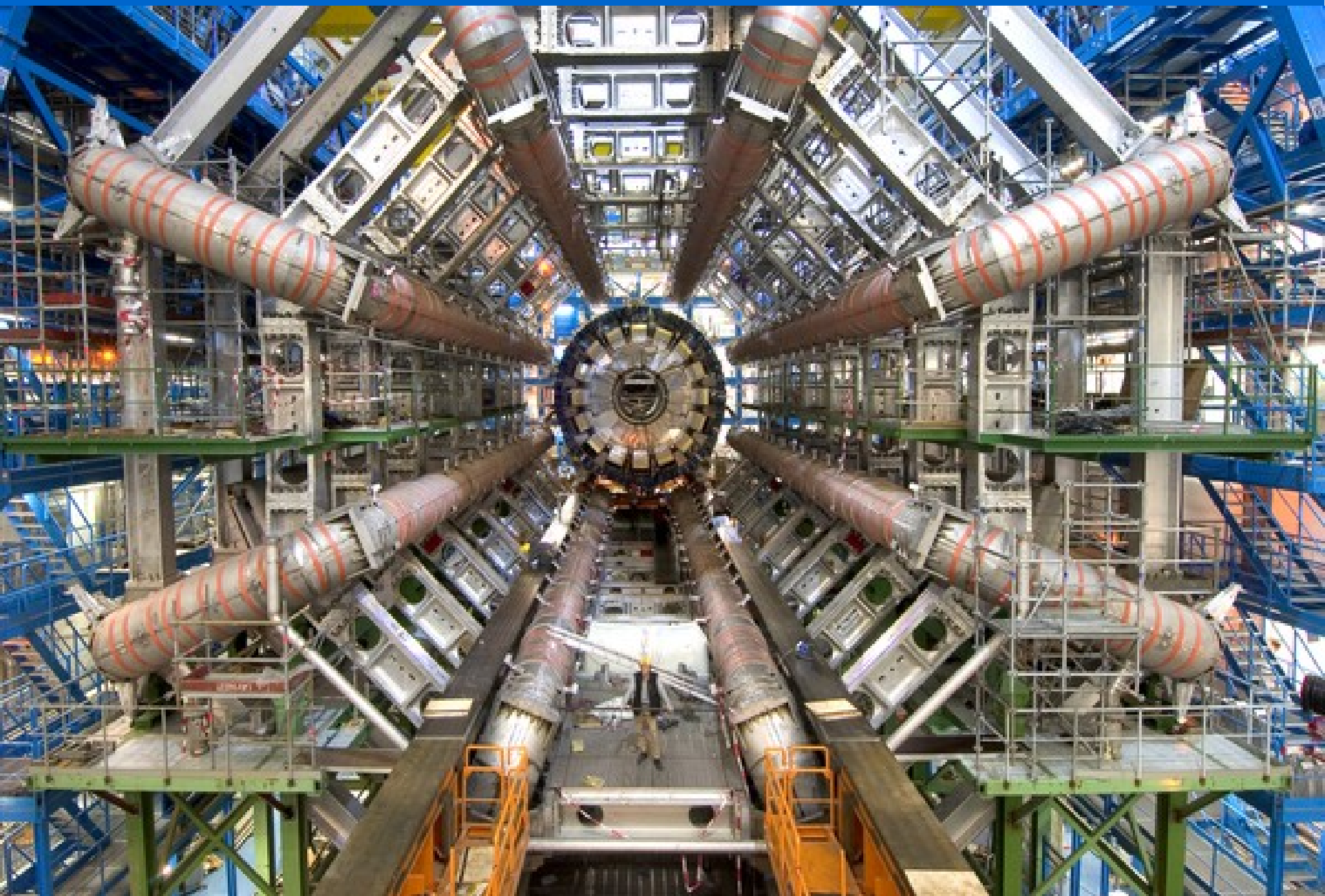
- **Tracking :**
 - high resolution HLT
 - TRT (e/π separation)
- **Energy measurement:**
 - EM : Pb-LAr
 - HAD: Fe/Szint. (cent), Cu/W-LAr (fwd)
- **Muon spectrometer:**
Toroid with streamer tubes



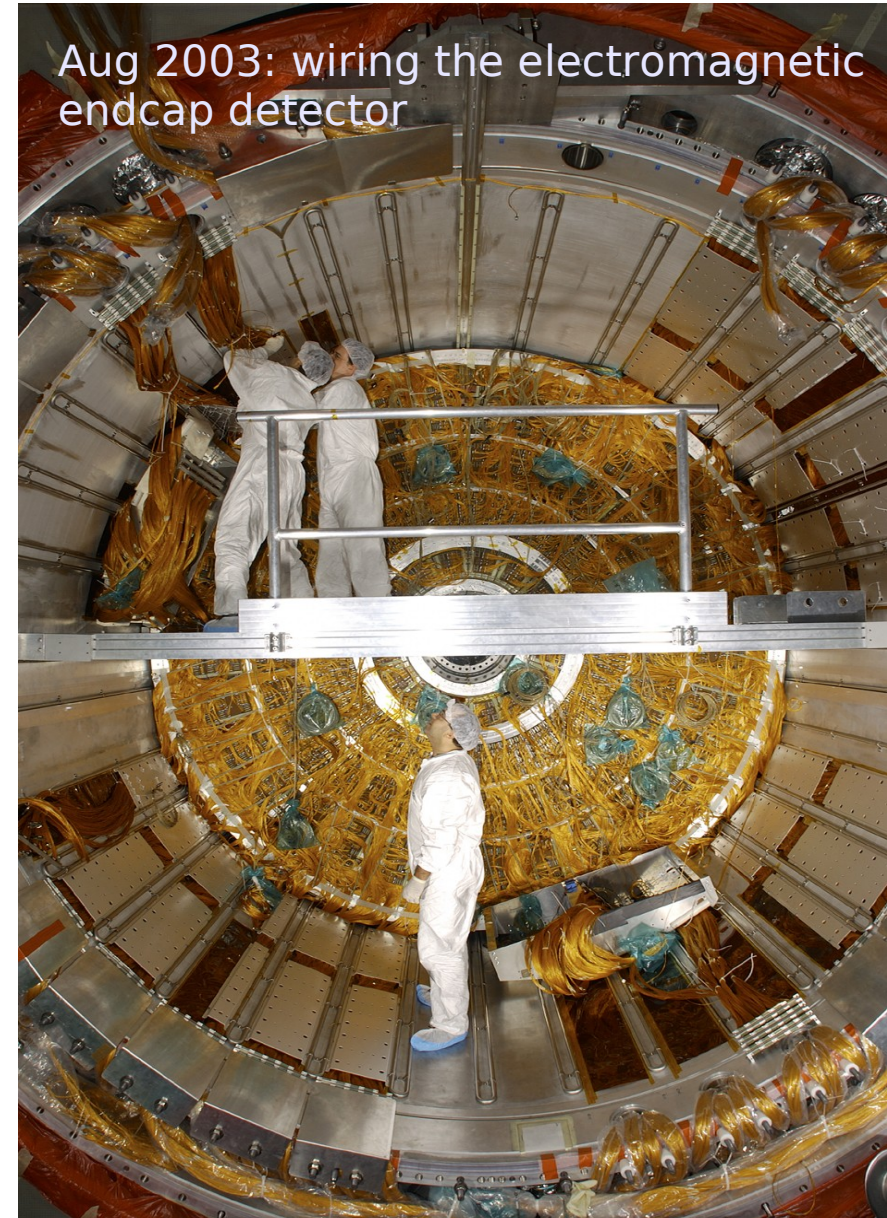
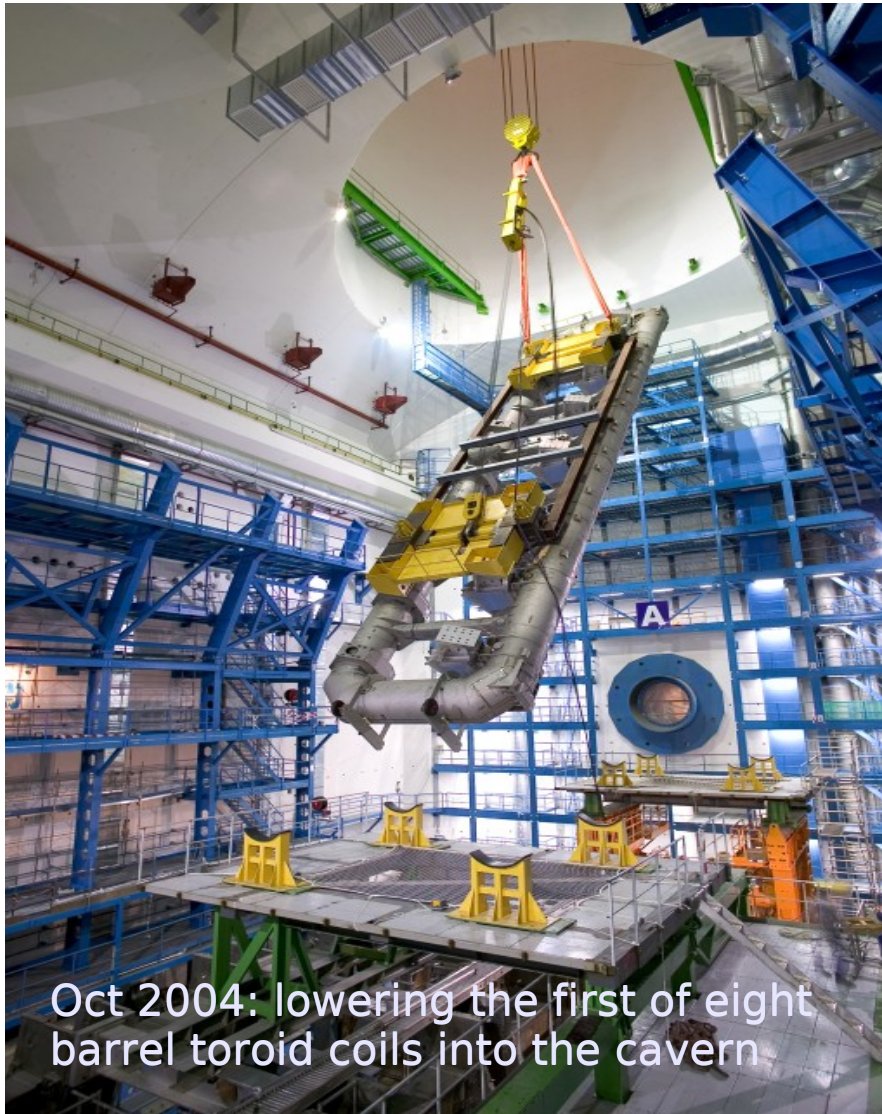
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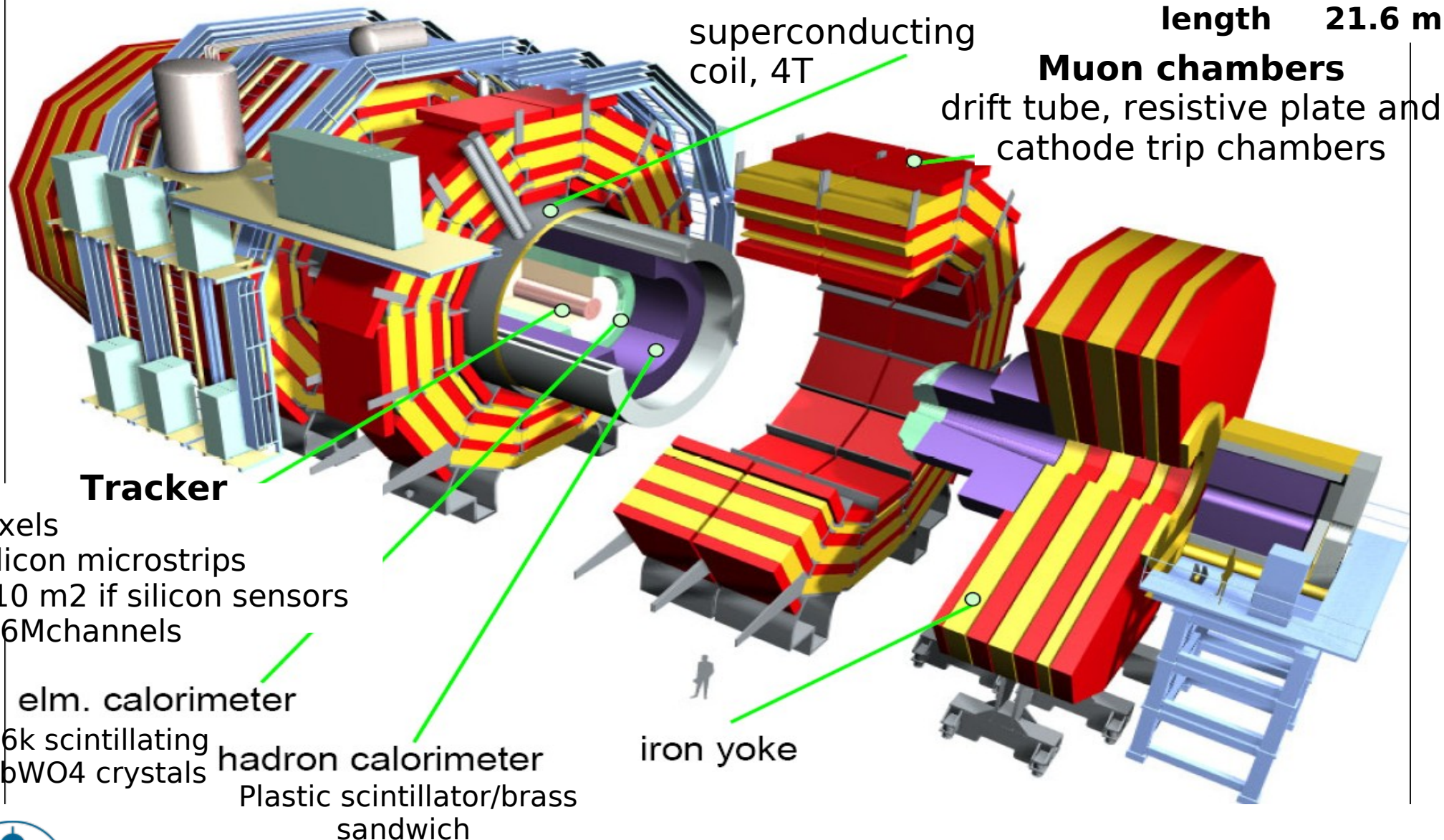


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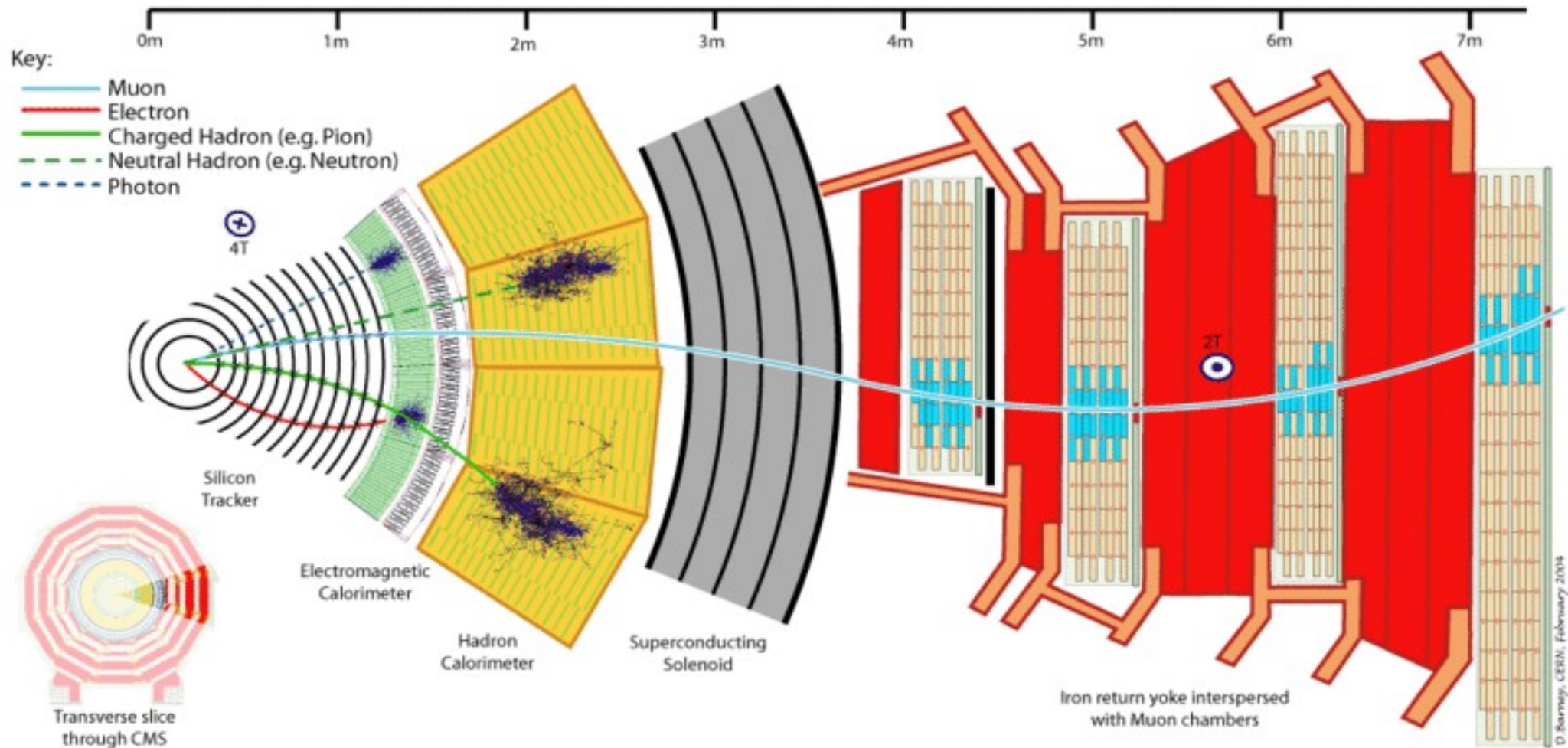


Compact Muon Solenoid

weight 12500 t
diameter 15 m
length 21.6 m

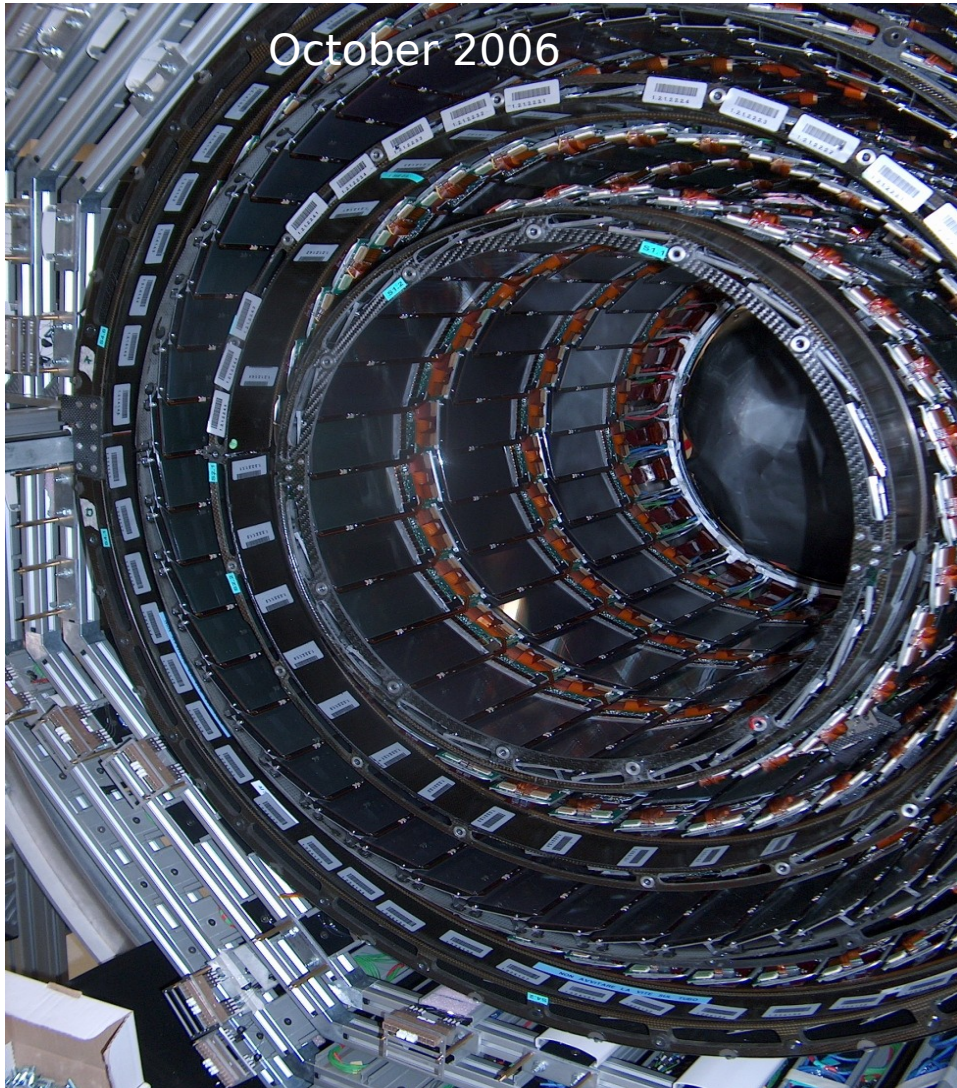


Particle measurement in CMS ...

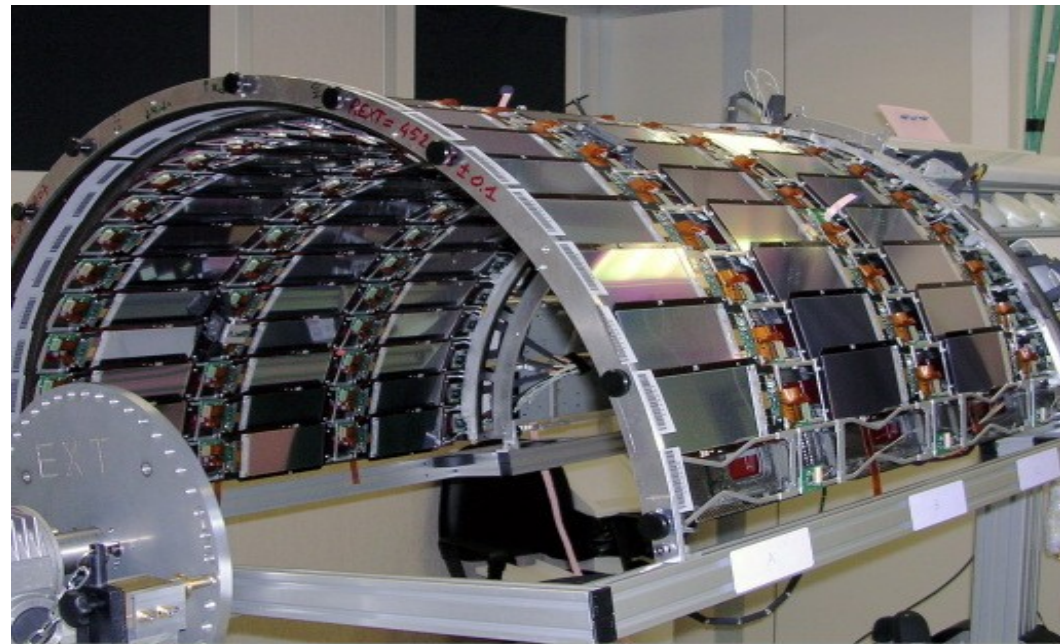


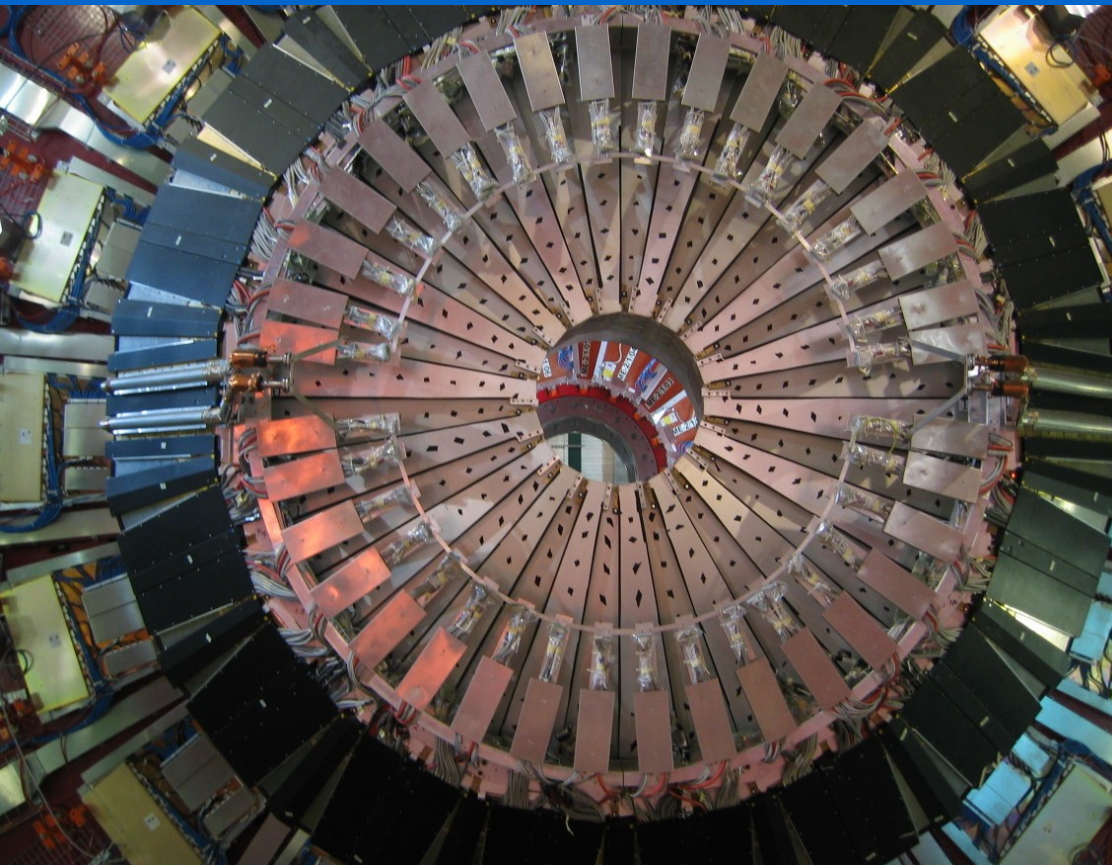
Second half of the Inner Tracker (TIB
+TID) ready for assembling in Pisa
before transportation to CERN

October 2006



Tracker Inner Barrel
integration activities
performed in Florence and
Pisa in May 2005





view of CMS HCAL endcap
some Cathode Strip Chambers
(CSC) can be seen through the
central hole

APD (Avalanche PhotoDiodes)
photodetectors are being glued onto the
rear face of PWO (lead tungstate, PbWO_4)
crystals ready for assembly



CMS

Feb 2007

CMS cavern with the first half part
of the experiment lowered



CMS was assembled on the surface and then lowered down!

Movies of the lowering of the barrels: <http://cmsinfo.cern.ch/outreach/CMSmedia/CMSmovies.html>

CMS and ATLAS

CMS vs. ATLAS

main difference in design:magnets

- **CMS single solenoid 4T**

muon system: instrumented iron yoke
saturated, 2T

- 😊 higher B field – momentum resolution!
- 😞 limited space for calorimeters (inside coil)
- 😞 limited performance of μ system

- **ATLAS smaller solenoid field 2T
+ huge toroid magnet system** to
bend muons

- 😊 acceptance for μ at large polar angles
- 😞 expensive

	ATLAS	CMS
weight	7000 t	12500 t(iron yoke)
length	46m	22m
diameter	22m	15m
solenoid field	2T	4T

Huge experiments

- size of detectors
- 200 m² of silicon (CMS)
- V=20000 m³ (ATLAS)
- time scale > 25 yrs
first LHC studies ~1987
ATLAS, CMS approved 1995
data taking 2008 + 10 yrs
- collaboration size ~2000
- # ppt presentations, meetings



Triggering at LHC

Reminder of some numbers ...

- LHC bunch crossing interval 25 ns
event rate of 40 Mhz
- each bunch crossing ~ 23 piled up events
leading to an interaction rate of 1 GHz
- size of events e.g. ATLAS : 1-1.5 MB
- affordable mass storage: ~ 300 MB/s or event rate of 200 Hz

in 25 ns particles at the speed of light travel only 7m next bc while particles still traverse the detector!

for triggering BC rate of 40 MHz is of interest

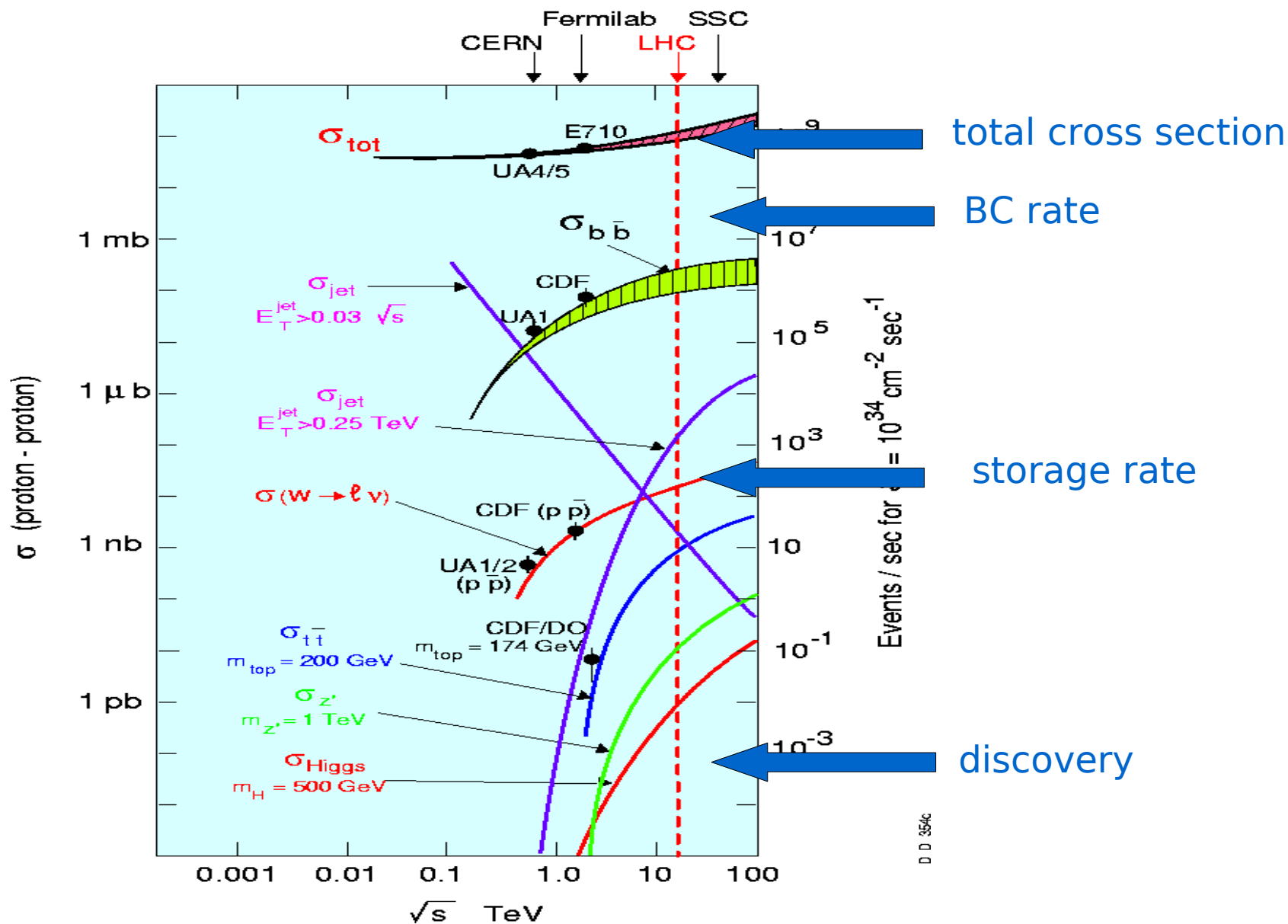
ATLAS has in total 140 mio channels

reduction needed 40 MHz down to 200 Hz reject 99.9995 %

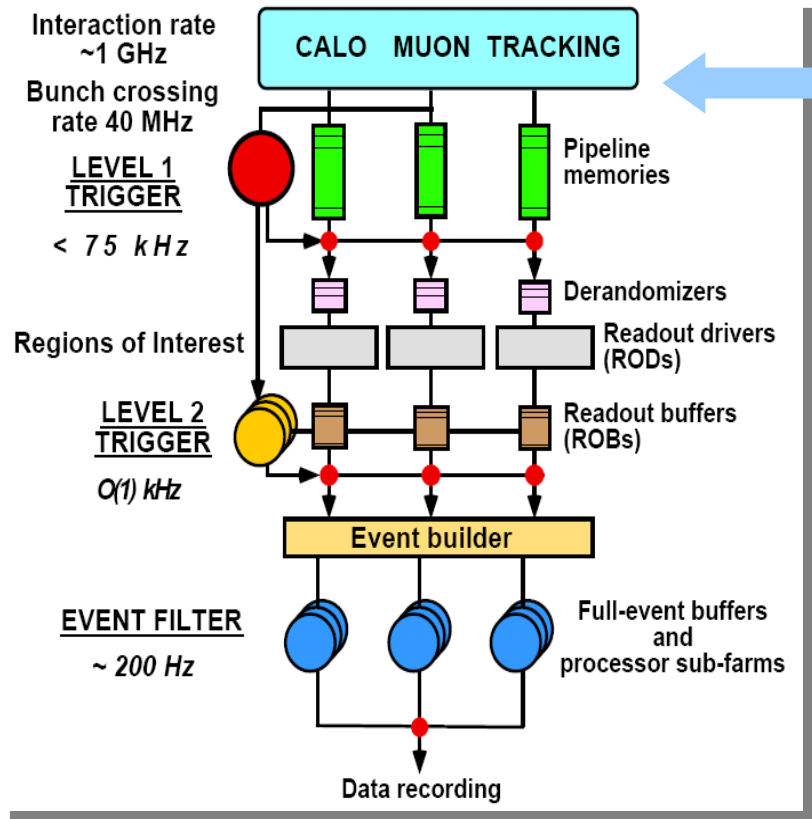
interesting rare physics cross section $\sim 10^{-9}$ and lower w.r.t. Total cross section
but have to identify these events fast!



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ATLAS Trigger



three trigger levels:
LVL1 – fast hardware (electronics) trigger
LVL2 – software triggers
Event Filter

LVL1

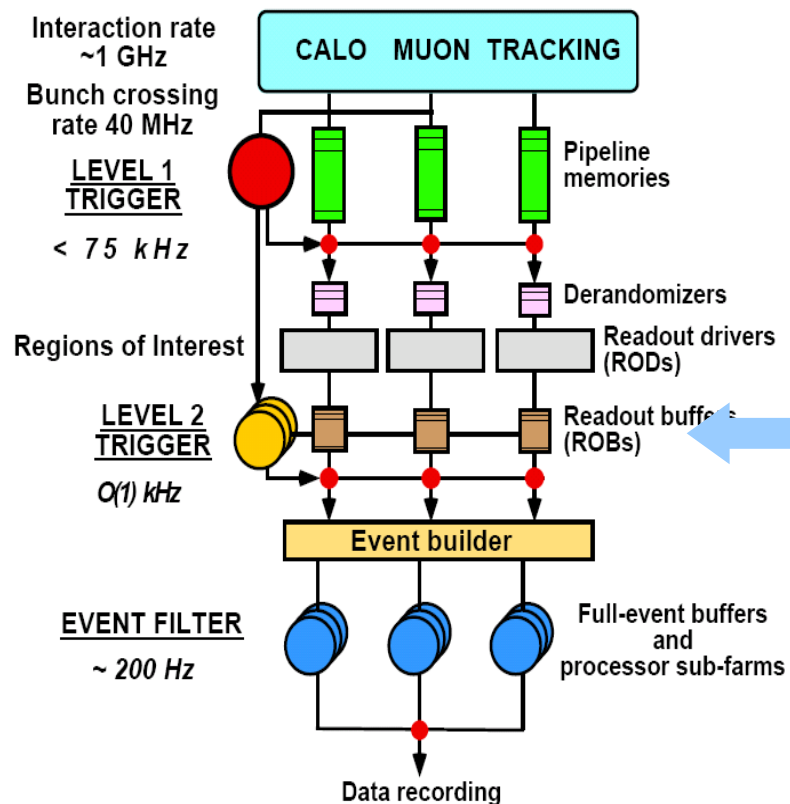
hardware trigger

- using information from e.m. and hadr. Calorimeters, μ system
- triggers on high p_T objects
- **synchronous** with LHC clock (25ns)
- decision time **$2.5 \mu s$**
100 BCs must be kept in pipelines

reduces rate from 40 MHz to < 75 kHz



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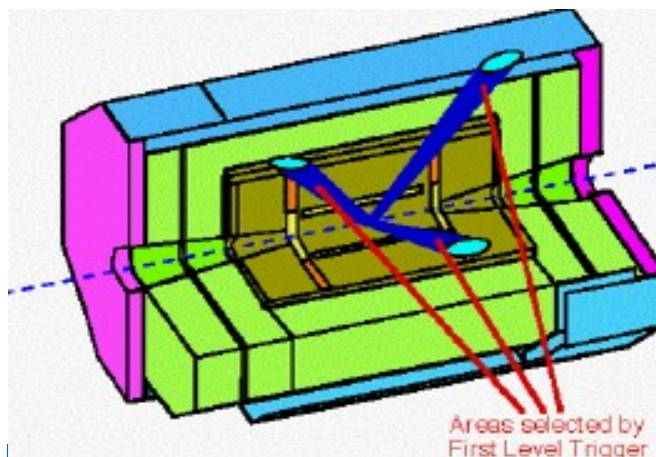
LVL2

software trigger

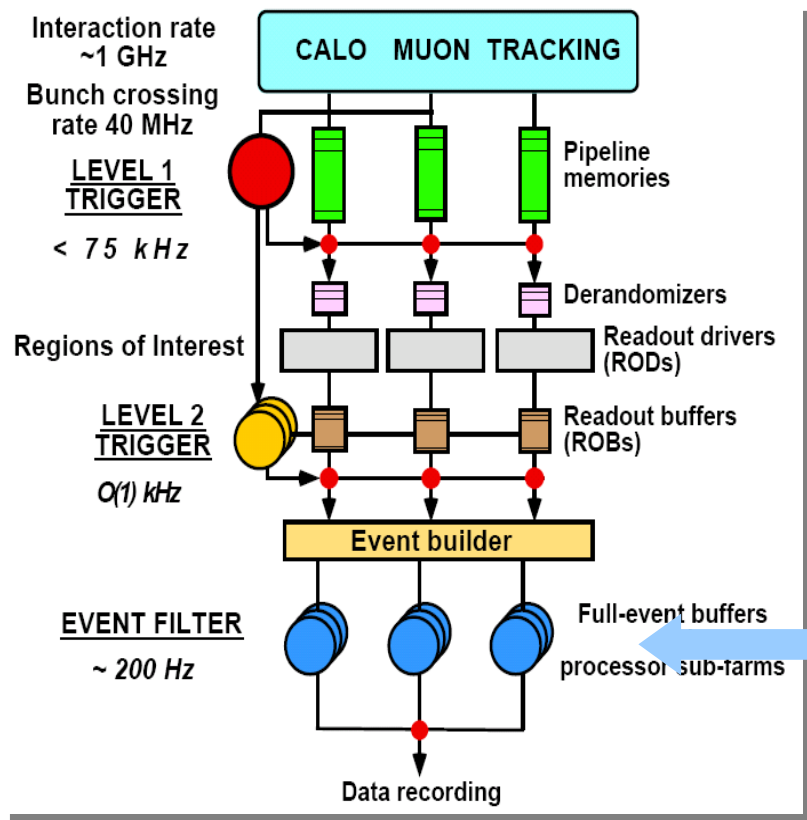
- uses only data from **Regions of Interest**
~2% of full event
data still on detector near hardware

- data from all detectors, full granularity
- **decision time ~ 10 ms**

reduces rate from **75 kHz** to **~ 1 kHz**



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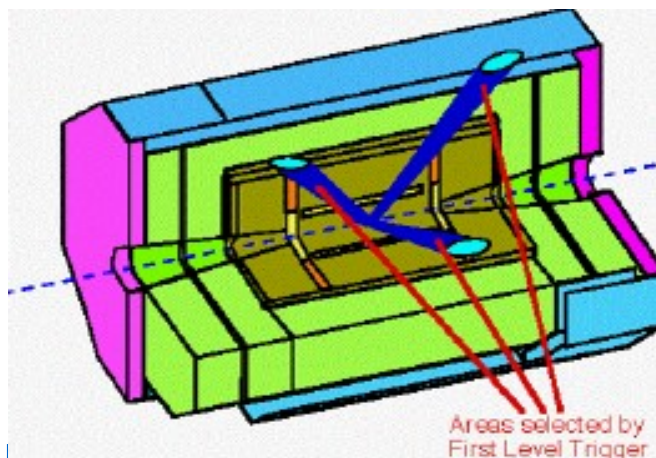
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after LVL2 accept, detectors readout and full event built

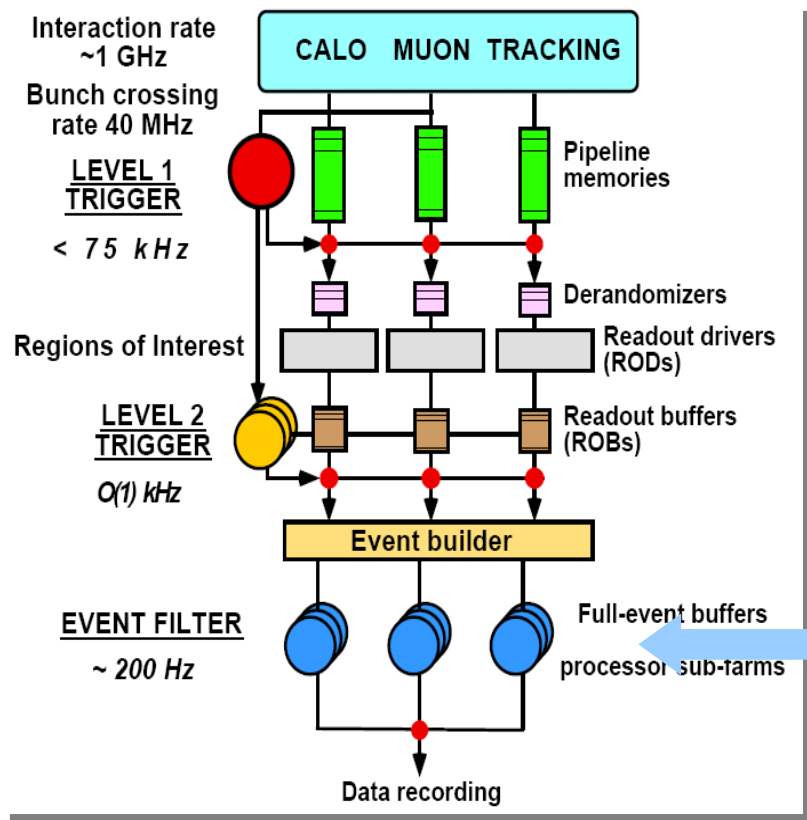
- full event data
- algorithms also exploit RoI concept
- decision time \sim sec.

reduces rate from 1 kHz to ~ 200 Hz written to tape

LVL2 and EF: run on PC farm on surface exploit RoI concept and stepwise decision



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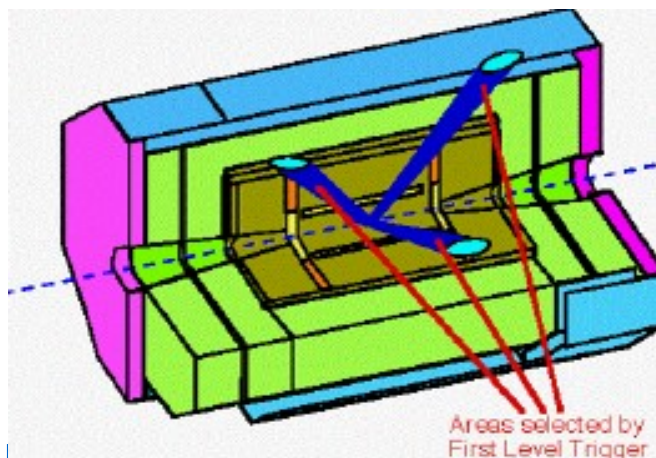
LVL2 and EF:

- run on **PC farm** on surface
- exploit **Roi concept** ...

don't **start** looking at full event,
but **with interesting part**
Roi = seed for trigger algorithm

- ...and **stepwise decision**

refine event reconstruction step wise
early reject possible
run time consuming algorithms late



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fast and highly selective triggers

