



CMS: a personal journey

Dave Barney, CERN, 9th August 2024

What do we do at CERN?

We smash things together and see what happens!



Before the particle accelerator





After 30 years on one experiment there is still much to learn and do! And being a “physicist” rarely involves wearing a white coat!

Some career highlights:

- Helped design the CMS Preshower detector (inc. electronics)
- **Led the Preshower project** through the production, assembly, installation & operation phases (and am still responsible for it!)
- **Led the CMS ECAL project** (100 MCHF detector, around 330 people) between 2012-2015 (having been deputy for 4 years previously)
- CMS HGICAL beam/system-test coordinator for 4 years
- Leading design/procurement of some HGICAL components
- **Chair of HGICAL Editorial Board and Conference Committee** for 3 years
- **Group Leader of CERN EP-CMX group** since 2016: CMS Experimental Systems (~120 people) involved in CMS operations, upgrades and Technical Coordination
- **Scientific Secretary of CMS Collaboration Board** (2021-2023)
- Member of CERN Senior-Staff advisory group “**The Nine**” to the Director General (2021-2024)
- CERN representative on **EIROforum** Instrumentation Working Group
- **CMS Education & Outreach coordinator** 2000-2013
- Co-chair of International Particle Physics Outreach Group (**IPPOG**) for a few years
- Interim CMS Head of Communications (2023)
- **Proud husband and father! Without the support of my family I could not have done these things!**



Snapshot of my group – not just physicists!

- 115 people (28 women – 24%)
 - 39 Physicists
 - 36 Mechanical engineers
 - 16 mechanical/electromechanical technicians
 - 7 Electrical/electronics engineers
 - 5 Computing engineers
 - 4 Administrative assistants
 - 4 Communication professionals
 - 2 Electromechanical engineers
 - 2 Health & Safety engineers

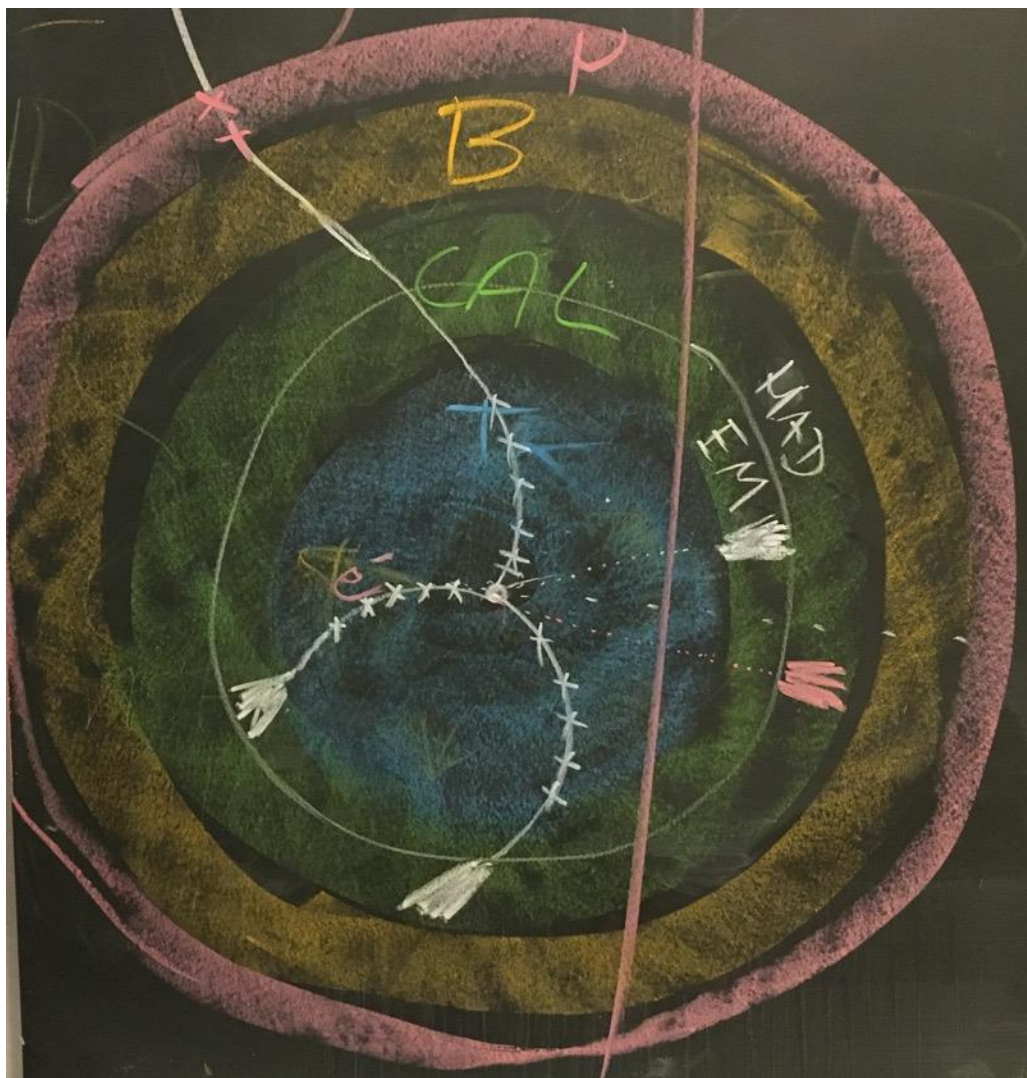
The Large Hadron Collider...



Needs Detectors



Overall detector design is so simple
you can do it with students on a blackboard!



The challenge is to decide **how** to build it, with **what technologies**, and **with whom**!



CMS' history goes back to ~1990

First LHC & detector concepts: 1990-1992

CMS Letter of Intent: 1992 and Technical Proposal: 1994

Summary of CMS/ATLAS/LHCb/ALICE as-built detectors & performance: 2009



More to come!

80cm

Technical & Engineering Design Reports for CMS subsystems: 1997-2006

Technical Proposal and Technical Design Reports for UPGRADES to CMS subsystems: 2015-



And my history in CMS goes back to 1994

Technical Proposal: 1994
When I joined the CMS experiment



80cm

More to come!

I joined CERN as a “fellow” – a 2 year contract. And have been here ever since!

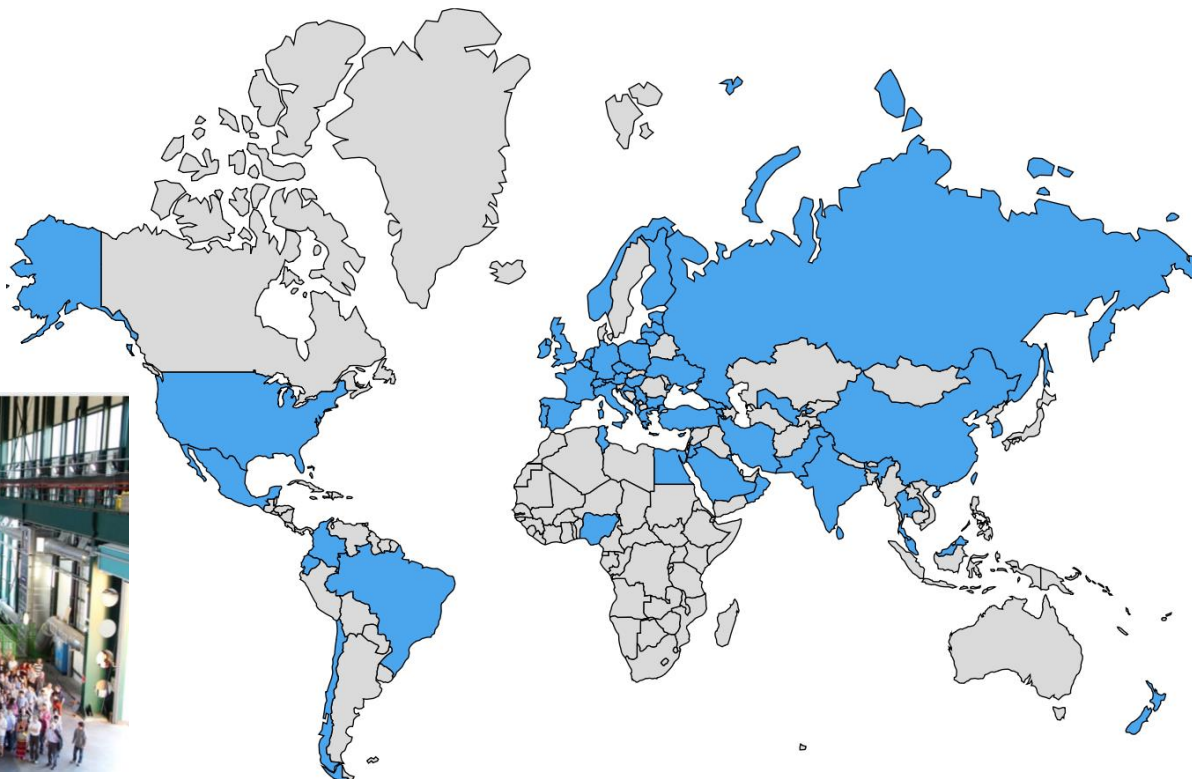


CMS: a truly global project

<https://icms.cern.ch/statistics/overview>

CMS Overview in 2024

The CMS experiment has **6008** active members from **251** institutes coming from **57** countries.



2072

Phd Physicists
(400 women 1672 men)

1191

Physics Doctoral Students
(327 women 864 men)

1394

Non Doctoral Students
(390 women 1004 men)

985

Engineers
(150 women 835 men)

248

Technicians
(21 women 227 men)

113

Administratives
(73 women 40 men)

Inc. about 2500 students



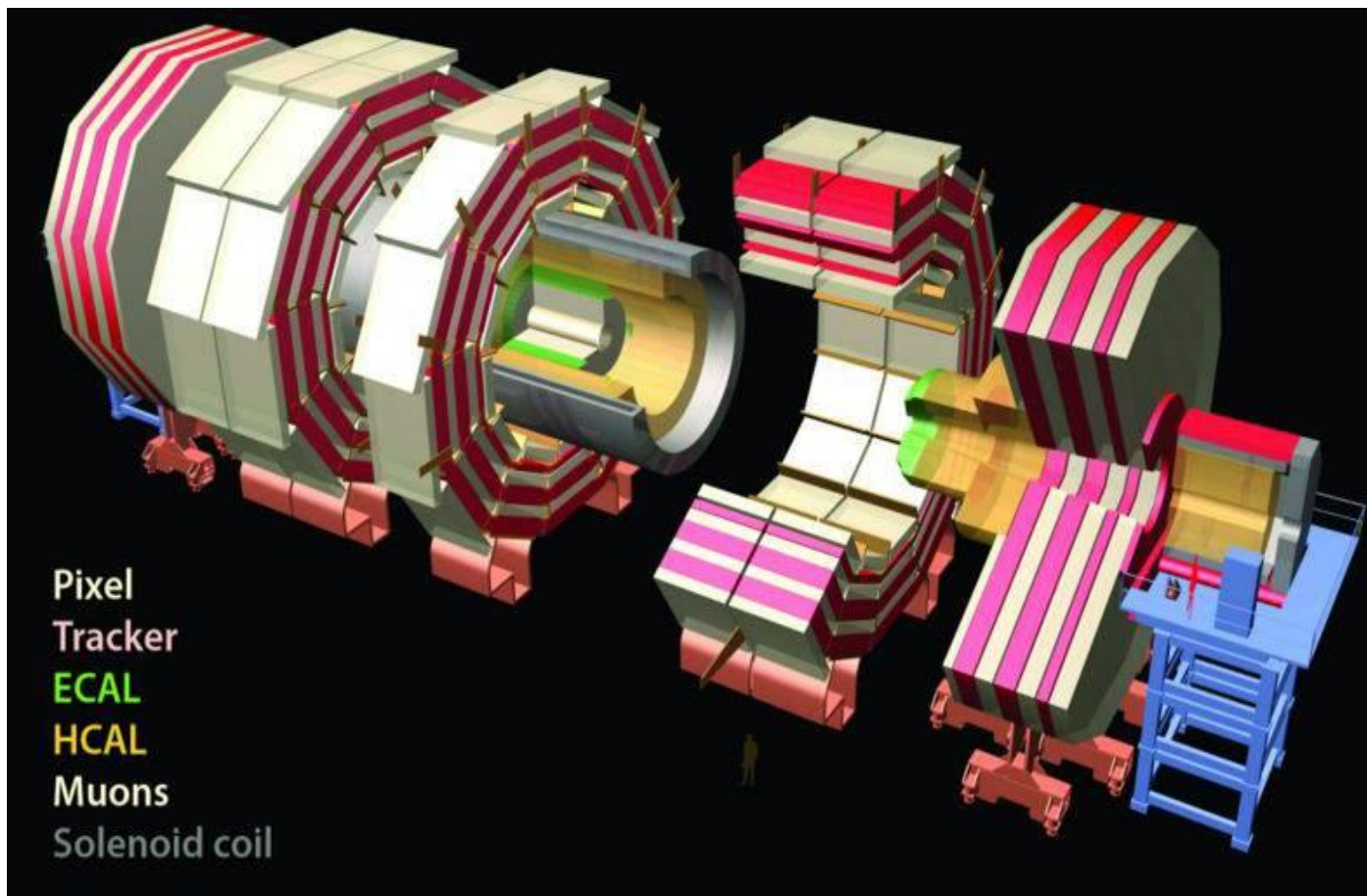
CMS in a nutshell

Took **~2500 scientists and engineers** more than **20 years** to design and build

Is about **15 metres wide** and **21.5 metres long**

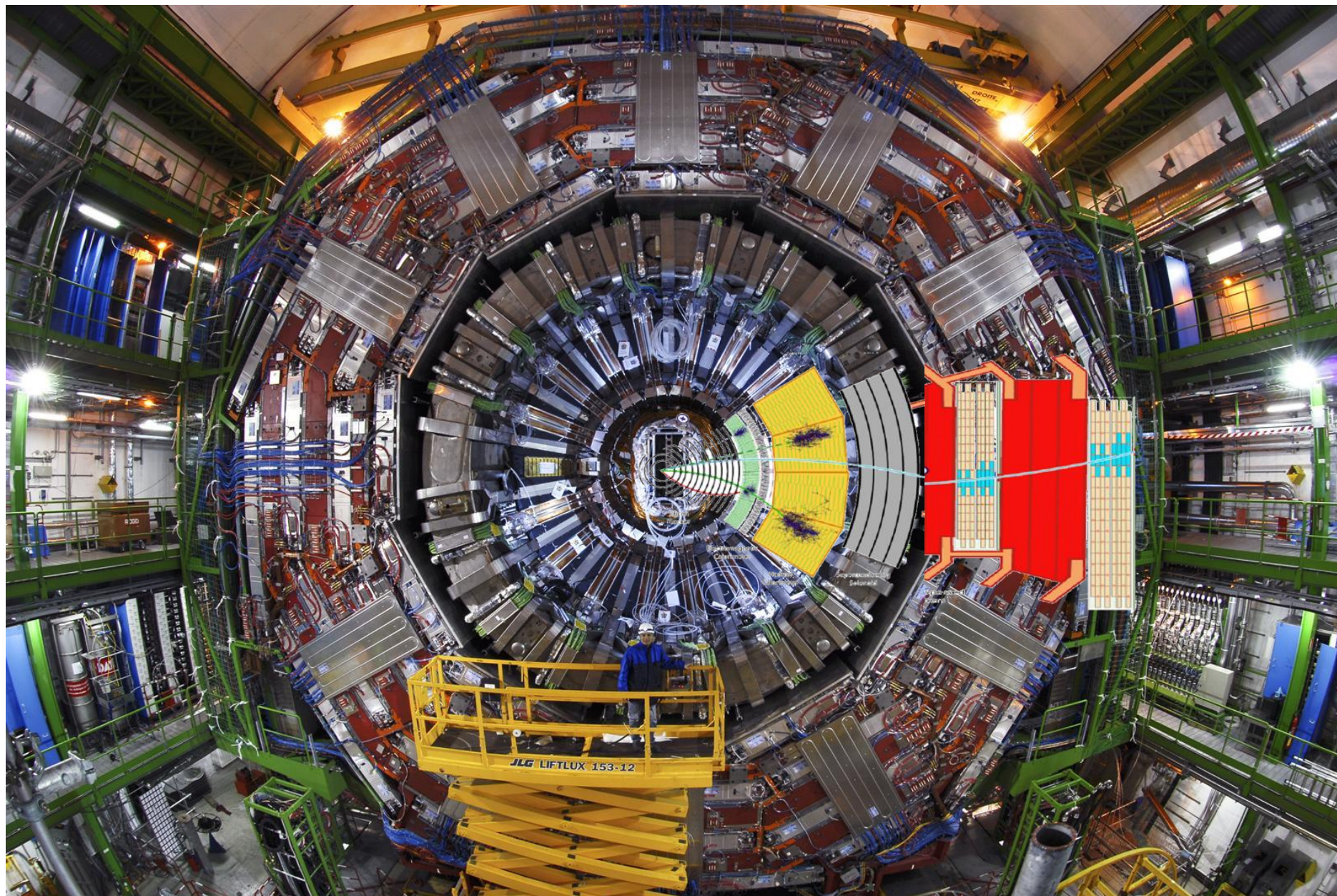
Weighs **twice as much as the Eiffel Tower** – about 14000t

Divided into **5 main detecting layers**



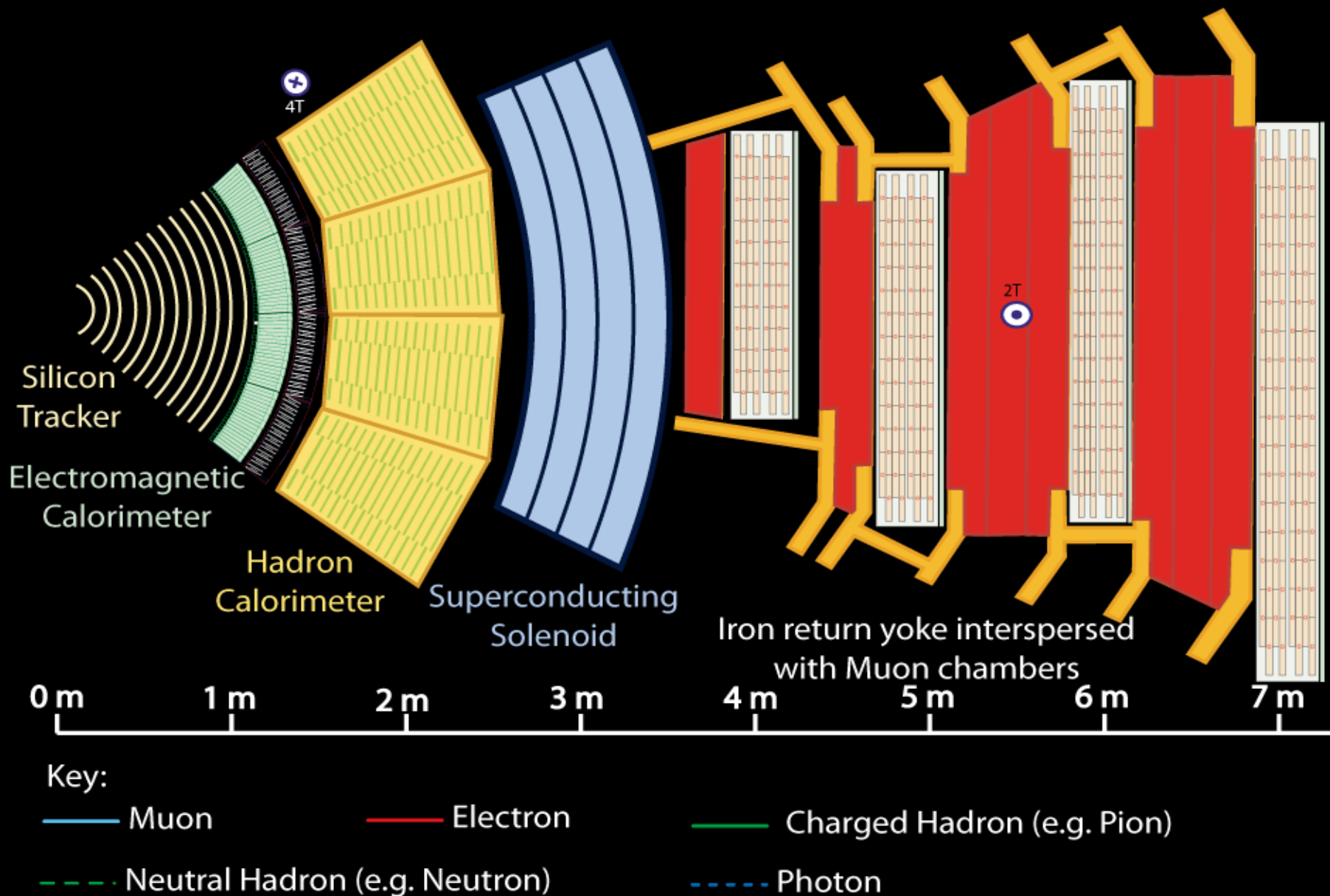
It has been performing excellently during the past 15 years, but we need it to work for another ~20! **Need to upgrade...**

200 Mpix 3-D camera taking 40 million photos/second!



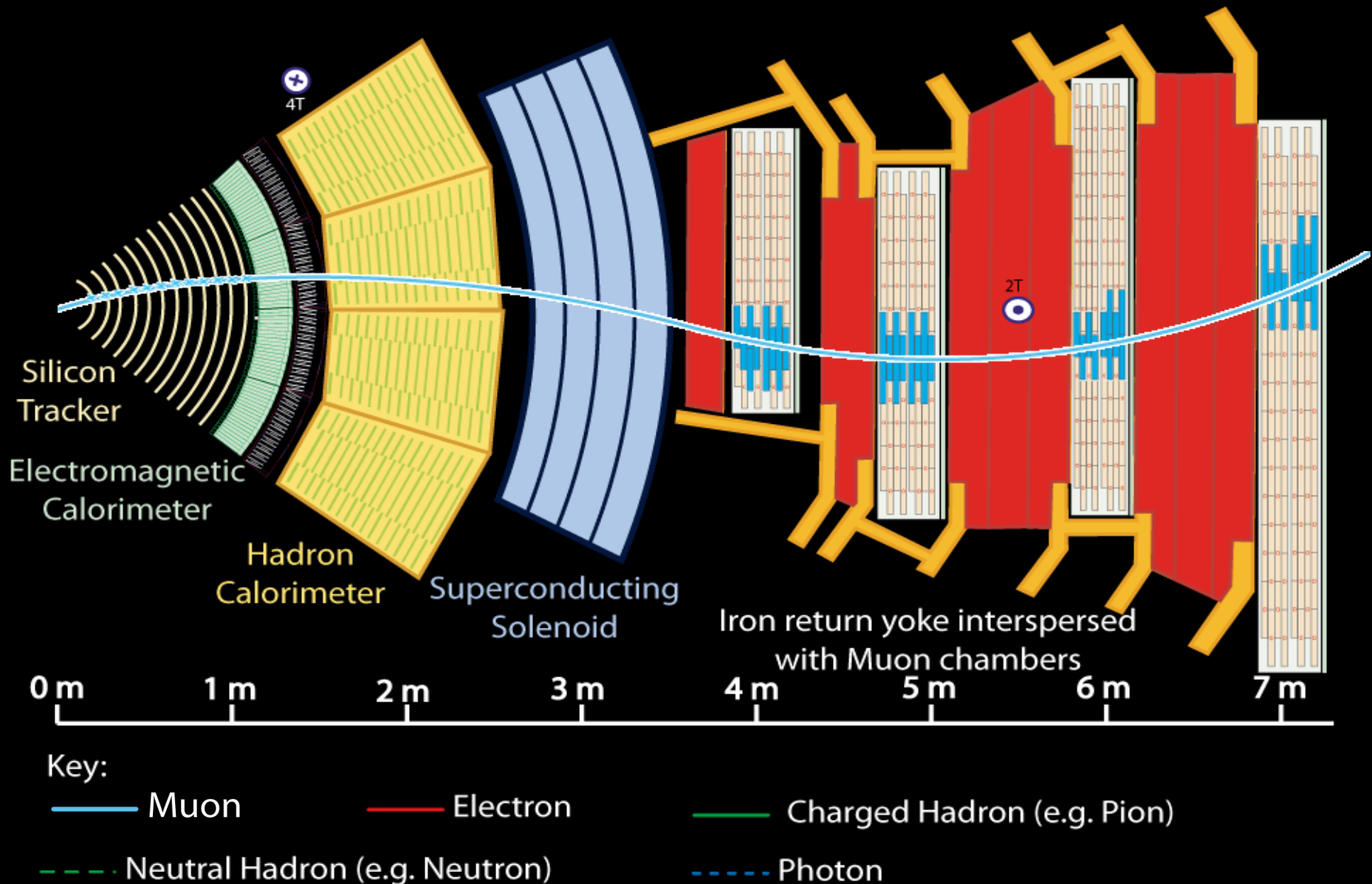


A slice through the CMS Detector



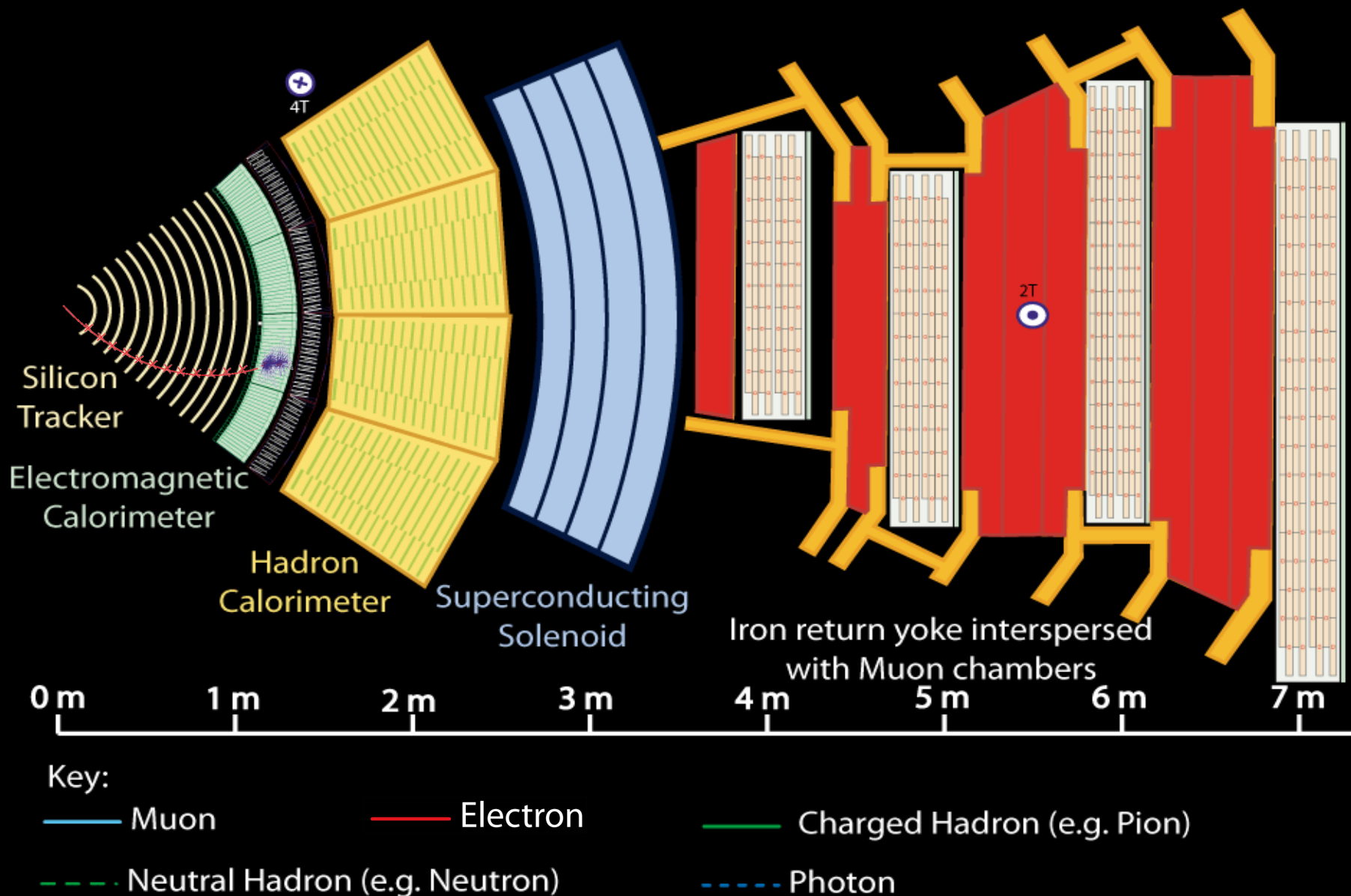


Muons in CMS



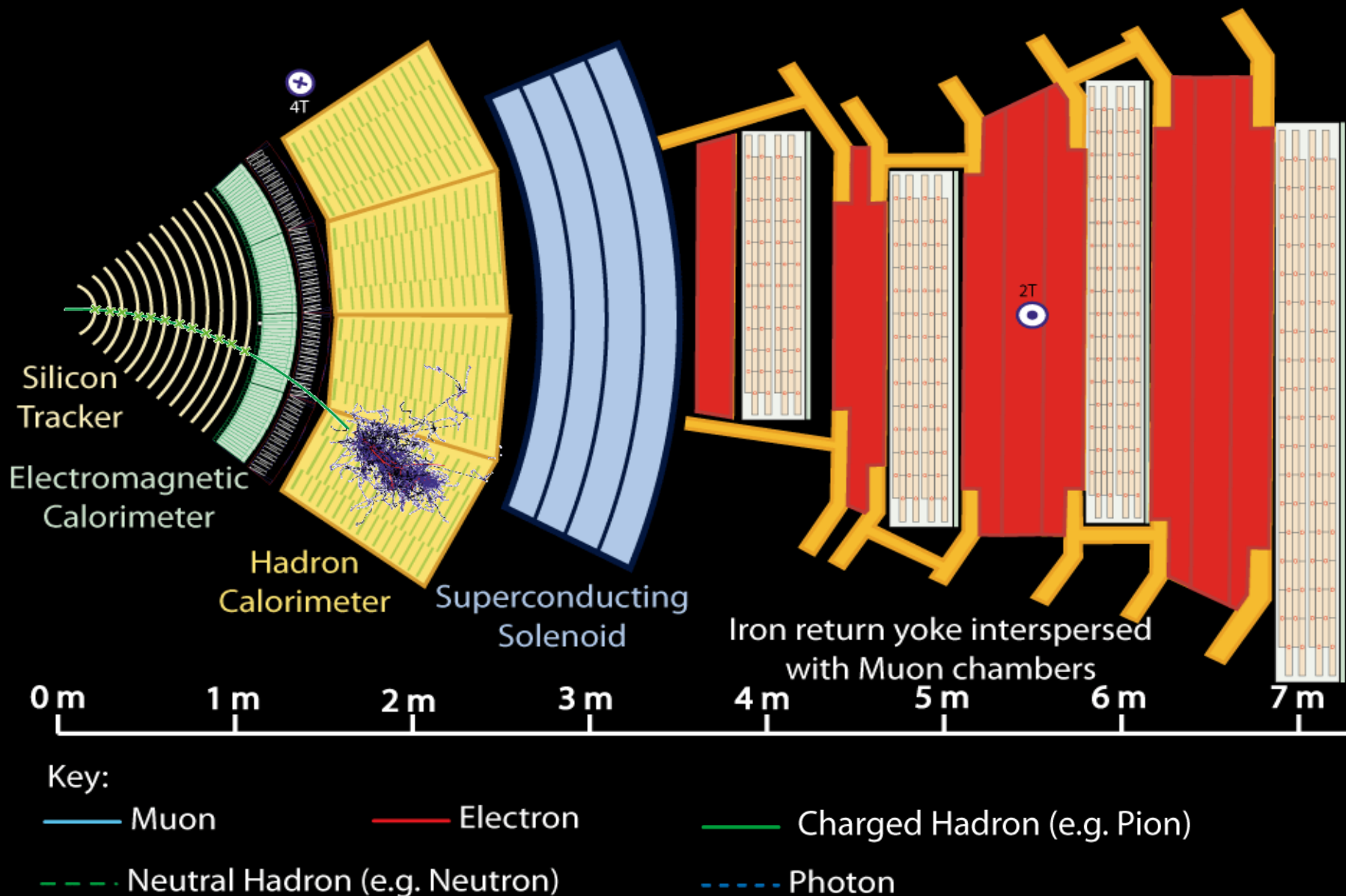


Electrons in CMS



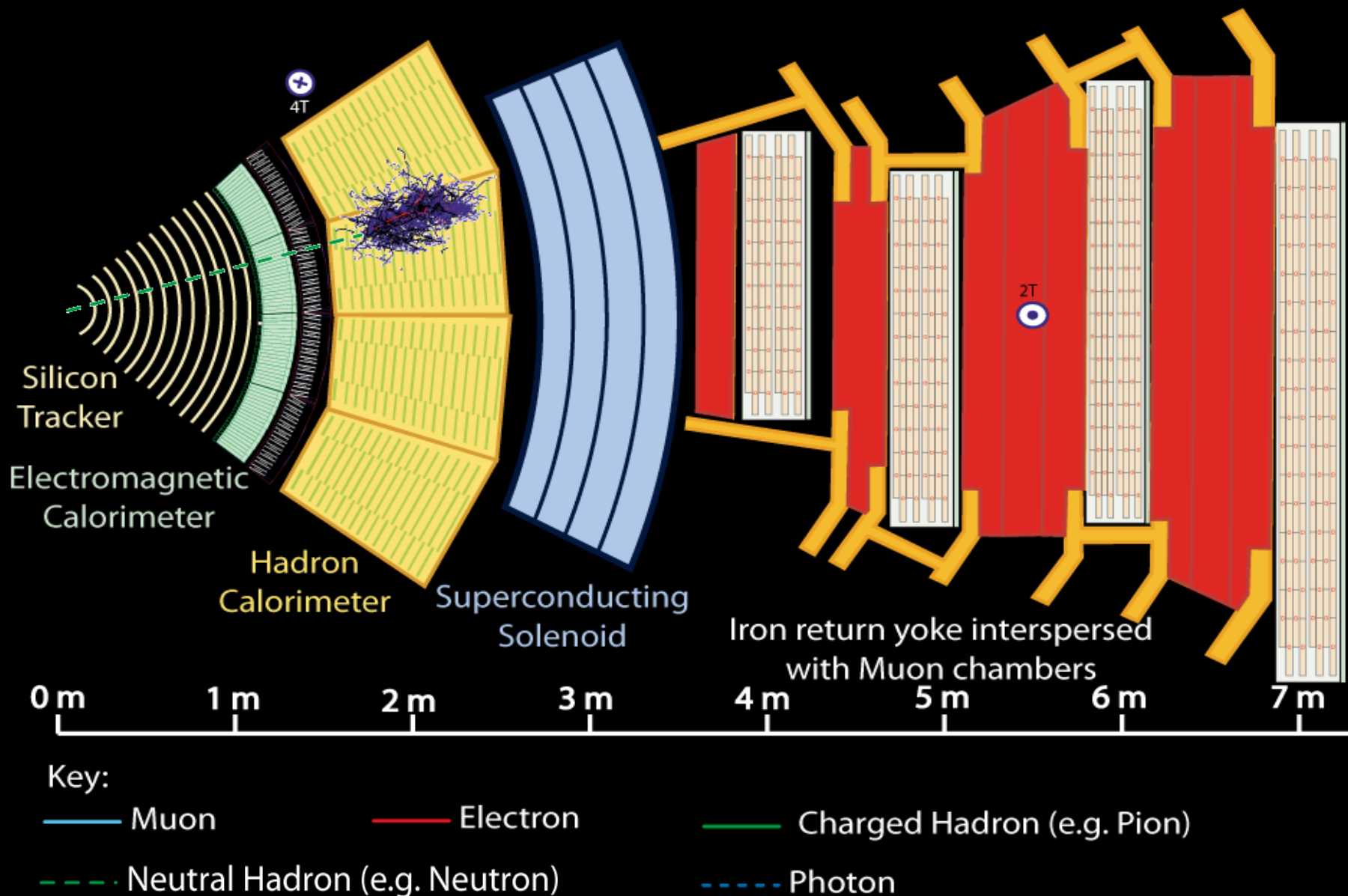


Charged hadrons in CMS



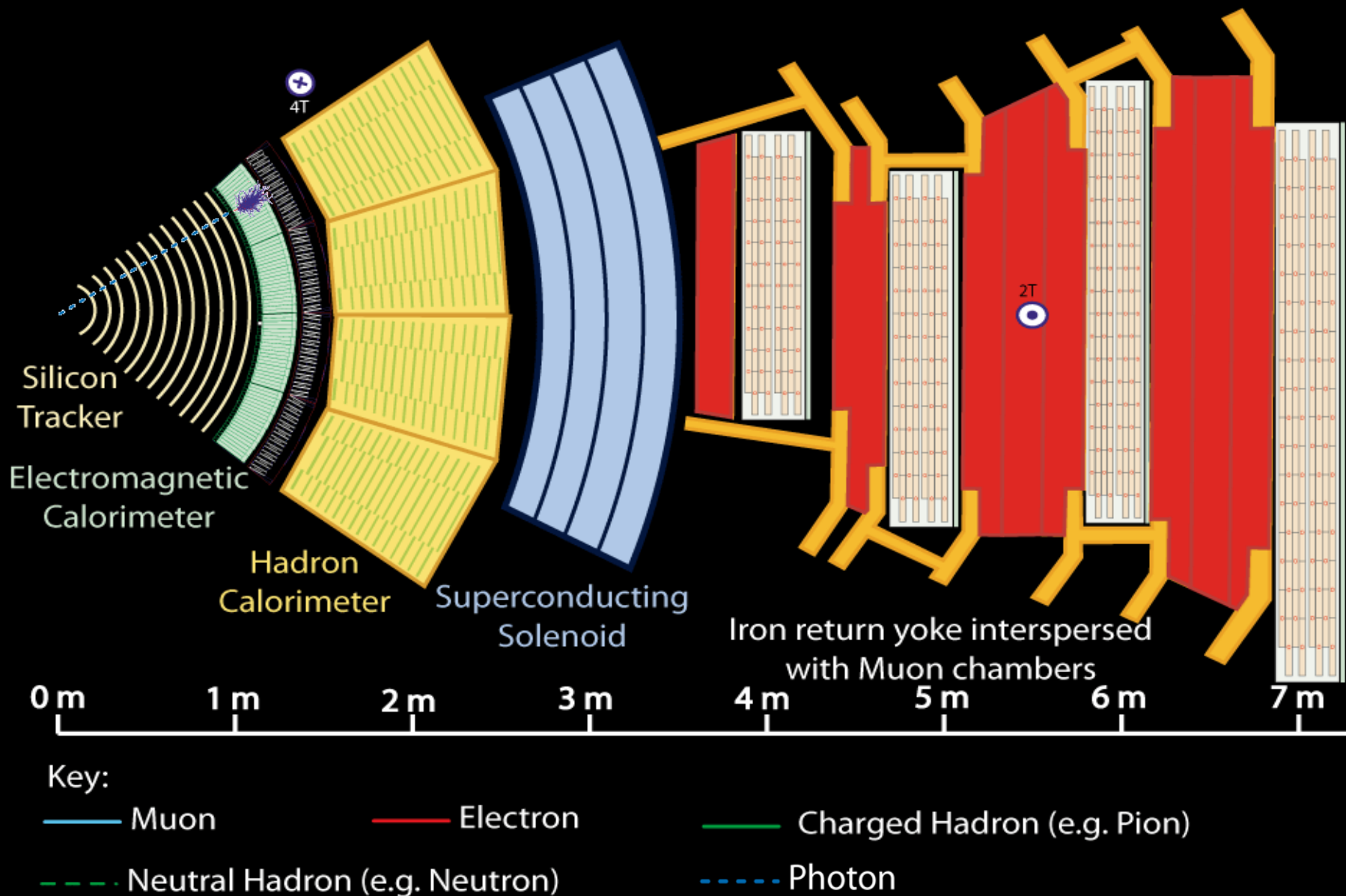


Neutral hadrons in CMS





Photons in CMS



The Detector and Detectives

CMS is a large technologically advanced detector comprising many layers, each designed to perform a specific task. Together these layers allow CMS scientists to identify and precisely measure the energies and momenta of all particles produced in collisions at CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

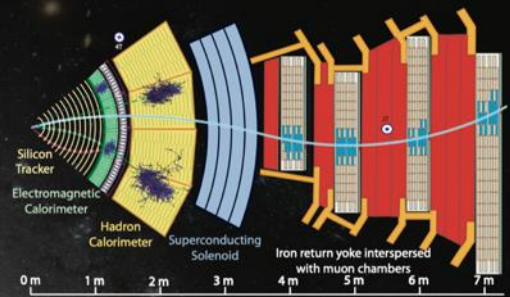


Tracker

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.

Pattern Recognition

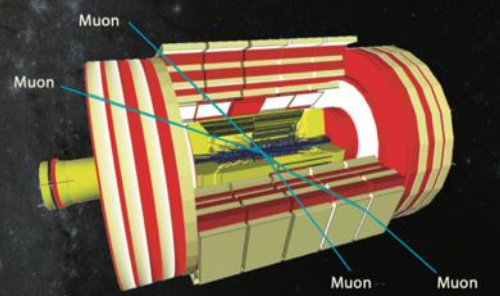
New particles discovered in CMS will be typically unstable and rapidly transform into a cascade of lighter, more stable and better understood particles. Particles travelling through CMS leave behind characteristic patterns, or 'signatures', in the different layers, allowing them to be identified. The presence (or not) of any new particles can then be inferred.



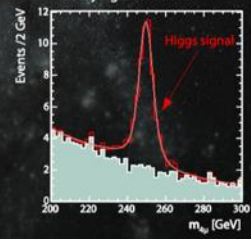
Key:
 Muon — Electron — Charged hadron (e.g. pion)
 Neutral hadron (e.g. neutron) — Photon

Trigger System

To have a good chance of producing a rare particle, such as a Higgs boson, the particle bunches in the LHC collide up to 40 million times a second. Particle signatures are analysed by fast electronics to save (or 'trigger on') only those events (around 100 per second) most likely to show new physics, such as the Higgs particle decaying to four muons in the figure below. This reduces the data rate to a manageable level. These events are stored for subsequent detailed analysis.



Simulated 250 GeV Higgs decaying to 4 muons



Data Analysis

Physicists from around the world use cutting-edge computing techniques (such as the Grid) to sift through millions of events from CMS to produce plots like the one on the left (a simulation) that could indicate the presence of new particles or phenomena.

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

Nearly 80 000 crystals of lead tungstate (PbWO₄) are used to measure precisely the energies of electrons and photons. A 'preshower' detector, based on silicon sensors, helps particle identification in the endcaps.



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.



Muon Detectors

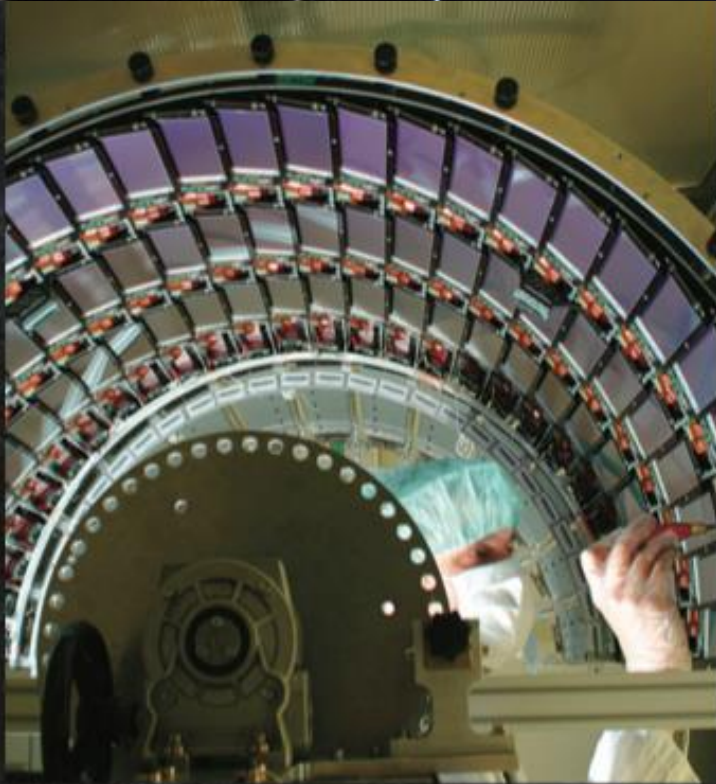
To identify muons (essentially heavy electrons) and measure their momenta, CMS uses three types of detector: drift tubes, cathode strip chambers and resistive plate chambers.



Superconducting Solenoid

Passing 20 000 amperes through a 13 m long, 6 m diameter coil of niobium-titanium superconductor, cooled to -270°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.

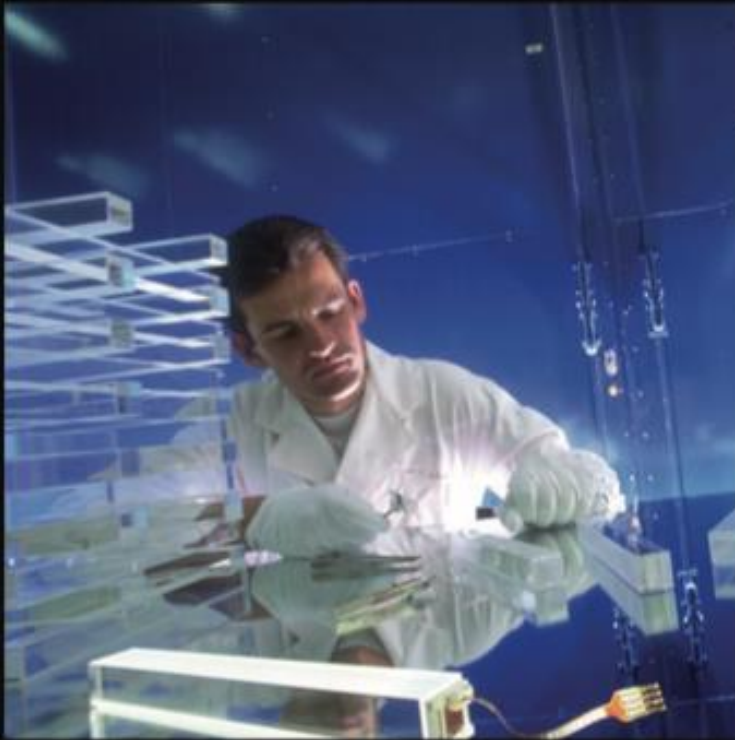




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▶ **Electromagnetic Calorimeter .**

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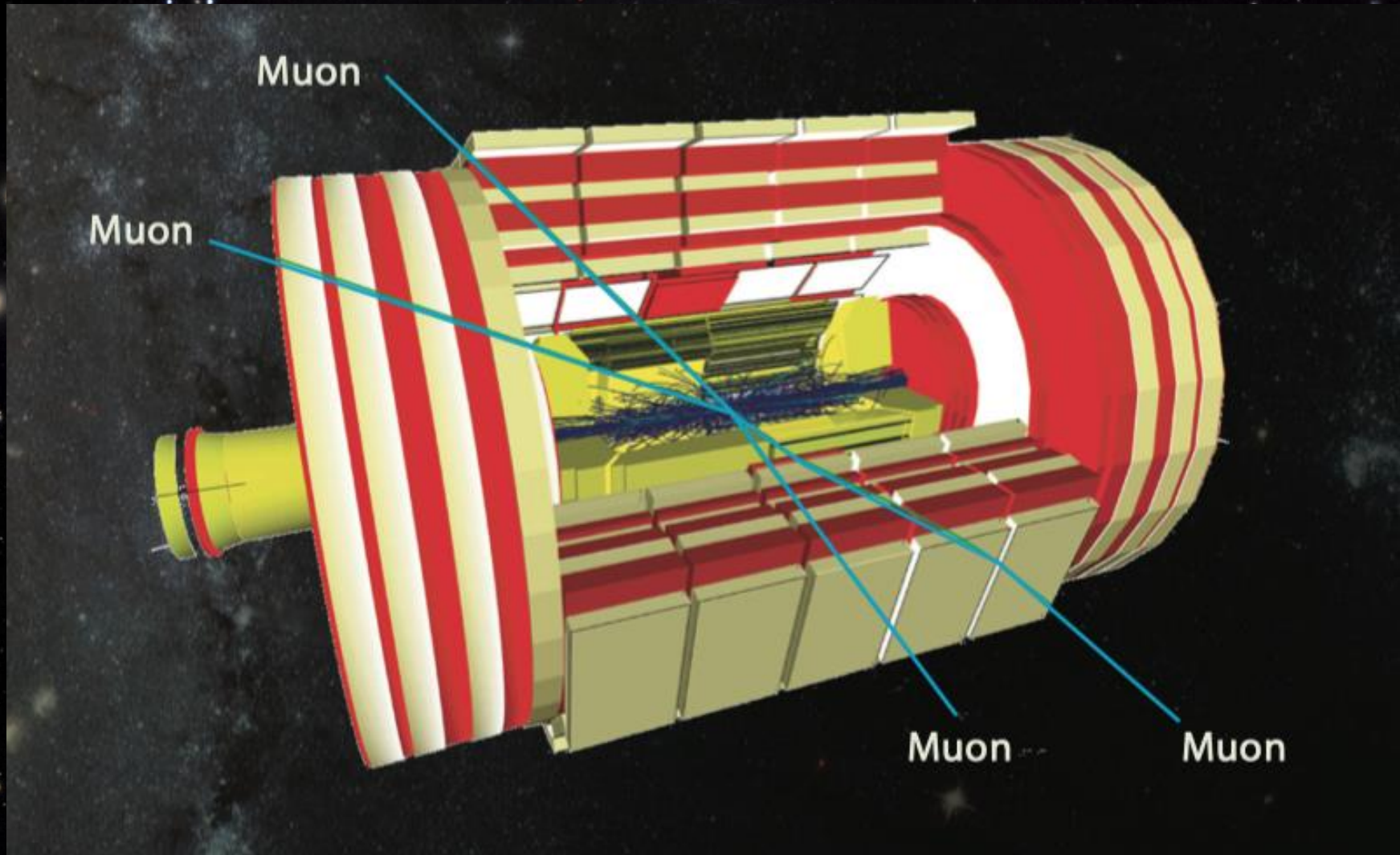
And now a 4th type - GEMs



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Higgs boson decay to 4 muons





$H \rightarrow 4\mu$ Viewed along the beam direction



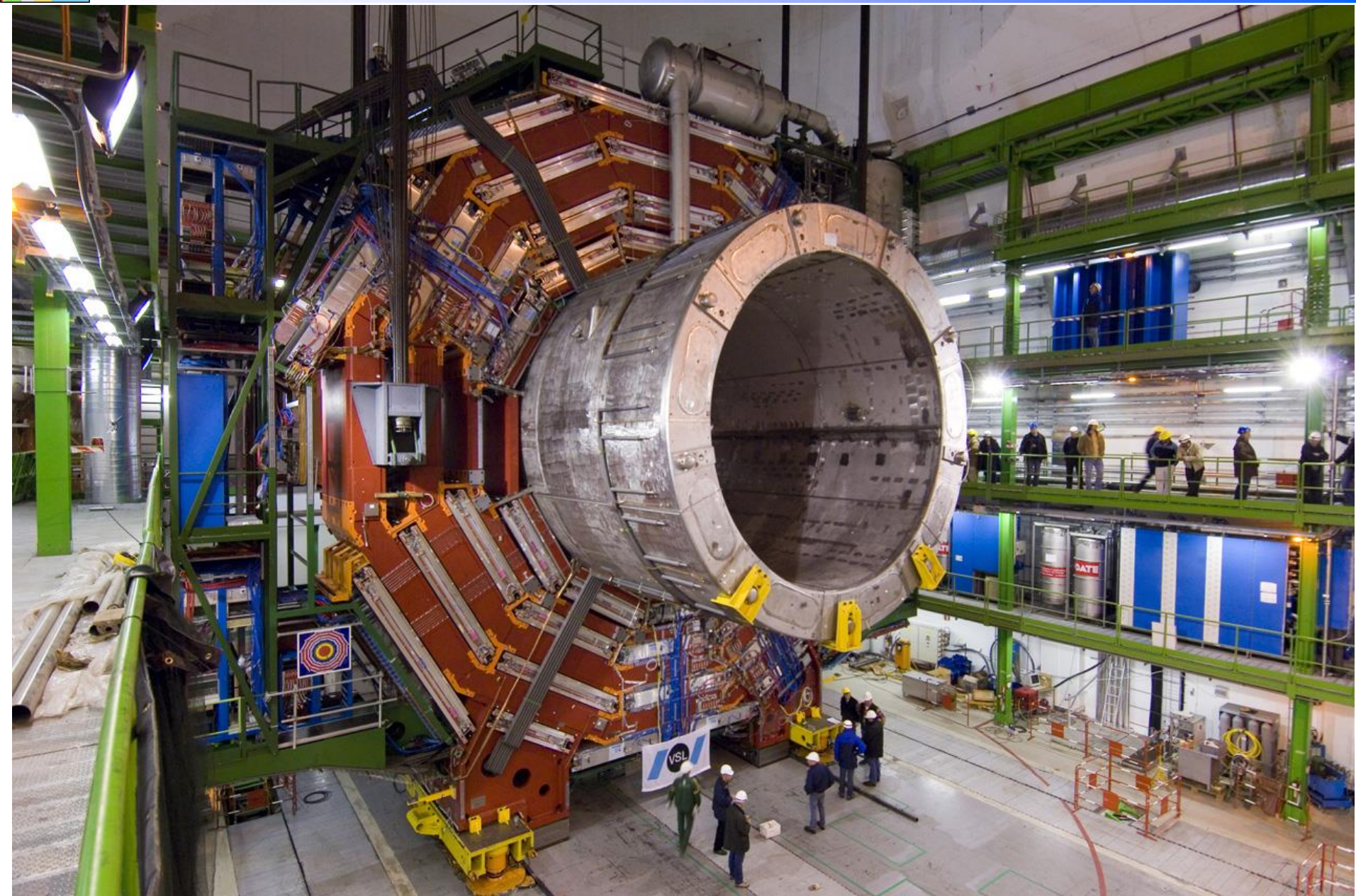


The origin of the CMS logo

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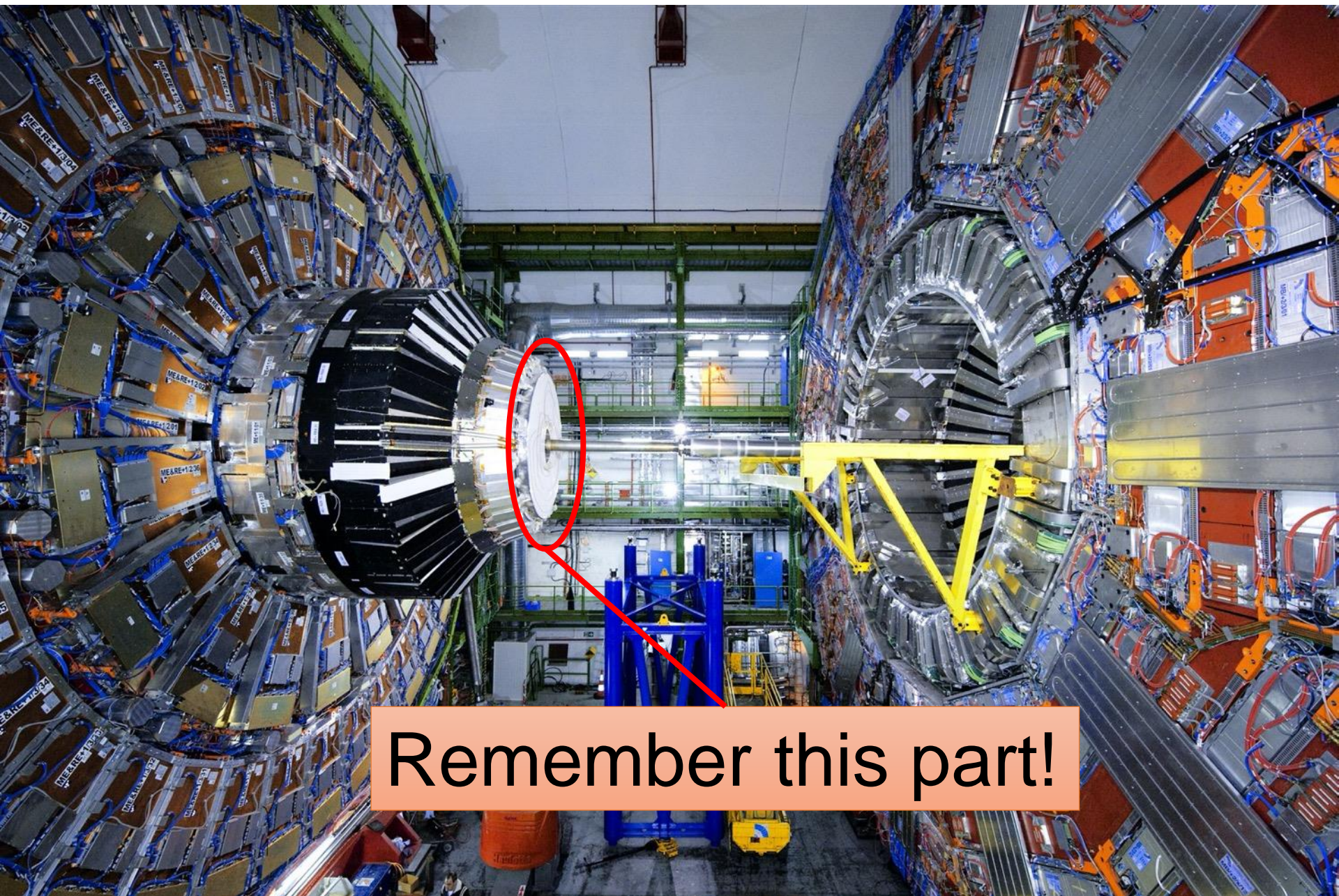
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CMS: the most visually amazing detector ever made!

(I may be biased!)

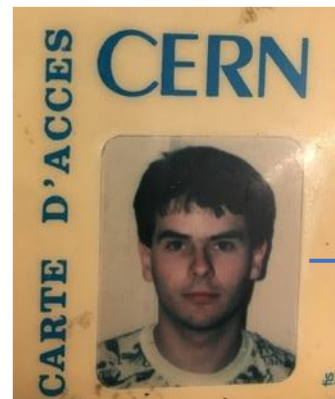


Remember this part!



How did I get here?

- Born and bred in the UK. Left school with “OK” A-levels in Physics, Maths, Chemistry and Computer Science
- BSc degree in Physics at Imperial College London (1987-1990)
 - CERN Summer Student in 1990
- PhD in High Energy Physics at Imperial (1990-1993)
 - Based in UK with visits to CERN
- Have been working for CERN for the CMS Experiment for 30 years!

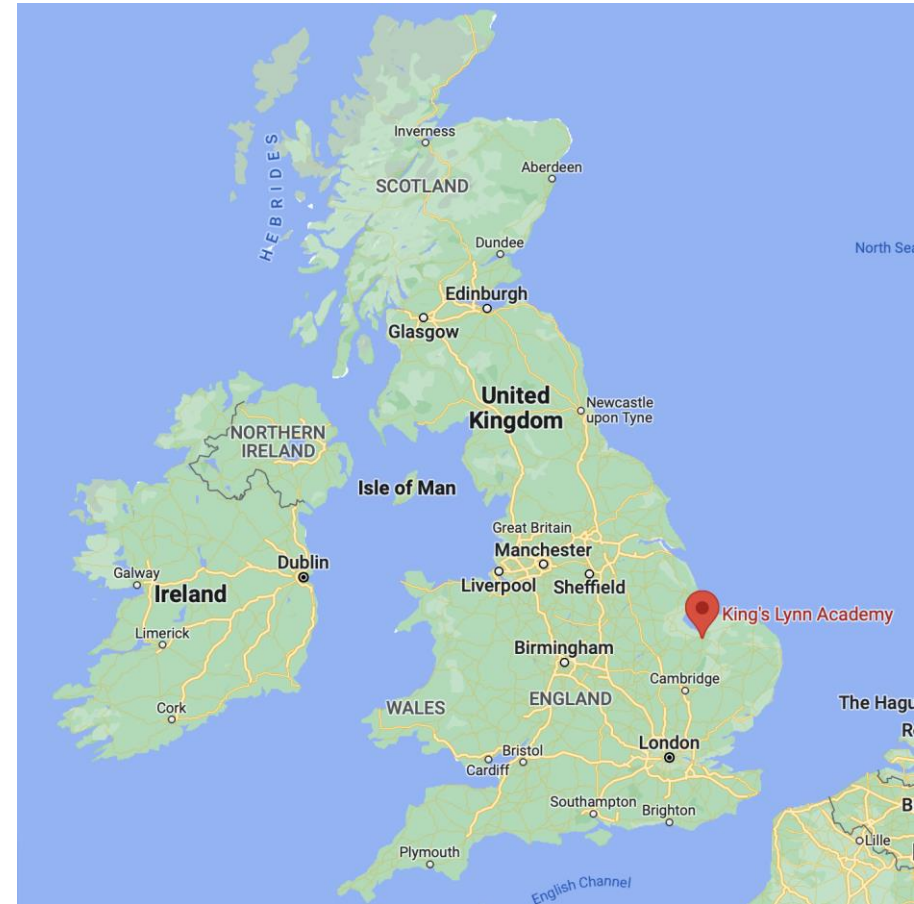


Why did I become a scientist?

She told Neil deGrasse Tyson she wants to be a scientist when she grows up. He told her: "The greatest thing about being a scientist is you never have to grow up."

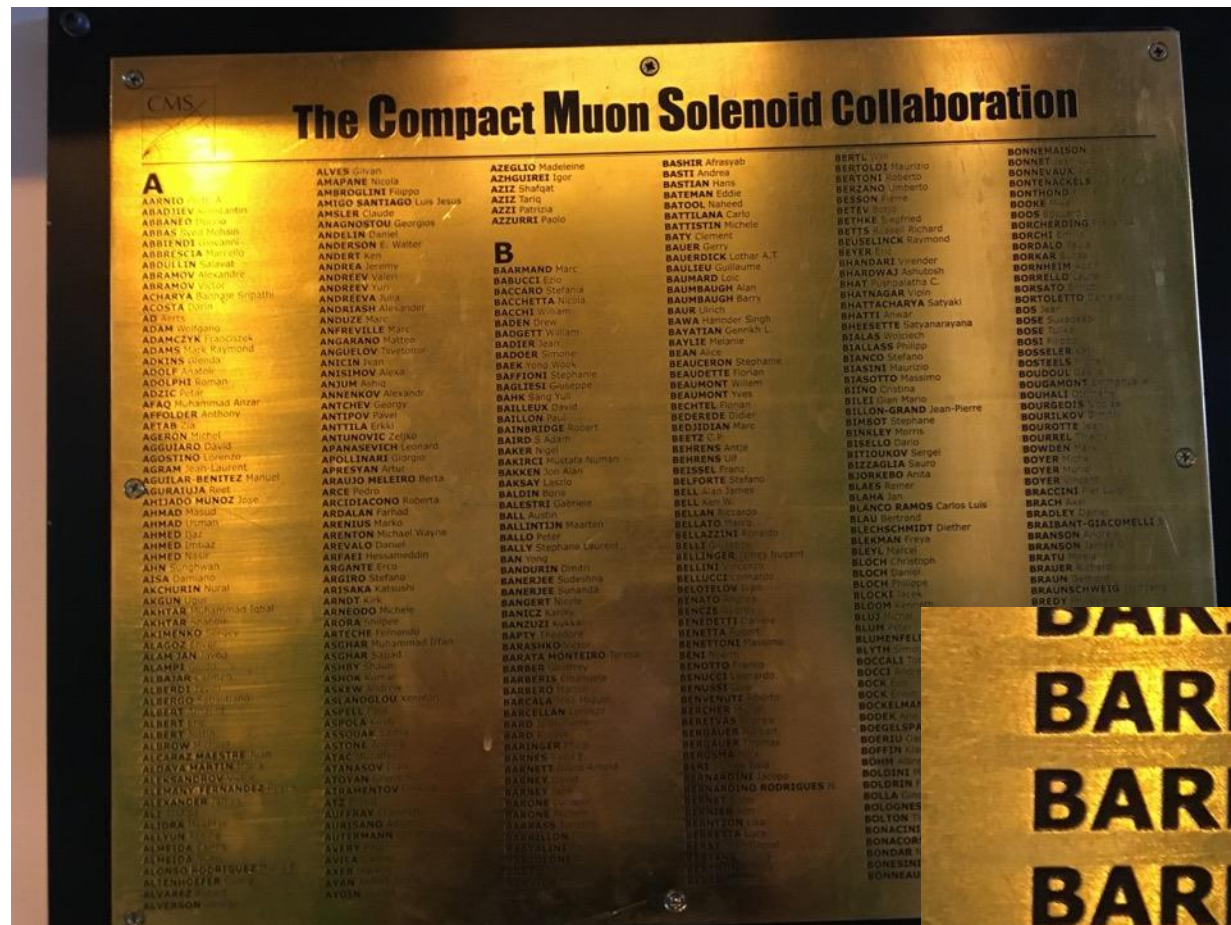


It was also because I had an inspiring physics teacher – Mr. Robert Wilson, of Gaywood Park High School (now King’s Lynn Academy) in King’s Lynn, Norfolk, UK





It has been a family affair!



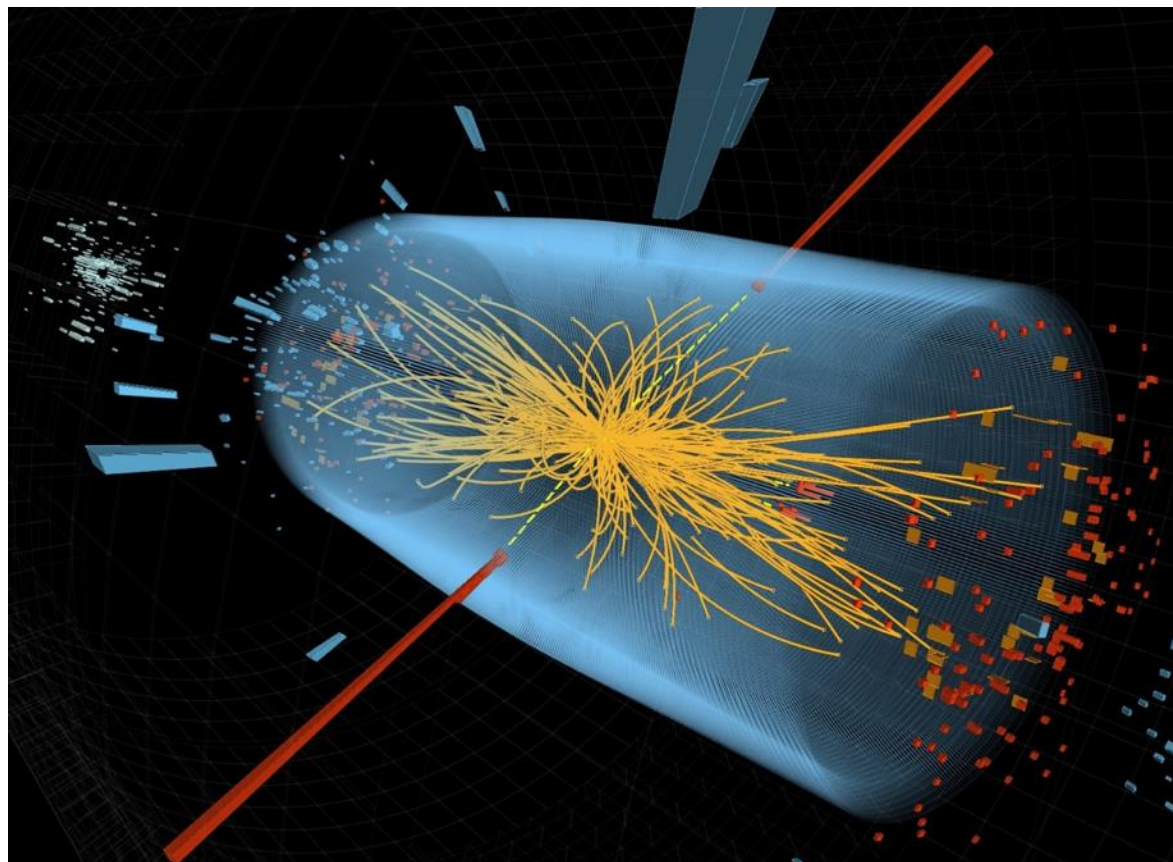
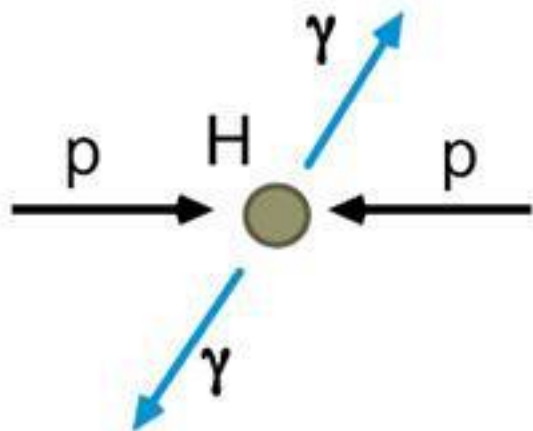


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How did CMS find the Higgs boson?

Original CMS design partly based on “seeing” the Higgs boson through its decay to a pair of isolated photons



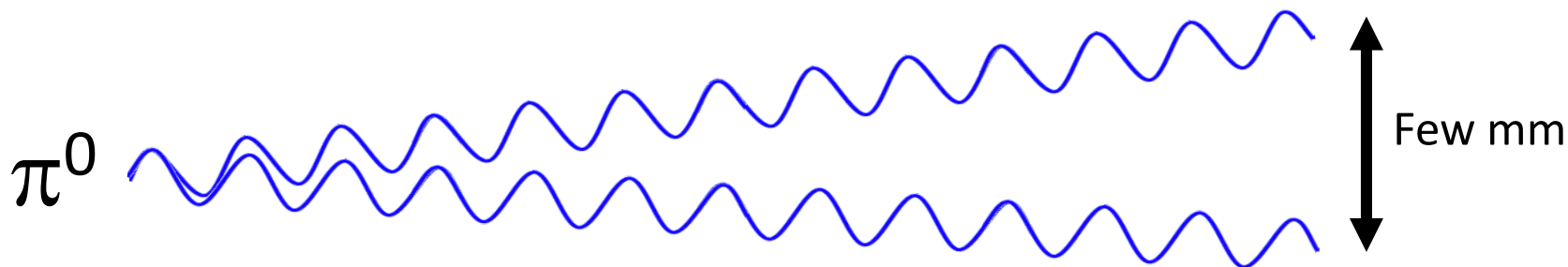
And this is what CMS saw in 2011!



But it wasn't quite that easy!

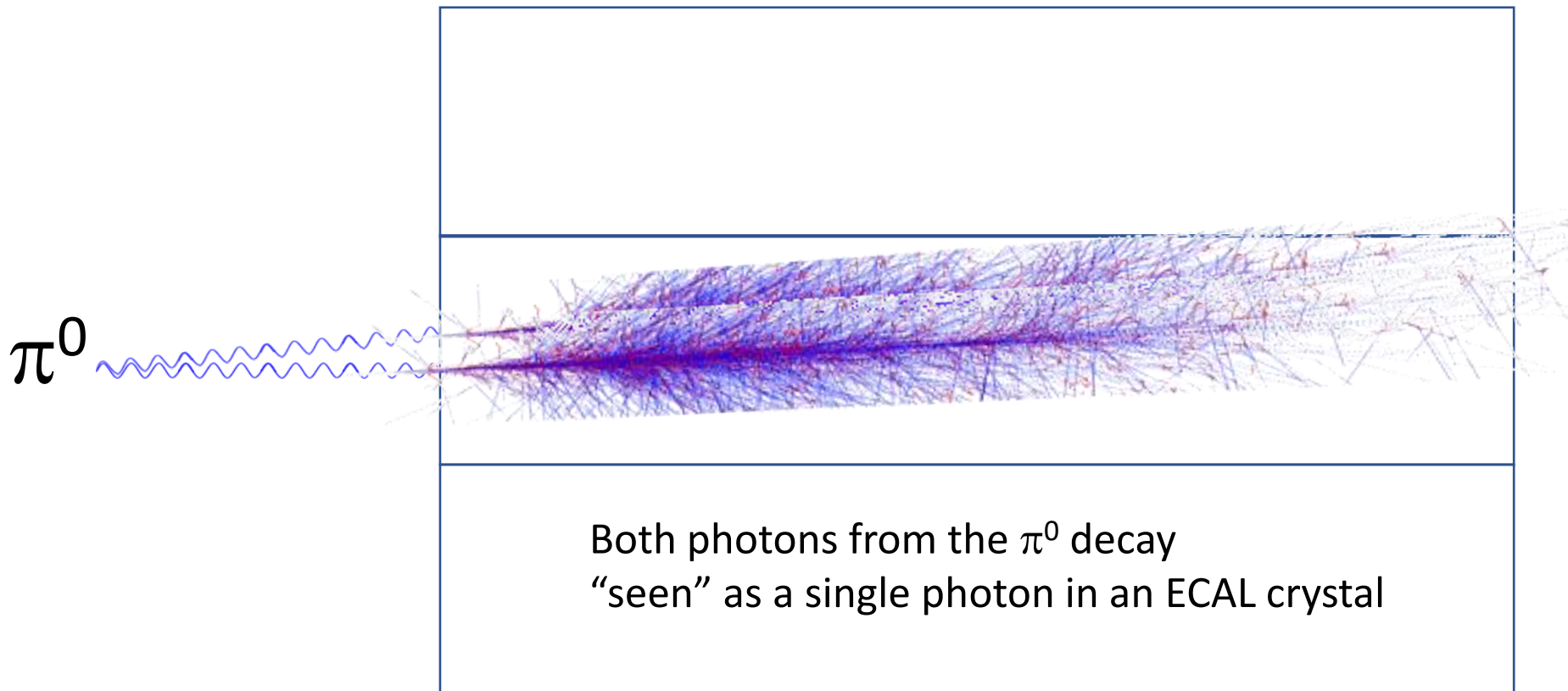
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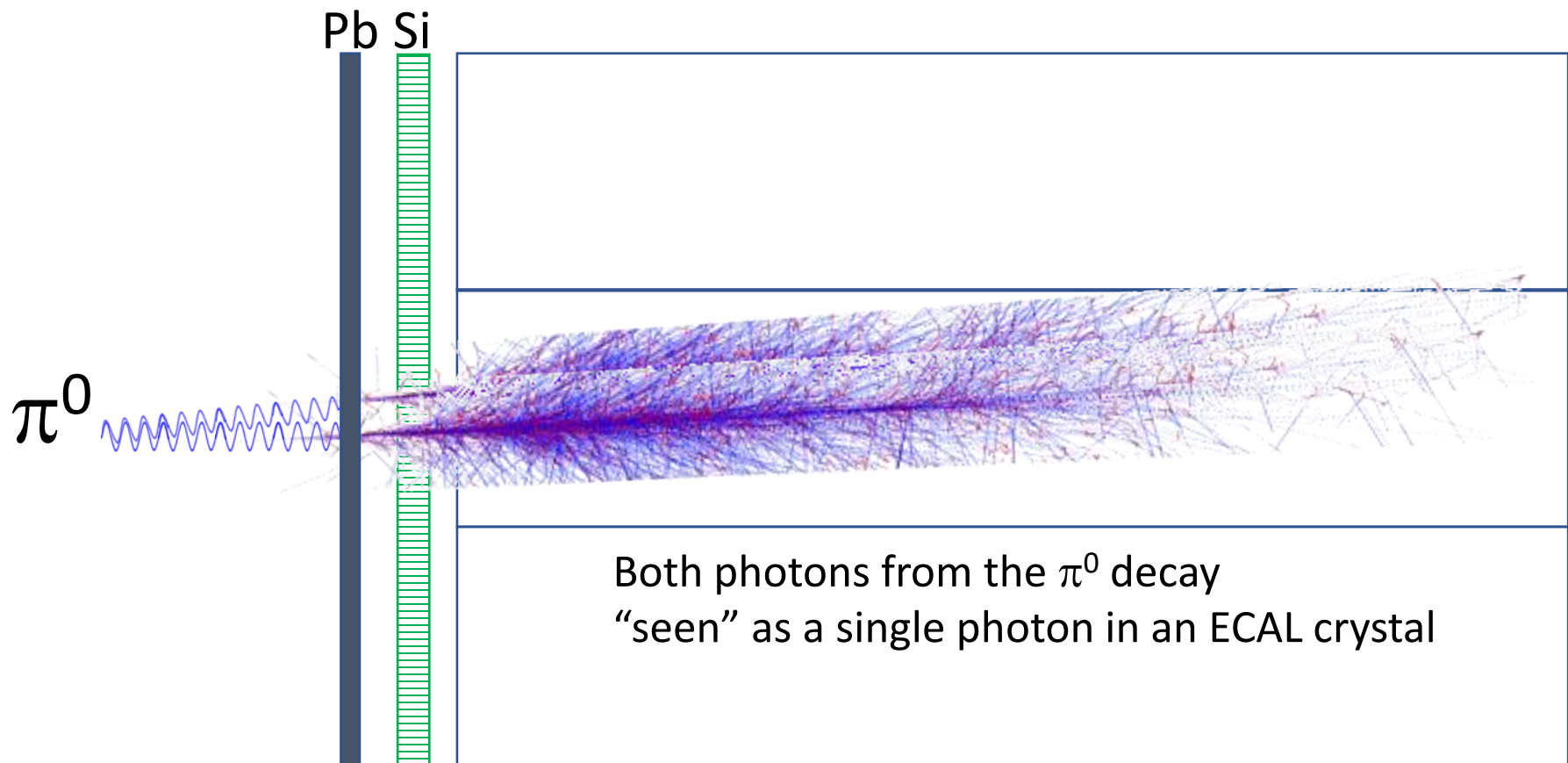
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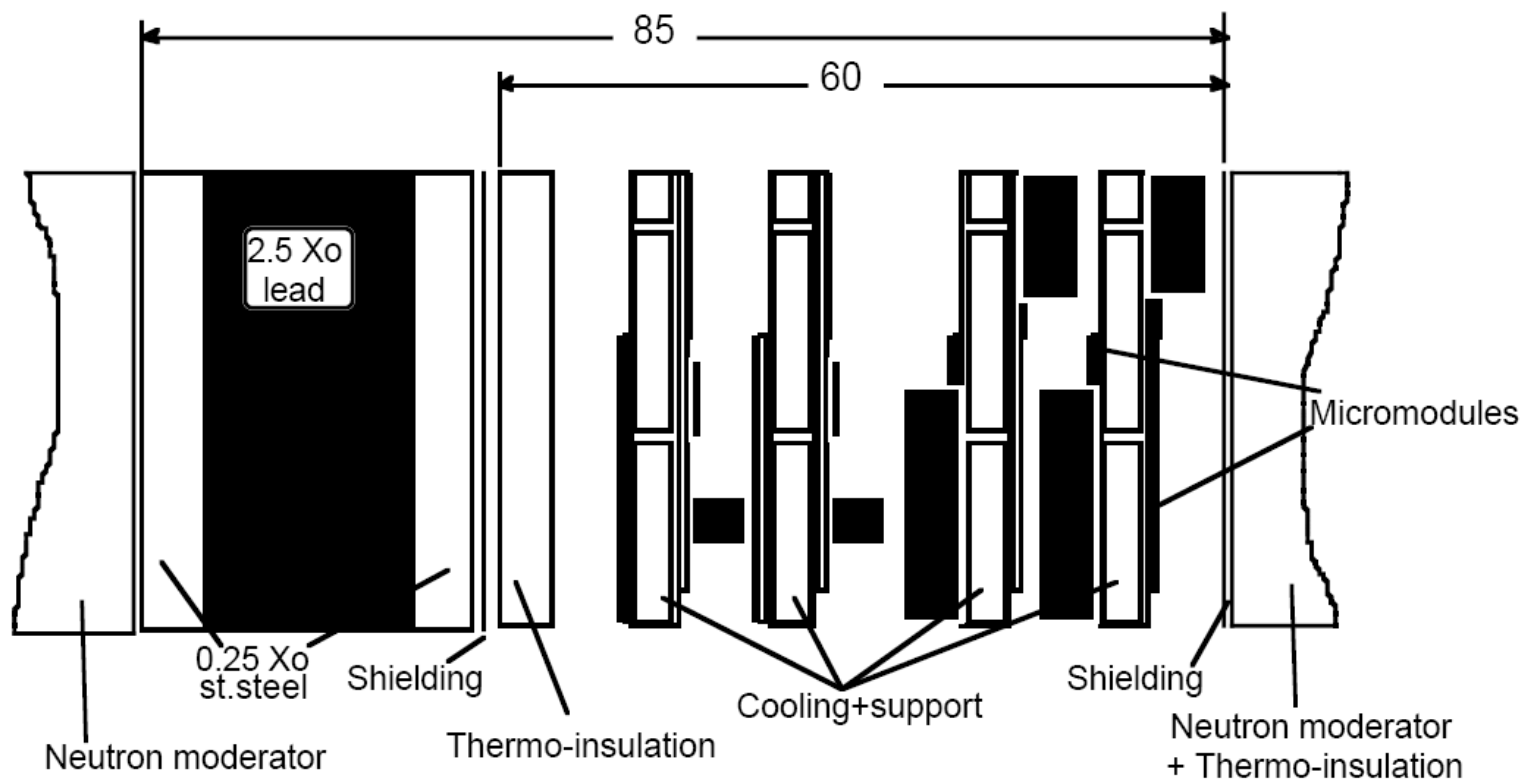
The concept of the Preshower

Put a lead sheet (to initiate electromagnetic showers) and a highly-segmented silicon detector in front of the crystals, to distinguish single photons from closely-space double photons



When I joined CMS in 1994...

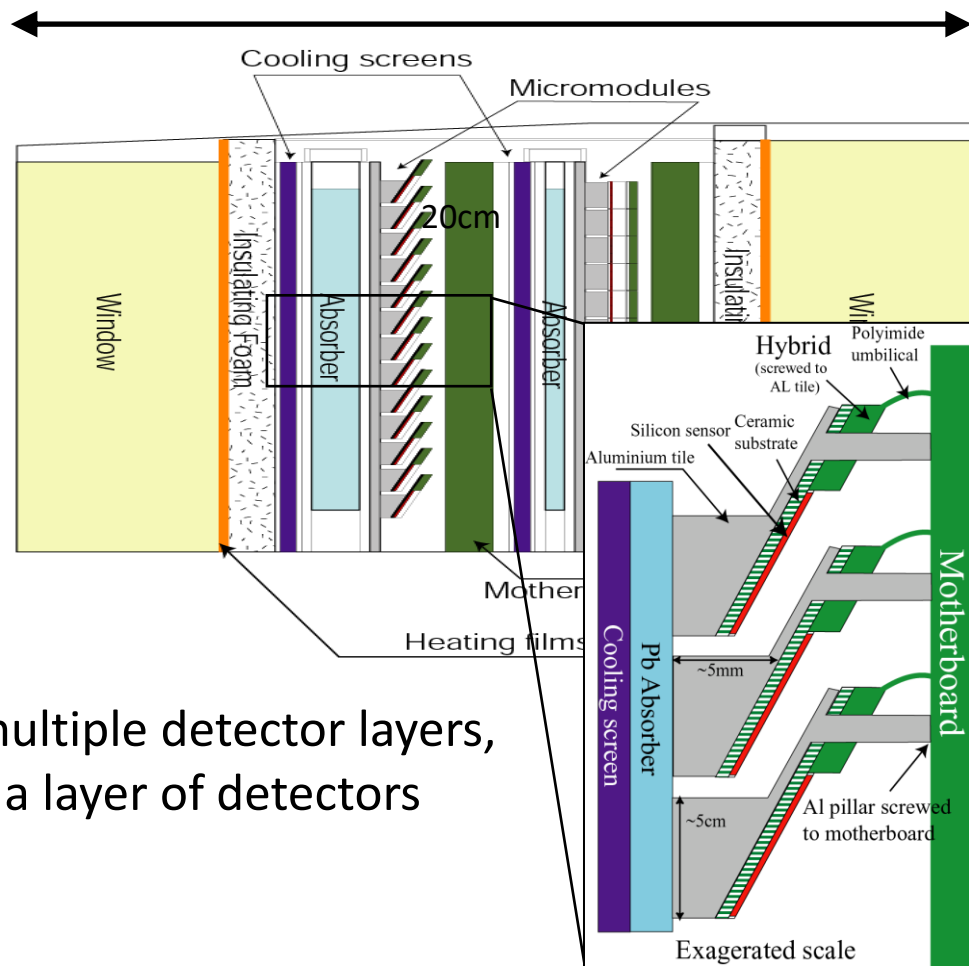
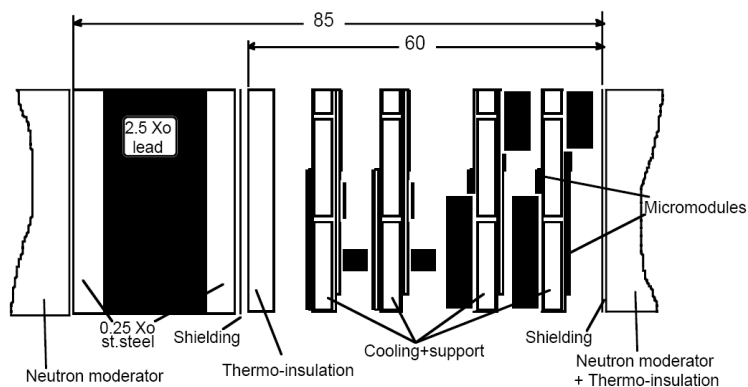
My job was to turn this concept...



...into some sort of reality

Examples of 3 years of work as an applied physicist!

- Simulation of Preshower detector in CMS:
 - Does it do what it was meant to do? **NO!**
 - overall design was modified/optimized significantly

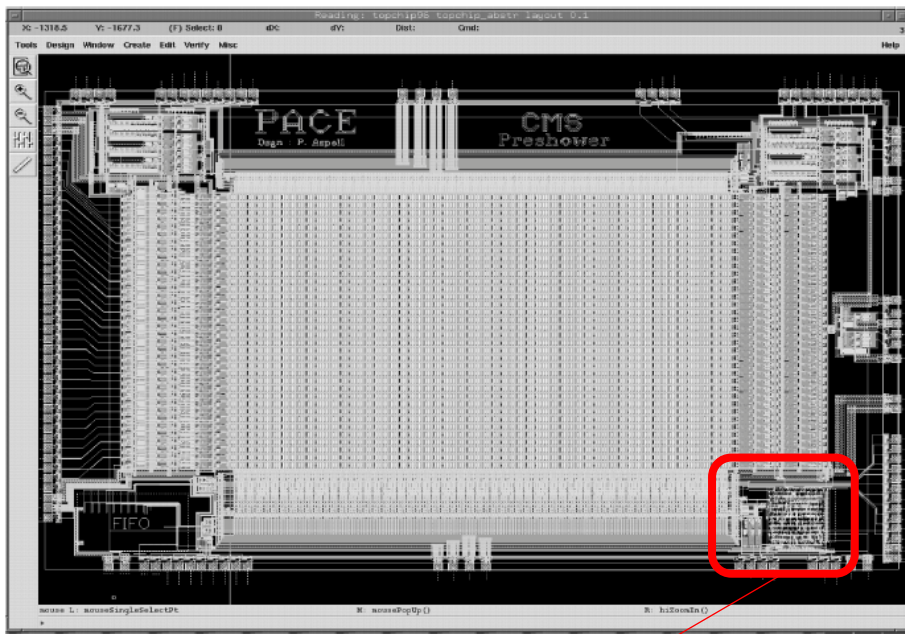


Instead of one absorber followed by multiple detector layers,
 have two absorbers, each followed by a layer of detectors
 → essentially the final basic design!

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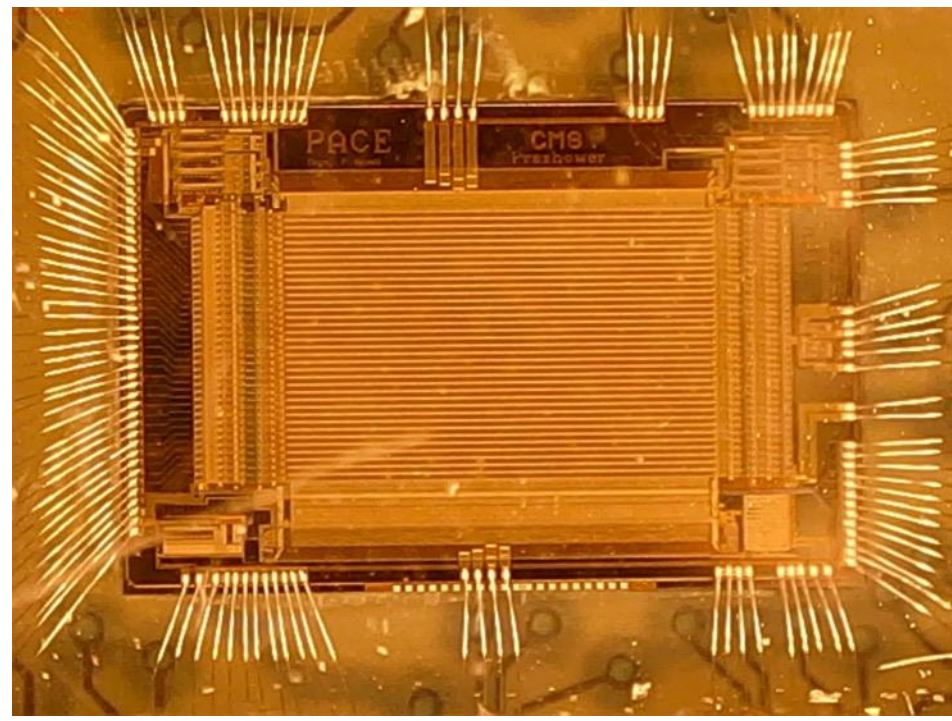
- Designed a part of the prototype front-end microelectronics, called the “sequencer” (determines the order in which to do things etc.)

Below: design of the “PACE” front-end micro-electronics chip for the Preshower



Dave did this!

Below: photograph of the “PACE” front-end micro-electronics chip for the Preshower



~10mm

Examples of 3 years of work as an applied physicist!

- Built and tested prototype silicon detector modules in particle beams at CERN
 → it works!



CMS TN / 96-061
May 13, 1996

Results from the 1995 ECAL Testbeam with Preshower

D. Barney
CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Abstract

During May 1995 some data were taken in the H4 testbeam with an array of PbWO₄ crystals plus a preshower system. The preshower consisted of two orthogonal layers of silicon microstrip detectors and 2.5 or 3.0 radiation lengths of lead absorber. Results are presented on the spatial accuracy obtained with this device, and its effect on the energy resolution of the crystal array. A Monte-Carlo simulation of the testbeam setup has been used in order to understand the experiment results and to predict the performance of the preshower in future (1996) testbeams.

1 Testbeam Setup

Between 3rd and 10th May 1995 an array of PbWO₄ crystals were examined in the H4 testbeam, with some data being taken with a preshower system in front. The crystal array used is depicted in figure 1 below.

	1057	1058	1055	
1048	1054	1050	1051	1052
		T7		
1056	1043	1059	1042	1047
		T12		
	1049	1045	1053	
		T17		
	1041	1046	1044	

Crystal Dimensions (mm)
 Front: 20.5 x 20.5
 Back: 23.8 x 23.8
 Length: 230.

Read-out Device
 EG&G c30719 APDs

Xtal
Tower

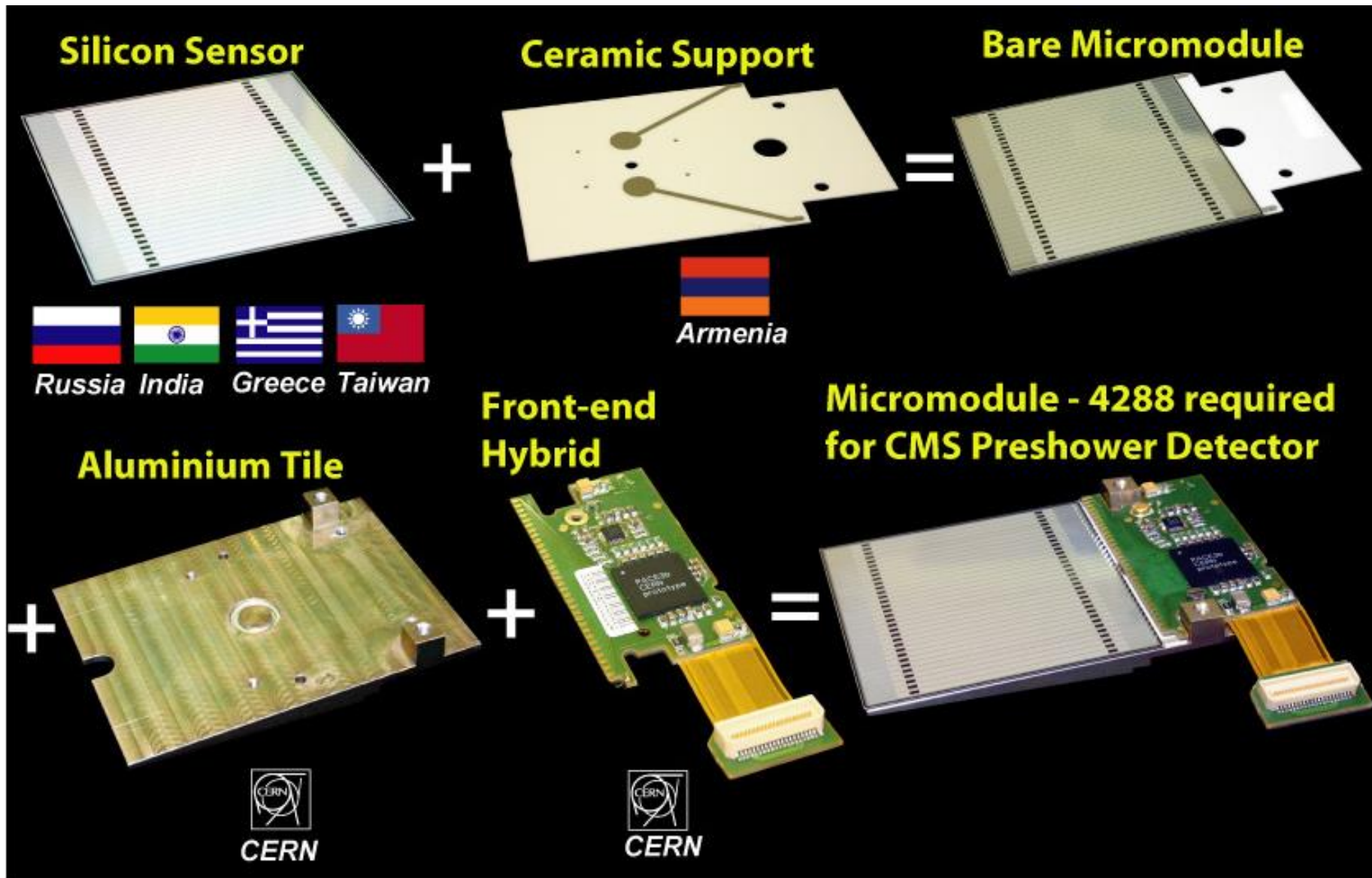
Note
 Only central 3 columns
 calibrated

View from Back

Figure 1: Crystal matrix testbeam setup in May 1995

Results written-up
in official notes

It's all about teamwork!

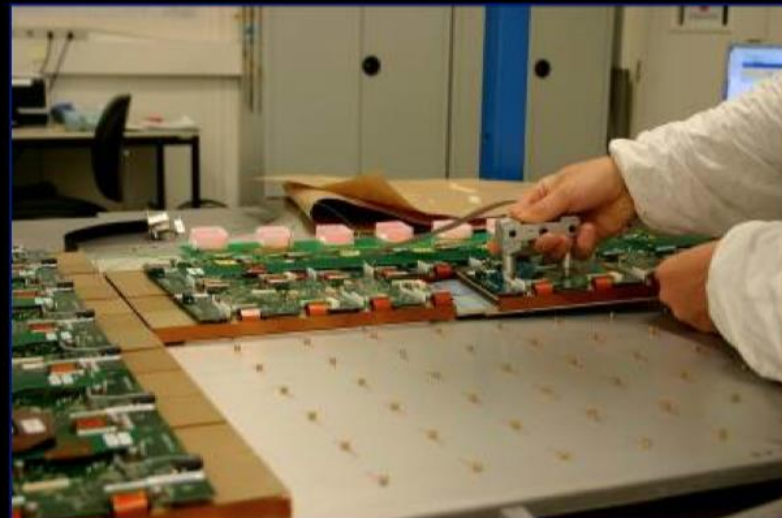


A few years later...

2008: Final assembly and testing



3 types of "ladder" filled with Si sensors



Installing ladders on the absorbers

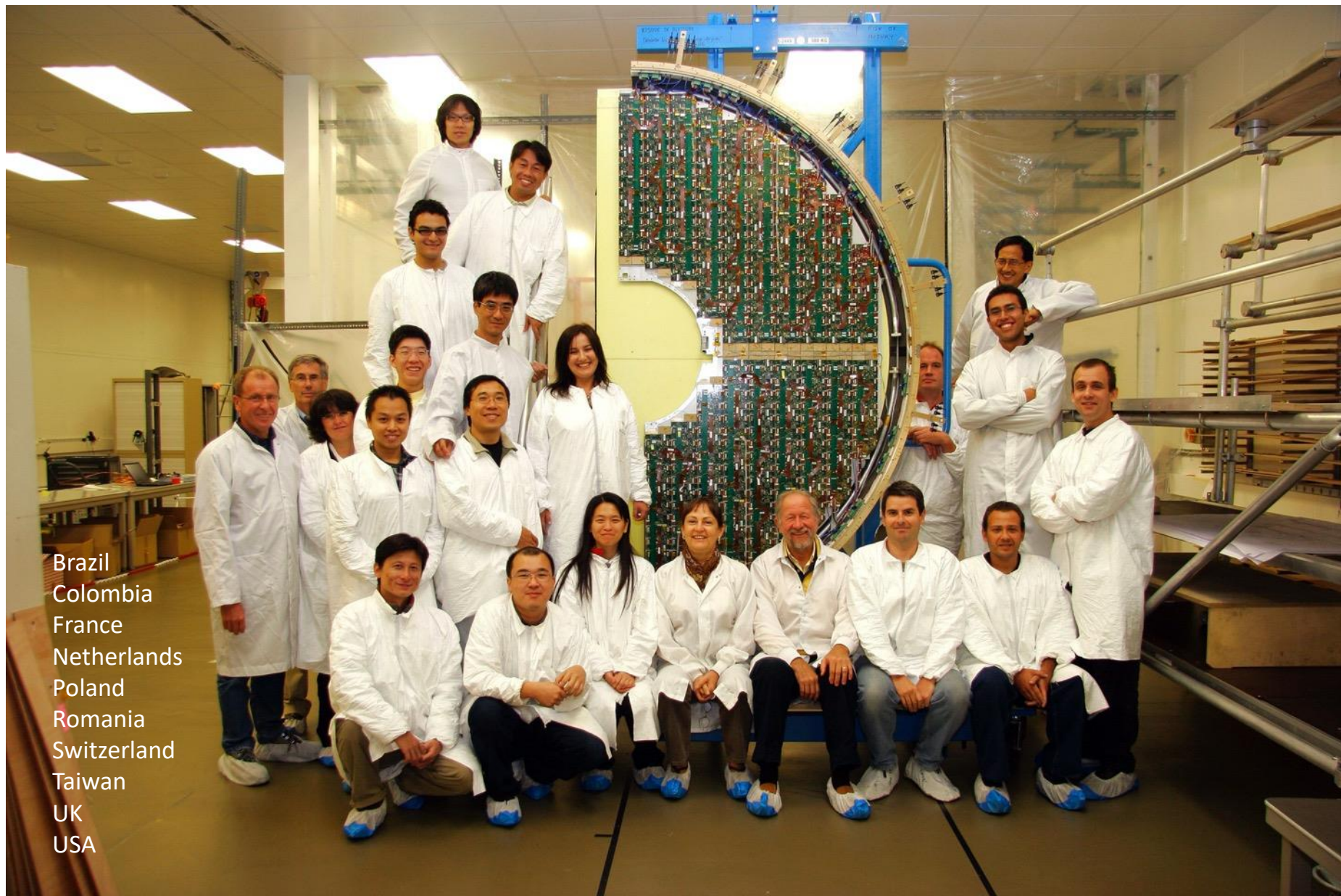


Testing a column of ladders



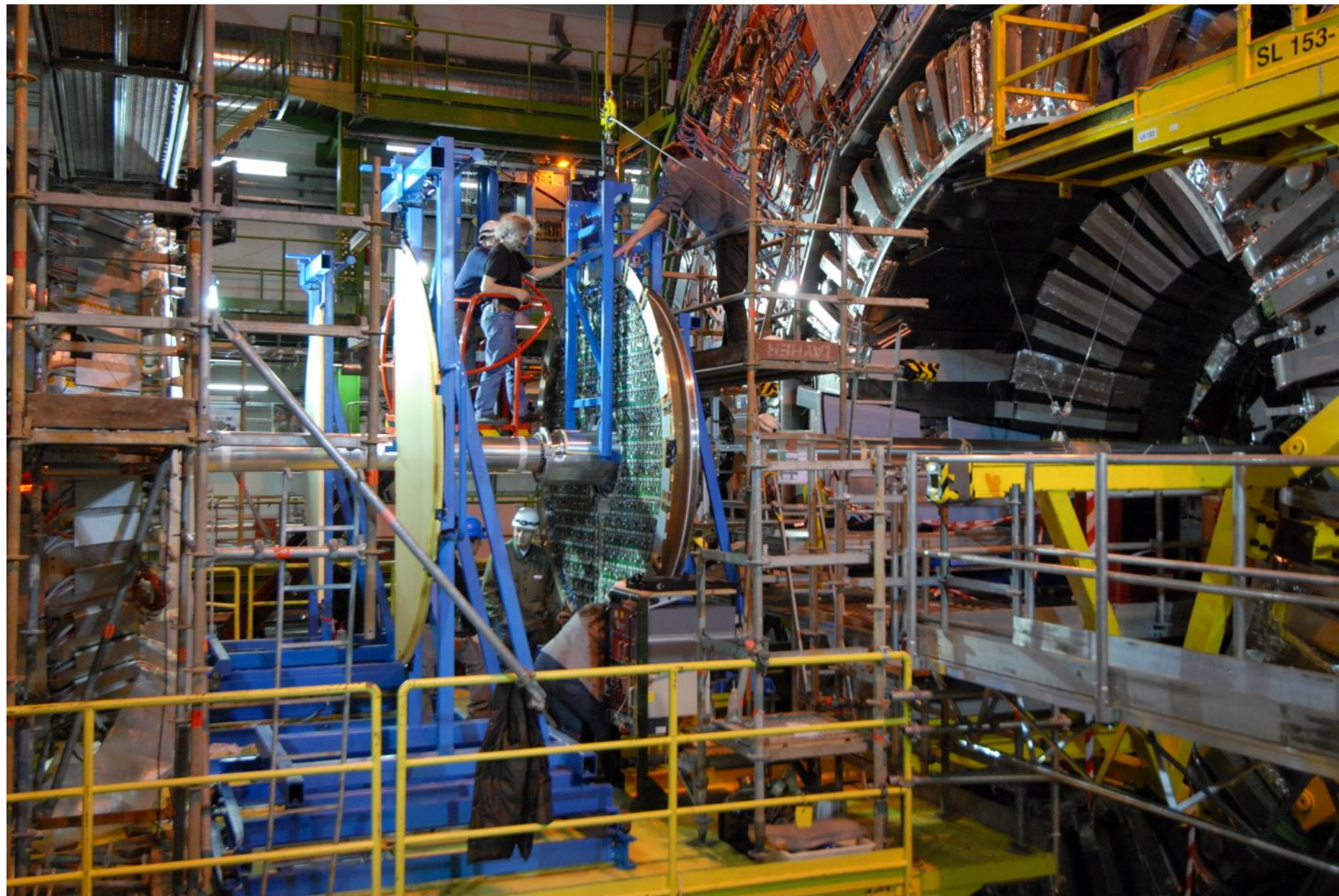
Fully assembled "Dee" plane

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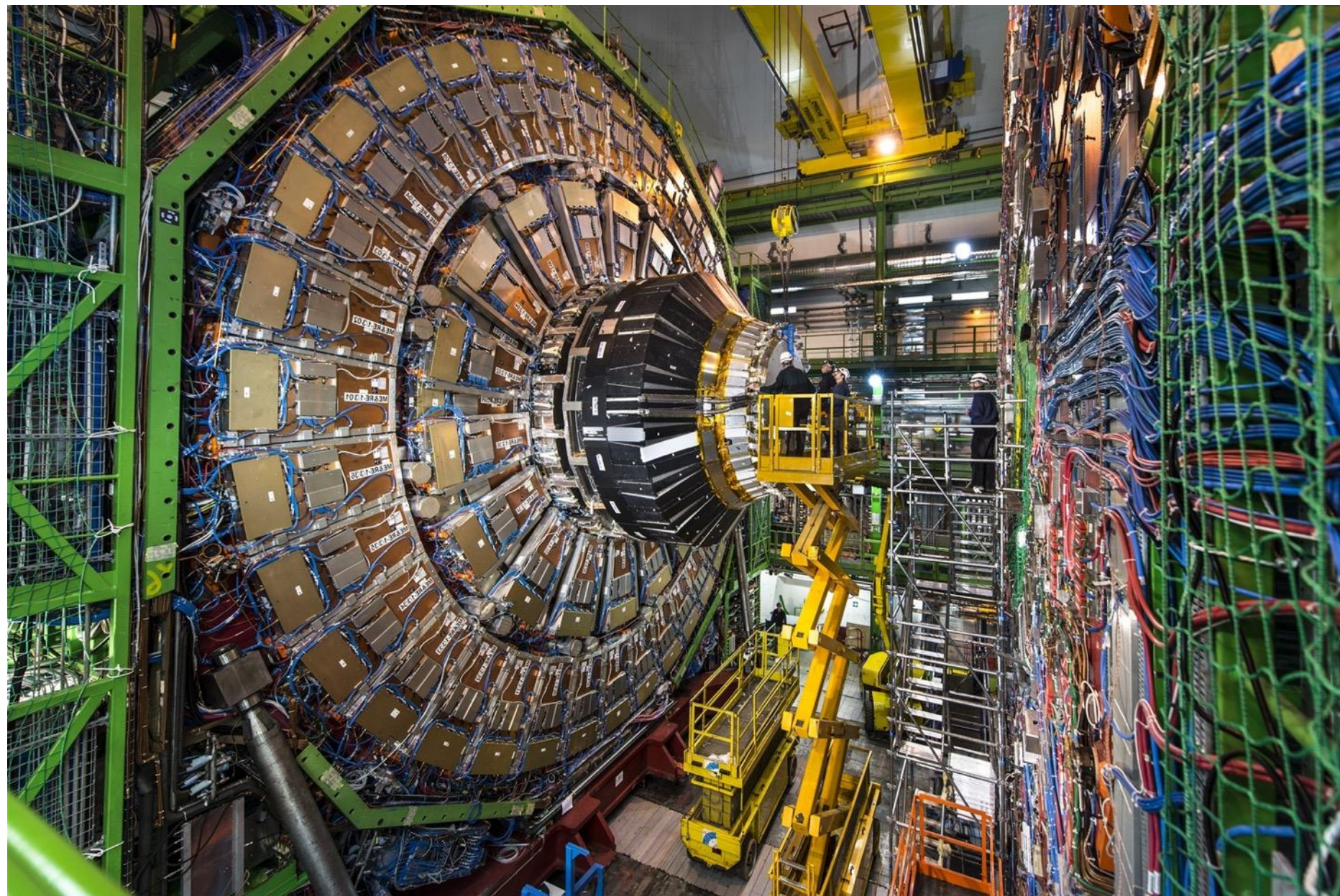


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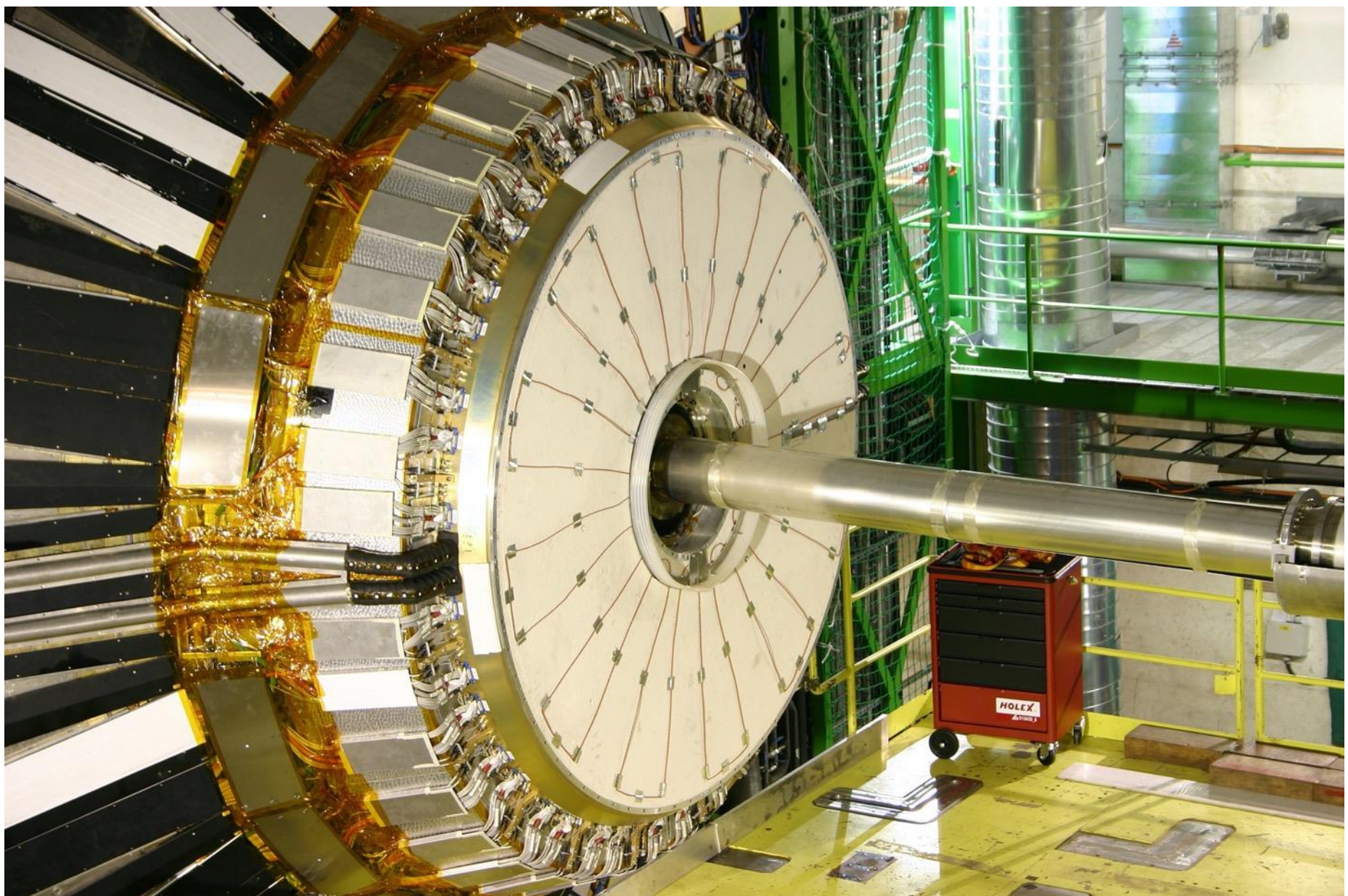
Installation of Preshower in CMS



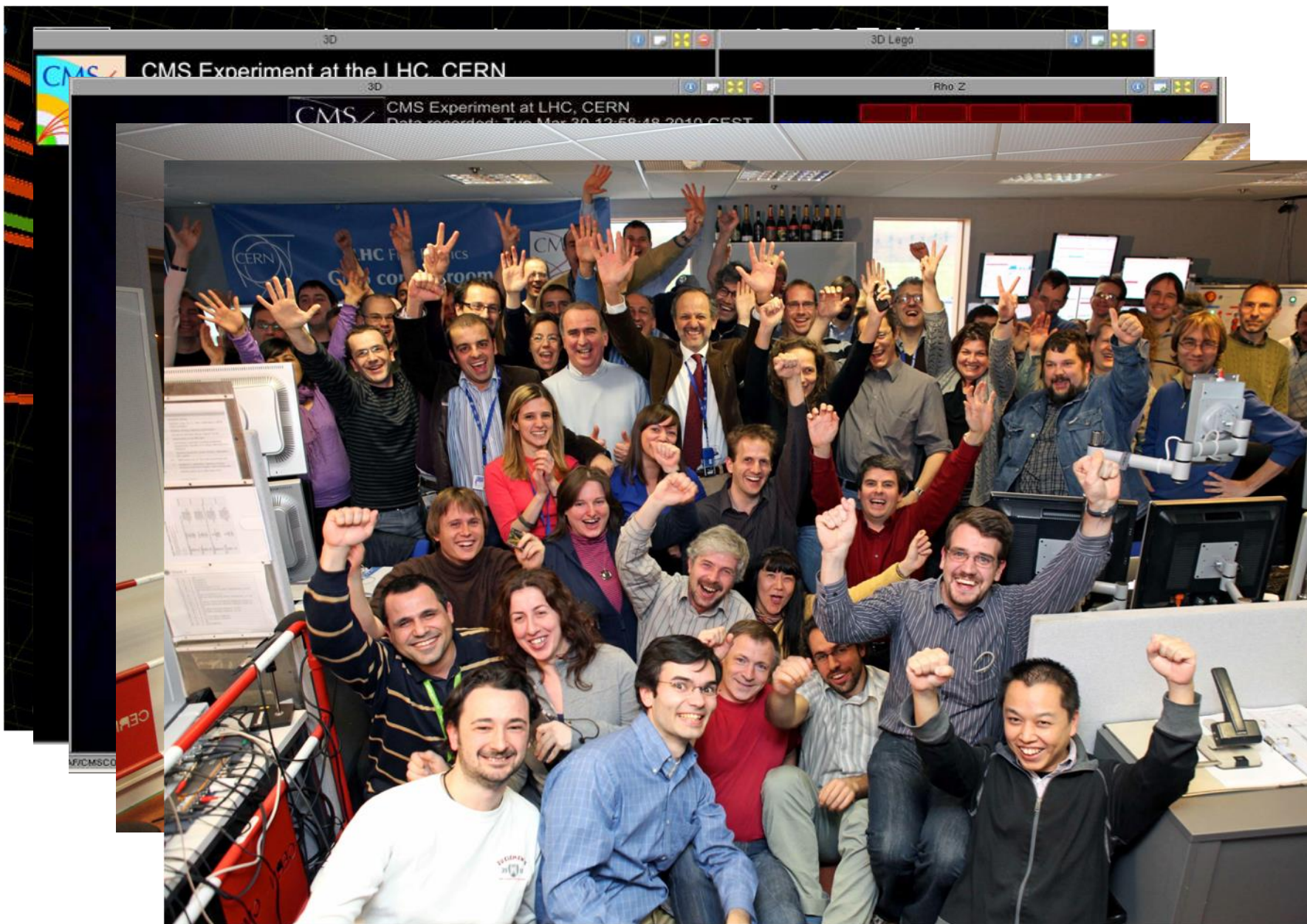
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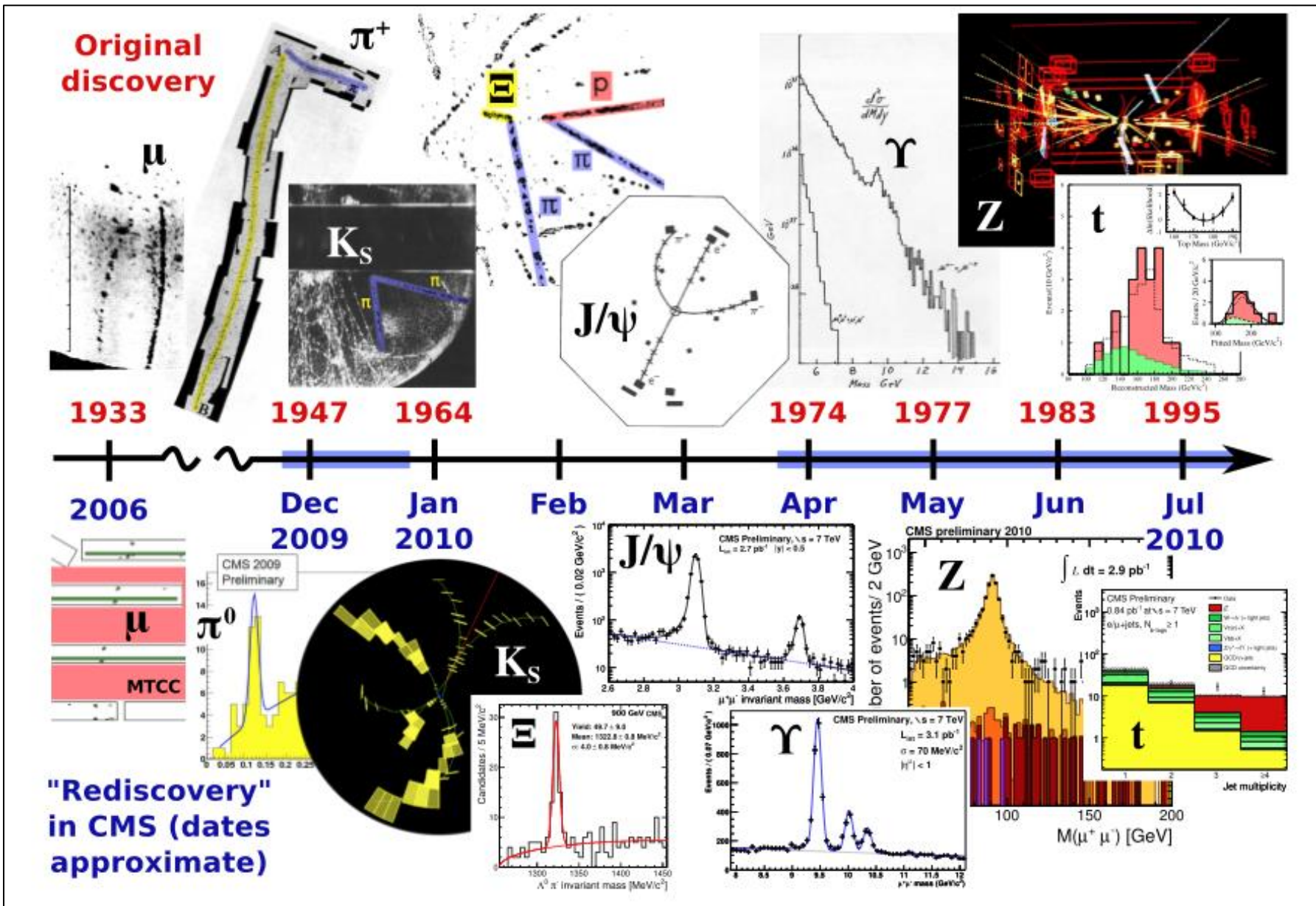
Preshower installed in CMS!



First collisions in 2009



Re-discovery in CMS



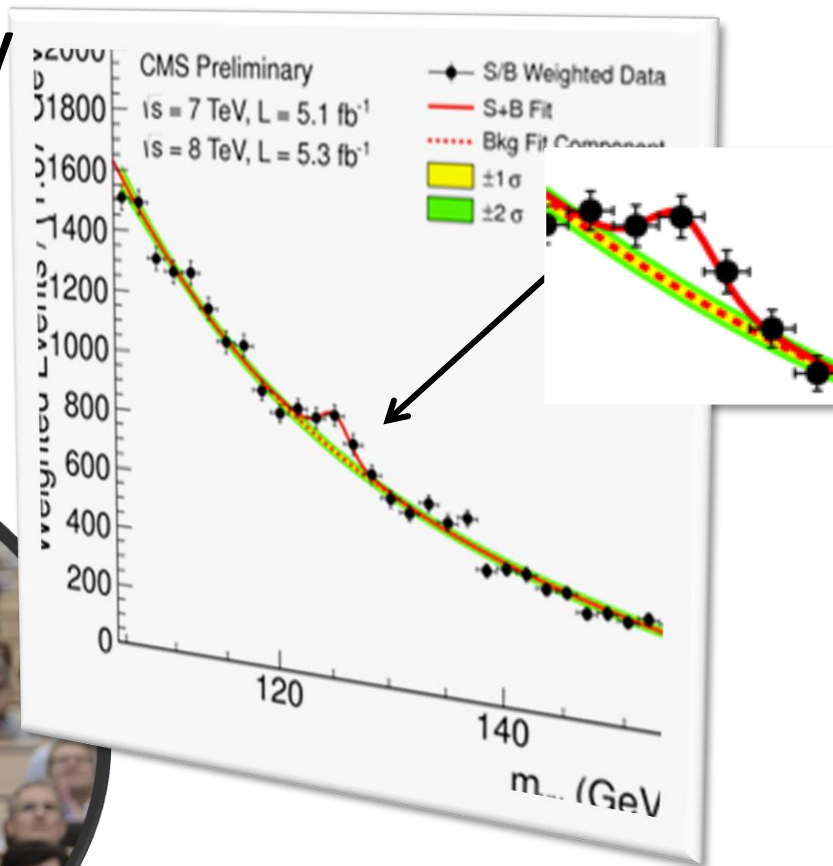
And just a couple of years later...

We announced a discovery
on 4th July 2012



Joe Incandela

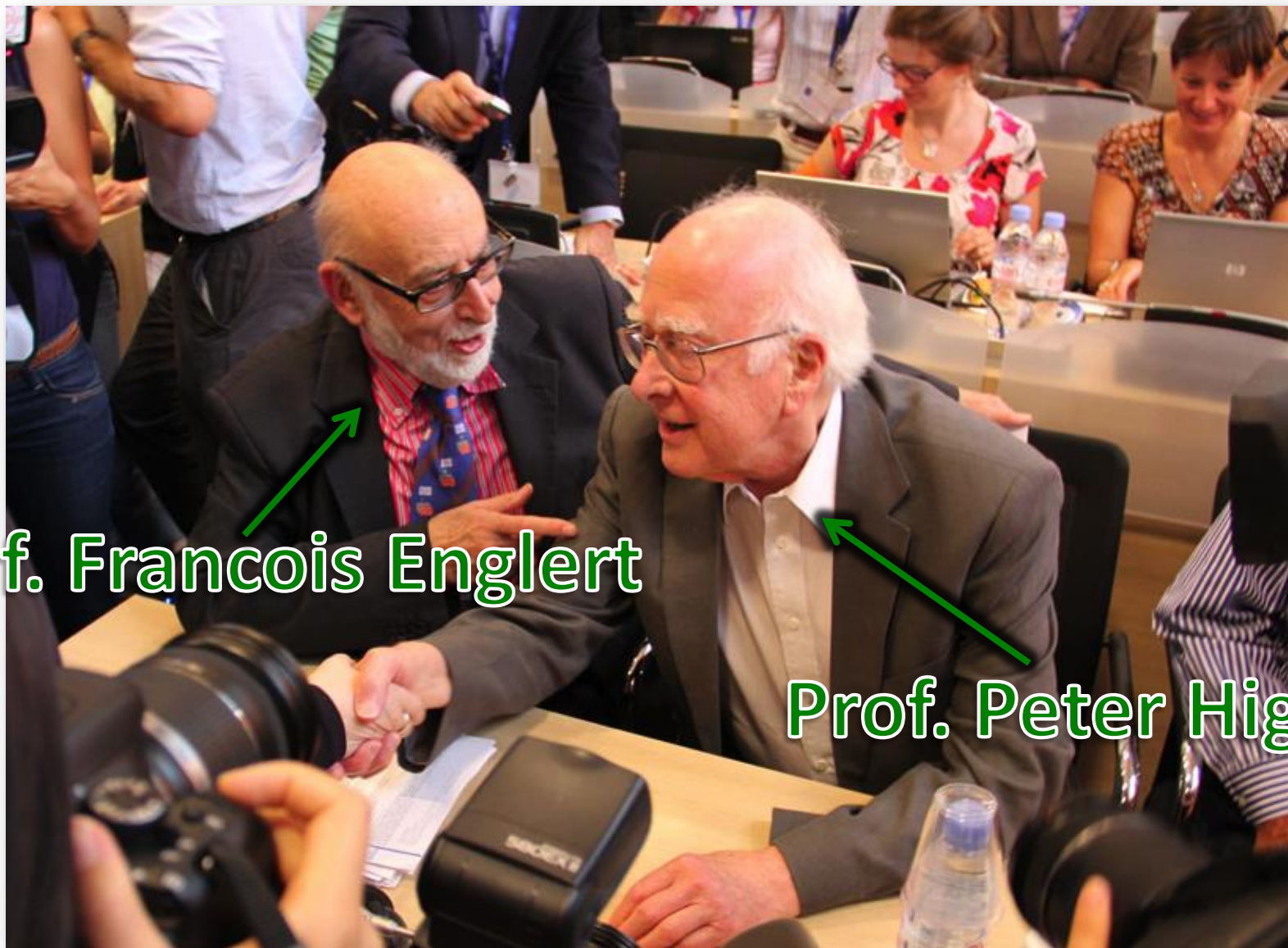
CMS Spokesperson 2012-2013



That made a lot of physicists very happy!



Including these two guys



Prof. Francois Englert

Prof. Peter Higgs



And the world's media also got excited!



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013
François Englert, Peter Higgs

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013



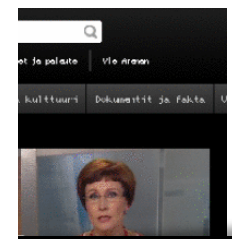
Photo: A. Mahmoud
François Englert
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量子那一刻
11月，瑞典皇家科学院（SAS）将2013年诺贝尔物理学奖授予了“量子”领域的两位科学家：比利时人François Englert和英国人Peter Higgs。他们因预言了Higgs粒子的存在而获奖。



2012 started a new era of physics: Higgs physics!


 CERN ✓
10h · 🌐

Happy #Higgs10 anniversary!

#OnThisDay in 2012, a few short years after beam first circulated in the #LHC, the ATLAS Experiment at CERN and CMS Experiment at CERN announced the discovery of the Higgs boson. Its existence confirms the existence of the Higgs field, which gives mass to all elementary particles.

Find out more: home.cern/science/physics/higgs-boson/how



 Marco Delmastro is at CERN.
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10 years after the #Higgs boson discovery, it's an honor to present the status of its property measurements on behalf of the @atlasexperiment and @cmsexperiment at the #Higgs10 symposium At @cern. All look very much SM-like, and the precision we achieved quite impressive!



July 4th 2022!
10th anniversary

Higgs-boson 12th anniversary a month ago!

- <https://www.instagram.com/p/C9ANjURtEb5/>



- 4 facts about the Higgs boson that perhaps you didn't know, including:
 - **The Higgs boson (and field) interacts with ALL massive particles, including ones we have not yet discovered**
→ studying the Higgs boson's properties in detail can tell us about the unexplored Universe!



And where was I on July 4th?

2012: part of the crowd at ICHEP in Melbourne, responsible for CMS Education & Outreach



2022: 100m underground fixing a power supply!



2012: and out celebrating in the evening with ATLAS E&O coordinator Steve Goldfarb and others!



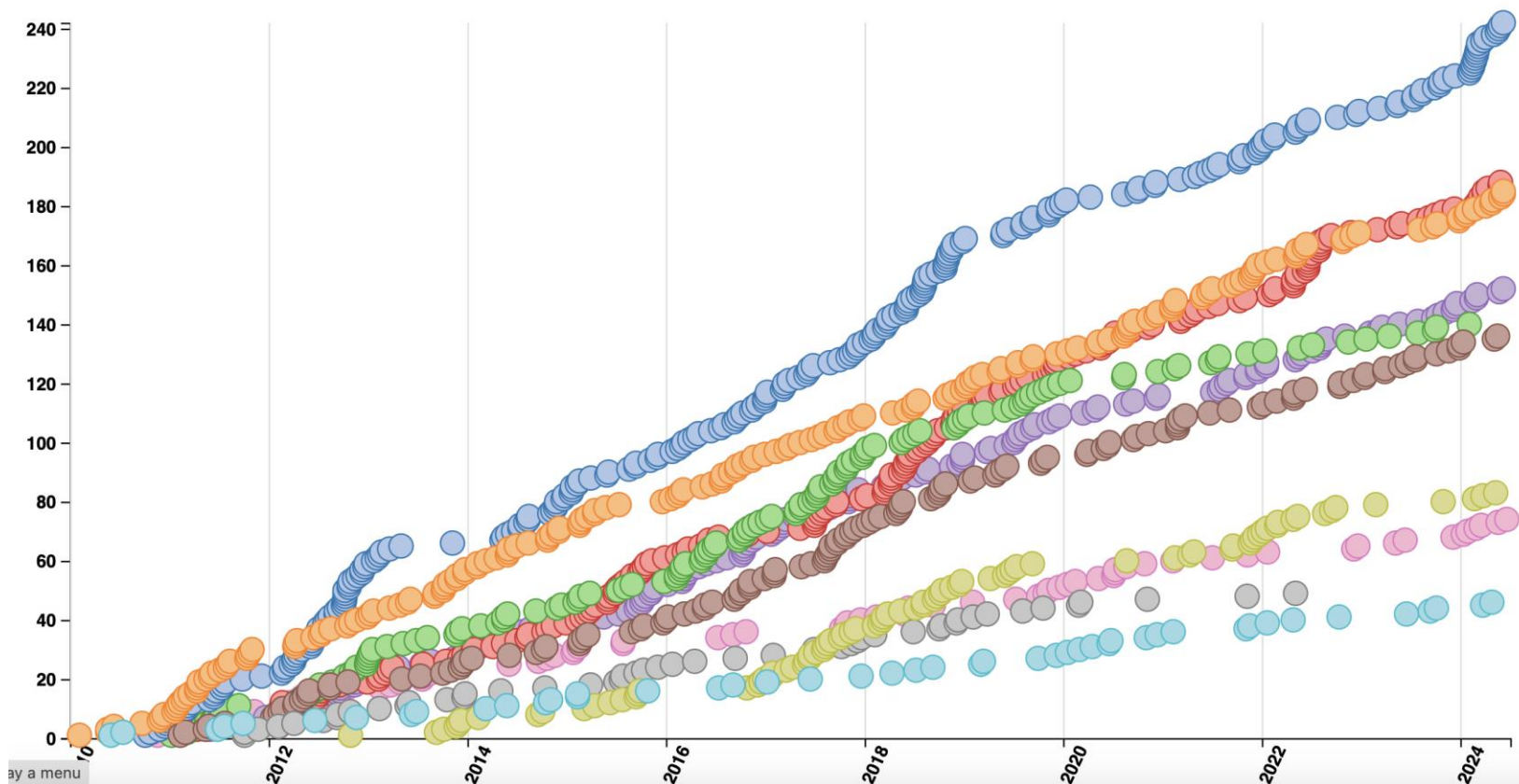


1300 papers published on data taken with CMS!

Show all Total Exotica Standard Model Supersymmetry Higgs Top Heavy Ions

B and Quarkonia Forward and Soft QCD Beyond 2 Generations Detector Performance

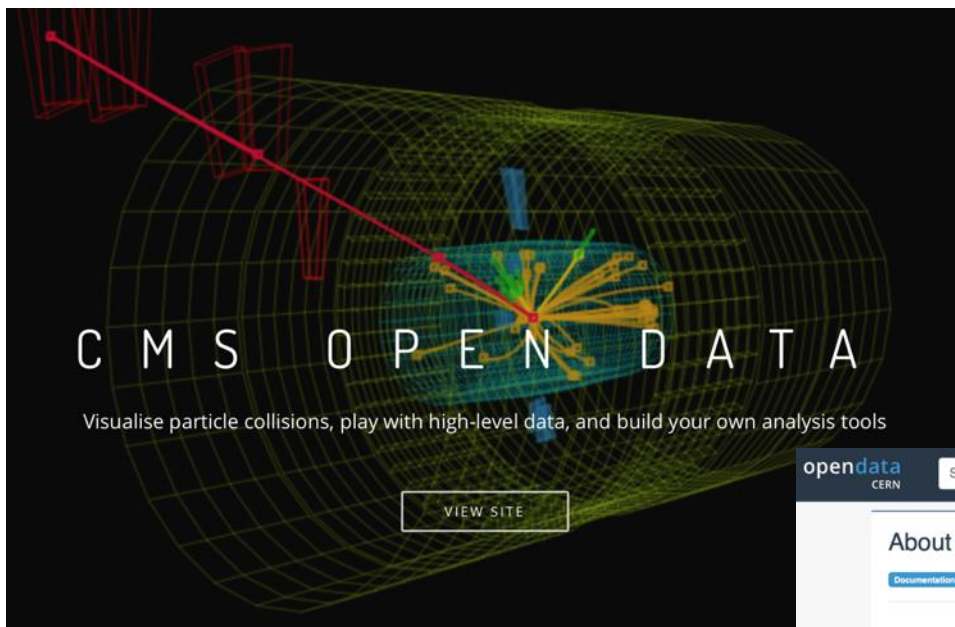
1297 collider data papers submitted as of 2024-06-20



Including >180 papers on studies of the properties of the Higgs boson!



And **you** can make measurements with CMS data!



<http://opendata.cern.ch/docs/about-cms>

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The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) Experiment is one of the large particle detectors at CERN's Large Hadron Collider. The CMS Collaboration consists of more than 3000 scientists, engineers, technicians and students from 180+ institutes and universities from 40+ countries. You can find more information about the CMS [detector design](#) and [overview](#) on the official CMS website.

You can find usage instructions and suggestions of CMS Open Data in two detailed guides:

- [Guide to education use of CMS Open Data](#)
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CMS Data and analysis tools

The following are provided through this portal:

- **Downloadable datasets**
 - **Primary datasets:** full reconstructed collision data with no other selections. The data here are referred to as "reconstructed data"; fragmented data from various sub-detectors are processed or "reconstructed" to provide coherent information about individual physics objects such as electrons or particle jets.
 - **Simulation data** (for data starting from 2011)
 - Examples of **simplified datasets** derived from the primary ones for use in different applications and analyses
- **Tools**
 - A downloadable **Virtual Machine (VM)** image with the CMS software environment through which the datasets can be accessed
 - An **analysis example chain**, reading the primary dataset and producing intermediate derived data for the final analysis
 - Ready-to-use online applications, such as an **event display** and **simple histogramming software**
 - Source code for the various examples and applications, available in the **CMS software collection**



Including “Masterclasses” – fully web-based



CMS e-Lab

[e-Labs Home](#) [Teacher Home](#) [Student Home](#)

High school students use cutting-edge tools to do scientific investigations.



At CERN near Geneva, Switzerland, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) collides protons at the highest energies ever achieved in the laboratory to reveal new knowledge about matter and energy. Giant detectors make careful measurements from the collisions. One of these detectors is CMS, the Compact Muon Solenoid.

Physicists working on CMS and its sister detector, ATLAS, first calibrated their experiments by rediscovering the particles of the Standard Model. They added to that picture in 2012 with the discovery of the Higgs boson, the long-sought key to understanding the masses of fundamental particles. Yet physicists know that the Standard Model does not explain everything. The search for new physics continues beyond the Standard Model.

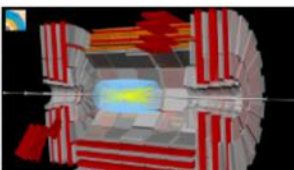
CMS e-Lab Student Home provides a guide with resources to create a research project, access to authentic CMS data and analysis tools for conducting that research, and ways to collaborate. The Teacher Home has learner objectives, assessment rubrics, standards, management tools, and more.

Join our learning community built around the CMS e-Lab and the QuarkNet CMS data thread as we probe the physics uncovered by CMS. What are the elementary constituents of matter? What are the fundamental forces that control their behavior at the most basic level?

[Information common for all e-Labs](#)
[Check out our online resources](#)



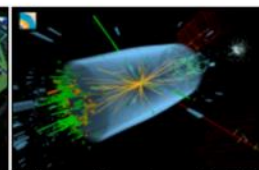
Inner tracking barrel



Event in CMS with two muons



Detector before closure 2008



Higgs candidate detected by CMS

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<http://www.i2u2.org/elab/cms/home/project.jsp>



Including “Masterclasses” – fully web-based

Understanding the structure of the proton (spoiler: it is NOT uud!) just by looking at images!


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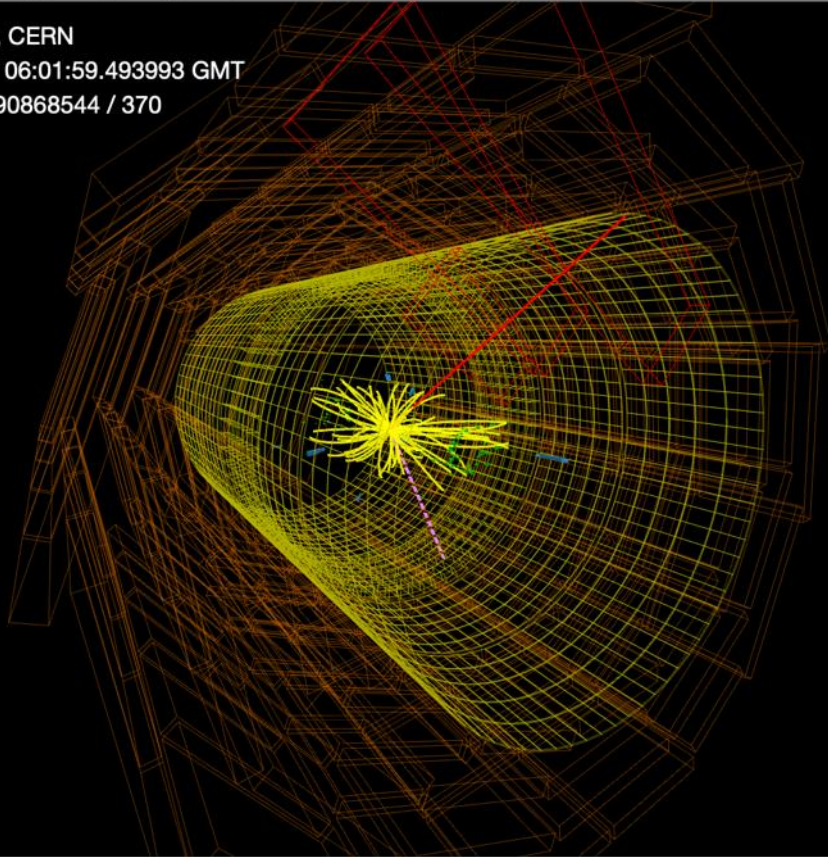
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- ECAL Endcap (-)
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- HCAL Endcap (+)
- HCAL Endcap (-)
- HCAL Outer
- HCAL Forward (+)
- HCAL Forward (-)
- Drift Tubes
- Cathode Strip Chambers
- Resistive Plate Chambers (barrel)
- Resistive Plate Chambers (+)
- Resistive Plate Chambers (-)

▼ Imported !

▼ Provenance !

 CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN
Data recorded: 2011-Aug-17 06:01:59.493993 GMT
Run / Event / LS: 173389 / 490868544 / 370



Click on a name under "Provenance", "Tracking", "ECAL", "HCAL", "Muon", and "Physics" to view contents in table

<http://www.i2u2.org/elab/cms/ispy-webgl/>

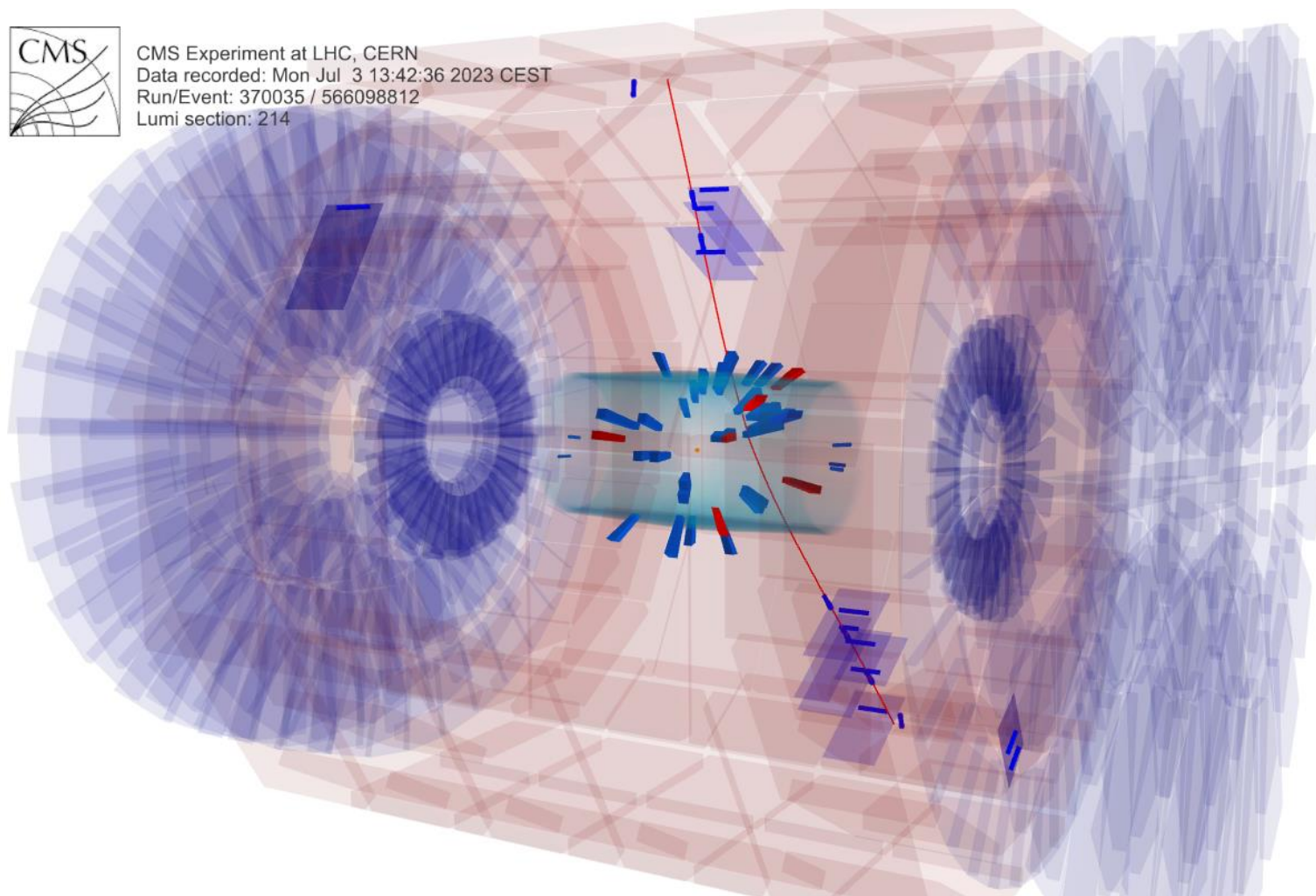


Or you may just want to see the latest images from CMS...

<https://cmsonline.cern.ch/evtdisp/3DTower.png>



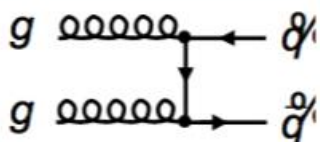
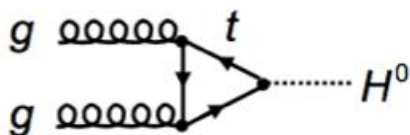
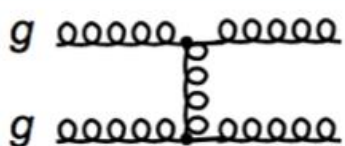
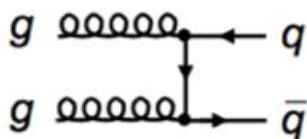
CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
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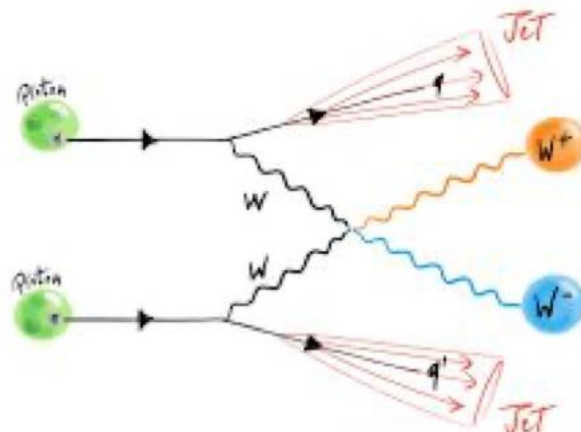
**CMS is a LONG way
from its final
destination!**

The LHC is not just a “gluon collider”

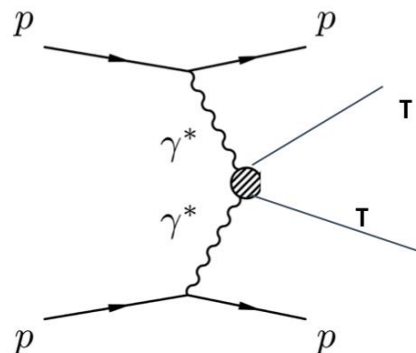
When protons “collide”, what really happens is that the constituents collide – mostly the gluons!



But the LHC also collides vector bosons (W, Z)



And it also collides photons!



These are **much rarer**, but provide **more insight** into the Standard Model as well as being sensitive to **new physics**...

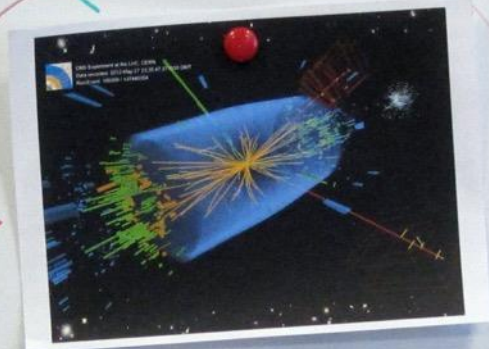
What else??



Anti-matter?



Mass?



Dark Matter?

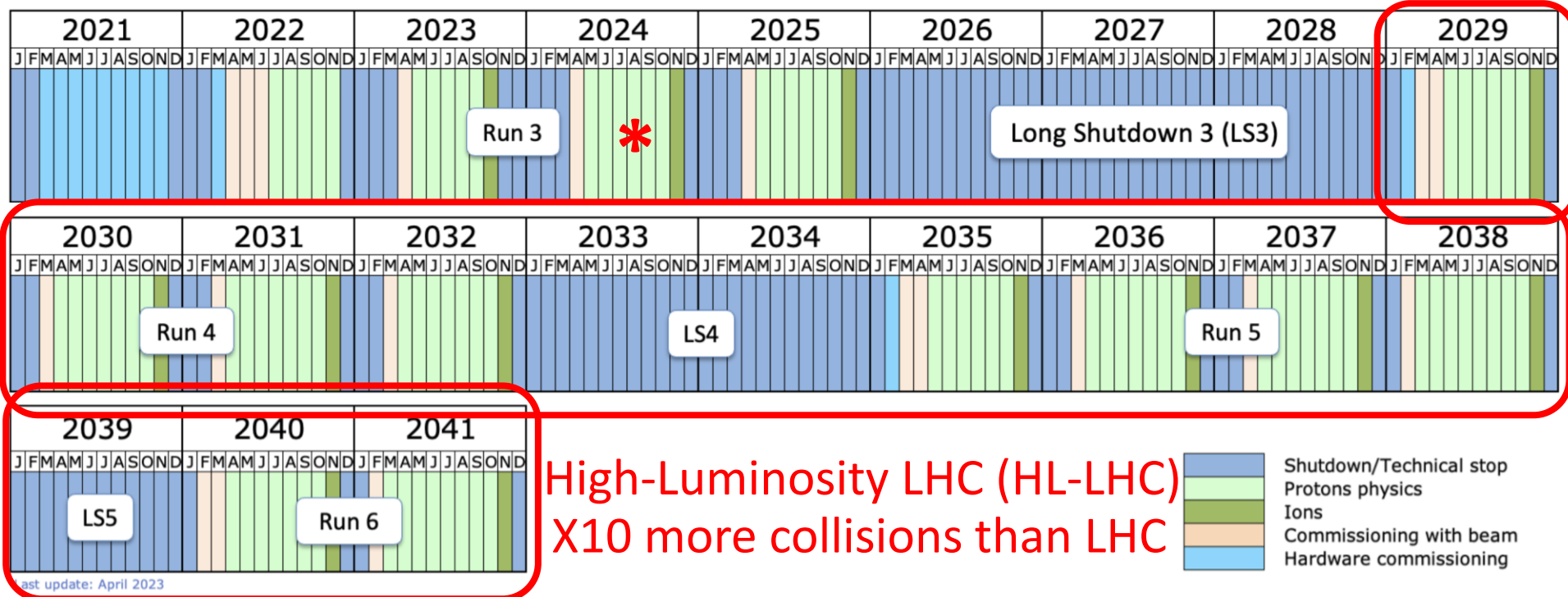
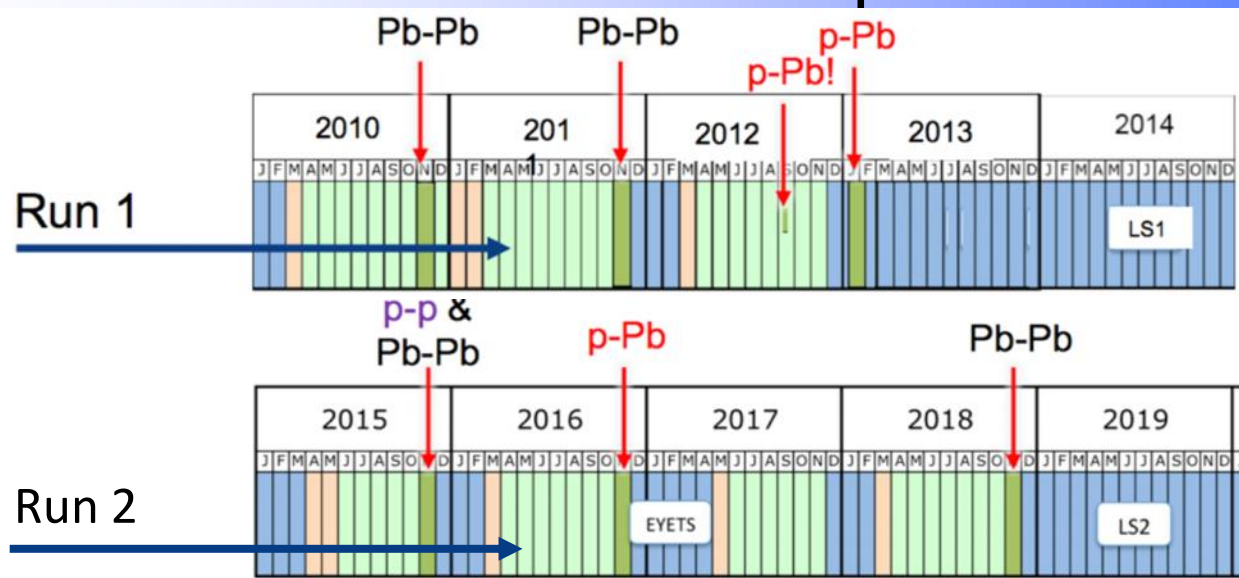


Dark Energy?

We need more
collisions! A **lot** more!



CMS has taken ~5% of the planned amount of data!

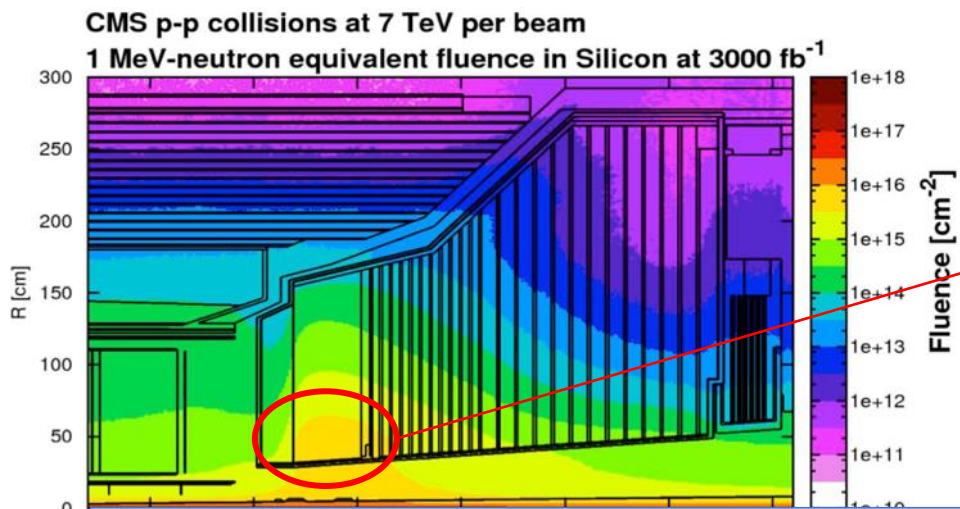


High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC)
X10 more collisions than LHC

Last update: April 2023



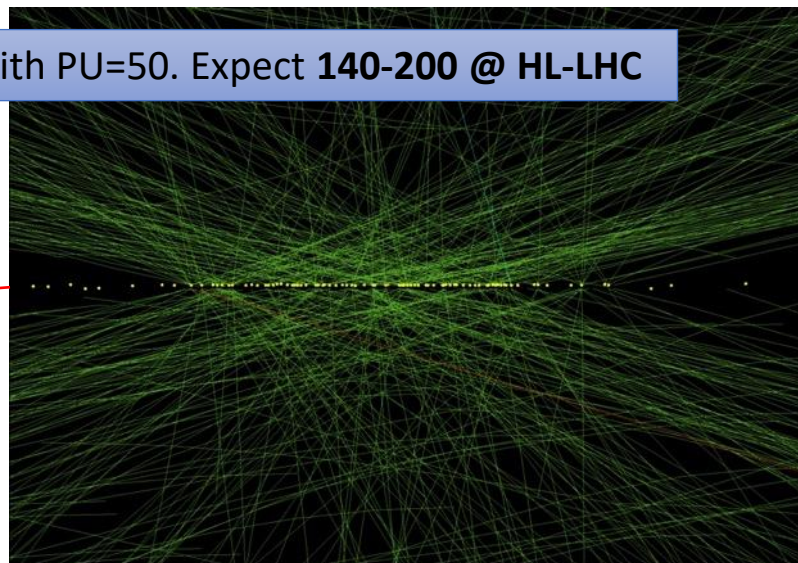
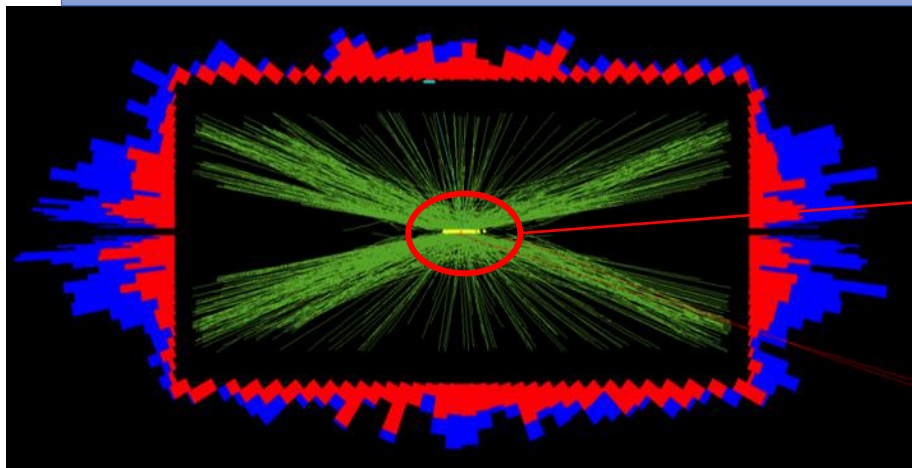
But it's not that simple for the CMS detector:
radiation and pileup (CMS designed for PU=20) are a major problem



CMS @ HL-LHC:

~**10¹⁶** 1 MeV n_{eq} cm⁻² @ 3ab⁻¹
in forward calorimeters,
with **pileup ~200**
And up to **2 MGy** absorbed dose

78 pileup events in 2012. Presently running routinely with PU=50. Expect **140-200 @ HL-LHC**

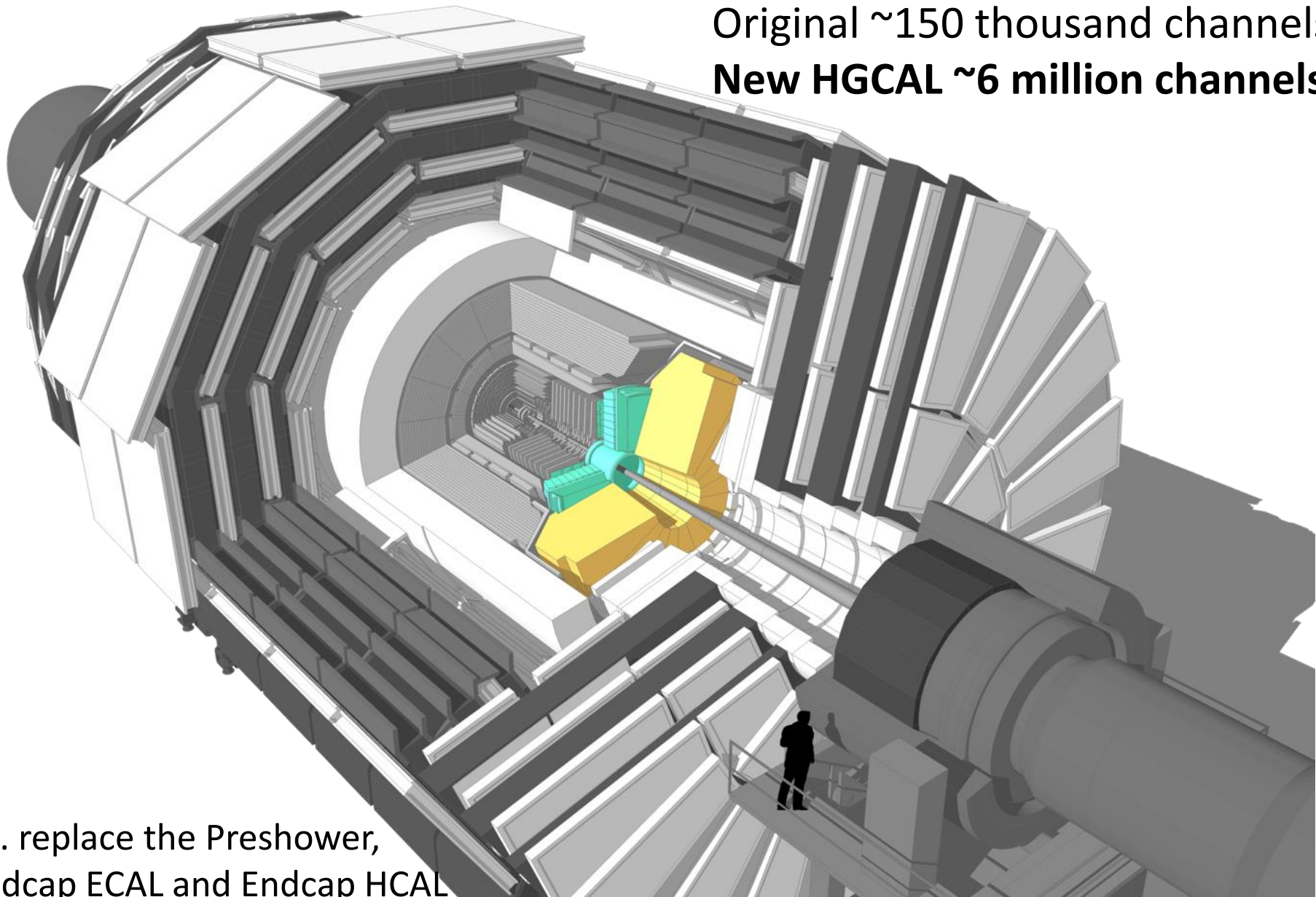


All on-detector electronics will also be obsolete by LS3,
due to necessary upgrades to the trigger and DAQ systems



e.g. CMS will replace all endcap calorimeters with the “High Granularity Calorimeter”

Original ~150 thousand channels
New HGCAL ~6 million channels



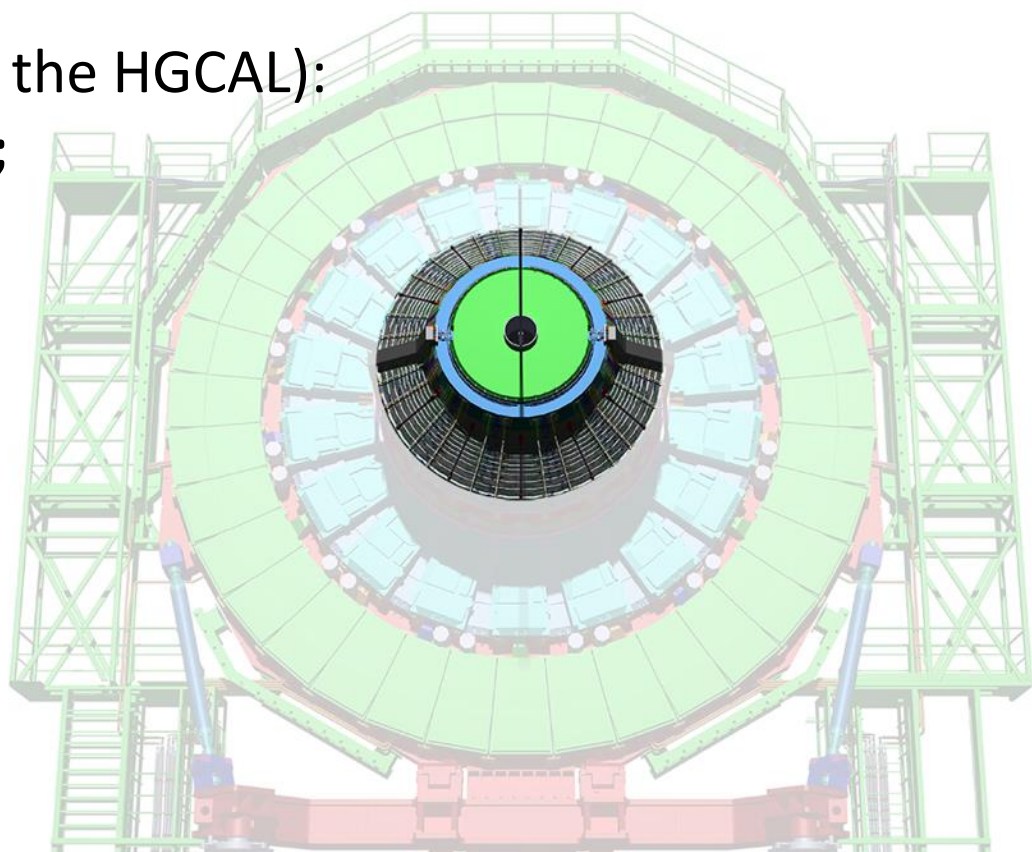
i.e. replace the Preshower,
Endcap ECAL and Endcap HCAL

A wise person once said (about the HGCAL):

**“there are no show-stoppers;
it is all just engineering”**

Another person responded:

**“HGAL is perhaps the most
challenging engineering
project ever undertaken
in particle physics”**



And this is what I have been working on for the past 9 years



CMS HGCAL (“CE”): a sampling calorimeter with unprecedented number of readout channels

Active Elements:

- Hexagonal modules based on Si sensors in CE-E and high-radiation regions of CE-H
- “Cassettes”: multiple modules mounted on cooling plates with electronics and absorbers
- Scintillating tiles with on-tile SiPM readout in low-radiation regions of CE-H

Key Parameters:

Coverage: $1.5 < |\eta| < 3.0$

~215 tonnes per endcap

Full system maintained at -30°C

~620m² Si sensors in ~26000 modules

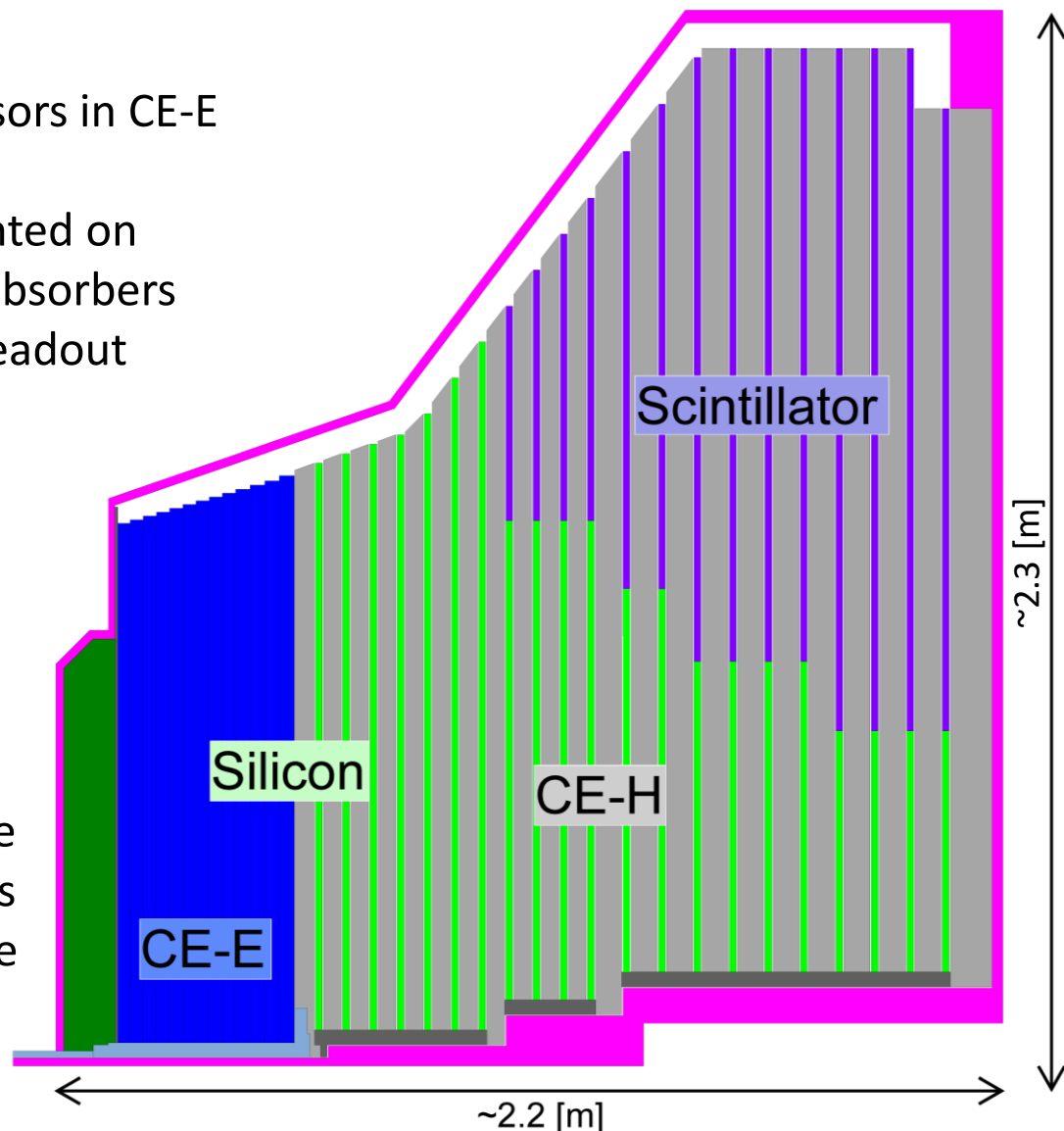
~6M Si channels, 0.6 or 1.2cm² cell size

~370m² of scintillators in ~3700 boards

~240k scint. channels, 4-30cm² cell size

Power at end of HL-LHC:

~125 kW per endcap

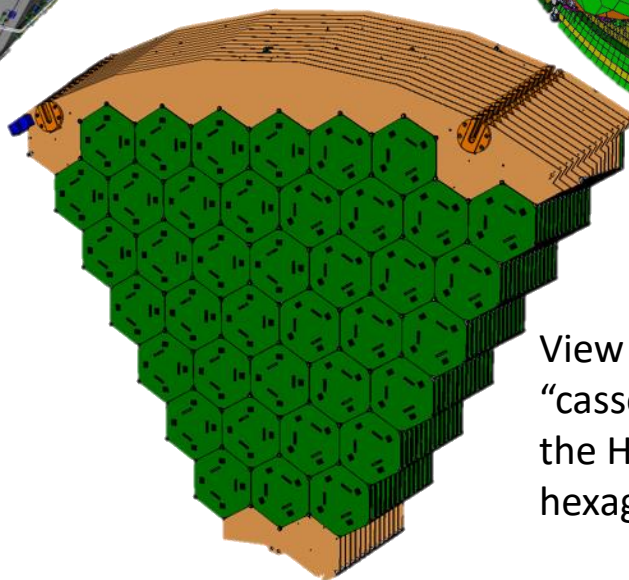
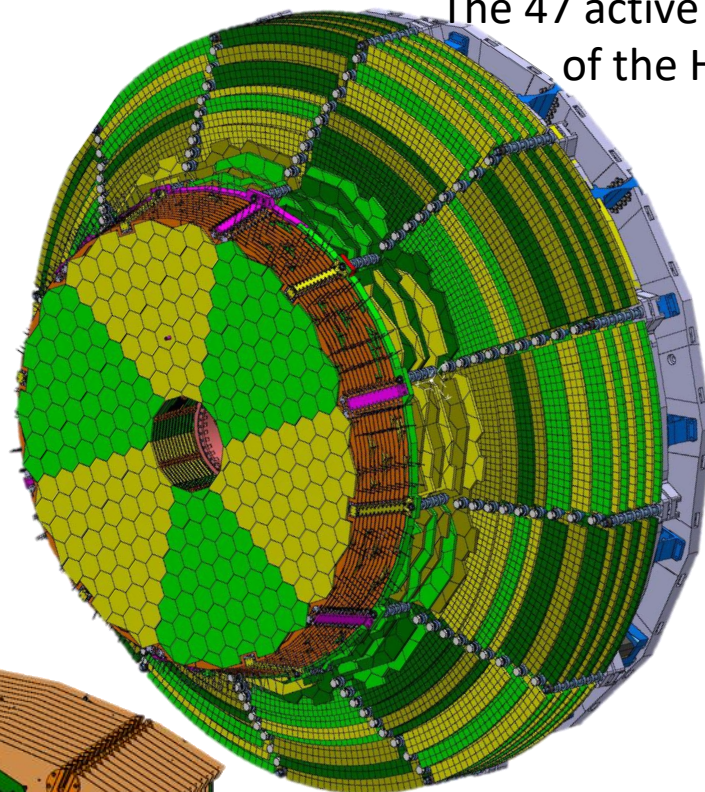
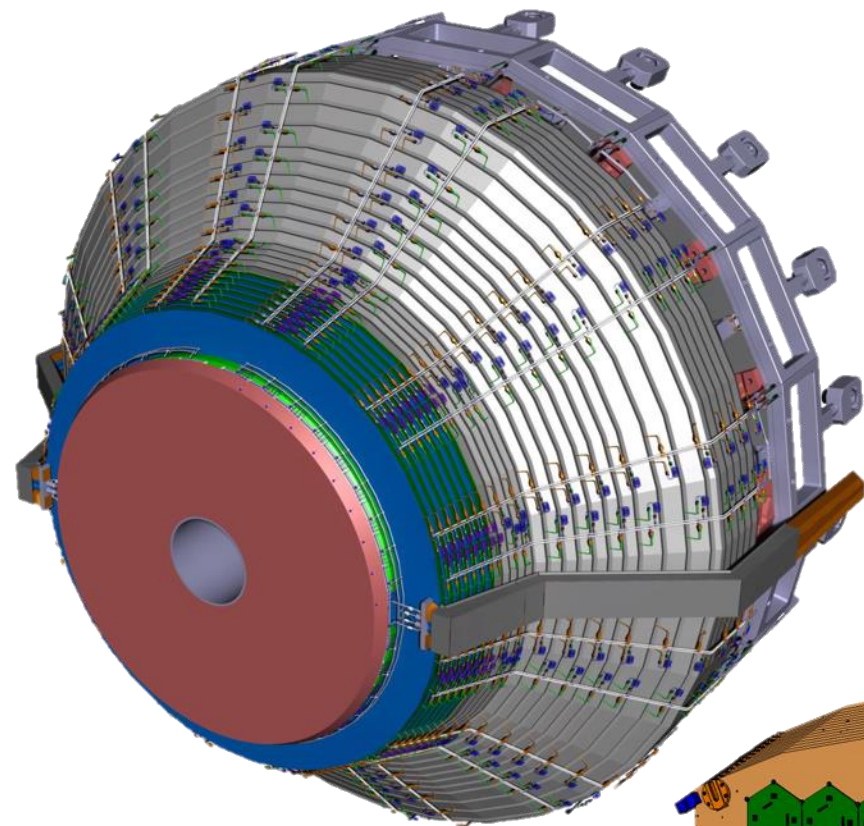


Electromagnetic calorimeter (CE-E): **Si**, Cu & CuW & Pb absorbers, 26 layers, $25 X_0$ & $\sim 1.3\lambda$

Hadronic calorimeter (CE-H): **Si** & **scintillator**, steel absorbers, 21 layers, $\sim 8.5\lambda$

Unboxing the HGCAL

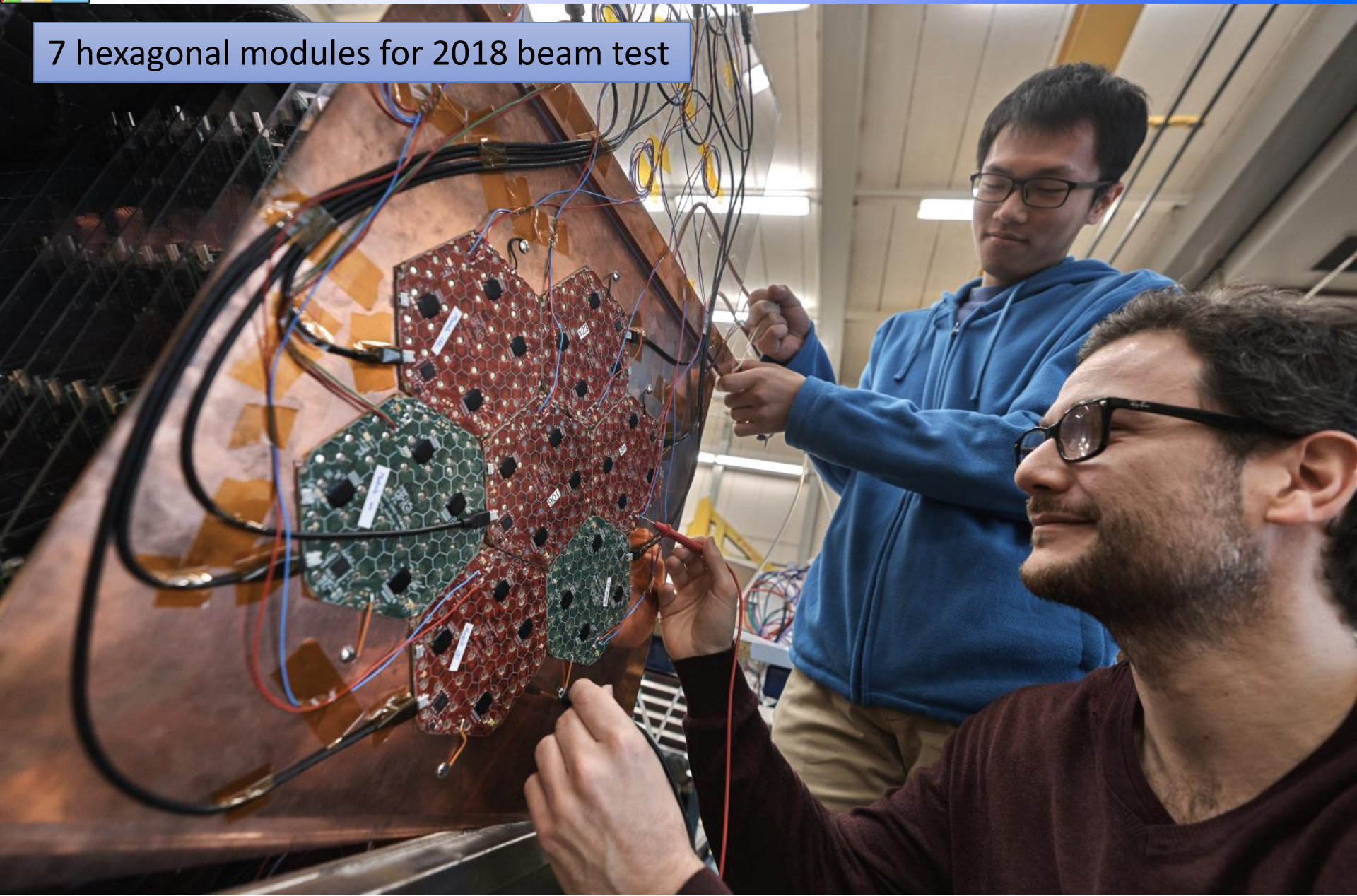
The 47 active layers
of the HGCAL



View of some of the
“cassettes” forming
the HGCAL, including
hexagonal silicon modules

Silicon modules are arranged in hexagonal matrices to cover fiducial area of HGCAL

7 hexagonal modules for 2018 beam test



CMS Endcap Calorimeters **before** LS3



Courtesy: Hubble Space Telescope

CMS Endcap Calorimeters **after** LS3



Courtesy: James Webb Space Telescope



Or, if you prefer...

CMS Endcaps now...



CMS Endcaps for HL-LHC!



Starting to train the next generations



UK and Swiss High-school students in 2019





- **~600 tonnes of mechanics, detectors, electronics and services to be produced and tested extensively in the next 3 years**
- **Installation of HGCAL in ~2027/2028**
- **Ready for HL-LHC operation to start in 2029**
- **And operate for >10 years with essentially zero maintenance**



After 30 years on one experiment there is still much to learn and do! And being a “physicist” rarely involves wearing a white coat!

Some career highlights:

- Helped design the CMS Preshower detector (inc. electronics)
- **Led the Preshower project** through the production, assembly, installation & operation phases (and am still responsible for it!)
- **Led the CMS ECAL project** (100 MCHF detector, around 330 people) between 2012-2015 (having been deputy for 4 years previously)
- CMS HGCALEAM beam/system-test coordinator for 4 years
- Leading design/procurement of some HGCALEAM components
- **Chair of HGCALEAM Editorial Board and Conference Committee** for 3 years
- **Group Leader of CERN EP-CMX group** since 2016: CMS Experimental Systems (~120 people) involved in CMS operations, upgrades and Technical Coordination
- **Scientific Secretary of CMS Collaboration Board** (2021-2023)
- Member of CERN Senior-Staff advisory group “**The Nine**” to the Director General (2021-2024)
- CERN representative on **EIROforum** Instrumentation Working Group
- **CMS Education & Outreach coordinator** 2000-2013
- Co-chair of International Particle Physics Outreach Group (**IPPOG**) for a few years
- Interim CMS Head of Communications (2023)
- **Proud husband and father! Without the support of my family I could not have done these things!**

“The more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know”

A. Einstein

What is stuff made from?

We only understand about 5% of it!

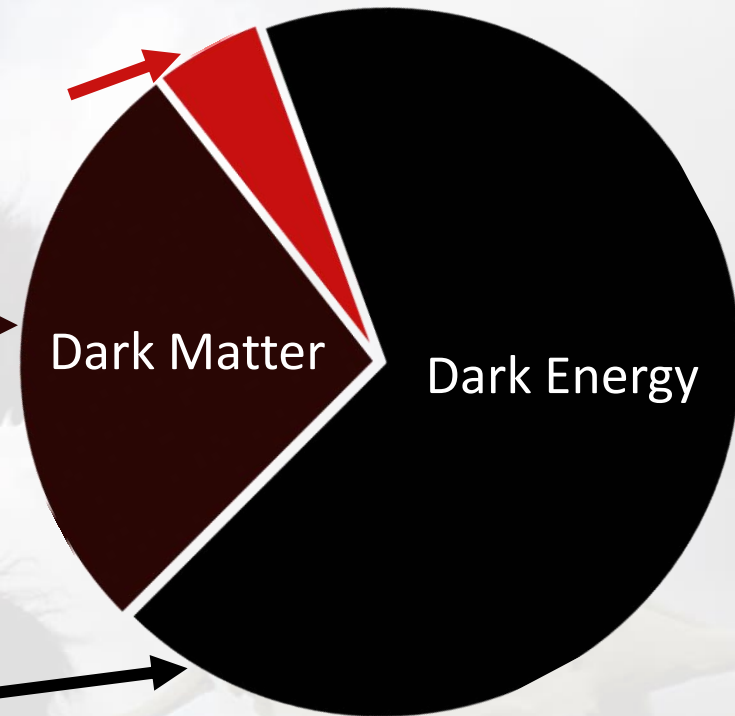
Why are things the way they are?

We really don't know! →

e.g. why do spiral galaxies move like they do?

What's going to happen?

The Universe is expanding at an increasing rate - but we don't understand why!



Composition of the Universe



Snapshot of my group – not just physicists!

- 115 people (28 women – 24%)
 - 39 Physicists
 - 36 Mechanical engineers
 - 16 mechanical/electromechanical technicians
 - 7 Electrical/electronics engineers
 - 5 Computing engineers
 - 4 Administrative assistants
 - 4 Communication professionals
 - 2 Electromechanical engineers
 - 2 Health & Safety engineers



How can your students come here?

- Under 18
 - Private or school visit
 - School visits can contact people like me to have a Q&A session with the kids
 - “stage d’observation”: unpaid 1-week job shadowing of a scientist/engineer Not so easy to get, but can be a fun opportunity!
<https://internship-portal.web.cern.ch/job-shadowing>
- During a bachelor’s or master’s degree
 - CERN “Technical Student” and “Admin Student” programs for applied physics, engineering, communications etc. Up to 14 months working in a research group on a technical topic
<https://careers.smartrecruiters.com/CERN/tech>
 - CERN Summer Student program (after at least 3 years of a degree) 2-2.5 months of lectures plus research
<https://home.web.cern.ch/summer-student-programme>
- After the bachelor’s/master’s degree
 - CERN Doctoral Student program for applied physics, engineering etc. Up to 3 years working in a research group on a technical topic and associated to a university
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 - CERN “Origin” program for graduates: up to 3 years working in a research group on physics, engineering, communications, administration etc.
<https://careers.cern/origin-university-graduates>
 - Or “Quest” program for people with a Master’s plus at least two years of experience
<https://careers.smartrecruiters.com/CERN/experienced-graduates>



And finally...

Thanks to the fifteen people who have already filled the survey about sources of information about CERN – really appreciated! Anyone else?

Please encourage your students to fill this form too!

<https://cern.ch/who7v>