

Software performance in CMS

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Motivation: Technical improvements can pay off

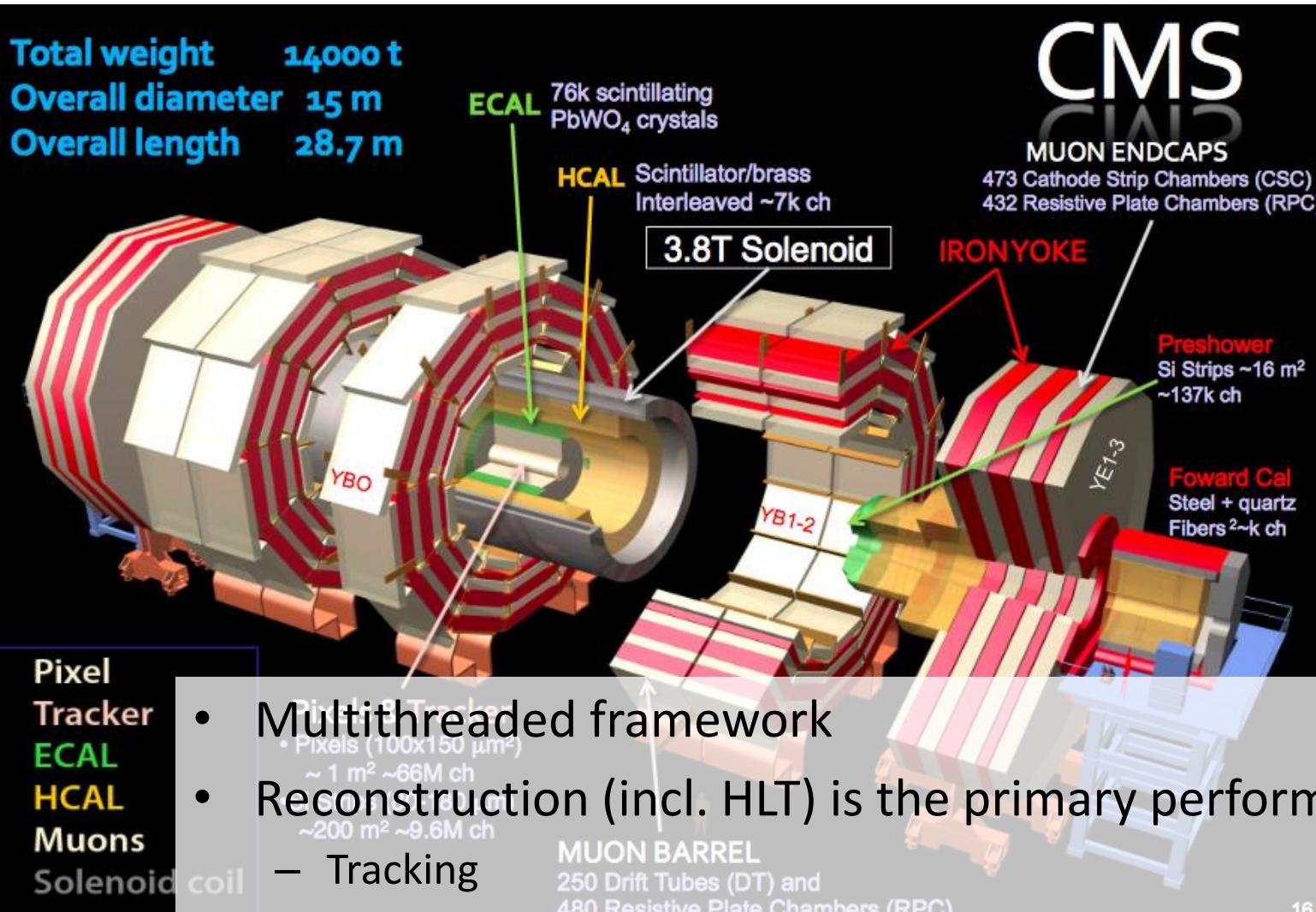
- CPU time/event and event size determine computing requirement per trigger

$$\text{CPU needed} = \text{N Events} \times \text{CPU/Event}$$

$$\text{Faster reconstruction} = ? \times \text{More Physics}$$

Or: less cost to do the same physics

Basic components in CMS (software)

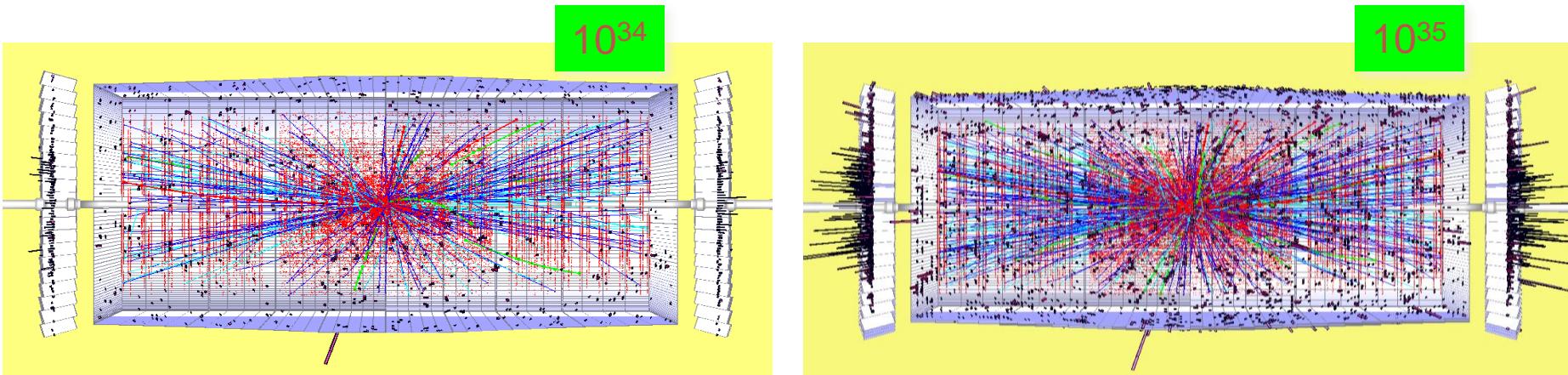


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Challenge for LHC: Event complexity and data rates continue to grow

CMS at the start of Phase 2 (HL-LHC):

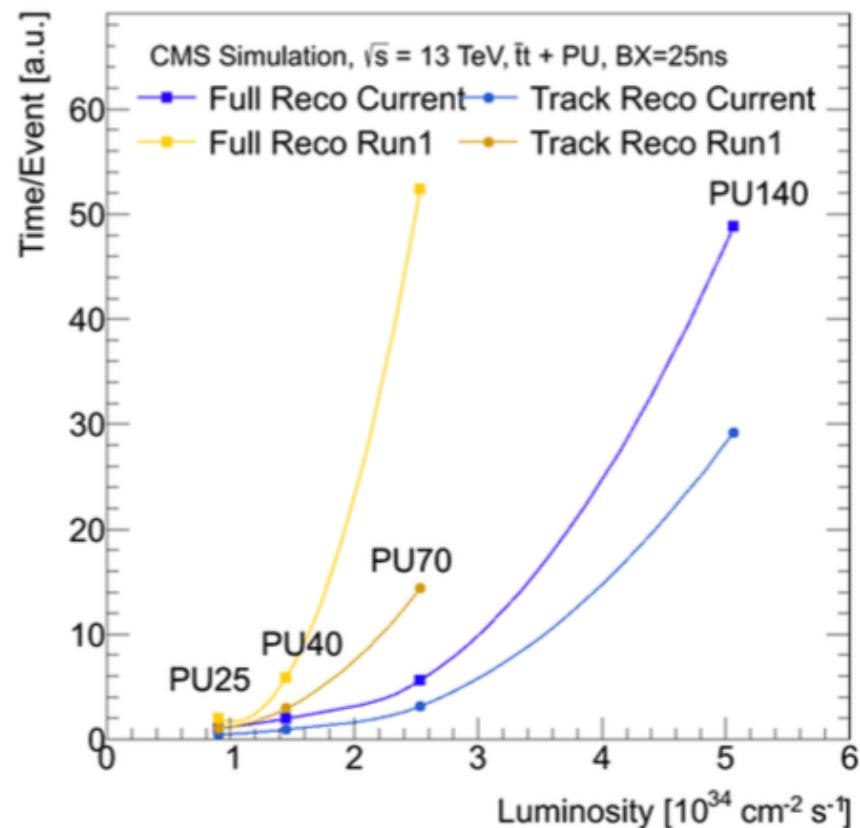
- 5x higher output rate of trigger compared to 2016
- Significantly more complex events Events (140+ interactions/crossing)



HL-LHC presents increased challenges for Triggering, Tracking and Calorimetry, in particular for low to medium P_T objects

Processing time scales drastically with event complexity

- Resources needed by combinatorically driven reconstruction algorithms increase non-linearly with interactions/crossing
 - Dedicated analyses of performance at high pileup resulted in scaling improved in recent years



HL-LHC: Size of the processing problem if we continue as we continue with our current model

- Factoring in the trigger rate and taking a weighed average of the data and simulation tasks we see the computing challenge is 65-200 times worse than Run2 (2016-like conditions)

Detector	HLT output rate (kHz)	Total
Phase 1	1	3
Phase-II (140)	5	65
Phase-II (200)	7.5	200

Scale of computing resource needs relative to Run 2 including the increase in projected HLT output rate

(More detailed estimates in our 2015 Technical Proposal)
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2020886?ln=en>

Software improvements are an important piece to close this gap

Most relied on optimization tools in CMS: igprof

Features



Performance & memory profiling, with full call tree

Works in managed environment

- *No kernel support required*
- *No superuser privileges required*
- *Can't require recompilation or full debug symbols, must work for system/rpm-originated libraries*

Fast

- *Minimal overhead, must work for low-latency applications (GUI, web servers)*

Easy

- *Results can be shared via a simple web page*

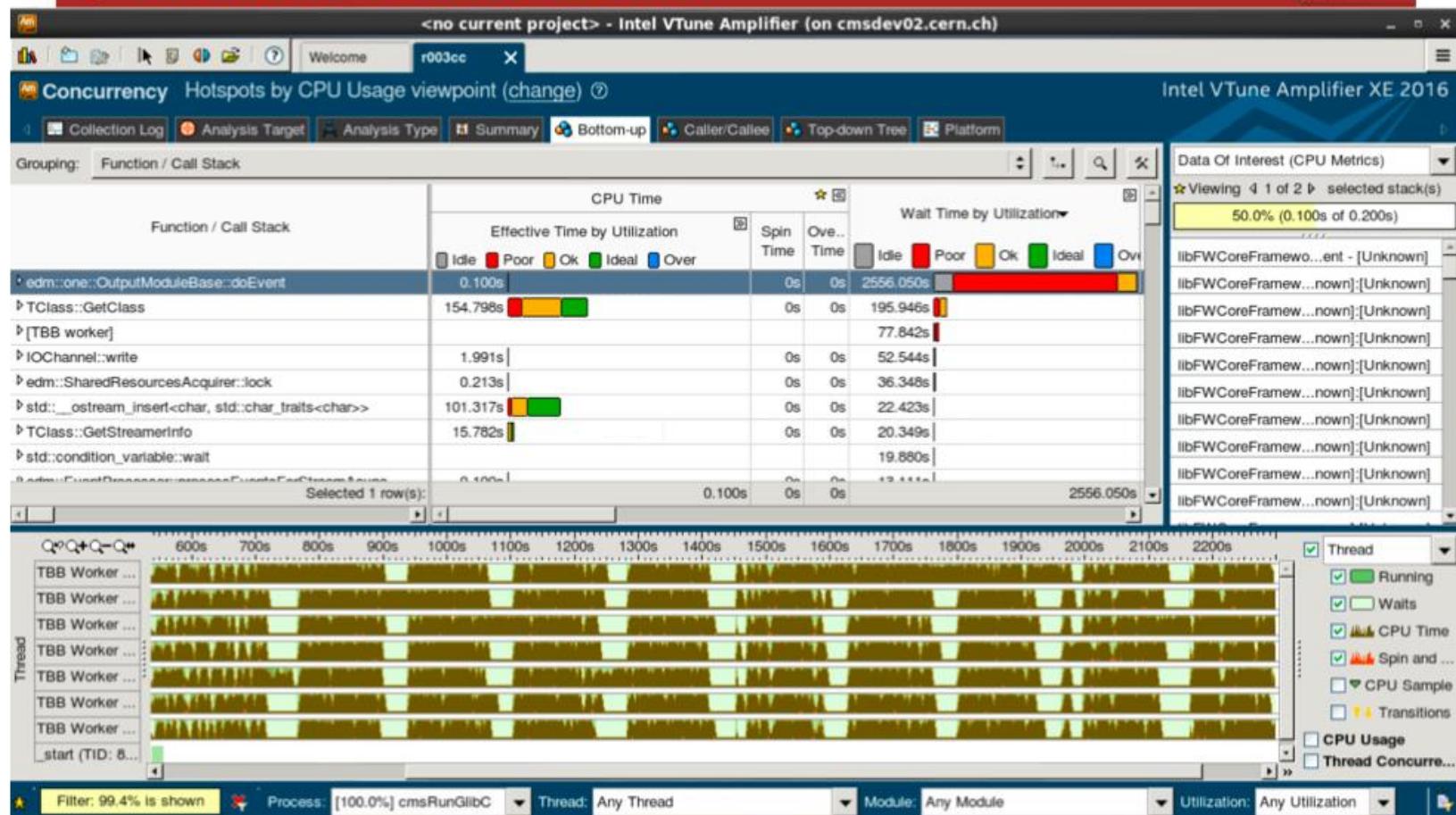
Recent targets

Large individual targets are gone. Tool like igprof particularly important to identify hot spots for investigation at this stage

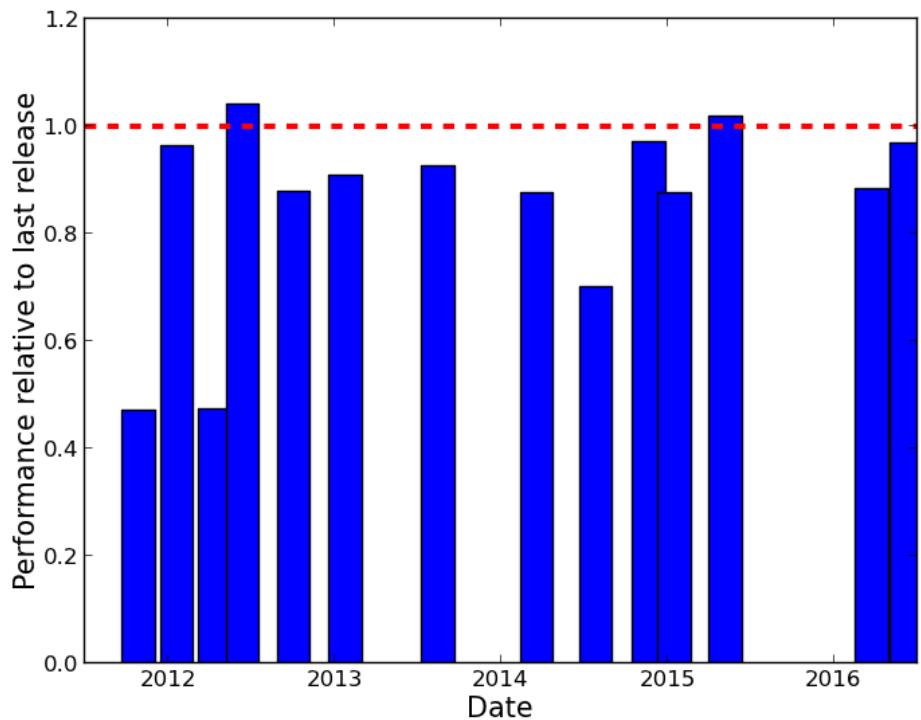
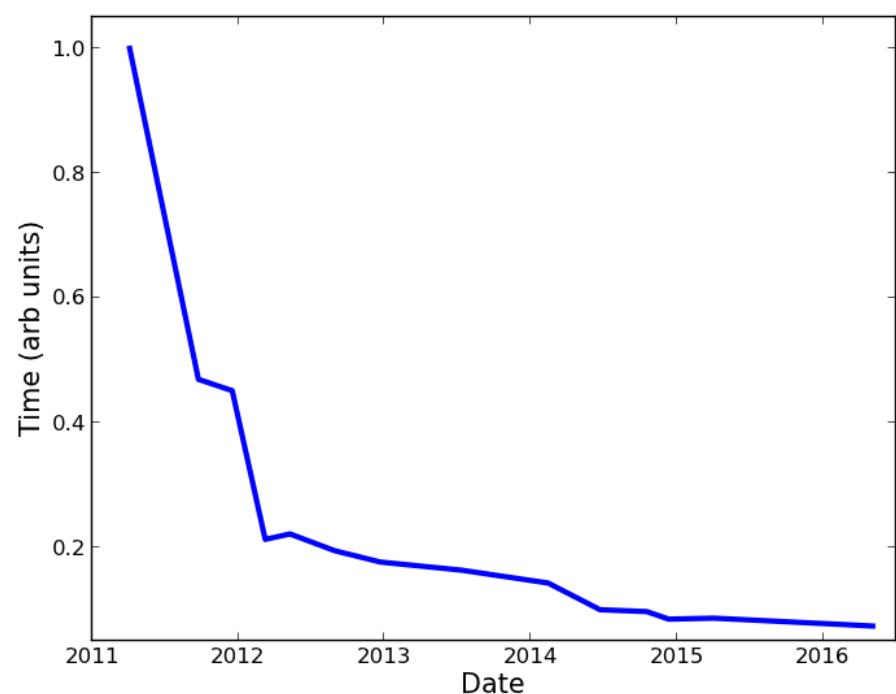
- Redundant calculations: Remove
- Numerical precision: Use what's needed
- Math functions: VDT where possible
- Push persistency overhead away: Use original objects in algorithms
- Take advantage of C++11 constructs
- Vectorization: Ensure loops are vectorized by compiler (but we miss automatic methods)

Threading optimization: We use VTune very successfully

Final Results



Reconstruction performance against 2015 data



Incremental progress continues through Run 2 while maintaining the physics

Conclusion

- CMS is successful in achieving continued technical performance gains sing a few tools as a guide for investigation
 - How far can we push purely technical changes before we need to consider impacting physics?
- Future hopes
 - Detailed CPU/memory profiling with threading – be ready for a many-core environment
 - Add CMS analysis to our list of applications