
Future of ROOT runtime C++ modules

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Available in 6.16!

-Druntime_cxxmodules=ON

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C++ Modules in a Nutshell

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#include <stdio.h>

- Compile-time scalability
 - Reparse the same header
- Fragility
 - Conflict with local variables

Rcpp.h

#define PI 3.1415..

Users' code

#include <Rcpp.h>

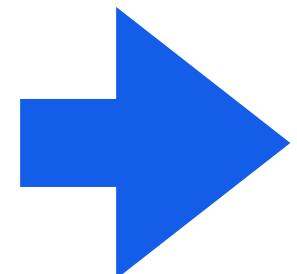
...

double PI = 3.1415.. // Screwed

C++ Modules in a Nutshell

Modules

- Header information stored in precompiled PCM files.
- Lazily loading AST information



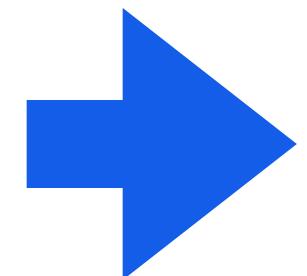
No more header parsing during ROOT's runtime.

- ✓ Compile-time scalability
- ✓ Fragility

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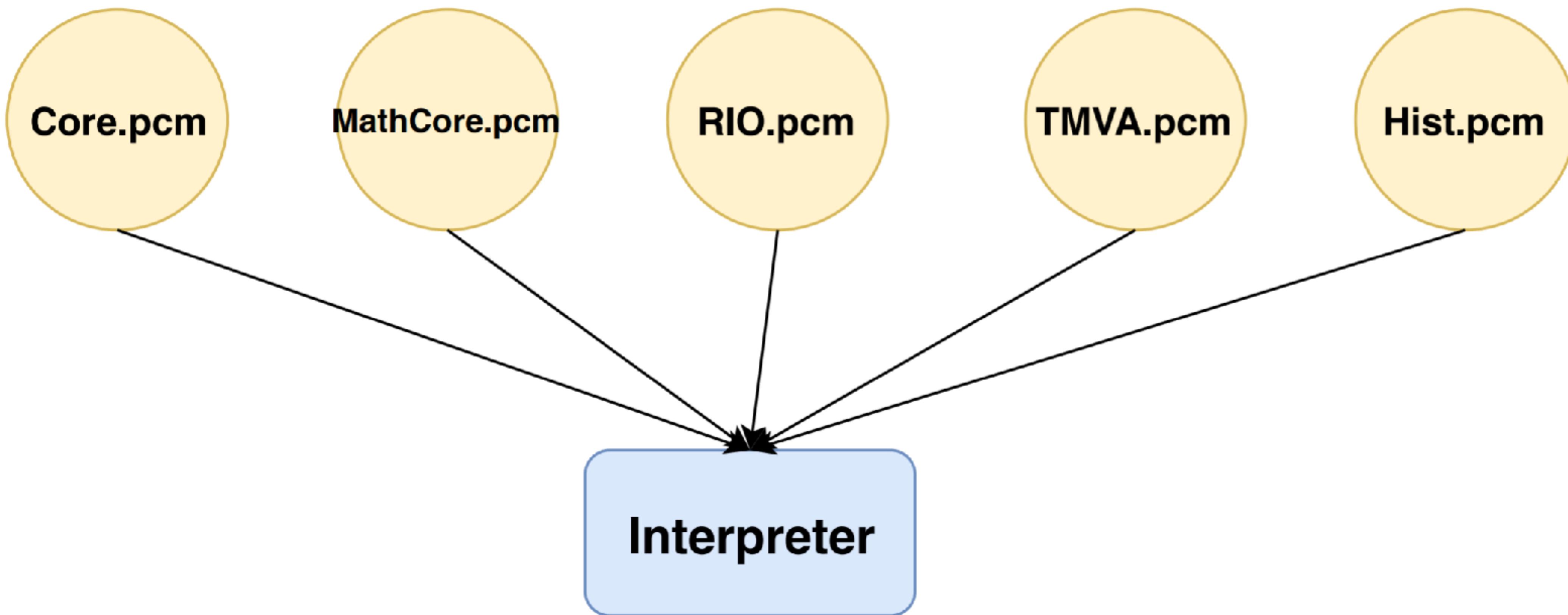
C++ Modules is a mechanism to boost compilation time



Turns into **Runtime** for ROOT as we have C++ interpreter

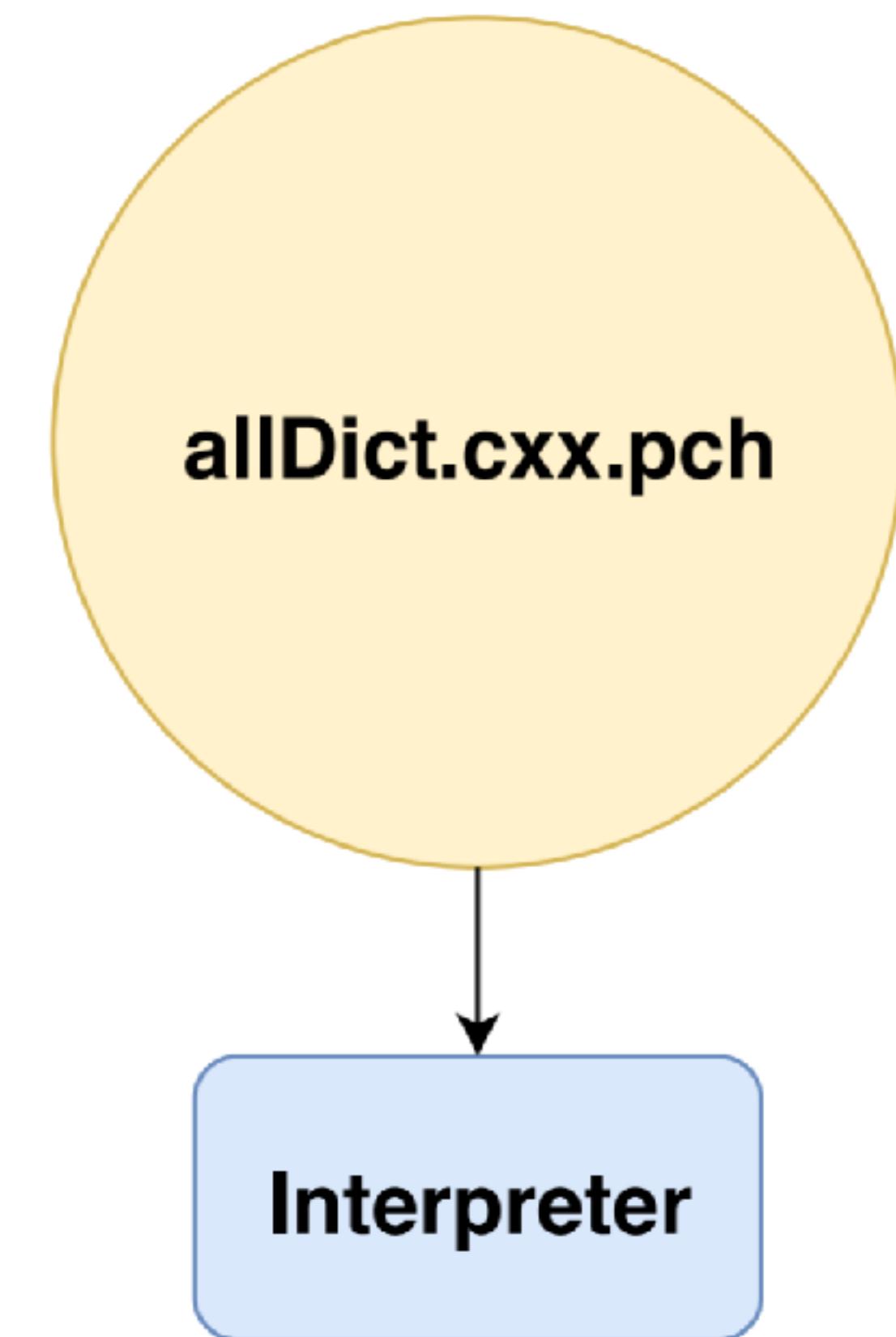
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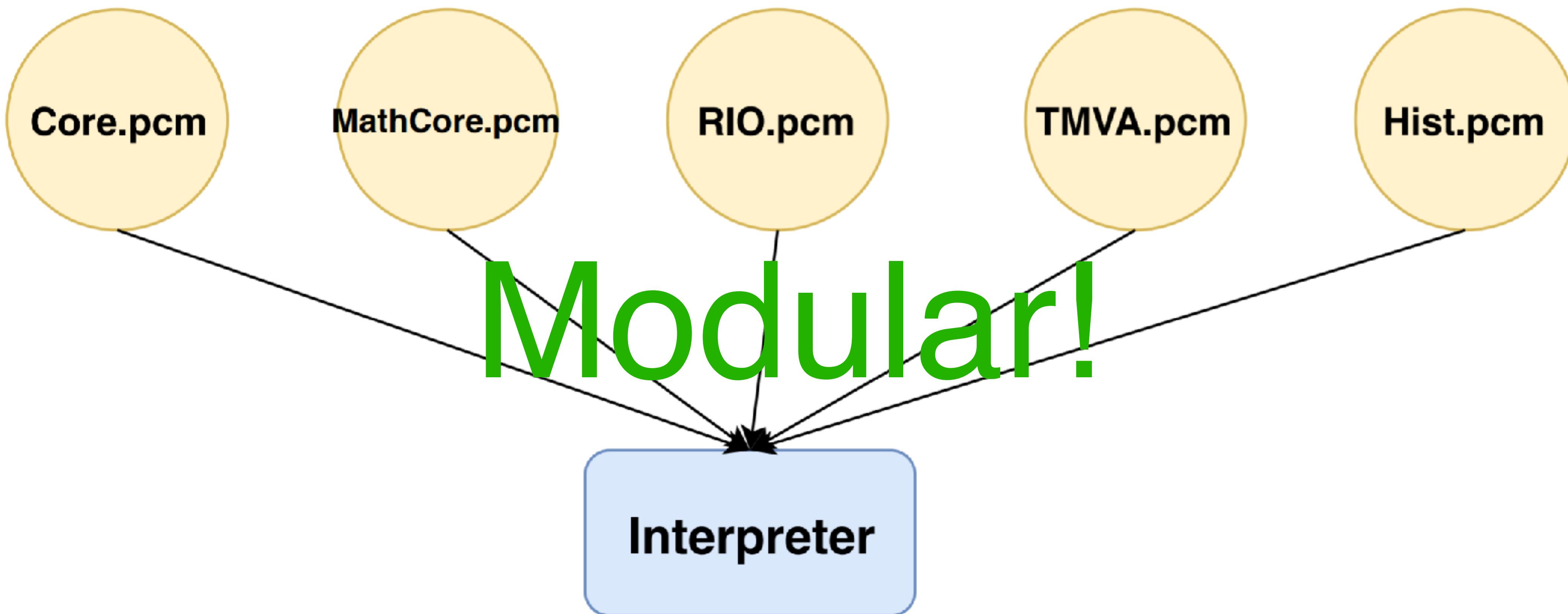
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PCH files are precompiled header files and work similar to C++ modules.



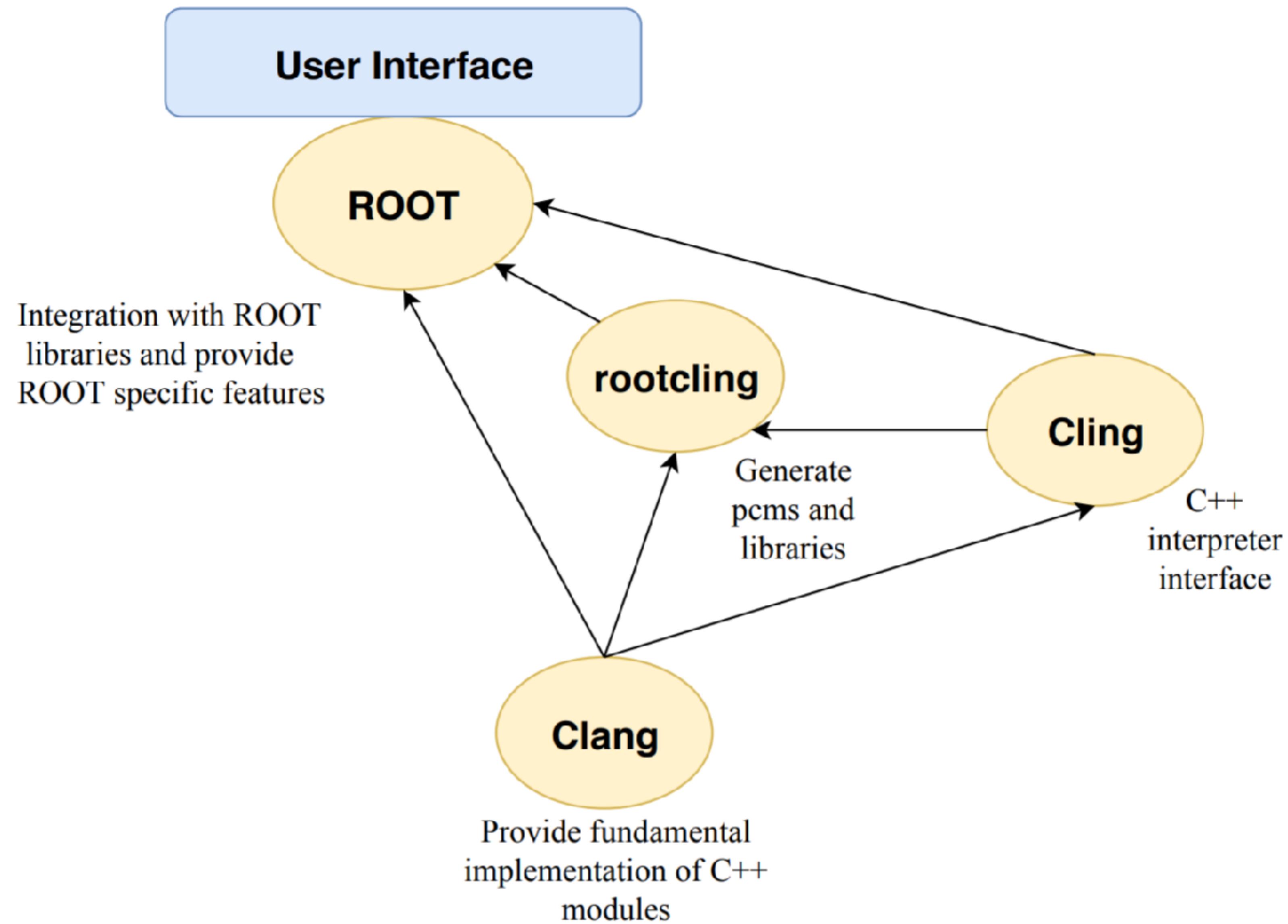
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**Benefits
Make ROOT Modular!**

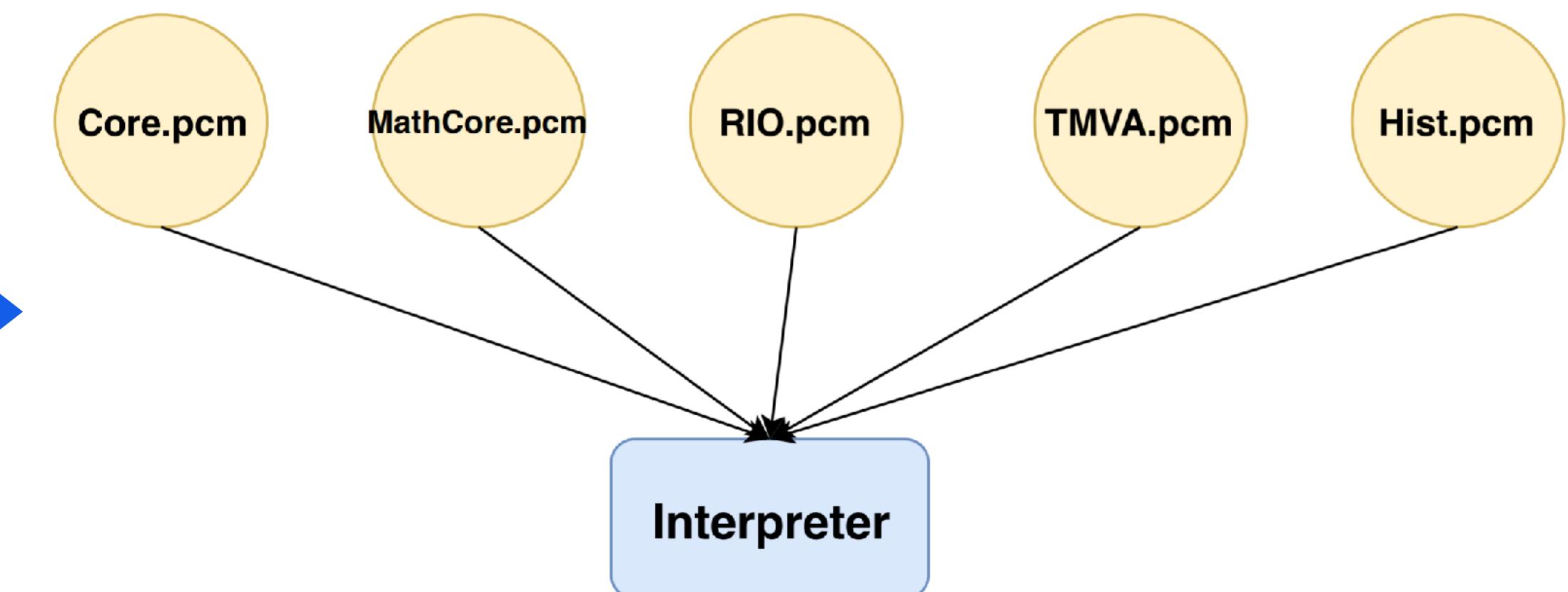
Benefits - Make ROOT Modular!

Modularise experiments

Still using **texual includes** (Not even PCH!)
PCH cannot be used for technical constraints

Working with CMS to introduce C++ modules into CMSSW

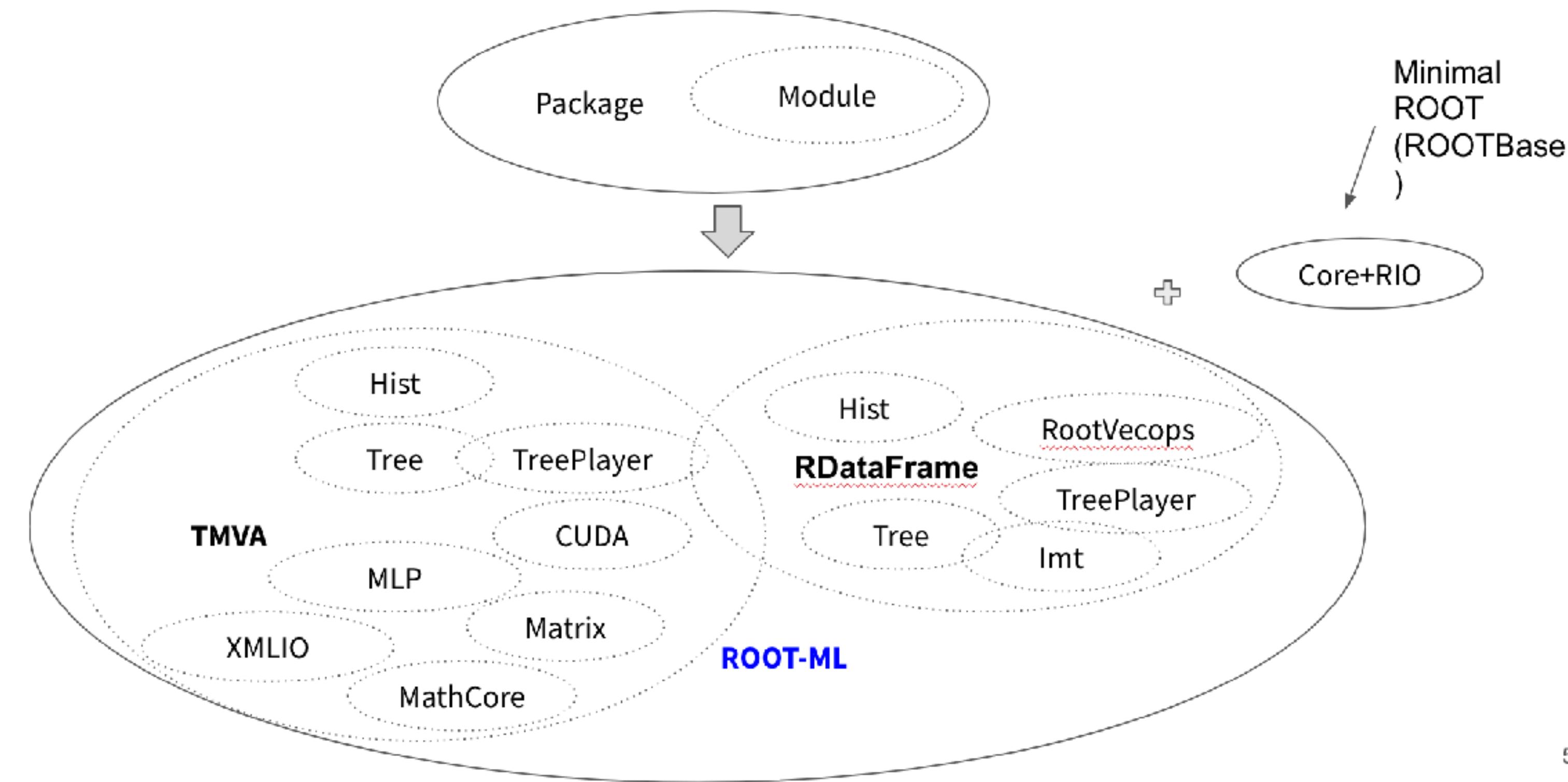
#include <TH1.h> →



Benefits - Make ROOT Modular!

We can make ROOT modular for lazy installing packages

- ROOT package manager
- See [Oksana's talk](#) for more information!



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Without Modules

```
$ bin/root.exe -l  
root [0] gMinuit // Cannot load variable  
IncrementalExecutor::executeFunction:  
symbol 'gMinuit' unresolved while  
linking [cling interface function]!
```

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With Modules

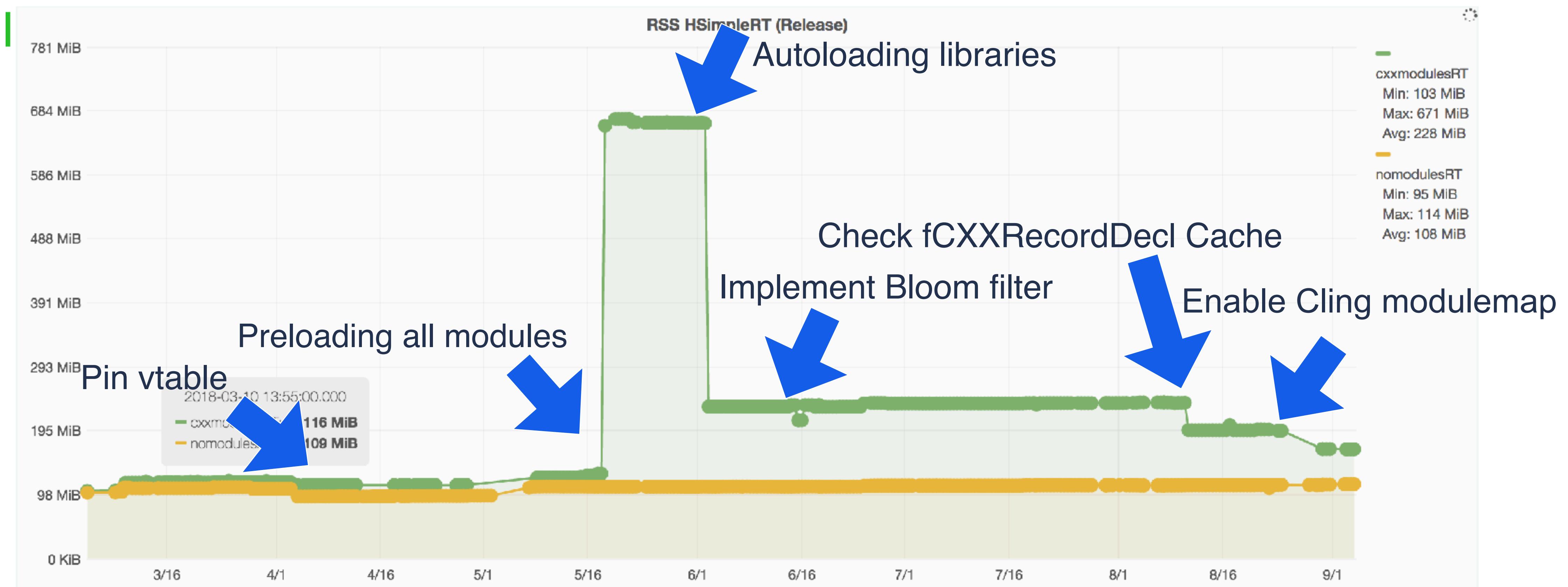
```
$ bin/root.exe -l  
root [0] gMinuit // Could load libMinuit  
(TMinuit *) nullptr
```

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Memory - hSimple

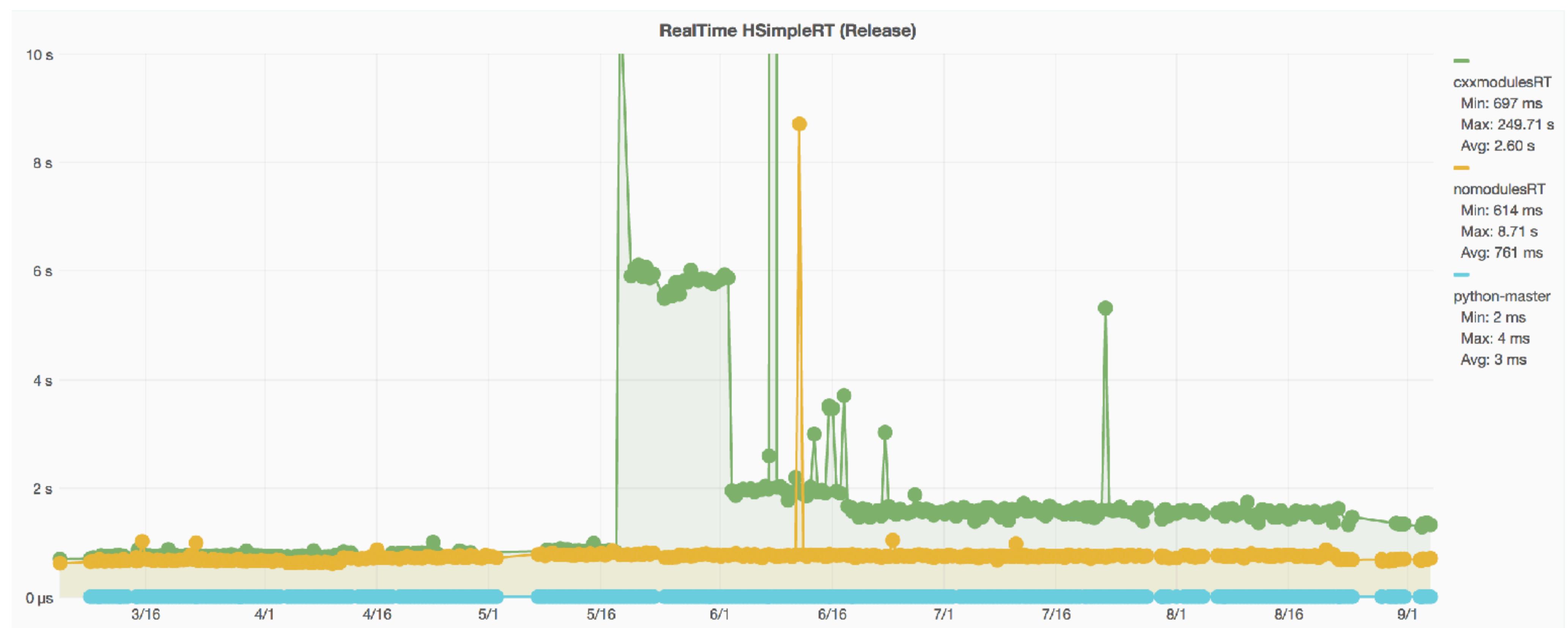
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Real time - hSimple

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Status

Fundamental Construction in ROOT Core, which effects every code passed to ROOT

Working with industry and CMSSW

Good progress in performance optimization

Roadmap

Reach complete production level before 6.16

Continue working on optimization

Modularise CMSSW!

**Thank you for your
attention!**

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