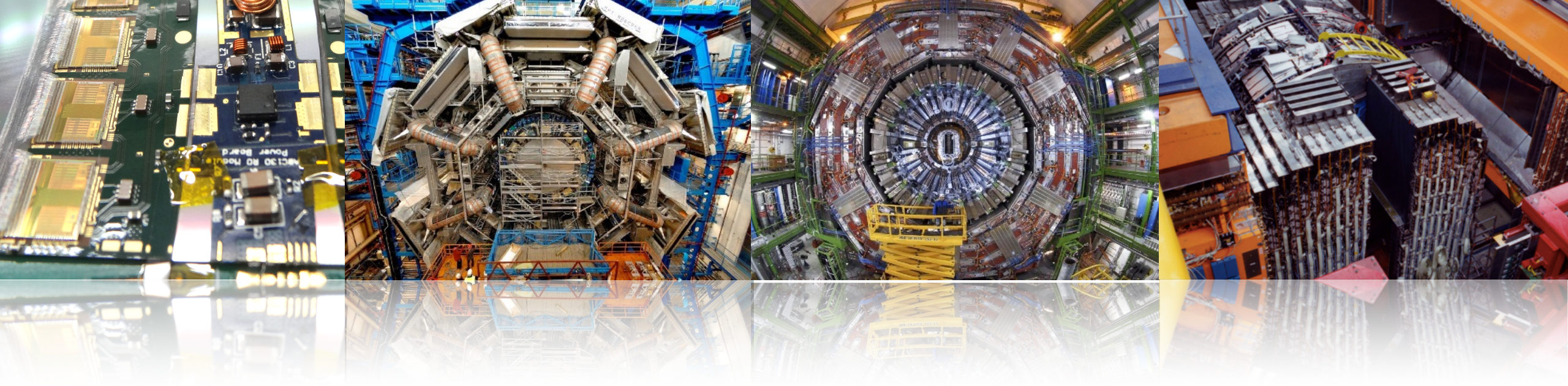




DETECTORS FOR HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

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Part 1

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OVERVIEW

I. Detectors for Particle Physics

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II. Interaction with Matter

Simon

III. Calorimeters

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IV. Tracking Detectors

- Gas detectors
- Semiconductor trackers

Simon

V. Examples from the real life

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Thursday



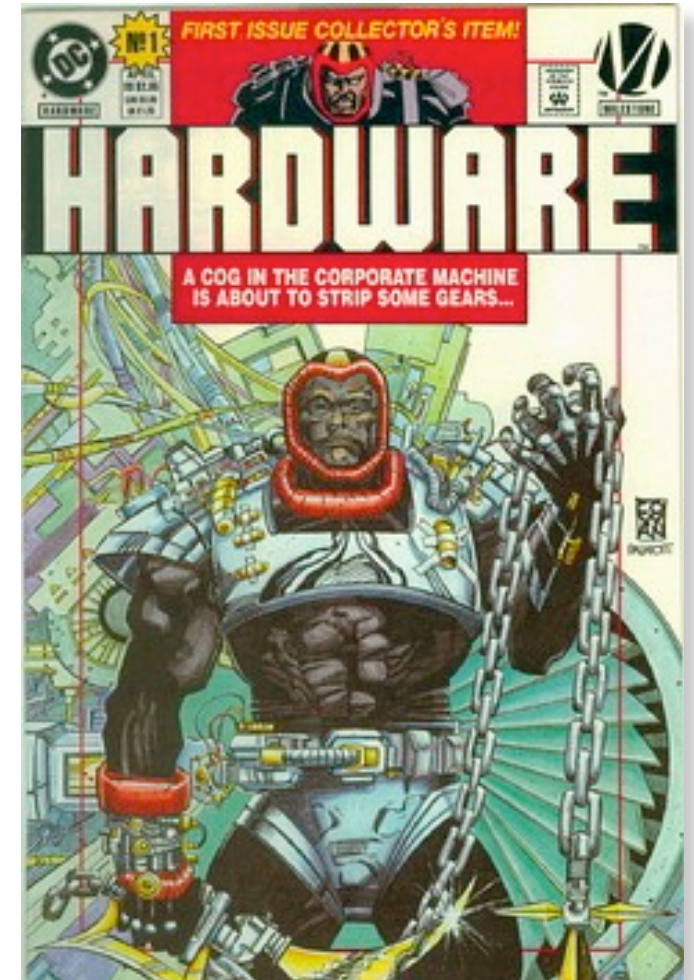
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9:30 - 10:15
15 min break
10:30 - 11:15
15 min break
11:30 - 12:15



DISCLAIMER

- Particle Detectors are very complex, a lot of physics is behind the detection of particles:
 - particle physics
 - material science
 - electronics
 - mechanics,
- To get a good understanding, one needs to work on a detector project ...
- This lecture can only give a glimpse at particle detector physics, cannot cover everything
- Biased by our favourite detectors !



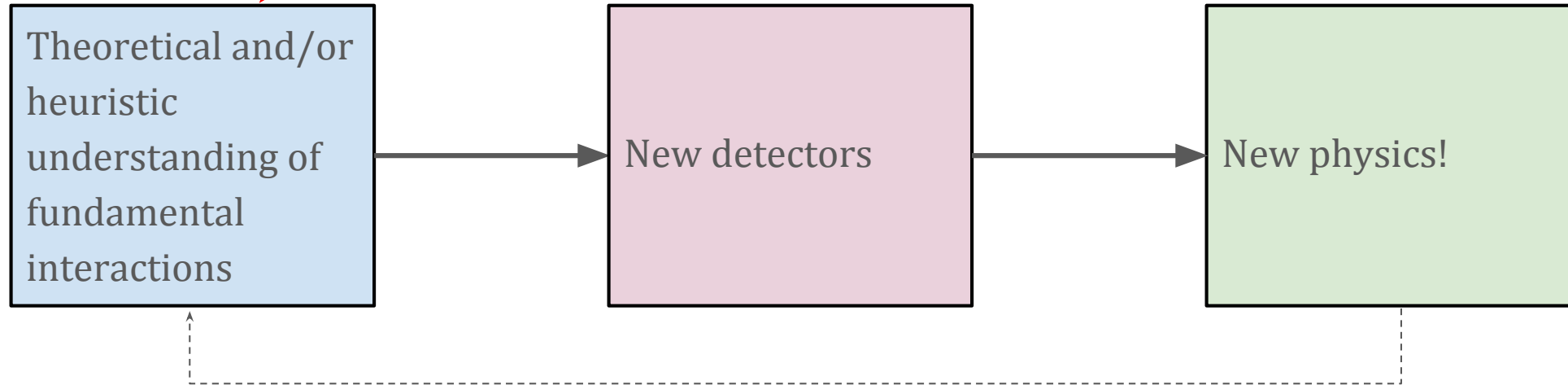
Pic: DC Comics

Maybe not the ideal detector physicist

I. OVERVIEW: DETECTORS FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS

WHY STUDY DETECTOR PHYSICS ?

- Particle and nuclear physics discoveries are driven by **detector innovation**.
- And you need *fundamental understanding* to drive innovation



Instruments = Detectors

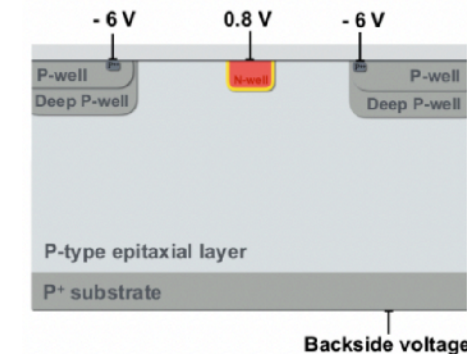
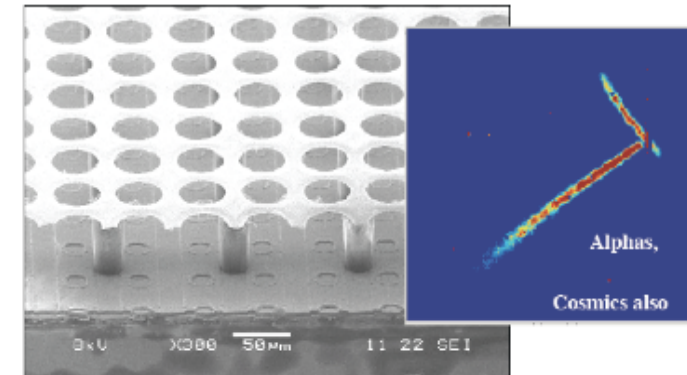
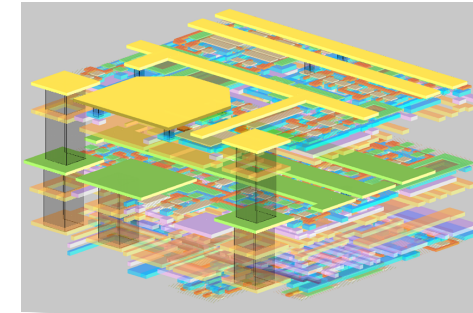
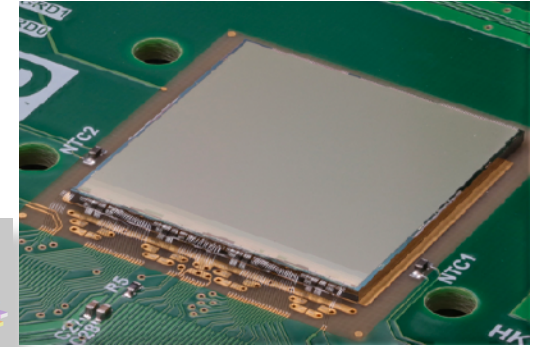
for particle physics / photon science / medicine / societal applications

- what is the underlying principle
- how do they work
- how precise can they measure

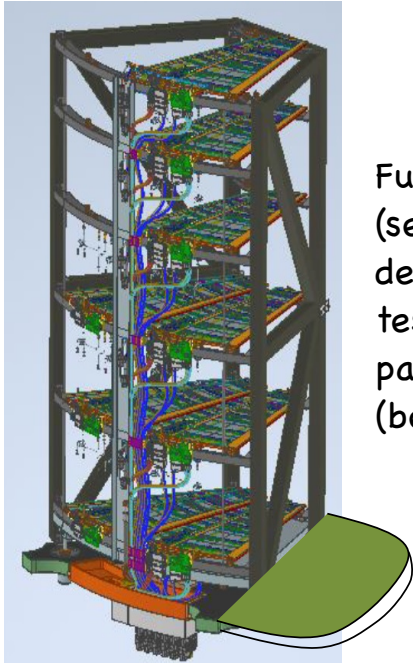
HEP DETECTOR R&D

- Many different new or advanced detector technologies are under investigation:

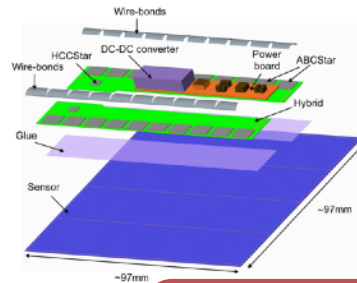
- new pixel sensor technologies (planar, 3D sensors, diamond, CMOS)
 - new silicon strip technologies
 - silicon photomultipliers (SiPM)
 - radiation hard silicon sensors (far future?)
 - micro-pattern gas detectors
 - heavy fibres, new scintillating crystals
 - new diamond devices for luminosity monitoring
 - high resolution calorimetry (EM and Hadronic; PFA, analog vs. digital)
 - quantum detectors
 - optimal detector geometry
 - magnetic field configurations...
- Extensive amount of studies of all this new technologies to qualify them
 - Opportunities for master and PhD theses



DETECTOR DEVELOPMENT CYCLE



Full system
(segment of
detector) to be
tested with
particles
(beam, cosmics)



Crazy-idea-detector:
use glue to build the
detector....

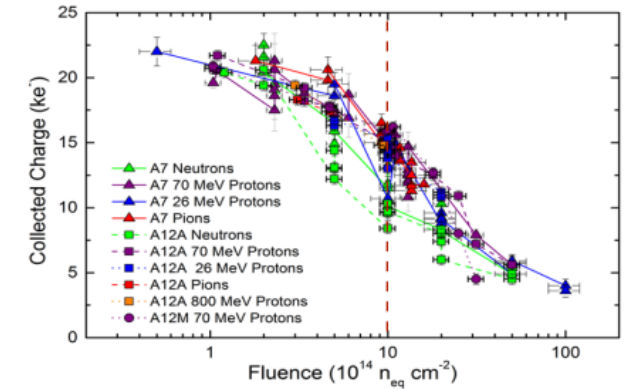
Crazy
idea

Reality check

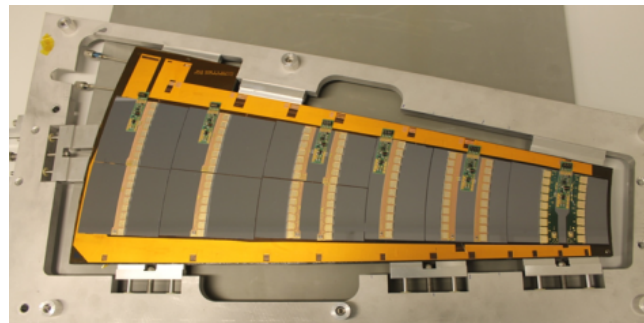
Fundamental
R&D

System R&D

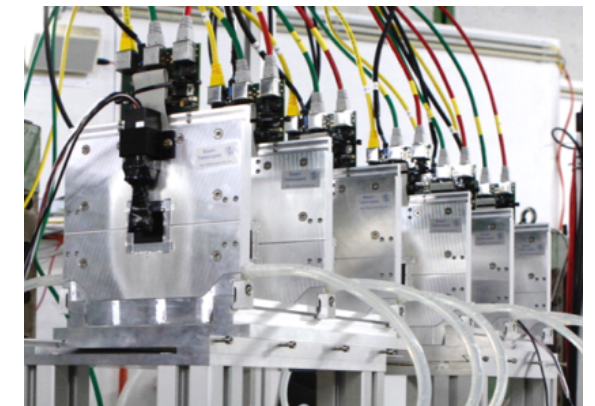
Prototyping,
proof of concept



Does the crazy-idea-detector “see”
passing particles.
Simulations!



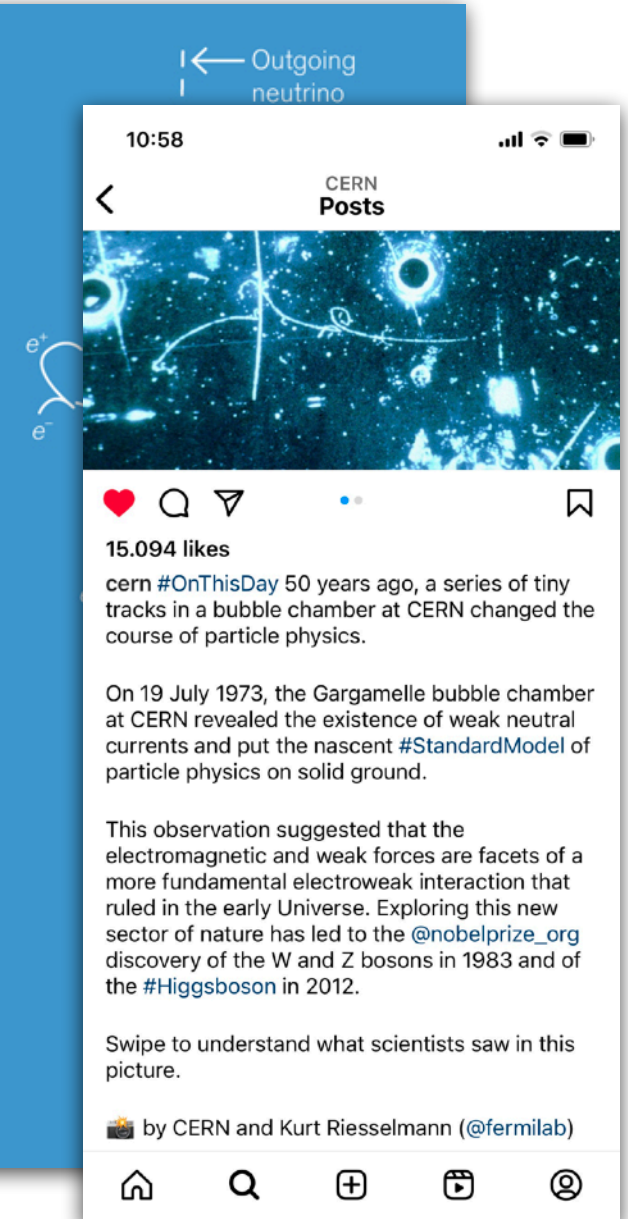
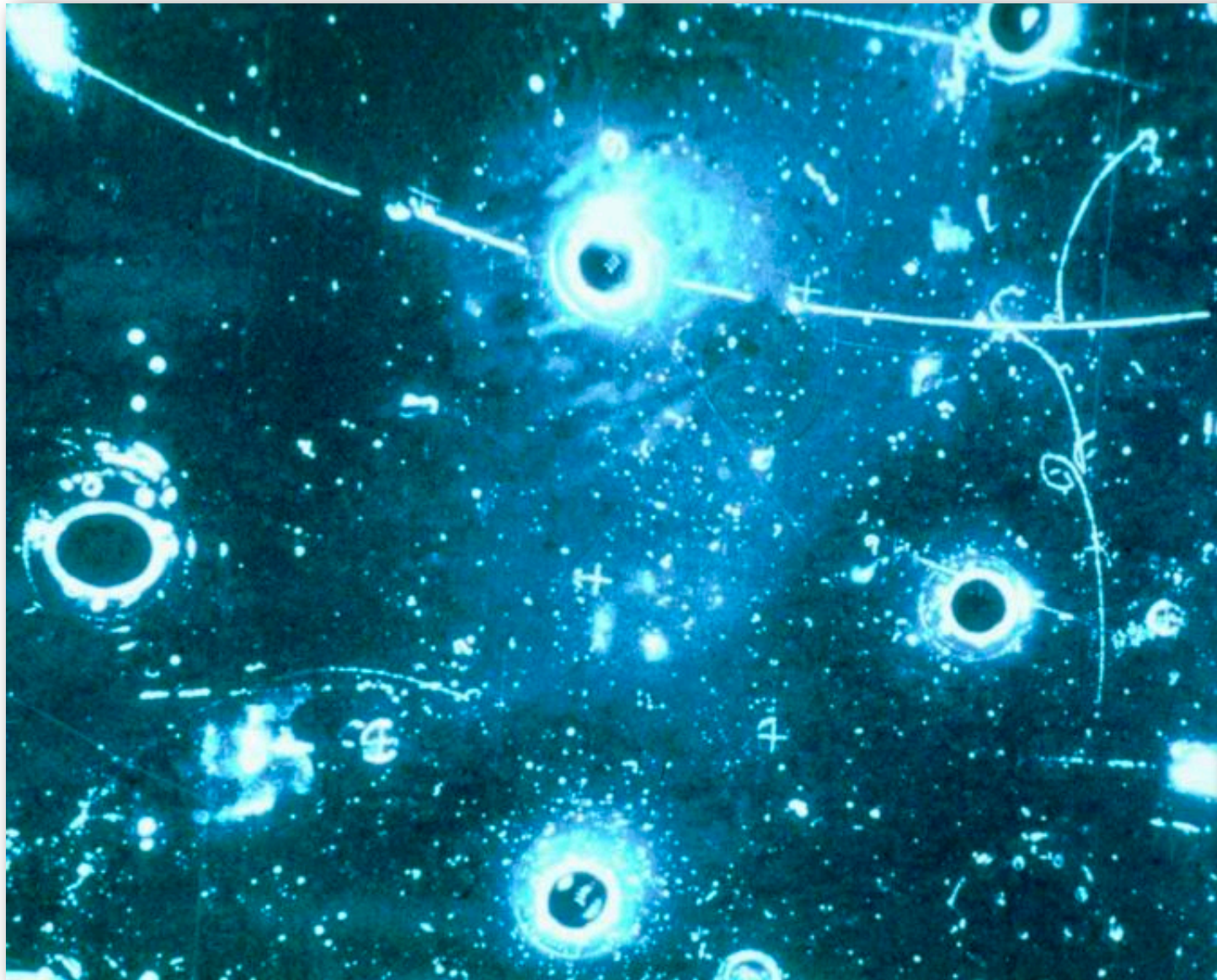
Towards large-size systems incl.
cooling, powering, monitoring



Can we build a small-size detector out
of it ? Test with “real” particles!

DISCOVERY OF NEUTRAL CURRENTS

Gargamelle, 19. July 1973



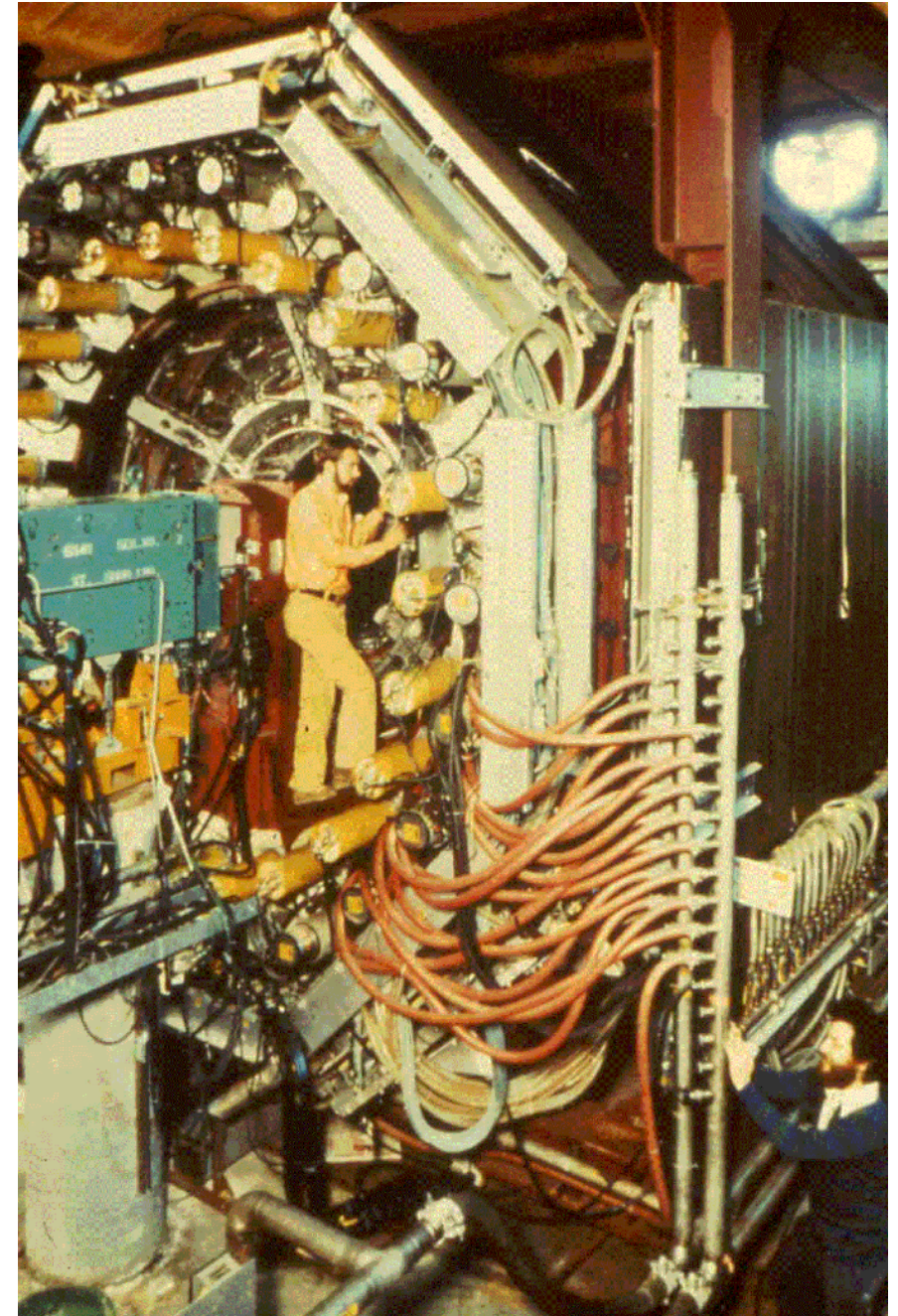
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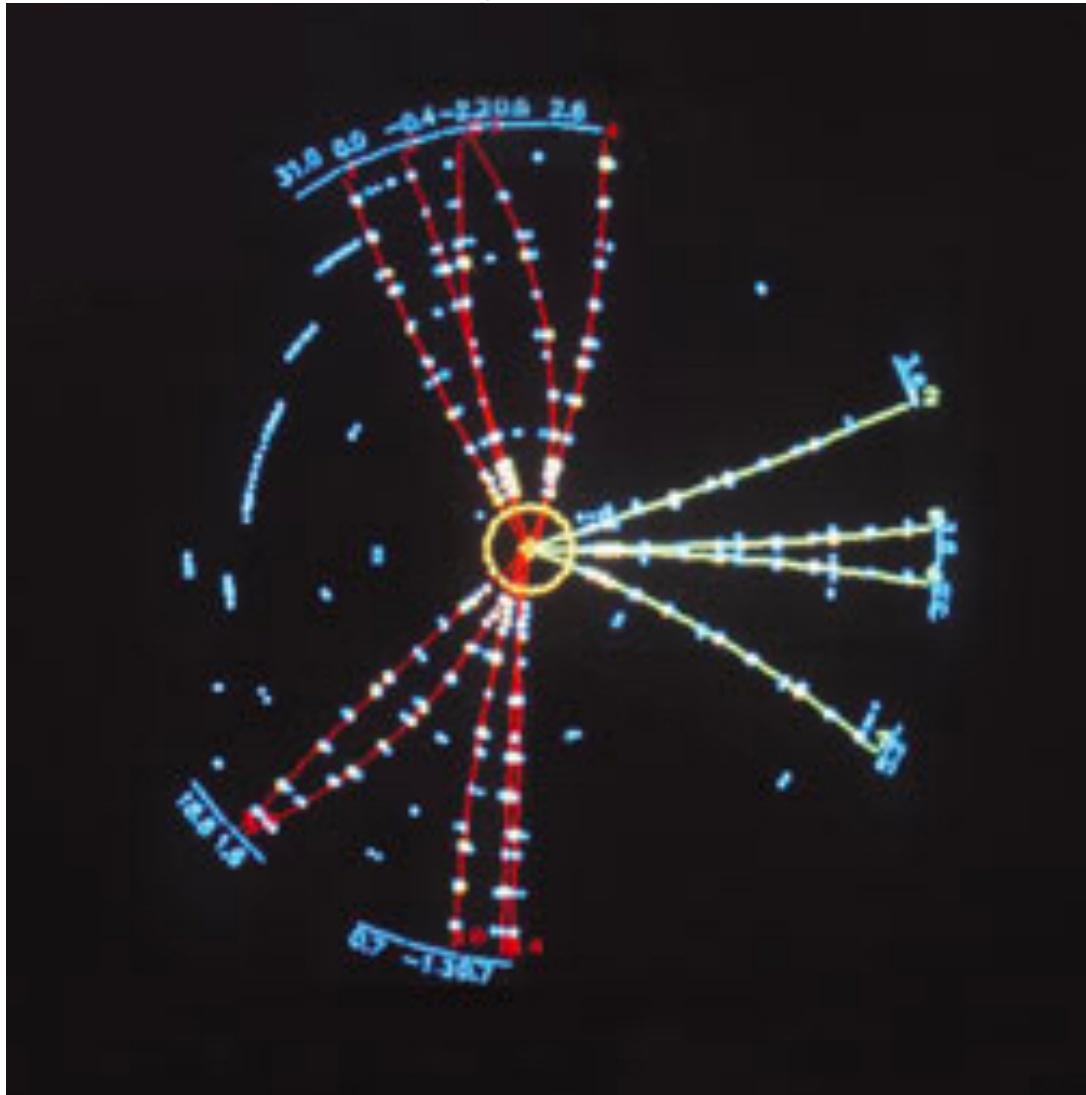
MARK-I DETECTOR@SLAC

- Mark I detector: first 4π detector

Discoveries of the J/ψ particle and tau lepton, which both resulted in Nobel prizes (for Burton Richter in 1976 and Martin Lewis Perl in 1995)



DISCOVERY OF THE GLUON



- Field theory predicted that the outgoing quarks radiate field quanta (gluons)
→ 3 jet events

The quantum of the strong force was discovered and studied at lepton colliders.

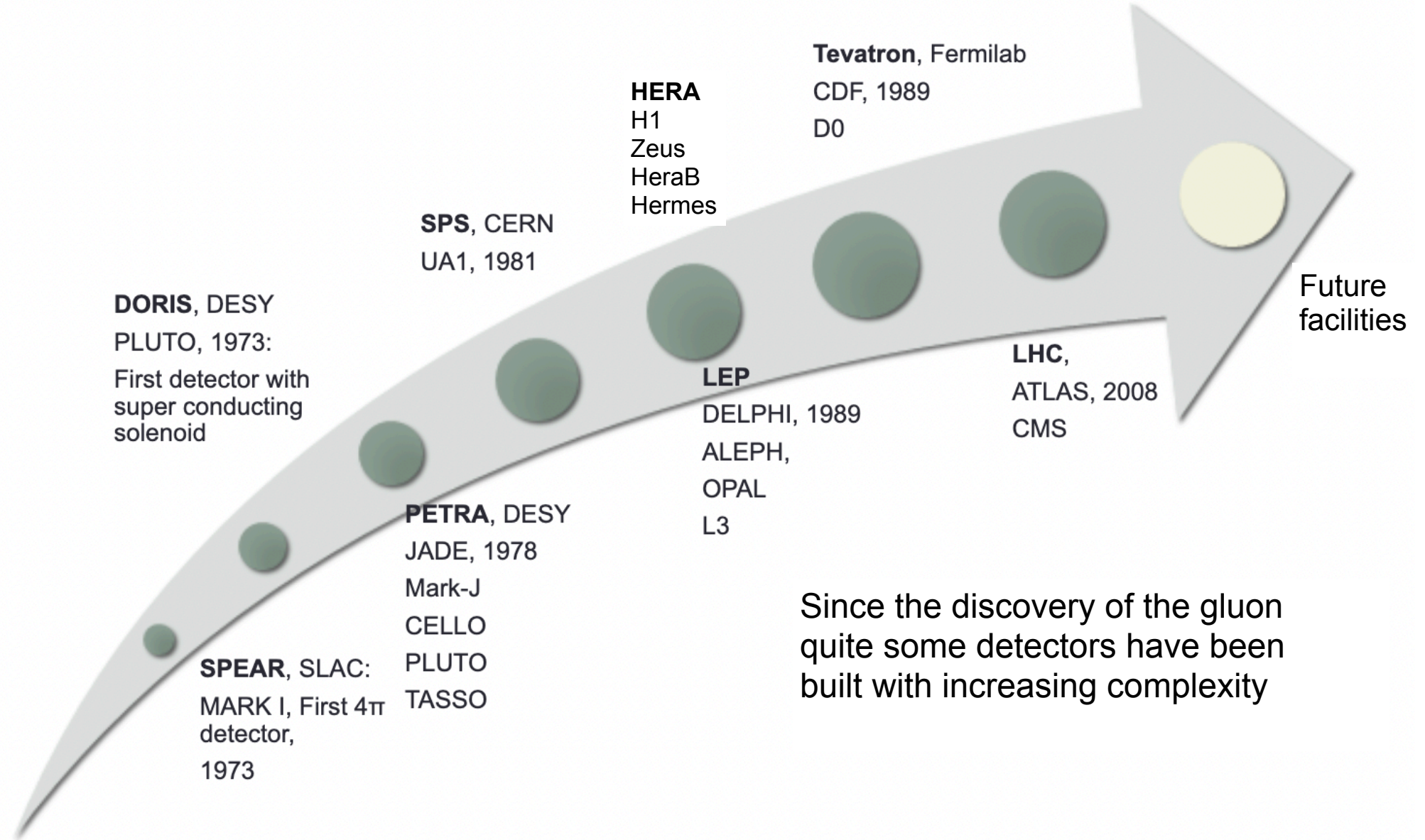
Birthday of the gluon: 18.06.1979
at the electron-positron collider
PETRA.



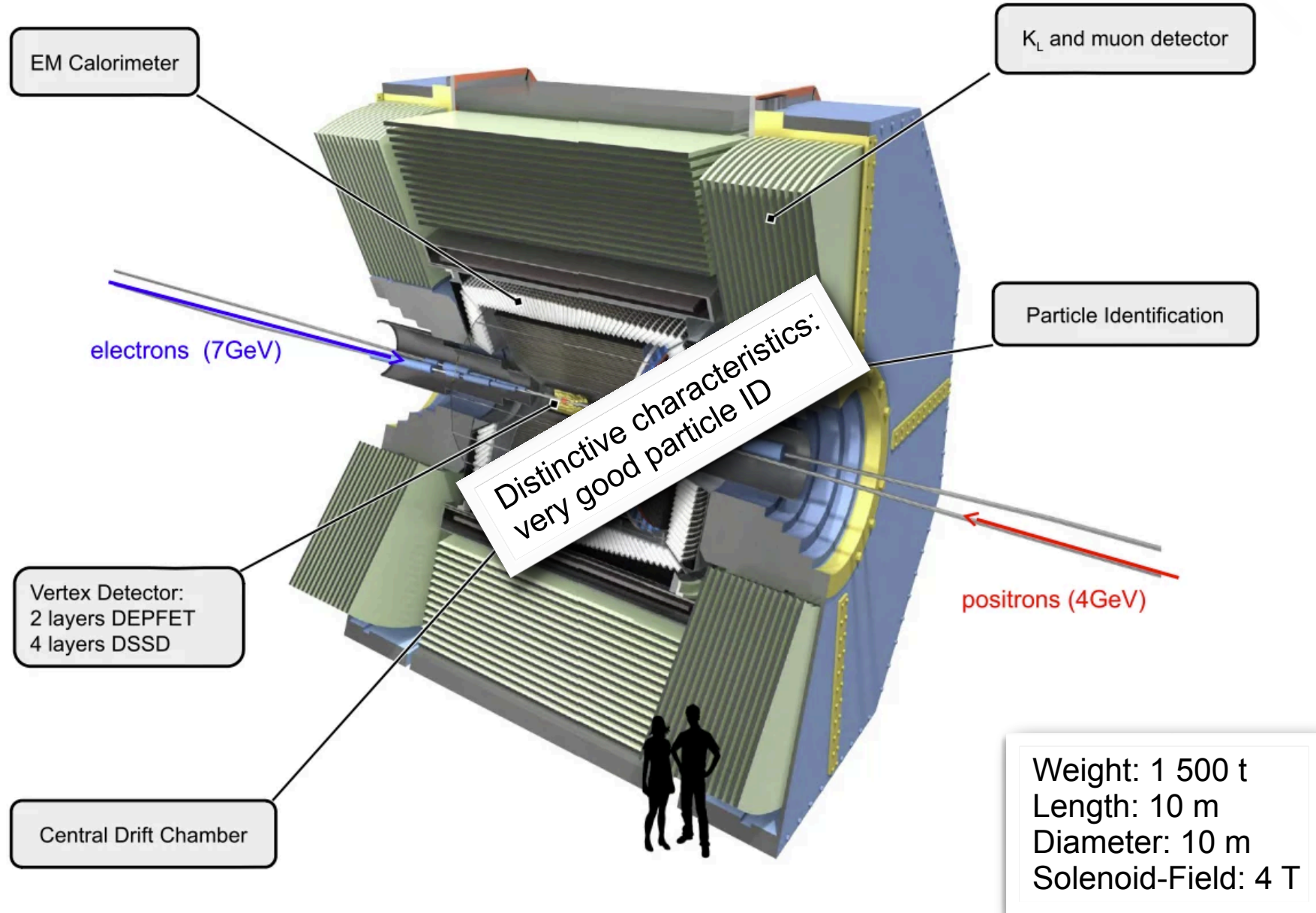
JADE, Mark J, PLUTO and TASSO



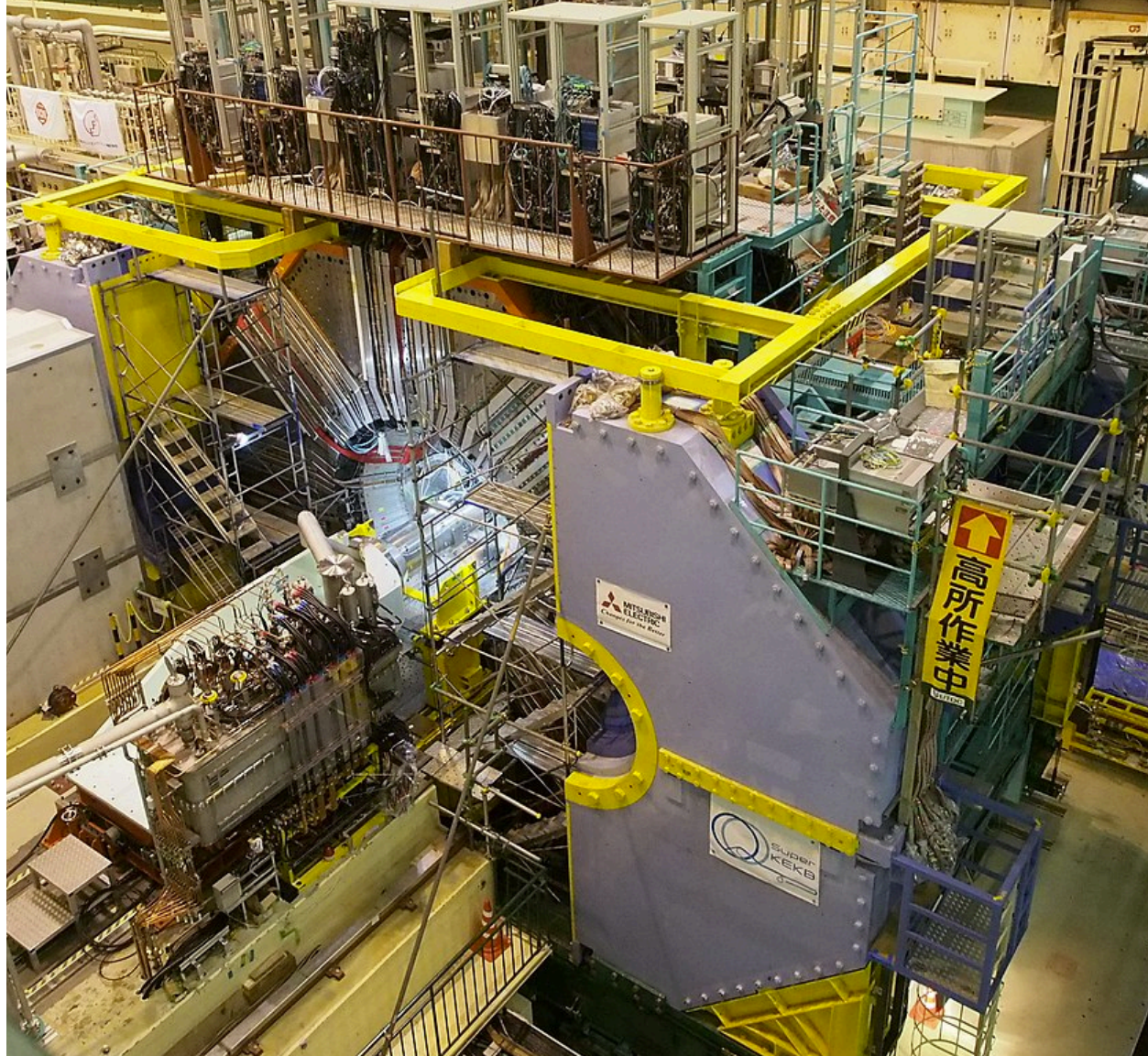
EVOLUTION OF DETECTORS



BELLE@KEK



BELLE@KEK



ATLAS@LHC

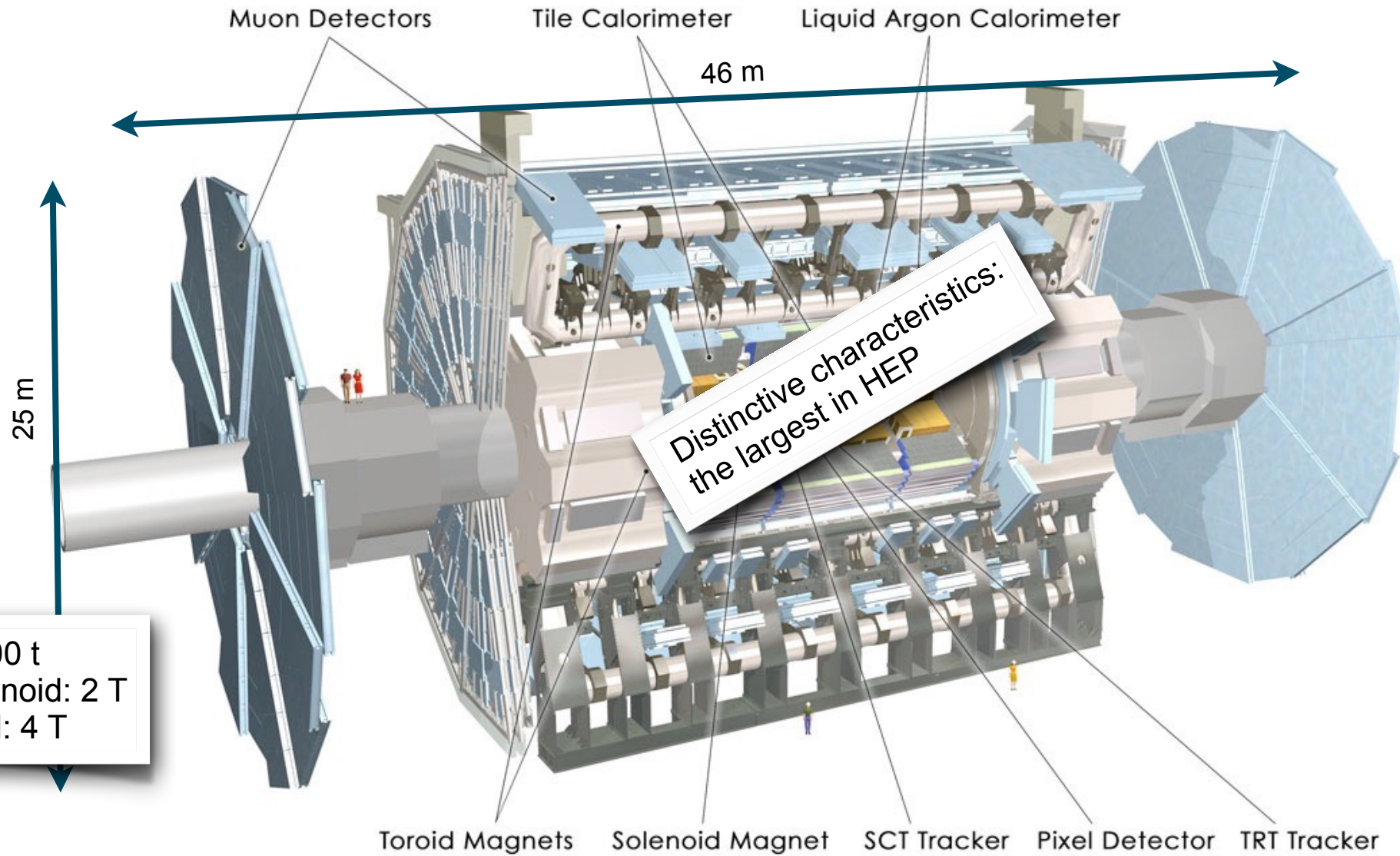


Illustration: CERN

ATLAS CROSS SECTION

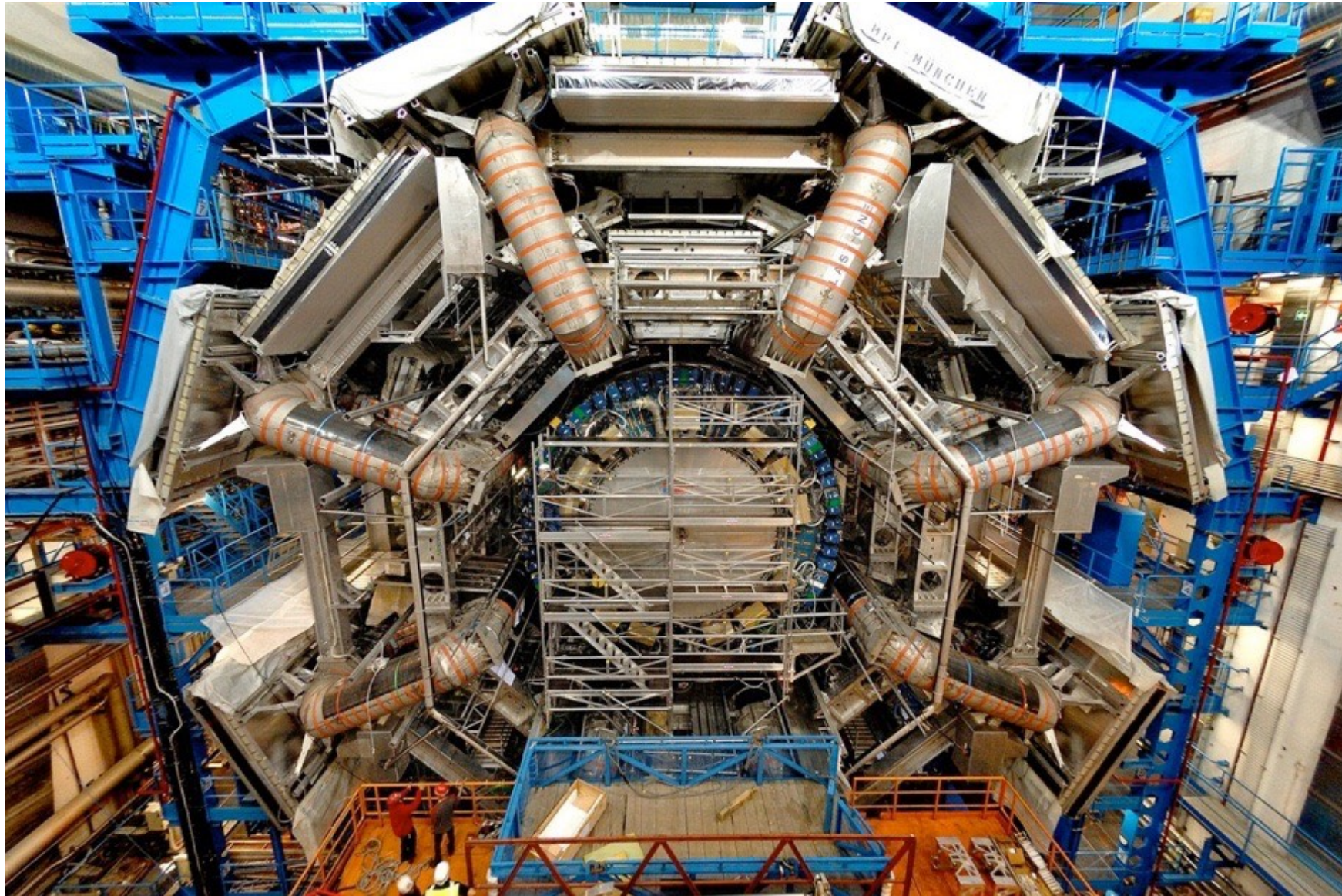
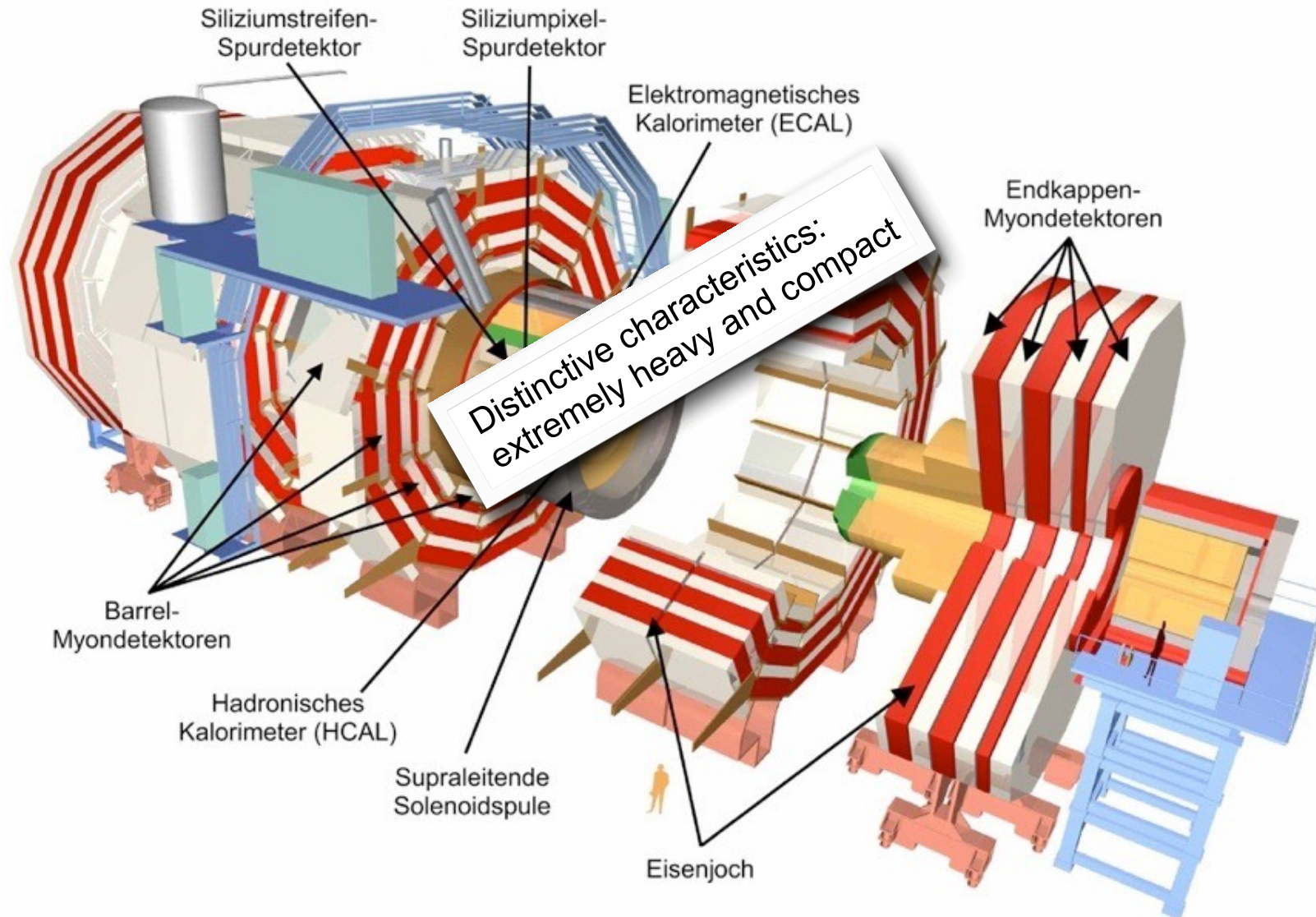


Foto: CERN



Weight: 12 500 t
Length: 21.5 m
Diameter: 15 m
Solenoid-Field: 4 T

CMS CROSS SECTION

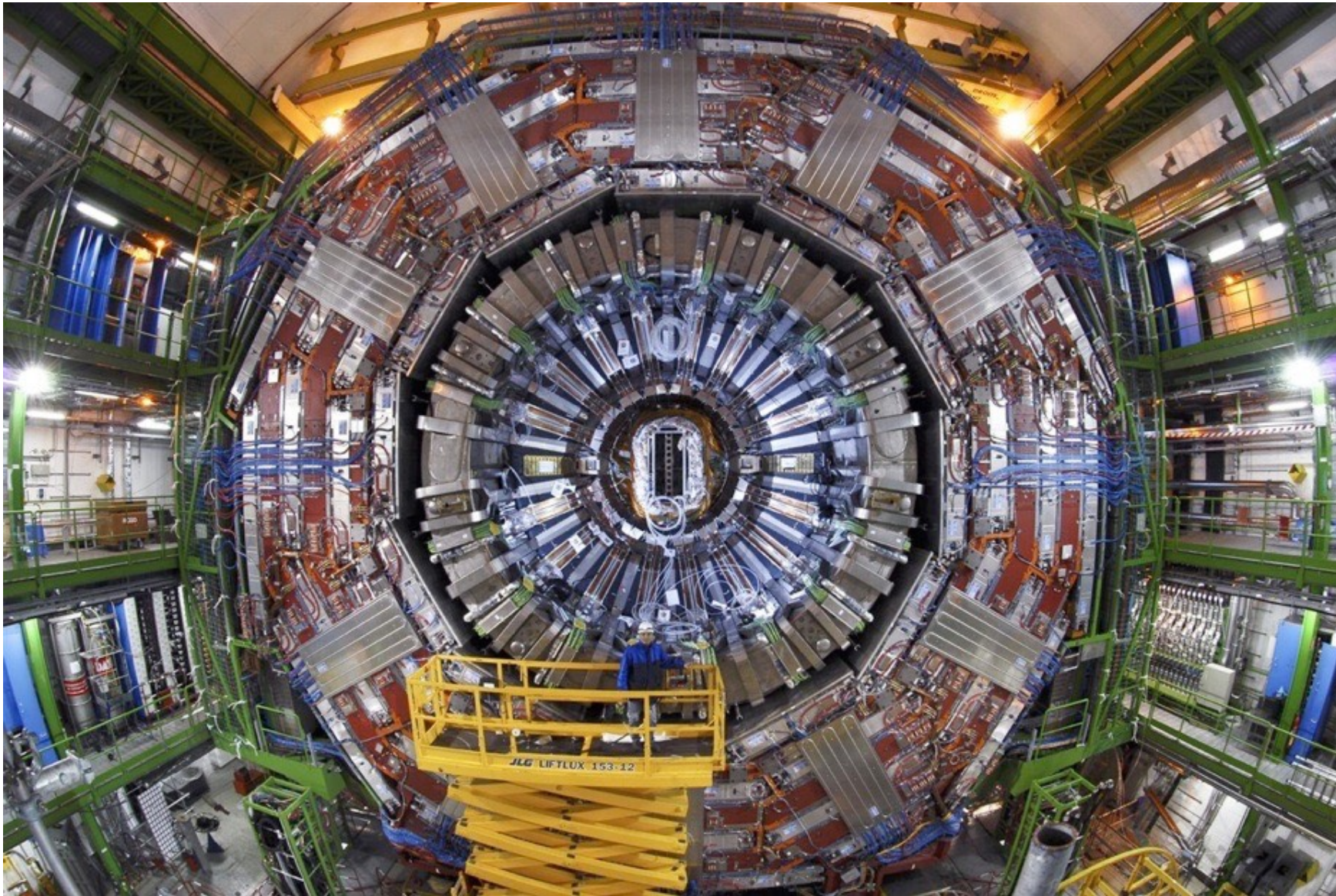
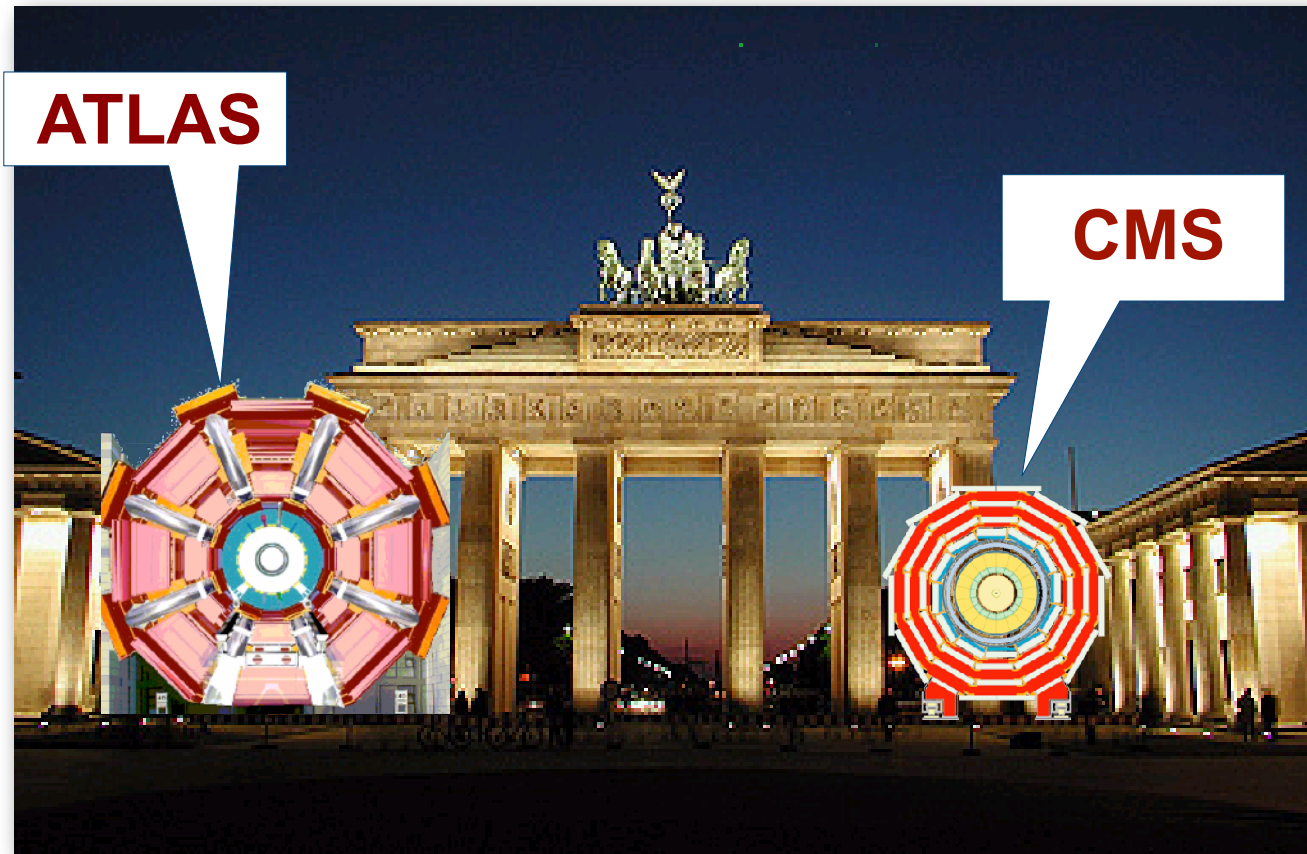
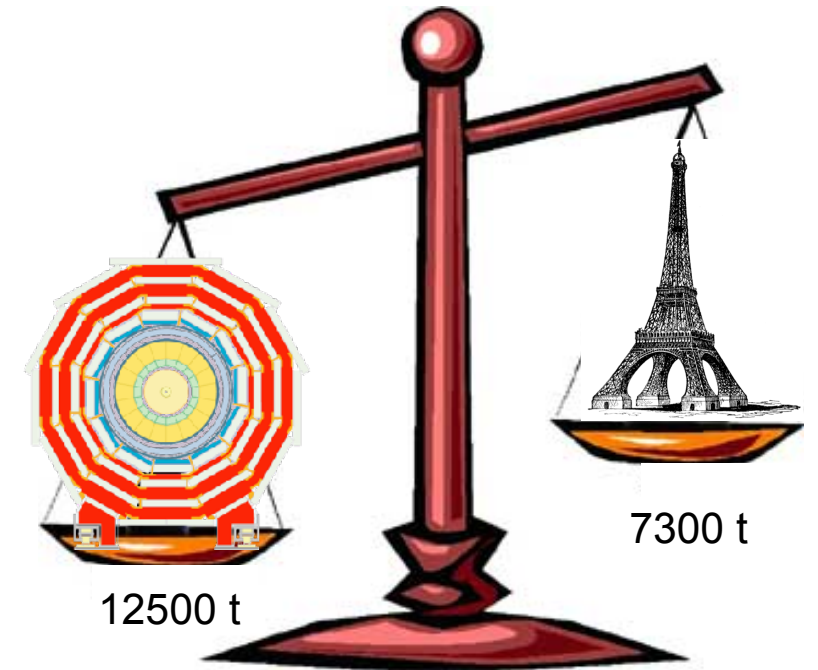


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SIZE AND WEIGHT



Brandenburger Tor
in Berlin



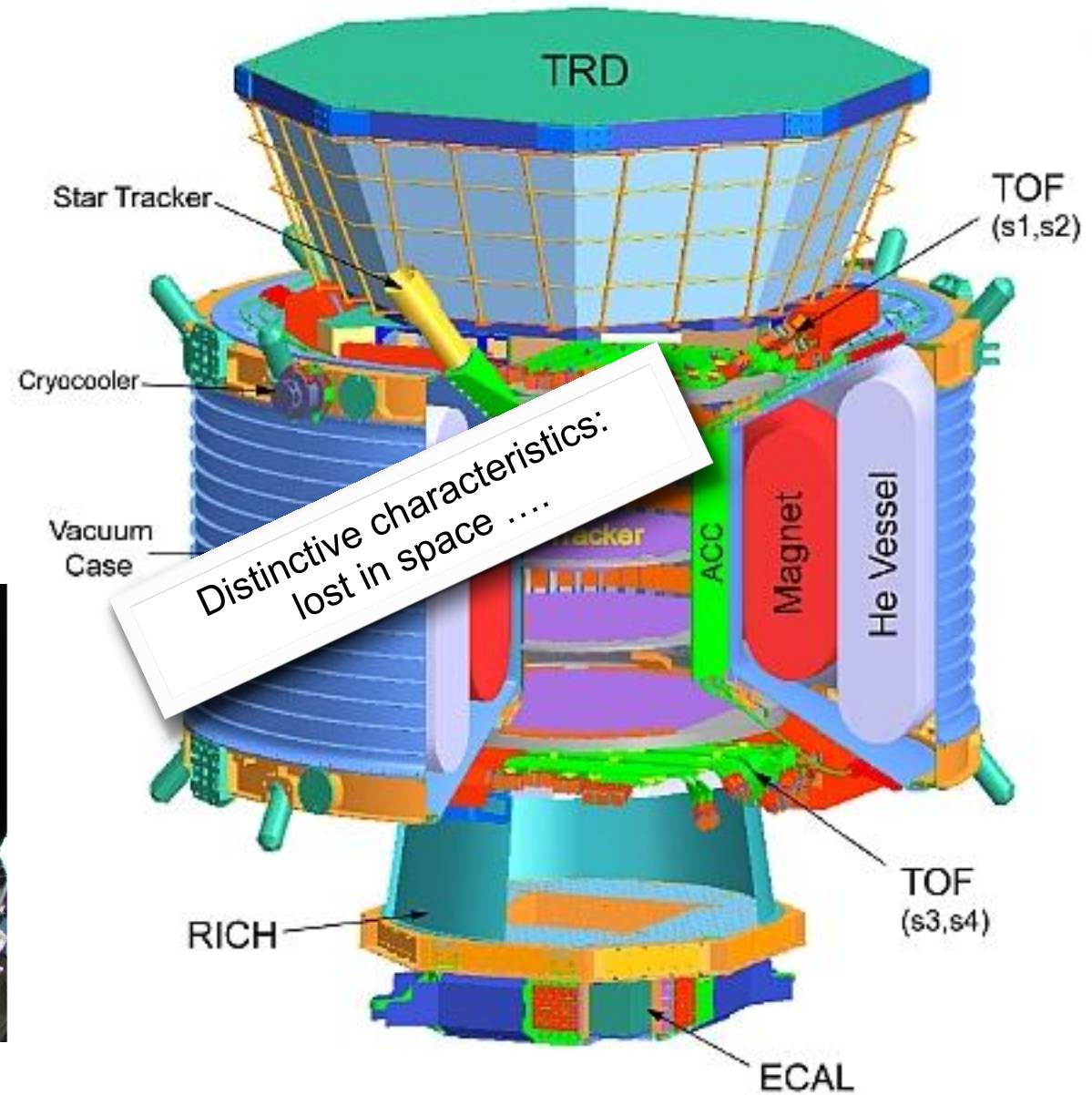
CMS is 65% heavier than the Eiffel tower

IN HAMBURG



AMS@ISS

Weight: 6700 kg
Length: 6 m
Diameter: 6 m
Solenoid-Field: 1.5 T



ICECUBE EXPERIMENT



EXAMPLE: ATLAS AT CERN

Full movie: ATLAS experiment - Episode 2 - The Particles Strike Back

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<http://cds.cern.ch/record/1096390?ln=en>

