

# The Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment

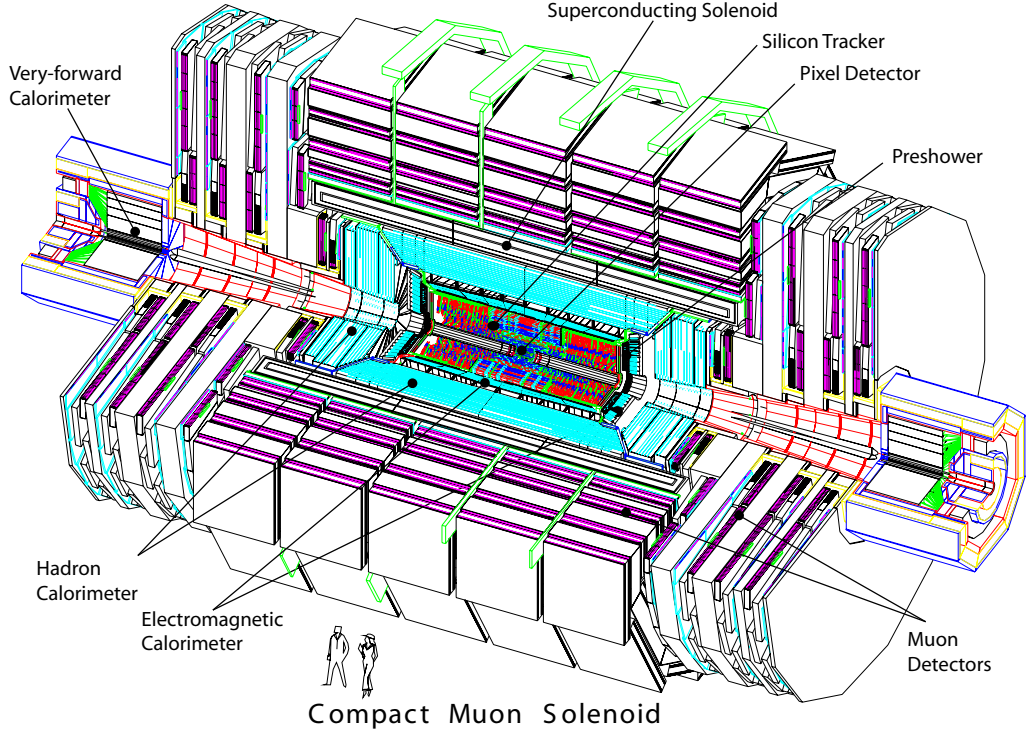
The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) [1] is a multi-purpose particle detector recording the collisions provided by the LHC. It was, along with ATLAS, the first experiment officially approved for the LHC by the CERN research board in January 1997 after a long evaluation process of the letter of intent published four years earlier by the collaboration. The construction of the detector started in 2005, after the excavation works of the cavern finished, and spanned until 2008. Since then, CMS has been proficiently taking and analyzing data, and announced on July 4th 2012 the discovery of the Brout-Englert-Higgs boson, one of the most significant results of the collaboration.

## 1.1 Overview

At nominal energy and luminosity, the LHC produces around 20 proton-proton interactions per BX which results in more than 1000 particles in the final state. In order to distinguish physical processes with great precision, CMS has to ensure good identification and reconstruction of the particles. To this end, the detector was built around four requirements:

- Good muon identification and momentum resolution over a wide range of momenta and angles, good dimuon mass resolution ( $\approx 1\%$  at 100 GeV), and the ability to determine unambiguously the charge of muons with momentum  $< 1$  TeV;
- Good charged-particle momentum resolution and reconstruction efficiency in the inner tracker. Efficient triggering and offline tagging of  $\tau$ 's and b-jets, requiring pixel detectors close to the interaction region;
- Good electromagnetic energy resolution, good diphoton and dielectron mass resolution ( $\approx 1\%$  at 100 GeV), wide geometric coverage,  $\pi^0$  rejection, and efficient photon and lepton isolation at high luminosities;
- Good missing-transverse-energy and dijet-mass resolution, requiring hadron calorimeters with a large hermetic geometric coverage and with fine lateral segmentation.

These requirements are met through the subdivision of CMS in various detection systems each specialized in the reconstruction of a given type of particles. The overall layout of CMS, shown in Figure 1.1, is divided into the barrel and the two endcaps,



**Figure 1.1** – Schematic representation of the Compact Muon Solenoid detector and its subsystems installed at LHC [1].

regions where the detectors are respectively placed in parallel and perpendicularly to the beam pipe. At the center of the detector, closest to the interaction point, lies the inner tracking system. Composed of three layers of silicon pixels and ten layers of silicon strips detectors, it is designed to detect the passage of any charged particle with high precision. Surrounding the tracking system are the electromagnetic and hadron calorimeters which respectively measure the energy of electrons and photons, and hadrons. These detectors are placed inside a superconducting solenoid magnet which produces a strong 3.8 T field that bends charged particles and allows for precise momentum measurements. Outside of the magnet, three different technologies of muon detectors are placed on large iron yokes. Furthest from the interaction point are the very-forward calorimeters which intercept particles with low flying angle.

The coordinate system used in CMS has its origin at the nominal interaction point of the beams, the y-axis pointing upwards, the x-axis pointing toward the center of the LHC, and the z-axis directed along the beam direction. The polar coordinates ( $r$ ,  $\phi$ ) are defined in the x-y transverse plane and the widely used pseudorapidity  $\eta$  is taken to be

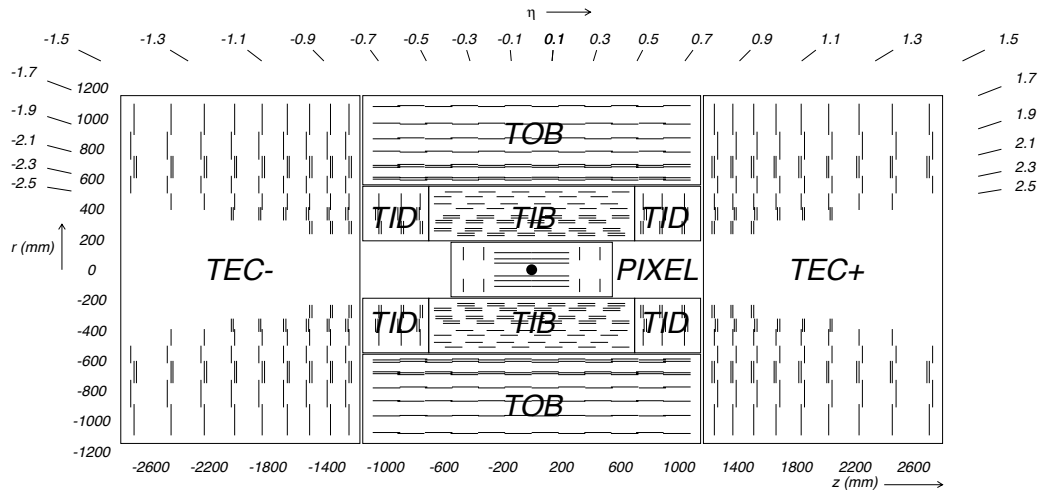
$$\eta = -\ln \left( \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\theta$  is the azimuthal angle between the z-axis and the transverse plane.

## 1.2 The Inner Tracking System

The inner tracking system of CMS is designed to provide a precise and efficient hit information on the trajectories of charged particles. The proximity of the detectors to the beam pipe yields a high particle density of up to  $10^8$  particles per  $\text{cm}^2$  at a radius of 4 cm. This justifies the need for a high granularity and fast response time to unambiguously assign particles to the correct collision. However, these features come with an elevated power consumption which in turn requires efficient cooling infrastructure. In order to keep the material budget of the tracker as low as possible, a compromise was found to use two technologies: silicon pixels close to the beam pipe to provide a high granularity, and silicon strips further away to minimize the material budget.

The layout of the detectors is shown in Figure 1.2. The silicon pixels (PIXELS) are installed on three cylindrical layers in the barrel and two disks in each endcap. These detectors cover an area between radii of 4.4 cm and 10.2 cm and a pseudorapidity  $|\eta| < 2.5$ . The silicon strips (TIB, TID, TOB, and TEC) occupy a radial region between 20 cm and 116 cm and are divided in different sectors with a total of 10 layers in the barrel and 12 disks in each endcap. The segmentation into sectors corresponds to the various strip geometries and arrangement.



**Figure 1.2** – Disposition of the silicon pixels (PIXELS) and strips (TIB, TIB, TOB, and TEC) modules inside the tracker of CMS [1].

The barrel pixel tracker contains 768 modules for a total of 48 million pixels. The disks of the endcaps are divided into 24 segments each composed of 7 modules which yields a total number of 672 modules with 18 million pixels for the both endcaps. Each pixel is  $150 \mu\text{m} \times 100 \mu\text{m}$  in size with a thickness of  $260 \mu\text{m}$  to  $300 \mu\text{m}$  resulting in a single point hit resolution of  $15 \mu\text{m}$  to  $20 \mu\text{m}$ .

The silicon strip tracker is divided into three subsystems. The Tracker Inner Barrel and Disks (TIB/TID) are composed of 4 layers in the barrel and 3 disks in each endcap, covering a region up to 55 cm. The strips are 320  $\mu\text{m}$  thick and run parallel to the beam pipe in the barrel and radially in the disks. The strip pitch is of 80  $\mu\text{m}$  in the two first layers of the TIB and 120  $\mu\text{m}$  in the two next ones, resulting in a spatial resolution of respectively 23  $\mu\text{m}$  and 35  $\mu\text{m}$ . In the TID, the pitch varies between 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 141  $\mu\text{m}$ . Surrounding the TIB and TID is the Tracker Outer Barrel (TOB) composed of 6 barrel layers of 500  $\mu\text{m}$  thick strips. It provides a resolution of 53  $\mu\text{m}$  for the first four layers and 35  $\mu\text{m}$  for the two last ones. Closing the TOB on both sides are the Tracker EndCaps (TEC) which each hold 9 disks. In addition, given modules are equipped with a second strip detector mounted back-to-back with a stereo angle of 100 mrad to provide a measurement of the second coordinate.

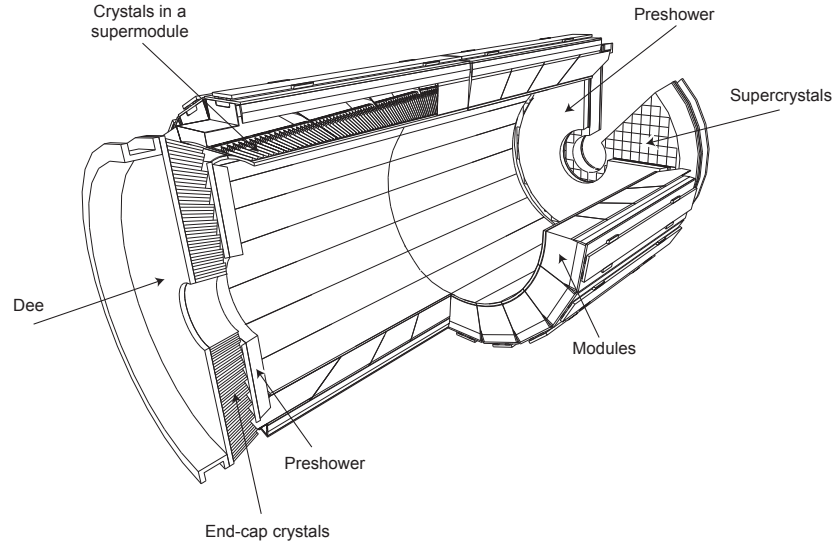
### 1.3 The Electromagnetic Calorimeter

The Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL) of CMS has been design to provide excellent energy resolution for electrons and photons. It is composed of lead tungstene ( $\text{PbWO}_4$ ) crystals that act as hermetic calorimeters: they both initiate the particle cascades and providing the proportionnal response to the energy deposition. The barrel counts 61 200 crystals closed by 7 324 crystals in each endcap. In addition, a high granularity preshower providing precise position measurements is installed in front of the endcaps crystals to improve the detection of collimated particles.

The structure of the ECAL is shown in Figure 1.3. In the barrel, the ECAL covers a pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 1.479$  and is divided in 360 sections in  $\phi$  and 170 in  $\eta$ . The crystals cross-section varies between 22 mm  $\times$  22 mm to 26 mm  $\times$  26 mm for a length of 230 mm corresponding to 25.8 radiation lengths. An alveolar structure maintains crystals together in submodules which are grouped into modules of 400 to 500 crystals further grouped in supermodules containing 1700 crystals in total. In the endcaps, modules cover a pseudorapidity  $1.479 < |\eta| < 3.0$  with each crystal having a front cross-section of 28.62 mm  $\times$  28.62 mm and a length of 220 mm. These are grouped in units of 5  $\times$  5 crystals called supercrystals further inserted in one of the two *Dees* that compose an endcap and maintains the ECAL in place. The preshower uses a lead radiators to initiate the avalanche that will be detected by silicon strips to measure the deposited energy and the avalanche profile. It is installed in the  $1.653 < |\eta| < 2.6$  pseudorapidity region.

The energy resolution of the ECAL for particles with energy bellow 500 GeV is parametrized by the following equation:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma}{E}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{S}{\sqrt{E}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{N}{E}\right)^2 + C^2 \quad (1.2)$$



**Figure 1.3** – Layout of the ECAL showing the disposition of the crystals, modules, supermodules, and preshower [1].

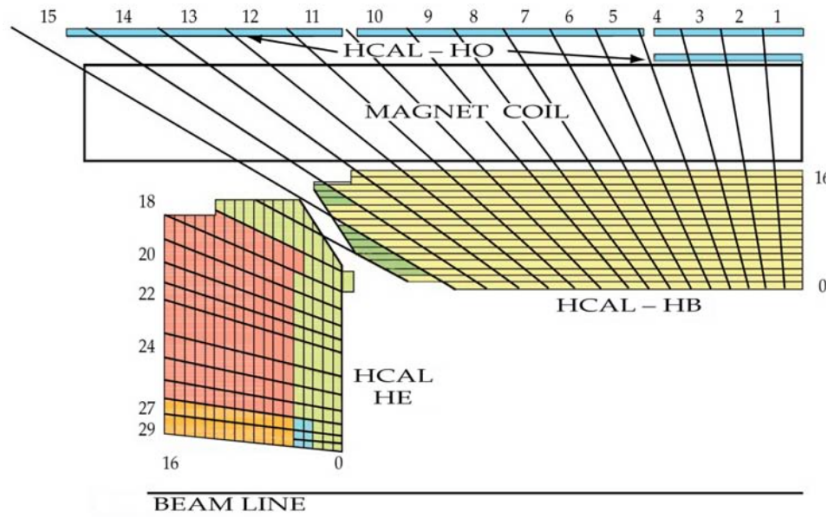
where  $S$  is the stochastic term,  $N$  the noise term, and  $C$  the constant term. The main contributions to the stochastic term are related to fluctuations in the lateral shower containment, photostatique contributions, and fluctuations in the energy deposition inside the preshower radiators compared to what is measured by the silicon detector. The noise term includes noise from the electronics, the digitisation, and pile-up. Finally, the constant term accounts for non-uniformities in the crystals, calibration errors, and leakage of energy from the back of the crystals. From test beams, the values of  $S$ ,  $N$ , and  $E$ , were found to be so that:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma}{E}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{2.8\%}{\sqrt{E}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0.12}{E}\right)^2 + (0.30\%)^2 \quad (1.3)$$

## 1.4 The Hadron Calorimeter

The Hadron Calorimeter (HCAL) provides a good resolution on hadronic jets energy and enables the measurement of the missing energy. It is divided into a barrel region (HB), two endcap regions (HE), and an outer calorimeter (HO) placed right outside the magnet as represented in Figure 1.4. The HB sits between the ECAL and the magnet at radii of 1.77 m and 2.95 m respectively which limits the amount of material and thus absorption lengths that can be used, justifying the need for the HO to catch the trail of the cascades. An additional forward calorimeter (HF) is placed in the very forward region of CMS to analyze particles that are produced or scattered at high  $\eta$ .

The HB uses a sampling calorimeter design that consists of a succession of metal sheets positioned parallel to the beam that act as absorber, and plastic scintillators to measure the energy deposition. The absorber is made of a 40-mm-thick front



**Figure 1.4** – Longitudinal view of the HCAL showing the disposition of the barrel, endcaps, and outer calorimeters [1].

steel panel, followed by eight 50.5-mm-thick brass sheets, six 56.5-mm-thick brass panels, and a 75-mm-thick steel back plate for a total minimum of 5.82 interaction lengths. The scintillators are designed out of 3.7-mm-thick Kuraray SCSN81 plastic and placed after each layer of metal. An additional layer of 9-mm-thick Bicorn BC408 is placed in front of the first steel panel in order to sample hadronic showers that might have formed in the ECAL. The scintillator is divided into 16  $\eta$  and 72  $\phi$  sectors resulting in a segmentation of  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.087 \times 0.087$ . The HE uses 79-mm-thick brass plates spaced by 9 mm gaps in which the plastic Bicorn BC408 scintillators are inserted. The segmentation of the HE results in a granularity similar to the HB for  $|\eta| < 1.6$  and of  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.17 \times 0.17$  for  $|\eta| \leq 1.6$ . In the  $|\eta| < 1.3$  region, hadron showers are not entirely contained in the HB and HE thus justifying the installation of the HO outside of the magnet to catch the trail of the cascades. This has a significant impact on high energy cascades and to measure the missing energy of an event, i.e. the energy carried by non-interacting particles. The HO has a minimum thickness of 1.4 interaction lengths and is segmented in 5 rings further divided into segments. Each segment has a granularity similar to the HB of  $0.087 \times 0.087$  in  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$ . Limited by the muon system, the HO has been allocated 40 mm of space, from which 16 mm are used for the scintillators and the rest is filled with support material.

The energy resolution of the HCAL can be expressed in the same manner as the ECAL, breaking down the result into a stochastic term and a constant term. The obtained resolutions [2] are

$$\left(\frac{\sigma}{E}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{120\%}{\sqrt{E}}\right)^2 + (9.5\%)^2 \quad (1.4)$$

for the HB and HE combined, and

$$\left(\frac{\sigma}{E}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{280\%}{\sqrt{E}}\right)^2 + (11\%)^2 \quad (1.5)$$

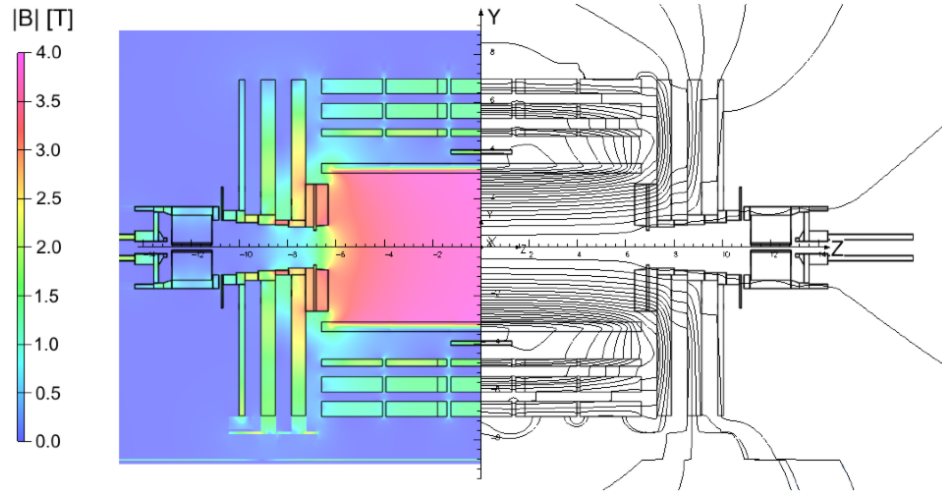
for the HO.

## 1.5 The Superconducting Magnet

The superconducting magnet of CMS measures 6 m of diameter for 12.5 m in length and has been design to generate a 4 T magnetic field. The return of the magnetic field lines is done through the steel yokes that support the muon chambers of CMS as represented in Figure 1.5 in which the amplitude of the magnetic field has been simulated. The magnet is composed of four layers of winded NbTi conductor which offers very low resistance to the nominal 19.14 kA current that is required. To reach the superconducting state of the magnet, the latter needs to be cooled down to 1.8 K using liquid Helium. The magnetic field thereby created bends charged particles according to their transverse momentum in the x-y plane

$$R = \frac{p_T}{0.3B}, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $R$  is the curvature radius of the trajectory in the transverse plane,  $p_T$  is the transverse momentum of the particle expressed in GeV, and  $B$  is the intensity of the magnetic field in T.

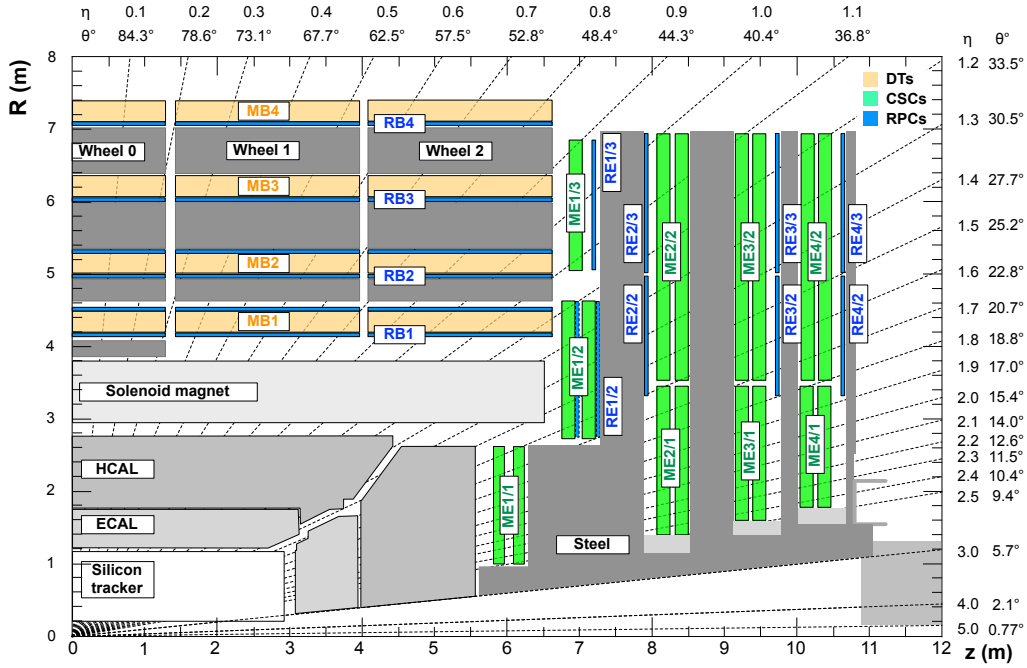


**Figure 1.5** – Representation of the amplitude of the magnetic field and the field lines predicted on a longitudinal section of the CMS detector using simulations [3].

## 1.6 The Muon System

Muons are a recognizable signature from the high background noise produced by the high number of proton-proton interactions. Moreover, they are present in many final states that characterize interesting processes from the standard model and beyond.

Therefore, providing good triggering, identification, and reconstruction capabilities is essential. CMS is equipped with three different muon detectors that together form the muon spectrometer: Drift Tubes (DTs), Cathode Strip Chambers (CSCs), and Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs). DTs and CSCs are respectively placed in the barrel and the endcaps while RPCs are installed in both regions, adding redundancy to the system by providing additional measurement points. Figure 1.6 represent a quadrant of CMS highlighting the placement of the various technologies inside the detector.



**Figure 1.6** – Layout of the muon spectrometer of CMS depicting the three gaseous detectors in use: Drift Tubes (DTs) in orange labelled MBx, Cathode Strip Chambers (CSCs) in green labelled MEx/y, and Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs) in blue labelled RBx and REx/y [1].

In the barrel, four cylindrical layers of DTs, numbered MB1 to MB4, cover a pseudorapidity range of  $|\eta| < 1.2$ . The first three layers each contain twelve chambers: eight to measure the  $r$ - $\phi$  bending angle and four to measure the  $z$  direction. The fourth station solely tracks the  $r$ - $\phi$  parameter using eight chambers.

In the endcaps, the CSCs cover a region of  $0.9 < |\eta| < 2.4$  and are spread over four disks where detectors are placed perpendicularly to the beam pipe. Each disk is further divided into two or three rings numbered MEx/y, where  $x$  is the disk number and  $y$  is the ring number. CSCs measure both the  $r$ - $\phi$  and the  $\eta$  parameter using respectively cathode strips that run radially and anode wires that run perpendicular to the strips. Each module is composed of 6 layers of CSCs which provide precise

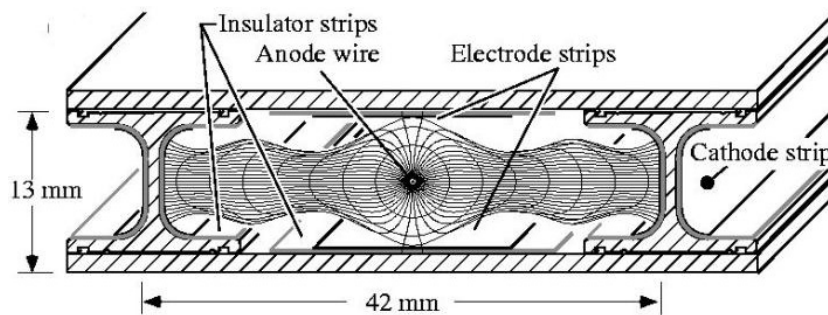


background noise rejection and tracking.

In order to provide fast triggering and improve the time resolution, RPCs, which provide a fast timing response, are installed along with the DTs and CSCs label RBx and REx/y respectively. In the barrel, two stations of RPCs are installed in RB1 and RB2 while only one station is instrumented in RB3 and RB4. In the endcaps, one module of RPCs equips each of the stations except for the first ring of each disk which has been left empty. This is due to the high rate of particles in the region close to the beam pipe which is not supported by the RPCs.

### 1.6.1 Drift Tubes

The barrel muon spectrometer consists in 4 cylindrical layers of DT modules: the inner three contain 60 chambers and the outer has 70 for a total of 172 000 sensitive wires. The smallest unit composing the DTs is the drift cell: a 2.4 m long by 42 mm wide tube in which a wire is stretched over the whole length as depicted in Figure 1.7. Filled with a gas mixture of  $\text{ArCO}_2$ , they provide a measurement of the point of impact of the particle in the direction perpendicular to the wire using the ionisation of the gas amplified through the applied high voltage. The small flux of particles in the barrel region of CMS enables the use of these long chambers which limits the number of active channels and thus cost while still providing excellent resolution. Multiple drift cells are combined into layers and four layers are further staggered by half a cell width in order to eliminate deadspace and form a super layer (SL). SLs vary in size between 1.9 m in MB1 and 4.1 m in MB4. Each chamber contains two SLs that measure the  $r$ - $\phi$  bending angle and one SL that provides a measurement in the  $z$  direction. MB4, the fourth station, however does not include the SLs in the  $z$  direction. The resolution of a station is on the order of  $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  on the position and 1 mrad on the direction of the particle.



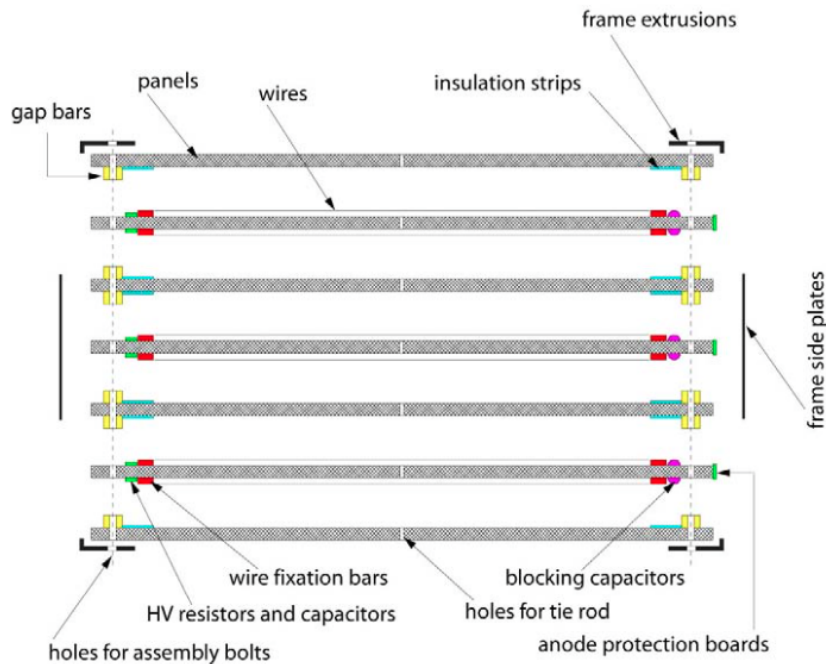
**Figure 1.7** – Sketch of the drift cells highlighting the electric field lines converging towards the anode wire [1].

### 1.6.2 Cathode Strip Chambers

The CSCs are multiwire proportionnal chambers made of 6 anode wire planes interleaved among 7 cathode strip panels. The largest chambers measure  $3.4\text{ m} \times$

1.5 m and are installed in the ME2/2, ME3/2, and ME4/2 stations while smaller chambers are mounted in the other stations limited by the steel yoke layout. Taking advantage of the multiple detection layers of the chambers, CSCs can provide a detection efficiency better than 99%, 75  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution in the  $r$ - $\phi$  coordinate for ME1/1 and ME1/2 and about 150  $\mu\text{m}$  elsewhere, and a BX assignment efficiency of 99%.

The structure of the CSCs is shown in Figure 1.8. Seven 16.2-mm-thick trapezoidal panels made of 12.7-mm-thick polycarbonate core with two 1.6 mm FR4 skins glued on each side are assembled in order to form one chamber. FR4 is a material used to create printed circuit board. On six of the planes, 36  $\mu\text{m}$  thick copper strips are milled on one side to form the cathode planes. Gap bars are glued to the planes in order to form six gaps of 9.5 mm once the planes are stacked together. About 1000 anode wires are wound around three of the panels in order to form the anode planes. The 50- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick gold-plated tungstene wires are separated by 3.2 mm and elevated by 4.75 mm with respect to the plane in order to sit in the middle of the gap.

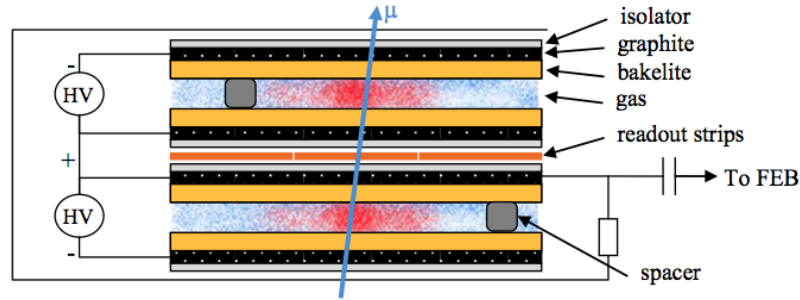


**Figure 1.8** – Schematic view of a CSC detailing the different layers that compose it [1].

### 1.6.3 Resistive Plate Chambers

RPCs are used for their fast response time which allows them to unambiguously assign events to their corresponding BX while also providing a good spatial resolution. Each module consists in 2 gas filled gaps with a common read-out strip layer in the middle as depicted in Figure 1.9. On each side of the gaps, an insulating bakelite panel is covered with a conducting graphite layer on which a high voltage

is applied. This layout allows to operate each gap at a lower high voltage and reduce the read-out time required thus improving the time resolution.



**Figure 1.9** – Schematic view of the RPCs double gap layout [1].

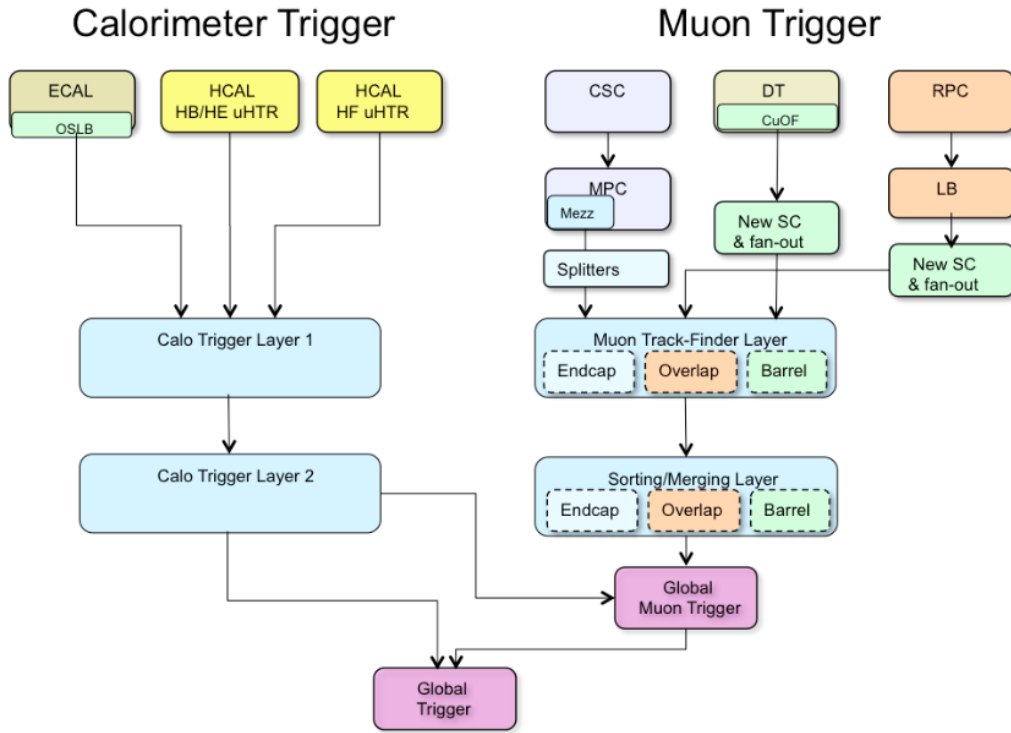
In the barrel, RB1 and RB2 each include two RPCs placed on both sides of the DTs. RB3 and RB4 only use one RPC mounted in front of the DTs. In total, 480 chambers are installed, each one 2.455 m long and width between 1.5 m and 2.08 m. In the endcaps, RPCs cover a pseudorapidity range of  $|\eta| < 1.6$  divided into two rings. Chambers are trapezoidal and cover  $20^\circ$  in  $\phi$  for the inner ring and  $10^\circ$  for the outer ring. This setup leaves an empty region between  $1.6 < |\eta| < 2.45$  where CSCs are the only detectors providing measurements.

## 1.7 The Trigger System

Every 25 ns approximately 20 proton-proton interactions resulting from the LHC bunches collision occur, yielding in more than 1000 particles in the final state. The amount of information generated by CMS is considerable and impossible to process and store as is. Therefore, two trigger stages have been implemented to reduce the 40 MHz rate of collisions to 100 kHz at first and 100 Hz afterwards. The Level-1 Trigger (L1 Trigger) consists of custom electronics designed to quickly discriminate between the events. In less than  $3.2 \mu\text{s}$  the system has to take the decision to forward the event to the next stage or drop it and lose the data. Accepted events are passed to the High Level Trigger (HLT) which runs on a farm of commercial computers. Unlike the L1 Trigger which due to the small allocated computation time has restricted access to hit information from the detectors, the HLT can use the full granularity of the detector to reconstruct events.

At the L1 Trigger stage, only the information from the HCAL, ECAL, and muon chambers are used as depicted in Figure 1.10. The energy depositions collected by the HCAL and ECAL are sent to the Calo Trigger Layer 1 which performs data formatting and concentration and forwards events to the Calo Trigger Layer 2. This second stage The Stage-2 trigger finds the twelve highest transverse energy jet, tau,

and electron/photon candidates and computes global energy sums.



**Figure 1.10** – Architecture of the CMS trigger system for both the calorimeter trigger and the muon trigger [1].

The muon trigger is divided into three sections: the barrel, the endcaps, and the overlap region where tracks cross both CSCs and DTs. Hits from the different chambers are combined in the Muon Track-Finder layer which uses track extrapolation and pattern recognition algorithms to create tracks. The reconstructed tracks are sent to the Sorting/Merging layer which selects the best candidates according to track quality parameters. The best tracks are sent to the Global Muon Trigger (GMT) which uses information from the calorimeters to compute isolation values for each muon. This combined information is sent to the Global Trigger (GT) along with the calorimeter data.

The GT implements a menu of triggers that perform selections on the reconstructed objects such as electrons, photons, or muons and take the decision to accept or reject the events. If an event is accepted, a Level-1 Accept (L1A) is issued and sent to the Trigger Control and Distribution System (TCDS). The latter forwards the L1A to all the subsystems according to the readiness of the subdetectors and the data acquisition (DAQ) system. Upon reception of a L1A, the front-end electronics provides the full granularity data to the read-out DAQ which includes the HLT.

## 1.8 The Data Acquisition System

The DAQ system of CMS, shown in Figure 1.11, reads out the full granularity data of events from more than 650 sources in the whole detector. It is able to handle a dataflow of 100 GBytes per second to redirect data to the HLT which reduces the rate of events by a factor of 1000.

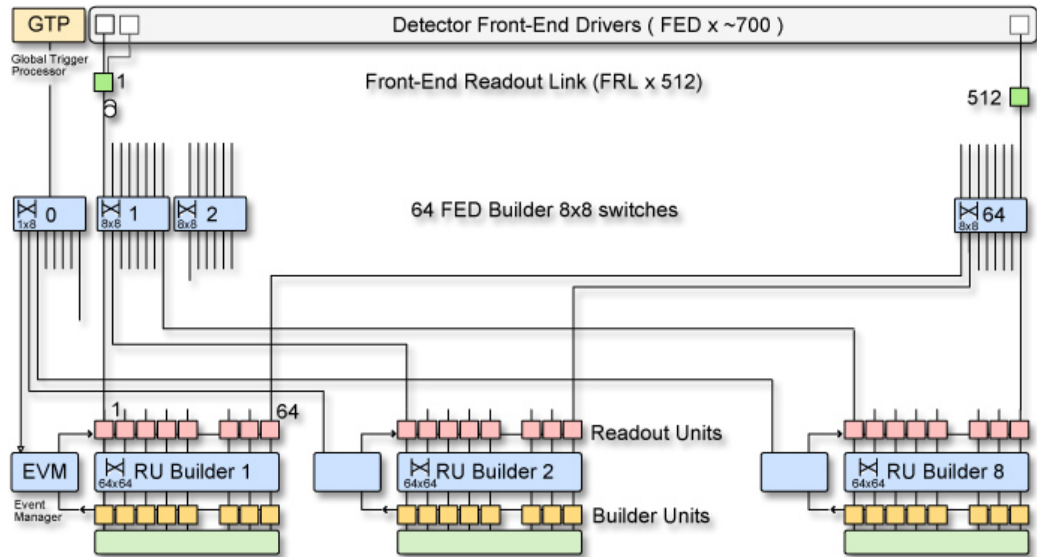


Figure 1.11 – ??? [1].

For each collision, the front-end electronic modules of the detectors store the full granularity data in buffers and forward reduced information to the trigger system based on which the latter will issue a L1A or not. Upon reception of an L1A from the GT, the Front-end drivers (FEDs) will push the full data uplink to the central DAQ system of CMS. To prevent overflow of the buffers during readout, the TCDS system provide back pressure to the FEDs. The event builder then assembles the data of the same L1A of all submodules and provides it to a single filter unit. The latter runs the HLT algorithms on the event and if accepted forwards it for storage.

### 1.8.1 The Event Builder

The event builder is composed of the FED builders and the read-out units (RU) builders. The FED builders are in charge of collecting an average size of 2 kBytes of data from the FEDs and transporting them from the underground cavern to the surface building where 72 super-fragments of roughly 16 kBytes are created. The super-fragments are distributed to the RU-builders on an event by event base, meaning that one unit will handle one event. The fragments are stored in the buffers of the RUs where the RU-builder transfers the event to the event filter.

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### 1.8.2 The Event Filter

The event filter role is to distribute the events to worker nodes in the processing farm which run offline reconstruction algorithms to process and select events for storage. It also

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### 1.8.3 DAQ Software, Control, and Monitoring

All DAQ subsystems have adopted a common software standard called Coss-Platform DAQ Framework (XDAQ).

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### 1.8.4 Detector Control System

The Detector Control System (DCS) monitors the subdetectors of CMS and ensures correct operation of the experiment. Each system report the status of individual detector electronics such as high voltage, low voltage, etc to the central DCS system where data is logged into a database. DCS provides bookkeeping and safety-related functions for all detectors via a software interface.

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## 1.9 The Upgrades

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