



# Accelerating Innovation

## Knowledge Transfer: from CERN to Society

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# Four pillars underpin CERN's mission







# TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

# KT's Mission



**Maximise** the technological and knowledge return to society, in particular through Member States industry



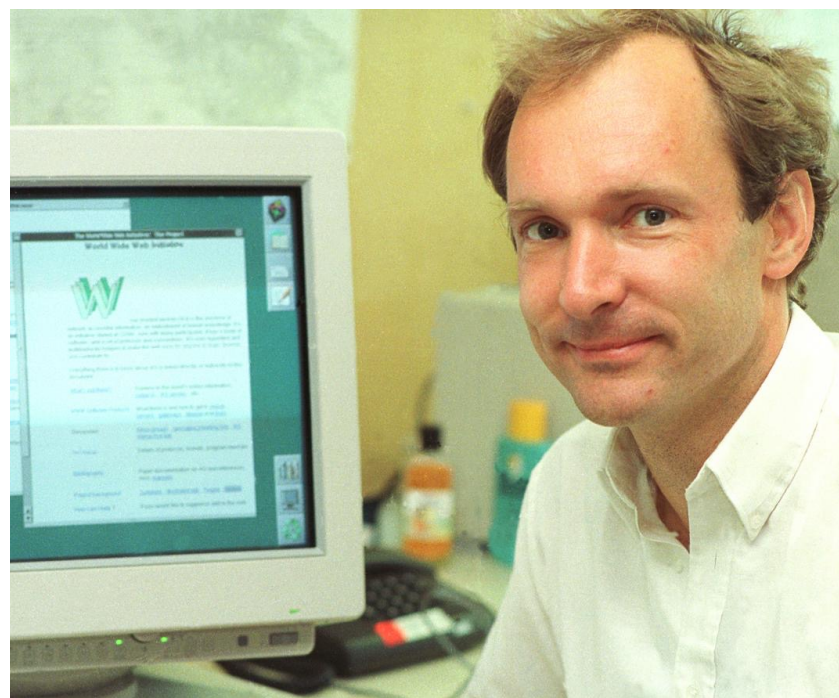
**Promote** CERN as a centre of excellence for technology and innovation



**Demonstrate** the importance and impact of fundamental research investments



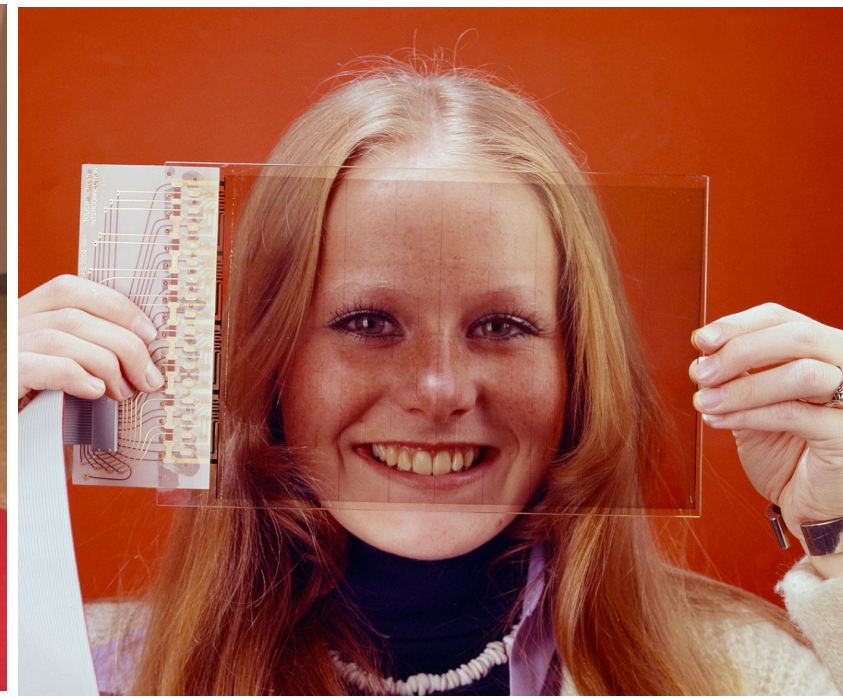
# Some historical examples



The **World Wide Web** born at CERN, later used by everyone...

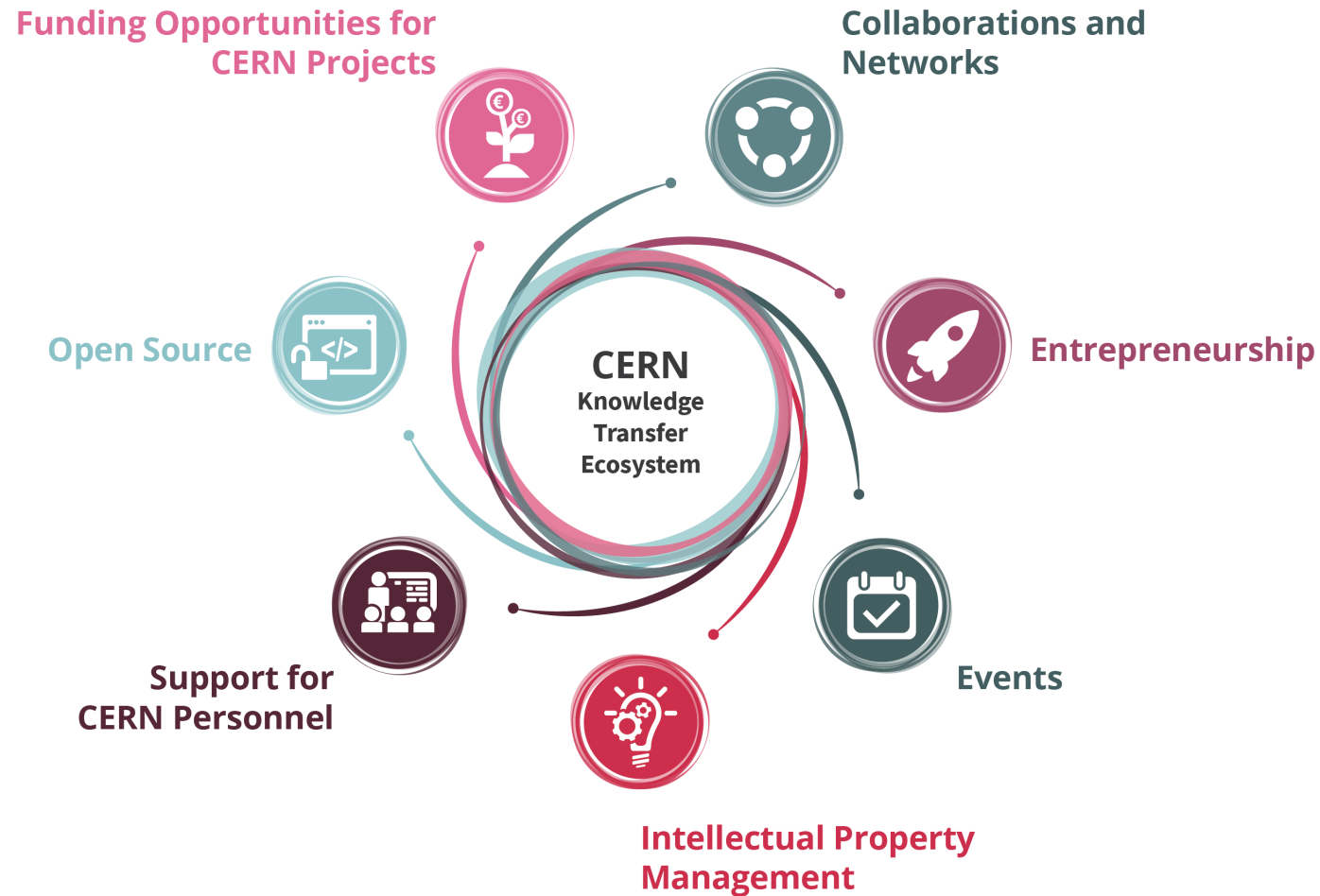


**Trackball** with optical encoders, used later in the mouse of a PC...



The first **touchscreen** to exist was at CERN, later used everywhere...

# Our toolbox to accelerate innovation





# Some Highlights from 2022

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND LICENSING



**11**

New technologies disclosed internally

**42**

Knowledge Transfer contracts signed



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CERN PERSONNEL



**12**

Projects funded by the Knowledge Transfer fund and Medical Applications budget



Of which **7** projects have a strong environmental focus thanks to the **CERN Innovation Programme on Environmental Applications (CIPEA)**

**1.47 MCHF**

Total funding allocated to projects taking CERN tech into society

**50kCHF - 224kCHF**

Range of funding received per project

# Hybrid strategy tech push & market pull

Mobilize tech experts

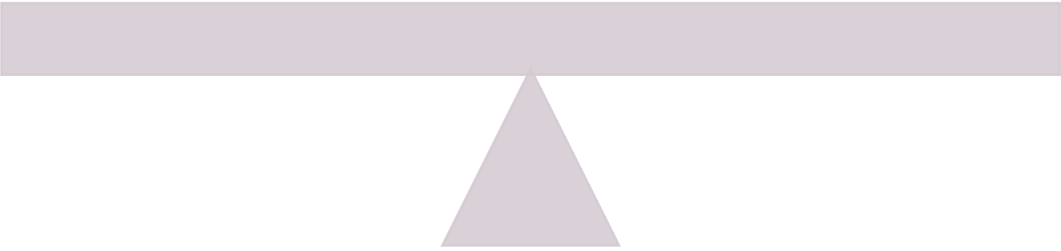
Create tech and IP dossiers

Scout for technologies

Mobilize innovation partners

Create value propositions

Search unmet needs



ACCELERATORS



DETECTORS



COMPUTING



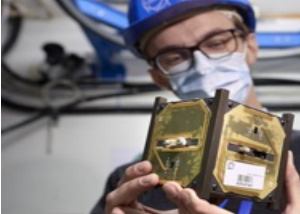
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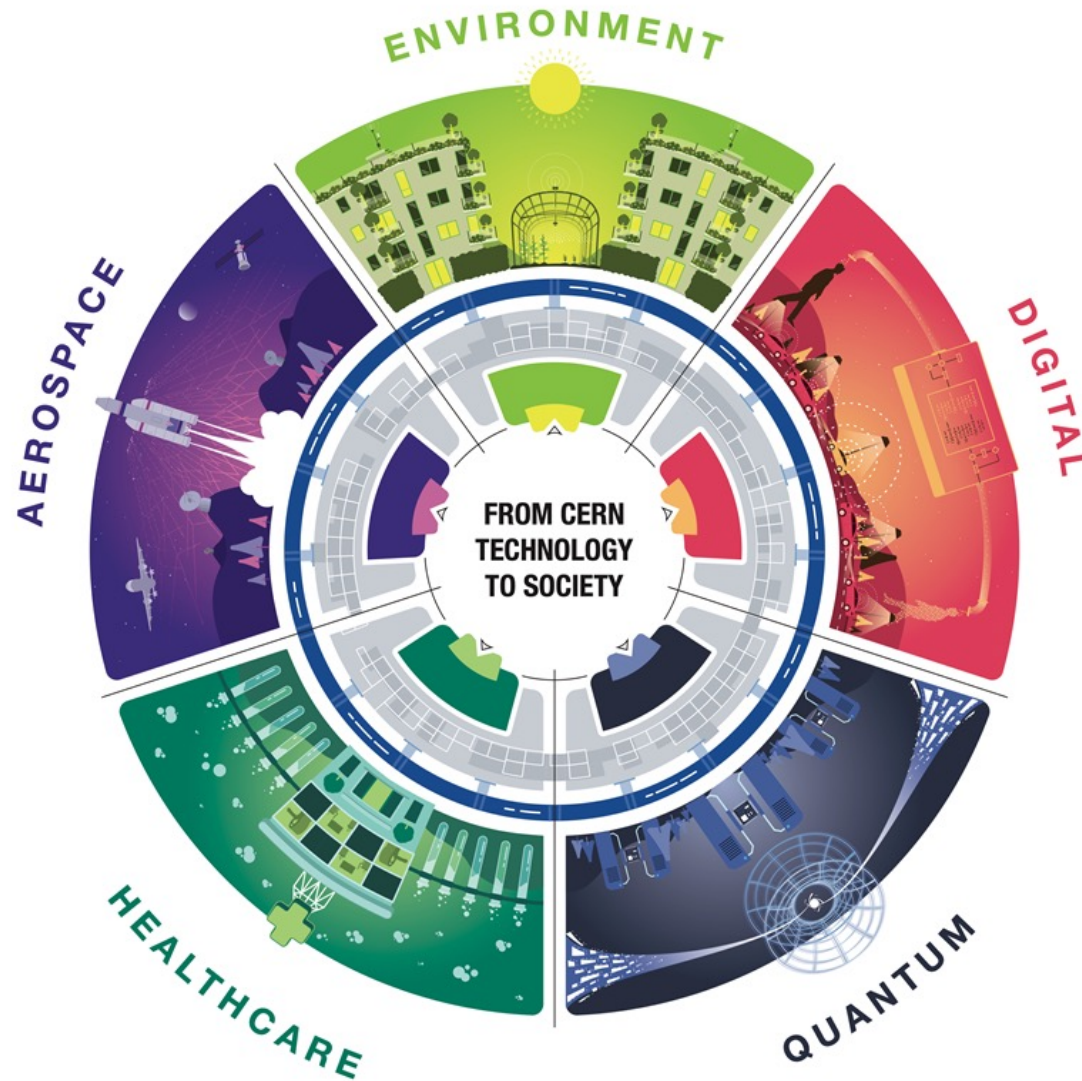
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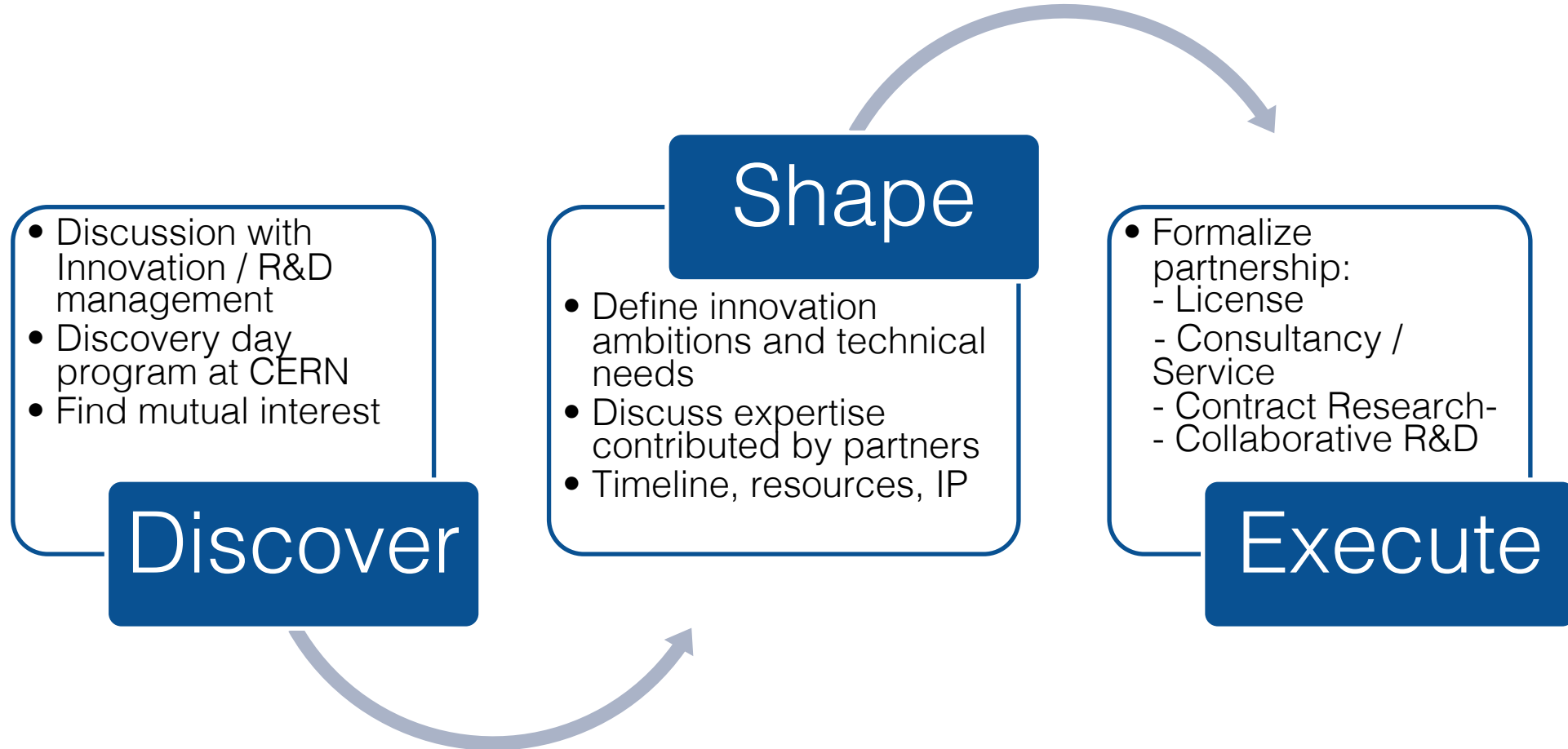
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# CERN as trusted non-commercial innovation partner

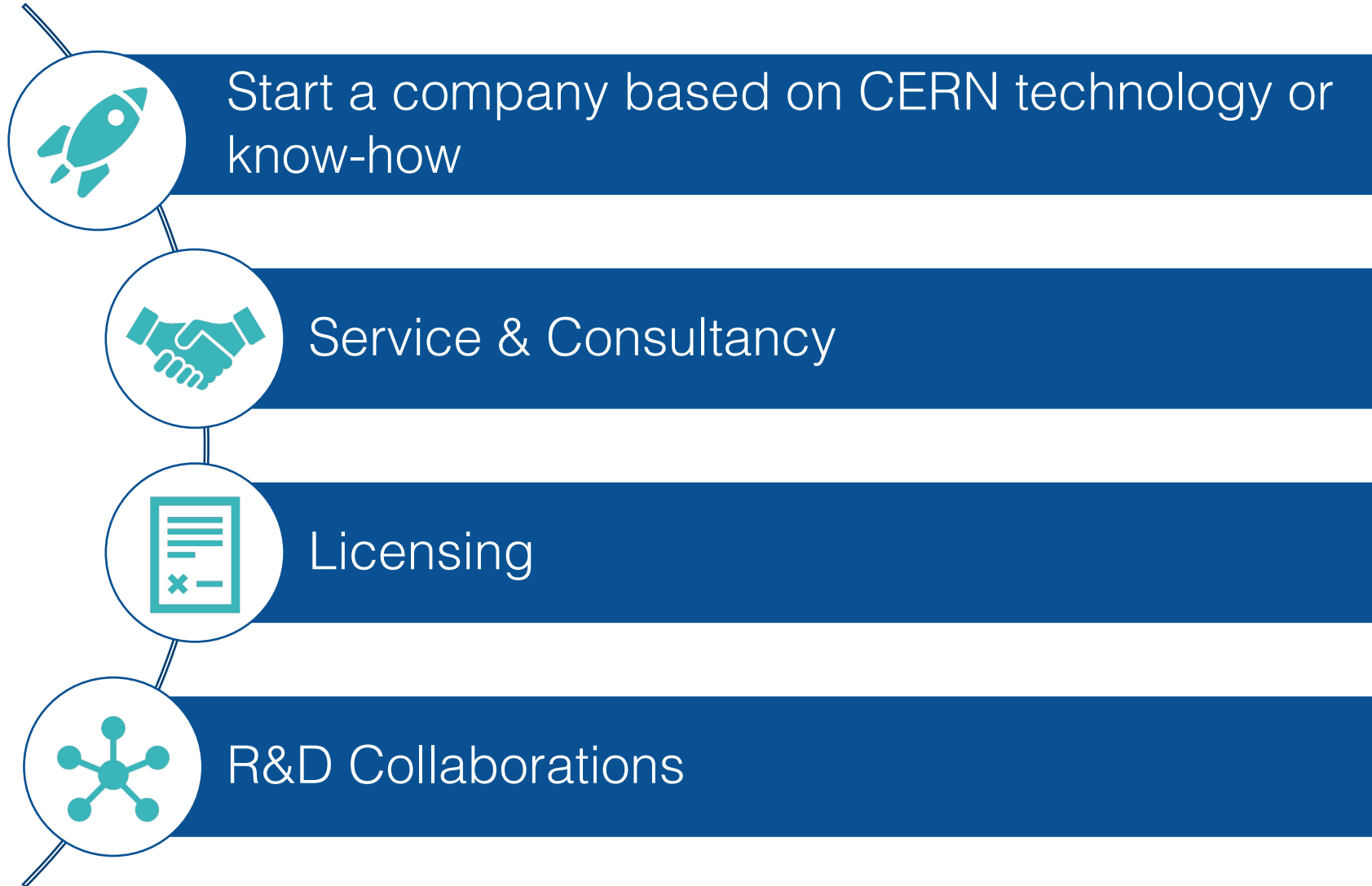


# Shaping innovation partnerships





# How to collaborate with CERN



# The Medipix Collaborations

Almost three decades of  
turning technology into  
applications within  
various domains

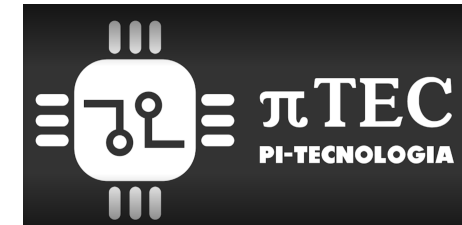
# Medipix in a nutshell

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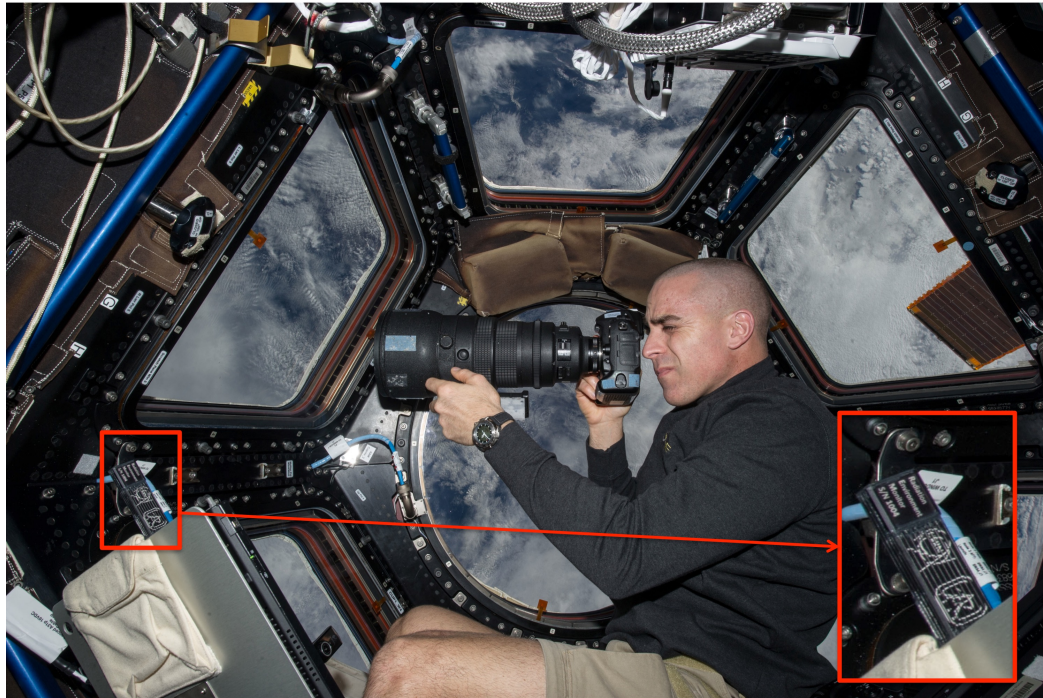
- A family of pixel detector read-out chips developed by the Medipix Collaborations.
- Hybrid pixel detectors were developed to respond to a need at the LHC: particle tracking in high rate environments.
- Single particle counting detectors have been widely used in education, space science, materials analysis and X-ray applications.
- Collaborations:
  - Medipix2: 17 members
  - Medipix3: 23 members
  - Medipix4: 19 members



# +10 Medipix/Timepix licencees



# Aerospace Applications



*Image of the astronaut Chris Cassidy working near the Timepix USB on the International Space Station (Courtesy of NASA, photo ref. no. iss036e006175)*

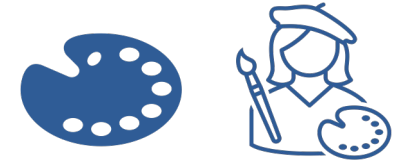


*Radiation monitoring in NASA's Orion vehicle and at the International Space Station*

Image: NASA



# Cultural Heritage



InsightART  
Measuring the  
DNA of your art



Image: InsightART



**The New York Times**

TRILOBITES

# 3-D Color X-Rays Could Help Spot Deadly Disease Without Surgery

A new medical scanner, derived from technology used by particle physics researchers at CERN, "is like the upgrade from black-and-white film to color," one of its developers said.

By Emily R...

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A three-dimensional developed by Dr.

X-rays get upgrade to 3D, full col

By Frankie Schembri | Jul. 18, 2018, 4:10 PM

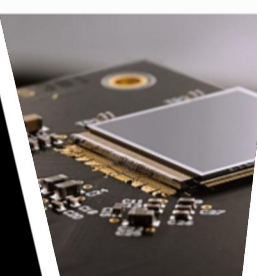
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# CERN Technology Used To Create First Ever 3D Color X-Ray

Meriam Berboucha Contributor

you think of an x-ray image, you probably think of a black of bones. But now imagine a world where x-ray images of the rainbow. Don't know abo ... that's right



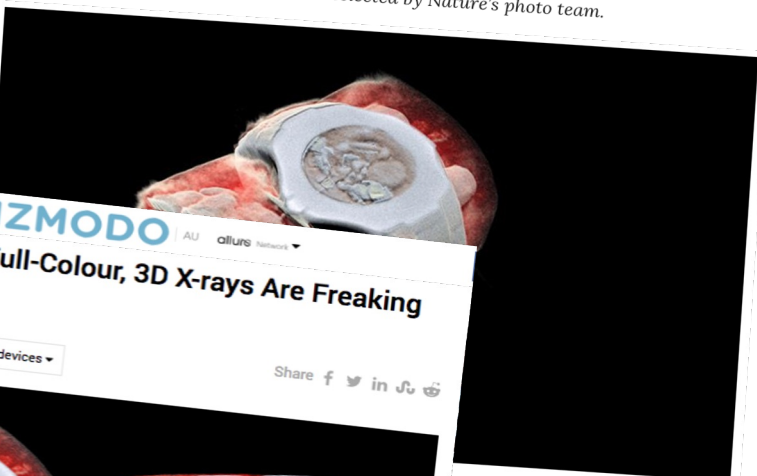
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# Whales, scales and moons – July's best science images


The month's sharpest science shots – selected by Nature's photo team.



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# The World's First Full-Colour, 3D X-rays Are Freaking Me Out

Andrew Liszewski  
Jul 13, 2018, 9:00pm · Filed to: medical devices



ped a technology that mmercialized by MARS s originally developed chip detects and counts s run through powerful differentiate bones,

**AuntMinnie.com**

# New Zealand start-up scans 1st humans with spectral CT

By Abraham Kim, AuntMinnie.com staff writer

July 18, 2018 -- Researchers from a start-up company in New Zealand have scanned the first humans with a spectral CT scanner based on solid-state digital detectors. The technology produces color images at much higher levels of resolution than traditional CT scanners and, thus, may improve diagnosis.

# Medical Applications



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## HSS and MARS Bioimaging partner for MARS 5x120 Extremity scanner

By NS Medical Staff Writer 16 Jun 2023

DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Under the collaboration, HSS and MARS will partner to advance musculoskeletal imaging and diagnosis and study specific aspects of the MARS 5x120 Extremity Scanner and co-develop new scanning technologies and systems

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## MARS and HSS collaborate to advance musculoskeletal imaging

The partnership will assess particular aspects of the MARS 5x120 Extremity scanner.

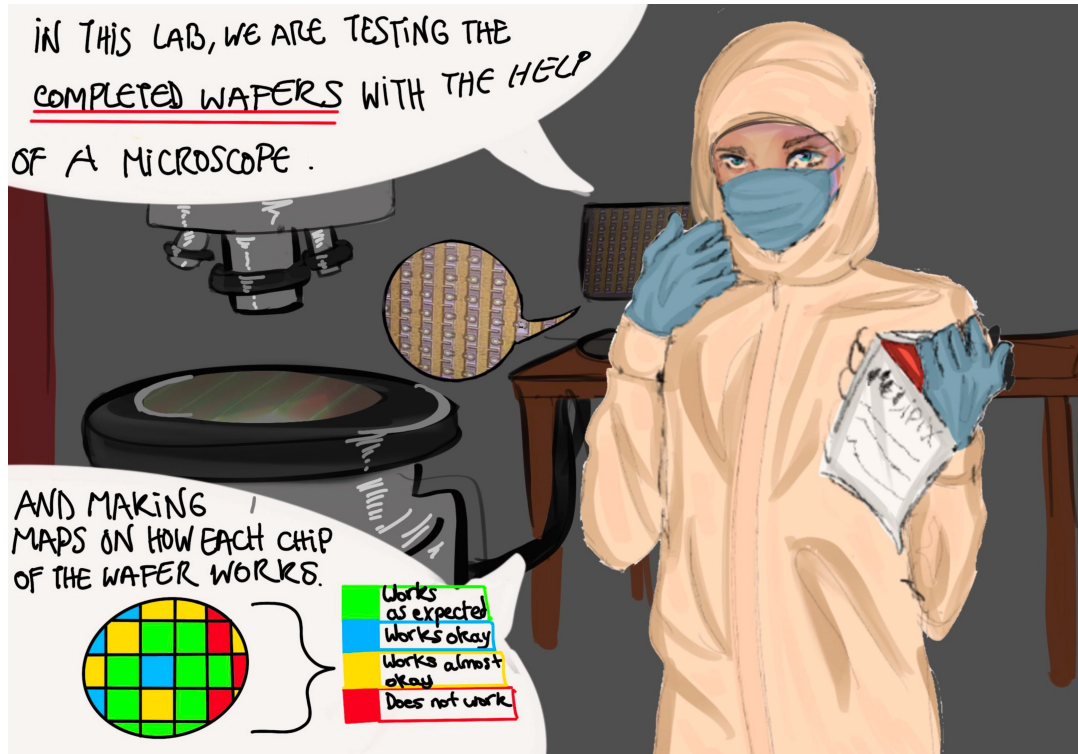
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...ography extracts more information from a given depos ...

... (articles) attached to bio markers could open the field of functional imaging ...

... present different energy ...

# Education



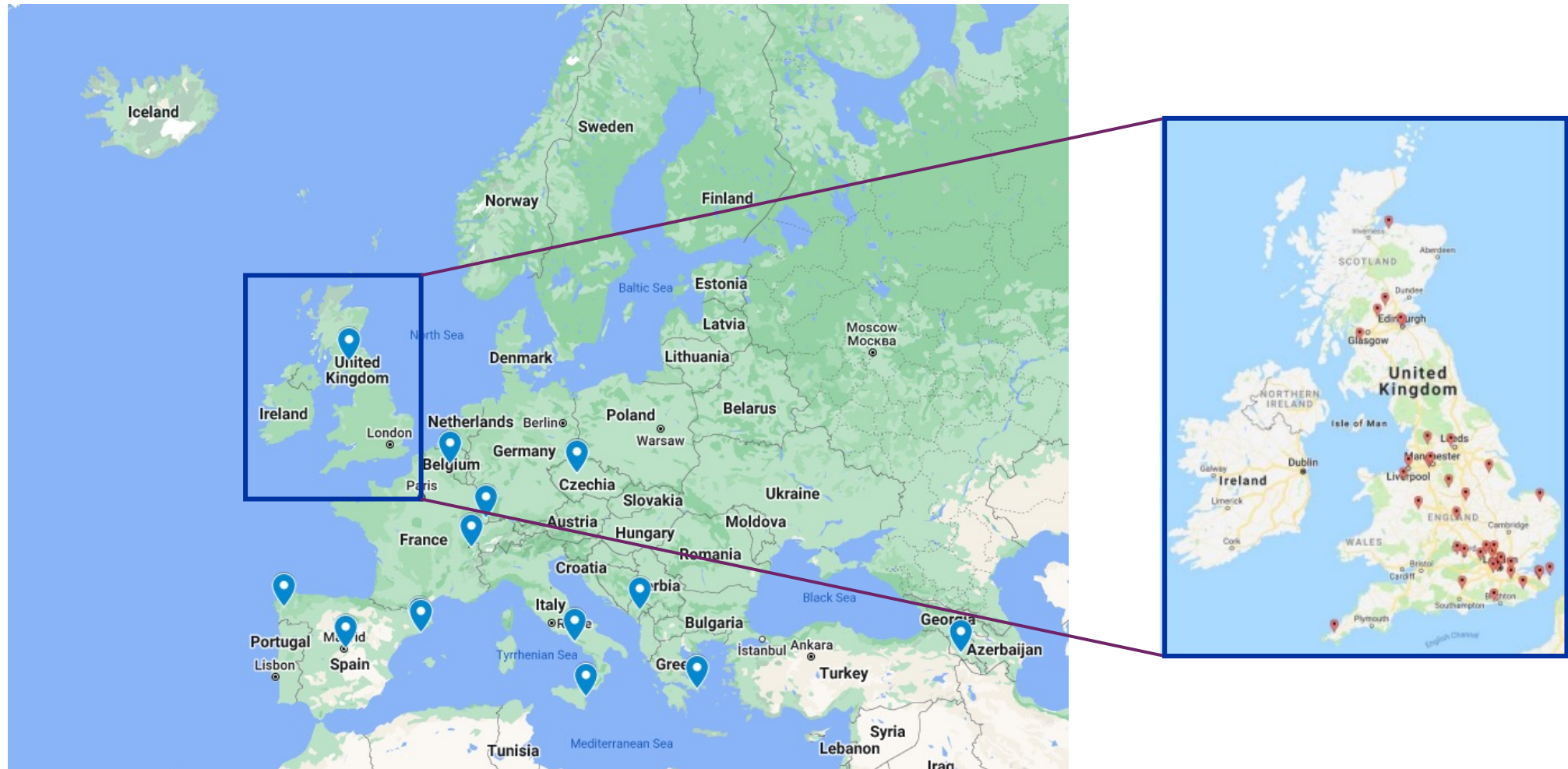
## WHAT PARTICLES CAN MEDI/TIMEPIX DETECT?

NAME	SYMBOL	STRUCTURE	HOW IT LOOKS IN MEDI/TIMEPIX
Alpha	$\alpha$	<p>2 Protons &amp; 2 Neutrons</p>	<p>Large roundish spots by alpha particles.</p>
Beta	$\beta$	<p>Can be an electron or positron</p>	<p>Worm-like form (Each worm is different as it interacts with the surroundings)</p>
Gamma	$\gamma$	<p>A photon Like a wave</p>	<p>a dot.</p>

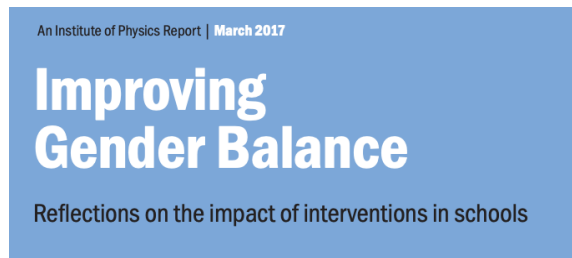
Samuel  
Zano Álvarez



# Geographical Distribution of the Kits



# Related Publications



Open Access Feature Paper Article

## Smartphone and Tablet-Based Sensing of Environmental Radioactivity: Mobile Low-Cost Measurements for Monitoring, Citizen Science, and Educational Purposes

by Oliver Keller <sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Mathieu Benoit <sup>3</sup>, Andreas Müller <sup>2</sup> and Sascha Schmeling <sup>1</sup>

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## iPadPix — A novel educational tool to visualise radioactivity measured by a hybrid pixel detector

O. Keller,<sup>a,b,1</sup> S. Schmeling,<sup>a</sup> A. Müller<sup>b</sup> and M. Benoit<sup>b</sup>



Radiation Measurements

Volume 127, August 2019, 106090



## Transforming education with the Timepix detector - Ten years of CERN@school

B. Parker <sup>a, b</sup>, , L. Thomas <sup>a</sup>, E. Rushton <sup>a, c</sup>, P. Hatfield <sup>a, d</sup>

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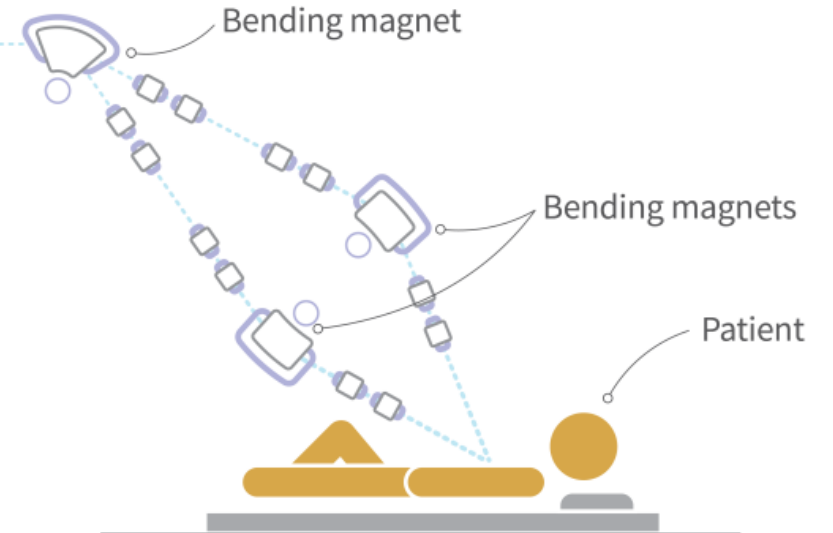
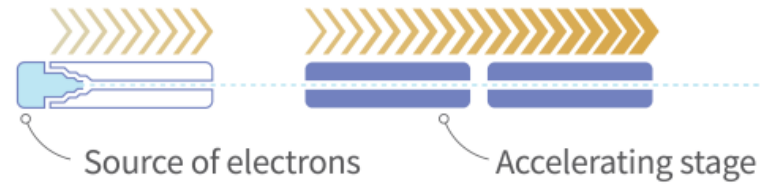
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## ADMIRA project: teaching particle physics at high school with Timepix detectors

D Parcerisas<sup>1,\*</sup>, , R Ballabriga<sup>2,\*</sup>, E Amorós<sup>5</sup>, A Argudo<sup>3</sup>, M Campbell<sup>2</sup>, L Casas<sup>4</sup>, P Christodoulou<sup>2</sup>, R Colomé<sup>5</sup>, D Corrons<sup>6</sup>, V Curcó<sup>7</sup>, M Enajas<sup>8</sup>, C Granja<sup>9</sup>, E Grauges<sup>3</sup>, A Gou<sup>10</sup>, E Lleó<sup>11</sup>, X Llopert<sup>2</sup>, E Pallares<sup>3</sup>, H Pino<sup>12</sup>, S Serra<sup>13</sup> and G Valero<sup>14</sup>

**FLASH radiotherapy:** very high-energy electrons (VHEE) to treat cancer resistant to conventional treatments → reduced side effects



**CLIC** high-performance linear electron accelerator technology

**FLASH** treatments of large and deep-seated tumours

**< 200 ms**

Full dose is delivered by a beam of electrons in less than 200 ms

More healthy tissue spared

**Innovative Radiation Therapy with Electrons**



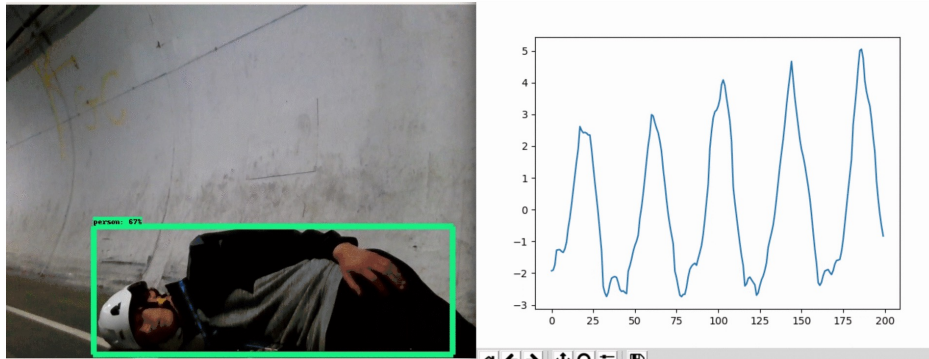
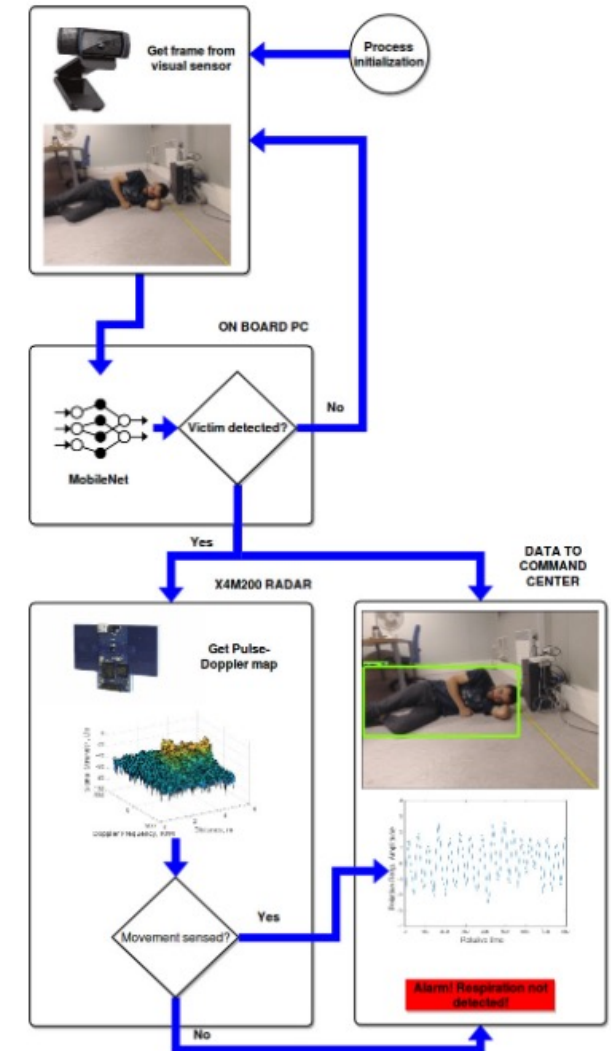
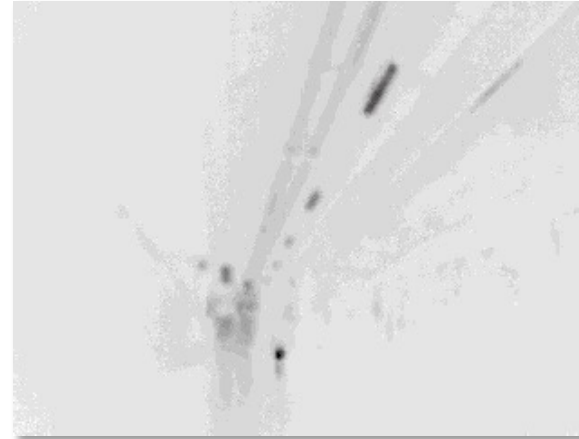
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Machine learning based  
human recognition and  
health monitoring system



# ML in robotics for safety application

- Developed at CERN using the CERNBot mobile platform
- Spatial calibration method for sensor fusion of standard cameras, thermal cameras, radars and depth sensors
- Contactless human breathing and heartbeat monitoring





**MEDICAL  
APPLICATION**  
Brain MRI  
anomaly  
screening

# CAFEIN: Federated Learning Platform for Collaborative AI Training

**MULTI-  
INSTITUTIONAL**





ZENSEACT (Volvo Cars Company) teams up with CERN on extremely fast machine learning using FPGAs.

Collaborative R&D





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Collaboration with CORMEC and WUR to support national banks and regulators to detect trading anomalies in commodity and financial markets.



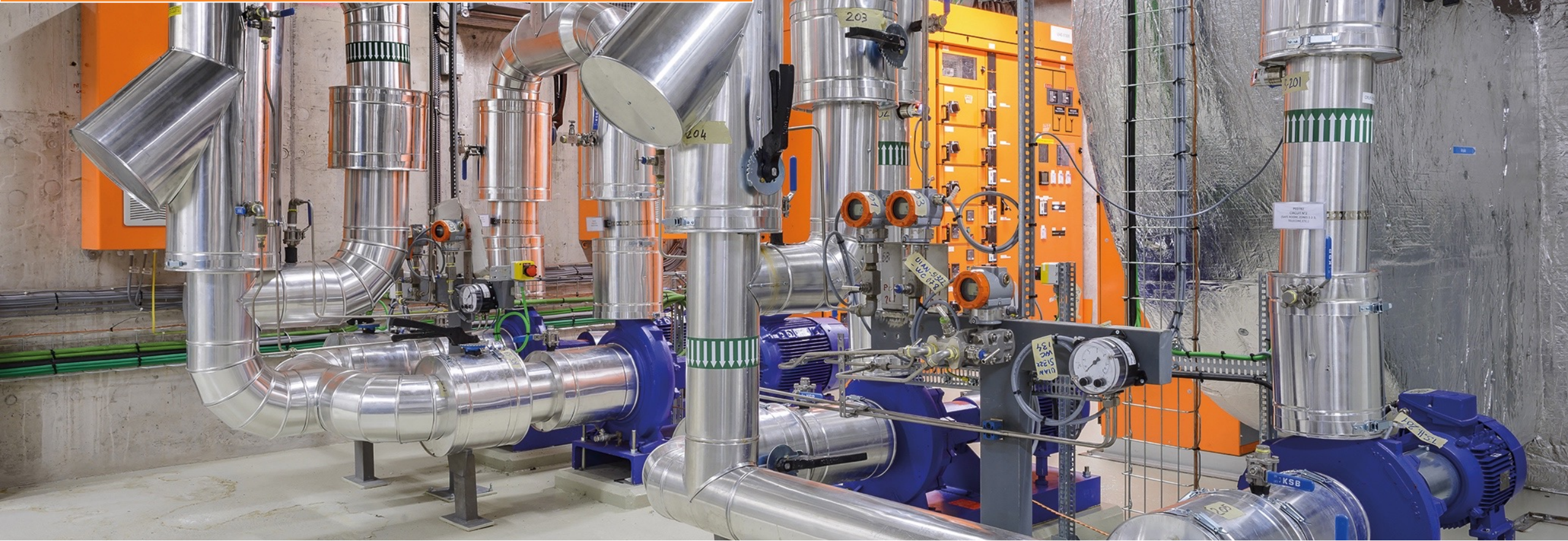
Contract research

Development of high energy beam for testing radiation hardness with ESA.



CERN and ABB team up on reducing electricity in cooling and ventilation.

Collaborative R&D



Smart sensors will transform traditional motors, pumps, etc into wirelessly connect devices → data will be used to create **DIGITAL TWINS**



A CERN spin-off



**PlanetWatch**<sup>®</sup>

**PlanetWatch:** a CERN Spinoff using the CERN technology C2MON, delivers an end-to-end solution to generate, validate, analyse and record air quality data.



# Extreme technologies for the planes of the future

- **Superconductivity:** electrical distribution systems of future hybrid and electric propulsion planes → reduce the weight of aircraft & increase efficiency (Airbus)
- **Cryogenic infrastructures:** material testing at extremely low temperatures → liquid hydrogen storage on aircrafts (Applus+)



*"PARTNERING WITH CERN WILL HELP PUSH THE BOUNDARIES OF RESEARCH, AS WE WORK TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE AVIATION A REALITY."*

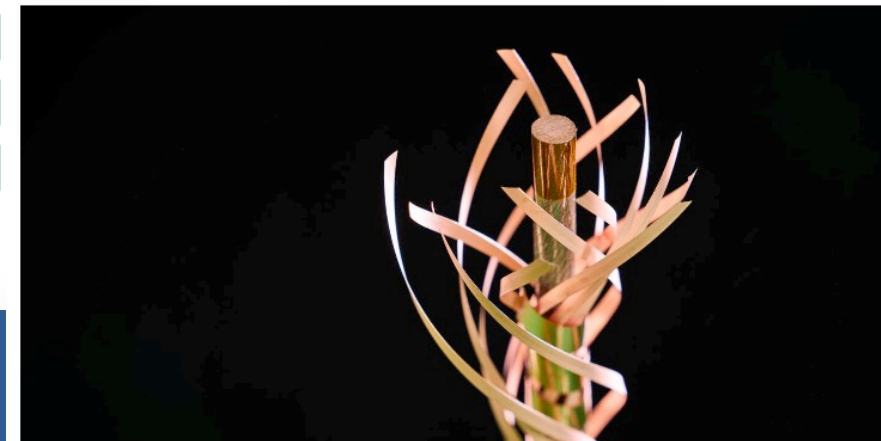
Ludovic Ybanez, Head of superconducting technologies demonstrator at Airbus UpNext.

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## CERN and Airbus partnership on future clean aviation

CERN and Airbus UpNext sign a collaboration agreement to assess the use of superconducting technologies for future zero-emission aeroplanes.

1 DECEMBER, 2022







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Venture Connect

Access  
Breakthrough  
CERN technologies

Connect to  
investors and  
venture startup  
economy

Get **0% Equity**  
Express  
agreements

**2% Royalty on**  
**≥ 1MCHF**

› Structured Laser Beam – low cost  
laser for ul...

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synchronisation f...

# Key lessons learned

- CERN is strong in the ‘extremes’ of the technology scale;
- You need passionate experts on both sides to succeed;
- Start with a concrete project and clear business need;
- Mind the gap – in language, ‘clockspeed’ and culture;
- Driving deep tech innovation requires courage.

**“To know that we know what we know, and to know that we do not know what we do not know, that is true knowledge.”** *Nicolaus Copernicus*

# Obrigada! Thank you!

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