



CERN – a short and sweet introduction

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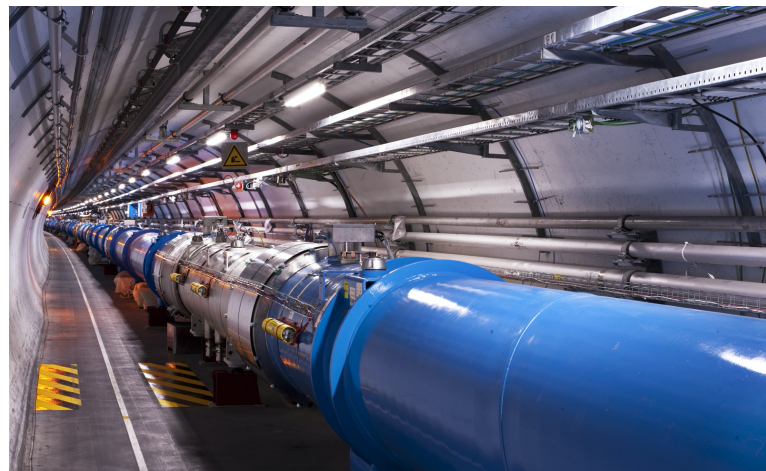
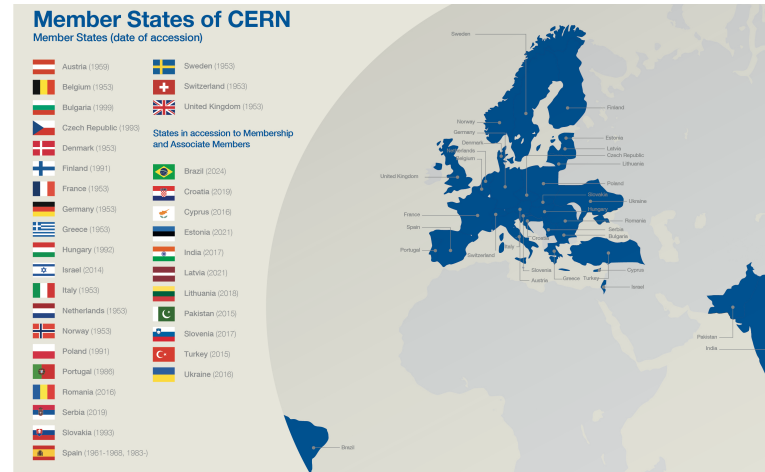
Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire

International **C**ollaboration

Education

Fundamental **R**esearch

New Technology



History

1949

First steps towards civilian research in the field of nuclear technology

1952

Foundation of CERN under the auspices of UNESCO in Geneva

1953

Signing of the CERN charta

1954

Completion of the ratification process of the 12 Member States

La sixième session du Conseil fut organisée à Paris du 29 juin au 1^{er} juillet 1953. C'est à cette occasion que la Convention établissant l'Organisation fut signée, sous réserve de ratification, par douze Etats membres.

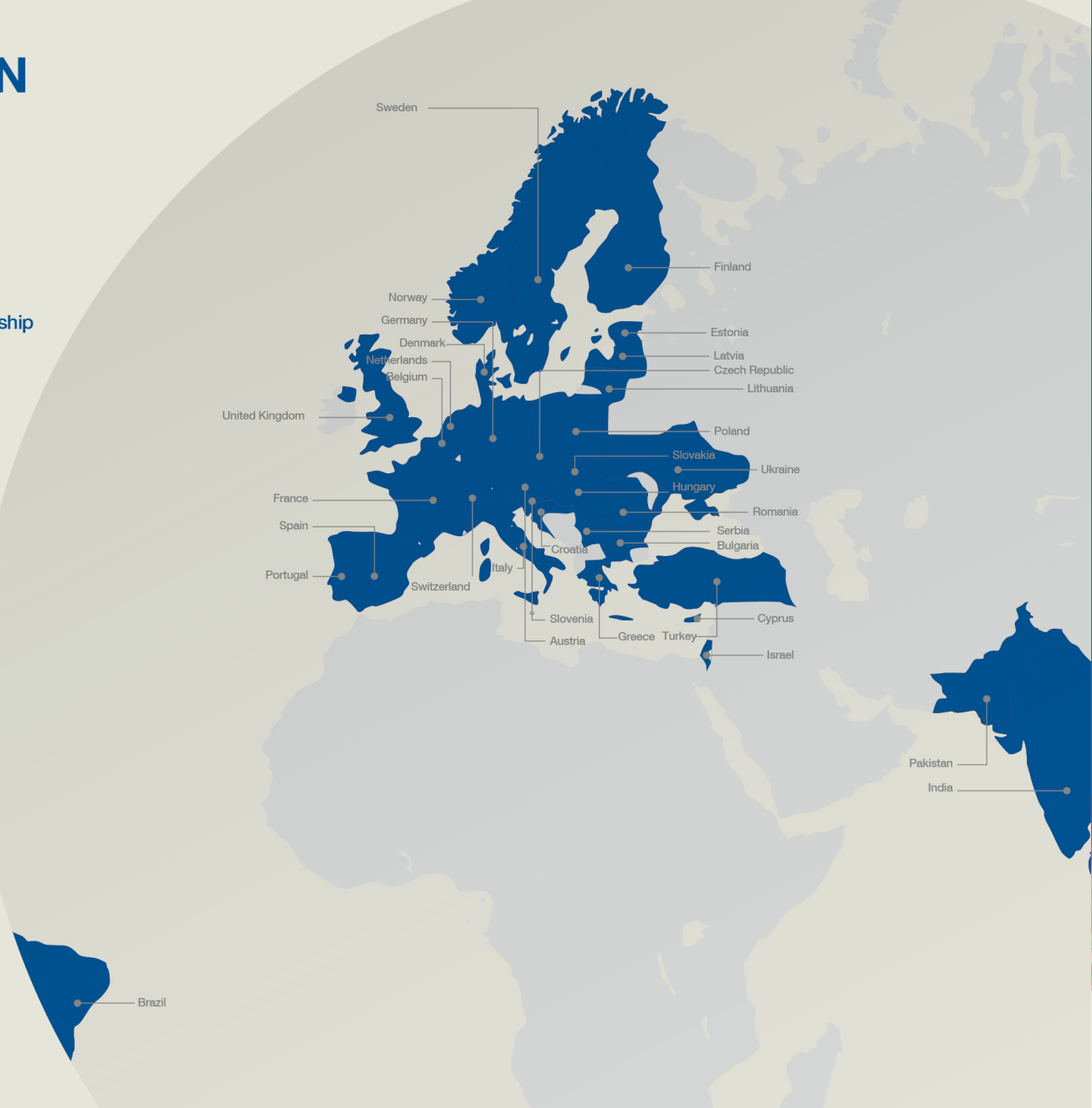


The Sixth Session of the CERN Council took place in Paris on 29 June—1 July 1953. It was here that the Convention establishing the Organization was signed, subject to ratification, by twelve States.

Member States of CERN

Member States (date of accession)

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|  Austria (1959) |  Sweden (1953) | |
|  Belgium (1953) |  Switzerland (1953) | |
|  Bulgaria (1999) |  United Kingdom (1953) | |
|  Czech Republic (1993) | States in accession to Membership and Associate Members | |
|  Denmark (1953) |  Brazil (2024) | |
|  Finland (1991) |  Croatia (2019) | |
|  France (1953) |  Cyprus (2016) | |
|  Germany (1953) |  Estonia (2021) | |
|  Greece (1953) |  India (2017) | |
|  Hungary (1992) |  Latvia (2021) | |
|  Israel (2014) |  Lithuania (2018) | |
|  Italy (1953) |  Pakistan (2015) | |
|  Netherlands (1953) |  Slovenia (2017) | |
|  Norway (1953) |  Turkey (2015) | |
|  Poland (1991) |  Ukraine (2016) | |
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|  Spain (1961-1968, 1983-) | | |

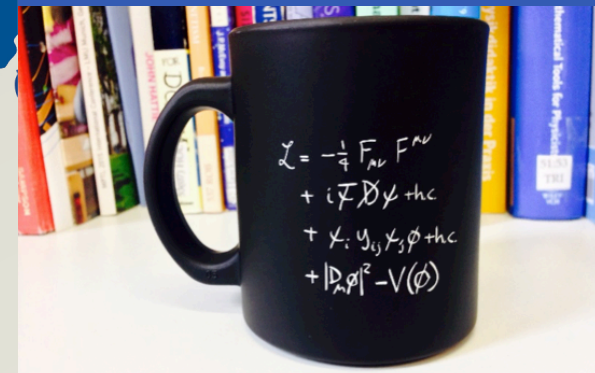


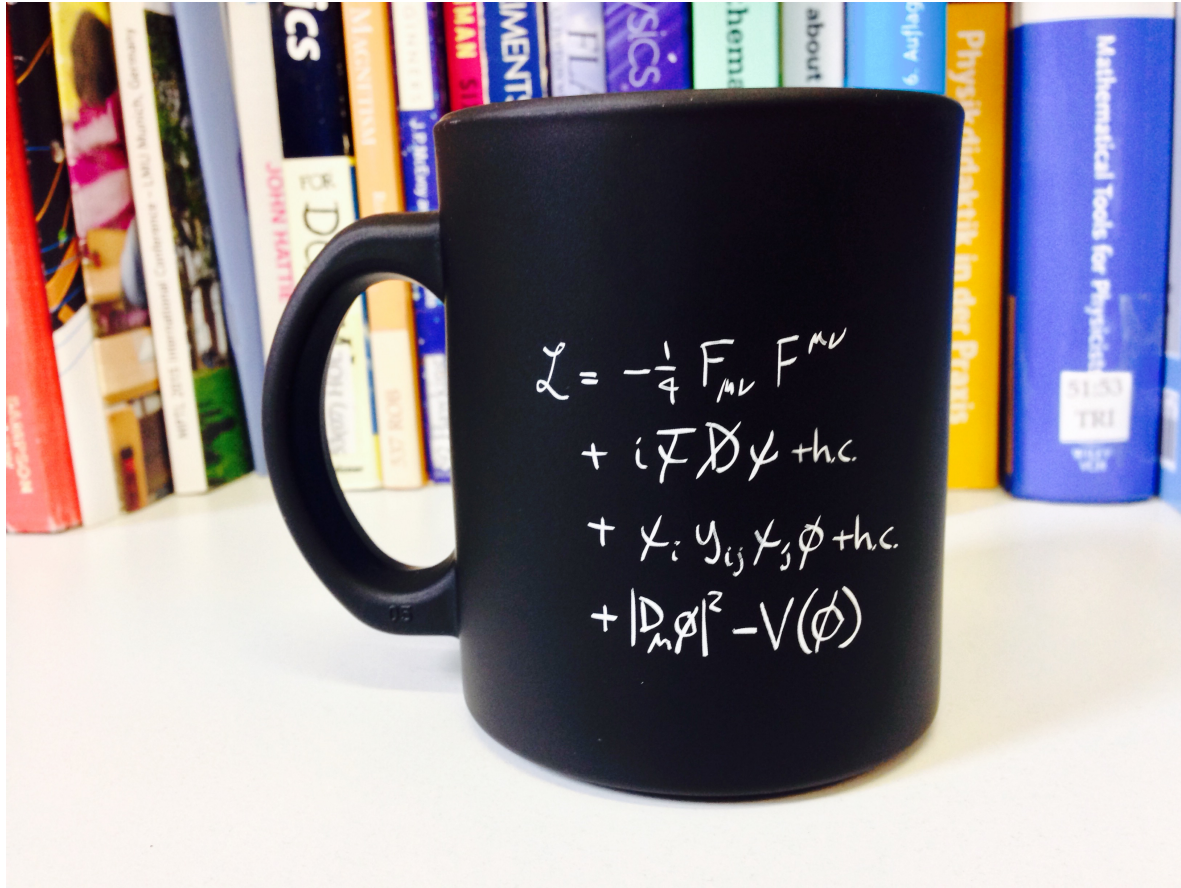
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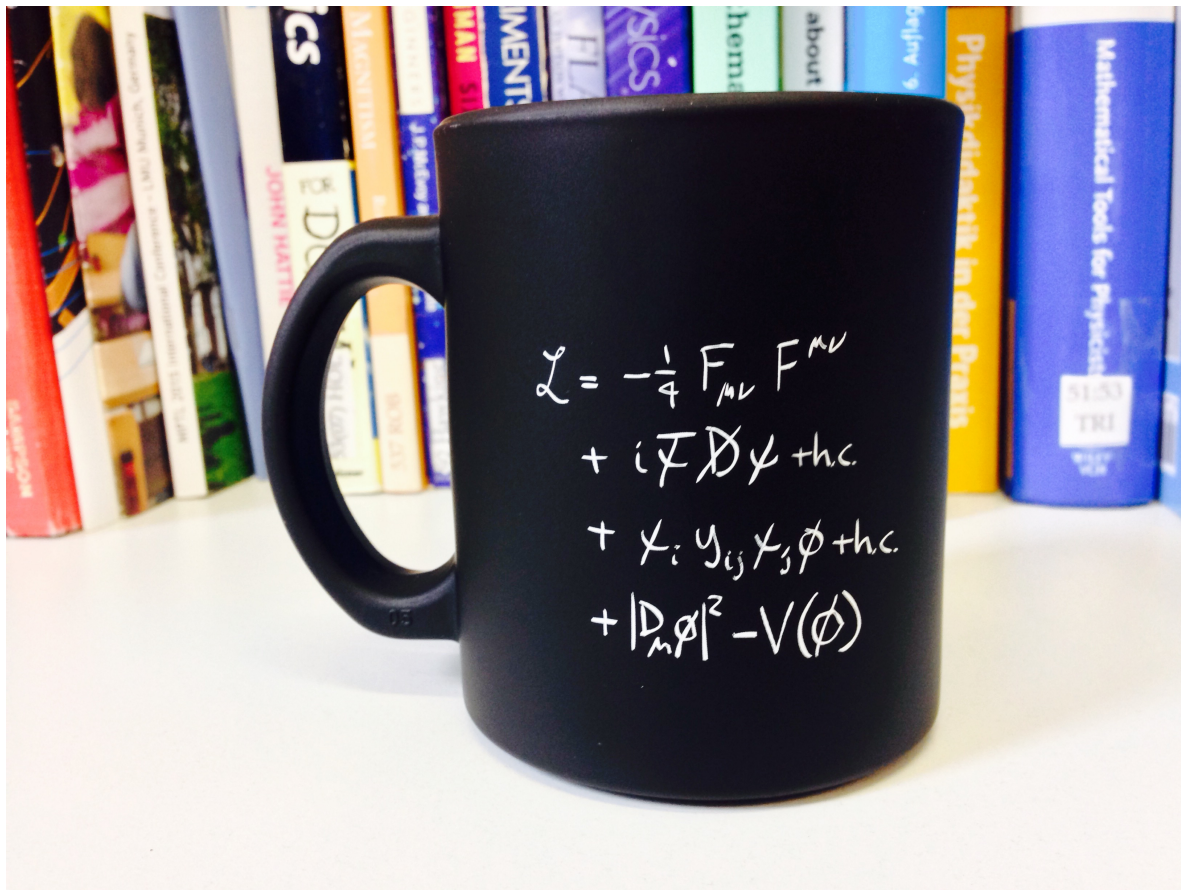
23 Member States

11 Associate Member States

Annual budget
1.2 billion CHF
1.2 billion EUR
1.3 billion USD







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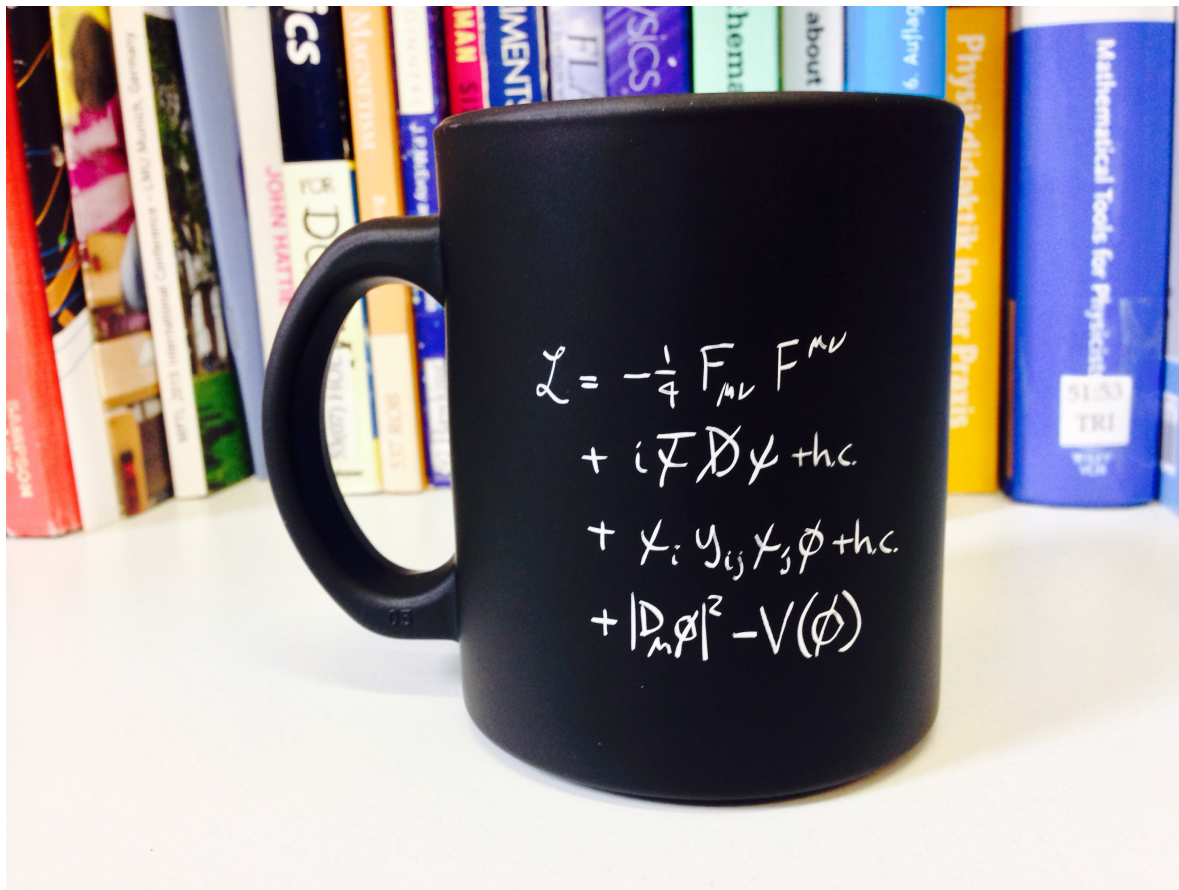
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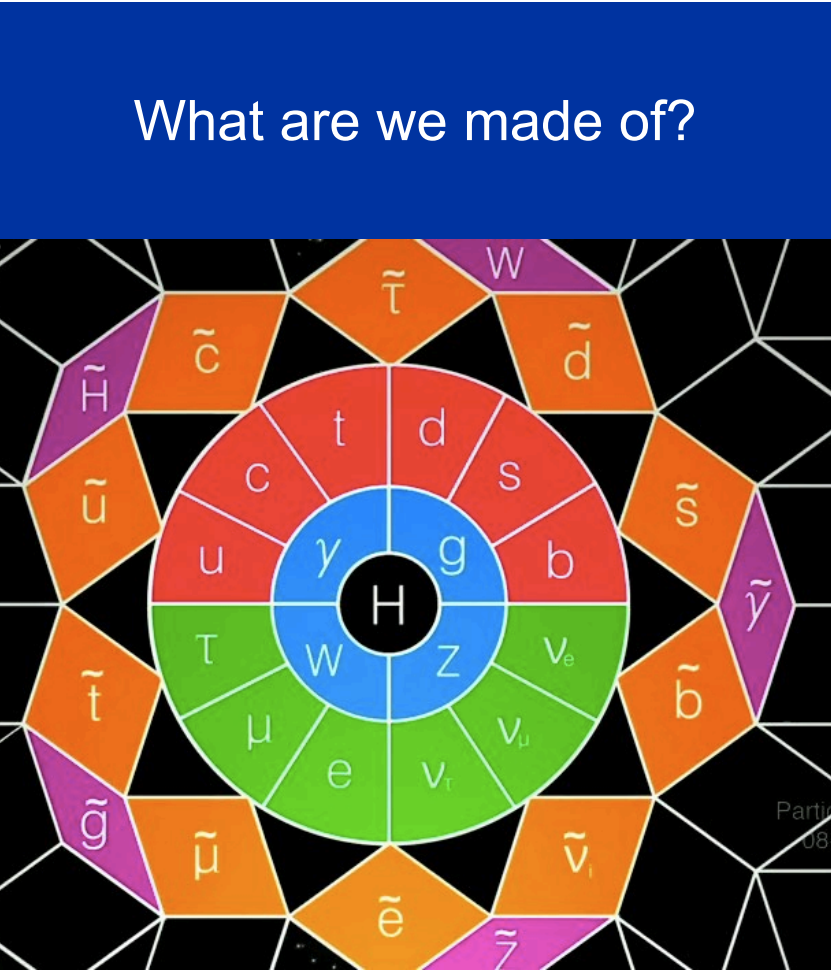
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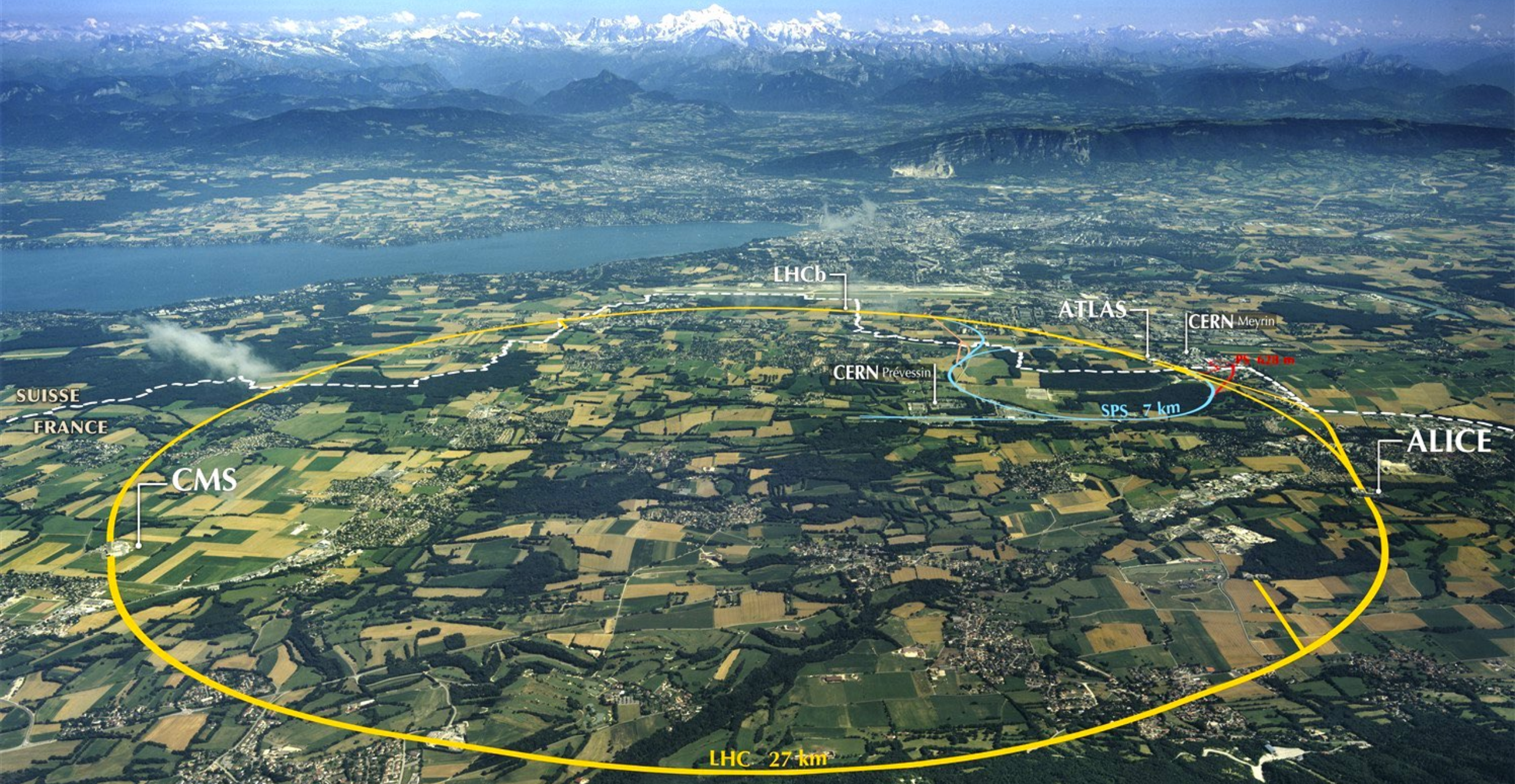
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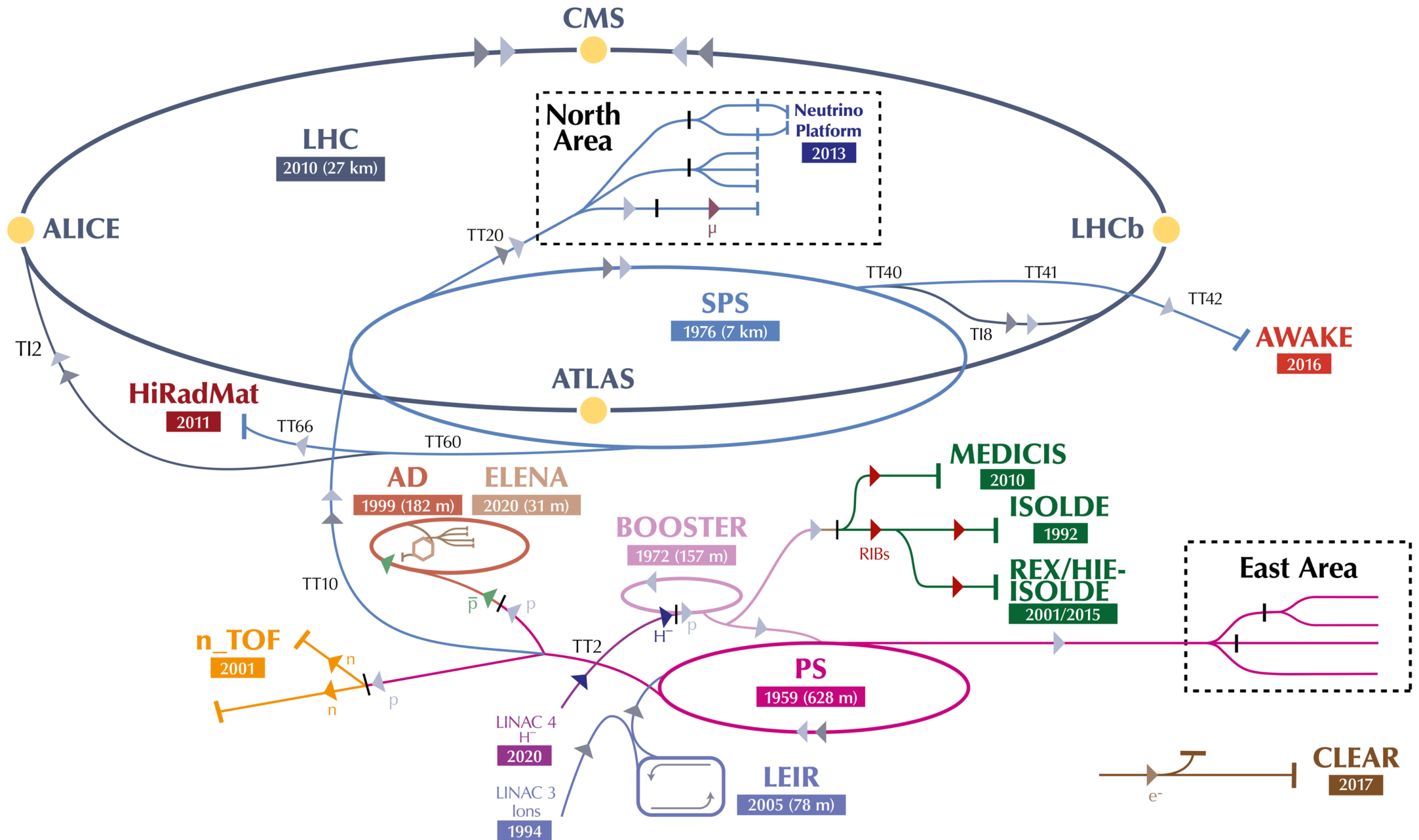


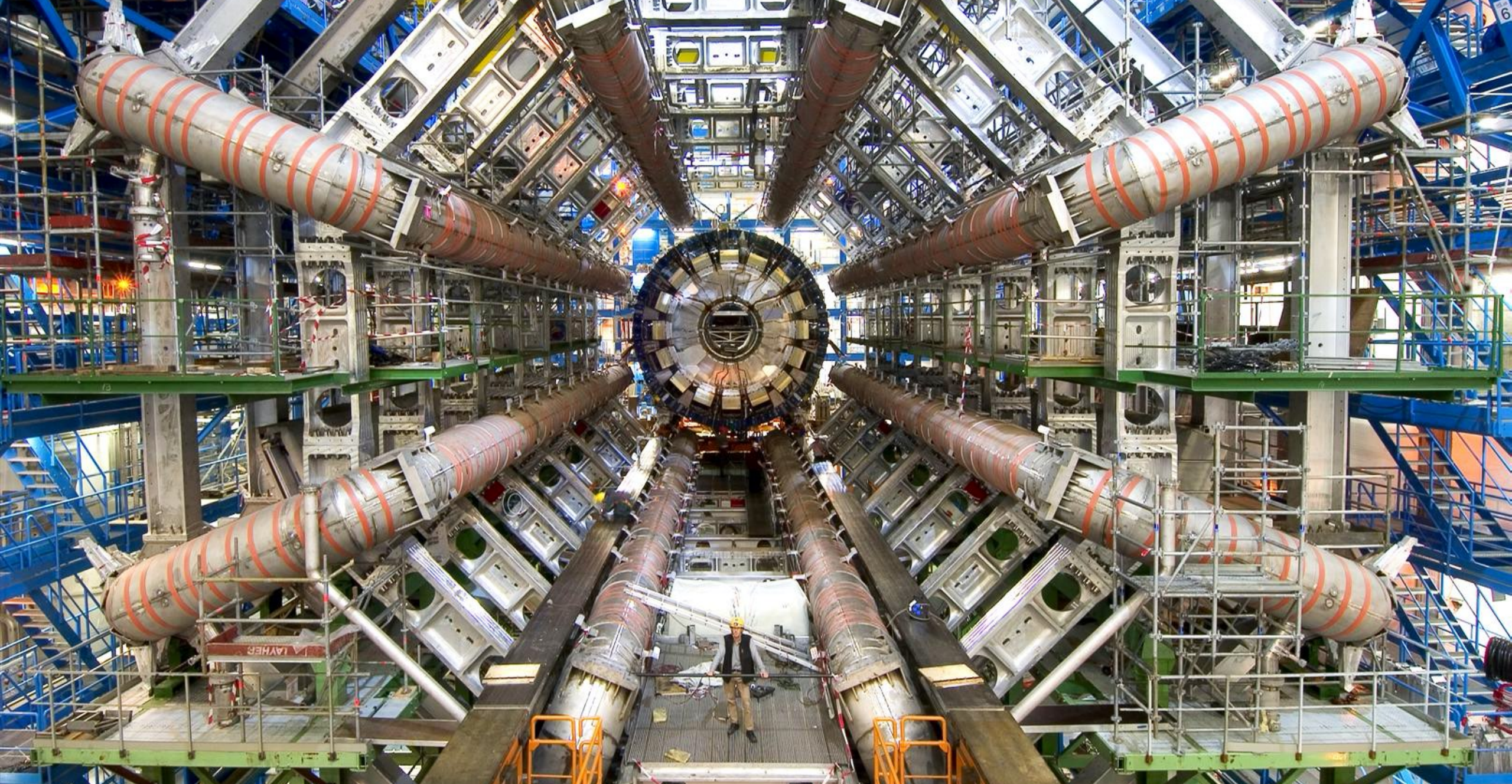
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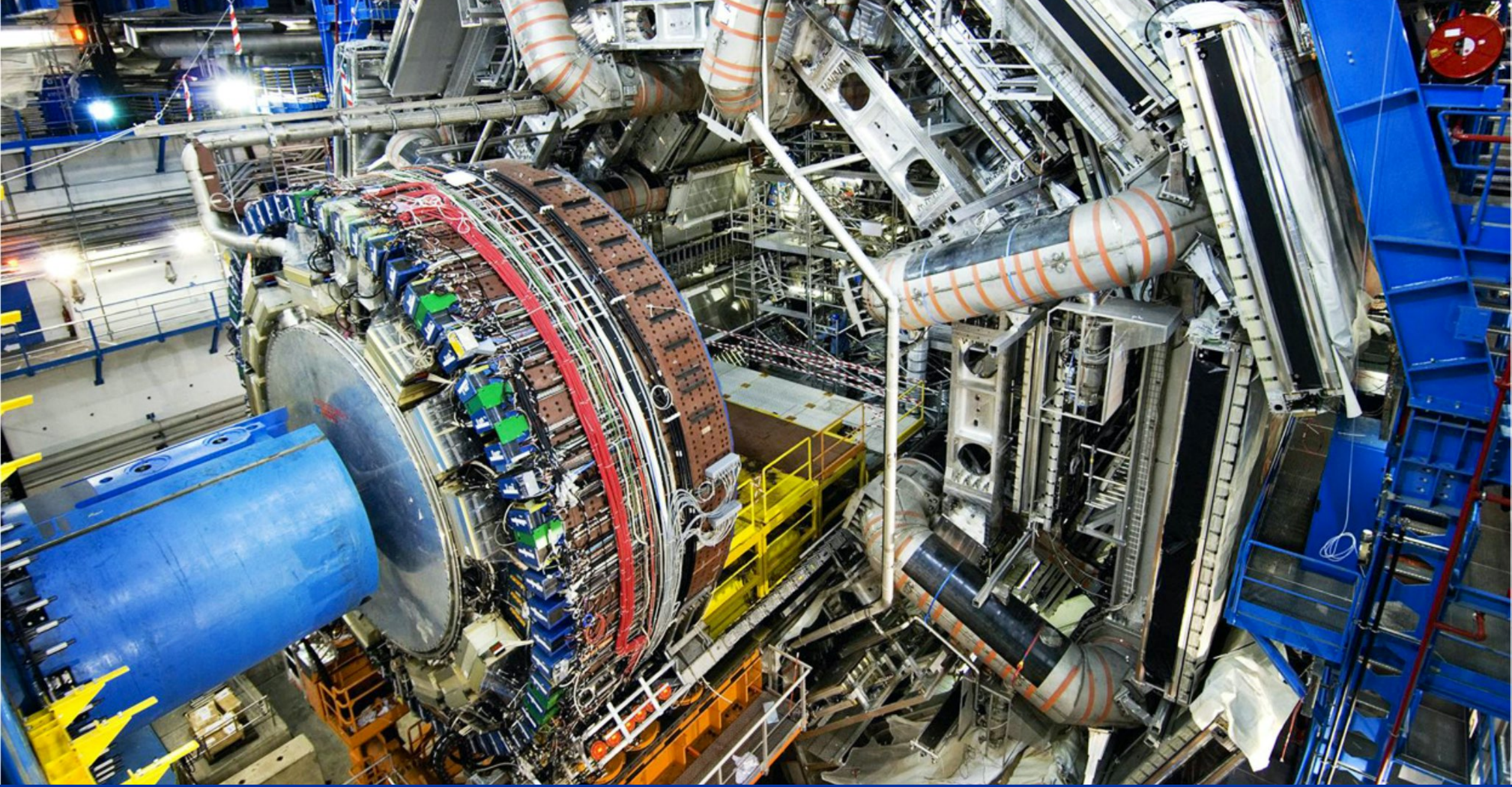


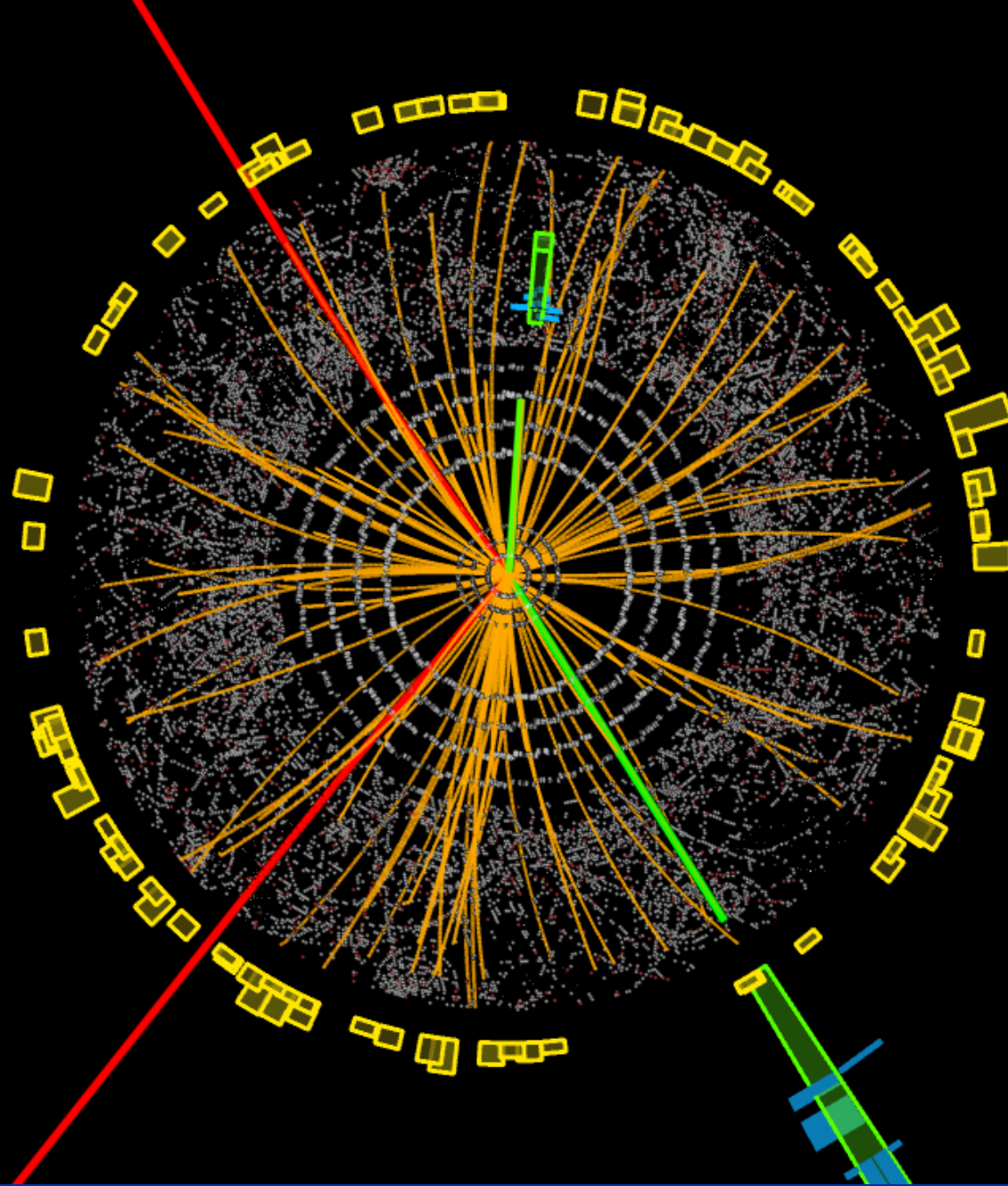
Where are we going?











Knowledge Transfer

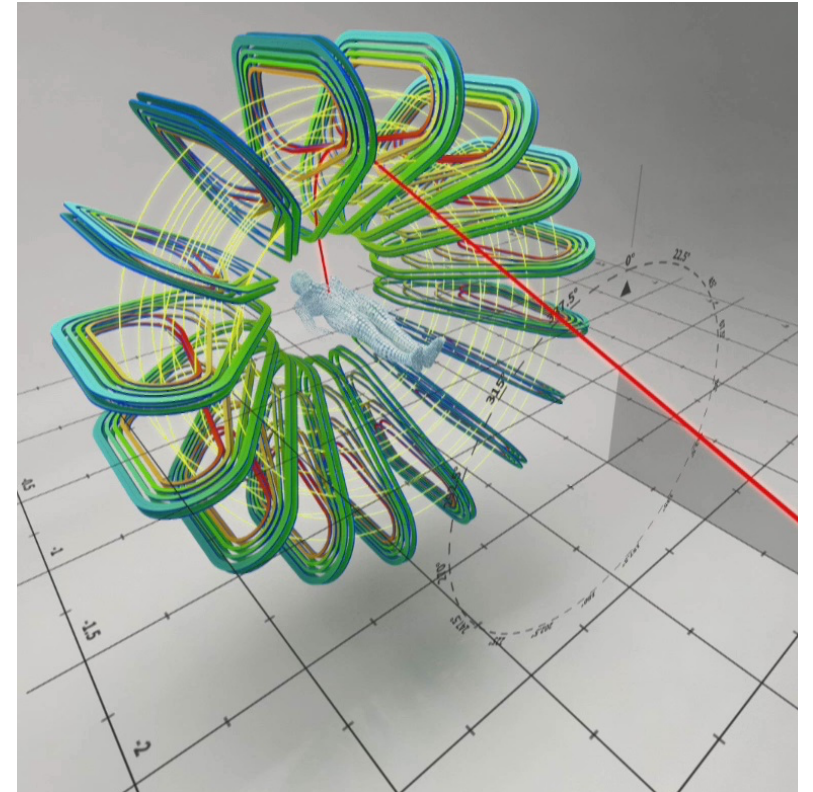
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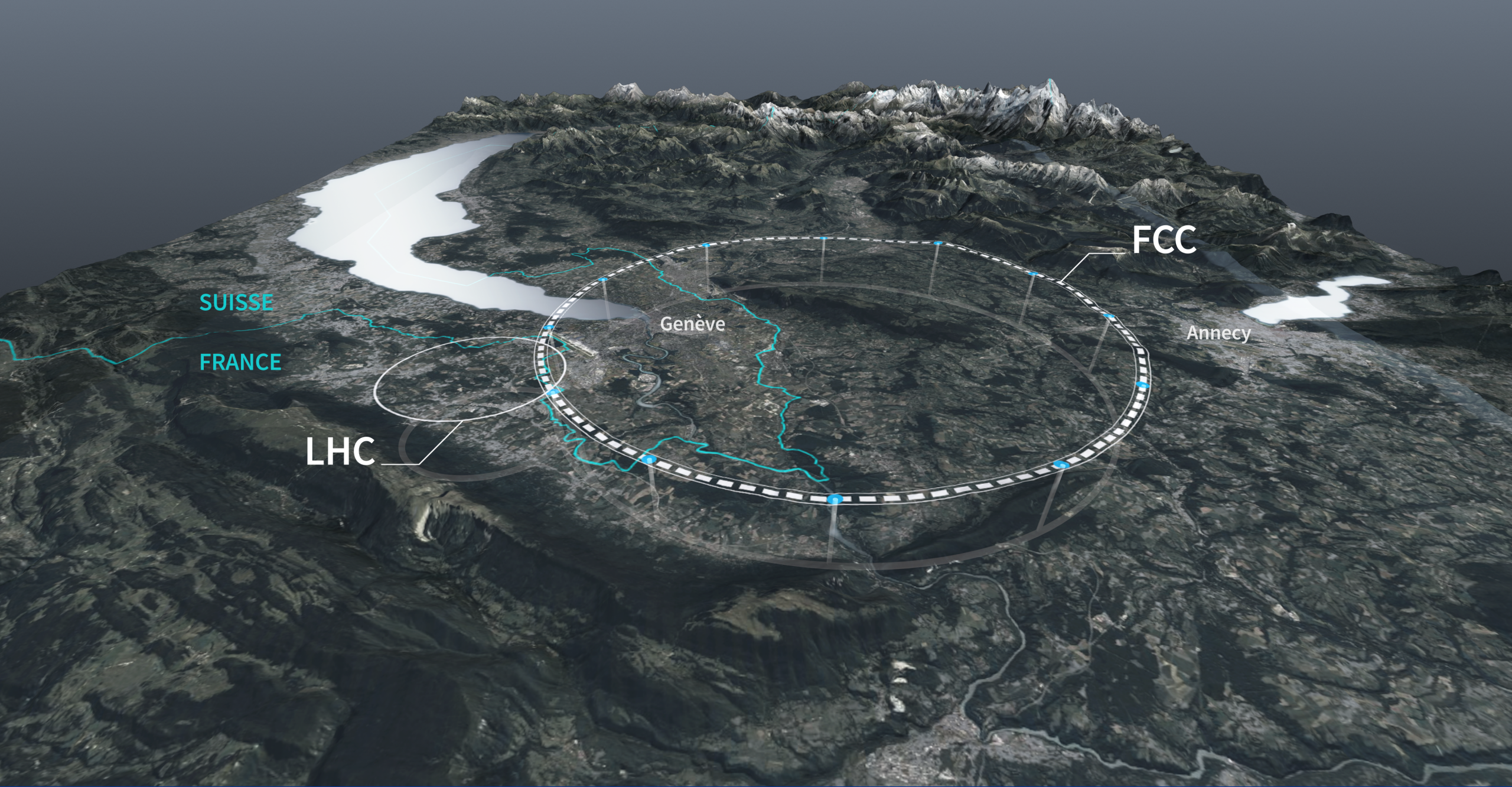
Touchscreens



Medical applications



What's next?



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