



#### What is CERN?

#### Originally

- European Organization for nuclear research
- Funded in 1954 by 12 member states
- In order to "establish a world-class fundamental physics research organization in Europe."

#### Nowadays

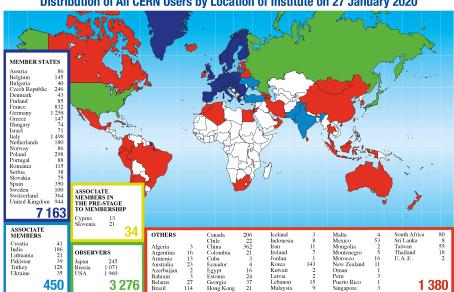
- 23 member states, not only from europe
- 96 participating countries/organizations
- largest particule physics lab in the world

#### A few numbers

- 2300 staff members
- over 12500 collaborators
  - $\bullet > 50\%$  of particule physicists in the world
- 1 billion €/\$/CHF annual budget
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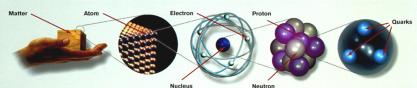
Distribution of All CERN Users by Location of Institute on 27 January 2020



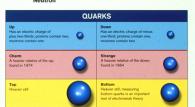
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#### The standard model



		Nucleus		
Matter particles All ordinary particles belong to this group	LEPTONS			
	FIRST FAMILY	Electron Responsible for electricity and chemical reactions; it has a charge of -1	Electron neutrino Particle with no electric charge, and possibly no mass; billions fly through your body every second	•
These particles existed just after the Big Bang. Now they are found only in cosmic rays and accelerators	SECOND FAMILY	Muon A heavier relative of the electron; it lives for two-millionths of a second	Muon neutrino Created along with muons when some particles decay	•
	THERD FAMILY	Tau Heavier still; it is extremely unstable. It was discovered in 1975	Tau neutrino not yet discovered but believed to exist	•



Force particles These particles transmit the four fundamental forces of nature although gravitons have so far not been discovered







Some forms of radio-activity are the result of the weak force

Intermediate

Carriers of the



All the weight we experience is the result of the gravitational force

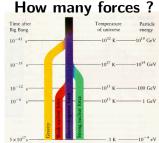


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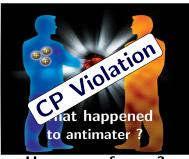


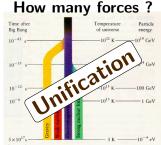


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#### Quizz



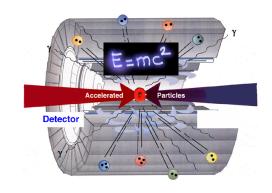
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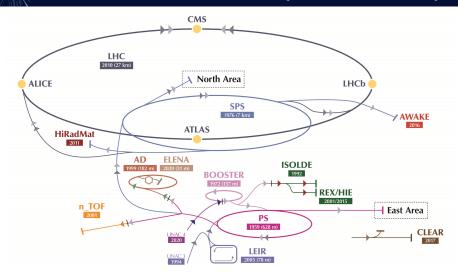
<1%:  $\sim$ 20 theoreticians out of 2300 staffs

#### **CERN** concentrate on tools

- Accelerators
  - to create particules from kinetic energy
- Detectors
  - to observe these



## **CERN** facilities (simplified)



• Bigger = higher energy, lower losses

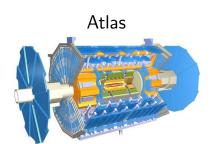


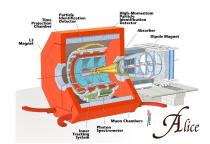
#### The LHC

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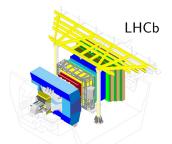
- 27 km long, 100 m underground
- 1.9 K i.e. -271.3 °C
  - coolest place of the universe
- $1.013 \times 10^{-10} \, \mathrm{mbar}$ 
  - emptiest place in the universe
- 14 TeV
  - full beam has energy of a high speed train

# 4 major detectors

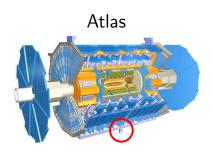


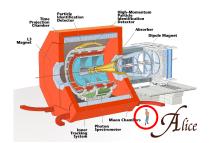


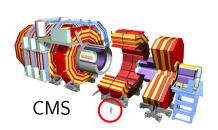


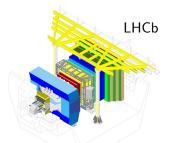


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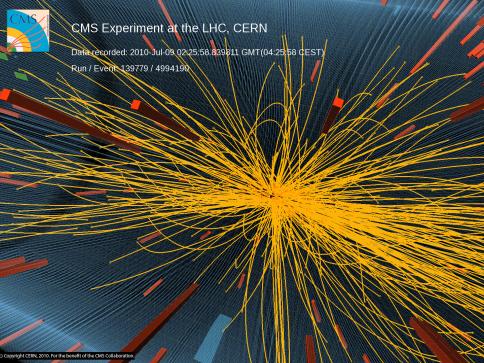


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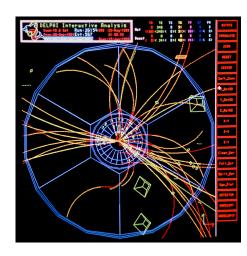


 $\sim$ 25%, 75% work on the infrastructures

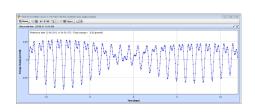


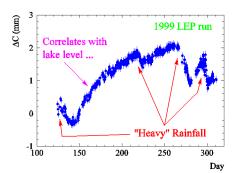
#### **Analyzing collisions**

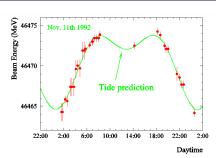
- Reconstruction
  - tracks, vertices
  - particule identification
- Statistical analysis
  - vs simulations
- Scale
  - 10<sup>9</sup> collisions/s
  - 10<sup>3</sup> trajectoires/col
  - $\mu m$  precision

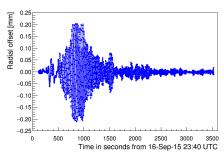


### A few examples of "noise"





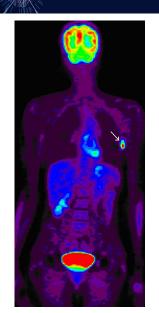


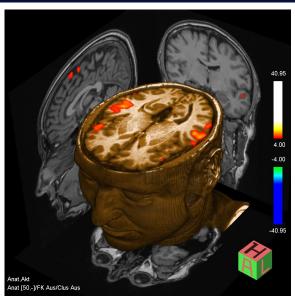


#### **Technology transfers**

- CERN is leader in many technologies
  - computer science, civil engineering, cold, vacuum, magnets, medical accelerators and imaging, ...
- Its convention ensures it's free knowledge
  - "results of its experimental and theoretical work shall be published or otherwise made generally available"
- This is how the "web" was free!

## Medical field





#### Customs



