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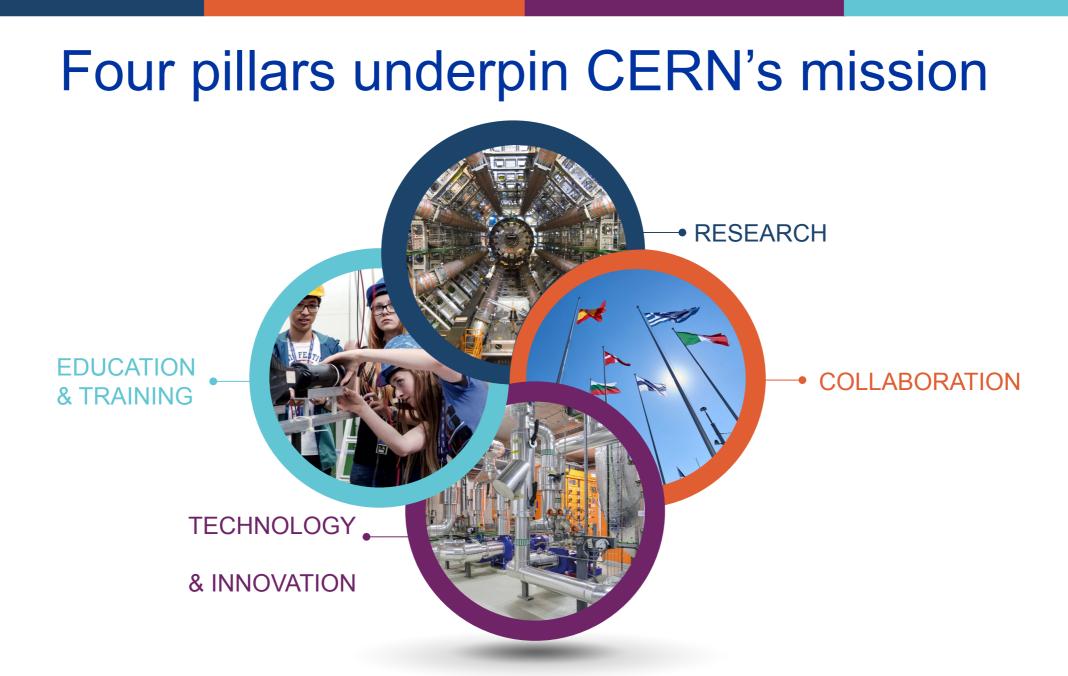
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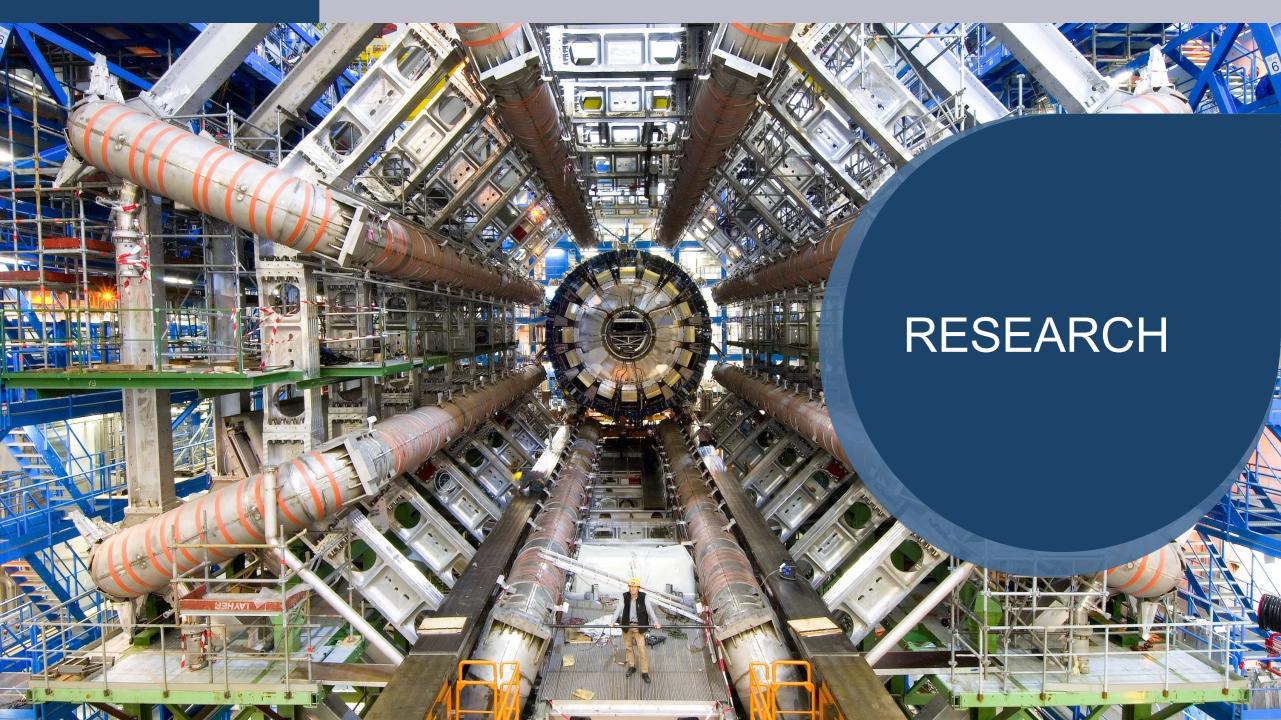
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CERN is the world's biggest laboratory for particle physics.

Our goal is to understand the most fundamental particles and laws of the universe.

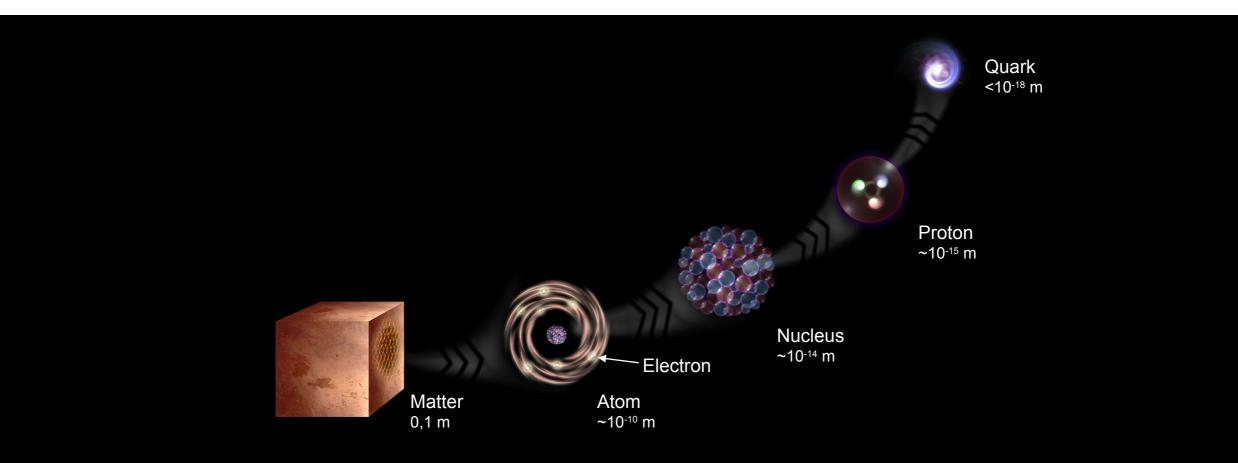
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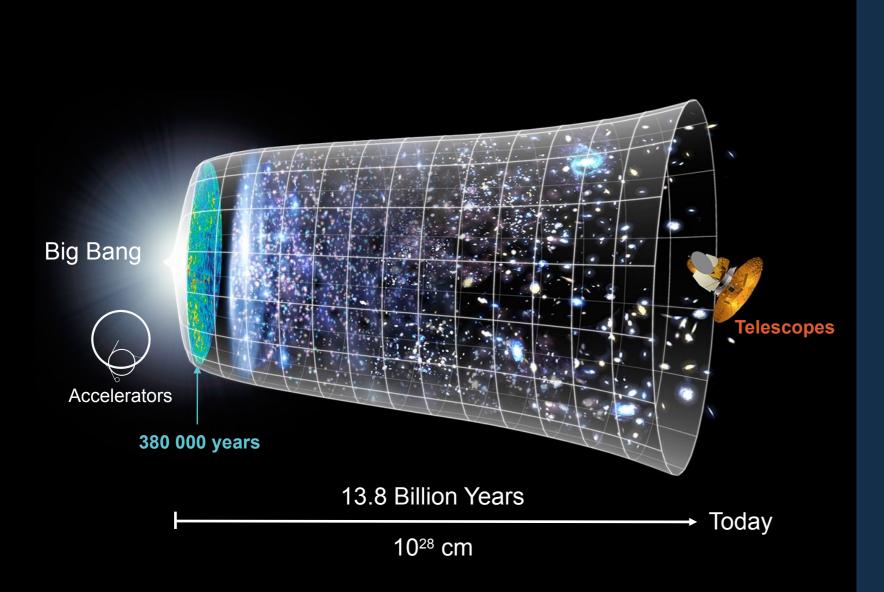




What is the universe made of?

We study the elementary building blocks of matter and the forces that control their behaviour





How did the universe begin?

We reproduce the conditions a fraction of a second after the Big Bang, to gain insight into the structure and evolution of the universe.

At CERN we help to answer these questions

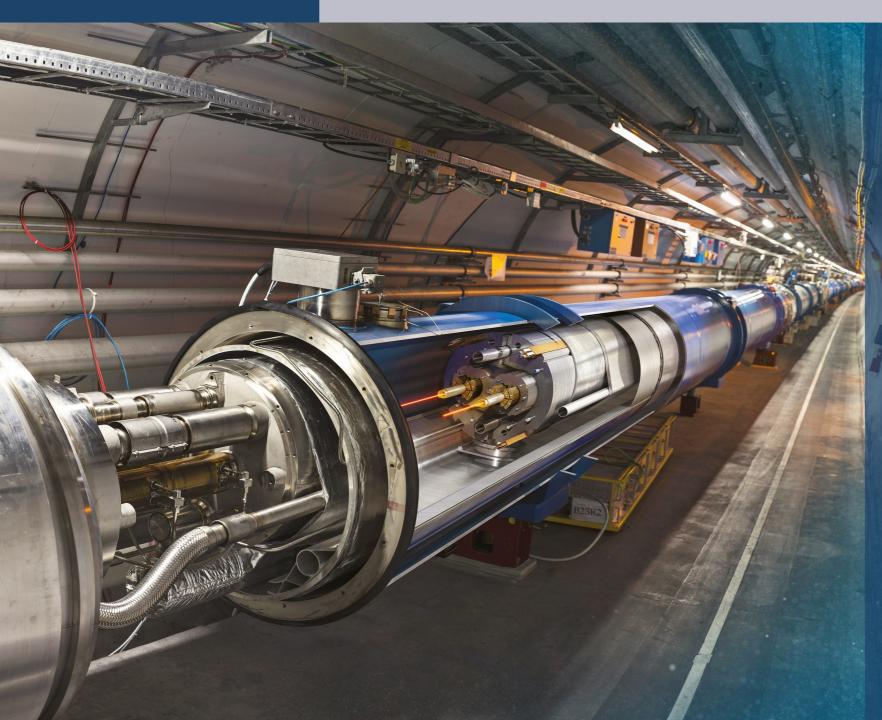


Several CERN scientists have received Nobel Prizes for key discoveries in particle physics. The Higgs boson was discovered in 2012; without it fundamental particles would be massless and atoms could not form.



We develop technologies in three key areas





Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- 27 km in circumference
- About 100 m underground
- Superconducting magnets steer the particles around the ring
- Particles are accelerated to close to the speed of light

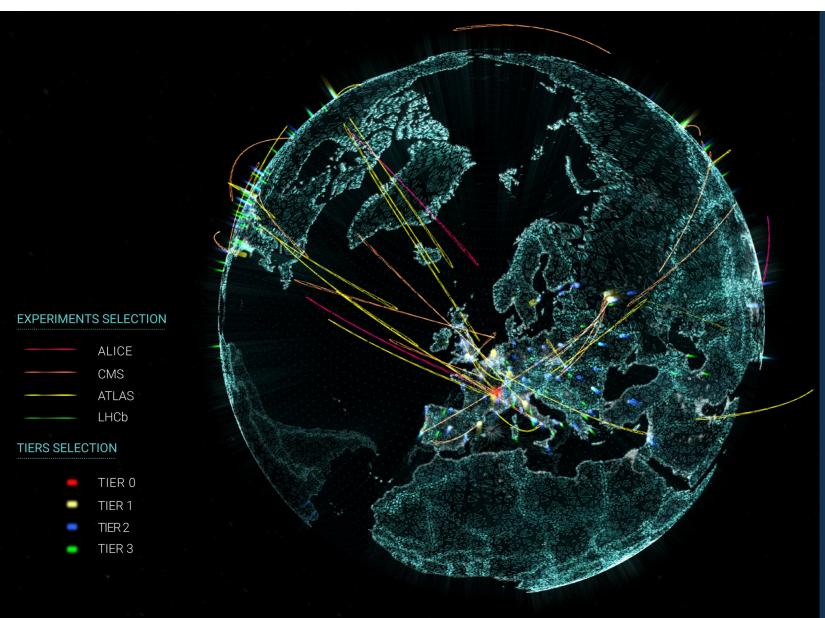
Giant detectors record the particles formed at the four collision points



The LHC produces more than 1 billion particle collisions per second

The energy of the particles in collision is converted into new particles. The detectors measure the energy, direction and charge of new particles formed. They are analogous to the 3D cameras taking 40 million pictures a second, of which 1000 are selected and recorded.

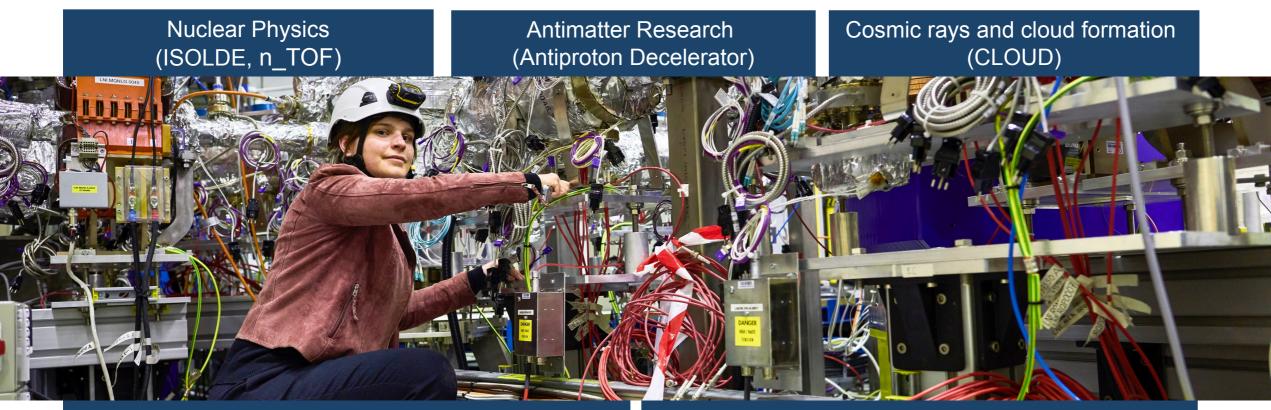
The Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG)





- Stores, distributes, processes and analyses LHC experiments' data.
- 1.4 million processing cores in 170 data centres and more than 40 countries.
- 1500 Petabytes of CERN data stored world-wide.

CERN has a diverse scientific programme



Fixed-target experiments, which include searches for rare phenomena

Contribution to the Long Baseline Neutrino Facility in the USA (LBNF)

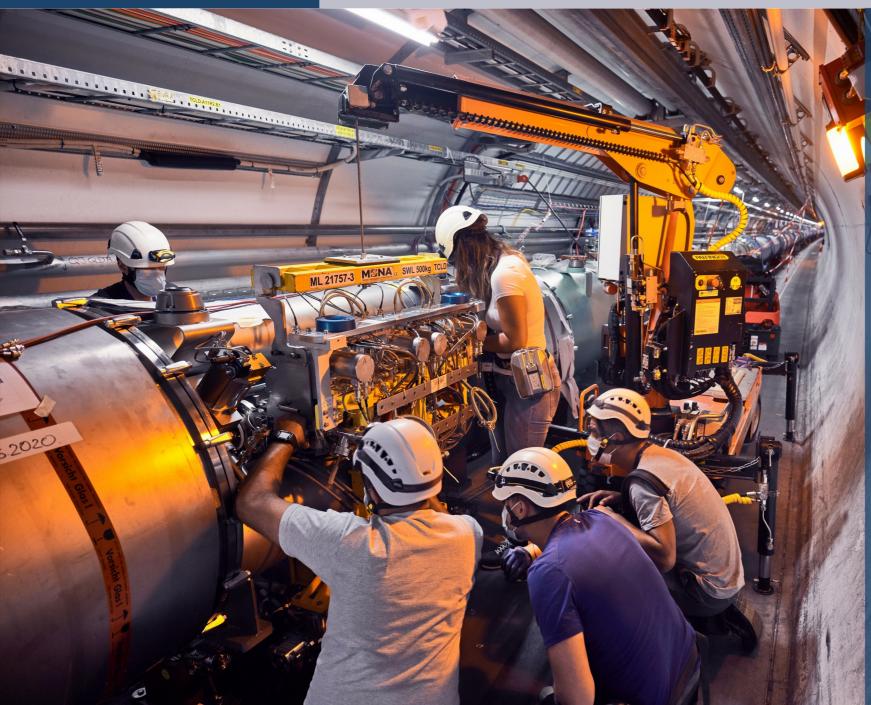
There are many unanswered questions in fundamental physics

Including

What is the unknown 95% of the mass and energy of the universe? Is there only one Higgs boson, and does it behave exactly as expected?

Why is the universe made only of matter, with hardly any antimatter?

Why is gravity so weak compared to the other forces?



Upgrade to the High-Luminosity LHC is under way

• The HL-LHC will use new technologies to provide 10 times more collisions than the LHC.

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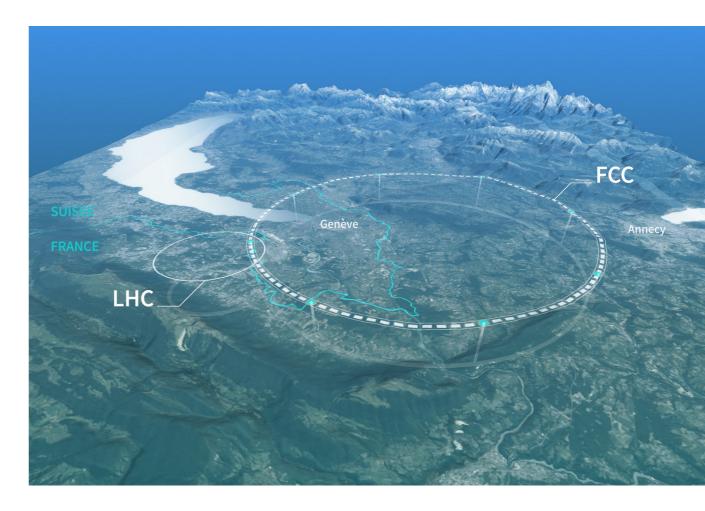
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- It will give access to rare phenomena, greater precision and discovery potential.
- It will start operating in 2029, and run until 2041.

Preparing CERN's future

Driven by the **2020 Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics**

- Technical and financial feasibility study of a Future Circular Collider (Spring 2025)
- Accelerator R&D to develop technologies for FCC and for alternative options
- Detector and computing R&D
- Maintain and expand a compelling scientific diversity programme
- Continue to support other projects around the world



Committed to environmentally responsible and sustainable research

Minimize the impact of the laboratory's activities on the environment with defined priority actions Energy: Consume less, improve efficiency, and recover more

Identify and develop • CERN technologies that would help mitigate society's impact on the environment

COLLABORATION

Science for peace CERN was founded in 1954 with 12 European Member States

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23 Member States

Austria – Belgium – Bulgaria – Czech Republic Denmark – Finland – France – Germany – Greece Hungary – Israel – Italy – Netherlands – Norway Poland – Portugal – Romania – Serbia – Slovakia Spain – Sweden – Switzerland – United Kingdom

3 Associate Member States in the pre-stage to membership Cyprus – Estonia – Slovenia

8 Associate Member States Brazil – Croatia – India – Latvia – Lithuania – Pakistan Türkiye – Ukraine

6 Observers

CERN

Japan – Russia (suspended) – USA European Union – JINR (suspended) – UNESCO Presentation



As of 31 December 2023 Employees: 2666 staff, 1002 graduates Associates: 12 370 users, 1513 others

Around 50 Cooperation Agreements with non-Member States and Territories

Albania – Algeria – Argentina – Armenia – Australia – Azerbaijan – Bangladesh – Belarus – Bolivia Bosnia and Herzegovina – Canada – Chile – Colombia – Costa Rica – Ecuador – Egypt – Georgia – Honduras Iceland – Iran – Jordan – Kazakhstan – Lebanon – Malta – Mexico – Mongolia – Montenegro – Morocco – Nepal New Zealand – North Macedonia – Palestine – Paraguay – People's Republic of China – Peru – Philippines – Qatar Republic of Korea – Saudi Arabia – Sri Lanka – South Africa – Thailand – Tunisia – United Arab Emirates – Vietnam

A laboratory for people around the world

Distribution of all CERN Users by the country of their home institutes as of 31 December 2023

Geographical & cultural diversity Users of **110 nationalities 22.5 % women**

Member States 7438

Austria 86 – Belgium 129 – Bulgaria 46 – Czech Republic 252 Denmark 47 – Finland 88 – France 842 – Germany 1296 Greece 112 – Hungary 80 – Israel 74 – Italy 1609 – Netherlands 167 Norway 77 – Poland 322 – Portugal 105 – Romania 113 Serbia 38 – Slovakia 67 – Spain 413 – Sweden 106 Switzerland 419 – United Kingdom 950

Associate Member States

in the pre-stage to membership 69 Cyprus 14 – Estonia 29 – Slovenia 26

Associate Member States 541

Brazil 135 – Croatia 37 – India 145 – Latvia 21 – Lithuania 17 – Pakistan 30 Türkiye 129 – Ukraine 27

Observers 3005

Japan 219 – Russia (suspended) 779 – United States of America 2007



Non-Member States and Territories 1317

Algeria 2 – Argentina 16 – Armenia 16 – Australia 26 – Azerbaijan 3 – Bahrain 3 – Belarus 14 – Canada 206 Chile 45 – China 414 – Colombia 24 – Costa Rica 3 – Cuba 3 – Ecuador 4 – Egypt 24 – Georgia 34 – Hong Kong 15 Iceland 3 – Indonesia 7 – Iran 14 – Ireland 4 – Jordan 3 – Kazakhstan 3 – Kuwait 2 – Lebanon 7 – Madagascar 1 Malaysia 4 – Malta 1 – Mexico 56 – Montenegro 3 – Morocco 18 – New Zealand 2 – Nigeria 2 – Oman 1 Palestine 1 – Peru 3 – Philippines 1 – Republic of Korea 168 – Saudi Arabia 6 – South Africa 61 – Sri Lanka 10 Taiwan 52 – Thailand 17 – Tunisia 4 – United Arab Emirates 10 – Vietnam 1

CERN Presentation

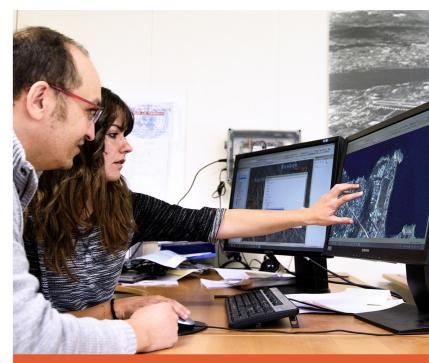
CERN is a model for open and inclusive collaboration



The LHC experiments are models of consensus building, competition and cooperation.

SESAME, a synchrotron light source in Jordan, is modelled on CERN's governance structure.





CERN provides the IT infrastructure for the satellite-analysis technology used for emergency response.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

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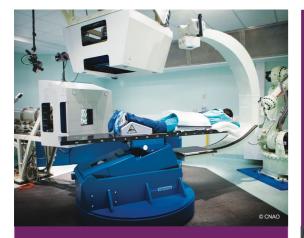
CERN's technological innovations have applications in many fields

CERN is the birthplace of the World Wide Web

And there are many more examples

Medical imaging, cancer therapy, material science, cultural heritage, aerospace, automotive, environment, health & safety, industrial processes.

CERN's technological innovations have important applications in medicine and healthcare



Technologies applied at CERN are also used in PET, for medical imaging and diagnostics.

Accelerator technologies are applied in cancer radiotherapy with protons, ions and electrons.



Pixel detector technologies are used for high resolution

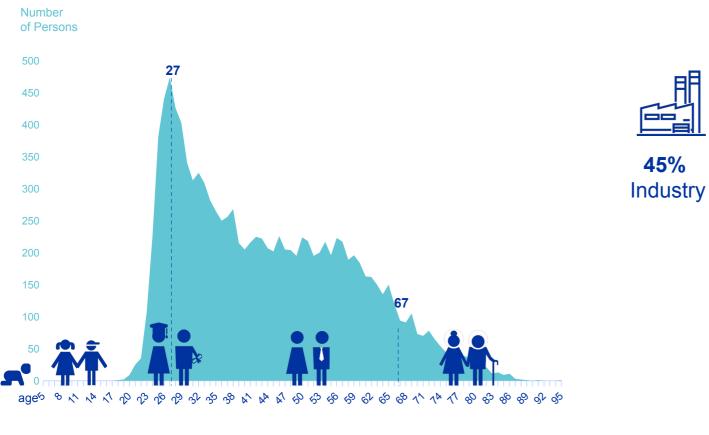
3D colour X-ray imaging.

CERN produces innovative radioisotopes for nuclear medicine research.

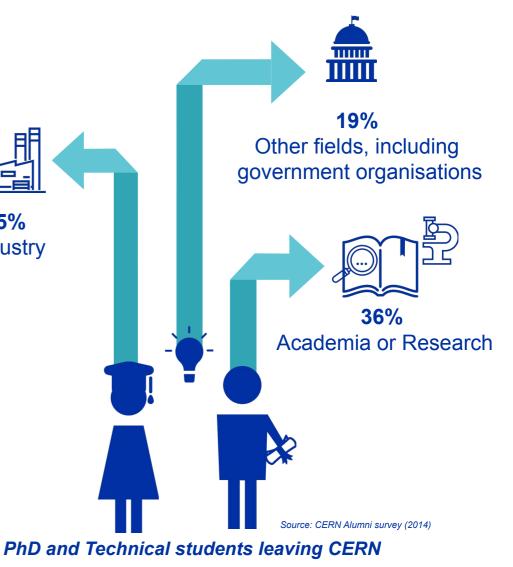


EDUCATION & TRAINING

CERN opens a world of career opportunities



Age Distribution of Scientists working at CERN



CERN's training, education and outreach programmes

1002 graduates (including Research Fellows)

3 000 PhD students

300 Undergraduate students in Summer programmes



Numbers for country

x summer students during 2023
 x teachers in Teacher Programmes since 1998
 x teams in BL4S competition since 2014

>14 500 teachers participating in dedicated programmes, since 1998

Around **150 000 visitors** per year on guided tours of CERN, from >50 countries

4.7M followers on social media, from around the globe

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CERN Science Gateway



Number of visitors: >245 000

education labs, events and shows.

publics aged 5-plus.

Science Gateway Education Activities 2023

Science Shows

- 5 different shows
- 36 shows at the Globe (Jan-Sept) with 1800+ visitors
- 40 shows at Science Gateway (Oct-Dec) with 2500+ visitors

Lab Workshops

- 10 different lab workshops
- 270 workshops with 5200+ participants (15% 5-15 y, 35% 16-19 y, 10% teachers or adults, 40% families & individual visitors)

CERN-Solvay programme

- 12 new education videos with
 2.2 million views online
- 1000 certificates for online course
- 600+ applications from
 60+ countries for camp (30 selected)







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CERN will continue to play a crucial role in the journey of exploration