

### CERN Teacher Programmes Inspiring the next generation of scientists

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## Objective of Teacher Programmes To bring modern research closer to schools

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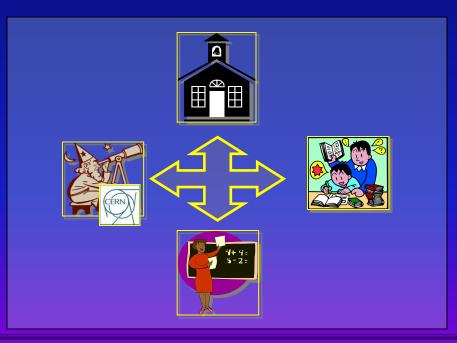




Research

University

**School Teacher Students** 

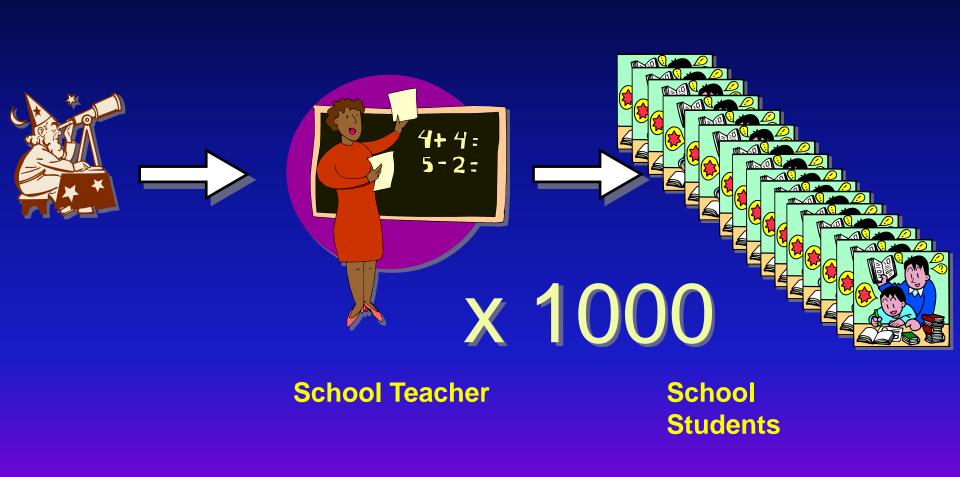


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## Looking for multiplicative factors



# Objectives of CERN Teacher Prorgrammes

- Pass the message
  - Teachers are our partners and colleagues
- Recognise
  - Teachers hold the future in their hands
- Empower teachers
  - To update, expand and pass on their knowledge
- Facilitate
  - Learning
  - Networking
- Inspire and encourage
- Open and honest
- NOT TO tell teachers how to teach
- Learn from teachers

#### THANK



# What are we trying to achieve with the help of physics teachers ?

#### 1: RAISE AND MAINTAIN THE INTEREST OF STUDENTS IN MODERN SCIENCE

Motivate them to continue scientific education at school Help them to better understand the physical world

#### **Improve scientific literacy**

2: INSTIL A FEELING OF MYSTERY AND DISCOVERY POTENTIAL

Motivate students to study science/engineering at universities

Prepare the future generation of scientists/engineers

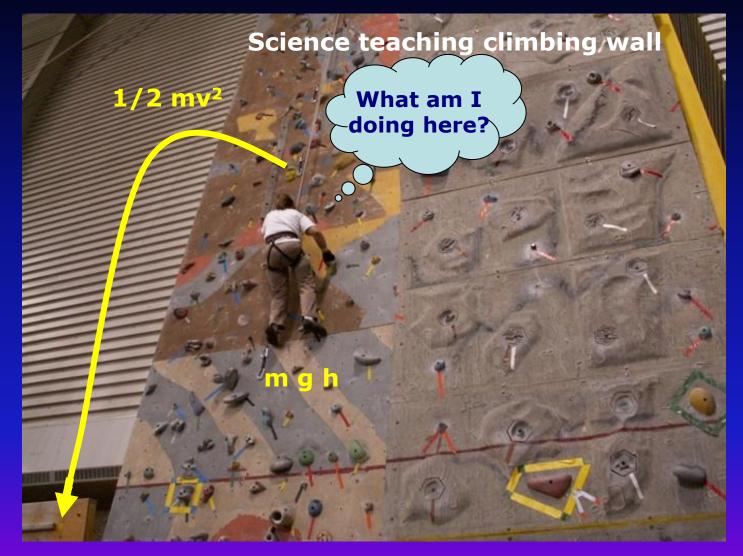
#### SCIENCE IS ALIVE !



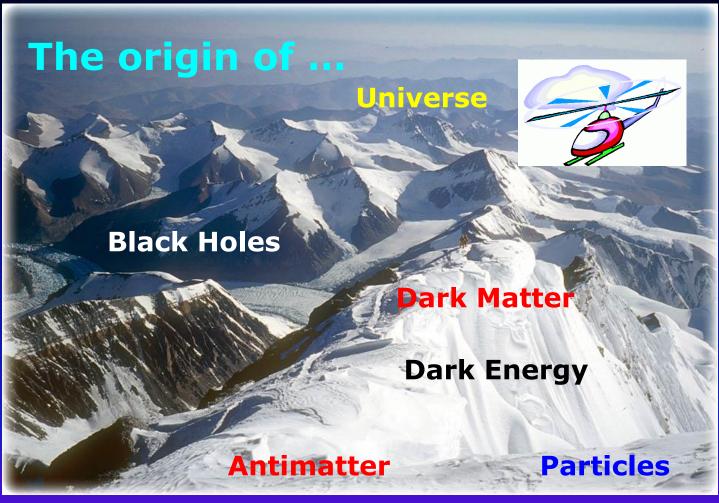
## How researchers view science



# How school students view science



# Take students on a sight-seeing tour ...



#### Link modern physics to school curriculum

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## **Residential Teacher Programmes**

#### Basic content

- Lectures
  - Introductions to CERN, Particle Physics, Cosmology, the LHC Experiments, Particle Accelerators, Medical Applications of Particle Physics, and the GRID
- Visits to experimental facilities
- Hands-on activities
- Working group activities
- Opportunities to meet working research physicists in a variety of informal settings.

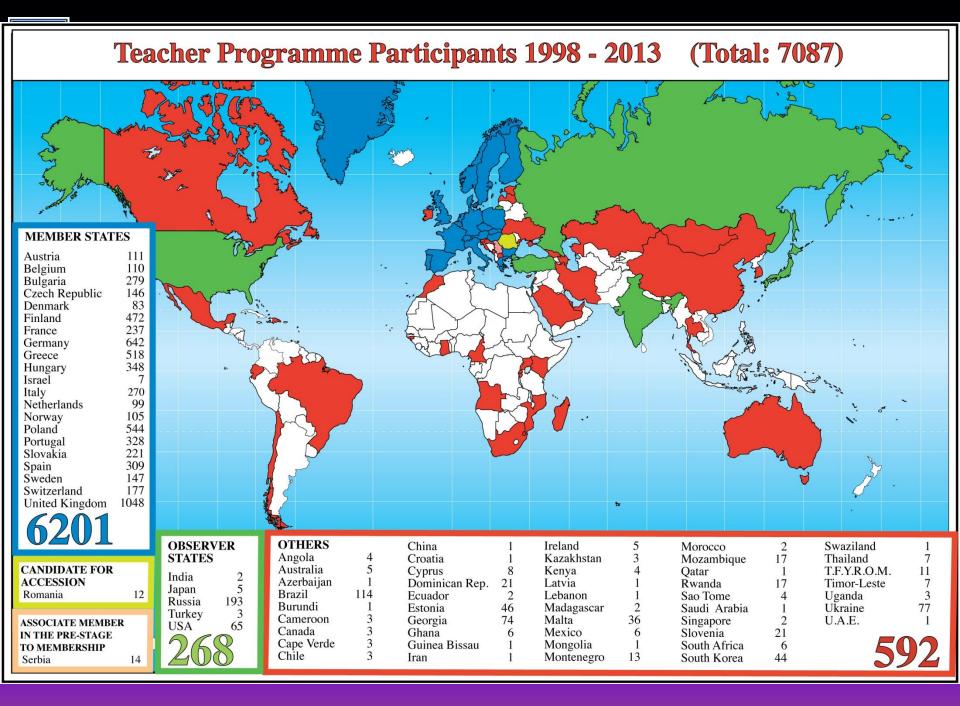
# All lectures are web archived and made publicly available



## Outcome

- Newly inspired, motivated and confident teachers
- Inspire and motivate students
- Communicate with their colleagues
- Communicate with the general public
- Act as ambassadors for science/engineering, physics, particle physics, CERN
- Organise follow up activities
  - Visits, exhibitions, video conferences, projects
- Promote teacher programmes
- Help us to expand beyond the borders of CERN

Excellent examples among the many teachers who have attended our programmes





## Arthur C. Clarke Author of 2001 : A Space Odyssey

- "When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong."
- "The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible."
- "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

#### Our goal, with the help of teachers, is to bring a little of the magic of CERN into the classroom