



# The Large Hadron Collider: scientific instrument, technological feat, global project

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### A very large scientific instrument...







### ... based on advanced technology



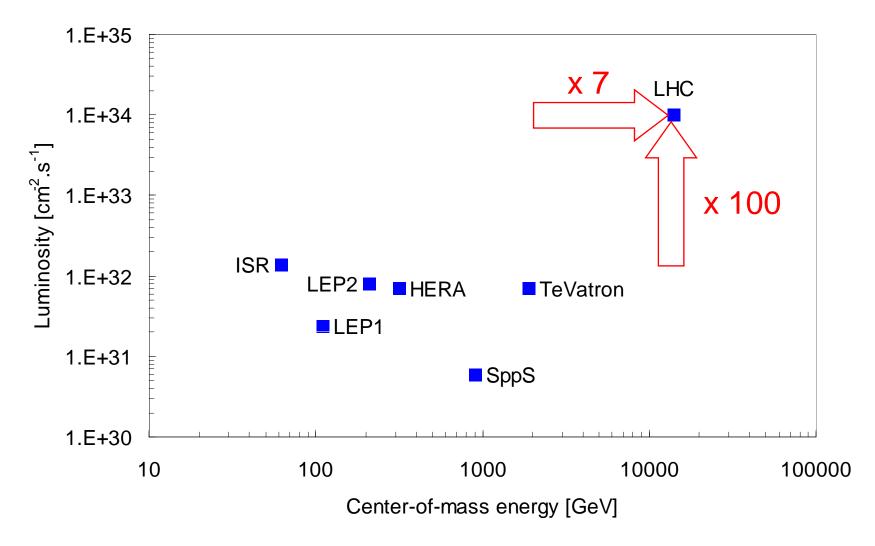
23 km of superconducting magnets cooled in superfluid helium at 1.9 K





# A particle collider well beyond the pre-existing state-of-the-art

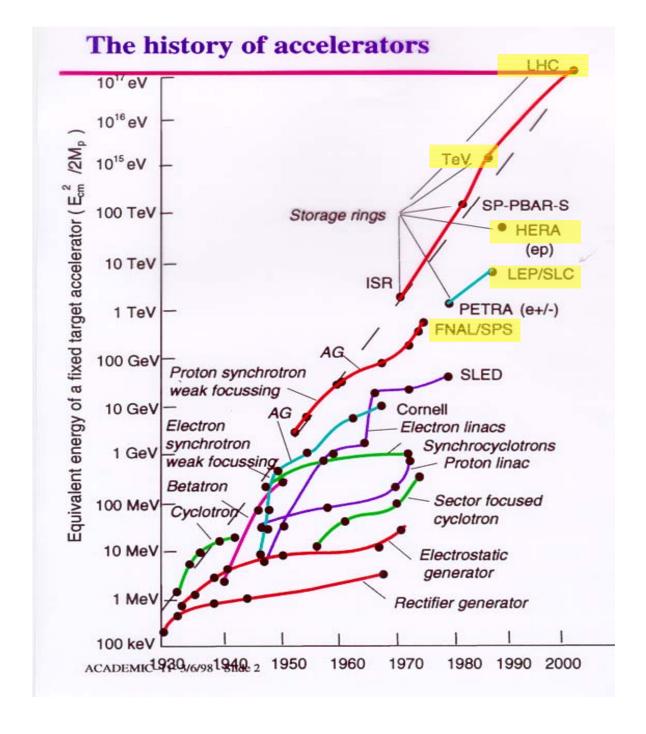






### Superconductivity, a key technology

- to produce high electromagnetic fields,
- to limit electrical power consumption,
- to sustain the development of high-energy particle accelerators





### Industrial production of superconducting magnets









#### Series cold testing of superconducting magnets







#### Installation and interconnection in the tunnel



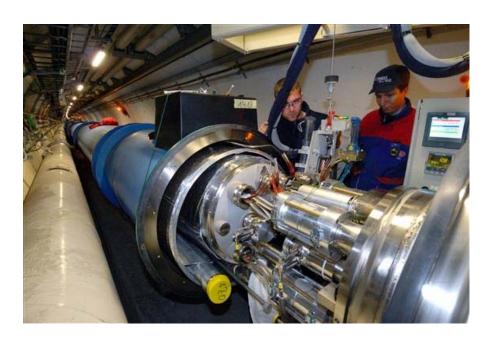
65'000 electrical joints
Induction heated soldering
Ultrasonic welding

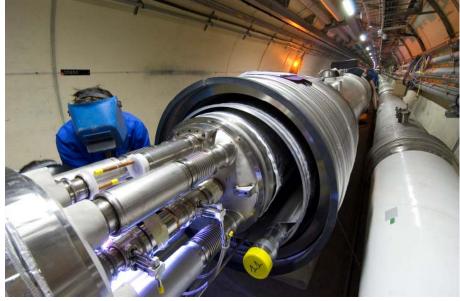
Very low residual resistance

HV electrical insulation

40'000 cryogenic junctions
Orbital TIG welding

Weld quality
Helium leaktightness







### Powerful and efficient helium cryogenic plants for refrigeration down to 1.8 K

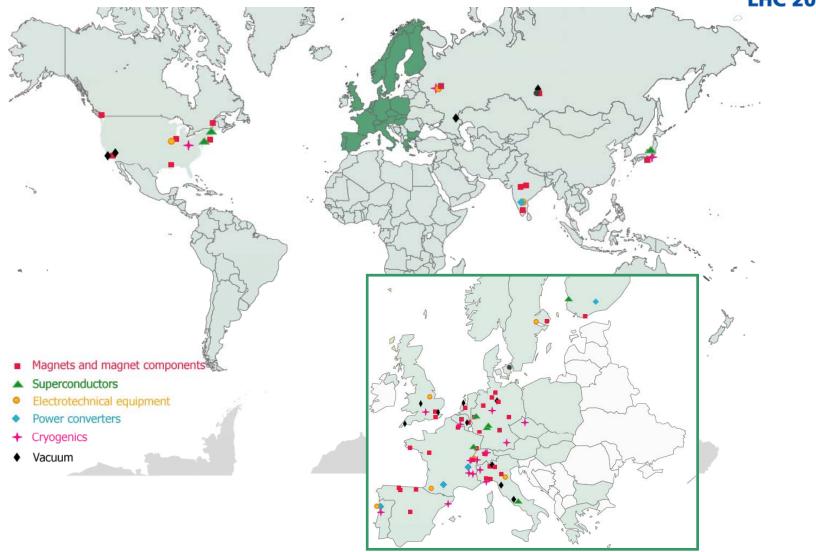






#### 90 hi-tech industrial contracts in the world

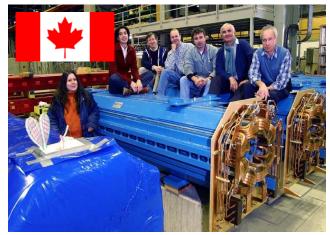






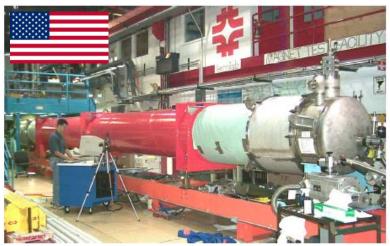
### A global project spanning space...















### ...and time

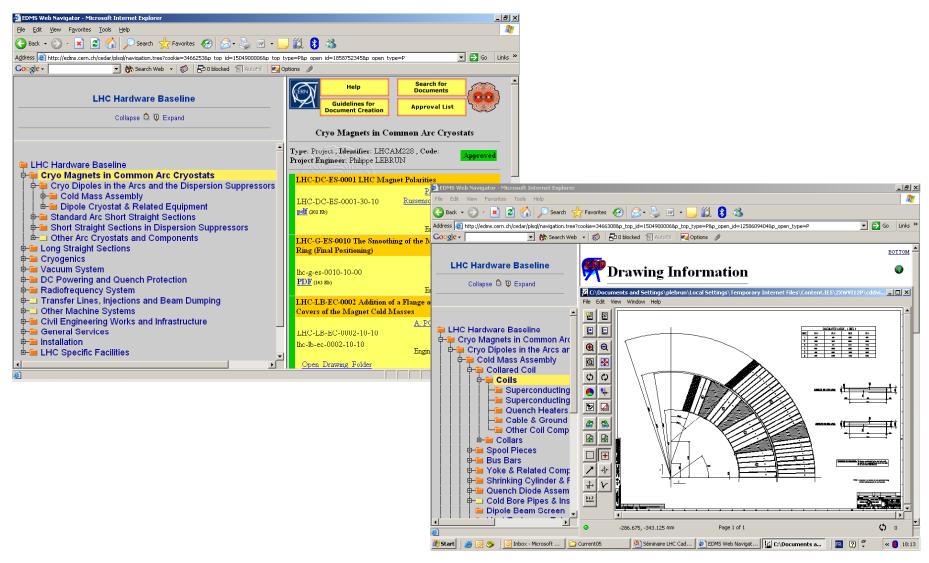


•	Preliminary conceptual studies	1984
•	First magnet models	1988
•	Start structured R&D program	1990
•	Approval by CERN Council	1994
•	Industrialization of series production	1996-1999
•	DUP & start civil works	1998
•	Adjudication of main procurement contracts	1998-2001
•	Start installation in tunnel	2003
•	Cryomagnet installation in tunnel	2005-2007
•	Functional test of first sector	2007
•	Operation for physics	2008-2030



### Engineering data management system Single data repository, access to documentation via WWW

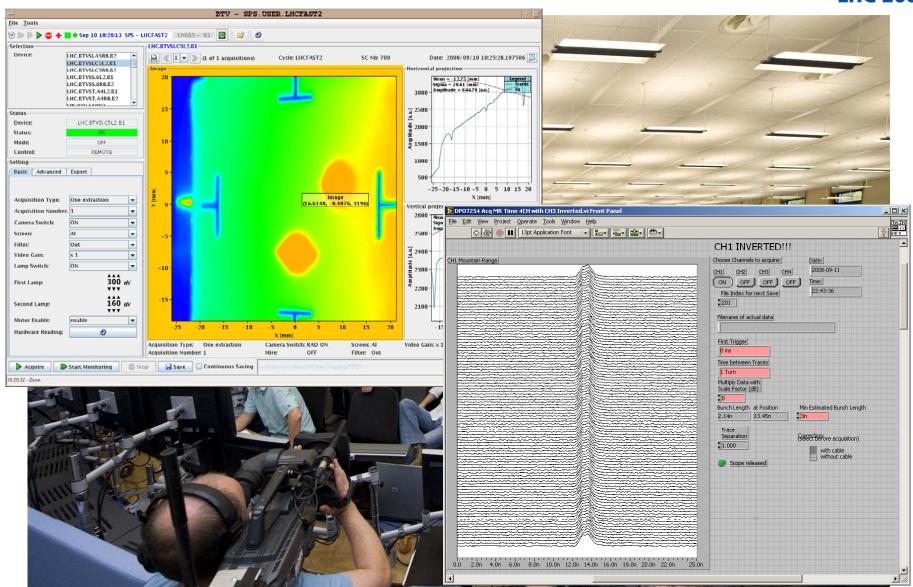






### LHC startup







### Training in science and engineering



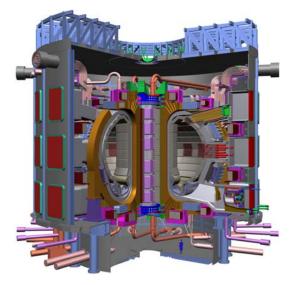




### Technology shared with society



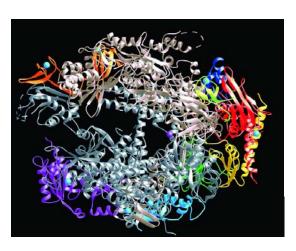






Health





Energy



