



RTU and CERN

RTU Prof. Toms TORIMS
CERN Scientific Associate

Representative of Latvia

- Dr.sc.ing. **Toms TORIMS**
- PhD in Mechanical Engineering
- Professor at the Chair of Material Processing Technology at RTU
- Advisor to the Minister of Education and Science (science)
- Advisor to the Rector of Riga Technical University
- Nominated Head of the Centre of High Energy Physics and Accelerator Technologies
- CERN Scientific Associate
- 50+ scientific publications

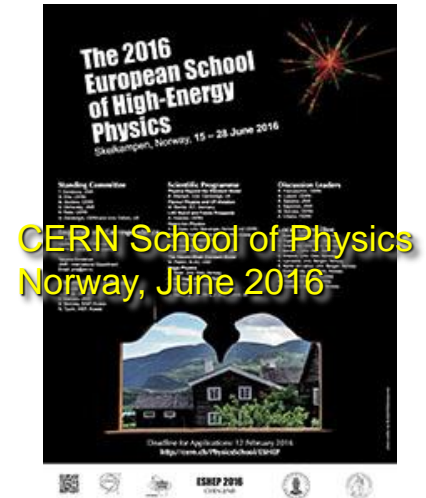


CERN Education Activities

Scientists at CERN
Academic Training Programme



Young Researchers
CERN School of High Energy Physics
CERN School of Computing
CERN Accelerator School



CERN School of Physics
Norway, June 2016

Undergraduates
Summer Students
Programme

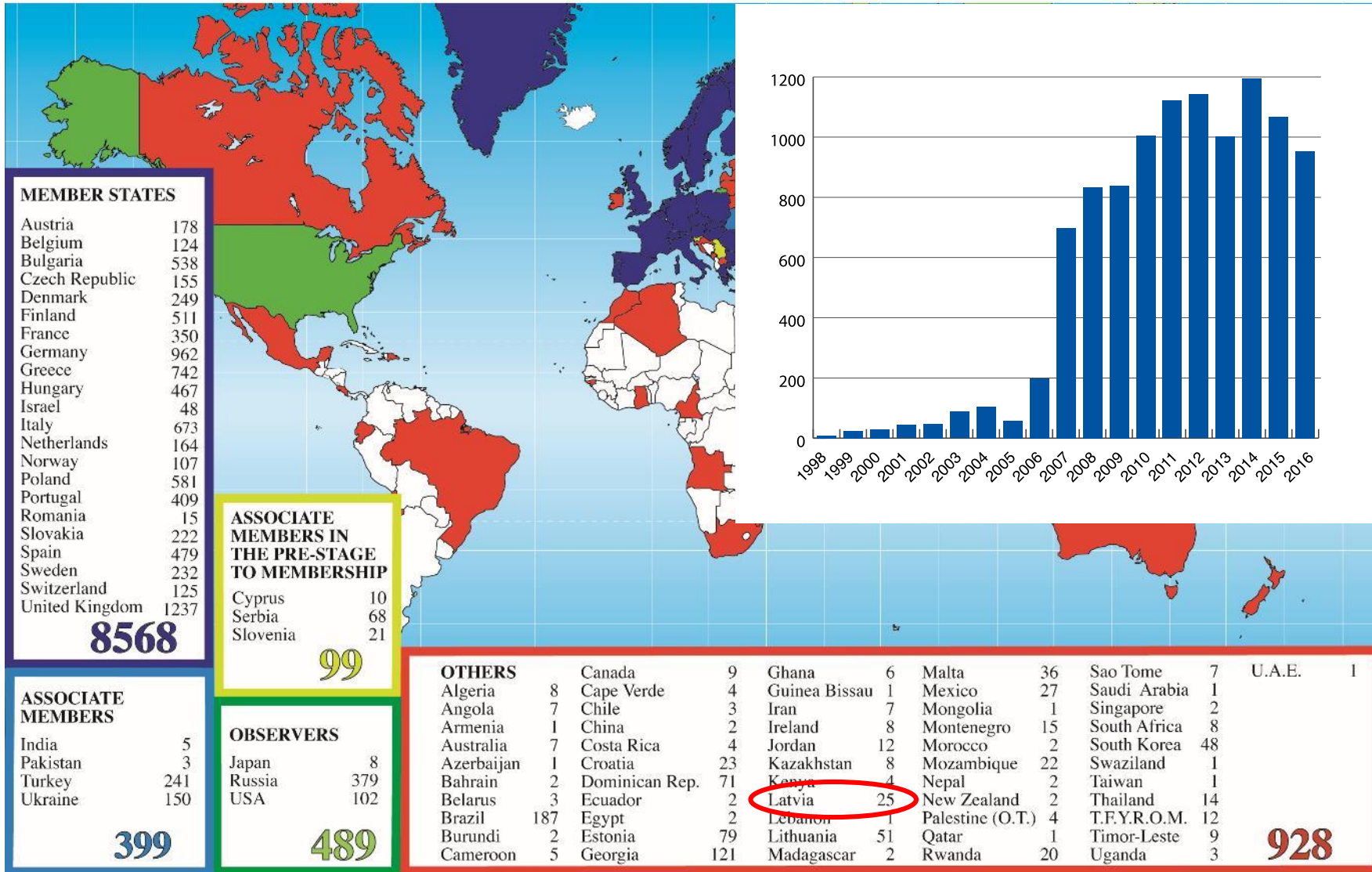
Public visitors
120 thousand per year



CERN Teacher Schools
International and National
Programmes

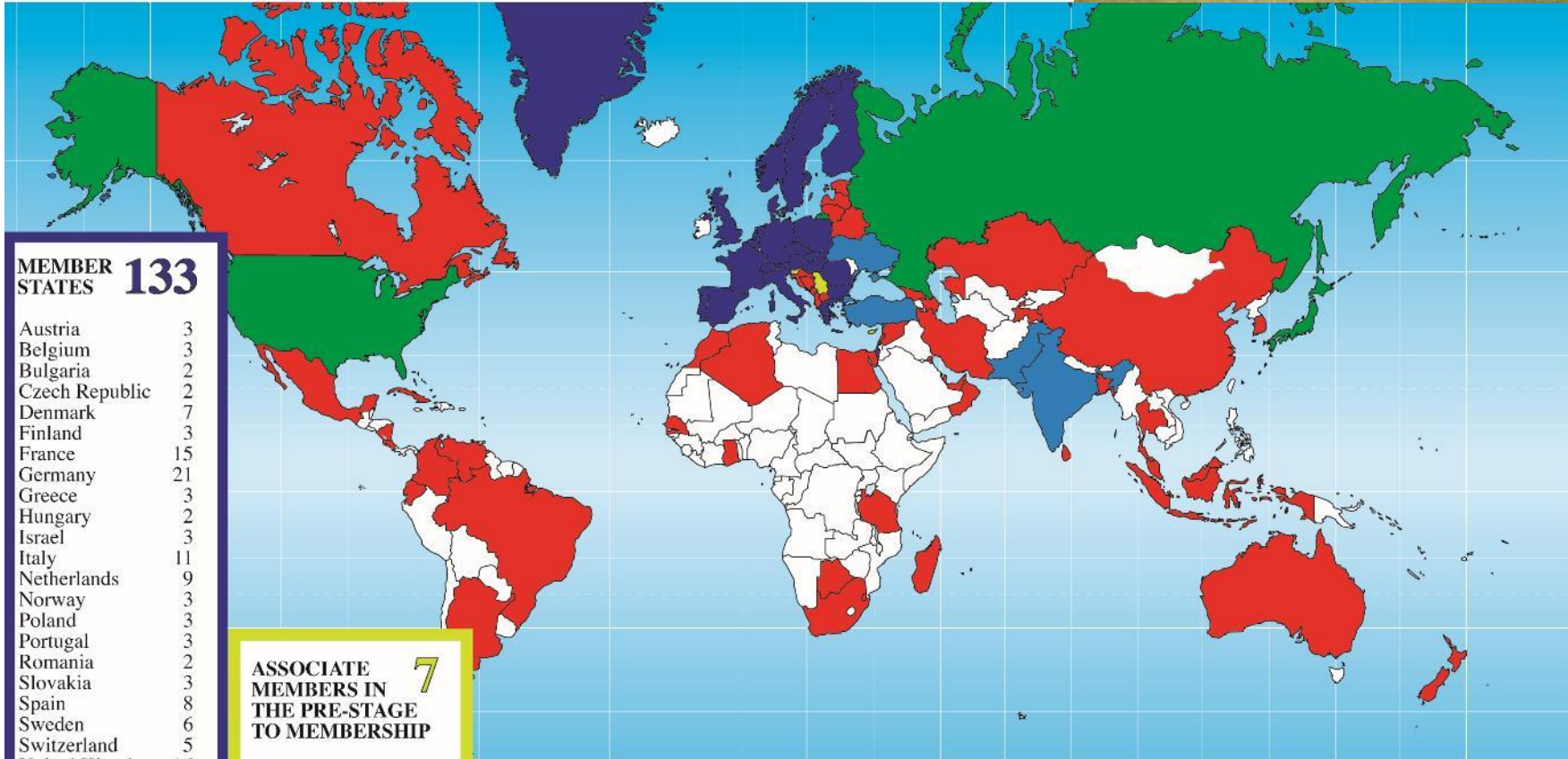
CERN Teacher Programme

Teacher Programme Participants 1998 - 2016 (Total: 10462)



Summer Students 2017

Summer Students 2017



MEMBER STATES 133

Austria	3
Belgium	3
Bulgaria	2
Czech Republic	2
Denmark	7
Finland	3
France	15
Germany	21
Greece	3
Hungary	2
Israel	3
Italy	11
Netherlands	9
Norway	3
Poland	3
Portugal	3
Romania	2
Slovakia	3
Spain	8
Sweden	6
Switzerland	5
United Kingdom	16

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS IN THE PRE-STAGE TO MEMBERSHIP 7

Cyprus	4
Serbia	2
Slovenia	1

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 11

India	3
Pakistan	2
Turkey	4
Ukraine	2

OBSERVERS 38

Japan	4
Russia	8
USA	26

OTHERS

Albania	1	Botswana	1	Estonia	5	Lebanon	3	Palestine	2	U.A.E.	2
Algeria	1	Brazil	2	Georgia	1	Lithuania	7	Qatar	2	Venezuela	1
Argentina	1	Canada	5	Ghana	1	Malaysia	4	Singapore	2		
Australia	1	China	6	Hong Kong	3	Malta	3	Syria	2		
Azerbaijan	1	Colombia	1	Indonesia	2	Mexico	1	South Africa	2		
Bangladesh	1	Costa Rica	3	Iran	3	Montenegro	2	Sri Lanka	4		
Belarus	1	Croatia	2	Kazakhstan	2	Marocco	1	Tadjikistan	1		
Bosnia	1	Cuba	1	Korea	2	New Zeland	1	Tanzania	1		
		Ecuador	1	Kuwait	1	Nicaragua	1	Thailand	4		
		Egypt	3	Latvia	2	Oman	1	T.F.Y.R.O.M.	1		

Prevoius cooperation

- 1996 – Institute of Electronics and Computer Sciences of the Latvian Academy of Science participated in the *CMS* experiment
- until 2000 – The Institute of Solid State Physics, University of Latvia participated in *Cristal Clear Project*
- until 2011 – LU and RTU scientists sucecfully participated in the *Baltic Grid*

RTU – CERN co-operation

- Sine 2012 RTU has Framework Collaboration Agreement with CERN



- *Inter alia* two PhD students working on their doctoral thesis based on this agreement

Future scientists @ CERN

- 2013 – first Latvian PhD students visit to CERN. Participants - PhD students from RTU and other Latvian universities. Hereafter once a year such visits take place.



RTU scientists at CERN

- In January 2015 – RTU Rector and scientists delegation visited CERN. In meetings with leading specialists and group leaders particular scientific cooperation areas are being identified.
 - Power electronics and energetics
 - Material processing technologies
 - Robotics
 - Material science



RTU is partner in FCC

- 2015 – RTU signs Memorandum of Understanding with CERN about FCC (Further Circular Collider) research project



MoU Future Circular Collider

Memorandum of Understanding for the Future Circular Collider (FCC) Study hosted by CERN

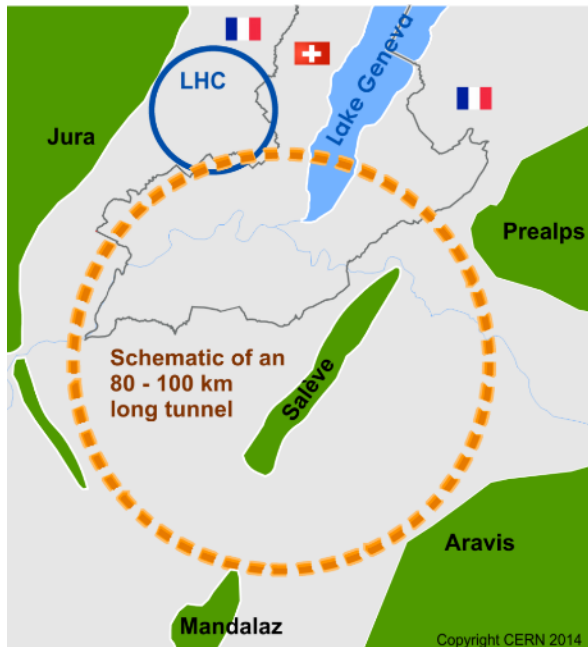
THE INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES, UNIVERSITIES AND THEIR FUNDING AGENCIES AND OTHER SIGNATORIES OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CERN AS THE HOST LABORATORY (“the Participants”)

Whereas

At a dedicated session of the CERN Council held on 30 May 2013, the Council adopted the Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics which included *inter alia* the following statement:

“...Europe needs to be in a position to propose an ambitious post-LHC accelerator project at CERN by the time of the next Strategy update, when physics results from the LHC running at 14TeV will be available. CERN should undertake design studies for accelerator projects in a global context, with emphasis on proton-proton and electron-positron high-energy frontier machines. These design studies should be coupled to a vigorous accelerator R&D programme, including high-field magnets and high-gradient accelerating structures, in collaboration with national institutes, laboratories and universities worldwide.”

The conceptual design study (the “FCC Study”) must be available in time for the next update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics foreseen to take place in 2018,



RTU is partner in FCC

- Prof. Torims represents Latvia and participates in FCC conferences



- **80-100 km** tunnel/infrastructure
- unprecedented **power capacity**
- unprecedented **magnetic field**
- pp - collider (FCC-hh)
- e+e - collider (FCC-ee)
- p-e (FCC-he) option
- High energy HE-LHC or FCC-hh technology



- Challenge in terms of maintenance and repairs... 11

RTU plays in highest league

- 2016 (march) – RTU, together with other top 40 European scientific Institutes participates in ARIES project coordinated by CERN
- RTU:
 - technologies – improved coating for particle accelerators working surfaces
 - development of innovative radio frequency modulator – energy particle accelerator beam
 - apmācības
- 2017 May 1st project started – RTU is partner in 3 WP. Total 500 000 eur.





**RIGA TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY**

**Center of High Energy Physics
and Accelerator Technologies**

Centre of High Energy Physics and Accelerator Technologies was established by RTU in order to :

- To foster scientific and research activities in the field of high energy particle physics in Latvia.
- To launch new interdisciplinary study programme in particle physics and accelerator technologies in cooperation with CERN.
- To coordinate Latvian participation in CMS, FCC and other experiments at CERN.
- To coordinate national and international level research projects.

Electron beam treatment of marine diesel exhaust gases

International project coordinated by **Centre of High Energy Physics and Accelerator Technologies RTU.**

Two distinct and well developed communities

Accelerator community

Shipping community

Ships don't speak Accelerator

Accelerators don't speak Ships



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Visi of physics teachers to CERN

- 2016 (jun) – first visit. RTU organized and covered expenses in cooperation with CERN. Visit is successful and CERN agrees to host group of physics teacher from Latvia every year.
- 2017 (feb) – second visit. Ministry of Education and Science, RTU and CERN supports the event.
- We are glad to welcome group of Latvian and Estonian teachers today!



Visit of RTU IZV to CERN

- 2016 – first visit of Latvian pupils to CERN. RTU Engineering Highschool - together with visit of Minister of Education and Science
- First study-online conference with Latvia



Latvia signs «ICA» agreement

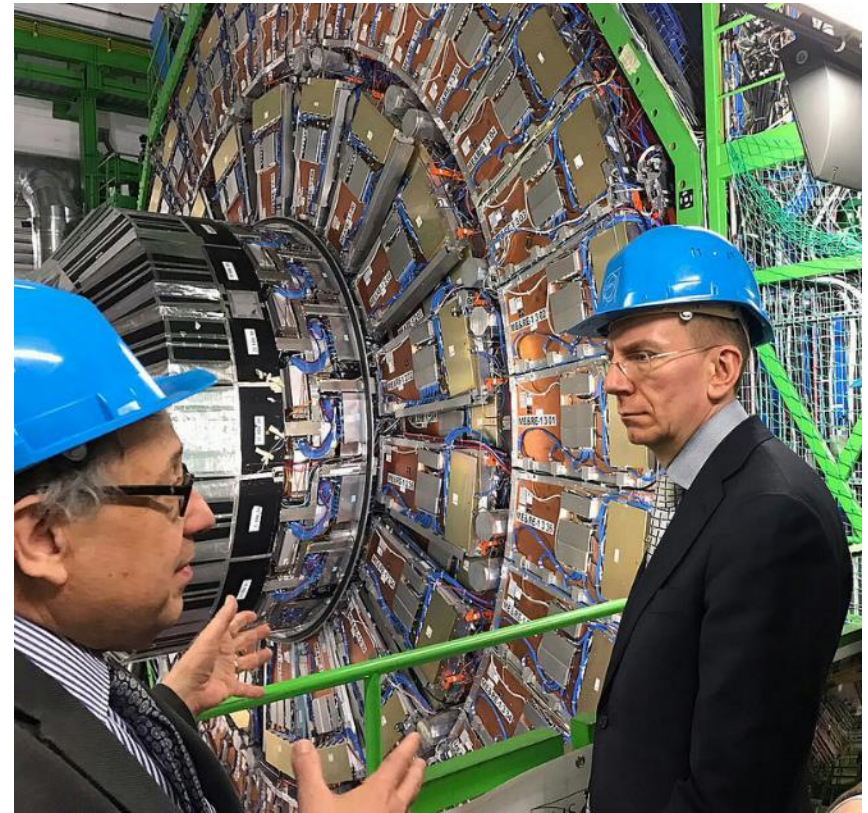
- 2016 - 31 Oct. Dr. Kārlis Šadurskis Minister of Education and Science on behalf of Latvia signs international cooperation agreement with CERN
- Door to CERN is open ...



Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs to CERN

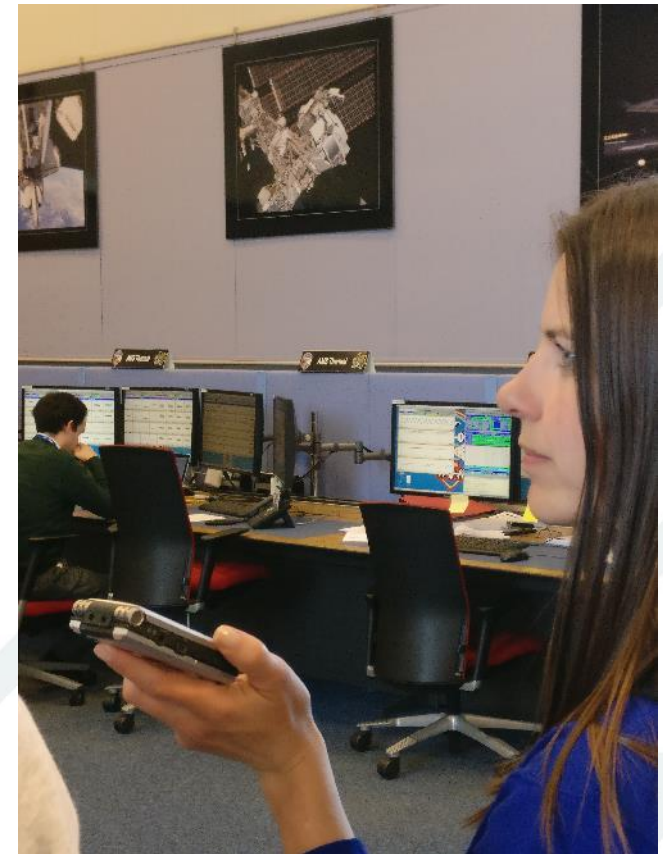
2017 - 27. Feb. Edgars Rinkēvičs
Minister of Foreign Affairs visits CERN:

- Positively impressed about positive cooperation between Latvia and CERN.
- Confirmed the intention to involve Latvian scientists, companies, teaching staff and students into CERN activities.
- Underlined the importance of cooperation with CERN not only in the field of fundamental research, that would significantly contribute to the development of science in Latvia, but also practical cooperation with Latvian companies.



Latvian Radio visit to CERN

- Series of scientific radio broadcast «Zināmais nezināmajā» – in simple terms explains to the society what is CERN and tells about cooperation opportunities



Minister of Welfare visit to CERN

2017 - 8. Jun **Jānis Reirs** - Minister of Welfare together with **Vitālijs Gavrilovs** - Head of Employers' Confederation of Latvia and **Egils Baldzēns** - Head of Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia visited CERN

- Visits of Latvian ministers are very important due to fact, that Latvia is about to make decision regarding the accession to CERN. It is important for government representatives to see in reality the scope of research activities at CERN.



«Primekss» management at CERN

CERN orders innovative concrete technology – pilot project?



Visit of the Prime Minister

September 20, 2017



Latvian industry representative visit to CERN, January 17, 2018



Shadow days at CERN

February 14, 2018

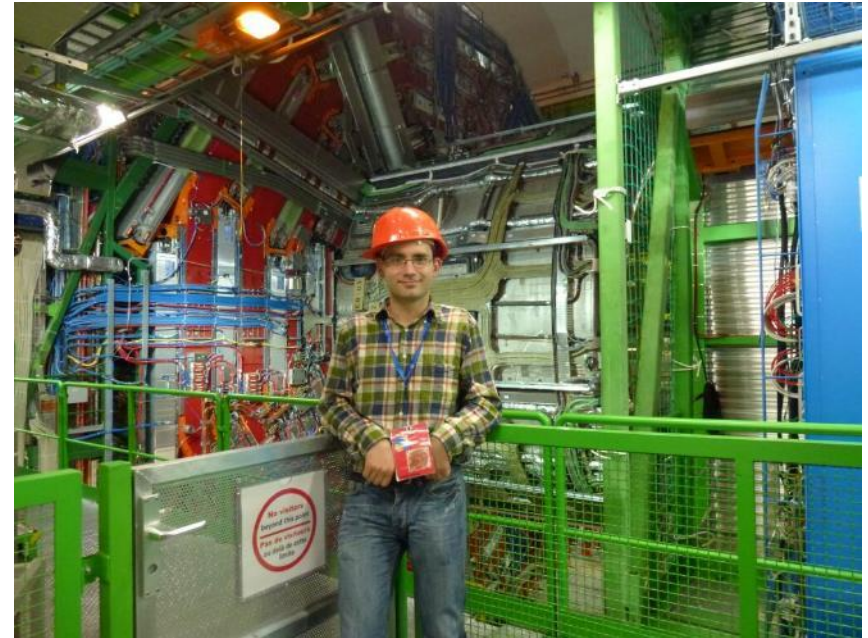
5 pupils from schools across Latvia became shadows of Prof. T.Torims and Scientific assistant A.Ivanovs at CERN



Latvian scientists who worked at CERN

Viesturs Veckalns (RTU)

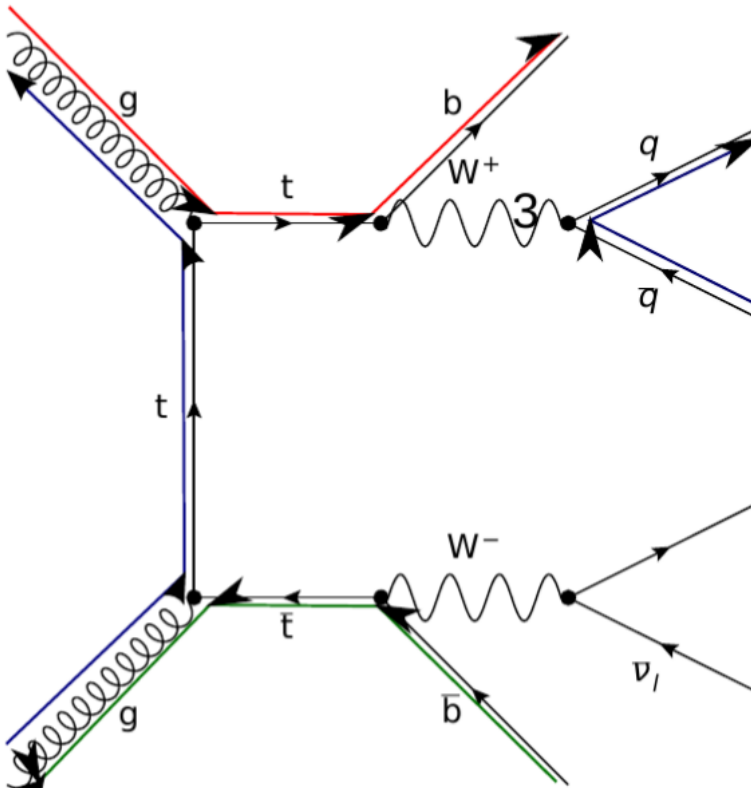
- Quoting young physician:
«We are investigating how color link between two can be observed in the CS detector».
- Perspective after PhD defense in RTU – work at CERN (CMS experiment) as project associate – 2018.



Involved in CERN CMS experiment since 2014. Represents RTU according to the agreement signed in 2012.

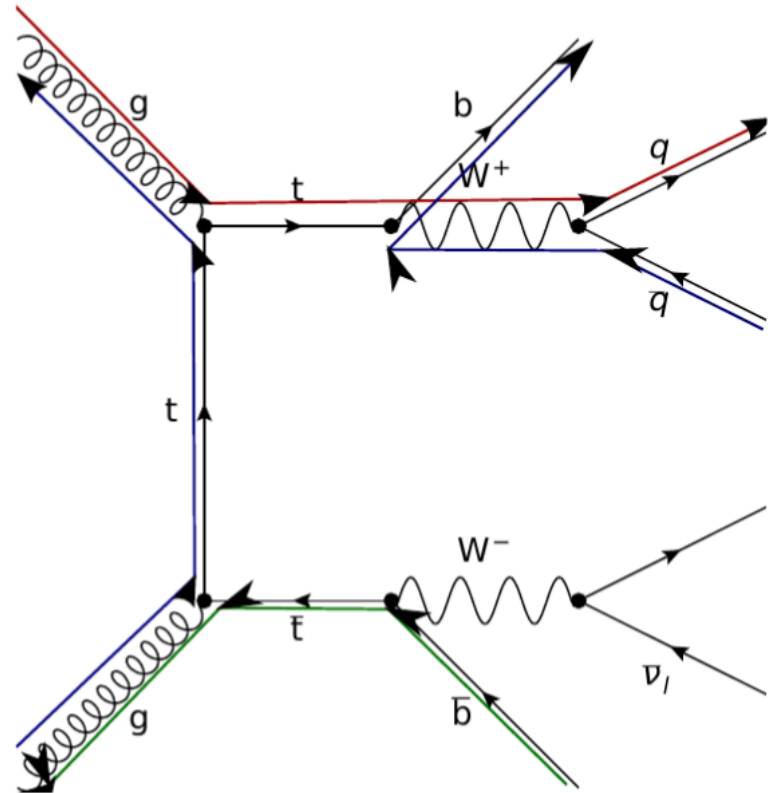
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Semileptonic $t \bar{t}$ process



Standard model

Semileptonic $t \bar{t}$ process



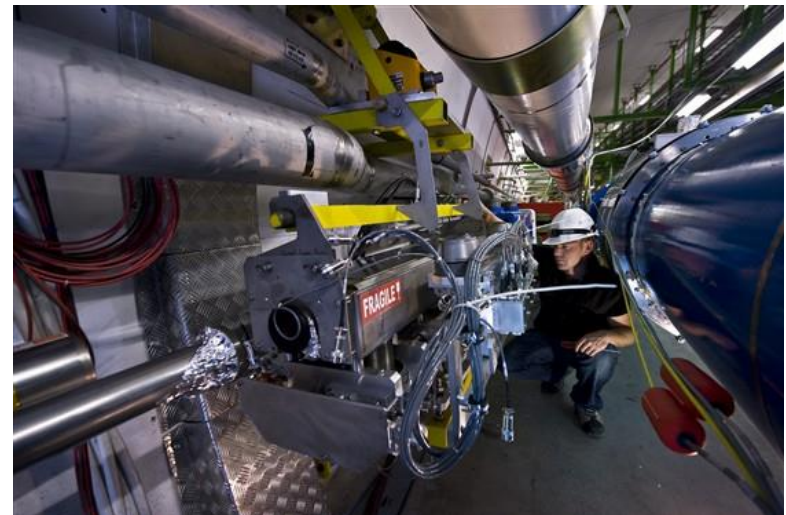
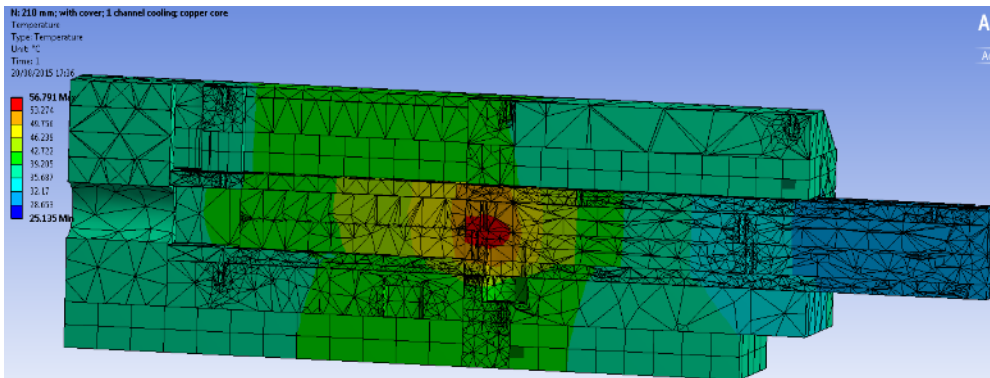
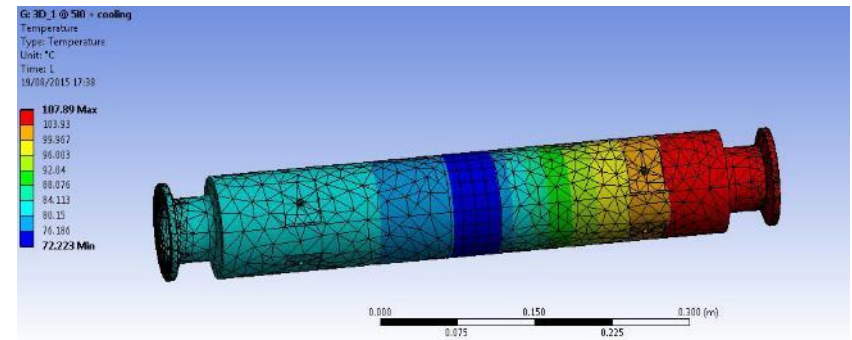
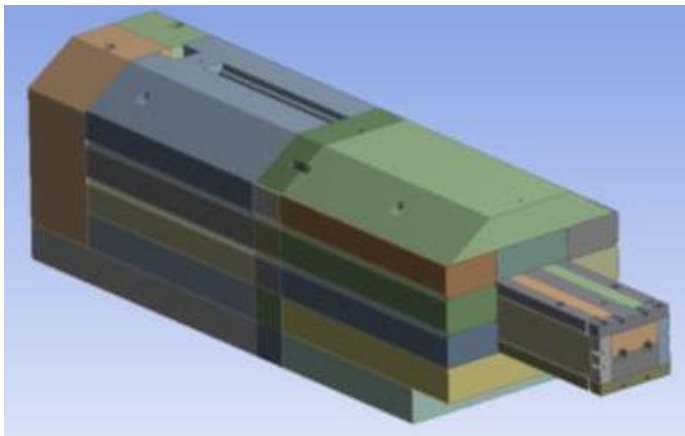
Flipped model

Color flow « $t\bar{t}$ decays»

Stepans Šķarīks (RTU)

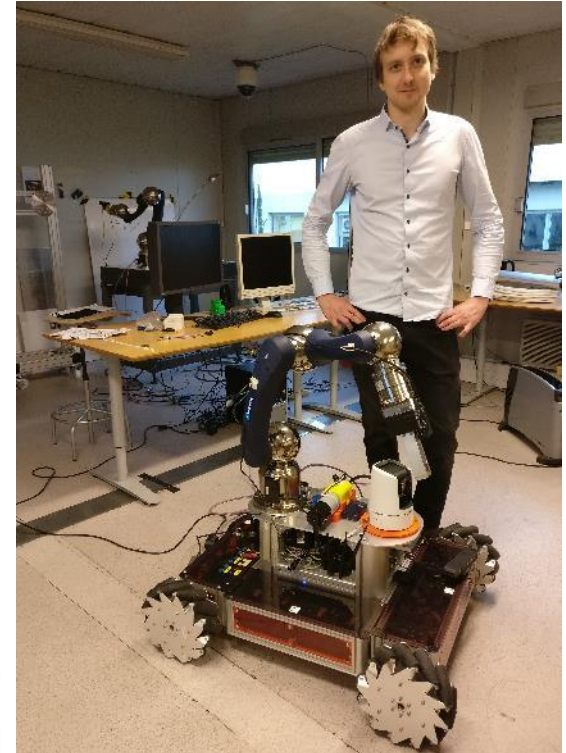
First CERN summer school participant from Latvia – 2015.

«Collimator thermal function analysis»



Artūrs Ivanovs (RTU)

- 15.02. - 28.04.2017 scientific internship at CERN
- Development and validation of the battery energy dynamic algorithm for LHC robotized device.
- Perspective – PhD at CERN and work as project associate from 01.08.2017.



CERN Robotics Group

Contract type:

Project Associate for 3 years

Field of Research:

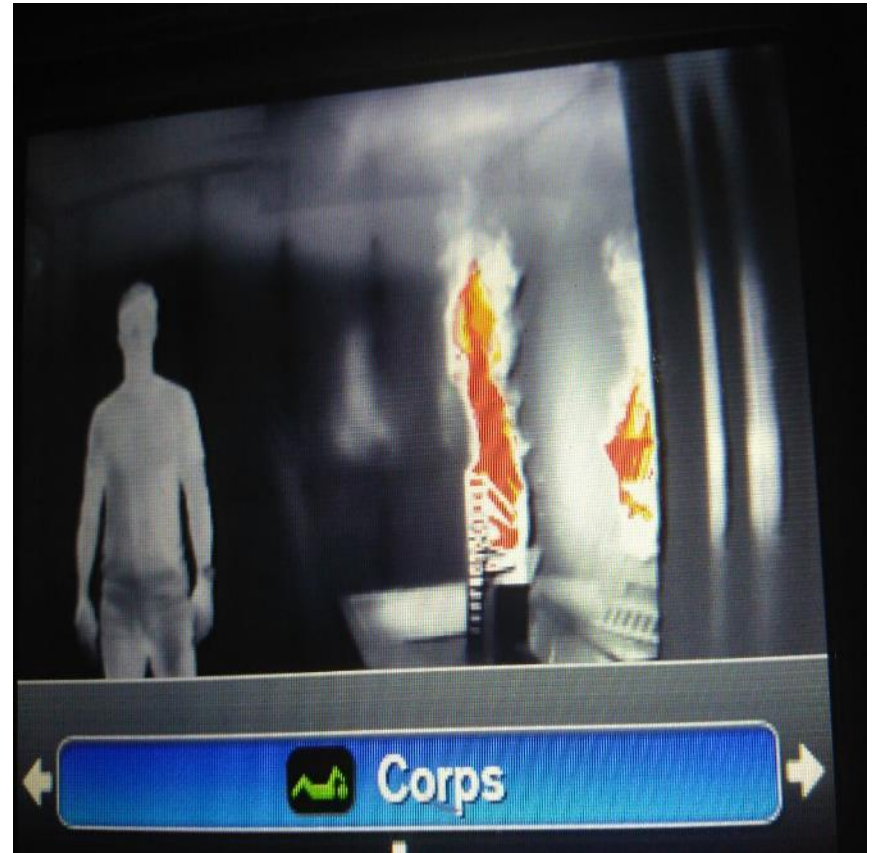
Machine Learning for Robotics Applications

PhD Thesis:

Development of a system for human recognition and wireless vital parameter monitoring in harsh environments

Expected outcome:

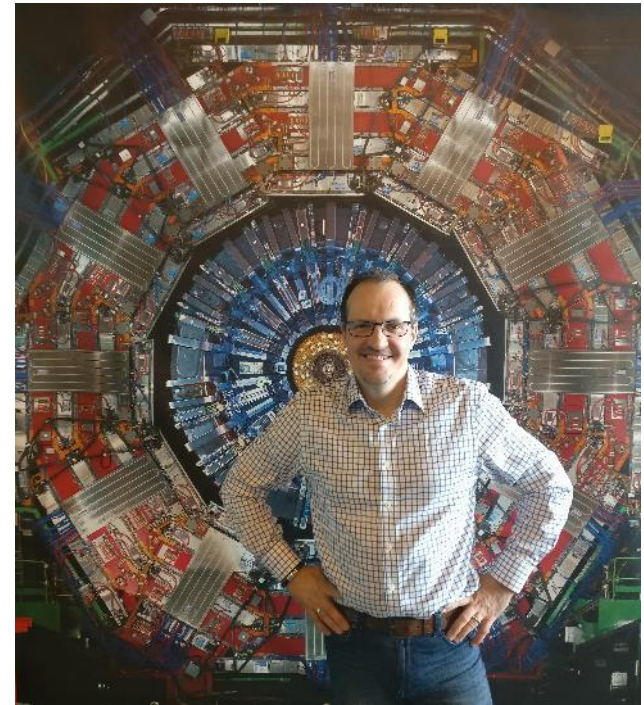
Robotic platform with mounted sensors used by first-response brigades to efficiently locate people and monitor their vital parameters before sending in the rescue team.



Toms Torims (RTU)

CERN scientific associate

- Responsible for accelerator and related technology analysis. The aim is to identify fields, where these technologies can be beneficial for needs of society as well as production (i.e. medicine, mechanical engineering and machine construction)
- Is analyzing *EuCARD2* (largest EU particle accelerator technology development project) result analysis in order to estimate the impact of project outcomes to the scientific community and society in general
- Is advising CERN about strategic goals of *ARIES* project implementation and about *AMICI* project scientific and communication structure development
- **De facto** Latvian representative at CERN



Andris P. Stikuts (LU master)

- 2017 CERN summer school
- Is working in CLIC (Compact Linear Collider) team, where electron-positron collision simulations are made
- Simulation are required in order to estimate potential futures perspectives of CLIC (Compact Linear Collider)

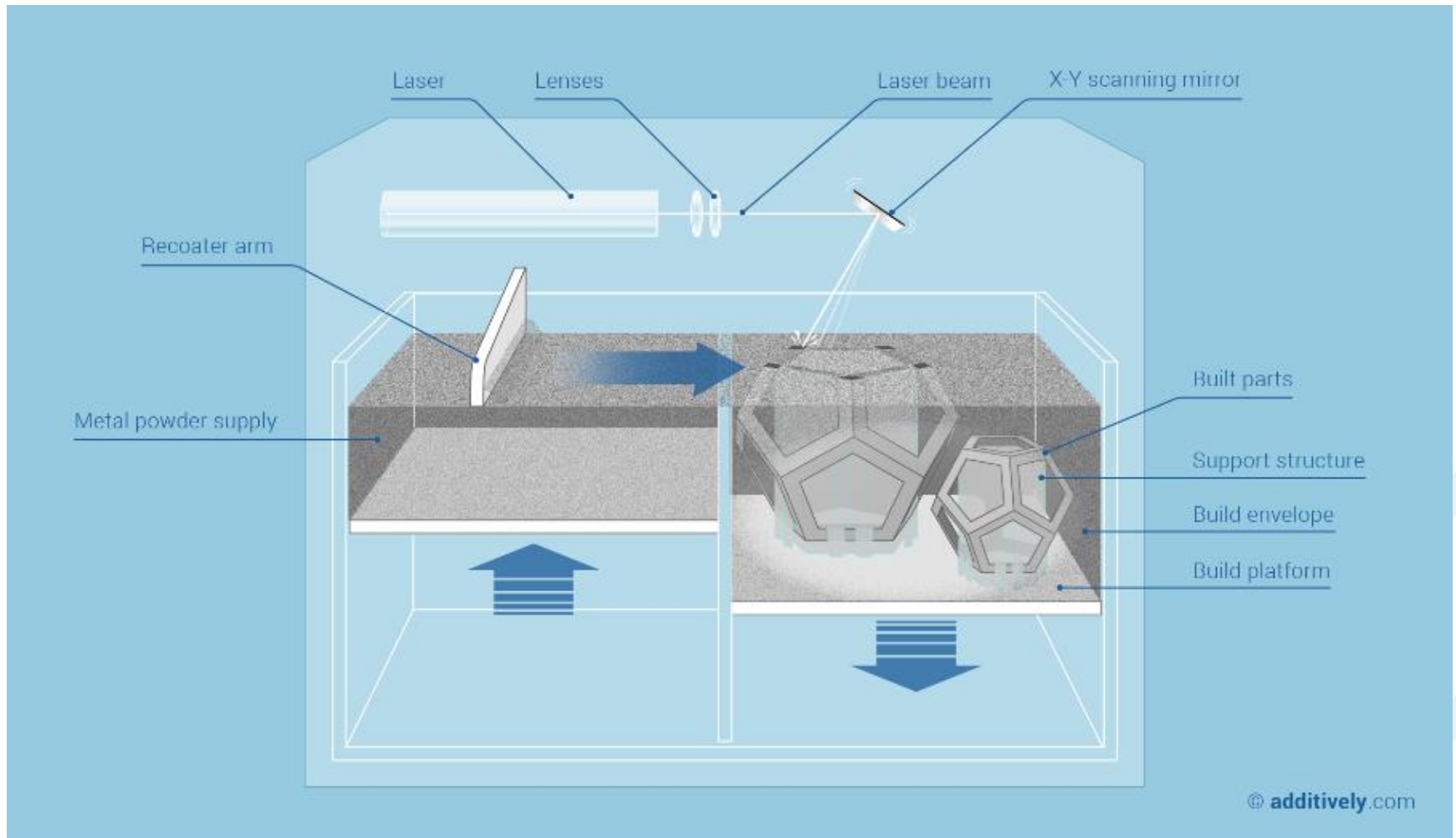


Artūrs Vēvers (RTU PhD)

- 2017 CERN summer school
- *Engineering Department - Mechanical & Materials Engineering Group*
- Is investigating and comparing currently available simulation programs for 3D printing process simulations
- Is developing "End spacer" part simulation and creates supporting structure, that would provide minimal deformation during the printing process
- Is assisting in plant parts 3D printing processes

What is Additive Manufacturing?

Selective Laser Melting (SLM)



CERN scientists in Latvia

World class scientists in Latvia

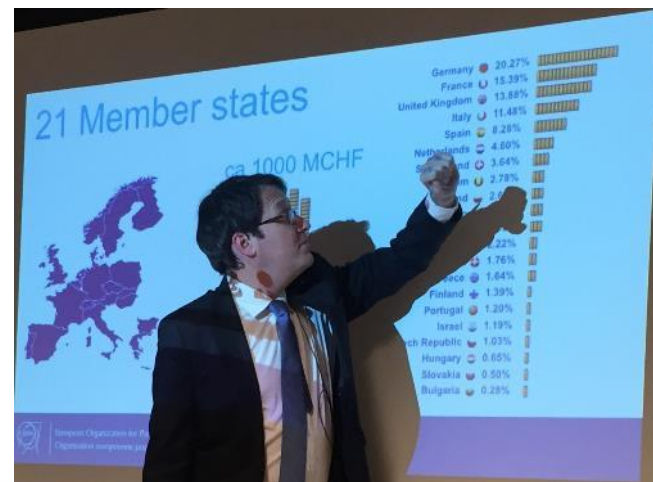
- Highly appreciated and well attended guest lecturers of leading CERN scientists in RTU CERN. Students from RTU as well as other universities in 2012., 2013., 2015. un 2016.



Dr. Paul Collier



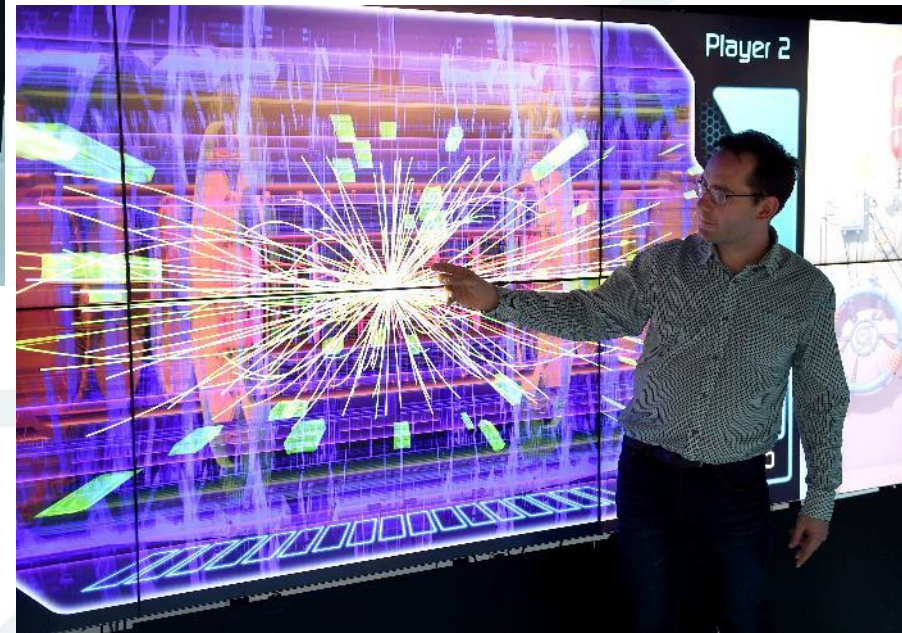
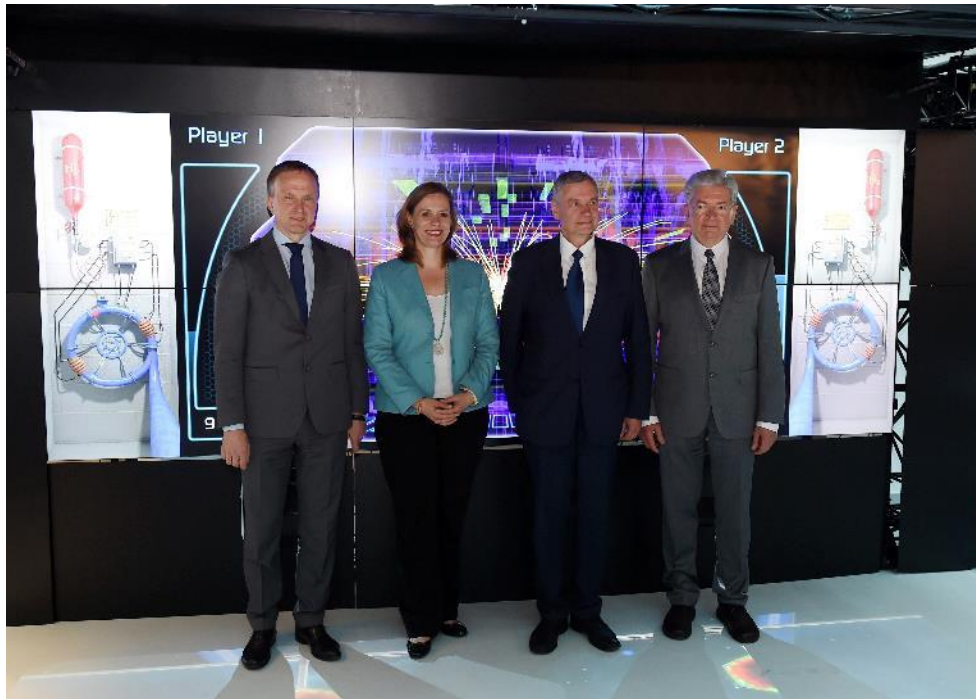
Dr. Tadeusz Kurtyka



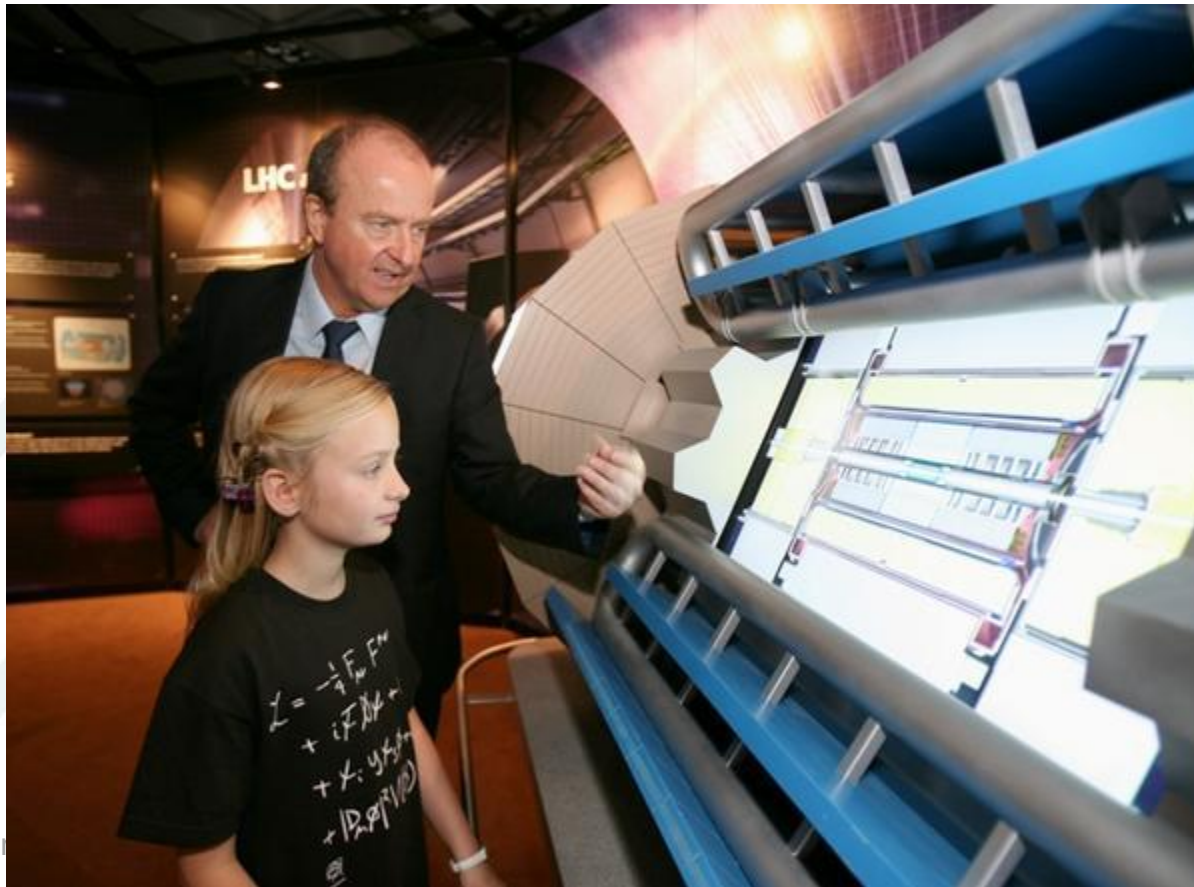
Dr. Christoph Schaefer

CERN science week in Latvia

22 - 26 May, 2017



CERN Exhibition Accelerating Science in Riga, spring 2018



CERN Spring Campus in Riga

23-26 April, 2018

- The 2018 CERN Spring Campus is the fifth edition of a series of schools dedicated to Information Technology and Computing
- <https://indico.cern.ch/event/671305/registrations/37867/>
- CERN believes that scientific curiosity is an essential part of being human and we wish to share the excitement and enthusiasm of discovery with as wide a public as possible. **Application is open!**

Target audience is primarily final year **BSc students** and **MSc students** in the field of **Computer Science** or related.



Supported by Latvian Government



Riga Technical University



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS MINISTRU PREZIDENTS
Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

Riga, 19 May 2017

Dear Professor Sijbrand de Jong,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Latvia, I would like to express our satisfaction about the excellent and evolving cooperation between the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) and Latvia.

In accordance with the above mentioned, I would like to inform you that Latvia is looking forward to bringing this cooperation to a higher stage in order to enjoy the partnership with CERN to the full by considering the application to its membership status at the CERN, first as an associate member, followed by full membership.

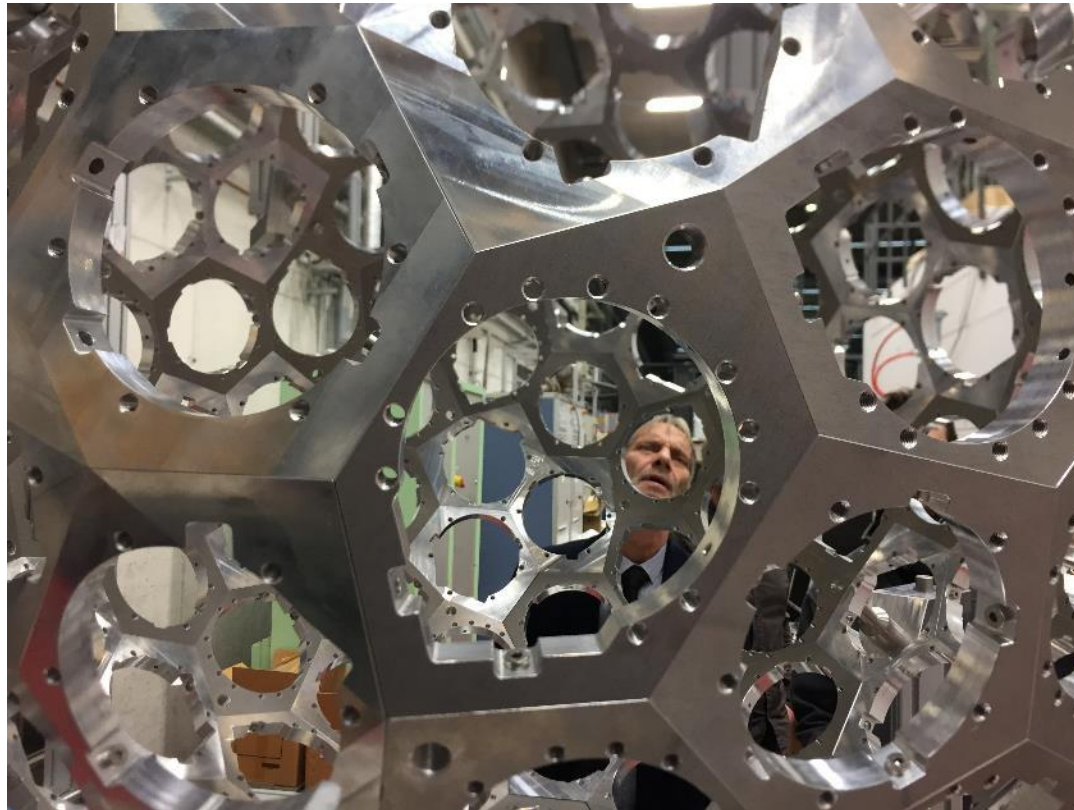
Sincerely,

Māris Kučinskis

ARIES project

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- «Accelerator Research and Innovation for European Science and Society» – CERN coordinated Horizon 2020 project



ARIES

1st Annual Meeting

22-25th May 2018

Riga Technical University,
Riga, Latvia



The ARIES (Accelerator Research and Innovation for European Science and Society) Integrating Activity is organising its first Annual Meeting in Riga, Latvia, hosted by the Riga Technical University. The project as well as the activities of the different Work Packages will be presented.

ARIES is a project for coordinated R&D on particle accelerators. 41 partners across 18 European countries work toward the goal of improving the performance, availability, and sustainability of accelerators, transferring their technology to society, and further integrating the European accelerator community.

Organising Committee:

- Valerie Brunser (CERN)
- Angela Jafarova (RTU)
- Toms Torins (RTU & CERN)
- Maurizio Vretenar (CERN)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/699219/>

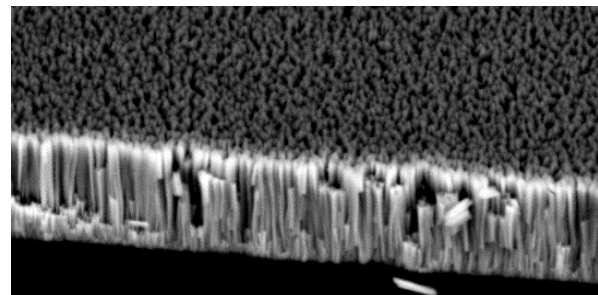
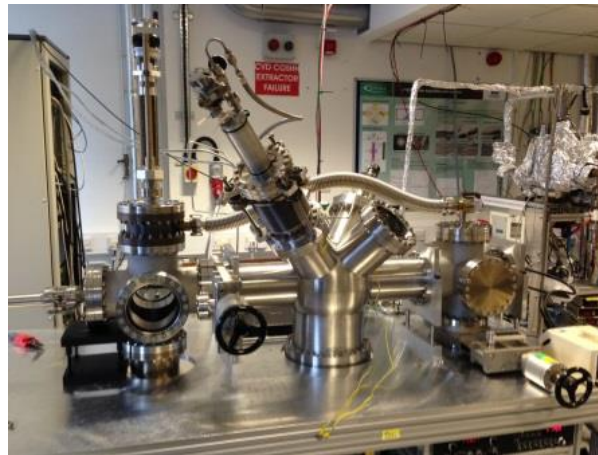


ARIES project - I

- technologies – improved coating for particle accelerators working surfaces



Riga Technical University

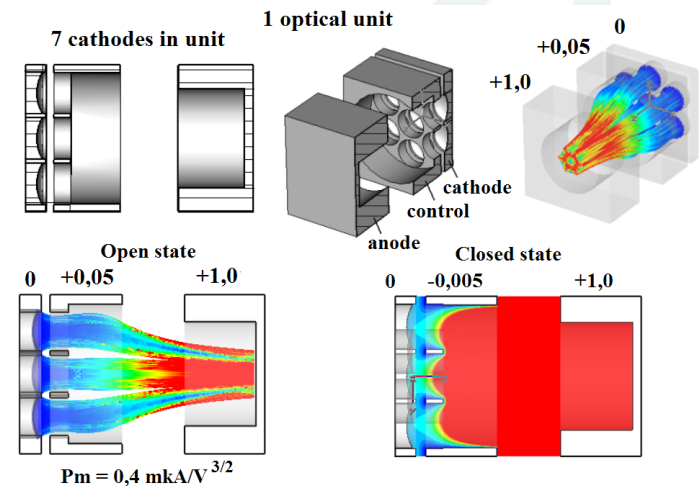
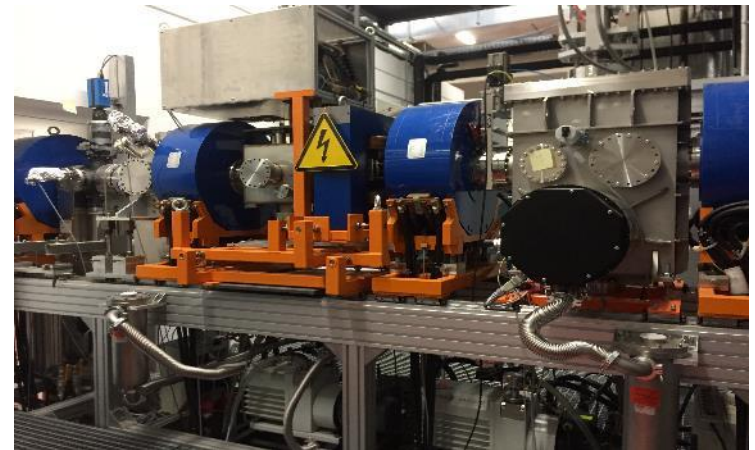


SEM image of a NbN thin film



ARIES project - II

– development of innovative radio frequency modulator – energy particle accelerator beam



Partners: GSI – Darmstadt, Frankfurt University, CERN

Riga Technical University

Prototype design RTU

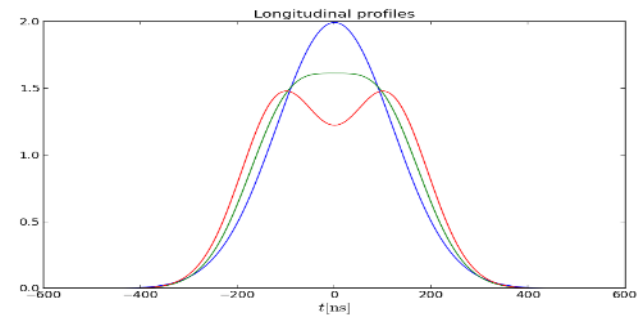
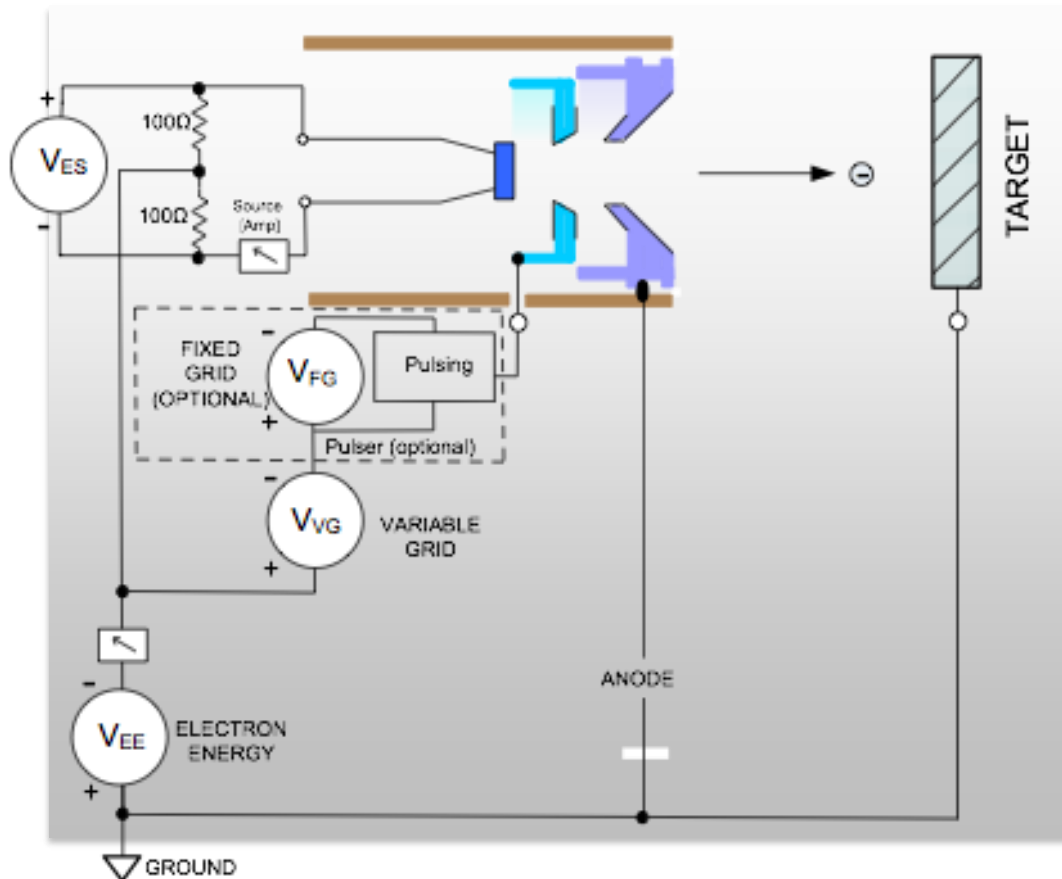
Gen.



Power Amp



modulator plates/grid

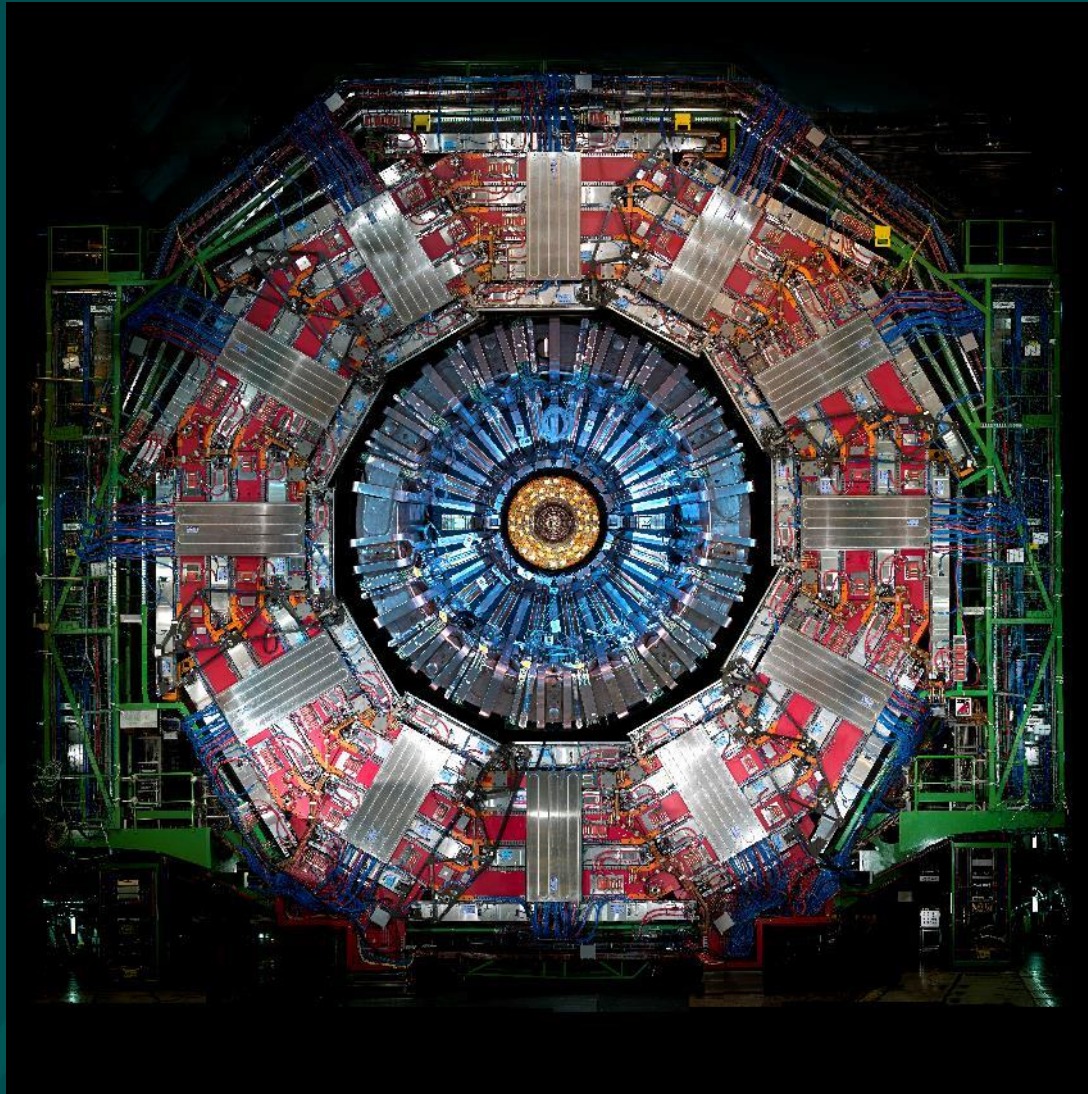


ARIES project - III

- Education and training – online course about particle accelerators
- RTU is developing online platform



CMS Collaboration



Consortium



- To join CMS as a Full Member in form of Consortium of two Universities, namely, Riga Technical University (RTU) and University of Latvia (LU).
- Two largest universities of Latvia - major players in the Baltic region
- Support from the Ministry of Education and Science
- Envisage to join CMS as from 2018
- Funding available and mechanism is established

Reasons for the application

- Consultations with the CMS management and relevant groups - identified that RTU and LU both have wide range of required experience and **could directly contribute** to the on-going and future activities of CMS
- Participation in CMS will significantly boost the competence of the RTU and LU in the fields of physics analysis, technology development and computing
- This would facilitate the on-going process of the advanced particle physics community consolidation in Latvia
- This will enhance Baltic States cooperation in the field of high energy physics

RELEVANT FACULTIES

ready to participate:

CENTRE OF HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS AND
ACCELERATOR TECHNOLOGIES

COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRONICS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

POWER & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, TRANSPORT &
AERONAUTICS



- Data processing - algorithms, computing, encoding, programming, alignment, data validation and certification, Monte-Carlo simulations, data bases, etc.
- Sensors, data transmission and signal processing
- Manufacturing technology and mechanics - design, prototyping and actual manufacturing (e.g. additive manufacturing)
- Electronics and electrical engineering
- Materials and radiation hardness
- Particle physics

Future evolution

- Initially (in 2018) Consortium is envisaging to contribute to CMS with two participants, e.g.:

Riga Technical University

– one scientist (can be post-doc) or one PhD student/engineer

University of Latvia

– one scientist (can be post-doc) or one PhD student

- As it is evident from the presentation there are numerous areas of potential contribution
- Collaboration can be enhanced to the larger number of participants and faculty members – up-to four in end 2018 or 2019

Closing remark

- Latvia sees its engagement in the CMS experiment as an strategic opportunity
- It will enhance the scientific potential of RTU and LU by taking part in technology development, computing, and physics analysis
- Latvia considers its engagement in the CMS experiment as important step towards Latvia's application: for the CERN Associate Member as the pre-stage to membership.

CERN Baltic Group

CERN Baltic group



CERN Baltic Group has important objectives:

- Coordination of the Baltic research institutions activities towards CERN and related collaborations/experiments
- Strengthening and development of Baltic High Energy Physics (HEP) community
- Development of the Baltic international multidisciplinary masters/doctoral level study programme in High Energy Physics and Accelerator Technologies

CERN Baltic group

The main principles of the CERN Baltic Group are: **transparency, honesty, sharing and collaboration**



Next steps

What's next?

- Latvia - CERN associate and full member – we are on the way!
- Door to CERN is open...
- Latvian scientists work at CERN
- Participation in CERN experiments
- Regular teacher group visits
- Regular pupil group visits
- CERN organized events and «schools»



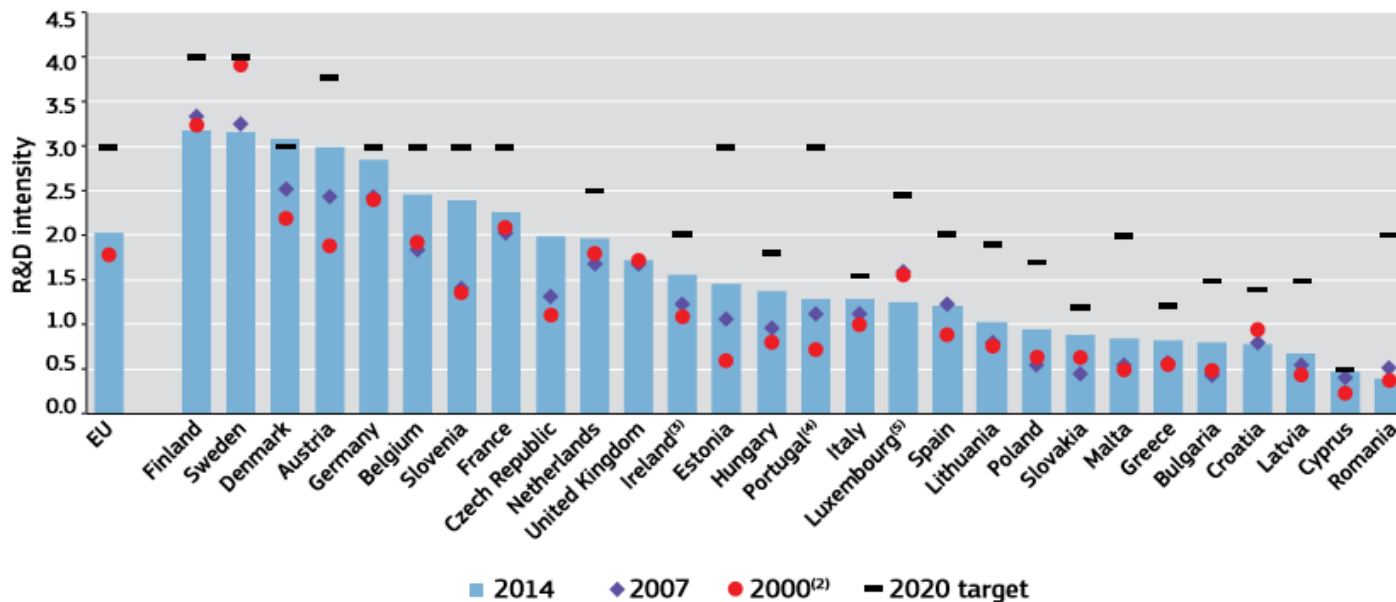
What's in it for Latvia?

- Opportunity to get support point for moving science in Latvia from the consumer level to potentially profitable level
- Opportunity to demonstrate to EU and NATO that Latvia is not a country for low qualification work
- Opportunity to raise quality standards in exact sciences at Latvian universities with support of CERN scientific and technical infrastructure. By doing so, preventing leak of talented students abroad.
- «Interesting» orders for Latvian companies, opportunity to enter new markets, direct access to CERN innovations.

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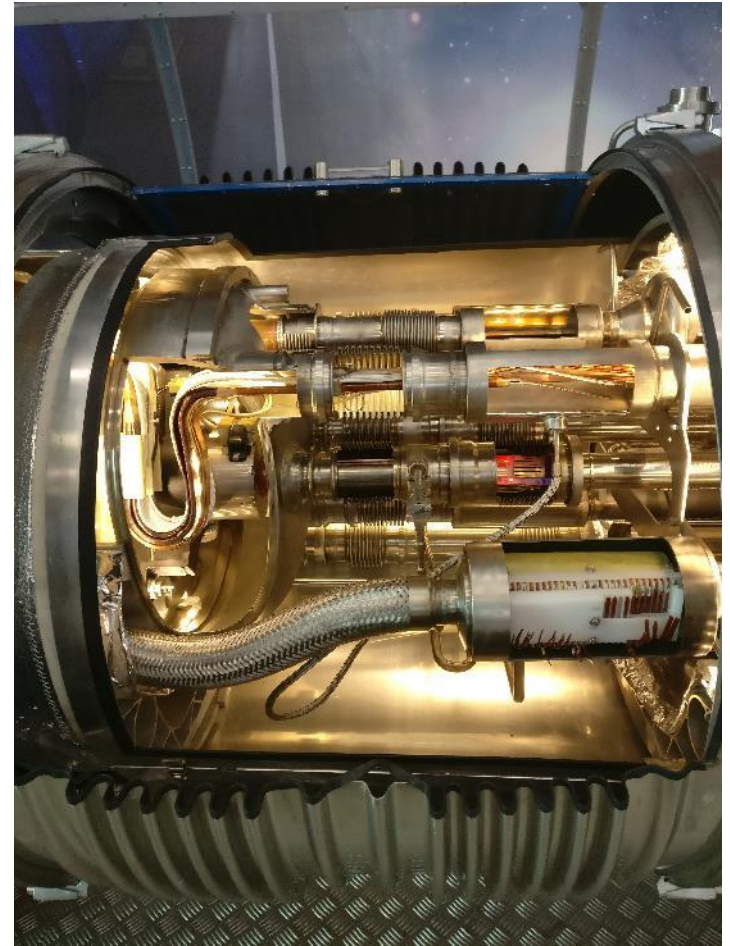
- Politics: we are in NATO and EU, but science?

► **Figure I-2-10** R&D intensity 2000, 2007, 2014 and 2020 target⁽¹⁾



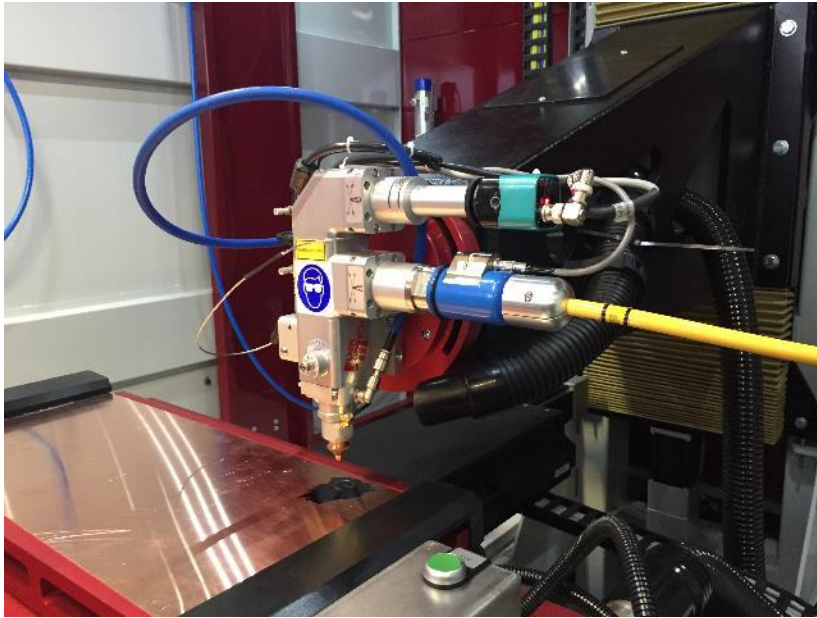
What's in it for Latvia?

- Science:
 - Breakthrough and grasp of fresh air to all fields of science (physicians, engineers, medicine etc.)
 - Free access to all experiments
 - Work at CERN for scientists
 - + all activities mentioned before, but from CERN budget
- Possibility to raise EU funds – significantly more than paid membership fee of 1.7 M euro
- Opportunity to play in highest league



What's in it for Latvia?

- Economics: invested 1,7 M eur per year. What will be the reward?



Entrepreneurs

- Promising «**Primekss**» visit to CERN 05.07.2017 – RD project expected in cooperation with CERN
- **Baltic Scientific Instruments** continues cooperation with CERN
- **Nuclear Medicine Clinic** founded by Riga Stradins University is in negotiation process to investigate cooperation possibilities with CERN- MEDICIS (Medical Isotopes Collected from ISOLDE)
- «**NanoOptoMetrics**» – surface metrological analysis equipment – in contact with CERN, who showed interest in this technology and equipment
- Start-up company «**Adaplab**» is ready to offer CERN its' *process control and PLC's (Programmable Logic Controllers)* – in touch with CERN

Next steps

- Latvian participation un CMS project – LU un RTU consortium
- Visits of high level representatives from related ministries to CERN
- CERN EXPO in Latvia January-February 2018
- Governmental Education, Culture and Science Committee visit to CERN
- Visit of entrepreneurs and associations
- Roadmap for Latvian membership to CERN

Thank you!