



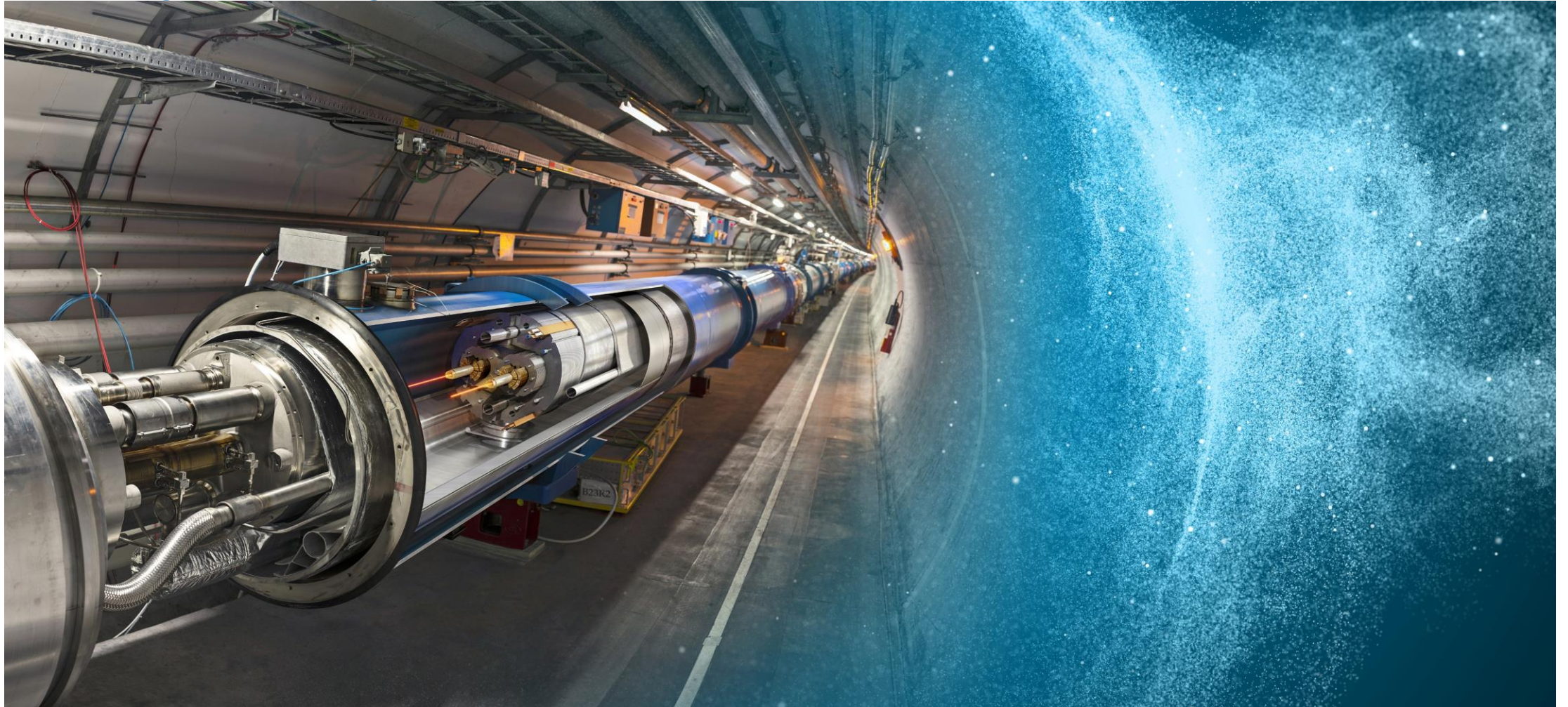
# Phase VI Challenges and Opportunities

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# CERN: A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

*Pushing technologies to their limits*



# CERN

“Science for peace”

- International organisation close to Geneva, straddling Swiss-French border, founded 1954
- Facilities for fundamental research in particle physics
- 22 member states, 1.1 B CHF budget
- 3'197 staff, fellows, apprentices, ...
- 13'128 associates

1954: 12 Member States

**Members:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**Candidate for membership:** Romania

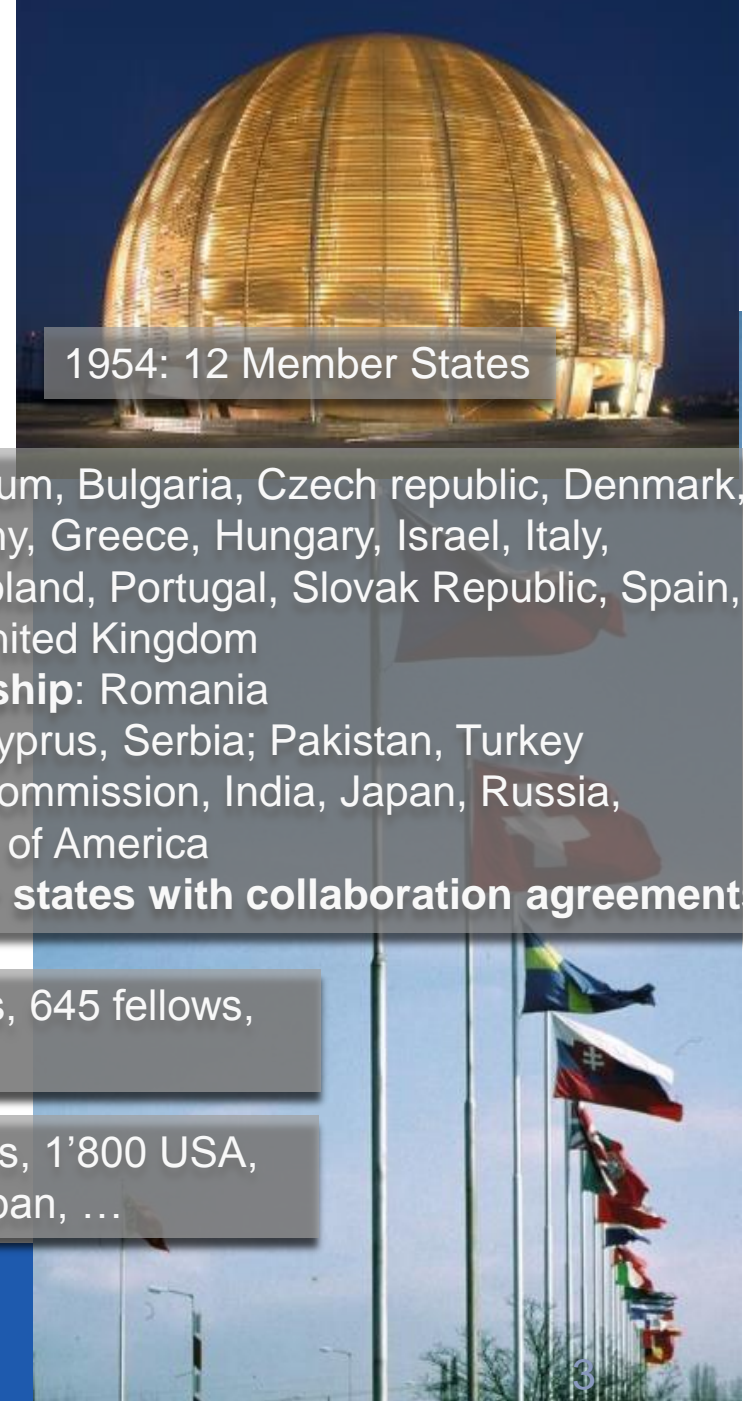
**Associate members:** Cyprus, Serbia; Pakistan, Turkey

**Observers:** European Commission, India, Japan, Russia, UNESCO, United States of America

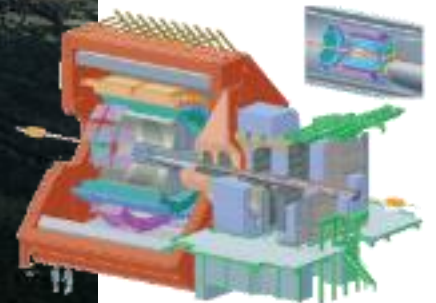
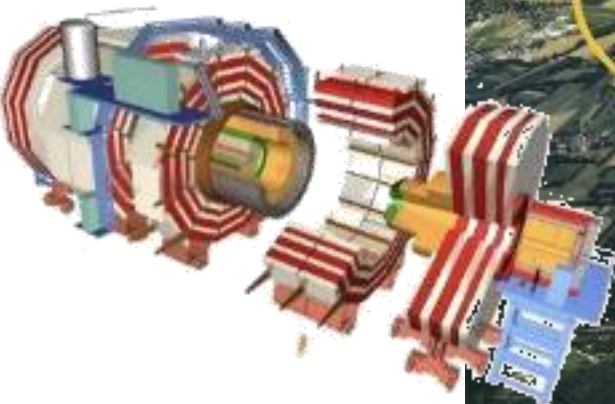
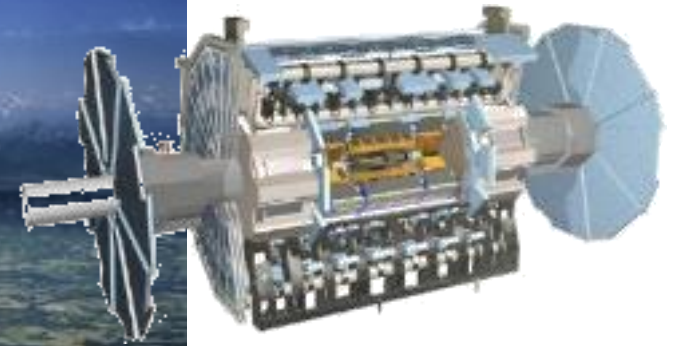
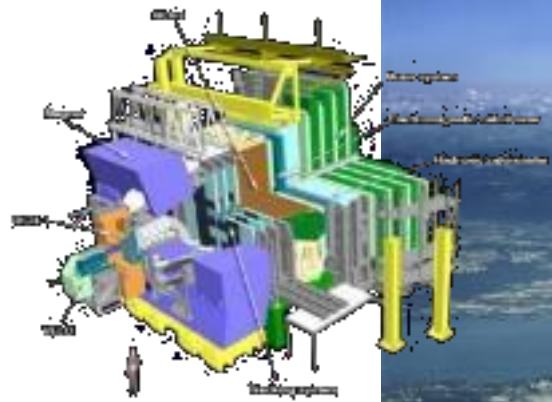
Numerous **non-member states with collaboration agreement**

2'531 staff members, 645 fellows,  
21 apprentices

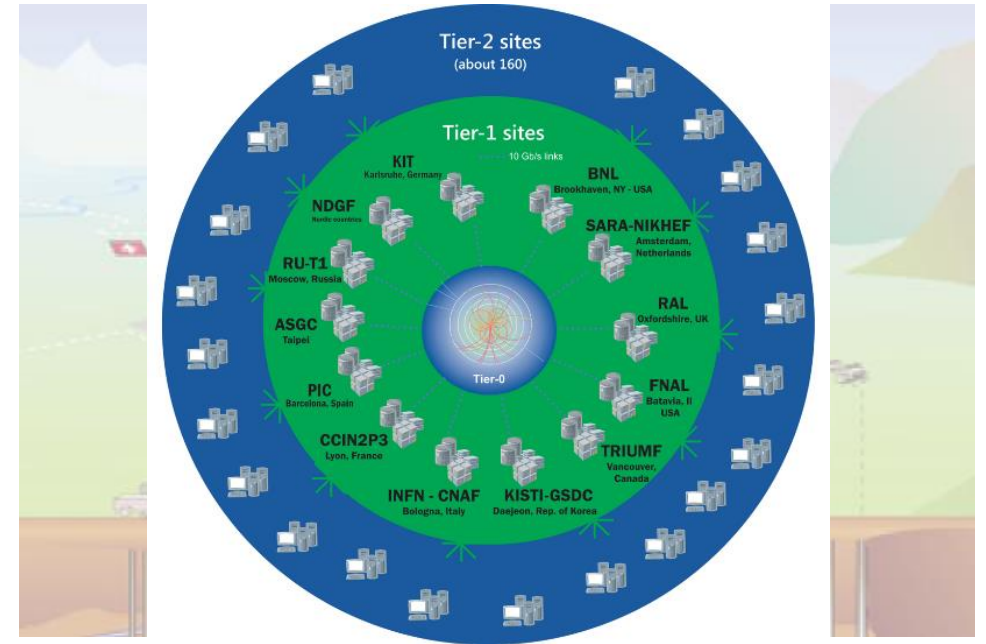
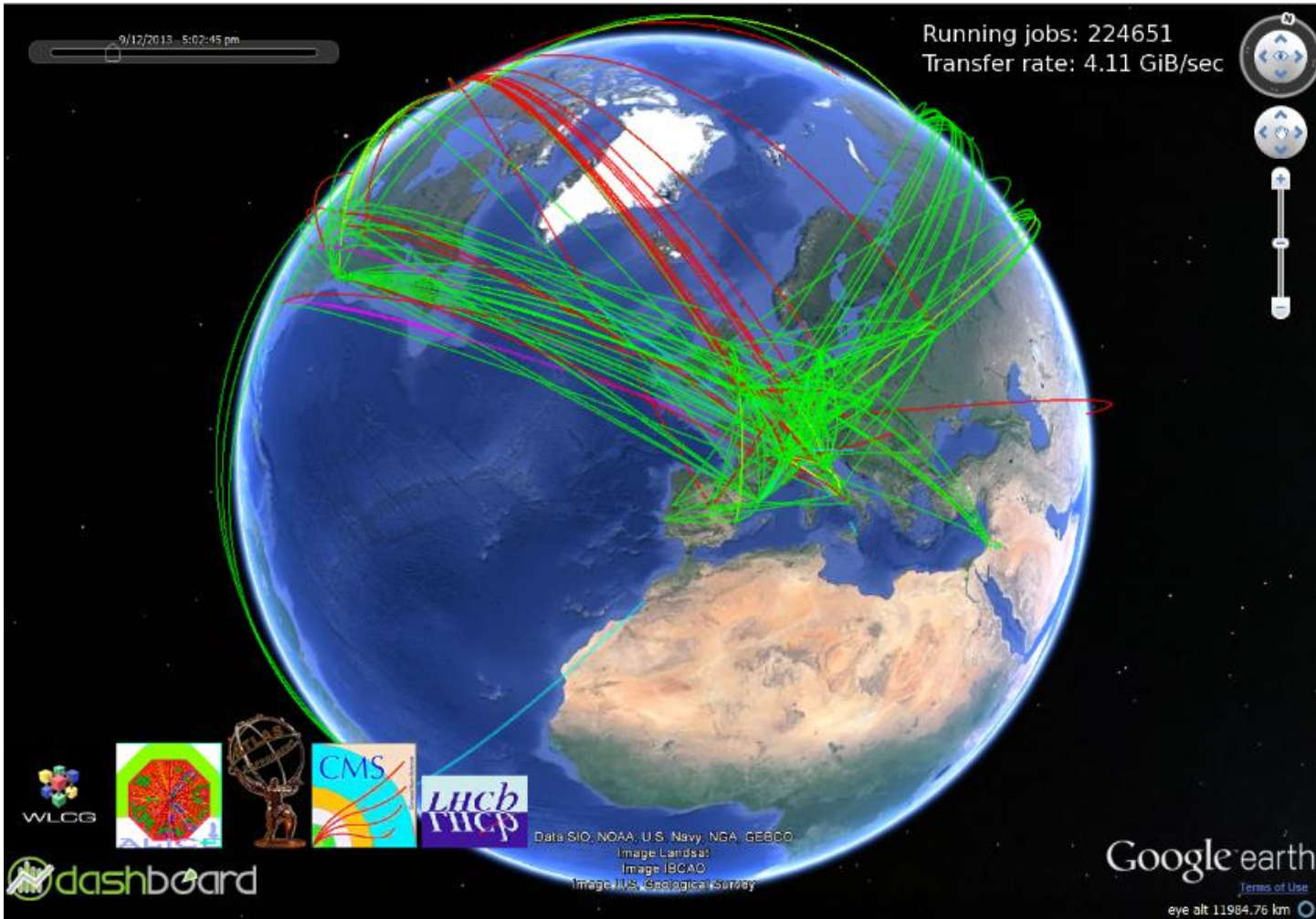
7'000 member states, 1'800 USA,  
900 Russia, 270 Japan, ...



# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



# Worldwide LHC Computing Grid



## Tier-0 (CERN):

- Data recording
- Initial data reconstruction
- Data distribution

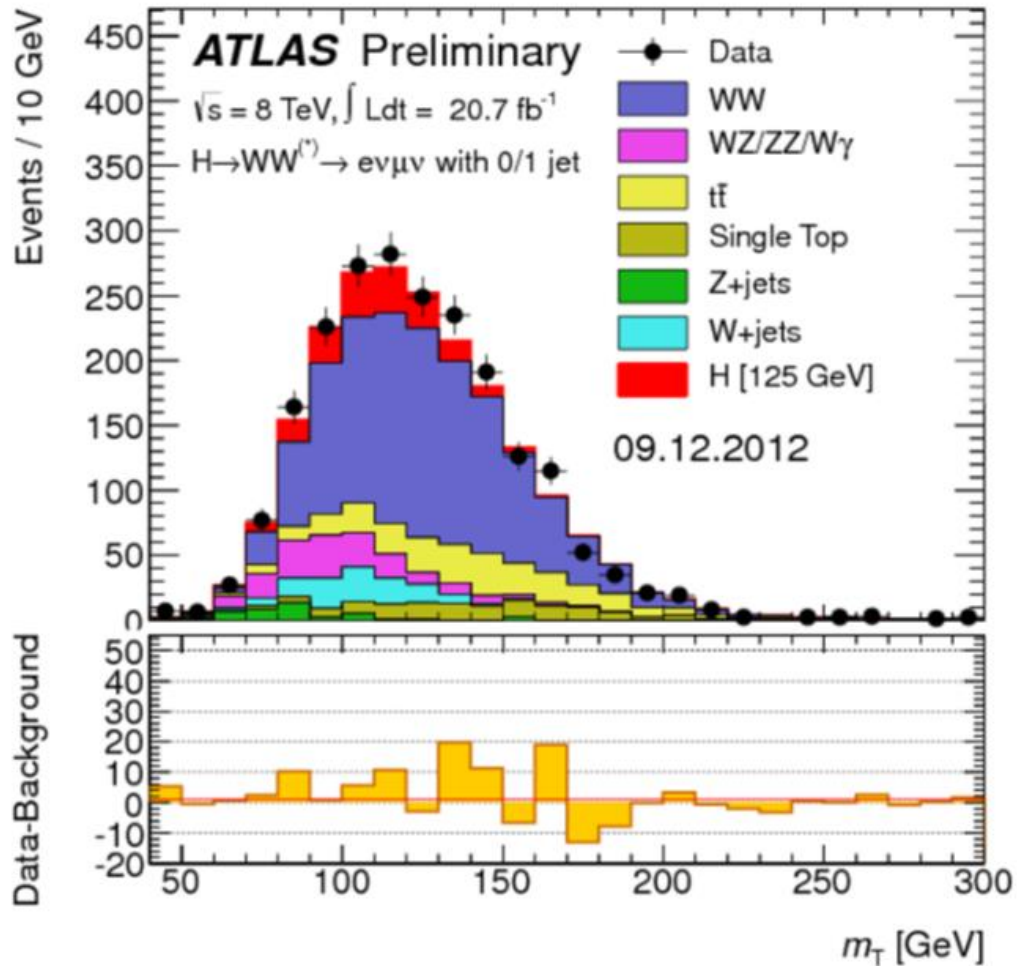
## Tier-1 (14 centres):

- Permanent storage
- Re-processing
- Analysis

## Tier-2 (72 Federations, ~149 centres):

- Simulation
- End-user analysis
- 760,000 cores
- 700 PB

# The Higgs Boson



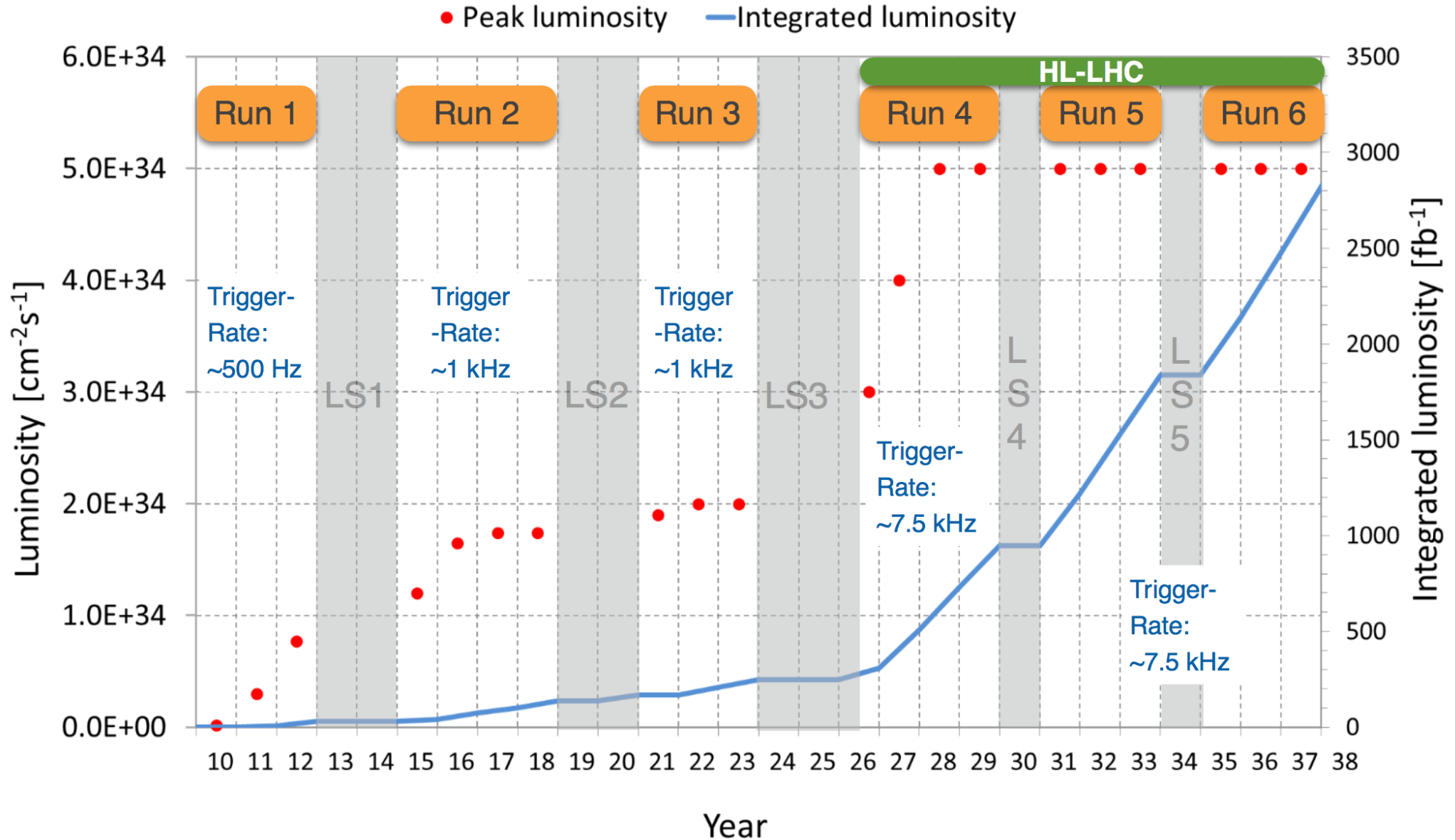
The Higgs Boson completes the Standard Model,  
but the Model explains only about 5% of our Universe

What is the other 95% of the Universe made of?

How does gravity really works?

Why there is no antimatter in nature?

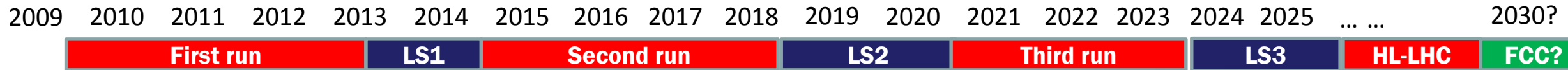
# LHC Schedule





# LHC Run3 and Run4

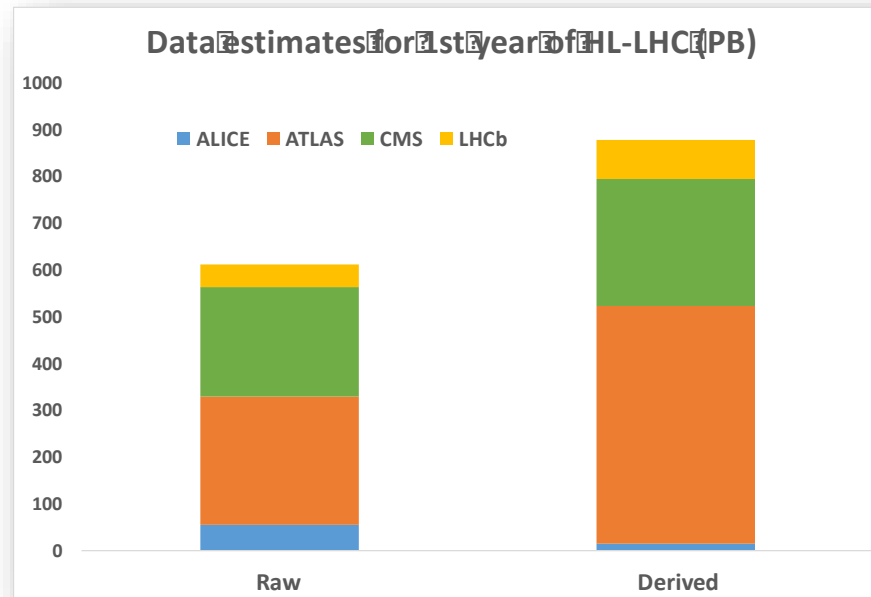
## Scale and Challenges



Raw data volume for LHC increases exponentially and with it processing and analysis load

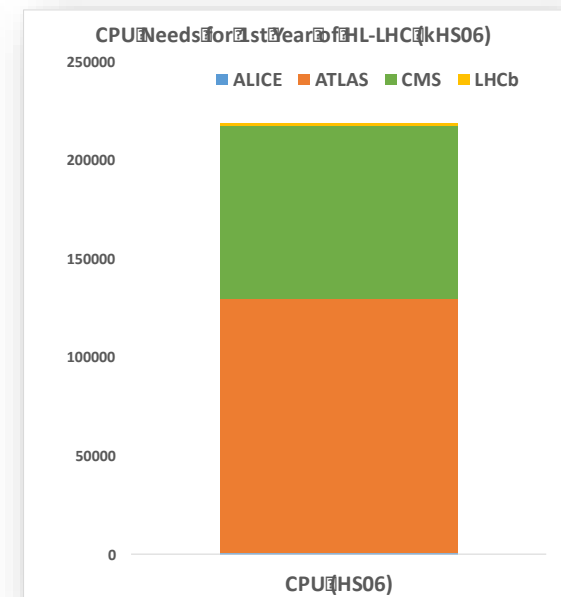
Technology at ~20%/year will bring x6-10 in 10-11 years

Estimates of resource needs at HL-LHC x10 above what is realistic to expect from technology with reasonably constant cost



Data:

- Raw 2016: 50 PB → 2027: 600 PB
- Derived (1 copy): 2016: 80 PB → 2027: 900 PB



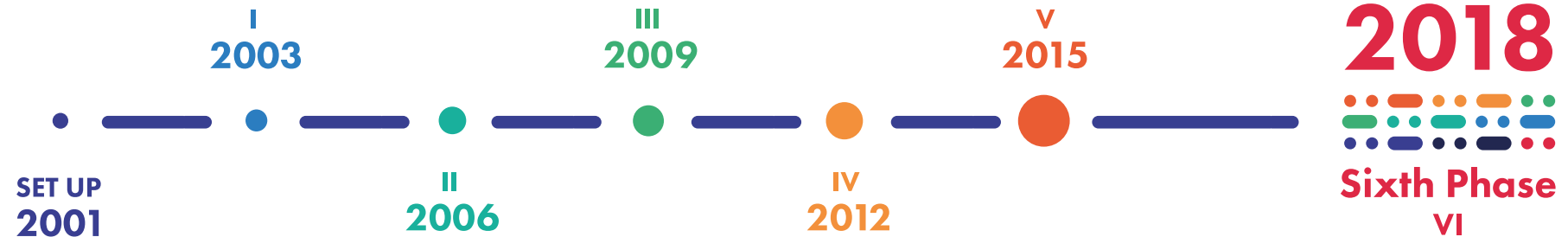
CPU:

- x60 from 2016

Technology revolutions are needed

# DRIVING INNOVATION SINCE 2001

*Entering our sixth three-year phase*

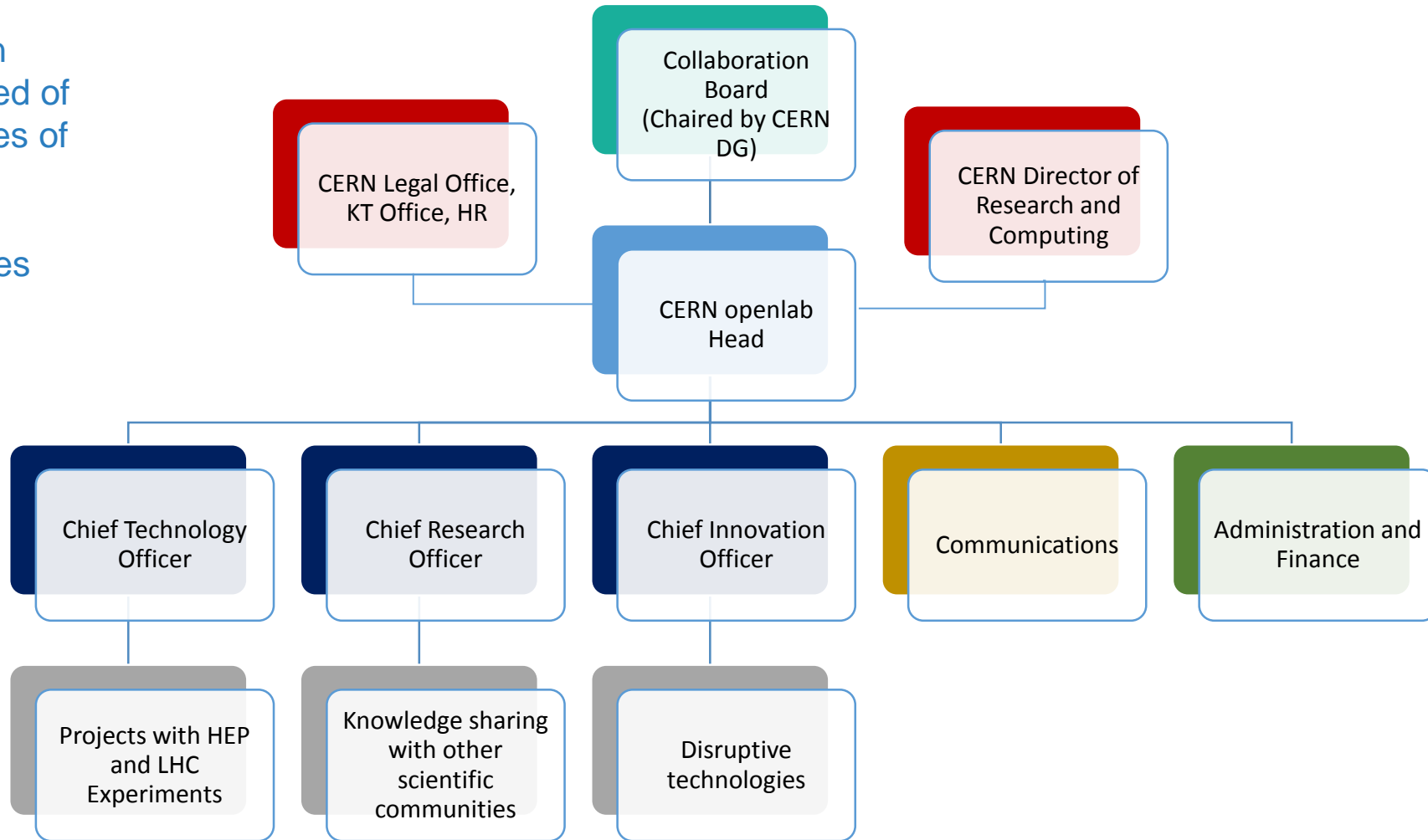


*CERN openlab Collaboration Board 2017*



# CERN openlab Governance

The Collaboration Board is composed of the representatives of the member Companies and Research Institutes

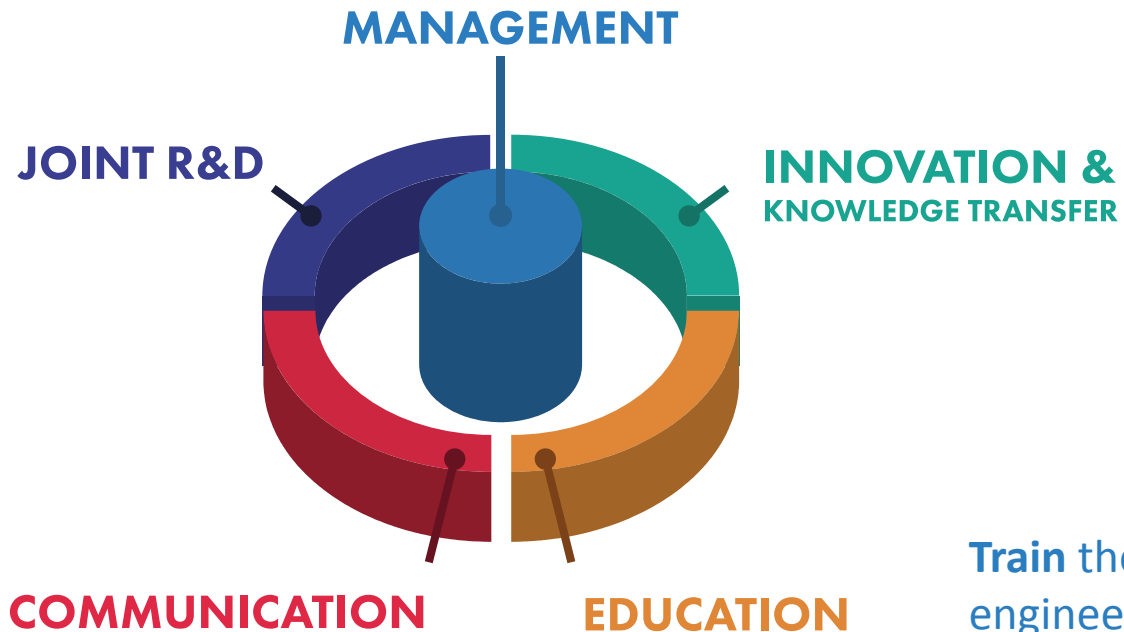


# CERN OPENLAB'S MISSION

*Our recipe for success*

**Evaluate and test** state-of-the-art technologies in a challenging environment and improve them in collaboration with industry.

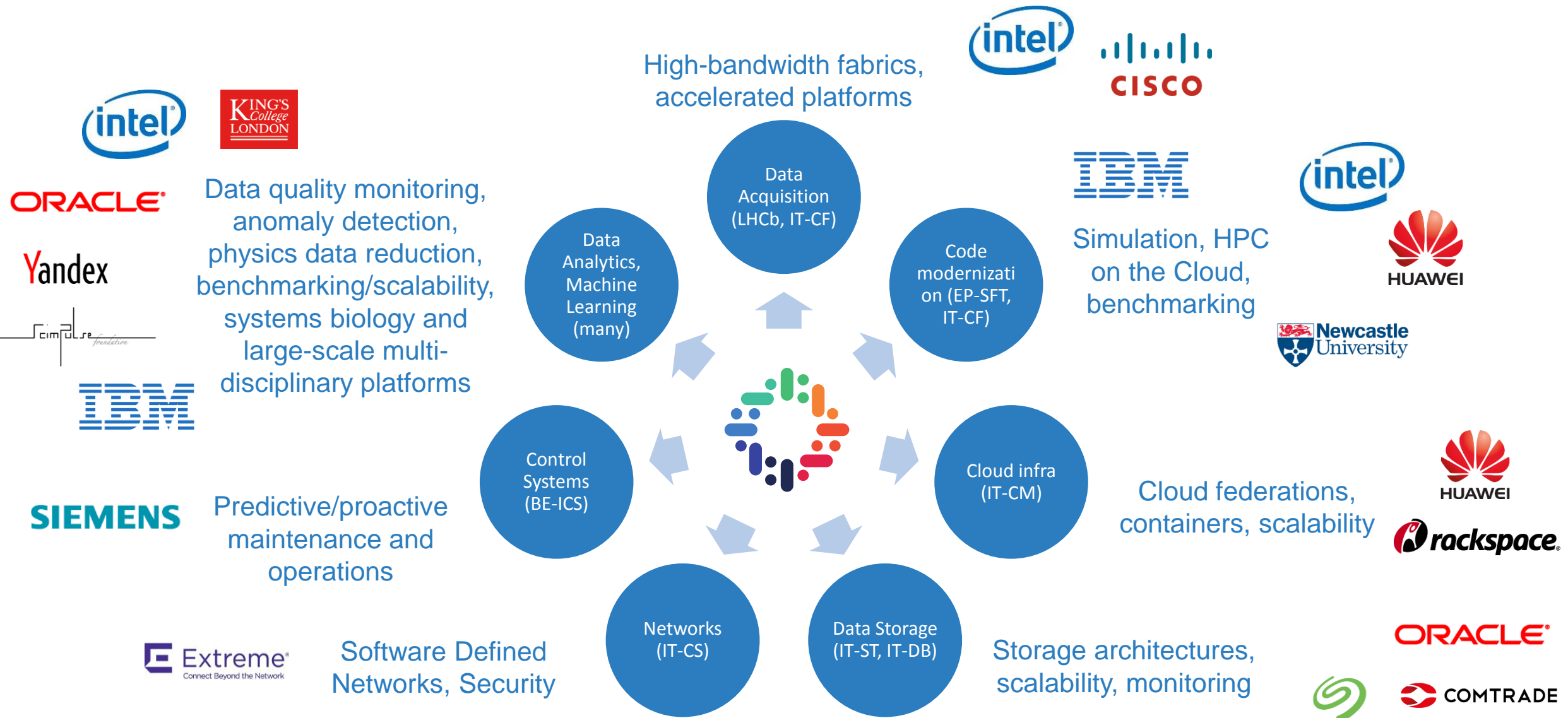
**Communicate** results, demonstrate impact, and reach new audiences.



**Collaborate** and exchange ideas with other communities to create knowledge and innovation.

**Train** the next generation of engineers/researchers, **promote** education and cultural exchanges.

# JOINT R&D PROJECTS



# IP Management, Open\*

- The basic principle of any CERN openlab collaboration is openness
- We assume shared IP of results among project members
  - More specific IP agreements can be discussed with the CERN KT Office
- Within the respect of limited confidentiality agreements and short embargo periods, we expect the results of the projects to be released to the scientific communities following open policies



# KNOWLEDGE SHARING

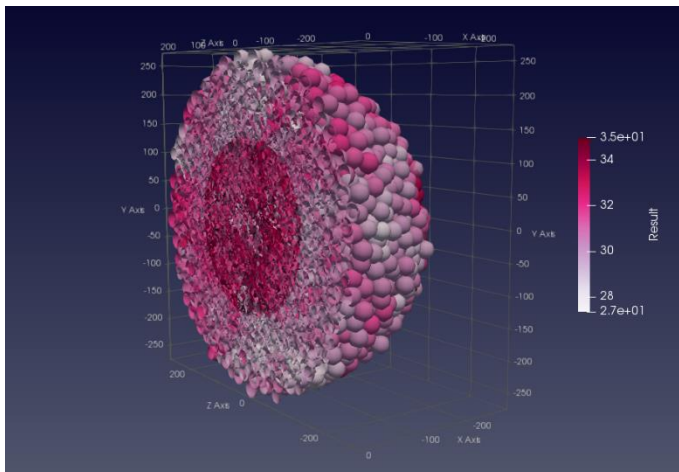
*Working with communities beyond high-energy physics*



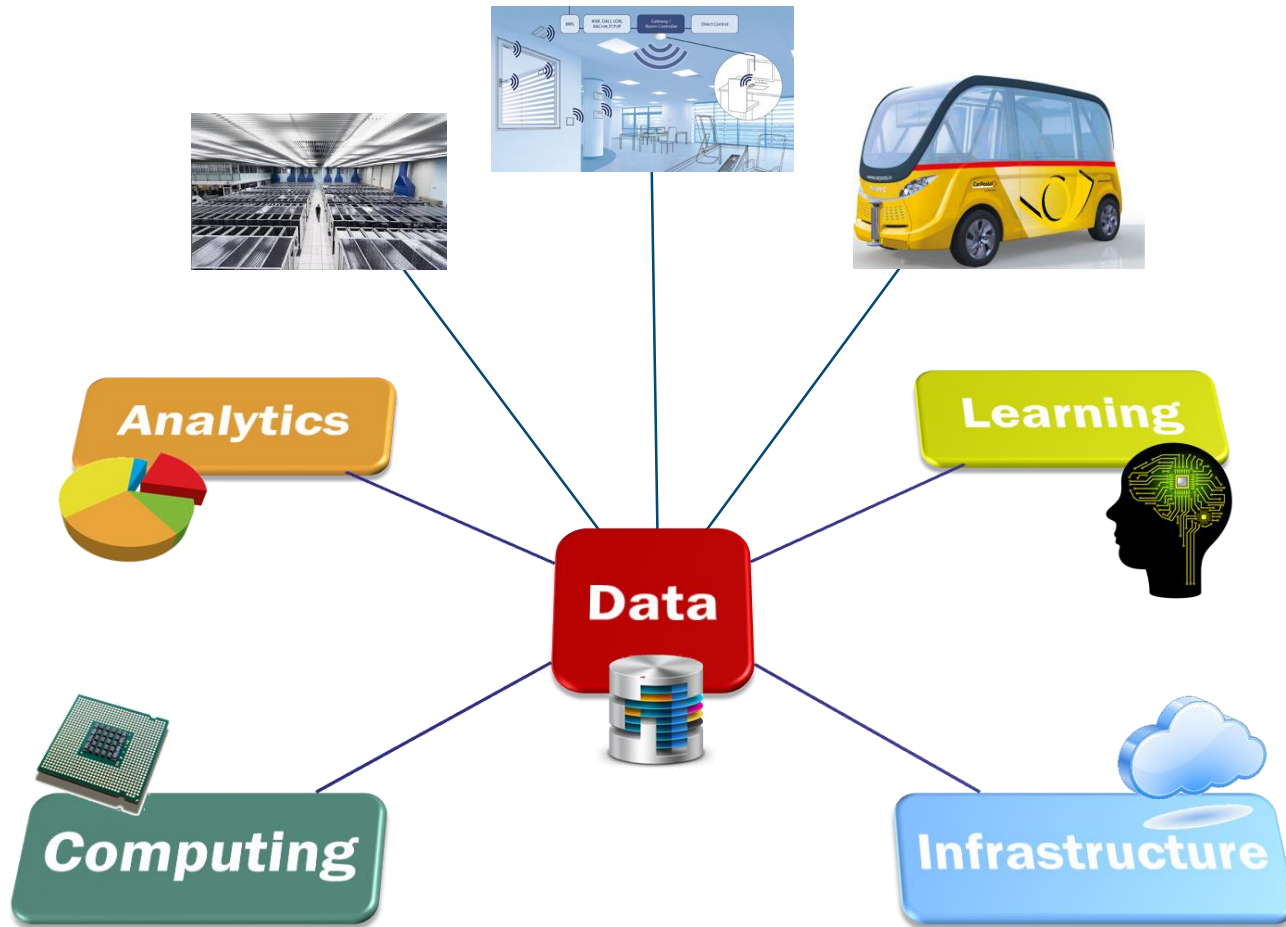
Working closely with CERN KT on initiatives aimed at transferring tools, skills, and knowledge from the high-energy physics community to other research fields.



Aligned with the recently approved knowledge transfer strategy for the benefit of medical applications



# “SMART THINGS” AND IOT



Understand the potential and impact of technologies such as Internet of Things, fast wireless/mobile communication (5G), and large-scale DA/ML

Raise awareness among the community by collecting and aggregating interests and setting up PoC projects

Main interests so far: data center operations optimization, environmental control, mobility

CERN is well-placed geographically and technologically to play a central role

Current status: Requirements analysis

Seeking collaborations: developers, domain experts, testers, use cases



# MEASURING IMPACT

## Communication and Outreach



Our website: <http://openlab.cern/>  
~150k unique visitors/year (+100%)



Articles in other **CERN and external channels**  
~900 press cuts (+300%)



**Facebook:** <http://cern.ch/go/p7pF>  
3.5k people reached / 100k single posts



**Facebook group:** <http://cern.ch/go/n6xD>



**Twitter:** <http://cern.ch/go/7vvk>



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# EDUCATION AND TRAINING

*Training tomorrow's leaders in ICT*

CERN openlab runs a **highly competitive** summer-student programme

*~ 40 students selected from around 1500 applicants*

Most dedicated CERN openlab personnel are **young, talented 'fellows'**.

*Receive hands-on experience with cutting-edge technologies*

**Workshops, training courses**, and other initiatives run with our collaborators.

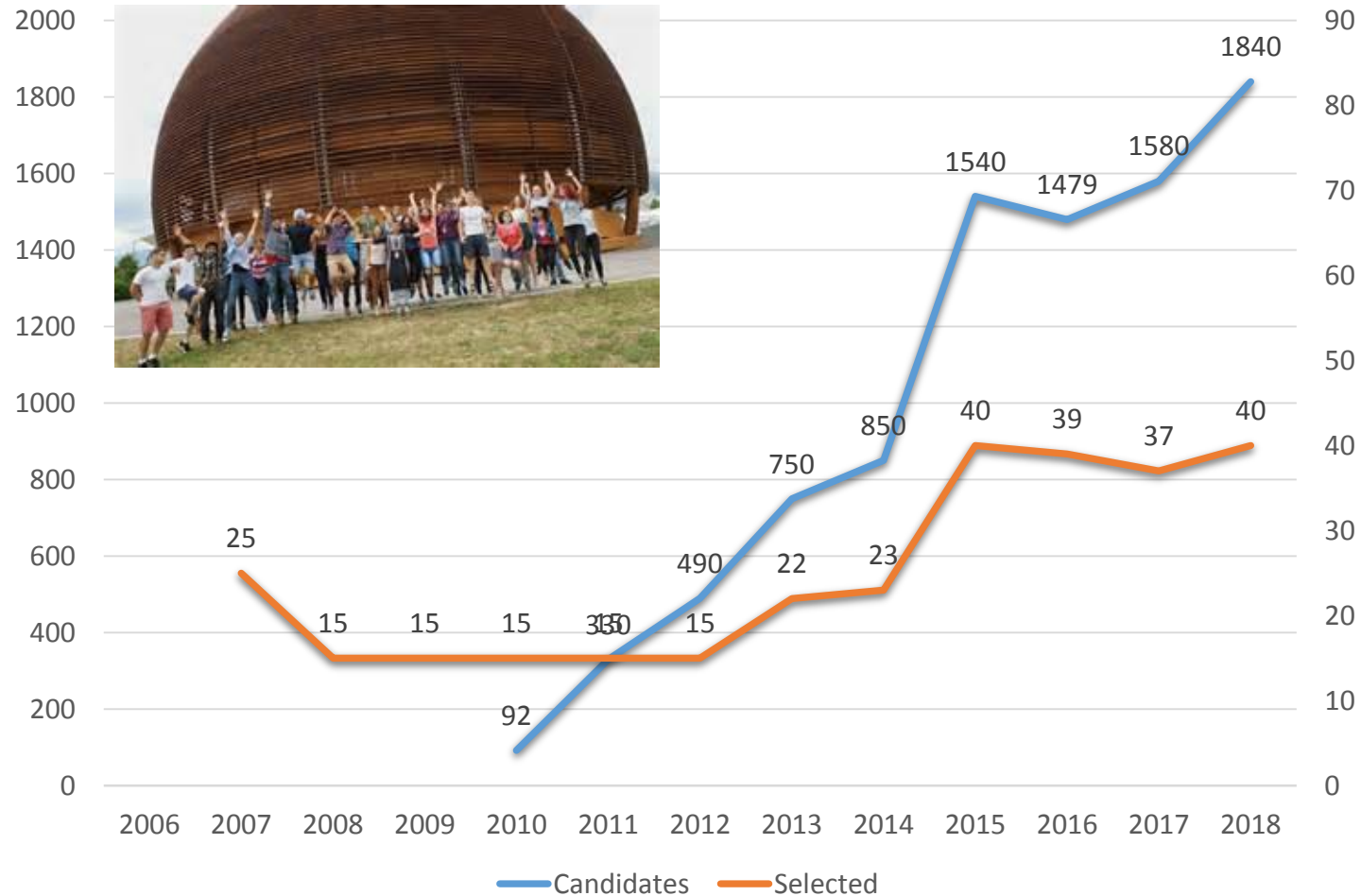
*Competitions, challenges, online training, hackathons.*

**Experts** from industry and research give lectures.

*Participate in events both inside and outside CERN.*



# SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAMME



## In 2018

- 1840 applicants
- 40 selected students
- 14 lectures
- Visits to external labs and companies
- Lightning talks session
- 40 Technical reports

# ICT WHITE PAPER 2017



Published on 21 September 2017

Summarises the results of extensive consultations with CERN experts, LHC Experiments representatives, ICT companies and international research labs and academic institutes

Based on 4 major research topics and 16 challenge areas

A solid starting point for a very challenging and constructive Phase VI

# Main Areas of Investigation

Scale out capacity  
(hybrid clouds, IaaS  
& PaaS, business  
models)

Change the way  
data is processed  
(Machine Learning)

Increase existing  
data center  
performance  
(hardware  
acceleration, GPUs,  
better code)



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