# CERN - A Gateway to Science & Technology

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LHC 27 km



# INTRODUCTION



# The Mission of CERN

was the matter

### Push back the frontiers of knowledge

E.g. the secrets of the Big Bank... like within the first moments of existence?

uniting people

Research

### Develop new tech CERN accelerators an uniting people

Information technology - the web and the GRID Medicine - diagnosis and ther appsearch

- Train scientists and engineers of tomorrow
- Unite people from different countries and cultures







Brain Metabolism in Alzheimer's Disease: PET Scan







# **Evolution of the Universe**



15 thousand million years

# The big Ball

1 thousand million years

300 thousand years

Co

(ATLAS, CMS...)

3 minutes

10<sup>-5</sup> seconds

10<sup>-10</sup> seconds

10-34 seconds

10<sup>-43</sup> seconds

10<sup>32</sup> degrees

radiation

particles

quark

electron

anti-quark

carrying

heavy particles

the weak force

10<sup>27</sup> degrees

10<sup>15</sup> degrees

10<sup>10</sup> degrees

10<sup>9</sup> degrees

6000 degrees

Electro-weak phase transition

QCD phase transition

(ALICE, ATLAS, CMS...)

### LHC studies the first 10<sup>-10</sup> -10<sup>-5</sup> seconds...

3 degrees K

positron (anti-electron) proton neutron meson hydrogen deuterium

e helium

lithium

# The Standard Model of Particle Physics



### = Cosmic DNA



### The fundamental interactions



Gravitation

electromagnetism

weak nuclear force

strong nuclear force



### From Cosmic Rays to CERN

**Primary Cosmic Rays** 

ont Bland 4807 m

less & Kolhörster 9000 m (1912 - 14)

### Discovered a century ago ..

.. Cosmic-ray showers were found to contain many different types of particles...

Balloon 30000 m

CERN set up in 1954 to study these particles in detail



# THE LARGE HADRON COLLIDER

# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

Design  $E_{cm}$ = 14 TeV & 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> Several thousand billion protons Each with the energy of a fly (7 TeV) 99.9999991% of light speed Orbit 27km ring 11 000 times/second A billion collisions a second

Primary targets:
Origin of mass
Nature of Dark Matter
Primordial Plasma
Matter vs Antimatter





### 2010: a New Era in Fundamental Science

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### Exploration of a new energy frontier in p-p and Pb-Pb collisions

CMIS

LHC ring: 27 km circumference



# THE PHYSICS AT THE LHC



# Why do Things Weigh?

### Newton: Weight proportional to Mass

Einstein: Energy related to Mass

Neither explained origin of Mass

Where do the masses come from?

Are masses due to the Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) Mechanism & the Higgs boson? (the physicists' Holy Grail)

# **The ATLAS Experiment**





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# Needle in a haystack ...









# The Story so Far ...



Z→µµ candidate in 7 TeV collisions



# **Higgs Boson Production**





# **Higgs Boson Decays**

CMS

### 5 decay modes exploited

- High mass: WW, ZZ
- Low mass: bb, ττ, WW, ZZ, γγ
- Low mass region is very rich but also very challenging: main decay modes (bb, ττ) are hard to identify in the huge background
- Very good mass resolution
   (1%): H→γγ and H→ZZ→4I

# Higgs boson decays



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# The Higgs is hiding in thousands of trillion interactions...





# **CMS Higgs Boson Candidate**



# ATLAS Higgs Boson Candidate



# The Higgs Signal

### Accumulation of data

• Gold-plated channel  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4$  leptons in CMS and ATLAS





 $m_H = 125.8 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.3 \text{ GeV}$  $m = 0.91^{+0.30}_{-0.24}$ 

 $m_H = 124.3 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV}$  $m = 1.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ (at } 125.5 \text{ GeV)}$ 



# The Highlight of a Remarkable Year 2012



http://www.elsevier.com/locate/physletb



In praise of charter schools

### Finding the Higgs boson



# **Nobel Prize in Physics 2013**



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013 was awarded jointly to François Englert and Peter W. Higgs "for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider".



# Studying the Higgs boson...





# The News Since July 2012

- The discovery of the new particle has been confirmed with more added collisions in 2012
- Signals in the fermion-channels start building up
- We tested the spin: it is compatible with a 0<sup>+</sup> state and not with a 0<sup>-</sup> or spin 2 states
- The mass is measured better with time, now in the range125-126 GeV.
- The couplings to Bosons and Fermions are consistent with the SM predictions (but these are not very precise yet; surprises possible...)

# What is Next?



The work is not over yet: Many questions still remain unanswered:
Is it THE Standard Model Higgs boson or a messenger of New Physics ?
How can we explain a Higgs mass ~ 126 GeV? What stabilizes the mass?
What explains the mass pattern of the particles that we observe?
What is Dark Matter and Dark energy? Supersymmetry at higher masses??
Where is the antimatter in the Universe? How did it dissapear??



Need for precision measurements with ~100x the present statistics LHC upgrade ! Experiment upgrades!! (Other machines?)

# Dark Matter in the Universe

Astronomers say that most of the matter in the Universe is invisible Dark Matter

'Supersymmetric' particles '

We shall look for them with the LHC

# Supersymmetry A New Symmetry in Nature?











3 isolated leptons + 2 b-jets + 4 jets

+ Et<sup>miss</sup>

Candidate Particles for Dark Matter  $\Rightarrow$  Produce Dark Matter in the lab

### SUSY particle production at the LHC





### Einstein's Dream.

### $\leftarrow$ ... but he never succeeded

### Maybe with extra dimensions of space?



# **The ALICE Experiment**



# **Primordial Plasma**



Lead-lead collisions at the LHC study the primordial plasma, a state of matter in the early moments of the Universe



A lead lead collision simulated in the ALICE detector



# Where does the Matter come from?

Dirac predicted the existence of antimatter: same mass opposite internal properties: electric charge, ... Discovered in cosmic rays Studied using accelerators





Matter and antimatter not quite equal and opposite: WHY?

Is this why the Universe contains mainly matter, not antimatter?

### LHC experiments are searching for answer

# **Rare Decays:** $B_s$ to $\mu \mu$ **Decays**





A B<sub>s</sub> particle is a particle consisting of a beauty-quark and strangeness-quark, with a mass of ~ 10 GeV
Three B<sub>s</sub> particles in a billion will decay into two muons. This decay has been chased since 25 years.
New physics modifies Standard Models predictions

 $BR(B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-) = 3.56 \pm 0.29 \times 10^{-9}$ 

Observation:

$$BR(B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-9}$$



Results from LHCb +CMS experiment combined



### The Predictable Future: LHC Time-line





# LS1 from Feb. 2013 to Dec. 2014





**Powering tests** 

Beam commissioning



# LHC Schedule beyond LS1

### LHC schedule approved by CERN management & LHC experiments December 2013



# High-Energy LHC (HE-LHC)





**80-100 km tunnel infrastructure in Geneva area** – **design driven by pp-collider requirements** with possibility of e+-e- (TLEP) and p-e (VLHeC)

FCC Design Study Kick-off Meeting: 12-14. February 2014 at Geneva University

Establishing international collaborations
Set-up study groups and committees



LEGEND

HE\_LHC 80km option potential shaft location

# **CLIC near CERN**

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**Jura Mountains** 



Lake Geneva

CÉRN

Tunnel implementations (laser straight)

Geneva



Central MDI & Interaction Region

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# ISOLDE Radioactive Ion Beam Facility



 More than 900 nuclides of over 70 chemical elements delivered to users – by far largest choice among ISOL-type facilities (experience gathered over 40 years).

 Experiments range from pure nuclear physics to "applied" research in materials science and medicine.





# KNOWLEDGE & TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER



Research

Cutting edge Research Infrastructures play a key role in a knowledge driven society



Knowledge is – and will be more and more – the most precious resource for a sustainable development



Research

### CERN Technologies and Innovation Example: Medical Applications



Combining Physics, ICT, Biology and Medicine to fight cancer



Accelerating particle beams ~30'000 accelerators worldwide ~17'000 used for medicine







# The LHC Data Challenges

- Experiments were anticipated to produce about 15 Million Gigabytes of data each year (~20 million CDs!)
- The total volume in eg ATLAS is 5 billion detector events and several billion Monte Carlo events amounting to 100 Million Gigabytes of data in 3 years
- LHC data analysis requires a computing power equivalent to ~100,000 of today's fastest PC processors
- => Requires many cooperating computer centres, as CERN can only provide ~20% of the capacity





# The Worldwide LHC Computing Grid



Tier-0 (CERN and Hungary): data recording, reconstruction and distribution

Tier-1: permanent storage, reprocessing, analysis

Tier-2: Simulation, end-user analysis



nearly 160 sites, 35 countries ~250'000 cores

173 PB of storage

> 2 million jobs/day

10 Gb links

### WLCG: An International collaboration

An International collaboration to distribute and analyse LHC data

Integrates computer centres worldwide that provide computing and storage resources into a single infrastructure accessible by all LHC physicists

# **CERN Education Activities**

Scientists at CERN Academic Training Programme NEW: Asia-Europe-Pacific School of High-Energy Physics Fukuoka, Oct 2012 India, 2014 Latin American School Natal, Brazil, 2011 Areguipa, Peru, 2013

Young Researchers CERN School of High Energy Physics CERN School of Computing CERN Accelerator School rhe 2013 European School of High-Energy Physics

CERN School of Physics Hungary, June 2013

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Physics Students Summer Students Programme

CERN Teacher Schools International and National Programmes

1<sup>st</sup> African School on Fundamental Physics and its Applications Stellenbosch, August 2010

# **CERN Teacher Programme**







# Summer Students 2013





# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

# CERN was founded 1954: 12 European States "Science for Peace" Today: 21 Member States

~ 2300 staff
~ 1600 other paid personnel
~ 10500 scientific users
Budget (2014) ~1000 MCHF

Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

Candidate for Accession: Romania

Associate Member in Pre-Stage to Membership: Serbia Applicant States for Membership or Associate Membership: Brazil, Croatia, Cyprus, Pakistan, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine Observers to Council: India, Japan, Russia, Turkey, United States of America; European Commission and UNESCO



# Science is getting more and more global





# **Age Distribution of Scientists**

### - and where they go afterwards







# South Africa & CERN



- In the early 1990s, senior physicists in South Africa saw the advantages of collaborating with CERN, particularly for the training of young scientists.
- In 1992, South Africa and CERN signed an International Co-operation Agreement concerning the further development of scientific and technical Co-operation in research projects at CERN.
- South Africa-CERN Collaboration in place.
   Launch Event of the SA-CERN on 15 Dec 2008



### Builds on the long-standing excellent relations



# South Africa & CERN



- Initial participation in fixed-target experiments and ISOLDE continues and has evolved.
- November 2001: University of Cape Town & iThemba LABS joined ALICE & recently University of Witwatersrand.
- July 2010: Team from Universities of Johannesburg & Witwatersrand joined ATLAS and subsequently Universities of Cape Town & KwaZulu-Natal.
- Collaboration in theoretical physics.
- CERN iThemba LABS collaboration on accelerator sector for hadrontherapy.







Minister Pandor at ATLAS

Minister Pandor at ALICE





# CERN - innovate, discover, publish, share



### ... and bring the world together



