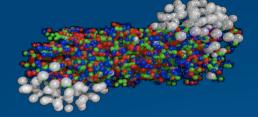




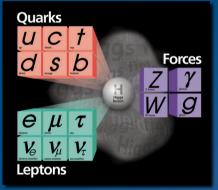
# The study of LHC data will allow us to answer some of the big questions ...



Will we understand the primordial state of matter after the Big Bang before protons and neutrons formed?



Will we find the Higgs particle that is responsible for giving mass to all particles?



Will we find the reason why antimatter and matter did not completely destroy each other?



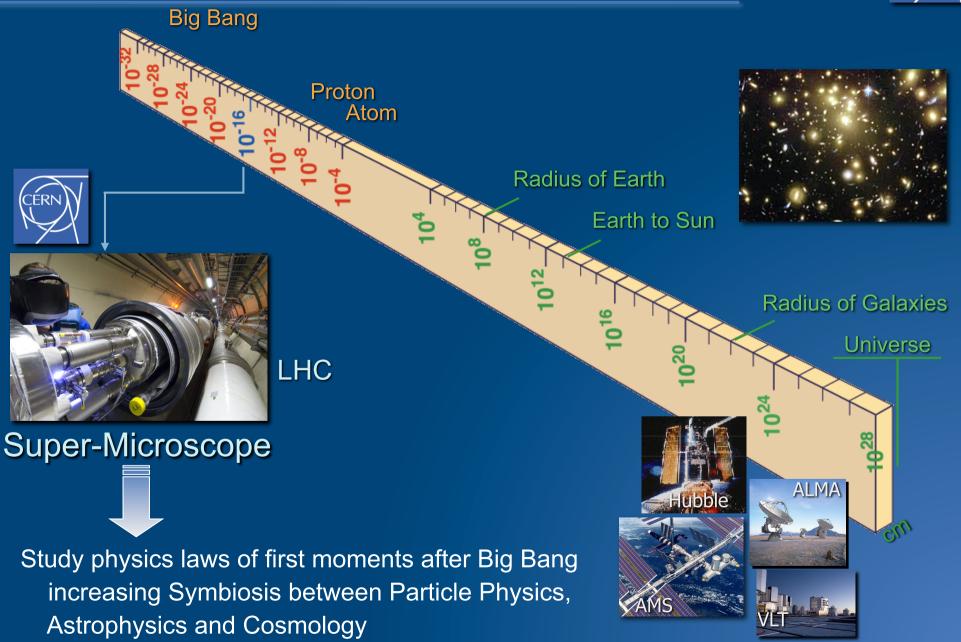


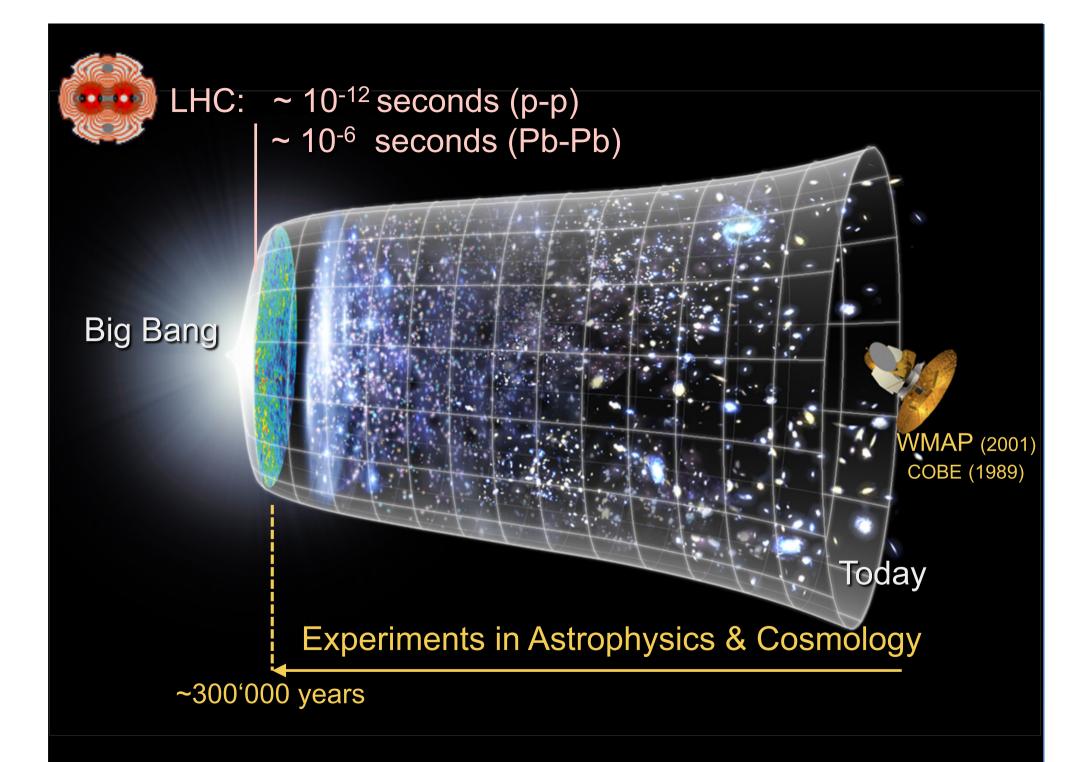


# Our Universe ..... How did it start? What is it made of? Big Bang 13.7 Billion Years Today $10^{28} \, \text{cm}$

# Dimensions in Physics





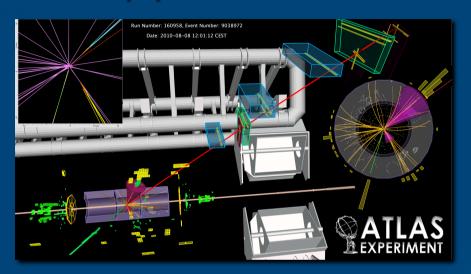


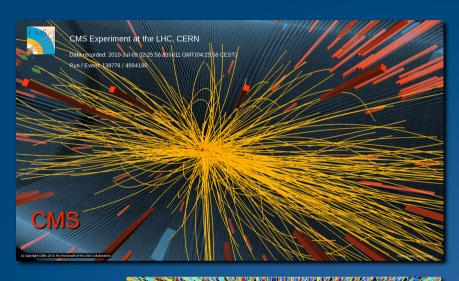


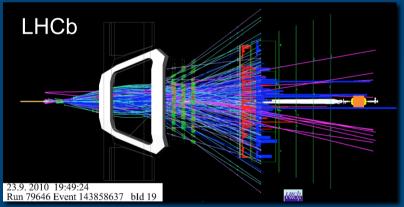
### LHC + Experiments: spectacular start-up in 2010



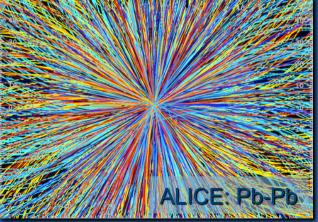
### First p-p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV on 30 March 2010







First Pb-Pb collisions at √s = 2.76TeV/N on 7 Nov 2010



→ Brilliant performances of LHC and experiments



# LHC: Exploration of a New Energy Frontier





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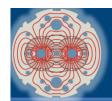
Tevatron (p- $\overline{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 2\text{TeV}$ ) RHIC (heavy ion collisions at  $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ ) to LHC energies

# Physics exploitation for the next 20 years



The LHC will illuminate a new landscape of physics, possibly answering some of the most fundamental questions in modern physics, like e.g.

The origin of mass
Unification of fundamental forces
New layer of substructure
Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry
New forms of matter
Extra dimensions of space-time



# The LHC Project: how it all started ....



Lausanne workshop official starting point for work at the LHC:

 $E_{cm} = 18 \text{ TeV } ?, L = 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} ?$ 

1987 La Thuile workshop: comparison of LHC, CLIC (e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>), e-p option

LHC:  $E_{cm} = 16 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $L = 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

e-p: 1.3 - 1.8 TeV, CLIC: 2 TeV

#### End 1980's the first embryonic collaborations started

1990 Aachen workshop (LHC physics and instrumentation)

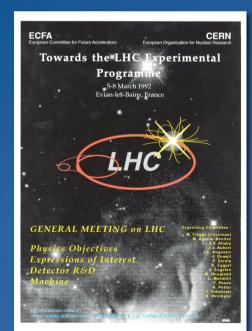
 $E_{cm} \sim 16 \text{ TeV}, L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

1992 Evian workshop presentation of EoI (in March)
proto-collaborations
LoI presentation at CERN (in October)

1995 LHC conceptual design: 14 TeV,  $L = 10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>



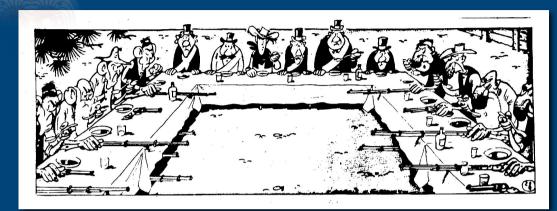






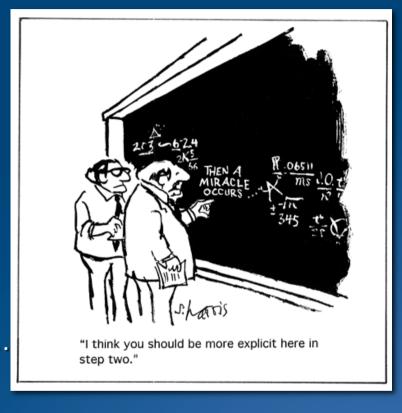
### EoI $\rightarrow$ LoI $\rightarrow$ TP $\rightarrow$ TDRs





Period of negotiations ....

Period of evaluation ....



Approval ....



February 1996



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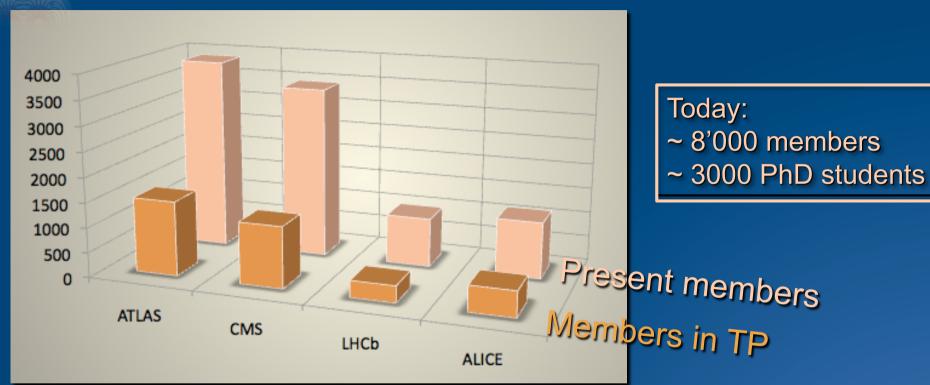


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### **Evolution of LHC Collaborations**





Increase of collaboration members since Technical Proposals by a factor 2 to 3







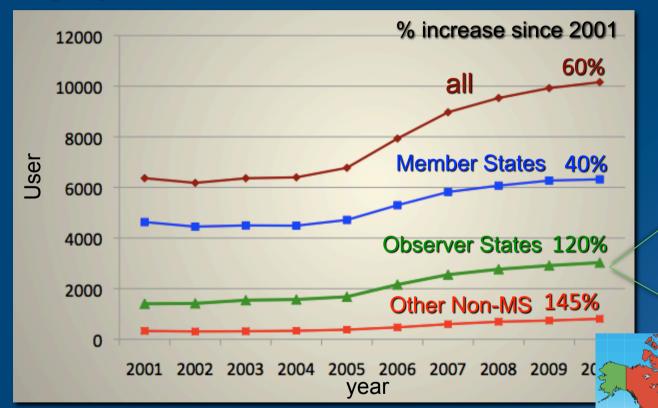


### **Evolution of CERN Users**



Evolution of the number of CERN users by

geographical location of the home institute: 2001-2010





6 Observer States: India, Israel, Japan, Russia, Turkey, USA

**42 NMS** 

### Distribution of All CERN Users by Nation of Institute on 6 January 2011

