

More than

**400 B€**

of end products are produced, sterilized, or examined using industrial accelerators annually worldwide.

More than **24 000** particle accelerators have been built globally over the past **60 years** to produce charged particle beams for use in industrial processes.

This number does not include the more than **11 000** particle accelerators that have been produced exclusively for medical therapy with electrons, ions, neutrons, or X-rays.

More than

**24 000**

patients have been treated by hadron therapy in Europe.

More than

**75 000**

patients have been treated by hadron therapy in the world.

Around

**200**

accelerators are used for research worldwide, with an estimated

yearly consolidated cost of

**1 B€.**

The world's largest particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), is installed in a tunnel **27 km** in circumference, buried 50-175 m below ground.

The temperature of the superconducting magnets in the LHC reaches **- 271 °C.** In contrast, the temperature at collision point is 1000 million times hotter than that of the Sun's core.

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The main objective of TIARA is the integration of national and international accelerator R&D infrastructures into **a single distributed European accelerator R&D facility with the goal of developing and strengthening state-of-the-art research, competitiveness and innovation in a sustainable way** in the field of accelerator Science and Technology in Europe.

Besides maximizing the benefits for the owners of the infrastructures and their users, TIARA aims to establish a framework **for developing and supporting strong joint European programmes:**

- for accelerator Research and Development
- for education and training
- for enhancing innovation in collaboration with industry.

The means and structures required to bring about the objectives of TIARA are being developed through the TIARA Preparatory Phase project, which started in January 2011 and will run for 3 years. This project involves 11 partners from 8 countries.

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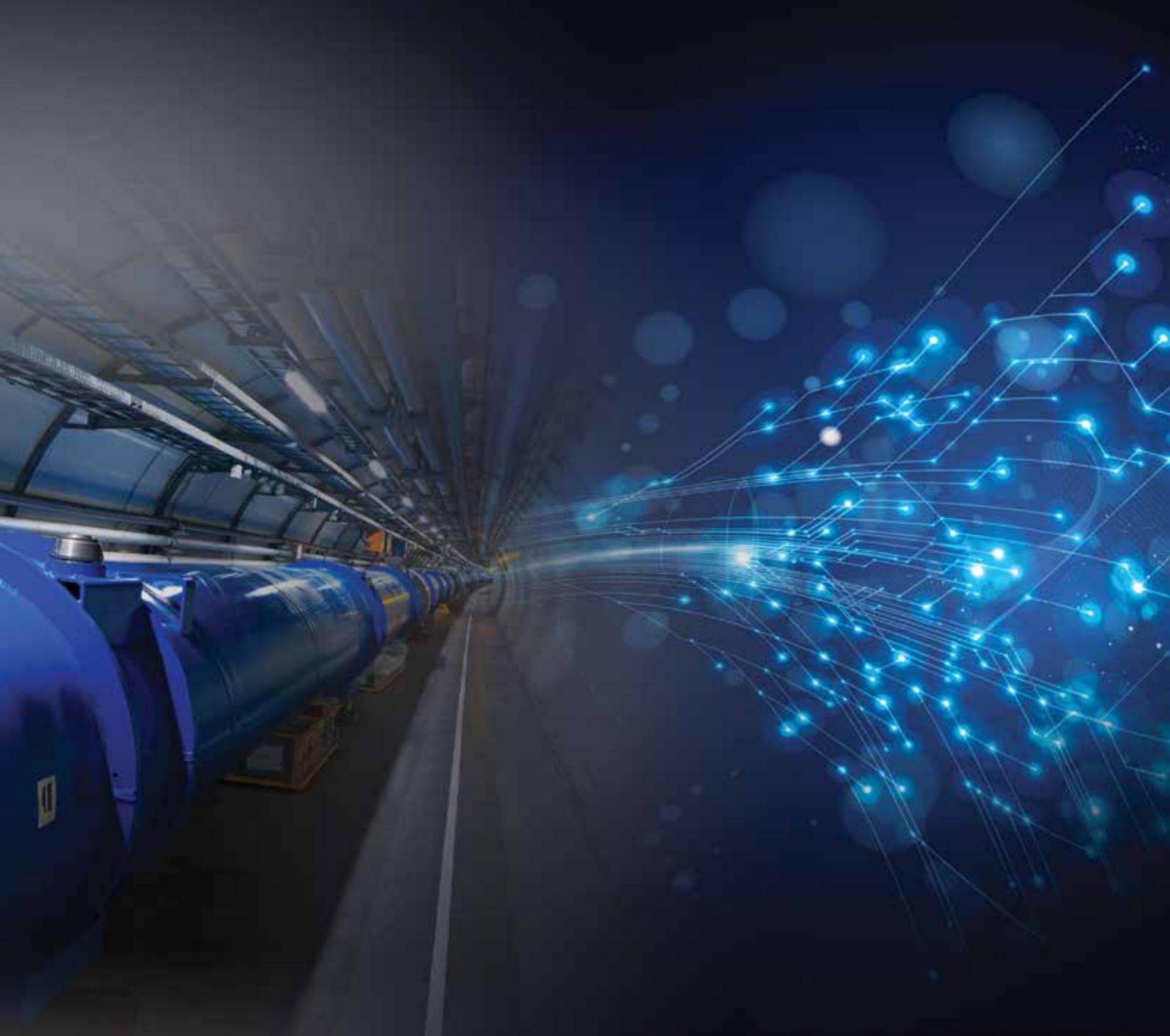
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# Accelerators for Society

Particle accelerators are being applied throughout society. Originally developed for fundamental research, today they are used for a range of applications, from healthcare to manufacturing silicon chips to reducing pollution.



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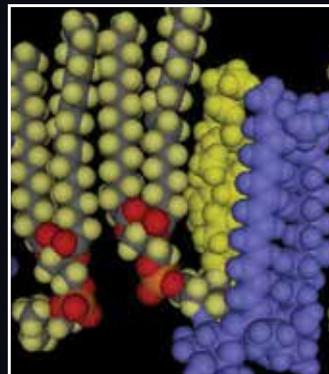
Particle accelerators were originally developed for investigating the fundamental laws of nature. These machines would do this by accelerating and colliding charged particles at extremely high energies. The resulting particles produced in these collisions would then be detected and analysed to reveal the structure of matter. However, today, accelerators also play an increasingly significant role in society and industry with an extremely important, but often unseen, impact on our everyday life.

Nowadays the vast majority of accelerators are not used for fundamental science but for industrial processes and for applications relevant to society. Among these, the most noteworthy applications include electronics, electron beam cutting and welding, hardening materials, medical diagnosis, the treatment of cancer, monitoring air pollution and climate change, the examination and dating of works of art and ancient objects, sterilising food and medical goods and cargo scanning. Possible future applications towards alternative energy sources are also being developed.

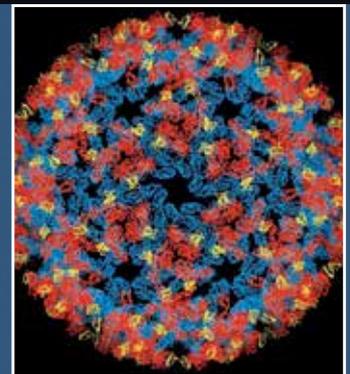
To ensure that the technological benefits of science can be exploited for more efficient and effective applications that impact on the way we all live and work as a society, it is essential to provide on-going support for accelerator research and development.

- Fundamental physics
- Materials science
- Solid state and condensed matter physics
- Biological and chemical science

## Research



**Materials research**  
Beams of photons, neutrons and muons are essential tools to study materials at the atomic level.



**Protein modelling**  
Synchrotron light allows scientists to solve the 3D structure of proteins e.g. the Chikungunya virus.

# act of accelerators

Cleaning flue gases of thermal power plants

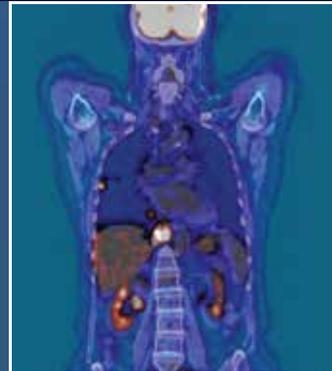
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Treating cancer  
Medical imaging

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Hardening  
Welding  
Treating  
Food processing

Industry



## Controlling power plant gas emission

In some pilot plants, electron beams are used to control emission of sulphur and nitrogen oxides.

## Hadron therapy

Proton and ion beams are well suited for the treatment of deep seated tumours.

## Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

Radioisotopes used in PET-CT scanning are produced with accelerators.

## Ion implantation electronics

Many digital electronic components on ion implanted transistors and diodes.

# on Society

antation for electronics  
ng surfaces & materials  
and cutting  
waste & medical material  
reservation

rial applications

Cultural heritage  
Authentication  
Cargo scanning  
and security

Material  
characterisation

Cleaner and safer  
nuclear power  
Technologies for  
fusion  
Replacing ageing  
research reactors

Prospects



## on for

electronics rely  
s to build fast  
chips.

## Hardening materials

Replacing steel with X-ray  
cured carbon composites can  
reduce car energy consumption  
by 50%.

## Cultural heritage

Particle beams are used for  
non-destructive analysis of  
works of art and ancient relics.

## Energy

Accelerator technologies may  
bring the power of the sun  
“down to earth”, treat nuclear  
waste and allow for safer  
operation of reactors.