

On the Wings



of Physics

a man who married a



and was proud of it



# Niels Bohr

the young were expected  
to entertain the seniors

# Blegdams

# Faust

## Characters

**The Lord:** Bohr

**Mefisto** Pauli



# Blegdams

# Faust

## Characters

**The Lord**

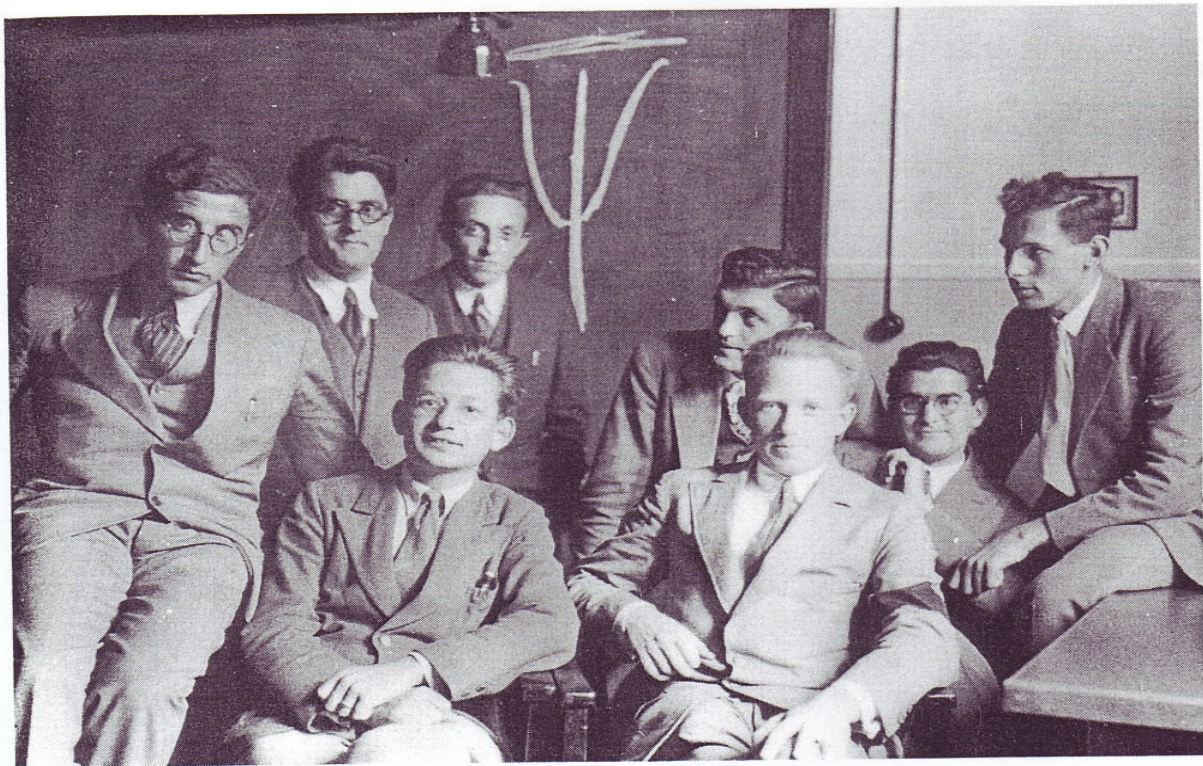
**Mefisto**

**and, of course, the**

*a beautiful Danish*











*Victor Weisskopf*

only 22 years old and

doesn't know that

Viki

great scientist

great humanist

prominent world  
citizen

DG of CERN, ...

large influence on  
Maurice



**I have always had a great  
admiration for Viki.**

**I consider this friendship as a  
great privilege and I cherish  
its memory.**



Dear colleague,

I had the fortune to read attentively your words caused by the passing of Dr V Weisskopf. I am sure that if he had read them, wherever he may be now, he would have felt happy to know what impression he left. ....

I did not feel at all that I was overdoing anything when writing about Viki. I was simply speaking with my heart, as he had earlier asked me to do when he had wished me to speak in Vesancy after the death of Ellen ...

enormous talent

writes



Beautifully

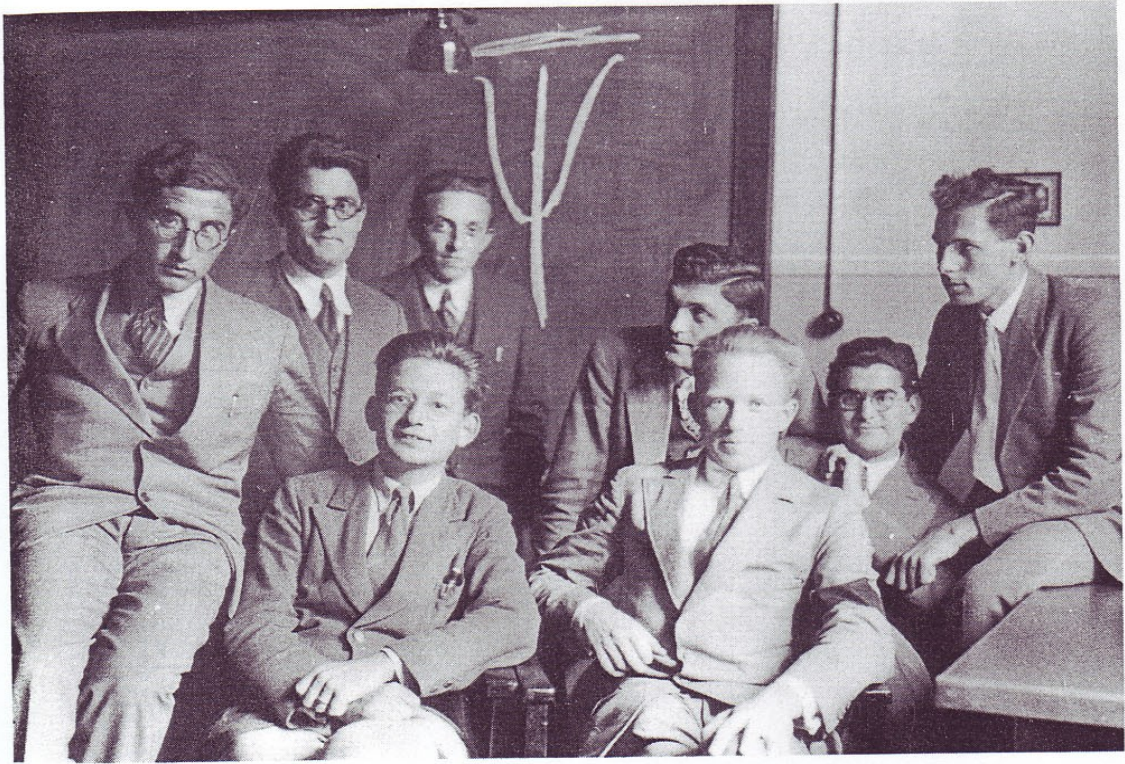
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*a faint smile*

*and a nod*



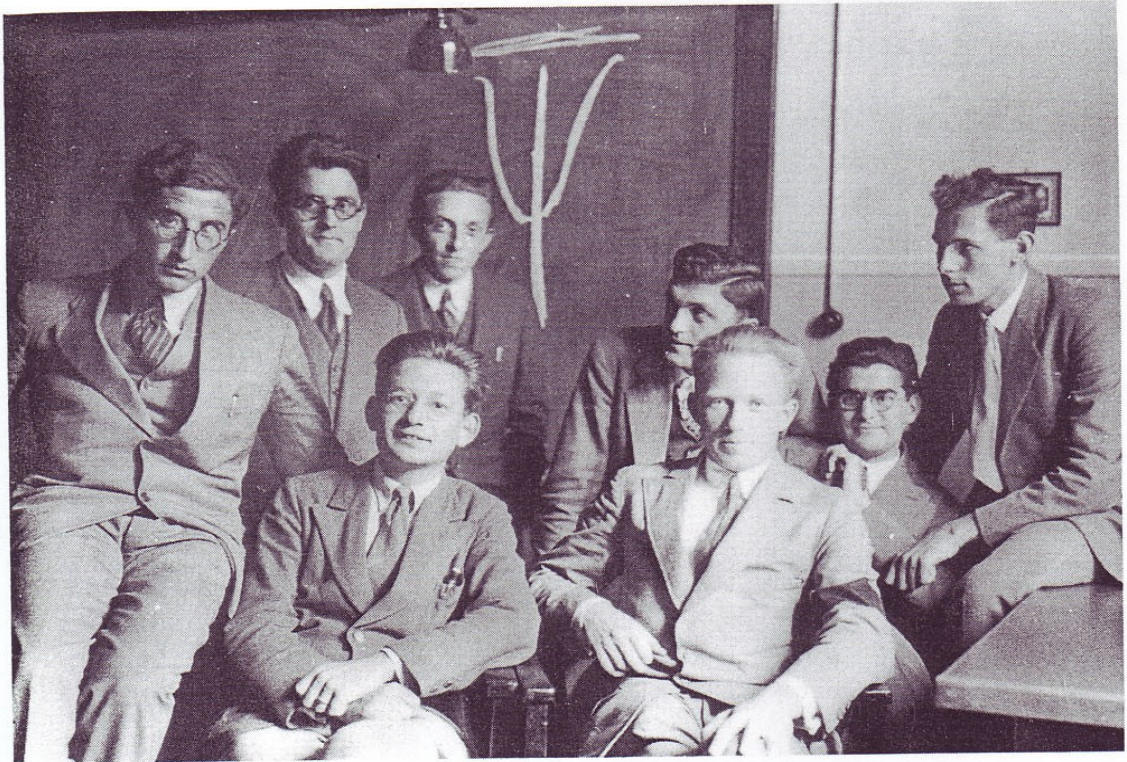




I have been very fortunate  
to have Gian Carlo Wick  
as my thesis advisor.

a man of great culture with  
a profound humanism

(Bohr, Sommerfeld)



the "old man"  
Heisenberg +  
youth

Maurice

was a

multi-  
dimensional

person

Maurice

the editor of  
scientific journals

1968-1985

# Maurice

the Head of the

Theory Division

1982-1988

**a few words about**

**Maurice**

**the**

**Researcher**

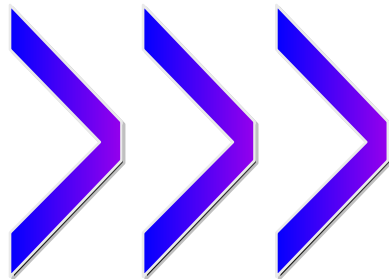


First paper, 1958  
much later used to  
determine the spin  
of

W

the next = JW

# One great paper



# a thousand ordinary ones

$$P \psi_{p\lambda_1\lambda_2} = \eta_1\eta_2 (-1)^{s_1+s_2-\lambda_1+\lambda_2} e^{i\pi J_y} \psi_{p,-\lambda_1,-\lambda_2}. \quad (40')$$

We now apply the operator  $P$  to an angular-momentum state, Eq. (16), remembering that  $P$  commutes with the rotation operators

$$P |JM\lambda_1\lambda_2\rangle = \eta_1\eta_2 (-1)^{s_1+s_2-\lambda_1+\lambda_2} \int dU \mathfrak{D}_{M\lambda}^*(\alpha\beta\gamma) R_{\alpha\beta\gamma} R_{0,-\pi,0} \psi_{p,-\lambda_1,-\lambda_2}.$$

We notice that the equation

$$R_{\alpha\beta\gamma} R_{0,-\pi,0} = R_{\alpha'\beta'\gamma'}$$

defines an element  $\alpha'\beta'\gamma'$  in such a way that the transformation from  $\alpha\beta\gamma$  to  $\alpha'\beta'\gamma'$  preserves the volume element in group space,<sup>6</sup> i.e.,  $dU = dU'$ . Furthermore, using the known value of  $d^J(\pi)$ , one has

$$\mathfrak{D}_{M\lambda}(\alpha\beta\gamma) = \sum_{\mu} \mathfrak{D}_{M\mu}(\alpha'\beta'\gamma') \mathfrak{D}_{\mu\lambda}(0\pi 0) = (-1)^{J-\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{M,-\lambda}(\alpha'\beta'\gamma').$$

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Tai Wu  
impressed

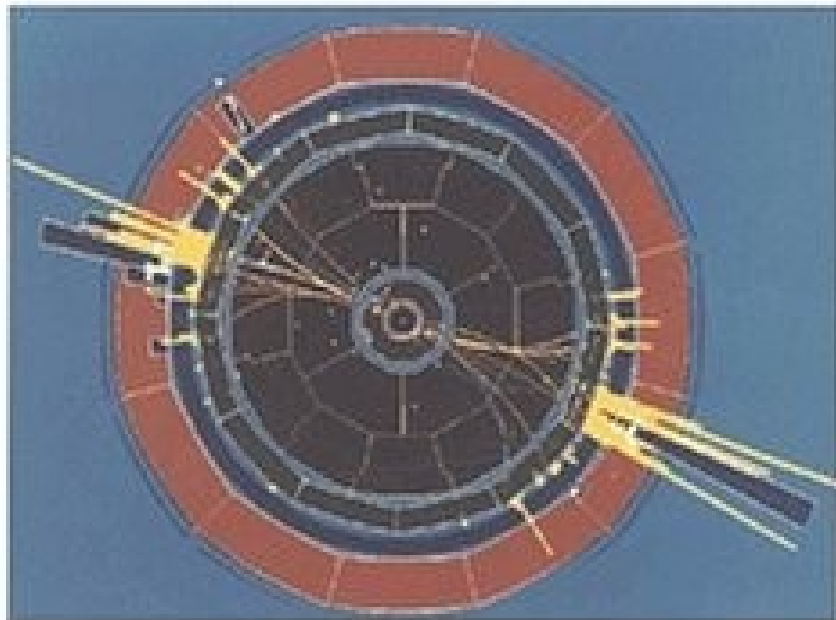
by QFT

picking up a sentence  
after some

Delta-T

MAURICE JACOB

# AU CŒUR DE LA MATIÈRE





*Je voudrai dédier ce  
livre à la mémoire de  
deux amis, Claude  
Itzykson et Richard  
Slansky qui ont  
travaillé avec moi  
comme jeunes  
chercheurs ....*

Maurice

*in the*

Wings

Physics research is a passion which is very greedy on time.

Getting involved in "wing activities" often results from a lack of ability to say no. This was certainly the case for me.

reluctant, ...

Well, I nevertheless  
did accept and, in  
retrospect, I do not  
regret it.

We are very  
grateful to you



Maurice is being  
modest

Due to his  
exceptional talent

Very intelligent





Intelligence is a  
person's ability to  
**adapt** to the  
environment in all  
aspects of his or  
**Maurice**  
her life  
didn't adapt but

**CREATE**

a new

# Maurice

Visionary &  
dedicated

Identified the  
goal and a path  
leading to it

& ACTION

# Maurice

appreciated

Albrecht D., ...

loved quotations

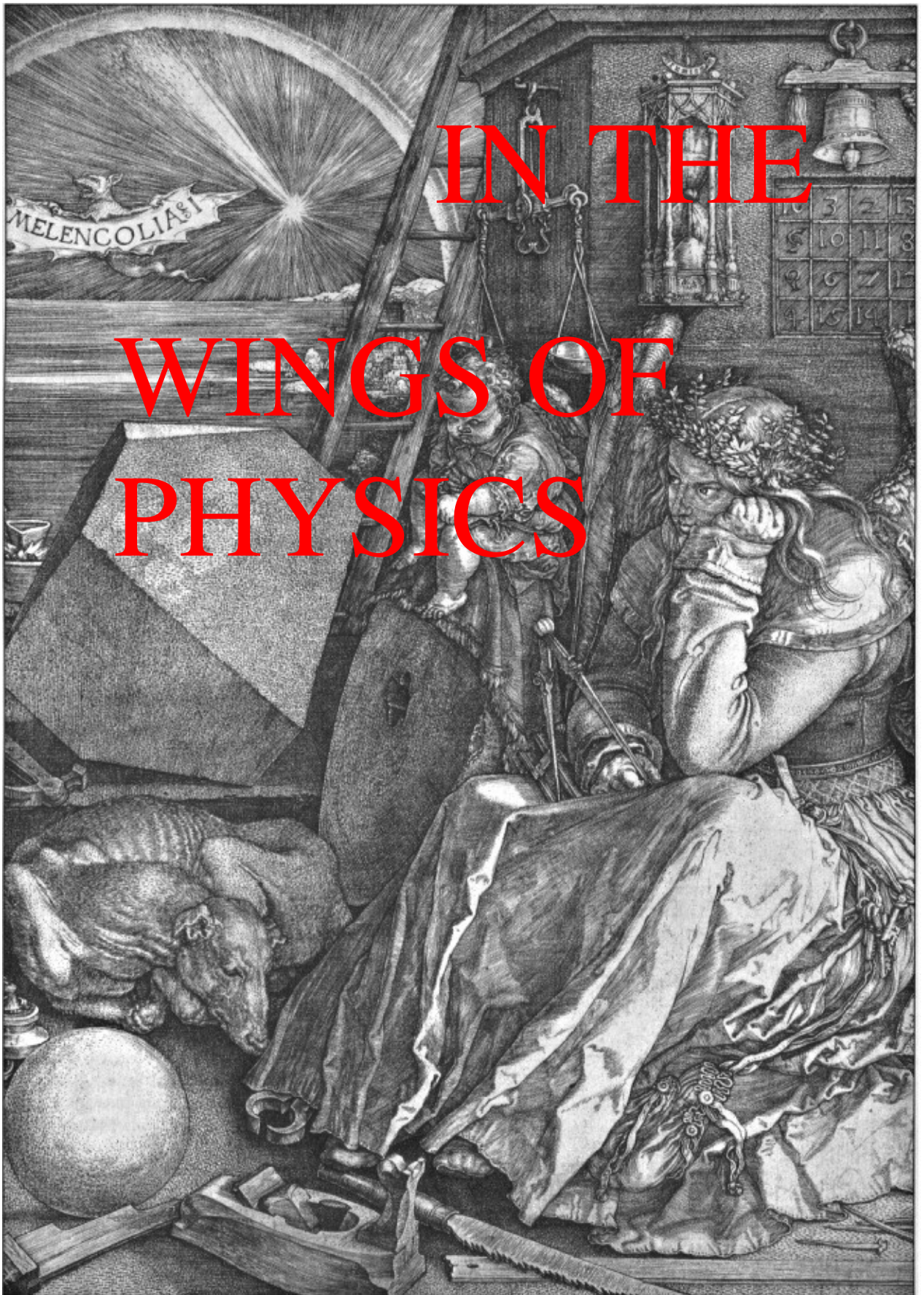


+ ”outreacher”

Classical optics

topology





# IN THE WINGS OF PHYSICS

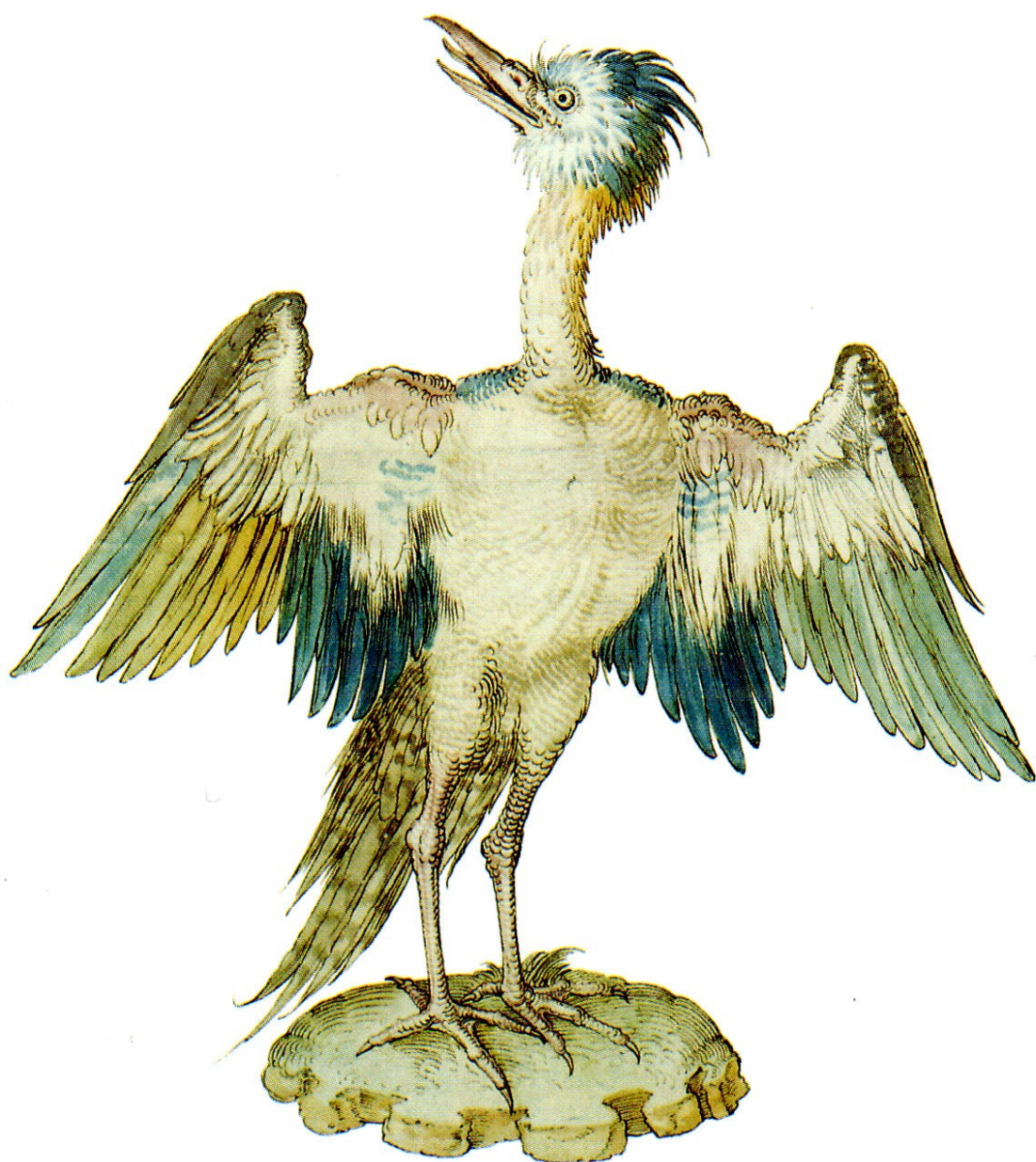




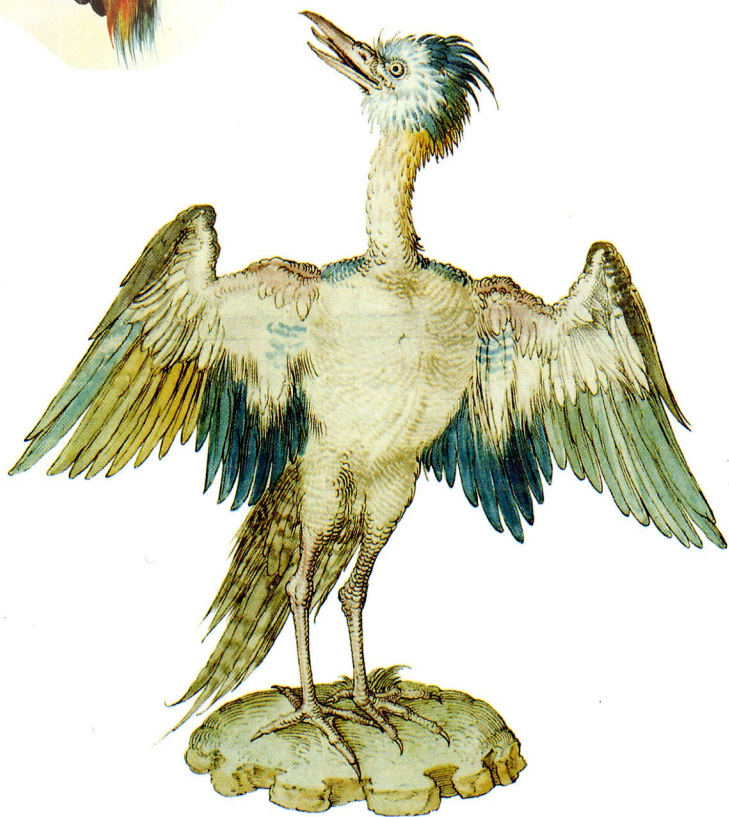
“Melancholia”  
can be seen as a  
**magnificent**  
allegoric illustration of

*Physics*  
and the more so of the  
activities which  
accompany it in its

*wings*

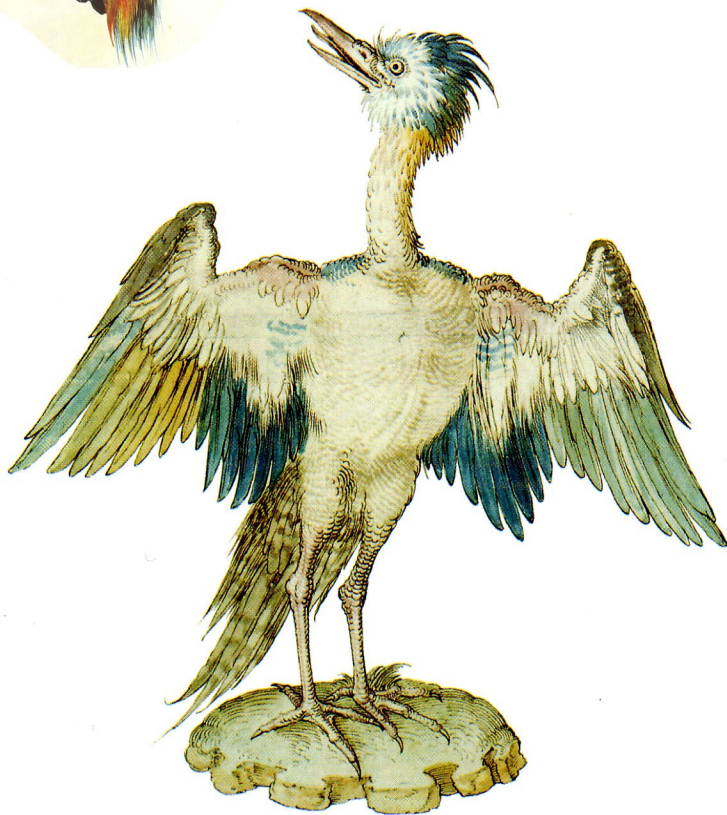








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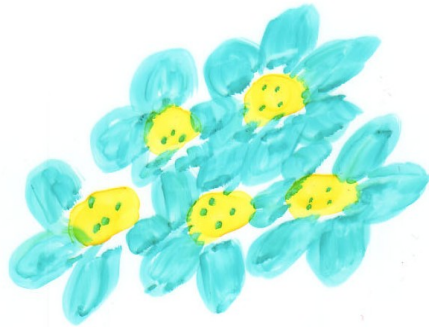
but

ON



critics could say

quotation



antiquotation

Maurice

clever way



Maurice

the

Teacher

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# Rättvik 1967

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Continued until  
well after his  
retirement

Maurice

the

plenary  
speaker

Is there any simple  
relation between

Toller's daughters  
and Veneziano's  
daughters?

Jacob: No, ....

Lund

1969



**there were hardly any  
quarks**

**All hadrons are  
composed of quarks  
which have a very high  
mass, say  $10^{-6}$  GeV**

**there was  
no charm  
no beauty**

**....**

**no tau  
no glue, no W, no Z**

It has been just wonderful to live through a time when a new level in the structure of matter, the quark level, was discovered and explored



the

*Great Catalyst*

bringing people  
together

ISR DISCUSSION MEETINGS

between

EXPERIMENTALISTS AND THEORISTS

Here are summaries of the two introductory talks of the preceding discussion session on "Correlations at wide angles". They correspond to a general discussion of correlations at wide angles and asymptotic energies by M. Toller and new results from the Pisa-Stony Brook collaboration by D. Green, respectively.

The next meeting will be on

Thursday, 7 December 1972

and the topic under discussion will be

"Production at large transverse momentum"

Distribution limited to 30 copies within CERN

M. Jacob - Div: TH, Tel. 2414

1. Two-body correlations (1972)
2. Large transverse momentum phenomena (1972)
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4. Correlation at wide angles (1973)
5. Diffraction excitation (1973)
6. Elastic scattering and total cross-sections (1973)
7. Large transverse momentum phenomena (1973)
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This series terminated with the 1977 ISR Workshop.

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**detailed**  
**written report**

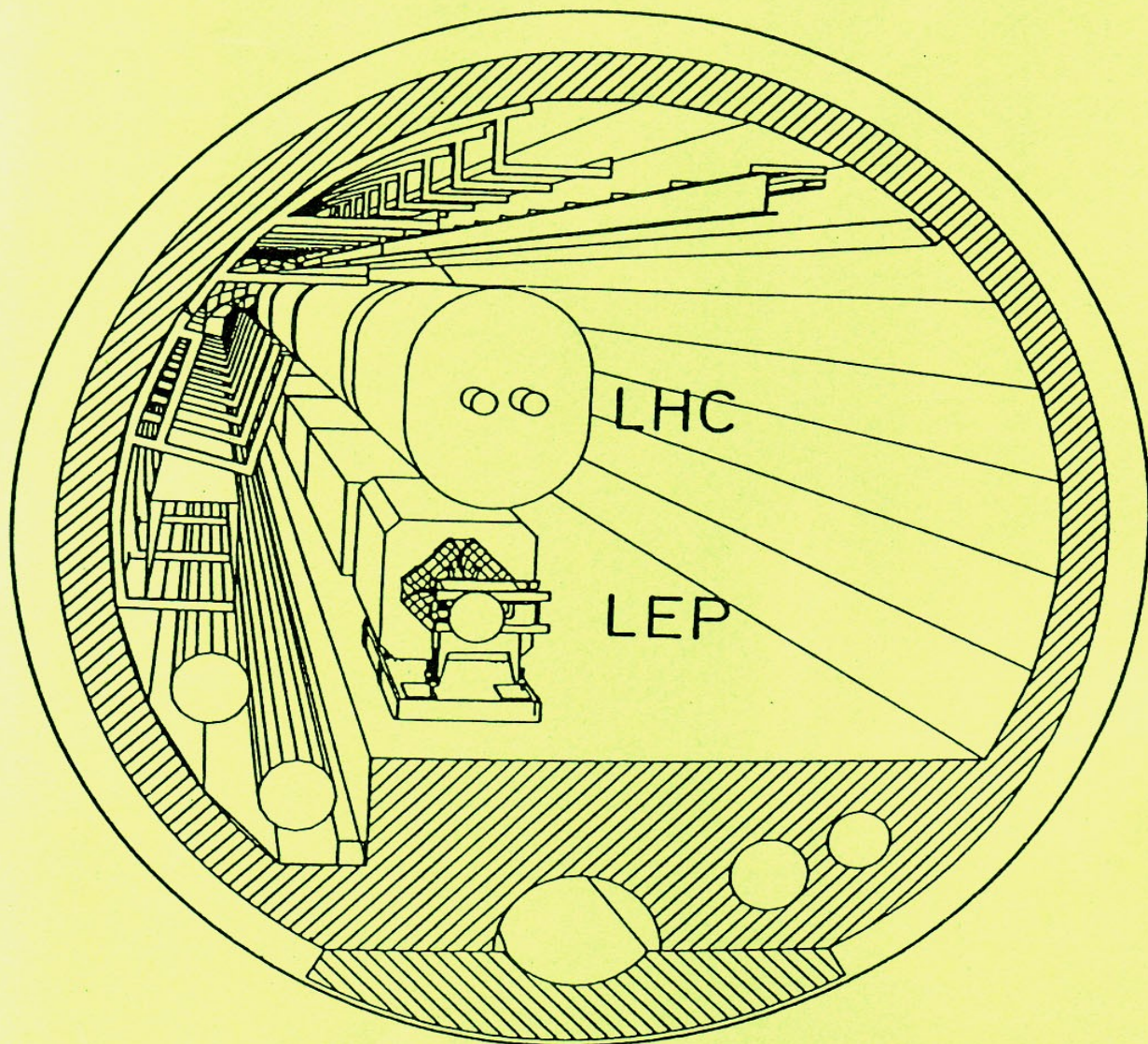


was a

Superstar

in

Scandinavia



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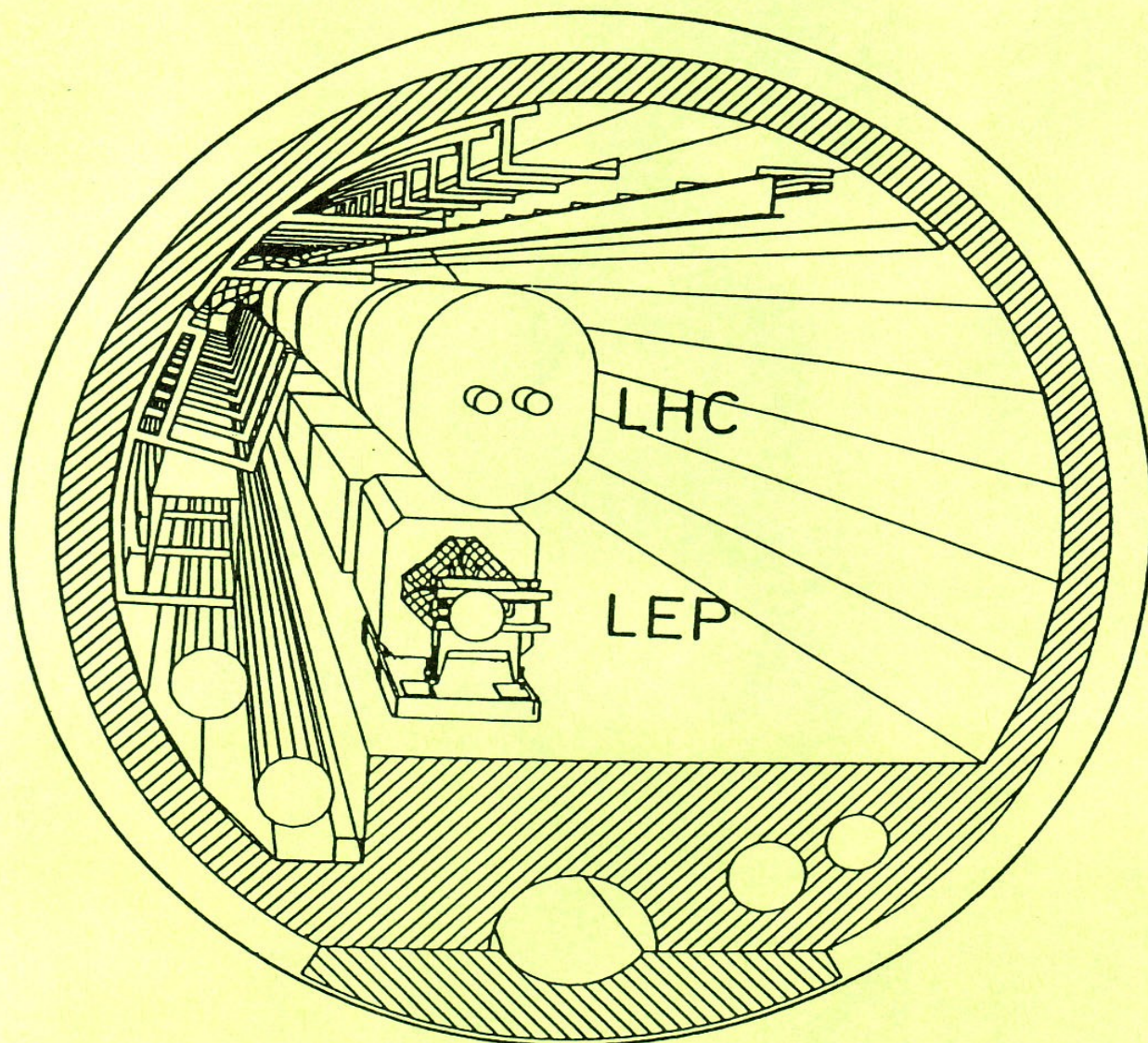
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to publish in two  
volumes  
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make the material  
available at the  
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date





5th EPS International Conference

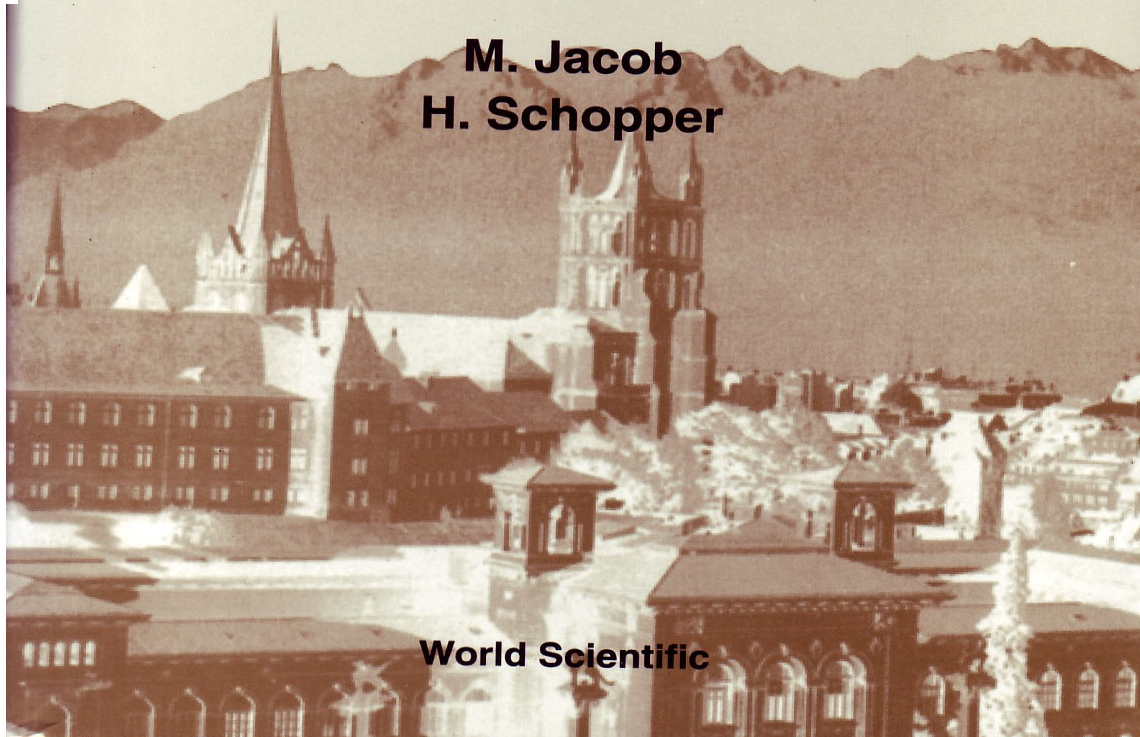
# LARGE FACILITIES IN PHYSICS

University of Lausanne, Dorigny, Switzerland  
12-14 September 1994

Editors

**M. Jacob**  
**H. Schopper**

**World Scientific**



# **Large and small science**

## **Promoting opportunities together**

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# Maurice

the leader,

chairman

president

serious, dedicated

not like some other ....

Energy and  
persistence  
conquer all things

BF

**By failing to prepare,  
you are preparing to fail**

Maurice

in

*SFP*

French Physical Society

1984 -1986

# Powerful societies

USA

D, NL, UK

not in France

*individualism is felt as a part  
of the national culture*

*Maurice believed in  
prizes*

*They force people to  
better know their  
colleagues in other  
branches of physics*

## **The Gentner-Kastler-Prize**

Société Française de Physique (SFP) und Deutsche Physikalische  
Gesellschaft (DPG)

**Conferences on  
Quark Matter**

SFP

**visited the minister  
four times**



**+ two more**



# Maurice

realized that the

modern man is **not**  
capable of

receiving too many  
”**commandments**”

**max = 3**

# 3

## ”commandments”



maintain a decent influx  
of young people



avoid important fluctuations  
in the yearly research budget



avoid too strong dichotomy  
between the so-called pure  
and applied ( excellence)

The PM took note  
and  
included them  
in his opening  
speech

We were all



Normaliens

weren't we?

Maurice

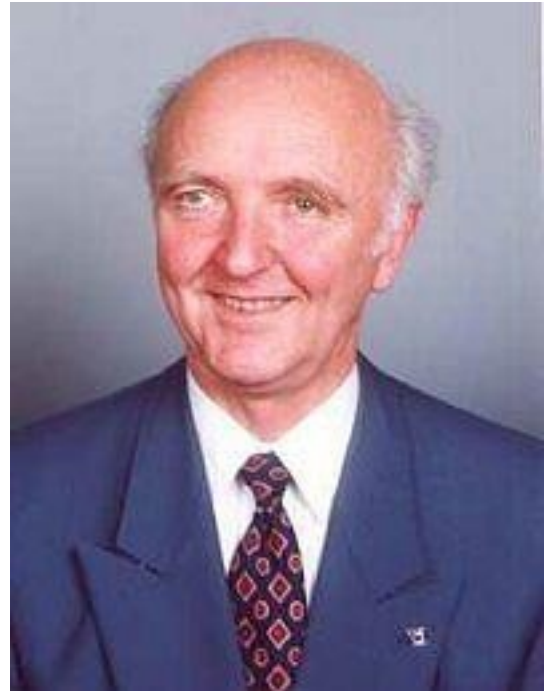
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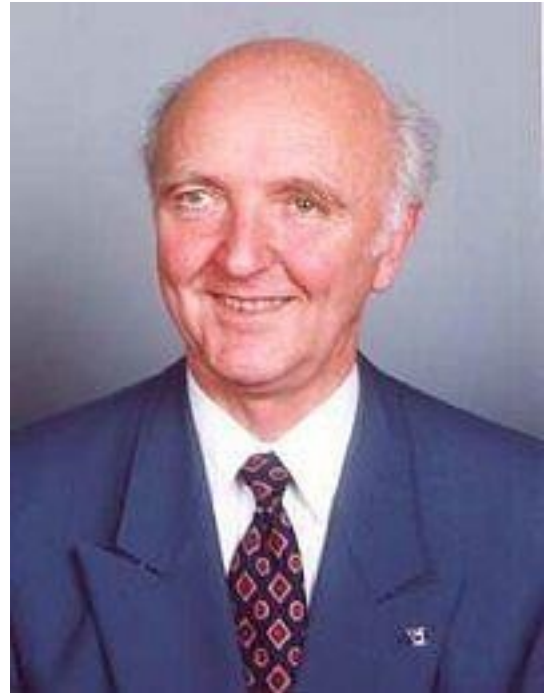
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looked so happy

*heterogeneous*

*society*

”Let us hang together  
or we shall hang  
separately”

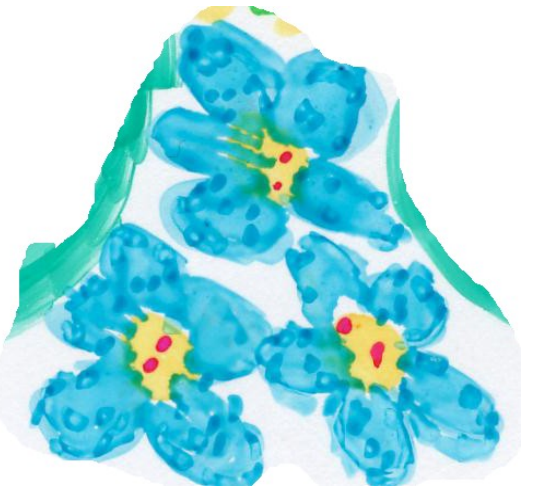
*Talk with one voice*

*red shift*

*too few members*

*groups leaving EPS*

Restructuring



Secretariat moved

Associate members  
in

Members of National  
Societies -> EPS

EuroPhyNews -> all

Plus further actions

# Maurice

new contacts,  
with

DG-XII EC,  
UNESCO, ESF,  
and others



by the time **Maurice** left

no **red shift**

60 000 members

quite a few

associates

good contacts with

APS, Japan, FSU, Ru.

There is so much  
to do and  
everything takes  
time

Maurice

some if his ideas  
were realized  
after he left

*Exceptionally*

*successful*

Never bragged

Never arrogant



# and the CERN Member States

13/7  
Svanede 2/8-93

Dear Cecilia,

In order to ensure an optimal continuity in the relations of CERN with its Member States, the Director General nominate has decided to appoint an assistant who would collect and assess information and maintain regular contacts. The DG should thus dispose at any time of up to date and detailed information and of advice for any action which he may deem appropriate. Chris Llewellyn-Smith has asked me to be in charge of this new service. I shall start working on this by the end of this year but some organization has to be set up in the meantime.

Whilst I shall whenever possible talk with the Delegates to Council and to the Finance Committee and pay visits to the Member States, I could not do such a job properly without the help of colleagues in the Member States whom I could bother from time to time and trust to call me whenever necessary. I shall need to have up to date and detailed information about the organization and funding of particle physics and to have a clear picture of CERN as seen from the Member States. I would like to keep regular contacts with a small network of correspondants consisting of one or two physicists in each of the Member States whom I could call upon for information and advice and would I could trust to quickly point out to me any problem or new development which might occur. This letter is to ask you whether you would kindly agree to be one of them.

Since you are in close touch with such matters in your own country, this should correspond to a minimal demand on your time. I thus very much hope that you will be in a position to accept. Could you then please give me the Phone number(s), Fax number(s) and electronic mail address at which I could contact you. If unfortunately it could not be the case I would appreciate suggestions from you on whom to contact for that purpose.

With best regards,

sincerely yours,

Maurice

**A small network of  
correspondants consisting of  
one or two physicists in each  
of the Member States**

**This letter is to ask you  
whether you would kindly  
agree to be one of them.**

*A great idea*



BMFT

Minister Krüger

State Secretary Ziller

Head of the Division  
for Fundamental Research Strub

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(Adviser)

funding Committee  
for High Energy Physics

Wegener



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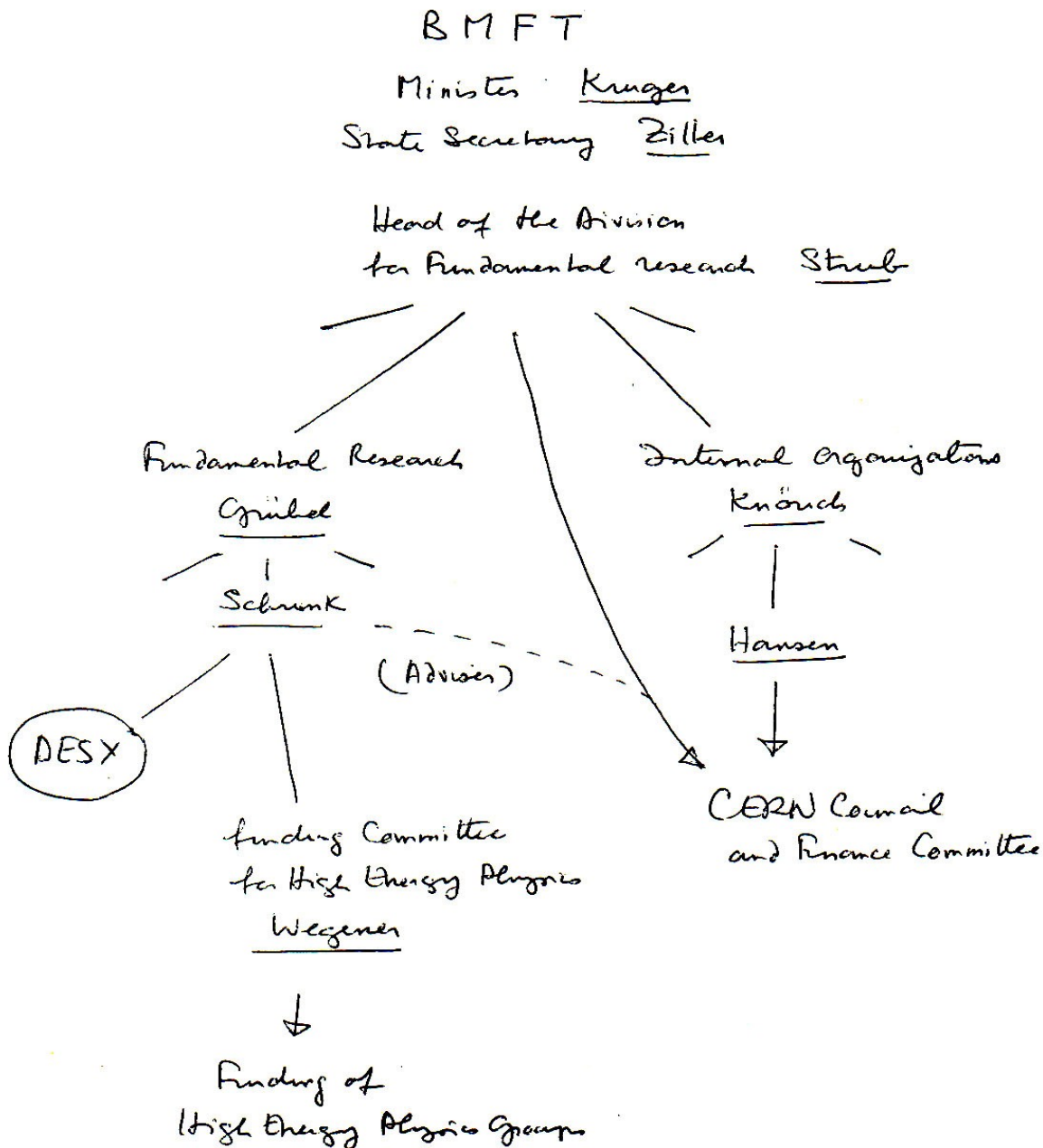
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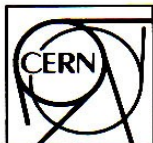
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13 Juillet

Chère Cecilia,

Je t'envoie cette lettre car les choses sont maintenant devenues plus officielles, mais je te remercie encore d'avoir accepté de m'aider dans cette tâche.

Je t'envoie un organigramme que j'ai établi pour l'Allemagne. Je pense que tu n'as aucune difficulté à m'en donner un sur ce modèle pour la Suède.

Tout renseignement que tu jugerais bon serait le bienvenu.

Je suis ravi de te manquer au CERN en Juillet partant en Italie (17-22) puis à Marseille (23-28)

Bien à toi

Maurice

# Particle Physics in the Member States

1997-98

Information on particle physics in the 19 Member States of CERN. Number of researchers. Fields of interest. Organization and funding structures. Contributions to CERN and to research at CERN. Other activities in particle physics. Who is who in the administration and funding of research. Industrial impact of particle physics research. The CERN schools.

Industrial returns coefficients, as mentioned on each summary page, refer only to supplies. They may be misleading out of context and the more so in view of the existence of many international firms. With the normalization defined, a value should be considered good if it exceeds 0.8. The high values found in central Europe result not only from a particular effort but also from the still partial contribution against which they are normalized.

This document is prepared as a working tool for the CERN Management and the RECFA members. It was updated at the end 1997. The contribution given are those of 1997. Preliminary calculated ones for 1998 are also mentioned.

Please send comments, corrections and necessary additions to M. Jacob, CERN/DSU. These reports are stored electronically and regularly updated.

The presentation given corresponds to a CERN perspective. Complementary texts are added to the reports on Germany and Italy to provide a DESY and a Gran Sasso perspective, respectively.

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Partículas

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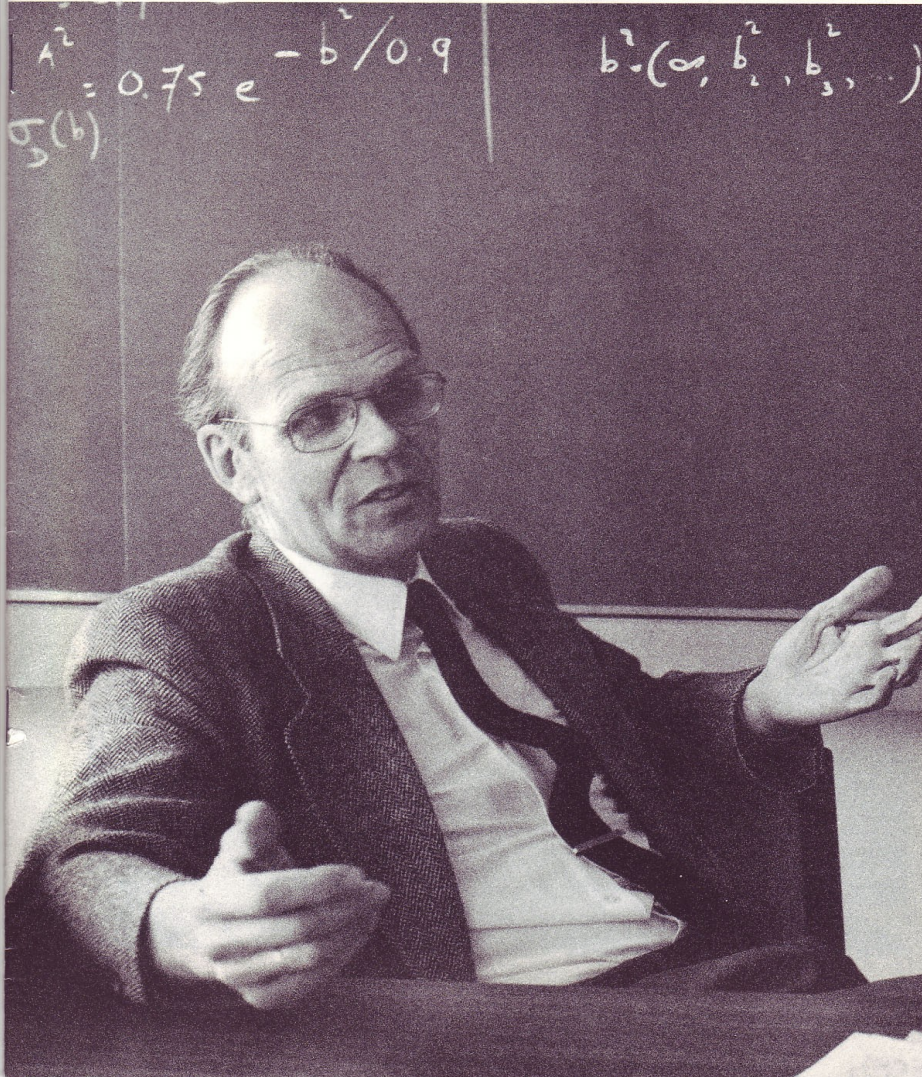
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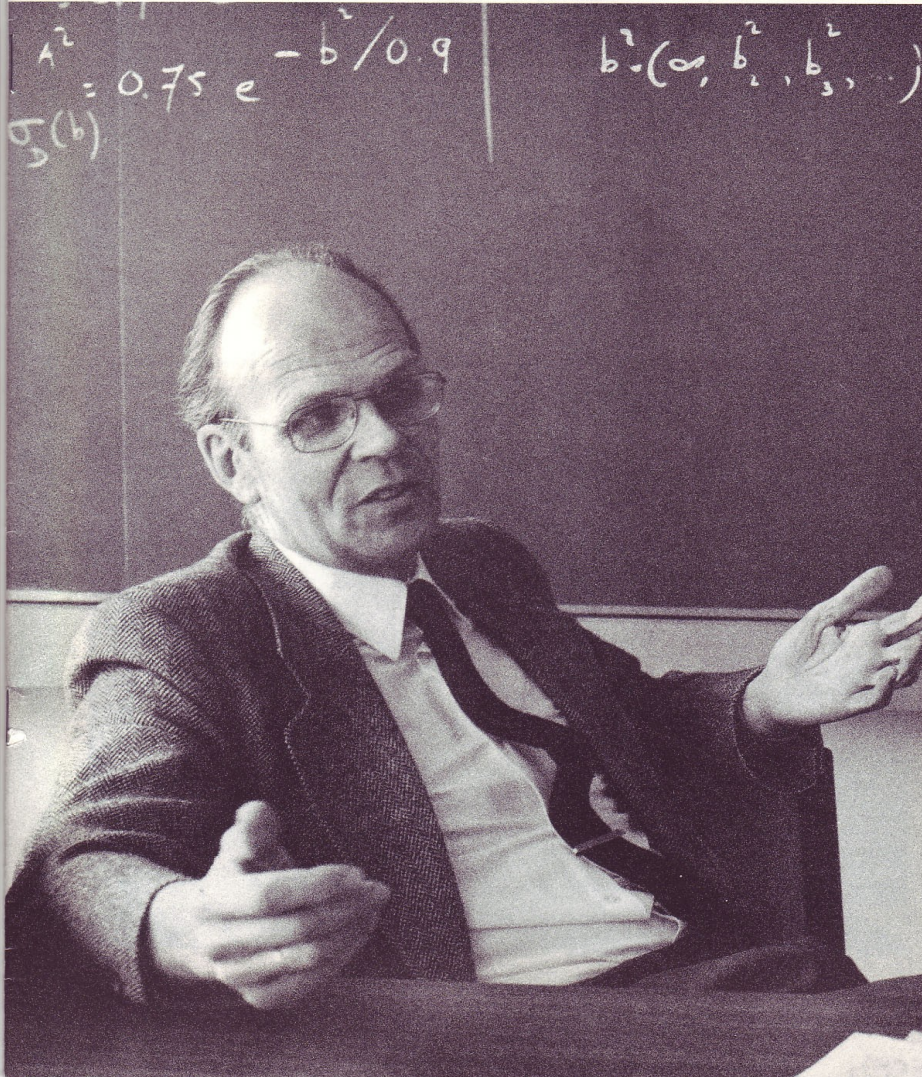
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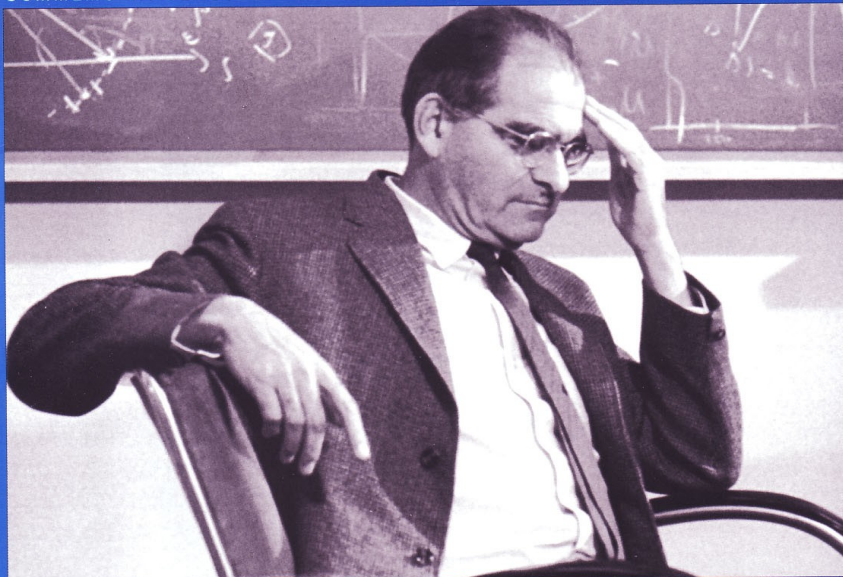
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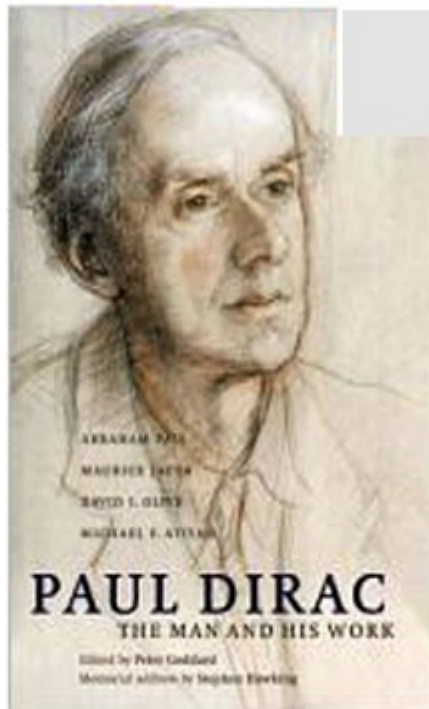
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# LETTERS

## The Grid Grew from Physicists' Computing Needs

The feature article by Ian Foster on "The Grid: A New Infrastructure for 21st Century Science" (PHYSICS TODAY, February 2002, page 42) presents well the structure and great potential of the Grid. At a time when government funding tends to focus on short-term returns that directly benefit society while overlooking basic physics research, Foster has reminded us that physics remains closely associated with important new, far-reaching technological developments.

I think PHYSICS TODAY missed an opportunity to deliver an important message with the publication of this fine article: Basic physics research, and basic science research in general, is often the driving force behind important developments in computing. In the European part of the world map (see Foster's figure 4), the prominent role of CERN and of high-energy laboratories in Europe is obvious. Yet CERN (or its Large Hadron Collider) is briefly mentioned twice in the article, and only for its computing demands rather than for its contributions to the field.

During the mid-1990s, when I was the adviser to the CERN director general on member state affairs, I had to rally support for the LHC among nonscientists. The expected computing technologies resulting from the LHC and the potential for broad application of those technologies were a strong selling point. I would tell my audience that each large detector must handle more than  $10^{15}$  bytes of information per year, about a million times that contained in the human genome. This fact made an impression. At the time, given the existing technology, it was impossible to handle that amount of information. The use of

CD-ROMs for storage would have required a 3-kilometer-high stack of them; processing the information would have required 50 000 PCs.

But my experience has been this: Trust the physicists. By 2005, they will have found a way to meet the computing challenge, with resulting benefits for people from many walks of life. The detector collaborations, each with close to 2000 scientists, contain a vast number of highly competent people who freely exchange information and criticism. They know that, despite limited funding, they must be able to trade ideas and information and must have a successful system for that in place by the time the machine is completed.

Now, several years later, the picture has already changed. By making the best use of improving hardware and networking, scientists can reduce the storage stack by a factor of 5, and reduce the number of computers needed for processing by even more. The Grid offers the possibility of greatly enhancing the available computing power for any specific need.

Yet the capacity that LHC scientists will need has not been reached. Current technology, when fully used, already gives a factor of 10, but new developments to increase computing capacities by another factor of 10 are needed during the few years that remain before the LHC is commissioned. The Grid will play an important role in filling this need.

I think that particle physics (and heavy basic science research) as the driving force behind computing developments cannot be overemphasized. Clearly, particle physicists are not alone in demanding new and highly efficient computing means. However, carefully planned projects in the past have often fallen short of expectations, whereas those technologies that arise spontaneously out of the computing needs of physicists have paid large dividends, usually at relatively low expense.

Other arenas are motivating increases in computing power, particularly in the US, but particle physics has a specificity of its own. Very large amounts of data must be available

simultaneously to a great many users. The number of physicists working coherently on the LHC will exceed 6000, scattered worldwide. These users will need both access to information and the ability to process it. The solution to this computing challenge, once implemented, will find many other applications.

So I would like to end on a provocative note: If you want much better computing worldwide, remember to also invest in particle physics. The computing advances are likely to come faster and to be less expensive that way than through a more direct, top-down route.

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**FOSTER REPLIES:** I appreciated Maurice Jacob's thoughtful comments on the important role that physics and physicists often play in advancing information technology. I believe strongly in the use of challenging practical problems as drivers for IT R&D; such problems serve to focus on the real issues and provide rapid, if sometimes painful, feedback when apparently good ideas do not work. I am also convinced that, to achieve the order-of-magnitude performance improvements promised by Grids, we must engage not only discipline specialists but also computer scientists: for better or worse, it is no longer sufficient to view IT issues as secondary to the physics. For these reasons, I and many of my colleagues are so excited about current Grid projects, many of which involve genuine multidisciplinary partnerships focused on extremely challenging problems.

Jacob speaks more specifically to the important role that CERN has long played in IT. In a brief overview article, I could not discuss specific projects; with more space, I would have written at length about the plans and achievements of the CERN-led European Union Data-Grid and DataTAG projects, the pioneering work at Italy's National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN), and other physics-focused

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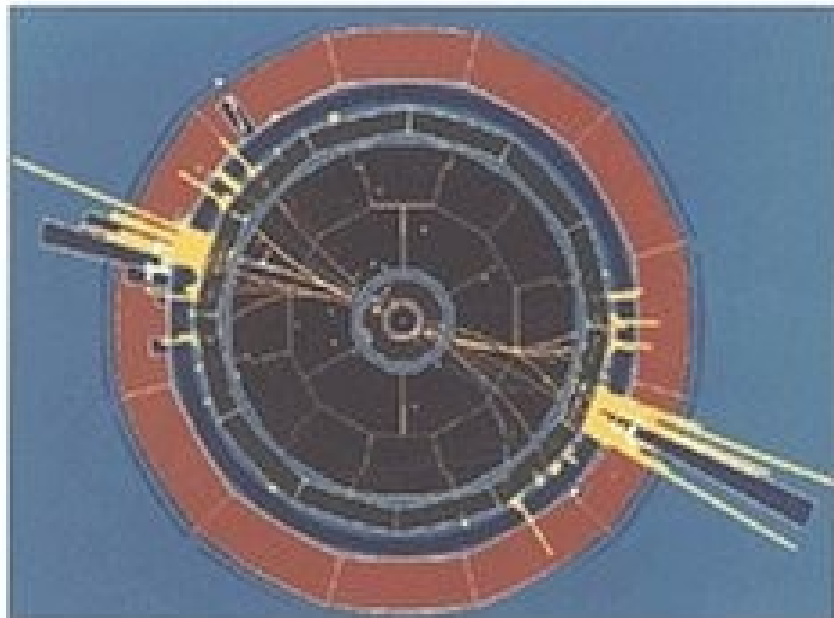


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Life's tragedy is  
that we get old  
too soon and wise  
too late

Benjamin Franklin



*Merci Maurice*



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