

Leveraging the past to prepare the future of particle physics

A successful case of science communication

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A reminder: the CERN digital comms team







2022, a year of celebration and excitement for CERN

Restart of the LHC

- \rightarrow Challenges :
- Uncertainties on the date
- Explain the difference with the beginning of the Run

10th anniversary of experimental discovery of the Higgs boson

- \rightarrow Challenge :
- Difficult questions might arise

Beginning of the LHC Run 3

- \rightarrow Challenges :
- Uncertainties on the date
- Dealing with conspiracy theories

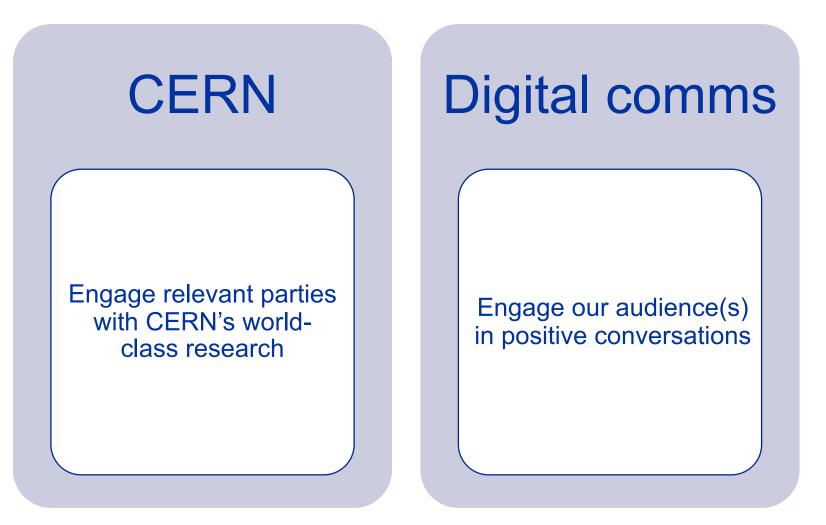


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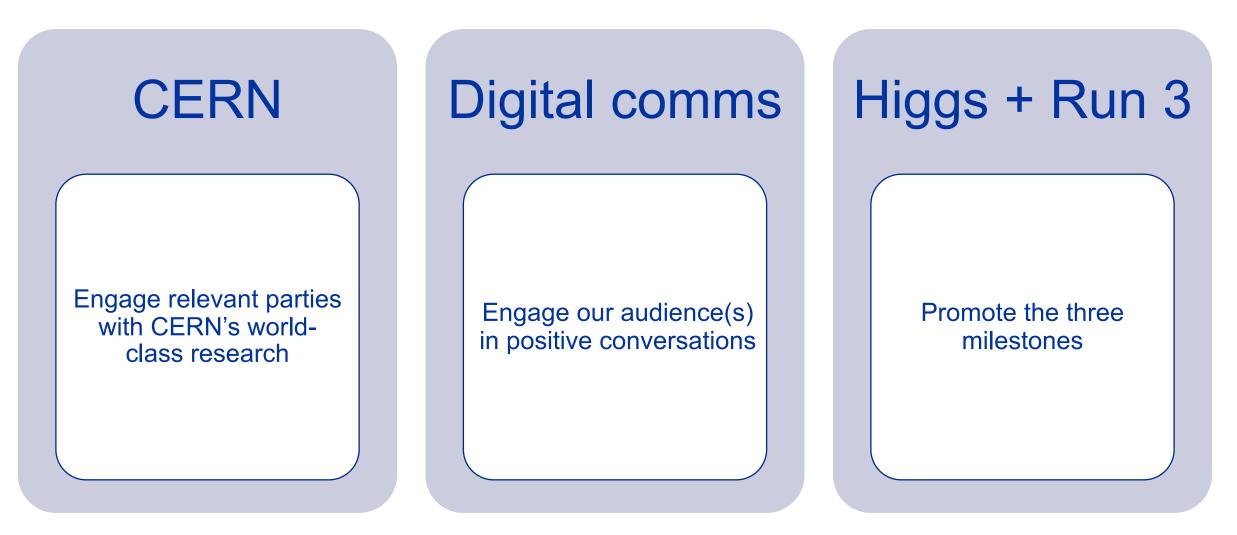


What we wanted to achieve





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Our strategy to achieve it

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Preparing the future



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2. Foster excitement for the future of the field within the particle physics community, in particular among young researchers	10 years on	We know much more today about the building blocks of the Universe and their interactions than we did 10 years ago and are following interesting leads via the full exploitation of the LHC and its high luminosity upgrade (HL-LHC)
3. Develop a concerted implementation strategy across CERN Member States, with shared objectives, messaging, branding and products, in order to more successfully achieve the first two objectives.	Preparing the future	The upcoming physics season will be focused on the study of the properties of the Higgs and the search for physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics. After the Run 3, the HL-LHC will further these studies.

Ecosystem of the campaign(s)

Target audiences*

CERN community

Particle physics community

Decision-makers

Local communities

General public

Teachers and students

Media (as a vector)

Partners

Directorate (Governance)

LHC experiments

Machine OP team

European Particle Physics Communications Network

International Particle Physics Outreach Group

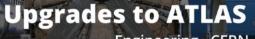
Interactions (communications network)

*Not listed in order of priority



#restartingLHC 9 February – 22 April 2022





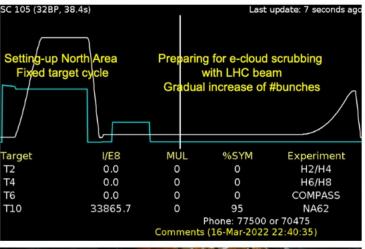
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Upgrades to CMS

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Large Hadron Collider Restarts



Upgrades to LHCb

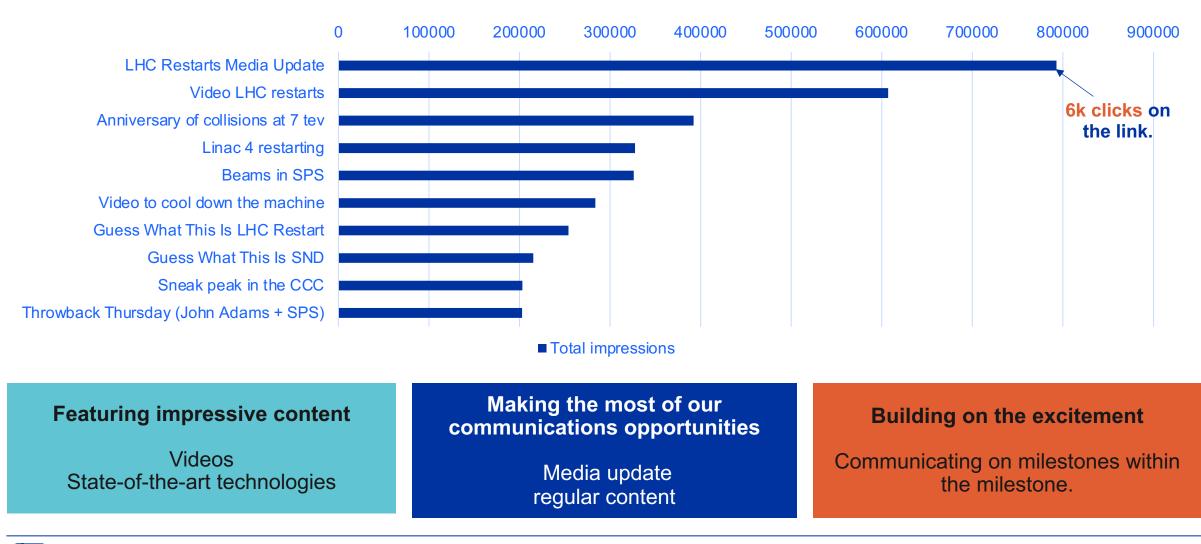
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How to cool down the LHC • a simple recipe



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Alan Boyle ② @bOyle · Apr 26 Large Hadron Collider has restarted, shooting protons at record energy levels: universetoday.com/155591/large-h... H/T @CERN #LHC #LHCRun3 #RestartingLHC

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When does CERN restart?

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Kieran Denahy

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A sampling of upgrade photos: #restartingLHC

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3	Jaleel Warren Cheers to finding new physics! 🦚 Like Reply Hide 2 w	 IN2P3 Les 2 infinis IN2P3_CNRS #restartingLHC ¥ 22 avril : redémarrage du #LHC après 3 ans de maintenance. Le soir même, Gaëlle Boudoul, physicienne @CNRS dans @CMSExperiment et directrice de l'antenne IN2P3 au @CERN raconte cette journée particulière au @Forum_RTS. Intraslate Tweet
	<image/> <image/> <image/> <text><text><text></text></text></text>	Carmen MacDonald Does anyone know the date when the LHC comes back online ? Like Reply 7 w
	Dory Kodeih Good luck LHC on the restart and revamping the energy to 13.6 Tev Like Reply Hide 2 w	Frika ♥ @_AstroErika · Apr 25 ···· With the upgrades implemented, the energy of the LHC's proton beams was set to increase from 6.5 teraelectronvolts (TeV) to 6.8 TeV. SS #RestartingLHC

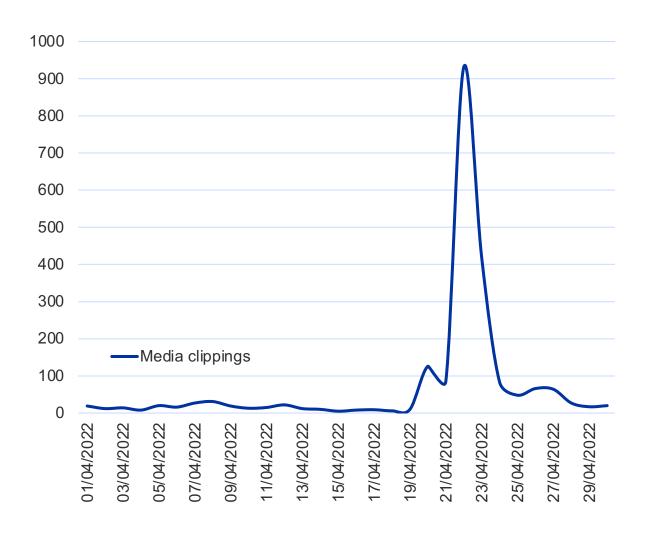
Restart of the LHC 22 April 2022

- Media update on the 22nd of April home.cern – CISION – alpha galileo
- VNR (video news release) made on the day and sent with the media update
- Digital media kit focused on LS2
- Follow-up interviews and requests

BACKGROUNDERS

The backgrounders linked below summarise the key upgrades to the accelerators and four main LHC experiments during Long Shutdown (LS2), which began in December 2018 and runs until the LHC restarts in 2022.







Social media

#Higgs10 17 June – 04 July 2022

CERN 🤣 @CERN · 4 Jul 2022

Joe Incandela, the @cmsexperiment spokesperson in 2012, and Fabiola Gianotti, the @atlasexperiment spokesperson in 2012 and now #CERN Director-General, recreate their photo from 4 July 2012 during the announcement of the #Higgsboson discovery 10 years on 😂 🎞

#Higgs10 #Thenandnow



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? What is the Higgs boson?

- ? How do particles get mass?
- ? How did we discover the Higgs boson?
- ? How did the physicists know it was the Higgs boson?
- ? What have we learned since?
- ? How does the Higgs boson impact everyday life?

Stars, planets and life could only emerge because particles gained their mass from a fundamental field associated with the **#Higgsboson**. The existence of this mass-giving field was confirmed in 2012, when the famed particle was discovered at CERN by the **ATLAS Collaboration** & CMS Collaboration.



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CERN 🤣 @CERN · 15 Jul 2022

Still excited about the **#Higgs10** anniversary? Relive the Higgs discovery announcement on 4 July 2012 through the memories of CERN Alumni Award winner Octavio Dominguez:alumni.cern/news/787179

CERN Alumni @cernalumni · 22 Jun 2022

Octavio Dominguez, CERN Alumni Award Winner, shares his memories from the Higgs discovery announcement in our special Higgs@10 campaign: alumni.cern/news/787179



CERN ② @CERN · 4 Jul 2022 And we're off! #Higgs10

The Scientific Symposium to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the #Higgsboson discovery is about to start. Join the webcast live: indico.cern.ch/event/1135177



cern @ Happy #Higgs10 anniversary!

To continue to celebrate the #Higgsboson discovery, we're sharing an artistic view of the Brout-Englert-Higgs field, with the sonification of the two discovery plots from 2012, and the "sound" of the beam passing by in the #LHC

Daniel Dominguez, CERN
 Piotr Traczyk, CERN
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davidben.1612 Can we make better music?

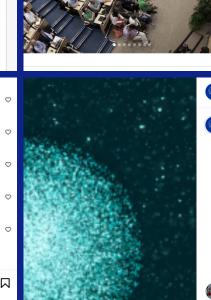
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CERN ② @CERN · 18 Jun 2022 ···· To celebrate the 10 years since @ATLASexperiment & @CMSExperiment announced the discovery of the #Higgsboson, the #Higgs10 series covers its #Higgstory

VOLUME 13, NUMBER 16 PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **19 October 1964** BROKEN SYMMETRIES AND THE MASSES OF GAUGE BOSONS Peter W. Higgs Tait Institute of Mathematical Physics, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland (Received 31 August 1964) about the "vacuum" solution $\varphi_1(x) = 0$, $\varphi_2(x) = \varphi_0$: In a recent note1 it was shown that the Goldstone theorem,² that Lorentz-covariant field theories in which spontaneous breakdown of $\partial^{\mu} \{\partial_{\mu} (\Delta \varphi_1) - e \varphi_0 A_{\mu}\} = 0,$ (2a) symmetry under an internal Lie group occurs contain zero-mass particles, fails if and only if $\{\partial^2 - 4\varphi_0^2 V''(\varphi_0^2)\}(\Delta \varphi_2) = 0,$ (2b)the conserved currents associated with the internal group are coupled to gauge fields. The $\partial_{\mu}F^{\mu\nu} = e\varphi_0\{\partial^{\mu}(\Delta\varphi_1) - e\varphi_0A_{\mu}\}.$ (2c) purpose of the present note is to report that, as a consequence of this coupling, the spin-one Noare e of the gauge fields acquire mass sergiomartinsbraga Braga Portugal C 44 sem 1 J'aime Répondre Voir la traduction m_a_t19930101 Wooow 🙂 🙂 🙂 C 44 sem 1 J'aime Répondre samuelj645 Hellow, congratulations from México 💜 \odot 44 sem 1 J'aime Répondre Voir la traduction cristinaadrada Me encantaría poder estar allí, 😡 44 sem Répondre Voir la traduction prernamadan_25 Now came home to have lunch, but have to go back to clg.. So after coming back from college in evening, will watch this 44 sem 1 J'aime Répondre Voir la traduction $\bigcirc \nabla$ 44097 vues



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On 4 July 2012, the @atlasexperiment and the @cmsexperiment at CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC) announced they had each observed a new particle in the mass region around 126 GeV - the #Higgsboson, a cornerstone of the #StandardModel of particle physics! #Higgs10

On 8 October 2013, the Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded jointly to François Englert and Peter Higgs "for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle".

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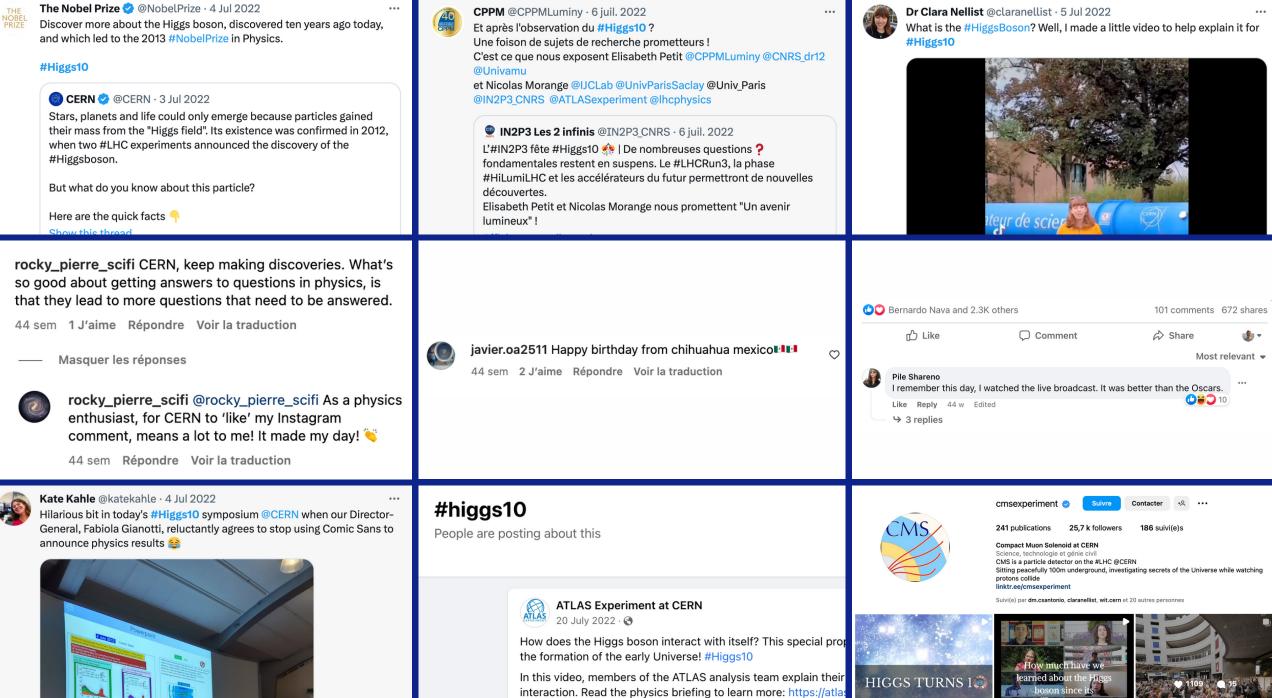
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#Higgs10 17 June – 04 July 2022



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Interaction

discovery 10 years ago?

Social media

#LHCRun3 25 April – 05 July 2022

LHC beams: from injections to stable beams

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bigscience_stfc et cern

bigscience_stfc Today we start #LHCRun3 live 16.00 CEST @cern 🎽

But what do you know about the four biggest experiments at the #LHC1

Find out more about @ATLASexperiment @CMSexperiment @alice experiment and @LHCbExperiment from these #TopTrumps "Top Detectors" cards from @bigscience_stfc !

#science #education #engineering #learning #stem #research #physics #scientist #math #learn #laboratory #teaching #growing #studying #knowledge #study #students #engineer #planet #Higgs #HiggsBoson #Higgs10 #Higgsversary Modifié - 44 sem Voir la traduction

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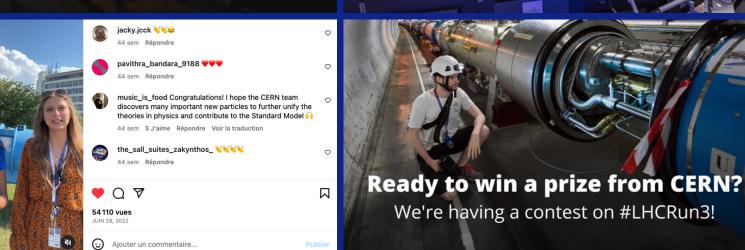
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Delphine explains the tasks behind #LHCRun3

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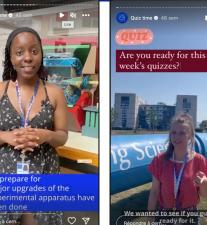
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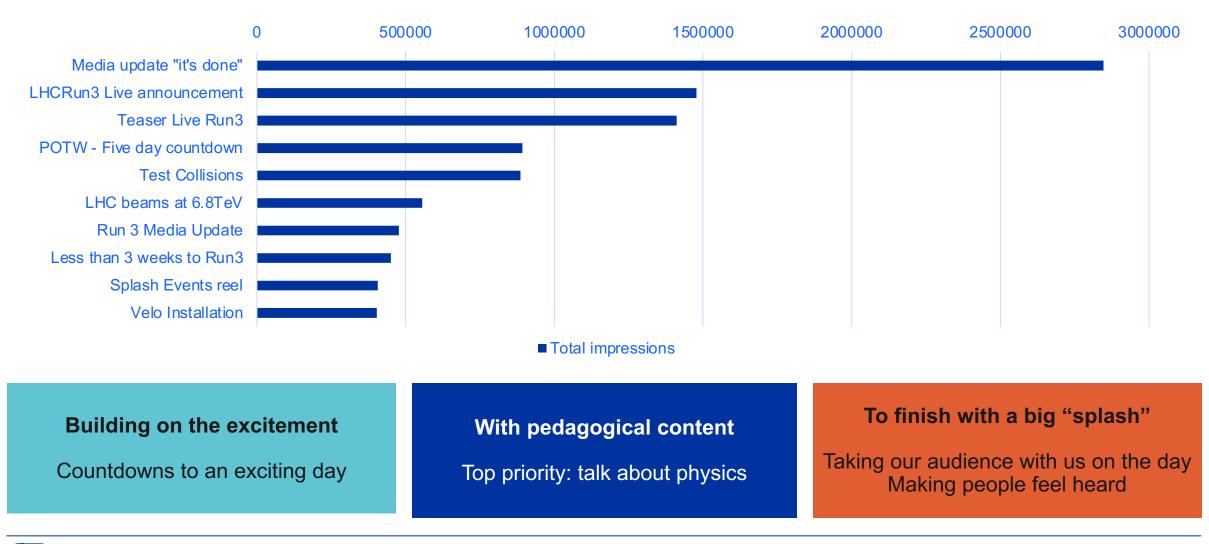
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We wanted to see if you guys were Répondre à cern eady for it.

#LHCRun3 25 April – 05 July 2022



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#LHCRun3 LIVE – 5 July 2022

Duration: 1H50

Moderation: 4 social media managers + 20 experts

Channels: Facebook (CERN + 4 experiments),

LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube (EN, FR, IT, DE, ES + INFN)

Total of 13 platforms + 5 languages

Overview

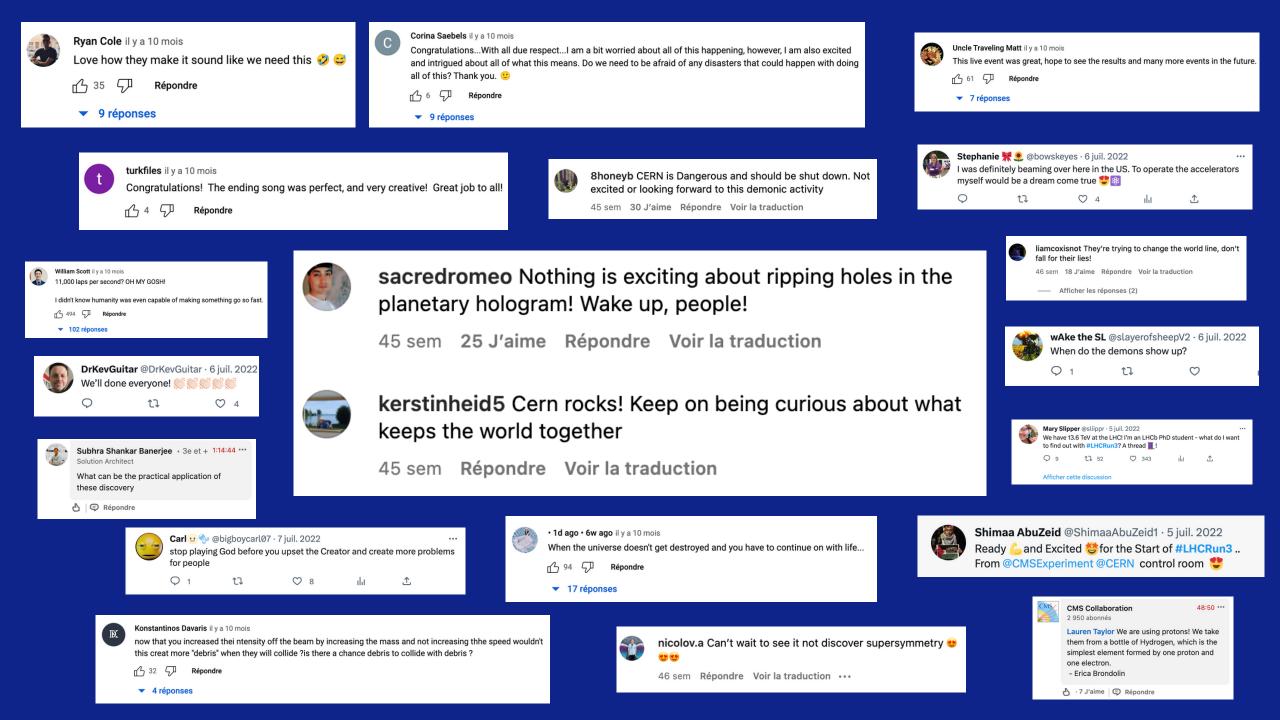
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- **59,626** engagements
- □ 75,737 concurrent viewers
- □ Hashtags caught **trending** in CH, FR, UK, US



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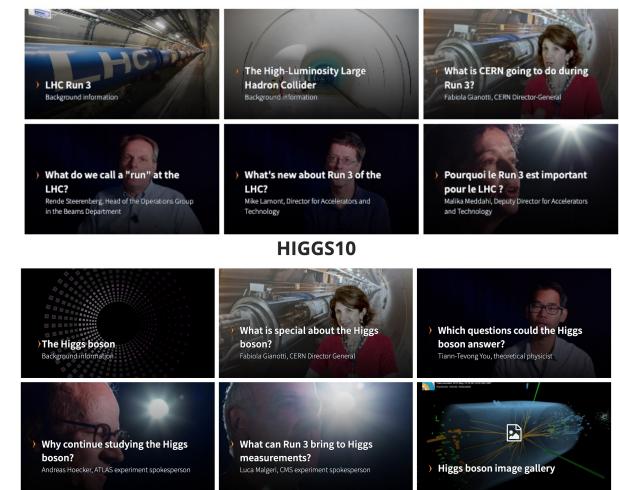






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LHC RUN 3



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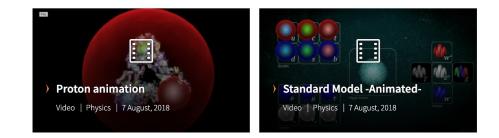
• Supporting products shared with partners in advance:

Illustrations and animations

Pre-recorded interviews with LHC experiment spokes, deputy-spokes, theorists, the DG, Director for Accelerators and Technologies and his deputy

Media trainings





2. New precision measurements paving the way to new physics

With this third run, scientists at the LHC experiments will be able to improve the measurement precision of numerous known processes addressing fundamental questions, such as the origin of the <u>matter-antimatter asymmetry</u> in the universe



What are your physics expectations for Run 3? Sophie Renner, theoretical physicist at CERN (<u>Video: CERN</u>)

They will also be searching for candidates for <u>dark matter</u> and for <u>other new</u> <u>physics phenomena</u>, either through direct searches or – indirectly – through <u>precise measurements</u> of properties of known particles.



Which physics results do you expect from Run 3? Michelangelo Mangano, theoretical physicist at CERN (Video: CERN)



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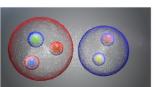
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- 5 communications, and 2 VNR including 1 aired by the European Broadcasting Union
- **Follow-up requests**



The third run of the Large Hadron Collider has successfully started

A round of applause broke out in the CERN Control Centre on 5 July at 4.47 p.m. CEST when the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) detectors started recording high-energy collisions at the unprecedented energy of 13.6 TeV



News | At CERN | 05 July, 2022



ATLAS and CMS release results of most comprehensive studies yet of Higgs boson's properties

The collaborations have used the largest samples of proton-proton collision data recorded so far by the experiments to study the unique particle in unprecedented detail

News | Physics | 04 July, 2022



LHC Run 3: physics at record energy starts tomorrow

The Large Hadron Collider is ready to once again start delivering proton collisions to experiments, this time at an unprecedented energy of 13.6 TeV, marking the start of the accelerator's third run of data taking for physics

News | Physics | 04 July, 2022



The Higgs boson, ten years after its discovery

The discovery of the Higgs boson at the Large Hadron Collider and the progress made since then, have allowed physicists to make tremendous steps forward in our understanding of the universe

Press release | Physics | 04 July, 2022









Three campaigns "at a glance"

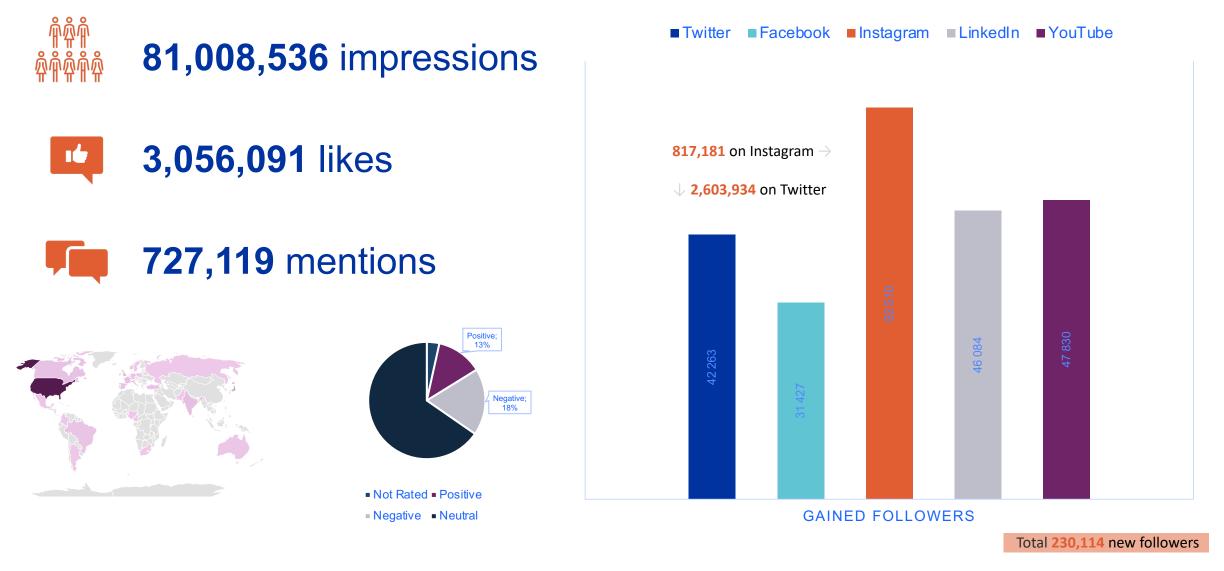
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new physics experiments world-record energy

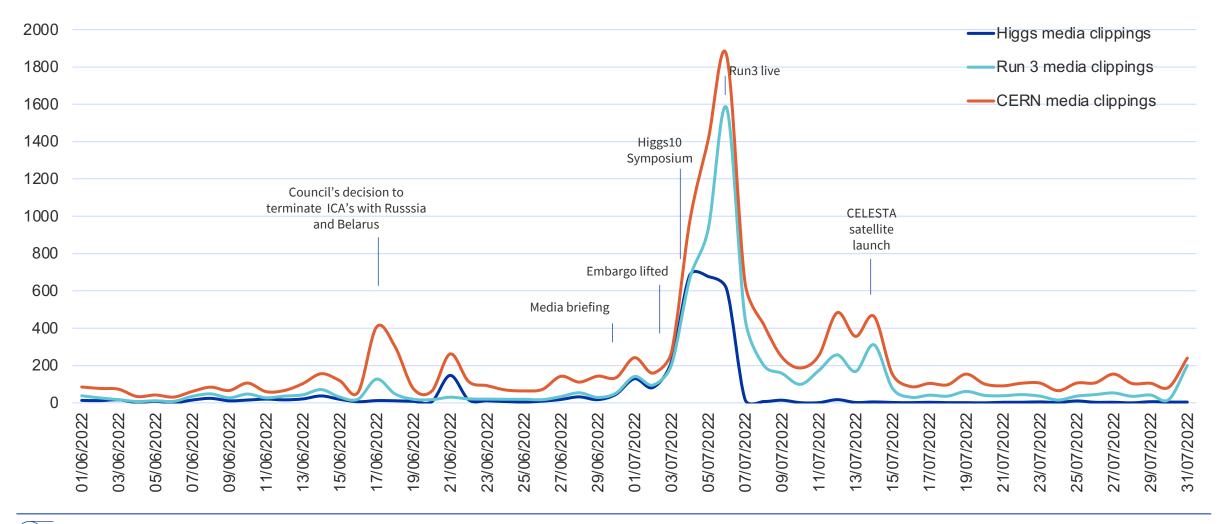
Impact on CERN channels





Peaks in media clippings

6 897 articles: Higgs@10 and Run 3 clippings from 1 June to 31 July



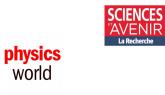


A variety of outlets

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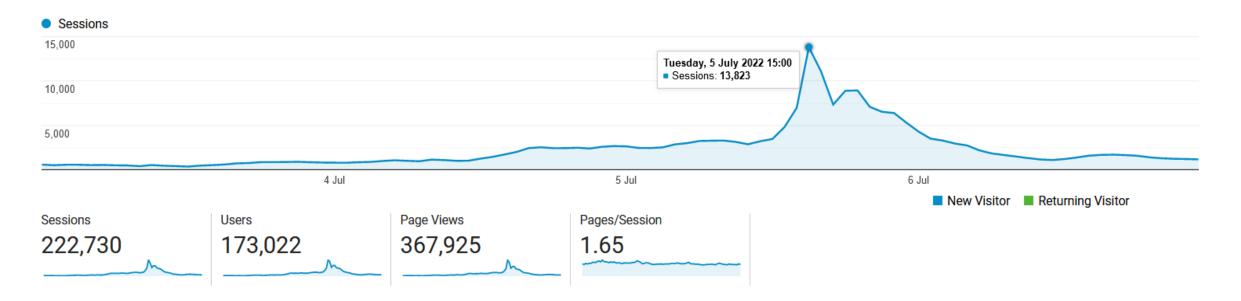
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Peak on home.cern

4 and 5 July

Home.cern experienced a rise in the number of visitors, peaking on 5 July afternoon 75% of traffic were new visitors 70% of traffic from the United States

Google Analytics show trends not real numbers due to cookie policy (real numbers may be 10-15% higher)





Learnings

Rely on the community

→ Institutes
 → Social media team
 → Press Office

Keep the conversation going

→ A "common thread": thematic weeks, hashtags…
 → Channels' own strengths

Be accessible

 \rightarrow Layered content \rightarrow Accessible form

Mind the formats

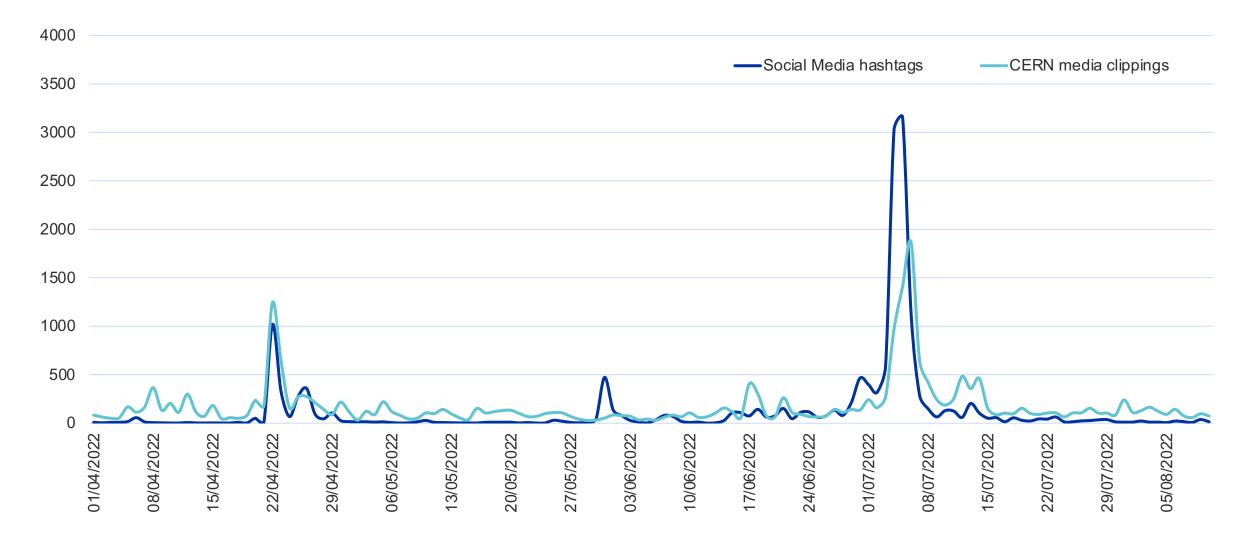
 \rightarrow Variety \rightarrow Right format for right audience

Make the most of the timeline

 \rightarrow Restart vs. Higgs + run3



Conclusion



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Follow CERN on social media (if you don't already do)

> Facebook Instagram

<u>LinkedIn</u> <u>Twitter</u> If you are interested by media and how we welcome them, feel free to reach out:

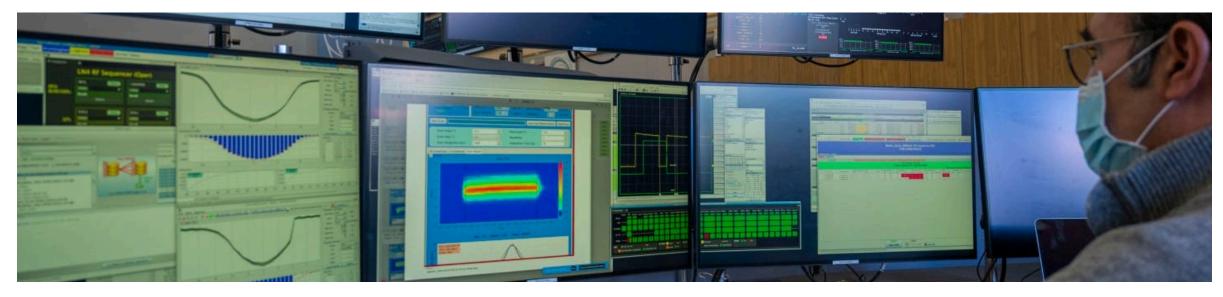
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If you have ideas and want to collaborate, feel free to reach out:

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About social media data



Why impressions?

Impressions allow to evaluate how our posts spread on all social media. They are a common metric for all channels (whereas reach is not available on Twitter for instance). Beside, impressions can be used for all formats, from stories to posts in the timeline.

How do we find it?

Iconosquare for Facebook and Instagram, native plateforms for LinkedIn and Twitter.

Why reactions?

Reactions allow to measure the engagement. Again, they are common to all social media (even though they are only likes on Twitter and Instagram). Reactions can be added up, whereas engagement rate can't. Beside, engagement rate is calculated differently on all social media.

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Hashtag uses are found by Meltwater – it searches for mentions on social media – numbers presented are from 8th of February to 10th of May

Mentions = same as hashtags but with more keywords (restart, restarting, upgrade, upgrades, engineer, engineering, engineers, restarting LHC, restartingLHC).



About the media coverage data

- Data about LHC restart clippings has been extracted from the Press Office's media monitoring system, Cision.
- Following keywords have been used to identify articles for this media coverage report:
 - Higgs@10
 - Higgs and CERN OR LHC
 - Run 3
 - Run 3 OR first physics OR collisions OR third run OR high energy collisions OR 5 July OR July 5 OR 5th of July OR record OR record energy OR TeV OR trillion electronvolts
 - Restarting LHC
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 - CERN OR LHC





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