

The DELPHI experiment

at

the LEP accelerator

at

the CERN laboratory

Part 1. The LEP accelerator

Part 2. The DELPHI experiment

Part 3. Particle physics research at LEP

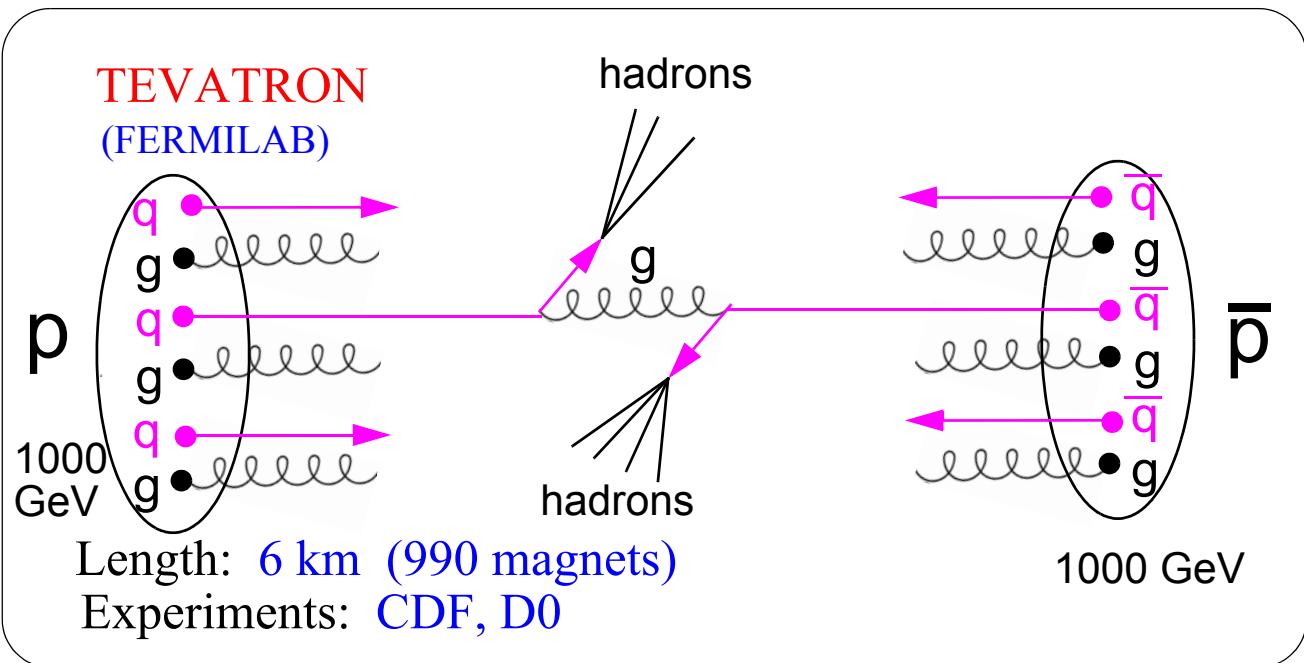
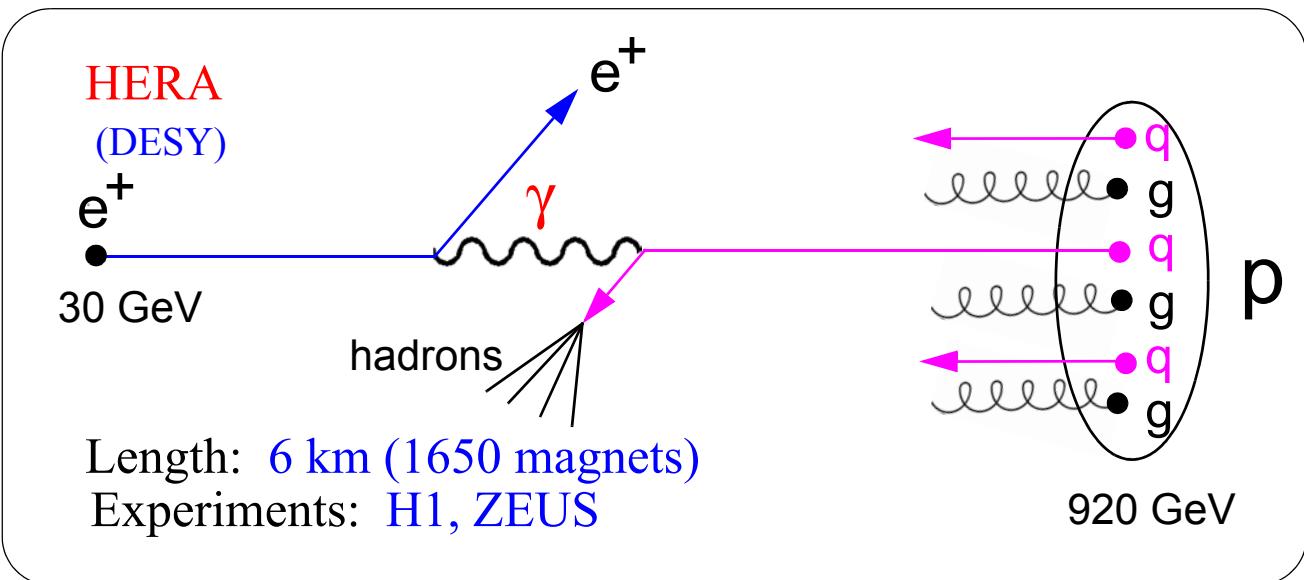
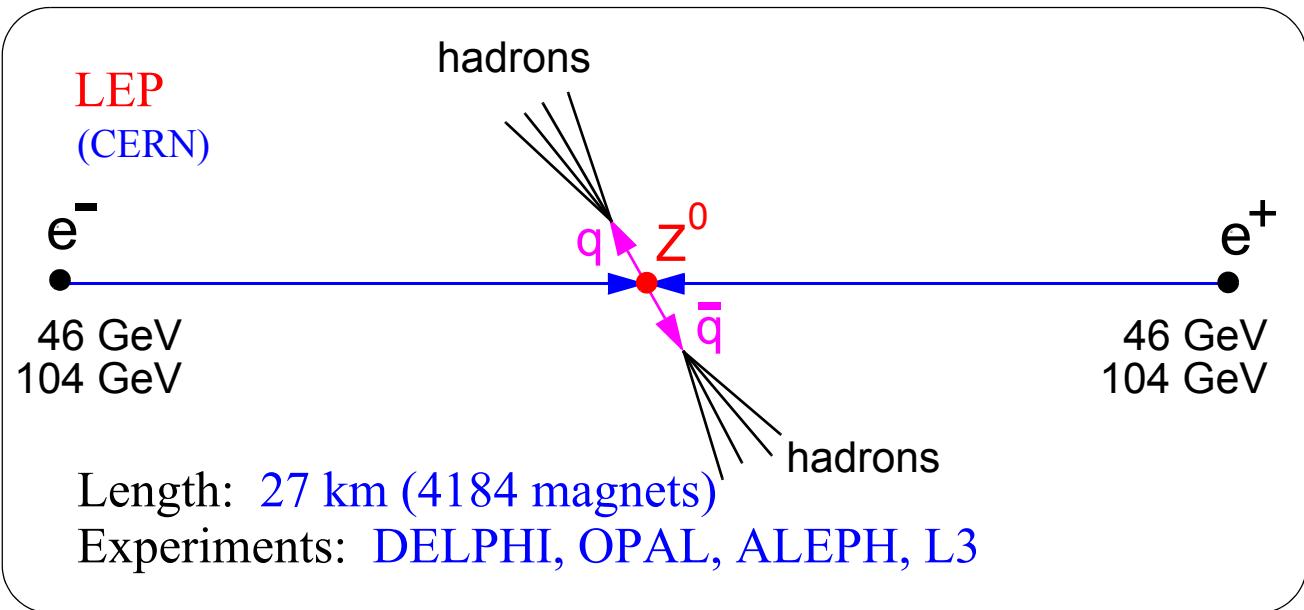
The LEP accelerator

The study of collisions between
electrons and positrons.

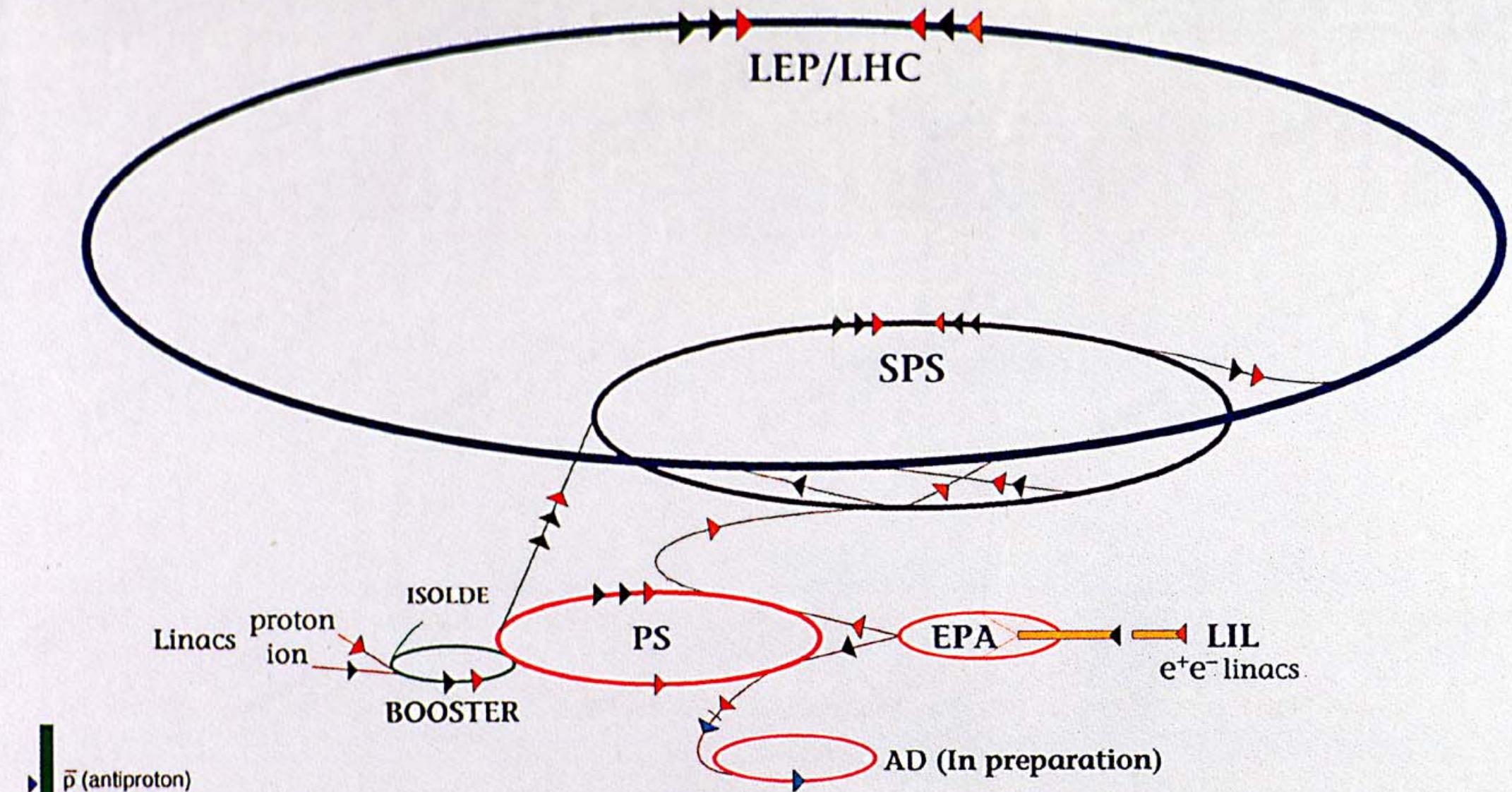
LEP 1 : The collision energy = 91 GeV = Z

LEP 2: The collision energy = 209 GeV > 2W

The largest accelerators in the world



CERN's Chain of Accelerators



- \bar{p} (antiproton)
- p (proton)
- Ion
- e^+ (positron)
- e^- (electron)
- proton/antiproton conversion

LIL : Linear Injector for LEP

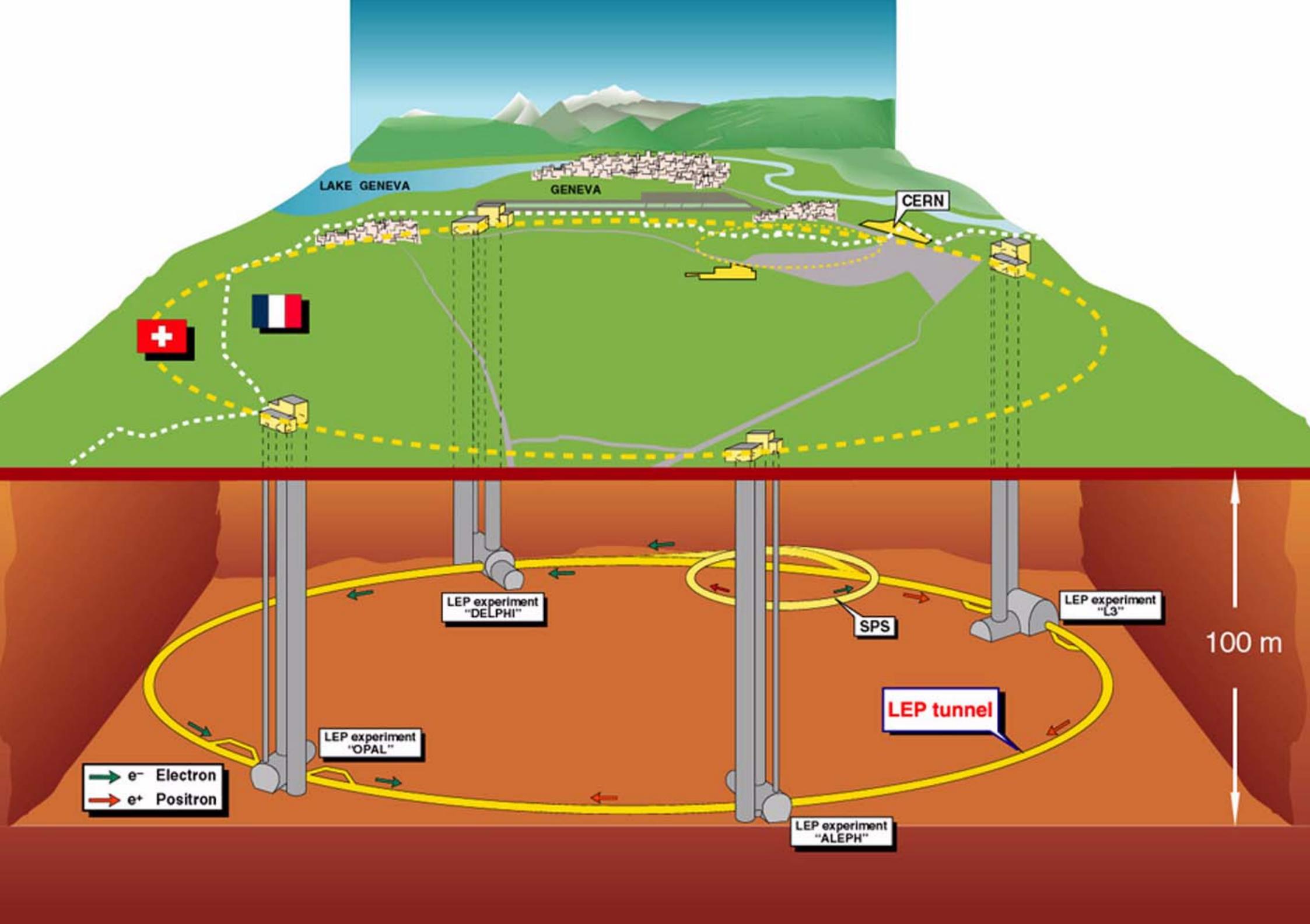
EPA : Electron-Positron Accumulator

PS : Proton Synchrotron

SPS : Super Proton Synchrotron

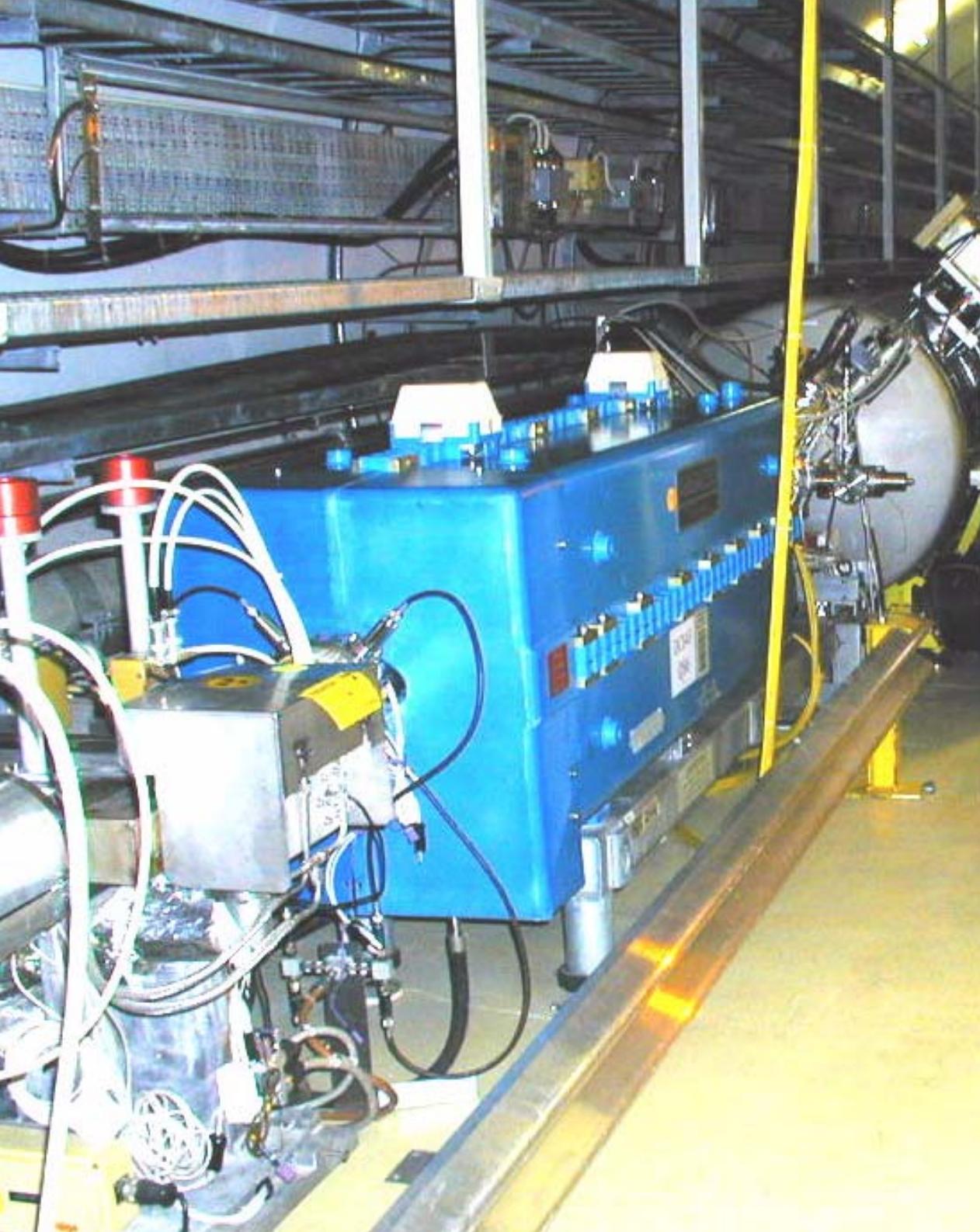
LEP : Large Electron-Positron Collider

LHC : Large Hadron Collider





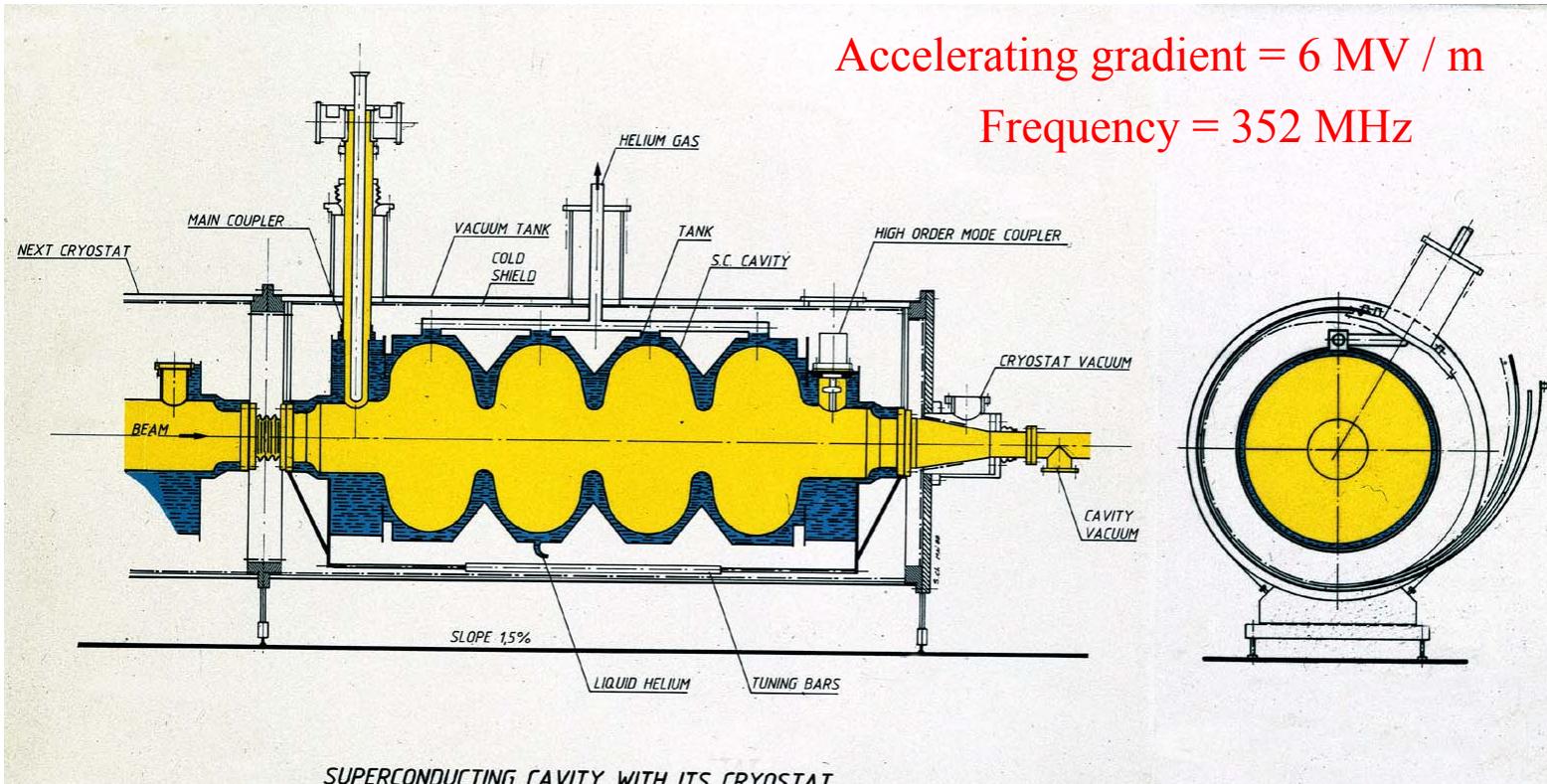






LEP 1 → LEP 2

In order to increase the collision energy one had to build 240 superconducting radio-frequency cavities.



The energy lost due to synchrotron radiation is 2.3 GeV / turn



Radio-frequency accelerating voltage has to be 2.3 GV / turn

Year:	1989-94	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Collision energy: (GeV)	91	136	174	184	189	204	209



The collision energy

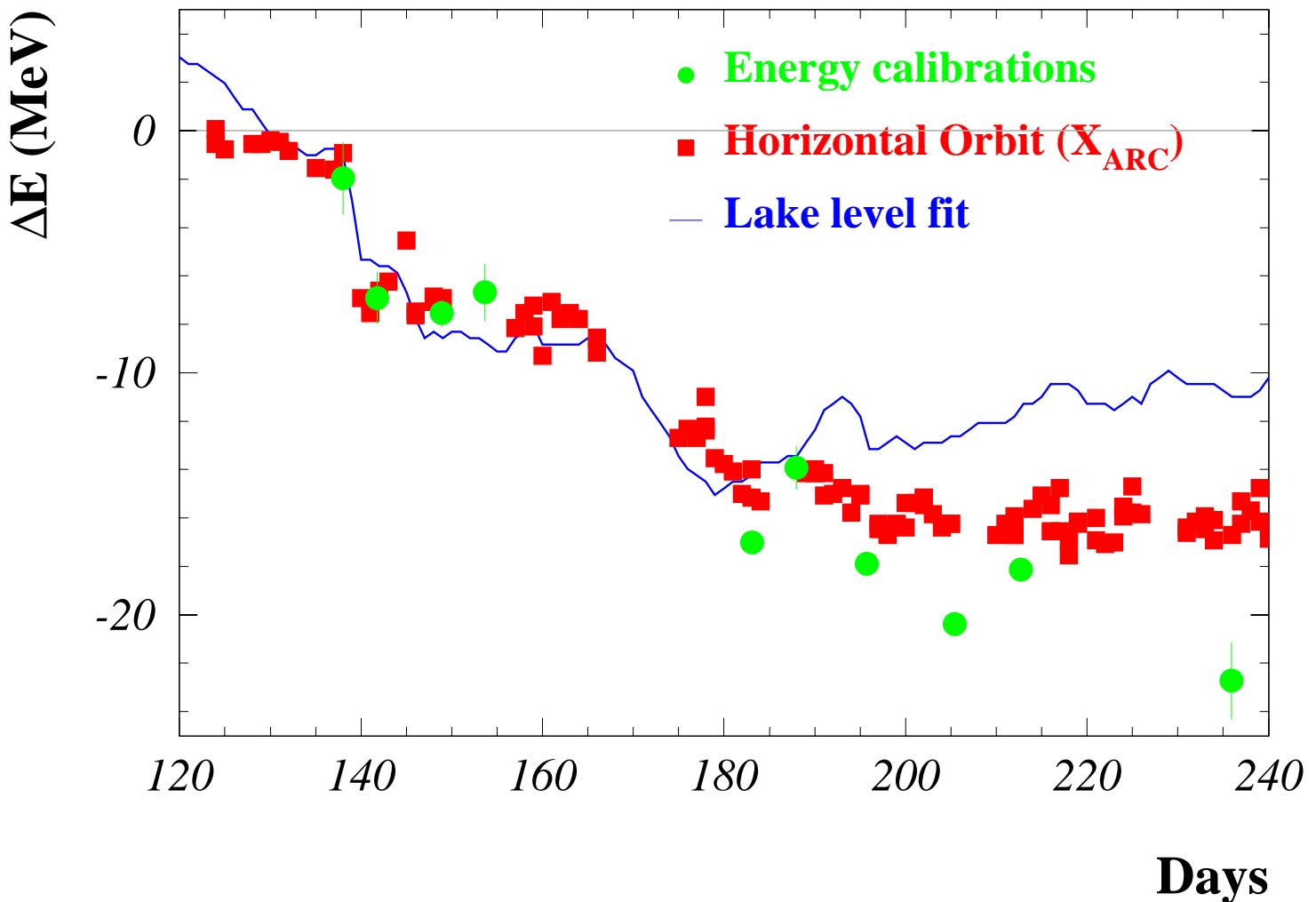
At LEP the collision energy could be determined
with a very high accuracy:

91.187 GeV with an error of 0.002 GeV

Things which affected the energy of LEP:

1. The level of the water in the lake !
2. The moon !
3. The trains to Paris !

Geological shifts

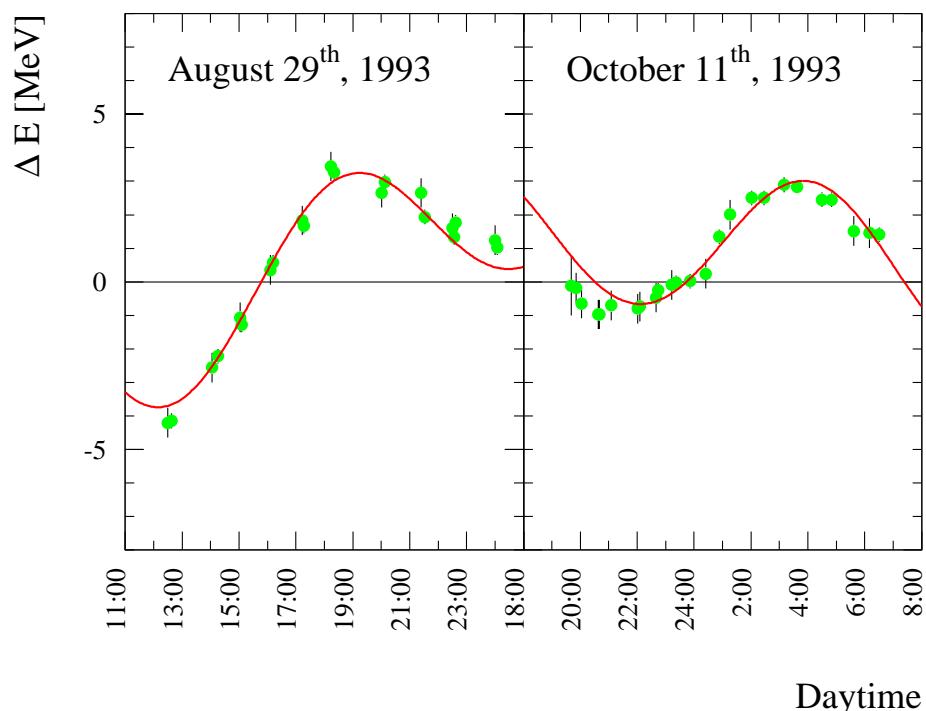
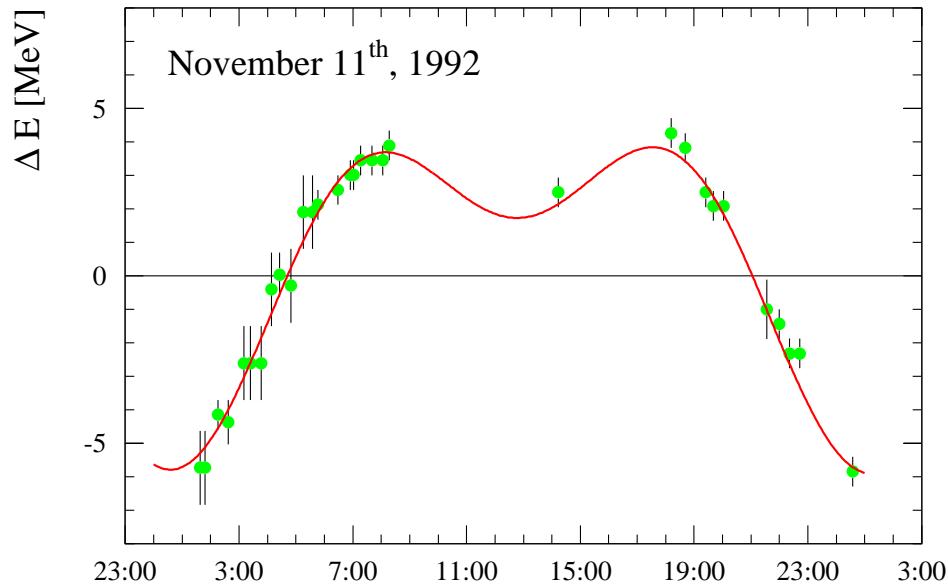


During 1993 the LEP energy was observed to change with time.

Part of the change was due to the water level in lake Geneva which caused small geological shifts of the accelerator.

Rainfalls and the water table in the Jura mountains also affected the LEP energy.

Tides



Earth tides caused by the moon will produce small distortions of the earth's crust.

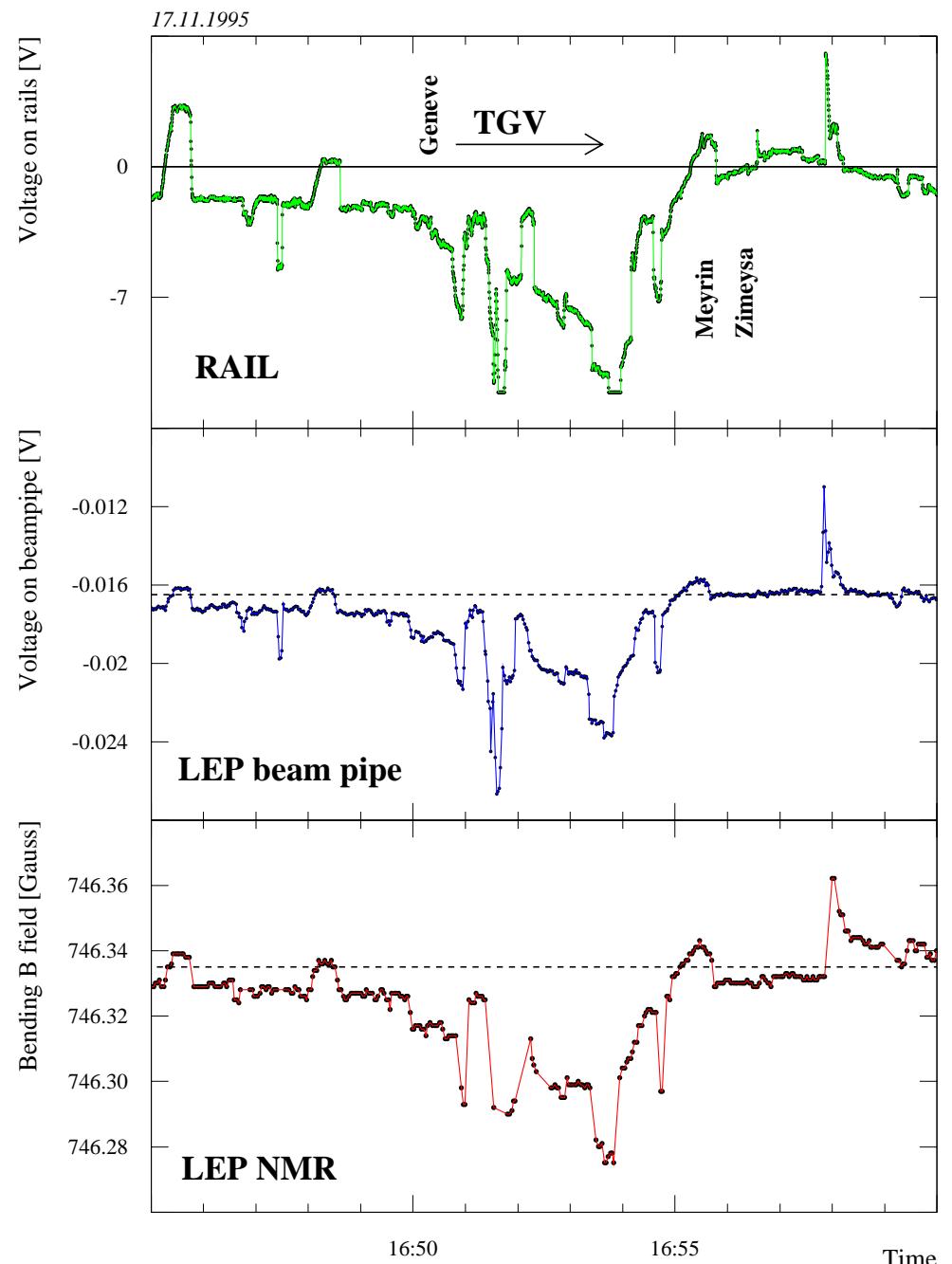
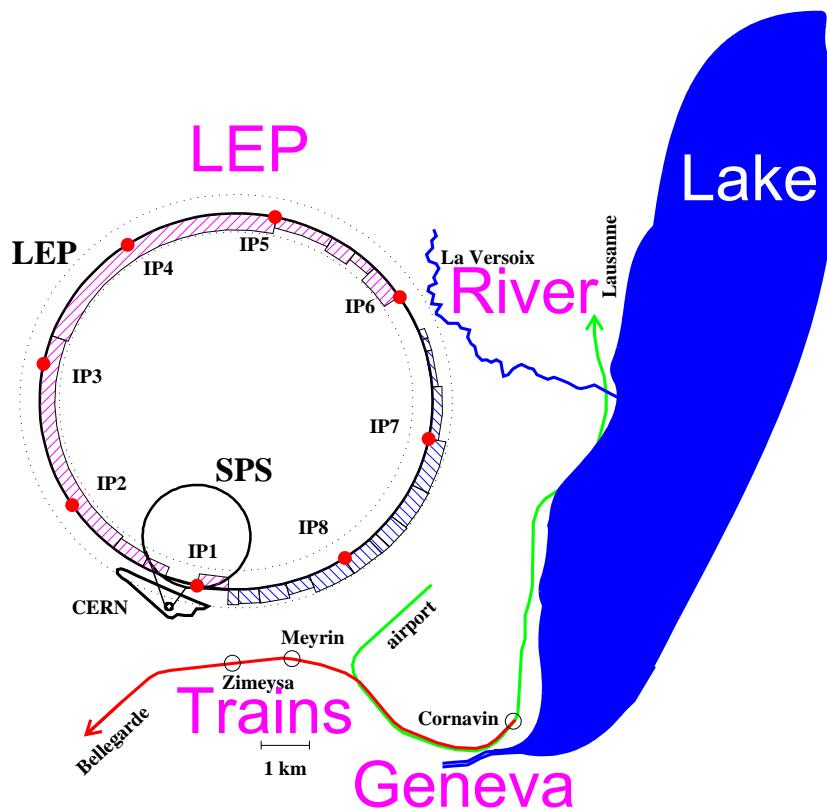
This can affect the accelerator so that the electrons orbit change.

An orbit change of 1 mm will change the energy with about 10 MeV.

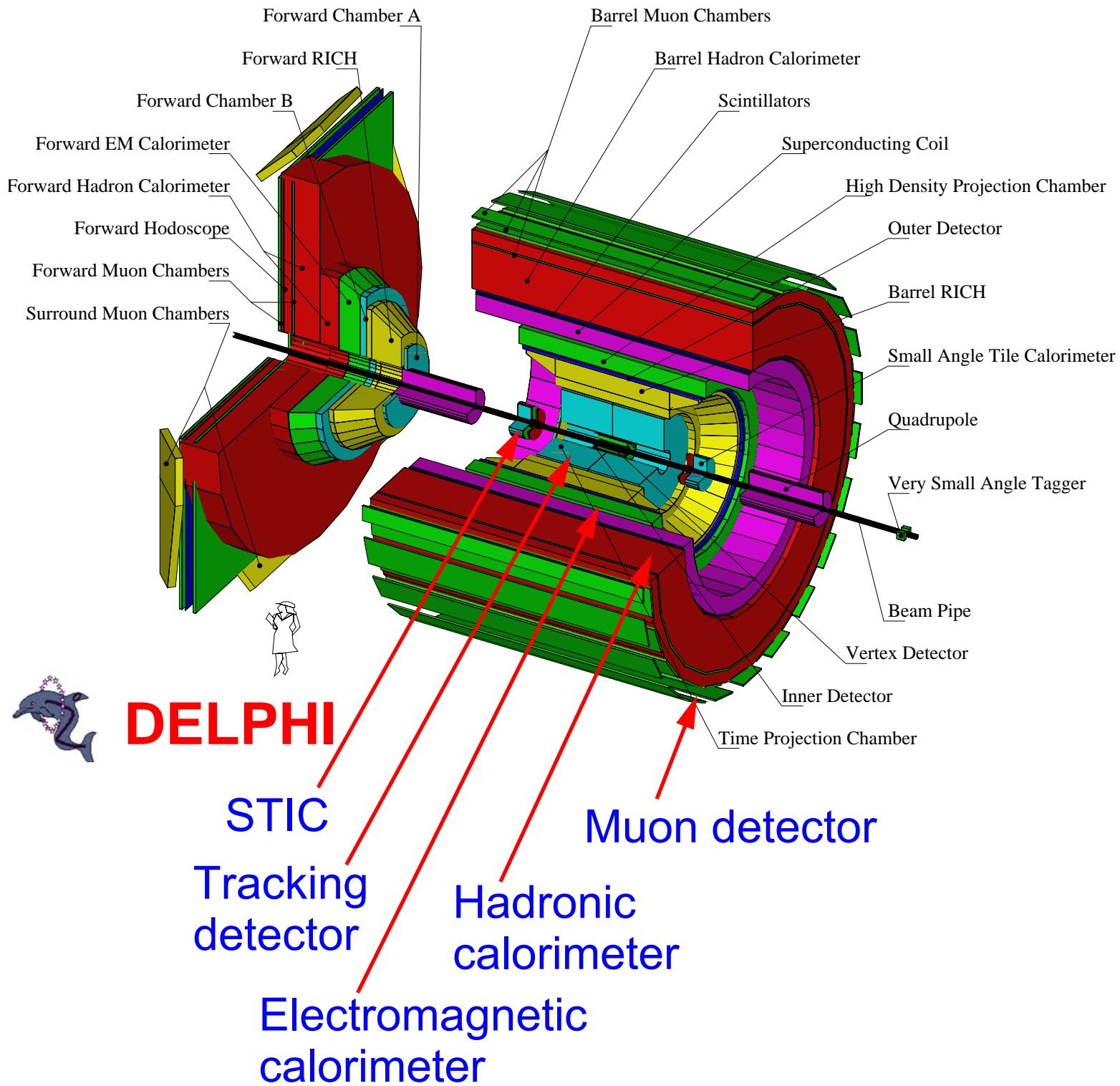
Beampipe current

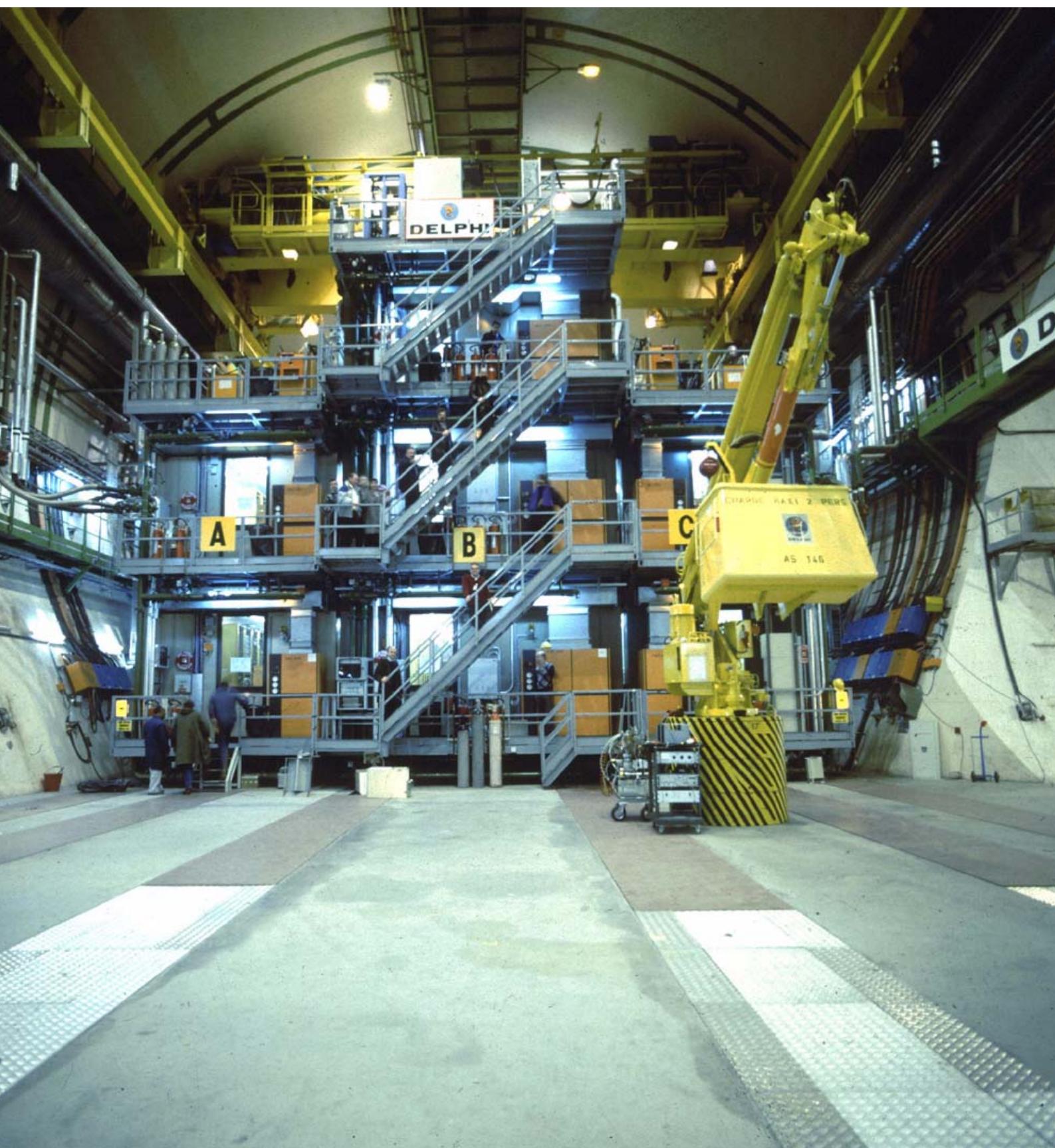
The trains from Geneva to France caused parasitic currents on the LEP beampipe.

These currents (1 A) affected the magnetic field in the LEP magnets and this changed the energy.



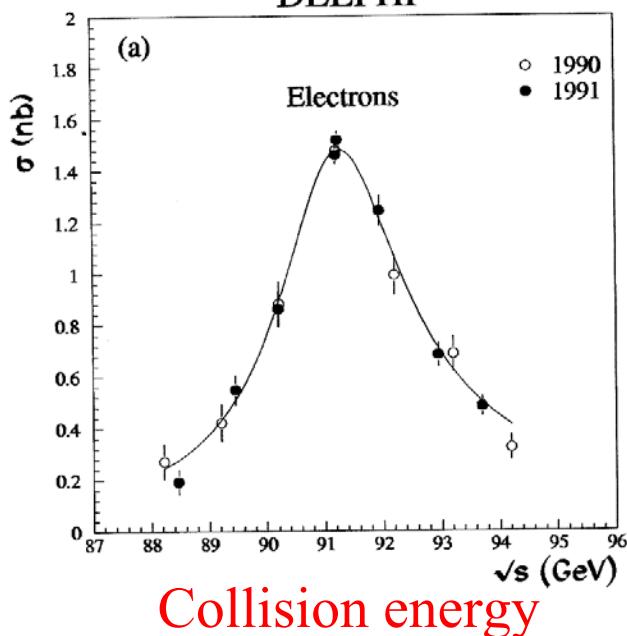
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Cross-section

DELPHI



Collision energy

