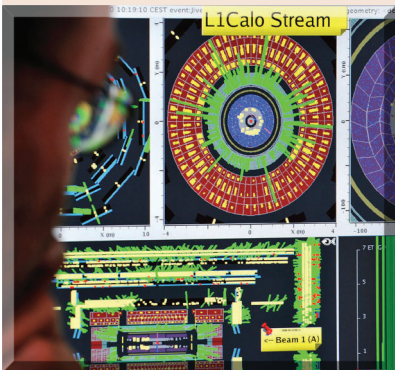


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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Proton beams circulated in the main ring of Europe's Large Hadron Collider for the first time, but a major fault caused the operation to be shut down after just nine days

1855: German archaeologist Robert Koldewey, who revealed the biblical site of Babylon to be a historical reality, was born

1921: The world's first motorway opened in Berlin, Germany

1974: Portugal recognised the independence of Guinea-Bissau

2008: North Korea dismissed reports that leader Kim Jong-il might have suffered a stroke