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- Astroparticle physics
- Nuclear physics
- Theoretical physics
- Research and development of new technologies and interdisciplinary physics

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- 1300 young people: undergraduates, researchers and PhD students.
- Present in 16 Regions
- 4 large National Laboratories, 20 divisions, 11 subunits, one Computing Centre
- About half of the Infn’s budget is spent on research

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