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SOUTH African scientists are involved in two of the biggest science experiments on earth: trying to discover the Higgs Boson particle and recreating the Big Bang at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research's (CERN's) Large Hadron Collider.

"This is one way of retaining talent," says Zeblon Vilakazi, director of the iThemba Laboratory of Accelerator-Based Sciences (iThemba Labs). "If we hadn't been participating in this enterprise, young scientists wouldn't have invested their science future in this country."

iThemba Labs is a major contributor in SA's

CERN programme, along with the University of Johannesburg, Wits University, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the University of Cape Town.

