

CMS – The First Two Years

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The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment started collider-mode operation at the end of 2009, acquiring proton-proton collisions at the unprecedented center-of-mass energy of up to 7 TeV provided by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN. Progress of both the accelerator complex and the experiments during the past two years has been breathtaking. After a short introduction to the LHC program and the history of CMS, the talk will describe the veritable *tour de force* of the experiment acquiring multi-femtobarn datasets which allow the re-discovery of the Standard Model and provide a first solid look into Physics beyond the Standard Model and the search for the long-sought after Higgs boson.