How do Large Collaborations Work? Why?

LHC-ATLAS as an Example

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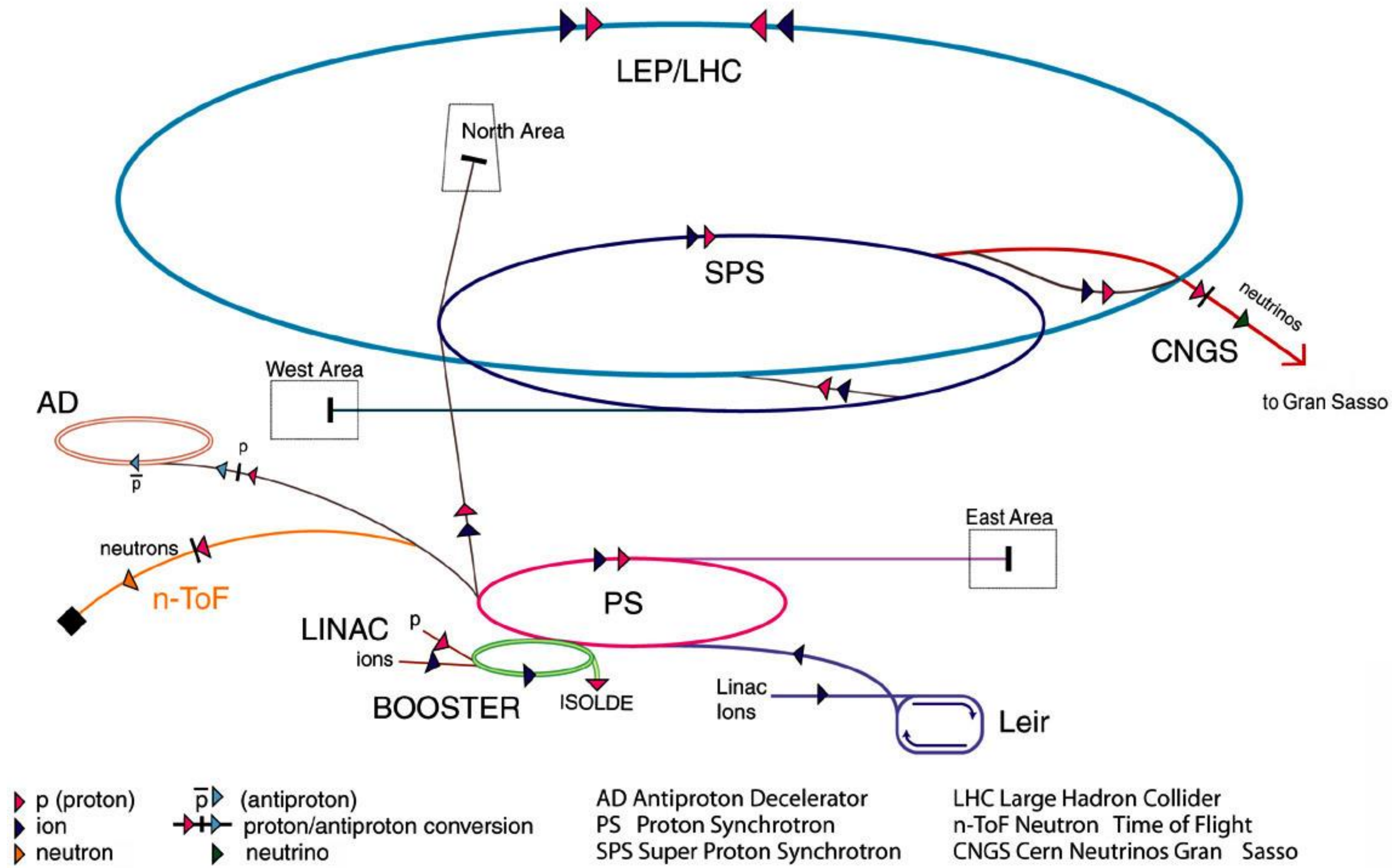
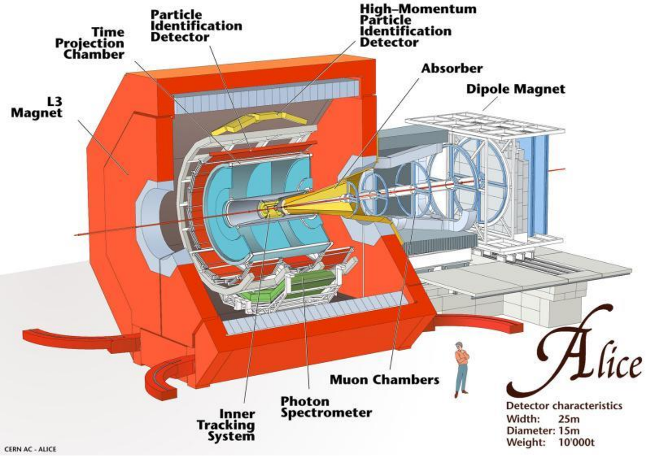
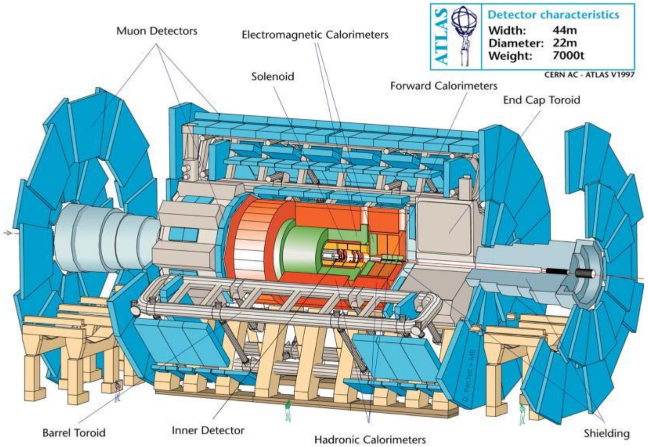
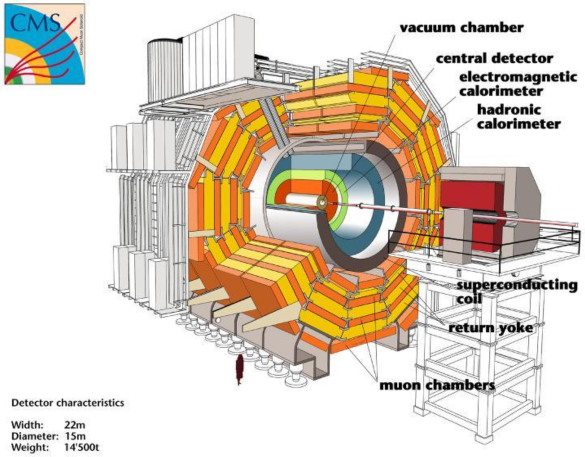
Accelerator chain at CERN, a complex business

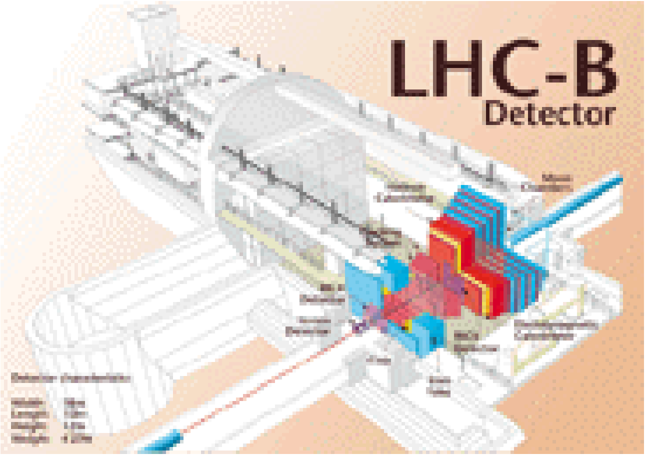


LHC Experiments

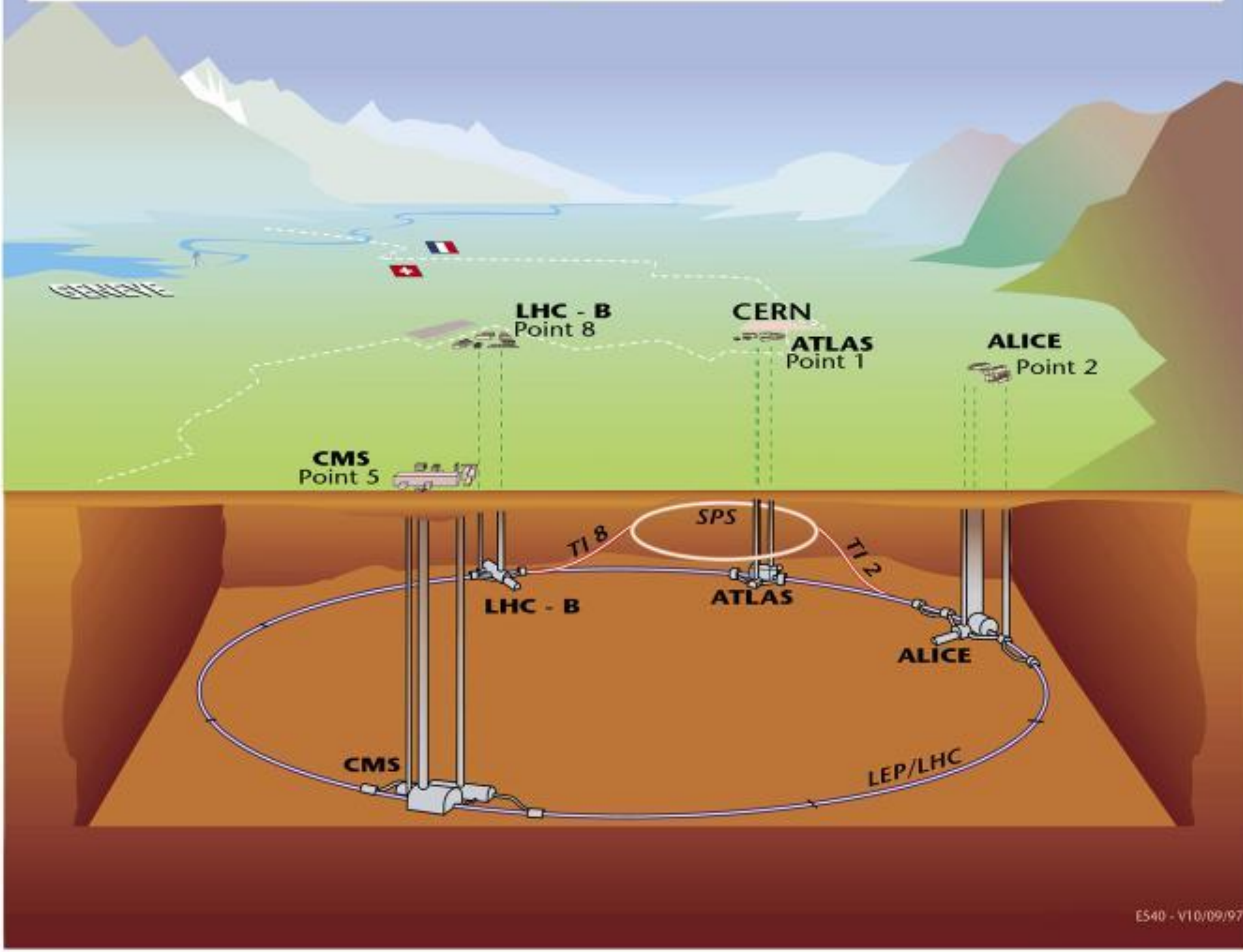


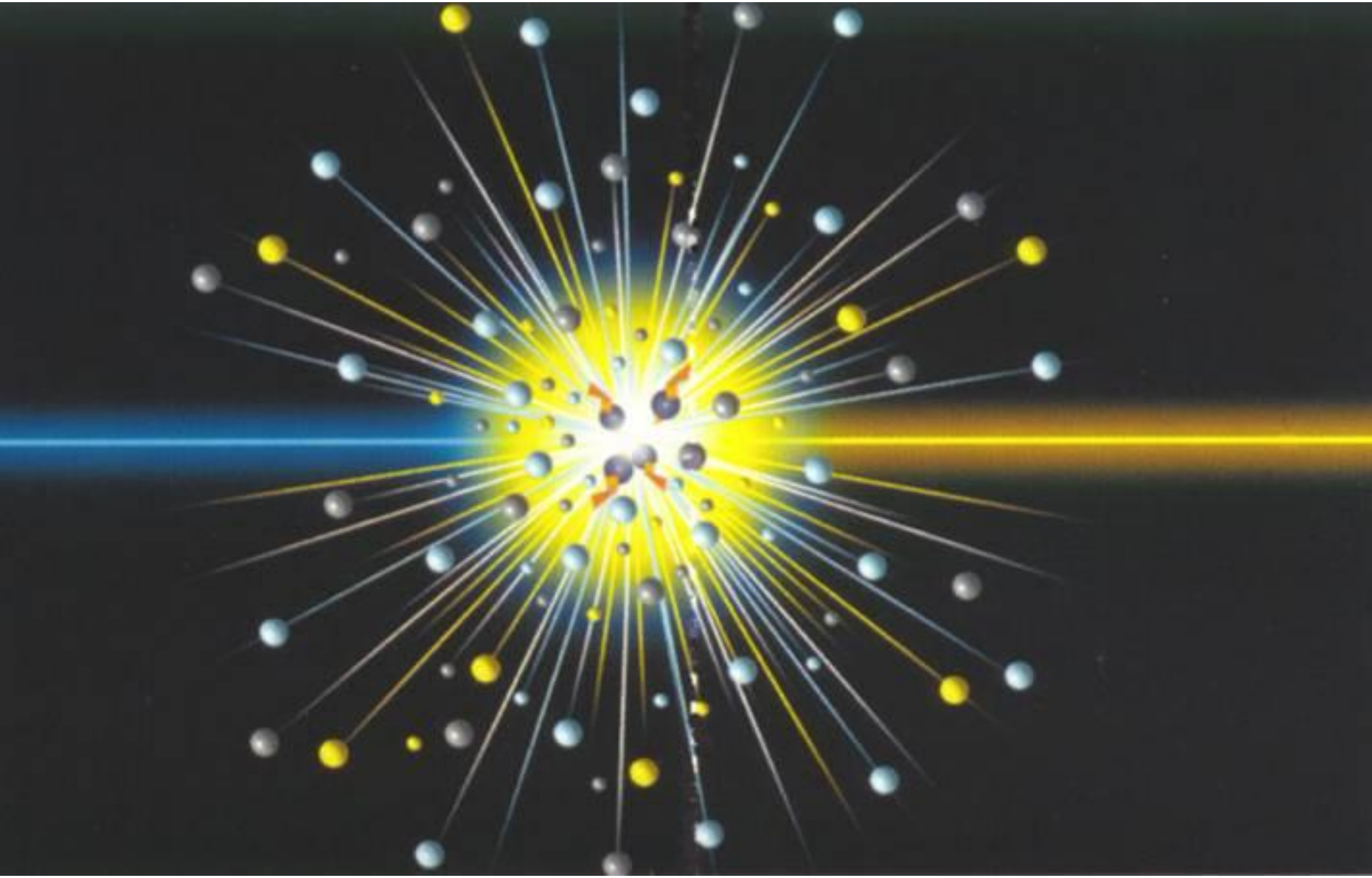


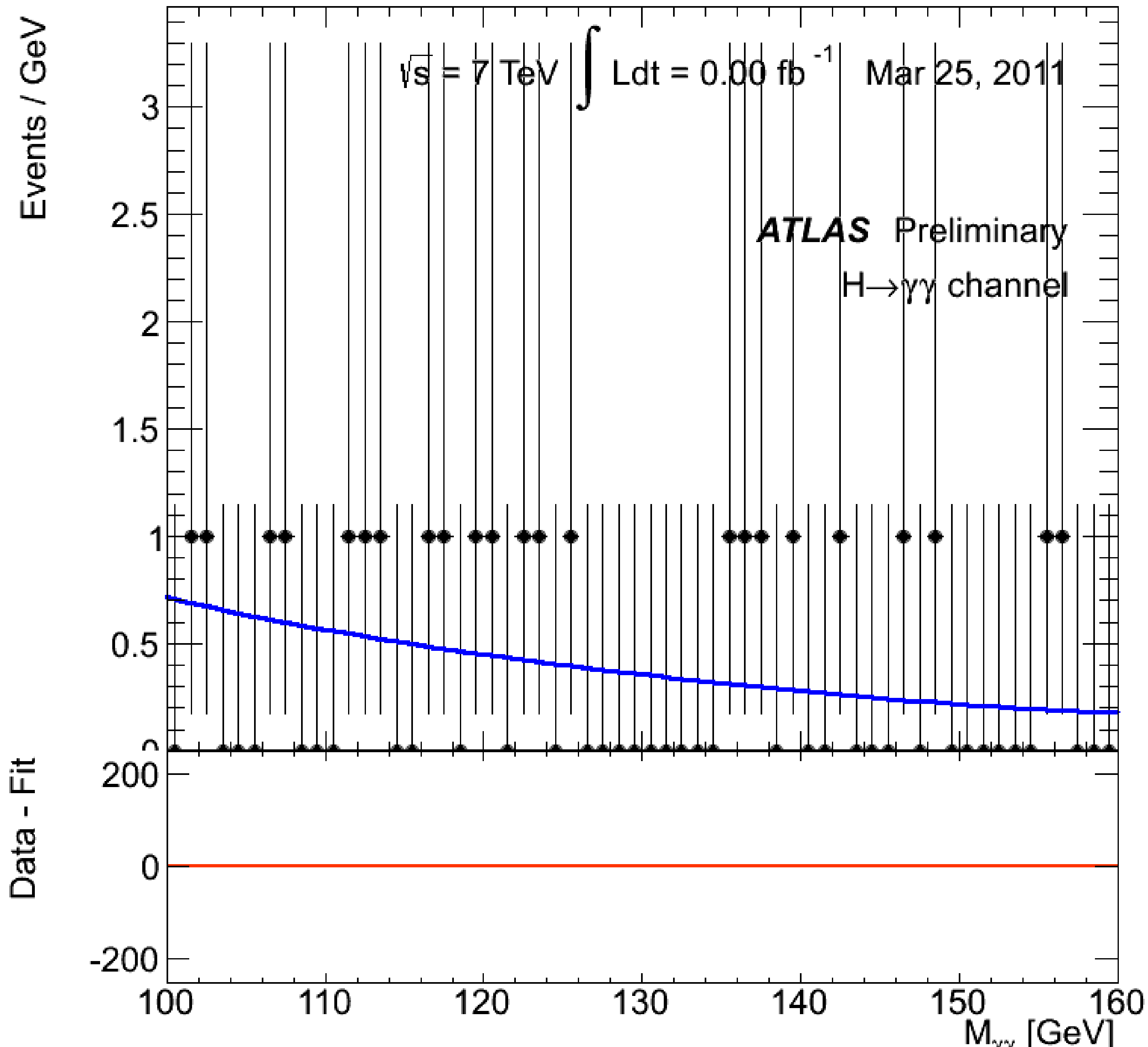




Overall view of the LHC experiments.







√s = 7 TeV ∫ Ldt = 0.00 fb -1 Mar 25, 2011
ATLAS Preliminary
H→γγ channel
Events / GeV
Data - Fit
3
2.5
2
1.5
1
0.5
200
0
-200
100
110
120
130
140
150
160
Mγγ [GeV]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A GLOBAL PROJECT

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The project comprises ~4000 people in the collaboration
+ thousand of industrial relations

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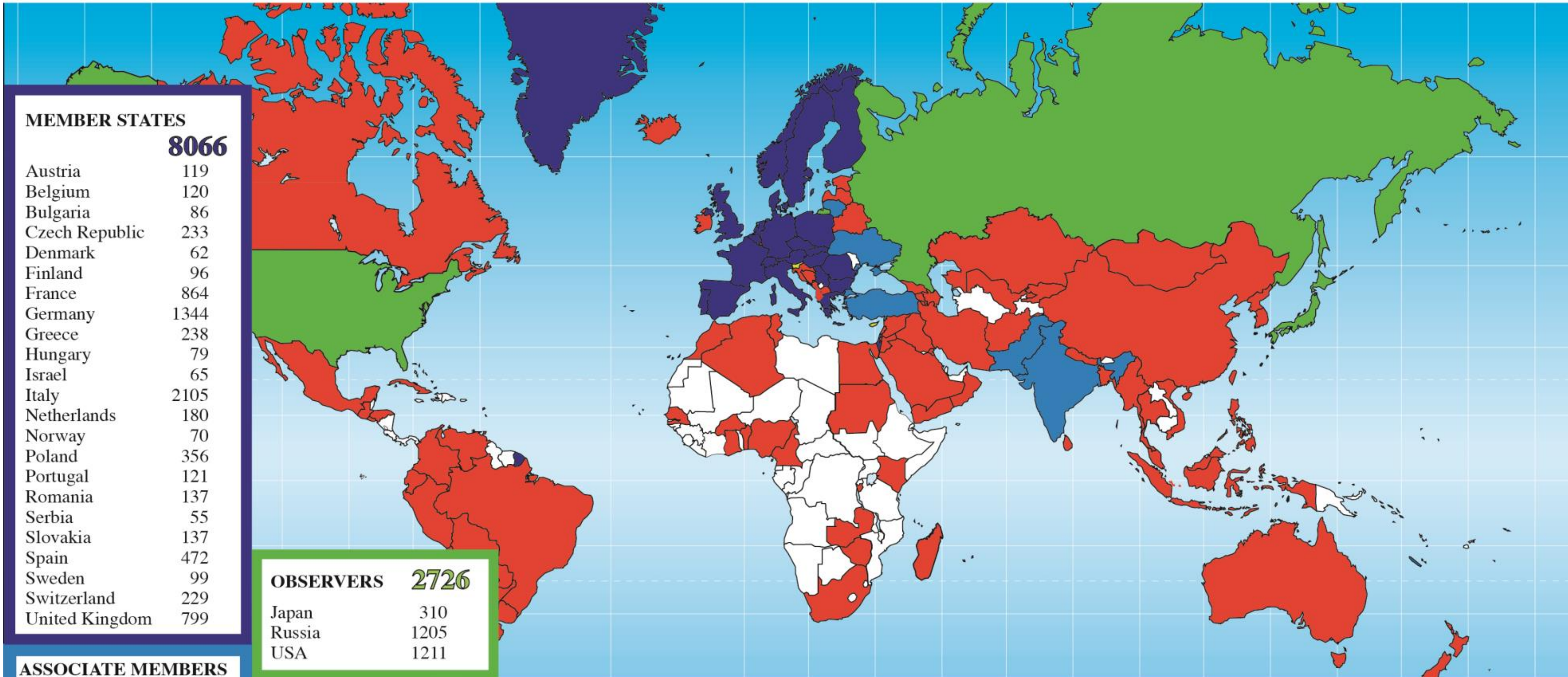

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Estonia	15
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Malaysia	22
Malta	9
Mexico	85
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Montenegro	11
Morocco	24
Myanmar	2
Nepal	7
New Zealand	5
Nigeria	4
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ATLAS
TECHNICAL PROPOSAL
For a General-Purpose pp Experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN
END CAP TOROIDS
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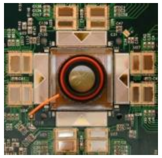
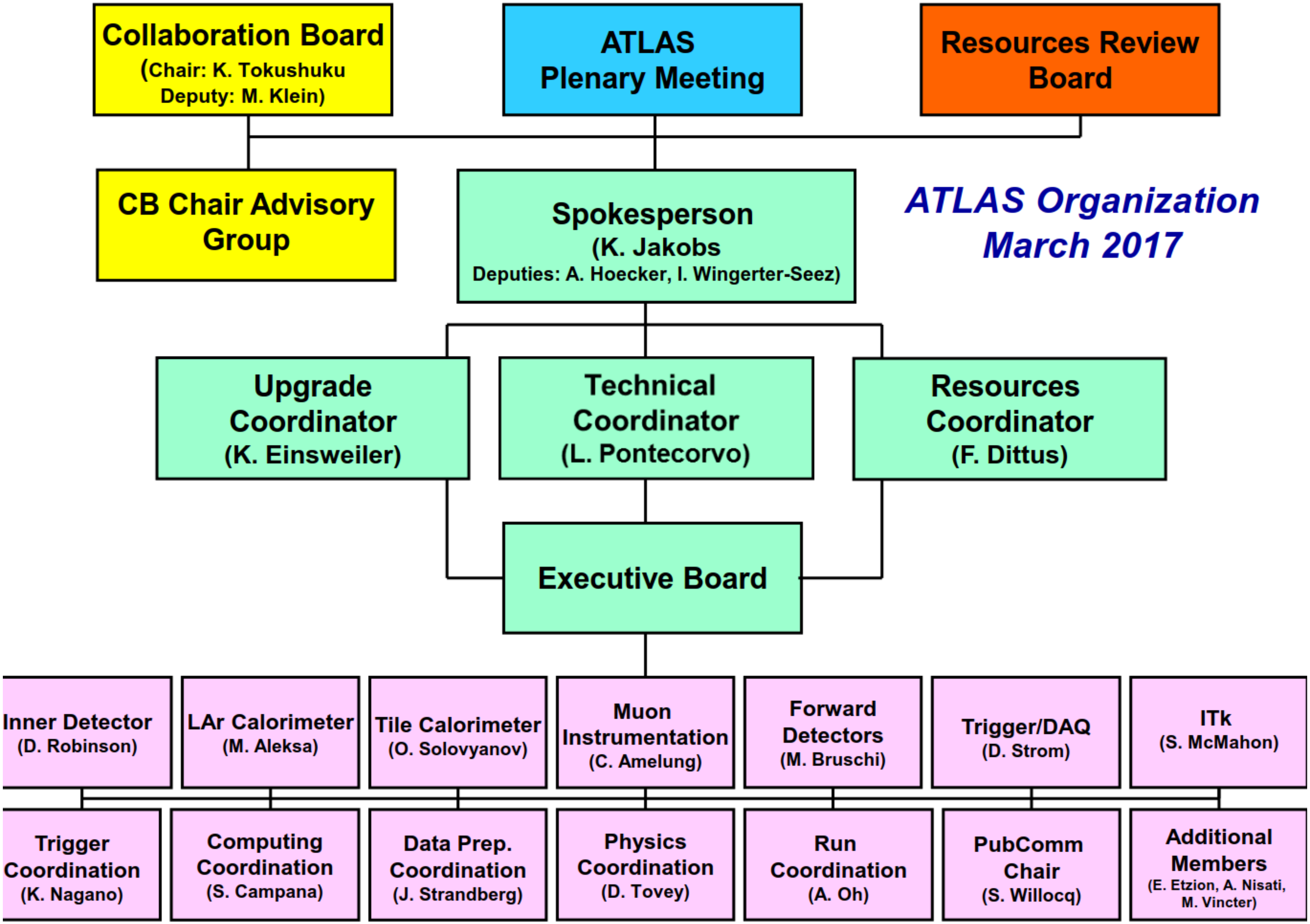
Evolution of Experiments



- Initial (conceptual) project planning started by informal, ad-hoc group(s) of interested scientists in mid 1980’s
- Timeline
  - Late 1980’s: Further R&D was needed to prove feasibility of proposed technical concepts. CERN initiated formal, generic detector R&D projects
  - Early 1990’s: Bottom-up detector proposals; merging into Letters of Intent (LoI, 1992)
  - Mid 1990’s: Technical Proposals (TP,1995); sub-detector prototyping; sub-system Technical Design Reviews (TDRs)
  - Late 1990/Early 2000’s: Approval of Cost Book; signing of MoU; start of detector modules manufacturing (always following a Production Readiness Review PRR and respective TDRs); start of installation at CERN (cavern handed over in 2003)
  - Mid 2000’s: Installation, commissioning of Detectors in the cavern; completed in 2008 for initial runs
- Initial project coordination was implicit and handled by the contact persons for the early proposals. After LoI in 1992, the project coordination was carried out by elected mgmt teams
  - Later on, reporting interactions got defined and set up in the MoU (signed in 1998)

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- The Project Charter is the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- Legally non-binding agreement based on best effort
- Drafted between **CERN** (Host Lab) and **Funding Agencies**, the MoU describes the sharing of detector hardware construction responsibilities and costs
- Relationship between the Host Lab and ATLAS broadly defined
- Fundamental principle of *deliverables* (in-kind contributions)
  - Potluck party
  - Deliverables grouped around **sub-projects**
  - Items not pledged for are pooled centrally, funds collected as “tax”
- The construction cost envelope in 1995 Swiss Francs was 475 MCHF
  - Direct costs, excluding manpower, R&D, institute infrastructure, prototyping, VAT
  - Major exchange rates fixed (e.g. $/CHF=1.1; GBP/CHF =1.8)
  - No centralized budget contingency
  - CERN provides technical infrastructure support, but is also a participating scientific institute
- Project personnel (management, project leaders, coordinators) are elected by the **community**
- Participating institutes have equal voting rights



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Charged-particle multiplicities in pp interactions at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV measured with the ATLAS detector at the LHC[☆,☆☆]

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ABSTRACT

The first measurements from proton–proton collisions recorded with the ATLAS detector at th
are presented. Data were collected in December 2009 using a minimum-bias trigger during col
at a centre-of-mass energy of 900 GeV. The charged-particle multiplicity, its dependence on tran
momentum and pseudorapidity, and the relationship between mean transverse momentum and ch
particle multiplicity are measured for events with at least one charged particle in the kinematic
$|\eta| < 2.5$ and $p_T > 500$ MeV. The measurements are compared to Monte Carlo models of proton–
collisions and to results from other experiments at the same centre-of-mass energy. The charged-p
multiplicity per event and unit of pseudorapidity at $\eta = 0$ is measured to be 1.333 ± 0.003(s
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1. Introduction

Inclusive charged-particle distributions have been measured in pp and $p\bar{p}$ collisions at a range of different centre-of-mass energi
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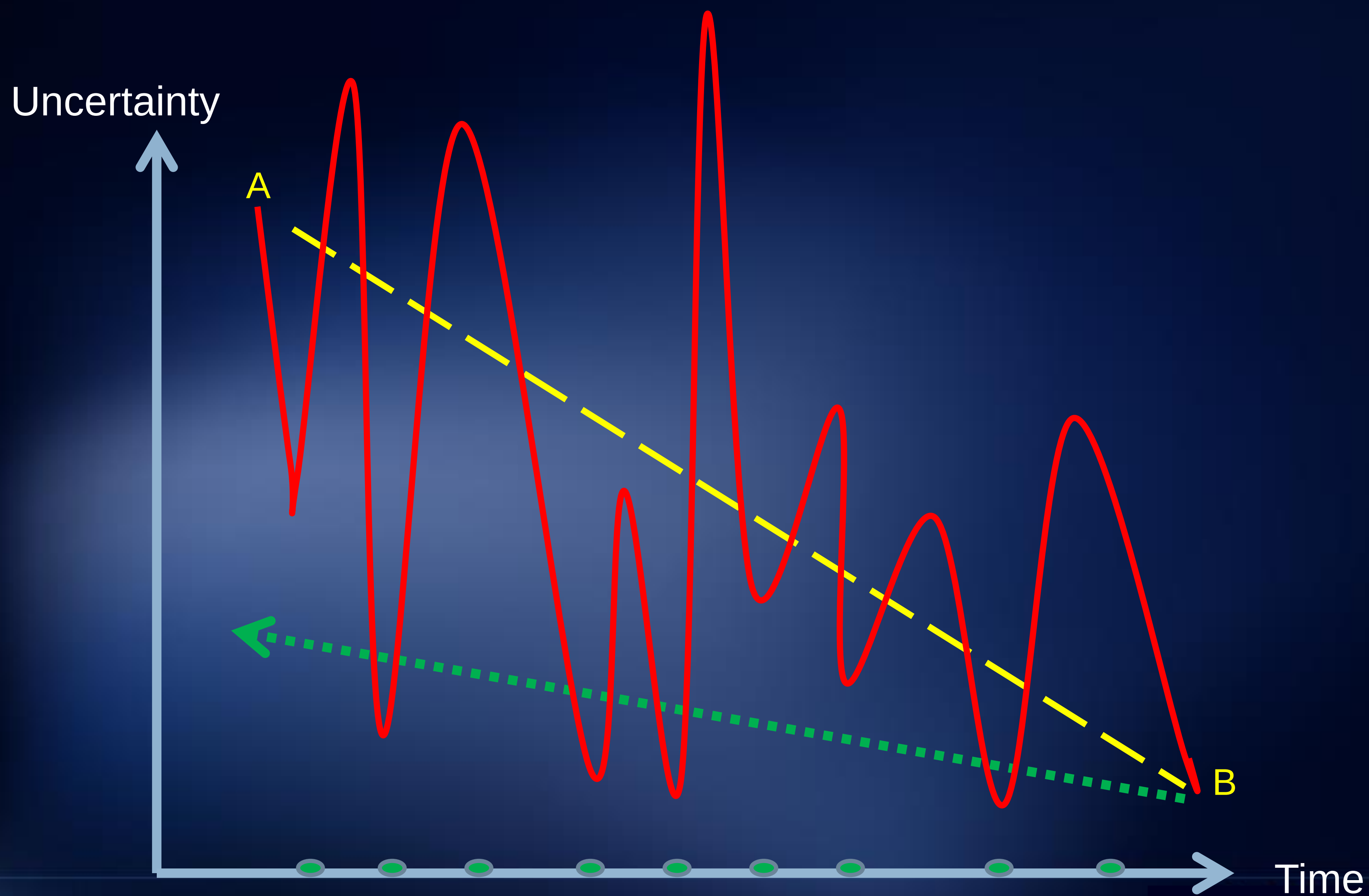
Implementing Strategy is Not Linear

Absorbing vs. Reducing Uncertainty



1. Vision
2. Commitment
3. Tolerance

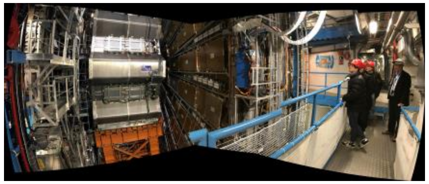
Communitarian Bonds

- Shared Vision
  - One common aim of “Out of this world” discoveries; such as the Higgs
  - Better understanding of the fundamental forces and particle (Big Bang)
- Shared Commitment
  - Passion to “Can-do”
  - Members of Collaborations prepared to solve the encountered technological (and human) challenges
  - Willingness to accept also less glorious tasks for the common good
  - Some have been working for LHC Experiments since mid 1980s…
  - Trust in colleagues fulfilling their commitments (MoU)
- Shared Tolerance
  - Willingness to work together, irrespective of geographical location or language barriers
  - Willingness to share information
  - Principle of “Raw Diamond”

Simple Micro Rules

- Allow people to dream (5% makes already a difference)
- Tolerate diversity
- Let the physics decide, not the hierarchy
- Collaborate and compete
- Question and justify – Respect the Dukes of Doubt rather than Kings of Truth

Simple Macro Rules (2)



- Set up Collaboration structures that respect individual freedom and which do not impose formal authority
- Elect leaders based on technical competence, credibility and trust rather than ego and authority
- Allow ad-hoc expert teams to emerge and quickly respond to encountered scientific and technical hurdles
- Keep everyone on board, give everyone a voice
- Set up peer review processes and arbitration mechanisms

Cultures of Experiments

- There are several underlying sub-cultures in LHC Experiments
  - Physics culture versus Engineering culture
  - Hardware oriented culture versus software/computing etc.
  - Sub-system cultures (e.g in ATLAS,. ”LAr culture versus Muons culture”)
  - Geographical cultures (“North versus South; West versus East”; languages)
- Such cultural diversity originates itself from
  - Global nature of modern high energy physics (ca 40 countries, 70 nationalities)
  - Decentralized nature of resources, diverse funding sources
  - Different ways to account and organize resources
- Project cycles and dominating cultures
  - Sub-system/engineering culture more dominant during construction
  - Physics culture very strong during project definition (design); then resurfaces when physics analysis starts

How are (tough) decisions made?

- Consensus-driven approach
- Bottom-up approach, in consultation with Experiment management
  - Management can't dictate, instead coordinates and steers the process
- Keep everyone on board!
- "Factorize" the encountered problems as much as possible
- Working groups come up with alternative solutions, they select and propose the most suitable one
- Leave tough decisions to the last possible moment (without compromising the schedule)
- Collaboration Board approves collaboration actions (one institute, one vote)
- Financial matters approved in the Resources Review Board
  - But I do not recall in ATLAS over 12 years no voting

Conclusions

- LHC Experiments are large scientific projects that can be described as
  - Complex, disruptive
  - Global
  - Culturally diverse
  - Shared vision, passion, commitment and tolerance
  - Efforts made to hear the individual
- They are not managed like a corporation
- Instead,
  - Run by self-managed individuals and teams
  - Have a Spokesperson, not a CEO
  - Guided by engagement, discussions, trial & trust, and justification rather than hierarchical powers or ex-ante directives
  - A challenge for coordination …
- So *what* is it?
  - Your comments and views would be much appreciated!