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• The latest census of M&O members done by LHCK at the beginning of the year. The number of participants in ALICE and ATLAS were:

	Active senior authors	Ph.D. students and qualifiers	Total
Lund ALICE	6	4	10
Lund	7	4	11
Sthlm KTH	5	2	7
Sthlm U	11	5	16
Uppsala	9	3	12
Total	38	18	56

- In addition, there are members which do not count against the M&O:
 - Approximately 20-25 active master students at any given time.
 - Most emeriti professors, who are still members of experiments.
 - Some technicians and engineers, but few compared to prominent universities internationally.
- Total size of community 2019-2024: 58 62 69 60 63 56.



- The Swedish requirements on detector operation and service work are:
 - 13.5 FTE of expert work and 530 8-hour shifts for ATLAS (approximately corresponding to 16 FTE in total) per year.
 - I.5 FTE of expert work and 50 8-hour shifts for ALICE (approximately corresponding to I.8 FTE in total) per year.

≈ 30% work load on all members

- Travel costs funded, but only approximately I FTE of the salary costs.





Operations Tasks





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 Lund University is the only Swedish member institute in the ALICE collaboration.



- Strong interplay with the particle physics theorists in Lund.
 - Wallenberg-funded CLASH project jointly between experiment and theory.

Selected Leadership Roles

- Elected Management Board member, 2021-2023. ٠
- Physics Working Group convener for Correlations and Flow 2018-2020, MC and MinBias 2018-2021.
- Physics Analysis Group convener for Underlying • Event 2017-2020, 2022-2024, Event-by-Event 2022-2024, Flow 2021-2023.
- Conference Committee, 2016-2018, 2017-2018.





Physics Analysis Examples



- Strangeness and baryon production mechanisms.
- Light-flavor particle production as a function of transverse spherocity.
- Production of pions, kaons, and protons as a • function of the relative transverse activity classifier.
- The upgrade of the ALICE TPC with GEMs and continuous readout.
- Enhanced production of multi-strange hadrons in high-multiplicity proton–proton collisions.



Physics Analysis in ATLAS



- Searches for Heavy neutrinos and Heavy leptons; Displaced vertex and muon or jet; Charged Higgs bosons.
- Active in searches for Displaced vertex + MET; Seesaw models; Vector-like quarks; Dark mesons to top and bottom quarks.





Physics Analysis in ATLAS



- Run 2 papers for Data Quality; Luminosity; Trigger; Jet Energy Scale; Soft b-tagging; SCT; Egamma; Muon.
- Active in Prompt Processing; EM shower shapes; Jet Energy Scale from E/p deconvolution.



- H→WW gluon-fusion and vector boson fusion, spin and CP with EFT, VH production, differential cross section; H→ZZ mass measurement.
- Active in H→WW high mass search, off-shell analysis, simplified template cross section.

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- Top quark pairs plus MET;Third-generation tt one-lepton; EWK pMSSM summary; Strong SUSY 0lepton.
- Active in SUSY grand pMSSM scan;Third generation pMSSM summary; stop pair and tt+DM.





- Measurements of tt+W; tt+Z; Looking for FCNC decays t→qZ.
- Active in Electron-muon universality in top decays; Search for ttW+jets;Top Yukawa coupling from the ttbar cross section; Z(→II)γ cross section.

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- MET+jets; Multijets Y→XX→jjjj; Higgs invisible BR combination; DM in mono-Higgs.
- Active in Anomaly detection with pileup; Trigger-level dijet search; Dijet angular analysis.

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ATLAS Leadership Roles

- Despite the relatively small size of the community, Swedish physicists have had many leadership roles. A selection of (non-upgrade) roles since 2016 are:
- Institute Board Chair:
 - SCT 2016-2018. 🥮
 - Inner Detector 2017-2018. 🥮
 - HGTD 2020-2022. 🕮
- Data Quality Convener:
 - 2021-2023. 🔅
 - 2024-now. 🍥
- Convener Higgs & Diboson Searches, 2021-2023.
- Upgrade Physics Convener 2019-2021.
- Online Luminosity Convener, 2022-2024. 👜
- Luminosity ID/Tracking Convener:
 - 2018-2020 🏵
 - 2021-2023 👜 🥘
 - 2022-2024 👜
 - 2023-now. 🔅
- International Computing Board, 2019-now.
- Convener BSM Higgs group, 2016-2017.

- LHC Dark Matter WG Convener, 2018-2019. 👜
- Data Preparation Coordinator 2016-2017.
- Higgs to WW Convener 2017-2019. 👜
- ATLAS Luminosity Oversight Group Chair, 2021-now.
- Trigger Coordinator 2024-now. 🛞
- Trigger Operations and Monitoring Coordinator 2020-2023. Image: Image: Coordinator 2020-2023. Image: Image: Coordinator 2020-2023. Image: Coordinator 2020-2020-2020. Image:
- Jet/MET Convener, 2016-2018. 🛞
- Prompt Reconstruction Coordinator:
 - 2019-2020. 🥝
 - 2022-2023. 🕐
- Outreach Coordinator, 2021-2023.
- Astroparticle Forum Convener, 2017-2018. 🕲
- Trigger Menu and Signature Performance Coordinator 2023-2024.
- LUCID Project Leader, 2011-now.
- SC Advisory Board (chair), 2016-2018.

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LHCb Activities

- The members of LHCb that are now active at Uppsala contributed to the VELO detector.
- Current service tasks include:
 - VELO piquet expert on-call.
 - Shifts in the Control Room.
 - Work on sample reduction methods (skimming) and the trigger.
- Analysis contributions to:
 - Time dependent CP violation in charmless b decays.
 - Search for doubly charmed baryon Ξ_{cc}^+ .
- Active in analyses of:
 - CP violation in charm baryon decays.
 - Lifetime measurements of charmed baryons.

- Selected leadership roles:
 - Publications committee member.
 - LHCb upgrade 2 cost scrutiny.









- CERN infrastructure, the detectors, and the physics goals of the LHC experiments are:
 - Very long-term in nature, spanning decades.
 - Team-work oriented in nature.
- The lack of group level support makes it hard to have long-term commitment to operations of the experiments.
 - Work load falls on shoulders of faculty and their PhD students and postdocs who are hired on short-term individual grants.
 - Difficult to accomplish team building in the university groups, with a combination of faculty and other permanent members with complementing skill sets.
 - Perhaps the lack of a long-term funding perspective is also seen in the relative lack of important precision physics analyses at the Swedish universities.
- With the additional intense work load to carry out the phase-II upgrades of the experiments and limited staff support for that, the community is stretched extremely thin between operations, upgrade, and physics analysis.
- The experience of working in a team and organizing work in a collaboration are skills that are also very valuable at the home universities.
 - Faculty is frequently asked to also take on university leadership roles, further adding to the work load burden.



- Despite the modest size of the Swedish community, there are high-impact contributions to both analyses and leadership roles:
 - Leading roles in the most sensitive di-Higgs and di-Scalar particle channels in ATLAS.
 - Leading roles in searches for new particles, including long-lived exotic particles and DM.
 - ALICE measurements resulting in Nature paper on multi-strange hadrons.



- The operation and maintenance of the experiments are person-power critical, with a need to transfer knowledge to a new generation of physicists.
- There are many advantages to being a physicist in Sweden:
 - We have support from the funding agencies for our infrastructure.
 - We have decent (good) salaries both a blessing and a curse.
 - There are strong social benefits and strong support for the work-and-family balance.
 - All this results in us being able to attract world-leading physicists to Sweden.
- Our funding system is however not well-suited to support a team-oriented community doing research on a time-scale of decades.
 - Increased funding, at a long-term, group-based level, is one of the most important goals to work towards for the Swedish high-energy physics community!

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