

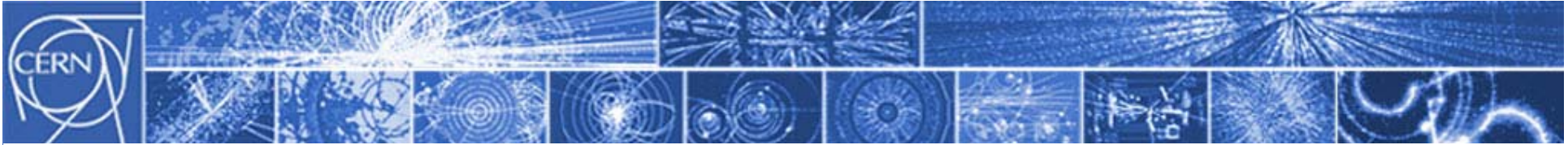
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SUMMARY ON THE SPL STUDY COLLABORATION

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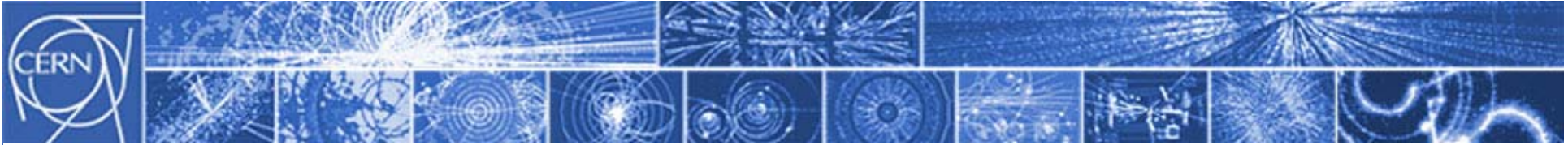
**First SPL Collaboration Meeting
11-12 December, 2008 -
CERN**



1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLABORATION (1/4)

For the SPL Study (2008-2011), there is a large agreement/understanding on the following statements:

- it is justified that all partners have an understanding of the overall progress and comment it,
- it would save time and efforts if status information was shared simultaneously between all partners,
- in the (temporary) absence of an Advisory Committee, the report and recommendations of an assembly of the partners would be a useful input for the SPL project management,
- **it makes sense to create a “Collaboration Board” to address these issues.**



1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLABORATION (2/4)

The purposes of the “Collaboration Board” would be the following:

- to regularly and simultaneously inform all partners about the progress of the work (=> summary reports covering results and plans),
- to debate of the status and of future actions (and especially to prepare for future participations to the construction project)
- to report a summary with recommendations to the CERN SPL management.

Meeting rate:

~ twice/year.

- 2009: May (1 day before or after PAC'09) in Vancouver + September (1 day before or after SRF'09) in Berlin.

Statutes & rules:

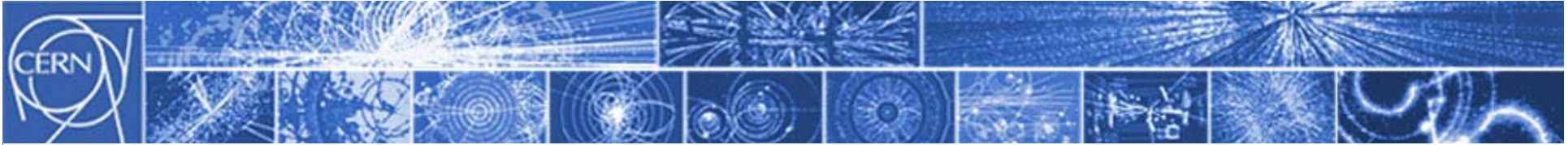
- representation: 1 person/partner

- mode of decision: **to be investigated**

- formal implementation: **to be investigated (new legal document to be signed?)**

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1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLABORATION (3/4)

Progress on technical issues should proceed as fast as possible, at their own rate. Should it continue within the Working Groups initiated at this meeting? Suggestion to have also a “Technical Board” (as the TESLA Collaboration): -> **to be investigated.**

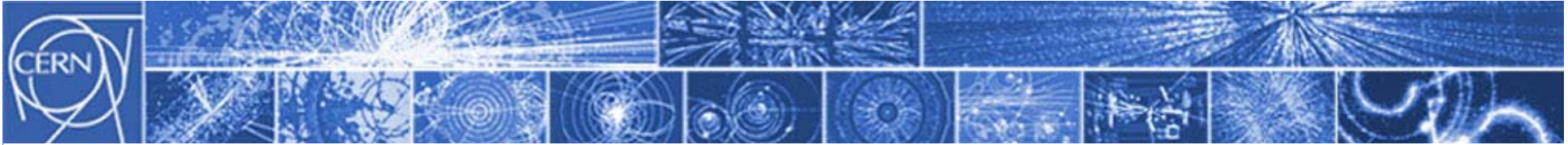
Should the SPL Study be declared as a “CERN Experiment” ?

-On the positive side:

- simplification for the persons coming to CERN (access, registration to the computer centre, use of the CERN hotel...)
- “standard” rules immediately apply and the other laboratories are used to agree with them... **Need to clarify what is implied.**

- On the negative side:

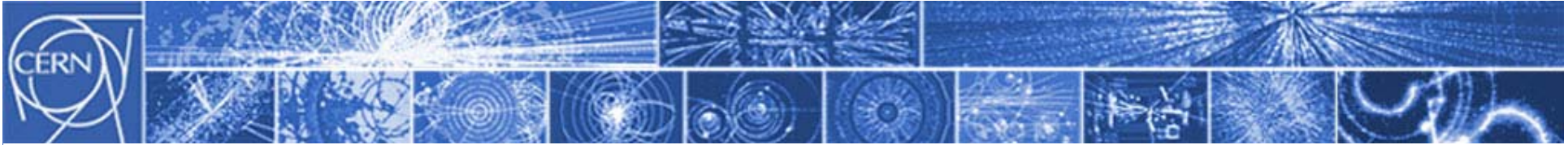
- does it imply to sign an MoU per partner? -> **to be clarified**
- the SPL Study is not an experiment...
- administrative impact inside CERN? -> **to be clarified**



1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLABORATION (4/4)

Action plan:

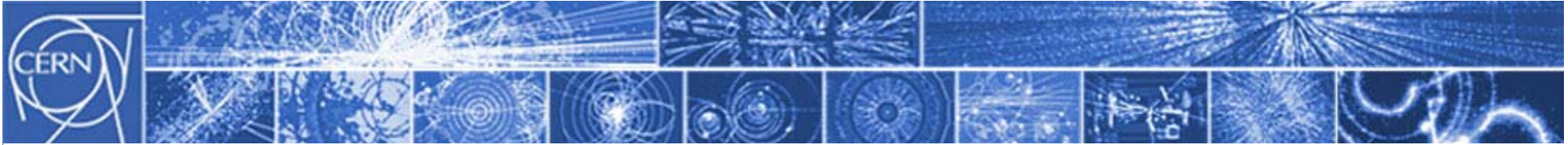
- **participants (after whatever consultation they think relevant in their home institute/laboratory) shall send me feedback/suggestions for the beginning of next year (Tuesday 6, January 2009),**
- **during the same time period, I will collect additional information and keep participants informed,**
- **mid-January, I will send a proposal.**



2. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING (1/2)

Workshop report:

- Need for a one or two pages summary with recommendations from each Working Group (+ myself) before January 9,
- An edited document will be circulated before January 16,
- Final document to be distributed before the end of January.

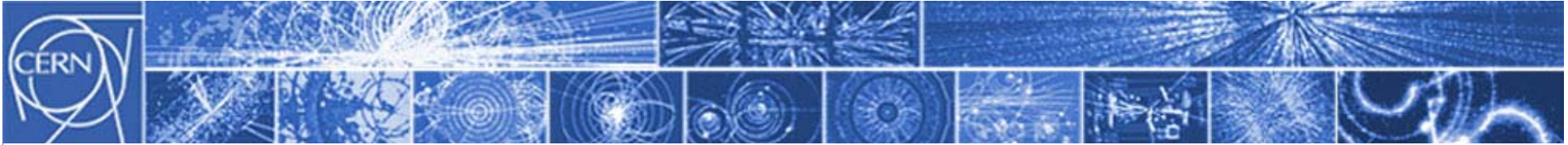


2. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING (2/2)

Thanks to your contributions, this meeting has been extremely useful!

- I have learnt a lot (and especially how far my ignorance goes...)
- the work in the Working Groups has been very productive,
- direct links have been established between contributors,
- new partners have been informed and will be able to select in full knowledge where to invest their efforts.

Its outcome (especially in written form) will be crucial to argue for getting adequate support from our funding agencies in the near future!



THANK YOU!
&
MERRY CHRISTMAS!