

# Starterkit 2019

## Physics at LHCb

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# Somehow, all of this in 15-20 min:

- LHCb's structure and organisation
- Tools and processes -- stuff you need to know
- The physics we do (er, if time for physics)

# Physics working groups

- Analysis work happens in physics analysis working groups
- Most have subgroups
  - Example: Charm has a subgroup for rare charm decays
- After your home institute, the WG/subgroup is your first point of contact for help and advice.
- You should present your analysis to the WG/subgroup from time to time for advice and feedback.
- When your analysis is nearly ready, the WG will be the first to review it.

QCD, Electroweak and Exotica

B hadrons and Quarkonia

Charm physics

Rare decays

B decays to Charmonia

B decays to Open Charm

Charmless b-hadron decays

Semileptonic decays

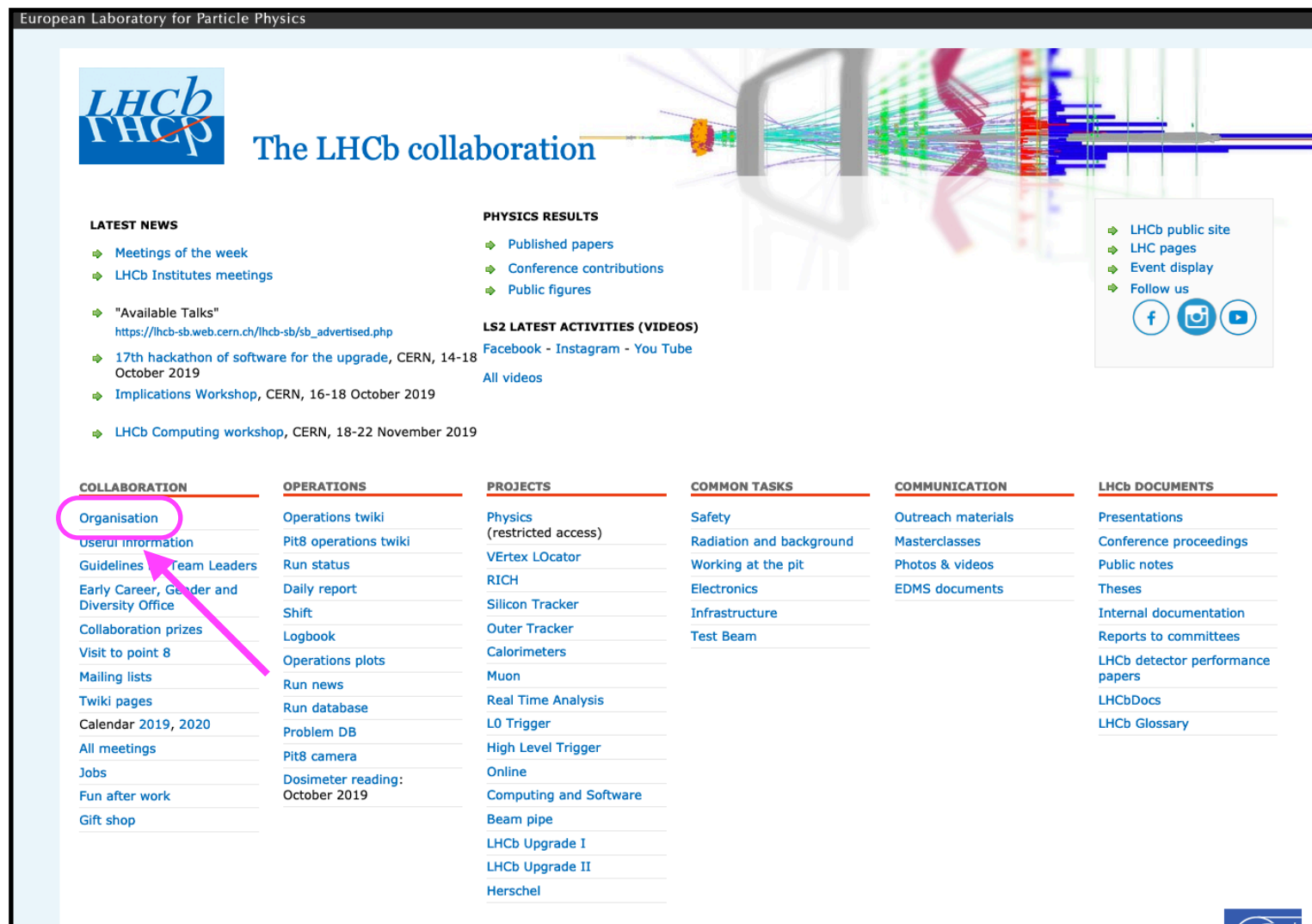
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# Physics working groups

- As well as physics **analysis** working groups, there are also physics **performance** working groups:
  - Run 1-2 performance
  - Flavour tagging
  - Luminosity
  - Simulation
- ... plus other groups:
  - Stripping (offline data filtering)
  - Statistics
  - Amplitude analysis
  - Early measurements task force
- They have expertise in particular areas.
- Analysis WGs have liaisons with most of these who can help you.
  - e.g. the Charm WG has simulation liaisons to help you prepare MC requests

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**LHCb Structure**

**Collaboration Board**

Important decisions are made by the Collaboration Board, in which each participating institution has one representative.  
[Click here for the previous Collaboration Board meetings](#)

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Deputy Technical Coordinator & GLIMDS: [Eva Thomas](#)

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**Operation Planning Group**

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Radiative decays										
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Three dependent (discontinuous)										
Three independent (discontinuous)										
CP Tests and Techniques (discontinuous)										
B decays to Open Charm										
Agreement of Data & Systematics										
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Charmless to Charmless decays										
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Amplitude Analysis Subgroup										
Three dependent and Flavor-tagging Subgroup										
2- and 4-body decays (discontinuous)										
3-body decays (discontinuous)										
Intermediate B decays										
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CPV and mixing										
Time and Flavour Tagging										
Physics Performance WG										
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	Soft QCD and Central Exclusive Production (groups have merged in 2018)	Charlotte van Hulse Albert Bursche
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# WG and subgroup convenors

- If you're not sure who to ask or how to get started with something, the WG or subgroup convenors are always a good place to start.
- They might not know the answer -- but they probably know who the right person to ask is.
- They can also help with admin questions, like:
  - How and when can I present my analysis to the WG?
  - How do I get some more simulated events generated?
  - How do analysis reviews work? What do I need to do?
  - How do I get a talk at a conference?
  - Is it okay to show this plot in a conference?
  - I've written some conference proceedings -- are they okay?
- If you have procedural worries about your analysis, talk to your WG convenor (and supervisor)
  - Example: if another group is working on something similar and you're worried about overlaps/collisions.

# The bigger structure

In LHCb, the WG convenors report to the physics coordinator (PC) team:



Mat Charles (PC)  
Johannes Albrecht (Deputy PC)

You'll see/hear us at the weekly Tuesday meetings, and at collaboration weeks. We report to the Spokesperson (SP) team:



Giovanni Passaleva (SP)  
Chris Parkes (Deputy SP)

You'll also need to interact with the Editorial Board (EB) and the Speakers' Bureau (SB):



Patrick Koppenburg (EB chair)  
Stefania Ricciardi (SB chair)

# Some useful resources

European Laboratory for Particle Physics

**LHCb**  
The LHCb collaboration

**LATEST NEWS**

- Meetings of the week
- LHCb Institutes meetings
- "Available Talks"  
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**PHYSICS RESULTS**

- Published papers
- Conference contributions
- Public figures

**LS2 LATEST ACTIVITIES (VIDEOS)**

Facebook - Instagram - YouTube

All videos

**COLLABORATION**

- Organisation
- Useful information
- Guidelines for Team Leaders
- Early Career, Gender and Diversity Office
- Collaboration prizes
- Visit to point 8
- Mailing lists
- Twiki pages
- Calendar 2019, 2020
- All meetings
- Jobs
- Fun after work
- Gift shop

**OPERATIONS**

- Operations twiki
- Pit8 operations twiki
- Run status
- Daily report
- Shift
- Logbook
- Operations plots
- Run news
- Run database
- Problem DB
- Pit8 camera
- Dosimeter reading: October 2019

**PROJECTS**

- Physics (restricted access)
- VERtex Locator
- RICH
- Silicon Tracker
- Outer Tracker
- Calorimeters
- Muon
- Real Time Analysis
- L0 Trigger
- High Level Trigger
- Online
- Computing and Software
- Beam pipe
- LHCb Upgrade I
- LHCb Upgrade II
- Herschel

**COMMON TASKS**

- Safety
- Radiation and background
- Working at the pit
- Electronics
- Infrastructure
- Test Beam

**COMMUNICATION**

- Outreach materials
- Masterclasses
- Photos & videos
- EDMS documents

**LHCb DOCUMENTS**

- Presentations
- Conference proceedings
- Public notes
- Theses
- Internal documentation
- Reports to committees
- LHCb detector performance papers
- LHCbDocs
- LHCb Glossary

**Follow us**

LHCb public site  
LHC pages  
Event display

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- Some of that information is out of date...

# Some useful resources

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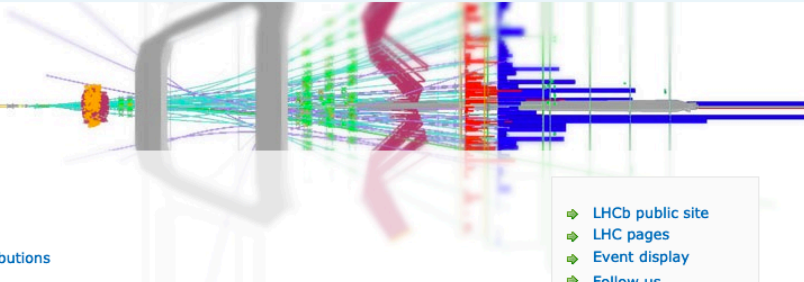

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- ECGD page -- see next talk!

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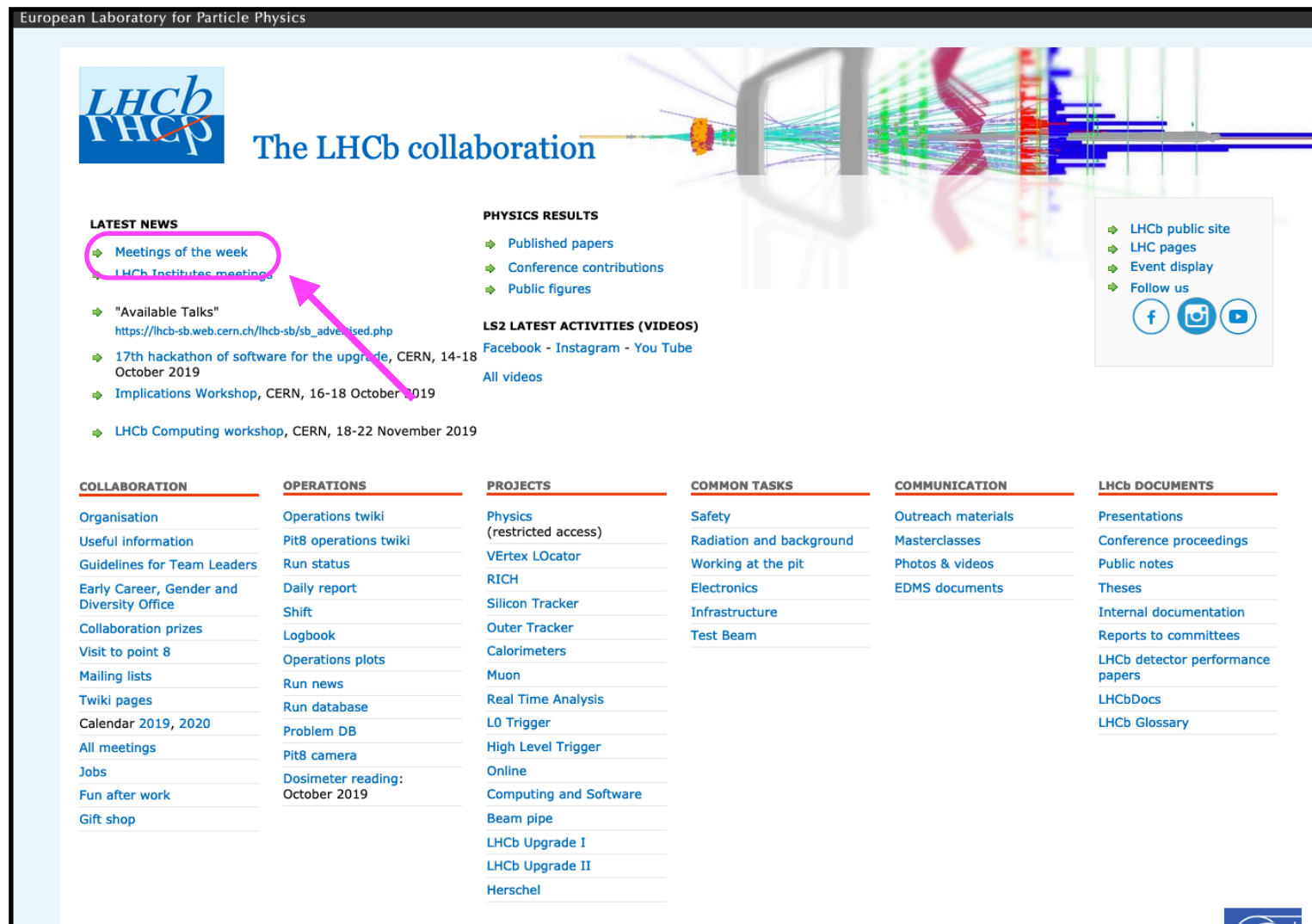
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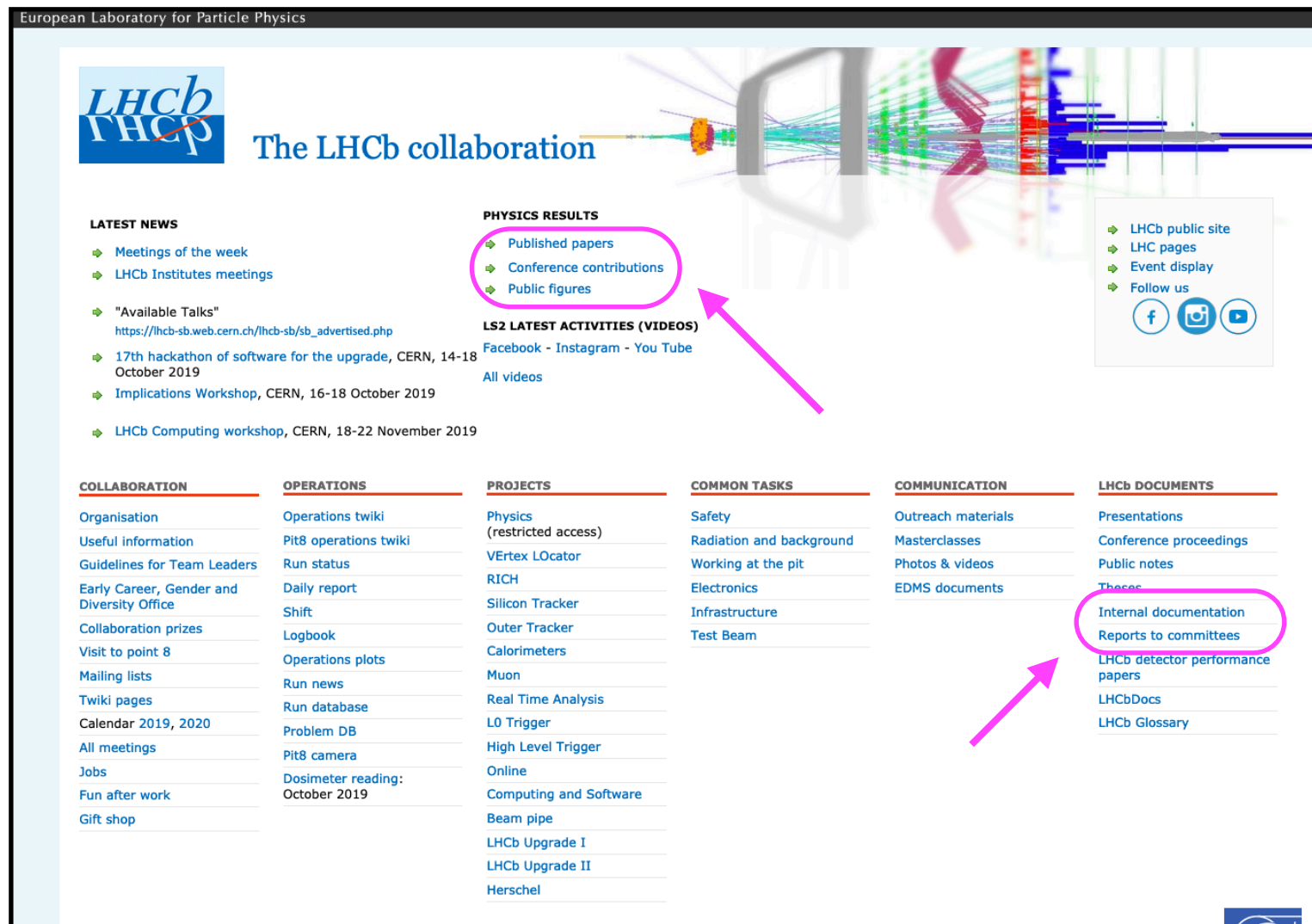
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- Meetings of the week: a quick way to check what's going on.
- Lets you see (e.g.) where and when your WG is meeting.
- There are many meetings; don't try to go to them all.
- But do please go to the Tuesday meeting, to keep up with news from the collaboration.

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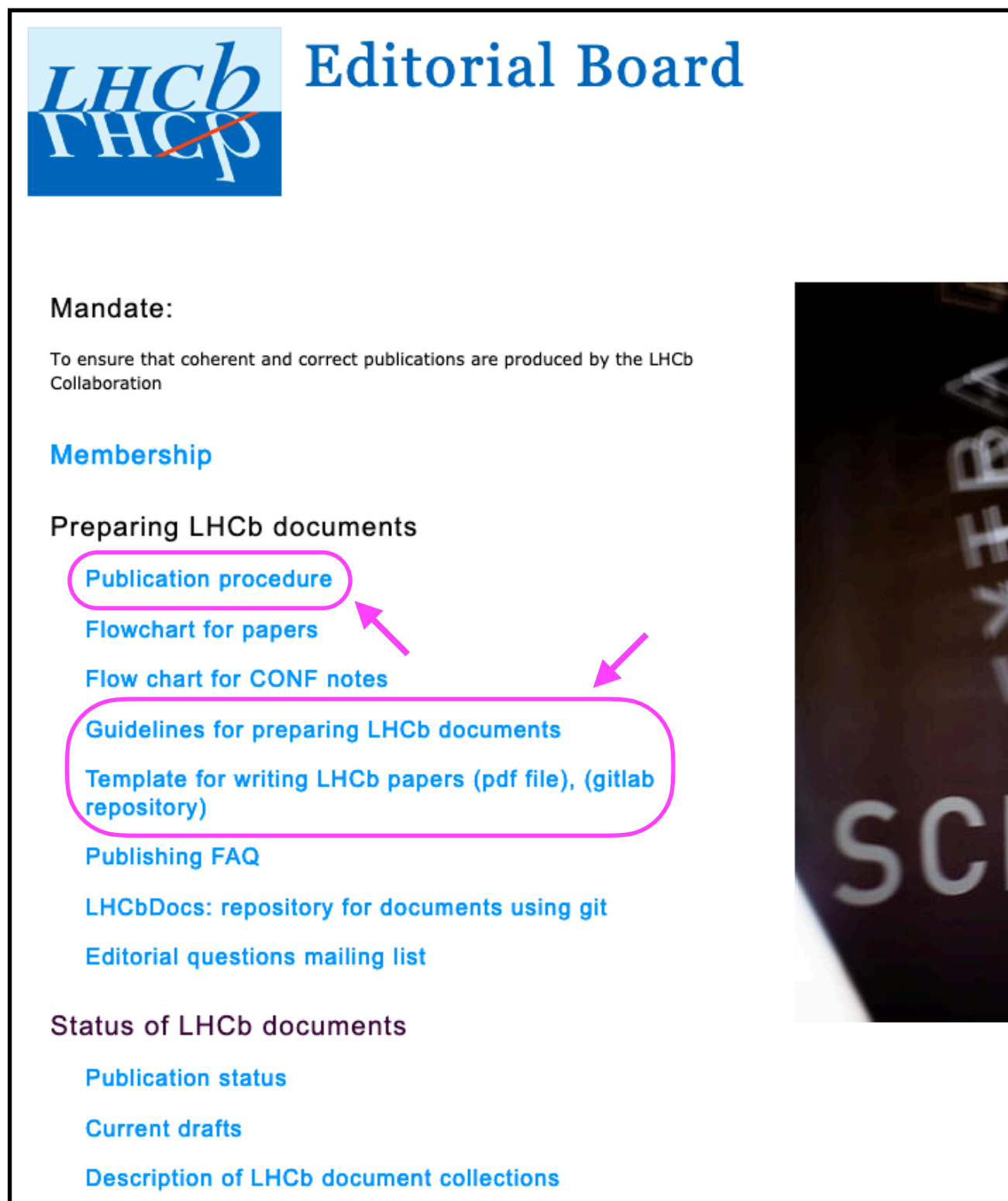
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- The public lists of PAPER, CONF, FIGURE\* documents show all analysis results we've published.
- The "Reports to committees" link (then "Documents produced for the LHCC") has all the Technical Design Reports that document our detector.
- The "Internal Documentation" has all finished analysis notes.



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The screenshot shows the LHCb Editorial Board page. The LHCb logo is in the top left, followed by the title 'Editorial Board'. Below this is the 'Mandate' section, then 'Membership'. The 'Preparing LHCb documents' section contains a list of links: 'Publication procedure', 'Flowchart for papers', 'Flow chart for CONF notes', 'Guidelines for preparing LHCb documents', 'Template for writing LHCb papers (pdf file), (gitlab repository)', 'Publishing FAQ', 'LHCbDocs: repository for documents using git', and 'Editorial questions mailing list'. The 'Status of LHCb documents' section contains links for 'Publication status', 'Current drafts', and 'Description of LHCb document collections'. A pink oval highlights the 'Publication procedure' and 'Guidelines for preparing LHCb documents' links, with pink arrows pointing to them from the right. A vertical image strip on the right side of the page shows the text 'SCIENCE' and 'FBI'.

**LHCb** Editorial Board

**Mandate:**

To ensure that coherent and correct publications are produced by the LHCb Collaboration

**Membership**

Preparing LHCb documents

- Publication procedure
- Flowchart for papers
- Flow chart for CONF notes
- Guidelines for preparing LHCb documents
- Template for writing LHCb papers (pdf file), (gitlab repository)
- Publishing FAQ
- LHCbDocs: repository for documents using git
- Editorial questions mailing list

Status of LHCb documents

- Publication status
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- Description of LHCb document collections

- The EB page explains how to turn your analysis into a paper and get it published.
- Lots of useful resources there for when it's time to start writing.
- Also templates for your analysis note etc.
- The "Publication status" link will let you see a list of analyses under review.
- Speaking of which...

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# Analysis review

There are quite a few steps, but basically:

1. You **work on your analysis**, presenting regularly to the working group and listening to feedback.
2. You document it in an **analysis note** (ANA). To get an ANA number, just ask the Secretariat.
3. When it's ready, you talk to the WG convenors and they will explain how to go through a **WG review**.
4. When the WG is happy with the analysis, they sign off. The PC team appoints a **Review Committee** of two people.
5. The RC reviews the analysis.
6. As the RC review converges, you **write it up** as a paper (PAPER) or conference note (CONF). An EB reviewer will be assigned to help with the editing.
7. After they sign off, you do an **approval to go to PAPER** (or CONF) presentation to the collaboration.
8. The draft is **circulated** to the collaboration for 1-2 weeks.
9. Further iterations with the EB. Eventually: you submit it!

# How long does it take?

- It varies a lot, depending on what you need, how complex the analysis is, etc.
  - If you need a fresh stripping or a huge amount of simulated events, that can add a long delay.
- To do the analysis and write a complete ANA may take 6-12 months. Longer for a complex analysis, maybe less if you're fast.
- The WG review may take a month or two
- The RC review may take 3-6 months (to approval-to-go-to-PAPER)
- Then about another 2 months of collaboration-wide circulations and editing before it's ready to submit.
- ... that's a long time!
- But you can work on analysis #2 while #1 is in review.

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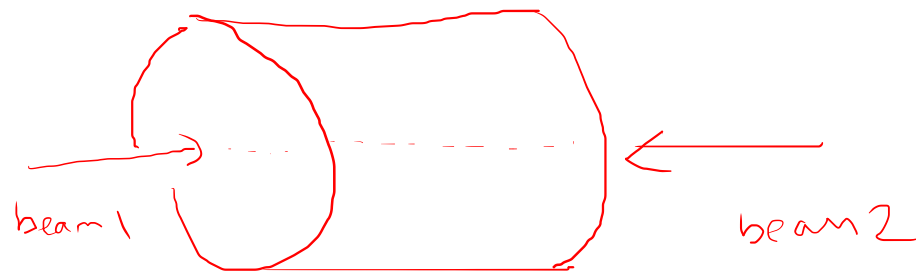
- Be critical of your own work. Test things even if they should obviously be true. If something looks odd, try to understand it (for sure before asking for a review).
- If you spot a problem in the data, talk the relevant WG liaison and (if need be) PPWG. If it's something new, help them understand and fix it.
- Within LHCb, everything is open. But only approved results can be shown outside LHCb. If in any doubt which is which, talk to your WG convenor.
  - Especially for analyses in progress, and especially especially hot ones.
  - This applies on Twitter and WhatsApp just as much as at Moriond.
- Follow some reviews so you'll understand how it works when it's your turn
- Request simulation ahead of time, and plan for stripping/trigger lines waaay ahead of time.

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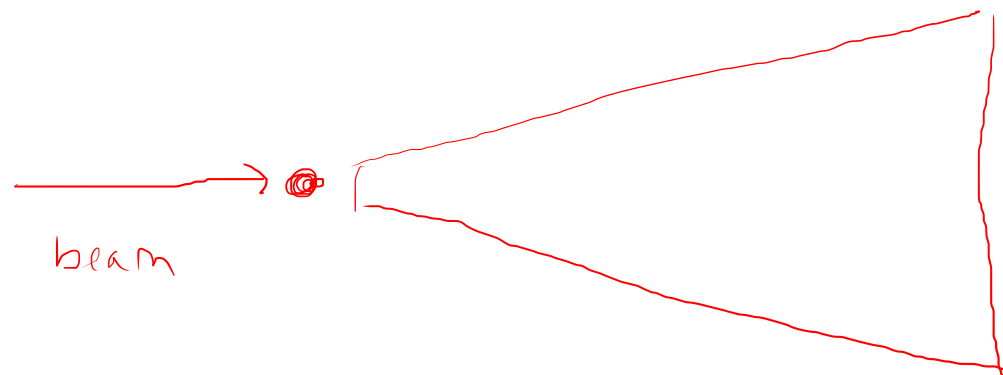
- Play nice. Nobody "owns" an analysis -- but if you want to work on something that another group is working, or plans to, talk to them (and to the WG convenors).
  - Corollary: it's good to talk to the convenors before starting a new analysis in case someone is working on it that you're not aware of.
- Be considerate with resources and with other people's time.
  - But don't be afraid to ask for something you truly need.
- Try to code in a clear, easy-to-understand, hard-to-mess-up way. Future you will thank you for it.
  - Use toy simulation to check it's doing what you think it is.
  - Unit tests can be useful too.
  - For many analyses, CPU time is cheaper than physicist time.
- Systematics will take a lot of work and some pain. Try to think through the full analysis chain and see how you can test each assumption. Don't sweat the small stuff: if it's way subdominant, you don't need to compute the uncertainty precisely.

# Why LHC looks the way it does

Classic GPD, Belle/BaBar etc:



Fixed target experiment  
(e.g. FOCUS, SELEX)



Q) why are most people working on collider experiments rather than fixed target?

Q) why does LHC look like a fixed-target experiment?

# Inside the proton

Model:



(works surprisingly well!)

Reality (HERA, ...)

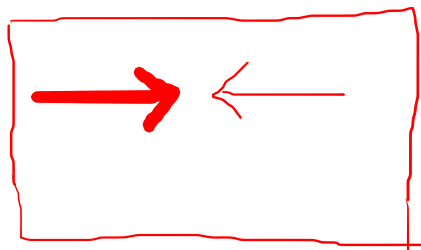
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Parton  
Distribution  
Functions



- full of gluons,  $q\bar{q}$  pairs  
(mostly carrying a small  
fraction of proton's mom.)

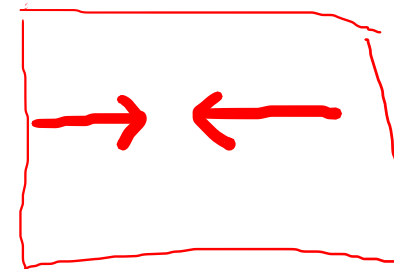
⇒ many more soft partons, a few hard ones

Common:



lower  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  
forward  
boost  
LHCb

Rare:



higher  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  
central events  
CMS, ATLAS



