



ATHENA SPOKESPERSON ELECTION MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

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Thank you!

Thank you for your nominations:

- We are grateful for the confidence and encouragement.
- We believe in ATHENA: This has pushed us to declare our availability!
- → We are ready to commit to ATHENA > 50% of our working time and more when needed!



Our SP team

SP: Silvia DALLA TORRE, INFN-Trieste

- Representing ATHENA internat. institutions
- Research background, h-physics
 - @Saclay-SATURNE-II, CERN-LEAR, CERN-SPS, now EIC
- Research background, detectors
 - COMPASS- RICH, ISAD of RICH workshops
 - RD51 (MPGDs)
 - AIDA2020, AIDAinnova,
 - ECFA COMMITTEE for EU detector road-map
- Scientific managerial experience
 - For 7 y, Director of INDN-TS (300 physicists)
 - For 7 y, member of INFN Directorate board
- About EIC
 - Co-organizer of EICUG2017 @ Trieste
 - Detector co-convener in YR
 - Member of EIC-UG SC
 - Till October 2021, PI of INFN effort in EIC
- About ATHENA
 - Co-organizer of the kick-off meeting
 - Member of Coordination C., Proposal C.

Deputy_ SP: Bernd SURROW, Temple U.

- Representing ATHENA domestic institutions
- Research background, Collider QCD physics
 - ZEUS (ep) / OPAL (e+e-) / STAR
- Research background, detectors
 - QCD physics at collider experiments (F2 at low x / Charm-associated W prod & I-jet azim. correl. at ZEUS / Jet physics in e+e- / Delta g using jet prod. and anti-u/anti-d using W production in polarized pp collisions)
 - Detector experience (Calorimetry and silicon detectors at ZEUS/OPAL, GEM detectors at STAR and EIC R&D)
- Scientific managerial experience
 - Co-spokesperson / and SPIN PWG convener at STAR
- About EIC
 - For 4 y Chair of the EIC-UG SC
 - EIC R&D program since 2011 (MPGD detectors)
- About ATHENA
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Why Our Team?

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- - → Very natural to form a team!
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Representing ATHENA domestic institutions

- COMPASS- RICH, IS ATHENA diversity and richness
 RD51 (MPGDs)

Already working together for ATHENA since the very beginning and EIC R&D)

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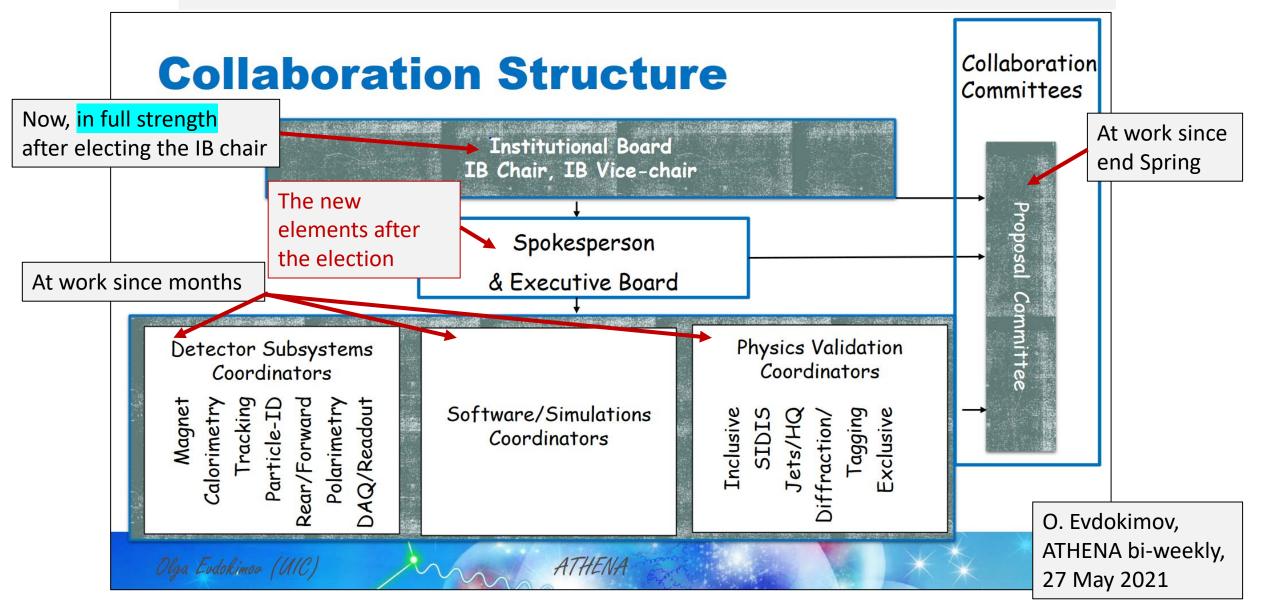
WHY OUR CANDIDACY?

We strongly believe in the ATHENA proposal strategy

- Proposal mapped to the requirements of the "Open Call for Collaboration Proposals for Detectors at the Electron-Ion Collider" for IP6
- Several colleagues driving the YR effort are now working within ATHENA
- Starting from YR with natural evolution, ATHENA critical and novel ingredients such us:
 - modern software tools
 - new barrel calorimetry concepts
 - deeper insight into the tracking configuration and performance
 - integration of the forward RICH subsystem
 - ...
 - a rich portfolio of additional options beyond a minimal config. for ALTERNATIVE and UPGRADES
 - TRD, miniTPC with gridpix sensors, LAPPDs, TOF, ...



ATHENA STRUCTURE, a reminder





OUR WORK IN THE NEXT MONTHS 1/3

The absolute PRIORITY

- Presenting a convincing Proposal and subsequently defending it during the evaluation phase early next year
- How? Making use of the organizational structure that has already been implemented with ATHENA:
 - Proposal Committee with its three subgroups (costing, integration, editing), also endorsed by IB
 - WGs and their conveners, also endorsed by IB
 - **IB** (strong government body of ATHENA): Elected Chair Ernst Sichtermann
 - Full collaboration with its guidance
 - Primary communication channels with the collaboration
 - Frequent collaboration meetings, providing a direct link to the entire ATHENA
- NEW: the SP team and the SP office
 - Beneficial to ensure full continuity to the ATHENA activity:
 - Coordination Committee members → SP Office (Hoping they accept!)
 - Also invite in SP Office a couple of new members from leading institutions





OUR WORK IN THE NEXT MONTHS 2/3

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- Presenting a convincing Proposal and subsequently defending it during the evaluation phase early next year
- How?
- Solicit dialog with Institutions (worldwide) to present the ATHENA effort with the goal in mind to increase the number of groups joining ATHENA and providing an enhanced engagement of individual groups in the ATHENA activities.
- Develop the case of financial support together with the EIC management and the DOE Office of Nuclear Physics for institutions engaged in the EIC project during the present phase, in particular to support <u>early-career collaborators</u> and strengthen R&D efforts.



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- With the progress of the collaboration life, more committees will be needed and taken care of by the IB; we will be as much as we can supportive
- Emphasize and strengthen an open and inclusive collaborative atmosphere for the entire EIC community to guarantee the success of the EIC project in general -> Formation of a Diversity & Inclusion Committee!
- Other committees needed as we move along in a collaboration such as publication and conference committee



OUR WORK BEYOND THE PROPOSAL APPROVAL

The outcome of the review process in spring 2022 is unknown to all of us.

We will not engage in assumptions about our specific actions after the review process.

We guarantee our dedication and to proceed along the guidelines that inspire the work foreseen in the next months, concerning the proposal preparation, submission, and presentation.

TODAY

HELP US!

We are looking forward to your comments and suggestions at the open candidate presentation session.

THANK YOU!