

# Upcoming call for proposals and collaboration formation – some initial questions for discussion

- Will it be an open call for submission of detector proposals, or somehow a more targeted process?
- What is the anticipated decision process regarding two experiments or one and when is this decision expected to be announced to the community? Before the call for proposals?
- Will there be a down select, e.g. an open call for 3 or 4 proposals with the plan to down select to 2 or 1?
- If there are 2 IRs, would the IR configurations already be largely decided prior to the call for proposals? E.g. one optimized for high energy and the other optimized for high lumi, or both exactly the same. Or would these nominal IR configurations only be decided later based on selected detector proposals?
- Would 2 IRs that were exactly the same diminish chances of success with funding agencies?
- Conversely, would 2 IRs that might set up long-term tension between experiments for how to use beam time diminish chances of success with funding agencies? E.g. consistently different preference of collision energy.