

# EPPSU — Theory round table

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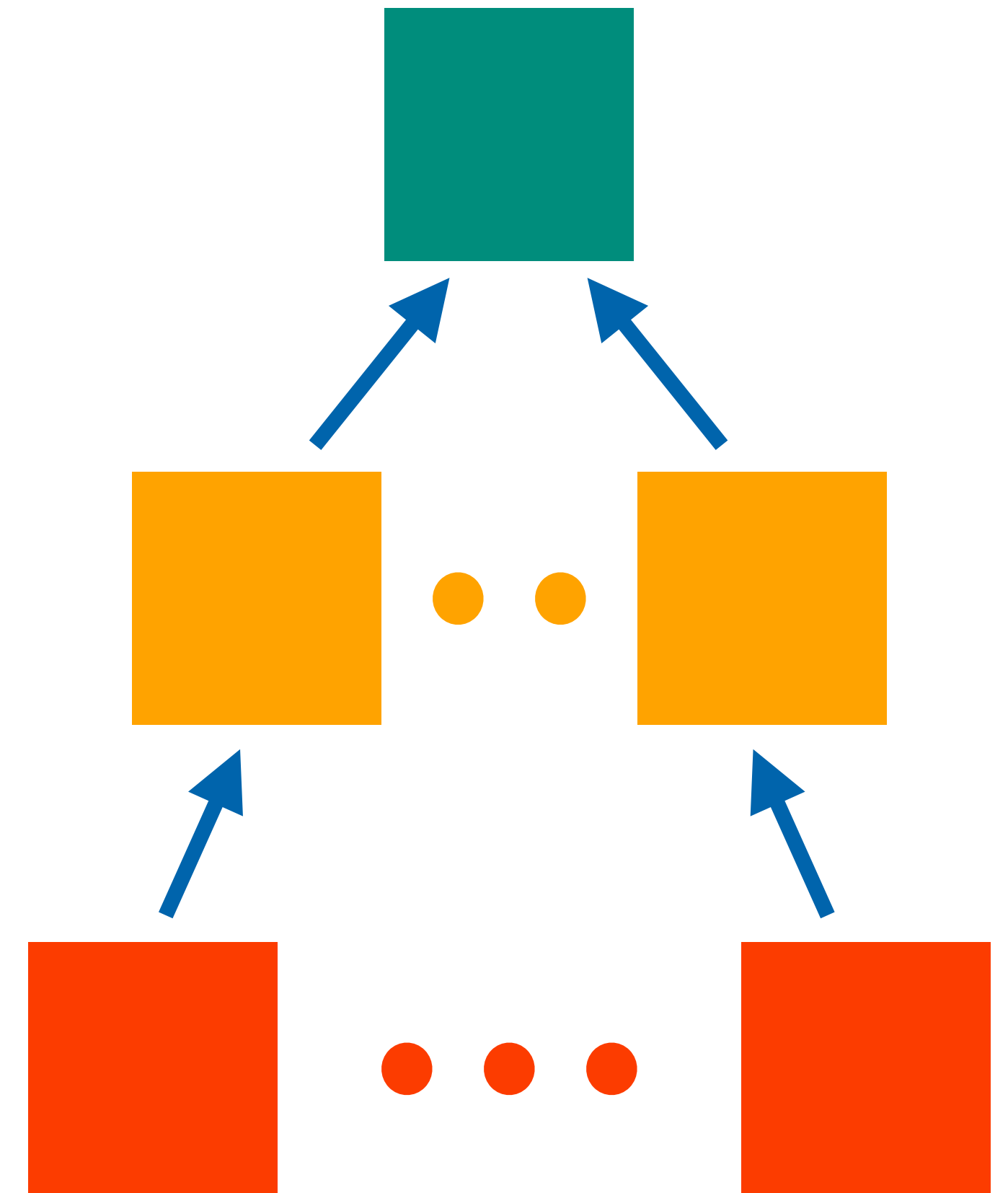
CERN is our hub for particle physics in Europe, but clearly not without the other complementary facilities and fields.

At this point CERN's future must be defined beyond the HL-LHC to maintain its role as one key player within our community.

We also need to secure long-term community engagement and perspectives for young researchers.

Need for a scientific process, and to keep the bottom-up nature — consensus cannot be imposed.

But communities clearly profit from a common strategy.



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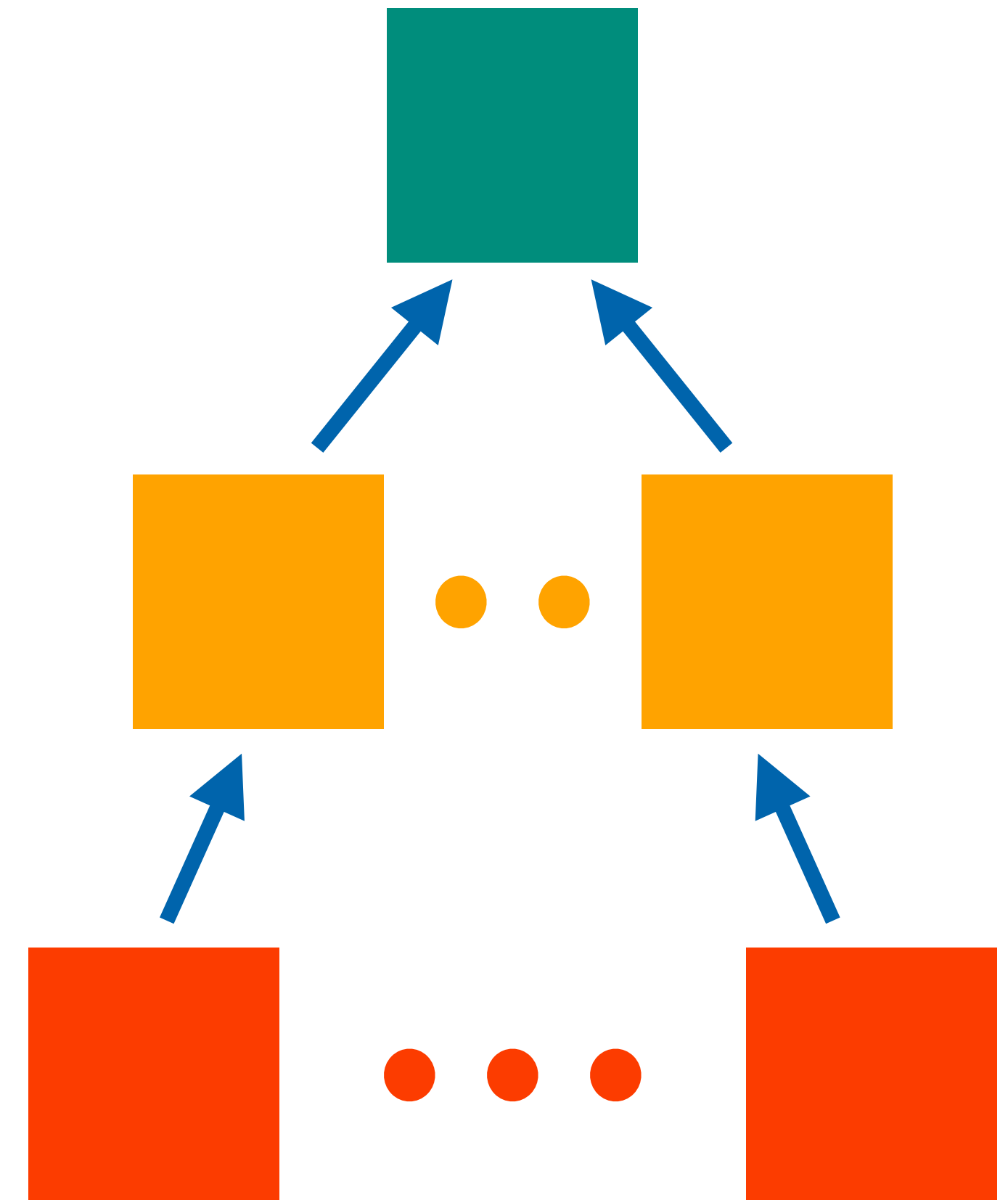
A unique opportunity to collect and identify points of contact and synergies in our community and its “neighbourhood”.

Strategy, and decisions on future facilities are central.

Austria is special because of its size, but also because of the role of our community in the European context. Don't underestimate our visibility.

Key aspects:

- Need to focus, connect, develop new avenues with visible impact.
- No chance of a self-propelling, “too big to fail” community.
- We need to leverage the process for our community.
- Promotion of the Austrian community requires a success of this process — stating the status quo is not enough.



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# Questions to be addressed



Yes, this is about commitment to FCC or the proposal of **reasonable and feasible alternatives**.

A “No” cannot go without **concretely** pointing out a different avenue which is sustainable in the sense of providing a vision and long-term path to the future for CERN.

This is also about what we think we need to make progress — **first and foremost from a theory perspective**: the questions in the survey very concretely try to answer this.

We have a broad spectrum of activities and expertise in Austria which we should use.

The process is thus also about identifying and pointing out synergies in the theory community, and to present the theory community as a vital part of the Austrian HEP community.

No document is expected today — but a conclusion that we are able to act in a coherent way at the round table meeting to provide an integral part of the structure we need to develop there.

Thank you!

