

## Detector Research & Development DRD Collaborations

Joint APP, HEPP and NP  
Conference

8-11 April 2024  
The Spine, Liverpool, UK



- DRD Concept
- International Status
- UK Status

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DRD: 1-Gas; 2-Liquid; 3-Solid State; 4-PID; 5- Quantum; 6-Calo; 7-Electronics/DAQ; 8- integration  
+ Training, Industry

# Concept

“The success of particle physics experiments relies on innovative instrumentation and state-of-the-art infrastructures. To prepare and realise future experimental research programmes, the community must maintain a strong focus on instrumentation...The community should define a global detector R&D roadmap.”

European Particle Physics Strategy 2020 Update

## Roadmap



## Implementation

CERN/SPC/1190  
CERN/3679

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Annex 1

**Proposed Implementation Plan for the 2021 ECFA Detector Research and Development Roadmap**

For each of the technology areas considered, the 2021 ECFA Detector Research and Development Roadmap<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the Roadmap) has identified major detector R&D themes (DRD1s) where longer-term research must be carried out, in most cases directed towards experiments at large future facilities with earlier experiments as important “stepping stones”. A major guideline was to define the requirements and milestones such that detector R&D would not be the limiting factor in establishing the next large research projects envisaged on timescales extending well beyond the High-Luminosity LHC programme.

In addition, community themes have been developed, some of which are reflected in the general strategic recommendations (GSRs) that must also be addressed in the coming years.

**1. Establishment of DRD Collaborations at CERN**

It is proposed that the long-term R&D efforts be organised into newly established Detector R&D (DRD) collaborations, as illustrated below, following the model of the well-known and very successful RD collaborations established in the early 1990s to address the huge challenges posed by the construction of the LHC detectors.

<sup>1</sup> <http://cds.cern.ch/record/274893/files/>

*Proposed organisational structure for implementation of the Roadmap (the arrows indicate the reporting lines)*

- In the detector area, larger DRD collaborations should be considered. The proposal is that such collaborations be established to address each of the six detector technology areas identified in the Roadmap. This would guarantee a critical mass of institutes, expertise and effort, thereby avoiding too much fragmentation. It would also keep the administrative support and reviewing requirements to a manageable level. For the cross-cutting areas of electronics and integration, one or two further DRD collaborations should be anticipated; they should pick up on specific themes, but not necessarily be mapped directly onto the TF topic areas.
- In addition, the community themes identified in the area of training must be addressed. However, for these, alternative implementation steps are needed, as discussed later in this document.

- Strategic R&D in detector systems for **particle physics, particle astrophysics, and related nuclear physics activities.**
- Setup under the auspices of ECFA, with CERN as host.
- Expand upon and replace existing CERN RD collaborations
- First collabs started Jan. 2024

# Why ? And why not ?

Entering new Era –post-ATLAS/CMS U2 construction

Medium/small scale projects and FCC on 20+ yr horizon

## Needs:

- **Costs:** technology costs are rising rapidly while the field remains – by commercial standards – a low-volume, niche market with complex requirements.
- **Complexity:** pooling of resources needed, and negotiation with vendors as larger-scale organisations.
- **Long-term strategic** funding programmes to sustain research and development in order for the technology to mature for FCC and other large-scale longer term projects
- **DRD structures will have the necessary critical mass**

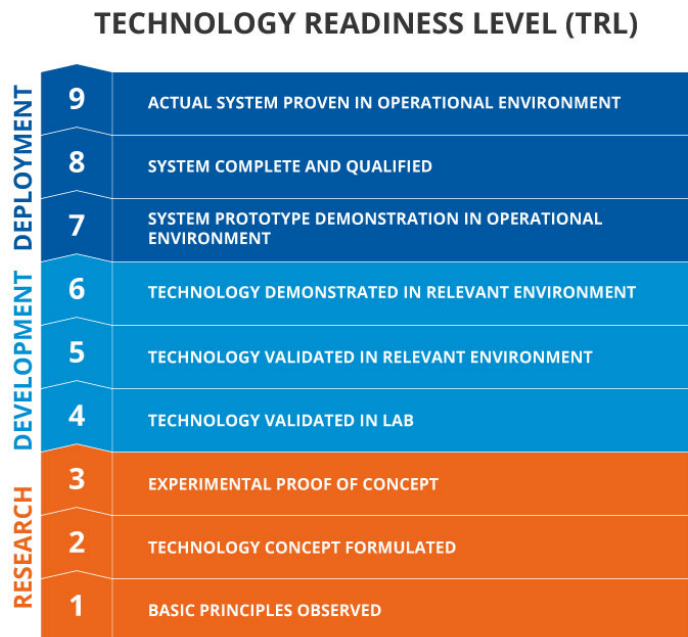
## Risks:

- Must ensure that **creativity** is maintained
- Must benefit the **medium-term** experiments
  - keep thriving community, learn through deploying technology

# DRD-UK Aims

R&D programme will:

- Provide **international coordination** to identify and target common technological goals that will underpin the next generation of experiments facilitating long-term developments
- Provide and coordinate instrumentation **training and skill development** for the next generation of experimental particle physicists, engineers and technical staff
- Provide methods of establishing meaningful longer-term relationships with **industrial partners**

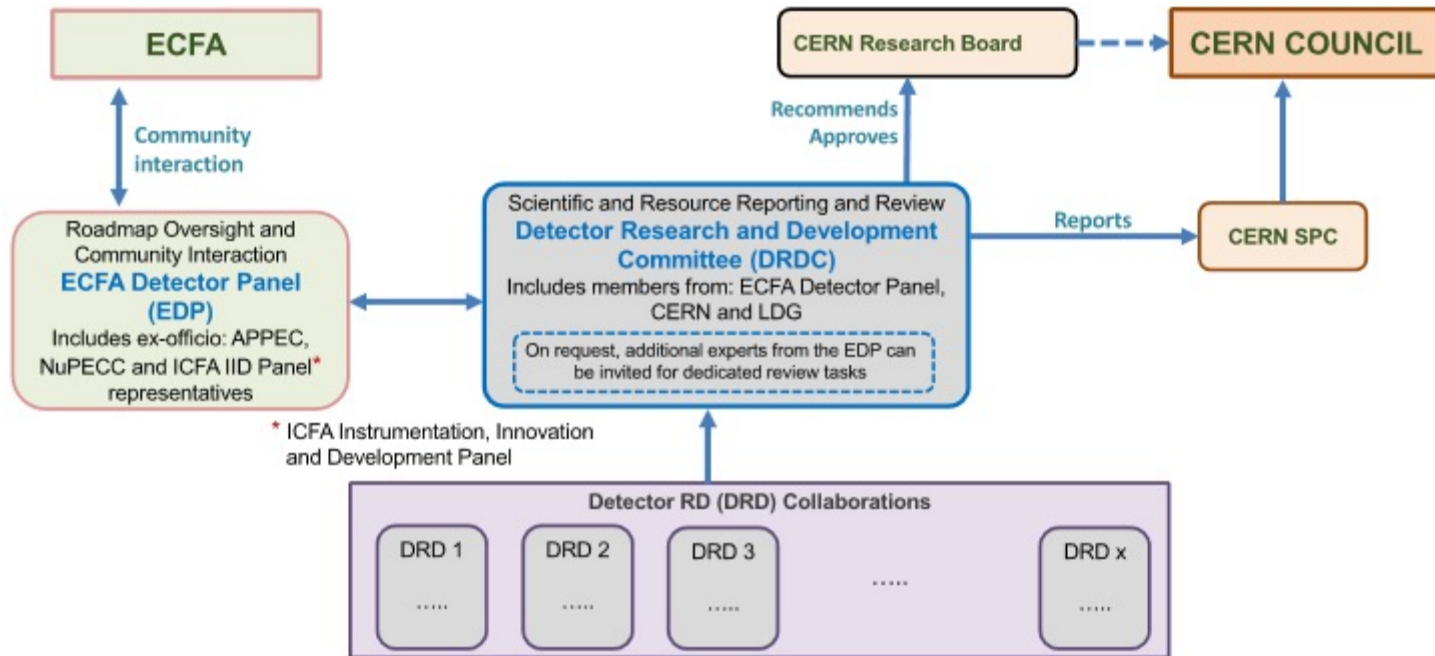


- DRD primarily aimed at mid-TRL levels
- Development of technology to a level where it can then be applied by specific experiments
- UK strong in recent / current construction
- Falling behind international competitors in instrumentation development
- DRD is opportunity to catch-up
  - Lack of longterm R&D funding at this TRL level



# Organisation - International

- DRD Collaborations – with coordinators
- DRDC Review committee



\* ICFA Instrumentation, Innovation and Development Panel

Replaces collaborations such as:

RD50: underpinned most silicon developments that enabled LHC detectors and beyond

RD53: where a common ATLAS/CMS Upgrade II pixel chip basis was developed

RD42: Diamond detectors, RD51: gaseous detectors...

# DRD Collaborations (1-8)

## 1. Gaseous

e.g.  
time/spatial  
resolution;  
  
environment  
friendly gases

## 2. Liquid

e.g.  
Light/charge  
readout;  
  
low background  
materials

## 3. Semiconductor

e.g.  
CMOS pixel  
sensors;  
  
High time  
resolution  
(10s ps)

## 4. PID & Photon

e.g.  
spectral range  
of photon  
sensors;  
  
Time  
resolution

## 5. Quantum

quantum  
sensors  
- R&D, incl.  
beyond QFTP  
in conventional  
detectors

## 6. Calorimetry

e.g.  
Sandwich;  
noble liquid;  
optical

## 7. Electronics

e.g.  
ASICs;  
FPGAs;  
DAQ

## 8. Integration

tracking  
detector  
mechanics

# DRD Collaborations (1-8)

## 1. Gaseous

e.g. time/s  
re  
environment friendly gases

**APPROVED**

## 2. Liquid

e.g. Light/  
re  
background materials

**APPROVED**

## 3. Semiconductor

e.g. CMOS  
se  
time resolution (10s ps)

**Conditionally APPROVED**

## 4. PID & Photon

e.g. spectr  
of  
Time resolution

**APPROVED**

## 5. Quantum

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**In Review**

## 6. Calorimetry

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id;

**APPROVED**

## 7. Electronics

e.g. A  
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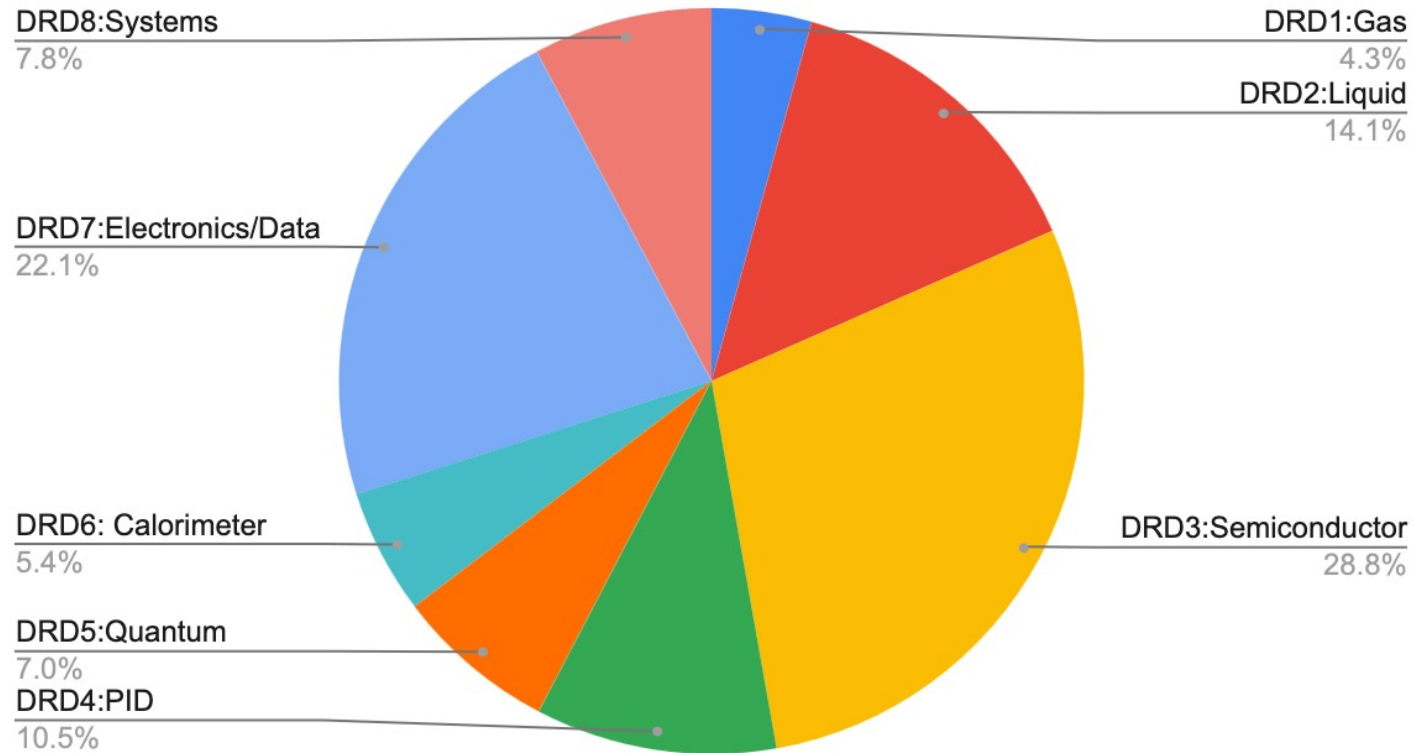
## 8. Integration

Letter of Intent

# UK Interests

## Survey of UK particle physics groups through steering board

### DRD-UK interests



Caveats: DRD5&8 at earlier stage, numbers may not be representative  
Opportunity to develop new areas



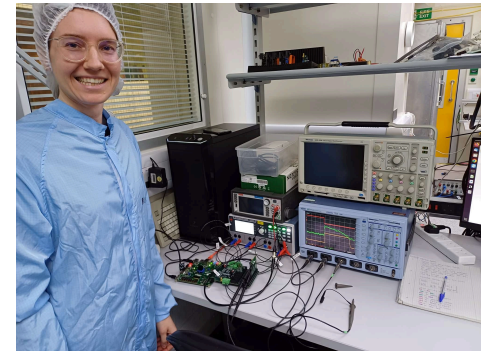
# Example UK project- 1: ASIC

- **Case Study 1 : Common interface ASIC for readout, timing, and control**
- **Issue:**
  - ASIC development major source of schedule slippage in experiments.
  - Iteration time of the order 12-18 months.
  - high production costs of smaller feature size ASICs
- **Aim:**
  - Develop ASIC family & common blocks for front-end chain:
    - Intelligence/Processing capability;
    - the ability to distribute precision timing;
    - Single Event Upset tolerance;
- **UK DRD Activity:**
  - Strong experience in DAQ systems.
  - EURORACTICE Microelectronics Support Centre.
  - UK in Engineering design, emulation, simulation, and testing are expected, as part of co-developments with CERN and the international DRD consortia.



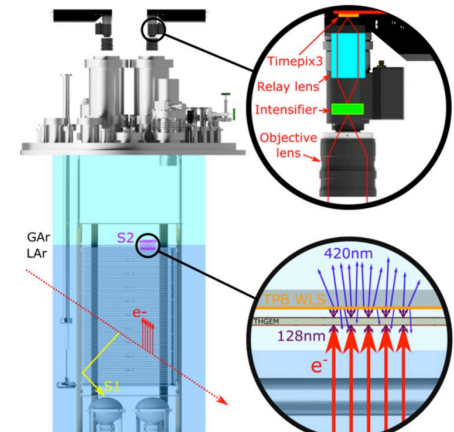
# Example UK project-2: CMOS

- **Case Study 2** : Monolithic pixel sensors for future trackers
- **Issue:**
  - radiation hardness requirements
  - precision timing, new opportunities - 4D tracking.
- **Aim:**
  - pixel sensors for medium term future experiments
    - monolithic sensors, CMOS technologies
    - large volume, low-cost production.
    - High granularity (25x25  $\mu\text{m}$ )
    - & high radiation tolerance ( $10^{17}$  1 MeV neq/cm<sup>2</sup>)
    - combined LGAD MAPS detector, time resolution of order 10 ps.
- **UK DRD Activity:**
  - existing UK expertise on LGAD and CMOS sensor development
  - put the UK back at the forefront of what will be the leading technology for the next decade, work with the leading international groups



# Example UK project-3: light detection

- **Case Study 3** : Increased light detection in liquid detectors
- **Issue:**
  - Increased light detection for neutrino & dark-matter experiments
- **Aim:**
  - Sensors for future experiments
    - Develop light sensors
      - Increase eff. in VUV wavelengths
    - Develop charge-to-light and charge+light readouts
      - Lower energy thresholds, better energy thresholds, 4D imaging
    - Reduce backgrounds
      - Improve material screening, novel materials
- **UK DRD Activity:**
  - Noble liquid detectors, water Cherenkov detectors, liquid scintillator detectors – neutrinos, dark matter, neutrinoless double beta
  - world-class facilities at the Boulby underground laboratory
    - Prospects for hosting world-leading science in UK



## Strategic Review Particle Physics, December 2022

73. The UK should have an R&D portfolio that contains elements that are generic, i.e. not specialised to a specific project proposal while aligning with the European technology roadmaps. It should also include targeted involvement in feasibility studies for new projects at modest cost. The UK should invest in research projects in sustainable energy usage, e.g. in accelerator R&D. The portfolio should have both low- and high-risk elements.

77. There should be an increase in resources available for generic R&D for detectors and accelerators. An indicative goal would be to approach a minimum of 5% of the core programme. [ core ~£55m per annum thus 5% is £2.75m]

## Consolidated Grant Submission

### Part C: PPGP guidelines for bids to support the coordination of large-scale research and development (R&D) activities

#### 8 R&D Submissions

##### 8.1 Scope

- 8.1.1 This is a new opportunity to request funding to support the coordination of large-scale research and development activities. The purpose of this funding is to encourage strategic planning and to foster a sense of community among those involved in the R&D activity, beyond what can be reasonably expected through the CG funding provided to individual institutes.

#### Funding opportunity

**Early stage research and development scheme 2024**

**SOI in discussion for Science Board**

**Recognition of need – big success of community efforts  
need to translate into funding – with longterm strategy**

# DRD-UK funding bids



- CG submission
  - Fractions of posts to support detector R&D

Institute	DRD Collaboration								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Other
Total	9.2	17.3	55.1	15.3	19.7	2.1	23.3	15.3	9.6

FTE yrs

**Will need dedicated project funds to effectively leverage**

- List of UK project activities for all DRDs
- Travel
  - DRD workshops
  - Coordinators
  - Testbeam & irradiation
- Training
- Industry links

February 18, 2024

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**DRD-UK Consolidated Grant  
Submission 2025-2029**

*On behalf of* University of Birmingham, University of Bristol, Brunel University London, University of Cambridge, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, Imperial College London, King's College London, University of Lancaster, University of Leicester, University of Liverpool, University of Manchester, University of Oxford, Queen Mary University of London, Royal Holloway University of London, STFC Particle Physics Department, STFC Technology Department, STFC ISIS, University of Sheffield, University of Sussex, University College London, University of York, University of Warwick.



# Industry / Infrastructure / Training

Alignment with UK CERN strategy

- Training

- UK system often generating physicists with limited instrumentation experience
- CG submission expresses need for **Centre for Doctorate Training (CDT), graduate training programme – summer school.**

- Industrial engagement

- CERN to UK industry return not well balanced
- CG submission recommends **UK industry programme board, database UK ‘trusted’ suppliers, proof of concept technology fund**

## General Recommendations

- GSR 1 - Supporting R&D facilities
- GSR 2 - Engineering support for detector R&D
- GSR 3 - Specific software for instrumentation
- GSR 4 - International coordination and organisation of R&D activities
- GSR 5 - Distributed R&D activities with centralised facilities
- GSR 6 - Establish long-term strategic funding programmes
- GSR 7 – “Blue-sky” R&D
- GSR 8 - Attract, nurture, recognise and sustain the careers of R&D experts
- GSR 9 - Industrial partnerships
- GSR 10 – Open Science

- Major Infrastructure identified

- e.g. Diamond, ISIS, B’ham Cyclotron, Boulby

# National Semiconductor Strategy

- Commitment made for up to £1bn investment in next decade.

- 30M announced



DRD input to STFC (CP, Gianluigi Casse, Richard Farrow):

CNM/FBK style facility

- Access to UK sensor manufacturing companies.
  - Infrastructure for prototyping/testing sensor technologies.
  - ASIC design tools, training and skills.
  - ASIC foundry facilities in Europe or Far East.
  - Financial support to prototype technologies.
- STFC engaged with DSIT
- DSIT visited RAL to discuss options Feb 24

# Sustainability

See also talk of Veronique Boisvert at this meeting

- STFC considering sustainability policy, SOI options
- DRD-UK:
  - low-GWP gases for detectors
  - Low-GWP and non-PFAS liquid coolants
  - (Computing farm power consumption)

arXiv:2306.02837v2 [physics.soc-ph] 18 Aug 2023

### Environmental sustainability in basic research

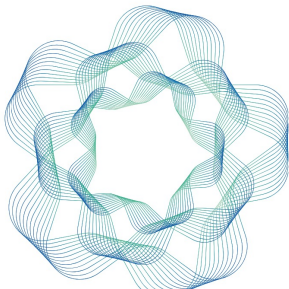
A perspective from HECAP+

Sustainable HECAP+ Initiative

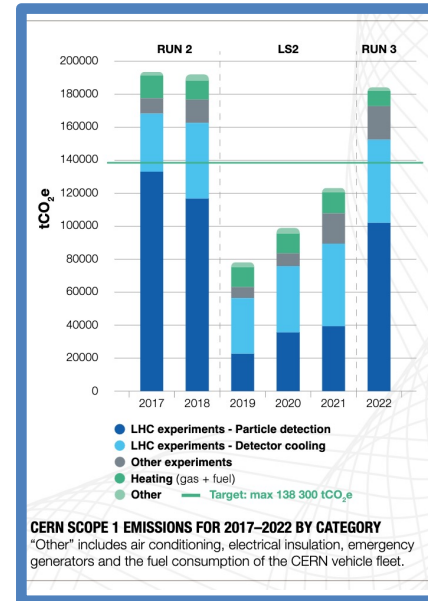

**Abstract**  
The climate crisis and the degradation of the world's ecosystems require humanity to take immediate action. The international scientific community has a responsibility to limit the negative environmental impacts of basic research. The HECAP+ communities (High Energy Physics, Cosmology, Astroparticle Physics, and Hadron and Nuclear Physics) make use of common and similar experimental infrastructure, such as accelerators and observatories, and rely similarly on the processing of big data. Our communities therefore face similar challenges to improving the sustainability of our research. This document aims to reflect on the environmental impacts of our work practices and research infrastructure, to highlight best practice, to make recommendations for positive changes, and to identify the opportunities and challenges that such changes present for wider aspects of social responsibility.

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Environment  
Report  
2021-2022



Framework  
LHCb  
UPGRADER II  
Technical Design Report

CERN/LHCC 2021-012  
LHCb TDR 23  
24 February 2022

# DRD-UK Organisation

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## Steering Board


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## Cordinators


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DRD-3 [Si]	DOPKE, Jens; GONELLA, Laura; HYNDS, Daniel; VILELLA FIGUERAS, Eva
DRD-4 [PID]	BLAKE, Thomas; ROMANO, Angela
DRD-5 [Quantum]	BUCHMULLER, Oliver; DAW, Ed
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Training	LAZZERONI, Cristina; BATES, Richard
Industry Engagement	FARROW, Richard; CASSE, Gianluigi

# DRD-UK Meeting today

## UK DRD Annual Meeting

 Thursday 11 Apr 2024, 14:00 → 17:30 Europe/London








 Rotblat lecture theatre in the Chadwick building, Liverpool

 Eva Vilella Figueras (University of Liverpool (GB)) , Joost Vosseveld (University of Liverpool (GB))

**Description** The meeting is taking place on the afternoon after the end of the IOP Joint APP, HEPP and NP annual conference (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1388874/>), a zoom connection is also provided.

The DRD-UK meeting is separate from the IOP conference, attendance at the DRD-UK meeting is open to all.

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<b>14:00</b>	→ 14:20	<b>Overview of DRD-UK</b>	🕒 20m 
		DRD-UK plans, with contributions from all DRD-UK coordinators	
		<b>Speaker:</b> Chris Parkes (University of Manchester (GB))	
<b>14:30</b>	→ 14:50	<b>Funding opportunities for DRD [STFC speaker]</b>	🕒 20m 
		<b>Speaker:</b> Grahame Blair	
<b>15:00</b>	→ 15:20	<b>Training &amp; Industry: current activities &amp; plans</b>	🕒 20m 
		<b>Speaker:</b> Dr Richard Bates (University of Glasgow (GB))	
<b>15:30</b>	→ 15:50	<b>Semiconductor trackers (DRD3&amp;8) : current activities &amp; plans</b>	🕒 20m 
		<b>Speaker:</b> Daniel Hynds (University of Oxford (GB))	
<b>16:00</b>	→ 16:20	<b>R&amp;D for neutrinos, dark matter and opportunities at Boulby (DRD2)</b>	🕒 20m 
		<b>Speaker:</b> Roxanne Guenette	
<b>16:30</b>	→ 16:50	<b>Electronics &amp; DAQ: current activities &amp; plans (DRD7)</b>	🕒 20m 
		<b>Speaker:</b> Marcus Julian French (Science and Technology Facilities Council STFC (GB))	
<b>17:00</b>	→ 17:30	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	🕒 30m 

Held series of meetings with steering board and coordinators and PIs of many future experiments with large UK involvement



# Take-away messages

- **DRD** – new initiative for Detector Research & Development across particle, astroparticle & (some) nuclear physics
- International & UK **organization** **in place across 8 areas**
- Specific projects to be prioritised
  - not just a discussion forum
  - International MoUs
- CG funding requested, STFC encouraged
- Dedicated project requests to follow

