



# High Energy Particle Physics Town Meeting 2013

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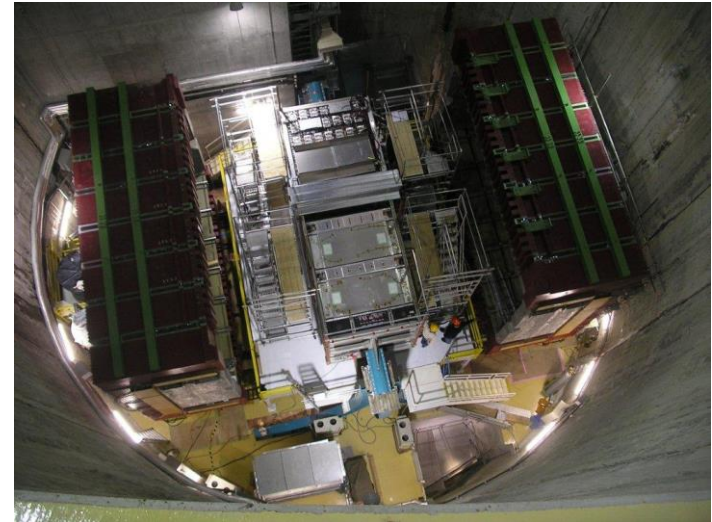
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# Particle Physics

- Our highest priority in particle physics is the exploitation of the **Large Hadron Collider** at CERN.
  - **ATLAS, CMS** and **LHCb** (and ALICE) experiments
  - **GridPP**
- Exploring neutrino mass and mixing with **T2K** and **SuperNEMO**



# LHC

- The LHC delivered over  $23\text{fb}^{-1}$  at 8 TeV in 2012
  - Machine performance last year broke all records; integrated luminosity delivered exceeded predicted
  - Data analysis and Grid computing resources were able to keep pace
- These data have shed light on some of the biggest science questions, including placing challenging limits on physics beyond the standard model
- Latest physics updates:
  - Higgs results now  $6-7\sigma$ , generally all consistent with SM, and spin-zero confirmed
  - LHCb observes  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay at rate compatible with SM

# LHC Update

- Next steps
  - Long Shutdown 1 started in Feb 2013. Programme is complex and challenging - will take 2 years.
  - Machine restart in 2015 with increased collision energy of 13 TeV and another increase in luminosity.
- Proposals for the UK participation in Phase 1 construction and Phase 2 R&D for ATLAS/CMS upgrades considered in 2012
  - Funding for phase 1 has been approved
  - Phase 2 R&D in part (awaiting programmatic review)
  - Grants issued starting 1 April 2013
  - Concern over scale of the Phase 2 ATLAS/CMS upgrades
- Future participation in the LHCb upgrade will be decided as part of Programmatic Review
  - UK groups have some modest bridging funding to remain engaged with the upgrade R&D programme

# Neutrino Physics

- The international T2K project at JPARC in Japan, in which the UK holds key leadership roles, is a world leading experiment for the study of neutrino oscillations
  - Accelerator, beamline and experiment restored following 2011 earthquake, and began taking data again in Q1 2012.
  - presented new results on electron neutrino appearance from muon neutrinos at 2012 Neutrino conference in Kyoto
  - first single experimental indication that  $\theta_{13}$  is non-zero and large with a  $2.5 \sigma$  level of significance
- We are supporting the Demonstrator phase of the SuperNEMO project, a UK-France led experiment to search for neutrinoless double-beta decay
  - Aim is to demonstrate required sensitivity before a final decision on participation in the detector construction project.

# Particle Astrophysics

- Astroparticle Physics European Consortium – STFC founding member of revised sustainable ApPEC
- In the coming decade we expect to directly detect, for the first time, gravitational waves from distant cosmic phenomena
  - Ground-based Gravitational Waves programme – detector exploitation and future R&D
  - Advanced LIGO
- Review of STFC support for ground-based gravitational waves programme currently underway
- Modest STFC funding for Einstein Telescope R&D (through ASPERA Common Call) and for Max Planck partnership, jointly with EPSRC





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- STFC awarded funding for a 3 year R&D programme towards Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) observatory in high energy gamma
  - places the UK in a strong position to lead the high-energy component of CTA in the construction phase and ensure future access to data for the UK scientific community
- STFC awarded funding for Dark Matter R&D towards the next generation experiments, aligned with Science Board UK DM Strategy:
  - EURECA Development
  - LUX-ZEPLIN Development



# Consolidated Grants

- Existing standard and rolling grant mechanisms have now been replaced by a single consolidated grant scheme
  - Not a major change for Particle Physics
  - Continued support for core posts and R&D and early stage technology development in universities
- 2011 PPGP Theory grants round was one of the first to use consolidated grants mechanism
  - Some points of clarification needed but overall has worked well
  - the next Particle Physics Theory Grants round is now underway.
- Wakeham re-investment will help us to maintain support for this round, though funding remains tight

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- The 2012 PPGP Experiment grants round, which underpins the UK's particle physics research and exploitation programme, completed. Grants announced October 2012
- Strategic guidance from PPAN on need for some additional small scale activities to keep options for the future and some vitality in the programme
  - Flexibility for Grants Panel used to award a small amount of FTE and travel to new activities (or existing activities currently not supported by STFC) where a strong science case made
- Coordinated the consolidated grants round with the ATLAS and CMS upgrade proposals.
- Sharp reduction in STFC capital allocation post-2010 CSR means capital for grants will be limited by available funding
  - Continuing to try to manage impact of reduced capital

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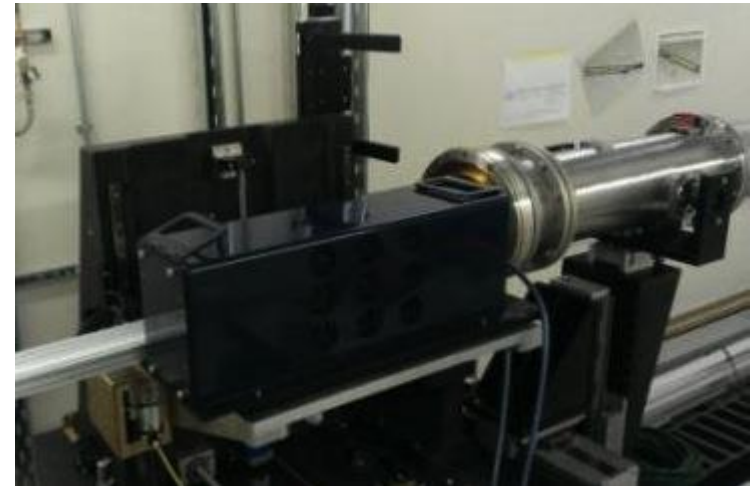


# Technology - EXCALIBUR

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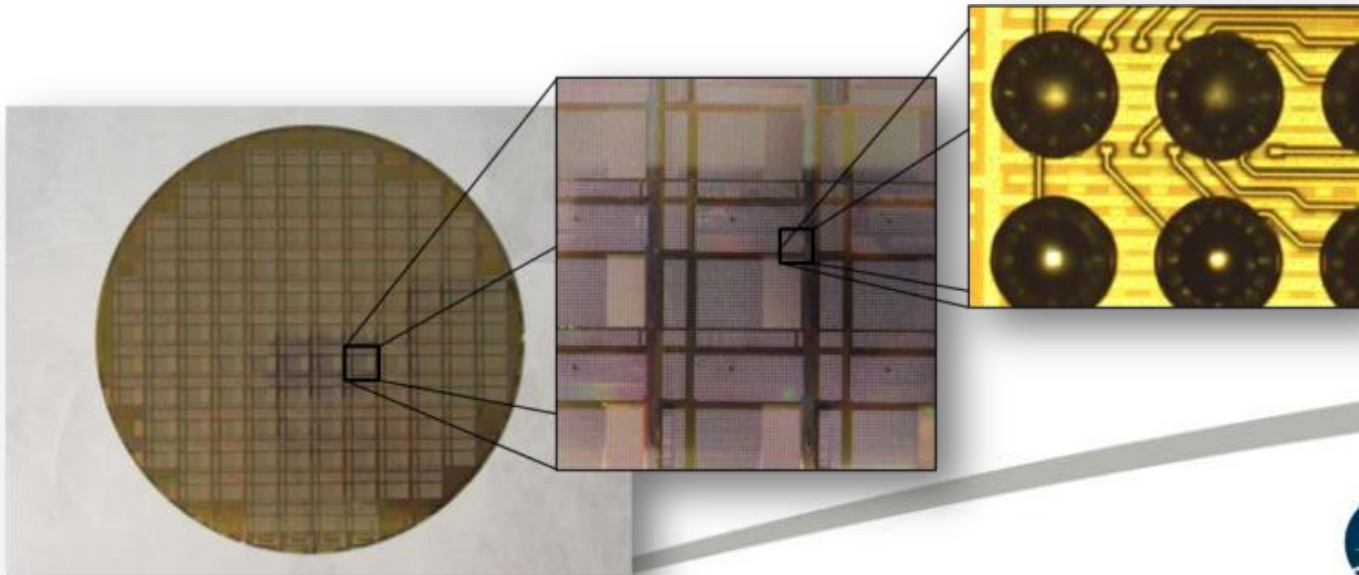
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# LHC CMS Upgrade

- STFC Technology Department successfully delivered CMS tracker upgrade ASIC with Imperial College
- Wafer level bump bonding
- Ready for 3-D integration phase
- Track triggering features now included





David Willetts announced UK participation in E-ELT

Cerro Armazones







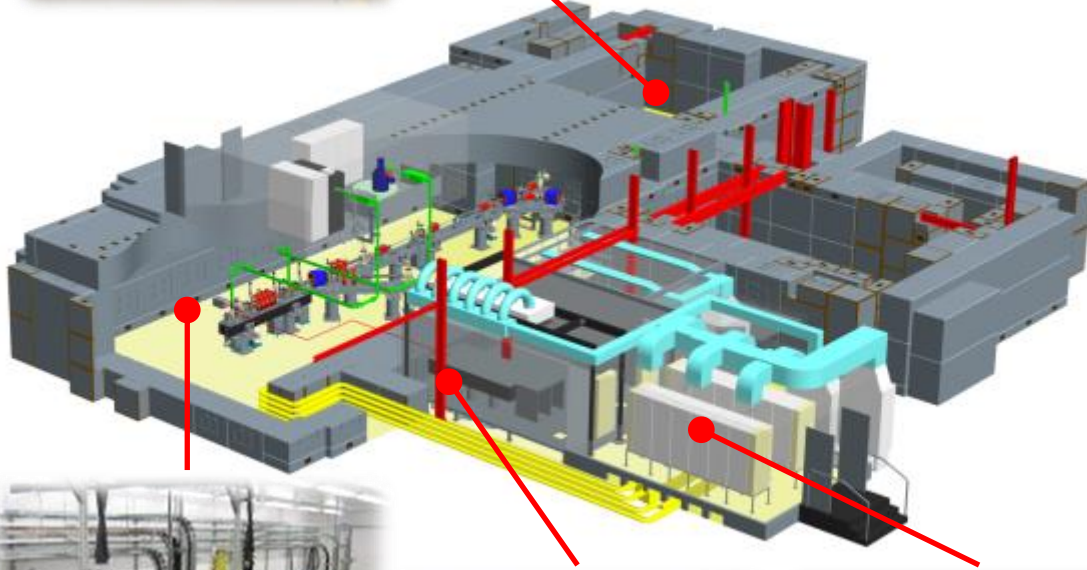
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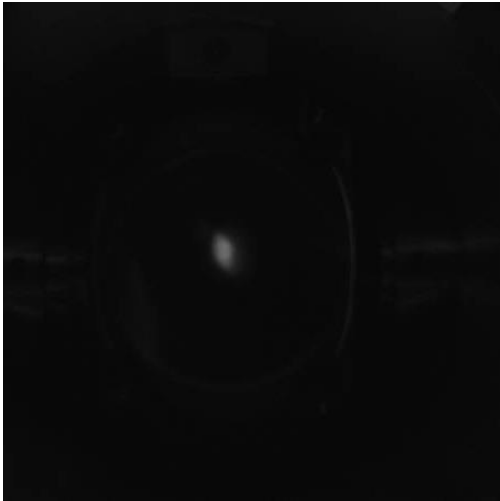


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# Capital Investment in the December 2012 Autumn statement- spend in 13/14 and 14/15

- Total £600 million to be invested in facilities for technological R & D and Research Council infrastructure.
- Of this £484M has been allocated to the RCs in the following areas;
  - 1. Advanced Materials - £45M** [STFC - £5M for the DIAD beamline at Diamond]
  2. Autonomous robotics - £35M
    - **Big data/ energy efficient computing - £189M** [STFC - £30M, of which £11M for SKA computing and £19M for energy efficient computing]
  - 3. Campuses - £65M** [STFC - £35M, including space cluster building at Harwell]
  4. Energy storage - £30M
  5. Regenerative medicine - £20M
  - 6. State of the art instrumentation - £50M** [STFC - £10.7M allocated to mix of lab equipment, estates and University based equipment in the grant lines, PRD, LHC upgrades and Futures.]
  7. Synthetic biology - £50M

This is in addition to the e-infrastructure capital in 11/12 that funded Dirac , GRIDPP networking , and the Hartree, and the infrastructure funding for the R1 refurbishment at RAL.



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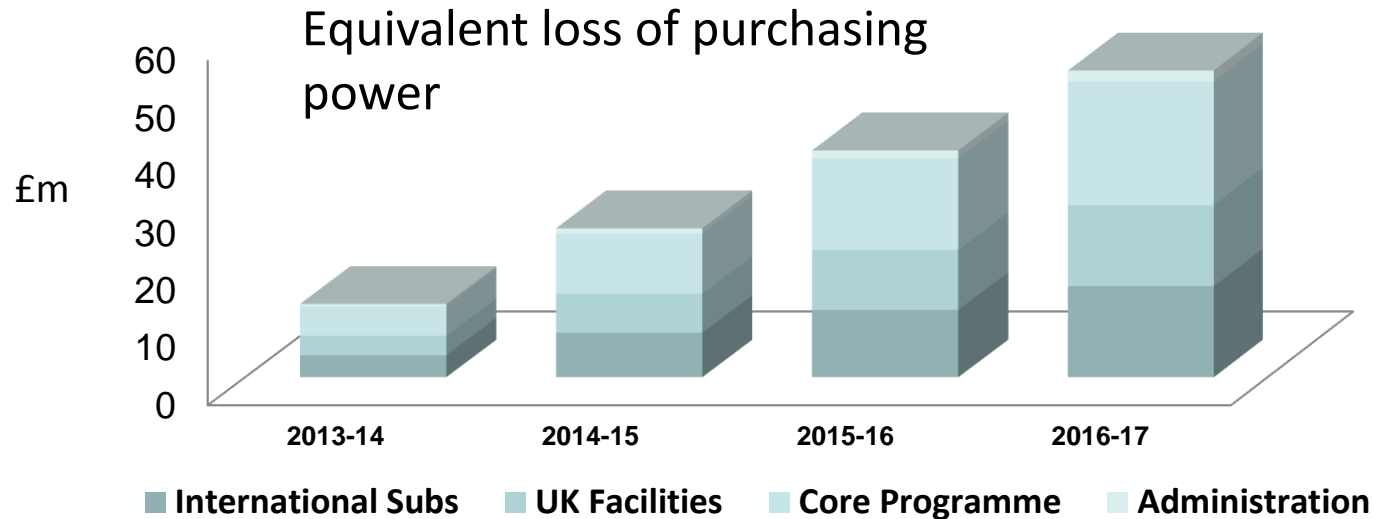


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- **£3bn** cost of decommissioning and replacing two nuclear power stations, deferred after research at ISIS supported the case for 5-year life extensions

- **8.3%** increase in applications to physics degree courses

- **46.5m** estimated total audience reached by STFC Public Engagement schemes since 2006

- **£25bn** forecast annual revenue generated through successful exploitation of high performance computing

- **£98.7m** amount invested in research grant funding to UK institutions

- **£500-£700m** estimated economic benefit realised by Oxford Instruments and e2v through long-standing of collaboration and engagement with STFC and its university research communities

- **\$1m** investment from Space Florida in STFC spin-out Cella Energy



# ResearchFish (e-Val) Update

- e-Val data collection – Feb-May 2011
- Data used for reporting during 2011/12
- Panel review of system/questions – Nov 2011
- Revisions to system – Jan-Sept 2012
- User testing of revised ResearchFish system – Oct 2012
- Second data collection – 15 Jan 2012-04 Apr 2013
- Over 17,000 new outputs recorded during data collection

**Thanks to all who contributed!**

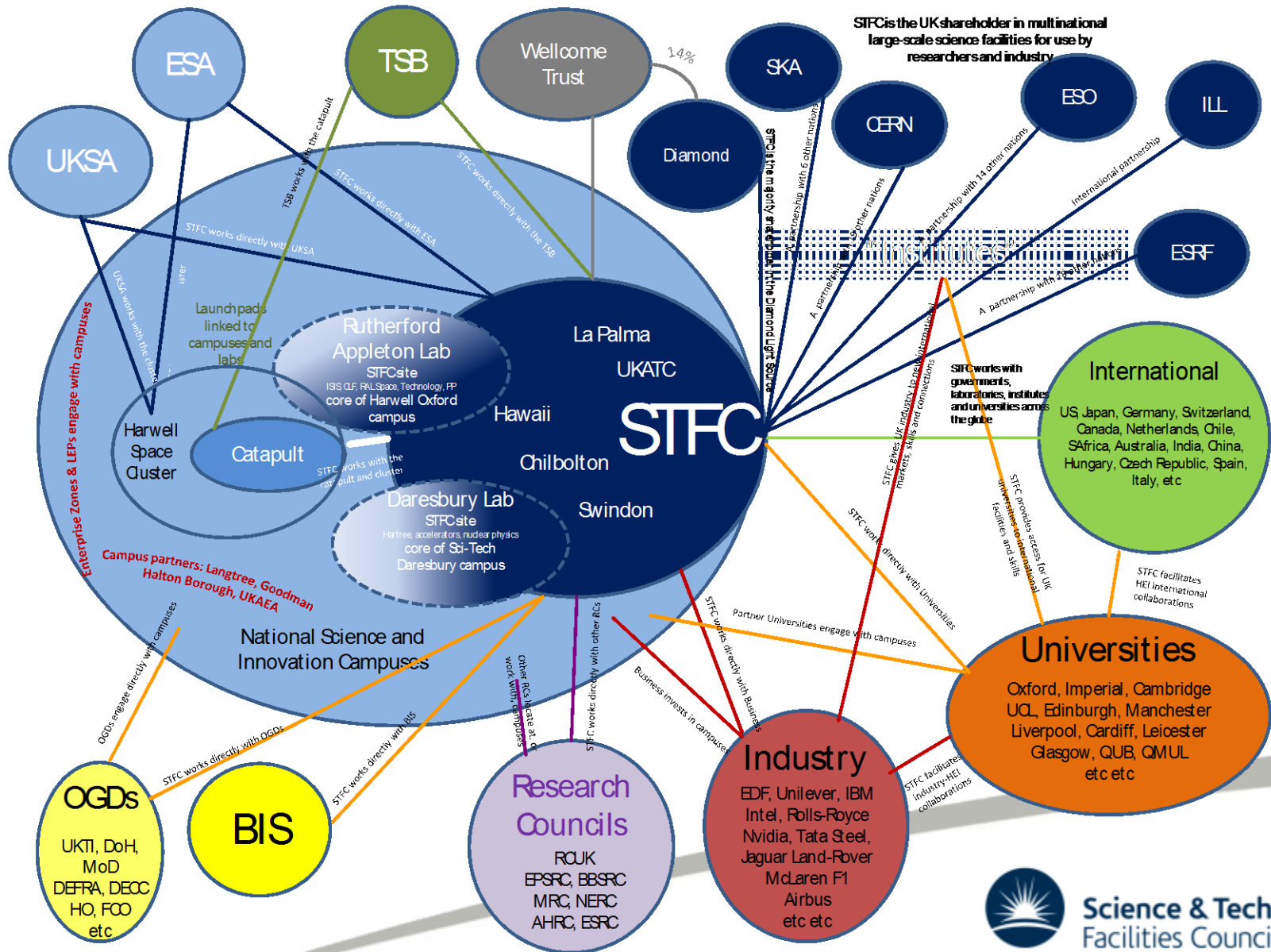


# Triennial Review

- Government announced review on 9 January
  - *STFC set up council subgroup to manage our approach*
  - *Managing RCUK input*
- Triennial Review Group visited RAL and DL, talked to stakeholders
- RCUK submitted evidence to review
  - *STFC submitted a more detailed response as well*
  - *Ongoing interaction with review team*
- Some “interesting” comments from other stakeholders
- Triennial Review phase I report in July...



# STFC's stakeholders







**Stakeholder engagement**



- 2012 was an outstanding year for particle physics
- We have an excellent story to tell
- High level of government support *BUT* challenging economic climate
- Spending review and triennial review underway



What do we need from you?

- Impact examples (e.g. studies for the REF)
- Consistent, national message of broad support for science (*no shooting inwards please*)

**Most of all: we need to sell the excellence and importance of fundamental science**



# DISCUSSION



# IOP Particle Accelerators and Beams Meeting 2013

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- Programmatic Review is still underway, but we have needed/had the opportunity to input some future capital ideas to BIS
- Based on emerging sense of priorities from Science Board and Advisory Panels





# Emerging priorities for new accelerator-based facilities

- Access to X-ray Free Electron Laser facilities seen as a high priority
  - *Capability of growing importance, currently lacking*
  - *Needs to involve re-engagement with XFEL*
  - *Longer term aspiration to host a UK based XFEL*
  - *Test facilities, CLARA*
  - *Package of light source work could include Diamond lattice upgrade?*



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- Maintaining access to ISIS (and ILL) with a rolling series of instrumentation, target/moderator and accelerator upgrades is seen as a high priority for neutrons
  - *FETS*
  - *ESS seen as less critical for UK – we have sufficient neutron access through existing facilities – and access to ESS would be lower priority than access to a FEL*



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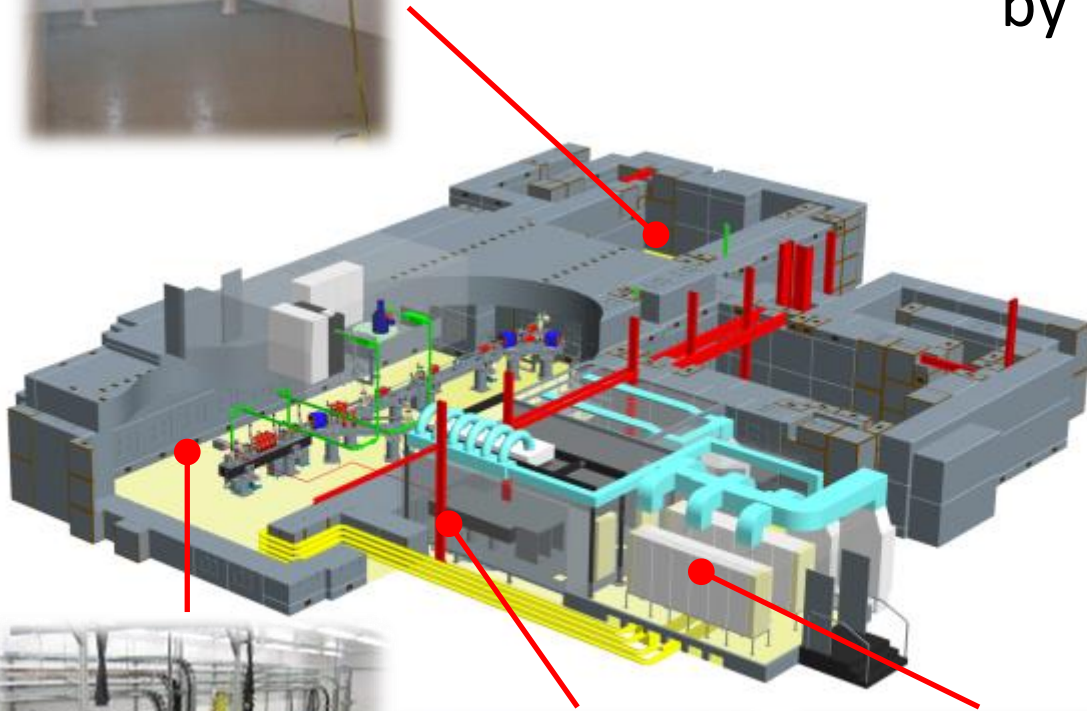
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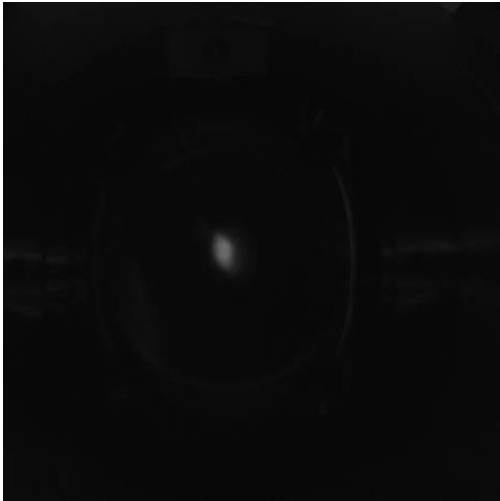


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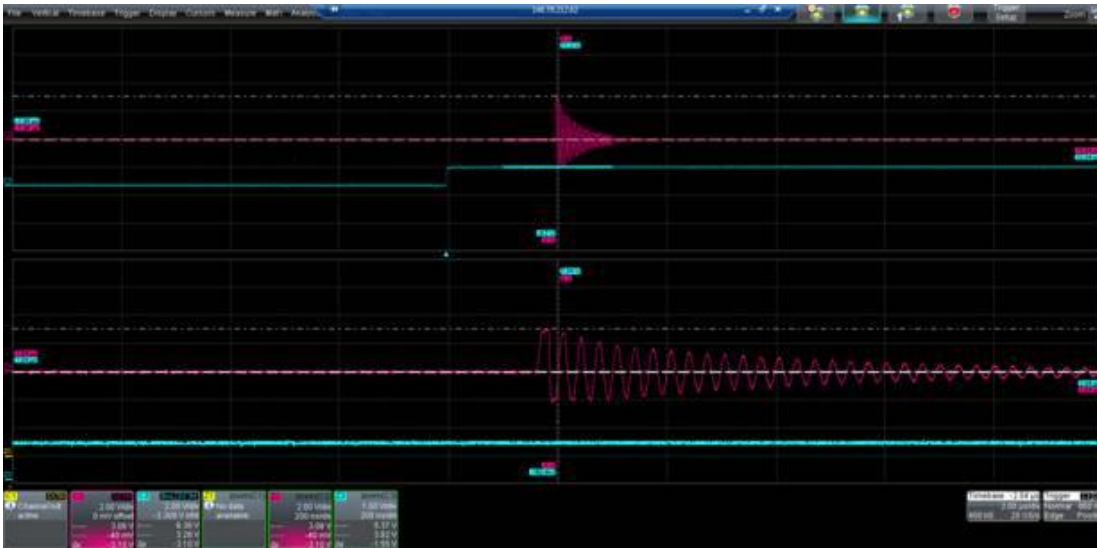
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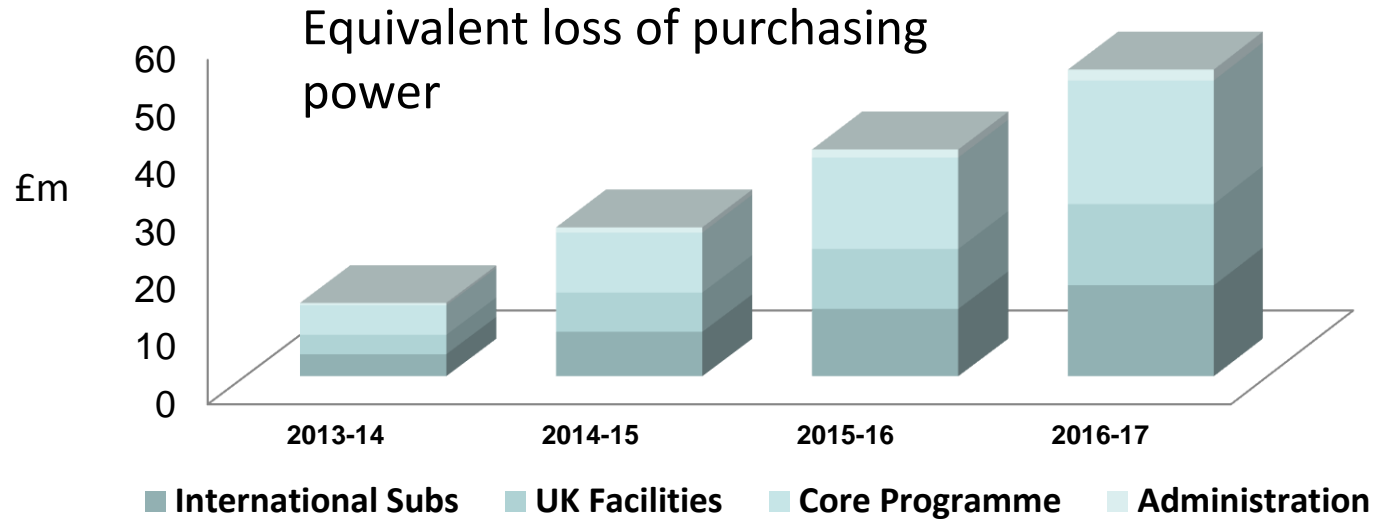
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- **£3bn** cost of decommissioning and replacing two nuclear power stations, deferred after research at ISIS supported the case for 5-year life extensions

- **8.3%** increase in applications to physics degree courses

- **46.5m** estimated total audience reached by STFC Public Engagement schemes since 2006

- **£25bn** forecast annual revenue generated through successful exploitation of high performance computing

- **£98.7m** amount invested in research grant funding to UK institutions

- **£500-£700m** estimated economic benefit realised by Oxford Instruments and e2v through long-standing of collaboration and engagement with STFC and its university research communities

- **\$1m** investment from Space Florida in STFC spin-out Cella Energy



# ResearchFish (e-Val) Update

- e-Val data collection – Feb-May 2011
- Data used for reporting during 2011/12
- Panel review of system/questions – Nov 2011
- Revisions to system – Jan-Sept 2012
- User testing of revised ResearchFish system – Oct 2012
- Second data collection – 15 Jan 2012-04 Apr 2013
- Over 17,000 new outputs recorded during data collection

**Thanks to all who contributed!**

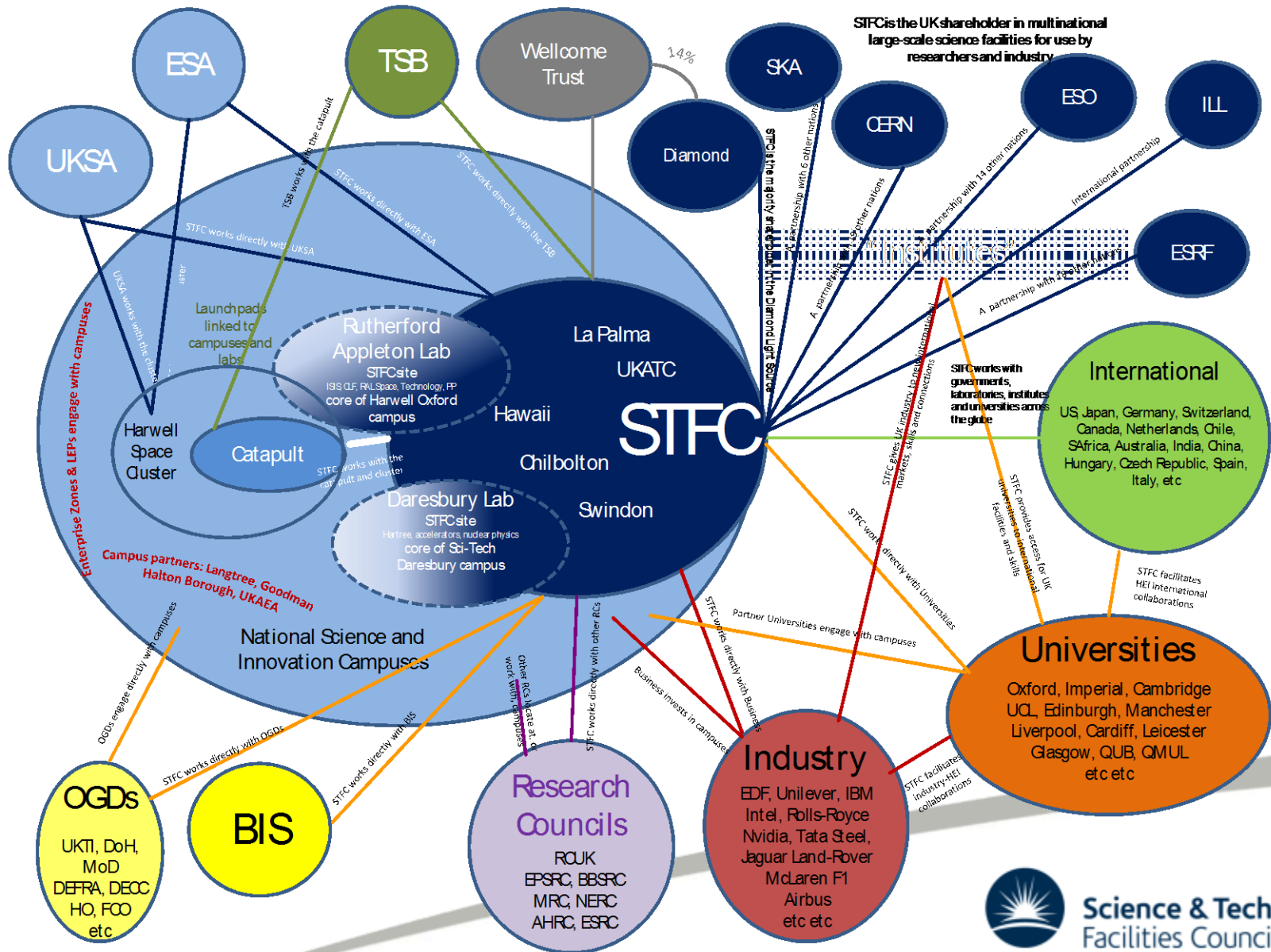


# Triennial Review

- Government announced review on 9 January
  - *STFC set up council subgroup to manage our approach*
  - *Managing RCUK input*
- Triennial Review Group visited RAL and DL, talked to stakeholders
- RCUK submitted evidence to review
  - *STFC submitted a more detailed response as well*
  - *Ongoing interaction with review team*
- Some “interesting” comments from other stakeholders
- Triennial Review phase I report in July...



# STFC's stakeholders







**Stakeholder engagement**



- 2012 was an outstanding year for accelerator-based science
- We have an excellent story to tell
- High level of government support *BUT* challenging economic climate
- Spending review and triennial review underway



What do we need from you?

- Impact examples (e.g. studies for the REF)
- Consistent, national message of broad support for science (*no shooting inwards please*)

**Most of all: we need to sell the excellence and importance of fundamental science**



# DISCUSSION

