### Richard Wade PSD 2007

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- PPARC Science Challenges.
- Position sensitive detectors and PPARC

- Technology Challenges. Big Questions, Big Projects.
- Developing technology, working with industry.





# PP-\RC PPARC Science Challenges

- How did the Universe begin and how (and when) will it end?
- How do stars, planets and galaxies form?
- Are we alone in the Universe or is there life elsewhere?
- What is the Universe made of and what holds it together?
- Where does mass come from?
- How does the Sun work and how does it affect the Earth?
- Why does there seem to be much more matter in the Universe than anti-matter?

### Position Sensitive Detectors and PPARC

- Detector Systems key to PPARC Science
- Virtually every conceivable form of detector employed in PPARC science area
  - CCDs
  - Silicon strip
  - Wire chambers
  - Hybrid photomultipliers
  - TES

### Position Sensitive Detectors and PPARC

- Gamma rays to radio waves
- Particles (charged particles, neutrinos, WIMPS, .....)

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Gravitational Waves

# PP•\RC WHT Wide Field Camera





#### 40 e2v CCDs, 377 Mpixels



### PP•\RC XMM-EPIC Focal Plane Array













VISTA IR Camera





16 Raytheon VIRGO 2048x2048 HgCdTe arrays



### PPARC Big Questions Big Projects (large capital projects)

- Extremely Large telescopes
- Future European Gravitational Wave Detectors
- Linear Collider
- Neutrino Factory
- Double Beta Decay

### PP-\RC Big Questions Big Projects

- Aurora (Mars exploration)
- XEUS (Next Generation X-ray observatory)
- DARWIN (search for planets)
- LISA (space based gravitational wavé observatory)
- LHC upgrades, super LHC?
- CLIC

# PP-\RC Big Questions Big Projects

#### Extremely Large Telescopes





### PP-\RC Big Questions Big Projects



# **PP**•**RC** Big Questions Big Projects LHC



### PPARC Big Questions Big Projects Linear Collider







### PPARC Enabling Technology Development and Knowledge Transfer.

- Technology Development
- Working with industry
- Knowledge transfer and exploitation

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### **Technology Development**

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- Project based technology road-mapping.
- Single fund for Project R&D.
- Project funded studentships.
- Four year studentships available.

Working With Industry

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Opening up funding to industry.

- Trial scheme being run by PPARC
  - initially for AURORA but then for Project R&D.

# Knowledge Transfer and Exploitation

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- News PIPSS
  - Focus on knowledge transfer
- Extended brokerage scheme

Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004-2014

- World class research at the UKs strongest centres of excellence.
- Greater responsiveness to the needs of the economy (knowledge transfer)
- Increased business investment in R&D and increased business engagement in drawing on the UK science base for ideas and talent.
- A strong supply of scientists, engineers and technologists.
- Sustainable and financially robust universities.

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Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004-2014

 PPARC is well placed to deliver the governments goals and is in a fantastic position to inspire the next generation of scientist and engineers.

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### "There are no such things as applied sciences, only applications of science".

Louis Pasteur

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Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004-2014