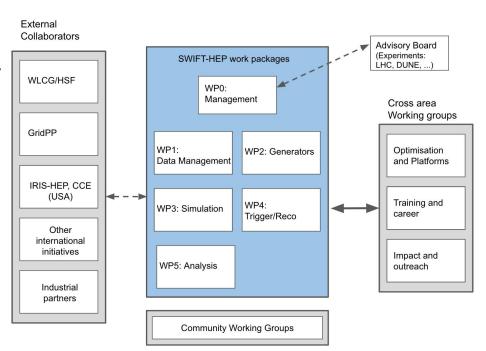
SWIFT-HEP and ExCALIBUR-HEP Workshop. Introduction

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Main news item

- SWIFT-HEP was approved by Science Board at the end of the last year
 - Approved for the full amount (around 1.5M£ over 3 years), plus some funding for 20/21
 - So we should start running the project!
 - Posts awarded as half-posts at universities.
 We will work with the institute Pls to organise these
 - New positions will be advertised in the coming months



Timeline and international dimension

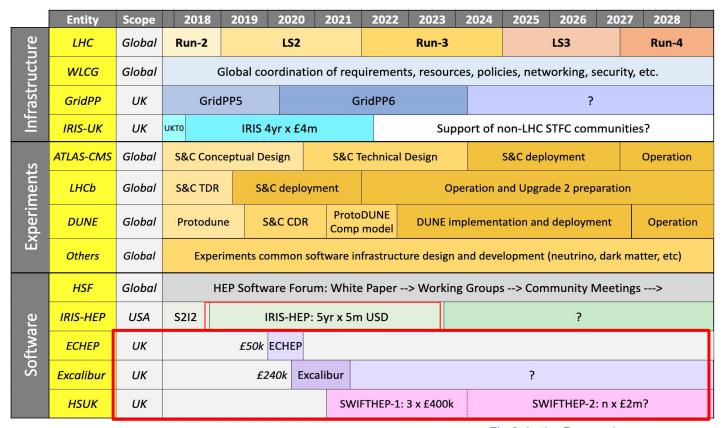


Fig 2. In the Proposal

Next steps forward

We made the case to STFC that we need a bigger project

- Indicated as SWIFTHEP-2
- Positive feedback on this
- Short document submitted to the Particle Physics Advisory Panel (PPAP)
- Submission made to UKRI and BEIS to explain how software and eInfrastructure are crucial for HEP

- ExCALIBUR

- Great initiative to get started
- This is a cross-disciplinary programme, it is very useful to create contacts with other disciplines
- E.g. we worked with the ExaLAT team (Lattice QCD) and we organised a parallel programming school together (talk tomorrow)
- On simulation, it jump started interaction with colleagues at CERN (AdePT) and in the USA (Celeritas as part of the ECP initiative)
- Discussion with the CCE project in the USA (talk later today). Explore collaborations

ExCALIBUR Phase-2 proposal in 2021

- Essential to exploit this collaborations and emphasise the cross-disciplinary aspects

Some organisational details

- The working groups established in ECHEP should continue
 - Initially with the same conveners appointed last Summer
 - Monthly catch-ups (?)
 - Mattermost channel should remain open, perhaps renamed
- Workshops
 - We aim to have two per year. Hopefully returning to a two-day format (with Social dinner!)
 - Plus a ~monthly newsletter to be distributed for news, job openings, etc
- Mailing list, website, etc
 - We have been using the ECHEP and Excalibur lists
 - I plan to tidy these up and create a swifthep list (as CERN egroup)
 - Communication will go through the list Once that is setup
 - We need a website, any volunteer to get this started
- And we need to re-establish advisory board, management board, etc meetings

Workshop today/tomorrow

- Two short sessions today and tomorrow
 - Reduced to the bare minimum to avoid zoom fatigue
 - We still managed a couple of external contributions
 - Nowhere near as complete as the workshop in Edinburgh last year

- Meeting etiquette

- Please stay muted when not talking
- Live notes attached to the agenda
- Use the HSF format with live notes (use also to ask questions, etc)