

# Electron Microscopy

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# BIS Consultation on Proposals for Long-Term Capital Investment in Science & Research

## ■ AIMS OF CONSULTATION

- To identify UK priorities in building a world-leading science and research infrastructure for the 2020s
- Government commitment to increase capital investment to £1.1 billion in 2015/16, growing with inflation to 2020/21
  - How should this be delivered?
  - Build a strategic vision for research infrastructure
  - Opportunities for leverage
  - Large/longer-term projects
  - Efficiencies: sharing/access/collaboration

# Consultation Questions

**Q1: How do we strike a balance between capital requirements at the project and institution level relative to large-scale capital projects, including international collaborations?**

**Q2: What should be the UK's priority projects for large-scale strategic capital investment in the national interest, including where appropriate collaborating in international infrastructure projects?**

# Timescales

- To be launched 26<sup>th</sup> April
- 6-8 weeks for consultation

# Tiers

- Large-scale capital projects (Government)
- Projects (RCs)
- HEI capital (HEFCE)

# Messages from Consultation

- Importance of leverage, sharing, collaboration all stressed
  - EPS has good examples of this that could usefully be highlighted
- Campuses seen as key drivers for innovation, inward investment etc.
  - How does this fit with EPS?
  - We don't have institutes, our `campuses` are the universities

# Issues for Discussion

## ■ Disciplines/sub-disciplines:

- Are there common issues?
- Can a long-term integrated roadmap (or roadmaps) be developed which has political appeal/impact?

## ■ High-profile `grand challenges`:

- What is the next `Quantum Technologies`?
- What are the next technique/measurement developments that would lead to breakthroughs in EPS research?

# Pyramidal Model for Electron Microscopy

- How is the pyramid populated now?
- How should it look in the future?
- How much will it cost to get there?
- Where do the funds come from for the different levels for capital and running costs?



# EPSRC Funding of Atomic Level Microscopy

- Around £20M capital since 2006
- £0.8M through core Chemistry call
- £7.5M (of ~£85M) through Great 8 Technologies Call
- £4.7M (of ~£40M) through Strategic Equipment Scheme
- **£13.6M (of a total of ~£47M) requested for “part B” of Core Chemistry call. Includes:**
  - FEI Titan Krios
  - FEG-TEM + HR-TEM imaging, STEM, tomography and EDX
  - SEM/Raman
  - FE SEM x 2
  - FEG-TEM column, SSD and STEM systems
  - EF-TEM