



# Input from UK academia

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# UK academia capabilities (1/3)

- NEO detection
  - Mission study for space-based asteroid detection
  - Asteroid orbit determination
- Asteroid impact characterisation
  - Computational modelling of impact processes
  - Long-term propagation of asteroid orbits
  - Uncertainty evaluation
  - Understanding large scale impacts
  - Characterising impact consequences and risk

# UK academia capabilities (2/3)

- NEO deflection
  - Space mission study for asteroid deflection
  - Modelling and optimisation of deflection dynamics
  - Modelling and design of NEO deflection technologies (i.e., kinetic impactor, nuclear blast, gravity tractor, laser ablation, low-thrust engine, ion beaming)
  - Comparative assessment of NEO deflection technologies
  - Fragmentation risk during deflection
  - Uncertainty evaluation
  - Guidance, navigation and control of close proximity operation
- Experimental for NEO deflection
  - Hypervelocity impact processes
  - Test for laser ablation

# UK academia capabilities (3/3)

- Asteroid exploitation and exploration
  - Space mission studies
  - Asteroid capture
  - Guidance, navigation and control of close proximity operation
  - Composition characterisation
- Policy
  - NEO mitigation decision-support tools

# Inputs from UK academia (1/4)

- Imperial College London
  - Asteroid impact characterisation
  - Project examples: Impact Earth!, iSALE
- University of Cranfield
  - Asteroid impact characterisation
  - NEO deflection
  - Asteroid exploitation and exploration
  - Project examples: ASTEROIDRETRIEVAL FP7 - MC
- University of Kent – Canterbury
  - Experimental for NEO deflection
  - Asteroid characterisation and observation
  - Project examples: OSIRIS ROSETTA, European Southern Observatory

# Inputs from UK academia (2/4)

- University of Glasgow
  - NEO deflection
  - Asteroid exploitation and exploration
  - Project examples: EPSRC
- The Open University
  - Asteroid impact characterisation
  - Asteroid characterisation
  - NEO deflection
  - Experimental for NEO deflection
  - Project examples: NEOShield, NEOShield 2, Rosetta MUPUS

# Inputs from UK academia (3/4)

- University of Southampton
  - NEO detection
  - Asteroid impact characterisation
  - NEO deflection
  - Asteroid exploitation and exploration
  - Policy
  - Project examples: Stardust EU FP7, NEOImpactor, NEOMiSS
- University of Strathclyde
  - NEO detection
  - Asteroid impact characterisation
  - NEO deflection
  - Experimental for NEO deflection
  - Asteroid exploitation and exploration
  - Project examples: Stardust EU FP7 (Coordinator), Lighttouch SYSNova

# Inputs from UK academia (4/4)

- University of Surrey
  - NEO deflection
  - Asteroid missions
  - Experimental for NEO deflection
  - Project examples: NEOShield, NEOShield 2
- The Queen's University of Belfast
  - Asteroid characterisation
  - Asteroid exploitation and exploration
  - Project examples: NEOShield, NEOShield 2