

# Universities meet Laboratories at the US Particle Accelerator School

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# Partnership in education is essential

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## Three principal partnership options

1. Regional university partnerships
  - a) John Adams Institute, Cockcroft Institute, Scottish University Programs in Accelerators
  - b) Center for Bright Beams & GEAR
2. Regional Accelerator Schools
  - a) The U.S. Particle Accelerator School
  - b) The CERN Accelerator School
  - c) Newer schools: Korea, Mexico, Scandinavia
3. Hybrid programs
  - a) USPAS degree programs, JUAS in Europe



## Option 1: Regional university partnerships Center for Bright Beams

- ❖ New NSF Science and Technology Center led by Cornell
  - Collaboration with 10 universities & 3 national labs from the US & Canada.
- ❖ Mission: Increase electron beam brightness by up to 100 x
  - Three lines of research
    - beam production, storage and transport, beam acceleration
- ❖ Strategy: Use an interdisciplinary team to build first principles understanding
- ❖ Includes an educational component
  - Primarily high schools and undergraduate
  - Ties to USPAS

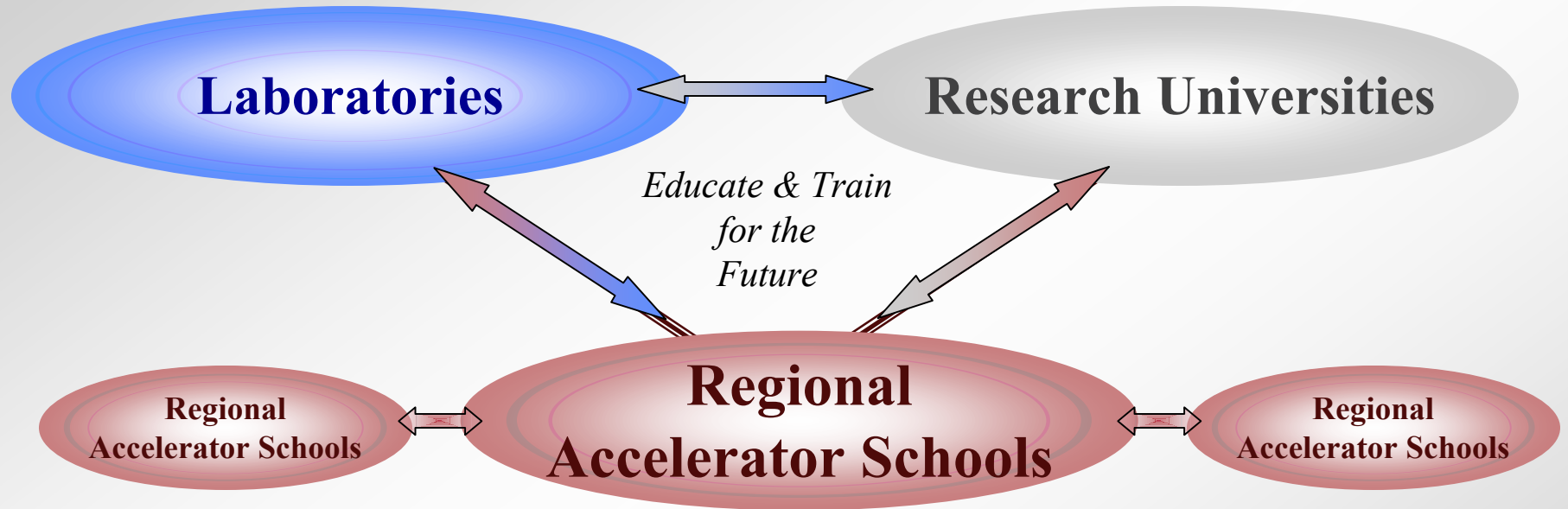


# Graduate Education in Accelerator Research aims to increase PhD students in accelerator physics



- ❖ Cornell invites doctoral students *from all universities* to carry out their thesis research at Cornell.
  - Students spend up to 2 years at Cornell doing research supervised by one of its accelerator faculty
    - They work on a topic of interest to home & Cornell faculty member
    - GEAR is open to European students
  - The student's home faculty advisor can also participate in the research
  - Before starting research at Cornell, the student is expected to *take prerequisite courses at the home institution and attend the USPAS*
- ❖ GEAR provides an opportunity that is rarely available
  - In-depth supervision by Cornell accelerator faculty
  - Extensive & deep interaction with the accelerator or device targeted by their research
- ❖ Up to 2 GEAR students will work alongside Cornell's doctoral students in accelerator physics.

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*The US Particle Accelerator School  
has granted more graduate-level academic credit  
in accelerator science & technology  
than any university in the world*



# Major US universities rely on USPAS as an essential partner to educate their students

- ❖ USPAS courses must be academically rigorous
  - Courses are vetted by host and partner universities
- ❖ Universities with strong graduate programs in accelerator physics provide the largest student attendance at USPAS
  - Only Cornell, MSU, UCLA, & Stanford have strong faculty lines (> 2 tenure track professors)

*Accelerator-based science needs several more such universities  
to assure an adequate, well trained professional workforce*

- ❖ Universities with research accelerators
  - Emphasize innovation in accelerator science
  - Promote undergraduate awareness through student jobs
    - MSU - 50 UGs annually; Cornell - 60 UGs annually
  - Offer exciting, hands-on opportunities to engineering students
  - Encourage student experimentalists to learn about accelerators



# USPAS Degree Program will move from Indiana to ODU

**Master of Science**  
in  
**Beam Physics and Accelerator Technology**  
from  
**Indiana University & USPAS**

**12 M.S. degrees awarded**

**8 Students are currently enrolled in program**

**Requirements: 30 Credit Hours with grade point average of B or above**

\* Attendance at USPAS course counts as IU residence on campus

\* IU/USPAS Courses

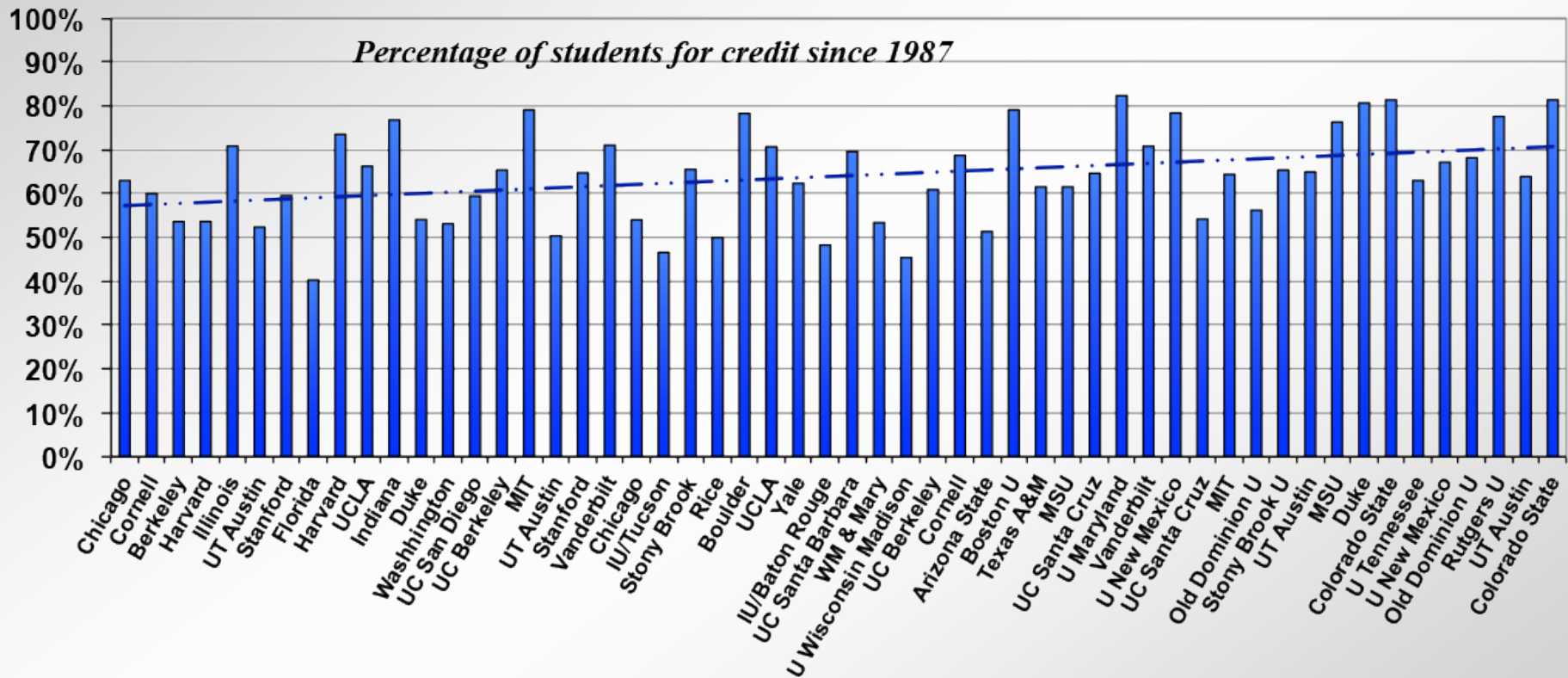
\* Master's Thesis (3 - 9 credits)

\* Final Examination or oral defense of thesis

*Obviously academic credit is essential to a degree program*



# Academic credit is the hallmark of USPAS >2/3 of students now take courses for credit







## Moves toward a deeper academic presence

- ❖ Under the leadership Prof. Jean Delayen, Old Dominion University (ODU) is establishing a USPAS-affiliated Ph.D.
  - First step: all USPAS courses will be co-listed as ODU courses
  - Second step: ODU Masters program
  - USPAS Director is an Adjunct ODU Physics faculty
- ❖ Stony Brook, MSU & MIT grant direct credit for USPAS courses
  - MIT now has a “flexible major” in accelerator physics
- ❖ Cornell is also exploring co-listing all USPAS courses
- ❖ Un. of Chicago is considering co-listing undergraduate “Fundamentals” & graduate “Accelerator Physics”

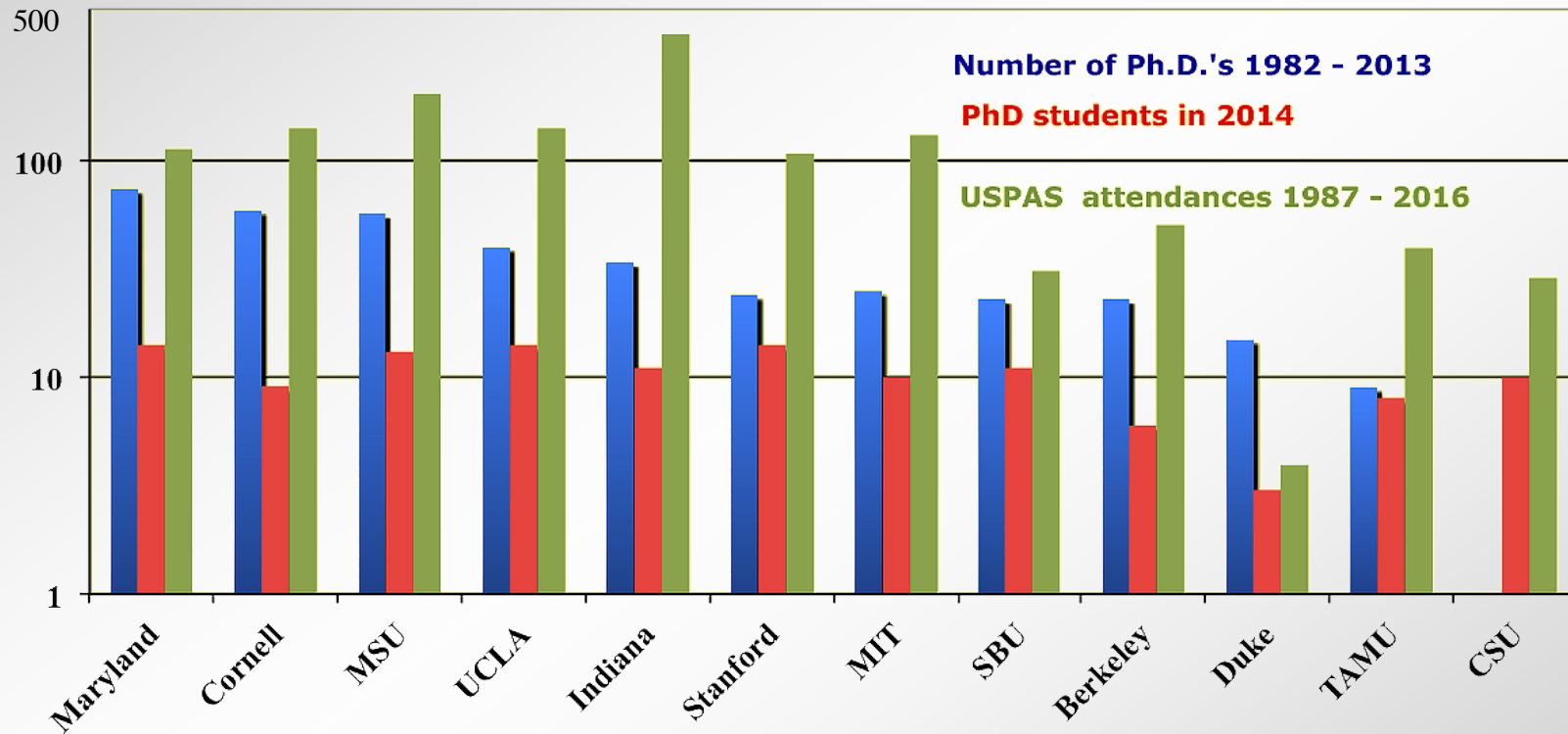


## US labs & universities rely on USPAS to build the workforce of the future

- ❖ Universities with strong graduate programs in accelerator physics provide the largest student attendance at USPAS
- ❖ 2 schools annually hosted by a major research university
  - 8 intensive university courses run in parallel
    - (45 contact hours in 2 weeks)
  - Mentored & graded homework, final exams and/or projects
  - Balanced curriculum: physics v. engineering, lectures v. hands-on
- ❖ Typical attendance per school ~ 135 - 140 students
  - Scholarships are available for matriculated, for-credit students
  - Workload for for-credit students during our courses > 8 hour/day



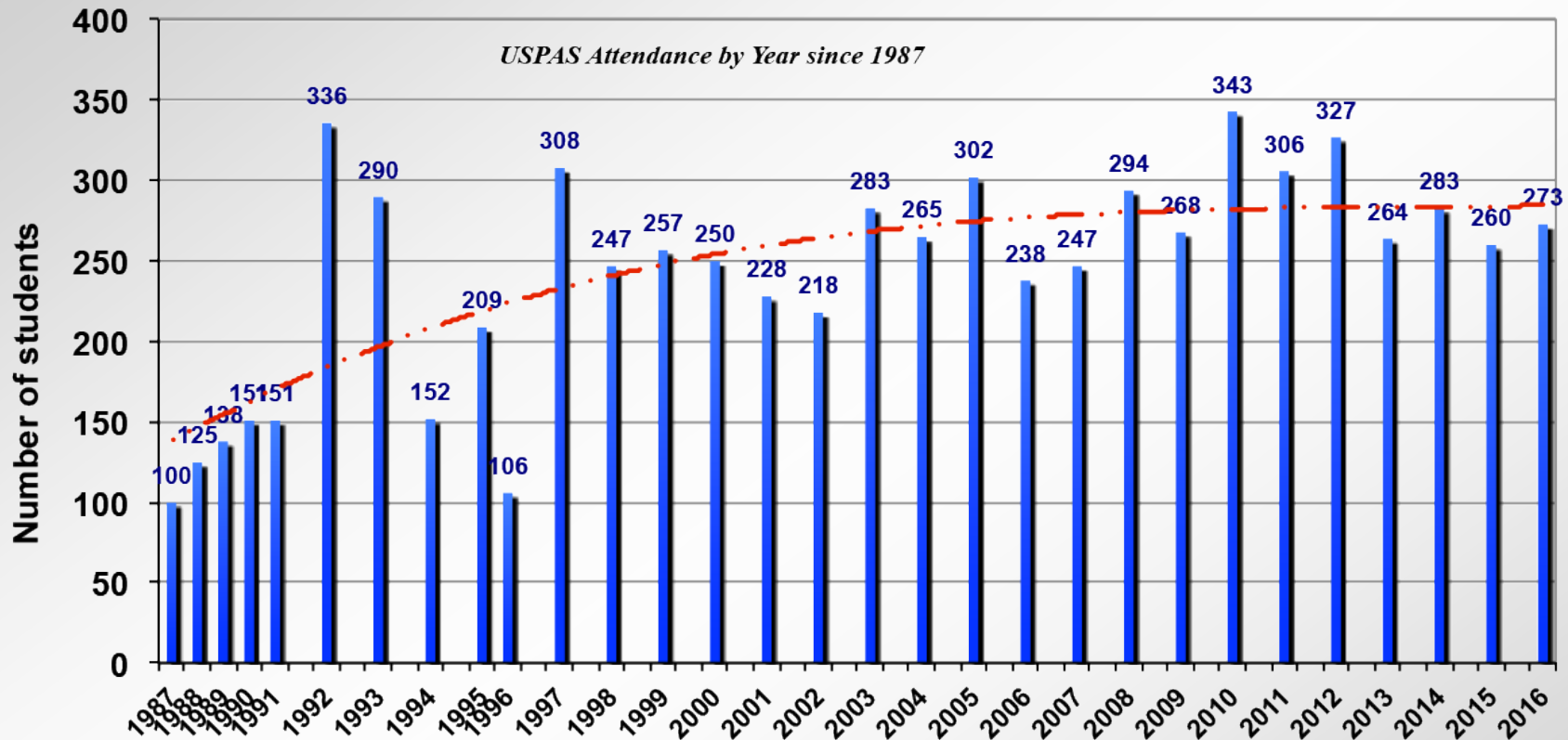
# Universities with strong accelerator programs send the most students to USPAS sessions



*The universities expect their students to earn credit*



# USPAS attendance in academic sessions



*~300 students per year is a natural plateau with 2 sessions per year  
Having more than 150 per sessions usually incurs difficult logistical issues.  
An additional annual session would require increased office staff.*



## USPAS has a broad impact in our profession

- ❖ 50 university-style schools with >4000 individual students
- ❖ ~2000 work in the field of accelerator science or accelerator-based science
- ❖ ~250 have become intellectual leaders in their field
- ❖ >160 USPAS instructors have taken USPAS courses
- ❖ 26 USPAS graduate students have become USPAS instructors
- ❖ 23 have become DOE program or Site Office managers



## In FY15: 30-year retrospective review by DOE/HEP

- ❖ Required by Office of Management and Budget
  - All aspects of the School were examined
- ❖ “USPAS very effectively delivers both training and workforce development ... The USPAS program is *of high quality and remarkable breadth*”
- ❖ the *laboratory members* of the [USPAS] Consortium uniformly commend the value of USPAS, and *all attest that USPAS is vital for development and training of their laboratory workforce.*
- ❖ “The management structure of USPAS, with a Board of Governors, Curriculum Advisory Committee, and Director and staff is appropriate. The *structure and management team are effective.* The USPAS program is cost effective. “

*Despite “getting an A,” a large change was mandated by DOE*

- ❖ Ends USPAS “ownership” by the U.S. accelerator community
- ❖ Consortium of labs no longer directly fund USPAS sessions
  - Consortium no longer chooses the USPAS Director
- ❖ USPAS becomes a Fermilab program funded by DOE OHEP
  - Makes Fermilab Director fully responsible for the USPAS
  - USPAS Director *must be* a Fermilab employee
    - Will be reduced to a half-time position
  - No other direct funding is permitted
  - USPAS lab collaboration still funds the participation by their staff as instructors *and their affiliated students*
  - An Advisory Council of the collaboration provides guidance related to curriculum & operational details
- ❖ This change was accompanied by a substantial cut in total funding for FY16 - FY18 (and likely beyond)
  - Funds for sessions reduced by 30%



## Consequences of changes in governance: New policies & procedures to control costs

- ❖ Reduce number of courses in parallel from 8 to 6 per session
- ❖ Reduce scholarships by 30% based on proven fiscal model
  - USPAS Collaboration labs must pay for their affiliated students
  - No scholarship support for post-docs
  - Reduced percentage of foreign scholarships
    - Primarily affects students from non-visa waiver countries
- ❖ Session venues will be primarily in third tier cities
  - All hotel contracts must be at the US government rates
- ❖ Reduce computer rentals for classrooms
  - Via increased use of computer lab
- ❖ Reduce other expenses
  - Emphasize using USPAS Collaboration instructors
  - Strongly limit costs of A-V rentals, coffee breaks, etc.





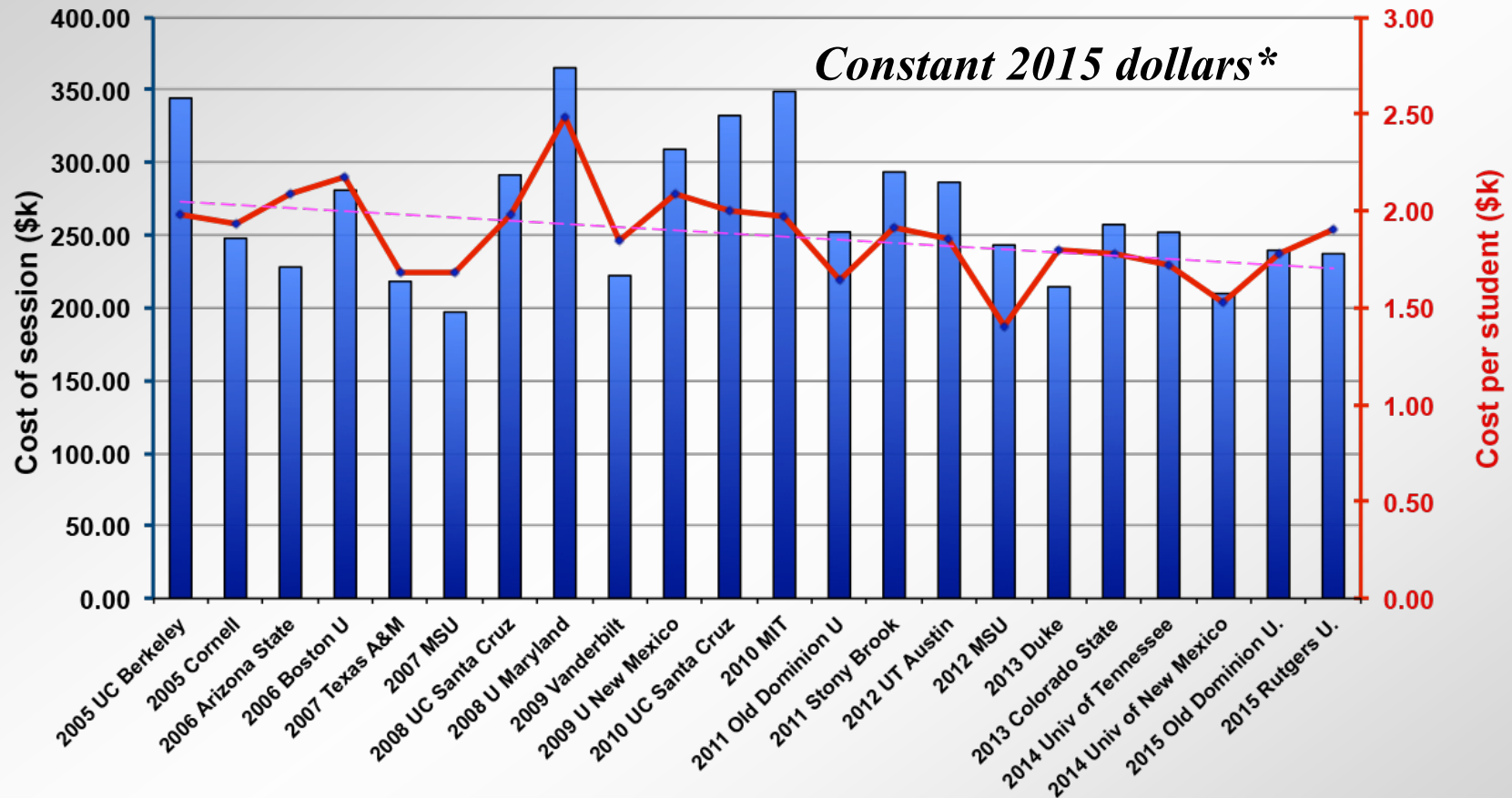
# Expected consequences of new governance

- ❖ Average attendance is likely fall by ~25% ↓
- ❖ University vs. national lab demographics will likely change ↓
- ❖ Frequency of offering important specialty courses will decrease
  - Still offer the undergrad & graduate introductions every session
  - Coordination with CAS is more important than ever
- ❖ Outreach to developing countries will diminish ↓
  - We will continue collaborations with new regional schools using legacy funds
- ❖ We will continue to promote the Joint International School
  - USPAS, CAS, KEK, & Budker ↔
    - Next session in Japan in October 2017

*For FY17 the logistics of implementation are an experiment*



# Declining real costs of USPAS sessions (2005 – 2015)



*Cost control receives the continual attention  
of the USPAS Director & Office Manager*

\* Inflation rates are based on Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



# National laboratories cannot replace the principal role of research universities



- ❖ Talented undergraduates must become aware of the intellectual challenge & excitement of our field
  - A particular challenge with respect to interesting engineering students
- ❖ Top undergraduates expect to study at a great university
- ❖ Graduate students *should* spend a large fraction of time on campus during their first couple of years
  - An education at a great lab is not an education at a great university

*We must continue to build the presence of accelerator science & engineering on campuses*



**Our students will be the future leaders of our field**

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*Anna Grasselino just won the 2017 USPAS prize*

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  - Retain volume structure, but pdf's of papers are available before issues are complete



## Editorial changes: Shift areas of coverage & raise quality

- ❖ Eliminate fission reactor & isotope separation papers
  - Exception for reactor instrumentation
- ❖ Restrict Monte Carlo papers
  - Exception for major research instruments & highly novel concepts
  - Papers should include experimental test data
- ❖ Transfer dosimetry & beam interactions with matter to NIM-B
- ❖ Increased emphasis on synchrotron radiation & X-ray optics
  - Associated with the Siegbahn Prize
- ❖ Decreased the number of proceedings issues
  - Emphasize core constituencies & their meetings
- ❖ More special topical issues (invited) & invited review papers
  - Includes Virtual Special Issues
- ❖ Generally, we have increased rejection rate

- ❖ How to react to “Open Access” and “Open Data” mandates
  - We offer Gold Open Access
  - We participate in SCOPE3
  
- ❖ How to decrease time to publication (doi issued)
  
- ❖ How to serve scientists in developing countries without lowering standards
  
- ❖ Detecting plagiarism including double publications
  - We routinely use CrossCheck (iThenticate)
  - All editors are enrolled with Committee on Publication Ethics
  - How to handle cases of academic misconduct



# Publication of our work in accelerator science & technology

Developing our journals  
for accelerator physics and technology

A discussion led by

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# Option 1: Publish in peer-reviewed journals for accelerator-related papers

- ❖ Prestige journals (multi-discipline):
  - Nature (mostly for “advanced acceleration”)
  - Science (mostly for “advanced acceleration” & FELs)
- ❖ High impact physics journals
  - Physical Review Letters, Reviews of Modern Physics, Reviews in Physics
- ❖ Most commonly used
  - Nuclear Instruments and Methods - A, Physical Review - Accelerators and Beams
- ❖ IEEE Transactions (derived from accelerator conferences)
  - Applied Superconductivity, Nuclear Science
- ❖ Other venues
  - J. Inst., J. Plasma Physics (JPP), J. Synchrotron Radiat. (Light sources), J. Vac. Sci. Technol., NIM-B, Rev. Sci. Inst., Science Reports (multi-discipline)
- ❖ Specialty
  - Reviews of Accelerator Science and Technology (by invitation, final issue in press)



# How could these journals serve us better?

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- ❖ Mostly for NIM-A and PRAB
  - Increase rejection rates to improve average quality?
  - Decrease time to publication?
  - Decrease time to issue doi (digital object identifier) for quick citation?
  - *Why would these changes make a difference to you?*
- ❖ Are you willing to pay a premium price to publish in a prestige journal (i.e., Nature or Science)? Would you accept embargo until publication?
  - *Why?*
- ❖ Do you favor open (public) review on the web rather than conventional anonymous peer review?
- ❖ PRAB was an experiment as one of the very first Open Access journals.
  - Should our community try another new experiment in publications?

- ❖ JaCOW proceedings
  - FEL Conference, IPAC, Linac Conference, NAPAC
- ❖ Other conference proceedings
  - Cyclotron, Ion Beam, Advance Accelerator Conferences
- ❖ Should some of these have “light peer review?”
  - What would “light peer review” mean?
  - Would it be useful? To whom? Why?
  - What would be the cost?
  - How would it affect copyrights?
  - How does it affect self-plagiarism & double-publication ethics?
  - Who should the publisher be? Commercial or professional society?
    - IOP (UK) is doing a trial



## Option 3: Rely on the arXiv.org

Do you get more professional credit for peer-reviews ?

- ❖ Do you submit papers first to the arXiv before sending to a journal?
  - If so in which subject area? *Physics* or *HEP-Experiment*
  - *Physics* includes: Accelerator Physics; Atmospheric & Oceanic Physics; Atomic Physics; Atomic & Molecular Clusters; Biological Physics; Chemical Physics; Classical Physics; Computational Physics; Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability; Fluid Dynamics; General Physics; Geophysics; History & Philosophy of Physics; Instrumentation & Detectors; Medical Physics; Optics; Physics Education; Physics & Society; Plasma Physics; Popular Physics; Space Physics
  
- ❖ Should arXiv have a separate section just for Accelerator Physics & Technology?



## Option 4: Should we have a new journal for accelerator science / technology?

- ❖ Certain classes of technical work don't clear the threshold for our most commonly used journals
  - Papers from developing countries often are in this category
- ❖ Should there be a place for publishing new implementations of standard technology - often with minor modifications?
  - Elsevier started a multi-discipline gold open access journal, Methods X, for that purpose.
    - Publication fee is \$500. The papers do get a real peer review
  - The researchers do need to get some credit in their own institutions and from their own funding agencies
- ❖ Are there other types of work that would benefit from a new journal?
- ❖ Should computational accelerator science have its own journal?