



4th UK-Japan FoS 2025

Feedback Survey



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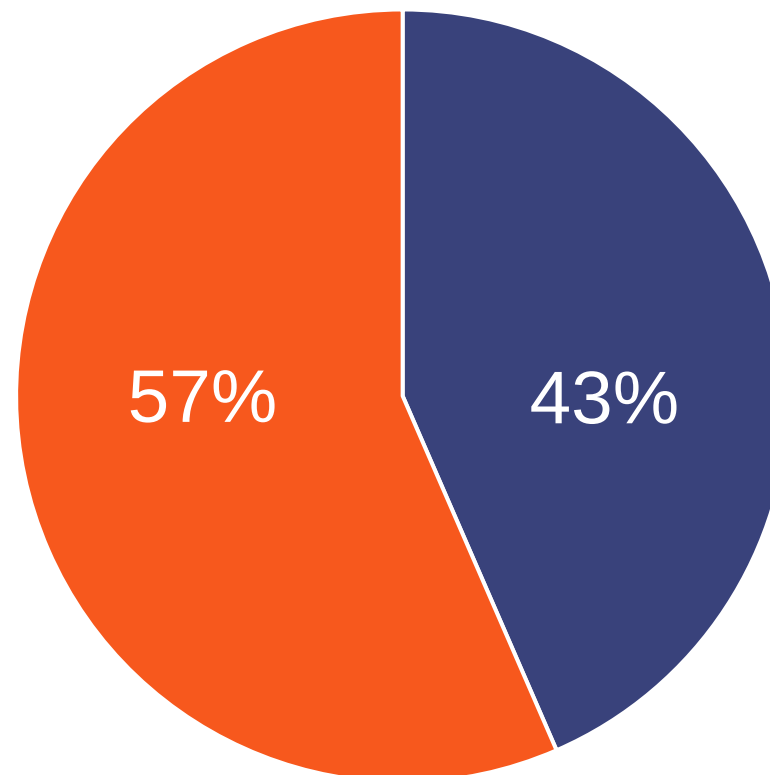


Q1	Please indicate if you are a UK or Japan based participant	☐ UK ☐ Japan
Q2	Please indicate your role in the meeting	☐ Planning group member ☐ Speaker ☐ Poster presenter/general participant
Q3	How would you rate your overall experience?	☐ Excellent ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Poor
Q4	Why did you give this rating?	(Free answer)
Q5	Q5-1: Did you have everything you needed before the meeting? ----- Q5-2: If no, what did you not have?	☐ Yes ☐ No ----- (Free answer)
Q6	Do you think the meeting met its objective to build and strengthen scientific ties between ECRs from the UK and Japan, and to provide opportunities for knowledge sharing, networking and peer-on-peer scientific discussion on areas of scientific strength and where further collaboration might be possible.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree
Q7	How would you rate the length of the talks?	☐ Far too long ☐ Slightly longer than necessary ☐ Perfectly timed ☐ Slightly too short ☐ Far too short
Q8	How would you rate the quality of the talks?	☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Very poor
Q9	Do you feel the meeting provided you with enough opportunities and time for networking with other attendees?	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree
Q10	Based on your experience, would you attend another meeting of this format again?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Q11	Please add any thoughts, ideas or comments which may help us in planning future meetings including session format, length of presentations and session content.	(Free answer)



Q1: Please indicate if you are a UK or Japan based participant

ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
■ UK	10	43%
■ Japan	13	57%
TOTAL	23	100%

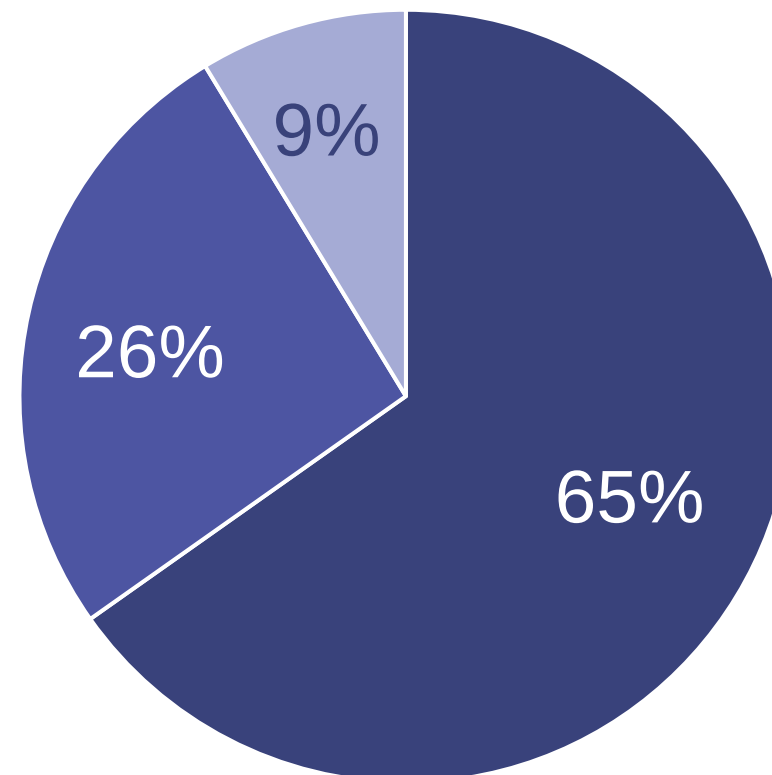


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Q2: Please indicate your role in the meeting

ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
■ Poster presenter/ general participant	15	65%
■ Speaker	6	26%
■ Planning group member	2	9%
TOTAL	23	100%

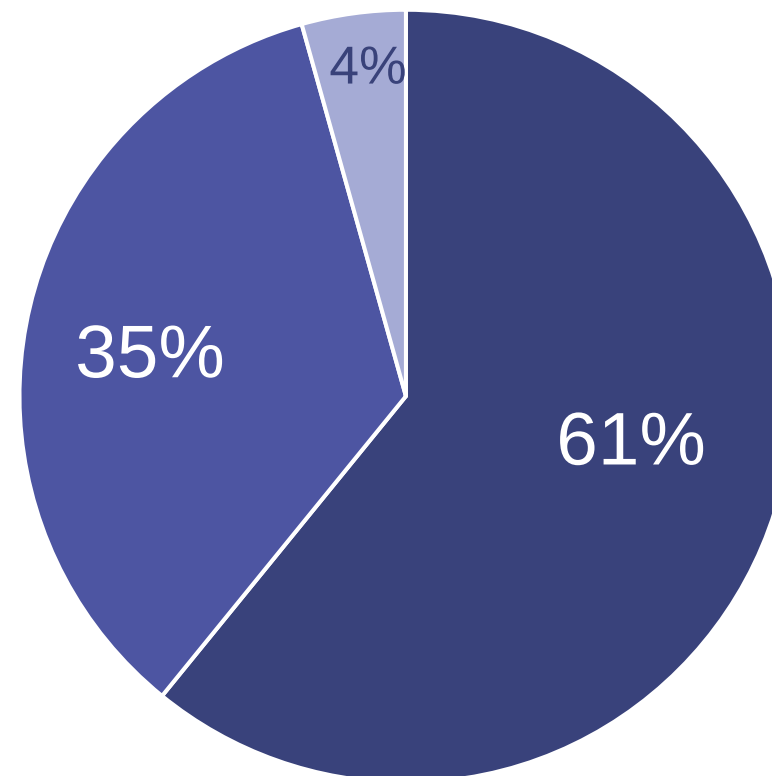


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Q3: How would you rate your overall experience?

ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
■ Excellent	14	61%
■ Very good	8	35%
■ Good	1	4%
Average	0	0%
Poor	0	0%
TOTAL	23	100%



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Q4: Why did you give this rating? (1)

Excellent	Meeting was high quality, interesting, and opened new horizons.
Excellent	I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to listen to the talks of people who are currently making remarkable contributions in their respective fields, and to be able to speak with them directly. This experience not only boosted my motivation for research, but also gave me a clearer sense of the path — and way of life — of being a researcher.
Excellent	I think the format was excellent with a diverse range of speakers and lots of room for discussion
Excellent	All the participants were great researchers and I was stimulated from them a lot. I regret that I could not start international joint study, but I hope I will start in the near future. Also, it was the first time for me to go to London and I got great experiences.
Excellent	I could interact many people outside of my research field.
Excellent	I met researchers from different fields whom I would not usually encounter in my research environment, and to engage in meaningful discussions. It allowed me to broaden my perspective as a researcher.
Excellent	Different type of symposium with diverse people and topics; extreme hospitality
Excellent	I really appreciated the range of topics covered and the interesting discussions.
Excellent	I learned so many things that have got me thinking and inspired me. I think it is so beneficial to have dialogue between fields and to see new approaches and ways of thinking. I have always had an interest in interdisciplinary science, and this was a rare opportunity to hear from and talk to a range of experts in other fields. In my own field, I learnt about research going on in Japan that I didn't previously know about and had some really interesting discussions. The attendees and organisers were all fantastic, making the culture of the event really open and friendly and positive.
Excellent	The meeting was well-organized and informative. I found the topics relevant and the discussions engaging.
Excellent	Excellent hospitality; the wonderful venue, pleasant coffee breaks and enjoyable excursions encouraged us to interact with people from diverse backgrounds
Excellent	I was able to have extensive discussions about my field and a variety of other fields. I made good connections with researchers in UK.
Excellent	The sessions were very interesting, and the event very enjoyable
Excellent	Friendly interactions, interesting content, lots of opportunity to learn



Q4: Why did you give this rating? (2)

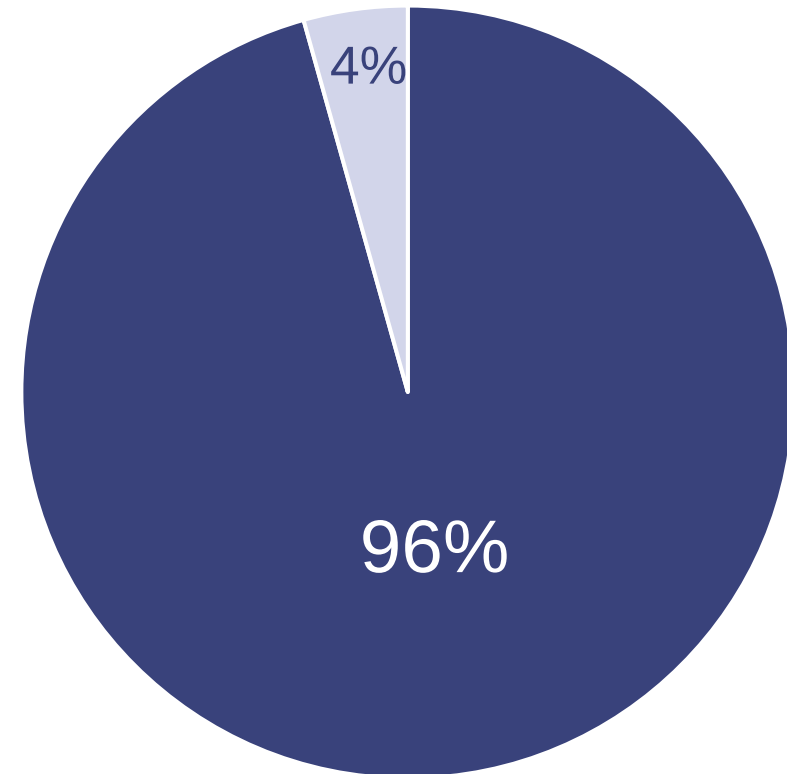
Very good	Good connections, well looked after, great talks.
Very good	This was a very interesting format - the interdisciplinary nature of the meeting was both enjoyable and productive.
Very good	The program was excellent. But the schedule was too tight for me.
Very good	It was amazing to have interactions between different disciplines.
Very good	Participating in the symposium was a very interesting and valuable experience, particularly because I had the opportunity to listen to talks from a wide range of research fields. However, I found that the use of highly specialized terminology presented a significant challenge, especially in biology-related presentations. Although tools like ChatGPT helped me quickly clarify unfamiliar terms, I still struggled to follow substantial portions of the content. Because of this, networking with researchers from different fields, particularly those from the UK whose areas of expertise were outside my own, proved difficult. Nonetheless, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to connect and engage with researchers working within my own field, which I found highly rewarding.
Very good	It was overall very nice. But maybe the topics are little bit inclined to boomed fields. The fields them selves have two biomed fields but this time both physics and chemistry handled bio at least in part.
Very good	I could network with scientists I had never met before and explore topics I don't usually come into contact with.
Very good	The quality of the science is high and diverse. It was also a very interesting experience to interact with researchers from such a broad range of topics.
Good	My experience was positive, however I feel like the variety of subjects covered was a bit too broad, so I found it hard to connect to other participants outside my area. I am wondering whether having an overall theme connecting the different sessions might be a useful way to plan future meetings? Then whilst the participants might be far away in the content of their research, they might be brought together by the methodology they use or their overall goal.

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Q5-1: Did you have everything you needed before the meeting?

ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
■ Yes	22	96%
■ No	1	4%
TOTAL	23	100%



Q5-2: If no, what did you not have?

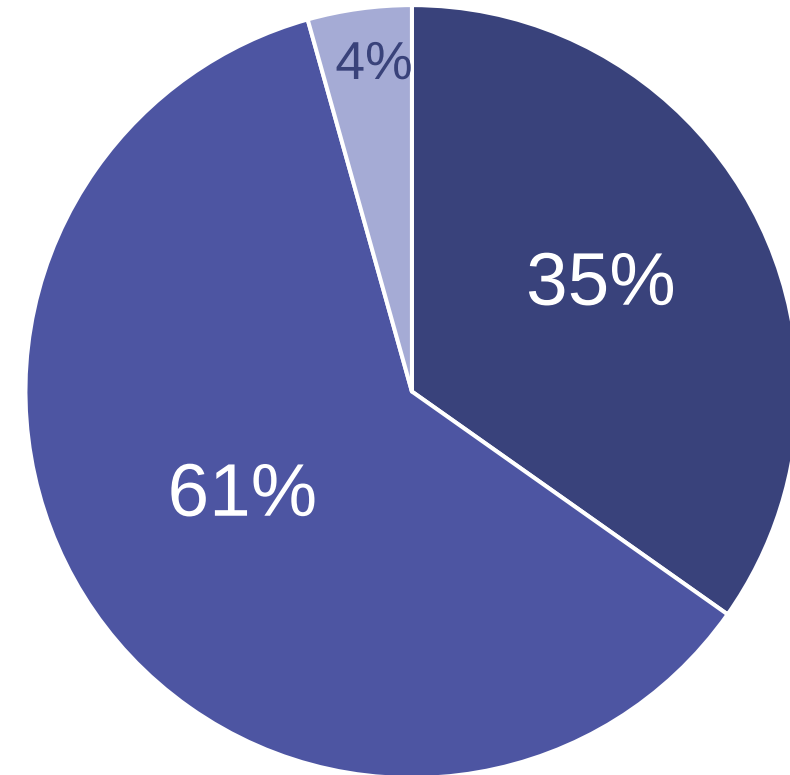
No	I wanted more information on how my session would be conducted and what we would be discussed.
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Q6: Do you think the meeting met its objective to build and strengthen scientific ties between ECRs from the UK and Japan, and to provide opportunities for knowledge sharing, networking and peer-on-peer scientific discussion on areas of scientific strength and where further collaboration might be possible.



ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
Strongly agree	8	35%
Agree	14	61%
Neutral	1	4%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly disagree	0	0%
TOTAL	23	100%

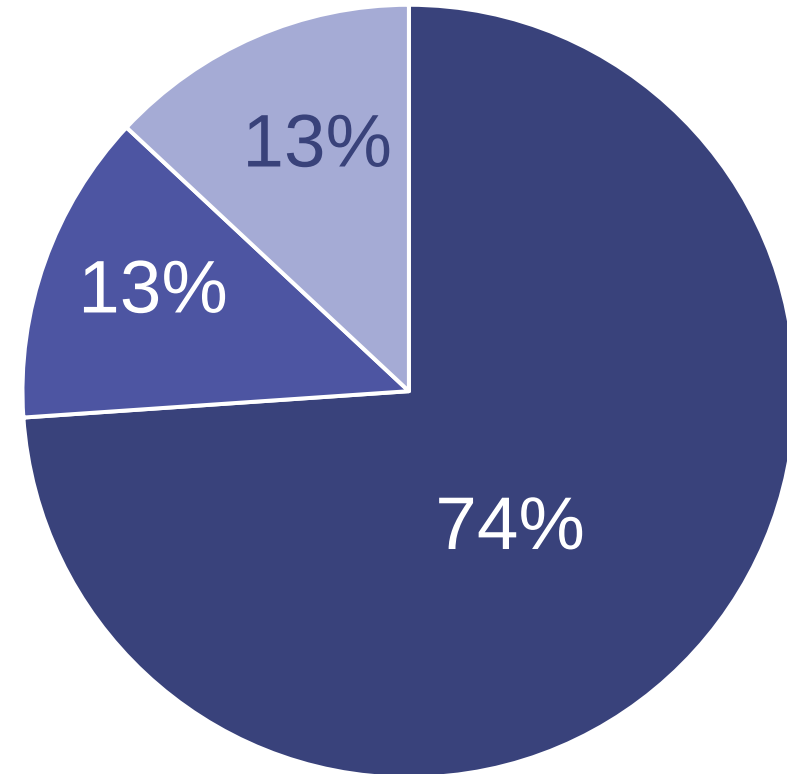


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Q7: How would you rate the length of the talks?

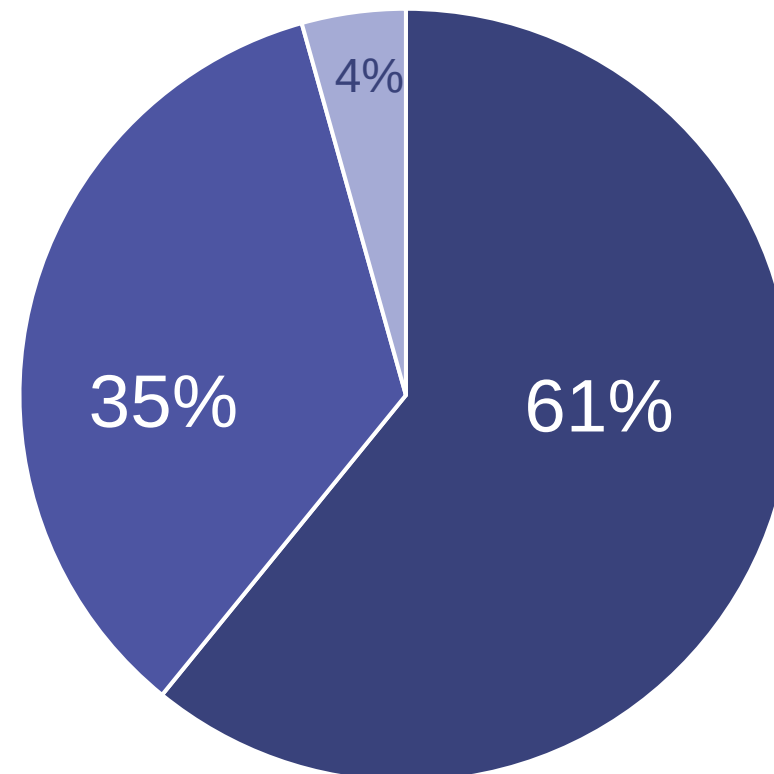
ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
Perfectly timed	17	74%
Slightly longer than necessary	3	13%
Slightly too short	3	13%
Far too long	0	0%
Far too short	0	0%
TOTAL	23	100%



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Q8: How would you rate the quality of the talks?

ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
■ Excellent	14	61%
■ Good	8	35%
■ Fair	1	4%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	0	0%
TOTAL	23	100%

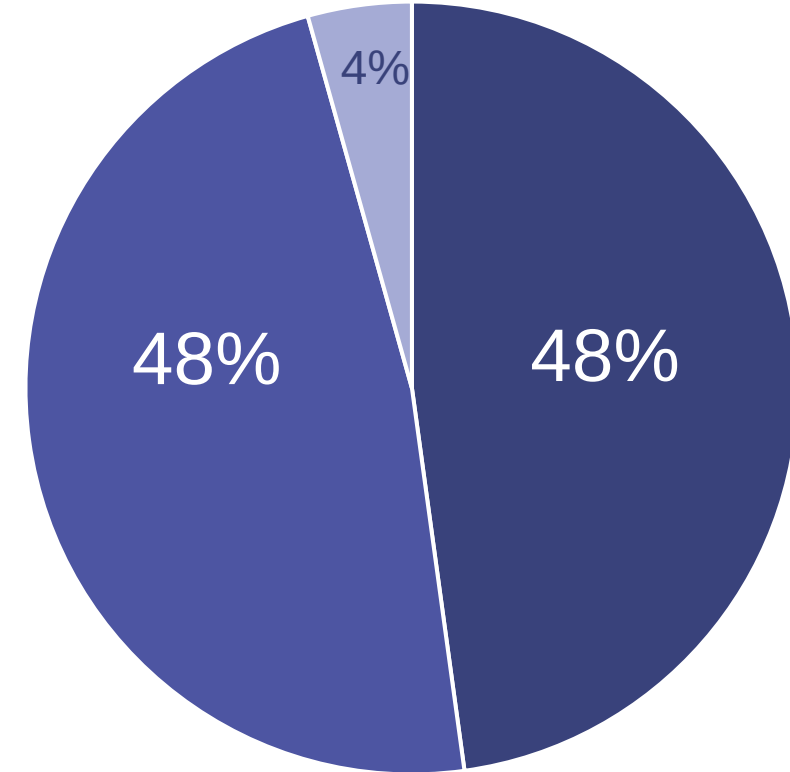


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Q9: Do you feel the meeting provided you with enough opportunities and time for networking with other attendees?



ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
Strongly agree	11	48%
Agree	11	48%
Neutral	1	4%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly disagree	0	0%
TOTAL	23	100%

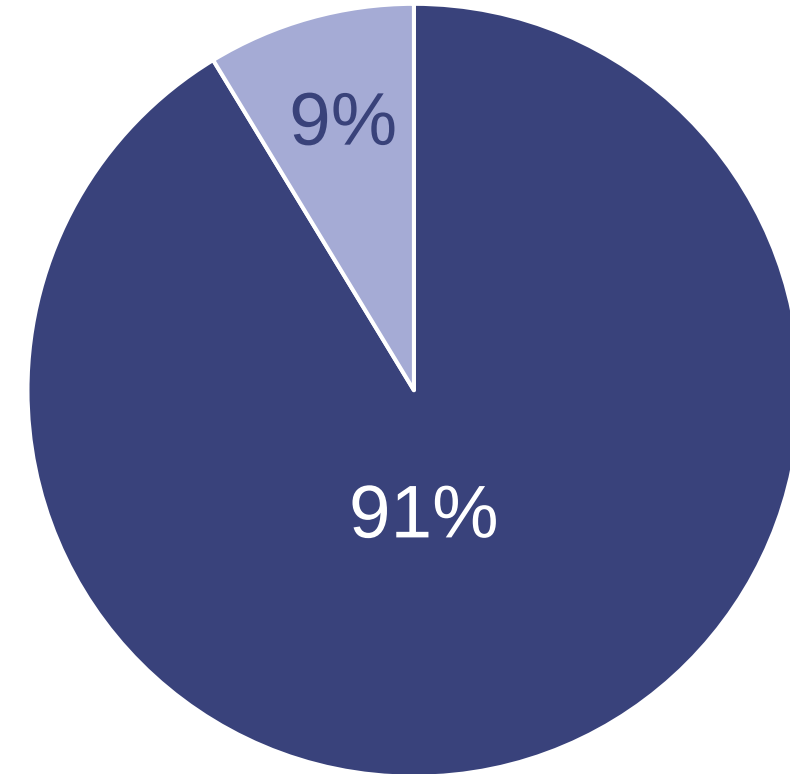


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Q10: Based on your experience, would you attend another meeting of this format again?

ANSWER CHOICES	ANSWER	PERCENTAGE
■ Yes	21	91%
■ No	2	9%
TOTAL	23	100%



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Q11: Please add any thoughts, ideas or comments which may help us in planning future meetings including session format, length of presentations and session content (1)



It was an excellent meeting. I made new connections on both sides. To be honest, I may be more likely to pursue some of the UK ones in the near-term due to proximity/ease of access. Yet, I have been in touch with 4 of the researchers based in Japan already about possibility of future visits/conferences.

I found as a parent that 8:30am start to a late finish was very challenging to find time to stay in touch with my children.

I feel like the pacing of the meeting was a little odd: there was a lot of time for networking and chatting, but then the sessions were very intense without breaks. A good example is the Wednesday session: we have a 8:30 start which went continuously until 11am. And then there were 2 hours and a half break between lunch and the posters. I think having a coffee break in the middle of the sessions would have been good (I found it quite hard to follow the discussion after four talks without break). Also, as mentioned above, I feel like the sessions were too far apart in content: I think it would have been really beneficial to specify an overall theme (e.g. net zero, or AI, or similar. So that there participants were brought together either by methodology or overall aim of their research).

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who organized this symposium and to all those who participated.

The participants from away side should be arrived one day before of the event. I was monitoring my remaining energy by wearable devices, and it shows the lowest level during a whole event since I arrived airport.

Thank you for the organizers to give me a change to attend such a nice conference. Just a small comment: Most of the talks were really well prepared for audience with different background. But, I felt that some talks had less consideration (too specific, too much technical terms). It would be better if you could give more instruction to speakers in advance.

Q11: Please add any thoughts, ideas or comments which may help us in planning future meetings including session format, length of presentations and session content (2)



I understand both RSC and JSPS focus on fundamental science. But it could be more strategic for long lasting partnership between UK and Japan. I myself understood some challenges that UK researchers face but I'm not sure if other participants shared. Researchers in both countries have more specific challenges in their country, significantly affecting their research environment. For example, brexit for the uk and strong aging for Japan. Also global competitions in acquiring talented students and people from other countries. Having one topical session on this kind would help the effectiveness of the workshop.

Some planning group members presented whereas others did not - a clearer direction on if PGMs should present or not would have been helpful and to make it uniform across all participants.

During the question time, I thought that placing a microphone in one place and having questioners line up would be fairer than having questioners raise their hands and being selected by the PGMs.

I really like the discussion-based format of the event - it felt like exactly the right format. The only suggestion I would have is that I wonder if in future it might be possible to have a way to submit questions electronically rather than by putting up your hand so that people who are a bit more shy feel more able to ask questions.

I would have appreciated more time for networking and informal discussions, perhaps by reducing the number/length of the talks.

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