

SKA1 commitment plan of Japan



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Treatment of SKA1 in this symposium

- SKA1 was proposed to the MEXT Roadmap 2023
- To avoid any interference to the roadmap selection process, SKA1 was not asked to submit the Lol and the document (申請書)
- We appreciate SOC's special concerns to SKA1

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Square Kilometre Array Phase 1

The world **16 countries** commit **~2B Euro** in total and construct/operate the world-largest radio interferometer **in 2020's**



SKA Convention (2021.1.15~)
Inter-governmental organization

SKA Observatory

Decision Making
SKAO Council

Science and Engineering
Advisory Committee

Finance Committee

Time Allocation
Committee

Other Committees

UK
Headquarter
At Jodrell Bank
Observatory



Australia
LOW Observatory
(50-350 MHz)

131k units (512 stations)
Max 65km baseline (SKA1)



1.25M units (4880 stations)
Max 300km (SKA2)

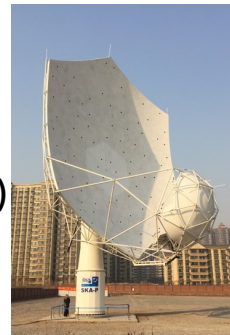


South Africa
MID Observatory
(0.35-15.4 GHz)

197 (15m & 13.5m) dishes
Max 150km baseline (SKA1)



2000 (15m) dishes
Max 3000km (SKA2)



- SKA1: **10x better sensitivity**, **10x better resolution**, wider field-of-view & multi-mode → **100x better survey capability** than before
- Only-one world-largest telescope covering the long-wavelength radio (<1GHz) in 2020's
- **Diverse Science** (Epoch of Reionization, Gravity Theory with Pulsars, Magnetism, Cosmology, Galaxy Evolution, Astrobiology, Transients, ...)
- **General-purpose**, international **common-use** telescope
- SKA1 **construction started** in July 2021
- Full operation in ~2028

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Scope of SKA1 Project



■ SKA Phase 1 (SKA1)

- SKA1 construction and operation were endorsed at the first Council in February 2021
- SKA1 construction was started in July 2021

■ Cost for SKA1 to 2030

- Construction: 1297 M€
- Operation: 725 M€

(Including the development program? Yes) SKA Observatory Development Program (SODP) is out of the scope of the SKA1 design and construction. However, the SODP is within the budget of the SKA phase 1. Therefore, **our proposal includes the participation to the SODP.**

(Including SKA2? No) Although the SKA Council has ambition to the SKA phase 2, the Council has concentrated on the implementation of the SKA phase 1. There is less discussion about the phase 2, so that the budget and schedule for the phase 2 are totally unclear. **Therefore, our proposal scopes only the phase 1 and does not include the phase 2 of the SKA.**

■ End of construction and start of stable operation including key science projects (KSPs)

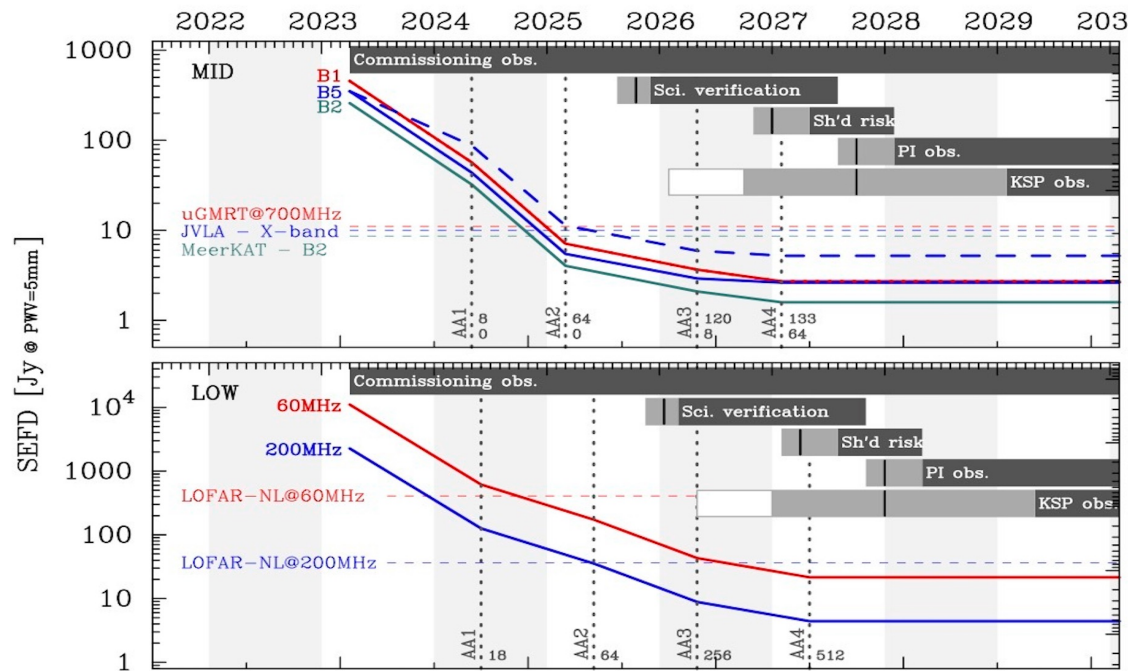
Early (AA2) operation 2025~

Full (AA4orAA*) operation 2029~

Data release SV

SKA1 stable operation

SKA1 extension or toward SKA2



SODP (SKA Observatory Development Program) will start soon. Some candidates:

- Extend $B_{\max}$ to 300 km
- Band 3/4 (2-5 GHz)
- **Band 6/7 (15-50 GHz)**
- Band 1 phased array feed
- **VLBI**
- # of beamform to 1500
- Data processor to 100 PFlops

Phased integration of arrays

End of Construction 2029 July

Table 34: Characteristics of each Array Assembly (AA) milestone and the functionality delivered.

Telescope		AA0.5	AA1	AA2	AA3	AA4
LOW	Stations	8	18	64	256	512
	Observing Modes*	Basic imaging		Pulsar Timing, Dynamic Spectrum	Pulsar Search, Transient Capture	VLBI
MID	Dishes	4	8	64	121	197
	Integrated MeerKAT dishes	0	0	1	8	84
	Receiver bands	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2 5 (on 32 dishes)	1, 2 5 (on 64 dishes)	1, 2, 5
	Observing Modes*	Basic imaging	Basic Pulsar Timing	Pulsar Search	Scaled up capability of existing functions	Dynamic Spectrum, Transient Capture, VLBI

Decision of delivery system

AA*

AA* = AA3 and AA4 will be combined to reduce the risk in the case of budget shortage in future

AA* decision will be made at the end of AA1 (2025)

Updated construction schedule

Milestone Event (earliest)		SKA-Mid (end date)	SKA-Low (end date)
Construction Approval		2021 Jul	2021 Jul
AA0.5	4 dishes 6 stations	2025 May	2024 Nov
AA1	8 dishes 18 stations	2026 Apr	2025 Nov
AA2	64 dishes 64 stations	2027 Mar	2026 Oct
AA*	144 dishes 307 stations	2027 Dec	2028 Jan
Operations Readiness Review		2028 Apr	2028 Apr
End of Staged Delivery programme		2028 Jul 2029 Mar	2028 Jul 2029 Mar
AA4	197 dishes 512 stations	TBD	TBD

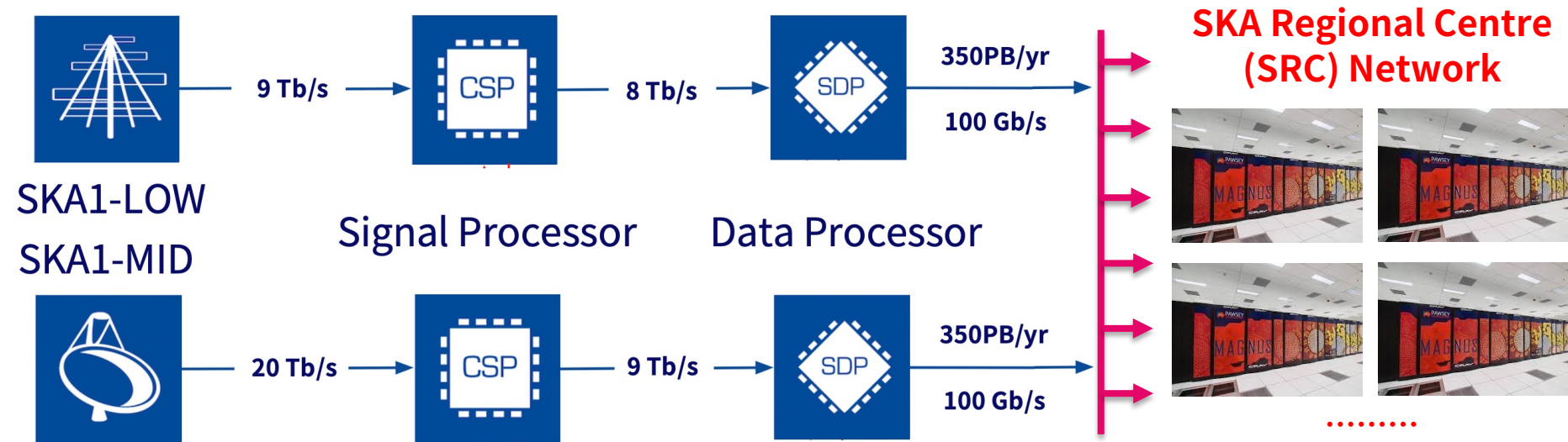
Dates from Integrated Project Schedule Version July 2023;
schedule modelling projects ~2 months per year shift in schedule for the project execution

First data release to the community
expected in 2026/27 (for science verification)

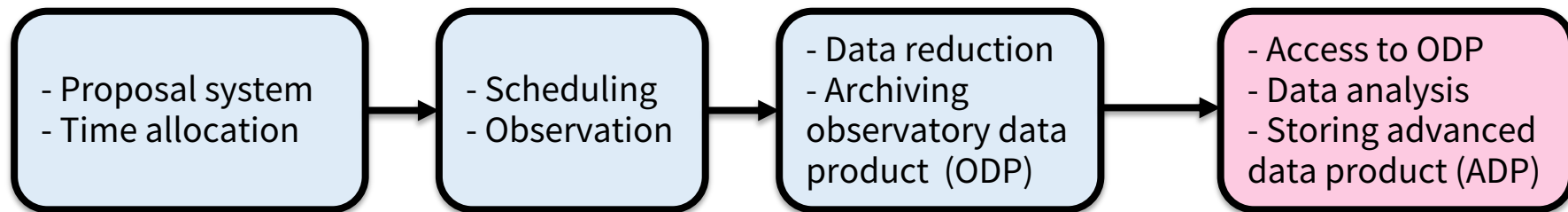
- 2025~ Japan can commit construction and early science including key science start-up
- 2028~ Japan can only commit steady operation including key science, AA4, and SODP

Data Flow and SKA Regional Centre

- Delivery of SKA's big data in collaboration with world-wide nodes



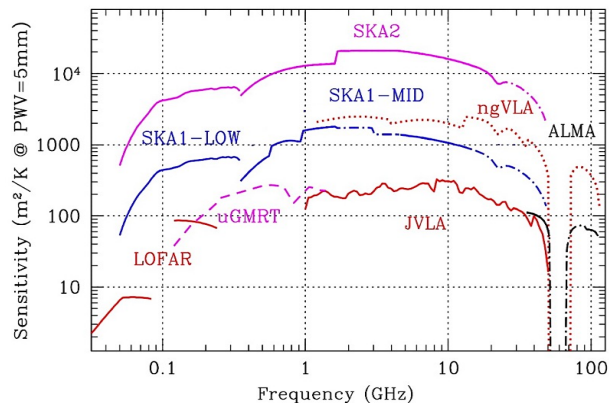
In a lifetime of science, SKAO is responsible for



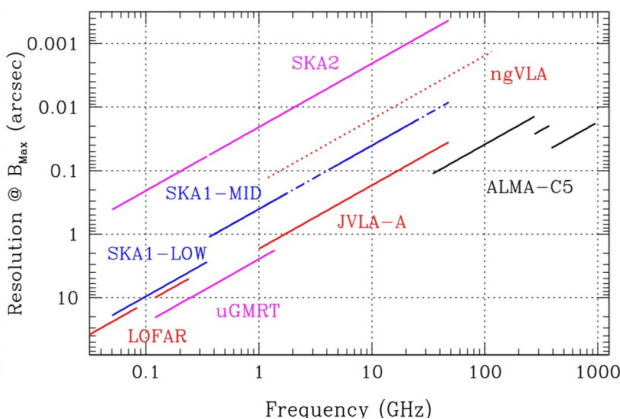
SRC is responsible for

Ultimate survey performance

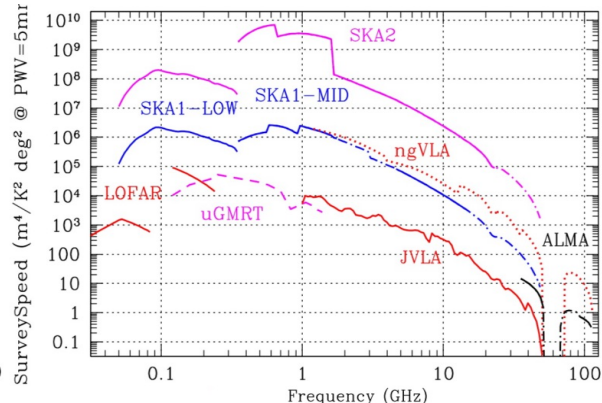
① Sensitivity



② Resolution



③ Survey Merit



④ Multi-mode

We can perform multiple observing modes simultaneously

Subarray	Band	Continuum Imag BW (MHz)	# Zoom Windows	# PSS Beams	PST BW (MHz)	# PST Beams	VLBI BW (MHz)	# VLBI Beams
1	2	810.0	3	1500	810.0	16	810.0	2

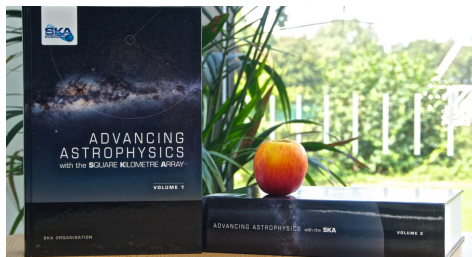
- The sensitivity and resolution are 10 times better, the survey merit is 100 times better than the current largest facilities
- An effective annual operation time >> 1 year = 8760 hours
 - There are two (LOW & MID) telescopes and there are multi-beam & multi-mode capabilities

Key Science goals and surveys

HI 1420 MHz (21cm) =
 $z=6 \rightarrow 202 \text{ MHz (1.5m)}$
 $z=27 \rightarrow 51 \text{ MHz (5.9m)}$

The SKA community led by the int'l science working groups (SWGs) wrote **SKA Science Book (2015)**

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SWGs also have been developing **notional key science projects (KSPs)** during regular SKA science conferences.

	周波数	分解能 kHz	感度 image rms	Dyn range dB	時間分解 msec	空間分解 arcsec	視野 deg ²	天域 deg ²	積分時間 hr	掃天時間 hr	備考
EoR imaging	50-200 MHz	1000	1.4 mK	50/50	400	300	20	100	2000	5000	Deep
EoR power spectrum	50-200 MHz	1000	4.6 mK	50/40	400	300	20	1000	200	5000	Drift scan
	50-200 MHz	1000	14 mK	50/35	400	300	20	10000	200	5000	Wide
HI High-z	790-950 MHz	50	16μJy	50/35	150	2-10	1.1	5.4	1000	5000	Line
HI Low-z	1.3-1.4 GHz	20	14μJy	50/30	150	2-10	0.38	3.8	200	2000	Line
HI MW	1415-1425 MHz	4	75μJy	50/30	150	2-10	0.38	1080	4.4	12600	Line
Cosmology High-z IM	350-1050 MHz	300	3.3mJy	40/40	150	1.7deg	1.4	30000	2.2	10000	Drift scan, Line, Wide
Cosmology ISW, Dipole	1-1.7 GHz	1000	7μJy	45/30	150	2	0.38	31000	0.12	10000	Wide
Continuum +Mag. Band 2	1-1.7 GHz	1000	1.3μJy	60/30	150	0.5	0.38	1000	3.8	10000	Wide
	1-1.7 GHz	1000	250nJy	60/30	150	0.5	0.38	7.8	95	2000	Medium
	1-1.7 GHz	1000	65nJy	60/30	150	0.5	0.38	0.38	2000	2000	Deep
Continuum +Mag. Band 5	7-11 GHz	4000	400nJy	45/30	150	0.05	30 min ²	0.5	16.4	1000	Wide
	7-11 GHz	4000	50nJy	45/30	150	0.05	30 min ²	30 min ²	1000	1000	Deep
Cradle of Life	8-12 GHz	4000	80nJy	40/25	150	0.04	18 min ²	0.05	600	6000	1視野に複数ターゲット

Highlights of SKA Key Science 1

	SKA1	SKA2 = 10*SKA1
Cosmic Dawn and the Epoch of Reionization	Direct imaging of EoR structures ($z = 6 - 12$)	Direct imaging of Cosmic Dawn structures ($z = 12 - 30$)
	Power spectra of Cosmic Dawn down to arcmin scales, possible imaging at 10 arcmin.	First glimpse of the Dark Ages ($z > 30$).
Cosmology & Dark Energy	Constraints on DE, modified gravity, the distribution & evolution of matter on super-horizon scales: competitive to Euclid.	Constraints on DE, modified gravity, the distribution & evolution of matter on super-horizon scales: redefines state-of-art.
	Primordial non-Gaussianity and the matter dipole: 2x Euclid.	Primordial non-Gaussianity and the matter dipole: 10x Euclid.
Galaxy Evolution probed by Neutral Hydrogen	Gas properties of 10^7 galaxies, $\langle z \rangle \approx 0.3$, evolution to $z \approx 1$, BAO complement to Euclid.	Gas properties of 10^9 galaxies, $\langle z \rangle \approx 1$, evolution to $z \approx 5$, world-class precision cosmology.
	Detailed ISM of galaxies (50pc@3Mpc), diffuse IGM down to $N_H < 10^{17}$ at 1 kpc.	Detailed ISM of galaxies (50pc@10Mpc), diffuse IGM down to $N_H < 10^{17}$ at 1 kpc.
Galaxy Evolution probed in the Radio Continuum	Star formation rates (10 $M_\odot$ /yr to $z \sim 4$).	Star formation rates (10 $M_\odot$ /yr to $z \sim 10$).
	Resolved star formation astrophysics (sub-kpc active regions at $z \sim 1$).	Resolved star formation astrophysics (sub-kpc active regions at $z \sim 6$).

Highlights of SKA Key Science 2

	SKA1	SKA2 = 10*SKA1
Strong-field Tests of Gravity with Pulsars and BHs	1st detection of nHz-stochastic gravitational wave background.	GW astronomy of discrete sources: constraining galaxy evolution, cosmological GWs and cosmic strings.
	Discover and use NS-NS and PSR-BH binaries to provide the best tests of gravity theories and General Relativity.	Find all ~40,000 visible pulsars in MW, use the most relativistic systems to test cosmic censorship and the no-hair theorem.
The Origin and Evolution of Cosmic Magnetism	The role of magnetism from sub-galactic to Cosmic Web scales, the RM-grid @ 300/deg ² .	The origin and amplification of cosmic magnetism, the RM-grid @ 5000/deg ² .
	Faraday tomography of extended sources (100pc@14Mpc, 1kpc@z≈0.04)	Faraday tomography of extended sources (100pc@50Mpc, 1kpc@z≈0.13)
The Transient Radio Sky	Use fast radio bursts to uncover the missing "normal" matter in the universe.	Fast radio bursts as unique probes of fundamental cosmological parameters and intergalactic magnetic fields.
	Study feedback from the most energetic cosmic explosions and the disruption of stars by super-massive black holes.	Exploring the unknown: new exotic astrophysical phenomena in discovery phase space.
The Cradle of Life & Astrobiology	Proto-planetary disks; imaging inside the snow/ice line (@ < 100pc), Searches for amino acids.	Proto-planetary disks; sub-AU imaging (@ < 150 pc), Studies of amino acids.
	Targeted SETI: find airport radars for 10 ⁴ nearby stars.	Ultra-sensitive SETI: find airport radars for 10 ⁵ nearby stars, TV ~10 stars.

SKA science book of Japan

日本版
Square Kilometre Array
サイエンスブック



日本SKA コンソーシアム
科学検討班

2015

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2020

2015: First science book

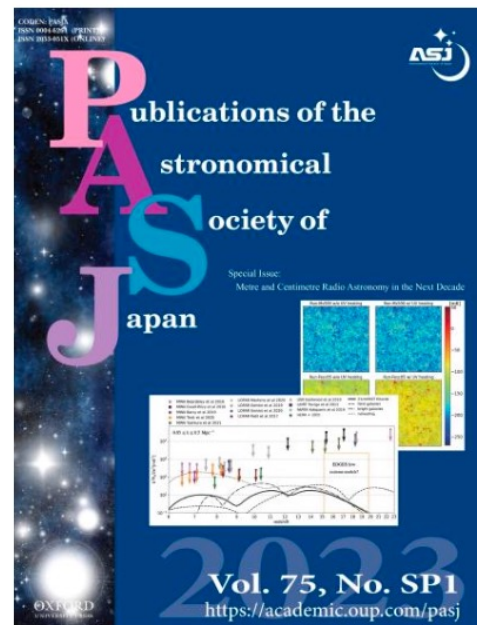
8 chapters (EoR, Cosmology, Gal. Evolution, Pulsars, Magnetism, VLBI, ISM, Transients)

2020: Second science book

2 chapters (Star formation and Plants) added.



**10 Science Working Groups
in SKA-JP as of 2023**



2023: PASJ Special Issue

Metre and Centimetre Radio Astronomy in the Next Decade
13 papers

<https://academic.oup.com/pasj/pages/special-issue-metre-and-centimetre-radio-astronomy-in-the-next-decade>

Key Science Goals of Japan



How the first stars & galaxies formed?



How Universe's structure and activity made?



Do we understand the gravity theory?

宇宙の成り立ち 理解へ一歩

2023.6.16

「再電離」世界初観測

名大の研究者ら

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「背景重力波」が存在する証拠を捉えた”

米など研究チーム

2023年6月29日 21時45分

研究者「日の目を見たことは本当に感慨深い」

今回、アメリカなどの研究チームと同時に、「背景重力波」の証拠を捉えたとする論文を発表した国際研究チームには、日本からも研究者が参加しています。

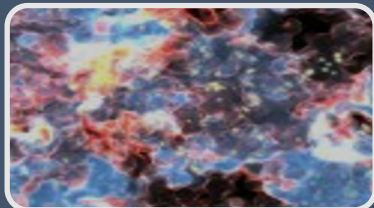
日本のメンバーを率いる熊本大学の高橋慶太郎教授は「各チームが独立しながらも情報交換を行い、互いに高めあってきた歴史がある。長期間にわたる国際的な共同研究に関わった多くの人が積み上げてきた成果であり、日の目を見たことは本当に感慨深い」と話しています。

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Goals

Achieve the proposal & paper share of **2%** comparable to European countries (FR, DE, SP, GE)

Key Science and Others



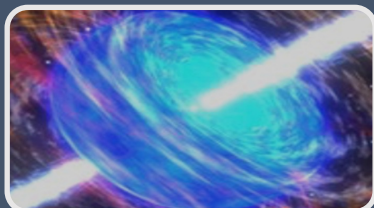
Deciphering the cosmic reionization with cosmology and astrophysics

- Our strengths: theory and distant galaxy surveys, Our technique: foreground removal, calibration, Link: **Cosmology, galaxy evolution**



In-depth/Tomographic study of the magnetic field governing the cosmic hierarchy and activities

- Our strengths: high-energy astrophysics, Our technique: Faraday Tomography, Link: **ISM, star and planet**



Pioneering long-wavelength gravitational-wave astronomy with pulsar observations.

- Our strengths: multi-messenger astronomy, VLBI, Our technique: time-domain analysis and pulsar timing array, Link: **Transients, VLBI**

- Also promote individual science goals including "unknown"
- Encourage software developments for KSP areas

SKA engineering reports of Japan

SKA エンジニアリングレポート

SKA エンジニアリングレポート 2021

2021: Second report

Japanese strategy of SKA engineering contribution

- AIC/CSV
- Faraday Tomography
- EoR pipeline
- UHF receivers
- Band 6/7
- VLBI
- On-the-fly Interferometer



日本 Square Kilometre Array コンソーシアム

技術検討班

2016

2016: First report

Overview of SKA system and developments



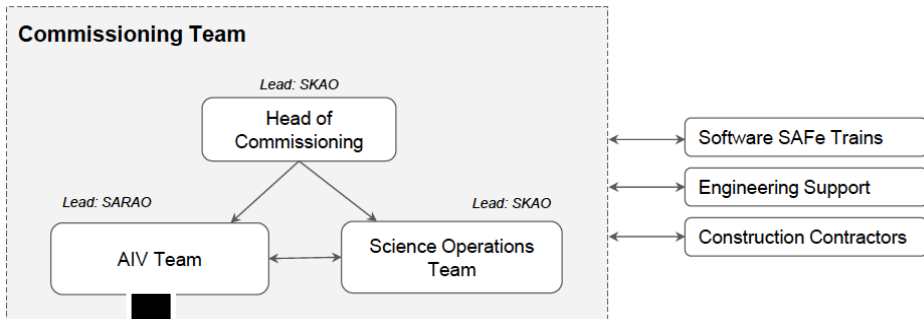
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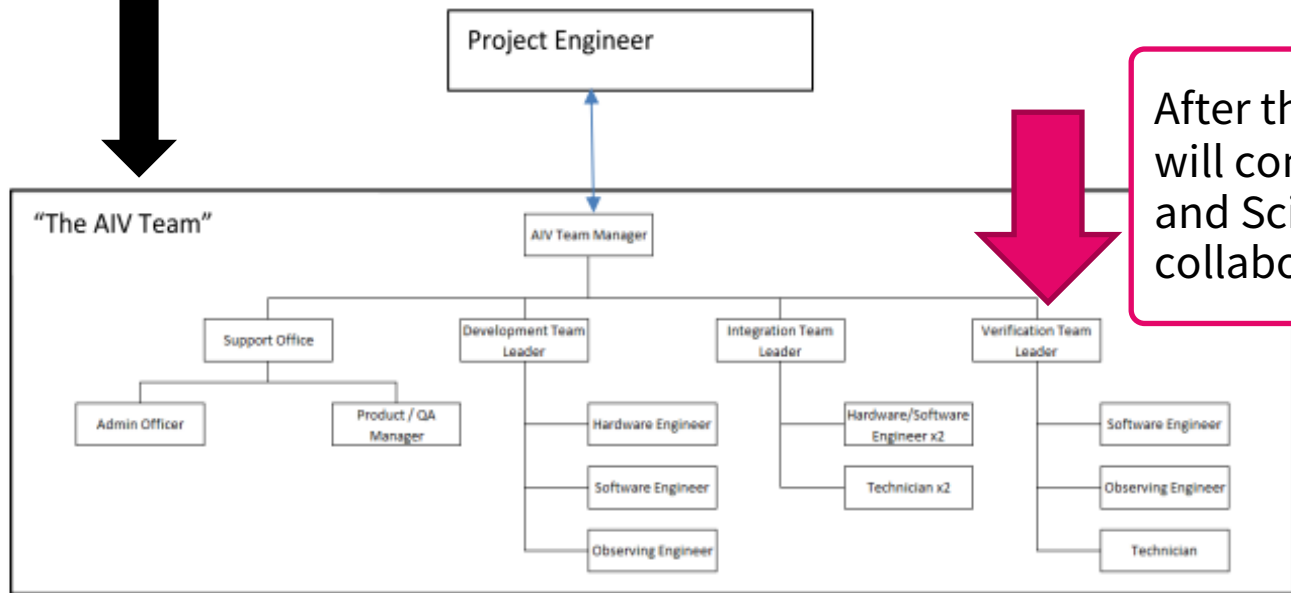


7 Engineering Working Groups in SKA-JP as of 2023

AIV and our engineering target



- AIV (assembly, integration, verification) is a vital part of huge systems like SKA
- Japan joins (leads) the Verification Team



After the construction, the team will contribute Commissioning and Science Verification (CSV) in collaboration with science team

Figure 4: The AIV Team has Clear Reporting Lines.

Participating to LOW/MID AIV

■ Join AIV teams since 2021

- **Y. Kono (NAOJ - MoU)**
 - Test procedures of AA0.5
- **K. Sunada (NAOJ - MoU)**
 - RFI monitoring system, DISH pointing and others
- After AIV, we plan to move forward to commissioning and science verification (CSV)

■ Tests in Japan

- Test and evaluation of phase center of the log-periodic antenna
- Test signal generator



LOW AIV team



MID ITF inspection

Experiments at Mitaka HQ with young researchers



SODP: Challenge of VLBI recording

■ SKA-VLBI is recognized as a major SODP candidate

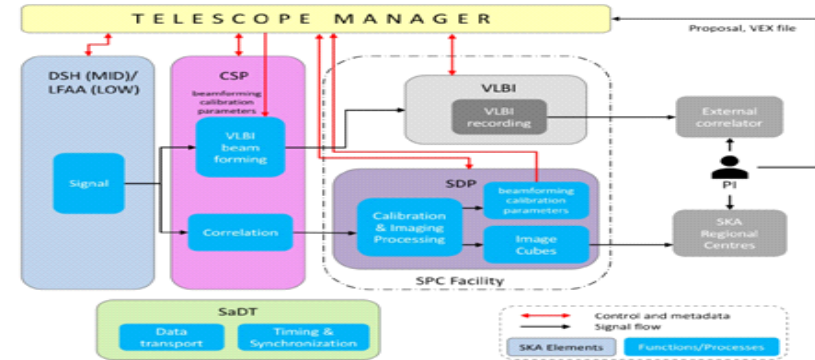
- Goal: astrometric accuracy of **1 micro-arcsec**
- Requirements: minimize systematic errors → develop the **multi-beam** VLBI system and its calibration method

■ Functionality tests planned at AA*

- Test of integration between CSP and the VLBI system (both HW and SW) using voltage output mode (common with pulsar data) from CSP
- Development and implementation of high-speed VLBI recording for more than 4 beams → **data recording (800Gbps) is more than 100 times**
- Upgrade of partner VLBI stations + development of a new correlator

■ SKAJP VLBI WG is discussing development plans (from 2027)

- SKAJ already started a test of 200 Gbps recording



SKA1-MID						
#sub-array	#VLBI beam	Bandwidth (per pol, MHz)	Digitization	Sampling	Data rate (Gbps)	Buffer size (1h, TB)
1	4	256	2	Nyquist	8	3.5
1	4	512	2	Nyquist	16	7
2	4	512	2	Nyquist	32	14
1	4	2500	2	Nyquist	78.12	34
1	16	512	2	Nyquist	64	28
1	52	200	2	Nyquist	81.25	35.7
10	52	200	2	Nyquist	812.5	357
SKA1-LOW						
#sub-array	#VLBI beam	Bandwidth (per pol, MHz)	Digitization	Sampling	Data rate (Gbps)	Buffer size (1h, TB)
1	4	256	2	Nyquist	8	3.5
1	16	256	2	Nyquist	32	14
1	16	256	8	Nyquist	128	56.3



SODP: Receivers

■ SKA1 study & promotion group activities

● Kimura (JAXA)+ 2019

- Axially corrugated horn
- Design using Champ
- SKAO's GRASP model was already integrated

● Yamazaki (OMU) 2022,2023

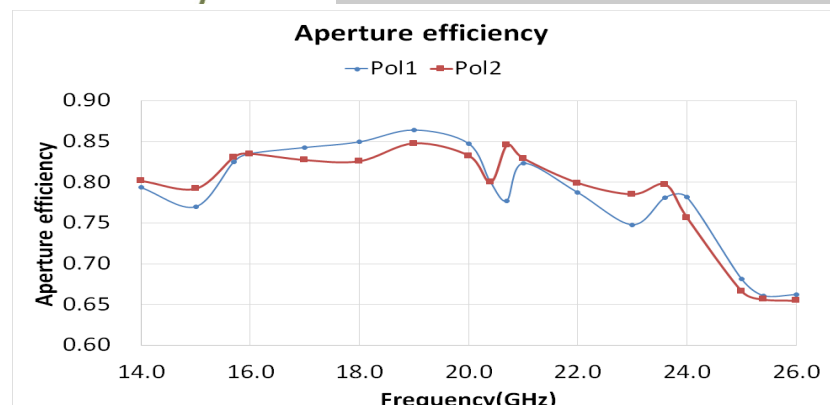
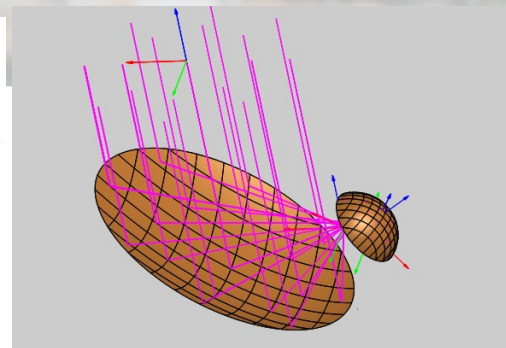
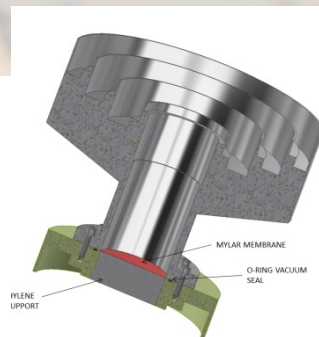
- Optics design of **Band 6 (15-29 GHz)**

● Sumitomo Heavy Industry (SHI)

- Visited South Africa with SHI
- Sumitomo FA40 cooling test

■ In the SKA project, we

- Continue scientific and engineering researches about the possibility to expand the observing frequency up to 26 GHz
- Watch the on-going study of antenna specification (antenna pointing accuracy)



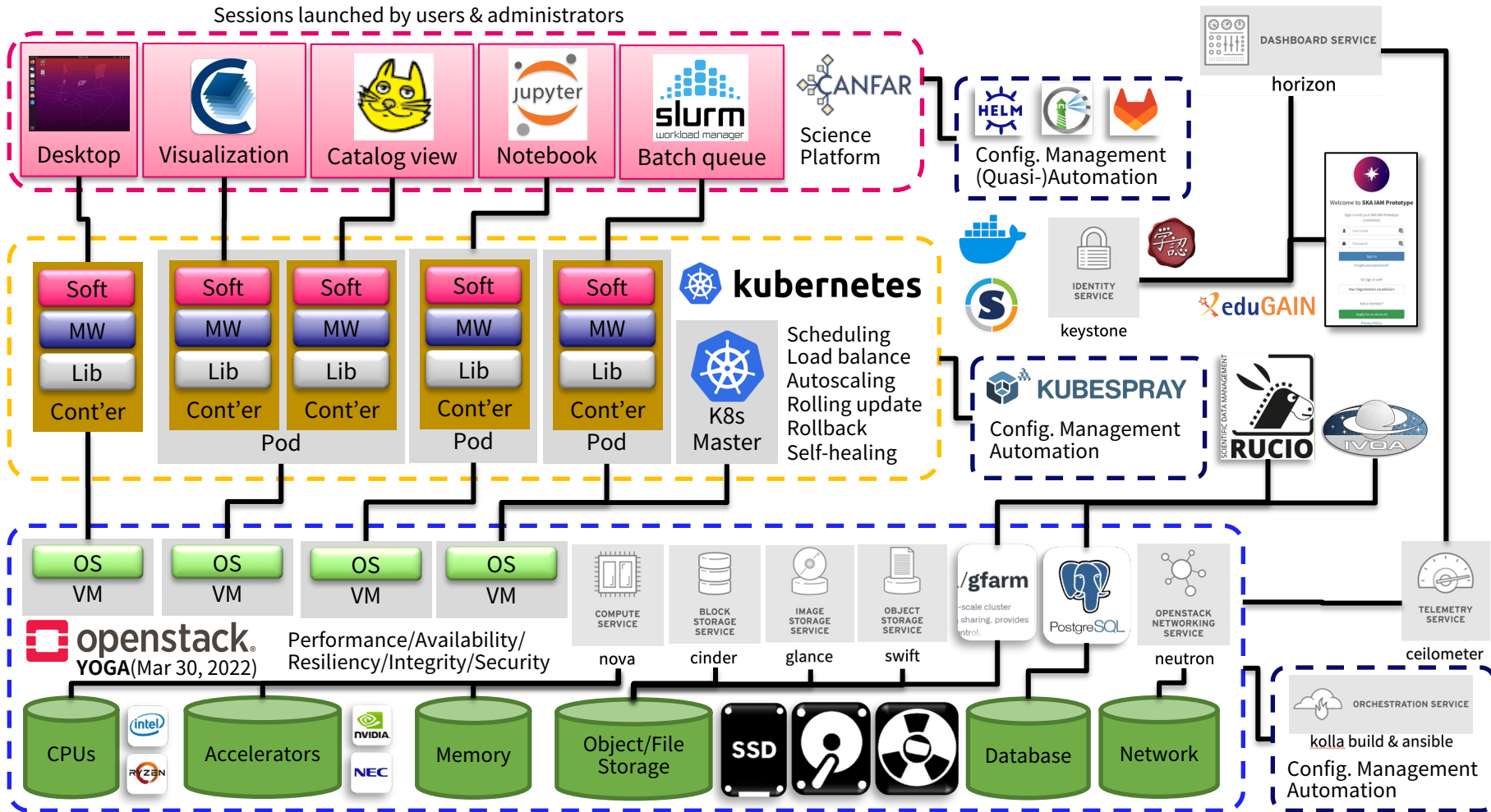
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Sessions launched by users & administrators

Software

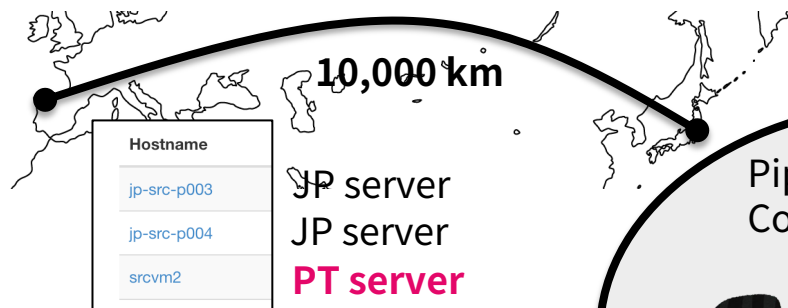
Platform

Infrastructure



SRC Prototyping

The intercontinental cloud testbed (Lead: JP, collaboration: PT, NE)



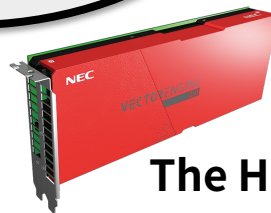
An East Asia Rucio Storage Element (Lead: ESP, collaboration: JP+7 countries)

Src/Dst	SPSRC_STORM	SESRC_XRD_RBD	KRSRC_STORM	JPSRC_STORM
STFC_STORM	0%	0%	100%	0%
SPSRC_STORM	-	0%	100%	0%
SESRC_XRD_RBD	0%	-	100%	0%
JPSRC_STORM	0%	0%	100%	-
IMPERIAL	0%	0%	100%	0%
CNAF	0%	0%	100%	0%
CHSRC_XRD	0%	0%	100%	0%
CASRC_XRD	0%	0%	100%	0%
AUSSRC_STORM	0%	0%	100%	0%

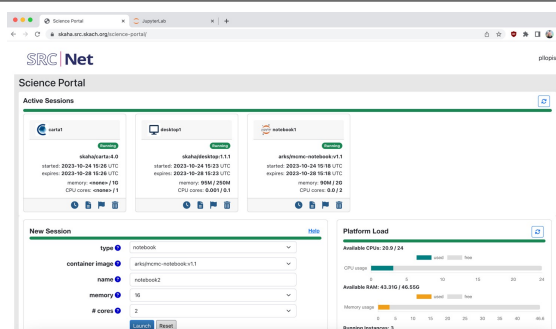
Pipeline,
Command



Result,
visualization



The HPC technology testbed (Lead: JP)



The science platform testbed (Lead: CA, collaboration: JP, ESP, SE, CH)

acceleration	CPU	VE
Magnetism Faraday tomography	1	30 ↑
EoR foreground subtraction	1	20 ↑

Japanese Target Share of Science

- We target to obtain the share of science outputs larger than **2%**, which is Japanese share of the telescope time.
 - Although there are huge uncertainties, the 2% corresponds to

Common-use category	# of proposals	# of approvals	# of papers
Key Science Projects (KSPs, large & long-term proposals)	15-30	3	6
PI Proposals (PIPs, small & short-term proposals)	33-66	6	6
Total (per year)	48-96	9	12*†‡

* This number per cost is comparable to those of Subaru, Suzaku, and ALMA.

† This number is comparable to the current SKAJ's output using SKA pathfinders.

‡ This number is also the target for SKA precursors before SKA1 is in operation.

Common-use category	CPU Power	Storage	FTE
SKA Regional Centre (SRCs, data center and user support)	0.7 PFlops	> 50 PB	4 [#]

[#] This number is for the international SRC network only. Further 8 FTEs are requested for domestic tasks.



Engineering Motivated by Science

- The development plan has been made with long discussion with the community and SKAO. The plan links to Japan's key science objectives and engineering know-how.

EoR, Cosmology, Galaxy Evolution

Magnetism, Pulsars, Transients, ISM

Milky Way, Cradle of Life, AGN



1. Assembly, Integration, and Verification (AIV) and Commissioning and Science Verification (CSV)

- One of the most important tasks to realize the designed performance of SKA
- SKAO has high expectations for Japanese technological capabilities

2. VLBI system (both LOW and MID)

- VERA's experiences of MID, a new frontier of LOW, toward global VLBI

4. Band6/7/B receiver

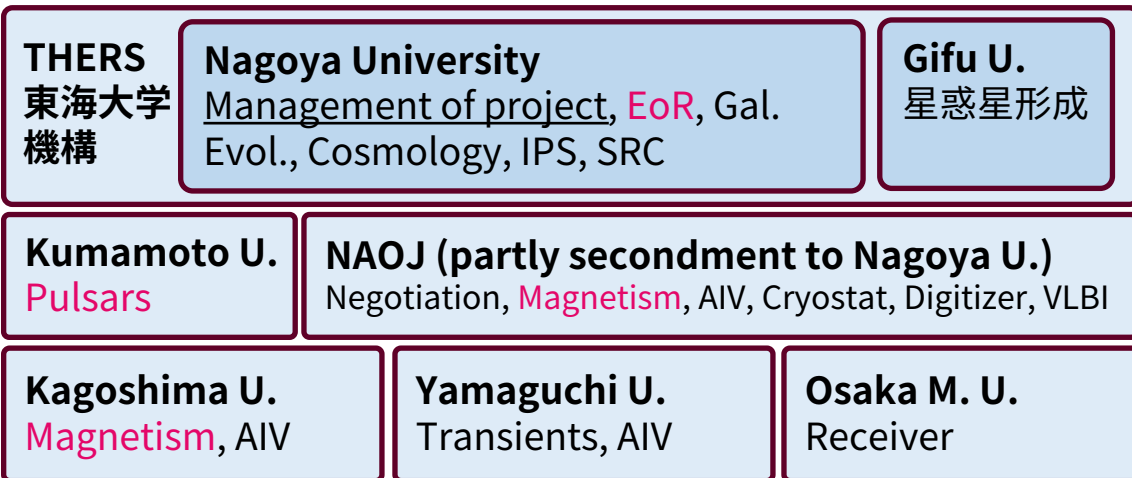
- Scientific needs
- VLBI experiences
- Continue research, test, and design

3. Software • EoR calibration and imaging pipeline • Magnetism Faraday Tomography pipeline

Organization and staffing

NAOJ Mizusawa VLBI
NAOJ Others (volunteer)
External (volunteer)

Organization (proposal to Roadmap)



Young Researcher



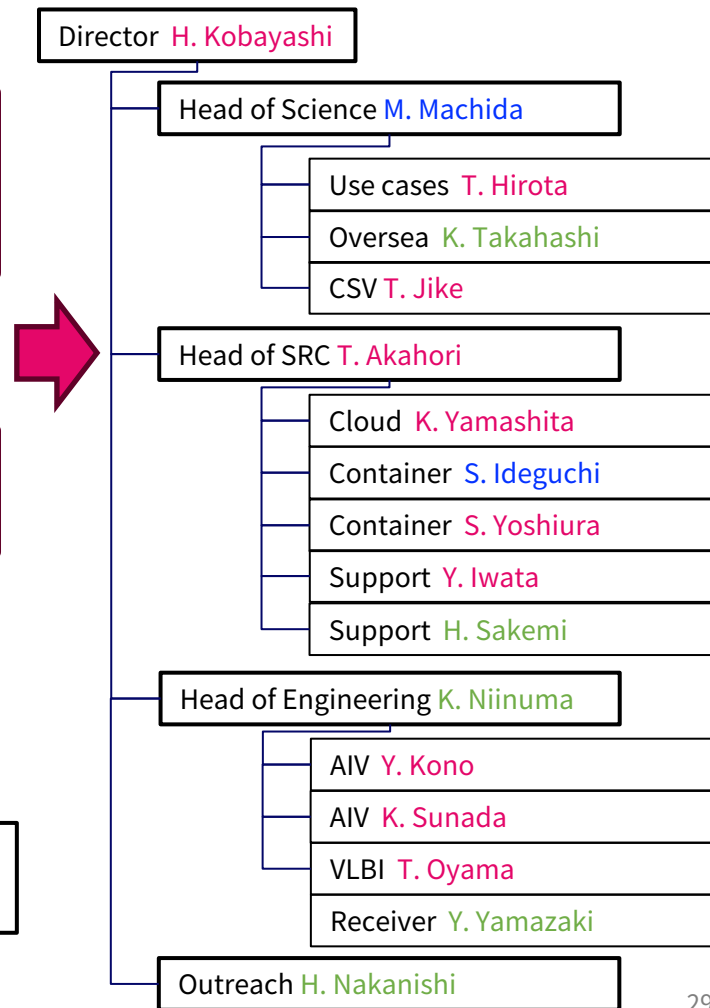
Science book (as a text), webinar, SWG/EWG



WG Leader, Oversea stay, Funding PI



Becomes core member



SKA1 project proposal process

- The Mizusawa VLBI Observatory, MVO, started considering the SKA as a future plan in **October 2017** and organized a planning division for it.
- The SKA sub-project was proposed by MVO in **March 2018**.
 - Discussions on what should be future projects of NAOJ need to be held first, and the SKA is not approved as a subproject of MVO at this point in time.
- **SKA1 Study Group from April 2018 to March 2022**
 - Clarification and concretization of Japan's science goals
 - Proposal of participation plan consistent with the SKA headquarters
 - Start of in-kind participation in the SKA project
- **SKA1 was nominated as a priority project of Master Plan of Science Council and proposed to Roadmap of MEXT from Nagoya Univ. in 2020.**
- **SKA1 was proposed a A-project from 2022 and approved as a sub-project of MVO.**
 - Needs of consideration of feasible budget plan with reductions of influence to NAOJ budget, 運営費交付金.
- **SKA1 was nominated in Future Initiative and Long-term Plan 「未来の学術振興構想」 of Science Council in 2023 and proposed to Science Roadmap of MEXT from Nagoya Univ. in 2023**

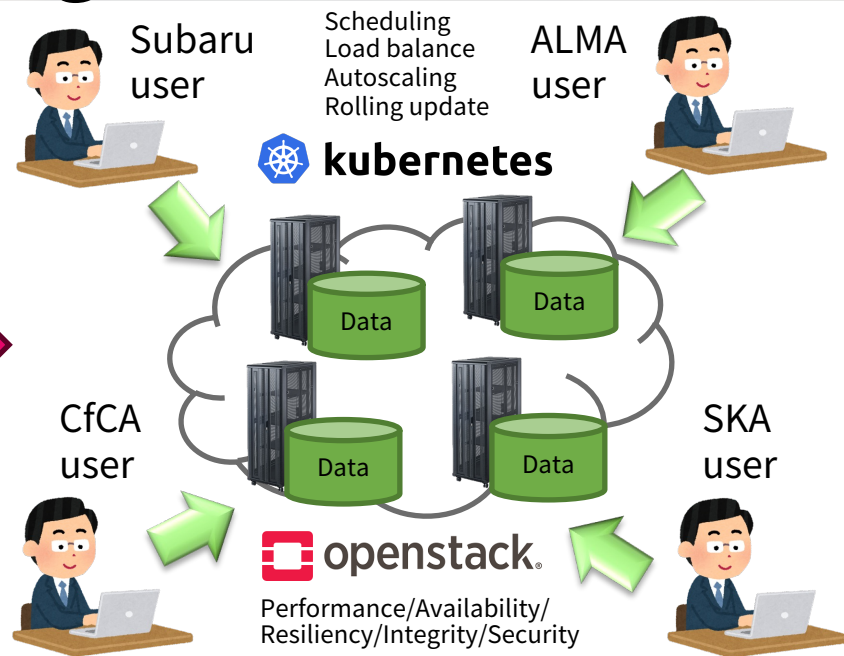
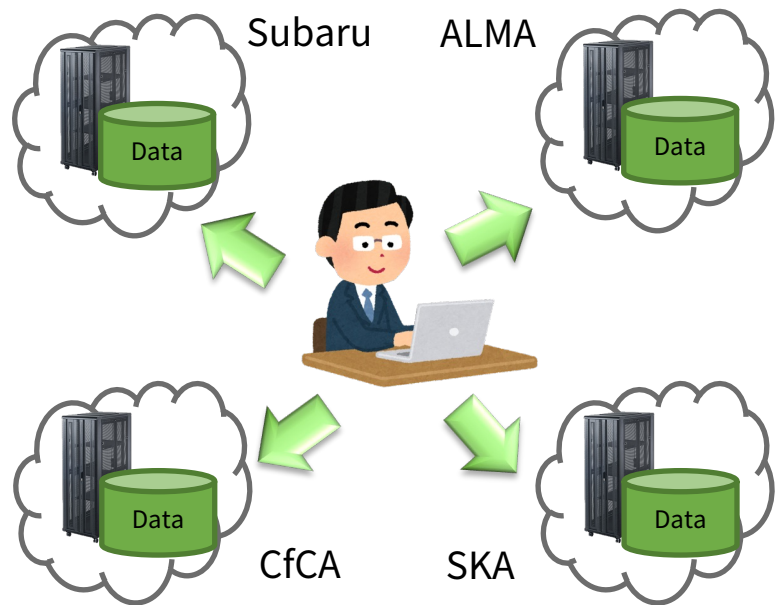
Lessons learned from SKA1 proposal

- **Discussion and formulation of medium- and long-term future plans are necessary, and these activities of the science strategy committee are very important.**

- **What is a process of new science field development?**
 - The scientific objectives of the SKA are not entirely consistent with those of VLBI and any other NAOJ radio projects.

- **Many new projects derive from existing projects**
 - Is the current system suitable with fostering them?
 - What is sub-project and A-project? Are they matching it?

What does SRC brings to NAOJ?



- SRC tech. allows us to **consolidate NAOJ's resources** of computing and storage, **increasing the efficiency and reducing the cost**

- E.g., Canadian Astronomy Data Centre (CADC)
- NAOJ ADC would lead this federation. JPSRC is happy to join it.

Summary

- **SKA1 is an innovative telescopes system and will open new fields of Astronomy**
- **SKA1 commitment plan**
 - Bottom-up plan with $>2\%$ contribution/observation time
 - 3 Japanese Key Science (EoR, Magnetism, Pulsar)
 - Engineering contribution (AIV/CSV, VLBI, Band6, SRC)
- **There is a strong need to clarify the process for developing future plans clearly**