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# SKA(@RAL) Status Update James Walder

With inputs from many others 15/8/24



# Square Kilometer Array: Transforming radio astronomy

The Square Kilometer Array (SKA) Observatory (SKAO) is a next-generation radio astronomy facility which will cover the frequency range from 50 MHz to 15 GHz.



Composite image of the SKA telescopes, blending real hardware already on site with artist's impressions. credit: SKA Observatory

A mosaic illustrating the main science drivers for the SKA

Cosmic Dawn (First Stars and Galaxies)

Testing General Relativity (Strong Regime, Gravitational Waves)

> Galaxy Evolution (Normal Galaxies z~2-3)

Cradle of Life (Planets, Molecules, SETI)

> Cosmology (Dark Matter, Large Scale Structure)

Cosmic Magnetism (Origin, Evolution)

**Exploration of the Unknown** 

Credit: SKA Observatory



## We will deliver data products!



Credit: I. Heywood, SARAO



- Our data are BIG, expecting to deliver ~700 PB/year of *data* products
- Don't need to be a radio expert to access the SKA!
- Transformational science increasingly relies on

multiwavelength data, everyone with great science is welcome :)









### **Construction steaming ahead! - Mid**

















### **Construction steaming ahead! - Low**











## First image released from one SKA-Low station

- This is the first image and video from observations using one complete SKA-Low station, known as S-8, produced only 18 months after the start of construction activities on site, and five months after the first antenna was installed.
- The completion of a station means not only assembling and installing the **256 antennas**, but also integrating them with all the computing systems behind them.
- The video shows a **24-hour observation**, with the Milky Way rising and passing overhead during the night time hours.

Some other bright radio sources are marked, including the galaxies Centaurus A and M87, and the Sun is also visible during the day.

SKA Observatory
<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zakuQ1-QrGg</u>



### **Construction Strategy**

- **Target**: build the SKA Baseline Design (197 Mid dishes; 512 Low stations: AA4)
- Not all funding yet secured, therefore following Staged Delivery Plan (AA\*)
- Develop the earliest possible working demonstration of the architecture and supply chain (AA0.5).
- Then maintain a continuously working and expanding facility that demonstrates the full performance capabilities of the SKA Design.



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



## What does this mean in terms of Operations?

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#### **Pre science Verification**

- Commissioning (+ Assembly, Integration and Verification) primary activity
- SRCs not needed to support AA0.5/AA1 commissioning
- Opportunity for testing (data, transfer, access, pipelines)!

#### **Science Verification**

- Data immediately public
- Full dress rehearsal!
- Some SRCNet resources for analysis would be an advantage
- Observed as trickle but also in dedicated blocks
- (+ Commissioning etc ongoing)



#### Cycle 0

- "Proper" shared risk projects
- Teams, proprietary periods, visualisation, ADP creation etc





# Data Rates (Full Array: AA4)





## **SKA Regional Centre Network**

#### SRCNet will provide a portal for scientists to access SKA data – an exabyte data challenge!



....SRCNet is the gateway for the science user communities to access the SKAO data and do science..



## SKA expected data rates\*

\*these numbers should be used as a guide only - email Shari.Breen@skao.int for further information about ongoing work

internally for commissioning etc.)

Milestone Year Primary activity		Estimated da	nta rate	
			Low	Mid
<ul> <li>AA2</li> <li>64 Mid dishes</li> <li>64 Low stations</li> </ul>	2026 - 2027	Science Verification - observed in dedicated ~week long blocks + single observations interspersed throughout. A higher rate of raw data products will be included at this stage.	1.5 PB/week^ 20 Gbps	2 PB/we 27 Gbps
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<ul> <li>AA*</li> <li>144 Mid dishes</li> <li>307 Low stations</li> </ul>	2029 +	<b>Operations</b> - Observation cycles, starting with shared risk observing, building to successful science observations ~90% of the time	173 PB/year 44 Gbps	280 PB/ 72 Gbps
Targ	get is to deliver the	SKA Baseline Design but the details of this transition betwee	n AA* and AA4 are TBD	
<ul> <li>AA4</li> <li>197 Mid dishes</li> <li>512 Low stations</li> </ul>	2030 +	Operations - full SKA baseline design	216 PB/year 55 Gbps	400 PB/ 100 Gbp

^Data rates refer to dedicated Science Verification observing weeks, not an average over a year



• Numbers refer to data to be delivered to the science community via the SRCNet (i.e. not data used







# The SRC Network

- The need for a network of SKA Regional Centres formed around ~ 2016:

We will develop and deploy a collaborative and federated network of SKA Regional Centres, globally distributed across SKA partner countries, to host the SKA Science Archive. The SRC Network will make data storage, processing and collaboration spaces available, while supporting and training the community, to maximise the scientific productivity and impact of the SKA.



#### • Distributed compute, storage and expertise to store, process and disseminate data to the communities

My Naive mapping between LHC and SKA



Don't take too literally

LHC/WLCG	SRC
Cern + Experiements	~ SKAO MID + LO
WLCG	~SRC
GridPP	~UKS



### **SRC Network Principles (some of them!) - written and** agreed by SRCSC

- English will be the primary language of communication across the SRC Network
- There will be **one Helpdesk system** for the SRC Network and the SKAO.
- SRC Network.
- Security of the SRC Network is the responsibility of the SRC Network.
- The SRC Network will lead with principles of fairness, equity and inclusion in all of its activities, and seek diversity of staff.
- processes.
- The SRC Network will provide workflow templates to carry out basic and standard processing tasks.
- The SRC Network will embrace FAIR and Open Science principles whenever possible and appropriate.
- Resources pledged into the SRC Network will enter, and be allocated from, a global federated pool.
- The allocation of resources will be per project.
- The physical location of SKA data products will be determined to optimise access and minimise data **redistribution** within the Network, as much as is feasibly possible.
- Data processed within the SRC Network will automatically propagate all metadata and provenance information.



• There will be a common SKAO/SRC Network user account that allows users access to SRC Network resources • The SRC Network will optimise its energy usage whilst meeting the scientific goals of projects carried out in the

• The SRC Network will be committed to providing, and abiding to, accessible and equitable tools, practices and



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### **SRC Network global capabilities**



Collectively meet the needs of the global community of SKA users

Anticipate heterogeneous SRCs, with different strengths



## **SRC Network is critical to SKA Science**



# UK SKA Regional Centre – developing a <u>facility</u>

UK SRC infrastructure and services:

Supporting and facilitating UK science



**SKAO** Regional Centre United Kingdom

RC







The University of Manchester

Global SRC Network: Developing and delivering the global SRCNet.



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Science and Technology Facilities Council Scientific Computing



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### Summary: Delivering STFC's UK SKA Regional Centre Strategy

The UKSRC Strategy covers the SRC construction phase and early operations phase (2022 to 2030). The project timing is aligned with SKAO Array Assemblies and the global SRC network. This project is funded from January 2023 – December 2025.

3 Pillars:

#### **UK SKA Regional**







### **Developing digital** research infrastructure

Bespoke UK-based computational and data facilities, tools, and services will contribute to the analysis of 700PB of data generated per year by the SKA telescopes.

### Strengthening the UK astronomy community

UK astronomers will have opportunities to inform the UKSRC's development and to enhance their skills in preparation for the deployment of the SKA telescopes.

#### **UK Science Community**

### **Global SRC Network**

### Collaborating internationally

The UKSRC team working with a global network of 14 nations and the SKA Observatory to develop interoperable functionalities to find, access, manipulate and visualise SKA Data products.





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#### And...SRCNet team members from around the world

# UKSRC is contributing to...

#### **UK based teams**







Purple AAI, data logistics, policy, PerfSONAR PO Ian Collier, Tom Dack



#### Teal

Science Platform and workflow development **PO Martin Hardcastle** 



#### Sapphire Science user support, training, and community engagement PO Jack Radcliffe

#### International teams



#### Coral

Tests node deployment and support the tech development to build a performant SRCNet. PO: Susana Sánchez (SP)



#### Tangerine

To deliver the SRCNet Science Gateway which provides users with access to SRCNet services PO : Chris Skipper (UK), Yan Grange (NL)



#### Magenta

SRCNet Rucio data management, data management APIs PO James Collinson (SKAO)



### **Program team**

Responsible for the running of the ART

Lead : Rosie Bolton (SKAO)





- SRCNet timeline as mapped to the construction roadmap.
  - Increased capabilities; then scale out

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# **Roadmap Timeline** First quarter of 2025 SRCNet v0.1

### **SRCNet0.1** is an internal release Not intended for external users Motivation is to enable testing

Milestone	Description	SRC Net Functionality	Scope (users)
SRCNet v0.1 First quarter of 2025	First version of SRCNet sites deploying common services and connecting via SRCNetAPIs. Enable technical tests of the architectural implementation. [Added c.f. document](Potentialy Opportunity to engage SRCNet with AA0.5 	<ul> <li>Test data (and some precursors data) disseminated into a prototype SRC Net</li> <li>Data can be discovered through queries to the SRC Net</li> <li>Data dissemination to SRC nodes</li> <li>Data can be accessed through a prototype data lake</li> <li>Data replication. Data can be moved to a local SRC area where non-connected local interactive analysis portals (notebooks) could allow basic analysis</li> <li>Unified Authentication System for all the SRCs</li> <li>Visualisation of imaging data</li> </ul>	SRC ART members Members of SKA Commissioning team (potentially, but not required)

#### SRCNet0.1 is an agreed milestone (first of five) on our top level roadmap





SRC Net Functi Milestone Description AA1 and Commissioning SRCNet v0.2 Data c First quarter 2026 First v on dat a relev Subset First A User st Visual operat Prepai



### Not generally public Small amount of science commissioning interaction Most SRCNet users are within the project or SKAO

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ersion of federated execution. Access to remote operations	community
a using services and the possibility to invoke execution into	
vant SRC	Members of Science
t of SDP workflows runnable in the SRCs	Operations
ccounting model implementation.	
torage areas	SRC ART members
isation of imaging and time series data through remote	
tions	
ration of SRCNet User Support	





Milestone	Description	SRC Net Functionality	Scope (users)
4th quarter 2026	Cycle 0 proposals, AA2 and Science Verification	<ul> <li>Improved data dissemination. Use of available storage</li> <li>SKA preliminary data (and some precursors data) disseminated into a prototype SRCNet</li> <li>Upgraded federated computing. Basic execution planner implementation and move execution to a selected SRC</li> <li>Upgrade of subset SDP workflows runnable in the SRCs</li> <li>Provide access to the first set of workflow templates for science analysis (light ADPs)</li> <li>ADPs ingestion system</li> <li>Spectral data visualisation and manipulation</li> <li>Implementation of SRCNet User Support</li> </ul>	Science verification community ( <b>public</b> <b>access</b> ) Members of Science Operations SRC ART members



### First public access intended for SRCNet0.3 community scientists undertaking Science Verification (AA2)





Milestone	Description	SRC Net Functionality	Scope (users)	
SRCNet v1.0beta 4th quarter of 2027	Science verification and Cycle 0	<ul> <li>Data dissemination. Complete decision tree, including scientific program</li> <li>Integrated portal with science analysis capabilities</li> <li>Integrated federated computing. Workflows analysis</li> <li>Complete subset SDP workflows runnable in the SRCs</li> <li>Complete accounting model (storage and computational resources)</li> <li>Monitoring system</li> <li>Spectral data visualisation and manipulation</li> <li>Data previews generation</li> <li>Restricted SRC Net User Support</li> </ul>	Increased Cycle 0 scientists Science verification scientists (public access) Members of Science Operations SRC ART members	







Milestone	Description	SRC Net Functionality	Scope (users)
First quarter 2028	Cycle 1	<ul> <li>Full support to PI and program science tasks</li> <li>Complete portal wich science analysis capabilities</li> <li>Public portal restricted to incoming public data</li> <li>Not restricted SRC Net User Support</li> </ul>	PIs and science program members Increased number of selected scientists from community
			Members of Science Operations SRC ART members





# **SKA Top-Level Roadmap Requirements**

		SRCNet v0.1	SRCNet v0.2	SRCNet v0.3	SRCNet v1.0b	SRCNet v1.0			SRCNet v0.1	SRCNet v0.2	SRCNet v0.3	SRCNet v1.0b	SRCNet v1.0
		Jan 2025	January 2026	Sep 2026	Nov 2027	Jun 2028			Jan 2025	January 2026	Sep 2026	Nov 2027	Jun 2028
Deployment (%)		2.00	10.00	15.00	50.00	100.00	Deployment		2.00	10.00	15.00	50.00	100.00
	Share						(%)		2.00	10.00	15.00	50.00	100.00
Country	(%)	Storage (PB)	Country	Share (%)	Computing (PFLOPS)	Computing (PFLOPS)	(PFLOPS)	Computing (PFLOPS)	Computing (PFLOPS)				
UK	19	4.03	20.14	30.21	100.70	201.40	UK	19	0.13	0.67	1.00	3.33	6.65
South Africa	18	3.82	19.08	28.62	95.40	190.80	South Africa	18	0.13	0.63	0.95	3 15	6.30
Australia	18	3.82	19.08	28.62	95.40	190.80	Australia	18	0.10	0.63	0.00	3 15	6.00
China	10	2.12	10.60	15.90	53.00	106.00	China	10	0.13	0.03	0.53	1 75	3.50
Canada	7	1.48	7.42	11.13	37.10	74.20	Canada	7	0.05	0.00	0.37	1 23	2 45
Italy	6	1.27	6.36	9.54	31.80	63.60	Italy	, 6	0.04	0.20	0.32	1.20	2.40
India	5	1.06	5.30	7.95	26.50	53.00	India	5	0.04	0.18	0.02	0.88	1 75
France	3	0.64	3.18	4.77	15.90	31.80	France	3	0.07	0.10	0.20	0.53	1.75
Netherlands	2	0.42	2.12	3.18	10.60	21.20	Netherlands	2	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.35	0.70
Japan	2	0.42	2.12	3.18	10.60	21.20	Japan	2	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.35	0.70
Spain	2	0.42	2.12	3.18	10.60	21.20	Spain	2	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.35	0.70
Portugal	2	0.42	2.12	3.18	10.60	21.20	Portugal	2	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.35	0.70
Switzerland	2	0.42	2.12	3.18	10.60	21.20	Switzerland	2	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.35	0.70
Sweden	2	0.42	2.12	3.18	10.60	21.20	Sweden	2	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.35	0.70
South Korea	1	0.21	1.06	1.59	5.30	10.60	South Korea	1	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.18	0.35
Germany	1	0.21	1.06	1.59	5.30	10.60	Germany	1	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.18	0.35
Total	100	21.20	106.00	159.00	530.00	1060.00	Total	100	0.70	3.50	5.25	17.50	35.00

#### \* Numbers awaiting some refinement

### **SRCNet0.1** included sites

### 8 PBytes total storage offered for SRCNet0.1 (c.f original target of 20 PB)



Storage (PB)

**UK SRC** 

50.4%



WLCG experience at some sites (Canada, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, UK)

Several new sites and teams will learn by being involved







- Common Authentication IAM
- Visualisation Tools (local)
- **IVOA** Protocols
  - TAP, SODA
- Data Discovery and Access from Data Lake
  - Ingestion Service Prototype Python Client
    - Astroquery Module •
- User Interface

- ESAP
- https://esap.srcdev.skao.int/
- **Analysis Interfaces** 
  - JupyterHub
  - CANFAR Science Platform

## Target ~20PB storage





# Site Software and Services: SRCNet v0.1

- Compulsory services:
  - Rucio SEs
  - Basic Analysis software
  - Visualisation tool
  - perfSONAR (and other monitoring)
- Optional services:
  - Slurm clusters
  - Harbor
  - Science platforms / gateways
- Global / common services (e.g. FTS) located at specific sites
- Currently working on Implementation and deployment planning and roles of SRCNet and national Operations Teams
- Strong push for Gits Ops approach with argoCD / Flux CD



# **Proto-Architecture for UKSRC**

- RAL Acts as "Landing Zone" For primary (and replica) data
  - ODP arrives from Mid and Low telescopes
  - (and via other SRCs).
- Custodial data stored to tape
  - Data distributed to Compute resources for processing, analysis
- Multiple sites
  - (leveraging own expertise flavours/services)
  - Manchester/JBO, Cambridge, Durham,
    - UCL (benchmarking)
- Success will require optimal use of the resources
  - with Data and Compute not always co-located.
- Federated access across the UK to leverage other HPC / ephemeral resources if available / applicable to specific projects.

\*Alternative models would send data to the 'compute' intensive centres first



## UK data-flow modelling

ullet	Model 1:	
	<ul> <li>RAL performs all ODP-&gt;ADP</li> <li>processing; other UK sites processing</li> <li>Analysis on ADPs</li> </ul>	ovide
		SKA-LOW
	Model 2:	
	• UK sites perform ODP->ADP	SKA-MID
	processing as well	ODP (replica)
		SRCNet Nodes
	Reality is likely to be a combination	

- workflow dependent.
- ADP size estimates range from 0.1 -> 3x ODP size (workflow dependent).
- Other models to be considered: e.g. UK as 'buffer' for primary and secondary copies at other SRC Nodes
- Modelling of Data into (and through) UK sites from other Nodes to evolve





## Modelling example rates / volumes

- Assume ~500PB/yr telescope output (ODP), ~19% UK share (~@2029) Use SKA current Roadmap assumptions, with one replica copy in SRC, and archiving to tape. Ο
- Only a single processing (ODP->ADP) required (likely going to be more)
- ADP is 0.3x ODP (average) (highly uncertain)
- Rates are averaged over a year; some movement may be more bursty in nature No consideration for 'reprocessing' or movement of older data (i.e. data from Tape)!
- Numbers are indicative only!
- With potential for:
  - Larger ADP fractions Ο
  - Multiple movement of data Ο within UK
  - Bursty workloads Ο
  - End-of-Proprietary data periods RAL -> Com Ο
- May easily reach 100 Gb/s site to site intra-UK traffic
- Similarly for Ingress to UK
- Total UK Ing Total UK Eg (x1) Compute -(x1)

	Model 1		Model 2	
	Volume [PB]	Rate [Gb/s]	Volume [PB]	Rate [Gb/s]
gress	230	58	230	58
ress	130	33	130	33
npute	60	15	130	33
> RAL	30	8	30	8



# Roadmap for UK in SRCNet

- Based on current SRCNet Roadmap, UK component of SRCNet v1.0 (~ 2029+)
- (awaiting updates from most recent telescope figures to propagate through SRCNet modelling): UK to provision ~:
  - O(200)PB of Online storage
  - O(100)PB of Nearline (Tape) storage, increasingly linearly with time (annually)
  - O(6.65) PFLOPS of storage
- Modelling of scenarios for Storage, Compute Cost, Power, distribution, ongoing.





# **UKSRC@RAL Efforts**

- RAL:
  - Efforts in:
    - AAI
    - Policy and security
    - Data logistic
    - Cloud / Azimuth
  - Hosts number of central services:
    - SKA-IAM Instance
    - FTS (<u>fts3-ska.scd.rl.ac.uk</u>)
    - perfSONAR
    - Rucio (via ska cloud stfc tenancy)
      - Rucio DDM solution selected for v0.1
  - Compute resources aiming to be provided through Cloud (using Azimuth)
  - Storage. Currently testing with Deneb-dev.



#### perfSONAR initial Mesh

- perfsonar01.jc.rl.ac.uk -
- ps-slough-lat.perf.ja.net
  - spsrc32.iaa.csic.es -





# Hardware: Storage

- To be deployed in R26: Row1, racks 919,920
  - Spine switches into the Net-fibre-2 rack
- Estimated 8–10kW consumption under load
- SNs
- 13 x PowerEdge R760xd2
- 2x Intel Xeon Gold 5416S 2G, 16C/32T, 16GT/s, 30M Cache, Turbo, HT
- 256GB (16 x 16GB RDIMM)
- 528TB (24 x 22TB SAS)
- 2x 25GbE ConnectX-6 NIC
- 7 Mons / MDS SVC nodes:
  - 7 x PowerEdge R660xs
  - 2x Intel Xeon Gold 6426Y 2.5G
  - 256GB (16 x 16GB RDIMM)
  - 960GB SSD SATA
  - 2x 25GbE ConnectX-6 NIC
- Pre-installation testing starting soon;
  - Site inspection and installation date to be arranged
- Mellanox ToR and Spine switches (delayed)
- Dell Mgt Switches
- Gateways (XRootD) in the Exit pod:
  - 1 installed, 2 awaiting work to fix DHCP routing issues
  - One additional host to install (somewhere) for internal testing







	8x LCLC Single 100G CWDM 4x Patch cable 4x Patch cable
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	8 x AoC
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# Network architecture



# Summary

### SKA / SRCNet / UKSRC ramping up for SRCNet v0.1 (Operational by January '25)

- UK to deliver 4PB (useable) storage plus compute resources at RAL
  - Other UK sites to be included in time
- Other pathfinder and demonstrator cases can be used for prototyping and science exploration SRCNet v0.2 to add functionality of federated compute, remote execution
- Ramping up of resources after this
- Current SRCNet Roadmap for UK places requirements of:
  - 200 PB Disk (constant), some combination of SSD, HDD
  - 100PB 'nearline" (increasing by 100 200 PB / yr)
  - ~6.6 PFlops of compute (\* needs revision)
  - To be distributed over main UK sites
- Main (immediate) challenge is planning the integration of storage into SCD



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