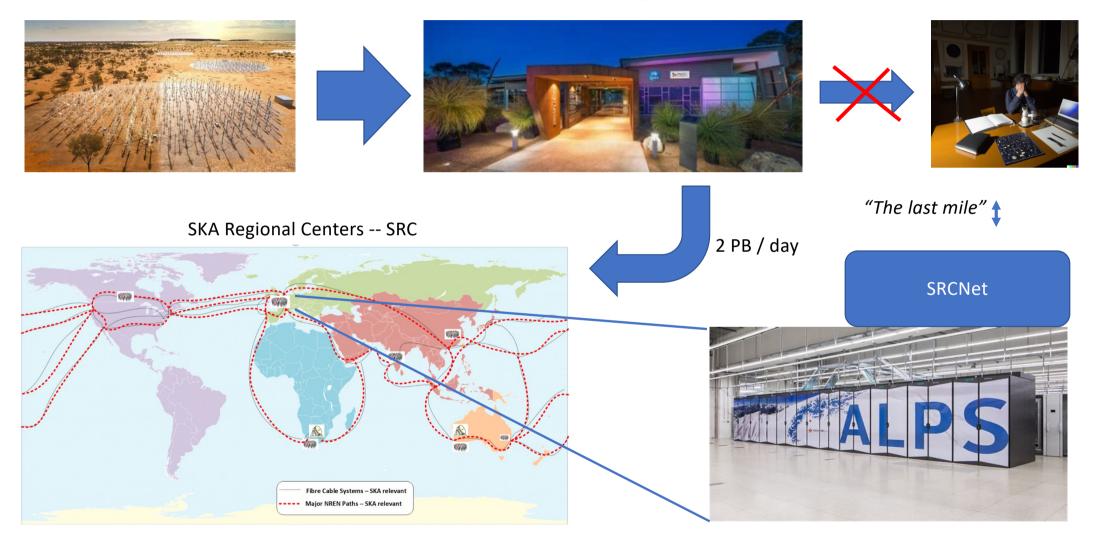
Results of the SRCNet Review

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The route from the observatory to the science



The Review

- A subset of the Science and Engineering Advisory Committee (SEAC) reviewed the progress of the SRCNet development
 - SRCNet is the system necessary to access and process SKAO data products
 - The SRC is financed by countries, SKAO participates to a certain amount and drives the development
 - 4 SEAC panelists, 5 SKAO members, 1 representative of the SRC Steering Committee (SRCSC), 4 SRCSC self-appointed observers
- Review focused on all aspects of the system
 - Vision and Principles, Operations Concept, Science Analysis Platform, Roadmap, Architecture, Requirements, Governance, Risks, Resourcing, Costing
- Review was based on documents prepared in advance for the review, and on a ticketing system for registering the questions and comments from the panel



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Review results - September

- SEAC was critical about the progress of the development of "the last mile" of the system
- From its perspective, the SRCNet development is far behind the development of the rest of the instrument
- SRCNet is necessary to work with SKAO data and needs to be operational by 2026 – 2027
 - No SRCNet, No SKA data
- Recommendations (among others)
 - There should be an entity to manage, oversee and prioritize the development; A project manager should be appointed
 - The immediate focus should be on the development of a Minimum Viable Product
 - Fractional FTEs should be > 50%
 - A CoDR should be organized in Summer

What happened since Sept 2023

- The Council reviewed the recommendations but wasn't convinced about deciding the way forward on the spot
- A ~10 pages document is being drafted for a special council meeting to approve that way forward
- The SRCSC is debating what should be in this document; positions are quite antagonistic
 - Getting things done vs. careful (scalable) design
 - MVP has very limited functionality
 - Who has the lead? The countries or SKAO?
- The development of the SRCNet is moving on, but (too?) slowly
- Issues:
 - Can a CoDR happening in Summer?
 - Can the necessary resources will be effective in time (by 2025)?