

China SRC team Introduction Role and Contributions

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Outline

- 1.China SRC : development (2015 - 2019)
- 2.China SRC : current status and SRCNet prototyping (2019 - 2024)
- 3.Summary (2024 -)

1. China SRC : development

2016 SKA workshop on SDP&HPC

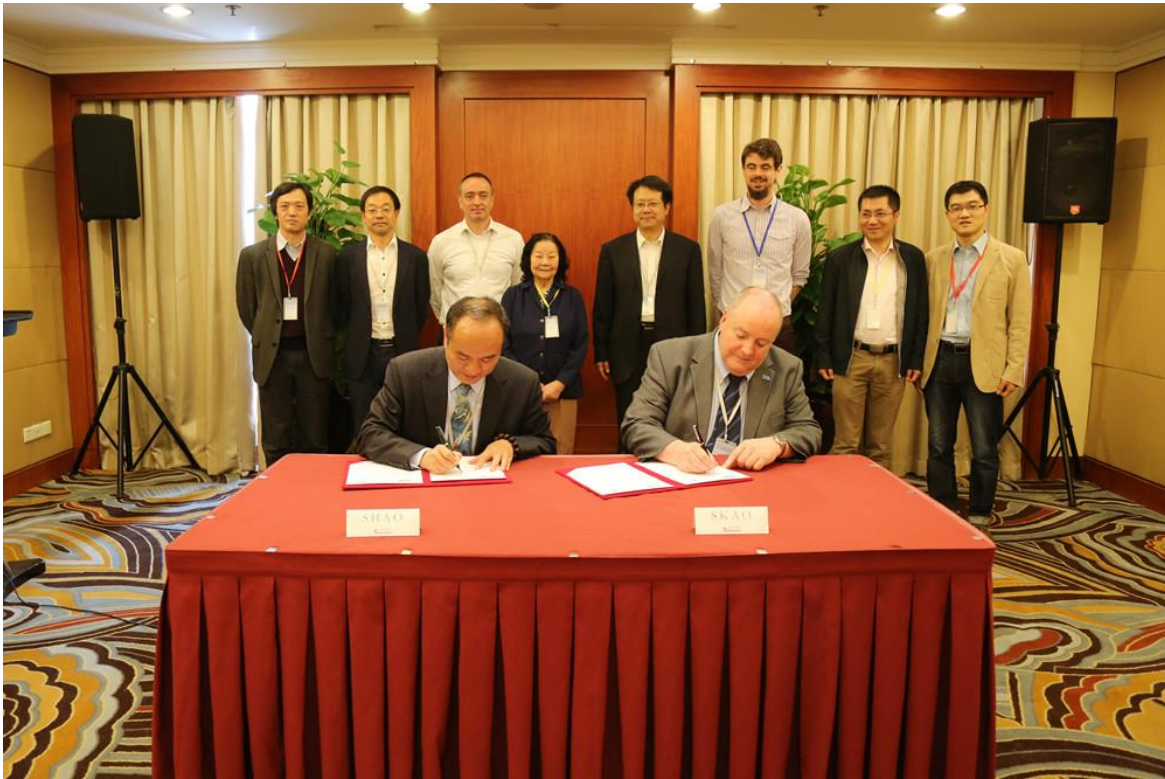
- First international workshop on SKA computing and data challenges
- Shanghai proposed ambitious plan to support SHAO in hosting the SKA Asian Science Centre
- Shanghai's commitment to playing a key role in this frontier science project



SKA亚洲科学中心建设项目已列入上海市科技创新“十三五”规划, 希望上海市能成为承载SKA项目的重要城市


SHAO engages in SKA and SRC

Shanghai Observatory signed MoUs with SKAO and ICRAR. Solidifying Shanghai's participation and contributions in SKA Regional Centre



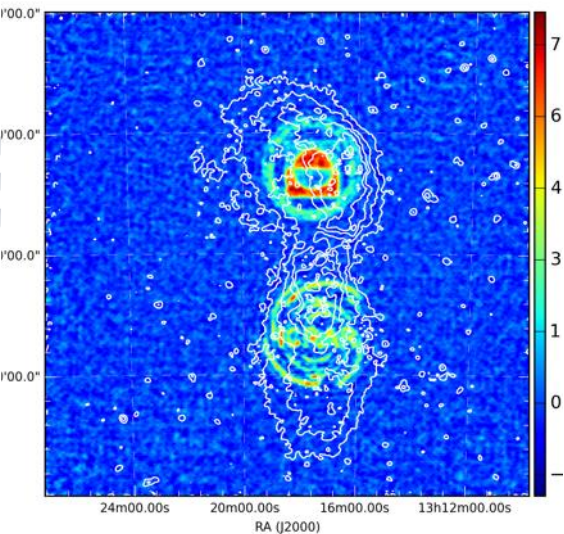
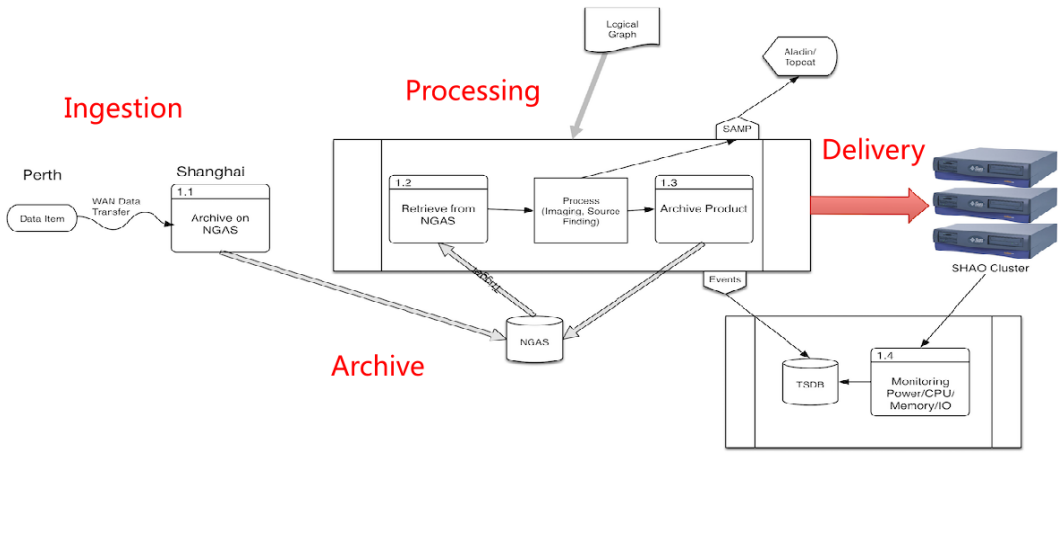
Pioneering SRCNet concept study: ERIDANUS

- ICRAR, SHAO, CSIRO
- Asia-Pacific SRC network concept - one of major conceptual programs
- Objectives:
 - foster academia-industry collaborations
 - Personnel training
 - Infrastructure preparation
- Outcomes
 - Aus-China SKA big data workshop
 - Successful 5Gbps data transfer bw Shanghai-Perth
 - personnel & expertise exchange



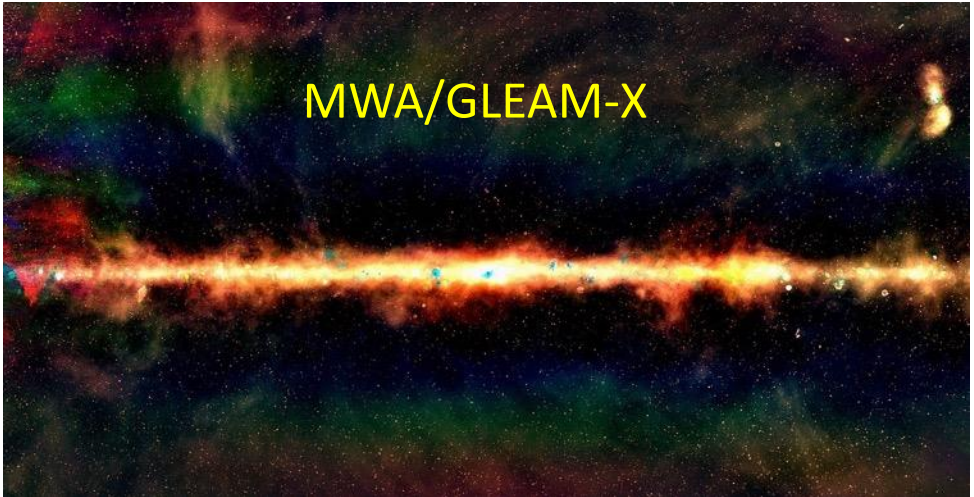
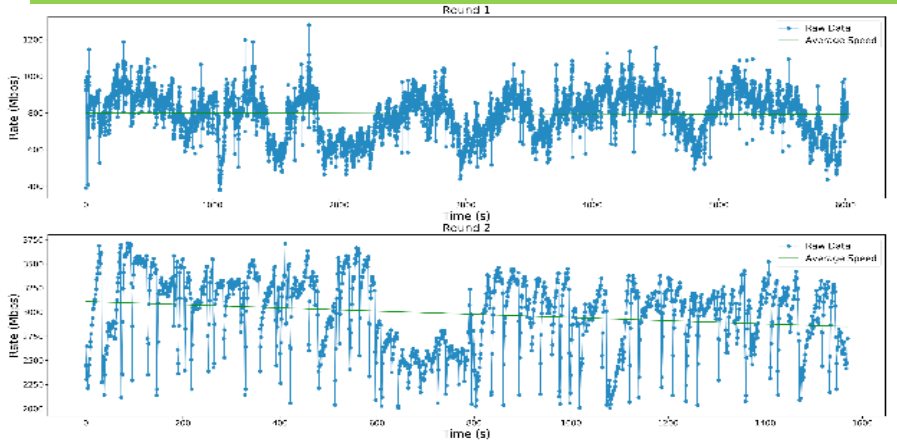
The ERIDANUS Project is a three year, **bottom-up**, design study aimed at deploying a prototype of data intensive research infrastructure and middleware between & within Australia and China, capable of addressing SKA-class data and processing challenges using SKA precursor science projects and telescopes.

2017/2018 SKA Big Data Workshops in Shanghai

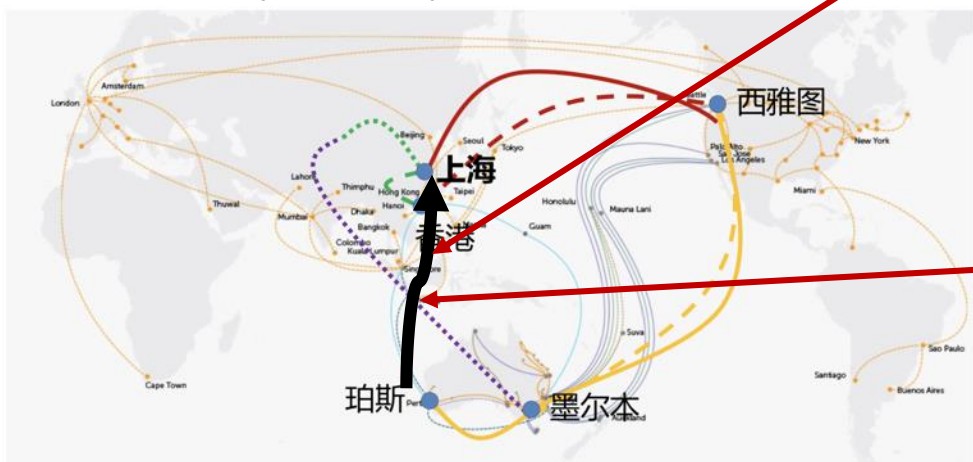


Transcontinental Big Data Transfer - Technical Challenges and Explorations for Future SRC Operations

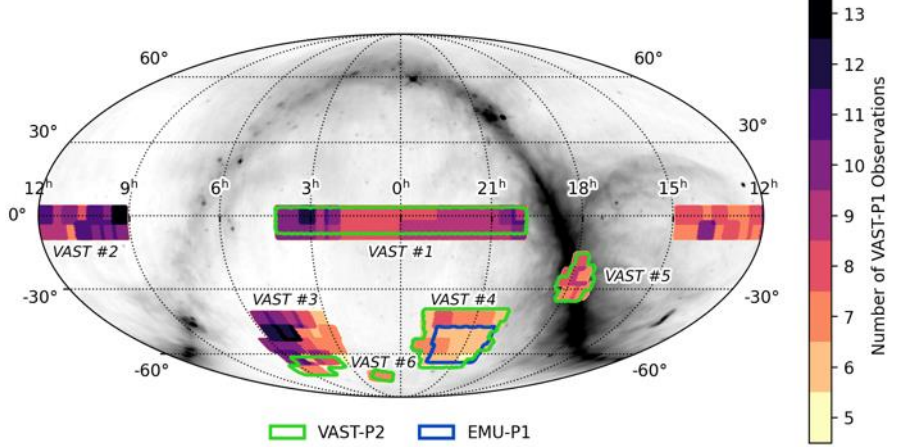
Shanghai – Perth 5 Gbps



中国科技网(CSTNET)

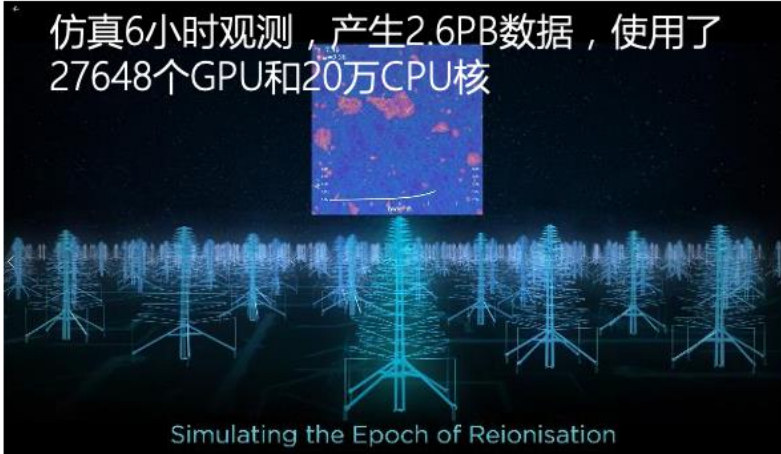
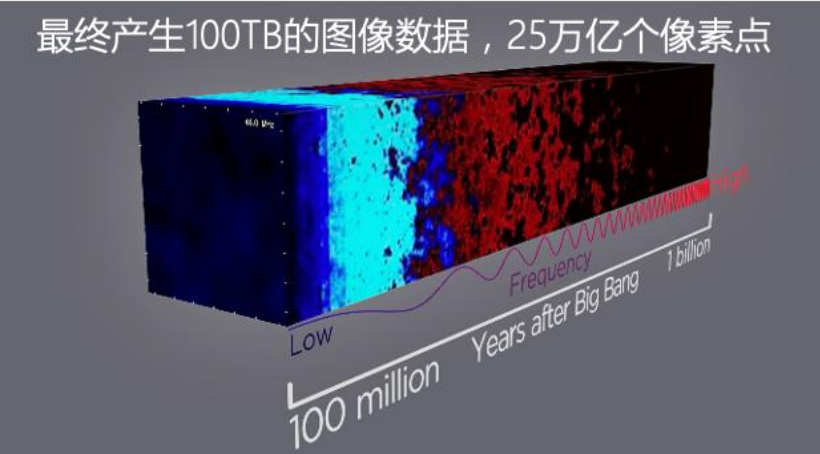


ASKAP/VAST



SKA shakes hands with SUMMIT

- **LARGEST** SKA workflow, the largest workflow in astronomy by ICRAR, ORNL, SHAO
- Simulated 6 hours of EoR observations, peak workflow required 99% of world's #1 SUMMIT (~200Pflops), SKA is a real **big data challenge!**
- "data acquisition (**SKA-Low**) - calibration - imaging - post-processing (**SDP**) - intercontinental transmission - deep imaging (**SRC**)" – showcase **SKAO-SRCNetwork**
- Scientists have technical tools for processing SKA big data!
- **Recommended by DG, in 2020 Gordon Bell Prize ('Nobel Prize in HPC') finalist**



SKA shakes hands with SUMMIT (200 Pflops)

- The largest workflow of the SKA, even astronomy, successfully executed on the fastest supercomputer SUMMIT, simulating the EoR using the SKA1-low configuration
- The peak ingest data rate 400Gbps is on the same scale of the SDP, which will have a peak of 5 Tbps
 - This is a single observation of 6 hours; compared with multiple tasks streaming into the SDP
- A maximum of 4560 compute nodes (98% of SUMMIT) was used – SKA big data challenge
- This experiment shows astronomers can handle SKA data processing (see demonstration in the afternoon coffee time)

Prof. Philip Diamond
Director-General
SKAO

SKAO Summit Supercomputer

Milestone: first SRC prototype in 2019

- 2019 SKA Engineering Meeting, co-hosted by the SKAO and MOST
- 200+ scientists and engineers all together in Shanghai China
- **5 Days seminar + 2 telescope site visit + 1 Demon + 1 Prototype**
- Chinese major contributions: **first SKA-Mid antenna prototype, first SRC prototype**
- **A key milestone of SRC: Concept -> Prototype**



China SRC prototype: milestone

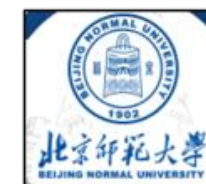
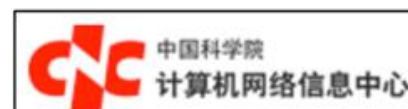
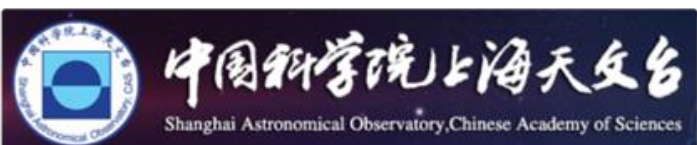
- China team exhibits China SRC prototype, high praise from community
- The prototype was recognized as the **world's first dedicated SKA Regional Centre prototype**, making a significant contribution to the SKA project.
- International review panel led by SKA D-G and SRC Chair acknowledged China's leading role in technical validation, standard setting and practice.



Strengthen International Cooperations



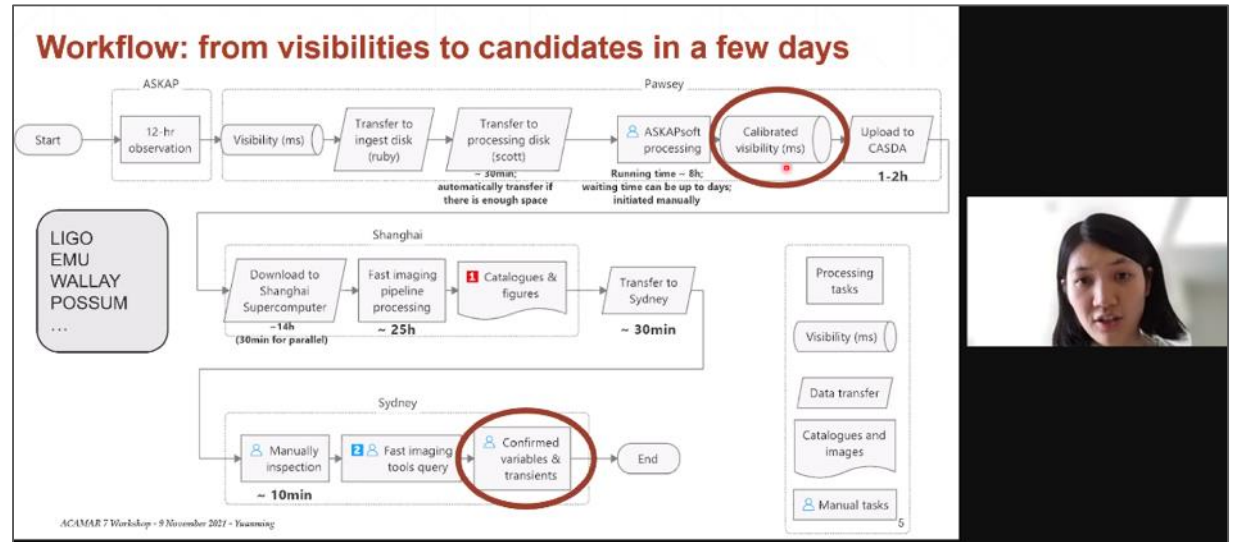
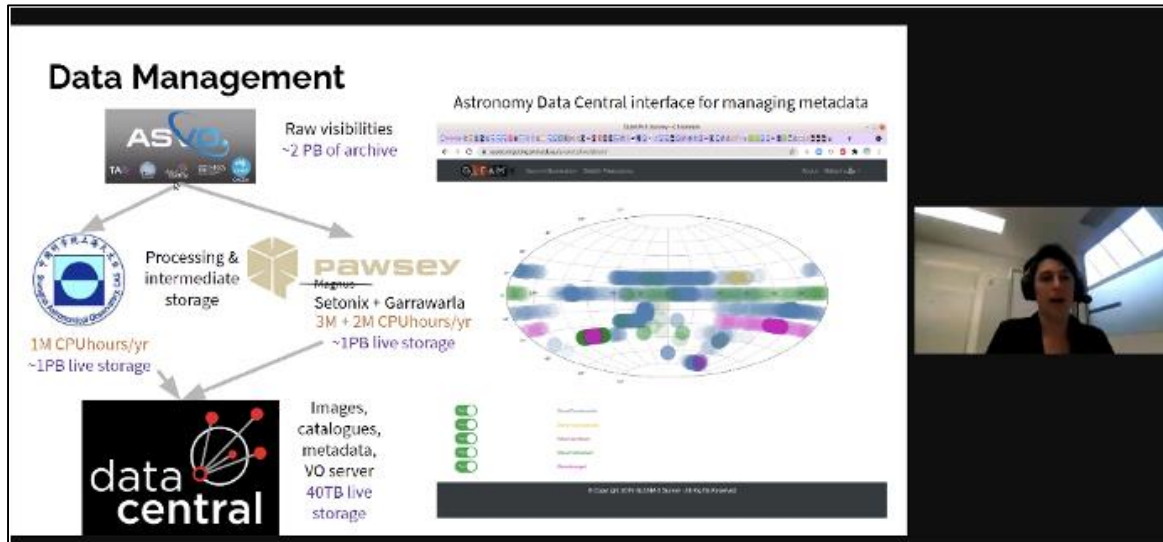
Supporting Science Users



Powering Groundbreaking Discoveries

- MWA/GLEAM-X
- ASAKP/ VAST

- Others : ASKAP/FLASH, POSSUM, EMU



GLEAM-X PI :
ChinaSRC is one of the data processing facility,
Nature publication

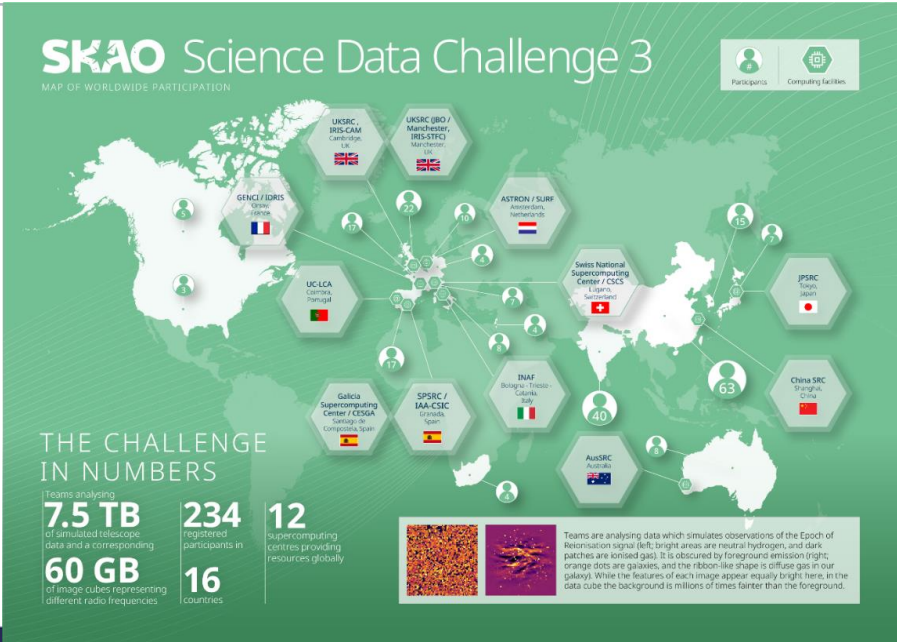
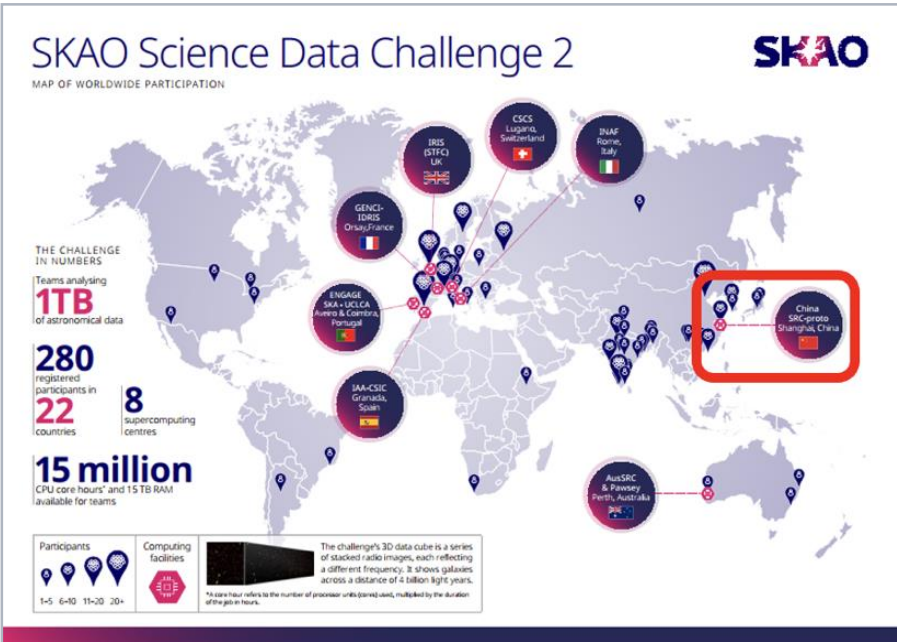
Optimize pipeline for VAST data processing
Faster, Image with better quality , more efficient
Integrable to large scale supercomputer
also fit in other ASKAP pipeline

SKA Data Challenges

- SDC1: participation, Shanghai team obtained final **highest score**
- SDC2: support 5 teams, two submitted
- SDC3: China SRC support 3 teams, and 4 downloading only teams
- supported **the largest number of teams and participants** among the 12 global nodes

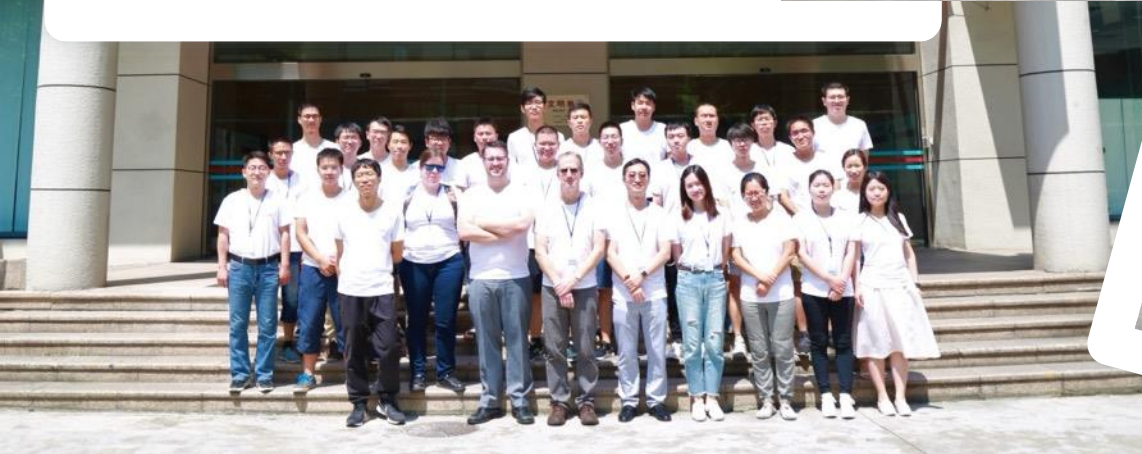
Table 5. G_{tot} and A_{tot} metrics for all teams, in order of decreasing G_{tot} . G_{tot}^* is the total score achieved by the deadline of 30th April 2019, which determined the SDC1 leaderboard⁷

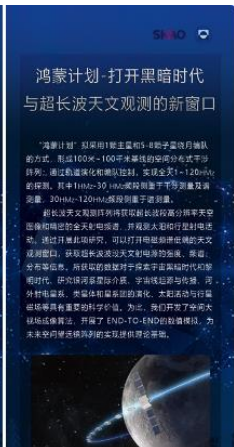
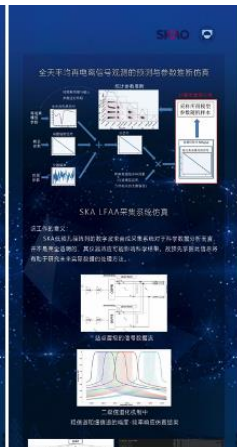
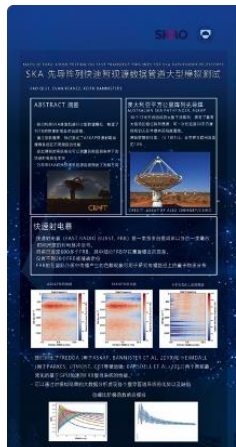
Teams	G_{tot}	G_{tot}^*	A_{tot}
Shanghai	19112.8	-33226.1	19419.7
ARCIt-CACAO	17361.3	2733.58	24684.6
ICRAR	5265.56	5265.56	11691.1
EngageSKA	4160.33	4160.33	16666.6
IITK	-4.58427	-4.58427	0.746315
hs	-9325.29	-9325.29	684.933
JLRAT	-10625.9	-53069.4	64752.6
IPM	-196237	-196237	4356.57
IPM2	-533625	-	28973.2



Summer Schools

- Training SKA students and young researchers
- SKA summer schools

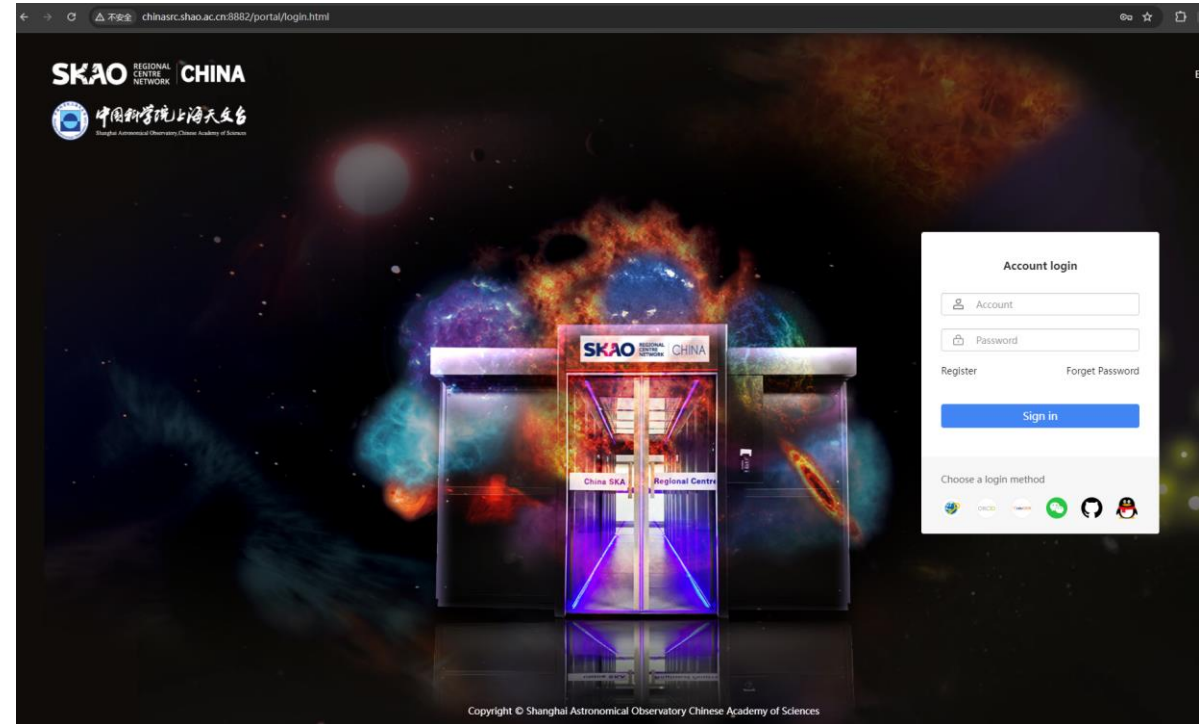




2. China SRC: current status

China SRC prototype: status (2024)

- Compute: **I**
 - 35 Intel x86 CPU nodes -> 2400 cores
 - 12 ARM CPU nodes -> 1152 cores, max 96 cores/node
 - 4 GPU nodes -> 16 Nvidia V100, 8 A40
- Storage and file system: 9PB
- Inter-connection: 100-200Gb/s connection **IB**
- Memory: 84TB in total, 4TB/node (max), 36GB/core (max)
- Tran-continental internet:
 - 10 Gbps international network for datalake;
 - 100 Gbps to be considered by 2026;
 - 200 Mbps routine links with other SRC nodes



Hardware Resource



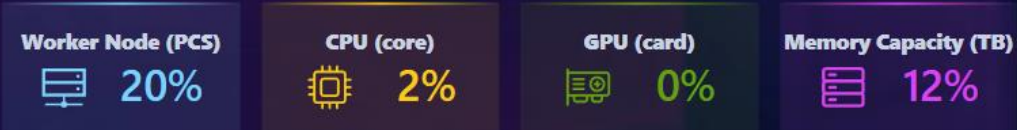
User Distribution



Top 10 Registered Users
Department



Resource Utilization



Running Information



Software Usage

The platform has installed a total of **42** shared softwares



Instance Software **4** PCS Cluster Software **38** PCS

Top 10 Instance Software



Top 10 Submitted Jobs by Users TOP10



Top 10 Department by Computing Hours TOP10



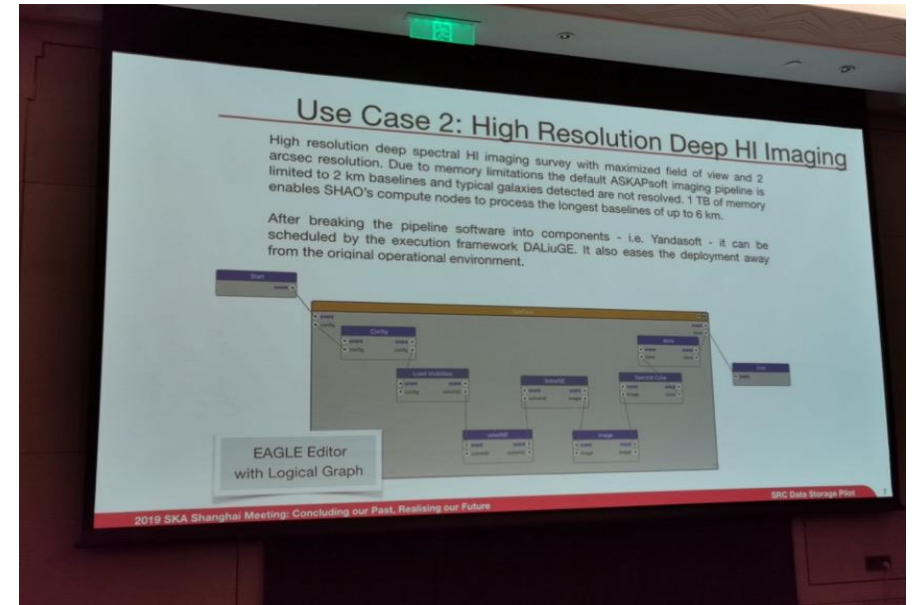
China SRC: Tailored for SKA's Data Processing Demands

- **Hybrid Heterogeneous Architecture:** a mixed architecture that can flexibly meet various resource requirements, including compute-intensive, data I/O-intensive, and memory-constrained tasks.
- **Data Constellation:** SKA bottleneck: data movement
 - Idea: Place compute close to data; Solution: Highly integrate compute, storage, and network to reduce data movement and improve efficiency
- **Optimized Efficiency:** optimized the system for computational efficiency, memory input/output capacity, and data input/output bandwidth.
- **High-Speed Network Interconnectivity:** 100/200Gbps, accelerates data processing for complex computations.

Example: China SRC prototype vs traditional HPC

- Traditional HPC: compute intensive
- SKA: large data volumes, large file sizes, lots of small files -> Data intensive, memory constraints, I/O constraints ->

- High performance computing nodes
- Large memory size, memory bandwidth
- parallel computing and scalable file systems, High bandwidth, low latency storage
- High-bandwidth networking



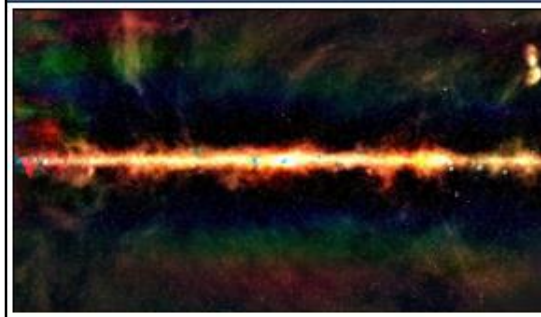
ICRAR reports on China SRC prototype vs CSIRO servers during the 2019 SKA Engineering Meeting

- Example: 4 TB of memory per node enables SHAO's compute nodes to process the longest baselines of ASKAP up to 6 km.

Science user case 1

The GLEAM pipeline and workflow in ChinaSRC

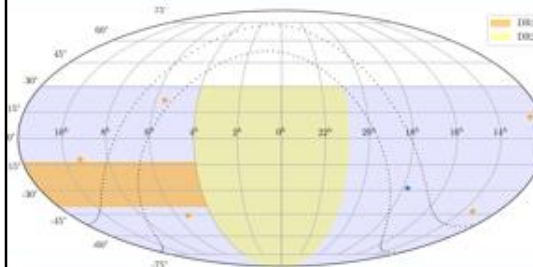
- The GLEAM survey is the largest radio continuum survey in the southern hemisphere, mapping the entire sky below 30° declination from 72 to 231 MHz.
- MWA Phase II doubled the observing tiles and baselines, enhancing sensitivity and resolution, but increasing data processing complexity.
- ChinaSRC has deployed the GLEAM-X pipeline and will support GLEAM-X and POGS-X projects, enabling groundbreaking discoveries in cosmological magnetism.



GLEAM and GLEAM-X

GLEAM (Hurley-walker et al. 2017)

- Sky coverage: 24402 deg²
- Sources detected: 307456
- Astrometric offset: $-4 \pm 16''$ in R.A. and $0.1 \pm 3.6''$ in Dec
- Rms noise: 11.3 ± 7.3 mJy beam⁻¹
- PSF size: 152 ± 25 arcsec (major), 134 ± 12 arcsec (min)



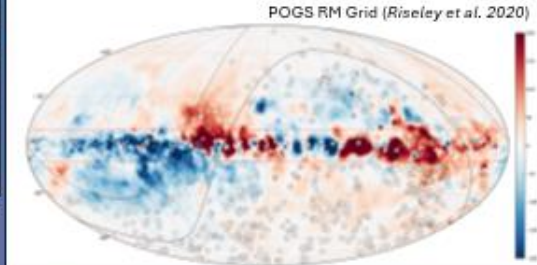
GLEAM-X DR1: (Hurley-walker et al. 2022)

- Sky coverage: 1447 deg²
- Sources detected: 78967
- Astrometric offset: 14 ± 700 mas in R.A. and 21 ± 687 mas in Dec
- Rms noise: 1.3 ± 0.2 mJy beam⁻¹
- PSF size: 77 ± 12 arcsec (major), 61 ± 6 arcsec (min)

GLEAM-X pipeline: <https://github.com/GLEAM-X/GLEAM-X-pipeline>

The POGS series

The Polarised GLEAM Survey



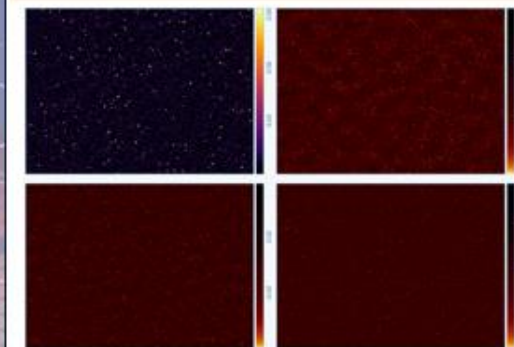
- Goals: All-sky precision RMs for precision magnetism science
- Discovered polarized radio sources:
 - 486 AGN
 - 33 pulsars

POGS-X: Polarisation based on GLEAM-X data

- Challenges:
 1. A specific pipeline with polarization calibration still wait to be made
 2. Leakage and RM-grid calibration
 - Per channel data should be made and check (768 per band)
 - Huge resources needed (several PB storage, computing memory and hours)
 3. New Source finding technique needed

ChinaSRC put effort on POGS-X:

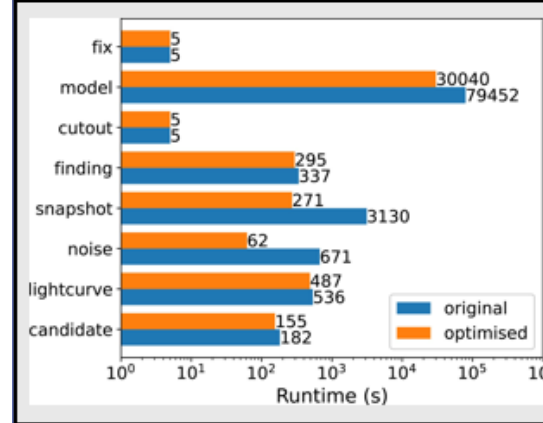
- Starting specified pipeline for polarization:
 - <https://gitlab.com/ykzhang/gleamx-pipeline-chinasrc.git>
- Extra resources
 - Newly deployed system for POGS-X



Science user case 2

An optimized transient detection pipeline for the ASKAP Variables and Slow Transients (VAST) survey

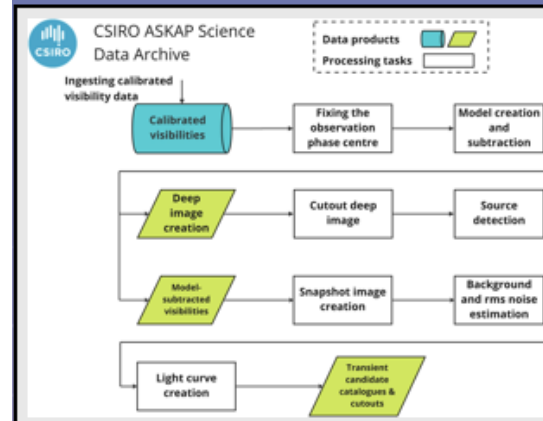
- The universe is full of high-energy transient events, offering insights into cosmological phenomena like gamma-ray bursts and fast radio bursts.
- Large-scale surveys like ASKAP's VAST are designed to detect and characterize a wide range of transient and variable objects across the electromagnetic spectrum.
- This paper presents an optimized transient detection pipeline for VAST, improving processing efficiency and imaging fidelity to handle ASKAP's vast data volumes effectively.



Pipeline Optimization

The document outlines the initial transient detection pipeline and the subsequent optimization process. The VAST team initially developed a pipeline that processed data from ASKAP's 36 beams independently, involving various steps like ingesting calibrated visibility data, fixing the observation phase center, creating deep sky models, and generating snapshot images. However, the most time-consuming step involved making a deep CLEAN model and subtracting it from the visibility data, which accounted for 93.98% of the total run time.

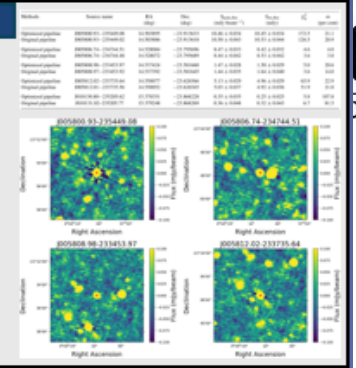
To address this, the team replaced the w-projection imaging algorithm with a w-stacking algorithm implemented in the WSclean software. This change resulted in a threefold increase in overall processing efficiency. The optimization also led to lower noise levels and fewer artefacts in the residual images, suggesting an enhancement in detection accuracy and imaging fidelity.



Experiments

SB9602 beam29

The images in the figure show a clear view of the central 200×200 pixel region around each detected source (red cross).



DALiuGE

The optimized pipeline was integrated into the Data Activated Liu Graph Engine (DALiuGE), specifically designed for exascale graph processing and handling big data challenges posed by SKA-scale surveys. The implementation process involved AppDrop development, Logical Graph creation, and graph deployment, which was then translated into a physical graph template using the METIS algorithm for optimal resource utilization and pipeline efficiency.

Performance tests demonstrated that the DALiuGE-based execution of the optimized pipeline was faster, more stable, and scalable compared to traditional parallel methods like MPI and BASH. It managed to maintain consistent runtimes across varying data sizes, which showcases its suitability for processing the large-scale data expected from the SKA.

Summary

The optimized pipeline, now capable of being executed on the DALiuGE framework, marks a significant improvement in operational efficiency and data processing speed. This optimization not only benefits the VAST project but can also be applied to other ASKAP imaging surveys, such as EMU and POSSUM.

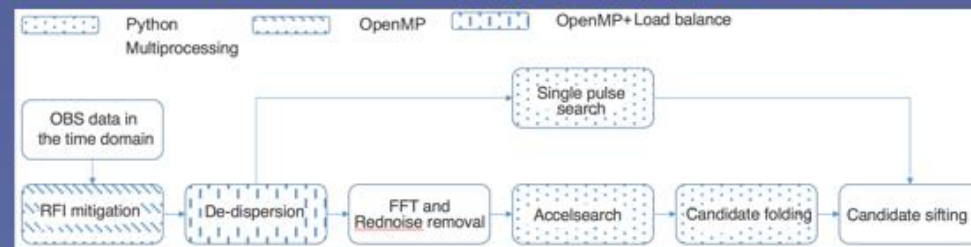
The study emphasizes that the method presented can efficiently exploit the massive data volumes produced by radio astronomy surveys, enabling more precise observations of the universe. As the document states, the ASKAP data used in this work can be accessed via the CSIRO ASKAP Science Data Archive, and the software packages utilized are available from public websites, ensuring transparency and reproducibility.

Science user case 3

A parallel optimization of pulsar search pipeline

An optimized PRESTO based pulsar search pipeline is deployed in CNSRC to greatly improve the pulsar search efficiency on both x86 and ARM nodes, speeding up the computing by factors of 10.4-12.2 and 24.5-25.8, respectively (Wei et al. 2023). The pipeline is applied to the southern-sky MWA rapid two-meter program, as well as other SKA pathfinders like Parkes, uGMRT, and FAST.

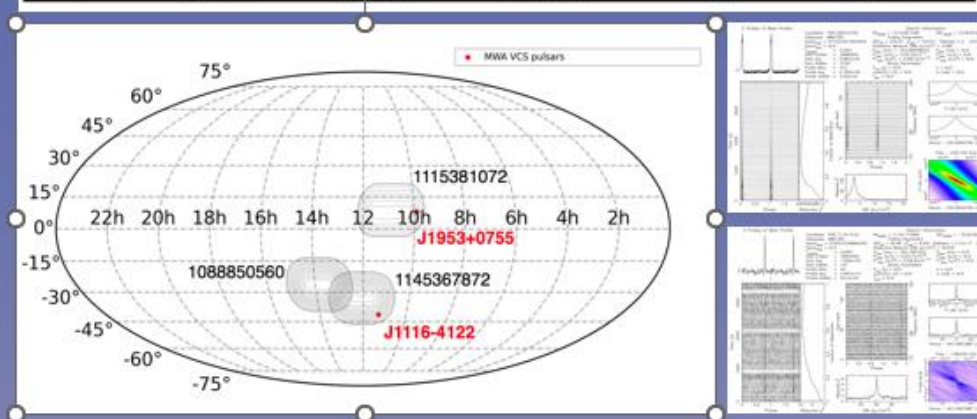
The flowchart of the pulsar search pipeline and optimization



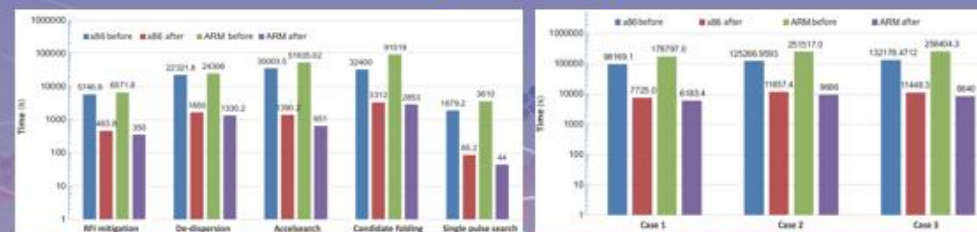
Scientific cases of the MWA-VCS incoherent beam



Case	ObsID	R.A.(J2000)	Dec.(J2000)	Duration (s)	Pulsar searched
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2	1145367872	11:14:29.2956	-33:25:06.9706	3613	J1116-4122
3	1115381072	10:10:08.1228	+10:39:45.9377	4868	J0953+0755



Performance of individual steps Overall performance



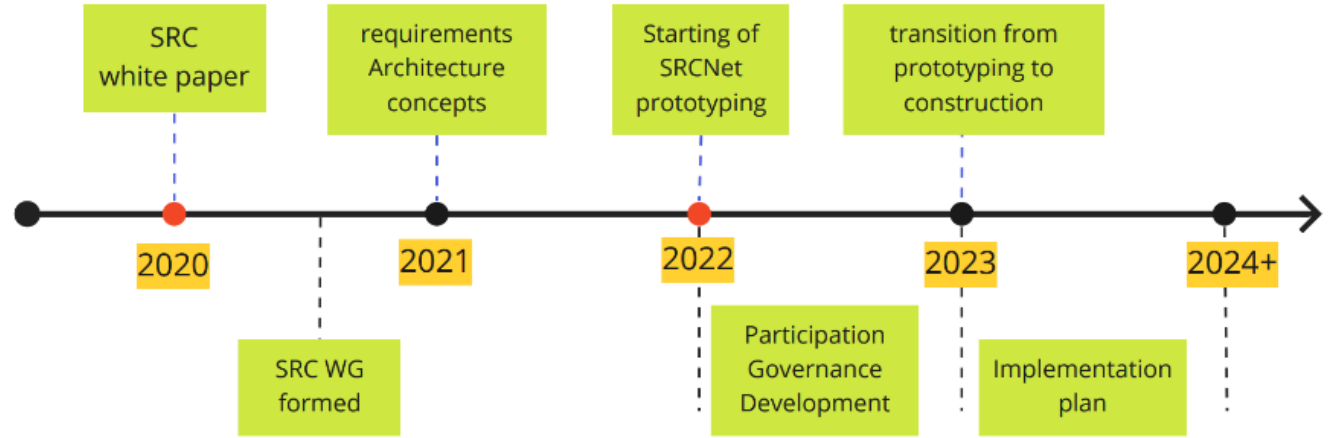
SRC Steering Committee

SKA Regional Centre white paper

Chinese SRC team building

SRC working groups

2nd f2f meeting, Shanghai



SRC working groups

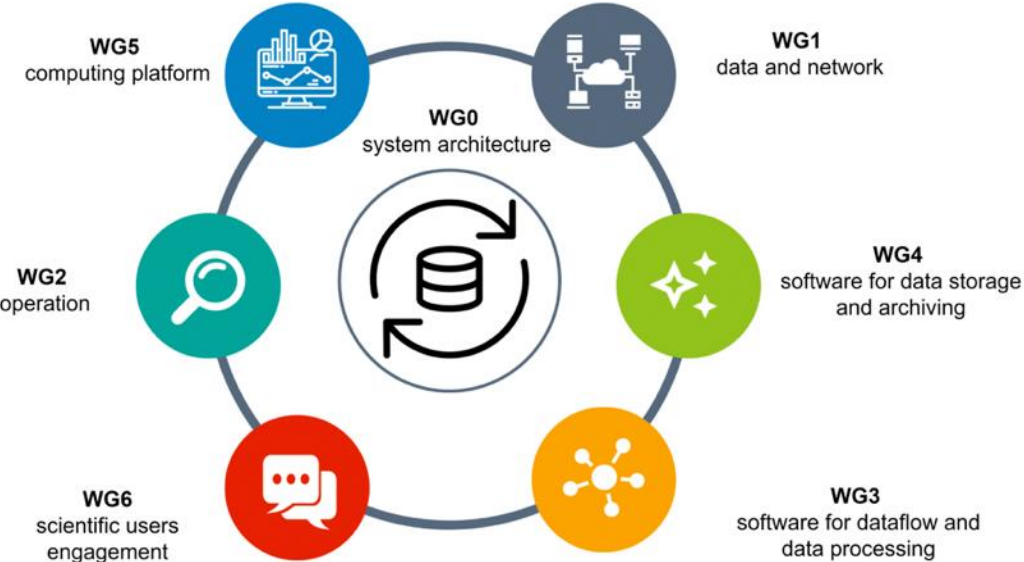
CNSRC Co-chair WG1 data and network
Participate all other WGs

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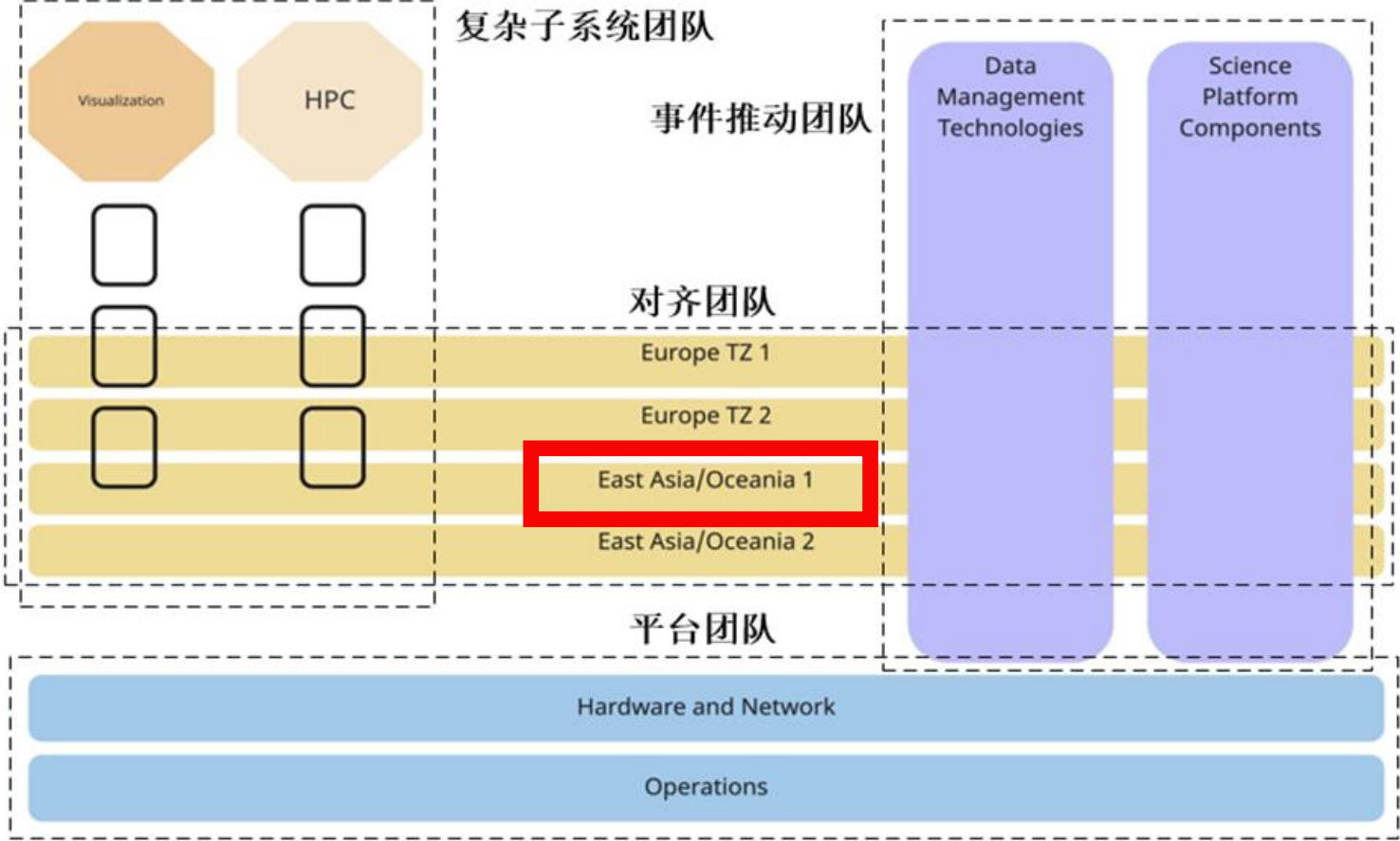
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Jianhui Li	Computer Network Information Center (CNIC) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS); China Science and Technology Cloud		Director of Science and Technology Cloud Department; data infrastructure, data management and data-intensive computing
Leslie Groer	University of Toronto, Canada	UTC-5	Distributed analysis platforms and large scale grid-storage; involved in infrastructure for the ATLAS experiment
Jeff Albert	WestGrid/Compute Canada	UTC-5	Involved with the Arbutus cloud computing infrastructure

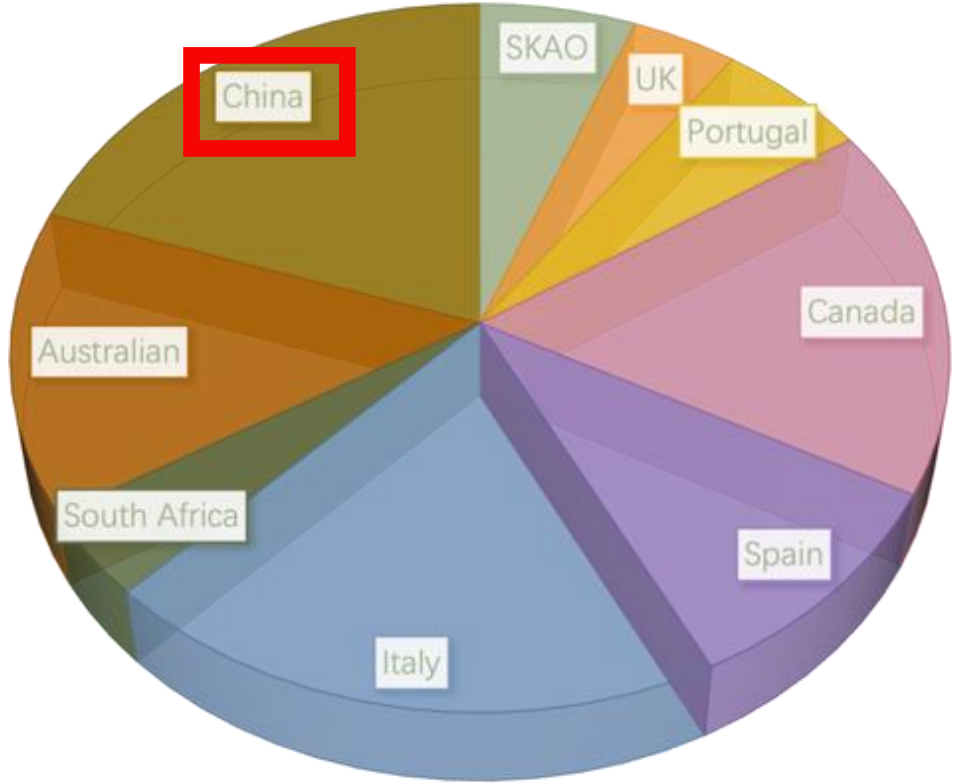
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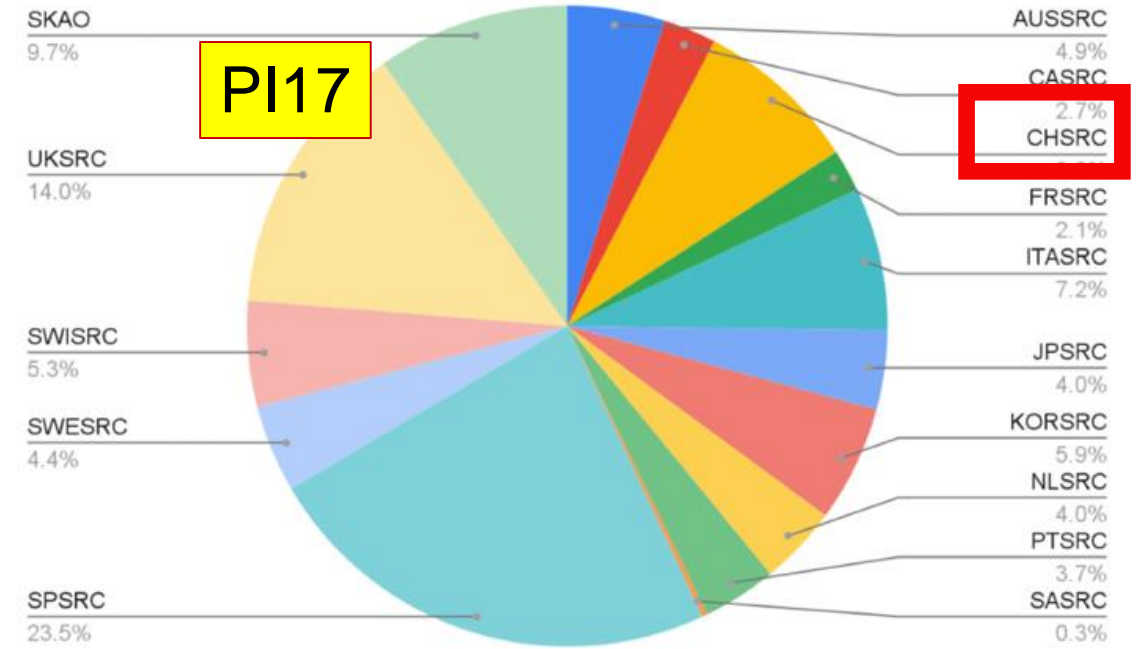
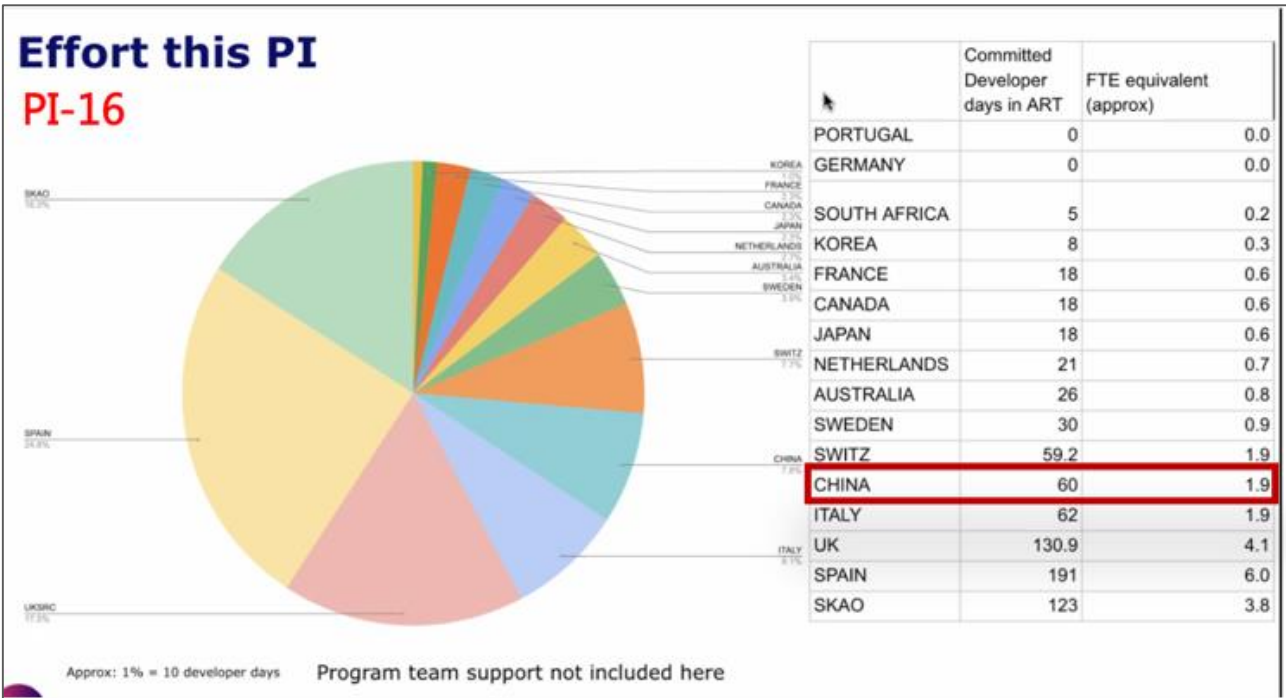
SRCNet Prototyping



FTE CONTRIBUTION BY COUNTRY



SRCNet Prototyping PI15-22



Blue-lavender team



Gold team (International + National level)

SRCNet Prototyping PI15-22



Rucio – network of data lakes
China SRC is one of the nodes

Orange Team (Visualization)

- Supporting 3 different visualization tools
 - CARTA
 - VISiVo
 - Aladin (desktop and lite)
- Test data identified
- Ongoing selection of features to be tested
- Test environments created on China SRC
 - Desktop on container executable in browser, including data and tool
- Portable approach for other SRCs
 - Maybe not too federated but a nice starting point

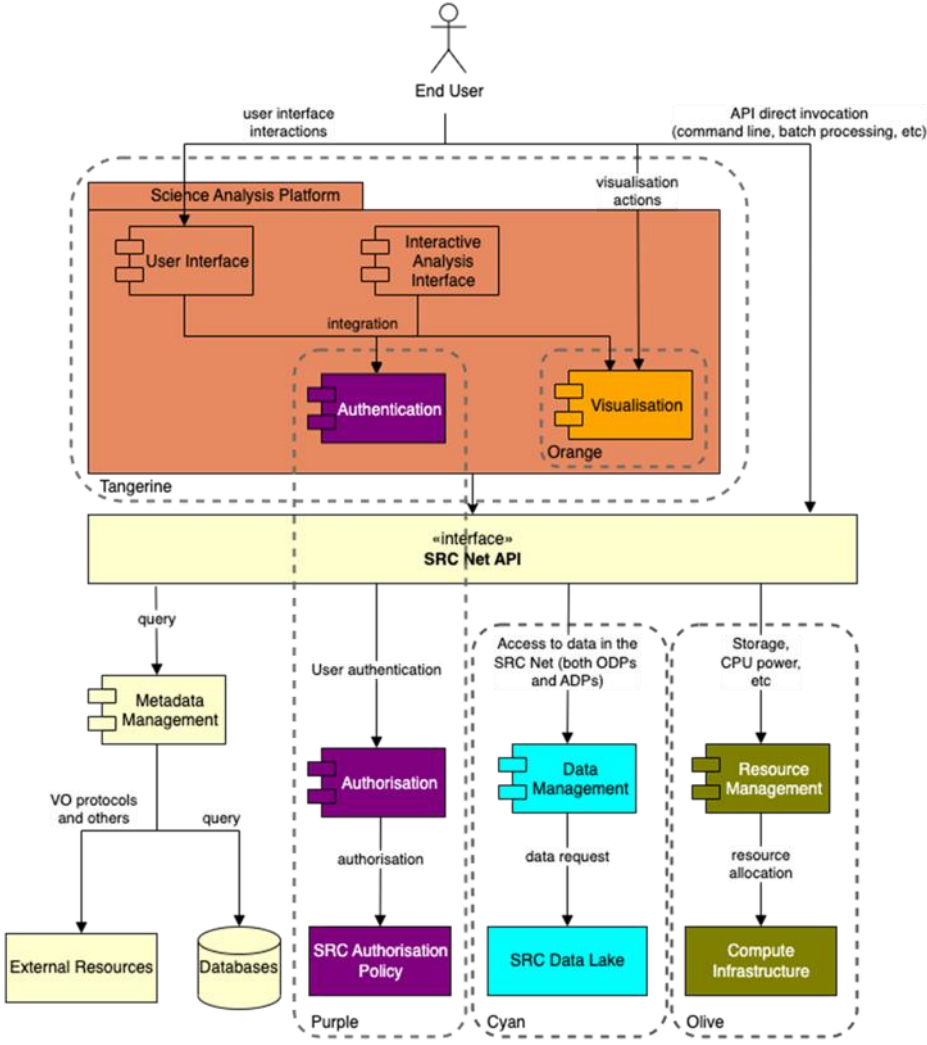
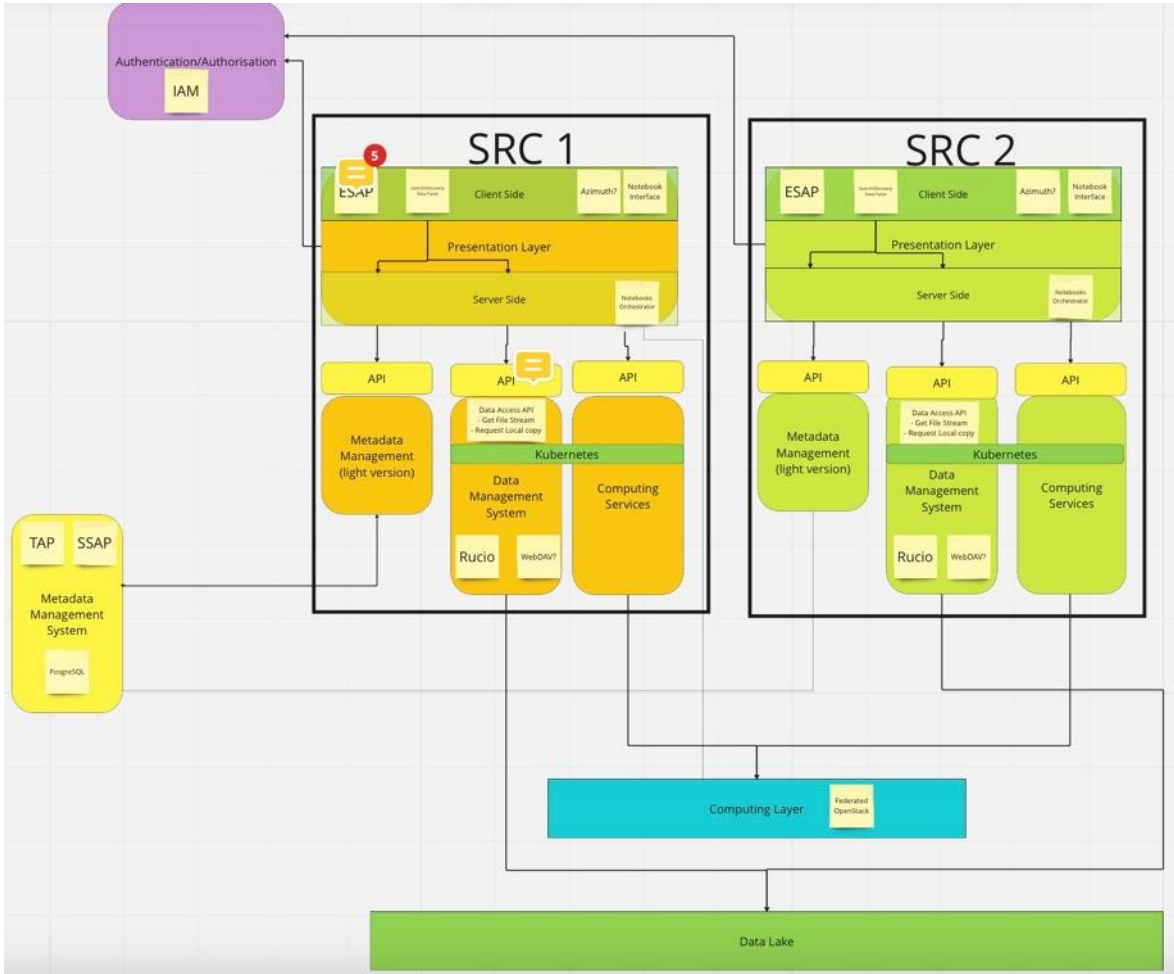
Rucio Storage Integration

SP-2632 - Integrate ChinaSRC/AusSRC storage in the Prototype 1a testbed

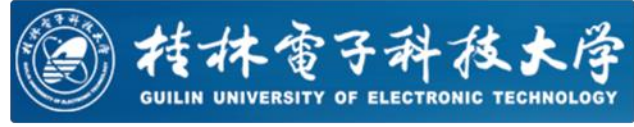
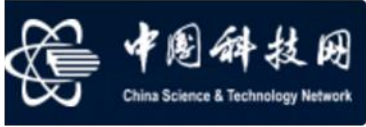
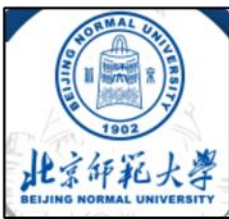
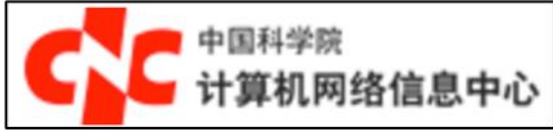
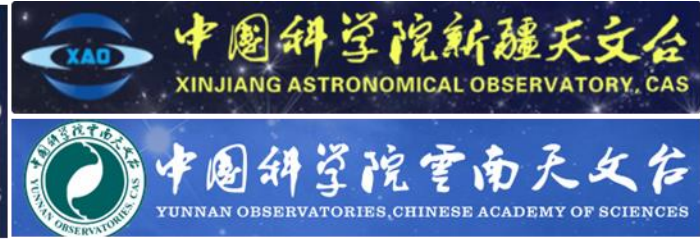
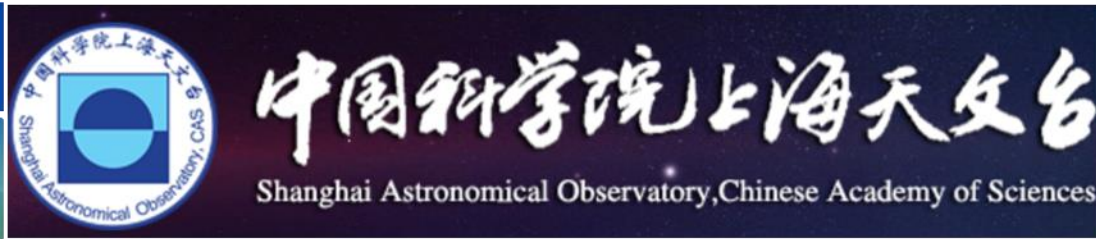
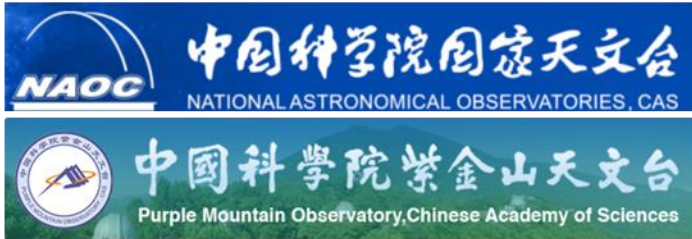
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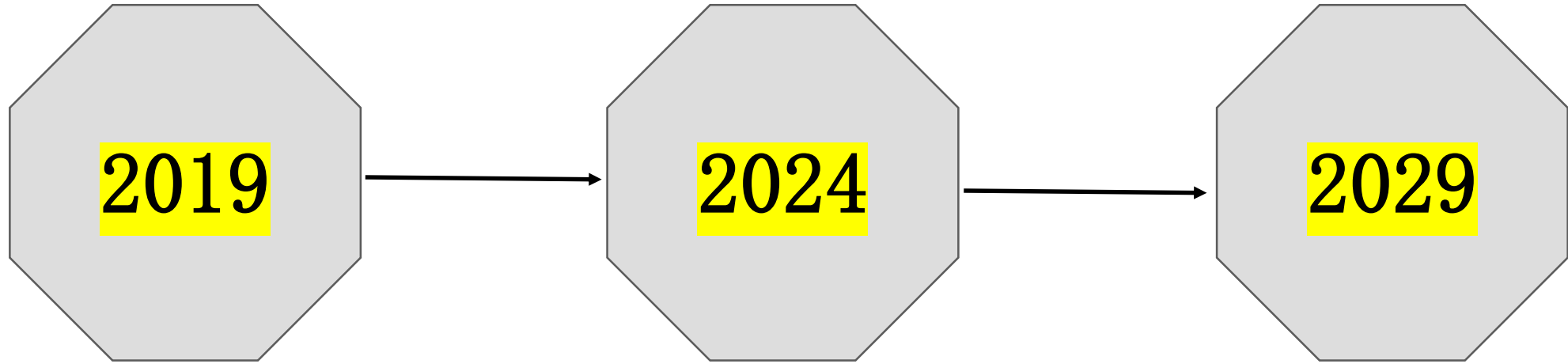
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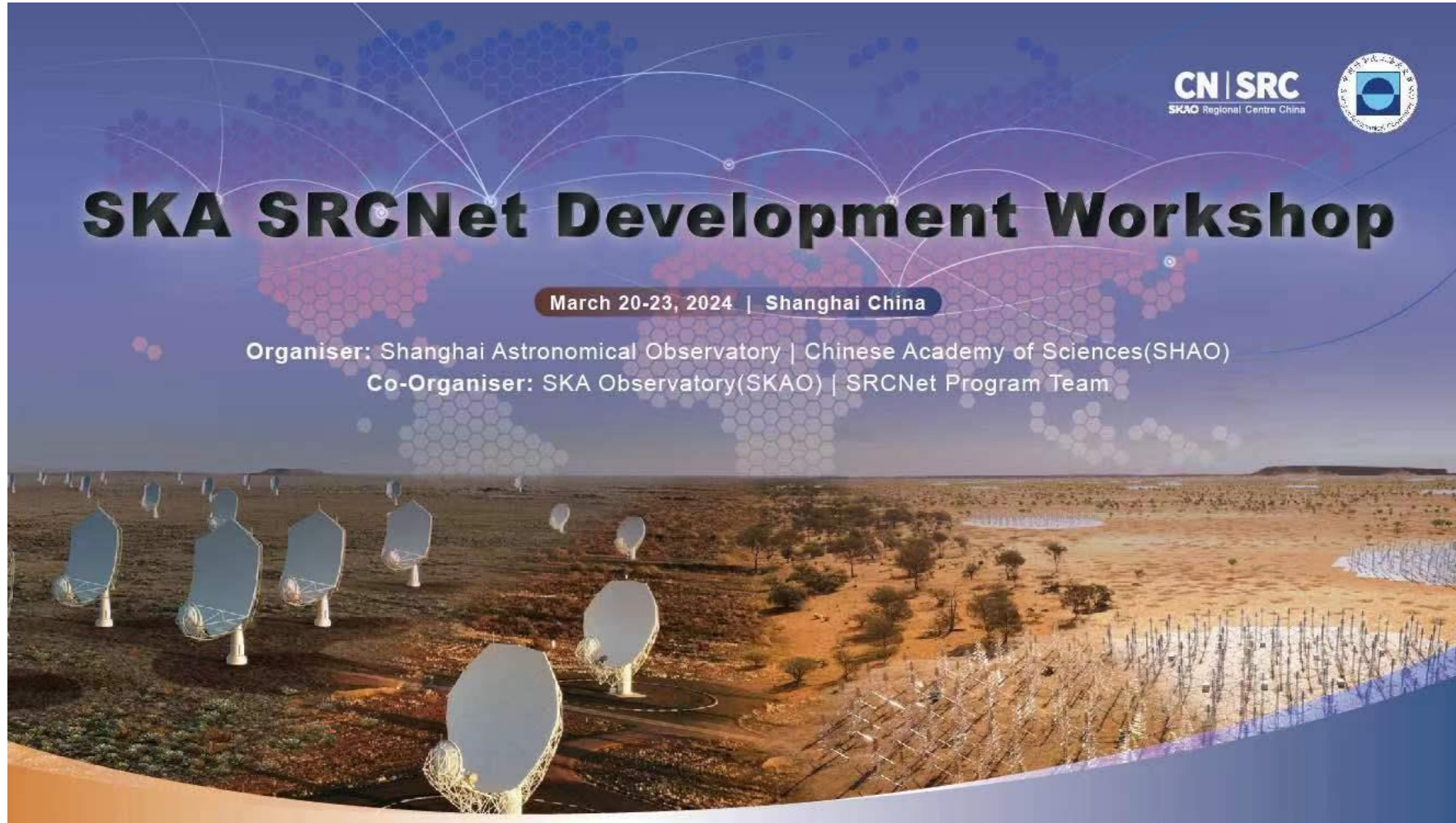


Summary



- 回顾过去，我们经历了两个重要时刻，都与上海有不解之缘。
- Two important moments in past years, both tied to Shanghai
- 2019年，SKA工程会议见证了首个SRC原型机的建立，推进了从概念研究到原型建造的过渡。2019 SKA Engineering Meeting, SRC: conceptual study -> prototype construction
- 2024年的SRCNet研讨会将进一步推动从原型系统到实体运行的进程，标志着SRC发展历程中的另一个重要里程碑。2024 SRCNet, SRC: prototype -> operation

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