



Aperture Array MID Consortium:
AAMID
The MFAA Element

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Why MFAA?

- DRM 1.0, for SKA2, Survey Requirement
 - Speed $10^{10} \text{ m}^4\text{deg}^2/\text{K}^2$
 - Large FoV 100 deg^2
 - Freq $350\text{-}1450 \text{ MHz}$
- Processing advantages
- DRM -> System requirements for SKA2 ?

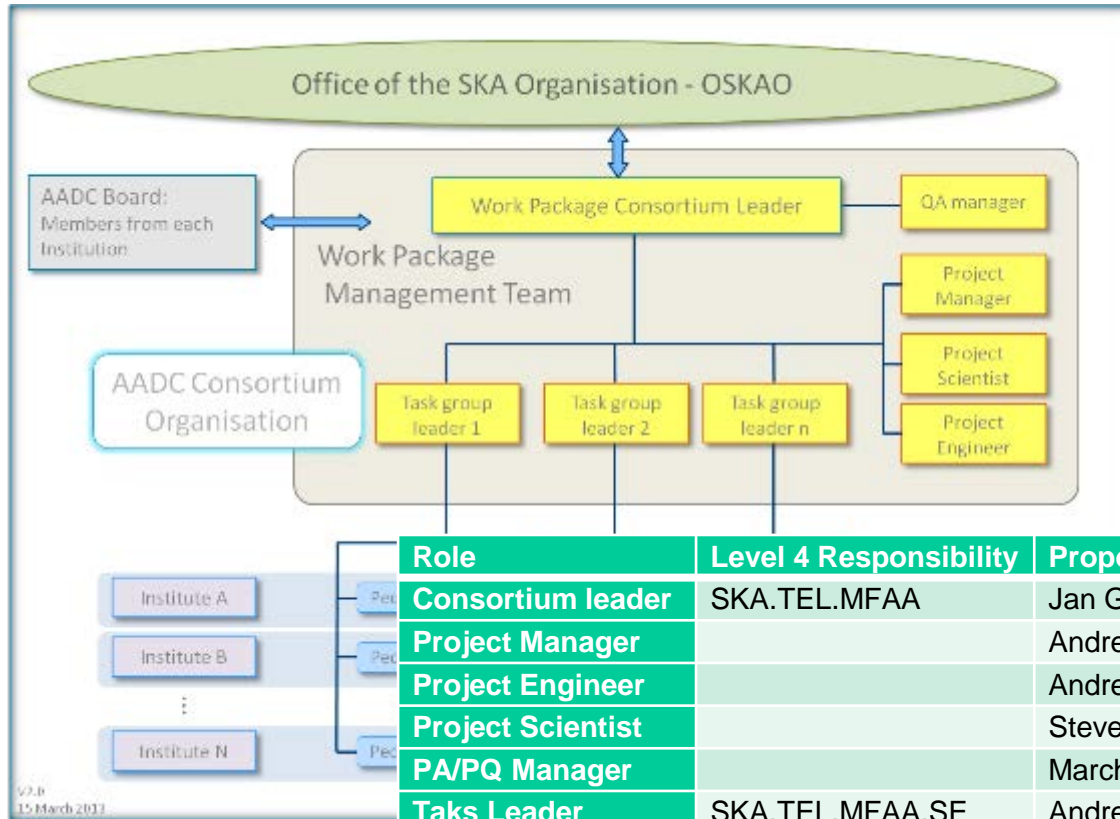
Consortium

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| 1. ASTRON | <i>Management, System, Prototyping</i> |
| 2. Observatoire d'Paris | <i>Front-end Chips</i> |
| 3. University of Bordeaux | <i>ADC</i> |
| 4. University of Cambridge | <i>System</i> |
| 5. University of Manchester | <i>ORA</i> |
| 6. KLAASA (China) | <i>Industrial design, Prototyping</i> |
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| 7. Associate members: | |
| – <i>Portugal, IT</i> | <i>Renewable energy, RFoF</i> |
| – <i>University of Malta</i> | |
| – <i>South Africa</i> | <i>Site</i> |

Focus on Front-end

LFAA knowledge / development will be used for Digital Signal Processing

Consortium organogram



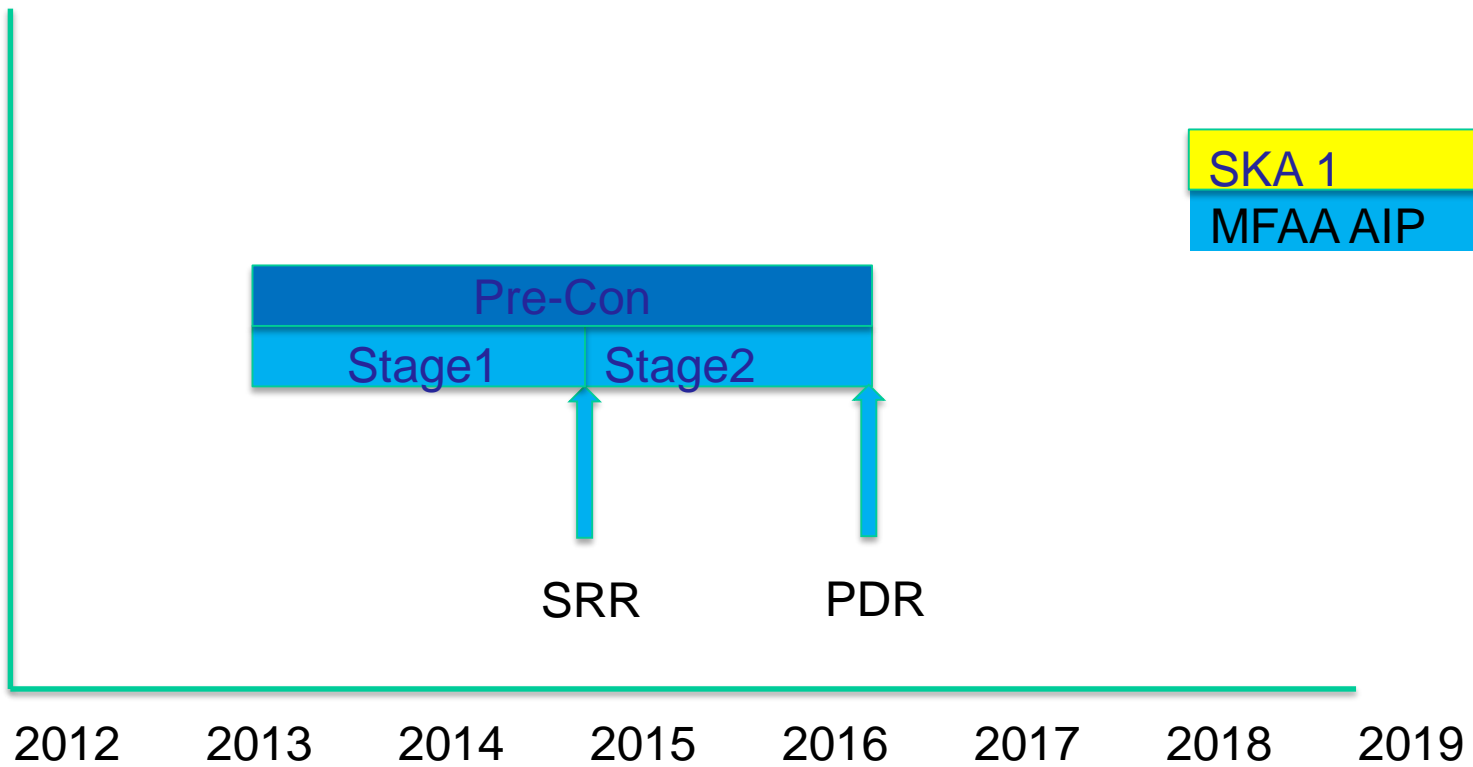
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	Stage 1					Stage 2				
	Manpower		Industrial	Equipment	Travel	Manpower		Industrial	Equip ment	Travel
	fte	K€	K€	K€	K€	fte	K€	K€	K€	K€
Full										
ASTRON	5,6	1651,0	425,0	0,0	57,8	5,6	1234,0	125,0	0,0	41,3
UCAM	0,8	72,3	0,0	18,9	5,4	0,5	51,6	0,0	13,5	3,8
UMAN	2,5	320,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
OBSP	8,8	1272,0	60,5	19,0	16,0	5,2	476,0	7,0	0,0	8,0
UB1	3,9	280,0	130,0		10,0	1,7	81,0	0,0	0,0	2,0
KLAASA	13,4	2422,3	350,0	200,0	50,0	13,2	1523,1	350,0	200,0	50,0
Associate										
SKA-SA	0,2	12,0		8,0	9,0	0,6	43,0		17,0	19,0
Malta	1	50,0				1,0	50,0			
IT	1	98,0	20,0	51,0	2,0	2,0	196,0	40,0	103,0	6,0
UOXF	0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Total	37,2	6.177,6	985,5	296,9	150,2	29,8	3.654,7	522,0	333,5	130,1

€10 M total

MFAA Schedule



From EMBRACE to SKA2

- Issues to be resolved;
 - Power consumption
 - Cost
 - Performance, calibratability, T_{sys}

Front-end proto typing



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Front-end prototyping

- Mechanical tests started in the Karoo

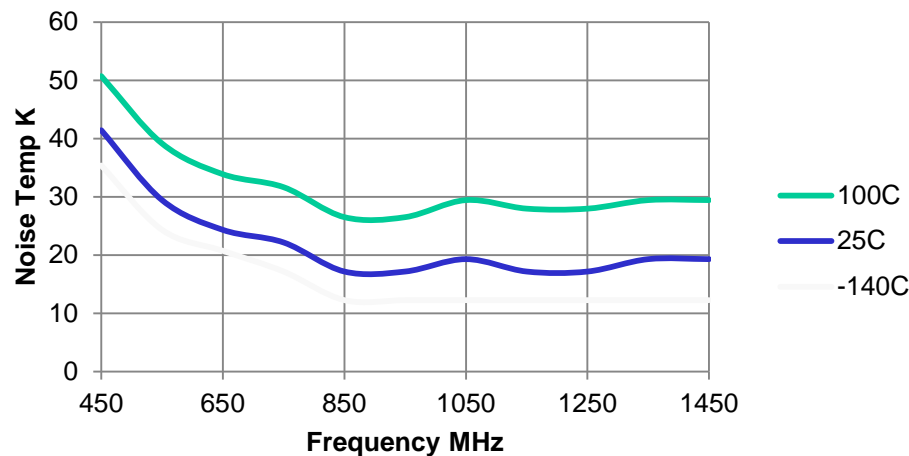


Octagonal Ring Antenna (ORA)



- Electromagnetic reception performance of basic ORA array has been verified
- Finite ORA array (1m² in area) integrated with LNAs has been measured with the lowest noise temperature of 39K

Noise temperature



ORA with AVAGO MGA16116

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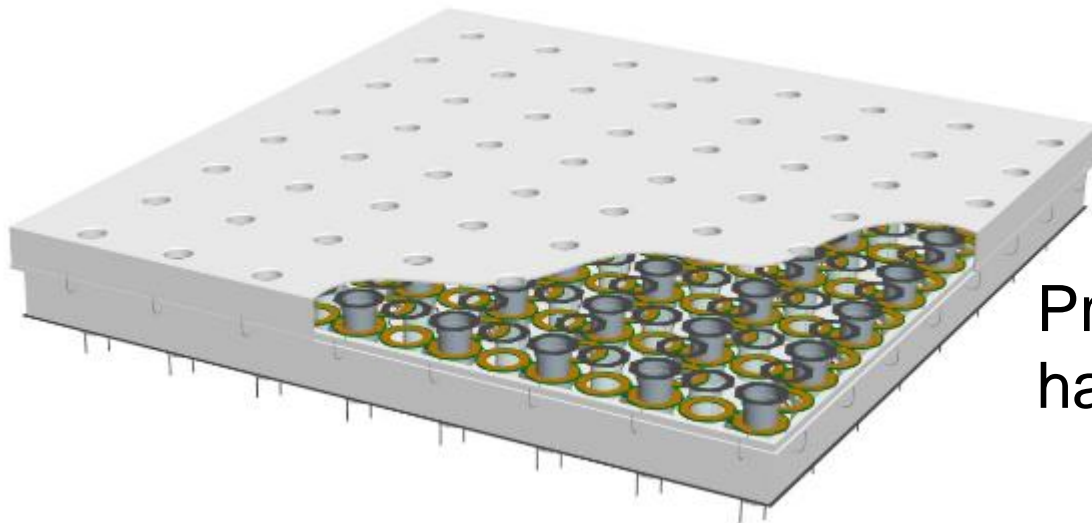
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ORA finite array with about 1m² in area will be produced

A larger finite array panel is being proposed to be built by the end of the stage 1

Design selected will be checked against the system requirements possibly on site, and related measurement and monitoring data collected, ready for PDR

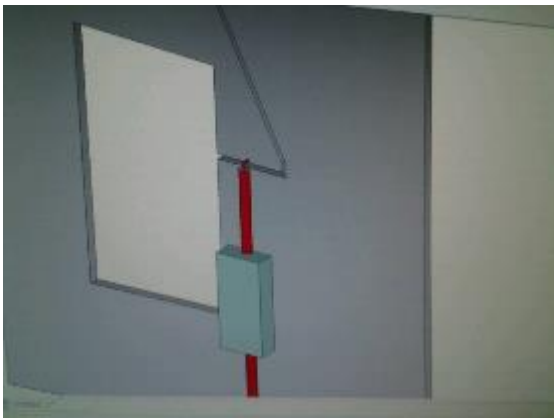


Pre-production design study has been performed

KLAASA Front-end prototyping



- Performance and cost of the Vivaldi Antenna arrays comparison in a metal array and a dielectric-slab
- Finite Metal Vivaldi Antenna array (9m² in area) integrated with LNAs
- Material and manufacturing method with low cost will



- Verification system, EMBRACE
- AA System signal processing

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