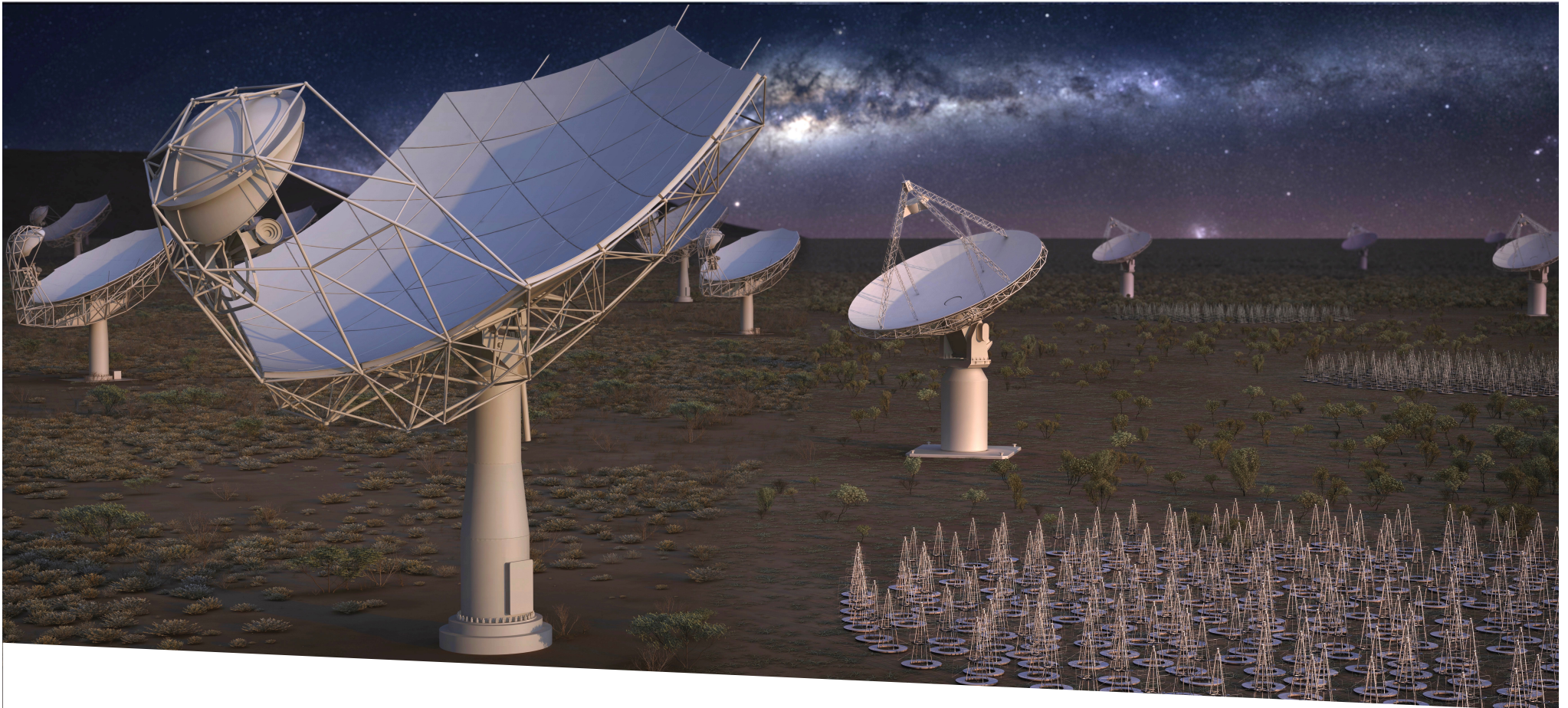


SKA data challenges for SRCs



SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY

Exploring the Universe with the world's largest radio telescope

A. Bonaldi
Project scientist



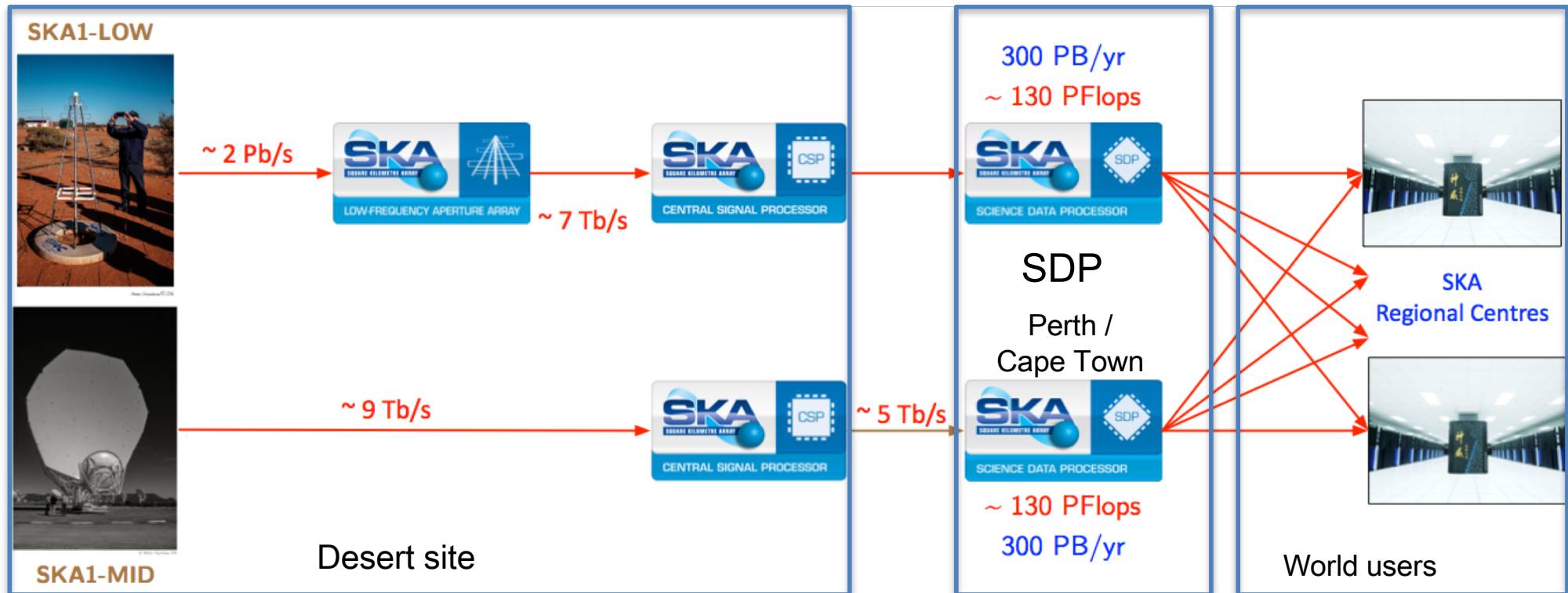
The SKA's data journey



Exploring the Universe with the world's largest radio telescope

- Data flow challenges

50 x data rate reduction by Science Data Processors



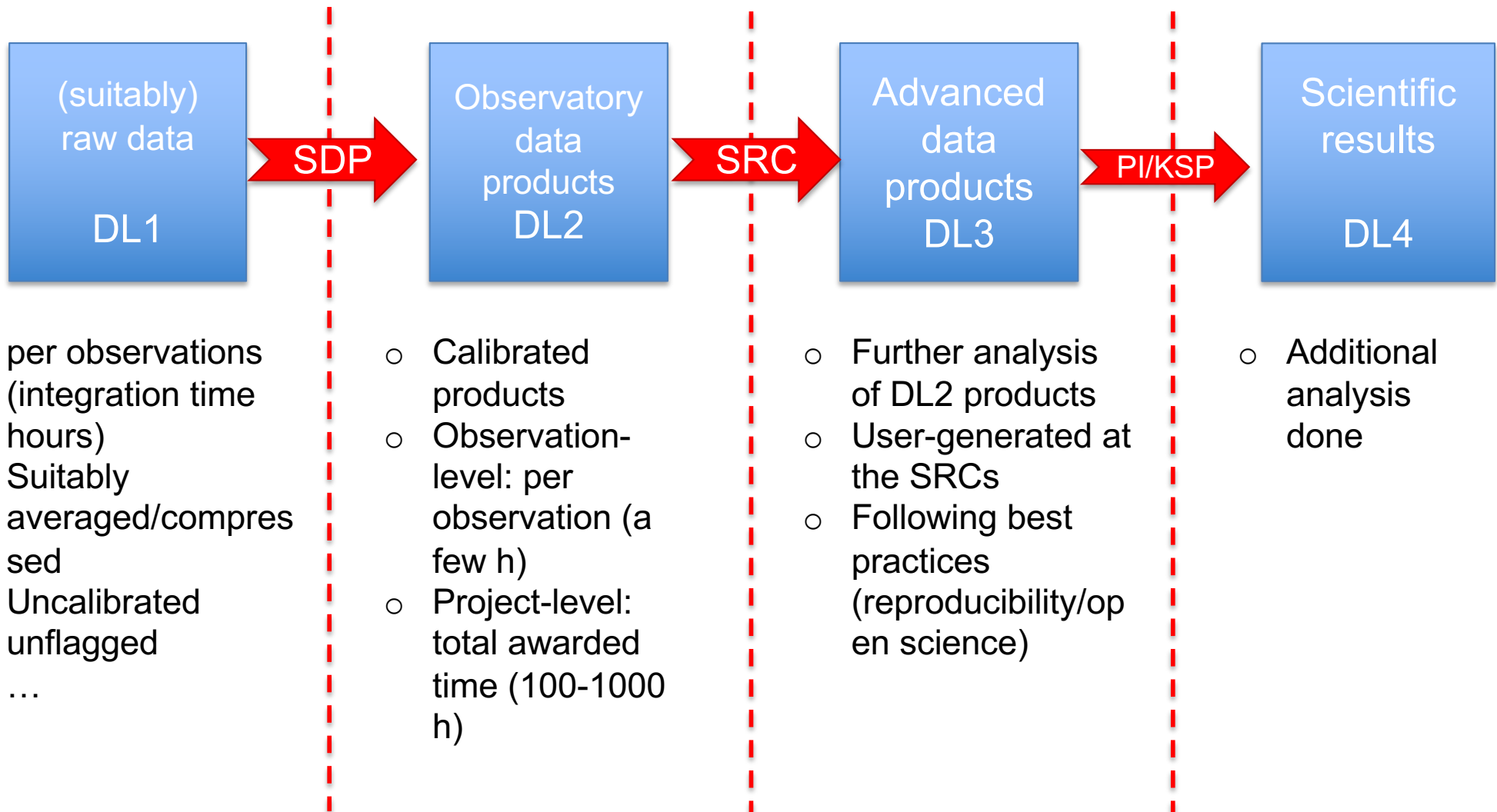
- But, have a series of buffers
- *Raw voltage data can be stored for about 2 minutes*

- *Raw visibility data can be stored for about 2 weeks*

- *Final data products will be stored forever*



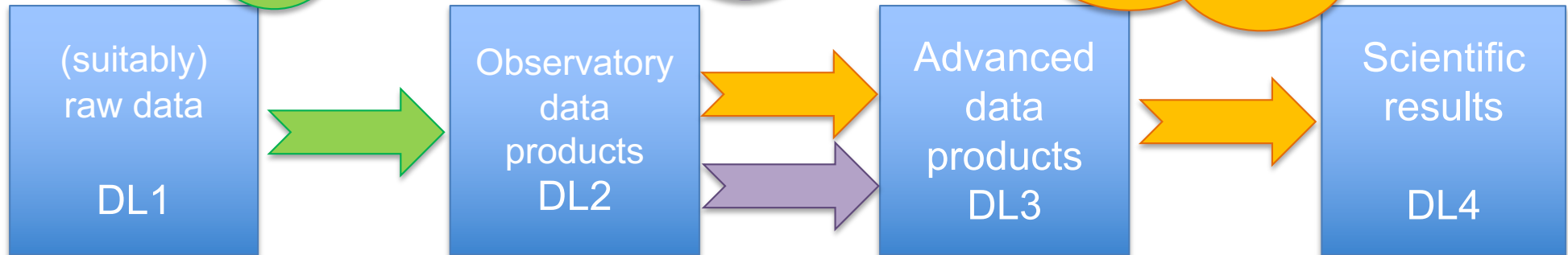
SKA data challenges: Data Layers (DL)



SDP de-risking
"Big data"
challenge

SRC data
challenges

SWG activities
"Science data"
challenge



- Focus on efficiency/scalability
- Calibration strategy and implementation
- Data size 10-100 TBs

- Focus on algorithm development
- Proposal-Specific processing
- Data size few TBs

- Technical: data movement, format, protocols, security, databases
- Algorithms - Best practices

Data challenges

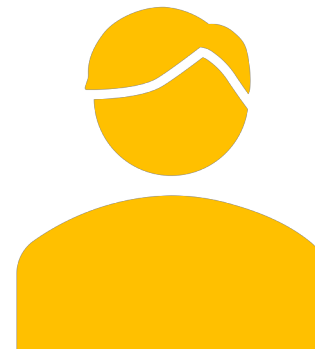
Coordination group



SDP challenges



SRC challenges



Science challenges



Data challenges

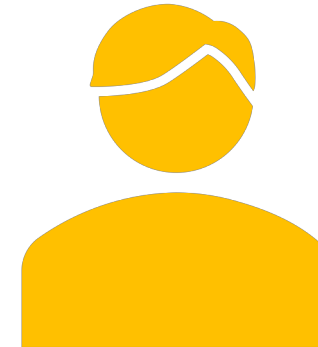
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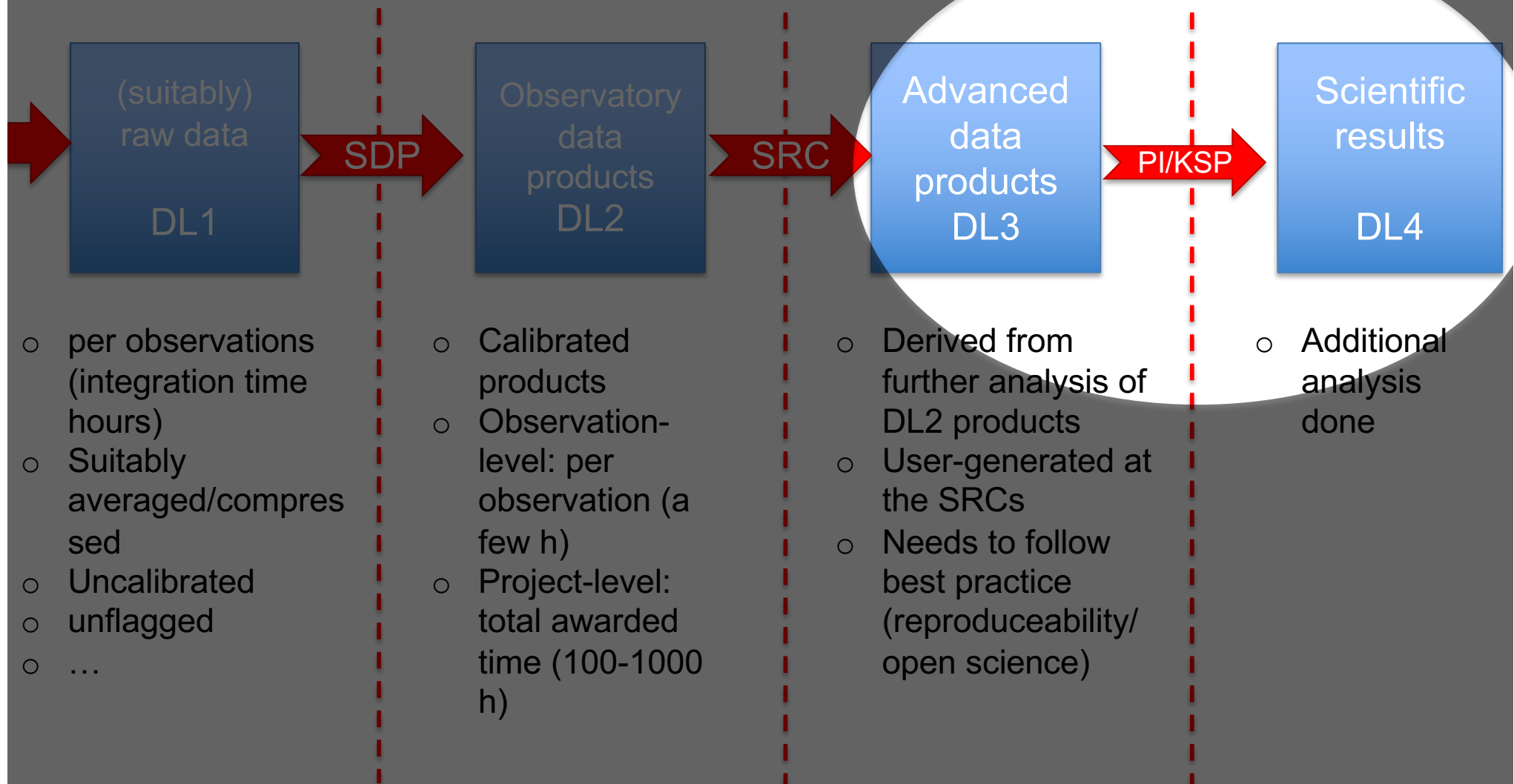
Science challenges

- Chair: R. Bolton
- Priorities and strategies from the SRC community
- Coordination through SRCSC

SKA data challenges: Data Layers (DL)



DL0=raw data out of CSP



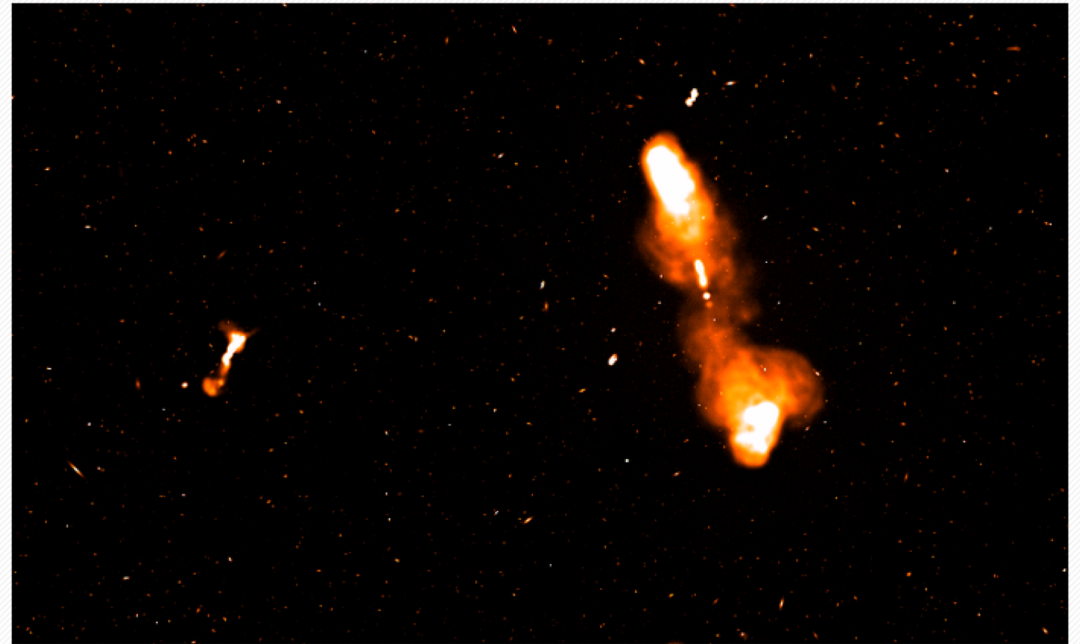
Science data challenge 1 (SDC1)

- Science-ready (SRC) imaging product
- Radio continuum, SKA Mid
- Not too challenging data sizes
- 1 pointing, 3 freqs, 3 depths
- Source finding
- Source identification, classification & characterization

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SKA Launches First Science Data Challenge For Astronomy Community



A snapshot from the SKA Science Data Challenge image, showing a large Active Galactic Nucleus (AGN) as if observed by SKA-mid at 1.4 GHz. (Credit: SKA Organisation)

SKA Global Headquarters, 26 November 2018 – The Square Kilometre Array Organisation (SKAO) is today releasing its first ever Science Data Challenge, giving astronomers a taste of the highly detailed images the SKA will produce.

Developed by the SKAO's Project Science team, the challenge requires the analysis of a series of high resolution images created through data simulations. Researchers [are invited to download the images](#) and use their own software to find, identify and classify the sources.

The key aim of the series of Data Challenges is to prepare the science community for the kind of data products they will receive from SKA observations, and to gather valuable feedback which will inform the development of data reduction procedures.

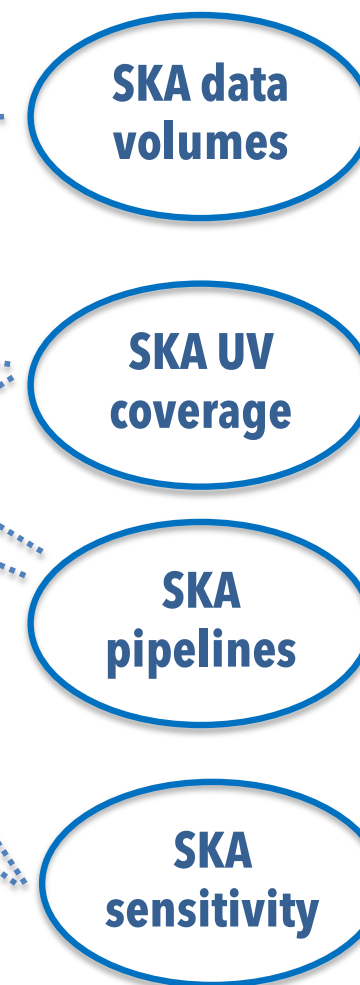
Science data challenge 1 (SDC1)

❖ SKA unique features map into the data products:

- ✓ In the **image plane**, not visibilities
- ✓ “**Benign**” **dirty beam**
- ✓ **Deconvolved** down to 8h exposures
- ✓ Very **deep** -> confusion limited
- ✓ Very **big number** of sources to detect and classify

❖ SDC1 goals:




- ✓ Get the community **familiar** with this data product
- ✓ Develop **efficient** methods for source finding and source characterization
- ✓ Begin talking about **best practices** for deploying pipelines



@ SRCs



Data

560 MHz, 8 hours	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD	} B1	 Short
560 MHz, 100 hours	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD		
560 MHz, 1000 hours	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD		
1400 MHz, 8 hours	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD	} B2	 Medium
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1400 MHz, 1000 hours	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD		
9200 MHz, 8 hours	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD	} B5	 Long
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9200 MHz, 1000 hours	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD		

Ancillary data

560 MHz, primary beam	300 Kb	DOWNLOAD
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1400 MHz, primary beam	300 Kb	DOWNLOAD
1400 MHz, synthesized	4 Gb	DOWNLOAD
9200 MHz, primary beam	300 Kb	DOWNLOAD
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Data access: from

<https://astronomers.skatelescope.org/>

Data reside on the Italian Center for Astronomical Archive (IA2) operated by INAF

Training set

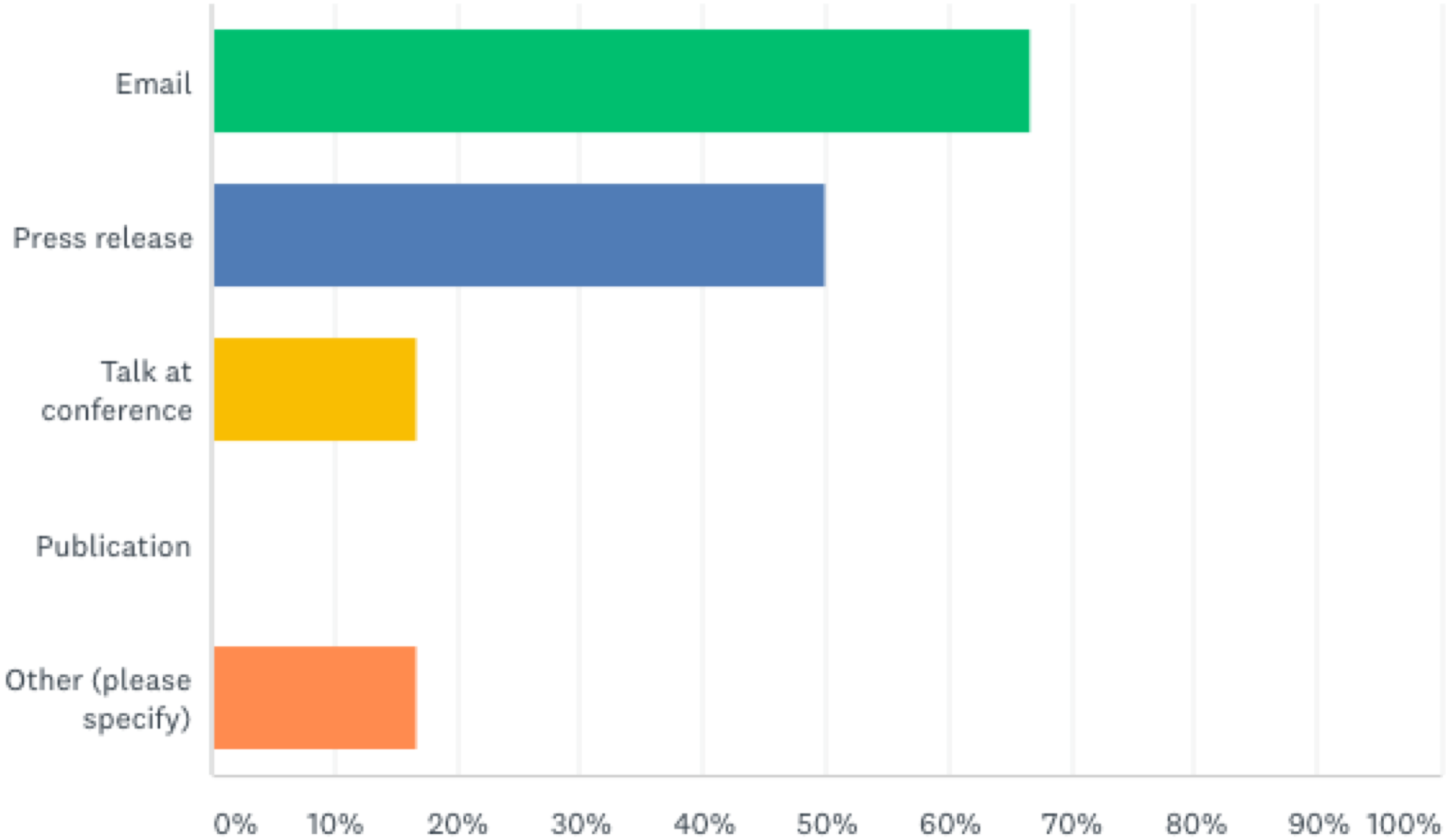
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Truth table for a 5% sky area: training set

Square Kilometre Array Science Data
Challenge 1

SDC1 communication strategy

ANDREW DONALDI & ROBERT BRAUN, FOR THE SKAO SCIENCE TEAM *
SKAO Science Data Organization, Jodrell Bank, Lower Withington, Macclesfield,
Cheshire, SK11 9DL, United Kingdom



The SDC1 teams!

17 teams registered to SDC1



The SDC1 teams!

9 teams submitted results by the deadline of 30th April

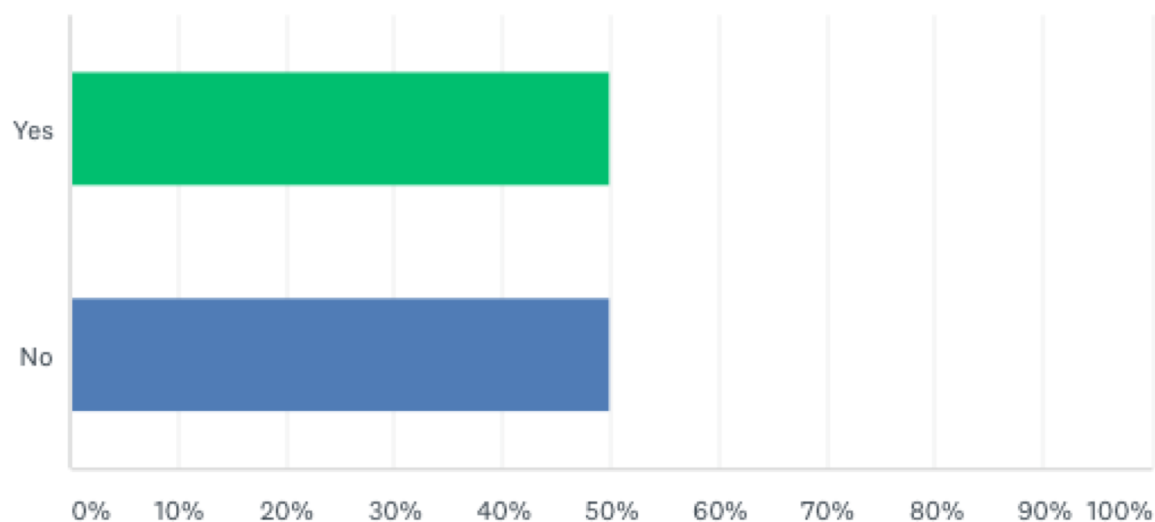




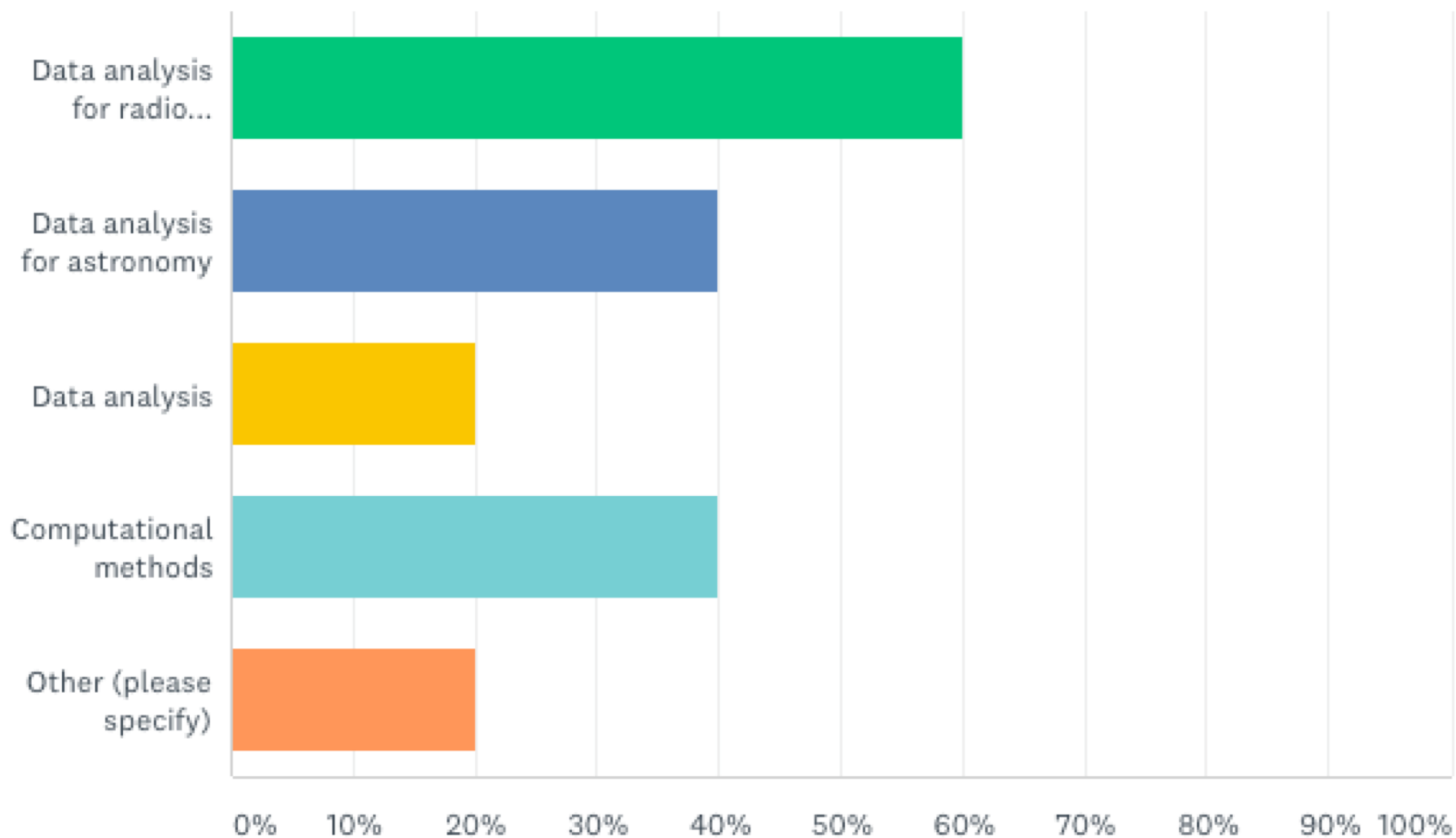
Team's provenance

Are there people in your team who are formally affiliated with an SKA Science Working Group?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



Team's expertise

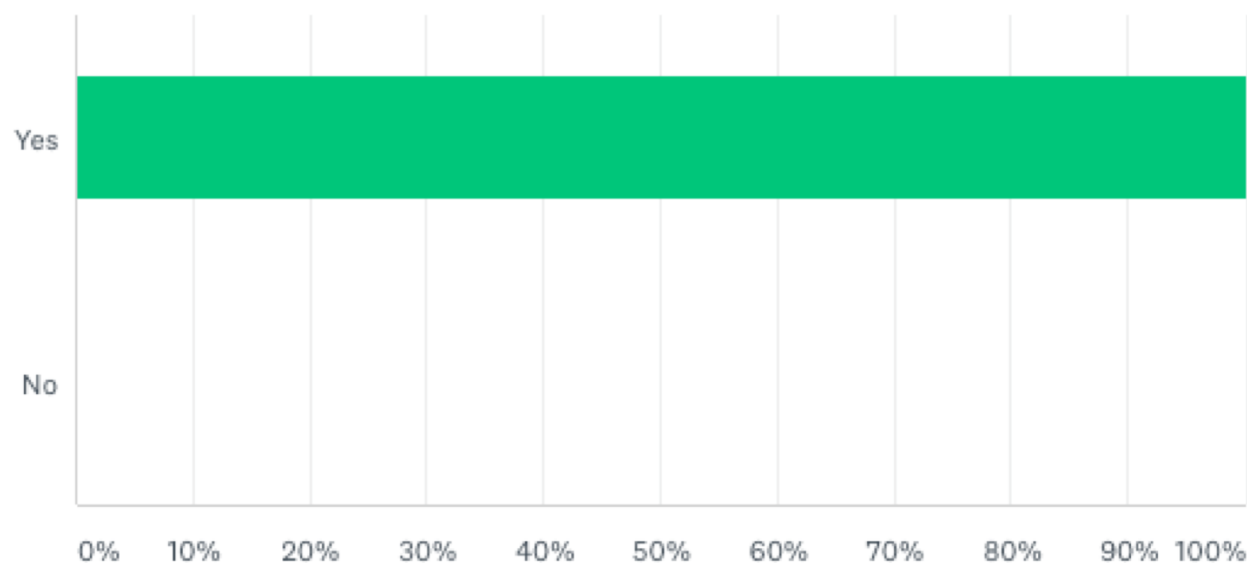




Positive feedback!

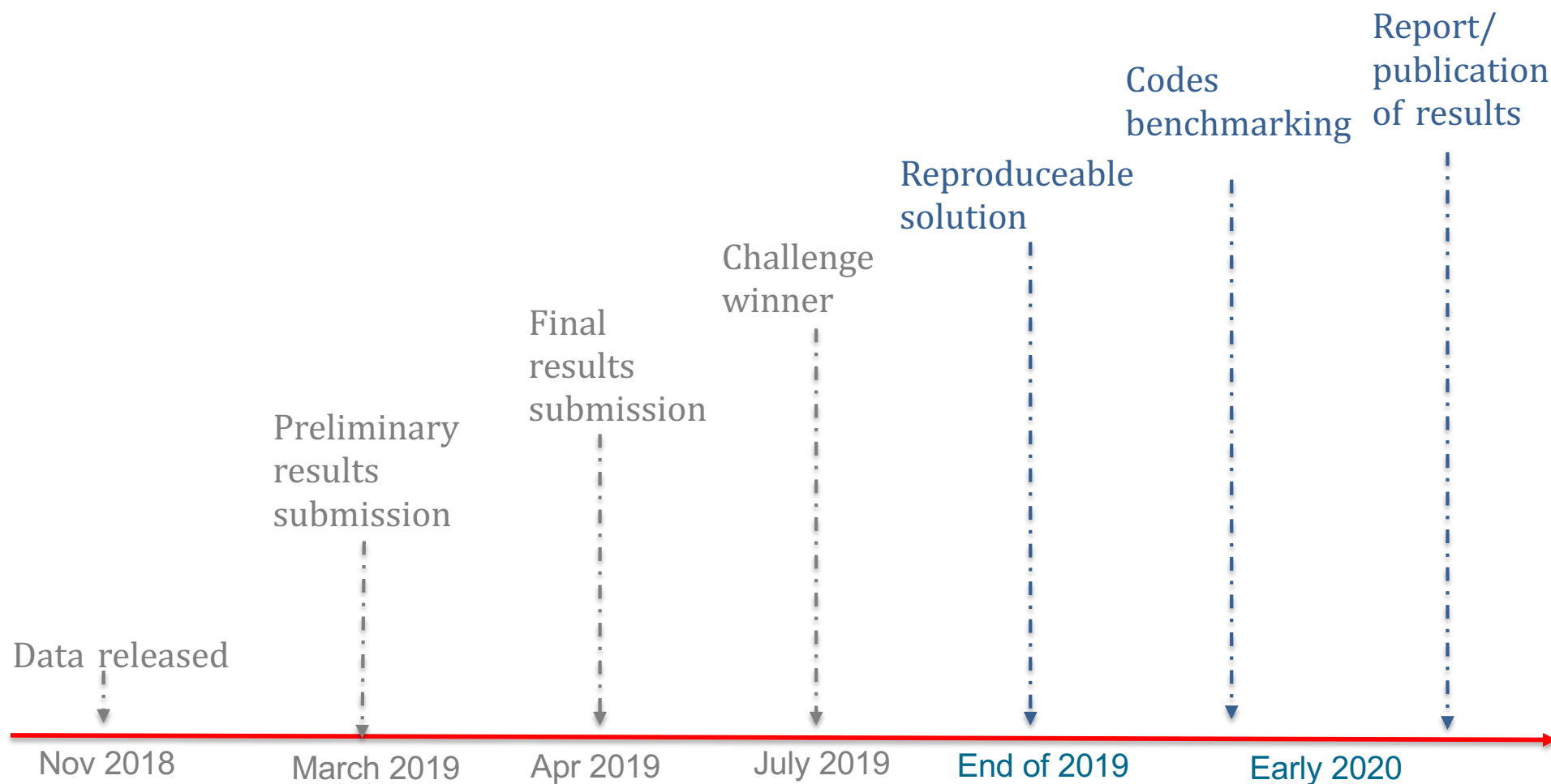
Based on your experience with SDC1 would you consider participating in future SKA science data challenges?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0





SDC1 timeline and progress



Collaborative phase



SDC1

● Anna Bonaldi

Jump to...

Threads

Channels

general

random

ska-science-data-challen...

+ Add a channel

Direct messages

♥ Slackbot

● Anna Bonaldi (you)

○ Chen Wu

○ Ivy Wong

○ Mohit Panwar

○ mohitpan

○ Pankaj Jain

○ prabhak

○ Prabhakar

○ Pritpal Sandhu

○ Tao An

+ Invite people

Apps

+ Add apps

Upgrade

#general

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group using Machine Learning

Sunday, 11 August

Monday, 12 August

Pritpal Sandhu 05:11
Hello

Team name: IITK

Pritpal Sandhu 05:17
I would like to know about source extraction from .FITS (Flexible Image Transport System) image file using Machine Learning.
Kindly, mention the principle behind ML method.

Sunday, 18 August

Mohammad Zhoolideh 08:52
Hello

Team name: IPM

In order to find sources, I have written a script which is available in the attached notebook.
Because the image is quite noisy, we first need to do the denoising. There are lots of denoising methods available in the skimage and the scipy where we have used the Median method. After denoising, we need to apply thresholding. It is quite optional and we need to find the best thresholding through try and error. On the other hand, we can use some methods for thresholding applicable in skimage such as Otsu or etc. As a result, we can make a binary (black and white) image in which radio sources are white objects and background would be black. Then we can use some modules of the skimage such as `morphology` and `measure` (label, regionprops) to find radio sources alongside the centroid and bounding boxes of the extended sources. By having bounding boxes, we can extract major and minor axes, Flux and other features of the detected objects. In the next step, we are crossmatching the all bounding boxes founded with the training sets to extract cropped images within the bounding box and using the training set to label images. To be exact, we check if the centroid reported in the training set can be located within any founded bounding boxes in the preprocessing part. If any match happens, we would crop a part assigned to the bounding box from the original image and label this cropped part by using the label of the regarding source in the training set. After labeling the cropped images we can use a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to classify extended sources.
source finding and bounding boxes of sources founded.

Data_prep_Mohammad.ipynb

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Best practices for SDC1

- Open
 - Is your pipeline publicly available (e.g. Github?)
 - How is it licensed?
 - Which licenses/dependencies does it need?
 - Is there a documentation?
- Reproduceable
 - Can you containerize your pipeline?
 - Info on containers circulated
 - Support offered to move towards reproducibility



Thanks!





SDP list of observation-level products

From SDP CDR documentation

- Science Alert Catalogue
- Transient Source Catalogue
- Science Product Catalogue Data Product
- Image Products 1: Image Cubes
- Image Products 2: Uvgrids
- Calibrated Visibilities
- Sieved Pulsar and Transient Candidates
- Pulsar Timing Solutions
- Dynamic spectrum data
- Transient Buffer Data
- Science Data Model

Observation-level products will be combined into project-level products.

Added-value products will be derived from the Observatory data products

