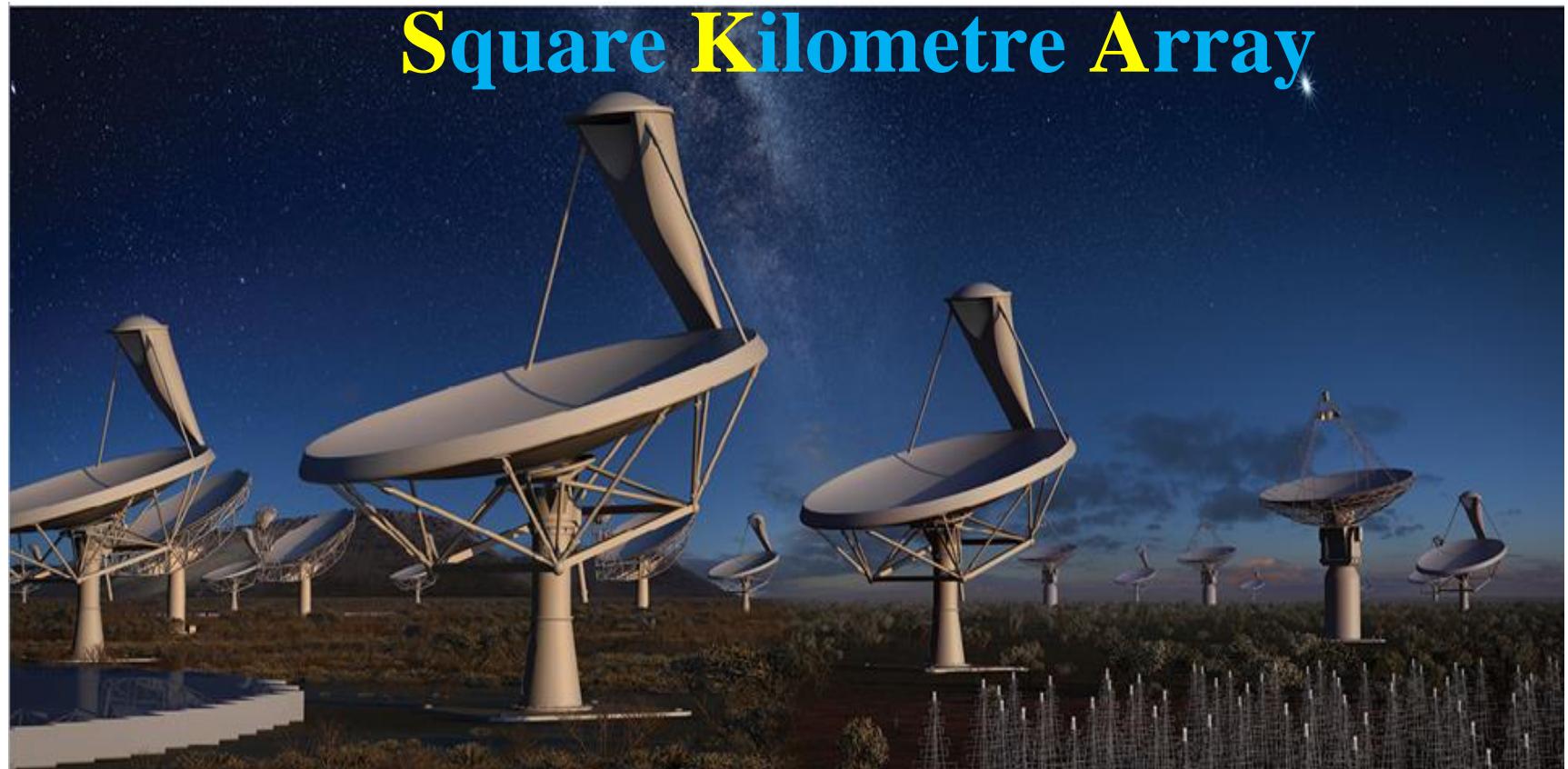




# Long March to the SKA/FAST

## Square Kilometre Array



Bo Peng @ JLRAT/NAOC

2015 Tianlai Collaboration Meeting and 21cm Cosmology Workshop

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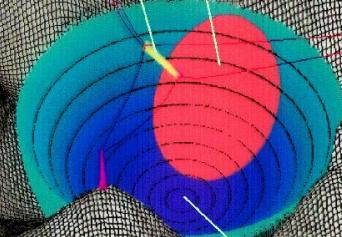
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# SKA Concepts

FAST

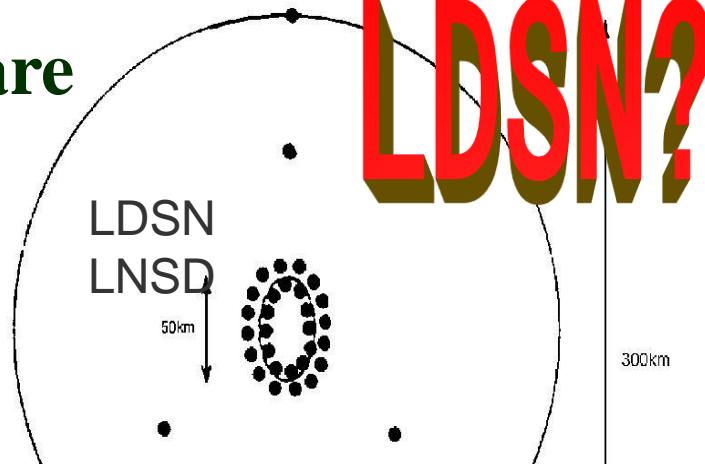
Movable Feeding System  
Paraboloid



Spherical

## Kilometre-square Area Radio Synthesis Telescope

Schematic Configuration



LTWG in 1993

Large Telescope Working Group

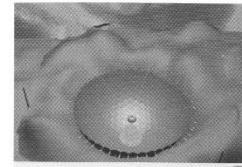
ISSC in 2000

International SKA Steering Committee

SSEC in 2008

SKA Science and Engineering Committee

SKA Organization in 2011



## Astronomers Sign International Agreement to Plan Square Kilometre Array

Leading astronomers from Europe, North America, Asia and Australia will today sign an agreement jointly to plan a huge new radio telescope, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), which will come into operation in the middle of the next decade. The General Assembly is an ideal opportunity to inaugurate the next stage of development of this truly global project.

The signing ceremony will take place at 17:30hrs in the Bragg Lecture Theatre in the Schuster Building at the end of the joint session on 'Future Observational Multi-Wavelength capabilities in Astrophysics' organized by the Working Group on Future Large Scale Facilities (WGFLSF) and IAU Division XI (Space and High Energy Astrophysics). The last part of the programme is a round-table process of international coordination.

Radio astronomers regard the SKA as a paradigm for the organization of future global astronomy projects. The SKA was the first radio astronomy project to have been 'born global' following the guidelines for a successful international project set out in the 1994 IAU General Assembly in The Hague. The current concept has grown out of discussions over the past six years within the URSI/IAU Large Telescope Working Group and the OECD Global Science Forum. An International SKA Steering Committee (ISSC) has now been

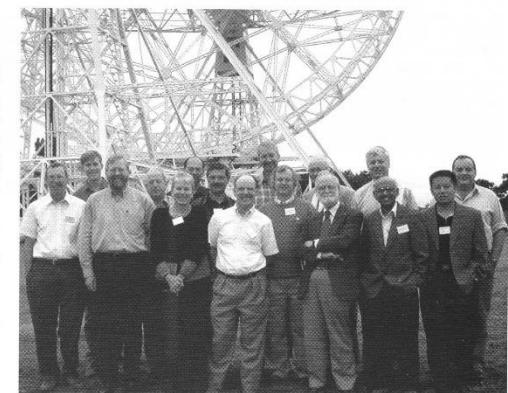
Dr. Jill Tarter: United States SKA Consortium

At present 24 leading institutions in ten countries have agreed to pool their research and development efforts, with each individual institution concentrating on only a part of the overall design. Their shared aim is to reach agreement on the fundamental design of the SKA by 2005 and to begin construction in 2010.

In order to achieve its ambitious astronomical goals, the design of the SKA will integrate computing hardware and software on a massive scale in a revolutionary break from current radio telescope designs. The SKA is a challenging project, and as Ron Ekers of the Australia Telescope National Facility says:

"Designing, let alone building, such an enormous technologically-advanced instrument is beyond the scope of individual nations, or even small groups of nations. The SKA is therefore being planned from the outset as a truly-global telescope project."

The SKA will be a uniquely sensitive instrument. Its collecting area will be 50 to 100 times larger than today's biggest radio imaging telescopes, the VLA and the GMRT, and 200 times larger than the pioneering Lovell Telescope at Manchester University's Jodrell Bank Observatory (which can be visited



Members of the SKA ISSC at last week's SKA Technical Workshop held at Jodrell Bank Observatory.

quasars, pulsars, gravitational lenses, superluminal motion and the cosmic microwave background. It has led to three of the five Nobel prizes awarded for work in astrophysics, including all those awarded for observational work. Major advances in knowledge can be expected from a new radio telescope with the sensitivity of the SKA.

Radio telescopes have a big advantage over those operating at most

which could extend to one millisecond- and exceptional image quality will also provide crucial new information on the formation and early history of stars, galaxies and quasars unaffected by obscuring dust. Its enormously high sensitivity will mean that, for the first time, objects in the early Universe can be studied in detail in the radio range. The SKA is thus the perfect scientific

# SKA Configuration

SKA's receptor of 1 M meters with many innovations

5 Continents



→ Dish  
3300 × 15m  
300M-10G



3000 km , extend outwards in spirals

AA\_mid  
250 × 56 m  
400M-1.4G



→ AA\_low  
250 × 180m  
70M-450M



West Australia



South Africa Karoo

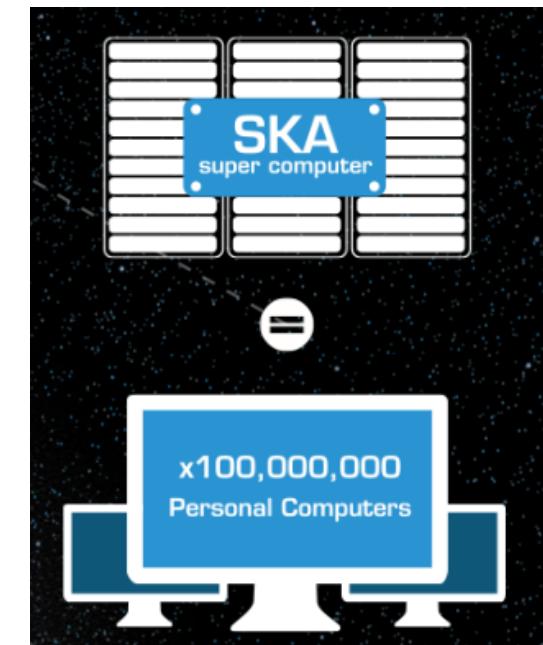
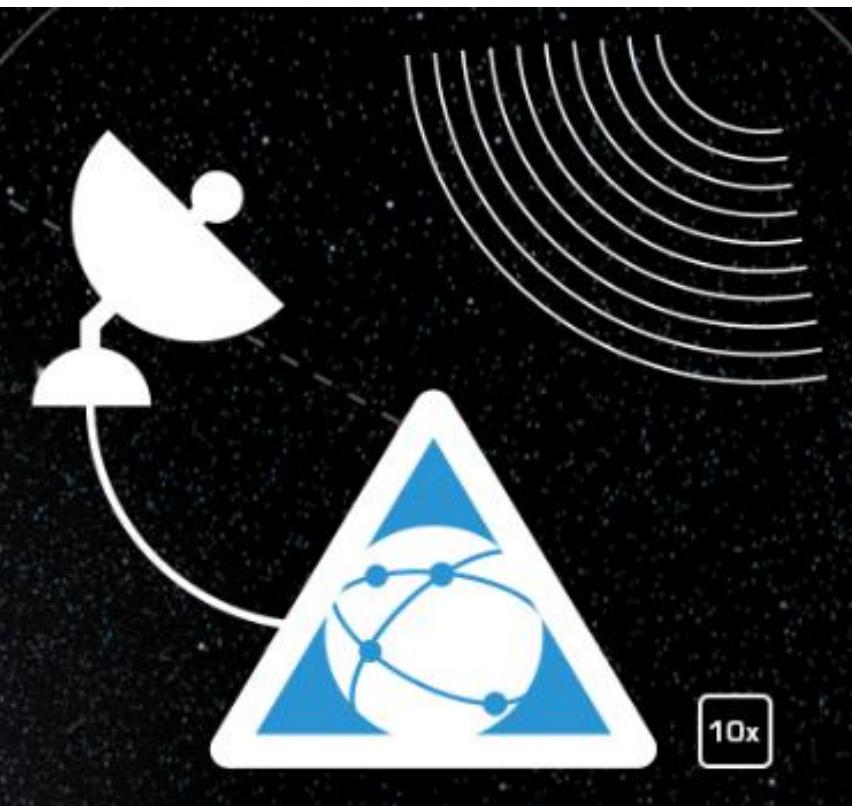
# Prime Characteristics



# Amazing Facts

[www.skatelescope.org](http://www.skatelescope.org)

- SKA central computer will have processing power of *100 million PCs.*



SKA dishes will produce *10 times* the global internet traffic.

# SKA Key Science Drivers

## ORIGINS

- **Cosmology and Galaxy Evolution**  
Galaxies, Dark Energy and Dark Matter
- **Probing the Dark Ages**  
When & how were the first stars formed?
- **Cradle of Life**  
What are the conditions for life and where can it be found?

## FUNDAMENTAL FORCES

- **Strong-field tests of General Relativity**  
Was Einstein correct?
- **Origin & Evolution of Cosmic Magnetism**  
Where does magnetism come from?

plus **The Exploration of the Unknown** as an underlying philosophy for design & costing

Carilli & Rawlings,  
*New Astron. Rev.*, 48 , 2004

Science with the  
Square Kilometre Array

Editors: Christopher Carilli, Steve Rawlings



ADVANCING ASTROPHYSICS with the SKA



ADVANCING  
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VOLUME 1

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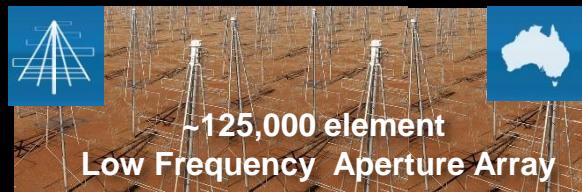
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# The SKA Rebaseline

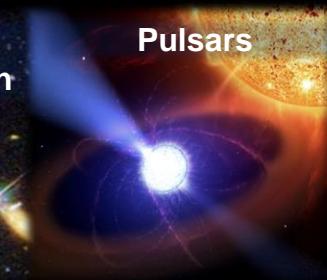
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Phase II : 2024



Science



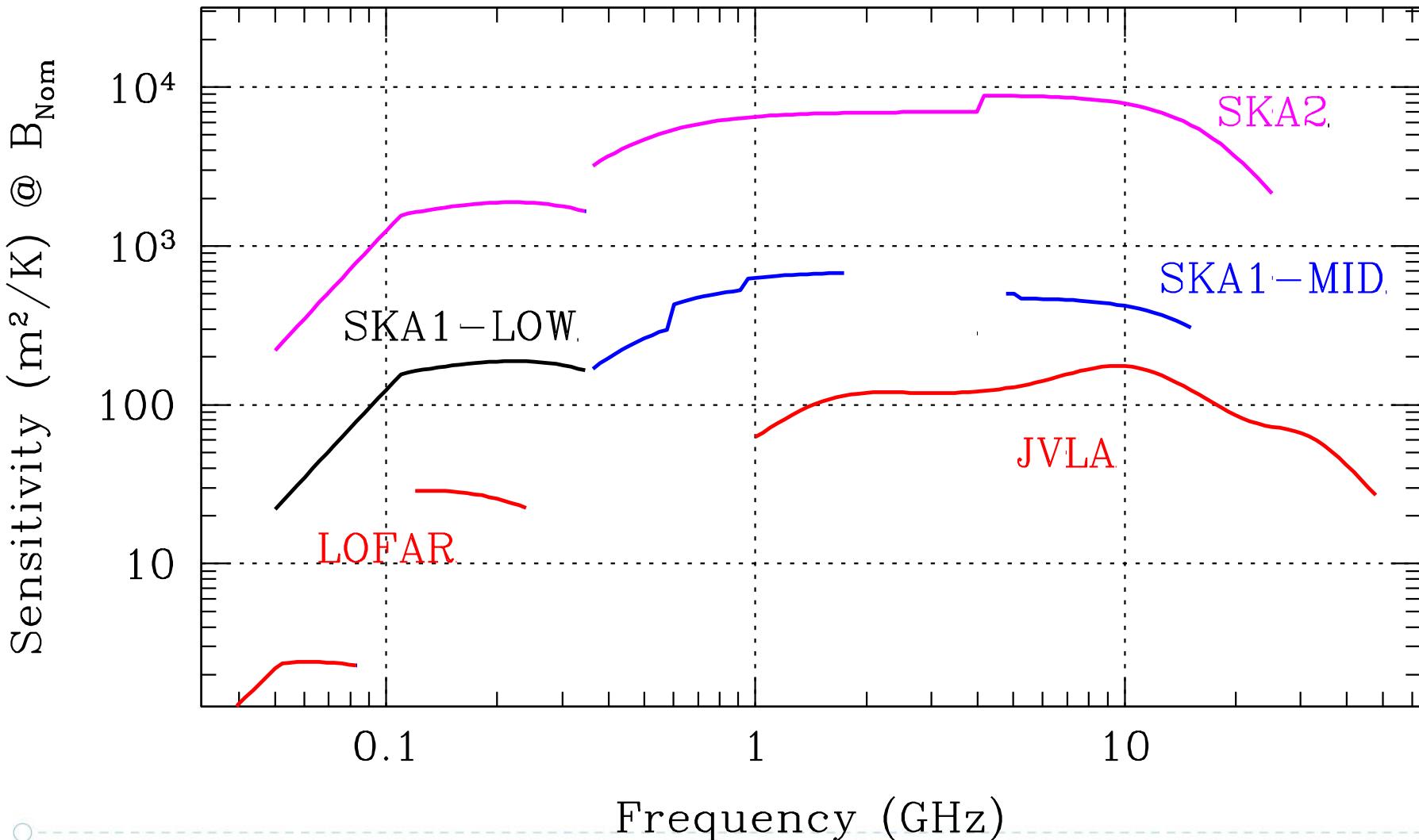
50 MHz

100 MHz

1 GHz

10 GHz

# Sensitivity Comparison



# SKA1 Rebaseline Comparison

		JVLA (1.4 GHz)	SKA1-MID (1.4 GHz)	FAST (1.4 GHz)	LOFAR-NL (140 MHz)	SKA1-LOW (140 MHz)
$A_{\text{eff}}$	$m^2$	$(7.6 \times 10^3)$	$2.7 \times 10^4$	$4 \times 10^4$	$5.2 \times 10^4$	$2.5 \times 10^5$
$T_{\text{sys}}$	K	(45)	20	27	600	490
$A_{\text{eff}}/T_{\text{sys}}$	$(m^2/K)$	168	1330	1480	85	520
FoV	deg <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.47	0.021	9	7.1
Survey Speed FoM FoV x $(A_{\text{eff}}/T_{\text{sys}})^2$	$(\text{deg}^2 \text{m}^4/\text{K}^2)$	$4.8 \times 10^3$	$8.3 \times 10^5$	$4.6 \times 10^4$	$6.7 \times 10^4$	$1.9 \times 10^6$
$B_{\text{MAX}}$	(km)	36.4	154	0.3	52	65
Angular Resolution	(arcsec)	1.2	0.28	148	8.5	6.7

Sensitivity : 7.9x JVLA 0.90x FAST 6.1x LOFAR

Resolution : 4.3x 528x 1.3x

Survey Speed : 170x

18x

28x

Credit SKAO

# A Package of Notional SKA1 Key Science Projects

SWG	Objective
CD/EoR	Physics of the Early Universe GM. Imaging
CD/EoR	Physics of the Early Universe GM. Power Spectrum
Pulsars	Reveal pulsar population and MSPs for gravity tests and Gravitational Wave Detection
Pulsars	High precision timing for testing gravity and GW detection
H/I	Resolved H I kinematics and morphology of $10^8 - 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ mass galaxies but to $\sim 0.8$
H/I	High spatial resolution studies of the ISM in the nearby Universe.
H/I	Multi-resolution mapping studies of the ISM in our Galaxy
Transients	Solve missing baryon problem at $\sim 2$ and determine the Dark Energy Equation of State
Cradle of life	Map dust grain growth in the terrestrial planet forming zones at a distance of 100 pc
Magnetism	The resolved All-Sky characterisation of the Interstellar and Intergalactic magnetic fields
Cosmology	Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity and tests of gravity on super-horizon scales.
Cosmology	Angular correlation functions to probe non-Gaussianity and the matter dipole
Continuum	Star formation history of the Universe (SFHU) I+II. Non-thermal & Thermal processes

- Outcome of well-documented SKA1 science prioritisation process
  - All objectives originate with the science community
  - Review and strong endorsement by advisory bodies (SRP, SEAC)
  - Should be viewed as **representative** package of high-impact science deliverables for the first five years of science operations

# SKA: driving innovation

Element	SKA1 scale	SKA2 scale
Dishes, feeds, receivers	~200	~2500
Aperture arrays	~130,000	~1,000,000
Signal transport	~1 Pb/s	~10 Pb/s
Signal processing	~exa-MACs	~exa-MACs
High performance computing	~100s tera-flops	~exa-flops
Data storage	Exa-byte capacity	Exa-byte
Power requirements	~10MW	~50MW

Key innovation: Software engineering and algorithm development.

Exa =  $10^{18}$ , or 1 followed by 18 zeroes;  
requires increase in compute capability by factor 1000

# SKA Timeline

1990→ Individual Proposal

1993→ Preliminary R&D (LTWG)

2000→ Initial Concepts (ISSC)

2008→ System Design and Cost (SSEC)

2011→ **SKA Legal Entity (Founding/Governing Board)**  
Legal Entity/SPO/CoDR

2012→ **Pre-construction**  
Site Selection/Infrastructure/Detailed Design/Verification

2018→ **Phase 1 Construction**  
10 % SKA, 100 km, 650 M€

2024→ **Phase 2 Construction**  
90% SKA, 3000 km, 5+ B€



SKA1\_MID  
254 Dishes including:  
64 x MeerKAT dishes  
190 x SKA dishes



SKA1\_LOW  
50 x Low Frequency Aperture  
Array Stations



SKA1\_SURVEY  
96 Dishes including:  
36 x ASKAP  
60 x SKA dishes

Science operations with Phase 1  
Full science operations with Phase 2

2030+

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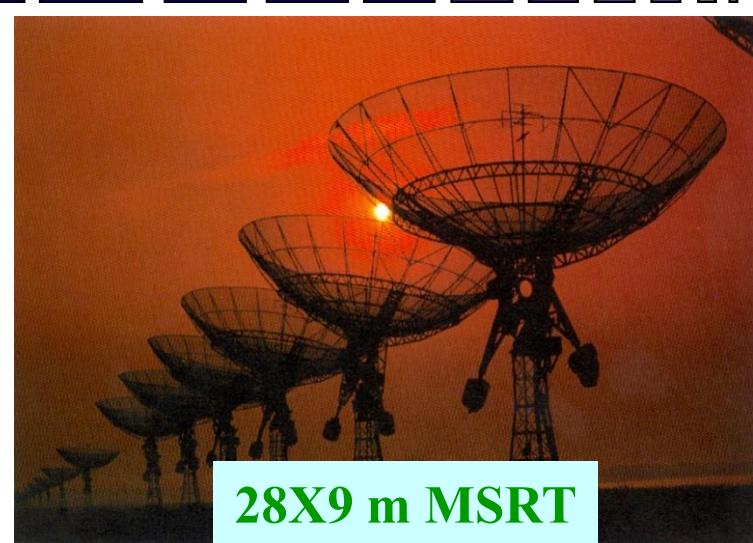
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# Path of Chinese Radio Astronomy



**Miyun 50 m RT**



**28X9 m MSRT**



**MyFAST**



# Site Survey in China

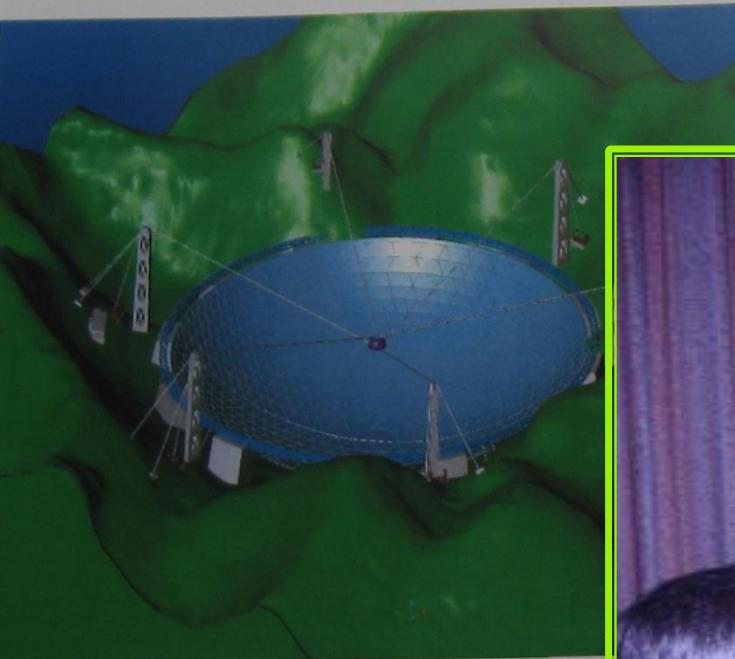


# Siting the SKA in China

Proposal for Siting the SKA in China

Dec 31, 2005 !

Main Part



National Astronomical Observatories,

DAOC

Dec 31, 2005



SKA Site Spectrum Monitoring (SSSM)  
Data Summary Report

Sites: DaWoDang, ShangJiaChong, ShenAoTang of GuiZhou Province,  
MiYun of Beijing,



# IAU COLLOQUIUM 182

## SOURCES AND SCINTILLATIONS: REFRACTION AND SCATTERING IN RADIO ASTRONOMY

Guizhou Province,  
CHINA

April 17-21, 2000

Deadline for registration  
and abstracts:  
February 1, 2000

URL: <http://www.iau182.org>

Guizhou Province, China

Once every 5 yrs  
CRAT2010, + 2016?



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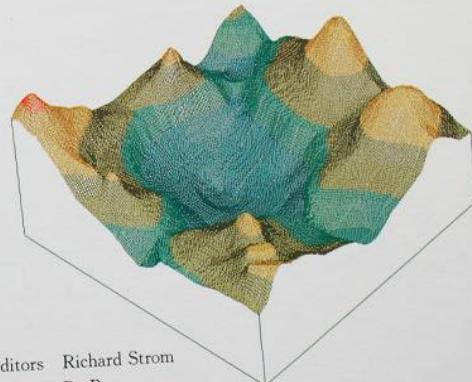
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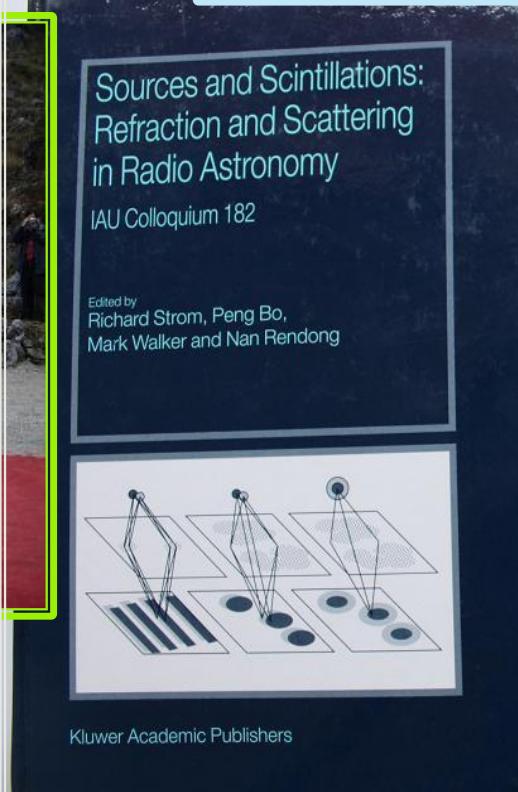


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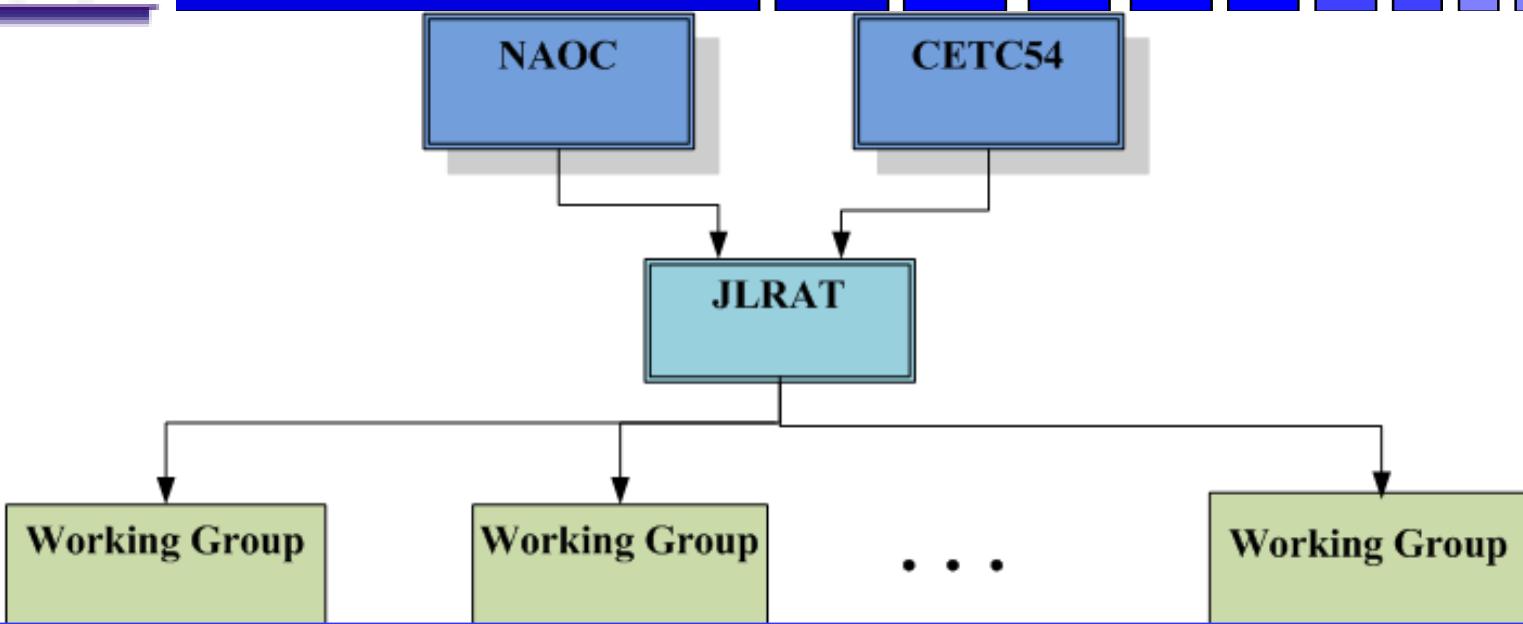
# Establishment of the JLRAT

NAOC and CETC54 established **JLRAT** (Joint Laboratory for Radio Astronomy Technology) in January 2010, to

- find more **active ways** to contribute to the SKA project ;
- explore **a new mode** to establish and develop a radio astronomy technology laboratory ;
- train **new generation** of radio astronomical engineers by making use of existing resources in both institutions.



# JLRAT Structure



1. DVAC Group
2. PAF Group
3. Feed Design and Manufacture Group
4. mm & Submm Antenna Technology Group
5. Large Telescope Antenna Design, Manufacture and Measurement Group
6. Radio Spectrum Monitoring Group
7. EMC Research Group
8. FAST Structure Research Group
9. “TianLai” Project Group



# Promote Regional SKA Activities



- Japan, Korea and China meet at MeerKAT Support Base Feb. 2009, common interest to form **East Asian SKA Consortium**
- Skype telecon Sept. 2009, national status + discuss regional SKA interests informally

## Workshop on East Asian Collaboration for SKA, Daejeon, 1129-1203 2011



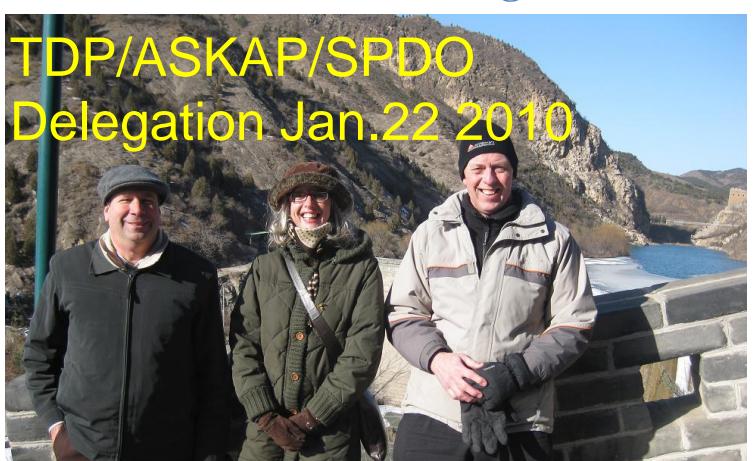
# International Activities

Telecon CoDR, Mar.17 2011, JLRAT, SPDO & CSIRO

Requirements spread sheets, CoDR doc list, temp

Workshop on preparing two CoDR docs, 27<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2011

DVAC\_1 & 2 for Offset Gregorian & Axi-symmetric dish



“Preparing for the SKA: Science and Technology” Nov.2-4,2011



JLRAT & CASS at NAOC  
Dish Array Proto-Consortium  
April 2012

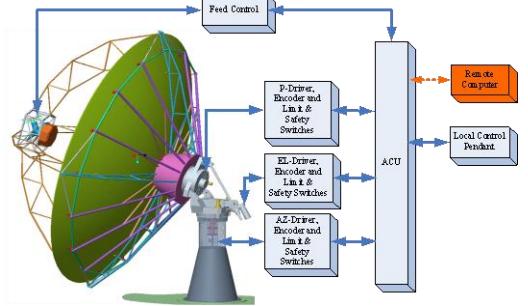
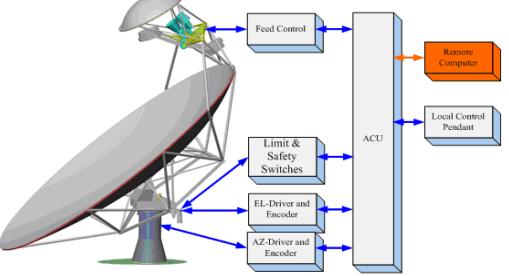


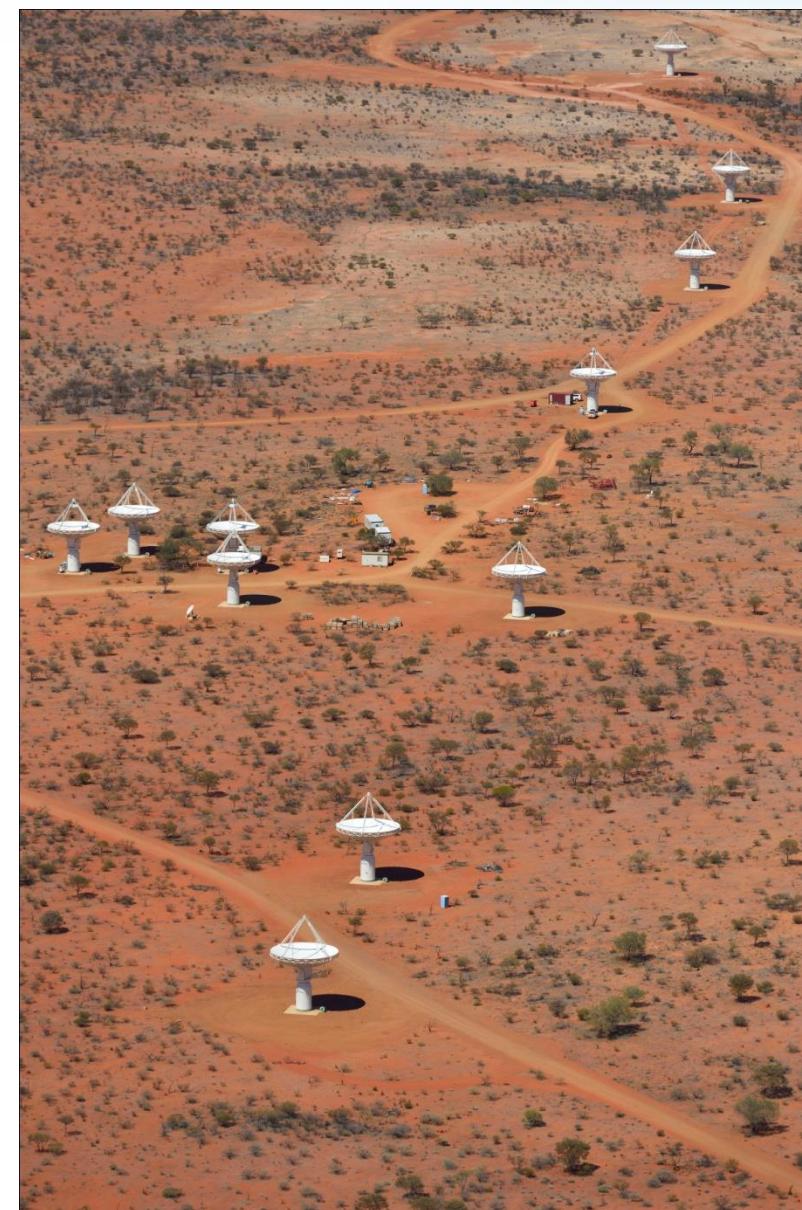
# SKA Dish CoDR

➤ July 13-15,2011 at DRAO

## ➤ Presentations:

- DVAC Concept Description:
- DVAC-1 (Offset Grgorian)和DVAC-2 (Prime Focus) ,
- DVAC Concept Logistical Engineering,
- Cost Estimates and Plans for the PEP Phase
- DVAC Risks and Their Mitigation





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# Chinese Long Involvement

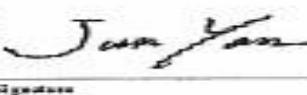
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- Funding Board, 9 Signatures
- Establish SKAO, 7 Initiators
- ASKAP
- SKA Dish Verification Antenna China



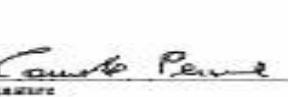
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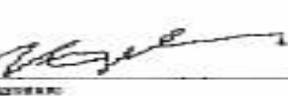
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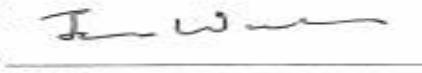
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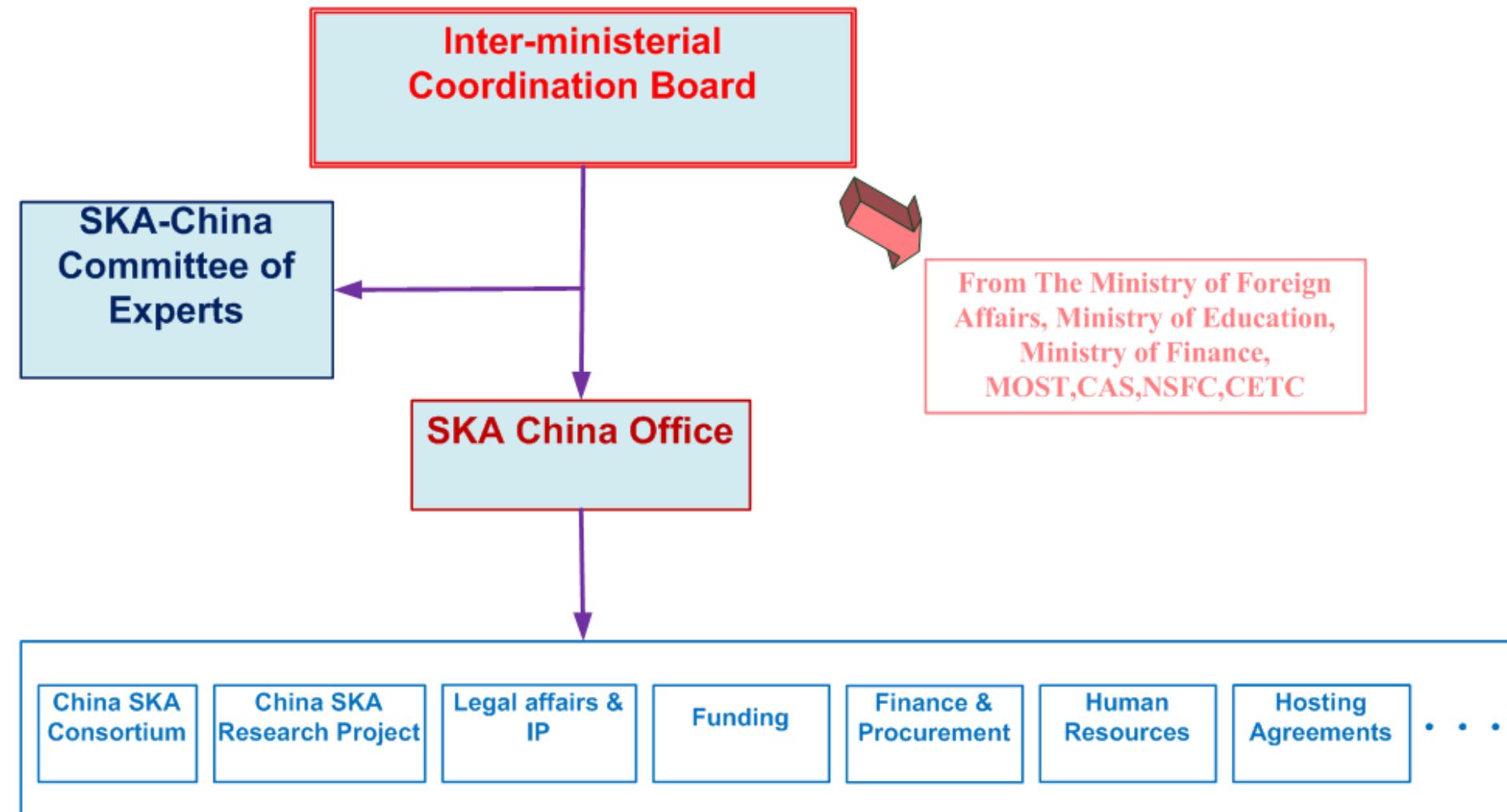
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# SKA China Governance



# International Design Teams

Project Management and System Engineering Team based at JBO, UK.  
~500 scientists & engineers in institutes and industry in 11 Member countries.



WIDE BAND SINGLE PIXEL FEEDS



TELESCOPE MANAGER



CENTRAL SIGNAL PROCESSOR



SIGNAL AND DATA TRANSPORT



SCIENCE DATA PROCESSOR



DISH



MID-FREQUENCY APERTURE ARRAY



LOW-FREQUENCY APERTURE ARRAY



ASSEMBLY, INTEGRATION &amp; VERIFICATION



INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA



INFRASTRUCTURE SOUTH AFRICA



# China's participation in SKA

## Positions in SKAO

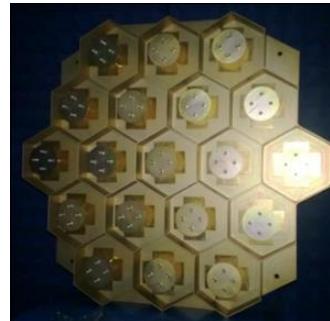
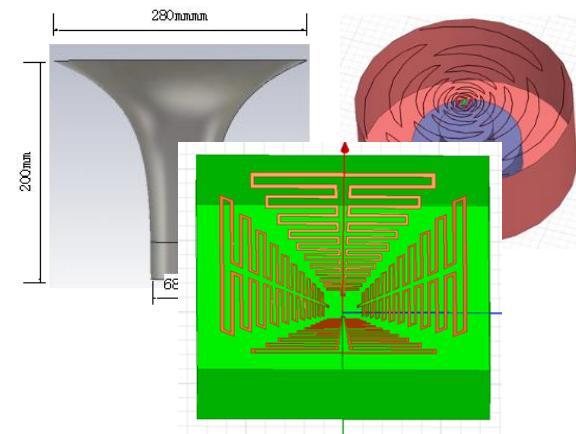
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	CHEN Linhao (MOST)	PENG Yiqi (MOST)
Board of Directors	Voting Representative	Science Representative
	YIN Jun (MOST)	PENG Bo (NOAC)
Hosting Agreements	Negotiation team Member	Task Force Member
	WANG rongfang (MOST)	ZHAO Jing (MOST)
Funding Task Force	Member	
	QIN Bo (NAOC)	

## Response to the Request for Proposals (RfP)

Work Package	Dish	CSP	SDP	TM	SADT	LFAA	MFAA	AIV	Infra	WBSPF
CHINA	√		√		√	√	√			√

# Technology Study in Pre-construction Phase

- JLRAT/NAOC Coordinating Chinese activities in the RfP (Request for proposal) processes. China plays roles in 6 (of 10) SKA Work-packages. Leading the low frequency band of WBSPF Work-package.
- Promoting Wideband single pixel feeds advanced research, PAF experiment on 4.5 m telescope, Digital beam-forming network experiment.
- Designing MMIC, hybrid LNA and Cryostat, and the Turbo-Brayton cooler for RA
- Fabricating & Assembling 18 m\*15 m single-piece composite reflector DVAC



PAF prototype



Digital beamforming network prototype



Assembly of DVA-C

Simulation on WBSPF

# Participating Int'l SKA WGs

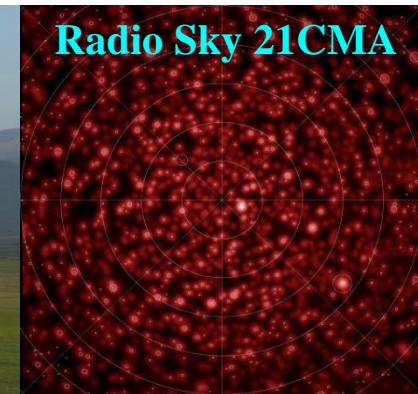
15 Chinese join 10/11 SKA Science WGs, 2 Co-Chairs

Science WG	Chairs	Chinese attendance
Epoch of Reionization	Leon Koopmans (NL) , Jonathan Pritchard ( UK )	陈学雷 (国台)
Pulsars	Ben Stappers (UK) , Michael Kramer (DE)	韩金林(国台)、李柯伽(北大)、 代实(北大)、邵立晶(北大)
HI Galaxy Science	Erwin de Blok (NL), Martin Meyer(AU)	朱明、李菂、田文武(国台)
Cosmology	Mario Santos (SA/Portugal) , <a href="#">Xuelei Chen (China)</a>	赵公博(国台)
Magnetism	Melanie Johnston-Hollitt (NZ) , Russ Taylor (SA)	韩金林 (国台)
Cradle of Life	Melvin Hoare (UK) , <a href="#">Di Li (China)</a>	金乘进 (国台)
Continuum Survey	Isabella Prandoni (IT) , Nicholas Seymour (AU)	陈如荣 (国台)
Our Galaxy	Mark Tompson(UK),Grazia Umana(IT)	刘彬 (国台)
Transients	Rob Fender (UK), Jean-Pierre Macquart(AU)	田文武(国台)、王灵芝(国台)、 余文飞(上海台)
Solar & Heliospheric Physics	Eduard Kontar(UK) , Divya Oberoi(IN)	刘丽佳 (国台)
Extragalactic Spectral Line	Rob Beswick(UK), Jon Conway(SE)	

# Science Preparation for the SKA

## 1. SKA Pathfinder – 21CMA

10287 antennas @ 4x6 km arms  
50-200MHz aims at EoR

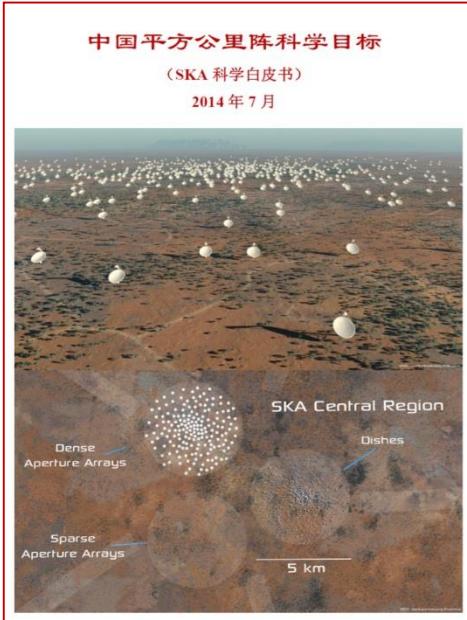


## 2. Chinese SKA Science Book

Complete in 2015

## 3. Active participation in the Int'l SKA Science Book

~50 Chinese authors involved, submitted 30 chapter proposals of 170



### SKA Science Book:

#### Chapter Proposals by Lead Author Affiliation



# Training the next generations

## 4. China-Australia Joint SKA PhD Program

established in 2013, Co-supervision of PhD students

Some students already started study in Australia

CN-UK, CN-NL programs under discussion



## 5. Chinese SKA Summer School Series

held yearly since 2013

NZ joined China since 2014

SA joined China since 2015

SKAO providing partial support



2014 China-NZ Joint SKA School



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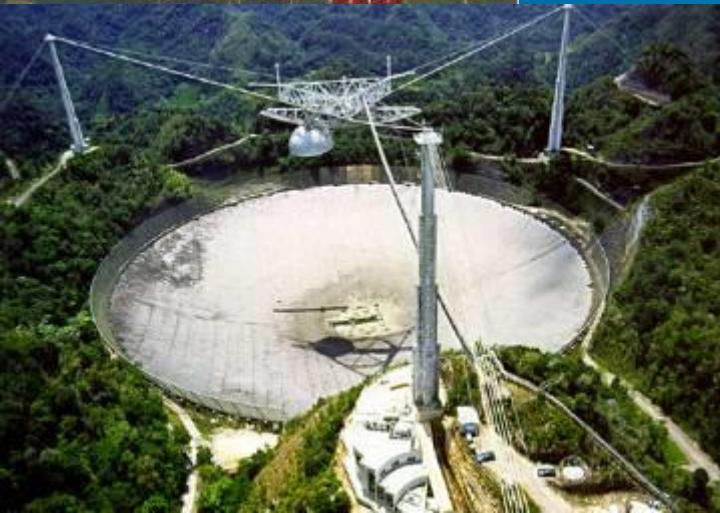
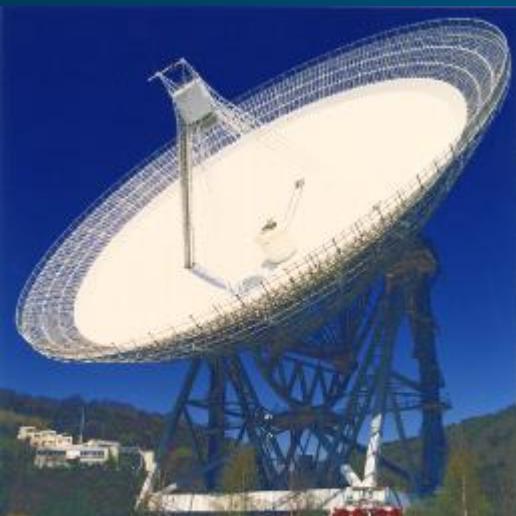
## 4 **FAST Concept and Construction**

Feasibility Studies

# What is FAST

## Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope

- Unique Karst depression as the site
- Active main reflector
- Cable - parallel robot feed support



# Five hundred meter Aperture Spherical Telescope

## Key Science Cases

Neutral Hydrogen line (HI)

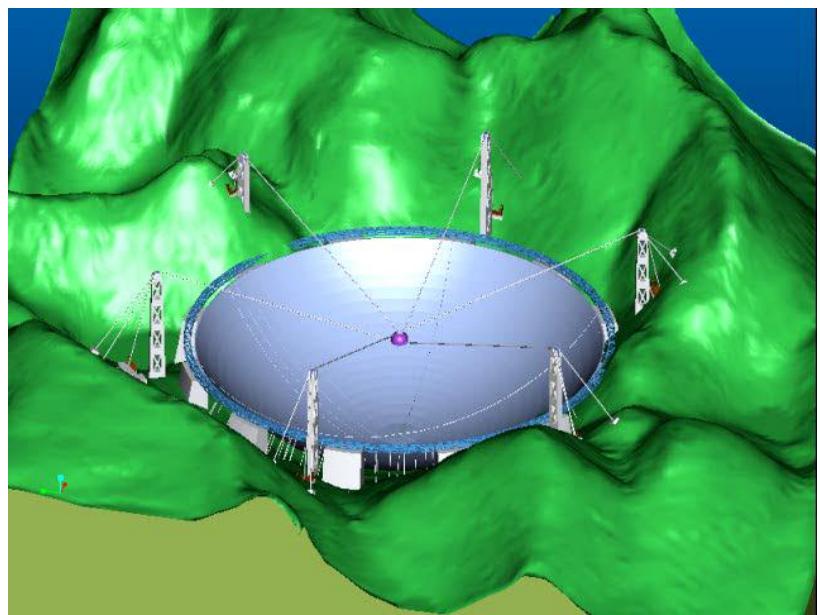
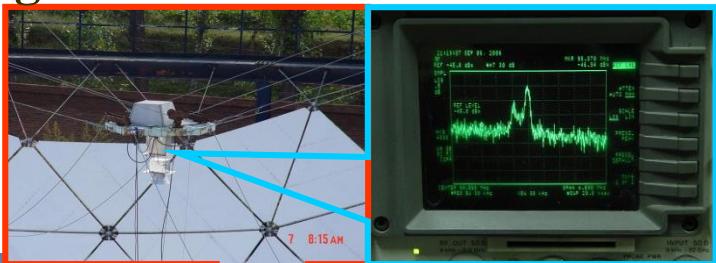
Molecular lines

Pulsar research

Ground support for space exploration

Joining VLBI network

SETI



HI detection on Sept.6 2006 @ MyFAST



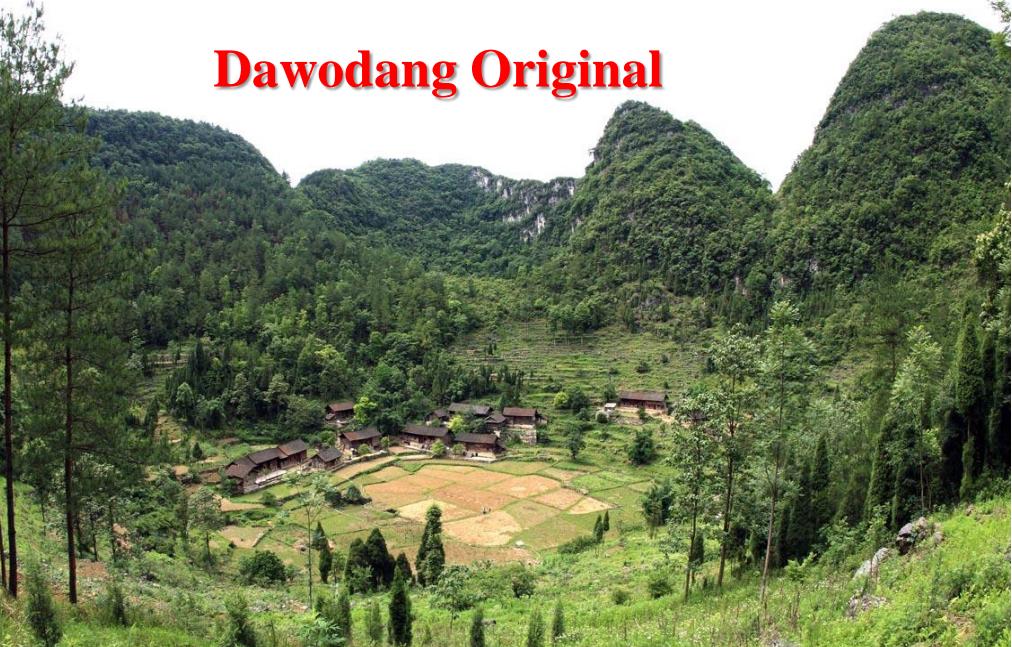
- $R \sim 300\text{m}$ ,  $D \sim 500\text{m}$ ,  $D_{\text{eff}} = 300\text{m}$
- Maxi zenith angle  $40^\circ$
- Freq. 70MHz-3GHz up to X-band
- Sensitivity  $2000 \text{ m}^2/\text{K}$
- Resolution  $2.9'$ ;
- Multibeam 19



# Site Engineering



Dawodang Original



*FAST Funding Proposal  
approved on July 10 2007*



Dawodang Yesterday



# FAST shape in 2013 Sept.





FAST shape in 2014 Dec.



**3.5 years in 5 mins**



# FAST shape in 2015 Feb.





First panel 2015 Aug.





First panel in place 2015 Aug.

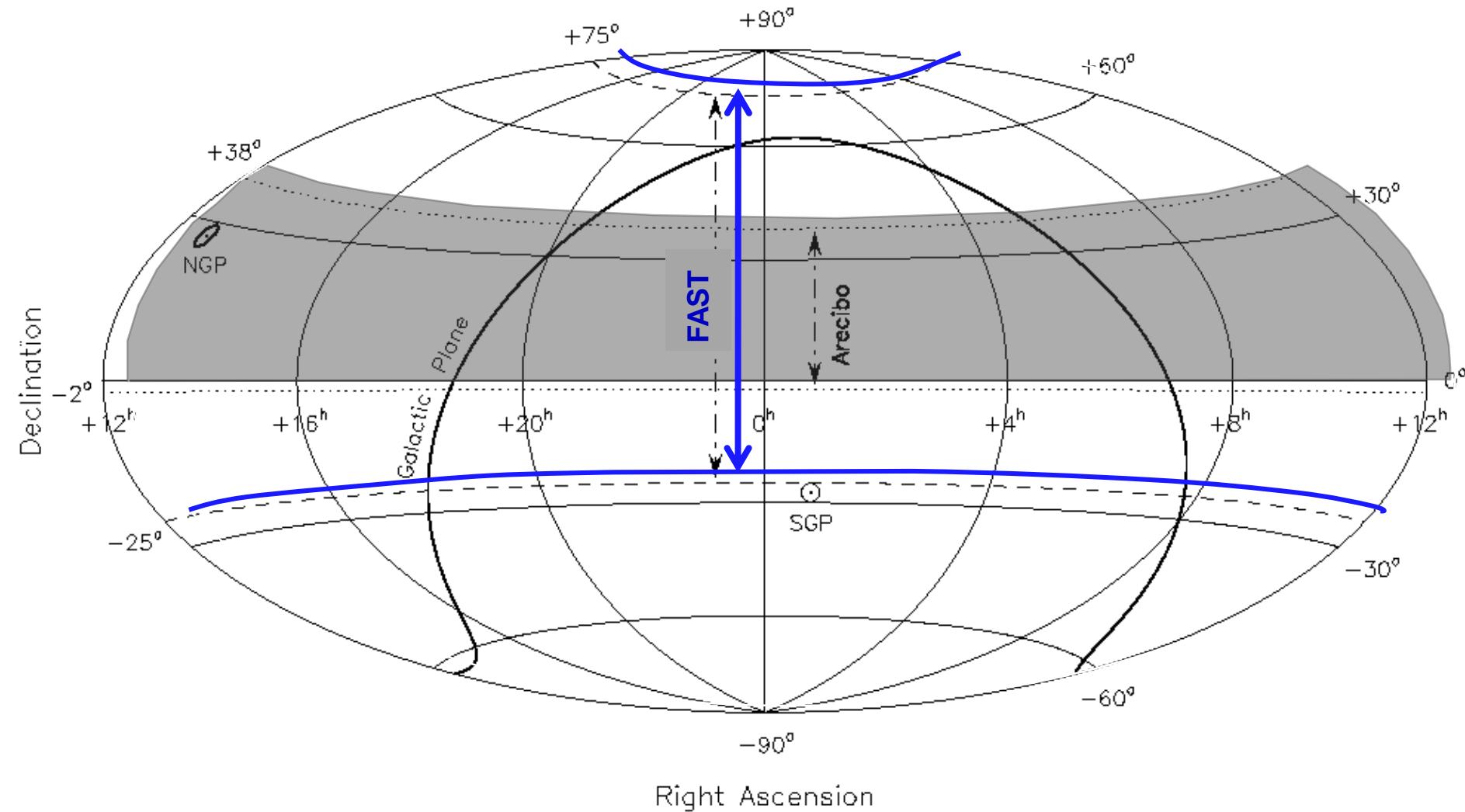




# FAST panels today 2015 Sept.



# FAST Science Capacity



# FAST Early Sciences

Telescope may not work appropriately,  
special receiver planned for LF observations:

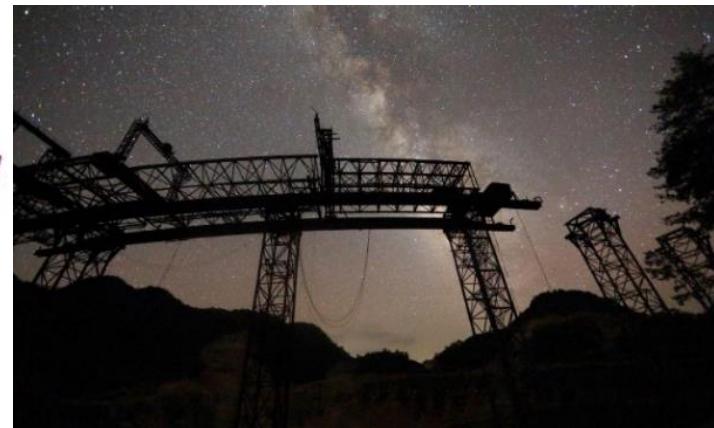
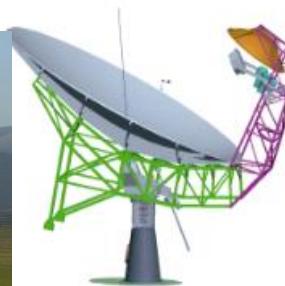
**SPF 270 – 1620 MHz**



- Pulsar Search *in M31, Globular cluster*
- Orion Spectral line survey
- HI distribution of nearby disk galaxies
- . . . . .

# Long March to FAST & SKA

- Co-initiator of LT(1993) → Engineer concept **KARST** (1994, result in **FAST**) → Potential site → Co-founder of SKA funding board (Apr. 2011) → Initial member of SKAO (Nov. 2011) → Technical development & design (currently)



*Gordon recalled the skeptics "We were young enough that we didn't know we couldn't do it"*

**If you dream, have big dreams. And have talented supporters to help you.**



**SKAO Treaty Org**

**Thanks!**

