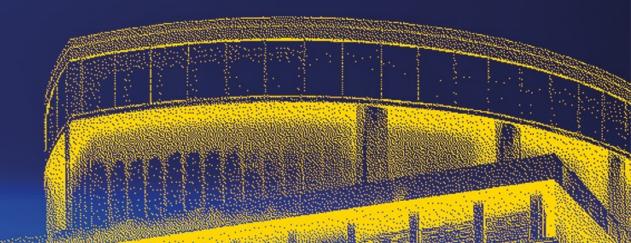


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Outline

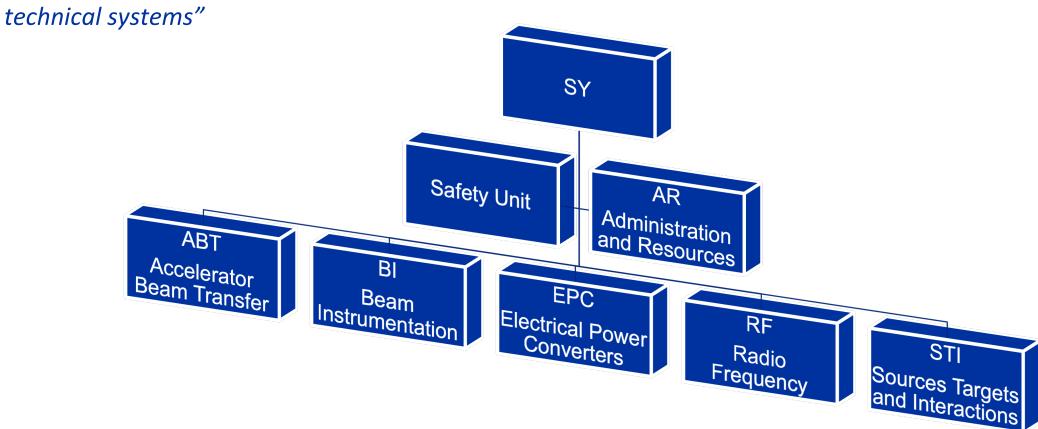
- Organization
- Power and RF systems in the Accelerator Complex
- Consolidation of existing accelerators and test areas
- Near future and beyond
- Conclusions

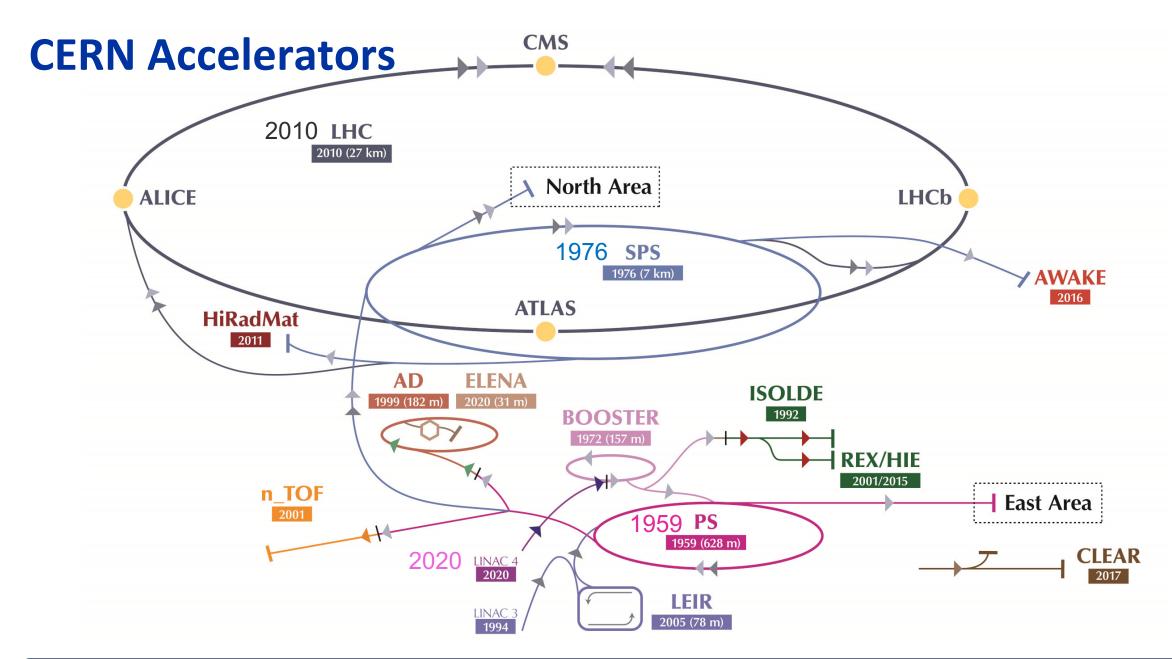


Structure and Mandate

In CERN's Organization, the Accelerator and Technology Sector (ATS) is in charge of the operation and exploitation of the whole accelerator complex.

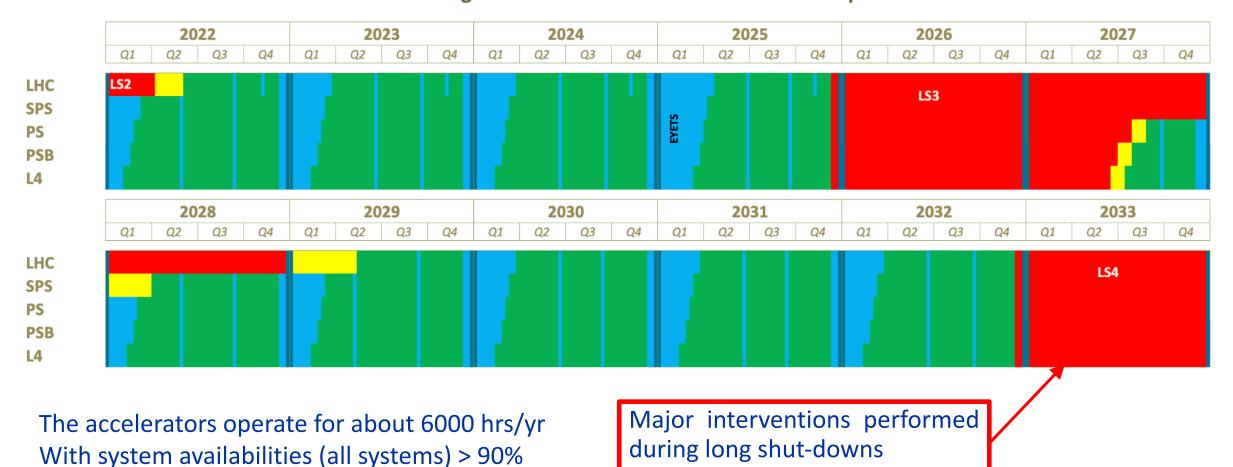
Within ATS, the Accelerator System Department (SY) " ... is responsible for the accelerator beam-related





CERN facilities - Operating cycles

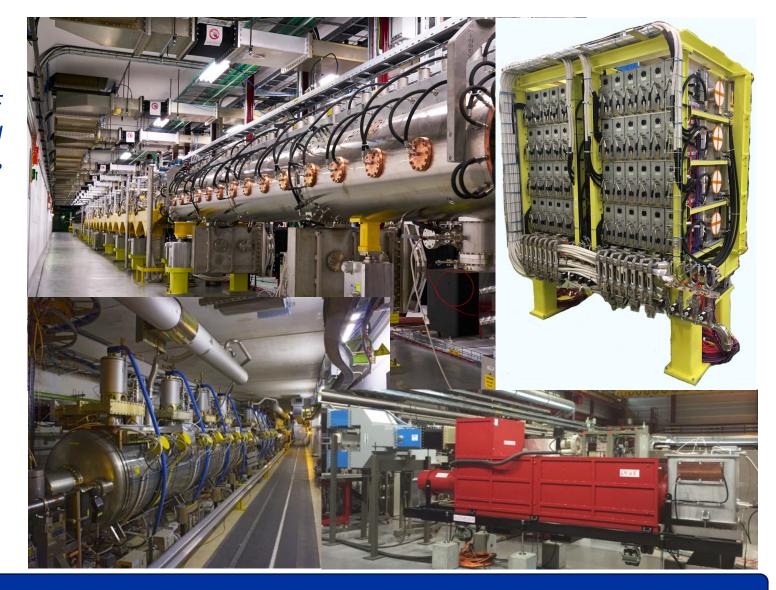
Long Term Schedule for CERN Accelerator complex



Radio Frequency Systems (RF)

The RF Group is in charge of the design, construction or procurement, operation, consolidation and maintenance of RF cavities, RF power amplifiers, LLRF, and RF controls for all present and future accelerators at CERN:

- Warm and superconducting cavities;
- Klystrons, IOTs, Tetrode-based, solidstate amplifiers;
- Power converters in few cases;
- Low power RF (LLRF) and controls;
- Beam pick-ups and associated electronics.



Electronic Power Converters (EPC)

The EPC Group is in charge of the electrical power converters for all accelerators, transfer lines, experimental areas and tests facilities at CERN:

- Solid-state modulators for RF klystrons;
- High-voltage power converters for RF amplifiers and particle sources;
- Power converters from 100W to 100MW for DC, cycling or pulsed magnets;
- Static VAR compensators and harmonic filters.











Linac3 RF Consolidation





Linac3

Final and Driver amplifiers + LLRF replaced $101 \, \text{MHz} - 350 \, \text{kW}_{\text{peak}}$ Pulsed 1 ms @ 10 Hz



Proton Synchrotron RF & EPC Consolidation







Proton Synchrotron

5 x 25 kV – 4 A power converters

Replaced by $5 \times 25 \text{ kV} - 8 \text{ A}$

I_{peak} = 50 A during < 1 ms



Proton Synchrotron Controls Consolidation





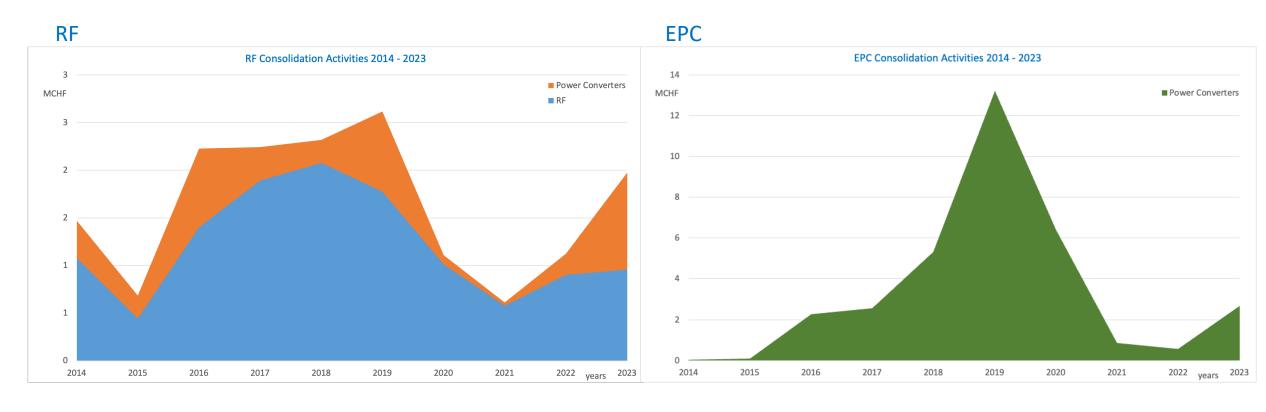


Proton Synchrotron (PS)

G64 interface and cabled interlock
Replaced by modern industrial PLCs



Consolidation investments in 2014 - 2023



Total of RF investments:

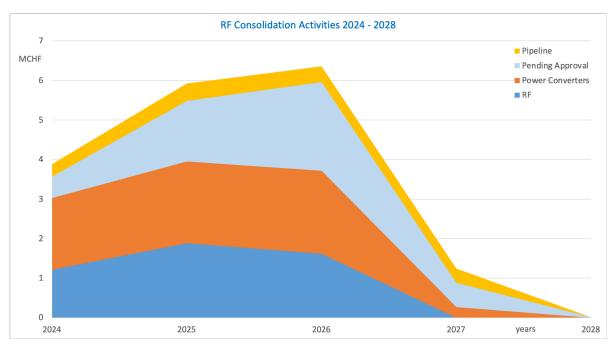
RF = 12 MCHF
Power Converters for RF = 4 MCHF

Total of EPC investments:

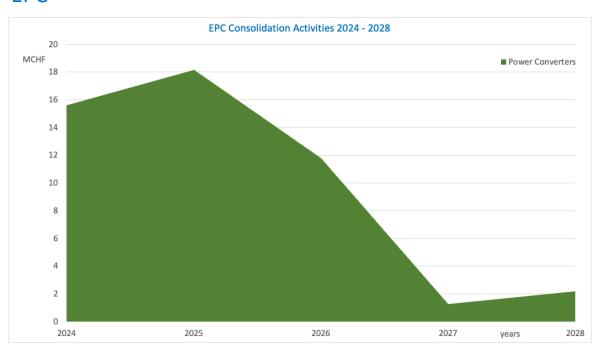
Power Converters = 34 MCHF

Future Consolidation investments 2024 - 2028

RF



EPC



Approved RF consolidation activities: 11 MCHF

Pending and "pipeline" activities for 6.5 MCHF.

Approved EPC consolidation activities: 49 MCHF

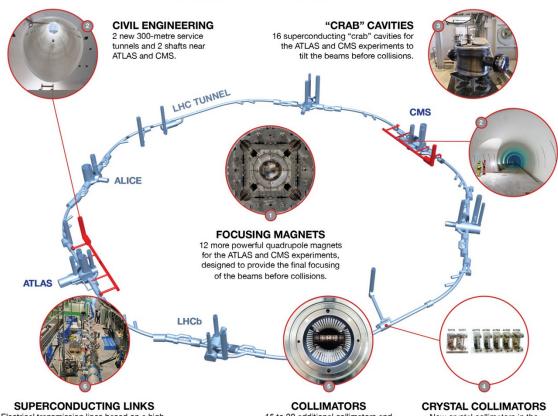
Near future activities

The consolidation of the SPS North Area

Beam from SPS Primary beam BA80 BA81 Experimental zones NA62 Phase I: LS3 (2025-26) Phase II: LS4 (2031-32) ~200 power converters Courtesy of Ivan Josifovic COMPASS

The High Luminosity LHC

NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE HIGH-LUMINOSITY LHC



Electrical transmission lines based on a hightemperature superconductor to carry the very high DC currents to the magnets from the powering systems installed in the new service tunnels near ATLAS and CMS. 15 to 20 additional collimators and replacement of 60 collimators with improved performance to reinforce machine protection.

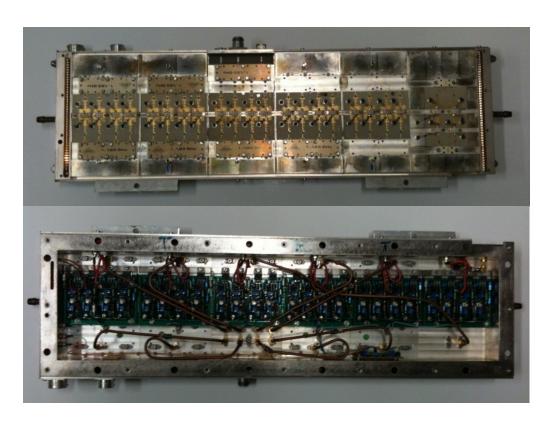
New crystal collimators in the IR7 cleaning insertion to improve cleaning efficiency during operation with ion beams.

... and regular consolidation of our other facilities



Upcoming RF Consolidation activities

AD Stochastic cooling RF Amplifiers
48 x 100 W amplifiers
900 MHz to 1800 MHz (GaAs to GaN?)



Spare cryomodule for HIE - ISOLDE

5 SRF cavities operating at 4.5 °K Gradient 6 MV/m, dissipated power 50 W



EPC participation into HL-LHC and North Area

Manufacture & Test build-to-print equipment



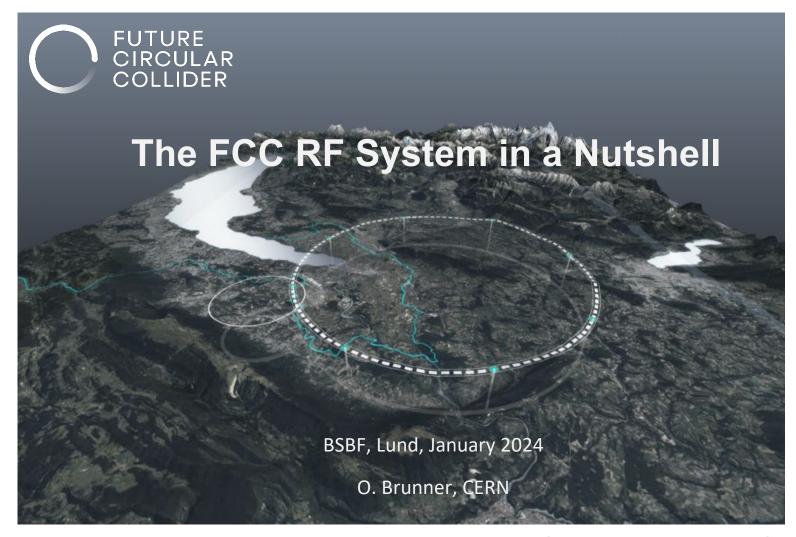
Integration / Cabling





... and beyond

The FCC project



See the presentation by O. Brunner

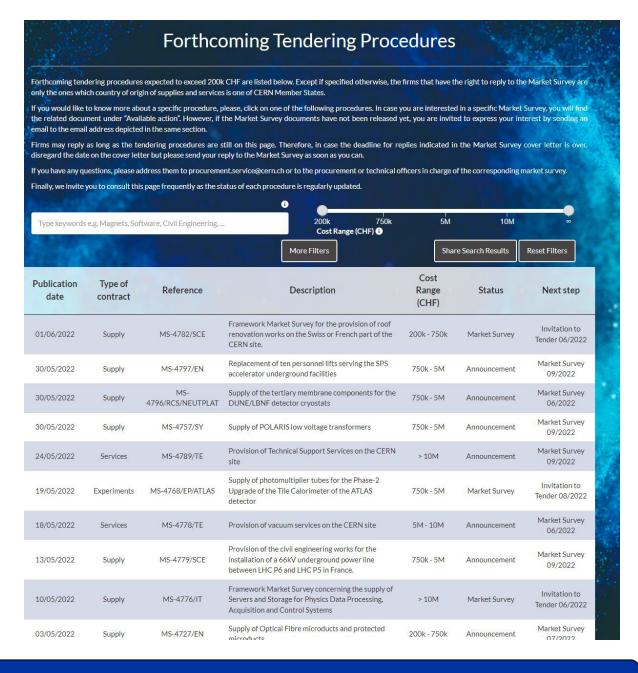


Conclusions

Doing business with CERN



Forthcoming Tenders



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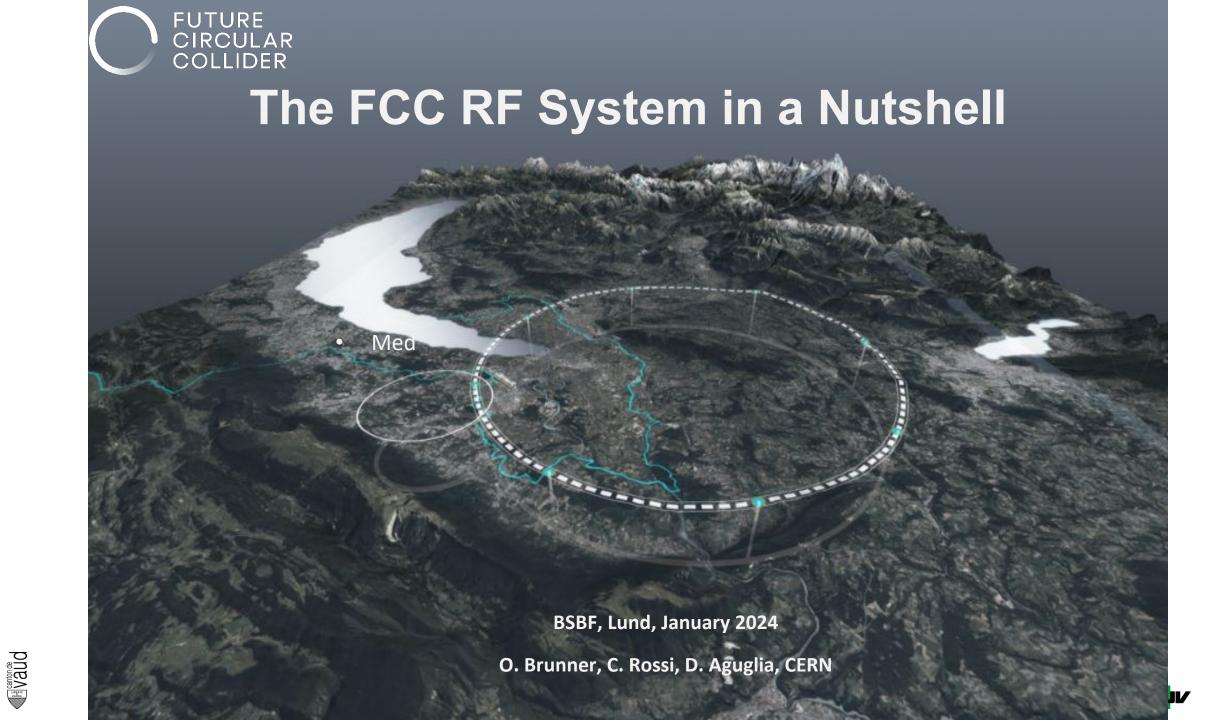
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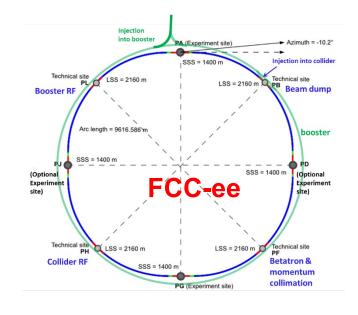


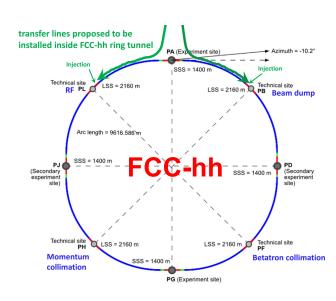
A century of physics

Comprehensive long-term program maximizing physics opportunities

- stage 1: FCC-ee (Z, W, H, $t\bar{t}$) as Higgs factory, electroweak & top factory at highest luminosities
- stage 2: FCC-hh (~100 TeV) as natural continuation at energy frontier, pp & AA collisions; e-h option







2020 - 2046

2048 - 2063

2074 -

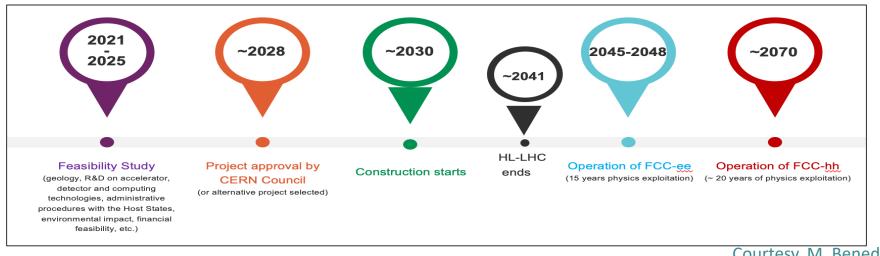
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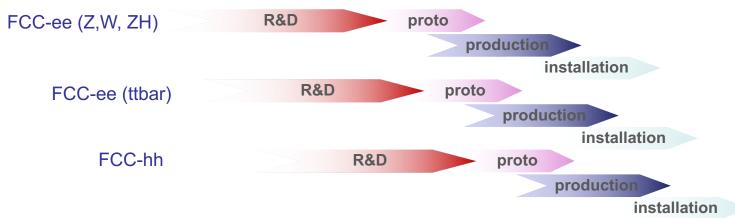




FCC integrated program - timeline



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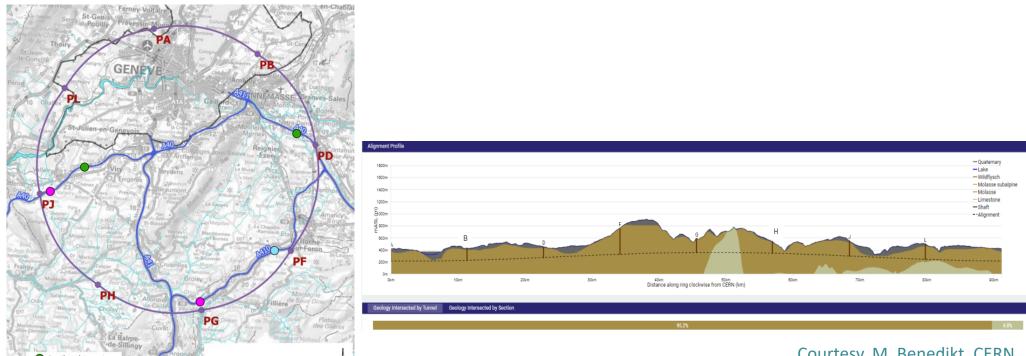








Optimized implementation



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- Layout chosen out of ~ 100 initial variants, based on geology and surface constraints (land availability, access to roads, etc.), environment, (protected zones), infrastructure (water, electricity, transport), machine performance etc.
- Tunnel implementation → aim at minimising tunnel construction risks



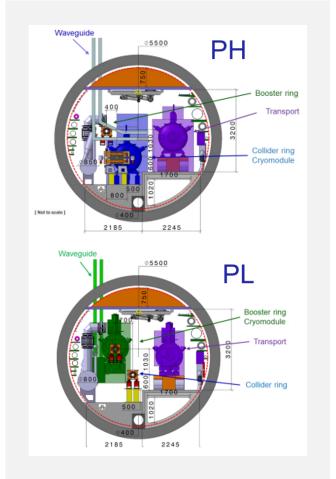




High level RF requirements

	RF voltage (GV)	Current (mA)	Energy (GeV)	
High current machine	0.080	1280	45.6	Z
	1.05	135	80	W
High gradient machine	2.1	26.7	120	Н
	11.3	5	182.5	ttb

- Collider (2 rings): 100 MW of RF power in CW (50 MW per ring) to compensate losses by synchrotron radiation
- Booster (3rd ring) to accelerate from 20 GeV to the final energy with 10% beam current and 15% average duty cycle
- Availability in operation of 80%



Courtesy, F. Valchkova, CERN

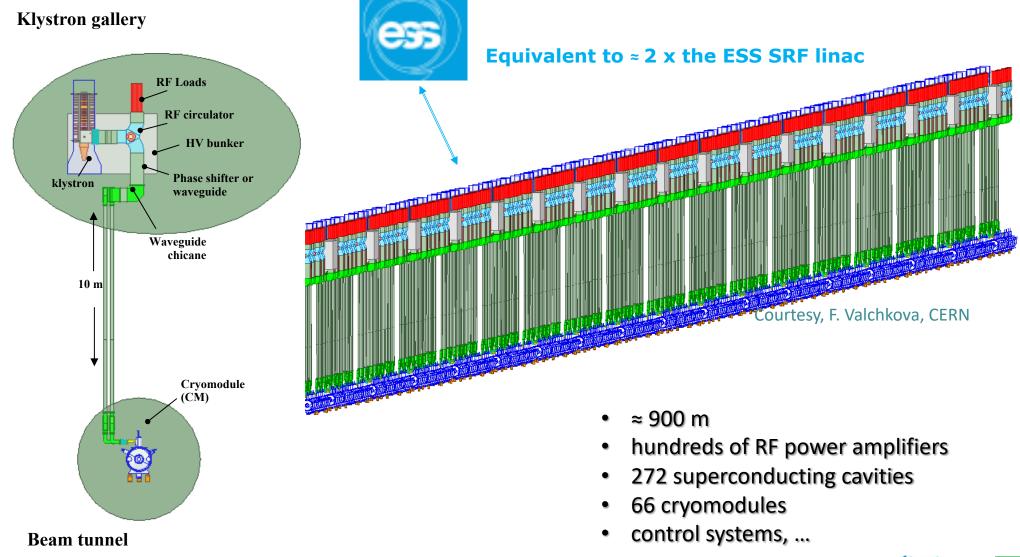








RF system configuration for the Higgs factory



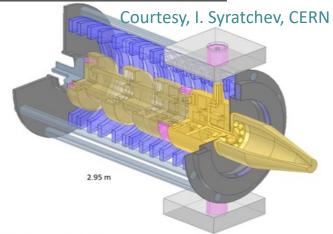






RF power amplifiers

- Higher energy efficiency (HE) power systems is a must for all machines
- Impressive CERN-driven progress in High Efficiency Klystron technologies in recent years
 - Large efforts to demonstrate > 80% efficiency (~20% improvement)
 - Demonstrated on x-band klystron in 2023
 - Klystrons are needed for 'all' high RF power & high frequency systems
 - Thales (France) is the only European supplier for high-power klystrons
- Strong demand for solid-state high-power modulators and RF systems
 - ScandiNova Systems (Sweden), Ampegon (UK), Jema (Spain)
 - Europe is by its break-through technology a world leader
- Solid state amplifiers are the go-to for many accelerator power systems:
 - Examples: SOLEIL 4×190kW 352 MHz, SPS 32×135kW 200 MHz (w. Thales Gérac)
 - SSA needed for FCC_ee

















Powering the FCC-ee

- RF powering
- 160 MW of HV power (~70 kV DC)
- Centralized solution via a Modular Multilevel Converter (MMC)
- R&D needs for this special application
 - High efficiency
 - Individual DC voltage regulation capabilities for each klystron



Courtesy, D. Aguglia, CERN

- Magnet powering
- 35'000 circuits: ~ 100s of W to ~MW level
- Main challenges:
 - Minimize the losses (new power converter structures and/or wide bandgap technologies)
 - Global optimization (CAPEX+OPEX) for optimal converter location (w.r.t. magnets)
 - Design compromises with civil engineering (volumes), cooling and ventilation (losses and their locations), magnets (number of turns, etc.), and many others.







Superconducting cavities

Courtesy, F. Peauger, S. Gorgi Zadeh , CERN

- Based either on copper with a Nb coating, or made from bulk Niobium
 - Highly pure base material: 3D-forged OFE copper, high-purity Nb
 - Tight tolerances (e.g.: parallelism =50 μm, shape accuracy =0.4 mm)
 - Removal of surface damage layer (100-200 μm) by chemistry (electro-polishing)
 - Final surface roughness \sim 0.1 0.2 μ m.
 - Need VERY HIGH quality Nb coating (few μm)
- Prototyping is typically done at CERN, then the technology is exported to industry
- Today, there are only 2 companies in Europe, which can manufacture complete bulk Nb cavities (Zanon (I), RI (D))

Seamless & cost-efficient technique would be used for thousands of cavities in institutes all over the world (LHC, ILC, ESS, CERN FCC)





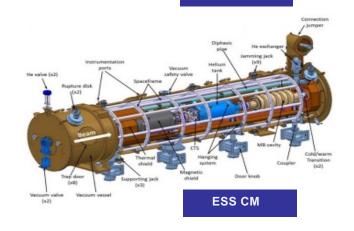


Production of cryomodules (CM)

- Superconducting cavities must be housed in complex, state-of-the-art helium-cooled CM (operating temperatures 1.6 K to 4.5 K)
- Large variety of CM designs, many common features:
 - Integration and simulations studies
 - Vacuum vessel with thermal and magnetic shielding
 - Cold mass supporting system, alignment, tuning system, cryostat & piping
 - Beam vacuum gate valves, pressure relief devices
 - Instrumentation and cables (RF, temperature, pressure)
 - RF power couplers, HOM couplers
- Manufacturing of mechanical parts and assembly (mostly done in clean rooms) are usually subcontracted to external companies



LHC CM











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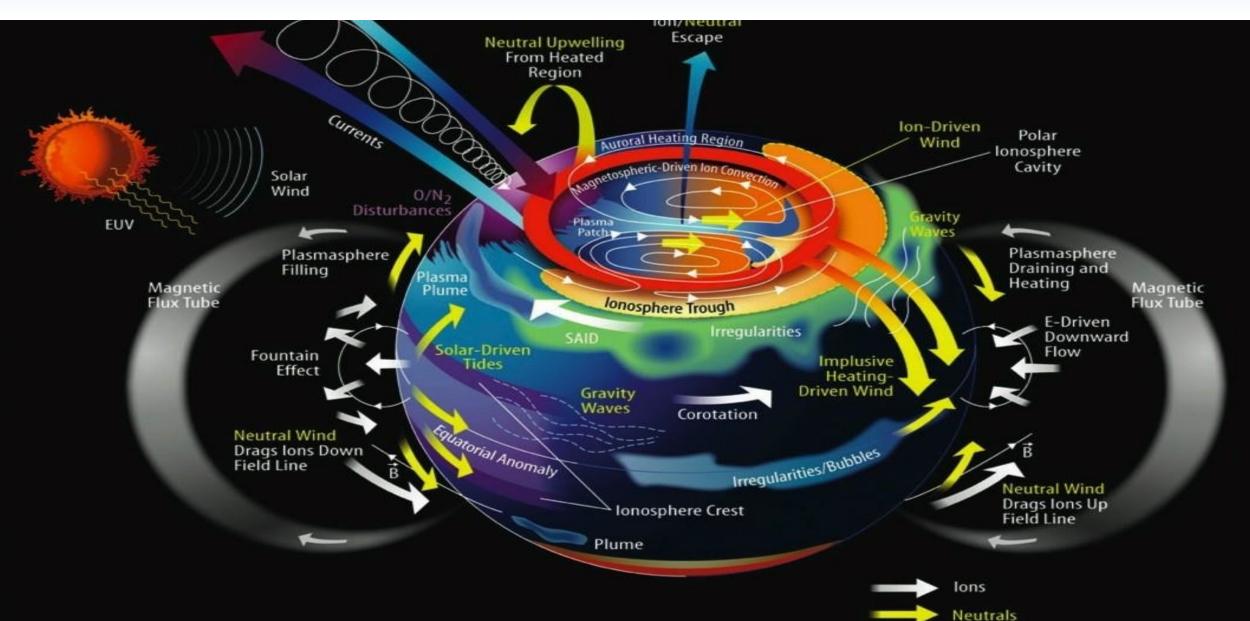






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Skibotn, Norway



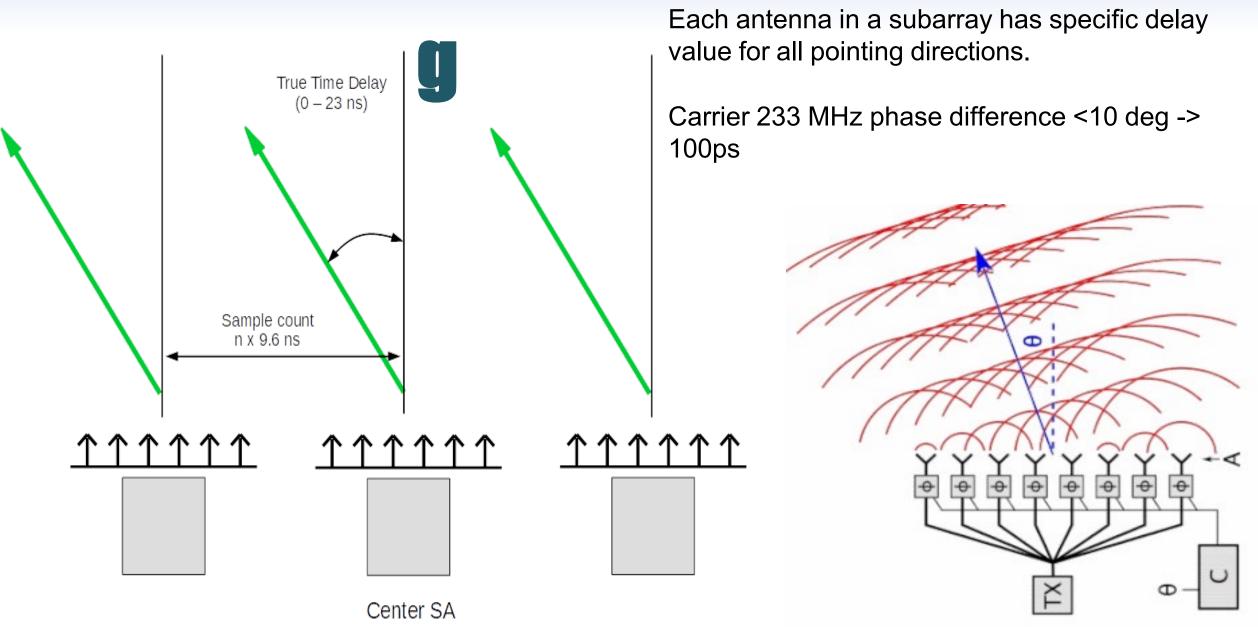
Skibotn, Norway

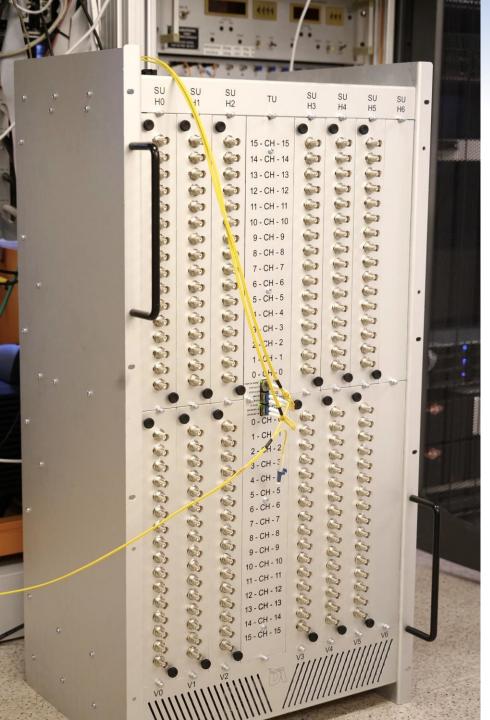


Karesuvanto, Finland



Beamformin

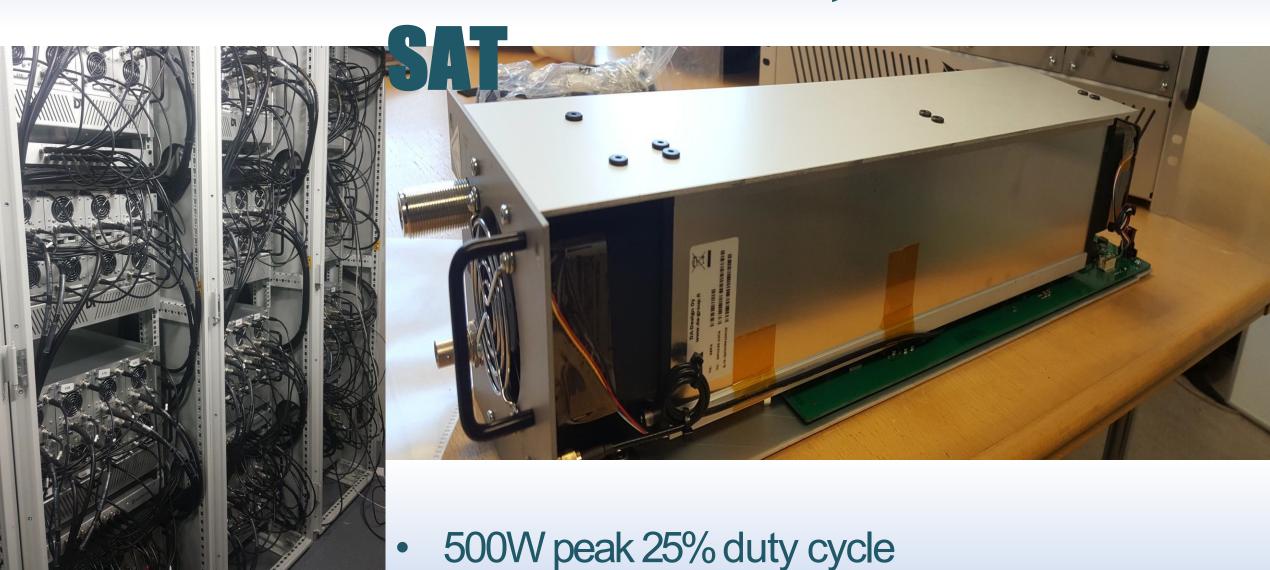




Receiver

- 91 antennas and 2 polarizations = 182 channels
- 233 MHz +/- 15 MHz analog bandwidth
- First level of beamforming in FPGA
- 10 simultaneous beams
- One 25 GbE link for each polarizations
- True Time Delay filters 0-25 ns, 100 ps resolution
- White Rabbit network synchronization

Transmitters,



Including Tx/Rx switch

Exciter, PSCU



- 16 channels arbitrary waveform generator with independent phasing
- White Rabbit timing
- Can be included into transmitters

Future Developments

Extend Skibotn transmitters

- Stage 1: From 3 MW to 5 MW
- Stage 2: From 5 MW to 10 MW

Extend Sweden and Finland sites from 55 subarray to 109

- 54 receivers having 182 channels each, or other combinations
- Sub nanosecond synchronization

Build new sites 4 and 5 to Sweden and Norway

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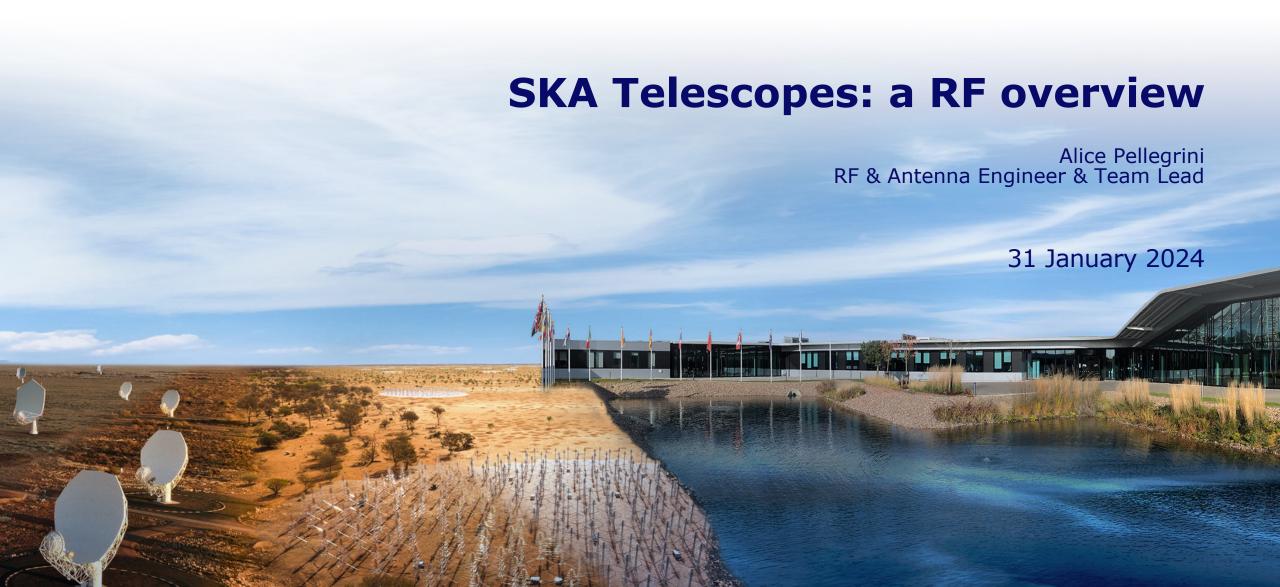


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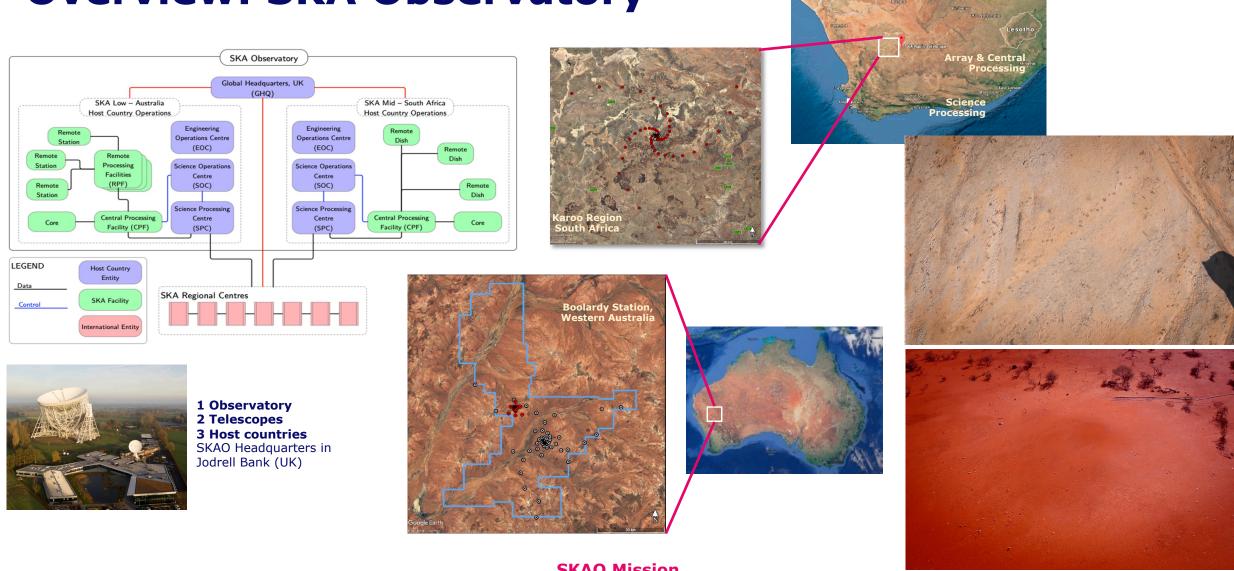


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Overview: SKA Observatory



SKAO Mission

"The SKAO's mission is to build and operate cutting-edge radio telescopes to transform our understanding of the Universe and deliver benefits to society through global collaboration and innovation."

MID Telescope

Karoo region of the Northern Cape Province of South Africa

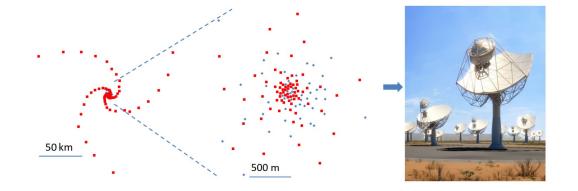
The Mid Telescope consists of 133 SKAO dishes plus 64 MeerKAT dishes. The array is arranged in a dense core with quasi-random distribution, and spiral arms going out to create the longest baselines that go up to 150km.

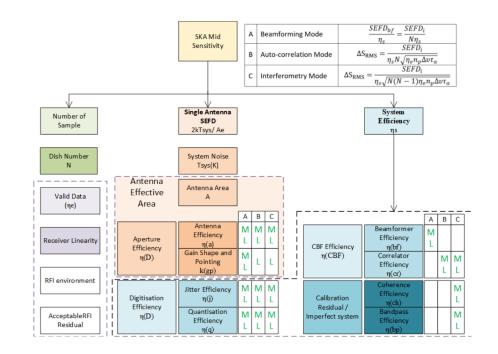
The telescope will cover the range from 350 MHz up to 15.4 GHz.

Sensitivity is the primary design driver.

Extensive design and qualification have been carried out to optimise single-pixel feeds, reflector structure and feed optics to achieve low system temperature and high efficiency.

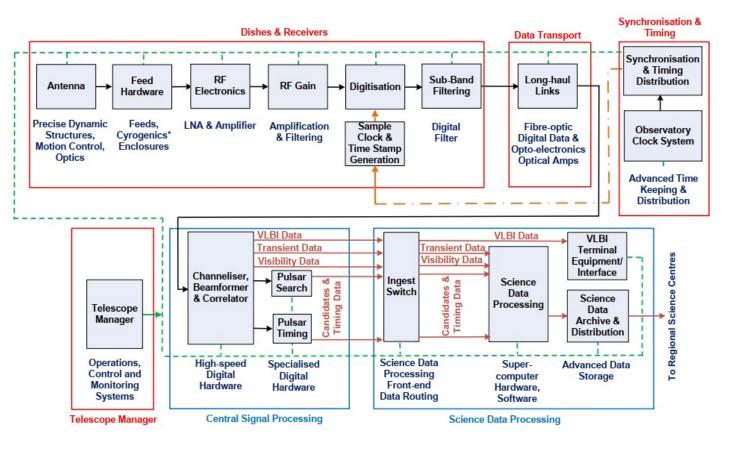
The LNAs are cryogenically cooled (except for Band 1) using a helium system to provide low system noise

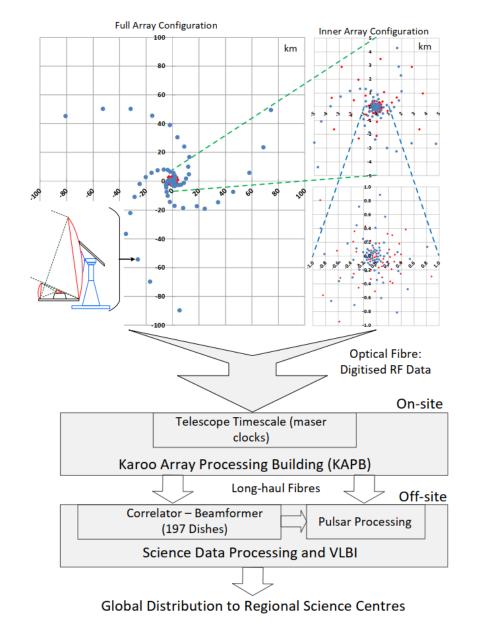






The Mid Telescope Architecture







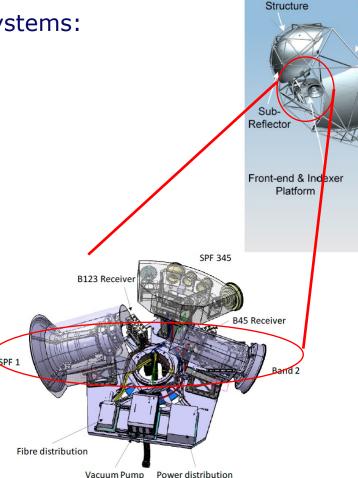
MID Dish System

An overview of the status and progresses of the Dish system and sub-systems development is

shown in this presentation.

The MID Dish system consists of the following sub-systems:

- Dish Structure
- Band 1 Single Pixel Feed (SPF B1)
- Band 2 Single Pixel Feed (SPF B2)
- Band 345 Single Pixel Feed (SPF B345(6))
- SPFRx
- Helium services
- SPF Services (SPF Controller & Vacuum Services)
- Dish Fibre Network (DFN)
 - Local Monitoring & Control (LMC)



Sub-reflector

Back-up

Back-up

Turnhead
Elevation Axis
Elevation Actuator

Foundation

Tower

Main Reflector

Feed Arm

Estimated Single Dish Performance

- Sensitivity, efficiency and feed and receiver noise of the single SKA dish have been estimated
- Band 1 and Band 2 data are estimated around the mid-band frequency at an elevation of 45°
- Band 5 data are averaged across the band with the dish pointing at zenith

Parameter	BAND 1	Band 2	Band 5a	Band 5b
Frequency (GHz)	0.7	1.4	Average	Average
Cosmic Background (K)	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73
Galactic (K)	4.53	0.67	0.01	0.002
Atmosphere (K)	2.2	2.6	2.0 a	4.3 a
Spillover (K)	3	0.9	0.8 a	0.2 a
Total T _{antenna} (K)	12.5	6.9	5.5 a	7.2 a
T _{receiver} (K) ^b	13.5	5.6	7.4	9.2
T _{structure} and backend (K)	1	1	1.6	1.6
T _{System} (K)	27	13.5	14.5 a	18.0 a
Aperture Efficiency, η ^c	0.81	0.90	0.84	0.83
Effective area, A _e , (m ²)	143.1	159	148.4	146.7
A_e/T_{sys} (m ² /K)	5.3	11.8	10.2 a	8.1 a

a Referred to zenith



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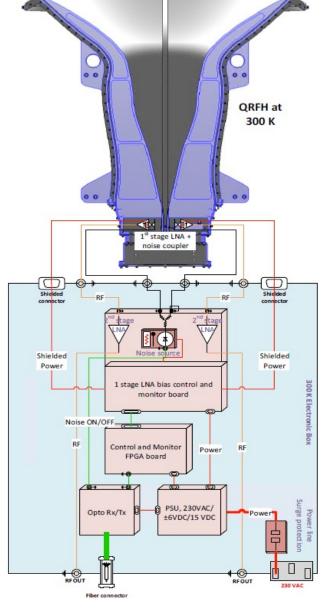
b Includes the feed and vacuum window contributions

c Assuming perfect optics, i.e. excluding mechanical tolerance of the structure and surface extensions resulting from mechanical considerations

SPF Band1

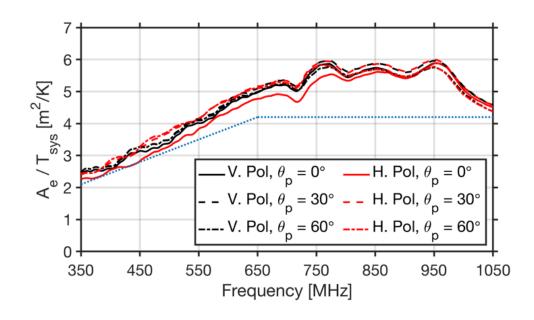
- **AAC Omnisys** has been awarded the contract for the production of 80 SPF Band 1.
- The SPF B1 is a room temperature system operating over the frequency band 0.35 to 1.05 GHz
- Dual linear pol Quad Ridged Feed Horn (QRFH) of overall length of 1.5 m.
- Two room temperature LNAs (Low Noise Factory) integrated in the ridges close to the feed pins of the two orthogonal polarisations.
- Noise-injection coupler and LNAs are combined in single assembly. The calibration signal is injected prior to the first amplification stage.
- 2nd stage LNAs, calibration noise diode, monitor and control electronics, etc. are located in the feedcontroller enclosure mounted on the rear of the feed horn.
- A polycarbonate radome protects the aperture of the horn, while the feed is made moisture proof. An environmental shield protects the feed package from rain and direct sunlight.
 - The feed is over a meter high and weighs about 180 kg

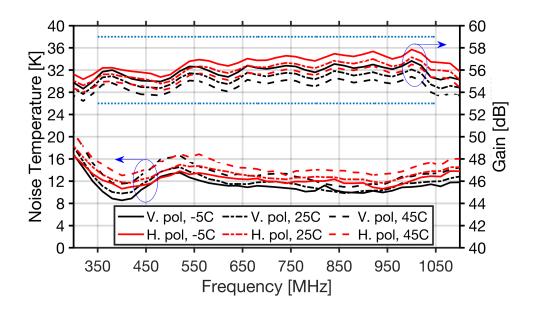




SPF B1 Prototype developed by Onsala Observatory

SPF Band1 – expected performance



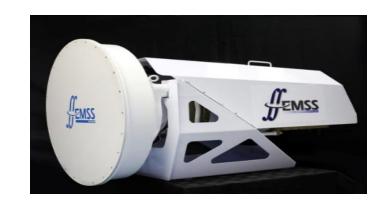


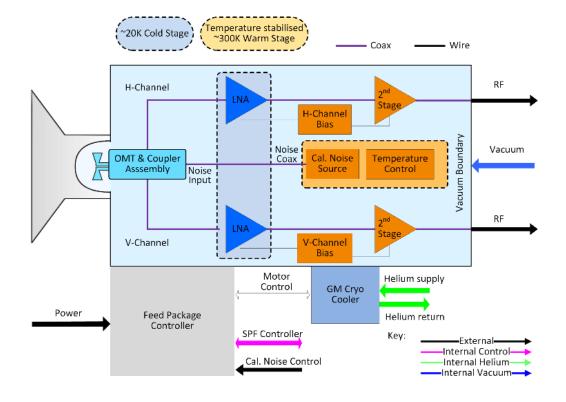
A combination of lab tests, on dish tests and simulations have been used to estimate the expected performance



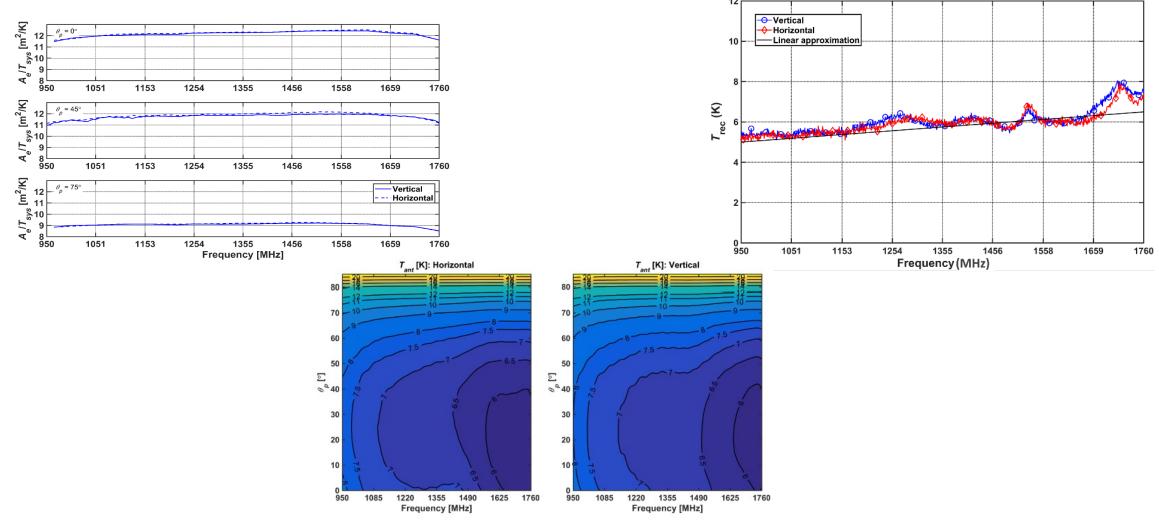
SPF Band2

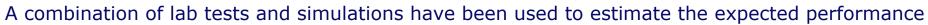
- EMSS has been awarded with the production of 64 SPF Band 2.
- Originally developed by EMSS Antennas, operates over the frequency band 0.95 GHz - 1.76 GHz.
- The feed package consists of:
 - an ambient temperature wide flare angle axially corrugated conical horn,
 - a cryogenic OMT (pair of orthogonal dipoles),
 - LNAs cooled to below 20 K and a room temperature amplification and matching stage.
- The waveguide is at ambient temperature with a High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) dome over the cryogenic dipoles. The calibration noise source is thermally stabilized at ambient temperature inside the cryostat.
- A sun shield reduces solar heating and provides protection against direct rain. Moisture collection is limited by protecting the horn aperture with a hydrophobic radome membrane and desiccator breather





SPF Band2 – expected performance

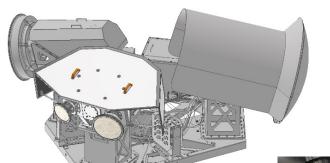


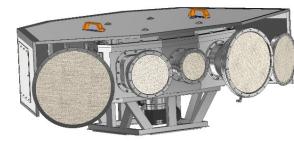




SPF Band345(6)

- SPF Band 345(6) feed package, designed and qualified at the University of Oxford
- Provision to house up to 5 horns for Band 3 (1.65-3.05 GHz), 4 (2.80-5.18 GHz), 5a (4.60 8.50 GHz), 5b (8.30 15.40 GHz) and 6 (15.00-24.00 GHz) in a single modular cryostat.
- Currently populated with higher science priority Band 5a and 5b feed horns, OMTs and RF chains.
- Band 5a and Band 5b horns were designed by JLRAT/CETC54, China. Both (quad-ridged type) Band 5a and Band 5b OMTs have been designed and manufactured by University of Oxford.
- Wide flare-angle corrugated horns are cooled to ~80K.
 OMTs and LNAs cooled to ~12 K (second stage). Warm RF chain and noise source are temp controlled
- Horns placed behind a Mylar sheet supported by polyethylene foam. Weather/sun shield in place





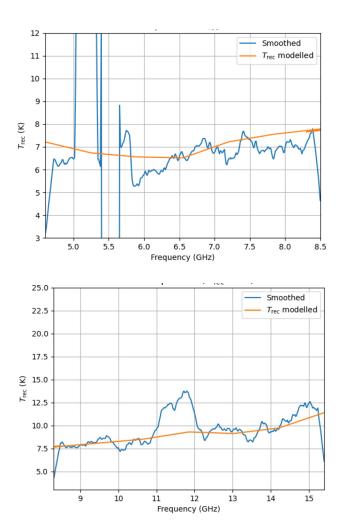


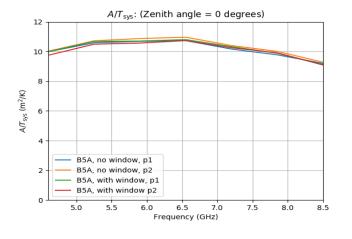


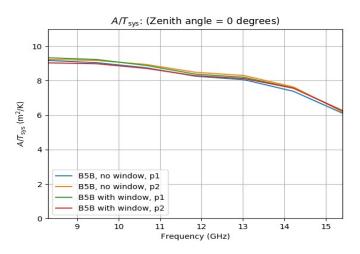




SPF Band345(6) – expected performance







A combination of lab tests and simulations have been used to estimate the expected performance



SPFRx Architecture

Objectives have led to three sectional design of SPFRx:

- Two EMI shielded enclosures at the dish indexer **RXS123** (contract awarded to **Qamcom Research & Technology**) and **RXS45** (under development at **LAB**) include the analog components, ADCs with minimal digital support circuitry.
- One shielded unit in the pedestal of the antenna **RXPU** (sw/fw contract planned with **National Research Council Canada**) includes digital signal processing hardware, which tends to emit high levels of EMI, is in the multiple layered shielded dish pedestal unit.

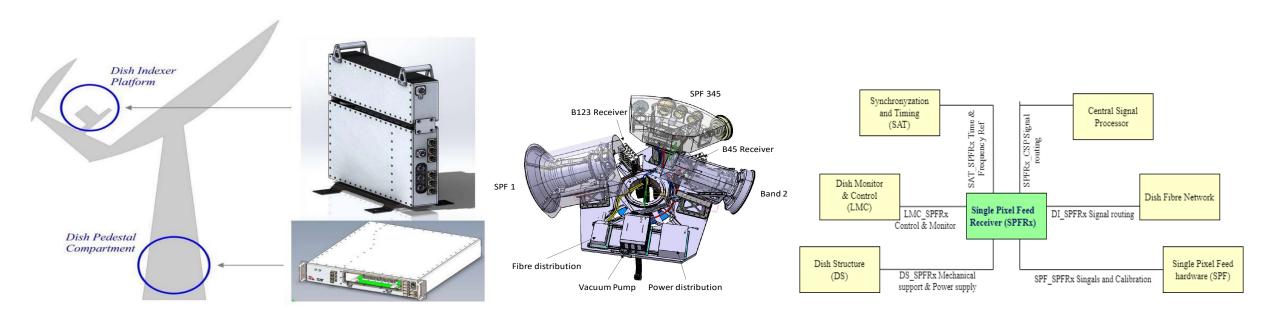
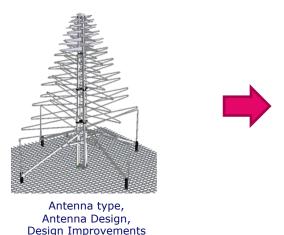


Figure: SPFRx Device Locations on Dish (left), Layout of the Dish Indexer showing the RXS123 and RXS45 enclosure positions (mid), Interface of SPFRx with other systems

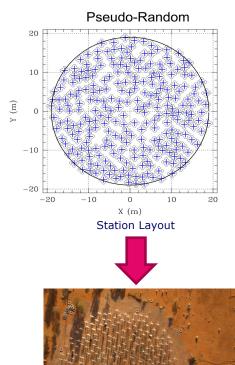
LOW Telescope

In the fully deployed stage, the Low Telescope consists of 512 field stations. Each station consists of 256 closely spaced antennas for a total of 131072 antennas. The telescope operates over a frequency

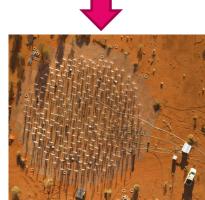
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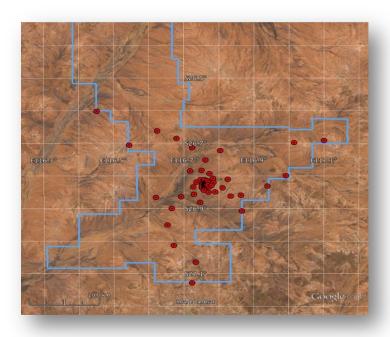










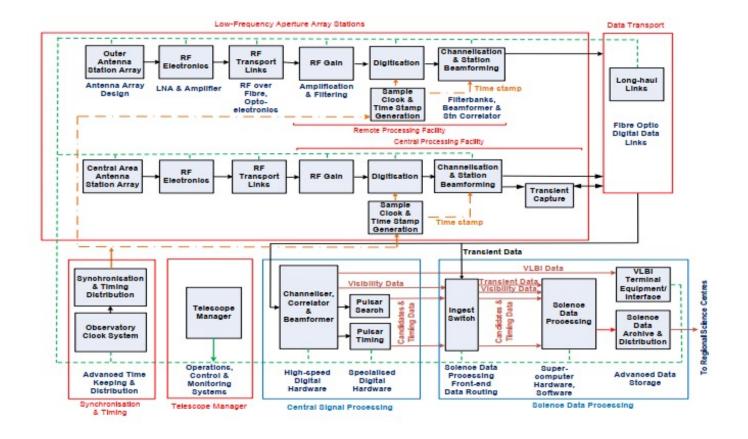


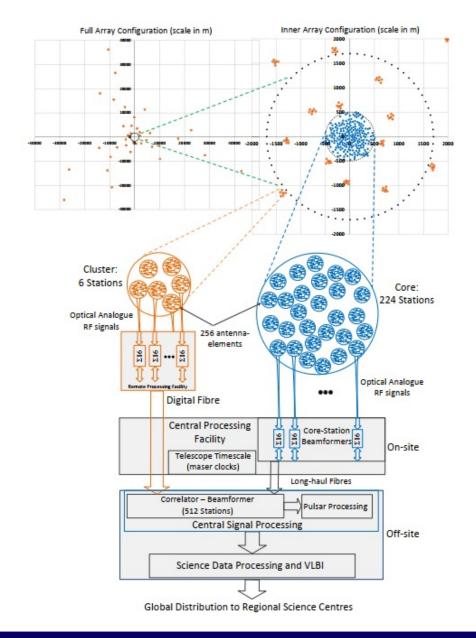
SKA-Low Field Stations

Murchison Radio Observatory site at Boolardy in Western Australia



The Low Telescope Architecture



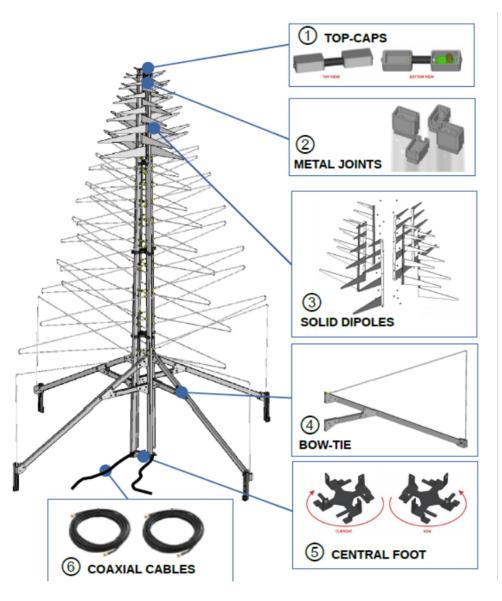




Antenna Design

Characteristic			
Material	AA6060 + AA5754(for solid dipoles)		
Dimensions	1.6 x 2.1 m (width x height)		
Weight	<10KG		
Bandwidth	50MHz -350MHz		
Input Return Loss	<-13 over the band		
Amplifier Gain	45 dB Typical		
Gain flatness	3 db Typical		
Architecture	Two LNAs on top of the antenna located inside the top caps		
Antenna feeding	Single-ended with 50- ohm impedance		

While the noise temperature of the antenna is below 40K, the sky is the main contributor to the overall noise, therefore the design drivers are cost and reliability



UK LNA under evaluation. Improved S22 matching on SMB connector and improved environmental sealing

Metal Joints modification to improve environmental sealing and simplify assembly and maintenance

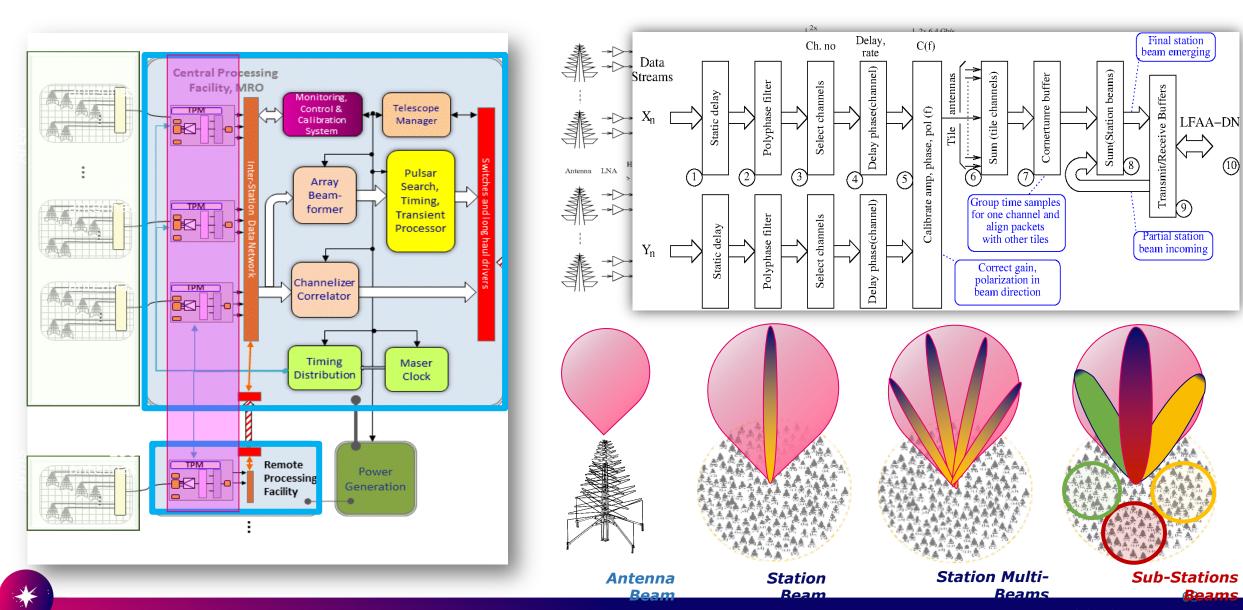
Screws on solid dipoles to be replaced by automated mig welding to reduce assembly time.

Rivets on the bow tie elements to be replaced by automated MIG welding for mass production.

Mirroring the baseplate to improve installation on ground plane

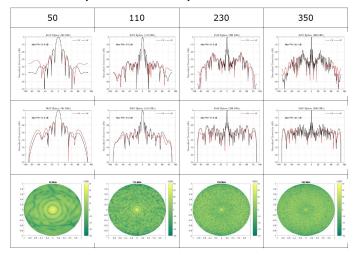


A very complex beamformer

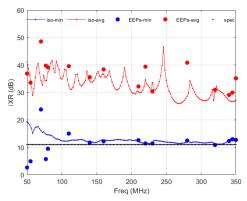


Expected Performance

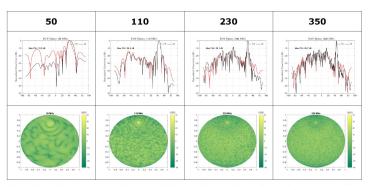
The Low station system is electrically large and operates over a very wide frequency bandwidth, it is extremely computationally intense and great care is put in the optimisation of it



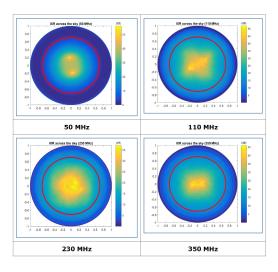
Stations Beam patterns at zenith (E and H planes)



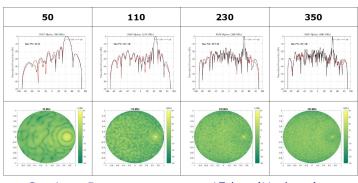
Station minimum, average IXR within the frequency range. This is computed both considering and isolated antenna, and also taking into account the embedded element patterns (EEPs) for several frequencies



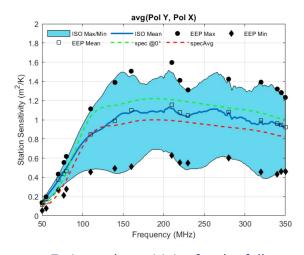
Stations Beam patterns at 45deg (E plane)



Station IXR maps



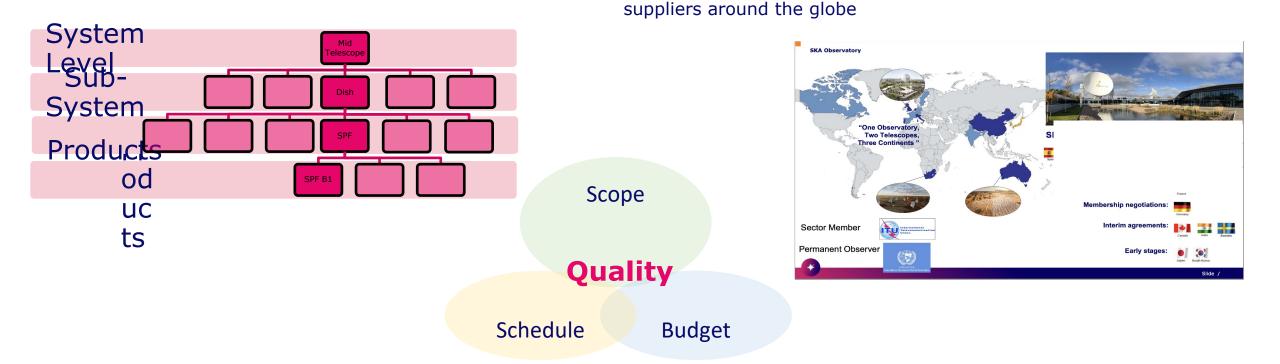
Stations Beam patterns at 45deg (H plane)



Estimated sensitivity for the full array



What does SKAO need from the suppliers?



 Challenging deadlines are met only if each contractors, suppliers, partners and institutions deliver on time for integration and verification at telescope level SKA Low RF design is finalized and consolidated

SKA is a complex project that involves multiple contractors and

 SKA Mid RF front end and Structure are largely finalized, SPF Band345 has recently undergone qualification tests.



Thank you - Questions?

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