



# Science Digital @ UNGA 75

## The SKAO: A global Research Infrastructure for the 21st Century and beyond

### Open Science for sustainability and inclusiveness: the SKA role model

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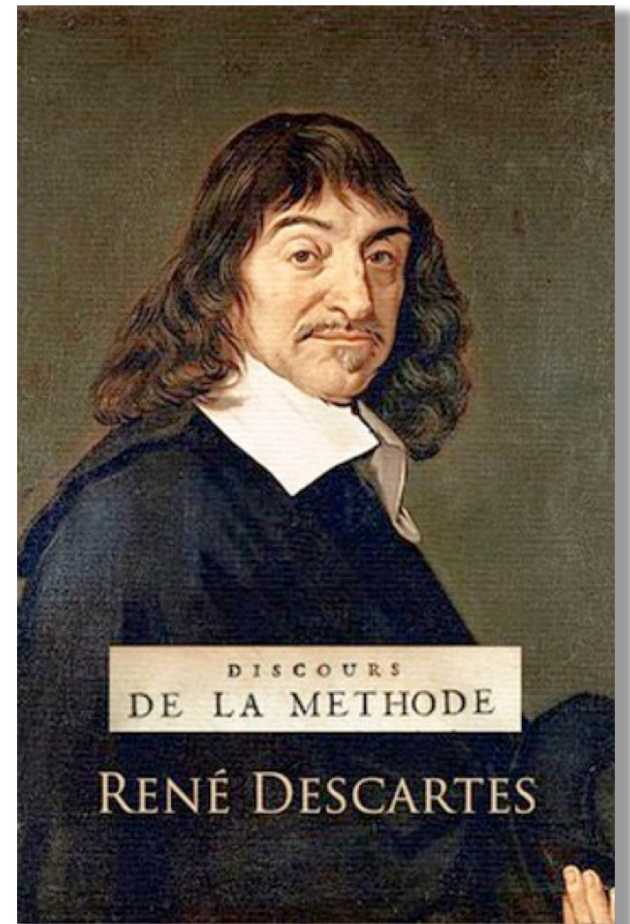
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  - **Let's go back 383 years in time...**

Scientific Reproducibility is a fundamental principle of the Scientific Method, a process established in the 17th century that marked the beginning of modern science and laid the foundations for the Philosophy of Science



- Science = Scientific Method = Reproducible = Open!

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**Overly Honest Method**

@OverlyHonestly

Maybe with this?



You can download our code from the URL supplied. Good luck downloading the only postdoc that can get it to run, though [#OverlyHonestMethods](#)

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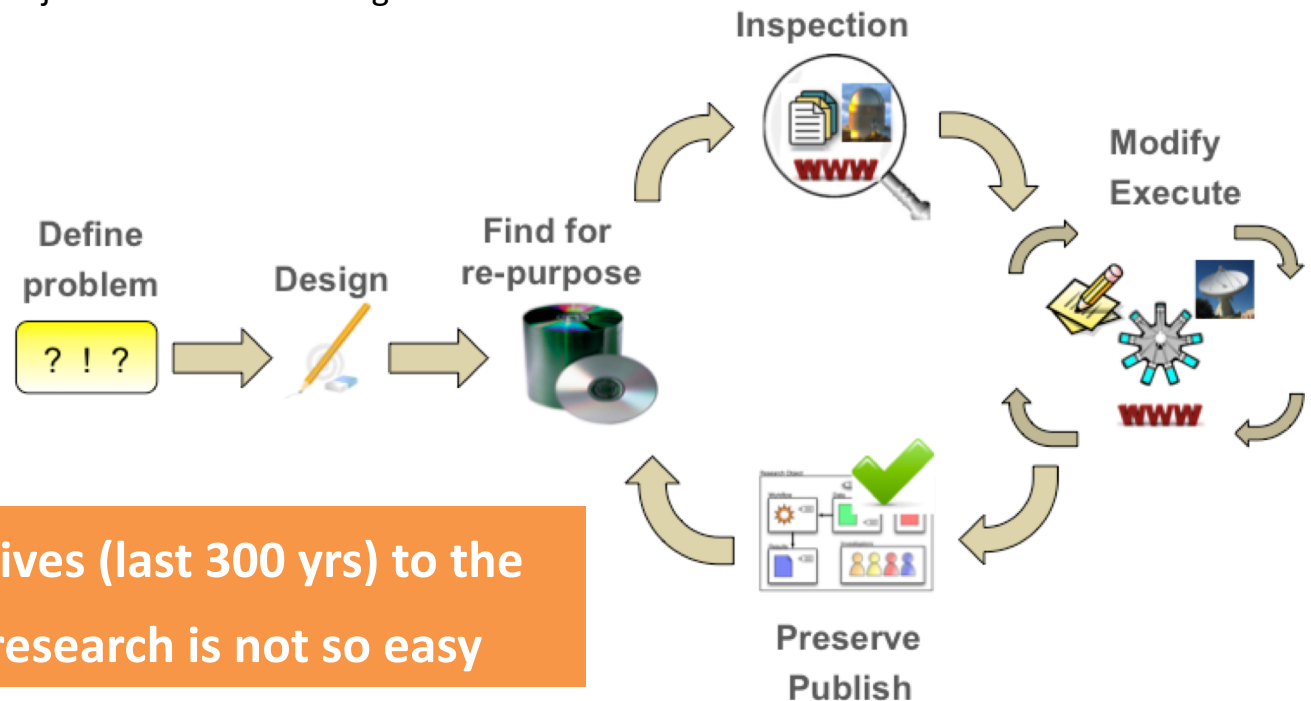
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**In practice**



Moving from narratives (last 300 yrs) to the actual output of research is not so easy

# Open Science for sustainability and inclusiveness

**Open Science represents an approach to research that is collaborative, transparent and accessible**

Open Science definition, European Commission, 2017, doi: 10.2777/75255

**Remember: Open Science started bottom-up**  
(DORA, Metric Tide, Leiden Manifesto, Altmetrics, etc)

*Open Science embodies the need to transform, open and democratize the entire knowledge generation to ensure that every scientific challenge is faced and really drives and allows the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*

UNESCO and Open Science [1]


[1]<https://en.unesco.org/news/unesco-launches-global-consultation-develop-standard-setting-instrument-open-science>



# Open Science for sustainability and inclusiveness



Science hidden behind paywall barriers

-  Free access to research sources to the whole scientific community = limitations to science progress
- OS = Data and results more accessible and reliable
- OS = Promotion of scholarly exchange of ideas
- OS = Avoid duplication



Acceleration of knowledge transfer to Society, pandemics, sanitary crisis



- Speed up building of skills
- Teaching, e.g. how to access public archives, fostering collaborative practices
- Citizen science

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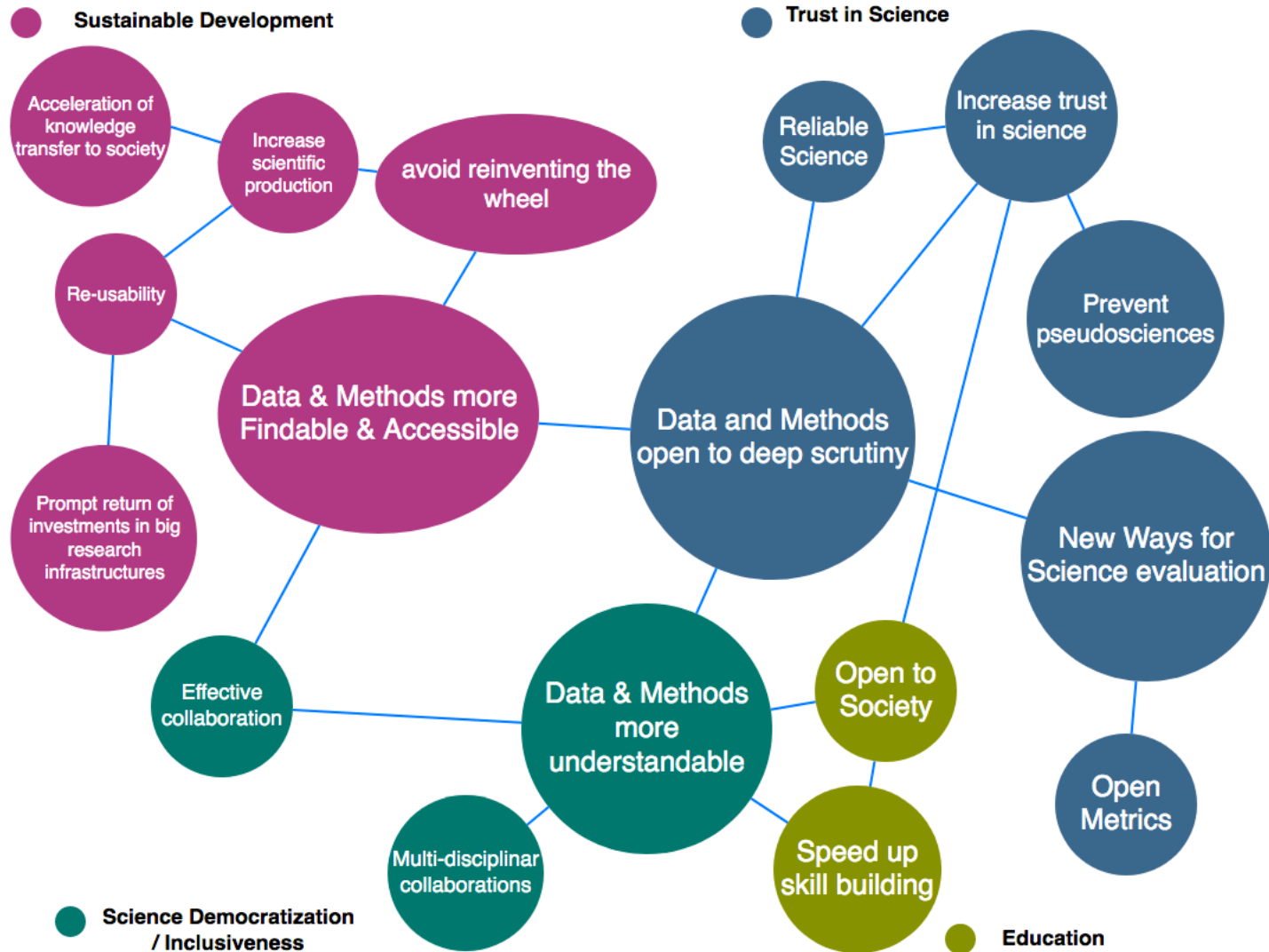
Promote equity, diversity and inclusion

- All previous items +
- A tool enabling an objective evaluation of work
- Barriers are even more emphasized to scientist women in places where their contribution tend to be ignored or anonymized.





# Open Science



# Open Science in the Big Data era

We are in a race to exploit ever larger datasets

**in our quest for “efficiency” we risk forgetting about reproducibility**

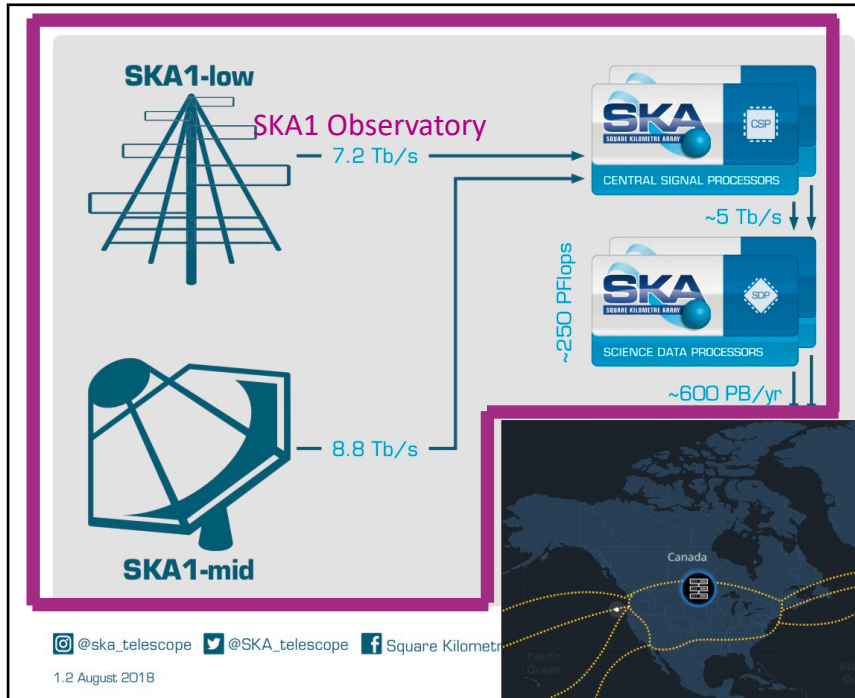
**The era of Big Data is beginning across sciences**

**Today is the time to ask**

**What kind of research want mega-science  
infrastructures to do in tomorrow’s future?**

# The Square Kilometre Array

SKA Fact sheets. August 2018. skatelescope.org



The SKA Regional Centres, the core of the SKA Science

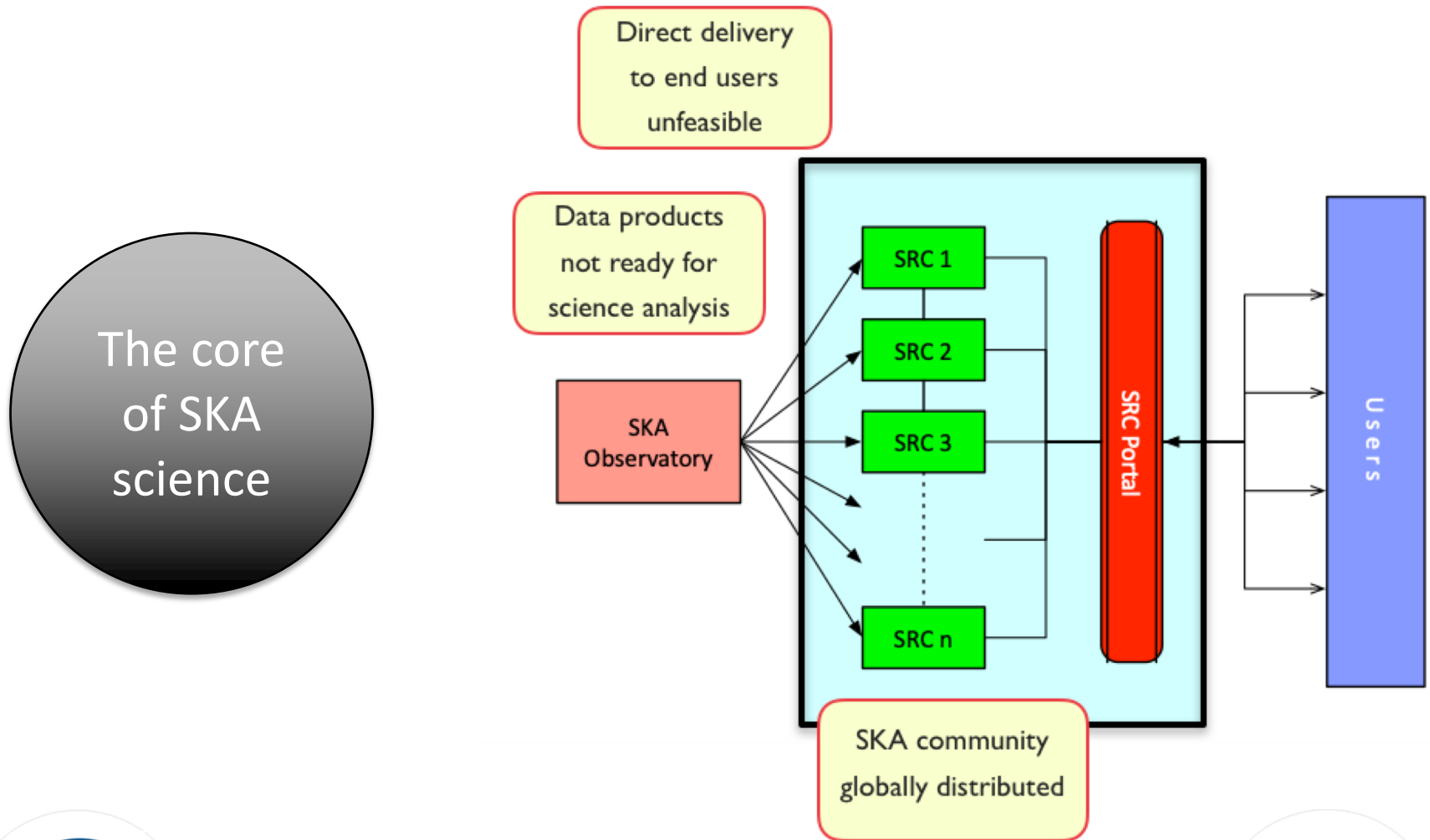


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# The SKA Regional Centre Network

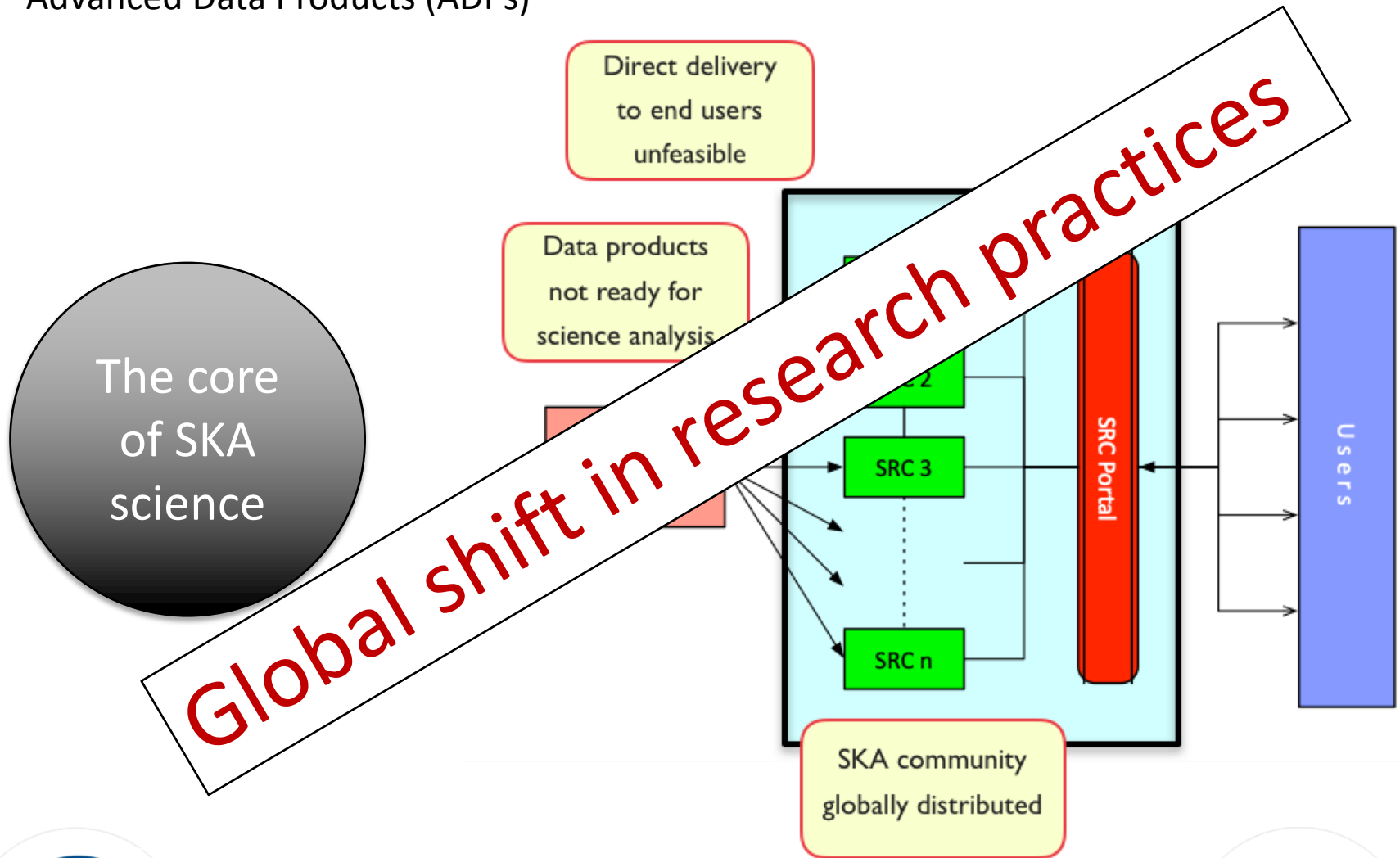
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# SKA duty: a role model



**ESOF  
2018  
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Is the current measure of  
excellence perverting Science?  
A Data deluge is coming, it is time to act

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SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY

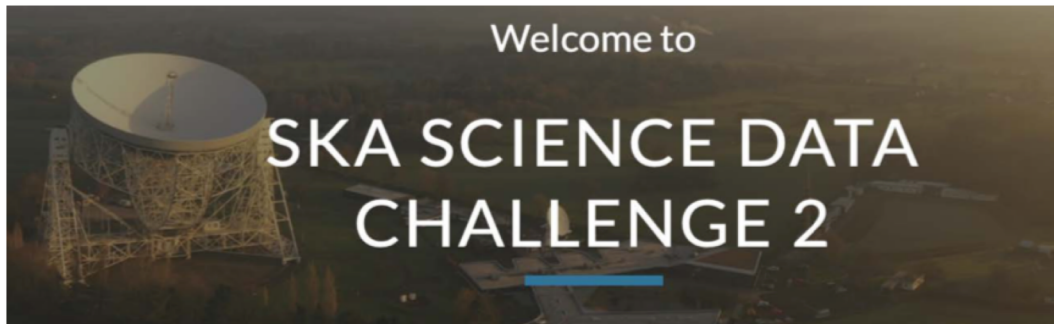
Theme #3 Science policy and transformation of research practice

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Adoption of Open Science values

Reproducibility as a metric of success



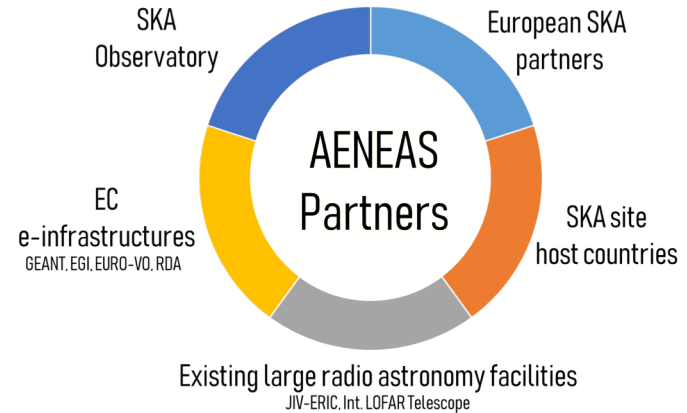
## Applying Open Science to build a federated network of European SRCs



Advanced European Network of E-infrastructures  
for Astronomy with the SKA

2017-2019

<http://www.aeneas2020.eu>



## SKA is contributing to build the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)



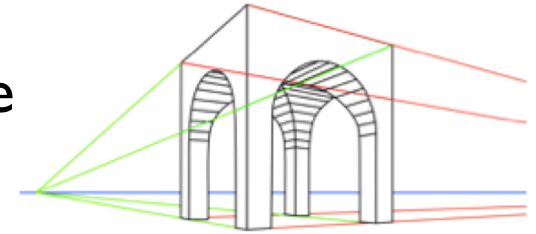
2019-2022

<https://projectescape.eu/>

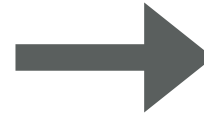
*Addressing the Open Science challenges shared by ESFRI facilities and other pan-European research infrastructures in Astronomy and Particle Physics*

# The challenge from different perspectives

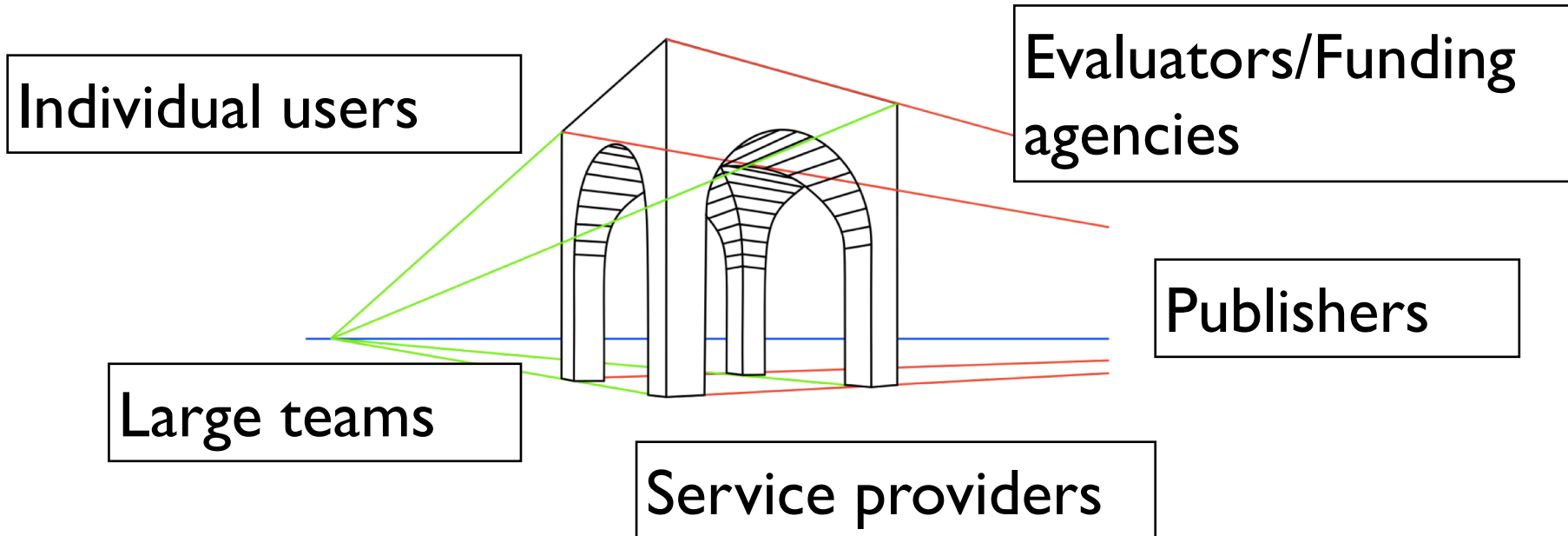
Implementation of Open, reproducible science is challenging, even more in this new framework:



**new roles**



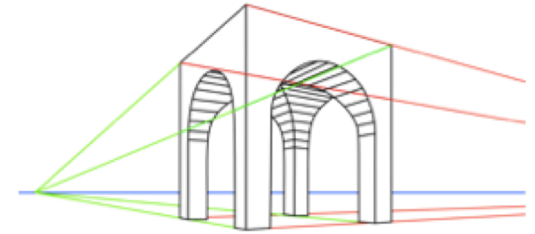
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# Data to the desktop: “individual scientist”

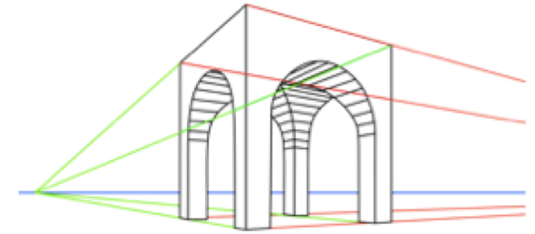
## About trust



- I have the best code, which I know how to use and can do special things
- I do not trust any pipeline that you made
  - partly because I know better how to do it
  - partly because I read the news and there is a reproducibility crisis
  - well, and I can hardly reproduce the results of my own papers some years later...
- In general I want full control of the software and of the computational environment

# Computation to data, providers perspective: Data Centres

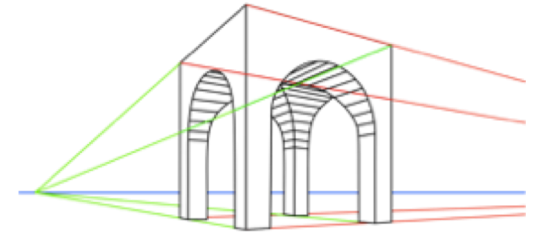
## About technology



- We need to install your software in our platform. Can we trust it? Can we run it? Environment, dependencies, etc
- Hey, we are offering services to the community, computation + tools. We would be grateful if you allow us to share it with other users (with proper credit)
- Mmmm, sharing is great, but, **putting the software in the platform is not enough**: you need to provide the context for people to be able to rerun the software on the same or other data

# Large alliances of scientists

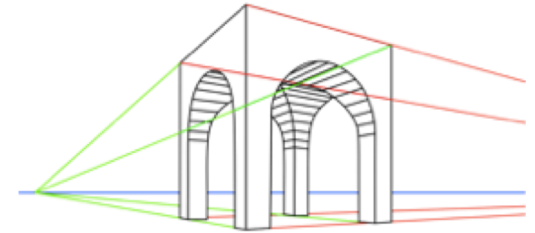
## About metrics of research careers



- We have tools to generate Advanced Data Products, and we will put them there where the storage and computation is (Data Centres)
- But... we put effort on it, what would we gain if we make the **\*additional effort\* to make it reusable?** If we make it, then we will pave the way to competitors
- Well, maybe we will share in 4 yrs time (PhD typical time)

# Publishers

## Publishing models

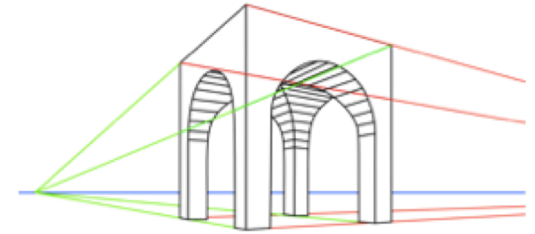


- Will we need **different profiles of referees** to evaluate the scientific discussion together with the data quality and the methods (aka. Reproducibility)?
- If the data and the methods (tools) will be in Data Centres, **will our referees need to become a “user” of the Data Centres** to be able to validate a paper?
- Will we be able to engage **so many referees** as may be needed?
- Will we need to validate the data, the tools, and the scientific analysis **separetely?**



# Policy makers / funding agencies

## Evaluation



- How to measure reproducibility?
- How to weight it and/or aggregate with other indicators?

# The Challenge: extraction of Scientific Knowledge

**Huge and complex data volumes**  
**Large teams distributed globally**



*A shared challenge for data-intensive research*

**Computing / storage / network / human resources will be needed:**

**Open Science  
& e-Science**

- Efficient exploitation of Distributed Computing Infrastructures
- Large international alliances of scientists
  - Tools to enhance scientific collaboration
  - Platforms to share data, methods and knowledge

**Open Science is the Aim and also the Mean**

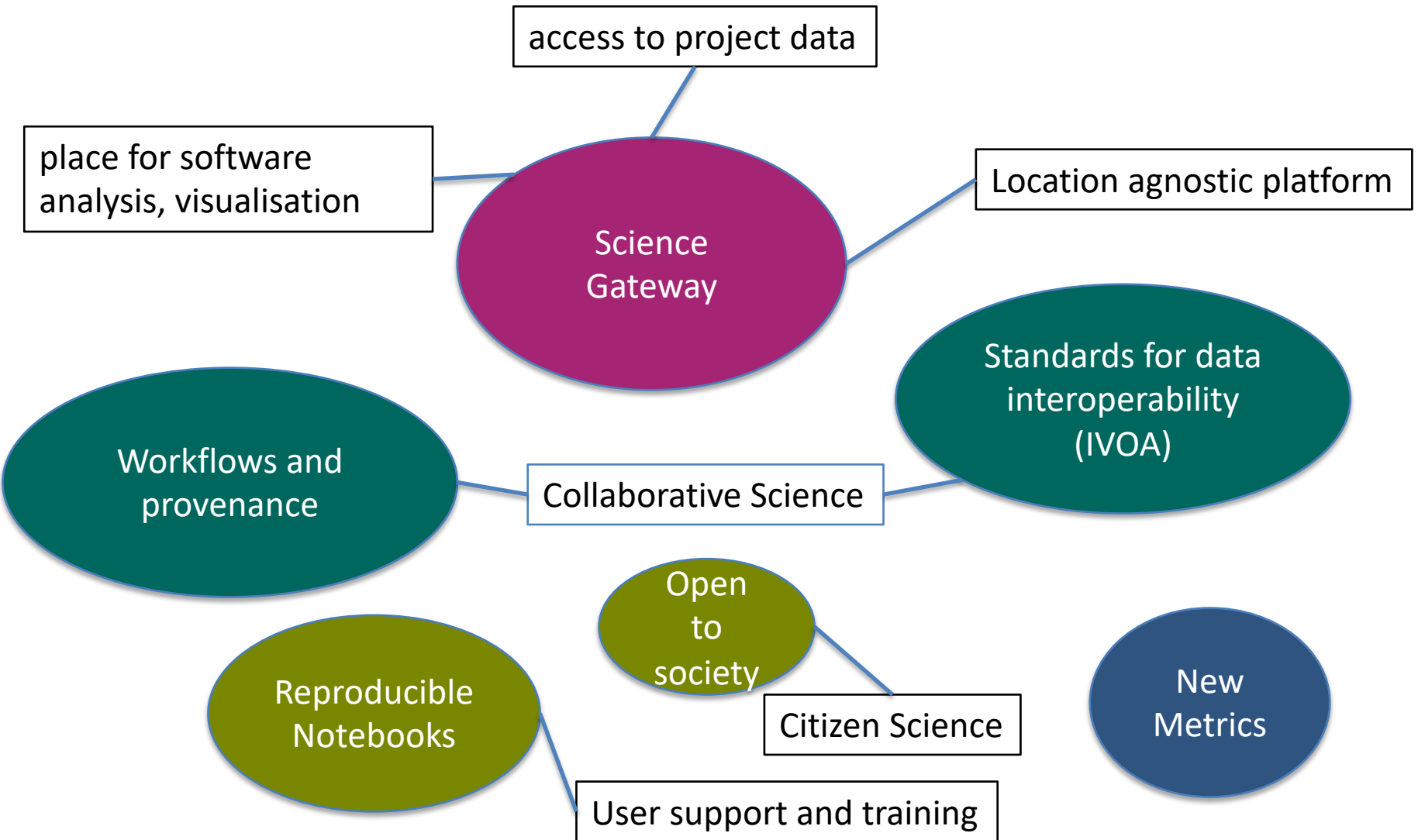
# Supporting Open Science in the SKA Regional Centres

## **A network of interoperable SRCs should provide:**

- access to project data / storage capacity for archiving SKA data
- place for software analysis, modelling, visualisation, algorithm development / computational capacity, validation
- All this through a platform that
  - is transparent and a location agnostic interface for users
  - enables collaborative science
- User support (to enable scientific exploitation of the SKA data), training the new generation of radioastronomers, citizen science

**Antonio Chrysostomou's talk**

# Key ingredients of the SRCs to support Open Science



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