

SWG Chairs Telecon
2015-03-08 13:00 - 14:00 UTC
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Agenda

1) Generic KSP Surveys: your comments/suggestions, where to next (Robert)

J. Pritchard had suggested adding content on SKA1-LOW and that is now included. At the minute there are 4 MID generic surveys and 1 LOW generic survey.

Robert: idea came out of Stockholm meeting to get commensal science done
Boundary conditions: $\leq 17,000$ hours on both MID and LOW.
Need support from SWG chairs or this won't go to SKA Board.
Does this make any sense? *tumble weed*
Default is that all of the Tobs is within KSPs, but have the opportunity now to define generic surveys now.
Is this a good idea?

Russ: generic surveys definitely a good idea

M Rupen: Transients SWG not interested in the specifics but generic surveys a good idea. Want to demonstrate commensally. Don't want to finalise the generic surveys when some major ECPs (which would change the system significantly) are still outstanding.

Robert: agree. leave the formal defining until a later date, but keep this analysis running.

Russ: how does it work scientifically and technically?

Robert: EUCLID is 100% in this mode and it works there

X: definitely keep the process ticking over, while the ECPs are resolved and everything is solidified

Andrea: Definitely commensality is the way to go but we want to get things a bit more concrete already. Additional column in Table 1 for the putative surveys served by each generic surveys.

Rosella: For Continuum SWG this is the natural way to go. Generic surveys are a good idea.

Zsolt: VLBI community sees an opportunity here as time for VLBI will be limited. If commensal VLBI is possible during generic surveys then it would be a great opportunity.

Divya: SHI SWG. Solar obviously doesn't need a survey. Heliospheric science very much in need of a survey with SKA1-Low; happy to see that in the list.

Robert: would still have KSPs to access the data from the generic surveys

2) SKA1 Error Budgets: your comments/suggestions, implications (Robert)

Robert: gave overview of the error budget document -> what are the show stoppers if any in getting to the depth etc. that we want to get to

Russ: how hopeless is it?

Robert: "I don't find it that hopeless. I think we'll be alright."

No more comments

3) SKA session at EWASS2016 in Athens (Jeff)

Jeff: with Mario and JP in South Africa

Mario: <inaudible to me>

Jeff: have speakers for everyone but continuum and SHI.

Eduard: SHI already have someone - will send that on.

J Pritchard: what is format?

Jeff: ~30 mins. talks, covering a full day in total.

Andrea: abstract submission is in one week - do we do that ourselves?

Jeff: you don't need to do that as these are invited talks

Eduard: I think EWASS session is better than the Sunday session at the IAU GA. Will get more impact that way.

4) 2016 SKA Science Meeting and KSP Workshop, in Goa 7-11 November (Jeff)

Jeff: gave overview of meeting aims

Robert: have 10 significant break out rooms for KSP discussions, better equipped than in Stockholm

Rosella: what is attendance limit?

Robert: up to 500 in the extreme scenario, but probably 250-300.

J Pritchard: we want freedom to schedule ourselves at the KSP days

Robert: no problem

5) AOB

After discussion with Ingrid - ask Robert if the telecons can be at different times (e.g. alternating every second one) so that people for which 1300UTC is a bad time zone, will be able to make every ~second telecon.