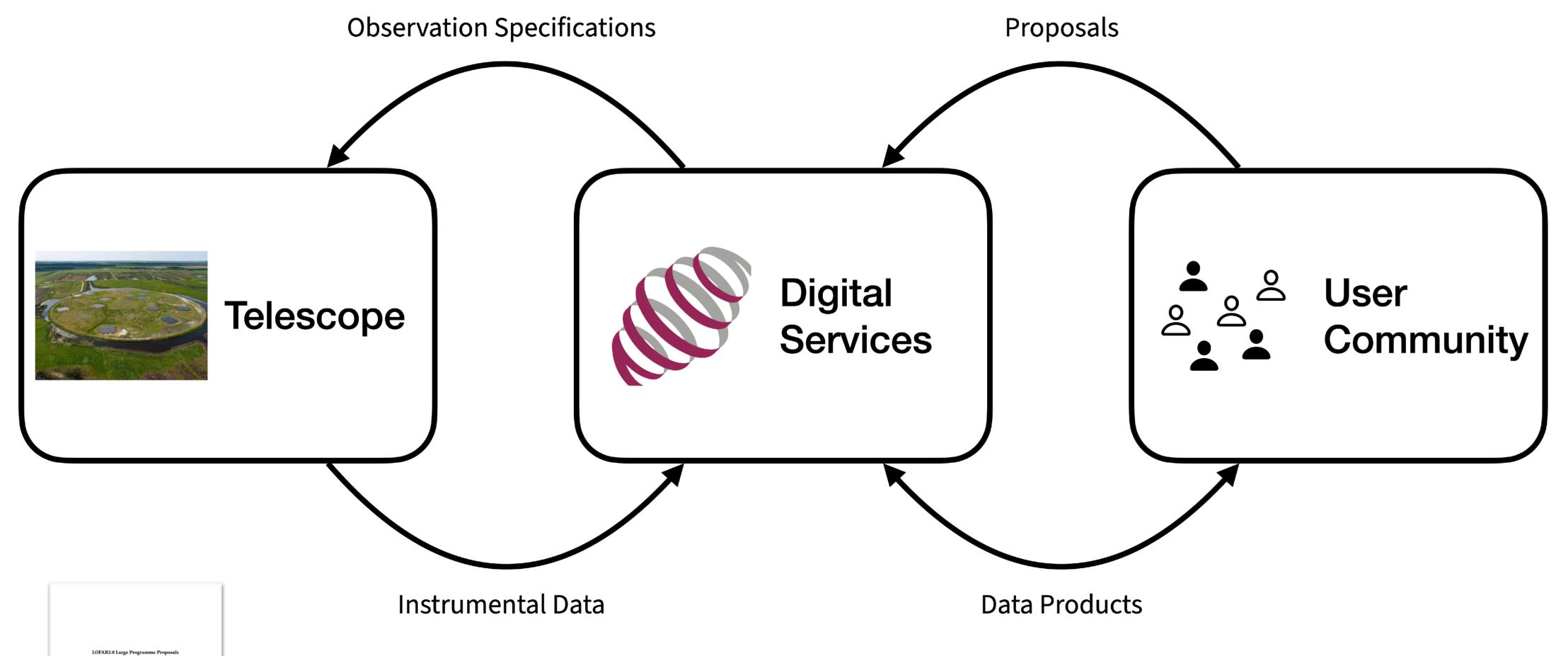


# SDC Developments Towards LOFAR2.0

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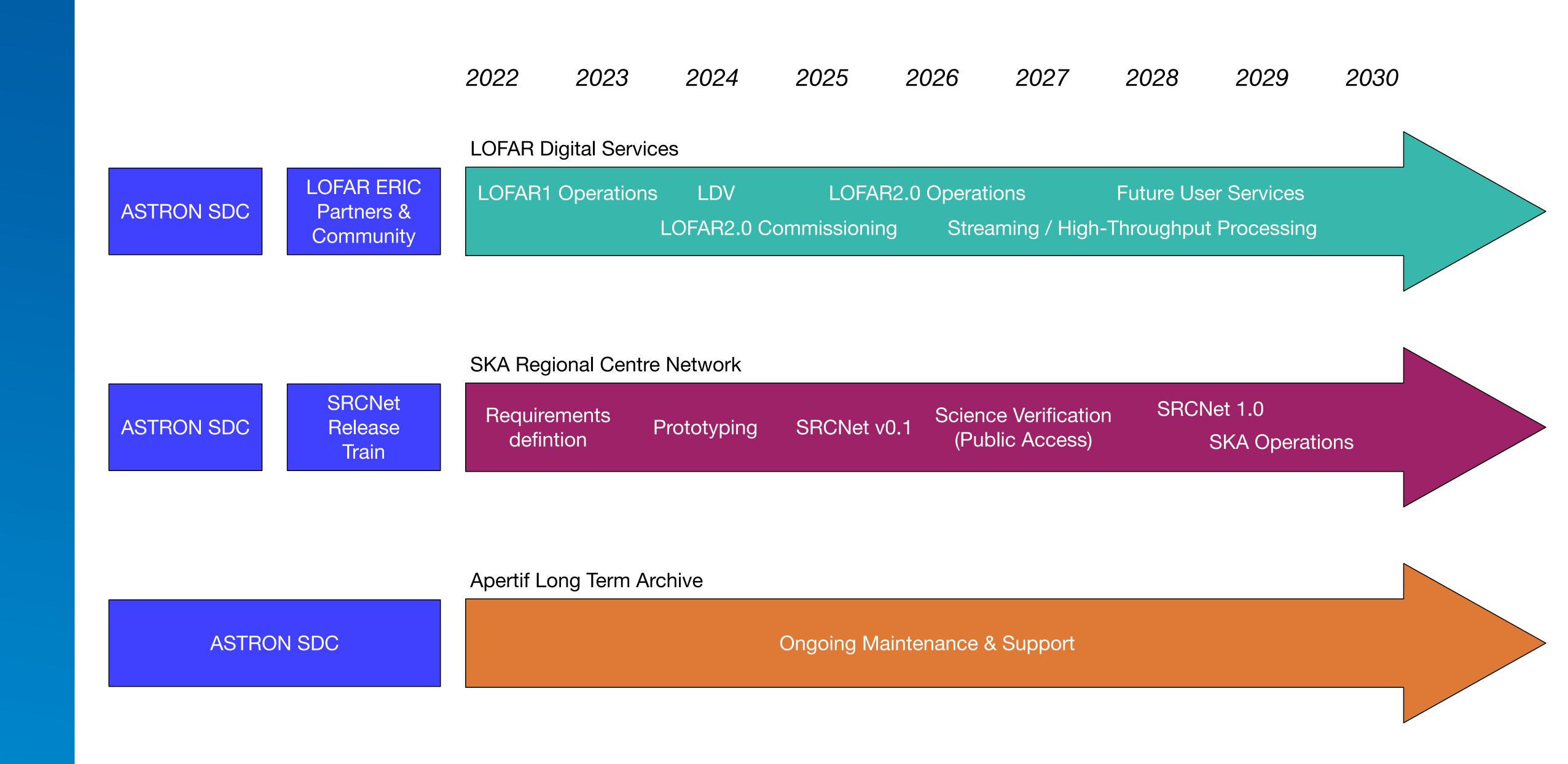


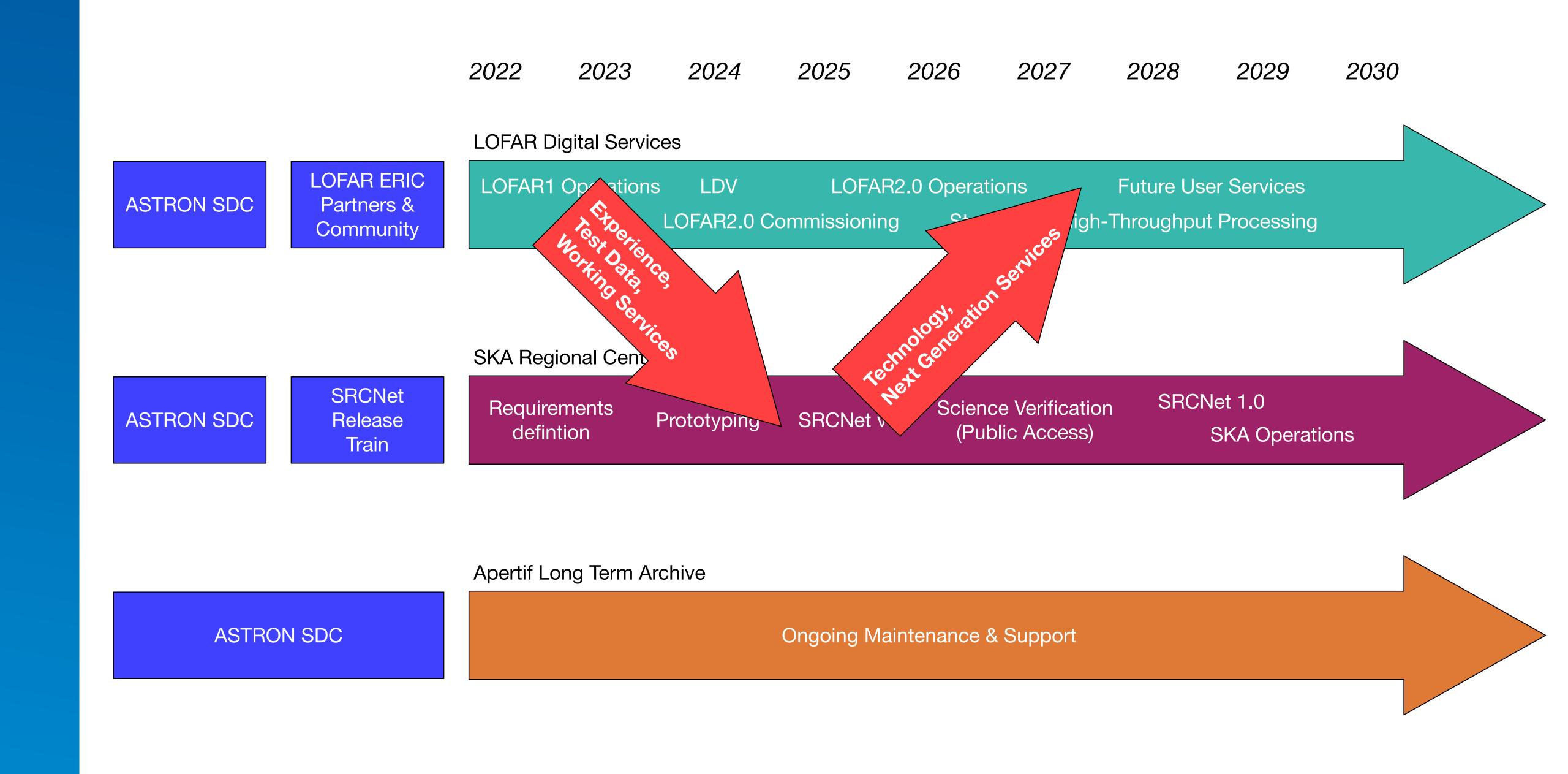




"Services to process, archive, and distribute LOFAR2.0 Data Products. These services, deriving from development effort, operational activities, and infrastructure capacity contributed by various partners, will be provided to end users under the management of the ASTRON Science Data Centre."

LOFAR2.0 Data Management Capabilities; https://www.lofar.eu/lofar2-0-documentation/









Scientific Pipelines



Managed
Processing



Interactive
Data Analysis







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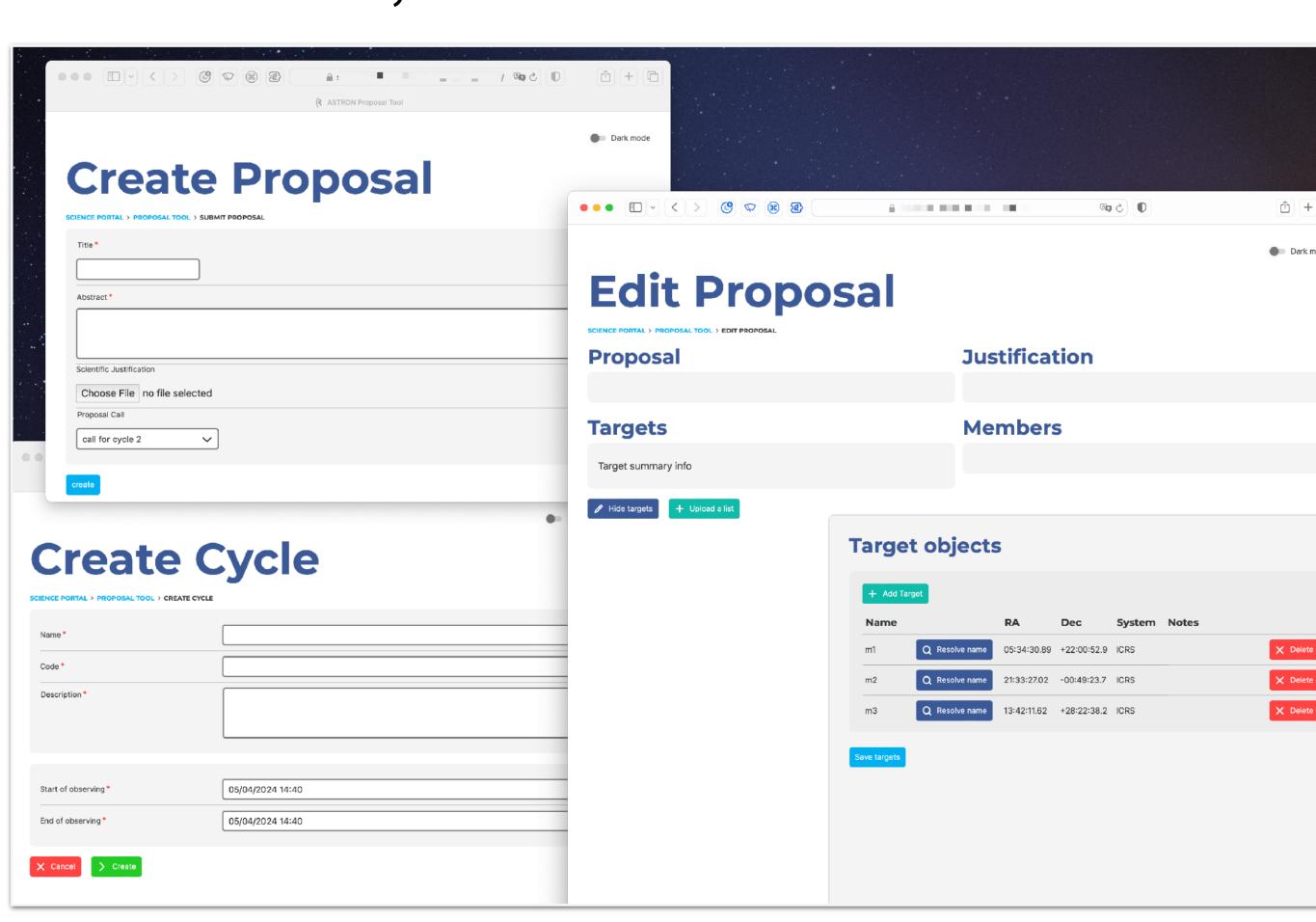
# Proposal Management

Replacement for the Northstar tool used in LOFAR1, which is obsolete &

unmaintainable.

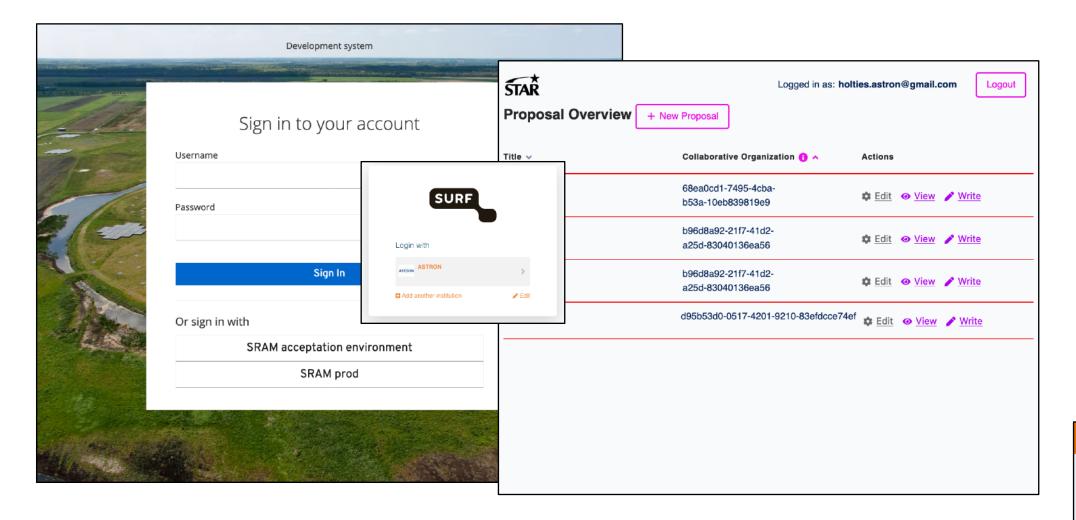
• This also includes new user/group management systems: "federated authentication & authorization".

 Usable / testable / commissionable version ~this summer.

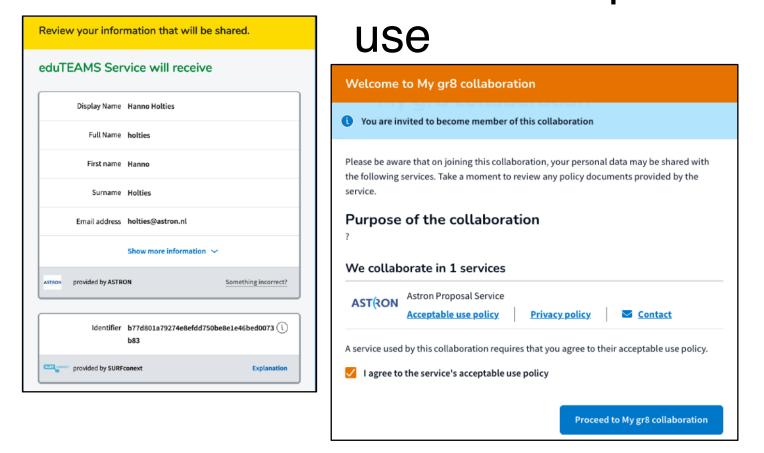


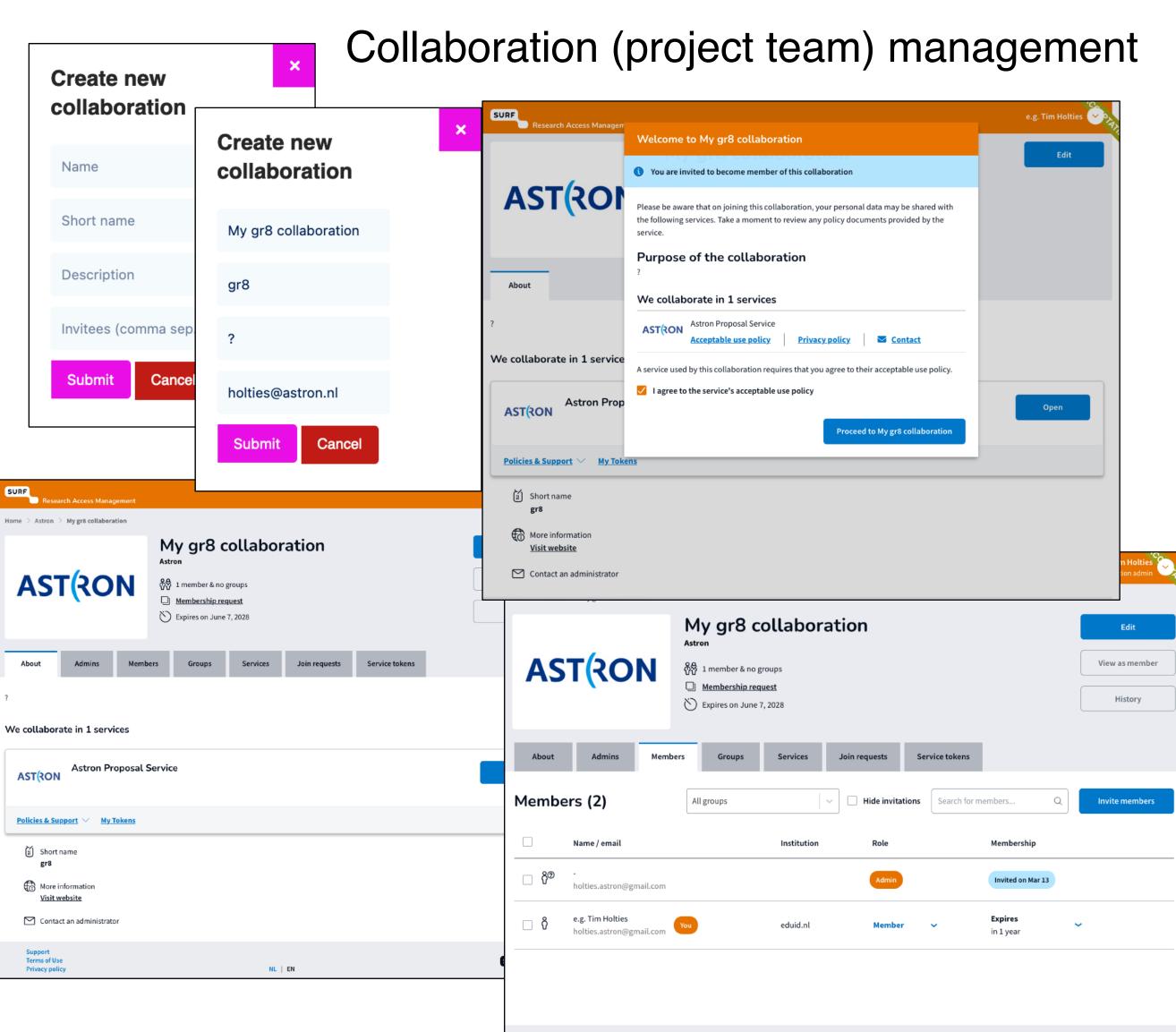
#### Federated AAI: SURF SRAM

#### Logging in with your own institutional account



#### Consent for GDPR & Acceptable





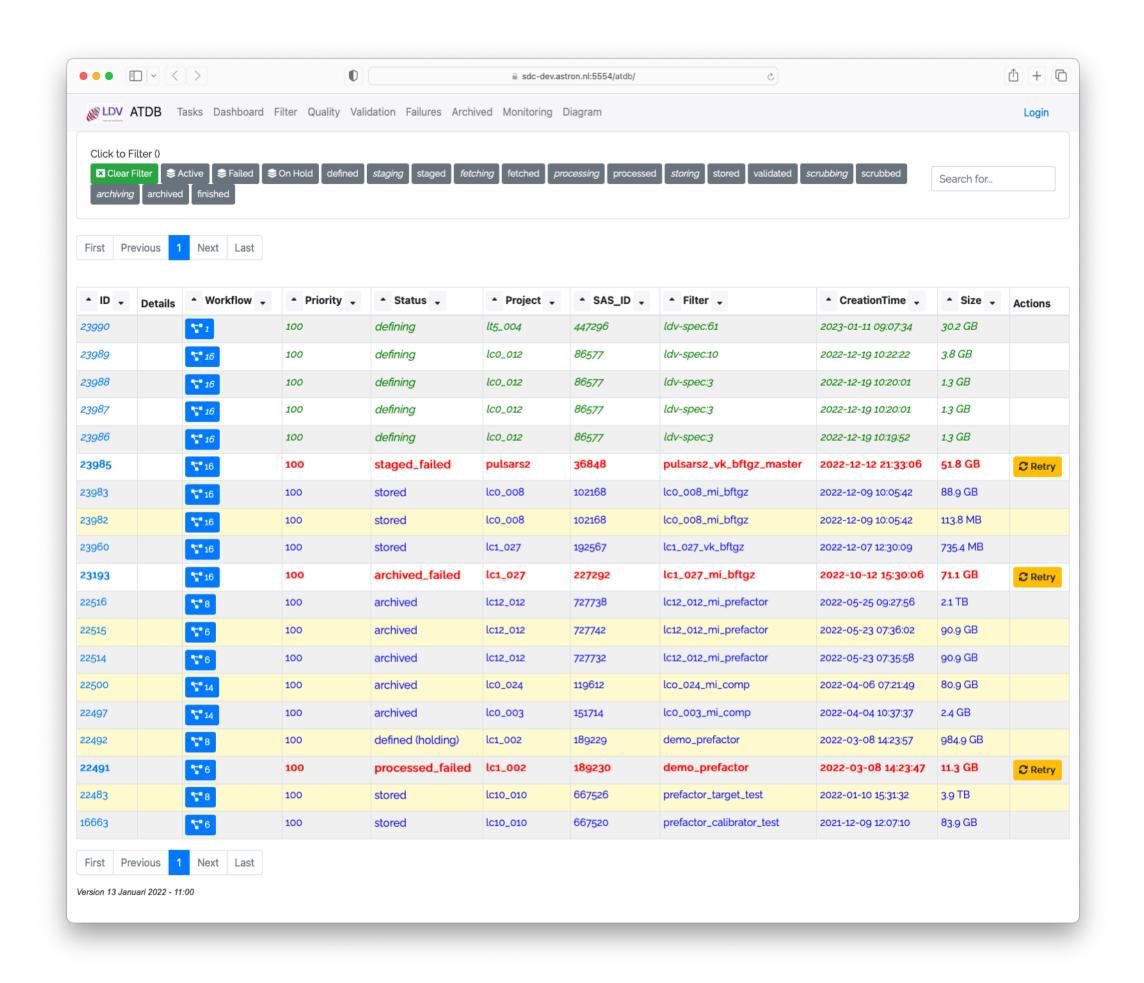
# Archiving & Curation

Product Type	Example	Retention Period
Raw	Unprocessed visiblities	Not retained
Instrumental	Flagged & compressed visibilities	O(18 months)
Intermediate	Direction- independent calibrated visibilities	O(18 months)
Advanced	Image cubes	Indefinite
Special Cases	Unique observations that cannot be repeated	For discussion

- LTA Support for LOFAR ERIC agreed data policy.
- LTA support for "advanced" data products (e.g. images).
- Goal: the ability to ingest advanced / science-ready data products generated by the wider community.
  - Including management of data rights.
  - Become a "hub" for access to LOFAR data, wherever it is generated.

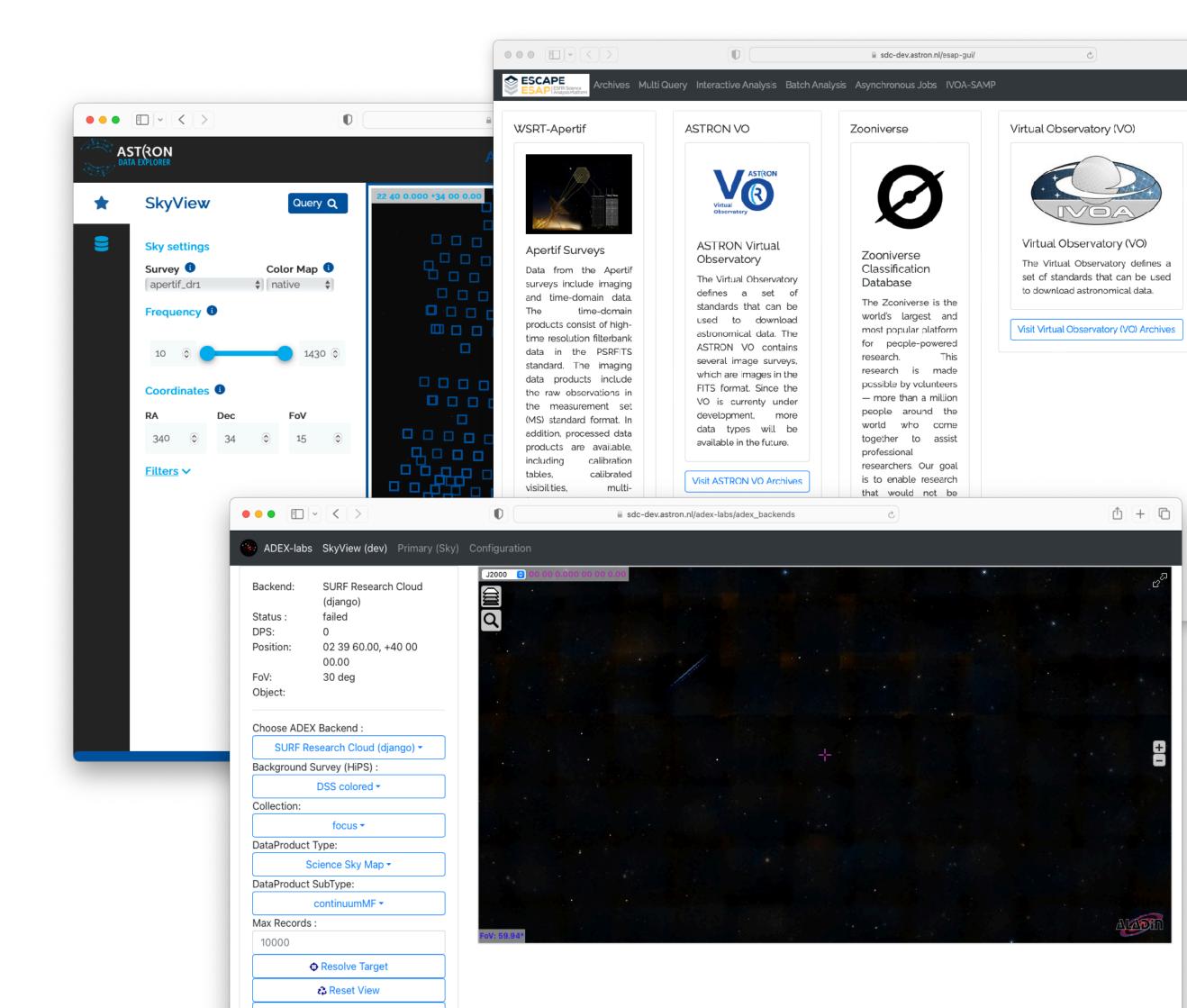
## Managed Processing

- Execute predefined pipelines "at scale" against data in the LTA.
- Capability developed in the context of the LOFAR Data Valorization effort, currently running at SURF.
- Future work:
  - Scale to other LTA sites (Jülich, Poznań, maybe more).
  - Increased automation.
  - Incorporate more pipelines.
  - Polish & user enhancements.



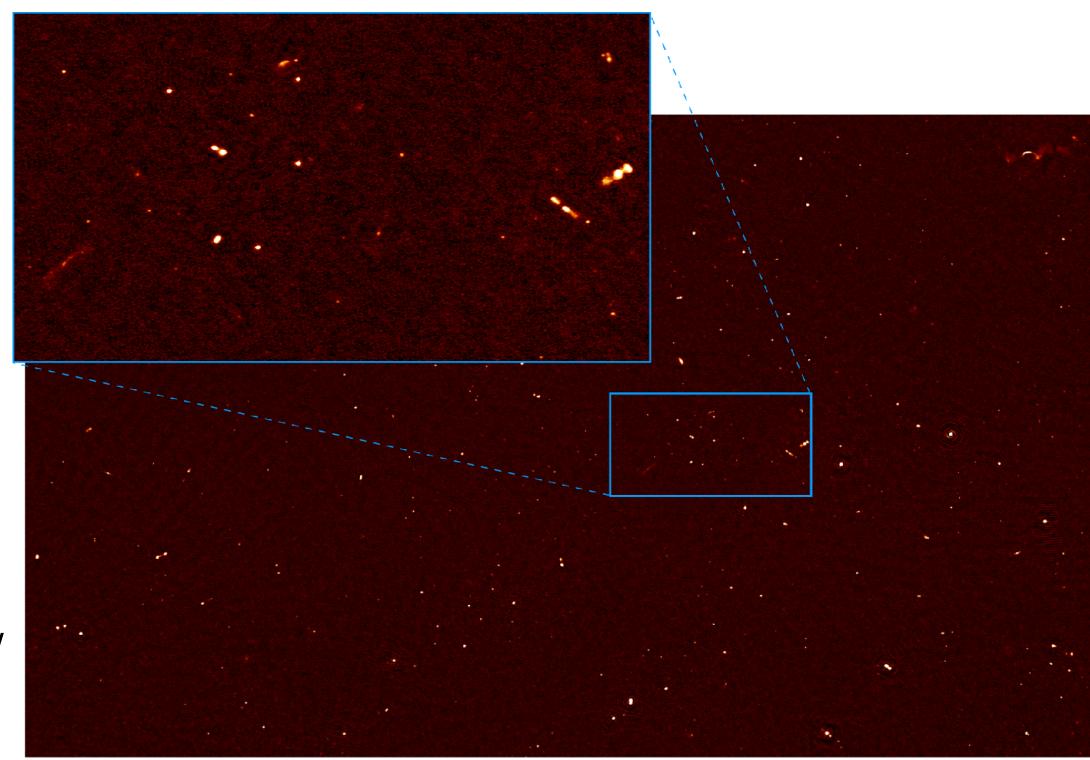
#### Discovery & Access

- Software solutions to make archive access as robust & reliable as possible...
- ...in tandem with LOFAR ERIC service level agreements with data centres.
- Upgraded archive interface: "ADEX".
- Pervasive use of Virtual Observatory interfaces for publishing data.
- Aiming for a fully "FAIR" compliant archive:
  - Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable
  - https://force11.org/info/the-fair-data-principles/



## Scientific Pipelines

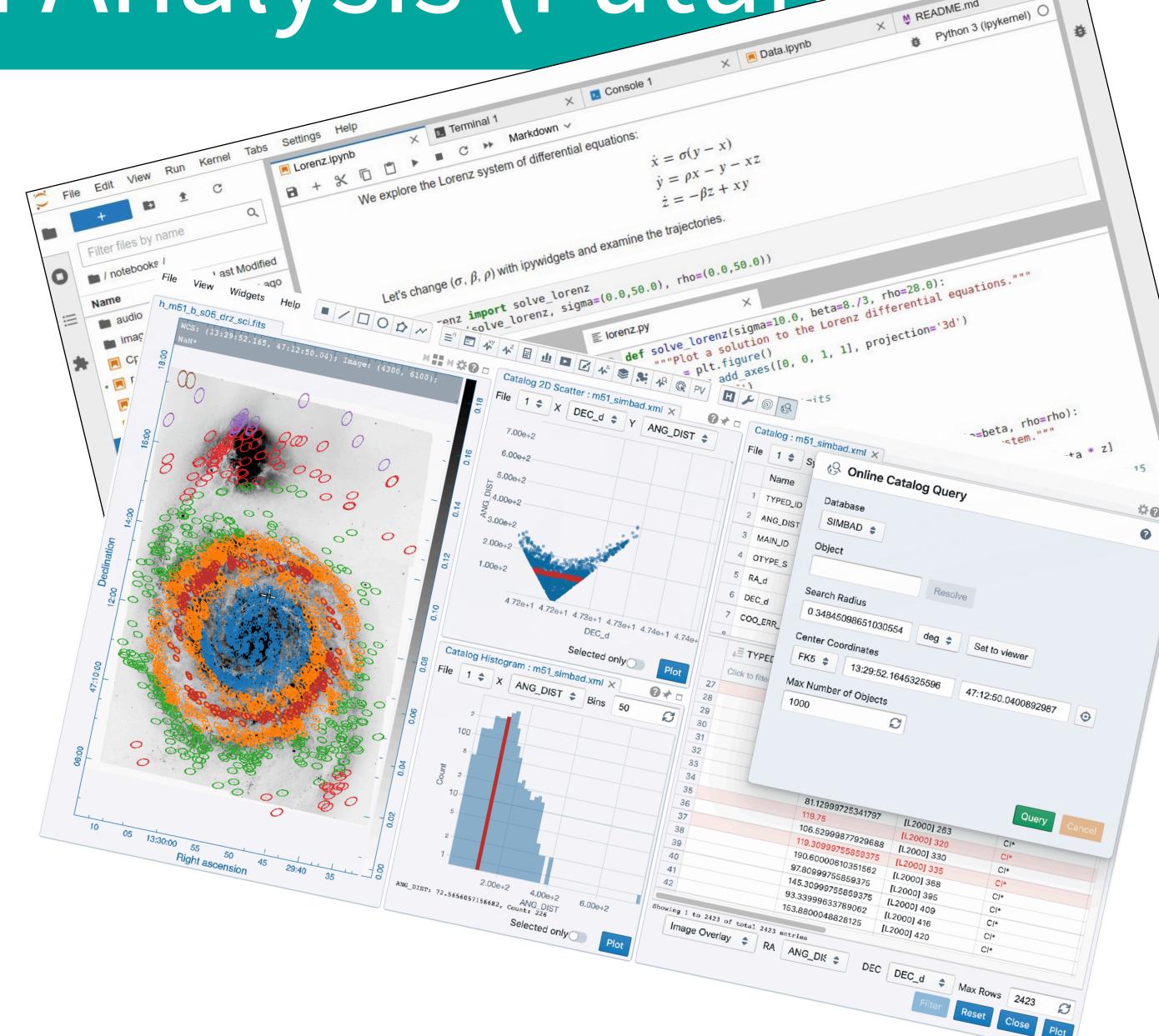
- The Observatory-supported portfolio for LOFAR2.0:
  - Pre-Processing
  - LINC (direction-independent calibration)
  - Rapthor (direction-dependent calibration)
  - VLBI (postage stamps & wide field)
  - PULP (known pulsars)
  - TraP (image plane transients; *stretch goal*)
- For cost & science productivity reasons, processing plans/ pipelines must be in place before observations start.



- Not "ASTRON's pipelines", but *our* pipelines; we work together to make them effective.
  - Best way to start: commissioning. See the pipelines session later today.

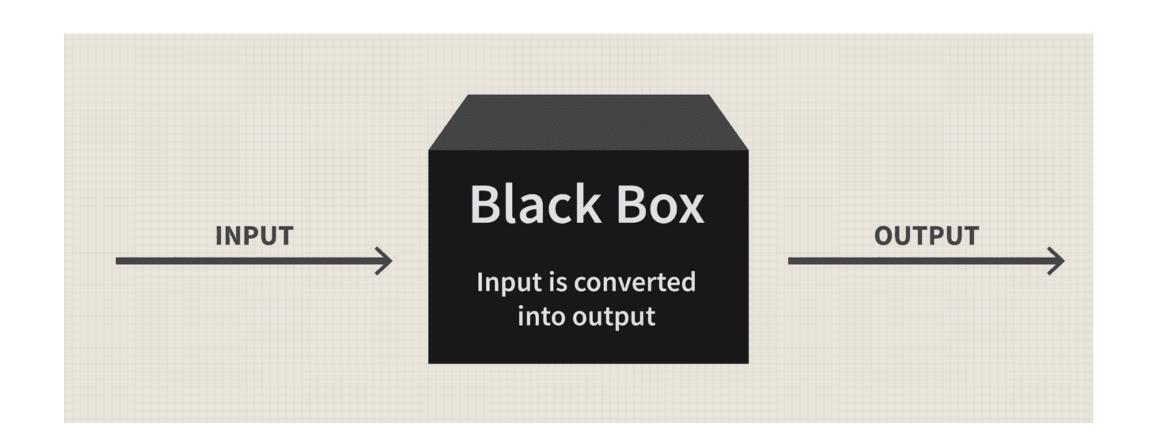
#### Interactive Data Analysis (Future)

- Common expectation: Jupyter notebooks running next to the data.
  - Jupyter notebook: interactive browser-based environment including live code, text, figures, etc.
- Also: "legacy" graphical applications (CASA, TOPCAT, ...), though e.g. VNC/remote desktop connections.
- Also also: command line applications, through e.g. SSH.
- Implies the existence of shared, persistent storage for work in progress, output products, etc.



## User Pipeline Execution (Future)

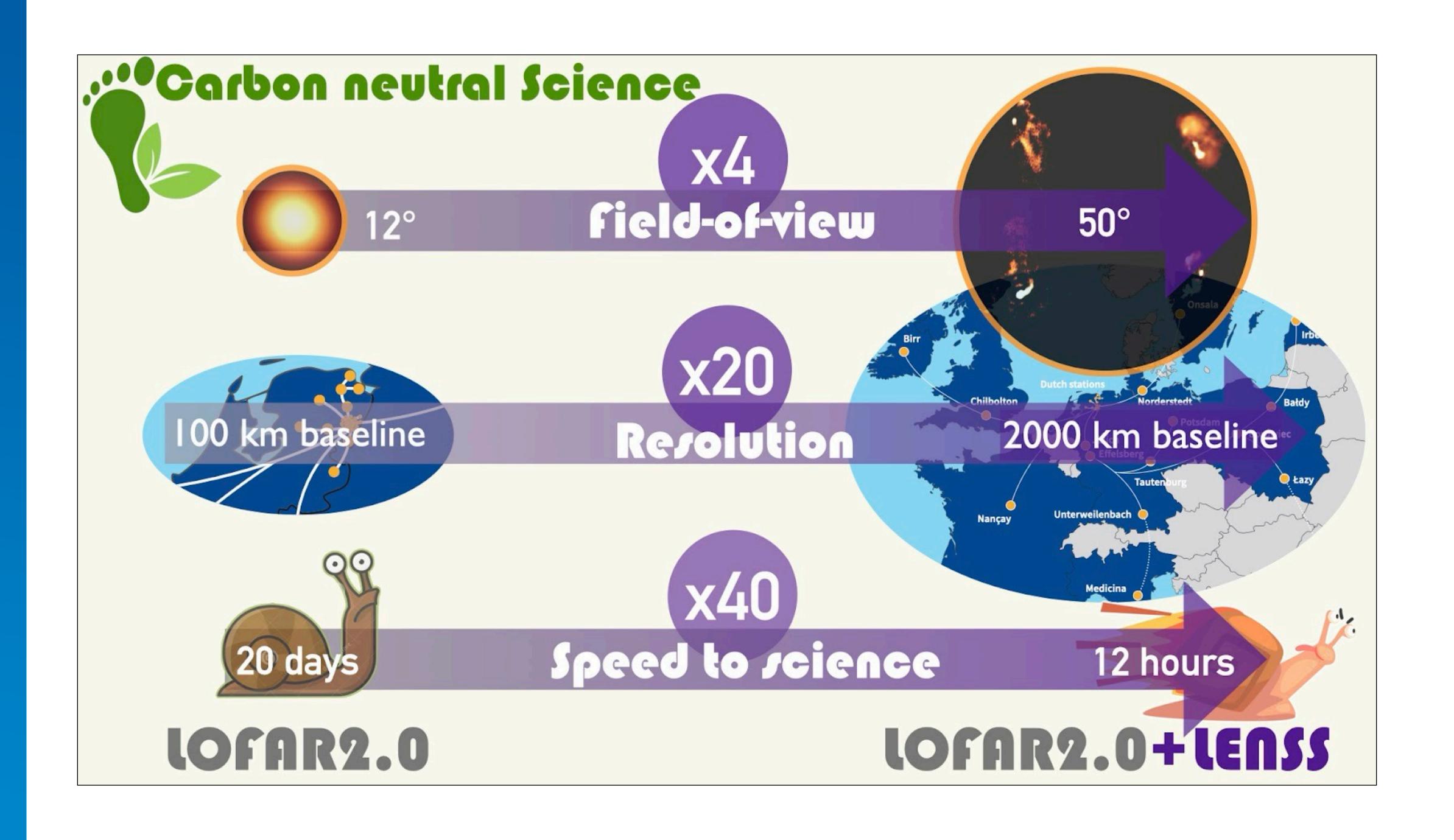
- Whatever observatory-supported pipelines are available, there will always be new science cases that aren't supported.
- Enable them, while minimizing risk to our operational system.
- Provide an API against which pipelines can be developed.
- Provide a "black box" system with appropriate quotas etc for executing untrusted payloads.











#### Conclusions

- The ASTRON SDC is coordinating development of digital services across LOFAR, SRCNet, and Apertif/ALTA...
  - ...but fully dependent on working with partners.
- Development of a set of digital services to make you scientifically productive in the LOFAR2.0 era is well underway...
  - ...but we need your help, especially in commissioning.
- Looking towards the future, we have exciting plans for what comes after the core LOFAR2.0 services and how we can benefit from the huge development effort currently underway for SKA.