

# Data, Data, Data

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UKRI Data Infrastructure Roadmap

And a small dose of the (Astronomy) user perspective

# UKRI Data Infrastructure Roadmap

## White Paper led by Jeremy Yates + RC experts

The UKRI Data Infrastructure Roadmap White Paper is currently in an (advanced) draft format: some aspects may still be revised

UKRI urgently needs to restore the foundations upon which such exploitation of data can happen. [...] put in place the physical compute and storage capacity needed to host and exploit the data across UKRI. Without this all other discussions are moot.

**19 Key Recommendations** covering: **Research Data Infrastructure**; **Research Data Exploitation and sharing**; **International Collaboration and Leadership**; **People and skills**

**Near term priorities for 2020-2022:**

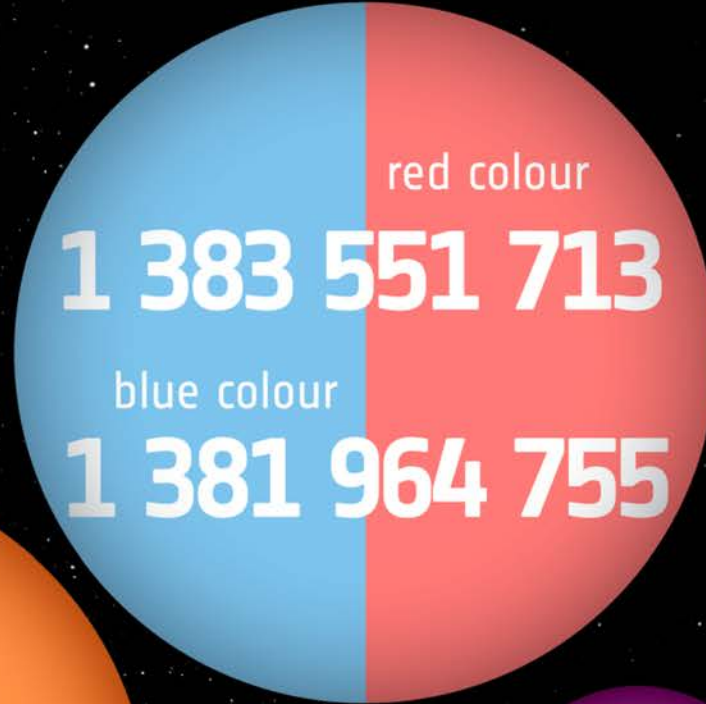
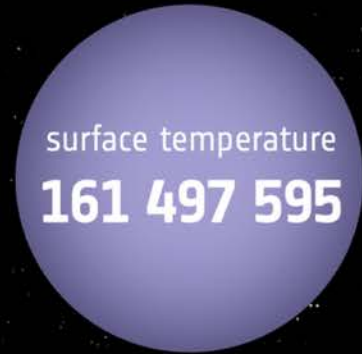
**Maintaining and operating both existing and imminently deployed infrastructures**; **Transformation to new capabilities**, **Establishing coordination activities at the UKRI, RDI and International level**

UKRI investment of £200M-£300M per annum is necessary to deliver this transformation and the required level of infrastructure and services.



# Gaia: an example Big Data Challenge

Gaia DR2: with  
larger to come



**Gaia**  
1 Trillion  
observations  
reached on  
14 April 2018 ...  
and counting ...

2 Billion sources /  
1 Billion  
images/day / 5  
million spectra/day  
/ **main database**  
**1PB**



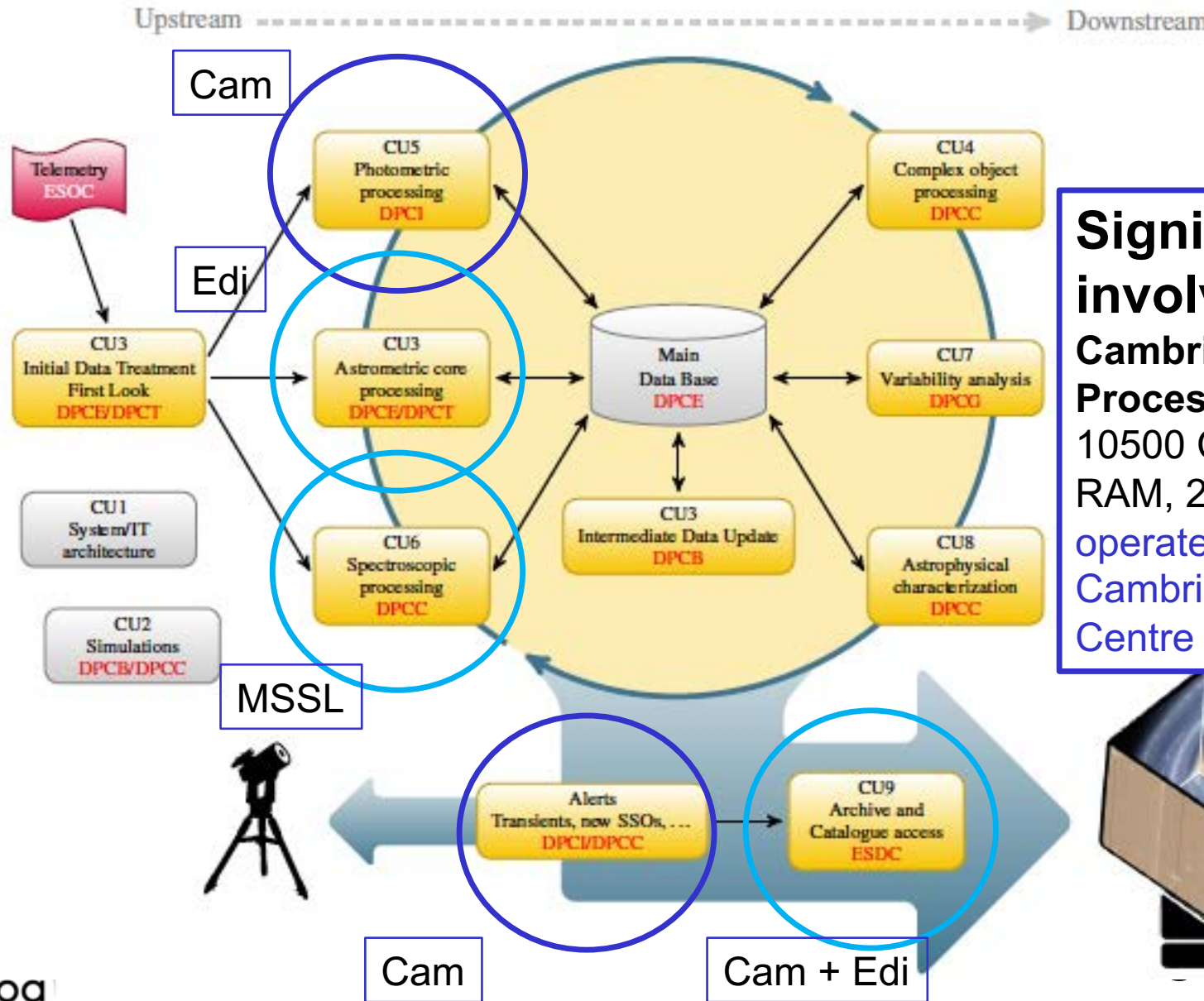


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# Gaia Data Processing

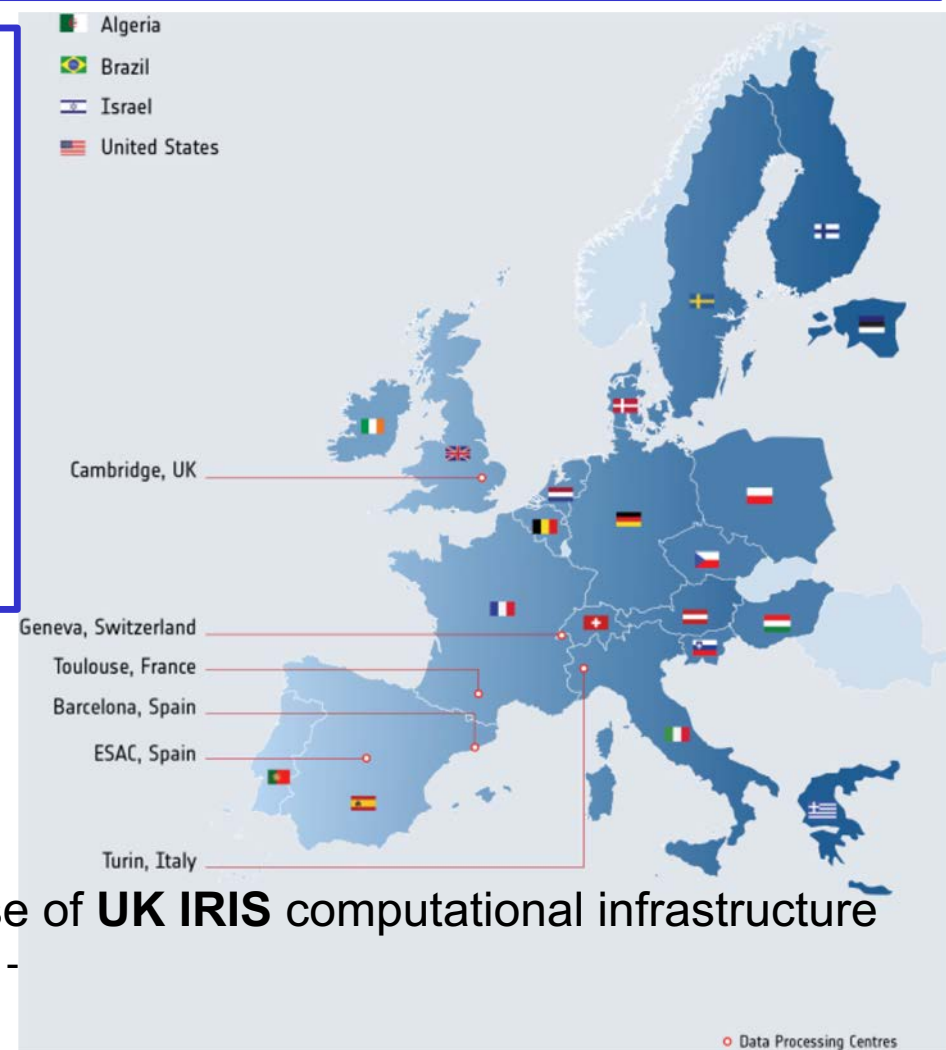
Typical modern big data science

## a pan European effort: ~450 specialists from 24 countries



**Significant UK involvement:**  
 Lead Photometric processing and Flux alerts  
 Contribute to pre-processing, RVS, archive, beta testing

**Significant UK involvement:**  
**Cambridge Data Processing Centre**  
 10500 CPUs, 55TB RAM, 2.3PB disk  
 operated at West Cambridge Data Centre



use of **UK IRIS** computational infrastructure  
 computing -

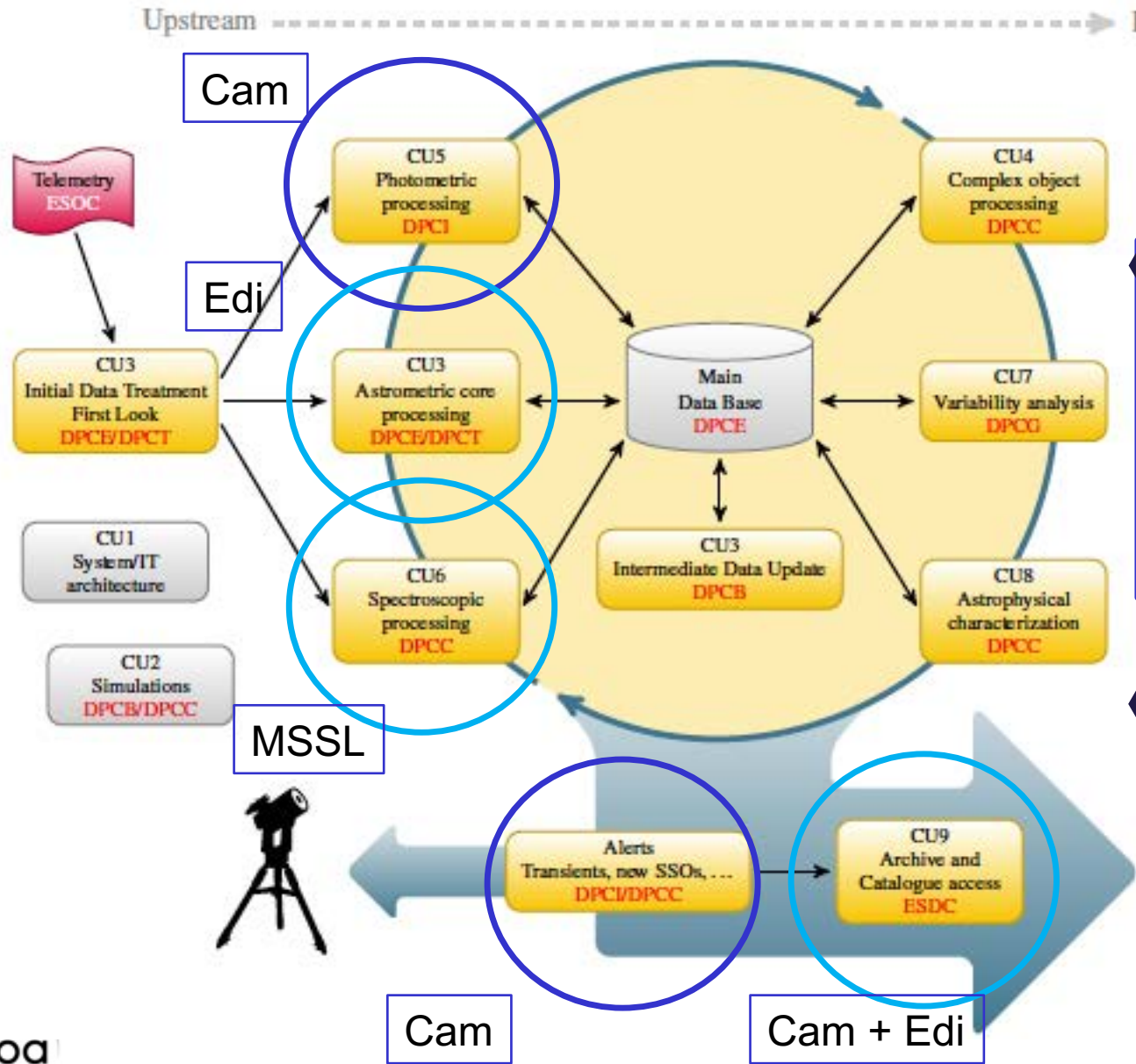




# Gaia Data Processing

A good example of a research and innovation infrastructure

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Significant

**BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT**  
 Inward investment  
 Collaborative culture  
 De-risking scale-up

**IDEAS**  
 Excellence across the UK  
 New technologies  
 Attracting global talent

**PEOPLE**  
 Research and technical professionals  
 Priority skills needs  
 Data and analytics

**RESEARCH AND INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE**  
 Helping to make the UK the world's most innovative economy

**PLACES**  
 Access to international research and innovation infrastructures  
 Regional economies  
 Campuses and clusters

**INFRA-STRUCTURE**  
 Critical national infrastructure  
 Sustainable research and innovation infrastructures  
 Data infrastructure

**GRAND CHALLENGES**  
 AI and Data  
 Ageing Society  
 Clean Growth  
 Future of Mobility

UKRI: The UK's research and innovation infrastructure: opportunities to grow our capability





# The Vision for a UKRI Research Data Infrastructure and Services ecosystem

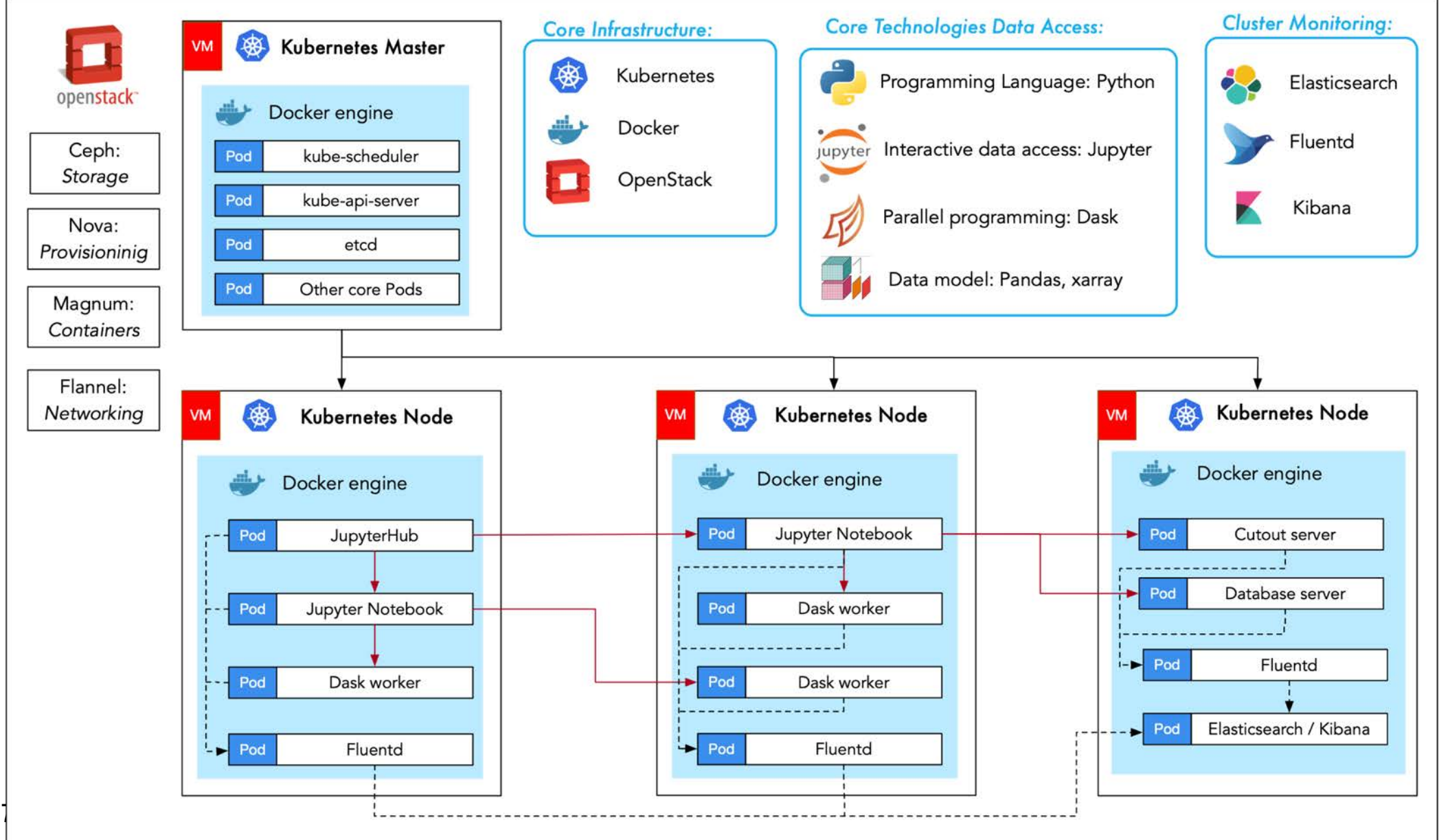
Create a thriving, strategically coordinated, and federated UKRI Research Data Infrastructure (RDI) ecosystem, which will be an essential cross-cutting theme of the UKRI Research Infrastructure Roadmap. Components of the RDI ecosystem from particular research disciplines will be interoperable. Only in this way will the benefits and impacts of UK's rich data resources will be maximised, and the effectiveness of funding will be assured through appropriate coordination, consolidation and co-location.



*The Research Data Life Cycle in terms of Policy Requirements and Outcomes.*

# Science User Data Access and Analysis

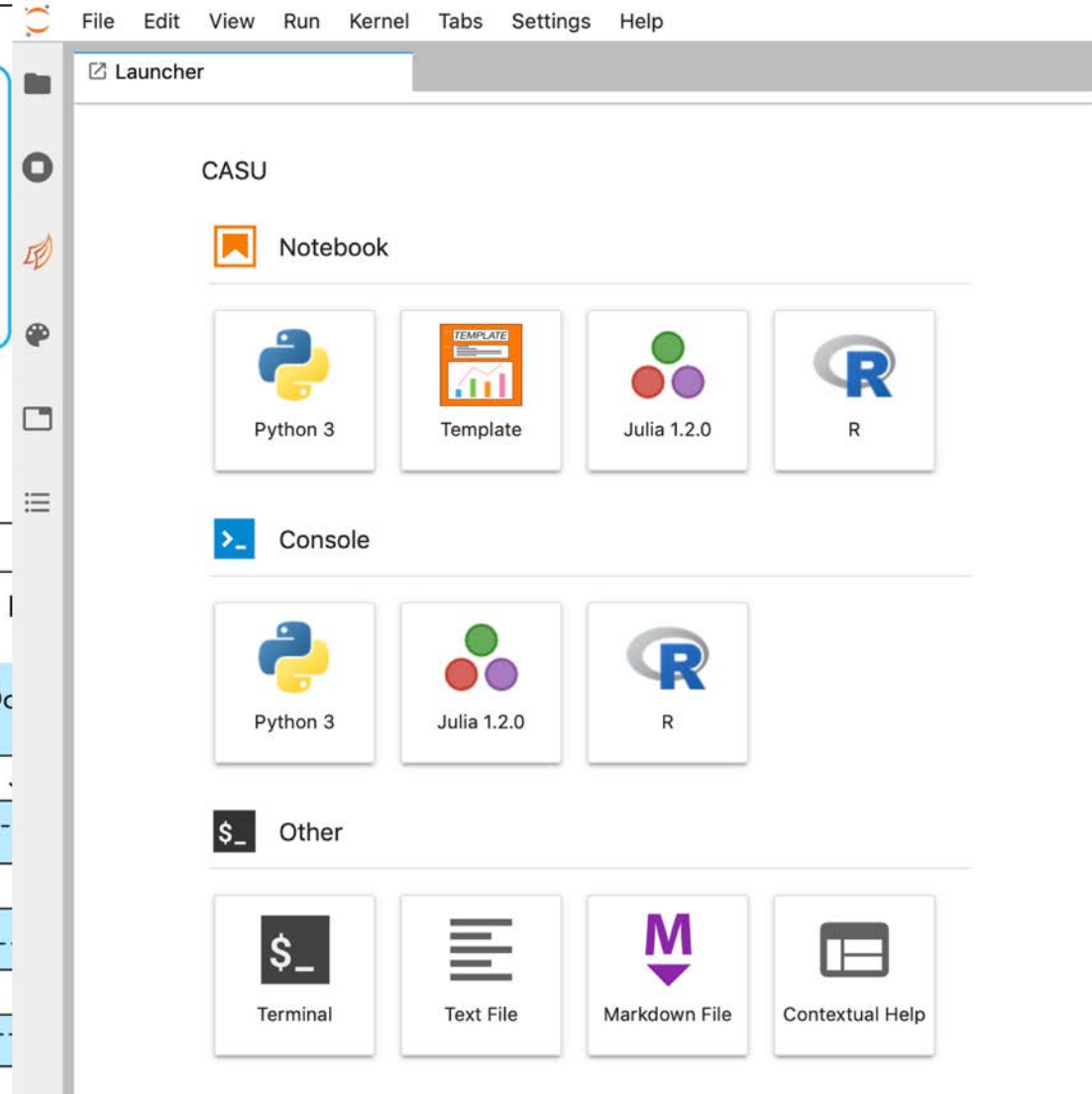
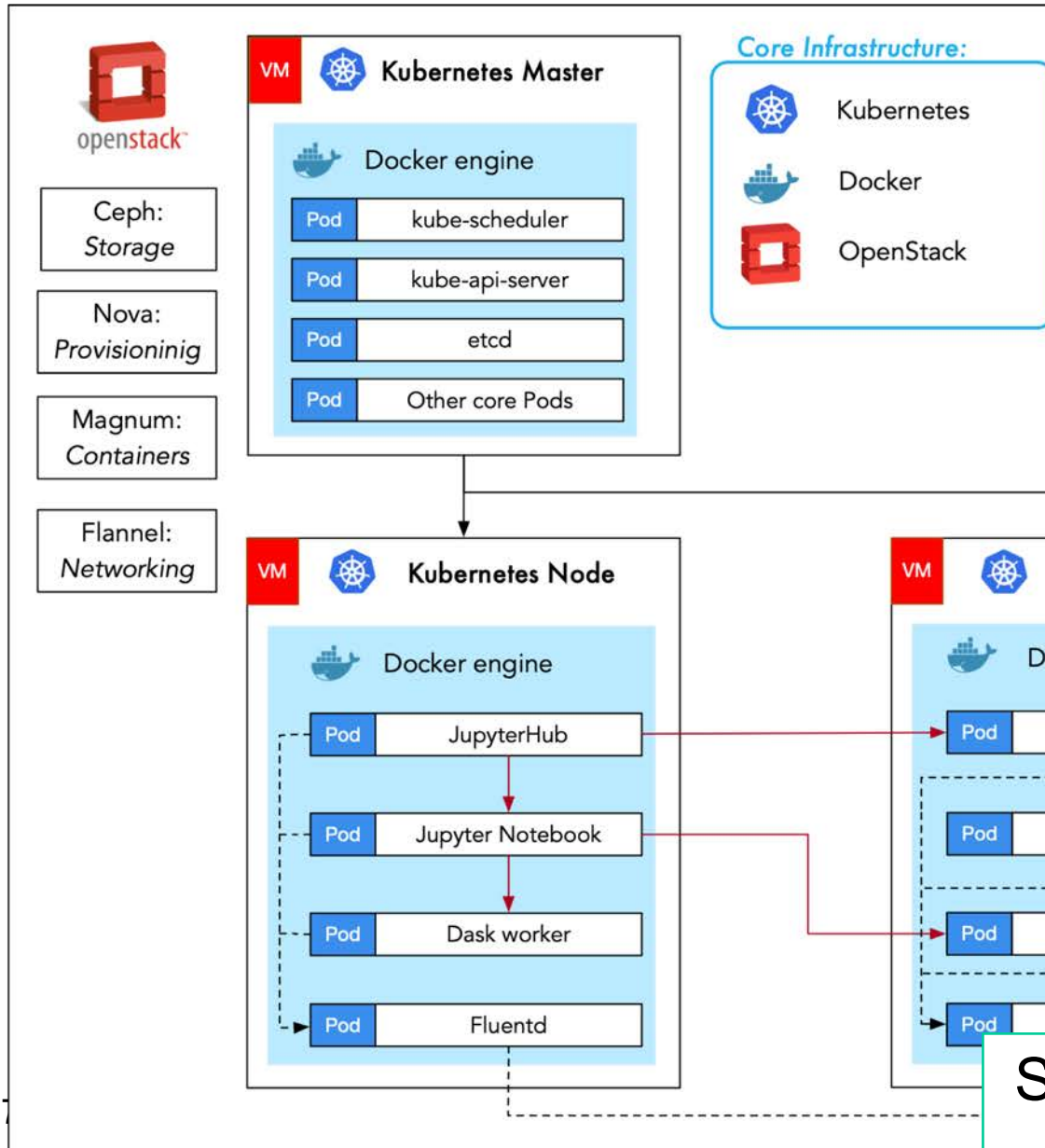
## Astronomy Deployment Example with IRIS@Cambridge





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## Astronomy Deployment Example with IRIS@Cambridge



Science user interface provides access to code, data, visualisation, sharing





Easy user access to scalable underlying resources.

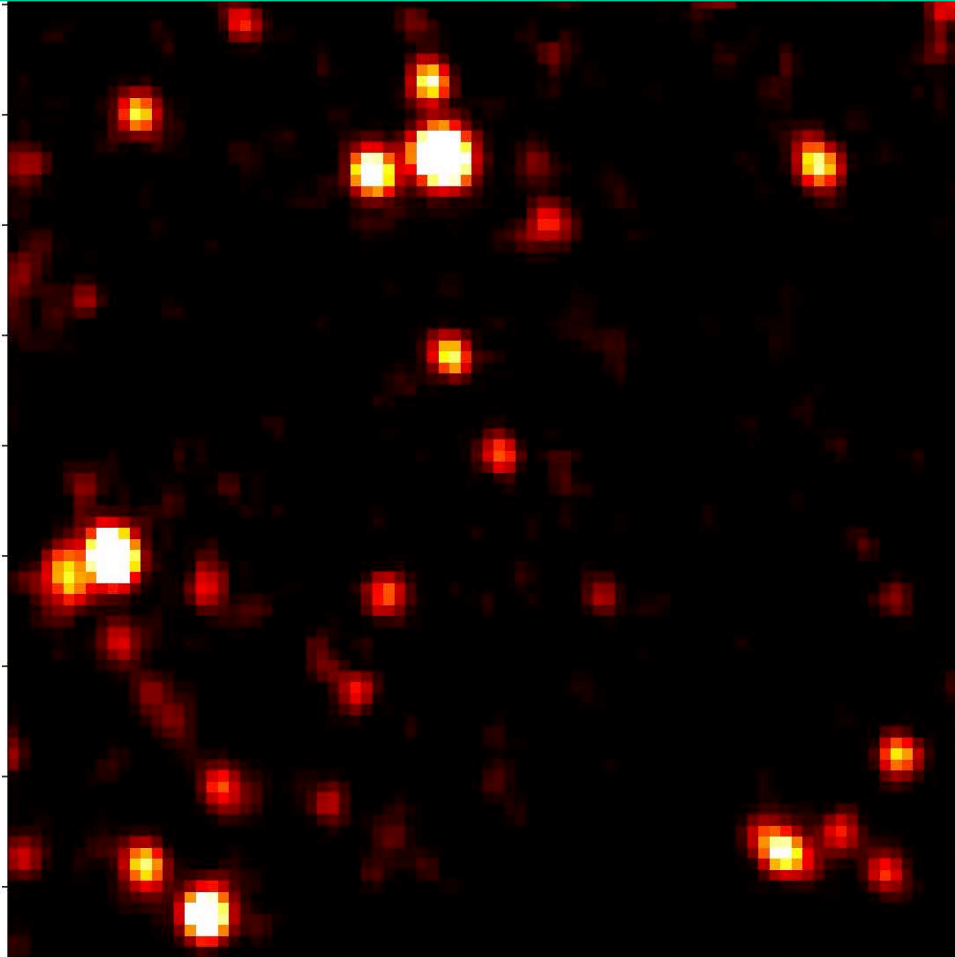
Algorithms at the data at the servers



# Dynamic user access to entire VISTA pixel & catalogue data set / direct user access to the processing pipeline outputs



Cambridge Astronomy Survey Unit



No: 1

Filename v20100228\_00495\_st\_tl.fit

Filter Ks

Survey VVV

Exp Time 8.0

## Query VISTA database around position

```
vistadb = VISTADB()

# Coordinates to search for
ra, dec = 194.30, -64.75

# Columns to print
columns = ['filename', 'coords', 'filtername', 'surveyname', 'night',
           'totexptime', 'obsfwhm', 'obstatus', 'qcstatus']

# Execute query and display first 10 results
res = vistadb.query_radec(ra, dec)
res.columns.head(n=10)
```

	filename	coords	filtername	surveyname	night	totexptime	obsfwhm	obstatus	qcstatus
id									
62124	v20100218_00330_st_tl.fit	13:02:18.02 -64:35:28.7	Ks	VVV	20100218	8.0	0.8	Completed	A
68702	v20100228_00495_st_tl.fit	13:02:18.02 -64:35:28.7	Ks	VVV	20100228	8.0	0.8	Completed	A
70725	v20100304_00444_st_tl.fit	13:02:18.02 -64:35:28.7	Ks	VVV	20100304	8.0	0.8	Completed	A
81752	v20100315_00327_st_tl.fit	13:02:18.02 -64:35:28.7	Ks	VVV	20100315	8.0	0.8	Completed	A
83062	v20100316_00361_st_tl.fit	13:02:18.02 -64:35:28.7	Ks	VVV	20100316	8.0	0.8	Completed	A
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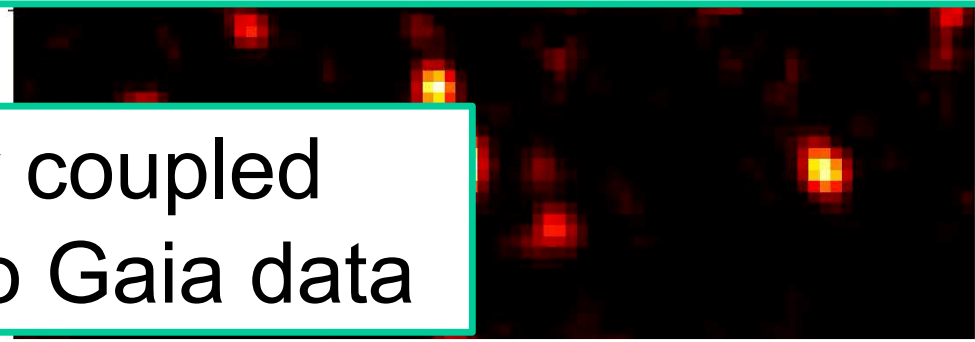


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Tightly coupled access to Gaia data



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 Filter Ks  
 Survey VVV  
 Exp Time 8.0

database around position

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Display Gaia Catalogue.ipynb

```
[10]: df = client.persist(df)  

[11]: points = hv.Points(df, kdims=['ra', 'dec'])  

[16]: %opts RGB [width=1000, height=500]  

      hd.datashade(points).opts(title='Gaia DR2: {} number of detections'.format(len(points)))
```

Gaia DR2: 1692586238 number of detections

The visualization is a heatmap showing the distribution of Gaia DR2 detections in the sky. The x-axis is Right Ascension (ra) from 50 to 350, and the y-axis is Declination (dec) from -50 to 50. The plot shows a dense field of blue points with some brighter regions.

Dask Task Stream

Task Stream: A vertical bar chart showing the progress of tasks. The x-axis represents time in milliseconds (0ms to 800ms), and the y-axis represents the number of tasks. The bars are colored in shades of blue and red, indicating different task states.

Dask Progress

Progress -- total: 4002, in-memory: 1002, processing: 0

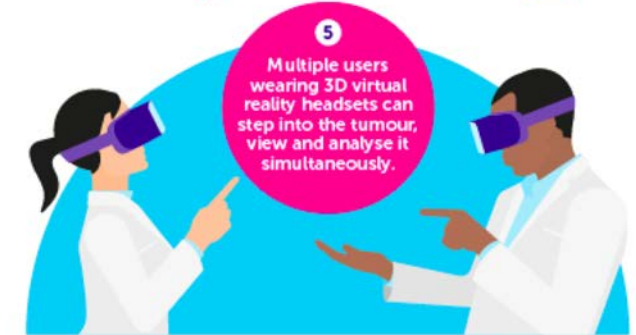
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series-min-c...	1000 / 1000
getitem	1000 / 1000
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series-max-agg	1 / 1

# Effectively exploiting common standards, common infrastructure, common analysis: Example: Astronomy to Medical

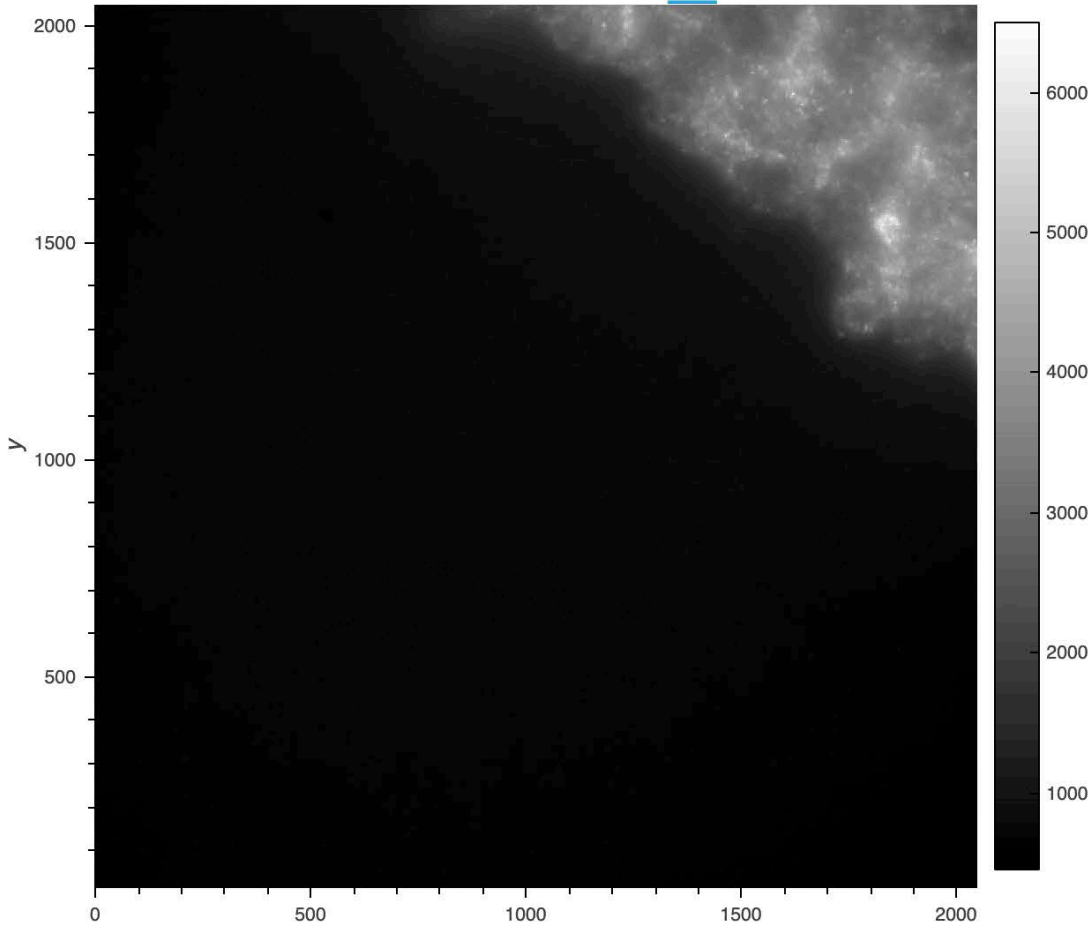


## CREATING A VIRTUAL REALITY TUMOUR

- 1 A detailed reference picture of a tumour is taken.
- 2 Wafer thin slices are cut from the tumour.
- 3 The slices are deeply analysed, right down to their genetic information.
- 4 The information is processed and the tumour is rebuilt in virtual reality.



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Field of view: 000

Bit: 1

Channel: bits

Optical slice: 5

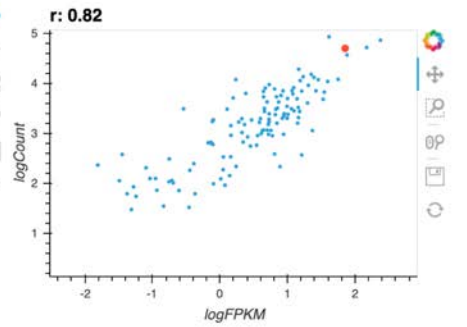
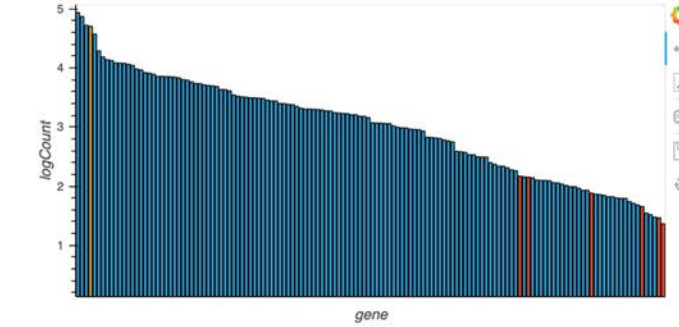
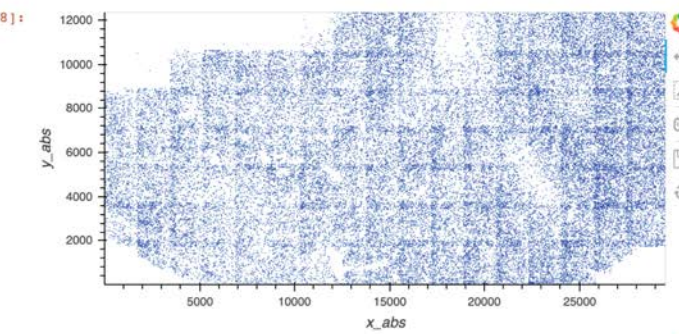
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Layout



Commonality of approach. Large medical imaging data analysis pipelines deployed at CASU based on astronomy (VISTA/ Gaia) system



# Research Data Infrastructure (RDI)

Investment is urgently needed now, in the period 2020-22, to put the UK on a world class footing in respect of physical infrastructure and software infrastructure, reversing the significant gap that has arisen over the last few years.

# Research Data Exploitation and sharing

Each Sector should refine and update its RDI requirements, in terms of its own Research Data Life Cycle, such that data are supported at each stage in the life cycle and can be readily analysed, discovered, combined, reused and repurposed.

# International Collaboration and Leadership

Coordination structures are needed commensurate with the fact that the creation and use of Resources for research data are increasingly an international activity, with major subject-specific repositories having a global reach.

# People and Skills

Investment is needed in people needed to create, engineer and apply the advanced computing techniques to the data to extract knowledge and innovate.

**People: jobs & career path**

# Research Use Case: Square Kilometer Array

## white paper informed by examples e.g. from STFC/UKRI domain

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The SKA project is an international effort to build the world's largest radio telescope in order to image huge areas of the sky on a scale and with a level of sensitivity no survey telescope has ever achieved before. To enable the science fully, there are major data and data infrastructure issues to be addressed:

- ~1 PB/day into the science archive → significant data volumes
- Archive: search ability on the individual data products/ meta-data + curation
- User authentication & authorisation must be enforced → data rights
- Multiple secondary data products derived from the primary data → storage implications
- Analysis of data products → large number of astrophysical sources
- Range of analysis algorithms run on the data → compute needs
- Individual SKA image data products are so large (250TB on average) → move the algorithms to the data
- Interoperability of SKA data with other astronomy data



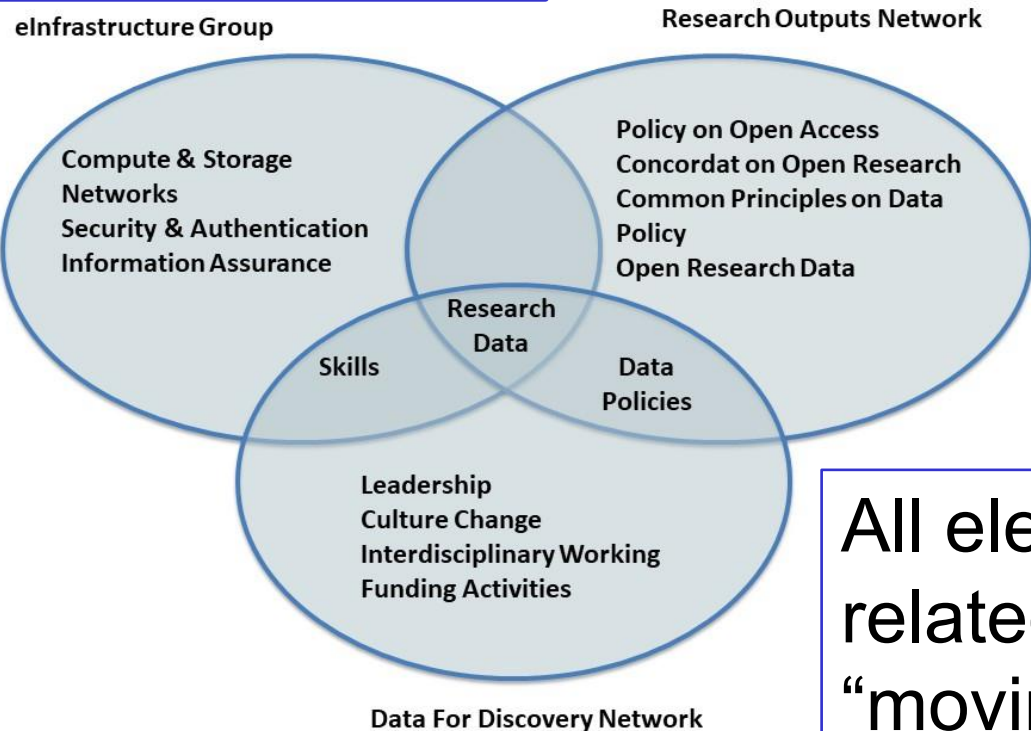
# Functional Requirements for Federated RDIs

## Physical & Stewardship Infrastructures

**Physical Infrastructure:** Storage/ Compute/ Networks/ Software

**Stewardship Infrastructure:** People and Skills/ Metadata, Data Curation, and Data Integration

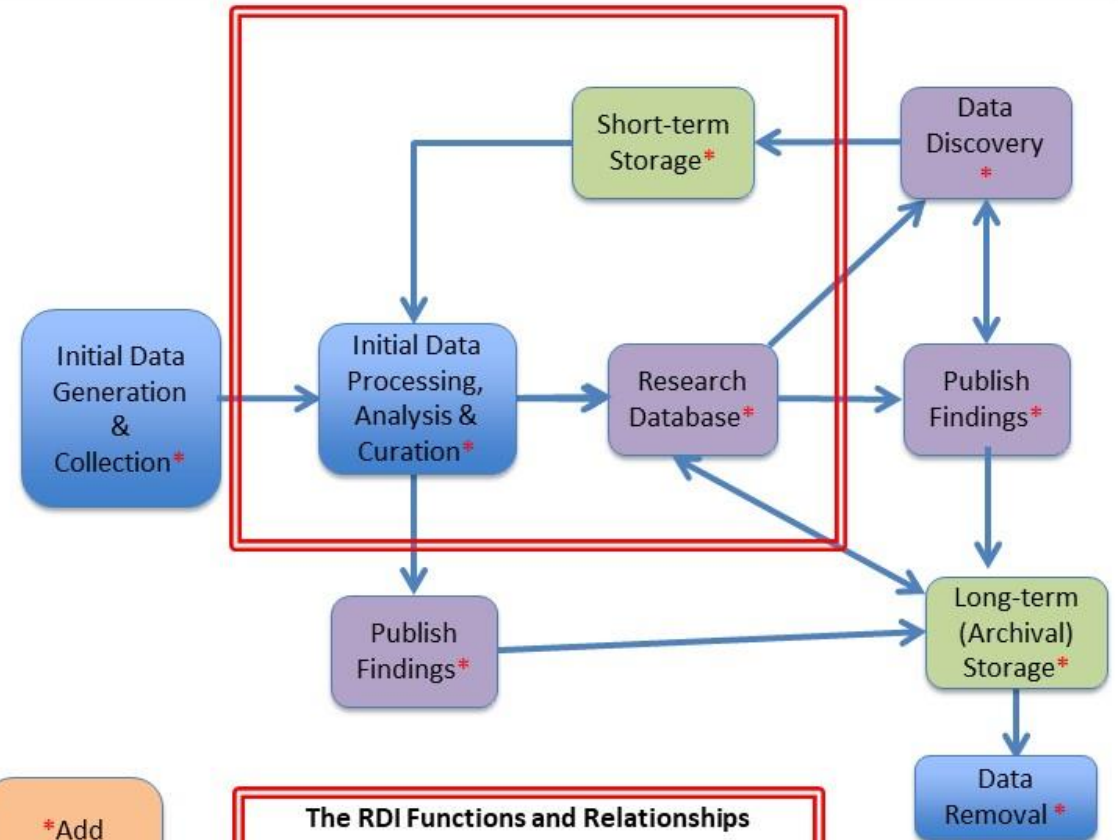
Research Data Infrastructure



All elements related, lots of “moving parts”

Focus of the RDI White Paper

The Flows in the Research Data Life Cycle: An RDI Functional Perspective



\*Add MetaData at these points

**The RDI Functions and Relationships**  
Other functions of the RDI are:-

- Networking & Data Transfer
- Information Assurance and Data Security

# The Data Infrastructure Roadmap

## timely investment and action needed now

**2019:** Establishing the UKRI RDI - Governance, Co-Ordination and Review

**2020-2022:** Maintaining the Competitiveness of the UKRI RDI

**2020-2022:** Transforming the UKRI RDI

**2022-27:** Maintaining Competitiveness and adding new Capability to the UKRI RDI

RDI Function	Roadmap Activity								
	Review {1}	Transformation {2}	Continued incorporation of new capabilities {3}						
Physical Infrastructure: Hardware	Emergency Investments to maintain competitiveness {4}		Investments to maintain competitiveness {5}						
	Review {6}	Transformation {7}	Continued incorporation of new capabilities {8}						
Physical Infrastructure: Software	Emergency Investments to maintain competitiveness {9}		Investments to maintain competitiveness {10}						
	Review {11}	Transformation {12}	Continued incorporation of new capabilities {13}						
Stewardship Infrastructure: Data Curation and Data Management	Emergency Investments to maintain competitiveness {14}		Investments to maintain competitiveness {15}						
	UKRI eInfrastructure governance {16}								
Co-ordination of the UKRI data infrastructure	Co-ordination of the Data Management and Curation activities {17}								
	Co-ordination of International Activities {18}								
Start of:	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027

17 Jan 2020

Date



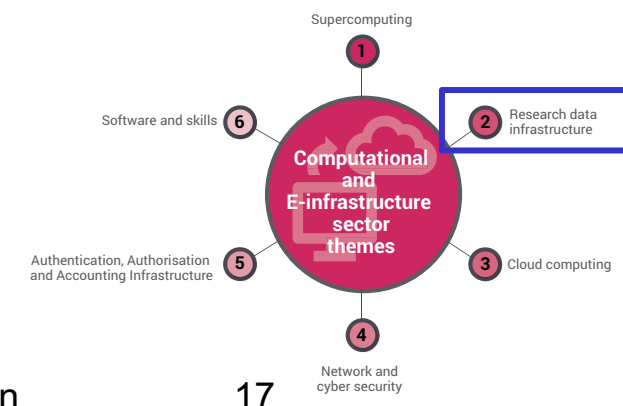


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## Recommendations for Action: pre-requisites

### Physical and Stewardship Infrastructure Dependencies

- common approach to Authentication, Authorisation and resource Accounting Infrastructure (AAAI) → AAAI White Paper
- common policy framework supporting the federation of services and resources;
- end-to-end networking capability → Networking White Paper
- Collaboration tools enabling delegated management of user communities (e.g. VREs)
- Integrated approach to data anytime/anywhere
- Use of clouds / commercial or non-commercial



# Actions for establishing, transforming and sustaining the UKRI RDI Federation

## Initial Actions

- A1. Deploy new Compute and Storage capacity in annual cycles
- A2. Set up the Coordination Structures for UKRI e-Infrastructure
- A3. Review of current capabilities and requirements

## Transformation Activities

- A4. Facilities/Large Projects data stewardship & science tools development/ maintenance
- A5. Data integration and metadata tool development / A6. API and standards
- A7. Investigate use of Commercial Cloud / A8. Ensure training activities drive **FAIR** take-up
- A9. JISC capability for data research storage and re-use for data based in HEIs.
- A10. Fellowships in data science
- A11. AAI, Networking and Security development

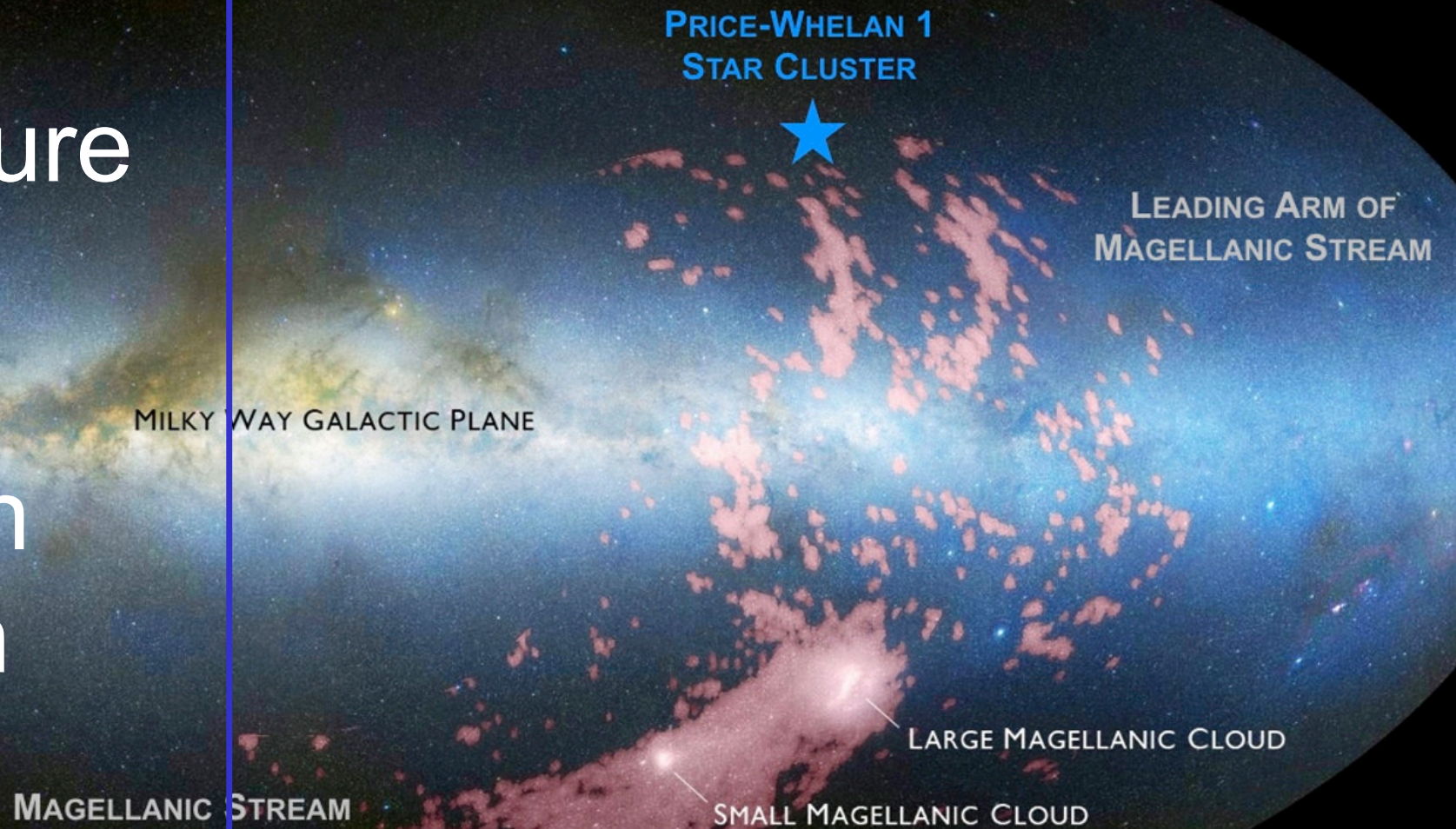
## Sustained Investment in Hardware, Software & People

**Recommendations:** The actions for maintaining and transforming the UKRI be executed on the suggested timescales with investments of **£200-300M p.a.\*** beginning in 2020.

\* UKRI Annual budget 18/19 ~£7.5B → £250M ~3%



Data, Data, Data  
+  
Data Infrastructure  
=  
Discovery  
(and return on  
investment in  
hardware!)



*Credit: D. Nidever (NASA)*