

The Future of SETI in the UK (my ideas)

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Things to Consider

- What we do now to take UK SETI forward
- Possibilities for collaboration
- Can we identify areas to push
- How to get in a position to get grant money
 - STFC, UKRC, Leverhume, private, crowdfunding
- How much money (how many people) is feasible
- How to get more UK Academics involved
- How to grow support in media, public
- How to use the UKSRN

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Some ideas

- A grant for a search would invigorate whole field
- Utilise existing and planned STFC facilities
 - e-Merlin, LOFAR, SKA, E-ELT
- Are there theoretical fields we can push
- Work out if any collaborations possible
- Promote SETI in the UK
 - academic seminars, Public Outreach
- Use the 5-page RAS Astronomy&Geophysics

Summary

Hard work, but I think we can make progress

We need some concrete actions to come out of these sessions

The Beginning