SKA-France

Signal Processing Workshop
Summary of Conclusions

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Results of the Signal Processing meeting of Sept. 8, 2016

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  - Imaging from interferometric data: calibration and deconvolution
  - Blind source separation
  - Optimised detection of transient sources
  - Spectrometers: post-processing, RFI excision
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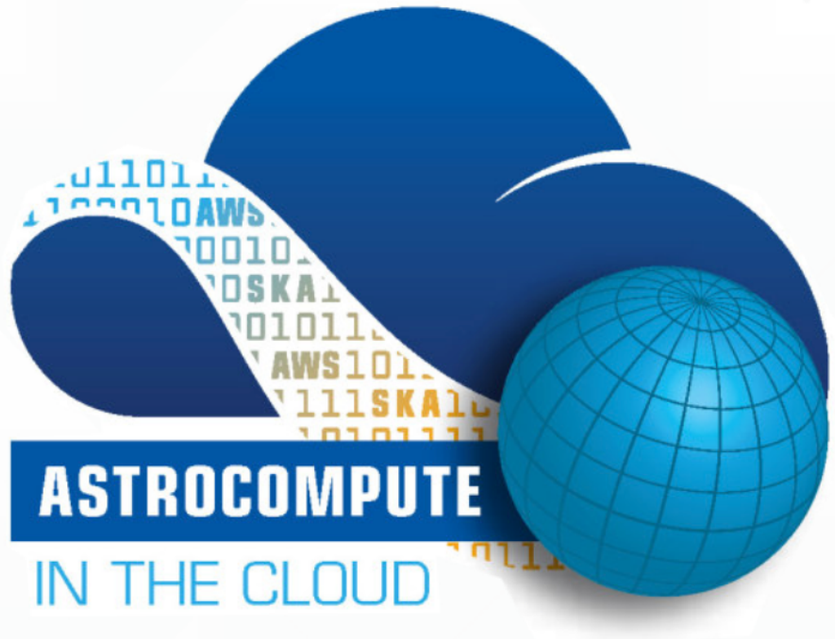
Some examples

- Post-processing of spectrometric data:
  - Minimum configuration: *48 cœurs sur 2 processeurs Intel Xeon, 1,5To de memoire, 24To de disques durs*
  - Configuration under study for a future grant application: *machine équipée de 256 cœurs Xeon Phi (coprocesseurs vectoriels) avec 6 à 9To de mémoire et 200To de disques*
- New deconvolution algorithms tested on Amazon Web Service (in collaboration with SKAO)
- More examples can be provided by participants in the room

Astrocompute in the Cloud Program

- AWS is adding 1PB of SKA pre-cursor data to the Amazon Public Data Sets program
- We are also providing $500K in AWS Research Grants for the SKA to direct towards projects focused on:
  - High-throughput data analysis
  - Image analysis algorithms
  - Data mining discoveries (i.e. ML, CV and data compression)
  - Exascale data management techniques
  - Collaborative research enablement



https://www.skatelescope.org/ska-aws-astrocompute-call-for-proposals/

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- **Build a French solution to be presented to SKAO and to the SDP consortium by mid-2017.** Start with the most urgent and basic algorithms