

# Développements algorithmiques : applications aux précurseurs et éclaireurs de SKA (LOFAR + MeerKAT)

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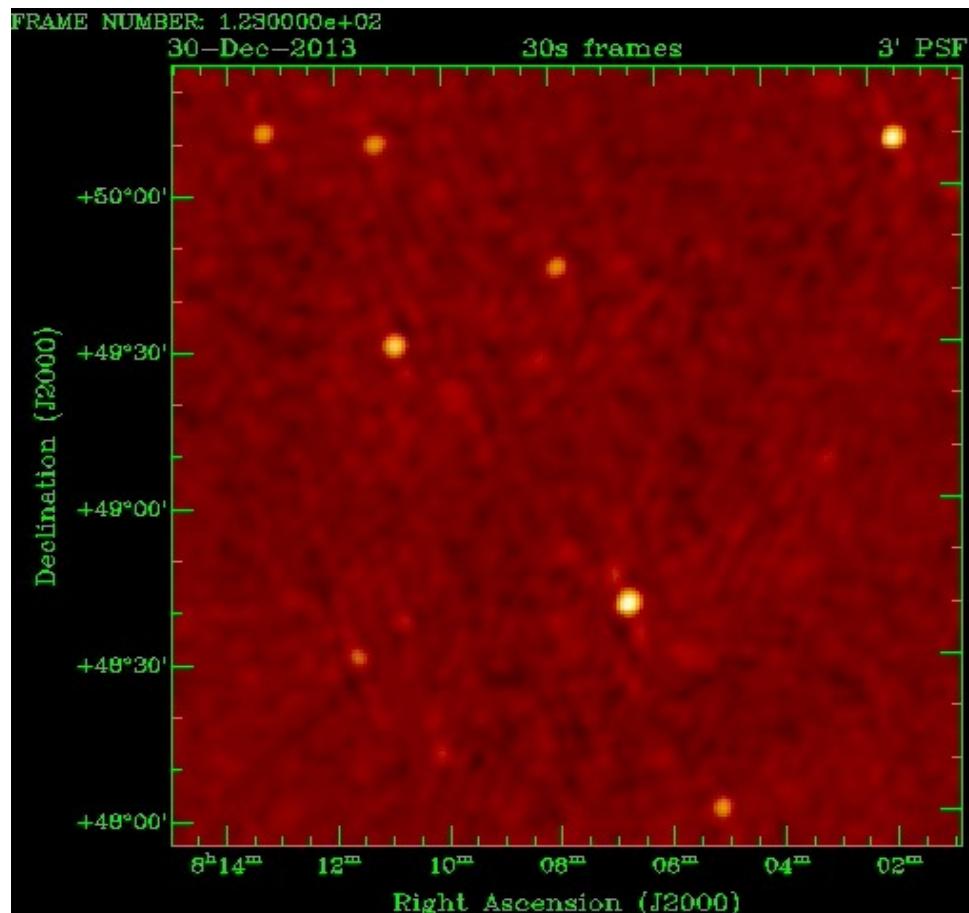
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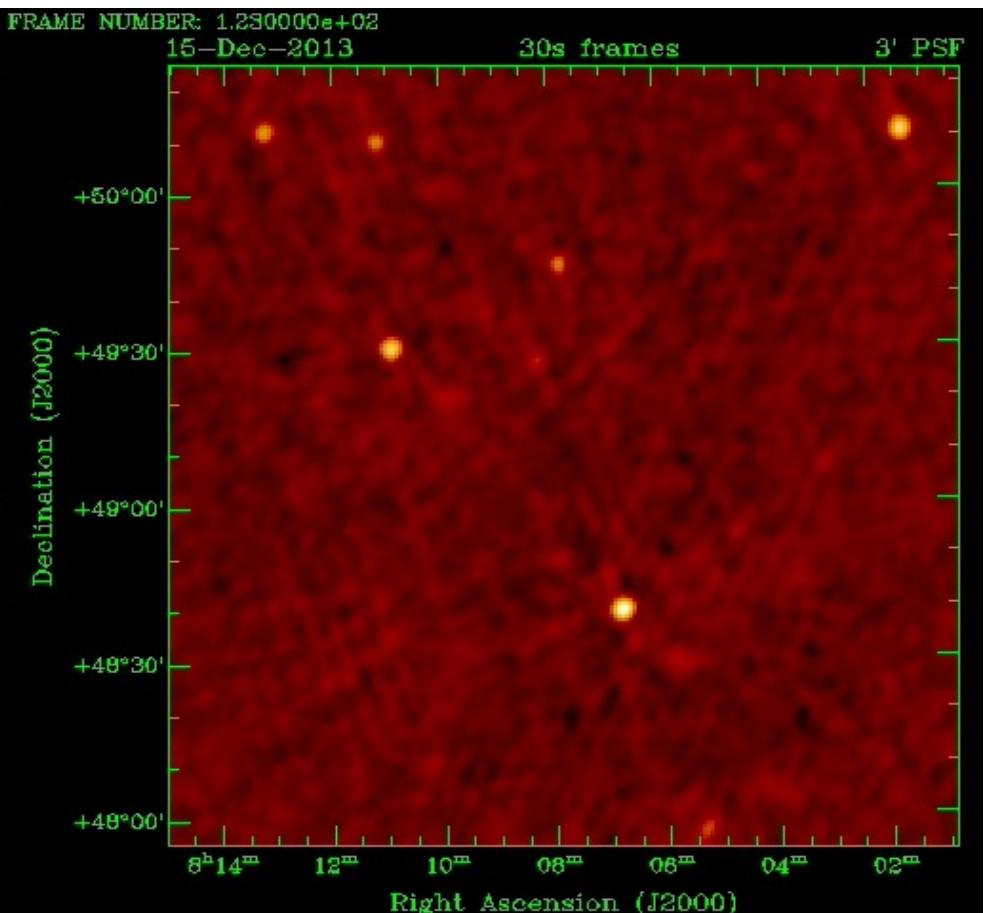
*Tim Shimwell, Reinout van Weeren, Federica Savini, Amanda Wilber, Shane O'Sullivan, Leah Morabito, Vijay Mahatma*

# Ionosphere

Good ionosphere



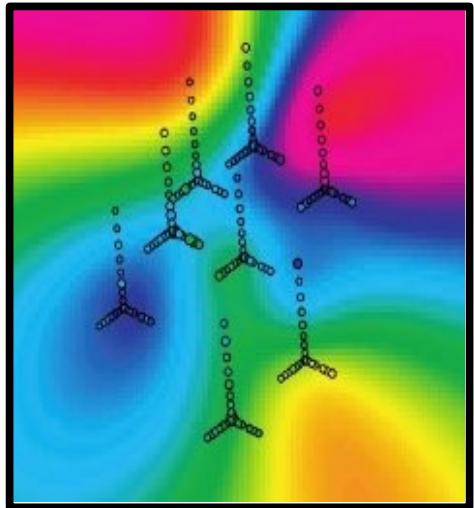
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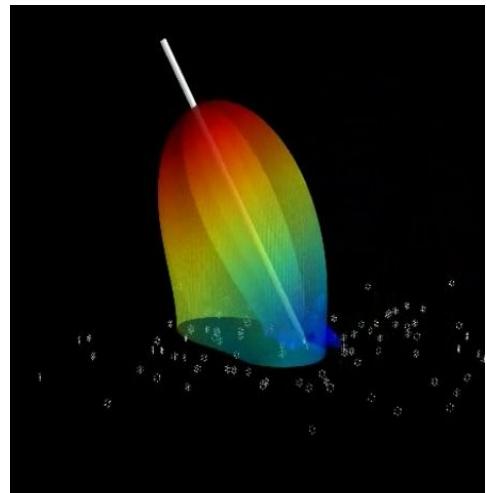
Images have 3 arcmin resolution

Ger de Bruyn & LOFAR EoR team

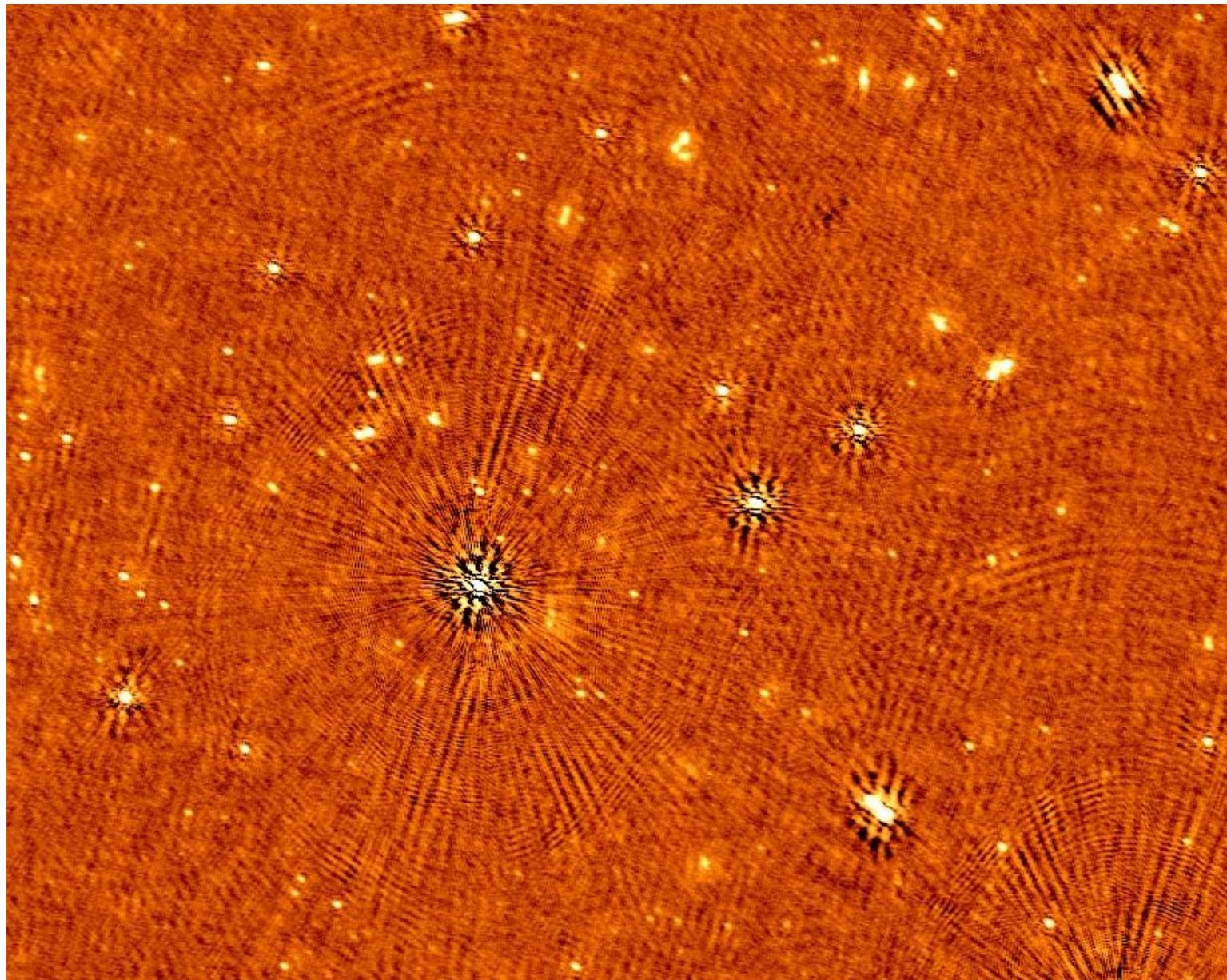
# The best image you can ever get in selfcal



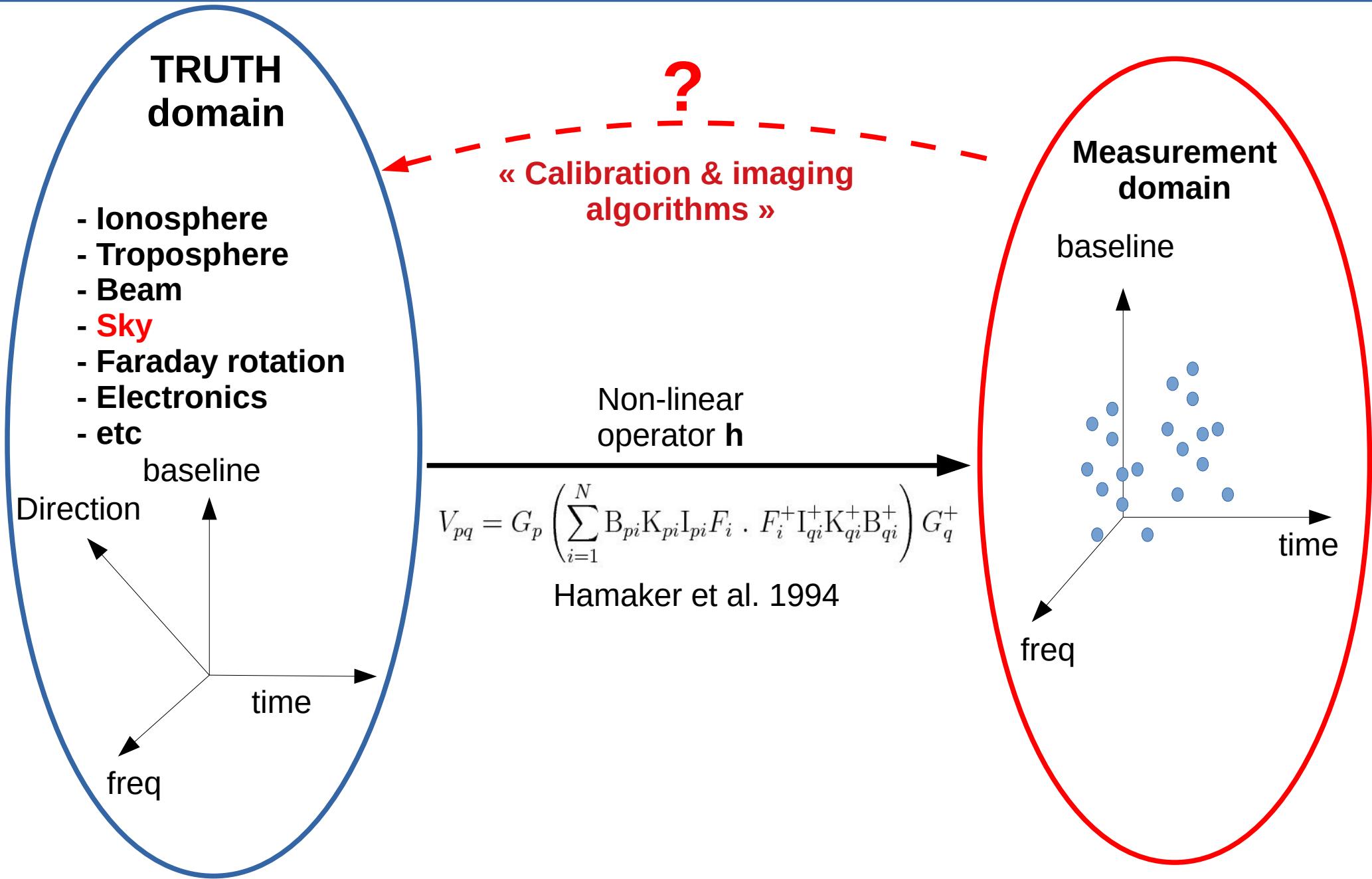
Ionospheric  
disturbance + Faraday  
rotation



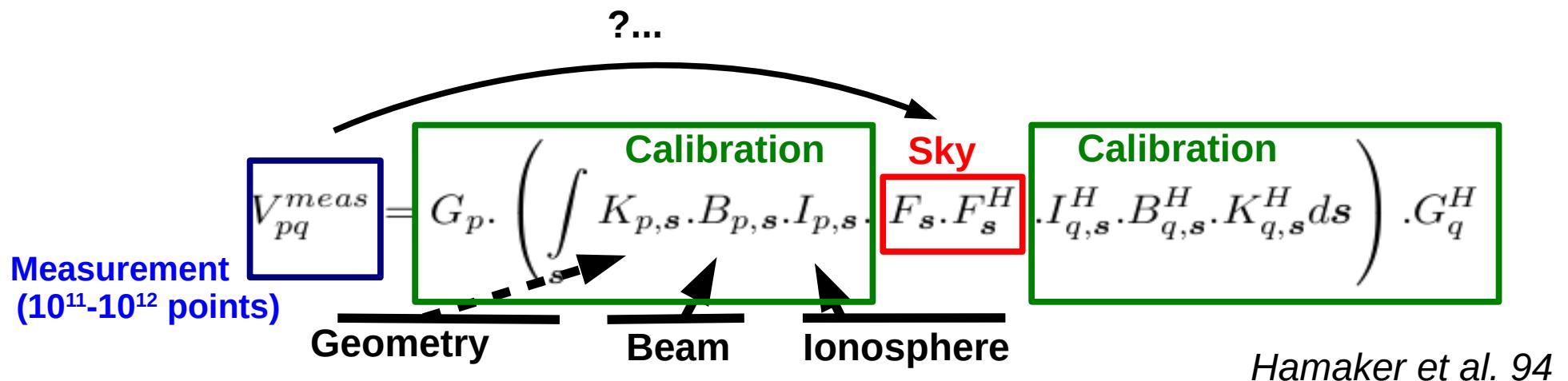
Station lobes



# Interferometry



# «Third» generation calibration and imaging



.... A pretty difficult problem to invert (a post-processing adaptative optics)

## (1)- Wirtinger optimisation for Direction Dependent Calibration

Tasse 2014

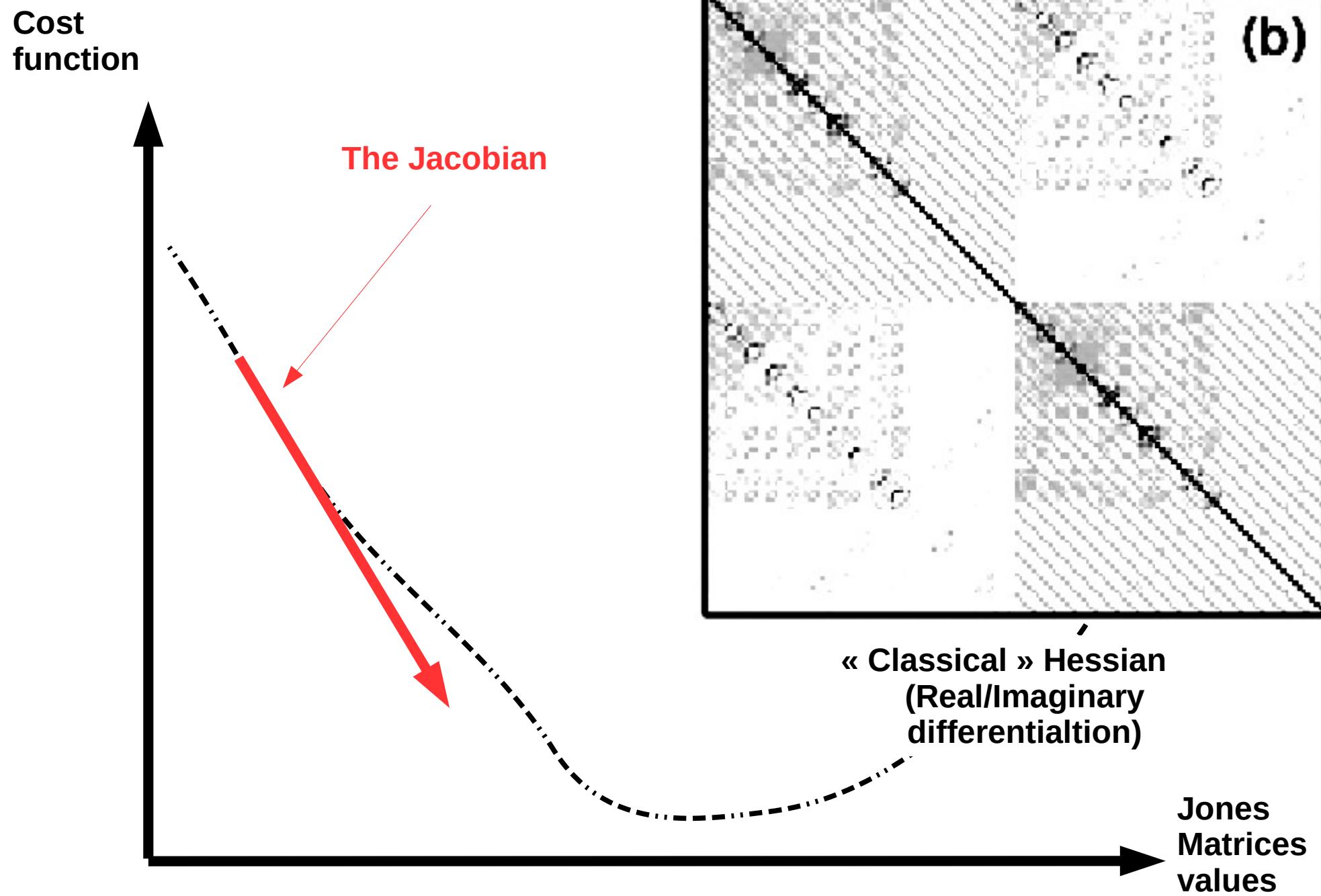
Smirnov & Tasse 2015

## (2)- Imaging and deconvolution taking into account

- Direction Dependent effects (Beam, ionosphere, etc)
- Sources' spectral properties
- Variable PSF
- ... and many more cool stuff

→ kMS/DDFacet (Tasse et al. 2018)

# RIME Calibration

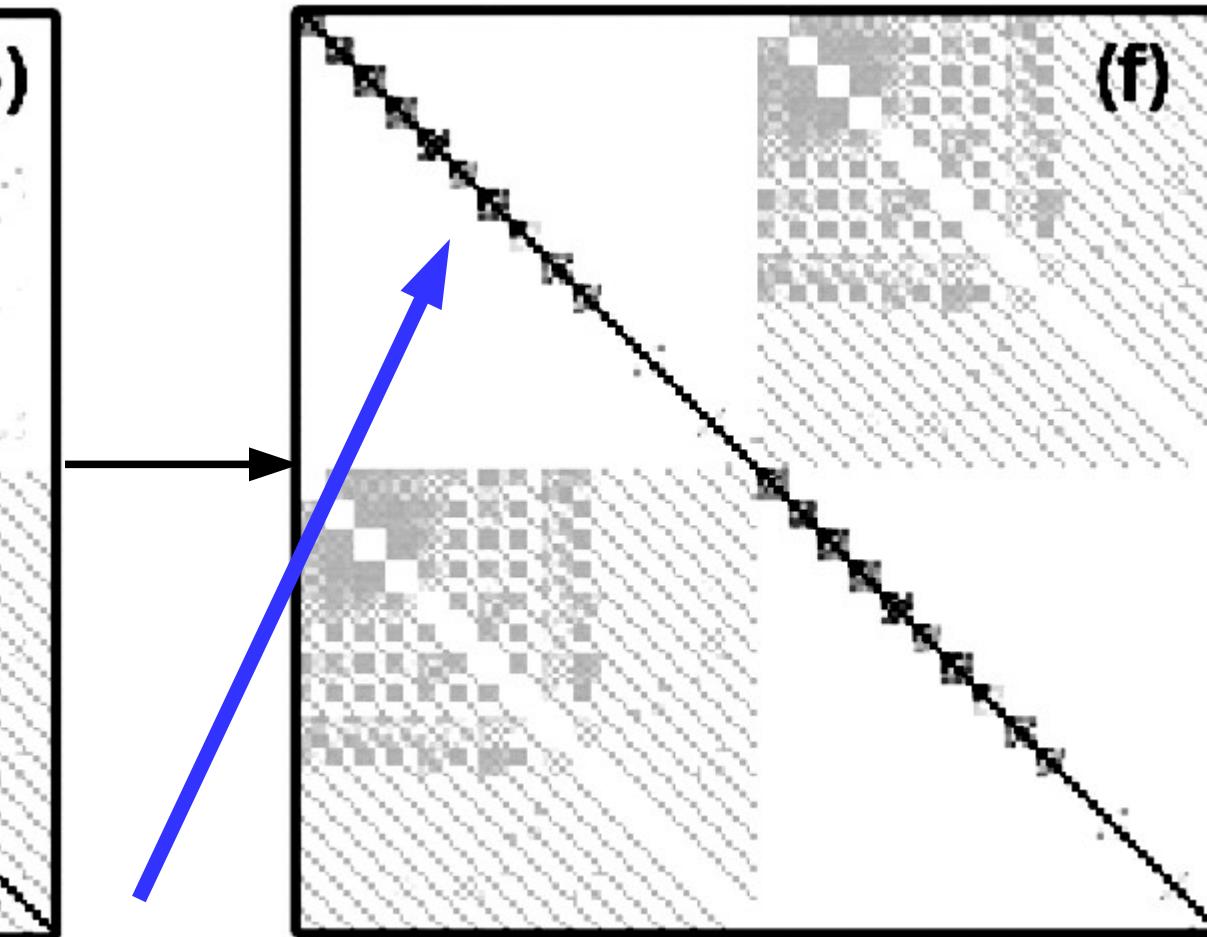
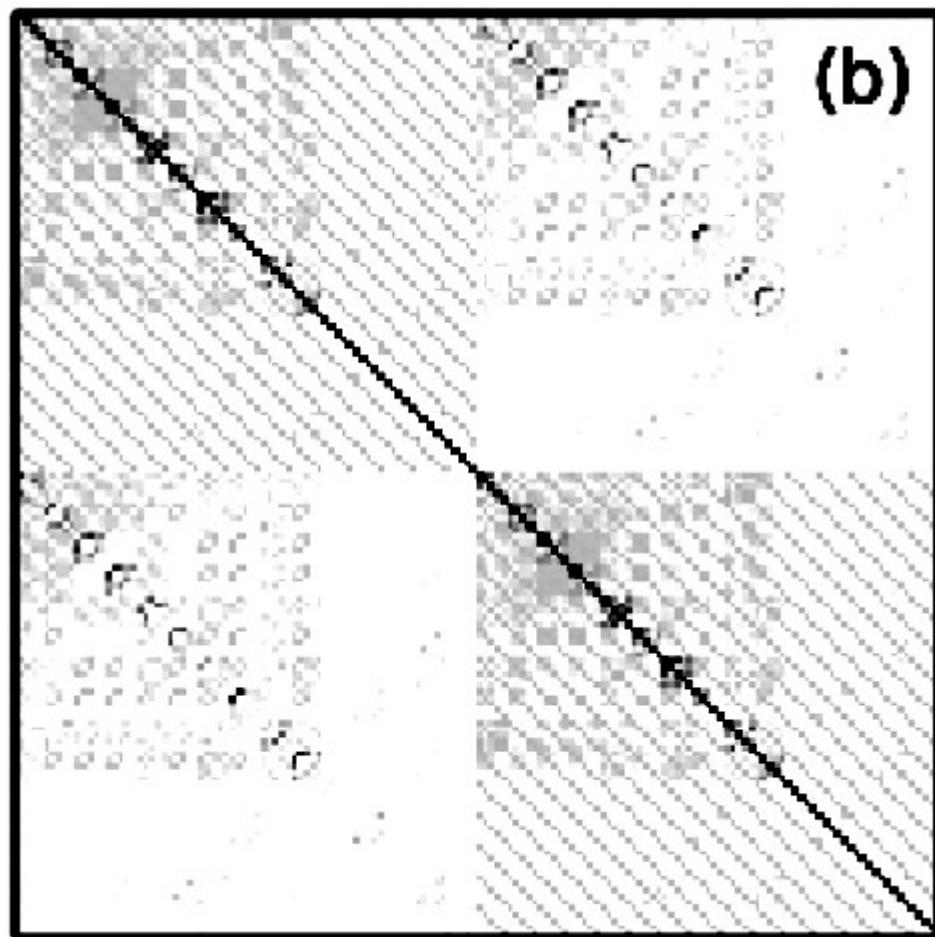


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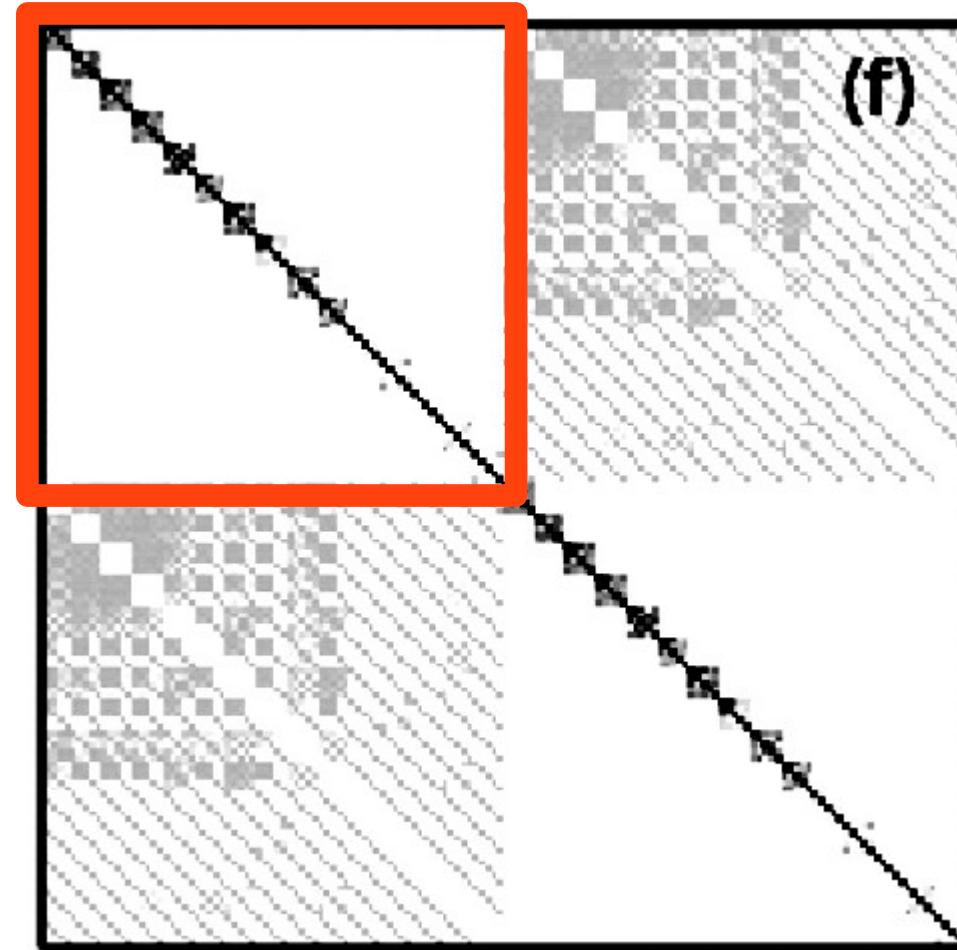
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**The fantastic property of Wirtinger Jacobian and Hessian for the RIME:**

We can cut it in two !!!

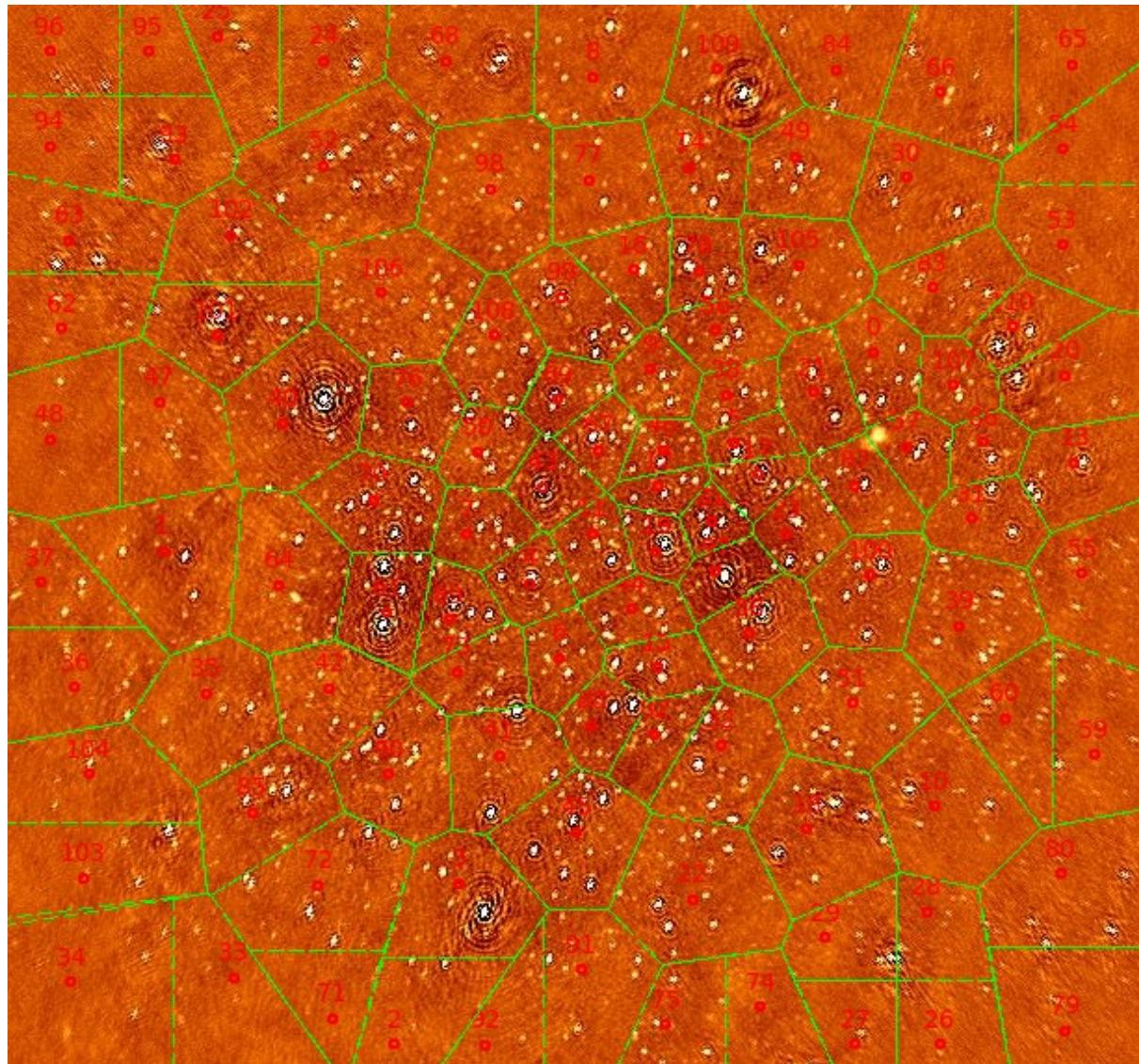
- The result just needs to be devided by 2 !
- Very non trivial to prove
  - Full Wirtinger-Jacobian LM with lambda=0 is *the same* as
  - Half Wirtinger-Jacobian LM with lambda=1



Wirtinger Hessian

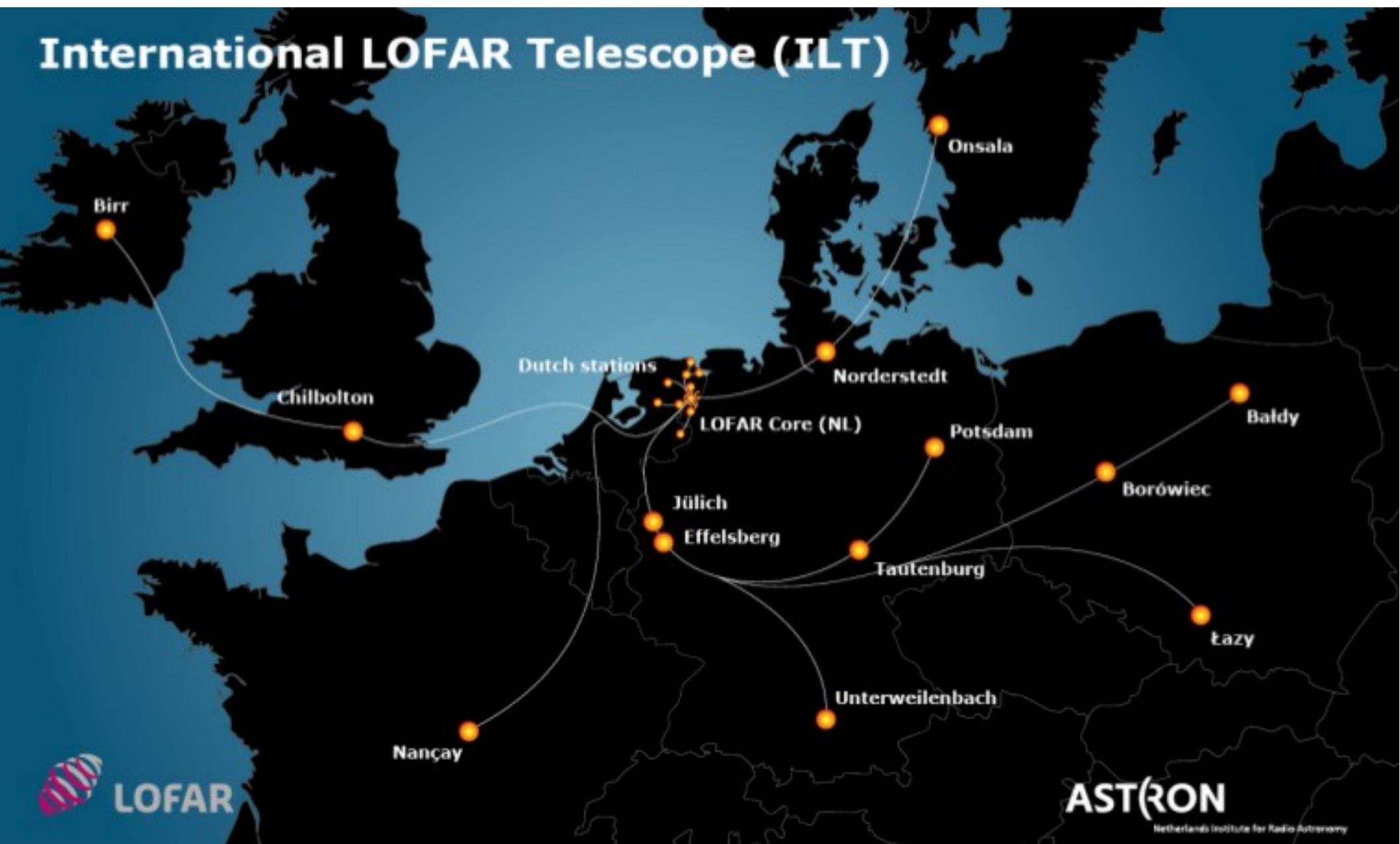
# DDFacet

... A facet based imager

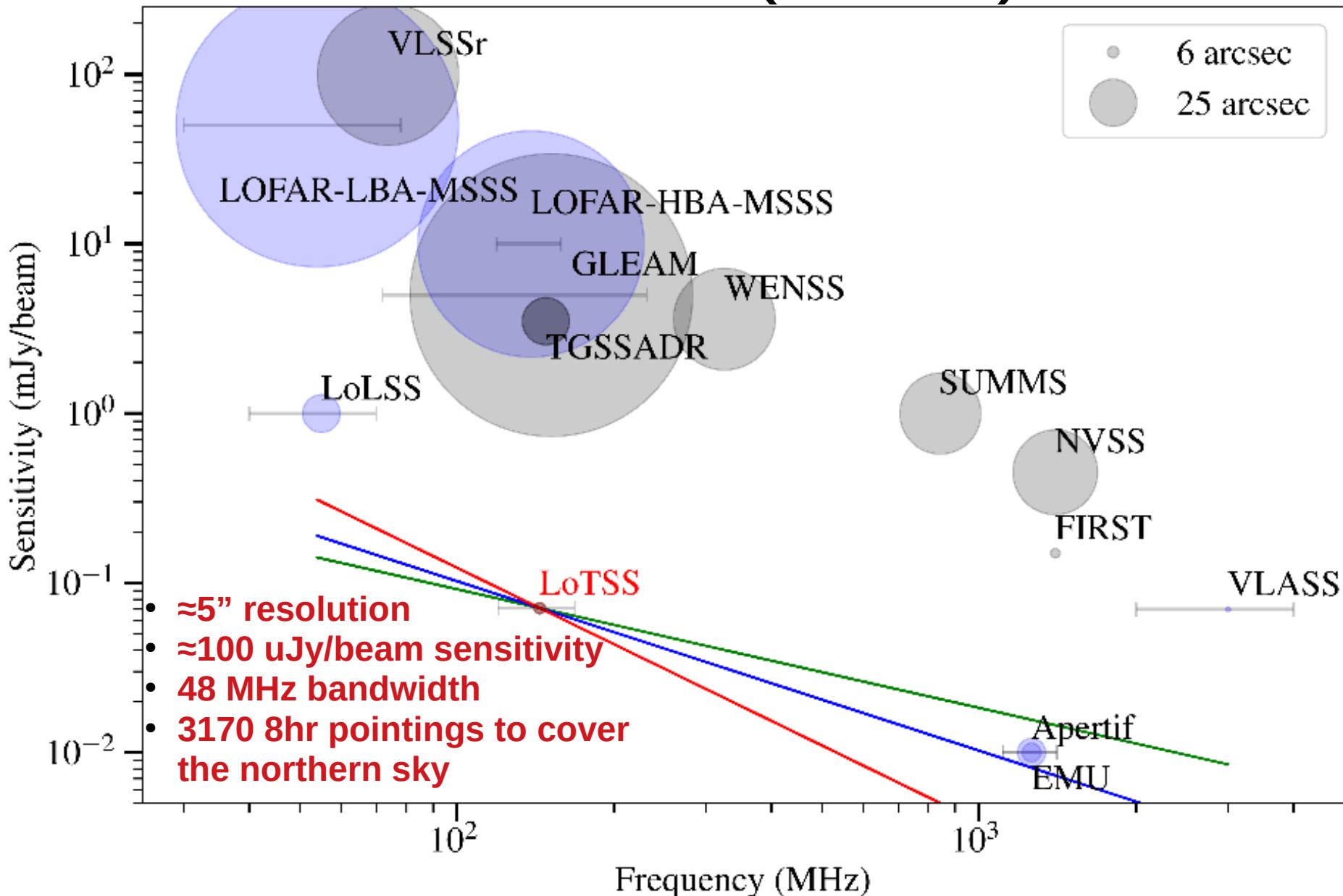


- (1) Produces a single tangential plane !  
(no « noise jumps » thanks to the kalman filter, and facetting mode) – largely inspired from Kogan&Greisen 2009
- (2) Does full polarisation DDE correction
- (3) Baseline Dependent Averaging  
90 % of the data can be compressed  
(collaboration with O.Smirnov and M. Atemkeng)
- (4) Does tessellated images
- (5) Does take time-freq-baseline-direction dependent beam into account
- (6) Continuity between facets
- (7) Takes variable PSF into account  
(DDE, Smearing/Decorrelation)
- (8) Mosaicing (!)
- (9) Does spectral deconvolution  
(Spectral indices + taking beam into account)  
- 8a : Hybrid Matching Pursuit  
- 8b : SubSpace Deconvolution

# Application à LOFAR



# The LOFAR Two-meter Sky Survey : LOTSS (Tier-1)

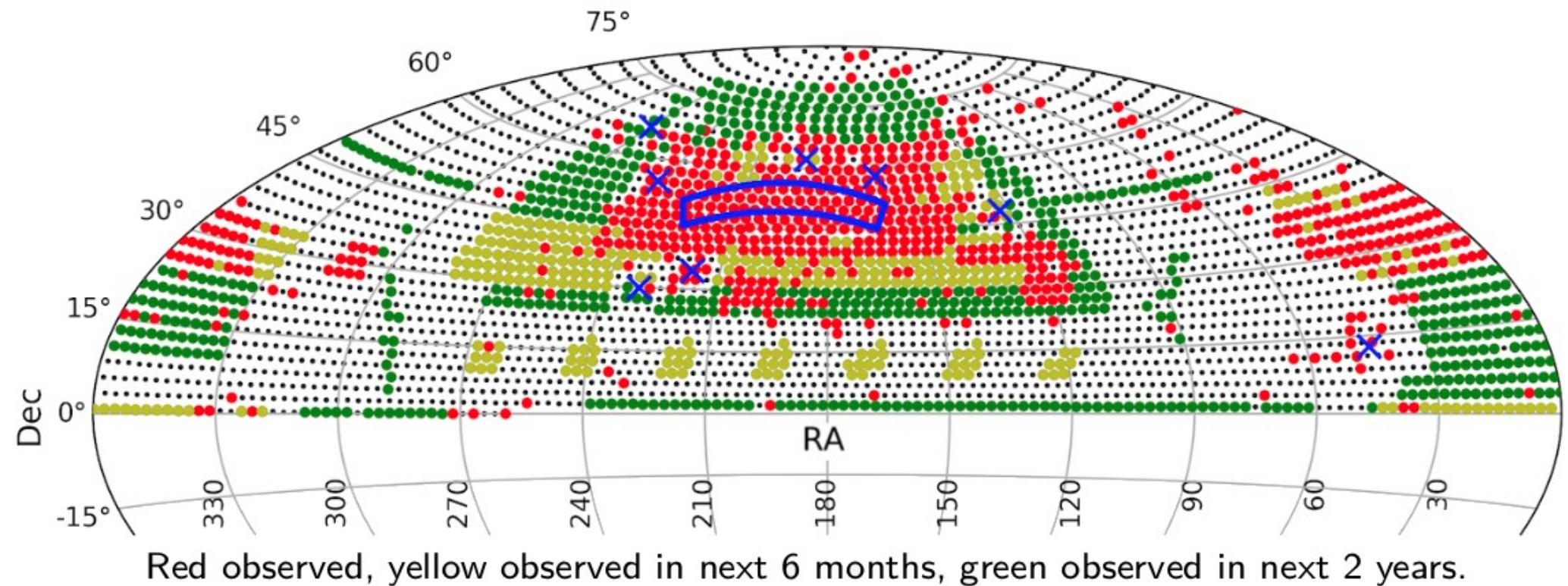


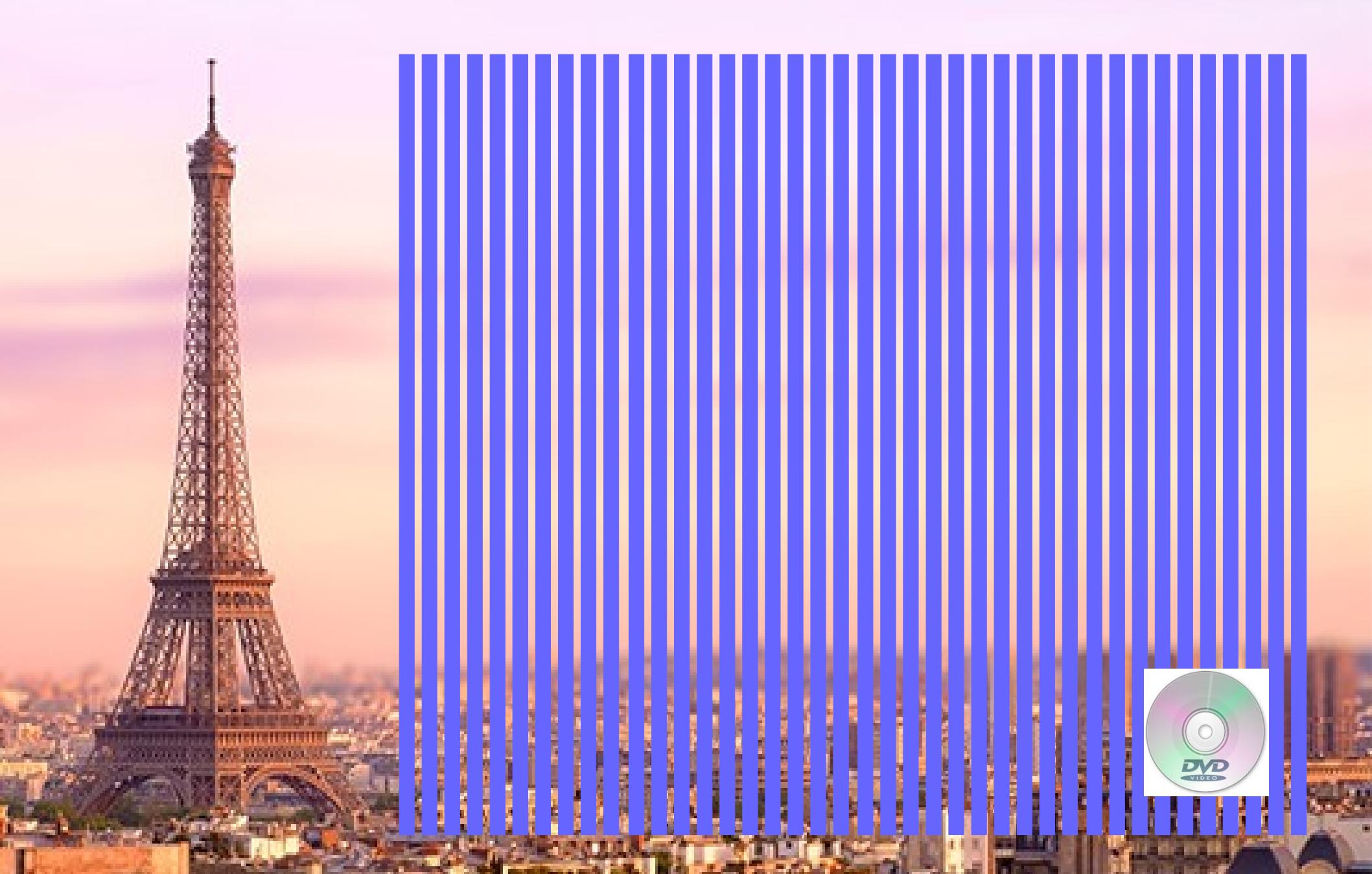
# LOTSS : LOFAR Two-meter Sky Survey

20% of the northern sky is observed.

50% of the observed data is partially processed.

Allocated 3750 hrs of observations to reach 50% completeness in 2 years

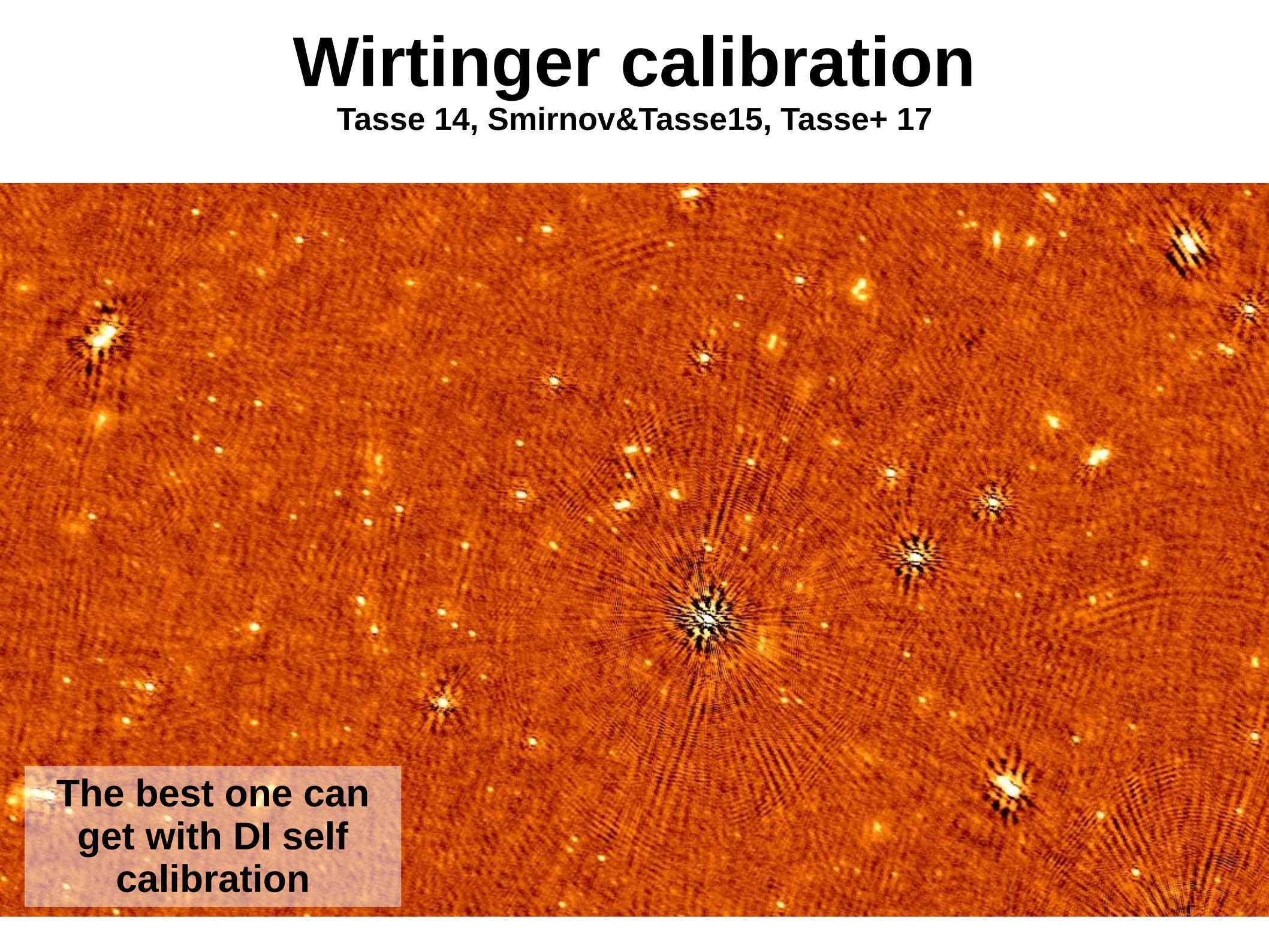




**Tier-1 LOFAR Survey : to be observed**  
**48 Pbytes of Raw data → ~39Eiffel towel size dvd stacks**

# Wirtinger calibration

Tasse 14, Smirnov&Tasse15, Tasse+ 17



The best one can  
get with DI self  
calibration

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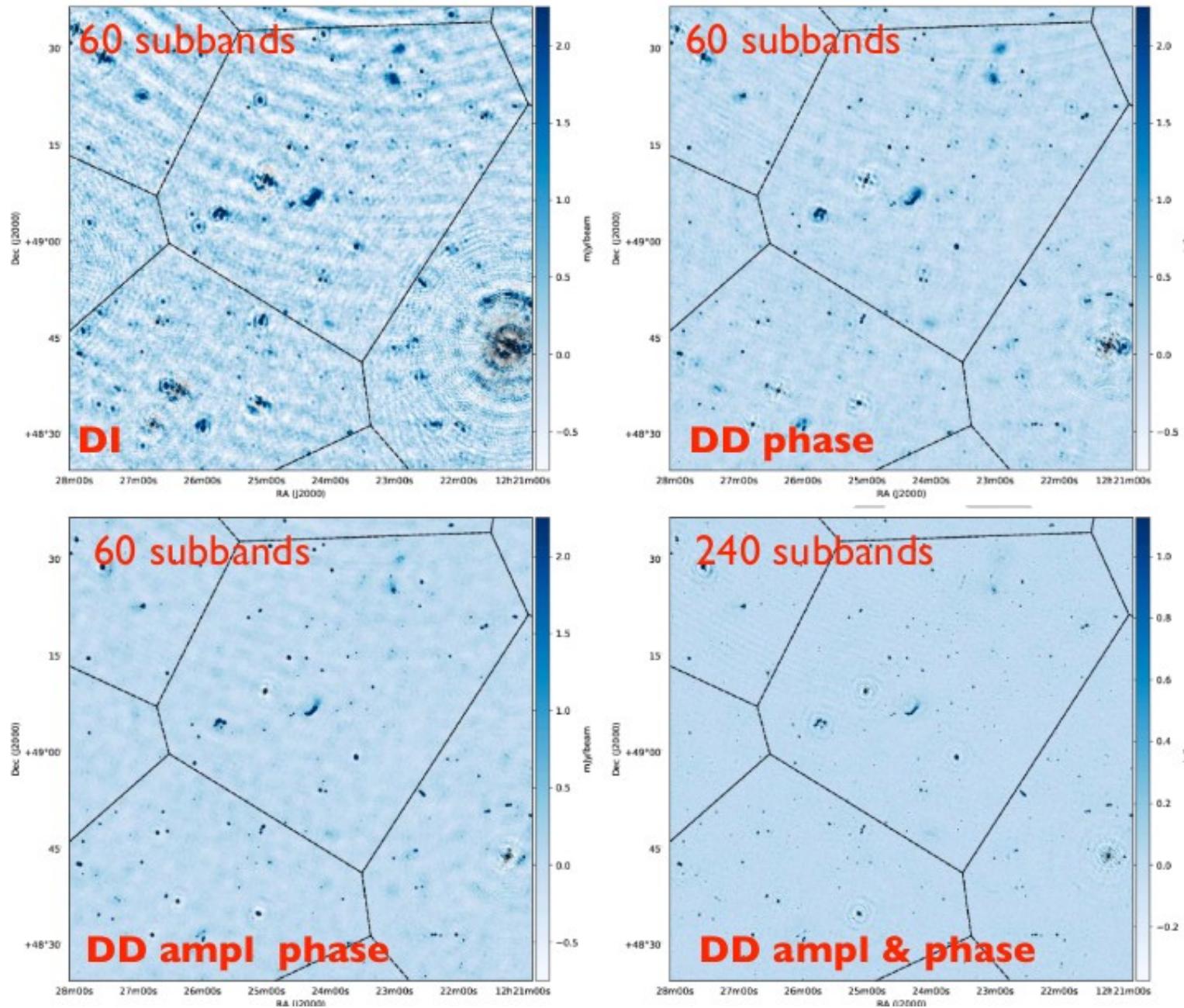


With Wirtinger  
calibration and  
imaging

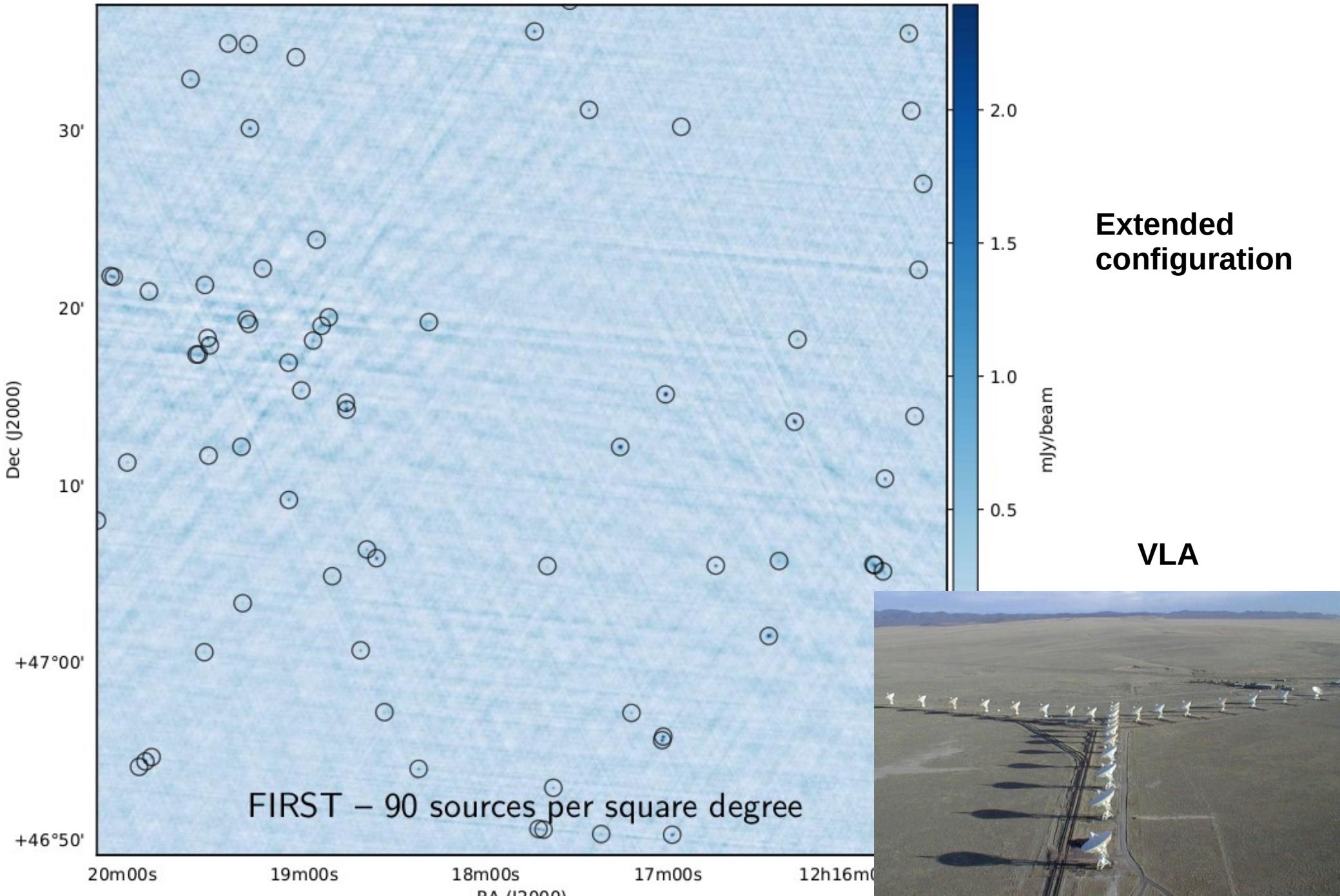
~ 100 uJy/Beam rms

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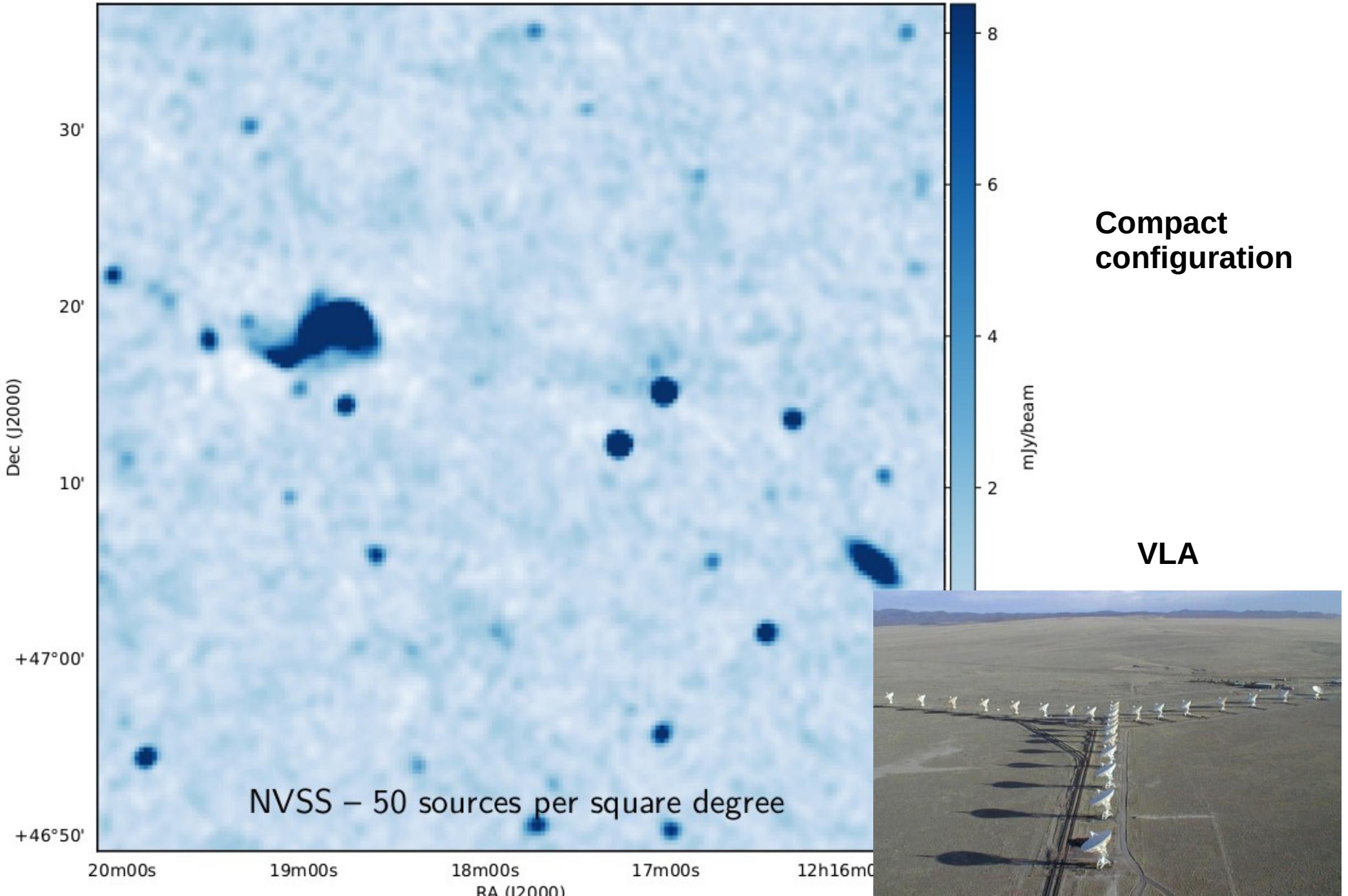
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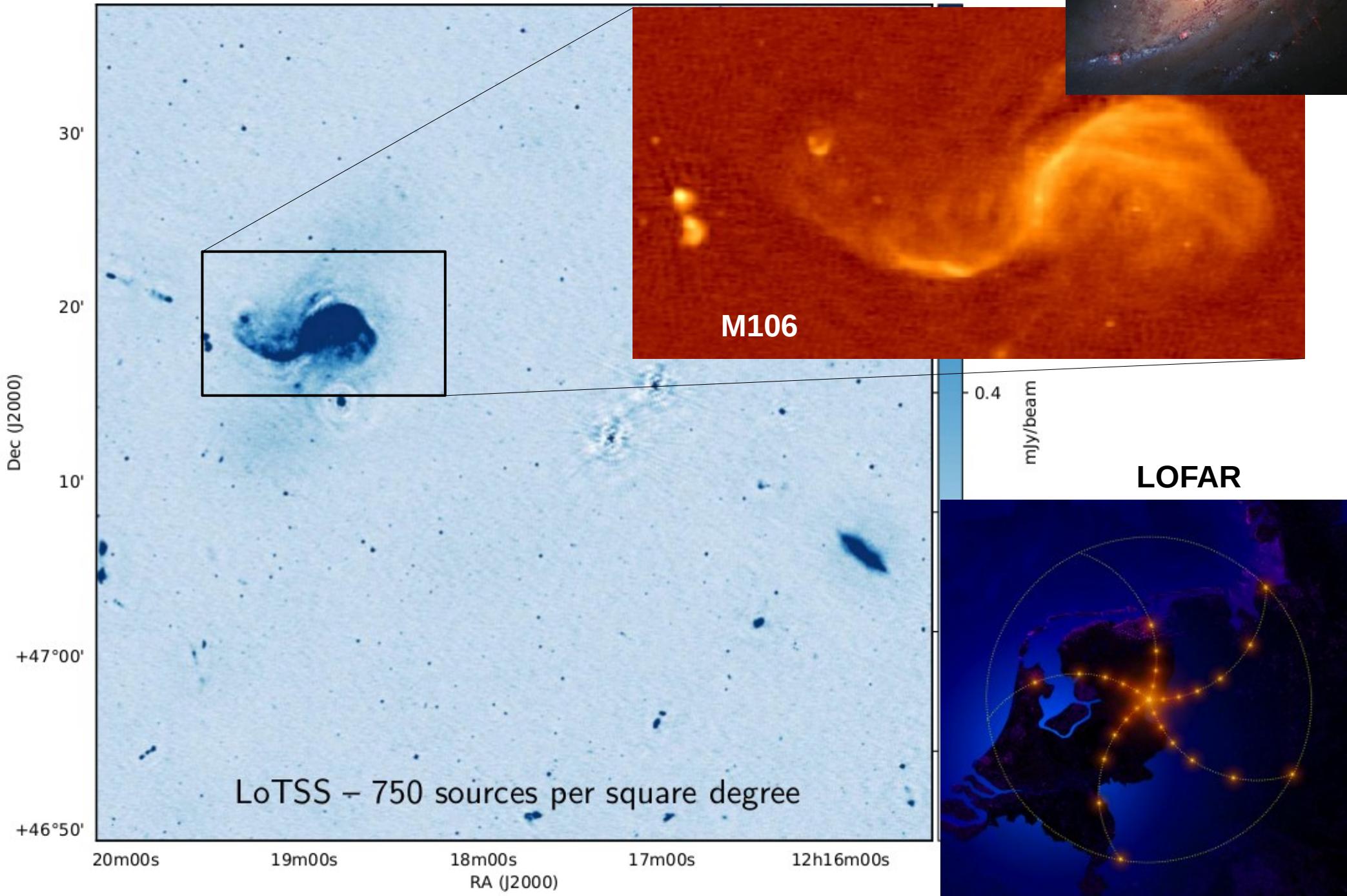
# LOTSS – First Data Release



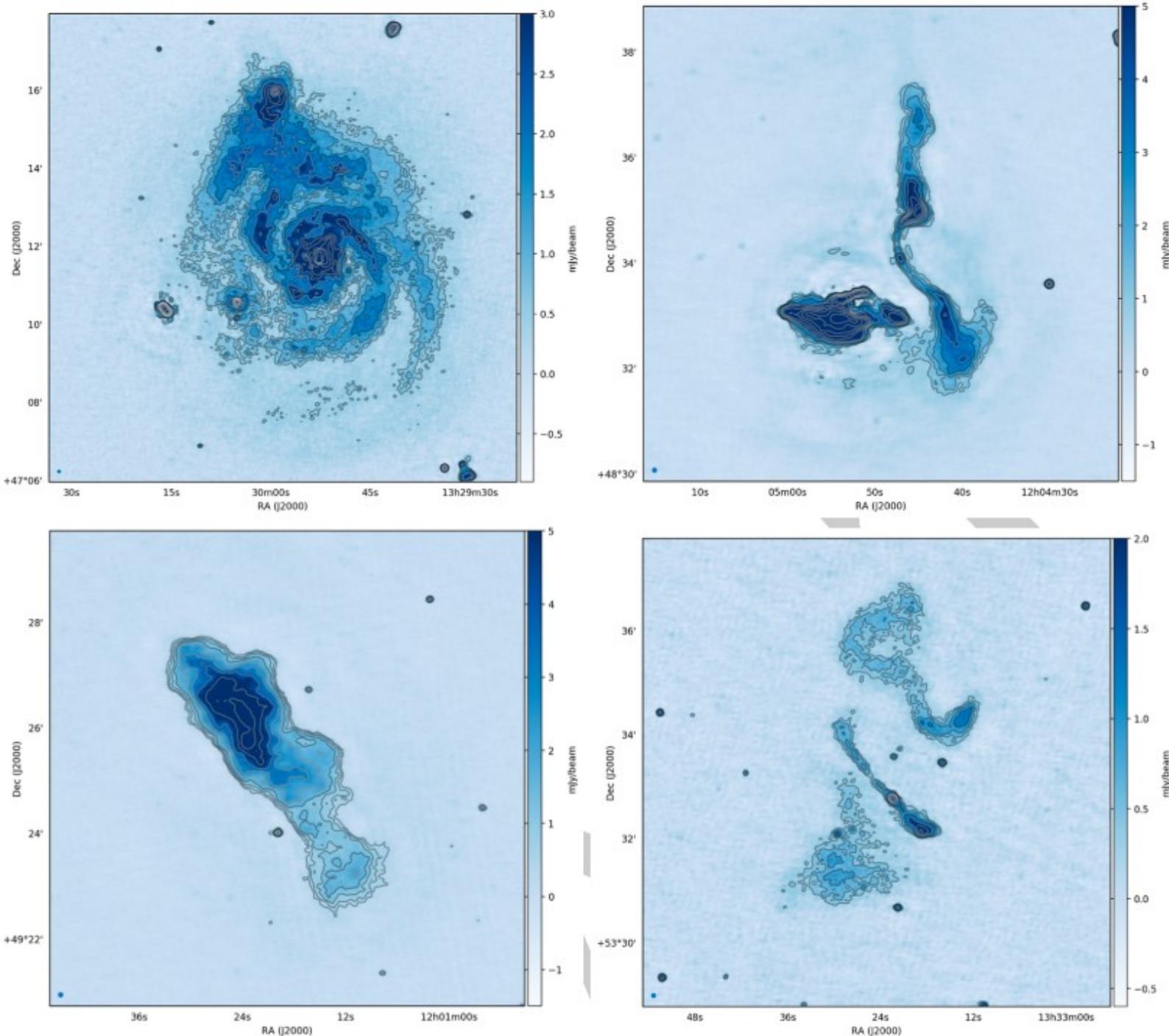
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# LoTSS – First Data Release



# LOTSS – First Data Release



# **Session interactive**

# The LOFAR extragalactic surveys Key Science Project

**PI:** Röttgering

**Core team:** Best, Brüggen, Brunetti,  
Chyžy, Conway, Haverkorn, Heald,  
Jackson, Jarvis, Lehnert, McKean,  
Miley, Morganti, Scaife, Tasse, White,  
Wise

The 2019 « paper splash » :

More than 25 papers published together  
(already on ArXiv!!)

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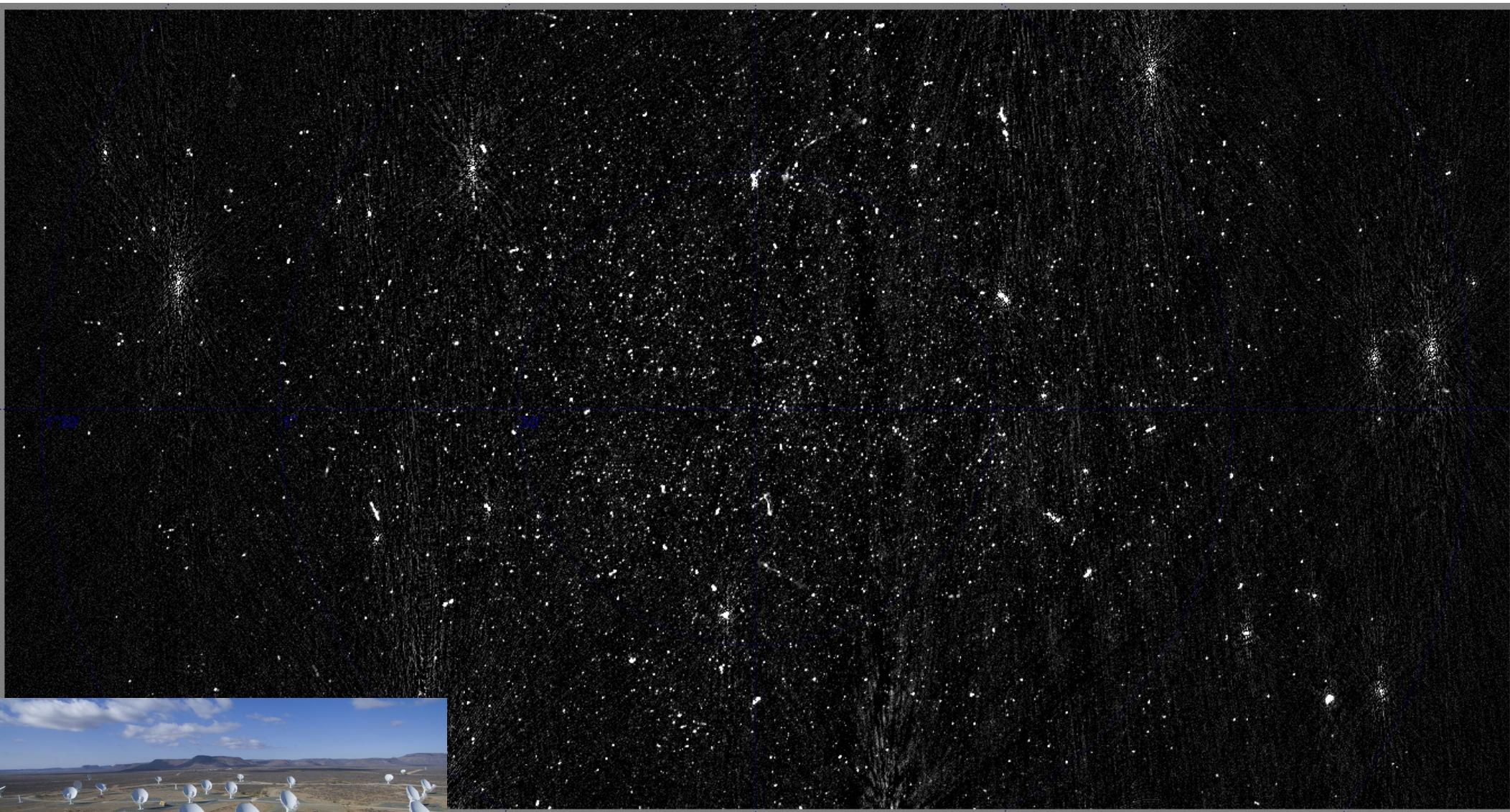
Title	Lead author
The LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey -- II. First Data Release	T. Shimwell
The LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey -- III. First Data Release: Optical identifications and Value-added catalogue	W.L. Williams
The LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey -- IV. First Data Release: Photometric redshifts and rest-frame magnitudes	K. J. Duncan
The cluster chain Abell 781 as observed with LOFAR and XMM-Newton	A. Botteon
Elucidating the radio properties of Broad Absorption Line Quasars using the LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey	L. Morabito
Ultra steep spectrum emission in merging galaxy cluster Abell 1914	S. Mandal
LOFAR Observations of the XMM-LSS field	C. Hale
LoTSS: Radio-loud AGN in the HETDEX field	M.J. Hardcastle
Systematic effects in LOFAR data: a unified LOFAR-LBA and LOFAR-HBA calibration strategy for calibrator fields	F. de Gasperin
Signatures from a merging galaxy cluster its AGN population: LOFAR observations of Abell 1682	A.O. Clarke
The LOFAR view on the merging galaxy cluster Abell 2069	A. Drabent
The low-frequency radio-SFR relation in nearby galaxies at 1-kpc scale with LOFAR	V. Heesen
Restarting radio galaxies in the HETDEX Spring field	V. H. Mahatma
Blazars in the LOFAR Two-Metre Sky Survey First Data Release	S. Mooney
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LoTSS/HETDEX: Optical quasars -I. Low-frequency radio properties of optically selected quasars	G. Gurkan
The intergalactic magnetic field probed by a giant radio galaxy	S. P. O'Sullivan
The evolutionary phases of merging clusters as seen by LOFAR	A. Wilber
Exploring the properties of low-frequency radio emission and magnetic fields of a sample of compact galaxy groups using the LOFAR Two-Metre Sky Survey (LoTSS)	B. Nikiel-Wroczyński
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The LoTSS view of radio-AGN in the local Universe. The most massive galaxies are always switched on	J. Sabater
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# Application à MeerKAT



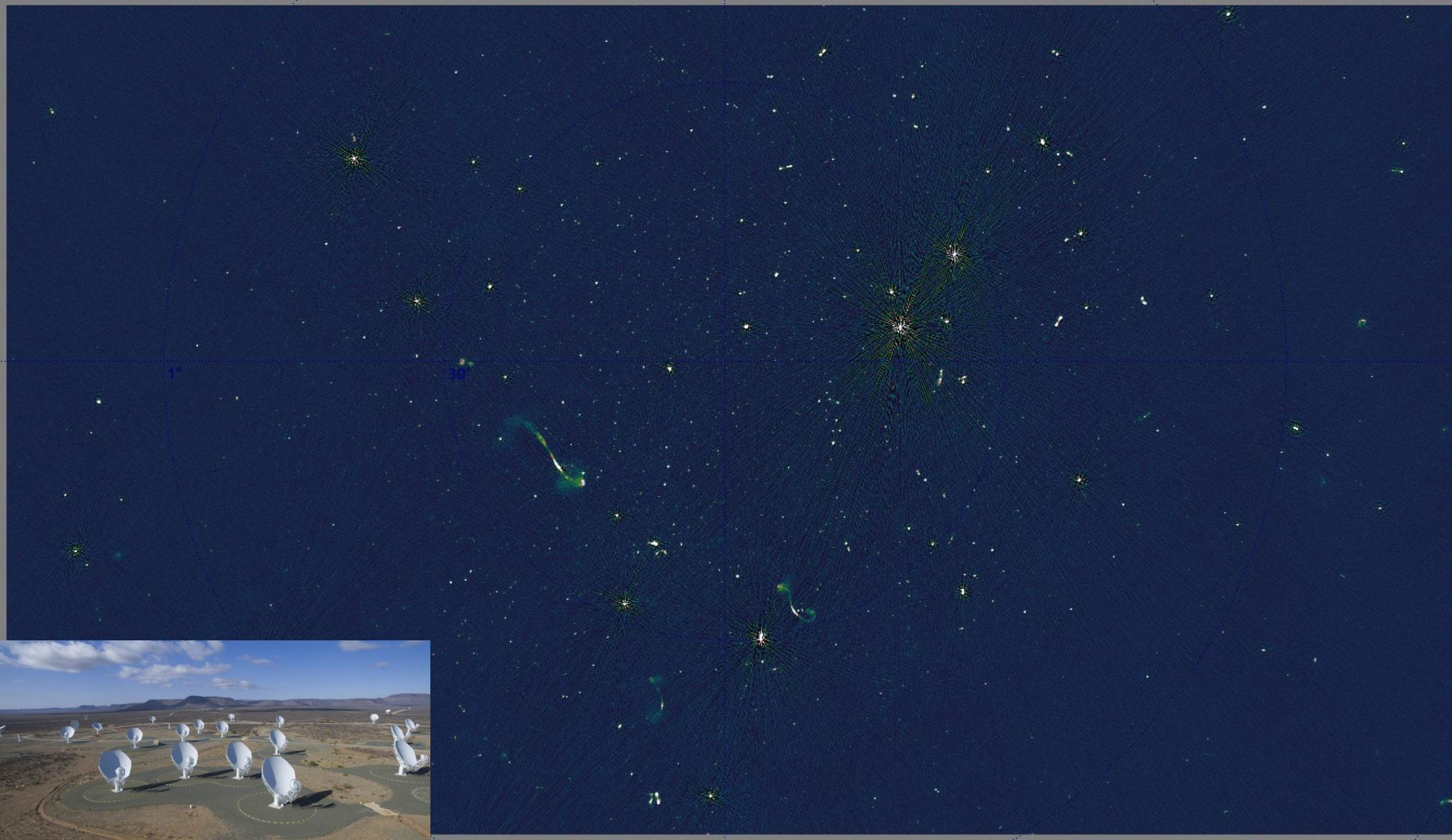
# COSMOS field with kMS/DDF

Credit : Ian Heywood for  
MeerKAT/Mightee collaboration



# Chandra Deep Field South with kMS/DDF

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A light blue background with several dark blue, irregular shapes representing cellular structures. One large, central shape has a bright, circular core, likely a nucleolus. Smaller, isolated dark spots are scattered across the field.

**Merci !**