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SKA Key Science Goals

Science Goal	SWG	Objective	SWG Rank
1	<i>CD/EoR</i>	Physics of the early universe IGM - I. Imaging	1/3
2	<i>CD/EoR</i>	Physics of the early universe IGM - II. Power spectrum	2/3
4	<i>Pulsars</i>	Reveal pulsar population and MSPs for gravity tests and Gravitational Wave detection	1/3
5	<i>Pulsars</i>	High precision timing for testing gravity and GW detection	1/3
13	<i>HI</i>	Resolved HI kinematics and morphology of $\sim 10^{10} M_{\text{sol}}$ mass galaxies out to $z \sim 0.8$	1/5
14	<i>HI</i>	High spatial resolution studies of the ISM in the nearby Universe.	2/5
15	<i>HI</i>	Multi-resolution mapping studies of the ISM in our Galaxy	3/5
18	<i>Transients</i>	Solve missing baryon problem at $z \sim 2$ and determine the Dark Energy Equation of State	=1/4
22	<i>Cradle of Life</i>	Map dust grain growth in the terrestrial planet forming zones at a distance of 100 pc	1/5
27	<i>Magnetism</i>	The resolved all-Sky characterisation of the interstellar and intergalactic magnetic fields	1/5
32	<i>Cosmology</i>	Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity and tests of gravity on super-horizon scales.	1/5
33	<i>Cosmology</i>	Angular correlation functions to probe non-Gaussianity and the matter dipole	2/5
37 + 38	<i>Continuum</i>	Star formation history of the Universe (SFHU) – I+II. Non-thermal & Thermal processes	1+2/8

Table 2. List of highest priority SKA1 science objectives, grouped by SWG, but otherwise in arbitrary order.

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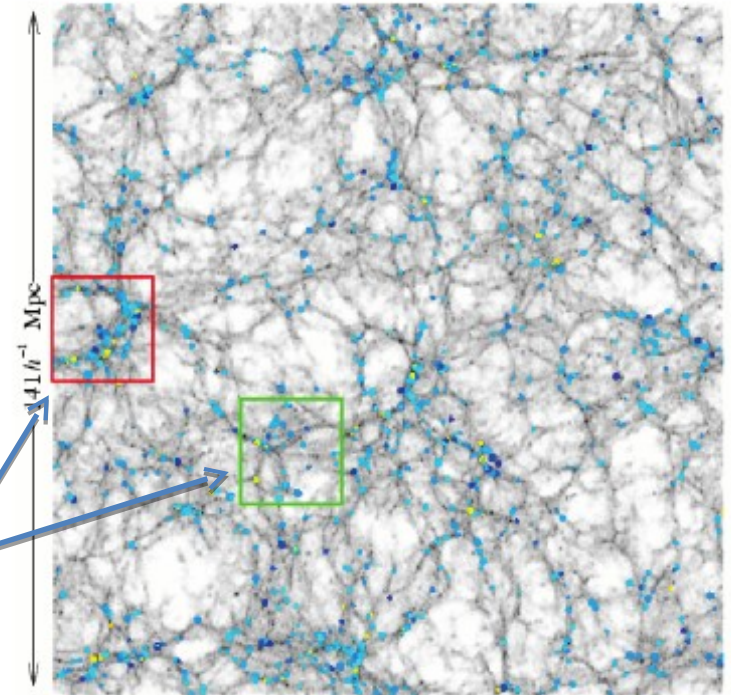
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- Strong lensing

Deep
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100deg²

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GALFORM, Benson et al. 2000

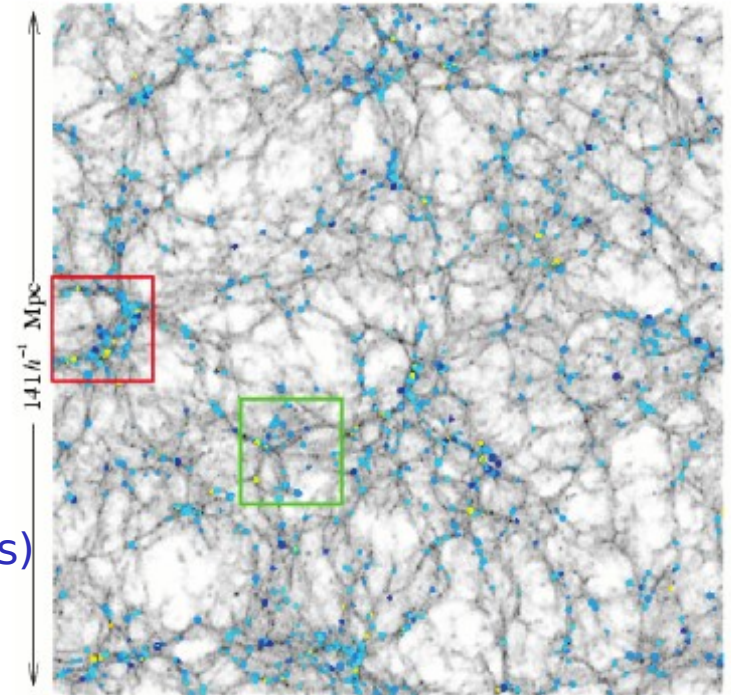
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- Integrated Sachs-Wolfe Effect
- Magnification Bias
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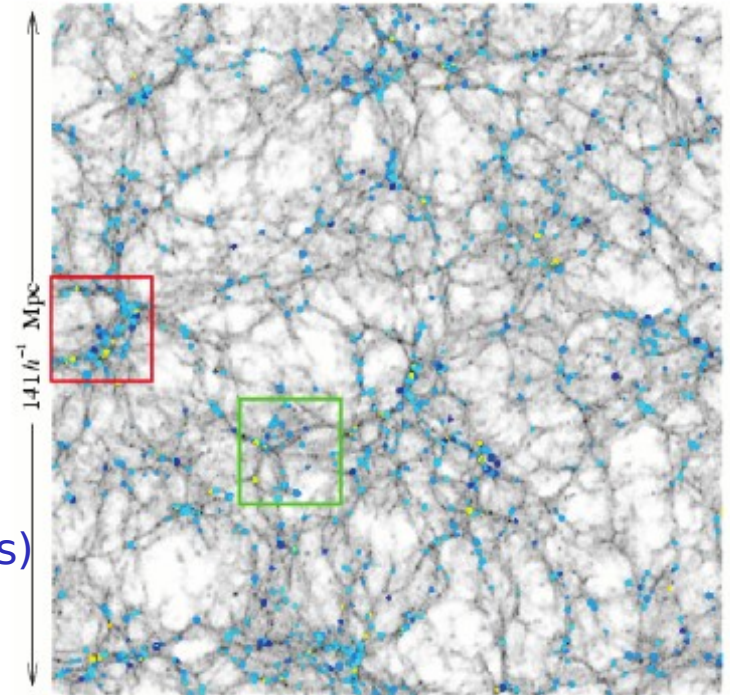
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- Synergy with surveys in other wave-bands (LSST, Euclid, JWST, eROSITA)



SKA₁ Reference Surveys @ Band 2 (Full BW)

**SKA1: factor 30x over JVLA
factor 5x over pathfinders**

All-Sky (2 yr) $\approx 3\pi$

Wide (1 yr) $\approx 5000 \text{ deg}^2$

Deep (2000^h) $\approx 30 \text{ deg}^2$

**Ultra Deep (") $\approx 1 \text{ deg}^2$
(pre-rebaselining!)**

SKA1-SUR Surveys:

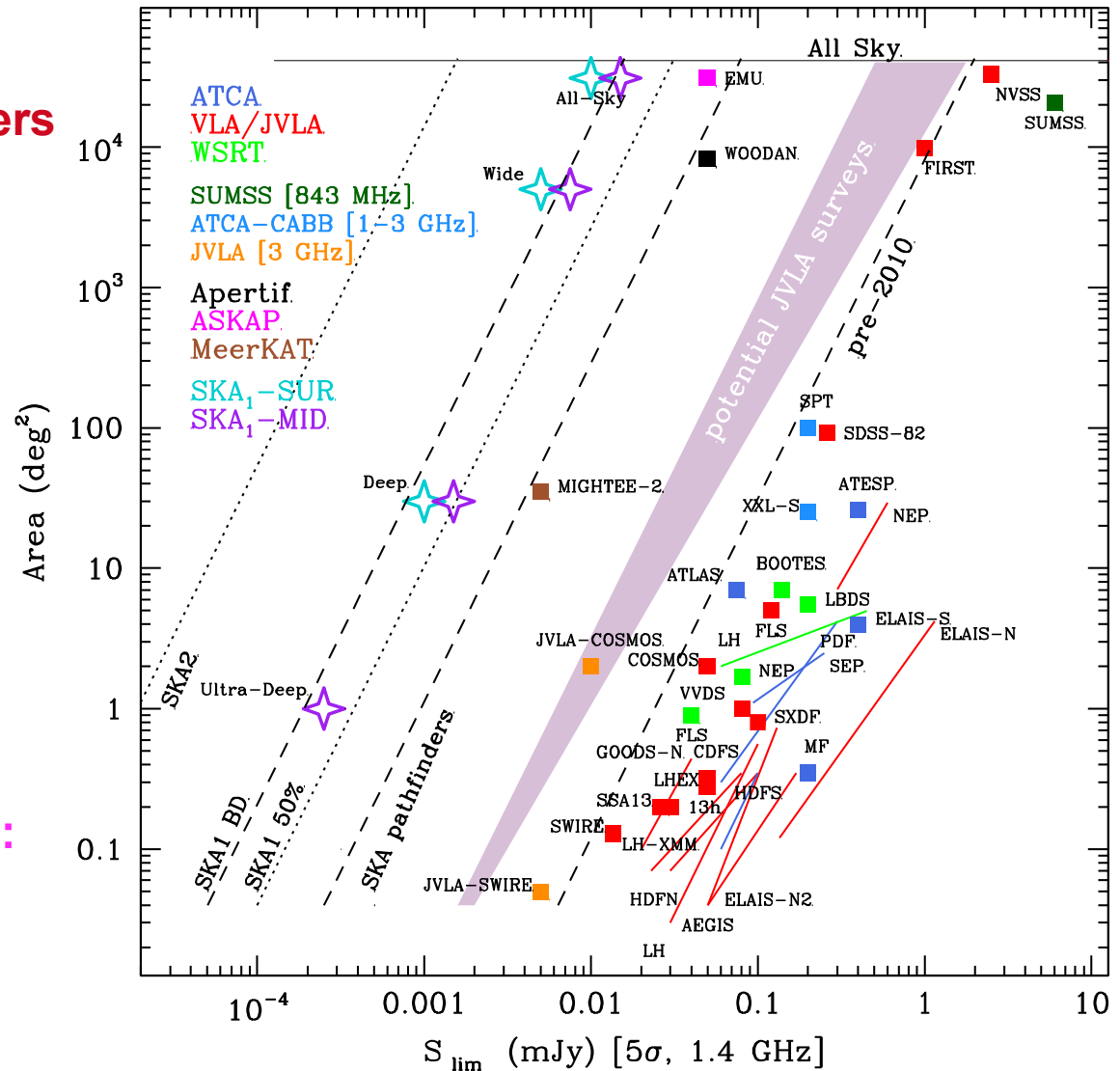
Resolution: $\sim 2\text{-}3 \text{ arcsec}$

Rms noise: 2, 1, 0.2 $\mu\text{Jy/b}$

SKA1-MID High-res Surveys:

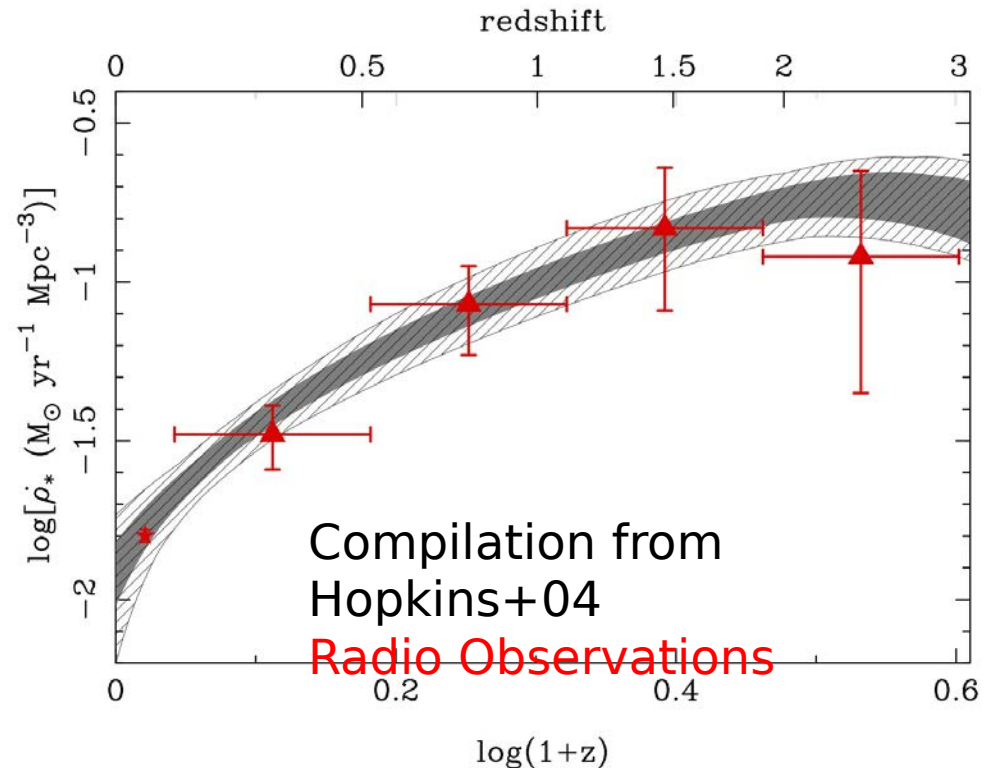
Resolution: $\sim 0.6\text{-}3 \text{ arcsec}$

Rms noise: 3, 1.5, 0.3 $\mu\text{Jy/b}$
+ 0.05 $\mu\text{Jy/b}$



Prandoni & Seymour
(2015)

Deep Fields
Dominated by SFGs



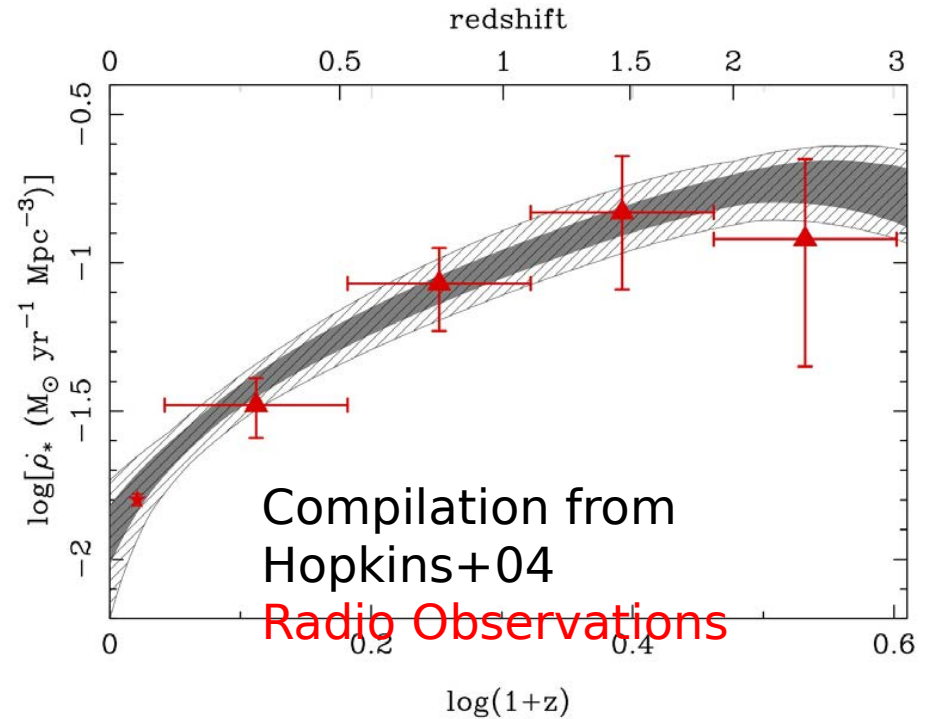
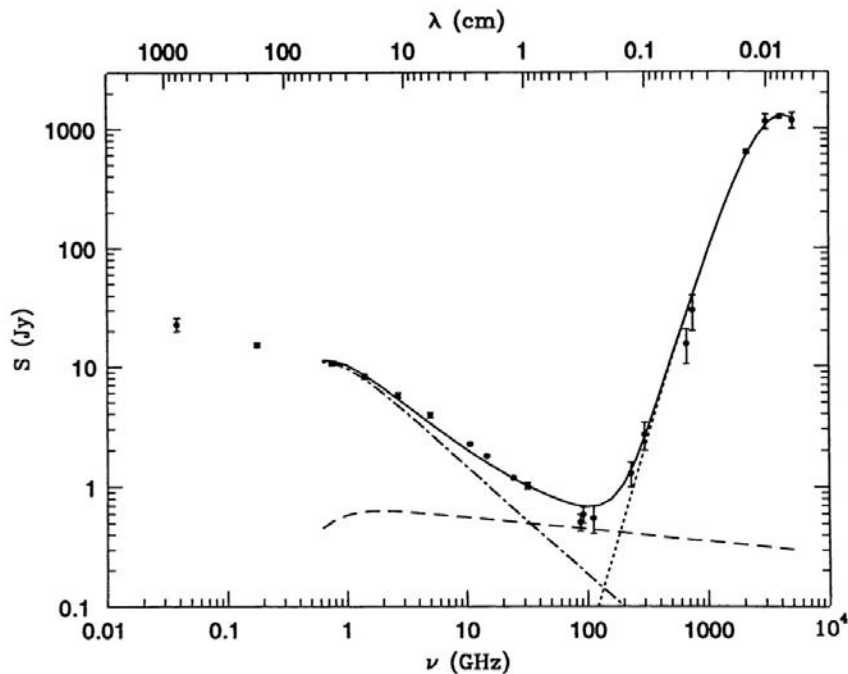
*(Seymour et al
2008)*



Star Formation vs Cosmic Time

Deep Fields
Dominated by SFGs

Thermal emission traced at high- ν

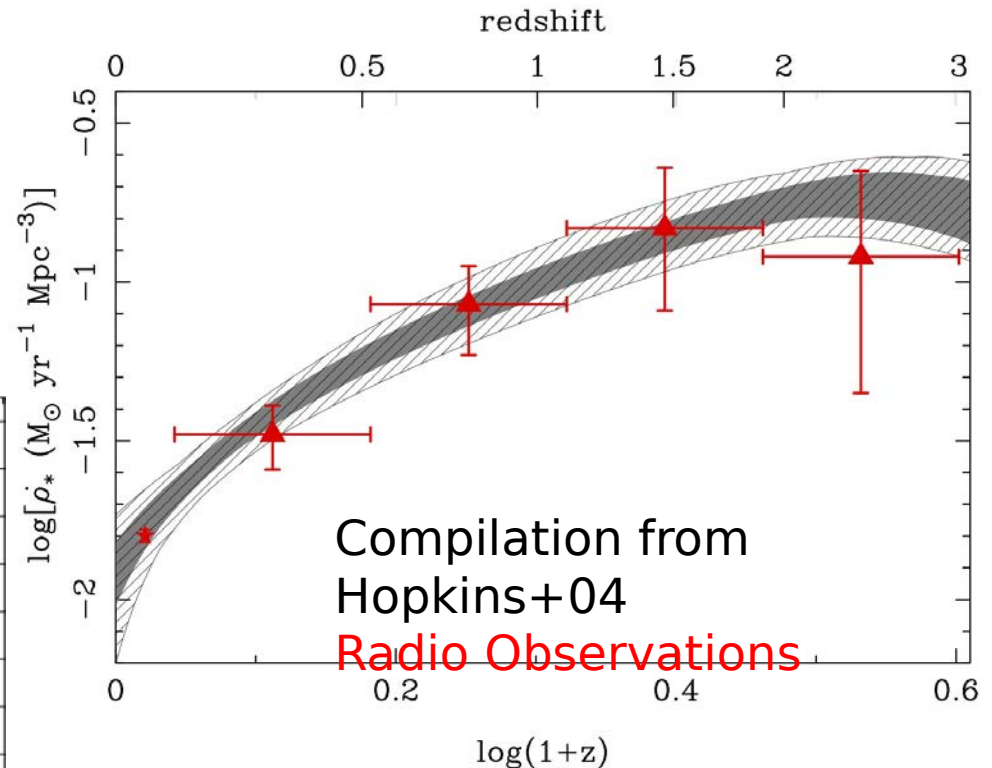
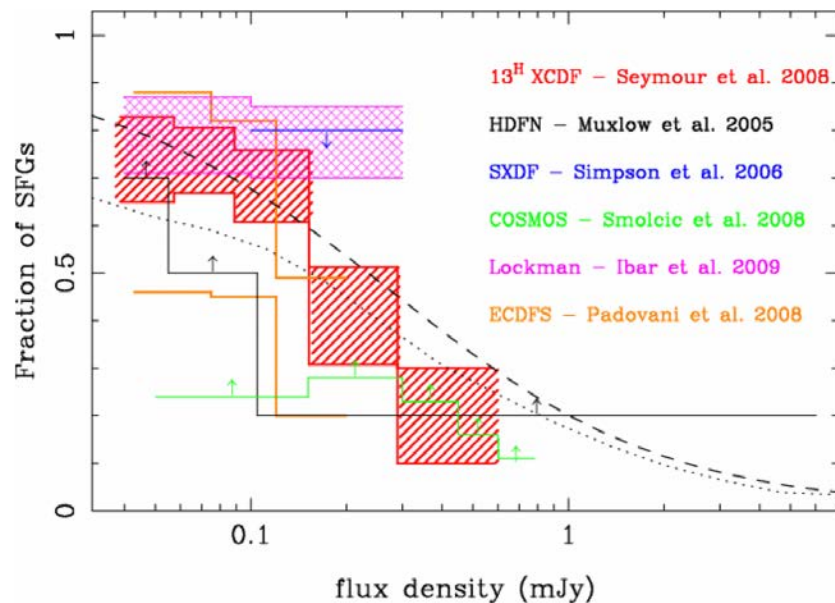


*(Seymour et al
2008)*

Condon et al. 1992

Deep Fields Dominated by SFGs

Fraction of SFGs



(Seymour et al 2008)

Effect of Galaxy Mass

Rodighiero+2011

Requirement: sensitive to low SFR systems at high z \square **nJy sensitivities**

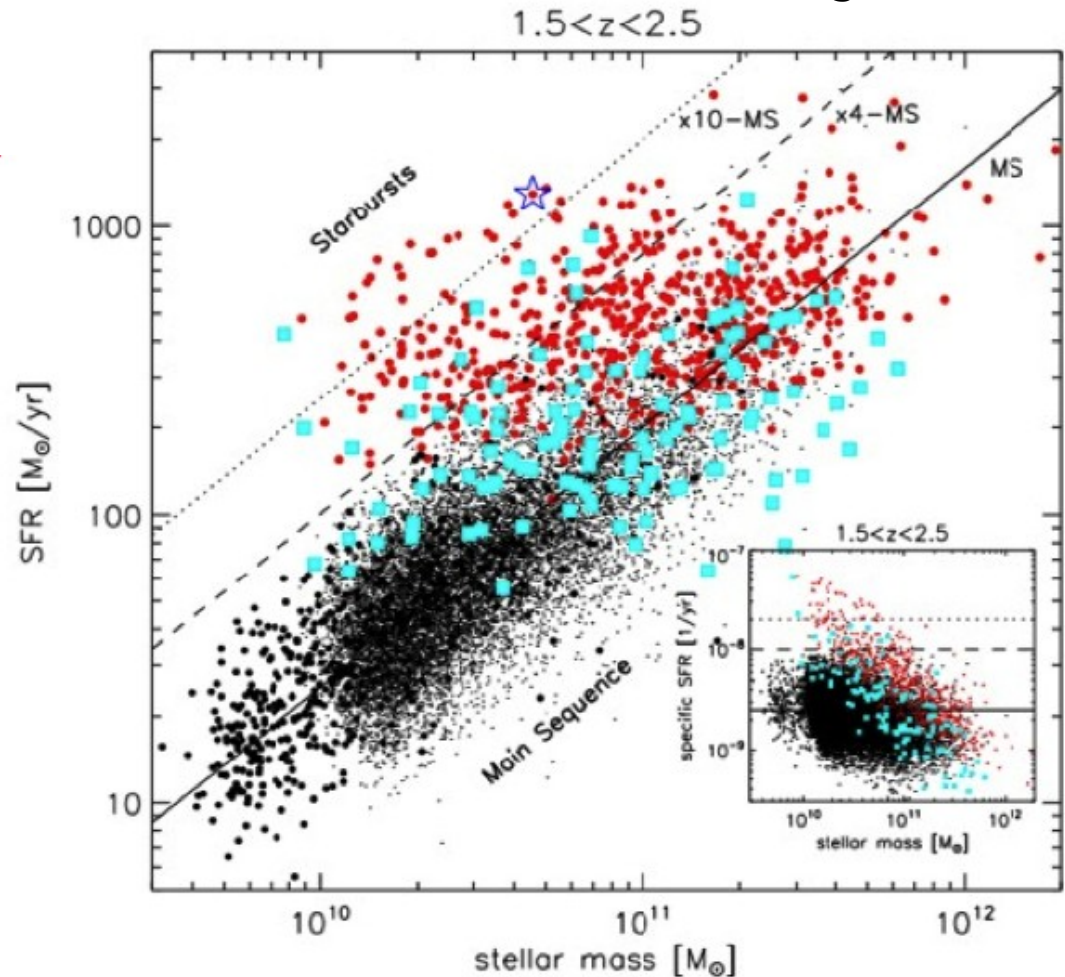
Ultra Deep:

SKA₁ $\sim 10 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$ @ $z < 2-3$

1 M_{sun}/yr @ $z \sim 1$

SKA₂ $\sim 10 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$ @ $z \sim 6-7$

1 M_{sun}/yr @ $z \sim 3$





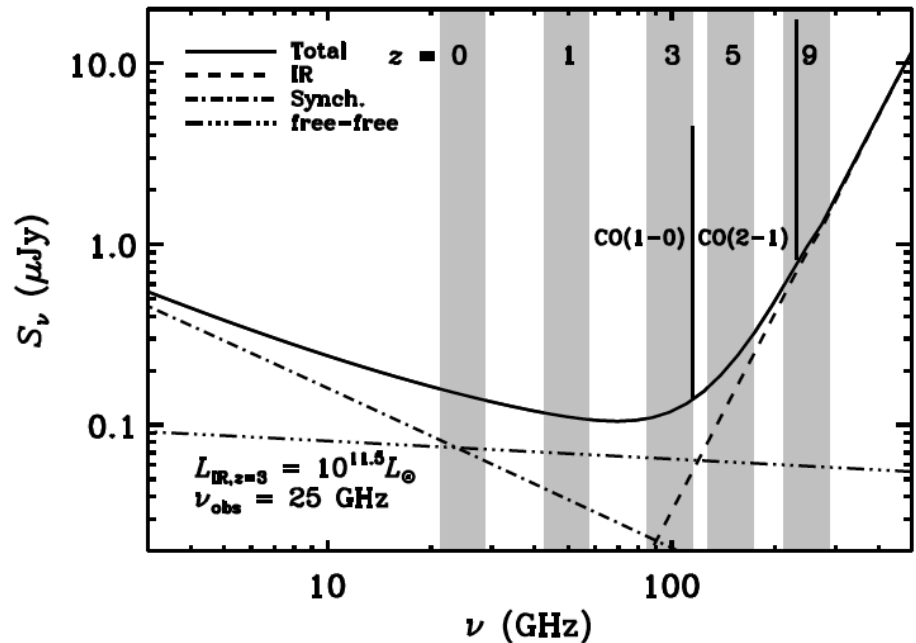
Detailed Astrophysics of SF

@ $z > 2$

$v_{\text{obs}} \sim 10 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow v_{\text{rest}} > 30 \text{ GHz}$

Thermal emission
more accurate SFR

High resolution for resolved
SFG studies



Requirement: sub-uJy sensitivity

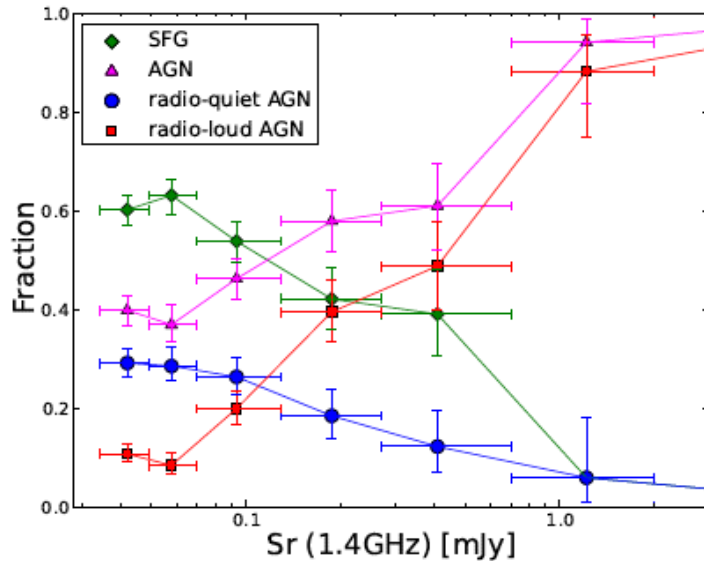
@ sub-arcsec spatial resolution

SKA1 \Rightarrow 0.1 arcsec resolution at $\sim 10 \text{ GHz}$

100 M_{sun}/yr SFGs up to $z \sim 2$ & 10 M_{sun}/yr SFGs up to $z \sim 0.5$

SKA2 \Rightarrow extend frequency coverage to 30 GHz (synergy with ALMA for High- z molecular lines)

Black Hole Accretion History



Bonzini+ 2013

Complete census of RL and RQ AGNs

▢ complete view of AGN feedback

RL AGN - Radio Mode

→jet-driven mechanical feedback

RQ-AGN - QSO Mode

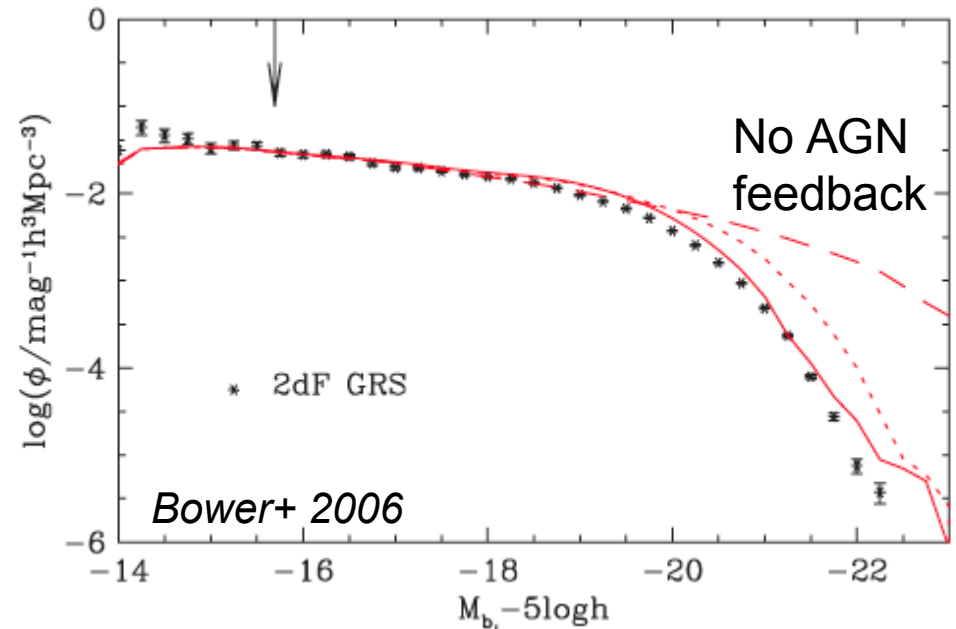
→radiation-driven feedback (winds)

•RQ-AGN start to appear at uJy levels in deep radio fields

▢ Evolution of radio-selected AGN down to RQ regime [$P \sim 10^{21}$ W/Hz]

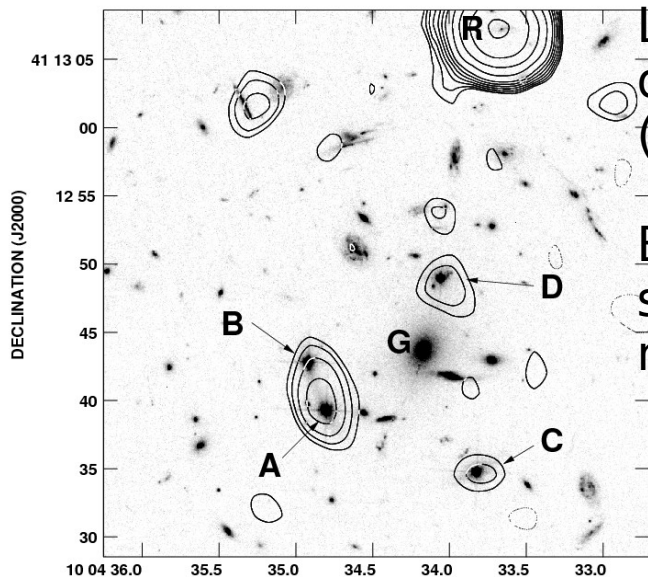
→RQ/RL Dichotomy

▢ Role of AGN feedback



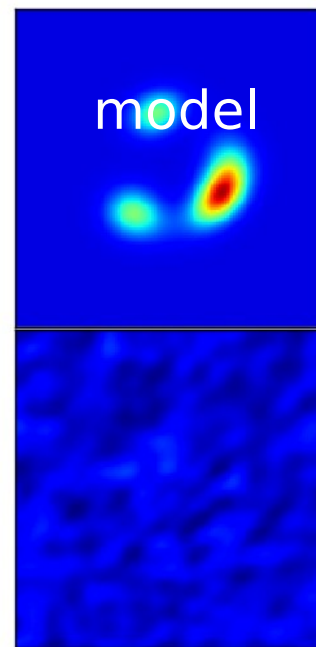
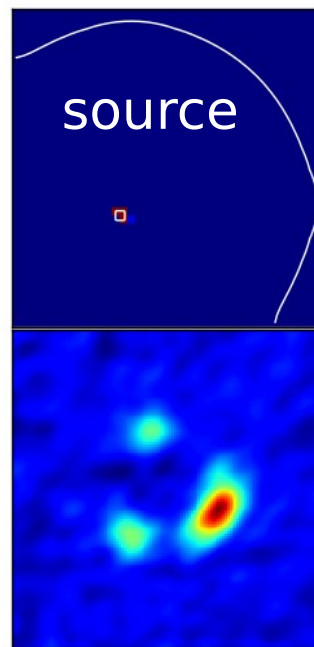
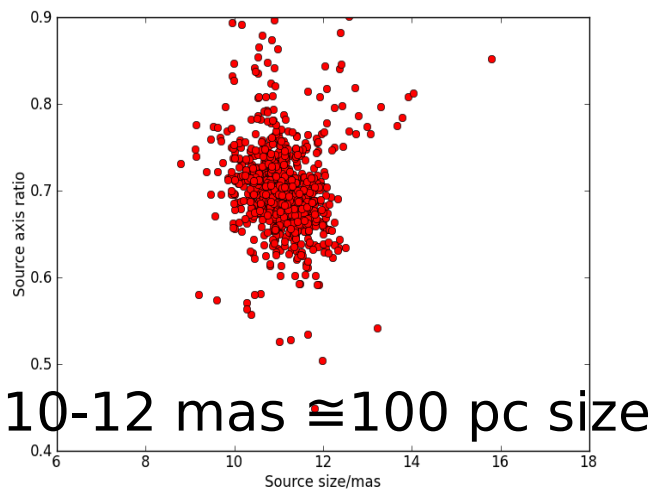
Gravitational Lensing

Courtesy N. Jackson



Left: SDSS J1004+4112 ($z=1.7$; 6hr JVLA 5GHz, C conf) quadruply lensed radio-quiet quasar of ~ 1 uJy intrinsic flux (Jackson 2011)

Below: HS0810+2445 ($z=1.5$, 3hr JVLA 5GHz, C conf) similarly faint RQ quasar (Jackson, et al. in prep): modelling shows intrinsic extent of RQQ





SKA as a VLBI Machine

High resolution sensitive radio observations most direct and neat way to securely pinpoint AGN radio emission in deep radio fields

Requirement:

sub-uJy sensitivity @ mas resolution

Baselines >1000 km \Rightarrow SKA₂

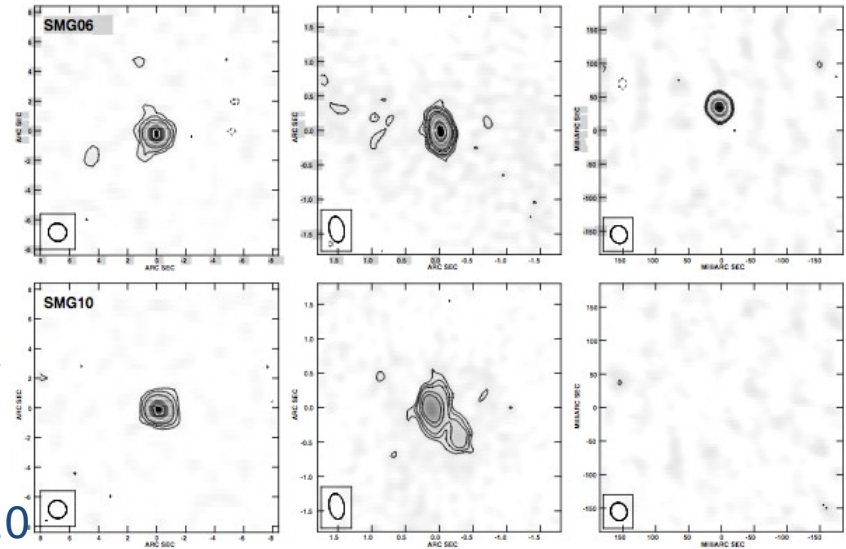
SKA₁: First analysis with resolution of 50 mas in Band 5 (<0.5 kpc at $z \sim 1$) +VLBI

High spatial resolution allows to separate AGN/SF contributions in *hybrid* sources

$z=2.7$
 $S=246$ mJy

$z=1.2$
 $S=295$ mJy

HDFN
Biggs+ 2010





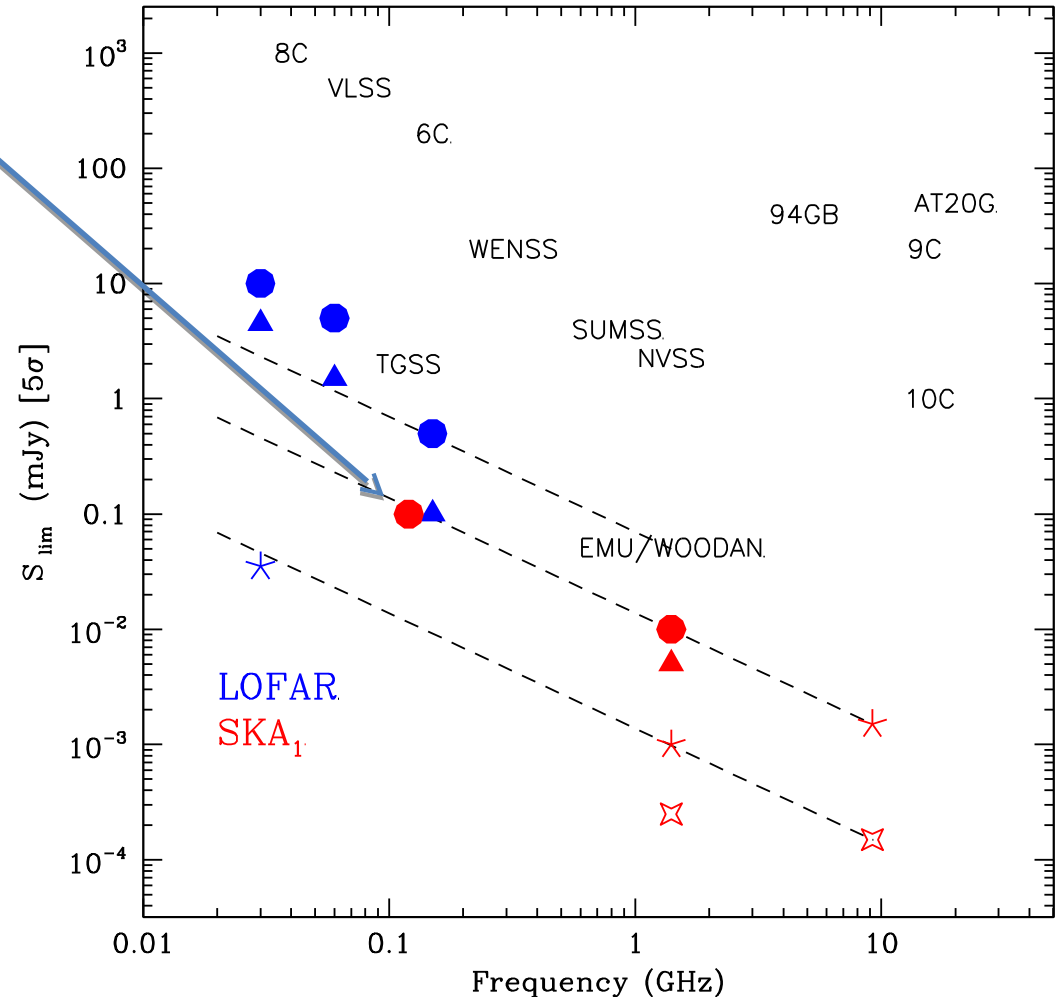
SKA₁ Reference Surveys vs frequency

SKA1-LOW: All sky at LOFAR
Deep Survey level

Confusion limited @ ~20 uJy/b
rms (120 MHz, 10" res.)

+ SKA₁-LOW + Band 2/5
surveys

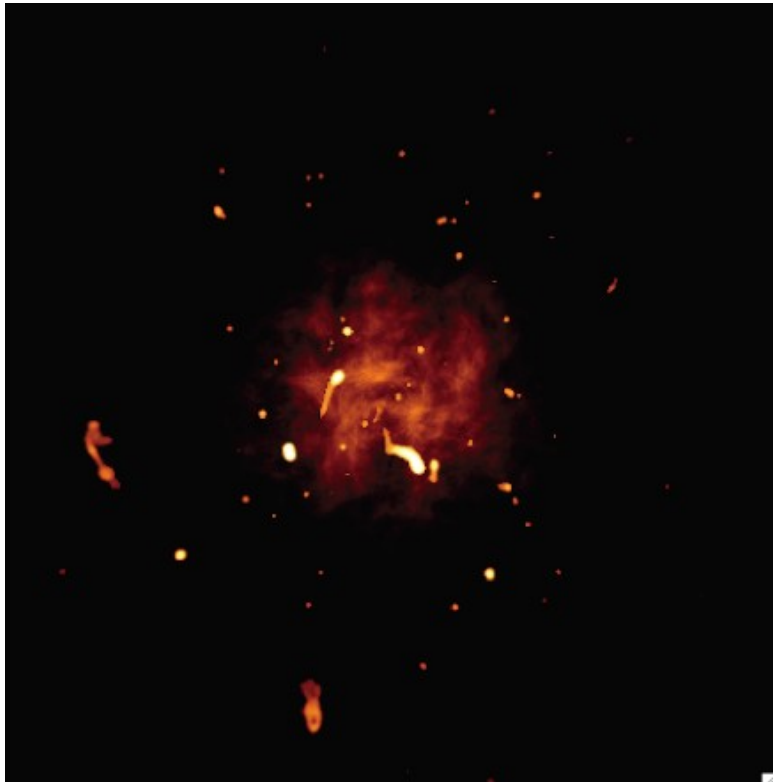
→ Good match in sensitivity
for steep spectrum sources



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Galaxy Clusters – SKA_LOW



Ferrari et al. (2015)

SKA1-LOW:

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Exploit excellent surface brightness
Sensitivity of SKA-LOW in synergy with
eROSITA, up to $z \sim 0.5$

SKA will be sensitive to
USSRHs (low-mass mergers) and “off-
state” RHs (relaxed clusters)

SKA2:

For higher- z needs $< 10''$ resolution to
remove foreground galaxies

Surface brightness sensitivity + steep spectrum:

▫ Resolved studies of extended RGs

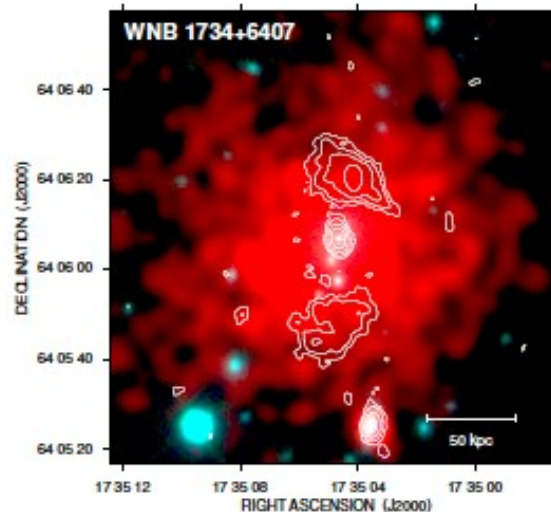
SKA1 ▫ most extended RGs (>10 arcsec)

SKA2 ▫ full RG population

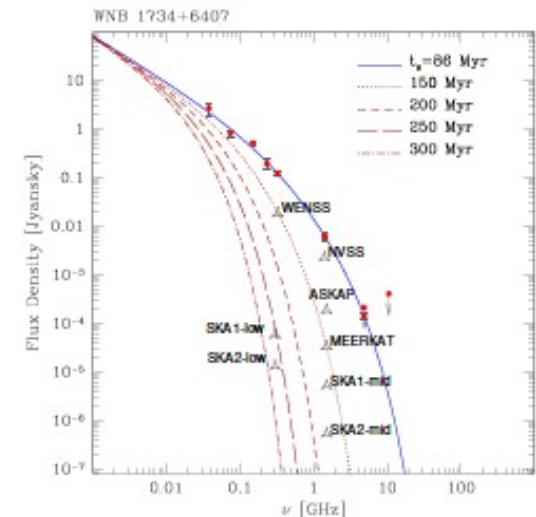
▫ USS dying radio sources

→ 1st generation RL AGNs ($z > 6$)

SKA2 ▫ <50 MHz



*Italian SKA White Paper
Courtesy M. Murgia*





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**POSSIBLE POSTDOC
POSITION!!**



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<http://www.ast.uct.ac.za/sparcs2015/>

http://askap.pbworks.com/w/page/94530611/Meeting_2015Aug12

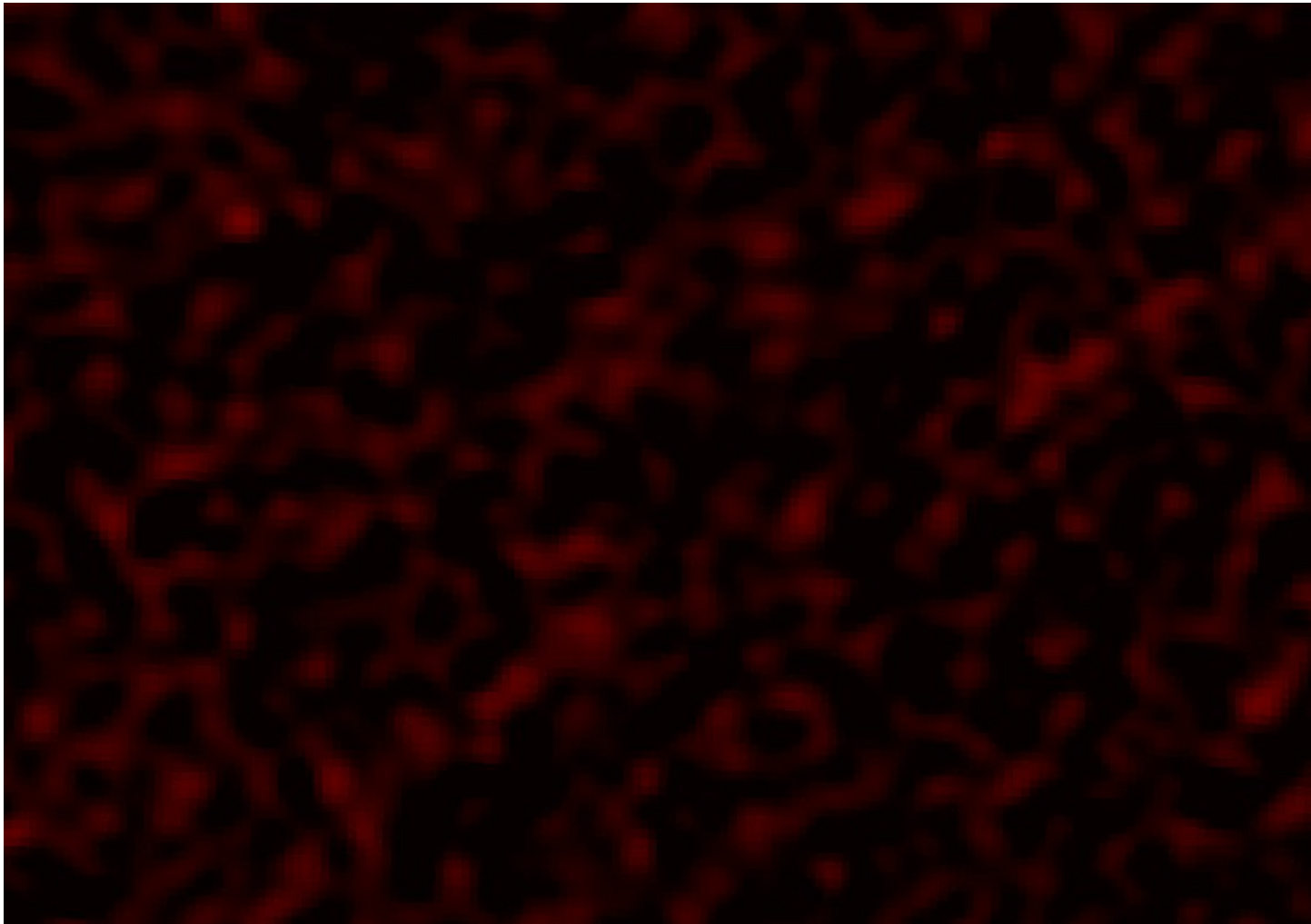


Conclusions

- **Continuum science covers diverse topics: galaxy evolution, galaxy clusters, strong lensing, AGN & SF physics**
- **Sensitivity plus survey speed = novel view of galaxy evolution**
- **Added value from uJy and sub-uJy sensitivities @ sub-arcsec resolution + Band 5 in phase 1**
- **Continuum Chapters all available: <http://arxiv.org/html/1412.6942v1>**
- **Next step: commence KSP planning, refine reference surveys, examine commensality**



Bonus: more foregrounds



Credit: MWA, Hurley-Walker & Seymour



Questions for Continuum Discussion

Chapters all available: <http://arxiv.org/html/1412.6942v1>

- **What is the key science planned for SKA1? Refine from EMU**
- **Where does Australia have critical mass (research-wise)? Leadership potential? Yes, Build on ASKAP/MWA**
- **What are the synergies with other wavelengths? Are these links in place? Keep track of multi-lambda**
- **Is there potential science that has been missed by the written science cases – how well developed is it – is there work to be done?**
- **(Have you considered developing new science interests over the next 5 years?)**
- **What is the most exciting science that you think should be pursued by SKA1? The new class of objects from EMU**



OzSKA Continuum Discussion

- **Key Science is SFH officially, but can't disentangle from the general theme of galaxy evolution**
- **Good expertise already here in Australia, but little overlap with SKA Continuum SWG, get engaged**
- **Key to science is to align with other multi-lambda deep surveys**
- **Accept science case will evolve, e.g. with EMU we keep generating new KSPs after we thought we'd exhausted ideas**
- **How do precursors feed into SKA: MWA/GLEAM and ASKAP/EMU will provide SKA with an all-sky model**
- **Match to simulations, possible new KSP for EMU**
- **The new class of objects from EMU/GLEAM**
- **Broad band radio science**
 - LOW quickly confused -> cover wide-lambda
 - Need to get continuum from FLASH between MWA+EMU
 - High-nu survey (300MHz) from eMWA
 - Deep/Wide CX-band observation of the ATLAS survey fields



SKA Rebaselining

SKA1 MID - the SKA's mid-frequency instrument

The Square Kilometre Array (SKA) will be the world's largest radio telescope, revolutionising our understanding of the Universe. The SKA will be built in two phases - SKA1 and SKA2 - starting in 2018, with SKA1 representing a fraction of the full SKA. SKA1 will include two instruments - SKA1 MID and SKA1 LOW - observing the Universe at different frequencies.



Location: South Africa



Frequency range: **350 MHz to 14 GHz**



~200 dishes
(including 64 MeerCAT dishes)

Total collecting area: **33,000m²**

or **126 tennis courts**



Maximum distance between dishes: **150km**



Total raw data output:
2 terabytes per second
62 exabytes per year



Enough to fill **340,000** average laptops with content **every day**



Compared to the JVLA, the current best similar instrument in the world:

4x the resolution

5x more sensitive

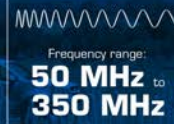
60x the survey speed

SKA1 LOW - the SKA's low-frequency instrument

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Location: Australia

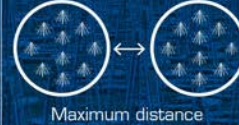


Frequency range: **50 MHz to 350 MHz**



~130,000 antennas spread between **500 stations**

Total collecting area: **0.4km²**



Maximum distance between stations: **65km**



Total raw data output:
157 terabytes per second
4.9 zettabytes per year



Enough to fill up **35,000 DVDs** every second

5x

the estimated global internet traffic in 2015
(source: Cisco)



Compared to LOFAR Netherlands, the current best similar instrument in the world

25% better resolution

8x more sensitive

135x the survey speed



SKA Science WGs

- **Provide advice on science requirements**
- **Provide operational advice**
- **Make recommendations on potential improvements**
- **Promote SKA and science**
- **Structure:**
 - SWG chairs
 - Core members
 - Full teams



Table 1: Outline of Reference Surveys

Main Science Drivers	Frequency (GHz)	Tier	Sensitivity rms $\mu\text{Jy/b}$	Area deg^2	Resolution arcsec	Relevant Science
SFHU	$\sim 1^a$	Ultra Deep	0.05	1	0.5^b	SFHU non-thermal; $z \sim 3 - 6$ SMBH evolution/AGN feedback
		Deep	0.2	10-30	0.5	SFHU non-thermal; $z \sim 1 - 2$ SMBH evolution/AGN feedback
		Wide	1	$1-5 \times 10^3$	0.5	SFHU non-thermal; $0 < z < 1$ Resolved SF in nearby Universe SMBH evolution/AGN feedback RL/RQ AGN dichotomy SF/AGN astrophysics in nearby galaxies
	~ 10	Ultra Deep	0.03	0.008	0.1	SFHU thermal; $z \sim 3 - 6$ Resolved SF at $z \sim 1 - 2$ SF/AGN Interplay
		Deep	0.3	0.5	0.05	SFHU thermal $z < \sim 1 - 3$ Resolved SF at $z < 1$ SF/AGN Interplay
		Clusters	0.12	All-sky	$\sim 20^c$	31×10^3
Strong GL	1.4	All-sky	3	31×10^3	≤ 0.5	Strong GL SF/AGN astrophysics in nearby galaxies rare populations
Legacy	1.4	All-sky	2 2 2	31×10^3	~ 2	Legacy Galaxy Plane Serendipity rare populations

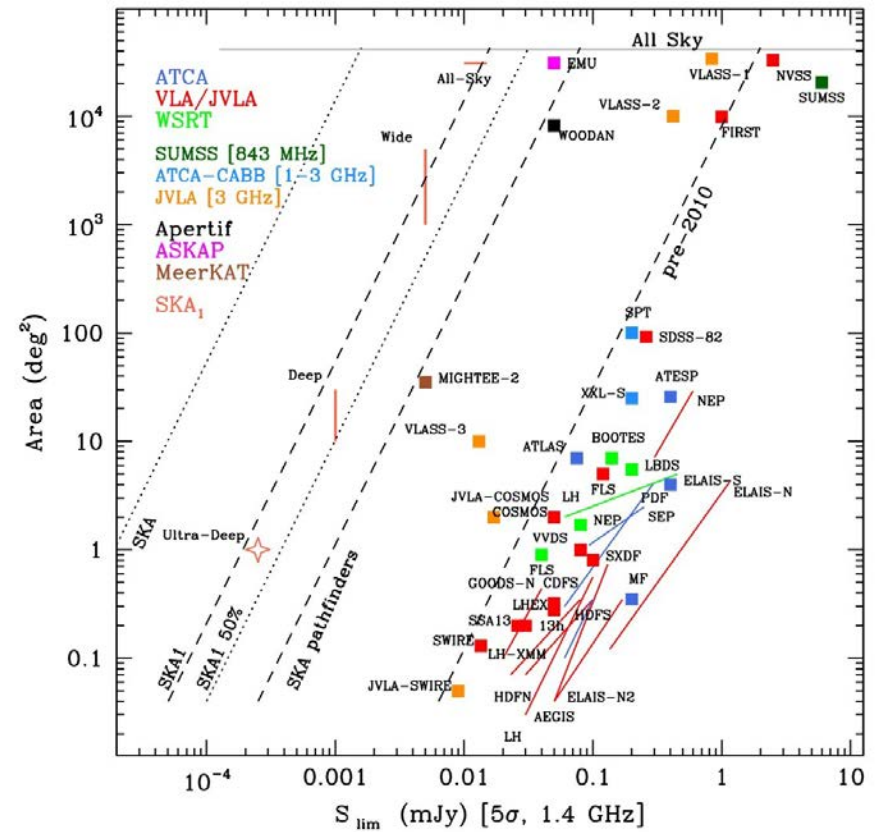
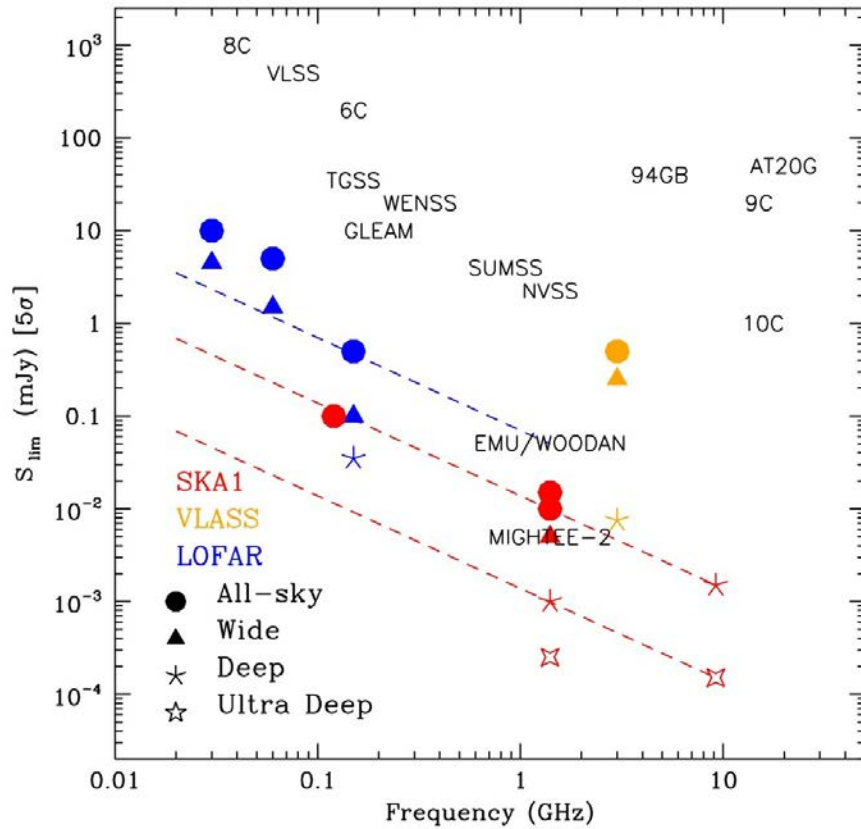
^a Reference value. The observing frequency can be fine-tuned within Band 1 and/or 2

^b Reference value at 1 GHz. < 1 arcsec required to avoid confusion (see text)

^c Confusion limited



SKA Continuum Reference Surveys





SKA KSPs

- **Ensure KS objectives addressed**
- **Facilitate deliverary of data products**
- **Share expertise between members**
- **50-70% of time dedicated to KSPs**
- **KSPs expected to dedicate resources**
- **Membership open to SKA members, but some restrictions for non-members**
- **Great opportunity to get involved now**
- **2-3 workshops per year: 1st in Stockholm this August**