

Radio Surveys Data Analysis in the Visibility Domain

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- Radio data
- Use case: Radio Weak Lensing Surveys
- Image vs Visibilities
- HPC analysis methods in the Visibility Domain
- Data Challenge → RWL pipeline
- Conclusions

Radio interferometers produce **complex visibilities** sampled at discrete locations in the Fourier domain (uv plane)

sampling function (uv coverage): $S(u, v) = \sum_i \delta(u - u_i, v - v_i)$

complex raw visibilities

$$V(u, v) \sim \iint I(l, m) e^{-2\pi i(ul+vm)} dl dm$$

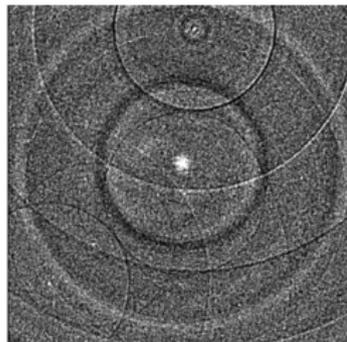
↓ calibration, gridding, FFT

dirty image

$$I^D = \iint S(u, v) V(u, v) e^{2\pi i(ul+vm)} du dv = I * PSF$$

↓ iterative PSF deconvolution

clean image



New generation of radio interferometers, such as SKA, provide:

- **high resolution** (antennas distributed over a very large area)
- **high sensitivity**

for radio continuum surveys

MEANING

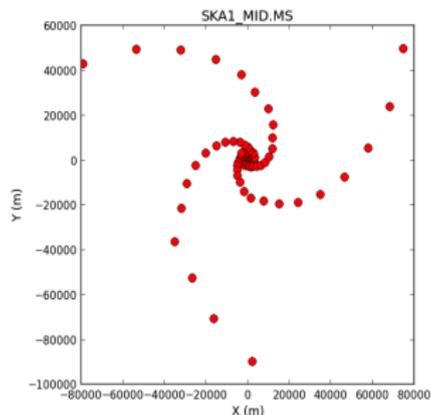
- observation of **large number density** of faint **extended sources**
- **big data volume** not supported by current tools
- traditional imaging algorithms cannot be applied anymore

Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Mid-Frequency

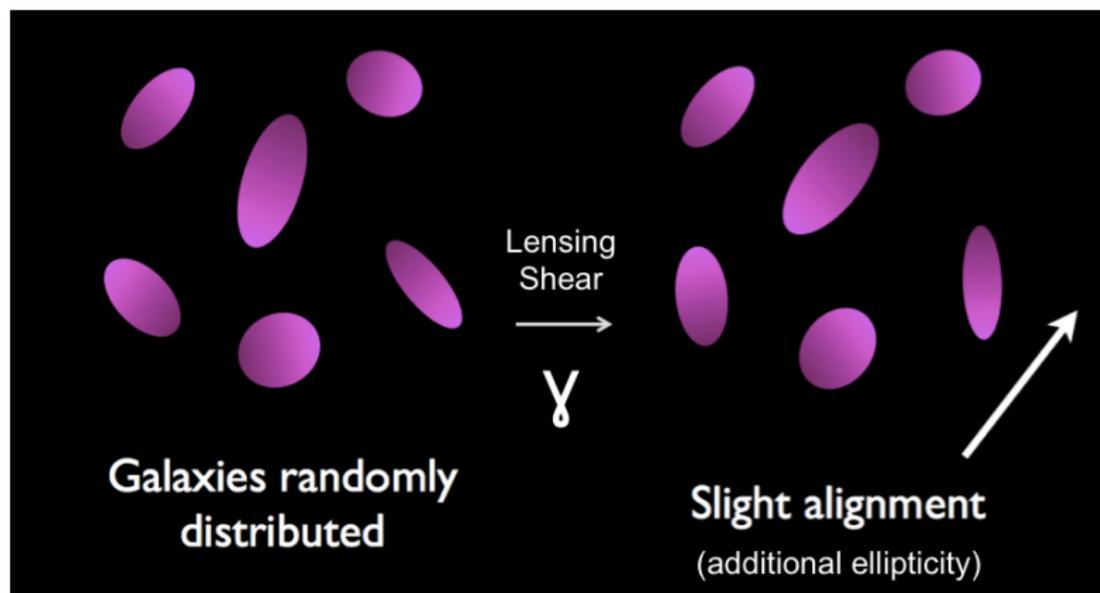
SKA-MID South Africa 350 MHz - 14 GHz

Phase 1: 64 MeerKAT 13.5m + 133 SKA 15m dishes
max baseline 150 km, resolution 0.3 arcsec
 $\sim 3 \text{ gal/arcmin}^2 \rightarrow 10^4$ sources in 1 deg^2 FoV!

Phase 2: ~ 2000 dishes, $\sim 10 \text{ gal/arcmin}^2$



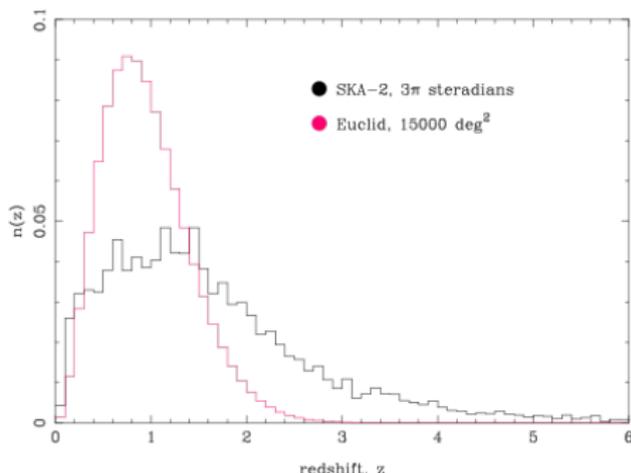
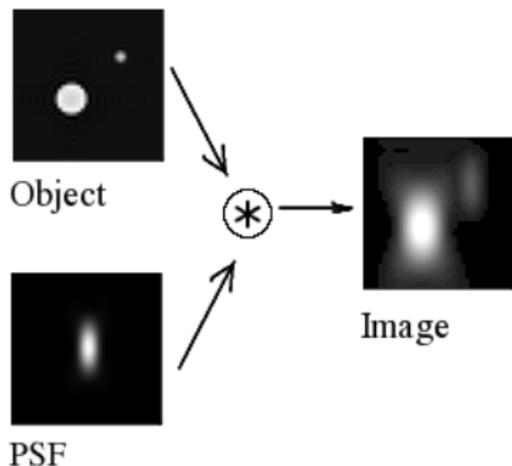
Use Case: Radio Weak Lensing



For a large sample of background galaxies: $\gamma \sim \langle \mathbf{e} \rangle$.

Use Case: Radio Weak Lensing

- **Higher redshift** source distribution (beyond LSST and Euclid).
- Redshift measurement from detection of HI 21 cm lines.



M. Brown et al., SKA Science Book Vol.2, 2015

- **Well-known and deterministic knowledge of PSF** (from antennae positions) solves one of the biggest systematic errors.

Use Case: Radio Weak Lensing

- Other measurements may provide estimate of galaxy's intrinsic orientation allowing **mitigation of intrinsic alignments**:
 - *radio polarization* (Brown & Battye 2011, Thomas et al 2017)
 - *HI rotational velocity* (Morales 2006, Huff et al 2013)
- **Cross-correlation** of shear estimators of optical and radio surveys drops out wavelength dependent systematics. (Demetroullas & Brown, 2016, 2018)

$$\tilde{\gamma} = \gamma + \gamma^i + \gamma^s$$

$$\langle \tilde{\gamma}_o \tilde{\gamma}_r \rangle = \langle \gamma \gamma \rangle + \langle \gamma_o^i \gamma \rangle + \langle \gamma_r^i \gamma \rangle + \langle \gamma_o^i \gamma_r^i \rangle + \langle \gamma_o^s \gamma_r^s \rangle$$

Cosmic shear
signal

Intrinsic correlations in
galaxy shapes (GI & II signals)

Systematics will be
uncorrelated for optical
and radio telescopes

Galaxy Shape Measurement in the Radio Band

At $\sim 1\text{GHz}$ faint SF galaxies flux densities should be dominated by synchrotron radiation emitted by the ISM in the disc alone.

Measurement approach: **galaxy disc model fitting**

- **Image**: use optical methods corrected for galaxy and PSF models
 - Noise correlated.
 - Iterative deconvolution imaging procedure gives poor results w.r.t. requirements. [Patel et al. \(2015\)](#)

	Multiplicative Bias	Additive Bias
SKA1 requirement	0.0067	0.00082
CLEAN images	-0.265 ± 0.02	0.001 ± 0.005

- **Visibility**: adapt optical methods to the Fourier space or development of new ones.
 - Natural approach, data not yet affected by systematics introduced by the imaging process.
 - So far the only ones to successfully detect radio weak lensing signal. [Chang et al. \(2004\)](#)
 - Computationally demanding and sources not localised.

Galaxy visibility model: analytical FT of the exponential profile

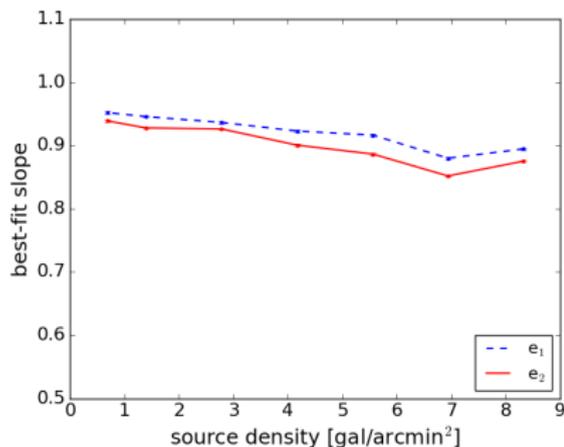
Two Bayesian approaches given the sky *source catalog* (position and integrated flux) and *calibrated visibilities*:

- **Single-source model**: *RadioLensfit* (Rivi, Miller 2018)
 - source extraction (sky model + faceting)
 - chi-square fitting of a single source at a time marginalising over position, flux and size
 - likelihood sampling (ML + adaptive grid around the maximum)
 - Multi-threaded code (C+OpenMP), working on MPI extension
- **Multi-source model**: *BIRO - Hamiltonian Monte Carlo* (Rivi et al. 2019)
 - Joint fitting of all sources in the field of view (*ellipticity and size!*)
 - Analytical likelihood gradient computation for HMC sampler
 - GPU-accelerated tool for model and likelihood computation:
Montblanc (Perkins et al. 2015)

Performance

Simulation SKA1-MID 8 hrs, $t_{\text{acc}} = 60$ s, 1 channel at 1.07 GHz \rightarrow 9,266,880 visibilities
Realistic distribution of sources with $\text{SNR} \geq 10$

RadioLensfit



$$a_1 = 0.9365 \pm 0.0017$$

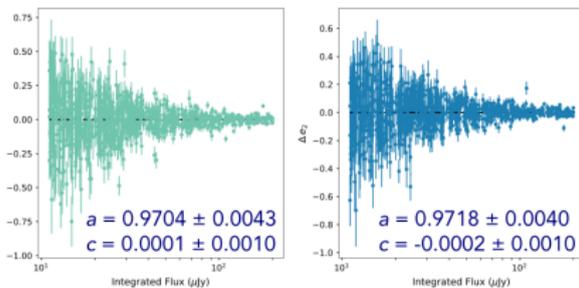
$$a_2 = 0.9262 \pm 0.0017 \text{ (at 2.7 gal/arcmin}^2\text{)}$$

10^4 sources

8 cores Intel Xeon E5-2650

computing time per source: 2.4 sec/gal
(independent of number of sources)

BIRO-HMC



2.7 gal/arcmin²

1,000 sources

1 core Intel Xeon E5-2650

+ 2 NVIDIA Tesla K40

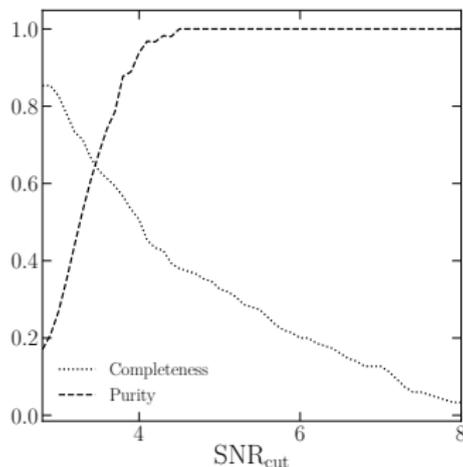
computing time per source: 4.64 min/gal
(dependent on number of sources,
the size is also fitted)

Improved shape measurement accuracy
but **computationally demanding**

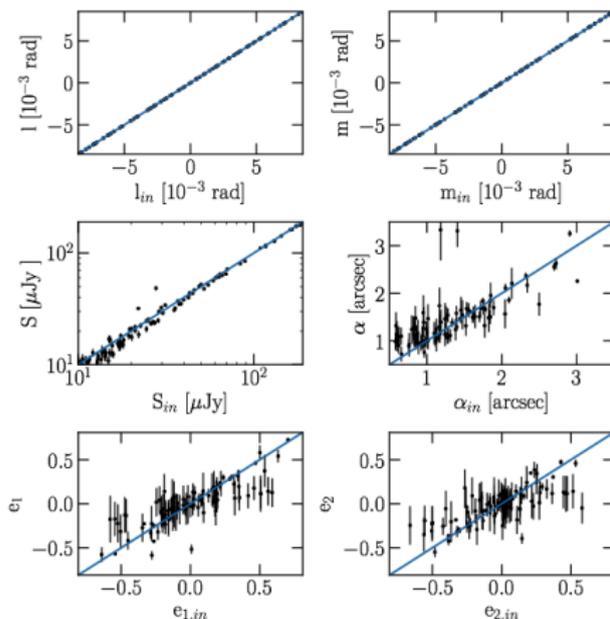
Source Detection in the Visibility Domain

GalNest (Malyali, Rivi, Abdalla, McEwen 2019)

- single model + multimodal posterior sampler (MultiNest)
- clustering algorithm (*mean shift*) to identify the source from clustered fake modes
- MPI + GPU-accelerated model and likelihood computation (Montblanc)



SKA1-MID simulation at 1.07 GHz



98/100 galaxy detections at $\text{SNR} \geq 10$
reliable source detection down to $\text{SNR} \sim 5$

Data Challenge

Phase 1 SKA-MID Medium-Deep Band 2 Survey:

5000 deg² to a depth of 2 μJy RMS (10,000 hrs, $z < 0.4$)

Very small signal at cosmological scales

Cosmic shear requirements:

$$\gamma^{obs} - \gamma^{true} = m\gamma^{true} + c$$

- *multiplicative bias*: $m < 6.4 \times 10^{-3}$
- *additive bias*: $c < 8.0 \times 10^{-4}$

~ 10⁴ pointings of ~ 1 hour each ($\Delta t = 0.5$ s sampling),

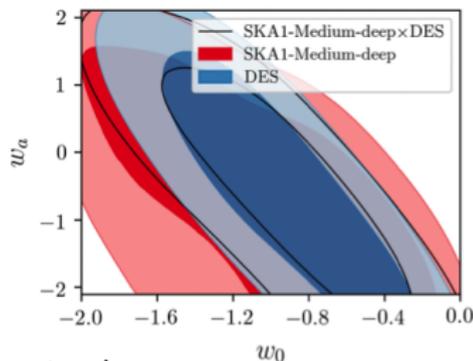
~ 6000 frequency channels at a resolution of $\Delta\nu = 50$ kHz,

necessary resolution for smearing-induced ellipticity to be acceptable.

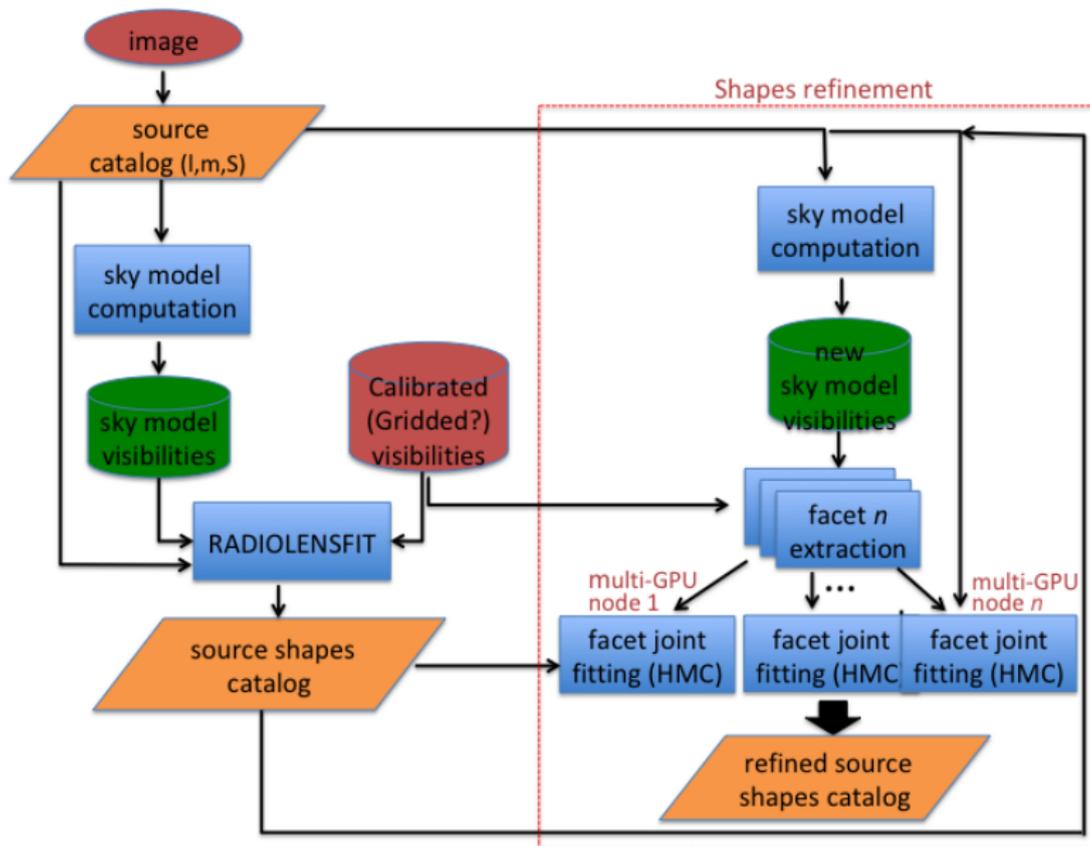
Very large **data volume** for a continuum survey (**order of PBytes** per pointing) but directly comparable to that expected by HI line galaxy surveys.

OR

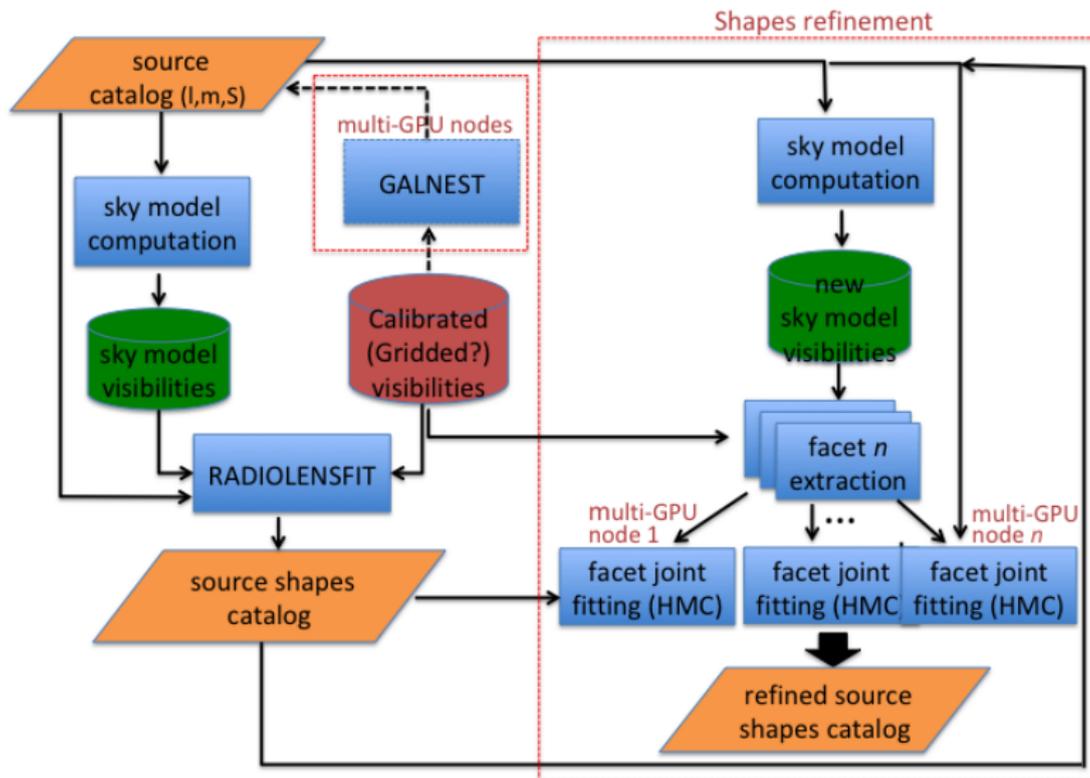
Dedicated WL data reduction pipeline to **gridded visibilities** at the SDP so that operations effects on the source morphology are known.



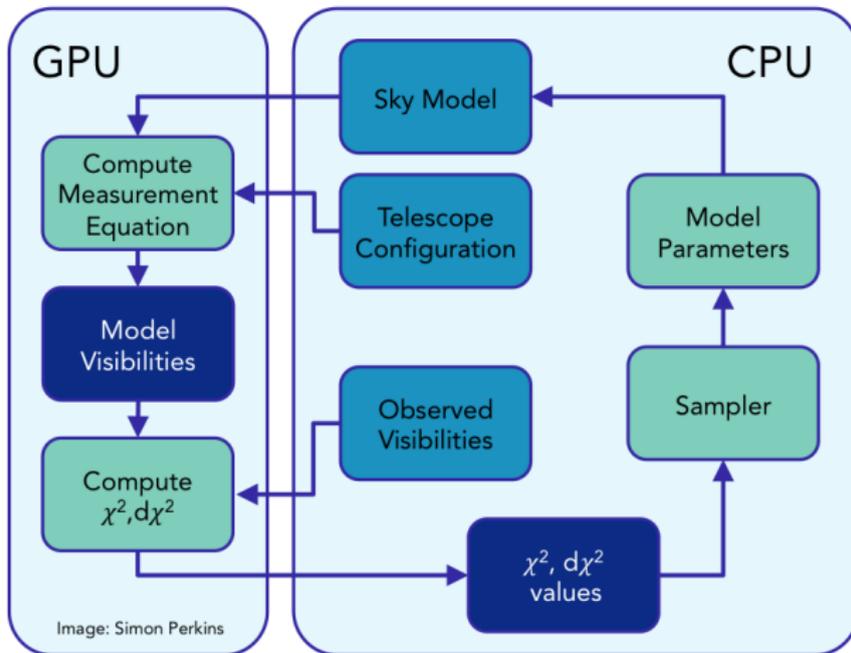
Radio Weak Lensing Pipeline (visibility+image)



Radio Weak Lensing Pipeline (visibility only)



Bayesian Inference of Radio Observations (BIRO)



MONTBLANC simulation tool.

<https://github.com/ska-sa/montblanc>

Fast data transfer: IBM NVLink + NVIDIA Volta GPUs

Conclusions

- High sensitivity and resolution of the new generation of radio telescopes allow **measurement of cosmological weak lensing signal in the radio band**
- **Radio images may not be accurate enough** for galaxy shape measurements
- **Methods in the visibility domain** are so far the only ones to successfully detect radio weak lensing but **are computationally very challenging because of the big data.**
- **HPC Bayesian methods** in the visibility domain can use more accurate SF galaxy models and reduce shear bias
 - *RadioLensfit* working well for SKA1 source density and is very fast
 - *HMC* more accurate but much slower for large number of sources, even using GPUs
 - The two approaches may be combined for higher source density regions.
- RWL may need of a dedicated **pipeline to run where the data is stored**