

# Cosmology with SKA Square Kilometer Array

# Main questions in cosmology<sup>DM</sup>

## Matter in the Universe

Dark matter/visible matter vs  $z$

## Dark energy:

Is it varying with time?

## How is the Universe re-ionized?

End of the dark age: cosmic dawn, EoR

## How do baryons assemble into the large-scale structures?

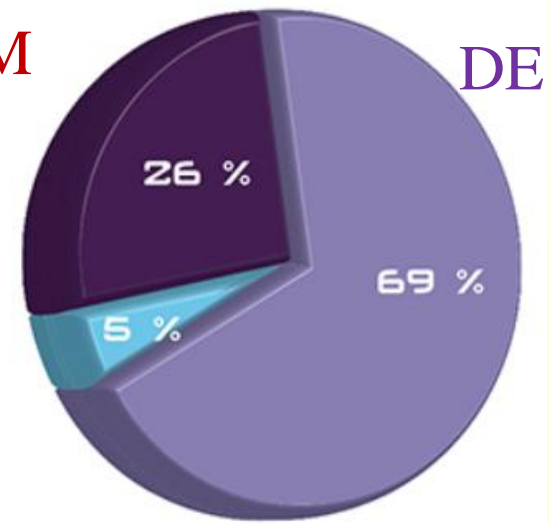
Galaxy formation and evolution (mergers, cold accretion)

Star formation history, quenching

Environment: groups and galaxy clusters

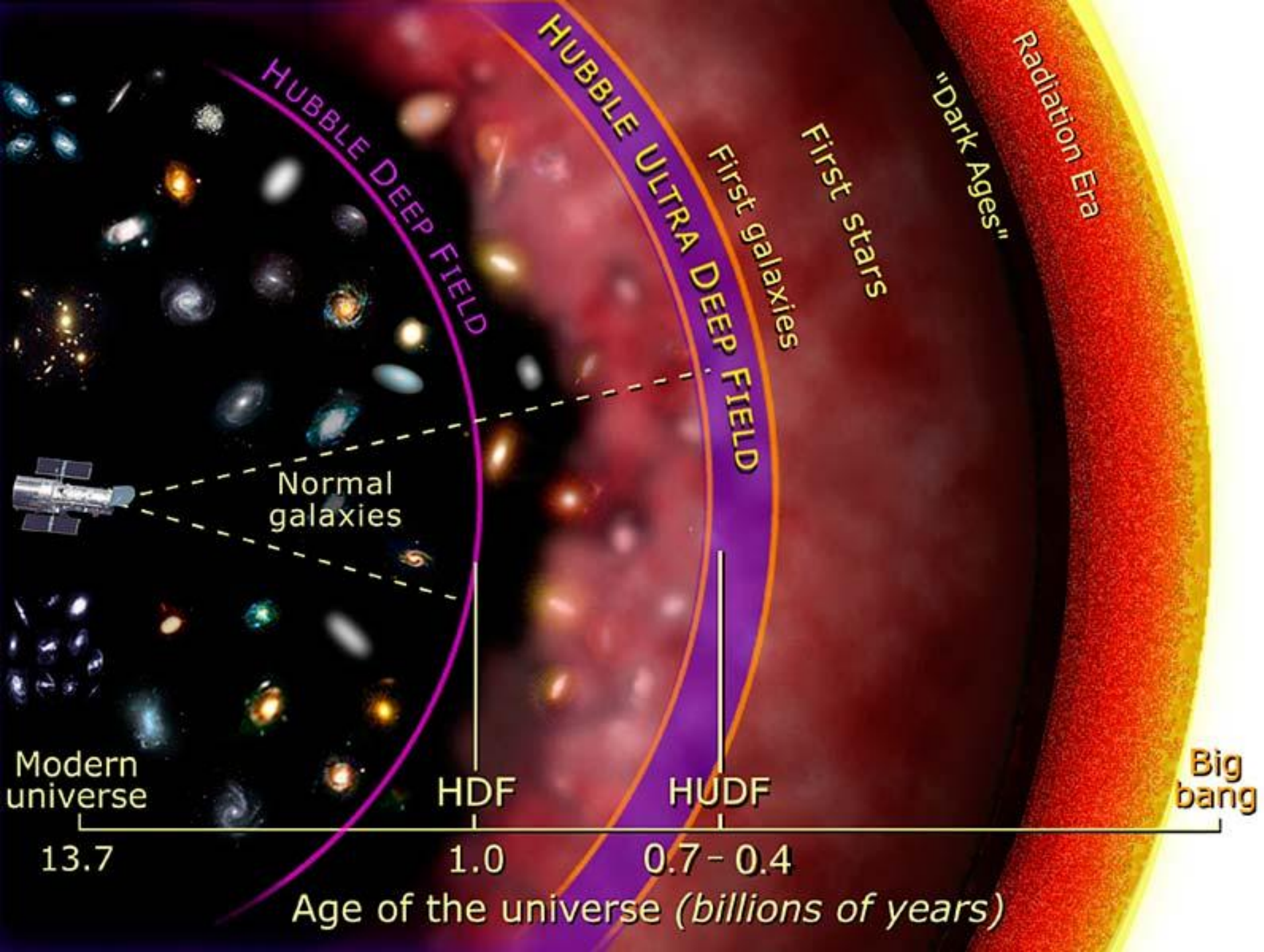
## Strong-gravity with pulsars and black holes

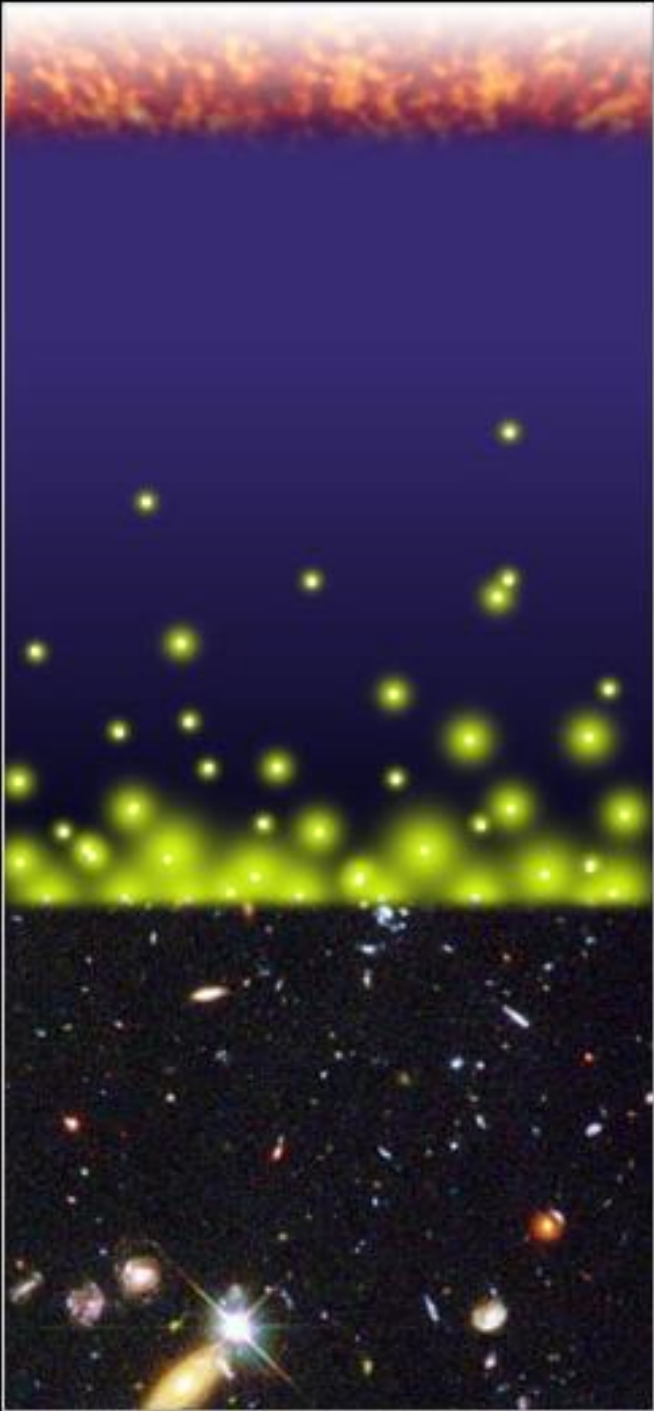
baryons



Planck







Big-Bang

Recombination  $3 \cdot 10^5$ yr

Dark Age

1<sup>st</sup> stars, QSO  $0.5 \cdot 10^9$ yr

Cosmic Renaissance

End of dark age

End of reionization  $10^9$ yr

Evolution of Galaxies

Solar System  $9 \cdot 10^9$ yr

Today  $13.7 \cdot 10^9$ yr

# First galaxies:

How do they form?

Reionization of Universe

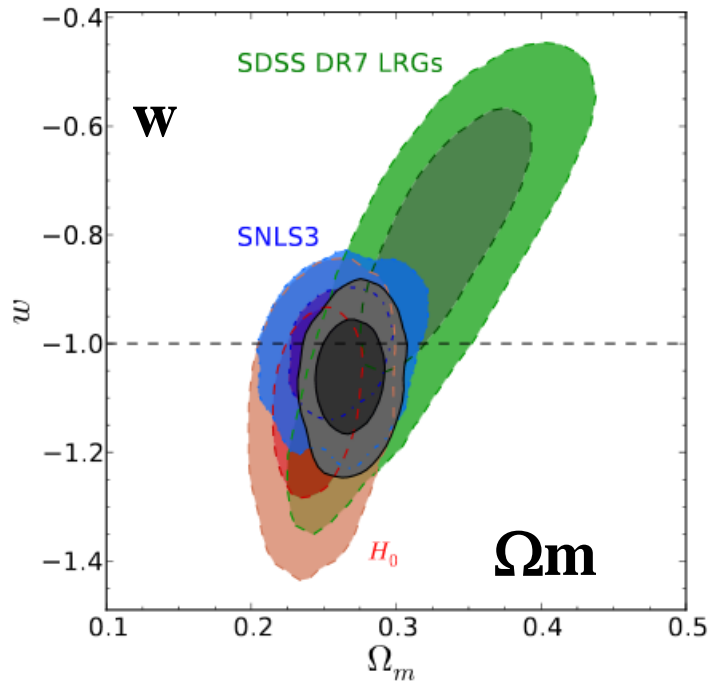
What are the main sources  
Galaxies or quasars

(stars or black holes)

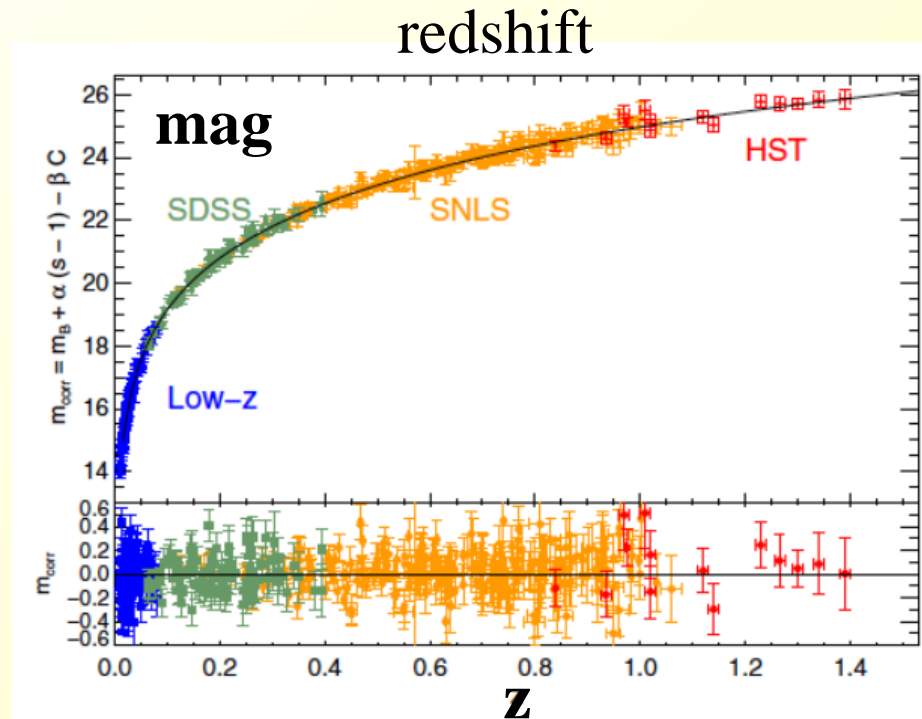
Fate of the universe:  
Exponential expansion?

# Accelerating universe from SNIa

2003-2008 SNLS survey, French-Canadian collaboration



Sullivan et al 2011  
Assuming flat universe



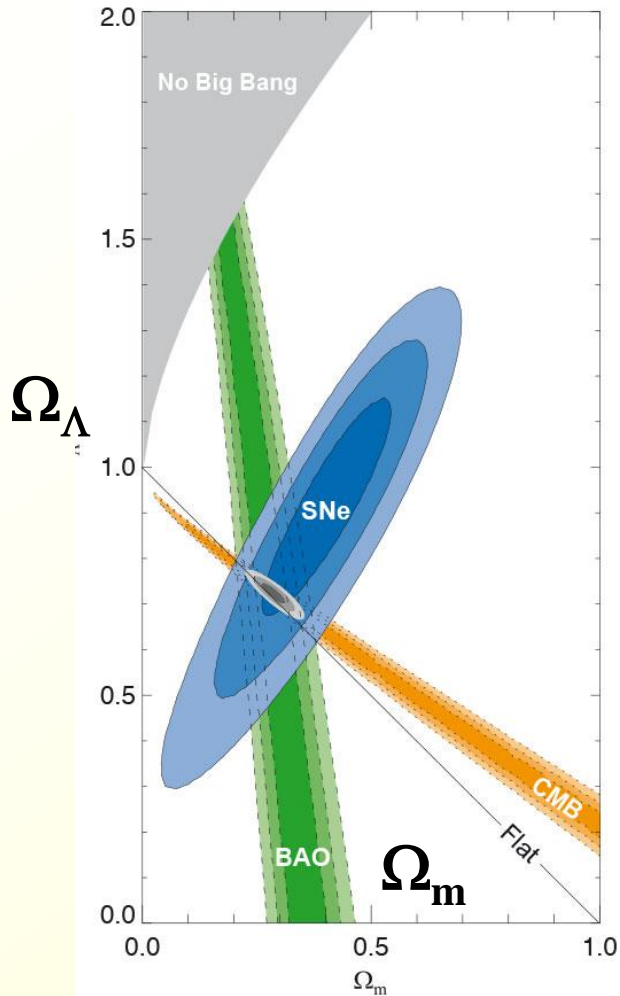
Conley et al 2011



# Cosmology, Dark energy

Concordance model, between CMB, Supernovae Ia, Large-scale structure (weak lensing, BAO= Baryonic Oscillations)

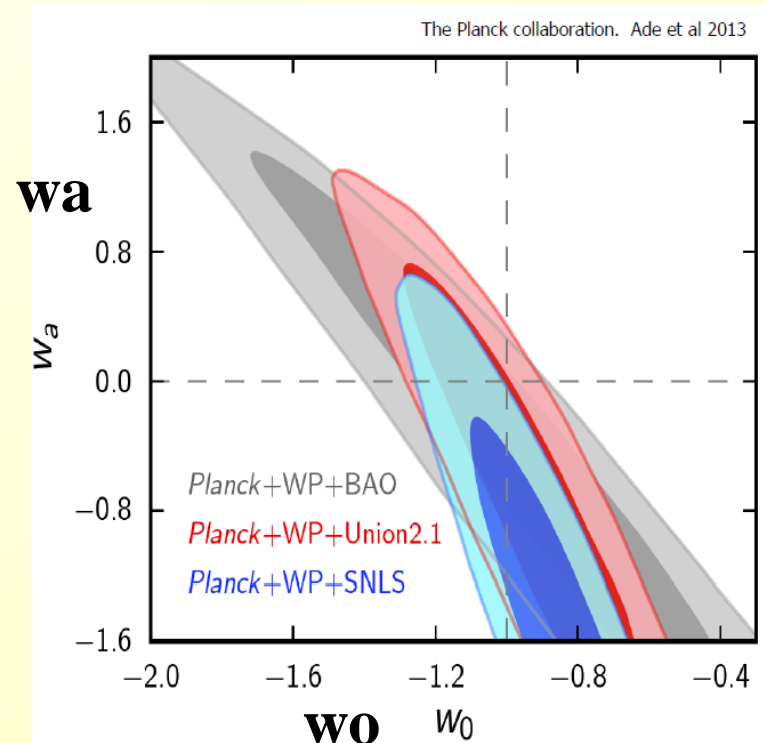
*Kowalski et al 2008*



$$P = w \rho \quad w(a) = w_0 + w_a (1-a)$$

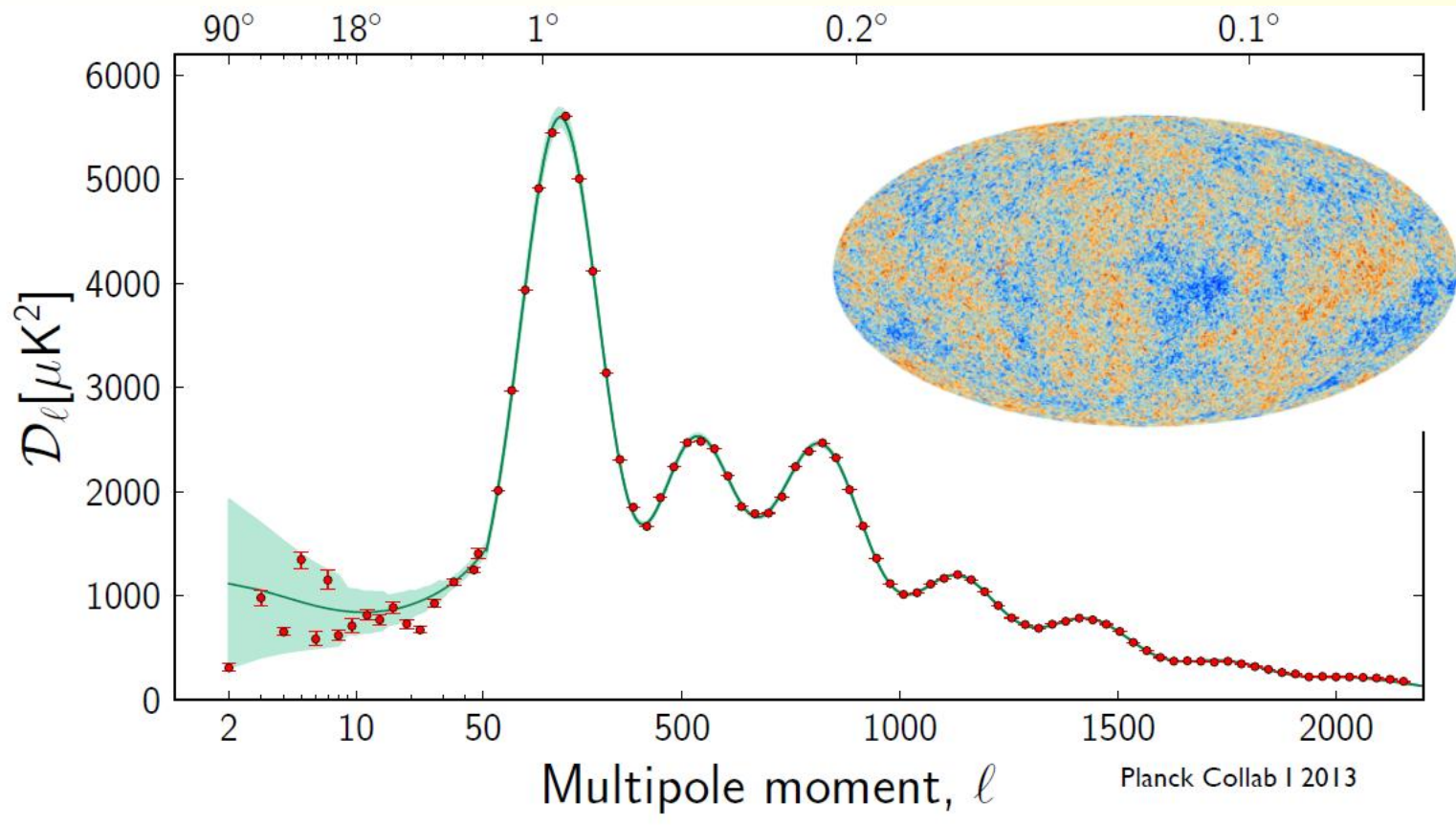
$$w_0 \sim -1$$

$$w_a \sim 0$$



# Anisotropies of the CMB

Planck Large Scales -- Not enough power at low- $l$

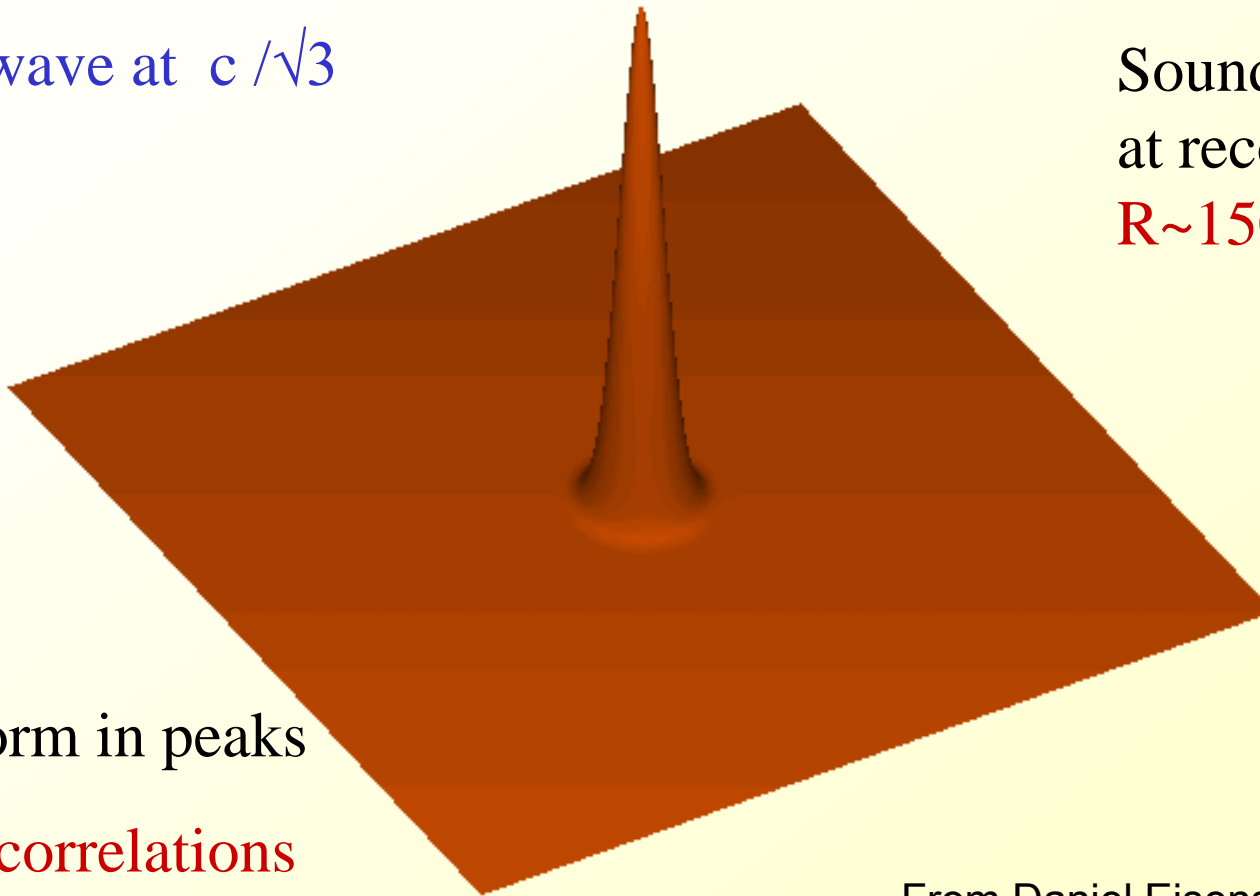


$\Omega_b$ ,  $\Omega_c$ , Peak position  $\rightarrow$  flatness - Amplitude  $\sigma_8$  (at  $8\text{Mpc}/h$ )

# A single perturbation

Creates a depression

→ Sound wave at  $c/\sqrt{3}$



Sound horizon  
at recombination  
 $R \sim 150 \text{ Mpc}$

Galaxies form in peaks

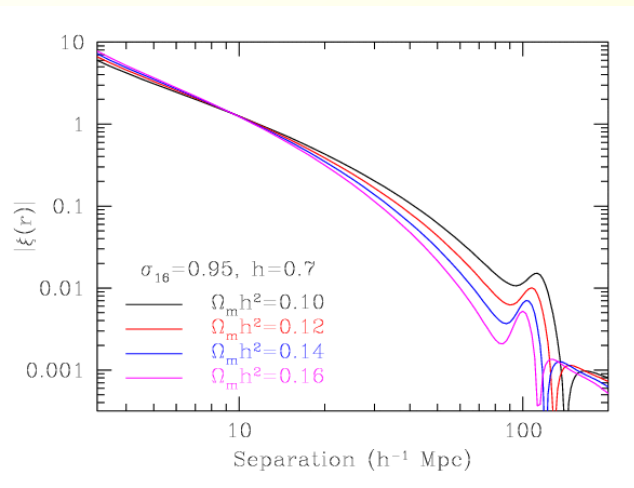
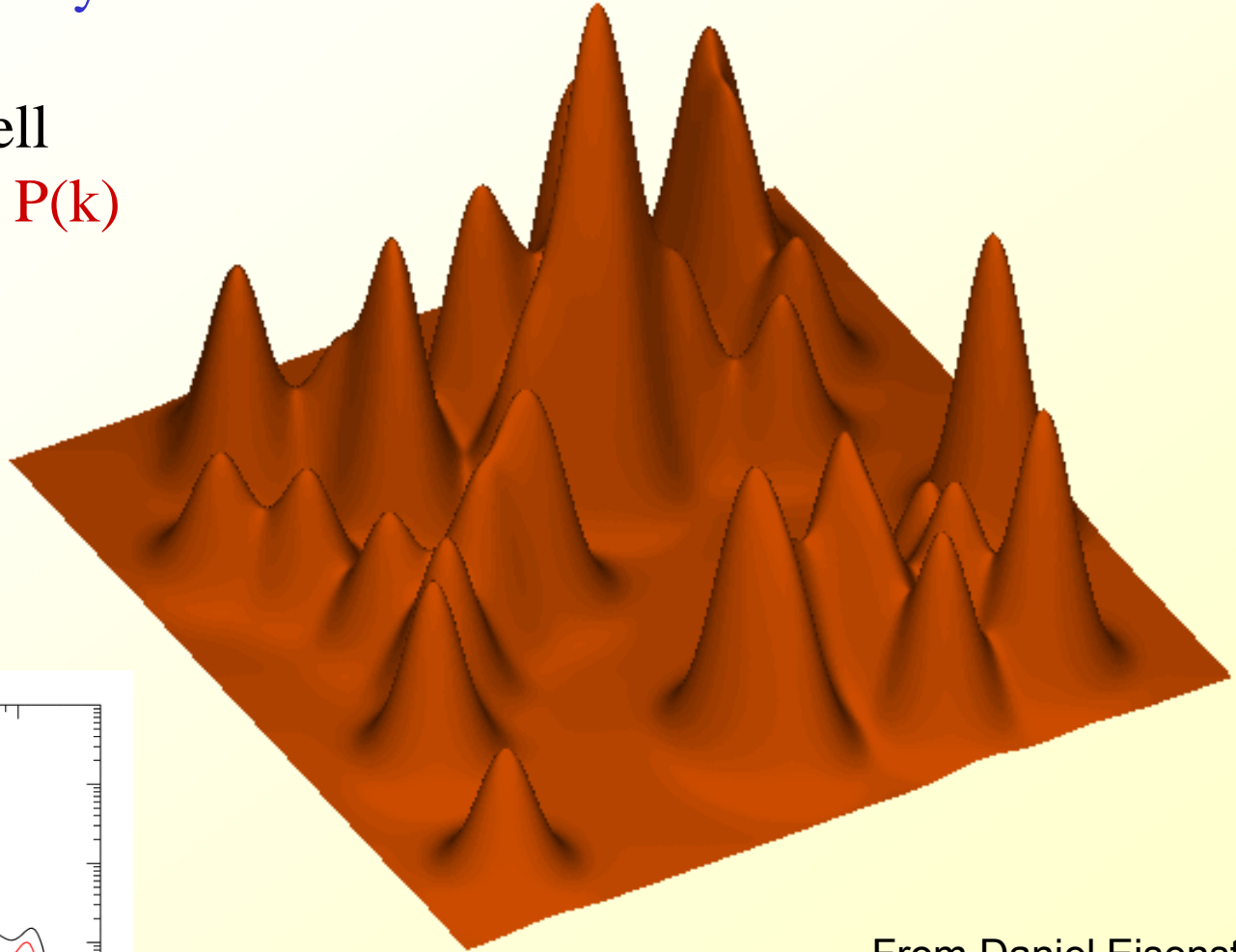
→ baryon correlations

From Daniel Eisenstein

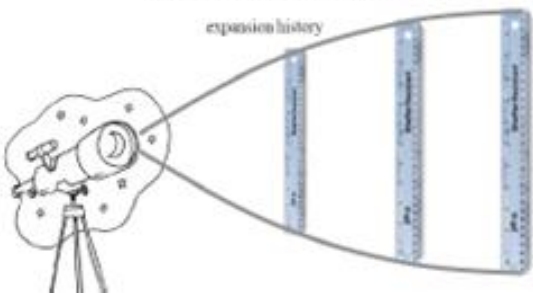


# Random perturbations

- Signal reduced by random phases
- No unique shell
- But 1% in the  $P(k)$



From Daniel Eisenstein



# BAO: Standard Ruler

Alcock & Paczynski (1979)

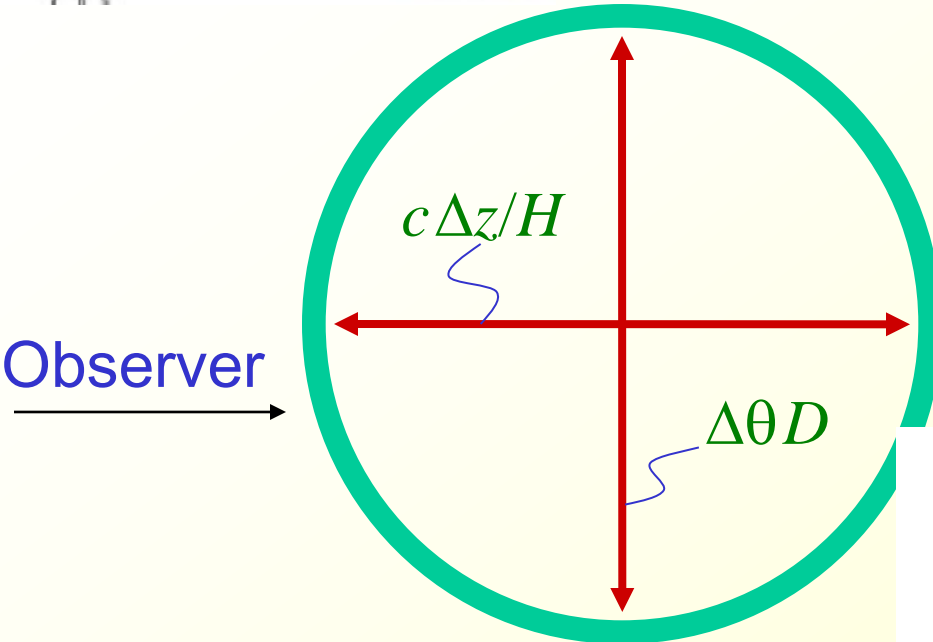
Test of cosmological cst

Could test the bias  $b$

Or  $\beta = \Omega_m^{0.6}/b$

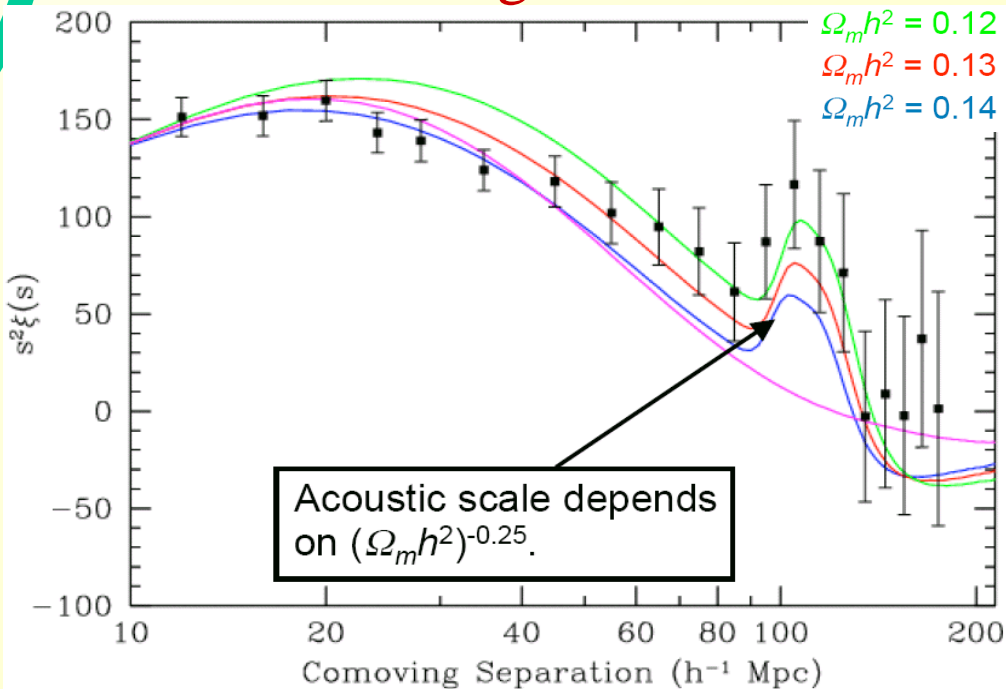
Eisenstein et al. (2005)

50 000 galaxies SDSS



$c\Delta z/H = \Delta\theta D$

→ Possibility to determine  $H(z)$



# HI surveys for BAO with SKA-1

All sky survey:  $4 \times 10^6$  gal  $z=0.2$   $3\pi$  sr

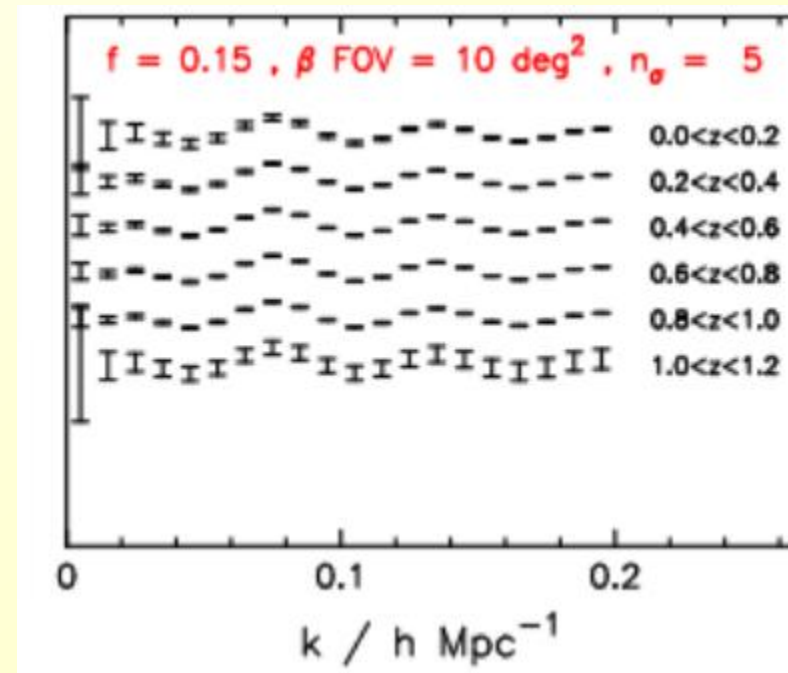
Wide-field survey  $2 \times 10^6$  gal  $z=0.6$   $5000 \text{ deg}^2$

Deep-field survey  $4 \times 10^5$  gal  $z=0.8$   $50 \text{ deg}^2$

SKA will help to provide pure sample  
1 billion HI galaxies in total

**Weak shear**

10 billions galaxies in continuum



# Mapping Our History



The subtle slowing down and speeding up of the expansion, of distances with time:  $a(t)$ , maps out cosmic history like tree rings map out the Earth's climate history.



# Continuum surveys with SKA1

**In 2yrs achieve 2  $\mu\text{Jy}$  rms** would provide  $\approx 4$  galaxies  $\text{arcmin}^2$  ( $>10\sigma$ )

PSF is excellent quality circular Gaussian from about 0.6 – 100''  
With almost uniform sky coverage of  $3\pi$  sr

**→ Total of 0.5 billion radio sources, for All sky survey  
for weak lensing and Integrated Sachs Wolfe**

For wide-field (5000  $\text{deg}^2$ ) **2  $\mu\text{Jy}$  rms**  $\approx 6$  galaxies  $\text{arcmin}^2$  ( $>10\sigma$ )

For deep-field (50 $\text{deg}^2$ ) **0.1  $\mu\text{Jy}$  rms**,  $\approx 20$  galaxies  $\text{arcmin}^2$  ( $>10\sigma$ )

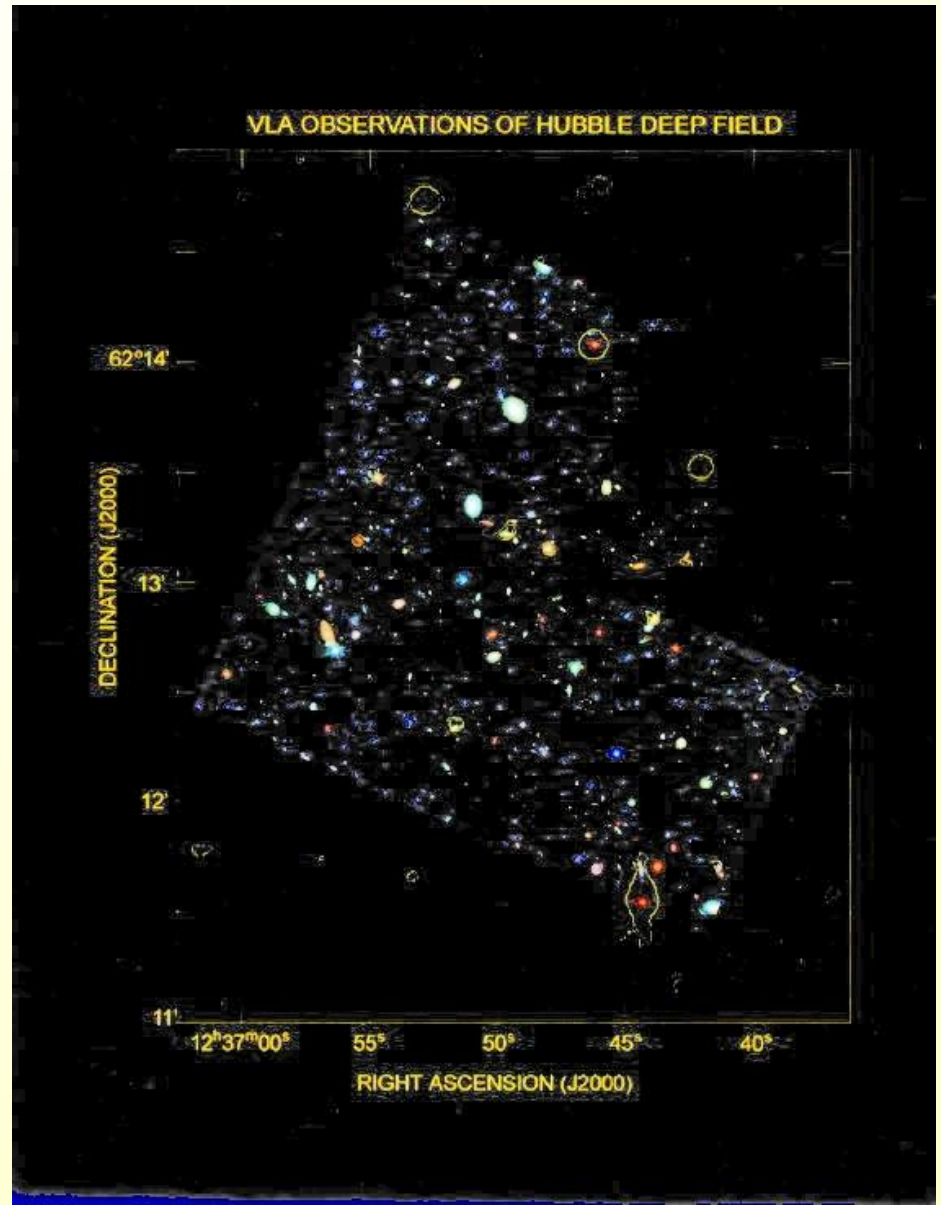
# Present status of radio surveys



**HDF-N 5 x 5 arcmin  
area to I  
~29<sup>th</sup> magnitude**

**Fomalont et al., ApJ  
475, L5 (1997)**

**6 sources detected by  
VLA with  $S_{8.4} > 12 \mu\text{Jy}$   
(50 hour observation)**



Deep radio sky  
10' size, @ 1.4GHz

1mJy top  
100nJy bottom

Left and Right  
Cosmic variance

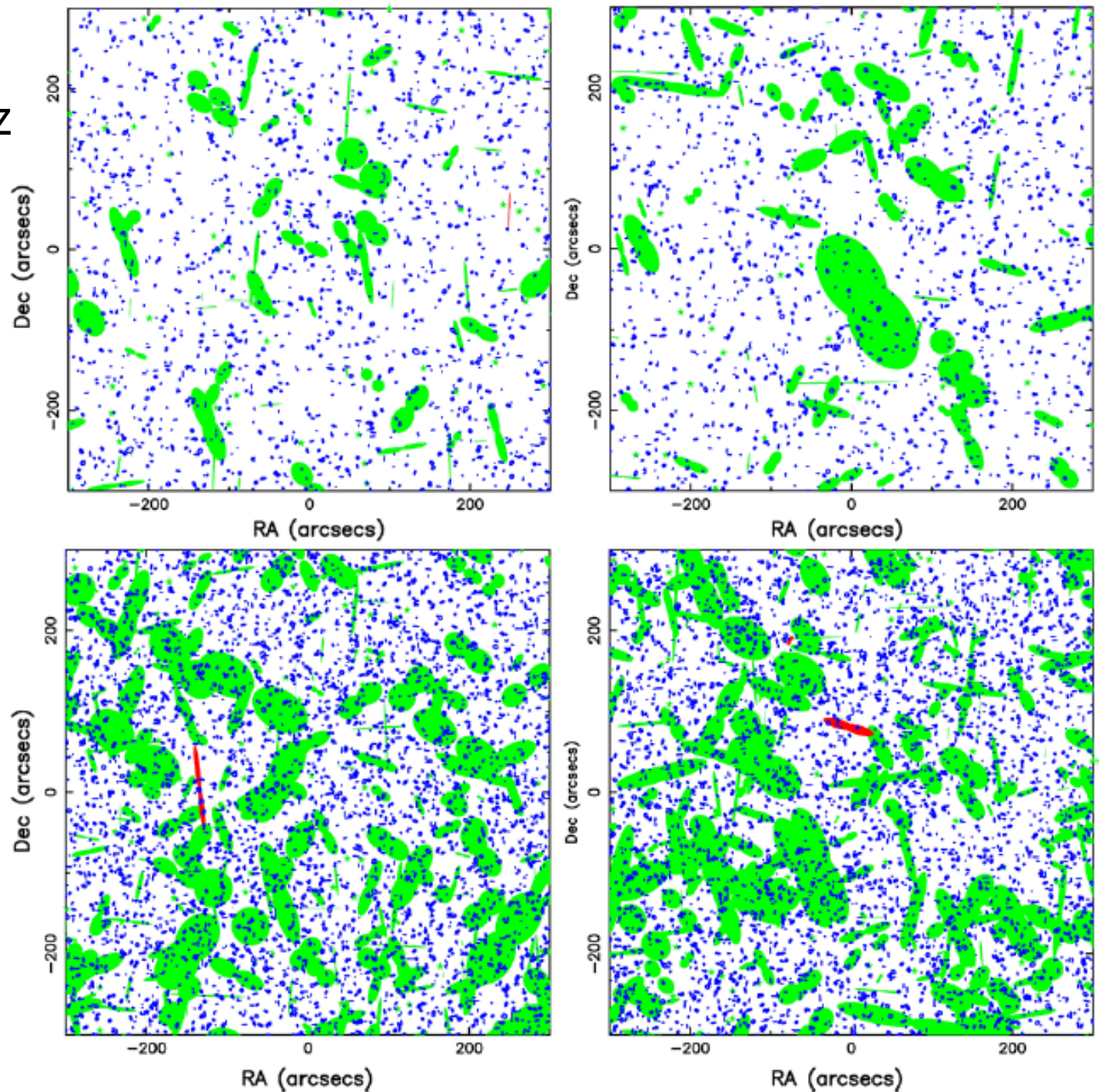
FRI: green, double  
FR II: red, double

Beamed FRI:  
green dot

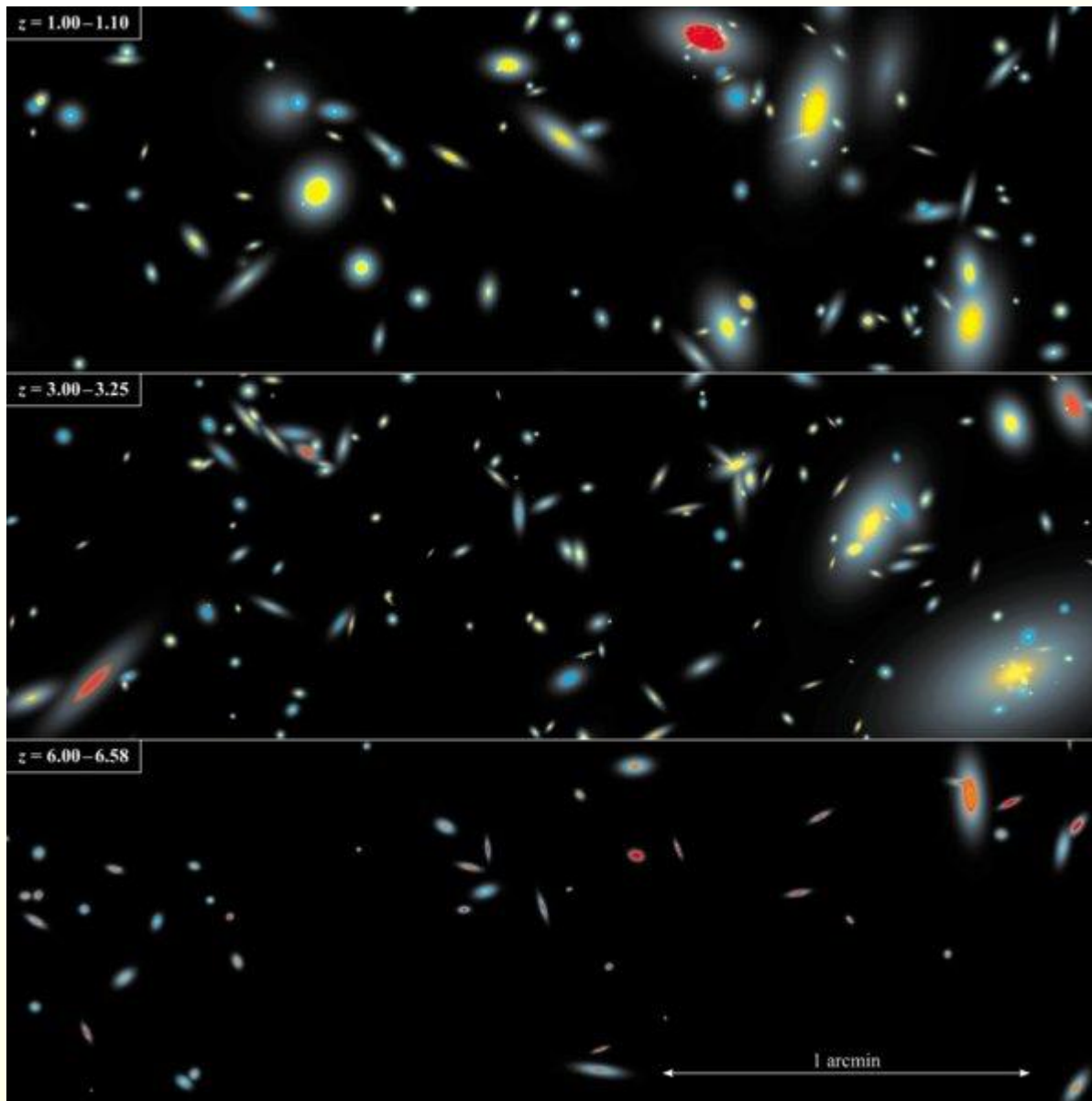
Beamed FR II:  
red dot

Star-forming: disk

*Jackson 2004*



# Simulated sky, $z=1, 3, 6$



*Obreschkow et al 09*

$z=3$  scale  $\times 10$

$z=6$  scale  $\times 100$

240 Mpc comoving depth

3 x 1 arcmin surface

HI line, and CO lines



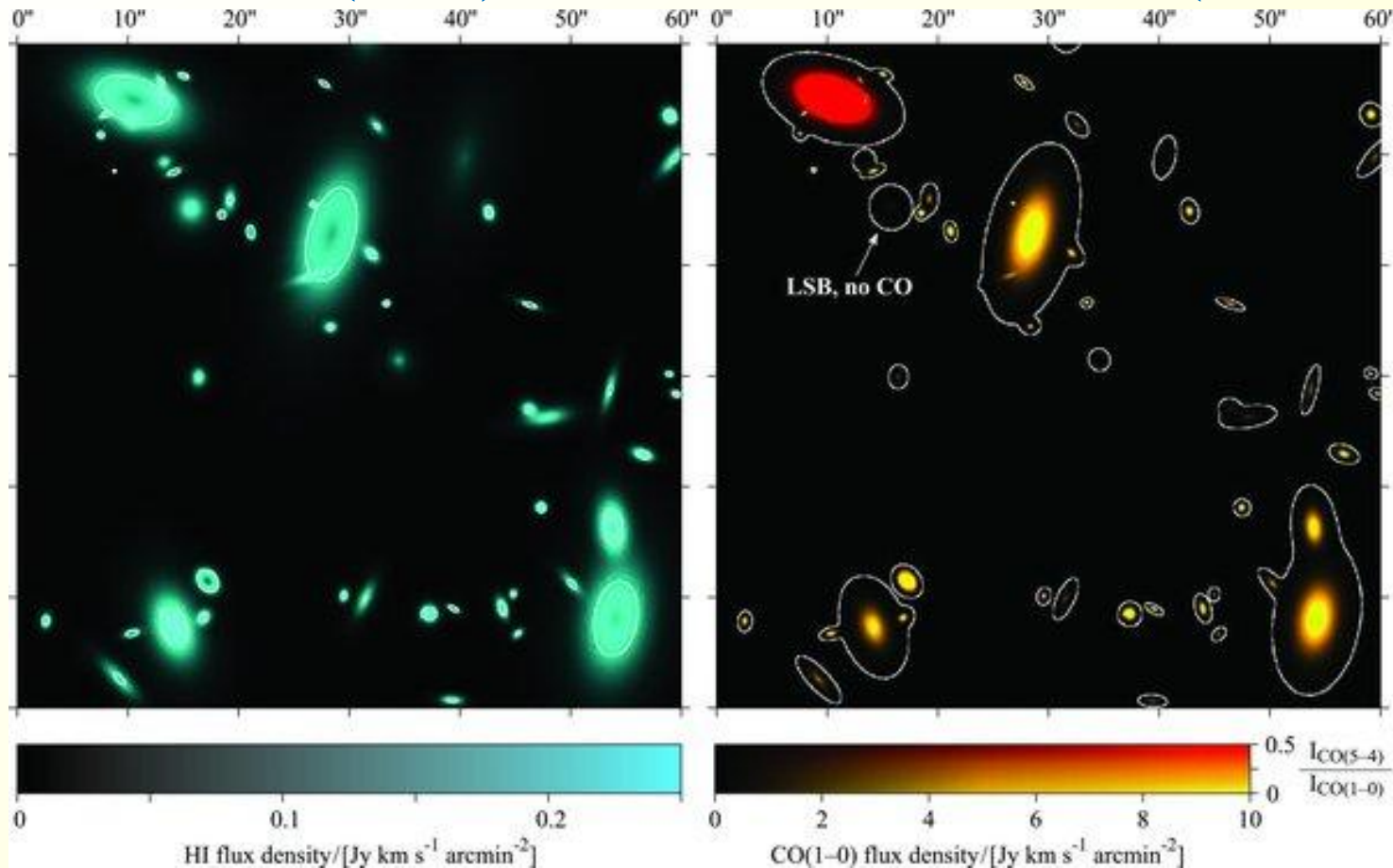


# Simulating the extragalactic sky

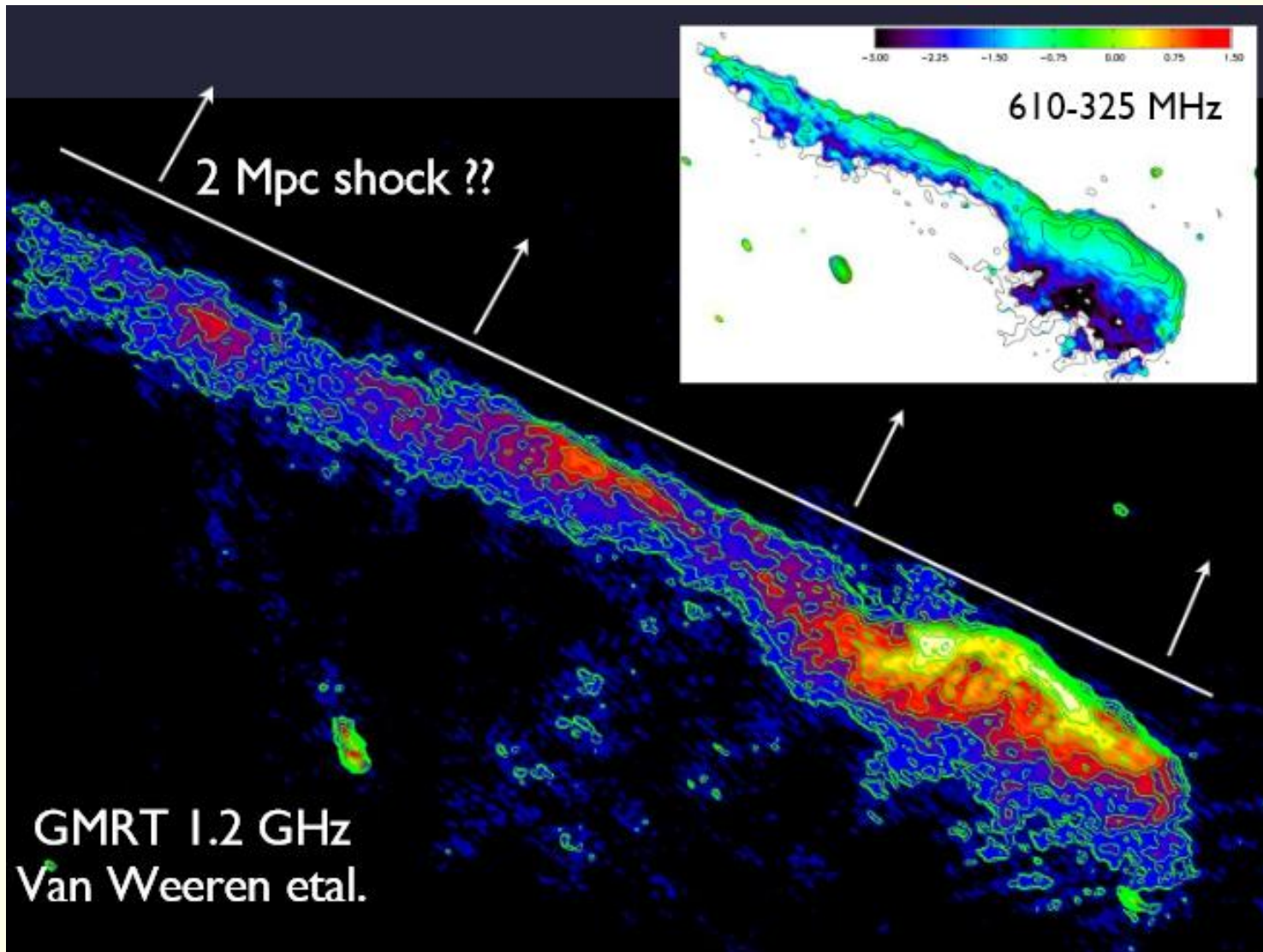
Field of 1 arcmin,  $z \sim 1$

In HI line (SKA)

in CO lines (ALMA)

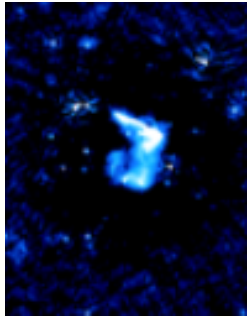


# Shocks during cluster mergers

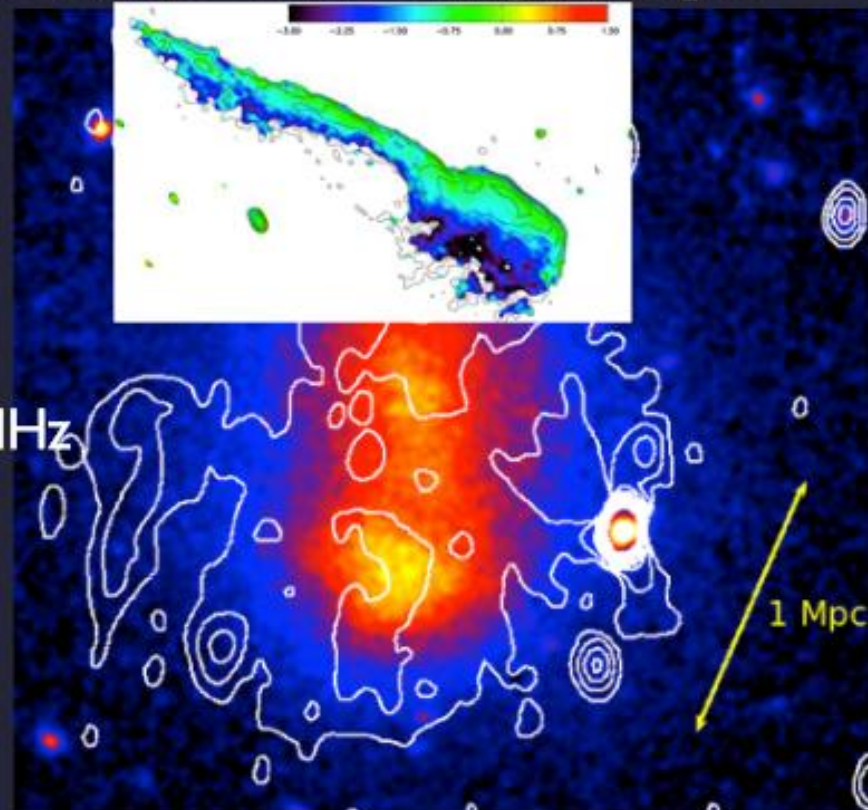


# X-ray and radio Synergy

Tooth-brush puzzle:  
How to produce a linear shock during a merger?

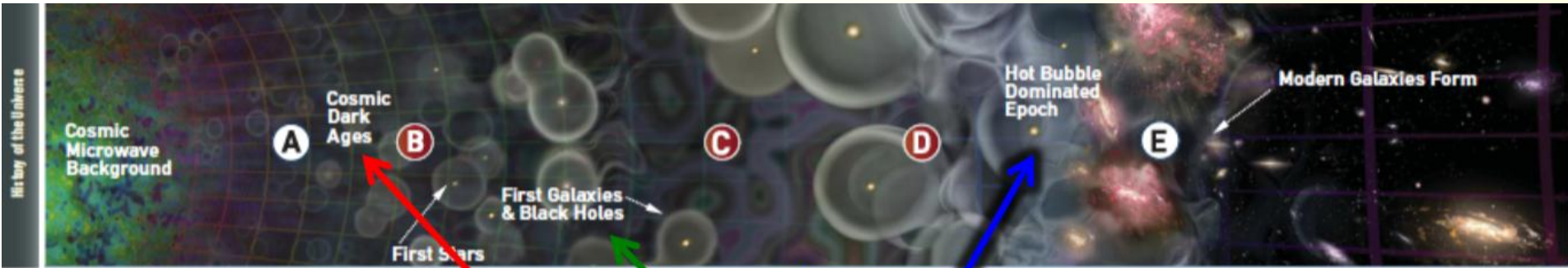


Colours: XMM  
Contours: GMRT 610 MHz  
green -> blue  
spectral index map



LOFAR tells us when clusters up to  $z=1$  are "relaxed"

# Epoch of Re-ionization: EoR

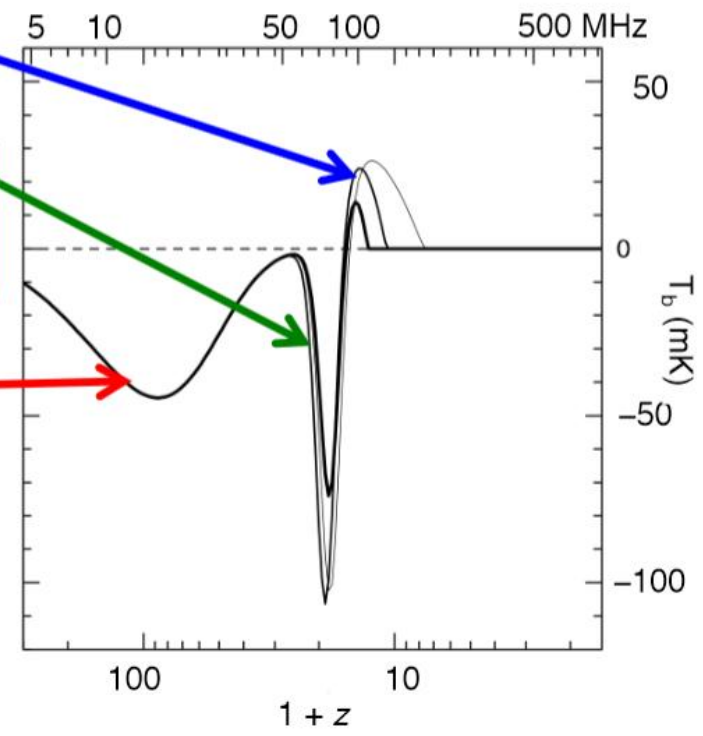


**Neutral Hydrogen** 21 cm spin-flip transition provides probe of neutral intergalactic medium before and during formation of first stars

EoR

Cosmic Dawn

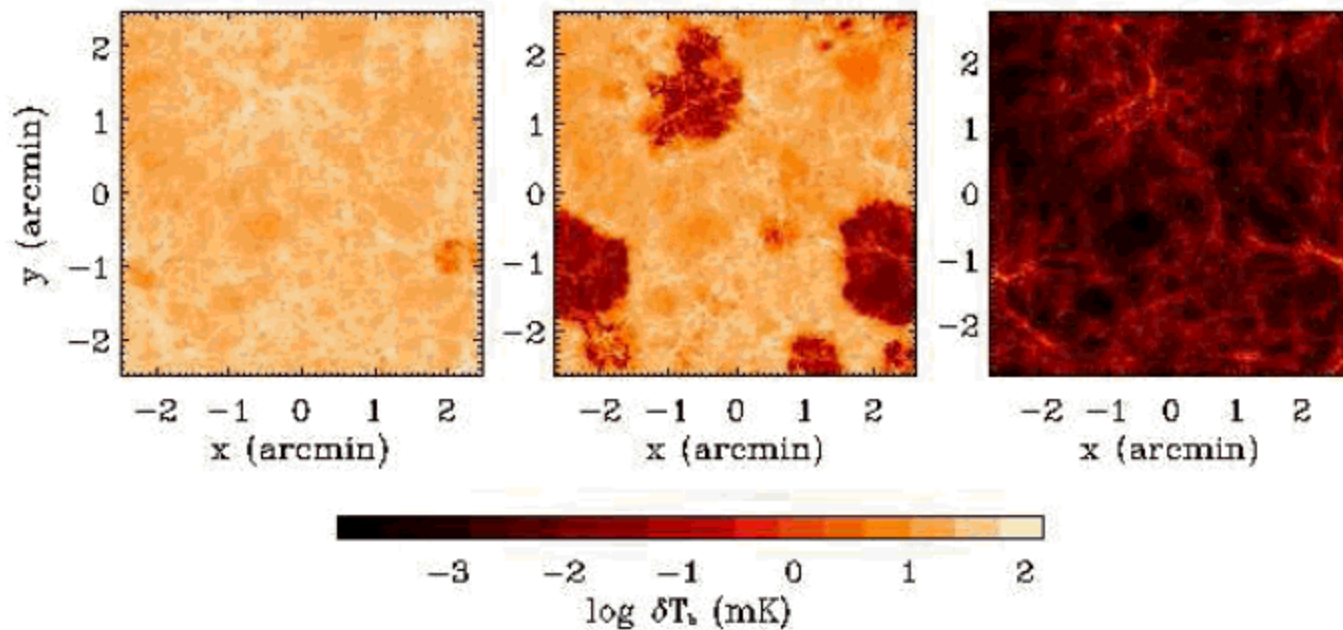
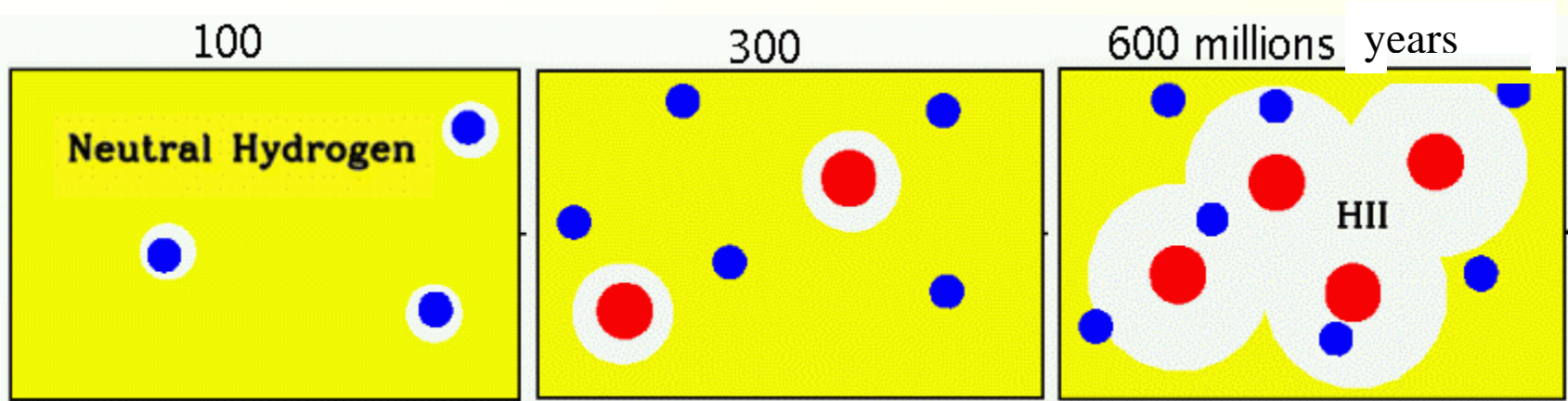
Dark Ages



$$\nu = 1420 \text{ MHz} / (1 + z)$$

$$\lambda = 21 \text{ cm} (1 + z)$$

# Reionization



Progressive percolation of ionized zones

# Simulations of EoR

Only simulations for now!

**Synergy Euclid /SKA**

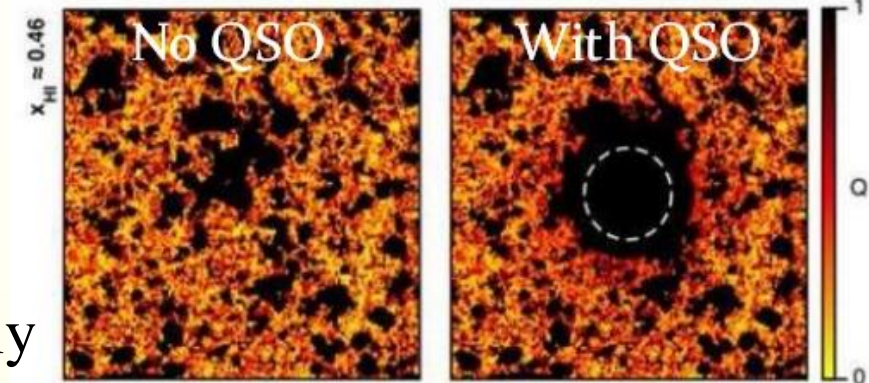
Discovery of the QSO in the EoR

Detection of the HII region around the QSO, at high redshift

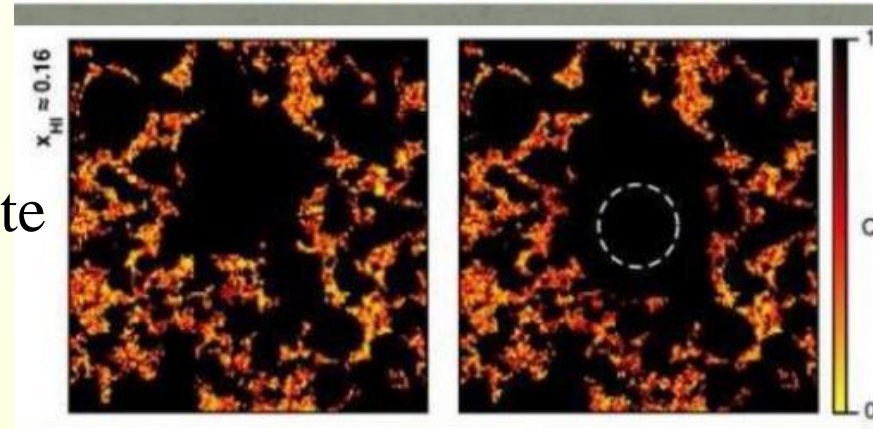
Will be studied in detail and depth by **JWST and ELT**

*Also absorption studies*

Early



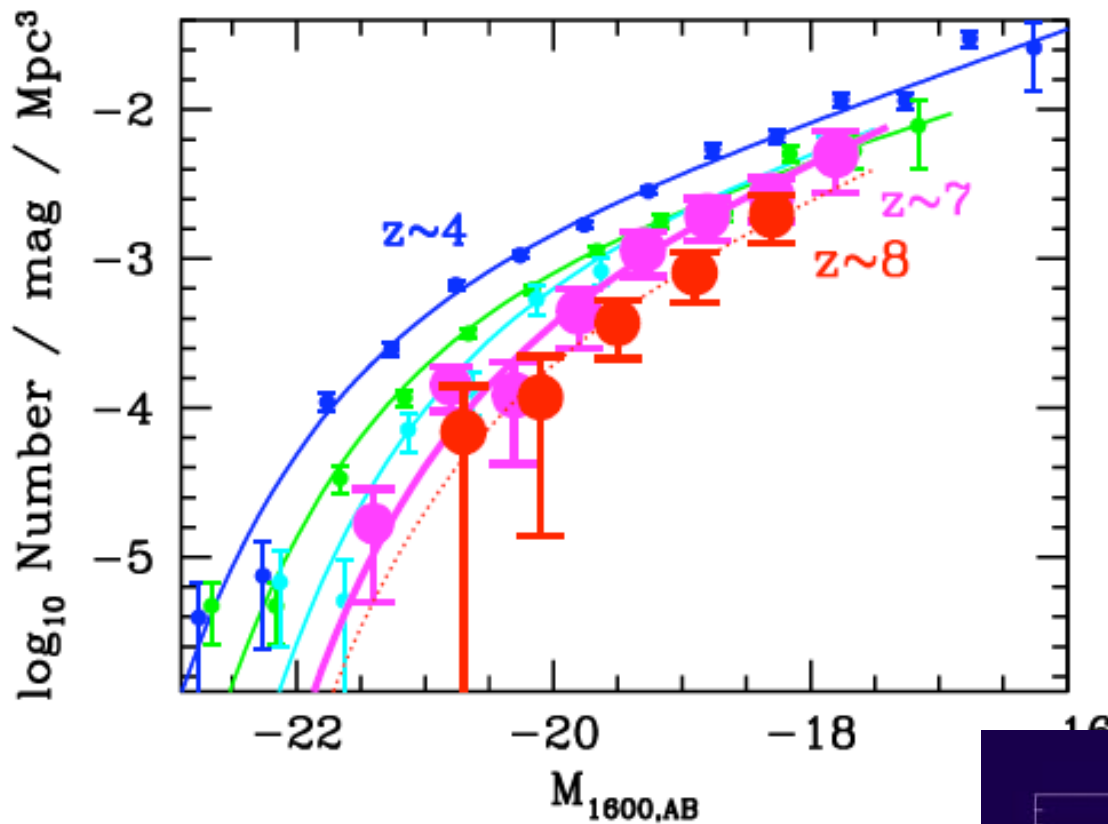
Late



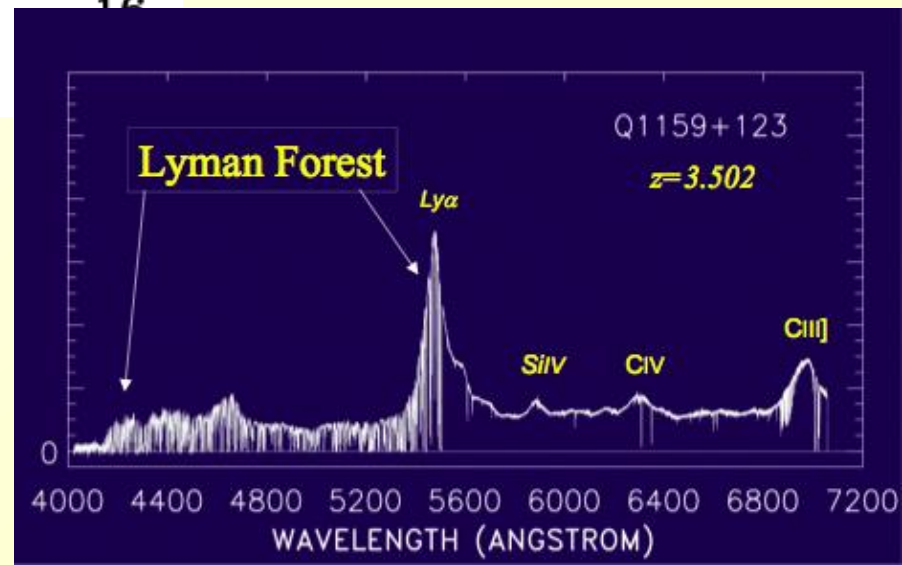
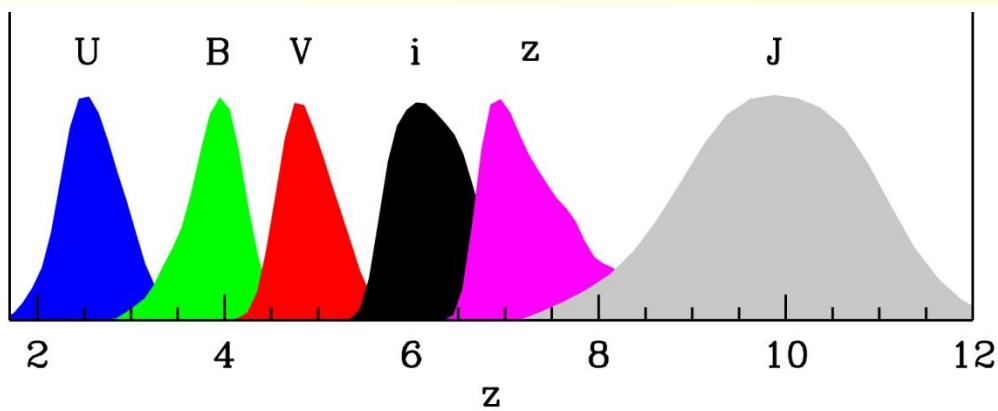
Geil & Wyithe 08



# Are galaxies at $z=7-10$ able to re-ionize?



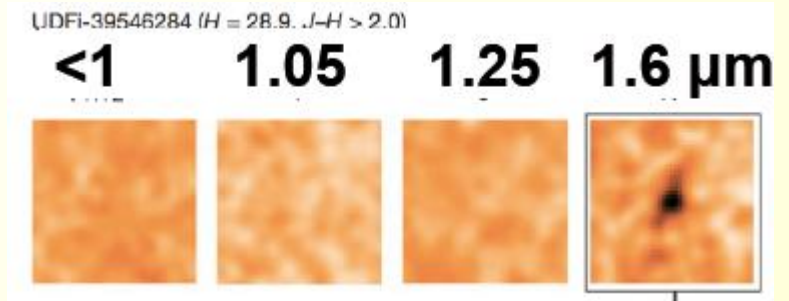
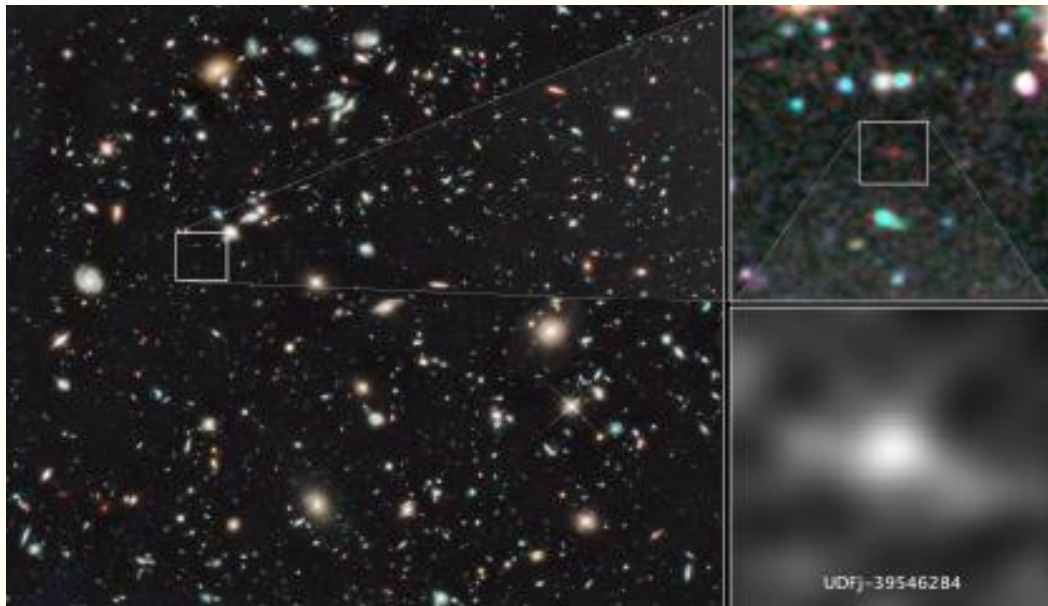
Nbre of galaxies  
 $\text{mag}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-3}$





# What is the first galaxy?

## Candidates at $z=10$

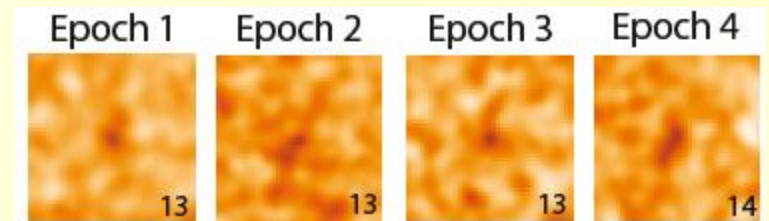
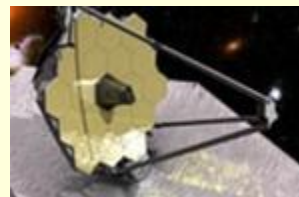


Disappears at  $\lambda=1.4$  microns

Difficult observations, at the limit  
Of present telescopes

→ JWST

6.5m, 2018



Detected in each sub-group  
of observations

# Galaxy formation and evolution

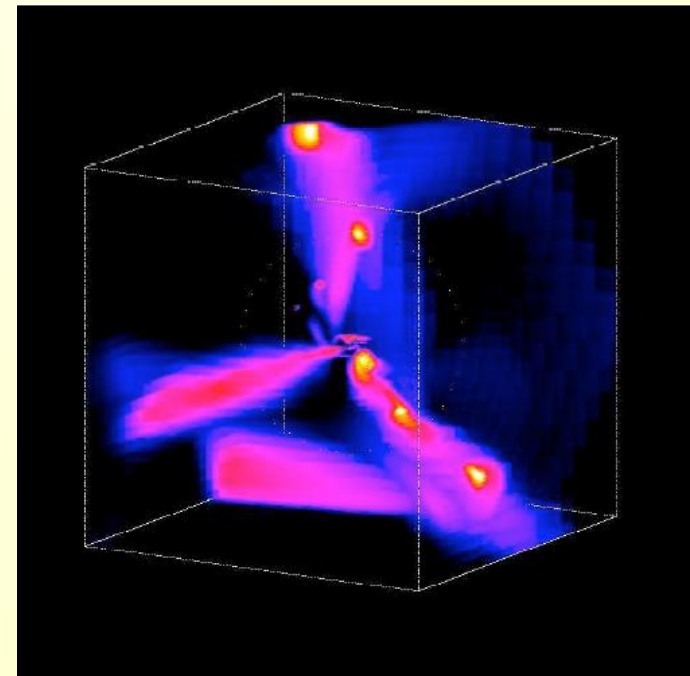
How galaxies assemble their mass?

How much mass assembled in mergers?

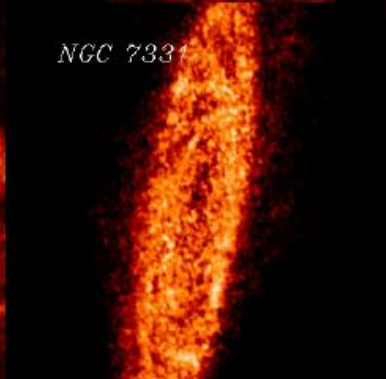
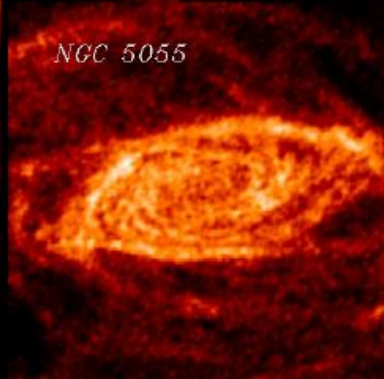
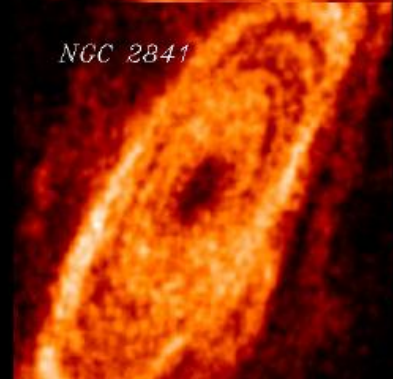
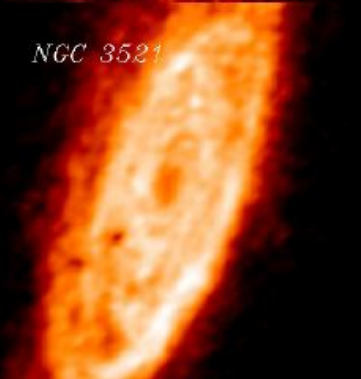
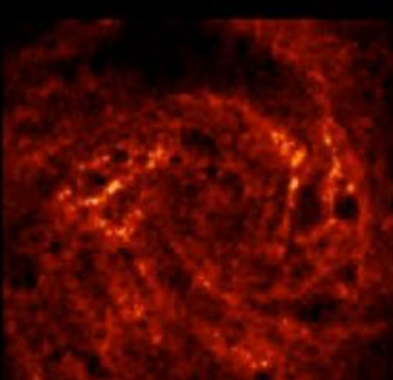
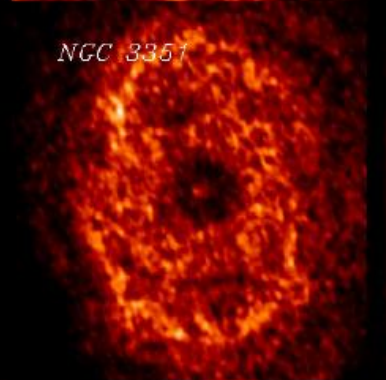
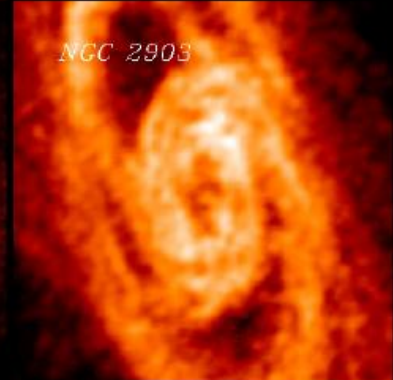
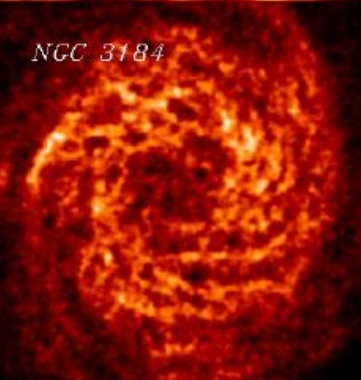
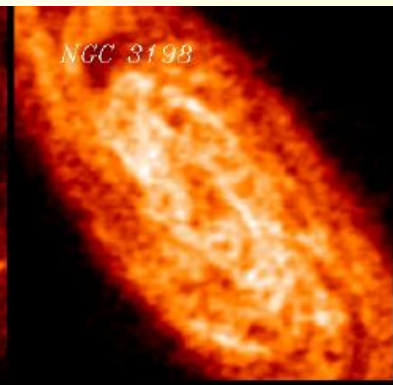
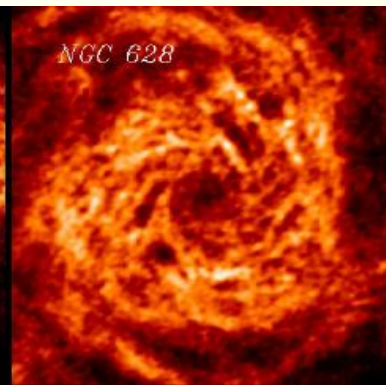
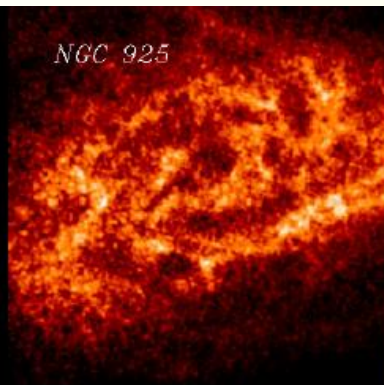
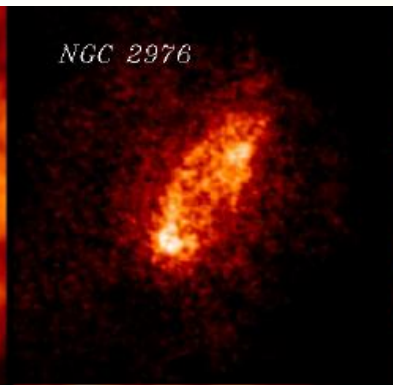
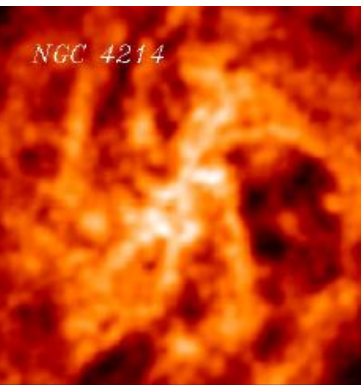
How much through gas accretion and secular evolution?

Star formation modes; main sequence,  
Starburst, mergers?

Modes of Quenching  
SF and AGN feedback

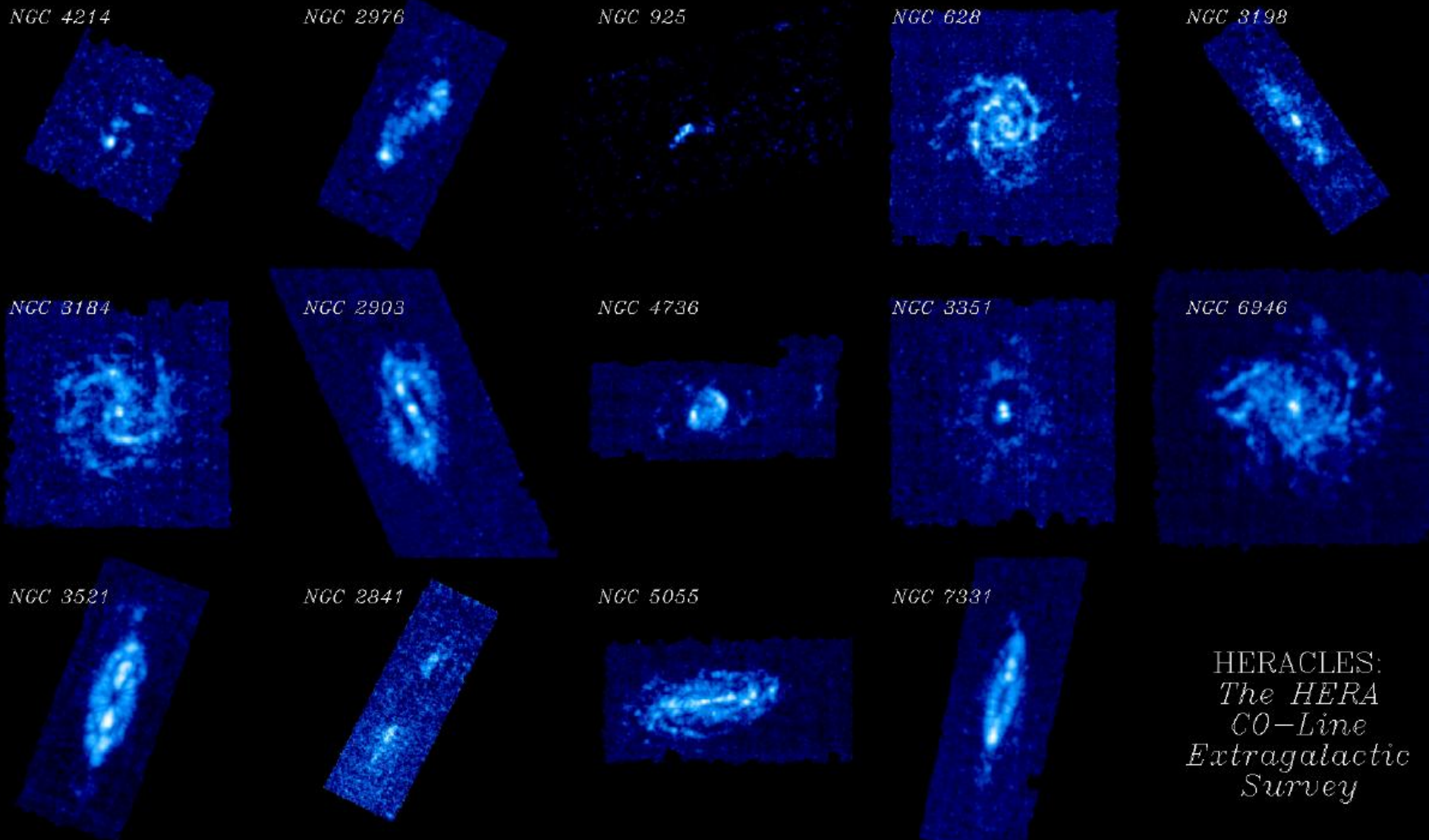


# Atomic hydrogen HI-21cm



THINGS:  
The HI  
Nearby Galaxy  
Survey

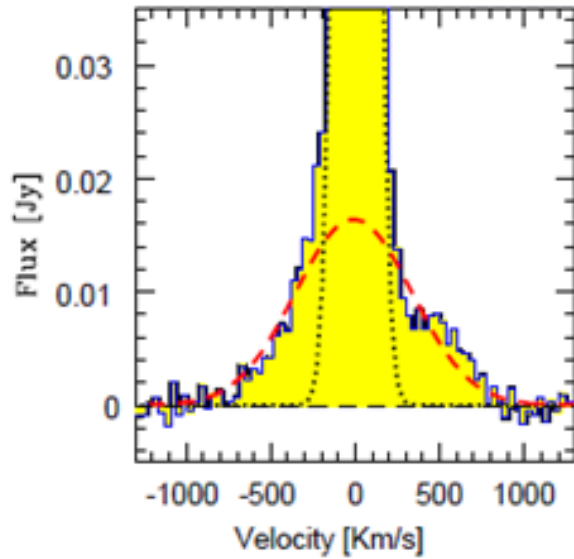
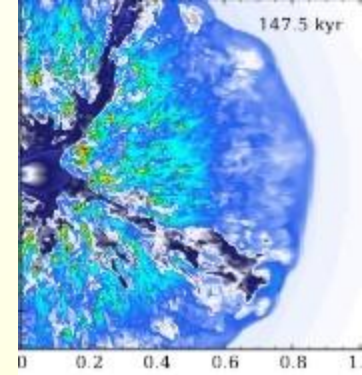
# Molecular gas from CO(2-1)



HERACLES:  
*The HERA  
CO-Line  
Extragalactic  
Survey*

# Black holes in galaxies

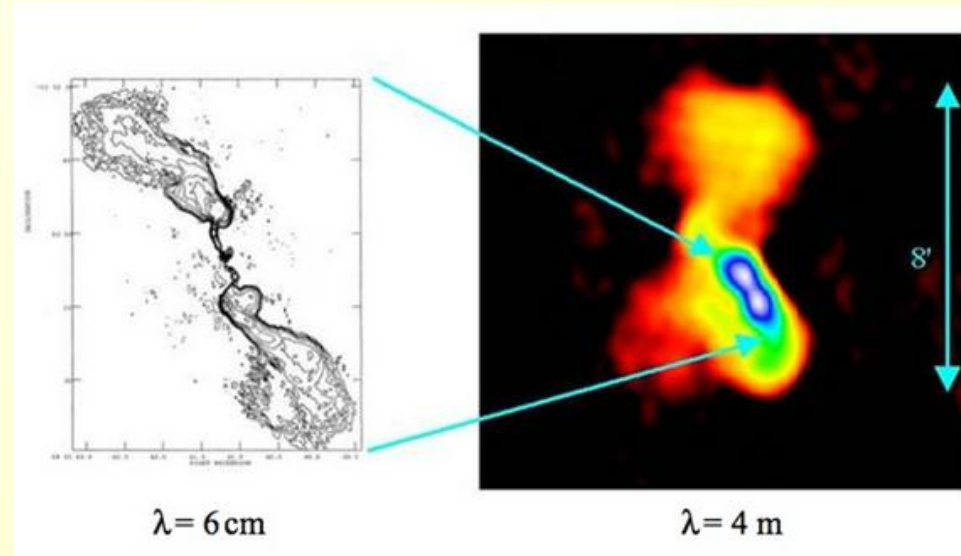
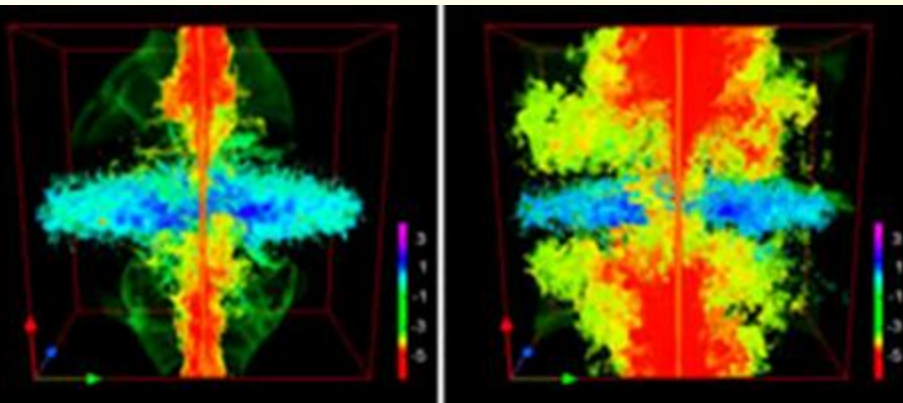
UFO  
Wagner et al  
2012



## AGN-driven outflow in Mrk 231

AGN and starburst,  
Outflow 700Mo/yr

IRAM *Ferruglio et al 2010*

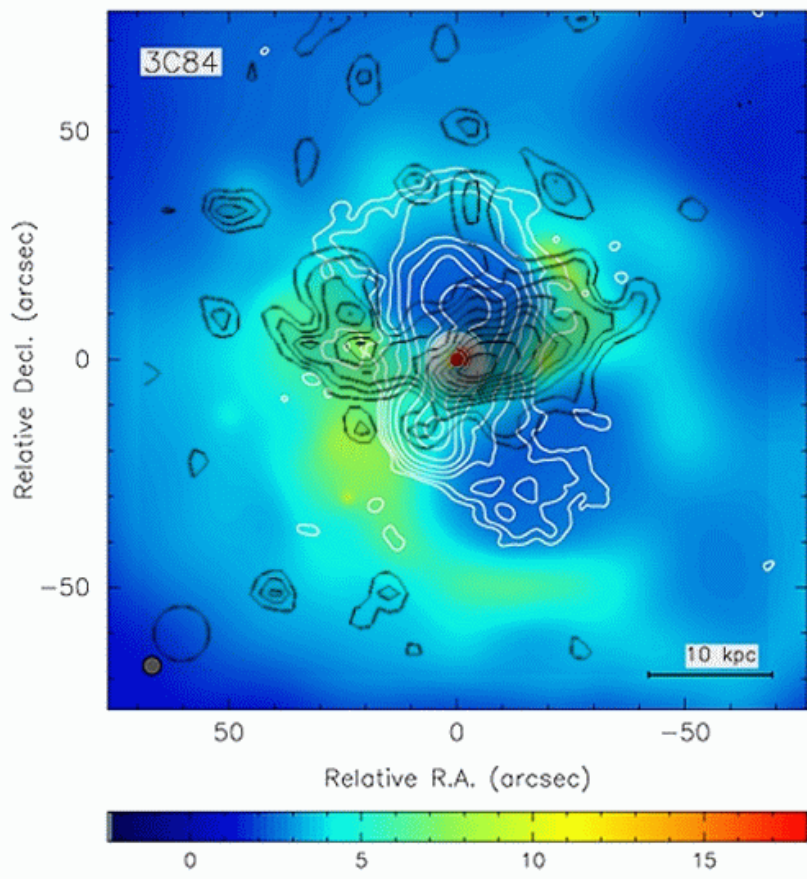
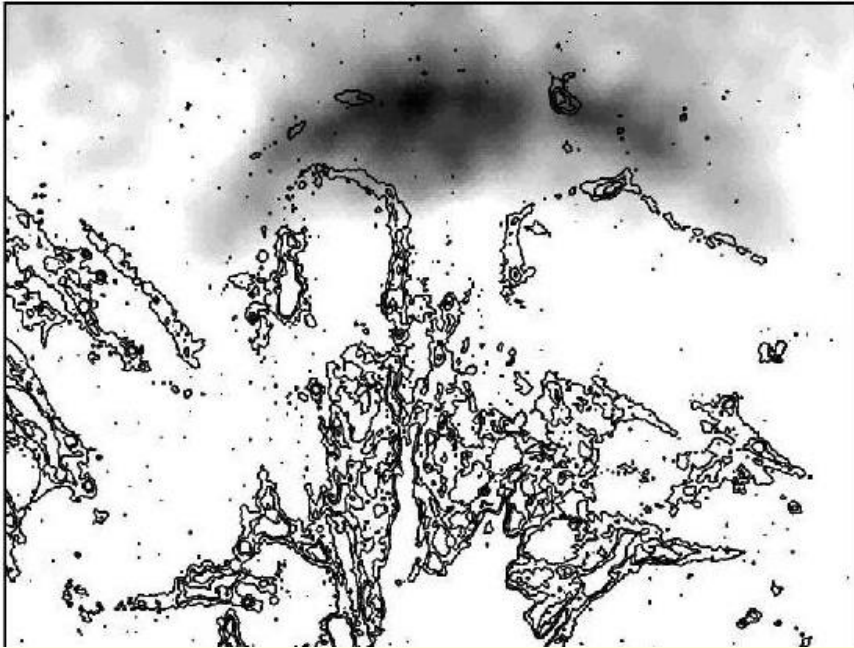


# Perseus cool core cluster

*Salomé et al 2006*

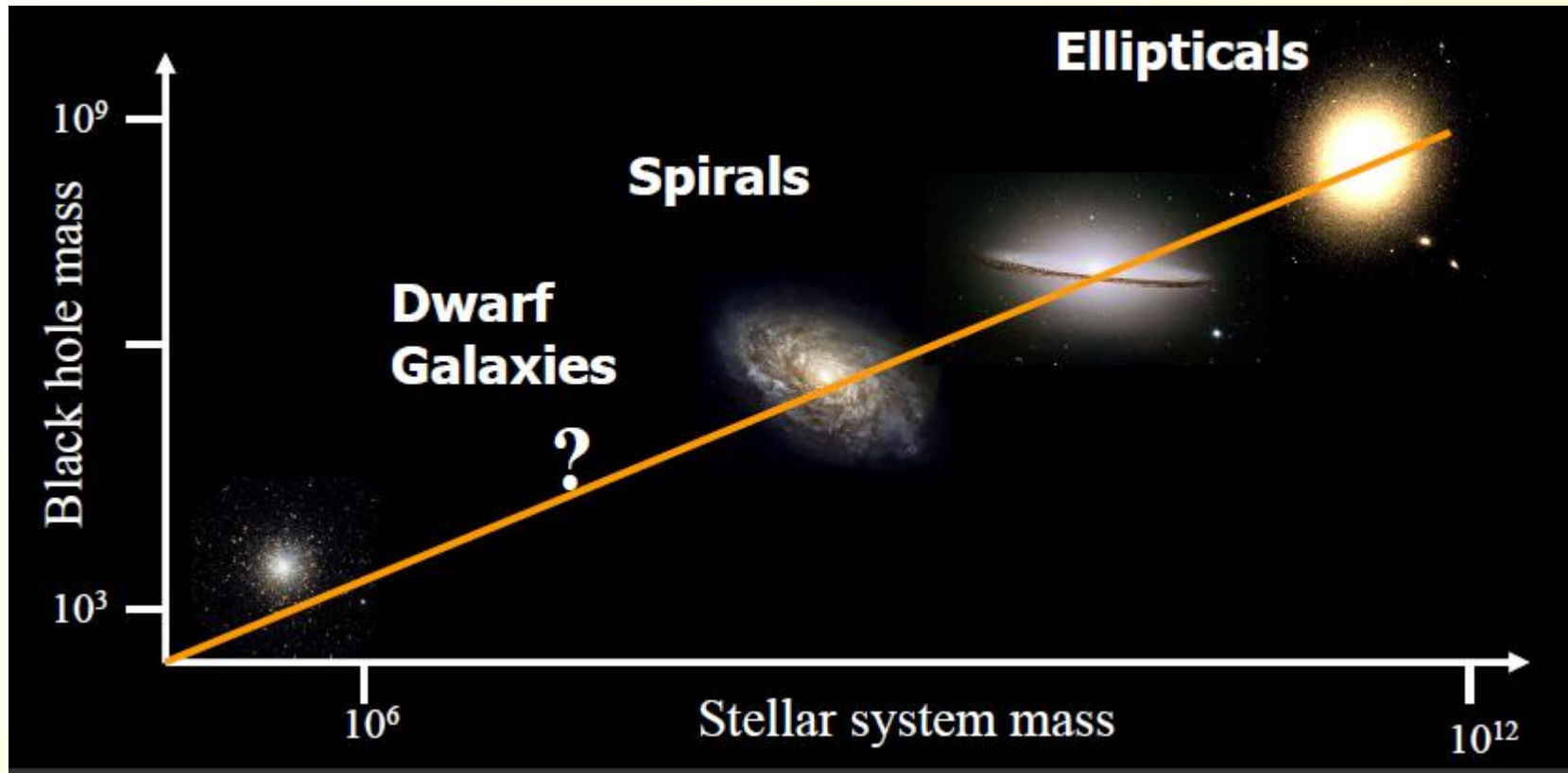


Perseus A, *Fabian et al 2003*



# Not all black holes have been seen!

Not massive enough to spiral into the nuclei

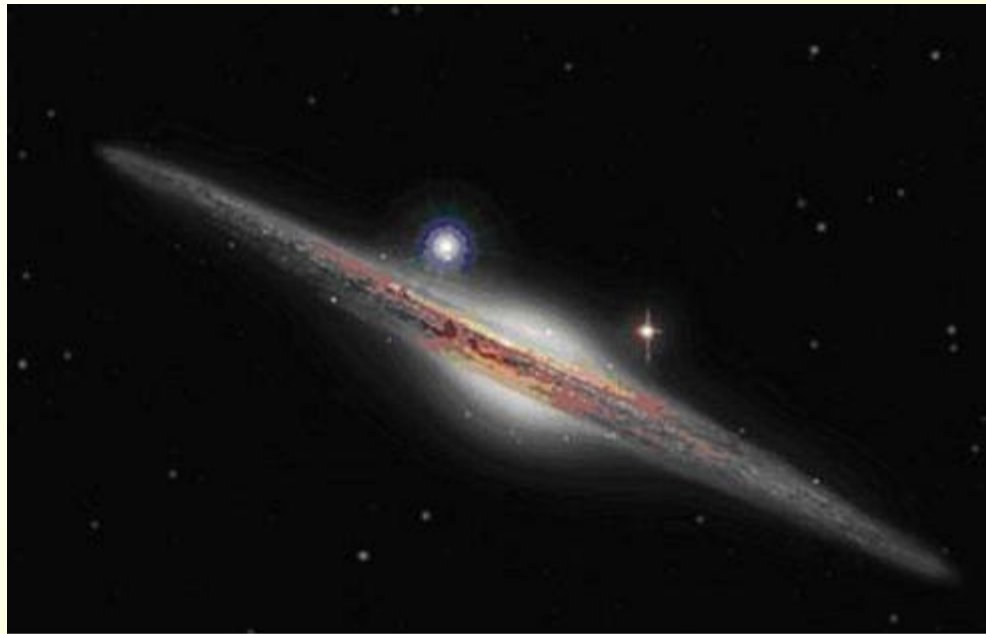


# HLX-1: the first IMBH?

Intermediate-mass black hole (IMBH)?

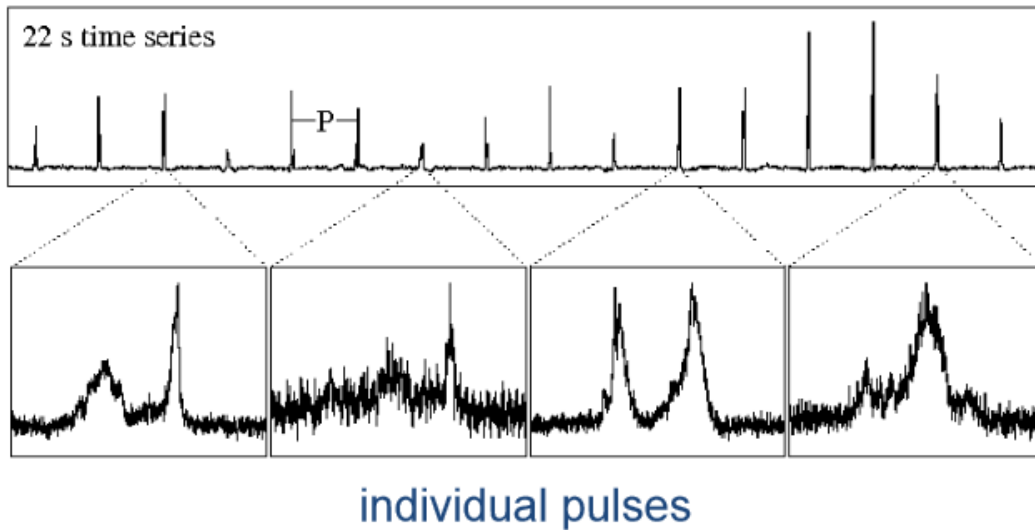
ULX: Ultraluminous X-ray source

ULX in ESO 243–49,  $D=95$  Mpc,  $10^{42}$  ergs/s,  $10^2$ - $10^5$  Msun Black hole

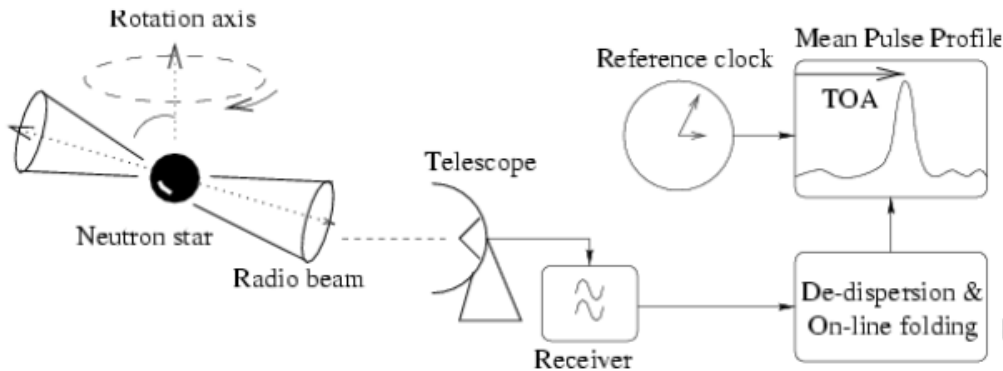
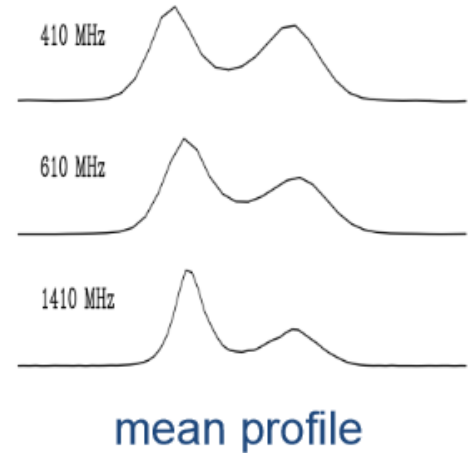




# Pulsars: Time of Arrival (TOA)



> 1000s of pulses  
→



Binaries, and  
Gravitational waves

From Lorimer & Kramer, *Handbook of Pulsar Astronomy*

**Physics of accreting WD, NS and BH: physics of condensed matter with strong magnetic B. High sensitivity**

# What are pulsars?

Pulsars are rotating neutron stars,  
*discovered by Bell & Hewish (1968)*

Size ~10km, Mass~1-2 Mo,

**Central density > nuclei! ( $10^{15}\text{g/cm}^3$ )**

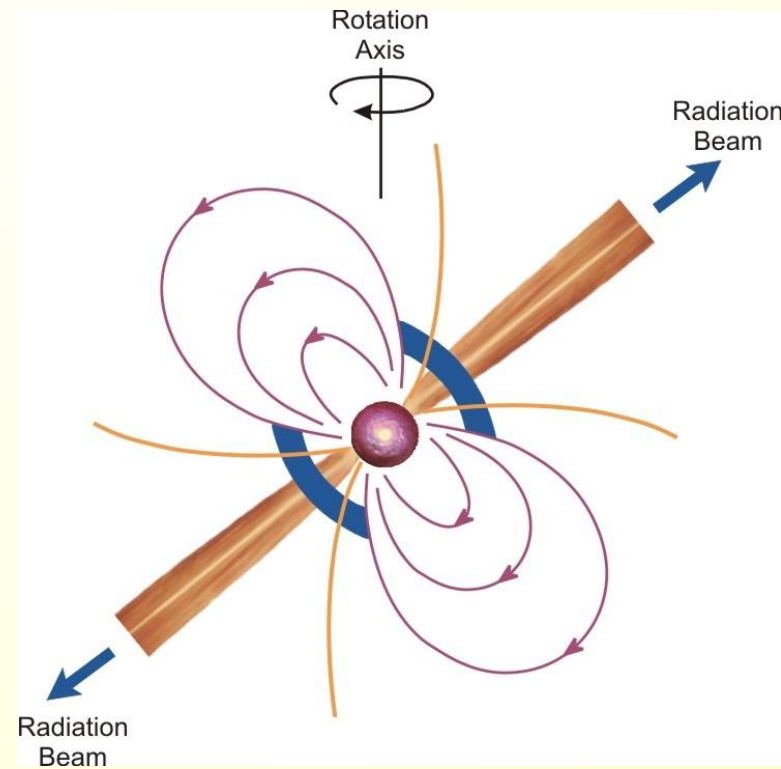
Surface gravity  $10^{11}$  g,

Magnetic field up to  $B=10^{12}$  G

2000 « normal » pulsars known

Fast rotation with **periods 1sec** (Crab pulsar, 0.03), after SN explosion  
or down to **milli-second (MSP)** when re-activated, in X-ray binaries

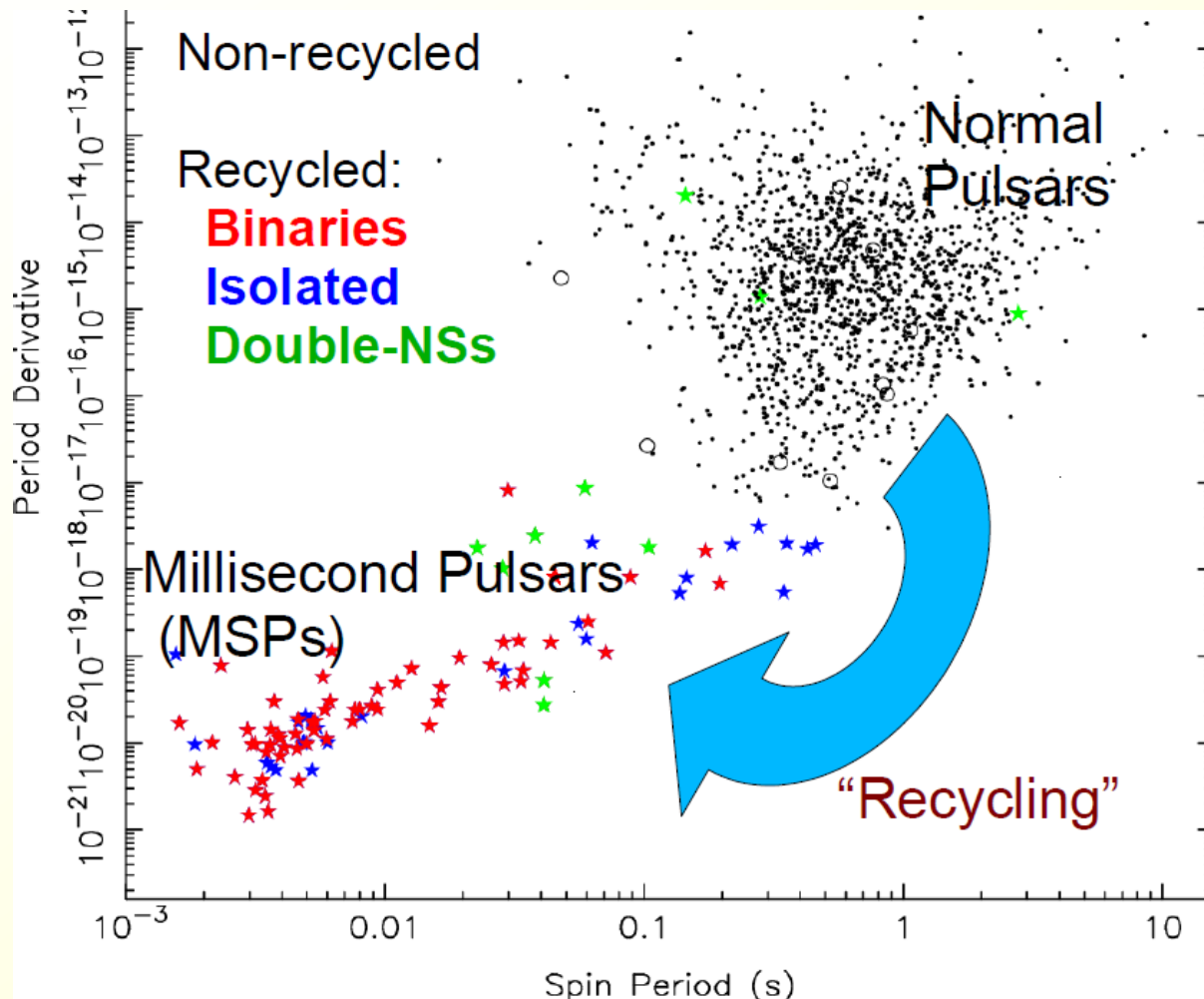
Alone the pulsar lives 100Myr, but **in a binary**, the companion can  
transfer mass and angular momentum, when in the giant phase,  
accelerating the pulsar. Since B is down to  $10^8\text{G}$ , the spinning can  
live during Gyrs.



# Timing of pulsars

MSPs, J0437-4715, one of the best measured has now  
 $P = 5.7574518589879 \text{ ms} \pm 1$  in the last digit ( $13^{\text{th}}$ )

**This digit increases by 1 every 1/2h**



Loss by radiation and  
Relativistic wind

The first 6 digits keep  
the same for  $10^3$  yrs

TOA measured with  $\mu\text{s}$   
during several yrs

→ 14 digits

# Most precise measures in Astrophysics

After one yr, astrometric precision on position, and also on spin down, and **orbit of the binary (excentricity, peri-astron, orbital period..)**

**Radial velocity at mm/s (better than 1m/s for exoplanets search)**

Interstellar medium (ISM) dispersion of the pulses  $\Delta t \sim v^{-2}$

Thousands of frequency channels observed and delayed, 3GHz bandwidth

→ Petabytes of data (several dispersions should be tried for discovery)

**When the binary is edge-on: case of J1614-2230**

**Gravitational delay when MSP behind white dwarf**

→ Shapiro delay

**8.7 days orbit, 30  $\mu$ s delay of the pulses!**

Observed with GBT-GUPPI

GPU and FPGA to process the signal



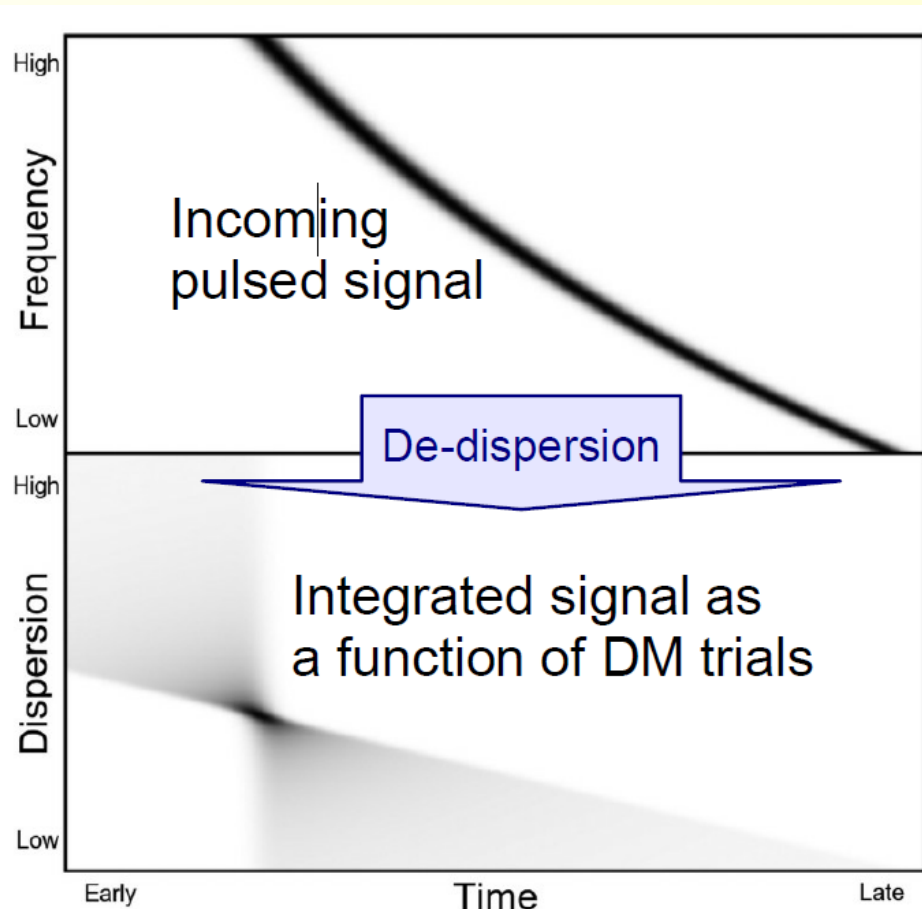
# The dispersion problem

$$\Delta t \sim DMv^{-2}$$

(DM = Dispersion Measure)

- Need  $\sim 10^4$  frequency channels
- DM for undiscovered pulsar is unknown
- Must search over  $\sim$ few  $\times 10^4$  trial DMs!
- This multiplies data rate by factor of few
- $\sim 0.1$  Pops for SKA1
- De-dispersion is very I/O intensive

*Barsdell et al 2012*



# Gravitational waves

**PTA: pulsar timing arrays.** Monitoring several MSP

GW have nanoHz frequencies ( $\lambda \sim \text{light-yr}$ )

Correlation between the TOA  
of several pulsars

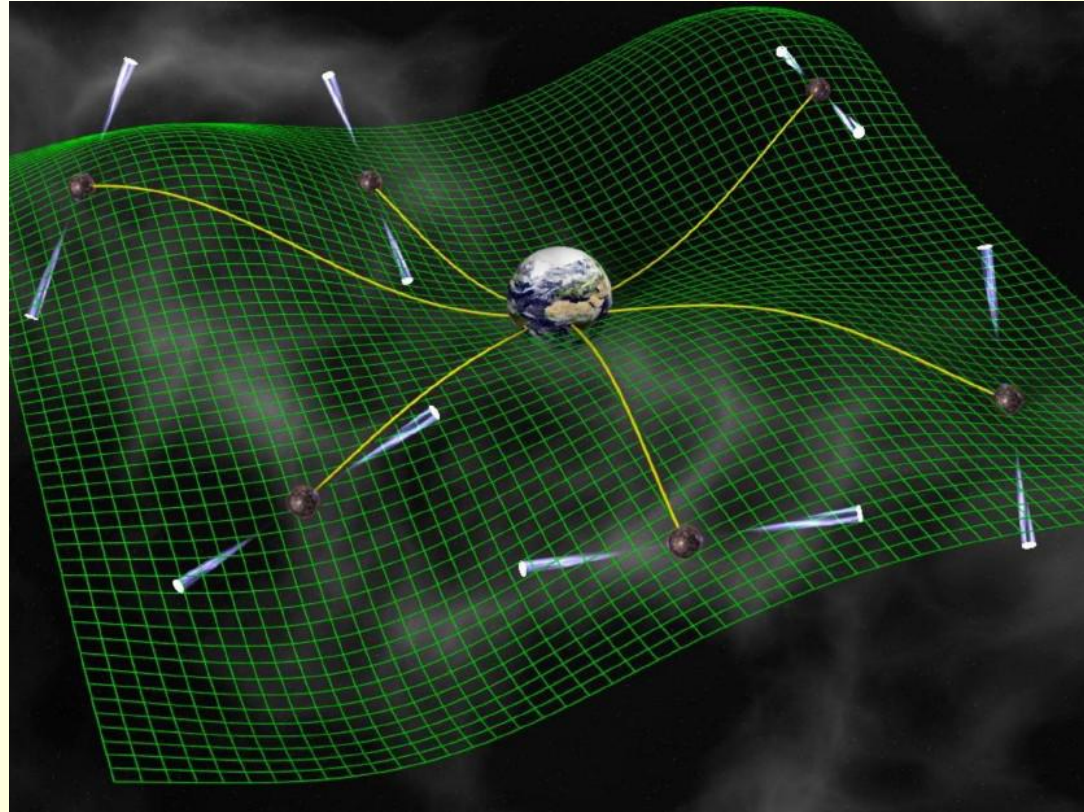
Will trace space stretching

→ detect GW before LIGO ?

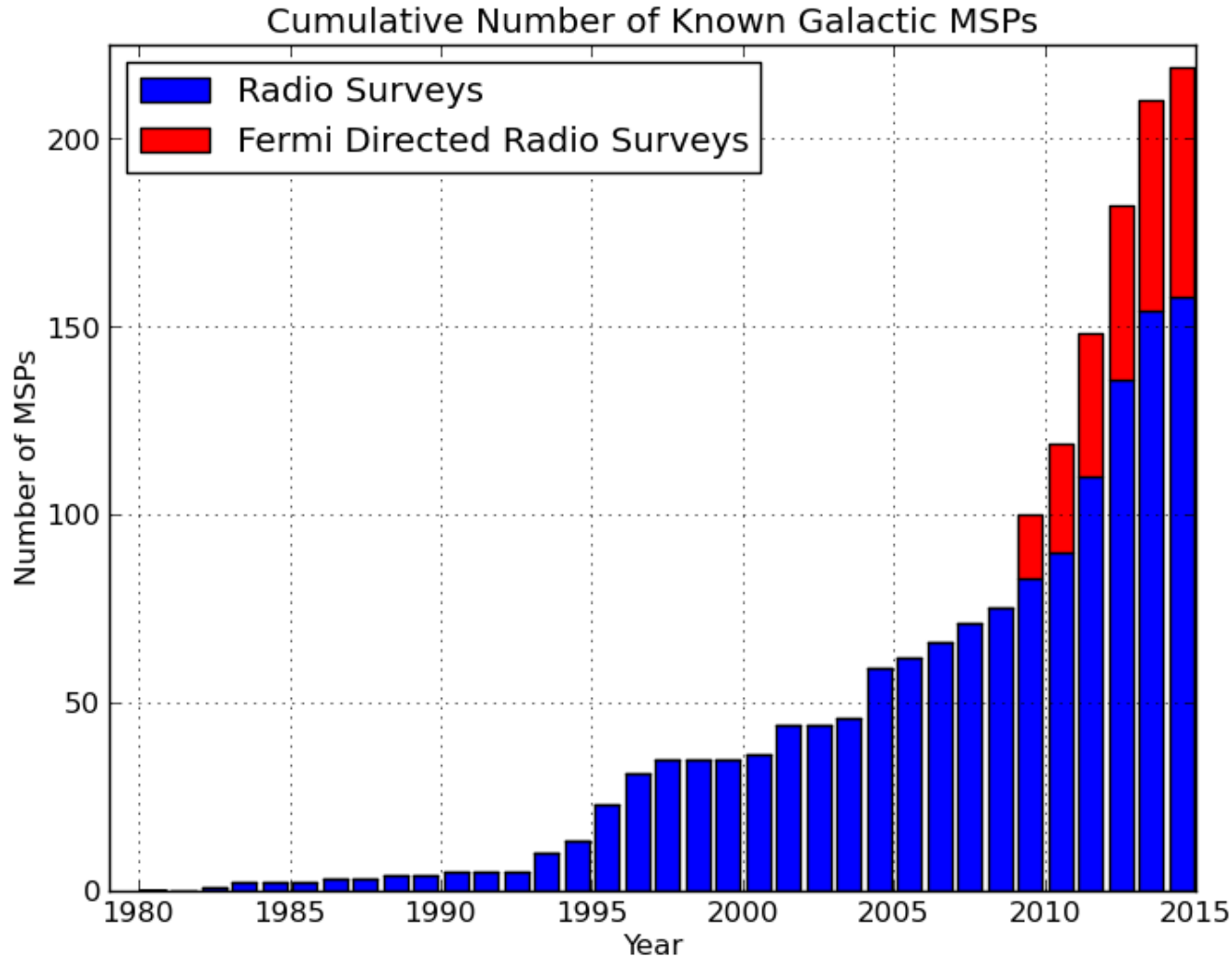
GW coming from merger of  
black holes, if nearby

Will be seen in other  $\lambda$

Or noise due to the ensemble of  
mergers (stochastic background)



# A bright future with the radio observatories: SKA and precursors

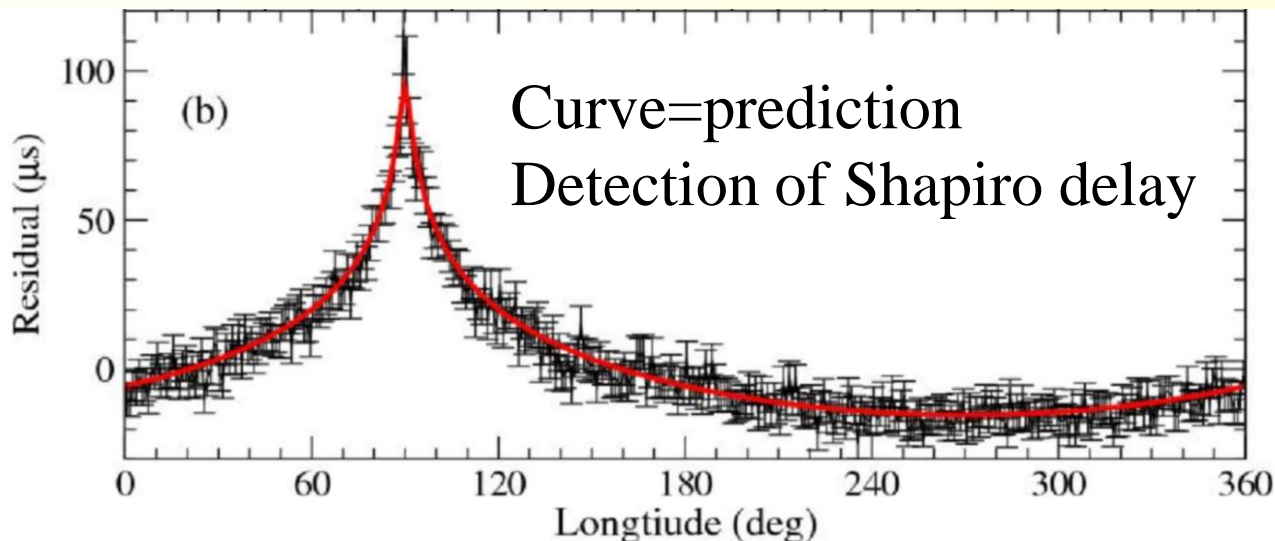


# Tests of General Relativity

**Gravity in strong fields: PSR-Neutron star, PSR-black hole**  
Was Einstein right?, Cosmic Censorship Conjecture  
(i.e. Naked singularities), No-hair theorem

**Double pulsars timing: 0.05% test of general relativity in “strong”-field**

*Kramer et al 2006, Science PSR J0737-3039A/B*





# PSR J0337+1715 Triple System

## Outer Orbit

$P_{\text{orb}} = 327 \text{ days}$

$M_{\text{WD}} = 0.41 M_{\text{Sun}}$

## Inner Orbit

$P_{\text{orb}} = 1.6 \text{ days}$

$M_{\text{PSR}} = 1.44 M_{\text{Sun}}$

$M_{\text{WD}} = 0.20 M_{\text{Sun}}$

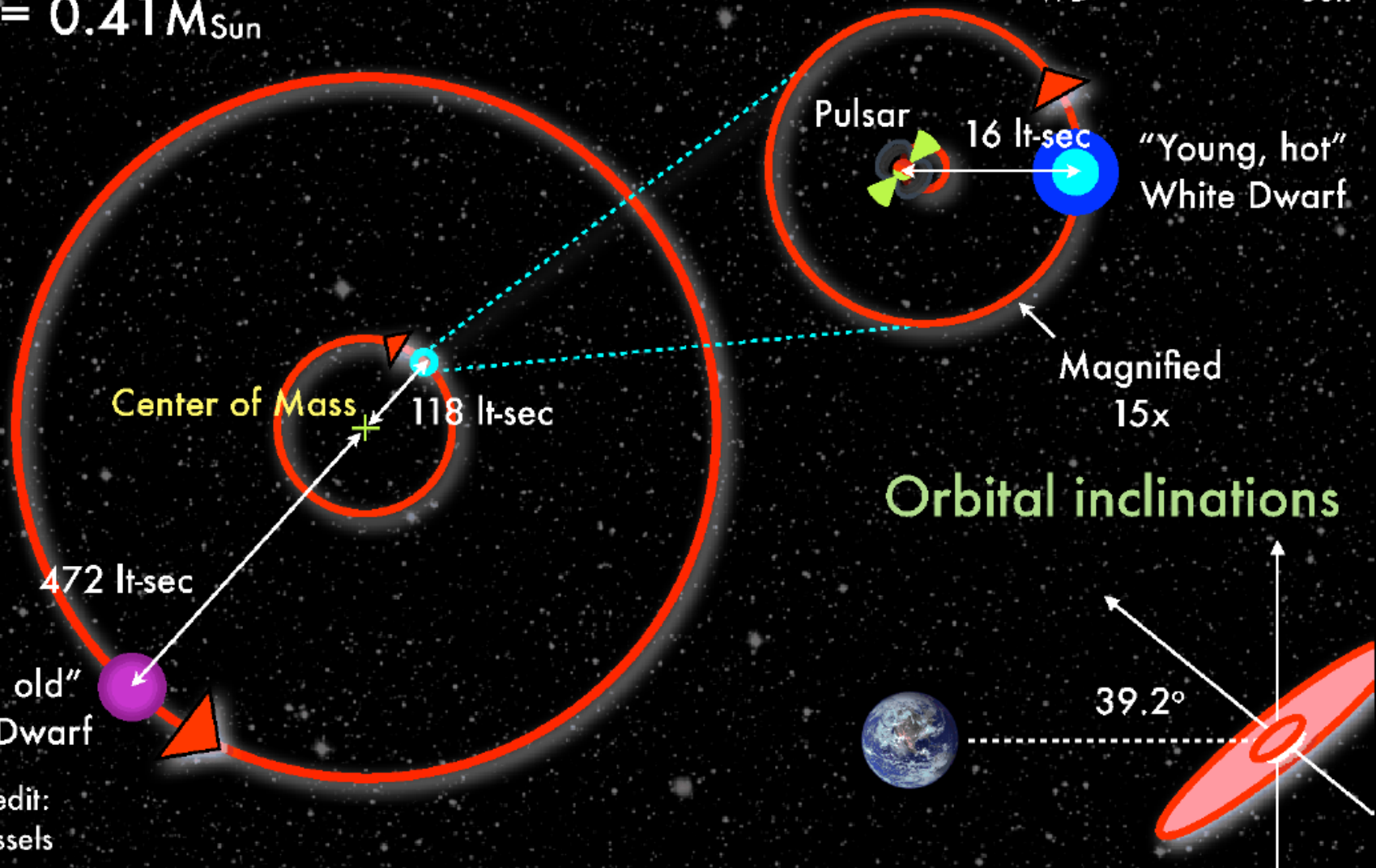
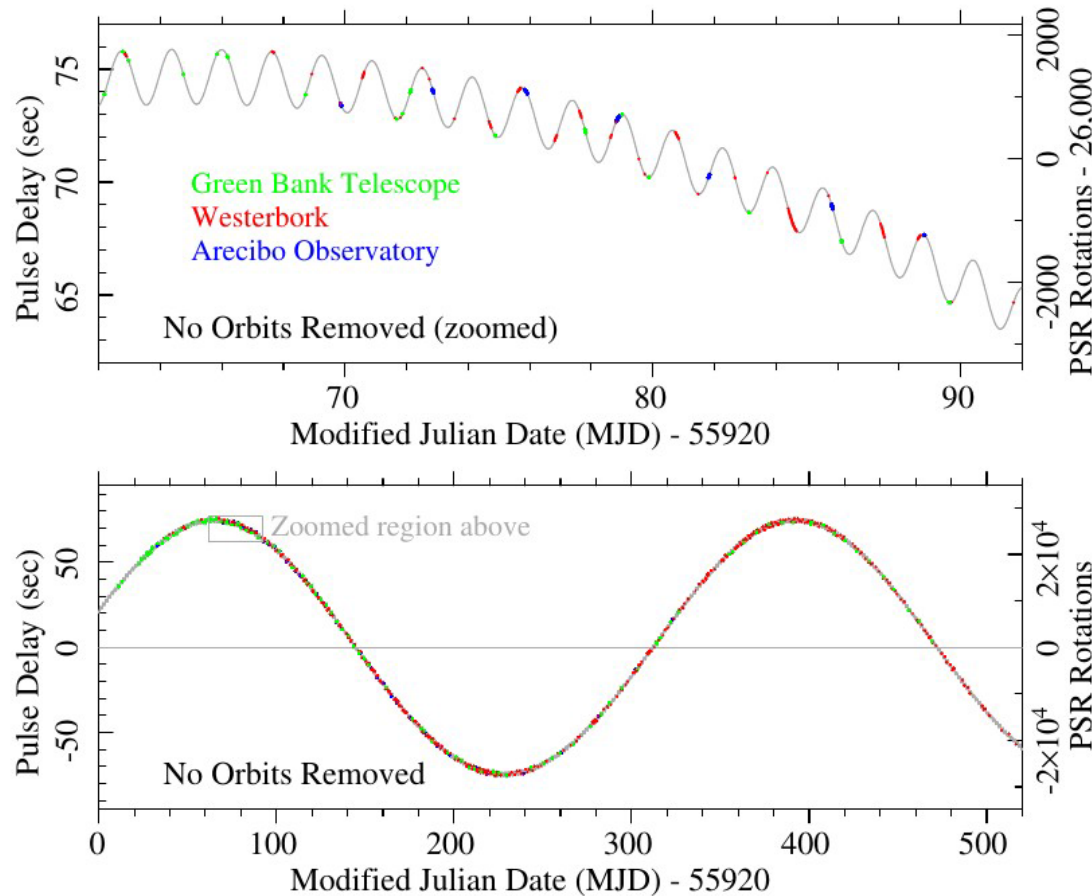


Figure credit:  
Jason Hessels

# Precise data from the triple system

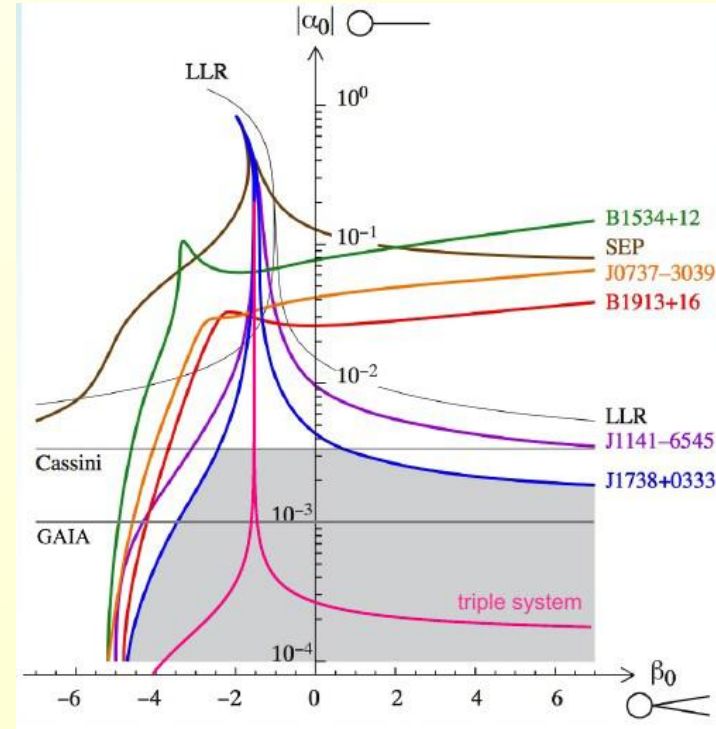
Allows to test the **Strong Equivalence Principle**

→ verified in strong gravity also



Other scalar-tensor theories

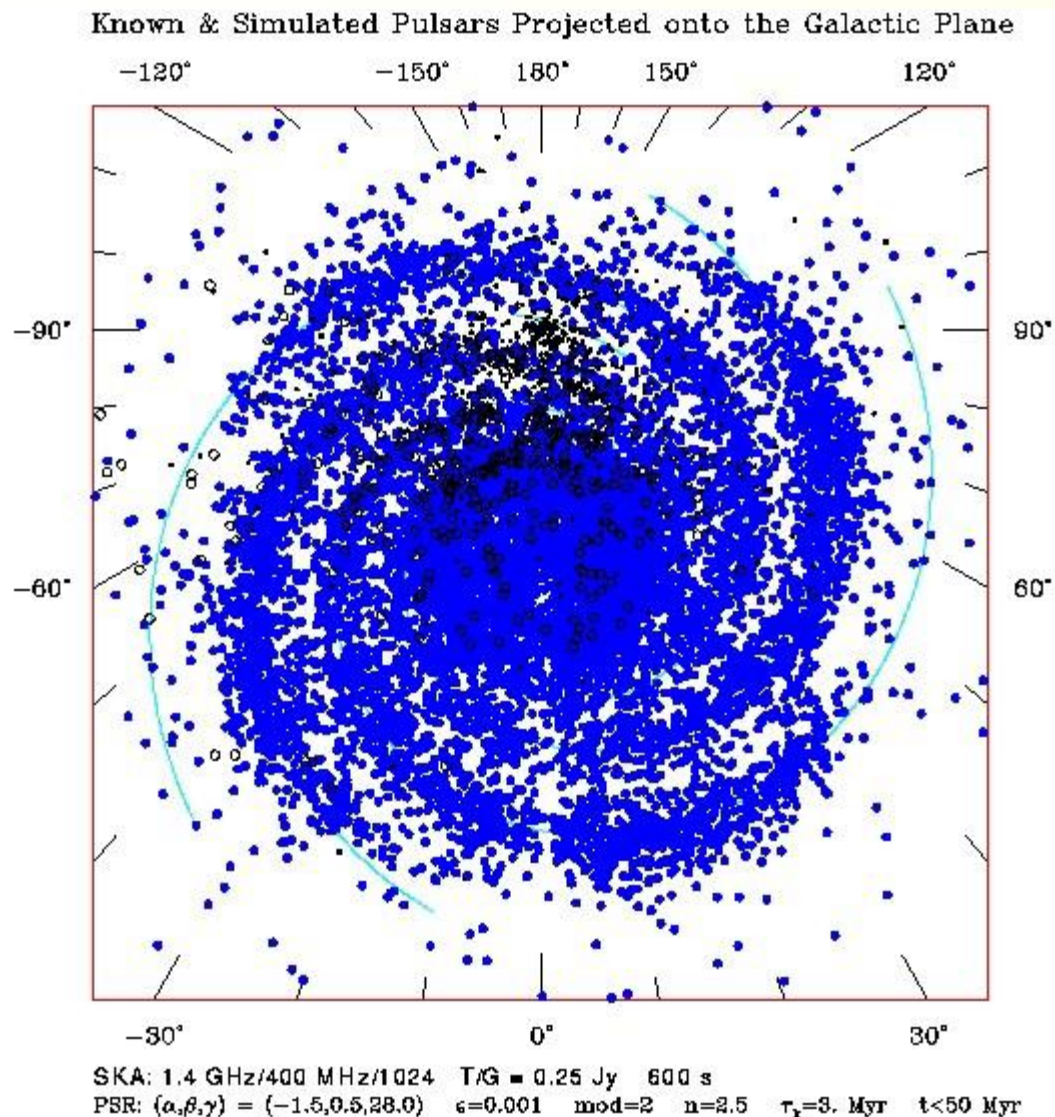
GR:  $\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = 0$



*Archibald et al 2014*

# Pulsars with SKA

*J Cordes, 2004*



MW: 30000 PSR,  $10^4$  MSP  
~20,000 potentially  
visible normal pulsars,  
MSPs and RRATs =  
**Rotating Radio Transients**  
*(irregular, nulling, might  
be more abundant?)*

- SKA1 has the potential to find a large fraction (~50%?) of these pulsars



# Goal -- Definition

**Project (~2020) for a giant radiotelescope  
in the centimetre-metre  $\lambda$  range**

- **one square kilometre collecting surface**

**50-100 x more sensitive** than present radio telescopes  
for *spectral line* observations

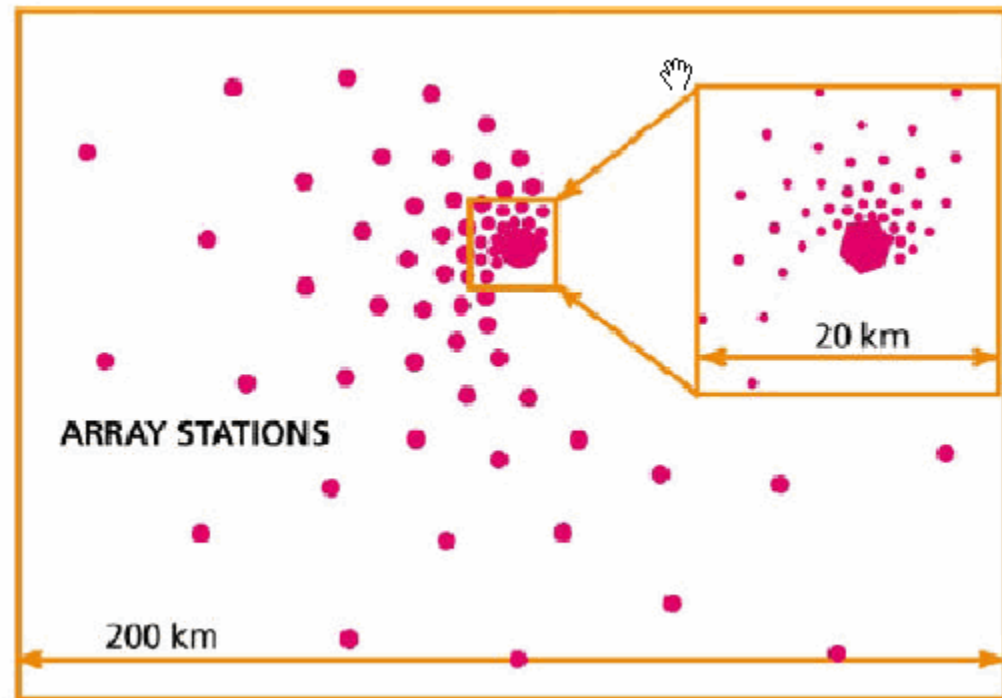
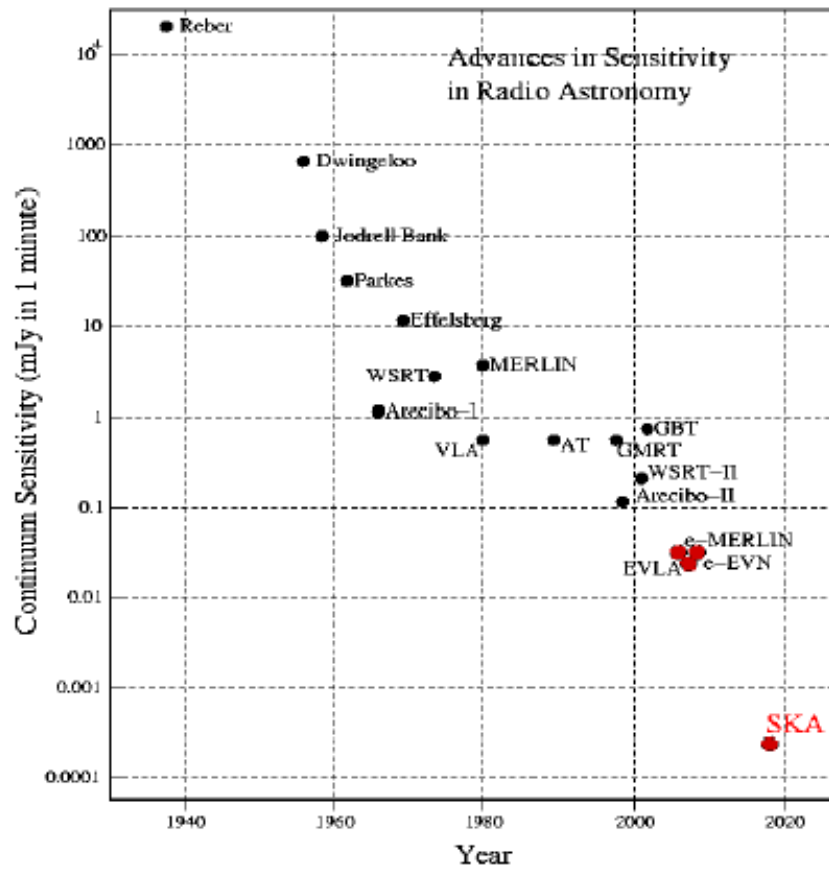
**1000 x more sensitive** than present radio telescopes  
for *continuum* observations

- frequencies: 70MHz – 25 GHz ( $\lambda$  1.2cm – 4m)
- field of view: 1 ( $\rightarrow$  100?) square degrees at  $\lambda$  21 cm / 1.4 GHz  
8 independent fields of view
- angular resolution: 0.01 arcsec at  $\lambda$  21 cm / 1.4 GHz  
 $\rightarrow$  baselines up to  $\sim$  3000 km

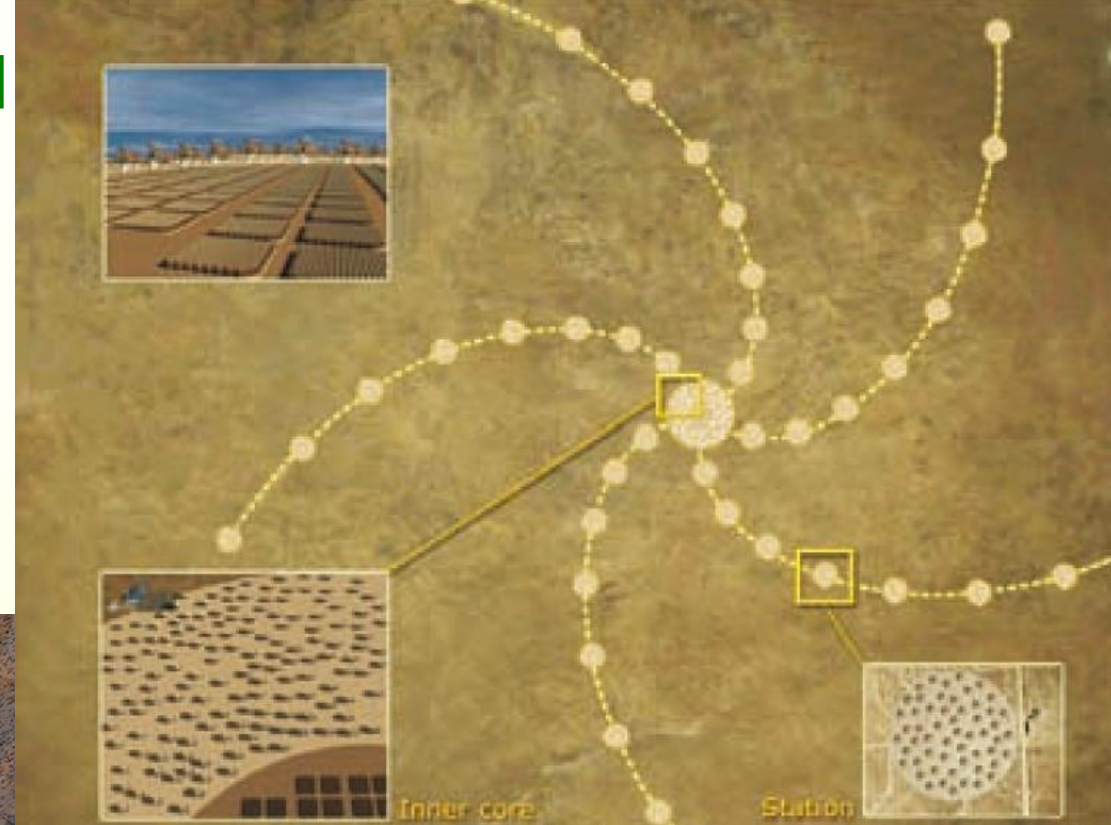
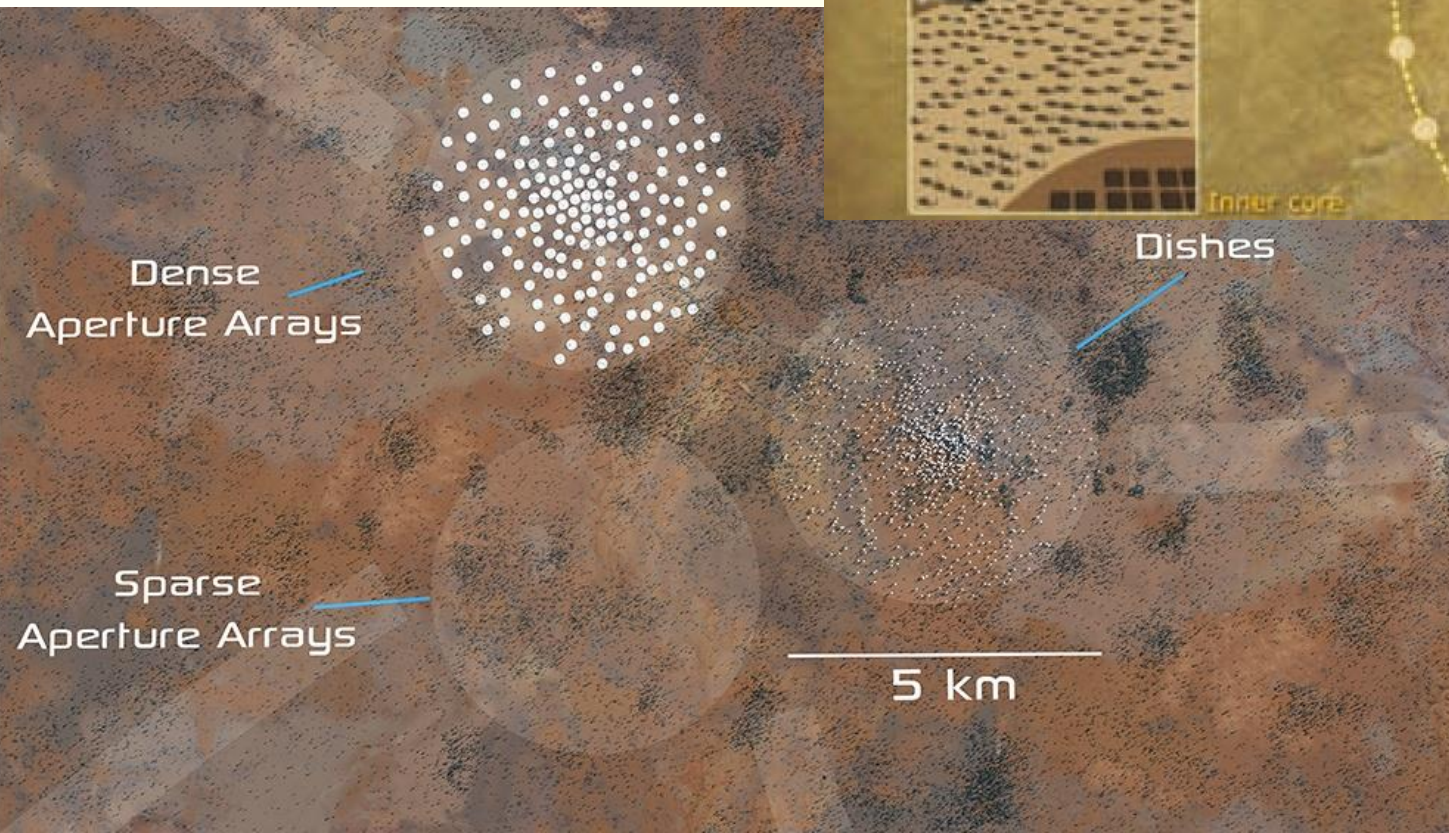


# SENSITIVITY

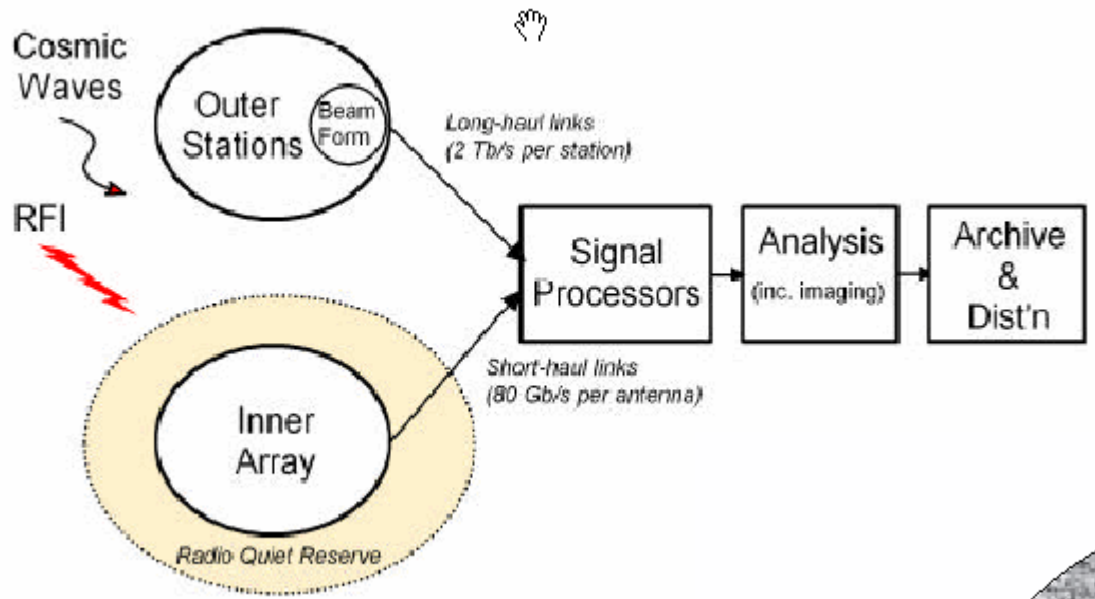
Point source sensitivity of  
10 nano-Jy in 8 hours



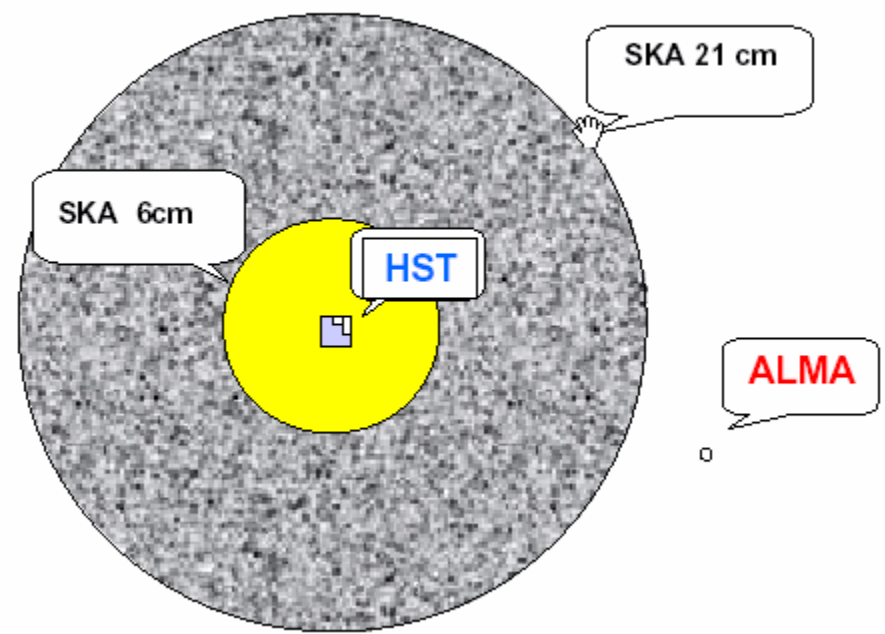
Presently foreseen disposition of the core



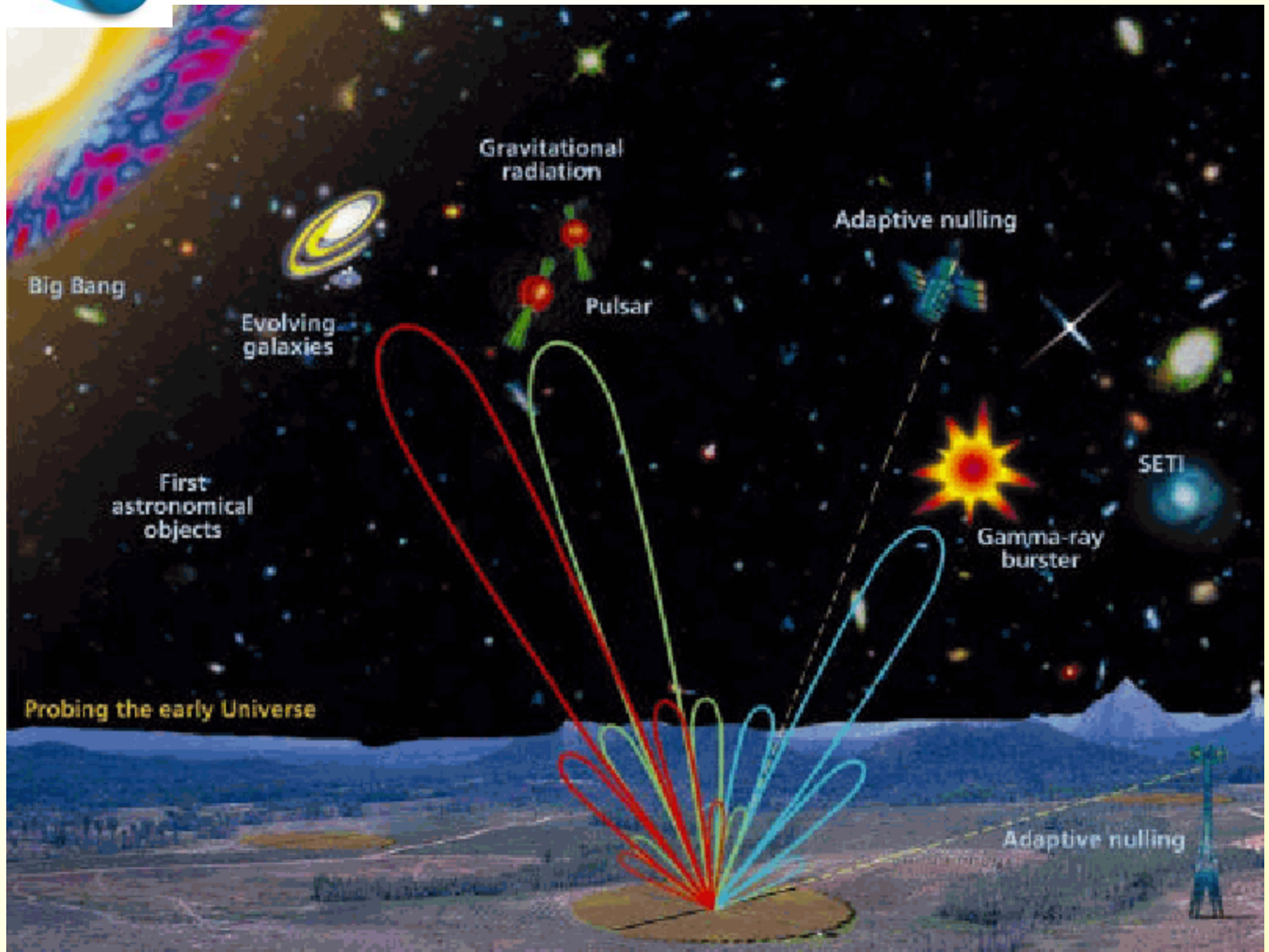
# Field of View



At least 1 square degree  
Goal 50-100 sq deg.



# Multi-Beam





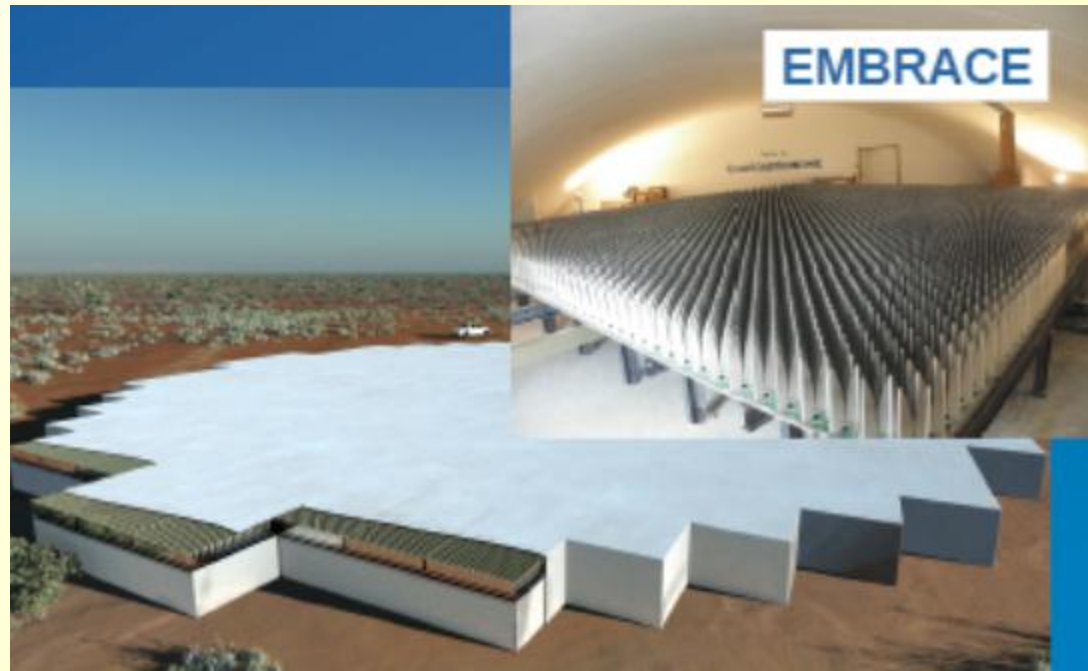
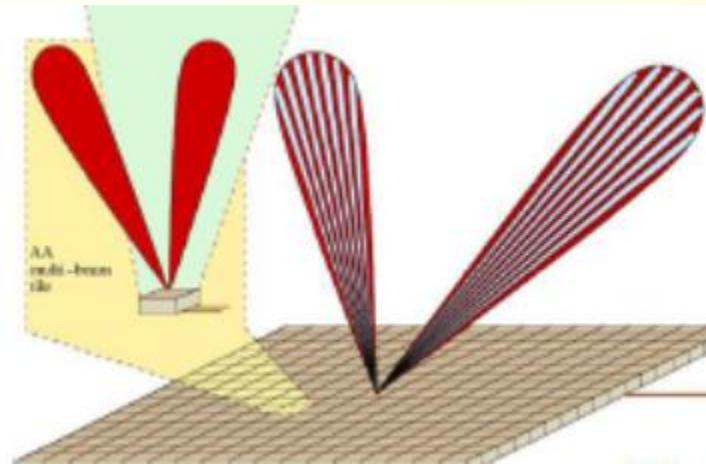
# New technology, new problems



## **LOFAR:**

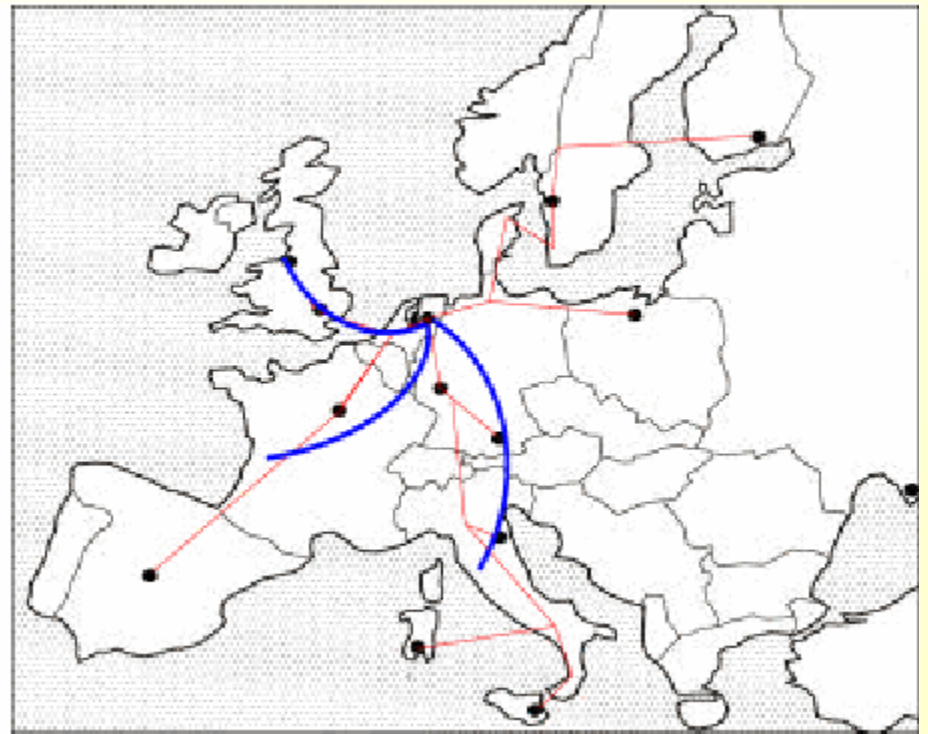
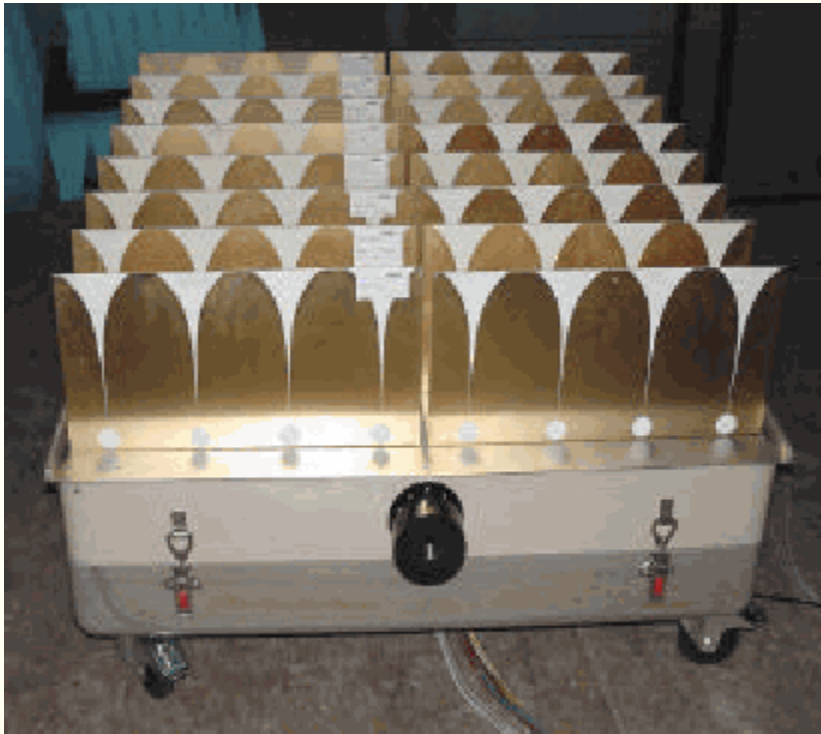
RFI ionospheric seeing, sidelobes of strong sources, calibrations, etc..

Low frequency: **EMBRACE** Beamforming



# EMBRACE

## Electronic MultiBeam Radio Astronomy ConcEpt



→ THEA array of 1 sq m, built at ASTRON

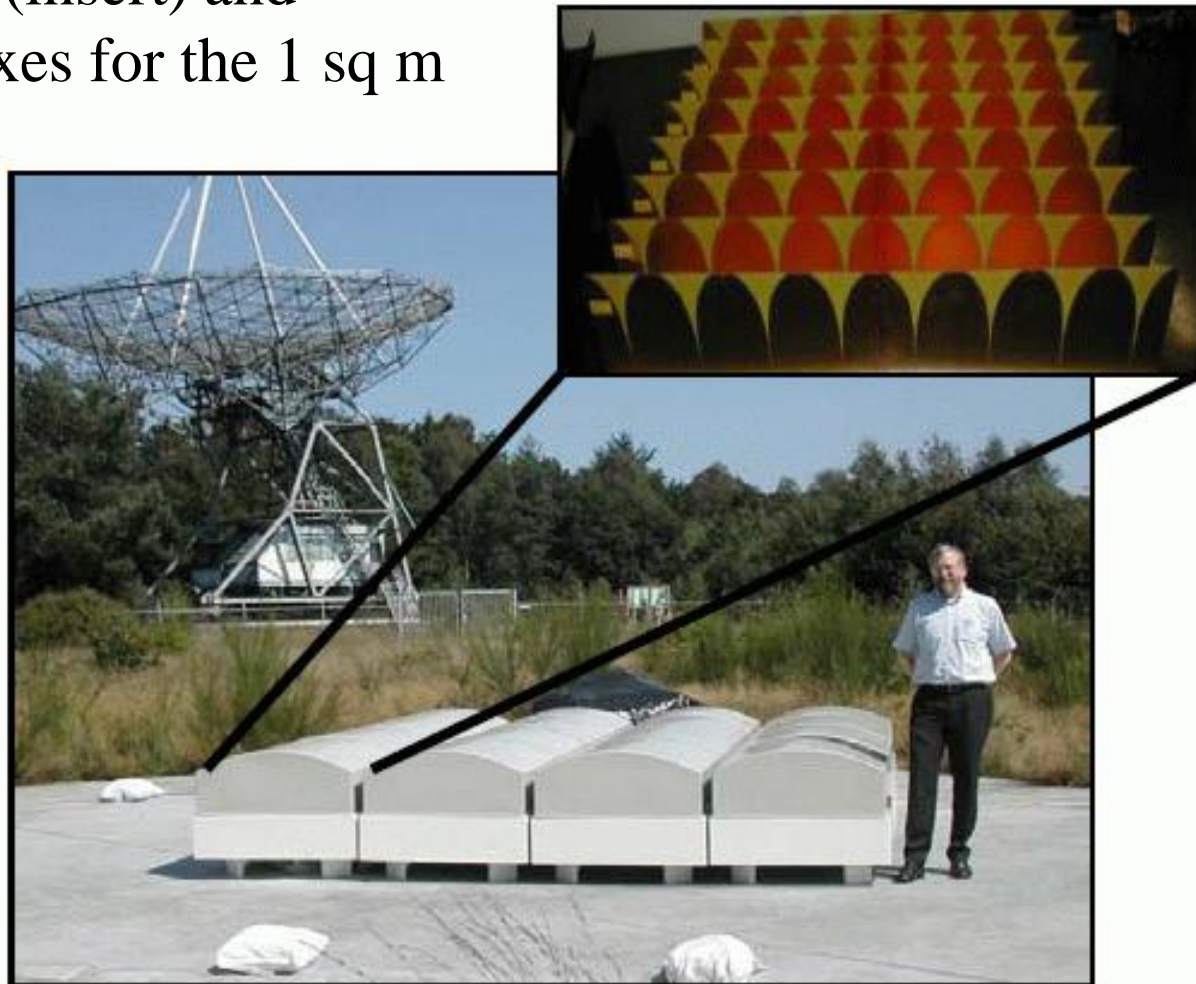
Beamforming system below, to form 2 fields of view

→ Schematic view of EMBRACE demonstrator (fibre network) 100 m<sup>2</sup>



# Aperture Arrays

Vivaldi array (insert) and protective boxes for the 1 sq m array of tiles



# SKA: a World-wide project

## 55 institutes from 19 countries

- 150 scientists and engineers involved in the project
- at present 100+ FTE/year on R&D activities and construction
- estimated SKA construction cost : 1.5 GEUR
- acquired R&D funding over 2007-2012: 140 MEUR

## Terminology:

- **SKA Precursors:** the two radio telescopes being built on the two selected SKA sites

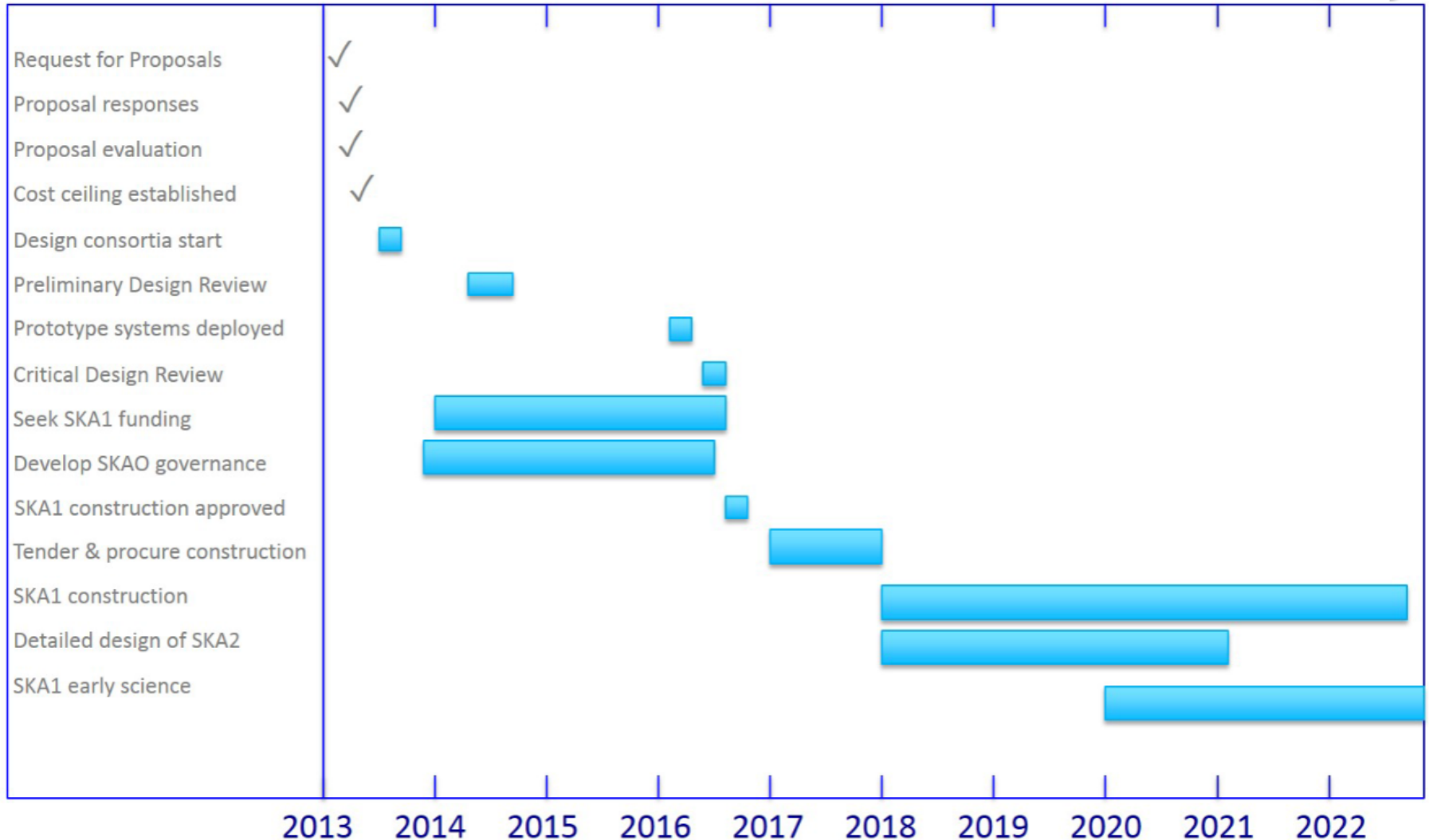
**ASKAP in Australia**

**MeerKAT in South Africa**

- **SKA Pathfinders:** facility or instrument that contributes R&D/other knowledge of direct use to the SKA (**e.g., LOFAR**)<sup>52</sup>

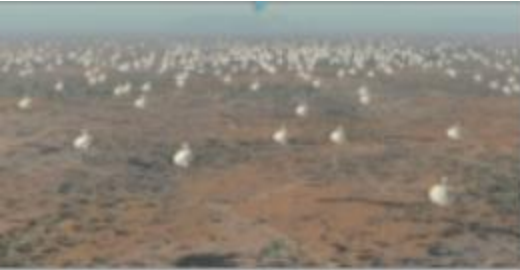
# Time-scales

- **2018 – 2021:** construction of **SKA1**
- **2019/20:** early science begins
- **2022 – 2025:** construction of **SKA2**
- **SKA** operational for 50 years.



# The SKA phases 1 & 2

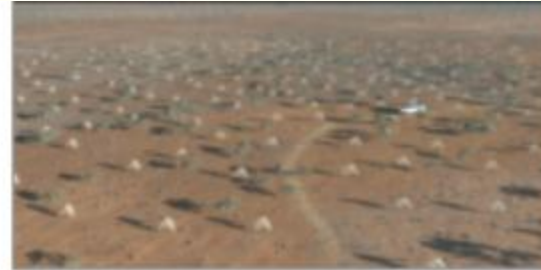
Africa



**SKA1**  
**400Me**  
**2017**

**SKA1\_MID**  
**254 Dishes including:**  
**64 x MeerKAT dishes**  
**190 x SKA dishes**

Australia



**SKA1\_LOW**  
**50 x Low Frequency Aperture**  
**Array Stations**



**SKA1\_SURVEY**  
**96 Dishes including:**  
**36 x ASKAP**  
**60 x SKA dishes**

JVLA/meerKat → **SKA1-mid**

**Sensitivity**

6 xJVLA

**Survey Speed**

74

LOFAR → **SKA1-low**

16xLOFAR

520

ASKAP → **SKA1-surv**

6xASKAP

22



**SKA2\_MID**  
**2500 Dishes**

Africa



**SKA2\_AA**  
**Mid Frequency Aperture**  
**Array Stations**

**SKA2**  
**2022**



**SKA2\_LOW**  
**Low Frequency Aperture**  
**Array Stations**

Australia

# Telescope primary mirrors

Euclid  
1.2m



HST  
2.4m



JWST  
6.5m



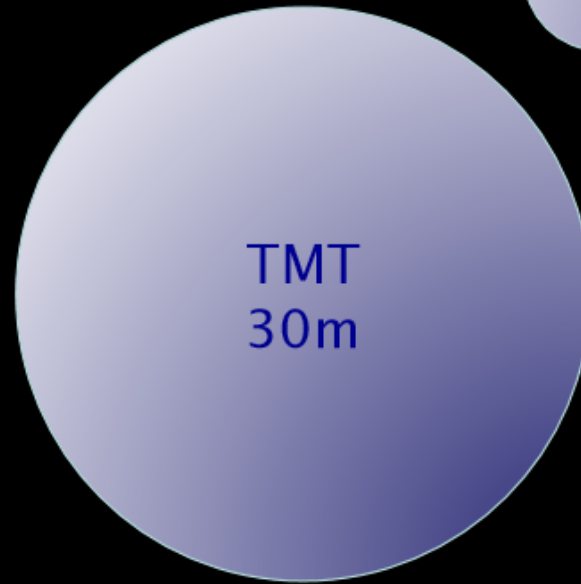
GMT  
24m



E-ELT  
39m



TMT  
30m

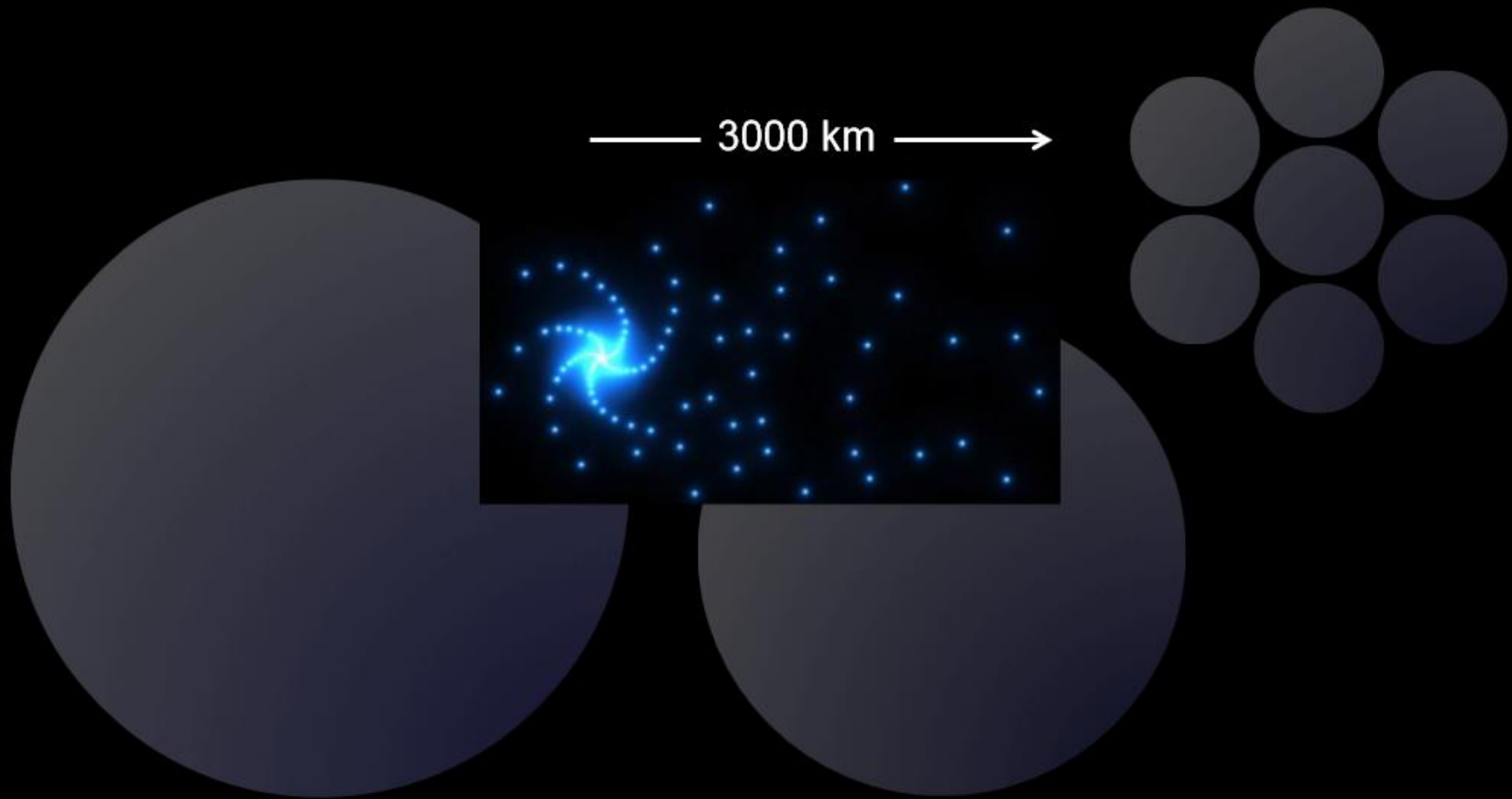


VLT  
8m



Collecting area = sensitivity  
Diameter = resolution  
Field of view = mapping speed

# SKA footprint to scale /100,000





# Two SKA Precursors

Frequency 0.7-1.8 GHz (HI at  $z=1$ )

## ASKAP: Australia

36  $\times$  12m parabolic antennas: collecting surface 4000 m<sup>2</sup>

**multi-beam Phased Array Feeds:** field-of-view 30 sq.degrees

instantaneous bandwidth: 300 MHz

optimised for 30 arcsec resolution

## MEERKAT: South Africa

80  $\times$  12m parabolic antennas: collecting surface 8000 m<sup>2</sup>

single-pixel feeds: field-of-view 1 sq.degree

instantaneous bandwidth: 1 GHz

versatile in resolution: 6-80 arcsec

Both: construction started, fully operational early 2016

**ASKAP**



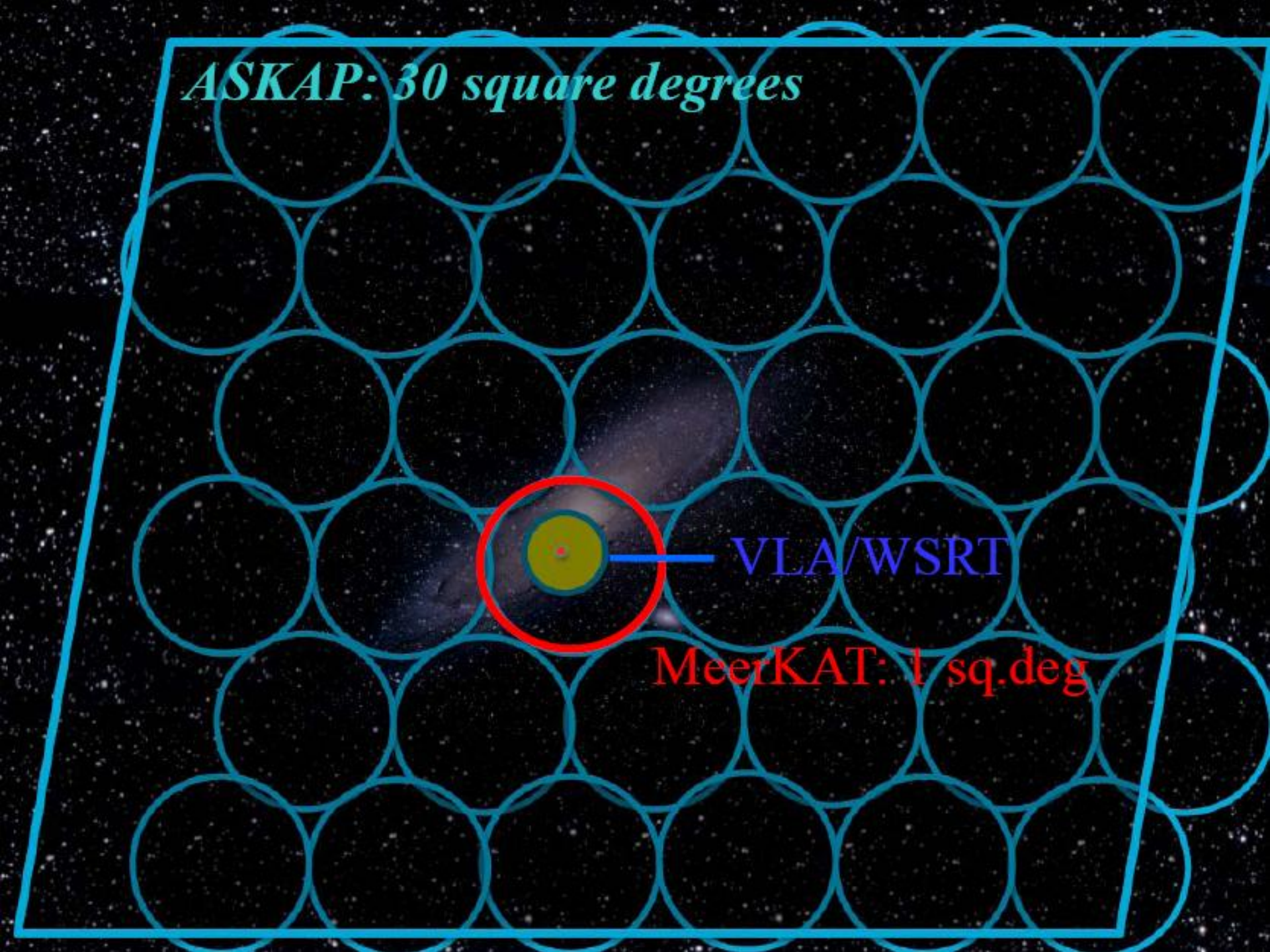
**MeerKAT**



*ASKAP: 30 square degrees*

VLA/WSRT

MeerKAT: 1 sq.deg



# SKA precursor Complementarity

## **ASKAP:**

-large fields/all-sky, relatively shallow surveys

## **MeerKAT**

-smaller fields, deeper surveys, higher/lower resolution

## **WSRT + APERTIF:**

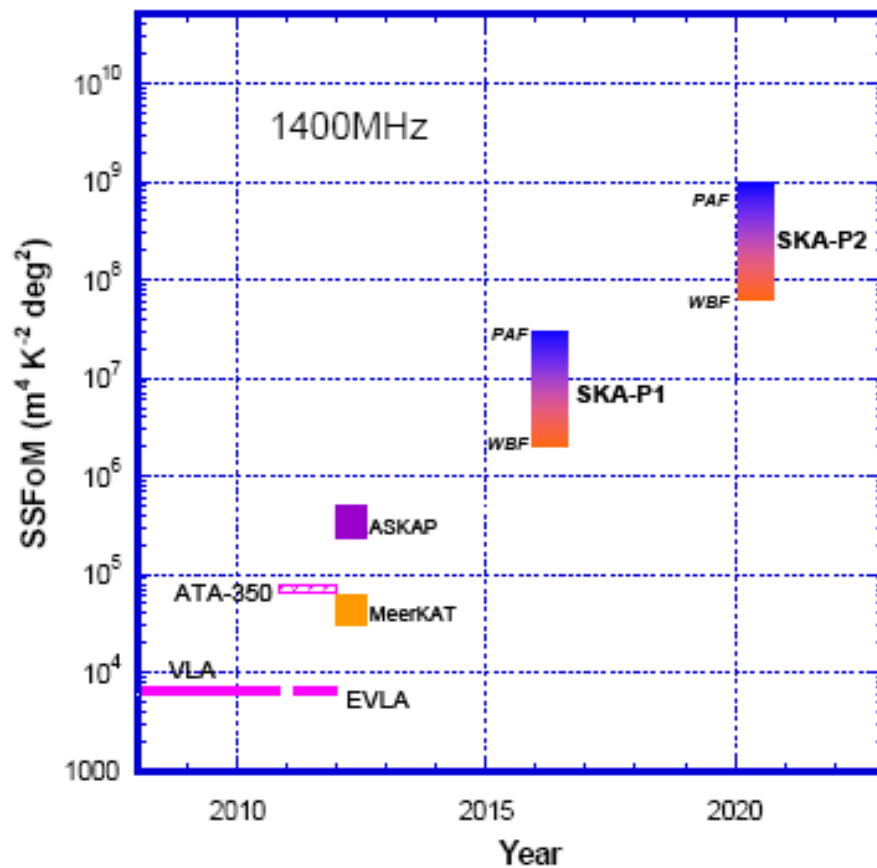
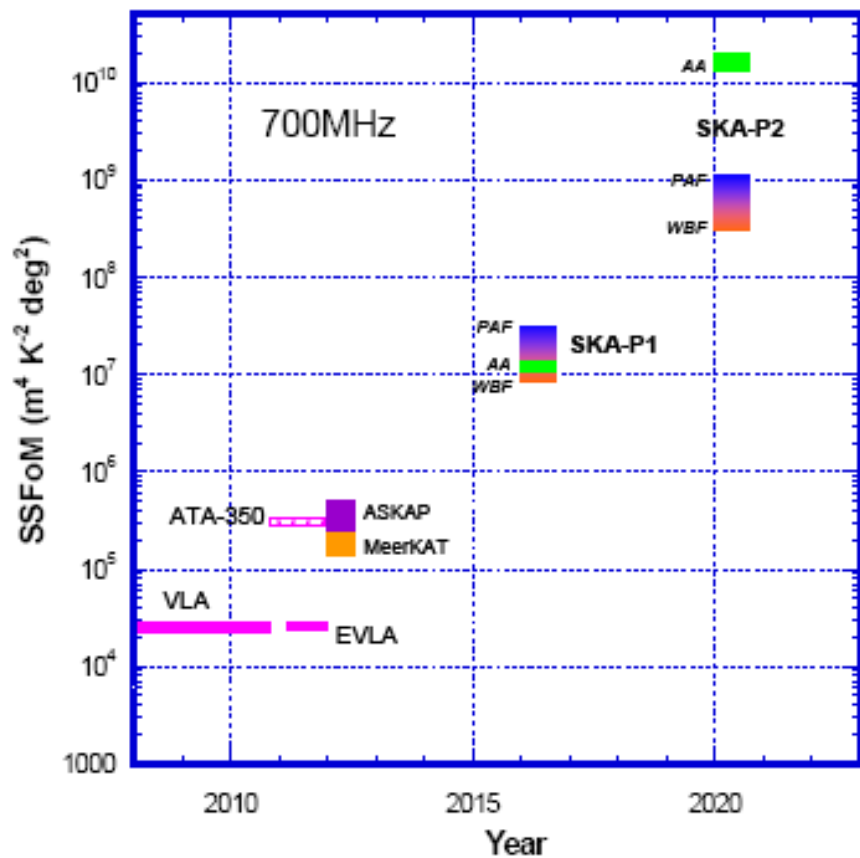
-northern hemisphere, overlap in  $\delta+25^{\circ}$ - $30^{\circ}$  strip only

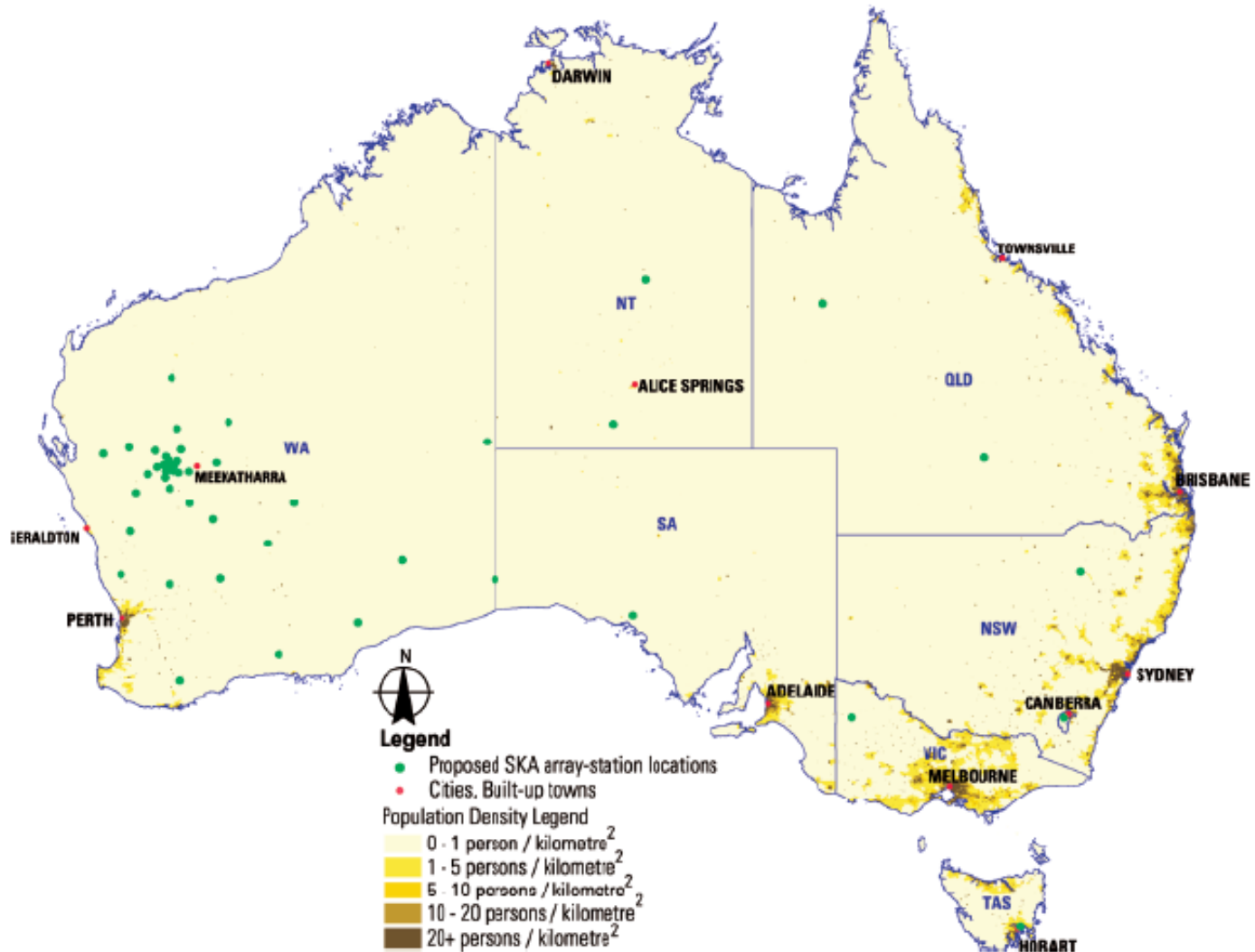
## **VLA:**

-deep integration of small fields, down to  $\delta-40^{\circ}$  only

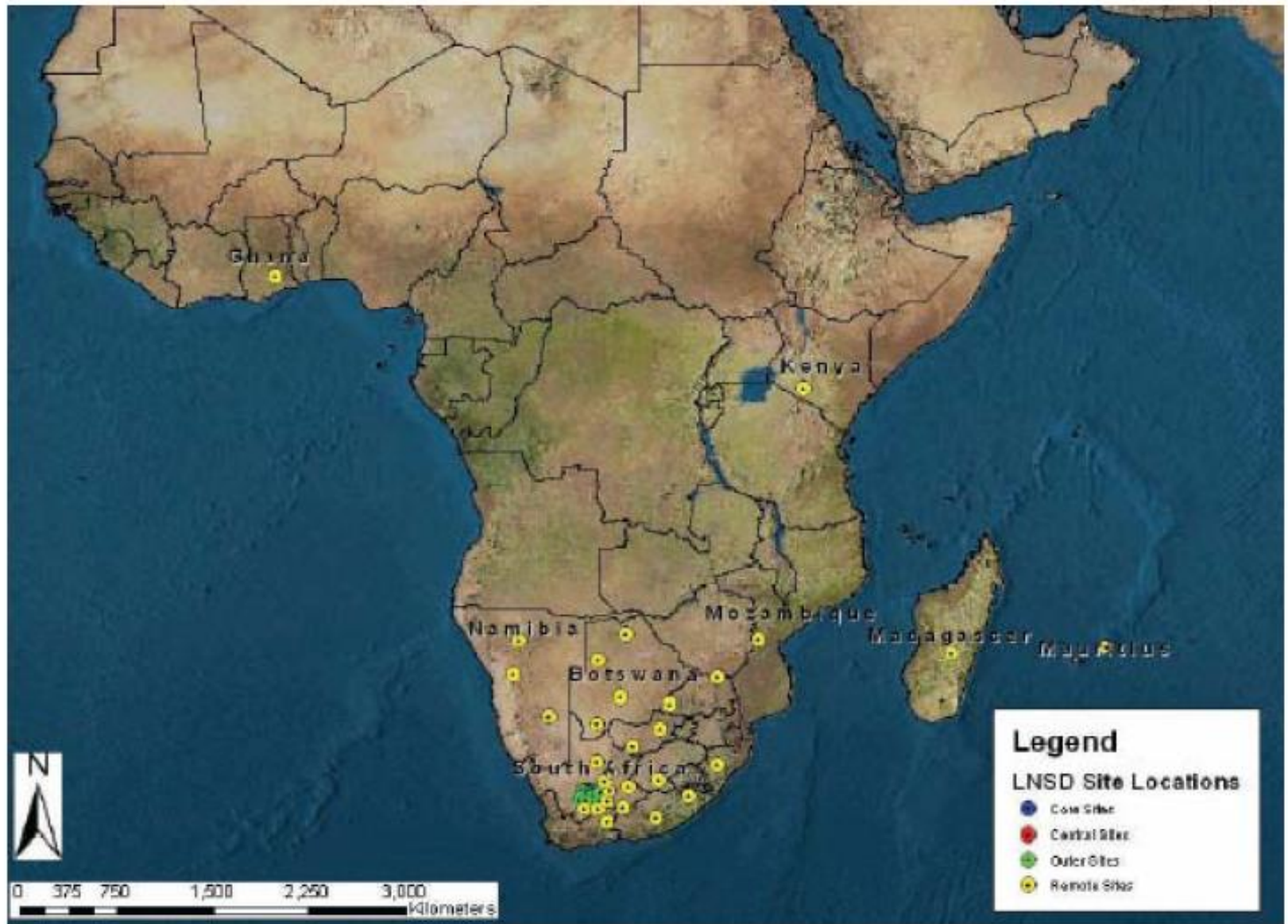


# SKA survey speeds

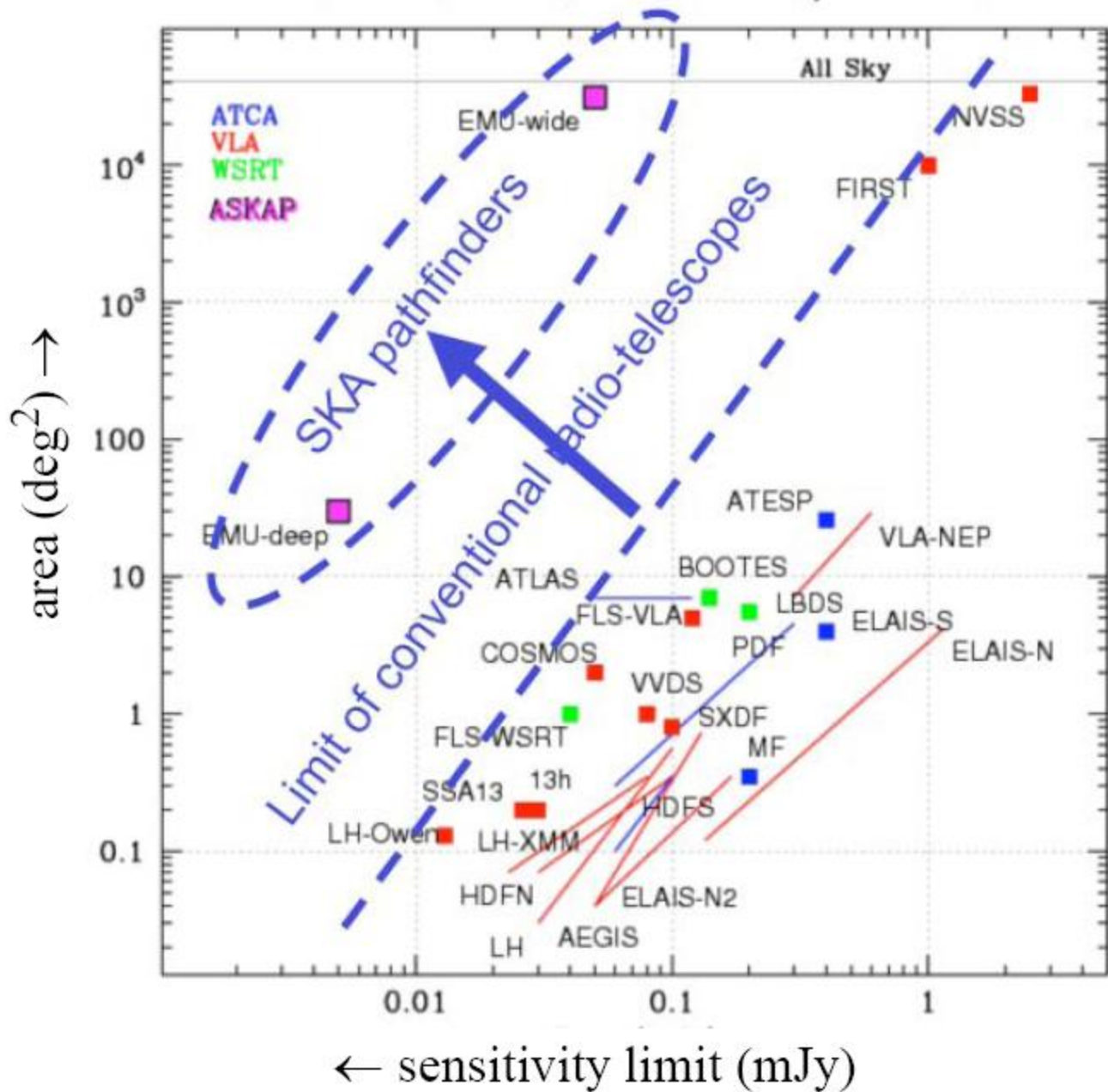




# South Africa + 7 countries



Major Deep Surveys @ 1.4 GHz (updated 2009)





# Data management

**A huge challenge, for SKA: Petabytes/sec**

Petaflops machines working continuously ( $\sim 10^8$  PC)

Exabytes per hour, dishes=10x global internet,

**Phased arrays =100x global internet traffic!**

**LSST: more than half of the cost!**

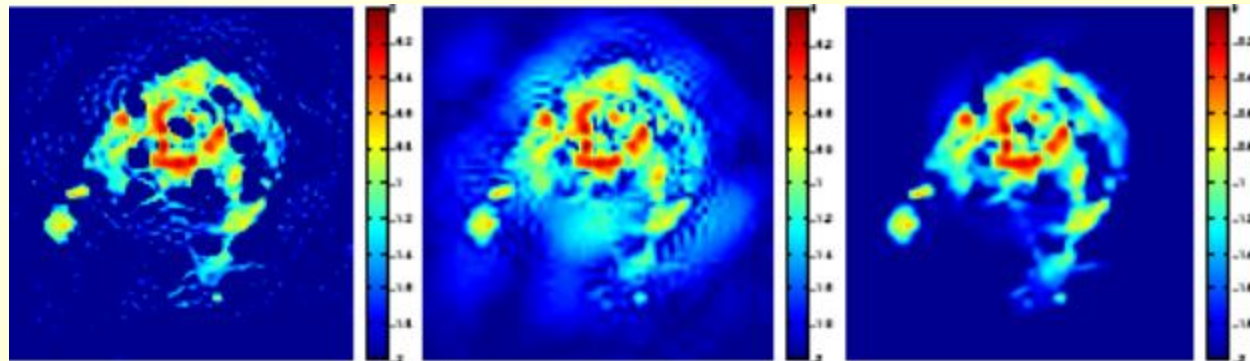
**Machine learning software**

**Euclid: 100Gbytes /day**

**Sparsity,**

**Compressive sensing**

*Jason McEwen*



(c) "CLEAN"

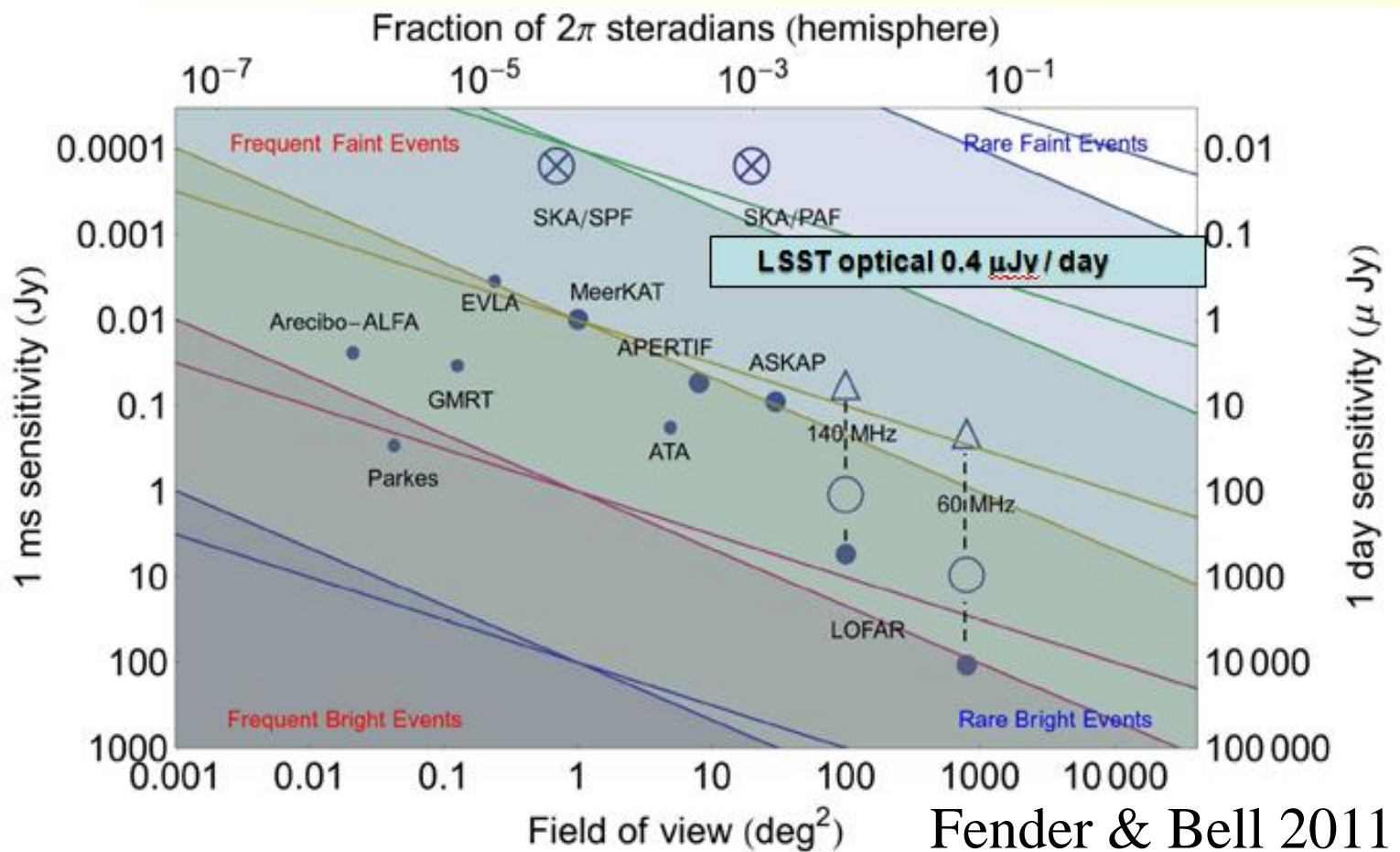
(d) "MS-CLEAN"

(e) SARA

# A new dimension: the transient sky

4 FRB found , 5 FRB per day expected with SKA2

LSST ( Large Synoptic Telescope) millions of alerts/day



PopIII SN?

Fender & Bell 2011



Dishes

**High frequency  
(South Africa)**

**Mid Frequency**





## Low Frequency (Australia)

more than **900 stations**, each containing a bit less than **300 individual dipole antennas**, as well as a **96-dish** 'SKA1-Survey' telescope, incorporating the existing 36-dish ASKAP

[www.skatelescope.org](http://www.skatelescope.org)

