

# Wide-Band and Wide-field Imaging - II



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# Outline

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## Lecture 1 :

- **Measurement Equation** : What are we solving for during imaging ?
- **Wide-Field Imaging** : Primary Beams, W-term effect, Mosaics

## Lecture 2 :

- **Wide-Band Imaging** : Frequency dependence of the sky and instrument
- **Algorithms** : Math to software

# Radio Interferometry – Measurement Equations

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Direction  
Independent  
Gains

UV sampling  
function

Direction  
Dependent  
Effects

Sky-brightness varies  
with frequency (time)

W-Term

**Wide-Band effects : UV-coverage and Sky Spectrum**

# Wide-Band Imaging

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UV sampling  
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Primary Beam varies  
with frequency

Sky-brightness varies  
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Frequency Range :	(1 - 2 GHz)	(4 - 8 GHz)	(8 - 12 GHz)
Bandwidth : $\nu_{max} - \nu_{min}$	1 GHz	4 GHz	4 GHz
Bandwidth Ratio : $\nu_{max} : \nu_{min}$	2 : 1	2 : 1	1.5 : 1
Fractional Bandwidth : $(\nu_{max} - \nu_{min}) / \nu_{mid}$	66%	66%	40%

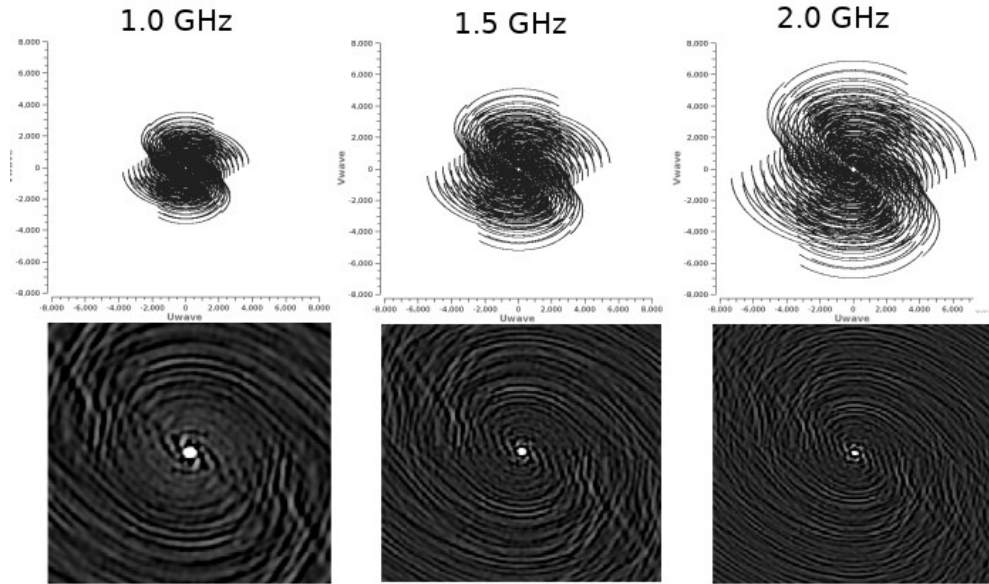
+ Imaging sensitivity improves with increased bandwidth

- Frequency dependent effects (sky and instrument) are stronger with increased bandwidth

# Multi-Frequency Synthesis

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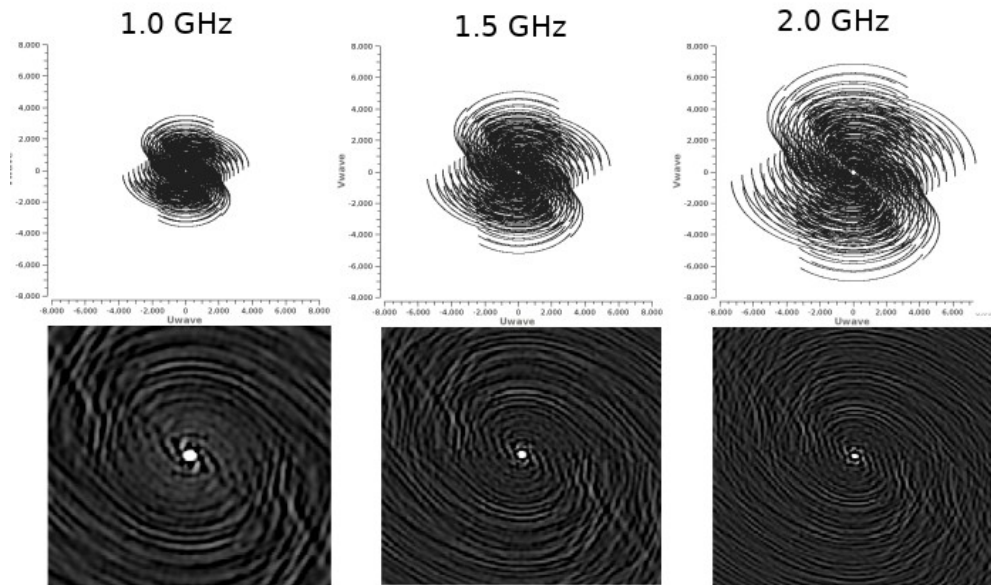


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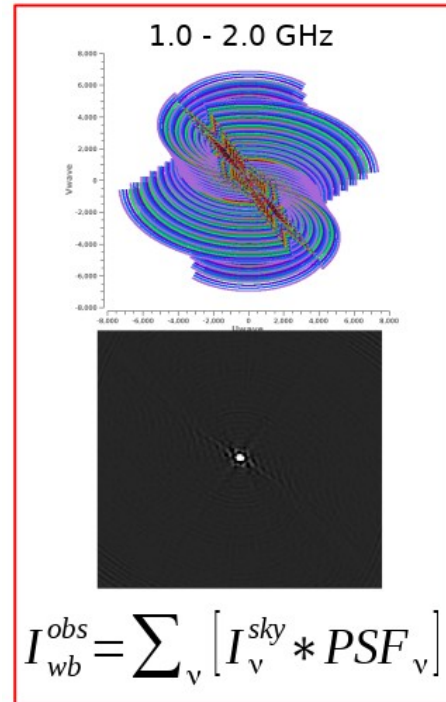


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- Improve PSF
- Improve SNR



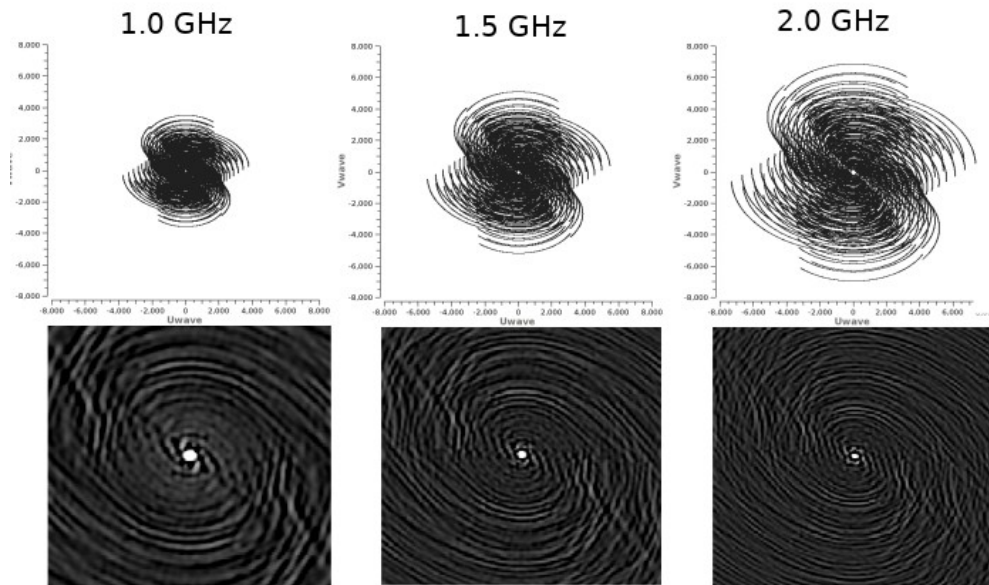
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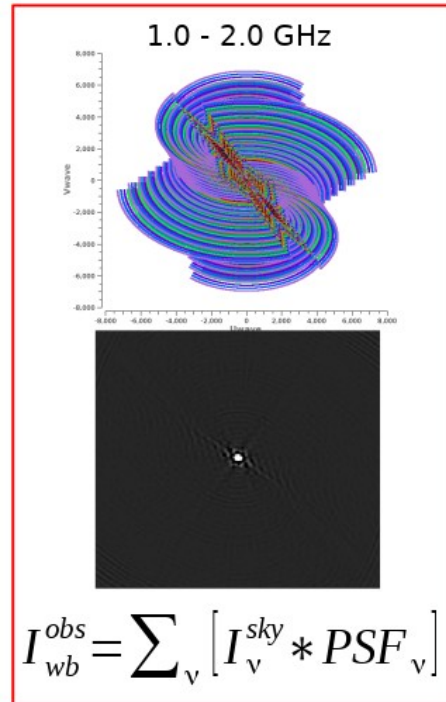
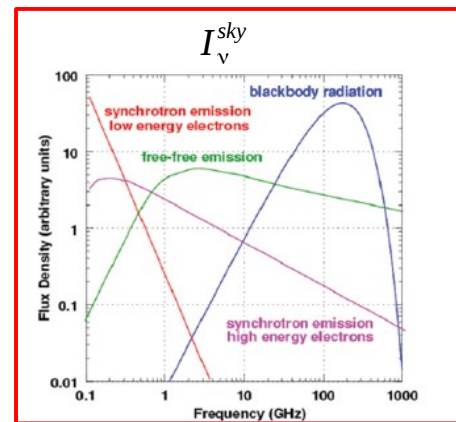


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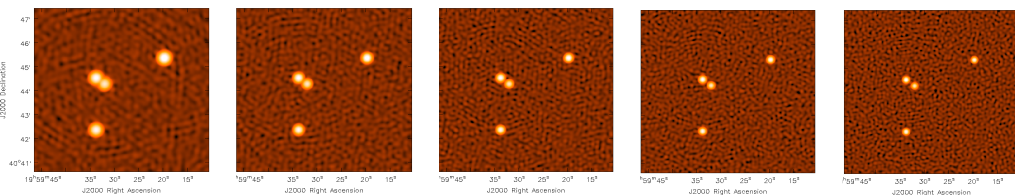
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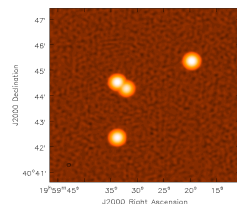
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Continuum image

(sum of smoothed  
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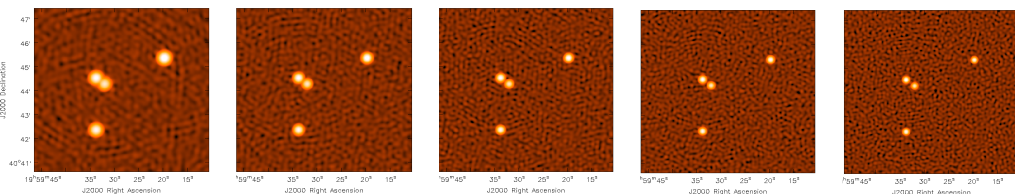
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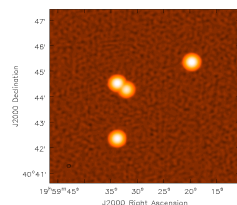
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Combine data from all frequencies and do a joint reconstruction



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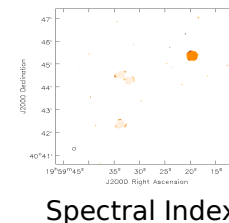
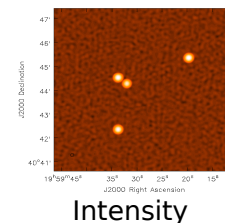
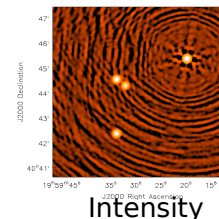
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Flat-spectrum assumption

Model intensity and spectrum together :

$$I_{\mathbf{v}}^{sky} = \sum_t I_t^m \left( \frac{\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_0}{v_0} \right)^t$$



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CASA

`tclean()`

`specmode='cube'`

- start, width, nchan....

`deconvolver='hogbom', 'multiscale', 'asp'`

CASA

`tclean()`

`specmode='cont'`

`deconvolver='mtmfs'`

`nterms=2`

`scales=[...]`

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Strong Sources with thermal/nonthermal spectra

+ High BWR

=> More terms in the spectral model

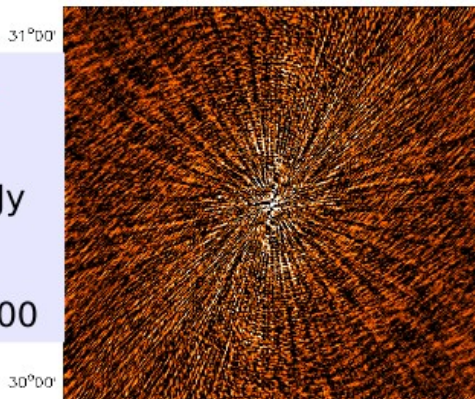
VLA data with 3C286 across L-Band (1-2 GHz)

Nterms=1,2,3,4

**NTERMS = 1**

Rms :  
9 mJy -- 1 mJy

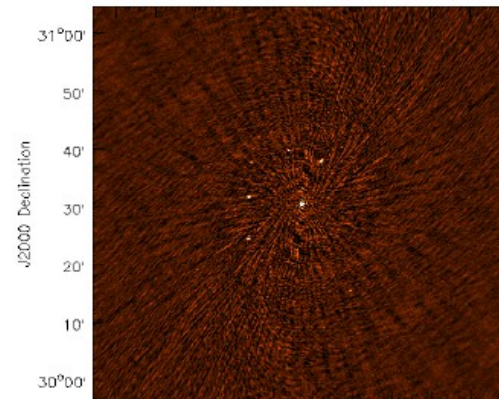
DR :  
1600 - 13000



**NTERMS = 2**

Rms :  
1 mJy -- 0.2 mJy

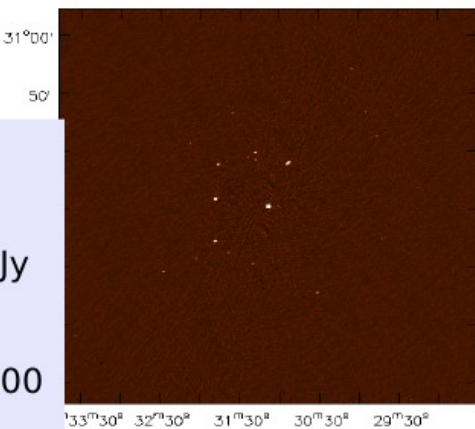
DR :  
10,000 - 17,000



**NTERMS = 3**

Rms :  
0.2 mJy -- 85 uJy

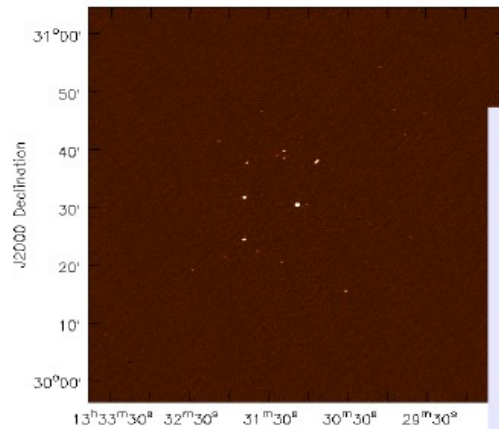
DR :  
65,000 - 170,000



**NTERMS = 4**

Rms  
0.14 mJy -- 80 uJy

DR :  
>110,000  
- 180,000



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UV sampling  
function

Sky-brightness varies  
with frequency

## Differences

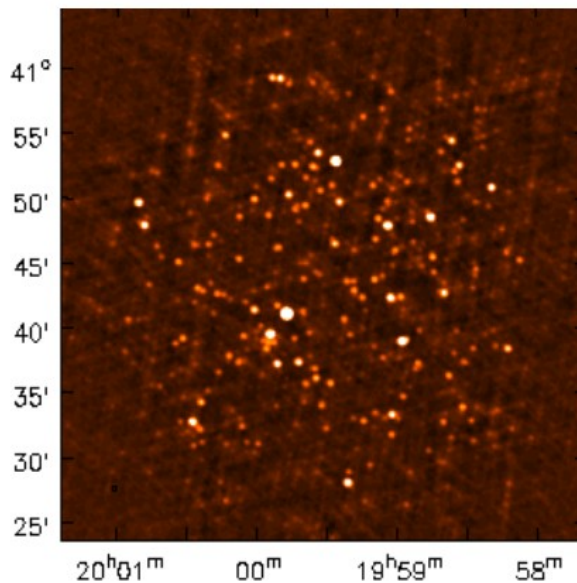
Angular Resolution

Deconvolution depth

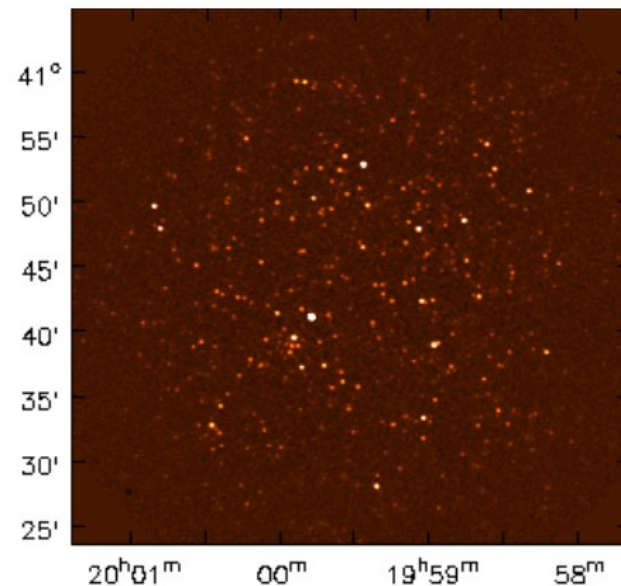
PSF Sidelobe levels and  
Clean Bias

Dependence on Spectral Model

Cube



(MT) MFS



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## Angular Resolution of Spectral Modeling.

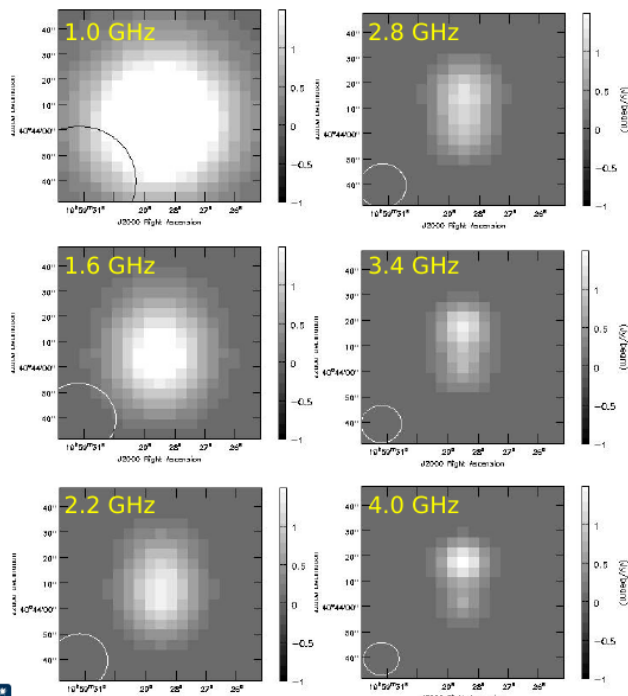
Low-frequency : Unresolved

High-frequency : Resolved

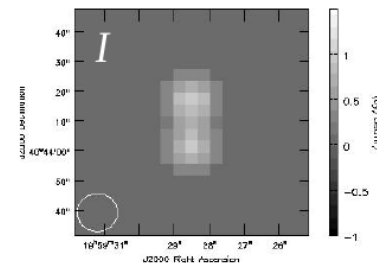
MFS angular resolution is close to the high-frequency resolution

Compact emission has a signature across the uv-plane

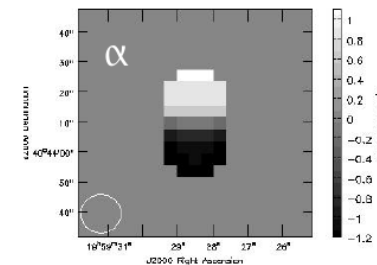
=> enough data constraints to model the spectrum of compact emission.



Restored Intensity image



Spectral Index map

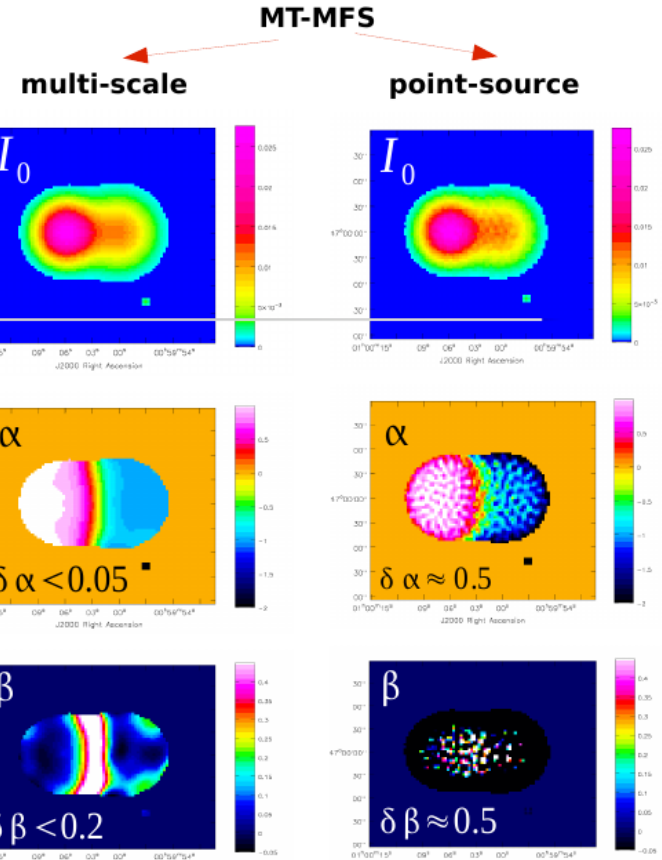
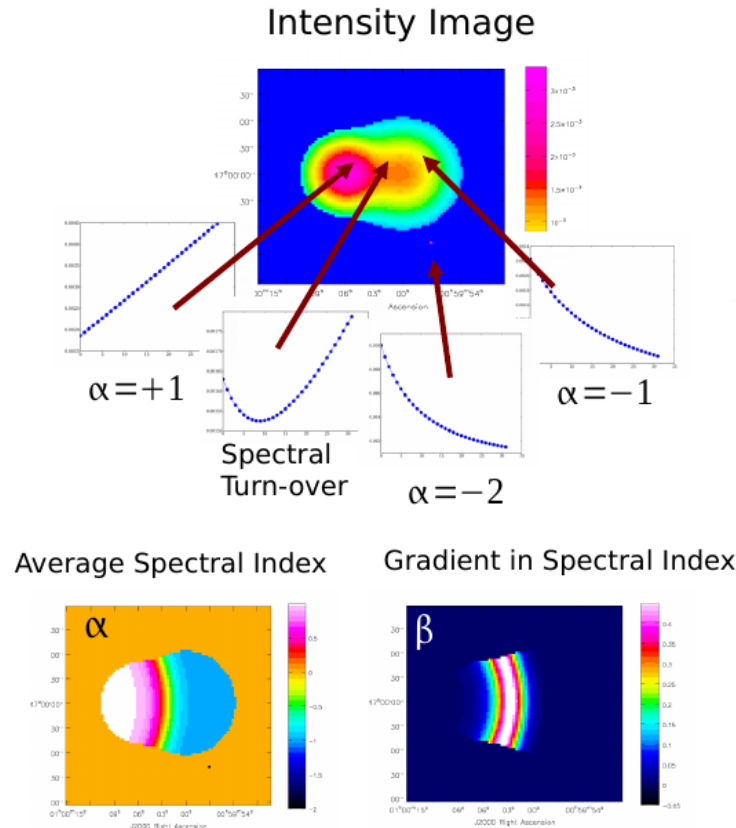


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A good multi-scale model gives accurate spectral index and curvature.

=> Pick multi-scale scales carefully



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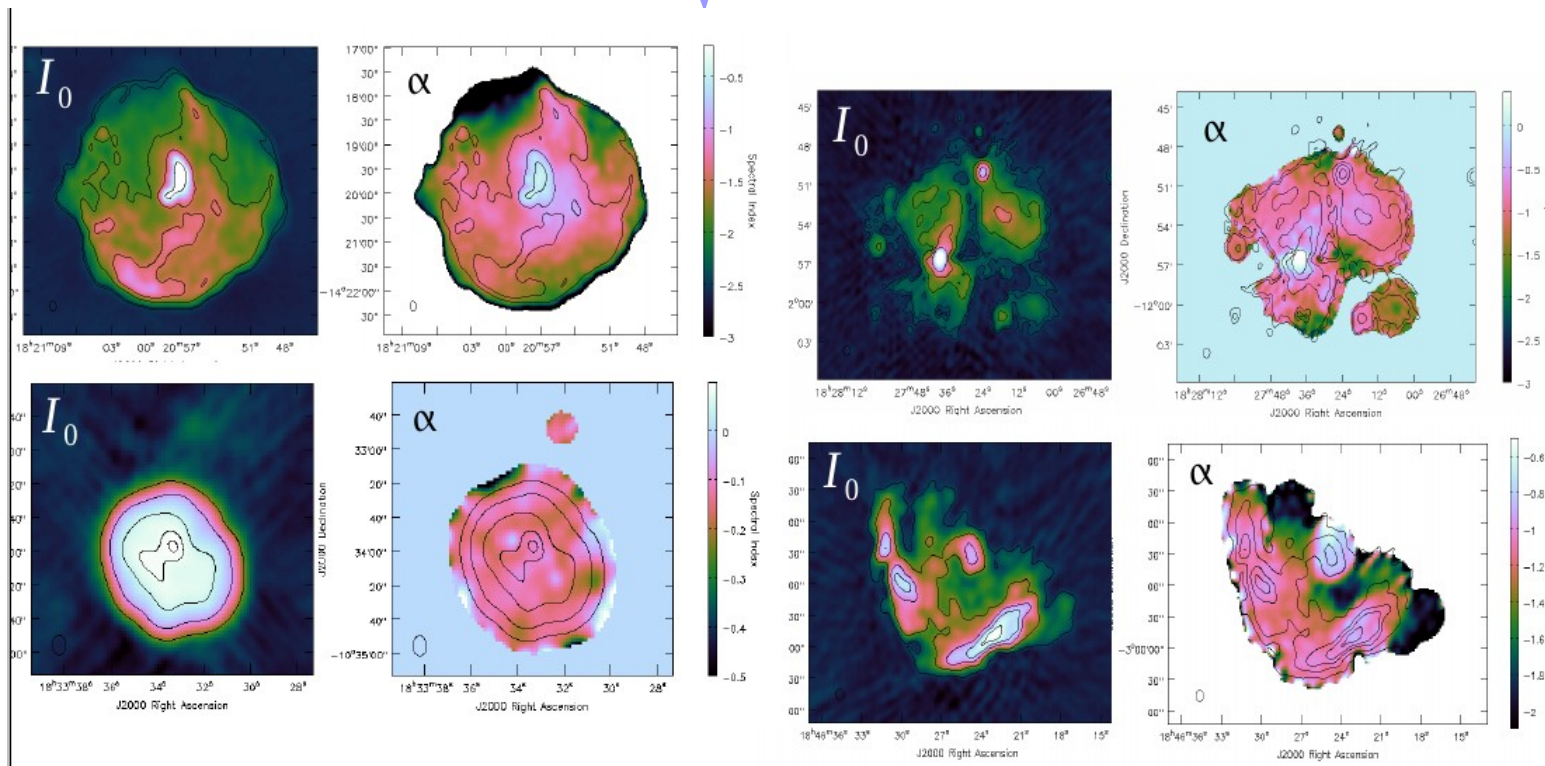
## Examples of typical accuracy of spectral index

Within 2:1 BWR,

Spectral index error < 0.2 for SNR > 100.

Better multi-scale models will give better spectral index accuracy

( e.g. WB-ASP (tbd in casa), Resolve, etc.. )



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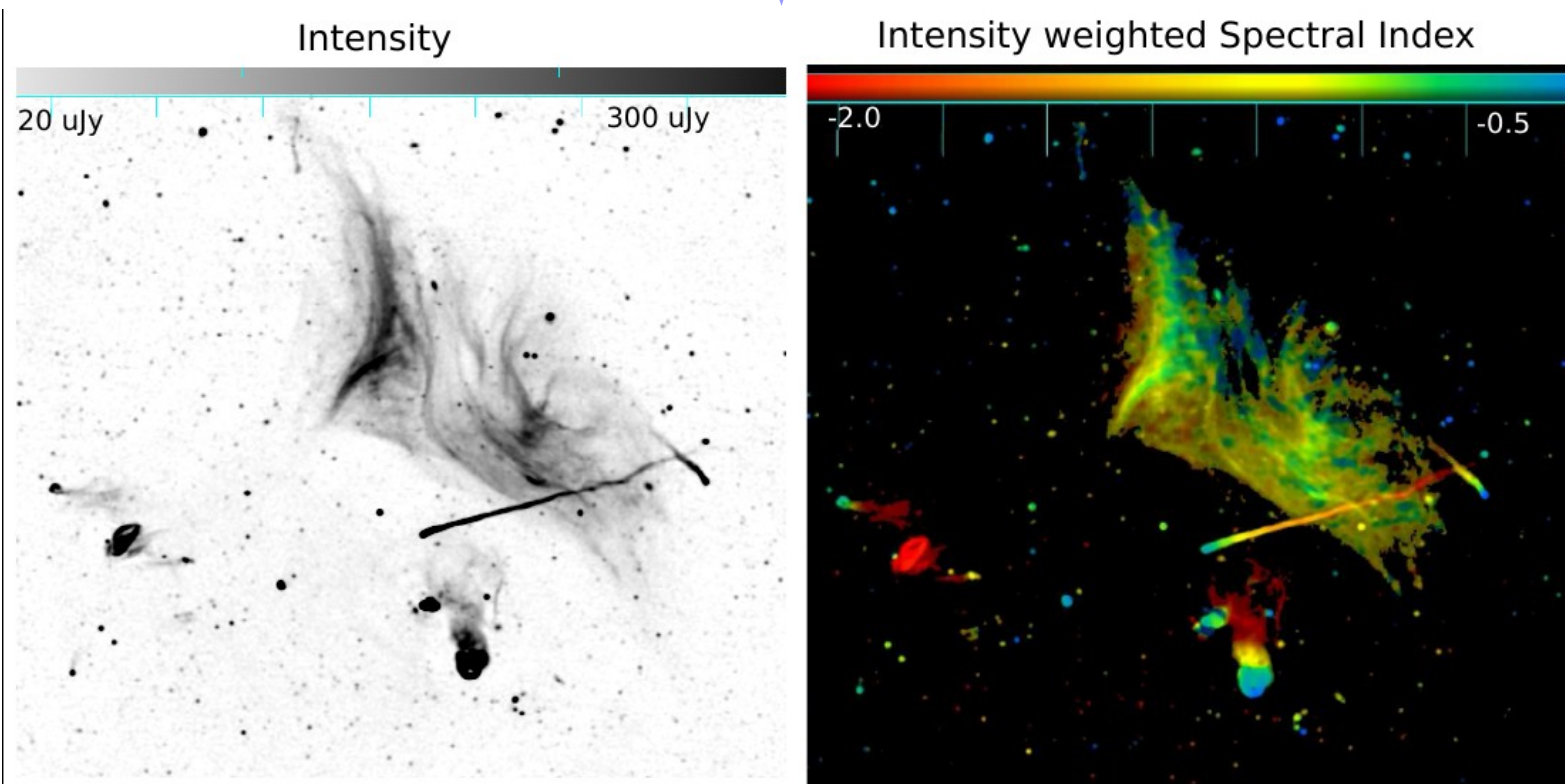
## Example : Abell 2256

VLA A,B,C,D  
at L-Band

VLA A at S&C bands  
(2-4, 4-6, 6-8 GHz)

Calibration and Auto-  
flagging in AIPS.  
Intensity/Spectral  
index Imaging in  
CASA.

(Owen et al, 2014)





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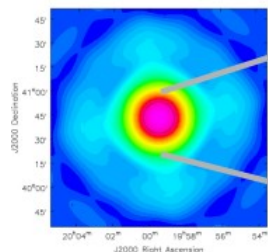
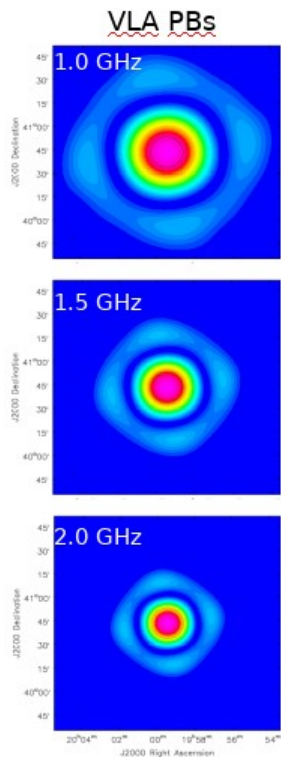
W-Term

**Wide-Band effects : Primary Beam changes with Frequency**

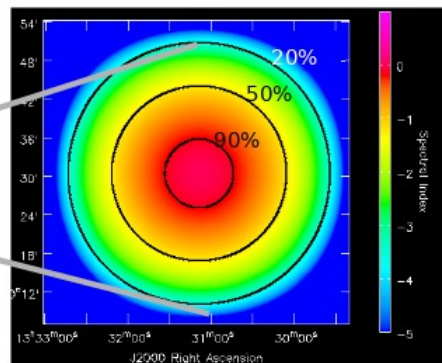
# Wide Band + Wide Field : Frequency-dependent Primary Beams

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Primary Beam varies with frequency



Average PBs



Spectral Index of PB

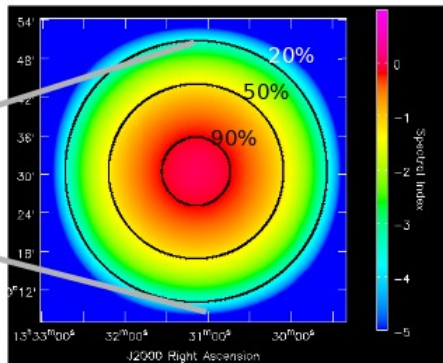
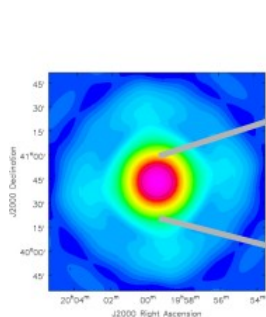
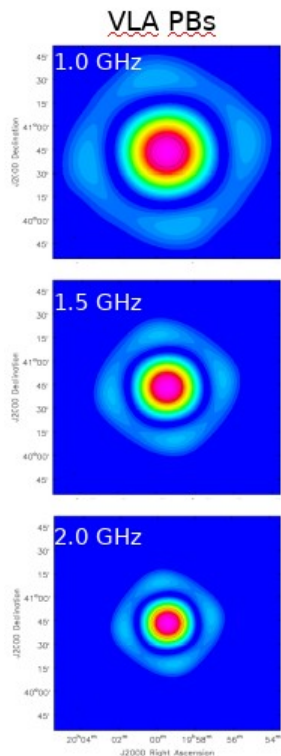
(About -1.4 at the HPBW)

$$I_{wf,wb}^{obs} = \sum_{\nu} \left[ \left( P_{\nu} \cdot I_{\nu}^{sky} \right) * PSF_{\nu} \right]$$

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## Cube Imaging

- Sky model represents  $I(\nu)P(\nu)$
- Divide the output image at each frequency by  $P(\nu)$

## Multi-Term MFS + Wideband-PBcor

- Taylor coefficients represent  $I(\nu)P(\nu)$
- Polynomial division by PB Taylor coefficients  $\frac{(I_0^m, I_1^m, I_2^m, \dots)}{(P_0, P_1, P_2, \dots)} = (I_0^{sky}, I_1^{sky}, I_2^{sky}, \dots)$

## Wideband A-Projection

- Remove  $P(\nu)$  during gridding (before model fitting)

$$A_{\nu}^{-1} \approx \frac{A_{\nu_c}^T}{A_{\nu_c}^T * A_{\nu}} \quad \text{where} \quad P_{\nu} \cdot P_{\nu_c} \approx P_{\nu_{mid}}^2$$

- Output spectral index image represents only the sky

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## CASA

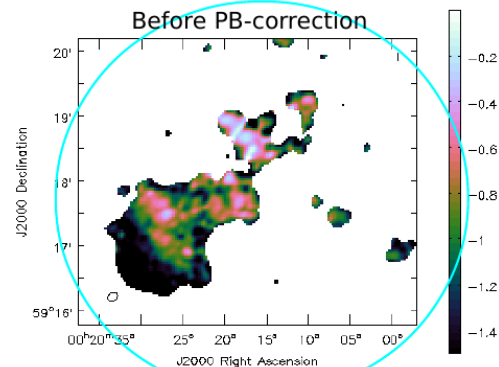
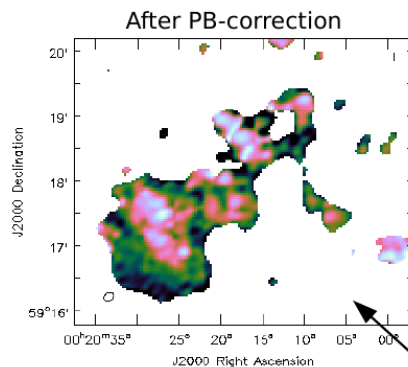
gridding='standard'

- tclean() with pbcor=False
- widebandpbcor()

gridding='mosaic', 'awproject'

- tclean() with  
conjbeams=True
- pbcor=True/False

In a future CASA release :  
specmode='mtmfs\_via\_cube'



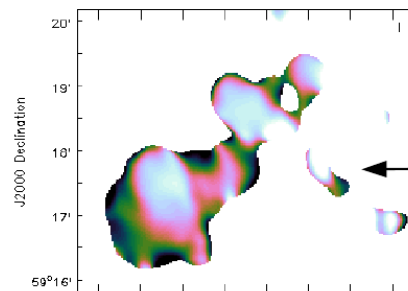
(Heesen et al, 2011)

IC10 Dwarf  
Galaxy :

Spectral Index  
across C-Band.

Dynamic-range  
~ 2000

MT-MFS : Wide-band PB-correction after  
multi-term multi-scale MFS.

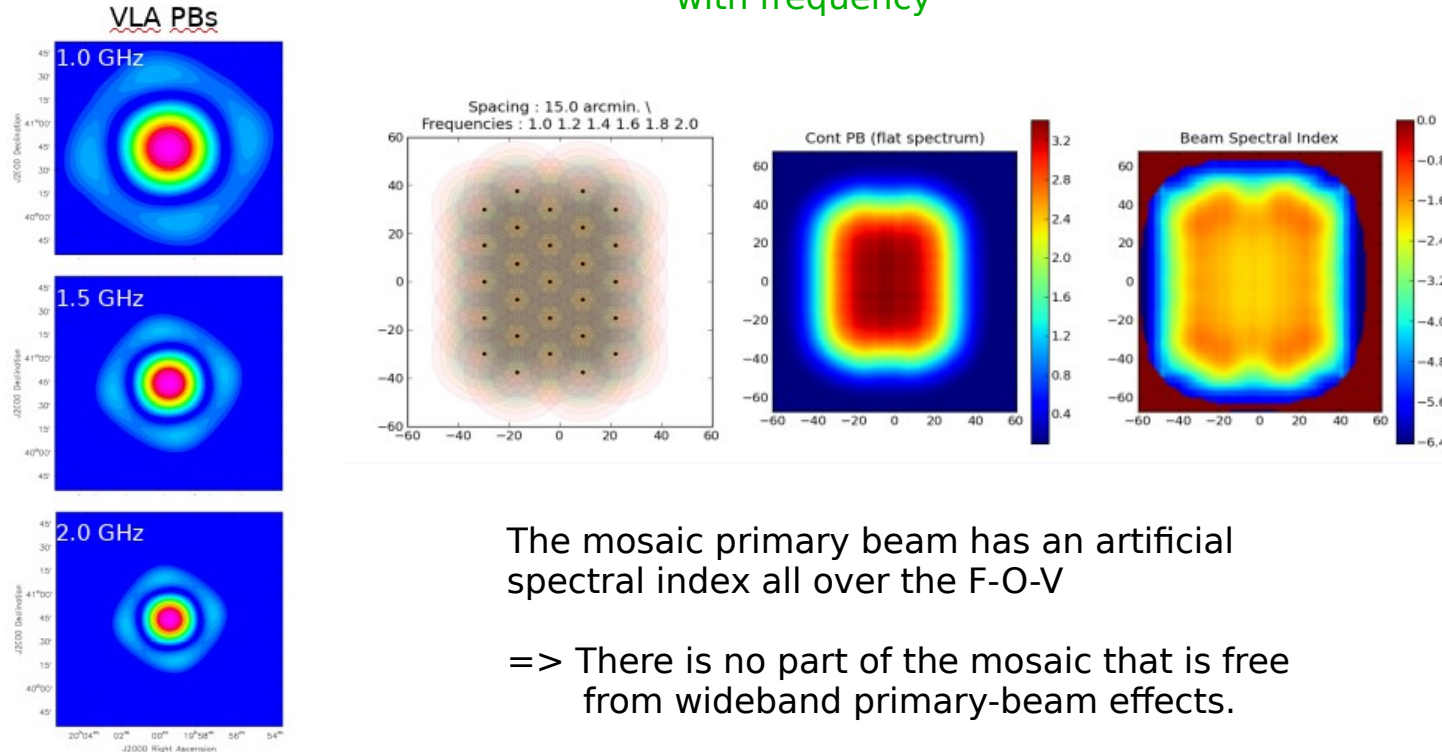


Cube : Spectral-index map made by  
cube imaging, smoothing to lowest  
resolution, and spectral fitting.

# Wide Band Mosaics

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Primary Beam varies with frequency



The mosaic primary beam has an artificial spectral index all over the F-O-V

=> There is no part of the mosaic that is free from wideband primary-beam effects.

## Algorithms :

Combinations of.....

- Stitched vs Joint Mosaics
- Cube vs MFS
- PBCor vs A-Projection

Different numerical accuracies and compute costs.

Depends on the sky.

# Wide Band Mosaics

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Primary Beam varies  
with frequency

When multiple pointings  
overlap on the region  
being imaged.....

Joint solutions use more  
data constraints

→ Generally, better  
images

Example : Simulation  
WB-AWP + MT-MFS

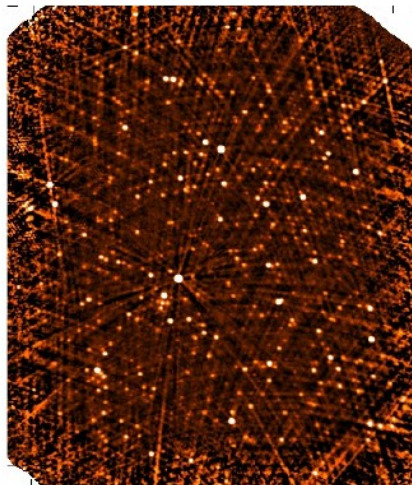
Alpha error :

> 50 uJy : 0.2 → 0.05

10-50 uJy : 0.5 → 0.2

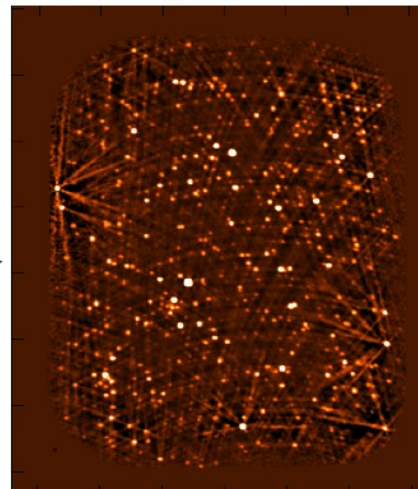
**Cube + Joint Mosaic**  
(with static Primary Beams)

Dyn.Range = 5000:1



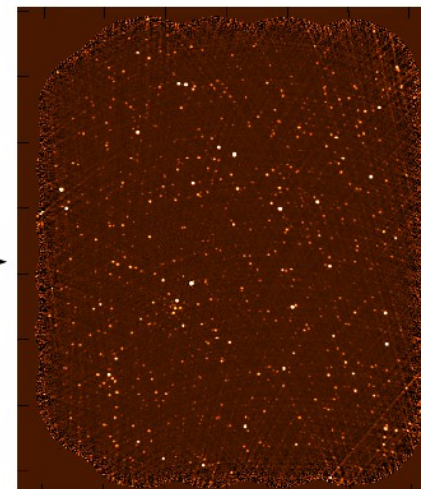
**Cube + A-Projection  
+ Joint Mosaic**

Dyn.Range = 10000:1



**Wideband A-Proj +  
Joint Mosaic + Multi-  
term MFS**

Dyn.Range = 40000:1



# Wide Band Mosaics

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CASA

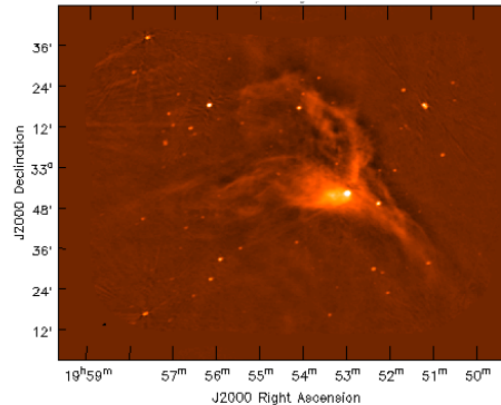
gridder='mosaic' or  
'awproject'

conjbeams=True (for wbpbcor)

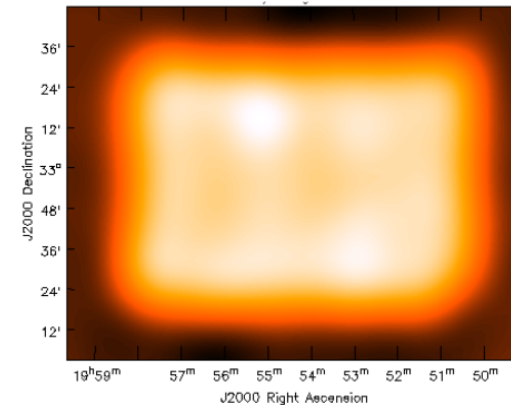
Data selection : Select multiple  
pointings and specify mosaic  
phasecenter

(With gridder='standard', make  
images separately per pointing, and  
then use the linearmosaic tool)

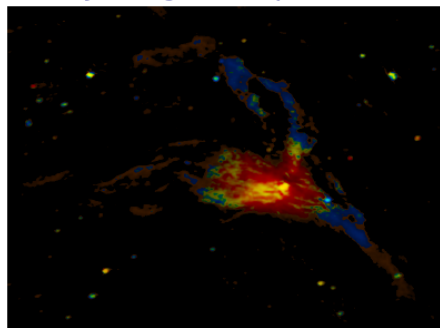
Intensity



Mosaic Primary Beam



Intensity-weighted Spectral Index

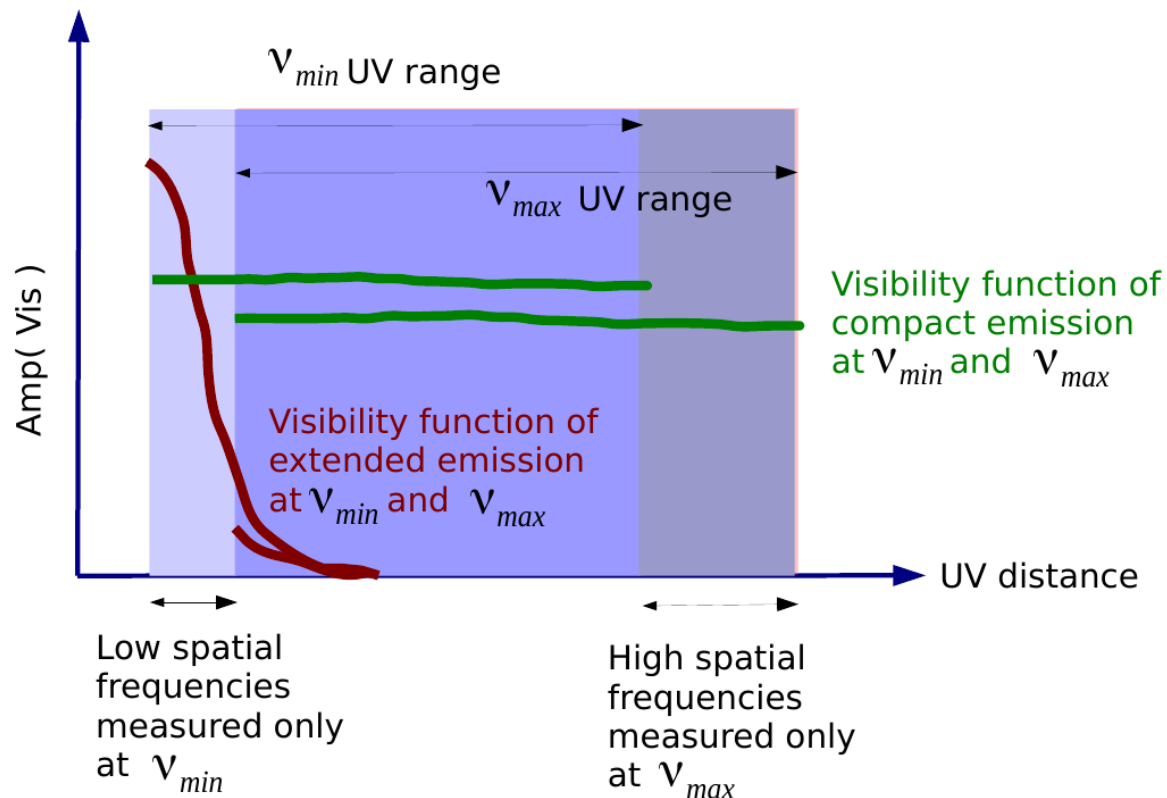


300GB calibrated dataset, 106  
pointings over 1.5x2 deg, imaged with  
Multi-Scale Multi-Term MFS, Joint Mosaic  
and WB-A-Projection.

=> Mosaic primary beam spectral  
index of  $\sim -1.5$  has been removed prior  
to the wideband blue model fitting.

# Single-Dish and Interferometer Combination

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## Interferometer UV-coverage

- Very poor sampling of spectral structure for extended emission.
- INT-only imaging can get the spectral index very wrong (but still fit the data)

## Add constraints from Single Dish data

- **Joint imaging**
- **Feathering**
- **StartModel**

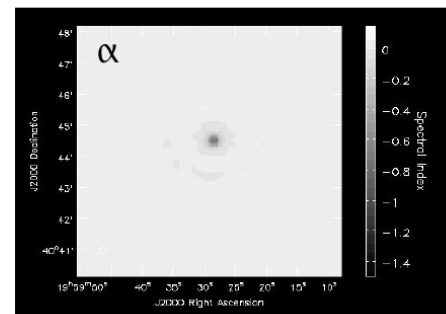
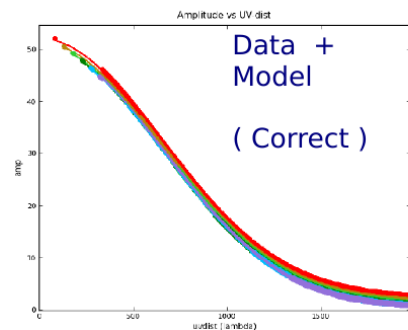
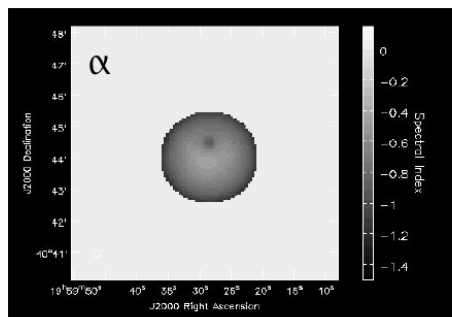
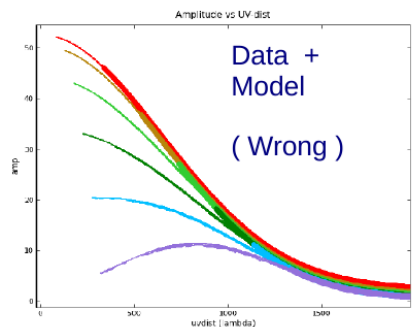
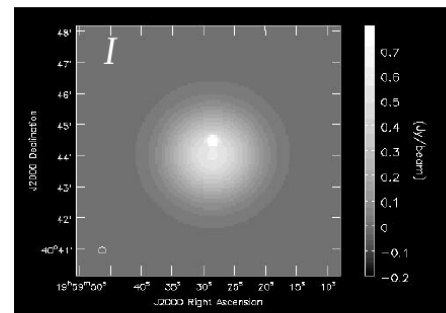
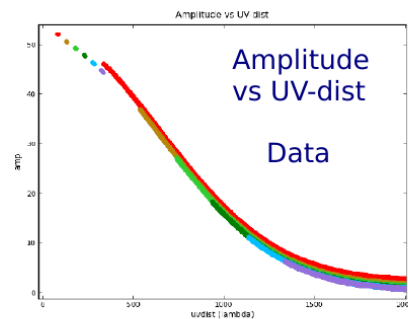
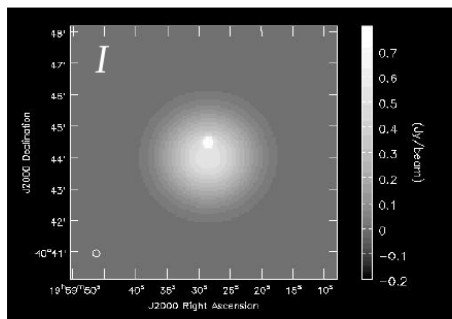
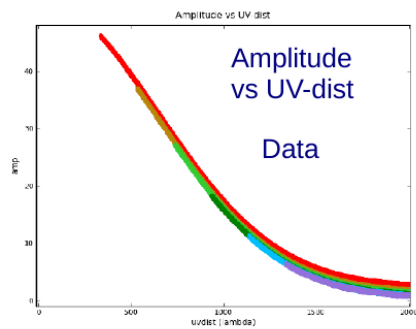


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INT-only imaging

SD+INT imaging



CASA : `sdintimaging()`, `feather()`, `startmodel` in `tclean()`

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Direction  
Independent  
Gains

UV sampling  
function

Direction  
Dependent  
Effects

Sky-brightness varies  
with frequency and time

W-Term

**Put it all together.....**

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Direction-dependent Self-Cal

Wideband Self-Cal

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**How are these algorithms realized in software..... ?**

# Iterative Image Reconstruction

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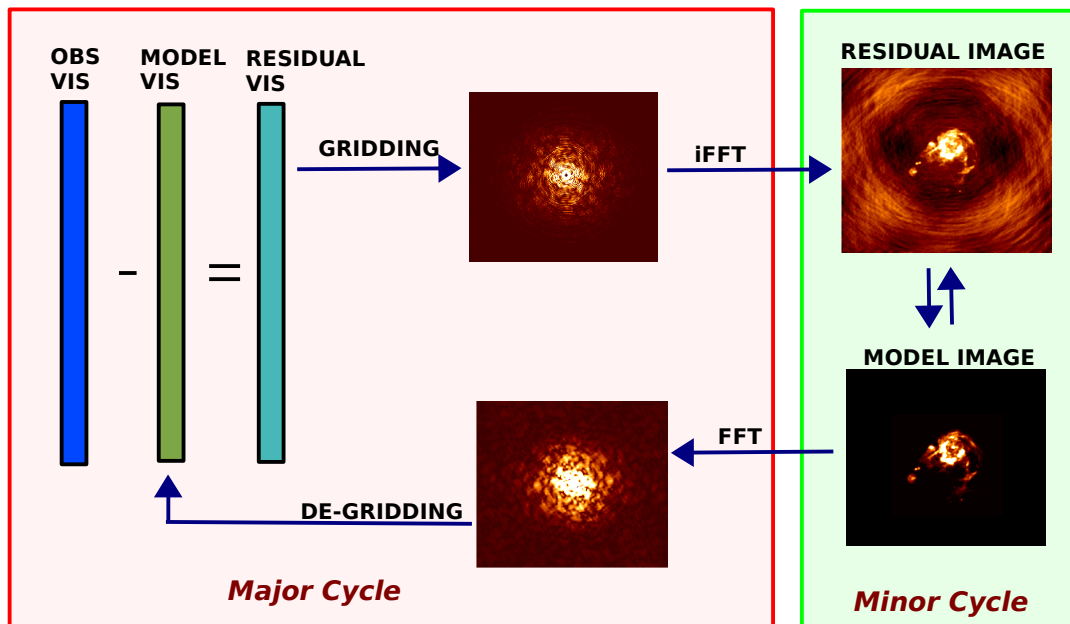
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Forward and  
Reverse  
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**Image  
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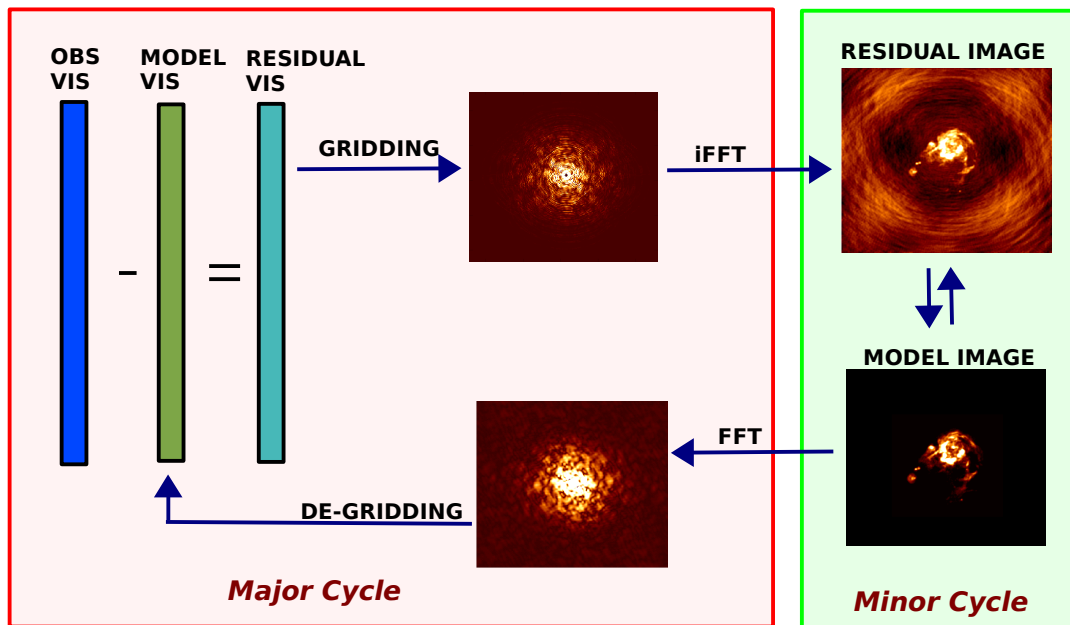
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## Forward and Reverse transforms

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## Gridding Options

- Primary-Beams
- Wideband
- Full Pol
  
- W-Term
- Mosaic



## Image Reconstruction

Deconvolution Algorithms

**Sky models**  
- Delta function  
- Gaussians  
- Wideband

**Algorithms**  
- Clean (greedy)  
- Many other compressed sensing ideas

**Compute Cost :** Data volume, Image size, N\_channels  
Size of gridding convolution function  
Deconvolution algorithm  
Sky brightness (intensity and structure)

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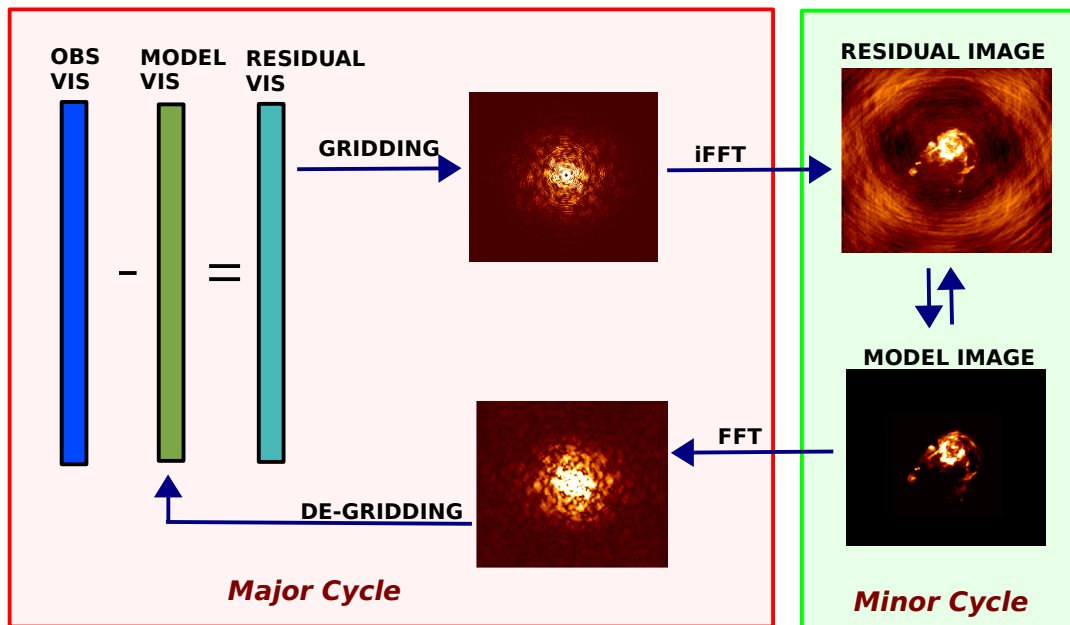
CASA

gridding=

'standard'  
'mosaic'  
'awproject'  
'wproject'

Weighting =

'natural',  
'uniform',  
'briggs'



## Image Definition

CASA

specmode='cube'/'cont', stokes=IQUV  
Faceting, multi-field, linearmosaic, etc..

## Image Reconstruction

CASA

Deconvolver  
( hogbom, clark,  
multiscale, asp)

Masks (manual,  
auto, interactive)

Iteration control  
(niter, threshold,  
gain, nsigma...)

Restoration

## Some References....

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