

Revealing the Physics and Evolution of Galaxies and Galaxy Clusters with SKA Continuum Surveys*

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on behalf of the SKA Continuum Extragalactic Science WG



*based on the **Continuum Science Chapters of new SKA Science Book**
[see chapter index at [arXiv:1412.6942](https://arxiv.org/abs/1412.6942)]

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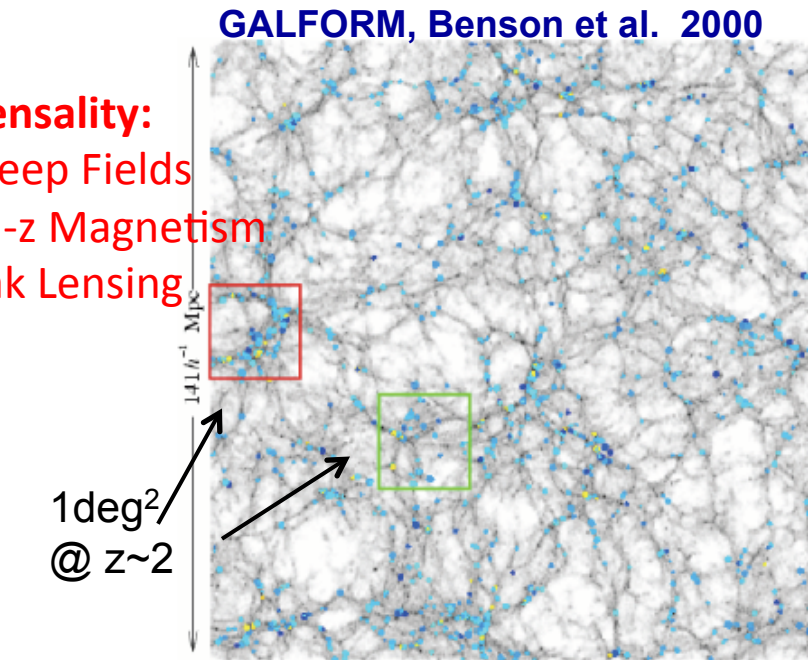
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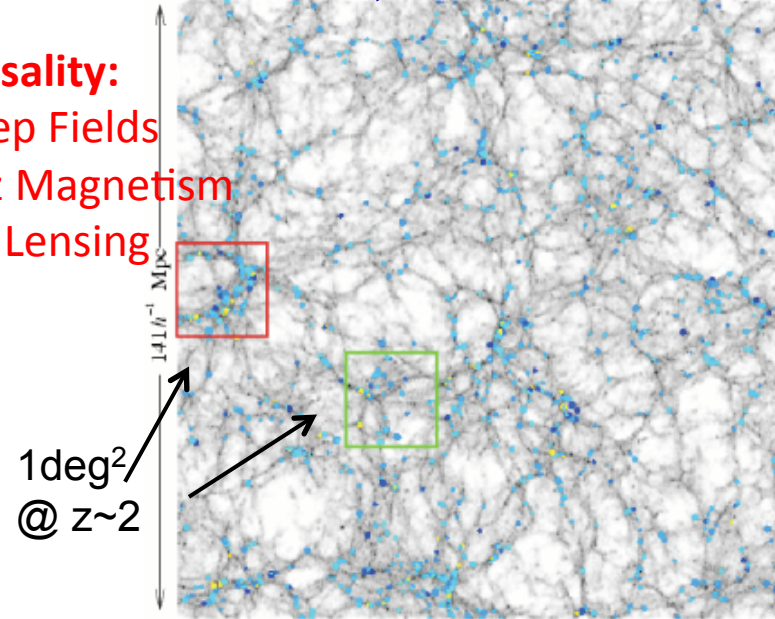
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GALFORM, Benson et al. 2000



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SKA1 Key Science Goals

Top Priority Objectives for SKA1 selected by SKA Office in consultation with ad hoc Science Review Panel and SEAC → *Notional Key Science Projects*

| 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.

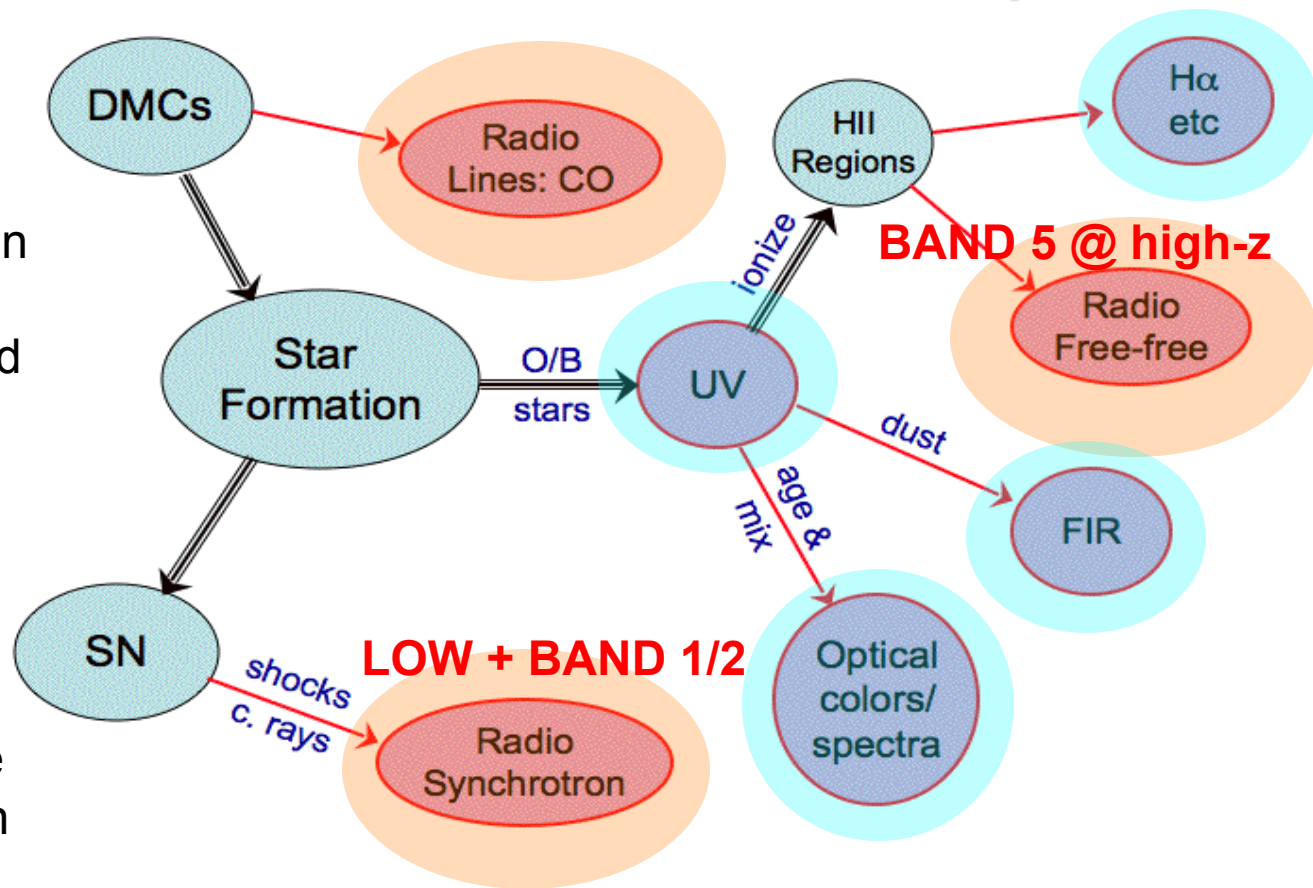
Why radio surveys?

Radio continuum emission reliable tracer of star formation rates unaffected by dust (opt/UV/H α)

Less confused than IR surveys

SKA 1 can probe both synchrotron and free-free continuum radio emission + redshifted CO lines

Emission from Star Formation Regions



(Ultra-)Deep Fields

Star Formation History

Deep Radio Fields dominated by SFGs

Sensitivity is key

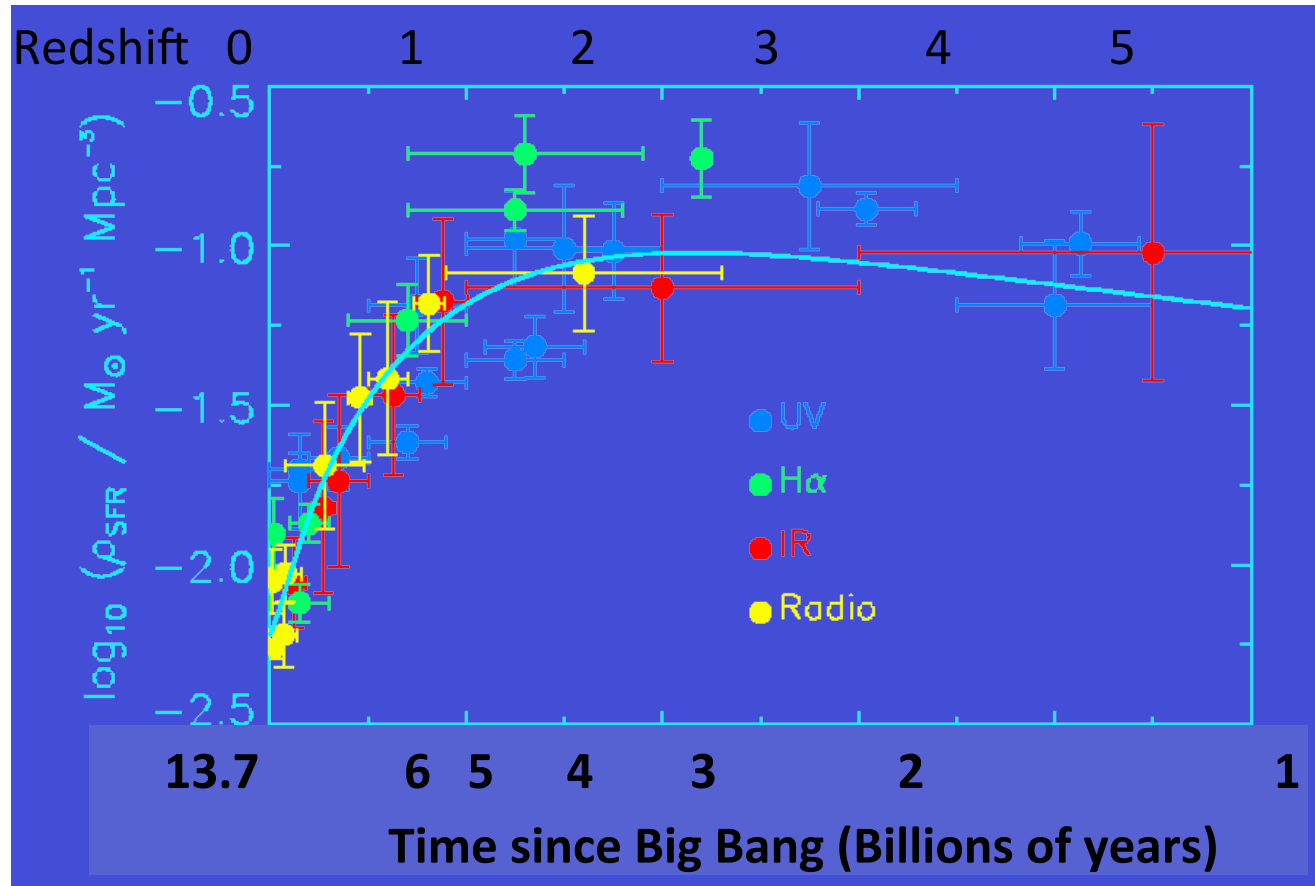
Requirement:
→ **sub-uJy rms**

SKA competitive with
opt/IR facilities !

When does SF occur?
What dominates
SFRD at each z?

SFH vs gal type
SFH vs gal mass
SFH vs environment

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(Hopkins et al 2004)

(Ultra-)Deep Fields

SF vs Stellar Mass

SFH vs galaxy mass [sSFRD]

- SF Main Sequence
SFR=f(Mass)
- to be constrained at high z

Requirement:

→ **sub-uJy flux limits**

[sensitive to low SFR/low mass systems at high redshift]

1 GHz [BAND 1/2]

Deep (rms 0.2 uJy): $\lg(M/M_{\odot}) \sim 9$

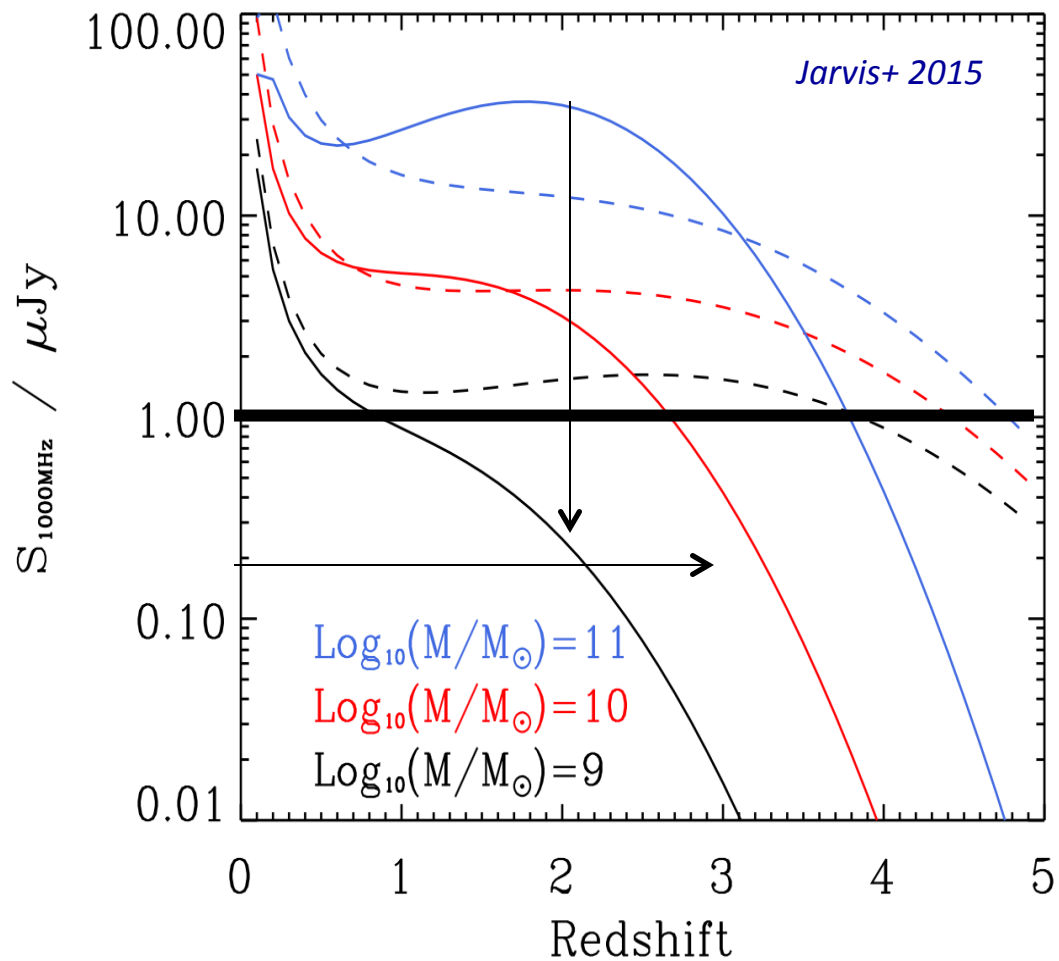
@ $z \sim 1-2$ peak of SFH

Ultra Deep (50 nJy): $\sim \lg(M/M_{\odot}) \sim 10$

@ $z \sim 3-4$

Full SKA → $\lg(M/M_{\odot})$ @ $z > 5$

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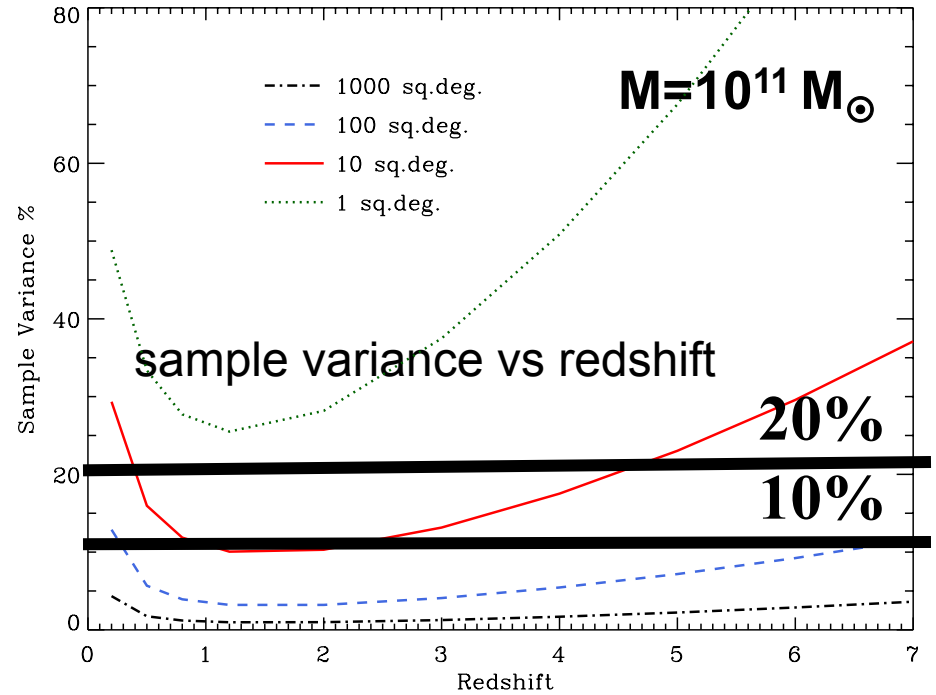
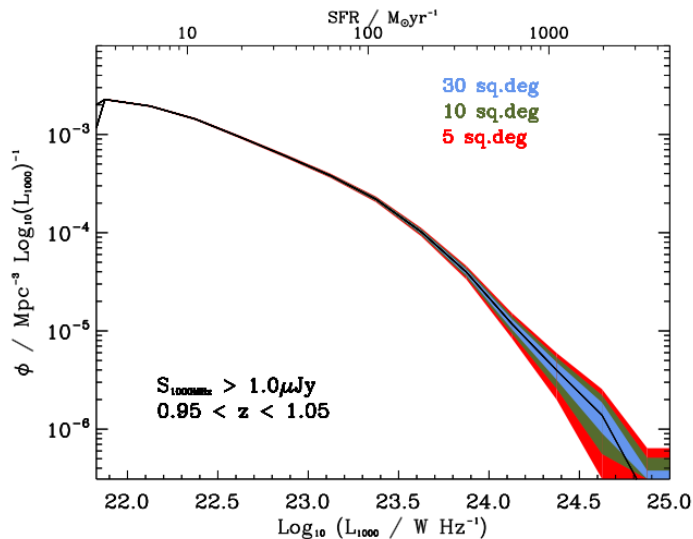


Deep+Wide Fields

SF vs Environment

Requirement:
10-1000 deg² survey coverage
(also relevant for AGN studies)

- a) Large samples → good statistics
- accurate $f(L,z)$ for different source parameters
- sample variance under control

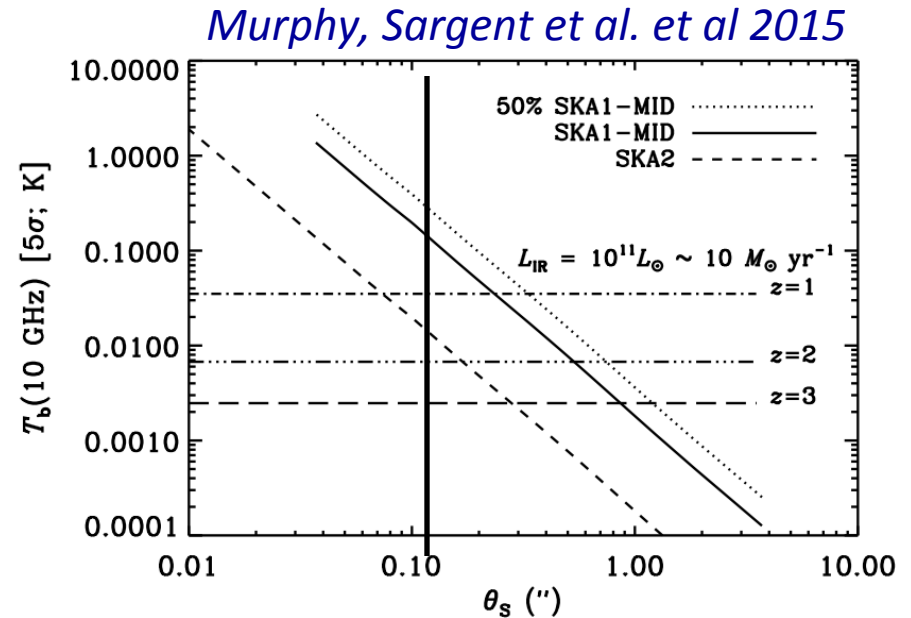
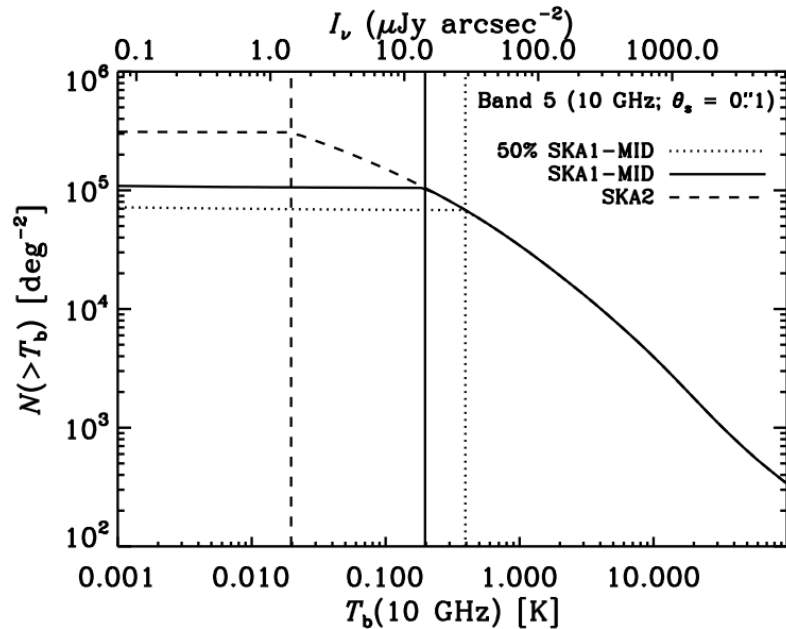


Jarvis et al 2015

- b) Study environment effects
- link between SF activity & Dark Matter Halo underlying distribution

Band 5 Deep Fields

Detailed Astrophysics of SF



Band 5 \rightarrow $\sim 0.1''$ spatial resolution (150km bs) \rightarrow Spatially resolved SF (synergy Euclid 0.2'')

SKA1 \rightarrow can resolve $100 M_\odot/\text{yr}$ SFGs to $z\sim 1$ on sub-kpc scales and to $z\sim 2$ on kpc scales

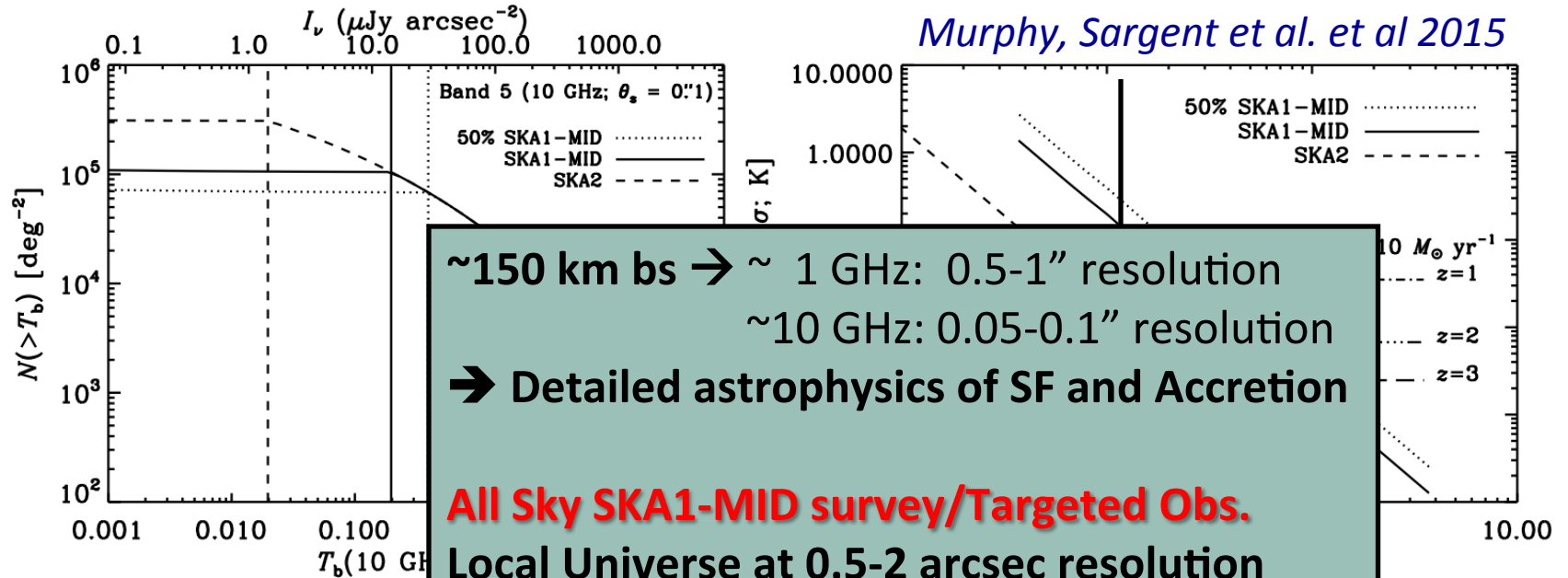
SKA2 \rightarrow can push high- z resolved studies to $10 M_\odot/\text{yr}$ SFGs

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Detailed Astrophysics of SF

Murphy, Sargent et al. et al 2015



Band 5 \rightarrow ~0.1" spatial resolution

SKA1 \rightarrow can resolve 100 kpc scales

SKA2 \rightarrow can push high-z

to resolve galaxies on several scales

Galaxy Euclid 0.2")

10 kpc scales

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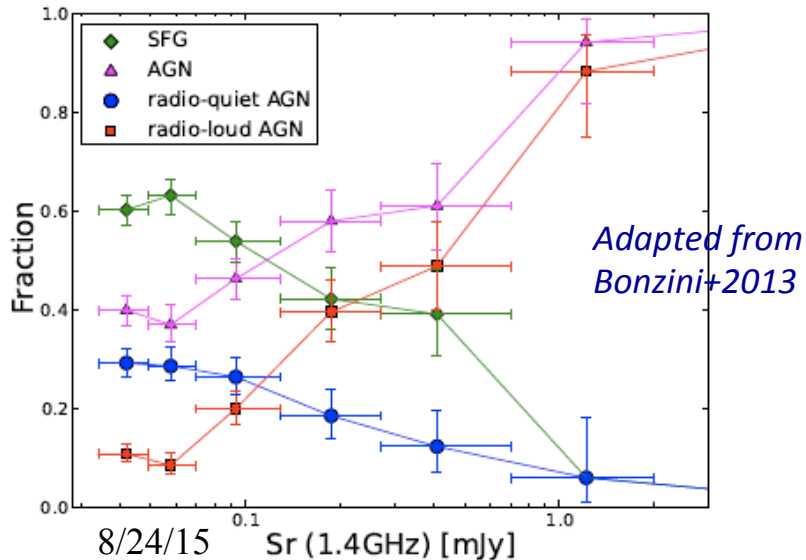
Important ingredient in galaxy formation and evolution models

RL AGN – Radio/Hot Mode

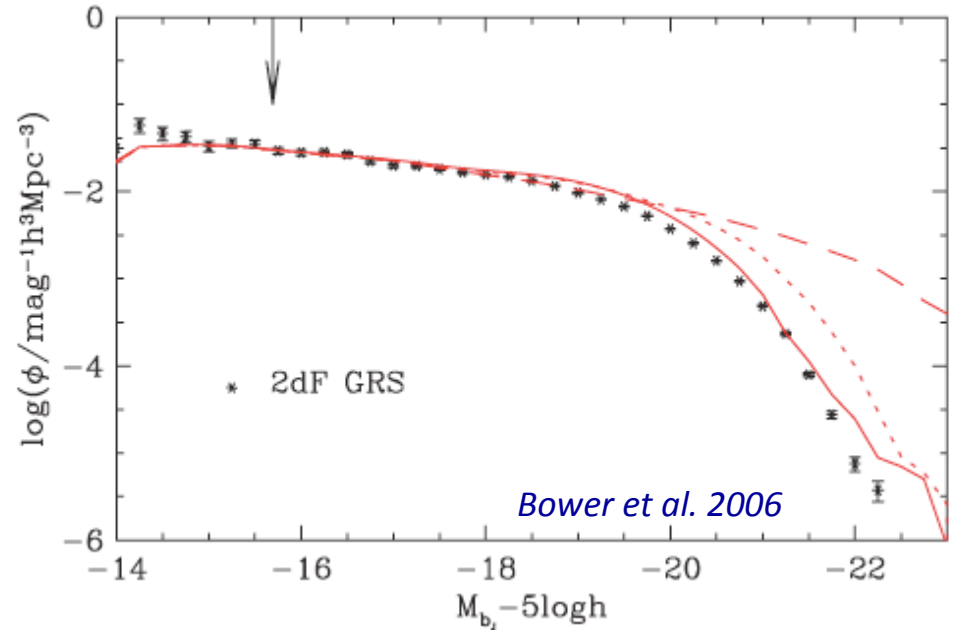
→jet-driven mechanical feedback

RQ-AGN – QSO/Cold Mode

→radiation-driven feedback (winds)



AGN Feedback

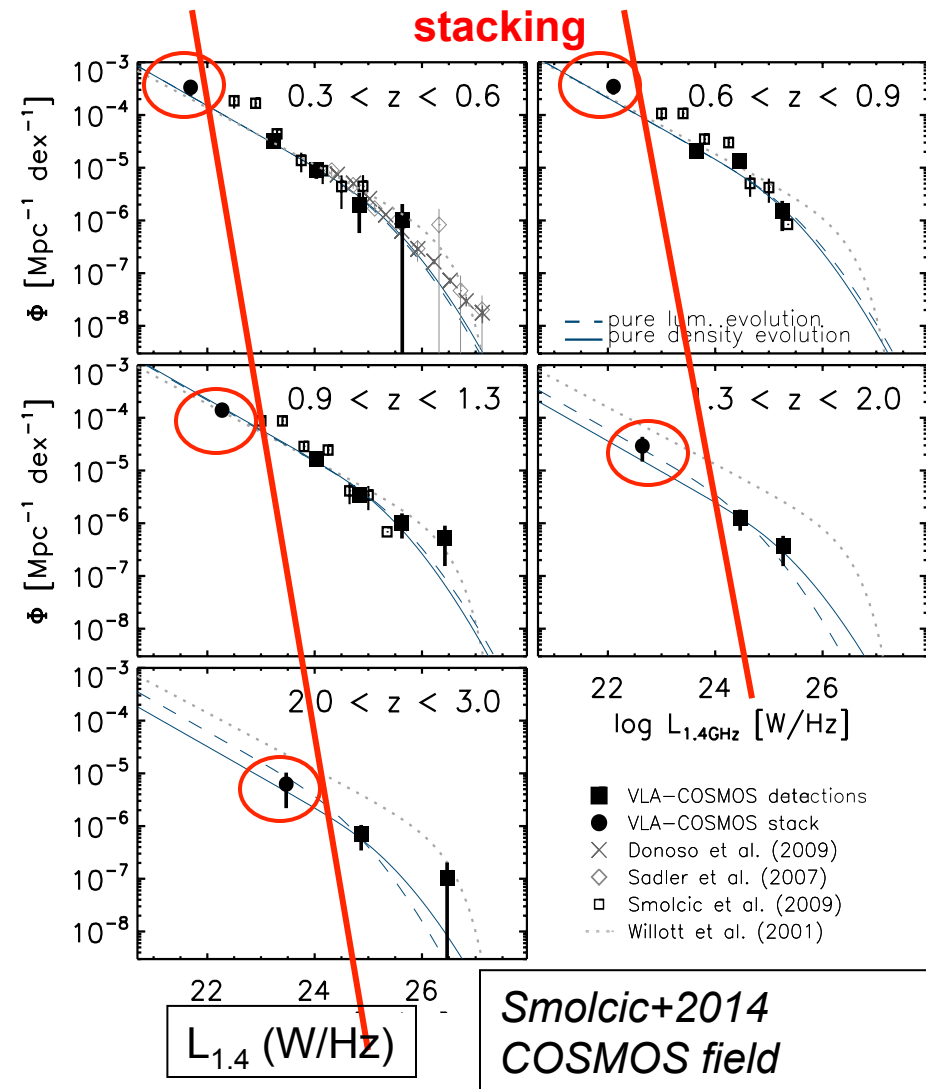


RQ-AGN start to appear at uJy levels in deep radio fields → hosted by disk galaxies

Complete census of RL and RQ AGNs
→ complete view of AGN feedback
→ Role of AGN feedback in gal. evol.

Deep+Wide Fields

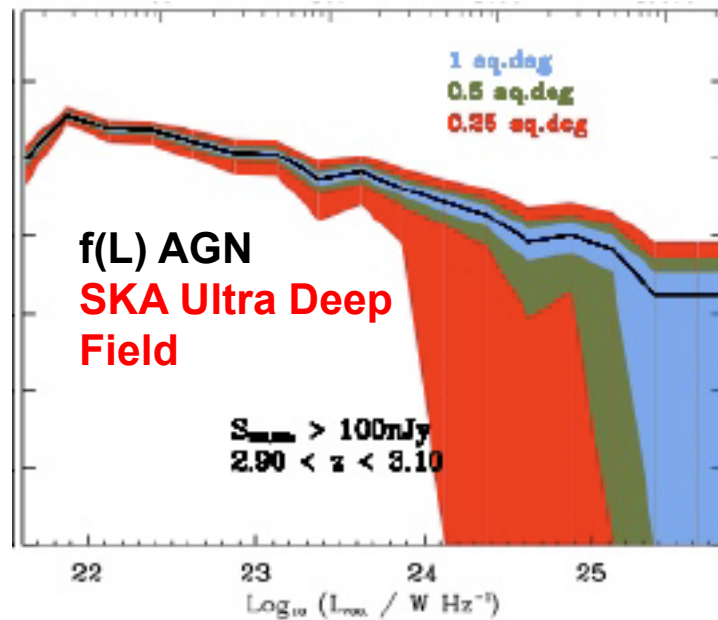
RL/RQ AGN Evolution



Evolution of RL AGN at $z > 1$
& $L < 10^{24-25} \text{ W}/\text{Hz}$ → poorly constrained

$L < 10^{24-25} \text{ W}/\text{Hz}$ dominated by LERG
→ Role of radio feedback in gal. evol.

RQ AGNs span a similar radio lum. range

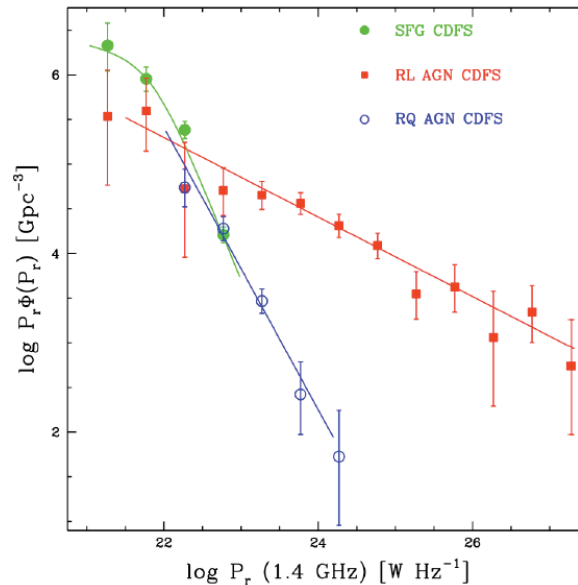
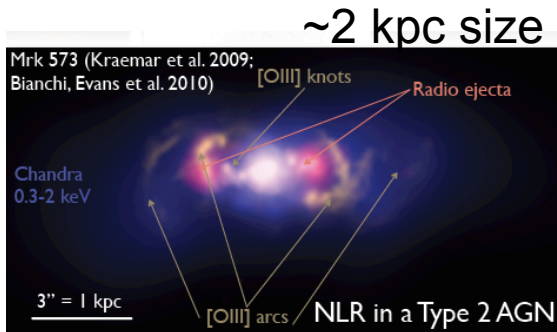


RL/RQ AGNs – Physical Processes

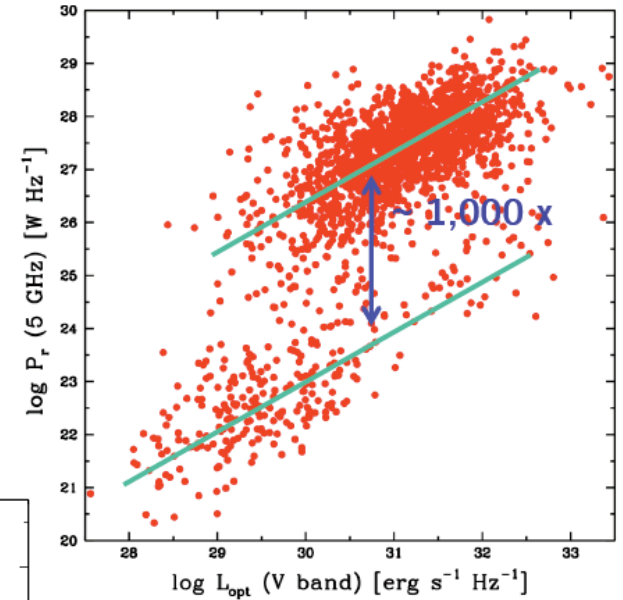
- What determine RQ/RL dichotomy?
- What triggers radio emission in RQ AGNs?
- Synchrotron radiation from mildly relativistic mini-jets?
- thermal cyclo-synchrotron emission from ADAF/ADIOS?
- thermal free-free emission from the X-ray heated corona or wind

SF and AGN related emission do co-exist

Radio AGN cores
Difficult to detect at uJy levels



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Padovani+ 2011

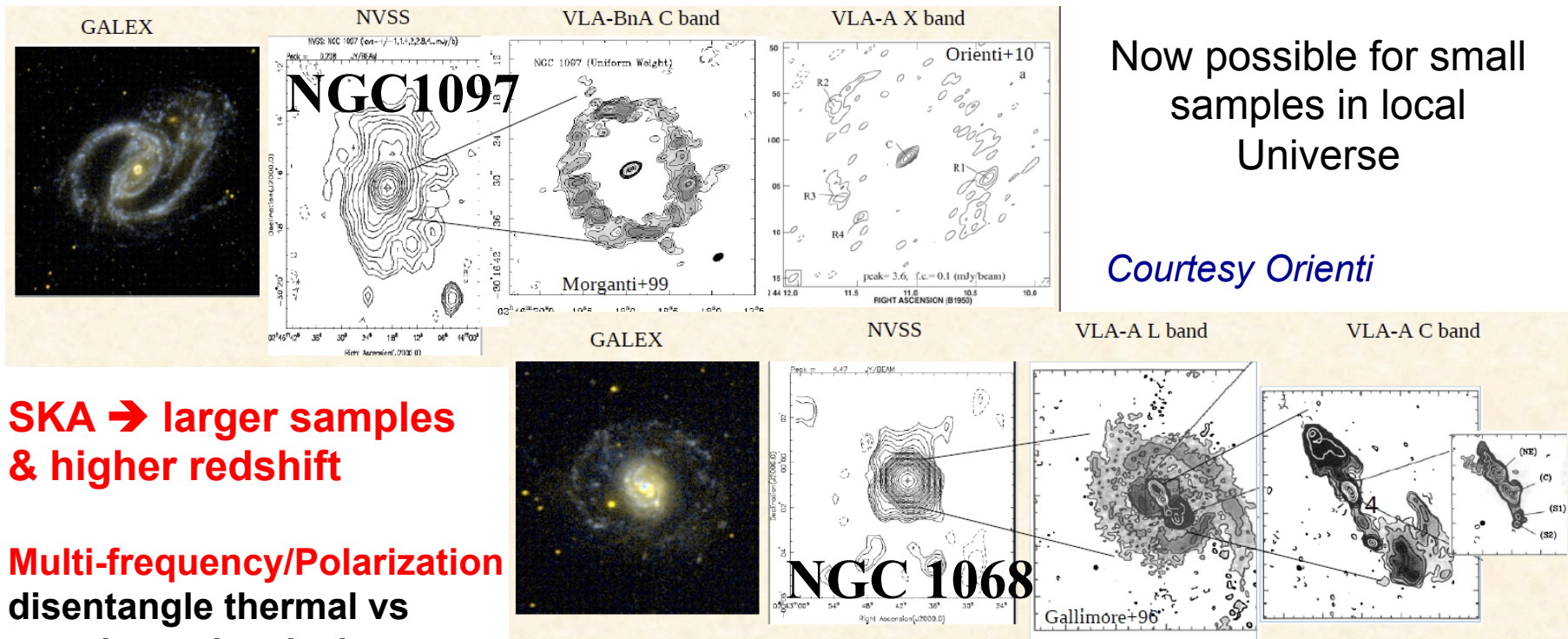
Requirements:
Multi-band information
& Multi-frequency info

Radio-band:
Spatial Resolution &
sub-uJy sensitivity

Separating AGN/SF activity in RQ AGN

RQ-AGN often associated to disk galaxies → Need to separate AGN from SF radio emission → unbiased and complete AGN demography

Requirements: sub-arcsec resolution + uJy/sub-uJy sensitivity



SKA → larger samples & higher redshift

Multi-frequency/Polarization disentangle thermal vs non-thermal emission

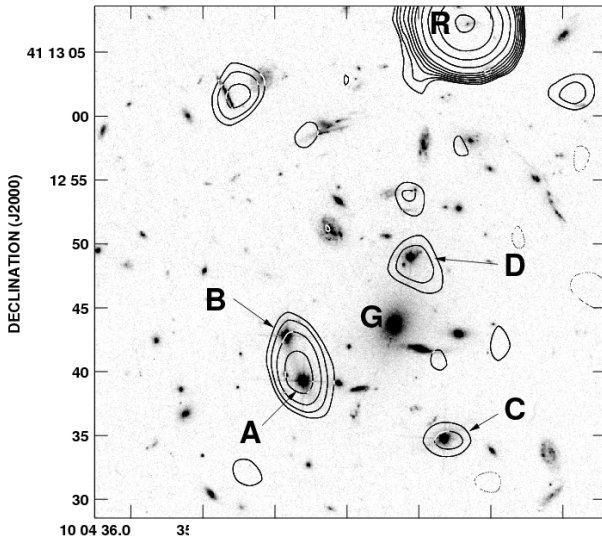
Wide/All-Sky Surveys

Core emission from high-z RQ QSO

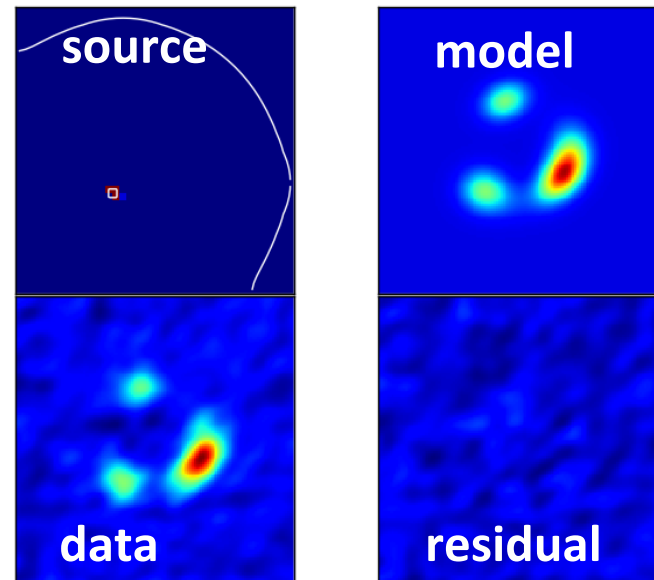
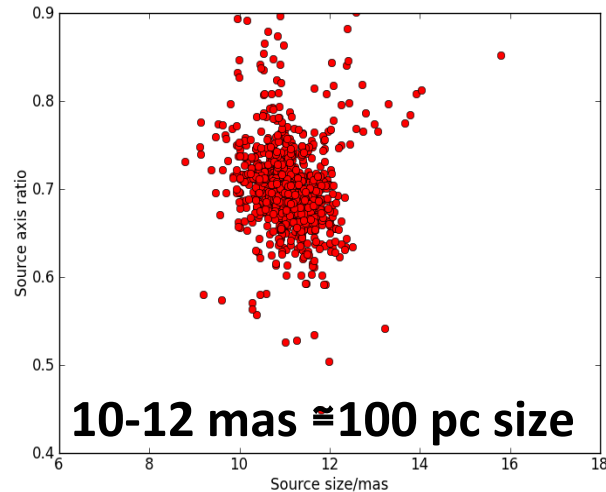
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Requirement: sub-arcsec resolution at ~1 GHz

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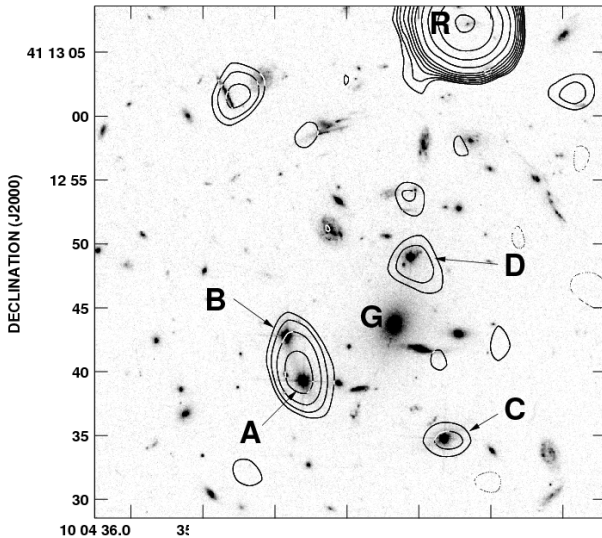
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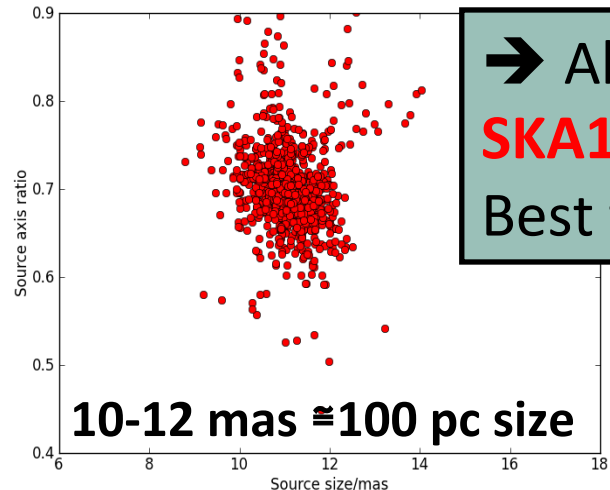
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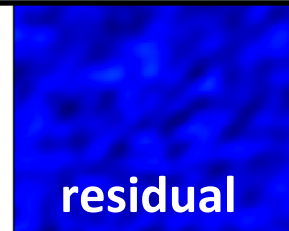
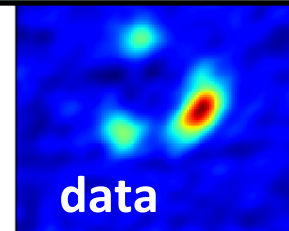
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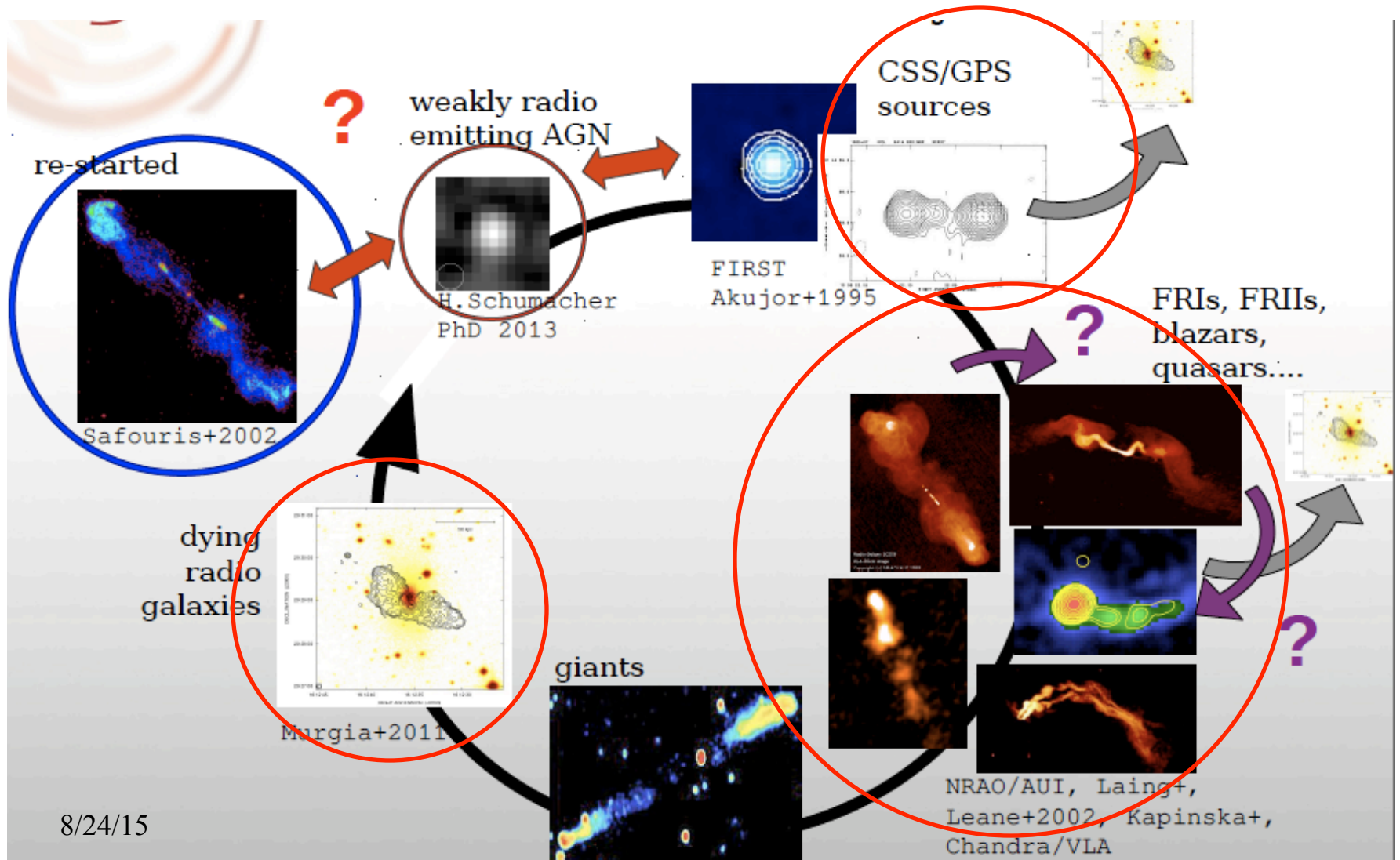


\rightarrow All Sky sub-arcsec resolution surveys
SKA1 @ 0.5'' \rightarrow **~ 7000 lens candidates**
Best to be followed up at Band 5/VLBI



SKA1-LOW All-Sky Surveys

Physics & Life Cycle of RL AGNs



Census of High-z Young Radio Galaxies

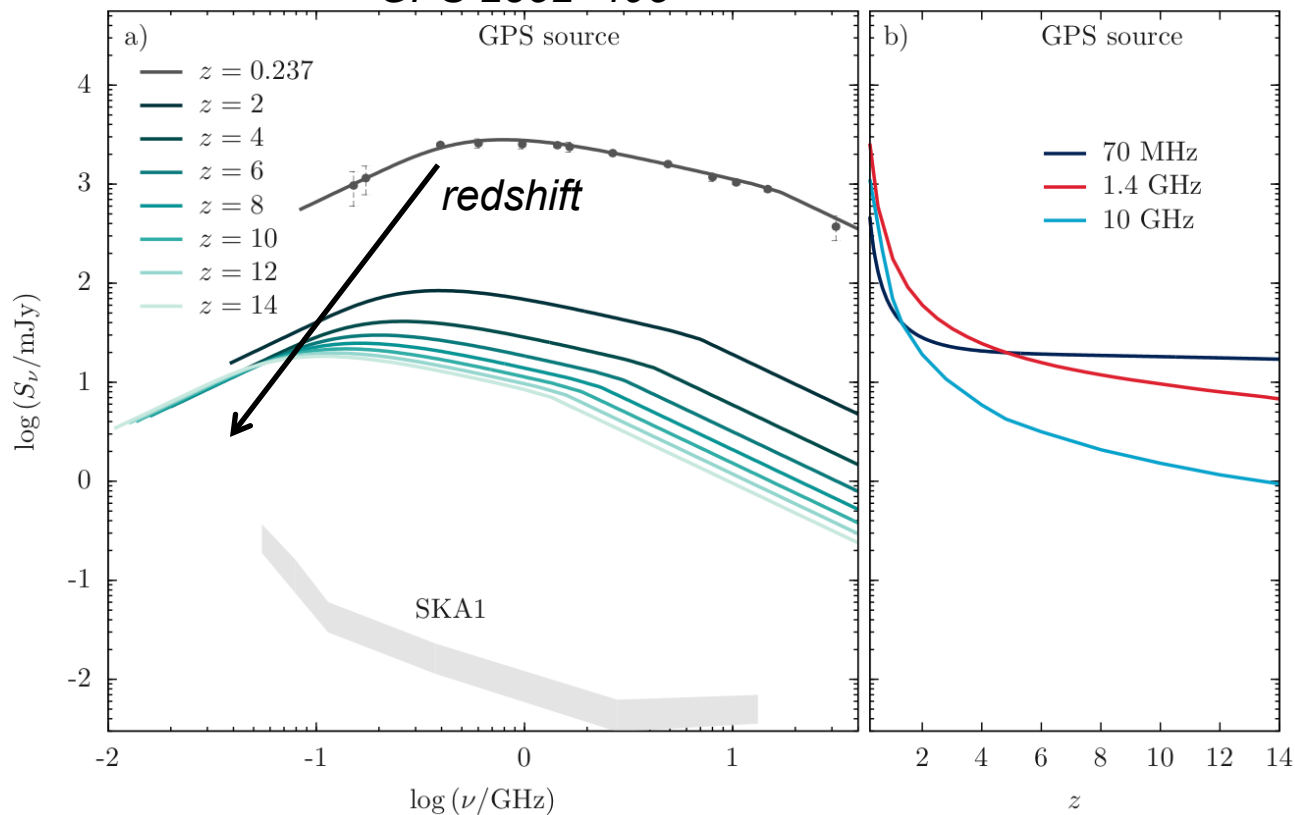
1st generation RL AGNs ($z > 6$)

GPS/CSS thought
to be the progenitors
of extended RGs

Low frequency
emission less affected
by radiative losses

Peak moves to
low frequency
with redshift
(150 MHz @ $z \sim 6$)

GPS 2352+495

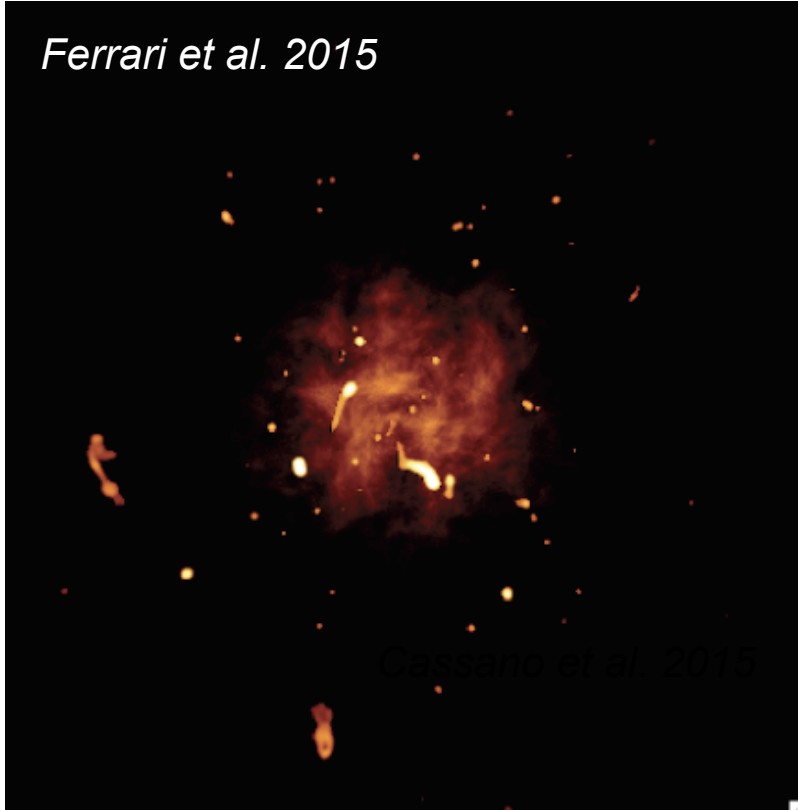


Afonso et al. 2015

SKA-LOW All Sky Survey

Galaxy Clusters

Ferrari et al. 2015



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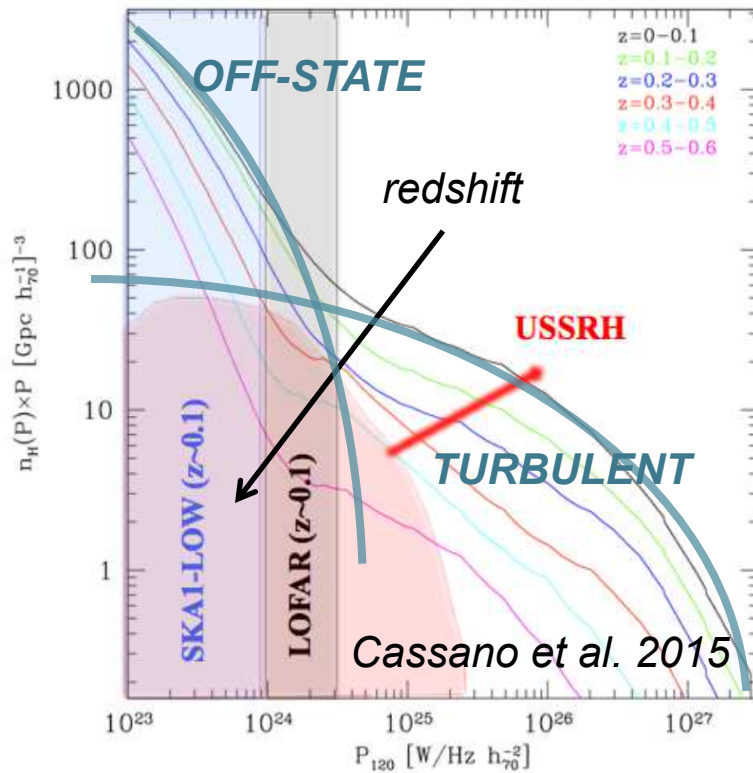
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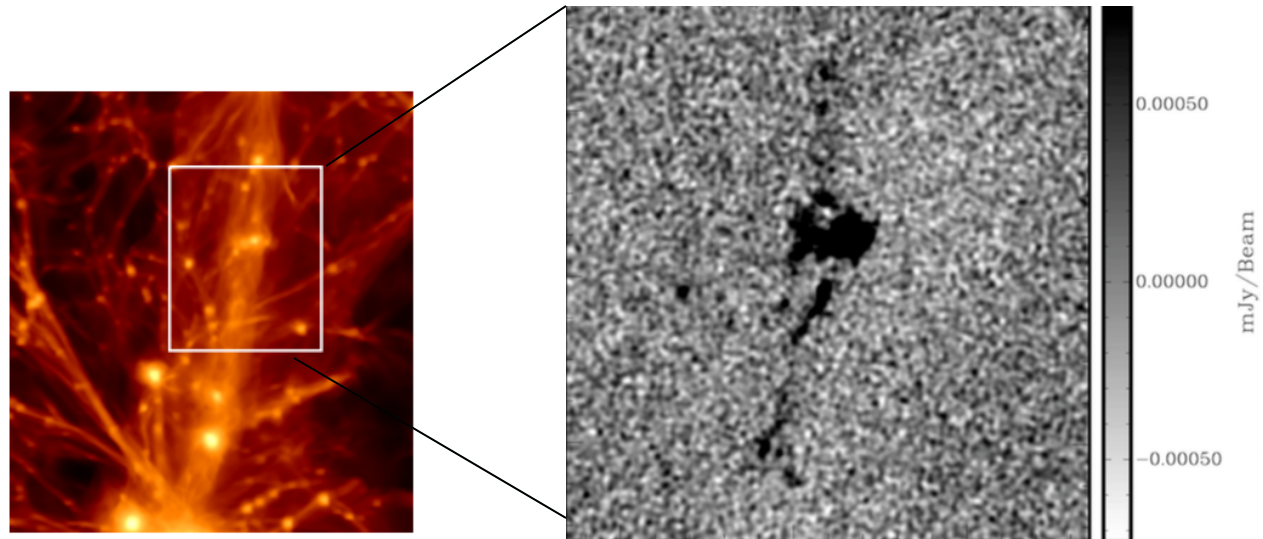
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SKA can potentially detect non-thermal emission associated to steady-shocks in cosmic web filaments

$z \sim 0.02$
 $B = 0.1 \mu\text{G}$
Vazza et al. 2015



Outline of SKA1 Key Reference Surveys

Prandoni & Seymour 2015

| Science Drivers | Freq. | Tier | Rms (full BW) | Area | Res. | Science/ Commensality |
|--|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|---|
| SFHU Non-thermal (gal/AGN co-evol.) | ~1 GHz Band 1/2 | Ultra Deep | 50 nJy | 1 deg ² | ~0.5" | AGN/gal co-evol. |
| | | Deep | 200 nJy | 10-30 deg ² | ~0.5" | AGN/gal co-evol. High-z Magnetism HI deep field (B1) |
| | | Wide | 1 uJy | 1000 deg ² | ~0.5" | Weak/Strong Lensing |
| SFHU Thermal (gal/AGN co-evol.) | ~10 GHz Band 5 | Ultra Deep | 40 nJy | 0.008 deg ² | ~0.1" | AGN/gal co-evol. |
| | | Deep | 300 nJy | 1 deg ² | ~0.1" | AGN/gal co-evol. |
| Legacy Strong Lensing (rare populations) | ~1 GHz Band 2 | All-sky | 4 uJy | 31000 deg ² | ~2" 0.5" | Magnetism Cosmology tests Transients (beam forming) HI surveys Our Galaxy |
| Clusters (RL AGNs) | ~120 MHz | All-sky | 20 uJy (confusion) | 31000 deg ² | 8" | EoR |

Revisited after re-baselining (March 2015)

What's Next: Definition of KSP

Tasks for this meeting and next future:

- **Start defining actual KSPs**
- **Identification of useful ECPs**
- **Identification of Synergies and Commensality with other SKA WGs**
- **Exploiting synergies with other upcoming facilities** (e.g. LSST, Euclid, JWST, eROSITA, etc.)

- **Observational Setup:** Frequency, BW, Area Coverage, rms, observing strategy, etc.
- **Choice of Region/Fields**
- **Pipelines/Data Products:** Stokes parameters (IQUV), image/catalogue parameters → **spatial/spectral resolution**, etc.
- **Resources/Expertise** (strong role played by Precursors)

Commensality: Examples

- **All-Sky Surveys:** All-Sky RM / Local Universe/ Legacy/Rare Cosmology tests / HI Intensity Mapping/ Our Galay
- **Wide Fields:** SFHU/AGN Evolution / Weak Lensing (MID) / HI Surveys (MID)
- **Deep Fields:** SFHU/AGN Evolution /HI deep surveys (MID) / Deep Polarization Fields (MID)
- **Mid Ultra Deep:** SFHU/AGN Evolution /HI deep surveys

To be fully exploited:

- data processing of all I,Q,U,V Stokes parameters,
- data processing with different setups, eg:
 - angular resolution: 0.5" – 2"
 - spectral resolution: full BW, ~MHz channels for RMs/spectral index, kHz for line
- different data products, eg:
 - 2D continuum I,Q,U,V + 3D HI images/catalogues

Summary

- **Continuum Radio surveys provide a valuable dust-extinction/gas-obscuration-free tool** to study thermal and non-thermal emission from galaxies and galaxy clusters
- **SKA sub-uJy sensitivity will make it possible to study high-z SFG and *all types of AGN***: both the RL and the most common RQ component
→ Added value: sub-arcsec resolution and Band 5
- **SKA continuum surveys will be competitive with upcoming IR, optical and X-ray surveys** [will become important component of multi-band studies and useful to a very broad community]
→ Strong synergies to be exploited with other facilities
- **Existing commensality/synergy with other WGs should be explored.** To be fully exploited:
 - different obs. modes to be implemented in parallel (e.g. full Stokes, beam-forming, etc.)
 - data processing of all I,Q,U,V Stokes parameters, and with different setups:
 - Angular resolution/weighting scheme: from arcsec to sub-arcsec
 - Spectral resolution: from kHz (for line surveys) to ~MHz (for RMs/in-band spectral index) to ~GHz (for detection experiments)

THANKS!