



LOFAR data: from archive to arXiv

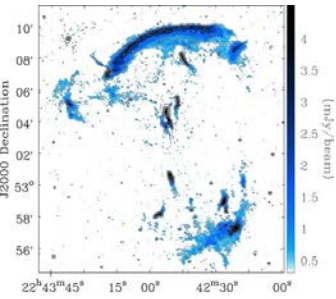
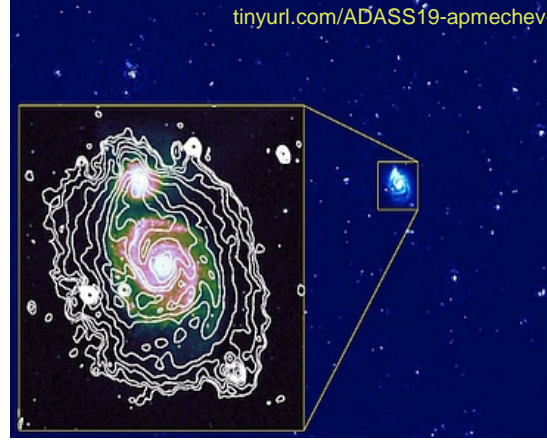
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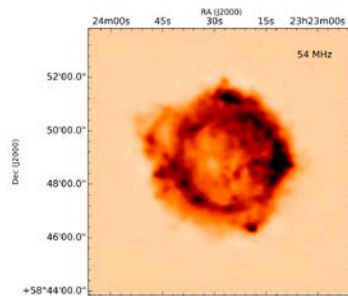
The LOFAR

The Science

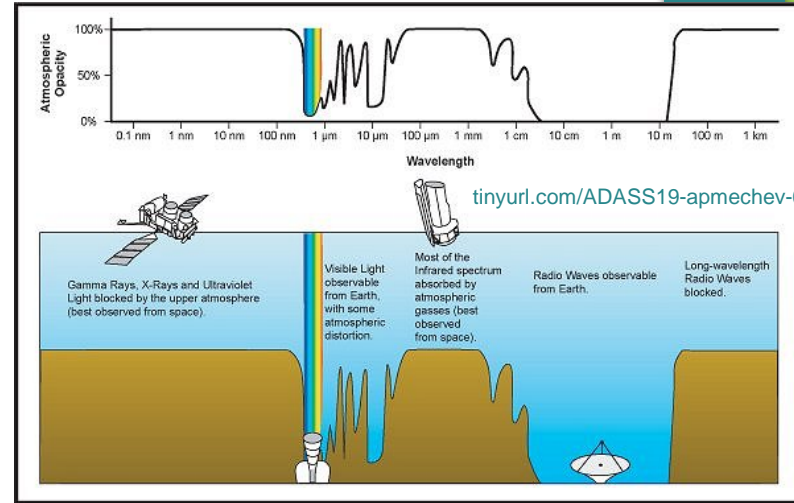
Different window Complimentary Science



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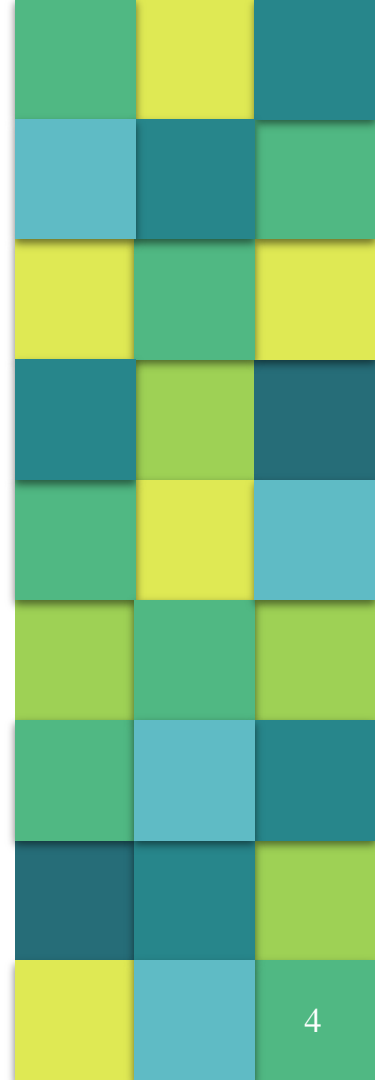


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The Array

7000 Antennas
1900 km baselines
10 Tbps raw data
80 Gbps correlated
10 - 240 MHz



The Survey

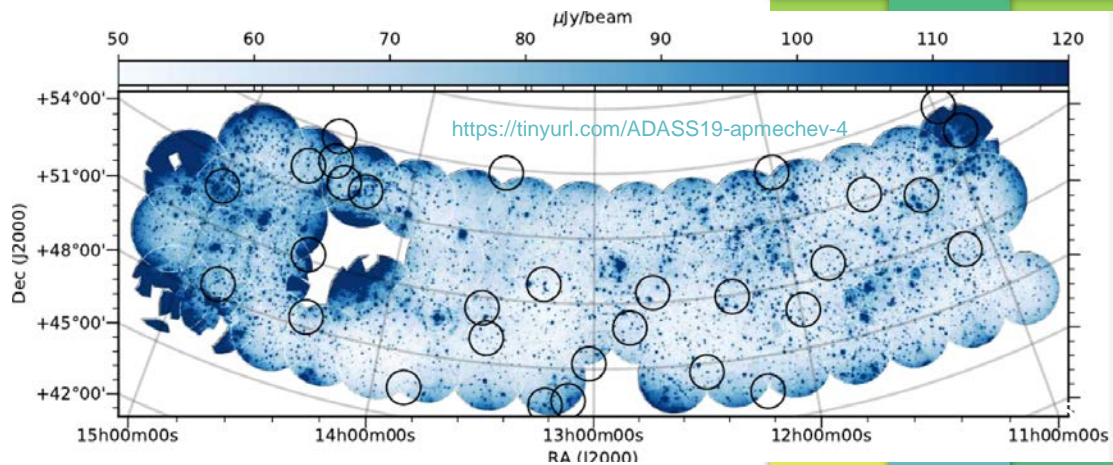
Map of northern sky
3000+ observations

8TB each

>20 PB

-Hacky Playground?

-Stable Workflow?



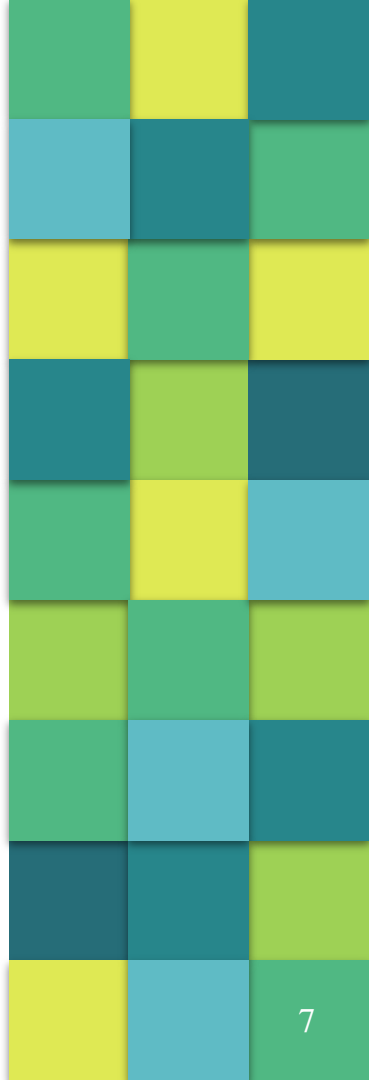
The Dream

“Science Ready”

Not ‘one and done’

Requires iteration

Questions harder than answers

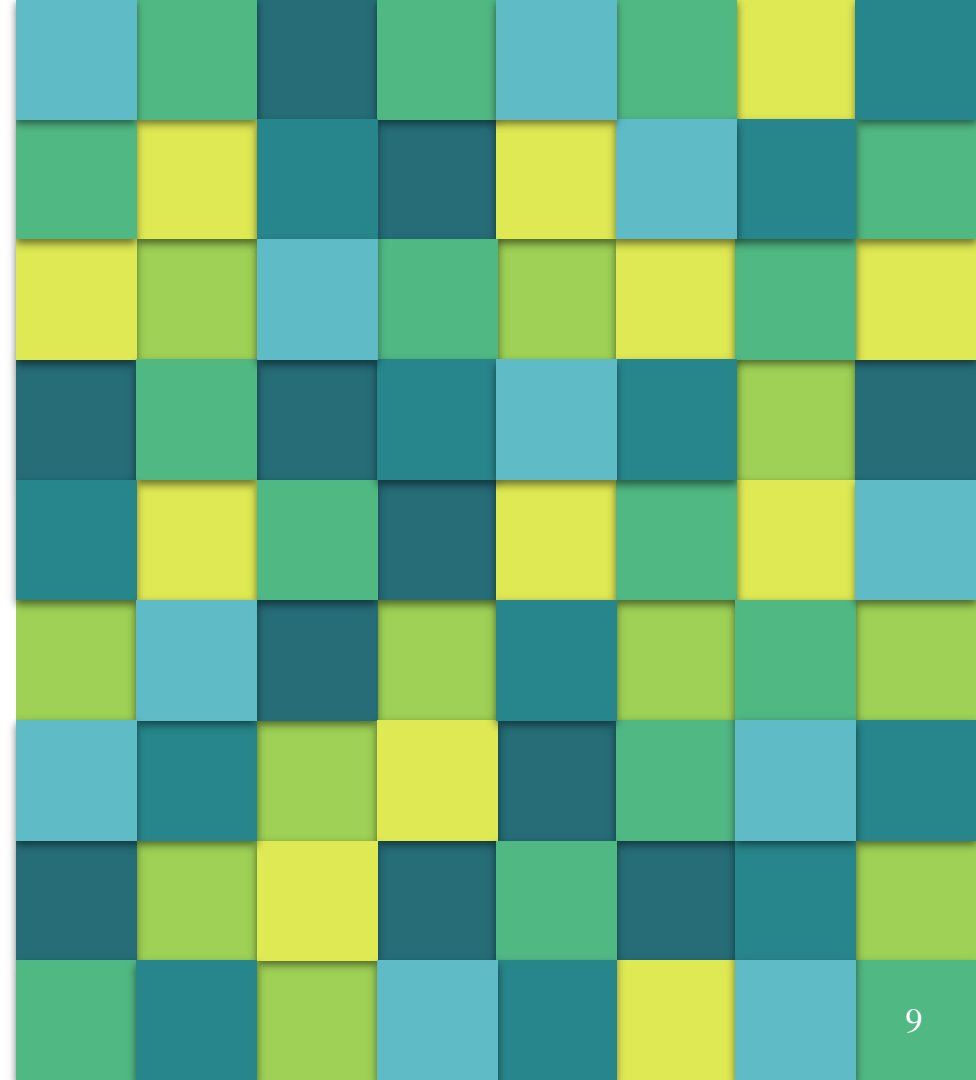


The Reality

LOFAR Data

- Large data sets
- Extensive archive
- Development pace
- Small playground!

Not just being FAIR!





Fighting EVIL



What is EVIL?

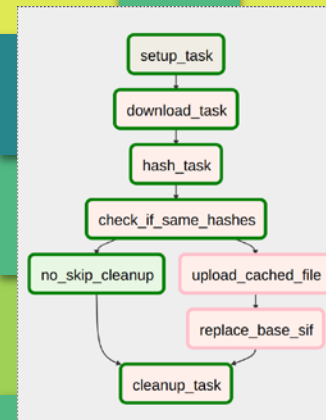
- Esoteric
- Versionless
- Irreproducible
- Laborious

We fight the Esoteric

- Define Scientific Workflows
- Make it runnable 'at home'

We fight the Versionless

- Use (singularity/docker) images
- Version and even test them!



We fight Irreproducibility



- Well defined data lineage
- Trivial re-processing

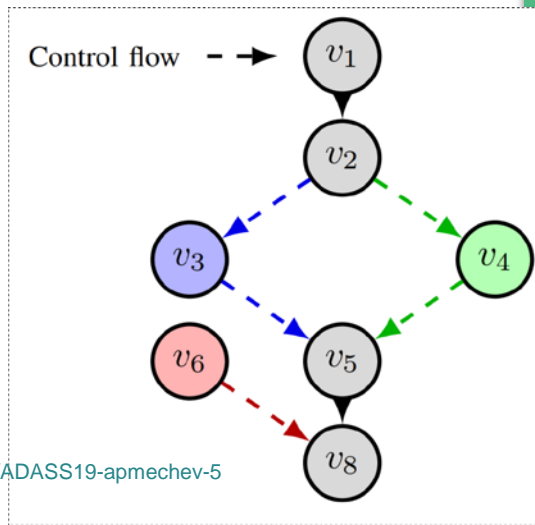
We fight Laboriousness

- Automate processing
- Automate fault detection

The Solution

Processing setup

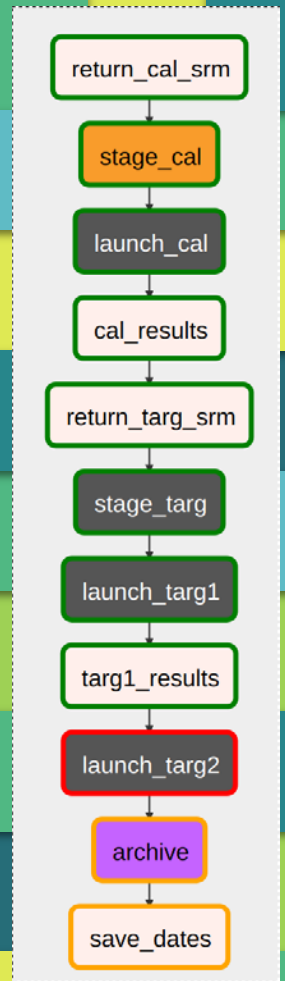
- Distributed Processing
- Apache Airflow
 - Automate testing
- Infrastructure independent jobs
 - 'self-contained/defined'
 - Can use clouds   □
- Or Jupyter



Archive -> arXiv

- Data triggers <- Data Archive
- Pipeline launch (NL-grid)
 - Diagnostics->HTTP(CouchDB)
- Data delivery (http/macaroons)
- Imaging (W herever)
- Images published <- Science arXiv

- Reproducible: Just run it again



The Future

Successes

>1000 Datasets

Two Archive locations

As fast as Observing

Easy to Use

Easy to parallelize

Reproducible!

Challenges

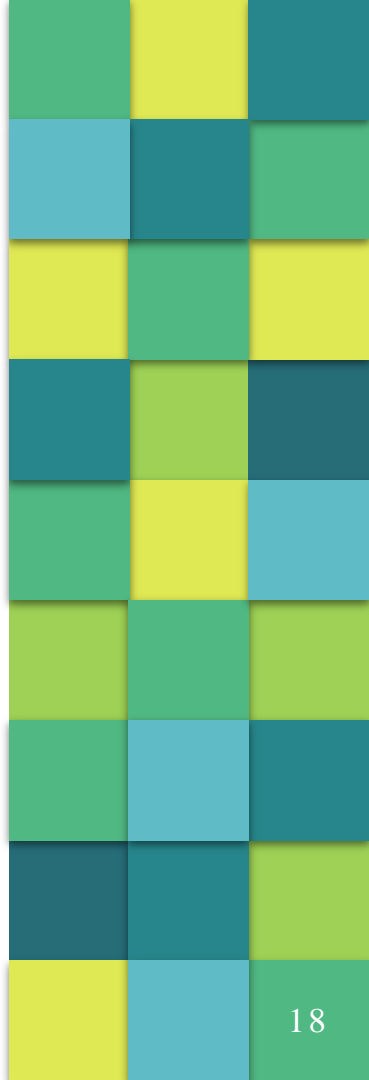
The users problem

The authentication

The interfaces

The processing
resources

The Questions

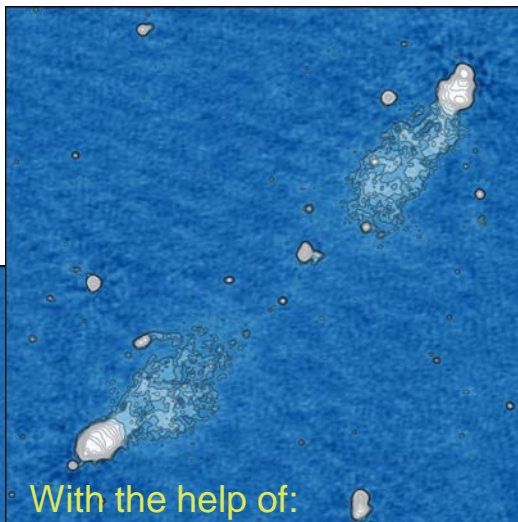
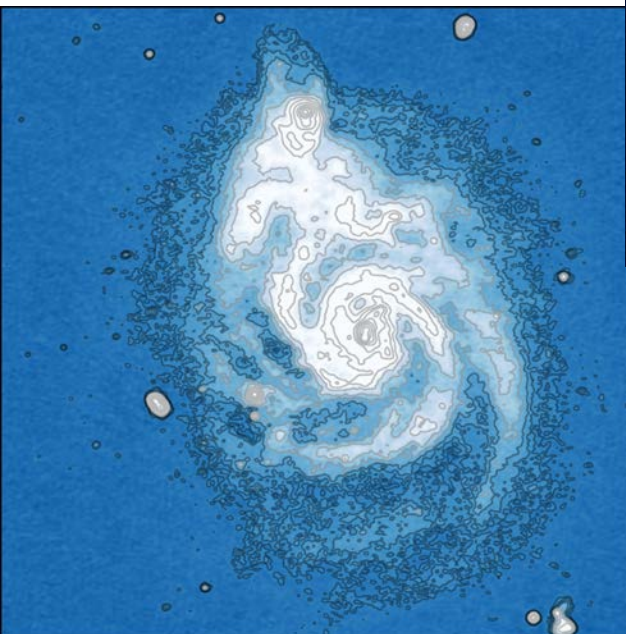


*What good are computers? They can only
give you answers.*

-Picasso

That's why we have scientists.

Thank you!



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