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## The ILIFU Cloud & the HIPPO Project

### Multi-Wavelength Astronomy in the Cloud

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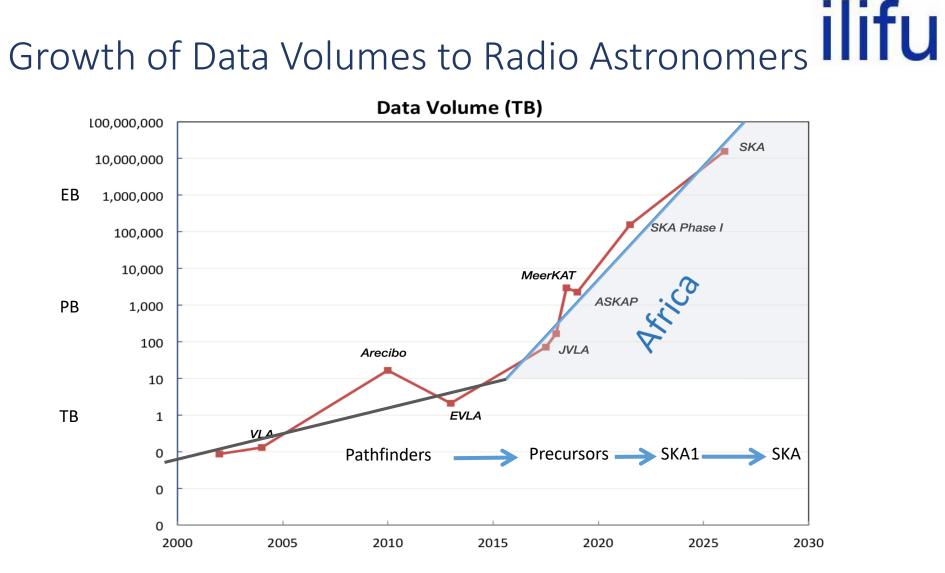


# MeerKAT: South Africa's SKA Precursor ilifu







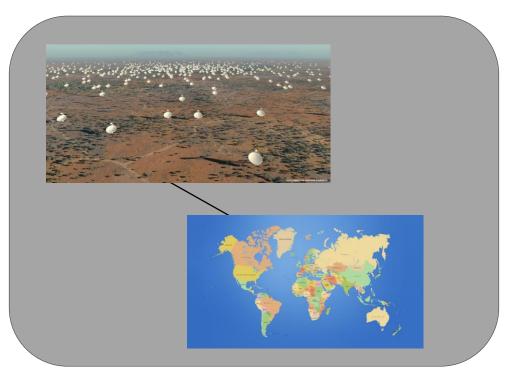






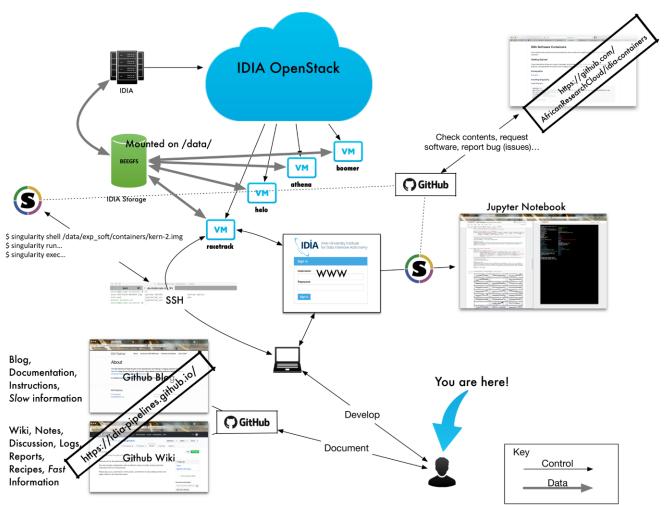
 Much of the key science en route to the SKA will be achieved via large-scale observing programs executed by globally distributed teams of researchers working on the data in a collaborative manner

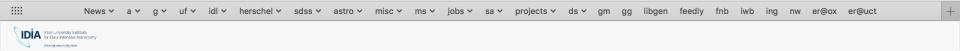




# IDIA Data Intensive Astronomy Cloud (v1.0)



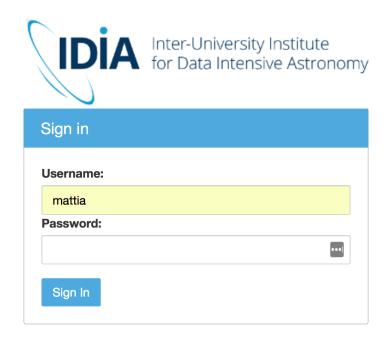


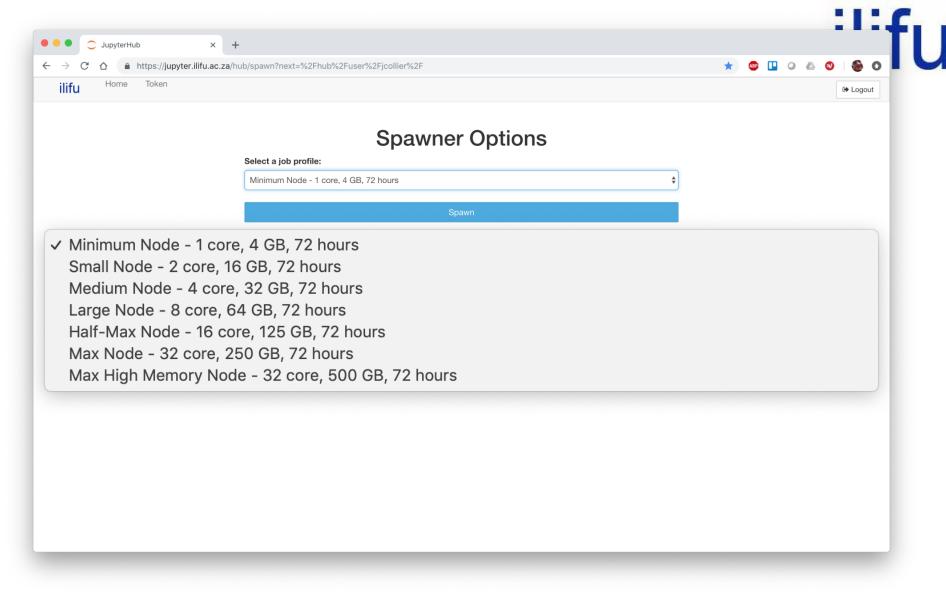


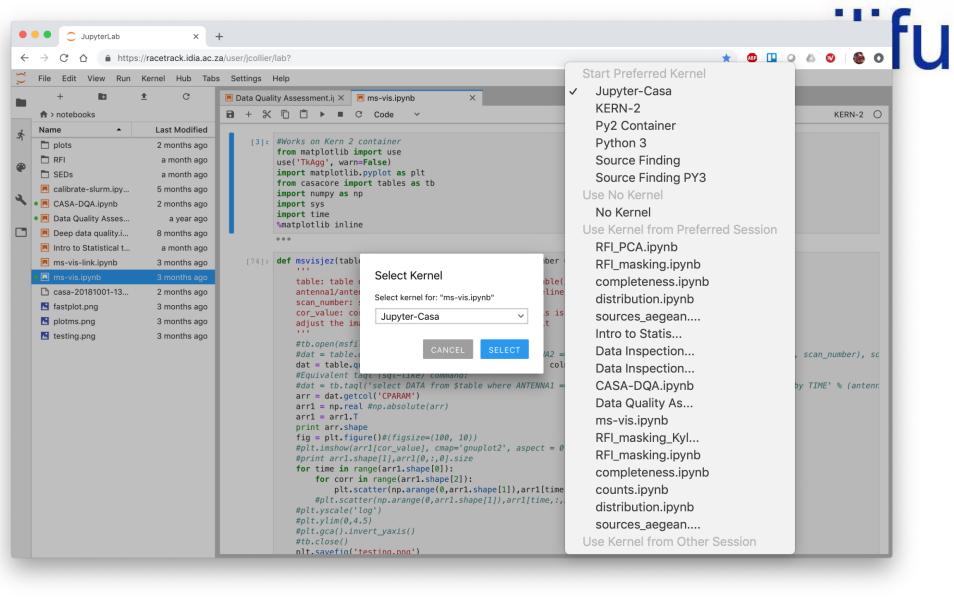
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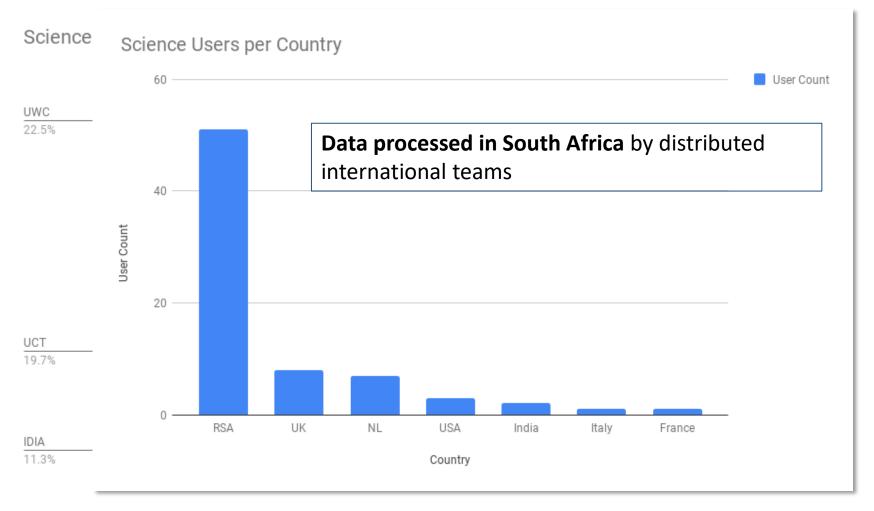






#### IDIA Cloud MeerKAT Science Users





### ILIFU Cloud Staged Roll out 2018-2020







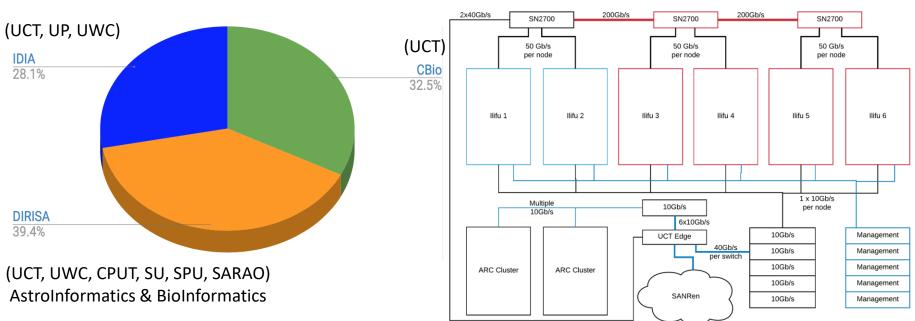












- Entire system available to all partners via fair share and managed by university researchers
- Implemented as data intensive research cloud (v2.0) based on IDIA astronomy cloud (v1.0)
- IDIA and CBIO resources are allocated and managed by the relevant consortia
- DIRISA resources to be allocated to ilifu partners via an ongoing competitive process

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### MeerKAT Key Science Large Survey Projects

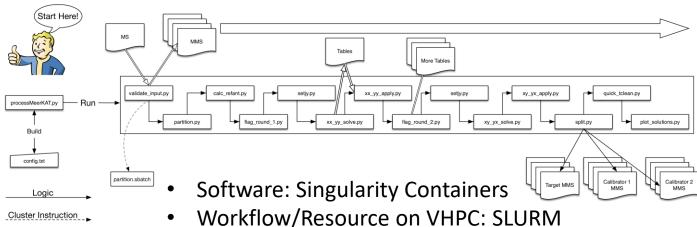
- Time domain Imaging
- LADUMA (Deep atomic hydrogen)
- MIGHTEE (Deep continuum imaging of the early universe)
- Fornax (Deep HI Survey of the Fornax cluster )
- MHONGOOSE (targeted nearby galaxies HI)
- MeerKAT Absorption Line Survey (extragalactic HI absorption)
- ThunderKAT (exotic phenomena, variables and transients)
- TRAPUM (pulsar search)
- MeerTime (pulsar timing)
- MESMER (High-z CO)
- MeerGAL (Galactic Plane Survey)



#### The IDIA MeerKAT Data Reduction Pipeline







Parallelised package (OMP + MPI)

User configurable and executable

- **Data products**
- Broad band multi-frequency synthesis images
- 4D spectro-polarimetric data cubes (1k channels)
- 3D HI spectral cubes (32 k channels)

  https://github.com/idia-astro/pipelines

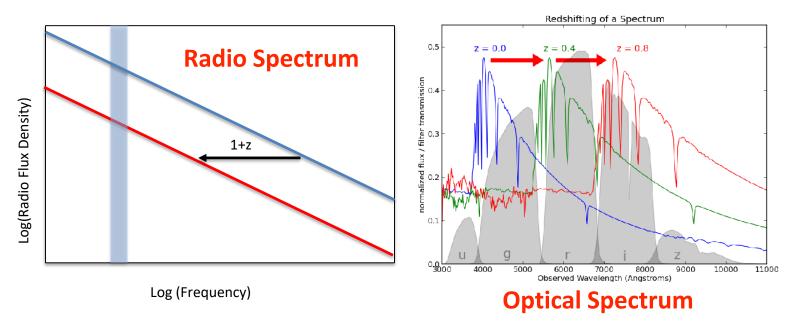
MeerKAT MIGHTEE COSMOS Image 19 hours on source, RMS: 2.3 μJy/beam

MIGHTEE Data Team

### But of course...



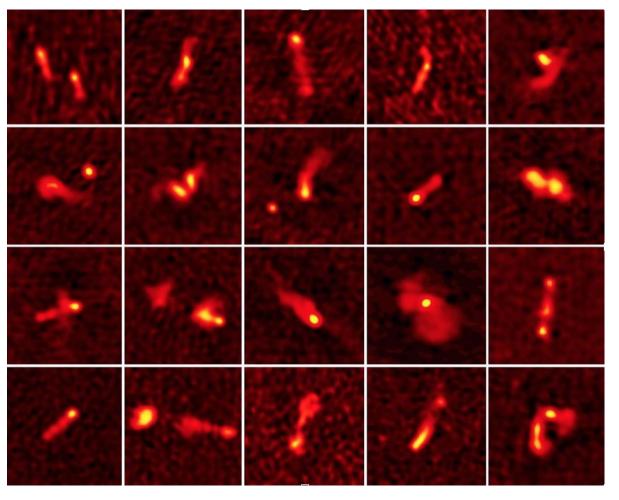
There's nothing as useless as a radio source (Jim Condon)



- Radio provides no (or very little?) distance information
- Optical photometry provides much stronger constraints

### Radio Galaxies

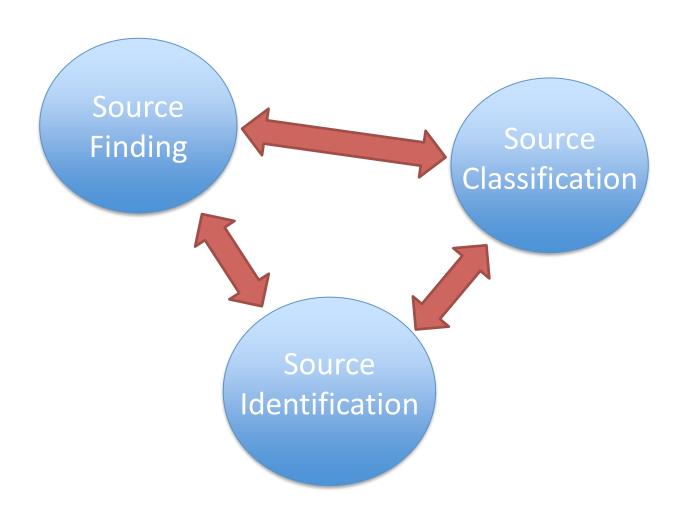




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# Radio Source Characterisation ilifu





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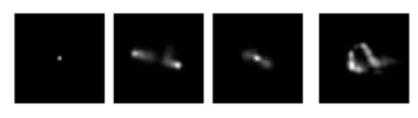


#### HIPPO: The HELP - IDIA Panchromatic PrOject

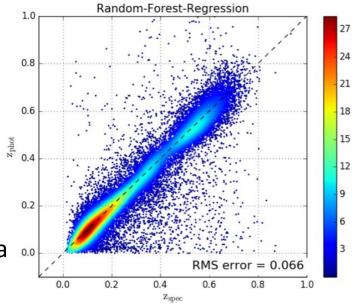
http://www.mattiavaccari.net/hippo

A Cloud-Based Environment for the Science Exploitation of Radio Surveys



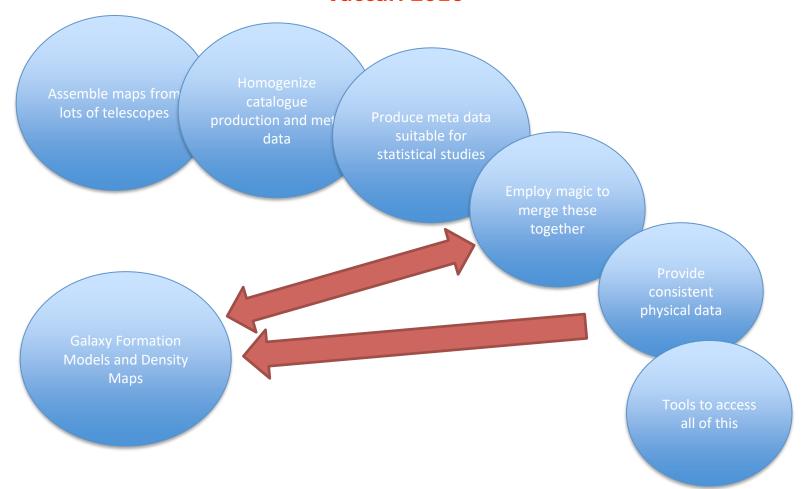


Working with IDIA programmers to create a cloud-based environment where scientists can exploit MeerKAT in the context of multi-wavelength data



### HELP (EC-REA-FP7-SPACE) Concept

#### Vaccari 2016



# HIPPO's First Steps

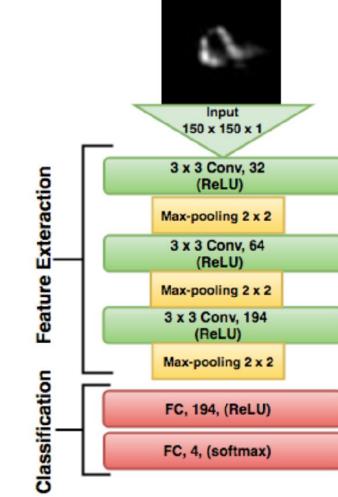
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- Create a python-centric 'Software Container' for 'Source Characterization' on the ILIFU Cloud
- Assemble & Homogenize software tools to create cutouts and contours/overlays from most surveys
- Simple Visualization and Annotation Software
- Source Morphological Classification Software
- Source Spectro-Photometric Classification Software
- Extend Multi-Wavelength Ancillary Data (post-HFLP)

### Deep Learning for Radio Source Classification [1]



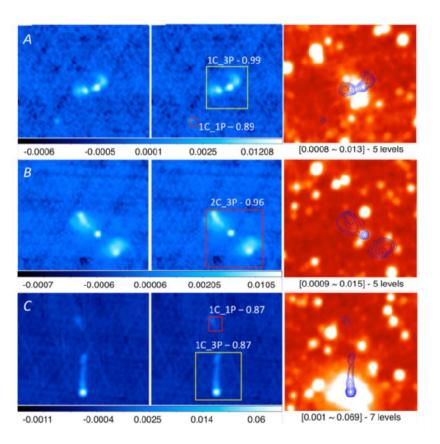
Alhassan, Taylor & Vaccari 2018 https://github.com/wathela/FIRST-CLASSIFIER

Type	Original Sample
COMP	121
FRI	201
FRII	338
BENT	177
Total	837



### Faster Region-Based CNNs with ClaRAN for the Classification of Radio Sources

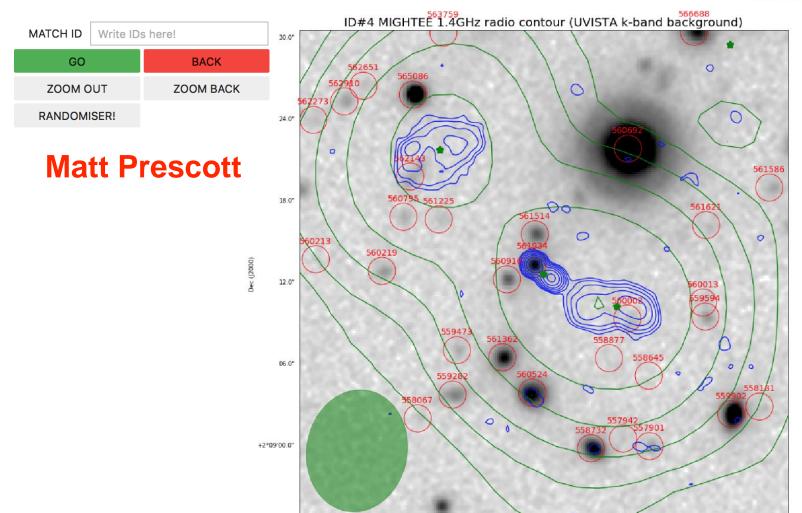




Wu et al. 2019 - https://github.com/chenwuperth/rgz\_rcnn/ Chaka Mofokeng (MSc) - Applied to GMRT(/MeerKAT) Data

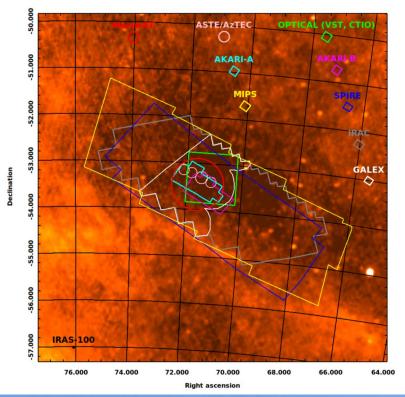
# MIGHTEE Early Work





# ADFS MeerKAT/MeerLICHT Program IIITU





http://www.mattiavaccari.net/adfs/

Multi-Epoch Simultaneous **Optical & Radio Observations** of a deep extragalactic field

LSST/SKA science pathfinder

Part of push to turn SAAO into "An Intelligent Observatory" in the multi-messenger era



### Summary



- ILIFU is a modern, custom Cloud infrastructure developed in South Africa by a multi-disciplinary distributed university team
- Democratizes big data research by providing a flexible platform for interactive access by university researchers and students to process, analyse, and visualize big data
- Serves a distributed community of researchers in SKA pathfinder key projects and South African bioinformatics
- Can be the kernel to grow a South African and Pan-African federated research cloud with potential to transform data intensive research in Africa
- HIPPO is developing tools to use ILIFU for multi-wavelength astronomy, focusing on the challenges of source characterization and transient search
- Opportunity to build upon HIPPO@ILIFU to better support optical/infrared data processing pipelines and multi-messenger transient astronomy