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Wide-band Wide-field Imaging

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Or resort to spectral cube imaging + image-plane corrections/averaging

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Plan

- Wide-band Imaging
 - Account for frequency dependent sky brightness distribution
 - Algorithm: Multi-term Multi-Frequency Synthesis (MT-MFS, MS-MFS)

[Rau & Cornwell, A&A, 2011]

[Cornwell, Golap, Bhatnagar,

- Wide-field Imaging: Includes any effect that increases with R
 - Non co-planar baseline effect (W-term)
 - Effect of antenna PB: Time- and Poln.-dependence [Bhatnagar et al., A&A, 2008]
 - Includes mosaic imaging
 - Algorithm: W-Projection, (WB) A-Projection

[General review: Rau et al., Proc. IEEE, V. 97 (8) 2009]

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- Wide-band Wide-field Imaging
 - All of the above + PB frequency dependence [Bhatnagar et al., A&A, 2012]
 - Algorithm: MT-MFS + (WB) AW-Projection (+ Mosaic) [WB Mosaic: Rau, Bhatnagar, Golap, In prep.]



Imaging & Deconvolution: A recap

- Compute residuals using the original data
 - Needs Gridding and de-Gridding during major-cycle iterations







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What do we call wide-band?

- When fractional signal bandwidth used for imaging $> \sim 20\%$
 - Plus source spectral index >= -1.0
 - Plus target dynamic range > 1000
- Spectral effects for higher source spectral index will become significant at lower bandwidth ratios
 - Empirical Dynamic range : $\frac{I\alpha}{100}$
 - Spectral line imaging, by definition, does not require wide-band imaging algorithms



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Wide-band Imaging Sensitivity

Frequency Range :	(1–2 GHz)	(4 – 8 GHz)	(8 – 12 GHz)
Bandwidth : $v_{max} - v_{min}$	1 GHz	4 GHz	4 GHz
Bandwidth Ratio : v_{max} : v_{min}	2:1	2:1	1.5 : 1
Fractional Bandwidth : $(v_{max} - v_{min})/v_{min}$	66% d	66%	40%

Broad-band receivers increase the 'instantaneous' imaging sensitivity of an instrument

Continuum sensitivity :
$$\sigma_{cont} \propto \frac{T_{sys}}{\sqrt{N_{ant}(N_{ant}-1)} \ \delta \tau \delta \nu}$$

(at field-center)
50 MHz \rightarrow 2 GHz Theoretical sensitivity improvement : $\sqrt{\frac{2 GHz}{50 MHz}} \approx 6$ times.

In practice, effective broadband sensitivity for imaging depends on bandpass shape, data weights, and regions of the spectrum flagged due to RFI (radio-frequency interference).

Use narrow-band channels – avoid bandwidth smearing

In the early days of continuum-observing, only one visibility was computed across the entire bandwidth of the receiver, and attributed to the reference (or middle) frequency ν_0 . Delay-tracking was also done only at ν_0 .

The visibility
$$V(u_{\nu})$$
 is mistakenly mapped to $u_0 = \frac{b\nu_0}{c} = \frac{\nu_0}{\nu} u_{\nu}$

Similarity theorem of Fourier-transforms :

=> A radial shift in the source position, with frequency.
=> Radial smearing of the brightness-distribution

Note : Excessive channel-averaging has a similar effect.



An (exaggerated) example of bandwidth-smearing with a 1-2 GHz signal..... 2 MHz 200 MHz 1.0 GHz



Bandwidth Smearing Limits at 1.4 GHz

33 MHz (VLA D-config), 10 MHz (VLA C-config), 3 MHz (VLA B-config), 1 MHz (VLA A-config)

Contours represent 5 and 10 arcmin distances from the phase-center.

Spatial-frequency coverage and imaging properties change with frequency

- Angular-resolution increases at higher frequencies
- Sensitivity to large scales decreases at higher frequencies
- Wideband UV-coverage has fewer gaps => lower Psf sidelobe levels

$$S(u,v)_{v} = \frac{\vec{b}}{\lambda} = \frac{\vec{b}v}{c}$$



But, when the source intensity varies with frequency, different channels measure the visibility function of different sky-brightness distributions

the
$$V(u_{\nu}, v_{\nu}) = \iint I(l, m, \nu) e^{2\pi i (u_{\nu}l + v_{\nu}m)} dl dm$$

=> Need to model the spectrum as part of

image reconstruction

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Wideband Imaging Options

- (1) Make images for each channel / SPW separately.
 - Signal-to-noise ratio : one SPW
 - Angular resolution varies with SPW (smooth to lowest)
 - Imaging fidelity may change across SPWs
 - Primary beam correction can be done per SPW

Cube imaging will suffice for sources with simple spatial structures, and where the added uv-coverage, sensitivity and angular resolution is not required for the target science.

- (2) Combine all frequencies during imaging (MFS : multi-frequency synthesis)
 - Signal-to-noise ratio : all SPWs
 - Angular resolution is given by the highest frequency
 - Imaging fidelity is given by the combined uv-coverage
 - Wideband PB correction is required (average gain and spectrum)

Multi-frequency-synthesis is needed to fully utilize the wideband uv-coverage and sensitivity during image reconstruction.

The frequency dependence of the sky and instrument must be taken into account

Single-channel vs MFS imaging – Angular Resolution

Simulated Example : 3 flat-spectrum sources + 1 steep-spectrum source (1-2 GHz)

Images made separately at different frequencies between 1 and 2 GHz





J2000 Right Ascension

h59^m45 25 35⁸ .30^{\$} 20⁸ J2000 Right Ascension





Combine all single-frequency

Use all **UV-coverage** together, but ignore spectra



images (after

smoothing)

42 19^h59^m45ⁱ 35[°] 30° 25^s 208 J2000 Right Ascension



Use all UV-coverage together + Model and fit for spectra too

Output : Intensity and Spectral-Index





=> Imaging with a spectrum model : higher angular resolution + continuum sensitivity.

J2000 Declinatio

Continuum Imaging : (multi-scale) multi-frequency-synthesis

Sky Model : Collection of multi-scale flux components whose amplitudes I_{ν}^{sky} = follow a polynomial in frequency

$$I_{\nu}^{sky} = \sum_{t} I_{t} \left(\frac{\nu - \nu_{0}}{\nu_{0}} \right)^{t}$$

where
$$I_t = \sum_{s} [I_s^{shp} * I_{s,t}]$$

Algorithm : Linear least squares + deconvolution

Parameters : mode='mfs', nterms=2, reffreq='1.5GHz', multiscale=[0,6,10]

Data Products : Taylor-Coefficient images $I_{0,}^{m}I_{1,}^{m}I_{2,}^{m}$ that represent the observed spectrum

Interpretation :
- As a power-law (spectral index and curvature)
$$I_{\nu} = I_{\nu_0} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^{\alpha + \beta \log(\nu/\nu_0)}$$

 $I_0^m = I_{\nu_0} \qquad I_1^m = I_{\nu_0} \alpha \qquad I_2^m = I_{\nu_0} \left(\frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{2} + \beta\right)$

- PB-correction : Model the average PB-spectrum with a Tayor-polynomial, and do a post-deconvolution Polynomial-Division

$$\frac{(I_{0,}^{m}I_{1,}^{m}I_{2,}^{m}...)}{(P_{0,}P_{1,}P_{2,}...)} = (I_{0,}^{sky}I_{1,}^{sky}I_{2}^{sky}...)$$

Dynamic-range with MS-MFS : 3C286 example : Nt=1,2,3,4



Example of wideband-imaging on extended-emission



=> For extended emission - spectral-index error is dominated by 'division between noisy images'

- a multi-scale model gives better spectral index and curvature maps

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Extended emission - SNR example (a realistic expectation)



These examples used nterms=2, and about 5 scales.

=> Within 1-2 Ghz and 4-8 GHz, can tell-apart regions by their spectral-index (+/- 0.2) if SNR>100. (this accuracy will increase with wider bandwidths – 1-3 GHz CABB)

=> These images have a dynamic-range limit of few x 1000 ---> residuals are artifact-dominated

Errors in polynomial fitting + Imaging (empirical)

For a 1 Jy point source with spectral index of -1.0 ...

- If spectra are ignored during MFS imaging => Errors increase with bandwidth.

Dynamic-range limits for VLA uv-coverage (natural)

1-2 GHz => ~ 1000 1-3 GHz => few 100

– If spectra are modeled + High signal-to-noise => Need higher-order polynomials to fit a power-law

1 term (flat spectrum) => peak intensity error of 0.1 (on 1 Jy) 2 terms (linear spectrum) => peak intensity error of 0.02, spectral index error of 0.1 3 terms (quadratic spectrum) => intensity error of 0.0001, spectral index error of 0.05

- If spectra are modeled + Low signal-to-noise => Higher-order polynomials give more errors

The following situations give similar error on spectral index (~ 0.1) for a point source....

L-Band + C-Band : 1-8 GHz : Sources with signal-to-noise ratio of 10~20 L-Band only (1-2 GHz) or C-Band only (4-8 GHz) : Sources with SNR ~ 40

For extended emission, spectral index errors <= 0.2 only for SNR > 100.....

Multi-Frequency-Synthesis : Snapshot

Observing tip.....



Wideband UV-coverage fills the UV-plane radially.....

Multi-Frequency-Synthesis : 30 min

Observing tip.....



Small time-increments generate good uv-filling => Plan wideband observations in small time-chunks, spread out in time to cover more spatial-frequencies at-least once.

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What do we call wide-field?

- Imaging that requires invoking any of the following:
 - Corrections for non co-planar baseline effects
 - Corrections for the rotational asymmetry of the PB
 - Imaging beyond 50% point, mosaicking
 - Corrections for the frequency or polarization dependent effects
 - Noise limited imaging at 4-,P-,L-, S- (and probably C-Band)
 - Because of the radio brightness distribution
- Noise limited imaging of structure comparable to the PB beam-width
- Mosaicking: imaging on scales larger than the PB beam-width







30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -4

Why wide-field?

- Primarily due to improved continuum sensitivity
- @L-Band, PB gain ~1 deg. away can be up to 10%
 - In the EVLA sensitivity pattern, VLA sensitivity is achieved at the location of the VLA-null!
 - No null in the EVLA sensitivity pattern



• E.g. a 1% PSF side lobe due to a source away from the center is now significantly above continuum thermal noise limit



- This is a largely independent of the total integration time

Wide-field Issues



Wide-field sensitivity because of wide-bandwidths

G55.7+3.4 : Galactic supernova remnant : 4 x 4 degree field-of-view from one EVLA pointing



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Non co-planar baseline: The W-term

 2D FT approximation of the Measurement Equation breaks down





- We measure: $V_{12} = \langle E_1(u, v, w=0) E_2^*(0,0,0) \rangle$
- We interpret it as: $V_{12}^{o} = \langle E_{1}^{\prime}(u, v, w \neq 0) E_{2}^{*}(0, 0, 0) \rangle$



We should interpret E₁ as [E₁' x Fresnel Propagator]

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PB Effects: Rotation asymmetry

- Only average quantities are available in the image domain
- Asymmetric PB rotation leads to time and direction dependent gains

 $\Delta \mathbf{I}^{\mathbf{R}} = \sum_{\psi} \left[PSF(\psi) - avgPSF \right] * \left[\left(PB(\psi) - avgPB \right) \mathbf{I}^{o} \right]$



- Time-variability due to rotational asymmetry is stronger below $\sim 10\%$ point and in the side-lobes.
- Time-variability due to pointing errors is stronger ~50% point.



PB Effects: Error Propagation

$$\Delta I^{R} = \sum_{\psi} \delta PSF(\psi) * [\delta PB(\psi) I^{o}]$$





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Projection algorithms

- Direction-dependent effects in the image domain are convolutional terms in the data domain
- Projection algorithms for DD corrections:
 - Project-out various DD effects as part of the gridding operator

$$V_{ij}^{Obs} = A_{ij} * V^o + N_{ij}$$

- Construct D, such that

 $D_{ij}^T * A_{ij} \approx \text{Time/Freq./Pol.}$ indep.

- Imaging:

$$I = F^{-1} \sum_{ij} D_{ij}^{T} * V_{ij}^{Obs} = F^{-1} \frac{\sum_{ij} D_{ij}^{T} * A_{ij} * V_{ij}^{o} + D_{ij}^{T} N_{ij}}{Normalization}$$



DI Corrections: Standard Calibration

DI ME entirely in the visibility domain: •

$$\boldsymbol{V}_{ij}^{Obs} = \left[\boldsymbol{J}_{i} \otimes \boldsymbol{J}_{j}^{*}\right] \cdot \left[\boldsymbol{V}_{ij}^{o}\right] = \left[\boldsymbol{M}_{ij}\right] \cdot \left[\boldsymbol{V}_{ij}^{o}\right]$$

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- Diagonal: "pure" poln. products
- Off-diagonal: Include poln. leakage

SelfCal model: $M_{ii} = g_i g_i^*$

Full-pol. DI Correction ullet

$$V_{ij}^{Corr} = \left[M_{ij}^{M^{-1}}\right] \cdot \left[V_{ij}^{Obs}\right] = \frac{adj(M_{ij}^{M})}{det(M_{ij}^{M})} \cdot \left[V_{ij}^{Obs}\right] \text{ Equivalent Complex math.:} G_{i}^{-1} = \frac{G^{*}}{|G|^{2}}$$

No pol. leakage case:
$$= \frac{G_{q,ij}^{M^{*}}}{G_{p,ij}^{M}G_{q,ij}^{M^{*}}}$$
gaincal, bandpass, gencal, applycal, polcal,...



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DD Corrections: Projection algorithms

• DD ME entirely in the visibility domain:

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- *J* : Each elements is a function
- ⊗ = Element-by-element convolution
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$$M_{pq} = J_{p,i} * J_{q,j}^{*}$$

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During gridding
$$I_{ij}^{Corr} = \frac{F\begin{bmatrix} adj(M_{ij}^{M^{T}}) \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} V_{ij}^{Obs} \end{bmatrix}}{Fdet(M_{ij}^{M})}$$

Image plane normalization



A-Projection: Stokes-I Before



Effective PB is time-variant



A-Projection: Stokes-I After



Effective PB is time-invariant



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A-Projection: Stokes-V Before



Effective PB is polarization-variant



A-Projection: Stokes-V After



Effective PB is polarization-invariant



- Wide band data to image beyond the ~50% point of the PB at a reference frequency
 - Bandwidth ratio > ~20%
 - FoV > ~HPBW @ reference frequency
 - Variable PB:
 - Long integration (rotation), Mosaicking (pointings at different PA), in-beam polarization is large (AA)



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Continuum (MS-MFS) vs Cube Imaging (with PB-correction)



• Characterization of the (WB) A-Projection + MT-MFS



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- WB A-Projection + MT-MFS
 - WB A-Projection for PB









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 P_M

 $- dP_M/d\nu$

 $d^2 P_M / d\nu^2$



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0.4

-0

-10

• WB A-Projection + MT-MFS





For single pointings, the wideband PB spectrum is relevant only away from the pointing center.

For mosaics, the wideband PB spectrum must be accounted-for <u>all over the mosaic field of view</u>



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Cube Imaging :

- Per channel imaging with point source and multi-scale methods, and w-projection
- Post-deconvolution PB correction (divide final image by PB).
- Linear mosaics using the output of imaging
- Joint mosaic deconvolution within imaging (no w-projection)
- Tasks to smooth planes to a common resolution, and to collapse along frequency.

MFS Imaging :

- Wideband imaging with point source and multi-scale methods
- Choice of the order of the polynomial used to model the spectrum
- Post-deconvolution wideband PB-correction with multi-term imaging
- Linear mosaics using the output of wideband imaging (single and multi-term)
- Joint mosaics with MFS gridding (not for multi-term)

Coming..... (needed mainly for high dynamic-range imaging)

- Time variable, full-polarization wide-band PB corrections with W-projection (DD-corrections)
- Combined application of DD-corrections for mosaics
- Joint mosaics for MFS multi-term imaging with pre- and post-deconvolution PB correction

Scales for Multi-Scale Deconvolution

- Thumb rule for selection largest scale
 - Smallest dimension of the largest scale in the image







Using Wide-Band Models for other processing....

WideBand Model :
$$I_{0}^{m} I_{1}^{m} I_{2}^{m} \dots$$

Evaluate spectrum $I_{v}^{sky} = \sum_{t} I_{t} \left(\frac{v - v_{0}}{v_{0}} \right)^{t}$
(1) Wide-Band Self-Calibration

- Can be used on target source, after initial calibration per spw.
- Can use it on the calibrator itself to bootstrap the model.

(2) Continuum Subtraction



- -- De-select frequency channels in which your spectral-lines exist.
- Make a wide-band image model of the continuum intensity and spectra
- Predict model-visibilities over **all** channels (using WB A-Projection, if necessary)
- -- Subtract these model visibilities from the data

(3) Combination with single-dish data

– Use Taylor-coefficient images made from single-dish images, as a starting model







MS-MFS + **W-Projection** 30' 15' J2000 Declination 15' Max sampled spatial scale : 19 arcmin (L-band, D-config) Angular size of G55.7+3.4 : 24 arcmin 21°00' MS-Clean was able to reconstruct total-flux of 1.0 Jy MS-MFS large-scale spectral fit is unconstrained. 45' 19^h26^m 24^m 23^{m} 22^m 21^m 20^m 19^m 17^m 18^m



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