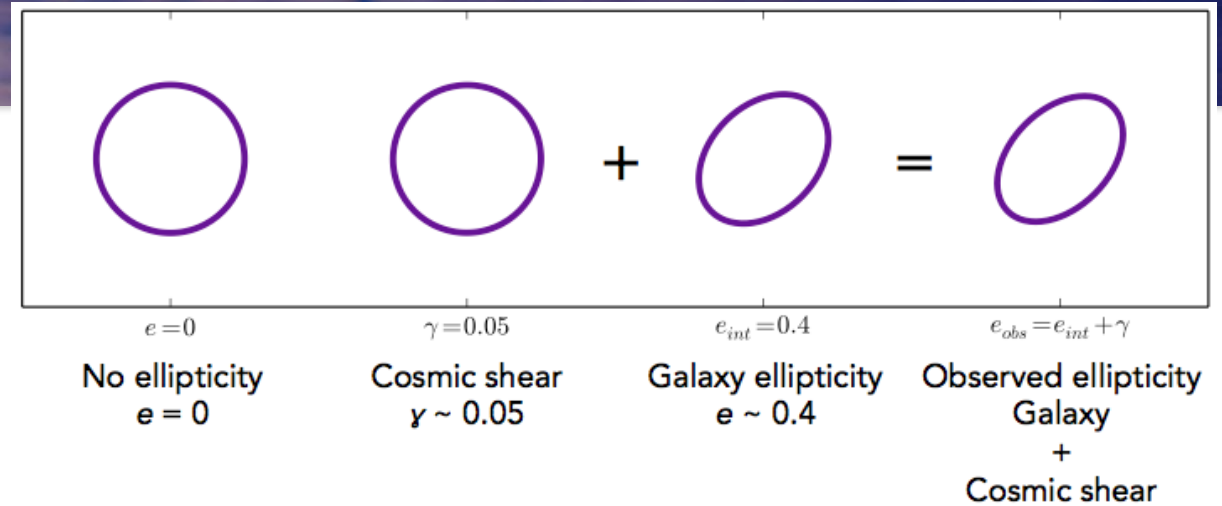


The Pathway to Radio Weak Lensing

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- Requires:
 - Exquisite systematics control
 - 1+ galaxies per arcmin² over 000s deg²
- Therefore optical / near-IR experiments



$$e_{obs} = e_{intrinsic} + \gamma$$

$$\langle e_{obs} \rangle = \hat{\gamma}$$



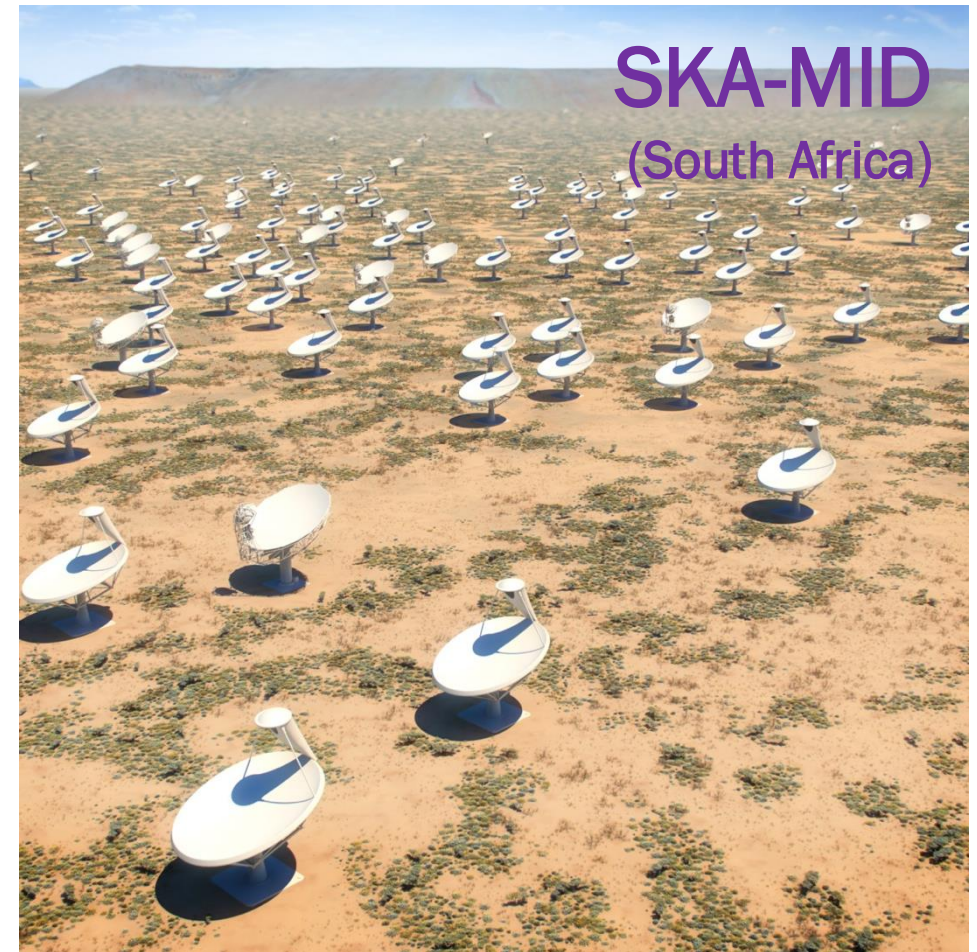
- Number density of resolved galaxies in current radio surveys too low
- SKA will do surveys capable of WL cosmology
 - 3-10 galaxies arcmin⁻² over 5k-30k deg²

Surveys close to these will be done with SKA anyway, although there are optimisations for weak lensing

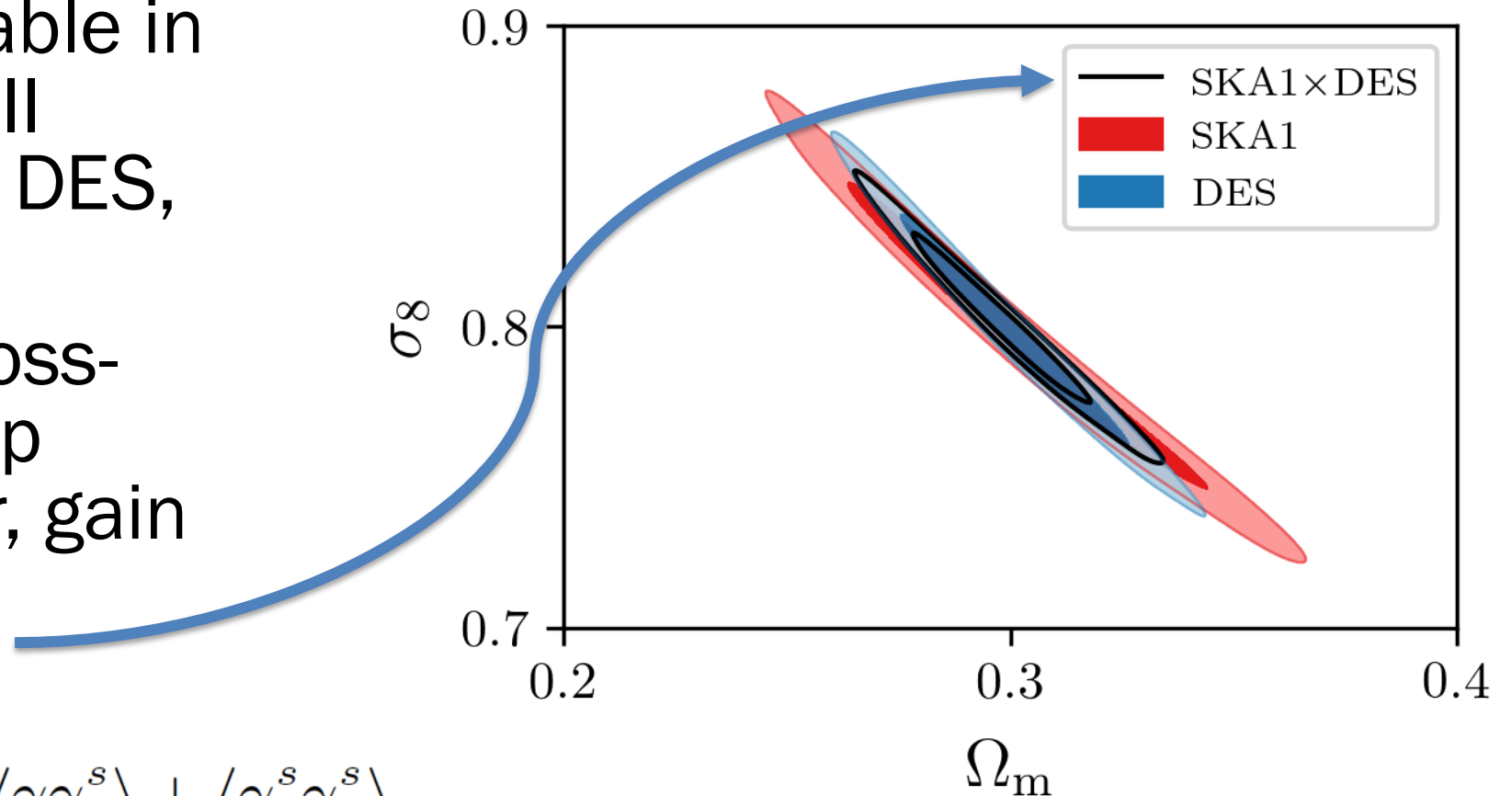
Radio Weak Lensing

Motivation from SKA(0)

- Weak lensing will use SKA-MID
- 350-1760 MHz frequencies
- 'Resolution' of ~ 0.1 arcsec
- SKA Phase 1
 - Cost cap € 600m
 - First idea ~ 1990 , design solidified 2017
 - Collaboration of 14 countries
 - Construction has begun!
 ~ 2030 large surveys
 - 194 15m dishes
- 🦄 The full SKA 🦄
 - $\sim 2035+$
 - ~ 2000 dishes
 - Longer baselines across Africa

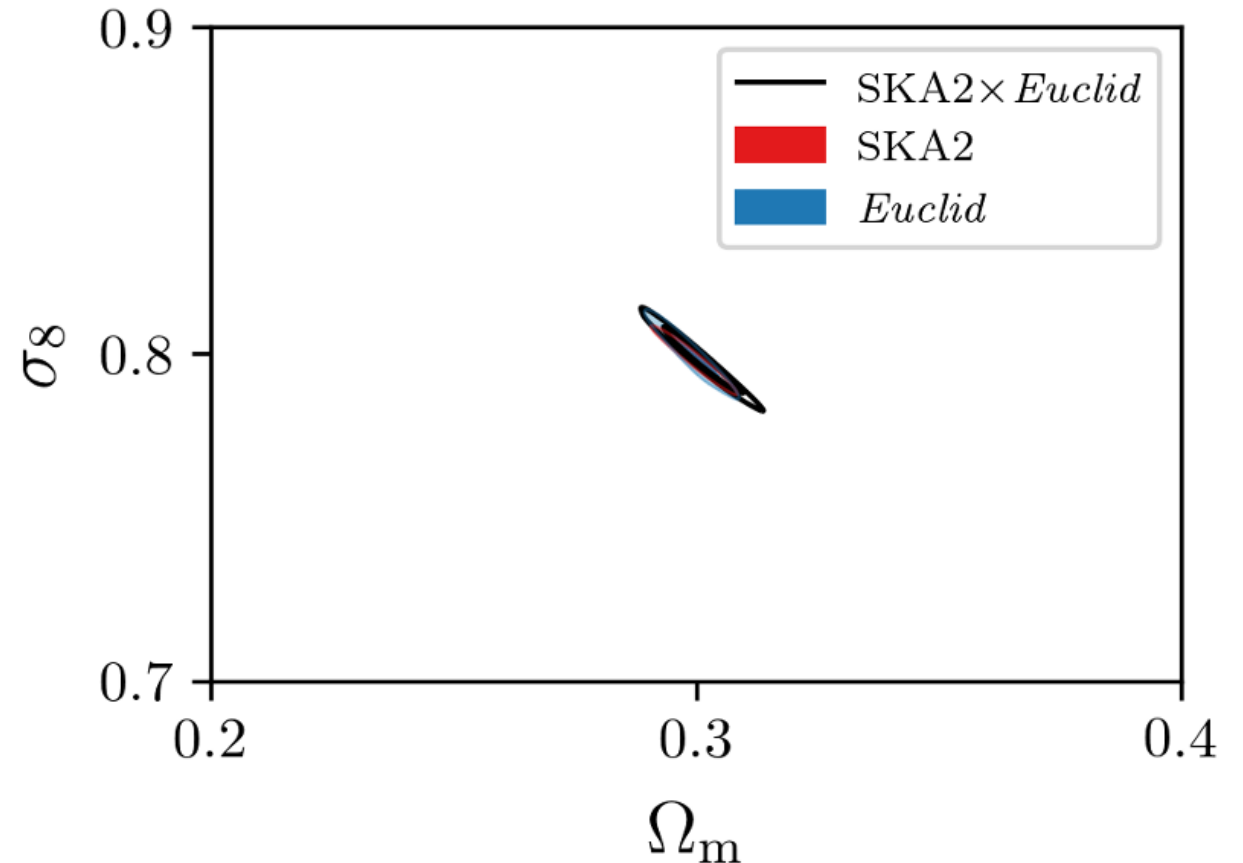


- SKA Phase I weak lensing comparable in power to Stage III surveys such as DES, KiDS, HSC
- Radio-optical cross-correlations keep statistical power, gain robustness to systematics

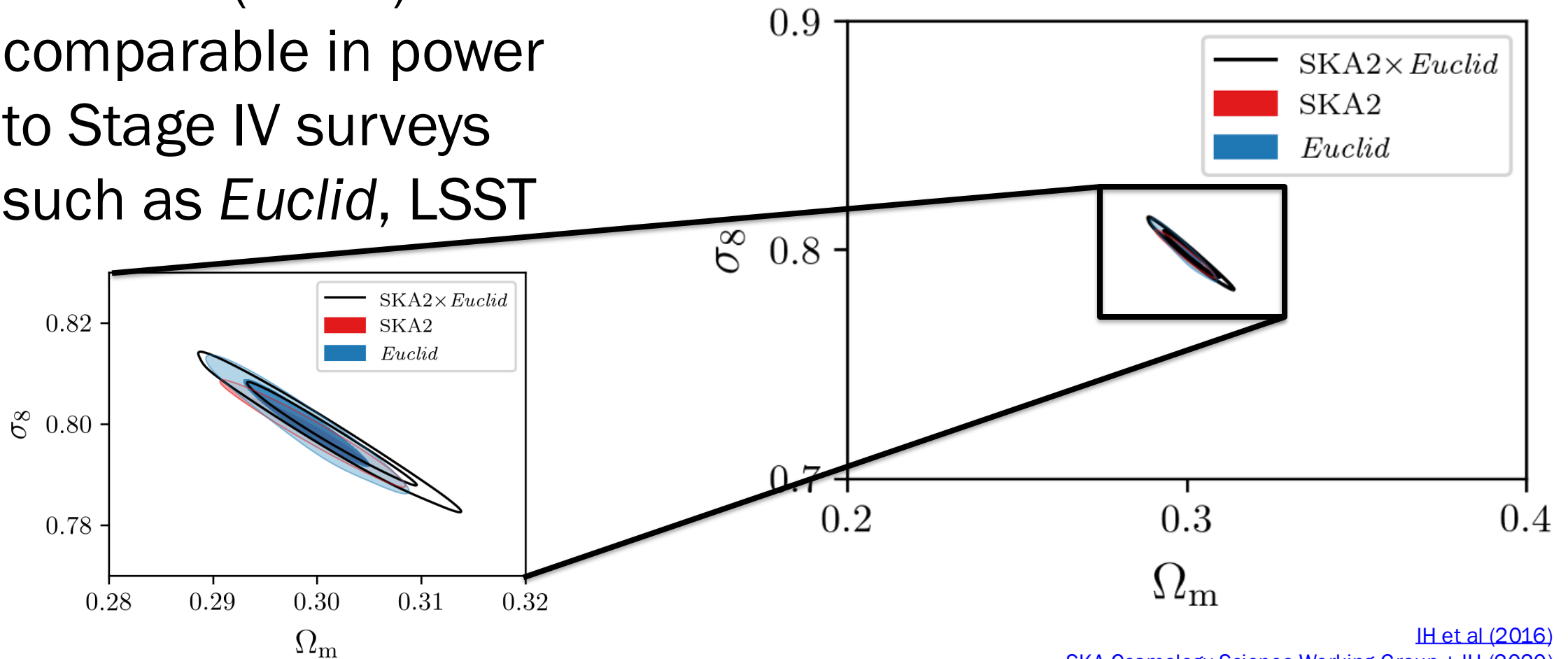


$$\langle \tilde{\gamma}_o \tilde{\gamma}_r \rangle = \langle \gamma \gamma \rangle + \langle \gamma \gamma_o^s \rangle + \langle \gamma \gamma_r^s \rangle + \langle \gamma_o^s \gamma_r^s \rangle$$

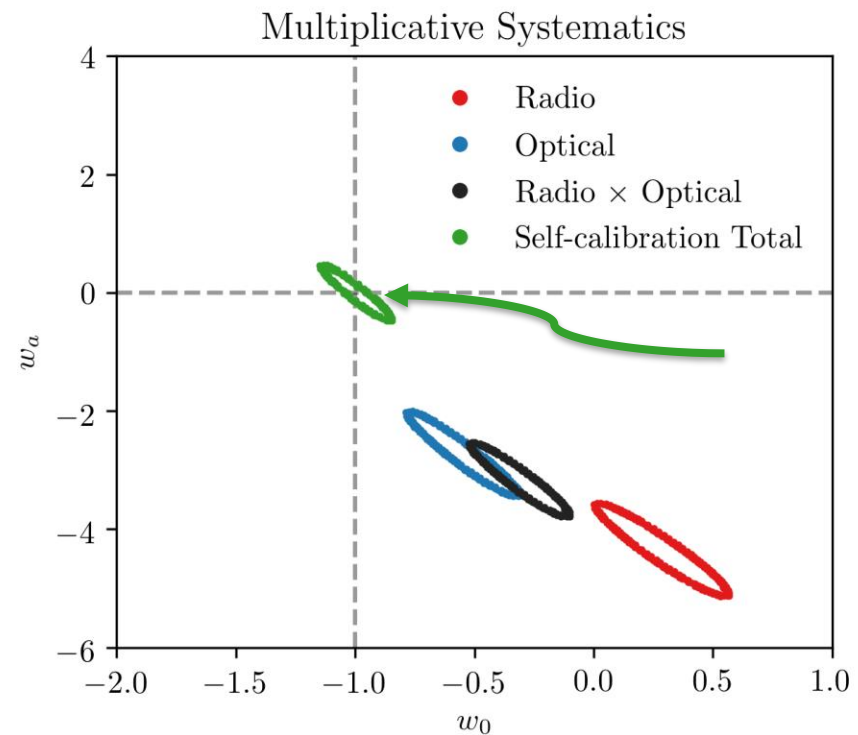
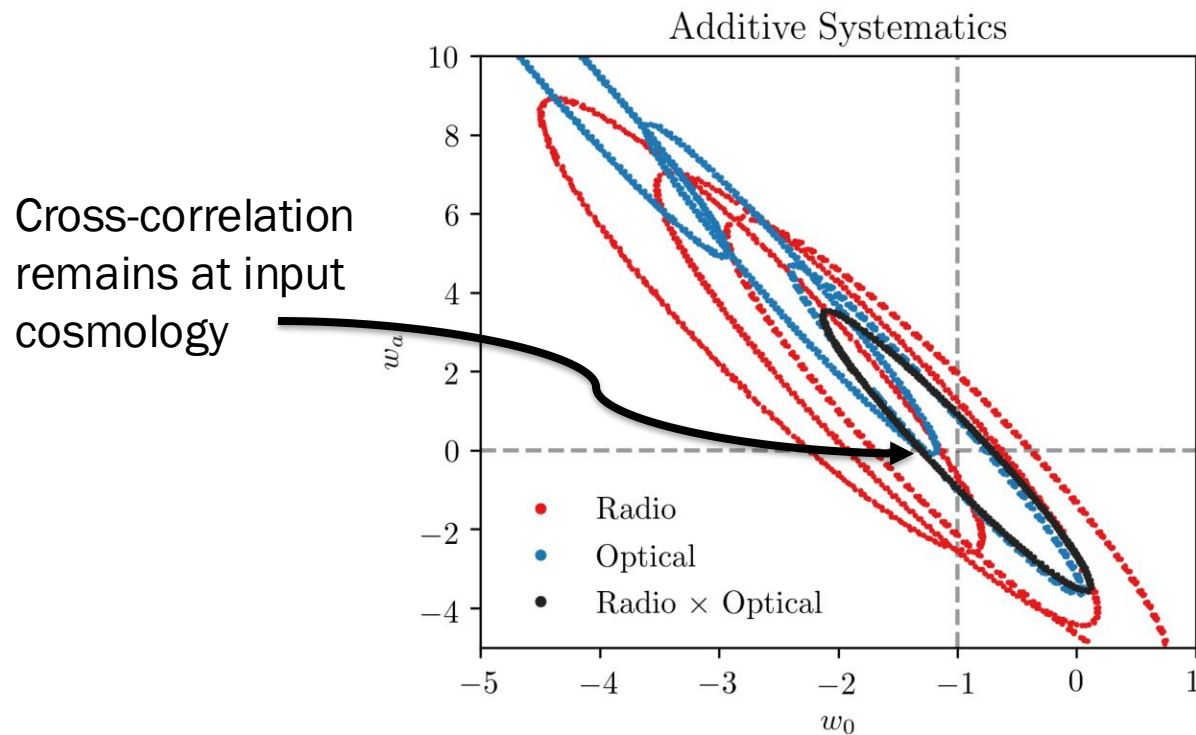
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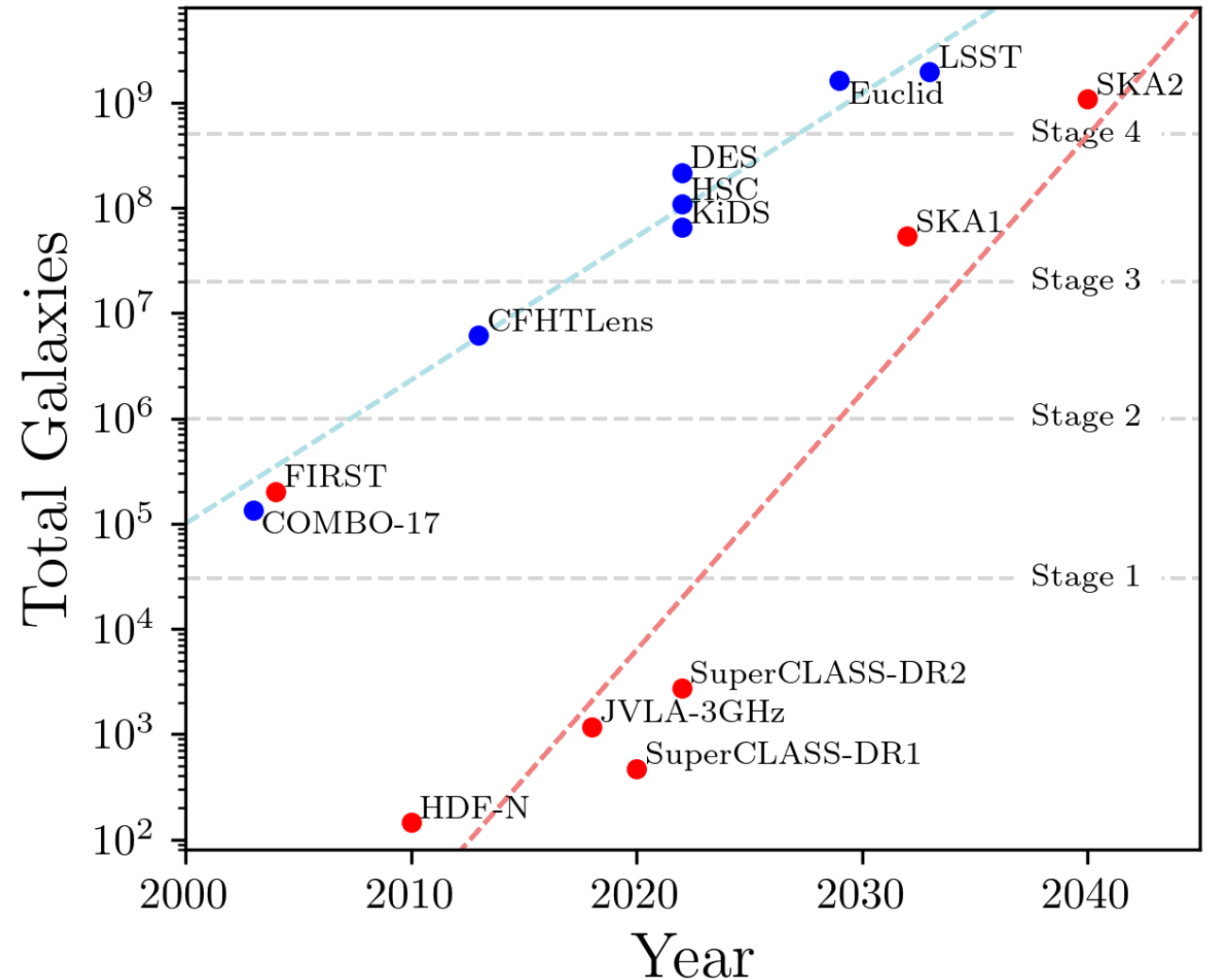


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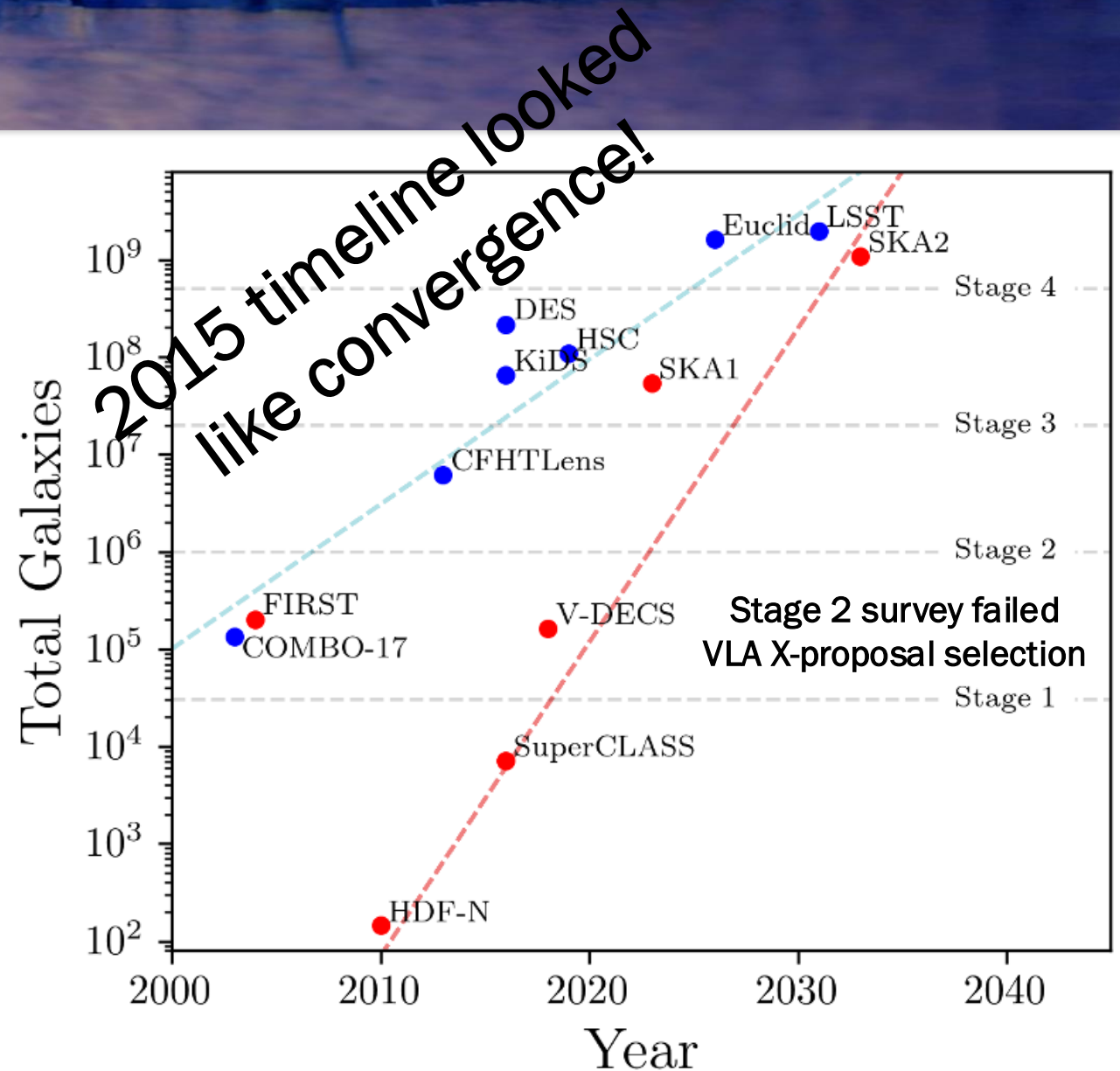


Radio-radio +
optical-optical +
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allows for self-
calibration

- Big leap from tentative detections to Stage 4 'precision cosmology' surveys
- Pre 2010, design a bespoke Stage 1 'discovery' survey: SuperCLASS

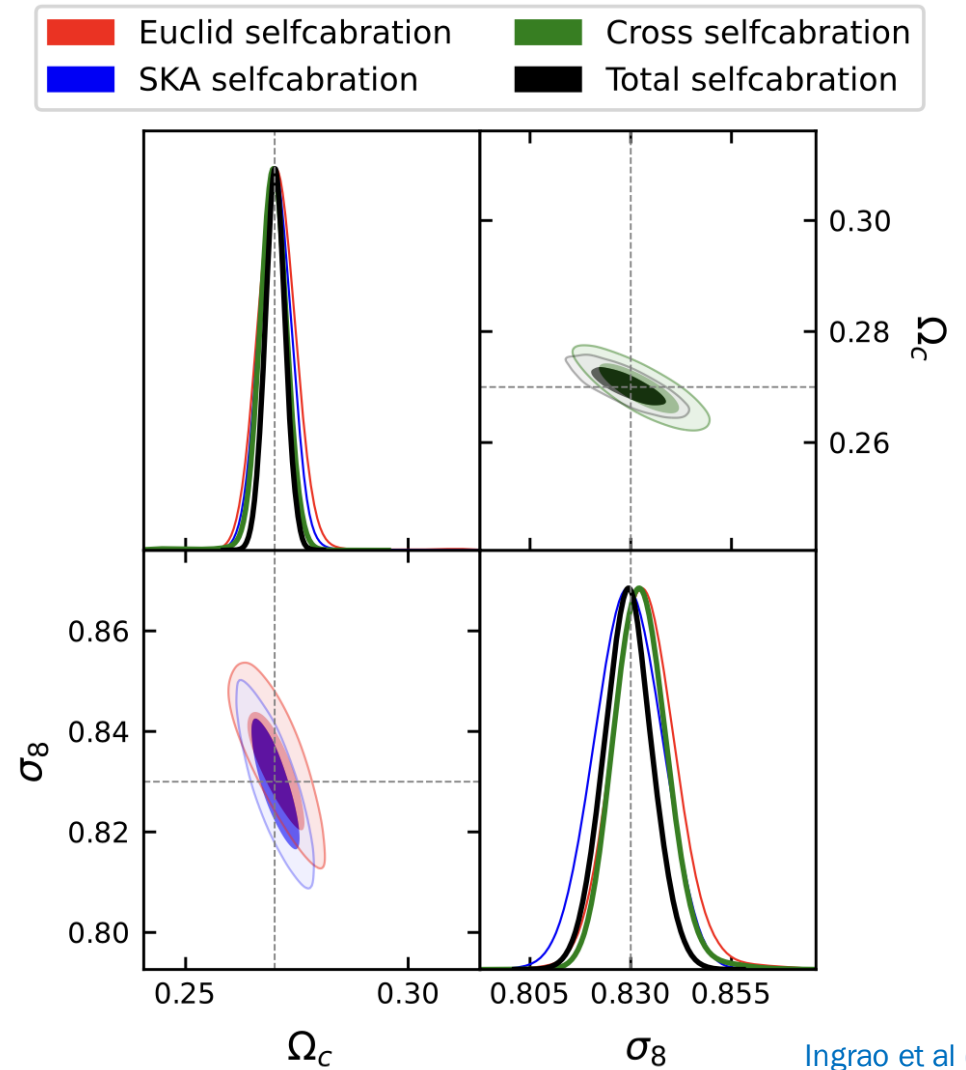


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New – Forecast updates

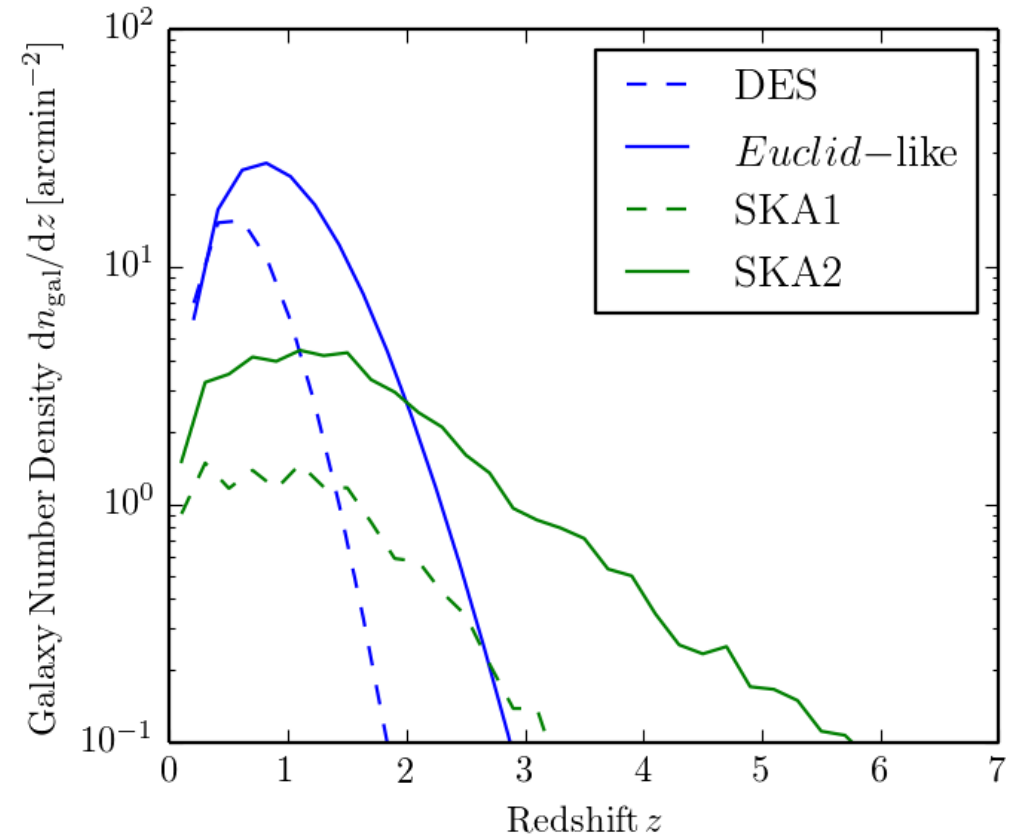
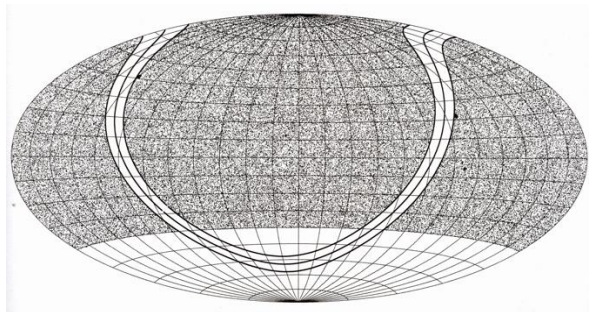
- Re-done 2016 forecasts with SKA1(AA4) x *Euclid*
- Cross-correlations calibrate additive *and* multiplicative systematics
 - Show explicitly with MCMC chains (previously by construction with Fishers)



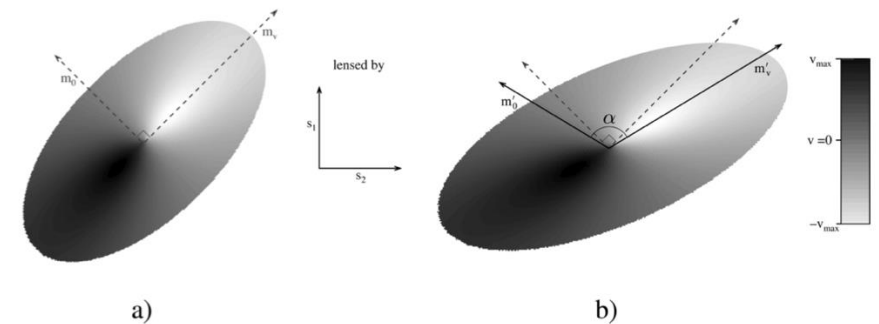
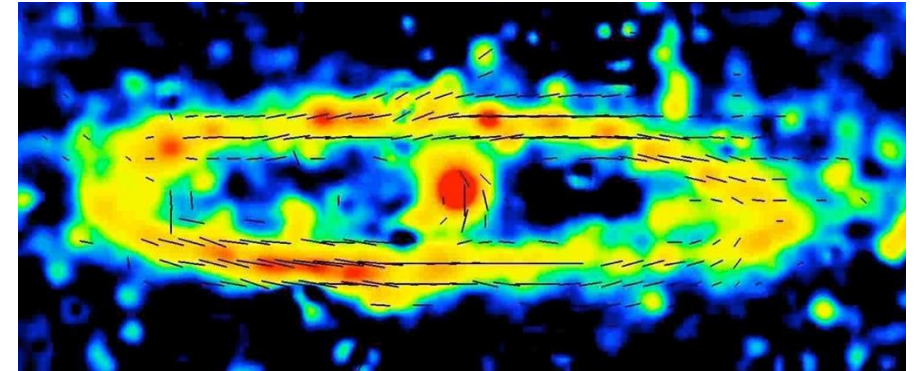
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PROMISES

- Highly deterministic PSF
- Long tail in source redshift distribution
- Large sky areas accessible from the ground



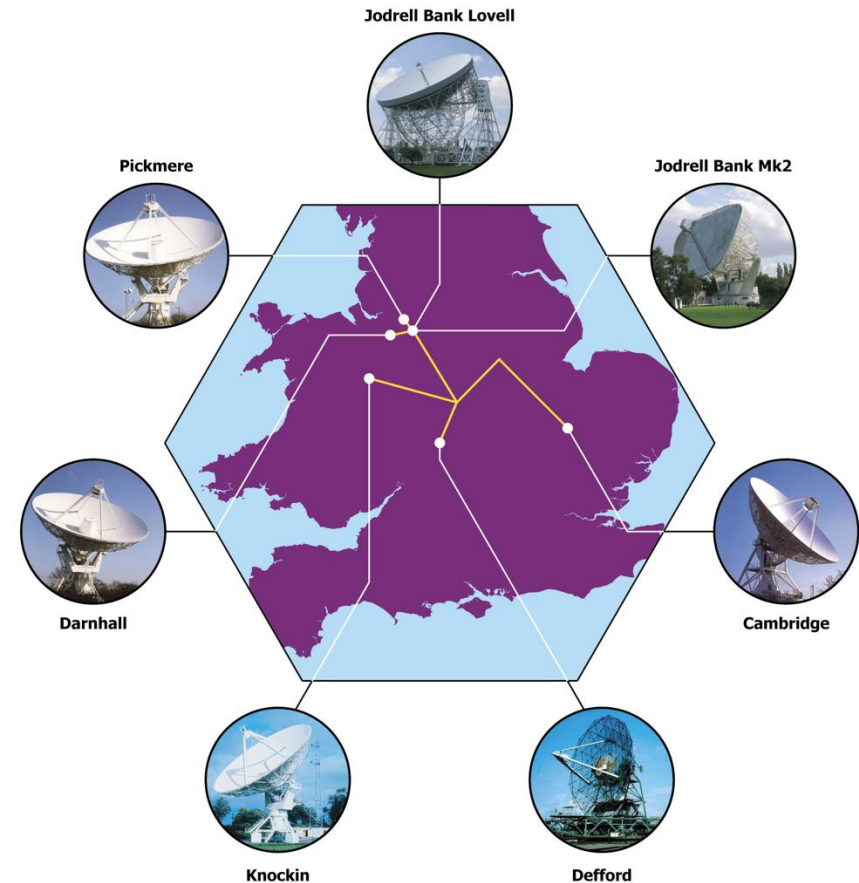
- Extra information in the radio can mitigate intrinsic alignments
 - Polarisation [Brown & Battye \(2011\)](#), [Whittaker et al \(2015\)](#)
 - HI rotational velocities [Morales \(2006\)](#), [Huff et al \(2015\)](#)



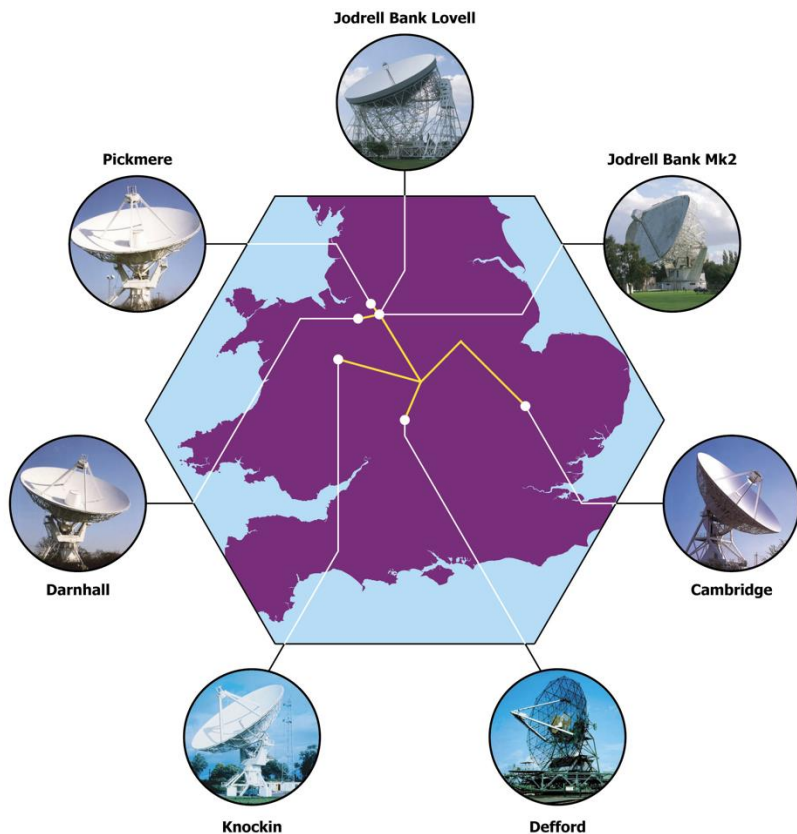
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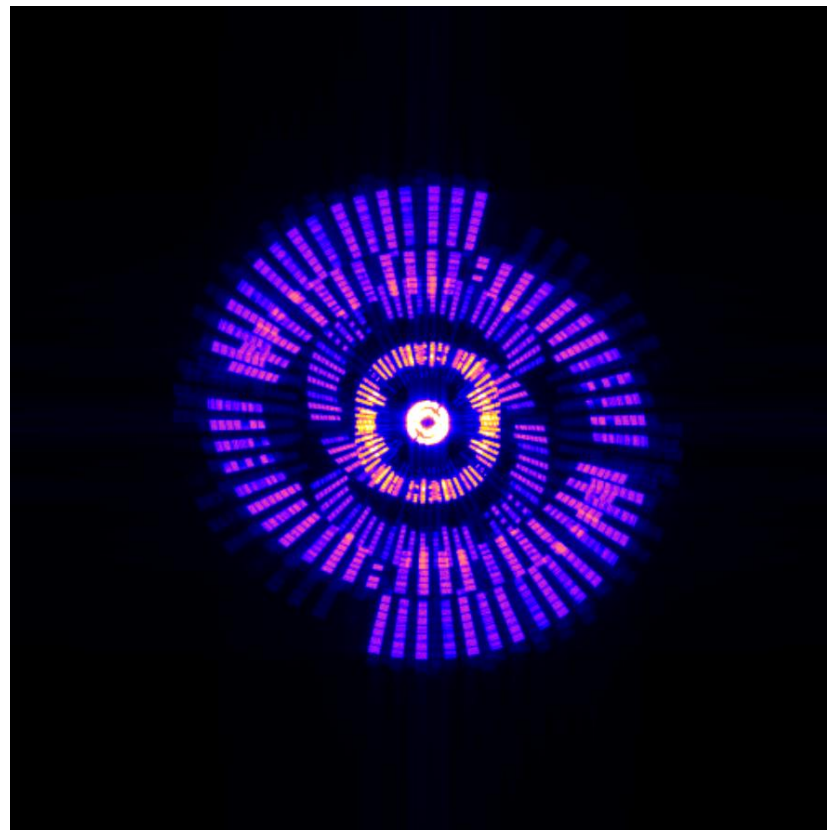
- Interferometer data: PSF highly complicated
 - $\lambda/d \sim 0.1$ arcsec implies $d \sim 100$ km
 - Instead correlate signals from dishes ~ 100 km apart
 - Each combination gives one Fourier mode
 - d large gives small scales in image
 - d small gives large scales in image
 - $N(N-1)$ combinations and Earth rotation gives many samples of Fourier plane



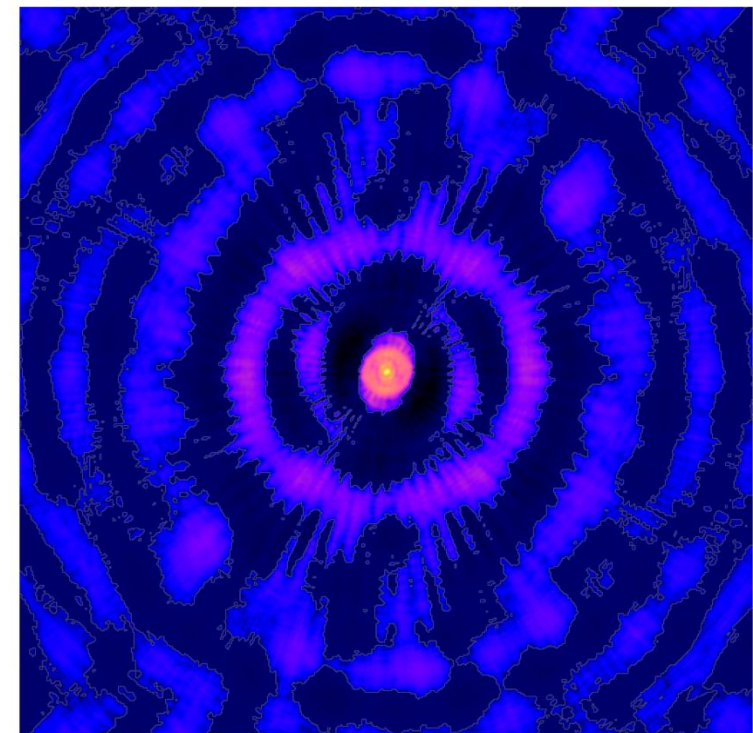
Observe with these dishes in
real space



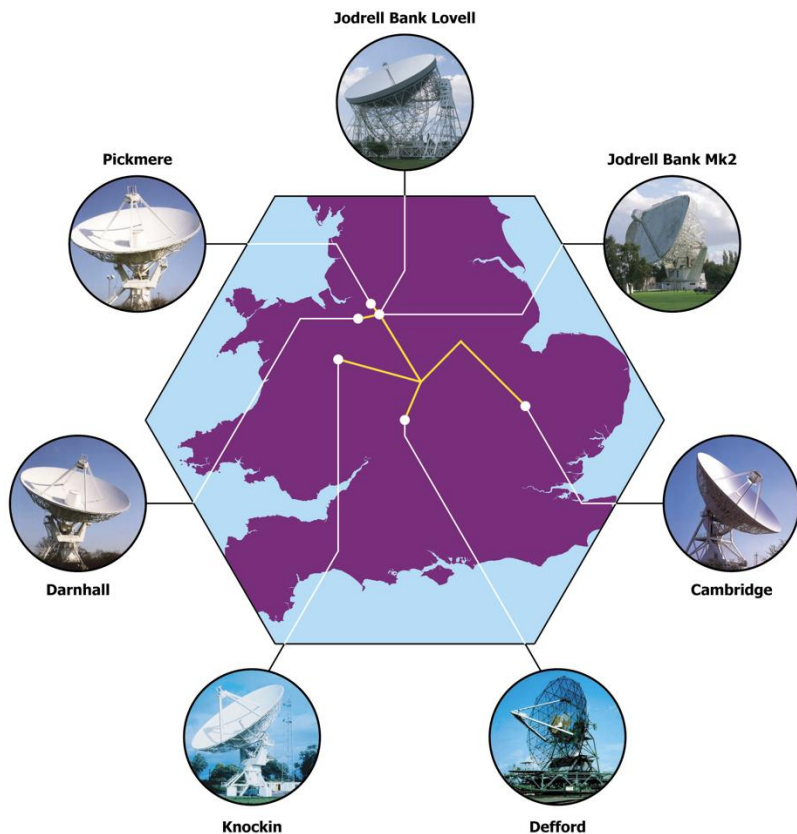
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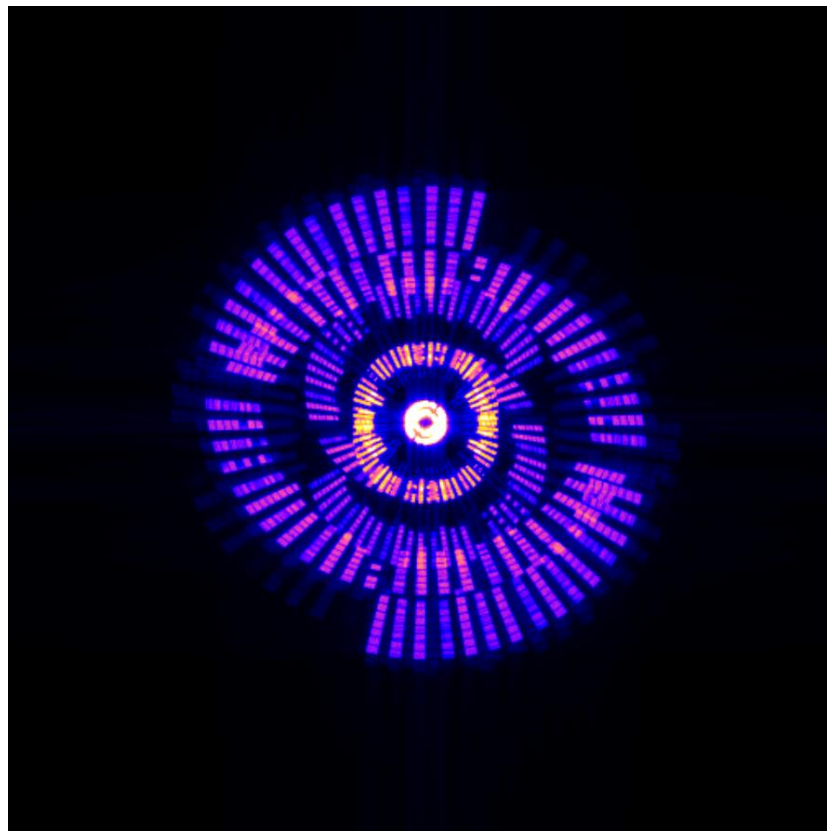
Get this PSF in
real space (log scale)



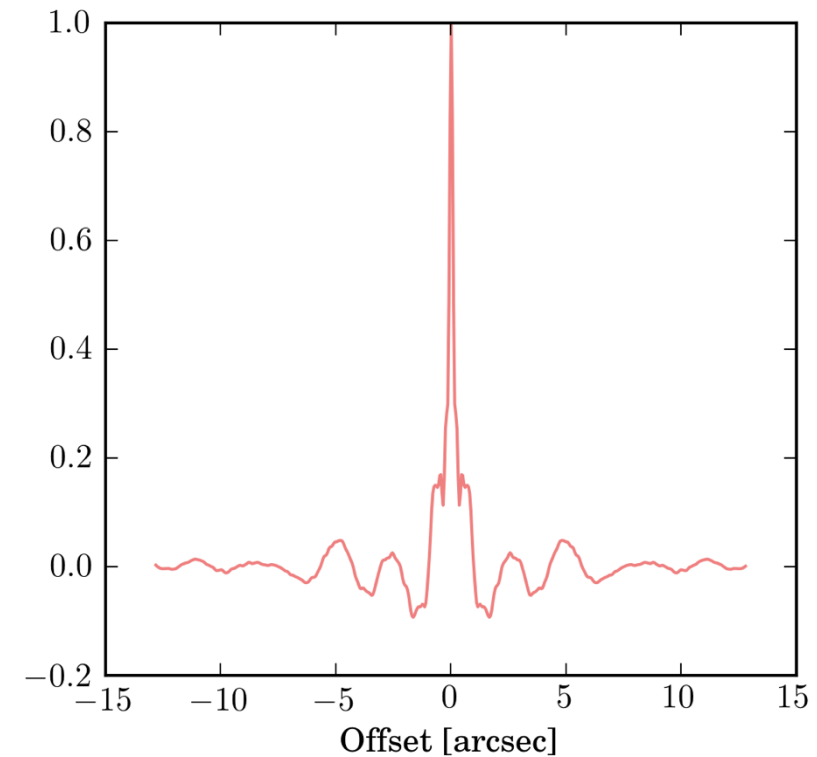
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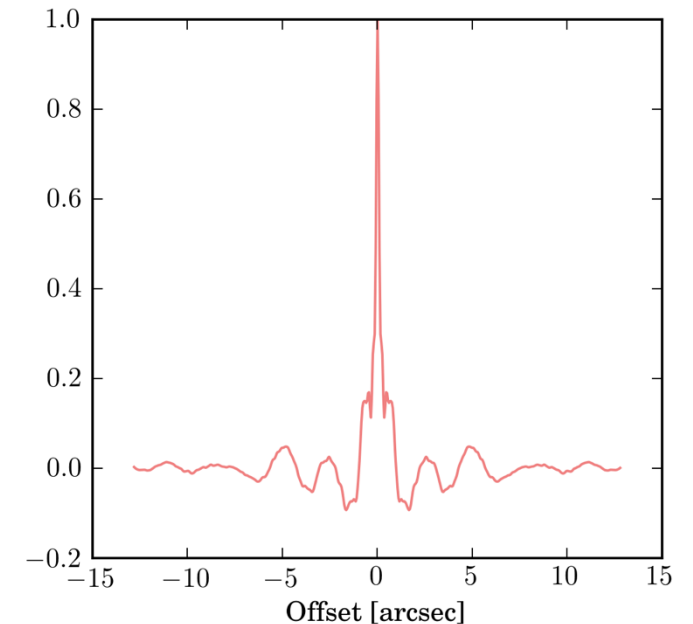
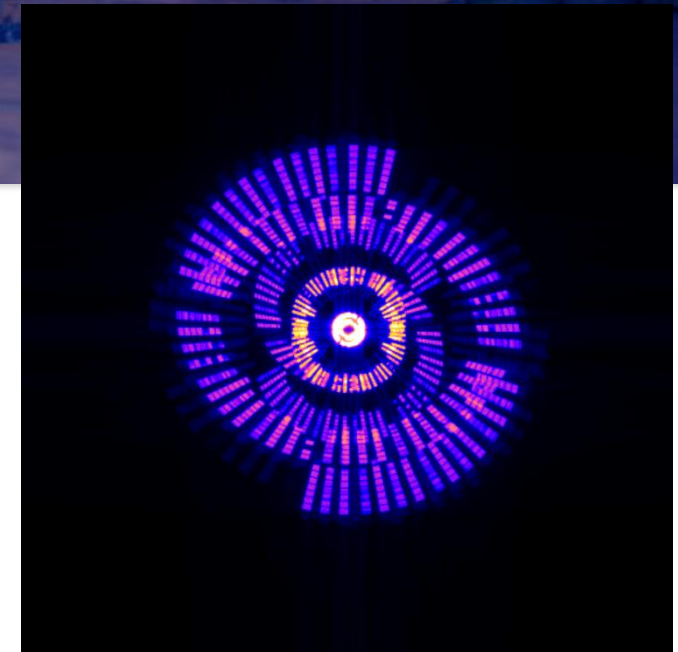


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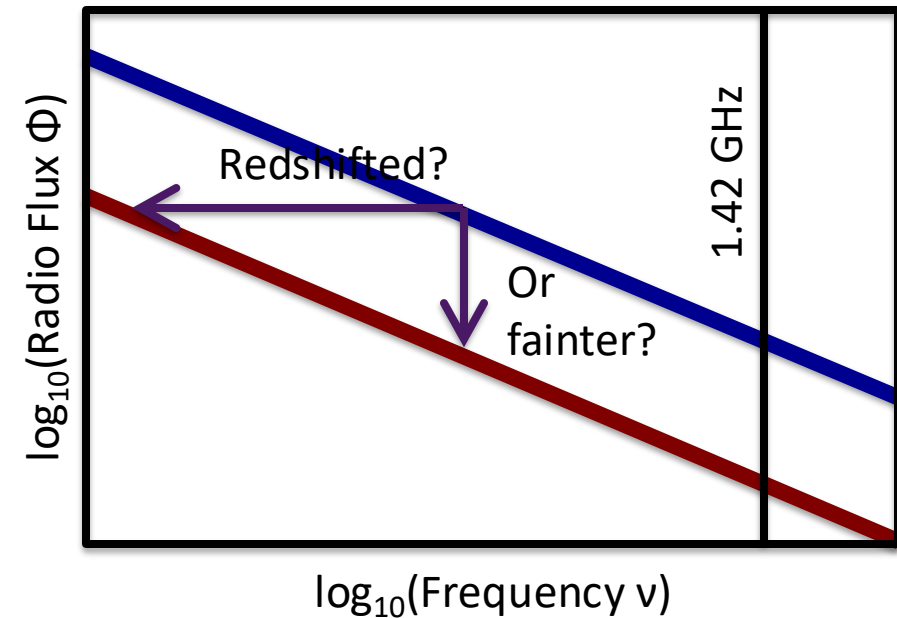


- True sky is unknown and under-constrained
 - PSF sidelobes extend across sky
 - flux from all sources mixed together
 - local in image non-local in Fourier
- Deconvolution algorithms exist but are non-linear, so true PSF hard to determine

Precision weak lensing shape measurement will be hard!



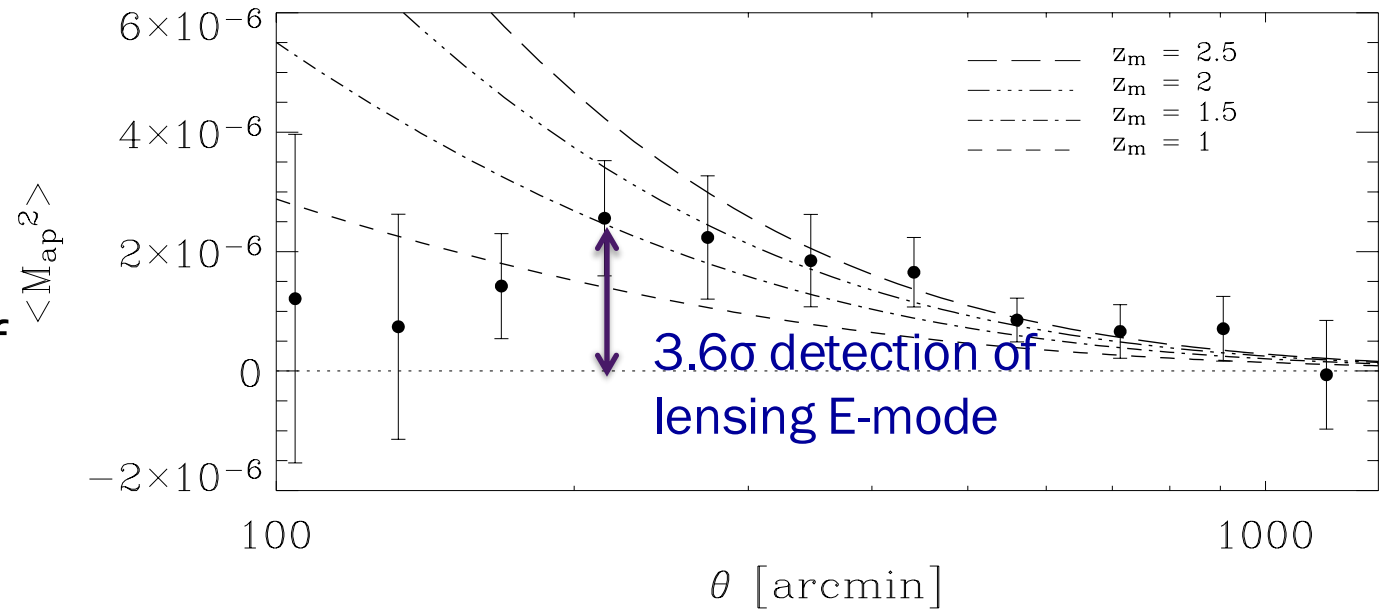
- Source redshifts are hard due to (nearly) featureless spectrum
 - Without tomography lose lots of constraining power!
 - Synchrotron emission from star forming galaxies
 - Could try ‘forced’ fitting of HI lines [IH et al \(2017\)](#)
 - Otherwise rely on cross-matches in near-IR, optical



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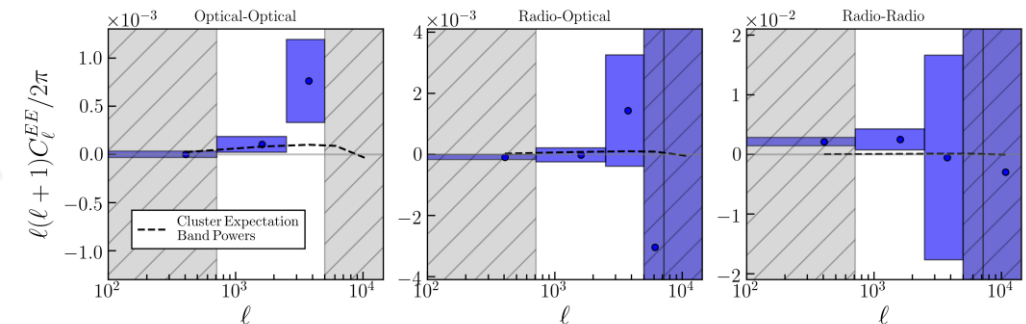
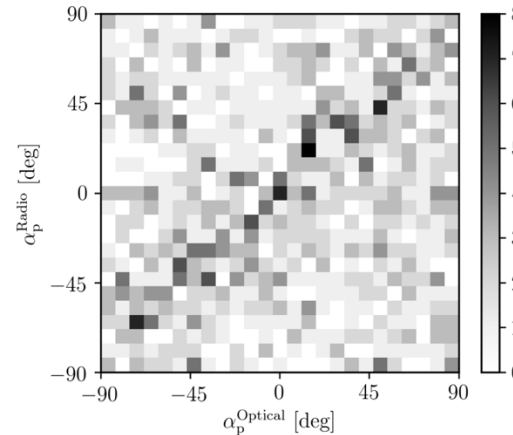
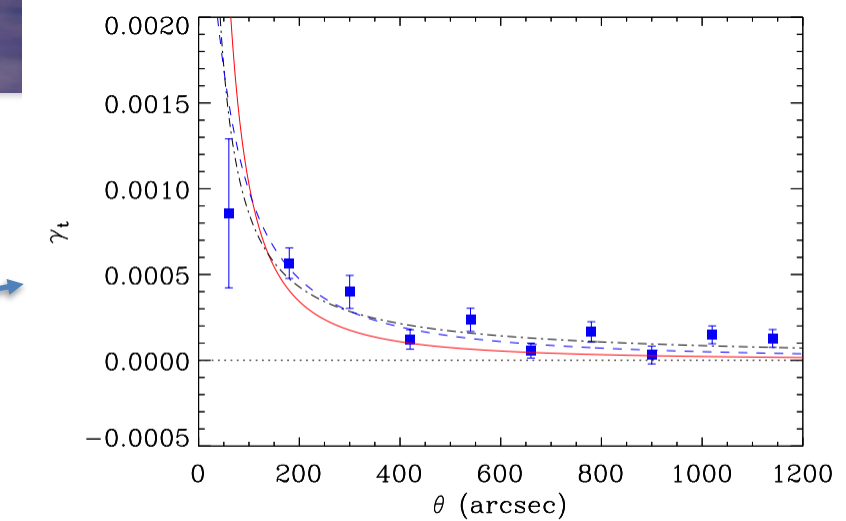
PAST EFFORTS

- Sole radio weak lensing detection in 2004
- Measure shapes in Fourier plane from VLA FIRST survey
 - Not designed as a weak lensing survey
 - Low number density, but very wide
- Make a 3.0σ to 3.6σ detection of an aperture mass variance across survey
- Detection significance increases when low-redshift sources removed

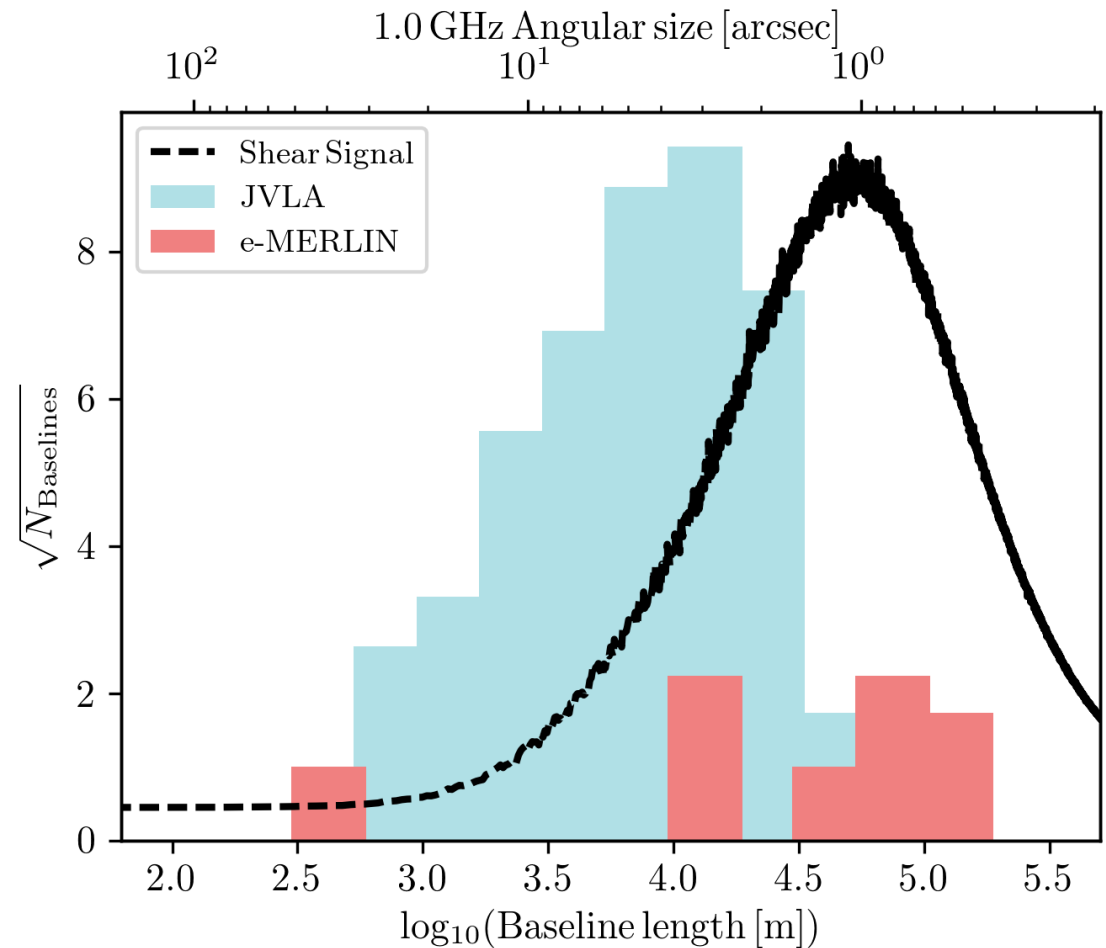


Developments – Observations

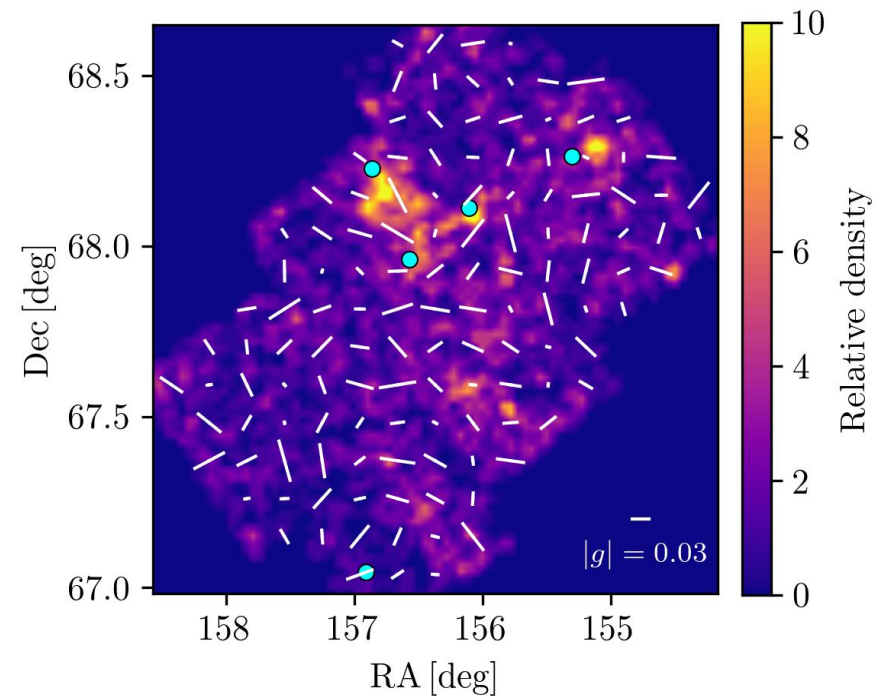
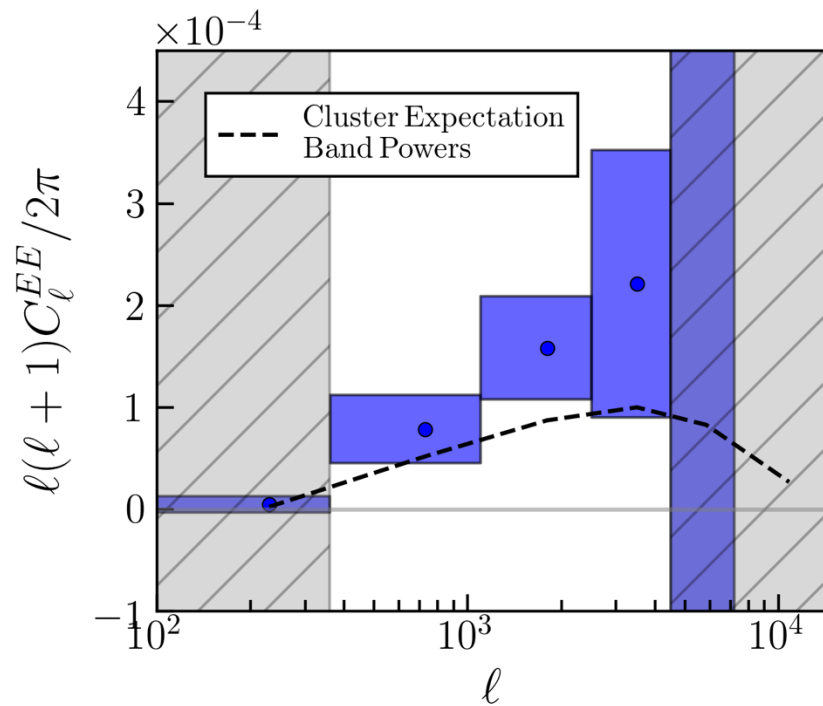
- SDSSxFIRST
 - 2.7σ on cross-power spectrum ([Demetroullas & Brown 2016](#))
 - 10σ on galaxy-galaxy lensing ([Demetroullas & Brown 2017](#))
- JVLA-COSMOS
 - 4.7σ on radio-optical shape correlation ([Tunbridge et al 2016](#); [Hillier et al 2019](#))
- SuperCLASS DR1
 - Upper limit on cluster lensing ([Harrison et al 2020](#))



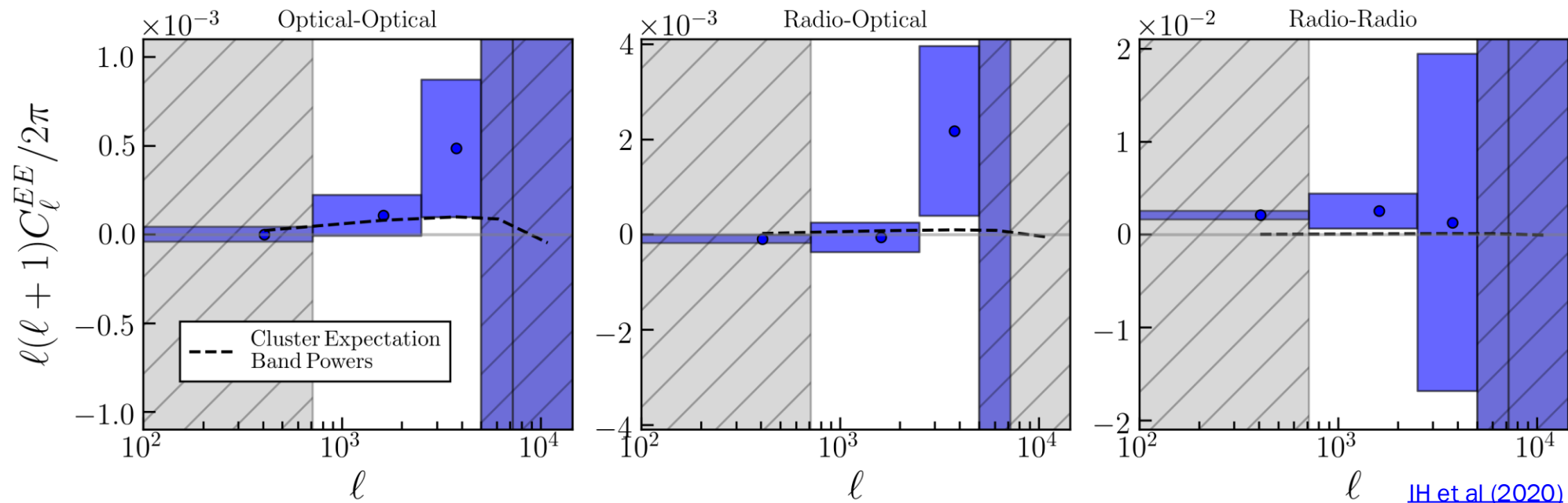
- Observe field at same frequencies with US-based JVLA telescope, UK-based e-MERLIN
- Complementary baseline lengths
- Cover relevant parts of the Fourier plane for weak lensing shear signal
- Ideally, would combine data in Fourier space
 - This is hard due to real world foibles with the data



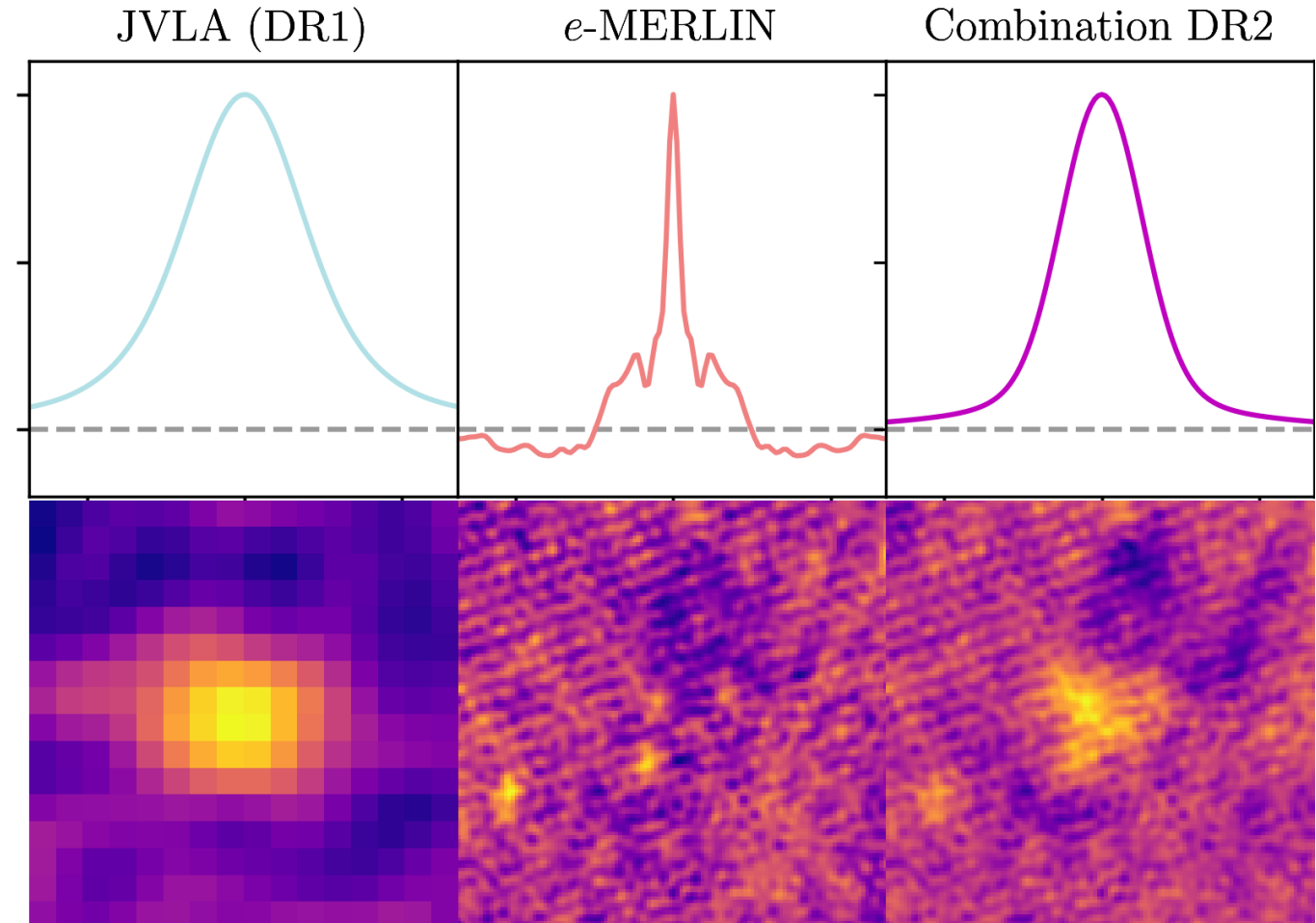
- Optical data allows detection of clusters and weak lensing signal



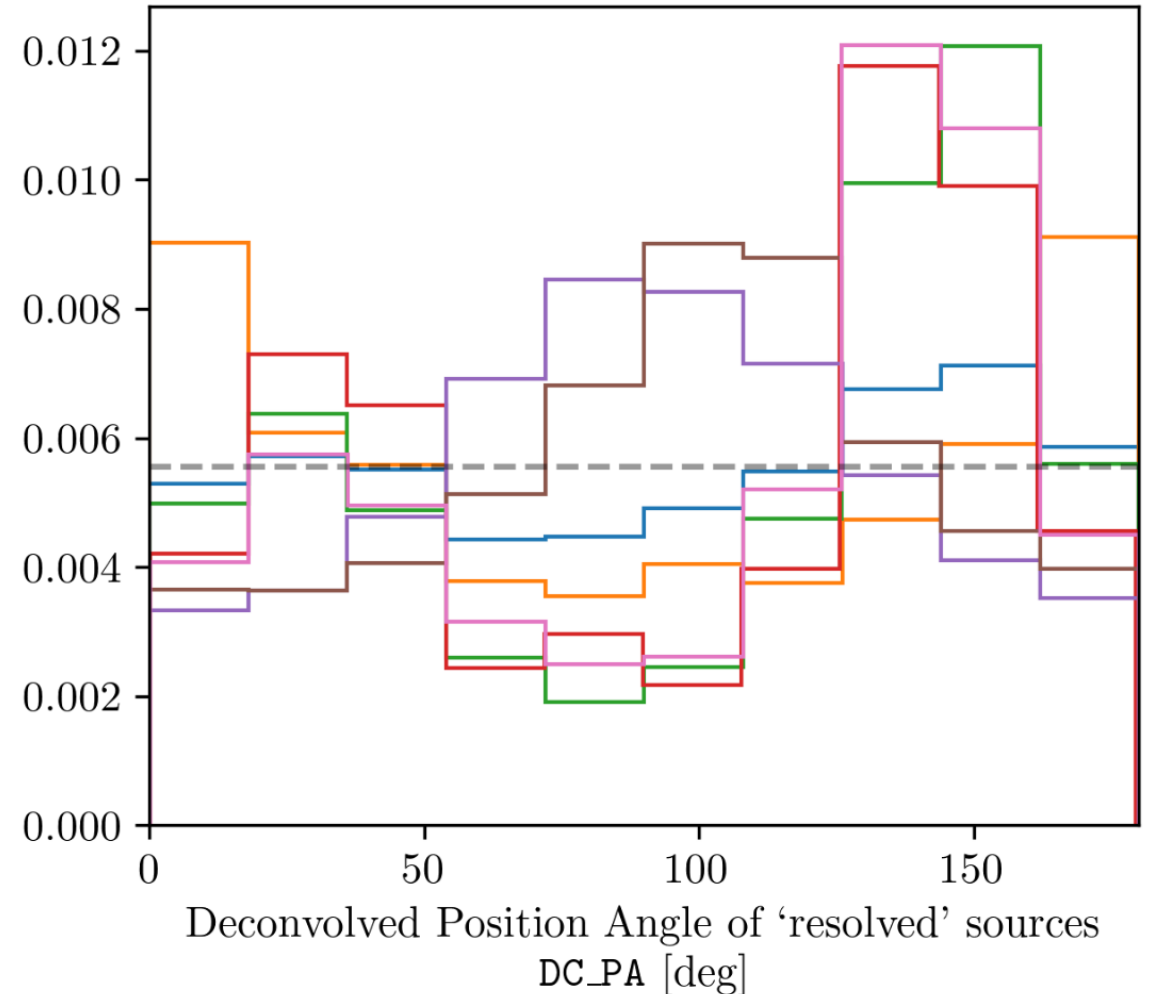
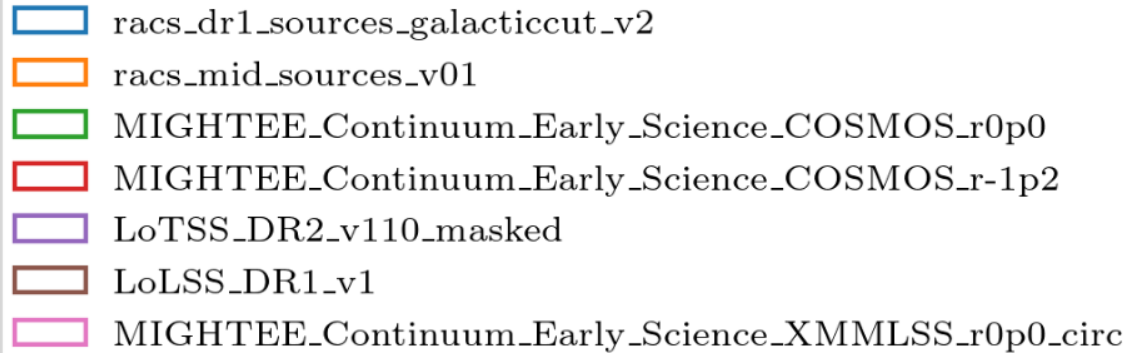
- Radio shapes for 440 sources in the 0.26 deg^2 ($\sim 0.47 \text{ arcmin}^{-2}$)
- ...too much shape noise for detection of radio or radio-optical shear power spectrum



- DR2 data combination between JVLA and e-Merlin adds sensitivity to small scales and improves PSF
- Looks like improve to ~ 0.7 gal arcmin $^{-2}$ over 0.75 deg 2

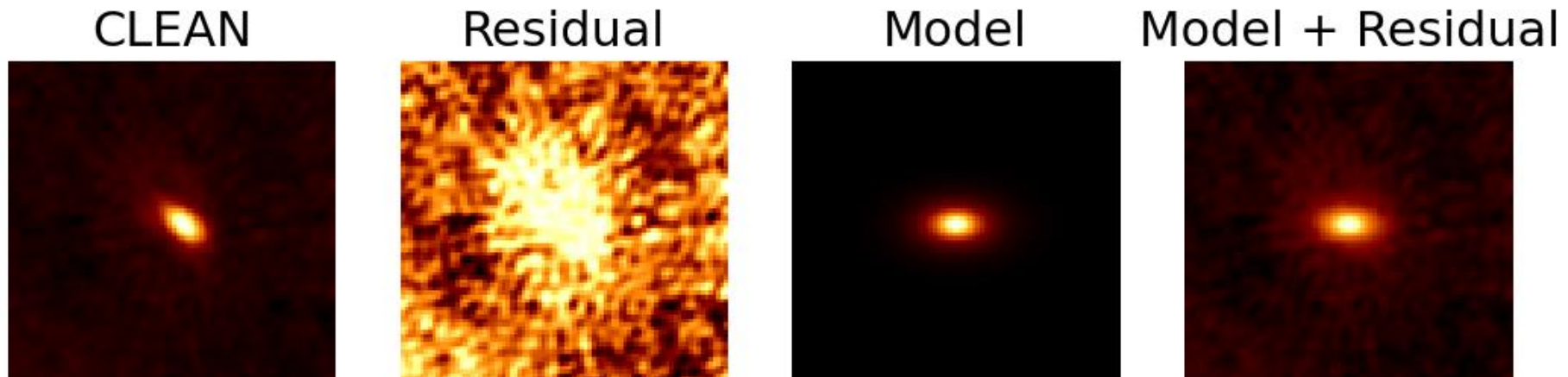


- Can we do weak lensing with other surveys?
- Images do not appear reliable enough(?)

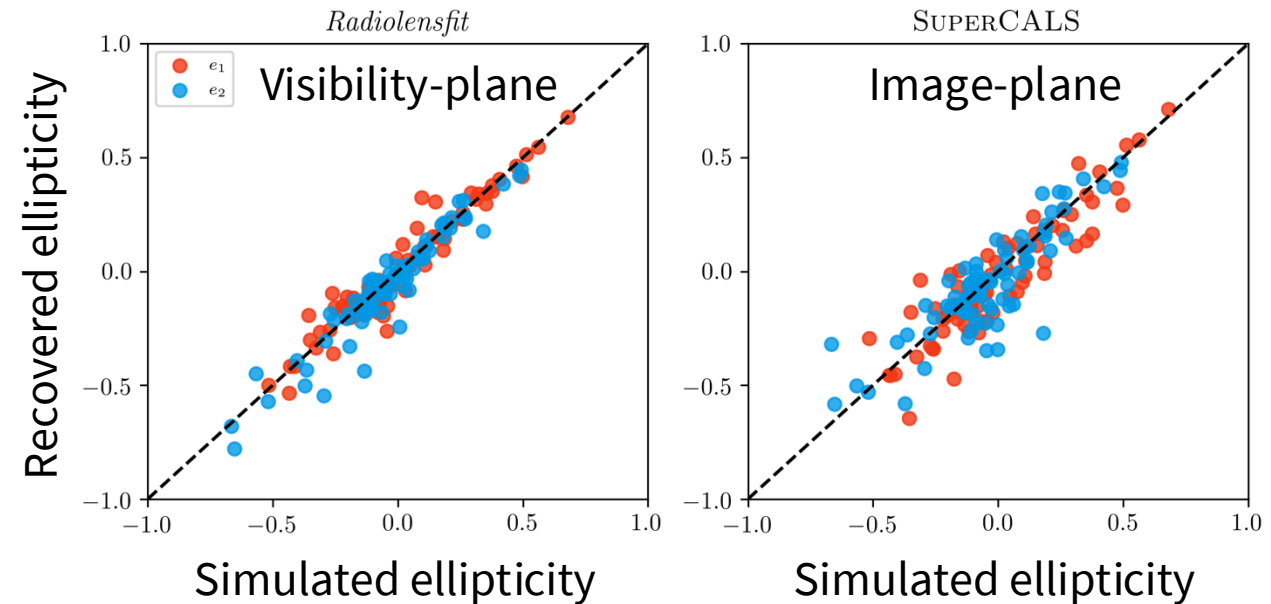


- Patel et al 2015 looked at SKA1-Mid simulations
- Find m, c biases factor >10 too large from images made using traditional deconvolution methods
 - Some promise of uv-plane shapelet methods used in Chang et al 2004

- SuperCLASS shapes measured in real space JVLA-only images using ‘SuperCALs’
 - Calibration simulations on a source-by-source basis
 - Inject ‘ring test’ of simulated sources onto CLEAN residual image
 - Measure recovered linear bias model
 - Apply correction to shape measured in real image



- Rivi & Miller since produced uv-plane fitting methods
(as well as image-plane method from DR1)
 - Faceting to reduce necessary number of simultaneous fits
[Rivi & Miller \(2018\)](#)
 - *lensfit*-style marginalisation over nuisance parameters
 - See also Hamiltonian Monte Carlo approach
[Rivi + IH et al \(2019\)](#)
- Have compared on the same simulations with SuperCALs for SuperCLASS DR2



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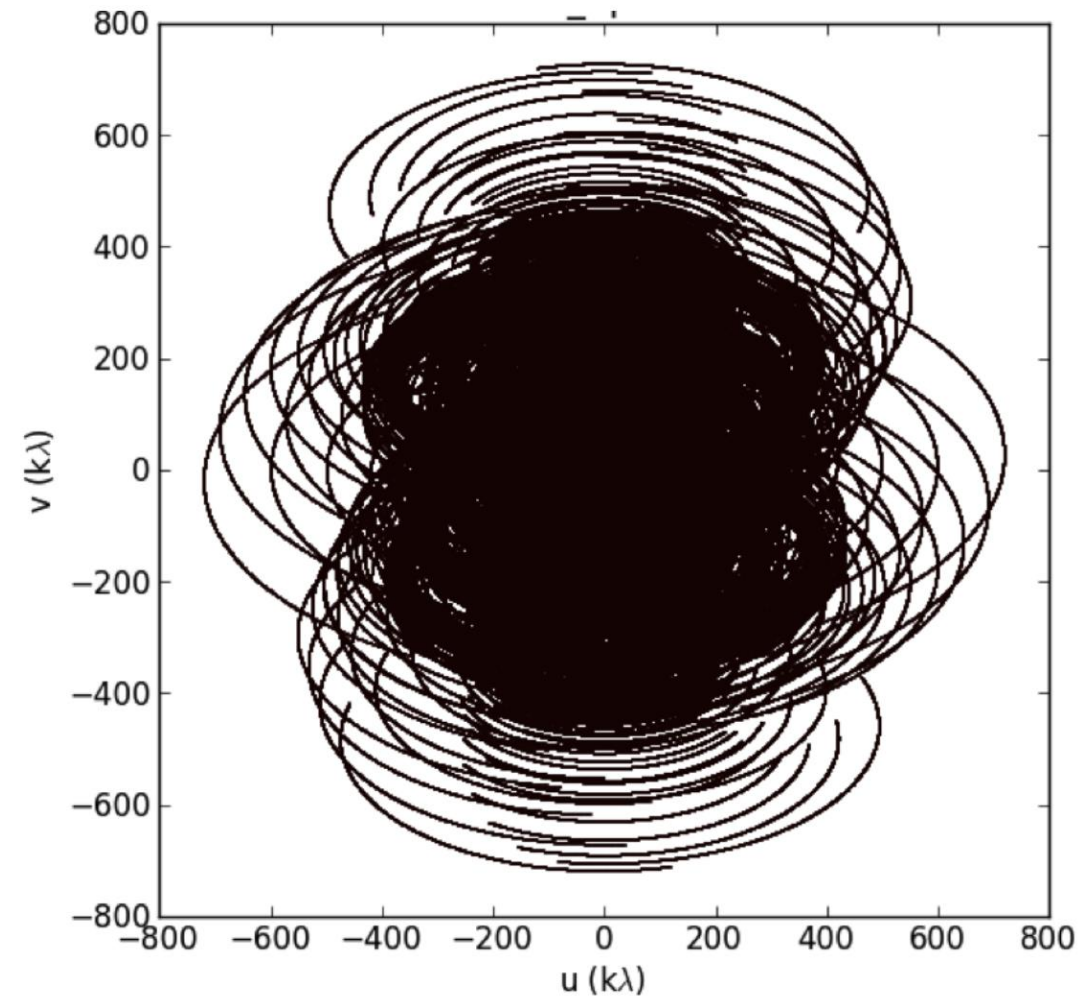
FUTURE WORK

2025 Science Book

- Propose 2 RWL chapters
 - Cosmic Shear Forecasts
 - Could also include WL beyond 2pt, beyond total intensity shape measurements, more?
 - A comparison of multiple RWL shape measurement algorithms on the same simulations
- Deadline:
 - A broad kernel from 28 February 2025 to “late 2025”

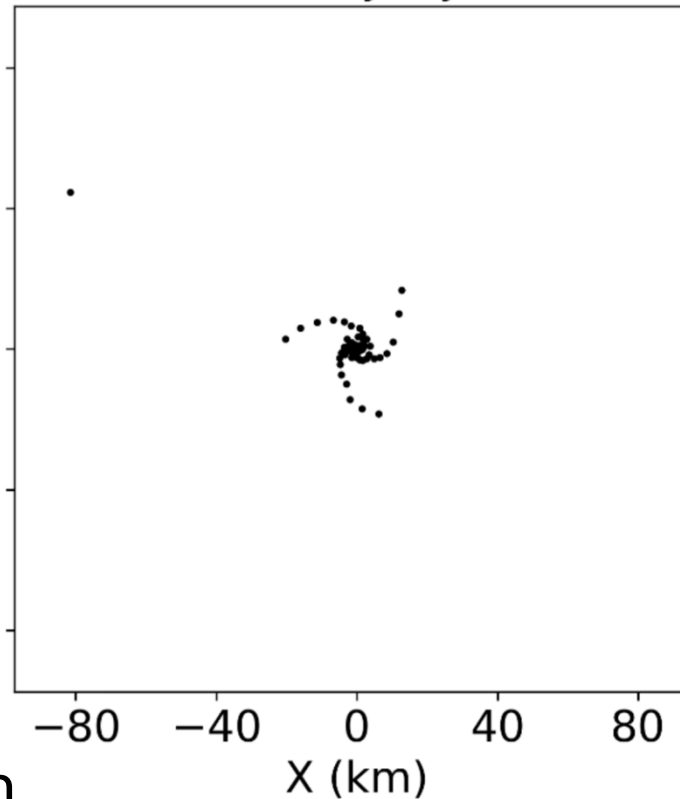
Simulation Configuration

- uv coverage of Rivi et al 2019
 - SKA1-Mid (AA4)
 - 8h track, \sim zenith, 1.4GHz, 1 broad channel
 - 6.4Gb per measurement set
- Source catalogue from T-RECS (Bonaldi et al 2019) cut to be nice (“Nice Cut”?)
 - SFGs only
 - Realistic ellipticity, size distributions
 - Dynamic range 10 (i.e. SNR 10-100)
- Simulation of visibilities via simuclass / CASA
 - Verified to match Marzia’s own simulations
- Noise regimes
 - Low noise SNR 100-1000
 - ‘Realistic’ noise SNR 10-100
- Provide as a measurement set
- Provide truth catalogue

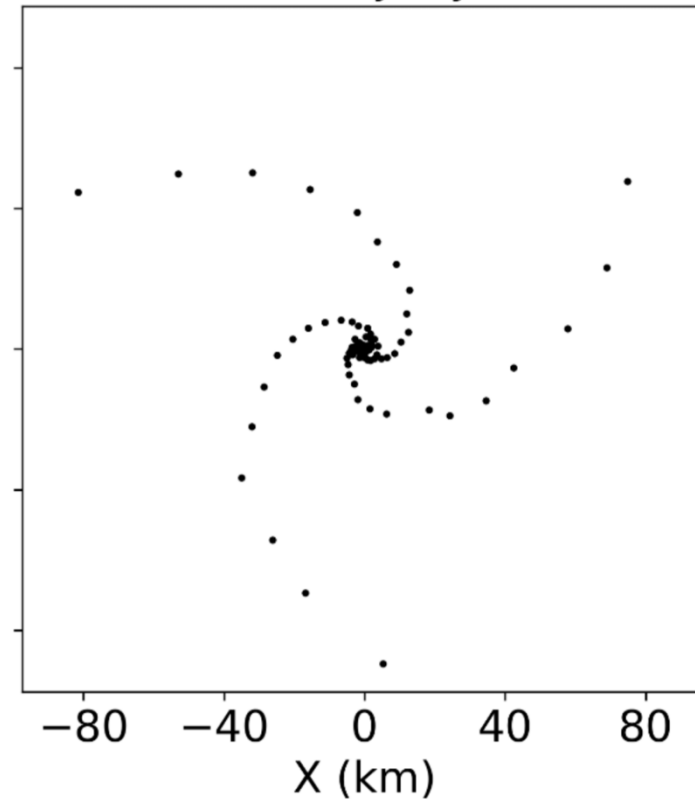


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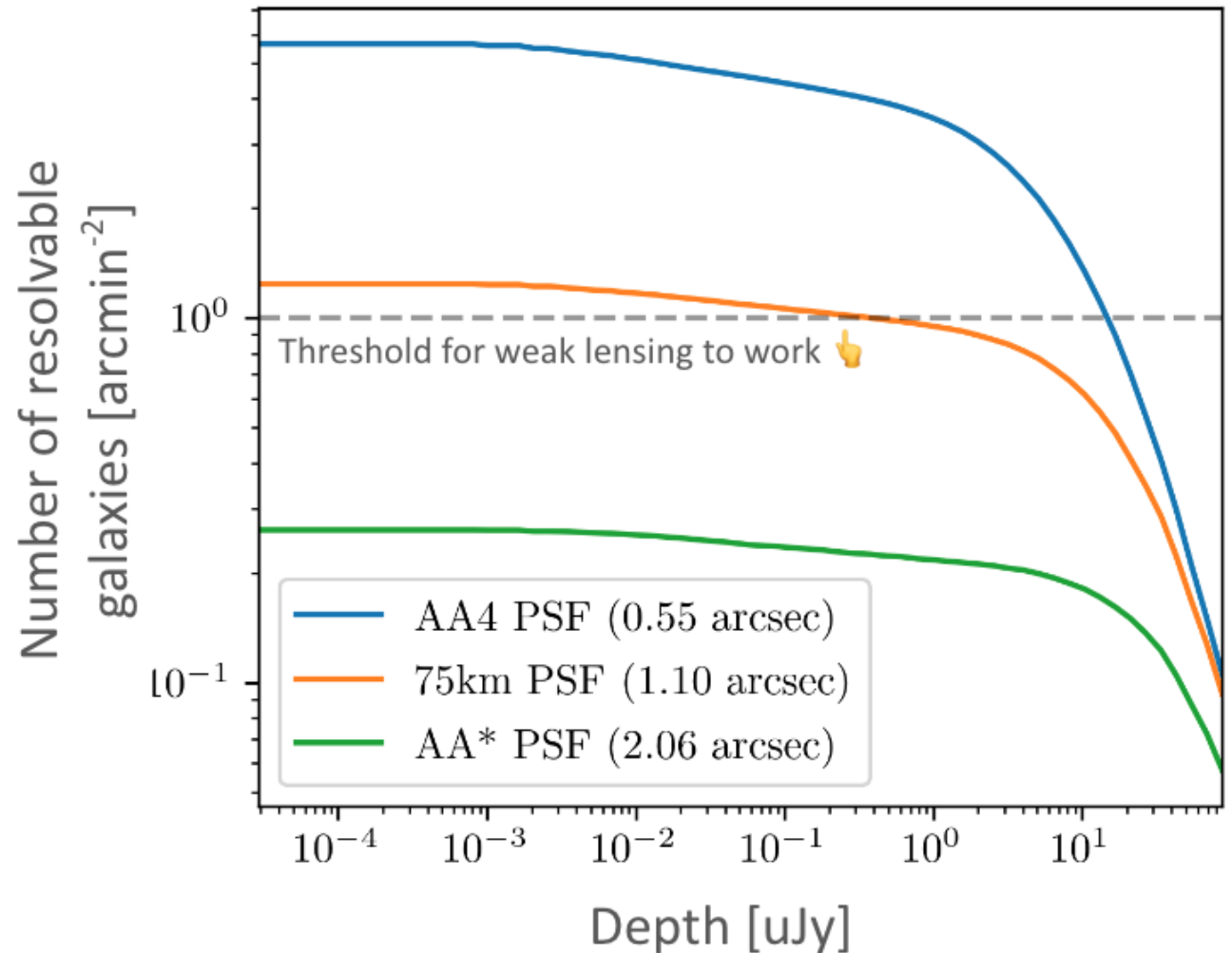
AA* array layout



AA4 array layout



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- Radio weak lensing with SKA \approx DES-Y6
 - Complete \sim 2033 at best
 - Cross-correlations have same statistical power but remove systematics
 - Can reduce IA, shape noise with polarisation, kinematics
- Shape measurement from interferometers is hard
- For 2025 SKA Science Book, expect a shape measurement on simulations chapter
 - Happy to circulate common simulations