

Deep learning-based imaging of MeerKat observations

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Exploring deep learning applications in radio astronomy

Simulations



Model Building

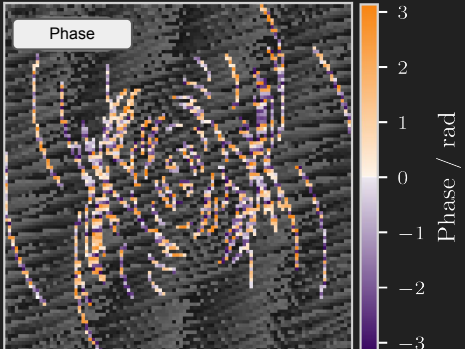
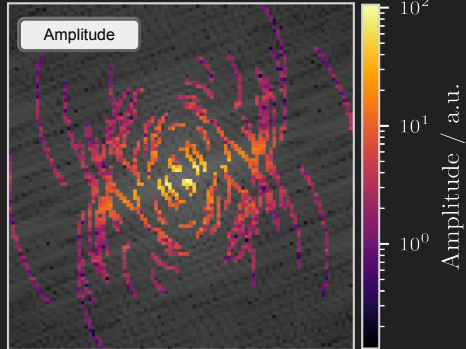
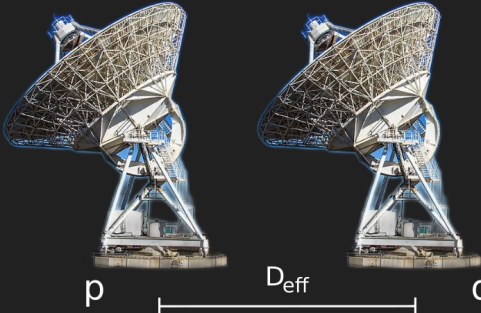
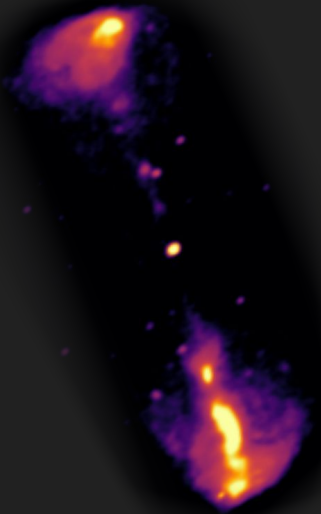
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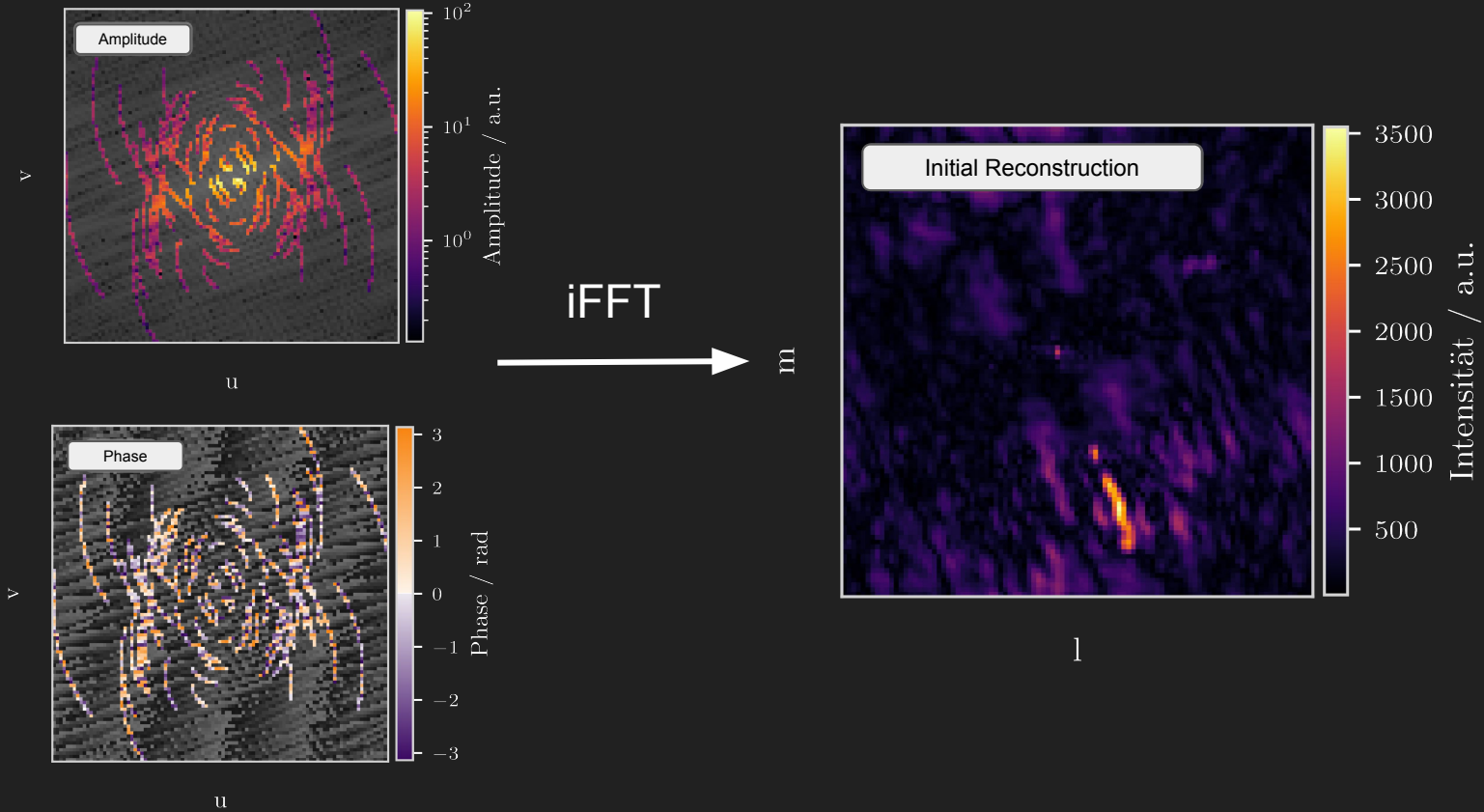
Goal:

combine computer science and radio interferometry expertise

Radio interferometer measurements



Reconstructing radio interferometric data



Reconstructing radio interferometric data

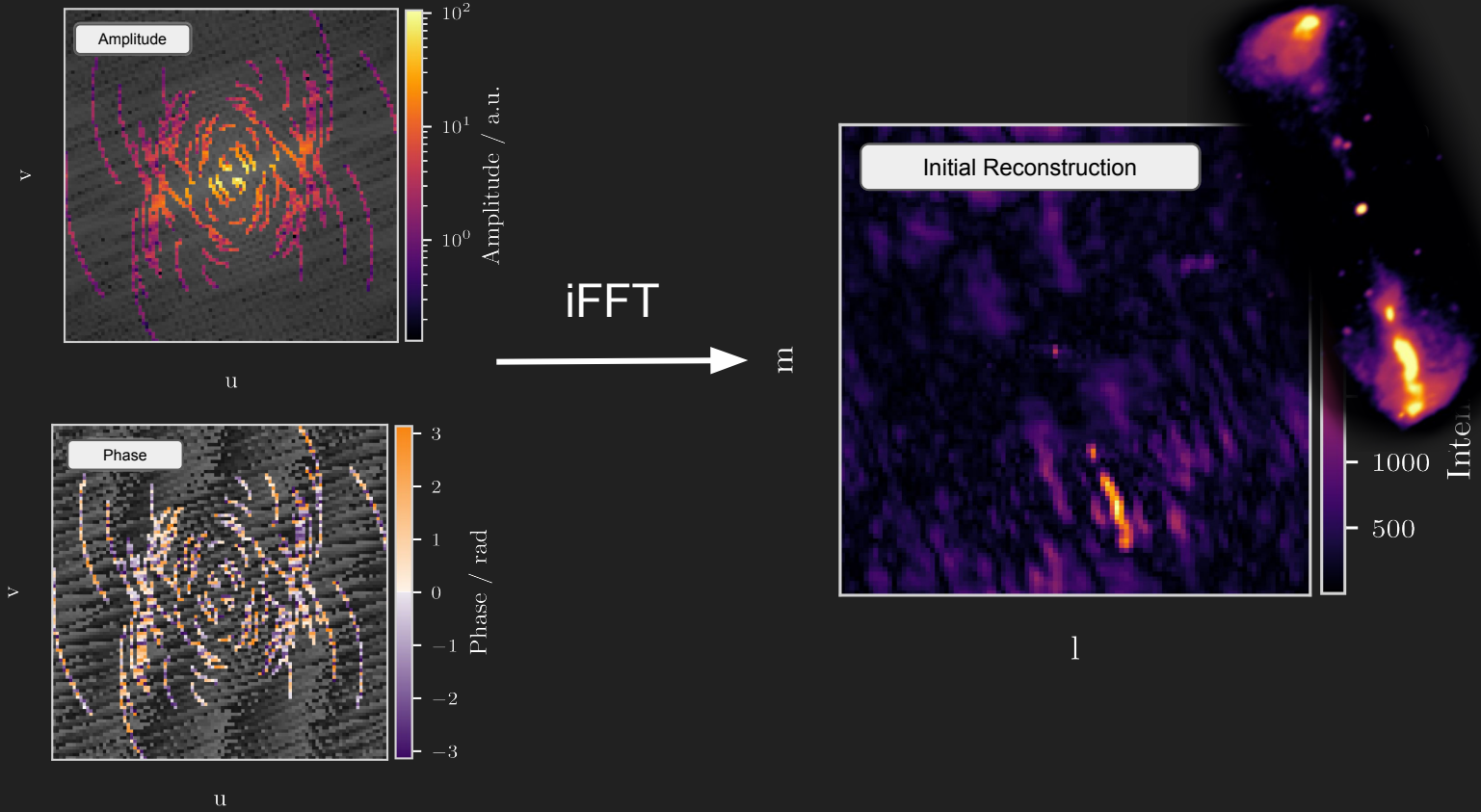
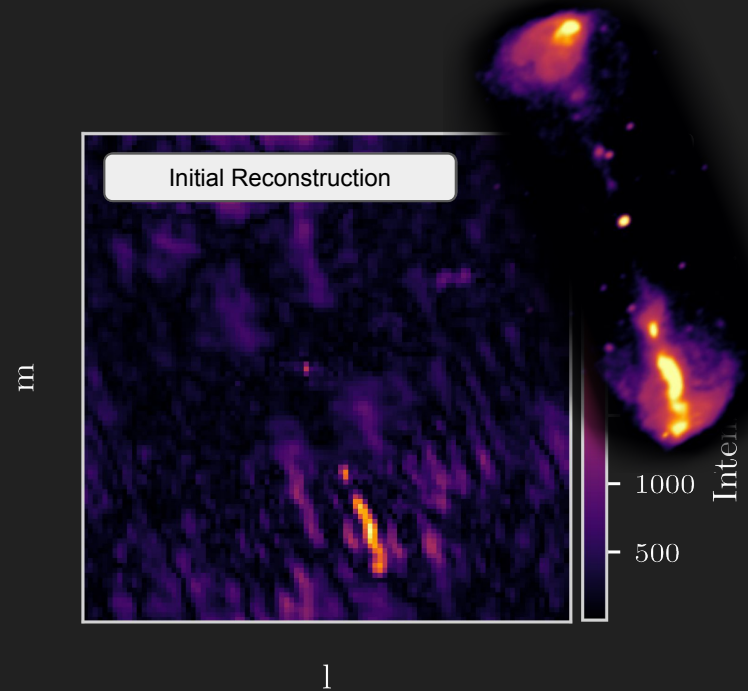


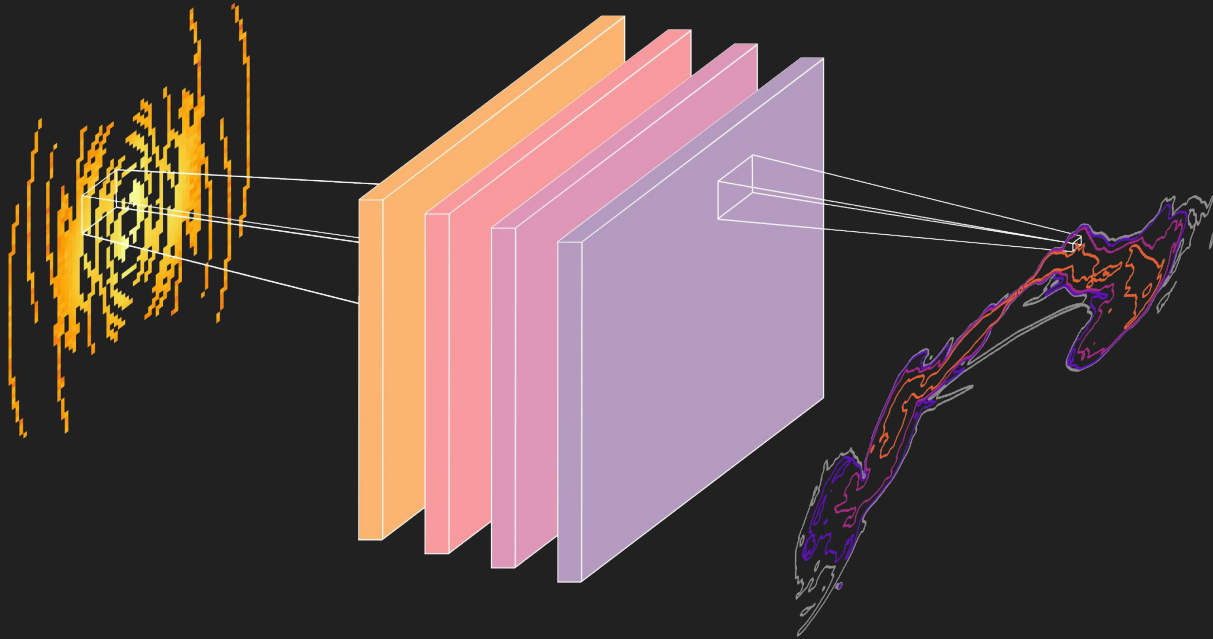
Image cleaning

Traditional CLEAN:
iterative (point-)source model

Deep learning-based cleaning:
reconstruct missing visibilities in
uv-space

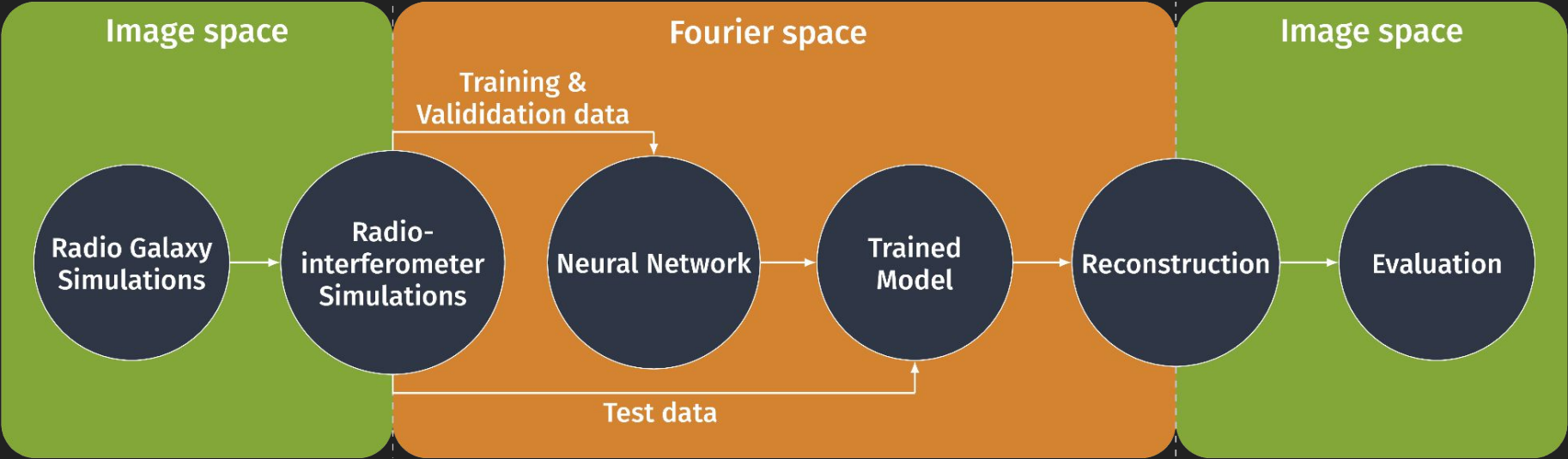


Deep learning for radio interferometric imaging

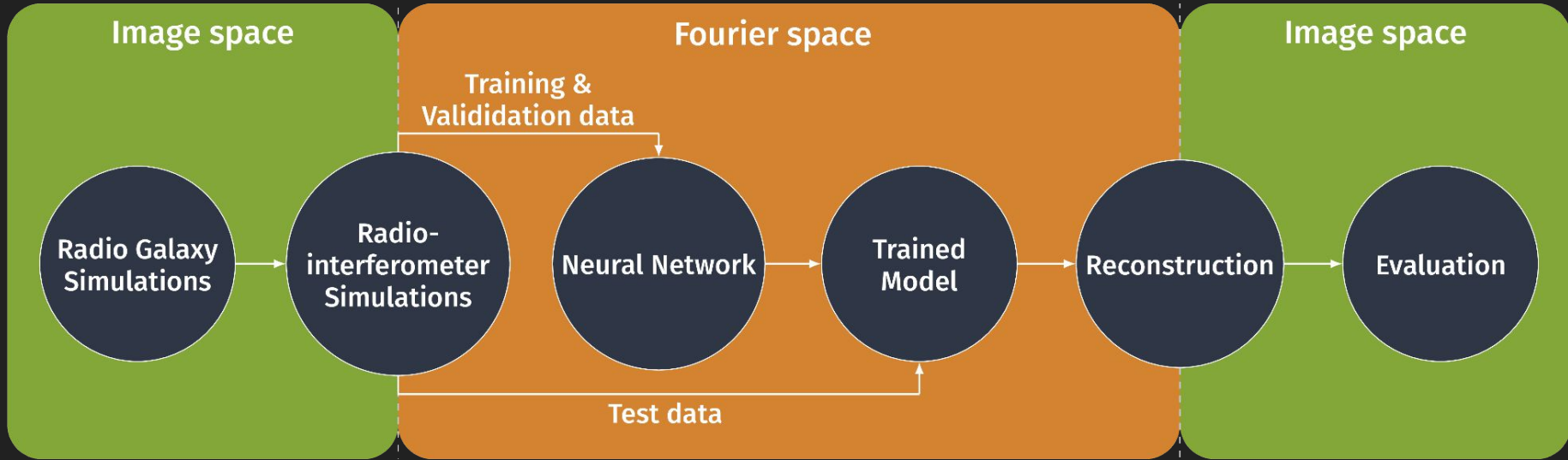


model learns reconstruction based on realistic radio interferometer simulations

radionets-project



radionets-project



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radionets-project: timeline

project start

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pushing for radio
interferometer observations

August 2019

August 2022

from 2024



August 2021

September 2023

first case study

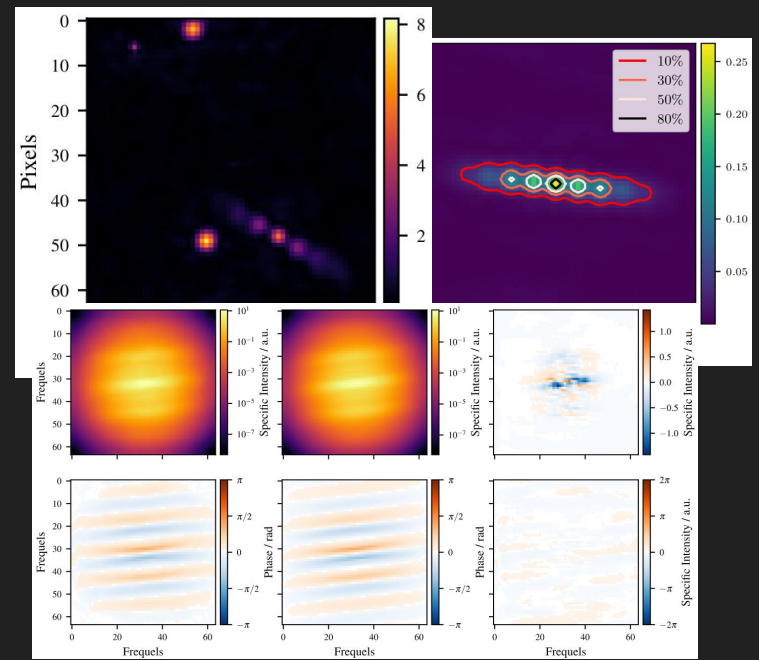
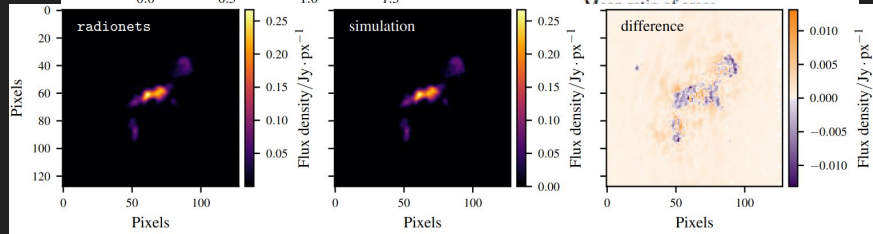
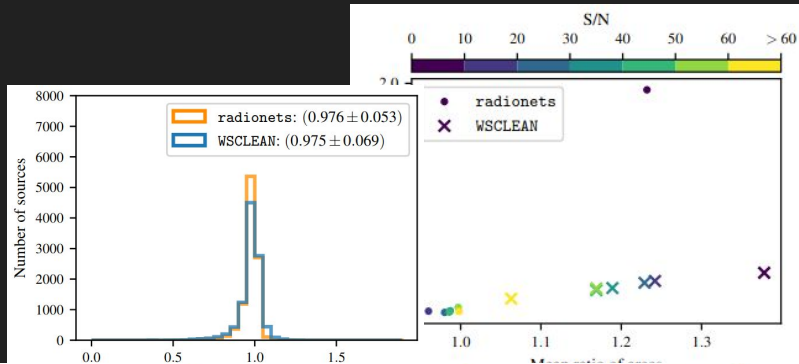
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Deep learning-based imaging in radio interferometry

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Deep-learning-based radiointerferometric imaging with GAN-aided training

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MeerKat data set

L- Band observations of Virgo cluster

pointing at the outer part

2 arcsec resolution

350.000 visibilities

1.3 GHz – 16 channels



Source simulations



Radio interferometer simulations: RIME

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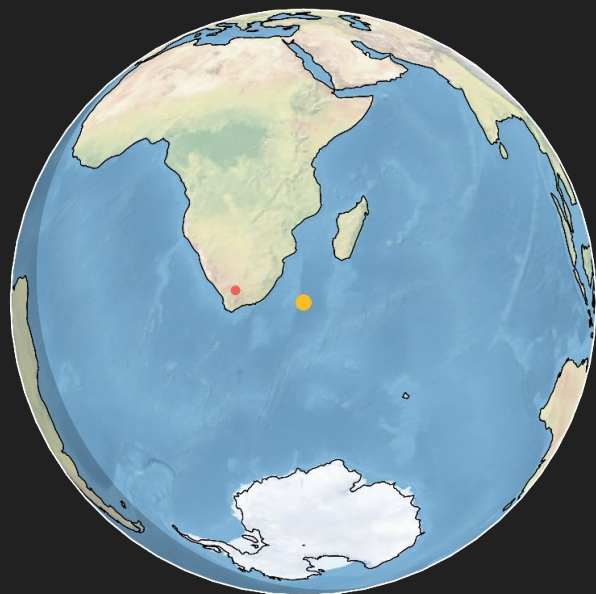
- Projected antenna positions
- Projected source position



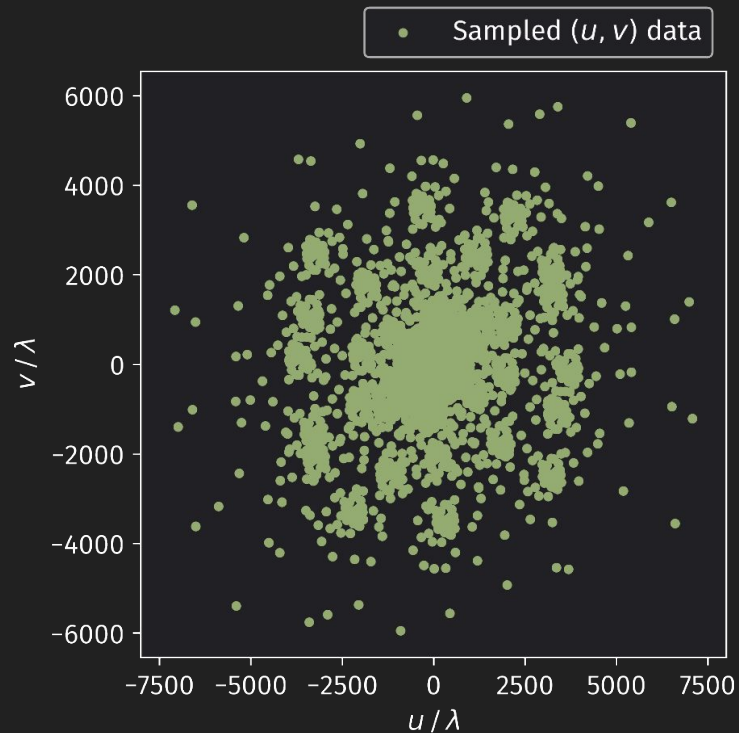
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Radio interferometer simulations: RIME

$$\mathbf{V}_{pq}(l, m) = \sum_{l, m} \mathbf{E}_p(l, m) \mathbf{K}_p(l, m) \mathbf{B}(l, m) \mathbf{K}_q^H(l, m) \mathbf{E}_q^H(l, m)$$

Source Distribution:

$$\mathbf{B}(l, m)$$

Phase Delay:

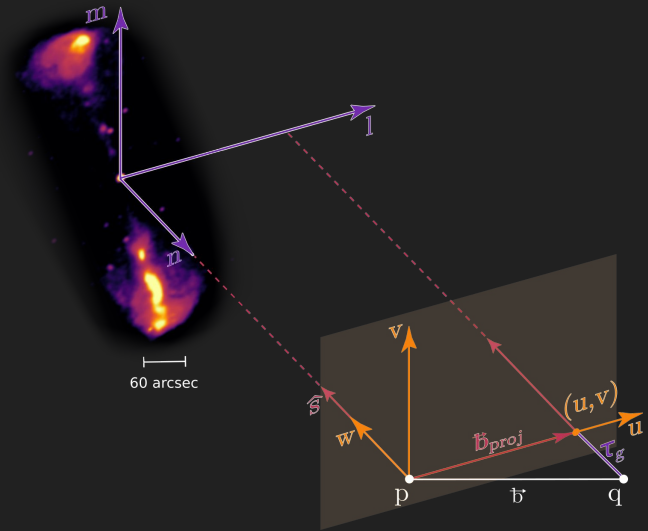
$$\mathbf{K}(l, m) = \exp(-2\pi \cdot i \cdot (ul + vm))$$

Telescope Beam:

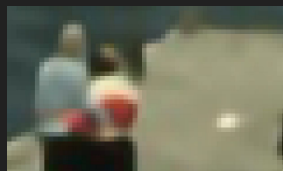
$$\mathbf{E}(l, m) = \text{jinc}\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{\text{obs}}} d \cdot \theta_{lm}\right)$$

$$\text{jinc}(x) = \frac{J_1(x)}{x}$$

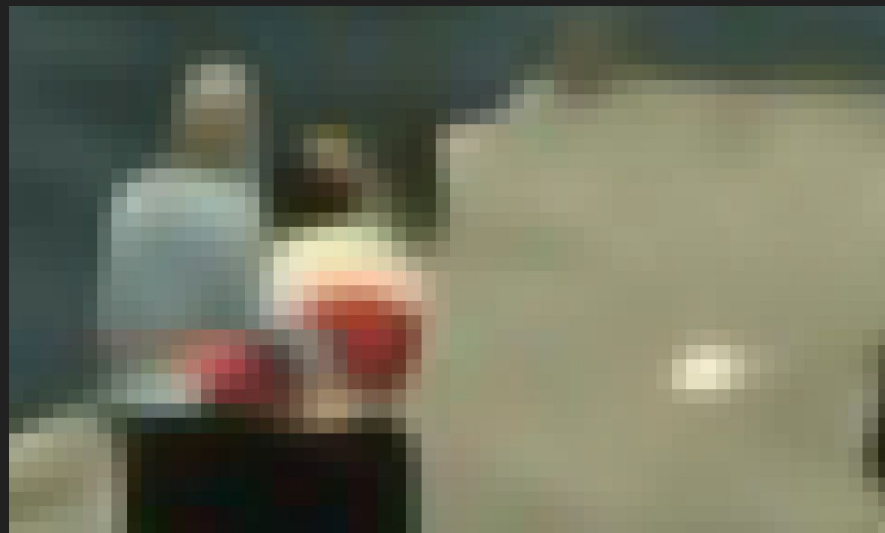
(Smirnov 2011)



Deep learning model: image inpainting

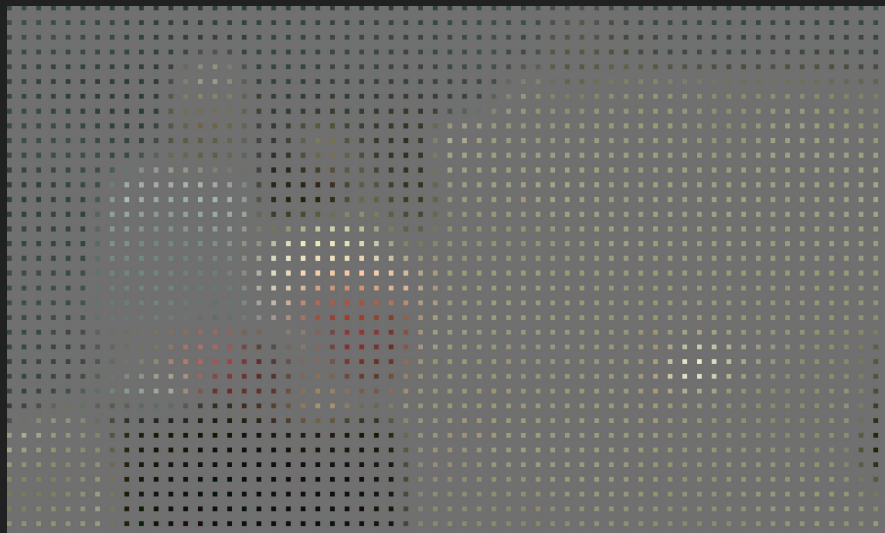


Zoom



(He et al. 2015; Gross & Wilber 2016)

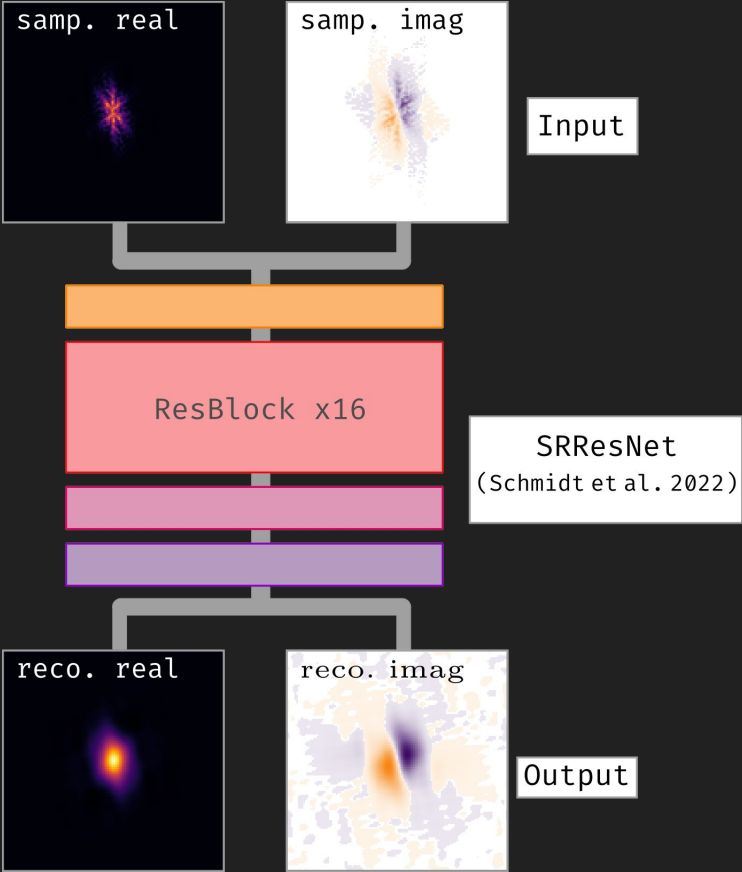
Deep learning model: SRResNet



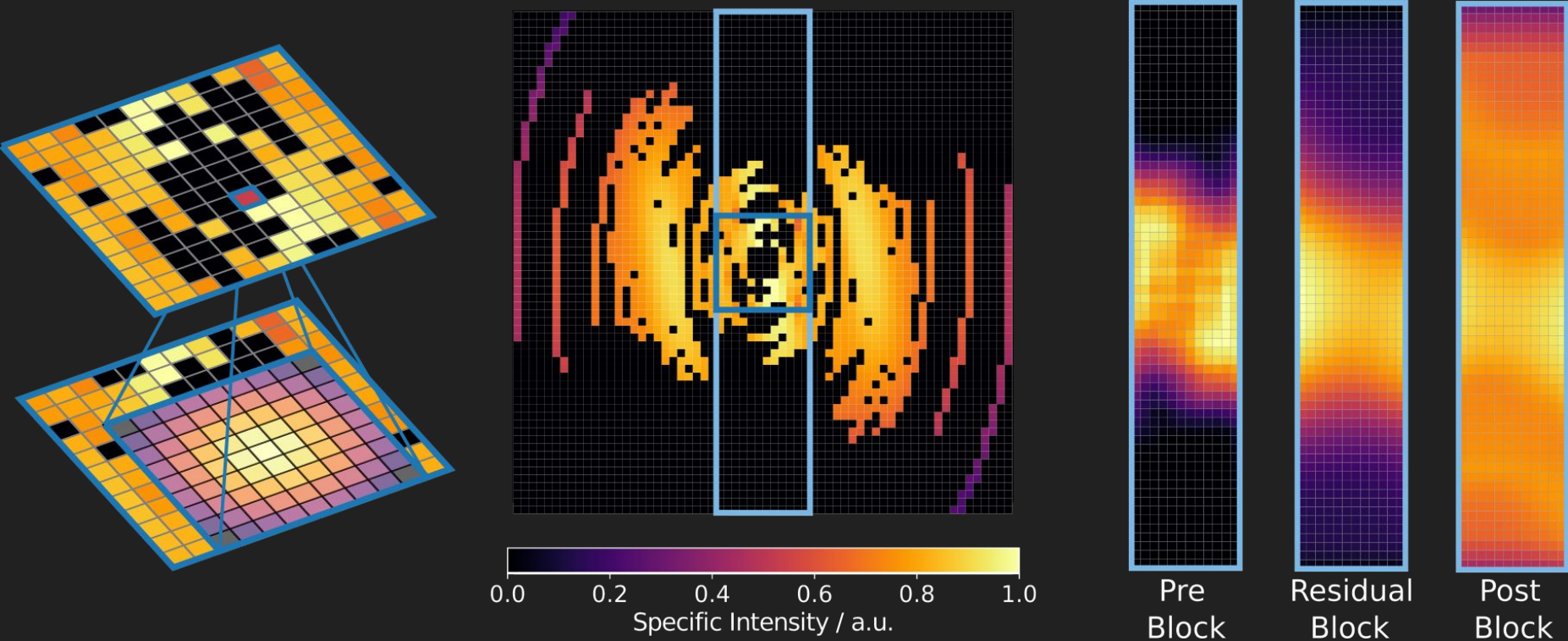
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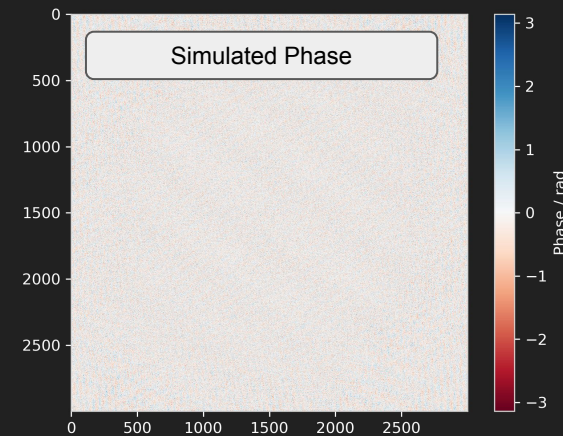
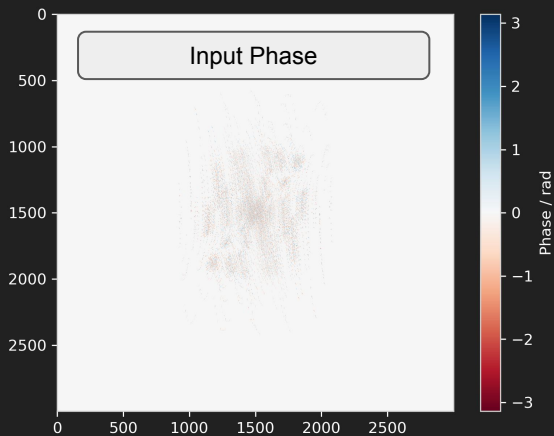
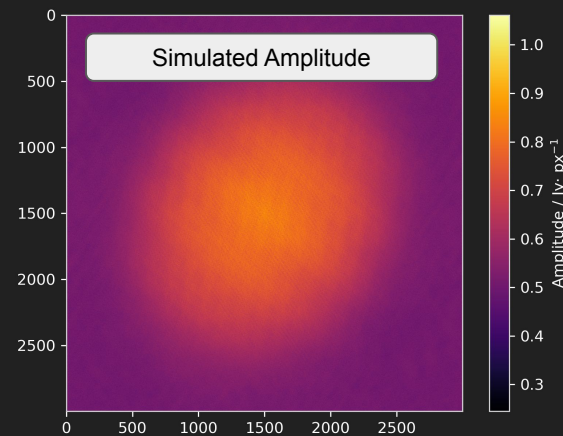
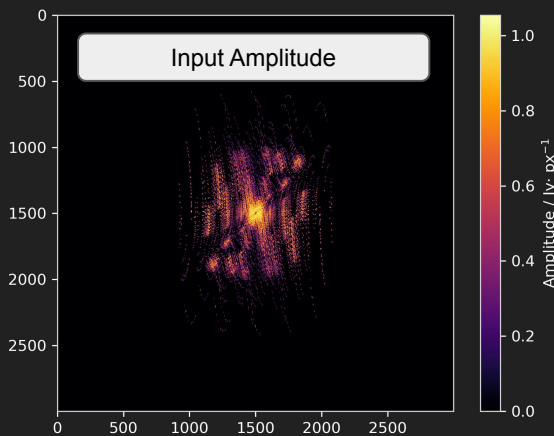
Deep learning model: architecture



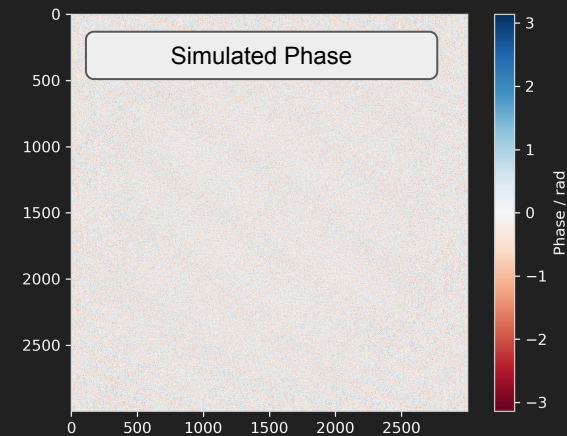
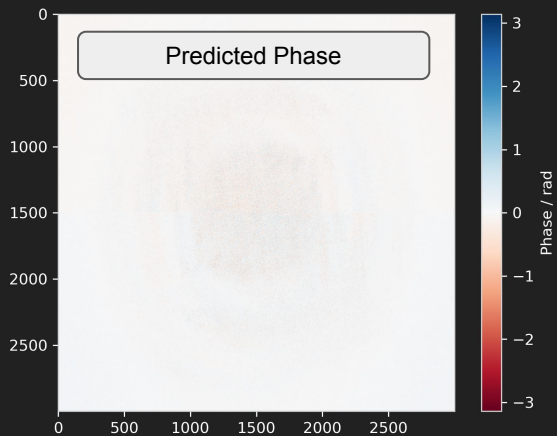
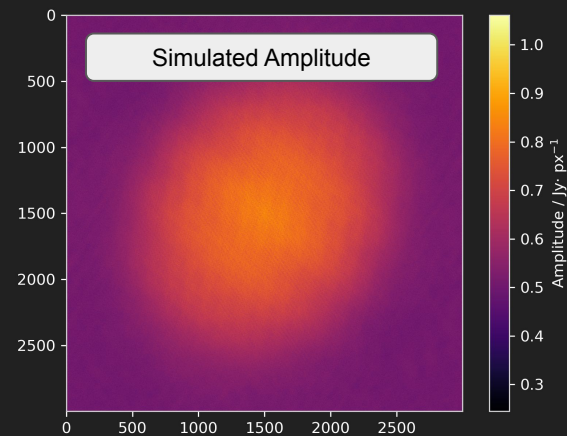
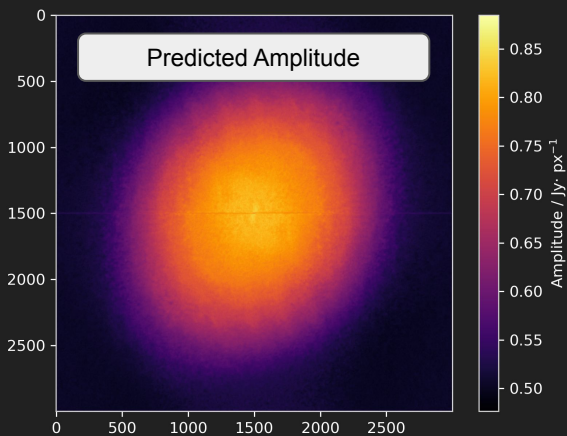
Deep learning model: Convolutional inpainting



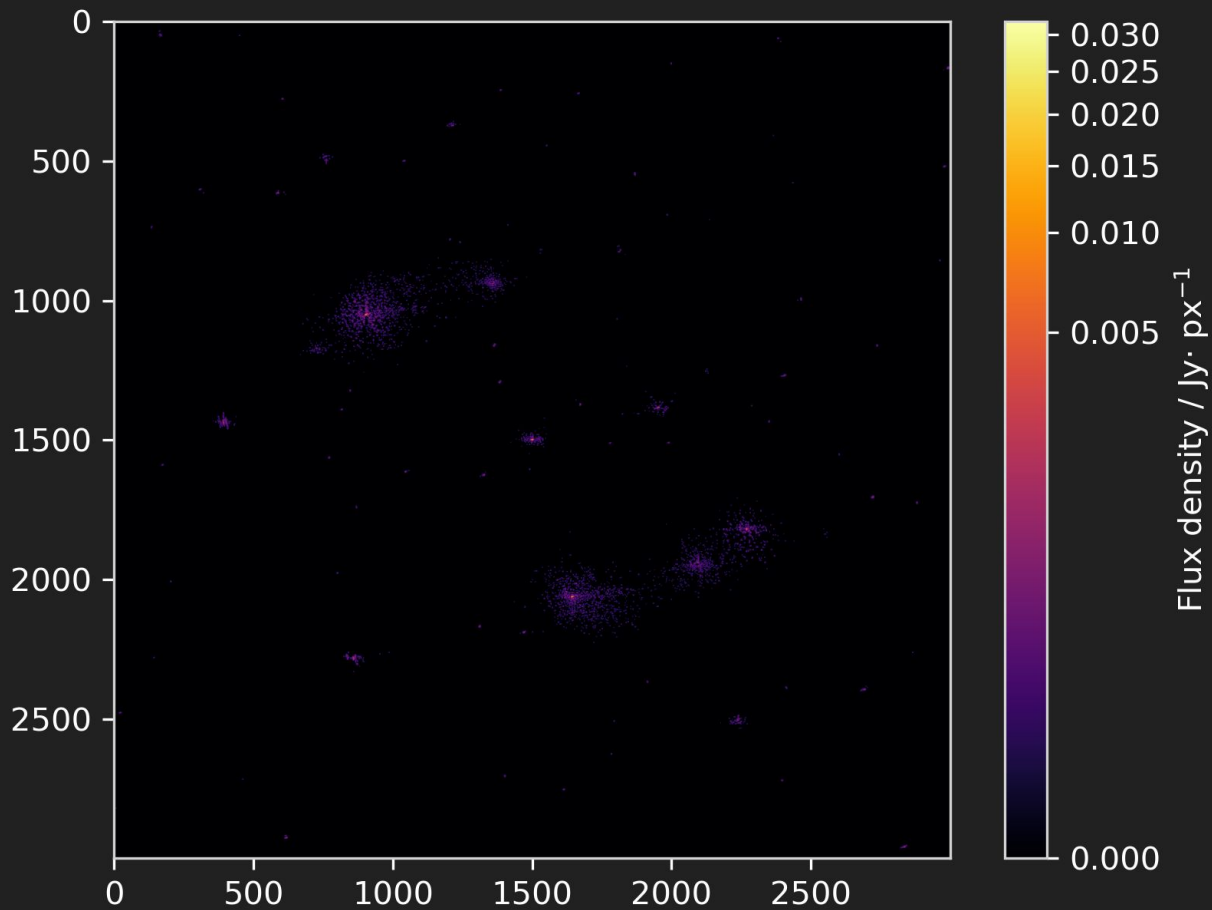
Visibility reconstruction



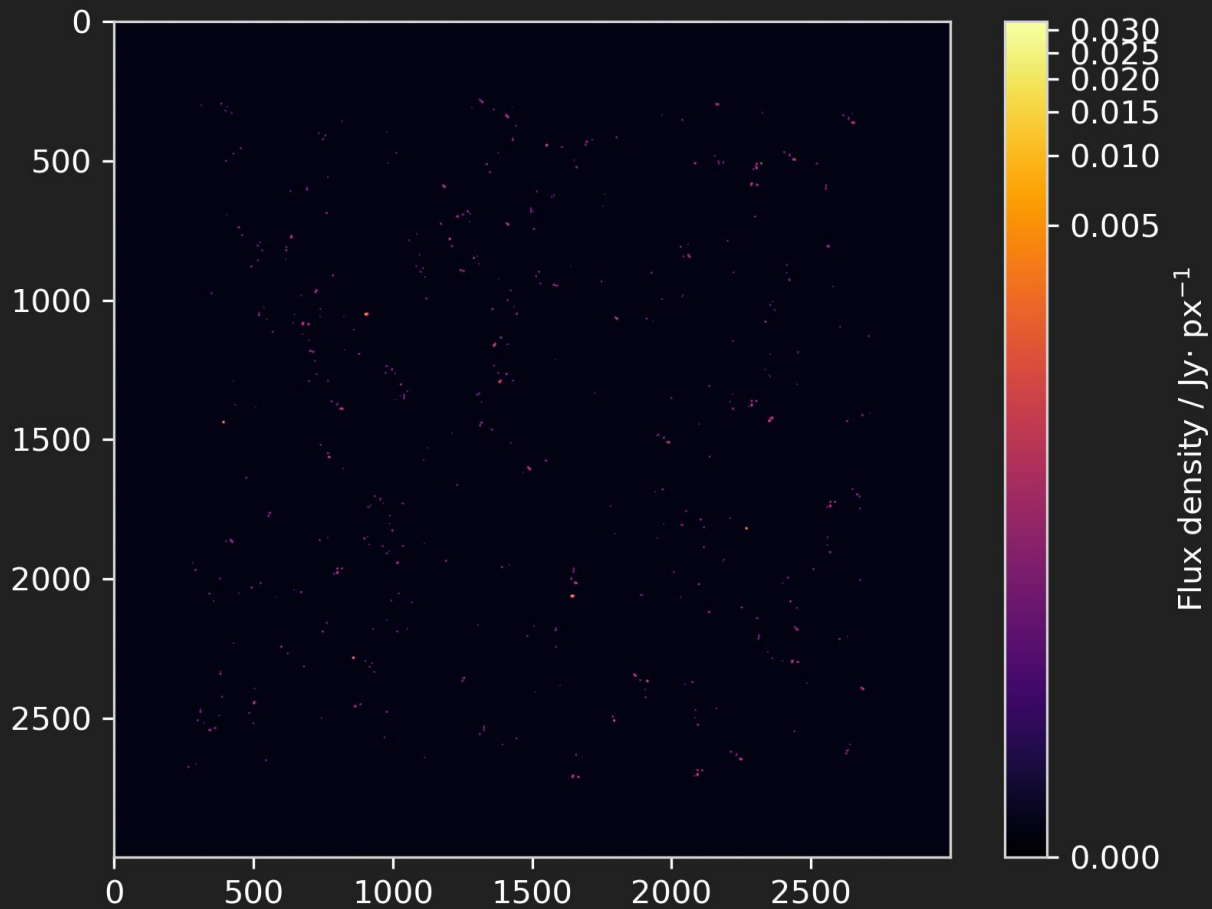
Visibility reconstruction



Resulting cleaned images



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Summary & Outlook

- huge improvements in the last 12 months
- working simulation chain
- identified current problems
- evaluation routines

expect first breakthroughs early 2025

