



# ASTRONOMICAL RADIO SOURCE DETECTORS

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# INTRODUCTION

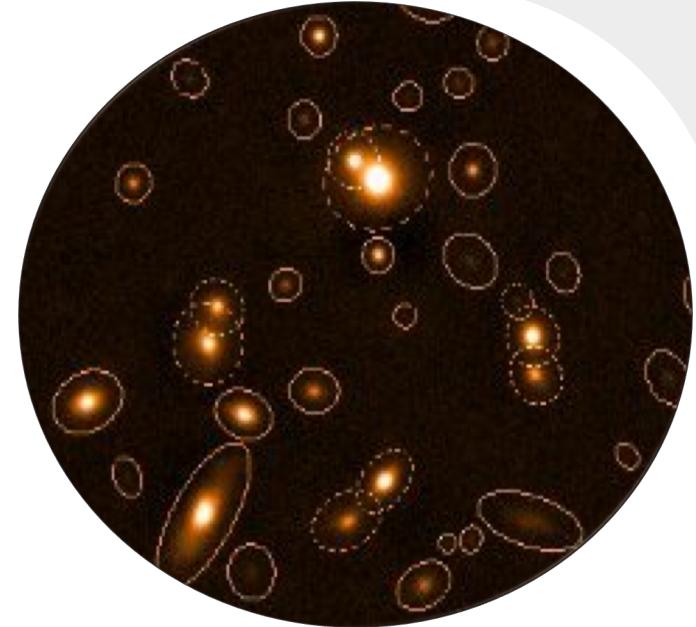
# THESIS OBJECTIVES

1. Investigate the state-of-the-art PyBDSF source detector
2. Exploration of source detector based on morphological processing
3. Comparison of PyBDSF and morphological approaches and deep neural network algorithm

# CONTEXT & SOURCE DETECTION APPROACHES

## TRADITIONAL APPROACHES

- Morphological detector
- PyBDSF
  - Karabo
  - Original PyBDSF

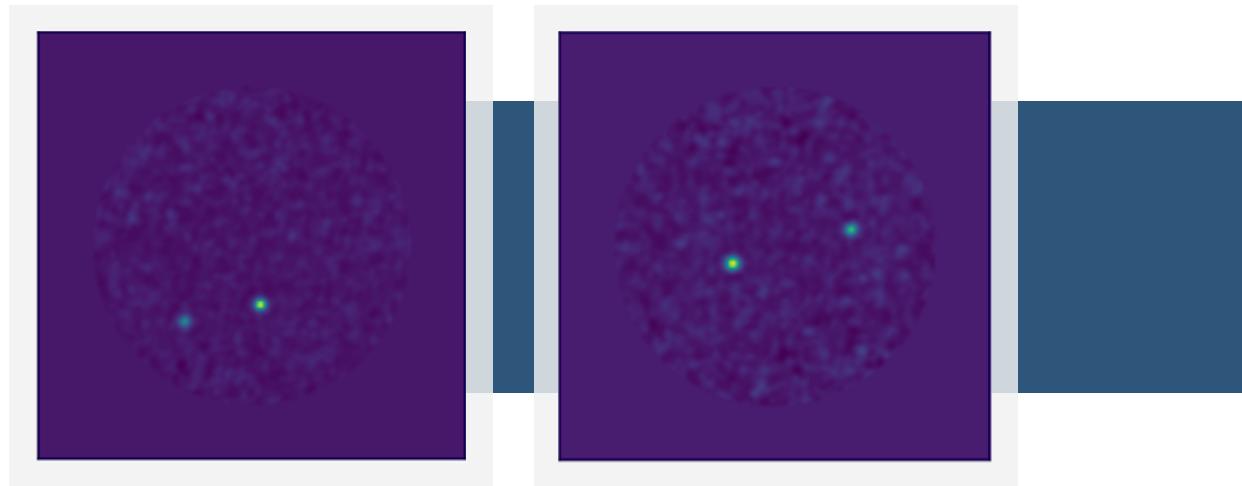


## MACHINE LEARNING BASED APPROACH

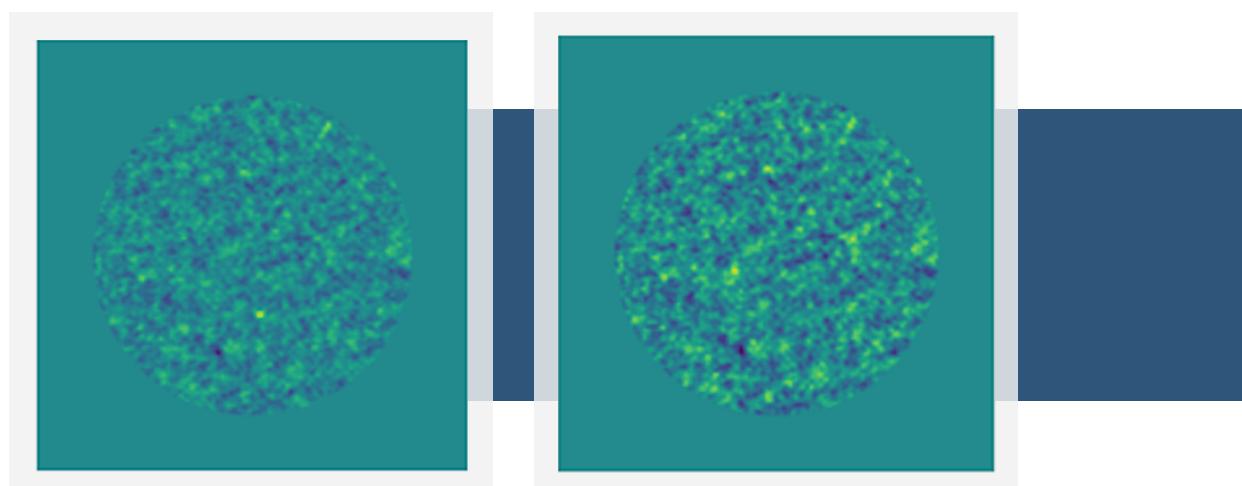
- Convolutional auto encoder

# DATASET

- Number of sources: 0 – 5
- Source position: random
- Source Type: Gaussian
- Sky models size: 512x512
- Pwv: 1'796



- 2 subsets:
  - Noiseless
  - Noisy
- Training set: 7'331
- Validation Set: 917
- Testing Set: 916



O. Taran, O. Bait, M. Dessauges-Zavadsky, T. Holotyak, D. Schaeerer, and S. Voloshynovskiy, "Challenging interferometric imaging: Machine learning-based source localization from uv-plane observations," *Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A)*, vol. 674, 2023.

# METRICS

$$Purity = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$Completeness = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

TP: True Positives

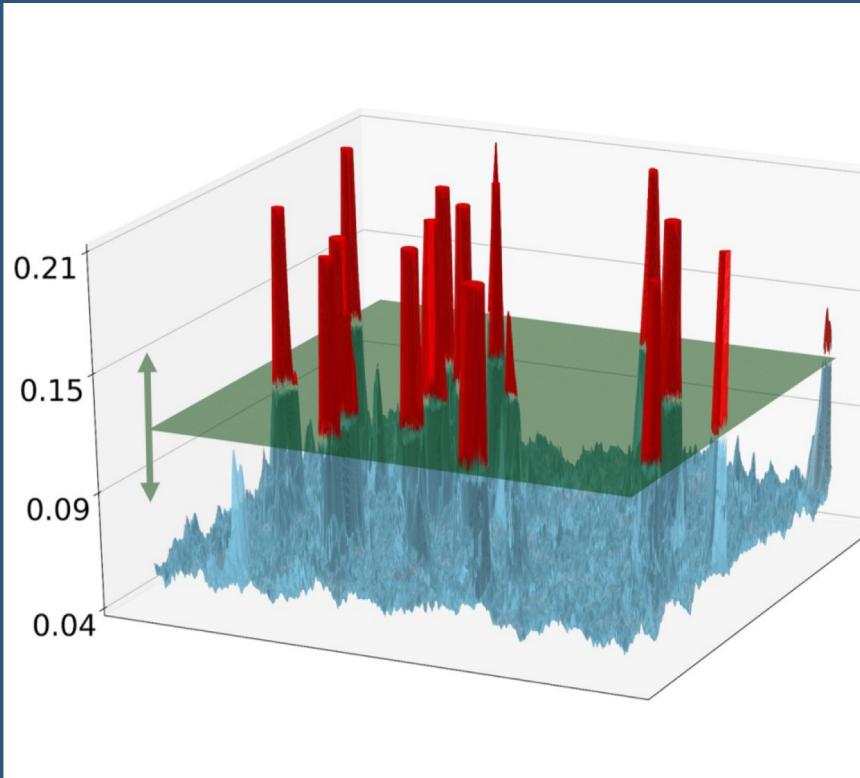
FP: False Positives

FN: False Negatives

# EXPERIMENTS

# MORPHOLOGICAL DETECTOR

Thresholded Blob Detection (TBD) technique



A. V. Sadr, E. E. Vos, B. A. Bassett, Z. Hosenie, N. Oozeer, and M. Lochner,  
“Deepsource: Point source detection using deep learning,” MNRAS, vol. 484, no. 2,  
pp. 2793–2806, April 2019

# RESULTS

	Purity	Completeness
Noiseless	0.929	0.879
Noisy	1	0.013

Table 1: Result of the morphological detection approach with the grid search done on the noiseless subset:  
 $area\_lim=105$ ,  $jump\_lim=2$ ,  $ignore\_border=10$ ,  $loc\_det=peak$ , and  $threshold=1$

	Purity	Completeness
Noiseless	0.932	0.35
Noisy	0.31	0.926

Table 2: Result of the morphological detection approach with the grid search done on the noisy subset:  
 $area\_lim=50$ ,  $jump\_lim=3$ ,  $ignore\_border=150$ ,  $loc\_det=mean$ , and  $threshold=1$

# Python Blob Detection and Source Finder

- Extract sources from radio astronomical data
  - Make available their properties

## PyBDSF

- Plenty of parameters
- Demand expert domain knowledge
- More complicated to use

N. Mohan and D. Rafferty, “Pybdsf: Python blob detection and source finder,” Astrophysics Source Code Library, pp. ascl–1502, 2015

## Karabo

- Only few parameters
- Intuitive
- Easy-to-use

<https://github.com/i4Ds/Karabo-Pipeline/tree/main/karabo>

# RESULTS

## KARABO

	Purity	Completeness
Noiseless	0.3433	0.9806
Noisy	0.9772	0.1661

Table 3: Karabo source detection efficiency.

# RESULTS

## PYBDSF

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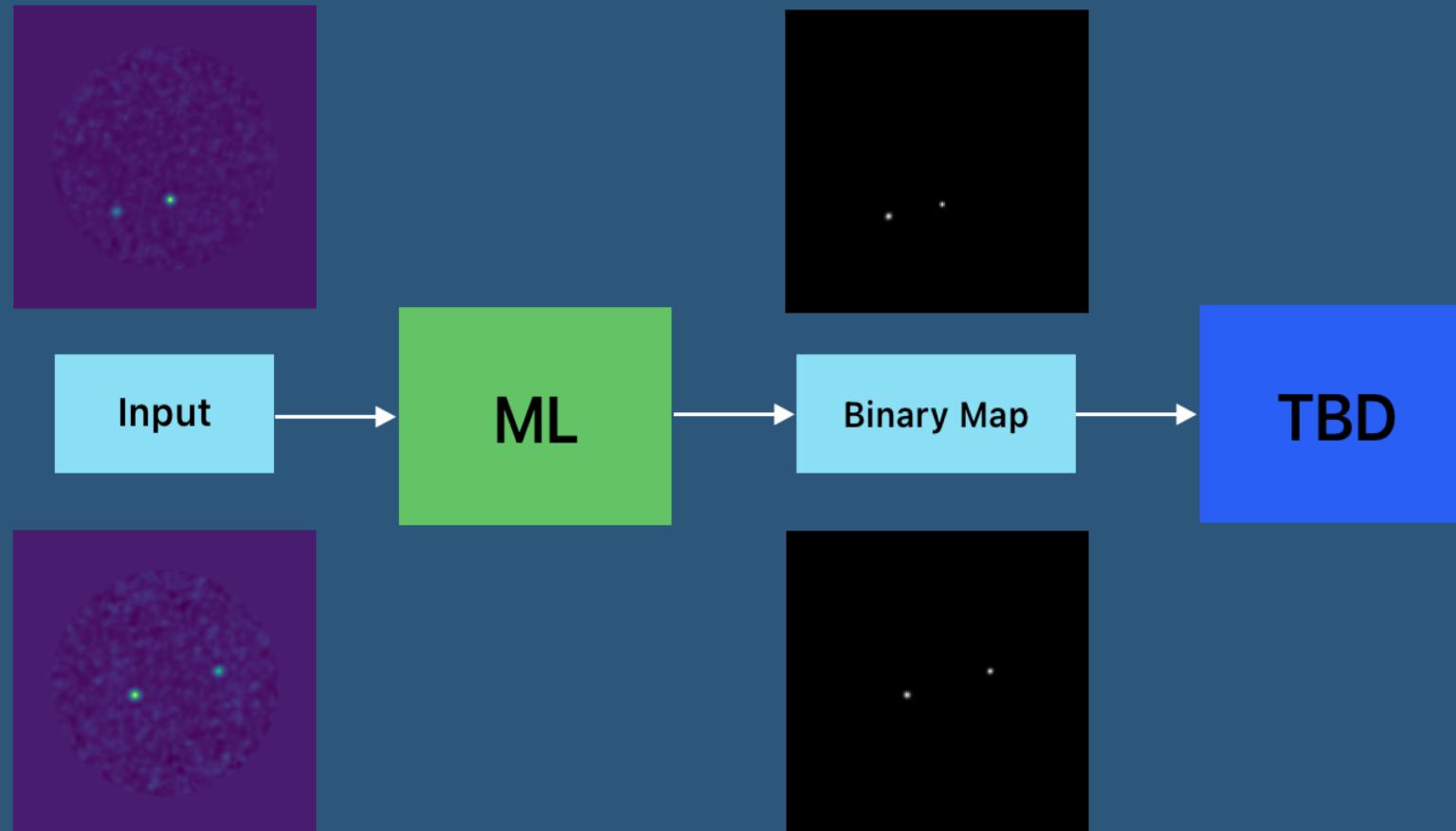
Dataset	Purity	Completeness
Noiseless	0.921	0.93
Noisy	1	0.023

Table 4: PyBDSF efficiency with *rms\_map* parameter set to *True*

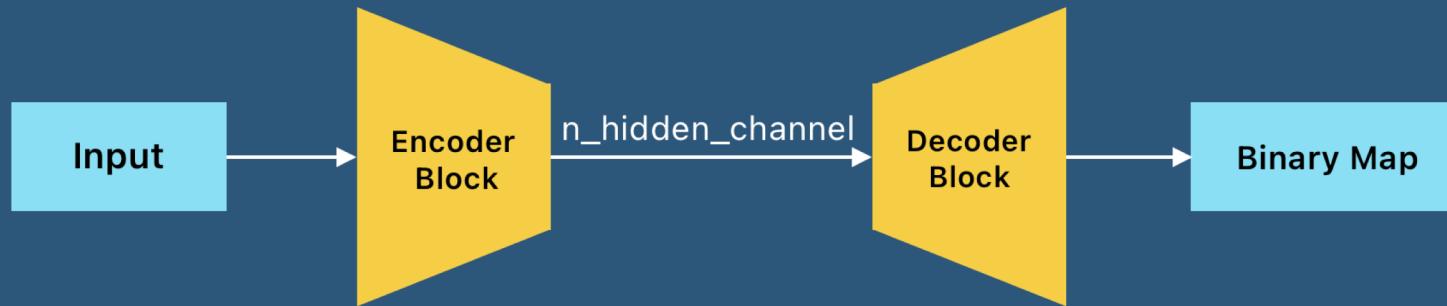
dataset	Purity	Completeness
Noiseless	0.428	0.962
Noisy	0.984	0.178

Table 5: PyBDSF efficiency with parameters *rms\_map* set to *False* and *rms\_value* set to *None*

# MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH



# AUTO ENCODER



# RESULTS

	Purity	Completeness
noiseless	0.894	0.846
noisy	0	0

Table 6: Efficiency of the source detection process when using the CNN model trained on noiseless data

	dataset	Purity	Completeness
jump_lim = 1	noiseless	0.562	0.392
	noisy	0.764	0.436
jump_lim = 2	noiseless	0.32	0.64
	noisy	0.537	0.658

Table 7: Efficiency of the source detection process when using the CNN model trained on noisy data

# CONCLUSION

# SUMMARY

Data type	Approaches	Purity	Completeness
Noiseless	TBD	0.929	0.879
	PyBDSF	0.921	0.93
	CNN autoencoder	0.894	0.846
Noisy	TBD	0.31	0.926
	PyBDSF	0.984	0.178
	CNN autoencoder	0.764	0.436

Table 8: Comparision of all approaches explored

# FUTURE WORK

- Train on both noiseless and noisy images
- Extend the dataset (more complicated sources)
- Explore more advanced architecture i.e. U-net, Transformers, DDPM, etc



**Thank you for  
your attention**

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**Questions ?**