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# TIME-REGULARIZED BLIND DECONVOLUTION APPROACH FOR RADIO INTERFEROMETRY

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Fourier imaging and calibration problem:

$$\mathbf{y} = \bar{\mathbf{G}}\mathcal{F}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{w}$$

**OBJECTIVE:** Find an estimate of the original image  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  from the observations  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^M$ .

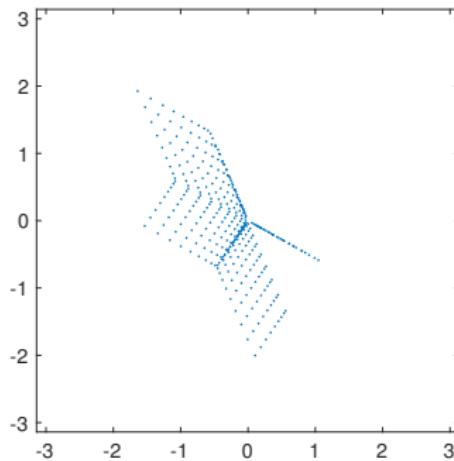
- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  is the original **unknown** image
- $\mathcal{F}$  is the 2D Fourier transform operator
- $\bar{\mathbf{G}}$  contains the **unknown** convolution kernels centred at the measured frequencies
- $\mathbf{w}$  is a realization of an additive i.i.d. Gaussian noise

# Radio interferometric imaging

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VLA radio telescope (27 antennas)  
**Credit:** NRAO

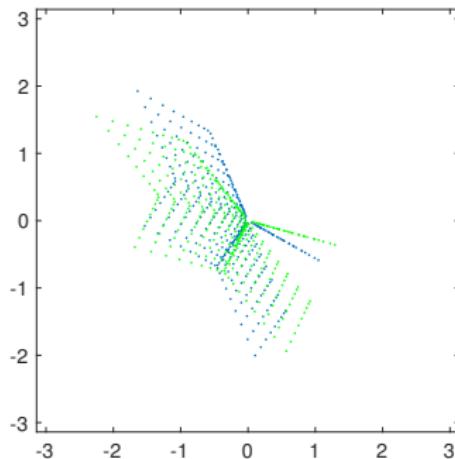


Fourier sampling at  
instant  $t = 1$



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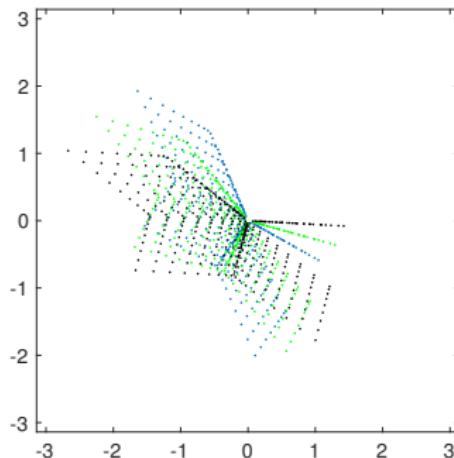
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Fourier sampling at  
instant  $t = 20$



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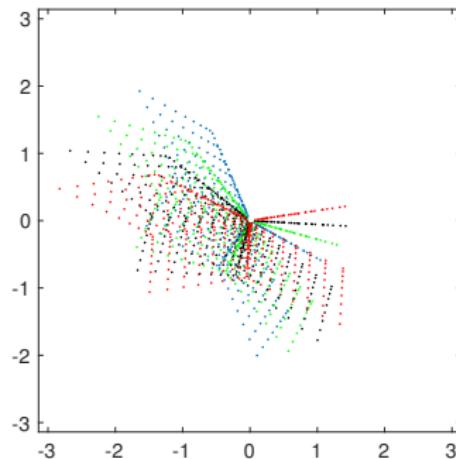
Fourier sampling at  
instant  $t = 40$

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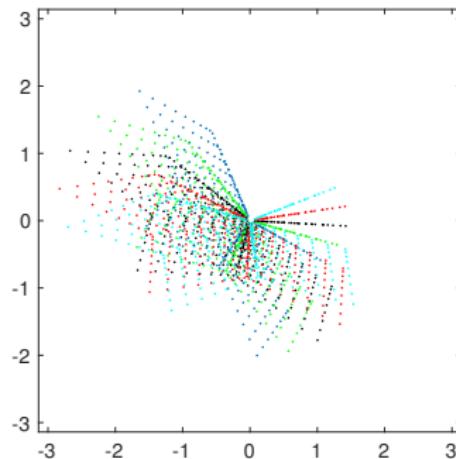


Fourier sampling at  
instant  $t = 60$



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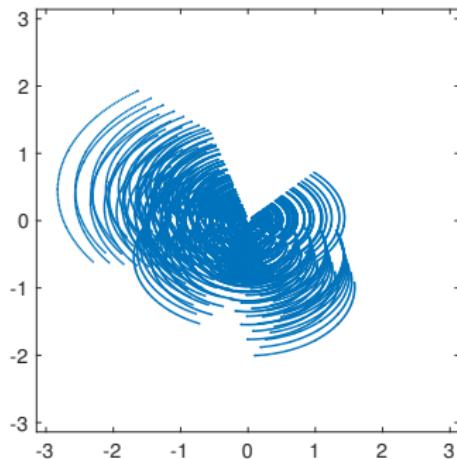
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Fourier sampling at  
instant  $t = 80$



VLA radio telescope (27 antennas)  
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Fourier sampling for  $T = 100$   
time instant measurements

- Interferometer with  $n_a$  antennas  $\rightsquigarrow M = n_a(n_a - 1)/2$  antenna pairs
  - $T \geq 1$  measurements per antenna pair
- $\rightsquigarrow TM$  measurements  
indexed by  $t, \alpha, \beta$ , with  $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$  and  $1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq n_a$

Measurement acquired by the antenna pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  at the time instant  $t$ , at the spatial frequency  $\mathbf{k}_{t,\alpha,\beta} = \mathbf{k}_{t,\alpha} - \mathbf{k}_{t,\beta}$ :

$$y_{t,\alpha,\beta} = \sum_{n=-N/2}^{N/2-1} \bar{d}_{t,\alpha}(n) \bar{d}_{t,\beta}^*(n) \bar{x}(n) e^{-2i\pi(k_{t,\alpha} - k_{t,\beta}) \frac{n}{N}} + w_{t,\alpha,\beta}$$

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- $\bar{x} = (\bar{x}(n))_n \in \mathbb{R}^N$   
~~~ unknown original image.
- $\bar{d}_{t,\alpha} = (\bar{d}_{t,\alpha}(n))_n \in \mathbb{C}^N$   
~~~ unknown direction-dependent effect (DDE) related to antenna  $\alpha \in \{1, \dots, n_a\}$  and depending on the time instant  $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$
- $w = (w_{t,\alpha,\beta})_{t,\alpha,\beta} \in \mathbb{C}^{TM}$   
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Particular case:

If, for every  $n \in \{-N/2, \dots, N/2 - 1\}$ ,  $\bar{d}_{t,\alpha}(n) = \delta_{t,\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  
then  $\bar{d}_{t,\alpha}$  reduces to a direction-independent effect (DIE).

- ~~> Approximation usually considered when the DIES and DDEs need to be calibrated.

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OBJECTIVE: Find an estimate of

- ▶  $(\forall t \in \{1, \dots, T\})(\forall \alpha \in \{1, \dots, n_a\})$  the DDEs  $\bar{d}_{t,\alpha}$ ,
- ▶ the original image  $\bar{x}$ .

- ▶ DIs can be approximately known by performing calibration transfer
- ▶ StEFCal: Bilinear approach to solve the least squares minimization problem associated with the DIE calibration problem when the source is approximately known [Salvini & Wijnholds (2014)]
- ▶ Faceting: Divide the field of view into facets and see each facet as an image with unknown DIs [Tasse (2014), Smirnov & Tasse (2015), van Weeren et al. (2016)]
  - ~~ piecewise constant DDEs
  - ~~ method designed for images with mainly point sources

Two main *families* of approaches:

- ▶ CLEAN based methods: greedy-based approaches [Högbom (1974), Schwarz (1978), Thompson et al. (2001)]
  - ~~  $\ell_1$  regularization on the image space
- ▶ Use of compressive sensing theory and convex optimization methods [Wiaux et al. (2009), Wenger et al. (2010), Li et al. (2011), McEwen & Wiaux (2011), Carrillo et al. (2012), Onose et al. (2017)]
  - ~~  $\ell_1$  regularization on a sparsity basis

## ► Current methods?

Alternate between the estimation of the DIs/DDEs and the estimation of the image, using the preferred methods of the user.

- ~~ No theoretical convergence guarantee
- ~~ For DDEs, only works for images with point sources

## ► Proposed approach?

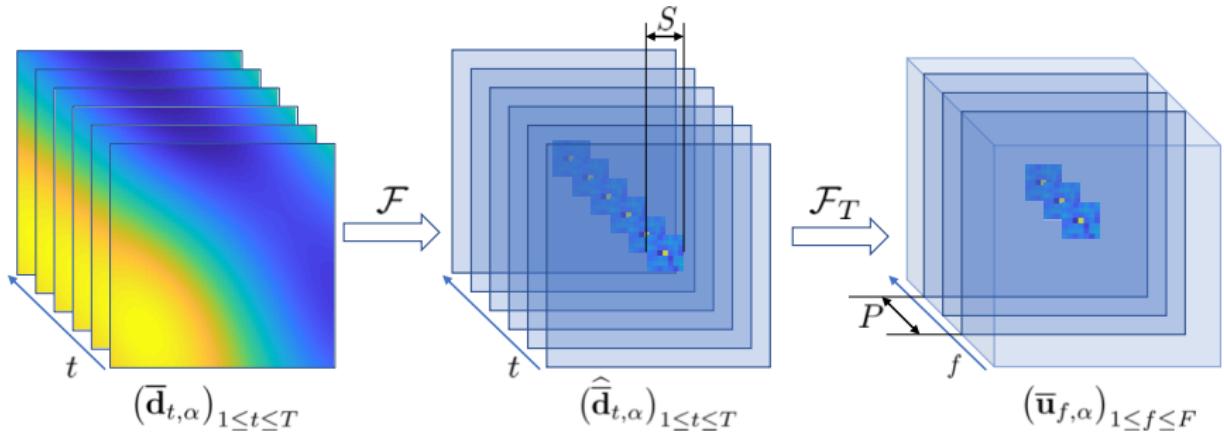
Design a global algorithm to solve the joint calibration and imaging problem, with convergence guarantees, and able to estimate sophisticated images with complex structures

- ~~ Use non-convex optimization techniques

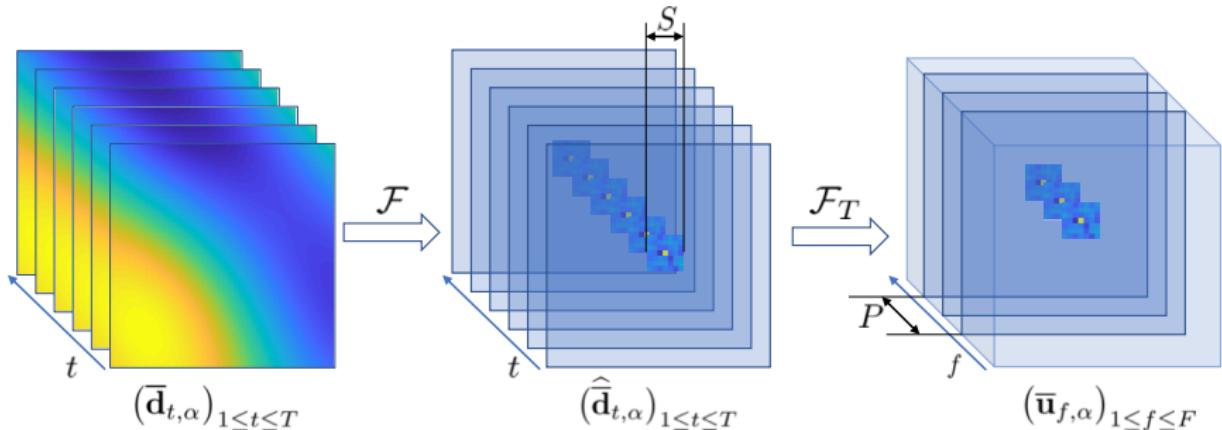
## Prior information on the DDEs

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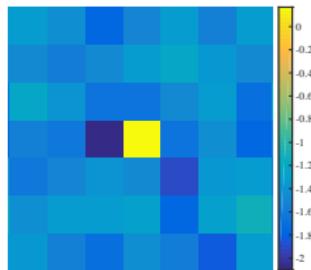
For every  $\alpha \in \{1, \dots, n_a\}$ , find an estimate  $\mathbf{u}_\alpha^* \in \mathbb{C}^{S^2 \times P}$  of the non-zero Fourier coefficients  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^{S^2 \times P}$  of the DDEs  $(\bar{\mathbf{d}}_{t,\alpha})_{1 \leq t \leq T}$ .

Assume that calibration transfer has been performed:

DIEs are normalized and are approximately known

i.e., for every  $\alpha \in \{1, \dots, n_a\}$  and  $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ ,

- ~ the central coefficient of  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{t,\alpha}$  belongs to a complex neighbourhood of 1 .
- ~ the other coefficients of  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{t,\alpha}$  belong to a complex neighbourhood of 0 .



Compute a preprocessing step to obtain a first approximation of the image

Solve the **imaging problem** considering **normalized DIs** (without DDEs)

$$\mathbf{y} = \overline{\mathbf{G}}\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{w} \simeq \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})) + \mathbf{w}$$

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**Remark:**  $\mathbf{y} \simeq \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})) + \mathbf{w}$  is the approximated model used by state of the art imaging methods when DDEs are unknown

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where  $\tilde{r}: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow ]-\infty, +\infty]$  is a **regularization function**, e.g.,

- $\tilde{r}(\mathbf{x}) = \nu \|\Psi^\dagger \mathbf{x}\|_1 + \iota_{[0,+\infty]^N}(\mathbf{x})$   
where  $\nu > 0$  and  $\Psi^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}^{Q \times N}$  is a given sparsity basis
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↝ Can be solved with any convex optimization algorithm, e.g. forward-backward [Combettes & Wajs (2005)], primal-dual algorithms [Condat (2013), Vu (2013), Combettes & Pesquet (2012)], ...

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- ~~  $\mathbf{x}_0^*$  can be used as prior information
- ~~  $\mathbf{x}_0^*$  will contain artefacts (e.g. noisy background, wrong amplitude, wrong source detection, etc.)
- ~~ Use a thresholded version of  $\mathbf{x}_0^*$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , where low amplitude coefficients have been removed:

The original image can be decomposed as  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}_0 + \bar{\epsilon}$   
where  $\bar{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is the error image to be estimated

OBJECTIVE: Find an estimate of  $\bar{\epsilon}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{U}}$ , where  $\bar{\mathbf{U}} = (\bar{\mathbf{u}}_\alpha)_{1 \leq \alpha \leq n_a}$ , from

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↝ Use a bi-linear approach by introducing  $\bar{\mathbf{U}}_1 = \bar{\mathbf{U}}_2 = \bar{\mathbf{U}}$

Problem reformulation:

$$\mathbf{y} = \Phi(\bar{\mathbf{U}}_1, \bar{\mathbf{U}}_2, \bar{\epsilon}) + \mathbf{w}$$

$$\underset{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N, (\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) \in (\mathbb{C}^{n_a \times S})^{2T}}{\text{minimize}} \quad h(\epsilon, \mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) + r(\epsilon) + p(\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2)$$

- $h$  is the least squares data fidelity term associated with the data model

$$h(\epsilon, \mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) = \frac{1}{2} \|\Phi(\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2, \epsilon) - \mathbf{y}\|^2$$

- $r$  is the regularization term for the image
- $p$  is the regularization term for the DDEs

$$\underset{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N, (\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) \in (\mathbb{C}^{n_a \times S})^{2T}}{\text{minimize}} \quad h(\epsilon, \mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) + r(\epsilon) + p(\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2)$$

- $r(\epsilon) = \lambda \|\Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_0 + \epsilon)\|_1 + \iota_{\mathbb{E}}(\epsilon)$

$\Psi \in \mathbb{R}^{Q \times N}$  is a given sparsity basis

$\lambda > 0$  is a regularization parameter

$\mathbb{E}$  is a closed, convex and non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  defined as

$$\mathbb{E} = \left\{ \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N \mid (\forall n \in \mathbb{S}_0) -\vartheta x_0(n) \leq \epsilon(n) \leq \vartheta x_0(n), \right.$$

$$\left. \text{and } (\forall n \in \mathbb{S}_0^c) 0 \leq \epsilon(n) \right\}$$

with  $\mathbb{S}_0$  the support of  $\mathbf{x}_0$ ,  $\mathbb{S}_0^c$  its complementary set, and  $\vartheta \in [0, 1]$  representing the percentage error we assume on  $\mathbf{x}_0$

$$\underset{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N, (\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) \in (\mathbb{C}^{n_a \times S})^{2T}}{\text{minimize}} \quad h(\epsilon, \mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) + r(\epsilon) + p(\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2)$$

- $p(\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) = \eta \|\mathbf{U}_1 - \mathbf{U}_2\|_2^2 + \iota_{\mathbb{D}}(\mathbf{U}_1) + \iota_{\mathbb{D}}(\mathbf{U}_2)$

$\eta > 0$  is a regularization parameter

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{D} = \{ & \mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{Tn_a \times S} \mid (\forall t \in \{1, \dots, T\})(\forall \alpha \in \{1, \dots, n_a\}) \\ & \mathbf{u}_{t,\alpha}(0) \in B_\infty(1; v) \quad \text{and} \quad (\forall s \neq 0) \quad \mathbf{u}_{t,\alpha}(s) \in B_\infty(0; v) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underset{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N, (\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) \in (\mathbb{C}^{n_a \times S})^{2T}}{\text{minimize}} \quad h(\epsilon, \mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2) + r(\epsilon) + p(\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2)$$

- Use a **block coordinate forward-backward algorithm**, alternating between the estimation of  $\bar{\epsilon}$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{U}}_1$ , and  $\bar{\mathbf{U}}_2$   
[Bolte *et al.* (2014), Frankel *et al.* (2015), Chouzenoux *et al.* (2016)]

# Block coordinate forward-backward algorithm

**For**  $i = 0, 1, \dots$

Choose to update either the DDEs  $(\mathbf{U}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)})$ , or the image  $\epsilon^{(i)}$ .

**If the DDEs are updated:**

$$\mathbf{U}_1^{(i,0)} = \mathbf{U}_1^{(i)}, \quad \mathbf{U}_2^{(i,0)} = \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)}.$$

$$\text{For } \ell = 0, \dots, L^{(i)} - 1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{U}_1^{(i,\ell+1)} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \mathbf{U}_1^{(i,\ell)} - \Gamma_1^{(i)} \cdot \left( \nabla_{\mathbf{U}_1} h(\epsilon^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_1^{(i,\ell)}, \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)}) - \eta (\mathbf{U}_1^{(i,\ell)} - \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)}) \right) \right) \\ \mathbf{U}_1^{(i+1)} = \mathbf{U}_1^{(i,L^{(i)})}. \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\epsilon^{(i+1)} = \epsilon^{(i)}.$$

**If the image is updated:**

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$$\text{For } j = 0, \dots, J^{(i)} - 1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon^{(i,j+1)} = \text{prox}_{\tau(i)r} \left( \epsilon^{(i,j)} - \tau^{(i)} \nabla_{\epsilon} h(\epsilon^{(i,j)}, \mathbf{U}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)}) \right) \\ \epsilon^{(i+1)} = \epsilon^{(i,J^{(i)})}. \end{array} \right]$$

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(essentially cyclic updating rule)

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If the image is updated:

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# Block coordinate forward-backward algorithm

For  $i = 0, 1, \dots$

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If the DDEs are updated:

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$$(\forall \tilde{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}^N) \quad \text{prox}_r(\tilde{\epsilon}) = \underset{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad r(\epsilon) + \frac{1}{2} \|\epsilon - \tilde{\epsilon}\|_2^2$$

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- $(\forall i \in \mathbb{N}) \quad \Gamma_1^{(i)} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_2^{(i)} \rightsquigarrow \text{preconditioning matrices}$
- $(\forall i \in \mathbb{N}) \quad \tau^{(i)} \rightsquigarrow \text{step-size}$

## Simulation settings:

$n_a = 27$  antennas of the VLA telescope

each antenna pair acquires  $T = 200$  snapshots

time interval of 12 hours

images of dimension  $N = 256 \times 256$

DDEs: spatial Fourier support of size  $S = 5 \times 5$

temporal Fourier support of size  $P = 3$

## Comparison between the following methods:

Imaging with the ground truth DDEs

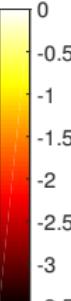
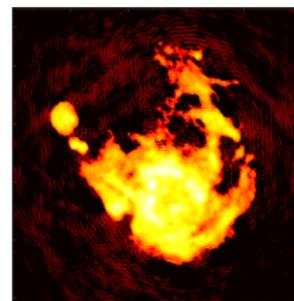
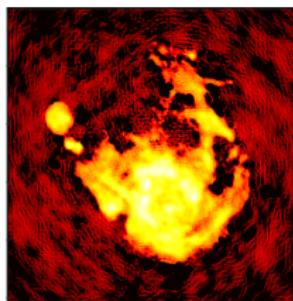
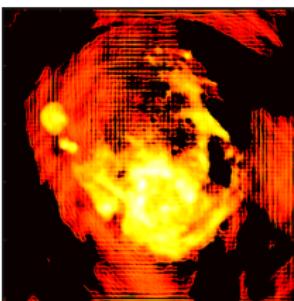
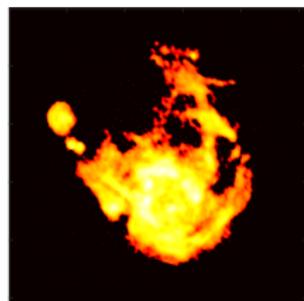
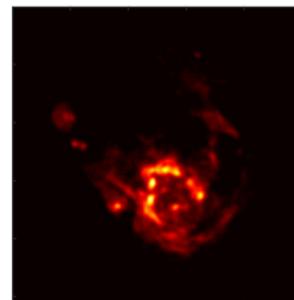
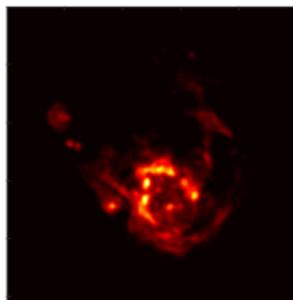
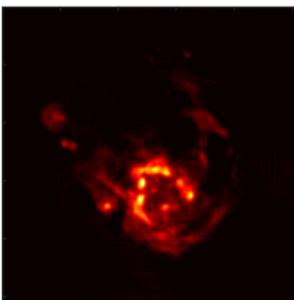
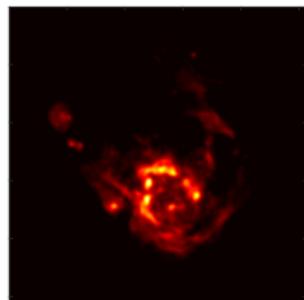
Imaging with normalized DDEs

Joint imaging and DDE calibration **without** time regularization

Proposed approach

# Image of M31

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SNR = 38.26 dB

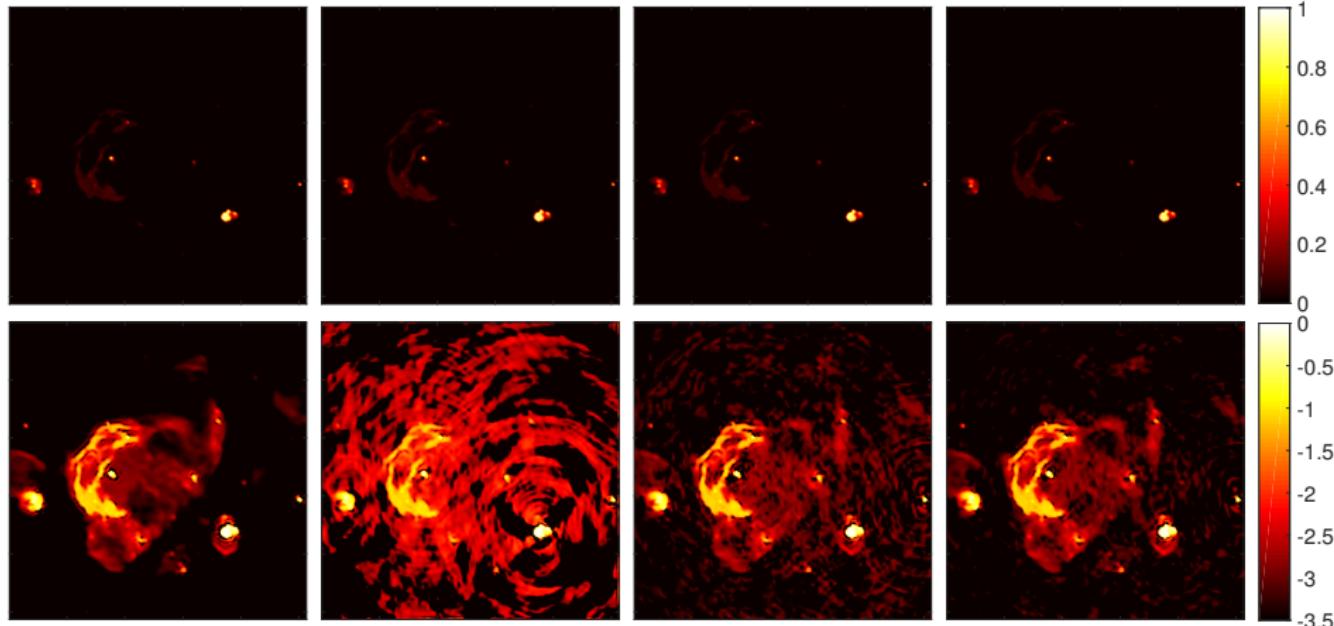
SNR = 17.32 dB

SNR = 26.77 dB

SNR = 28.51 dB

# Image of W28

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# Conclusions

- Joint DDE calibration and imaging model
  - ▶ DDEs are modelled as smooth images in space and time
    - ~~> Estimation of the non-zero Fourier coefficients
  - ▶ Images with sophisticated structures can be considered
    - ~~> Adapted choice of the regularization
- Flexible block coordinate forward backward approach
  - ▶ Essentially cyclic updating rule
  - ▶ Variable metric strategy
  - ▶ Global convergence to a critical point
  - ▶ Adapted initialization using calibration transfer
- Good performances on realistic synthetic data
- Results on real datasets from VLA telescope (ongoing work)

Thank you!

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## Backup slide: convergence guarantees

$$0 < \tau^{(i)} < 1/\|\Phi(\mathbf{U}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)}, .)\|^2$$

$$\Gamma_1^{(i)} = (\gamma_{1,\alpha}^{(i)} \mathbf{1}_{S^2 \times P})_{1 \leq \alpha \leq n_a} \in \mathbb{R}^{S^2 \times P \times n_a} \text{ with } 0 < \gamma_{1,\alpha}^{(i)} < 1/(\eta + \zeta_{1,\alpha}^{(i)})$$

$\zeta_{1,\alpha}^{(i)}$   $\rightsquigarrow$  Lipschitz constant of the partial derivative of  $h(\epsilon^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)})$  w.r.t.  $\mathbf{u}_{1,\alpha}^{(i)}$

$$\Gamma_2^{(i)} = (\gamma_{2,\alpha}^{(i)} \mathbf{1}_{S^2 \times P})_{1 \leq \alpha \leq n_a} \in \mathbb{R}^{S^2 \times P \times n_a} \text{ with } 0 < \gamma_{2,\alpha}^{(i)} < 1/(\eta + \zeta_{2,\alpha}^{(i)})$$

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- ★ The sequence of iterates  $(\epsilon^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  generated by the BCFB algorithm converges to a critical point  $(\epsilon^*, \mathbf{U}_1^*, \mathbf{U}_2^*)$  of  $f$
- ★  $(f(\epsilon^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{U}_2^{(i)}))_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a non-increasing sequence converging to  $f(\epsilon^*, \mathbf{U}_1^*, \mathbf{U}_2^*)$

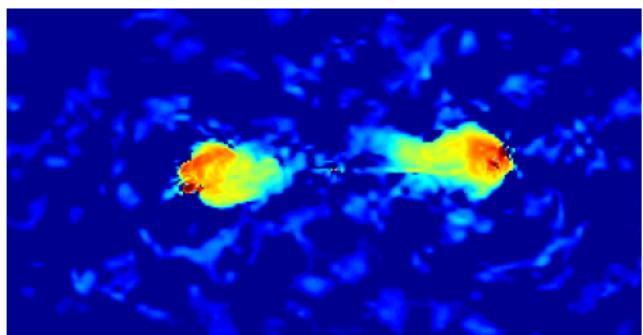
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- VLA data at 8.4 GHz with  $n_a = 26$  active antennas
- $T = 625$  snapshots
- $M = 185648$  measurements

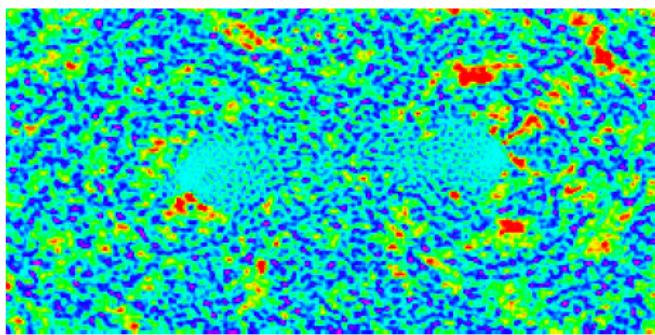
Reconstruction with normalized DIFEs

$\text{SNR}_{\text{dirty}} = 44.45 \text{ dB}$

$x^*$



Residual image:  $\Phi^\dagger(\Phi x^* - y)$



-3.5    -3    -2.5    -2    -1.5    -1    -0.5

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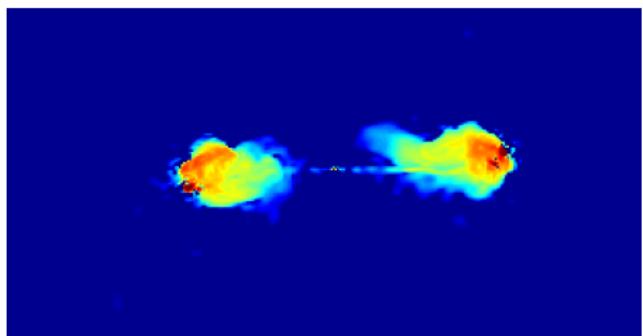
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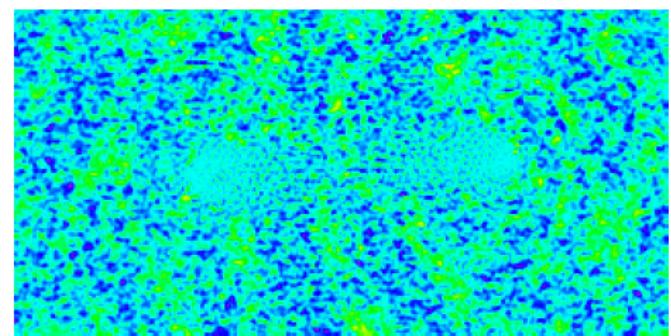
Joint imaging and DDE calibration

$\text{SNR}_{\text{dirty}} = 50.21 \text{ dB}$

$x^*$



-3.5 -3 -2.5 -2 -1.5 -1 -0.5



Residual image:  $\Phi^\dagger(\Phi x^* - y)$

-1.5 -1 -0.5 0 0.5 1 1.5

$\times 10^5$