

Sparse image reconstruction for the SPIDER optical interferometric telescope

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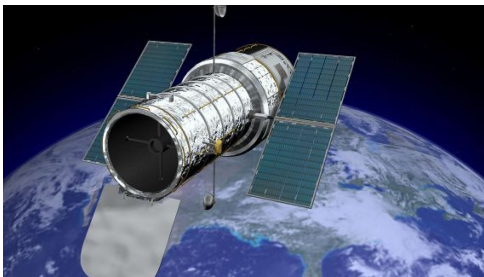
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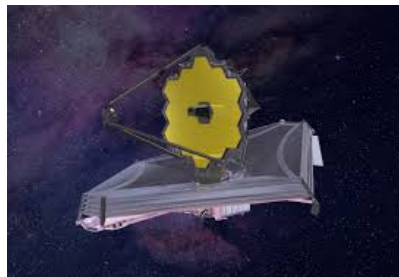
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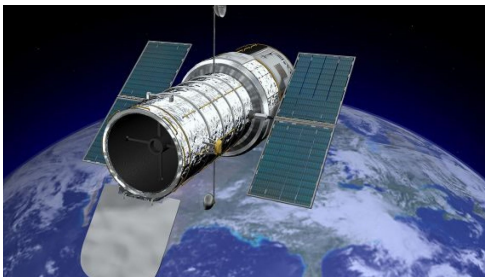


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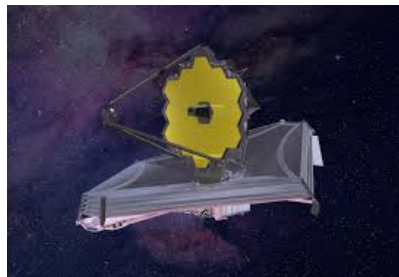
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Segmented Planar Imaging Detector for Electro-optical Reconnaissance (SPIDER)

- SPIDER imaging device developed by Prof. Ben Yoo and colleagues at UC Davis and Lockheed Martin (Kendrick *et al.* 2013; Duncan *et al.* 2015).
- SPIDER is a small-scale **interferometric optical imaging device** that first uses a lenslet array to measure multiple interferometer baselines, then uses photonic integrated circuits (PICs) to miniaturize the measurement acquisition.

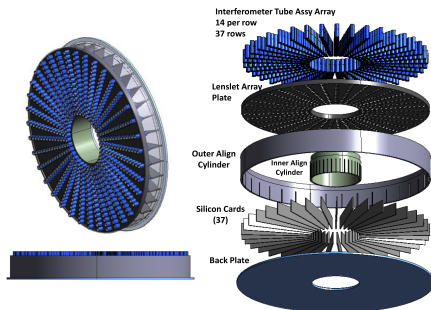


Figure: SPIDER payload design [Credit: Kendrick *et al.* 2013]

SPIDER

- SPIDER **reduces the weight, cost, and power consumption** of optical telescopes.

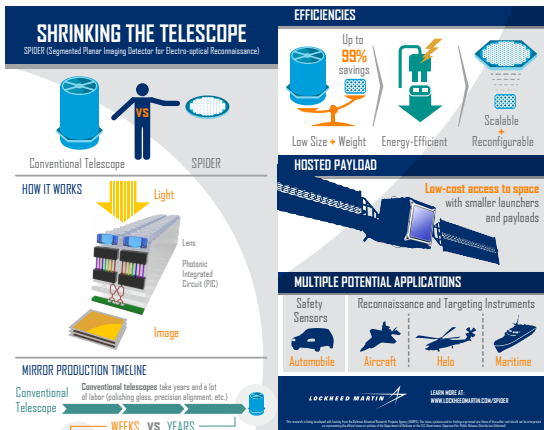


Figure: SPIDER advantages [Credit: Lockheed Martin]

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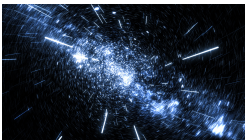
- Unlike traditional optical interferometry, the SPIDER telescope can accurately retrieve both **phase and amplitude** information, making the measurement process analogous to a radio interferometer.
- Accurate interferometric image reconstruction methods from radio astronomy can thus be applied to image SPIDER observations.



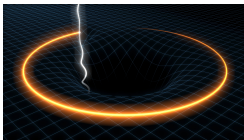
Figure: SPIDER imaging is analogous to astronomical radio interferometry

Next-generation of radio interferometry rapidly approaching

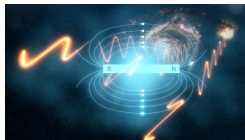
- Next-generation of radio interferometric telescopes will provide **orders of magnitude improvement in sensitivity**.
- Unlock broad range of science goals.



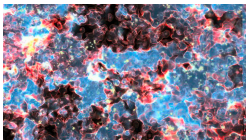
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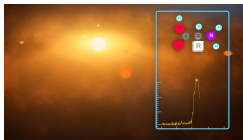
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(c) Cosmic magnetism



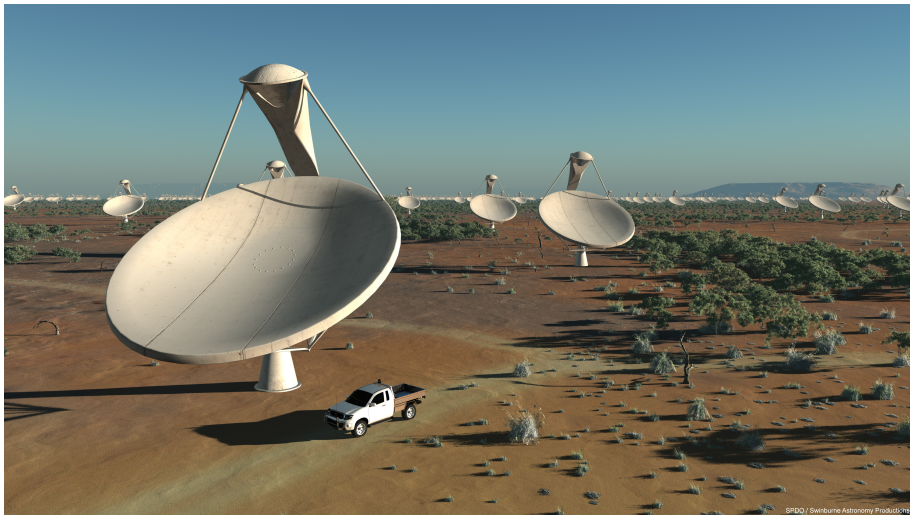
(d) Epoch of reionization



(e) Exoplanets

Figure: SKA science goals. [Credit: SKA Organisation]

Square Kilometre Array (SKA)



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SKA sites

SKA1 MID - the SKA's mid-frequency instrument.

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Frequency range:
350 MHz to
14 GHz



~**200 dishes**
(including 64 MeerKAT dishes)

Total collecting area:
33,000m²

or
126 tennis courts



Maximum distance between dishes:
150km



Total raw data output:
2 terabytes per second
62 exabytes per year

x**340,000**



Enough to fill
340,000 average laptops with content: **every day**

Compared to the JVL, the current best similar instrument in the world:



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Frequency range:
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~**130,000** antennas spread between **500 stations**

Total collecting area:
0.4km²

Maximum distance between stations:
65km



Total raw data output:
157 terabytes per second
4.9 zettabytes per year

Enough to fill up
35,000 DVDs every second

5x the estimated global internet traffic in 2016 (excluding China)



Compared to LOFAR Netherlands, the current best similar instrument in the world:

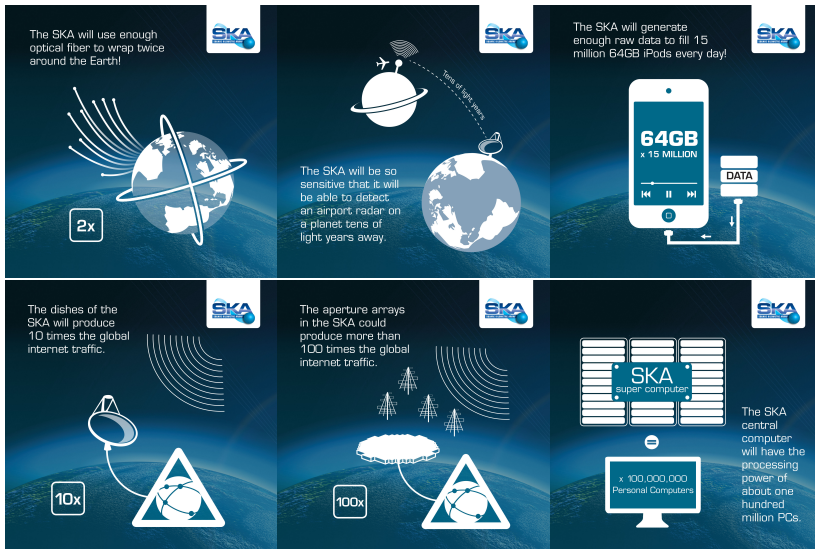


25% better resolution

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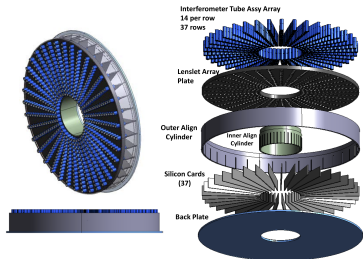



The diagram features a white satellite dish on the left, connected by a white line to a globe on the right. The globe is overlaid with a white network structure consisting of a triangle and a sphere with nodes. To the left of the globe is a white box containing the text '10x'. Above the globe are several white curved lines representing radio waves. The background is a dark blue gradient with a faint image of the Earth's horizon.

Potential to transfer techniques from radio interferometry to SPIDER

Recent advances in radio interferometric imaging could be transferred to SPIDER imaging:

- 1 High-fidelity imaging
- 2 Efficient algorithms and implementations
- 3 Uncertainty quantification
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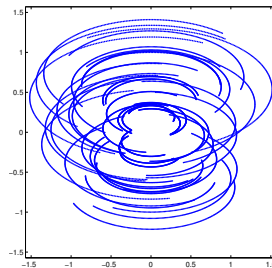
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Radio interferometric telescopes acquire "Fourier" measurements



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Measurements



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with following bases: Dirac (*i.e.* pixel basis); Haar wavelets (promotes gradient sparsity); Daubechies wavelets two to eight \Rightarrow concatenation of 9 bases.

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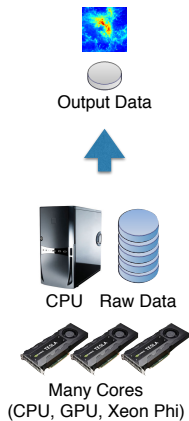
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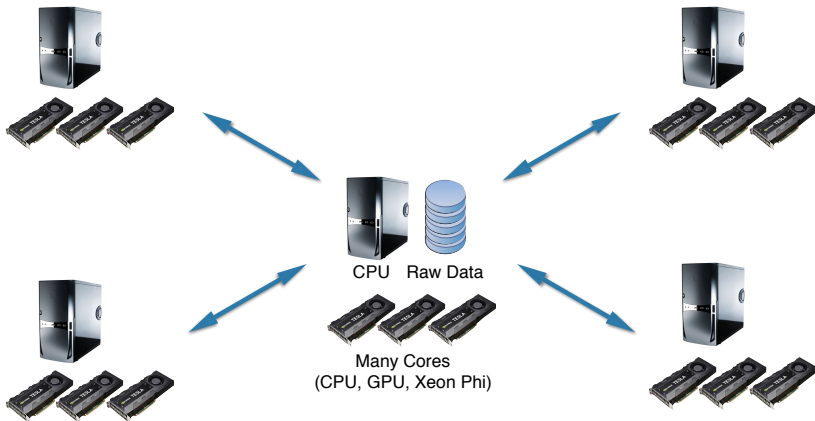
Distributed and parallelised convex optimisation

- Solve resulting convex optimisation problems by proximal splitting.
- **Distributed and parallelised** sparse convex optimization for radio interferometry with PURIFY (Pratley, McEwen, *et al.* 2019; [arXiv:1903.04502](#))
- **Load balancing** for distributed interferometric image reconstruction (Pratley, McEwen 2019; [arXiv:1903.07621](#))
- Image **2 billion visibilities (measurements)** on 50 nodes of HPC cluster.

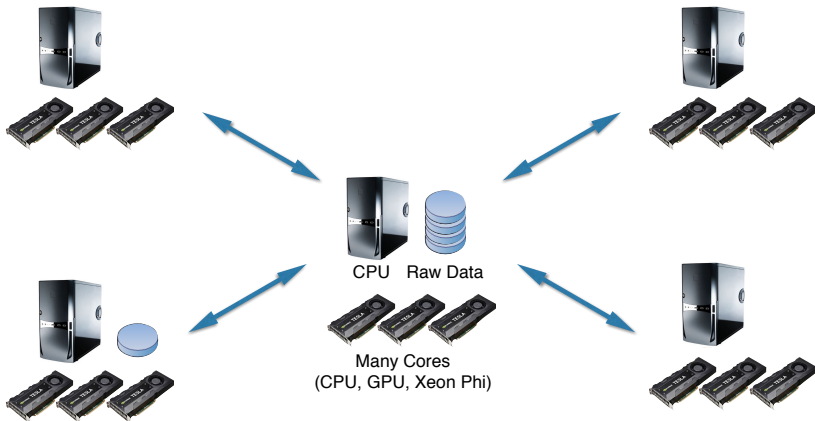
Standard algorithms



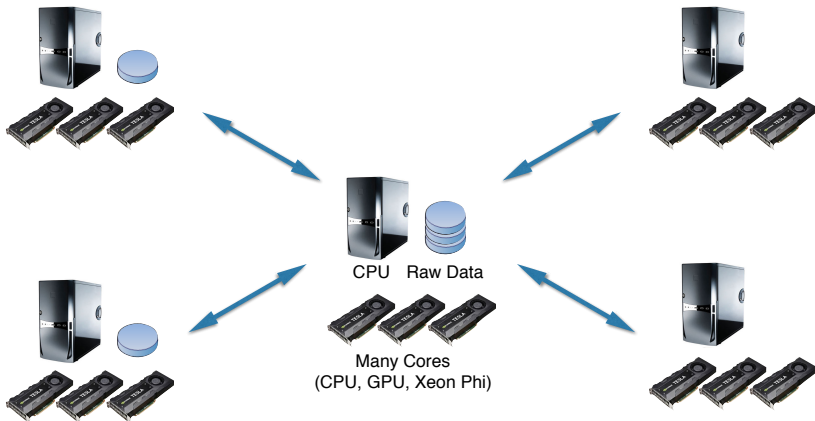
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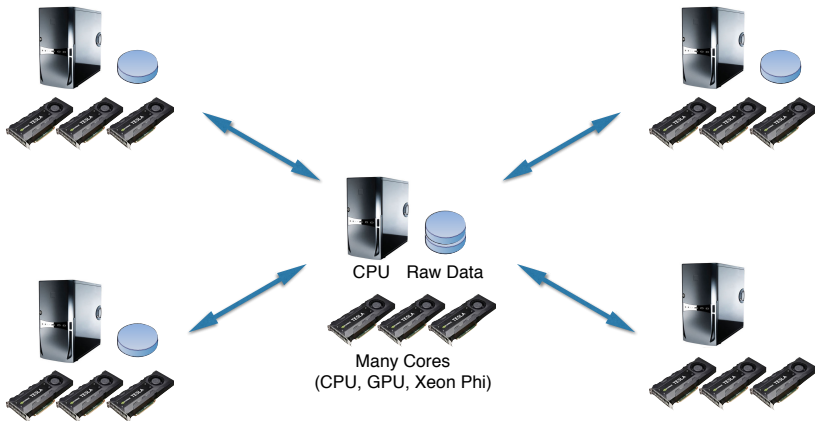
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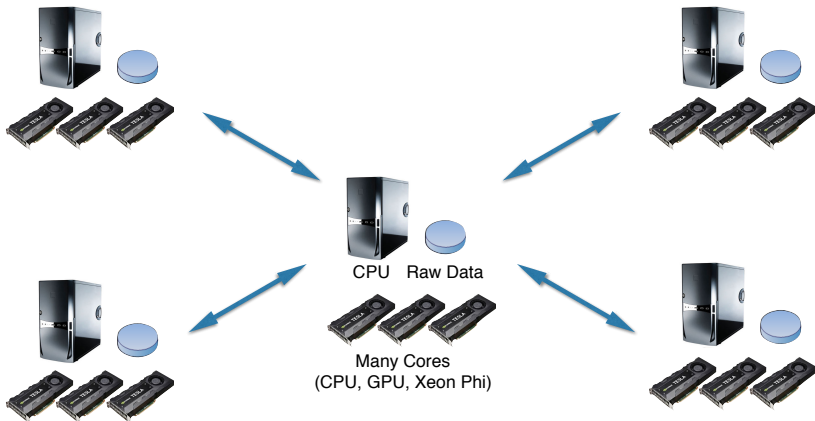
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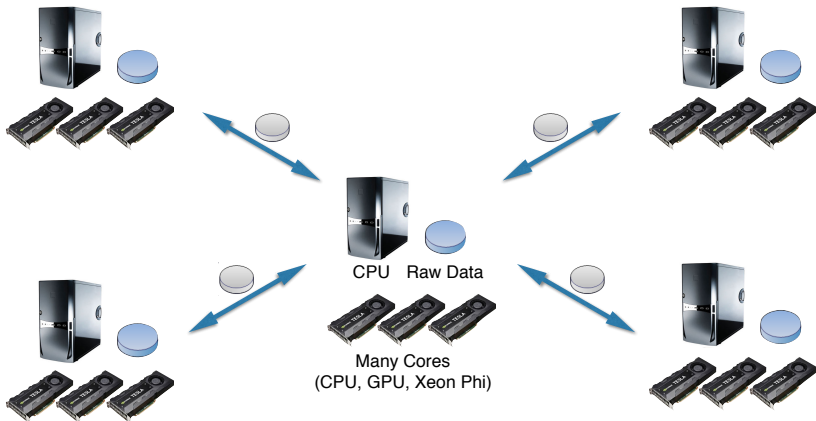
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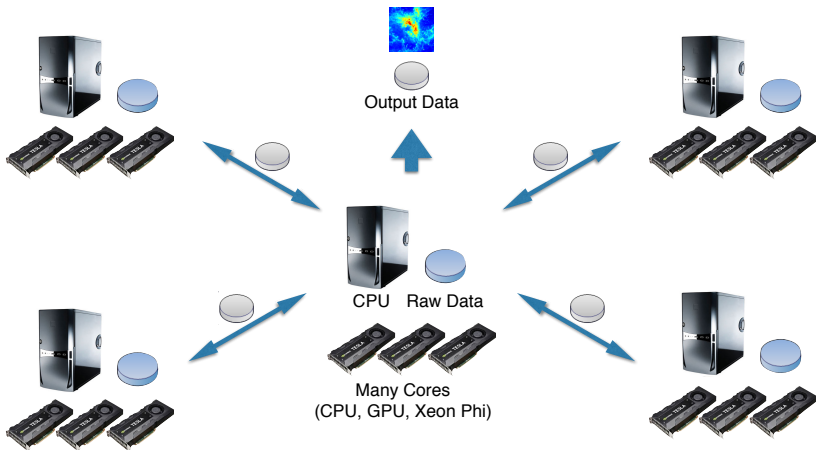
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Public open-source codes

PURIFY code

<http://astro-informatics.github.io/purify/>



Next-generation radio interferometric imaging

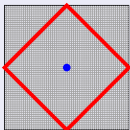
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Sparse OPTimisation

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Imaging observations from the VLA and ATCA with PURIFY



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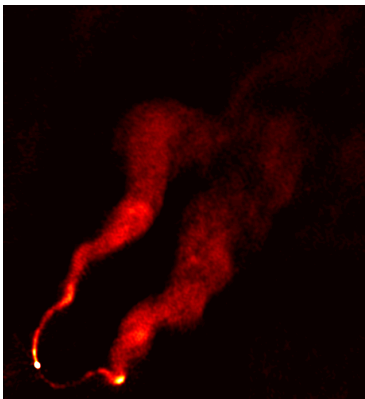


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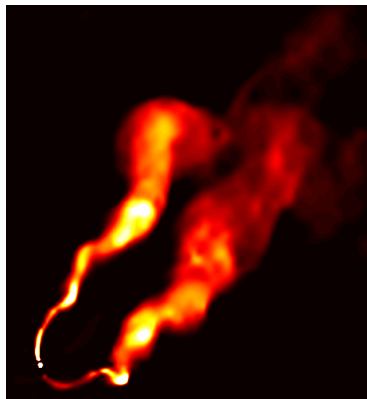
Figure: Radio interferometric telescopes considered

PURIFY reconstruction

VLA observation of 3C129



(a) CLEAN (uniform)



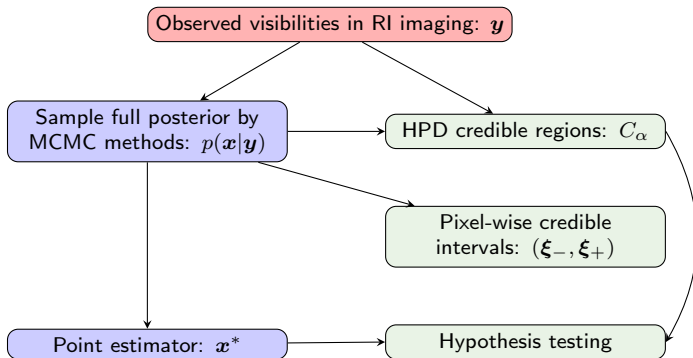
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Figure: 3C129 recovered images (Pratley, McEwen, et al. 2016)

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MCMC sampling and uncertainty quantification



Uncertainty quantification for radio interferometric imaging: I. proximal MCMC methods
(Cai, Pereyra & McEwen 2018a; [arXiv:1711.04818](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.04818))

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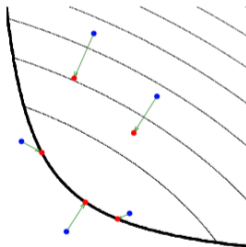


Figure: Illustration of proximity operator [Credit: Parikh & Boyd (2013)]

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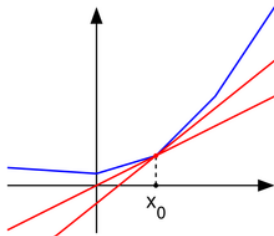


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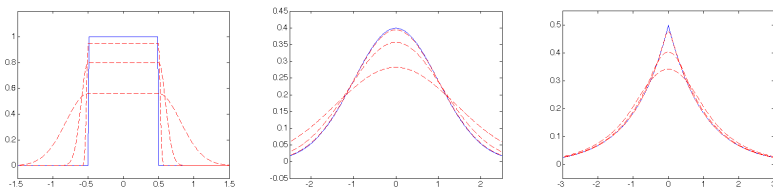


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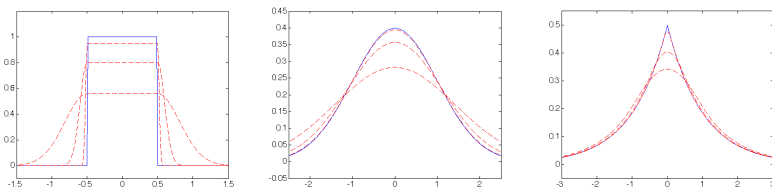


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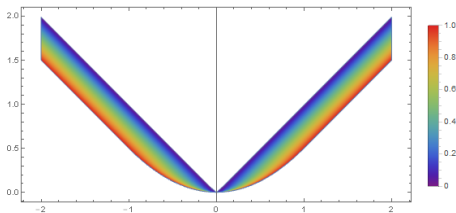


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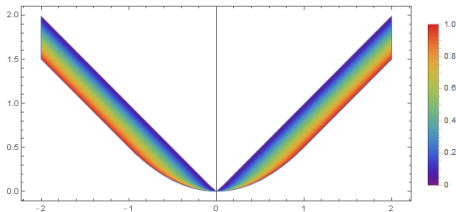


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MYULA

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Moreau-Yosida unadjusted Langevin algorithm (MYULA)

Durmus, Moulines & Pereyra (2016)

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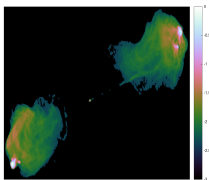
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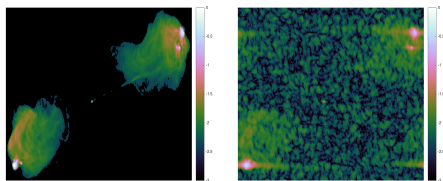


(a) Ground truth

Figure: Cygnus A

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(b) Dirty image

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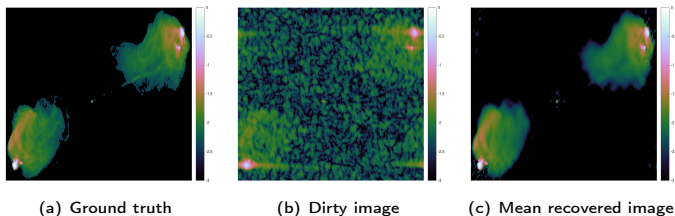


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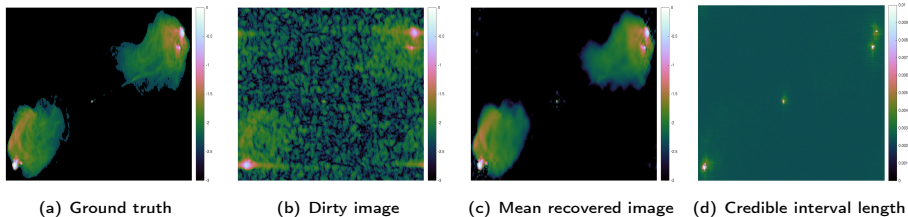


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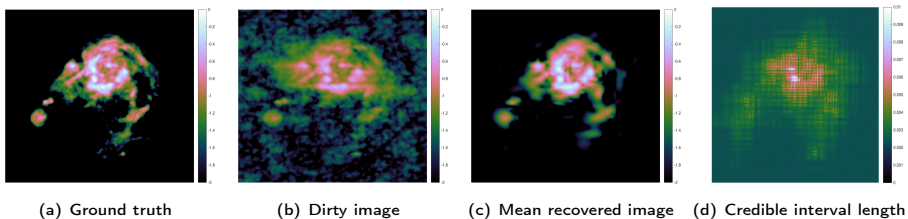


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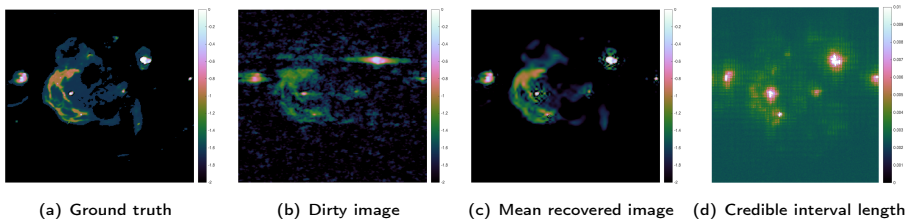


Figure: W28 Supernova remnant

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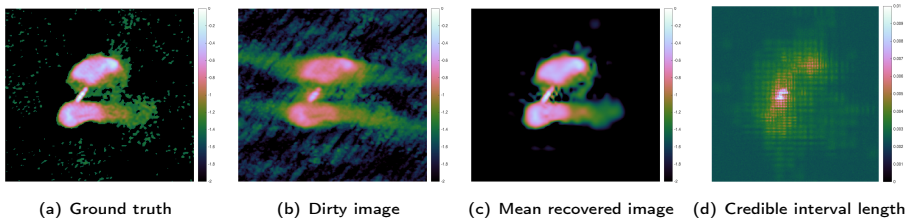


Figure: 3C288

Numerical experiments

Computation time

Table: CPU time in minutes for Proximal MCMC sampling

Image	Method	CPU time (min)	
		Analysis	Synthesis
Cygnus A	P-MALA	2274	1762
	MYULA	1056	942
M31	P-MALA	1307	944
	MYULA	618	581
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3C288	P-MALA	1144	881
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If $\mathbf{x}' \in C_\alpha$, then reject hypothesis that structure is as expected with confidence level $(1 - \alpha)\%$. (e.g. $\alpha = 0.05$)

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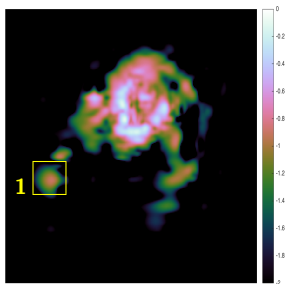
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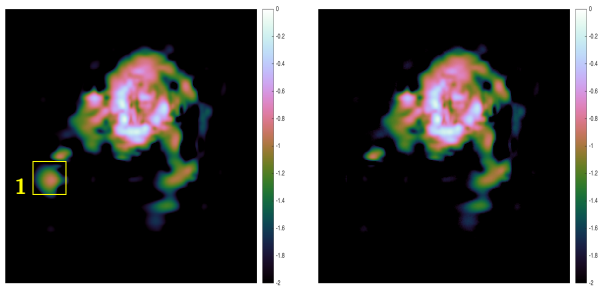


(a) Recovered image

Figure: HII region of M31

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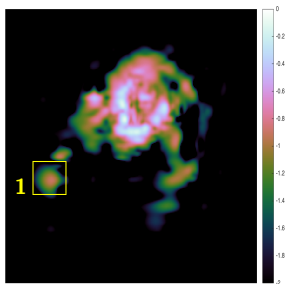
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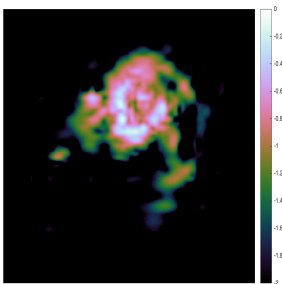
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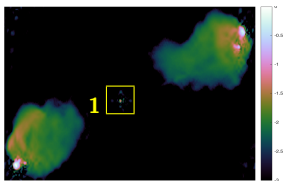
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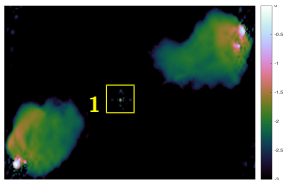


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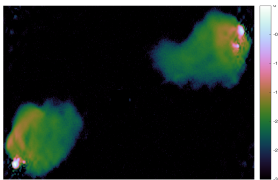
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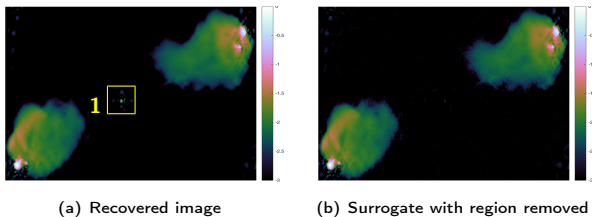
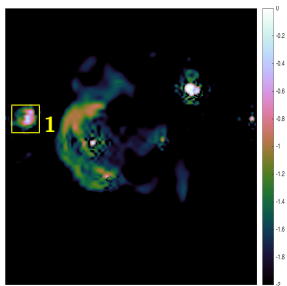


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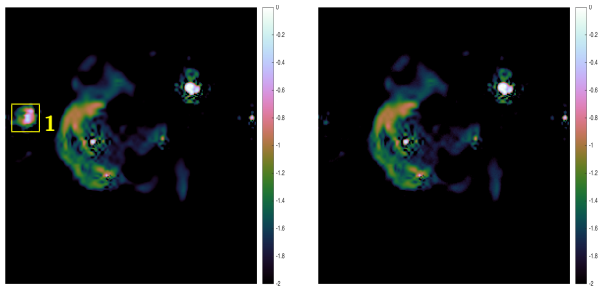


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Figure: Supernova remnant W28

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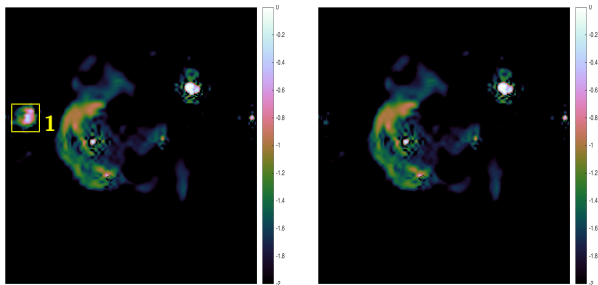
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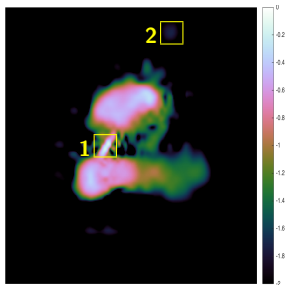
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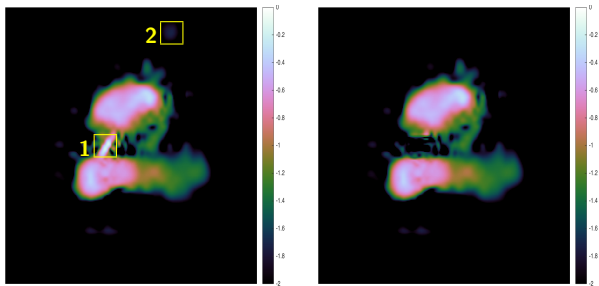


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Figure: 3C288

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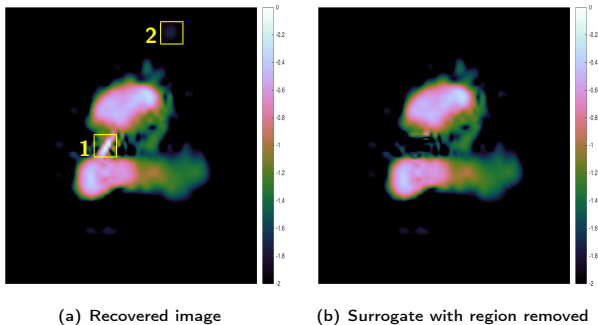
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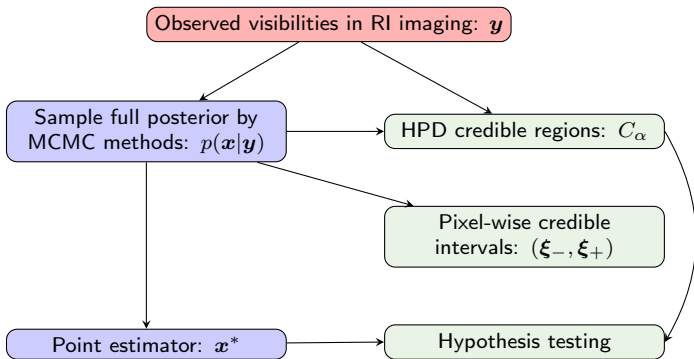
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Outline

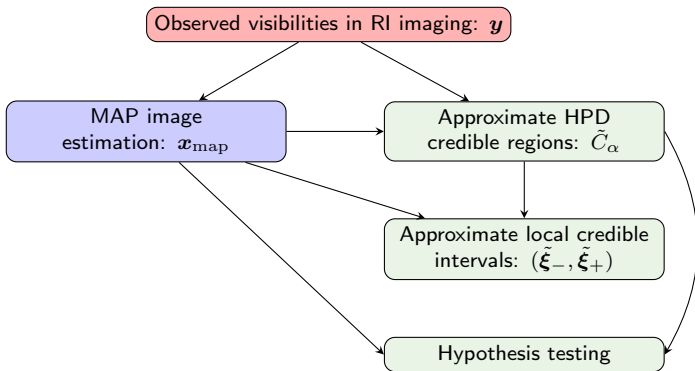
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Proximal MCMC sampling and uncertainty quantification



Uncertainty quantification for radio interferometric imaging: I. proximal MCMC methods (Cai, Pereyra & McEwen 2018a; [arXiv:1711.04818](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.04818))

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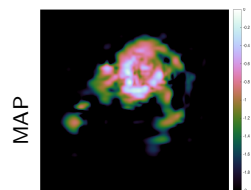
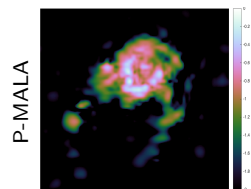
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(a) point estimators

(b) local credible interval
(grid size 10×10 pixels)

(c) local credible interval
(grid size 20×20 pixels)

(d) local credible interval
(grid size 30×30 pixels)

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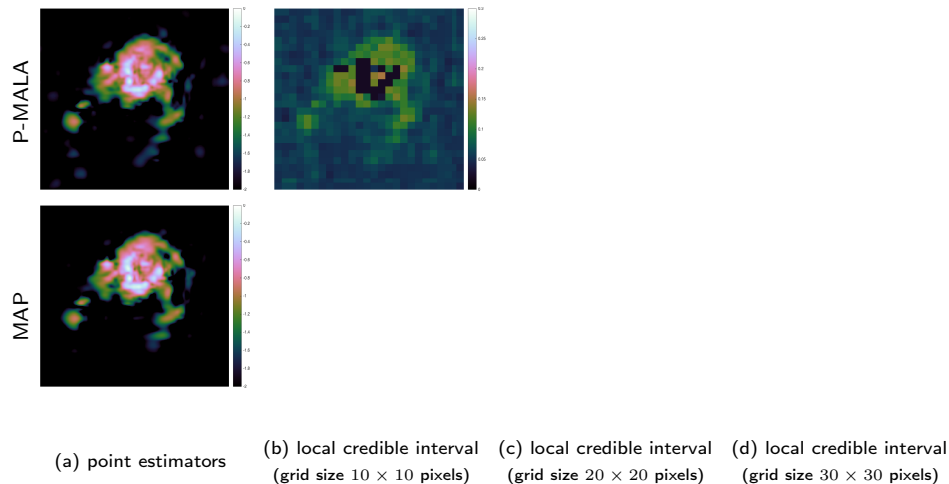


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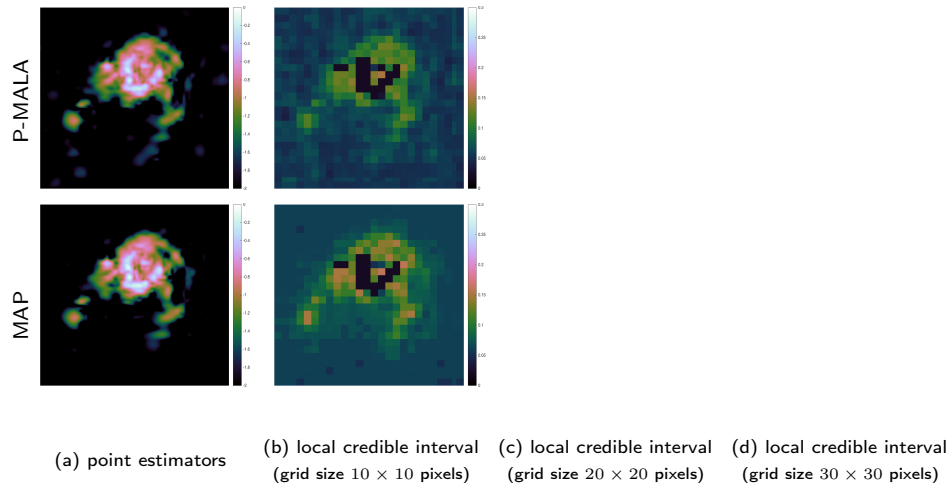


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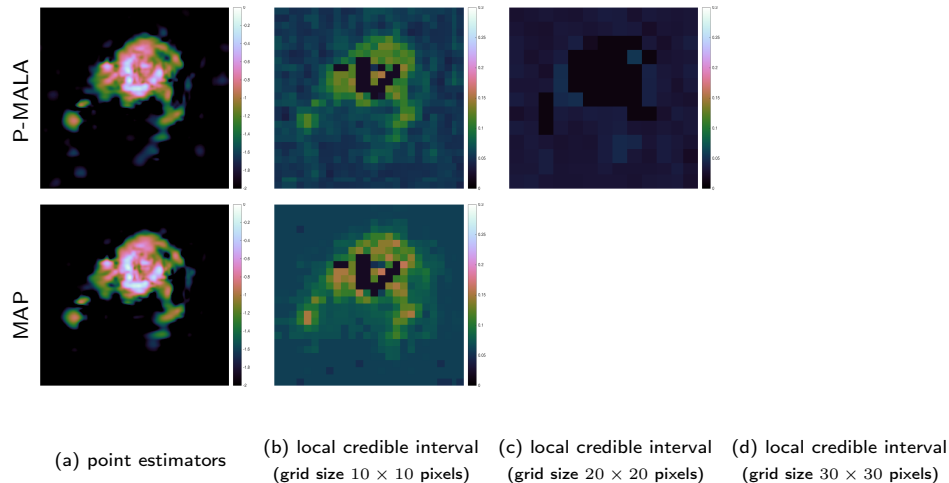


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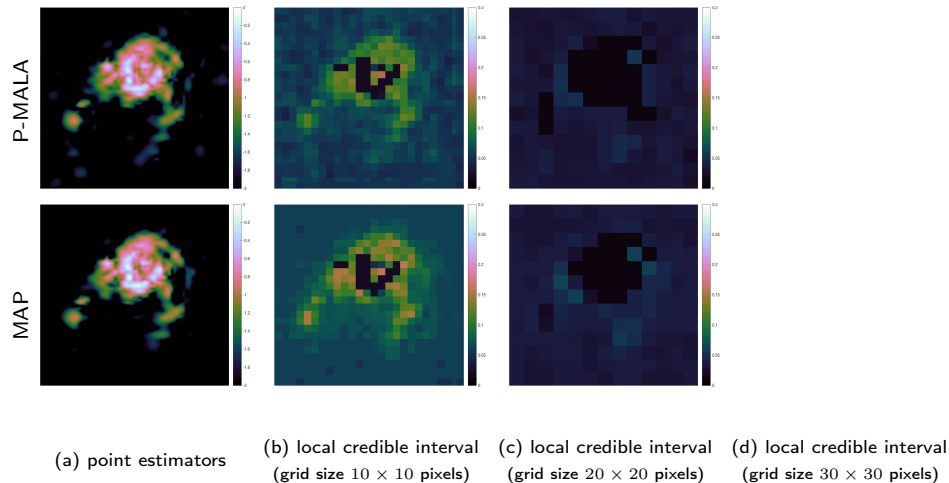
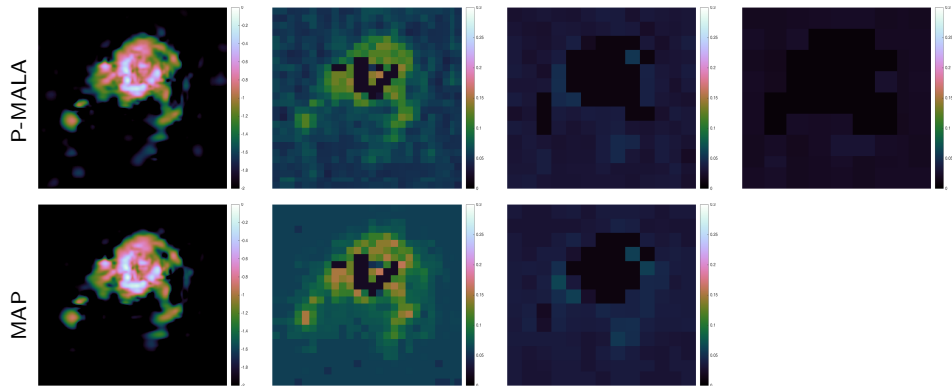


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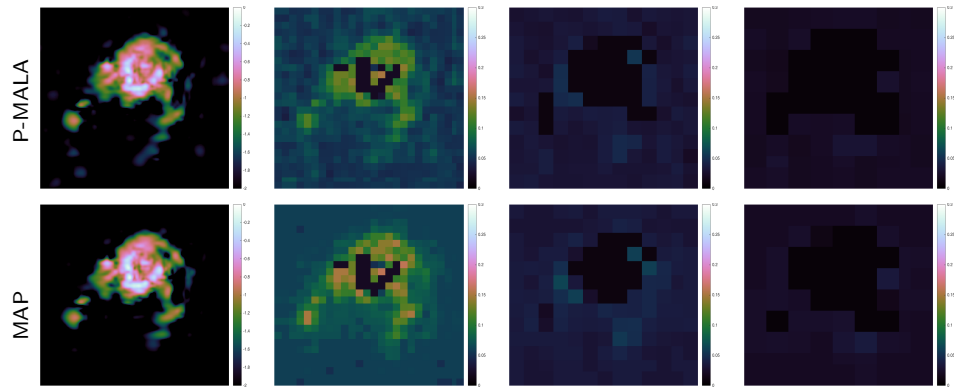
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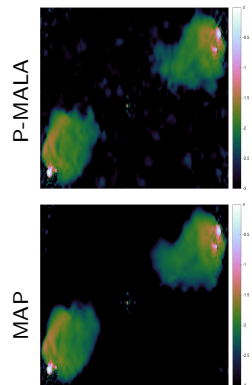
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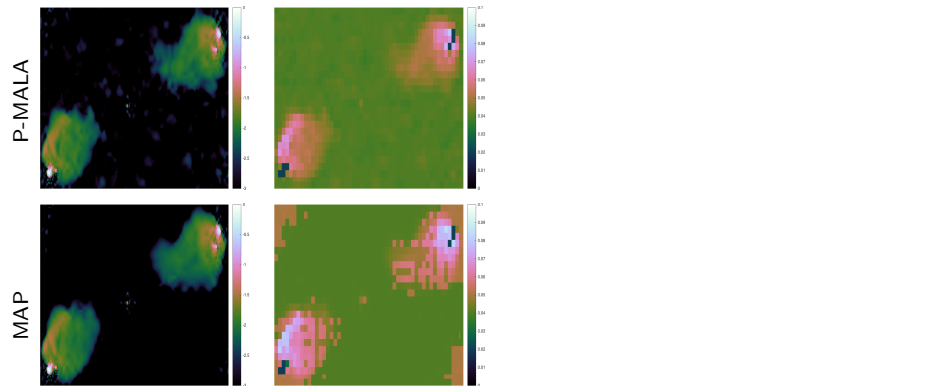
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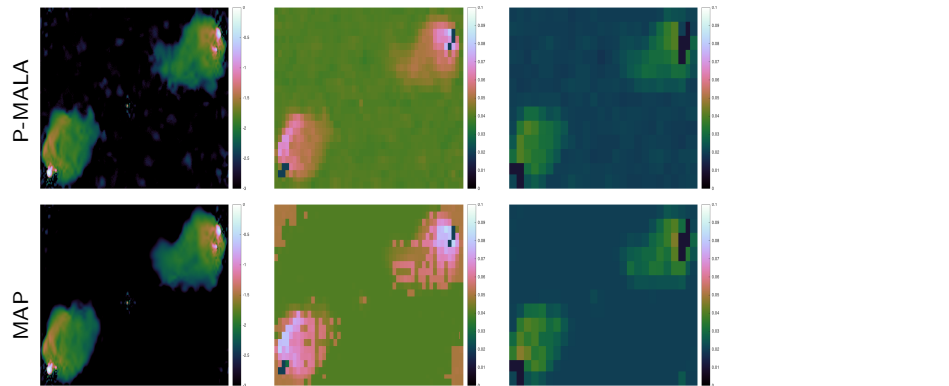
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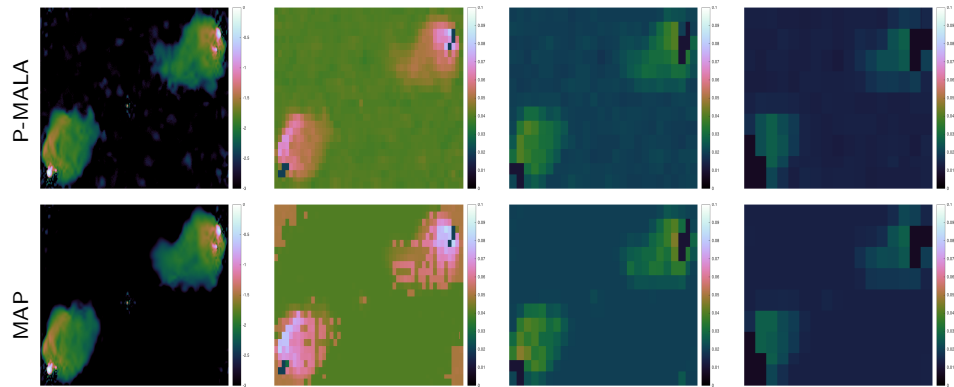
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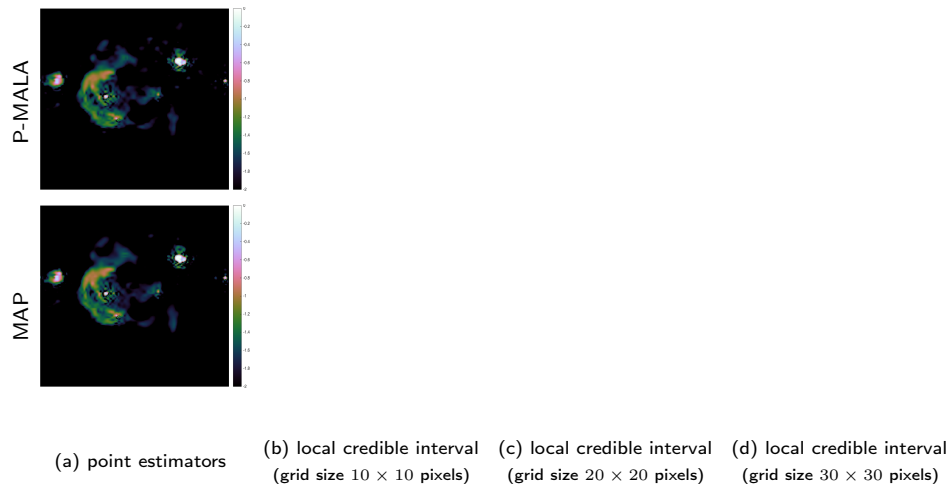


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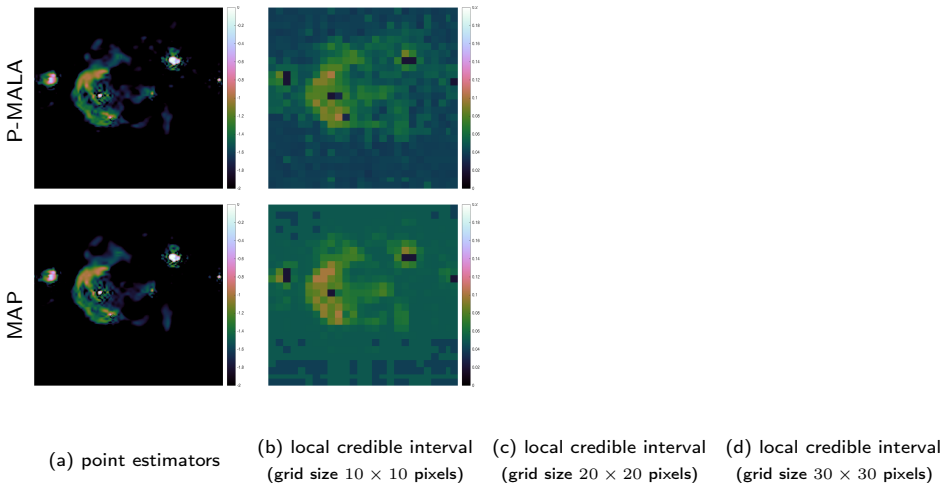
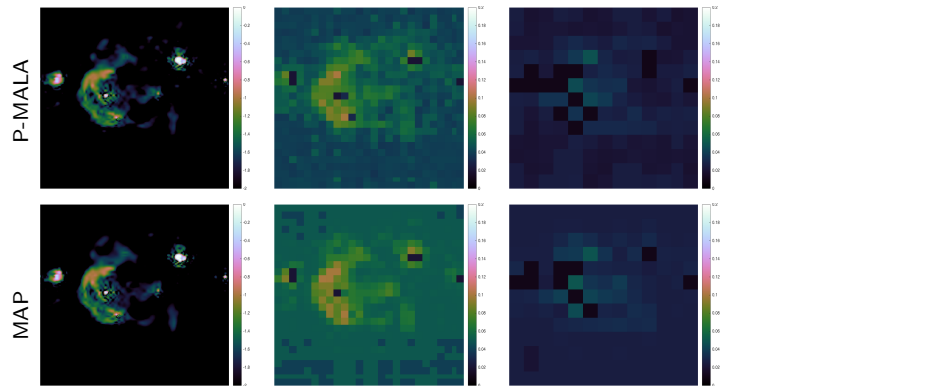


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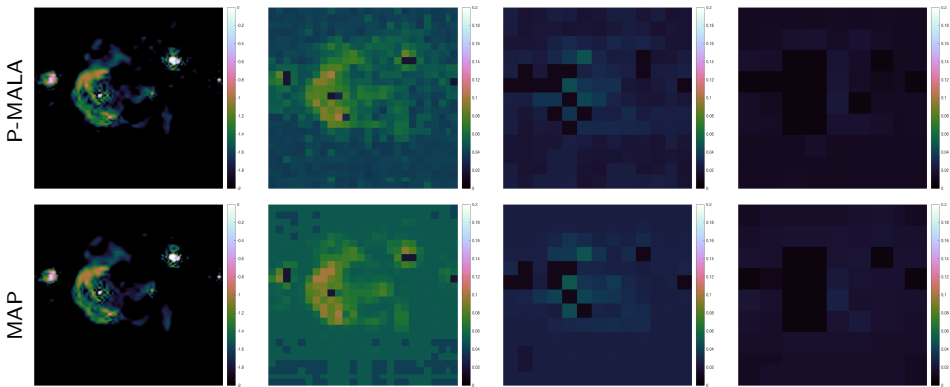
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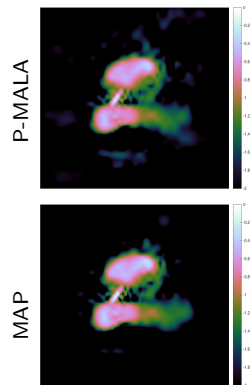
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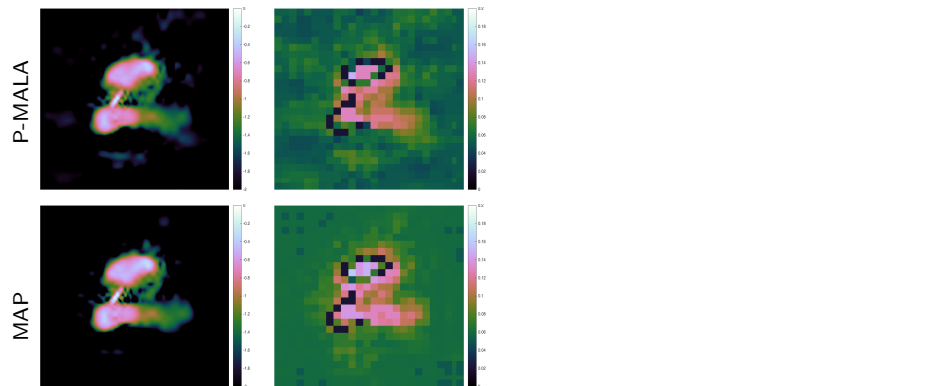
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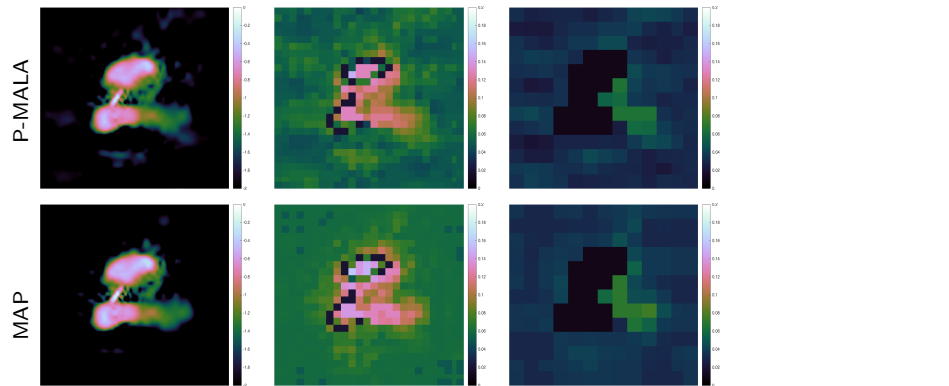
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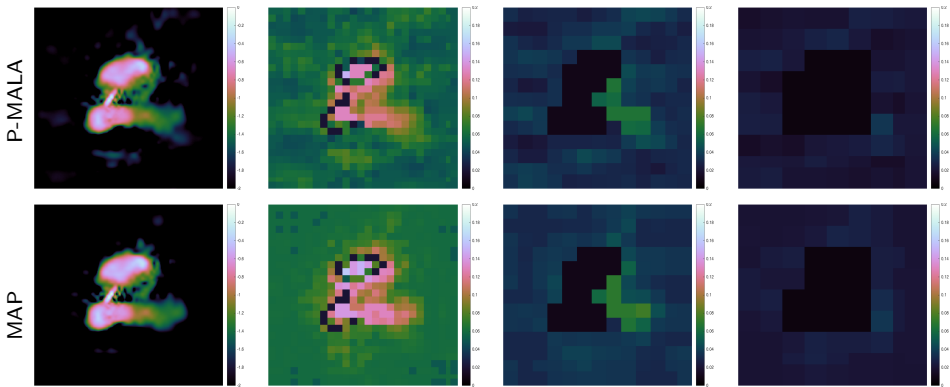
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Table: CPU time in minutes for Proximal MCMC sampling and MAP estimation

Image	Method	CPU time	
		Analysis	Synthesis
Cygnus A	P-MALA	2274	1762
	MYULA	1056	942
	MAP	.07	.04
M31	P-MALA	1307	944
	MYULA	618	581
	MAP	.03	.02
W28	P-MALA	1122	879
	MYULA	646	598
	MAP	.06	.04
3C288	P-MALA	1144	881
	MYULA	607	538
	MAP	.03	.02

Hypothesis testing

Comparison of numerical experiments

Table: Comparison of hypothesis tests for different methods for the analysis model.

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M31	1	✓	P-MALA	✓
			MYULA	✓
			MAP	✓
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			MAP	✓
3C288	1	✓	P-MALA	✓
			MYULA	✓
			MAP	✓
	2	✗	P-MALA	✗
			MYULA	✗
			MAP	✗

(* Can correctly detect physical structure if use median point estimator.)

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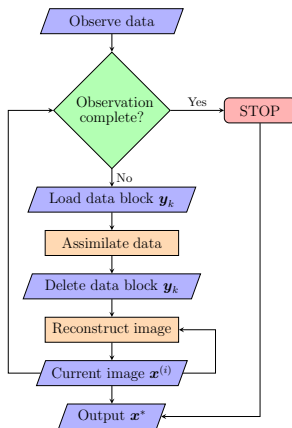


Figure: Online radio interferometric imaging.

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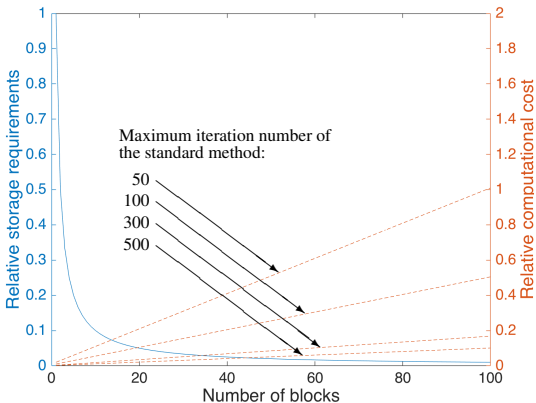


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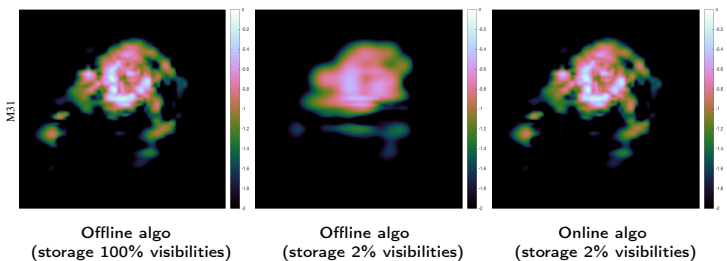


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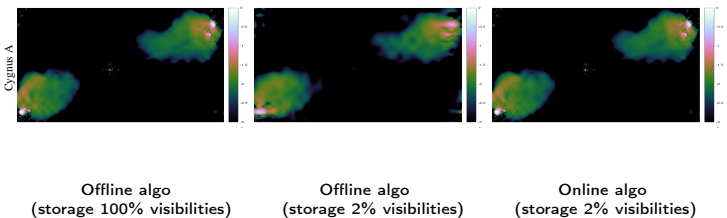


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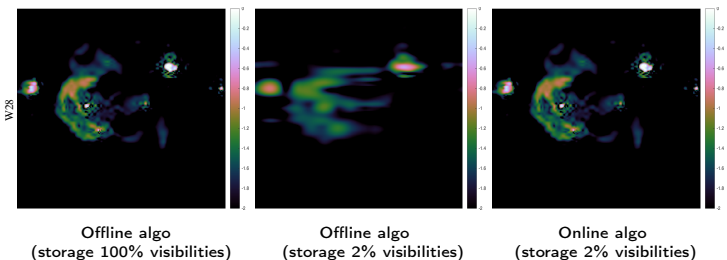


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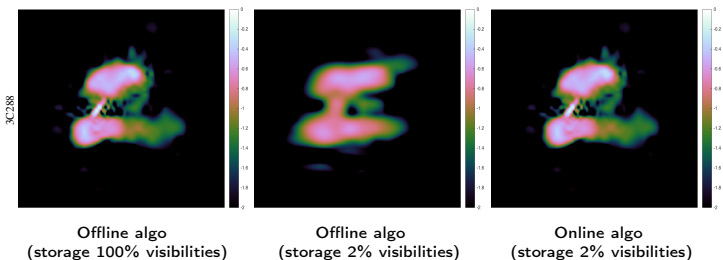


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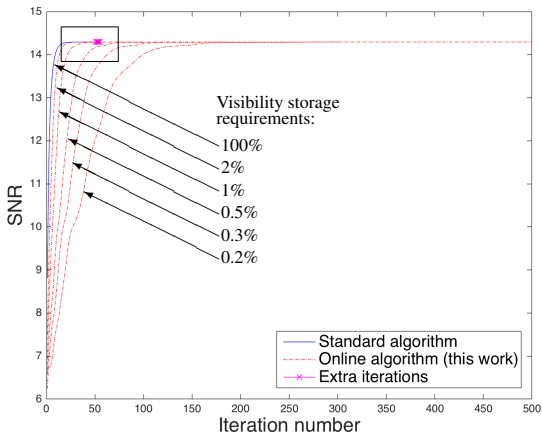


Figure: SNR vs iteration number for M31.

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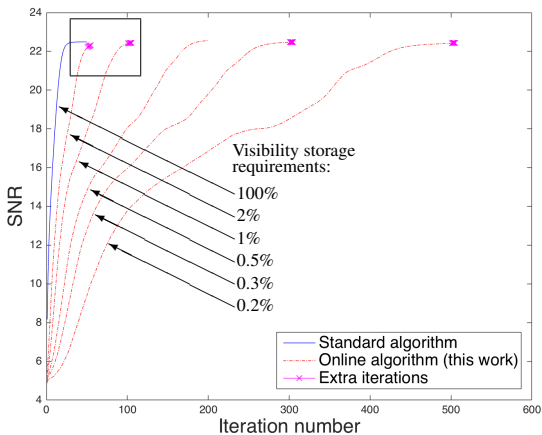


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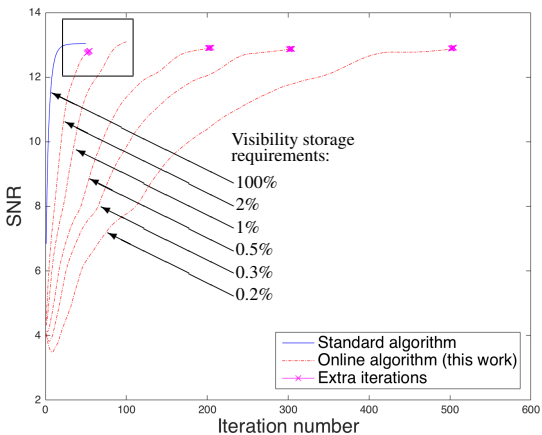


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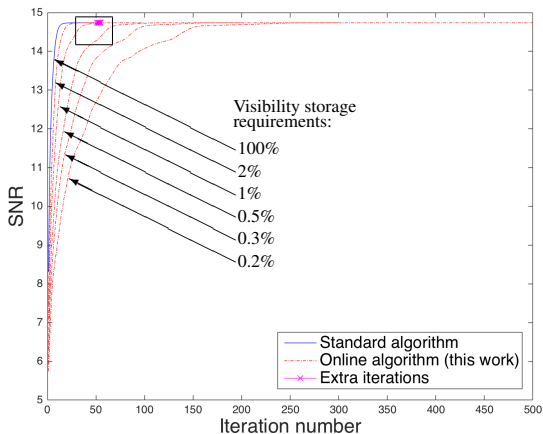


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