

# Cosmic Ray Data Processing

## Formats & Tools

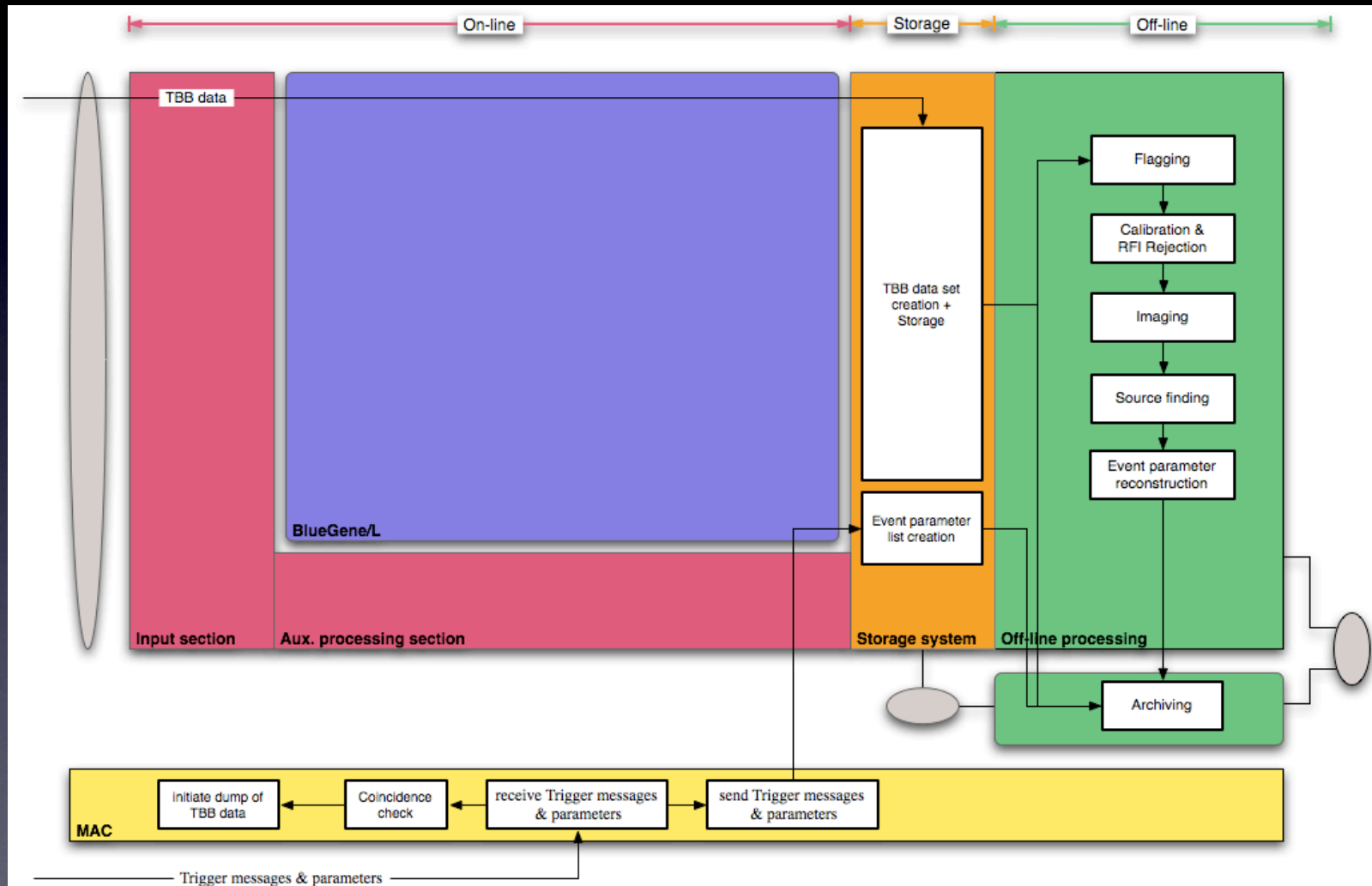
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# Outline

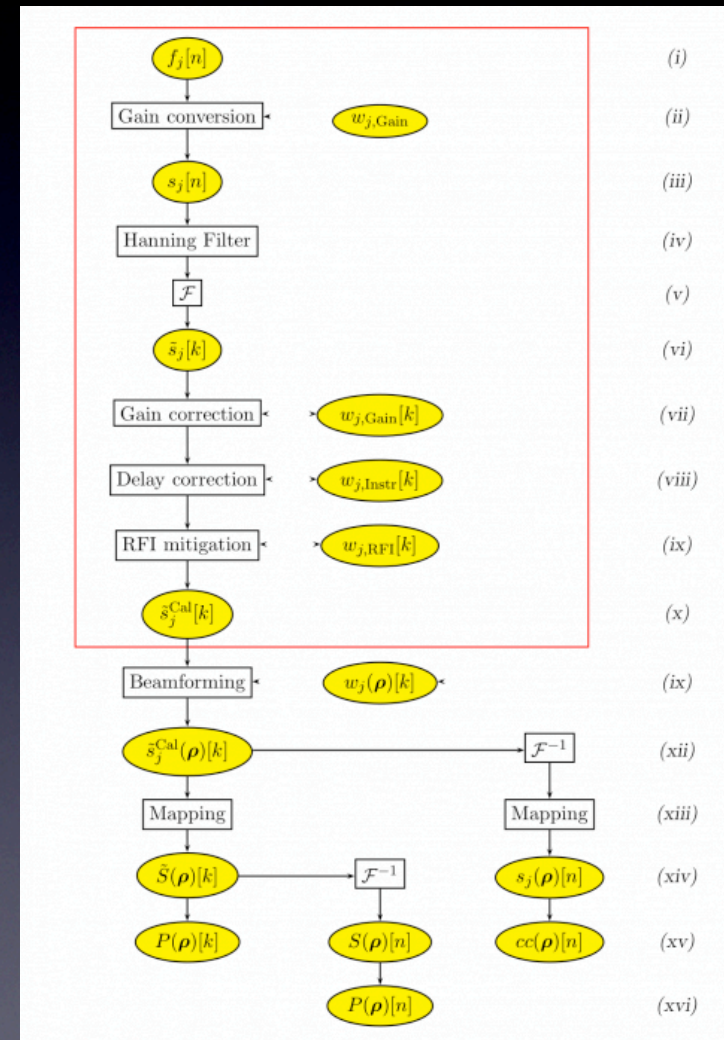
- CR pipeline: Layout & Data
- Input data
- Data products
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# CR pipeline: Processing locations



# CR pipeline: Layout

- Fourier transforming the data to the frequency domain
- Correction of instrumental delays from the TV-transmitter
- Frequency dependent gain correction
- Suppression of narrow band RFI
- Flagging of antennas with high noise
- Correction of trigger delay
- Beam-forming in the direction of the air shower
- Quantification of peak parameters
- Optimizing the radius of curvature
- Identification of good events



# CR pipeline: Data

- Inputs:

- Time-series data of the individual dipoles
- Station calibration information
- System health information
- Reception pattern of the individual dipoles

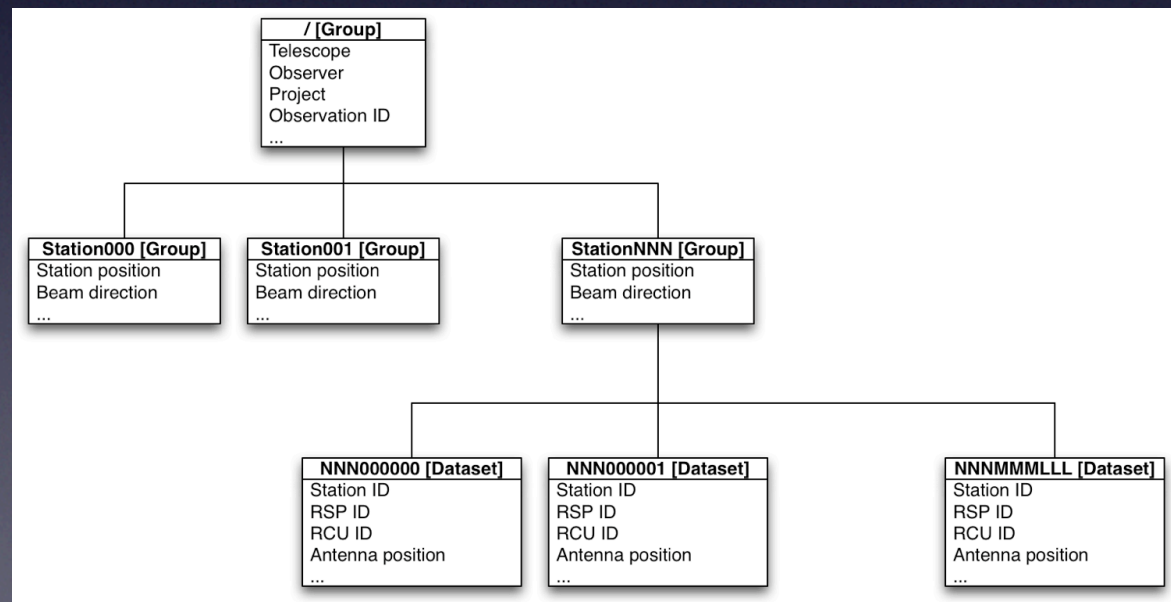
- Outputs:

- Multi-dimensional images (near-field, full time-resolution)
- Event-list with reconstructed physical parameters of the shower (position, pulse height, electric field strength, etc.)

| Mode    | Type       | Events           | Rates       |            | Space     |        |      |
|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------|------|
|         |            |                  | DAQ         | Archive    | temp.     | perm.  |      |
| UHEP    | RAW        | 1/10 min         | 806 GB/day  | 806 GB/day | 24 TB     | ~1 TB  |      |
|         | cubes      |                  |             | <10 GB/day | <10 TB    | <10 TB |      |
|         | event list |                  |             | < 1 GB/day | <1 TB     | <1 TB  |      |
| VHECR   | RAW        | 1/10 min/station | 7400 GB/day | 542 GB/day | 386 TB    | 285 TB |      |
|         | cubes      |                  |             | <1 GB/day  | 1 TB      | 1 TB   |      |
|         | event list |                  |             | < 1 GB/day | <1 TB     | <1 TB  |      |
| HECR    | RAW        | 1/10 min/station | 542 GB/day  | 542 GB/day | 386 TB    | 9 TB   |      |
|         | cubes      |                  |             | < 1 GB/day | 1 TB      | 1 TB   |      |
|         | event list |                  |             | < 1 GB/day | <1 TB     | <1 TB  |      |
| TS mode | RAW        | > 20/day         | 118 TB/day  | 10 TB/day  | 600 TB    | 600 TB |      |
| TOTAL   |            |                  |             | 118 TB/day | 10 TB/day | 1 PB   | 1 PB |

# Input data

- Time-series = digitized waveform received by an individual dipole
- System-internal data-format converted through DAL to HDF5 dataset
- Representation of system-hierarchy within structure of dataset
  - Format definition available (ICD)
  - Higher-level interface through set of C++ classes
  - Python bindings under development (pydal)



# Input data

- Off-the-shelf tools can be used for basic inspection of datasets

The screenshot displays the HDFView application interface. The main window shows a file tree for 'rw\_20071024\_090656.h5' with a sub-group 'Station01' containing five data files. A 'Properties' dialog box is open, showing the 'General' tab for the selected file '/Station001/001000001'. The dialog lists 16 attributes with their names, values, types, and array sizes. Below the main window, a 'Station001' metadata block is visible, providing details such as group size, number of attributes, and various observation parameters.

| Name                      | Value         | Type                    | Array Size |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| STATION_ID                | 1             | 32-bit unsigned integer | 1          |
| RSP_ID                    | 0             | 32-bit unsigned integer | 1          |
| RCU_ID                    | 1             | 32-bit unsigned integer | 1          |
| TIME                      | 1193216816    | 32-bit unsigned integer | 1          |
| SAMPLE_NUMBER             | 182880256     | 32-bit unsigned integer | 1          |
| SAMPLES_PER_FRAME         | 1024          | 32-bit unsigned integer | 1          |
| ANTENNA_POSITION_VALUE    | 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 | 64-bit floating-point   | 3          |
| ANTENNA_POSITION_UNIT     | m, m, m       | String, length = 4      | 3          |
| ANTENNA_POSITION_FRAME    | ITRF          | String, length = 4      | 1          |
| ANTENNA_ORIENTATION_VALUE | 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 | 64-bit floating-point   | 3          |
| ANTENNA_ORIENTATION_UNIT  | m, m, m       | String, length = 4      | 3          |
| ANTENNA_ORIENTATION_FRAME | ITRF          | String, length = 4      | 1          |
| FEED                      | UNDEFINED     | String, length = 4      | 1          |
| NYQUIST_ZONE              | 1             | 32-bit unsigned integer | 1          |
| SAMPLE_FREQUENCY_VALUE    | 200.0         | 64-bit floating-point   | 1          |
| SAMPLE_FREQUENCY_UNIT     | MHz           | String, length = 4      | 1          |

Station001  
Group size = 5  
Number of attributes = 10  
OBSERVATION\_MODE = Transient  
STATION\_POSITION\_VALUE = 0.0,0.0,0.0  
STATION\_POSITION\_UNIT = m,m,m  
STATION\_POSITION\_FRAME = ITRF  
BEAM\_DIRECTION\_VALUE = 0.0,90.0  
BEAM\_DIRECTION\_UNIT = deg,deg  
BEAM\_DIRECTION\_FRAME = AZEL  
TRIGGER\_TYPE = UNDEFINED  
TRIGGER\_OFFSET = 0.0  
TRIGGER\_ANTENNAS = 0

# Input data: Access through DAL

- For C++ programmers: set of classes encapsulating the hierarchical organization of the data
  - TBB\_Timeseries
  - TBB\_StationGroup
  - TBB\_DipoleDataset
- Access to:
  - Metadata
    - Observation info
    - Station/antenna positions
  - Raw antenna data
- For Python programmers:
  - access methods part of pydal

```
TBB_Timeseries ts (filename);

assert (nofFailedTests==0);

cout << "[1] Retrieve attributes attached to the root group ..." << endl;
try {
    std::string telescope      = ts.telescope();
    std::string observer       = ts.observer();
    std::string project        = ts.project();
    std::string observation_id  = ts.observation_id();
    std::string observation_mode = ts.observation_mode();
    //
    cout << "-- TELESCOPE ..... = " << telescope      << endl;
    cout << "-- OBSERVER ..... = " << observer       << endl;
    cout << "-- PROJECT ..... = " << project        << endl;
    cout << "-- OBSERVATION_ID = " << observation_id  << endl;
    cout << "-- OBSERVATION_MODE = " << observation_mode << endl;
} catch (std::string message) {
    cerr << message << endl;
    nofFailedTests++;
}
```

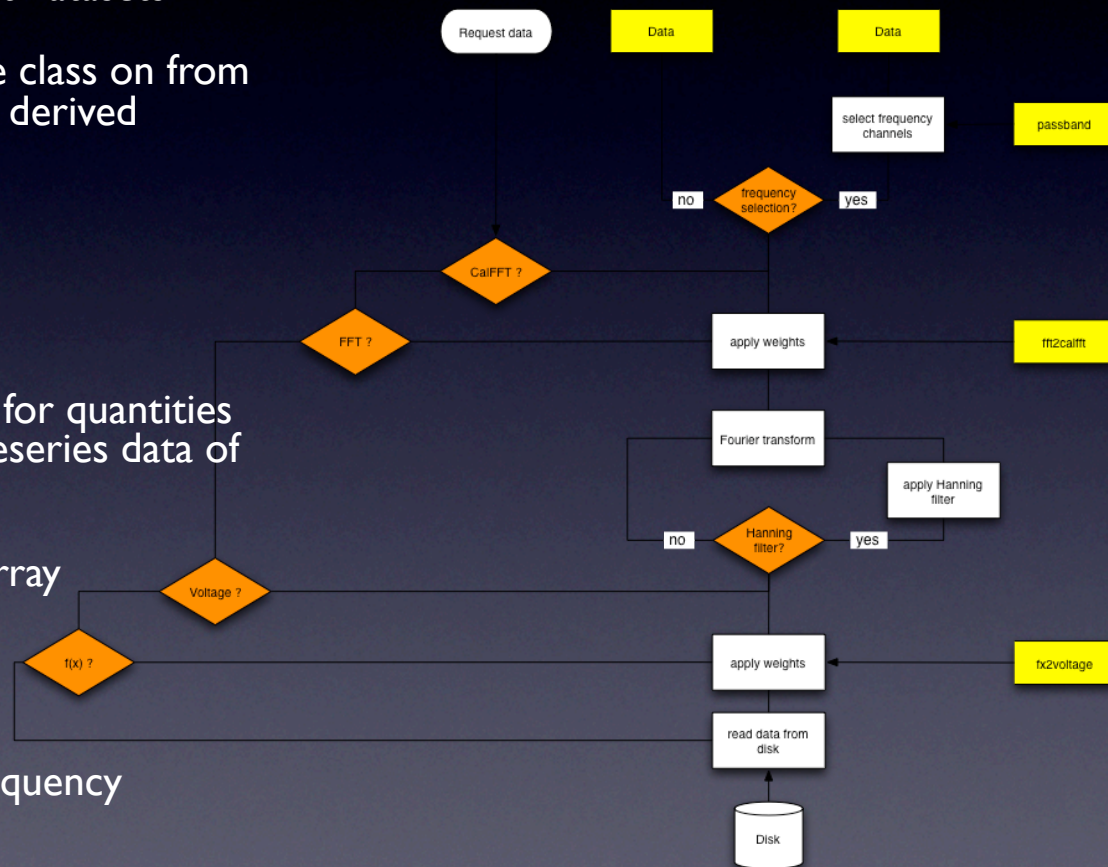
```
int start          = 0;
int nofSamples     = 1024;
TBB_Timeseries timeseries (filename);

try {
    casa::Matrix<double> data = timeseries.fx (start,
                                              nofSamples);
    // feedback
    cout << "-- Data start      = " << start          << endl;
    cout << "-- Data blocksize = " << nofSamples     << endl;
    cout << "-- Data array      = " << data.shape() << endl;
    cout << "-- Data [0, ]       = " << data.row(0) << endl;
    cout << "-- Data [1, ]       = " << data.row(1) << endl;
} catch (std::string message) {
    std::cerr << message << endl;
    nofFailedTests++;
}
```



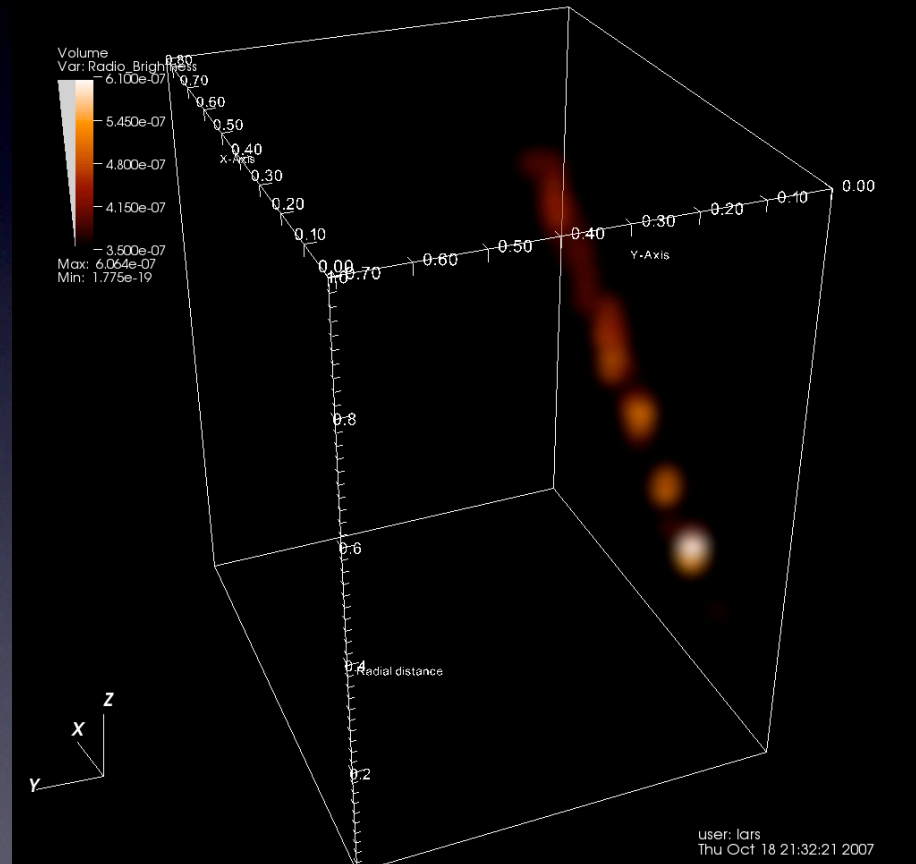
# DataReader

- Abstraction layer to hide details for dealing with different input datasets
- C++ implementation: base class on from which all special cases are derived
  - LOPES
  - ITS
  - LOFAR
- Hard-coded mini-pipeline for quantities derived from the raw timeseries data of individual antennas
- Conversion/Calibration: array multiplication
  - value per antenna
  - value per antenna & frequency

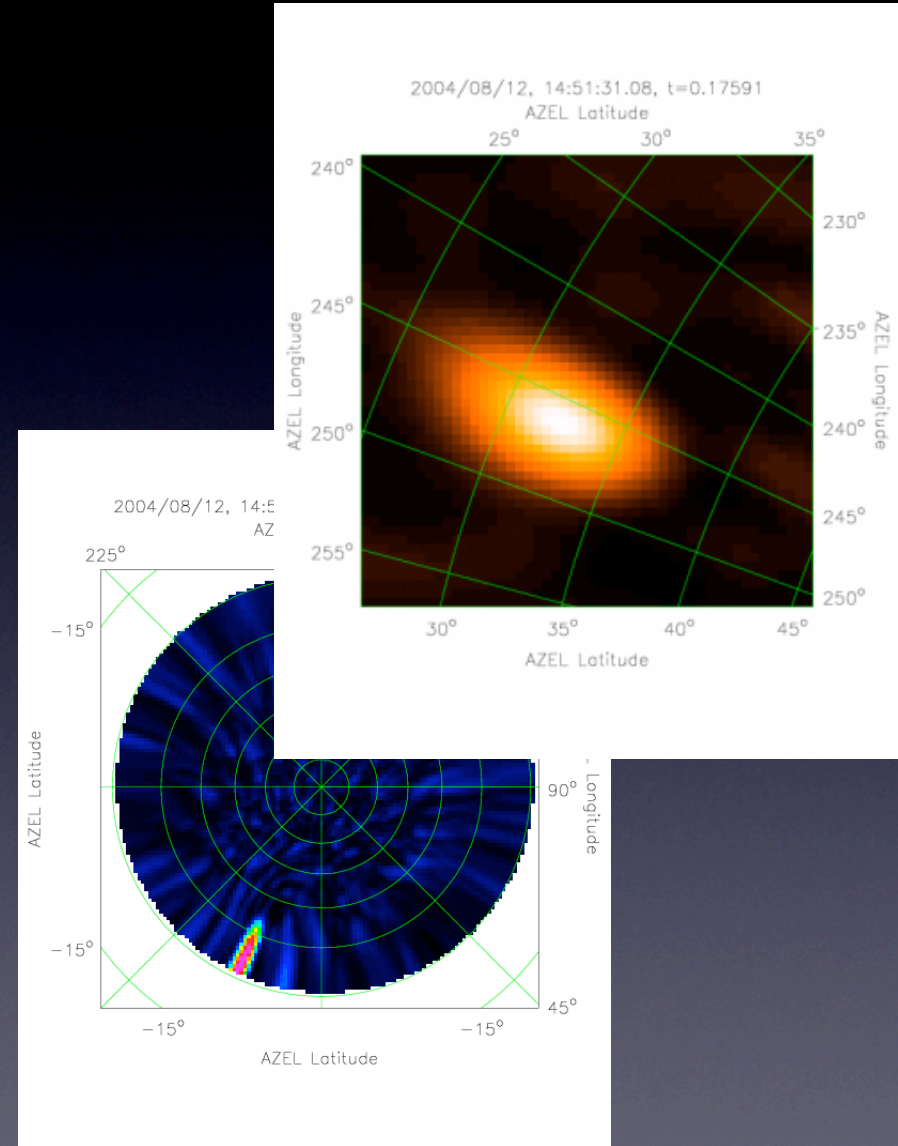
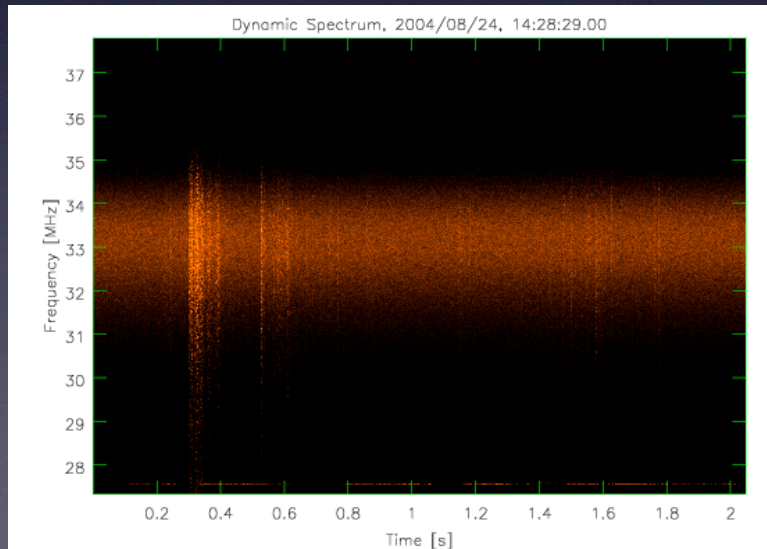
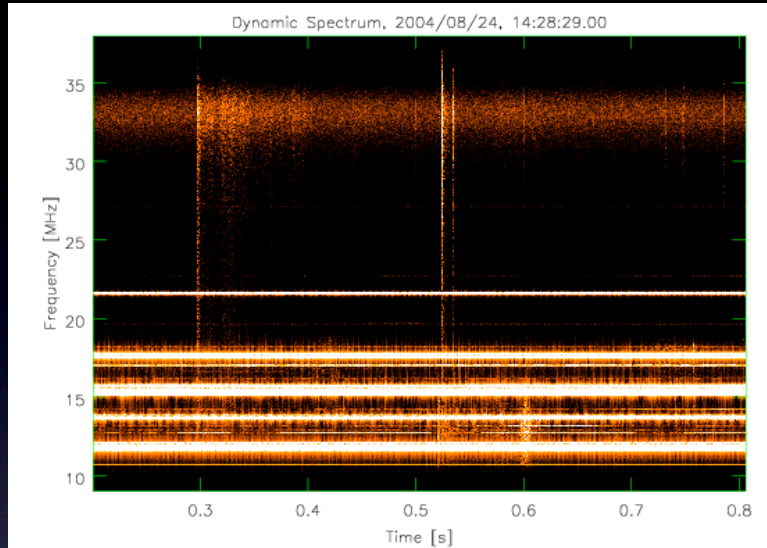


# CR near-field imager

- Imaging not based on visibility data
- CR pulse too short to allow integration of antenna signal
- Required calibration/corrections per individual dipole
- Near-field imaging at full time-resolution not part of standard imaging pipeline
- Implementation of various types of beam
  - adding beam
  - CC beam
  - X Beam
- Image hyper-cube of  $\geq 5$  dimensions
$$I = I(\rho, t, \nu, \mathbf{p}) = I(\rho(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3), t, \nu, \mathbf{p})$$
- Distributed version required to handle dumbs of all TBBs within the LOFAR array



# Near-field imaging



# CR-Tools: Overview

- LOPES-Tools (I) [earlier than mid-2004]
  - written for the LOPES (LOFAR Prototype Station) experiment located at the FZ Karlsruhe
  - based on AIPS++, mostly written in Glish scripting language - little C code
  - hand-written Makefiles
- LOPES-Tools (II) [2004]
  - introduction of C++
- LOPES-Tools (III) [2004-2007]
  - embedding into AIPS++ build environment as site package
- CR-Tools [fall 2007]
  - reorganization of modules with C/C++ code
  - transition to configuration/build system employed by the USG: CMake
  - source code moved to USG repository
  - start replacing Glish by Python
  - new graphical user interface under development (Qt, PyQt)

# CR-Tools: Installation

- All the source code available through the USG repository

```
svn co http://usg.lofar.org/svn/code/trunk lofarsoft
```

- Configuration and build through build script using CMake

```
cd build; ./build.sh cr
```

```
[-- The C compiler identification is GNU
-- The CXX compiler identification is GNU
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc -- works
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info - done
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++ -- works
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info - done
-- [USG CMake configuration]
-- Hostname = yavanna
-- USG_ROOT = /Users/lars/Code/lofar/usg
-- USG_INSTALL_PREFIX = /Users/lars/Code/lofar/usg/release
-- CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX = /Users/lars/Code/lofar/usg/release
-- CMAKE_FIND_LIBRARY_PREFIXES = lib
-- CMAKE_FIND_LIBRARY_SUFFIXES = .dylib;.so;.a
```

```
lofarsoft
|-- data
|-- doc
|-- release
|-- build
|-- devel_common
|   |-- cmake
|   |-- scripts
|   |-- templates
|-- external
|   |-- casacore
|   |-- hdf5
|   |-- wcslib
|-- src
|   |-- contrib
|   |-- CR-Tools
|   |-- DAL
|   |-- pybdsm
```

- Built components: Library, test programs, application executables
- Tested platforms: Mac OS X 10.4/10.5, Debian GNU Linux, SuSE Linux, Kubuntu

# CR-Tools: Documentation

- C/C++ API Doxygen documentation:

<http://usg.lobar.org/doxygen>

- Instructions/Examples on the USG Wiki

**Detailed Description**

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**Test:**  
`!Skymapper.cc` -- Basic testing of the `Skymapper` class

**Prerequisite**

- `casacore` Coordinates module
- `casacore` Images module
- `Beamformer`
- `ObservationData`
- `SkymapCoordinate`
- `SkymapQuantity`
- `SkymapperTools`

**Synopsis**

The bulk of the internal parameters and settings are stored within two embedded objects of type `SkymapCoordinate`.

- Since almost all of the parameters required by the emedded `Beamformer` object can be derived from the als interface is provided to the outside world:
  - `Skymapper::beamformer` -- retrieve the embedded `Beamformer` object
  - `Skymapper::skymapType`
  - `Skymapper::setSkymapType`
  - `Skymapper::setAntPositions` -- as the `Skymapper` class itself is not handling the actual data I/O, the provided separately.

Methods for inserting the computed beamformed data into the image file:

```
// Function which extracts an array from the map.
virtual Bool doGetSlice (Array<T> &buffer,
                        const Slicer &theSlice);

// Function to replace the values in the map with sourceBuffer.
virtual void doPutSlice (const Array<T> &sourceBuffer,
                       const IPosition &where,
                       const IPosition &stride);
```

**Example(s)**

Here is a example of how the interface and usage will look like in the near future; again keep in mind, that the actual class, in order to keep it as independent of whatever circumstances it might be used in.

```
bool status (true);
uint nofBlocks (10);
Matrix<DCComplex> data;

// Collect all the required coordinate information
CR::SkymapCoordinate coord (...);

// Create a new Skymapper object
CR::Skymapper skymapper (coord);
```

**CR::SpatialCoordinate Class Reference**  
[CR-Tools : Coordinates module]

Container to combine other coordinates into a spatial (3D) coordinate. [More...](#)

```
#include <SpatialCoordinate.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for CR::SpatialCoordinate:

```
graph BT
    CR[CR::SpatialCoordinate] -.->|shape_p| IP[IPosition]
    CR -.->|directionCoord_p| DC[DirectionCoordinate]
    CR -.->|linearCoord_p| LC[LinearCoordinate]
```

List of all members.

**Public Member Functions**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>SpatialCoordinate ()</code>   | Default constructor.   |
| <code>SpatialCoordinate (CoordinateType::Types const &amp;coordType, casa::String const &amp;refcode="AZEL", casa::String const &amp;projection="STC")</code> | Argumented constructor.  |
| <code>SpatialCoordinate (casa::DirectionCoordinate const &amp;direction, casa::LinearCoordinate const &amp;linear)</code>                                     | Argumented constructor for coordinate of type <code>DirectionRadius</code> .       |
| <code>SpatialCoordinate (casa::LinearCoordinate const &amp;linear, CoordinateType::Types const &amp;coordType)</code>   | Argumented constructor.  |
| <code>SpatialCoordinate (SpatialCoordinate const &amp;other)</code>   | Copy constructor.  |
| <code>~SpatialCoordinate ()</code>  | Destructor.  |
| <code>SpatialCoordinate &amp; operator= (SpatialCoordinate const &amp;other)</code>   | Overloading of the copy operator.  |
| <code>CoordinateType::Types type () const</code>  | Get the type of the spatial coordinate.  |
| <code>unsigned int nofAxes () const</code>  | Get the number of coordinate axes.   |
| <code>unsigned int nofCoordinates () const</code>   | Get the number of <code>casa::Coordinate</code> object to make of this coordinate. |
| <code>IPosition shape () const</code>   | Get the number of elements along the coordinate axes.                              |