





LOFAR GSM and LSM in context of the Major Cycle

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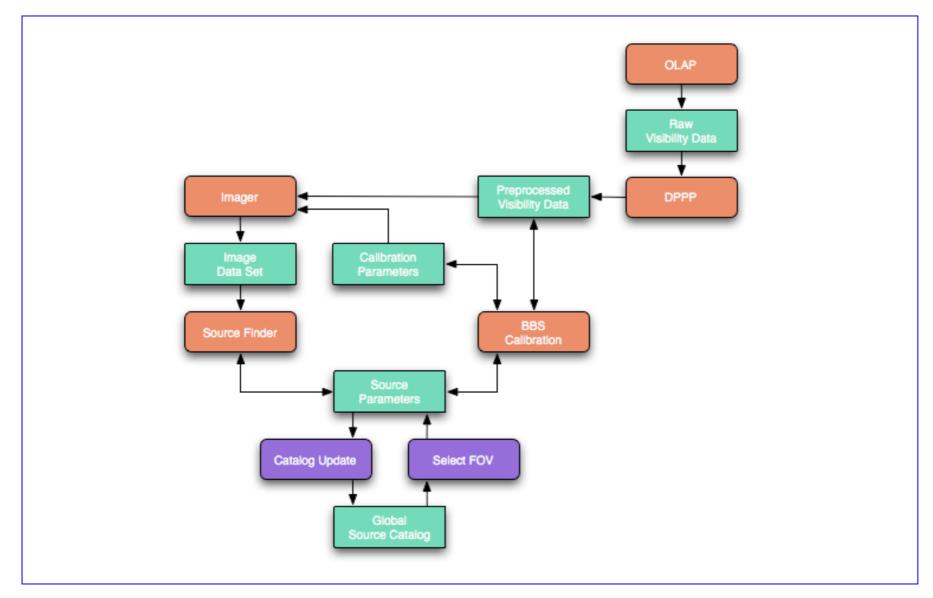
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LOFAR The Major Cycle













- Deterministic flagging of uv-data for which strong (3C / 4C) sources enter through the station beam sidelobes
- Needs station beam model and GSM

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LOFAR "Specifications"





- GSM: Global Sky Model
 - All sky source "database"
 - Interacts with the LSM
 - In the future: may interact with the VO, or may be part of the VO
- LSM: Local Sky Model
 - Source "database" needed for processing an observation
 - Interacts with
 - GSM
 - BBS
 - Source Finding



LOFAR To do today





Define

- Content
 - Point sources, shapelets, ... and their parameter sets
- Operations
 - LSM GSM interaction
 - LSM Source Finding interaction
 - LSM BBS interaction
 - Other
- Initial implementation "platform"
 - Database, Python list, FITS file, ...?





Parameters?

- Point sources: Name, RA, DEC, Flux (IQUV), Spectral Index, FreqRange?
- Is position always Equatorial J2000?
- Parameters for extended sources?
- Type of extended sources?
- Are parameters time dependent? (TimeRange?)
- Support for moving objects (Sun, planets, etc.)?
- Can an object have multiple names? I.e. do we need an alias table?



LOFAR Operations





- LSM GSM interaction
 - Get LSM from GSM using cone search on position and radius.
 Take specific sources into account (e.g. A-team).
 - Compare LSM with GSM on the basis of position. How to incorporate freq and time range?
 - Merge LSM in GSM
- LSM Source Finding interaction
 - Add sources to LSM (by source finder).
- LSM BBS interaction
 - If needed: construct ParmDB from LSM or subset of LSM for BBS
 - Update LSM with new values in ParmDB.
- Other
 - Remove sources from LSM and / or GSM.
 - Compare GSM with external catalogue.