

Data processing on the LOFAR EoR GPU cluster

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Motivation





• The EoR KSP will observe 5 windows with:

- ~6 beams in two bands (total 64MHz/10KHz=6400 channels)
- Full stokes
- 1200 baselines
- In sec integration 100 nights of 4 hours
- It will accumulate 1.5 PB data
- Desired dynamic range is 10⁶:1

After calibration: Maximum Likelihood inversion (O(N)

Cluster Layout





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Lofareor01 inlog machine Lofareor05 supporting machine (alleen system administrators kunnen op deze machine inloggen)

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Netwerk switches worden ver bonden met 4 x 10 gb glas verbindingen. Totaal 40 gb

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Hardware



- 4x Intel Xeon E5520 @ 2.27 GHz
- 12 GB RAM
- 2x 2TB SATA HDDs
- 2x 1GBps NICs
- 2x NVIDA TESLA C1060 GPUs (4G DDR3 RAM)
- -Centos LINUX 5.4
- -LOFAR software installed
- -Experimental versions (ie BBS with shapelets, GPU accelertion,
- -EoR Imager)



-1GBs to the world

-4x 10GBps connections to the TARGET cluster

Current data rates









Transfer rates



3C196 Observation (L2010_22006)



Successfully processed all the sub-bands at full resolution

- 1. AOFLagger for RFI flagging
- 2.BBS for calibration using 25 Sources
- 3. Tried different imagers (mwimager:casa or cimager mode and the CASA imager)
- 4. Can run a basic pipeline job in one day.
- 5. Update the LSM using the Duchamp (after having corrected the images using the Hamaker beam)

Frequency cube



Frequency: 114.954 MHz



Frequency cube: zoom in





Right Ascension (J2000)

Frequency: 114.954 MHz

Snapshots (12 min.)











Snapshot (zoom in more)







Right Ascension (J2000)



Errors looks as half circles (phase error)+ they follow the same pattern along the frequency direction -> They must be related to the beams

Factor of 10 away from the theoretical sensitivity limit (6 mJy noise instead of 0.6mJy)

Long time scale error around 140 MHz: corrugations in the image

Difference map (2 sub-bands)



- 10mJy@132MHz noise
- Almost consistent with noise
- Spectral structure around bright sources



Residuals



- ~6mJy
- Few point sources can be seen
- Consistent with noise
- Gaussian histogram
- 10 SB average







Hint!









- Lots of computing power, but still...
- DATA HUNGRY (need better connection to the CEP cluster)
- Can provide useful feedback and
- Reduce the load on the CEP cluster
- Testbed for the final EoR data processing

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