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LOFAR MSSS Multifrequency Snapshot Sky Survey

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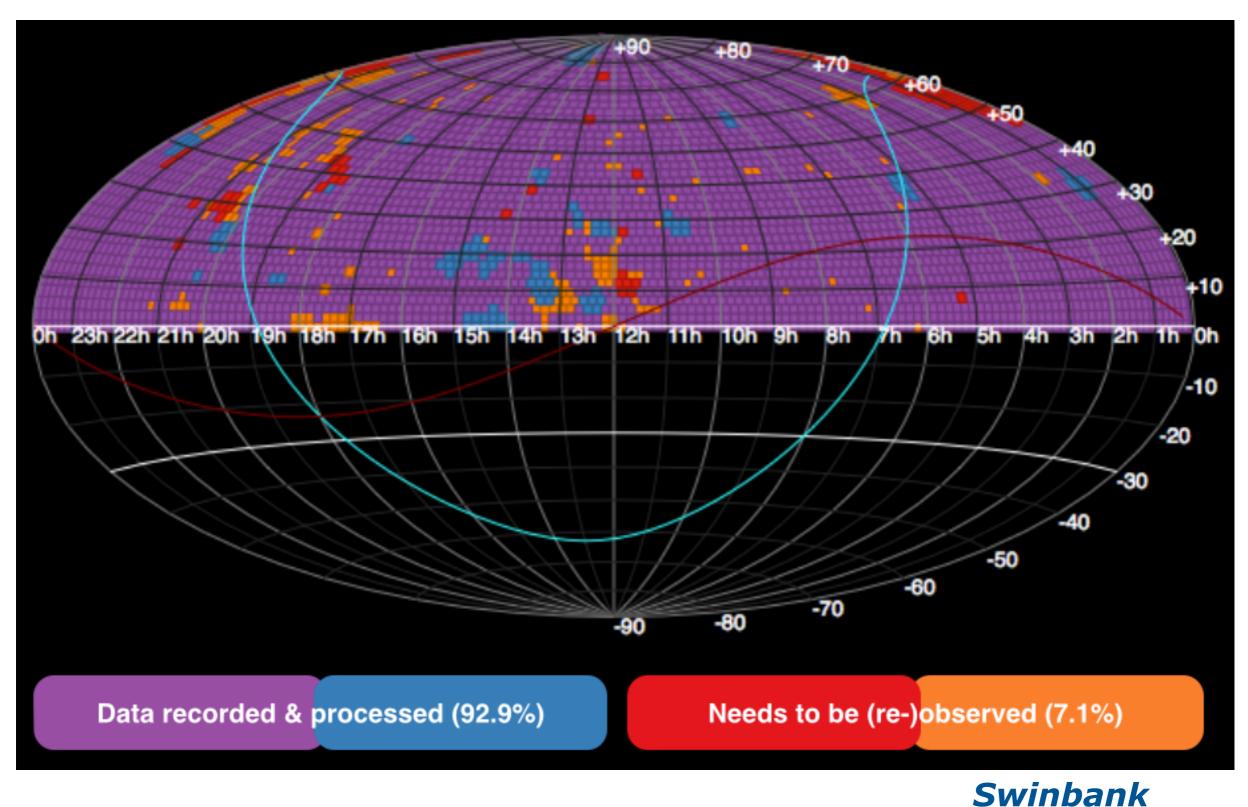
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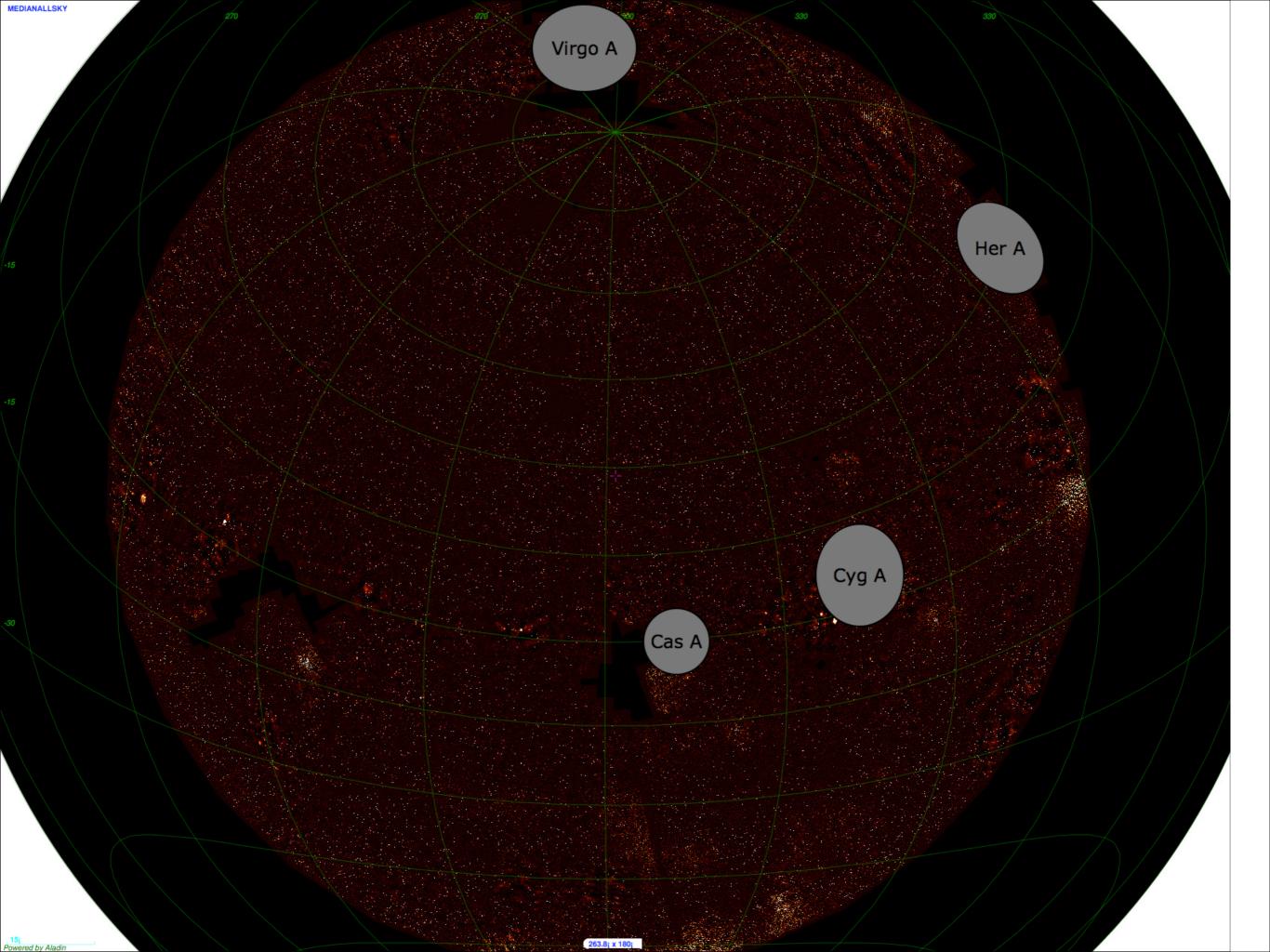
MSSS-HBA Observing Status



• MSSS-HBA started in February, and is almost 95% complete!



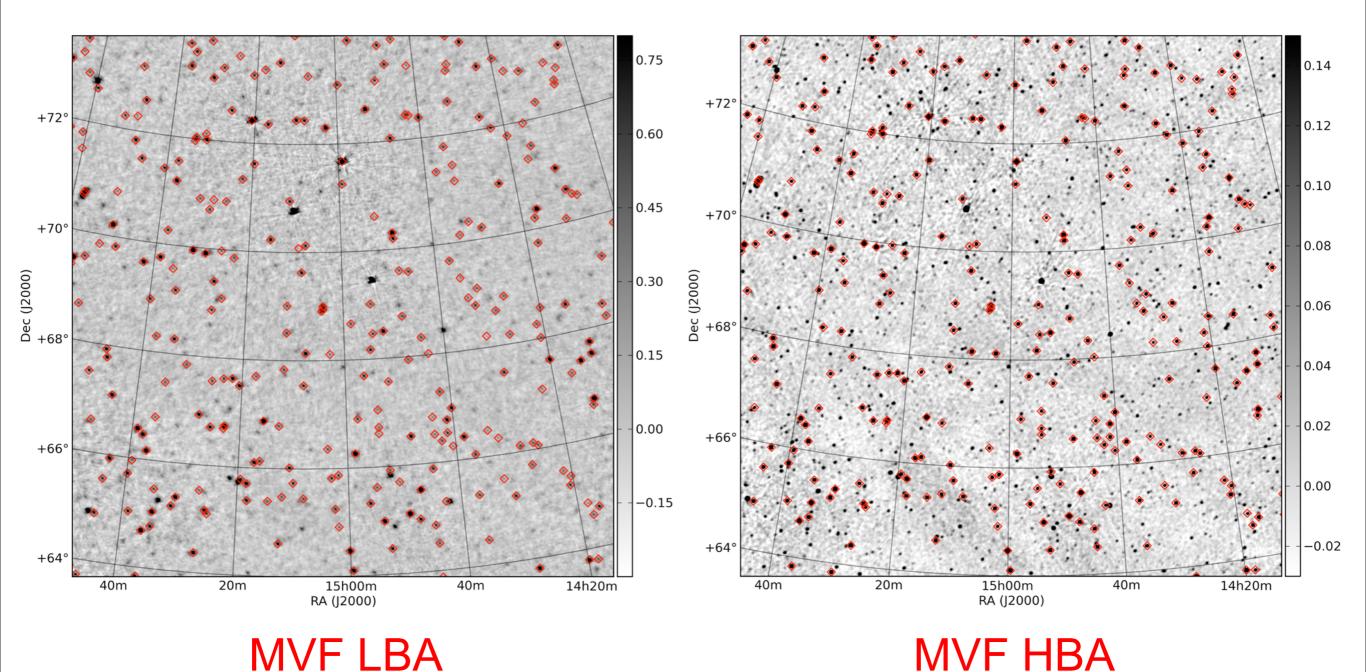
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MSSS Catalog



 Finalized catalog creation steps during recent source finder meeting in Nice



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Catalog to have 48 columns for pt sources; 144 for extended sources

ID	Source ID, formed as Jhhmmss+ddmmss us- ing the IAU convention.
RA	Source J2000 Right Ascension, in decimal de- grees.
DEC	Source J2000 Declination, in decimal degrees.
e_RA	Error on source J2000 Right Ascension, in seconds of time.
e_DEC	Error on source J2000 Declination, in arcsec- onds.
SFFLAGnnn	Flag indicating that the source was only iden- tified in one of the two source finders. (0 means it was detected in both; 1 means it was detected only in PyBDSM; 2 means only in PYSE.)
Sintnnn	Source (integrated? peak? both? TBD de- pending on SF results/comparison) flux at nnn MHz, in Jy.
e_Sintnnn	Error on source flux at nnn MHz, in Jy.

Spknnn	Peak	
e_Spknnn	error	
SLBA	LBA flux density (from combined map).	
	Effective frequency is nnn MHz.	
e_SLBA	Error on LBA flux density.	
SHBA	HBA flux density (from combined map).	
	Effective frequency is nnn MHz.	
e_SHBA	Error on HBA flux density.	
SPIX	Spectral index, A_1 in Equation 3.	
e_SPIX	Error on spectral index.	
SCURV	Spectral curvature, A_2 in Equation 3.	
e_SCURV	Error on spectral curvature.	
SPFLAG(L/H?)	Number of bands detected / indication of how	
	the spectral index was calculated (incl how	
	many fit terms).	
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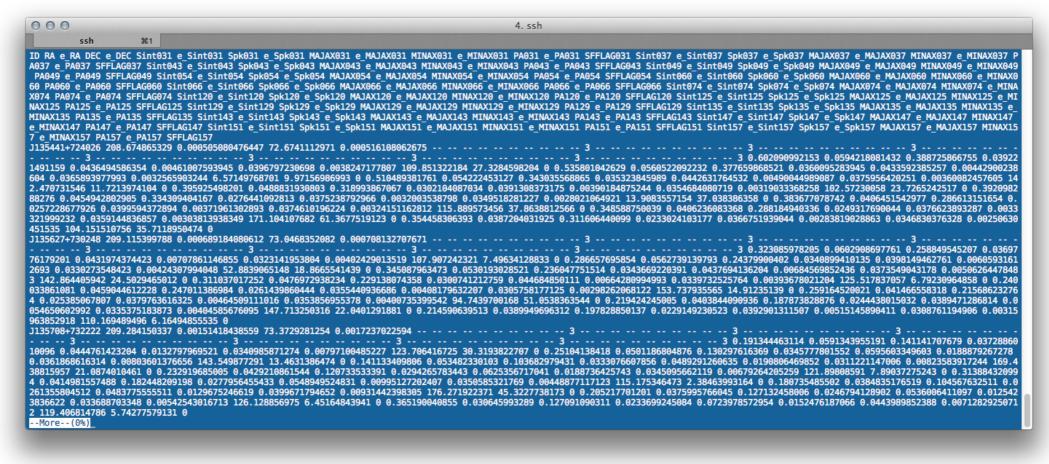
A set of parameters that are only included for the extended source catalogue:

MAJAXnnn	Major axis of fitted ellipse at nnn MHz.
MINAXnnn	Minor axis of fitted ellipse at nnn MHz.
PAnnn	Position angle of fitted ellipse at nnn MHz, in
	degrees.
e_MAJAXnnn	Error on major axis.
e_MINAXnnn	Error on minor axis.
e_PAnnn	Error on position angle.

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Basic strategy combines the strengths of PyBDSM and PySE

- Script developed by Rene Breton
- For MVF, there are 861 unique sources
 - (extrapolation suggests 100,000+ sources in final catalog)
 - MVF catalog text file is 1.3 MB, final one might be ~250 MB
 - VOTable (xml format) approx. 2.5 times larger



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MVF paper



Final preparation work now in progress, expect draft very soon

