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The LOw Frequency ARray (LOFAR) sky surveys



LOFAR surveys are gathering over 20,000hrs of data to:

- Map entire northern sky with unprecedented resolution and sensitivity (factor of 10 in both)
- Detecting and characterising 15 million new astronomical sources of radio emission
- Already over 150 publications at a rate of 50 per year

1989km (Full international array)

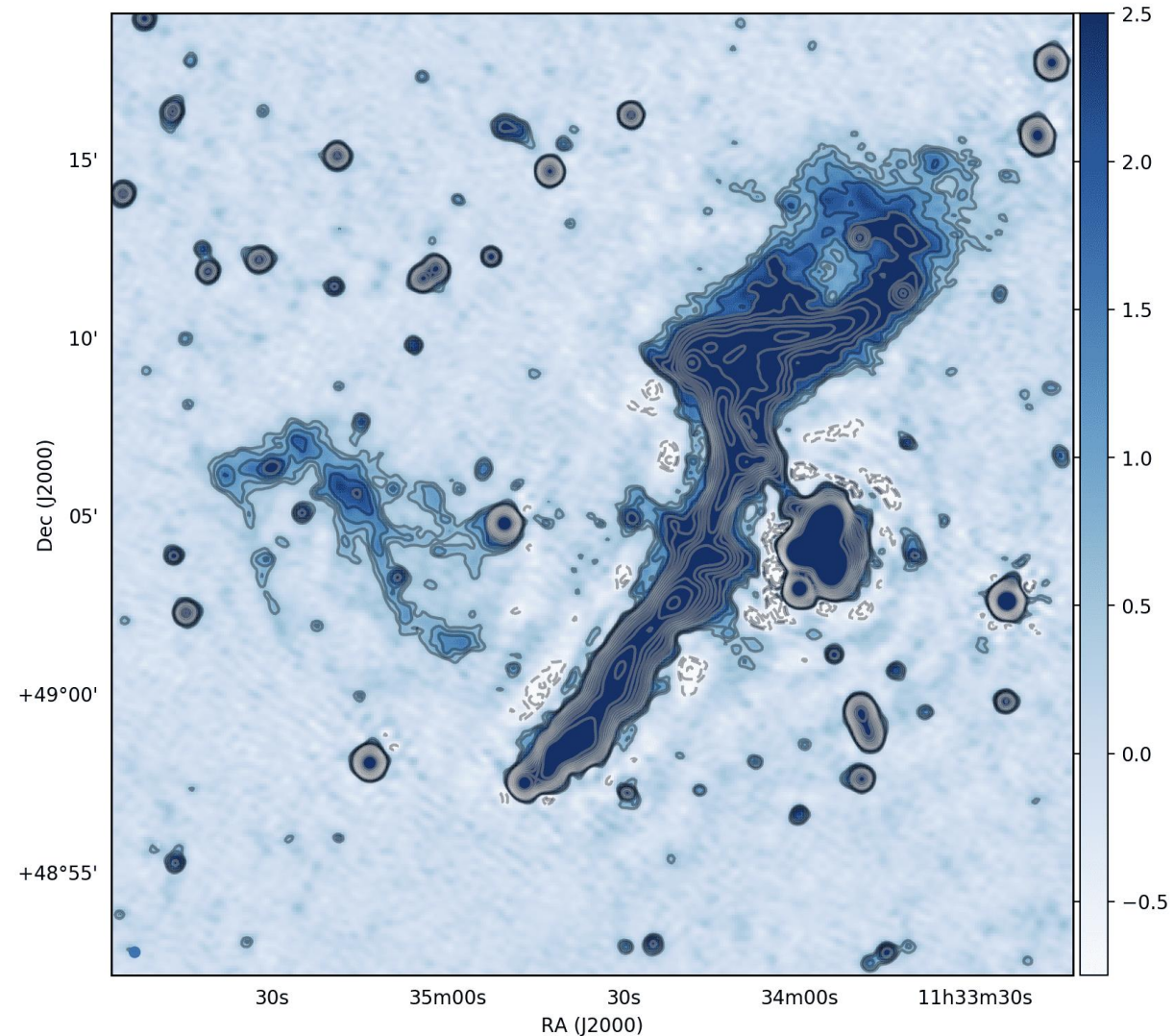
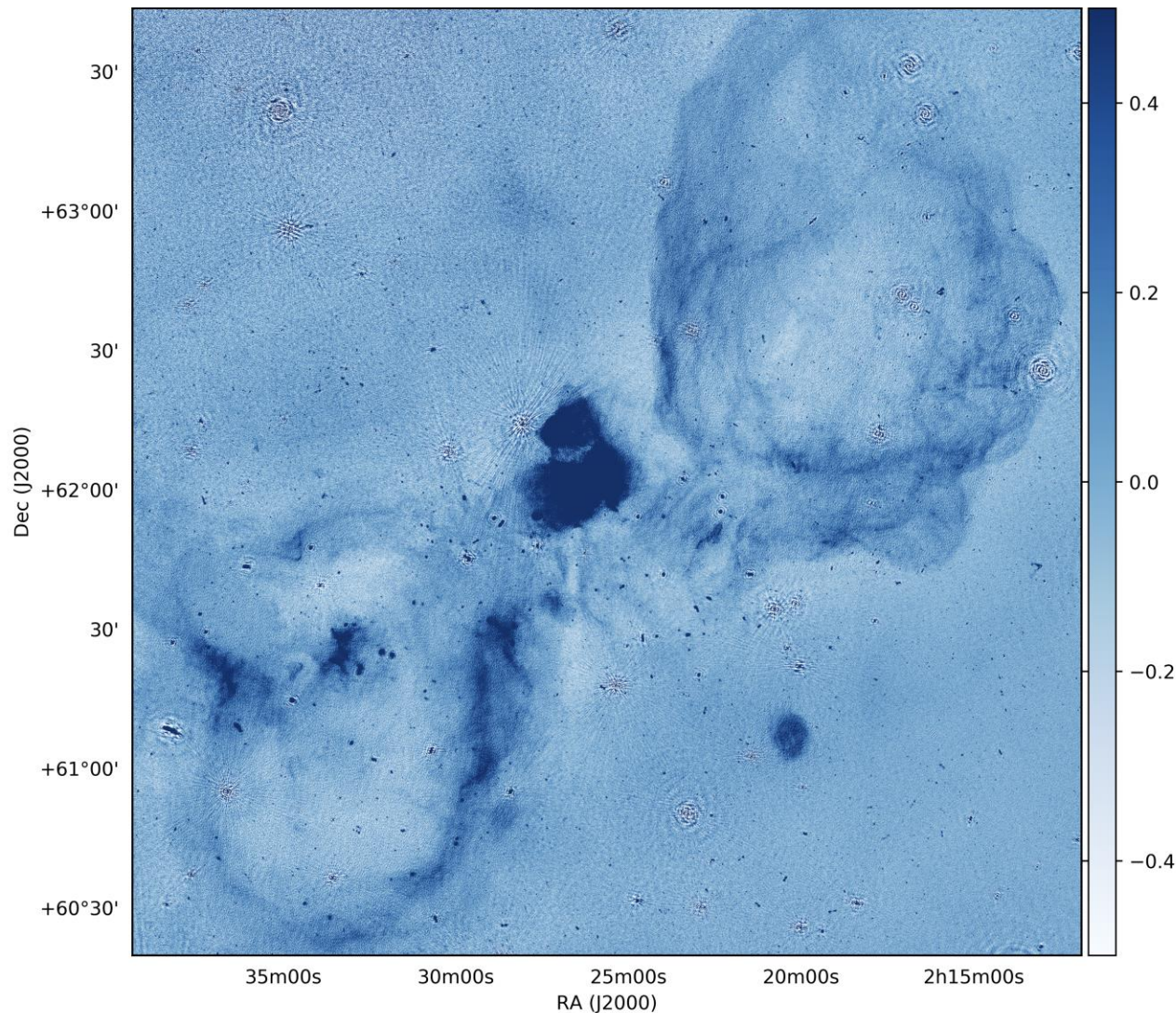


Difficulties are:

- LOFAR data requires extensive calibration (up to 250,000 core hours for 4hrs of data)
- LOFAR raw products are > 20PB and fully processed products remain > 1PB.
- Post processing of calibrated data facilitates new science

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High science output because so many spectacular objects that have not previously been studied

Data sharing allows us to:

- Make use of computational facilities at many institutes for initial processing
- Allow public, or collaboration, access to enable any reprocessing of the data to get a huge variety of products tailored to some science aim.

