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# **POLFAR data polishing: The Stephan's Quintet and LOFAR**

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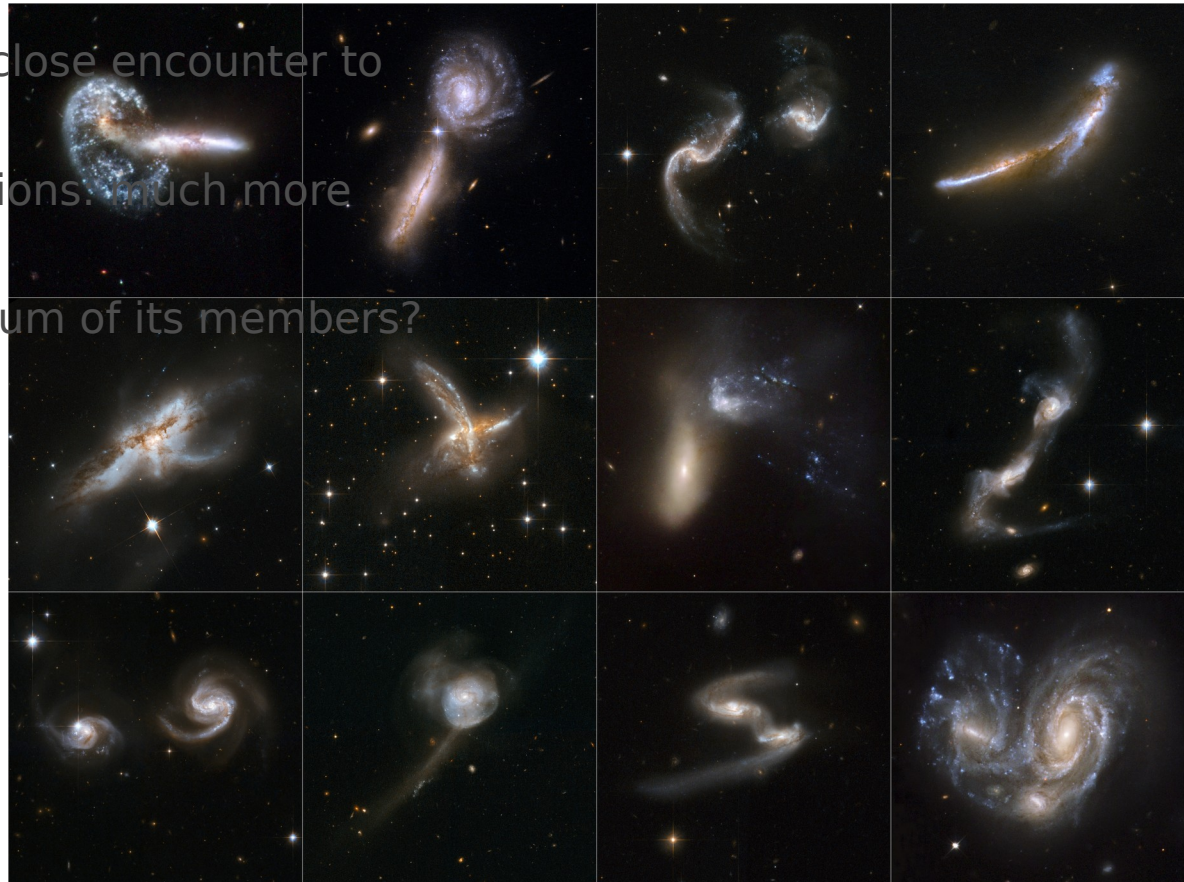


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## From so simple beginning...

- Multiple results of a galaxy collision
- Toomre sequence: from a close encounter to nuclear coalescence
- Radio continuum observations: much more sensitive tool
- Is a galaxy system just a sum of its members?





## 1.1. Why galaxy groups?

- What a galaxy groups is NOT?
- Why bother? Hickson's study
- What can we see in galaxy groups?
- Why there are no studies of the magnetic field?





**So we are basically dealing with this:**





**But we know it could look like this:**







## What are the *Elements of Harmony* for a radio astronomer?

Large number of  
telescope elements,  
located over a large  
area

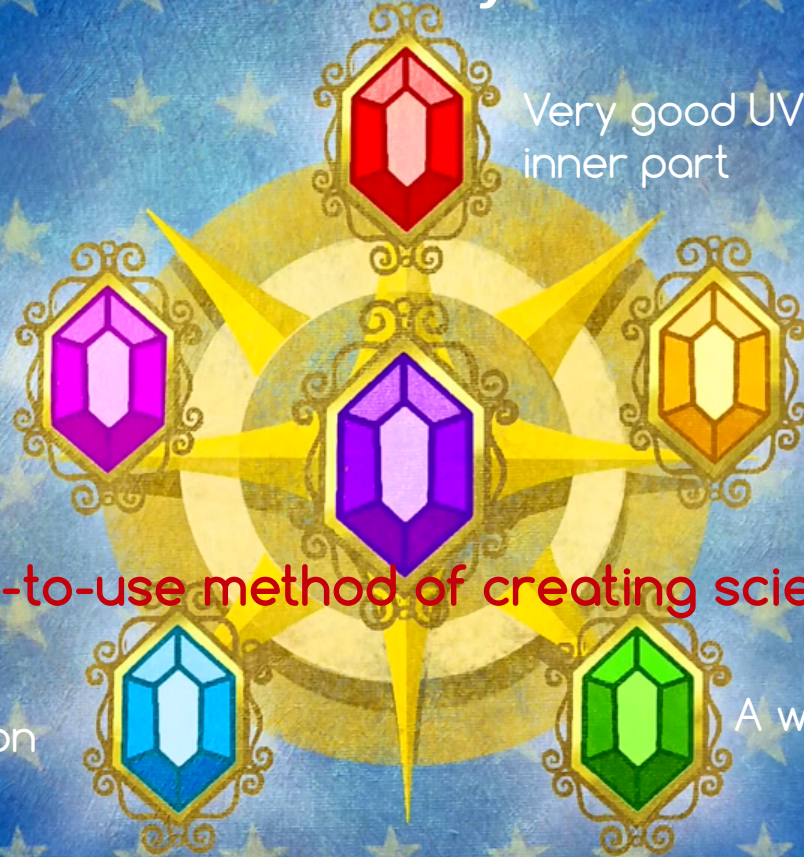
Very good UV-plane coverage in its  
inner part

Large bandwidth

**A robust and easy-to-use method of creating scientific quality images**

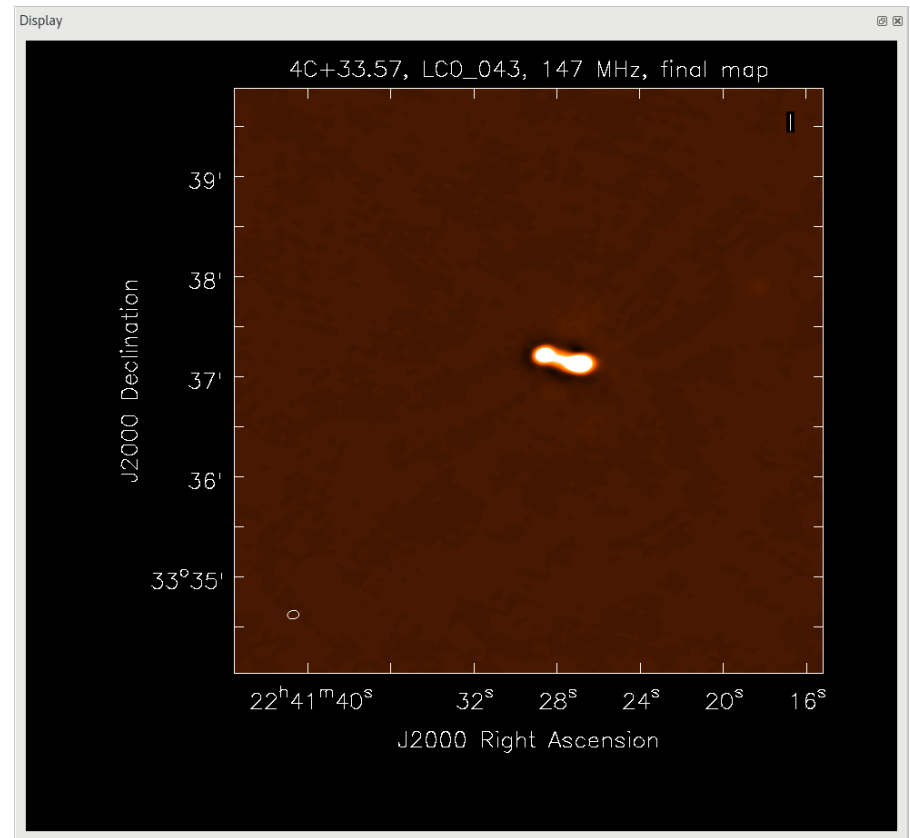
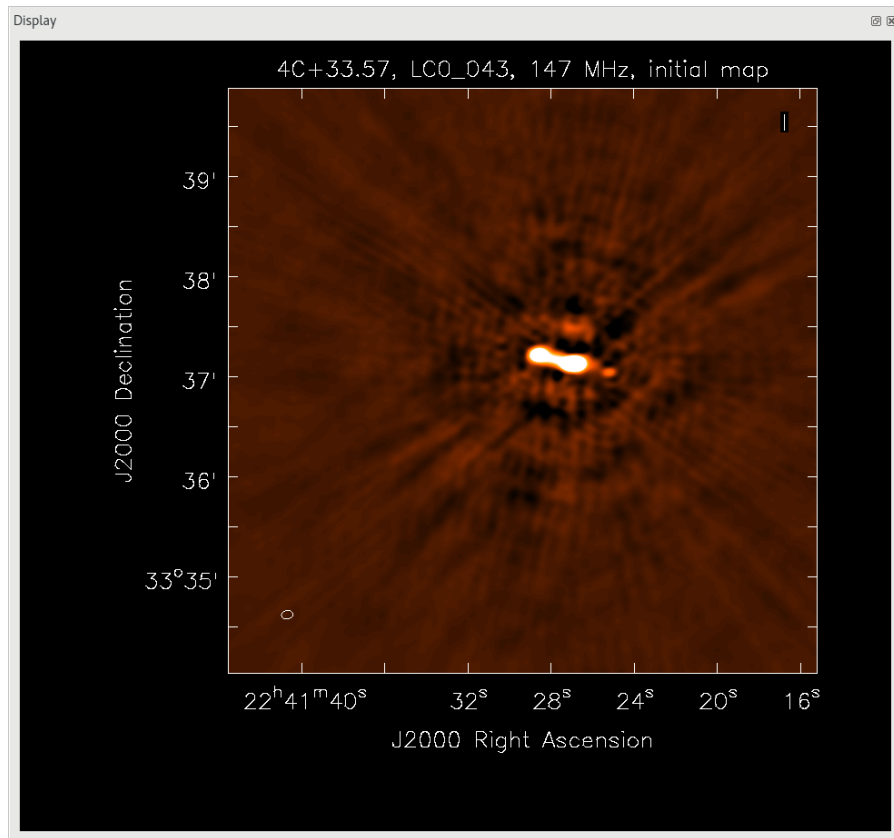
Ease-of-use and  
ease-of-construction

A way to get rid of the RFI



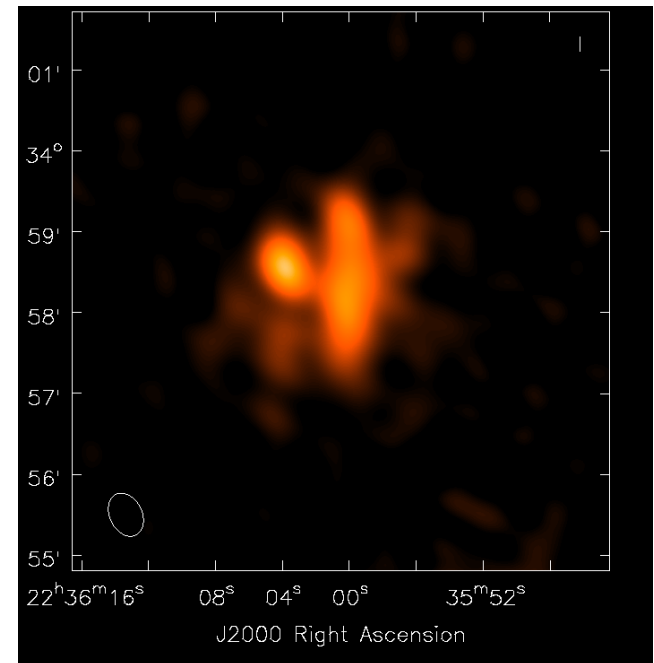
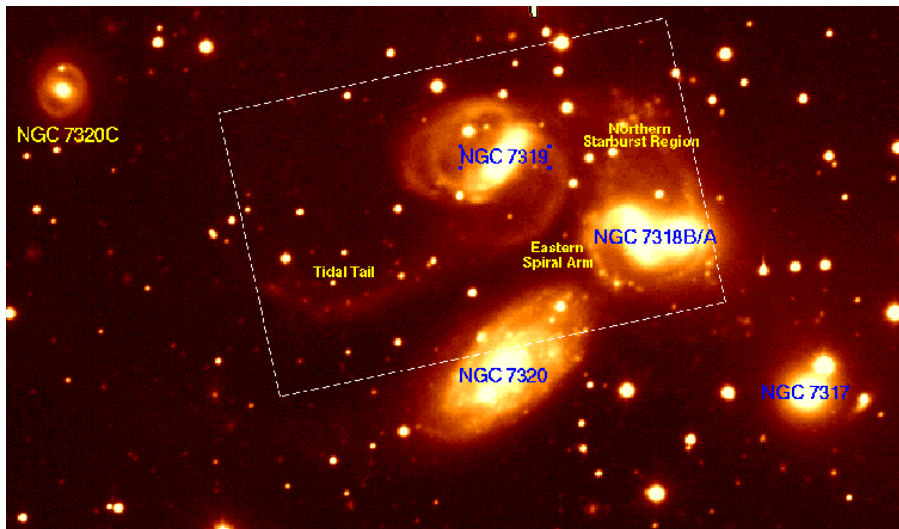


## What can we expect to get?



## How far can we go with the SQ?

- Good correspondence with the high frequency data
- Extent still to be determined, but likely to be larger
- TDG invisible - absorption?
- Shock easily visible!
- Sensible spectral index ( $\sim 0.9$ )





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