



HELP-ing Radio Continuum Surveys

The Herschel Extragalactic Legacy Project

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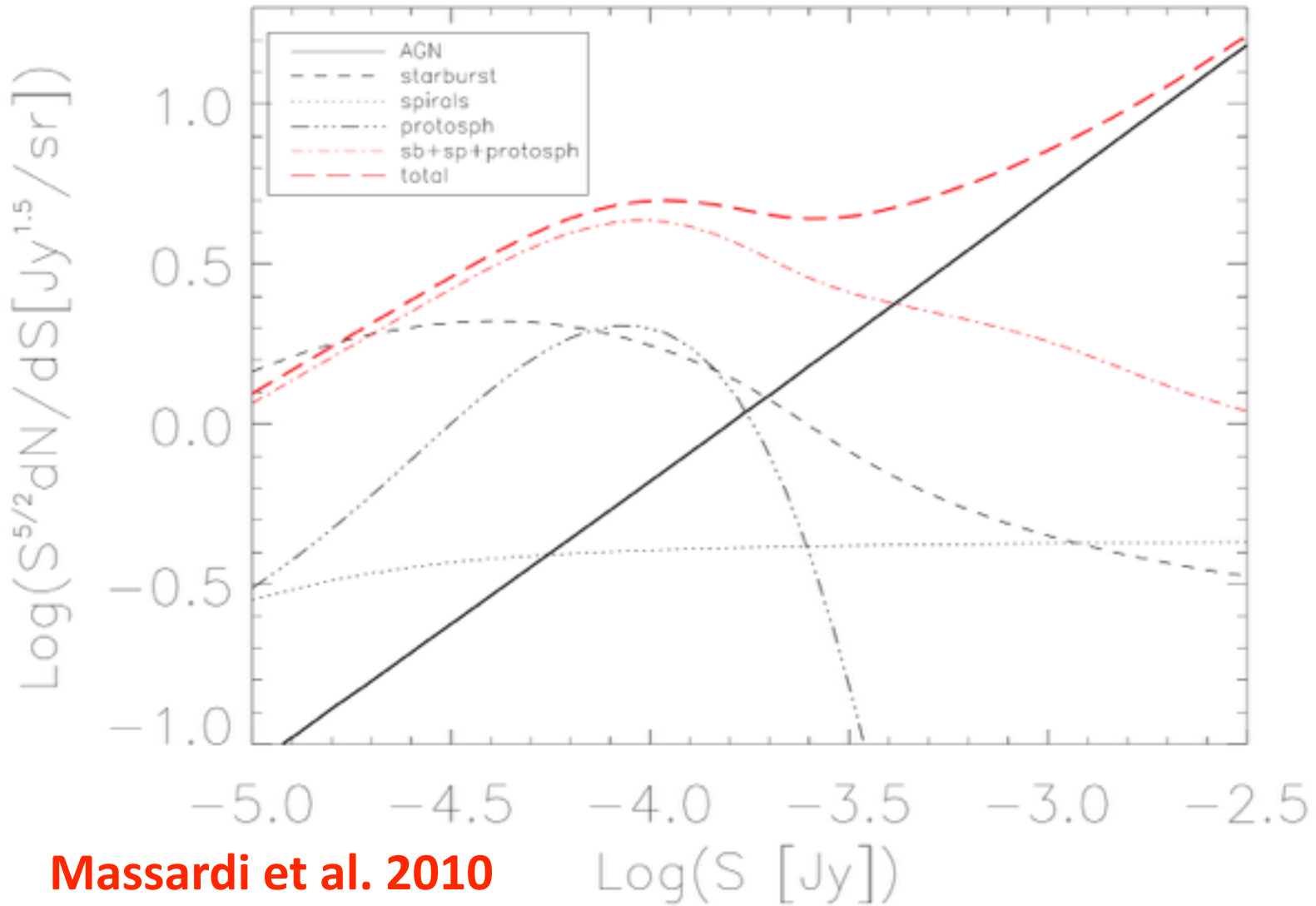


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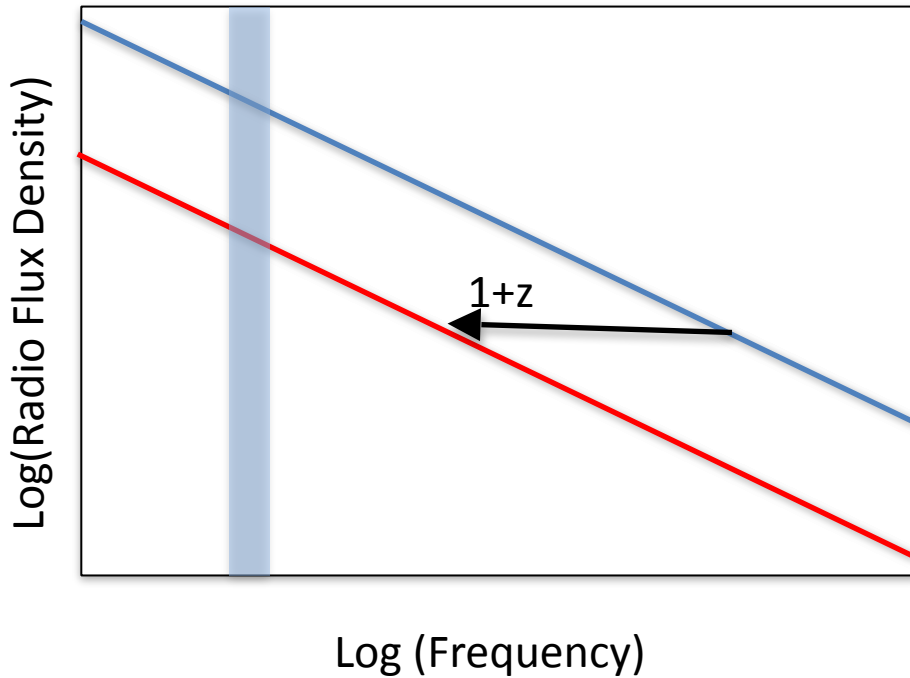
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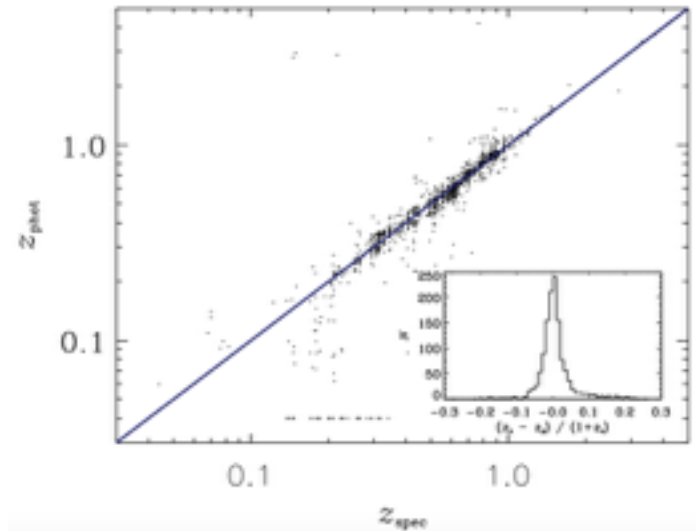
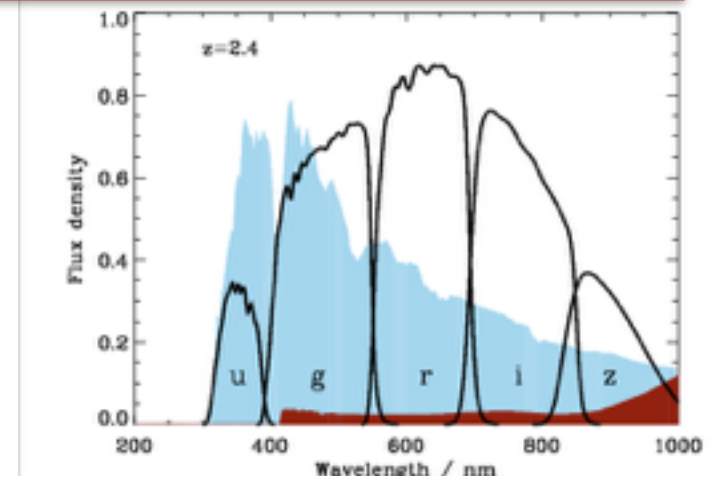
Massardi et al. 2010

But of course...

There's nothing as useless as a radio source (Matt Jarvis)



Radio provides no (very little?) redshift information!



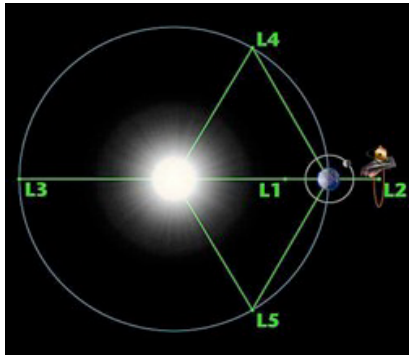


The Herschel Space Observatory



Herschel is a recently completed **ESA cornerstone mission (2009-2013)**

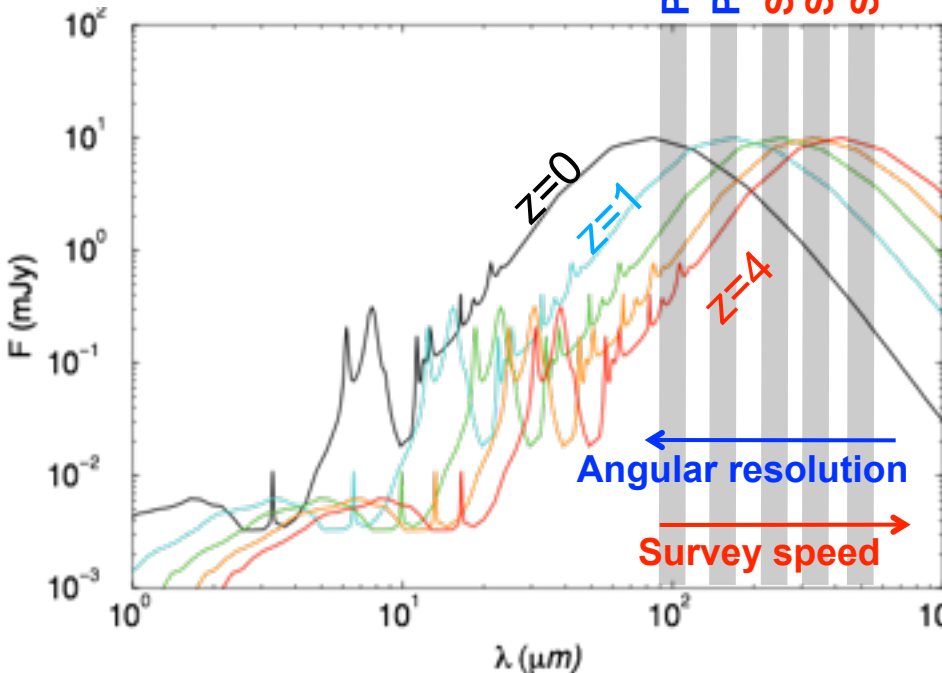
- large (3.5 m) aperture, low emissivity (~5%), passively cooled (70-90 K)
- cryogenically cooled focal plane science instruments with ~3.5 year lifetime (2009-2013)



Questions addressed by Herschel

- What is the history of Far-Infrared galaxies?
- How do they assemble and evolve over time?
- Where have luminous FIR systems gone today?
- How do FIR galaxies relate to dark matter?
- What is the role of dust in star formation?
- What is the connection between dusty star formation and AGNs?

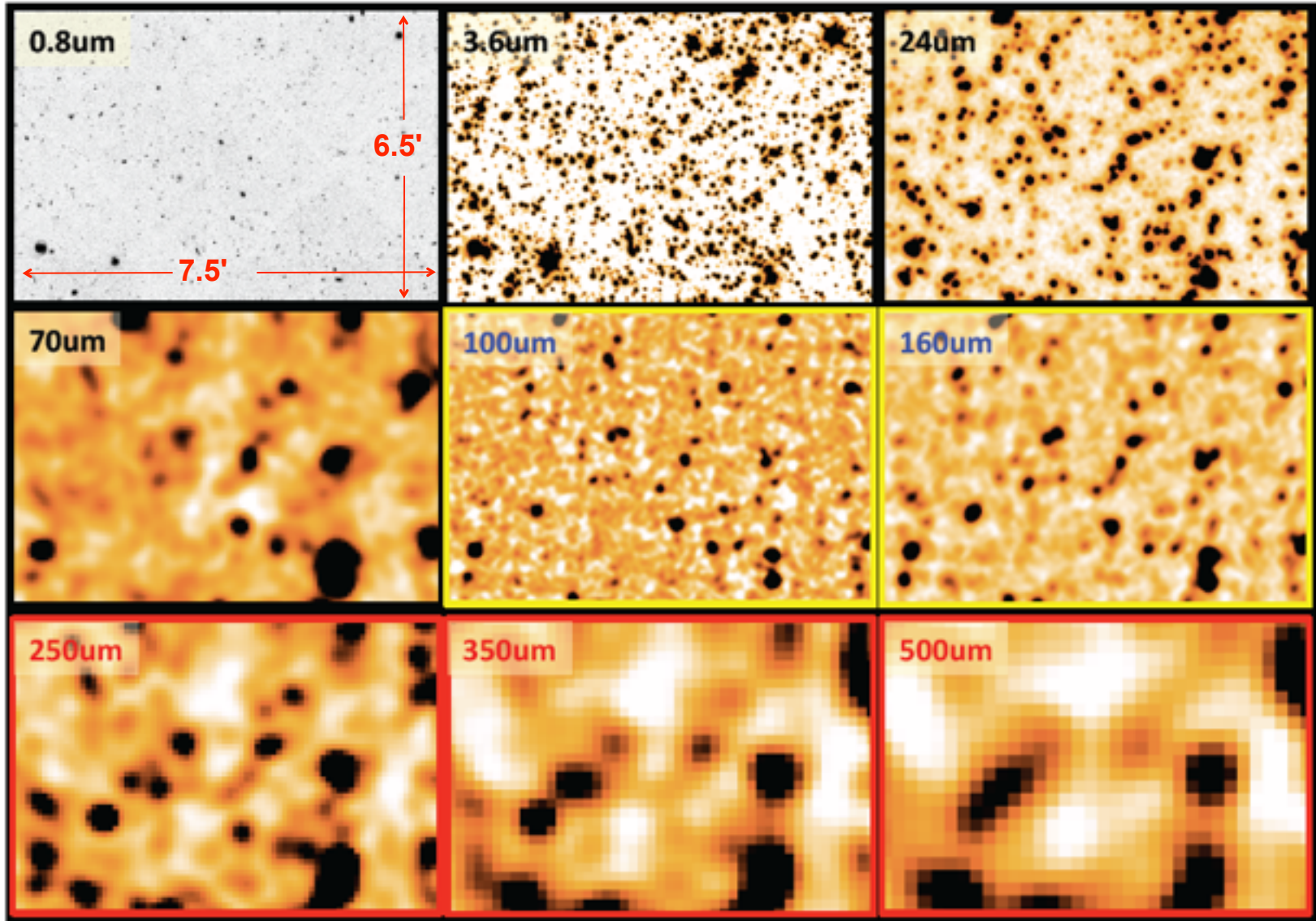
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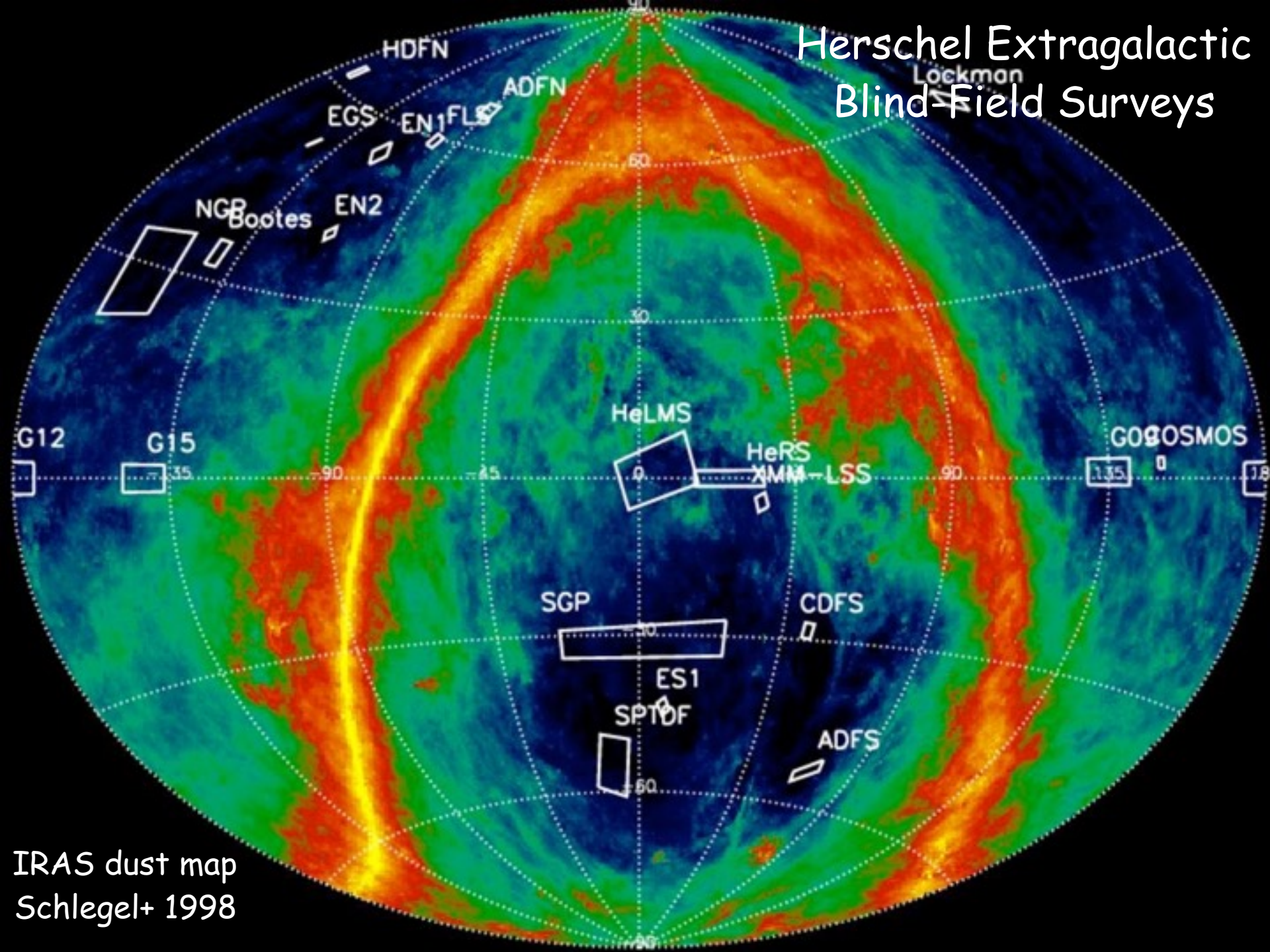
Herschel Extragalactic Imaging Surveys

- High-sensitivity (albeit with moderate resolution)
- Use PACS & SPIRE at 100-500 μm
- Observe the SED peak of IR galaxies at $1 < z < 4$
- Detect Large and Uniform Samples of (U)LIRGs
- Derive IR "Bolometric" (8-1000 μm) Luminosity and use it as a Star Formation Rate Indicator

The Confusion Challenge



Herschel Extragalactic Blind-Field Surveys



IRAS dust map
Schlegel+ 1998



A Multi-Wavelength Catalog for Herschel Science

The Spitzer Multi-Wavelength 'Data Fusion'



# of Sources	IRAC 3.6/4.5	MIPS 24	MIPS 70	MIPS 160	GALEX NUV/FUV	SDSS ugriz	Optical ugriz	2MASS J/H/K	UKIDSS J/K	Area deg ²
ES1	390231	61236	2246	961	85039	NA	146537	10904	NA	~7.0
XMM	498027	69629	3823	1702	104344	NA	327024	14794	151565	~8.5
CDFS	462638	97002	4096	1813	101705	NA	177745	12952	NA	~7.5
LH	660682	110516	5548	2417	158981	217005	432490	17139	226838	~11.0
EN1	575524	102406	4652	2133	116180	210571	363949	21210	334955	~9.5
EN2	272412	59378	2331	970	63774	103460	173880	11443	NA	~4.5
Bootes	677522	41969	4325	2825	159218	228757	592136	7007	NA	~8.5
XFLS	107720	16712	2252	322	29208	62437	82576	11682	NA	~4.5

S W I R E

TOT : ~ 3 million of sources

65 deg²

$\sigma \sim 1 \mu\text{Jy}$ in IRAC12

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- Based on an **homogeneous source re-extraction** of IRAC and MIPS maps (**IRAC1 or IRAC2 selection**)
- UV/Optical/NIR catalog-level **Aperture Matching** and template fitting χ^2 minimization (Rowan-Robinson+ 2013) returning good photometric redshifts and physical constraints
- Image-level aperture matching and/or multi-band source extraction still required for the optimal exploitation of **VOICE, DES, VIDEO & SERVS data** in equatorial/southern fields



HELP Overview



- HELP = Herschel Extragalactic Legacy Project
- European Commission project funded (2014-17) to:
 - Bring together multi- λ surveys over more than 1000 deg²
 - Lower the barriers to multi- λ statistical survey science
 - Provide a resource for astronomers to study the high redshift Universe akin to SDSS (also) using Herschel
 - Provide tools to make Herschel surveys easy to use



Meet The Team

<http://herschel.sussex.ac.uk>

- UK : Sussex (PI Seb Oliver), Cardiff & Cambridge
- France : LAM - Marseille & CEA - Saclay
- Netherlands (Leiden) & Cyprus (European University)
- **South Africa : UWC - Cape Town**



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<http://www.uwcastro.org/>

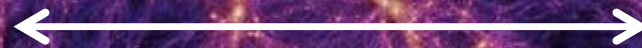


Science Objectives

- Detecting **rare objects** (e.g. high-z galaxies)
- Multi- λ /multi-variate Luminosity Functions
- Statistical description of **galaxy number density** as a function of physical properties such as SFR, M_* , M_{dust} as well as redshift
- Galaxy properties as function of **environment**
- Connection between **AGN and star formation**

Need for Large Multi- λ Fields

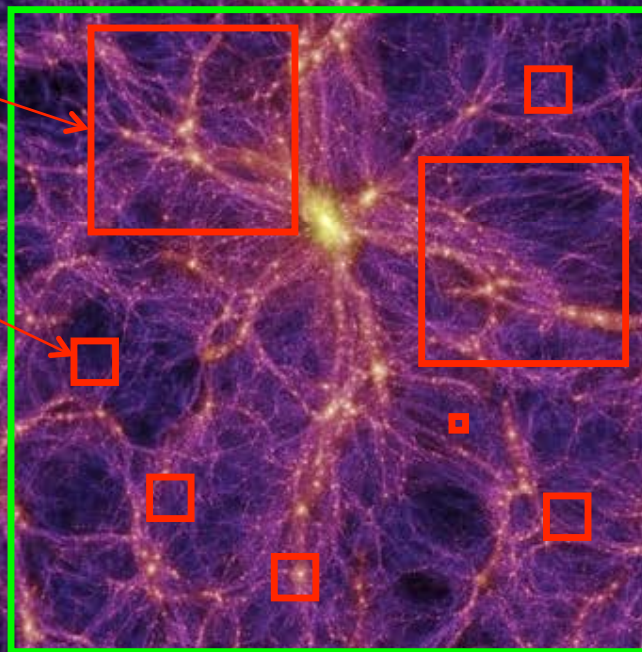
3° at $z=1$



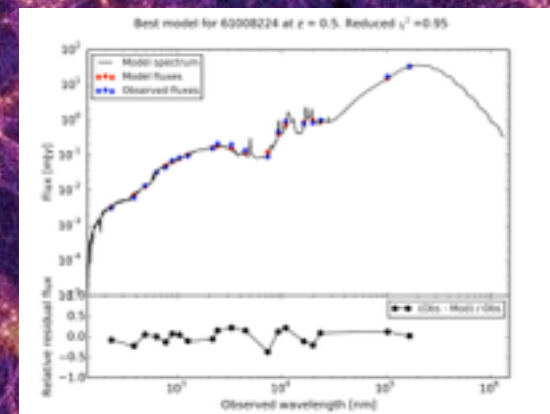
125 Mpc/h



ASTRODEEP
fields



Typical HerMES
field



$\Delta z = 0.1$ at $z = 1$



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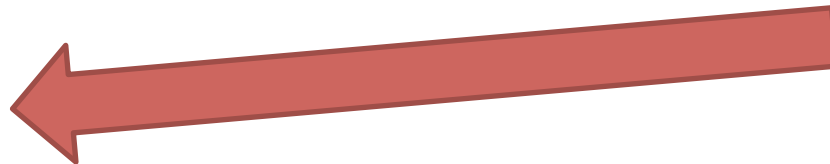
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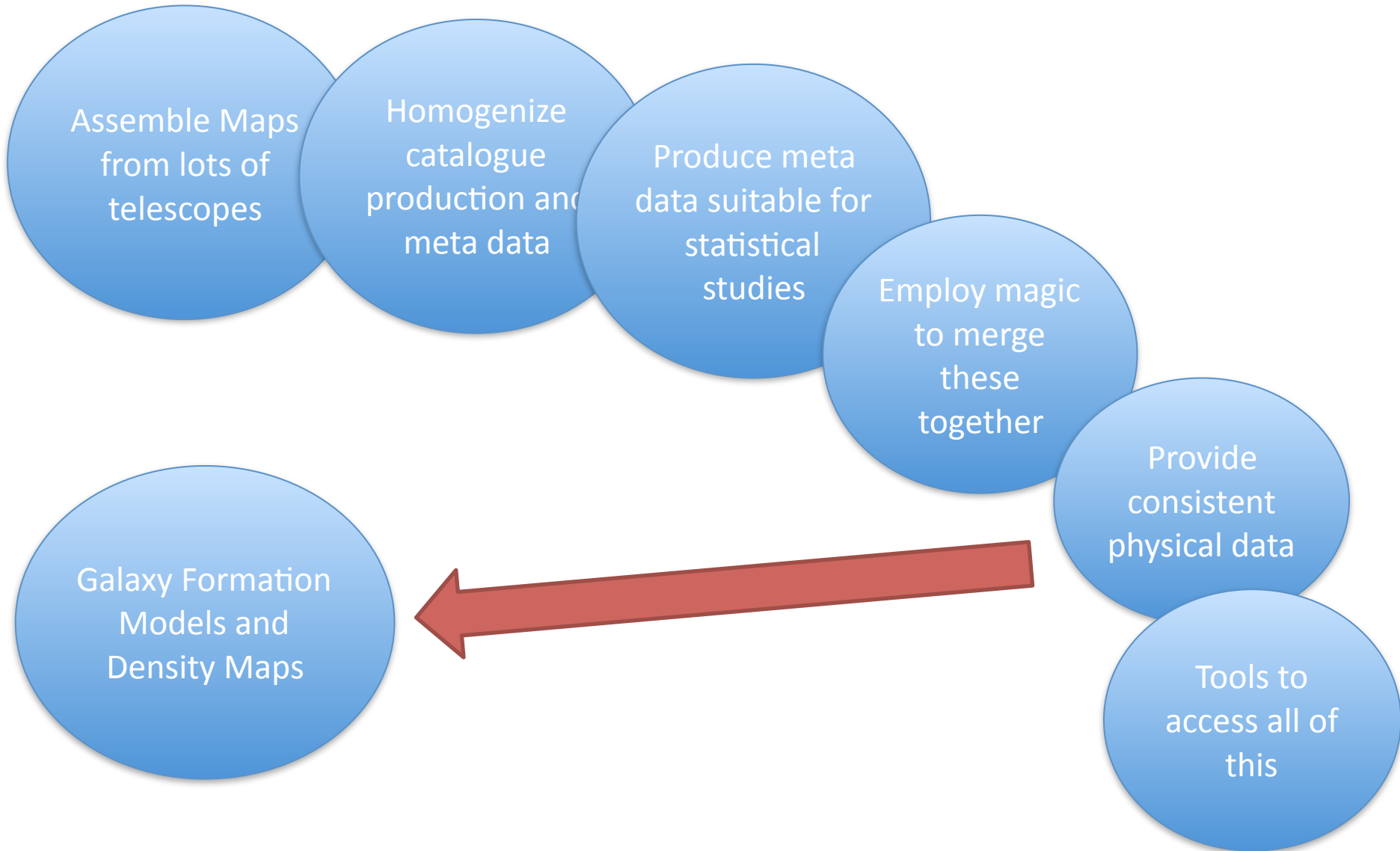
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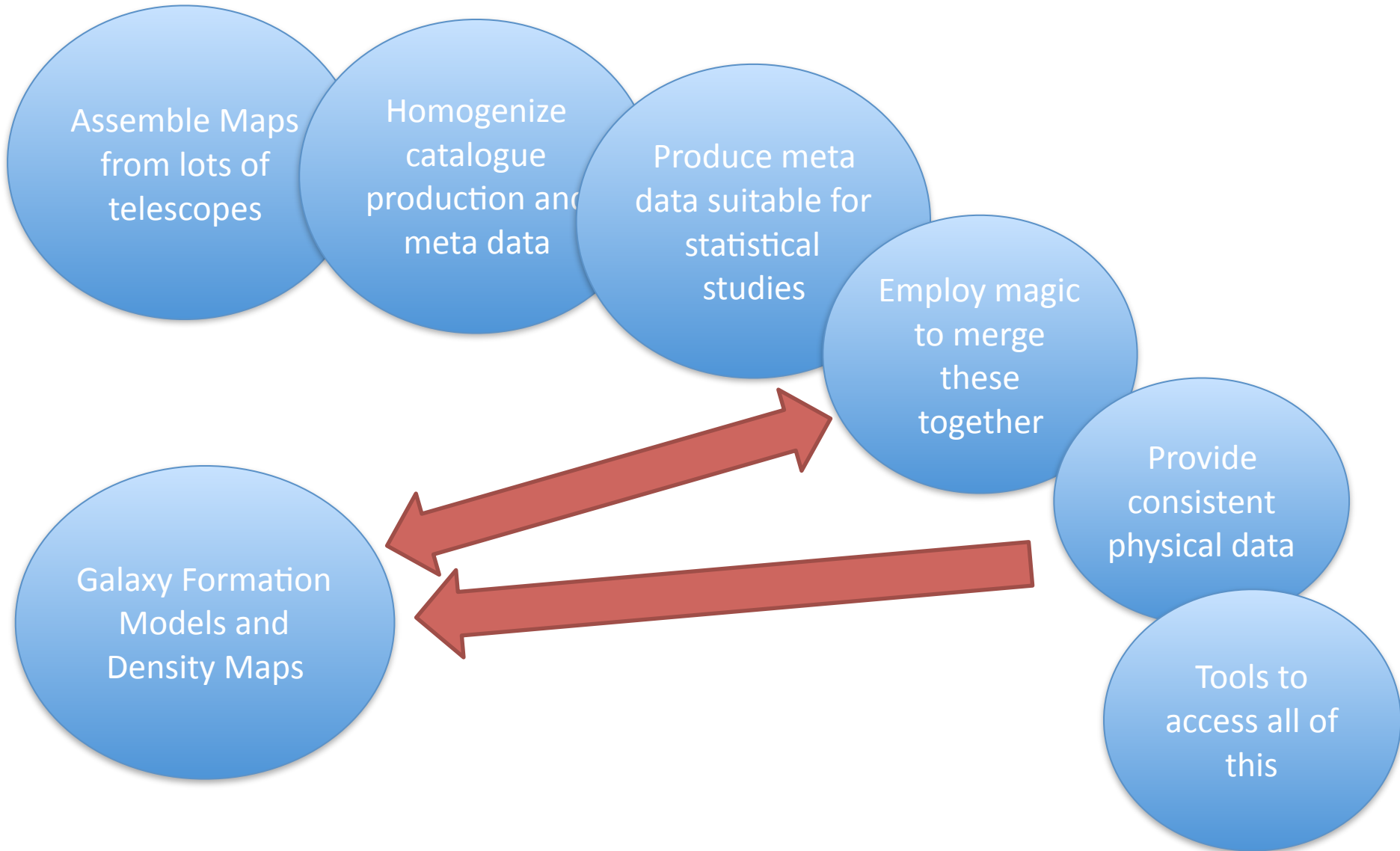
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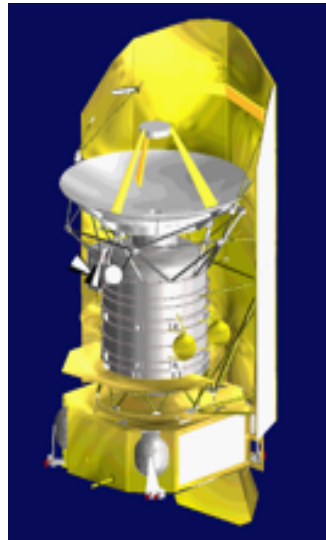




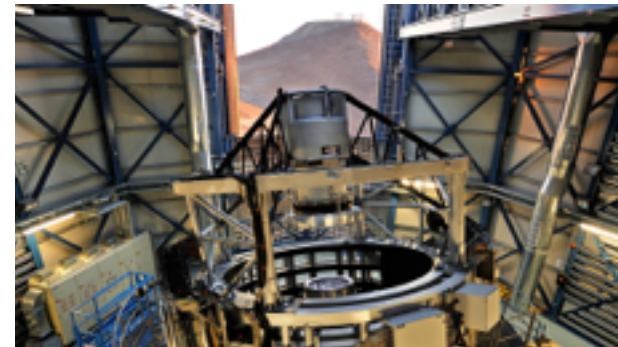
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- SPIRE & PACS
 - HerMES & PEP
 - H-ATLAS
 - HeRS, SPTDF...



- UV/Opt/NIR/IRAC/MIPS
 - GAMA, VST, DES, COSMOS
 - VISTA, SERVS, SWIRE...



- Radio (SKA Pathfinders)
 - LOFAR, ASKAP, MeerKAT



- **Postage Stamp Viewer**



Homogenize Catalogs & Meta-Data

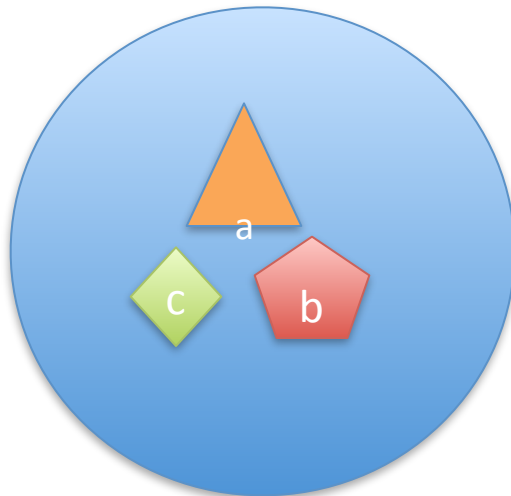


- **Uniform Calibration** from telescope to telescope, field to field and band to band
- Image-level **Aperture Matching** where possible
- Multi-lambda **consistent detection & photometry**
- Meta data including calibration, bands, filters etc.
- Suitable for Statistical Studies
- Flexible Database Download/Upload/XID Features

“plug and play”

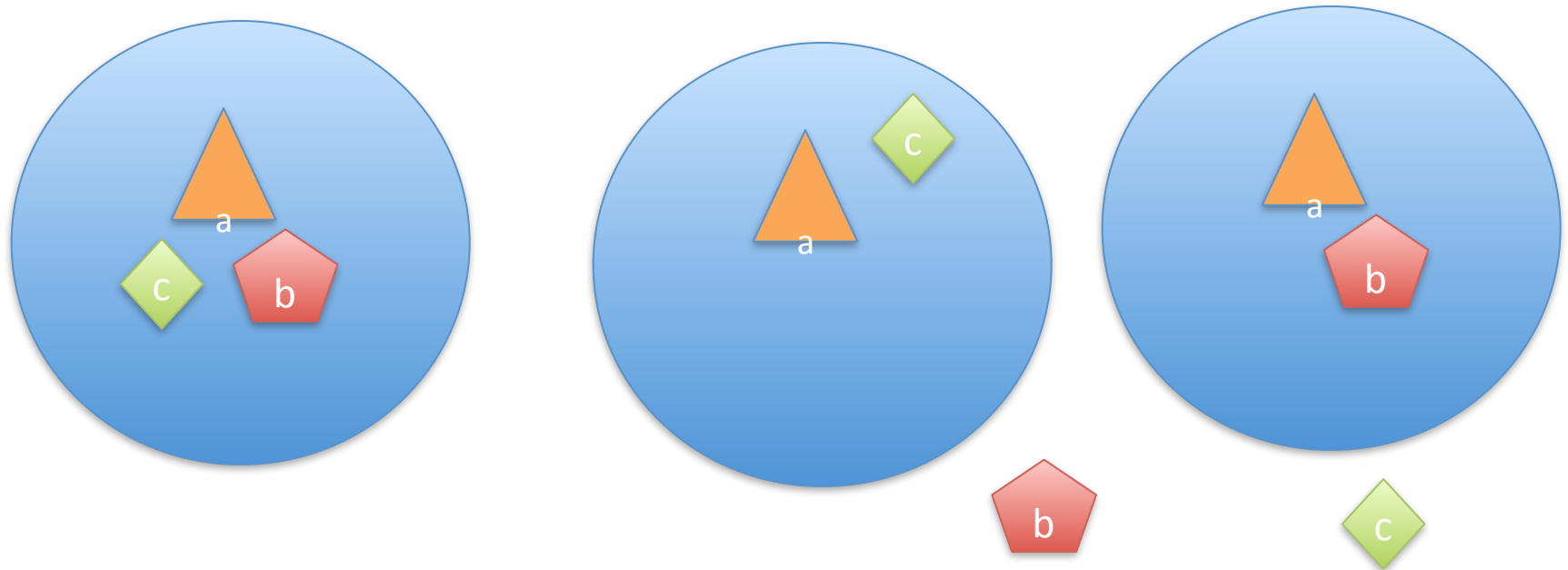
Herschel IDs with no prior

- Faced with a single Herschel source like this you don't know what to think. Is the Herschel blob (blue circle) associated with a, b or c?



Herschel IDs with prior

- With a large population of Herschel sources you have much more information you can use to determine the likelihood of any association



=> Employ magic to merge these together!



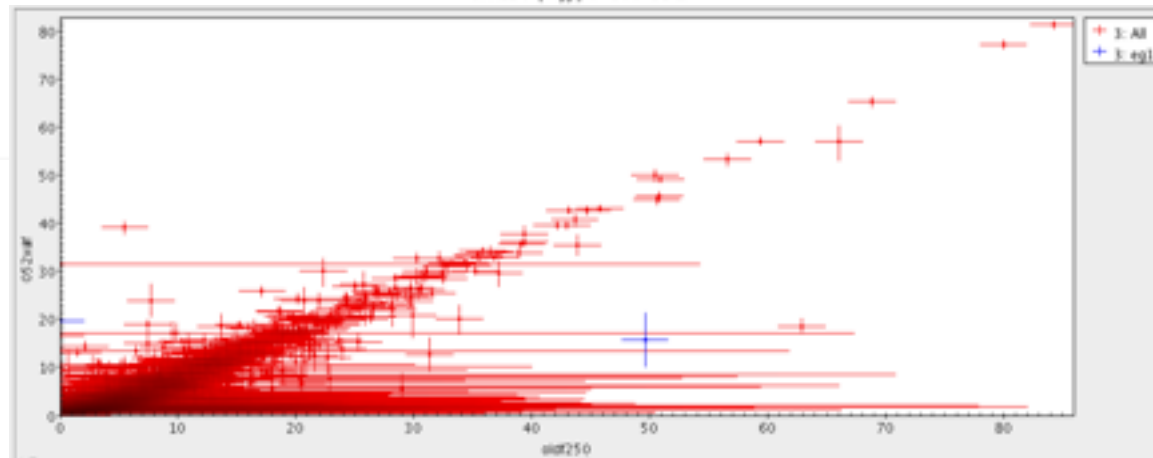
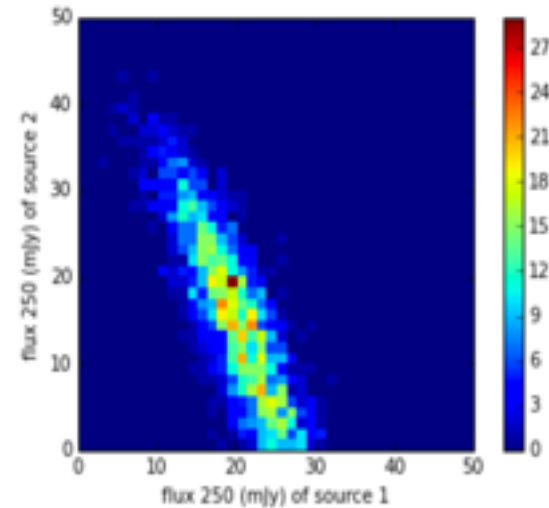
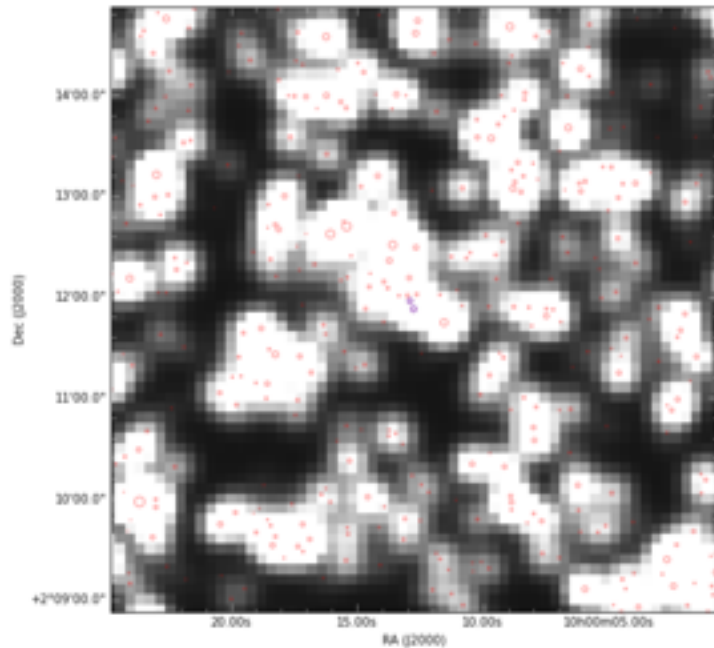
What do we really want?



- True mapping of posterior rather than point estimate
- Proper measure of uncertainty on flux
- Consistently determine interplay of nearby sources
- Estimate background at same time
- Fit all three SPIRE bands at same time
- Transparent way of dealing with prior information

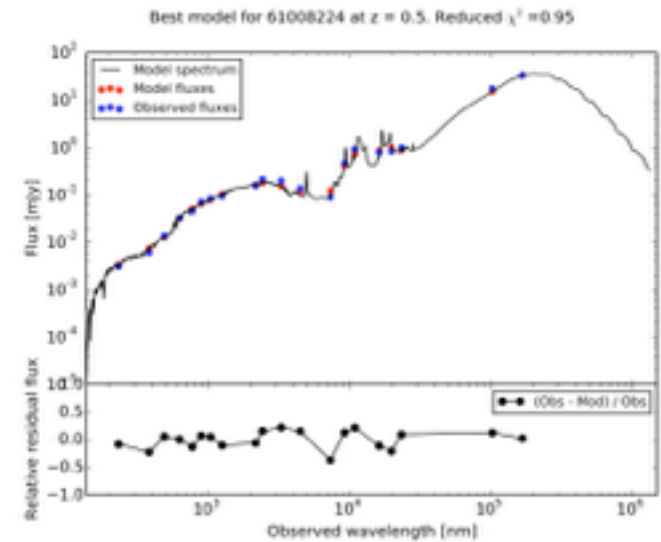
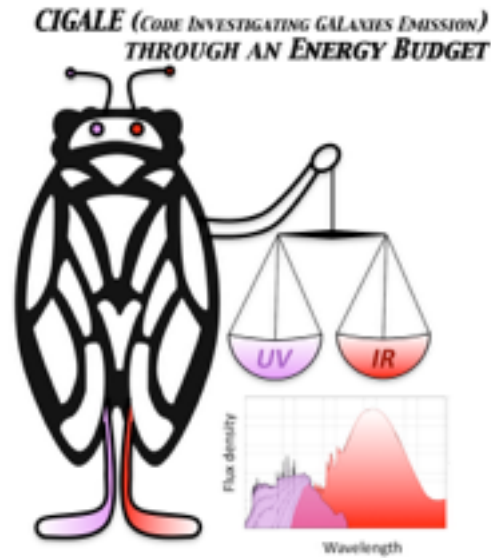
HELP : Enter XID+

- Use STAN as Bayesian inference engine (<http://mc-stan.org/>)
- Use a MCMC based approach to fully map posterior



Peter Hurley

- LePhare+
- Cigale+



HeDaM

Herschel Database in Marseille

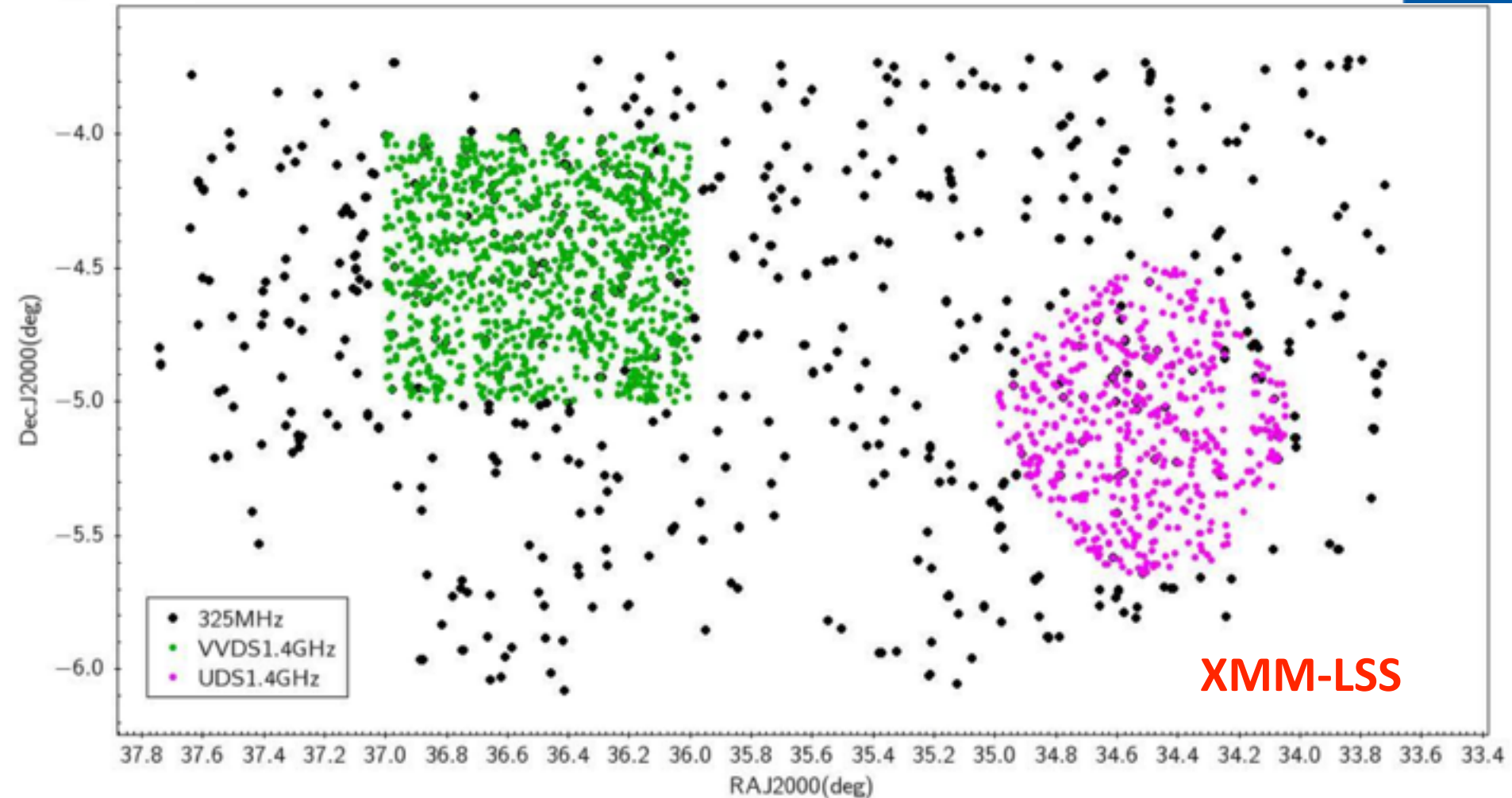




Status



- **Kick off meeting in April 2014** at University of Sussex
- **Phase 1 completed in April 2015** with Data Workshop @ LAM/Marseille
 - SPIRE & Ancillary Data (Catalogs & Maps) assembled
 - Defined regions to prioritize (**COSMOS, XMM-LSS, GAMA-15**)
 - Defined “challenges”, e.g. SPIRE prior & SED modeling challenges
 - Defined & Developed **multi-wavelength photometry methods**
 - Defined science goals and user requirements
- **Phase 2 now running until end of 2015**
 - End-to-End Data Reduction & SED Modeling on Data & Simulations
 - Complete challenges and define a first version of the HELP pipeline
- Phase 3 & Phase 4 (2016 & 2017) will refine and expand to other fields
 - **Lorentz Centre Meeting in June 2016 (inviting external participation)**

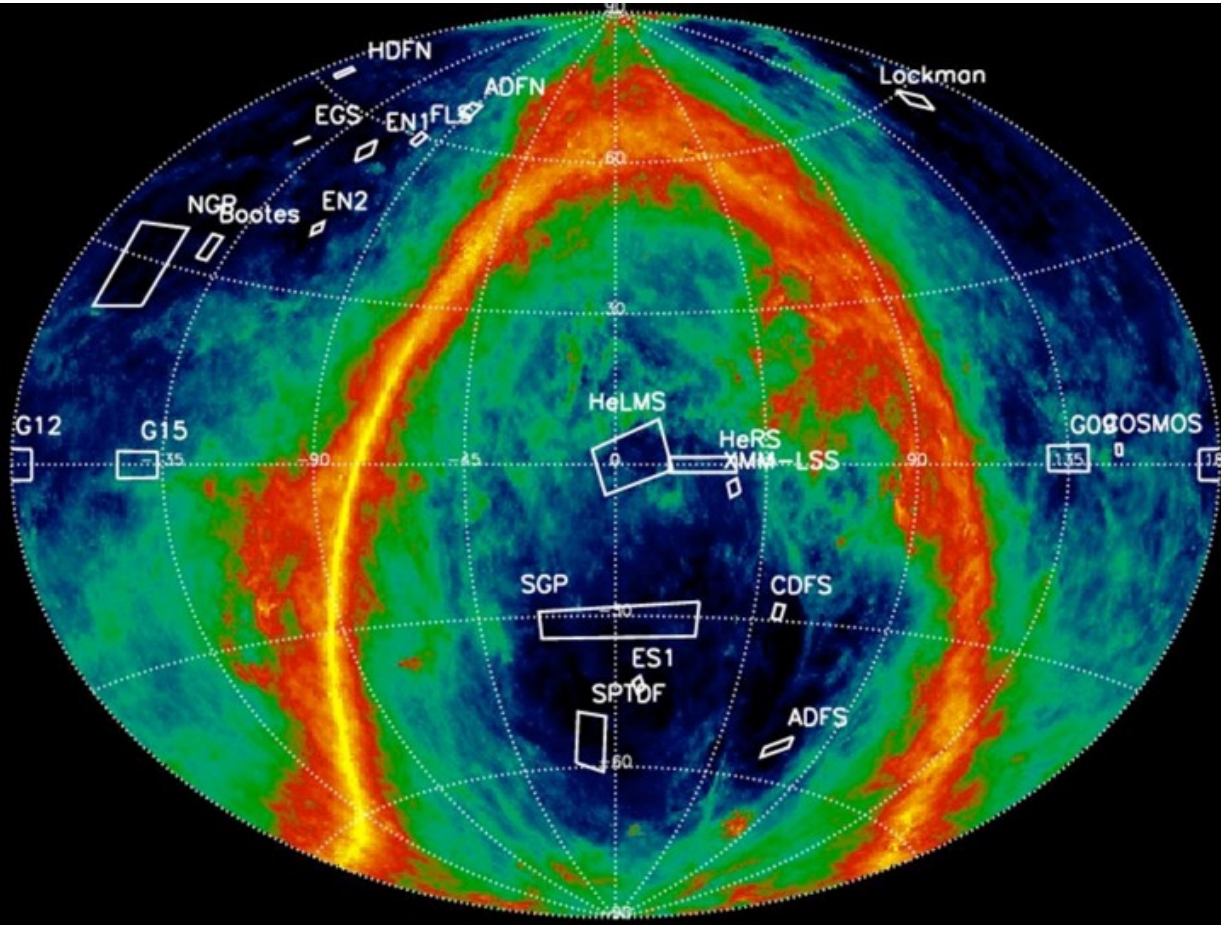


- Enable easy access to Multi-Wavelength Datasets
- Enable Timely Radio Survey Science Exploitation



Conclusion

- “Plug-and-play” multi- λ surveys over 1000 deg²
- Open to data / science collaboration (talk to me!)
- Aims to lower barriers to statistical studies
- Enable easy access to and use of (Herschel) data
- “Value-added” data products (z , SFR, M_* , M_{dust} ...)
- Easy comparison against galaxy formation models
- To provide a resource for astronomers to study the high- z Universe not unlike SDSS at low- z
- Delivering on the promise of Continuum Surveys



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