Science potential from deep fields

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Why go "deep"?

1. S=L/4 π r² ; farther sources are fainter for given L

2. Extremely faint sources, but nearby

3. Source count

4. Serendipitous discovery



Some early results

Windhorst (1985):

- Faint sources (< mJy) largely star forming galaxies
- Bright sources (> a few mJy) mostly powerful AGNs

Radio source populations in the E-CDFS 3765



Figure 6. Relative fraction of the various classes of radio sources: SFGs (green diamonds), all AGNs (black triangles), RQ AGNs (blue circles) and RL AGNs (red squares). The error bars correspond to 1σ Poisson errors

A few deep fields

A portion of EN1W (10 sq deg), GMRT 610 MHz rms ~ 40 microJy/beam, resolution 6" 6400 sources above 0.2 mJy Ishwara-Chandra et al, 2019

Individual objects from EN1W

GMRT 610 MHz: *Looks different* Total flux density ~ 22 mJy



Brienza et al 2016

VLA 1.4 GHz – empty? Barely detected in NVSS Total flux density ~ 6 mJy

Zara et al, in preparation.

GMRT 325 MHz: very bright Total flux density ~ 50 mJy

Individual objects from EN1W



GMRT 325 MHz:

- No "standard AGN morphology"
- Bit large for synchrotron halo.
- A cluster halo? X-Ray data?
- Nearest cluster(s) a few arcmin away

GMRT 610 MHz:

3 hours each at uGMRT band 3, 4 and
5 required for better imaging of halo

Knowels et al, in preparation.

Other projects (=papers) from this field

- 1. Main data paper (Ishwara-Chandra et al, 2019)
- 2. Discovery of a relic source (Zara et al, 2019)
- 3. Giant Synchrotron Halo (Kenda Knowels ++)
- 4. Atypical sources (Biny Sebastian ++)
- 5. Clusters of Galaxies (Ruta, Satish ++)
- 6. Infrared Faint Radio Sources (Veeresh Singh ++)
- 7. Alignment of radio sources (Russ Taylor ++)
- 8. Spectroscopic Sample: LERGs vs HERGs (*Imogen Whittam++*)
- 9. Stacking in total intensity (Yogesh Wadadekar ++)
- 10. Stacking in HI (*Catherine* ++)
- 11. Several machine learning and technical projects (total ~20)

XMMLSS at band-3 (250-500 MHz) 6" resolution, 14 mJy rms, 1500 sources/sq degree



Concluding remarks

Deep fields are becoming the trend because

- Provides statistically complete data set
- More productive to gather multi-wavelength data
- Wide range of science possible from single field

Several ongoing programs with uGMRT to get deep data for several legacy fields.