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- Measurement sets distributed to independent iPython processes
 - Separate processing and async I/O threads
 - I/O optimized for large (>1MB) sequential reads
- 100GB high frequency continuum EVLA data set
- Lustre filesystem feeding processing nodes over 40Gbit QDR Infiniband
- Async I/O from disk to CPU; memory stores images not raw visibilities
- 40 50MB/s I/O consumed per processing thread at 95% user CPU load
- 200 operations / unit I/O
- Lustre operating at 80% aggregate spindle speed (spindle speed limited)



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- CPU and I/O financially balanced for simple imaging
- Industry increases over next decade result in 50 to 1 disparity in CPU to disk I/O rates
- 10³ operations per unit I/O for MS-MFS effectively increases life span of I/O subsystem
- 10⁴ or 10⁵ ops per unit I/O cost for higher sensitivity further improves lifespan