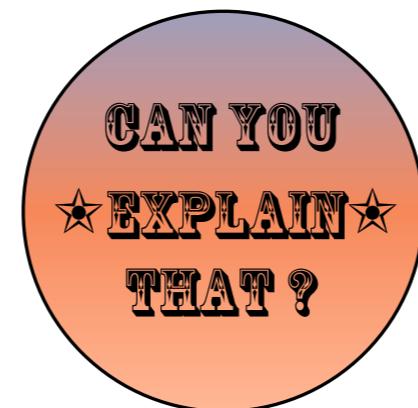


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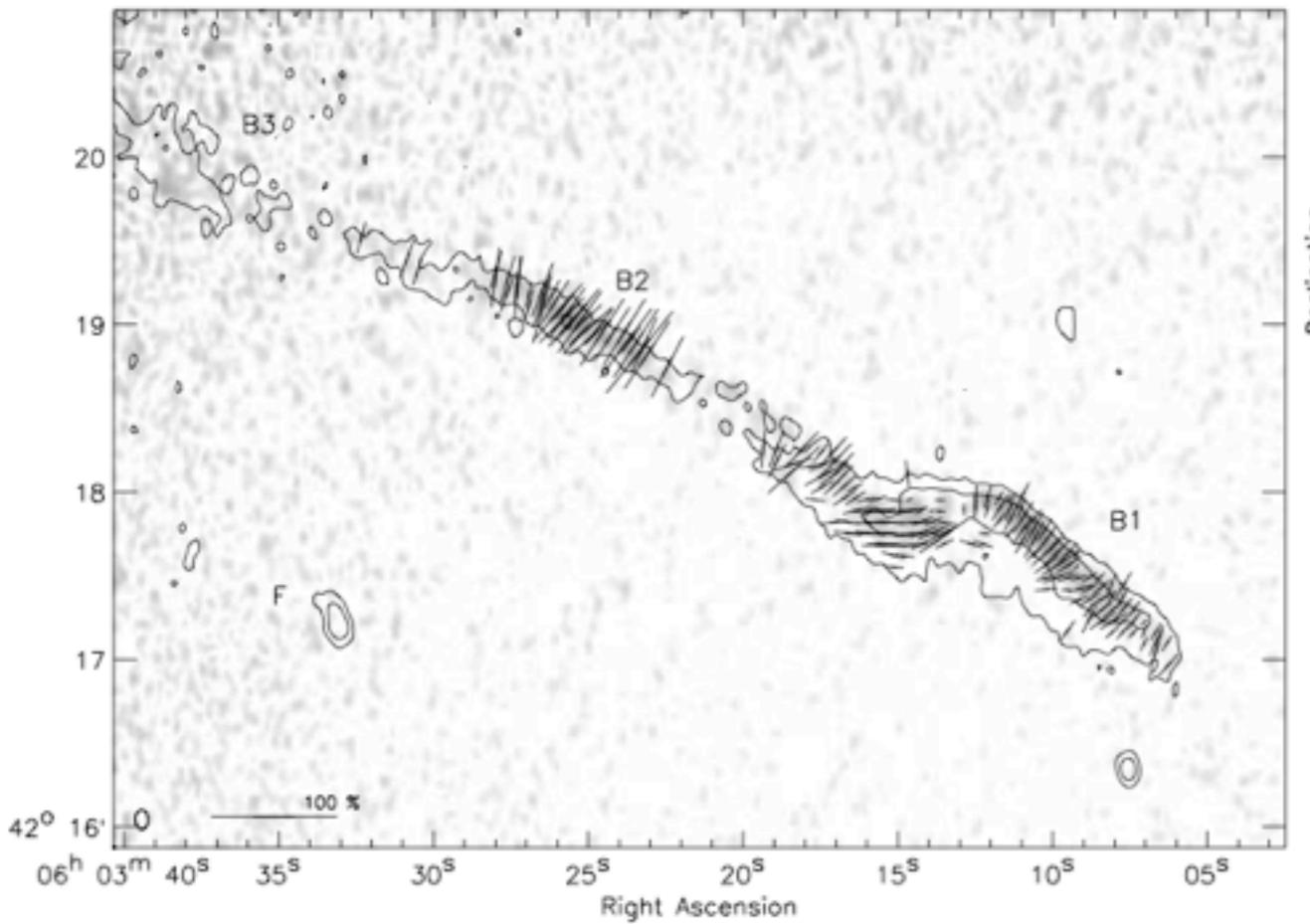


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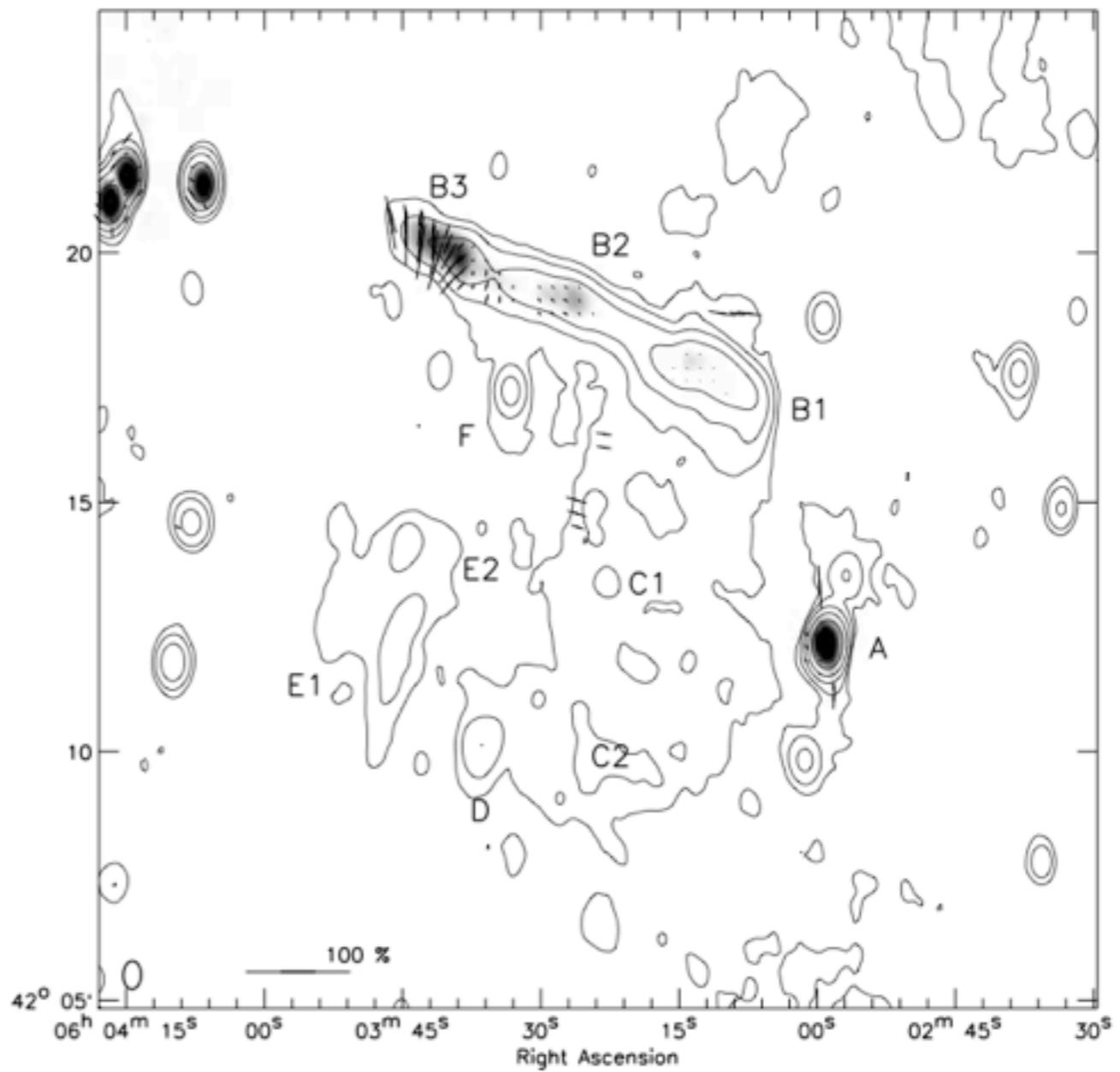
# The 'Toothbrush' in polarization

WSRT 4.9 GHz

Declination



WSRT 1.4 GHz



van Weeren, et al. 2012

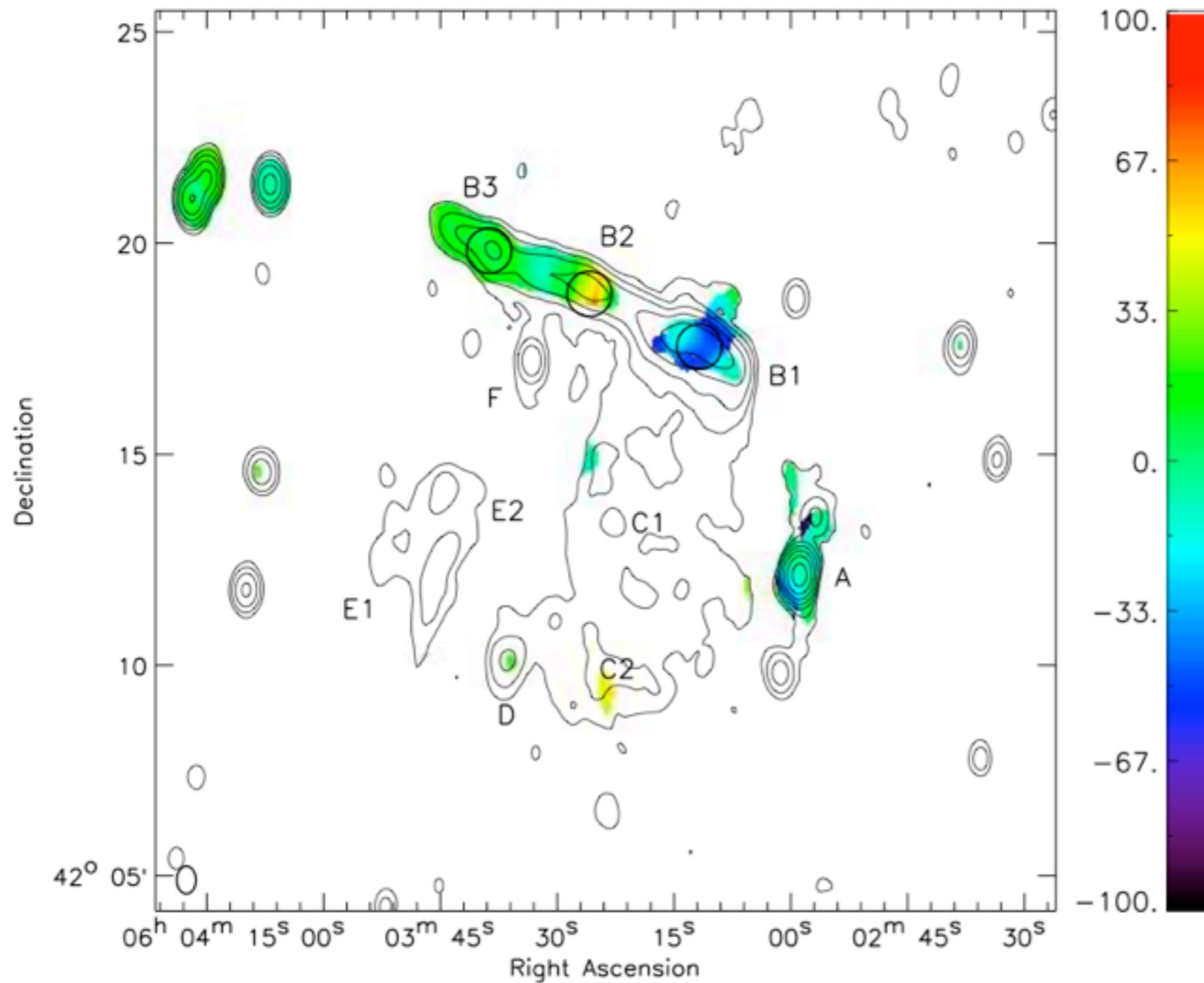


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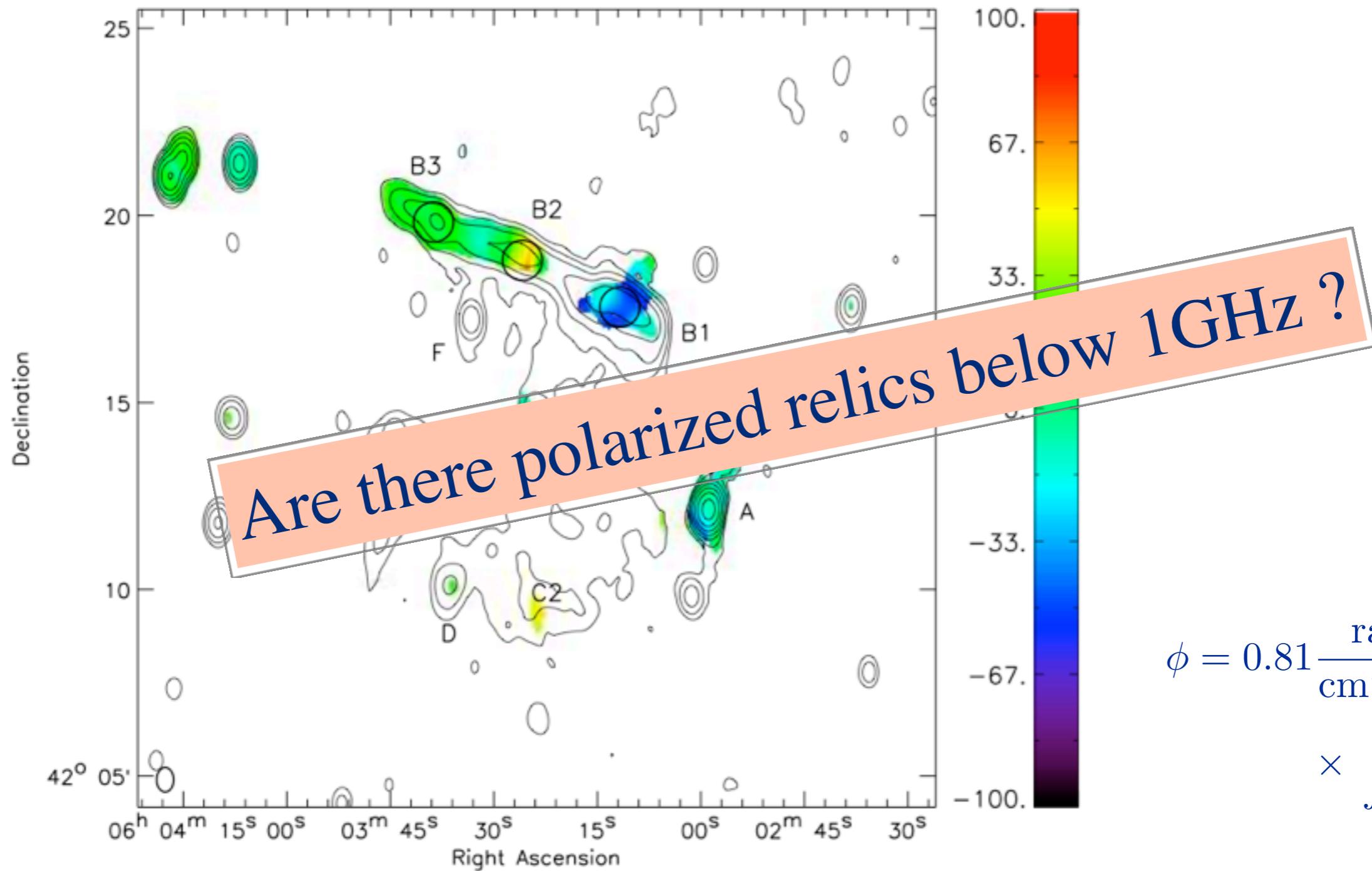


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reduction pipeline ?



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# Best data reduction software?

WSRT 350MHz

+

CASA

???

- user friendly
- easy(?) to program
- deals with XY feeds



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# Main pipeline elements

flagging

- rficonsole

calibration

- Tsys
- bandpass/gain
- polcal (leakage, XY phase)

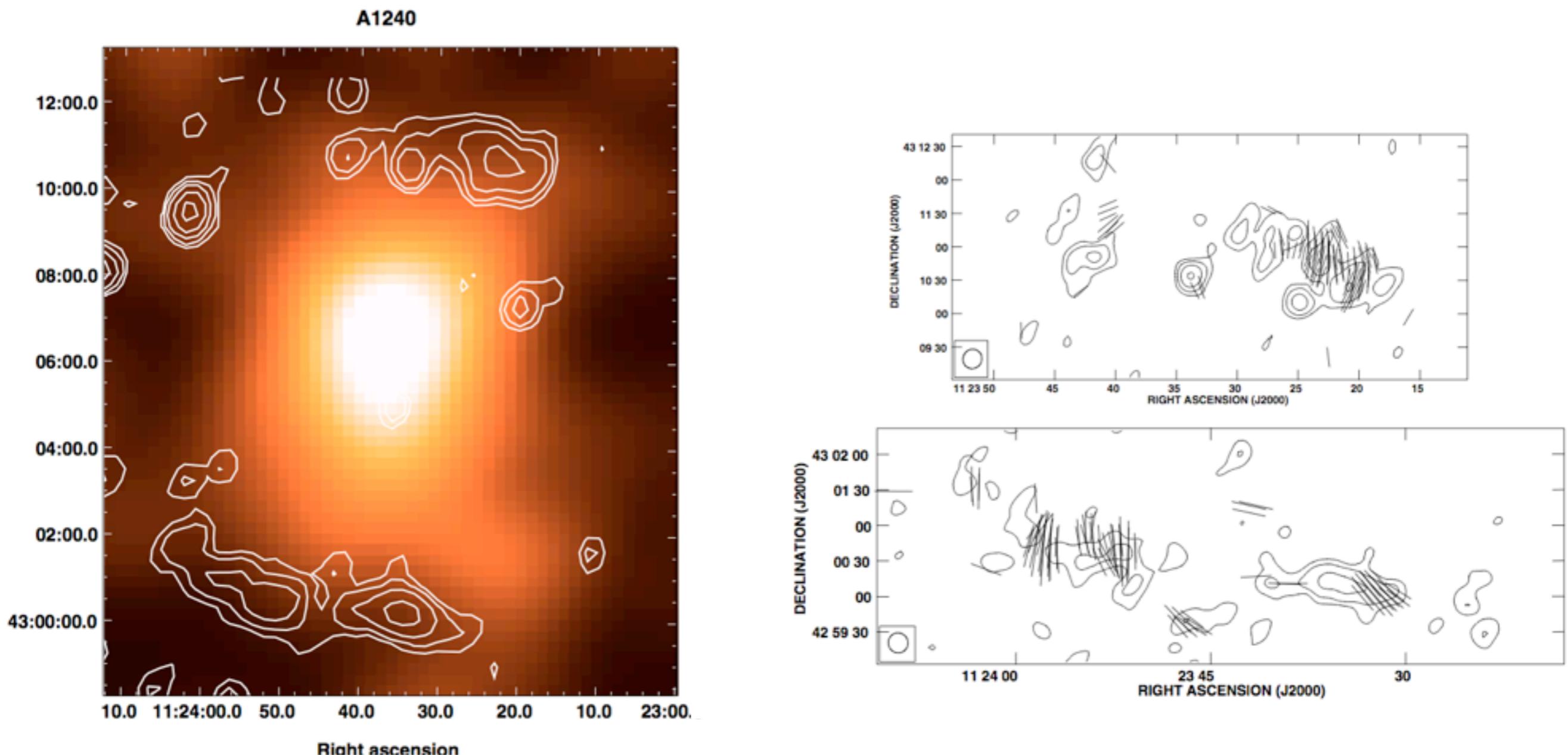
selfcal

- phase
- amplitude

RM synthesis



# Here: results for A1240



VLA 1.4 GHz

Bonafede et al. 2009

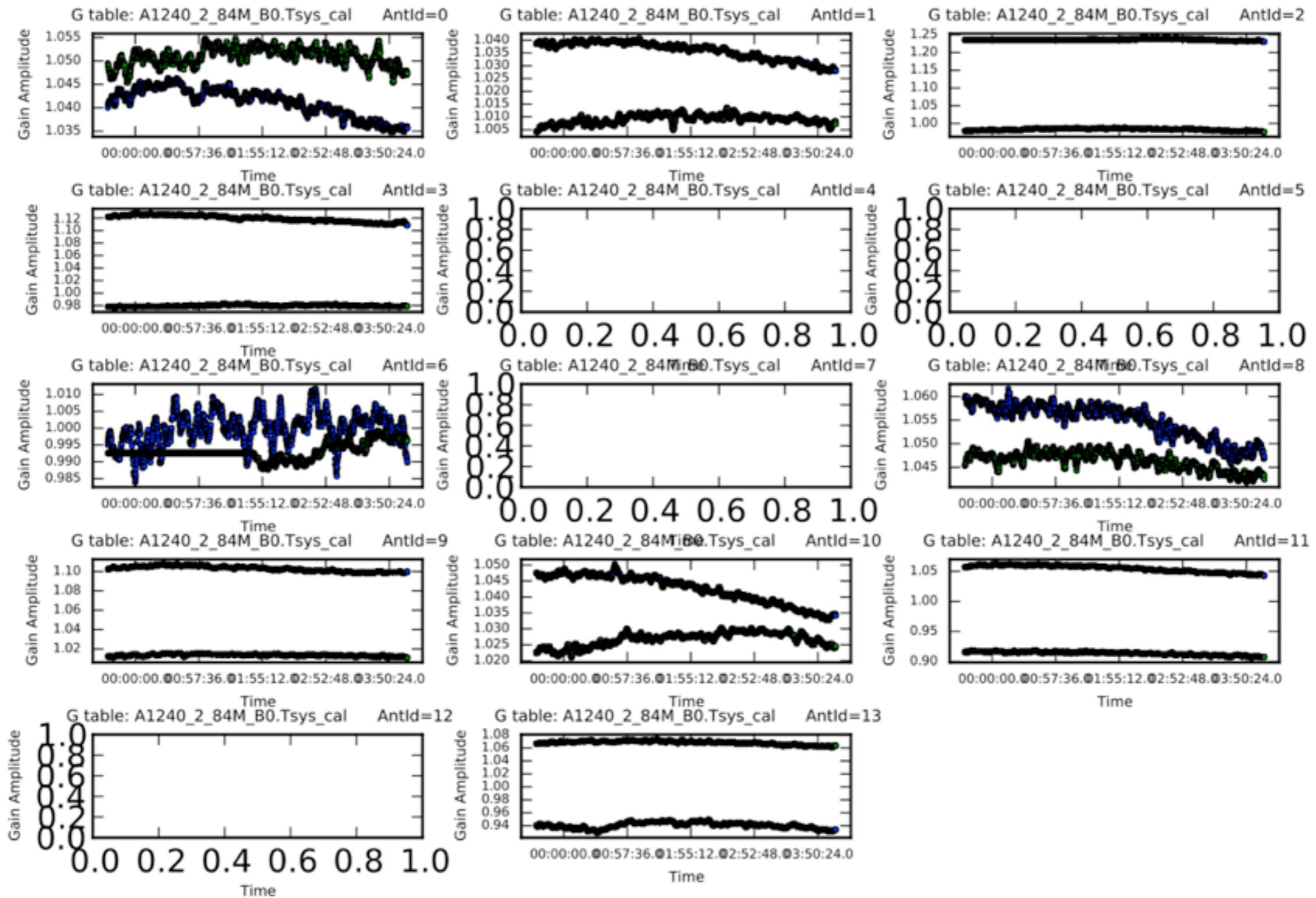


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# TP Calibration (i): System temperature



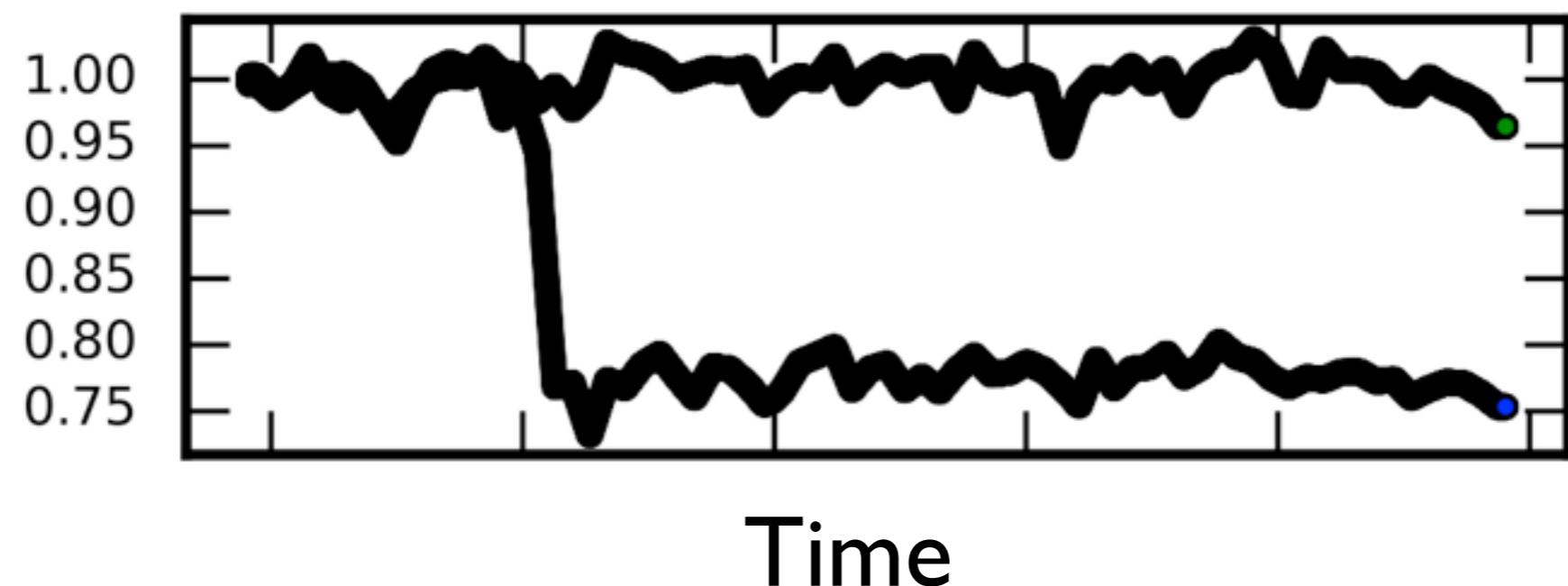
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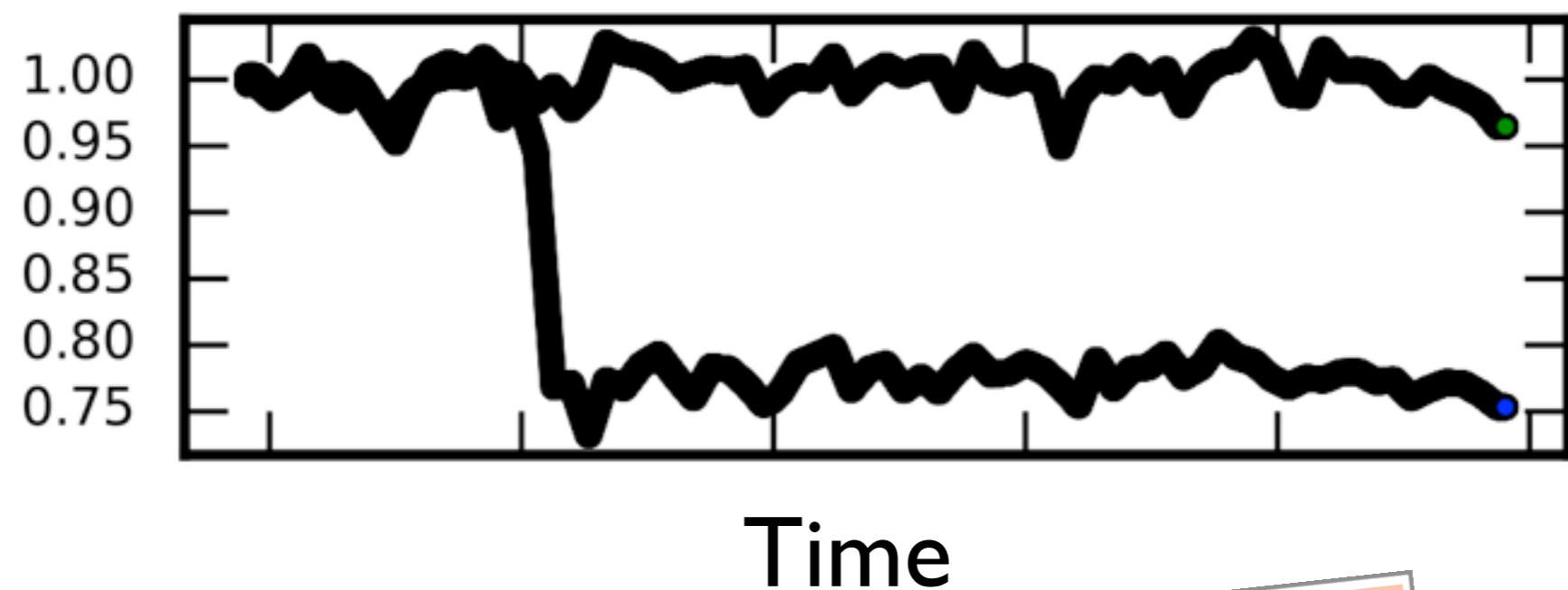
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selfcal on amplitude needed

# Just a reminder: Stokes and XY feeds

- $\text{XX}, \text{YY} \leftrightarrow \text{I}, \text{Q}$        $\text{XY}, \text{YX} \leftrightarrow \text{U}, \text{V}$

$$V^{XX} = I + Q$$

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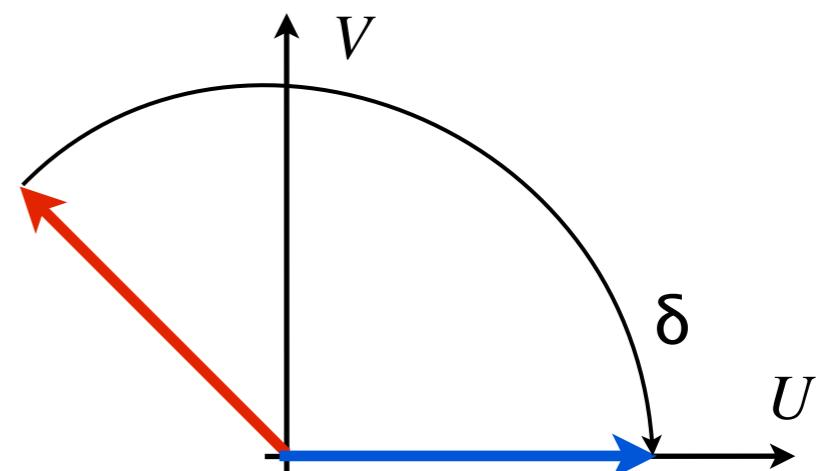
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(point source in phase center)

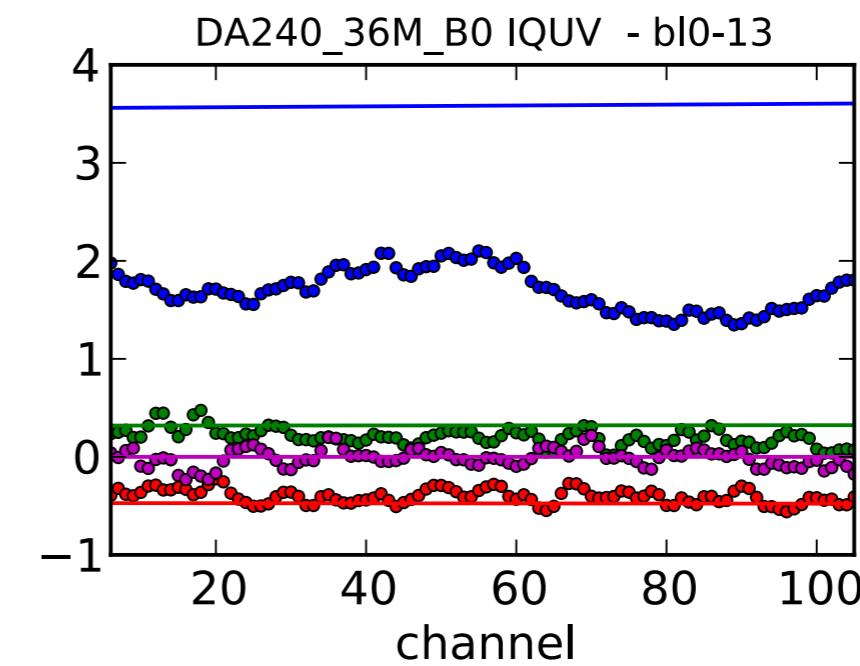
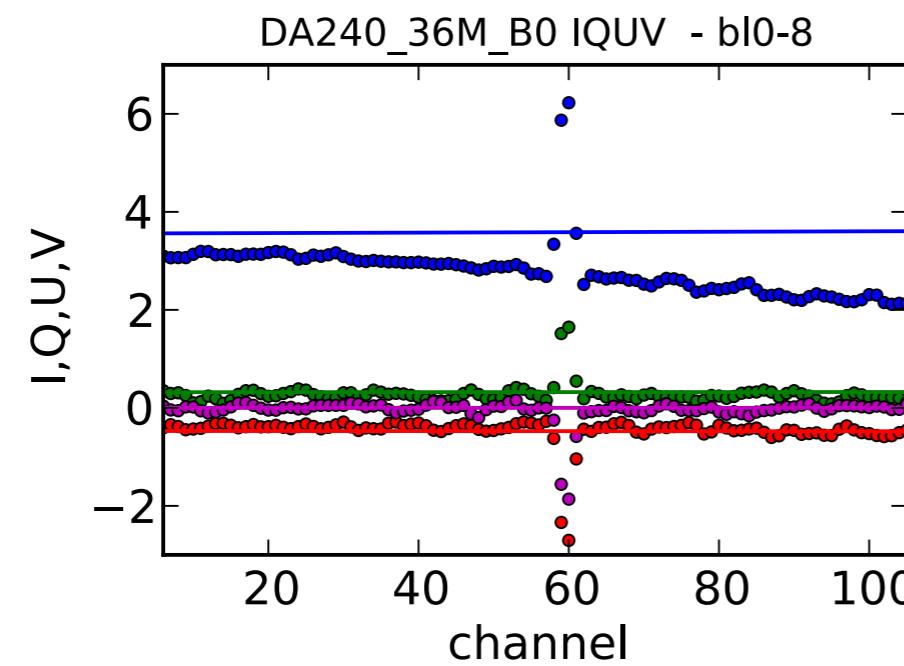
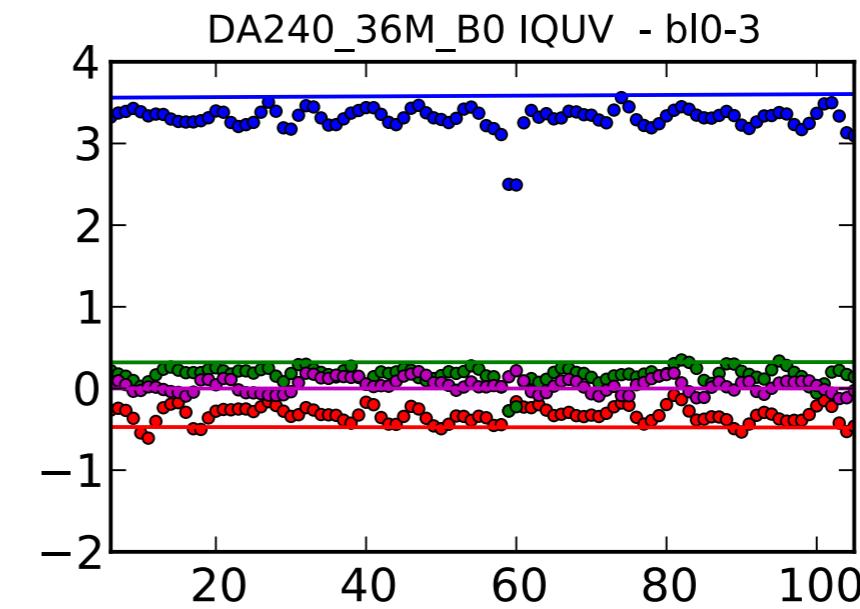
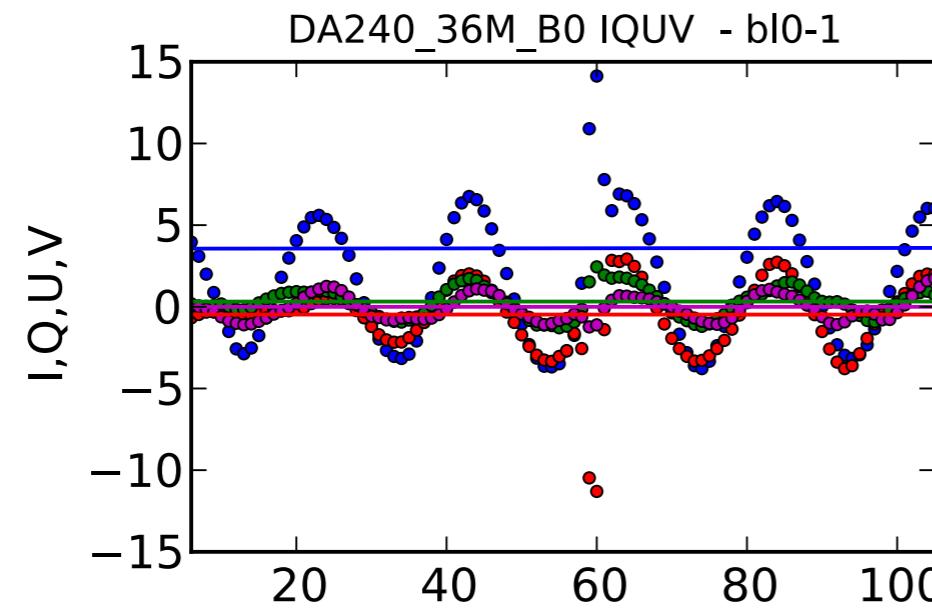
- **polcal: X-Y phase**

$$\tan \delta_{X-Y} = \frac{V}{U}$$



# Polarization calibration (i)

DA240: PA=122deg RM=3.6rad/m<sup>2</sup>



I=re(XX+YY)/2 blue    Q=re(XX-YY)/2 red    U=re(XY+YX)/2 green    V=im(XY-YX)/2 magenta



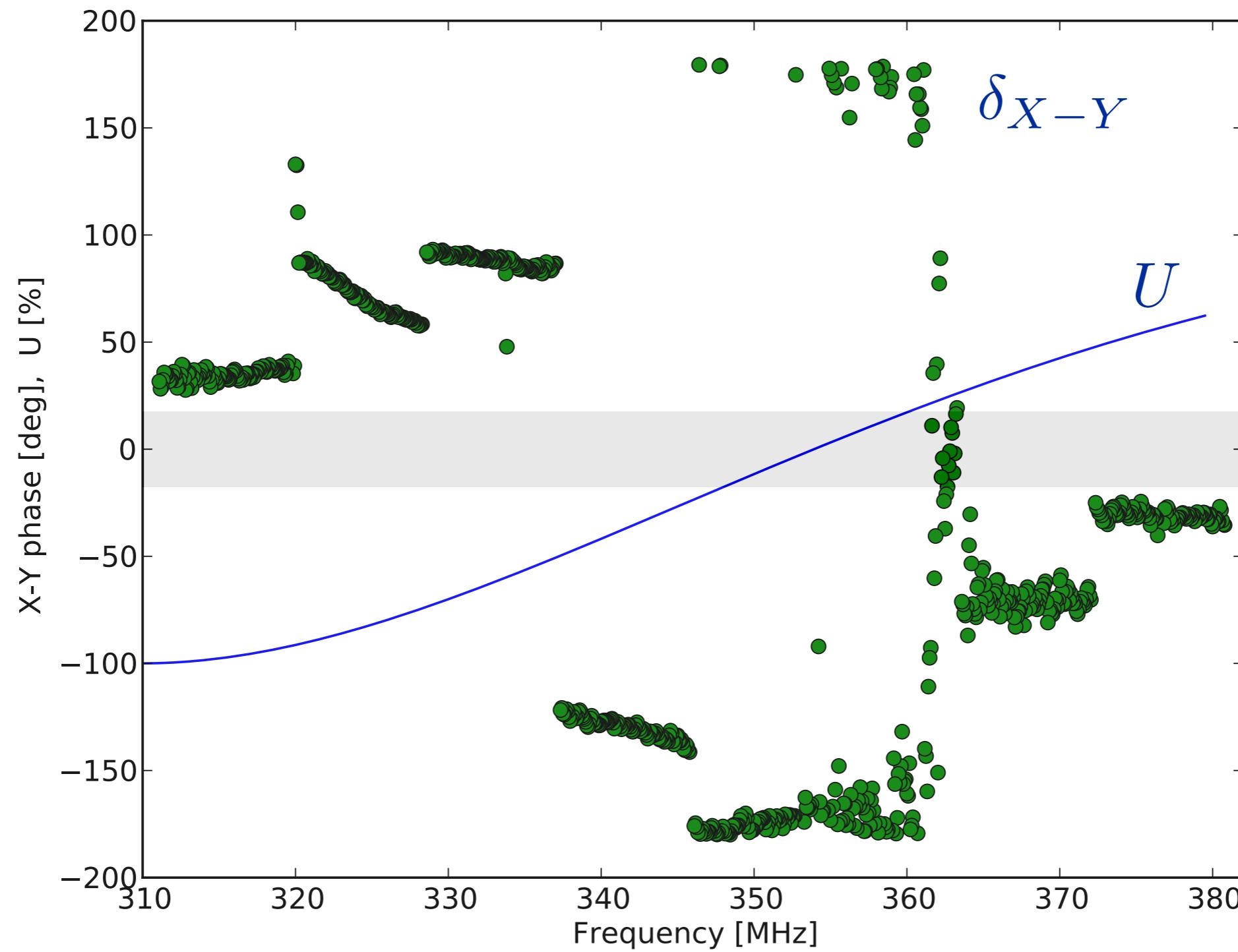
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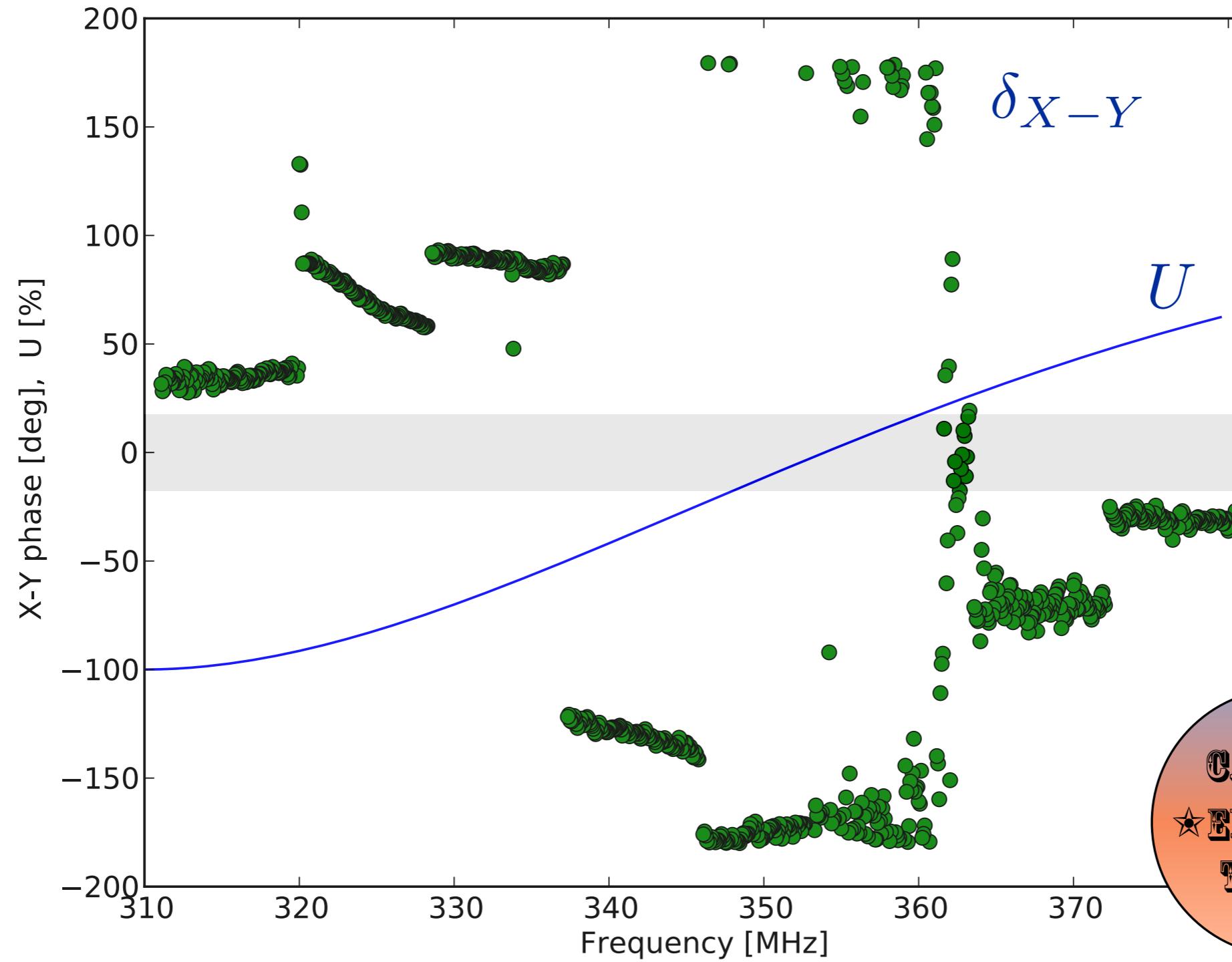
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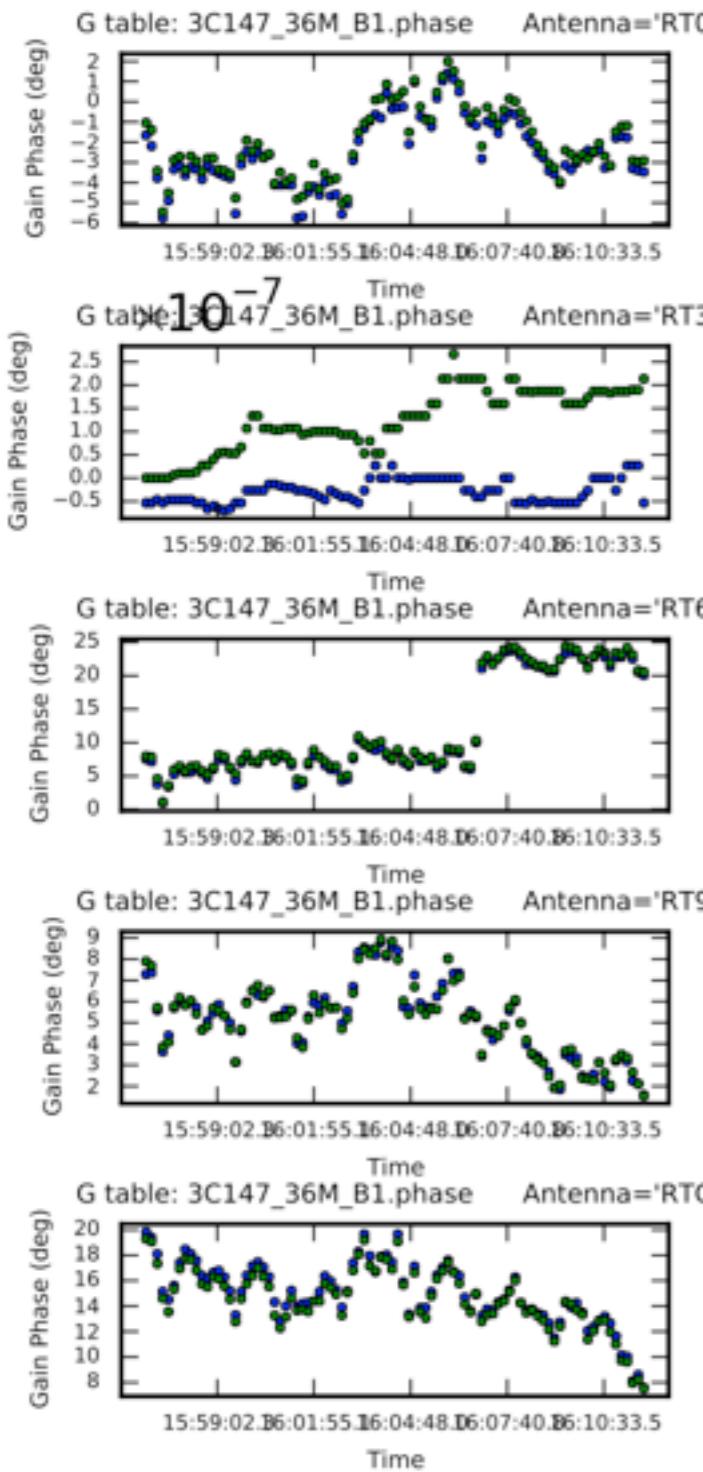
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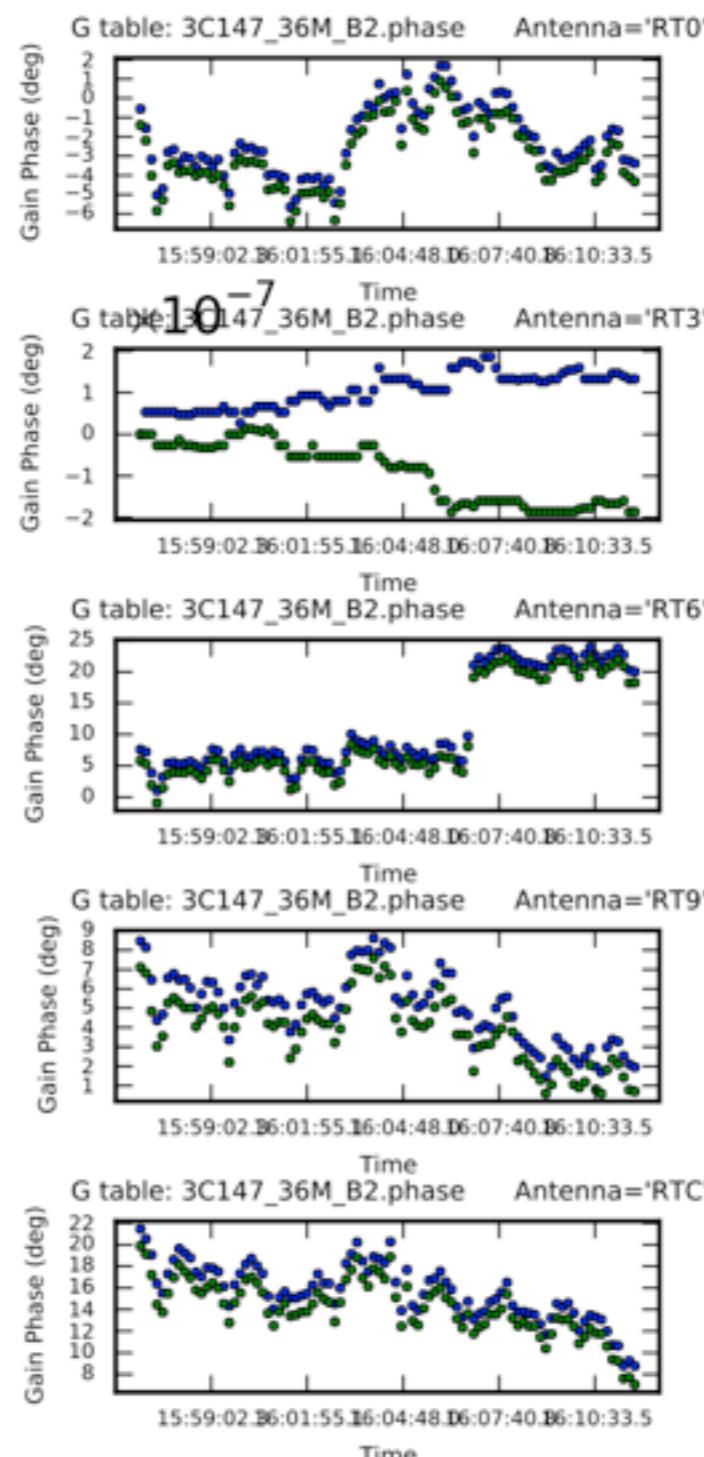
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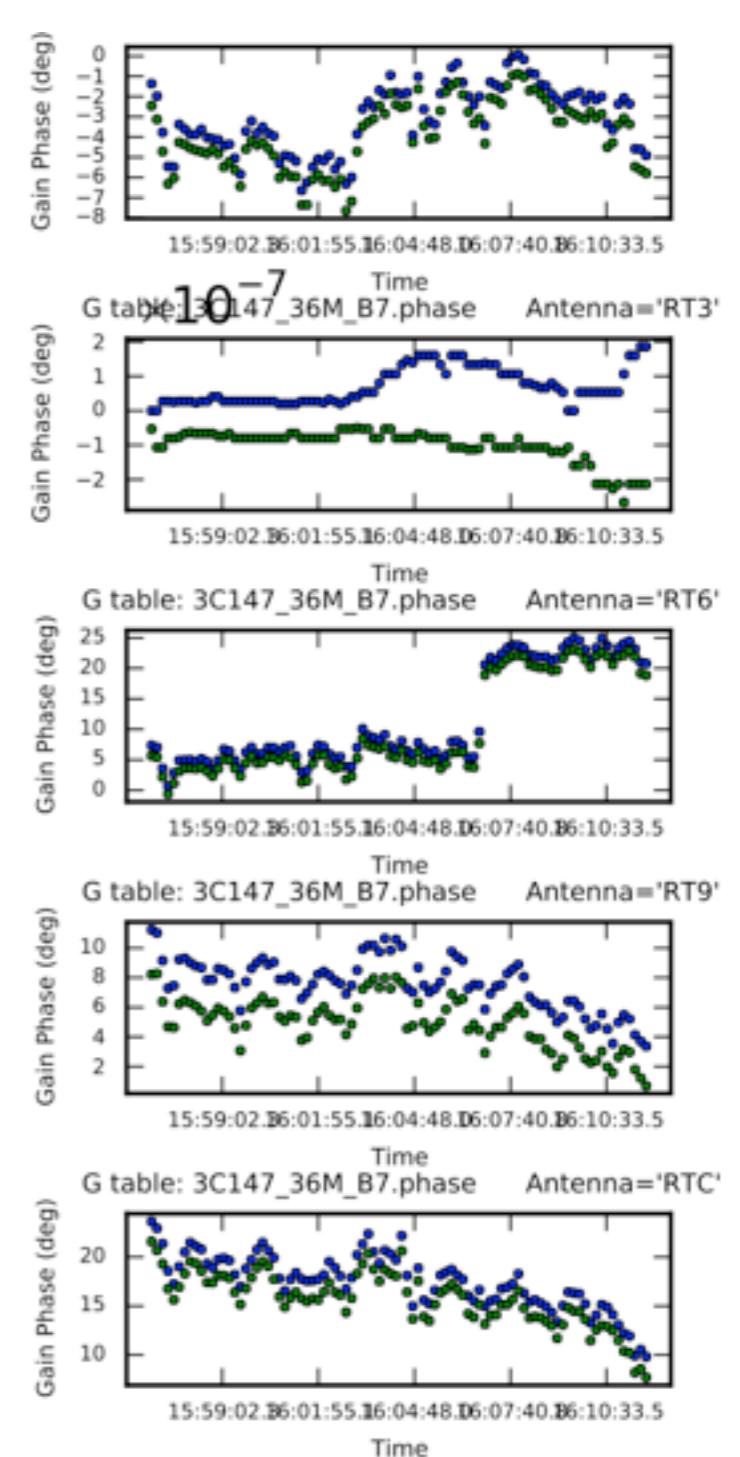
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B2



B7



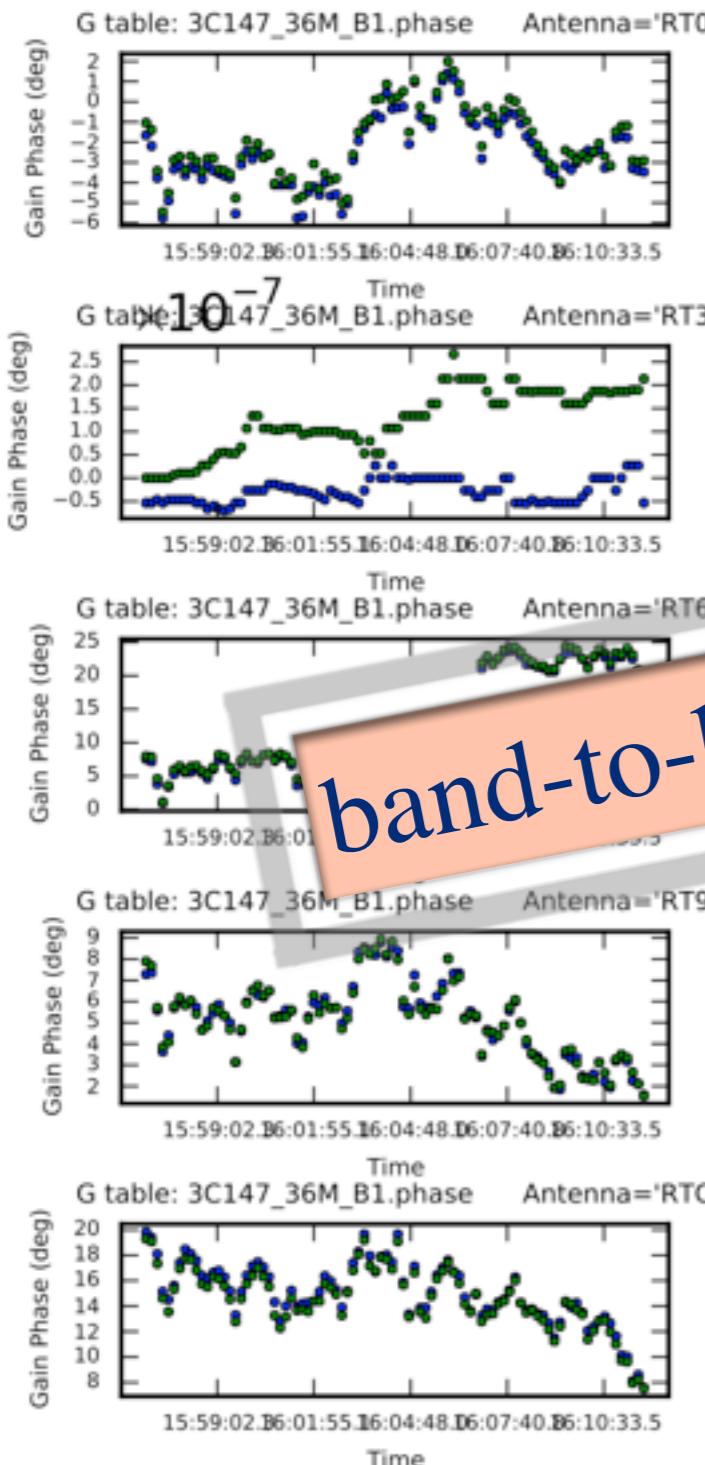
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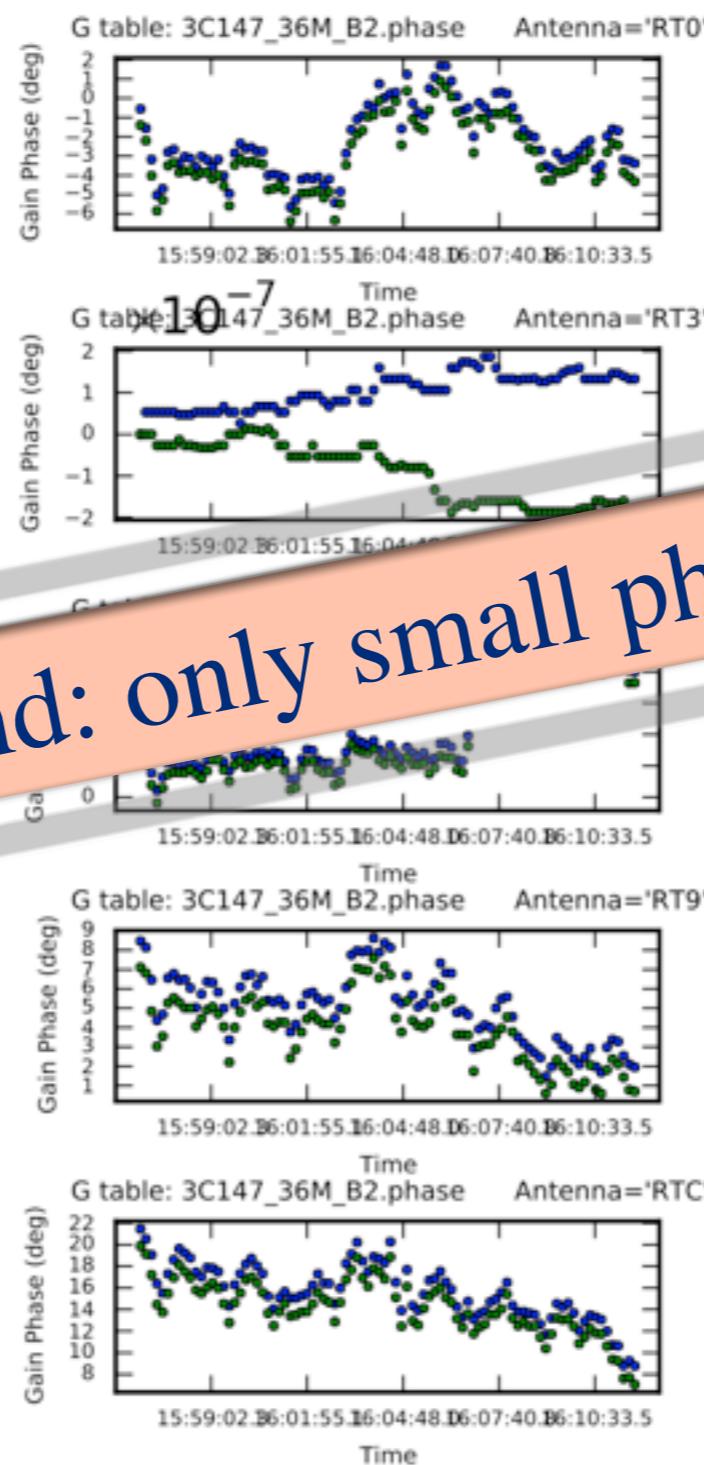
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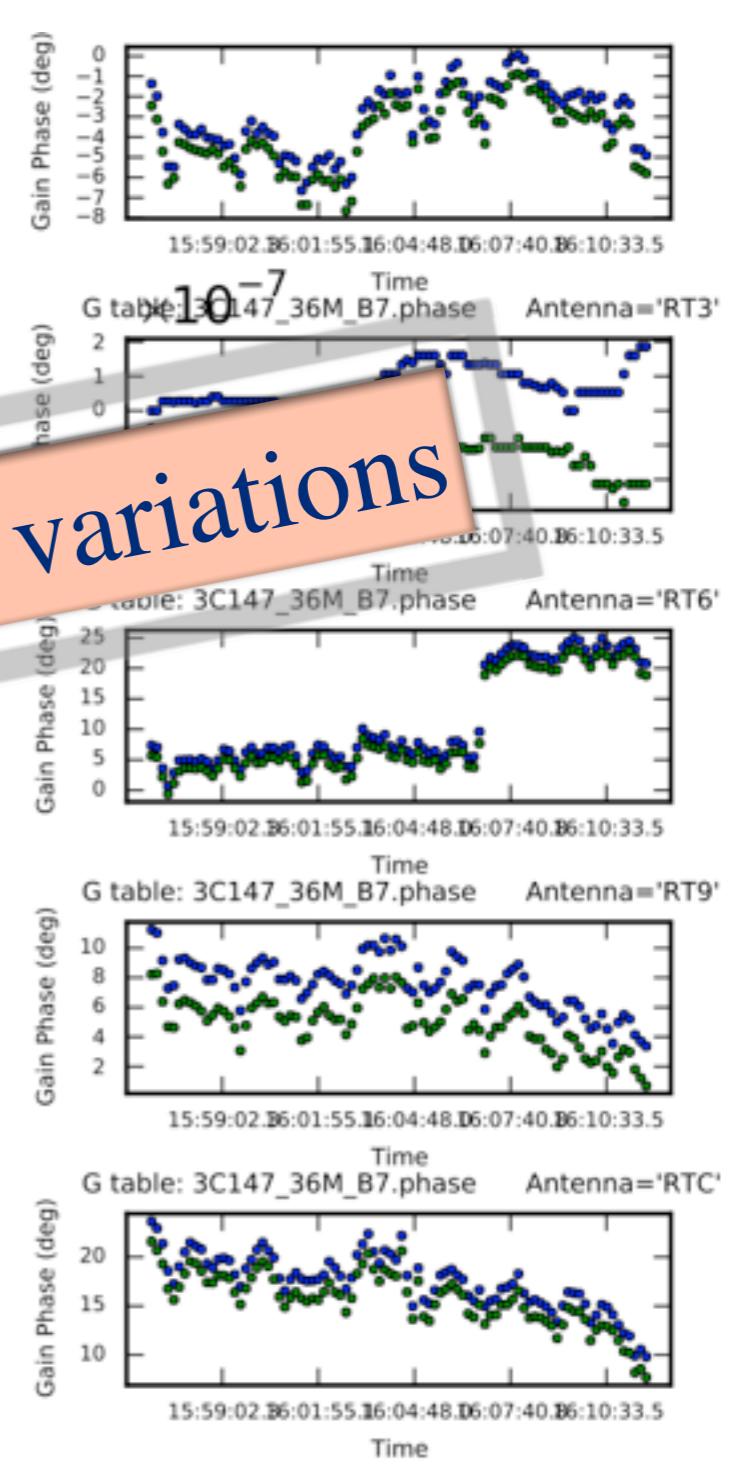
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band-to-band: only small phase variations



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# Polarization calibration (ii): delta X-Y (cont.)

Faraday rotation?



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## Faraday rotation?

not likely, since

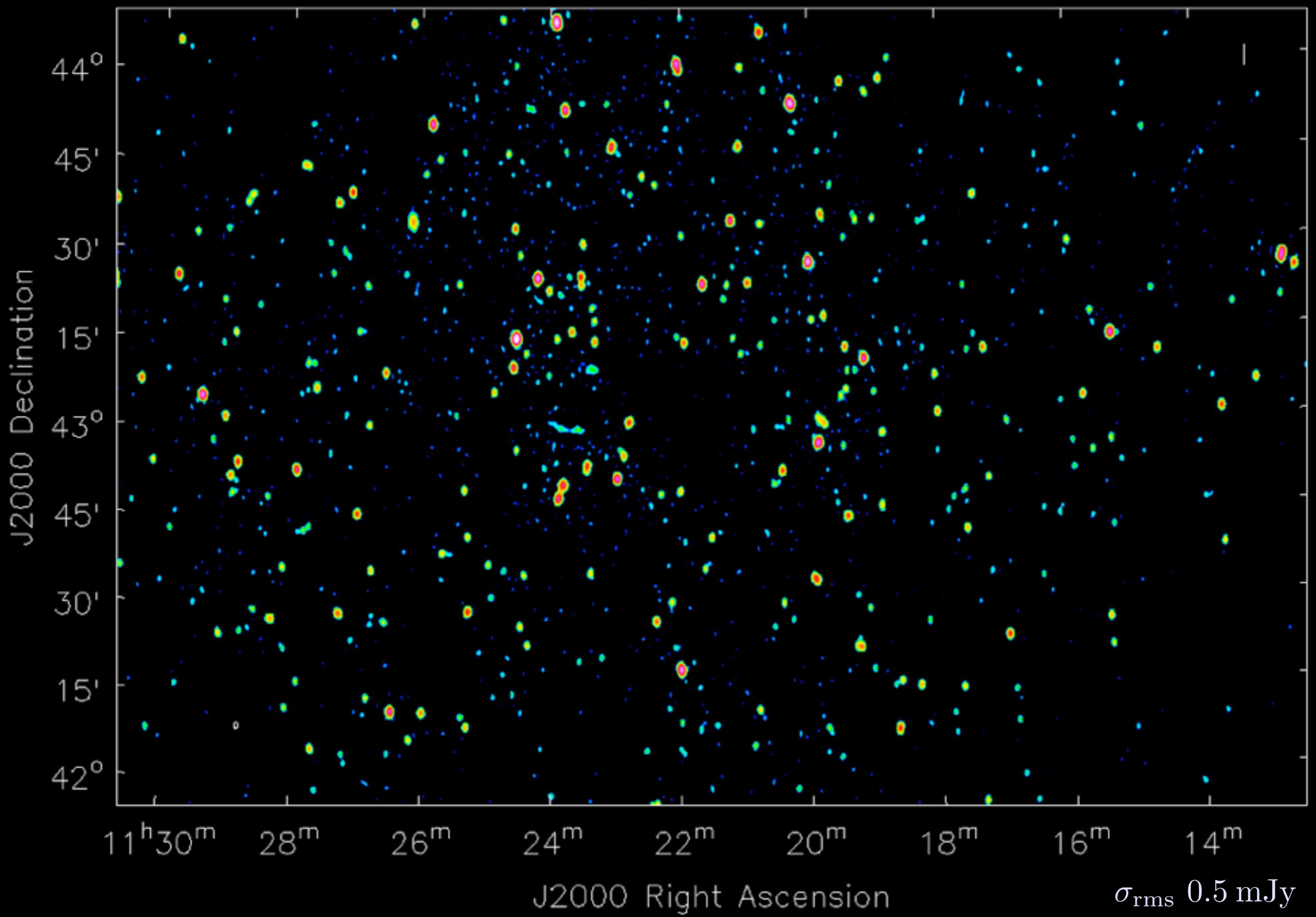
$$- \tan \delta_{X-Y} = V/U$$

- RM considered in model QU

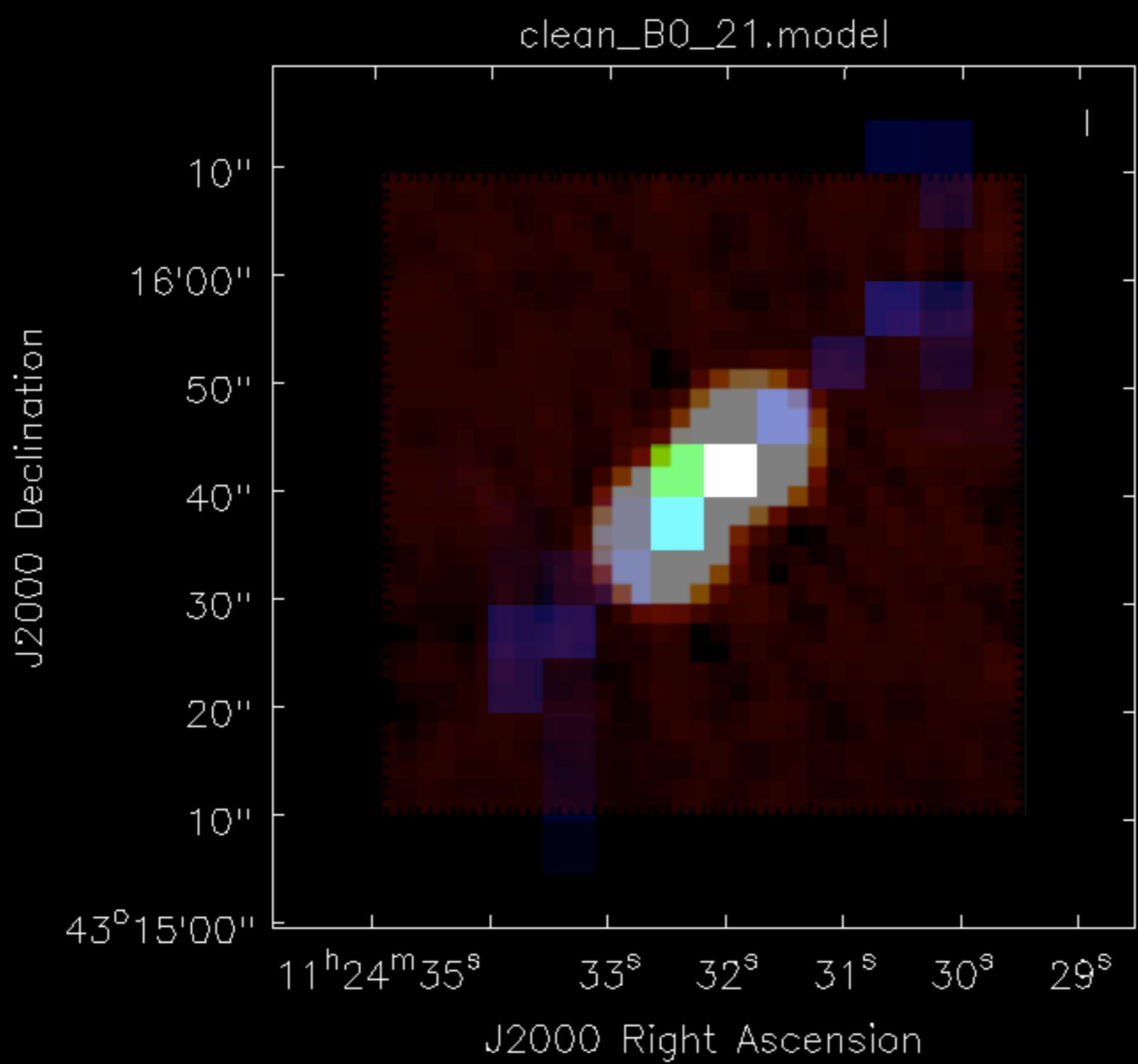
- jumps between bands



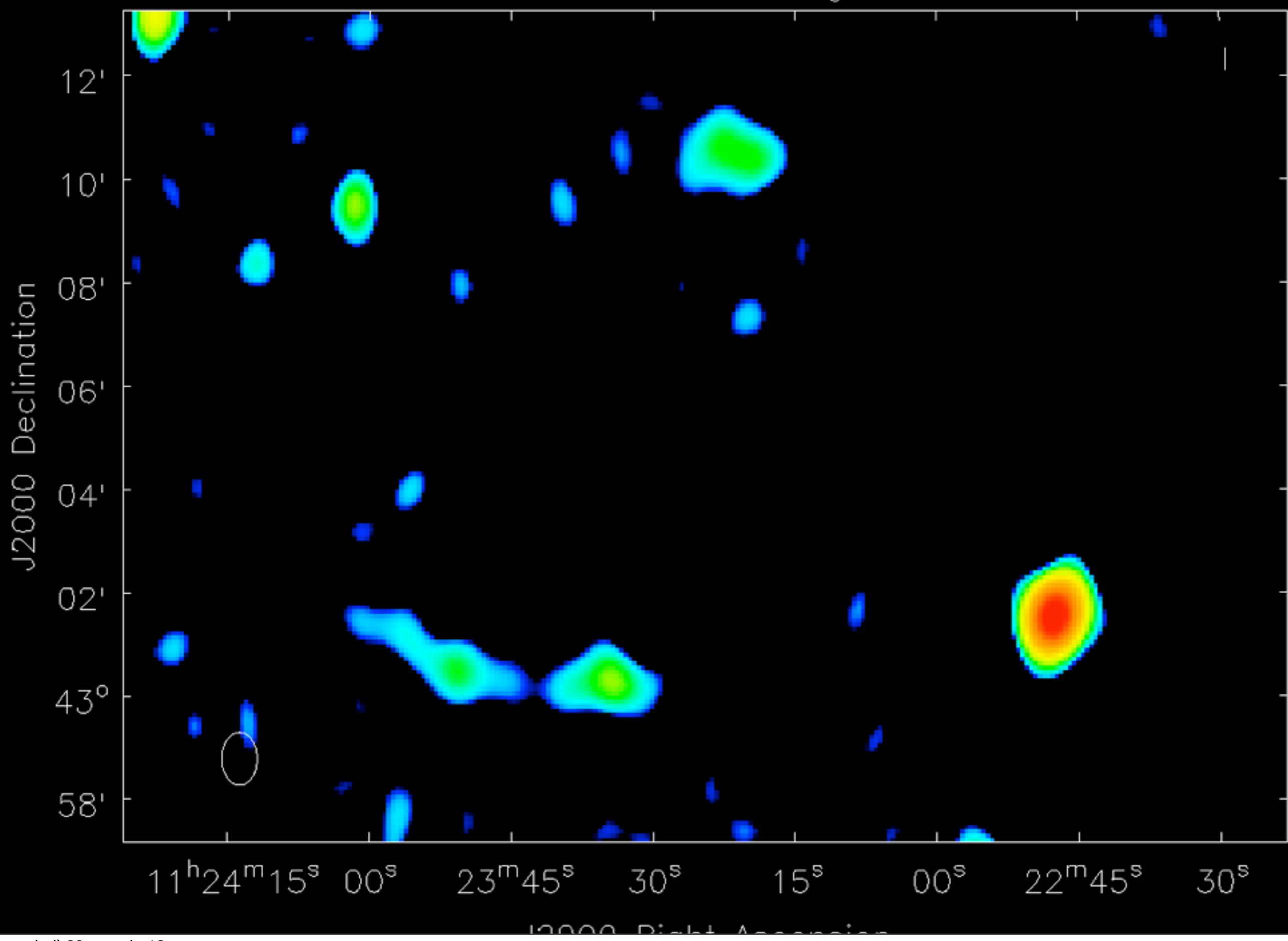
# A1240 Total power, BO





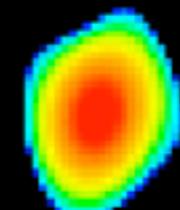
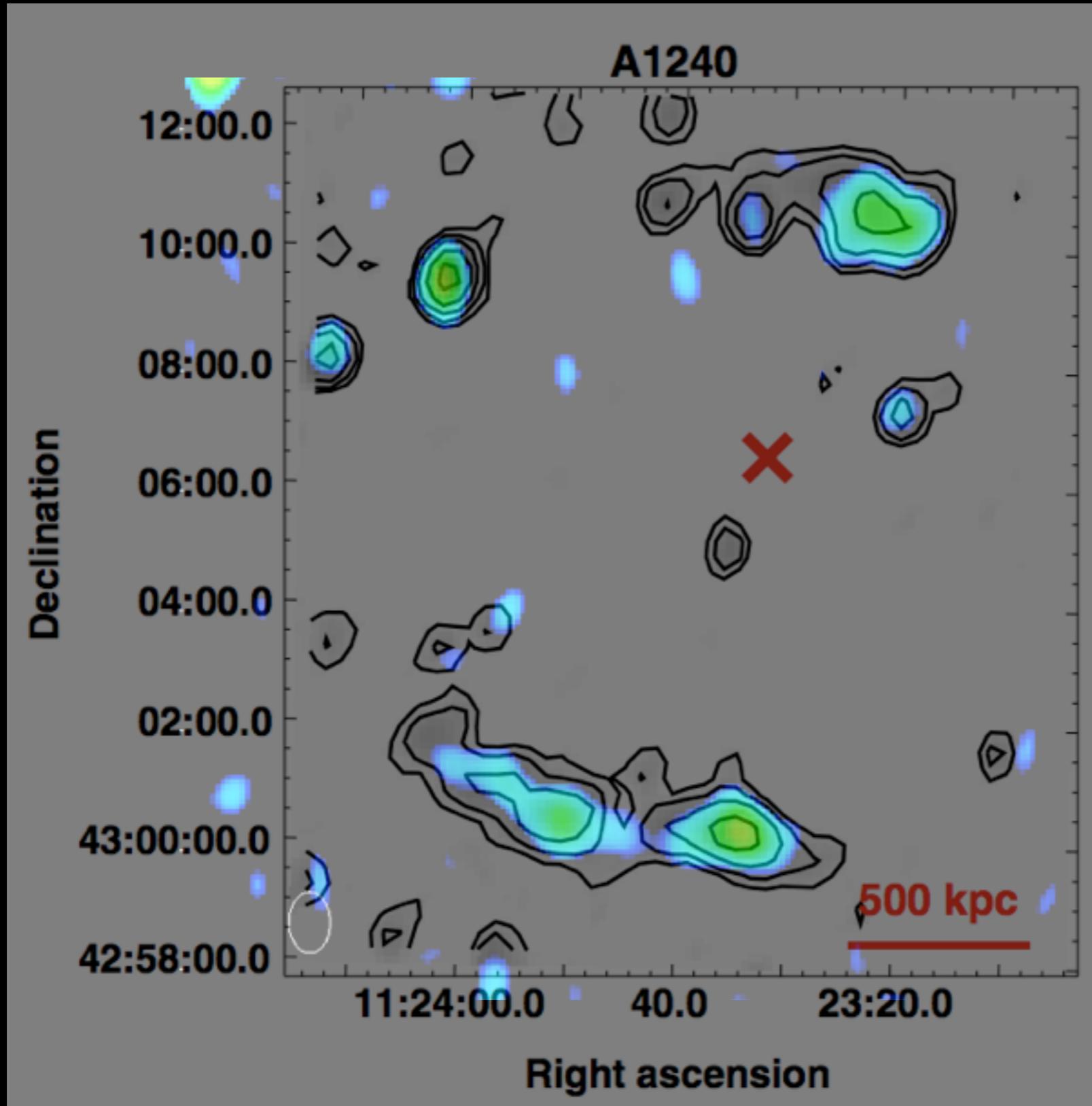


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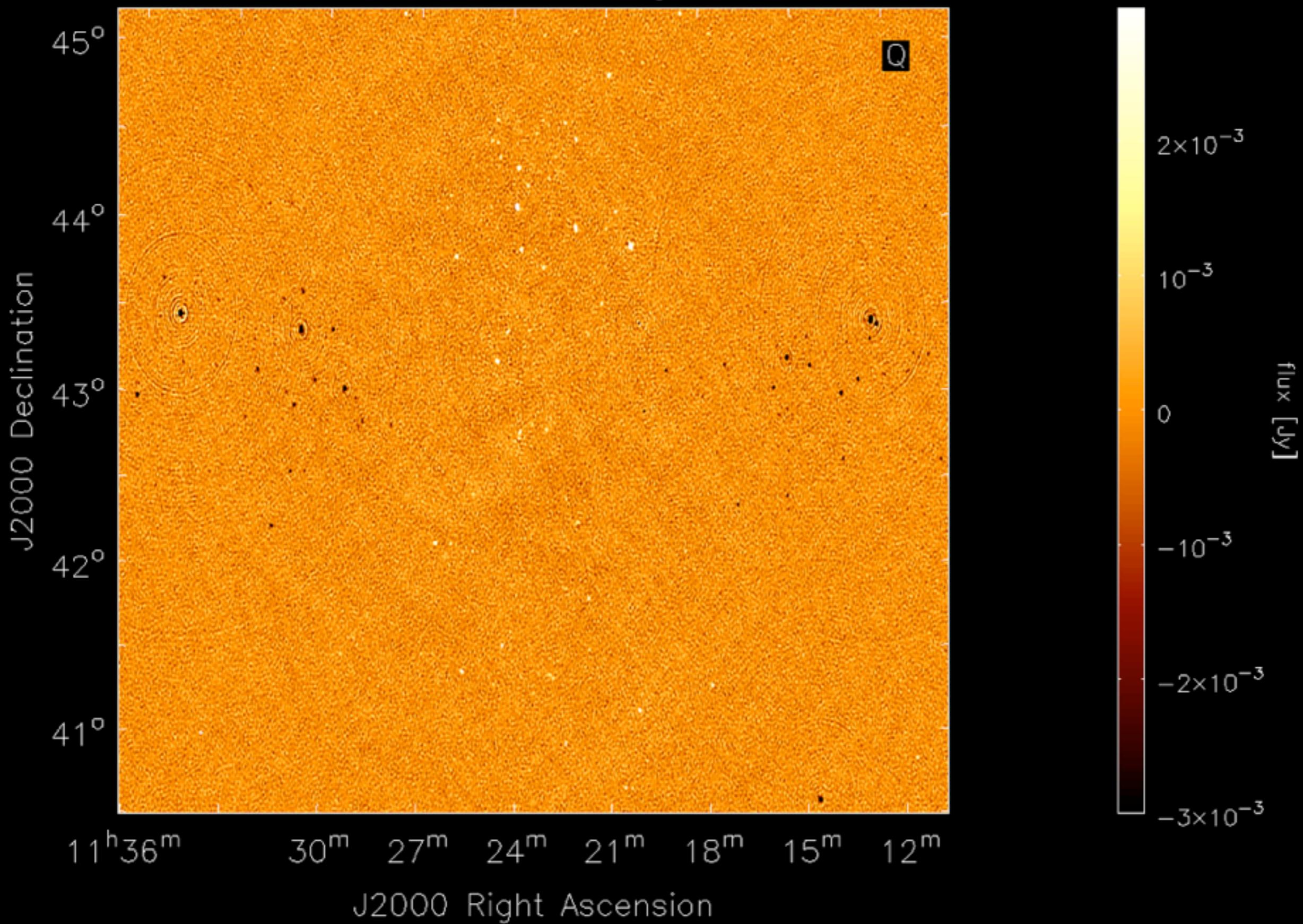
# Comparison to 1.4 GHz

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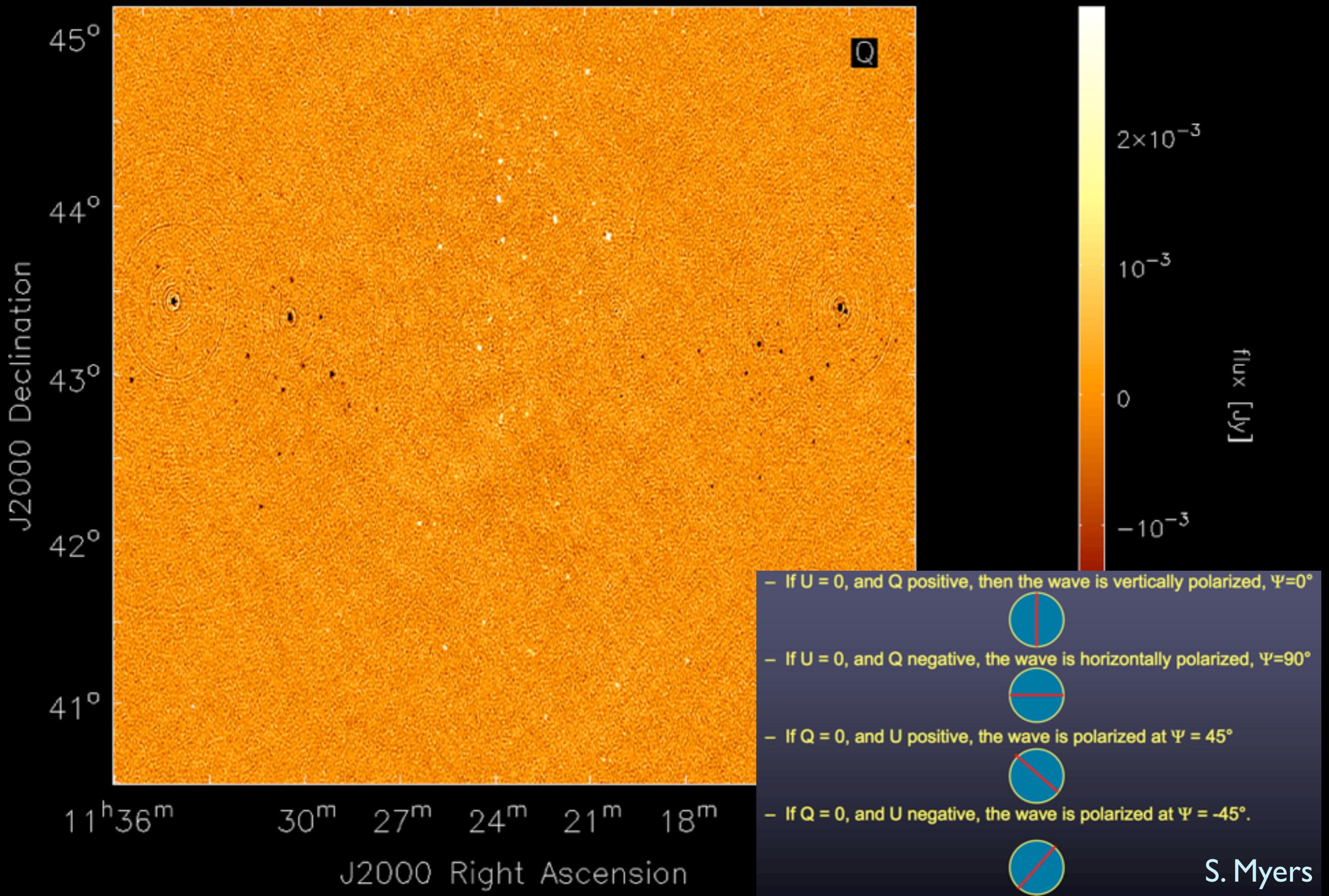
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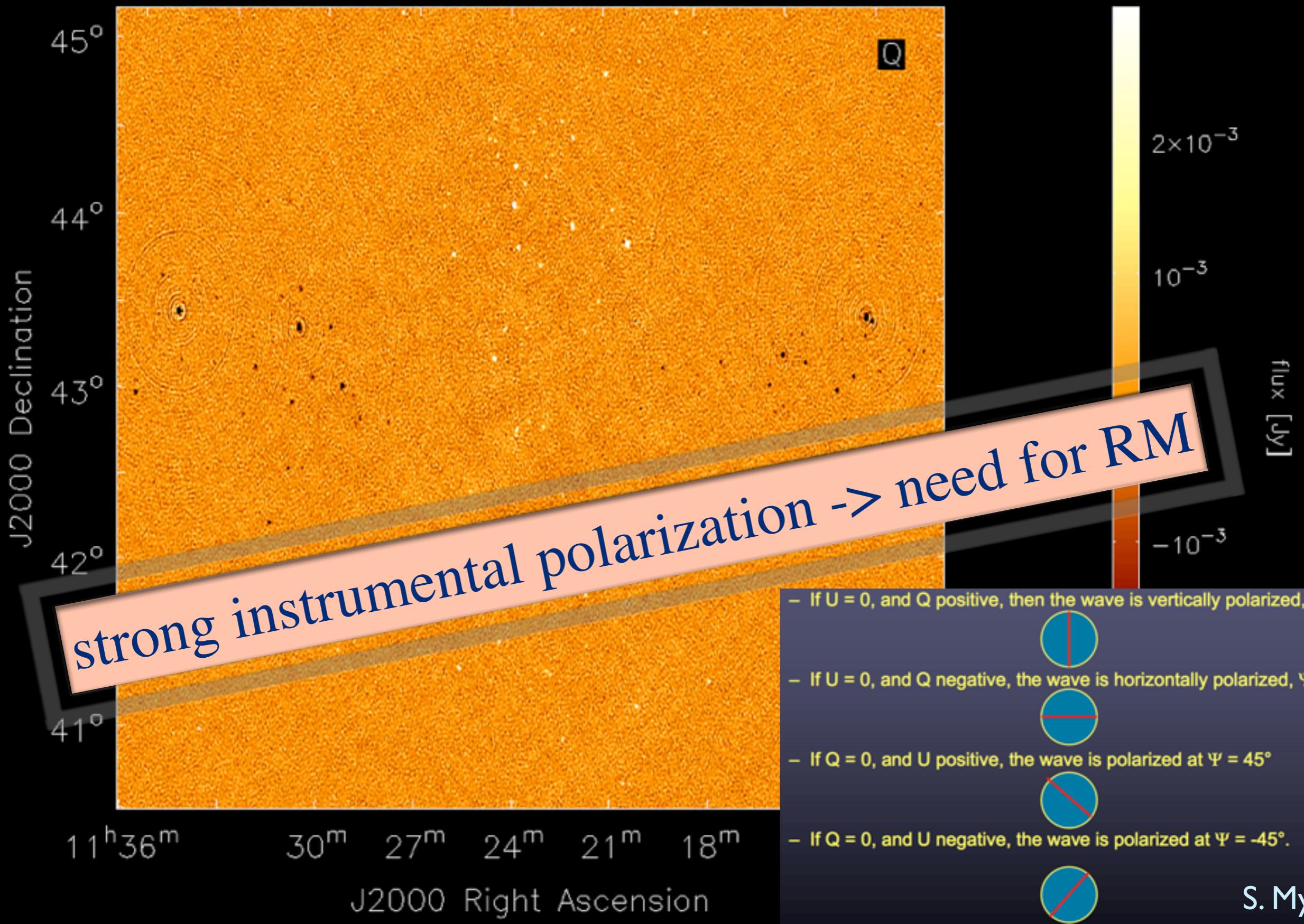
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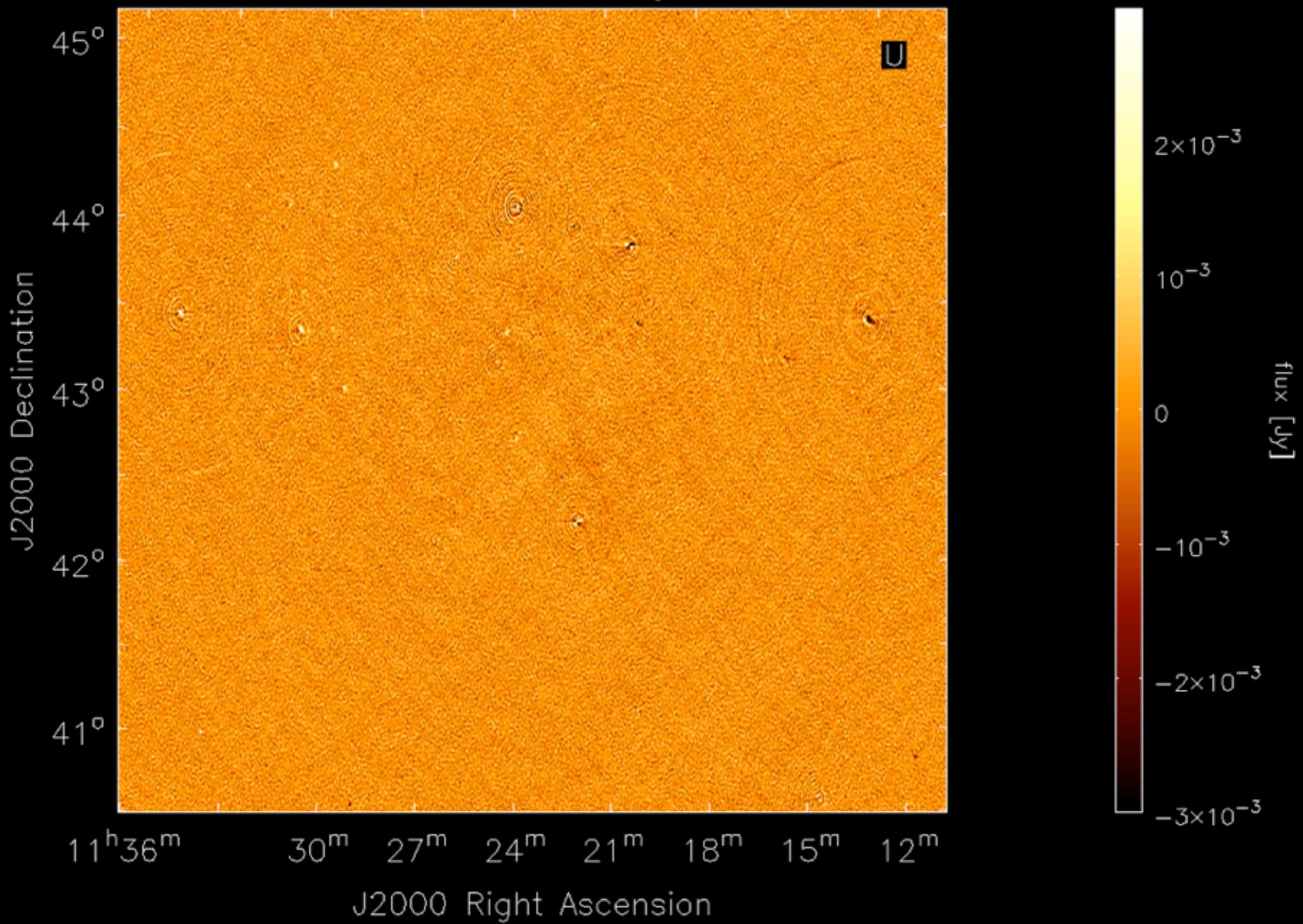
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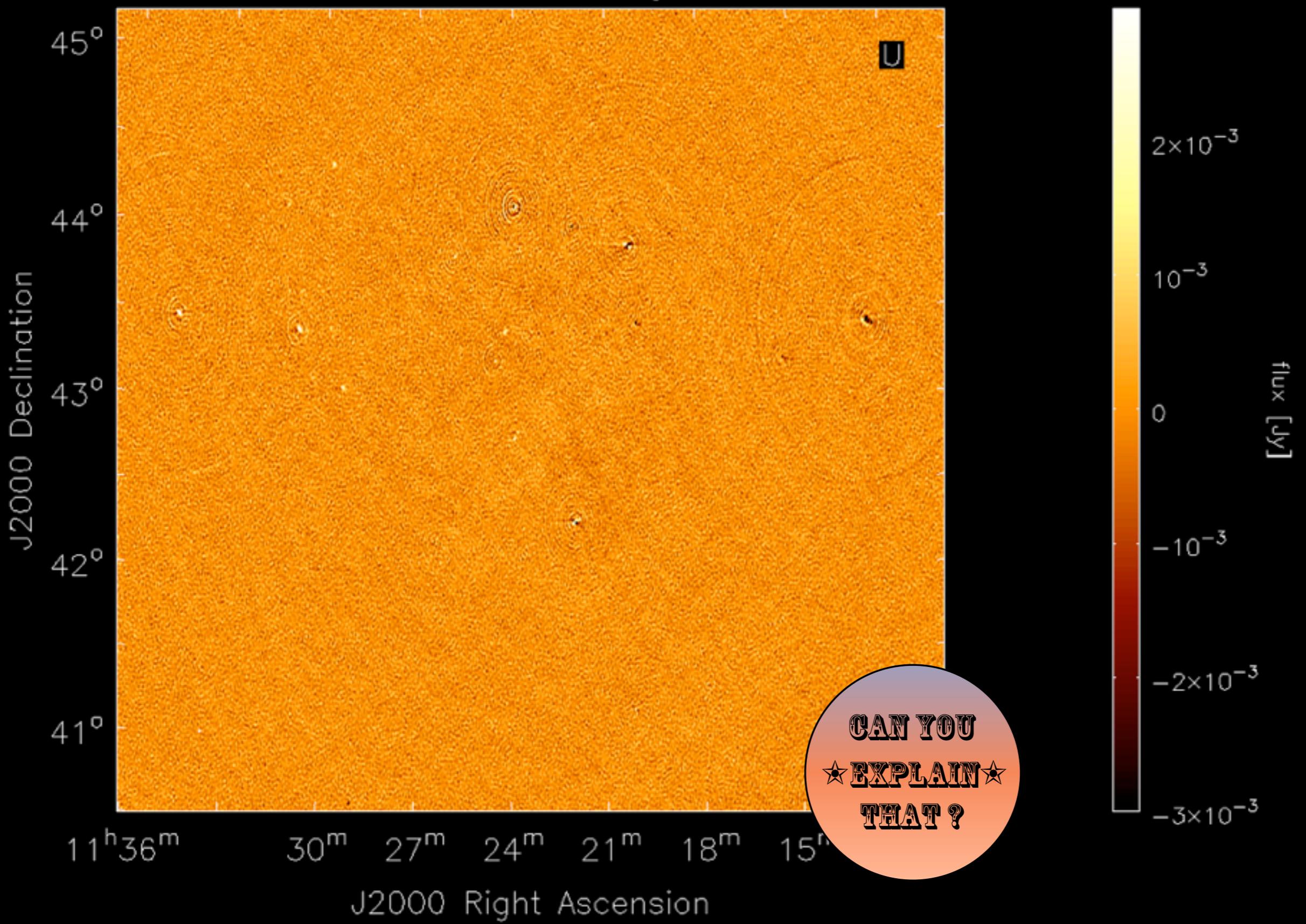
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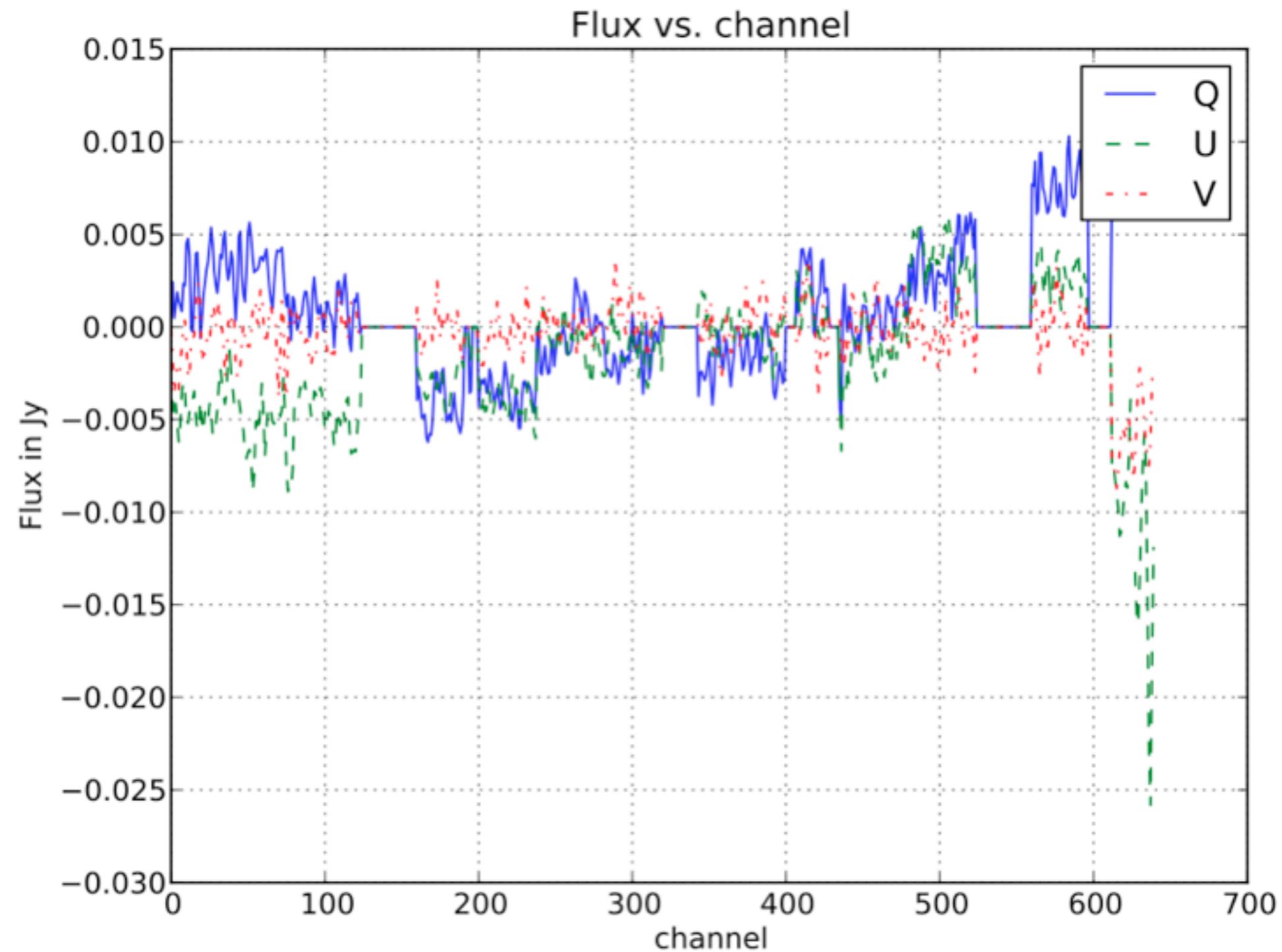


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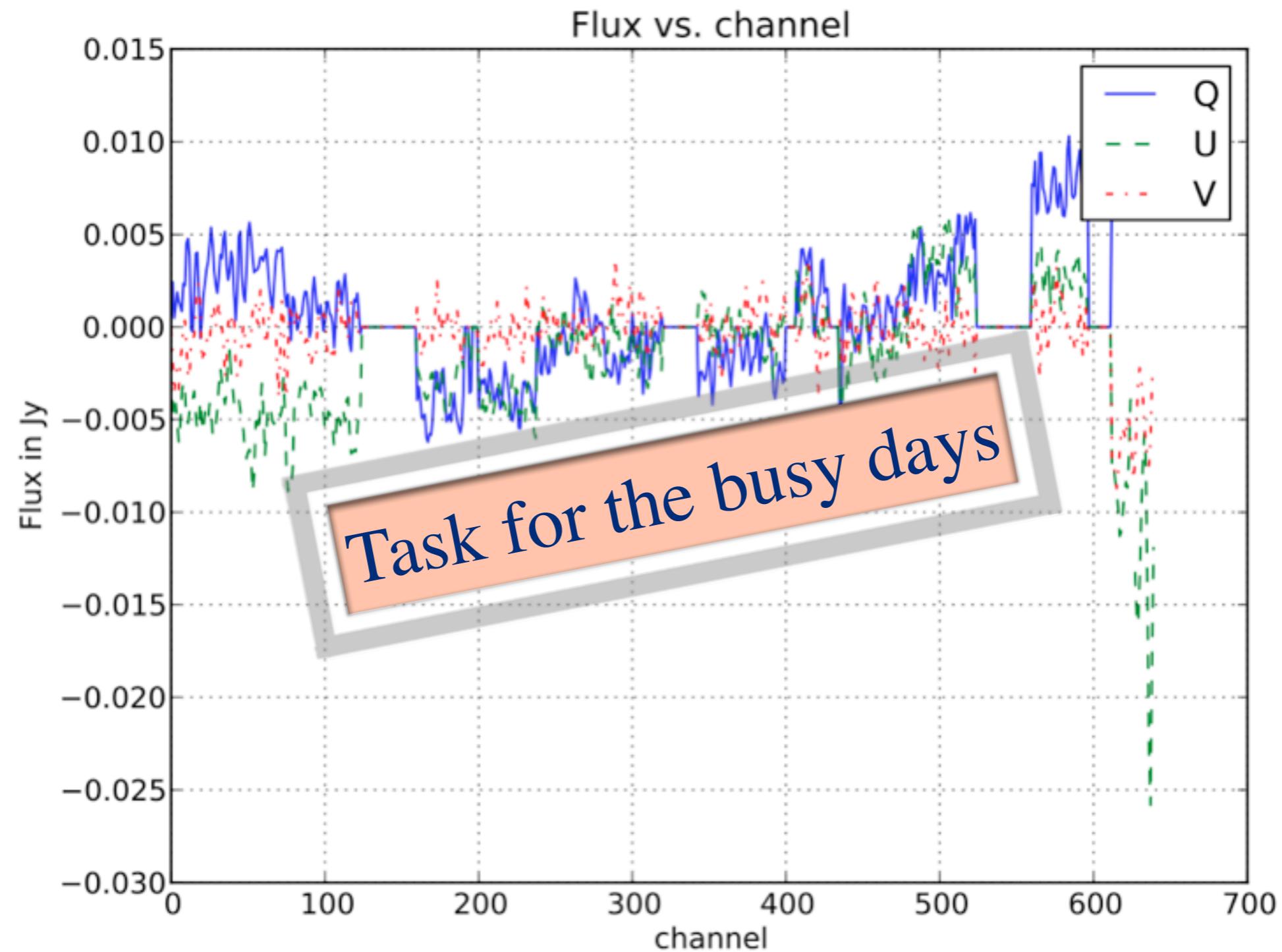
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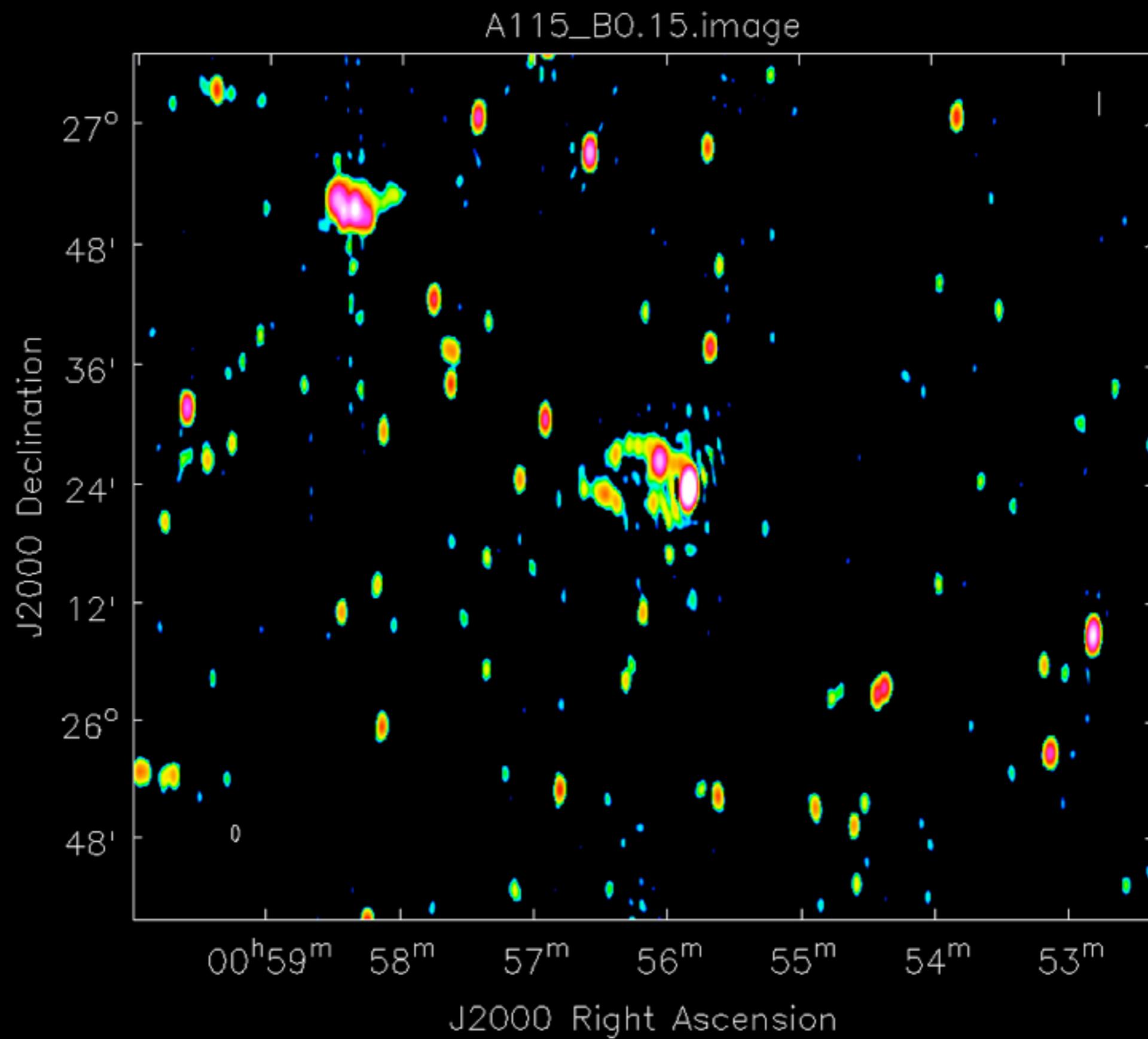
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# Pipeline applied to another target (A115)



# Summary

- WSRT 350MHz + CASA pipeline
- Polcal: seems to work, but not fully understood
- RM clearly needed
- A1240 relic spectral index confirmed





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