First results from the DRAO ST observations of the SPARCS Northern Reference Field

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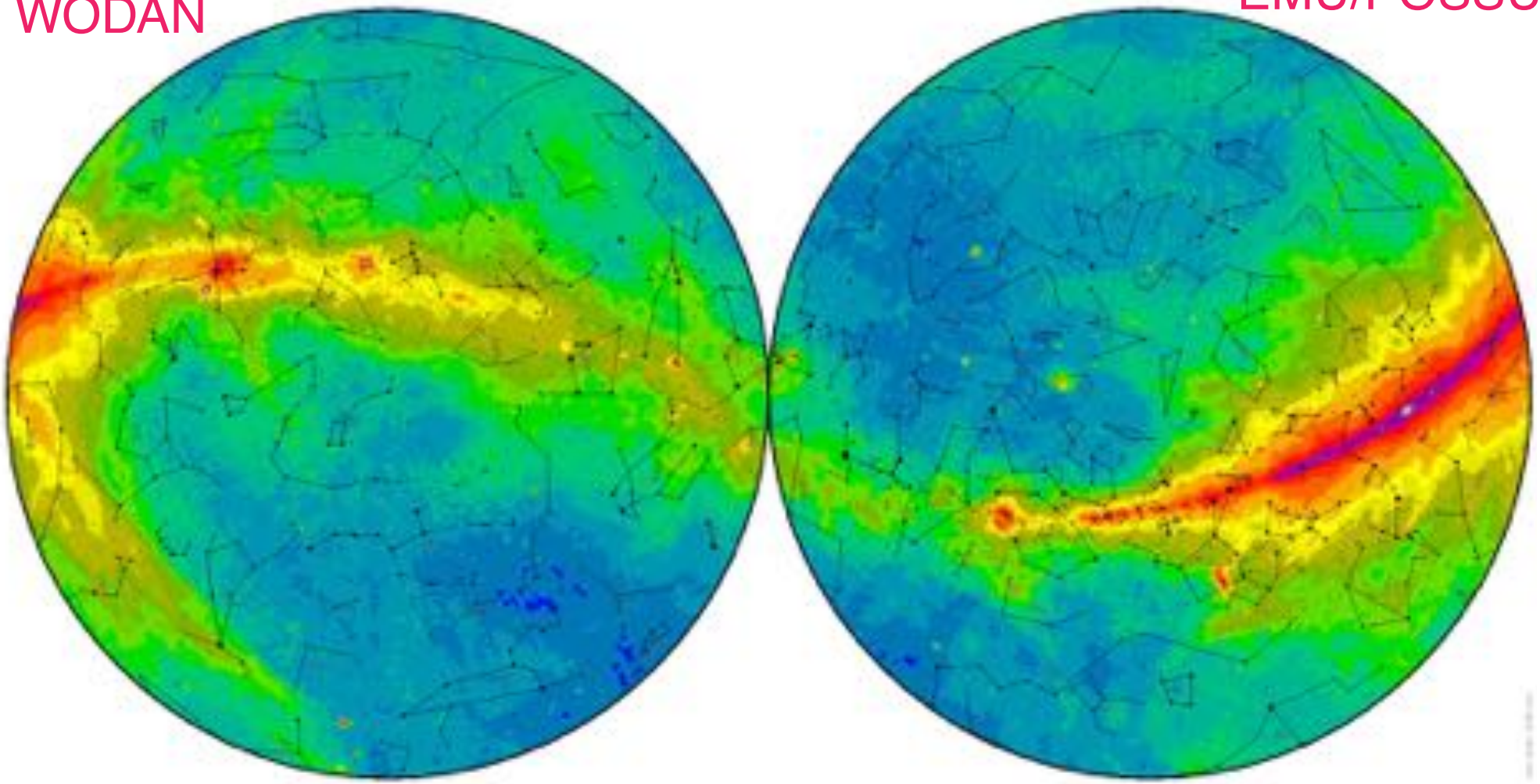
The Radio Sky

Haslam et al, 1982

WODAN

EMU/POSSUM



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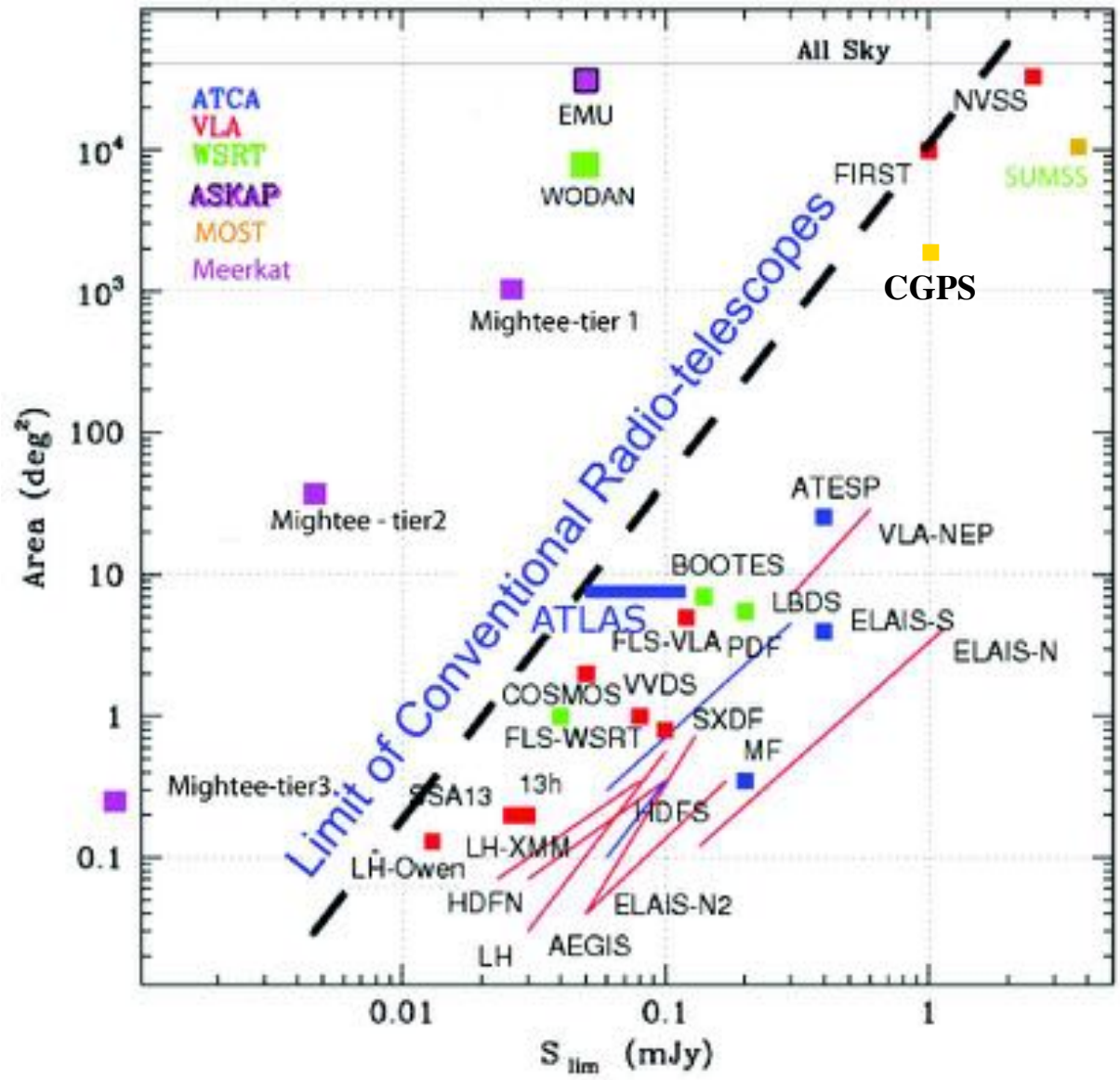


The Reference Fields

The Need for Uniformity between EMU and WODAN

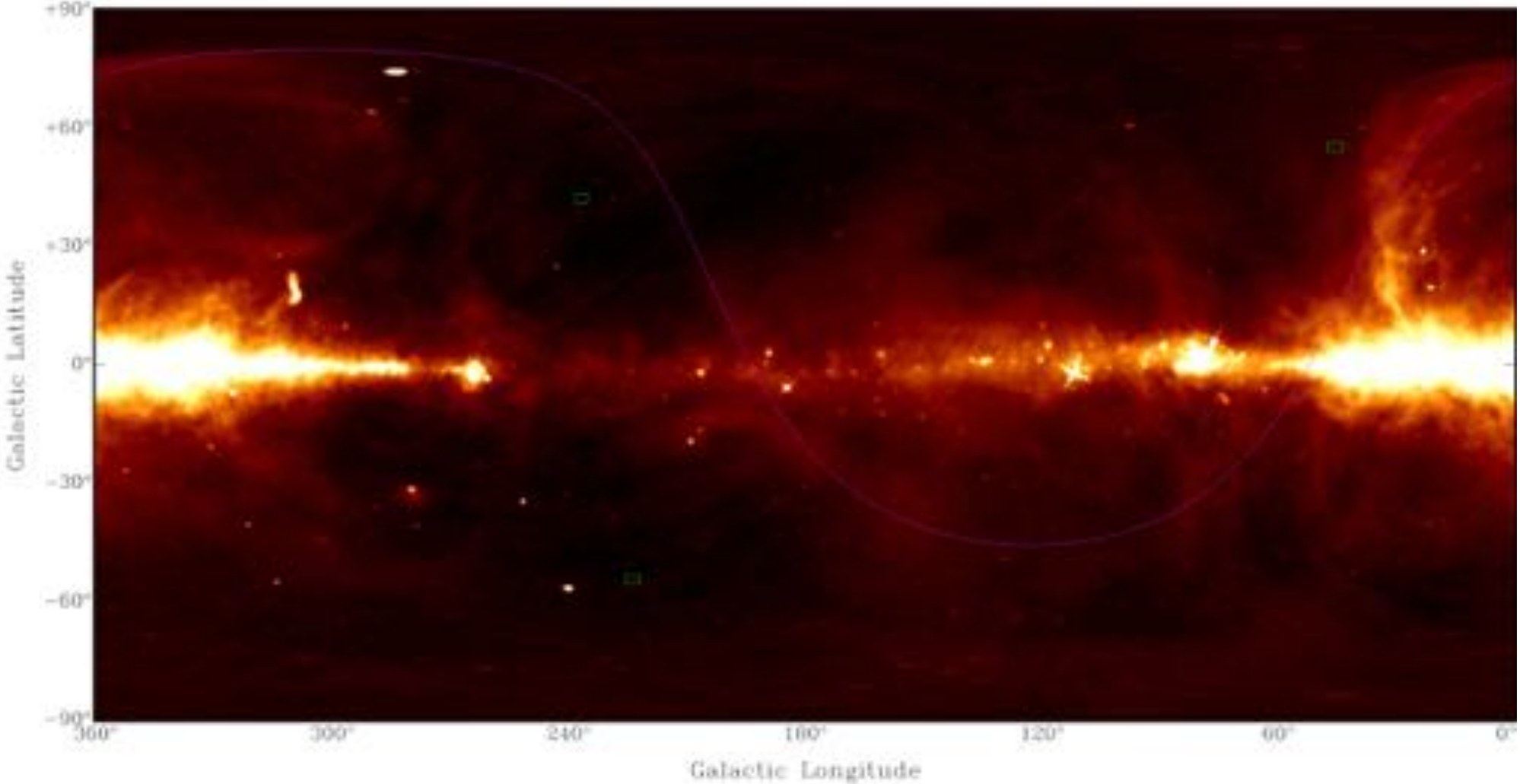
- flux calibration scale the same
- large overlap
- comparison of sources at all flux density scales
- polarization characteristics

For this purpose SPARCS initiated a series of observations of three reference fields at Declinations: $-29°$, $0°$, and $+29°$.

The Reference Fields

$10^h00^m\ +02°30'$

$15^h30^m\ +29°00'$



$03^h32^m\ -28°00'$

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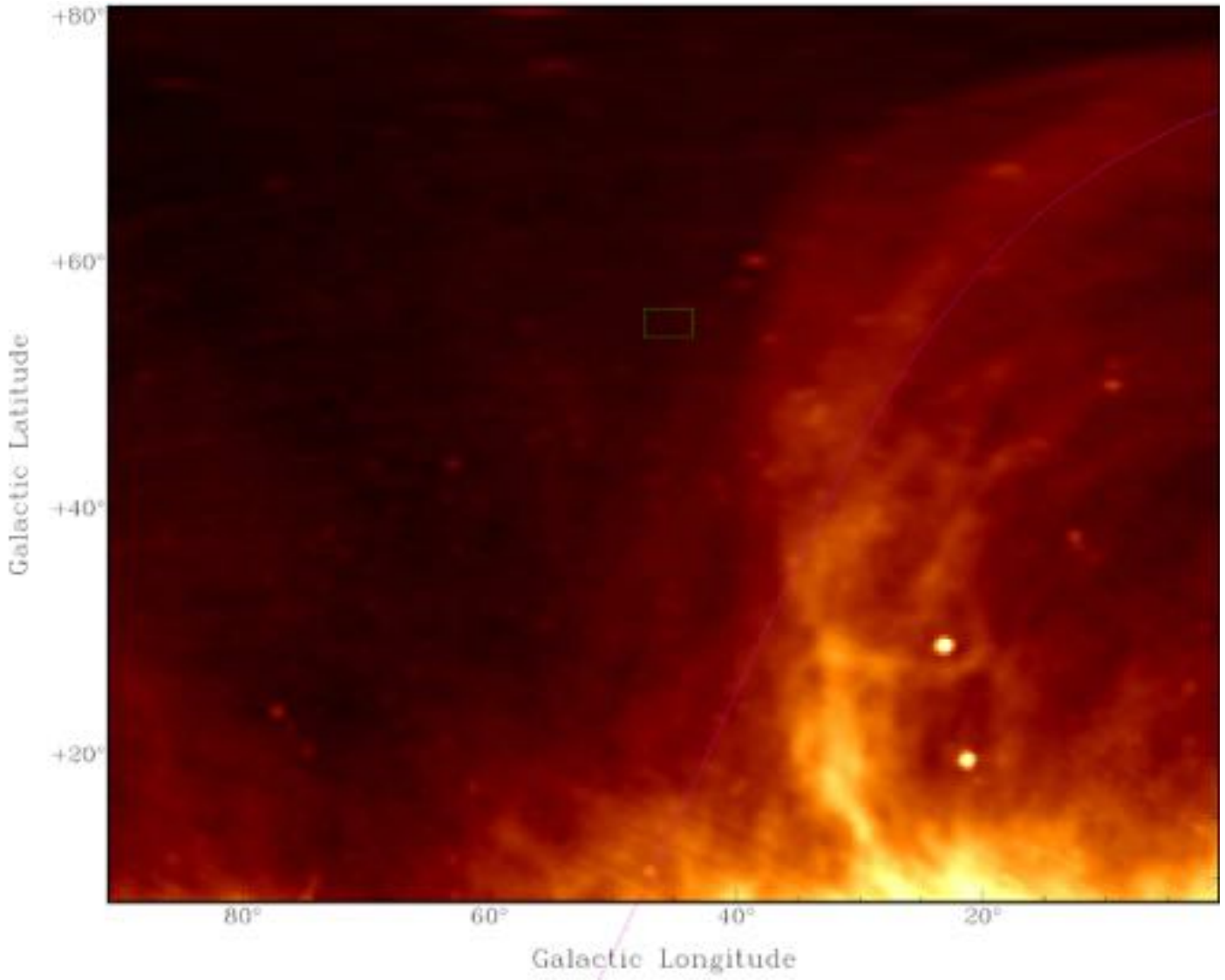

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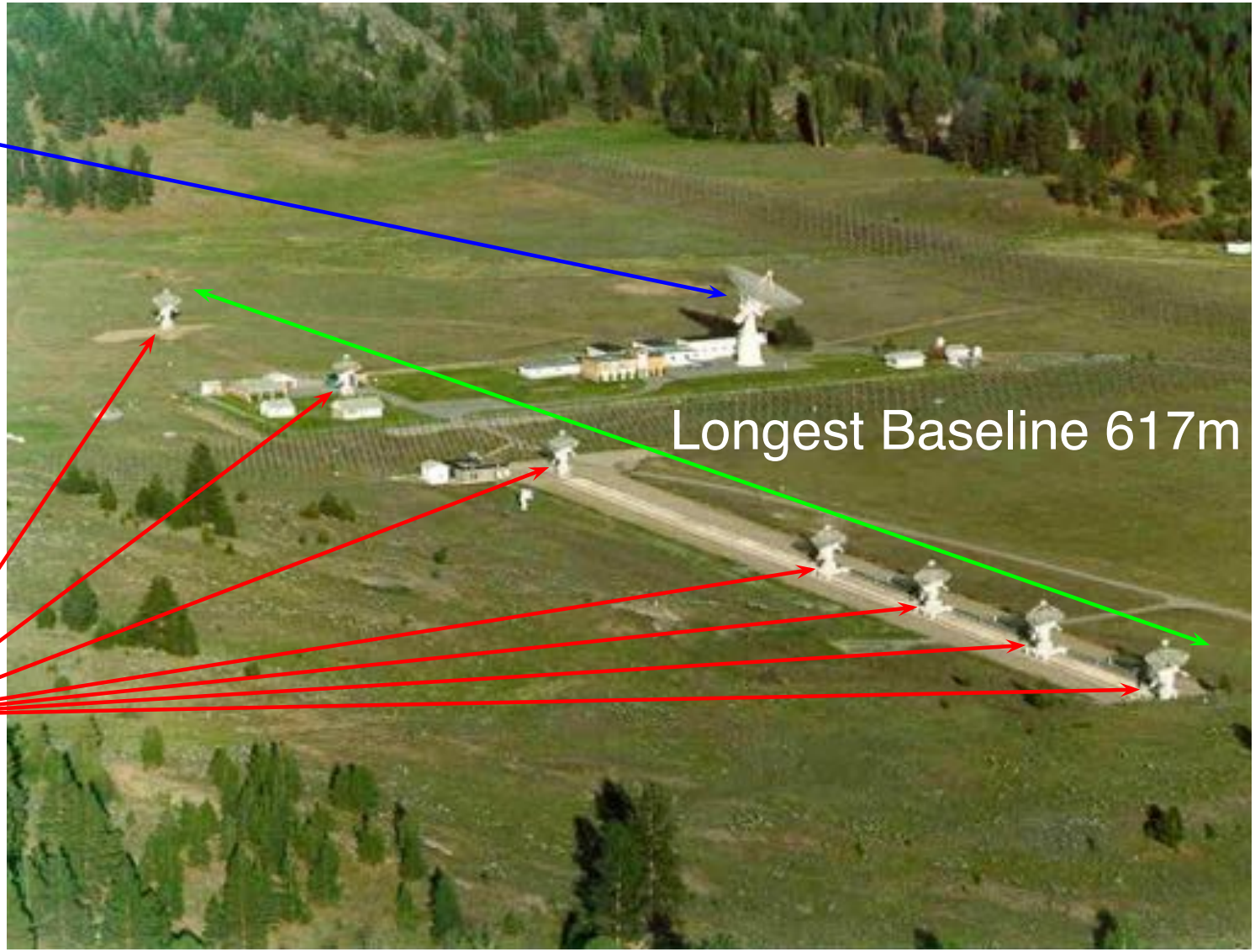
The DRAO Synthesis Telescope

DRAO
26m Antenna

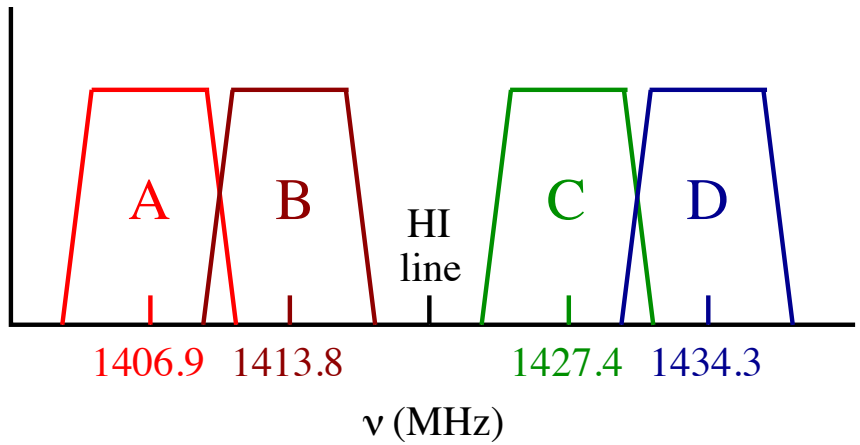
7 Antenna
East-West
Interferometer



The DRAO Synthesis Telescope

Frequency	RMS Noise	Resolution
408 MHz	3 mJy/beam	2.8' × 2.8' $cosec(\delta)$
1420 MHz	180 μJy/beam	48" × 48" $cosec(\delta)$
HI line	2 K T_B	59" × 59" $cosec(\delta)$

Frequency	Primary Beam FWHM
408 MHz	$332.1'$
1420 MHz	$107.2'$



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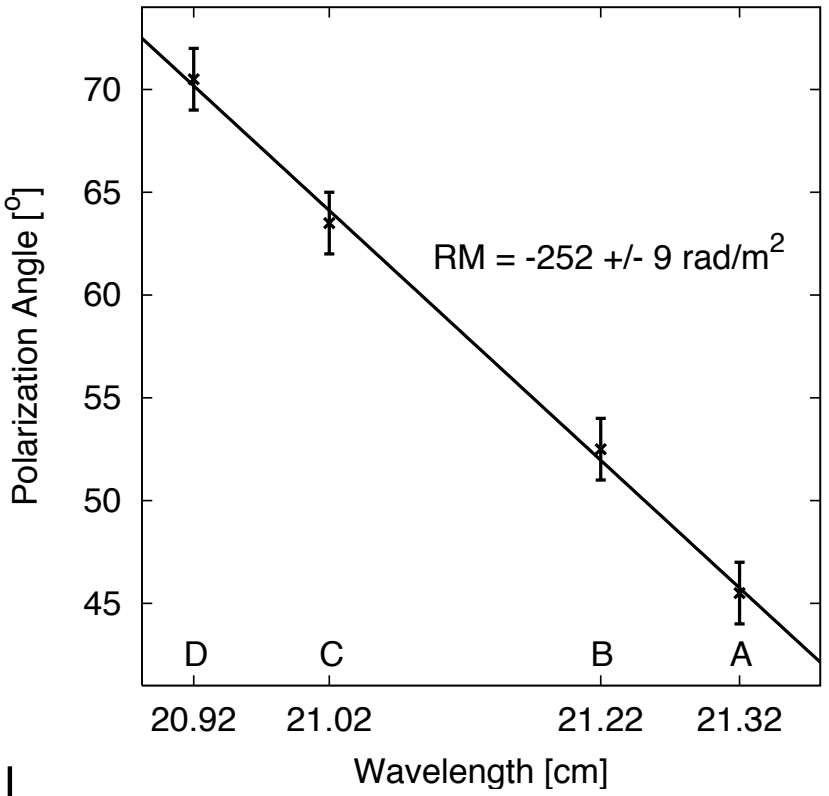
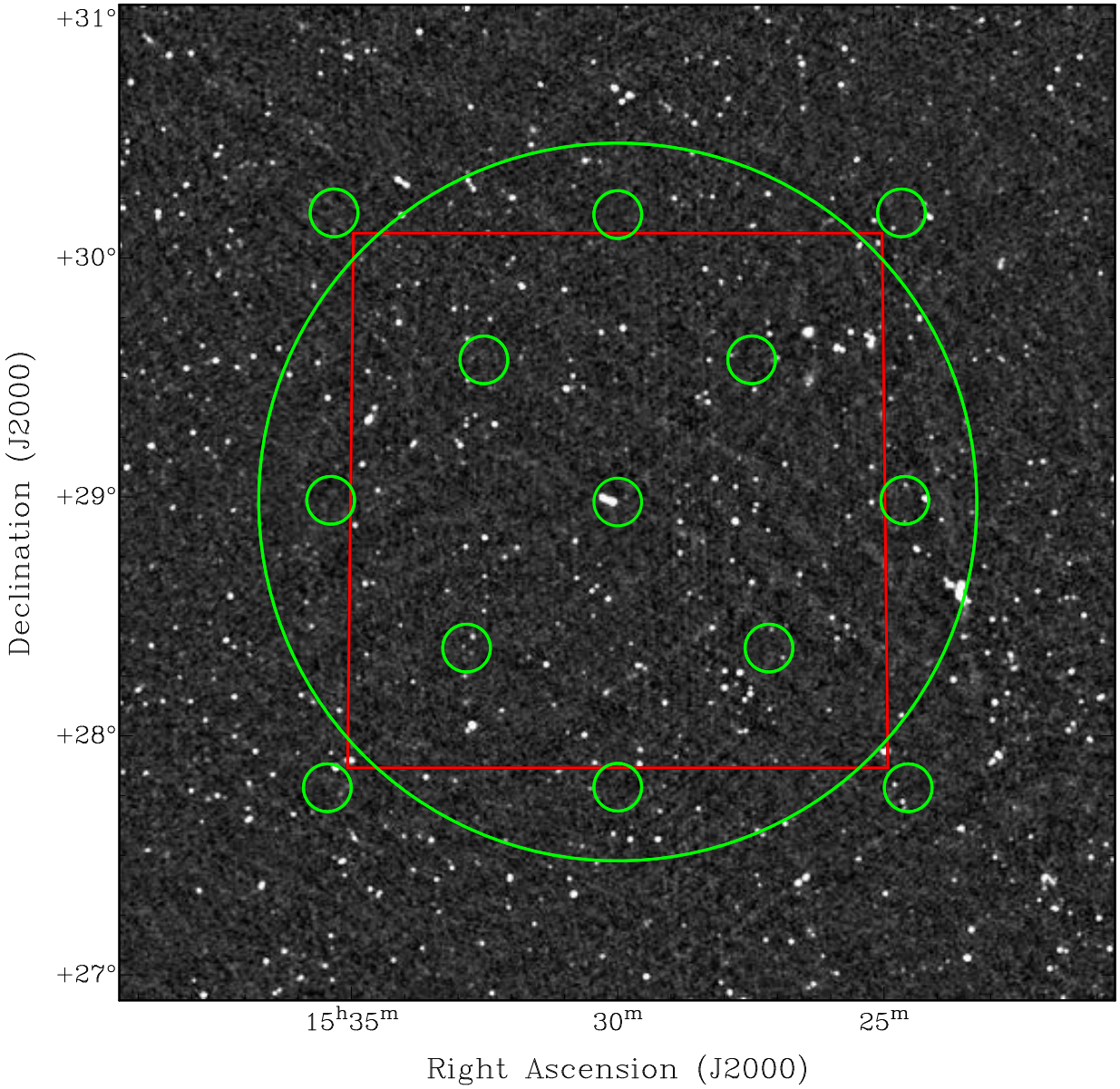


The Northern Reference Field with the DRAO ST

- Observation of 39 fields with the DRAO ST
- Provides Reference Field coverage at constant noise of 65 μJy.
- 2 year coverage of the hole field.
- 12 hour time resolution.
- Very precise polarization characteristics, including rotation measures.
- Full UV-coverage between 12.9 and 617 m.

DRAO ST Observations



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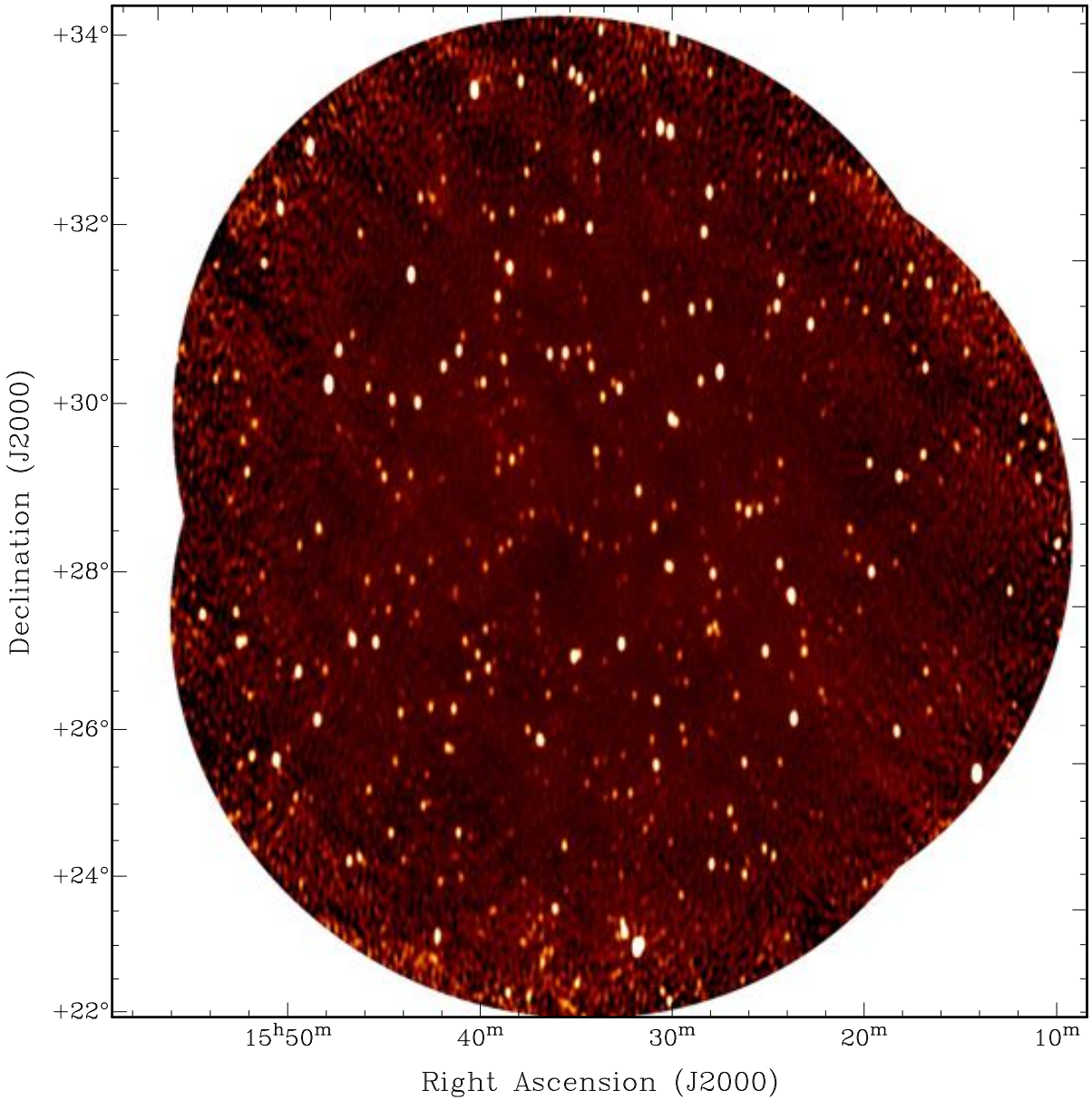

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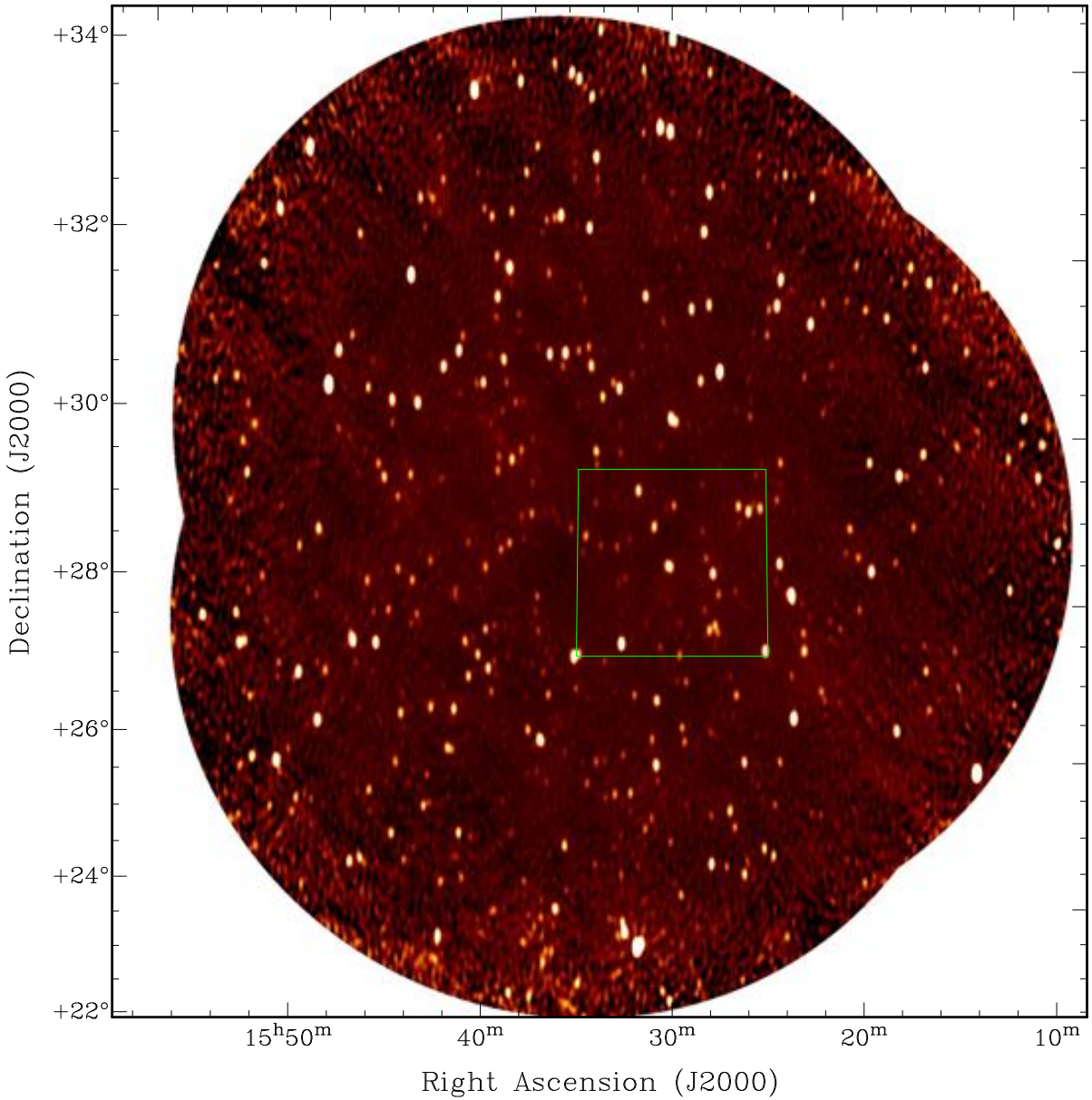

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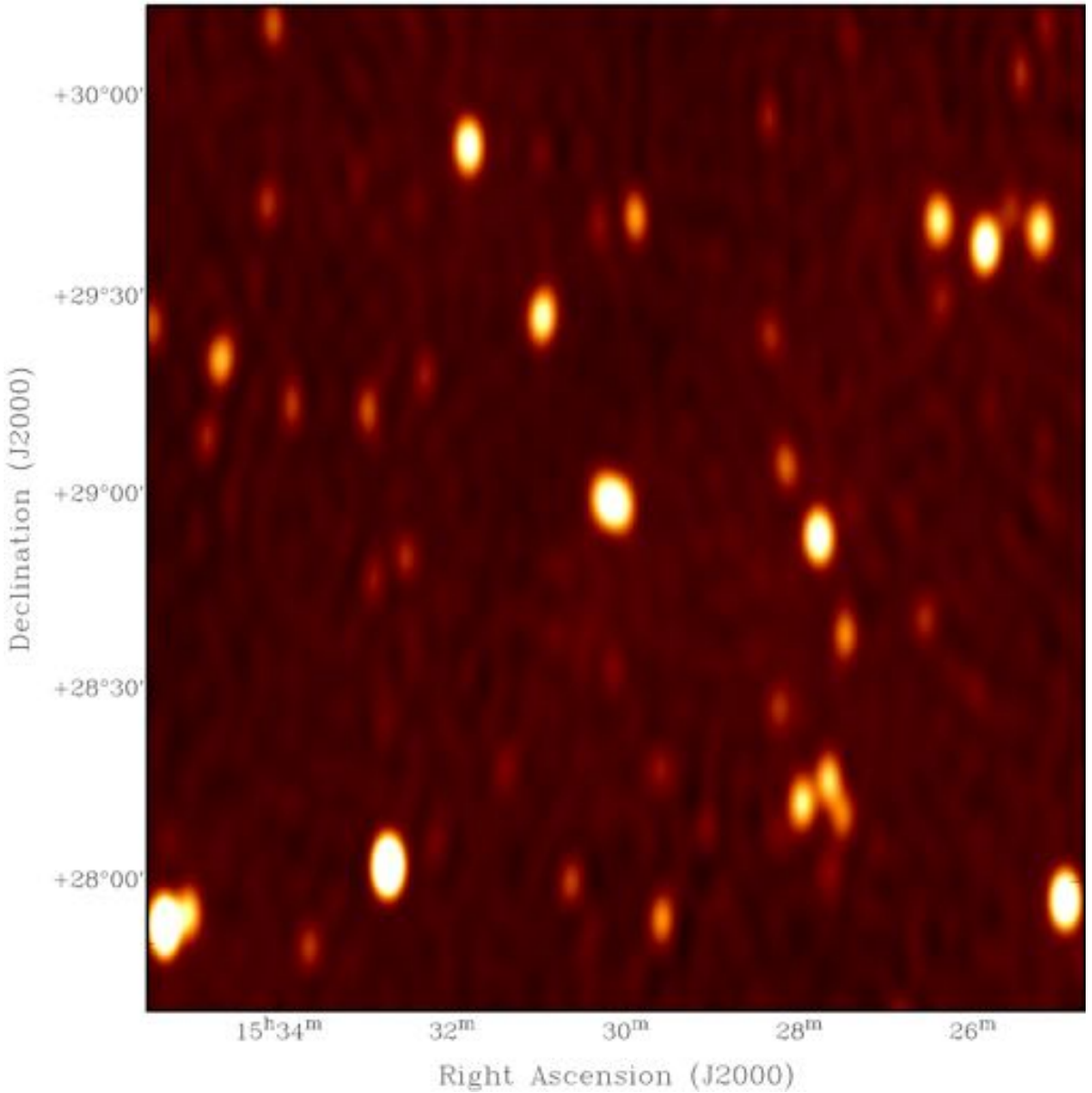

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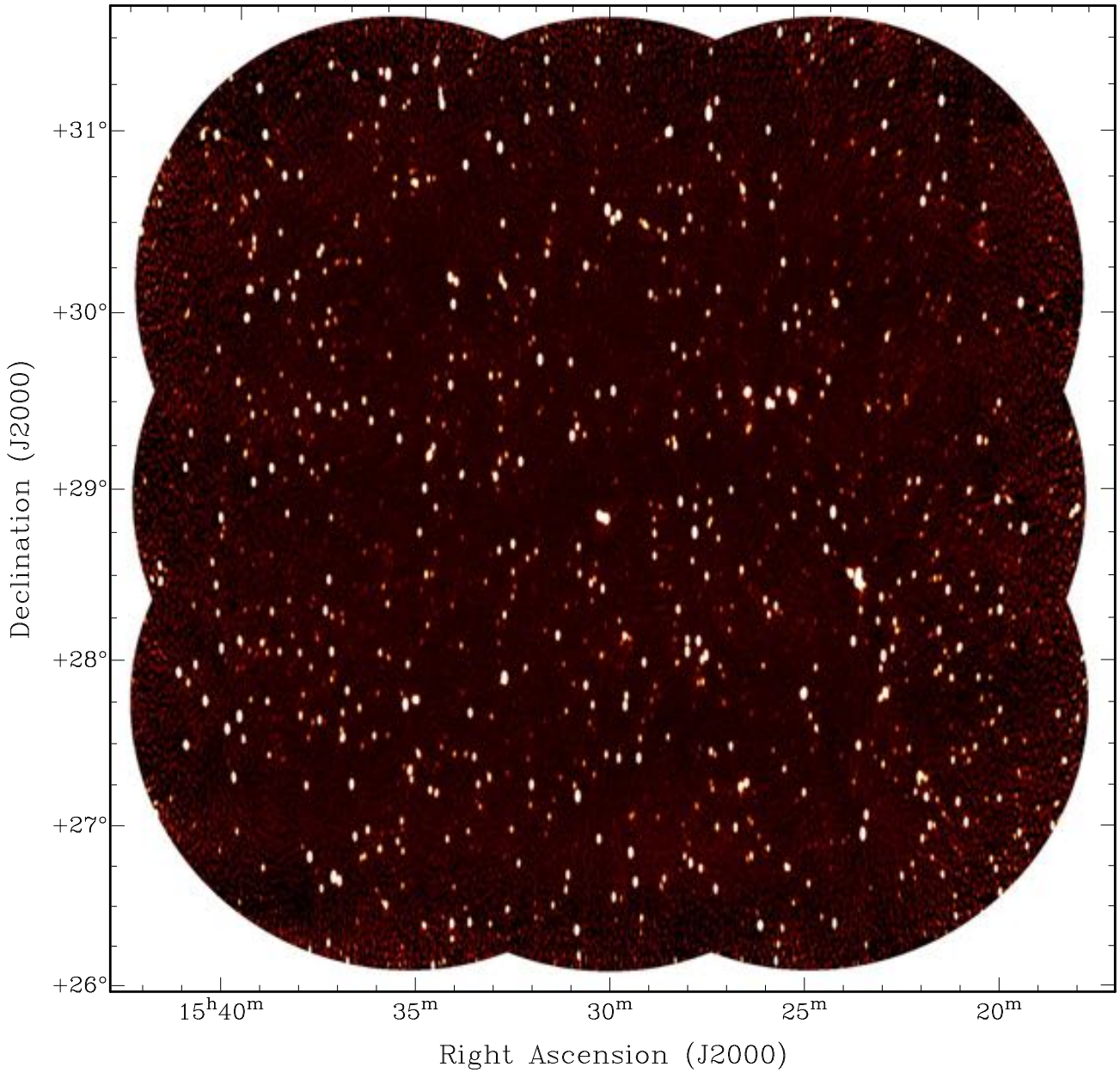

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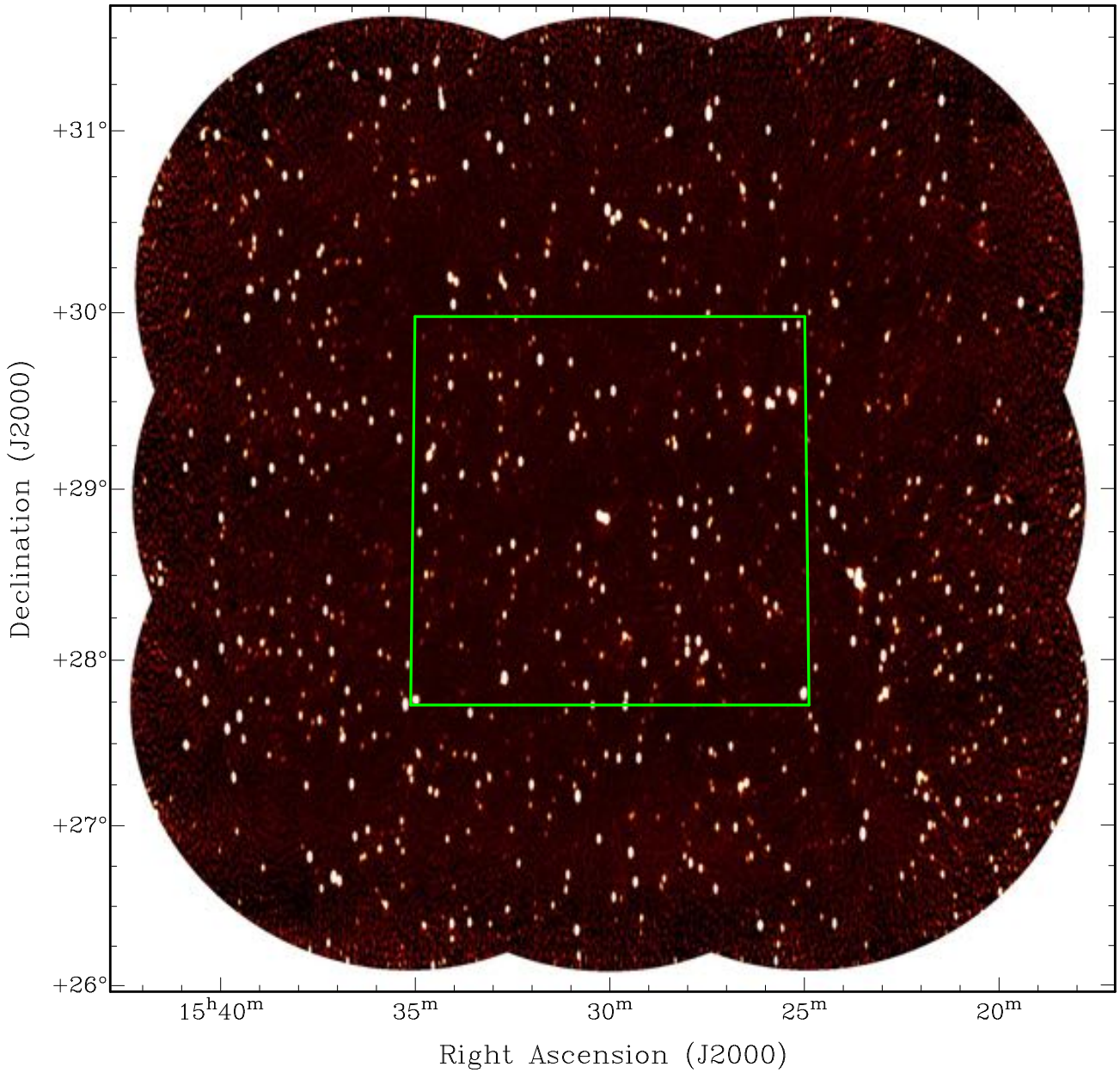

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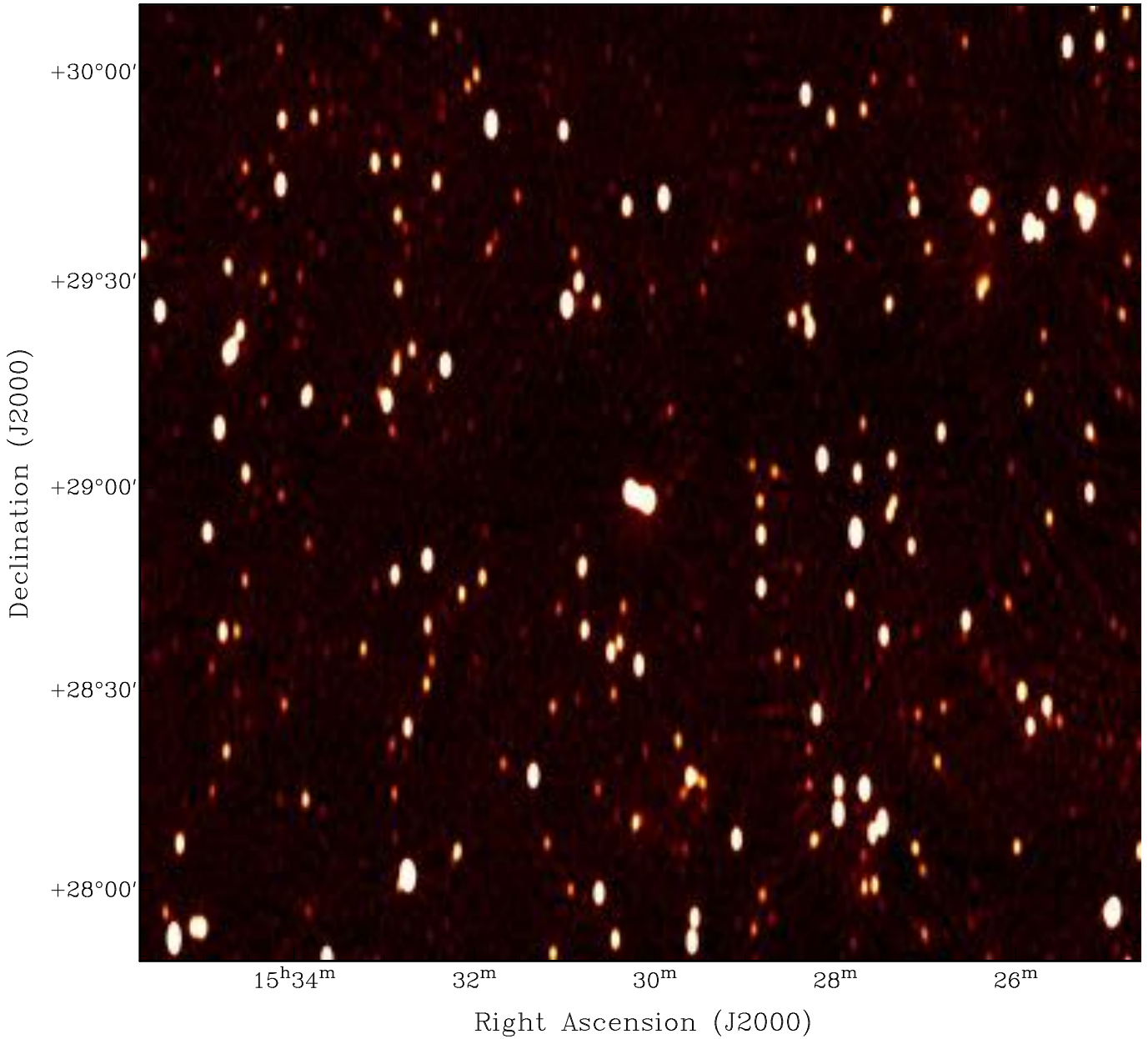

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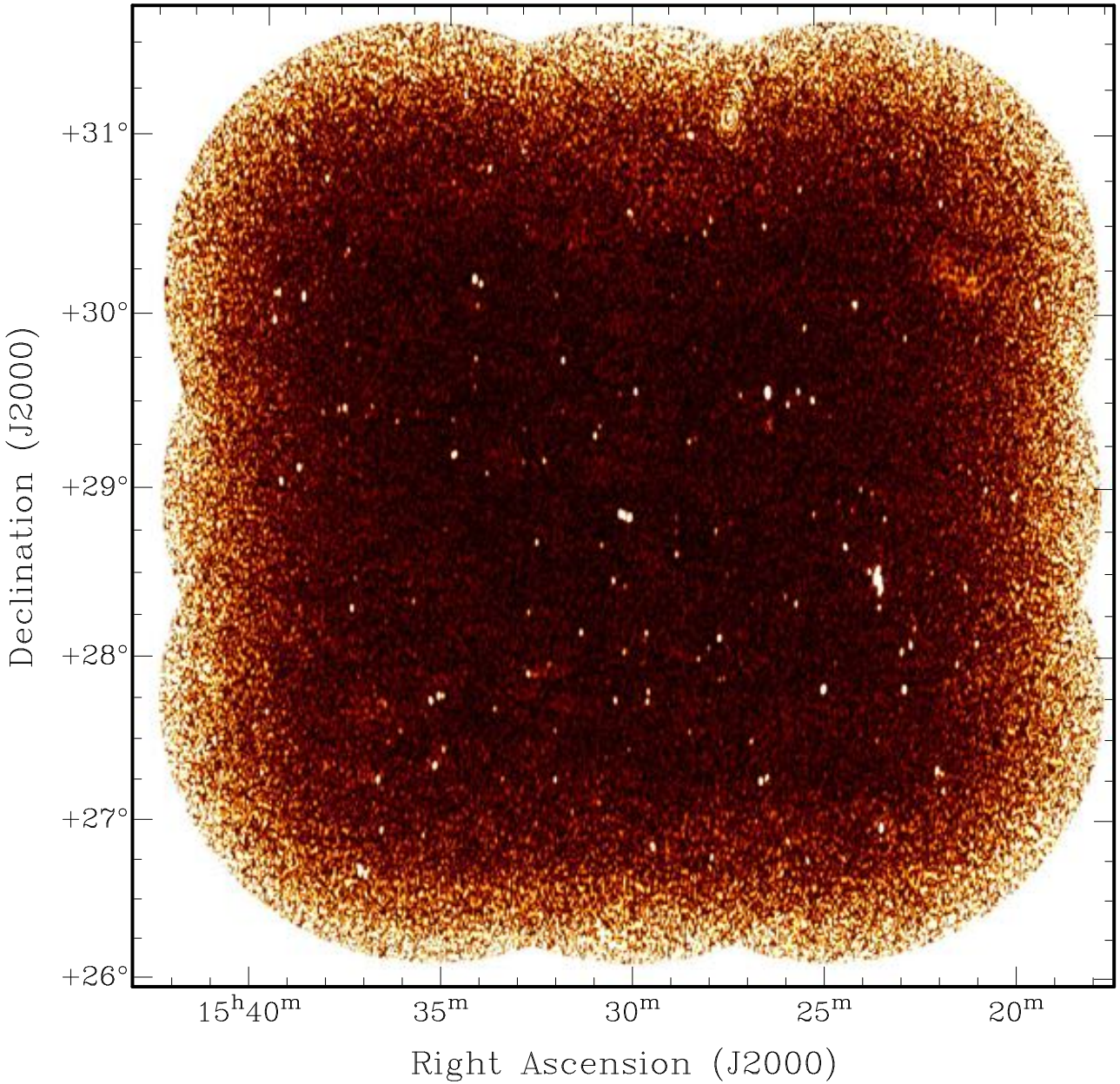

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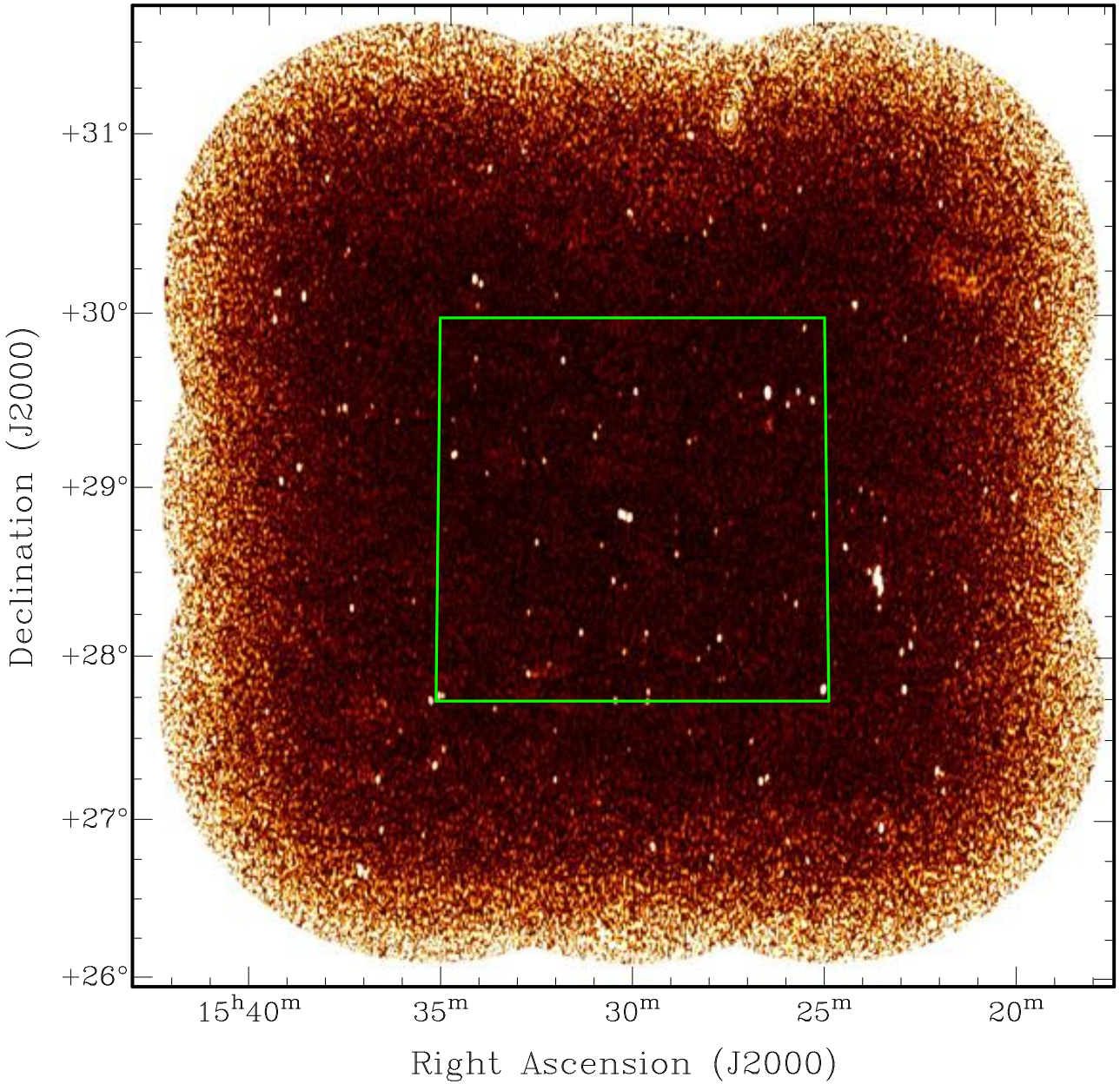

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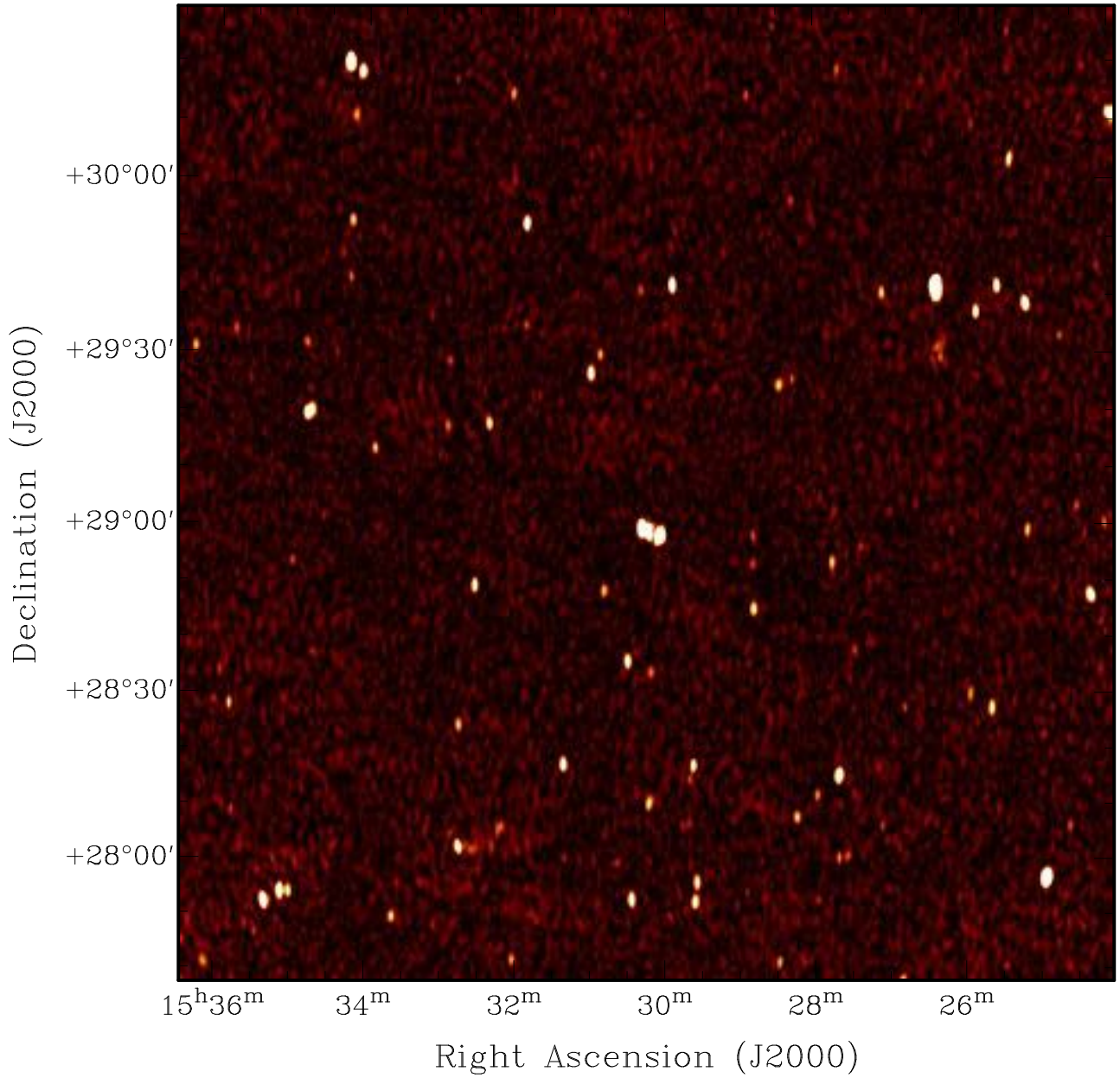

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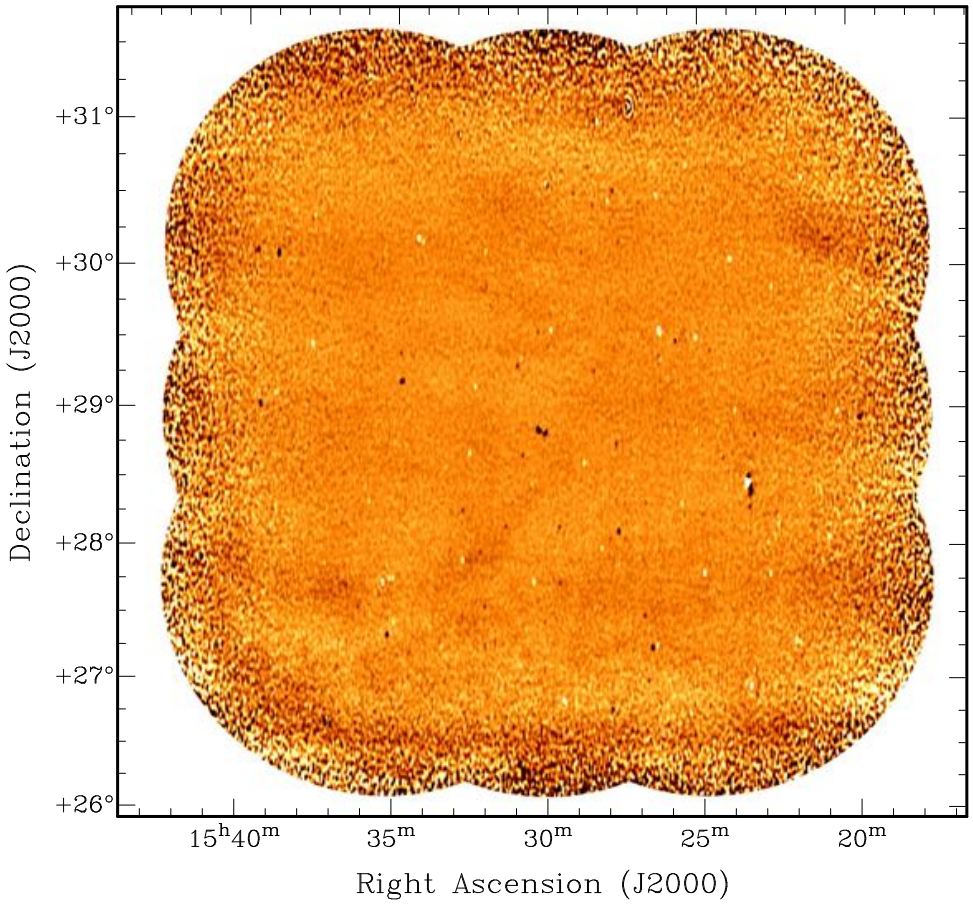

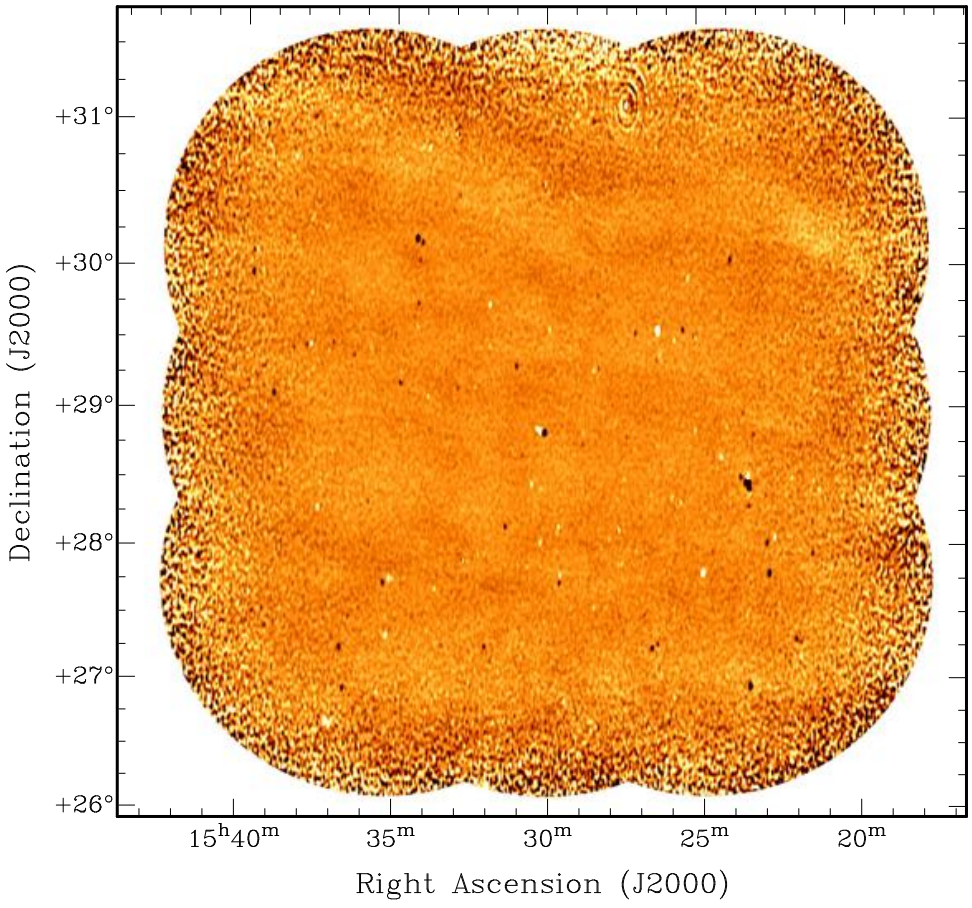

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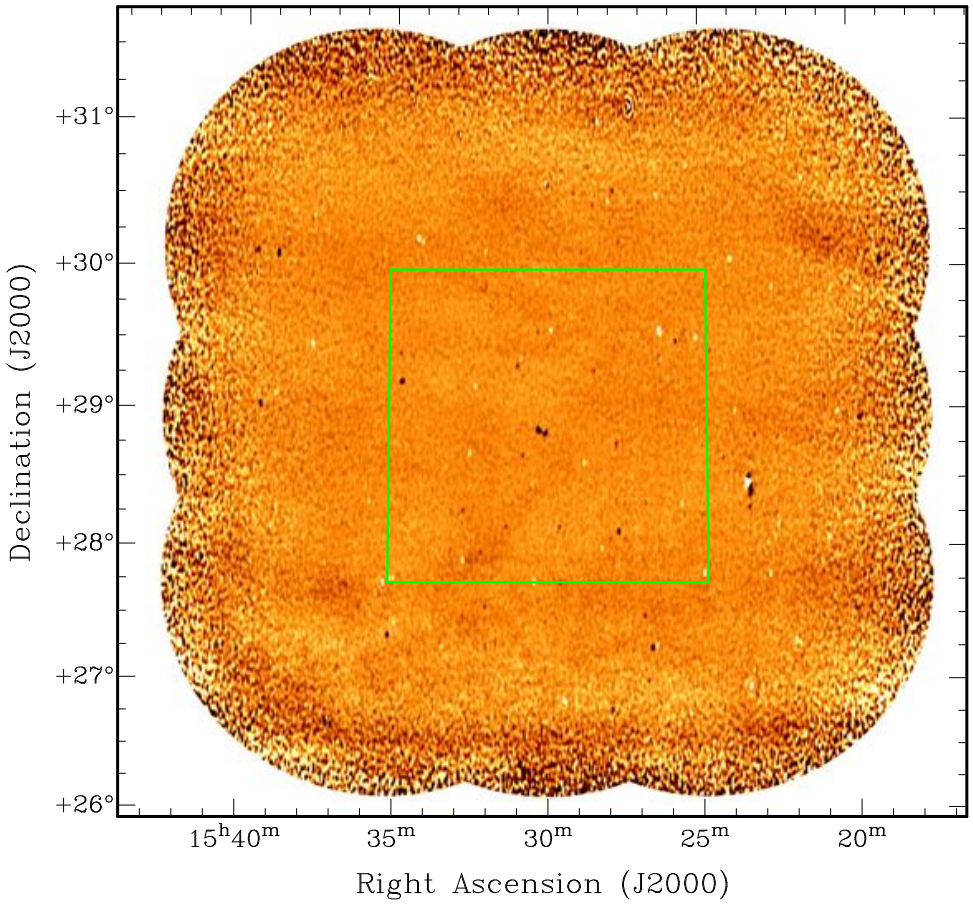

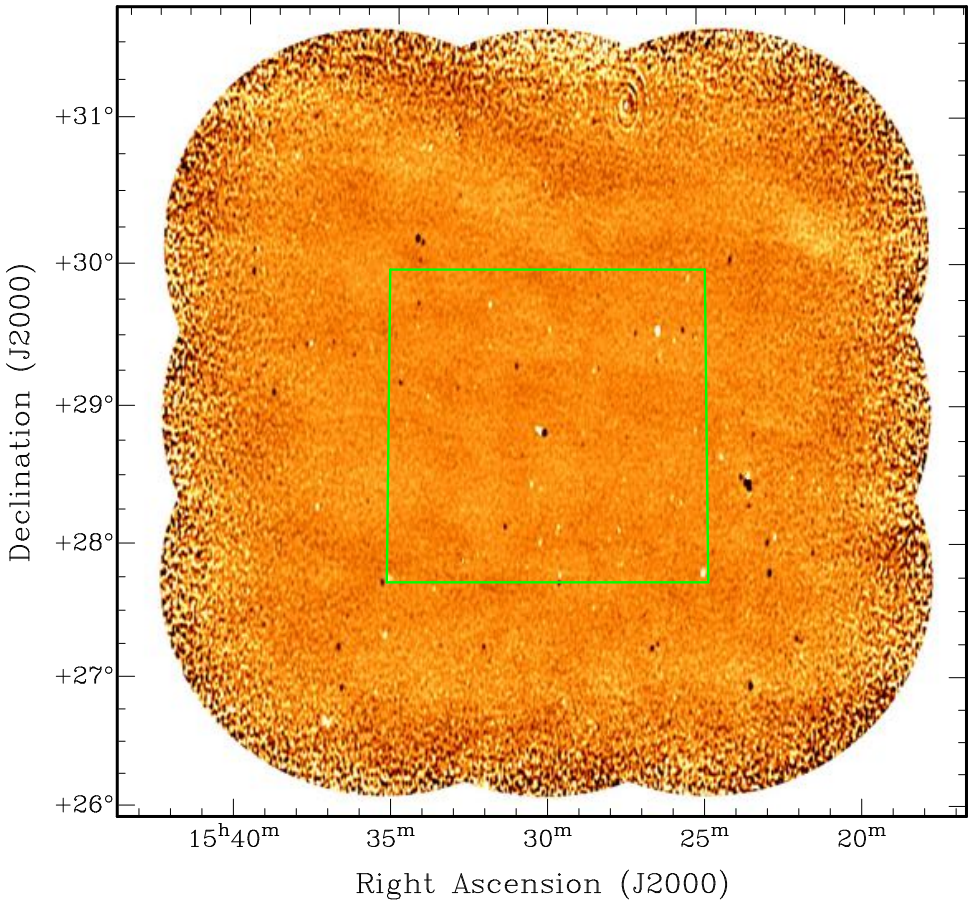

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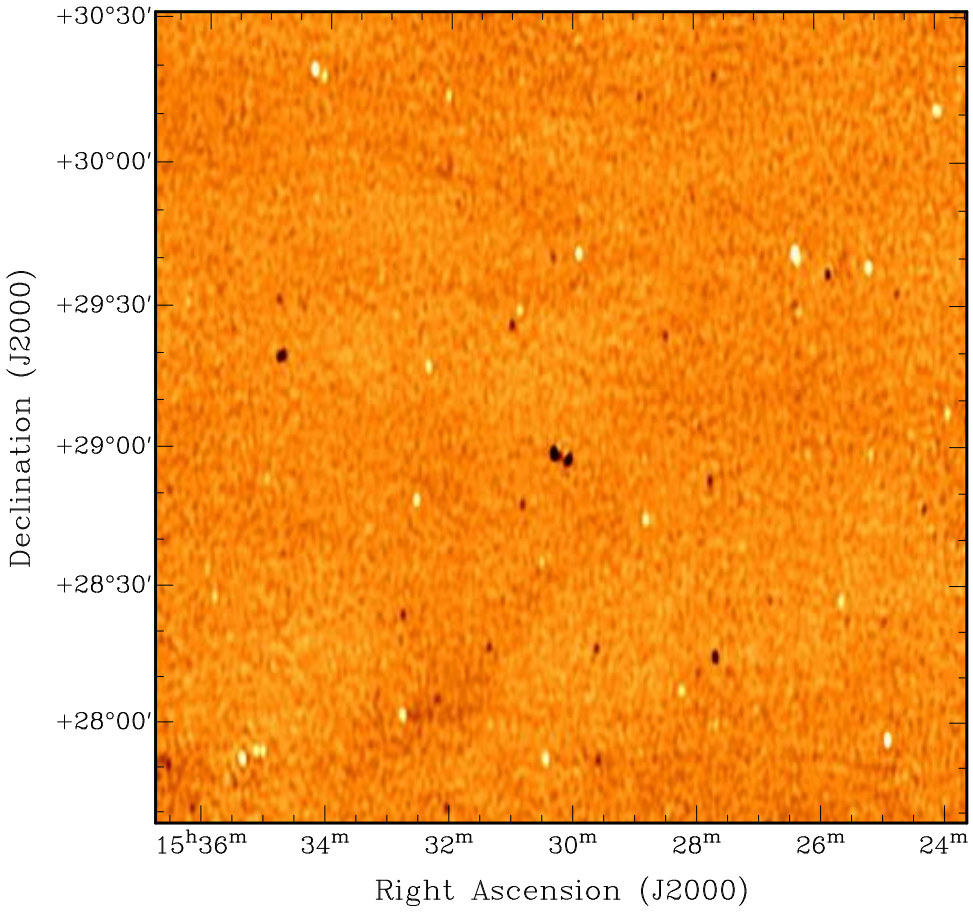

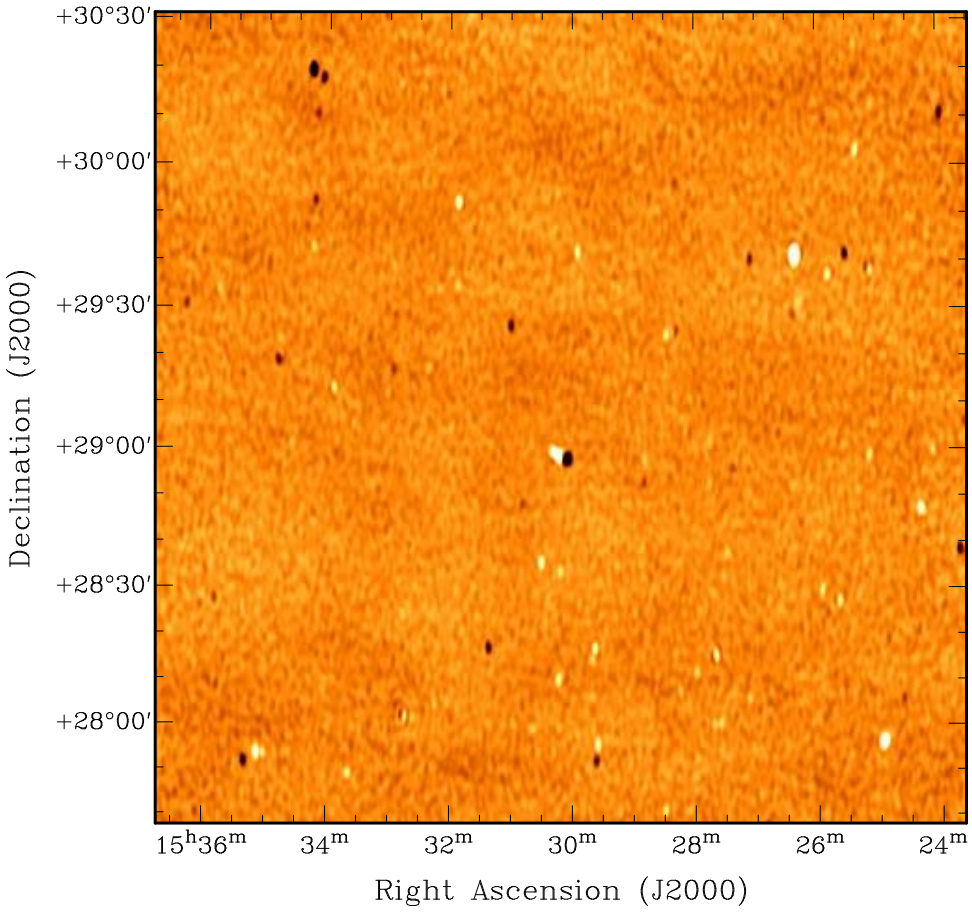

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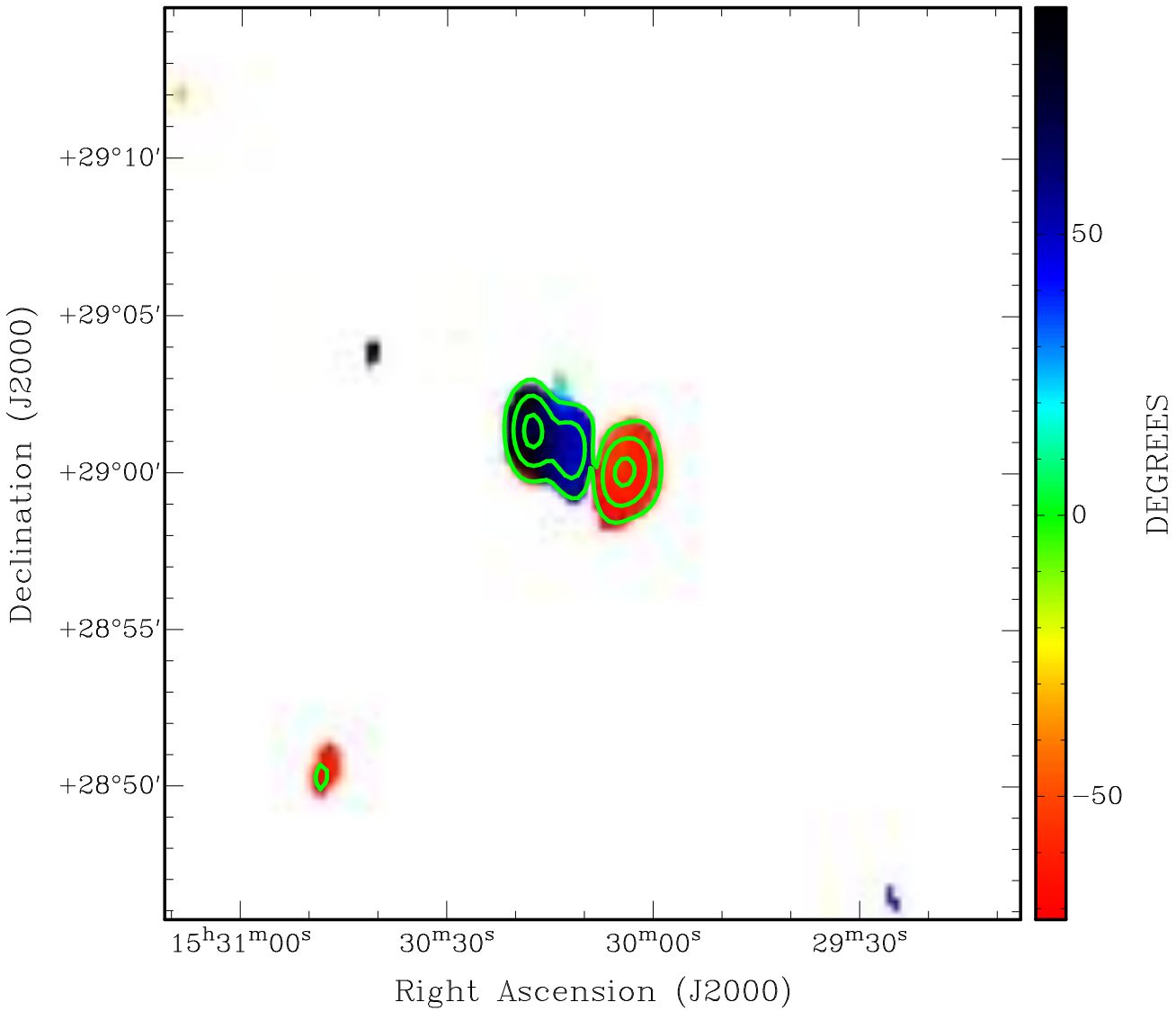

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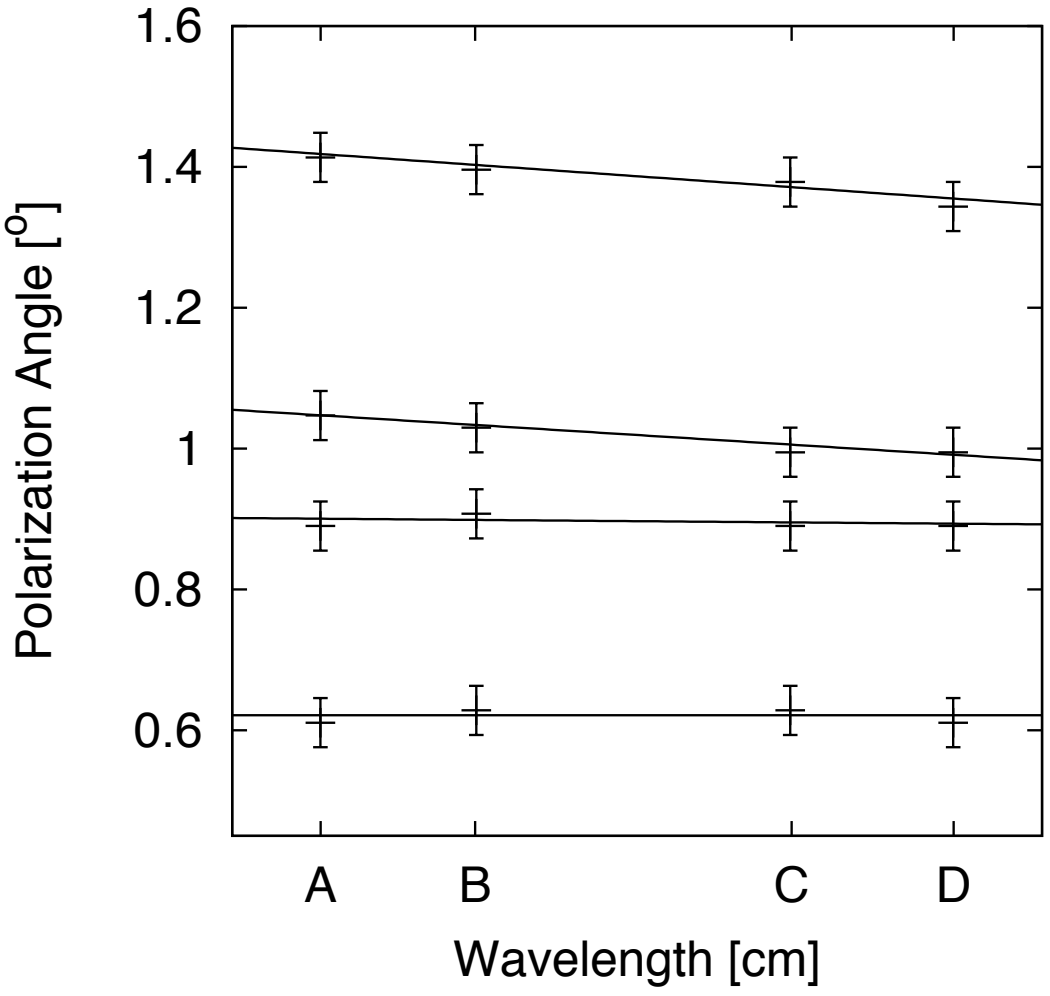
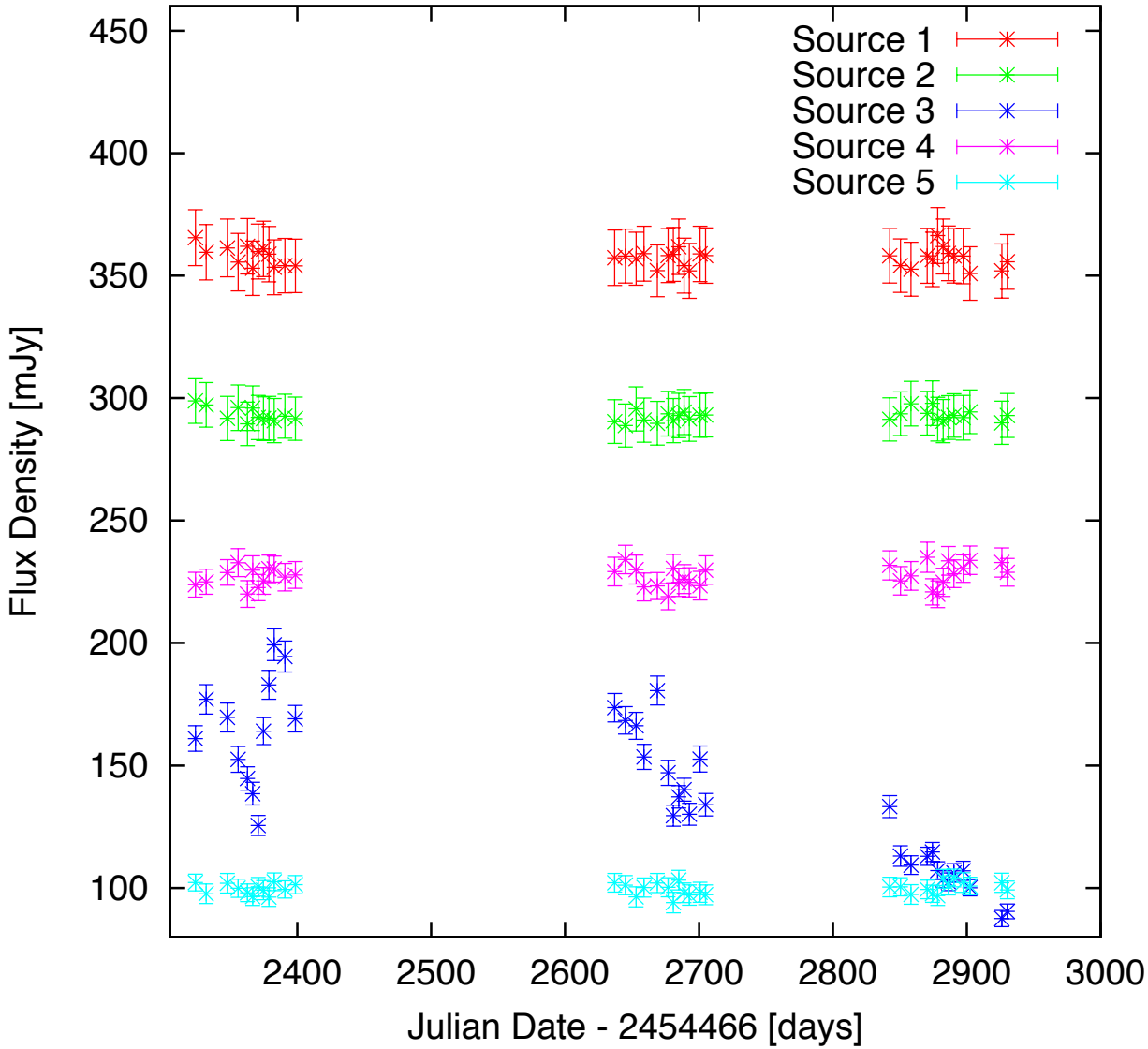


- $RM = -37 \pm 7$ rad m^{-2}
- $RM = -33 \pm 6$ rad m^{-2}
- $RM = -4 \pm 7$ rad m^{-2}
- $RM = 0 \pm 7$ rad m^{-2}

Variable Sources



Summary & Outlook

- Progress on DRAO ST Observations of the Northern Reference Field is progressing very well.
- Nice Results for polarization characteristics.
- Variable source project is running very well.
- I wish more people would look at their data of the reference fields.
- Anybody who would like to join this project is very welcome.