

A photograph of a radio telescope array, likely the Very Large Array, featuring several large parabolic dish antennas mounted on tripods. The scene is set against a twilight sky with soft clouds, and the foreground shows a dark, grassy field.

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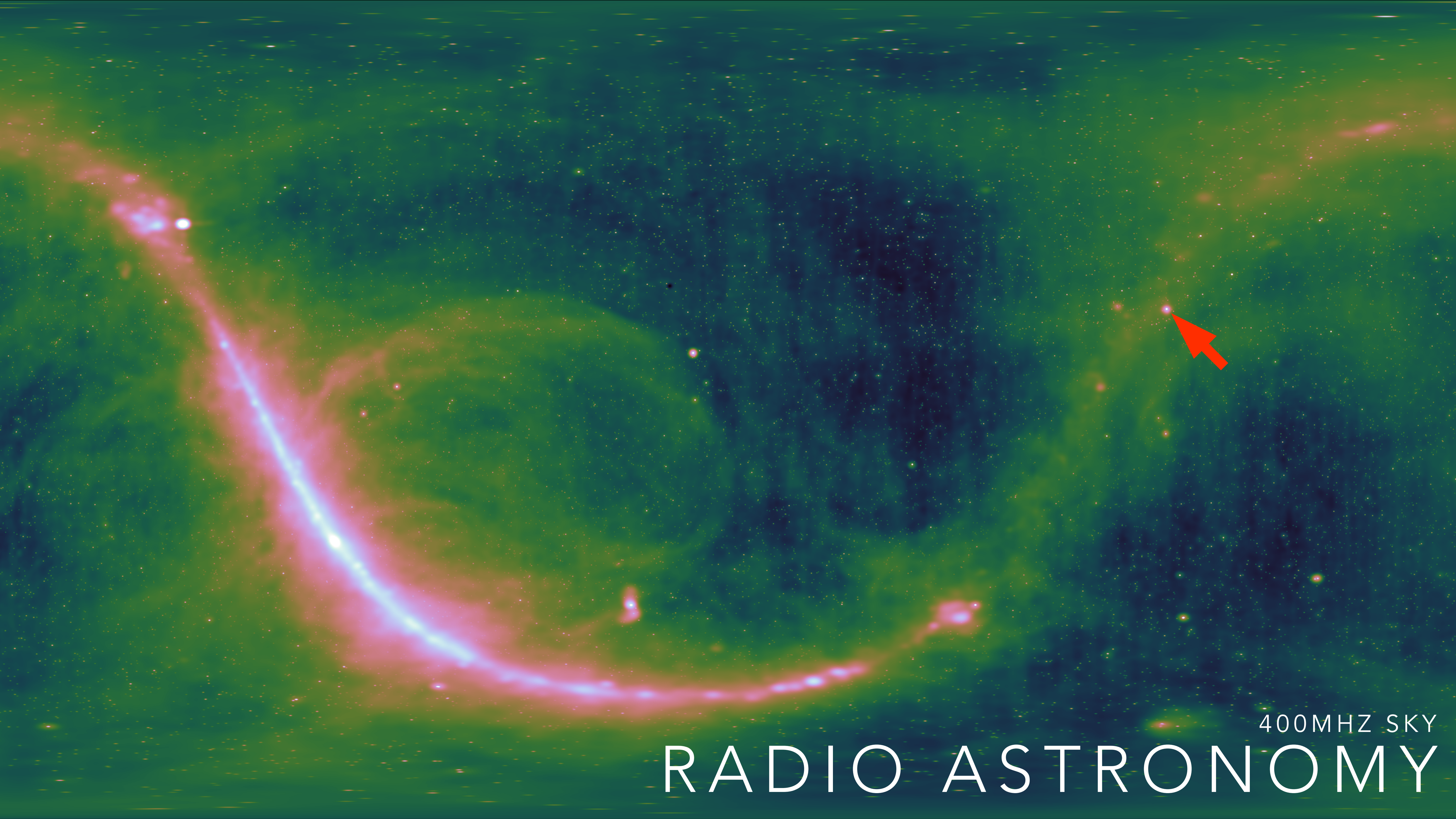
RADIO ASTRONOMY LECTURE 2

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RADIO ASTRONOMY

SKY MAP WITH 300' AT 4.85 GHZ

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400MHz SKY

RADIO ASTRONOMY



VLA 5GHz

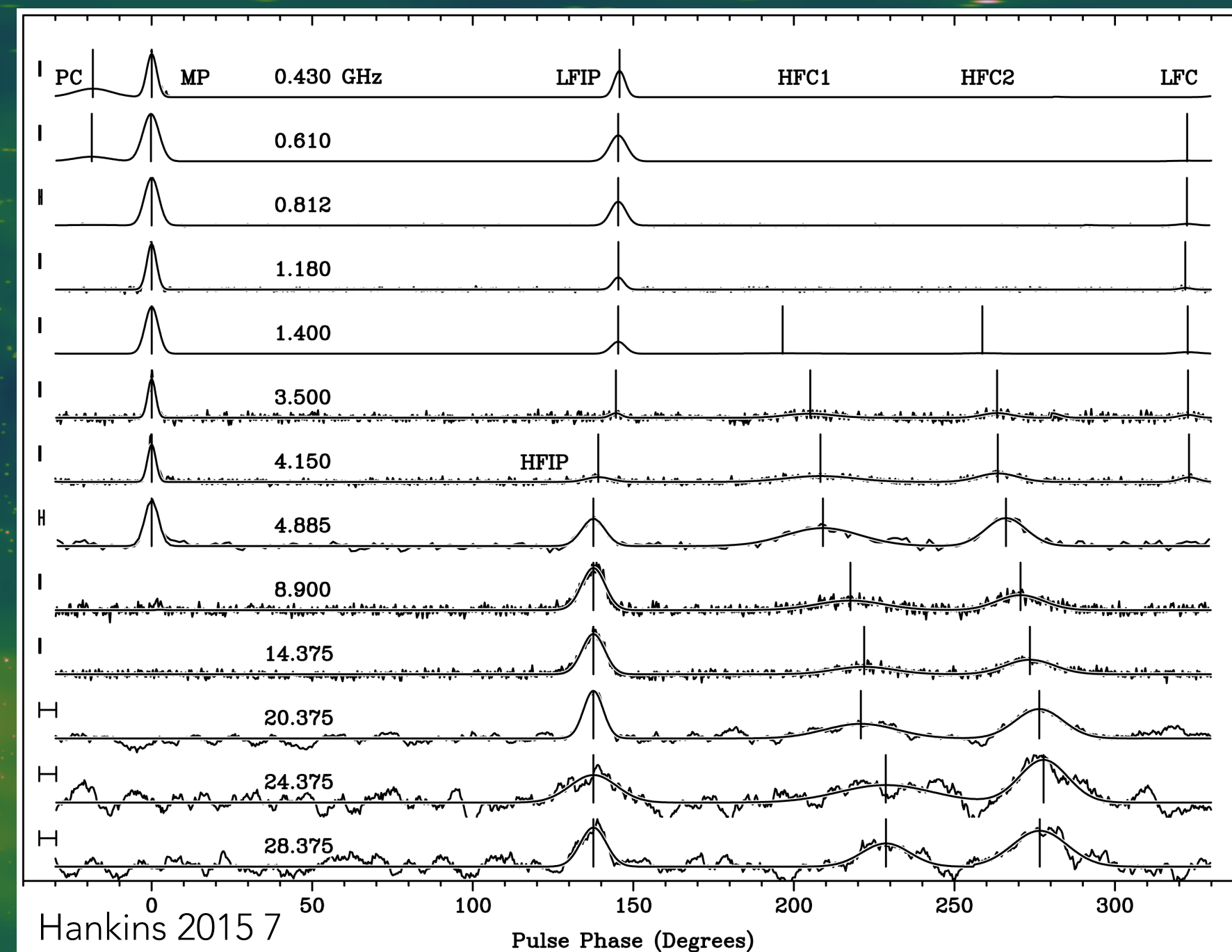
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33ms pulsar detected at Arecibo



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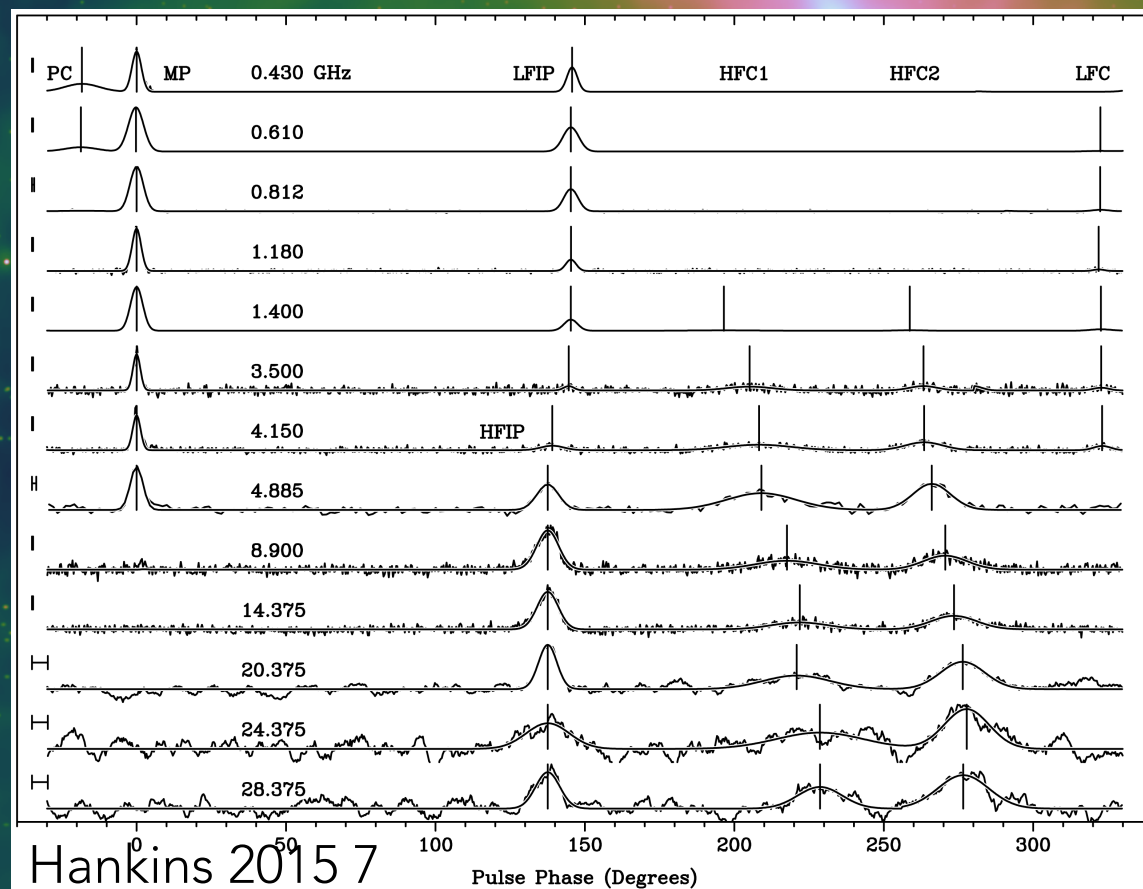
But wait theres more...



Chandra, Xrays

The brightest X-ray source in the sky.

VLA, 5GHz



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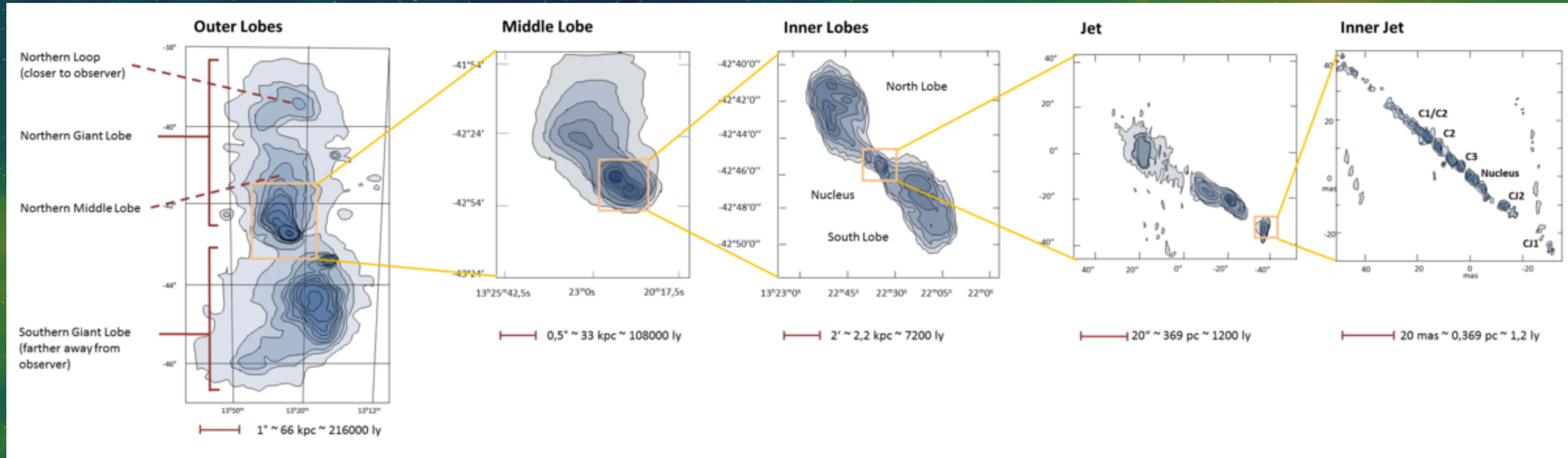
Note Moon for scale



ATCA 5Ghz

600 kpc

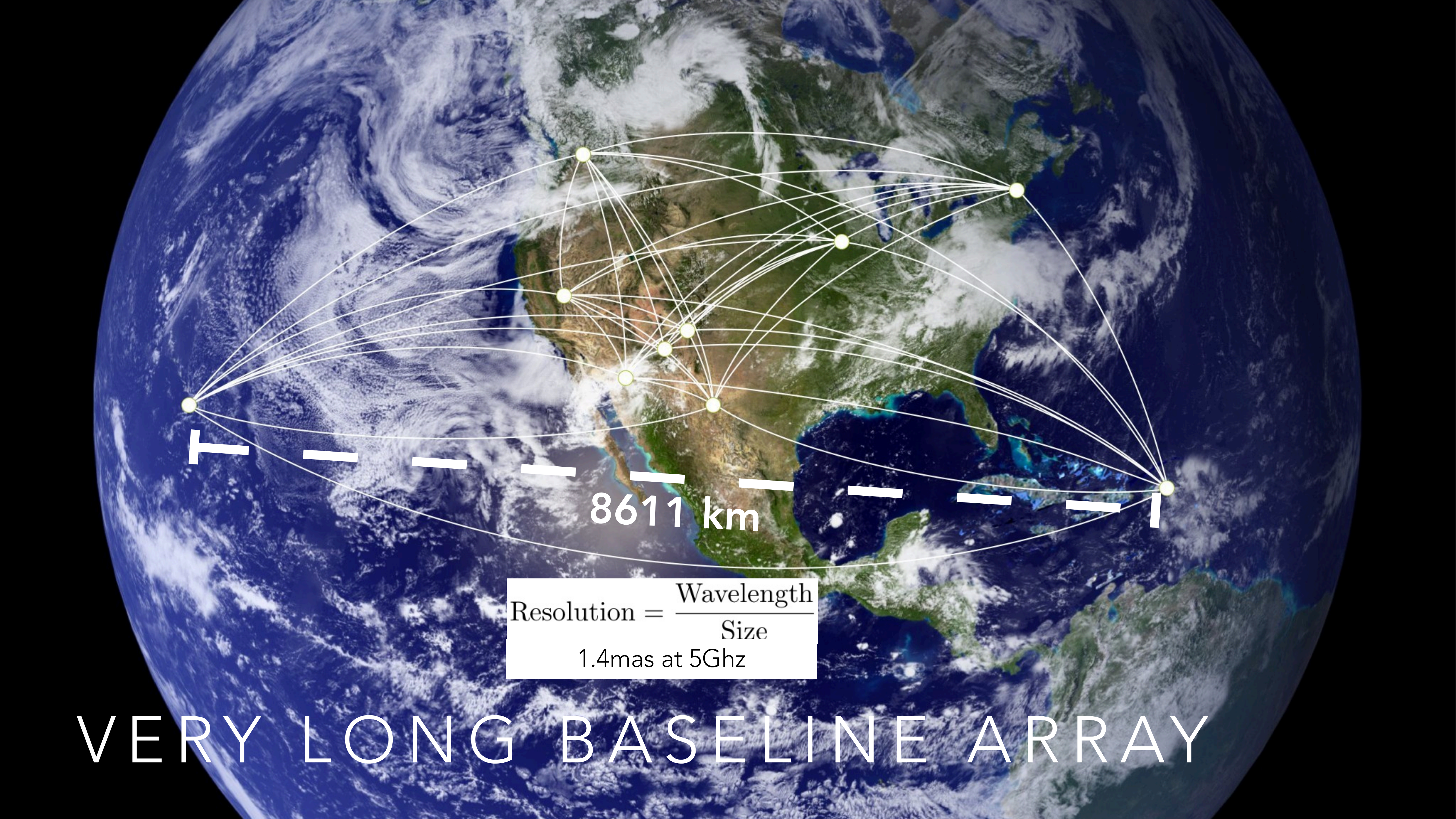
Compare: Distance to Andromeda 800kpc



VLBI



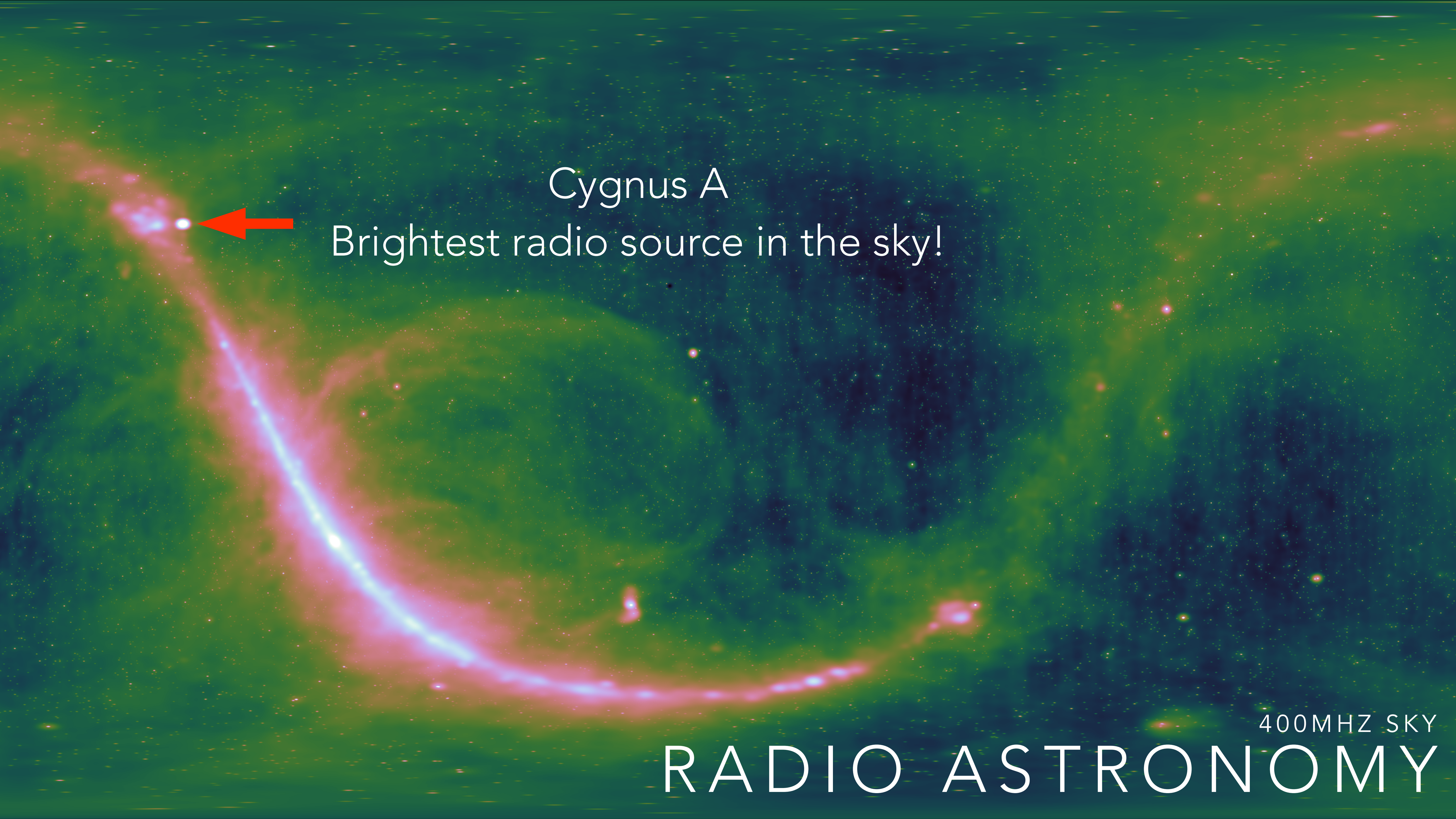
400MHz SKY
RADIO ASTRONOMY



$$\text{Resolution} = \frac{\text{Wavelength}}{\text{Size}}$$

1.4mas at 5Ghz

VERY LONG BASELINE ARRAY

A false-color map of the 400MHz radio sky. The background is a dense field of small, faint radio sources. A prominent, bright, curved arc of radio emission, colored in shades of blue and purple, dominates the lower half of the image. In the upper left, a bright, compact radio source is highlighted with a red arrow. The text 'Cygnus A' and 'Brightest radio source in the sky!' is positioned near this source. The text '400MHZ SKY' is in the bottom right, and 'RADIO ASTRONOMY' is at the bottom center.

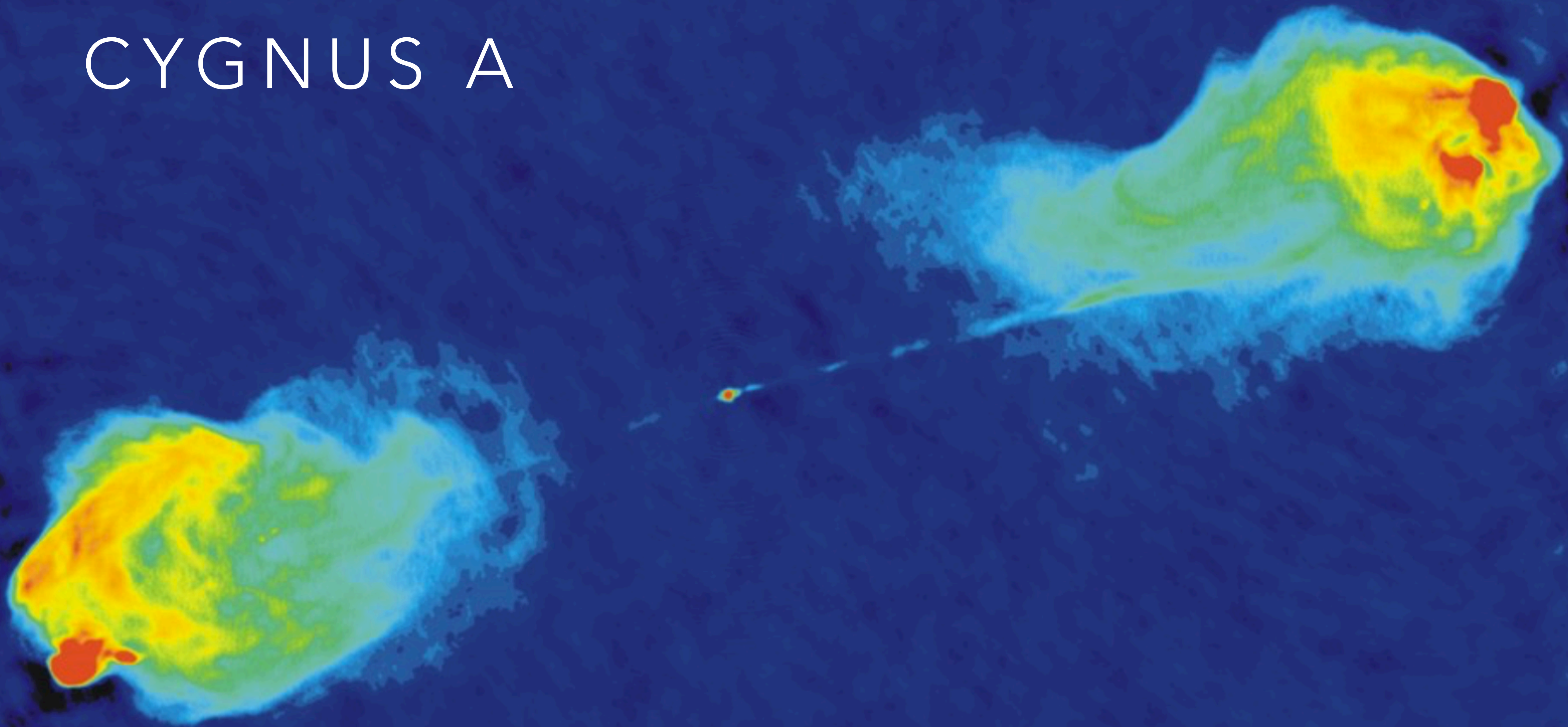
Cygnus A

Brightest radio source in the sky!

400MHZ SKY

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CYGNUS A



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RADIO GALAXIES

LOTS OF THESE GUYS

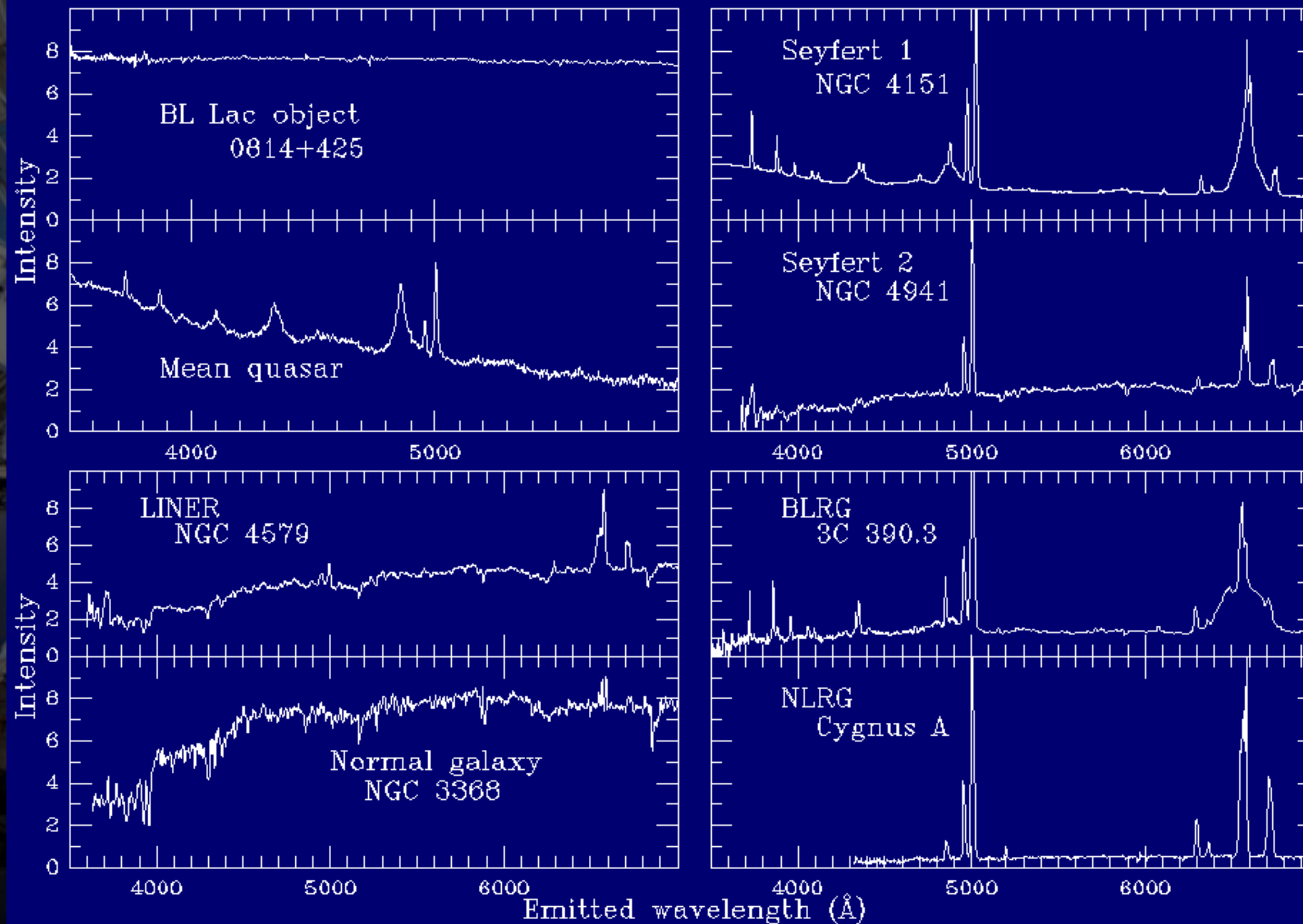
VISIBLE IN THE OPTICAL TOO!

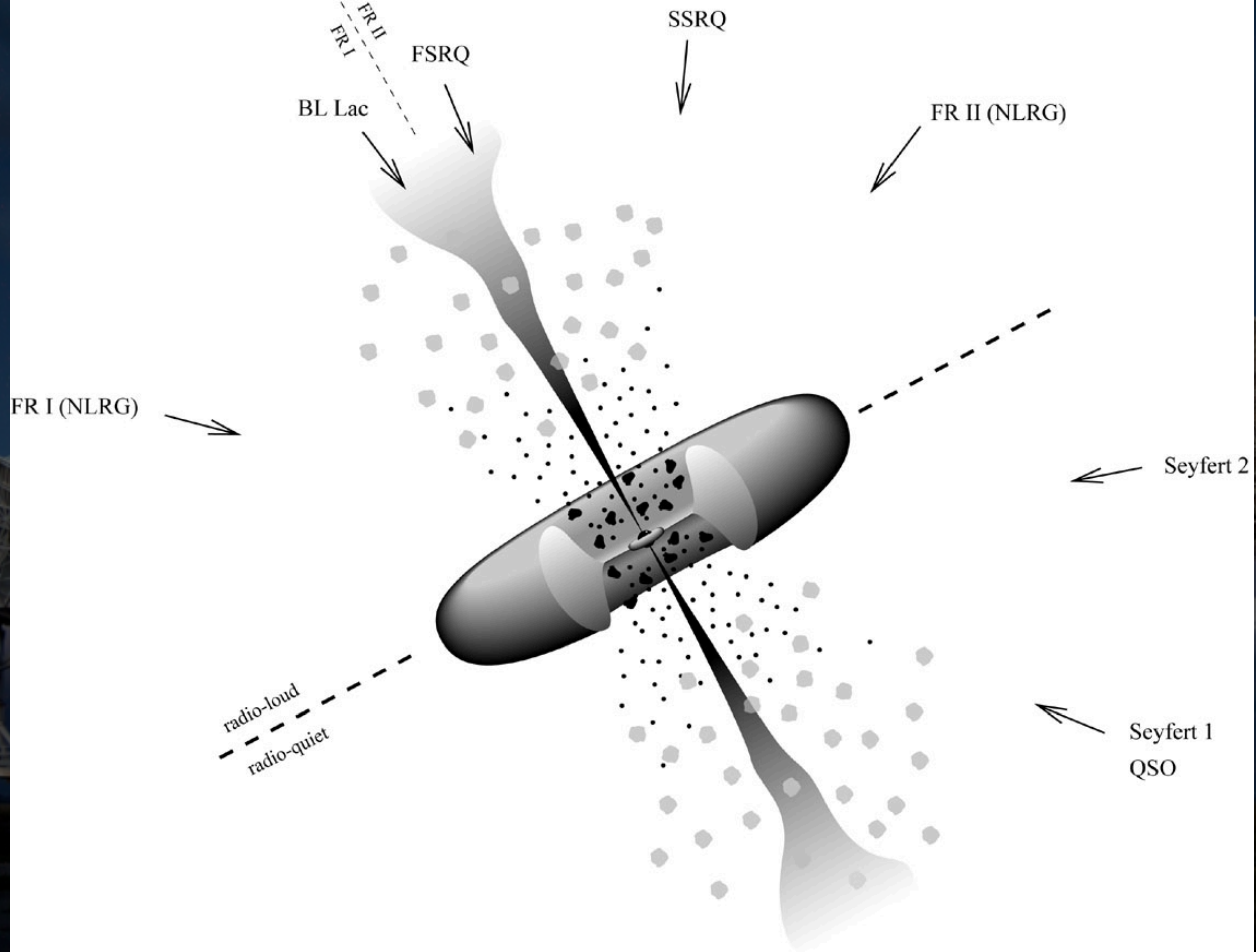
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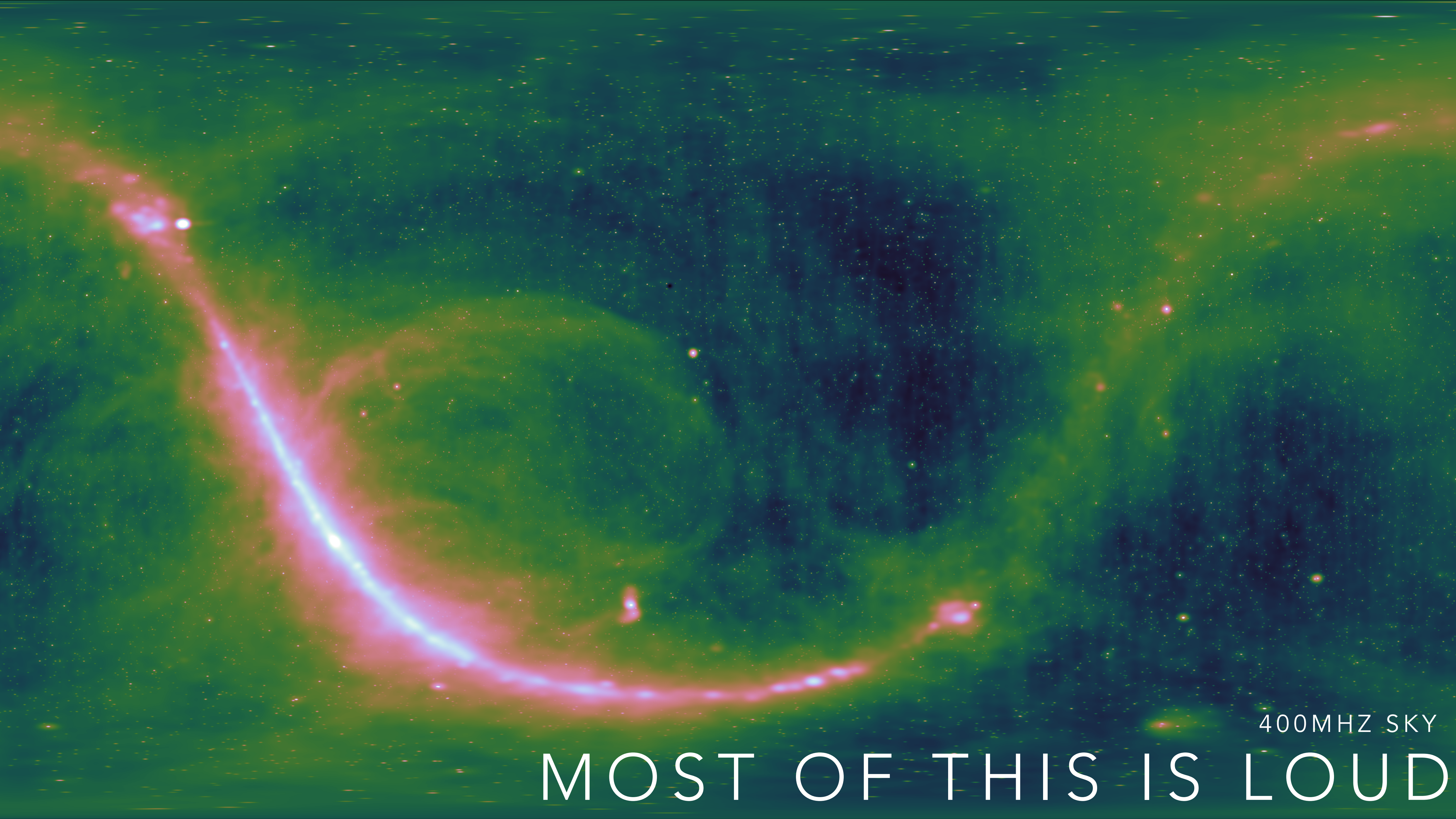


Looks like a star, sort of

TO THE SPECTRUM







400MHZ SKY

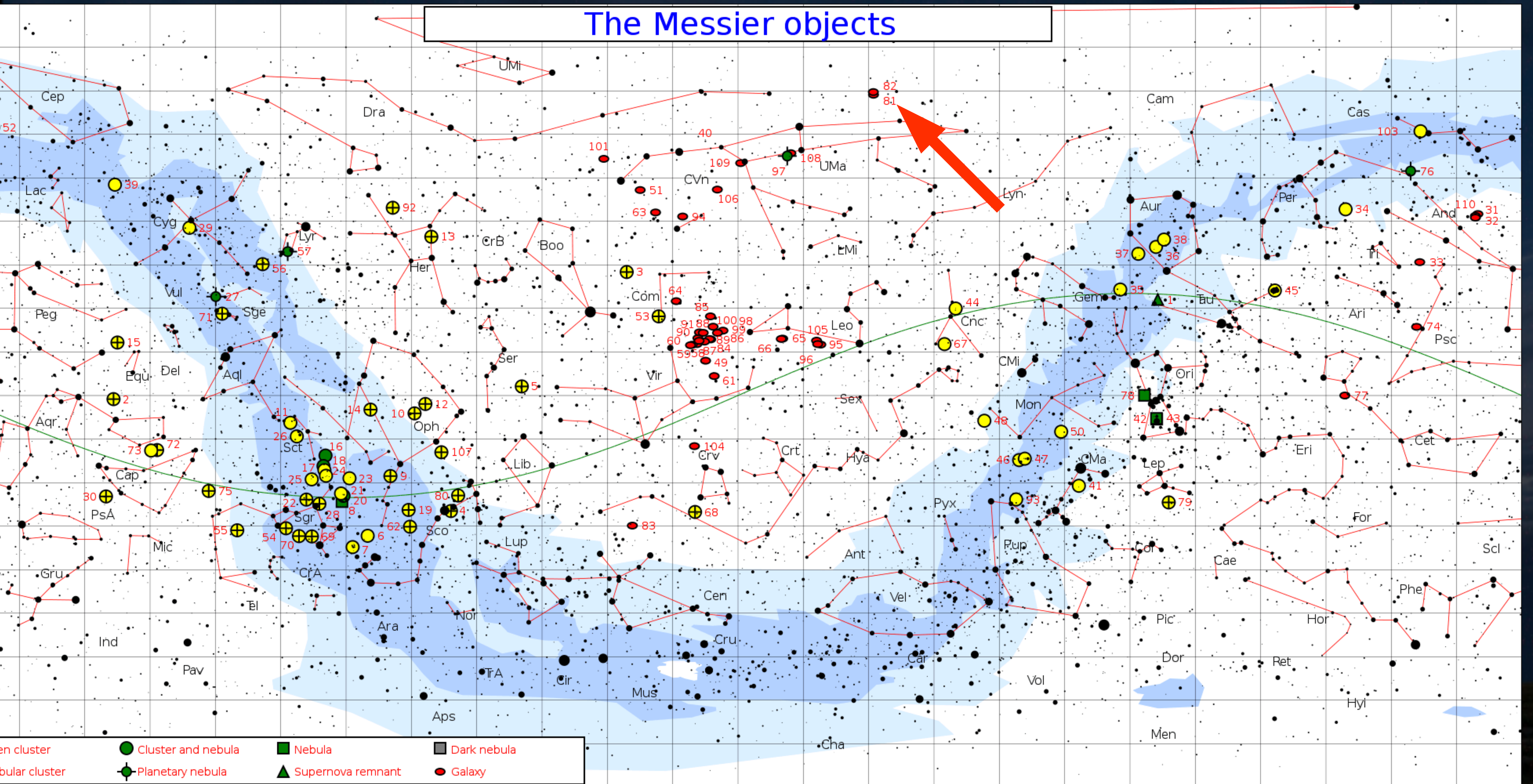
MOST OF THIS IS LOUD

Stars and Galaxies



The optical sky is very different

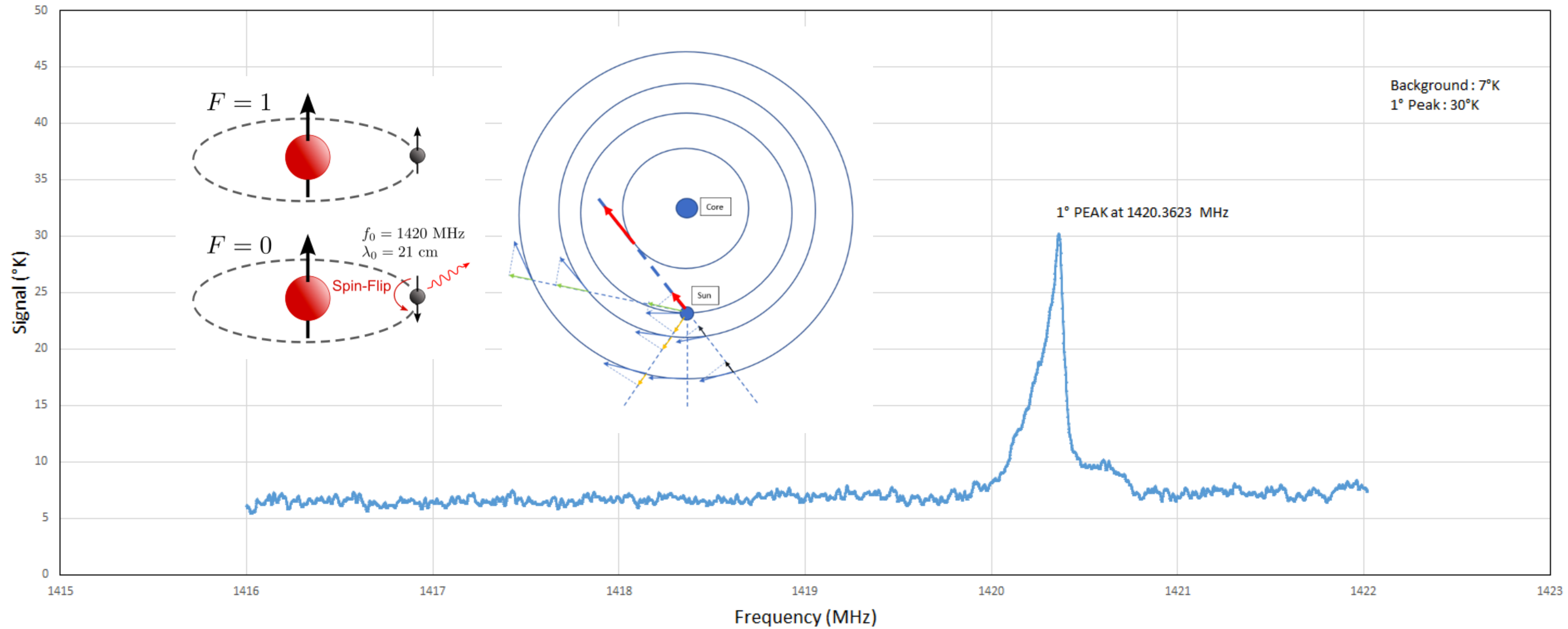
The Messier objects



M81 in Optical



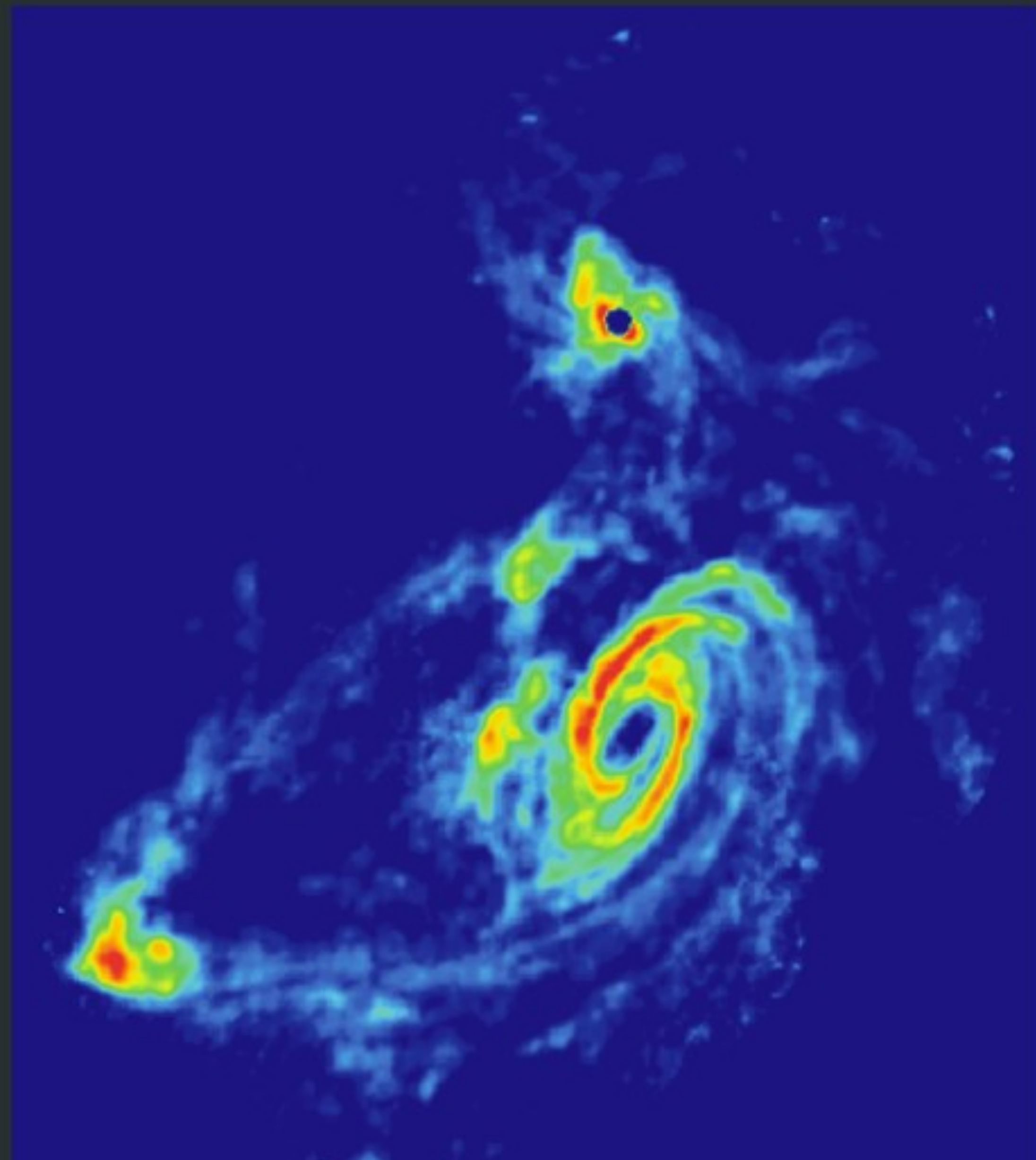
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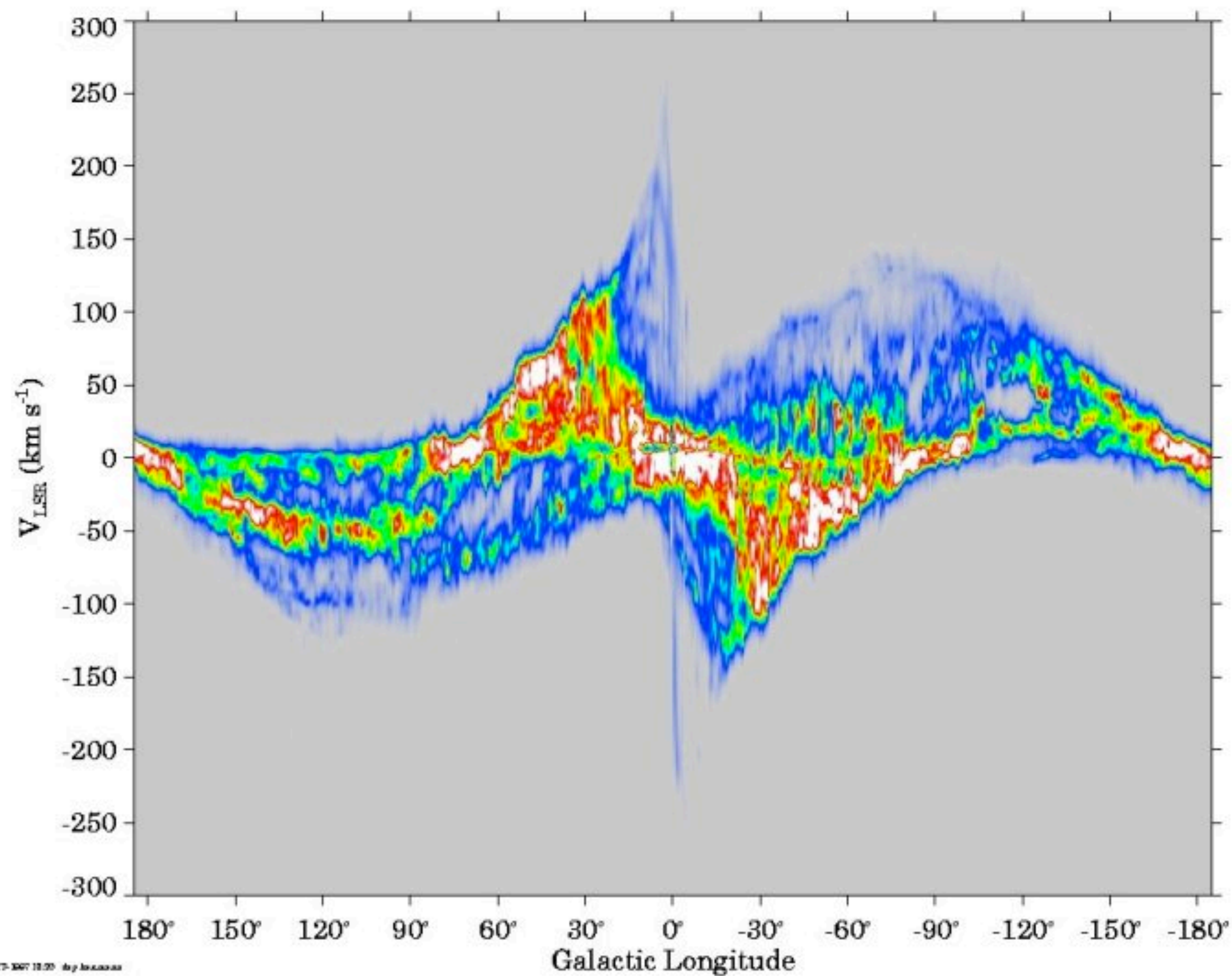
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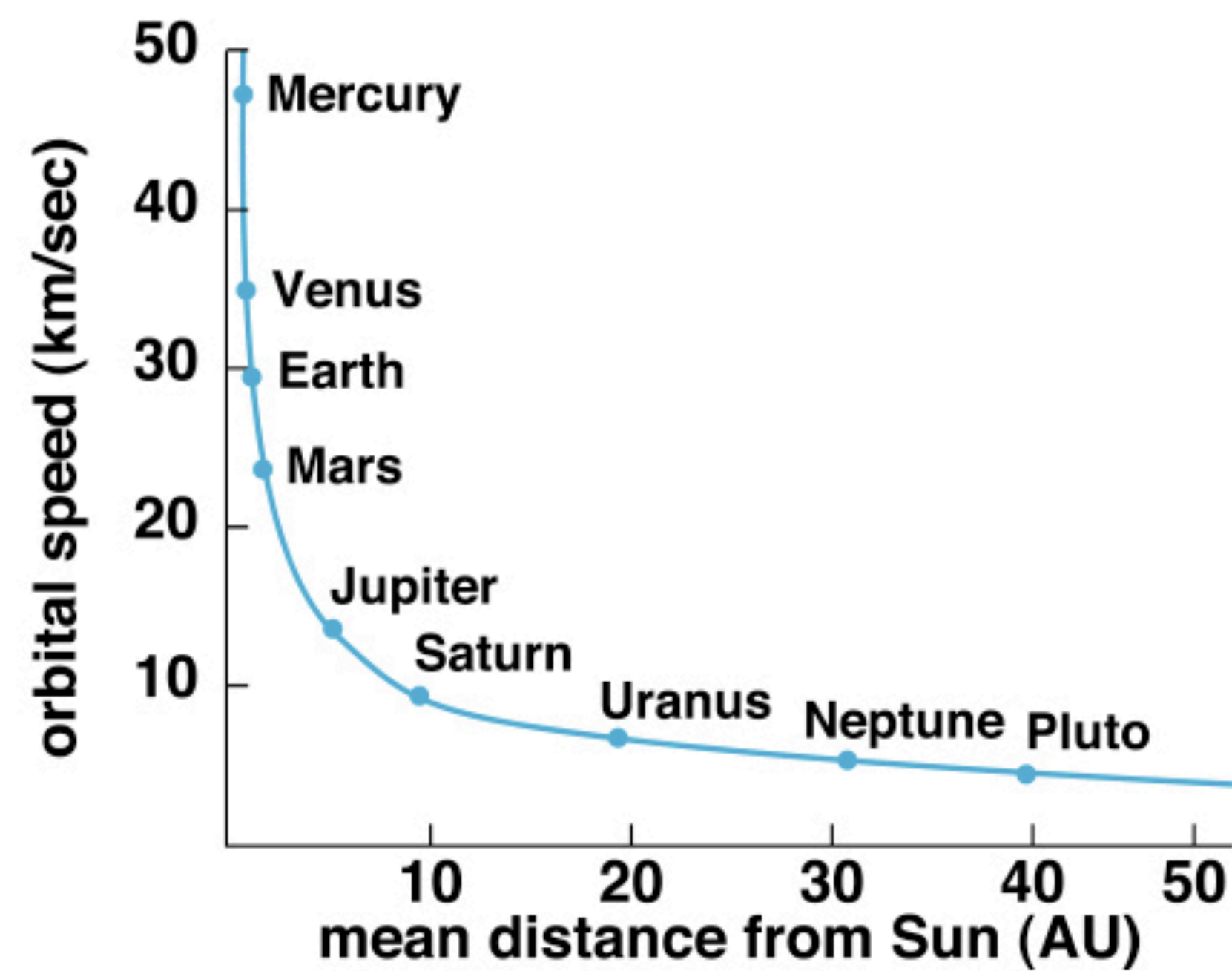


M81 in HI - 21cm

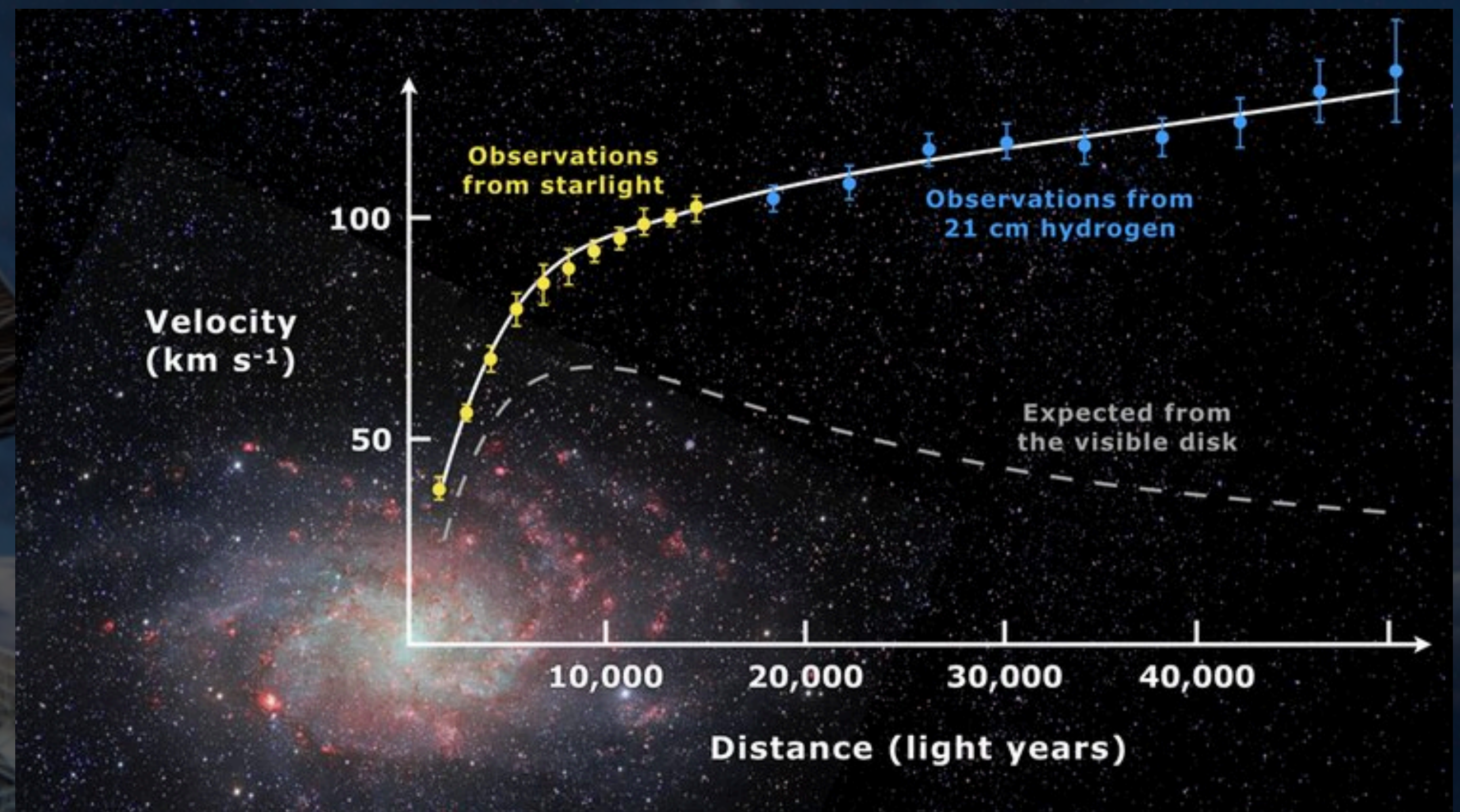


Leiden/Dwingeloo & IAR HI Surveys; $b = 0$





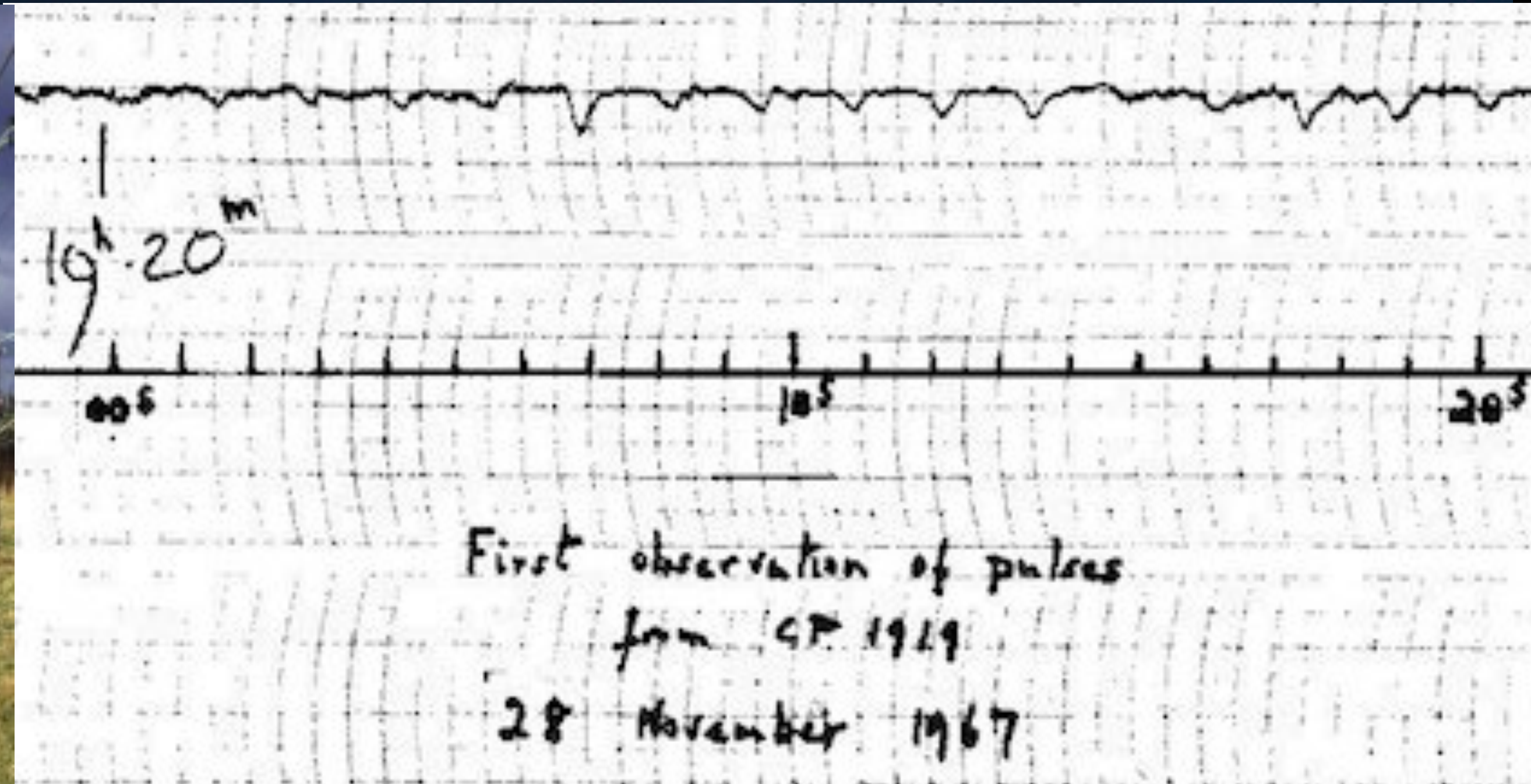
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PULSARS



Cambridge/ Mullard RAO Interplanetary Scintillation Array
ca 1968



Observation of a Rapidly Pulsating Radio Source

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Unusual signals from pulsating radio sources have been recorded at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. The radiation seems to come from local objects within the galaxy, and may be associated with oscillations of white dwarf or neutron stars.

In July 1967, a large radio telescope operating at a frequency of 81.5 MHz was brought into use at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. This instrument was

of three others having remarkably similar properties which suggests that this type of source may be relatively common at a low flux density. A tentative explanation



The IPS array today.

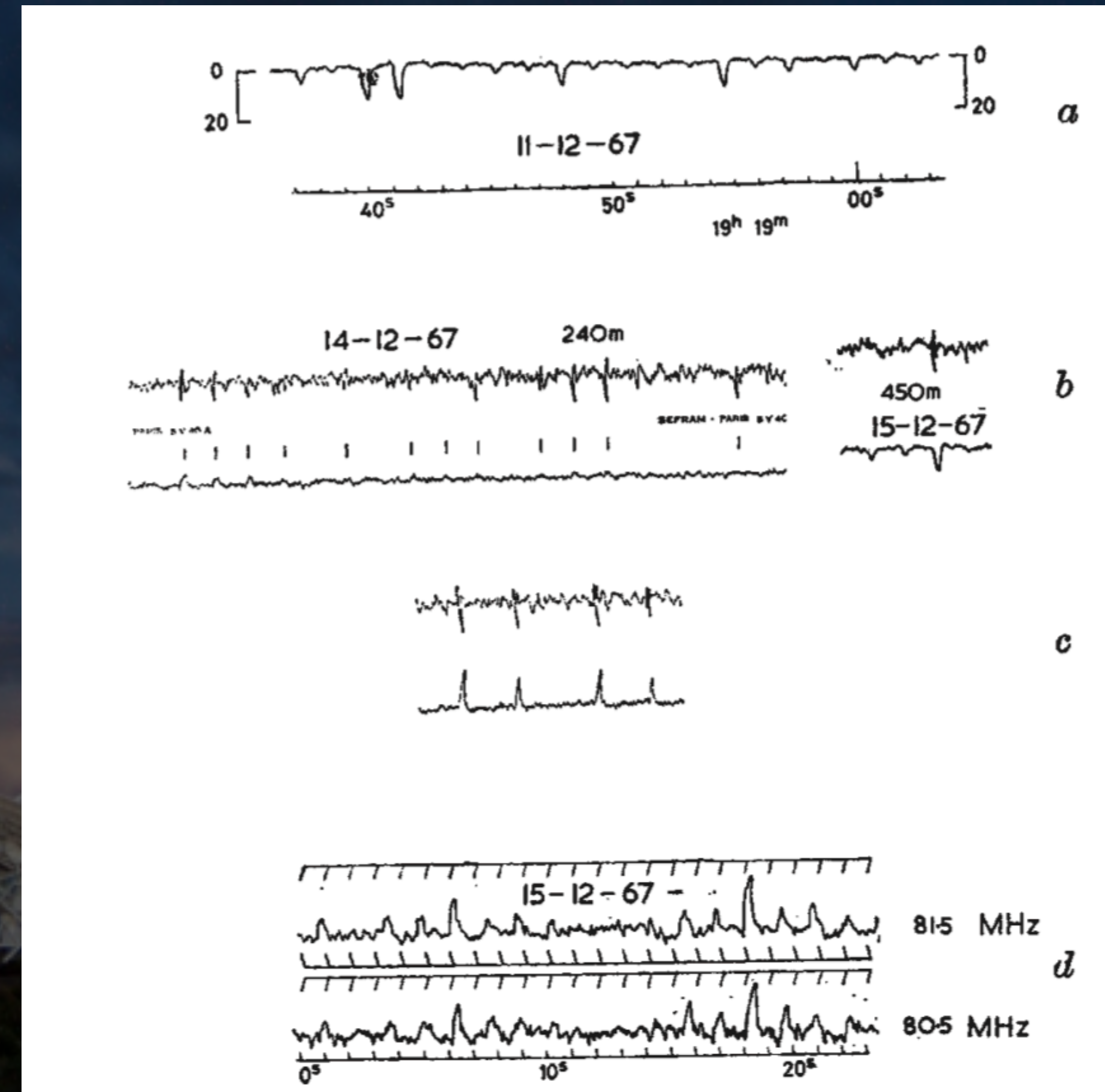
Copper thieves have had their way with it.



Pulsars are ubiquitous.

DISCOVERY

- Object name: PSR1919+21
- Pulses are extremely regular
- Pulses are delayed at lower frequencies



Hewish, Burnell, et al 1967

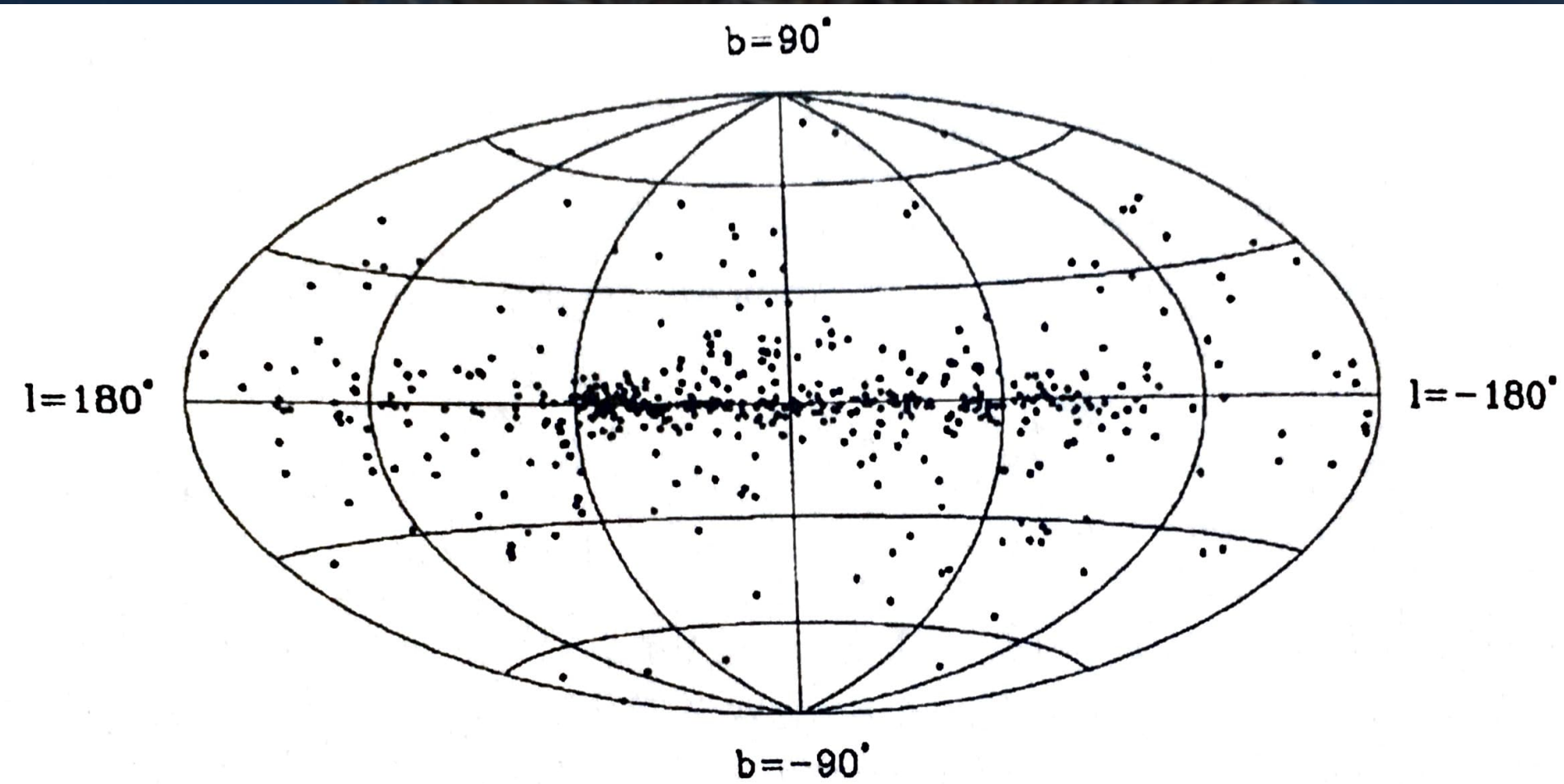


Fig. 11.9 Distribution of 558 pulsars in Galactic coordinates (from Taylor et al. 1993)

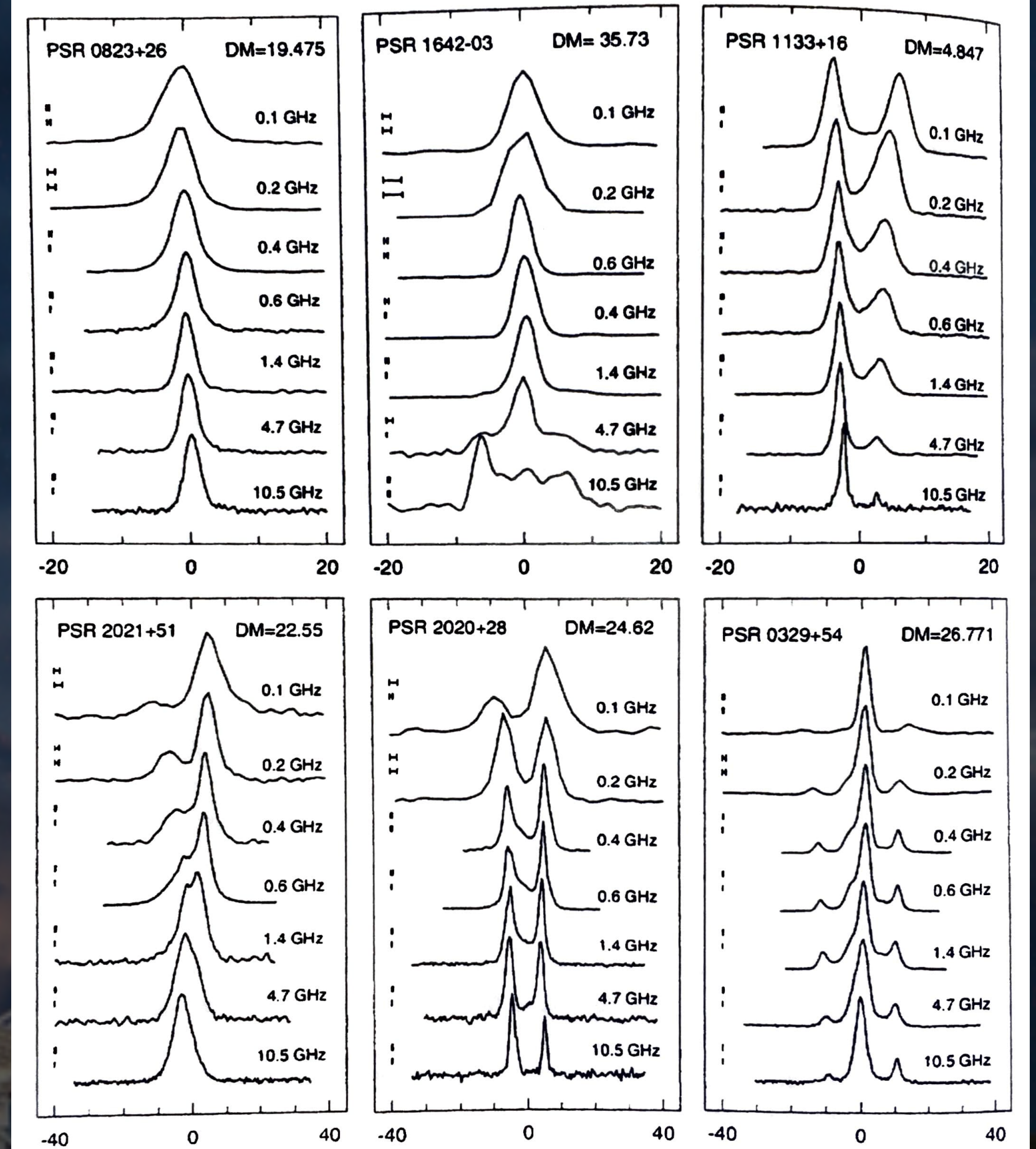
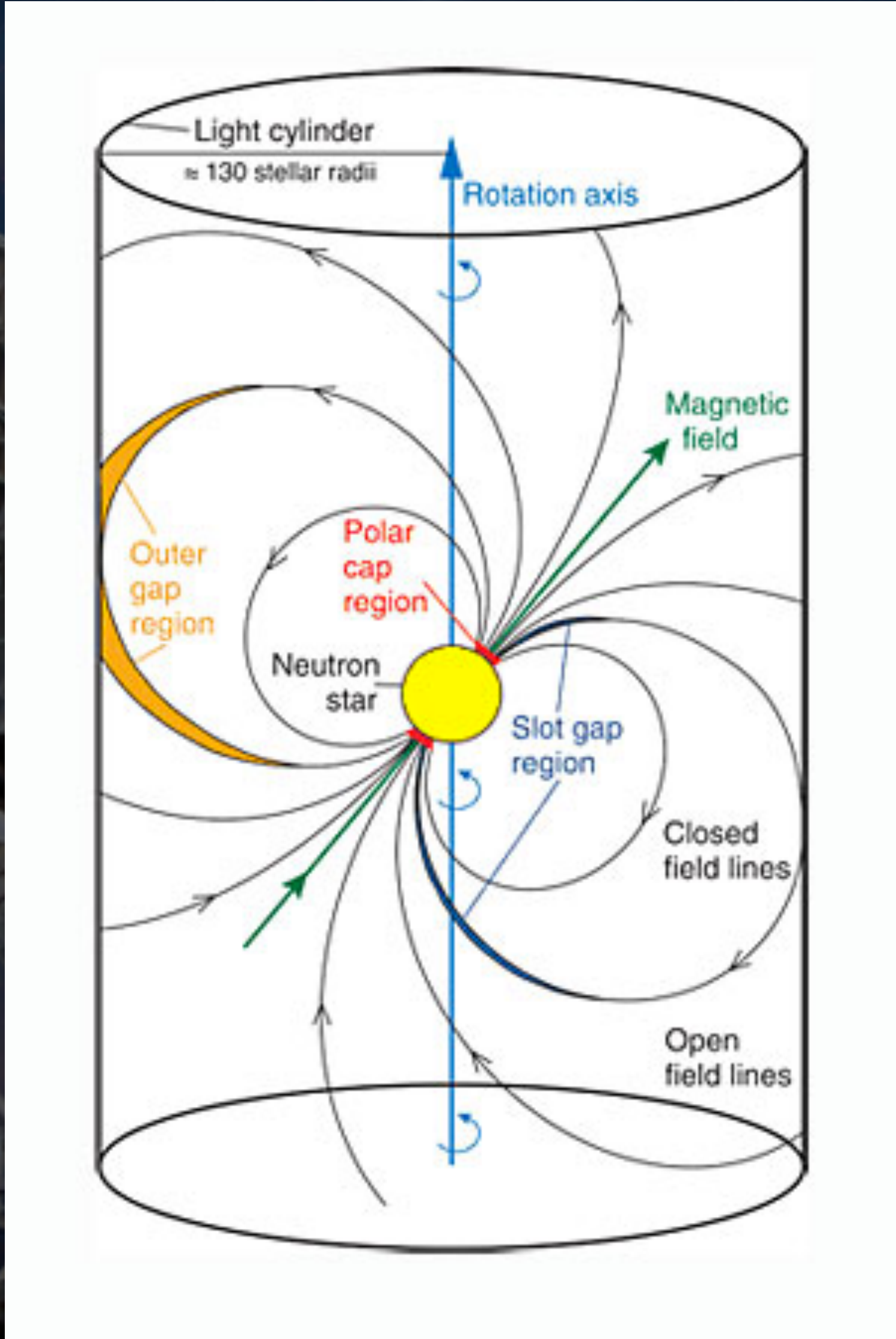
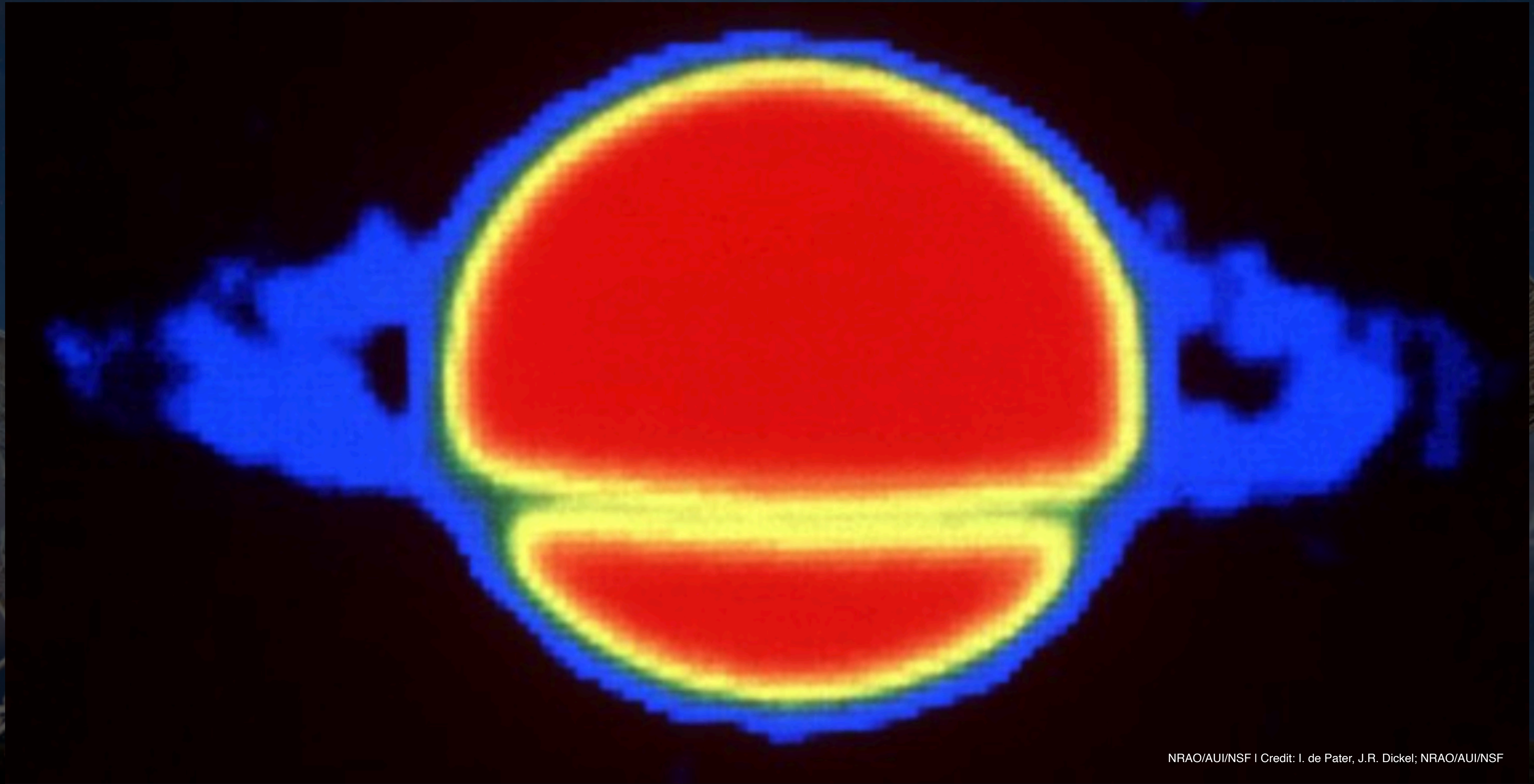


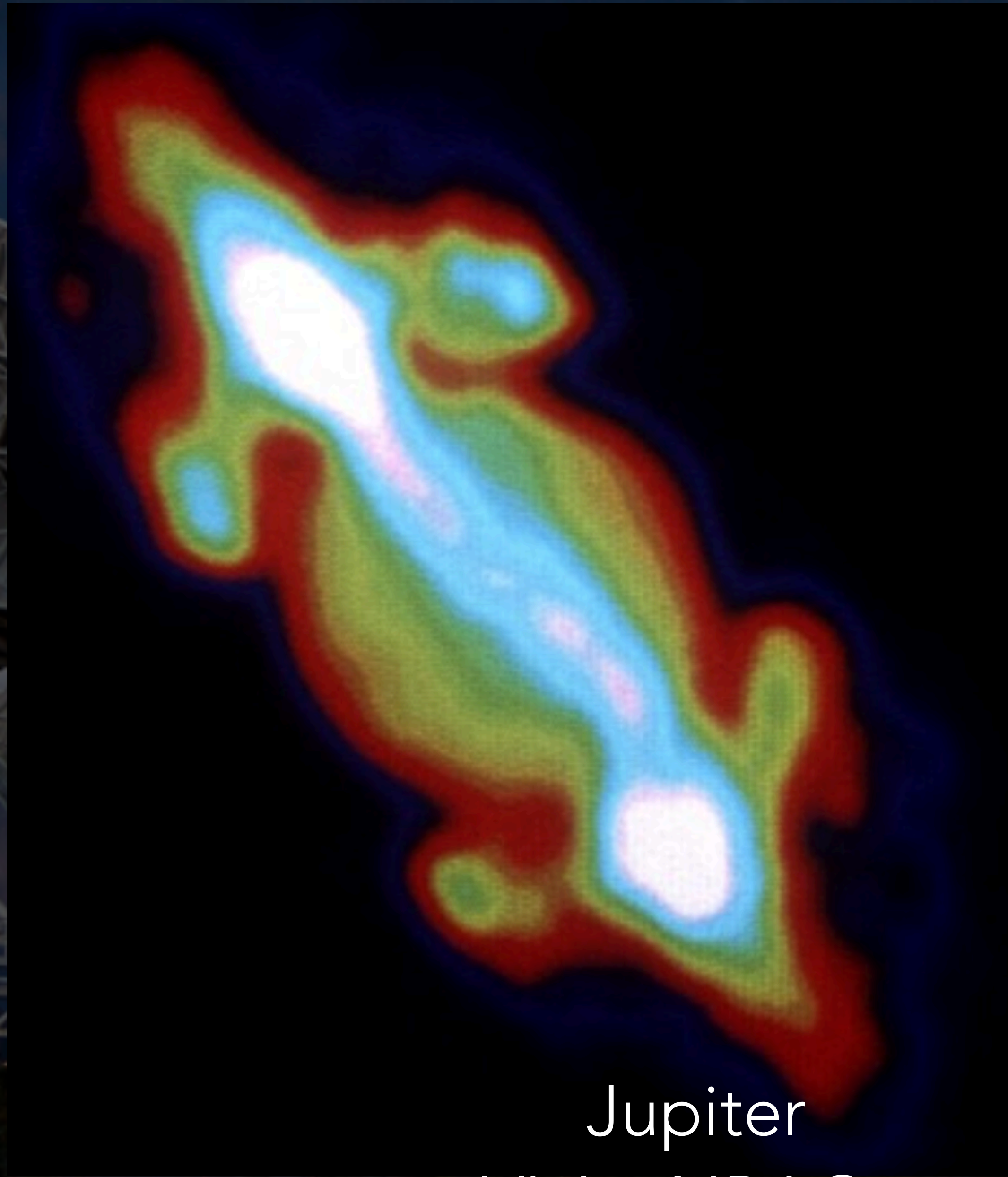
Fig. 11.10 Integrated pulse profiles plotted in the same rotation scale for each pulsar for frequencies 0.1–10.5 GHz. The pulse dispersion has been removed (figure from data in Kuzmin et al. 1998)



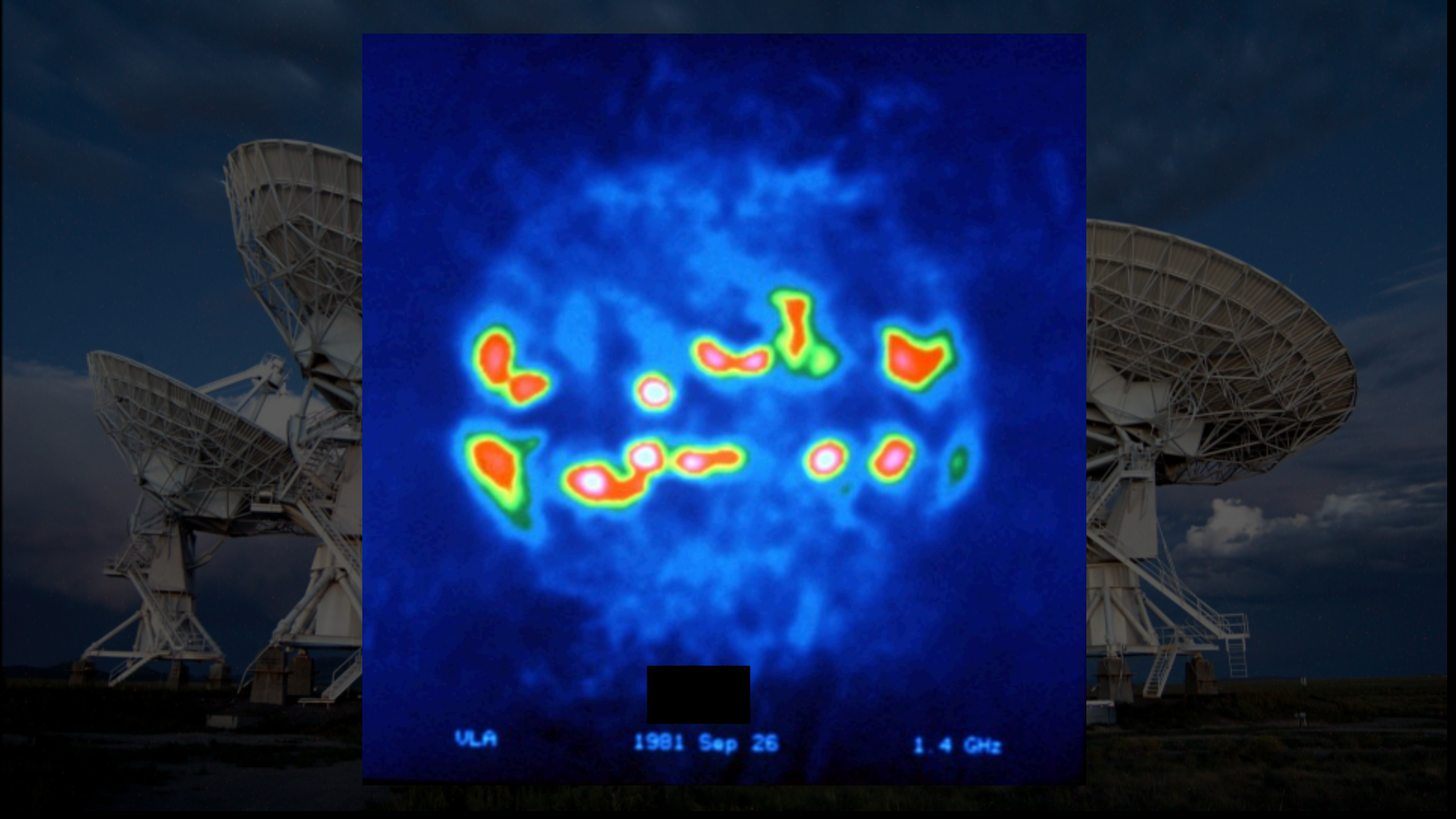


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Saturn



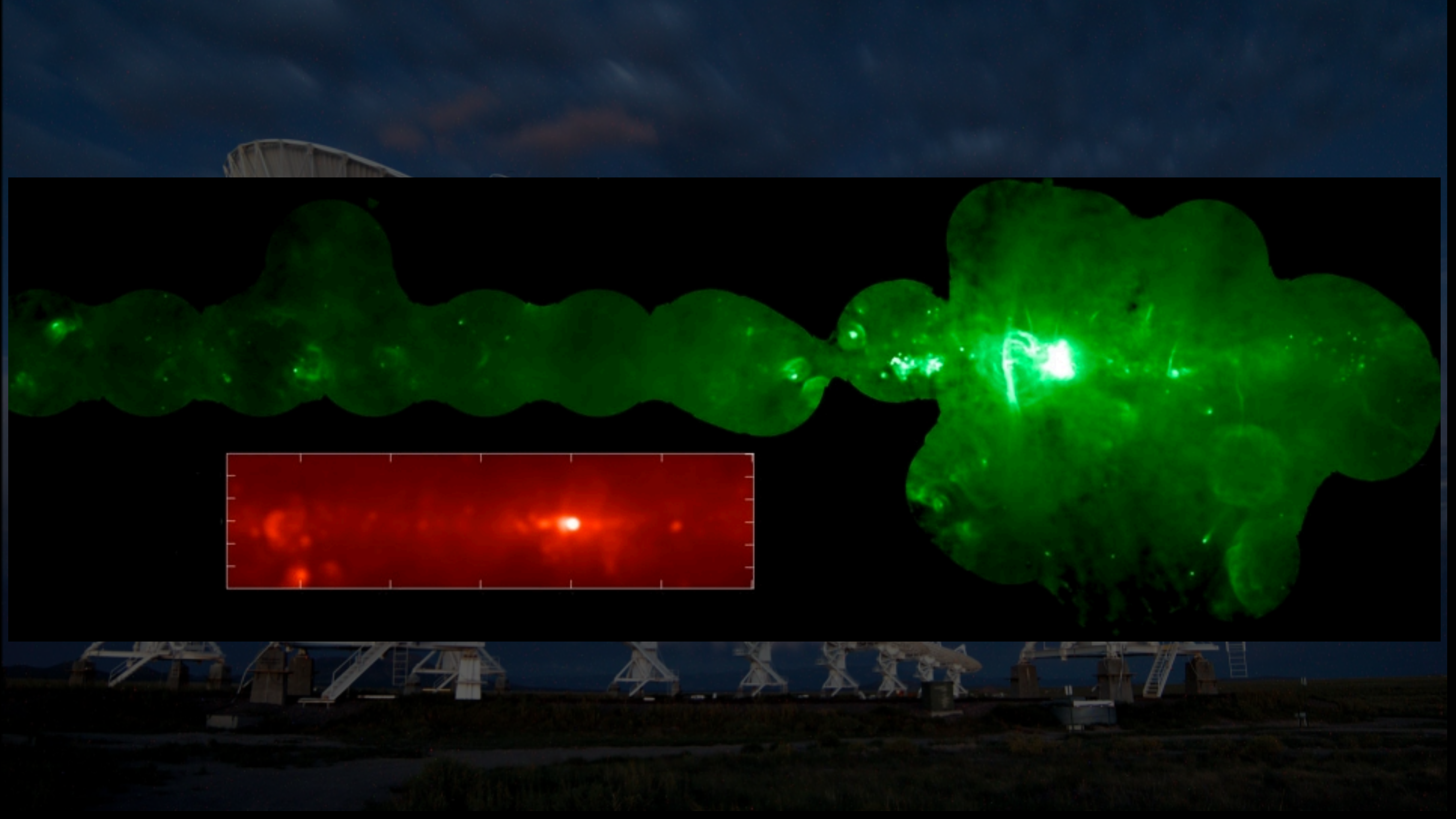
Jupiter
VLA - NRAO

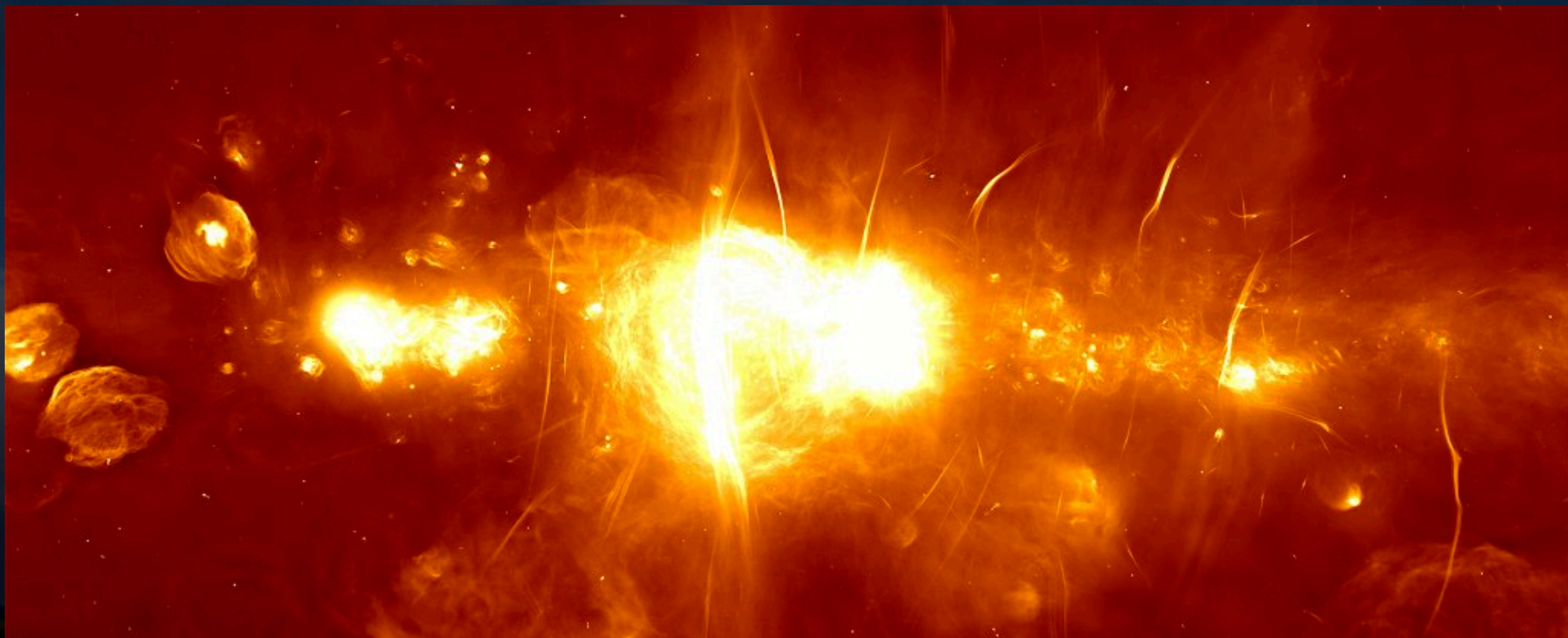


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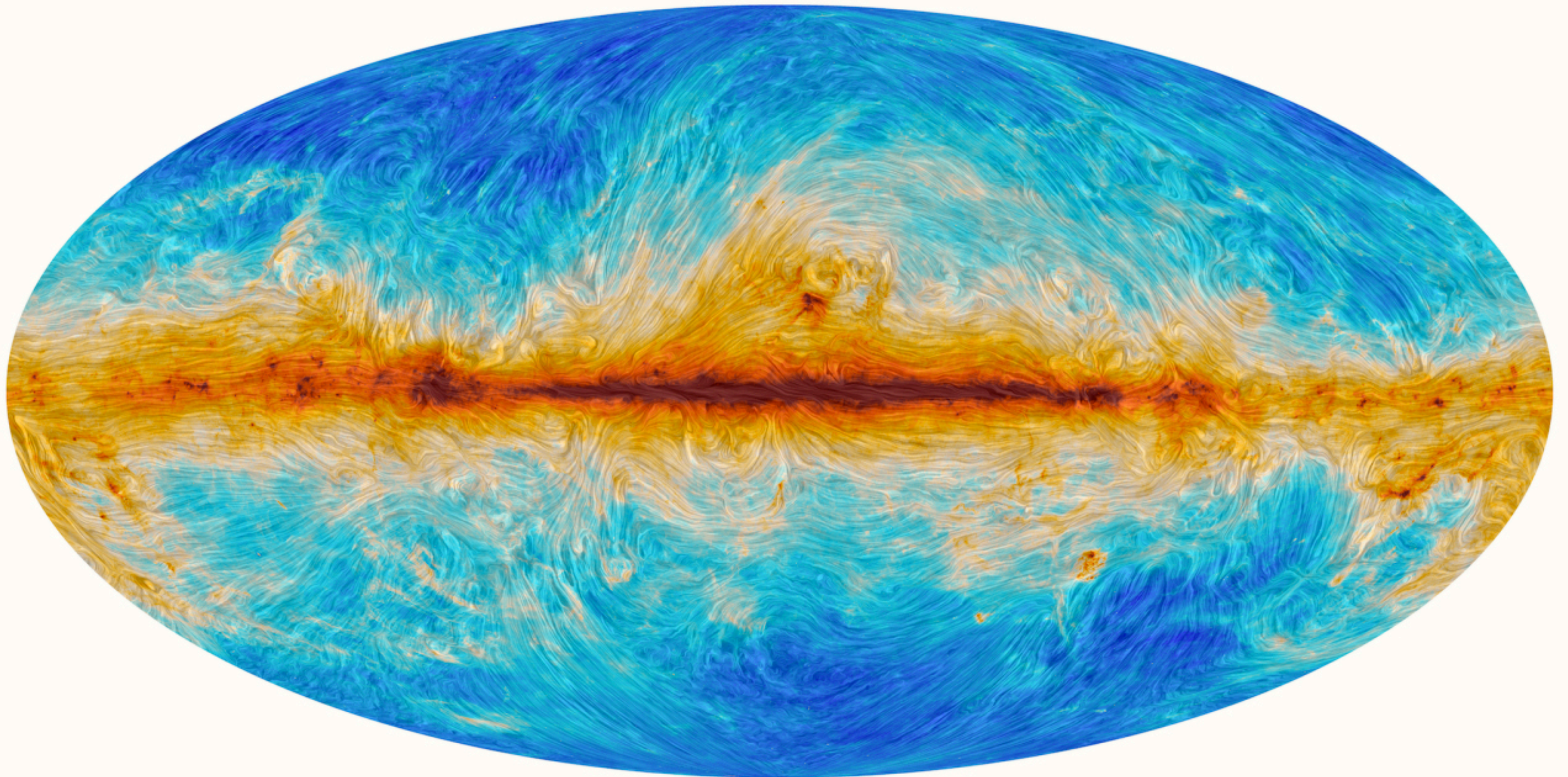
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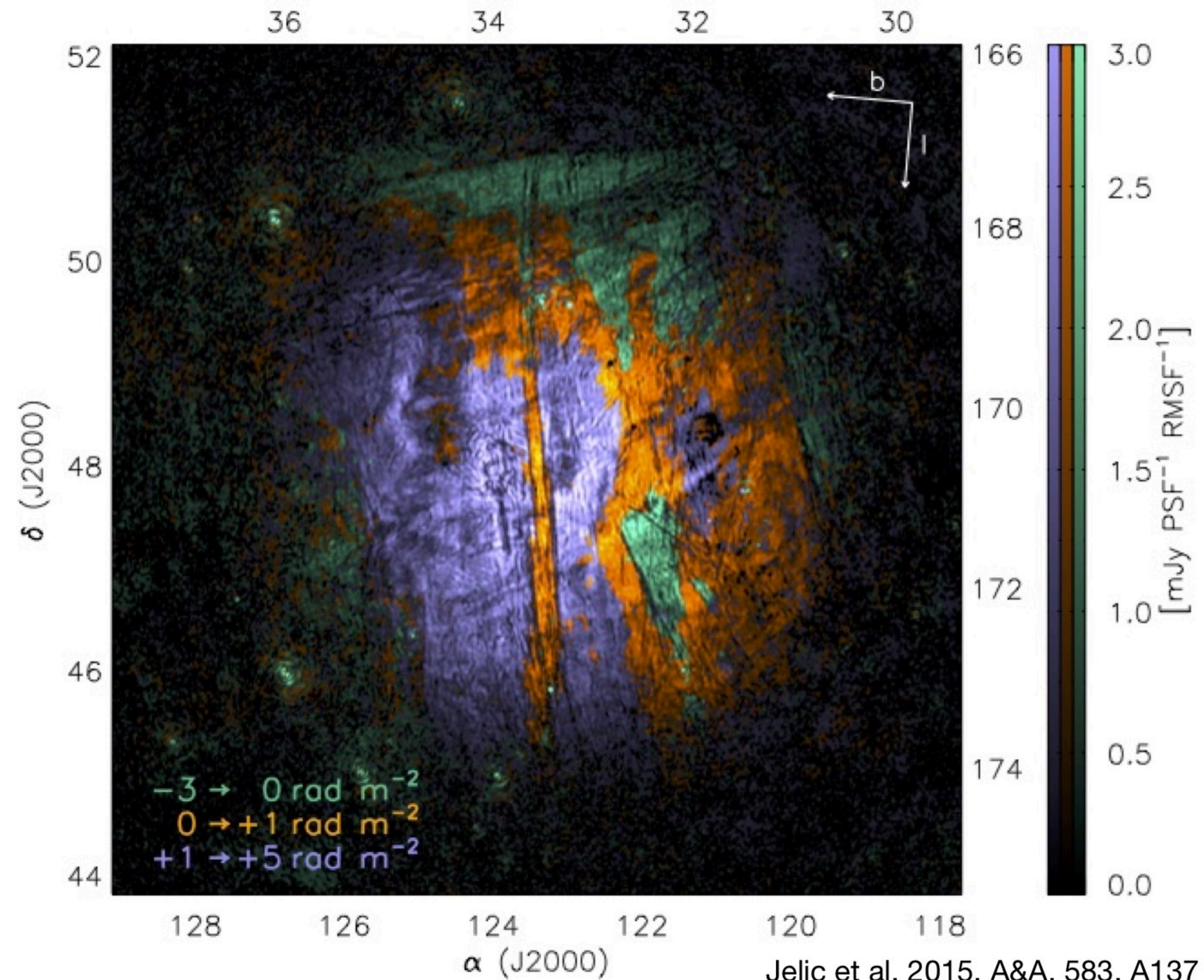




PLANCK MEASUREMENTS OF POLARIZATION



ROTATION SYNTHESIS



HOMEWORK

- Discussion: Why Radio is tricky (re ALMA ProxCen analysis)
- Brightness
- Emission mechanisms

- For next Monday, read and comment on.

- Anglada et al 2017

ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2017ApJ...850L...6A/

- Macgregor et al 2018

ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018ApJ...855L...2M/

