

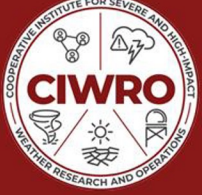


Lightning Interferometry

With the Sevilleta Long Wavelength Array

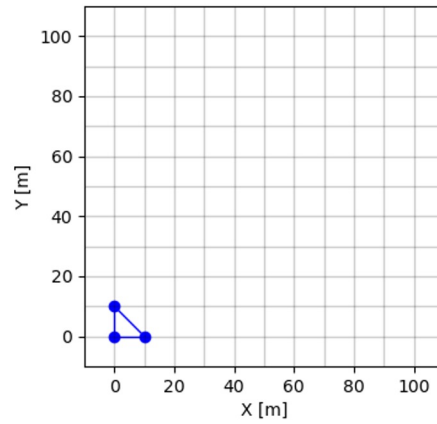
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LWA Users Group Meeting
Jun 2, 2023

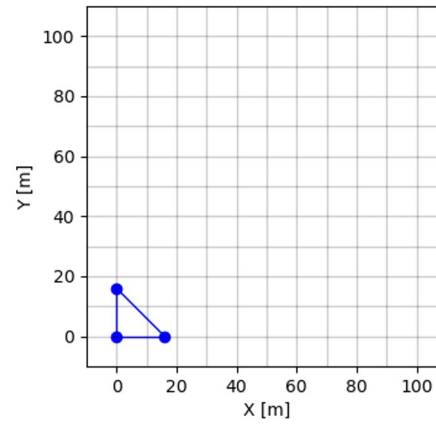


A Brief History of Recent Interferometry

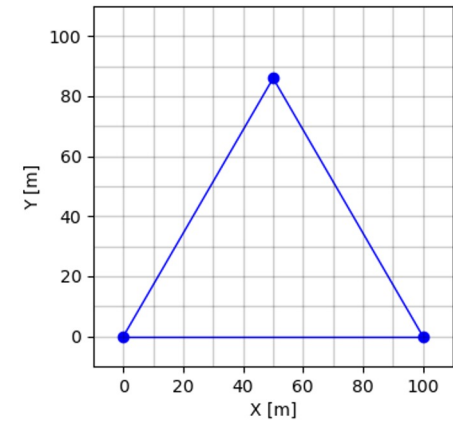
Stock 2014



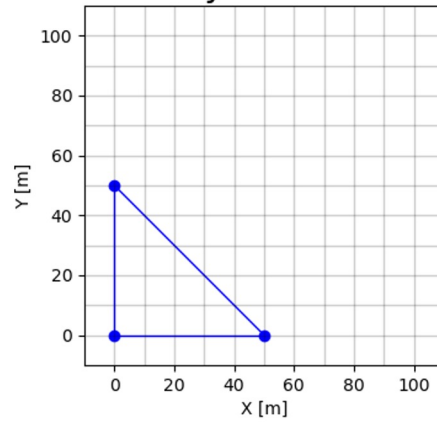
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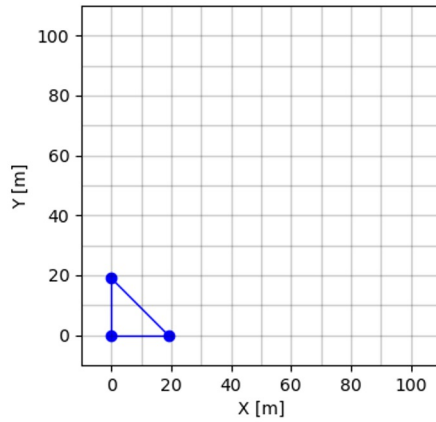
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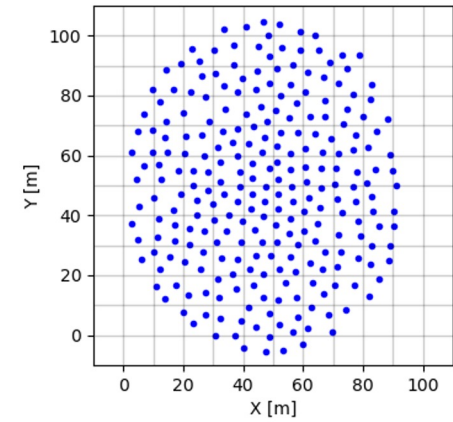
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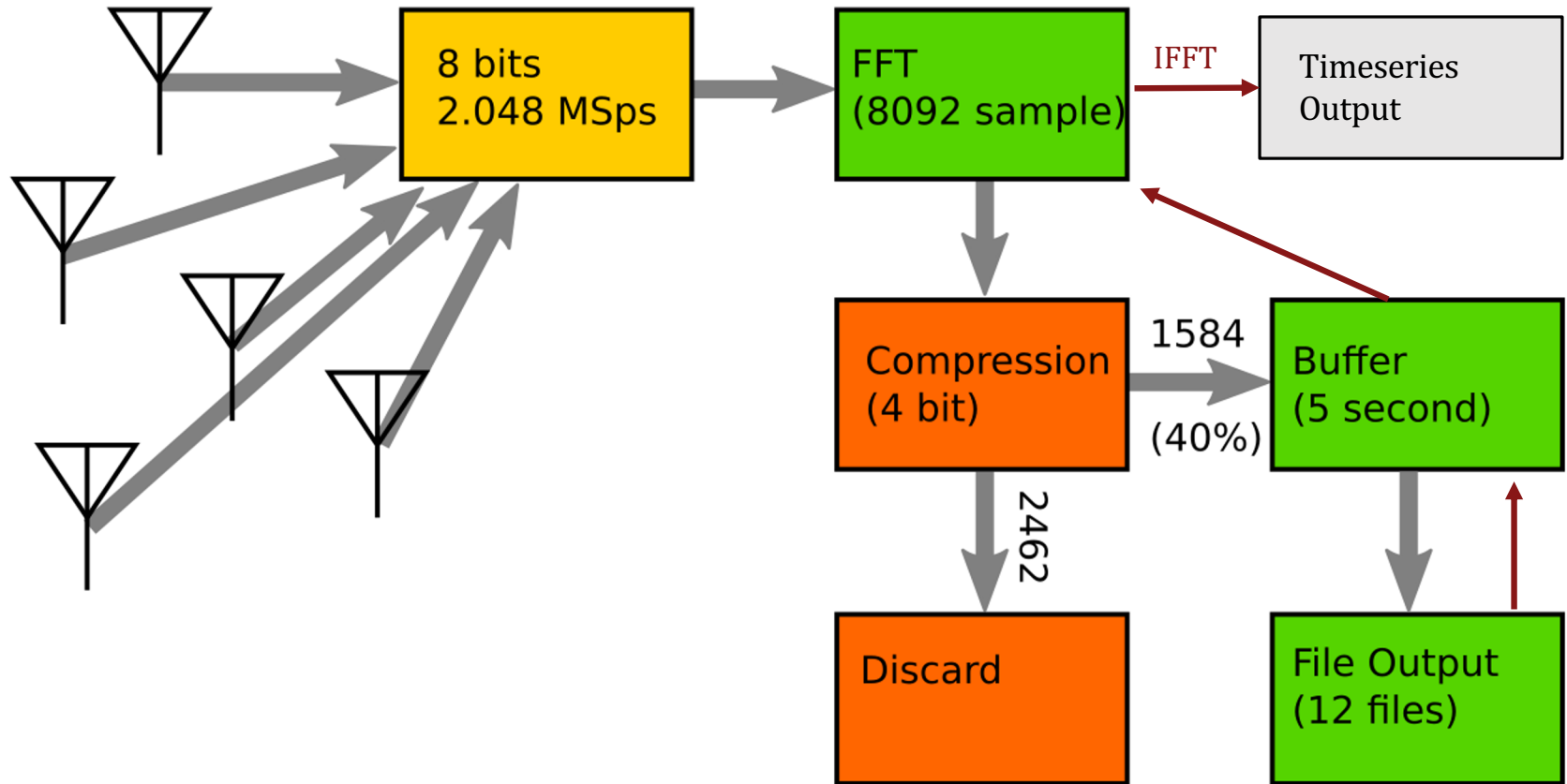


LWA SV



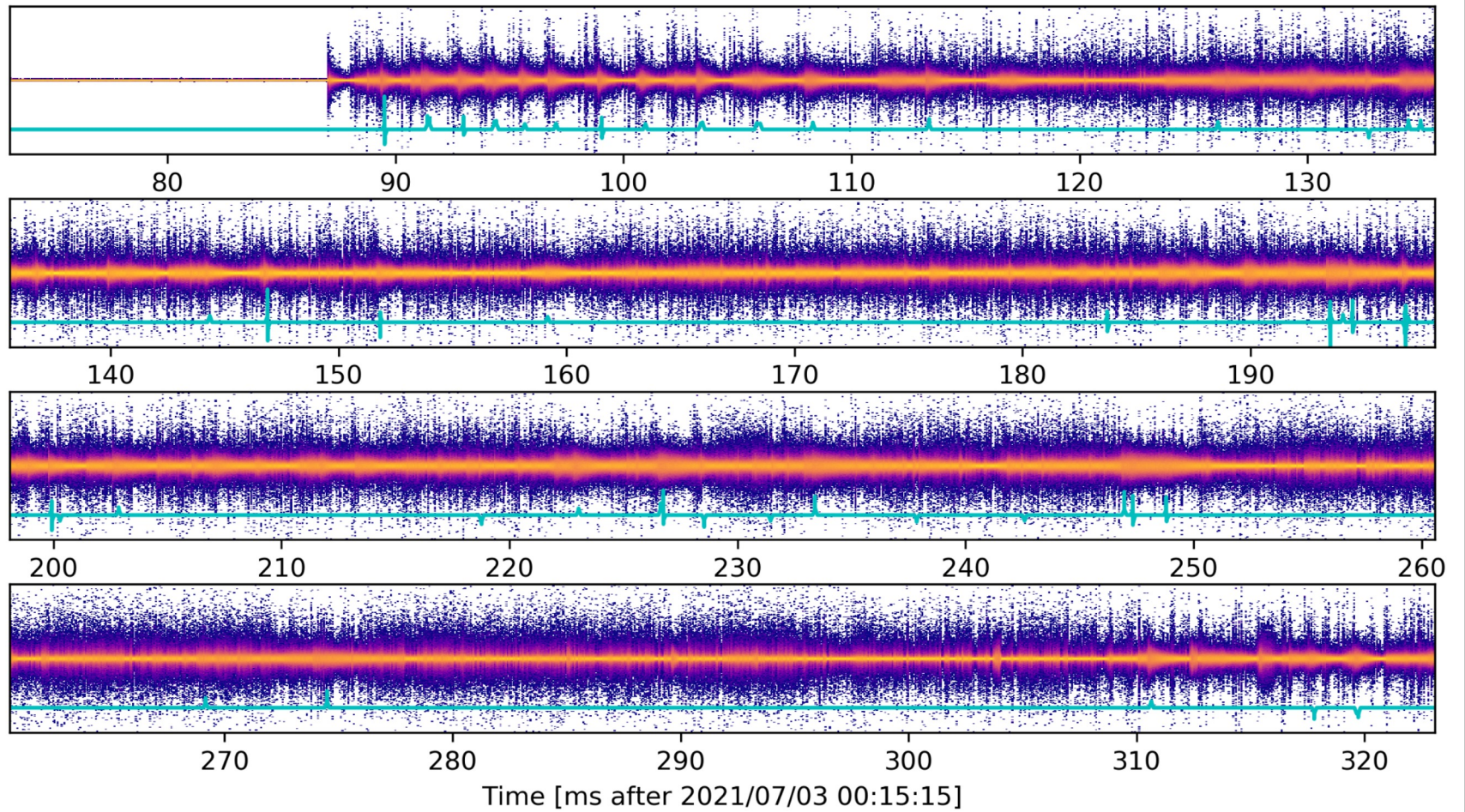


LWA - Data Collection





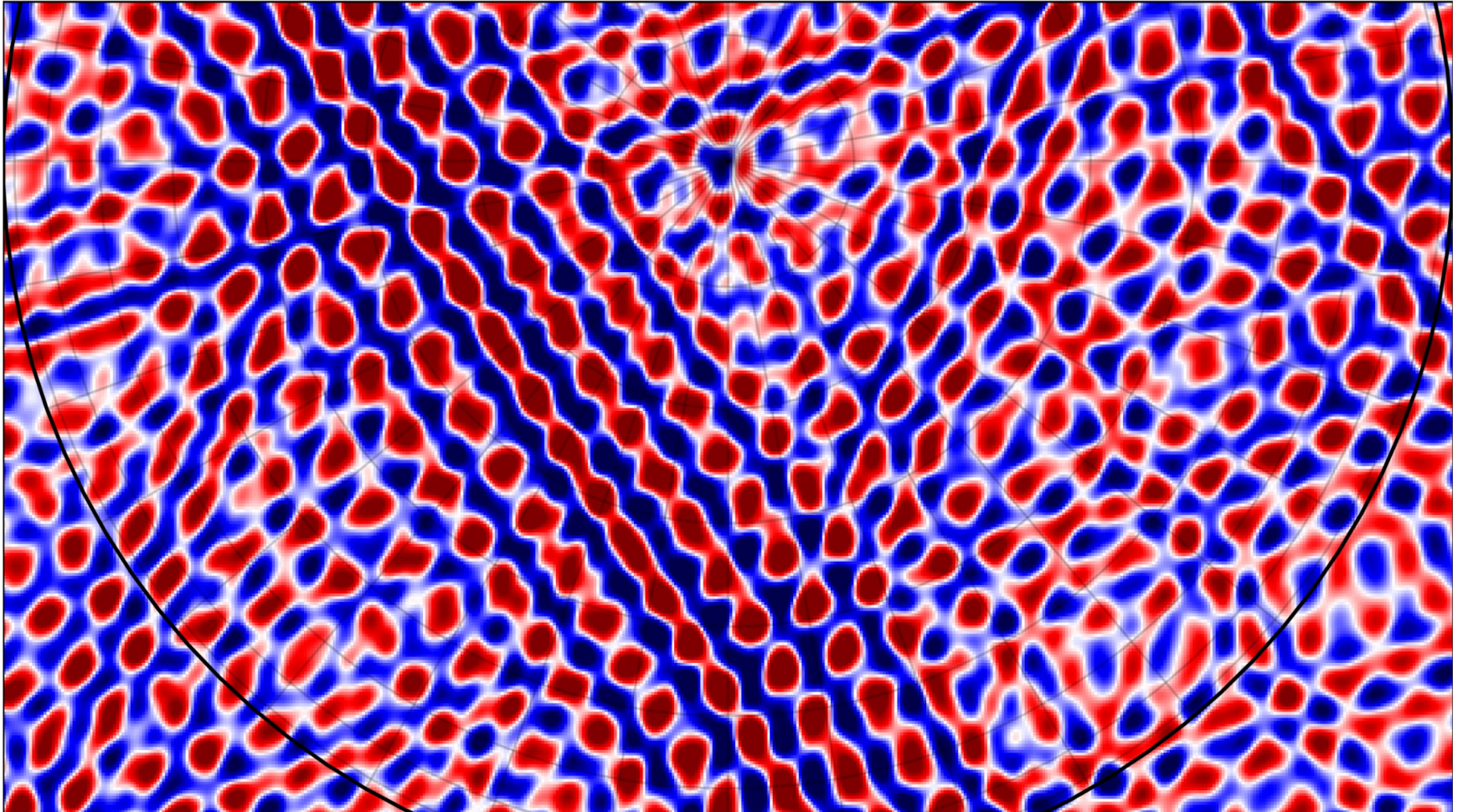
LWA - Time Series





Imaging Multiple Sources

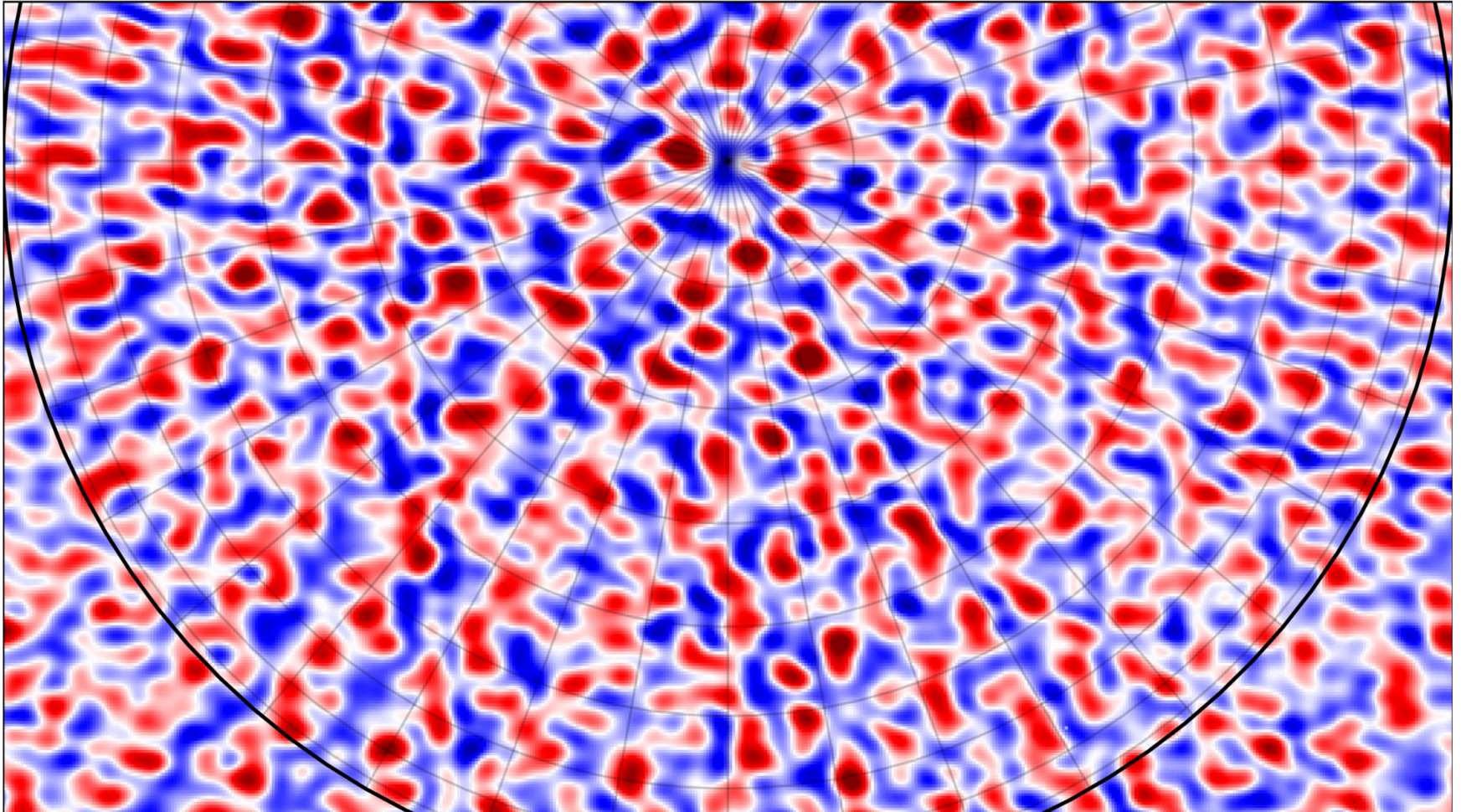
3 Antennas





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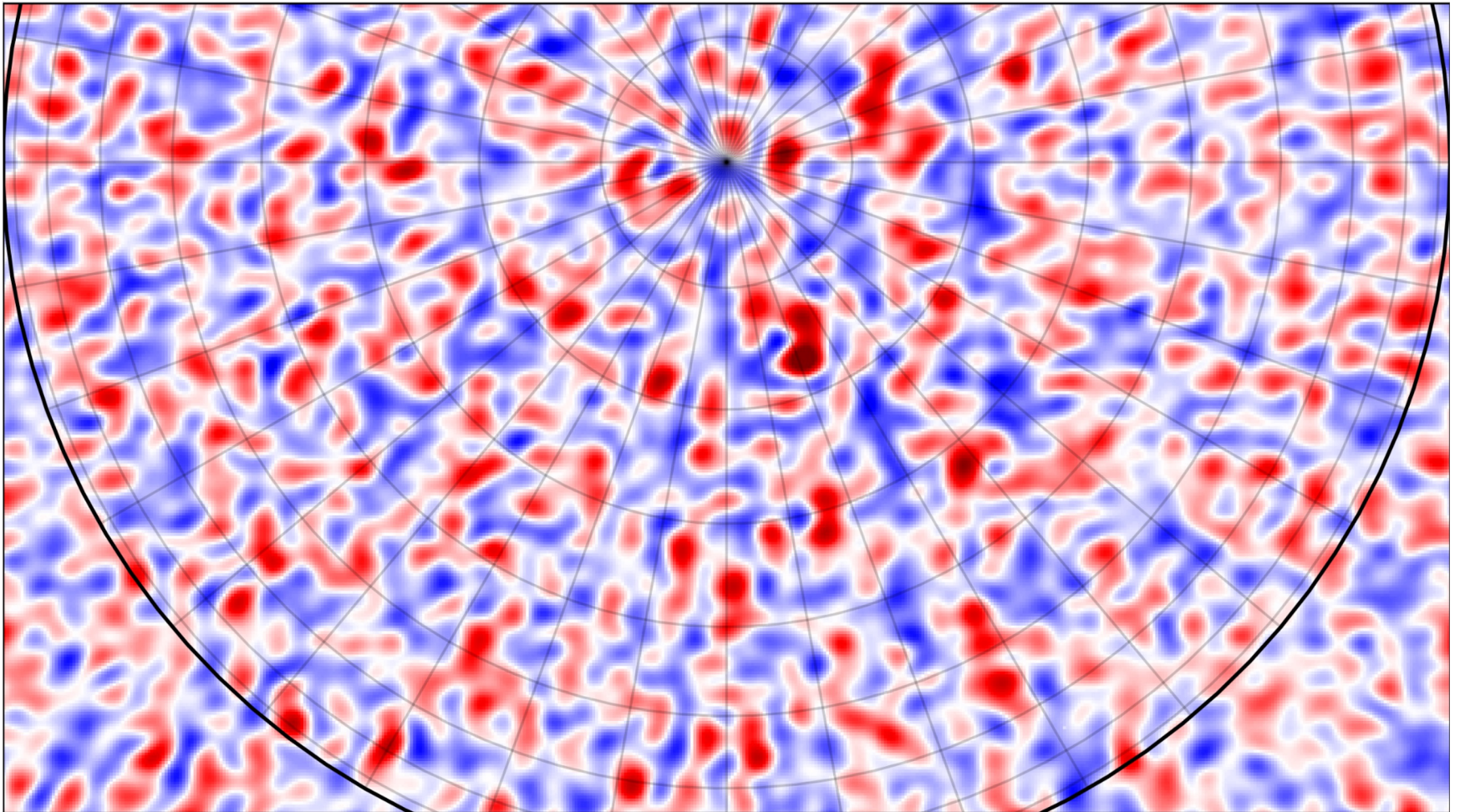
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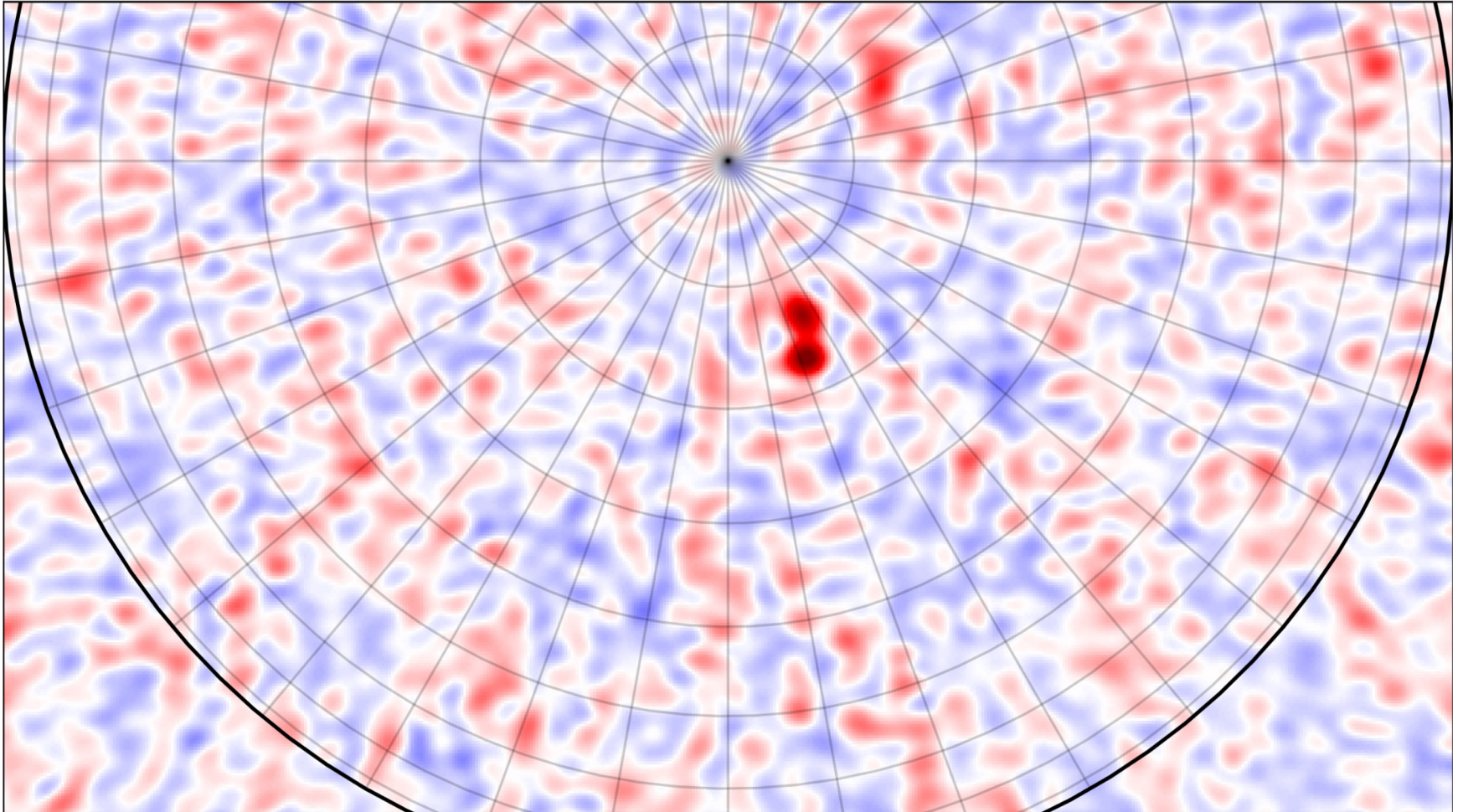
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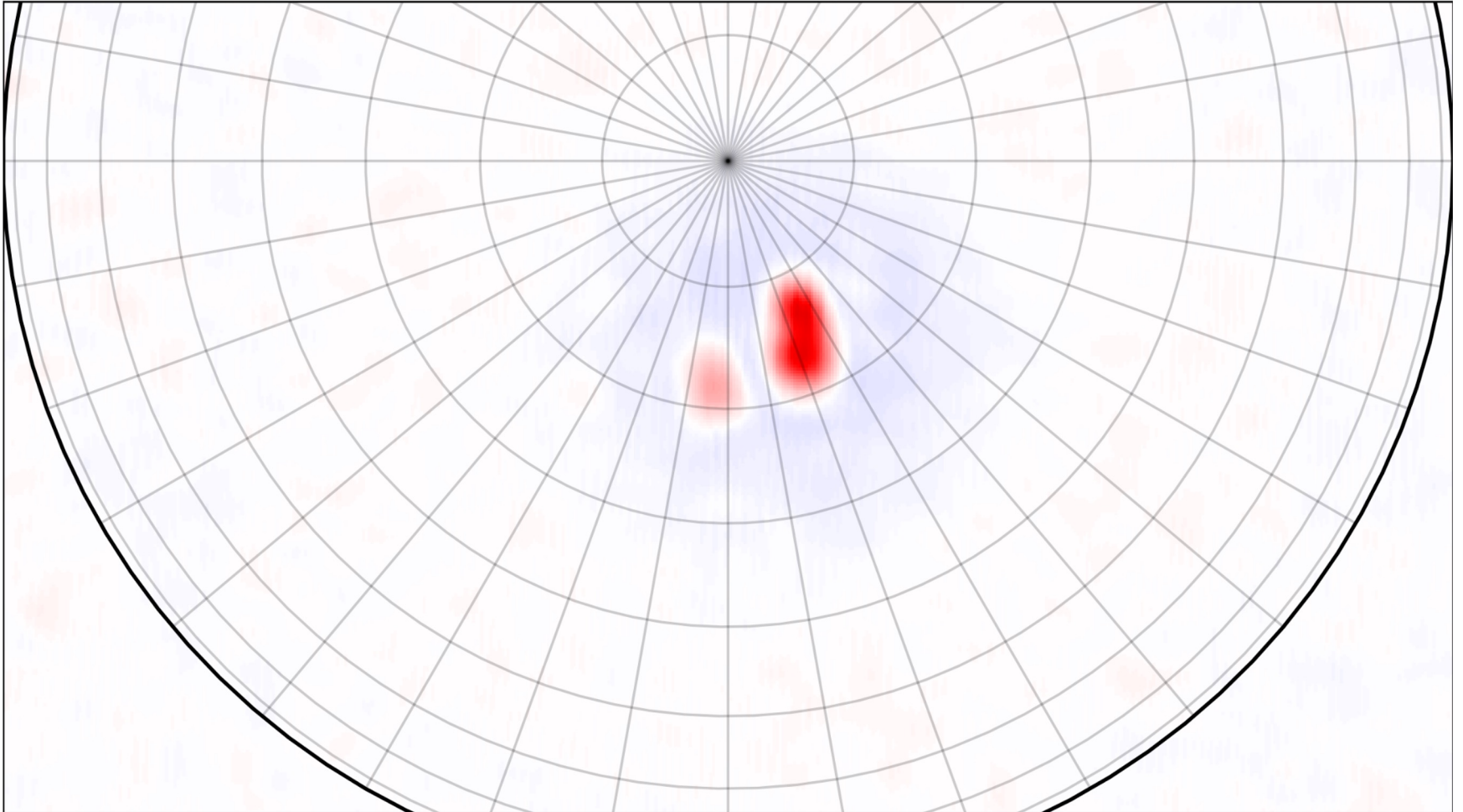
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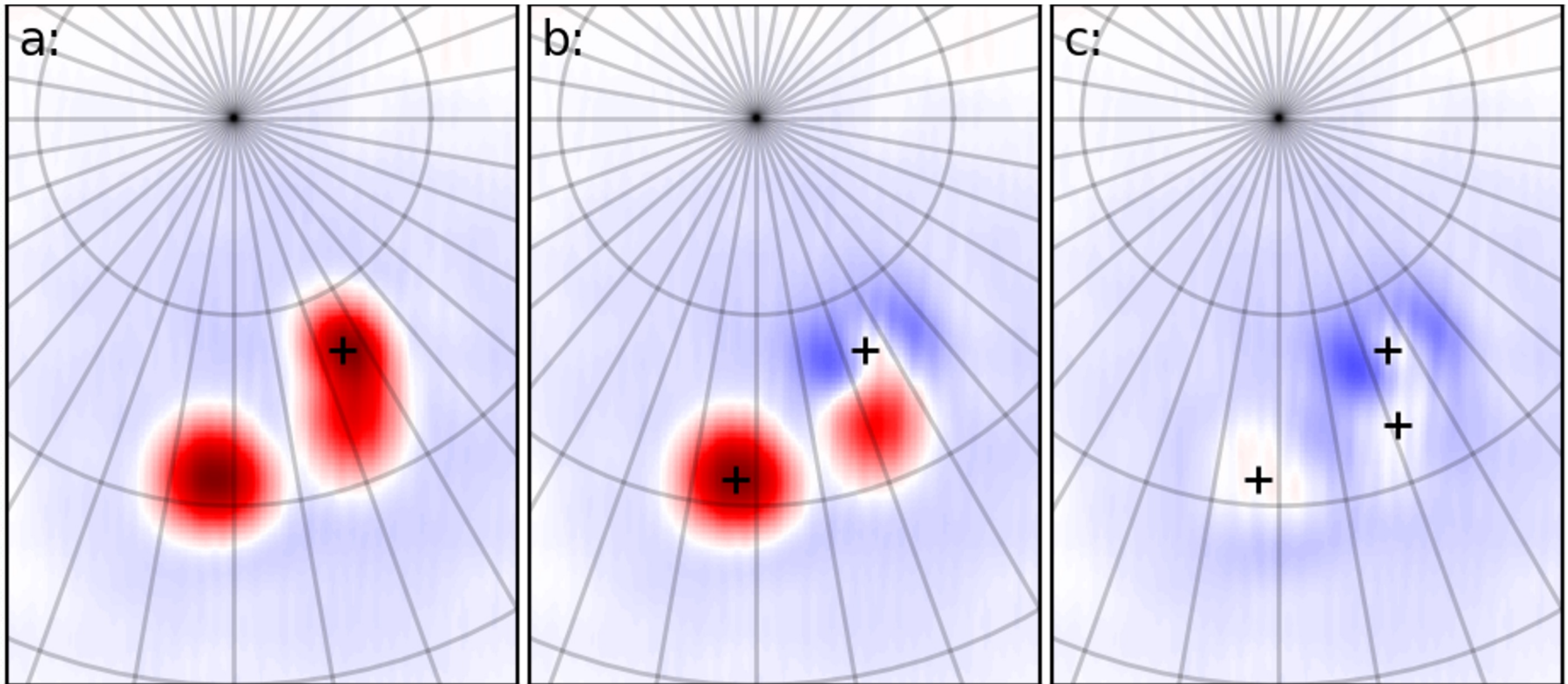
Imaging Multiple Sources

255 Antennas





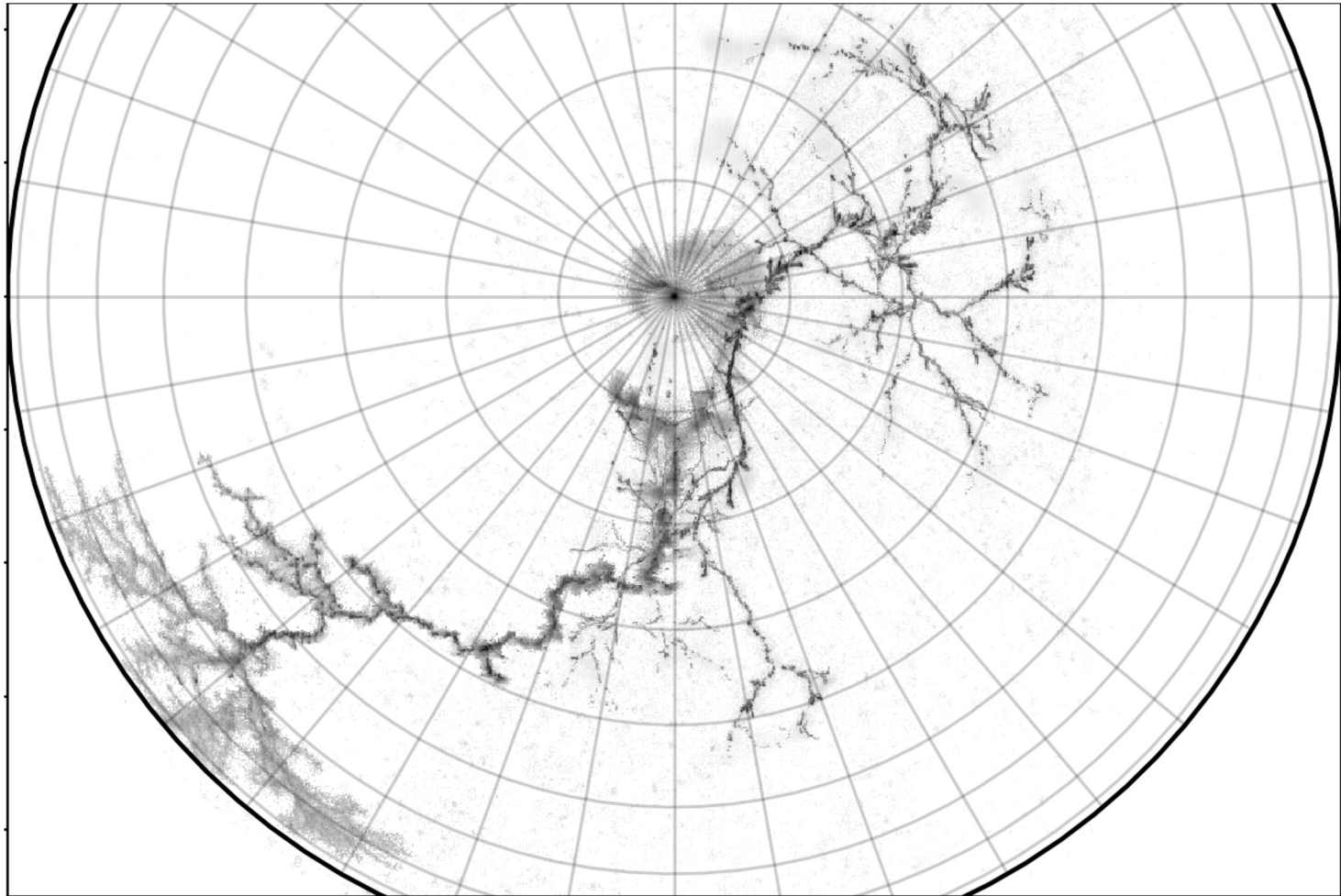
Finding Centroids for Multiple Sources





Map of a CG

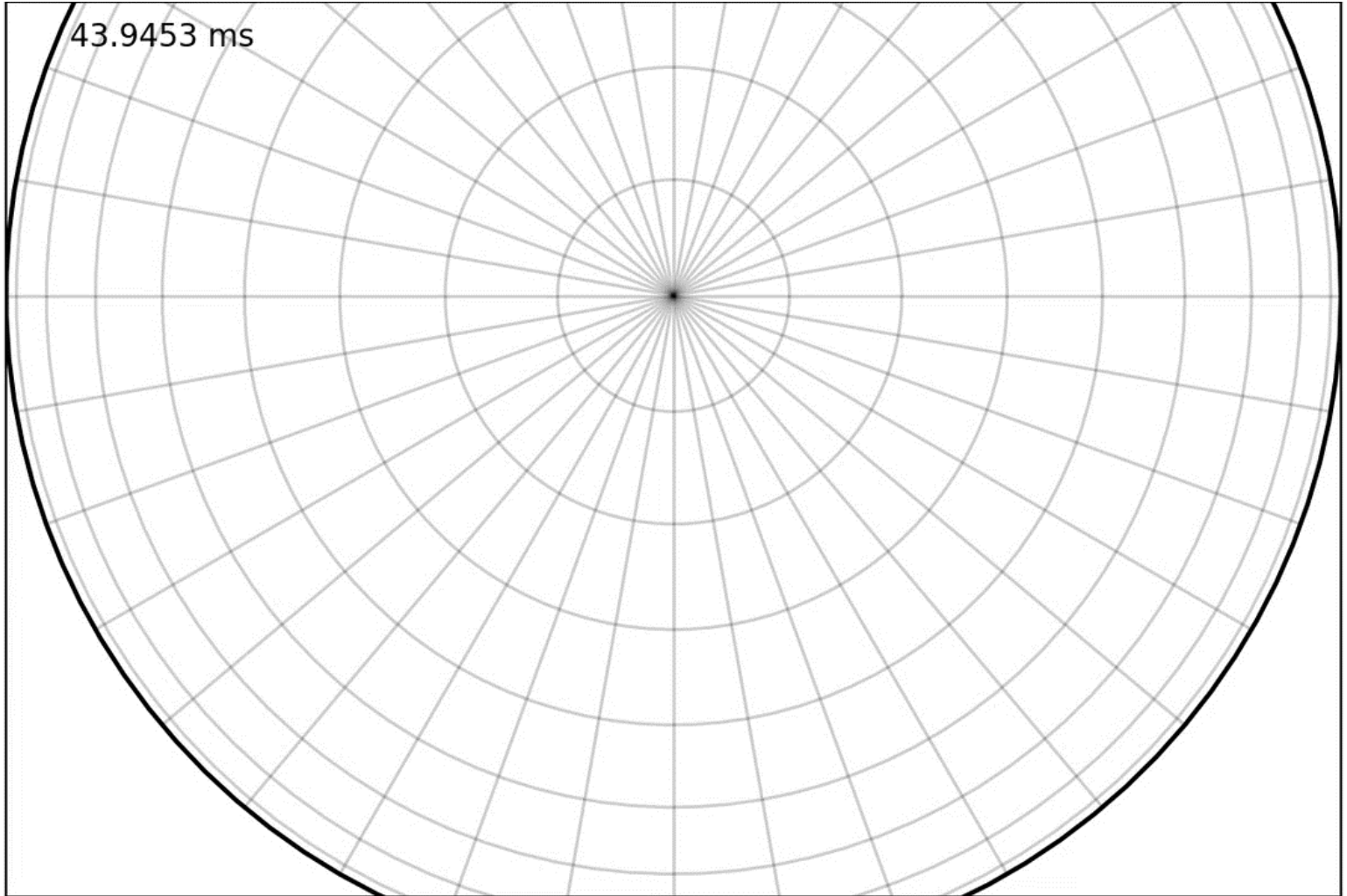
1,093,329 point sources in 252 ms





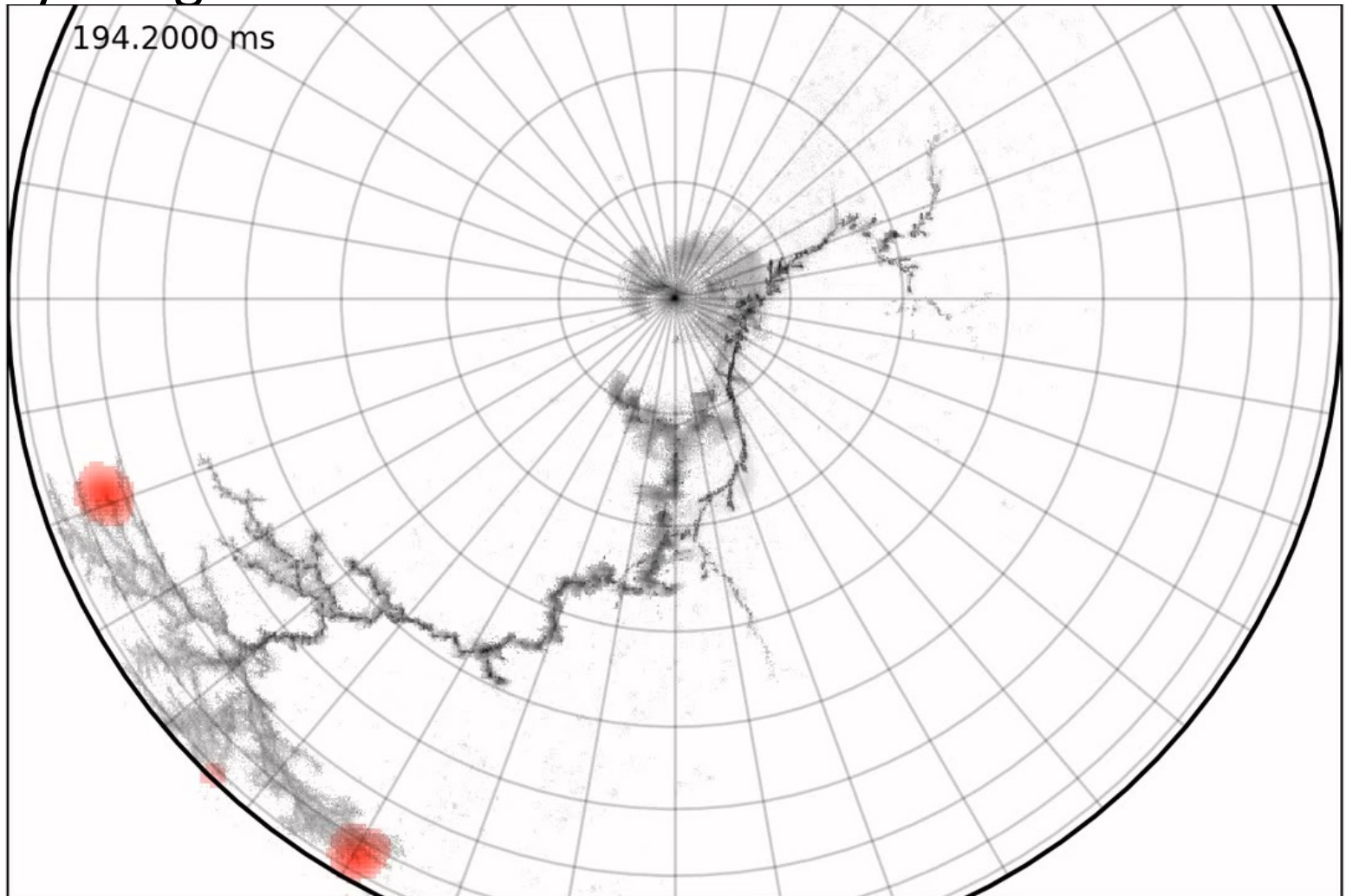
Animation of a CG

43.9453 ms



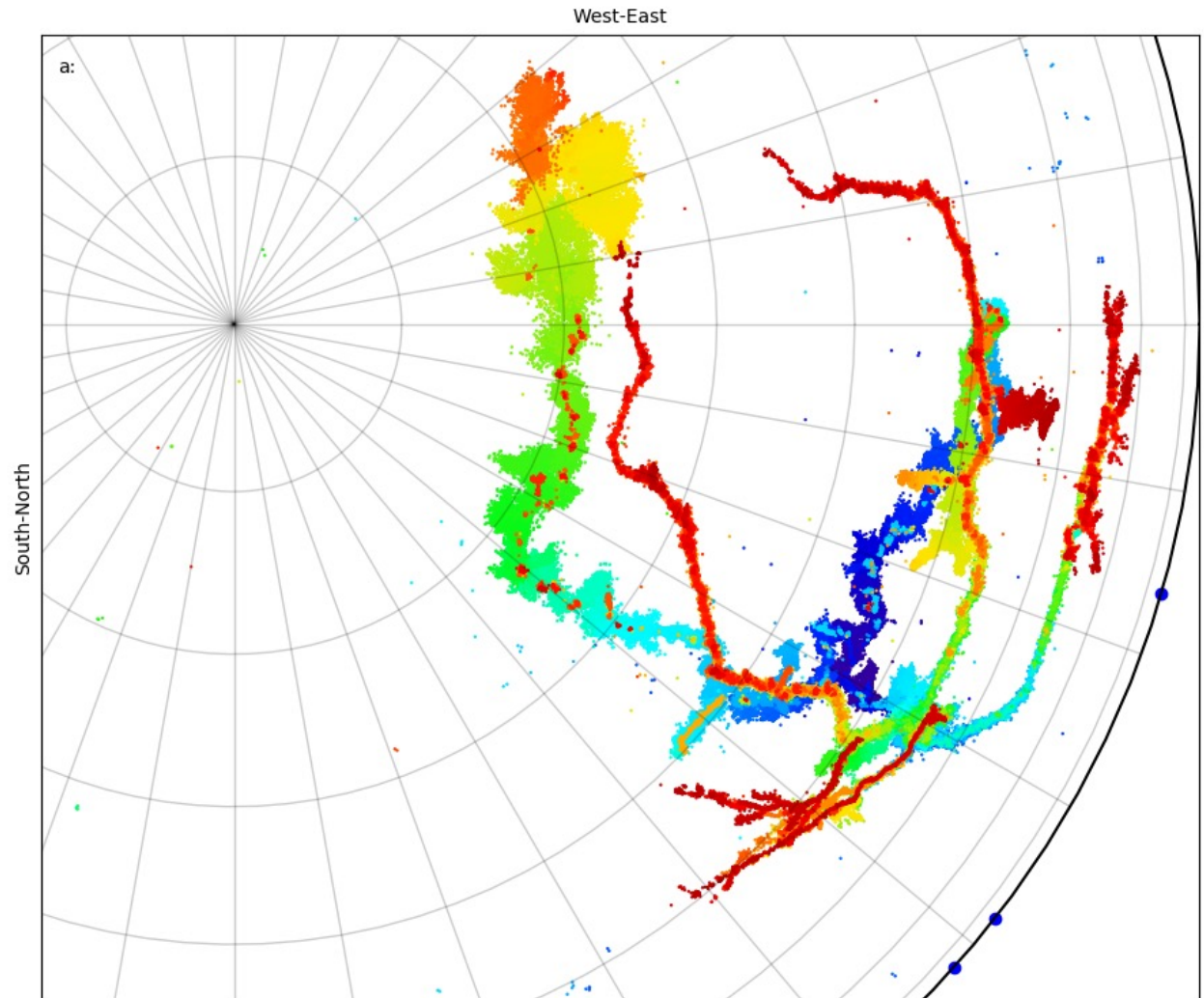


Dirty Images for CG Return Stroke





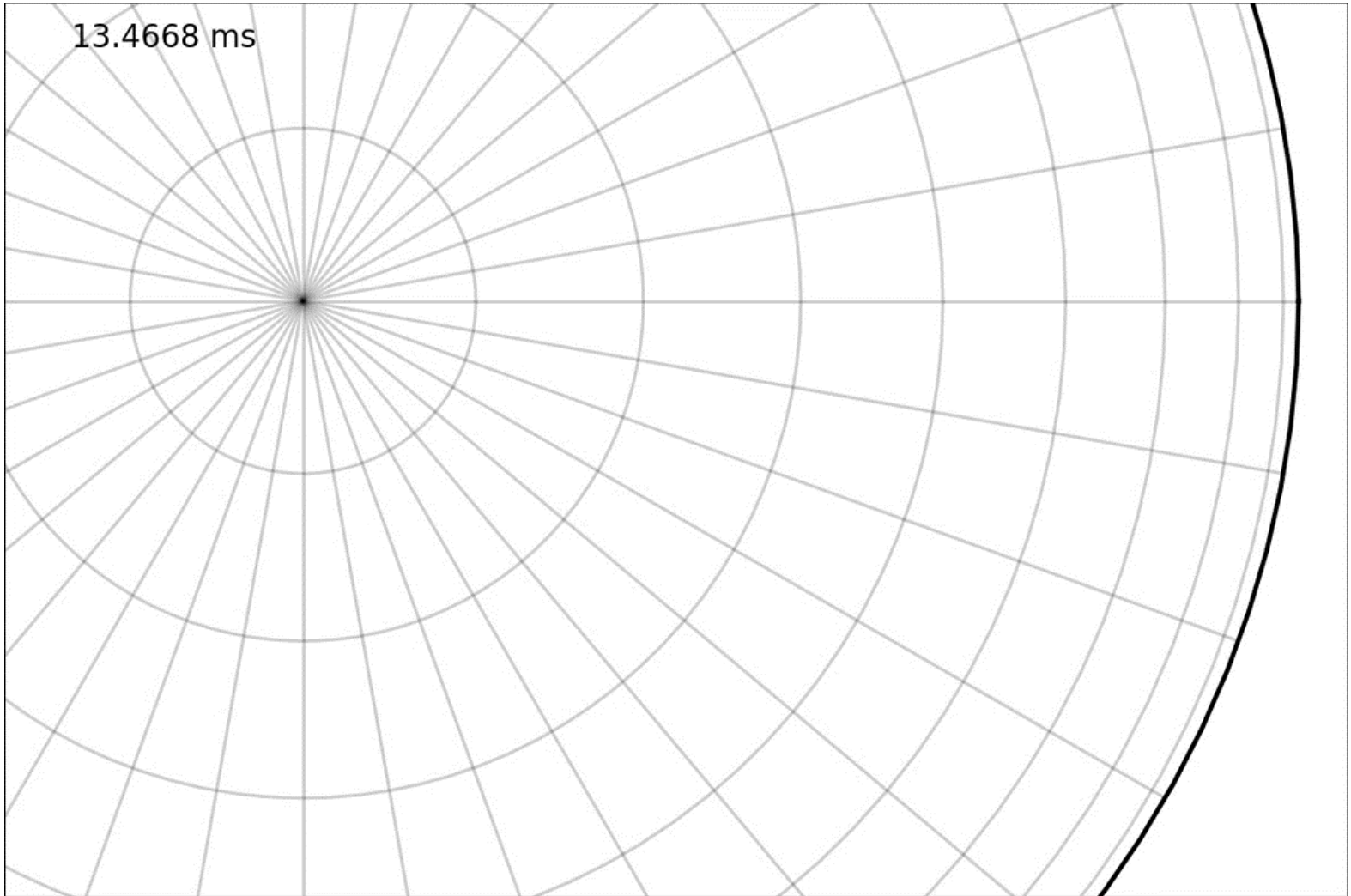
Map of an IC





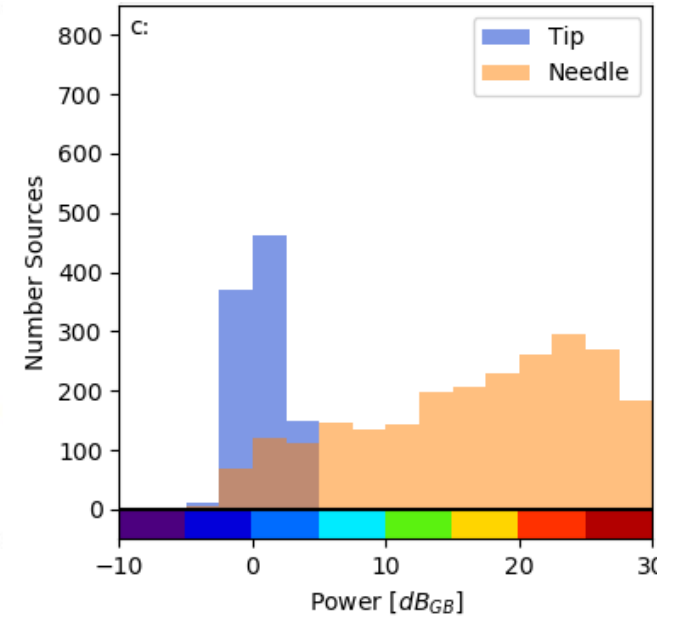
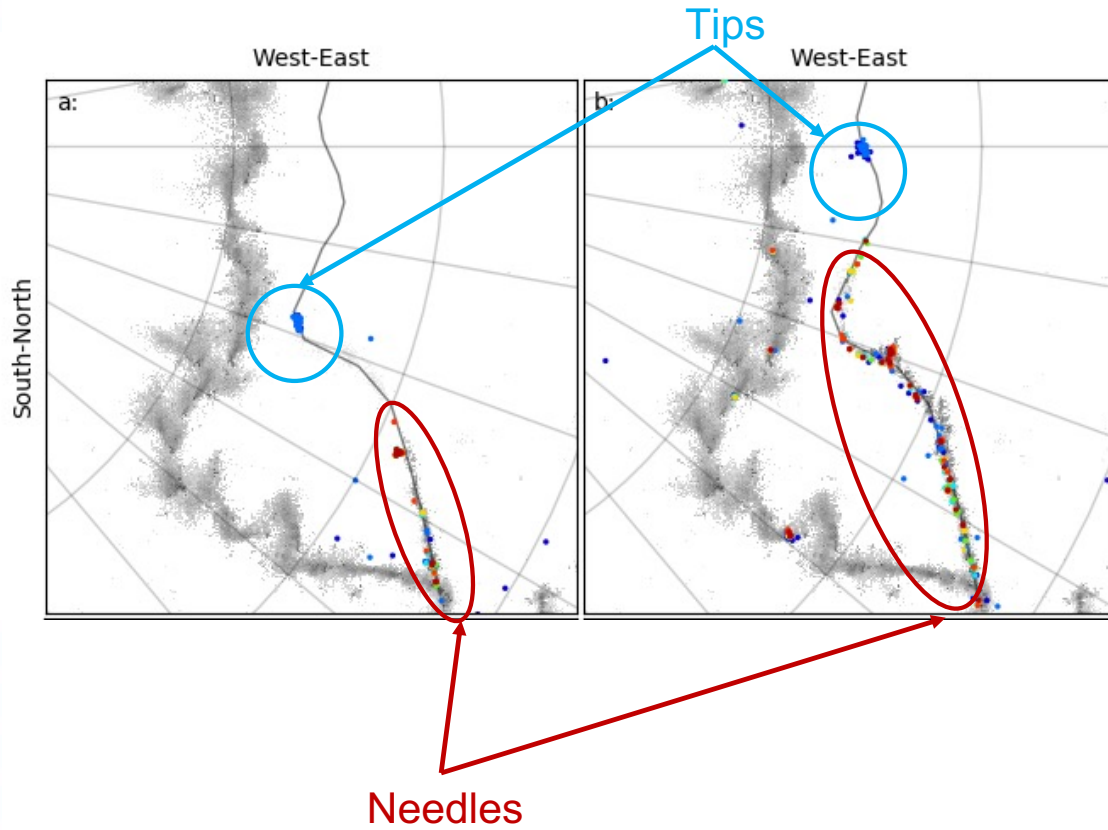
Animation of an IC

13.4668 ms



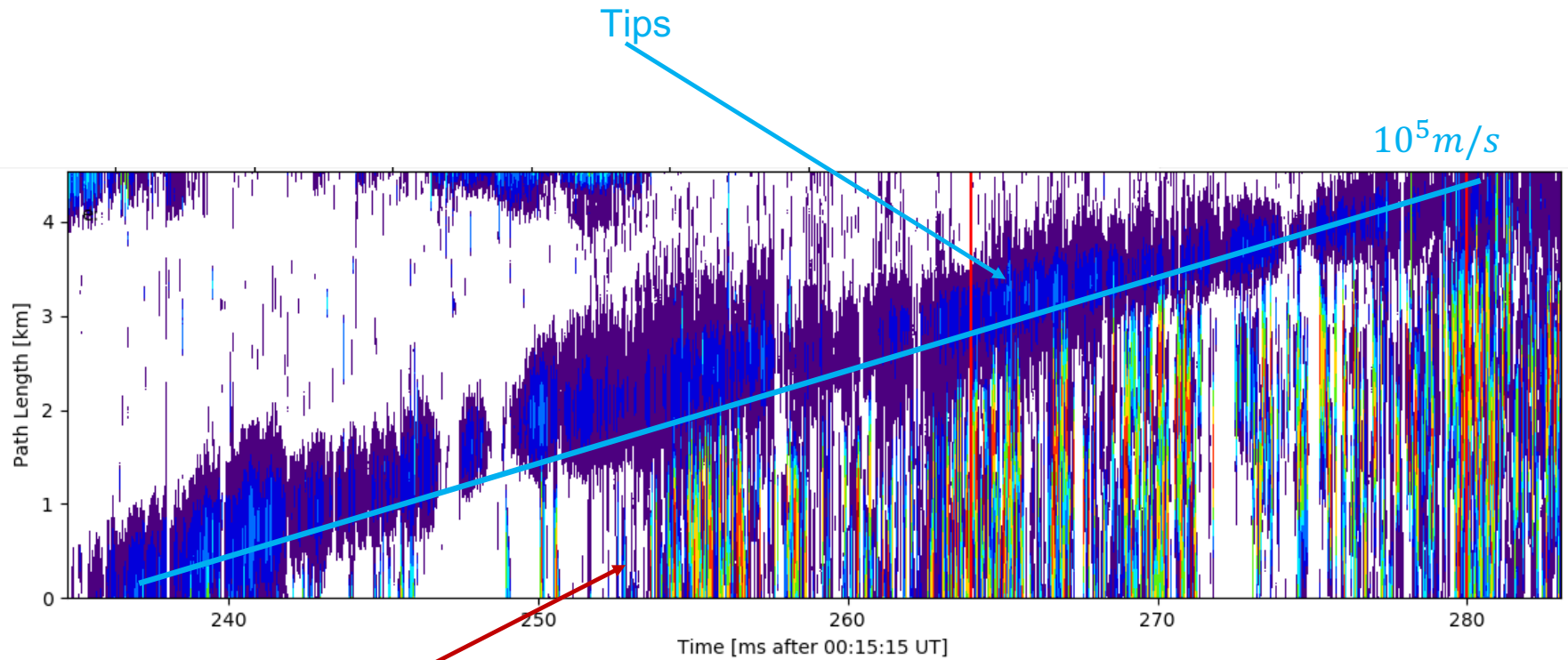


Positive Leader Tips





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Summary

Implemented

- Time Series Reconstruction
- Imaging
- Arbitrary Configurations
- Beam Steering
- Centroid Based Deconvolution
- Various Visualizations

Not Implemented (yet)

- Good Deconvolution
- Flagging/Filtering
- Non-linear Corrections
- Dual Polarization
- A fast imaging algorithm

Pros

- 256 Antennas!
- Very High Sensitivity
- Very High Time Resolution
- Calibrated Antennas
- Dual Polarizations
- No Overhead Null

Cons

- Poor Dynamic Range
- Compression Artifacts
- 'Only' 40MHz bandwidth
- 'Only' 100 meter baselines

