

# Imaging using GPU

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  - Full Stokes
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- For low frequency wide-field imaging the assumption  $w \sim 0$  does not hold
- If  $w=0$ , then visibilities = FFT(image)
- But this is not always the case hence W-Projection. (S. Bhatnagar and T.J. Cornwell)

# W-Projection

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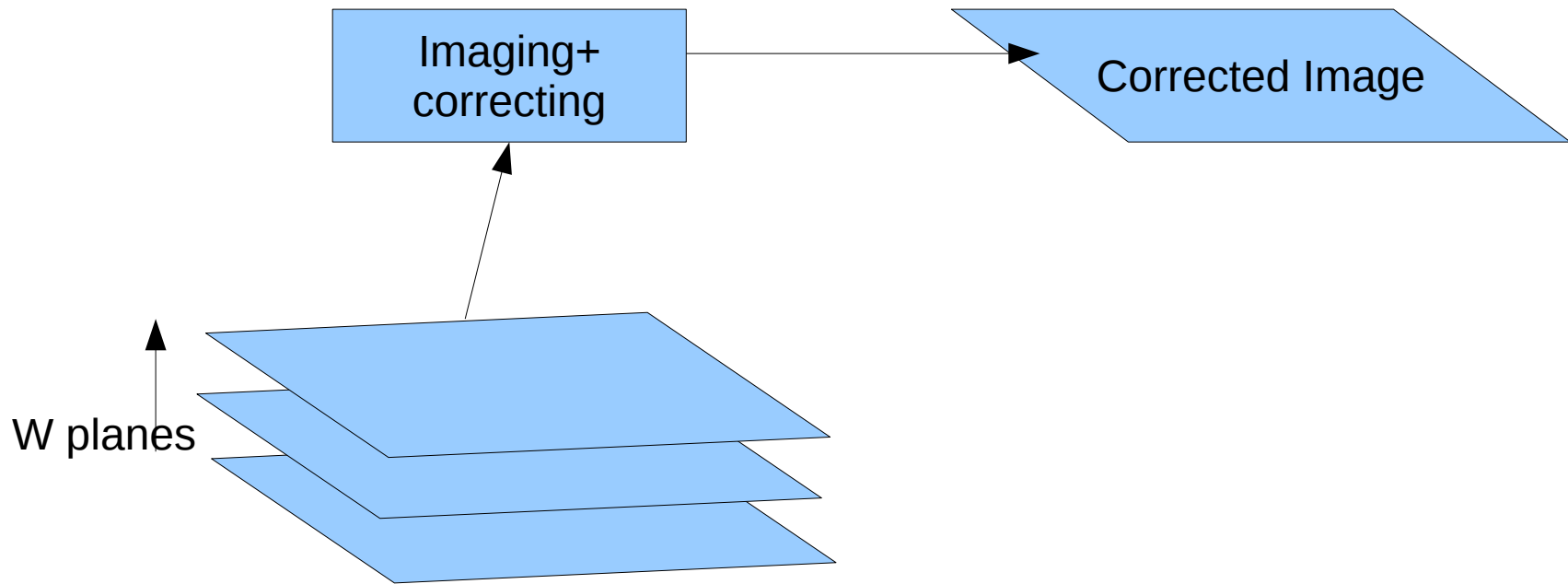
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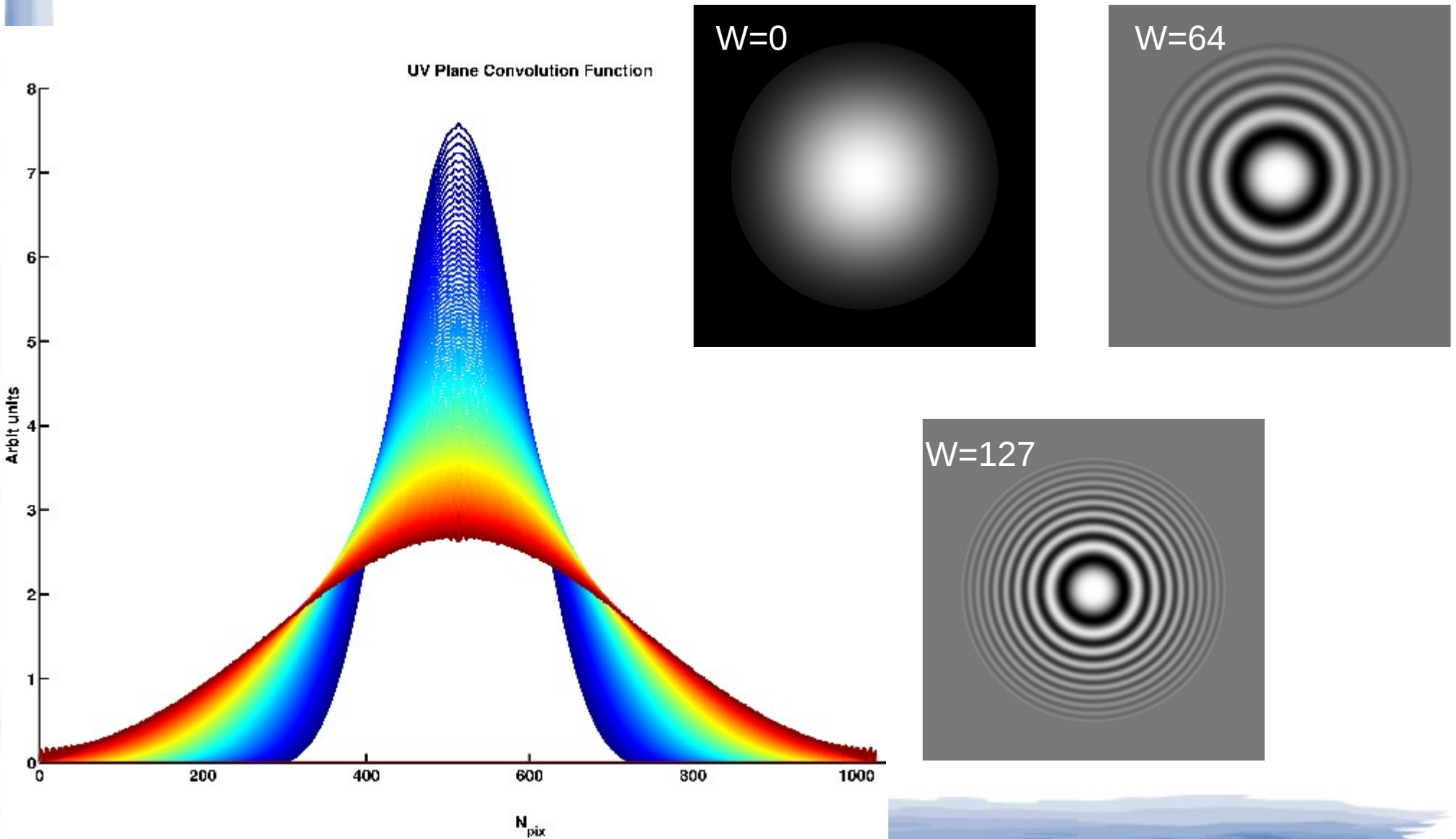


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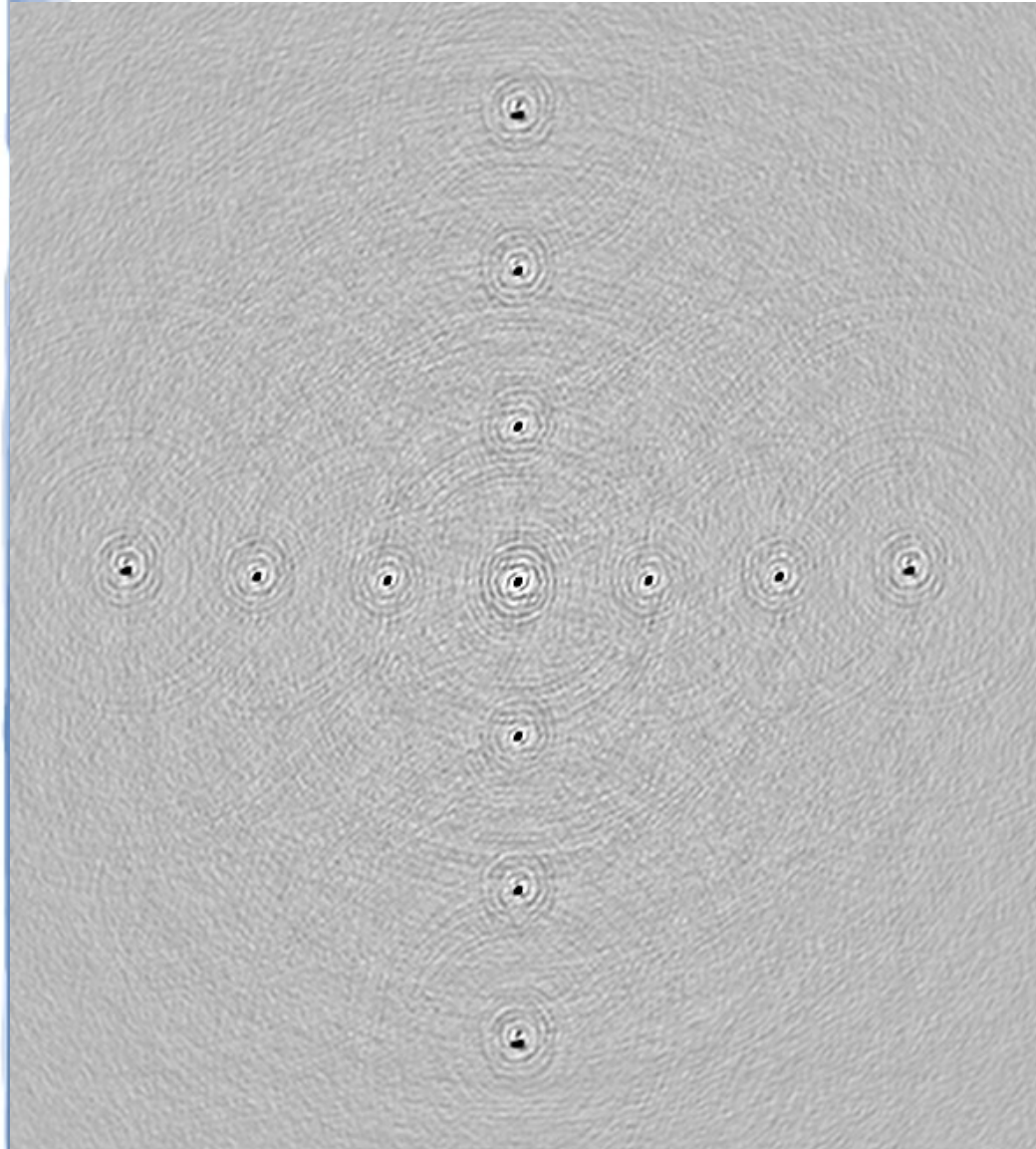
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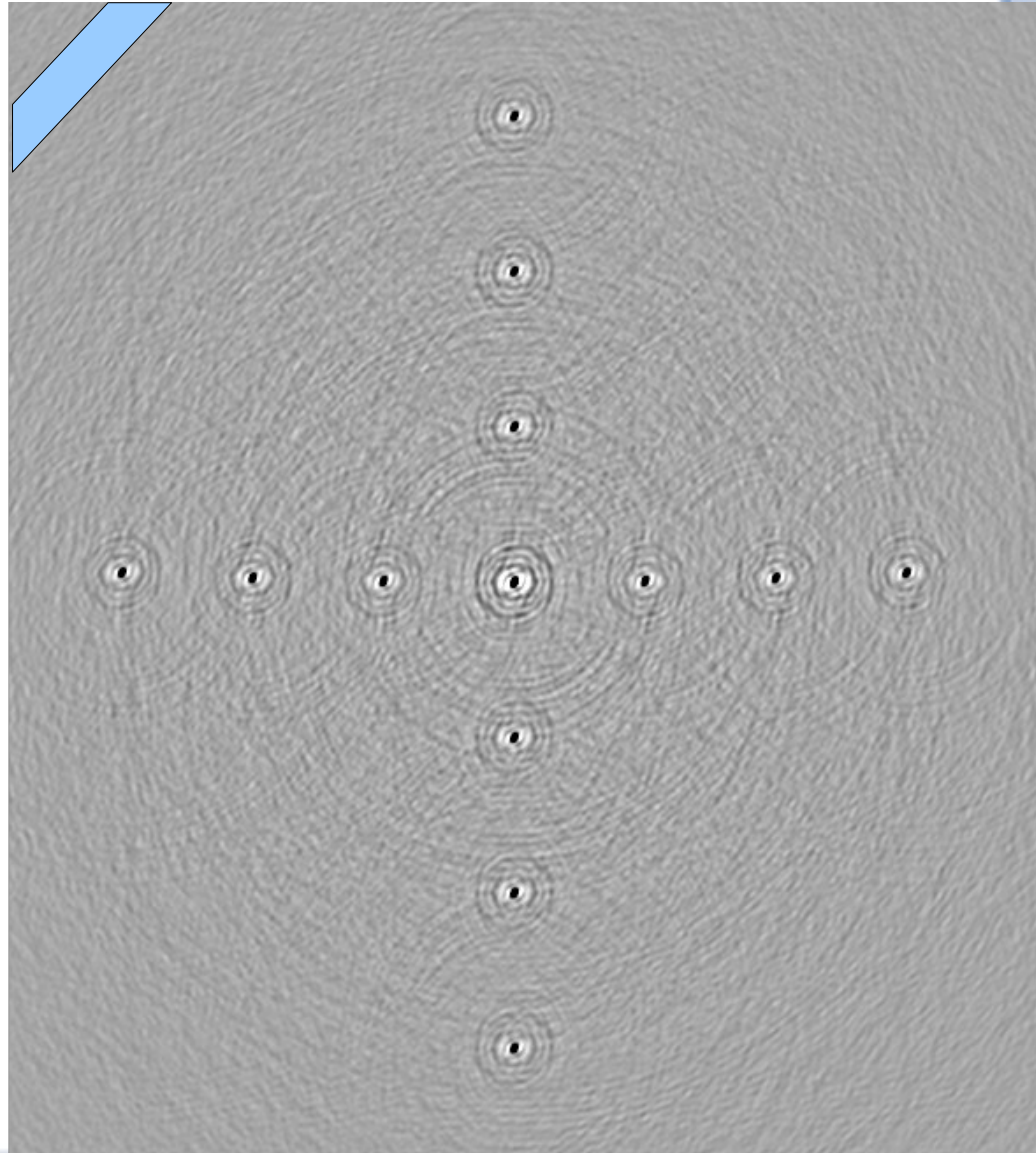
# Wproj Convolution function



# Results (Simulation)

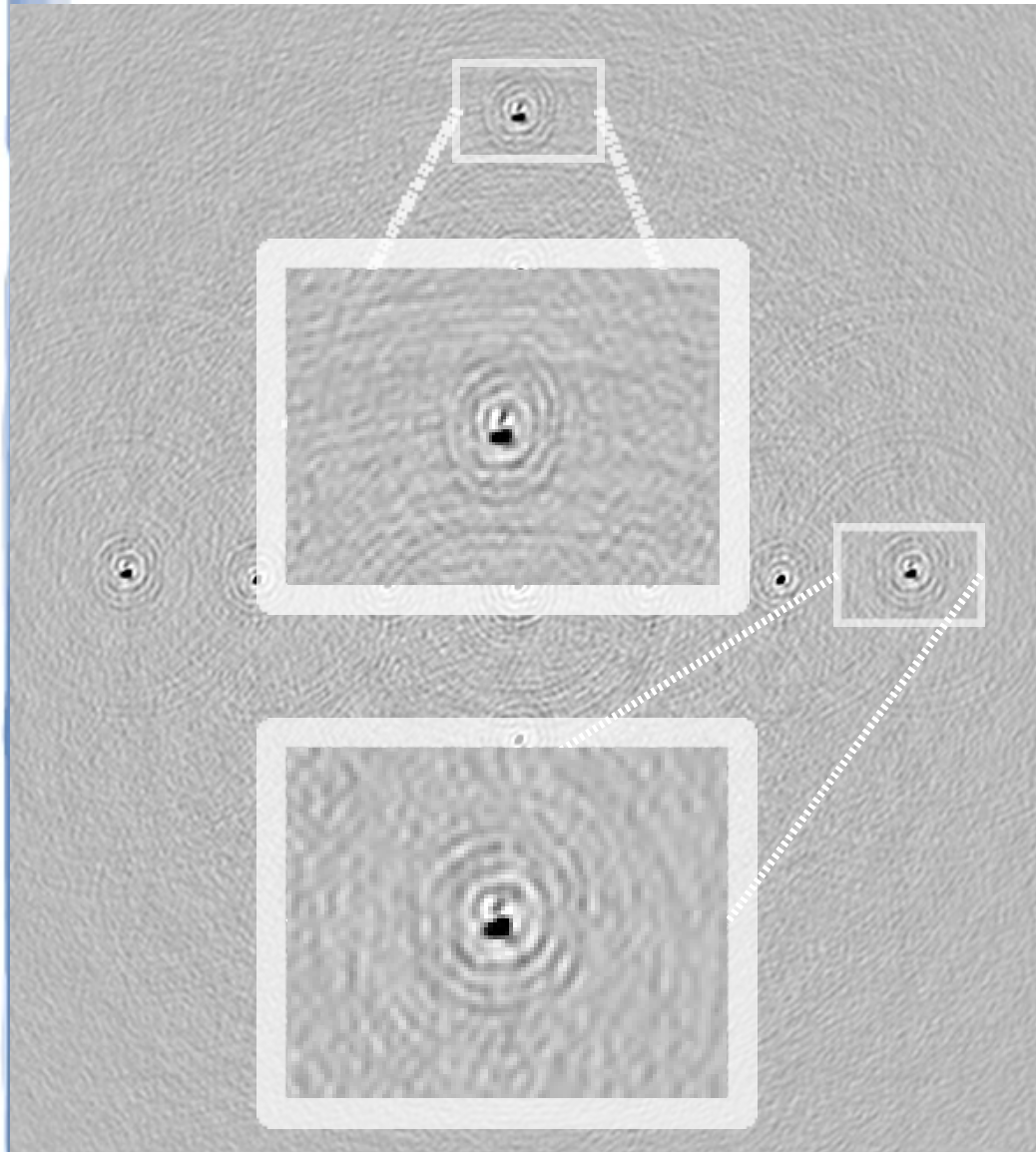


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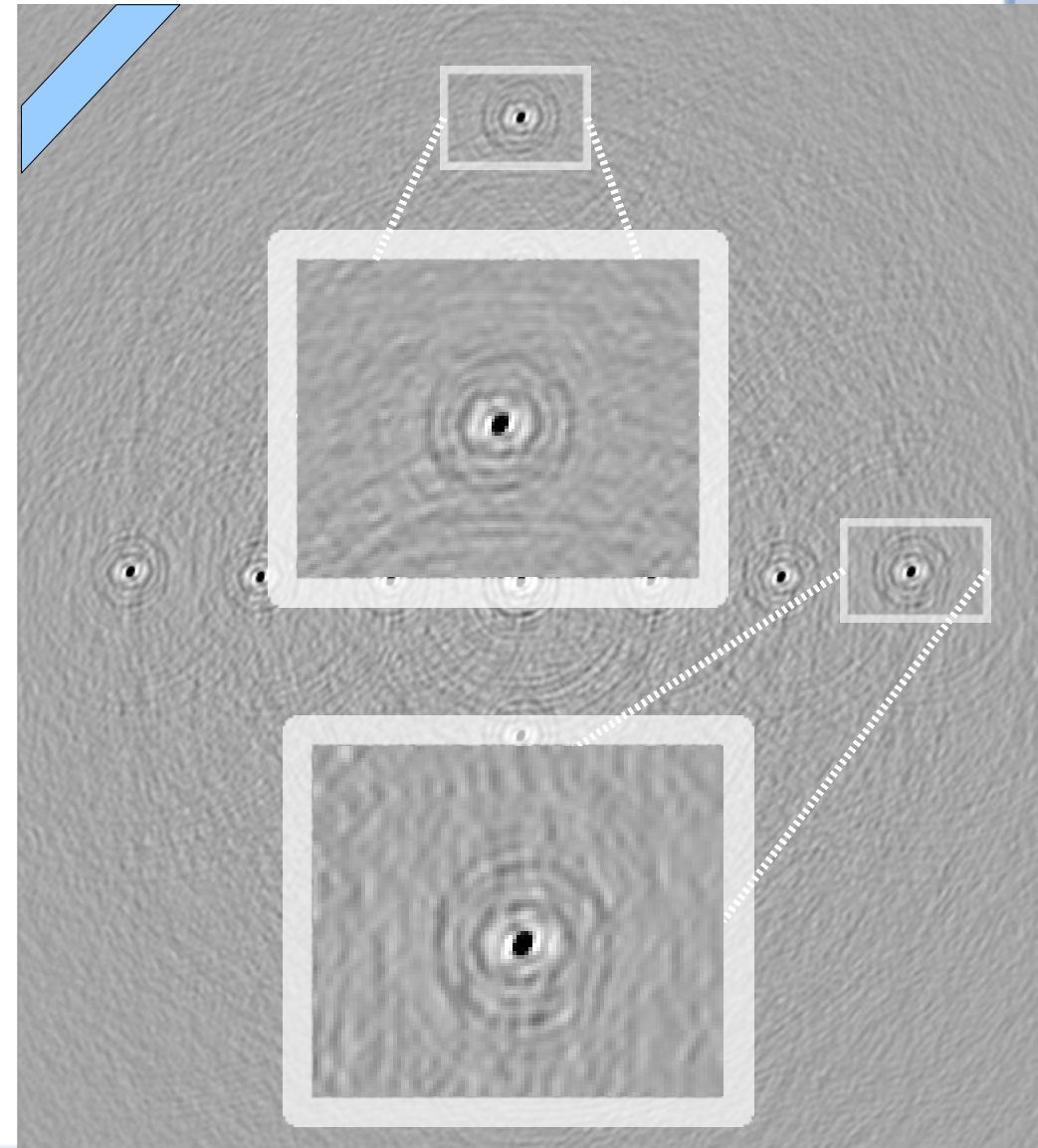


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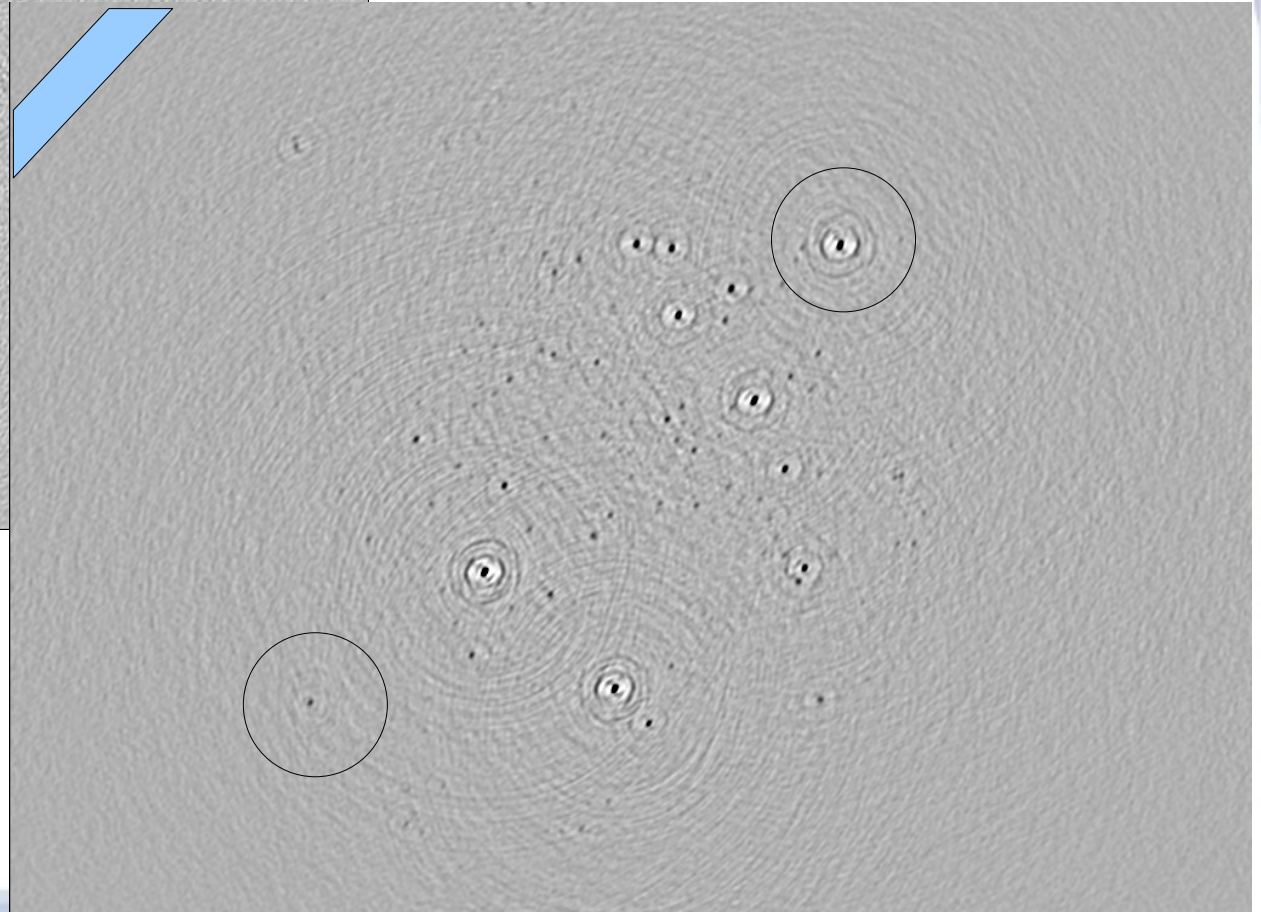
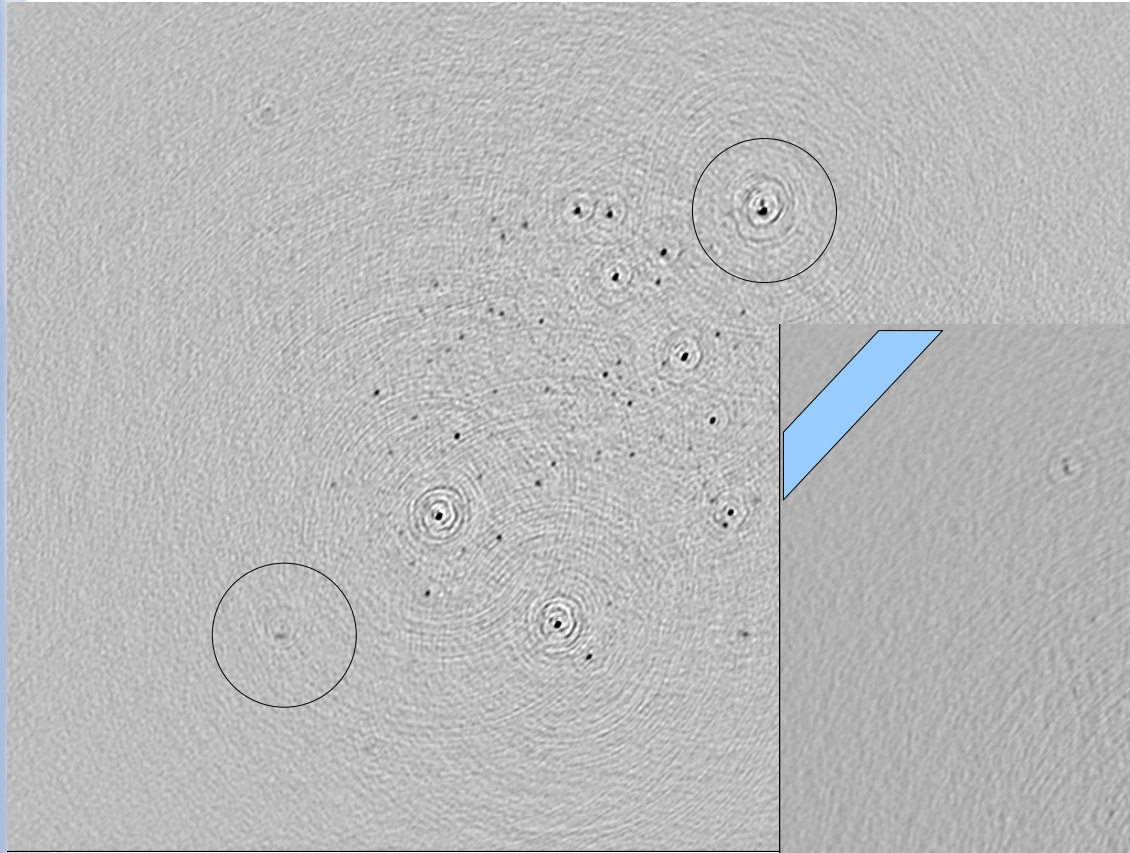
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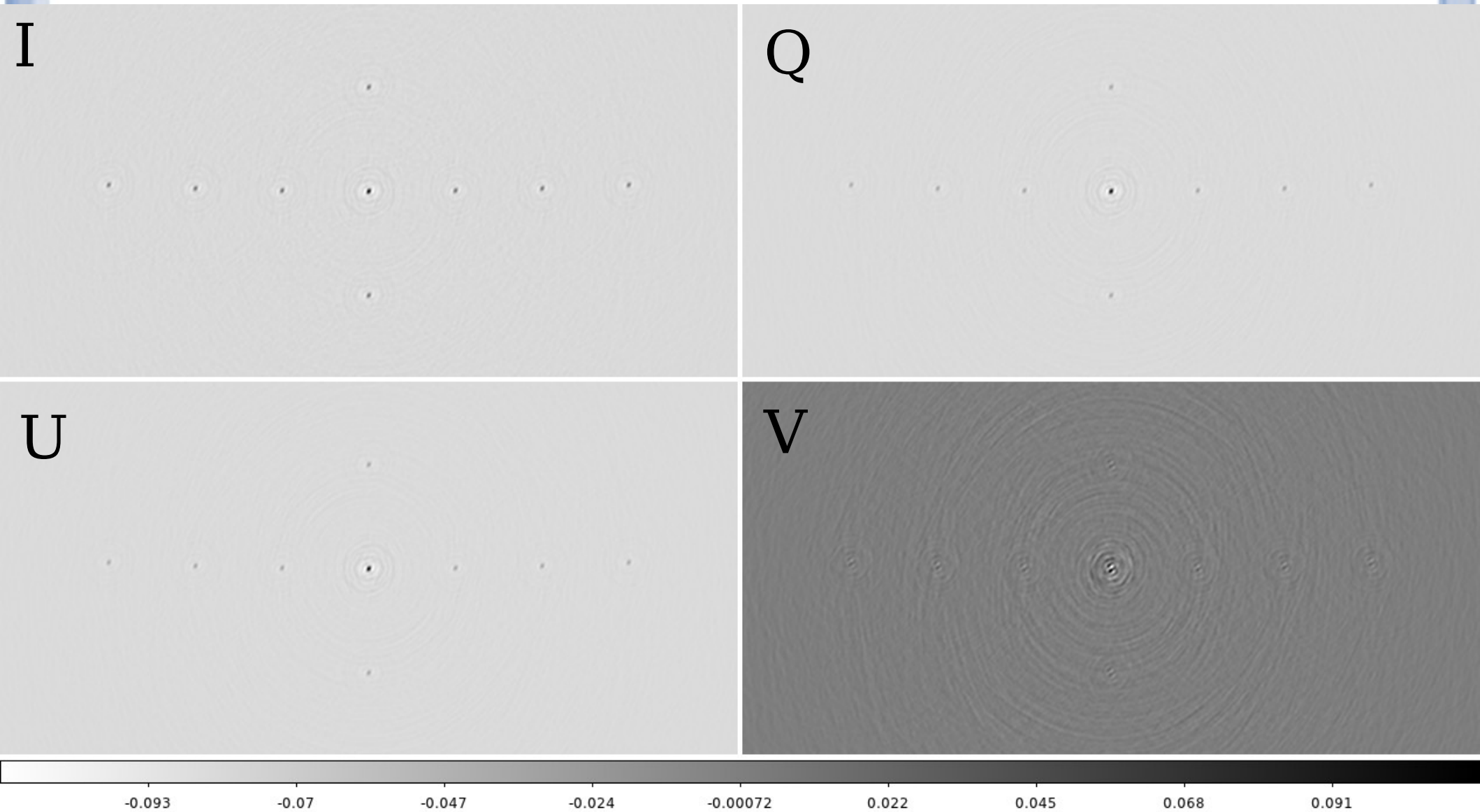
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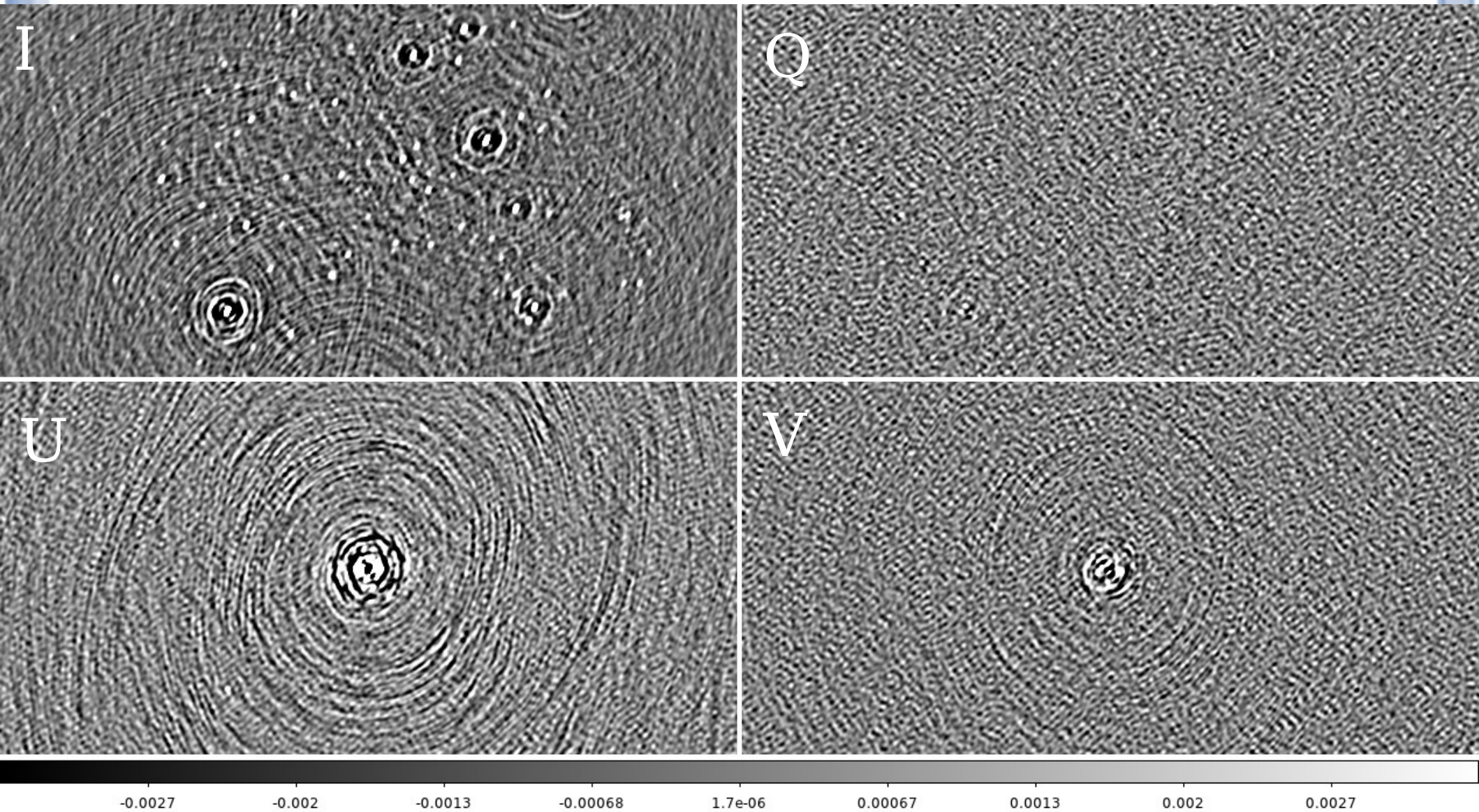
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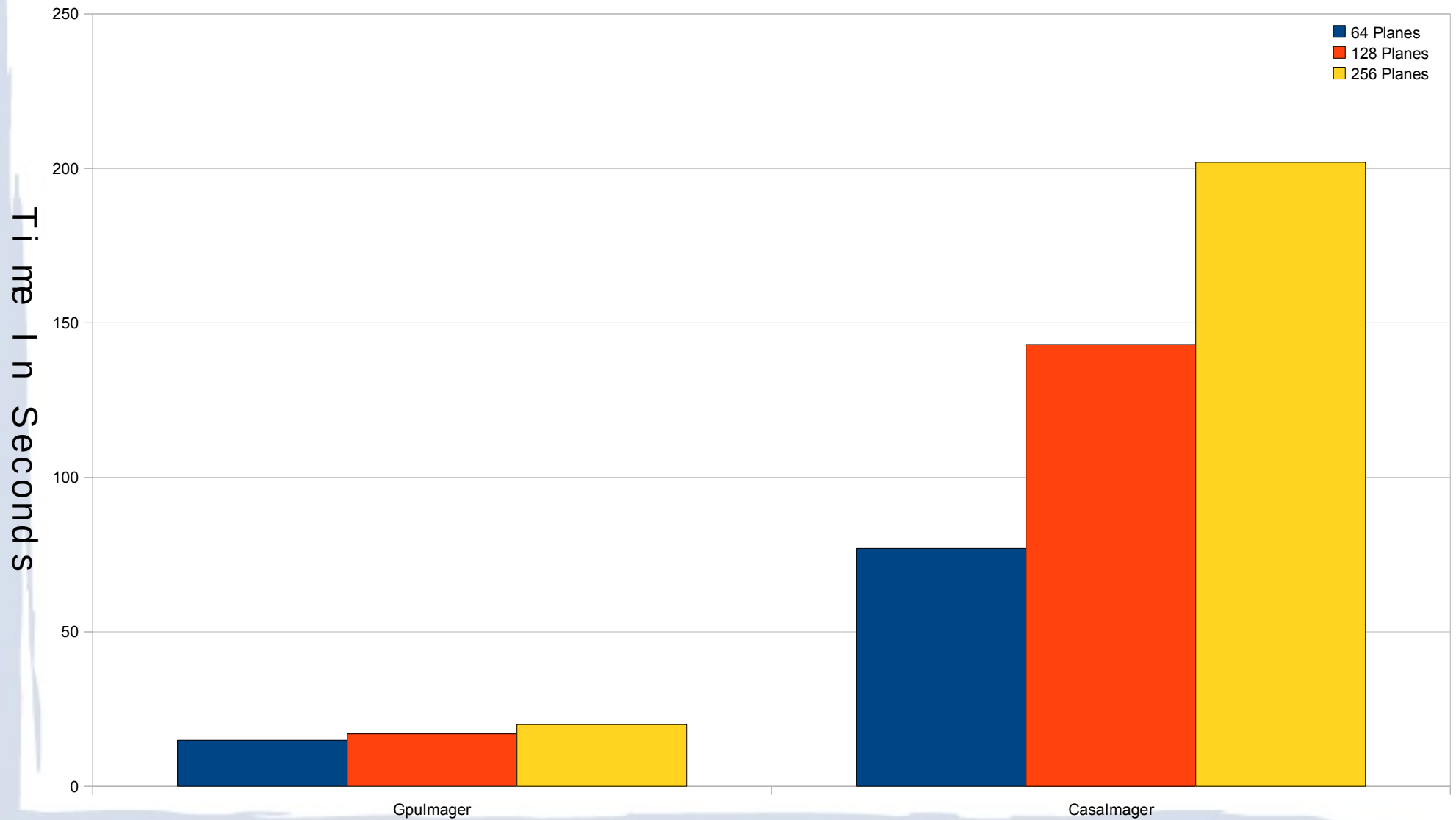
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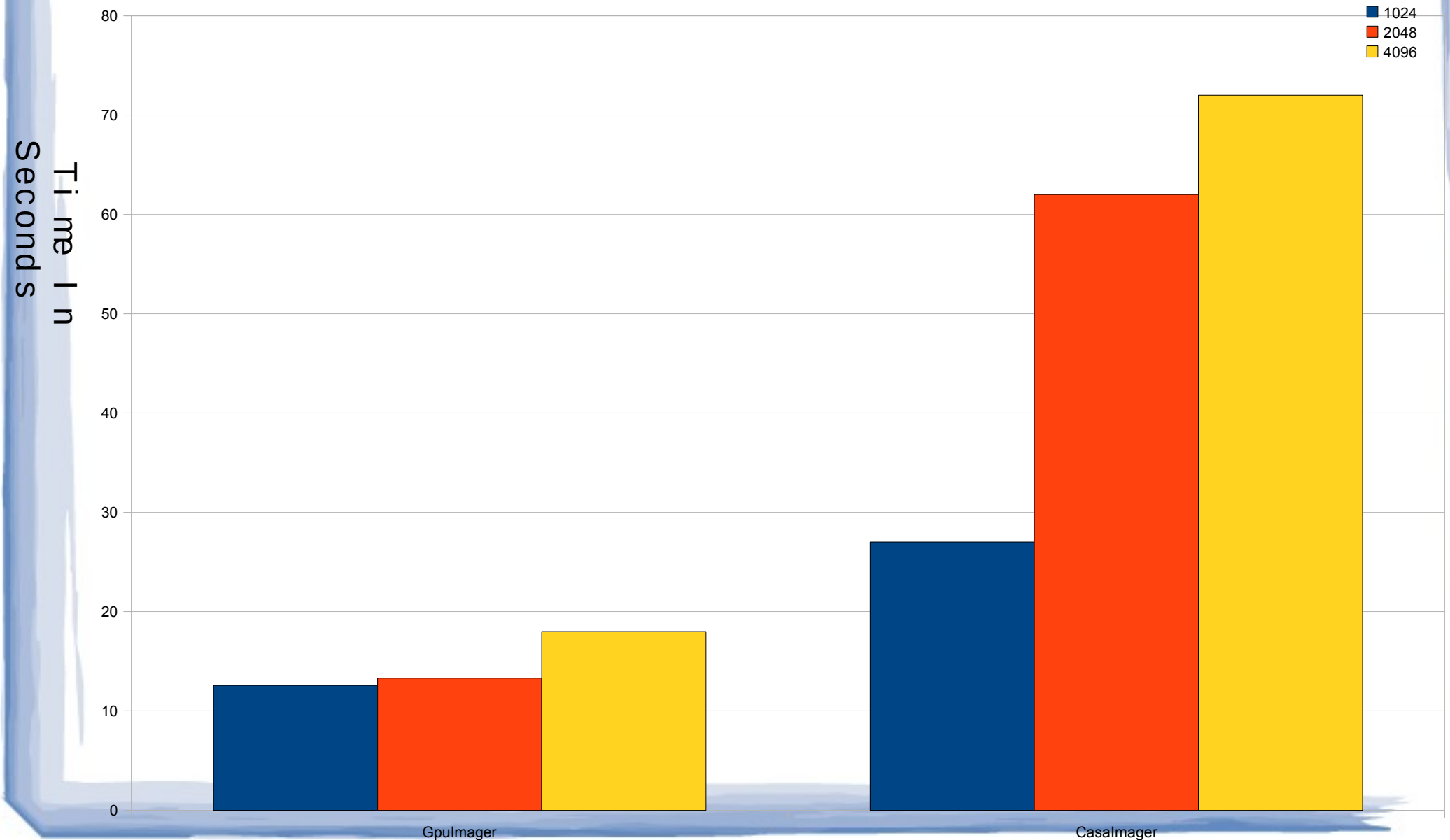
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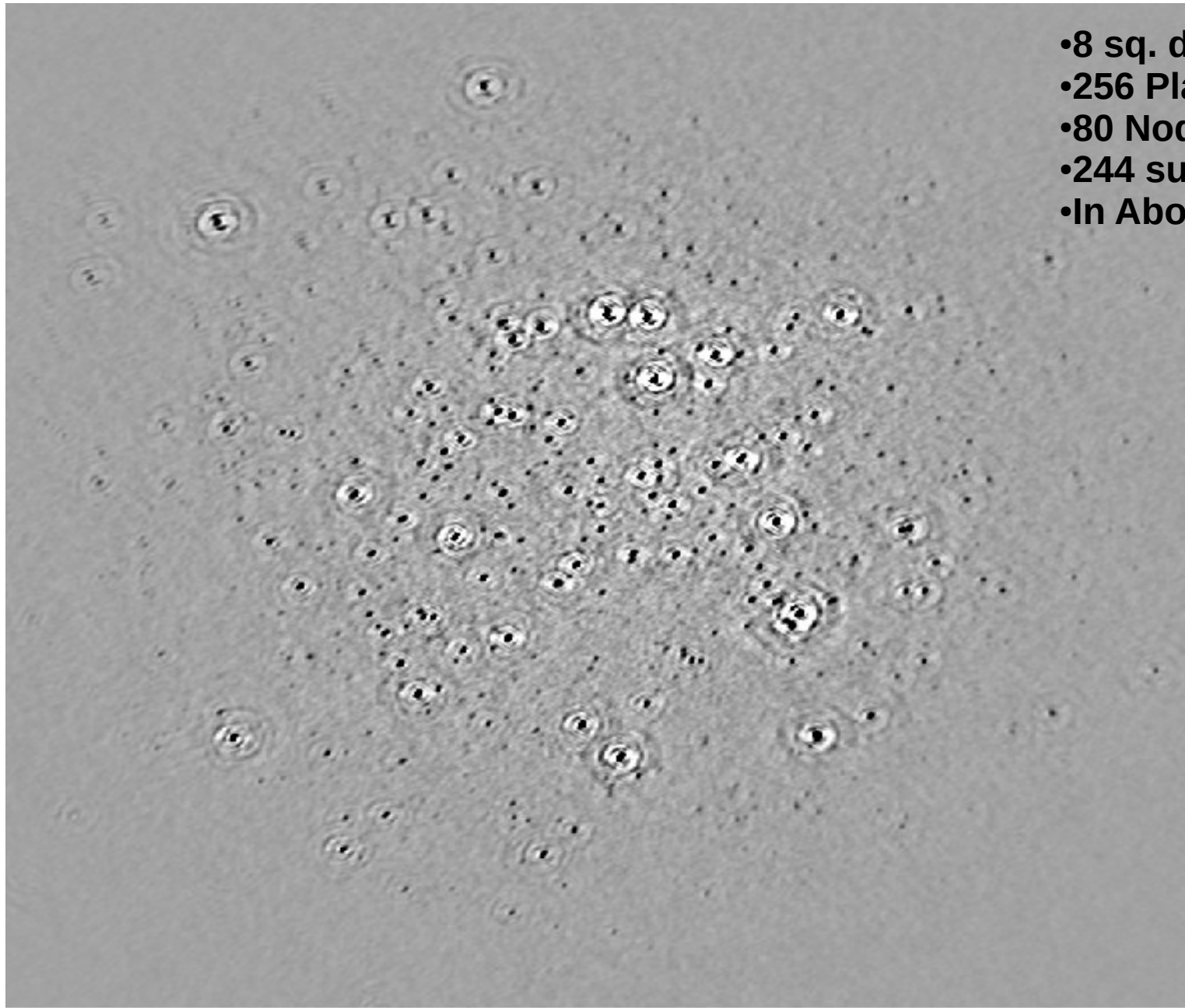
# W-Projection Performance



# Without W-Projection



# 3C196



- 8 sq. degrees
- 256 Planes
- 80 Nodes
- 244 sub-bands
- In About 5 mins

-0.0011

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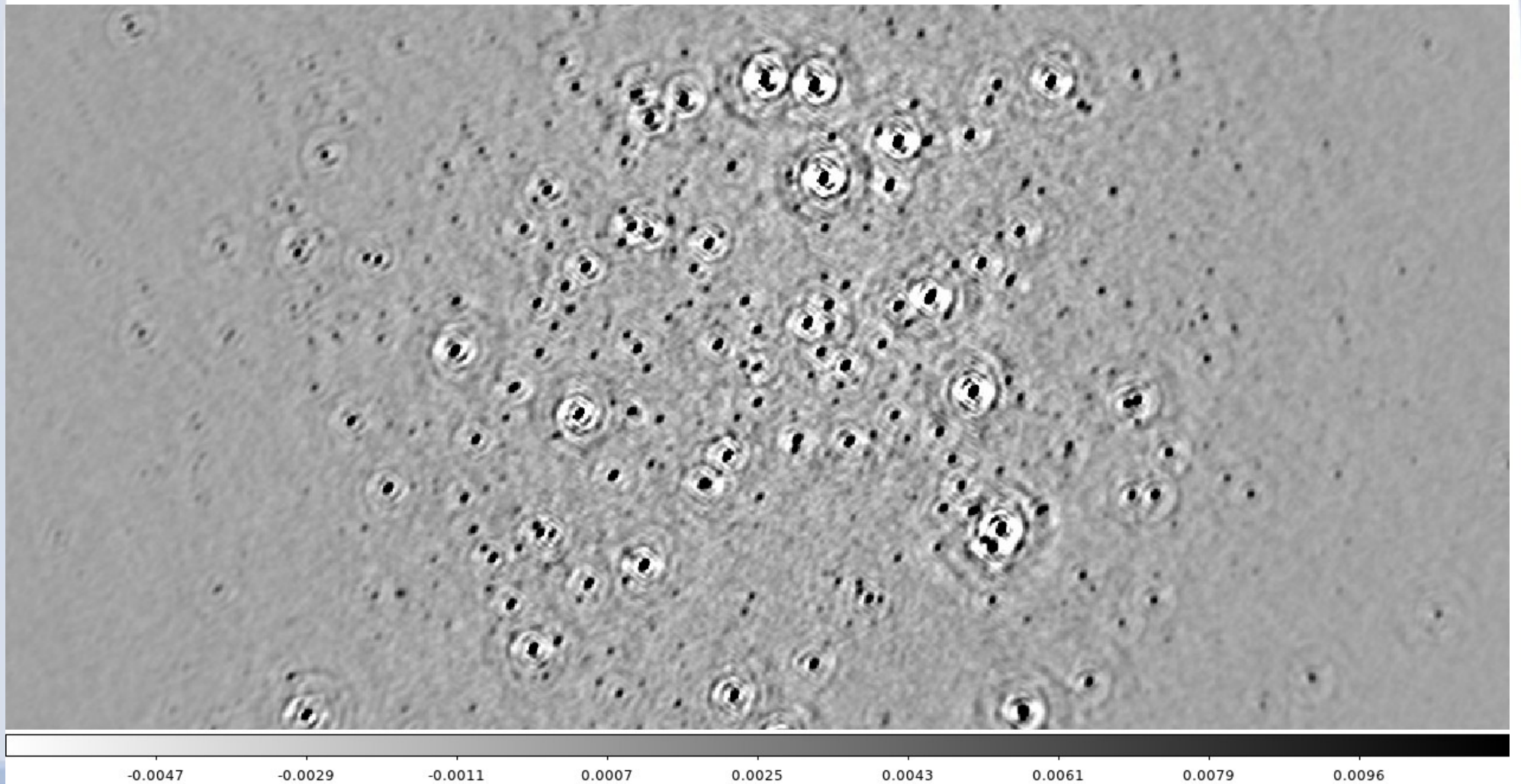
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# 3C196 (zoomed)

0.5 mJy rms noise at the edge of the image





# Future Plans

- We are working on implementation of MVDR on the gpu.
- Experimenting with Weighting and Convolution schemes in the UV plane.
- Incorporating a very fast calibration scheme into the imager so both are done together



Thank You

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# Why use GPU

- Hundreds of Processors
- Very well suited for matrix operations.
- Well suited for parallel tasks.
- With the latest APIs (CUDA, OpenCL) easy to program.

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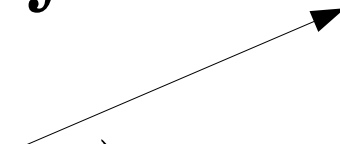
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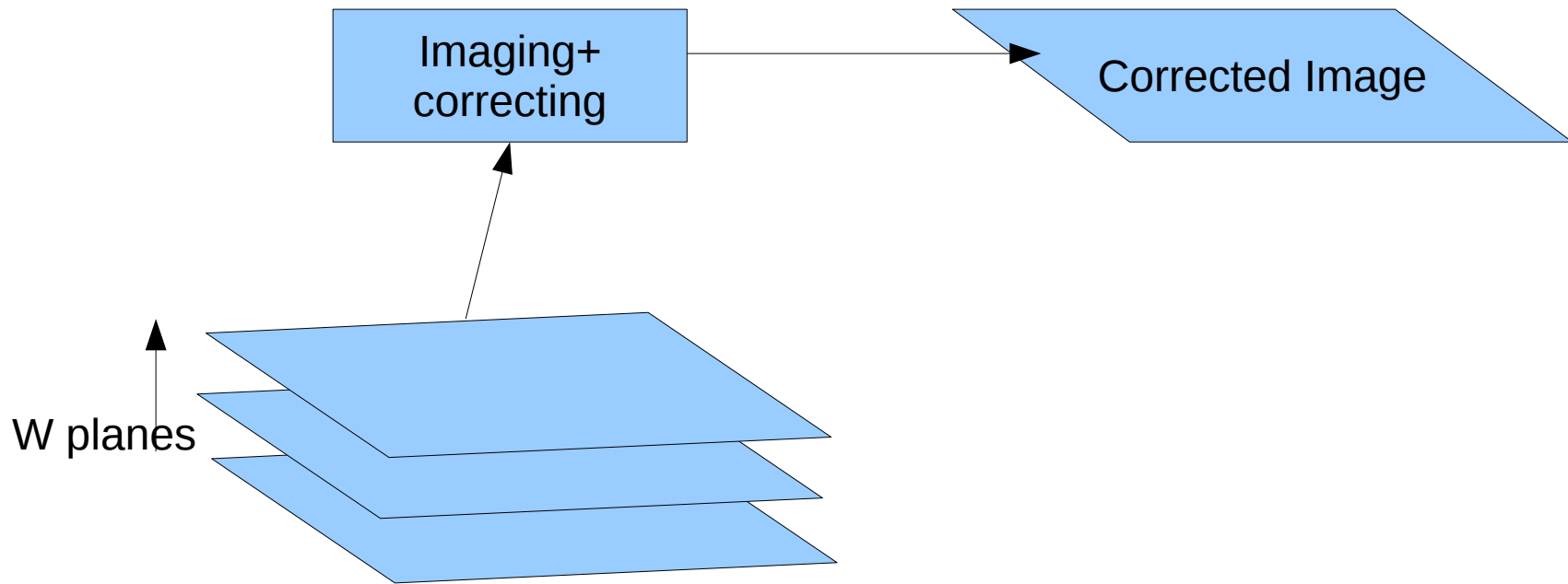
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$$G(l, m, w)$$


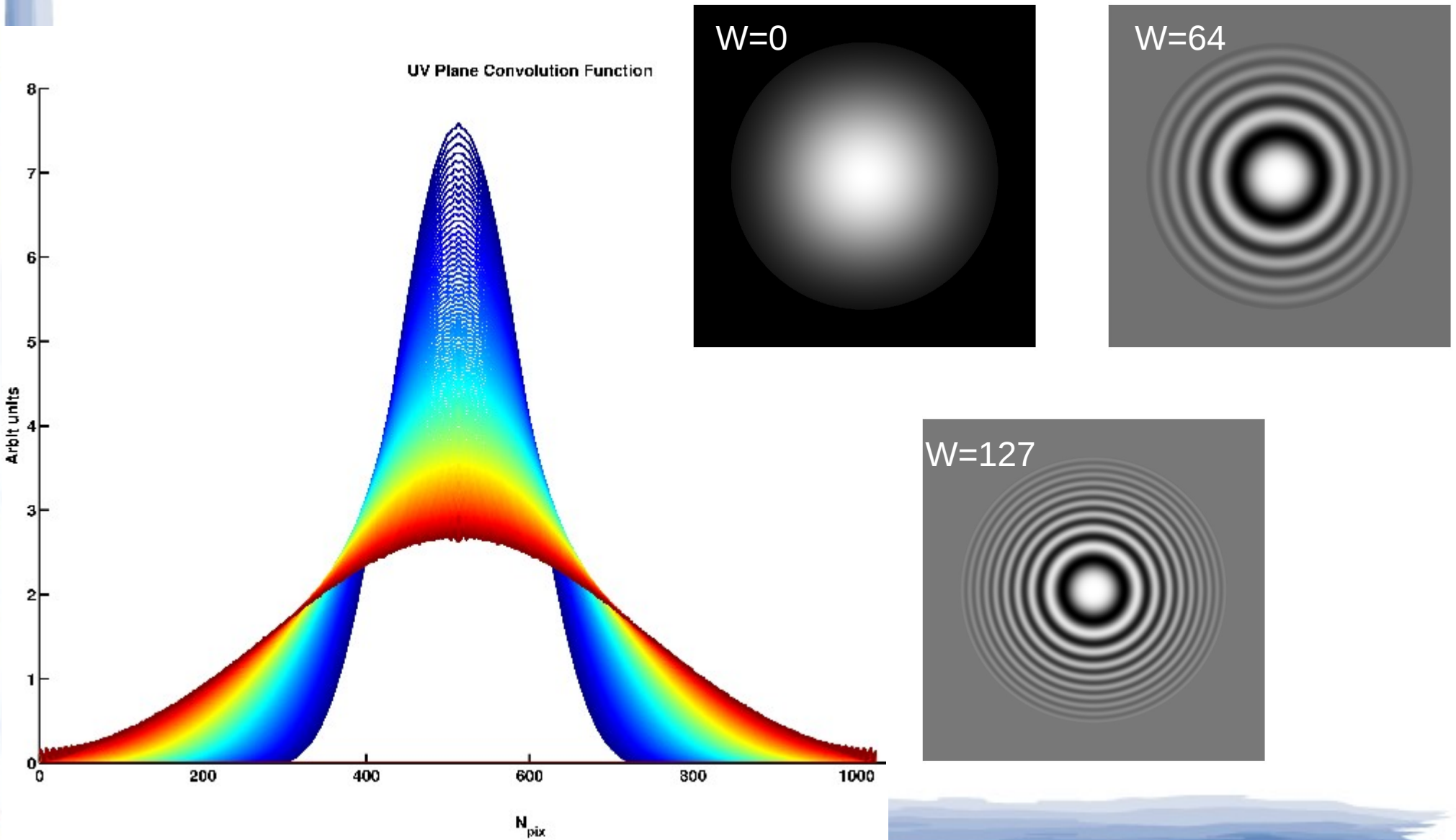
$$V(u, v, w) = G(l, m, w) V(u, v, w = 0)$$

$$IFFT V(u, v, w) = G(l, m, w) \times IFFT V(u, v, w = 0)$$

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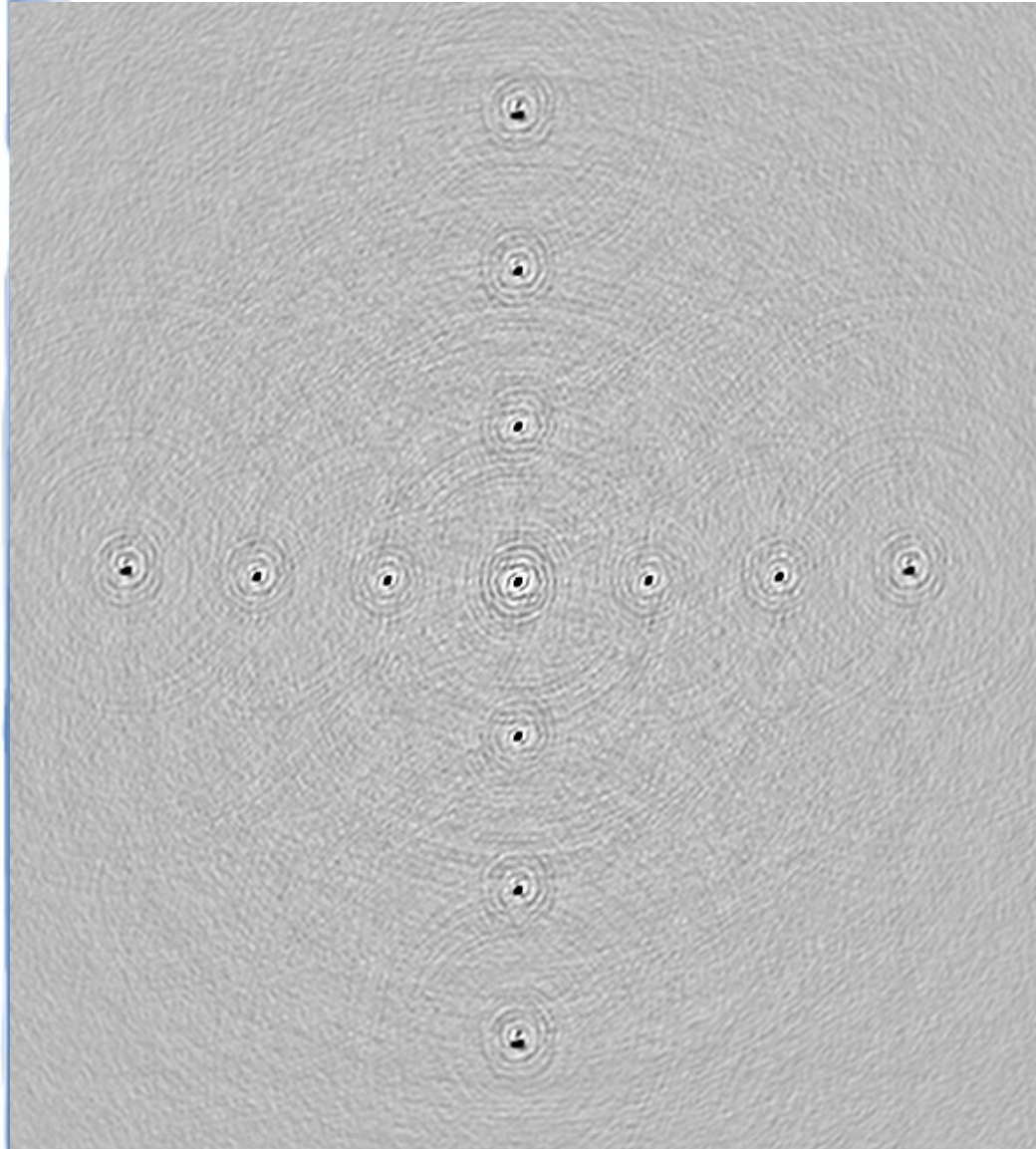


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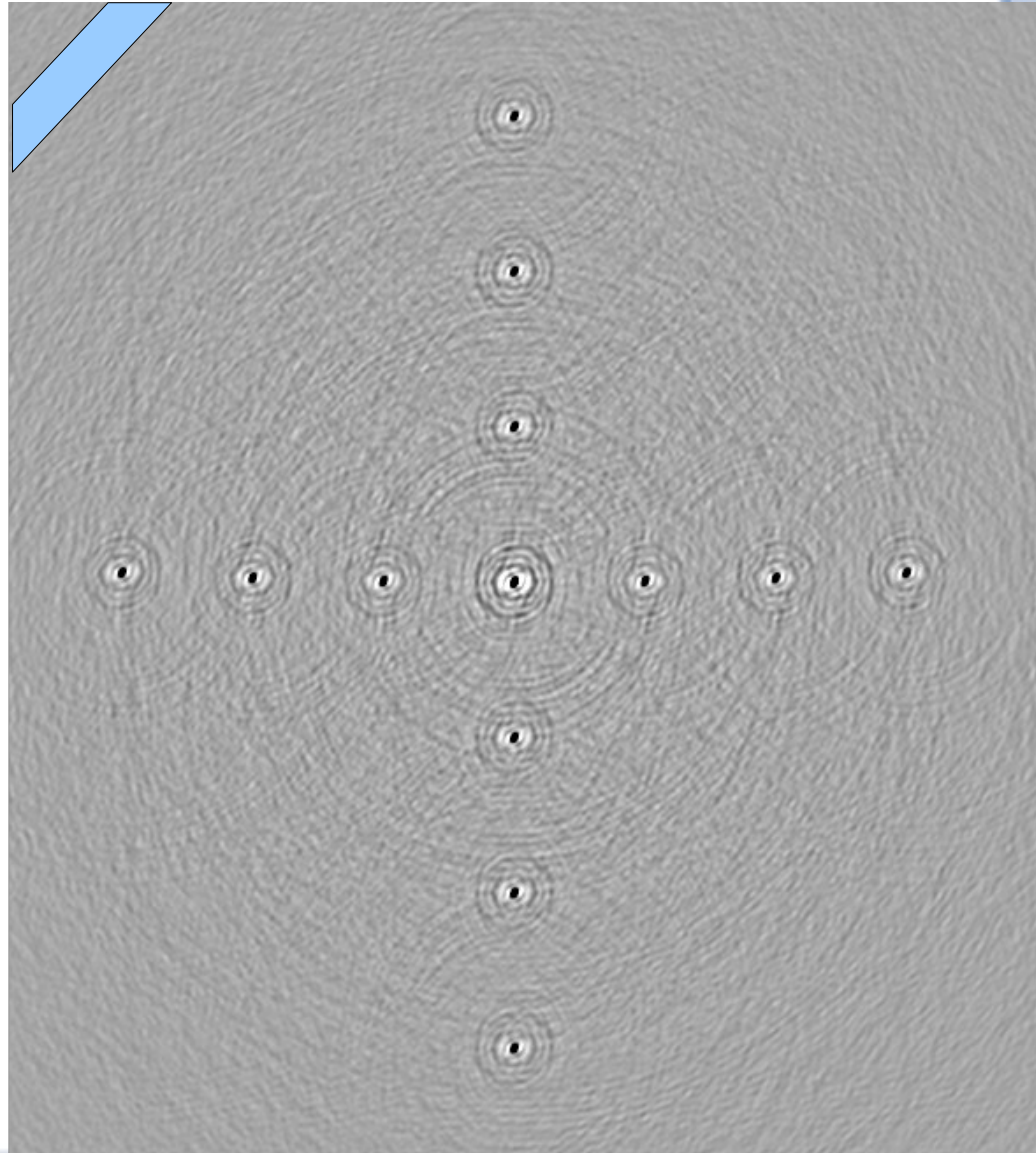




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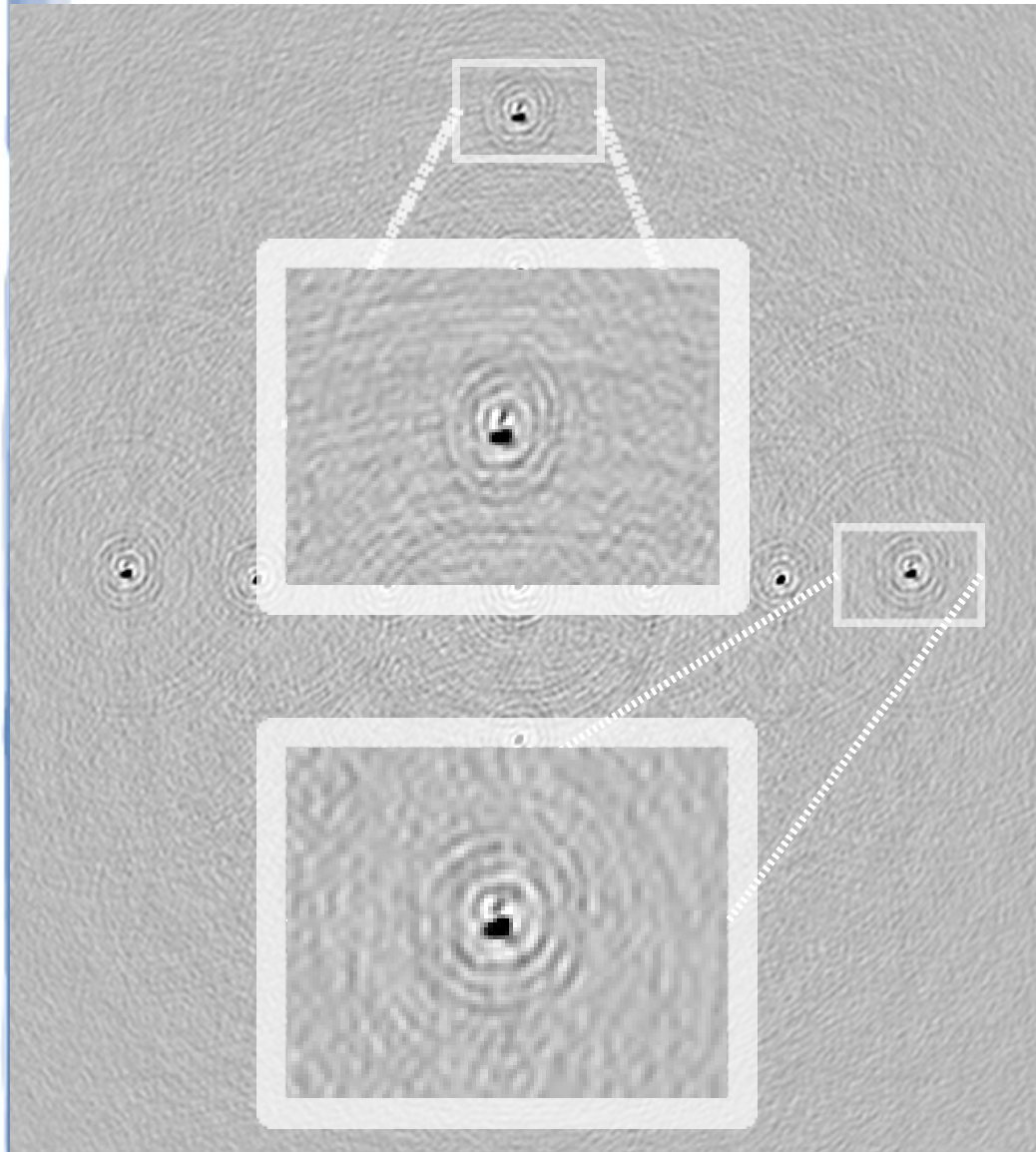


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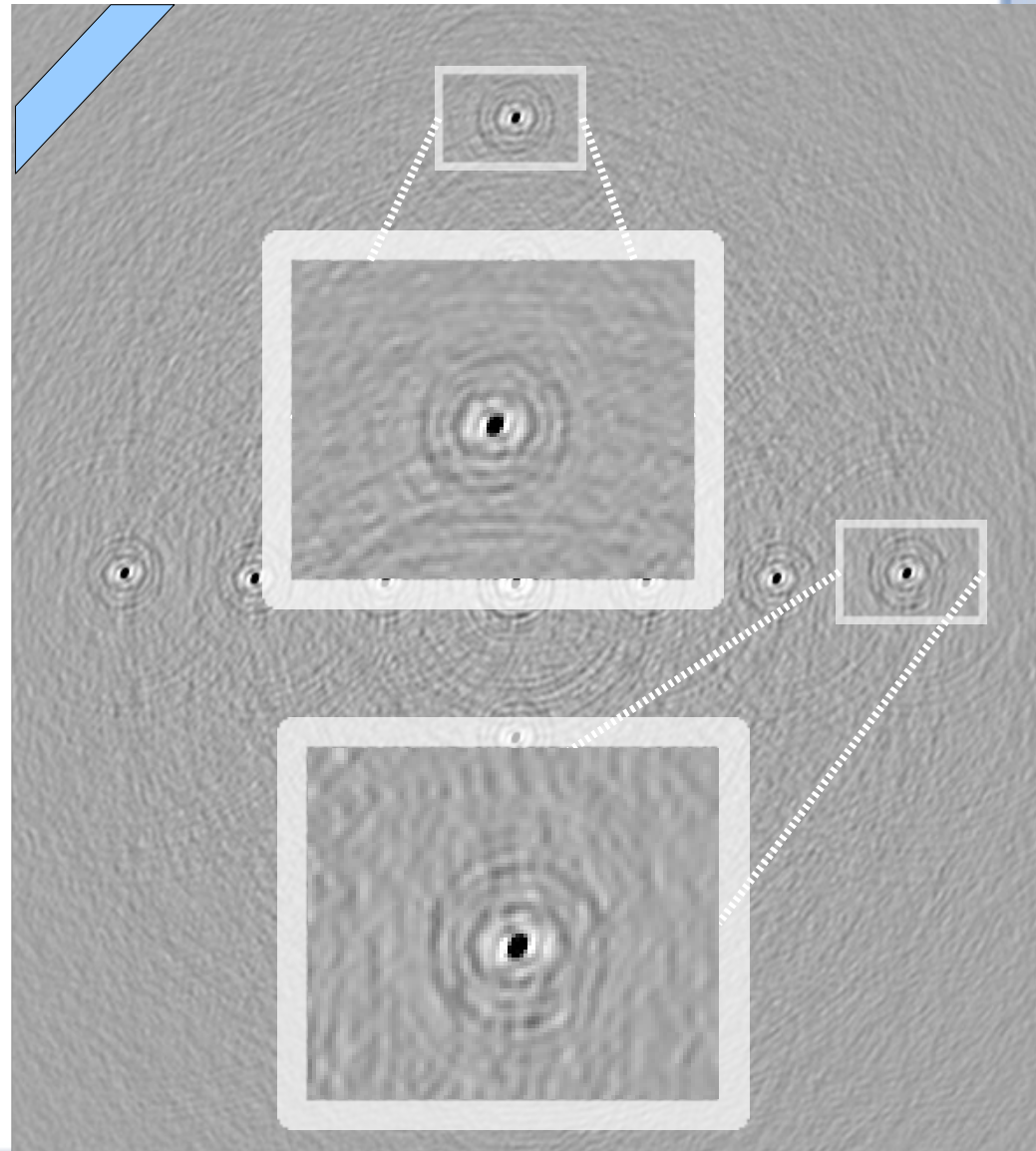


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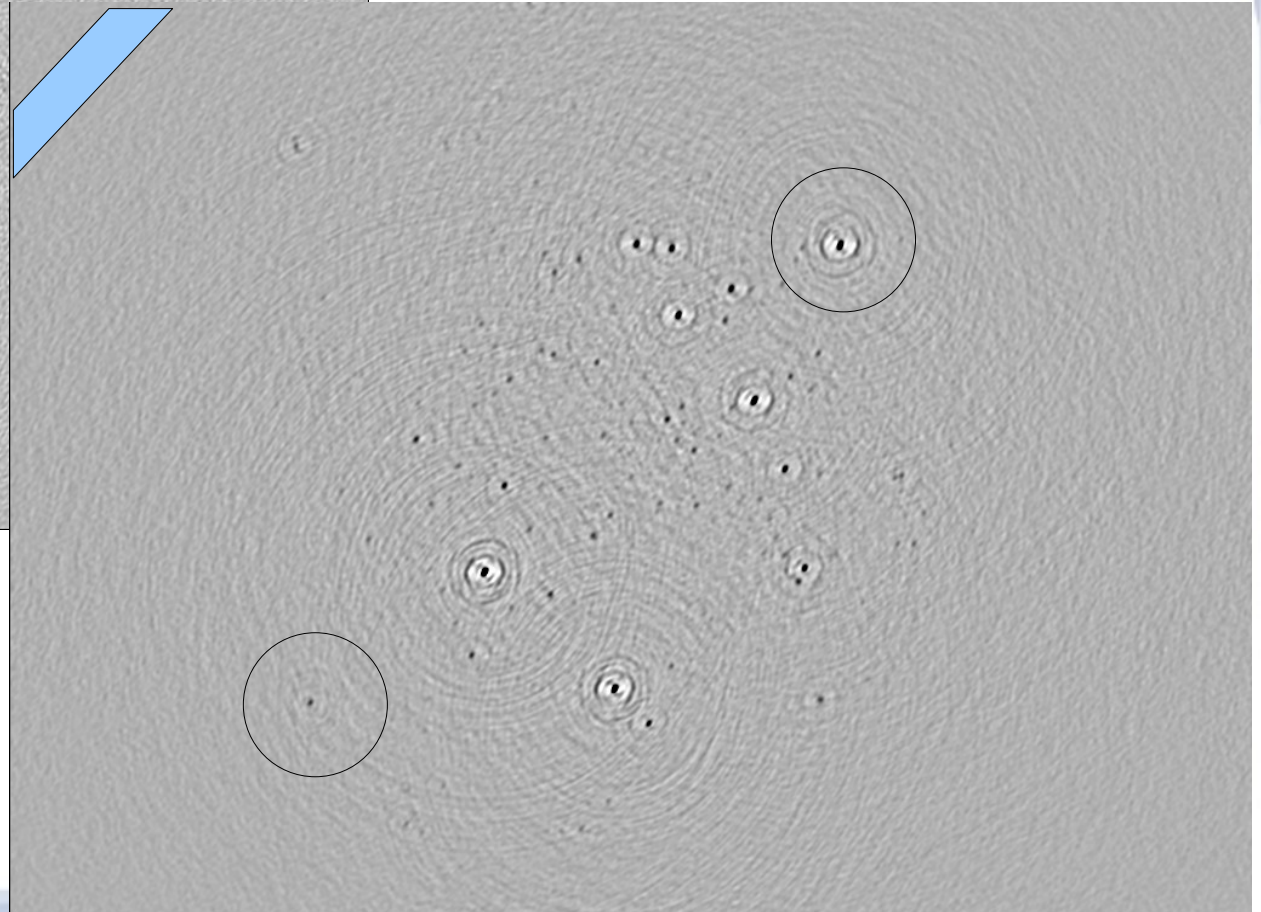
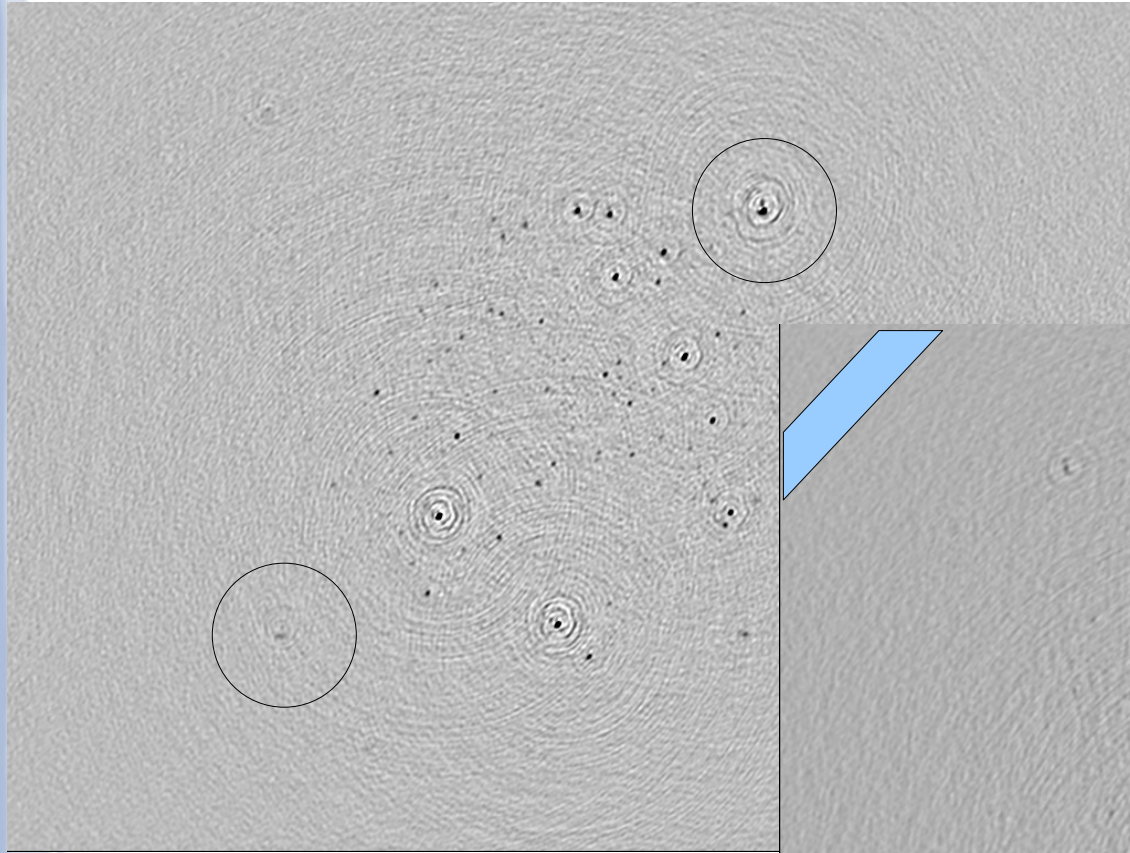


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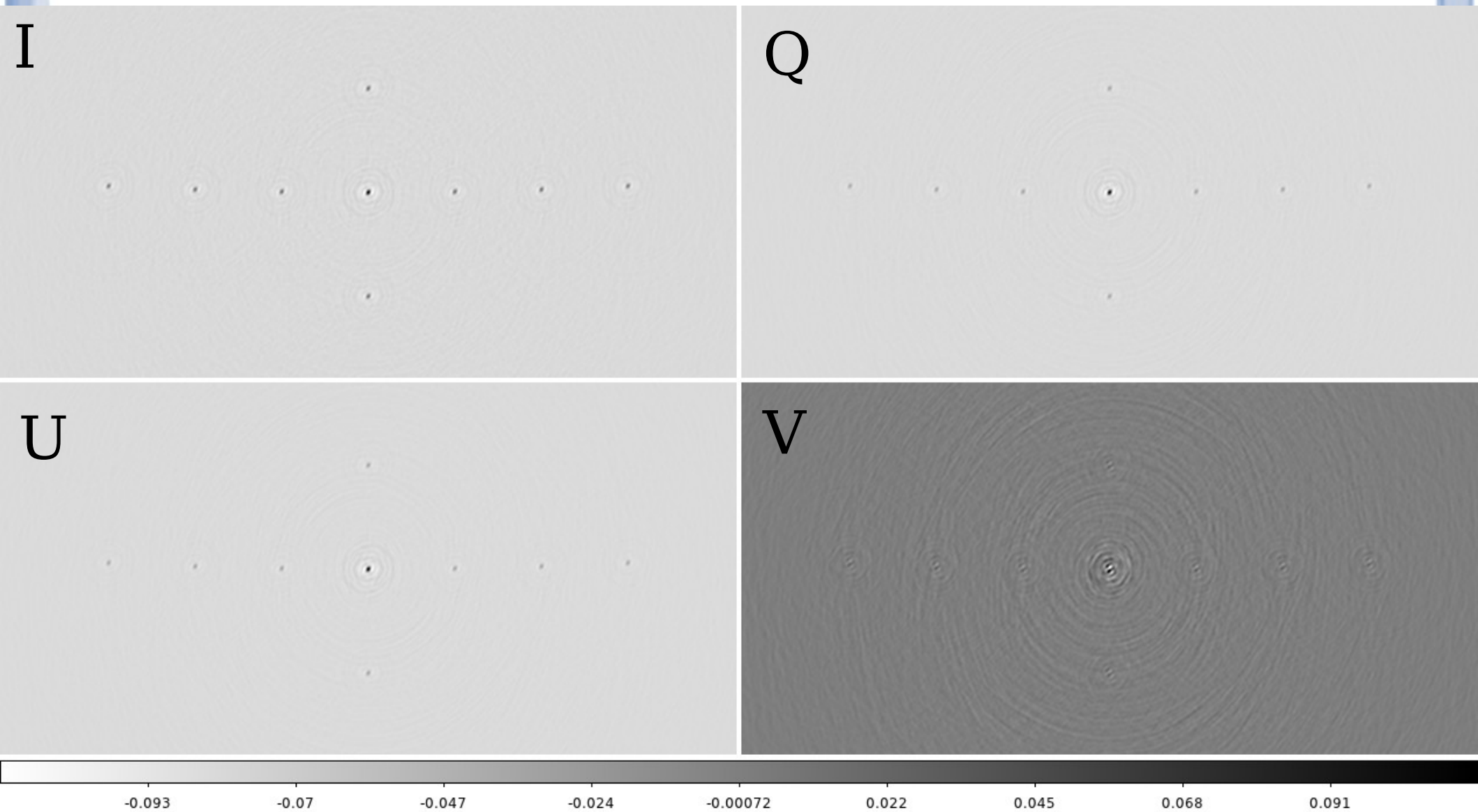


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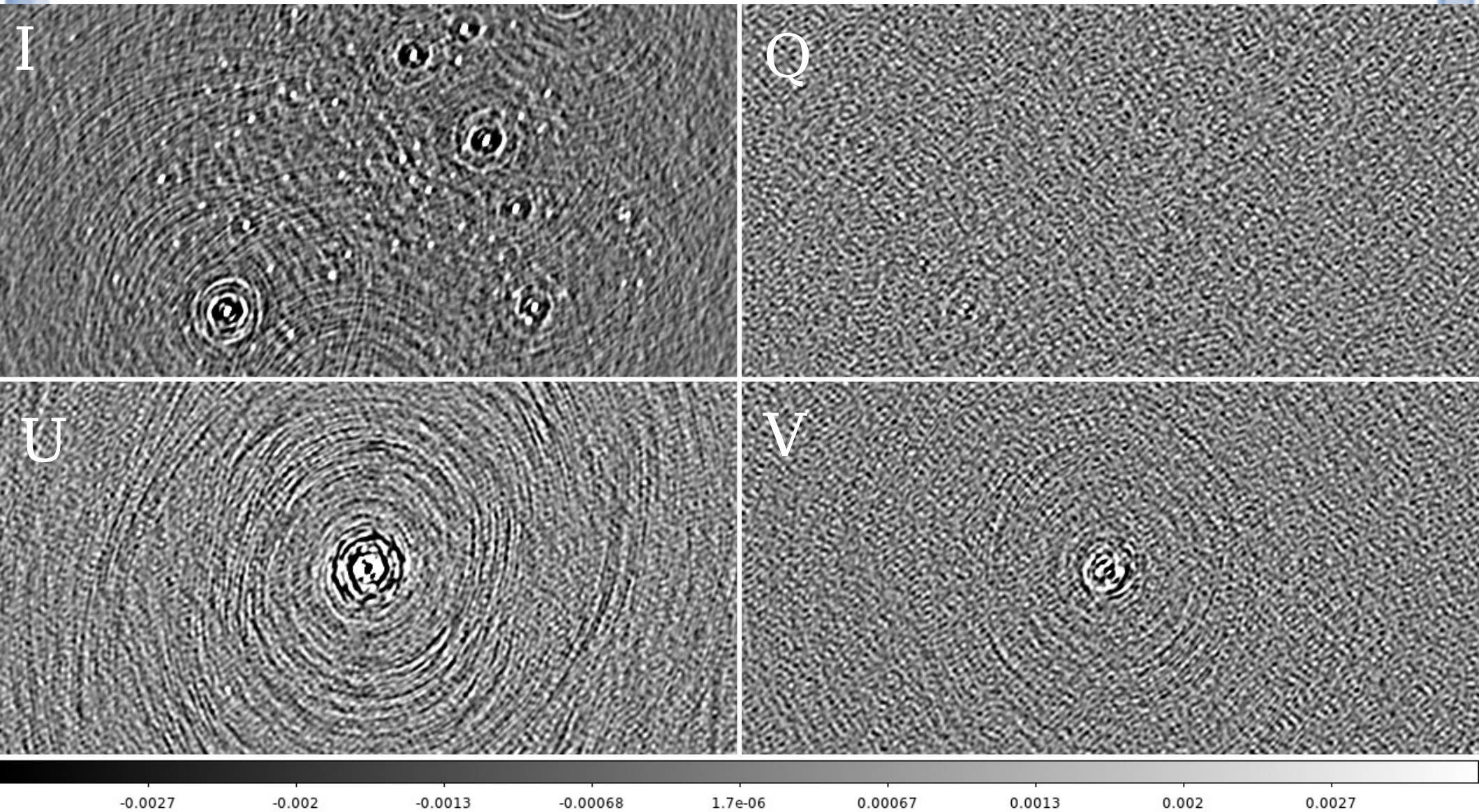
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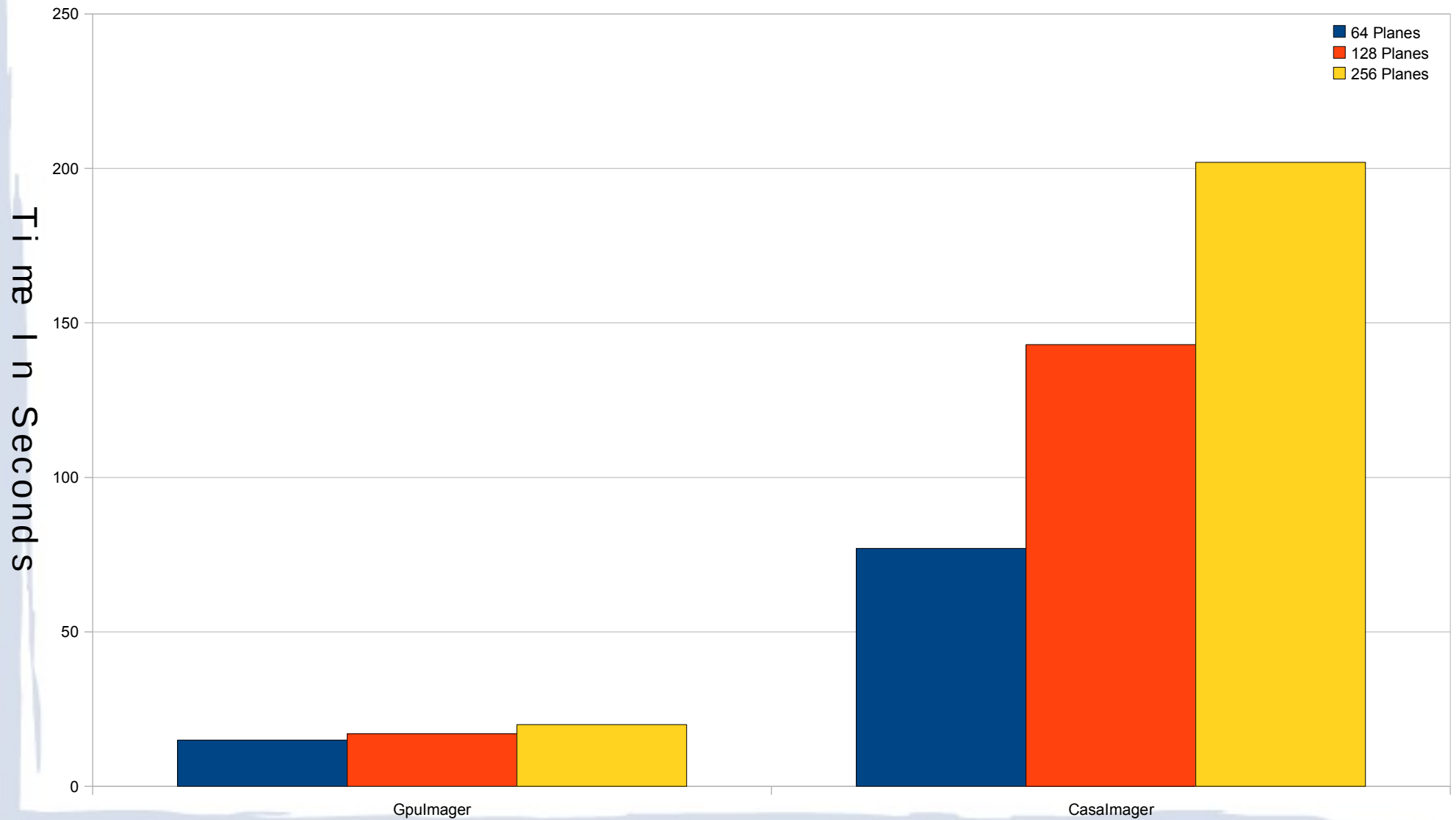
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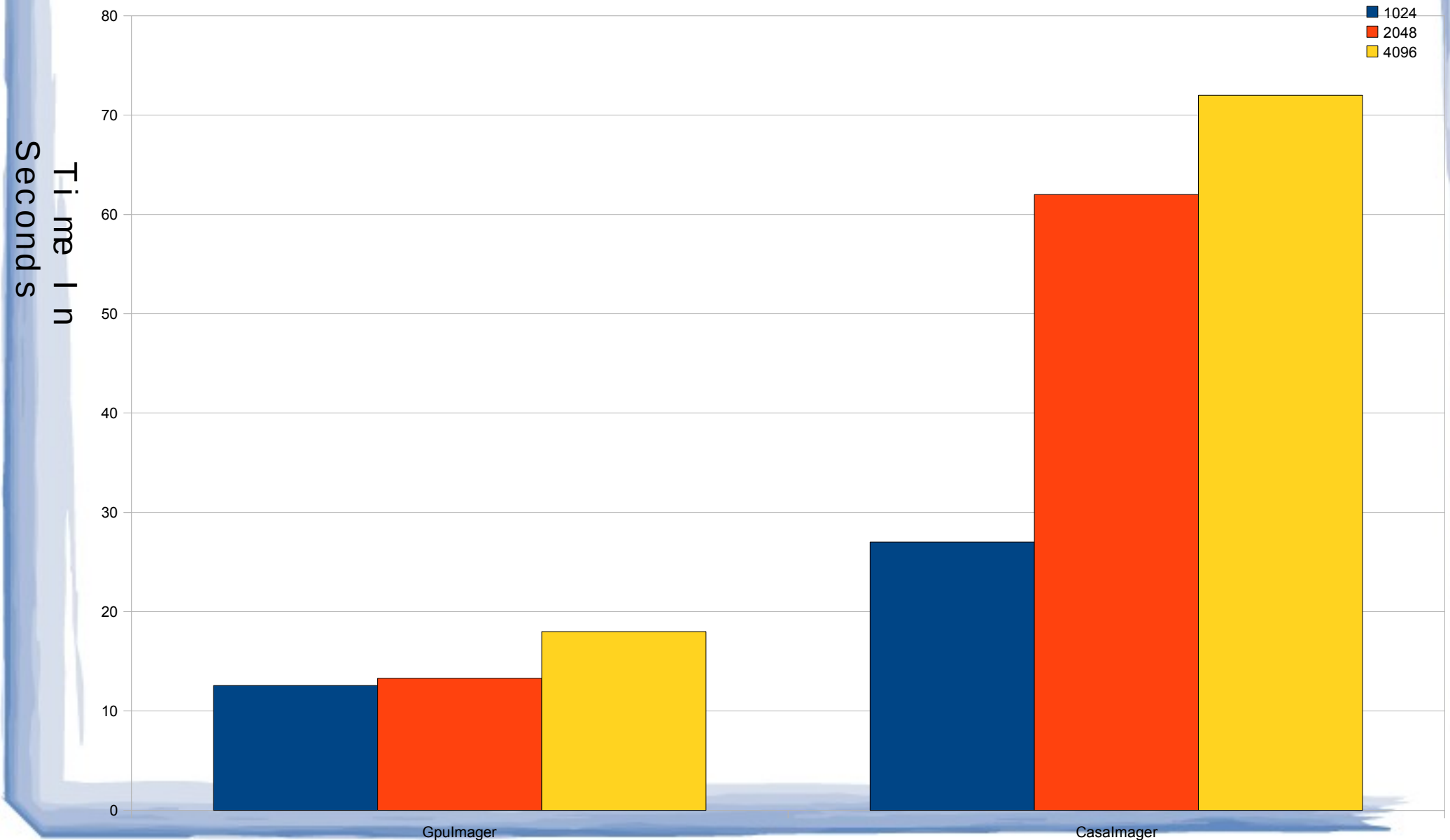
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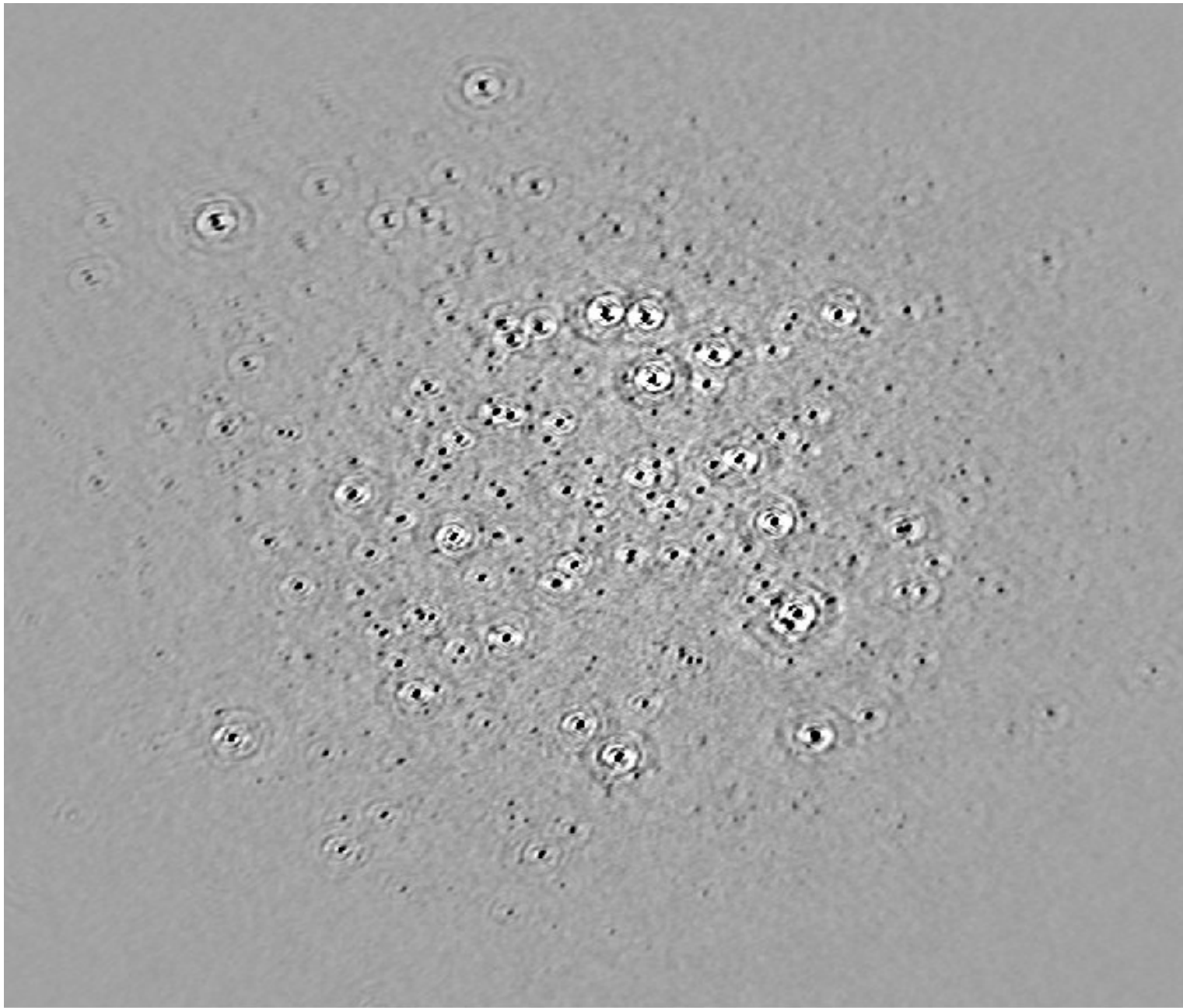


# Without W-Projection





# 3C196



- GPU Imager
- W-Projection
- 256 Planes
- 80 Nodes
- In About 5 mins

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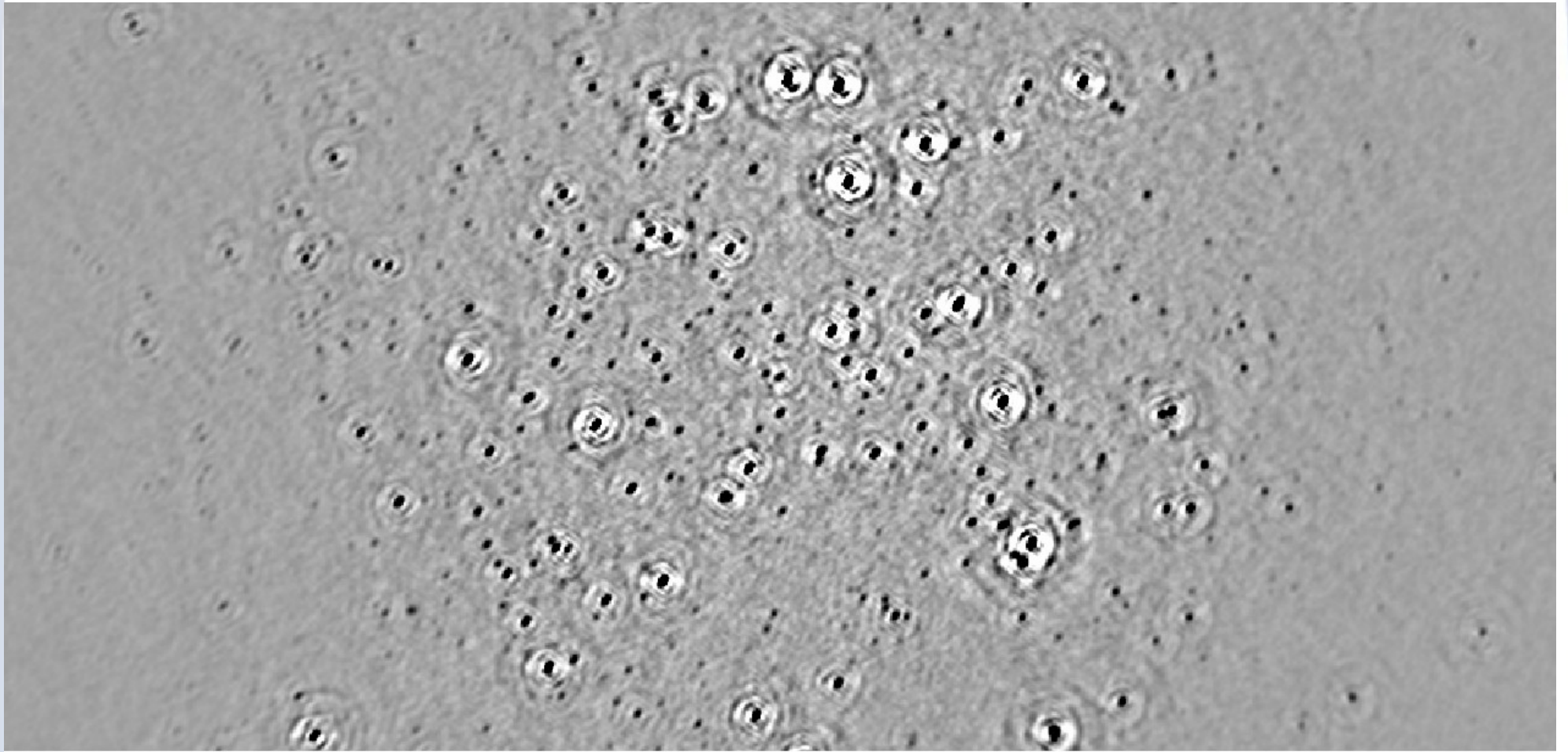
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# 3C196 (zoomed)



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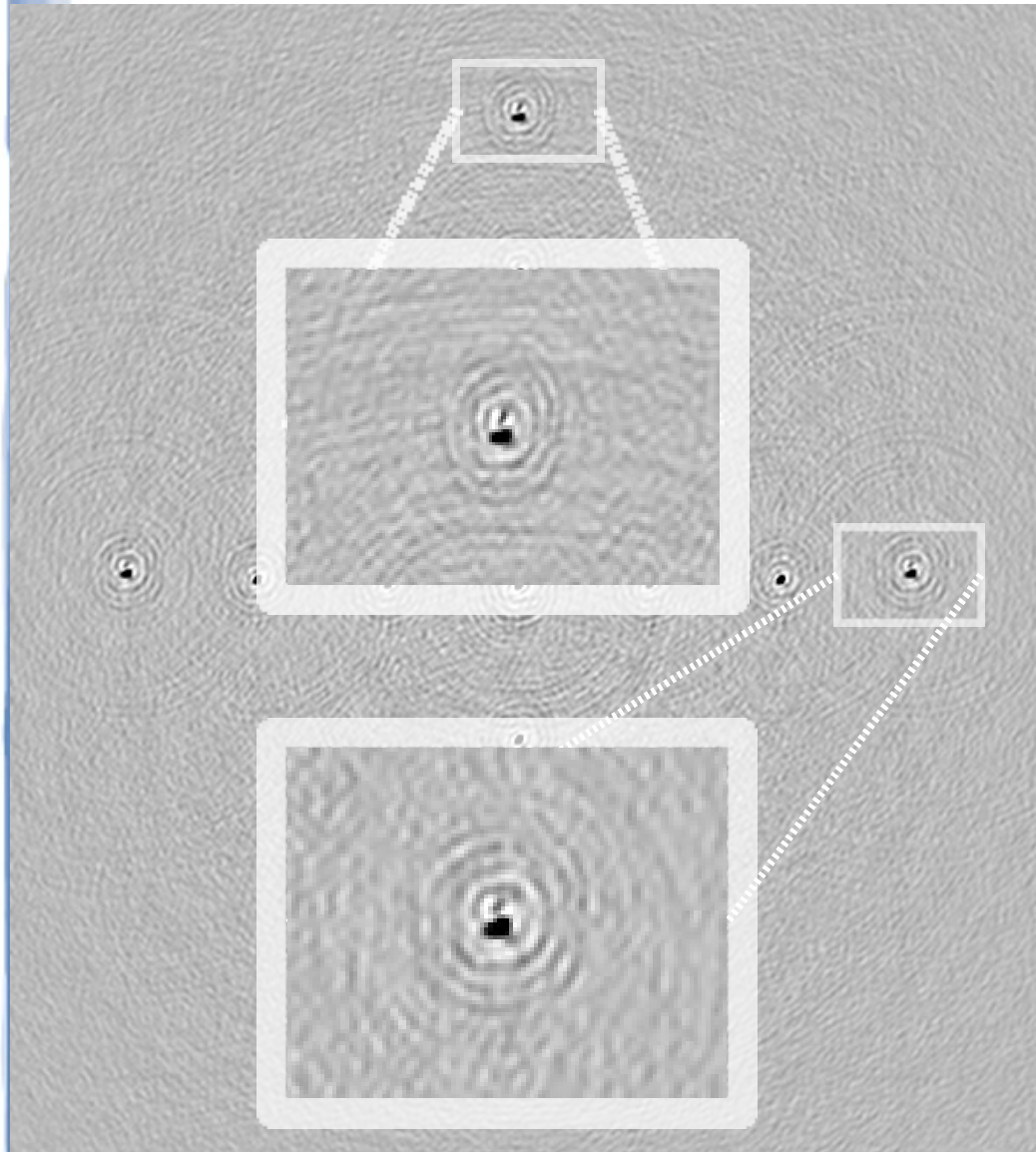
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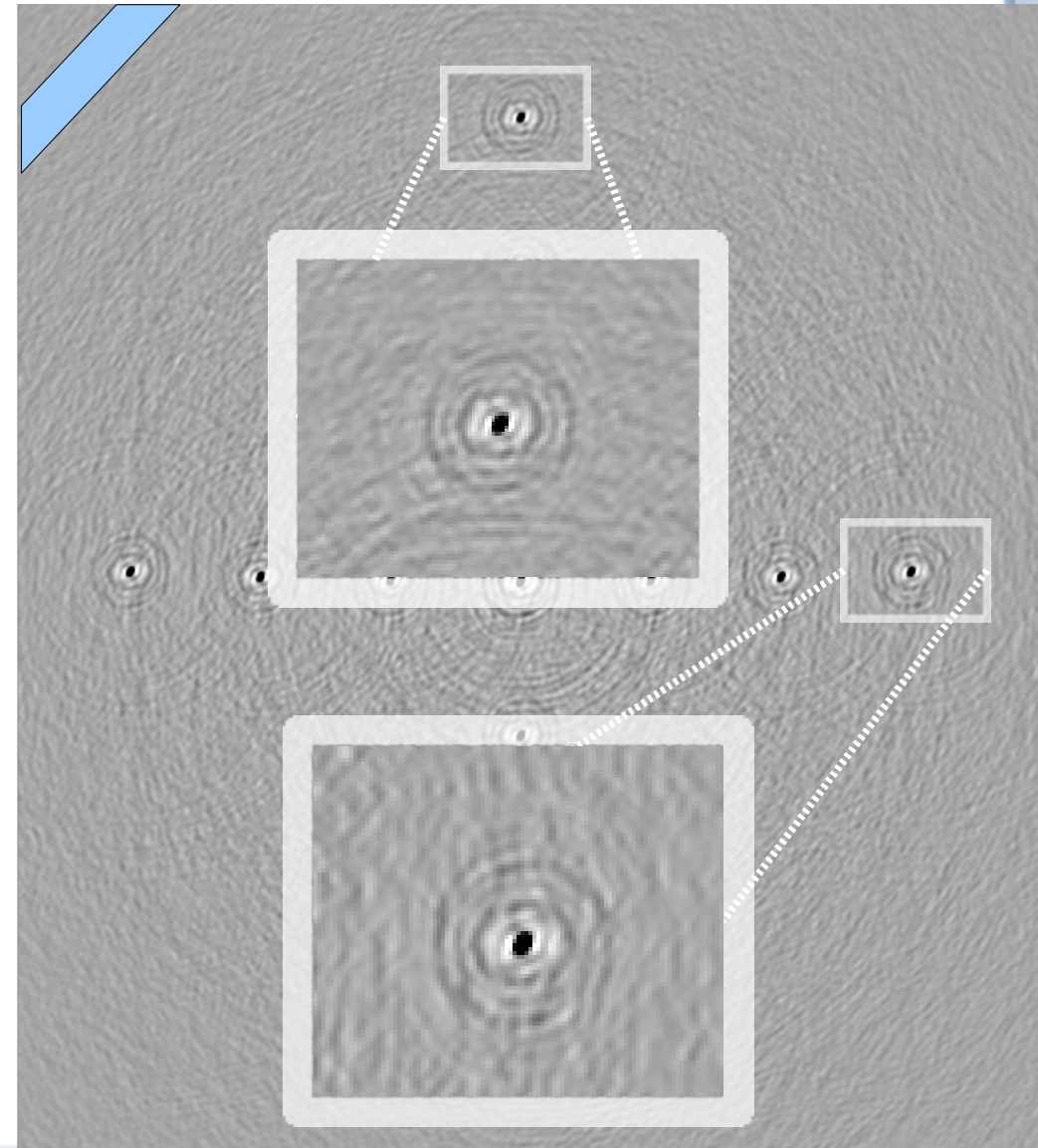
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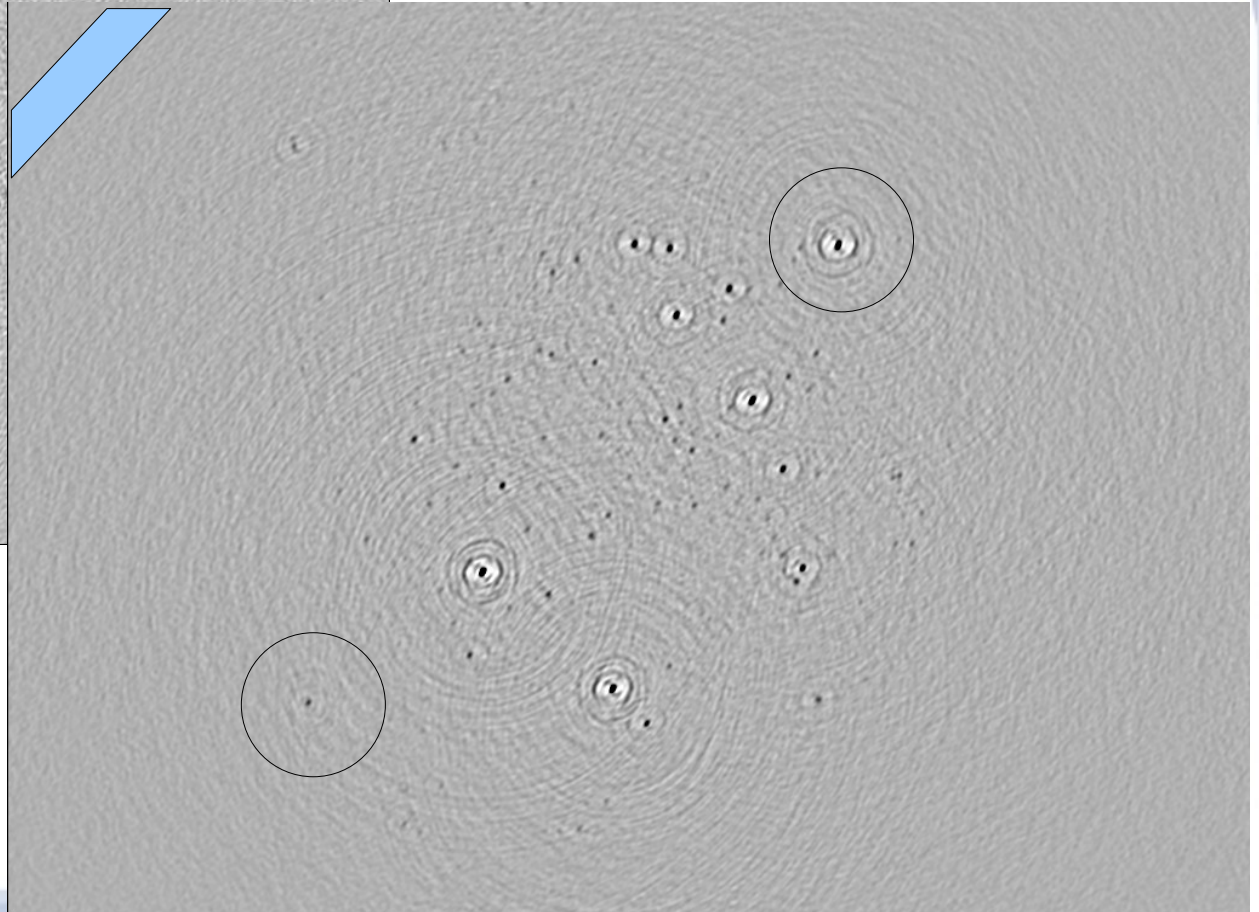
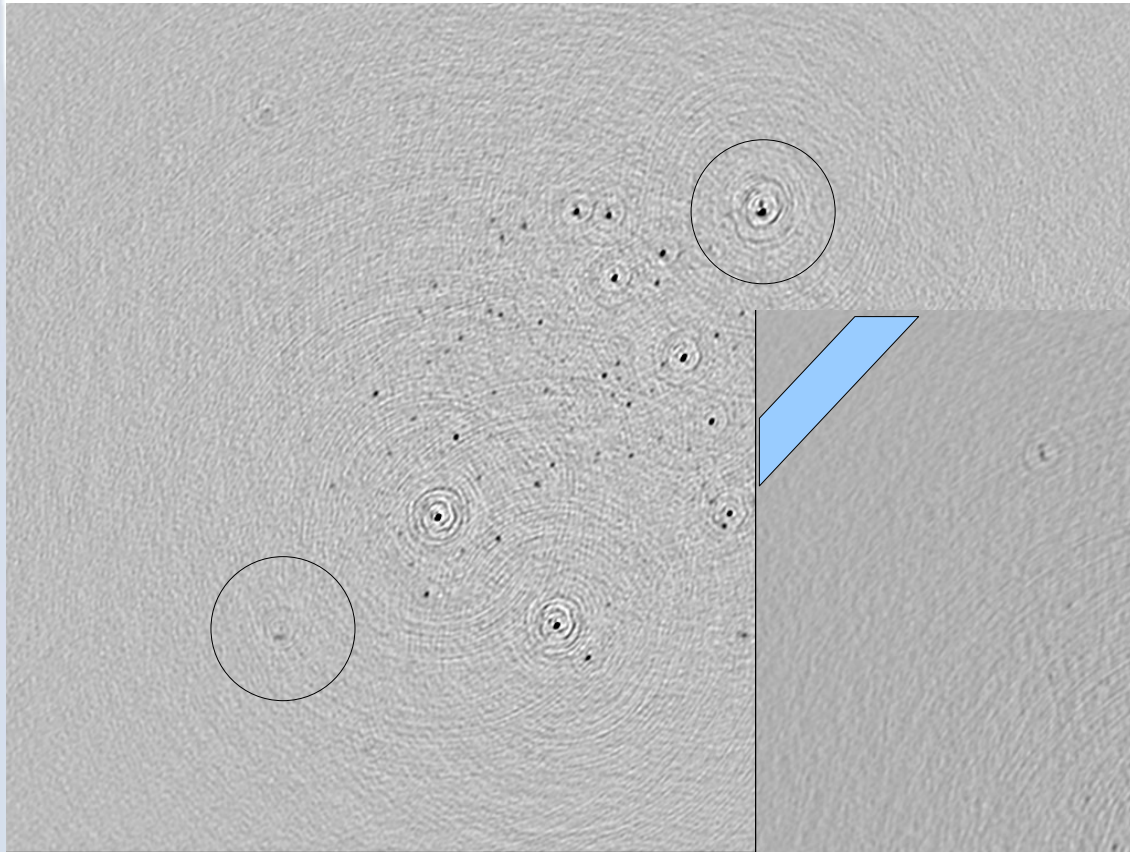


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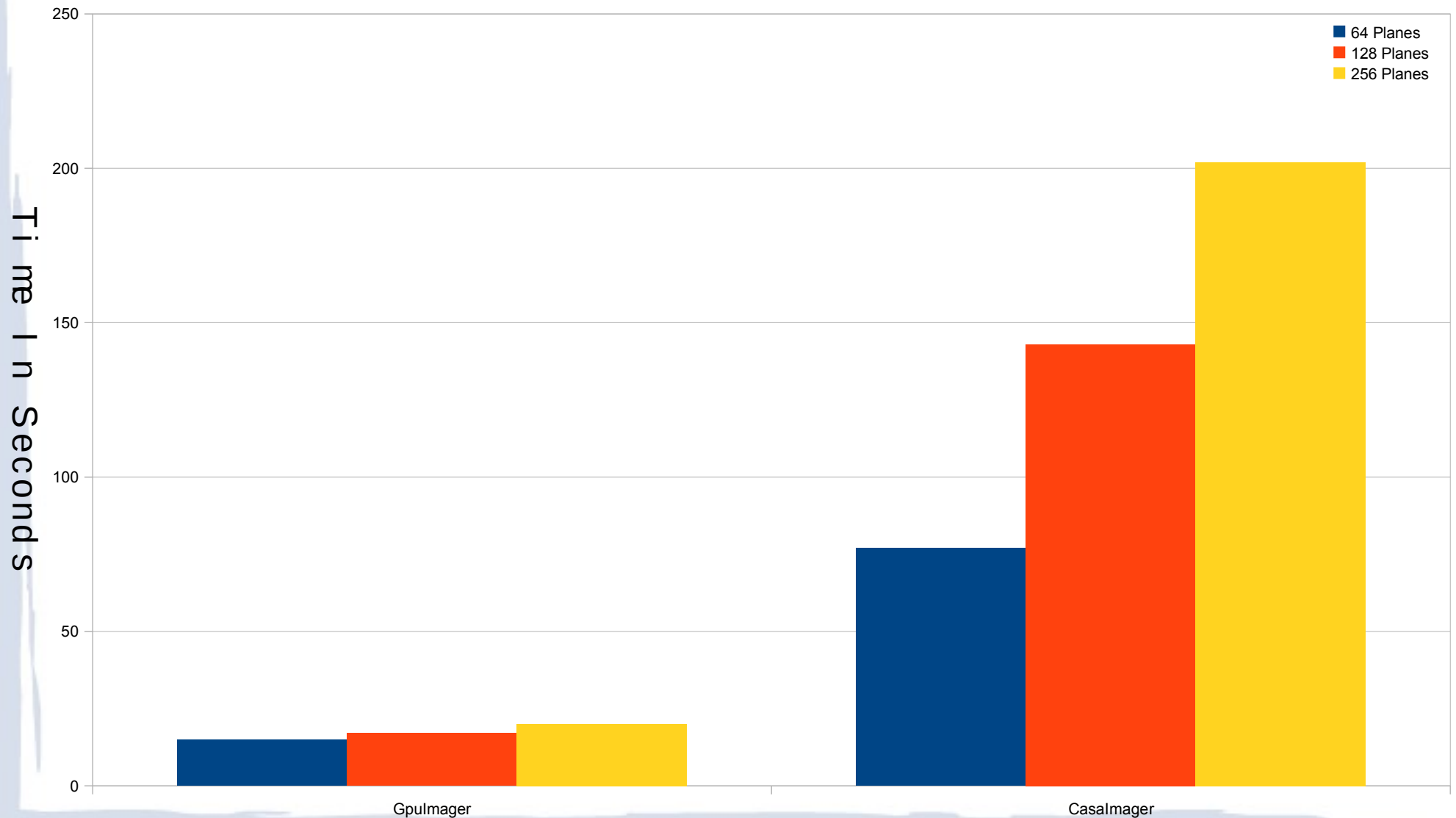


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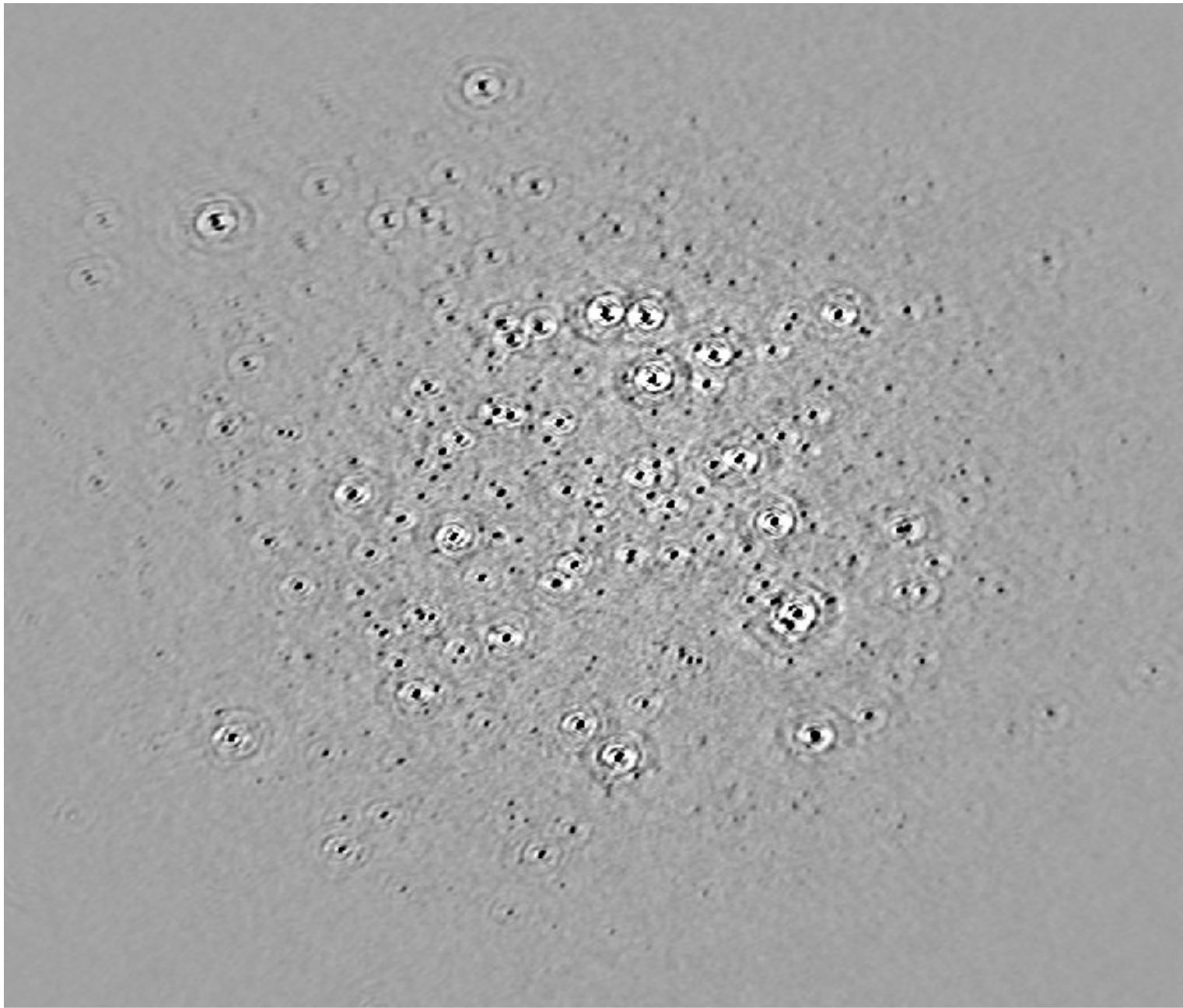
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# M<sub>inimum</sub> V<sub>ariance</sub> D<sub>istortionless</sub> R<sub>esponse</sub>

- Minimizes side lobe gains (cause beam to vary spatially)
- Computationally intensive
- Parallel computation possible.

– Dirty Image Equation:

$$I_k(l, m) = A_k^H(l, m) R_k A_k(l, m)$$

$I_k(l, m)$  Pixel Intensity at  $l, m$  at time instance  $k$

$A_k(l, m)$  Antenna steering vector

$R_k$  Array correlation matrix (ACM).



# MVDR

- The weights in dirty image  $A(l,m)$  are replaced with  $W(l,m)$
- Weight set to minimize influence of interfering sources.  $W = \operatorname{argmin}_w W^H R W$
- Under the constraint  $W^H A = 1$

$$W^H = \frac{A^H R^{-1}}{A^H R^{-1} A}$$

$$I_k(l, m) = W^H R W$$

# Challenges

$$W^H = \frac{A^H R^{-1}}{A^H R^{-1} A}$$

Inverse of Visibility Matrix

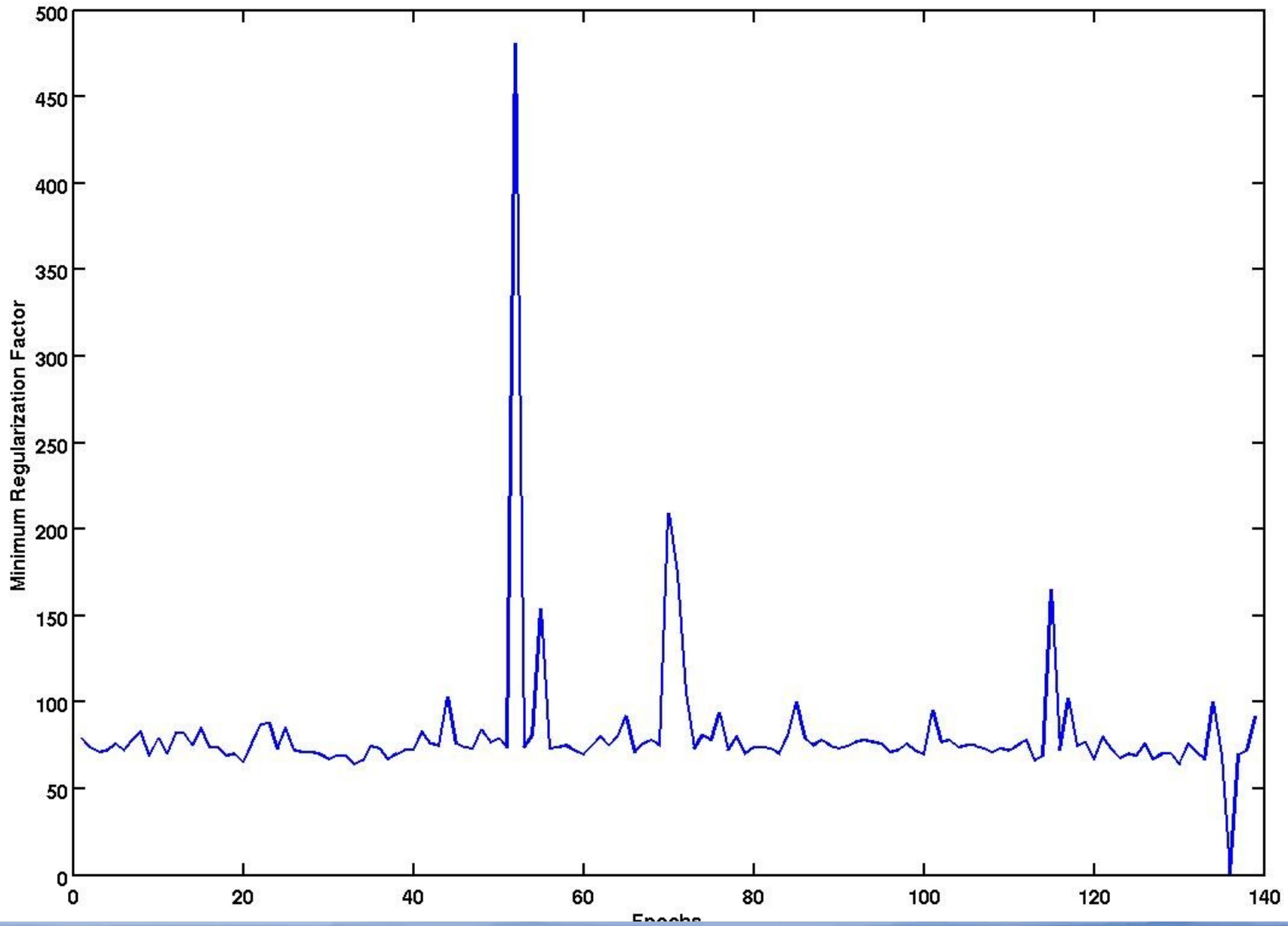
- ACM close to singular.
- Diagonal loading, (non-linear) dimensionality reduction
- L-curve type of analysis to select diagonal loading strength

# Challenges: beamformer power vs time

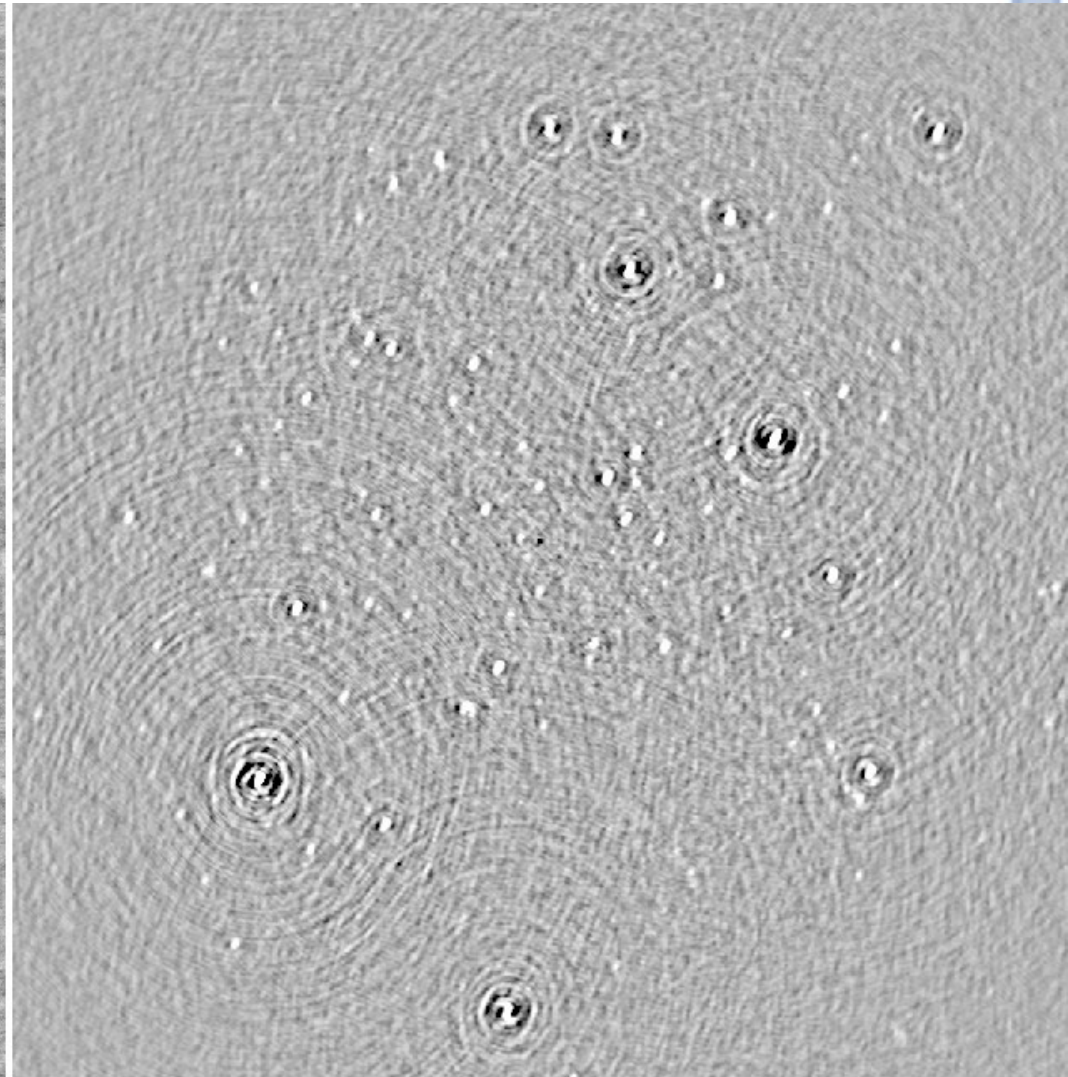
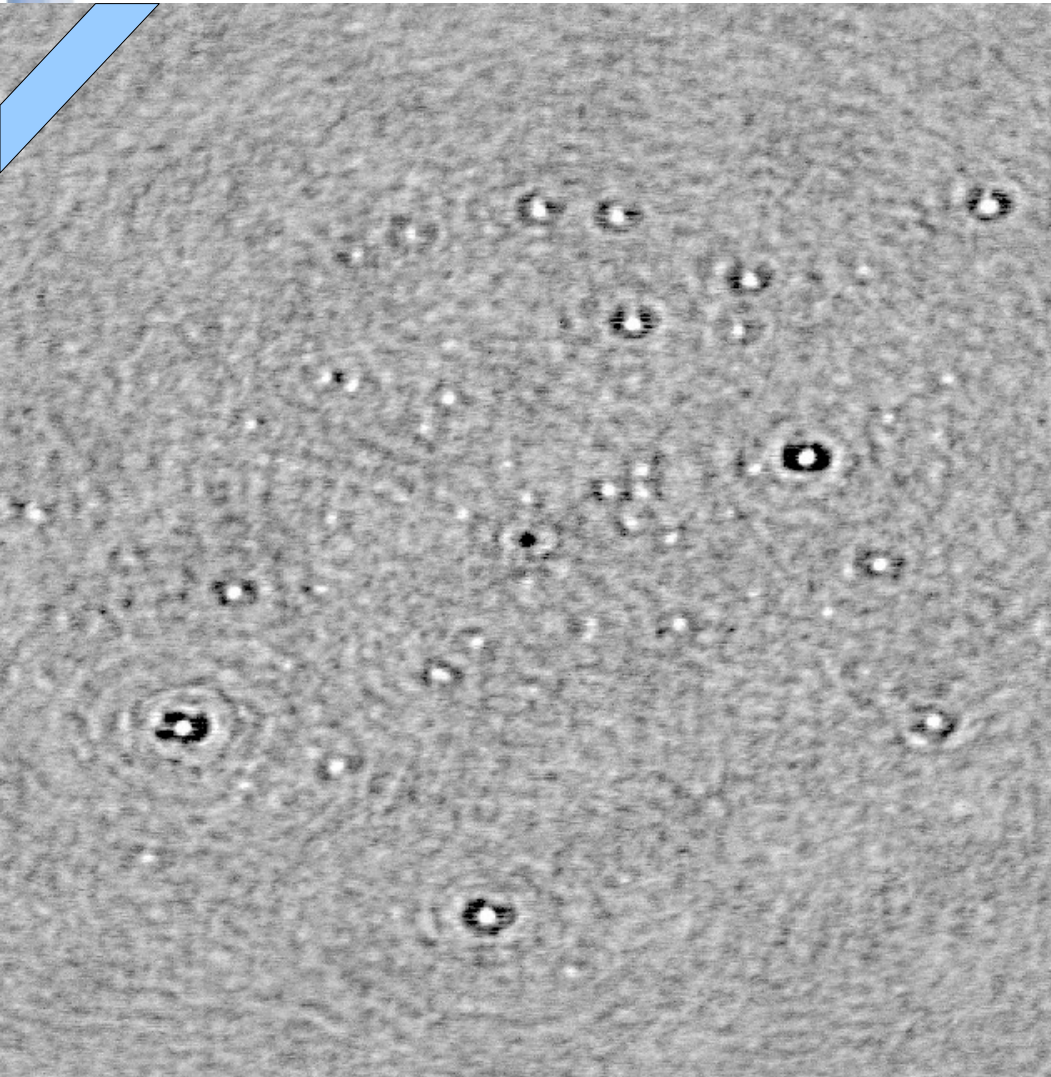
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- Flagged/missing data => Higher Diagonal Loading Factor
- Higher regularization factor => higher the noise in that epoch
- Cholesky Factorization to determine level of Regularization.

# Noisy data



# Results



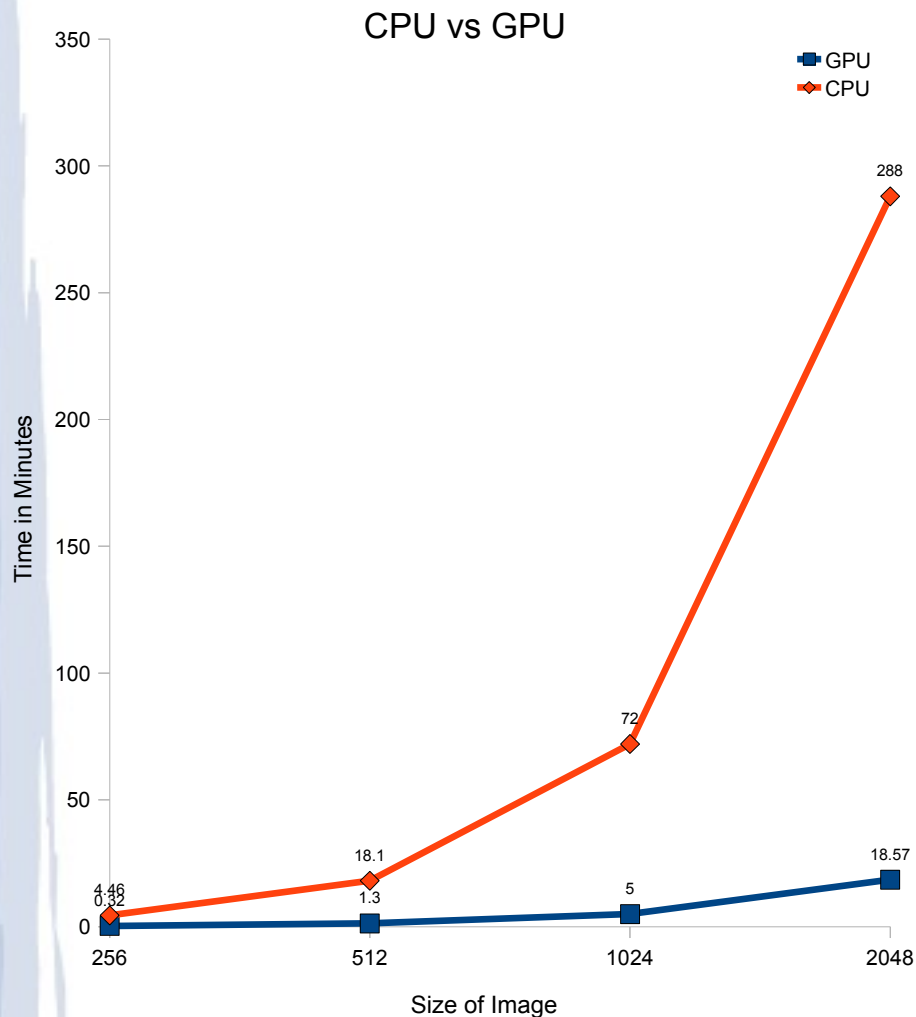
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- CPU implementation:

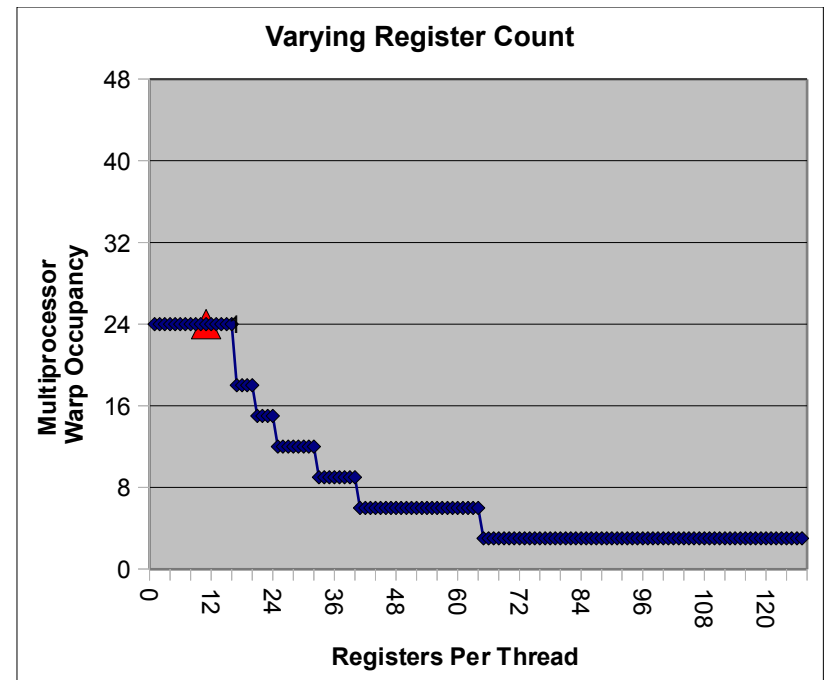
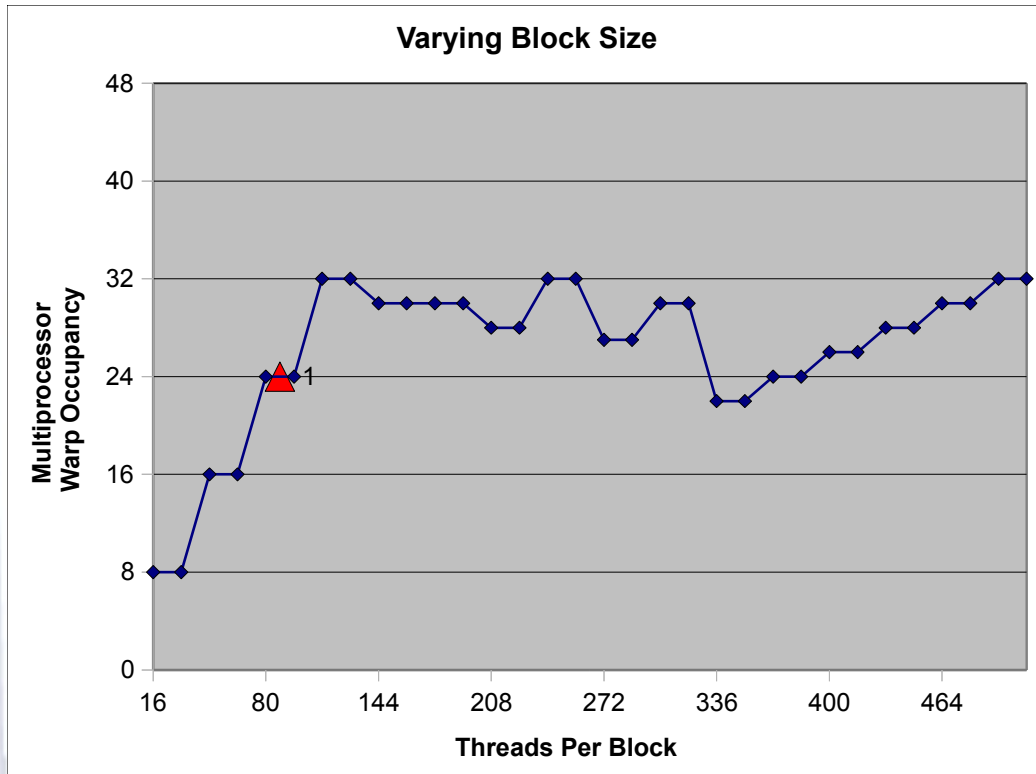
- Threads equivalent to #processors on system
- Each Thread processes part of final image.

- GPU Implementation:

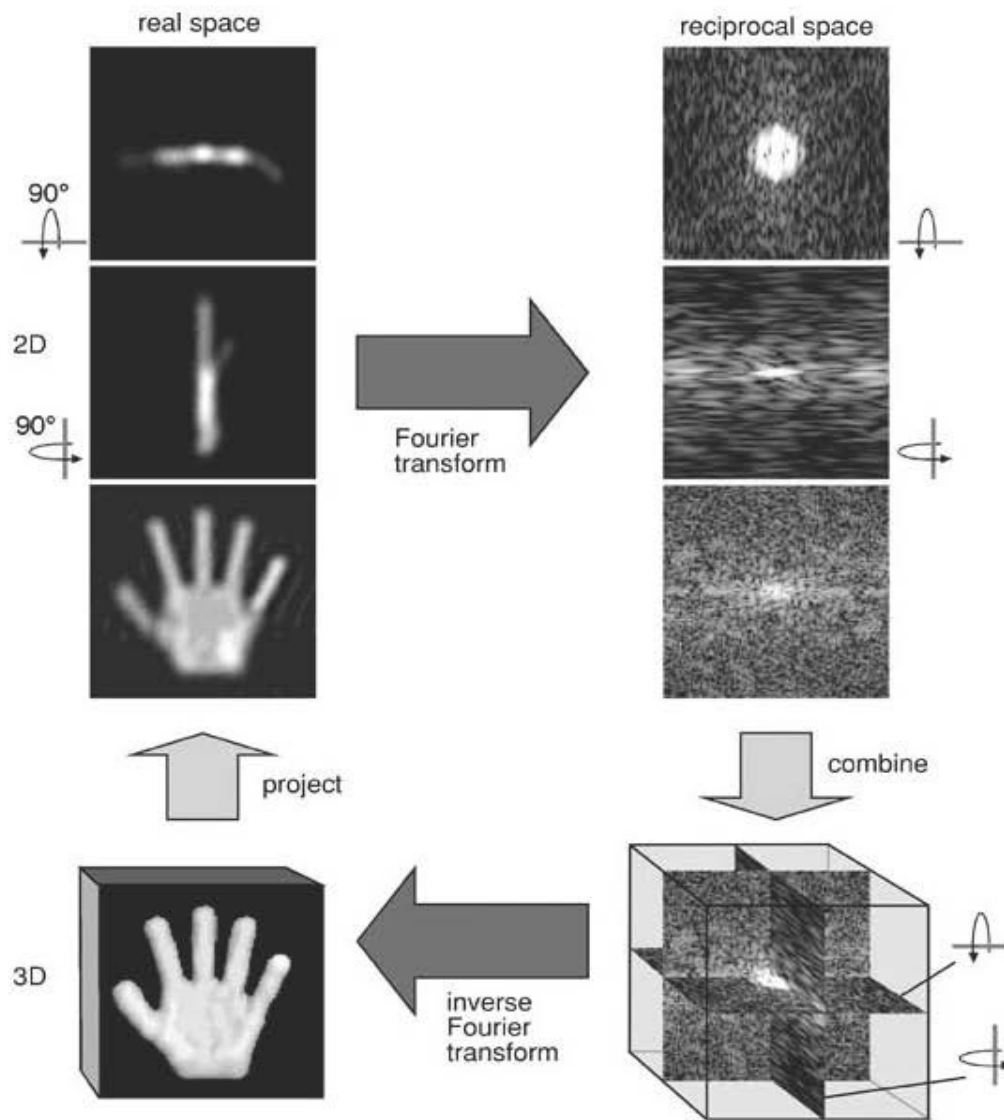
- Multiple threads process a single pixel
- Each thread calculates component of vector.



# Optimization



## Radon projection



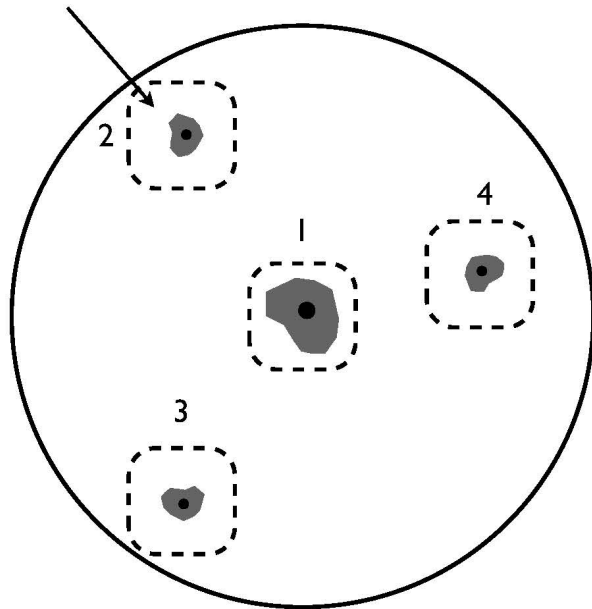
## Tomography 101

- 1) Take 2D images of many projections of e.g. a hand (Radon projection)
- 2) FT them
- 3) Combine 2D FTs into a single 3D FT. (Take projection angles into account)
- 4) 3D FT this to a 3D image of hand.

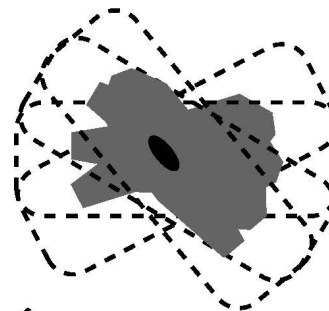
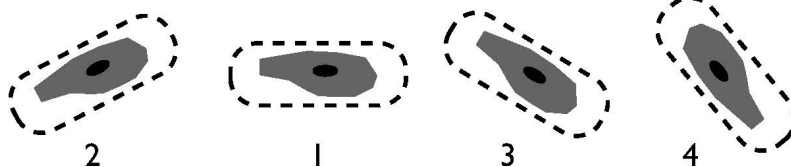
That is all there is to tomography



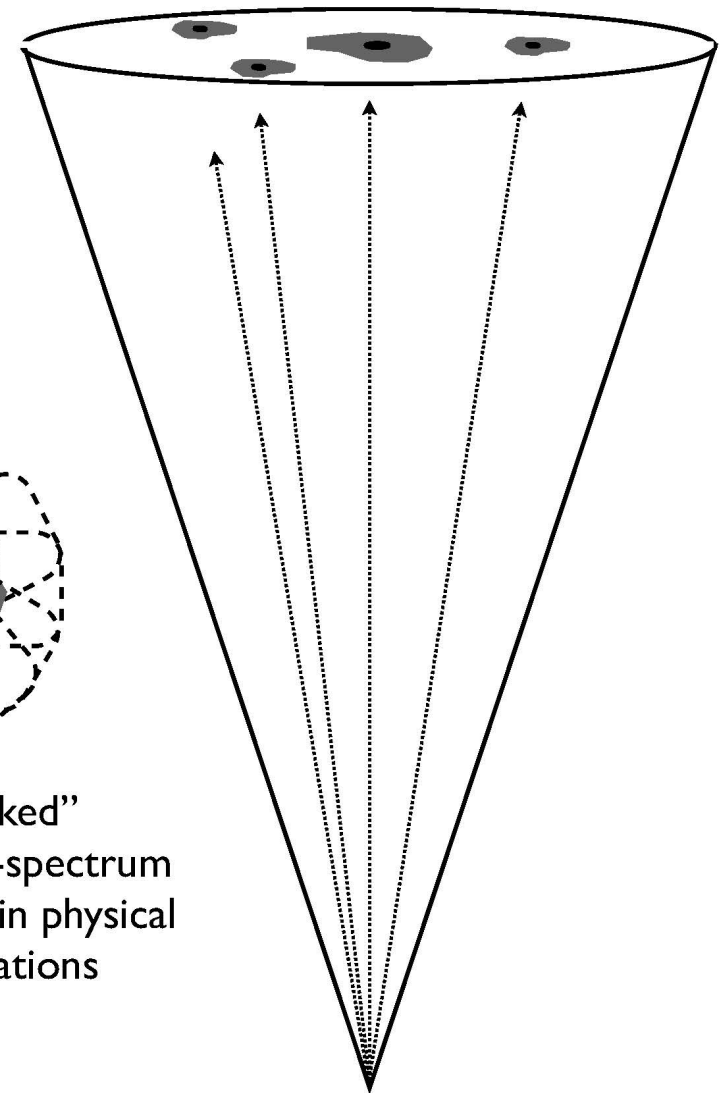
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2D power-spectrum  
slices from (station-  
based) calibrated  
images



“Stacked”  
3D power-spectrum  
with build-in physical  
correlations



LOFAR  
Station Beam

# Power-spectrum Tomography

Scattered Intensity

2D Sky Intensity

3D power-spectrum

$$\delta I^{(s)}(s_u, s_v) = \frac{1}{s_w^2} \iint I^{(i)}(s_{0,u}, s_{0,v}) |\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0)|^2 ds_{0,u} ds_{0,v}$$

Directional Cosines

$$s_w^2 = 1 - s_u^2 + s_v^2$$

Geometric Term due to  
Curve Sky and Planar Array

Rescaled Intensity

$$\delta J^{(s)}(s_u, s_v) \equiv s_w^2 \cdot \delta I^{(s)}(s_u, s_v)$$

# Power-spectrum Tomography

A spherical surface slice through an 3D intensity cylinder

$$J_{3D}^{(i)}(\mathbf{s}_0) \equiv I_{3D}^{(i)}(\mathbf{s}_0) \cdot \delta(s_{0,w} - \sqrt{1 - s_{0,u}^2 - s_{0,v}^2})$$

Rescaled scattering as a 3D convolution

$$\delta J^{(s)}(s_u, s_v) = \iiint J_{3D}^{(i)}(\mathbf{s}_0) |\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_0)|^2 d\mathbf{s}_0$$

# Power-spectrum Tomography

Using the Hankel Transform

*Fourier Transform of the phase-shifted w-term!*

$$\mathcal{H}(u, v; w) = 2\pi \int_0^1 e^{-2\pi i w \sqrt{1-s^2}} J_0(s \cdot u_{2D}) s ds$$

one can show that the power-spectrum can be extracted from a model intensity and the scattered intensity

*FT of sky residuals divided by FT of the sky model multiplied with a phase-shifted w-term!*

$$|\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{s})|^2 = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\delta \tilde{J}^{(s)}(u, v)}{\tilde{I}^{(i)}(u, v) \otimes \mathcal{H}(u, v; w)} \right]$$

Note that the 3D power-spectrum is build up from interference of different w-slices

# Summary

- Since we produce snapshots we can also correct them for image plane effects on the fly
- Currently implemented a station beam library
- Highly scalable
- 
- New methods of Imaging can be explored



Thank You