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Test overview

In the frame of AV tests “Single-Dish Total Power Imaging of Bright Sources (I:s/w test)” (AV SNR1 test) we performed C band and K band (only central feed) imaging of point-like bright calibration sources (i.e. 3C295 in particular). A first set of observations was performed in parallel to SRT commissioning “fine-tuning” activities with the aim to:

- Test SRT Single-Dish Imager (SDI) software procedures and data formats.
- Test and optimize Nuraghe schedules for OTF total-power mapping of bright sources.
- Provide (preliminary) beam pattern characterization (gaussian two-dimensional fit) before and after active surface setup (shaped for K-band at Gregorian focus and C-band at BWG focus, unshaped parabolic for LP at primary focus) and measurement of other fundamental parameters preparatory to image calibration. A deep beam pattern model will be obtained in the frame of advanced “grey-zone” test GZT07.
- Provide analysis, comparison and diagnostics of image features *ex ante* and *ex post* Commissioning fine-tuning activities.

Observations of the calibrator 3C295 were performed by OTF scans:

- K-band: a 10x10 arcmin² map composed of 70x70 sub-scans (RA/DEC) centred on source position (about 10 passes/beam). Sub-scan duration: 4 sec (2.5 deg/min). Observed frequency 20.77 GHz (setLO=20670), bandwidth 730 MHz, integration time 40 ms (AV/SNR1 schedule SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_K_2).
- C-band: a 15x15 arcmin² map composed of 26x26 sub-scans (RA/DEC) centred on source position (about 10 passes/beam). Sub-scans duration: 6 sec (2.5 deg/min). Observed frequency 6.9 GHz (setLO=6800), bandwidth 730 MHz, integration time 40 ms (AV/SNR1 schedule SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_C_2).

The observations were performed with Nuraghe 0.2 for three elevation ranges (low: 15-20 deg, mid: 30-35 deg, high: 70-75 deg) in order to check for main beam and secondary features variations. A summary of the observations is presented in table 1. Antenna opto-mechanic configuration is trimmed for 45 deg observations only during fine-tuning operations.

Note that at the epoch of the observations a significant and anomalous dead-time between sub-scans was present implying an observing efficiency of only about 25-30% (total exposure/scan duration %).

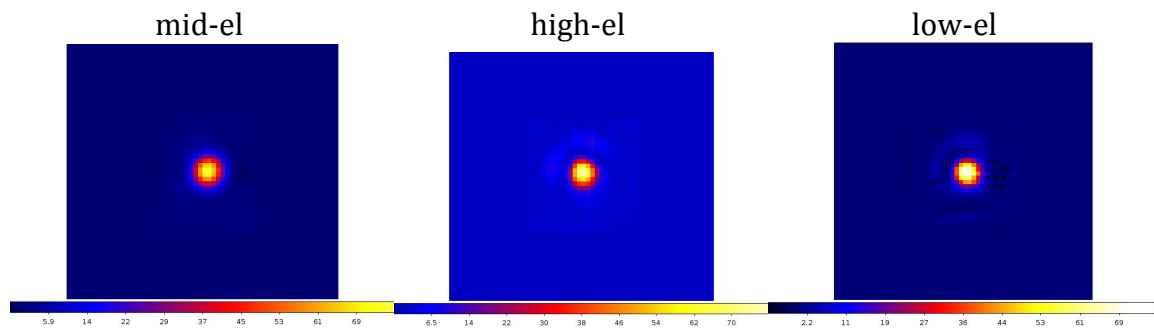
Data were processed by the *SRT Single-Dish Imager* (SDI). Only automatic baseline subtraction and automatic RFI rejection were performed; no full manual data flagging and baseline trimming was applied in the present issue of the analysis. Periodically updated fits images (DS9-readable, including WCS) are available for download in scicom wiki pages (SNR1 tests).

Preliminary main beam fit was performed through IDL function GAUSS2DFIT.

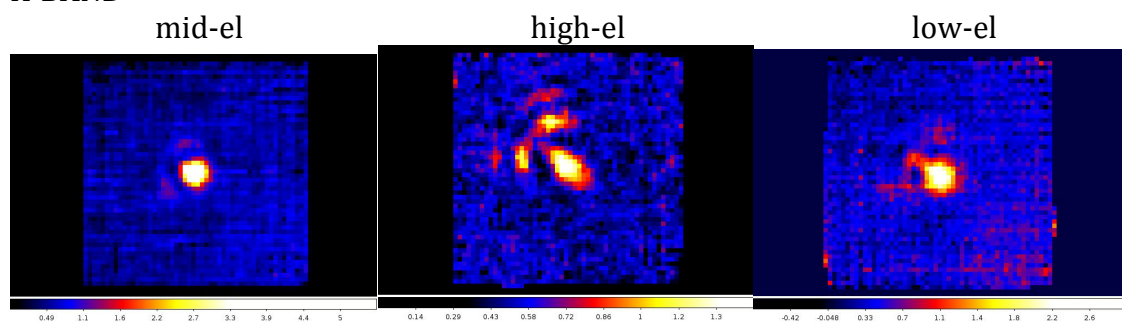
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22/10/2013	16:37-17:23	31.4-37.2	SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_K_2
22/10/2013	17:28-17:44	29.2-30.3	SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_C_2
28/10/2013	09:38-10:18	70.2-75.0	SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_K_2
28/10/2013	10:24-10:40	75.3-76.6	SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_C_2
06/11/2013	17:38-18:18	16.7-21.4	SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_K_2
06/11/2013	18:33-18:56	12.7-15.3	SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_C_2
15/11/2013	16:38-17:59	15.0-24.5	SRT-SCICOM_Test_3C295_K_2

Table 1 – Observations summary

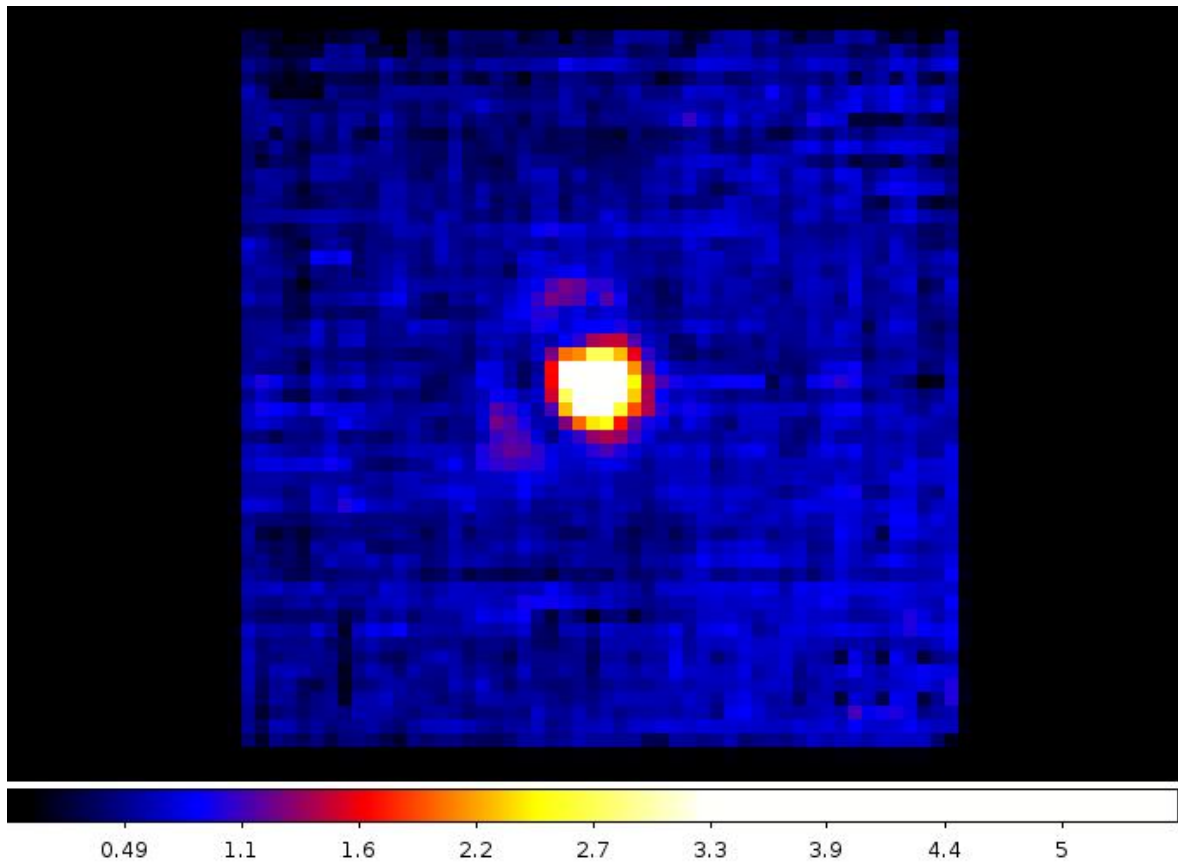
C-BAND



K-BAND



Test results: 3C295 K-band mid-elevation



10'x10' map; pixel size=12", active surface in fixed position

Astrometry (preliminary):

Observed source position: RA +14h:11m:21.0s, DEC +52d:12':14" (accuracy TBD)

Actual source coords.: RA +14h:11m:20.6s, DEC +52d:12':09"

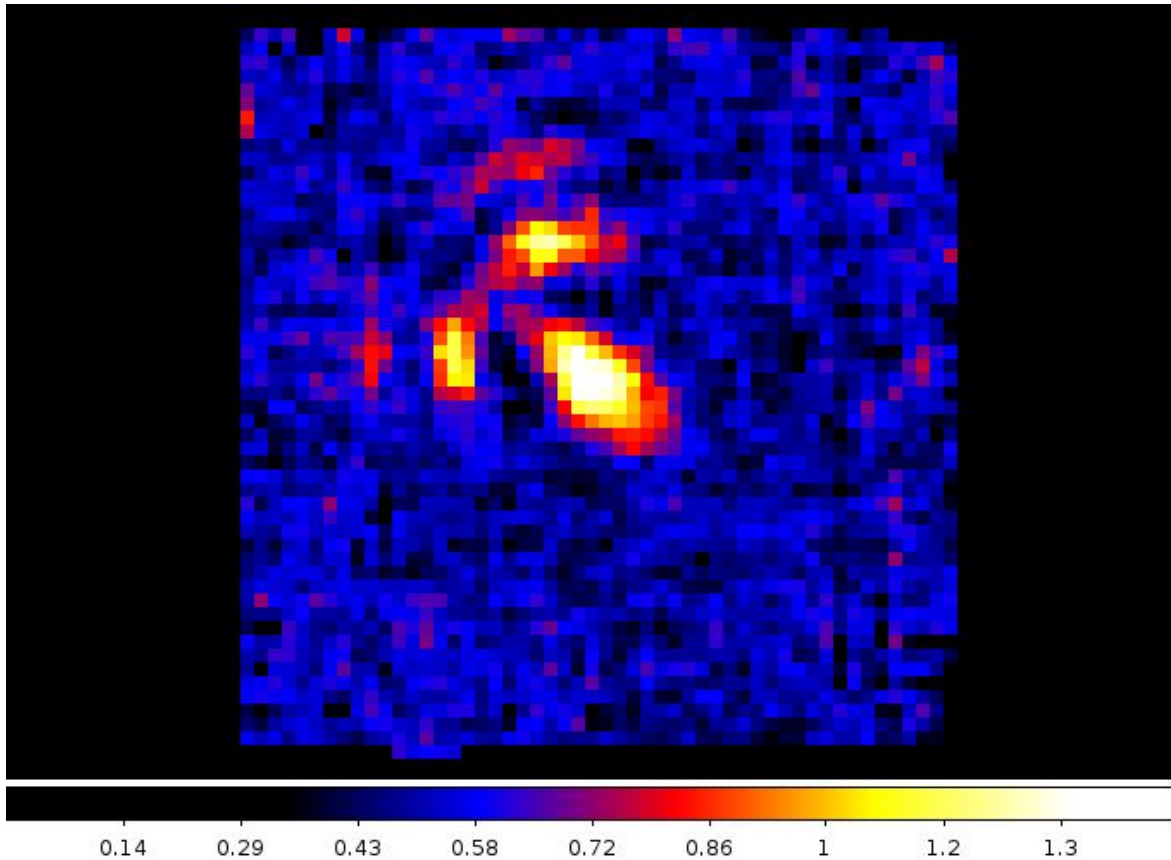
Positional discrepancy 6.2" (14% beam)

Main beam gaussian two-dimensional fit: **BWHM 52.0"/49.6"** (errors TBD).

Notes: asymmetric-concentric secondary features seen at (first-order) side-lobes distance from main beam centroid (features peak intensity w.r.t. main beam peak: 23%). Features are located approximately around 45deg axis in the NE quadrant.

ONLY AUTOMATIC ANALYSIS PERFORMED (No manual flagging, no manual baseline trimming).

Test results: 3C295 K-band high-elevation



10'x10' map; pixel size=12", active surface in fixed position

Astrometry (preliminary):

Observed source position: RA +14h:11m:20.0s, DEC +52d:12':15" (accuracy TBD)

Actual source coords.: RA +14h:11m:20.6s, DEC +52d:12':09"

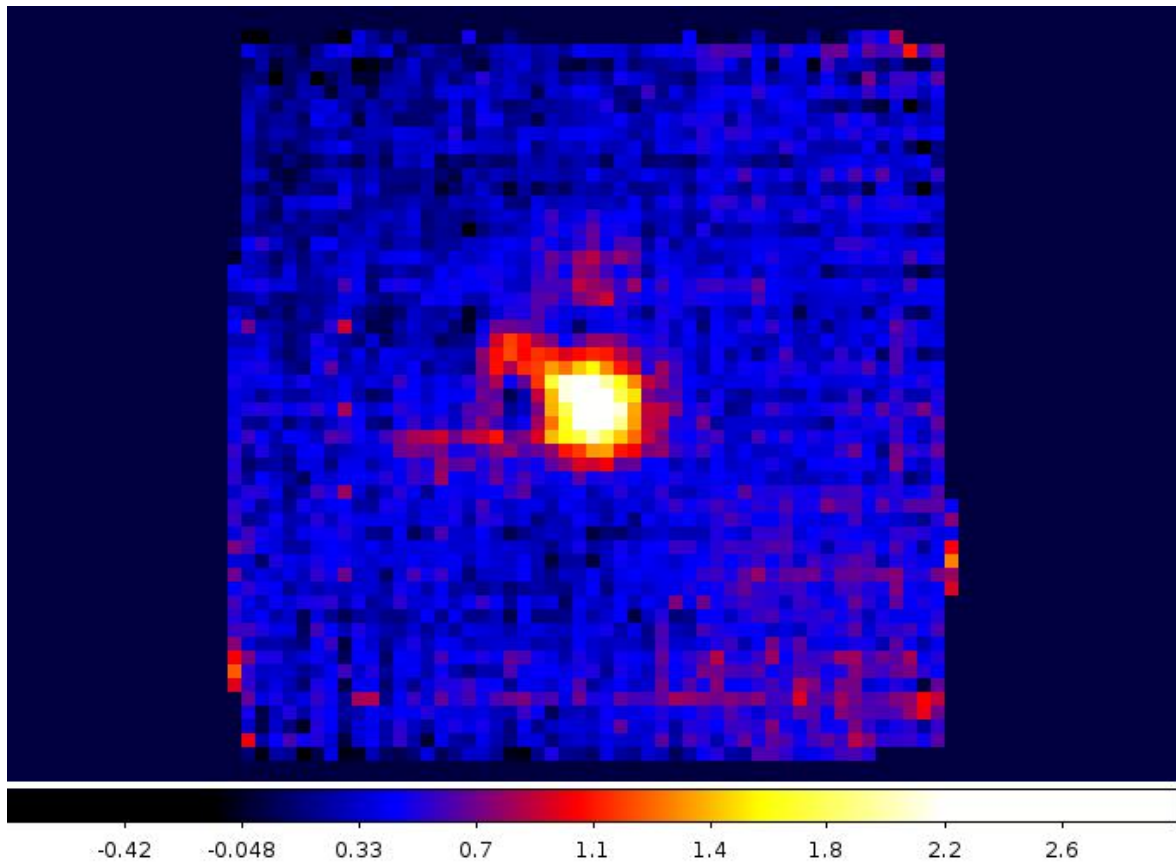
Positional discrepancy 8.2" (18% beam)

Main beam gaussian two-dimensional fit: **BWHM 52.0"/109.5"** poor fit (errors TBD).

Notes: asymmetric-concentric secondary features seen at (first-order and second-order) side-lobes distance from main beam centroid (features peak intensity w.r.t. main beam peak: 83% 1st ord., 53% 2nd ord.). Features are located approximately around 45deg axis in the NE quadrant.

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Test results: 3C295 K-band low-elevation



10'x10' map; pixel size=12", active surface in fixed position

Astrometry (preliminary):

Observed source position: RA +14h:11m:21.1s, DEC +52d:12':07" (accuracy TBD)

Actual source coords.: RA +14h:11m:20.6s, DEC +52d:12':09"

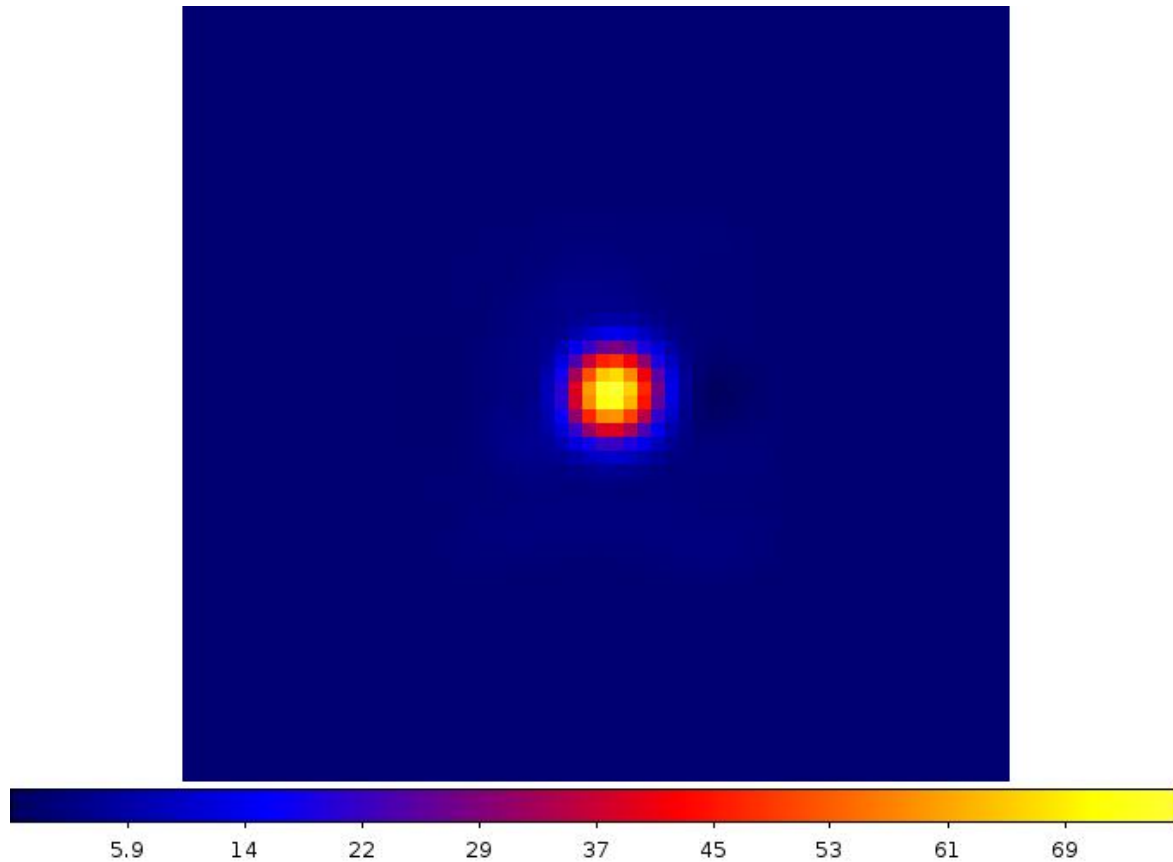
Positional discrepancy 5.0" (11% beam)

Main beam gaussian two-dimensional fit: **BWHM 59.4"/70.7"** poor fit (errors TBD).

Notes: features are located approximately around 45deg axis in the NE quadrant.

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Test results: 3C295 C-band mid-elevation



15'x15' map; pixel size=36", active surface in fixed position

Astrometry (preliminary):

Observed source position: RA +14h:11m:18.0s, DEC +52d:12':01" (accuracy TBD)

Actual source coords.: RA +14h:11m:20.6s, DEC +52d:12':09"

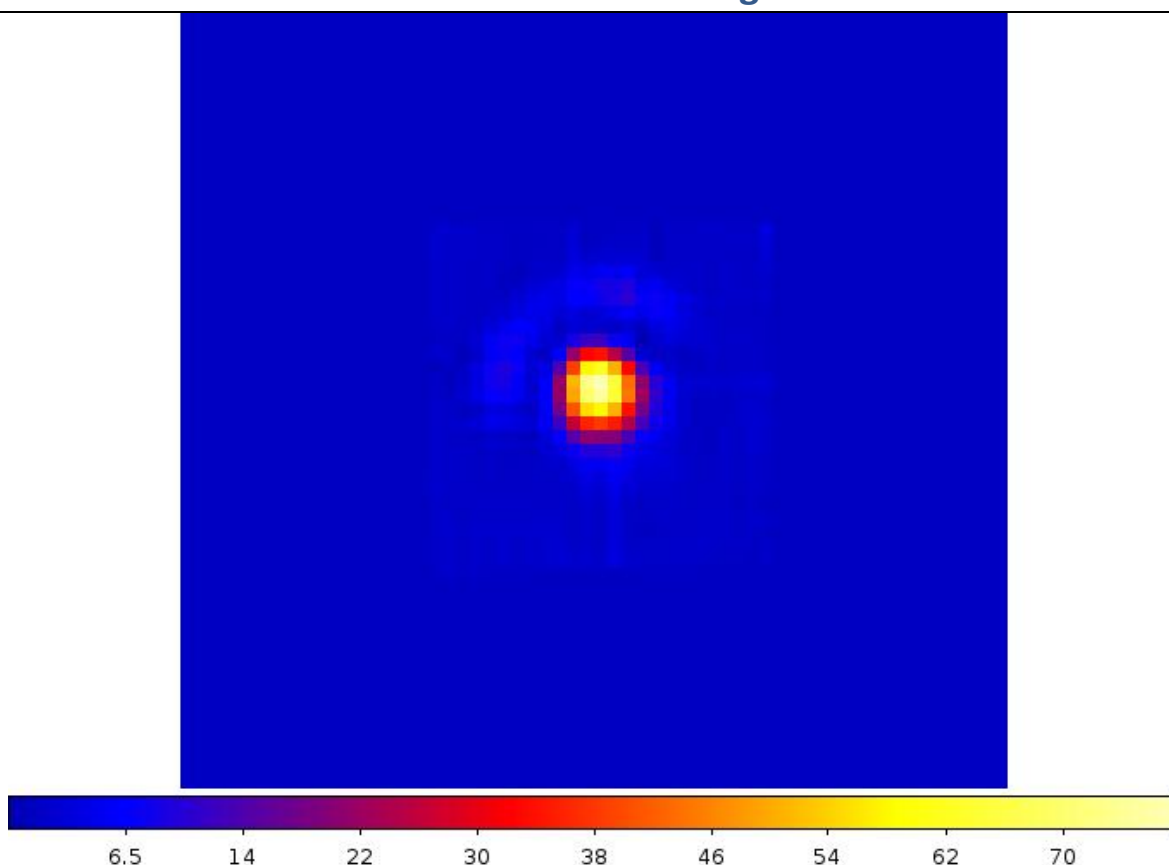
Positional discrepancy 25.2" (16% beam)

Main beam gaussian two-dimensional fit: **BWHM 2.60'/2.73'** (errors TBD).

Notes: nearly free from secondary features apart from minor NE features as for K band.

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Test results: 3C295 C-band high-elevation



15'x15' map; pixel size=36", active surface in fixed position

Astrometry (preliminary):

Observed source position: RA +14h:11m:22.0s, DEC +52d:12':31" (accuracy TBD)

Actual source coords.: RA +14h:11m:20.6s, DEC +52d:12':09"

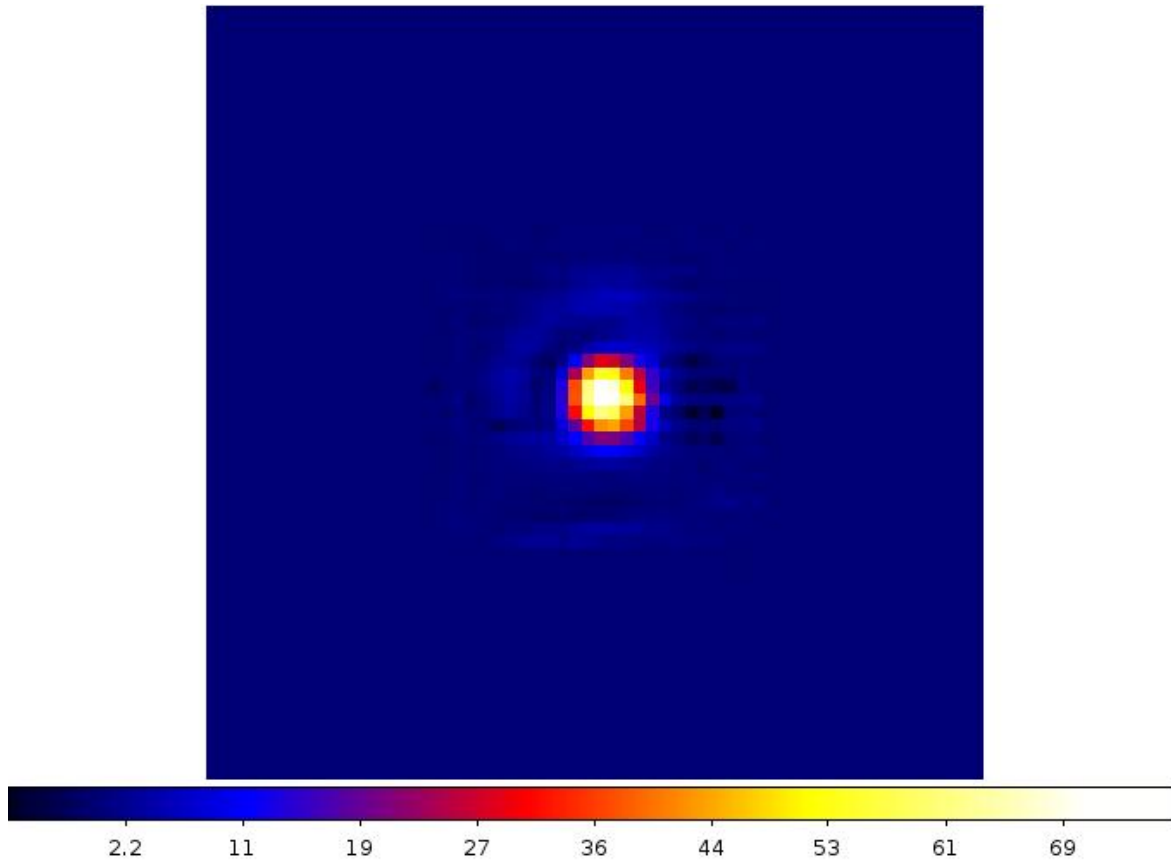
Positional discrepancy 25.5" (16% beam)

Main beam gaussian two-dimensional fit: **BWHM 2.53'/2.72'** (errors TBD).

Notes: nearly free from secondary features apart from minor NE features as for K band.

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Test results: 3C295 C-band low-elevation



15'x15' map; pixel size=36'', active surface in fixed position

Astrometry (preliminary):

Observed source position: RA +14h:11m:18.7s, DEC +52d:12':03'' (accuracy TBD)

Actual source coords.: RA +14h:11m:20.6s, DEC +52d:12':09''

Positional discrepancy 18.5'' (11% beam)

Main beam gaussian two-dimensional fit: **BWHM 2.72'/2.73'** (errors TBD).

Notes: nearly free from secondary features apart from minor NE features as for K band.

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Test results: same tests after fine-tuning and shaping TBD

Test results: overall discussion and interpretation TBD