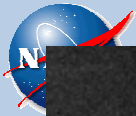




Flyby of 2012 DA14

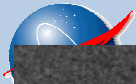
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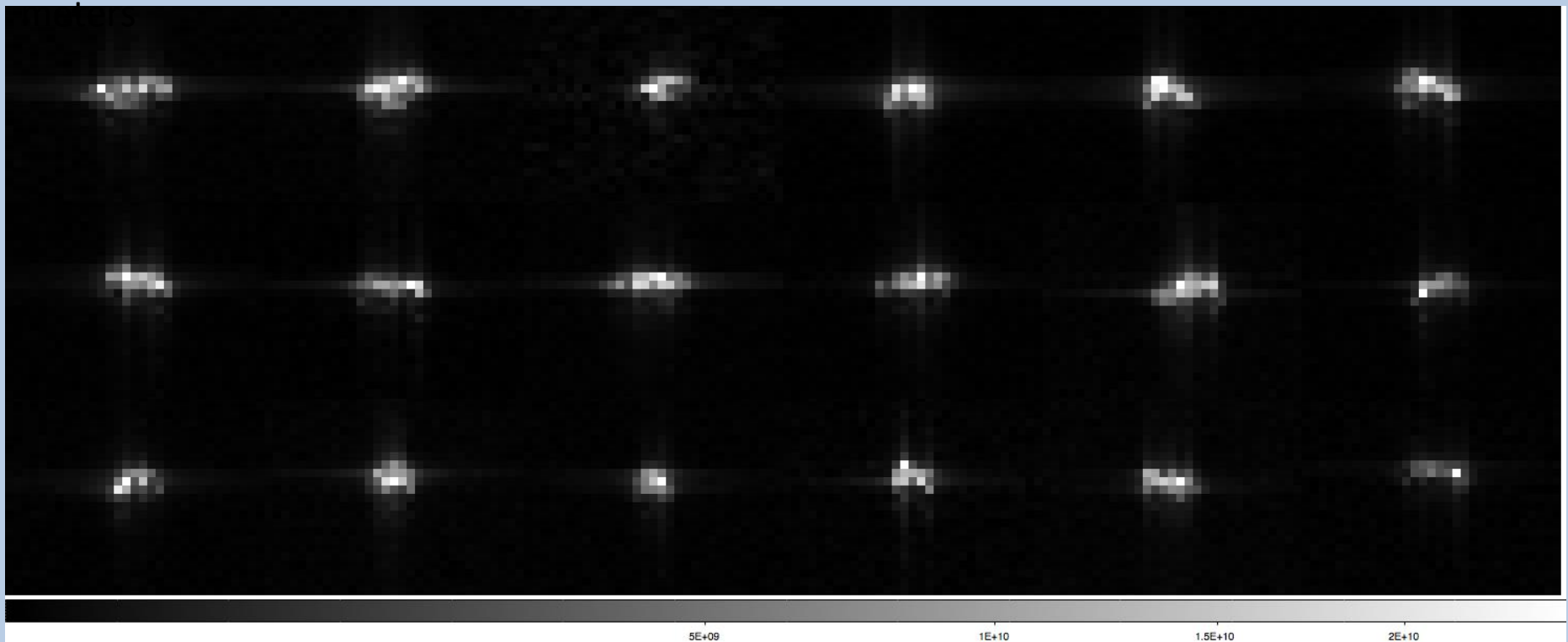
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GSSR RADAR Imaging Results

Images of 2012 DA14 spanning nearly 8 hours on Feb. 16. An elongated object is clearly revealed. Based on the changes in the bandwidths and visible range extents, the aspect ratio for this object is close to 2:1. DA14 is small so the images only marginally resolve the object in time delay. Preliminary estimates the pole-on dimensions are roughly 40 x 20



A collage of the 2012 DA14 rotation obtained with a bistatic setup at Goldstone with DSS-14 transmitting and DSS-13 receiving: Feb 16, 00:46 – 08:31 UTC. The round-trip-time (RTT) to 2012 DSS14 changed from ~ 0.85 s to ~ 2 s during observations. Each frame is 320 sec of data integration. Resolution: 3.75 m x 0.0125 Hz. One full rotation is about 7 hours