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CS1 HBA Layout

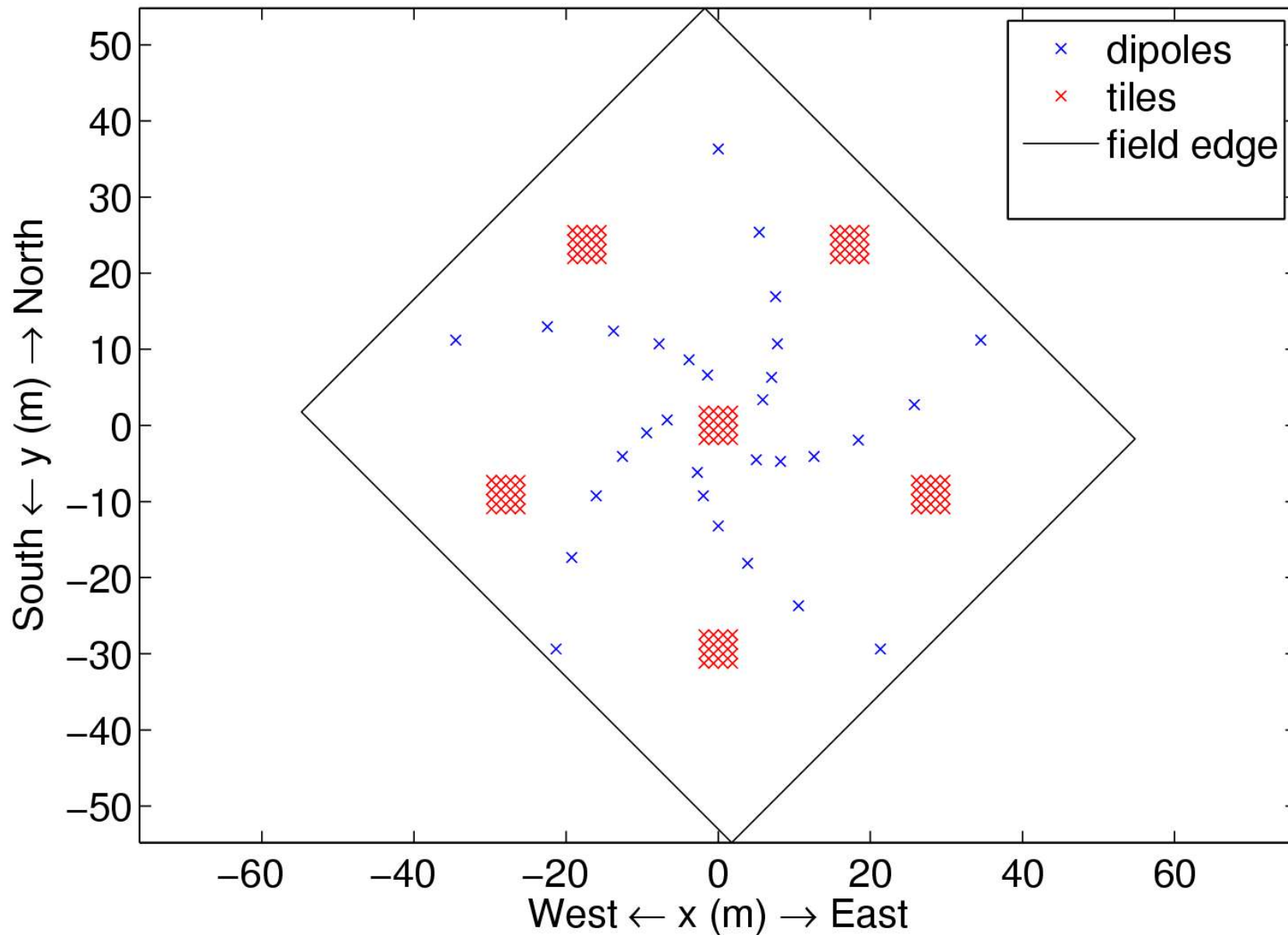Michiel Brentjens

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Purpose of new HBA config

➢ Determining tile beam patterns

➢ Measuring quality of individual tiles

➢ Measuring variations in tile parameters

➢ Measuring coupling effects between tiles

➢ Imaging the sky

What we need

➢ A simple, well understood reference telescope

➢ Baselines small enough to not resolve CygA, CasA, and the Sun

➢ Good uv-coverage for imaging

➢ Sparse distribution of tiles for individual tile tests

➢ Compact distribution of tiles for coupling tests

Configuration

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