FARADAY ROTATION FROM MAGNESIUM II ABSORBERS TOWARD POLARIZED BACKGROUND RADIO SOURCES

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ABSTRACT

Strong singly ionized magnesium (Mg II) absorption lines in quasar spectra typically serve as a proxy for intervening galaxies along the line of sight. Previous studies have found a correlation between the number of these Mg II absorbers and the Faraday rotation measure (RM) at ≈ 5 GHz. We cross-match a sample of 35,752 optically identified non-intrinsic Mg II absorption systems with 25,649 polarized background radio sources for which we have measurements of both the spectral index and RM at 1.4 GHz. We use the spectral index to split the resulting sample of 599 sources into flat-spectrum and steep-spectrum subsamples. We find that our flat-spectrum sample shows significant ($\sim 3.5\sigma$) evidence for a correlation between Mg II absorption and RM at 1.4 GHz, while our steep-spectrum sample shows no such correlation. We argue that such an effect cannot be explained by either luminosity or other observational effects, by evolution in another confounding variable, by wavelength-dependent polarization structure in an active galactic nucleus, by the Galactic foreground, by cosmological expansion, or by partial coverage models. We conclude that our data are most consistent with intervenors directly contributing to the Faraday rotation along the line of sight, and that the intervening systems must therefore have coherent magnetic fields of substantial strength ($\bar{B} = 1.8 \pm 0.4 \,\mu$ G). Nevertheless, the weak nature of the correlation will require future high-resolution and broadband radio observations in order to place it on a much firmer statistical footing.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Metal enriched gaseous structures, such as normal starforming galaxies, can lie along the line of sight between us and a quasar (e.g., Churchill & Charlton 1999). These intervening galaxies are believed to give rise to absorption lines in an observed quasar spectrum, with the magnesium II (Mg II) doublet appearing at $\lambda\lambda 2796$, 2803 Å, in the rest-frame of the absorber. This lies in the optical from z = 0.3 to 2.4 and serves as a probe of low-ionization gas (e.g., Churchill & Charlton 1999; Jones et al. 2010). Detections of Mg II absorption lines have therefore been used to infer the presence of an intervening system along the line of sight. In some cases these absorbers are associated with the quasar itself. However, in cases where the absorber is at a lower redshift than that of the quasar, the absorption is most likely taking place in an intervening galaxy between us and the quasar (i.e., a non-intrinsic system or an "intervenor").

Faraday rotation is a powerful tool for measuring the magnetic field strength along the line of sight toward astrophysical objects. The combination of cosmic magnetic fields and charged particles causes rotation of the polarization angle of linearly polarized synchrotron emission from background radio sources (e.g., Longair 2011). Along a line of sight, the observed polarization angle is altered by an amount equal to

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 + RM\lambda^2, \qquad (1)$$

where λ is the observing wavelength, Φ and Φ_0 are the measured and intrinsic polarization angles, respectively, and the constant of proportionality RM, the "rotation measure," is generally related to the integrated product of the electron number density, $n_{\rm e}$, and the strength of the component of the magnetic field parallel to the line of sight, B_{\parallel} . The observed RM is also related to the redshift at which the Faraday rotating medium is located, but in practice this is typically a non-simple relationship, as there are actually multiple rotating media and it is not known where all of these media are distributed along the line of sight. Nevertheless, measurements of the RM can be used to infer the presence of magnetic fields and ionized gas somewhere along the line of sight between an observer and a source.

It has previously been suggested that there is a correlation between metal-line absorption and the RM of distant polarized sources (Kronberg & Perry 1982; Welter et al. 1984; Kronberg et al. 1990, 2008; Watson & Perry 1991; Oren & Wolfe 1995). More recent studies have extended these previous works by finding a correlation between the magnitude of the RM and the number of strong MgII absorbing systems along the line of sight (Bernet et al. 2008). This has been used to suggest that these intervening systems are magnetized, and that the magnetic fields in these intervening normal galaxies are of much higher strength than is typically expected in this earlier epoch of the Universe. This adds an extra challenge to our understanding of cosmic magnetism, as it implies the Faraday rotation toward a background quasar consists of a Galactic, intrinsic,³ and also an additional *intervening* contribution.

Bernet et al. (2008) inferred a population of intervening magnetized sources from RMs measured at relatively high radio frequencies, i.e., at ≈ 5 GHz, using a sample of 71 optical quasar spectra. The correlation claimed between the presence of Mg II absorption lines and increased magnitude of RM is relatively

³ By intrinsic Faraday rotation, we refer to an additional component to the RM that occurs directly within a radio source or within the source's immediate environment, such that the Faraday rotation is directly related to the background quasar itself in some manner.

weak, with a signal equivalent to a $\approx 1.7\sigma$ detection when comparing $N_{\text{Mg II}} = 0$ and $N_{\text{Mg II}} > 0$, where $N_{\text{Mg II}}$ is the number of Mg II absorbers along a line of sight, and a $\approx 3.3\sigma$ detection between $N_{\text{Mg II}} = 0$ and $N_{\text{Mg II}} = 2$, albeit with only five sources with $N_{MgII} = 2$. This has been suggested as evidence that the intervening systems must increase the RM along the line of sight. Conversely, when using RMs measured at lower frequencies, i.e., at 1.4 GHz, the correlation between RM and the presence of Mg II absorbers is consistent with no signal (Bernet et al. 2012), or with a weakly positive result at the 1.7σ level (Joshi & Chand 2013). This observed dichotomy between results at 1.4 GHz and 5 GHz has been used to suggest that the intervenors provide "partial coverage," and obscure only a fraction of the background radio source (e.g., Bernet et al. 2012, 2013). Under such circumstances, Bernet et al. (2012) suggests that Mg II absorbers provide partial coverage of the background source with an inhomogeneous Faraday screen, which could perhaps depolarize the high RM component at low radio frequencies-thereby giving rise to an observed "Faraday complexity," i.e., a system with a non-linear relationship between polarization angle and squared wavelength so that $RM \rightarrow RM(\lambda)$. As the sight lines with intervening systems that exhibit Faraday complexity appear associated with low fractional polarization at low frequency (Bernet et al. 2012), this has been interpreted as evidence of depolarization due to partial coverage. In addition, the suggested presence of partial coverage has also been inferred from polarized spectral energy distributions (SEDs; e.g., Rossetti et al. 2008; Mantovani et al. 2009).

However, the apparent frequency-dependence of the effect could alternatively be a result of observational selection effects: at high and low radio frequencies we select different source populations, with different morphology and position in relation to the optical counterparts. Such relationships could also be caused by a number of confounding variables that require interpretation of their effect on the data. One possible proxy for overcoming these selection effects is the total intensity spectral index, α , defined such that $S \propto v^{+\alpha}$. In this paper, we attempt to take these selection effects and confounding variables into account. We reexamine the relationship between Mg II absorption and RM from first principles to determine whether this relationship extends to low observational frequencies. The consequences of such a relationship are important, as the emergence of magnetic fields in normal galaxies plays a strong role in star-formation in galaxy discs, drives the structure of the interstellar medium, influences other astrophysical processes that drive galaxy evolution, has implications for the cosmological growth of magnetic fields, and constrains dynamo mechanisms (e.g., Kulsrud & Zweibel 2008). Investigating such relationships may also provide the first conclusive empirical discriminant between theories of magnetic field amplification and structure. The standard $\alpha - \Omega$ dynamo predicts that a small seed field is amplified by the combined action of differential rotation and turbulence on a large-scale in a galactic disk. These seed fields could be either primordial or have been generated by supernovae and amplified by dynamo action. Primordial fields could also be amplified in the process of the collapse of protogalaxies or by dynamo action in oblique shocks as a protogalaxy collapses. Observational constraints on these competing models are currently lacking (e.g., Perry et al. 1993).

This paper is structured as follows. We present our observational data in Section 2, where we detail and justify how we created our sample and its properties. We detail the quantitative analysis of our main sample in Section 3, with the analysis of our subsamples being presented in Section 4. We discuss our results and the effect of confounding variables in Section 5, while a summary of the physical implications of our findings are presented in Section 6. In Appendix A, we argue that current mathematical models of partial coverage are incompatible with observational evidence. We refer to "polarization" on multiple occasions, in all cases we are referring to linear radio polarization both circular and optical polarization are beyond the scope of this work. All derived uncertainties are calculated using standard error propagation. Unless otherwise specified, all quantities are as measured in the observed frame.

2. OBSERVATIONAL DATA

2.1. Cross-matching

We use the broadband radio polarization catalog of Farnes et al. (2014) as our primary data source. This catalog accumulates and cross-matches data from throughout the literature over the last 50 years, taking resolution effects into account through the cross-matching criteria, and incorporating a significant number of major radio surveys including the NRAO VLA Sky Survey (NVSS), AT20G, B3-VLA, WENSS, NORTH6CM, GB6, and Texas (e.g., Simard-Normandin et al. 1980, 1981, 1982; Tabara & Inoue 1980; Becker et al. 1991; Douglas et al. 1996; Gregory et al. 1996; Rengelink et al. 1997; Condon et al. 1998; Zukowski et al. 1999; Klein et al. 2003; Tingay et al. 2003; Taylor et al. 2009; Murphy et al. 2010).

The Farnes et al. (2014) catalog expands upon the NVSS RM catalog at 1.4 GHz (Taylor et al. 2009), providing total intensity spectral indices, α , for 25,649 sources, and polarization spectral indices, β , for 1171 sources.⁴ Furthermore, the catalog contains 951 polarized SEDs that are defined between 0.4 GHz to 100 GHz, with up to 56 independent polarization measurements per source. Farnes et al. (2014) use model fitting and an automated classification algorithm based on the Bayesian Information Criterion to distinguish between different models for Faraday depolarization and to constrain total intensity radio spectral indices and curvature. In attempting to fit physical models of depolarization to the data, the assumption is made that the polarization fraction, Π , is intrinsically a meaningful quantity that is related to the degree of magnetic field ordering in the source. Farnes et al. (2014) fit to the polarization angle as a function of wavelength, obtaining broadband RM measurements, and also include spectroscopic redshifts for 4,003 linearly polarized radio sources that were identified by Hammond et al. (2012) using various resources including the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; e.g., Abazajian et al. 2009).

In this paper, we cross-match the data from Farnes et al. (2014) with the catalog of Zhu & Ménard (2013), which presents a sample of 84,534 quasars with a total of 35,752 non-intrinsic Mg II absorption systems along their lines of sight, as derived from SDSS spectra. Since the catalog of RM versus redshift (Hammond et al. 2012) and the catalog of Mg II absorption (Zhu & Ménard 2013) are both based on data from the SDSS, one way to combine the catalogs would be to use an arbitrarily small cross-matching radius. However, Hammond et al. (2012) do not necessarily nominate the nearest SDSS source, as seen in projection on the sky, as the most likely matched candidate. The catalog instead provides a "selected redshift" that is determined from the inclusion of other redshift catalogs and takes into

⁴ The polarized spectral index, β , is defined such that $\Pi \propto \lambda^{\beta}$, where Π is the polarized fraction and λ is the observing wavelength. Note that β is defined in the opposite sense to the total intensity spectral index, α , which is defined as $S \propto v^{+\alpha}$ and is the exponent of observing frequency rather than wavelength.

account the morphology of, for example, double-lobed radio sources. To combine the Zhu & Ménard (2013) data with the Farnes et al. (2014) catalog, we therefore use the redshift of the background quasar, z, in the cross-matching criteria. Crossmatching was carried out relative to the radio source positions provided by Taylor et al. (2009), each of which has an associated RM measurement at 1.4 GHz. For a match to be accepted, it must have been listed in the Hammond et al. (2012) catalog, be within an astrometric radius of 90" of the NVSS source position, and have a maximum redshift difference between the catalogs of Hammond et al. (2012) and Zhu & Ménard (2013) of $\Delta z \leq 0.05$. This additional criterion helps to eliminate false cross-matches by ensuring consistent redshifts throughout both data sets. Note that the 90" astrometric radius is only used to find associated radio emission, and it is the quasar redshift that is used to minimize the number of false matches. The cross-matching of optical and radio data, including complex morphological effects, has already been done rigorously by Hammond et al. (2012).

2.2. Combining Radio and Optical Lines of Sight

A typical model of an extragalactic radio source includes at least two components: (1) the core-region surrounding the active galactic nucleus (AGN) itself, and (2) the radio lobes and/or jets. Where an extragalactic radio source is also detected at optical wavelengths, the bright optical counterpart is generally associated with the core. Since Mg II absorption systems are optically identified, they only provide information on the presence of intervenors toward the core. The presence of an Mg II absorber therefore provides no constraints on the presence of absorption toward the radio lobes or jets. Furthermore, at high frequencies we tend to select the flat-spectrum cores of radio sources, while at low frequencies we tend to select the steepspectrum lobes and jets. As the lobes are physically offset from the cores, it is therefore possible that such an effect is "diluting" the measured relationship between RM and the number of Mg II absorbers, when measured at low frequencies. Analyzing the polarized fraction and RM of an AGN at radio wavelengths within a finite resolution element will therefore potentially include contaminating polarized emission from the radio lobes and/or jets. Previous studies have not had the data available to investigate the extent of these contaminating effects. A sample that attempts to ensure that the core is probed at both radio and optical wavelengths will therefore assist in minimizing observational biases.

Note that we wish to probe the same emitting region⁵ within the source at both optical and radio wavelengths and not just as seen in projection in the plane of the sky. This is important for three reasons: (1) probing the same emitting region ensures that we are probing very similar lines of sight, (2) this ensures that we make no assumptions with respect to the physical size of an intervening system, and (3) it is the only way to guarantee we are not affected by projection effects—it is possible we could observe the core region at optical wavelengths, and meanwhile probe a lobe/jet at radio wavelengths as seen in projection on the sky. Point (3) highlights that the requirement is not just for similar lines of sight, but for similar emitting regions. One cannot easily attempt to confirm that the emitting regions are coincident for an unresolved

radio source using positional offsets only, i.e., offsets in the plane of the sky, as very unresolved sources would incorrectly appear to emit from the same region at both optical and radio wavelengths. This is potentially important at the $\approx 45''$ resolution of the NVSS as used here. It is also not possible to explore projection effects using positional offsets of data with mismatched resolution—for example, a steep-spectrum radio lobe can appear to be coaligned with an optical core despite both physical features not emanating from the same line of sight. We therefore highlight that without the introduction of either multiple simplifying assumptions or very long baseline interferometric data, the same physical line of sight cannot be trivially probed using merely the alignment of radio and optical counterparts.

We therefore suggest an improved measure of the same emitting region, and by extension the same physical line of sight. This can be provided by the total intensity spectral index, α . A prototypical model of an extragalactic radio source is one that consists of at least two emitting regions: (1) a flat-spectrum core $(\alpha \approx 0)$, and (2) steep-spectrum jets/lobes ($\alpha \approx -0.7$). The spectral index therefore serves as a powerful discriminator of the physical emitting region that is largely independent of both resolution and projection effects. Although unresolved radio sources can contain emission from both the core region and the jets/lobes, the spectral index allows us to determine from which physical region the emission dominates. Consequently, flat-spectrum sources can be used as a proxy for the optical and radio counterparts being aligned (i.e., a core-dominated source), and steep-spectrum sources for those not aligned (i.e., a lobedominated source). This provides a reliable divider between different physical emitting regions and by extension of different lines of sight, while simultaneously reducing the likelihood of selecting regions that are merely aligned through projection or resolution effects. It is likely that the sources would need to be angularly resolved in order to completely eliminate such projection effects, although we believe this is only a very infrequent effect in our sample.

2.3. Our Sample

The cross-matching process provides an initial sample in which each source has a measurement of the number of Mg II absorbing systems along the line of sight, the redshifts of the background quasar and of the intervening systems, and also a polarized fraction and an RM measurement at 1.4 GHz (Taylor et al. 2009; Hammond et al. 2012; Zhu & Ménard 2013; Farnes et al. 2014). We also have supplementary data on the equivalent width of each absorbing system. All of the Mg II absorption lines are non-intrinsic (aka intervening; Zhu & Ménard 2013), and are blueshifted from their background quasar by at least $\Delta z = 0.04$.

To improve the quality of our sample, we exclude sources that are best modeled by a curved spectrum in total intensity (Farnes et al. 2014), keeping only sources that were best fit by a conventional power law. To avoid poor-quality total intensity spectral indices in our sample, we exclude sources with a reduced $\chi^2 \ge 4.0$. As the data used to construct the SEDs were taken at different epochs, more variable sources may tend to have an increased reduced χ^2 —we are therefore likely selecting the least variable sources, in addition to those with low measurement errors. In order to minimize the effects of the Galactic foreground, we discard sources at Galactic latitudes $|b| \le 25^\circ$. A full discussion of foreground effects is provided in Section 4.5.

⁵ We use the term "region" to describe the corresponding surrounding area within the source in which there are similar physical conditions, e.g., the core, jet, or lobe regions. The same emitting region, in this case, is unlikely to correspond to emission from the same physical material at both optical and radio wavelengths although it is likely to be separated by only a very small angle on the sky.

We are also primarily concerned with the *strong* absorbing systems. Based upon statistical arguments, it historically had been suggested that very small rest-frame equivalent width Mg II absorption did not exist (e.g., Steidel & Sargent 1992). However, due to high signal-to-noise and high-resolution spectroscopy, the detection thresholds eventually dropped below the previous sensitivity levels of 0.3 Å so that this could be tested through observation (e.g., Tripp et al. 1997; Churchill & Charlton 1999). The conventional divider between strong and weak Mg II absorption is therefore assumed throughout the literature, by definition, to be at a rest-frame equivalent width of 0.3 Å(e.g., Rigby et al. 1998; Barton & Cooke 2009). We therefore, in this paper, consider the strong absorbers to be those with an equivalent width $W_r \ge 0.3$ Å. Most contemporary studies have found that both strong and weak Mg II absorbers are associated with different clouds of material: strong absorbers are typically associated with outflows from star-forming normal galaxies (e.g., Bordoloi et al. 2014), whereas weak absorbers may be related to the outskirts of normal galaxies, dwarf galaxies, material stripped through tidal interactions, and low surfacebrightness galaxies (e.g., Churchill et al. 1999). Our initial sample contained both strong and weak absorbers, although it was dominated by strong absorbers. We calculate the mean rest-equivalent width, $\overline{W_r} = (W_{2796 \text{ \AA}} + W_{2803 \text{ \AA}})/2$, using the data of Zhu & Ménard (2013). Absorbing systems with $\overline{W_r} < 0.3 \text{ Å}$ (n = 31) were excluded from the rest of our analysis. This final sample contains 599 sources. We shall refer to this as the "main sample." From Farnes et al. (2014), we also have a measurement of the total intensity spectral index, α , for 548 of these sources. The main sample contains 398 sources without Mg II absorption and 201 sources with strong non-intrinsic Mg II absorption. Of the absorbing lines of sight, 152 contain a single Mg II absorber, 38 contain two absorbers, 10 contain three absorbers, 0 contain four absorbers, and 1 contains five absorbers.

The size of our sample is an improvement of almost an order of magnitude upon that of Bernet et al. (2008), which contained measurements of Mg II absorption and RM for 71 quasar spectra and is also 10% larger than the sample of Joshi & Chand (2013), which contained 539 measurements of quasar spectra and RM but did not have spectral index information available. Our sample is further assisted by the high-reliability of the Mg II data, which have both a purity and a completeness of >95% (Zhu & Ménard 2013).

Using the spectral indices, we further split the sources into two subsamples: "flat-spectrum" ($\alpha \ge -0.3$) and "steep-spectrum" ($\alpha \le -0.7$). The gap in spectral index from $-0.7 < \alpha < -0.3$ serves to avoid cross-contamination between the two samples. Our flat-spectrum subsample contains 87 sources with no absorber, 39 with one absorber, and 16 with more than one absorber. Our steep-spectrum subsample contains 154 sources with no absorber, 62 with one absorber, and 16 with more than one absorber.

Estimates of many other parameters are available in the catalog of Farnes et al. (2014), but are in a regime of small sample statistics after cross-matching with the Mg II catalog. We therefore exclude these other variables from our analysis, and consider only the RMs and polarized fractions at 1.4 GHz, and the depolarization spectral indices. There is insufficient sample size for an analysis of the broadband RMs or weak Mg II absorbers.

The main, flat-spectrum, and steep-spectrum samples are all summarized in Table 1. The source coordinates and other properties of our main sample are listed in Table 2 in Appendix B.

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Table 1The Total Sample Size and the Number of Lines of Sight with a Given
Number of Strong Mg II Absorbing Systems ($W_r \ge 0.3 \text{ Å}$)

				1	V _{Mg II}			
Sample Name	N _{total}	0	1	2	3	4	5	>0
Main (All sources)	599	398	152	38	10	0	1	201
Flat-spectrum ^a	142	87	39	12	4	0	0	55
Steep-spectrum ^b	232	154	62	11	4	0	1	78

Notes. The sample size is listed for both the main sample and the defined subsamples.

^a $\alpha \ge -0.3$.

^b $\alpha \leqslant -0.7$.

3. MAIN SAMPLE ANALYSIS

We first perform an analysis similar to that of Joshi & Chand (2013), and use our main sample to look for differences between the RMs and polarized fractions at 1.4 GHz of sources with $N_{\text{MgII}} = 0$, 1, and ≥ 2 MgII absorbers (irrespective of whether each source has a spectral index measurement). In order to test whether any differences are statistically significant, we calculate the empirical cumulative-distribution functions (ECDFs) and statistical measures for various aspects of our main sample both with and without non-intrinsic MgII absorption systems along the line of the sight. Our flat- and steep-spectrum subsamples will be presented in Section 4. For all of our analyses, we take a frequentist approach and use the two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (KS test) for which the null hypothesis is that the ECDFs are calculated from independent samples drawn from the same underlying population. The *p*-values we obtain therefore indicate the probability of getting a result as extreme as or greater than the one obtained, if the null hypothesis is true. Note that the *p*-value only provides the probability with which one would reject the null-hypothesis, if it were correct-it provides no information on the probability that the null hypothesis is correct, i.e., we have calculated $p \ge D|H_0$ and not $p(H_0|D)$. This test is non-parametric, i.e., it does not assume that the data are sampled from any particular distribution. We will on occasion refer to the "p-value" and the "probability" interchangeably-unless otherwise specified, we refer to $p \ge D|H_0$, the probability of the two samples being as different as observed, or more so, if drawn from the same distribution.

3.1. Rotation Measure at 1.4 GHz

The ECDFs of the NVSS RMs from the main sample for $N_{\text{Mg}\pi} = 0$, 1, and ≥ 2 are shown in Figure 1. The KS test provides a *p*-value of 17% for sources with $N_{\text{Mg}\pi} = 0$ and >0. We also obtain a *p*-value of 77% between sources with $N_{\text{Mg}\pi} = 0$ and 1. For sources with $N_{\text{Mg}\pi} = 0$ and 2, the *p*-value is 2.9%. There is no significant difference between any of the ECDFs. This is consistent with the results of Bernet et al. (2012) and Joshi & Chand (2013).

3.2. Polarized Fraction

The ECDFs of the NVSS polarized fractions from the main sample are shown in Figure 2. The KS test provides a *p*-value of 25% for sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$ and >0. We also obtain a *p*-value of 60% between sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$ and 1, and a *p*-value of 3.5% between sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$ and 2. There is no significant difference between any two of the ECDFs. This indicates that MgII absorption has no significant effect on the polarized fraction of sources at 1.4 GHz. This is consistent with the results of Bernet et al. (2012).



Figure 1. ECDFs of the absolute value of the NVSS RMs for all 599 sources in the main sample. The black solid line shows the 398 sources without Mg II absorption along the line of sight, the red dashed line shows the 152 sources with 1 absorbing system, and the blue dotted line shows the 49 sources with ≥ 2 absorbing systems. There is no statistically significant difference between the three samples.

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Figure 2. ECDFs of the NVSS polarized fractions for all 599 sources in the main sample. The black solid line shows the 398 sources without Mg II absorption along the line of sight, the red dashed line shows the 152 sources with 1 absorbing system, and the blue dotted line shows the 49 sources with ≥ 2 absorbing systems. There is no statistically significant difference between the three samples.

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3.3. Polarization Spectral Indices

The ECDFs of the Farnes et al. (2014) polarization spectral indices, β defined such that $\Pi \propto \lambda^{\beta}$, are shown in Figure 3. Of the sources in the main sample, there is complementary depolarization information for 41 sources without an absorber, 19 sources with one absorber, and 2 sources with two or more absorbers. The KS test provides a *p*-value of 82% for sources with $N_{\text{MgII}} = 0$ and >0. We also obtain a *p*-value of 66% between sources with $N_{\text{MgII}} = 0$ and 1, and a *p*-value of 3.4% between sources with $N_{\text{MgII}} = 0$ and 2. There is no significant difference between any two of the ECDFs. This suggests that Mg II absorption has no significant effect on the depolarization of sources.



Figure 3. ECDFs of the Farnes et al. (2014) polarization spectral indices for all 62 sources in the main sample with complementary depolarization information. The black solid line shows the 41 sources without Mg II absorption along the line of sight, the red dashed line shows the 19 sources with 1 absorbing system, and the blue dotted line shows the 2 sources with ≥ 2 absorbing systems. There is no statistically significant difference between the three samples.

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4. FLAT- AND STEEP-SPECTRUM SUBSAMPLE ANALYSIS

We now extend our analysis to the flat- and steep-spectrum subsamples as defined in Section 2. As a frequentist "significance" tends to be subjective, we shall provide a summary of our results, and individually consider both the significance and the effects of confounding variables in Section 5. While we consider the redshift distribution of our sample in Section 4.4, we are unable to trivially separate our sample based on luminosity, which has been calculated assuming an optically thin synchrotron-emitting region (Farnes et al. 2014). The physical meaning of such a calculation is unclear due to beaming and in the presence of self-absorption due to an optically thick emitting region, as might be occurring if flat-spectrum sources are core-dominated AGNs. As shall be shown, the flatspectrum subsample is the most important in which to check for luminosity effects.

4.1. Rotation Measure at 1.4 GHz

Our sample is displayed in histograms of the number of Mg II absorbers with different RMs at 1.4 GHz in Figure 4. For the flat-spectrum subsample, the sources with $N_{MgII} > 0$ appear to have a greater dispersion in the absolute value⁶ of RM relative to the steep-spectrum sources. We now test this statistically.

The ECDFs of the RMs of the flat- and steep-spectrum sources are shown in Figure 5. From the top panel, the difference between the flat-spectrum sources with versus without Mg II absorption has a *p*-value of 0.044% of being this large or larger if drawn from the same underlying distribution. Meanwhile, the steep-spectrum sources have a *p*-value of 90%. This difference between the flat- and steep-sources is also identified from the ECDFs displayed in the middle and bottom panels; flat-spectrum sources with 0 and 1 (0 and 2) absorbers have a *p*-value of 0.37% (0.24%), while steep-spectrum sources with 0 and 1 (0 and 2)

 $^{^{6}}$ Note that the sign of the RM tells us only about the direction of the magnetic field along the line of sight. Here we are interested only in the field strength, which is best traced by |RM|. For consideration of the Galactic foreground, see Section 4.5.



Figure 4. Histograms showing the number of lines of sight with a given number of Mg II absorbing systems, as a function of |RM|. Both the flat-spectrum (top row) and steep-spectrum (bottom row) subsamples are displayed. Histograms are shown for the cases where the number of Mg II absorption systems along the line of sight, $N_{Mg II}$, is either equal to zero or greater than zero (left column) and for each individual number of Mg II absorbers (right column). Values of $N_{Mg II}$ are displayed in the legend to the top right of the upper plots. Note that the histograms in the left column are normalized; those in the right column are not. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

absorbers have a *p*-value of 65% (54%). For only sources with no absorption, the difference between the flat- and steep-sources has a *p*-value of 29%.

4.2. Polarized Fraction

The ECDFs of the polarized fractions, Π , for flat- and steepspectrum sources are shown in Figure 6, for sources that are both with and without an absorber. The flat-spectrum sources with/without Mg II absorption have a *p*-value of 56%. Meanwhile, the steep-spectrum sources have a *p*-value of 11%.

4.3. Polarization Spectral Indices

The ECDFs of the Farnes et al. (2014) polarization spectral indices, β , are shown in Figure 7 (by flat- and steep-spectrum, we still refer to the total intensity spectral index, α). For the flatspectrum subsample, there are complementary β measurements for nine sources without an absorber, five sources with one absorber, and one source with two absorbers. For the steepspectrum subsample, there are complementary β measurements for 15 sources without an absorber, 7 sources with one absorber, 0 sources with two absorbers, and 1 source with three absorbers. The KS test provides a *p*-value of 58% between flat- α sources with $N_{\text{MgII}} = 0$ and >0, and a *p*-value of 78% between steepsources with $N_{\text{MgII}} = 0$ and >0. There is a known difference between the depolarization of flat- and steep- α sources, as discussed by Farnes et al. (2014). Nevertheless, there is no significant difference detected between sources with and without absorbers, regardless of whether the source has flat- or steep- α . Our data are consistent with the presence of intervening Mg II absorbers having no effect on the depolarization of sources, although we note that the sample size is very small.

4.4. Redshift

The ECDFs of the redshifts, z, for flat- and steep-spectrum sources are shown in Figure 8, for sources with varying numbers of Mg II absorbers. The flat-spectrum sources with versus without Mg II absorption have a *p*-value of 1.0%. Meanwhile, the steep-spectrum sources have a *p*-value of 0.00003%. In our sample, the radio sources with intervening absorbers clearly tend to be located at higher redshifts. However, all flat- and all steep-spectrum sources have a *p*-value of 80.5%—there is no statistically significant difference between the flat- and steepspectrum distributions.

4.5. The Galactic Foreground

One possibility to explain the apparent difference between flat-spectrum sources both with and without Mg II absorption, as detailed in Section 4.1, is that it is the consequence of contributions to the Faraday rotation from the Galactic foreground. It is typically assumed that the observed RM = GRM + RRM, where RRM contains contributions from both the background source environment and also the extragalactic line of sight, and GRM is the contribution from the Galaxy (e.g., Hammond et al. 2012). Nevertheless, it has been suggested that while the Galactic foreground can be estimated using surveys such as the NVSS, it cannot be reliably subtracted to obtain an RRM without knowing the relative uncertainties (Oppermann et al. 2014). Regardless, we expect the effect of the Galactic foreground to be low, as we have removed sources at low Galactic latitudes from our sample (see Section 2) and we would expect sources with high RMs to be preferentially located in the Galactic plane (e.g., Taylor et al. 2009). For the foreground to be influencing our main results, our sample would have to be anisotropically distributed on the sky such that there was either a difference in the RM of flat- and steep-spectrum sources, or



Figure 5. ECDFs of the absolute value of the NVSS RMs for (a) top panel: flat- (black), and steep- (red) spectrum sources. The solid lines show the sources without Mg II absorption, while the dashed lines show the sources with ≥ 1 absorbing system along the line of sight; (b) middle panel: flat-spectrum sources only; (c) bottom panel: steep-spectrum sources only. In (b) and (c), the black solid lines show the sources with ≥ 1 absorption along the line of sight, the red dashed lines show the sources with ≥ 2 absorbing system, and the blue dotted lines show the sources with ≥ 2 absorbing systems.

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of sources with differing numbers of Mg II absorbers. Therefore if the Galactic foreground was causing our result, we could expect a different estimation of GRM between these different samples.



Figure 6. ECDFs of the NVSS polarized fraction, Π , for flat- (black), and steep- (red) spectrum sources. The solid lines show the sources without Mg II absorption, while the dashed lines show the sources with ≥ 1 absorbing system along the line of sight.

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Figure 7. ECDFs of the Farnes et al. (2014) polarization spectral indices, β , for flat- (black), and steep- (red) spectrum sources. The solid lines show the sources without Mg II absorption, while the dashed lines show the sources with ≥ 1 absorbing system along the line of sight.

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To investigate the possibility of the Galactic foreground affecting our result, we plot the ECDFs of the GRM. As various foreground estimation methods have been previously proposed (e.g., Taylor et al. 2009; Hammond et al. 2012; Oppermann et al. 2014; Xu & Han 2014a), we use two independent techniques to ensure there is no dependence on the method used for foreground correction. In both cases, we use the NVSS RMs (Taylor et al. 2009) as the input to the reconstruction algorithm.

- 1. For the first algorithm, for each point source we find the mean RM of all sources within an 8° radius of the central source while excluding the central source itself (e.g., Oren & Wolfe 1995). We refer to this as the "mean RM" algorithm.
- 2. For the second algorithm, we use the reconstruction of Oppermann et al. (2014), which uses the extended critical filter formalism that is derived within the framework of information field theory (see, e.g., Oppermann et al. 2012, 2014, for further details).



Figure 8. ECDFs of the background quasar redshifts for flat- (top), and steep-(bottom) spectrum sources. The black solid line shows the sources without Mg II absorption along the line of sight, the red dashed line shows the sources with 1 absorbing system, and the blue dotted line shows the sources with ≥ 2 absorbing systems. In our sample, the quasars with intervening absorbers tend to be located at higher redshifts. However, there is no statistically significant difference between the flat- and steep-spectrum distributions.

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The ECDFs of the GRM as calculated using the "mean RM" algorithm, for flat- and steep-sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$, 1, and 2, respectively, are shown in Figure 9. The difference in GRM of flat-spectrum sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 1, and also $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 2 absorbers, gives *p*-values of 19% and 69%, respectively. The difference in GRM of steep-spectrum sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 1, and also $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 2 absorbers, gives *p*-values of 19% and 69%, gives *p*-values of 68% and 11%, respectively. The difference in GRM of flat- and steep-spectrum sources gives a *p*-value of 79%.

The ECDFs of the GRM as calculated using the Oppermann et al. (2014) algorithm, for flat- and steep-sources with $N_{MgII} =$ 0, 1, and 2, respectively, are also shown in Figure 9. The difference in GRM of flat-spectrum sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 1, and also $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 2 absorbers, gives *p*-values of 60% and 41%, respectively. The difference in GRM of steepspectrum sources with $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 1, and also $N_{MgII} = 0$ versus 2 absorbers, gives *p*-values of 74% and 23%, respectively. The difference in GRM of flat- and steep-spectrum sources gives a *p*-value of 53%.

There is no detectable difference for the GRM of different sources in our sample. This is also independent of the reconstruction algorithm used to calculate the Galactic foreground. Any difference due to the GRM is therefore unable to recreate our result presented in Section 4.1. This is consistent with the Galactic foreground not being responsible for flat-spectrum sources with intervening absorbers having increased RM.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Magnetic Fields in Intervening Galaxies

There are several apparent correlations between variables in Sections 3 and 4 with *p*-values at the $\approx 5\%$ to 10% level. While these correlations may be real, one should remain suspicious. As we use *p*-values, any significance is subjective. Such effects, if they exist at all, must be very weak, and we believe such a low significance level to be most consistent with the null hypothesis being true, i.e., there is no connection between the two variables (e.g., Johnson 2013). On this basis, we have only two statistically significant results: (1) the flat-spectrum sources are consistent with intervening Mg II absorption systems increasing the measured RM at 1.4 GHz toward background quasars, while the same correlation is not seen for steepspectrum sources (as discussed in Section 4.1); and (2) both the redshifts of flat- and steep-spectrum sources are consistent with lines of sight with higher numbers of Mg II absorbers tending to be located at significantly higher redshift (as discussed in Section 4.4).

One could argue that such results are caused by the Galactic foreground, but we note that this is inconsistent with our observational findings (see Section 4.5). One could also argue that such results are contrary to previously suggested partial coverage models (which imply no connection between RM and Mg II absorption at 1.4 GHz; see Section 1), but we note that although such models are useful for parameterizing the run of polarized fraction with wavelength, they do not describe a physical depolarization model (see Appendix A). We hypothesize that such partial coverage models are actually the result of probing different emitting regions within the source at different observational frequencies, rather than the effects of any foreground Faraday screen. Importantly, this suggests that in many cases the polarized fraction, which is typically used to estimate the degree of order of magnetic fields, is not a physically meaningful quantity for an *unresolved* source (see Appendix A).

Nevertheless, as discussed in Section 2.2, flat-spectrum sources ($\alpha \approx 0$) can be used as a proxy for a source from which the emission is dominated by the core region, while steep-spectrum sources ($\alpha \approx -0.7$) are dominated by emission from the region of the lobes and jets. By applying this interpretation, let us therefore consider the correlation between Mg II absorption and RM in flat-spectrum, aka core-dominated, sources. In the event that no correlation exists, we would expect to have detected a signal at least this strong for just ≈ 1 in 2,250 experiments—making the result equivalent to a 3.5σ event from a normally distributed process. We have therefore either observed a low probability event or it must be true that there is a connection between RM and Mg II absorption in core-dominated sources, but not in jet/lobe-dominated sources. Such evidence suggests that the spectral index is important for discriminating between core- and lobe-dominated sources and is a reasonable proxy for matching lines of sight at different wavelengths.

As the intervening Mg II absorbers are identified toward quasar cores at optical wavelengths, the intervenors can only be said to be obscuring the core at radio wavelengths. An optically



Figure 9. ECDFs of the absolute value of the Galactic foreground RMs as calculated using two different algorithms: (a) left column: the "mean RM" method; (b) right column: the Oppermann et al. (2014) method. The top panels show the flat-spectrum sources only, while the bottom panels show the steep-spectrum sources only. The black solid lines show the sources without Mg II absorption along the line of sight, the red dashed lines show the sources with 1 absorbing system, and the blue dotted lines show the sources with ≥ 2 absorbing systems. There is no significant difference between any of the data. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

selected Mg II absorber does not provide an indication of the presence of intervenors along the line of sight toward the lobes/ jets. We therefore form three conclusions from Figure 5.

- The observed difference in RM between flat-spectrum sources with and without absorption arises due to intervening magnetized plasma in the absorbing systems—the flat-spectrum of the source ensures that we probe the same line of sight toward the background quasar independently of projection and resolution effects,
- 2. There is no difference in RM between steep-spectrum sources with and without absorption as we are usually probing different lines of sight at optical and radio wavelengths—this effect is particularly important at longer radio wavelengths where the steep-spectrum lobes/jets tend to dominate the radio emission,
- 3. Any difference detected between the flat- and steepspectrum sources without absorbers could be due to two effects. First, the steep-spectrum sources are only nominally identified as having no absorption. In reality, we likely have not accurately identified the same optical and radio sight line for the steep-spectrum sources. Second, the very high RM components of the core may have depolarized at 1.4 GHz, so that only lower RM components are still observable.

To provide a quantitative estimate of the excess RM associated with intervening galaxies, we assume that the correlation between Mg II absorption and RM for flat-spectrum sources has an entirely physical origin. We calculate the median RMs in order to ensure robustness, and as a simplifying assumption use Gaussian statistics to calculate the 1σ uncertainties. Using the difference observed in flat-spectrum sources (as shown in Figure 5), we therefore obtain $\text{RM}[N_{\text{MgII}} = 0] = 11.4 \pm 2.2 \text{ rad } \text{m}^{-2}$, $\text{RM}[N_{\text{MgII}} = 1] = 18.3 \pm 2.6 \text{ rad } \text{m}^{-2}$, and $\text{RM}[N_{\text{MgII}} \ge 2] = 25.4 \pm 3.3 \text{ rad } \text{m}^{-2}$ for lines of sight with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 absorption lines, respectively. The simplest estimate of the intervening contribution is given by $RM[N_{MgII} =$ 1]-RM[$N_{MgII} = 0$], so that our data suggests the excess RM associated with a typical intervening system is 6.9 ± 1.7 rad m⁻² in the observing frame. This is consistent with previous estimates of excess extragalactic contributions to the RM (Hammond et al. 2012). For lines of sight with just one absorbing system, the median redshift of the intervening galaxies is 0.87 ± 0.06 . Therefore assuming that the Faraday rotation is a linear function with λ^2 , this implies an RM contribution of the order 24 ± 6 rad m⁻² in the source rest-frame for a typical intervening cloud of magnetized plasma. This is generally lower than previous estimates obtained at higher radio frequencies that estimated rest-frame contributions from 115^{+45}_{-30} rad m⁻² (Kronberg et al. 2008) to 140^{+80}_{-50} rad m⁻² (Bernet et al. 2008). Our estimate improves upon these earlier works as we have both higher statistical significance and have also been able to separate the source contributions based on the total intensity spectral index, although it may also imply some Faraday complexity (see Section 1). Following the model presented in Bernet et al. (2008), and assuming that Mg II absorbing systems with rest-frame equivalent widths between 0.3 to 0.6 Å are associated with galaxies with a neutral-hydrogen column density of 10¹⁹ cm⁻² and a hydrogen ionization fraction of 0.90, we estimate that the typical magnetic field strength associated with each of the intervening systems is $\bar{B} = 1.8 \pm 0.4 \,\mu\text{G}$. Consequently our data are consistent with, and provide the strongest statistical indication to date for, the idea that magnetic fields of substantial strength and coherence were present in normal galaxies in the distant Universe (e.g., Kronberg & Perry 1982; Welter et al. 1984; Kronberg et al. 1990; Watson & Perry 1991; Oren & Wolfe 1995; Bernet et al. 2008; Kronberg et al. 2008; Bernet et al. 2012, 2013; Joshi & Chand 2013).

We cannot currently calculate any physical quantities from the steep-spectrum sources, as we argue that we do not have reliable measurements of whether these sources are truly covered with an absorber. However, as $\approx 50\%$ of sources are believed to have an intervening absorber (Zhu & Ménard 2013), one would expect both of the steep-spectrum distributions to sit between the flat-spectrum distributions, which is entirely consistent with the observations (see Figure 5).

Our result suggests that different source components, and consequently different lines of sight, result in the Mg II absorption versus RM signal being diluted at 1.4 GHz unless core- and lobe-type sources are considered separately. This divide suggests that either the typical intervenor must be small in angular size relative to the size of the background galaxy, that there is a sharp boundary to the magnetoionic medium in the intervenor or that the Mg II absorbing gas is highly localized within a host galaxy. However, even when separating the sample based on total intensity spectral index, we find no difference in the depolarization of either flat- or steep-sources that have intervening absorption (see Section 4.3). If any depolarization is present due to intervenors, the contribution must be weak. This suggests the magnetic field in the typical intervening galaxy is regular and ordered, at least within the region that is illuminated by background emission.

5.2. Correlation versus Causation

It is possible to conflate correlation and causation, and so we also examine the possibility that our results could be obtained through systematic effects or confounding variables within our data. There are a number of possible ways in which spurious correlations could be detected in our data given the presence of some confounding variable. We now explore alternate hypotheses that may explain our finding that our data are consistent with flat-spectrum sources with intervening absorbers having increased RM.

5.2.1. Evolution of Faraday Rotation with Redshift

The most obvious alternate cause for our observed main result would be that the probability that a quasar line of sight intersects an Mg II absorber increases as a function of z and that some effect unrelated to the intervenors causes $|RM| \propto z$. The former is observed in our data as shown in Figure 8. Consequently any other property that causes the |RM| to scale positively with z will also manifest as a correlation between RM strength and the number of intervenors. This evolution in |RM| may be due to change in either the integrated magnetic field strength, the electron density, or both along the line of sight.⁷

In such cases, the distribution in z of the sample will determine the magnitude of the spurious correlation, i.e., a small range or a uniform distribution in z yields a weak correlation, while conversely a wide range or a highly non-uniform distribution in z yields a strong correlation. To test this, one would ideally resample the data by redshift binning the flat- and steepspectrum sources into equal bins, thereby providing a uniform distribution as a function of redshift. We are unable to do this and form firm conclusions as we increasingly fall into the realm of small-sample statistics. However, we are still able to discard such a possibility, and note that a connection between RM and the number of Mg II absorbers (as in Figure 5) is not detected for the steep-spectrum sources despite both the flat- and steepspectrum sources showing a similar relation between the number of absorbers as a function of z (as in Figure 8). A KS test comparing the distribution of redshifts for flat- versus steepspectrum sources yields a *p*-value of 7.6% for zero absorbers, 81% for one absorber, and 99% for two or more absorbers. Such low significance levels are most consistent with the null hypothesis being true, i.e., there is no quantitative difference between the redshift distributions of the flat- and steep-spectrum sources. This suggests a longer line of sight toward a source is not in itself responsible for an increase in RM within our data and that while sources with more absorbers in our sample are located at higher redshifts, this is equally true for both the flatand steep-spectrum sources. A spurious correlation that arises due to the sources with absorbers being located further away is therefore not consistent with the observed difference between flat- and steep-spectrum sources.

To explain the observed difference between flat- and steepspectrum sources given the distribution of our sample with redshift, therefore requires another hypothesis. Consider if the flat-spectrum sources were evolving as a function of z, while the steep-spectrum sources were not evolving. In such a scenario, we propose that some mechanism causes flat-spectrum sources to have a higher observed-frame RM at higher redshift. We now discuss the possibilities that could cause the observed-frame RM to appear to be scaling as a function of z in flat-spectrum sources but not in steep-spectrum sources. These explanations broadly fall into two categories: (1) systematic observational effects and (2) astrophysical source evolution. Note that we have already discussed the separate possibility of an increased likelihood of a line of sight intersecting an intervenor at higher redshifts.

First we consider systematic observational effects. Our data contain the typical luminosity–redshift degeneracy that is inherent to a flux-limited survey such as the NVSS, as lower luminosity sources at high *z* are not detected in a flux-limited survey. This selection effect is commonly termed the Malmquist bias. The observed correlation between the number of Mg II absorbers and RM for flat-spectrum sources in our sample therefore implies a *smaller* RM along the line of sight toward the *fainter* flat-spectrum sources. Overall, this requires some mechanism that causes the measured RM at fixed frequency

⁷ Any evolution can in principle be detected, with the exception of special cases where B_{\parallel} , n_e , and the $(1 + z)^{-2}$ dilution factor evolve in such a way that the observed-frame RM remains approximately constant. The physics of such models and their applicability to our data, particularly when adding additional intervening contributions to the RM that are each located at different redshifts, is beyond the scope of this paper.

toward flat-spectrum sources to tend to be smaller for low luminosity sources; these sources then drop below the detection threshold at high z and we perceive a net increasing RM. This would be consistent with relativistic beaming models that state that compact, flat-spectrum radio sources are seen at small viewing angles, with weaker cores being seen at progressively larger viewing angles (e.g., Saikia et al. 1987). This suggests that (1) those weaker cores at larger angles are poorly sampled at high z within a flux-density limited survey (leading to a luminosity effect), and (2) the line of sight through host galaxies with large viewing angles could possibly be reduced, giving rise to lower values of RM for these cores at larger angles (depending on the distribution of electrons and magnetic field near to the central engine). Note that such a scenario need not affect the RM observed toward steep-spectrum sources. Nevertheless, such an effect would appear to be in contradiction to previous studies that have directly measured the evolution of RM as a function of z using either independent data or the same data as in our sample-with both analyses finding no significant evolution with either redshift or luminosity (Zavala & Taylor 2004; Hammond et al. 2012). More recently, it has been argued that a correlation may have been found but no analysis of the statistical significance or of confounding factors is currently available (Pshirkov et al. 2014).

A second possibility is evolution of the sources themselves. If the RM toward quasar cores increased with *z*, while the RM toward lobes/jets remained approximately constant, this would explain the observed correlation. Note that as the same effect is not seen for lobe-dominated sources, this rules out the additional contribution to the RM being located anywhere along the line of sight and implies that flat-spectrum sources have a higher RM at high *z* that originates within the local source environment. This is in direct contradiction to theoretical expectations (Beck et al. 1996), current observational data (e.g., Hammond et al. 2012; Xu & Han 2014b), and the expected strong $(1 + z)^{-2}$ cosmological dilution effect that arises due to cosmic expansion (e.g., López 2006)—all of which suggest that observed-frame RMs, as a proxy for magnetic fields, should be smaller at earlier epochs.

To investigate all of these possibilities, we use the data to look for an evolution of RM versus z in both the flat- and steepspectrum sources of our sample. We split the data into four bins using the background quasar redshifts: $0.0 \leq z < 1.0$, $1.0 \leq z < 2.0, 2.0 \leq z < 3.0, \text{ and } 3.0 \leq z < 4.0,$ which we shall here refer to as z_0 , z_1 , z_2 , and z_3 , respectively. As it is possible that previous studies of RM versus z have been affected by contributions from intervening sources along the line of sight, we only use sources that have no detected MgII absorber along the line of sight. To date, no study has been able to investigate the evolution of RM versus zfor "clean" lines of sight, allowing us to attempt to probe evolution in the local environment of the background quasars themselves. Note that all of our sample are optically identified as quasars in the SDSS (see Section 2). Our results are shown in Figure 10. For flat-spectrum sources, there is a *p*-value of 38% between z_0 and z_1 , of 36% between z_0 and z_2 , and of 39% between z_0 and z_3 . For steep-spectrum sources, there is a *p*-value of 14% between z_0 and z_1 , of 75% between z_0 and z_2 , and of 23% between z_0 and z_3 . There is no statistically significant difference between any of the ECDFs and thus there is no detectable evolution of RM as a function of z in our sample. This is consistent with luminosity effects or source evolution not being responsible for flat-spectrum sources with intervening absorbers having increased RM. One could argue



Figure 10. ECDFs of the absolute value of the NVSS RMs as a function of the background quasar redshift, *z*. Only sources that have a "clean" line of sight are shown, thereby probing the environment of the background quasars, i.e., sources with $N_{Mg\,II} = 0$. Both flat- (top panel) and steep-spectrum (bottom panel) sources are shown. The quasars are separated into four redshift bins: $0.0 \le z < 1.0$ (black solid line), $1.0 \le z < 2.0$ (red dashed line), $2.0 \le z < 3.0$ (green solid line), and $3.0 \le z < 4.0$ (blue dashed line), that in the main text we refer to as z_0, z_1, z_2 , and z_3 , respectively. There is no significant difference between any of the data.

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that variations in the GRM (see Section 4.5) could mask any RM variation with redshift. While the results presented in Figure 10 cannot rule this out, this scenario still cannot explain how flat-spectrum sources with absorbers have higher RMs as it would require selection of different GRMs for sources with different numbers of absorbers. Figure 9 shows that there is no observable difference in GRM between these same flat-spectrum sources both with and without absorbers, which suggests that the GRM is not affecting our results.

We note that such an analysis cannot be trivially performed for sources with intervening absorbers as the measured RM then becomes a combination of the RM at the quasar plus then presumably additional components from the multiple absorbers themselves, all of which are located at different redshifts. Our analysis is further complicated by bandwidth depolarization in the NVSS sample for sources with $|RM| \ge 350$ rad m⁻² (Taylor et al. 2009) as such high RMs could be entirely located at high or low redshift. Nevertheless, this cannot be a significant effect in the RM ECDFs unless a very large fraction of our sources had such an RM, which is unlikely given our removal of sources at low Galactic latitudes.



Figure 11. ECDFs of the NVSS polarized intensity (left column) and total intensity (right column) for different numbers of Mg II absorbers. Both flat-spectrum ($\alpha \ge -0.3$, top row), and steep-spectrum ($\alpha \le -0.7$, bottom row) subsamples are shown. Data are shown for sources with $N_{\text{Mg II}} = 0$ (black solid line), $N_{\text{Mg II}} = 1$ (red dashed line), and $N_{\text{Mg II}} = 2$ (blue dot-dashed line). The polarized and total intensity both serve as a proxy for the S/N of each measurement, particularly the polarized intensity from which the NVSS RMs are derived. There is no significant difference between any of the data. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

5.2.2. Systematic Observational Effects

In Section 5.2.1, we discussed systematic observational effects such as Malmquist bias that may have generated the observed correlations in our data. We now discuss another systematic effect that could possibly explain our observation that flat-spectrum sources with intervening absorbers having increased RM. This effect is directly related to the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) of each measurement.

In this alternative hypothesis, we suggest that the more distant sources tend to be fainter in either total or polarized intensity. As the sources with more absorbers are located more distantly in our sample, this could lead to a systematic error. As the NVSS RMs are calculated using two closely spaced narrow bands (Taylor et al. 2009), a decrease in the S/N could lead to anomalous RM measurements. In this case, the polarized intensity from which the RM is determined serves as a proxy for the S/N.

To investigate this possibility, we plotted the ECDFs of the polarized and total intensity for flat- and steep-spectrum sources with different number of Mg II absorbers as shown in Figure 11. There are a number of different data subsets. (1) For the polarized intensity data from flat-spectrum sources, there is a *p*-value of 53% between sources with zero and one absorbers, and a *p*-value of 69% between sources with zero and two absorbers. For the polarized intensity data from steep-spectrum sources, there is a *p*-value of 35% between sources with zero and one absorbers, and a *p*-value of 11% between sources with zero and two absorbers. The *p*-value between the polarized intensity of the flat- and steep-spectrum sources themselves is 91%. (2) For the total intensity data from flat-spectrum sources, there is a *p*-value of 8.2% between sources with zero and one absorbers, and a p-value of 59% between sources with zero and two absorbers. For the total intensity data from steep-spectrum sources, there is a p-value of 80% between sources with zero and one absorbers, and a *p*-value of 50% between sources with zero and two absorbers. The *p*-value between the total intensity of the flat- and steep-spectrum sources themselves is 96%. There is therefore no statistically significant difference in either the polarized or total intensity of sources with different numbers of absorbers in our sample-our main results are therefore not caused by the effects of S/N.

5.2.3. k-corrected Polarized Quantities

All of the aforementioned possibilities neglect the necessity of *k*-corrections to observed polarization quantities. It is possible that wavelength-dependent polarization structure in the nucleus can mimic Faraday rotation—particularly through the combined interplay of synchrotron self-absorption and depolarization within a compact emitting region (e.g., O'Dea 1988). Broadband observations may therefore be able to detect Faraday complexity in flat-spectrum sources (i.e., a non-linear relationship between polarization angle and λ^2). There is already some tentative evidence to support this (O'Sullivan et al. 2009, 2012; Farnes et al. 2014). Note that it has been previously suggested that sight lines with intervening systems that exhibit Faraday complexity are also associated with low fractional polarization (Bernet et al. 2012). It could be attempted to explain this as a selection effect, with the high-frequency RMs selecting for the flat-spectrum component of the source and the 1.4 GHz RMs selecting for the steep-spectrum component, thereby generating a pseudo-Faraday complexity that arises from the sampling of different emitting regions. Nevertheless, this does not explain why these same sources have a low fractional polarization. However, flat-spectrum NVSS sources have also been shown to have a lower median fractional polarization than steep-spectrum sources (Mesa et al. 2002; Stil et al. 2014). We therefore suggest the alternative hypothesis that Faraday complex sources may be intrinsically flat-spectrum and that splitting the NVSS sample by fractional polarization, as done by Bernet et al. (2012), selects these flat-spectrum sources. In such cases, as the NVSS RM is measured at fixed-frequency, we would be sampling different regions of this polarization structure at different redshifts, as seen in the source rest-frame. In such a case, the necessary k-correction would not just be equivalent to a cosmological dilution factor of $(1 + z)^2$ but would rather be a consequence of redshifting a curvilinear run of polarization angle versus λ^2 while observing with a fixed narrow bandwidth (Farnes et al. 2014).

We could therefore consider a convoluted toy model that requires k-corrections to the run of polarization angle versus λ^2 in a Faraday complex source. Given the narrow bandwidth used to derive the 1.4 GHz RMs in our sample, the data would have to probe progressively higher rest-frame frequencies at high z, which would correspond to the region closer to the central engine, which could have undergone less depolarization at high frequency. In turn, this region closer to the central engine could correspond to a greater pathlength through the source environment, which could possibly lead to larger Faraday rotation. Such an observational effect would not affect the lobe-dominated (aka steep-spectrum) sources that have ordered magnetic fields on large scales and are optically thin (leading to simple Faraday rotation and a linear run of polarization angle with λ^2). While intriguing, our data are inconsistent with this proposed model for a number of reasons. Previous studies have shown that opacity effects are important in the run of polarized fraction SEDs, allowing flat-spectrum sources to repolarize (Farnes et al. 2014). This is hard to reconcile with the requirement of depolarization in this proposed alternative hypothesis. The proposed toy model also contradicts the observation that weak Mg II absorbers are not correlated with RM along the line of sight (Bernet et al. 2010), as this further suggests that there cannot be an additional confounding variable, i.e., no evolution of quasar magnetic fields with z. One could counter that the nature of weak Mg II absorbing systems is still poorly understood (e.g., Churchill et al. 1999, 2005; Narayanan et al. 2007; Kacprzak et al. 2008) or that previous studies have not separated sources based on the spectral index. Regardless, the proposed toy model would still require a strong evolution of the observed-frame RM as a function of zfor flat-spectrum sources. As shown in Figure 10, there is no observed RM evolution in the flat-spectrum sources of our sample. There is only one remaining possibility-that our data are consistent with intervening systems, as traced by Mg II absorption, containing regular magnetic fields that increase Faraday rotation along the lines of sight toward distant background quasars.

6. CONCLUSIONS

We have investigated the current theoretical and observational understanding of Faraday effects originating along the line of sight due to intervening heavy-metal absorbing systems. We have divided a sample of flat- and steep-spectrum radio sources into subsamples both with and without Mg II absorption along the line of sight. We have been able to use these samples as a proxy for core- (flat-spectrum) or lobe- (steep-spectrum) dominated sources. This has allowed us to study the same sight line at both optical and radio wavelengths. We find that the core-dominated sample has a larger |RM| when intervening Mg II absorbers are present, with a probability of 0.044% of the increase in |RM| being this large or greater if the data were drawn from the same underlying distribution. Conversely to previous studies, which have found no association between Mg II absorption and Faraday rotation at 1.4 GHz, we instead find evidence of an association that is stronger than that which has been presented before at any other observing frequency.

We have considered various alternative effects, including varying luminosity in our essentially flux-limited sample, evolution of magnetic fields with redshift, and other more elaborate possibilities that may cause a spurious correlation. We find that none of them are fully consistent with both our data and our theoretical understanding of cosmic magnetism. The simplest way to explain our observations while remaining consistent with previous observational findings is to require the RM to be increased by additional magnetic fields or ionized gas that are associated with intervening Mg II absorbing systems along the line of sight. If we assume that the correlation between Mg II absorption and RM has an origin entirely due to intervening galaxies, then as a quantitative estimate, our data suggest that a typical absorber provides an additional RM contribution of 6.9 ± 1.7 rad m⁻² in the observing frame. At the median redshift of our sample, $z = 0.87 \pm 0.06$, this implies an RM contribution of 24 ± 6 rad m⁻² from a typical intervening cloud of magnetized plasma in the source rest-frame. Consequently our data are consistent with, and provide the strongest statistical indication to date for, the idea that coherent magnetic fields of substantial strength ($B = 1.8 \pm 0.4 \,\mu\text{G}$) are present in what are presumed to be normal galaxies (e.g., Kronberg et al. 2008). The possibility that Faraday rotation along the line of sight to a typical quasar could be enhanced by an otherwise essentially invisible population of intervening normal galaxies is an intriguing one. The physical implications of this have been rigorously explored elsewhere, providing constraints for our understanding of galaxy formation and evolution, magnetic field generation, and dynamo mechanisms (Kronberg & Perry 1982; Welter et al. 1984; Kronberg et al. 1990, 2008; Watson & Perry 1991; Oren & Wolfe 1995; Bernet et al. 2008, 2012, 2013; Joshi & Chand 2013).

Our data complement previous studies by showing that connections between RM and Mg II absorption are still detectable at lower radio frequencies, and that the contribution from intervening systems to the overall Faraday rotation along the line of sight must be weak relative to that from the background quasars. It is also indicates the importance of probing similar lines of sight at optical and radio wavelengths, suggesting that projection effects between cores and lobes have been important contributors to previous studies. However, while our method of using the total intensity spectral index to identify the same line of sight at different wavelengths is a significant primary step, we do not currently have the data available to definitively confirm that the polarized emission is coincident with the total intensity emission. Investigating such potential systematics would likely require full reprocessing of surveys such as the NVSS, or the arrival of next generation surveys such as the Polarization Sky Survey of the Universe's Magnetism (POSSUM) that will be carried out with the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP; Gaensler et al. 2010).

The significance of the correlation between intervening absorption lines and RM is currently only at a level equivalent to a 3.5 σ event from a normally distributed process, although we note that we have been unable to calculate either a confidence interval or the probability of the hypothesis. In future studies, a full Bayesian framework would be useful to further analyze our statistical detection. Our data show that connections between intervening systems and Faraday rotation are difficult to detect due to the multiple effects that may alter the RM at cosmological distances. Placing the interaction on an even firmer statistical footing will require multiple quantities: larger samples of strong Mg II absorbers, higher angular resolution radio data, unambiguous RMs, broadband spectral indices, and improved estimates of the Galactic foreground. Future observations with facilities such as the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) will therefore be important in confirming these results with much greater statistical significance and for determining the physical properties of the intervening systems themselves, such as improved estimates of the typical magnetic field strength, the physical size, and any redshift dependence of the magnetic field properties. The combination of existing radio morphology classifications (Hammond et al. 2012), other radio surveys such as FIRST (White et al. 1997), and measurements of the spectral index (see Section 2.2) will also form the foundation of a useful future study. The intervenors themselves could also have implications for an SKA "RM grid" (e.g., Gaensler et al. 2004), as RM measurements from core-dominated sources may have a more complex relation to the magnetic field of the Galactic foreground. This would impede attempts to calculate a residual rotation measure (see Section 4.5) using multiple lines of sight within some defined region of sky (e.g., Taylor et al. 2009; Hammond et al. 2012; Oppermann et al. 2014). Broadband measurements of core-dominated sources, combined with reconstructions of the Galactic foreground using simulated data, will be required to investigate such possibilities.

Overall, the new evidence presented here rules out models of partial coverage by inhomogeneous Faraday screens (see Section 1); the justification for such models has been based on the lack of connection between the number of Mg II absorbers and the RM at 1.4 GHz. Taken together with the connection between radio depolarization and total intensity spectral index (Farnes et al. 2014), our results serve as a reminder of the importance of opacity effects on radio polarization measurements. In combination, these results suggest that depolarization is predominantly occurring in the local environment of the background AGN, while the RM is significantly contributed to by the intervening normal galaxy population. The consequences are important for all future and upcoming radio polarimetric studies.

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APPENDIX A

THEORY OF PARTIAL COVERAGE

The potential presence of partial coverage has previously been inferred from polarized SEDs. For some sources, the polarized SEDs have been described by an equation of the form

$$\Pi(\lambda) = \Pi_0 \exp\left(-2\sigma_{\rm RM}^2 \lambda^4\right),\tag{A1}$$

where σ_{RM} is the RM dispersion of the Faraday screen within a single beam, λ is the observing wavelength, Π is the fractional polarization, and Π_0 is the fractional polarization at infinite frequency. Such external Faraday depolarization was initially proposed by Burn (1966)—a "Burn law." However, while in some sources the polarized fraction can behave similarly to Equation (A1) at progressively shorter wavelengths, it remains unexpectedly constant out to longer wavelengths (e.g., Rossetti et al. 2008; Mantovani et al. 2009). These SEDs that follow a "Rossetti–Mantovani law" have been explained by assuming that only a fraction of the source is covered by an inhomogeneous Faraday screen (e.g., Rossetti et al. 2008). In an effort to derive σ_{RM} for these sources, Rossetti et al. (2008) made an empirical modification to the Burn law so that

$$\Pi(\lambda) = \Pi_0 \left[f_c \exp\left(-2\sigma_{\rm RM}^2 \lambda^4 \right) + (1 - f_c) \right], \qquad (A2)$$

where f_c is interpreted as the covered (depolarizing) fraction of the source with the uncovered fraction $(1 - f_c)$ retaining a constant polarized fraction, $(1 - f_c)\Pi_0$, out to arbitrarily long wavelengths. This model has been found to be more successful than the Burn law in reproducing the SED of some sources (e.g., Mantovani et al. 2009; Rossetti et al. 2008; Farnes et al. 2014). As the existence of such partial coverage SED models and the Mg II absorption line studies (see Section 1) both imply partial coverage, this has been taken together to imply that there must be a link between partial coverage SEDs and Mg II absorption lines (e.g., Bernet et al. 2012, 2013)—with the inference that intervening MgII host galaxies may be responsible for the partial coverage. Nevertheless, while some polarized SEDs show a similar run in the polarized fraction as a function of wavelength as that predicted by Equation (A2), due to sample limitations there is currently no direct evidence available in the literature to connect these same sources to the presence of Mg II absorption lines.

Attempts to justify partial coverage models have previously been made using Equation (A2), as this explains the functional form of some polarized SEDs (e.g., Rossetti et al. 2008; Mantovani et al. 2009; Farnes et al. 2014). In addition, Bernet et al. (2012) found that Faraday complexity appears to be more commonly observed in weakly polarized sources, which led to the proposal of a toy model that suggests this is related to

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Figure 12. A visualization of polarized SEDs that can arise from partial coverage models, shown as plots of the degree of polarization as a function of wavelength. Such SEDs may arise whenever there are two independent Faraday screens covering different fractions of a source as detailed by Equation (A3). Plots are shown for a covering fraction of $f_c = 0.2$ (top left), 0.5 (top right), 0.8 (bottom left), and 1.0 (bottom right). In all plots, the special depolarizing case where there is only an intervening screen across the source, $\sigma_{norm} = 0$ rad m^{-2} and $\sigma_{interv} = 10$ rad m^{-2} , is shown as a red dashed line. The case where there is no depolarizing intervening screen, $\sigma_{norm} = 10$ rad m^{-2} and $\sigma_{interv} = 0$ rad m^{-2} , is shown as a black dotted line. The depolarization when both a normal and intervening screen are present is shown by the solid colored lines (dark to light blue), for several differing contributions from the intervening screen across the covered fraction of the source; in all of these cases the normal screen remains constant. The ratio of the intervening and normal screens, $\sigma_{interv}/\sigma_{norm}$, is shown in the legend with darker blue indicating a lower ratio. Even when an infinitesimally small normal screen is present, it is not possible to obtain the constant polarized tail that is typically considered characteristic of "partial coverage" models.

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enhanced depolarization of different source components due to partial coverage. However, flat-spectrum sources are also known to be intrinsically more weakly polarized than their steepspectrum counterparts (e.g., Mesa et al. 2002; Stil et al. 2014). It is therefore plausible that such effects could be caused by, for example, epoch-dependent variability between observations or an increased presence of Faraday complexity in the SEDs of flat-spectrum sources. Such possibilities provide a more simple alternative to invoking a partial coverage model.

Irrespective of the presence of an intervenor, the majority of radio sources are known to undergo depolarization at increasing radio wavelengths due to coverage by an inhomogeneous "Faraday screen," i.e., a magnetoionic region that is devoid of relativistic particles and that exists somewhere along the line of sight between the observer and the source (e.g., Sokoloff et al. 1998). Here we assume that these Faraday screens are always inhomogeneous and contain a turbulent or systematically varying regular magnetic field, such that the screen causes depolarization and not just Faraday rotation. Although the location of these screens along the line of sight cannot be trivially determined (e.g., Burn 1966; Tribble 1991; Sokoloff et al. 1998), more recent data suggests that the most significant predictor of the depolarization properties is the total intensity spectral index (Farnes et al. 2014), suggesting that the Faraday screens are located within the local source environment and that radio opacity effects are important for polarization studies.

Following the conventional partial coverage model, consider the case where an intervening galaxy is known to be present and is believed to be partially covering the background quasar. The model of Equation (A2) makes the critical assumption that while a fraction of the source is partially covered by an inhomogeneous Faraday screen from an intervenor, the other fraction is completely uncovered—with no covering depolarizing screen whatsoever. How this uncovered portion of the source altogether escapes the effects of Faraday screens, and remains depolarization-free, is not explained. As a typical radio source without an associated intervenor is known to be covered by a depolarizing screen (e.g., Farnes et al. 2014), similarly, portions of a source without an intervening object should also have a similar screen. One could argue that the screen across the uncovered portion of the source is a nonturbulent Faraday screen that does not depolarize and that only adds additional Faraday rotation, although there are no suitable candidates for such a physical mechanism in this subset of sources. Analogously, Equation (A2) states that when the covering fraction tends to zero, the polarized fraction will remain constant at all wavelengths. Such a theory is incompatible with the observational evidence, which shows that there is no realistic expectation of detectable polarization at arbitrarily long wavelengths (e.g., Arshakian & Beck 2011). We note that all other depolarization models that are typically available in the literature, such as the Burn law, have all been derived from physical principles (e.g., Farnes et al. 2014).

In order to be physically justified, any partial coverage model must also allow for depolarization in the uncovered fraction of the source, or explain how the uncovered fraction can become immune to the effects of the inhomogeneous Faraday screens that surround a typical radio source. We therefore extend the partial coverage model to include the effect of an inhomogeneous Faraday screen across the uncovered fraction of a source, such that

$$\Pi(\lambda) = \Pi_0 \Big[f_c \exp\left(-2\lambda^4 \Big[\sigma_{\text{interv}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{norm}}^2 \Big] \right) \\ + (1 - f_c) \exp\left(-2\sigma_{\text{norm}}^2 \lambda^4 \right) \Big], \qquad (A3)$$

where σ_{norm} is the RM dispersion in the absence of an intervenor (whether this dispersion originates locally to the source, in the Galaxy, or elsewhere) and σ_{interv} is the screen provided by the intervenor and is allowed to partially cover a fraction, f_c , of the background emitting region, i.e., a quasar or radio galaxy. We make the reasonable assumption that the intervening and normal screens are independent and uncorrelated, such that the combined RM dispersion of the two overlapping screens is given by $\sigma_{\Sigma}^2 = \sigma_{\text{interv}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{norm}}^2$. We also assume that the background emitting region is optically thin and that opacity effects are negligible. The functional form of the partial coverage model in Equation (A3) is advantageous to previous partial coverage models in that it is physically consistent, and when either $f_c = 0$ or $\sigma_{\text{interv}} = 0$ rad \hat{m}^{-2} we retrieve a conventional Burn law. The original partial coverage model in Equation (A2) is now only a special case, albeit a non-physical one, when $\sigma_{\text{norm}} = 0 \text{ rad m}^{-2}$.

This extended partial coverage model has significant implications for our understanding of partial coverage. It can only recreate the observed constant portion of a polarized SED as a special case, when the normal depolarizing screen that covers a fraction $1 - f_c$ of the source is exactly equal to zero, i.e., $\sigma_{\text{norm}} = 0$ rad m⁻². The polarized SEDs that can occur in this depolarization model are shown in Figure 12. The SEDs show considerable variation depending on the ratio of $\sigma_{\text{interv}}/\sigma_{\text{norm}}$ and exceptionally high-quality observational data would be required to distinguish between these various scenarios. Importantly, for $f_{\rm c} > 0$ and low ratios of $\sigma_{\rm interv}/\sigma_{\rm norm}$, the functional form is indistinguishable from the case where $f_c = 0$, i.e., a Burn law. Furthermore, even for arbitrarily high ratios of $\sigma_{\text{interv}}/\sigma_{\text{norm}}$, the polarized SED will not exhibit the constant polarized tail that is the crucial foundation for a "partial coverage" model. Consequently, while derivation of σ_{RM} using Equation (A2) may suitably mathematically parameterize the rate of decay of polarization as a function of λ , it is unlikely that $\sigma_{\rm RM}$ describes the RM dispersion of a physical Faraday screen. There is therefore little reason to think that the equivalent to the RM dispersion that is derived from Equation (A2) bears any physical relation to the properties of the depolarizing screen across the source.

Although we have shown that SEDs in the form of Equation (A2) cannot be related to partial coverage, they are still observed (Rossetti et al. 2008; Mantovani et al. 2009). We therefore also propose an alternative model to explain their origin. It has previously been found that flat-spectrum radio sources typically maintain a relatively constant polarized fraction as a function of λ , which has been explained as a consequence of multiple optically thick emission regions in the quasar core (Farnes et al. 2014)-such sources can maintain an approximately constant polarized fraction as a function of wavelength (e.g., Pacholczyk & Swihart 1967; Pacholczyk & Gregory 1973). As an extension of this, the polarized SED of an unresolved, compact source may be the superposition of two components: (1) a strongly polarized and strongly depolarizing optically thin jets/lobes (with $\alpha \approx -0.7$), and (2) a weakly polarized and weakly depolarizing optically thick core (with $\alpha \approx 0.0$). Such an SED would have a functional form similar to that presented in the original partial coverage model shown in Equation (A2), as it would be dominated by the depolarizing jets/lobes at high frequencies and the weakly depolarizing core at low frequencies. Note that this is the inverse of the typical situation in total intensity, where the steep-spectrum jets/lobes dominate the emission at low frequencies. Such a model is falsifiable, as in all cases the approximately constant polarized tail that extends to low frequencies must have a polarized fraction $\leq 10\%$, which is the maximum degree of polarization for an optically thick region (e.g., Pacholczyk 1970). This is consistent with the catalog of Farnes et al. (2014), which finds a maximum value for the polarized tail of 5.1% from their sample of sources that are classified using a partial coverage SED.

However, if correct, this leads to complications for the typical physical understanding of a polarized fraction (which is the ratio of the polarized and total intensity components). In unresolved sources with an SED of "partial coverage" form, our measurements are biased toward the brightest *polarized* intensity within the resolution element seen in projection on the sky. Meanwhile, the brightest total intensity for the same source may not correspond to the same emitting region. As the peak polarized and total intensity both sample different regions of the source, this leads to the possibility that a polarized fraction, Π , may not be at all related to the degree of magnetic field ordering in these unresolved sources. Consequently, at a given frequency a source may be core-dominated in Stokes I and lobedominated in P, or vice versa. High resolution and broadband observations of lines of sight with known intervening objects will be necessary to test our predictions.

We therefore highlight how the partial coverage model of Equation (A2) is both incompatible with observational evidence, and is also empirical rather than physical, unlike other depolarization laws (e.g., Farnes et al. 2014). We have adjusted this mathematical model so that it is physically accurate, thereby including the more realistic case where a Faraday screen other than the one provided by the intervenor is also present. In these cases, depolarization from partial coverage can be indistinguishable from a Burn law (see Equation (A1)) at all wavelengths and never has a constant polarized tail even for extreme ratios of $\sigma_{interv}/\sigma_{norm}$.

APPENDIX B

MAIN SAMPLE DETAILS

 Table 2

 Details of the Main Sample, Listed in Order of NVSS Right Ascension

No.	NVSS R.A. J2000 (°)	NVSS Decl. J2000 (°)	α	Δα	χ^2	Flat/Steep Subsample	N _{Mg II}	RM (rad m ⁻²)	ΔRM (rad m ⁻²)	П (%)	ΔΠ (%)	β	$\Delta \beta$	z	Δz
1	00h03m45s18	-11 ^d 08 ^m 20.6	-1.08	0.18		S	0	-8.2	9.0	2.0	0.15			1.5666	0.0003
2	00 ^h 10 ^m 18 ^s 25	$+14^{d}33^{m}36.7$	-1.0	0.2	0.186	S	2	-25.6	11.0	2.77	0.18			0.90107	0.00027
3	00 ^h 13 ^m 40 ^s 31	$+14^{d}57^{m}32.8$					0	-19.3	19.0	8.5	0.8			0.8241	0.00014
4	00 ^h 32 ^m 59 ^s 23	$-00^{d}13^{m}18.2$					1	-14.9	13.0	2.2	0.19			1.5	0.0
5	00 ^h 35 ^m 52 ^s .91	$-09^{d}11^{m}50.4$					0	4.2	12.0	5.8	0.4			1.0021	0.0005
6	00 ^h 35 ^m 55 ^s .49	$+15^{d}53^{m}16.7$	-0.88	0.18	0.339	S	0	-33.7	9.0	1.51	0.13			1.16279	0.00019
7	00 ^h 37 ^m 58 ^s .31	$+24^{d}07^{m}11.6$	-0.64	0.05	0.198		0	33.4	2.5	2.4	0.13	-1.15	0.25	0.0	9e-05
8	00 ⁿ 43 ^m 23 ^s .62	$-00^{d}15^{m}51.1$	-1.12	0.18		S	0	16.7	10.0	4.22	0.25		•••	2.7929	0.0014
9	00 ^m 50 ^m 26.76	+00 ^d 31 ^m 56.6					0	-20.6	16.0	5.5	0.5			1.2108	0.0003
10	00 ^m 59 ^m 05 ^s .53	+00 ^d 06 ^m 51.5	-0.49	0.03	0.094		0	-10.1	0.8	3.91	0.15	-1.1	0.24	0.0	4e-05
11	01 ⁿ 05 ^m 35.99	+15 ^d 12 ^m 59.2	-1.0	0.2	0.000	S	0	-35.1	14.0	4.0	0.3		• • •	1.02393	0.00016
12	$01^{m}13^{m}54.57$	$+13^{d}24^{m}52.8$	-0.41	0.08	0.037	•••	0	-5.1	5.0	6.43	0.25		• • •	0.0	8e-05
13	01 ^h 18 ^m 34.01	$-08^{\circ}54^{\circ\circ}40.2$		0.12	2 (21		0	-28.1	13.0	3.0	0.5		• • •	1.3218	0.0005
14	$01^{-2}25^{-1}1^{-1}5$	-00^{-18} 31.1	-0.67	0.15	2.021	 E	1	18.8	2.0	1.11	0.12		•••	2.27550	0.00013
15	01 29 33.32 $01^{h} 49^{m} 47^{s} 57$	$+14^{\circ}40^{\circ}40.3$	-0.27	0.05	0.272	г	1	-10.0	2.9	2.07	0.15		•••	1.6207	0.0004
10	$01^{h}51^{m}32^{s}20$	-08 19 37.3 $\pm 12^{d} 43^{m} 53 7$	0.78	0.16	0.578	\$	1	-20.3	0.0	7.9 5.37	0.0			1.0000	0.0003
18	$01^{h}58^{m}56^{s}28$	$+12^{+}43^{-}33.7$ $+13^{d}07^{m}02^{-}3$	-0.78	0.10	0.087	F	0	-10.4	9.0 6.0	5.56	0.29			1 8017	0.0013
10	$02^{h}07^{m}03^{s}34$	$-08^{d}54^{m}44.1$	-0.83	0.18	0.007	S	0	_47.1	11.0	2.8	0.24			1.0517	0.0004
20	$02^{h}10^{m}00^{s}18$	$-10^{d}03^{m}53.9$					1	15.8	17.0	1.52	0.16			1.9741	0.0009
21	$02^{h}11^{m}00.01$	$+21^{d}10^{m}54.1$	-0.65	0.13	0.208		0	-37.5	6.0	8.7	0.4			1.3479	0.0003
22	$02^{h}16^{m}16^{s}.52$	$+05^{d}30^{m}56.7$	-0.31	0.06	0.184		Õ	-23.8	8.0	7.3	0.4			1.36176	0.00016
23	02 ^h 25 ^m 08.08	$-00^{d}35^{m}31.8$	-0.77	0.15	0.225	S	0	10.6	1.0	6.53	0.25	-0.03	0.03	0.7	0.0
24	02h28m07s.66	$-01^{d}15^{m}41.7$	-0.86	0.18		S	0	-1.8	4.0	4.11	0.19			2.04593	0.00023
25	02h45m34s15	$+01^{d}08^{m}17.2$	-1.17	0.23	0.063	S	1	0.3	9.0	3.4	0.21			1.5284	0.0006
26	02h53m21s07	$+00^{d}06^{m}01.6$					0	33.6	15.0	3.4	0.26			1.3	0.0
27	03h03m13s05	$-00^{d}14^{m}59.8$	-0.89	0.18	3.043	S	0	11.4	4.0	1.54	0.11	-0.7	0.6	0.0	6e-05
28	03 ^h 04 ^m 59 ^s 24	$+00^{d}02^{m}33.6$					0	11.6	11.0	5.3	0.3			0.0	4e-05
29	03h52m32s04	$-07^{d}11^{m}04.4$	-1.28	0.06		S	0	18.1	0.3	10.9	0.4	-0.02	0.09	0.962	0.00029
30	07h36m31s90	$+45^{d}41^{m}25.8$	-0.61	0.17			0	-15.3	14.0	9.1	0.7			0.95575	0.00016
31	07h41m55s.60	$+42^{d}08^{m}17.6$	-0.65	0.13	0.097		0	-0.9	8.0	5.02	0.26			2.2298	0.00028
32	07 ^h 49 ^m 10 ^s .31	+47 ^d 48 ^m 04.9	-0.27	0.05	2.231	F	0	-8.9	12.0	7.6	0.5			1.56997	0.00026
33	07 ^h 51 ^m 45 ^s .18	$+41^{d}15^{m}35.4$	-0.35	0.07	0.538		0	-3.4	5.0	4.72	0.21			0.0	8e-05
34	07 ^h 51 ^m 53 ^s .69	$+33^{d}13^{m}19.8$	-0.17	0.03	1.560	F	0	35.6	11.0	1.04	0.12		• • •	1.9352	0.0005
35	07 ⁿ 55 ^m 03 ^s .34	$+42^{d}31^{m}42.7$	-0.92	0.18	0.781	S	0	35.1	10.0	3.94	0.26			1.8561	0.0004
36	07 ⁿ 57 ^m 00 ^s .68	+42 ^d 48 ^m 13.2	-0.86	0.17		S	0	4.5	12.0	7.1	0.5		• • •	1.1737	0.0014
37	07 ⁿ 59 ^m 28.29	+30 ^d 10 ^m 29.1	-0.29	0.06	0.043	F	1	20.0	17.0	2.65	0.23		•••	0.99992	0.00021
38	08"05" 55.73	+34 ^d 41 ^m 32.5	-0.82	0.16	0.514	S	1	21.6	12.0	6.1	0.4		• • •	1.7376	0.0004
39	08 ^h 06 ^m 42.24	$+19^{d}58^{m}12.6$	-0.81	0.16	0.191	S	0	41.7	8.0	6.5	0.4		•••	1.1997	0.0014
40	$08^{+}0/^{-}00.79$	$+51^{\circ}1/m3/.1$	0.067	0.013	0.039	F	0	-8.4	15.0	1./	0.17	0.7		1.13/81	0.00022
41	08 08 50.09	$+40^{\circ}32^{\circ}43.1$	0.111	0.022	0.389	Г С	0	5.0 16.2	9.0	1.4	0.12	0.7	0.8	1.41639	0.00019
42	08 09 21.14 $08^{h}10^{m}02^{s}08$	$\pm 26^{d}03^{m}38.3$	-0.8	0.10	0.029	3	0	-10.3	15.0	2.86	0.5			2 2647	0.0004
44	$08^{h}11^{m}00^{s}60$	$+20^{\circ}05^{\circ}50.5$ +57 ^d 14 ^m 11.5	-0.3	0.05	3 3 5 8	F	0		3.0	2.00	0.25			0.0	3e-05
45	08 ^h 11 ^m 00 ^s 85	$+21^{d}41^{m}36.9$	-0.75	0.15	0.086	S	0	37.4	5.0	5.99	0.25			1.52379	0.00017
46	$08^{h}12^{m}47.75$	$+25^{d}22^{m}41.8$	0.26	0.05	1.622	F	1	-7.5	17.0	5.2	0.4			1.8079	0.0004
47	08 ^h 13 ^m 03 ^s .83	$+25^{d}42^{m}11.1$	-0.033	0.007	0.307	F	0	60.7	9.0	1.83	0.13			2.0203	0.0004
48	08 ^h 13 ^m 19.35	$+50^{d}12^{m}40.9$	-0.82	0.16	1.955	S	1	-3.5	5.0	4.64	0.19			0.571	0.0015
49	08 ^h 14 ^m 36 ^s 30	+28 ^d 33 ^m 38.0	-0.64	0.27			0	28.9	15.0	6.2	0.5			1.6248	0.0004
50	08h15m34s24	+33 ^d 05 ^m 29.3	-0.88	0.18	0.323	S	0	2.6	8.0	2.02	0.14			2.4207	0.0002
51	08 ^h 17 ^m 10 ^s .64	$+23^{d}52^{m}23.2$	-0.22	0.04	0.000	F	2	-23.0	17.0	1.71	0.18			1.7309	0.0005
52	08h17m35s10	$+22^{d}37^{m}11.9$	-0.75	0.15	0.002	S	1	40.7	0.9	6.16	0.24	-0.8	0.4	0.98022	0.00014
53	08 ^h 19 ^m 16 ^s .61	$+26^{d}42^{m}01.3$	-0.62	0.12	0.032		0	8.6	13.0	1.68	0.15			0.5258	0.00019
54	08 ^h 21 ^m 16 ^s .61	$+48^{d}45^{m}40.7$	-0.58	0.12	1.921		0	6.4	14.0	5.6	0.4			1.5733	0.0003
55	08 ^h 22 ^m 57 ^s .50	$+40^{d}41^{m}49.8$	-0.21	0.04	0.238	F	0	0.8	4.0	4.8	0.19			0.8655	0.00019
56	08 ^h 23 ^m 25 ^s .30	$+44^{d}58^{m}51.6$	-0.83	0.17	0.255	S	0	-62.5	13.0	1.31	0.13			0.0	5e-05
57	08h24m47s27	$+55^{d}52^{m}42.6$	-0.16	0.03	0.043	F	0	-27.7	1.3	3.64	0.15		•••	1.4191	0.0003
58	08 ^h 25 ^m 17 ^s 22	$+44^{d}36^{m}31.6$	-0.96	0.03	0.412	S	1	2.4	2.1	3.73	0.17		•••	0.0	8e-05
59	08h25m21s91	+45 ^d 37 ^m 04.8	-0.69	0.14	0.582		0	-7.6	15.0	5.2	0.4		•••	1.9088	0.0005
60	08 ⁿ 27 ^m 06 ^s 60	$+10^{a}52^{m}22.9$	-0.16	0.03	0.282	F	3	19.1	5.0	6.38	0.25			2.28063	0.00021
61	08"30"03.31	+19 ^u 10 ^m 39.1	-0.88	0.18	0.007	S	0	11.7	8.0	1.6	0.13	••••		0.7	0.0
62	08"31"10:00	+3/42 ^m 09.9	-0.7	0.04	1.806	S	0	8.8	2.9	1.1	0.11	-0.05	0.14	0.0	8e-05
63	08"31"56.54	+13°52°18.1					0	23.1	6.0	3.7	0.2		•••	0.0	4e-05
04 65	08"31" 39:12	+15-55-15.4		0.19	1 604	· · ·	0	20.0	2.3	10.7	0.4		• • •	0.0	4e-05
0.0	00 32 23.02	+21 22 30.4	-0.00	U.1ð	1.004	3	U	20.0	17.0	2.92	0.20			0.0	26-03

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No.	NVSS R.A. J2000 (°)	NVSS Decl. J2000 (°)	α	Δα	χ^2	Flat/Steep Subsample	N _{Mg II}	RM (rad m ⁻²)	ΔRM (rad m ⁻²)	П (%)	ΔΠ (%)	β	$\Delta \beta$	z	Δz
66	08 ^h 32 ^m 28 ^s 08	+18 ^d 37 ^m 44.0	-1.2	0.2		S	0	15.8	2.8	10.4	0.4			1.3915	0.0004
0/ 68	08 ^h 32 ^m 29.70	$+12^{-}52^{-1}18.5$ $+15^{d}54^{m}08.0$	-0.0	0.2	0.163	 F	1	27.0	4.0	8.3 1.27	0.5			1.3074	0.0007
69	08^{52} 49.42 $08^{h}33^{m}14^{s}43$	$+11^{d}23^{m}362$	-0.038 -0.26	0.012	0.105	F	2	52.8	10.0	1.27	0.14			2.42471	0.00022
70	$08^{h}33^{m}22^{s}50$	$+09^{d}59^{m}41.4$	-0.19	0.04	0.263	F	0	6.3	12.0	3.84	0.15			3,7133	0.00014
71	08 ^h 37 ^m 40 ^s 25	$+24^{d}54^{m}23.0$	-0.076	0.015	0.351	F	0	8.0	4.0	2.99	0.14			1.12531	0.00012
72	08 ^h 38 ^m 23 ^s 12	$+12^{d}29^{m}54.3$	-0.96	0.19	1.424	S	2	30.8	9.0	3.75	0.24			1.6263	0.00028
73	08h39m07s10	$+19^{d}21^{m}57.1$	-0.78	0.16	0.803	S	1	13.1	2.5	4.91	0.21	-0.33	0.28	0.0	8e-05
74	08h39m56s52	$+42^{d}27^{m}55.9$	-0.43	0.07	2.793		0	-5.2	6.0	1.85	0.13	-0.47	0.09	0.6004	0.0002
75	08h40m47s70	$+13^{d}12^{m}23.9$	-0.59	0.12	0.007		0	25.6	1.2	2.14	0.12	-0.58	0.17	0.0	7e-05
76	08h42m05s09	$+18^{d}35^{m}41.8$	-0.26	0.05	0.082	F	1	38.2	1.7	3.13	0.14			1.27406	0.00018
77	08h43m44s82	$+58^{d}24^{m}13.0$	-0.57	0.11	3.160		0	-13.9	2.3	9.0	0.3			1.4829	0.0008
78	08 ^h 44 ^m 17 ^s .00	$+13^{d}40^{m}39.3$	-0.31	0.06	1.669		2	-10.7	16.0	2.1	0.2			1.7373	0.0003
79	08 ^h 45 ^m 38 ^s .64	$+58^{d}52^{m}33.1$	-0.96	0.19	0.026	S	0	-25.0	12.0	1.66	0.15			2.15418	0.00029
80	08 ^h 45 ^m 47 ^s 17	$+13^{d}28^{m}58.1$	-0.61	0.12	0.132		1	10.6	3.0	4.49	0.18	-0.71	0.14	1.88348	0.00011
81	08 ⁿ 47 ^m 34.35	+46 ^d 09 ^m 27.6	-0.127	0.025	0.402	F	0	-9.8	10.0	4.0	0.23		•••	1.21647	0.00029
82	08"48" 56.88	+08 ^d 01 ^m 2/.1	-0.84	0.17	0.061	S	0	67.0	10.0	2.76	0.18			0.9577	0.00012
83	08"50" 51.82	$+15^{\circ}22^{m}15.3$	-0.74	0.15	0.601	S	1	49.9	1.1	12.0	0.4		•••	2.0144	0.0003
84 85	08 ^h 51 ^m 28.95	$+60^{-}03^{-}20.2$	-0.71	0.14	0.410	S	0	-14.5	9.0	5.9	0.3			0.54204	0.00019
86	08 52 00.25 08 ^h 52 ^m 05 ^s 20	+02 29 54.1	0.36	0.5	2 010	F	0	-0.2	6.0	J.8 1 18	0.29			1.1707	0.0022
87	$08^{h}53^{m}02^{s}75$	$+20^{\circ} 55^{\circ} 57.7$ $+20^{\circ} 04^{\circ} 21.6$	-0.57	0.11	0.608		0	23.8	10.0	5 25	0.21			1.2017	0.0005
88	$08^{h}54^{m}11^{s}17$	$-00^{d}19^{m}29.9$	-0.78	0.18		S	0	38.4	4.0	3.11	0.15			1.3893	0.0005
89	08 ^h 54 ^m 35 ^s 08	$+07^{d}20^{m}24.3$	0.68	0.14	0.248	F	Õ	83.0	8.0	5.71	0.28			0.65507	0.00019
90	08h56m57s21	$+21^{d}11^{m}44.3$	-0.077	0.015	0.240	F	1	34.9	4.0	3.34	0.15			2.1001	0.0006
91	08 ^h 58 ^m 52 ^s .44	$+16^{d}51^{m}24.5$	-0.79	0.16	0.066	S	1	33.1	2.8	3.86	0.16	1.15	0.23	1.4	0.0
92	09h00m14s01	$+02^{d}47^{m}18.0$	-0.74	0.15	0.010	S	0	15.5	5.0	8.2	0.3			1.188	0.0007
93	09 ^h 03 ^m 32 ^s .94	$+27^{d}19^{m}28.2$	-0.62	0.12	0.128		1	10.1	7.0	4.57	0.23			1.722	0.003
94	09 ^h 05 ^m 04 ^s .06	$+27^{d}48^{m}17.2$	-0.087	0.017	0.069	F	0	9.9	11.0	3.16	0.19			1.4855	0.0007
95	09 ^h 05 ^m 27 ^s .49	$+48^{d}50^{m}49.0$	-0.17	0.03	1.747	F	0	-34.5	5.0	2.02	0.13			2.68606	0.00019
96	09 ^h 06 ^m 02 ^s 53	$+41^{d}16^{m}29.9$	-0.85	0.17	0.759	S	0	20.8	2.4	3.44	0.17		•••	0.0	6e-05
97	09 ⁿ 06 ^m 31.88	$+16^{d}46^{m}13.0$	-1.13	0.23	0.222	S	0	22.3	4.0	1.34	0.11	-1.04	0.19	0.4121	0.0003
98	$09^{10}09^{11}10.14$	$+01^{d}21^{m}35.6$	0.17	0.03	0.569	F	1	-18.0	1.3	6.22	0.22	0.15	0.03	1.02321	0.00016
100	$09^{h}10^{m}54.91$	$+30^{-}45^{-}44.2$	-0.41	0.08	0.020	 S	1	-25.5	15.0	9.2	0.7			1.3970	0.0003
100	09 10 33.22 09h11m33s51	$\pm 10^{d}58^{m}1/3$	-0.72	0.14	0.008	5 F	1	-30.1	9.0 5.0	3.00	0.22			2.740	0.0004
102	$09^{h}12^{m}04^{s}64$	$+08^{d}37^{m}48.4$	-0.12	0.020	0.001	F	0	20.2	13.0	33	0.10			1.030	0.0005
102	$09^{h}13^{m}53^{s}23$	$+44^{d}02^{m}56.3$	-0.014	0.0028	0.004	F	2	30.3	7.0	3.88	0.19			1.1781	0.0002
104	09 ^h 14 ^m 37 ^s .96	$+02^{d}45^{m}59.8$	0.5	0.1	1.920	F	0	-9.8	4.0	3.46	0.16			0.0	4e-05
105	09 ^h 15 ^m 08 ^s 78	$+20^{d}56^{m}08.4$	-0.4	0.08	0.013		2	21.7	8.0	2.26	0.15			1.7764	0.0004
106	09 ^h 16 ^m 48.93	$+38^{d}54^{m}28.5$	-0.28	0.08	3.559	F	1	3.2	5.0	1.2	0.11			1.2664	0.0006
107	09 ^h 17 ^m 08 ^s 35	$+61^{d}49^{m}31.6$	-0.47	0.09	2.510		0	-10.8	4.0	6.82	0.27			1.4456	0.0004
108	09 ^h 17 ^m 34 ^s .78	$+50^{d}16^{m}37.8$	-0.68	0.14	2.313		0	-28.1	12.0	3.85	0.27			0.63244	0.00014
109	09 ^h 18 ^m 58 ^s .75	$+24^{d}52^{m}45.4$	-0.81	0.16	1.708	S	0	35.6	14.0	4.2	0.3		•••	0.79749	0.00017
110	09 ^h 19 ^m 07 ^s .56	$+21^{d}25^{m}54.2$	-0.34	0.07	0.058		2	-3.1	13.0	1.94	0.17			1.39253	0.00026
111	09 ⁿ 19 ^m 14.82	+22 ^d 05 ^m 20.0	-0.45	0.09	0.112		0	-1.7	7.0	5.48	0.27			1.5486	0.0003
112	$09^{\text{m}}19^{\text{m}}21.76$	+50 ^d 48 ^m 55.5	-0.57	0.11	0.169		1	-12.4	17.0	9.6	0.8		•••	0.0	9e-05
113	09 ^m 19 ^m 51.11	+32°55 ^m 11.2	-0.86	0.17	1.963	5	0	13.3	16.0	3.9	0.3		•••	1.1	0.0
114	$09\ 20\ 33.77$	$+00^{\circ}25^{\circ}50.5$ $\pm 20^{\circ}16^{\circ}18^{\circ}5$	-0.4	0.08	5.950 0.517	s	0	20.2	9.0	4.00	0.29			2.46302	0.00023
115	$09^{2}0^{m}58^{s}48$	$+29^{10}$ 10 18.5 $+44^{d}41^{m}53.7$	0.024	0.22	0.158	F	2	-8.4	4.0	1.64	0.5			2 18708	0.0009
117	$09^{h}21^{m}24^{s}15$	$+01^{d}38^{m}34.2$	-0.38	0.005	0.006		0	-13	15.0	2 75	0.12			1 6596	0.0022
118	$09^{h}21^{m}31^{s}.35$	$+13^{d}50^{m}48.3$	-0.119	0.024	0.343	F	1	72.4	15.0	1.16	0.13			0.0	6e-05
119	09 ^h 21 ^m 57 ^s 74	$+66^{d}04^{m}38.0$	-0.23	0.05	0.002	F	2	31.1	15.0	1.97	0.17			1.64411	0.00023
120	09 ^h 23 ^m 03 ^s 83	+34 ^d 14 ^m 53.6	-0.96	0.19	0.510	S	0	-7.0	9.0	3.49	0.19			1.1128	0.0004
121	09h23m07s36	$+30^{d}59^{m}26.3$	-1.0	0.2	2.057	S	0	1.0	8.0	2.45	0.16	-1.2	2.7	0.0	2.5e-05
122	09h26m07s98	$+07^{d}45^{m}26.8$	-1.0	0.2	0.117	S	0	45.9	14.0	2.25	0.19			0.0	1.7e-05
123	09 ^h 29 ^m 15 ^s .52	$+25^{d}36^{m}58.0$	-0.3	0.06	1.159	F	0	20.8	5.0	5.83	0.25			0.0	3e-05
124	09 ^h 30 ^m 33 ^s .45	$+36^{d}01^{m}23.6$	-0.96	0.19	2.012	S	0	42.7	1.8	1.89	0.12	-5.7	1.1	1.1561	0.00017
125	09 ^h 30 ^m 35 ^s .14	$+46^{d}44^{m}08.8$	-0.47	0.09	0.137		1	4.6	2.5	5.85	0.21			2.0341	0.0004
126	09 ⁿ 30 ^m 52 ^s 24	+00 ^d 34 ^m 58.6	0.16	0.03	1.080	F	0	7.7	7.0	3.24	0.17			1.7696	0.0004
127	09 ⁿ 31 ^m 12 ^s 08	+36ª47 ^m 49.9					0	19.3	4.0	8.8	0.4			1.395	0.0005
128	09"31"14.78	$+36^{\circ}47^{\circ}43.3$				•••	0	13.1	9.0	6.8	0.4			1.395	0.0005
129	09"31" 32:05	+4/°51°°42.0	-0.59	0.12	0.162	 E	0	-30.3	10.0	1.40	0.13			1.1831	0.0005
130	09.32.13.02	+10-30-25.7	-0.26	0.05	1.436	г	0	8.5	9.0	0.0	0.5	•••	• • •	0.0	96-05

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131	09 ^h 39 ^m 49 ^s .66	$+41^{d}41^{m}53.9$	-0.0071	0.0014	0.156	F	1	-16.7	13.0	2.0	0.17			1.2229	0.0004
132	09 ^h 41 ^m 04 ^s .18	$+38^{d}53^{m}49.8$	-0.92	0.04	2.428	S	0	5.4	1.4	8.8	0.3	-0.22	0.06	0.0	5e-05
133	09h44m42s33	$+25^{d}54^{m}43.6$	-0.74	0.15	0.005	S	2	-13.9	4.0	2.18	0.13			2.90439	0.00026
134	09h45m44s.52	$+44^{d}54^{m}22.1$	-0.49	0.27			0	13.9	18.0	6.1	0.6			1.1767	0.0011
135	09 ^h 45 ^m 49 ^s .86	$+12^{d}05^{m}31.4$	-0.59	0.12	0.532		0	-3.6	2.3	5.26	0.22		•••	0.96521	0.00017
136	09 ^h 45 ^m 55 ^s .96	$+60^{d}12^{m}37.0$	-0.33	0.07	2.155		0	7.2	13.0	4.03	0.28		•••	2.5202	0.00018
137	09 ⁿ 46 ^m 35 ^s .06	+10 ^d 17 ^m 06.6	-0.23	0.05	0.370	F	0	-13.3	8.0	1.69	0.13		•••	1.0034	0.0003
138	09 ⁿ 47 ^m 35 ^s .40	+58 ^d 30 ^m 48.7	-0.63	0.13	3.725		1	0.5	11.0	3.4	0.21			0.93538	0.00018
139	09"48" 55.36	+40 ^d 39 ^m 44.8	-0.08	0.11	2.869	F	0	3.0	0.8	6.01	0.21	0.66	0.13	1.24837	0.00018
140	09 ⁴ 48 ^m 55.57	$+07^{2}28^{m}03.8$					0	54.7 4.4	10.0	2.21	0.17		•••	1.1009	0.0006
141	09 48 38.31 00 ^h /0 ^m 30 ^s 78	$\pm 17^{d} 52^{m} 48.7$	_0.23	0.05	0.033	 Е	0	4.4 _1.1	14.0	73	0.5			0.6035	0.0000
142	$09^{+}9^{-}39.78$ $09^{h}52^{m}26^{s}53$	$+36^{d}06^{m}07.2$	-0.23	0.05	0.033	1 [.]	2	37.9	14.0	2.83	0.5			2 0602	0.0003
144	$09^{h}52^{m}46^{s}17$	$+00^{d}00^{m}19.4$					0	-16.8	5.0	2.03	0.13			1.06269	0.0004
145	$09^{h}53^{m}59^{s}22$	$+17^{d}20^{m}57.0$	0.45	0.09	1.166	F	0	18.5	13.0	3.29	0.25			0.7123	0.0001
146	$09^{h}54^{m}14^{s}.80$	$+61^{d}04^{m}53.8$	-0.76	0.15	0.500	S	Ő	-20.8	10.0	7.9	0.4			2.6185	0.0004
147	09 ^h 54 ^m 56 ^s 81	$+17^{d}43^{m}31.5$	-0.24	0.05	0.020	F	0	-5.5	1.0	4.42	0.17	-1.9	0.4	1.47551	0.00021
148	09 ^h 55 ^m 55 ^s 50	$+06^{d}16^{m}44.1$	-0.76	0.15	1.015	S	0	12.6	4.0	8.5	0.3			1.27919	0.00021
149	09 ^h 56 ^m 49 ^s .88	$+25^{d}15^{m}15.9$	0.05	0.13	0.986	F	0	52.1	6.0	0.79	0.11	-0.45	0.21	0.0	9e-05
150	09 ^h 57 ^m 38 ^s 18	$+55^{d}22^{m}57.4$	-0.31	0.06	0.390		0	13.5	1.3	1.9	0.12	-0.47	0.16	0.90077	0.00019
151	09 ^h 58 ^m 00 ^s .89	$+26^{d}40^{m}11.7$	-0.3	0.06	0.938		0	15.4	12.0	3.26	0.23			0.7038	0.0001
152	09 ^h 58 ^m 02 ^s .09	$+44^{d}06^{m}07.3$	-0.94	0.19	0.687	S	0	20.7	2.4	9.7	0.4		•••	2.2	0.0
153	09 ^h 58 ^m 10 ^s 41	$+26^{d}49^{m}30.7$	-0.87	0.17	0.109	S	0	44.1	13.0	4.01	0.29		•••	1.5018	0.0005
154	09 ⁿ 58 ^m 19 ^s .70	$+47^{d}25^{m}07.0$	0.35	0.07	1.627	F	2	22.1	4.0	2.48	0.13			1.88489	0.00022
155	09 ⁿ 59 ^m 43.92	+41 ^d 09 ^m 00.6	-0.55	0.11	0.526		0	-96.3	12.0	9.5	0.6		•••	1.1159	0.0023
156	10 ⁿ 00 ^m 0/.49	+27 ^d 52 ^m 48.7	-0.65	0.13	0.060		0	9.1	11.0	5.0	0.3		•••	0.55385	0.00015
15/	10 ^h 00 ^m 21.95	+22 33 18.2	-0.9	0.18	0.109	S	0	25.3	2.3	2.97	0.14	•••	•••	0.418/3	0.00014
158	$10^{h}03^{m}50.81$	$+52^{-}55^{-}50.5$	-0.81	0.10	0.294	5 E	0	3.0 17.0	8.0	/.1	0.4		•••	1.3333	0.0015
159	$10\ 05\ 57.05$ $10^{h}04^{m}45^{s}63$	$+32^{\circ}44^{\circ}05.7$	-0.29	0.00	5.545	Г	0	17.9	2.2	0.95	0.27			1.0838	0.0004
161	$10^{h}04^{m}45^{s}82$	+22 24 54.5 $+22^{d}25^{m}52$ 5					0	26.0	11.0	1.0	0.16			0.98011	0.00012
162	$10^{\rm h}06^{\rm m}07^{\rm s}69$	$+22^{\circ}25^{\circ}32.5$ $+32^{\circ}36^{\circ}27.7$	-0.57	0.11	0.058		0	-15.5	5.0	6.57	0.29			1.02578	0.00012
163	$10^{h}07^{m}18.06$	$+22^{d}51^{m}27.5$	-0.64	0.13	0.002		1	12.2	10.0	9.8	0.6			2.3061	0.0005
164	10 ^h 07 ^m 41 ^s 51	+13 ^d 56 ^m 29.3	-0.085	0.017	0.001	F	0	11.9	2.3	2.85	0.14			2.71533	0.00018
165	10 ^h 08 ^m 41 ^s .56	$+36^{d}23^{m}22.7$	-0.61	0.12	1.204		1	26.9	11.0	8.7	0.5			3.1255	0.0008
166	10 ^h 09 ^m 43 ^s .05	$+05^{d}29^{m}48.5$	-0.92	0.18	2.508	S	1	-18.8	14.0	4.5	0.3			0.94257	0.00014
167	10 ^h 10 ^m 27 ^s 29	$+41^{d}32^{m}21.7$					0	-2.3	0.7	5.61	0.24			0.0	2.8e-05
168	10 ^h 10 ^m 27 ^s .63	$+41^{d}32^{m}36.6$					0	0.7	0.9	4.85	0.19			0.0	2.8e-05
169	10 ^h 11 ^m 00 ^s .31	$+32^{d}57^{m}18.4$	-0.9	0.18	1.187	S	1	-7.4	17.0	3.8	0.3		•••	0.90034	0.00018
170	10 ^h 11 ^m 35 ^s .26	$+00^{d}57^{m}47.1$	-0.97	0.19	2.139	S	0	-1.2	13.0	3.12	0.24		•••	1.0717	0.0009
171	10 ^h 12 ^m 54 ^s .58	$+61^{d}36^{m}36.5$	-0.73	0.15	0.411	S	1	-24.3	8.0	4.93	0.28			2.0534	0.0015
172	10 ⁿ 13 ^m 29 ^s .97	+49 ^d 18 ^m 40.8	-0.33	0.07	1.193		0	7.0	15.0	1.37	0.14		•••	2.1973	0.00025
173	10 ^h 14 ^m 35.86	$+2/^{d}49^{m}03.2$	-0.8	0.16	0.736	8	1	24.8	3.0	3.57	0.17		•••	0.9	0.0
174	$10^{h} 14^{m} 45.47$	$+31^{-}34^{-}30.7$	-0.00	0.13	0.730	 E	2	39.7 25.0	15.0	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.3019	0.0004
175	$10^{h}15^{m}28^{s}14$	+250112.7	0.0085	0.0017	0.042	Г	1	23.9	5.0 14.0	1.7	0.12	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.76-05
177	$10^{h}16^{m}44^{s}40$	+19 $+4$ $+7.3+20^{d}37^{m}46.5$	0.24	0.05	0.042	F	1	-1.2 -24.1	10.0	1.19	0.0			3 11406	0.0004
178	$10^{h}17^{m}49^{s}77$	$+20^{\circ}37^{\circ}40.3^{\circ}$	-0.78	0.05	0.116	S	0	31.3	0.9	5 23	0.12			0.4678	0.00014
179	$10^{h}18^{m}11^{s}01$	$+35^{d}42^{m}40.7$	0.073	0.015	1 4 3 9	F	1	64	3.0	2.88	0.14			1.22803	0.00011
180	10 ^h 20 ^m 07 ^s 76	$+10^{d}40^{m}03.5$	-0.88	0.18	1.550	S	3	1.4	4.0	2.97	0.14			3.1672	0.0008
181	10 ^h 21 ^m 12 ^s .84	$+44^{d}35^{m}00.9$	-0.81	0.16		S	2	17.3	15.0	5.6	0.4			1.7579	0.0005
182	10 ^h 23 ^m 10 ^s .56	$+47^{d}51^{m}46.2$	-0.82	0.16	0.142	S	0	-0.7	6.0	1.93	0.13			0.0	3e-05
183	10 ^h 24 ^m 44 ^s .82	$+19^{d}12^{m}20.7$	0.083	0.017	0.047	F	1	25.6	6.0	1.71	0.12	0.13	0.24	0.0	7e-05
184	10 ^h 26 ^m 31 ^s 96	$+06^{d}27^{m}32.7$	-0.86	0.17	1.024	S	0	29.7	4.0	1.6	0.12	-0.05	0.25	1.7093	0.0023
185	10 ^h 28 ^m 21 ^s 29	$+24^{d}01^{m}22.0$	0.035	0.007	0.330	F	0	23.8	14.0	1.27	0.14			1.87418	0.00027
186	10 ^h 28 ^m 37 ^s .04	$-01^{d}00^{m}27.5$	-0.33	0.08			2	-3.4	13.0	3.04	0.23			1.5305	0.0004
187	10 ⁿ 29 ^m 39 ^s 82	+22 ^d 51 ^m 37.1	-0.84	0.17	0.006	S	0	50.5	16.0	1.34	0.14			2.0752	0.0004
188	10"30"38.36	+08 ^u 53 ^m 24.7	-0.47	0.09	0.117		1	3.2	8.0	4.17	0.23		•••	1.74862	0.00026
189	10"31"44.69	+41°54°24.6	-0.89	0.18	0.242	S	0	42.8	12.0	2.43	0.18			0.6802	0.0011
190	10 ^m 31 ^m 44.81	$+00^{-2}0^{-3}0.3$	-0.21	0.04	0.099	F	1	1./	/.0	4.4	0.21		•••	1.2299	20.00025
191 102	10" 34" 1 /.49 10h 35m 1 4857	$+08^{-}30^{-}28.3$ $\pm 26d15m17.0$	-0.08	0.14	1.225	с	0	/.5 17.0	15.0	2.42	0.21			0.0	3e-05
192	10 ^h 36 ^m 33 ^s 03	$+20^{-13}$ 17.0 $+22^{d}$ (3 ^m 12.3	0.03	0.17	0.431	S F	0	6.8	7.0	2.24	0.14			0.0	5e-05
194	10 ^h 36 ^m 42 ^s 00	$+25^{d}02^{m}333$	-0.95	0.19	2.881	S	2	-4.4	11.0	2.33	0.17			2.004	0.0004
195	10 ^h 39 ^m 41 ^s 16	$+11^{d}46^{m}17.2$	-0.4	0.3			0	21.4	14.0	8.0	0.6			1.8793	0.0004
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196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	J2000 (°)	J2000 (°)				Subsample		$(rad m^{-2})$	$(rad m^{-2})$	(%)	(%)				
 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 	10 ^h 39 ^m 41 ^s .97	$+24^{d}22^{m}39.5$	-0.141	0.028	0.390	F	0	14.8	13.0	3.31	0.25			1.17386	0.00017
 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 	10 ^h 41 ^m 10 ^s .76	$+35^{d}19^{m}15.7$	-0.77	0.15	1.152	S	0	40.4	8.0	5.6	0.3		•••	1.01345	0.00024
199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	10 ⁿ 41 ^m 47 ^s .28	+52 ^d 33 ^m 32.6	-0.122	0.024	3.439	F	2	27.4	5.0	2.22	0.14			0.0	7e-05
200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	$10^{h}42^{m}44.54$	$+12^{\circ}03^{\circ}31.8$	-0.5	0.1	0.003	· · ·	1	25.5	0.3	6.88	0.23	-1.58	0.24	1.0286	0.00011
201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	10"44" 10:55	+35°09°°11.0	-0.88	0.18	0.258	5	0	1.0	8.0	4.9	0.26		•••	2.214/5	0.00029
202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	$10^{h}45^{m}31.70$ $10^{h}45^{m}42^{s}40$	$+52^{-}58^{-0}07.7$	-0.5	0.1	1.355		0	27.4	9.0	12.7	0.7			1.45262	0.00027
203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	$10^{h}45^{m}45^{s}97$	± 32 31 11.2 $\pm 41^{d}00^{m}00$ 3	-0.08	0.14	0.307	s	0	23.4	4.0	5.96	0.22			1.0374	0.0001
205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	$10^{h}47^{m}14^{s}83$	$+41^{d}30^{m}11^{3}$	-0.05	0.17	3 691		0	40.6	19.0	7.6	0.23			1.73270	0.00027
206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	$10^{h}47^{m}32.64$	$+47^{d}25^{m}32.3$	-0.53	0.11	0.008		0	1.8	5.0	1.4	0.11			0.0	9e-05
207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	10 ^h 49 ^m 32 ^s 03	+05 ^d 05 ^m 31.7	-0.82	0.16	0.034	S	1	16.9	14.0	7.7	0.5			1.1136	0.0025
208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	10 ^h 49 ^m 41 ^s .69	$+37^{d}56^{m}27.9$	-0.62	0.12	0.211		0	21.6	11.0	5.1	0.3			1.9807	0.0006
 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 	10 ^h 50 ^m 10 ^s 06	$+04^{d}32^{m}51.3$	-0.0056	0.0011	0.044	F	0	12.1	14.0	6.4	0.5			1.2158	0.0002
 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 	10 ^h 50 ^m 44 ^s .59	$+07^{d}18^{m}30.6$	-0.5	0.4			0	20.7	12.0	6.5	0.4			1.2243	0.0006
 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 	10 ^h 51 ^m 29 ^s .30	$+23^{d}47^{m}57.9$	-1.09	0.22	0.370	S	0	-5.3	3.0	3.82	0.18			1.27277	0.00011
 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 	$10^{\rm n}51^{\rm m}41^{\rm s}.22$	$+59^{d}13^{m}05.6$	-0.7	0.14	0.283		0	-11.2	6.0	4.64	0.22			0.4354	0.0015
 213 214 215 216 217 218 	10 ⁿ 51 ^m 44 ^s .89	+12 ^d 58 ^m 29.2	-0.119	0.024	0.254	F	0	-1.6	11.0	8.4	0.5		•••	1.31434	0.00027
214 215 216 217 218	10 ^h 51 ^m 48.80	+21°19°52.8	-0.12	0.05	1.116	F	2	8.8	1.9	2.66	0.13			1.30098	0.00012
213 216 217 218	10h54m26850	+58°55°34.1	-0.7	0.14	0.862	•••	0	1.2	11.0	6.3 5.2	0.4		•••	1.1/5/	0.0006
210 217 218	$10^{h}54^{m}20.39$	$+27^{\circ}03^{\circ}18.0$	-0.4	0.08	3 763	 F	1	-3.4	13.0	5.5 7.5	0.4			1.40004	0.00023
218	$10^{h}54^{m}49^{s}73$	$+25^{d}26^{m}50.9$	-0.10	0.03	0.422	S	0	27	8.0	7.5	0.0			0.8133	0.002
	$10^{\rm h}55^{\rm m}47^{\rm s}63$	$+26^{d}23^{m}37.0$	-0.9	0.18	0.145	S	0	4.3	8.0	5.6	0.3			0.8882	0.0004
219	10 ^h 55 ^m 50 ^s 45	$+16^{d}30^{m}41.1$	-0.5	0.1	2.073		Ő	-8.4	16.0	2.86	0.25			0.0	8e-05
220	10h56m12s02	$+05^{d}31^{m}11.9$	-0.59	0.12	0.611		0	18.1	5.0	6.1	0.25			1.7287	0.0003
221	10 ^h 56 ^m 54 ^s .48	$+05^{d}17^{m}06.4$	-0.5	0.1	0.642		0	39.5	10.0	5.9	0.3			0.0	6e-05
222	10 ^h 57 ^m 12 ^s .80	$+16^{d}22^{m}19.6$	-0.37	0.07	2.263		0	-23.4	9.0	6.2	0.3			0.7918	0.00011
223	10 ^h 58 ^m 13 ^s .02	$+49^{d}39^{m}36.2$	-0.72	0.14	0.010	S	1	5.9	5.0	5.32	0.22			2.3916	0.0006
224	10 ^h 58 ^m 17 ^s .46	$+19^{d}52^{m}09.5$					0	-7.8	1.0	2.57	0.14			0.0	7e-05
225	10 ⁿ 58 ^m 17 ^s .86	$+19^{d}51^{m}39.9$					0	-0.1	2.0	2.13	0.12			0.0	7e-05
226	10 ⁿ 58 ^m 40.86	+53 ^d 35 ^m 44.1	-0.64	0.16			1	12.3	7.0	8.3	0.3			1.5374	0.0004
227	10 ⁿ 59 ^m 51.93	$+40^{d}51^{m}16.9$	-0.62	0.12	3.522	···· F	1	-4.4	19.0	1.23	0.15			1.74611	0.00015
228	$11^{h}00^{m}21.07$ $11^{h}00^{m}47873$	$+10^{-}29^{-1}14.2$ $+10^{-}46^{-1}13.1$	-0.23	0.05	0.022	r s	1	-0.4	4.0	5.05 7.5	0.22	0.64	0.13	0.92	0.0004 4e.05
229	$11^{h}02^{m}14^{s}25$	$+27^{d}57^{m}09.3$	-0.8 0.42	0.10	0.239	5 F	1	26.9	8.0	3.51	0.28	-0.04	0.15	1 86848	0.00029
231	11 ^h 03 ^m 03 ^s 55	+275709.5 $+11^{d}58^{m}16.6$	0.038	0.008	2.775	F	0	1.3	6.0	4.18	0.10			0.9122	0.0002
232	11 ^h 04 ^m 37 ^s 43	$+50^{d}47^{m}51.8$	-0.82	0.16	0.537	S	Ő	28.2	17.0	3.31	0.29			2.1668	0.0007
233	11 ^h 04 ^m 53 ^s .65	$+60^{d}38^{m}55.7$	0.17	0.03	0.239	F	0	-29.3	15.0	2.39	0.22			1.365	0.0004
234	11 ^h 07 ^m 15 ^s .02	$+16^{d}28^{m}01.5$	-0.31	0.06	0.670		0	-13.9	4.0	1.96	0.12	-1.24	0.25	0.0	4e-05
235	11 ^h 07 ^m 15 ^s .77	$+05^{d}33^{m}08.4$	-0.87	0.17	0.135	S	0	11.6	10.0	1.28	0.12			0.0	8e-05
236	11 ^h 07 ^m 18 ^s 92	$+10^{d}04^{m}18.7$	-0.65	0.13	0.289		0	2.5	17.0	2.9	0.26			0.0	6e-05
237	11 ^h 07 ^m 57 ^s .37	$+66^{d}32^{m}56.2$	-0.79	0.16	0.439	S	1	3.3	12.0	2.7	0.2		•••	0.9566	0.00016
238	11 ⁿ 10 ^m 22 ^s .70	+03 ^d 21 ^m 32.3			•••		0	-6.3	8.0	7.5	0.4		•••	0.966	0.001
239	11 ⁿ 15 ^m 47.19	+43 ^d 04 ^m 29.0	-0.77	0.17		S	0	41.8	17.0	7.9	0.7			1.0358	0.0004
240	11 ⁿ 1/ ^m 53.20	$+41^{\circ}20^{\circ}1/.0$	-0.36	0.07	3.529		0	22.1	13.0	1.67	0.14		•••	2.218/2	0.00018
241	11 18 11.85 11 ^h 10 ^m 02 ^s 68	$+33^{\circ}19^{\circ}44.7$	-0.85	0.17	0.292	S	0	10.5	11.0	6.1 6.6	0.5			1.24143	0.00023
242 243	11 19 02.08 11 ^h 20 ^m 04 ^s 97	$+36^{\circ} 36^{\circ} 14.3$ $+46^{\circ} 07^{\circ} 46.5$	-0.71 -0.58	0.14	0.563		0	13.0	12.0	9.5	0.4			1.0035	0.00
244	$11^{h}20^{m}23^{s}16$	$+54^{d}04^{m}27.5$	-0.37	0.07	3,835		0	18.7	5.0	3.9	0.18			0.92216	0.00018
245	11 ^h 21 ^m 29 ^s 82	$+12^{d}36^{m}20.0$	-0.77	0.15	0.846	S	0	25.7	9.0	1.84	0.15			0.6836	0.0013
246	11 ^h 23 ^m 38 ^s 15	$+05^{d}20^{m}39.0$	-0.4	0.08	0.702		0	4.3	8.0	6.2	0.3			2.17932	0.00026
247	11 ^h 25 ^m 53 ^s .70	$+26^{d}10^{m}20.1$	0.2	0.04	0.017	F	0	-11.4	2.6	2.36	0.13			2.349	0.00014
248	11 ^h 26 ^m 28 ^s 23	$+39^{d}18^{m}43.0$	-0.77	0.15	0.994	S	0	25.9	13.0	2.87	0.23			1.5	0.0
249	11 ^h 26 ^m 56 ^s .73	$+28^{d}46^{m}13.9$	-0.87	0.17	0.985	S	0	-12.7	5.0	4.5	0.2			1.3978	0.0009
250	11 ^h 26 ^m 57 ^s .66	$+45^{d}16^{m}07.3$	-0.0092	0.0018	2.733	F	1	8.3	14.0	1.01	0.12			1.81384	0.00026
251	11 ⁿ 27 ^m 02 ^s .46	+02 ^d 31 ^m 08.9	-0.42	0.08	0.774		1	8.9	4.0	6.59	0.26			1.65366	0.00022
252	11 ⁿ 27 ^m 53 ^s .52	+00 ^u 05 ^m 19.0	-0.9	0.18	0.286	S	0	3.7	5.0	7.1	0.3			0.0	9e-05
253	11"29"29.17	+45°20°25.8	-0.74	0.15	0.780	S	2	43.0	15.0	4.2	0.3			1.1194	0.0002
254	11"30" 36.99	$+10^{\circ}54^{\circ}01.0$	-0.36	0.07	0.110	 E	1	4.3	15.0	3.08	0.26		0.014	1.3223	0.0004
233 256	11 30 35.27 11h32m45865	$\pm 00^{d} 3/m^{28} 0$	_0.1	0.1	1.199	г F	0	-57.8	15.0	3.0	0.11	-0.07	0.014	1.7404	0.0004
257	$11^{h}34^{m}54^{s}61$	$+30^{d}05^{m}25.0$	-0.23	0.19	0.554	S	0	20.5	5.0	1.18	0.15	-0.5	0.1	0.0	2.4e-05
258	11 ^h 35 ^m 11 ^s 71	$+35^{d}14^{m}52.8$	-0.85	0.17	0.281	S	0	-1.6	12.0	1.71	0.16			0.992	0.001
259	11 ^h 38 ^m 02 ^s 34	$+25^{d}24^{m}24.6$	-0.19	0.04	0.001	F	0	14.3	9.0	3.4	0.18			1.6601	0.0003
260	11 ^h 40 ^m 16 ^s .66	$+00^{d}53^{m}51.4$	-0.27	0.05	0.698	F	0	-8.4	13.0	3.43	0.26			1.13641	0.00018

Table 2 (Continued)

No.	NVSS R.A. J2000 (°)	NVSS Decl. J2000 (°)	α	Δα	χ^2	Flat/Steep Subsample	N _{Mg II}	RM (rad m^{-2})	ΔRM (rad m ⁻²)	П (%)	ΔΠ (%)	β	$\Delta \beta$	z	Δz
261	11 ^h 40 ^m 54 ^s 55	+26 ^d /3 ^m 35/	_0.93	0.19	0.156	<u> </u>	1		17.0	1.12	0.14			2.12	0.0013
262	$11^{h}41^{m}20^{s}65$	$+10^{d}05^{m}24.8$	-0.93	0.19	0.150		0	26.1	15.0	6.3	0.14			1.0499	0.00015
263	$11^{h}41^{m}24^{s}07$	$+42^{d}17^{m}50.2$	-0.82	0.16	0.290	S	0	2.7	12.0	4.28	0.27			2.0442	0.0009
264	11 ^h 42 ^m 57 ^s 23	$+21^{d}29^{m}12.5$	-1.08	0.22	0.321	Š	1	19.1	1.2	6.2	0.24			1.37104	0.00019
265	$11^{h}43^{m}12^{s}.10$	$+46^{d}23^{m}26.7$	-0.17	0.03	0.380	F	0	2.3	15.0	2.95	0.25			1.3214	0.0006
266	11 ^h 43 ^m 27 ^s 47	$+30^{d}05^{m}54.7$	-1.07	0.21	0.593	S	0	-5.0	8.0	1.5	0.12			2.27414	0.00018
267	11 ^h 45 ^m 33 ^s 90	+38 ^d 56 ^m 55.5	-0.87	0.17	2.330	S	1	23.8	12.0	2.49	0.19			2.3	0.0
268	11 ^h 46 ^m 36 ^s 77	$+32^{d}00^{m}03.9$	-0.64	0.13	0.282		0	-4.8	9.0	5.43	0.28			1.75746	0.00025
269	11 ^h 47 ^m 59 ^s .74	$+26^{d}35^{m}42.7$	0.127	0.025	0.632	F	0	21.0	17.0	1.09	0.13			0.866	0.0001
270	11 ^h 49 ^m 30 ^s 92	$+25^{d}14^{m}32.7$	-0.81	0.16	0.021	S	0	15.1	2.1	5.36	0.19			0.59535	0.00011
271	11 ^h 49 ^m 54 ^s 43	$+27^{d}11^{m}29.4$	-0.5	0.3			2	-4.1	14.0	7.4	0.5			1.7421	0.0006
272	11 ^h 51 ^m 09 ^s 27	$+47^{d}28^{m}57.2$	-1.14	0.23	3.870	S	1	-22.8	6.0	2.41	0.15			0.86211	0.00019
273	11 ^h 51 ^m 29 ^s 32	$+38^{d}25^{m}52.6$	-0.75	0.06	2.737	S	1	8.4	4.0	4.02	0.17	-0.65	0.16	1.3016	0.00013
274	11 ^h 52 ^m 01 ^s .07	$+10^{d}23^{m}23.1$	-0.58	0.12	0.301		1	20.9	8.0	3.92	0.21			2.0844	0.0007
275	11 ^h 52 ^m 58 ^s 75	$+29^{d}30^{m}15.0$	-0.29	0.06	0.405	F	0	7.6	16.0	2.96	0.24			1.2348	0.0004
276	11 ^h 53 ^m 12 ^s .54	$+09^{d}14^{m}02.5$	-0.45	0.09	1.090		0	52.2	4.0	2.1	0.12			0.0	4e-05
277	11 ^h 55 ^m 42 ^s .70	$+02^{d}14^{m}11.4$	0.0114	0.0023	0.100	F	0	30.7	16.0	3.5	0.3			0.87288	0.00015
278	11 ^h 59 ^m 10 ^s 35	$+03^{d}02^{m}10.7$	-0.5	0.1	0.000		2	29.6	9.0	6.8	0.3	•••		1.00885	0.00022
279	11 ^h 59 ^m 17 ^s .83	$+44^{d}12^{m}17.3$	-0.78	0.16	0.048	S	0	-0.3	2.9	6.0	0.22			1.2107	0.0005
280	11 ^h 59 ^m 31 ^s 80	$+29^{d}14^{m}44.3$	-0.24	0.08	2.461	F	0	-31.9	1.4	2.91	0.15	-0.44	0.17	0.7247	0.0001
281	12 ^h 00 ^m 03 ^s .94	$+41^{d}08^{m}45.2$	-0.75	0.15	1.528	S	1	8.0	10.0	3.81	0.23			1.8594	0.0002
282	$12^{n}01^{m}15.08$	$+18^{d}09^{m}34.4$	-0.71	0.14	0.629	S	1	-41.1	8.0	5.6	0.3			1.09234	0.00025
283	12 ⁿ 03 ^m 01 ^s 03	$+06^{d}34^{m}41.2$	-0.07	0.19		F	1	16.7	4.0	4.36	0.18	•••	•••	2.1778	0.0004
284	12"04"35.61	+19 ^d 10 ^m 26.3	-0.0107	0.0021	0.024	F	0	11.5	17.0	3.5	0.3		•••	1.6558	0.0003
285	12 ⁿ 07 ^m 12 ^s 62	+12411145.8	0.066	0.013	0.317	F	0	-23.2	8.0	4.06	0.22	•••		0.89182	0.00022
286	12 ⁿ 07 ^m 27.83	+27 ^d 54 ^m 59.3	-0.19	0.04	0.075	F	1	15.9	5.0	2.3	0.13			2.18043	0.00015
287	12 ^h 09 ^m 13.52	+43 ^d 39 ^m 18.7	-1.01	0.03	1.222	S	1	-0.1	0.4	8.2	0.27	-0.4	0.1	1.3991	0.0002
288	12 ^h 09 ^m 45 ^s 11	+25 ^d 4/ ^m 03.3	-0.104	0.021	0.231	F	2	19.0	6.0	2.77	0.16		•••	1.43582	0.00024
289	12"10"51.98	+52°30°°51.0	-0.76	0.15	0.587	5	0	28.9	5.0	2.58	0.14			1.6507	0.0022
290	12"11"18.51	+42-34-20.0	-0.59	0.12	0.940		2	-18.5	2.4	1.98	0.27		•••	2.0185	0.0006
291	12 12 01.08	$+00^{\circ}50^{\circ}23.3$	-0.8	0.10	0.000	5	2	20.0	9.0	4.05	0.25			1.145//	0.00029
292	12 12 05.80	+20 $+3$ 20.3	-0.88	0.18	0.303	S F	1	-14.9	2.9	3.33	0.21			2.3193	0.00010
295	12 12 55.85 12h12m56s07	$\pm 10^{d} 25^{m} 47.4$	-0.22	0.04	0.274	F	1	_19.7	5.0	2.49	0.22			1 24206	0.0007
205	$12^{h}13^{m}32^{s}13$	$+19^{2}23^{4}7.4$ $+13^{d}07^{m}20.4$	-0.071	0.014	0.005	1	1	-11.6	5.0	1.45	0.14	0.0	0.5	1 13862	0.00013
296	12 ^h 14 ^m 59 ^s 79	$-02^{d}24^{m}58.6$	-0.54	0.07	0.572		0	-83	7.0	10.6	0.11	0.0		1.15002	0.00027
297	12 ^h 15 ^m 03 ^s 97	$+16^{d}54^{m}38.1$	0.036	0.007	0.255	F	Ő	-15.5	6.0	3.34	0.17			1.1	0.0
298	12 ^h 15 ^m 29 ^s 80	$+53^{d}35^{m}54.1$	-0.9	0.18	0.099	S	Ő	30.7	1.2	2.33	0.13			1.0692	0.0017
299	$12^{h}15^{m}41^{s}.27$	$+05^{d}19^{m}36.0$	-0.69	0.14	0.049		Ő	10.9	9.0	4.18	0.24			0.0	8e-05
300	12 ^h 15 ^m 48 ^s 96	$+31^{d}51^{m}34.6$	-0.17	0.03	0.821	F	0	-0.6	6.0	4.13	0.19			2.2559	0.0004
301	12h16m04s76	+58 ^d 43 ^m 33.3	-0.75	0.15	0.010	S	2	37.0	7.0	2.22	0.13			1.45172	0.00025
302	12 ^h 16 ^m 19 ^s .86	$+23^{d}34^{m}54.8$	-0.83	0.17	0.240	S	0	-4.1	7.0	3.62	0.19			1.3191	0.0003
303	12h17m01s41	$+10^{d}19^{m}49.6$	-0.8	0.2		S	1	15.5	18.0	3.07	0.29			1.8833	0.0024
304	12 ^h 17 ^m 10 ^s 92	$+58^{d}35^{m}26.2$	-0.25	0.05	1.599	F	0	11.3	4.0	3.18	0.15			2.54964	0.00017
305	12 ^h 17 ^m 15 ^s .30	$+47^{d}12^{m}14.5$	-0.85	0.17	1.179	S	0	-7.7	18.0	4.8	0.4			1.13332	0.00028
306	12 ^h 17 ^m 41 ^s .40	$+64^{d}07^{m}08.7$	-0.73	0.15	0.078	S	0	6.6	6.0	1.33	0.11			1.3	0.0
307	12 ^h 17 ^m 56 ^s 90	$+25^{d}29^{m}27.2$	-0.93	0.19	0.268	S	0	4.0	5.0	1.53	0.12			0.0	7e-05
308	12 ^h 19 ^m 43 ^s .87	$+67^{d}25^{m}00.4$	-0.88	0.18	1.132	S	1	83.2	12.0	4.8	0.3			1.55959	0.00025
309	12 ^h 20 ^m 28 ^s .08	$+09^{d}28^{m}26.9$	-1.11	0.22	0.025	S	1	-11.8	2.3	3.26	0.16			1.0822	0.0014
310	12 ^h 20 ^m 39 ^s 33	$+17^{d}18^{m}21.4$	-0.56	0.11	0.267		0	1.5	11.0	5.8	0.4	•••		0.0	6e-05
311	12 ^h 21 ^m 06 ^s 05	$+45^{d}48^{m}45.5$	-0.55	0.11	0.563		1	2.3	12.0	4.4	0.3	•••		0.0	7e-05
312	12 ^h 21 ^m 27 ^s .03	$+44^{d}11^{m}29.8$	0.024	0.005	3.058	F	1	-16.9	4.0	2.58	0.13	•••	•••	1.34653	0.00018
313	$12^{n}21^{m}52^{s}.92$	$+31^{d}30^{m}56.7$	-1.12	0.22	2.268	S	0	-1.0	1.5	5.94	0.22			0.0	6e-05
314	$12^{h}21^{m}54^{s}.10$	$+30^{d}51^{m}46.1$	-0.63	0.13	0.119		0	-8.9	8.0	2.54	0.15			0.0	8e-05
315	12 ⁿ 23 ^m 11.05	+37 ^d 07 ^m 03.2	-0.85	0.17	2.851	S	0	-6.7	2.5	6.1	0.23			0.0	3e-05
316	12"23"15.70	+16 ^u 42 ⁱⁿ 49.1	-0.9	0.4		S	0	-15.1	19.0	5.3	0.4			1.4194	0.0005
317	12"23"39:25	+46º11º19.7	-0.087	0.017	0.065	F	1	2.4	5.0	2.92	0.15			1.01158	0.00015
518	12"23"45.99	+18°21°07.1	-0.88	0.18	0.000	S	1	0.7	2.0	6.43	0.25	-0.54	0.11	1.40154	0.00022
319	12"24"52.44	+03°30°50.1	-0.098	0.017	0.166	F	0	19.5	4.0	1.37	0.11	-0.03	0.04	0.95626	0.00013
320 221	12-23-10:82	+31-45-53.3	-0.81	0.10	1./90	5	0	-30.9	17.0	3.0	0.3			1.2/3	0.0007
321	12 20 3/.94	+45-40-58.6	-0.119	0.024	0.033	Г С	0	8.8 27.0	9.0	3.8 1.62	0.25			2.0083	0.0000
322 372	12 20 00:82	$\pm 20^{d} 22^{m} 10^{-1}$	-0.8	0.10	1.000	5 C	0	27.9 14.0	15.0	1.05	0.10	0.1	0.5	0.07289	0.00013
323 324	12 20 11.// 12h28m36880	$+10^{d}18^{m}/18$	-0.85	0.17	1 563	s	1	26	5.0	4.30 3.24	0.19	-0.1	0.5	2 30257	0.0
325	12 ^h 30 ^m 53 ^s 90	$+39^{d}30^{m}154$	-0.78	0.17		S	1	2.0 5.4	4.0	77	03			2.2	0.0
220		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0.70	0.17		5		5.7	1.0		0.0				0.0

Table 2(Continued)

No.	NVSS R.A. J2000 (°)	NVSS Decl. J2000 (°)	α	Δα	χ^2	Flat/Steep Subsample	N _{Mg II}	RM (rad m^{-2})	ΔRM (rad m ⁻²)	П (%)	$\Delta \Pi$	β	$\Delta \beta$	Z	Δz
226	12000 ()	+ 22d55m41.0	0.00	0.19	0.410	c	0	5.2	(100 111)	(,0)	0.26			2 4909	0.0004
320 327	12 ^h 32 ^m 12 ^s 08	$+53^{-}55^{-}41.0$ $+51^{d}41^{m}00.5$	-0.88	0.18	0.410	S	0	-5.2	4.0	0.0 8 3	0.20	•••		2.4808	0.0004
327	12 52 54.55 12 ^h 32 ^m 56 ^s 56	$+57^{d}22^{m}14.0$	-0.24 -0.68	0.05	0.180	1 [.]	1	-15.3	11.0	0.5 4 34	0.0			2 1171	0.001
329	$12^{h}33^{m}54^{s}40$	$+48^{d}20^{m}52.1$	-0.53	0.11	3.825		0	-4.1	14.0	8.0	0.6			1.0	0.0
330	12 ^h 34 ^m 25 ^s .67	$+24^{d}31^{m}44.1$	-0.75	0.15	0.075	S	1	-10.2	7.0	1.45	0.12			1.33867	0.00013
331	12 ^h 34 ^m 31 ^s 69	+64 ^d 55 ^m 55.0	-0.44	0.09	3.772		1	33.6	14.0	4.5	0.3			3.0321	0.00014
332	12 ^h 34 ^m 53 ^s 79	$+67^{d}45^{m}50.1$	-0.34	0.07	3.811		0	74.2	17.0	2.64	0.24			1.36713	0.00022
333	12h36m03.91	$+24^{d}24^{m}44.7$	-0.063	0.013	1.103	F	0	-10.4	10.0	5.8	0.3			2.9428	0.0005
334	12h36m49s51	$+25^{d}07^{m}34.7$					0	4.8	7.0	7.3	0.4			0.0	2.1e-05
335	12h36m53s54	$+25^{d}08^{m}03.8$					0	21.2	13.0	2.81	0.22			0.0	2.1e-05
336	12h37m04s05	+33 ^d 14 ^m 22.6	-0.076	0.015	0.082	F	0	-18.2	8.0	3.5	0.2			1.28766	0.00029
337	12 ^h 37 ^m 04 ^s 38	$+66^{d}34^{m}55.6$	-0.64	0.13	0.343		0	39.9	12.0	2.04	0.16			0.0	6e-05
338	12 ^h 39 ^m 32 ^s 78	$+04^{d}43^{m}05.3$	-0.026	0.005	1.294	F	0	48.0	13.0	1.48	0.14	•••	•••	1.7606	0.0008
339	12 ^h 40 ^m 21 ^s 23	$+35^{d}02^{m}59.3$	-1.0	0.2	0.798	S	0	4.8	13.0	2.33	0.18		•••	1.1992	0.0013
340	12 ^h 40 ^m 42 ^s 89	$+25^{d}11^{m}15.1$	-0.62	0.12	1.375		0	-19.7	13.0	5.8	0.4		•••	0.0	3e-05
341	12 ⁿ 40 ^m 44.53	+33 ^d 03 ^m 55.0	-0.8	0.16	0.183	S	1	2.2	4.0	7.8	0.3	•••	•••	0.8114	0.0011
342	12 ⁿ 41 ^m 03.21	+41 ^d 30 ^m 42.9	-0.35	0.07	0.562		0	14.9	17.0	5.3	0.4			0.86021	0.00028
343	12 ⁿ 43 ^m 57.63	$+16^{d}22^{m}52.7$	-0.86	0.17	0.150	S	0	-0.9	1.7	1.59	0.12	-0.43	0.11	0.5551	0.0003
344 245	12"44" 08:55	$+21^{\circ}1/^{m}11.2$	-0.8	0.3	0.165	5	0	/.1	11.0	5.5 1.20	0.3	•••	•••	1.8204	0.0011
343 246	12"44" 10.80	$+1/^{\alpha}21^{m}04.1$	-0.35	0.07	0.105		1	-1.0	11.0	1.38	0.15			1.28223	0.00022
240 247	12 44 38.90	$+08^{\circ}21^{\circ}33.0$	-0.81	0.10	0.495	5	1	15 7	11.0	5.40 2.22	0.24			0.92643	0.00017
347 378	12 43 58.55 12 ^h 46 ^m 18 ^s 26	+33 11 34.3	-0.84	0.17	0.042	S	1	68	9.0	2.55	0.10			1.5551	0.0021
340	$12^{h}46^{m}41^{s}81$	$+32\ 28\ 50.8$ $+34^{d}52^{m}42.0$	-0.29	0.00	0.341	I' S	0	-16.8	9.0 6.0	0.0 7 3	0.3			1.02447	0.0003
350	12 40 41.81 12 ^h 47 ^m 16 ^s 82	$+12^{d}36^{m}581$	-0.91 -0.92	0.18	1 356	S	0	-10.8	10.0	2.03	0.5			1.02447	0.00023
351	$12^{h}47^{m}20^{s}75$	$+32^{d}09^{m}00.0$	-0.81	0.16	1.550	S	0	43	6.0	2.05	0.10			0.94895	0.0004
352	12 ^h 48 ^m 06 ^s 66	$+18^{d}38^{m}09.8$	-0.71	0.14	0.670	S	0	-264	12.0	1.53	0.14			0.72239	0.00011
353	$12^{h}48^{m}26^{s}.52$	$+46^{d}42^{m}05.9$	-0.9	0.18	0.015	s	1	-5.2	12.0	3.83	0.27			1.23364	0.00024
354	12 ^h 48 ^m 37 ^s 38	$+20^{d}22^{m}26.8$	0.035	0.007	0.337	F	0	9.3	9.0	4.46	0.26			0.76802	0.00012
355	12 ^h 48 ^m 57 ^s 24	$+47^{d}03^{m}44.5$	-0.66	0.13	0.057		0	14.1	6.0	2.6	0.14			2.044	0.00024
356	12h49m23s00	$+44^{d}44^{m}45.1$	-0.92	0.03	1.268	S	0	9.1	1.3	6.16	0.24	-0.25	0.05	0.8	0.0
357	12h49m44s26	+65 ^d 57 ^m 53.7	-0.65	0.13	0.666		0	33.2	5.0	8.2	0.3			0.0	3e-05
358	12h50m09s25	$+16^{d}21^{m}21.3$	-0.03	0.006	0.170	F	0	-4.3	10.0	2.27	0.16			0.85004	0.00016
359	12h50m25s31	$+30^{d}16^{m}38.6$	-0.94	0.19	0.515	S	0	4.4	4.0	3.9	0.18			1.1	0.0
360	12 ^h 50 ^m 55 ^s .41	+58 ^d 18 ^m 39.9	-0.65	0.13	0.501		0	-3.4	11.0	6.5	0.4			1.2509	0.0008
361	12 ^h 51 ^m 51 ^s 11	$+49^{d}18^{m}53.3$	-0.85	0.17	0.008	S	0	-3.1	16.0	2.87	0.24		•••	1.4616	0.0003
362	12 ^h 53 ^m 20.52	$+46^{d}33^{m}52.5$	-0.82	0.16	0.987	S	1	11.1	14.0	4.6	0.3	•••	•••	2.5	0.0
363	12 ^h 54 ^m 24 ^s 46	$+40^{d}55^{m}56.4$	-0.68	0.14	0.785		1	-31.7	14.0	6.2	0.5		•••	1.01693	0.00024
364	12 ⁿ 54 ^m 28.83	+45°36°04.2	-0.18	0.04	0.259	F	0	0.1	8.0	3.01	0.18		•••	1.6466	0.0006
365	12"55""04.22	+48 ^d 09 ^m 49.6	-0.91	0.18	1.033	S	0	34.9	10.0	2.24	0.17	•••	•••	1.70258	0.00023
366	12 ⁿ 56 ^m 07.49	+10 ^d 08 ^m 57.2	-0.68	0.14	3.976		0	18.3	4.0	5.74	0.25		•••	0.0	5e-05
30/	12"57"03.35	$+00^{\circ}24^{\circ}38.0$	-0.79	0.22	0.047	S	0	-19.4	4.0	0.28	0.20		•••	1.25994	0.00029
260	12 ^h 50 ^m 25.85	$+30^{-}44^{-1}19.3$	-0.80	0.17	0.047	5	1	13.7	4.0	2.23	0.15			0.0	0.0002
370	12 39 02.33	$+39\ 00\ 19.0$	-0.91	0.18	0.439	S	1	0.7	4.0	0.85 5.4	0.29			0.9764	0.0002
371	13 ^h 00 ^m 32 ^s 87	$+40^{d}09^{m}09.2$	-0.73 -1.13	0.15	2 325	S	0	-9.5 77 2	19.0	1.4 1.74	0.4	-0.97	0.05	1 671	0.00014
372	$13^{h}00^{m}36^{s}44$	$+08^{d}28^{m}00.6$	0.31	0.04	0.700	F	1	42.5	15.0	4.2	0.14			1.071	0.002
373	13 ^h 02 ^m 53 ^s 81	$+23^{d}23^{m}196$	-0.29	0.06	0.554	F	2	38.1	16.0	4.0	0.3			3.1881	0.0004
374	13 ^h 03 ^m 47 ^s 06	$-02^{d}01^{m}56.3$	-0.65	0.18			0	10.1	7.0	6.26	0.29			1.9898	0.0003
375	13h07m13s92	+13 ^d 55 ^m 19.9	-0.23	0.05	0.069	F	3	31.0	15.0	3.18	0.26			1.431	0.0004
376	13h07m54s01	$+06^{d}42^{m}15.9$	-0.9	0.18	0.094	S	0	17.0	4.0	5.38	0.23	-1.5	0.3	0.6	0.0
377	13 ^h 08 ^m 56 ^s .63	$+27^{d}08^{m}11.2$	-0.7	0.14	0.801		2	-9.2	5.0	3.94	0.19			1.53356	0.00011
378	13 ^h 09 ^m 09 ^s 78	+55 ^d 57 ^m 38.5	0.36	0.07	0.029	F	1	41.3	8.0	2.41	0.16			1.63095	0.00022
379	13 ^h 10 ^m 50 ^s 21	$+26^{d}30^{m}01.6$	-1.0	0.3		S	0	3.2	9.0	9.1	0.5		•••	1.5386	0.0004
380	13 ^h 10 ^m 56 ^s 69	+17 ^d 59 ^m 39.4	-0.82	0.16	0.019	S	0	-5.7	6.0	2.6	0.15			1.68084	0.00021
381	13 ^h 10 ^m 59 ^s .46	$+32^{d}33^{m}34.9$	0.56	0.11	1.478	F	1	-15.6	13.0	1.39	0.14			1.6391	0.0007
382	13 ^h 11 ^m 31 ^s .67	$+31^{d}15^{m}56.8$	-0.69	0.14	0.715		0	4.5	16.0	1.76	0.16		•••	1.8	0.0
383	13 ^h 13 ^m 19 ^s 49	$+15^{d}52^{m}50.3$	-0.72	0.14	0.469	S	0	-4.4	10.0	1.95	0.15			0.0	2.9e-05
384	13 ⁿ 14 ^m 58 ^s .47	$+56^{d}03^{m}42.6$	-0.68	0.14	0.027		0	25.4	6.0	2.92	0.15			1.74992	0.00024
385	13"17"36 ^s 52	+34 ^u 25 ^m 16.4	-0.42	0.08	0.519		0	-13.0	6.0	2.01	0.13		•••	1.05419	0.00022
386	13"19"09.35	+20 ^u 53 ^m 24.4	-1.04	0.21	0.900	S	0	-22.4	10.0	2.22	0.17	· · · ·		1.2139	0.0004
387	13"21"18.84	+11°06 ^m 49.4	-0.74	0.15	0.498	S	3	5.9	1.3	2.93	0.13	-1.7	0.3	2.17739	0.00029
388 280	13"21" 39". /4	+00~2356.9	-0.38	0.24	0.041	 C	0	28.8	4.0	10.7	0.4		•••	1.01945	0.00016
200	13"24""2/".43	$+12^{-}30^{}35.1$	-0.8	0.10	0.041	5	1	J.0 40.2	8.U 2.7	4.72	0.25	•••		1.1401	0.0008
390	15 25 29:50	+03 13 13.8	-0.88	0.18	0.324	3	1	40.2	2.1	5.51	0.15	• • •	• • •	1.02894	0.00022

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No.	NVSS R.A. J2000 (°)	NVSS Decl. J2000 (°)	α	Δα	χ^2	Flat/Steep Subsample	N _{Mg II}	RM (rad m ⁻²)	ΔRM (rad m ⁻²)	П (%)	ΔΠ (%)	β	$\Delta \beta$	Z	Δz
391	13h29m03s39	+25 ^d 31 ^m 05.5	-0.53	0.11	0.022		1	20.8	19.0	8.7	0.8			0.98739	0.00019
392	13h30m05s07	$+54^{d}14^{m}51.5$	-0.57	0.11	0.443		0	28.0	12.0	5.6	0.4			0.83818	0.00014
393	13h31m08s31	$+30^{d}30^{m}32.4$	-0.57	0.11	2.844		1	8.8	0.1	9.16	0.29	-0.33	0.05	0.84885	0.00011
394	13h31m25s84	$+24^{d}59^{m}54.3$					0	-1.6	8.0	6.5	0.3			0.0	7e-05
395	13 ^h 31 ^m 28 ^s 94	$+25^{d}01^{m}18.7$					0	2.9	13.0	5.0	0.3			0.0	7e-05
396	13 ^h 32 ^m 22 ^s .42	$+53^{d}28^{m}17.4$	-1.0	0.2	2.883	S	0	27.6	10.0	4.69	0.29			1.2668	0.0015
397	13 ⁿ 33 ^m 45 ^s .03	$+02^{d}19^{m}12.0$	-0.51	0.22			1	20.1	8.0	4.89	0.27			1.2	0.0
398	13 ⁿ 33 ^m 58 ^s 98	-03 ^d 28 ^m 45.8					0	19.0	12.0	5.0	0.3			0.0	4e-05
399	13 ⁿ 34 ^m 09.53	$-02^{d}50^{m}31.4$					2	15.9	15.0	9.3	0.7			1.7061	0.0007
400	13 ⁿ 3/ ^m 08.90	+11 ^d 40 ^m 08.4	-0.7	0.14	0.381	S	1	-8.3	6.0	3.78	0.19			1.76069	0.00029
401	13"3/"49.65	+55°01°02.8	0.073	0.015	0.200	F	1	20.7	2.0	4.42	0.17			1.0974	0.0003
402	$13^{\circ}42^{\circ}08.31$ 12h42m12812	$+27^{2}09^{2}30.4$	0.24	0.05	0.143	Г S	1	-41.4	10.0	5.22 0.7	0.29	0.80	0.20	1.1895	0.0002
403	$13^{h}44^{m}25^{s}11$	$+00^{-}21^{-}42.3$ $+38^{d}41^{m}20.7$	-0.99	0.05	0.317	5	0	3.0 13.2	0.0 7.0	3.5	0.1	-0.89	0.29	1 5381	0.00010
404	13 ^h 45 ^m 36 ^s 82	$+38^{d}23^{m}13.1$	-1.0	0.2	0.332	3	2	15.2	13.0	5.5 0.54	0.2	17	0.3	1.5501	0.0019
405	$13^{h}47^{m}40^{s}96$	$+58^{d}12^{m}42.8$	-0.05	0.04	0.434	S	1	27	6.0	0.94	0.11	-1.7	0.5	2 04448	0.00027
407	$13^{h}47^{m}51^{s}00$	$+38^{\circ}12^{\circ}+2.8^{\circ}$	-0.83	0.17	2 853	S	0	-5.2	5.0	5 33	0.11			0.0	5e-05
408	13 ^h 49 ^m 34 ^s 72	$+53^{d}41^{m}17.2$	-0.05	0.09	0.063		0	-13.3	7.0	0.8	0.11			0.97861	0.00015
409	$13^{h}50^{m}15^{s}25$	$+38^{d}12^{m}06.4$	-0.5	0.1	3.802		1	-0.5	14.0	2.91	0.23			1.3927	0.0003
410	13 ^h 50 ^m 32 ^s 38	$+38^{d}59^{m}22.6$	-0.5	0.1	0.499		0	-9.4	13.0	3.17	0.23			1.59401	0.00023
411	$13^{h}50^{m}52^{s}.71$	$+30^{d}34^{m}53.6$	-0.067	0.013	0.150	F	1	27.7	12.0	1.79	0.14			0.71195	0.00018
412	13 ^h 50 ^m 54 ^s .16	$+05^{d}21^{m}56.0$	-0.8	0.29		S	0	8.2	6.0	9.4	0.4			0.0	2.7e-05
413	13 ^h 51 ^m 16 ^s .10	$+22^{d}11^{m}10.3$	-0.92	0.18	0.027	Š	1	19.7	13.0	4.2	0.3			1.5745	0.0004
414	13 ^h 51 ^m 43 ^s 31	$+02^{d}46^{m}20.7$	-0.48	0.24			1	-7.6	7.0	6.1	0.3			1.2214	0.0004
415	13h53m05s53	+04 ^d 43 ^m 37.5	-0.37	0.22			0	-3.6	8.0	5.6	0.3			0.0	5e-05
416	13h53m26s21	+57 ^d 25 ^m 51.9	-0.66	0.13	1.264		0	55.7	18.0	2.68	0.25			3.47677	0.00019
417	13 ^h 53 ^m 51 ^s .57	$+01^{d}51^{m}54.4$	-0.35	0.18			1	-4.7	3.0	6.05	0.23	0.8	0.4	1.60678	0.00022
418	13h54m05s28	$+31^{d}39^{m}02.6$	-0.63	0.13	3.457		1	21.4	18.0	1.75	0.18			1.3213	0.0002
419	13 ^h 55 ^m 41 ^s .08	$+30^{d}24^{m}11.5$	-0.075	0.015	2.900	F	0	-7.0	9.0	4.89	0.26			1.02113	0.00025
420	13 ^h 57 ^m 04 ^s .37	$+19^{d}19^{m}08.1$	0.025	0.005	0.090	F	1	28.1	0.6	6.14	0.23	-1.41	0.18	0.0	1.5e-05
421	13 ^h 57 ^m 06 ^s .40	$+25^{d}37^{m}26.1$	-1.0	0.2	0.230	S	3	1.4	3.0	5.2	0.2			2.0102	0.0005
422	13 ^h 57 ^m 26 ^s .47	$+00^{d}15^{m}41.7$	-0.33	0.21			1	-13.3	11.0	2.9	0.2			0.0	5e-05
423	13 ^h 57 ^m 40 ^s .09	$+37^{d}49^{m}48.0$	-0.73	0.15	0.121	S	2	-18.2	10.0	3.44	0.22			1.561	0.011
424	13 ^h 59 ^m 27 ^s .11	$+01^{d}59^{m}53.5$	0.05	0.18		F	0	11.4	1.6	5.86	0.23	-0.06	0.27	1.3272	0.0004
425	13 ⁿ 59 ^m 39 ^s .17	+50 ^d 51 ^m 49.3	-1.0	0.2	3.353	S	1	29.8	11.0	5.1	0.4			1.4504	0.0003
426	14 ⁿ 02 ^m 15 ^s .29	+58 ^d 17 ^m 46.3	-0.5	0.1	0.115		1	13.3	4.0	5.69	0.25			1.2658	0.00025
427	14 ⁿ 04 ^m 09.49	+06 ^d 40 ^m 09.4	-0.5	0.22			0	-1.9	16.0	2.76	0.24		•••	0.90836	0.00016
428	$14^{\text{m}}04^{\text{m}}16.73$	$+34^{d}13^{m}16.1$	-0.68	0.14	0.064		0	-19.1	13.0	7.4	0.6			0.932	0.002
429	14"06"02.27	$+06^{\circ}5/^{m}16.1$	-0.88	0.18	3.563	5	0	4.0	0.0 14.0	3.19	0.17			0.0	6e-05
430	14"06"56.58	$+46^{\circ}1/^{11}13.2$	-1.09	0.22	0.083	3	0	-27.1	14.0	2.04	0.18			1.3142	0.0023
431	14 ^h 00 ^m 18 ^s 54	$+00^{-}51^{-}55.9$	0.78	0.16	0.126	· · · ·	1	-2.8	10.0	0.0 7 1	0.7			1.0714	0.0000
432	14 09 18.34	+04 55 20.8	-0.78	0.10	0.120	3	0	45.2	14.0	7.4 5.6	0.5			0.0	0.00029
433	$14^{h}10^{m}28.93$	$-01^{-}07^{-}20.3$ $\pm 46^{d}08^{m}21^{-}2$	_0.83	0.17	0.132	S	0	-0.5	13.0	2.02	0.4			1.01781	0.00025
435	$14^{h}12^{m}29^{s}50$	$+54^{d}55^{m}12.9$	-0.03	0.17	1 885	S	0	10.4	12.0	3.38	0.10			1.52369	0.00023
436	$14^{h}14^{m}16^{s}68$	$+10^{d}08^{m}23.6$	-0.25	0.05	0.061	F	1	-10.5	13.0	4.2	0.29			1.7867	0.0006
437	14 ^h 18 ^m 58 ^s 81	$+39^{d}46^{m}38.7$	-0.66	0.05	1.124		0	19.7	14.0	1.78	0.16	0.19	0.04	0.0	2.8e-05
438	14 ^h 19 ^m 06 ^s .88	+05 ^d 55 ^m 03.3	-0.41	0.24			0	-11.4	15.0	4.04	0.29			2.2841	0.0005
439	14 ^h 19 ^m 59 ^s 25	$+27^{d}06^{m}26.8$	0.43	0.09	0.005	F	0	3.5	11.0	4.19	0.25			0.53814	0.00012
440	14h22m46s08	$+24^{d}42^{m}57.6$	-0.65	0.13	0.453		1	-35.8	10.0	2.08	0.15			1.7045	0.0003
441	14h23m30s10	+11 ^d 59 ^m 51.3	-0.38	0.12	1.516		1	19.0	1.6	3.56	0.15	0.057	0.011	1.61327	0.00013
442	14 ^h 24 ^m 37 ^s .11	$+47^{d}05^{m}56.9$	-0.025	0.005	0.780	F	1	-8.5	5.0	5.19	0.21			1.7199	0.0004
443	14 ^h 24 ^m 56 ^s 93	$+20^{d}00^{m}22.7$	-0.97	0.19	0.117	S	0	9.2	1.3	3.04	0.14	0.02	0.22	0.0	8e-05
444	14 ^h 25 ^m 18 ^s .61	$+12^{d}39^{m}27.6$	-0.39	0.08	1.123		0	17.4	5.0	4.17	0.19			1.5119	0.0004
445	14 ^h 25 ^m 50 ^s .67	$+24^{d}04^{m}06.7$	-0.84	0.17	0.880	S	0	-4.5	2.3	1.97	0.12	-0.78	0.15	0.0	4e-05
446	14 ^h 27 ^m 46 ^s 92	$+00^{d}28^{m}47.4$					0	25.3	14.0	5.9	0.4			1.2604	0.0014
447	14 ^h 28 ^m 43 ^s .74	$+29^{d}19^{m}07.2$	-0.65	0.13	0.002		0	10.4	29.0	2.0	0.2			1.4291	0.0003
448	14 ^h 30 ^m 10 ^s .88	$+11^{d}49^{m}54.6$	-0.79	0.16	0.707	S	0	10.1	14.0	2.2	0.19			0.971	0.007
449	14 ^h 30 ^m 27 ^s .85	$+25^{d}12^{m}02.0$	-0.088	0.018	0.812	F	0	21.7	12.0	2.7	0.2			1.21818	0.00026
450	14 ⁿ 30 ^m 58 ^s 75	$+08^{a}23^{m}32.2$	-0.91	0.18	0.384	S	0	20.9	9.0	2.43	0.16			0.0	2.9e-05
451	14 ⁿ 32 ^m 44 ^s 31	$-00^{d}59^{m}13.8$			•••	•••	0	10.2	13.0	4.5	0.3			1.02458	0.00018
452	14 ⁿ 33 ^m 04 ^s 53	+31 ^d 20 ^m 02.7	-0.88	0.18	1.428	S	0	2.5	11.0	4.33	0.27			1.563	0.0003
453	14"33"33.30	+48 ^u 42 ^m 28.7	-1.21	0.25		S	1	14.2	17.0	2.37	0.22			1.35781	0.00025
454	14"35"56.56	+17 ^u 29 ^m 32.9	-0.46	0.09	0.076		0	11.9	1.4	5.42	0.19			1.2	0.0
455	14"36"40.98	$+23^{\circ}21^{\circ}03.4$	-0.042	0.008	0.052	F	0	8.7	1.6	5.57	0.22			1.5456	0.0005

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456	14h37m33s.41	+38 ^d 07 ^m 45.1	-0.71	0.14	0.948	S	0	0.8	5.0	6.43	0.26			1.6	0.0
457	14 ^h 37 ^m 39 ^s 33	$+31^{d}19^{m}02.6$	-0.33	0.07	2.645		0	18.6	9.0	5.3	0.3			1.35705	0.00017
458	14 ^h 37 ^m 48 ^s 61	$+24^{d}39^{m}07.4$	-0.81	0.16	0.175	S	1	1.0	4.0	3.52	0.16			1.00133	0.00011
459	14 ^h 37 ^m 56 ^s 76	+01 ^d 56 ^m 38.3	-0.2	0.28		F	0	-36.9	16.0	4.0	0.3			1.1802	0.0006
460	14 ⁿ 38 ^m 01 ^s .35	$+17^{d}00^{m}46.2$	-0.81	0.16	0.070	S	1	11.0	10.0	3.91	0.23			1.5	0.0
461	14 ^h 38 ^m 20.96	-02 ^d 39 ^m 52.9	-0.75	0.18		S	0	-3.7	6.0	2.81	0.17			1.5506	0.0014
462	14 ⁿ 39 ^m 04 ³ .49	+04 ^d 28 ^m 29.2	-0.68	0.14	0.977	•••	0	-2.8	2.3	4.98	0.21			1.2	0.0
463	$14^{h}41^{m}31.82$	$+60^{\circ}18^{\circ}51.8$	-0.63	0.13	0.205		0	34.1 1.6	12.0	2.9	0.5	•••		0.0	4e-05
404	$14^{h}42^{m}07^{s}64$	+132917.0 $+42^{d}52^{m}510$	-0.0	0.12	0.029		0	1.0	2.7	13.0	0.15			0.9925	0.0003
465	$14^{h}42^{m}17^{s}52$	$+31^{d}54^{m}57.0$	-0.00 -0.76	0.15	0.520	S	1	-4.5	10.0	7.1	0.7			0.9	0.0004
467	$14^{h}43^{m}47^{s}18$	$+14^{d}36^{m}06.8$	-0.72	0.14	0 1 5 9	S	2	-8.9	7.0	2.91	0.4			1 43103	0.0004
468	14 ^h 45 ^m 16 ^s 48	$+09^{d}58^{m}36.0$	-0.72	0.04	1.201		0	34.3	3.0	3.29	0.15	-0.0	0.0013	3.5203	0.0007
469	14 ^h 45 ^m 20 ^s 75	$+47^{d}22^{m}26.2$	-0.73	0.17		S	1	-21.8	17.0	9.4	0.8			1.323	0.0006
470	14 ^h 45 ^m 44 ^s .74	$+23^{d}02^{m}39.4$	-0.88	0.18	0.034	S	1	23.0	11.0	1.6	0.14			1.14422	0.00026
471	14 ^h 45 ^m 58 ^s .32	$+12^{d}22^{m}28.5$					1	14.5	6.0	6.6	0.3			0.0	2.4e-05
472	14h46m02s50	$+12^{d}22^{m}58.9$					1	11.6	7.0	5.8	0.29			0.0	2.4e-05
473	14h46m35s32	$+17^{d}21^{m}07.4$	-0.085	0.017	0.002	F	0	3.1	6.0	1.56	0.12			1.0243	0.0004
474	14 ^h 46 ^m 36 ^s 92	$+00^{d}46^{m}53.6$					0	0.1	18.0	5.8	0.4			0.7225	0.0003
475	14h46m50s83	$+21^{d}31^{m}50.9$	-0.47	0.09	0.005		1	7.1	4.0	3.48	0.17			1.39542	0.00025
476	14 ^h 47 ^m 16 ^s .02	$+19^{d}20^{m}50.1$	-0.29	0.06	0.058	F	0	15.4	7.0	8.6	0.3			1.3112	0.00022
477	14 ^h 48 ^m 37 ^s .54	$+50^{d}14^{m}48.5$	-0.77	0.15	0.045	S	0	26.0	2.0	4.2	0.17			1.0725	0.0002
478	14 ^h 50 ^m 12 ^s .63	$+47^{d}10^{m}47.1$	-0.45	0.09	0.718		0	-1.5	8.0	8.6	0.4			0.0	9e-05
479	14 ⁿ 51 ^m 38 ^s .74	+08 ^d 47 ^m 40.6	-0.85	0.17	0.297	S	0	16.4	9.0	1.8	0.13			1.08058	0.00017
480	14 ⁿ 52 ^m 23 ^s .38	+45ª22º 35.1	-0.54	0.17			0	-14.4	7.0	2.46	0.15			0.0	4e-05
481	14 ⁿ 52 ^m 29.07	+45 ^d 21 ^m 59.7					0	12.5	11.0	5.3	0.3			0.0	4e-05
482	14 ^h 53 ^m 01 ^s 46	$+10^{d}36^{m}18.2$	-0.42	0.08	0.154	 E	0	57.9 25.0	14.0	2.4	0.2			2.2/38	0.0004
485	14"55"44.24	$+10^{-25^{-5}/.9}$	-0.27	0.05	0.485	F	1	33.9 40.7	5.0	5.44 2.46	0.17	1.0	1.2	1./08/	0.0018
484	14 ^h 50 ^m 23 ^s 17	$+09^{-}34^{-2}25.2$	-0.5	0.1	0.090	s	1	40.7	4.0	2.40	0.14	-1.8	1.2	0.0	2.2e-05
405	14 59 25.17 14 ^h 50 ^m 27 ^s 00	+09 04 07.9	-0.72	0.14	0.000	5	0	-0.1	0.0	1.95	0.14			3 33086	0.0004
487	14 ^h 59 ^m 45 ^s 21	$+32^{\circ}05^{\circ}00.7$ $+33^{\circ}01^{\circ}04^{\circ}5$	-0.71	0.15	0.428	S	0	12.3	9.0	4 84	0.27			1.0	1.0
488	15 ^h 00 ^m 07 ^s 18	$+56^{d}36^{m}03.1$	-0.92	0.15	0.379	S	0	-2.0	4.0	5 72	0.27			0.8849	0.0003
489	15 ^h 00 ^m 27 ^s 08	$+45^{d}09^{m}02.7$	-0.92	0.18	0.806	s	0	-20.4	7.0	6.0	0.3			1.2039	0.0004
490	15 ^h 01 ^m 24 ^s .56	$+56^{d}19^{m}49.4$	-0.47	0.09	1.229		2	-5.2	5.0	5.56	0.25			1.466	0.0003
491	15h04m25s03	+10 ^d 29 ^m 38.5	0.22	0.04	0.001	F	0	0.7	1.5	3.58	0.15	0.43	0.14	1.8394	0.0006
492	15h04m26s71	$+28^{d}54^{m}30.6$	-0.63	0.13	0.083		1	-1.9	4.0	2.72	0.14			2.28243	0.00013
493	15h04m31s13	$+47^{d}41^{m}49.4$	-0.87	0.17	0.185	S	1	0.2	5.0	5.02	0.24			0.8238	0.0008
494	15 ^h 05 ^m 06 ^s .46	$+03^{d}26^{m}30.4$	0.68	0.14	1.115	F	0	25.9	8.0	2.24	0.15			0.0	9e-05
495	15 ^h 07 ^m 47 ^s .06	$+24^{d}34^{m}30.4$	-0.94	0.19	0.187	S	0	-13.6	5.0	2.92	0.15			2.40488	0.00016
496	15 ^h 07 ^m 57 ^s .34	$+62^{d}13^{m}34.7$	-0.77	0.15	0.024	S	1	-20.0	8.0	1.39	0.12			1.4711	0.0007
497	15 ^h 08 ^m 38 ^s .52	$+34^{d}47^{m}47.0$	-0.97	0.19	2.036	S	1	22.0	14.0	7.2	0.5			1.6404	0.0007
498	15 ^h 09 ^m 38 ^s .93	$+26^{d}42^{m}59.3$	-0.36	0.07	0.159		0	5.9	11.0	5.1	0.3			1.03476	0.00025
499	15 ⁿ 10 ^m 05 ^s .55	+59 ^d 58 ^m 55.8	-0.7	0.14	0.274	S	1	-16.8	2.0	9.0	0.3			1.72461	0.00027
500	15 ^h 10 ^m 38.66	+16 ^d 40 ^m 09.3	-0.61	0.12	0.039		1	-10.8	9.0	3.8	0.22			1.8254	0.0004
501	15 ^h 11 ^m 29.58	+49 ^d 16 ^m 3/./	-0.78	0.16	0.134	S	0	27.8	13.0	4.3	0.3			2.3965	0.0004
502	15 ⁿ 11 ^m 42.92	$+44^{\circ}30^{\circ\circ}45.2$	-0.95	0.19	0.1/3	5	0	/.3	8.0	1.57	0.13			0.96401	0.00013
503	$15^{h}12^{m}12.07$ $15^{h}12^{m}56^{s}02$	$+13^{-}40^{m}23.3$	-0.03	0.15	0.000	· · · ·	0	-14.4	2.5	2.65	0.14			0.0	0.0000
505	15 15 50.03 15h14m16s70	$+04^{\circ}20^{\circ}30.2$	-0.79	0.10	0.080	S	0	14.9 30.4	12.0	1.20 6.0	0.15			0.7195	0.0009
505	$15^{h}14^{m}34^{s}70$	$+02^{d}52^{m}49.3$	0.1	0.15	1.054	F	0	-39.4 8.0	7.0	6.6	0.0			0.00	9e-05
507	15 ^h 19 ^m 32 ^s 71	$+38^{d}44^{m}54.8$	-0.5	0.02	0.662		2	-7.6	14.0	44	0.5			1 5219	0.0004
508	$15^{h}20^{m}07^{s}41$	$+06^{d}25^{m}15.1$	-1.07	0.21	0.149	S	0	25.3	16.0	2.23	0.21			1.1276	0.0003
509	$15^{h}21^{m}16.57$	$+16^{d}54^{m}02.8$	0.025	0.005	0.112	F	Ő	56.9	16.0	2.1	0.2			1.38081	0.00024
510	15 ^h 25 ^m 23 ^s .55	$+42^{d}01^{m}17.0$	-0.3	0.06	3.455	F	2	23.4	11.0	3.69	0.25			1.19502	0.00015
511	15 ^h 26 ^m 41 ^s .85	$+16^{d}32^{m}45.6$	-0.17	0.03	0.751	F	0	2.6	12.0	5.2	0.3			0.0	8e-05
512	15 ^h 26 ^m 46 ^s 32	+09 ^d 59 ^m 08.8	-0.31	0.06	0.291		0	17.9	2.6	4.25	0.17			1.35921	0.00014
513	15 ^h 27 ^m 18 ^s .75	$+31^{d}15^{m}24.3$	-0.41	0.08	1.156		0	-1.8	7.0	1.03	0.11			1.3919	0.0005
514	15 ^h 28 ^m 37 ^s .89	$+56^{d}55^{m}36.3$	-0.91	0.18	1.089	S	0	-0.1	11.0	3.76	0.24			0.89375	0.00029
515	15 ^h 29 ^m 49 ^s .73	$+39^{d}45^{m}09.1$	-0.65	0.13	1.797		1	-1.6	4.0	9.3	0.4			1.079	0.0003
516	15 ^h 31 ^m 27 ^s .97	+03 ^d 37 ^m 59.3	-0.77	0.27		S	0	2.8	9.0	8.9	0.5			0.7529	0.00017
517	15h33m03s55	$+26^{d}08^{m}29.8$	-0.71	0.14	0.632	S	0	16.8	5.0	8.9	0.4			0.76283	0.00014
518	15 ⁿ 34 ^m 52 ^s 45	+01 ^d 31 ^m 03.3	-0.24	0.08	3.037	F	0	105.6	6.0	0.9	0.11			1.4276	0.0004
519	15"39"05.14	+05 ^u 34 ^m 38.2	-0.109	0.022	1.821	F	0	10.0	7.0	6.9	0.3			1.5086	0.0003
520	15"39"10.54	+32°56‴50.4	-0.67	0.13	2.662		0	-52.7	18.0	2.0	0.2		• • •	0.72429	0.00014

Table 2(Continued)

No.	NVSS R.A. J2000 (°)	NVSS Decl. J2000 (°)	α	Δα	χ^2	Flat/Steep Subsample	N _{Mg II}	RM (rad m ⁻²)	ΔRM (rad m ⁻²)	П (%)	ΔΠ (%)	β	$\Delta \beta$	Z	Δz
521 522	$15^{h}41^{m}11^{s}.72$ $15^{h}41^{m}14^{s}.69$	$+00^{d}50^{m}26.2$ $+00^{d}50^{m}43.2$					0	19.2 14.7	3.0	6.62	0.27			1.1374	0.0006
523	$15^{h}42^{m}19^{s}54$	$+17^{d}56^{m}08.2$	-0.65	0.13	0 395		2	61.5	10.0	1 99	0.5			1.1574	0.00007
524	15 ^h 43 ^m 01 ^s 87	$+44^{d}42^{m}50.2$	-0.86	0.17	0.214	S	5	36.5	9.0	5.8	0.3			2.4	0.0
525	15 ^h 44 ^m 44 ^s .97	+37 ^d 13 ^m 09.4	-1.0	0.2	1.824	S	0	-11.3	5.0	1.98	0.12			0.97386	0.00027
526	15 ^h 44 ^m 59 ^s .47	$+04^{d}07^{m}46.7$	-0.59	0.12	0.213		1	22.1	4.0	2.35	0.14			2.18326	0.00022
527	15h45m02s81	$+51^{d}35^{m}00.7$	-0.09	0.018	0.476	F	0	80.2	8.0	1.35	0.12			1.92994	0.00027
528	15 ^h 45 ^m 34 ^s .35	$+20^{d}06^{m}41.1$	-0.25	0.05	0.436	F	3	31.5	15.0	3.63	0.28			2.1325	0.0004
529	15 ^h 50 ^m 35 ^s 26	$+05^{d}27^{m}10.6$	0.24	0.05	1.070	F	0	19.5	4.0	1.15	0.11	-0.27	0.14	1.4204	0.0004
530	15 ^h 50 ^m 43 ^s .51	$+11^{d}20^{m}58.5$					0	-42.6	14.0	0.89	0.12			0.0	2e-05
531	15 ^h 50 ^m 45 ^s .03	$+11^{d}20^{m}33.8$					0	-7.3	12.0	1.8	0.15			0.0	2e-05
532	15 ⁿ 53 ^m 18 ^s .09	$+06^{d}32^{m}15.2$					0	3.7	10.0	10.3	0.6			2.0754	0.0007
533	15 ⁿ 53 ^m 32 ^s .77	+12 ^d 56 ^m 50.8	-0.2	0.04	0.000	F	0	-10.9	4.0	1.68	0.12	•••		1.30867	0.00028
534	15"55 ^m 38.91	+11 ^d 06 ^m 44.2	-0.094	0.019	0.021	F	1	29.9	10.0	5.0	0.3			2.6625	0.00016
535	15"5/"29.75	+33°04°°45.7	-0.53	0.11	0.106	 E	0	0.6	12.0	4.0	0.3			0.94288	0.00025
530 527	16 ^h 00 ^m 10.98	$+18^{-}38^{-}29.9$	-0.21	0.04	0.282	F	1	18.5	11.0	3.42 7.2	0.24			2.3903	0.00015
538	16 ^h 01 ^m 5/ ^s /9	+23 $+3$ 19.3 $\pm 13^{d}57^{m}11.2$	_0.53	0.11	0.807		3	7.9	5.0	1.2	0.5			2 23655	0.0008
530	$16^{h}02^{m}12^{s}60$	$+13^{\circ}37^{\circ}11.2$ $+24^{\circ}10^{\circ}10^{\circ}3$	-0.33 -0.94	0.11	3 217	S	2	26.4	11.0	1.04	0.12			2.23033	0.00021
540	16 ^h 02 ^m 27 ^s 23	$+27^{d}41^{m}28.2$	-0.89	0.18	0.120	s	0	27.3	8.0	5.18	0.26			0.93639	0.00021
541	16 ^h 03 ^m 14 ^s .57	$+02^{d}31^{m}32.1$	-0.076	0.015	0.067	F	0	-8.2	8.0	3.98	0.22			1.3102	0.0005
542	16 ^h 04 ^m 55 ^s .85	$-00^{d}19^{m}07.4$	-0.85	0.18		S	1	21.9	7.0	1.17	0.11			1.63107	0.00024
543	16 ^h 06 ^m 27 ^s .60	$+31^{d}26^{m}07.4$	-0.95	0.19		S	0	18.3	15.0	1.64	0.16			1.9379	0.0006
544	16 ^h 08 ^m 14 ^s .48	$+49^{d}19^{m}27.5$	-0.75	0.15	0.043	S	0	12.6	11.0	4.32	0.29			1.32751	0.00028
545	16 ^h 08 ^m 43 ^s .37	$+03^{d}29^{m}51.8$	-0.57	0.11	1.970		1	10.1	6.0	6.7	0.3			1.2893	0.0002
546	16 ^h 11 ^m 08 ^s .04	$+18^{d}59^{m}40.3$	-0.74	0.15	0.124	S	0	47.4	4.0	4.02	0.17			1.5285	0.0009
547	16 ^h 13 ^m 42 ^s .83	+39 ^d 07 ^m 32.5	-1.0	0.2	3.654	S	1	-0.5	4.0	4.87	0.21			0.9757	0.0021
548	16 ⁿ 13 ^m 46 ^s .30	$+20^{d}15^{m}51.7$	-0.97	0.19	0.000	S	1	51.8	12.0	2.03	0.16			1.0663	0.0005
549	16 ⁿ 13 ^m 51 ^s .22	+37 ^d 42 ^m 58.1	-1.0	0.2	0.142	S	0	-16.4	15.0	1.37	0.15	•••		0.0	9e-05
550	16"13" 52.96	$+1/^{d}48^{m}04.7$	-0.43	0.09	0.120	 E	0	43.5	8.0	7.9	0.3	•••		2.0861	0.0005
551	16 ^h 18 ^m 36 ^s 30	$+30^{\circ}21^{\circ}34.4$	-0.1	0.02	0.132	Г	1	14.0	10.0	2.0	0.15	•••		2.2018	0.00010
552	16 ^h 10 ^m 03 ^s 62	$\pm 06^{d} 13^{m} 02.3$	0.059	0.012	0.287	F	1	35.4	6.0	1.5	0.4	-0.5	0.6	2.00/5	0.0003
554	16 ^h 20 ^m 21 ^s 40	$+17^{d}36^{m}29.3$	-1.06	0.21	1.912	S	0	47.8	1.3	5.8	0.21	-1.25	0.28	0.0	5e-05
555	$16^{h}22^{m}15^{s}.93$	$+30^{d}01^{m}47.2$	-0.78	0.16	0.018	Š	Ő	28.3	5.0	4.0	0.18			1.3205	0.0006
556	16 ^h 22 ^m 32 ^s 53	$+14^{d}16^{m}53.7$	-0.78	0.16	0.121	S	0	33.2	8.0	2.31	0.15			0.77906	0.00012
557	16 ^h 23 ^m 30 ^s .52	+35 ^d 59 ^m 33.1	-0.47	0.09	0.041		0	1.7	5.0	4.4	0.2			0.8663	0.0001
558	16 ^h 24 ^m 21 ^s .95	$+39^{d}24^{m}42.9$	-0.57	0.11	0.250		1	-5.9	10.0	2.62	0.19			1.11738	0.00022
559	16 ^h 24 ^m 39 ^s .42	$+23^{d}45^{m}17.5$	-0.89	0.18	0.211	S	3	33.0	1.6	1.65	0.12	-0.35	0.08	0.9	0.0
560	16 ^h 25 ^m 13 ^s .75	$+40^{d}58^{m}51.2$	-0.95	0.19	0.015	S	0	53.0	13.0	2.5	0.2			1.2	0.0
561	16 ^h 25 ^m 14 ^s 23	$+26^{d}50^{m}28.2$	-0.91	0.18	1.794	S	0	21.9	4.0	2.46	0.14	0.3	0.6	0.7802	0.00013
562	16 ⁿ 25 ^m 30 ^s .87	+27 ^d 05 ^m 44.6	-0.7	0.14	0.885		0	-3.0	10.0	1.09	0.12			0.0	5e-05
563	16 ⁿ 2 ^{7m} 18.14	+49 ^d 55 ^m 12.7	-0.56	0.11	0.112		0	32.3	5.0	5.35	0.22			0.90352	0.00015
564	16 ^m 2/ ^m 33.40	+26°06°02.3	-0.76	0.15	0.184	S	1	53.8	6.0	4.6	0.2	•••		1.656/3	0.00023
303 566	16 ^h 28 ^m 05.16	$+25^{\circ}20^{\circ\circ}30.7$	-0.57	0.07	5.154 0.207	s	0	54.0 0.2	9.0 17.0	0.2	0.5	•••		0.9949	0.0003
567	16 ^h 30 ^m /6 ^s 30	$+36^{d}13^{m}10.0$	-1.03 -1.07	0.21	2 806	5	0	-65.0	17.0	117	0.4	_2 0	3.0	2.3733	0.0003
568	16 ^h 31 ^m 45 ^s 29	$+11^{d}56^{m}03.3$	-0.5	0.1	0.715		1	39.9	2.0	2.37	0.12	-0.3	1.1	1.7875	0.00012
569	16 ^h 36 ^m 16 ^s 64	$+17^{d}35^{m}08.3$	-0.76	0.15	0.003	S	1	65.5	6.0	4.77	0.21			1.9081	0.0004
570	16h36m38s21	+21 ^d 12 ^m 55.5	0.041	0.008	0.143	F	2	54.0	13.0	1.15	0.13			1.80168	0.00029
571	16 ^h 39 ^m 49 ^s .80	$+24^{d}43^{m}34.5$	-0.92	0.18	1.028	S	3	61.4	14.0	2.55	0.21			1.5866	0.00026
572	16 ^h 39 ^m 56 ^s .04	$+47^{d}05^{m}24.0$	-0.5	0.1	3.809		1	27.9	7.0	4.23	0.21			0.86048	0.00021
573	16 ^h 44 ^m 51 ^s .10	$+37^{d}30^{m}27.4$					0	23.3	13.0	4.4	0.3			0.0	6e-05
574	16 ^h 44 ^m 55 ^s .26	$+37^{d}29^{m}44.2$					0	11.1	14.0	6.1	0.5			0.0	6e-05
575	16 ^h 48 ^m 29 ^s 29	$+41^{d}04^{m}05.8$	-0.29	0.06	3.184	F	0	3.2	13.0	2.11	0.17			0.8516	0.0001
576	16"50"05.37	+41 ^u 40 ^m 32.2	-0.44	0.09	0.048		0	25.2	3.0	8.1	0.3			0.0	5e-05
577	16"55"35.81	+18°06 ^m 21.7	-0.5	0.1	0.065	 F	0	20.0	8.0	5.45	0.25			1.8139	0.0005
570 570	10"58"01.36	+34~43 ^m 2/.6	-0.0113	0.0023	0.333	Г с	0	89.3	15.0	1.96	0.16			1.95/6/	0.00016
579 580	17 ^h 03 ^m 07 ^s 04	$+30^{\circ}31^{\circ}39.8$ $+22^{d}11^{m}40.9$	-0.87	0.17	5.333 0.000	5 9	0	17.4 61.1	7.0	3.24	0.27			1.1125	0.0019
581	17 ^h 08 ^m 46 ^s 00	$+24^{d}35^{m}41.2$	-0.39 -0.72	0.14	0.484	S	0	96.0	1.0	9.5 9.7	0.19			1.35676	0.00025
582	$17^{h}22^{m}42^{s}01$	$+28^{d}14^{m}594$	-0.079	0.016	0.359	F	1	69.5	11.0	2.59	0.18			0.95143	0.00016
583	21 ^h 30 ^m 04 ^s .66	$-01^{d}02^{m}41.4$	-0.69	0.18			0	19.5	3.0	6.65	0.26			0.7042	0.0001
584	21h35m11s50	$-00^{d}52^{m}33.4$					0	5.2	14.0	2.86	0.23			1.6642	0.0003
585	21h35m15s00	$-00^{d}52^{m}55.3$					0	16.2	3.0	10.7	0.4			1.6642	0.0003

Table 2 (Continued)

No.	NVSS R.A. J2000 (°)	NVSS Decl. J2000 (°)	α	Δα	χ^2	Flat/Steep Subsample	N _{Mg II}	RM (rad m ⁻²)	ΔRM (rad m ⁻²)	П (%)	ΔΠ (%)	β	$\Delta \beta$	Z	Δz
586	21h45m18s87	+11 ^d 15 ^m 23.8	0.008	0.0016	0.889	F	0	-17.5	7.0	2.81	0.16			0.0	5e-05
587	22 ^h 08 ^m 59 ^s .89	$+13^{d}16^{m}01.6$	-0.3	0.06	0.348	F	0	12.1	13.0	4.2	0.3			1.29491	0.00021
588	22h15m09s32	+13 ^d 22 ^m 37.6	-0.97	0.19	3.715	S	1	21.8	4.0	4.9	0.2			1.9012	0.0005
589	22h28m52s.62	$-07^{d}53^{m}46.1$	-0.08	0.05		F	0	-27.7	15.0	2.13	0.19			0.0	4e-05
590	22h40m13.89	$+22^{d}14^{m}15.9$	-1.2	0.3		S	0	-44.9	7.0	7.1	0.4			2.6755	0.0004
591	22h47m25s00	+13 ^d 19 ^m 19.0	-0.78	0.16	0.553	S	1	-32.3	4.0	6.27	0.23			1.30276	0.00026
592	22h59m00s68	$-08^{d}11^{m}04.2$	-0.05	0.05		F	0	-10.0	10.0	4.5	0.28			1.3764	0.0024
593	23h00m11s69	$-10^{d}21^{m}43.8$					0	-29.8	5.0	6.8	0.3			2.3084	0.0006
594	23h05m32s73	+13 ^d 36 ^m 09.9	-0.41	0.08	0.618		0	-11.4	7.0	4.54	0.22			1.242	0.0004
595	23 ^h 12 ^m 12.07	$-09^{d}19^{m}31.4$	-0.97	0.18		S	0	-1.4	13.0	5.1	0.3			0.0	4e-05
596	23h16m07s22	+01 ^d 00 ^m 12.7	-0.57	0.29			0	-45.1	13.0	4.7	0.3			2.6293	0.0003
597	23h32m25s59	$-09^{d}57^{m}56.4$	-0.96	0.19	1.265	S	1	21.6	8.0	0.6	0.1	-0.9	0.17	1.6716	0.0006
598	23h50m18s73	$-00^{d}06^{m}58.4$	-0.86	0.18		S	0	20.2	17.0	1.86	0.16			1.3581	0.0004
599	23 ^h 57 ^m 18.60	$+14^{d}46^{m}07.5$	-0.63	0.13	0.086		1	-33.0	1.7	3.41	0.15	-1.01	0.14	1.81659	0.00015

Notes. Sources that are used in the "flat" or "steep" spectrum subsamples are indicated by "F" or "S" respectively. All errors are the 1σ uncertainties. The listed redshifts are for the polarized background radio sources.

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