

# FAST Surveys & FAST A<sup>+</sup>

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**GAS** G alactic-plane and **A**ndromeda **S**urvey





100m EFFELSBERG  
(Germany)

64m PARKES  
(Australia)

100m GBT  
(US)

305m ARECIBO  
(Puerto Rico)

500m FAST  
(China)

**Gain:** FAST  $> 2 \times$  Arecibo; **Beam #:** Arecibo 7 vs FAST 19  
**Arecibo Sky:**  $0^{\text{d}} - 39^{\text{d}}$  DEC vs **FAST Sky:**  $-14^{\text{d}} - 66^{\text{d}}$  DEC  
**Survey Speed:** FAST  $\sim 10 \times$  Arecibo



# 可觀測量

a) HI

b) pulsars

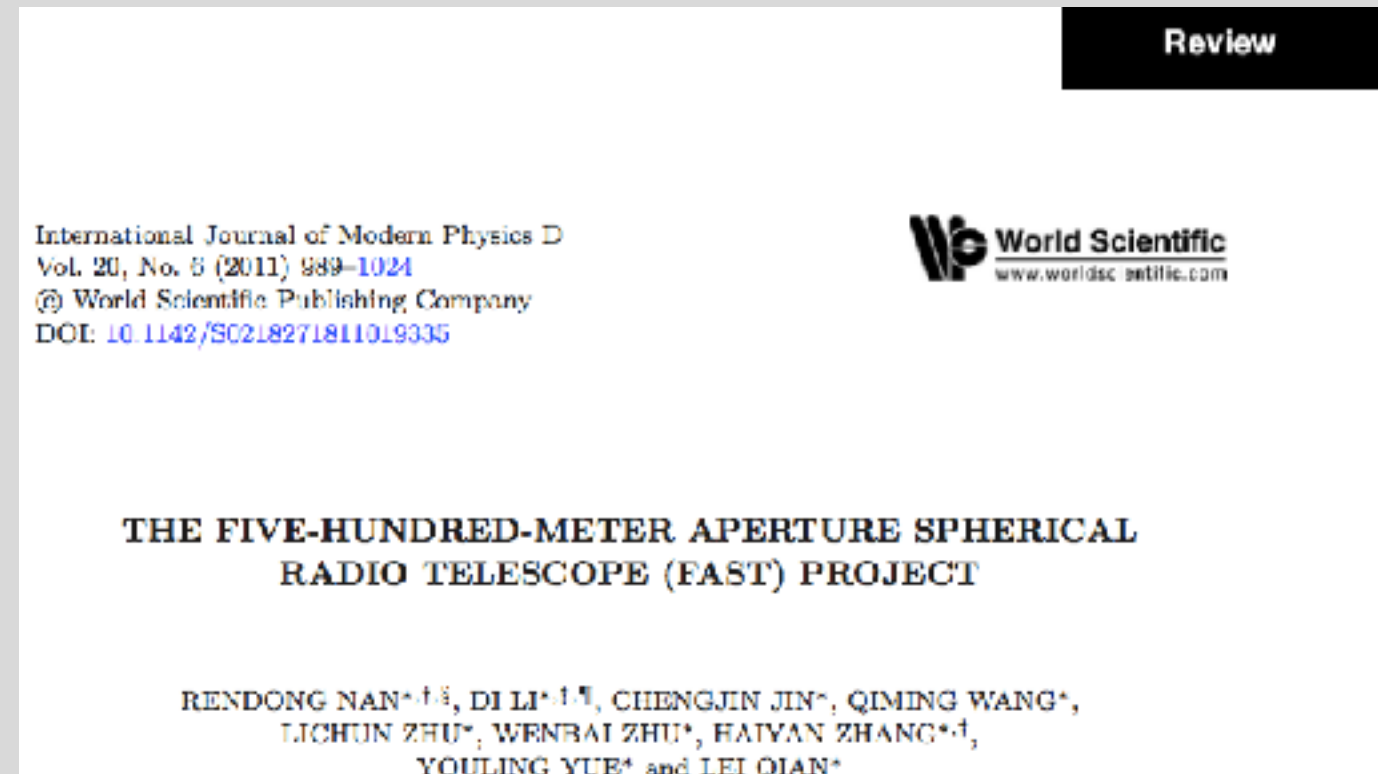
c) Spectroscopy

d) VLBI

e) SETI

continuous coverage

70MHz ~ 3GHz



Nan, Li, Jin+ et al. 2011, IJMR-D, 20, 989  
(>190 citations)

Li & Pan, 2016, Radio Science, 51, 7

Li et al. 2018, IEEE Microwave, Vol. 19, Issue 3

# RAA Mini-Volume (中国唯一英文SCI天文专业期刊) FAST科学能力展望 《天文与天体物理研究》 专刊



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A Mini-Volume on the Science Potential of the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST). Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics (RAA) has published a [mini-volume on the science potential of FAST](#). Having released its first call for observational proposals, FAST is near the end of its commissioning phase and on pace to become a national facility before the end of 2019. In this RAA volume, the authors quantify the science potential of FAST in ambitious and forward-looking manners. High interest targets discussed here include ultra-high-energy cosmic rays, fundamental constants, exoplanets, gravitational waves, etc. Along with a fast-growing body of literature on related topics published in other peer-reviewed journals, the drive to facilitate major breakthroughs with the FAST telescope gets underway in earnest.

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Astronomy and  
Astrophysics

## Preface: Planning the scientific applications of the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope

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**Abstract** The Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST) is by far the largest telescope of any kind ever built. FAST was completed in September 2016 and it is now under commissioning, with normal operation beginning in 2019. During testing and early science operation, FAST has started making astronomical observations, particularly pulsars of various kinds, including millisecond pulsars, binaries, gamma-ray pulsars, etc. The papers in this mini-volume propose ambitious observational projects to advance our knowledge of astronomy, astrophysics and fundamental physics in many ways. Although it may take FAST many years to achieve all the goals explained in these papers, taken together they define a powerful strategic vision for the next decade.

**Key words:** radio telescopes; FAST

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- **Fundamental Constants (Chen et al. 2019)**
- **Cosmic Rays (James et al. 2019)**
- **Exoplanets (Zarka et al. 2019);**
- **Gravitational radiation (Hobbs et al. 2019)**
- **Pulsar magnetospheres (Wang et al. 2019)**
- **Phases of the Interstellar Medium (Heiles et al. 2019)**
- **Megamasers (Zhang et al. 2019)**

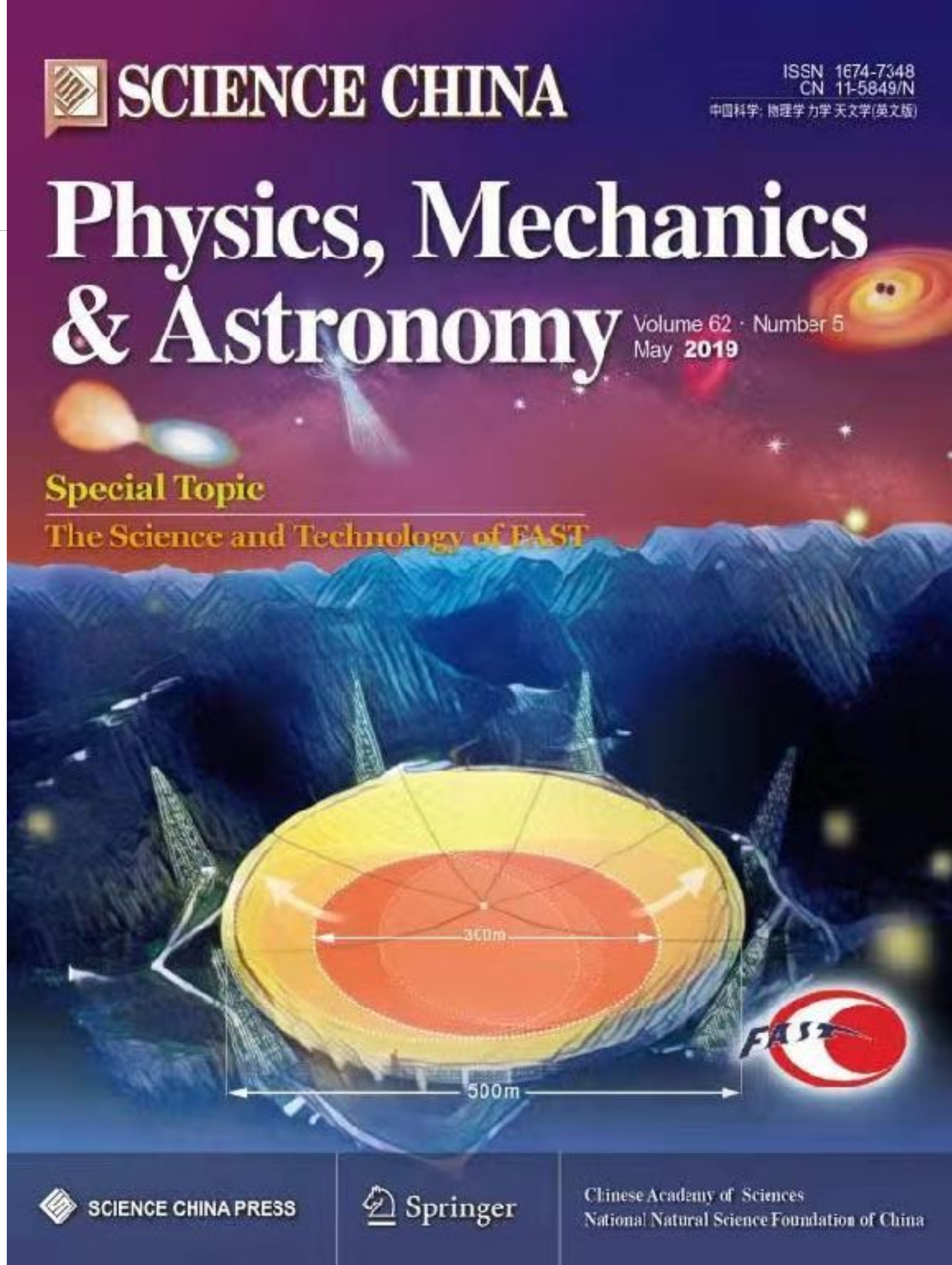


# 《中国科学》 FAST专刊

## Science China

### Physics, Mechanics & Astronomy

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# “Shared-Risk” Open Call

Day time 360h + Night time 960h

**133** proposals, **2250h** requested, **21** PI institutes, Col: **583**

NAOC, PKU, NJU, SHAO, YNU, HKU, etc.

The oversubscription ratio for day time hours  $> 5$

## 中国科学院国家天文台

中国科学院国家天文台关于征集“中国天眼”  
调试阶段风险共担观测申请的通知

## Objectives

Pulsars (48, 36.1%)

Galaxies (32, 24.1%)

ISM (17, 12.8%)

Compact Objects (14, 10.5%)

FRB (8, 6.0%)

Exoplanet, GW etc. (14, 10.5%)

### FAST Proposal Coverage

Last updated: 01/10/2019

#### PROJECT NAME:

(a 6-line title for your project)

#### Project Summary:

(A 2-paragraph summary of your project, including its scientific goals and how you will address them. This information will be externally public.)

#### PI and Observer CONTACT DETAILS:

Contact details which other potential observers can use to contact you about your project.  
Name, Email, Cell number, Wechat account name

#### Project Type:

(pick all that apply)

- ☐ Spectral Line pointing
- ☐ Spectral Line Imaging
- ☐ Pulsar (field/known source)
- ☐ Pulsar (search mode)
- ☐ Pulsar (single pulse)
- ☐ Continuum
- ☐ Other (please specify)

#### Observing Mode:

- ☐ Remote **Observing**
- ☐ Travelling to FAST on-site

#### Project Members:

List all the names here. A full table is provided on later pages.

Requested Contact Person/Coordinator from the PI's Project  
(if none specified, one will be assigned on the project)

### FAST时间分配委员会

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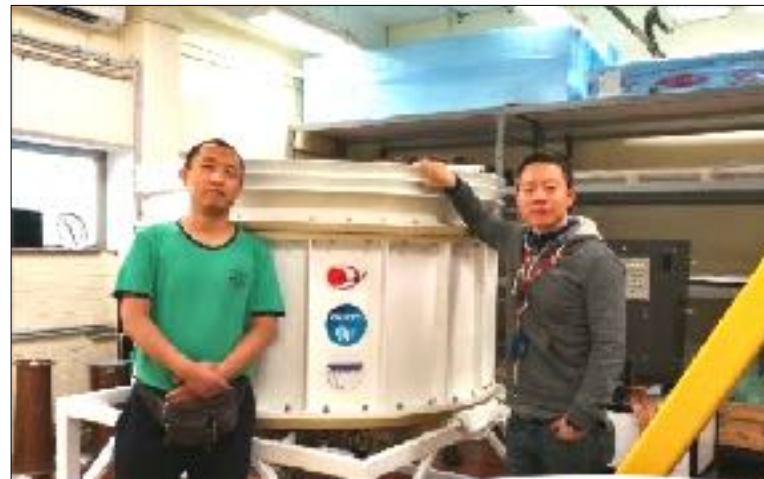
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张其洲 哈佛史密松天体物理中心  
张 冰 内华达大学/中科院国家天文台

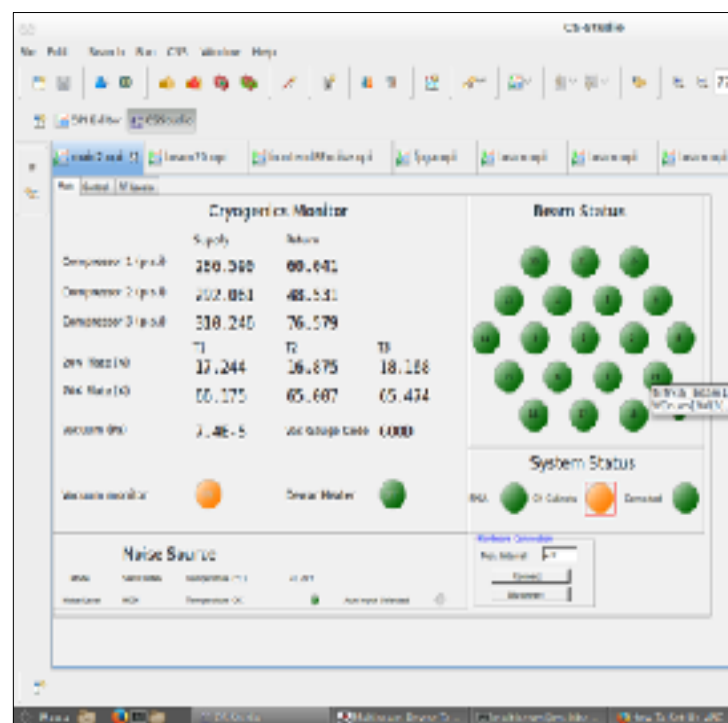


# FLAN

## FAST L-band Array of Nineteen beams



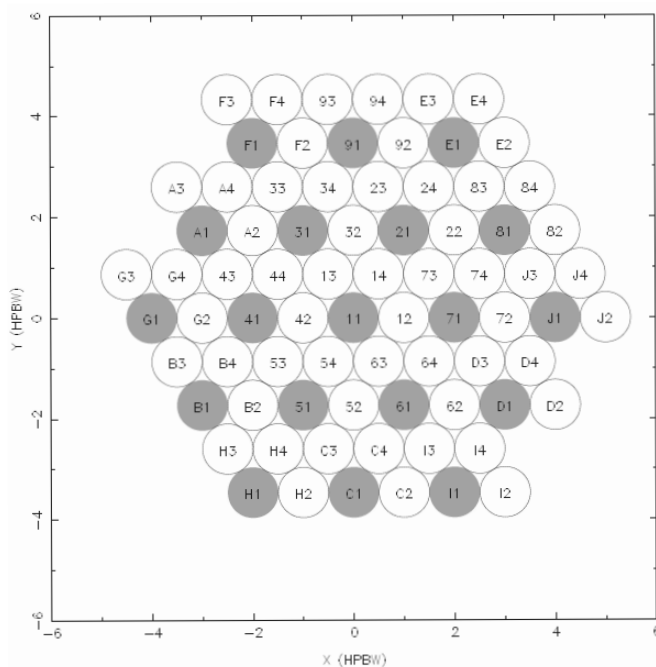
The Largest  
L-band feed-horn array



- 1.05 – 1.45 GHz
- 18K  $T_{\text{sys}}$
- 19 BEAM FEED ARRAY
- BEAM WIDTH 2.9' at 21cm
- BEAM SPACING 270mm (~6')
- DUAL LINEAR POLARIZATION
- POL. CROSS-COUPLING <-30 dB







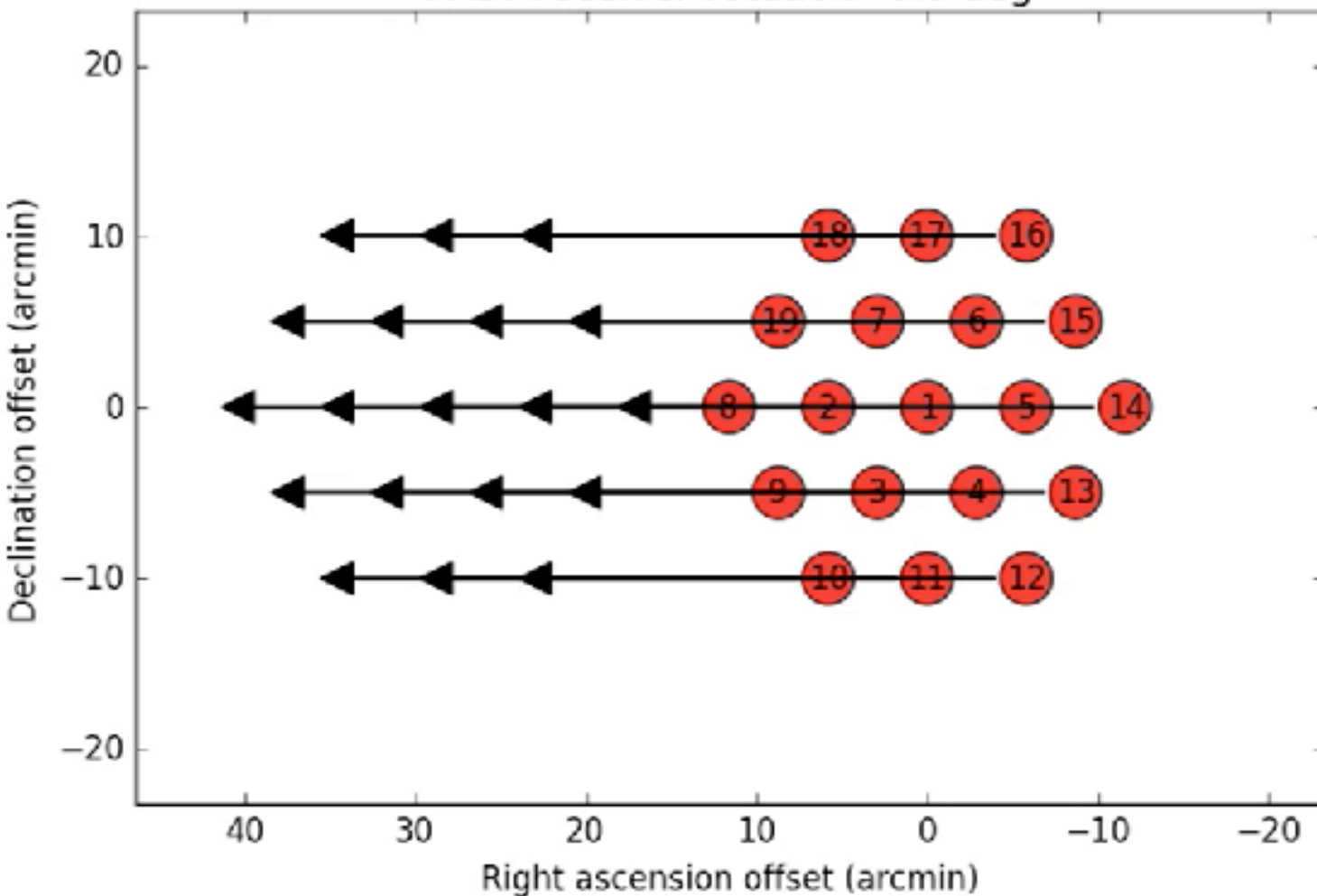
220 full days  
5280 hours  
2-3 years



**Drift (sidereal): 漂移扫描**

Credit: L. Staveley-Smith

FAST receiver rotation=0.0 deg





# FAST Pulsar# 1

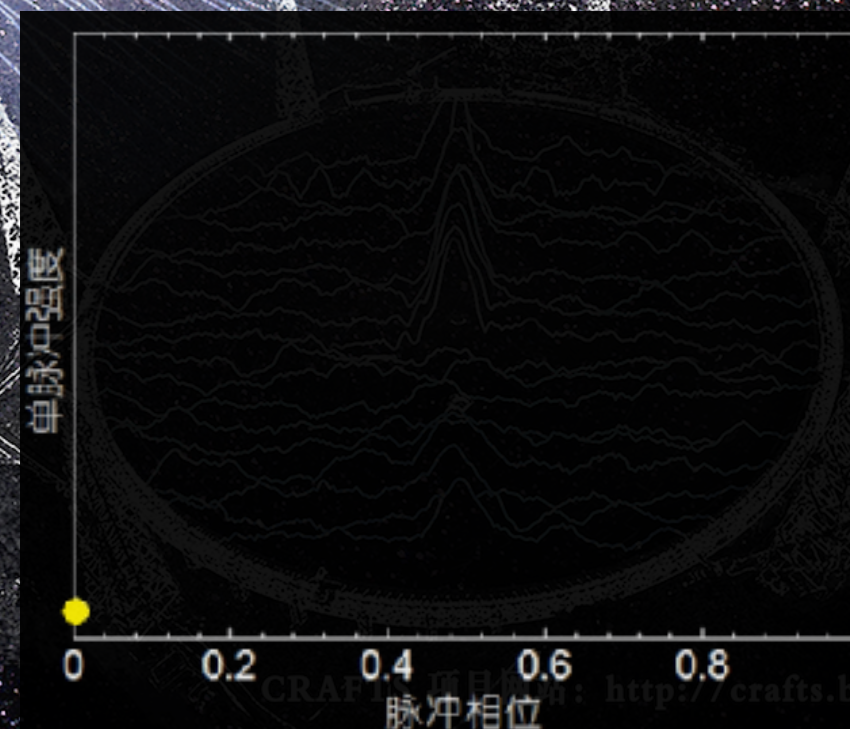
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**CRAFTS**  
The Commercial Radio Astronomy FAST Survey  
FAST多科学目标同时扫描巡天



自转周期: 1.832秒

- 距离地球约1.6万光年(色散估计)
- ⌕ 发现时间: FAST 2017/08/22
- 🕒 验证时间: Parkes 2017/09/10



Jocelyn Bell Burnell

Happy New Year!

To: Di Li

Inbox - nao.cas.cn 14 February 2018 at 12:25 AM

JB

## Message from Dr. Bell

2019.7

Bets wishes to you and all at FAST for the Chinese New Year!

Jocelyn

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Also MANSFIELD COLLEGE

> 120 candidates  
> 80 confirmed

# First FAST Science Results



# FAST's First MSP

3FGL J0318.1+0252

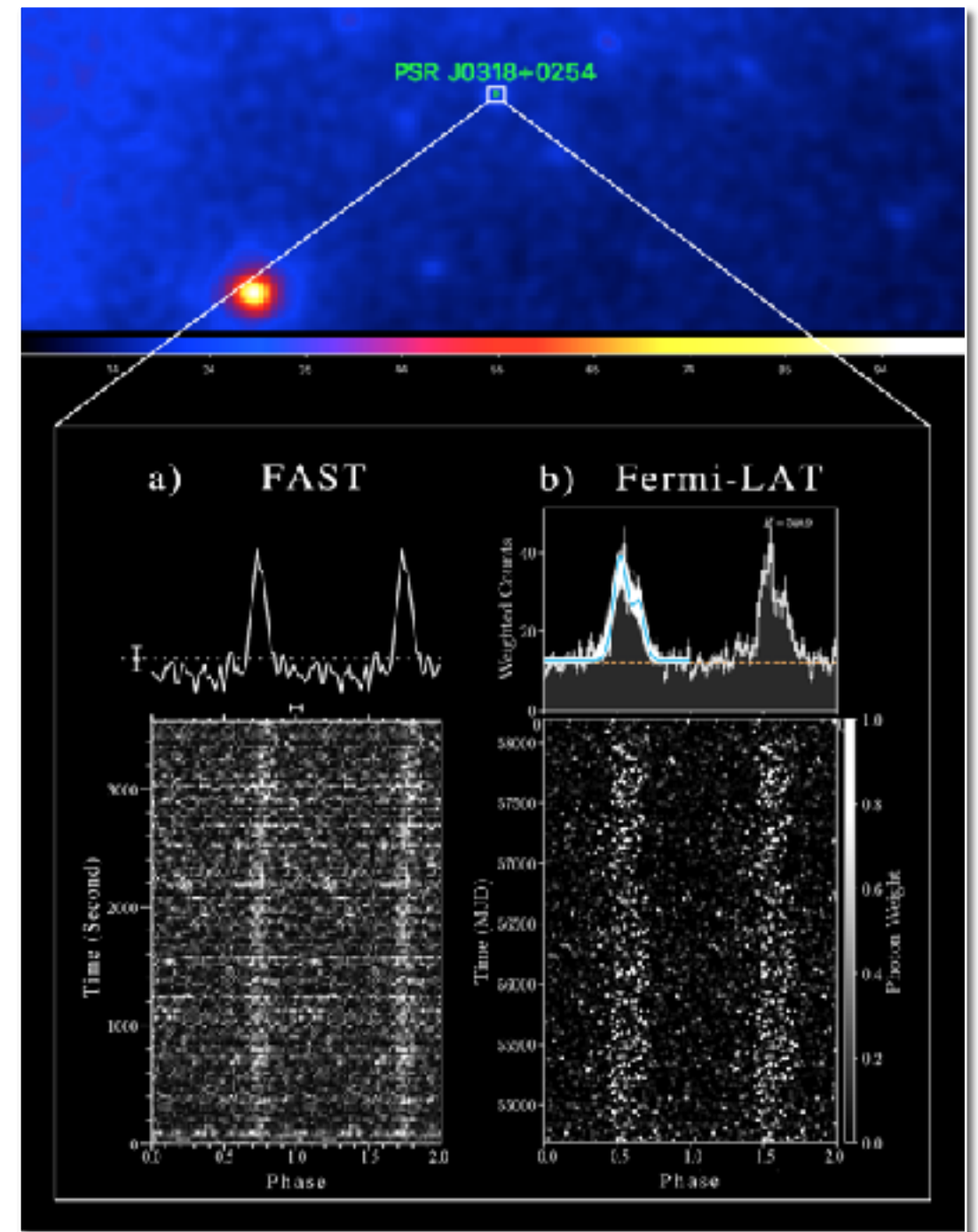
FL8Y J0318.2+0254

- Fermi unidentified source
- GBT, Arecibo non-detection

**PSR J0318+0253**

**p 5.19 ms; DM 26 pc cm<sup>-3</sup>**

- **2018.2.27** FAST one hour tracking
- **2018.4.12** Wang Pei and GZNU group discovered the candidate
- **2018.4.18** Colin Clark found the  $\gamma$ -counterpart
- **2018.4.23** Pablo confirmed no X-ray, provided limits
- **2018.4.28** Published on Atel #10851
- **2018.5.02** IPTA released J0318+0253 to its members



**Wang et al. 2018, Atel # 10851**

*“FAST’s Discovery of a New Millisecond Pulsar (MSP) toward the Fermi-LAT unassociated source 3FGL J0318.1+0252”*



# Pulsar Emission Mechanism

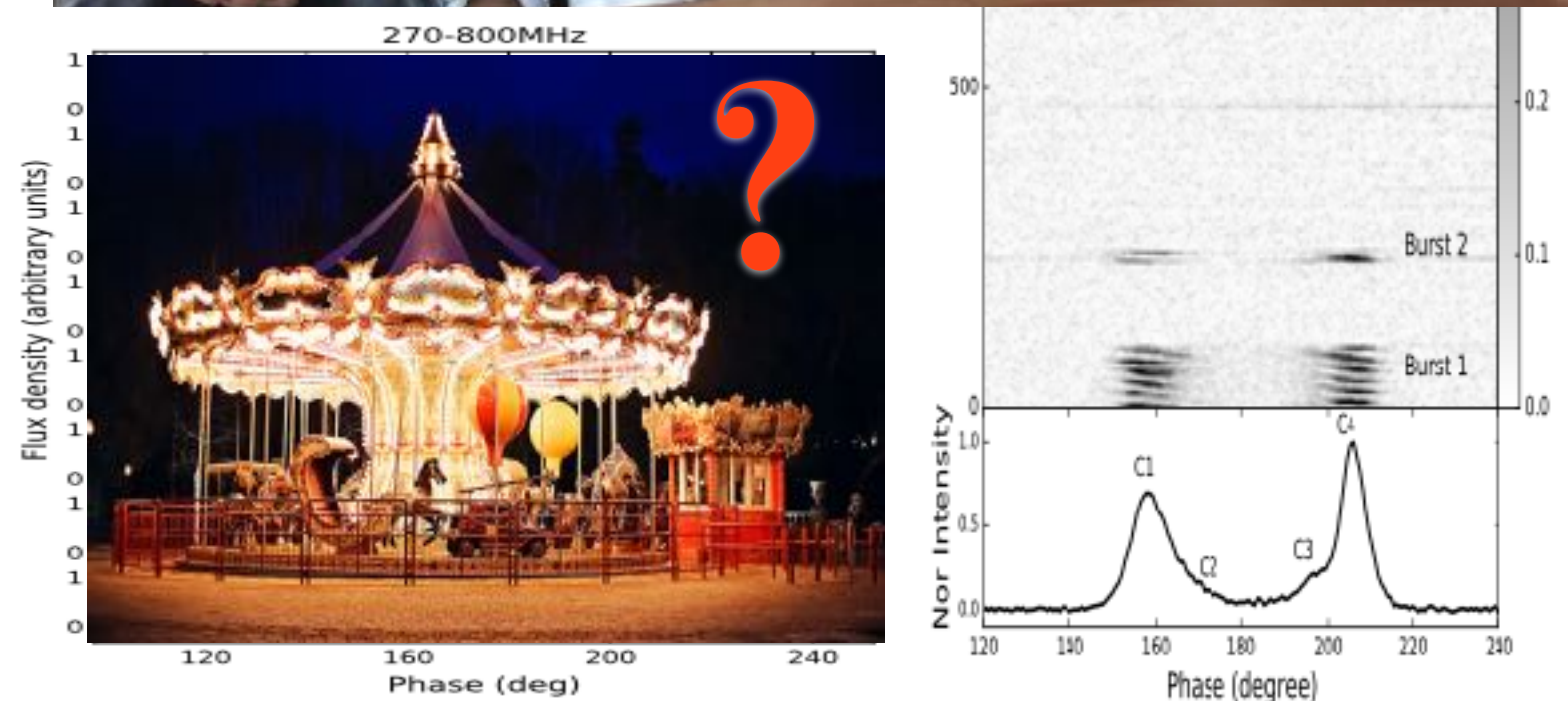
## FAST Pulsar C12

2017.08.31 FAST drift discovery  
2017.10.07 Parkes confirmation

$P_0 = 1608.88971$  ms  
 $DM = 85$

Zhang, DL et al. 2019 ApJ  
*“PSR J1926-0652: A Pulsar with  
Interesting Emission Properties Discovered  
at FAST”*

“...These complexities  
**pose challenges** for the  
classic carousel-type  
models.”





# Commensal Radio Astronomy FAST Survey



**un**precedented  
**commensality**  
pulsar, galaxy, imaging, and FRB

- Commissioning and survey demonstration
- 1500 hours **Parke**s time for follow-up
- Negotiation with GBT underway
- Through collaboration with MPIfA, 100 hours/semester **Effelsberg** follow-up
- PI programs (**11+9**) with proposing lead from PKU, NJU, SHAO, XAO, BNU, etc.
- Secured Arecibo DDT, Effelsberg open time
- GBT, Arecibo, Chandra, VLBI, GMRT, MWA proposals etc. submitted
- Data facility (**15PB+200 Tflops+100Gbs**) contract signed

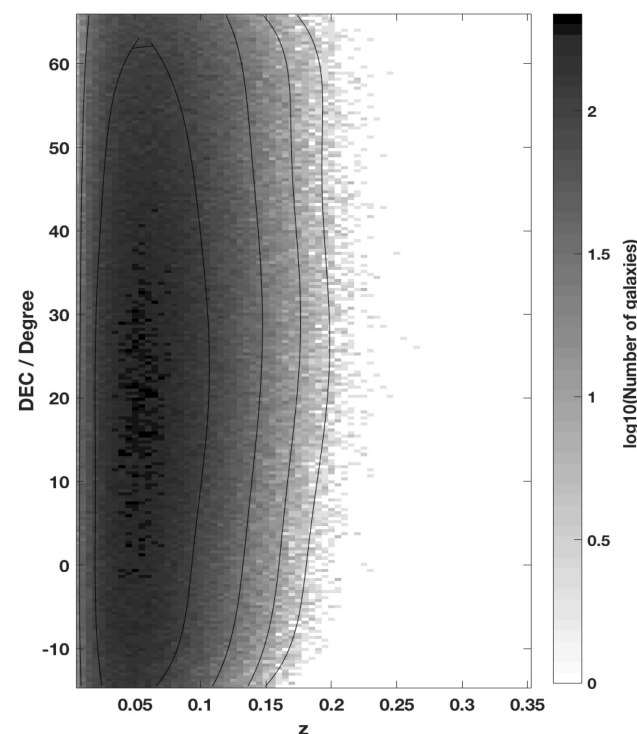
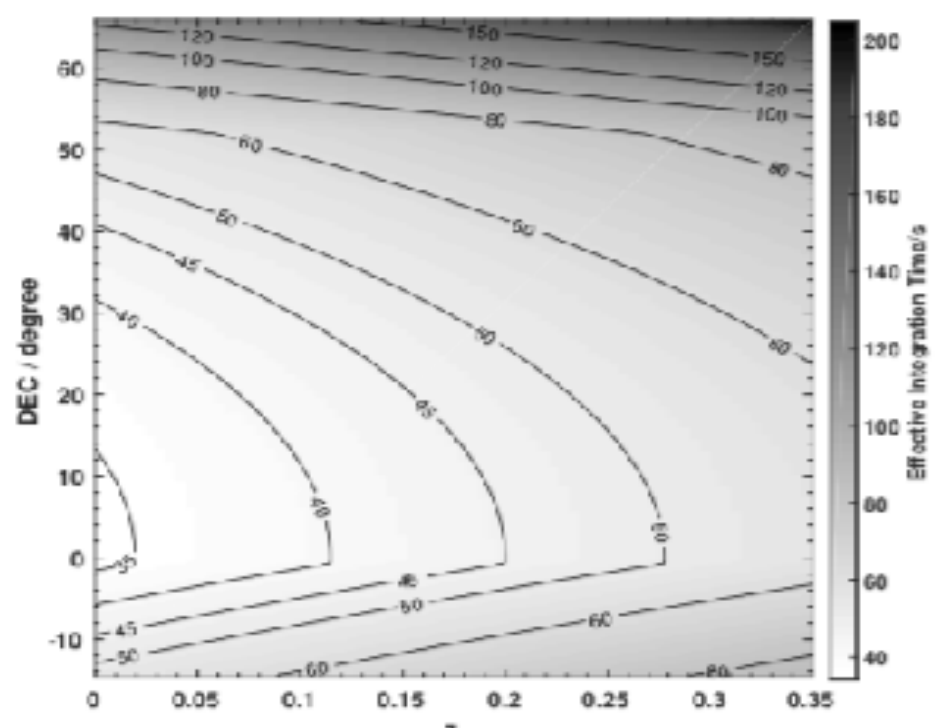
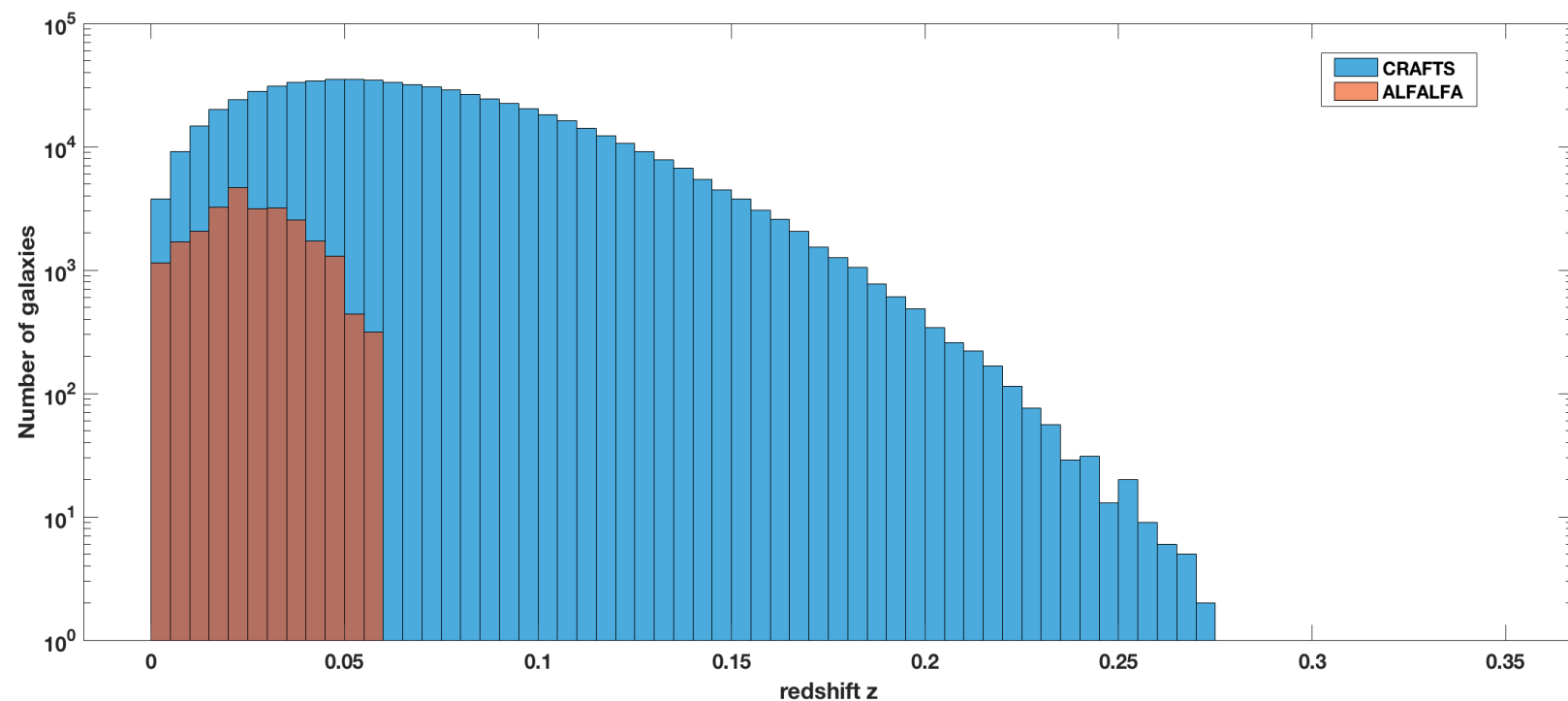


Li et al. 2018, Invited Review  
*IEEE Microwave, Vol 19, Issue 3, p112*



# FAST Outlook

## HI Galaxies from CRAFTS



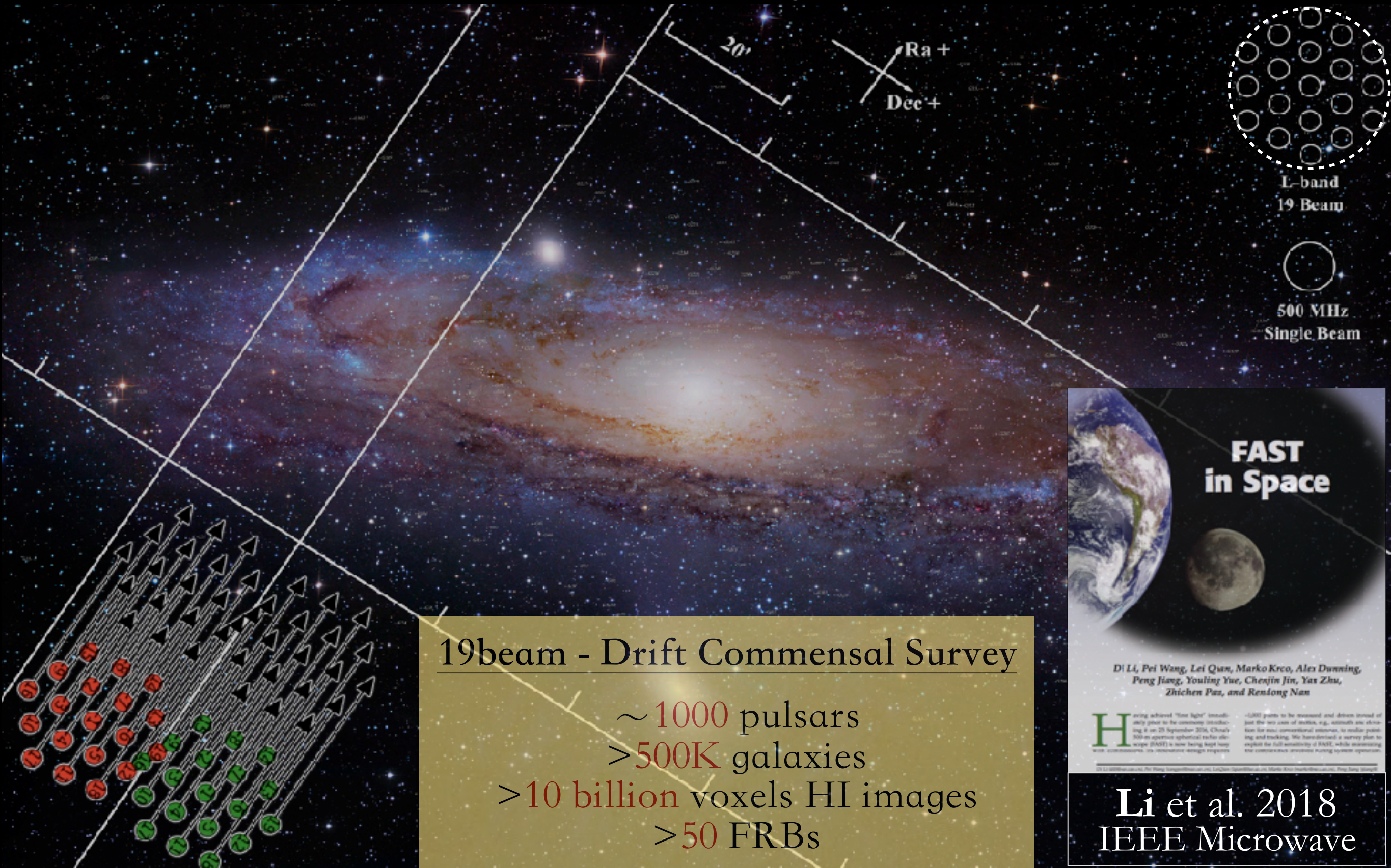
$$N (>8\sigma; 2.3 \pi) \\ \approx 6.5 \times 10^5 \\ \langle z \rangle \approx 0.07$$

INcrease  
gaseous galaxies **x20**

Zhang, Wu, **Li** et al. 2019  
c.f. Duffy et al. 2008



# Commensal Radio Astronomy FAST Survey

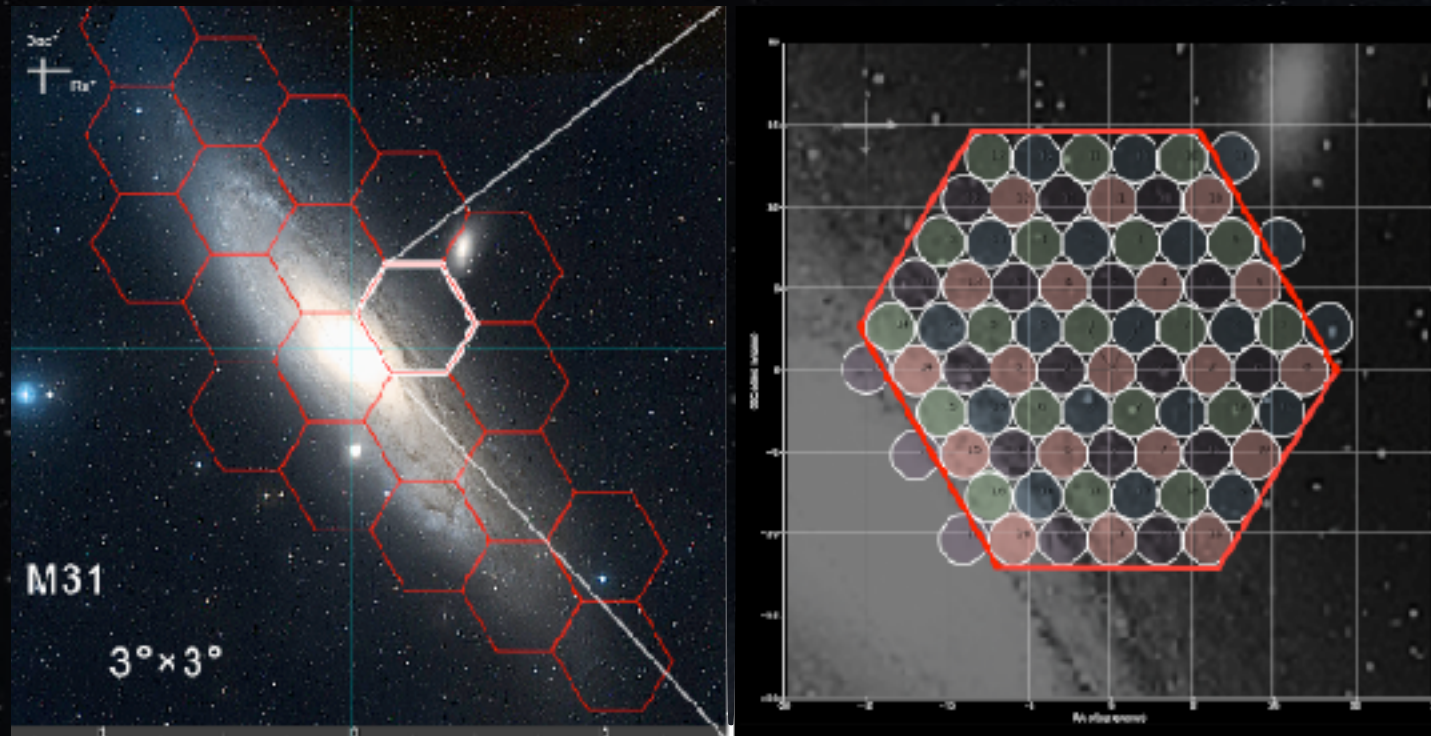


## 19beam - Drift Commensal Survey

~1000 pulsars  
>500K galaxies  
>10 billion voxels HI images  
>50 FRBs

Li et al. 2018  
IEEE Microwave



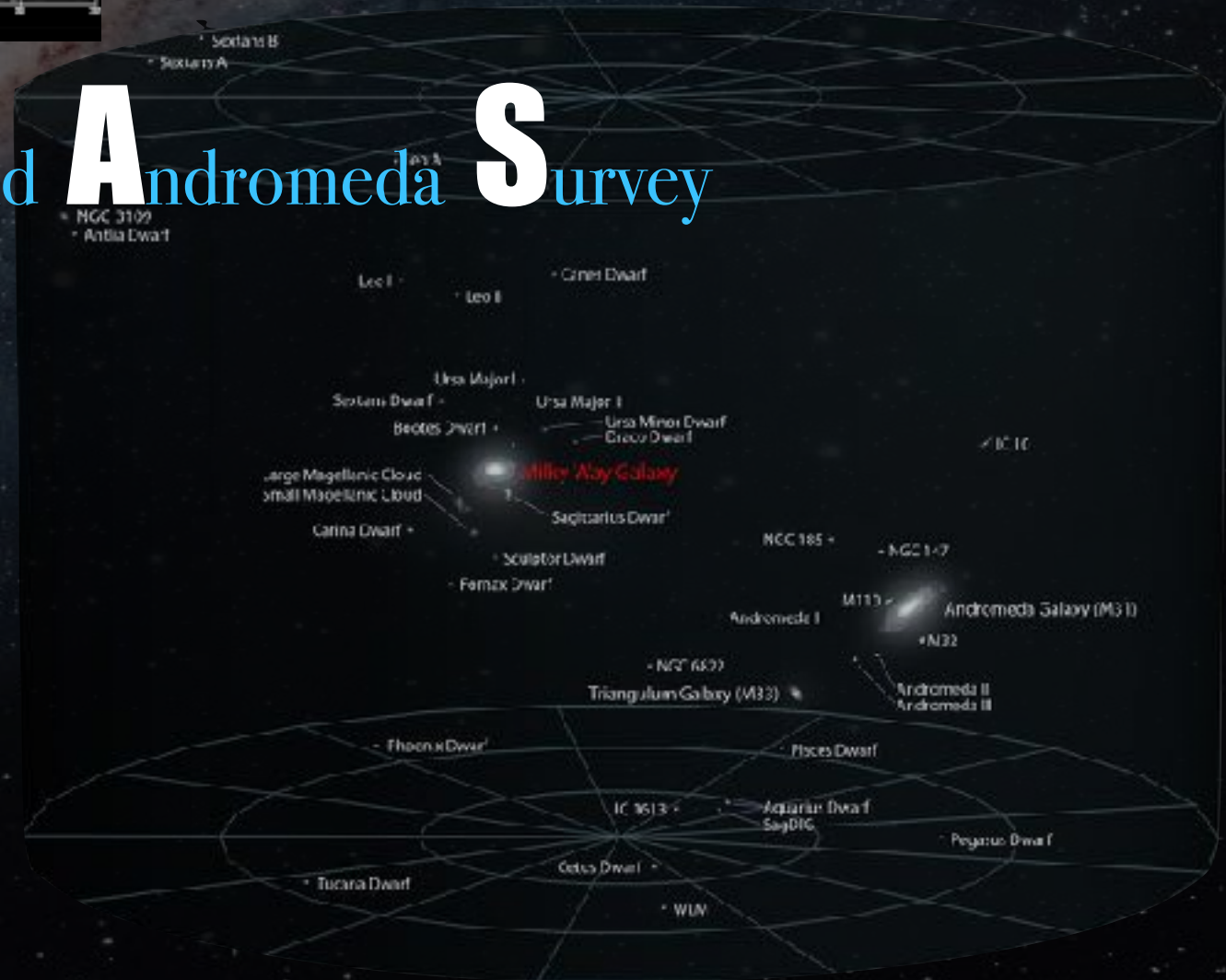


## M31: Andromeda

- ▶ Closest spiral galaxy at 0.8Mpc
- ▶ No radio pulsar ever detected
- ▶ dwarf groups + HVCs

## Galactic-plane and Andromeda Survey

- ▶ Deep coverage (1hr per pointing)
- ▶ Column density  $\sim 5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- ▶ pulsar: 0.01 mJy;  $\sim 1000$  new msp
- ▶ Dwarf galaxy groups around M31
- ▶ Galactic plane





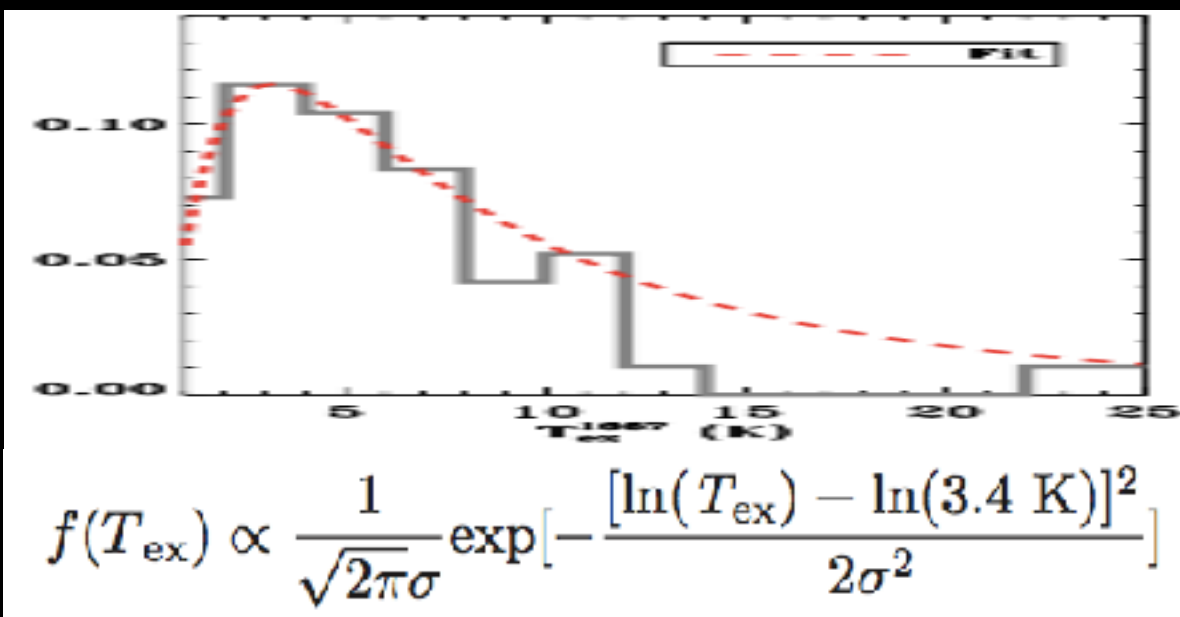
# Pacific Rim Interstellar Matter Observer PRIMO

*“Where is OH and Does it Trace the Dark Molecular Gas (DMG) ?”*

Li, Tang, +PRIMO, ApJS, 235,1

*“Dust–Gas Scaling Relations and OH Abundance in the Galactic ISM”*

Nguyen...Li+PRIMO, ApJ



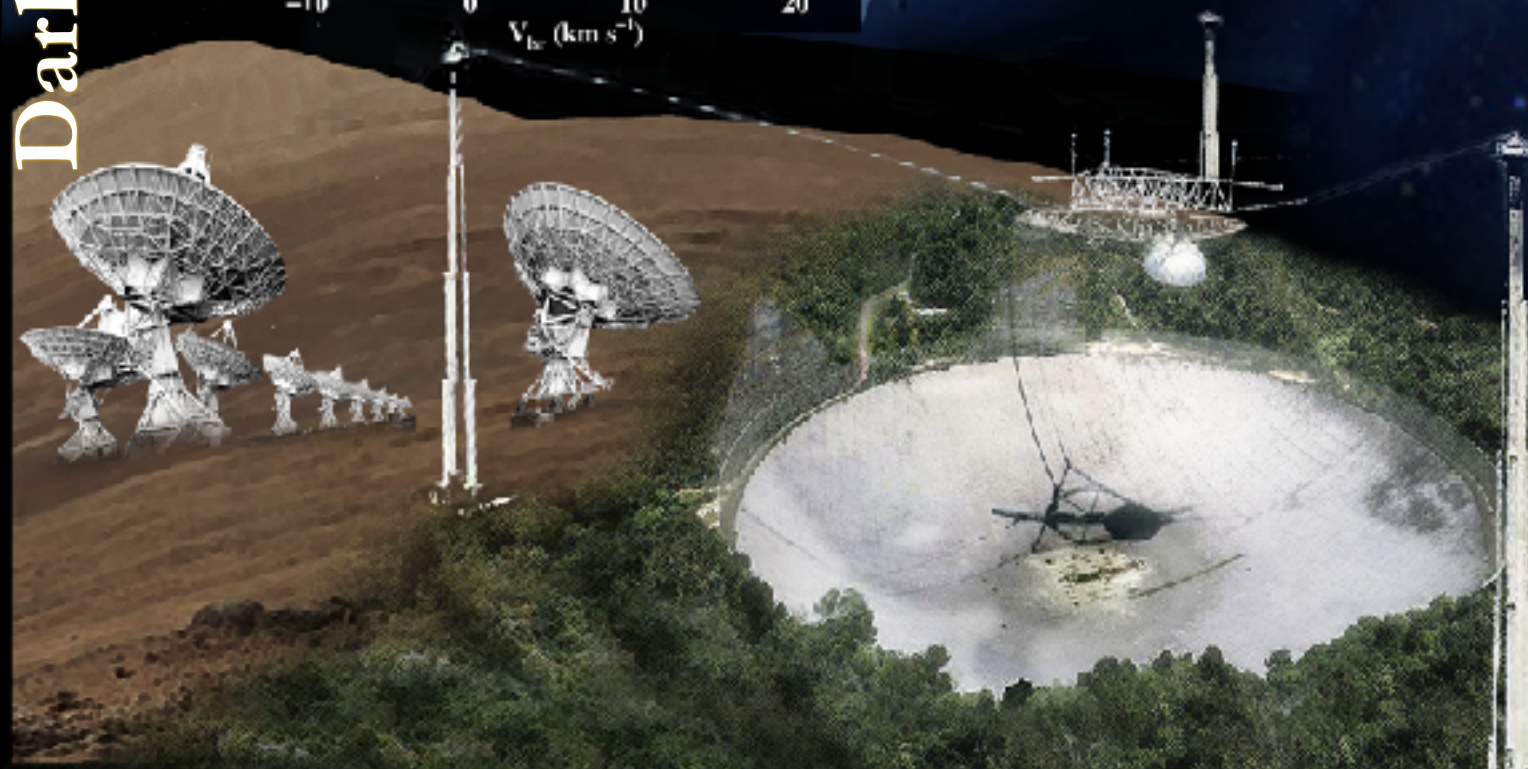
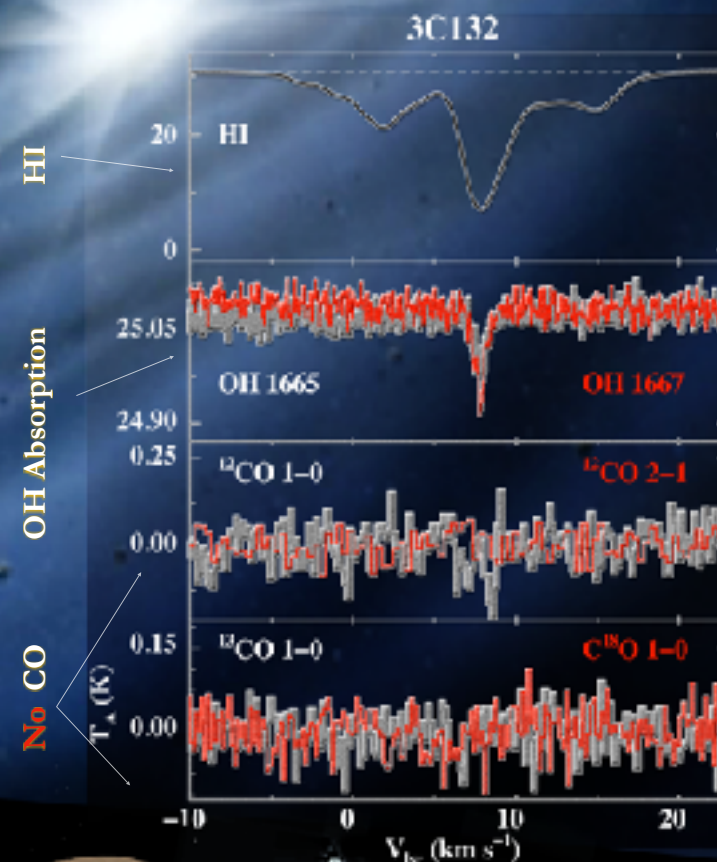
- OH excitation temperature peaks around CMB
- OH abundance tracks DMG fraction

## Dark Molecular Gas (DMG)

The Milky Way

Quasar

diffuse ISM

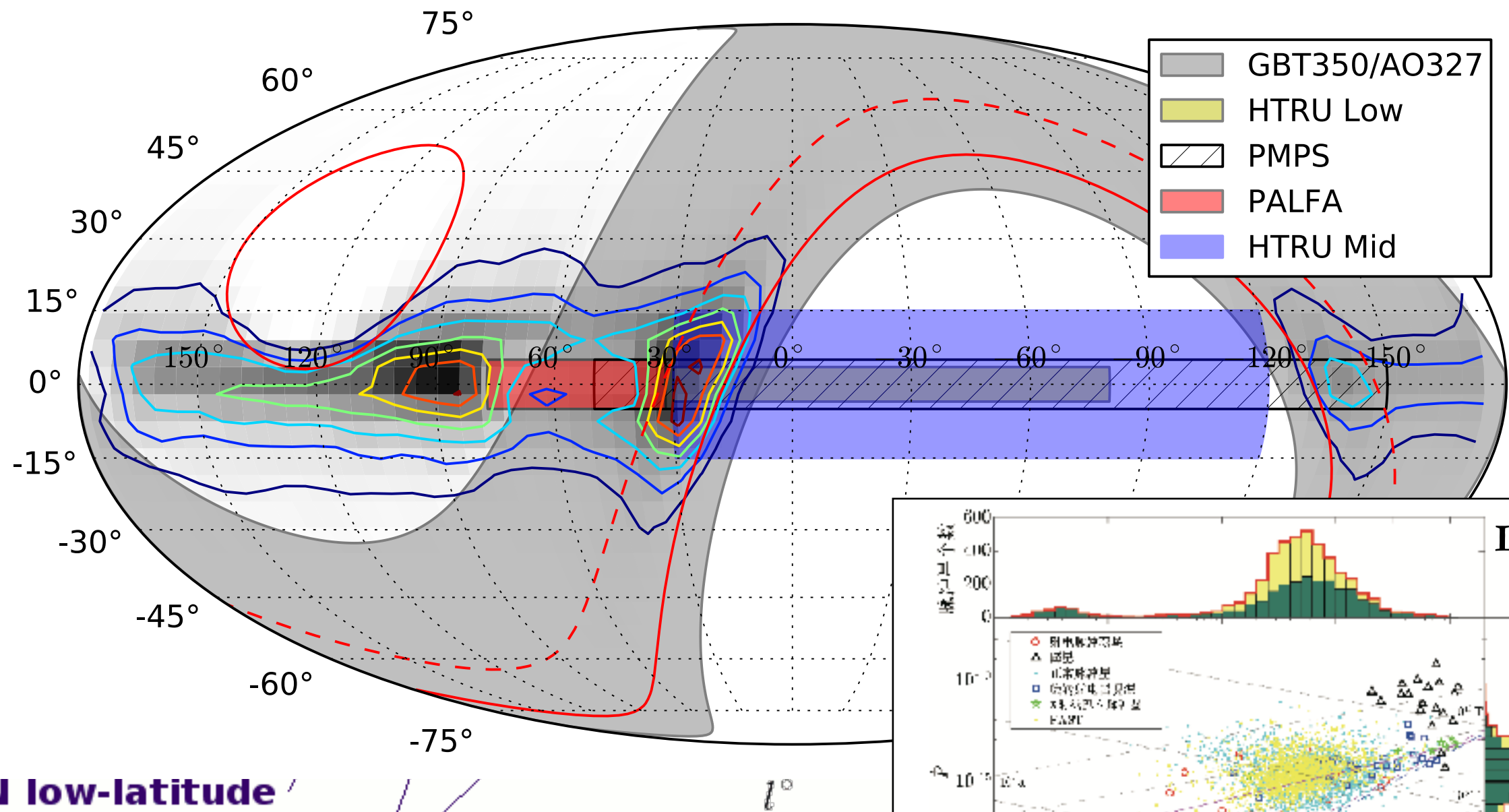




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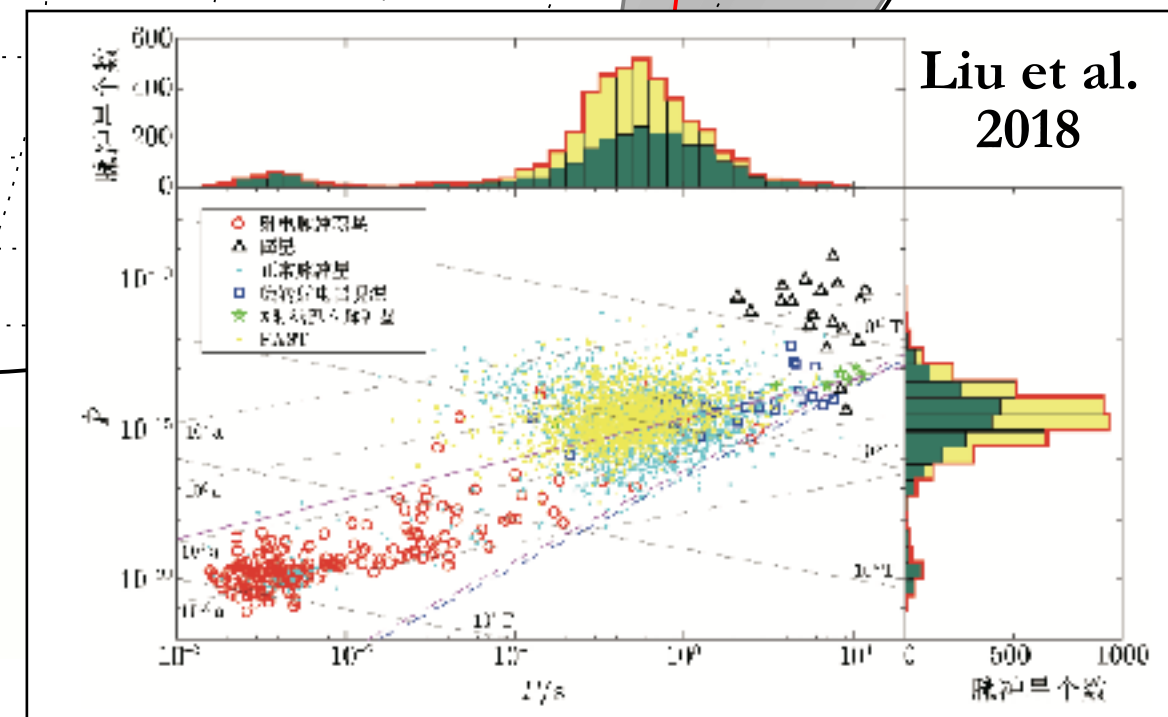
AO 327 MHz drift scan  
LOFAR pulsar survey

Galactic centre search  
PMPS re-analysis E@H



HTRU-N low-latitude  
HTRU-N medium-latitude  
HTRU-N high-latitude

Dai & Zhu







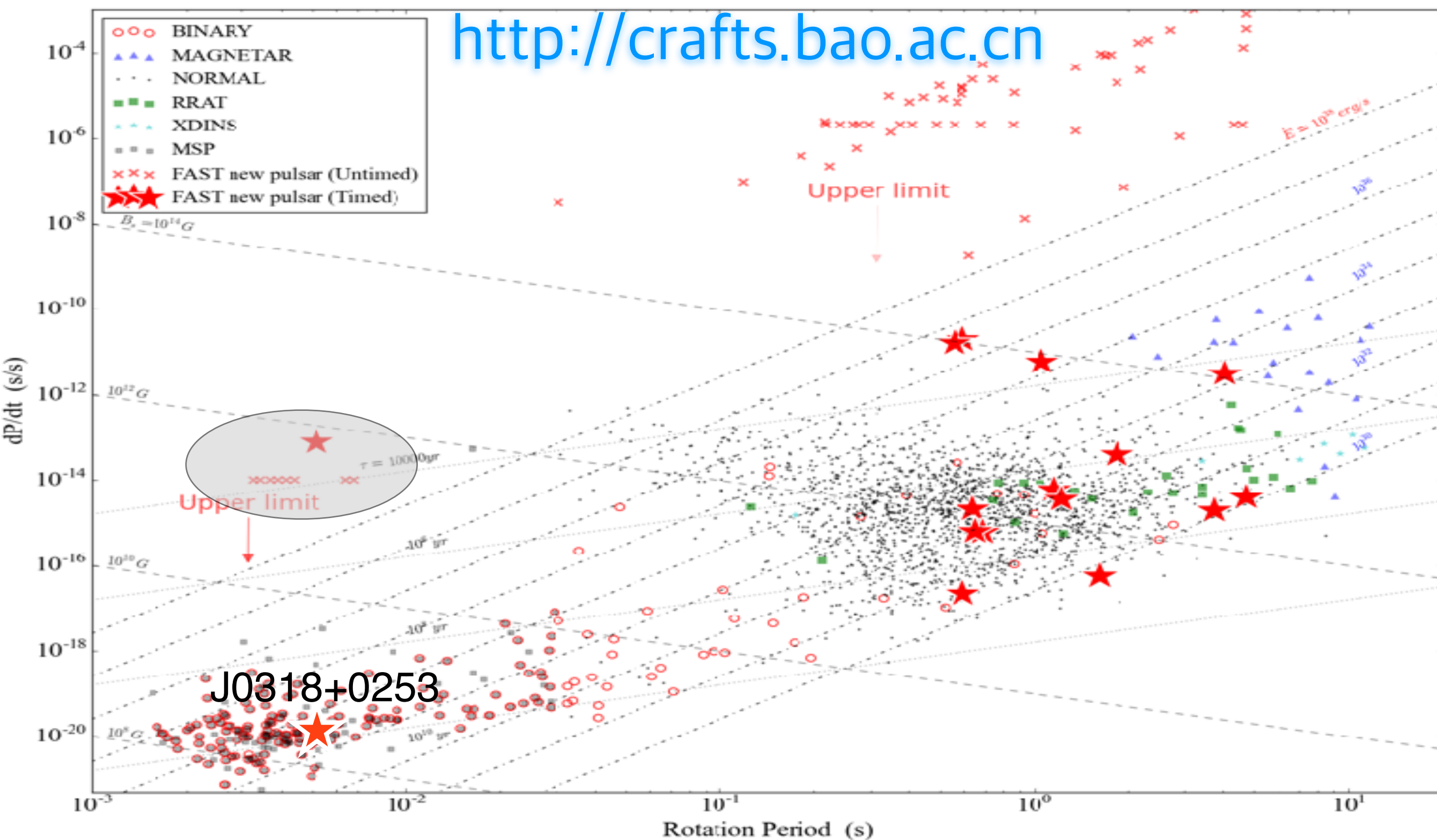
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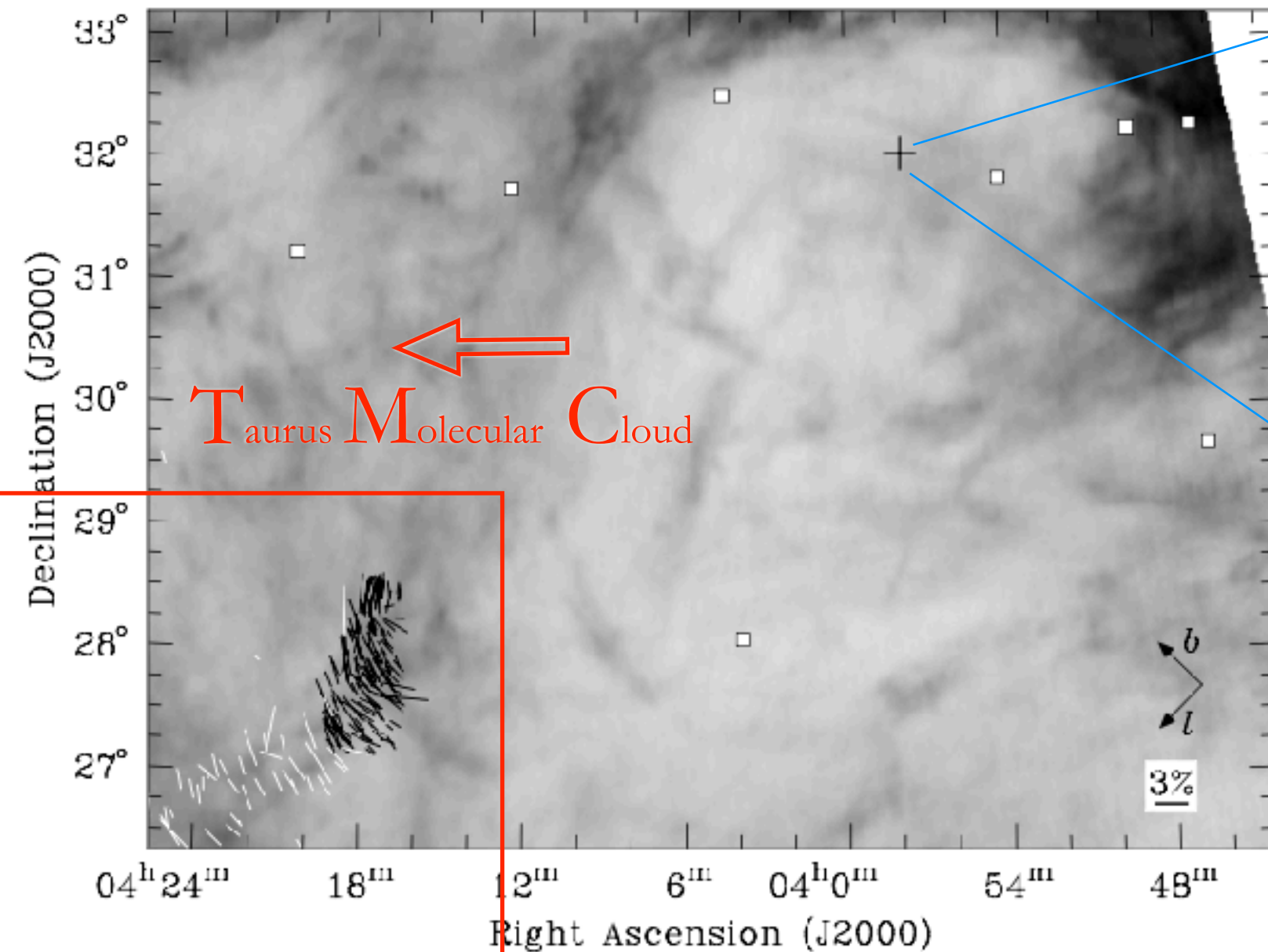
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# The “Taurus” Pulsar

## FAST discovers radio pulses from J0357

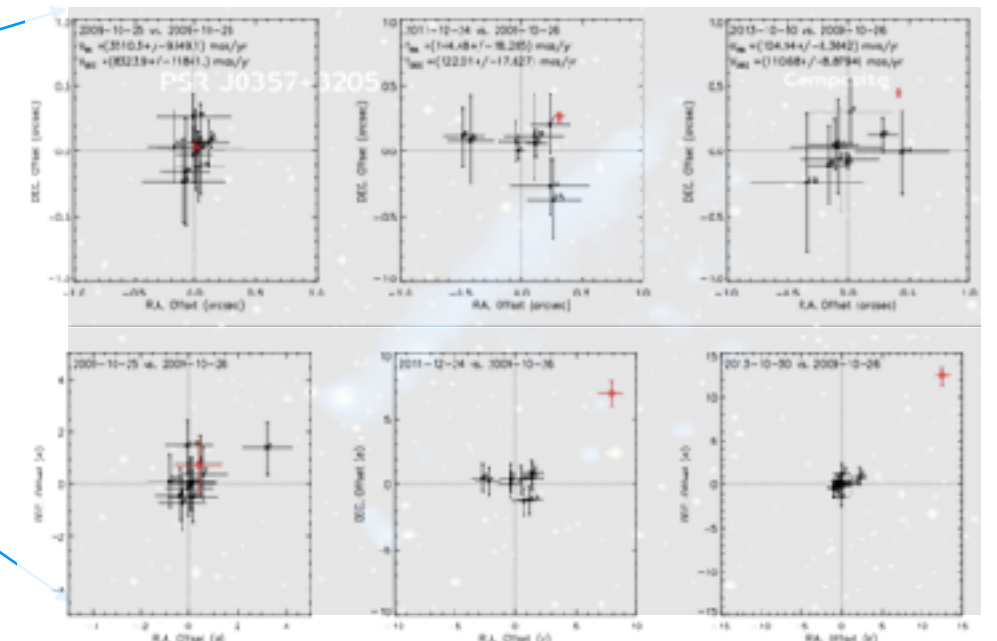


Chapman ... **Li+** et al. ApJ 2011

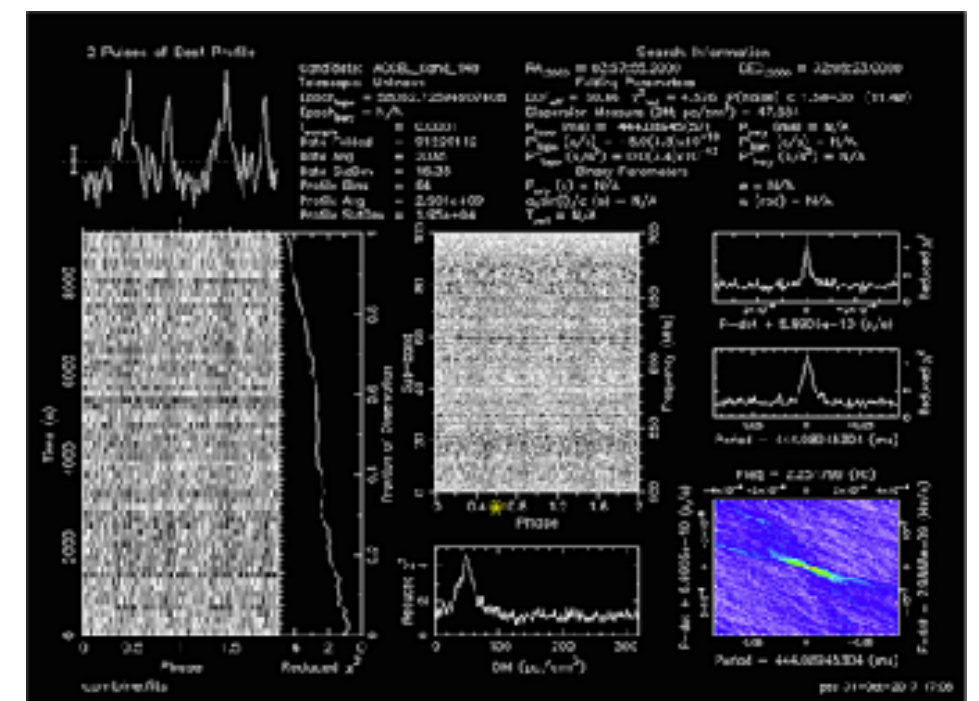
$P = 0.444$  s;  $DM = 47.6$

0.04 mJy ~ 500 MHz, 0.15 mJy ~ 350 MHz

**Li+** 2019 in prep.

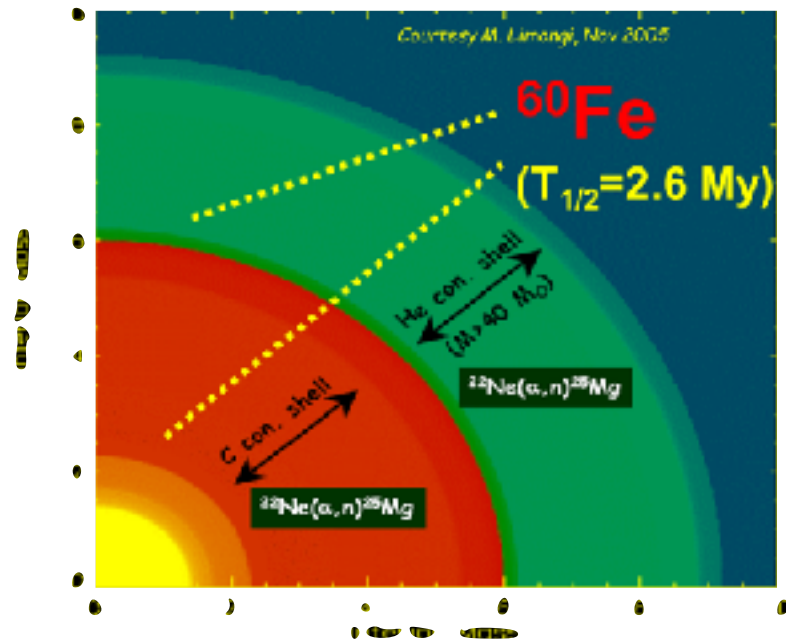


Chandra X-ray Image  
De Luca et al. 2011

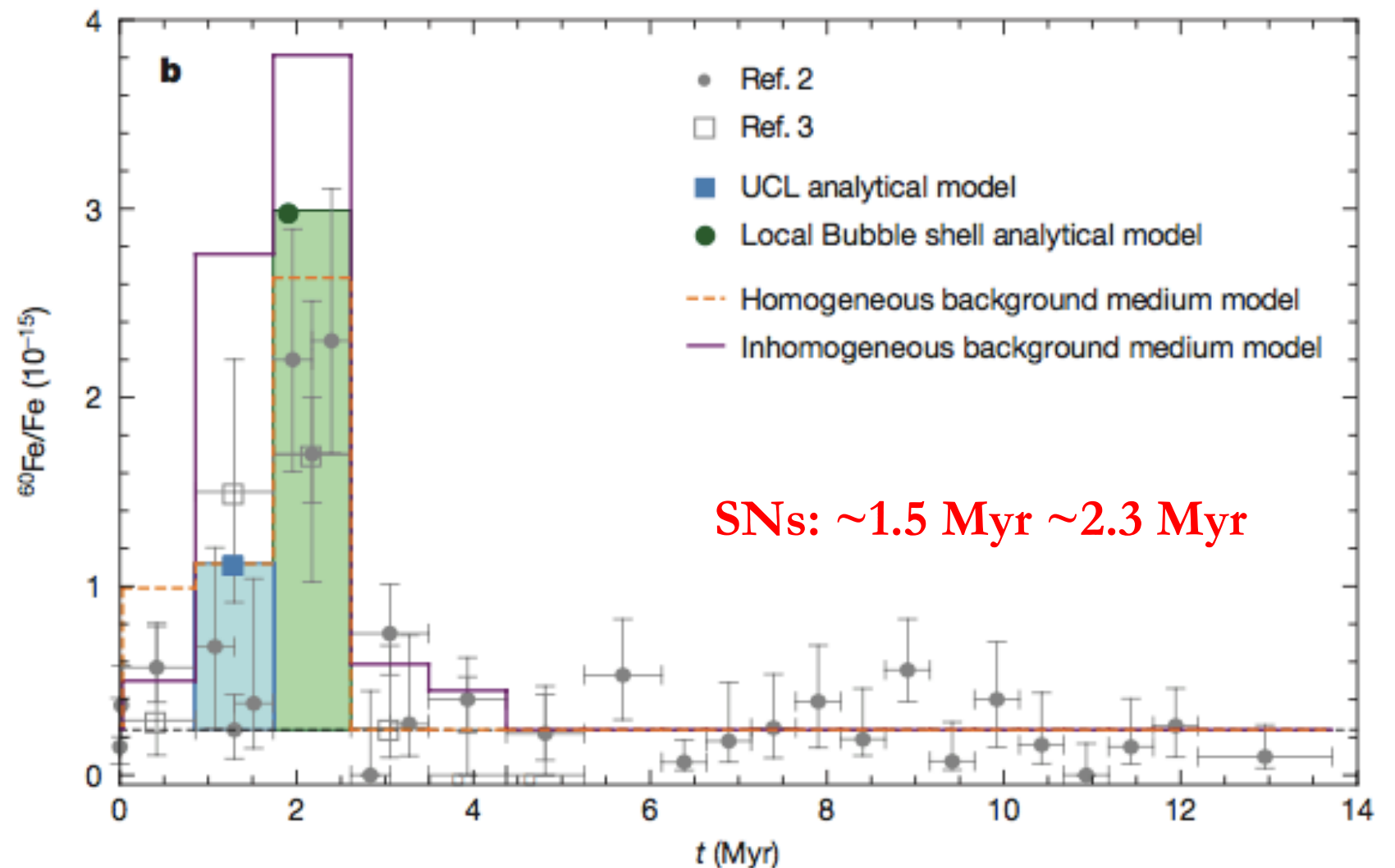




# The Sign of Cosmic Explosion on Earth ?



月球岩石



Breitschwerdt et al. 2016 **Nature**  
cf. Wallners et al. 2016 **Nature**

FAST discovered the first  
nearby, recent supernova explosion?

Knie, K. et al. 2004, Phys. Rev. Lett.  
Fimiani, L. et al. 2016, Phys. Rev. Lett.

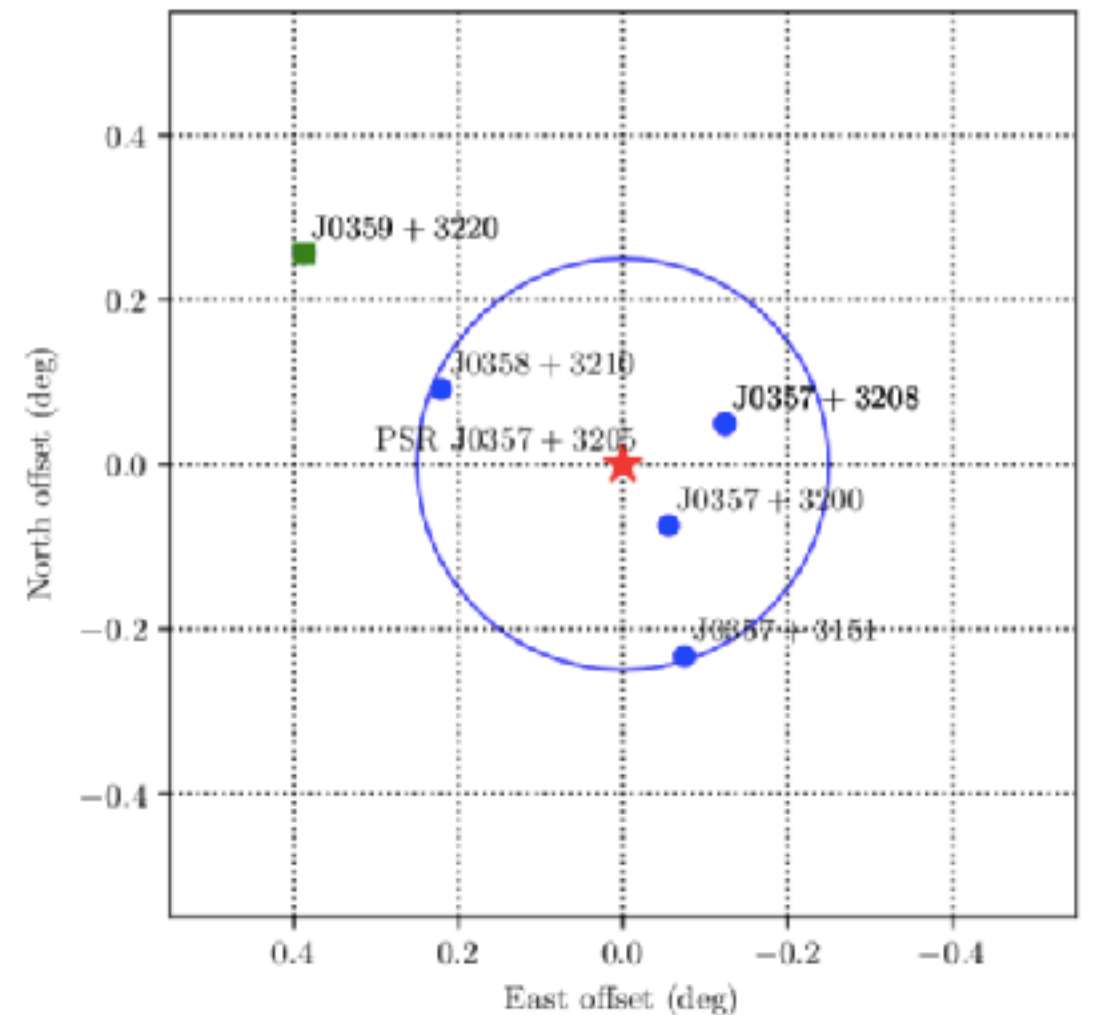


# Taurus Pulsar

## VLBI Obs. Strategy

### Challenges in P-band VLBI astrometry:

- Very weak: 150  $\mu$ Jy at 327 MHz.
- Only 32 MHz bandwidth at P-band
- Very few VLBI observatories at 327 MHz.
- in-beam referencing



### Step 1: in-beam calibrator

VLBA --- waiting for correlation

### Step 2: VLBI detection of target

VLBA + GBT + AO + FAST

### Step 3: multi-epoch VLBI parallax measurement

VLBA + GBT + AO + FAST

*Known calibrators (squares) and AO in-beam calibrators (dots) around PSR J0357+3205 (star) .*



# FAST VLBI Challenges

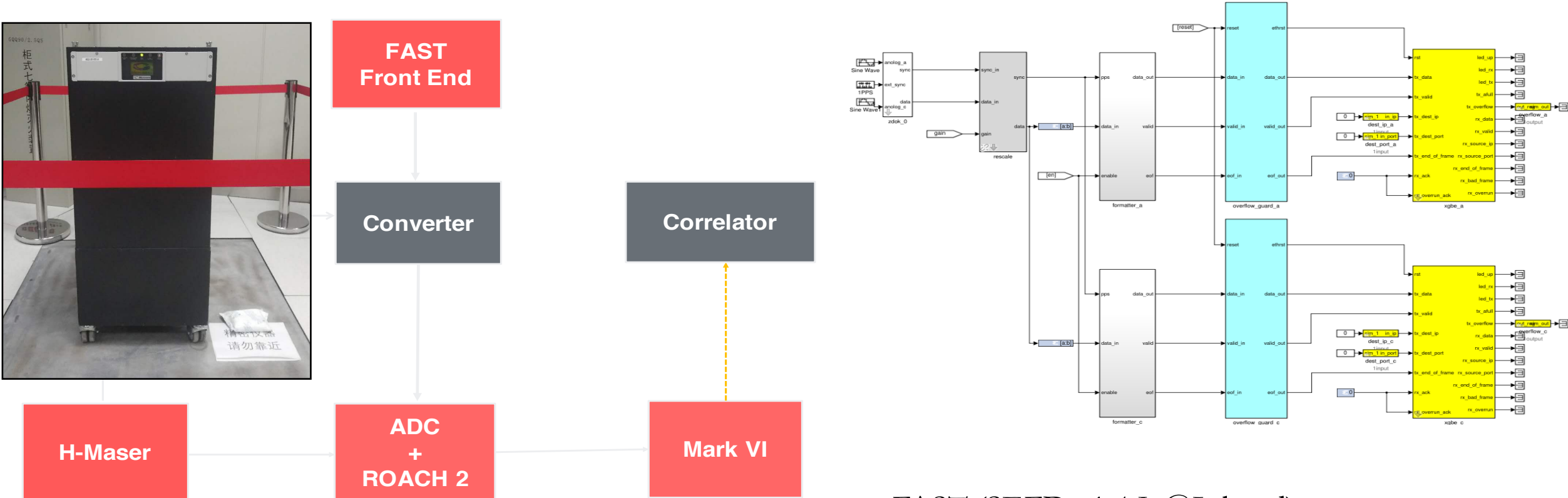
- moving observatory coordinate
- ‘virtual’ phase reference point
- No down-conversion
- 38 synced digitization data stream
- reference antenna?
- A FAST ‘Core’ Array



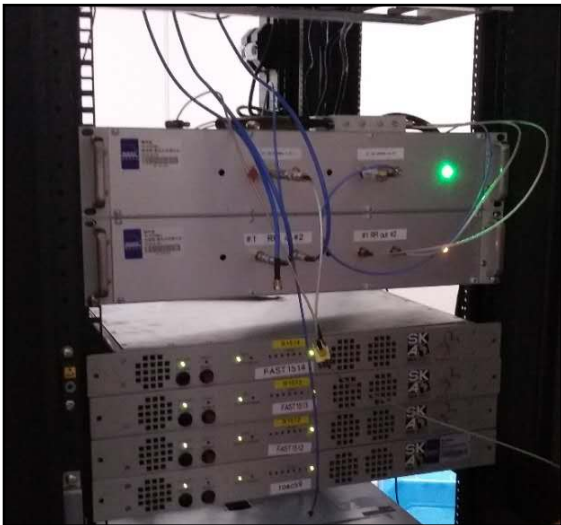
A Lost (maybe) argument to Carl Heiles  
in Sydney Harbor, on April 21st, 2018



# FAST VLBI System



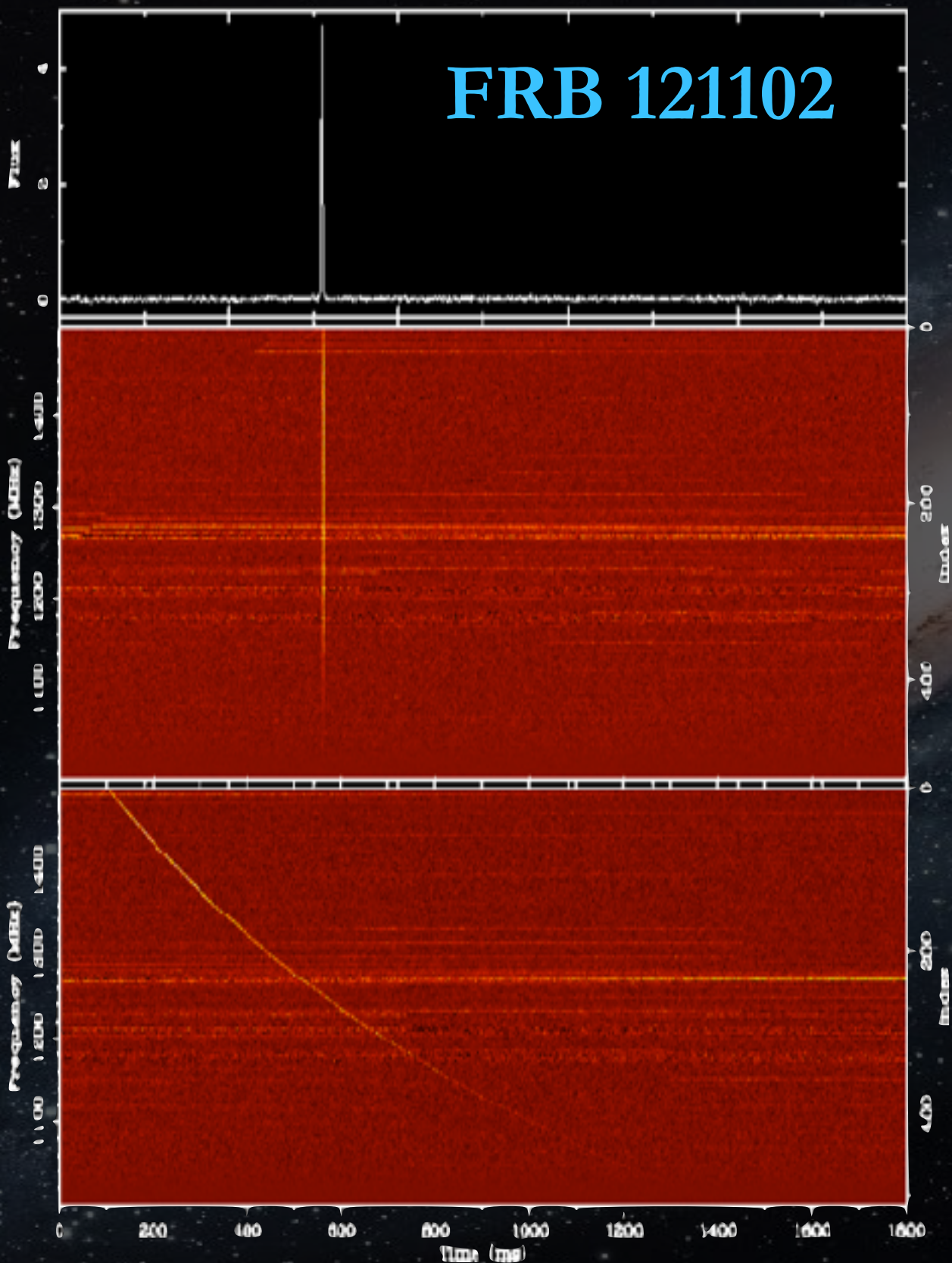
FAST (SEFD~1.4 Jy@L-band)  
Recording rate 512 Mbits/s, Integration time = 60 min



| VLBI network                                              | Image sensitivity<br>( $\mu$ Jy/beam) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Full HSA (Effersberg + GBT + phased VLA + Arecibo + VLBA) | 4.7                                   |
| USA HSA (GBT + phased VLA + Arecibo + VLBA)               | 5.5                                   |
| EVN (including Tianma 65 m)                               | 16.4                                  |
| EVN (including Tianma 65 m) + Arecibo                     | 6.3                                   |
| EVN (including Tianma 65 m) + FAST                        | 4.5                                   |

FAST VLBI team (Zhang, H.Y. et al.) and Zhang, Bo 2017





Duan et al. 2019  
Zhang et al. 2018



## FAST Detects Multiple Bursts in L-band from FRB 121102

Atel #13064: Di Li (NAOC), Xinxin Zhang (NAOC), Lei Qian (NAOC), Weiwei Zhu (NAOC), Ran Duan (NAOC), Dan Werthimer (Berkeley), Vishal Gajjar (Berkeley), Yan Zhu (NAOC), Jeff Cobb (Berkeley), Youling Yue (NAOC), Chengjin Jin (NAOC), Bing Zhang (UNLV), Christian Gouffes (CEA), Shen Wang (NAOC), Laura Spitler (MPIFR), Mary Cruces (MPIFR), Jason Hessels (University of Amsterdam), Andrew Seymour (Arecibo), Eric Korpela (Berkeley), Jingtao Luo, Hongqian Guo (NAOC), Peng Jiang (NAOC), Rui Li (NAOC), Qi Li (NAOC), Hongfei Liu (NAOC), Chenchen Miao (NAOC), Chenhui Niu (NAOC), GaoFeng Pan (NAOC), Zhichen Pan (NAOC), Bo Peng (NAOC), Jinghai Sun (NAOC), Ningyu Tang (NAOC), QiMing Wang (NAOC), Pei Wang (NAOC), Xin Pei (XAO), Jun Yan (NAOC), Rui Yao (NAOC), DongJun Yu (NAOC), Mao Yuan (NAOC), Haiyan Zhang (NAOC), Lei Zhang (NAOC), Shuxin Zhang (NAOC), and FAST Collaboration (NAOC)  
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Subjects: Radio, Fast Radio Burst

Referred to by Atel #: 13073, 13075

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Tracking observations of FRB 121102 were carried out with the newly commissioned Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST). We used the FAST L-band Array of 19-beams (FLAN), which has a FWHM of  $\sim 2.95^\circ$  for individual beams and a  $\sim 26^\circ$  footprint. The source was placed in the central beam, while all 19 beams were recorded. The bursts were firstly identified by the FRB backend on August 29th (UT), which performs real time signal processing of 19-beams data and automatic candidate selection/triggering. The subsequent single pulse search using multiple pipelines have turned up many tens of pulses with significant SNR in observations carried out so far, on the 29th, 30th, and 31st (UT). While careful cross-check are being carried out, the majority of these detections are expected to be credible. FAST has been targeting FRB 121102 since April of this year. In addition to the regular ongoing FRB followup programs, the current observations was also motivated by timely and valuable alerts from our colleagues in the INTEGRAL team, Arecibo team, Max-Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy, Berkeley, and Cornell University. Given the significance of this source and its now apparent active state, FAST is executing more observations under the auspice of engineering testing time and multiple approved PI-led programs, which targeted FRB 121102. We encourage more ToO observations with other facilities.

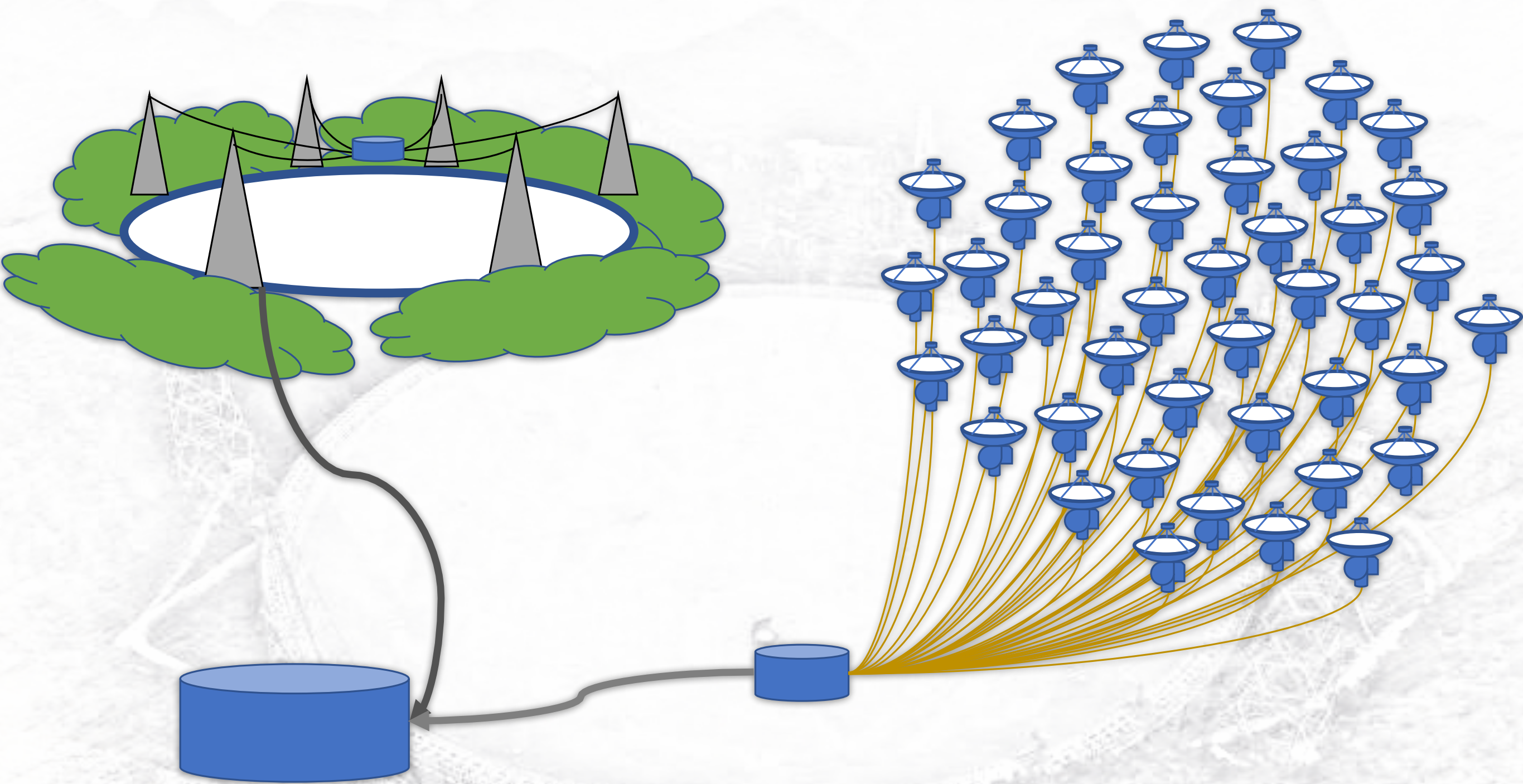
FAST pulsar survey results

Hundreds of pulses from FRB121102, more than all previous detections combined.

- ▶ **Periodicity** search
- ▶ **logN-LogS**
- ▶ Polarization: **RM**
- ▶ **DM** variation
- ▶ **HI absorption**

Astronomer's Telegram





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# FAST A<sup>+</sup> vs DSA

FAST扩展阵与DSA主要指标对比

|                               | FAST<br>(19 beam) | 36xAT5 | FAST+<br>36xAT5 | DSA<br>10 | DSA<br>110 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| Aperture                      | 70,686            | 707    | 71,393          | 159       | 1949       |
| Tsys (1.4GHz)                 | 20K               | 30K    | 30K             | 60K       | 30K        |
| Gain (A/T, m <sup>2</sup> /K) | 2600              | 15     | 2615            | 1.7       | 42         |
| Long baseline (m)             | 300               | 30,000 | 30,000          | 1,183     | >21,318    |
| $\Delta\Theta$ (1.4GHz)       | 3'                | 1.8''  | 1.8''           | 45''      | <2.5''     |
| FoV (1.4GHz, d <sup>2</sup> ) | 0.1               | 10     | 10              | 11        | 12         |

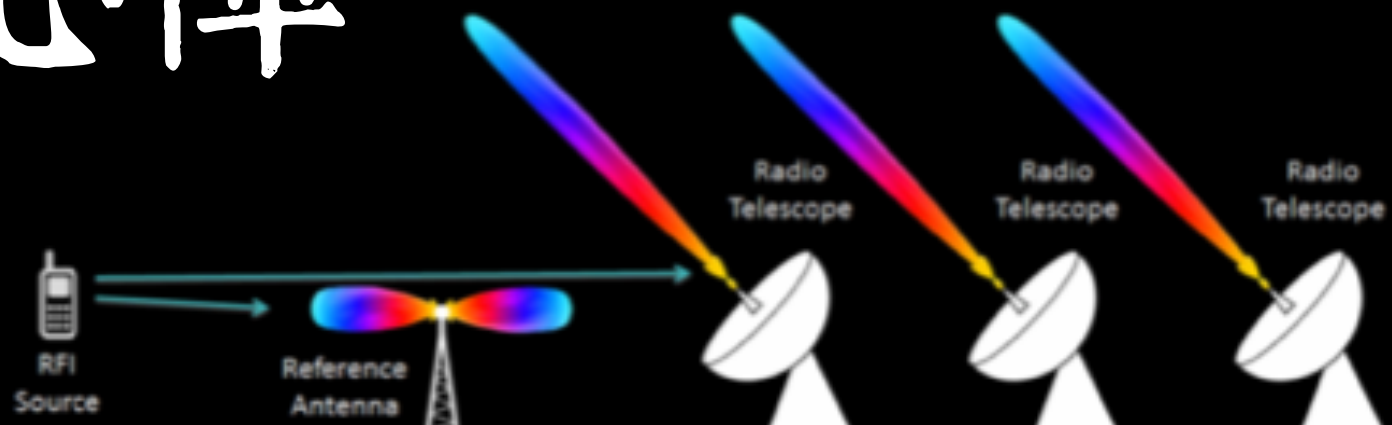


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RFI removal

“Fast Converging Digital Adaptive Filter”

Finger, Curotto, Fuentes, Duan, Bronfman, Li 2018



## \* LIGO Event: GW Sources



利用FAST 5%的預算

提升FAST关键性能  $\times 10-100$

\* 空間分辨率  $\sim 1''$

\* 点源探测灵敏度  $\sim 0.01$  mJy

## \* Exoplanet + Brown dwarf



## \* Tidal Disruption Event



## \* Fast Radio Burst





# **C**ommensal **R**adio **A**stronomy **F**AST **S**urvey

57% (2.3PI) Sky; drift scan; galaxies, imaging, pulsars



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## **G**alactic-plane and **A**ndromeda **S**urvey

M31+Galactic plane; 1h;  $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2} + 1000 \text{ msp}$

HI, HI+OH Absorption, Pulsar DM, PTA(GW)

=> **A FAST View of Baryons**