

K-band VLBI Observation of Magnetar Radio Outburst



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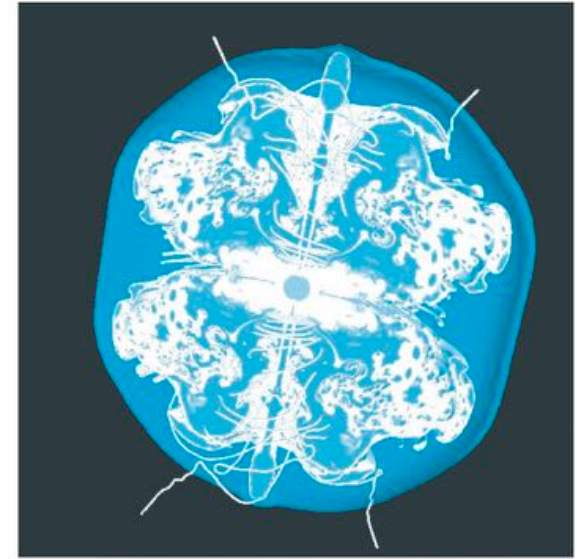
1. Why Magnetar Astrometry?

Issues on Magnetar Hypothesis

■ The magnetar hypothesis explains AXP and SGR well, but...

1. What is the origin of strong B?

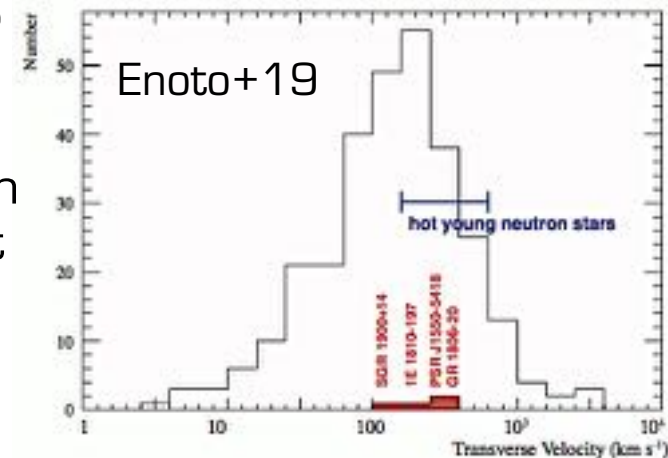
- The standing accretion shock instability (SASI) can induce **dynamo** at a supernova explosion
- Hypothesis: SNR has a **peculiar morphology**?
- Method: [Identify the progenitor SNR](#) → [Measure the magnetar's location and velocity](#)



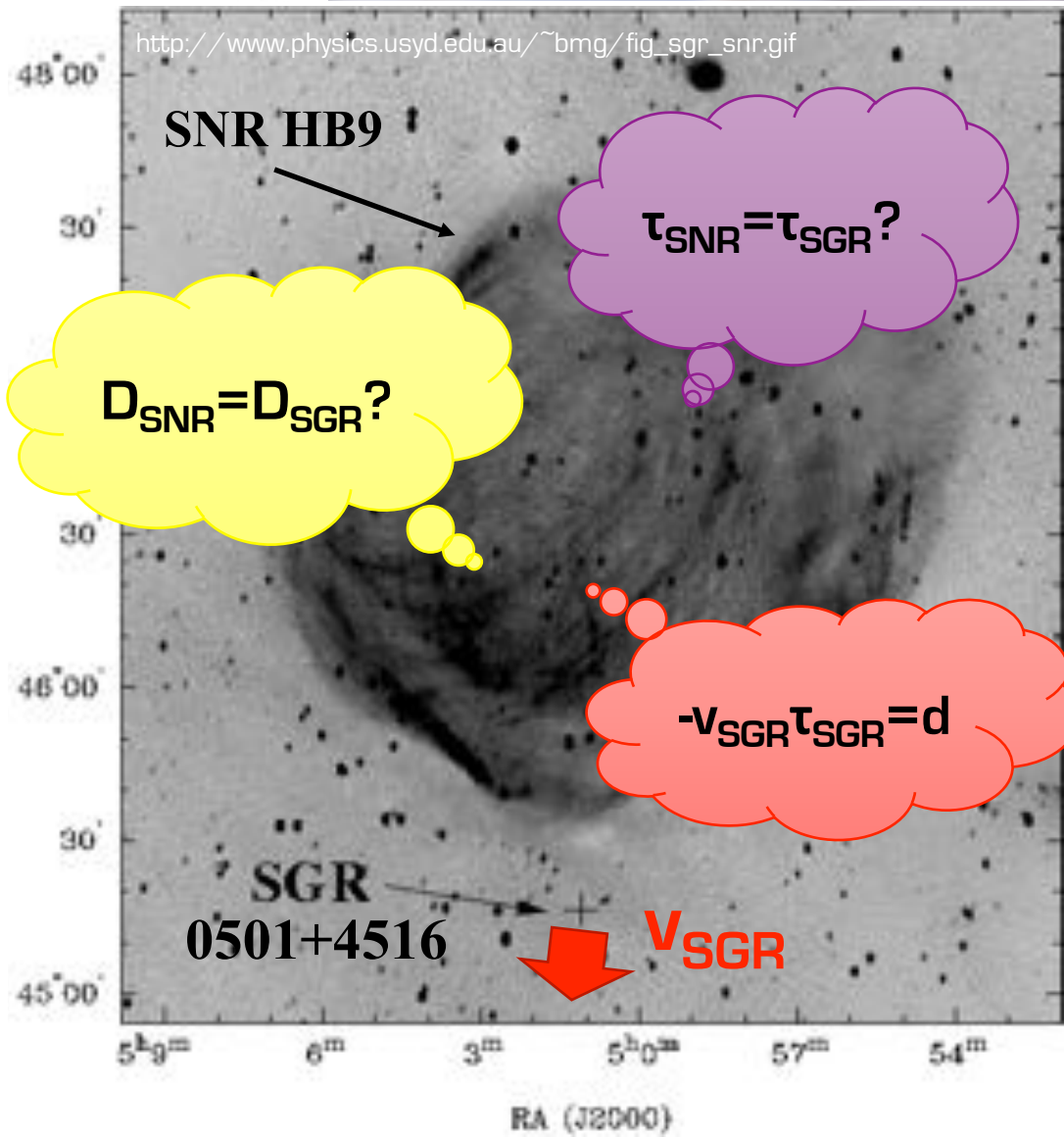
Takiwaki-san's Geppou

2. What is the trigger of outburst?

- Supernovae “kick” neutron stars
- Violent ($v = \text{several} \times 100 \text{ km/s}$) interaction with the ISM may induce **Alfvénic waves** and impact onto the magnetosphere
- Hypothesis: Magnetars have **higher velocity**?
- Method: [Measure the magnetar's velocity](#)



1. Why Magnetar Astrometry? Quiz



**Q: Is HB9
the progenitor
of SGR0501?**

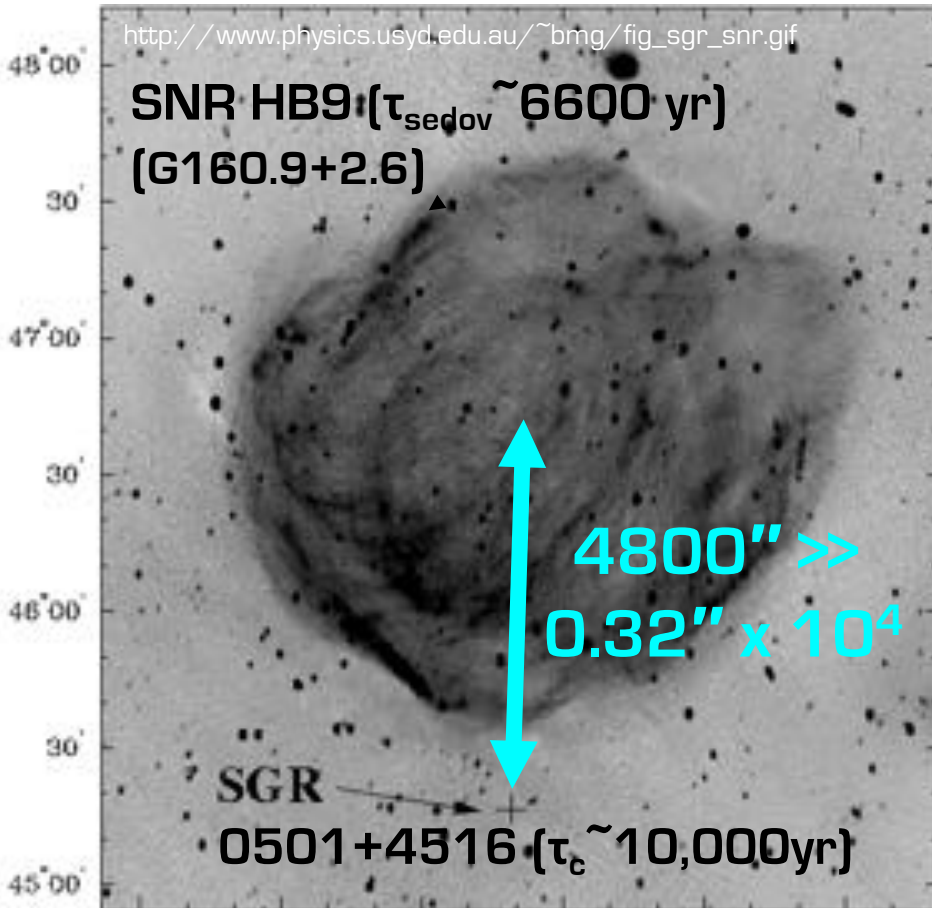
1. Yes
2. No
3. Uncertain



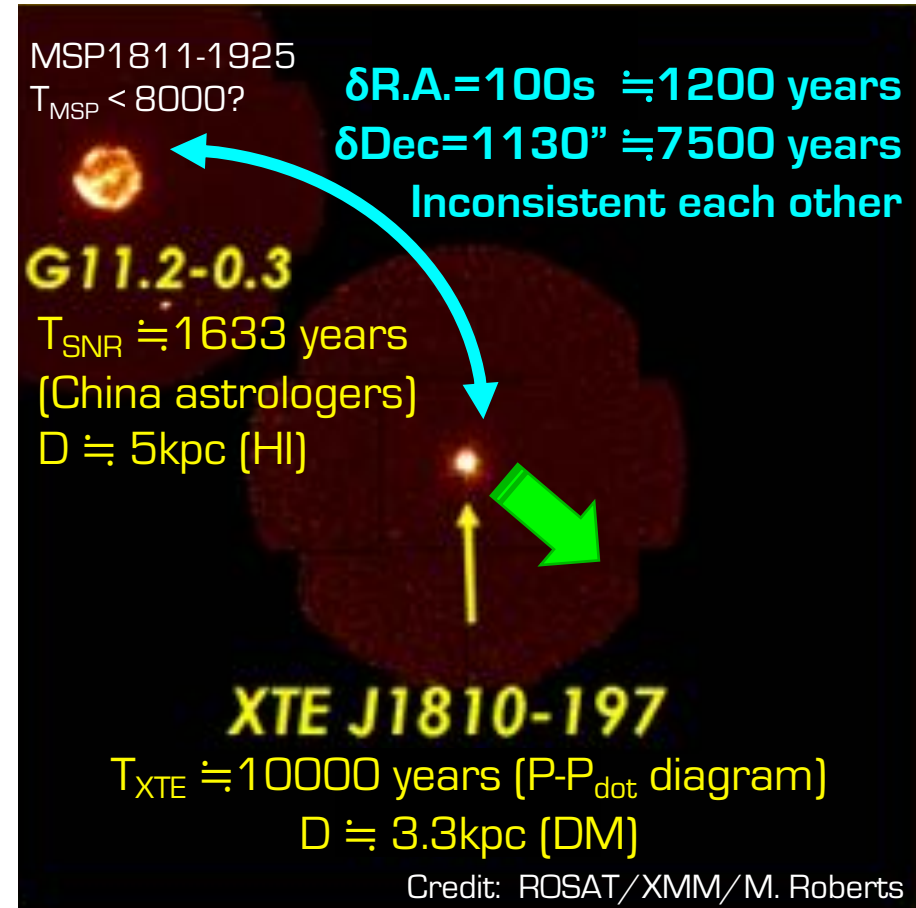
**Which physical
parameters are
needed to conclude?**

1. Why Magnetar Astrometry?

Missing Link: Magnetar and SNR

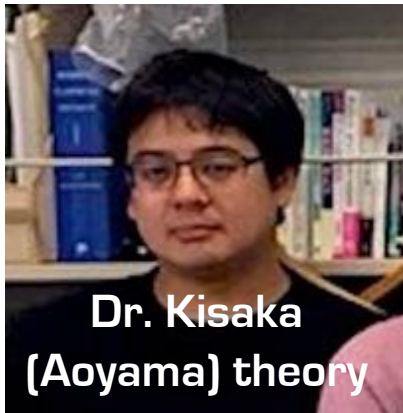
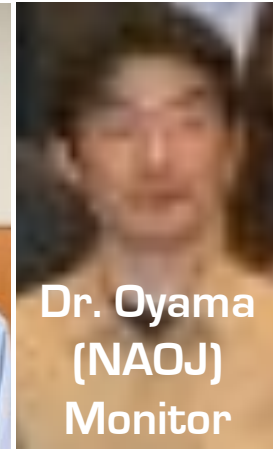
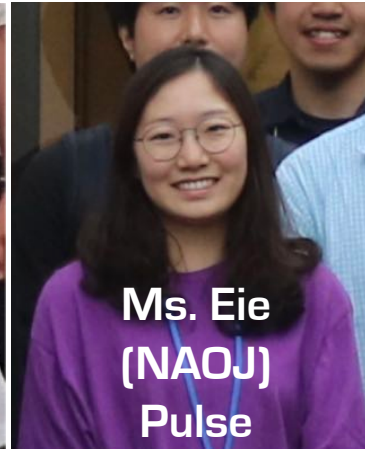
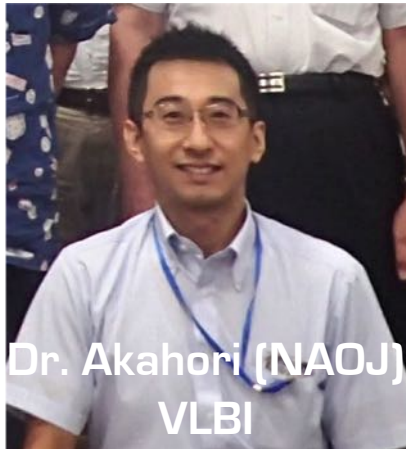


Chandra upper limit of **0.32"/yr** may **reject** this progenitor (Mong & Ng 18, assuming $D=5\text{kpc}$)



VLBA astrometry of $v = 212 \text{ km/s}$ toward **SW** may **reject** this progenitor (Helfand+07)

■ MOT VERA: Developing our VLBI experience of observing neutron stars (and FRBs) toward the SKA



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Why **VERA 22 GHz**?

1. Resolution = **1.2 mas!**

- Can capture 1.7 mas/month for 200 km/s @ 2 kpc

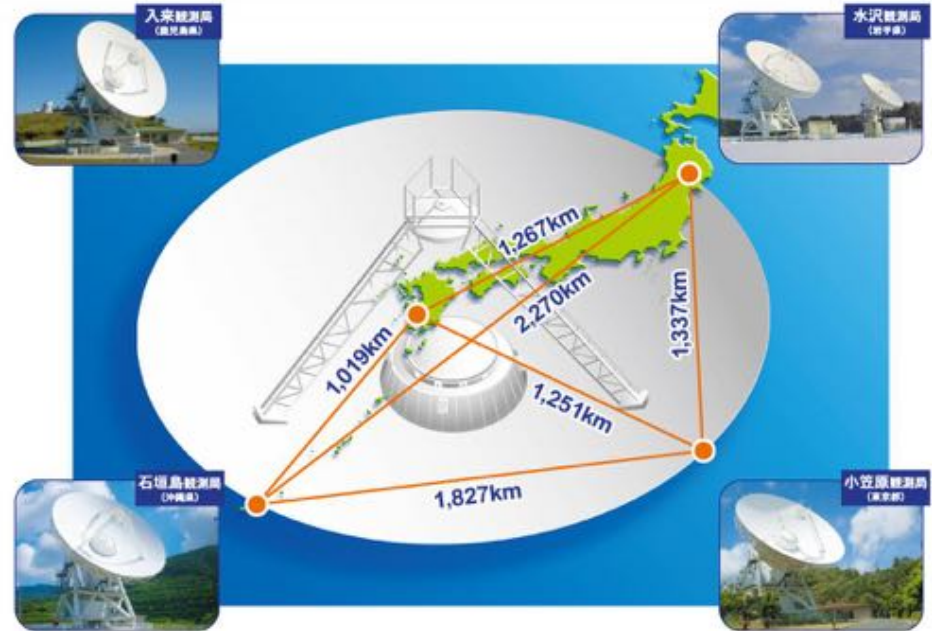
2. Sensitivity = **0.2mJy!**

- per 8hr per 128MHz (open use)
- Note: 2048MHz for SWG

Target selection criteria

1. At **anti-galactic center** to meet low DM & low time pressure.
2. With **phase calibrators**
 - Ideal: $d < 2^\circ$, $S > 300\text{mJy}$
 - OK: $d < 3^\circ$, $S > 60\text{mJy}$

■ **Exception = outburst (ToO) →**



Name	P (sec)	D (kpc)	Flux (mJy)	SNR
SGR0501+452	5.76	1-5?	300?	HB9?
4U 0142+61	8.69	3.6?	???	?
1E 2259+586	6.98	3.2?	???	CTB 109?
XTE1810-197	5.54	3-5?	10?	G11.2 -0.3?

2. Observation and Analysis

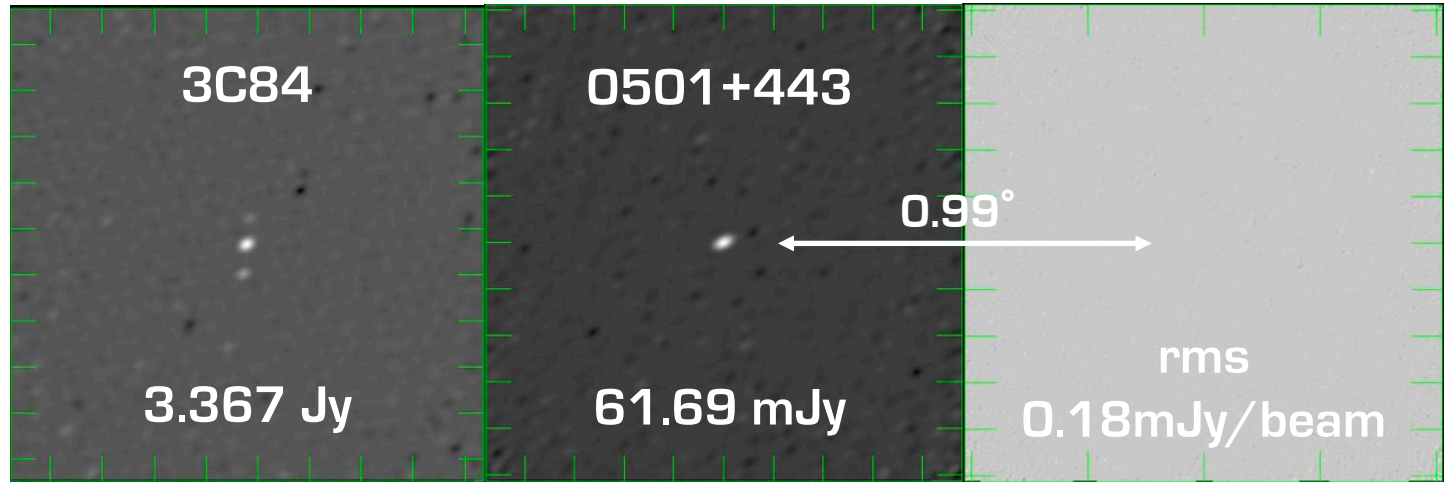
Result of SGR0501 VLBI Imaging

Sta	τ_θ	T_{rx}	T_{sys}
MIZ	0.12	83	121
IRK	0.09	93	135
OGA	0.11	86	131
ISG	0.20	97	186

10hr

End	τ_θ	T_{rx}	T_{sys}
MIZ	0.14	85	142
IRK	0.08	96	142
OGA	0.10	89	135
ISG	0.18	110	189

R18093A(2018/4/3)



Sta	τ_θ	T_{rx}	T_{sys}
MIZ	0.15	71	132
IRK	0.25	119	232
OGA	0.19	117	203
ISG	0.26	176	310

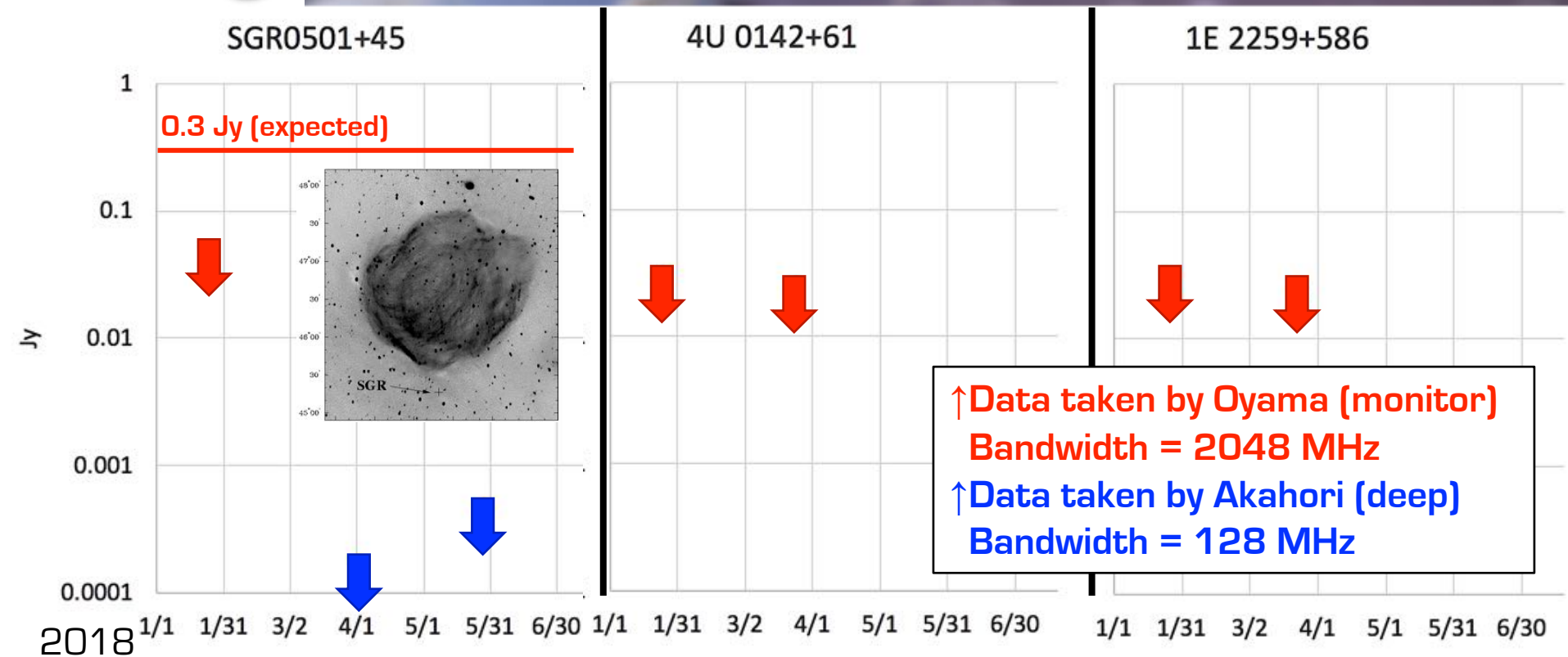
10hr

End	τ_θ	T_{rx}	T_{sys}
MIZ	0.17	88	157
IRK	0.21	124	229
OGA	0.29	143	278
ISG	0.23	114	216

R18148B(2018/5/29, 55days)



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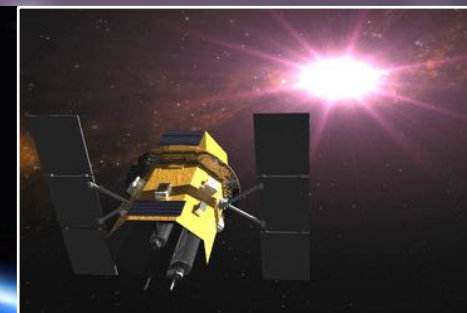


- No radio emission was detected
- An upper limit of 0.2-0.5 mJy → top 20% of known normal radio pulsars are excluded

2. Observation and Analysis

Revival of XTE1810 Radio Outburst

litate 31m (0.3 GHz), Kashima 34-m (2 GHz),
Hitachi 32-m (7/8 GHz), four VERA 20m (22 GHz),
and NICER and Swift



18.12.18

19.01.07

19.01.21

19.02.15



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19.04.23

19.06.12



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VERA



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19.01.09

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19.03.04

19.03.31

19.04.23

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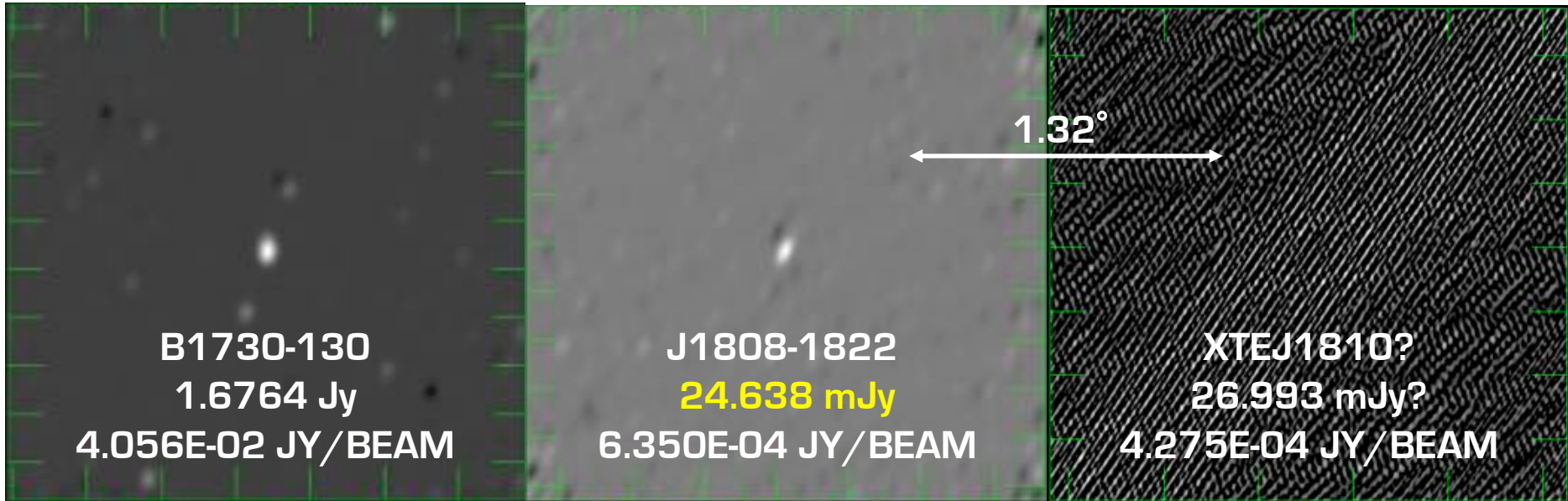
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VERA 20m

R18352A(2018/12/18)



■ No radio emission was detected

■ Data taken in January 7 would be more promising

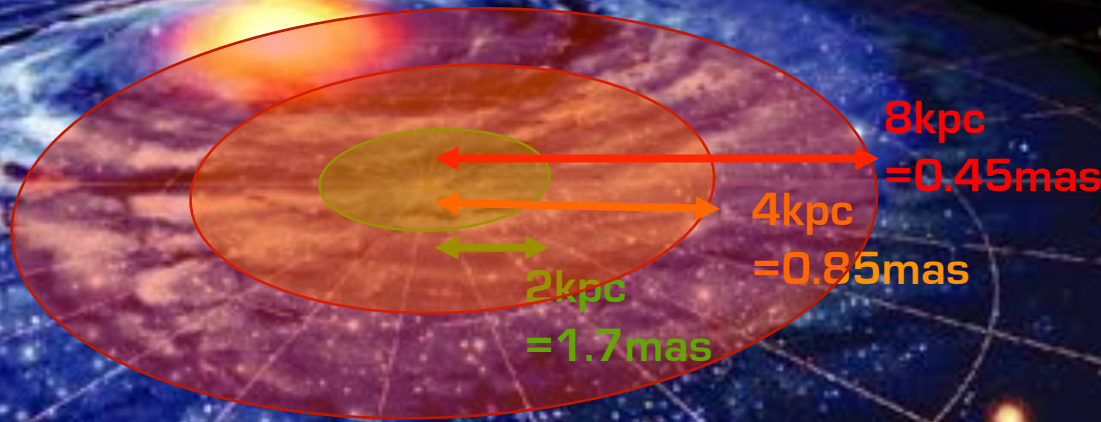
K-band VLBI of Magnetars (ToO)

- Resolving the proper motion of 200 km/s in a month

MOT-VERA

Magnetar Observation Team of VERA

Local arm, Perseus arm
VERA 3000 km = 1.2 mas



MUAY-THAI (2023-)

Magnetar Unprecedented Astrometry Yielded by Thailand

MOT-VERA + inter-arm, halo

Super EAVN 6000km = 0.6 mas

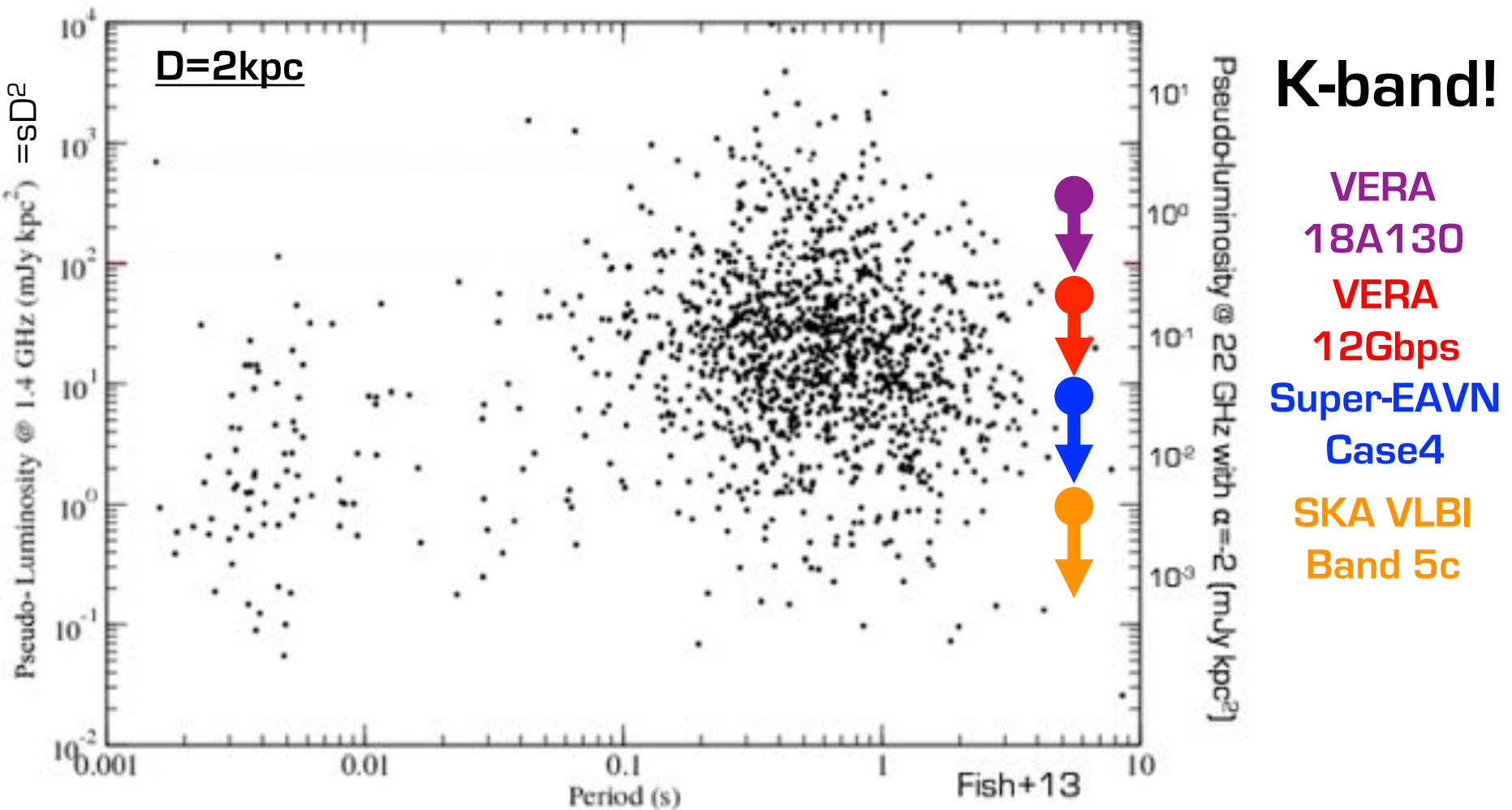
KAIRAKUEN (2030-)

Key Alliance of International Radio Astrometry at K-band for Ultimate Exploration of NSs

MUAY-THAI + arms + galactic center

SKA-VLBI with EAVN 12000 km = 0.3 mas

Neutron stars will be your interests



■ Persistent radio pulses enable us to perform astrometry

■ No detection gives some clues for the emission mechanism

■ Magnetars Radio Outburst

- There is so far no solid identification of progenitor SNRs of magnetars
- The trigger of radio outburst is fully unknown

■ MOT VERA Project

- Four magnetars have been observed
- SGR0501: no detection, XTE1810: no, work in progress
- We have established the procedures of magnetar VLBI observation and analysis through our activity in the last 2 years
- We are waiting for magnetar radio bursts

■ Future Prospects

- **MOT-VERA → MUAY-THAI → KAIRAKUEN!**
 - ✓ Key Alliance of International Radio Astrometry at K-band for Ultimate Exploration of NSs
- Is the origin of FRB (e.g., 121102) a young magnetar's giant pulse?