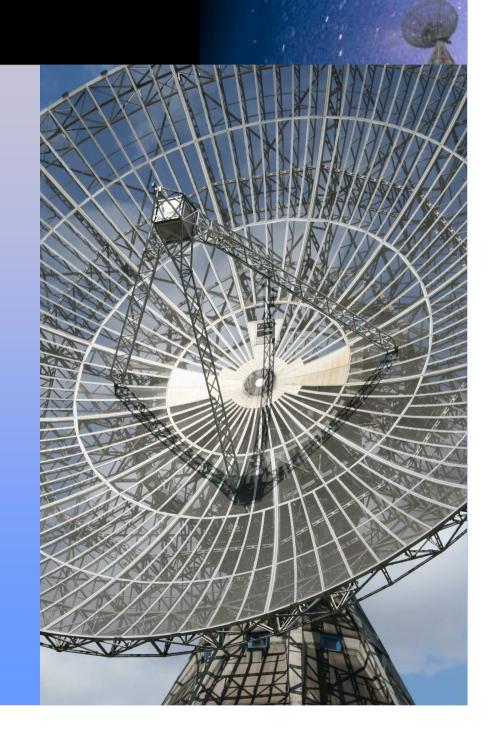
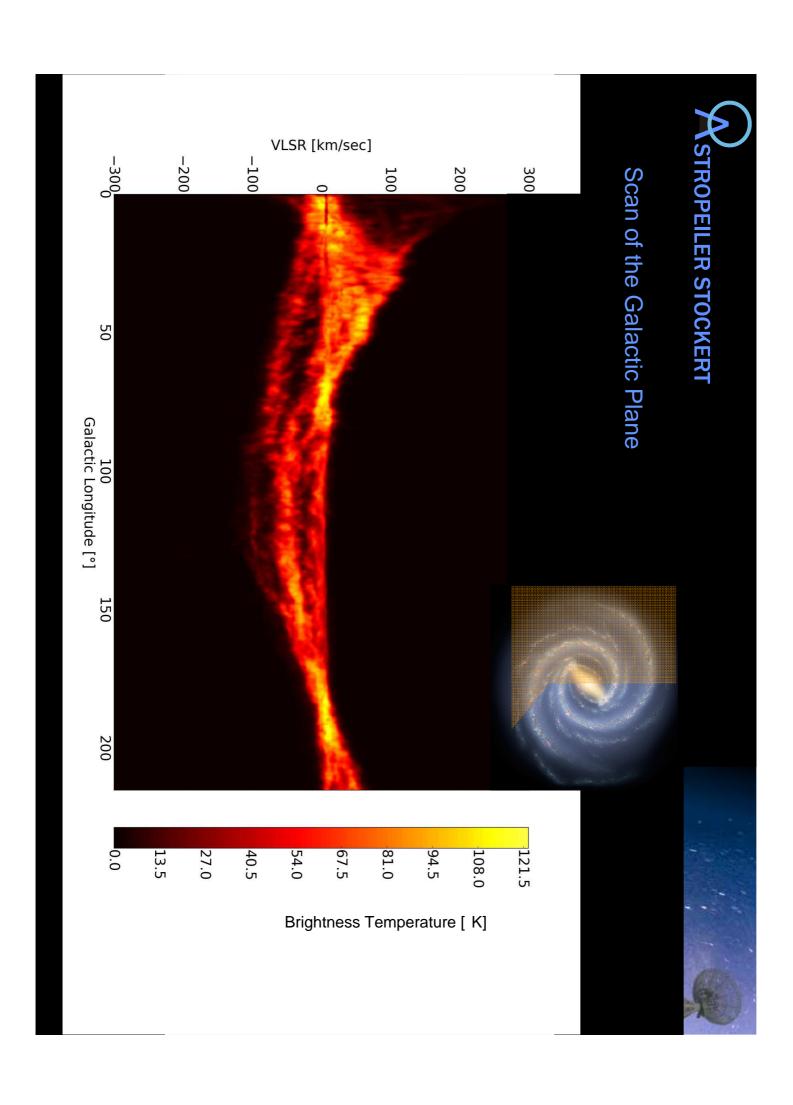




Hydrogen emission from the galactic plane







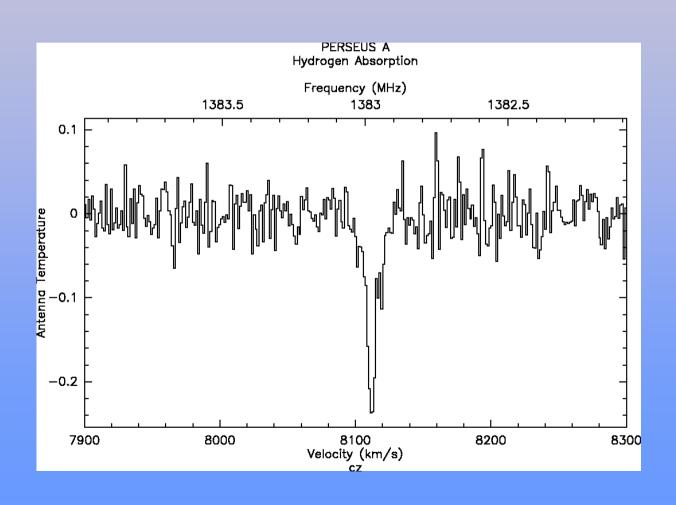


Absorption from Extragalactic Hydrogen





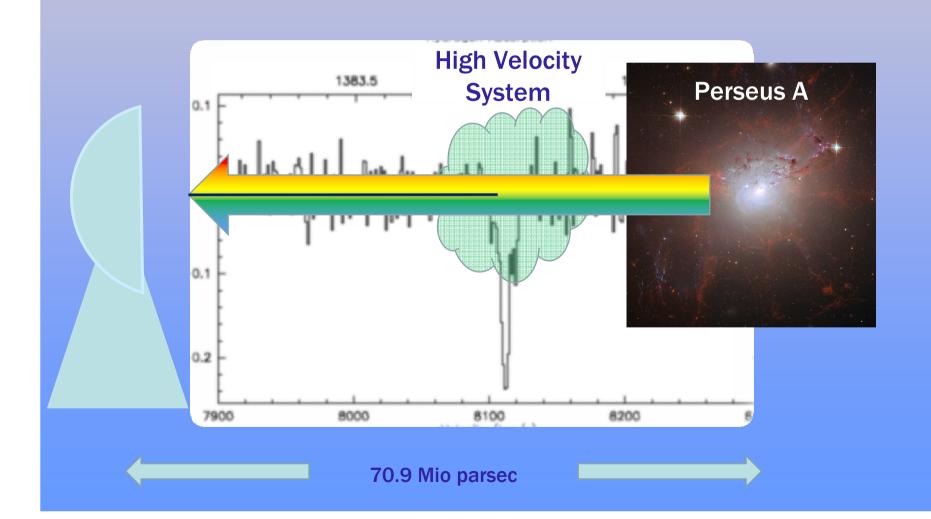
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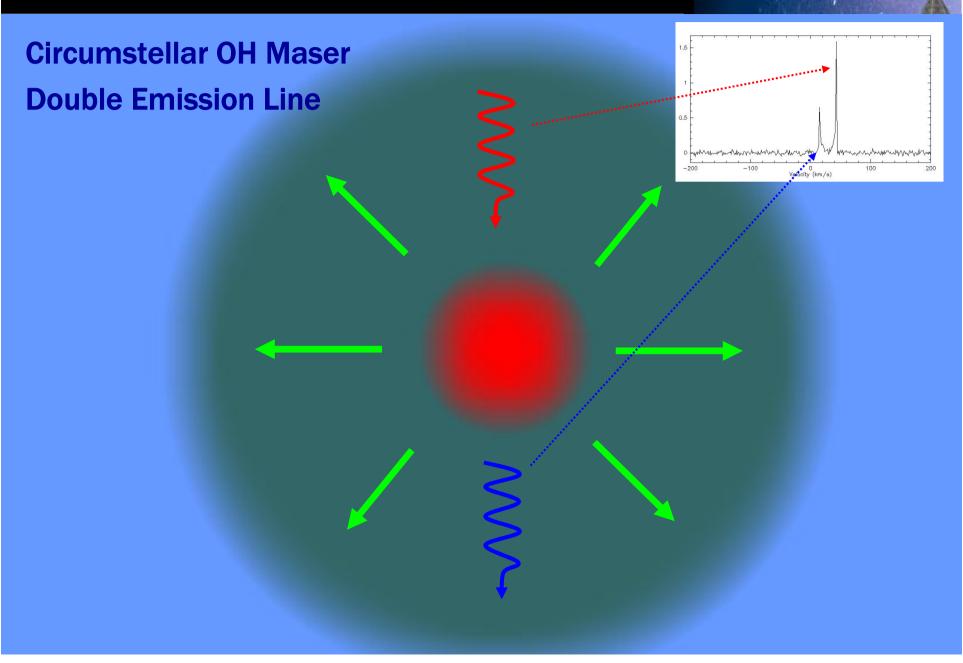


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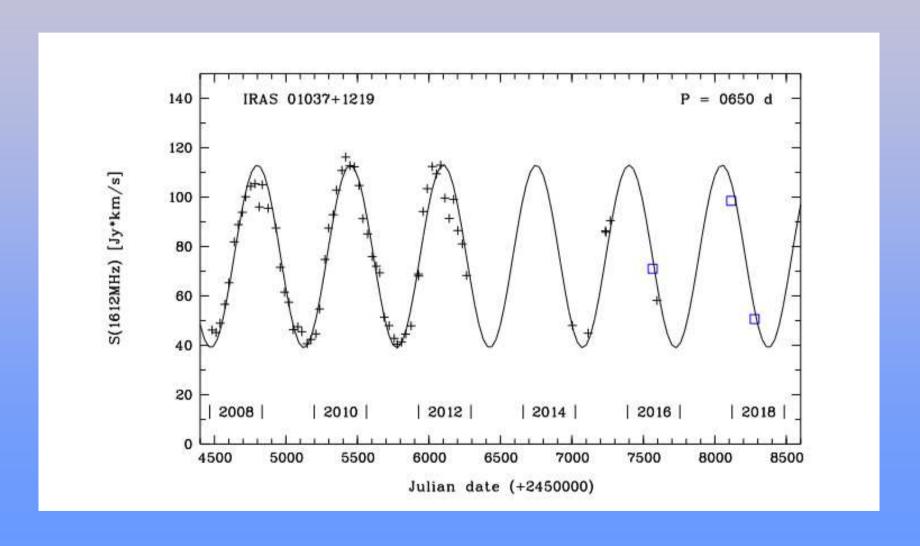
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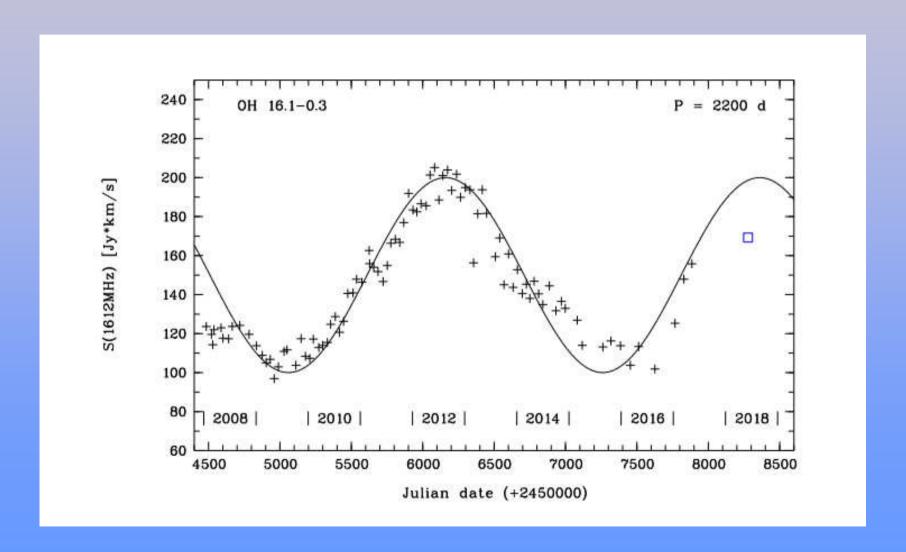




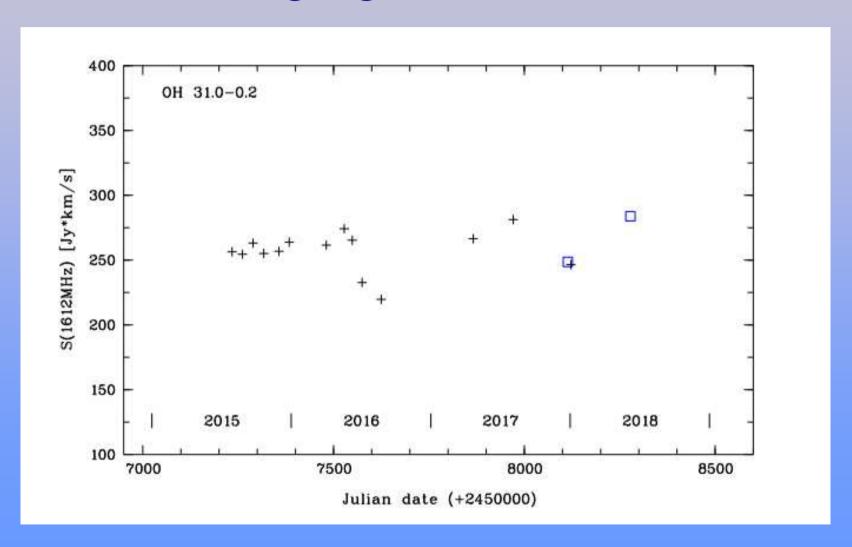
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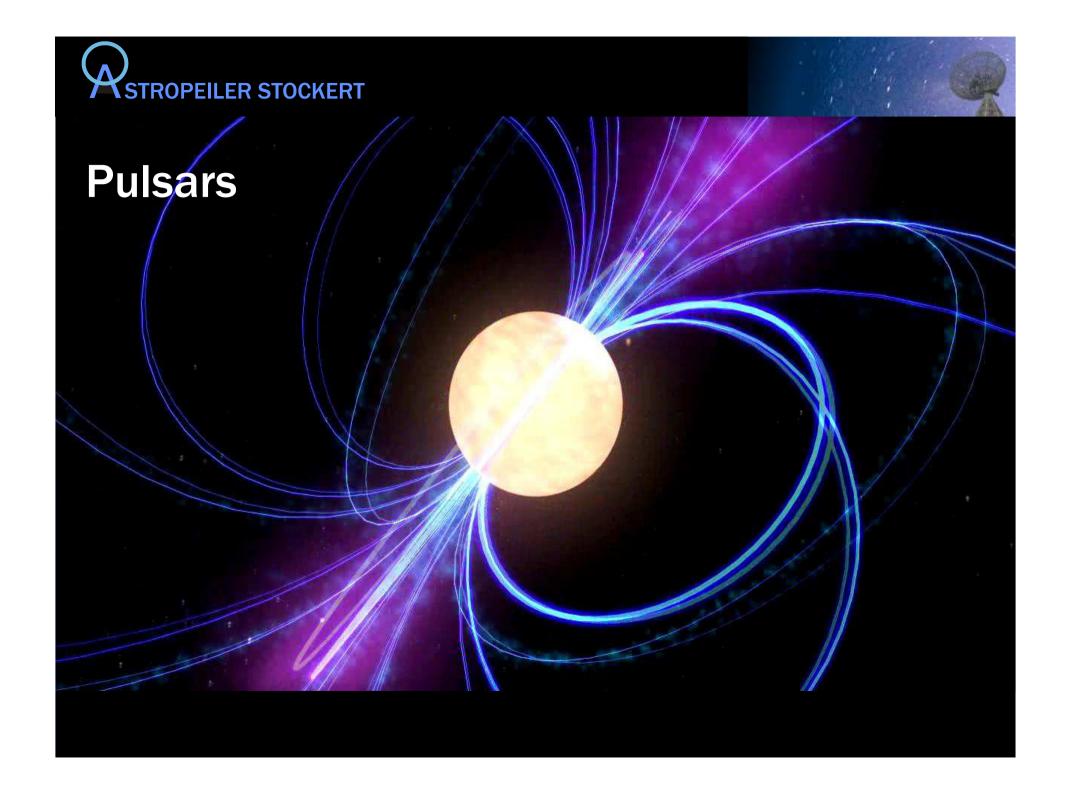


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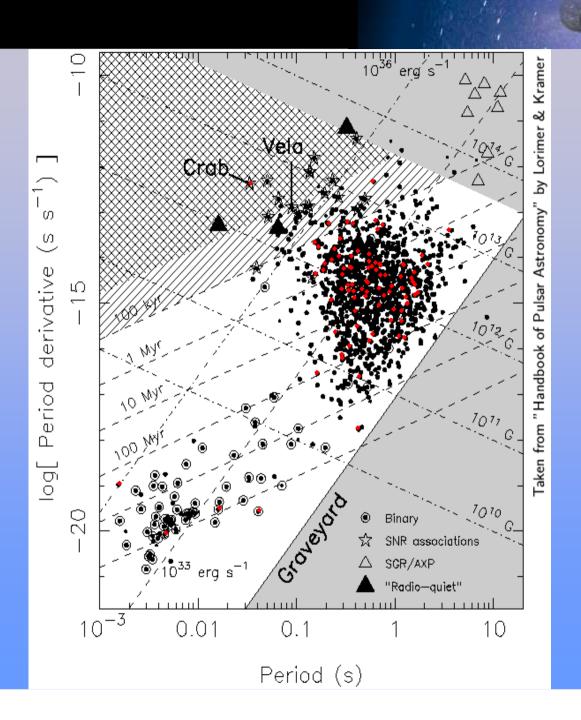




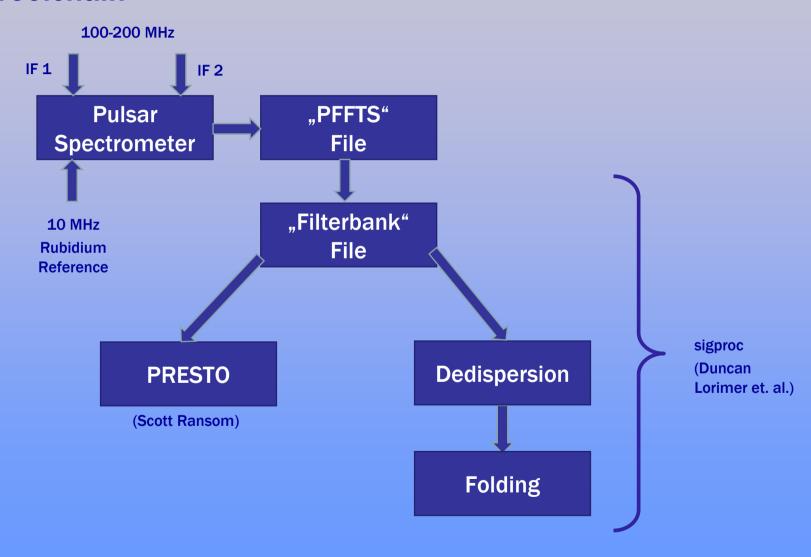
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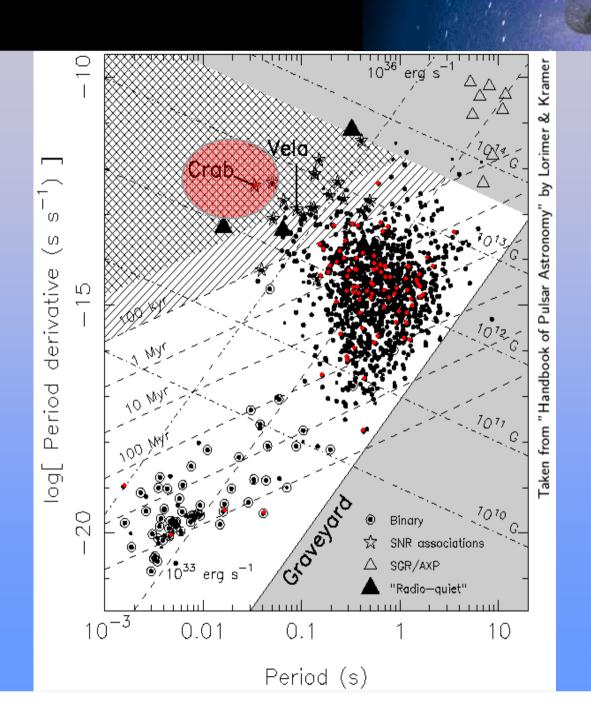
Pulsar Toolchain



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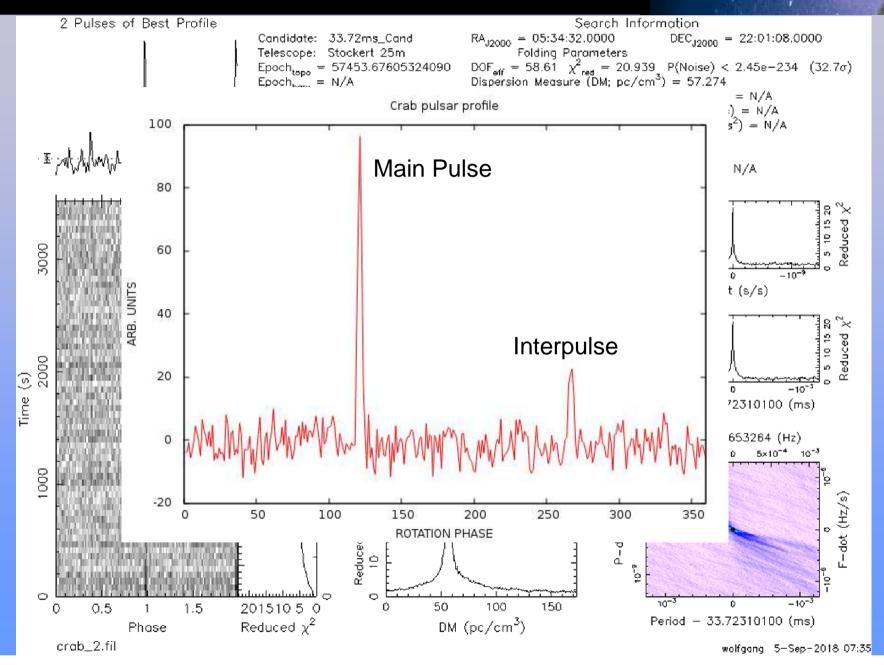
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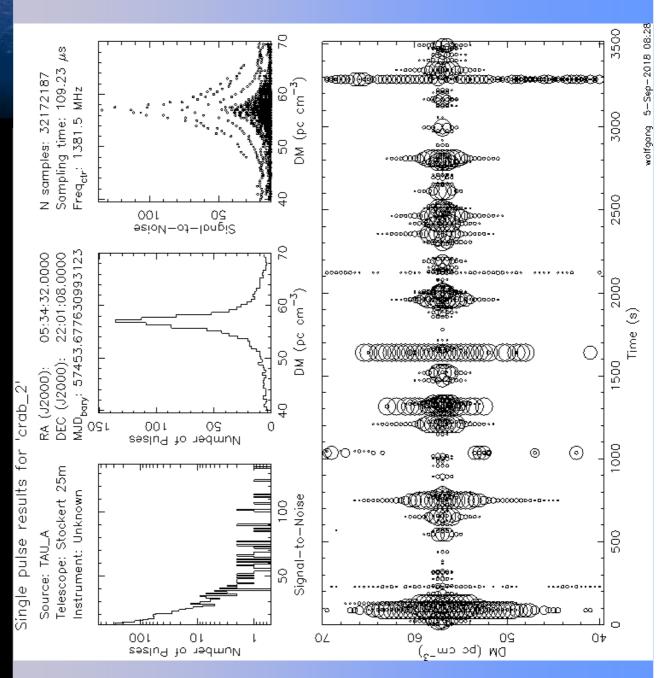
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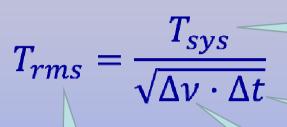
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How "big" is the biggest Giant Pulses from this Observation?



Incl. contribution from Crab nebula background: 177K

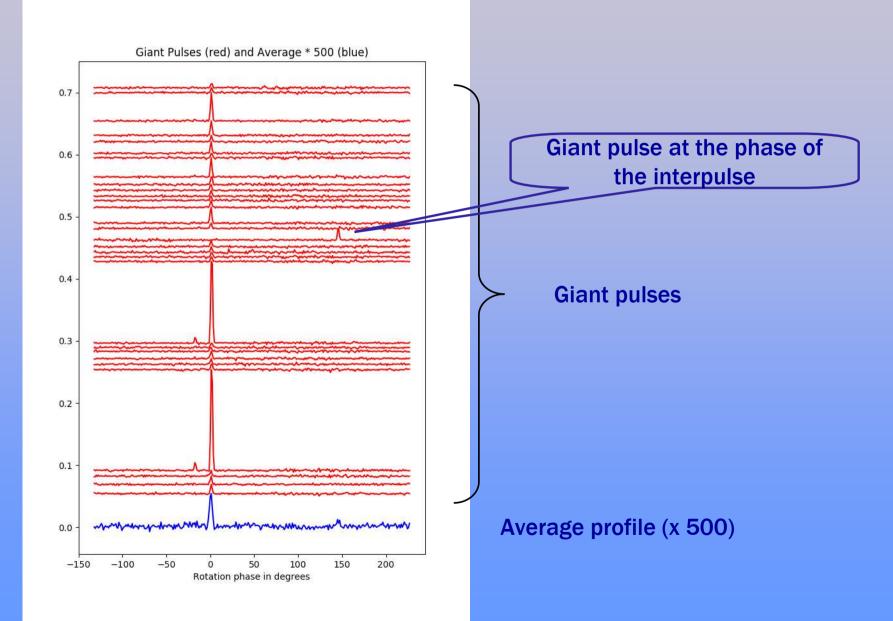
Time resolution: 109 μs

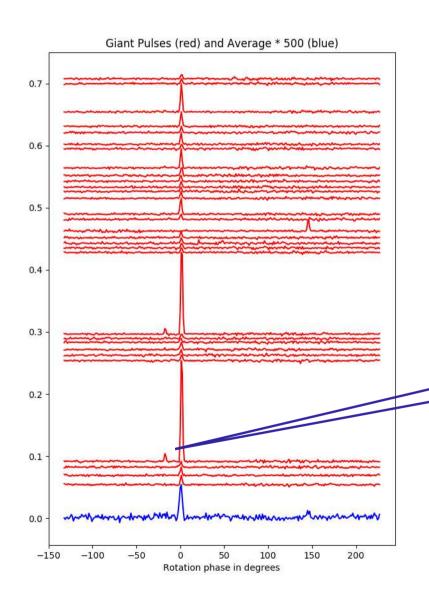
1.7 K

Bandwidth: 100 MHz

1.7 K *150 = 255 K
Sensitivity of Astropeiler 25m dish: ~0.1 K/Jy

=> 2550 Jy





Now what is this precursor?



Precursor: Real or Instrumental Artefact?

Pro Real

- Consistent observation
- Precusor known at lower frequencies, albeit with slightly different timing
- Some potential artefact causes ruled out

Pro Artefact

- Not reported in the literature
- Precursor seen also on strong interpulse giants with same timing and amplitude relation

More work needed to resolve the question



Examples of Observations

Search for Fast Radio Bursts





Speculative Project: Fast Radio Bursts

What are Fast Radio Bursts?

- Single events of high intensity radio bursts
 - High dispersion, larger than explainable by our own galaxy
 - Therefore believed to be of extragalactic origin
 - Typical duration ~ 1 msec
- About 30 events known so far
- Many theories of what might be the cause
 - More theories than observations
- One FRB stands out from the crouwd: FRB121102 repeats irregularly



Speculative Project: Fast Radio Bursts

Can our 25m dish observe FRBs?

- Only few of the FRBs known are intense enough
- The "repeater" FRB121102 is not among them

Speculation

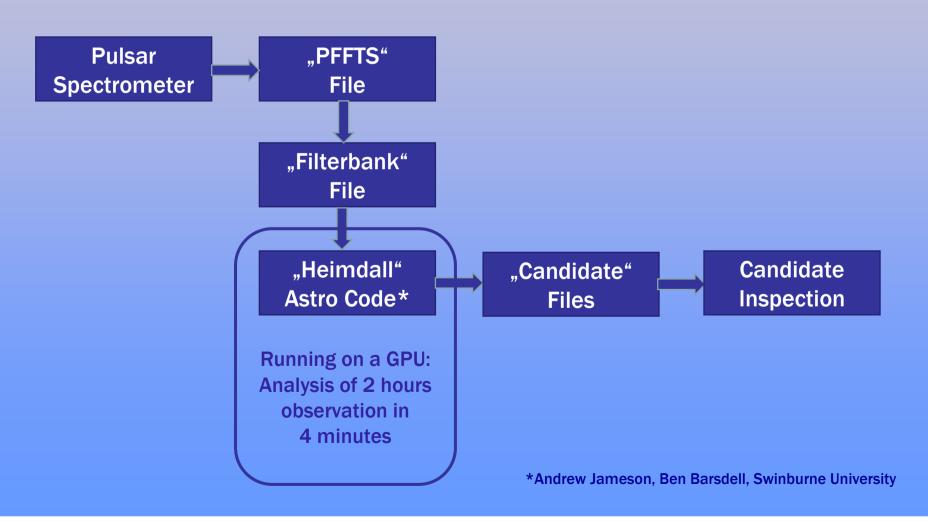
- Maybe the FRB121102 has sometimes a stronger pulse which might be detectable
- We can use time when the telescope is parked to look for other FRBs

Chances are very slim, but why not give it a try on both options?



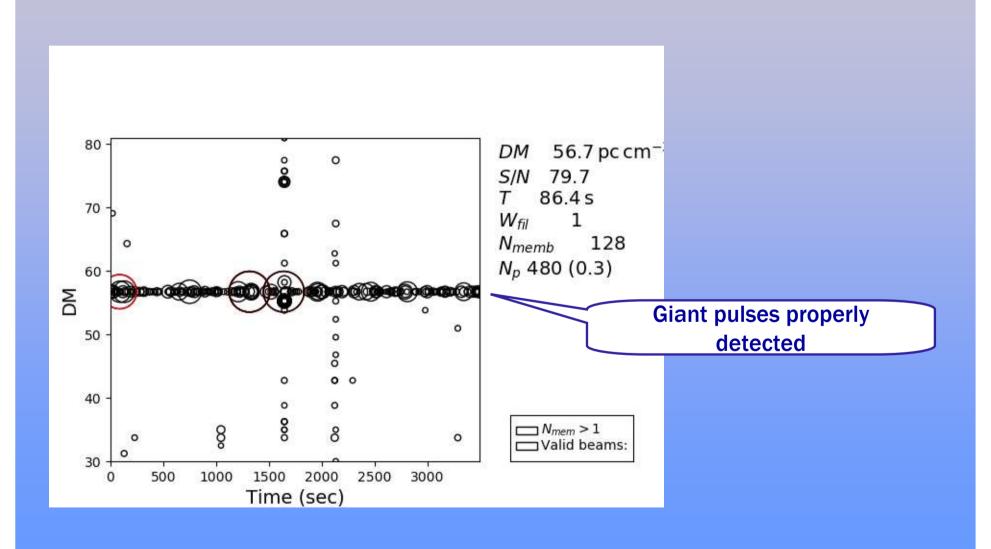
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Approach: Use massive parallel processing to try different dispersion values





Testing the Toolchain with Gaint Pulses from the Crab Pulsar





Speculative Project: Fast Radio Bursts

Any results yet?

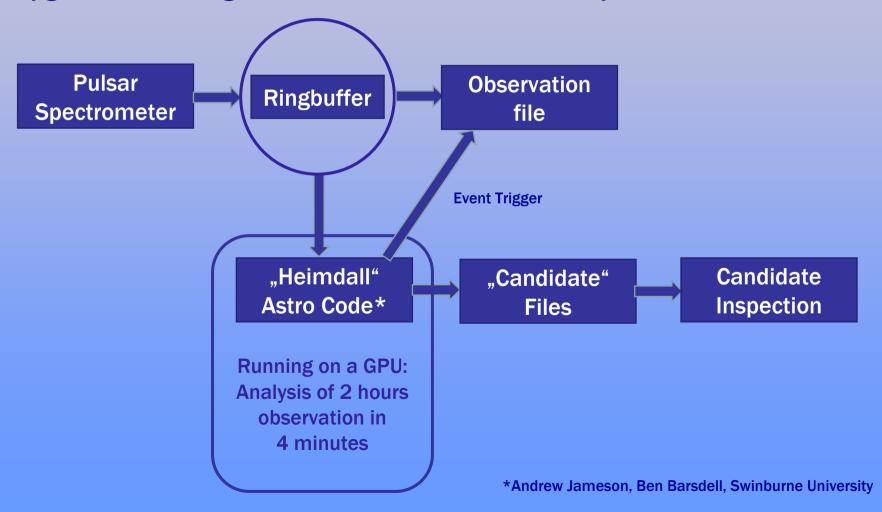
- ~240 hrs of observations without any sign from FRB121102
- Numerous hours of FRB blind search, none found

All this is expected as chances are slim
But if we don't observe, we won't see anything either



The Challenge of FRB blind Searches: The Dispersion is unknown

Upgrade Path: Ringbuffer instead of files to enable permanent observation





Summary Selected Observations have been presented:

- -Spectra of a scan of the galactic plane with audio conversion
- -Absorption from extragalactic hydrogen
- -OH maser monitoring program
- -Giant pulses from the crab pulsar
- -Efforts towards FRB detection



Historische Radiosternwarte