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Prospects of pulsar timing and discoveries using FAST

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- Introducing NAOC and FAST
- What is the FAST telescope good for?
- Prospects of FAST pulsar timing
- Recent Pulsar discoveries









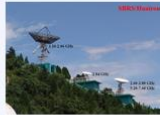






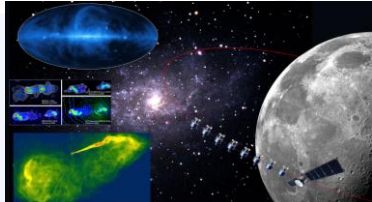
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- Chinese Academy of Science
- Major observatories:
 - YunNan Observatory
 - XinJiang Observatory
 - GuiZhou Observatory
 - NIAOT
- +7 observing sites
- 7 divisions cover Astronomy from Radio to X-ray



观测设备

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Basic Intro

What is FAST

(Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope)



spec: Karst Depression

time: 2011-2016

cost: 1.1495B Yuan (0.18B\$)

World's largest single dish radio telescope



FAST collecting area \approx 30x football fields



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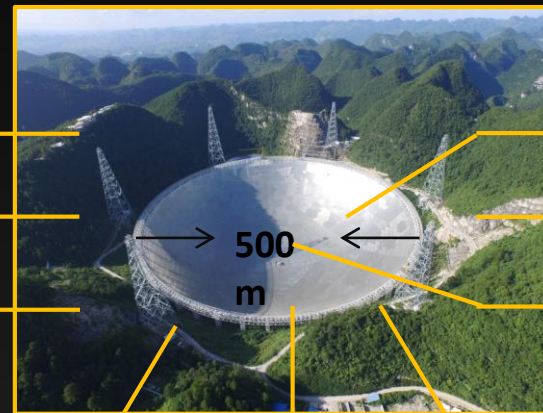
What is FAST

Active surface, suspended receiver system

Surrounded by ridges

Karst depression

Collecting area
250,000 m²



6 suspension tower

6 cable

1 suspended cabin

2225
actuator

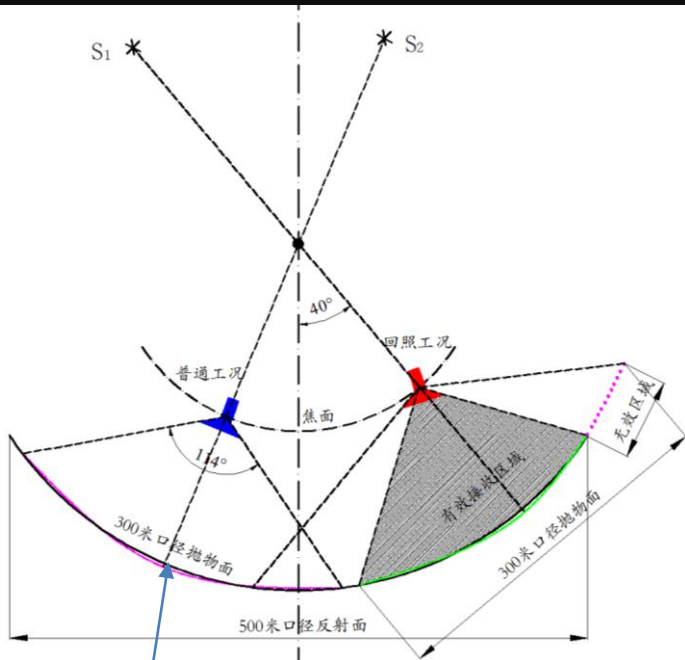
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Triangular
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panels

6670
Main
frame
cable

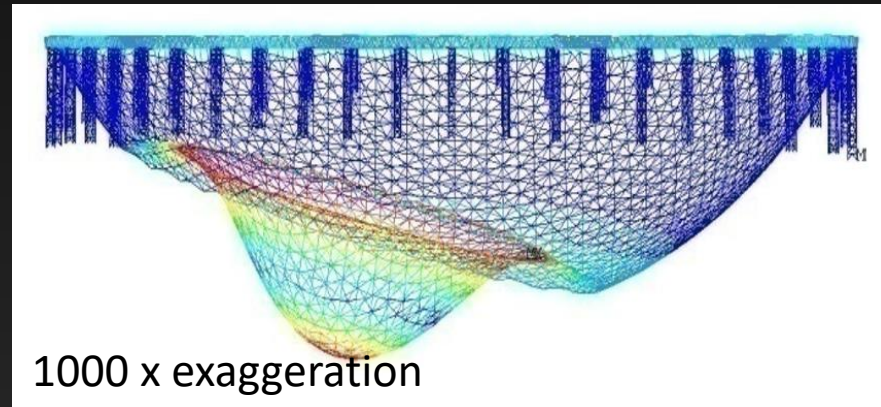
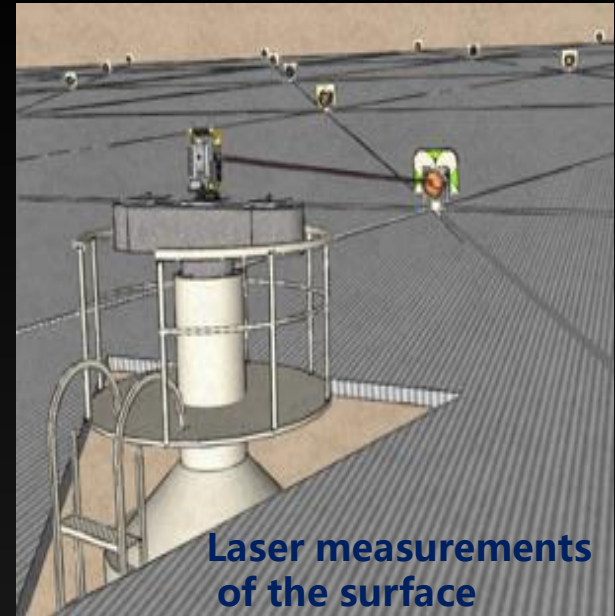


Basic Intro

How FAST works



0.47m



1000 x exaggeration

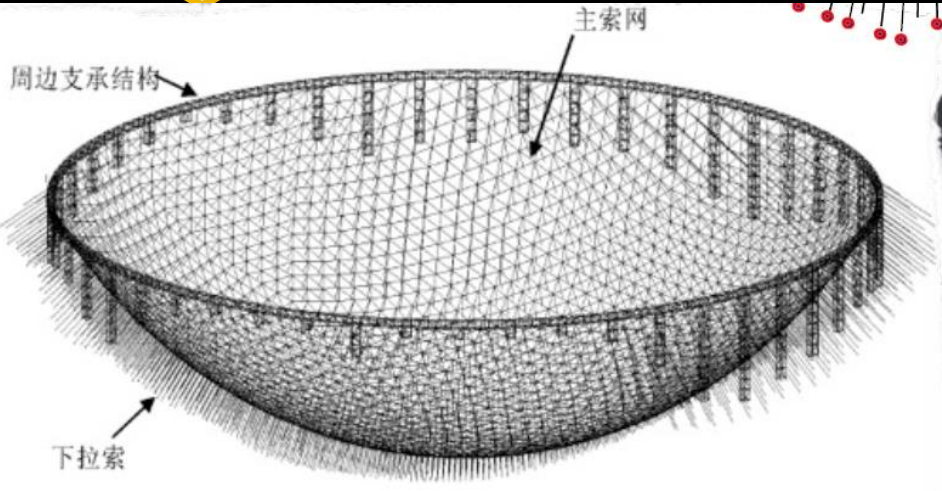
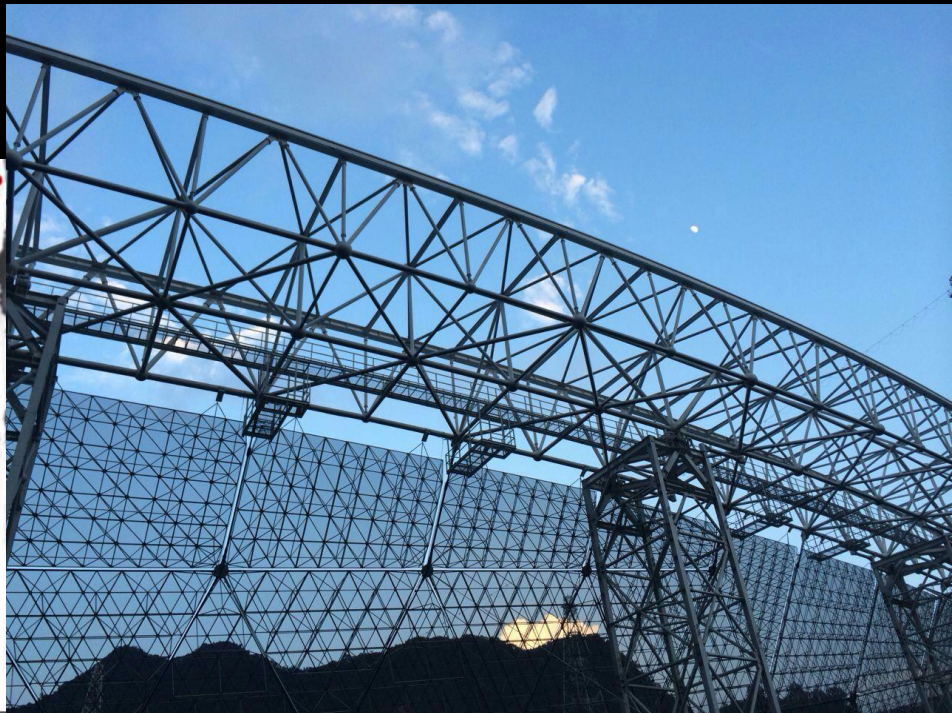


图 2-3 整体索网结构





The FAST site



Closest to be
Spherical



Natural Water Draining

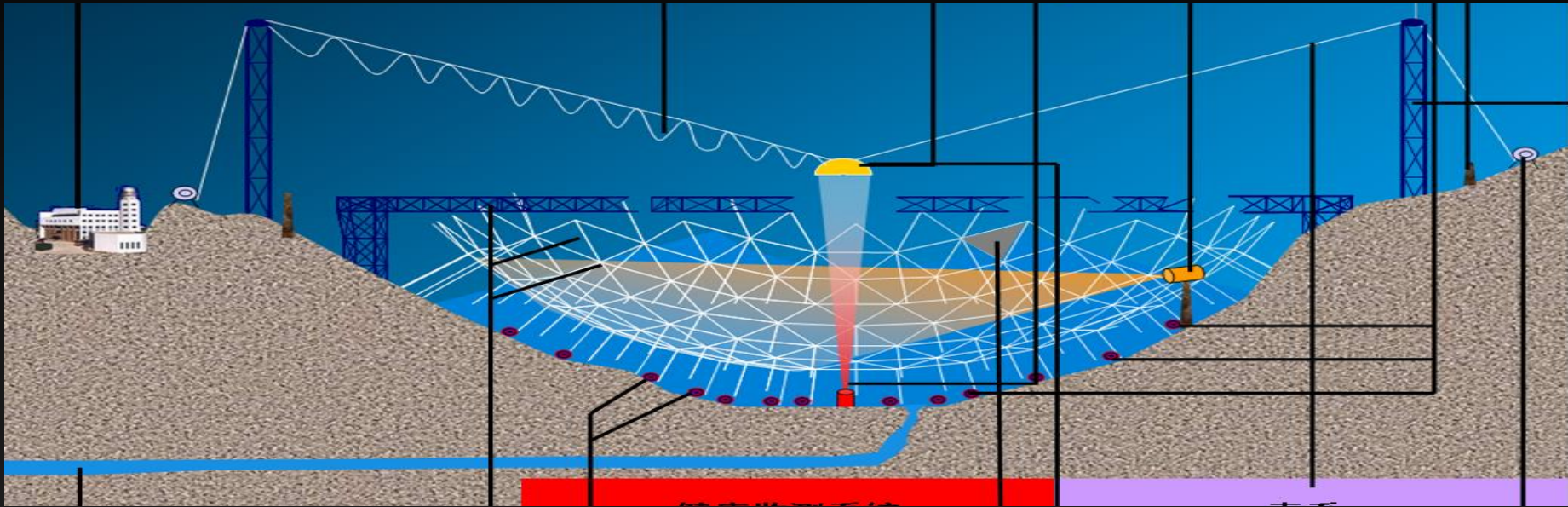


No major villages
within 5 km radius

Best site selected from 300 possible sites



Telescope systems





Main specifications

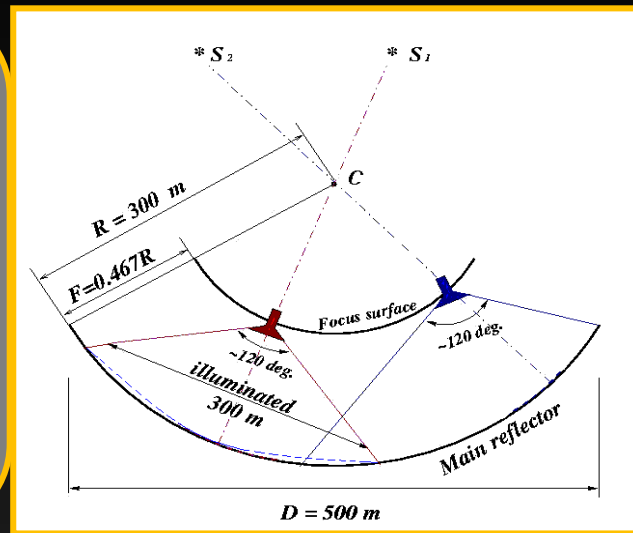
Surface: 500m

Illuminated area: 300m

Focus Ratio: 0.4611

Dec range: 40° from
zenith

Op freq: 70MHz - 3GHz



Sensitivity (L):

$2000\text{m}^2/\text{K}$

Resolution (L): $2.9'$

N beam(L): 19

Slew time: $< 10\text{ min}$

pointing: $8''$

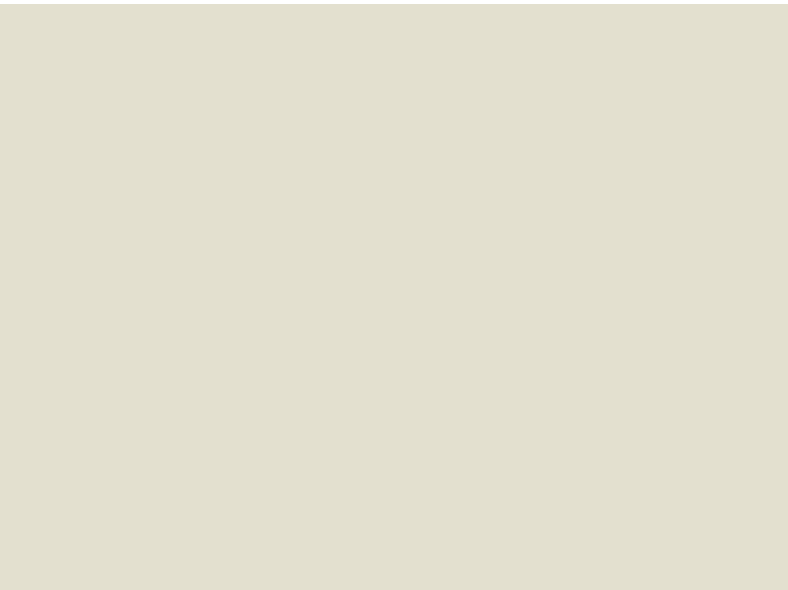
In L band (21cm)
FAST Gain $\sim 13-17$
Arecibo Gain $\sim 8-10$
FAST ~ 1.5 Arecibo

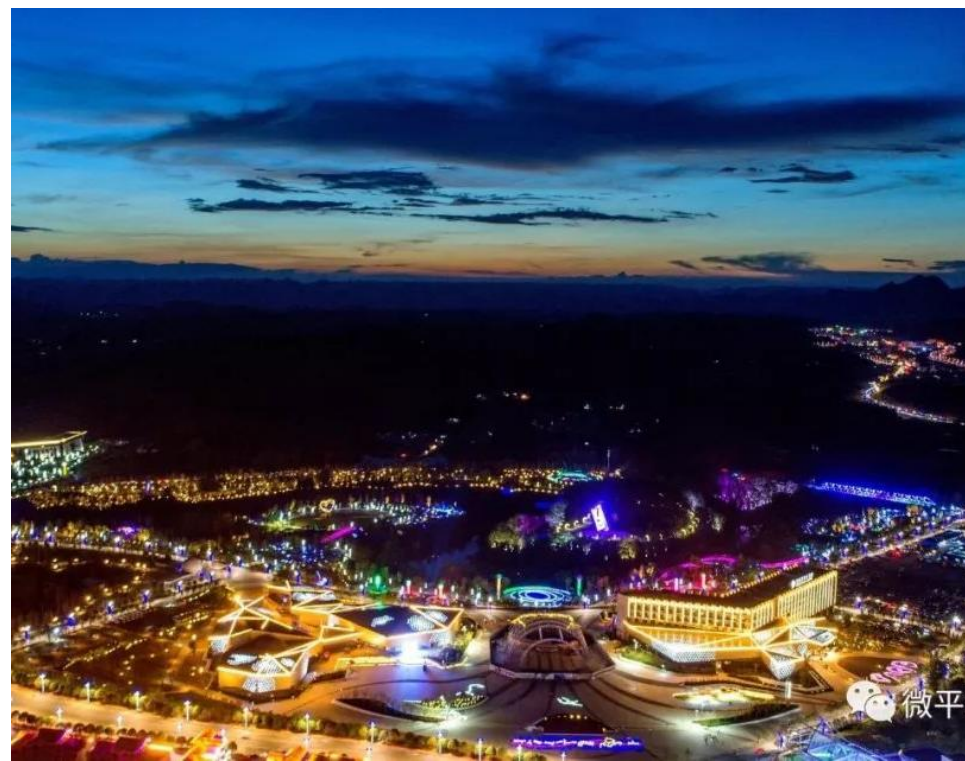














What is FAST good for?

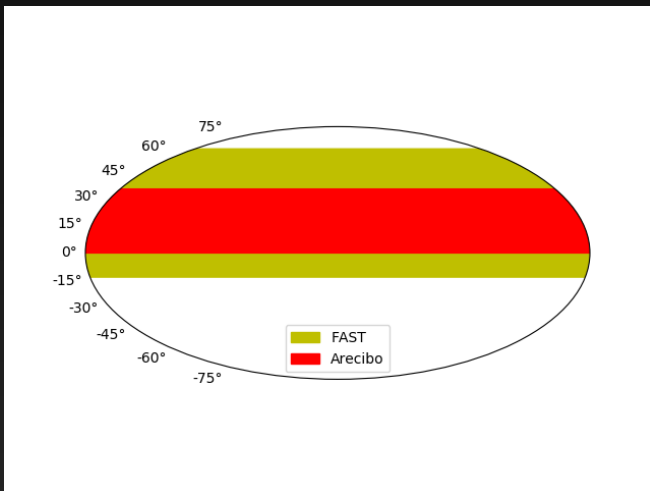
Sensitivity (Gain): FAST ~ 1.5-2 x Arecibo

Arecibo observable sky: Dec in 0-39 deg

FAST observable sky: Dec in -14-66 deg

Arecibo Num beams: 7

FAST Num of Beams: 19 (3x survey speed)



Optical fibers

Supporting structure

Main cable net

Tie-down cables

Main reflector
The 500-meter-wide active main reflector directly corrects for spherical aberration.

10
times as sensitive as Arecibo

4,600
Triangular aluminum panels

7,000
The number of pulsars in the Milky Way Galaxy it will detect in less than a year

1,000
The number of light years into space FAST will enable scientists to detect the signal

COMPARISON TO CURRENT TITLEHOLDER

ARECIBO
Since it was constructed in 1963 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, this telescope had held the record as the world's largest telescope.

FAST
It's designed as a cable-net supporting structure, capable of forming a parabolic mirror and will be completed by 2016.

SIZE

FAST 500m

ARECIBO 305m

40°
The distance it can rotate.

ARECIBO
Arecibo has a fixed spherical curvature.

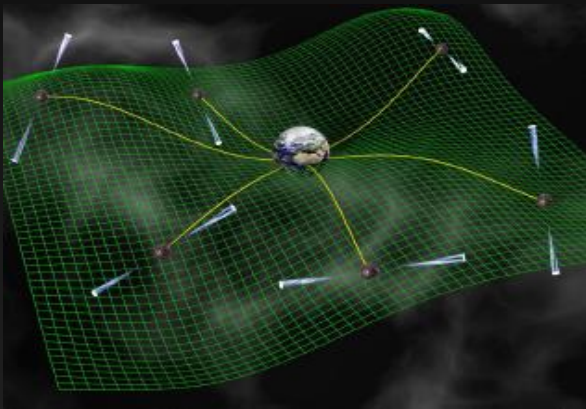
FAST
FAST can reshape into a paraboloidal surface.

China Daily

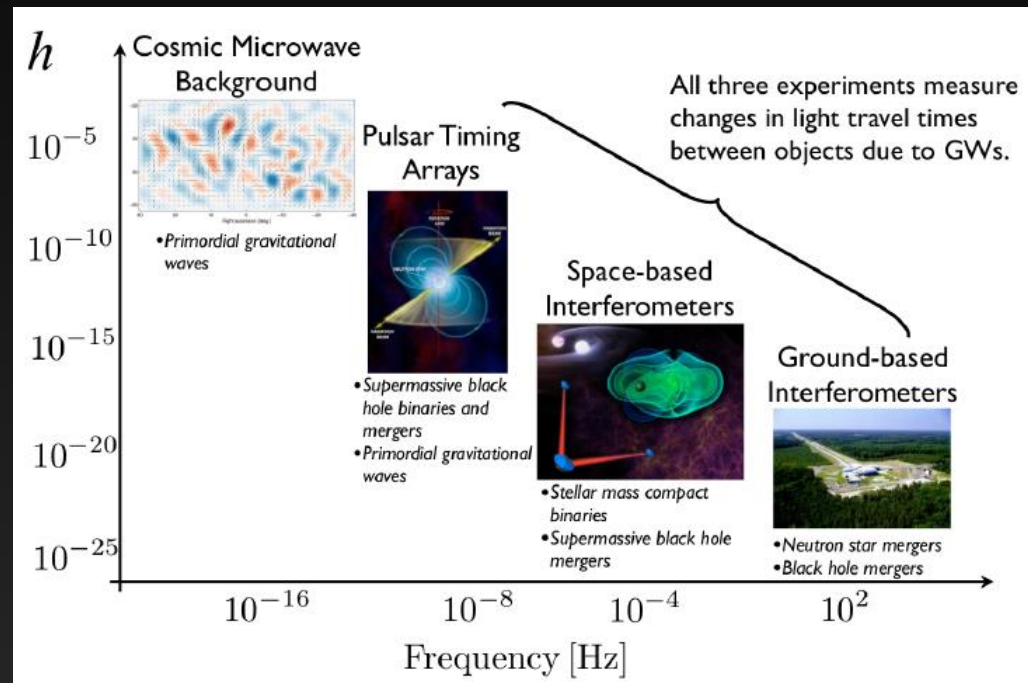
ASTRONOMICAL GARDEN

Pulsar Timing and Gravitational Waves

- Gravitational Waves: New Window of Astronomy
- Pulsars could be used to detect nanoHz GWs



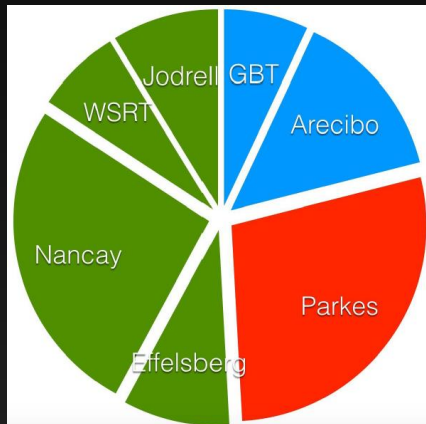
Pulsar Timing Array



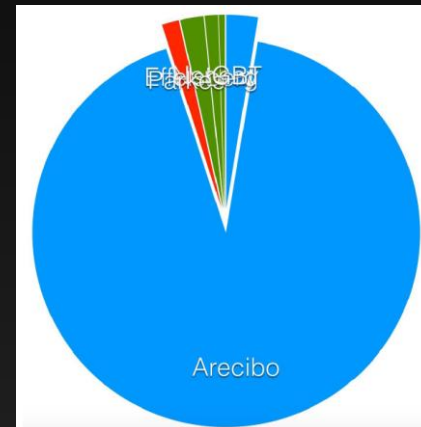
Pulsar Timing for detecting GW

- 2 x sensitivity -> 2 x timing precision

$$\sigma_{\text{TOA}} \simeq \frac{W}{S/N} \propto \frac{S_{\text{sys}}}{\sqrt{t_{\text{obs}} \Delta f}} \times \frac{P \delta^{3/2}}{S_{\text{mean}}}.$$



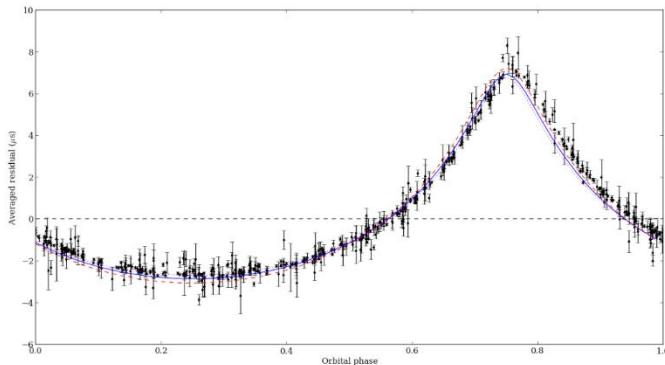
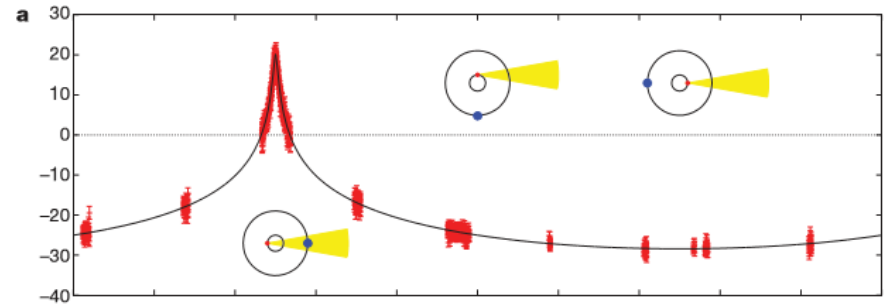
Hours of Observation
in IPTA



Sensitivity contributions
in IPTA

Pulsar Timing and Shapiro Delay

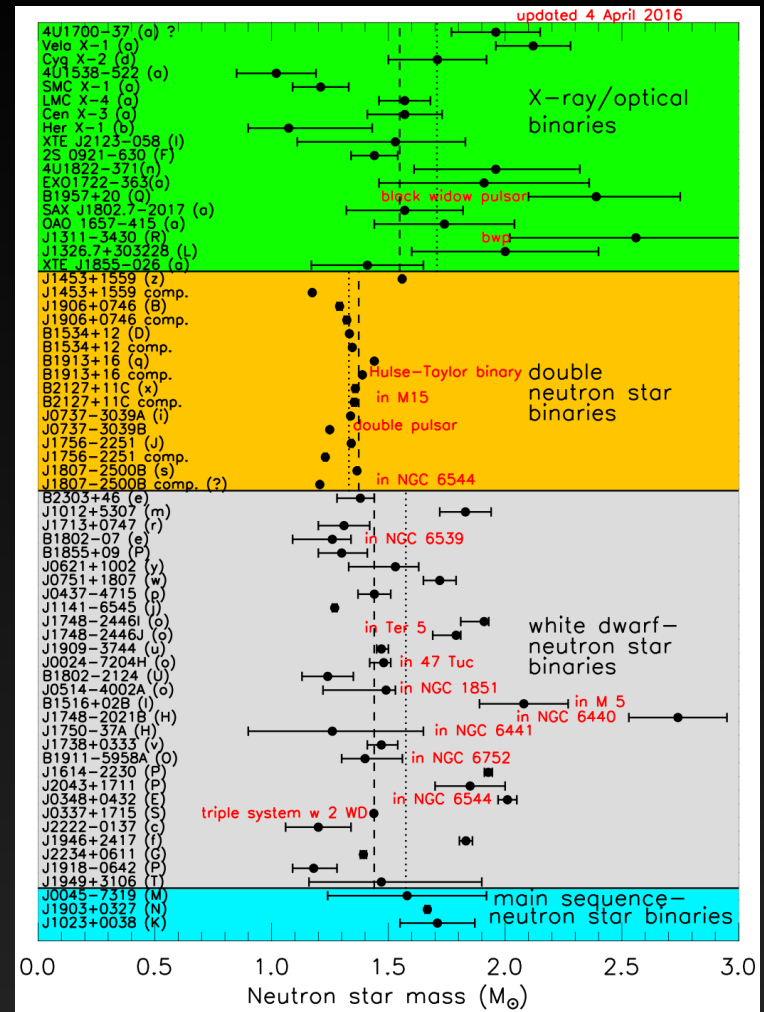
- Depend on inclination angle: $\Delta_{\text{SB,max}} \sim 2M_c \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - \sin i}\right)$
 - Max delay for ~ 89 deg inclination: $\sim 100\mu\text{s}$
 - Max delay for ~ 70 deg inclination: $\sim 10\mu\text{s}$



PSR J1713+0747 Shapiro Delay

Pulsar Timing and Mass Measurements

- FAST will:
 - Discover more pulsar binaries
 - Improve Shapiro delay measurements
 - Precisely time more pulsars than Arecibo

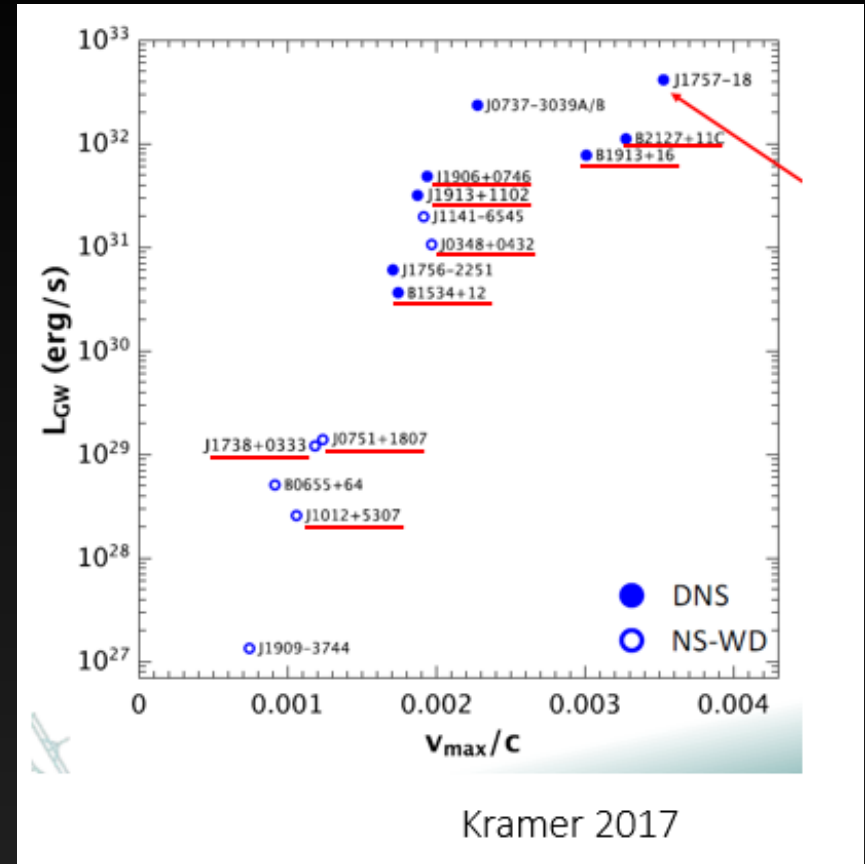


Pulsar Timing and GR test

- FAST can see most known DNS
- FAST can see the Triple system (SEP test)

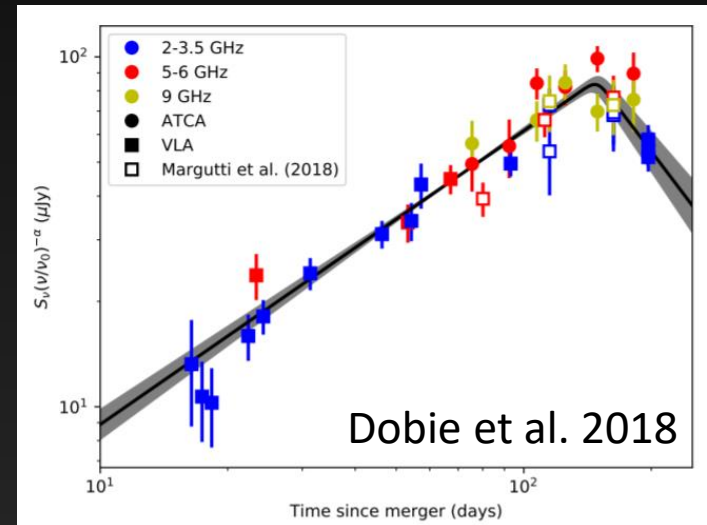
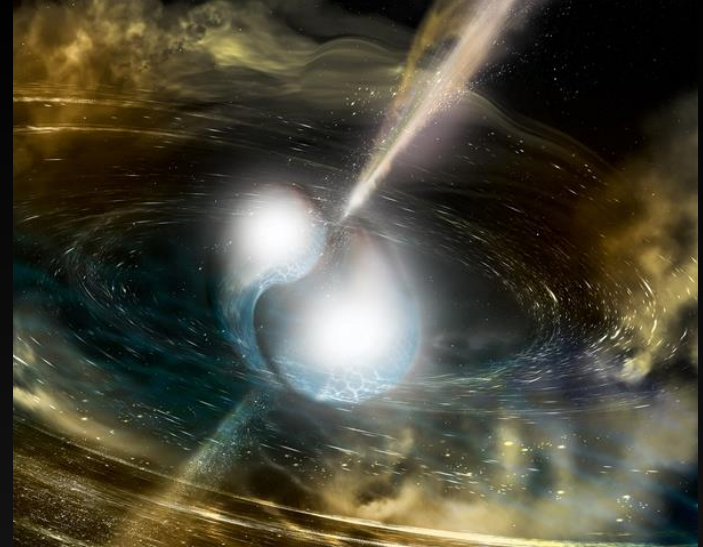


Ransom et al. Nature 2014



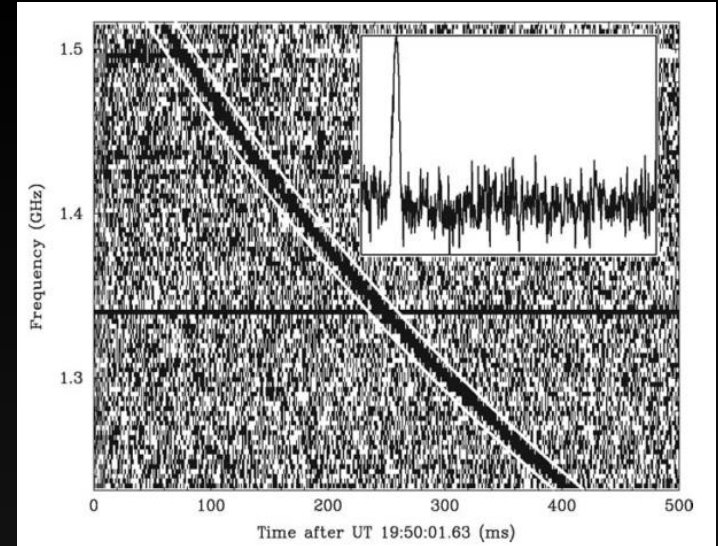
FAST follow up LIGO-GW events

- GW170817 DecJ:
–23° 22' 53.3
- Outside FAST field of View
- FAST will follow up future GW events in its FOV



FAST and Fast Radio Bursts

- FAST can see 12/31 published FRBs
- FAST can see the FRB121102 (repeating FRB)
- FAST could detect ~50 FRBs/yr



Lorimer et al. Nature 2007





CRAFTS
The Commensal Radio Astronomy FAST Survey
FACT 多科学自标同时扫描天空

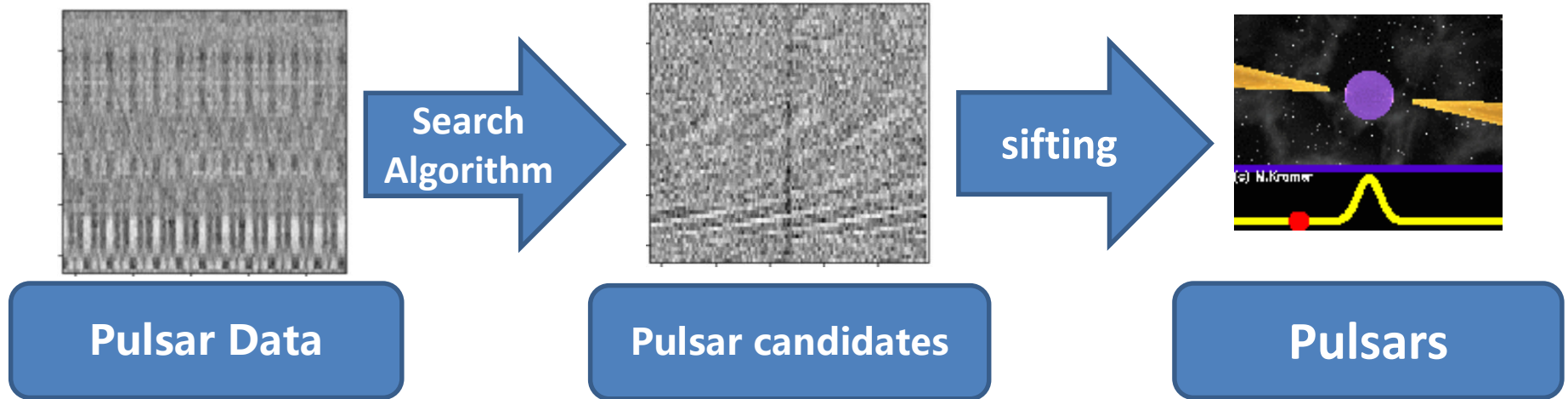
Commensal Radio Astronomy FAST Survey

~2000 hour drift-mode observations with 19 beams
Commensal Pulsar + H1 survey

Expect to discover **500-1000** new pulsars



Challenges in FAST pulsar search

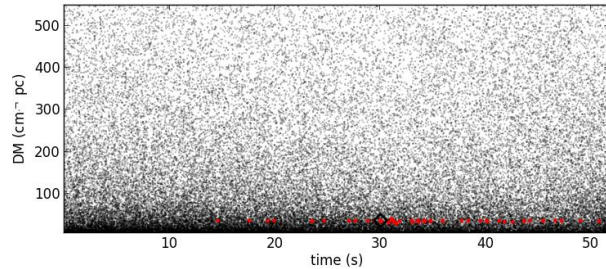


FAST pulsar data
-> **2 PB/month**
3GB/s

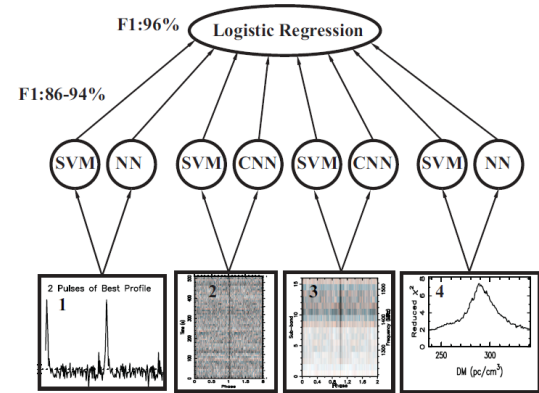
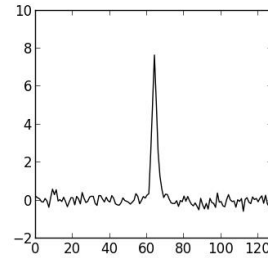
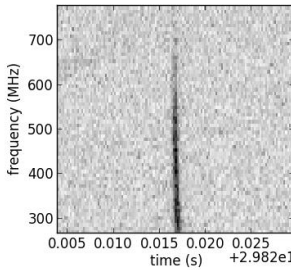
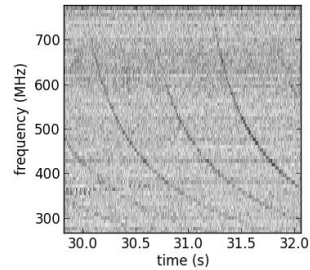
Pulsar search ->
3 Million candidates/month

Novel AI driven pulsar searches

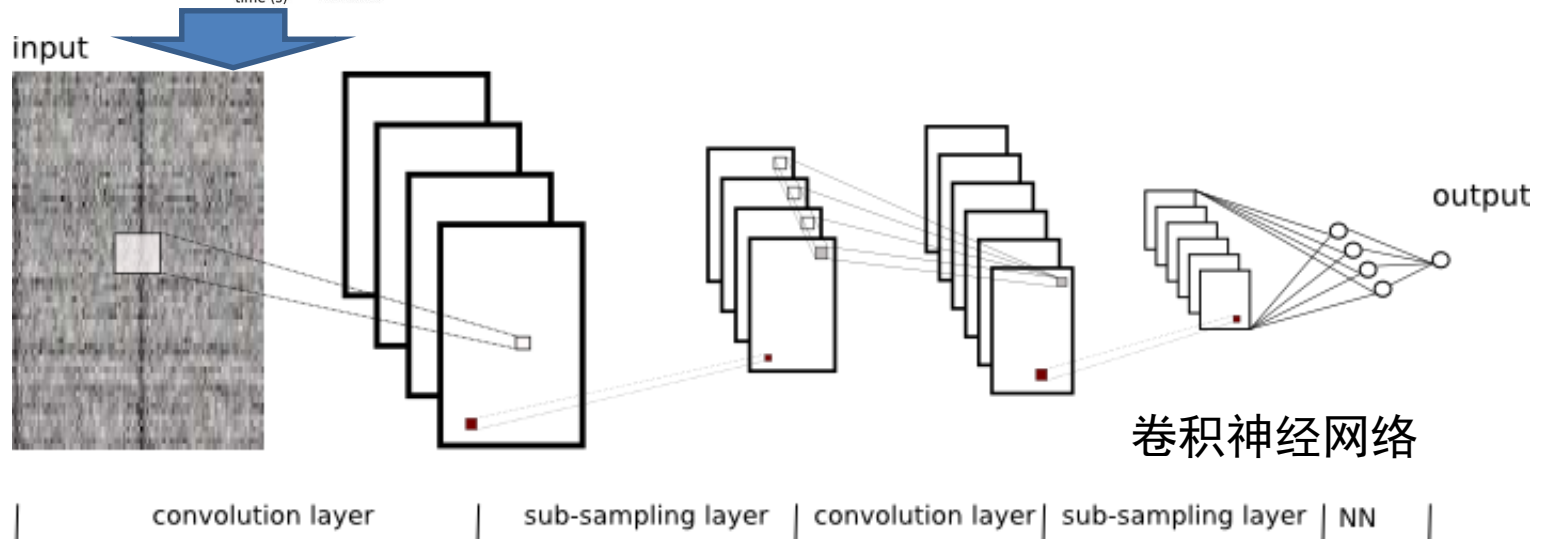
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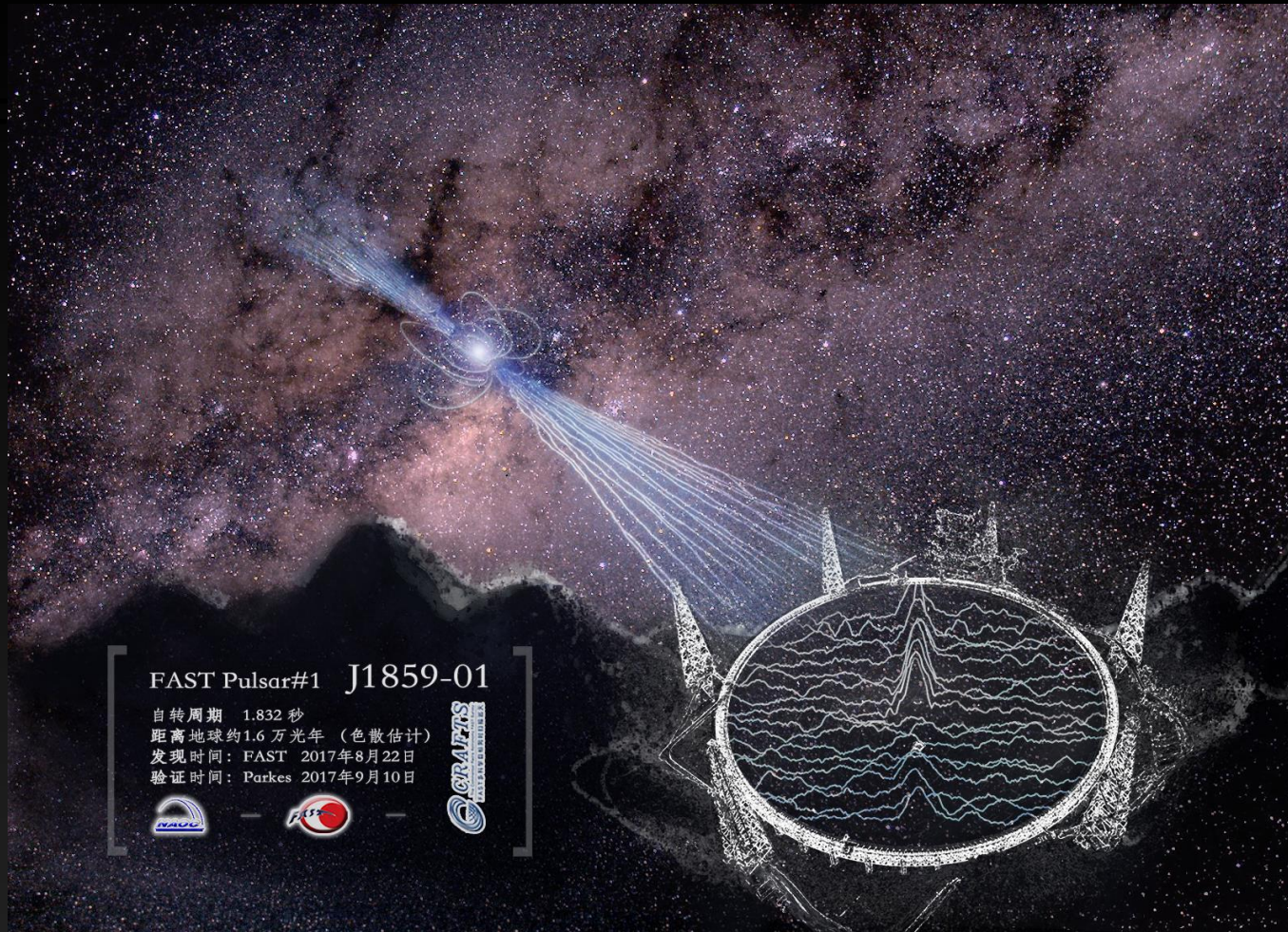
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TOA 57990.467907555541
DM 36.43 cm⁻³ pc
Time 30.028800 s
RA 12:34:56.7890
Dec -12:34:56.7890
Time Resolution 3.2 ms
Pulse width 12.800 ms
Sigma 9.66



PICS: Pulsar Imaged-based Classification System
Zhu et al. 2014, ApJ, 781, 117



Pulsar Searches: Initial Results

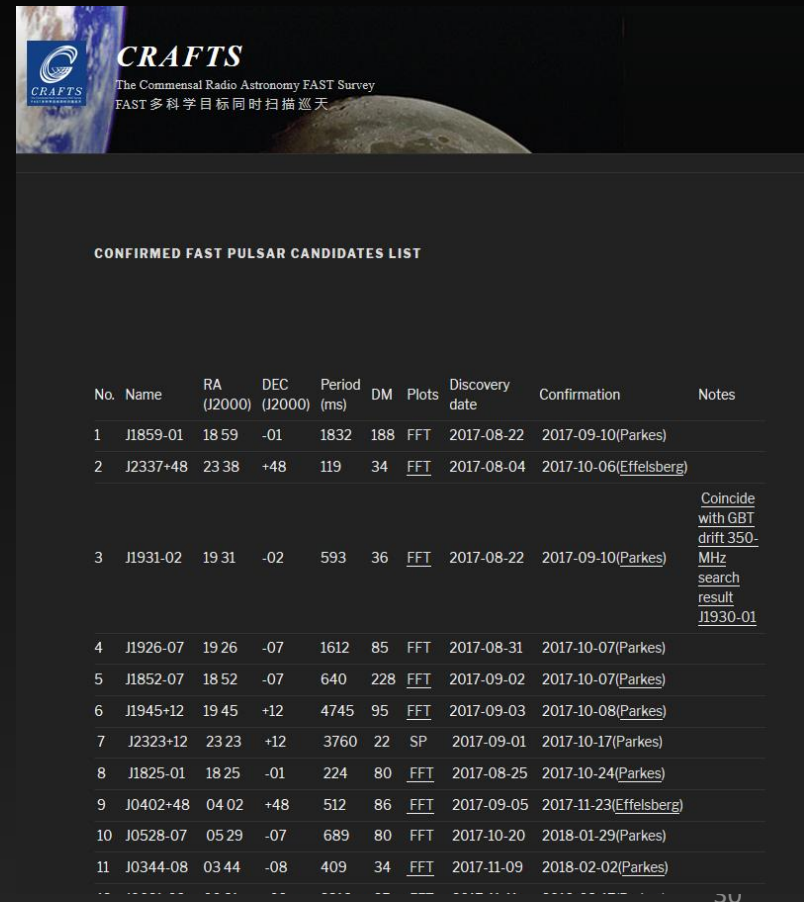


NAOC 2017 Oct

Pulsar Searches: Initial Results

<http://crafts.bao.ac.cn/pulsar/pulsar-search/>

- 43 confirmed new pulsars
- 2 MSPs and 1 Binary pulsar
- 1 intermittent pulsar
- 2 RRATs

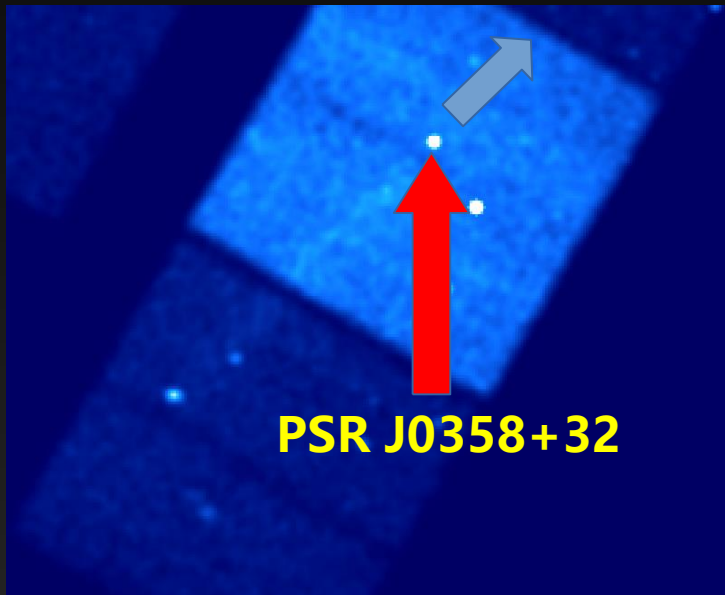


The screenshot shows the CRAFTS website header with the logo and text: "CRAFTS The Commensal Radio Astronomy FAST Survey FAST 多科学目标同时扫描巡天". Below the header is a table titled "CONFIRMED FAST PULSAR CANDIDATES LIST". The table has columns for No., Name, RA (J2000), DEC (J2000), Period (ms), DM, Plots, Discovery date, Confirmation, and Notes. The table lists 11 pulsars, with the last one partially cut off. A note for pulsar J1930-02 mentions a coincidence with a GBT drift search result.

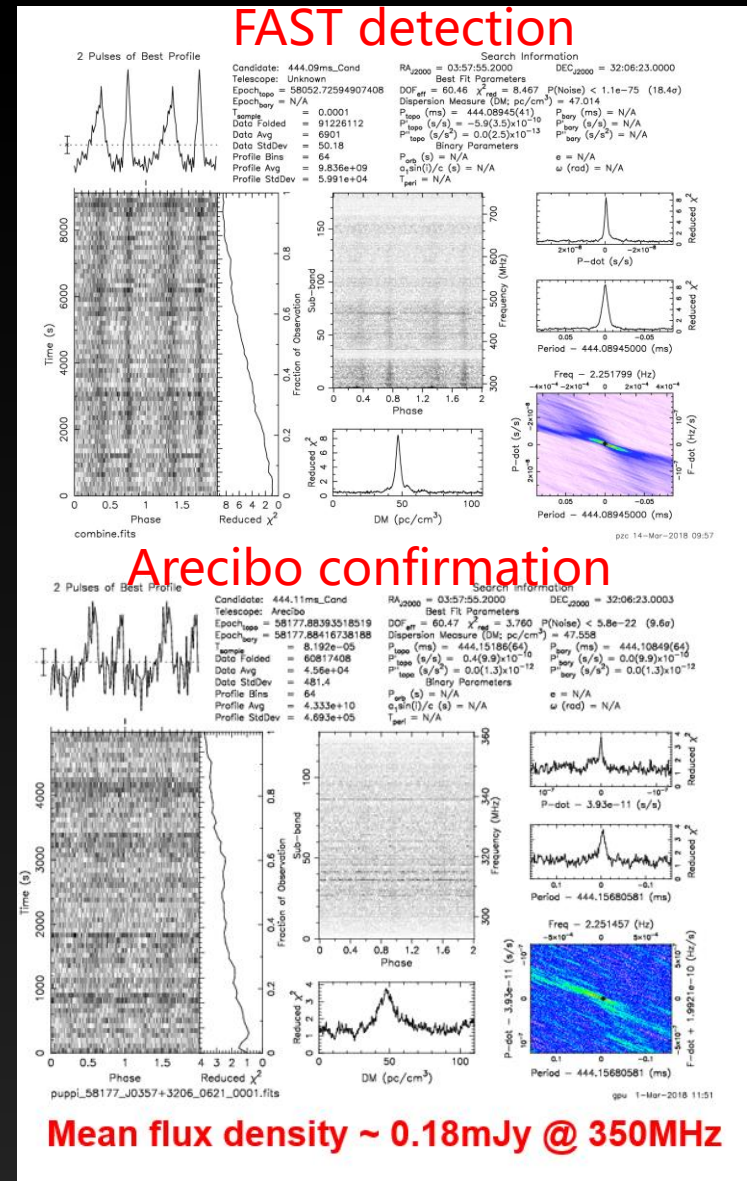
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2	J2337+48	23 38	+48	119	34	FFT	2017-08-04	2017-10-06(Effelsberg)	
3	J1931-02	19 31	-02	593	36	FFT	2017-08-22	2017-09-10(Parkes)	Coincide with GBT drift 350-MHz search result J1930-01
4	J1926-07	19 26	-07	1612	85	FFT	2017-08-31	2017-10-07(Parkes)	
5	J1852-07	18 52	-07	640	228	FFT	2017-09-02	2017-10-07(Parkes)	
6	J1945+12	19 45	+12	4745	95	FFT	2017-09-03	2017-10-08(Parkes)	
7	J2323+12	23 23	+12	3760	22	SP	2017-09-01	2017-10-17(Parkes)	
8	J1825-01	18 25	-01	224	80	FFT	2017-08-25	2017-10-24(Parkes)	
9	J0402+48	04 02	+48	512	86	FFT	2017-09-05	2017-11-23(Effelsberg)	
10	J0528-07	05 29	-07	689	80	FFT	2017-10-20	2018-01-29(Parkes)	
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Taurus Pulsar

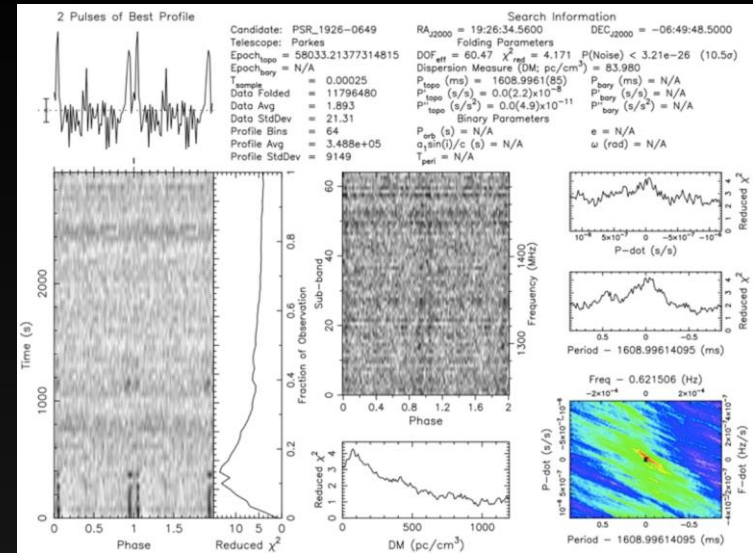
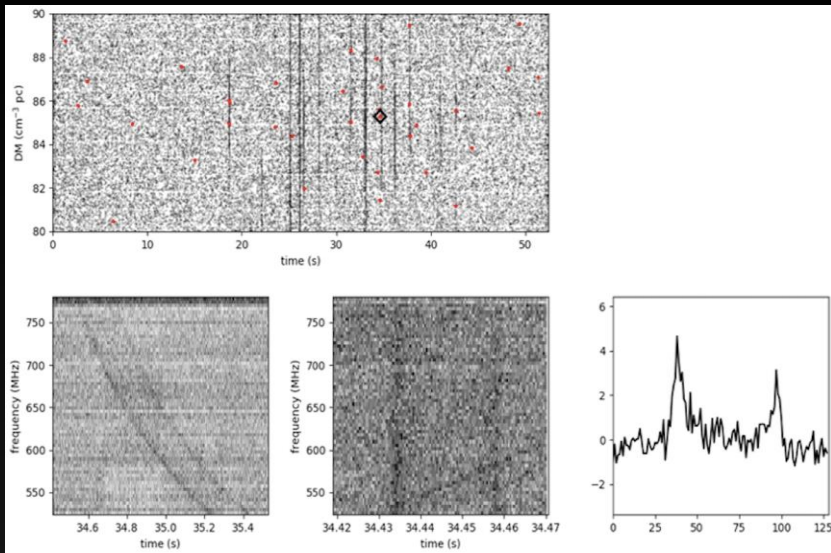
- A Gamma-ray pulsar with X-ray tail
- Very high apparent proper motion
- Potentially a very nearby pulsar



X-ray image from CXO



Initial results: special pulsars



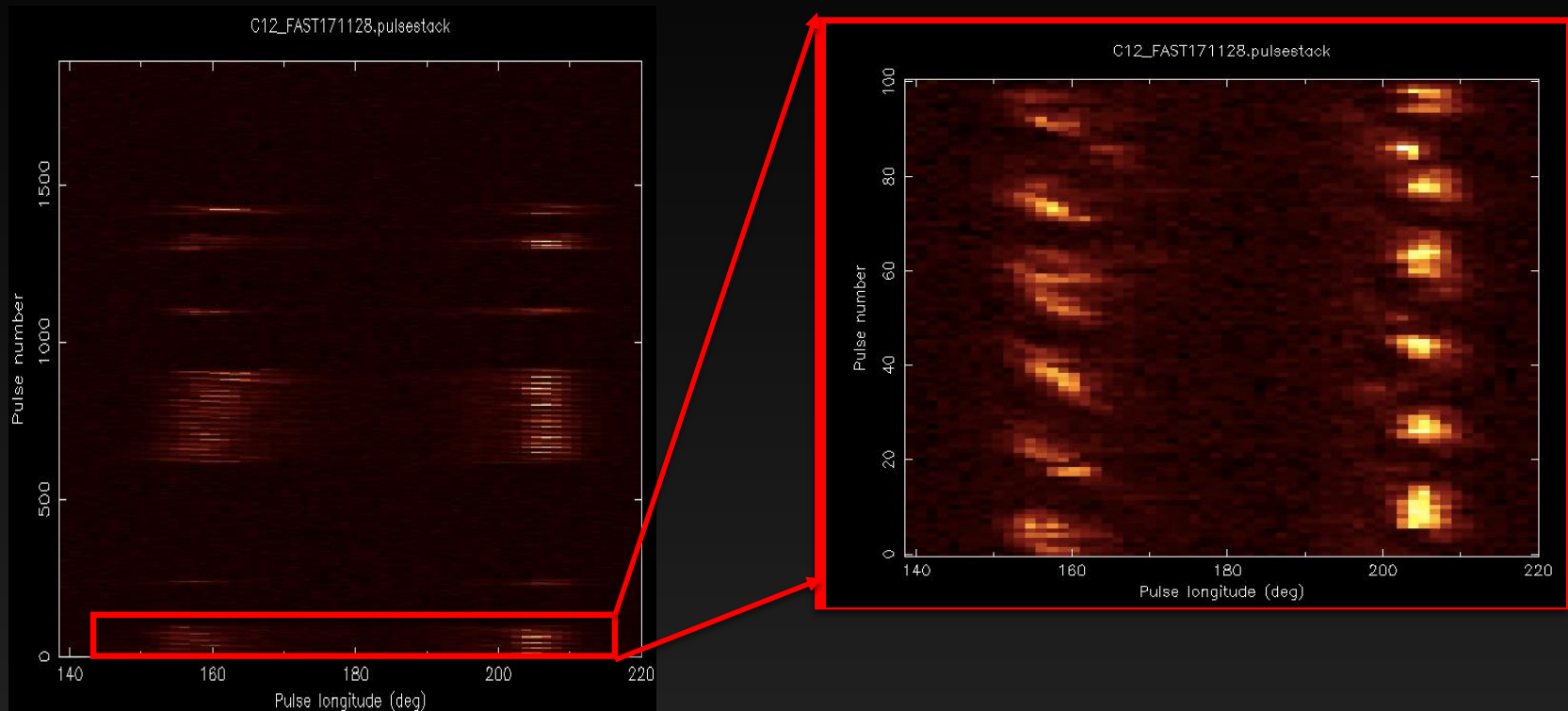
FAST discovery plot by AI driven searches

Pulsar Intermittent; Parkes observation

PSR J1946-0629

Initial results: special pulsars

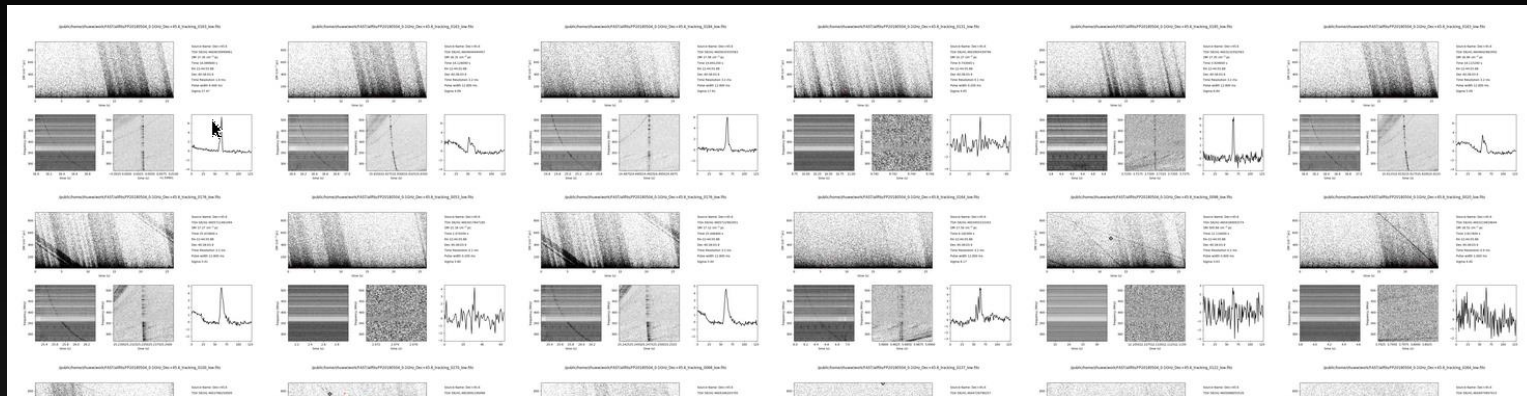
- FAST tracking observation



PSR J1946-0629

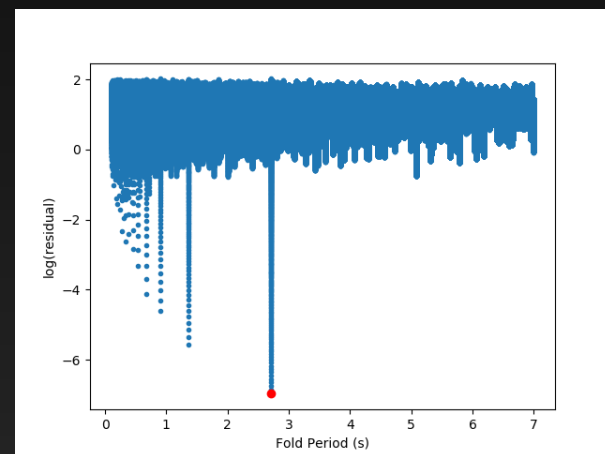
Initial results: special pulsars

- Rotating Radio Transients (RRATs)



FAST detected 9 pulses in 2 hour tracking of PSR J 0941 +45

The largest common denominator of the pulse interval is 2.1714s





We Are Hiring

<https://jobregister.aas.org/ad/36a9fd10>

<https://jobregister.aas.org/ad/3ddc1f4c>

Recruitment for FAST Staff Scientists in NAOC

... dili@nao.cas.cn URL: Scientific Staff for **FAST** in NAOC Country: China Publish Date: ... for outstanding young scientists from overseas to work on **FAST** related subjects. The position offered can be tenure-track with ...

shihui - 2018-05-29 09:37

Senior Commissioning Scientist for FAST, NAOC

... the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (**FAST**) is the largest single-dish radio telescope in the world. Enabled by more ... measurement-control system (unique on this scale), **FAST** forms a mobile 300 meters parabolic surface in real time, making it the ...

shihui - 2018-04-02 09:07

1. **The FAST Outstanding Young Fellowship** requires the applicants to be within 5 years of their PhD and will be subjected to a Mega-science center review. The contract is for 2 to 3 years, with an annual salary between ... health and social insurance.

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We Are Hiring

NEWS

"I just want to make a difference for the city I live in," major candidate Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo says.

in Mexico City, which has a metropolitan population of more than 20 million people. She saw the city's water crisis up close when she re-entered city politics in 2015 as the president of Tlalpan, a southern city district where taps routinely run dry.

Now, Sheinbaum Pardo is making water and mobility centerpieces of her campaign. Mexico City occupies a former lake, drained by the Spanish during the colonial period. Today, urban sprawl has covered almost the entire former lakebed, and most of the city's water is pumped from beneath it. "We've overexploited the aquifer, and as a result, the city is sinking," Sheinbaum Pardo says.

The unstable ground makes earthquakes more dangerous; during the destructive temblor on 19 September 2017, an elementary school collapsed in Tlalpan. Previous administrations have postponed tackling the problem, says Noyola Robles, a water expert. "Claudia understands the issue. I think her proposals will be solid and feasible." She has proposed overhauling the distribution network to fix a plague of leaks, building treatment plants to recycle water, investigating sources of water outside the city, and subsidizing rainwater collection systems.

Mexico City also lags in public transportation. Those who can afford it buy cars; 70% of the city's greenhouse gas emissions come from vehicles, Sheinbaum Pardo says. She proposes investing in bus lines, light-rail trains, and even cable cars, while reducing use of overcrowded informal systems, such as collective vans; she also wants stricter emission standards for cars. Both her transportation and water plans, she says, aim to reduce inequality in access and services.

Sheinbaum Pardo's academic background comes through in her detail-heavy presentations and stump speeches. Competing candidates have called her "arrogant." Besides assailing her close ties to López Obrador, they point to the school collapse and increasingly visible drug crime in southern Mexico City as failings of her administration in Tlalpan. Still, a recent poll found that 40% of those surveyed planned to vote for her; the second and third place candidates didn't crack 20%.

Will Sheinbaum Pardo parlay her likely stint as mayor into a national political career? She won't say, but insists that she would be happy to return to her research at UNAM. She continues to advise a handful of graduate students, squeezing in the work on Sunday afternoons. "I'm not particularly attracted to a political career," she says. "I just want to make a difference for the city I live in." ■

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INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

China takes new steps to lure science talent from abroad

Generous funding and the chance to lead projects are helping attract foreign scientists

By Dennis Normile, in Shanghai, China

When astronomer Marko Krčo was offered a chance to help commission the world's largest radio telescope, he didn't hesitate. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," says Krčo, who has Serbian and U.S. citizenship and earned his Ph.D. from Cornell University. In 2006, Krčo became a postdoc at the Chinese Academy of Sciences's National Astronomical Observatories in Beijing; he spends much of his time in a remote corner of Guizhou province in south-west China, where the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope was completed in 2016 (*Science*, 30 September 2016, p. 1488). "Whether professionally or privately, every day yields a new challenge or a new insight," Krčo says.

The Chinese government, eager to sustain the country's rapid emergence as a scientific superpower, is opening the door wider for people like him. On 22 May, the Ministry of Science and Technology issued guidelines that encourage science ministries and commissions to consult foreign experts and attract non-Chinese to full-time positions within China. In a striking change, foreign scientists are now allowed to lead public research projects.

In the past decade, China has aimed to build up its scientific capacity by luring back some of the tens of thousands of Chinese scientists working abroad. The latest measures emphasize that non-Chinese talent is also welcome. Drafted in December 2017 but not previously made public, they are "a confirmation of things that have been going on for a while," says Denis Simon, an expert on China's science policy at Duke Kunshan University, a Chinese branch campus of the Durham, North Carolina-based Duke University.

Simon says foreign scientists are drawn by China's increased spending on R&D, which is rising twice as fast as its economic growth. Increasingly ambitious big science projects, such as a massive particle accelerator now under study, are a lure as well, says Cao Cong, a science policy specialist at the University of Nottingham Ningbo, a Chinese affiliate of the U.K. university. The opportunity for foreign scientists to serve as principal investigators for publicly funded programs is a significant new incentive, says Liang Zheng, who studies science and technology policy at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

"There is really only one reason why I moved: the money," says 35-year-old U.S. ecologist Luke Gibson, who trans-



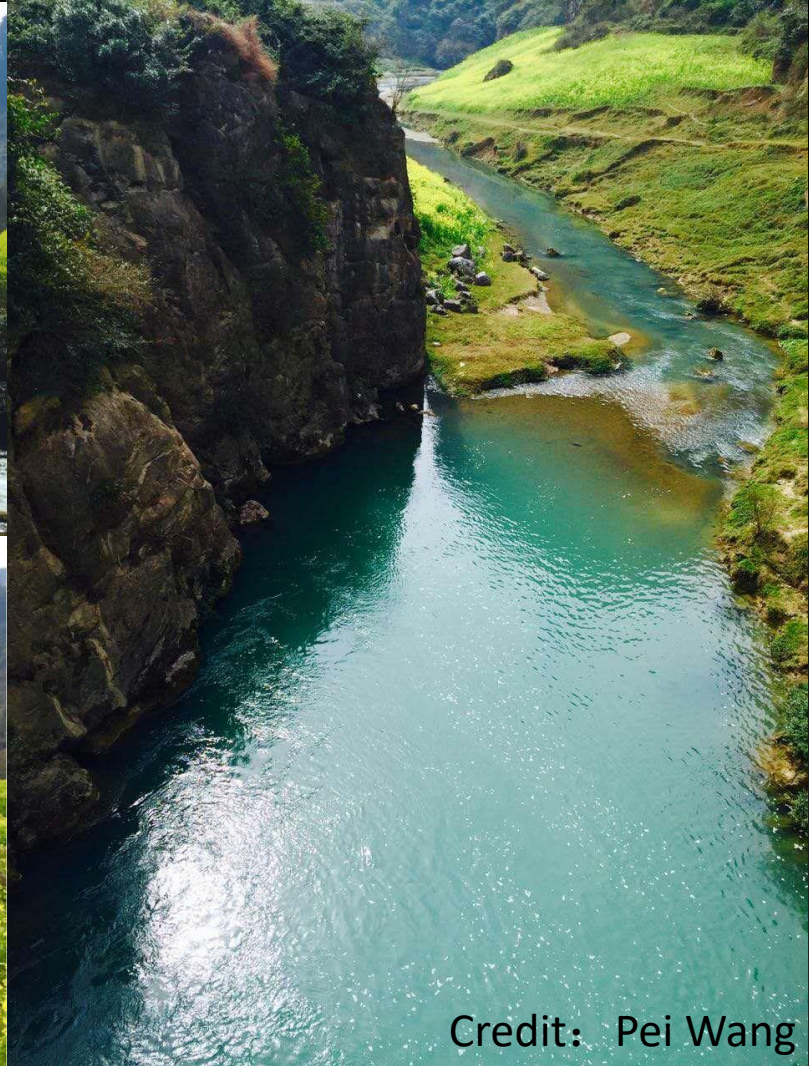
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