

Five-hundred-meter **A**perture **S**pherical radio **T**elescope **FAST**

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Immanuel Kant



«The Critique of Pure Reason» Preface

Human reason, in one sphere of its cognition, is called upon to consider questions, which it cannot decline, as they are presented by its own nature;

but which it cannot answer, as they transcend every faculty of the mind.

“Do all FRB repeat?”

Ernst Mach

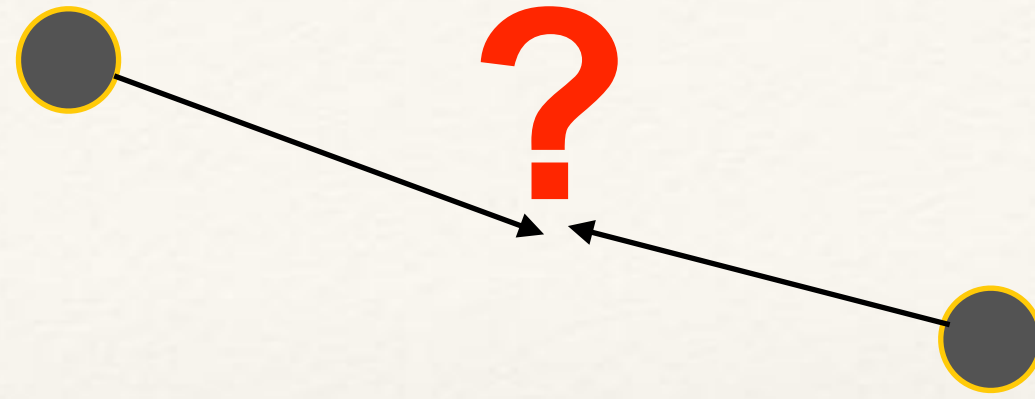


The goal which it (physical science) has set itself is the simplest and most economical abstract expression of facts.

It should be based entirely on directly observable phenomena (in line with his positivistic leanings). It should completely eschew absolute space and time in favor of relative motion. Any phenomena that would seem attributable to absolute space and time (e.g. inertia, and centrifugal force) should instead be seen as emerging from the large scale distribution of matter in the universe.



**Ernst
Mach**



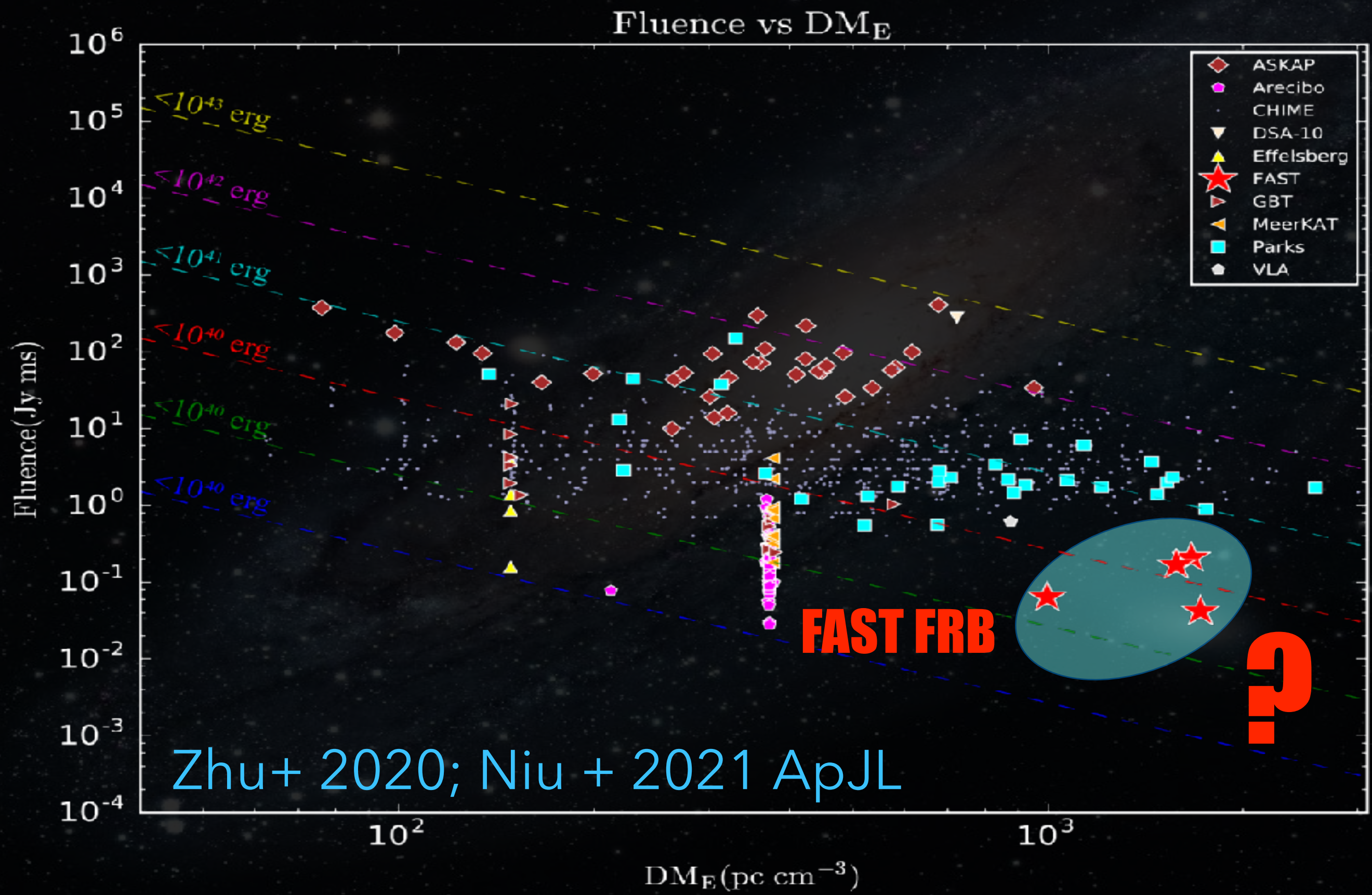
“An empty space, that there is no space field, is non-existent.” — **Einstein**

«*Relativity: the special and the general theory*» 1916
(English translation by Robert W. Lawson)



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Commensal Radio Astronomy FAST Survey



FAST
L-band Array
of 19-beams



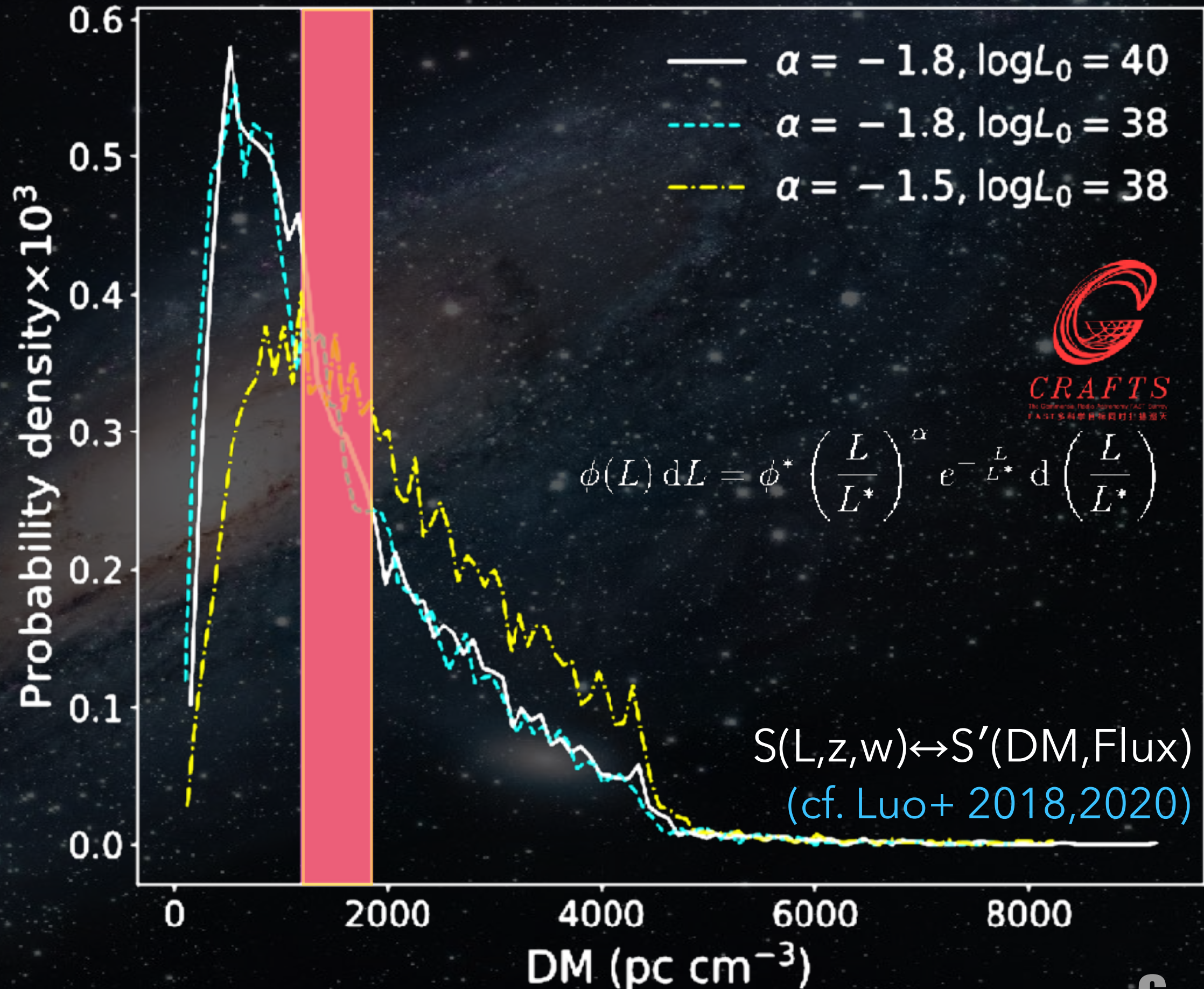
FLAN

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CRAFTS 2018 FRBs

- **Four** events in a total of **1667 hours** in 2018, corresponds to an all sky rate of **$1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ sky}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$** at the 95% confidence interval above 0.0146 Jy ms, by far the deepest such estimate.
- ~1 per 400 FLAN hours (cf. Li 2016)

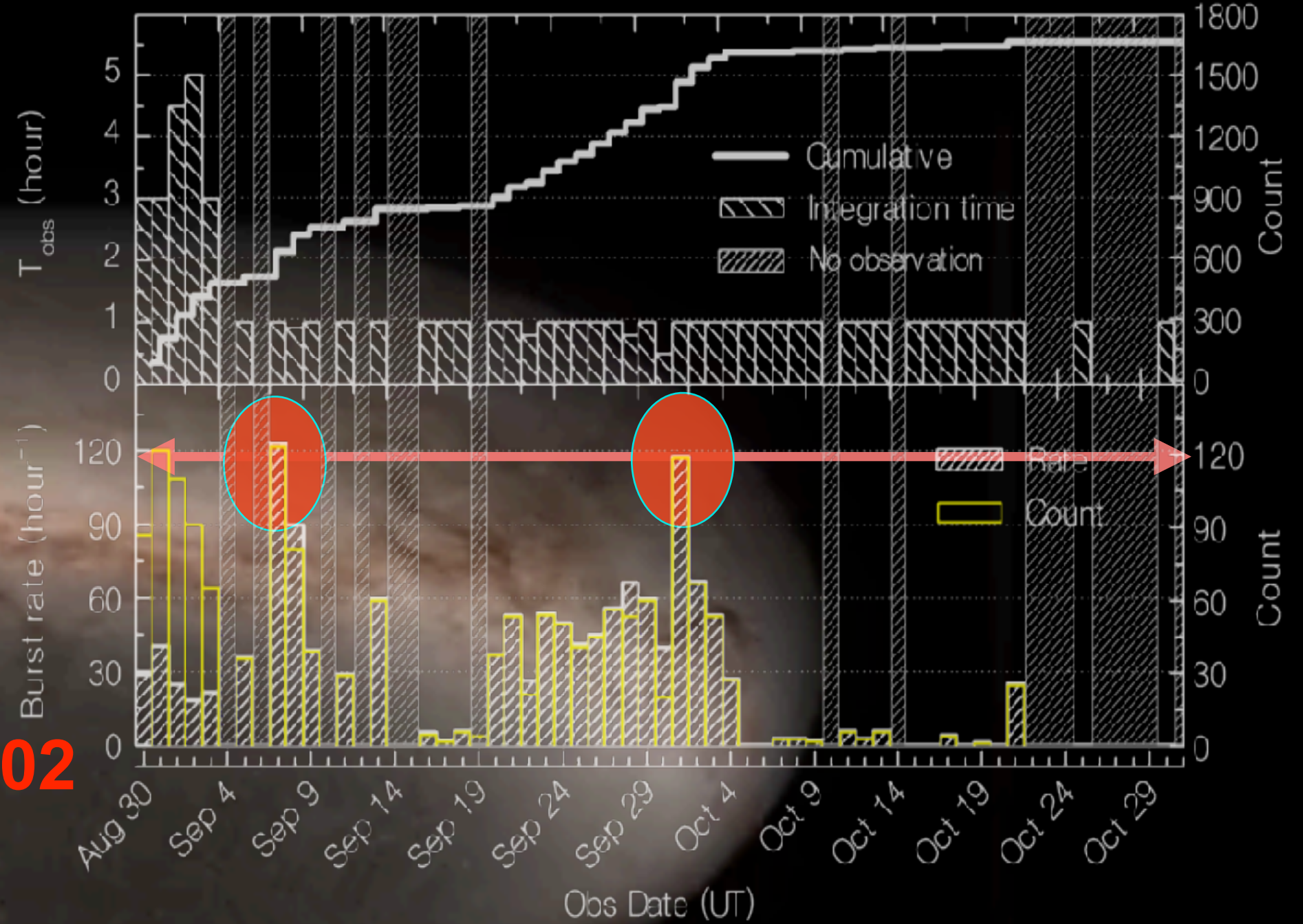
- PDF of FAST-FRB's DM is more sensitive to the slope of the luminosity function than the cutoff brightness L_0 .
- FAST will have significant detection probability (>10%) for $\text{DM} > 3000 \text{ pc cm}^{-3}$ (Also Zhang 2018)





FRB 121102

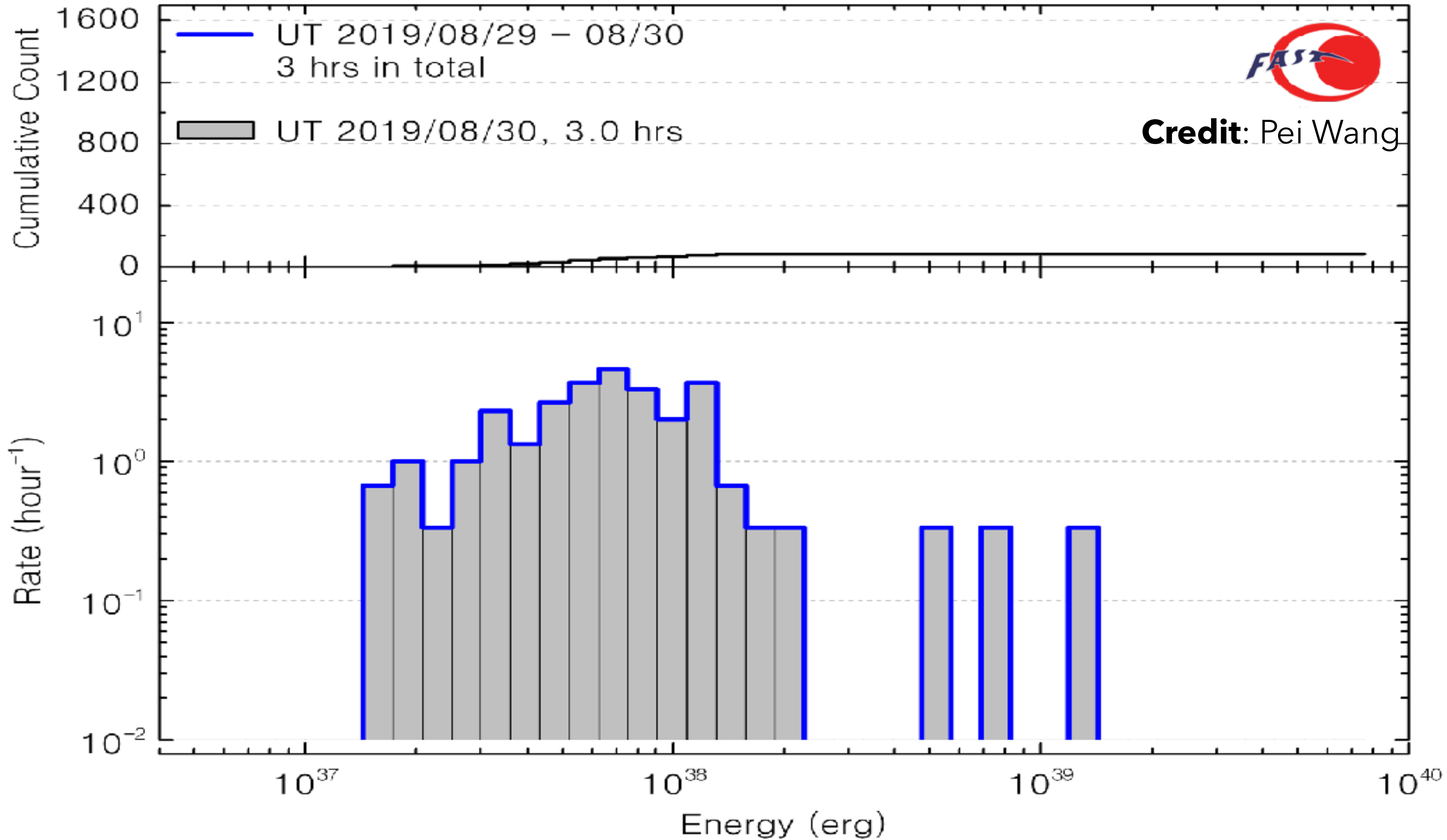
FRB121102 bursts rate statistics



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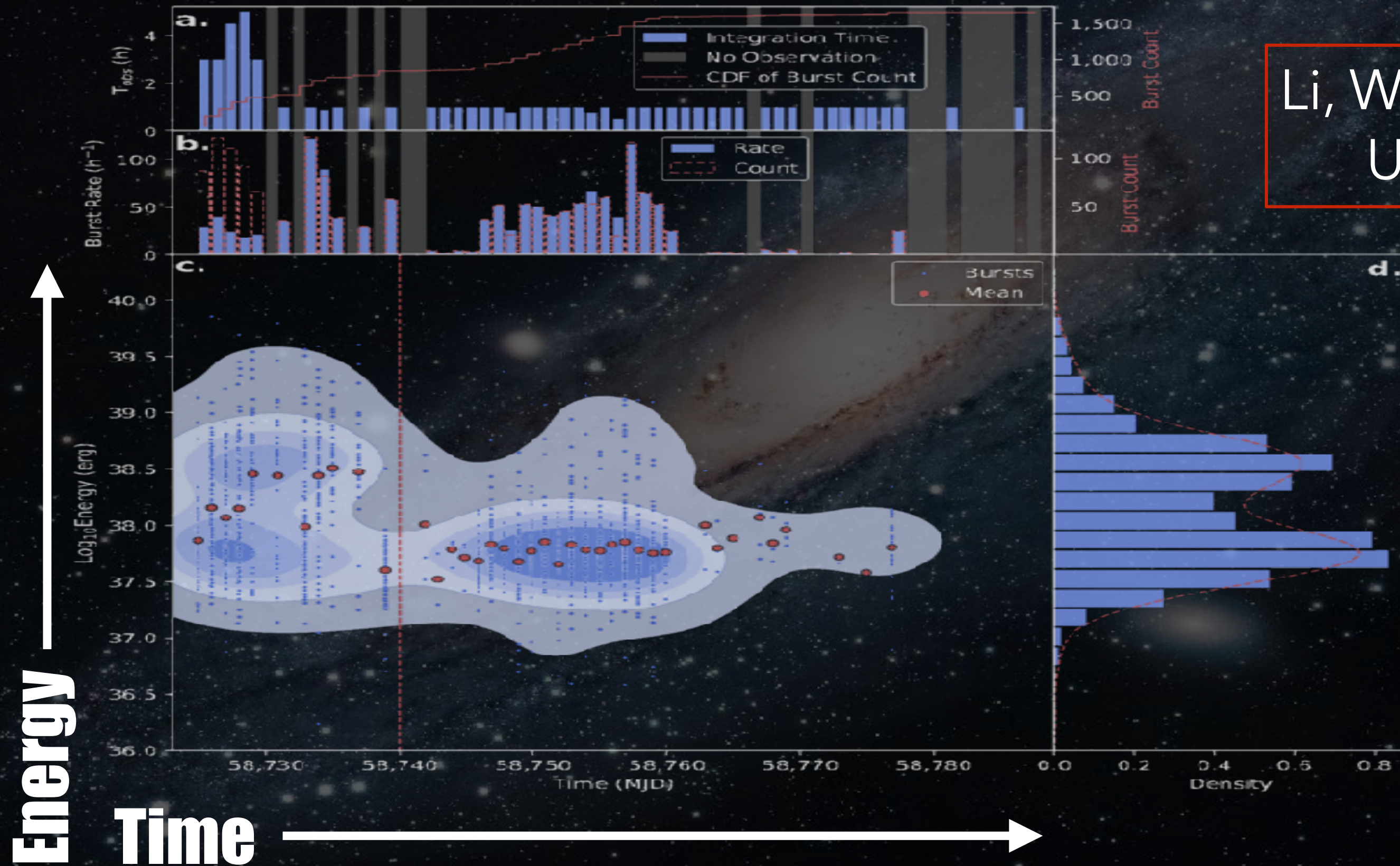


"1652 pulses in 59 days!" - Li et al. 2021



1652 Pulses: Energy and Temporal Distributions

Li, Wang et al. 2021
Under review



FRB 121102 Burst Energy Statistics

$$E \simeq \frac{4\pi D_L^2}{(1+z)} \mathcal{F}_\nu \nu_c \quad (\text{Zhang 2018})$$

$$= (10^{39} \text{ erg}) \frac{4\pi}{(1+z)} \left(\frac{D_L}{10^{28} \text{ cm}} \right)^2 \frac{\mathcal{F}_\nu}{\text{Jy}} \frac{\nu_c}{\text{ms GHz}}$$

Cumulative burst energy distribution:

$\beta = -0.7$ JVLA, AO, GBT Law+ 2017

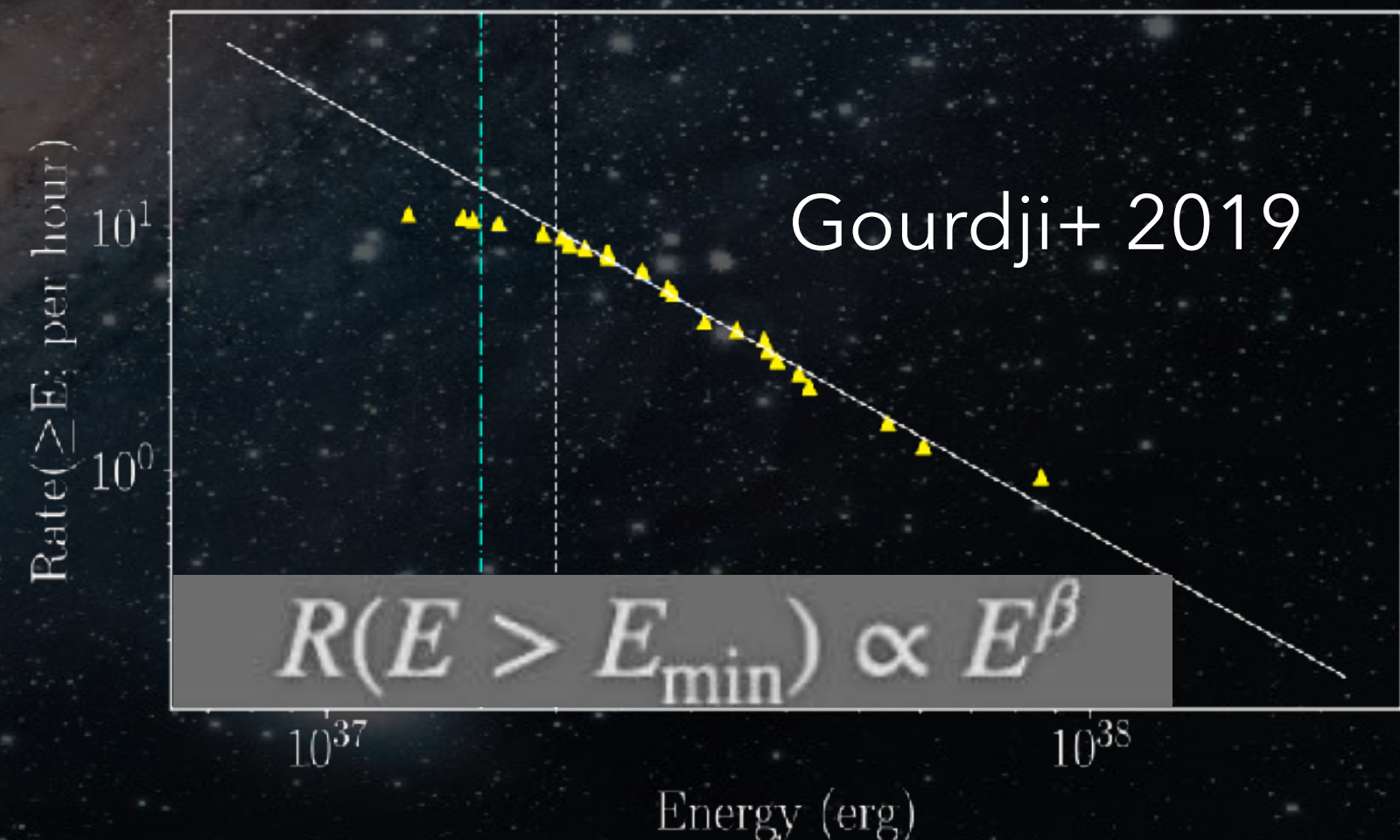
$\beta = -1.8 \pm 0.3$ AO Gourdji+2019

$\beta = -1.2 \pm 0.2$ Effelsberg Cruces+ 2020

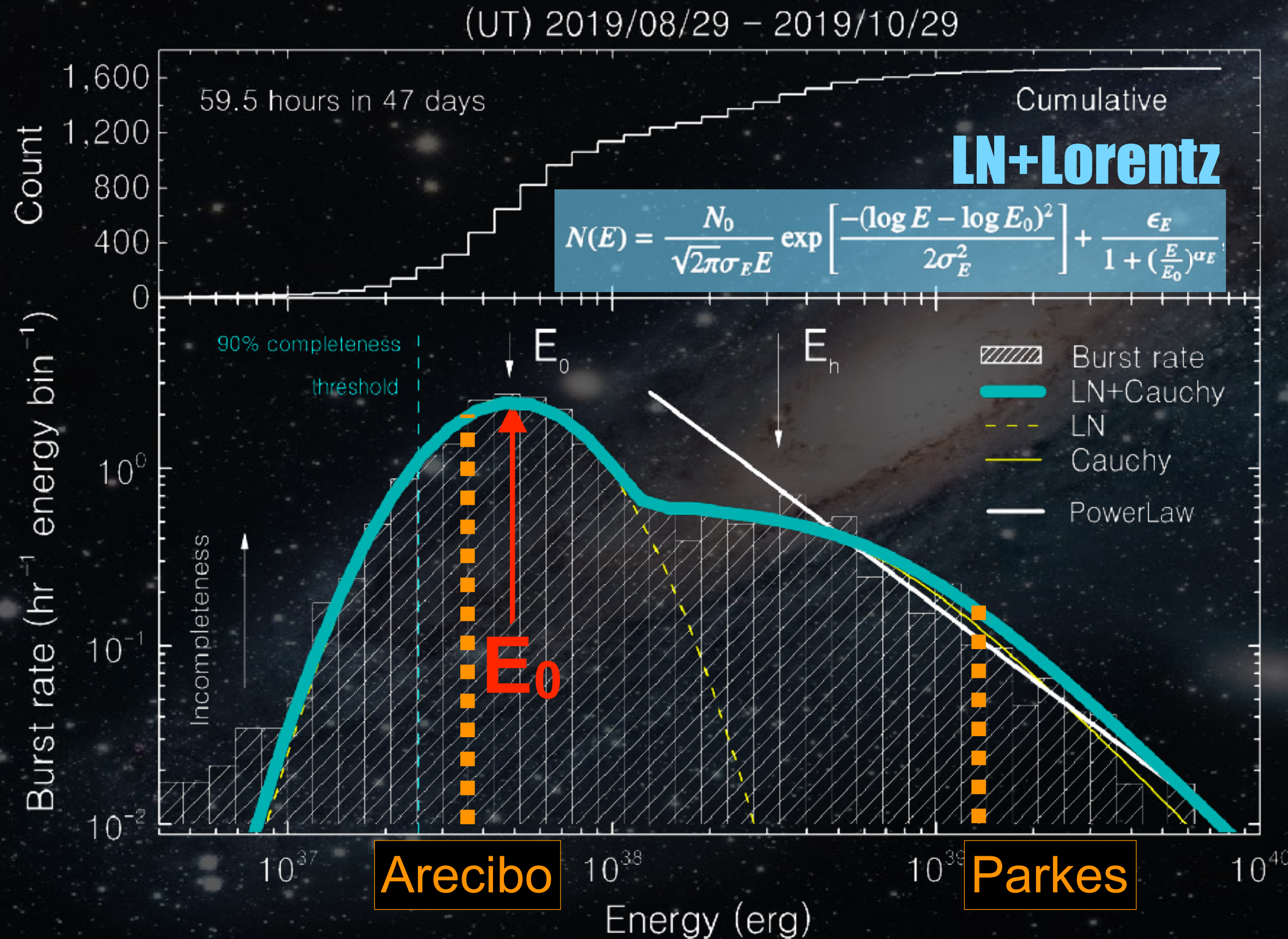
FAST L-band 1.25GHz flux calibration

$1\sigma = 2.1 \text{ mJy (1ms)}$ $z=0.193, D_L=949\text{Mpc}, 1\text{Jy ms} = 1.07 \times 10^{39} \text{ erg}$

$7\sigma = 15 \text{ mJy}$ $4 \times 10^{36} \text{ erg} < \text{Energy} < 8.0 \times 10^{39} \text{ erg}$



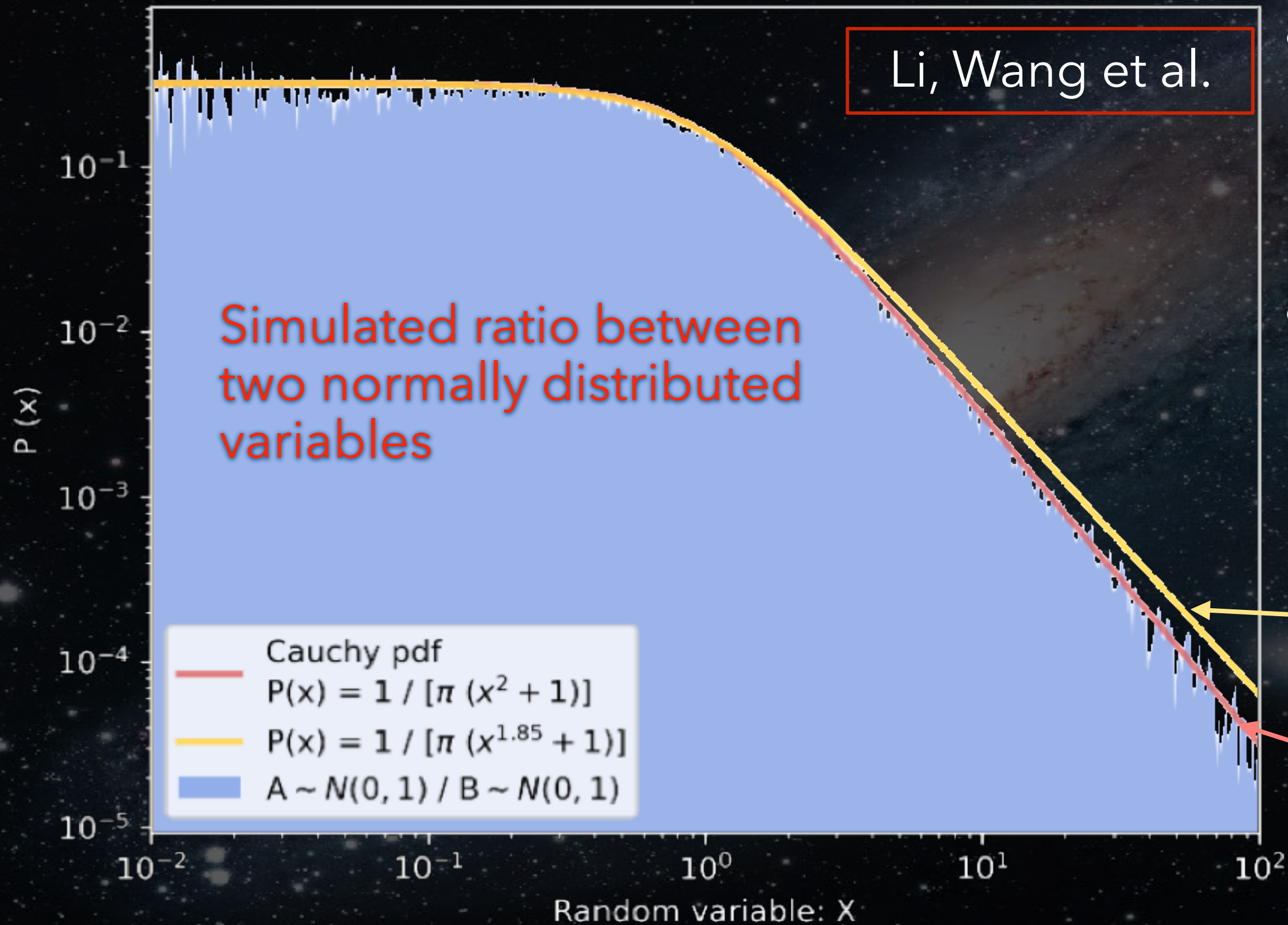
Burst Rate Energy Distribution - bimodel



Function	Energy range	Reduced χ^2	R^2
PowerLaw	F	\times 0.689(8)	0.104(6)
	H	0.004(1)	\checkmark 0.999(1)
Lognormal	F	\times 0.056(9)	0.86(8)
Cauchy	F	\times 0.438(1)	0.113(1)
Lognormal + Cauchy	F	0.037(4)	\checkmark 0.931(7)

Li, Wang et al. 2021

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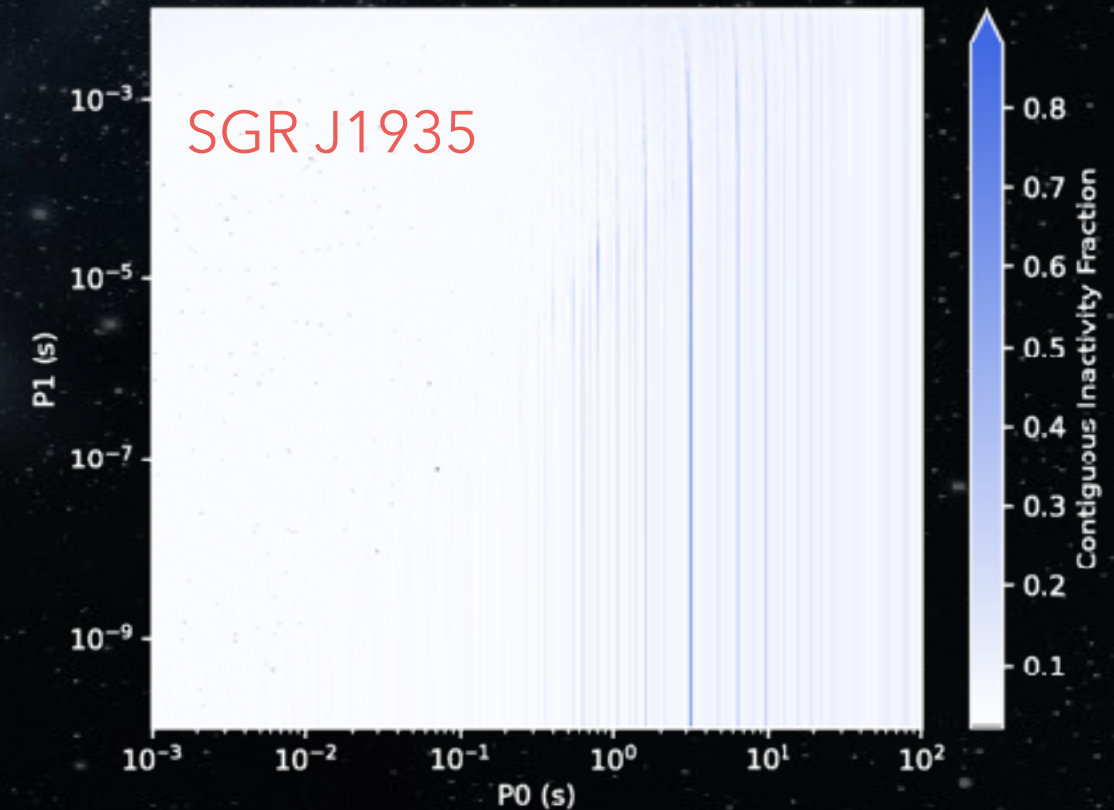
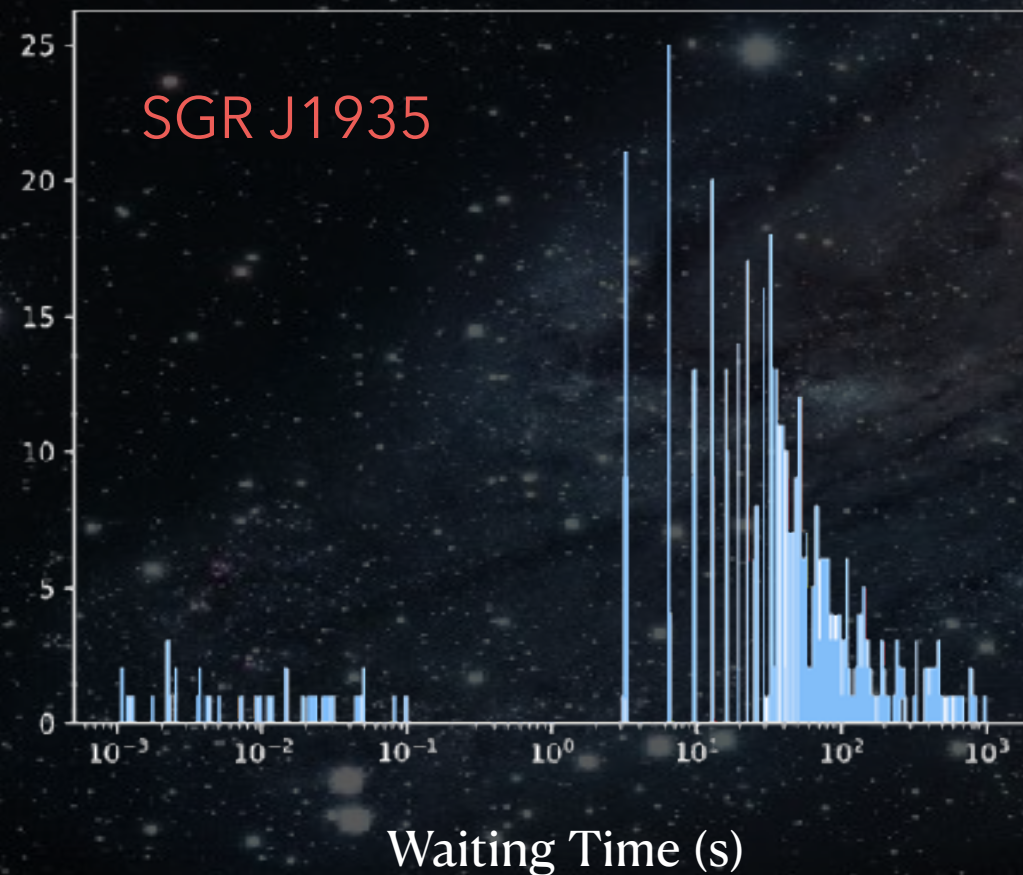
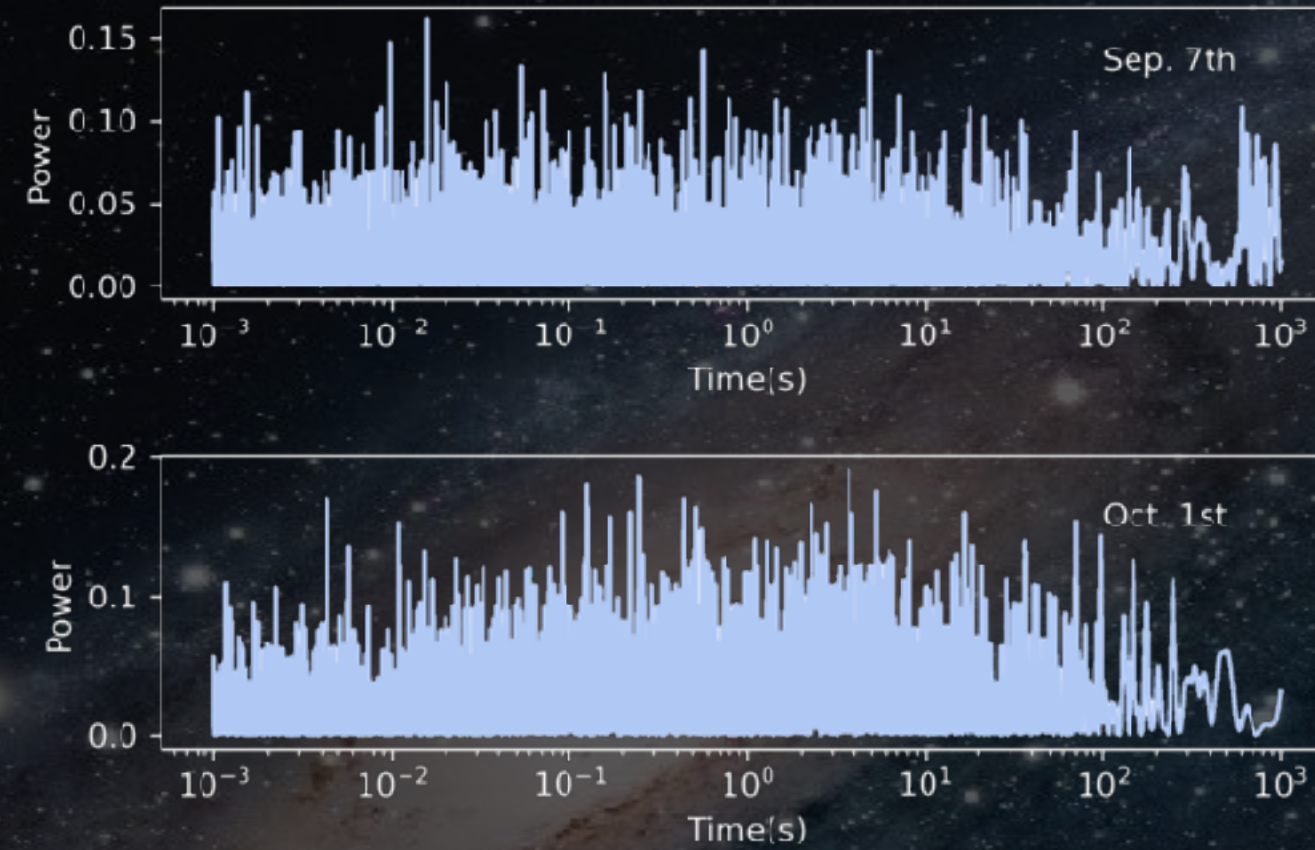
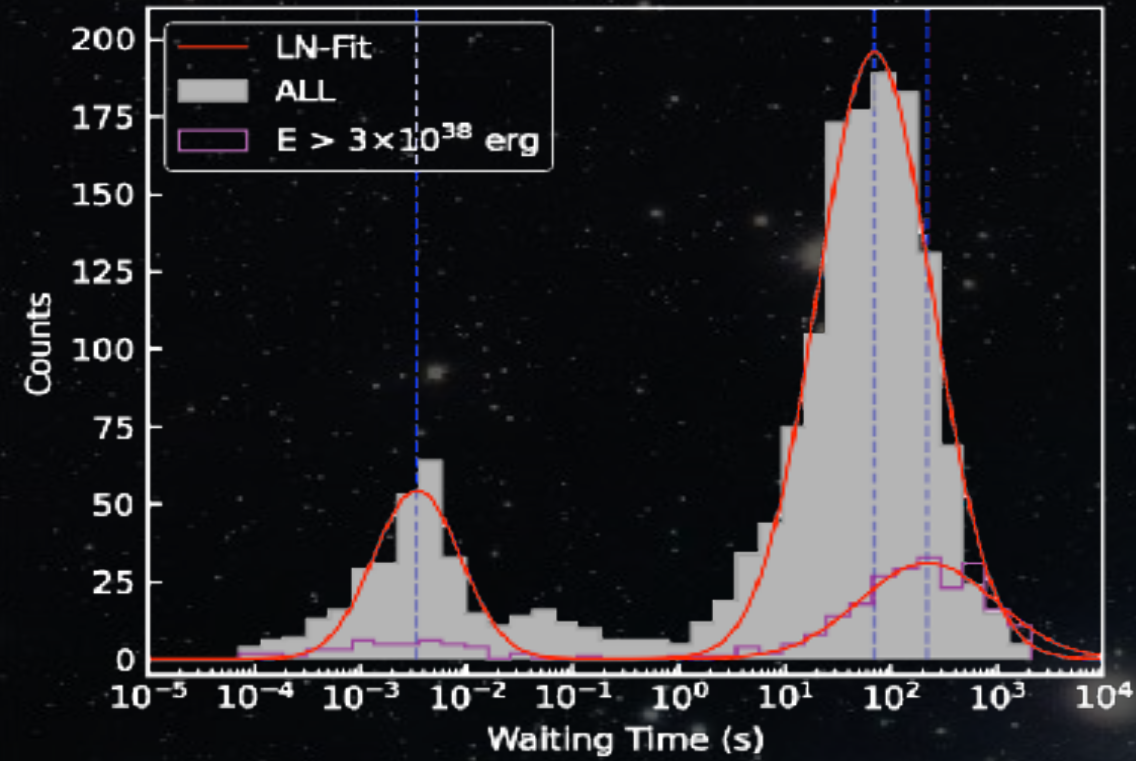
- The Lorentz/Cauchy function describe the ratio between two normally distributed variables
- The best-fit index of 1.85 (generalized Cauchy function) is close to 2 within one $\sigma \sim 0.3$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\pi (x^\alpha + 1)}$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\pi (x^2 + 1)}$$

Lomb-Scargle Periodograms

Phase-Folding

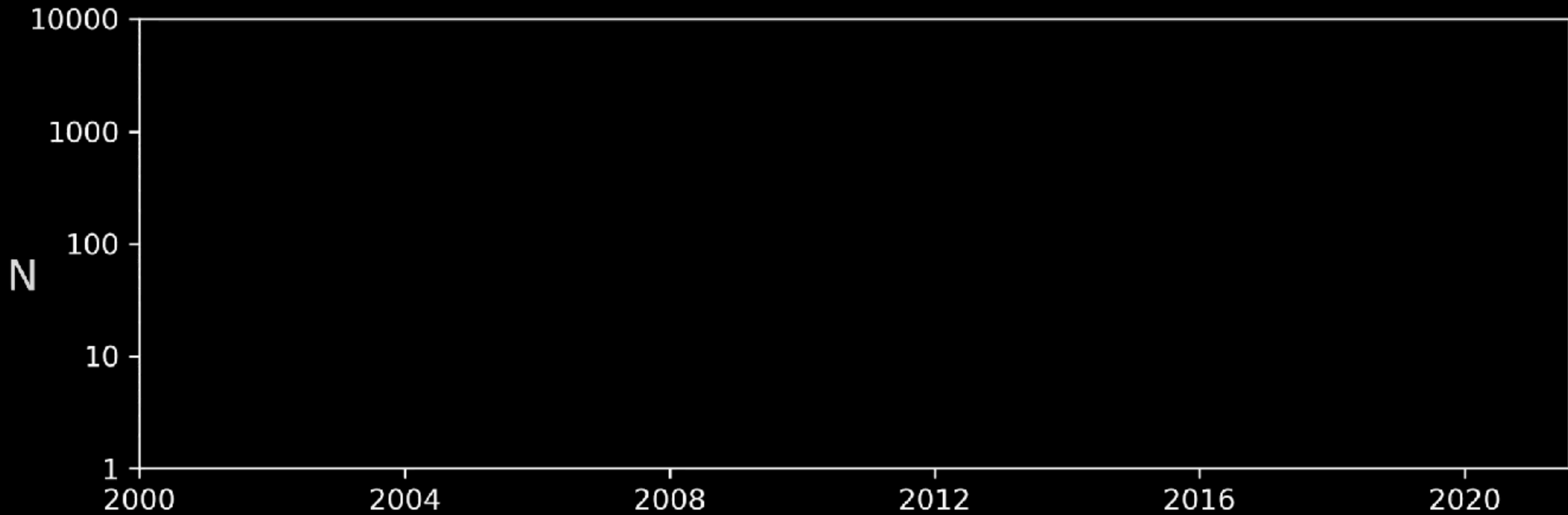


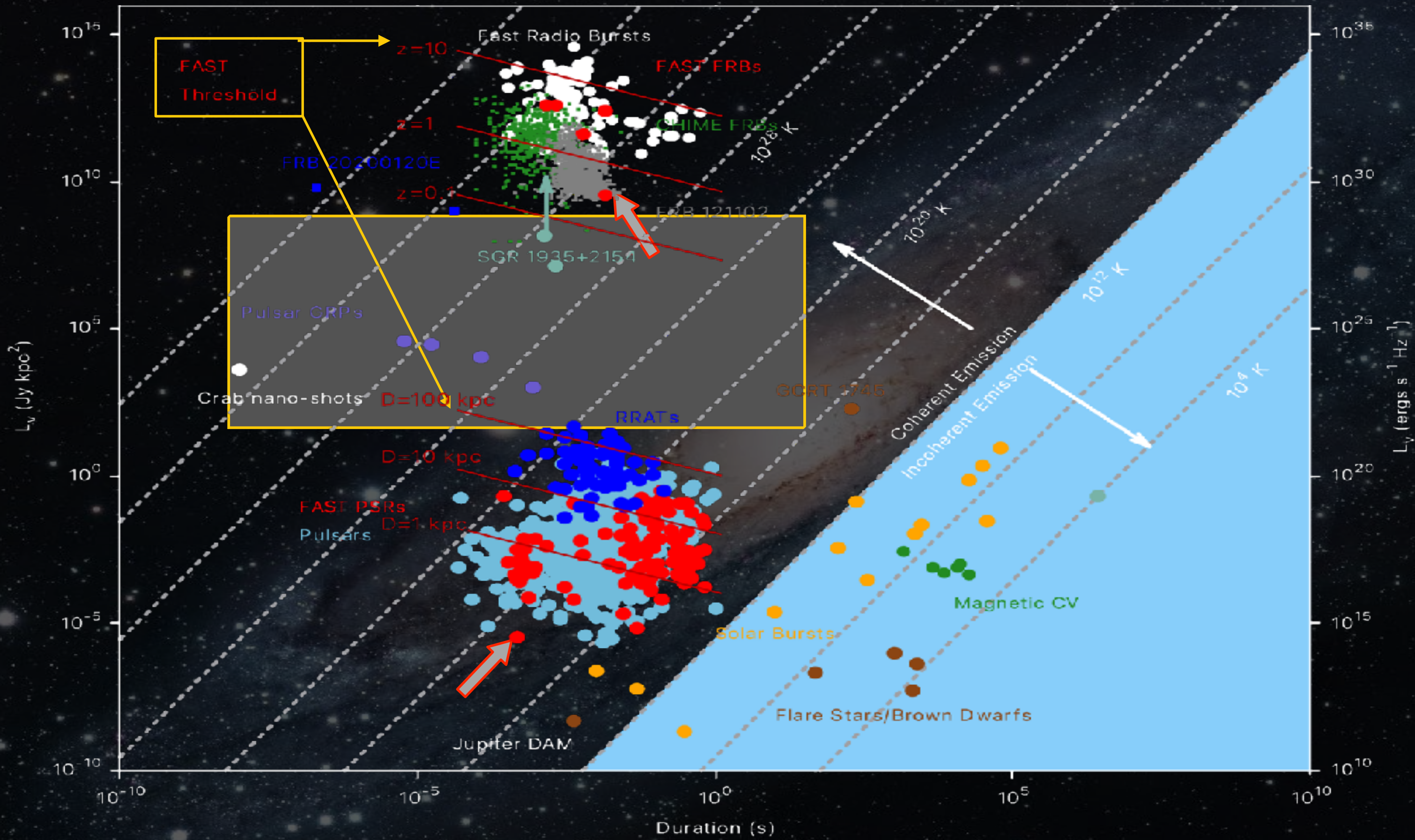
FRB 121102 has no discernible short-term periodicity!
(Li et al. 2021 & Zhang et al. 2021 in prep.)



- FRB 121102 has a characteristic peak energy of **4.8×10^{37} erg**, just above the detection threshold of Arecibo, below which the production rate of FRBs starts to drop. In 47 days, **~1%** of the total magnetic energy of a magnetar was released.
- FRB 121102 has a clear bimodal energy distribution which can be adequately described as a **lognormal + Lorentz function**. The power-law $\log N - \log S$ here seems to be an artifact of detection bias.
- No periodicity between 1 ms and ~1000 s. Consistent with exponential waiting time (Poisson). A significant clustering of waiting time around **3.5 ms**.
- FRB 121102 bursts unlikely to have originated from a **~~single compact object~~**.







FAST

Reveal
the
Transient
Sky

Credit: Wang, Zhang

Immanuel Kant



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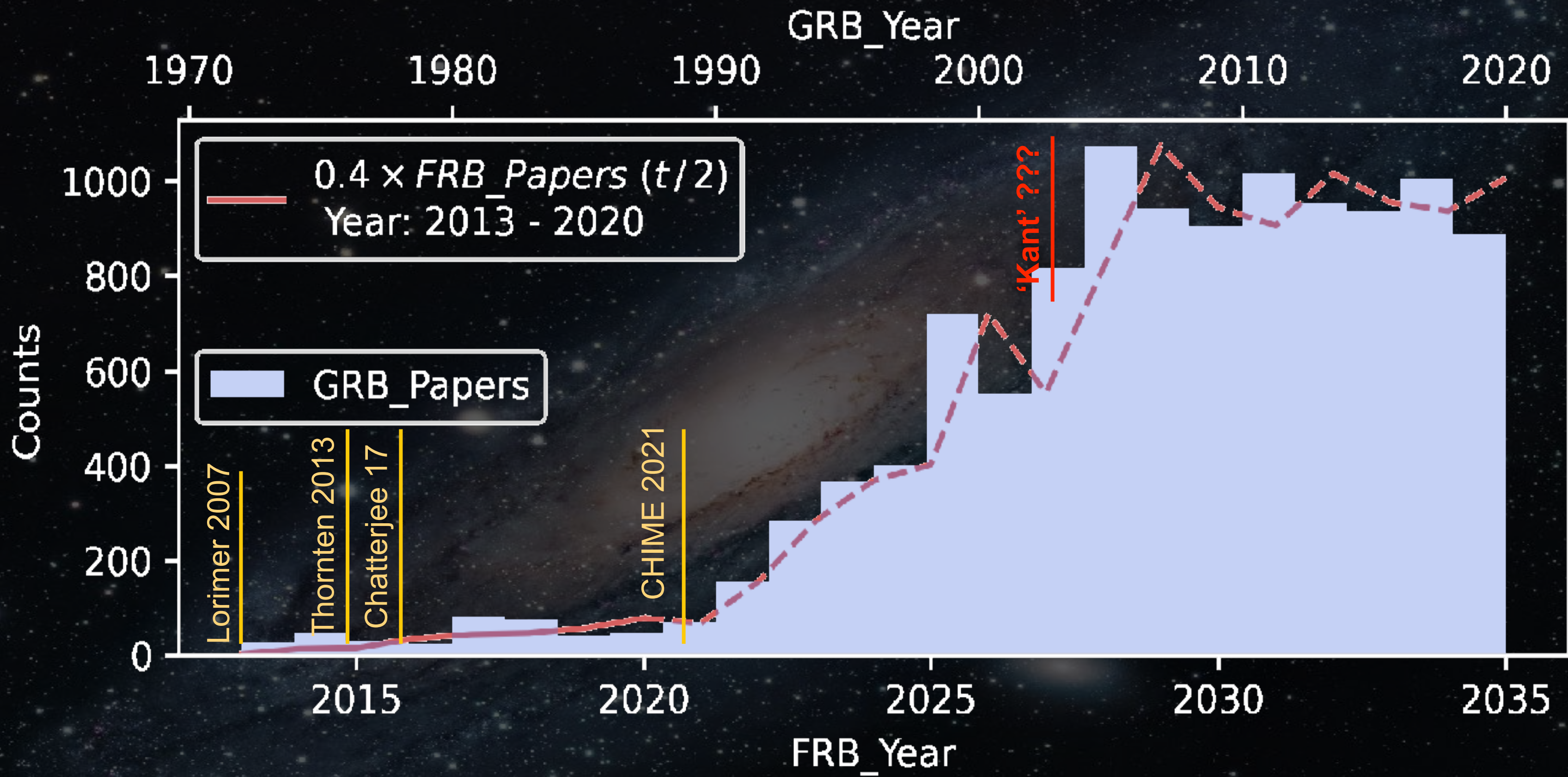
A Copernicus revolution: reason within experience

Definitional truth: the agreement of cognition with its object

A priori knowledge: pulsars produces pulses, so do many other processes

Synthetic posteriori judgement: FRB origin?

“Do all FRB repeat?”



Li et al. 2021 《科学通报》

Descartes: *"I think therefore I am."*

Kant: *"Thoughts without content are empty. Intuition without concept are meaningless."*

Mach: *"When the human mind, with its limited powers, attempts to mirror in itself the rich life of the world...it has every reason for proceeding economically. In reality, the law always contains less than the fact itself, because it does not reproduce the fact as a whole but only in that aspect of it, which is important for us, the rest being intentionally or from necessity omitted."*

