The quest for PRSs and their link with nebulae

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Repeating FRB

- In 2014, FRB121102 was found in Arecibo archival data from 2012 (Spitler burst)
- In 2015 it reactivated, producing 11 bursts: it was the first repeating FRB
- Non-catastrophic nature (at least for repeating ones) •
- Most importantly, first direct localization in the host galaxy with the VLA



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Persistent radio emission

- 2017)



Marcote et al. 2017

The PRS associated with FRB 20201124A





First hints of a persistent emission

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The case of FRB 20201124A



Extended (5 kpc) region in VLA observations, no compact emission on sub-kpc scales

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The case of FRB 20201124A



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Obscured star forming regions unveiled by the VLA



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The discovery of a compact PRS



VLA (6+15 GHz)

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VLA (6+15+22 GHz)



The dust component: NOEMA observations



FRB region (SFR<2.2 M/yr)

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Host galaxy (SFR<8.8 M/yr)





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The host galaxy





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Is it really a PRS?

- Size
 < 700 pc (to be improved with HSA)
- NOEMA upper limit Obscured SFR < 2.2 M/yr
- GTC/MEGARA Halpha SFR=0.4 M/yr
- Radio luminosity (4.9 x 10^27 erg/s/Hz) more than x10 higher than the largest, brightest SF regions





Where the PRS comes from?

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Are Persistent Emission Luminosity and Rotation Measure of Fast Radio Bursts Related?

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Radio Nebulae from Hyperaccreting X-Ray Binaries as Common-envelope Precursors and Persistent Counterparts of Fast Radio Bursts

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Possible central engines

Magnetar



Hyper-accreting XRB



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Both scenarios are consistent with the nebula model



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New constraints from ALMA

VLA (15 GHz) - ALMA (100 GHz)



ALMA flux at 100 GHz suggest a spectral

ALMA+VLA proposal just submitted



Ongoing observations...

- ALMA+VLA proposal to build the SED from 10 to 100 GHz
- HSA (VLBA+Effelsberg+VLA) to detect the PRS and constrain the physical size on the mas scale



A new case: the PRS associated with FRB 20240114A



- First identified as possible counterpart with MeerKAT (Zhang+24, red circle) and uGMRT (Bhusare+24, yellow circle)
- Arcsec-resolution included the entire host, not allowing to exclude a star-forming origin
- VLBI observations at pc-scale can solve the issue...





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... We observed with the VLBA at 5 GHz, finding a compact source within the PRECISE error region



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First indication of a peaked spectrum, to be verified through further VLBI observations





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supporting the nebular model





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More candidates...

- Another two candidate PRSs found with the VLA also fall in the expected regions (FRB 20181030A and FRB 20190417A)
- Ongoing EVN observations to test the compactness
- Additional candidate in the latest CHIME catalogue (FRB 20231128A)



(mJy) Flux

Ibik et al. 2024





A growing census of repeating (and well localised) FRB

- Almost 60 known so far
- A link between rFRB and FRB (FRB 20201124A, Kirsten+24)
- 4 rFRB with PRS known so far, in agreement with the nebular model
- 3 more PRS candidates (Ibik+24, CHIME/FRB+25)
- Many more with future facilities

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A nearby FRB in NGC 4141



The FRB 20250316A in NGC 4141

- A nearby (40 Mpc) FRB was found past in March in NGC 4141
- The close distance allows to easily reach high spatial resolution and probe the nebular model
- An candidate X-ray counterpart (continuum) was initially claimed by the Einstein Probe team
- Later discarded by Chandra, probably linked to star formation







The FRB 20250316A in NGC 4141

- CHIME was able to use the commissioning data from the Outrigger stations to localize the FRB with a 150 milli-arcsec uncertainty
- Our e-Merlin (VLBI) observations were able to exclude the presence of a PRS down to a luminosity <10^26 erg/s/Hz
- This is x100 lower than other known PRSs
- The FRB is non-repeating, allowing to constrain the nebular model in such objects







Future prospects

 The 4 PRS discovered so far were associated to repeating FRB, and suggest a magnetar/X-ray binary nature for the central engine

 They were detected thanks to deep observations, by pushing the instrumental sensitivity at its limit. Both resolution and sensitivity are key to identify these faint counterparts

 A more statistical meaningful census can be build only with next generation instruments like SKA and ngVLA, working in the uJy regime,

 The enhanced VLBI sensitivity will also allow to study them on the pc scale, further constraining the model

