



# Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope



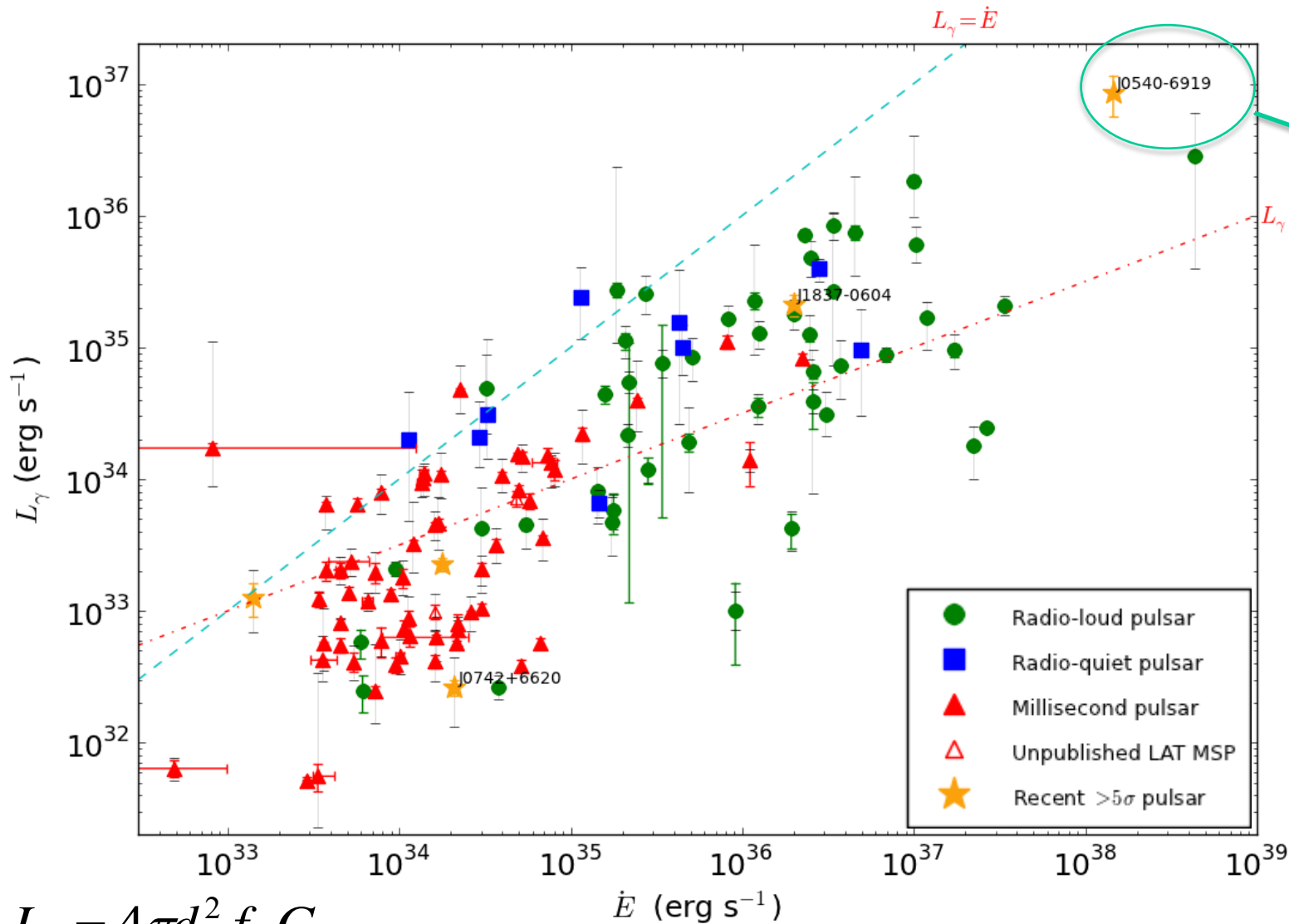
## New pulsars detected in gamma-rays with the Fermi-LAT

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- **Which pulsars do we see?**
- **Pass 8 performance and application to pulsars**
- **New gamma-ray detections**
  - **Young energetic pulsars**
  - **Millisecond pulsars (MSPs)**
- **More MSPs than expected**
  - **Shklovskii correction**
- **Conclusions**

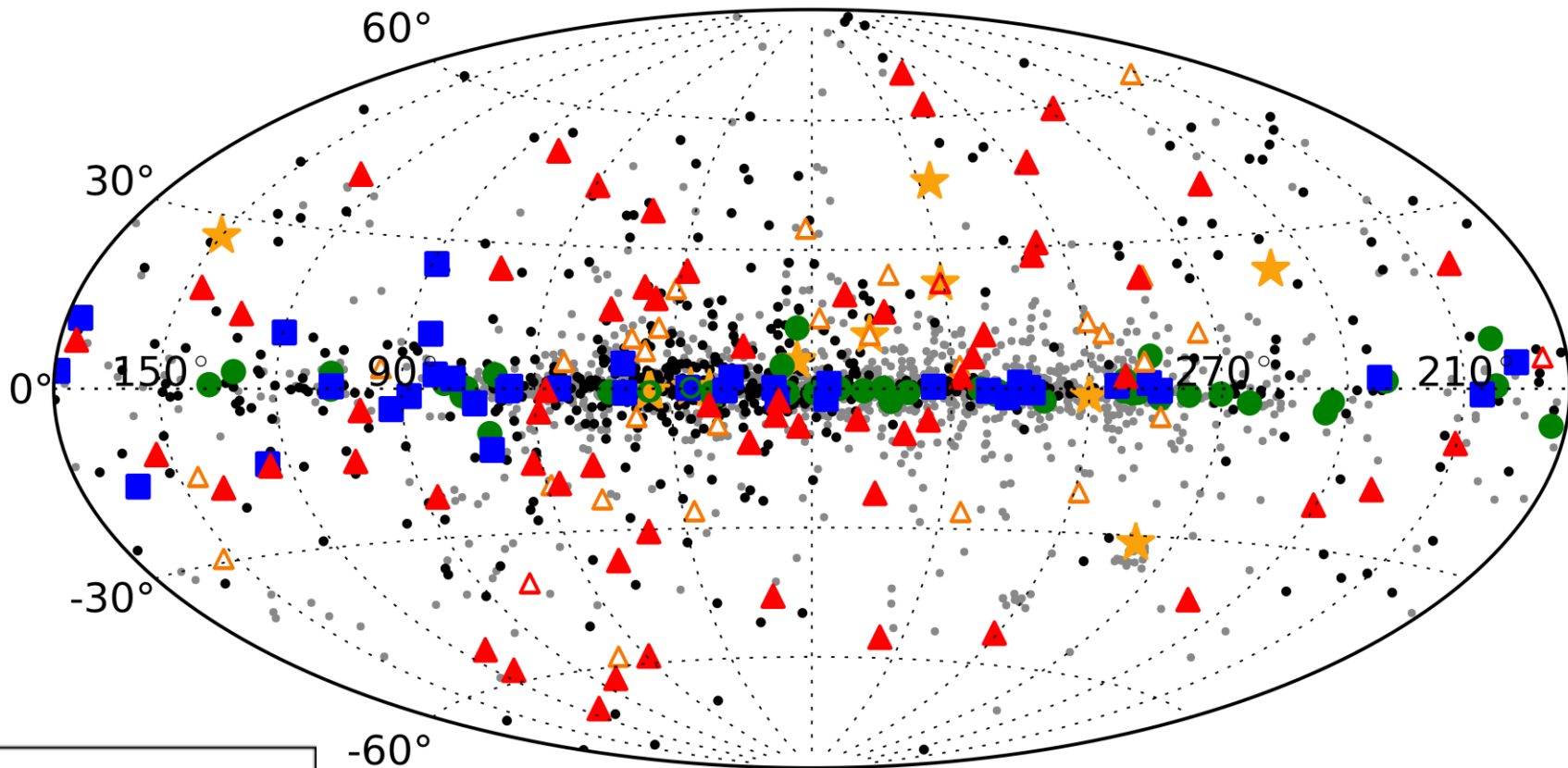
# Which pulsars do we see?



See talk on  
LMC by  
P.Martin

$$L_\gamma = 4\pi d^2 f_\Omega G_{100}$$

# Where are they?

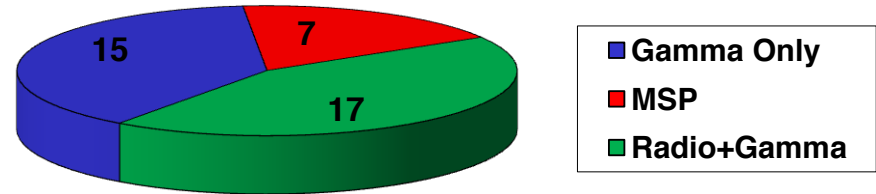


- Radio-loud pulsar
- Radio-quiet pulsar
- ▲ Millisecond pulsar
- △ Unpublished LAT MSP
- ★ Recent  $>5\sigma$  pulsar

# The millisecond revolution

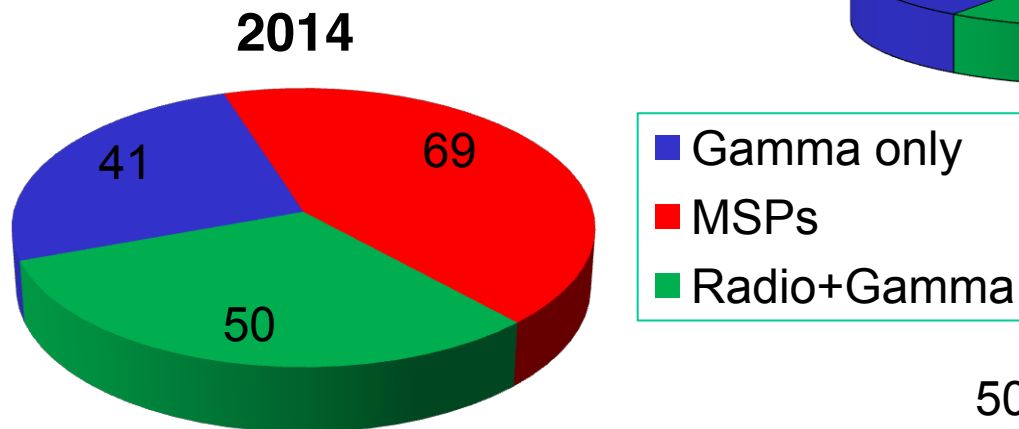
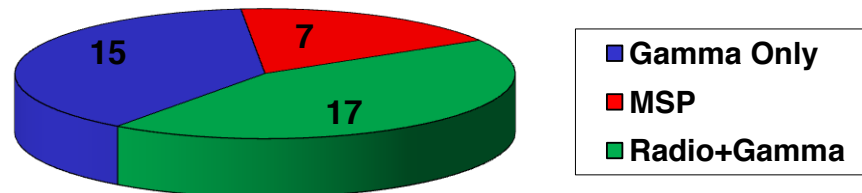


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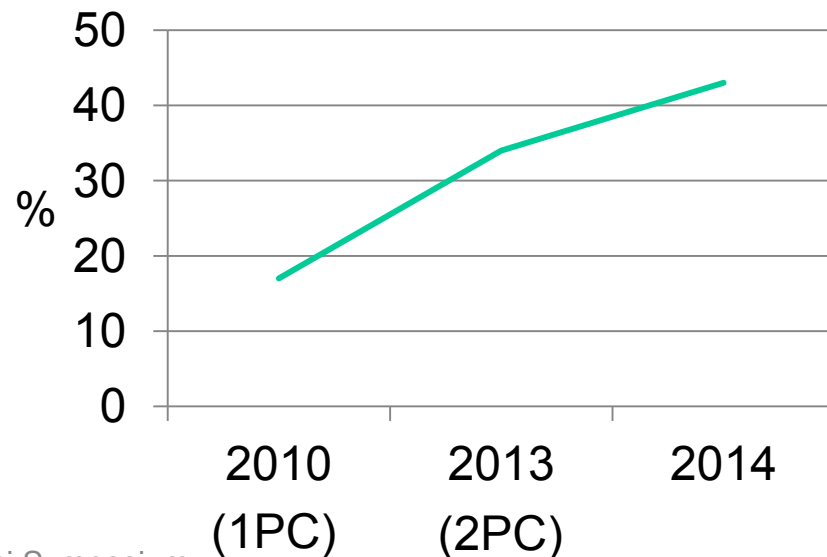
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➤ Growing fraction of millisecond pulsars (MSPs): **43%** of gamma-ray pulsars at present

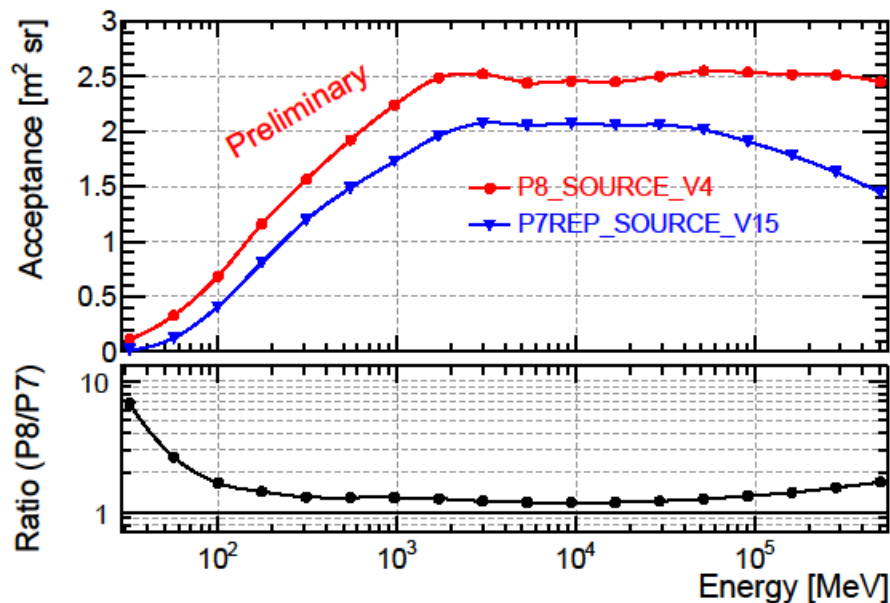
<https://confluence.slac.stanford.edu/display/GLAMCOG/Public+List+of+LAT-Detected+Gamma-Ray+Pulsars>

## Fraction of MSPs





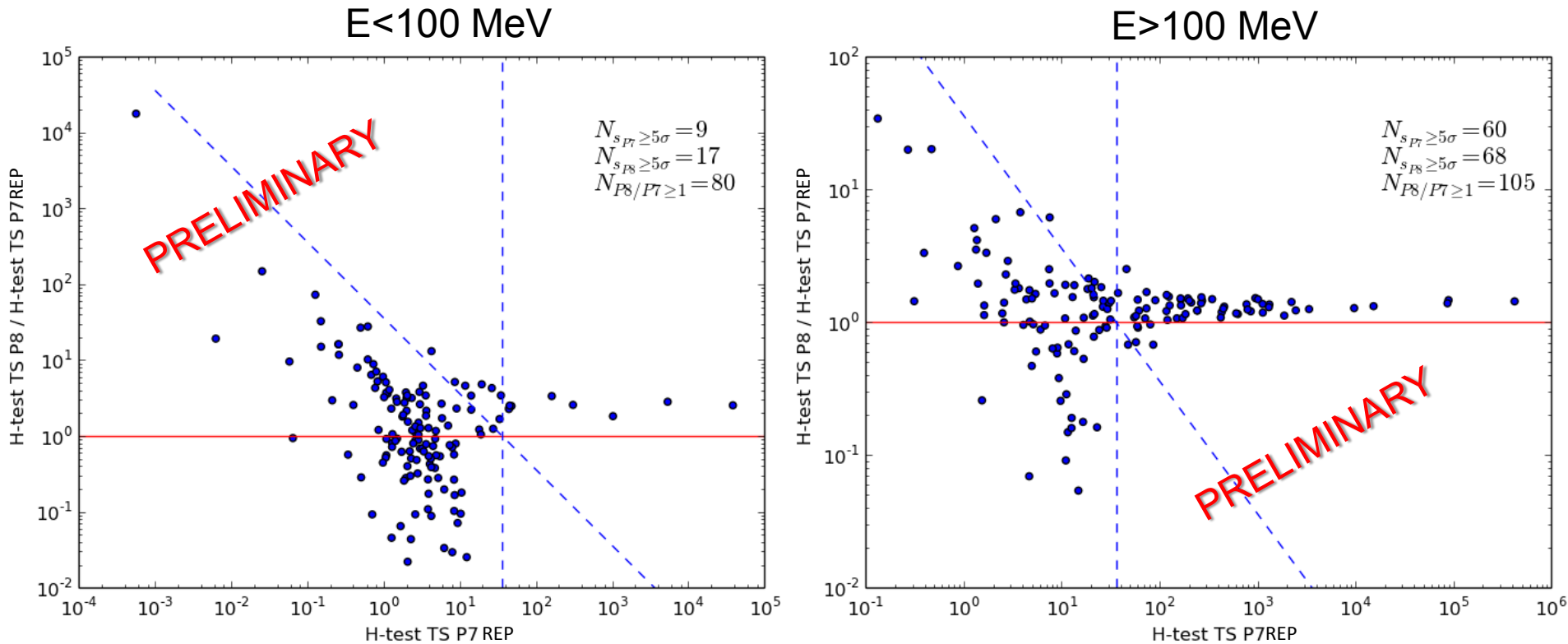
- **New event selection and reconstruction strategy**  
(see talk by P. Bruel on Wednesday, analysis session)



- Better acceptance and sensitivity at low energy ( $\leq 100$  MeV)
- Most of pulsars have spectra that cut off around few GeV
- Energy flux density contained between MeV and GeV range
- Pass 8 is good for pulsar studies



- 141 pulsars detected with Fermi, 2 years of data



- E < 100 MeV:** increased H-test TS in 57% of cases, twice more pulsars  $>5\sigma$
- E > 100 MeV:** increased H-test TS in 75% of cases, 13% more pulsars  $>5\sigma$





- **Location-limited:**
  - **Large distance**
- **Background-limited:**
  - **Crowded region (galactic plane)**
- **Object features-limited:**
  - **Intrinsically faint**
  - **Low energy cutoff (<1 GeV)**
  - **Wide gamma-ray peaks**
  - **Where the beam is sampled ( $f_{\Omega}$ )**
- **Pass 8 increased acceptance will help to discover new objects**

See Hou et al. A&A, 570, A44 (2014) for more information about faint gamma-ray pulsars



- Thanks to the collaboration with radio telescopes providing up-to-date ephemerides we phase-fold the gamma-ray data and detect pulsations with the Fermi-LAT
- Pass 8 improvement allows new detections:
  - 5 young pulsars
    - PSR J1856+0113
    - PSR J1857+0143
    - PSR J1831-0952
    - PSR J1837-0604
    - PSR J1224-6407
  - 4 MSPs
    - PSR J0742+6620
    - PSR J1455-3330
    - PSR J1730-2304
    - PSR J0931-1902

# New young pulsars



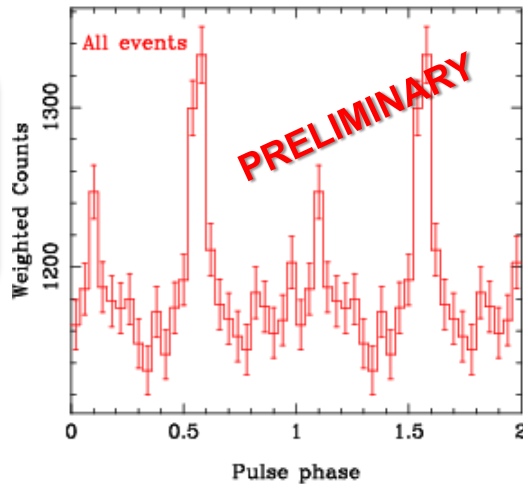
## PSR J1856+0113

Latitude =  $-0.497^\circ$

$\dot{E} = 4.3 \times 10^{35}$  erg/s

Period = 267 ms

Distance = 3.3 kpc



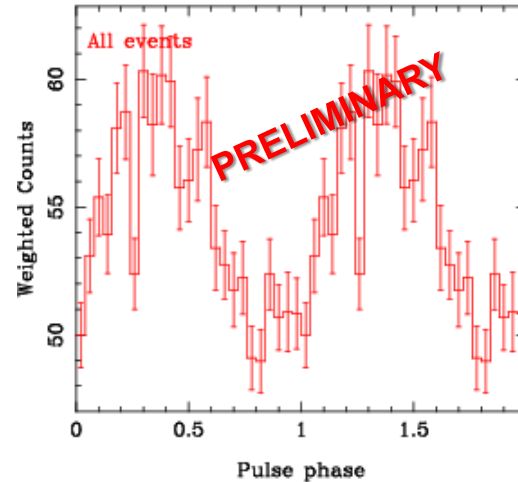
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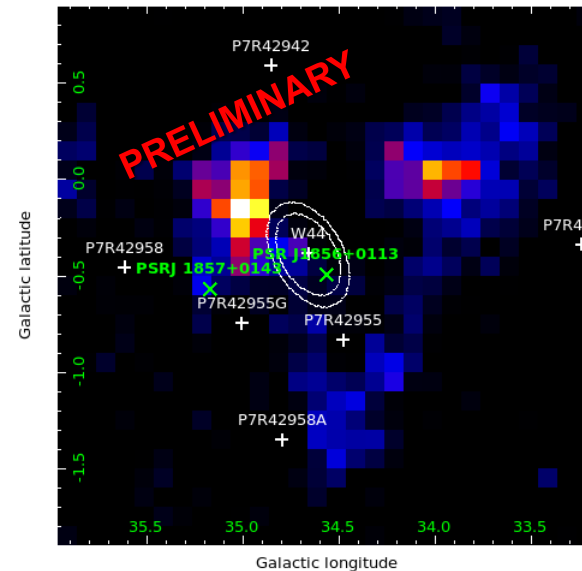
$\dot{E} = 4.5 \times 10^{35}$  erg/s

Period = 140 ms

Distance = 5.7 kpc



- PSR J1856+0113 is the central object of SNR W44
- First detection of both the SNR and its associated pulsar in gamma-rays



*Residual TS  
map of the  
W44 region  
with Pass 8  
data*

# New young pulsars



## PSR J1831-0952

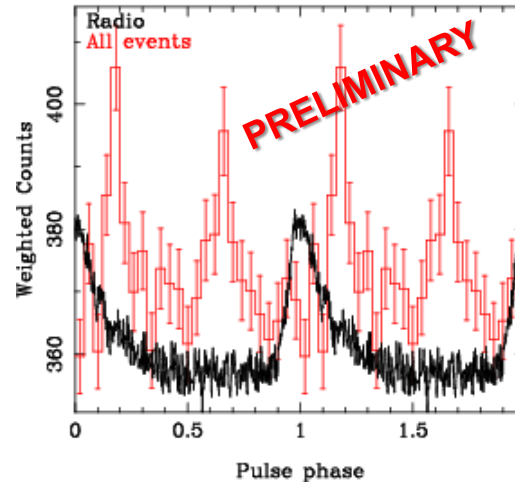
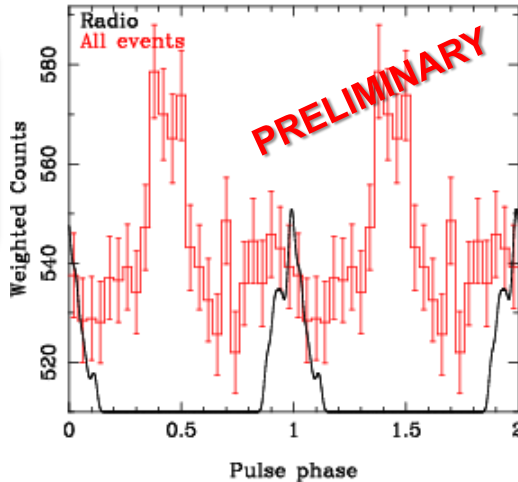
Latitude =  $-0.128^\circ$

$\dot{E} = 1.08 \times 10^{36}$  erg/s

Period = 67 ms

Distance = 4.0 kpc

*JBO ephemeris*



## PSR J1837-0604

Latitude =  $0.265^\circ$

$\dot{E} = 2 \times 10^{36}$  erg/s

Period = 96 ms

Distance = 6.4 kpc

*Parkes ephemeris*

→ See dedicated poster on high spin-down powered pulsars (7.06)

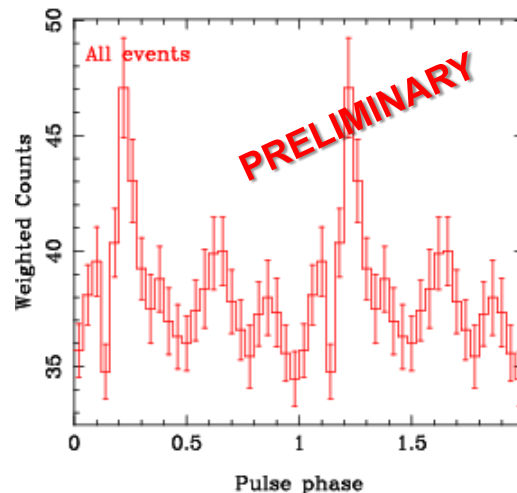
## PSR J1224-6407

Latitude =  $-1.415^\circ$

$\dot{E} = 1.9 \times 10^{34}$  erg/s

Period = 216 ms

Distance = 4.0 kpc





## PSR J0742+6620

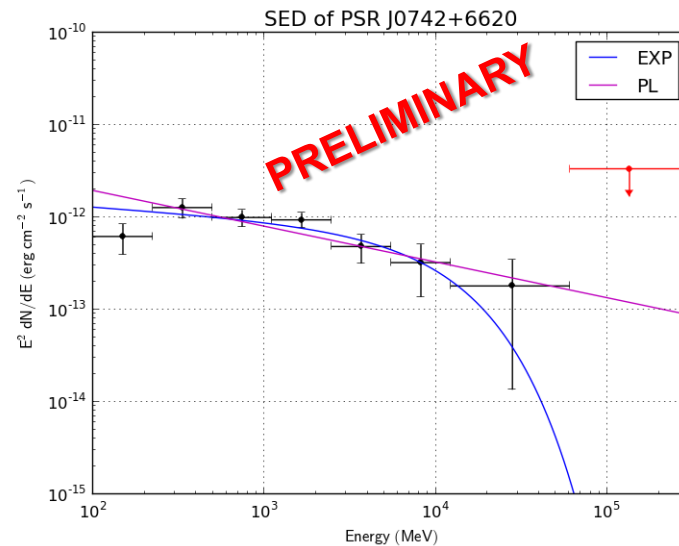
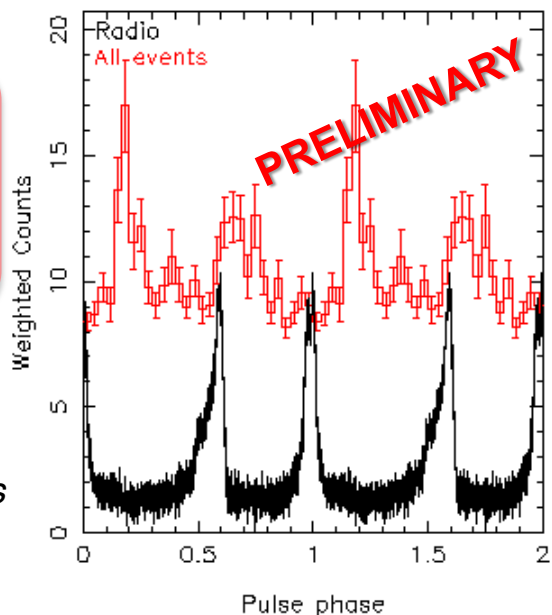
Latitude =  $29.6^\circ$

$\dot{E} = 2 \times 10^{34}$  erg/s

Period = 2.9 ms

Dist = 0.7 kpc

*Nançay ephemeris*



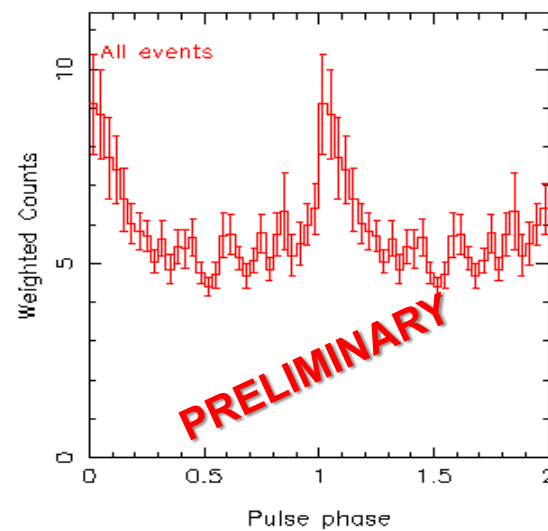
## PSR J0931-1902

Latitude =  $23.05^\circ$

$\dot{E} = 1.4 \times 10^{33}$  erg/s

Period = 4.6 ms

Dist = 1.9 kpc



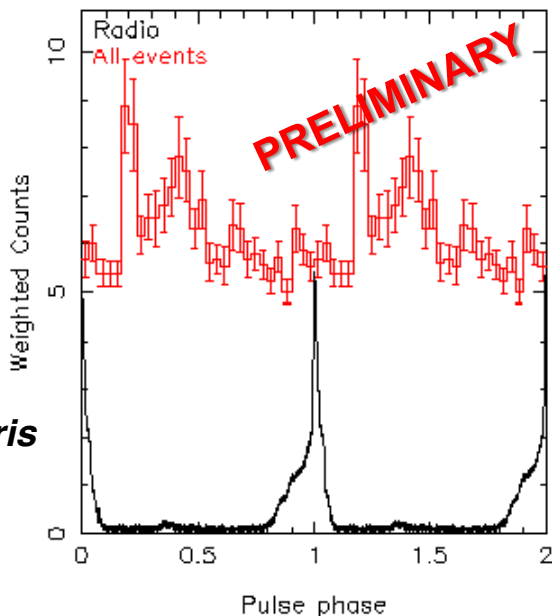


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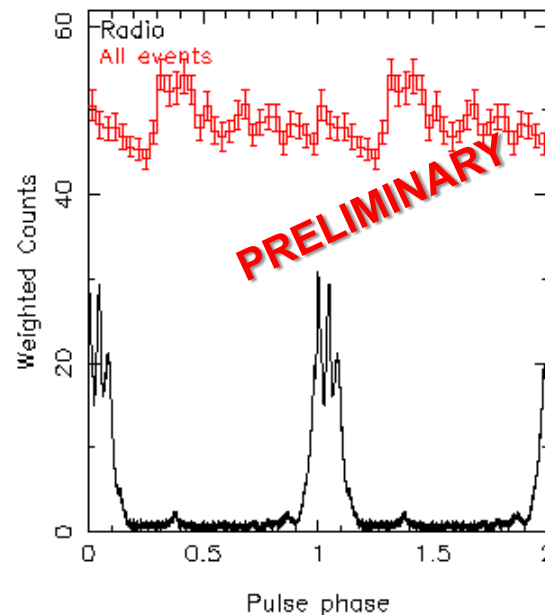
Latitude =  $22.6^\circ$   
 $\dot{E} = 1.9 \times 10^{33}$  erg/s  
 Period = 8 ms  
 Dist = 0.5 kpc

## PSR J1730-2304

Latitude =  $6.0^\circ$   
 $\dot{E} = 1.5 \times 10^{33}$  erg/s  
 Period = 8 ms  
 Dist = 0.5 kpc

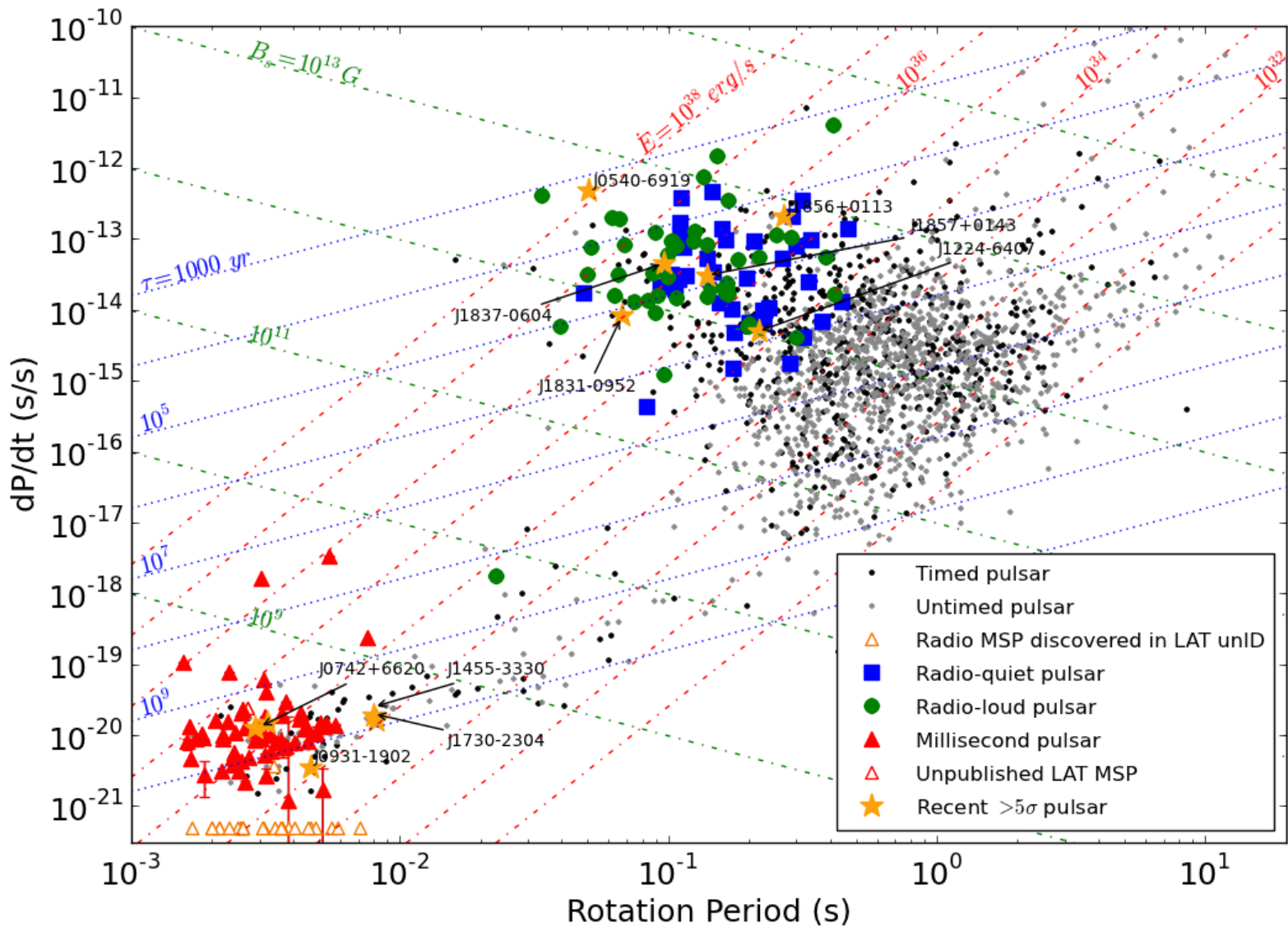


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# New detections





- **Shklovskii effect: artificial increase of the apparent  $\dot{P}$  value over the intrinsic one due to the pulsar's transverse motion**

$$\dot{P}_{true} = \dot{P}_{obs} - \Delta\dot{P}_{Shk}$$
$$\Delta\dot{P}_{Shk} \simeq 2.43 \times 10^{-21} \left( \frac{\mu_T}{\text{mas yr}^{-1}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{d}{\text{kpc}} \right) \left( \frac{P}{\text{s}} \right)$$

- **Radio monitoring : proper motion measurements to correct for this effect**
  - **Spin-down power correction**
  - **Gamma-ray efficiency correction**
- **Ongoing study @ Nançay on the new MSPs and others**





- **Pass 8 allowed the detection of 10 more pulsars and even more are expected**
- **To detect new pulsars we need radio timing – A big thanks!**
  - **Fold them all : up-to-date ephemerides**
  - **Find them all : look at UNID Fermi sources**  
(see poster 7.02 by E. Ferrara)
- **The fraction of MSPs among the gamma-ray pulsars keeps on growing**
- **With long-term monitoring we can measure proper motions and correct for the Shklovskii effect**
- **Better understanding of these objects**
- **Theoretical aspects will be discussed by M. Kerr on Wednesday**