



#### Science (highlights) from Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope

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### Plan

- Topic / Object
  Why study?
  List of experts (group) from NCRA
  A flavor of some result
- Topic II / Object II



⊕ STOP!

⊕ ...

✤ Topic …

# **GMRT:** Science objectives

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- centre of the Galaxy

Molecular gas, and neutral Hydrogen
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Galaxies

normal / active galaxies

- Clusters / Groups of galaxies
- Deep-fields / EoR

All-sky survey

B. Bhattacharyya: Pulsars (Mon, 26 Aug, 16:15 hrs)

N. G. Kantharia: Galactic radio sky (Mon, 19 Aug, 9:45 hrs)

C.H. Ishwara-Chandra: Extra-galactic radio sky (Mon, 19 Aug, 11:45 hrs)

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# TIFR-GMRT Sky Survey

#### TIFR-GMRT Sky Survey

- + Team: Sirothia, Kantharia, Ishwara-Chandra, Gopal-Krishna
- ⊕ @150 MHz
- metre-wavelength
   counterpart of cm wavelngth NVSS
   survey
  - **⊕ 20″**
  - (5x better than NVSS)
- # 2,000,000 sources! <u>http://tgss.ncra.tifr.res.in</u>



## TGSS: An example result

TGSS:
 Discovery of
 Giant double
 radio relic
 source in
 Planck-SZ cluster



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# Deep field: A764 @150 MHz

Abell 764 field Image: 3 deg FoV # 23" x 19" # ~2 mJy # WENSS-NVSS OR GMRT-NVSS, latter is superior by a factor ~2



## Deep field: Lockman hole

Lockman Hole: Image: 18.7' x 7.5' # 4.3" x 4.3" # 6 µJy # 7.1" x 6.5" # 15 µJy



# Deep field: ELIAS FLS field

Spitzer extra-galactic FLS-field 3944 sources! Image: 18.7' x 7.5'  $\oplus \sim 5''$  $\oplus \sim 45 \mu$ Jy  $\oplus 5.8'' \times 4.7''$  $\oplus \sim 27 \mu$ Jy



# Deep field: ELIAS N1 field

#### ELIAS N1 FLS-field - 1286 sources (above 270 muJy)! Image: 30' x 30' ⊕ ~27 µJy at 610 MHz

⊕ ~40 μJy at 325 MHz



## Radio Polarization: ELIAS N1

#### ELIAS-N1-DEEP06 (15 μJy in 30 hr at 610 MHz) Φ GMRT deep polarization image



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# Giant radio halo

 Discovery of giant relic radio halo in a massive merger cluster at z = 0.443



# Tooth-brush relic

Evidence for

 a coherent
 linear 2 Mpc
 scale shock
 wave in
 massive
 merging
 galaxy cluster



# GMRT study of galaxy groups

#### The List of Galaxy Groups

Group Name	R.A.J2000	Decl.J2000	z	
186 i	(h m s)	(°,', '')		G
UGC 408	00 39 18.6	+03 19 52	0.0147	
NGC 315	00 57 48.9	+30 21 09	0.0165	V
NGC 383	01 07 25.0	+21 24 45	0.0170	
NGC 507	01 23 40.0	+33 15 20	0.0165	
NGC 741	01 56 21.0	+05 37 44	0.0185	
HCG 15	02 07 37.5	+02 10 50	0.0228	
NGC 1407	03 40 11.9	-18 34 39	0.0059	
NGC 1587	04 30 39.9	+00 39 43	0.0123	
MKW 2	10 30 10.7	-03 09 48	0.0368	ation
NGC 3411	10 50 26.1	-12 50 42	0.0153	cline
NGC 4636	12 42 50.4	+02 41 24	0.0031	De
HCG 62	12 53 05.8	-09 12 16	0.0137	
NGC 5044	13 15 24.0	-16 23 06	0.0090	
NGC 5813	15 01 11.2	+01 42 07	0.0066	
NGC 5846	15 06 29.3	+01 36 20	0.0057	30:
AWM 4	16 04 57.0	+23 55 14	0.0318	
NGC 6269	16 58 02.4	+27 51 42	0.0348	
NGC 7626 (NGC 7619) <sup>d</sup>	23 20 42.3	+08 13 02	0.0114	

#### Giacintucci et al. (2012) Venturi et al. (2013), ...



# GMRT: A new group?

1300

**BIGHT ASCENSION (1200)** 

- Curious case of
   J113924.74+164144.0
- ⊕ z = 0.0693 (D<sub>L</sub> = 305 Mpc)
- HI emission is extended, offset from opt.-position
  - Possible interaction

all these form a loose-group!

16 46 00

45 4

44 45



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## Most distant, giant quasar

#### J1432+158 (z = 1.005)

- giant radio quasar
- <sup>⊕</sup> ~168" = 1.35 Mpc



# Morphology

- FR I
- radio morphology on several spatial scales
- remarkably straight jet,
  - 50" from nucleus
- mirror symmetry of the jets and lobes
- diffuse lobes and are in relaxed appearance



# Spectral index

- Jet shows steepening with distance
- sheath has a steeper spectralindex than jet



3C449: 5.0 and 8.4 GHz spectral index image Feretti et al. 1999

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   spectral-index than jet

$$I_{\text{tom}}(\alpha_t) \equiv I_{20} - \left(\frac{\nu_{20}}{\nu_6}\right)^{\alpha_t} I_6$$

3C449: 5.0 & 8.4 GHz spectral index tomography images Katz-Stone et <u>al. 1999</u>



# Role of GMRT...

Expectation:

- as the radio emitting plasma flows away from hot-spots in radio galaxies, it ages;
- therefore one expects the low frequency observations to show diffuse emission surrounding radio galaxy.

The prime motivation is to test this!

### Radio sources in clusters

The radio sources in cluster environments show presence of steep spectrum diffuse emission at low radio frequencies



as against at high radio frequencies.



ATLAS of DRAGNs: Leahy et al. 1993

### Unusual spectrum?

It is not true that the low surface brightness features always have steeper spectral indices.

ATLAS of DRAGNs: Leahy et al. 1993 and Lal & Rao 2007

3C 223.1

240 MHz,

GMRT



-1.0

-1.5

-0.5

# Field radio galaxies

Remarkably similar radio morphologies at a large range of radio frequencies (Blundell 2008; Lal & Rao 2007, 2008). Synchrotron emitting electrons of all energies permeate the lobe in the same way, despite the fact that high energetic electrons have shorter radiative lifetimes than the low energy ones!



# Giant fossil lobe in 3C452

#### Expectation:

- as the radio emitting plasma flows away from hot-spots in radio galaxies, it ages forming fossil radio lobes
- recurrent activity (at multiple epochs) may be more common than thought so far



### DDRG: J1453+330



Konar et al. 2006



# IC-CMB



#### □ <u>IC:</u>

- $\oplus$  a rel. e<sup>-</sup> collides with an existing
  - photon and scatters it to high energies;
  - $\oplus~$  energy of the photon  $\alpha~\gamma^2$ 
    - $\oplus\,$  if it is one of the radio photon, then  $\gamma$  of  $10^4$
    - $\oplus$  and if CMB, then  $\gamma$  of 10<sup>3</sup> are required.
- $\oplus$  Energy radiated in scattered photon (= IC) α n<sub>e</sub>× n<sub>ph</sub>
- ⊕ Power radiated by collection of e<sup>-s</sup> depends on n<sub>e</sub>, B

#### Equipartition:

- $^{\oplus}$  energy densities in the rel. e<sup>-s</sup> and magnetic fields are equal,
- energy density in synchrotron emitting plasma = sum of these

#### 3C 270.1 (*z* = 1.5324): lobe emission

- X-ray emission from the radio lobes:
  - Spectral indices consistent with predicted inverse-Compton
  - Measured flux (within a factor of 0.11 off B<sub>eq</sub>) is predicted via inverse-Compton scattering of CMB.
  - Magnetic field strengths ~3.2 nT.

Chandra image and overlaid are VLA radio contours

5 arcsec, soft



# Role of low-fre

#### □ I<u>C:</u>

 low frequency sensitivity and resolution will help in accurately characterizing the radio spectrum over a wide range of frequencies;



- with current instruments one has to extrapolate down to these energies from the observable radio region).
- <sup>+</sup> radio-source properties depend strongly on assumed spectrum below ~300 MHz, i.e.,  $\alpha_{low}$  and  $\gamma_{low}$  (Harris 2004).
- Assumptions

(have assumed simplistic model for the radio spectrum)

# e.g., cut-off frequency, adiabatic expansion, etc.

# **GMRT: B-field in normal galaxies**

- Equipartition B-field in normal galaxies
- # field is strongest in centres (~25 µG), becomes weaker in outer-parts (10  $\mu$ G)



Contour levels = 400 x (3, 4.243, 6, 8,485, 12, 16.97, 24, 120, 300, 430) microJy/beam Basu & Roy (2013)



400 x (3, 4.243, 6, 8.485, 12, 16.97, 40, 100) microJy/b

NGC 5236





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# **GMRT:** Dwarf galaxies

- HI from Dwarf galaxies
  High-vel. resolution crucial for measuring HI gradients
  DDO210
- + NGC 3741
  - most extended





# **DLAs with GMRT**

#### Damped Lyman alpha absorption system: 3C196 $\pm z = 0.437$



# DLAs with GMRT (& more!)

Damped Lyman alpha absorption system
 several new DLAs have been discovered using GMRT
 9 new detections in 400 hr survey with the GMRT at 610 MHz



# Molecular gas at intermediate-z

B1504+377 + OH line 1667 MHz ⊕ z = 0.67345 ⊕ Noн and Hнсо+ OH is a good tracer of H<sub>2</sub> at cosmological distances



## Variation of fundamental constants

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#### **Constraining the Variation of Fundamental Constants using 18 cm OH Lines**

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We describe a new technique to estimate variations in the fundamental constants using 18 cm OH absorption lines, with the advantage that all lines arise in the same species, allowing a clean comparison between the measured redshifts. In conjunction with one additional transition, it is possible to simultaneously measure changes in  $\alpha$ ,  $g_p$ , and  $y \equiv m_e/m_p$ . We use the 1665 and 1667 MHz line redshifts in conjunction with those of HI 21 cm and mm-wave molecular absorption in a gravitational lens at  $z \sim 0.68$  to constrain changes in the three parameters over the redshift range  $0 < z \leq 0.68$ . While the constraints are relatively weak ( $\leq 1$  part in 10<sup>3</sup>), this is the first simultaneous constraint on the variation of all three parameters. Either one (or more) of  $\alpha$ ,  $g_p$ , and y must vary with cosmological time or there must be systematic velocity offsets between the OH, HCO<sup>+</sup>, and HI absorbing clouds.

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#### A Search for 55 MHz OH line

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#### A search for the 55-MHz OH line

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#### ABSTRACT

The OH molecule, found abundantly in the Milky Way, has four transitions at the ground-state rotational level (J = 3/2) at cm wavelengths. These are E1 transitions between the  $F^+$  and  $F^-$  hyperfine levels of the  $\Lambda$  doublet of the  ${}^2\Pi_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , J = 3/2 state. There are also forbidden M1 transitions between the hyperfine levels within each of the doublet states, occurring at frequencies of 53.171 and 55.128 MHz. These are extremely weak and hence difficult to

<sup>F</sup>. However, there is a possibility that the level populations giving rise to these lines are <sup>2</sup>sd under special conditions, in which case it may be possible to detect them through their emission. We describe the observational diagnostics for determining when the hyperfine are inverted and identify a region around W44 where these conditions are satisfied. A <sup>1</sup> elocity-resolution search for these hyperfine OH lines using the low-frequency feeds on ntennas of the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) and the new GMRT Software nd was performed on a target surrounding W44. We place a 3σ upper limit of ~17.3 Jy <sup>2</sup> m s<sup>-1</sup> velocity resolution) for the 55-MHz line from this region. This corresponds to an limit of 3 × 10<sup>8</sup> for the amplification of the Galactic synchrotron emission providing the round.



### Zeeman splitting of HI



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# GC region: Sgr A\*

- First detection of Sgr A\*
  (BH candidate) at 610 MHz
  it lies in front of Sgr A
  - west HII region





330 MHz image of the field G358.8--01 located about 1 degree south of the Galactic Centre. The resolution is ~14" and the rms noise ~1 mJy/beam. This is the highest sensitivity image of the region and is made from GMRT data. The map is used to confirm a faint barrel shaped SNR shown near the bottom.

#### Roy & Bhatnagar (2007)

Roy & Rao (2004)

# GC region: Acetaldehyde

- Complex organic molecules (Acetone, Methyl-formate, Aceticacid) are concentrated in very small core, whereas Acetaldehyde is spread over larger region!
- rotational
   transition of
   CH<sub>3</sub>CHO in the
   molecular
   cloud complex
   Sgr B2





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## **GMRT: Transient sources**

- # 1993J: GMRT + VLA observations
  - establish a break in the
     spectrum => direct estimation
     of **B**-field
- GRB030329: GMRT data at 1280 and 610 MHz
  - \* "refreshed-jet" model of after-glow
  - # jet becomes sub-relativistic
     ~2 months after the burst
  - one of the first source with longest ever follow-up and using lowest radio frequency!



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## **GMRT: results from Pulsar studies**

- Pulsar discoveries
  - MGC1851A (Freire et al. 2004),
- Pulsar timings
  - ⊕ J1833-1034 (Roy et al. 2011)
- Pulsars polarization
  - # Mitra et al. (2007, 2009), Johnston et al. (2008)
- Simultaneous multi-frequency observations
  - ✤ Kramer et al. (2003), Bhat et al. (2007), etc.
- Single pulse studies
  - ✤ Bhattacharyya et al. (2007, 2010), Backus et al. (2011), Gajjar et al...
- Off-pulse emission from Pulsar
  - ⊕ Basu et al. (2012)

## **GMRT: eccentric Pulsar**

- Discovery of first "new" binary msp in Globular cluster
- Very interesting variation of period with epoch
- binary pulsar
   very eccentric orbit

⊕ e = 0.89



Fig. 2.— The measured rotational periods of NGC 1851A, as would be observed at the barycenter of the solar system. These are clearly affected by a changing Doppler shift caused by binary motion. Tog: rotational period displayed as a function of Modified Julian Date (MJD): Bottom: rotational period displayed as a function of the orbital phase. The solid lines indicate the prediction of the best-fit model.





# GMRT: Fermi LAT Pulsar

⊕ Discovery of 7 new MSPs in last ~2 yr

Follow-up
 search of
 Fermi LAT
 sources

- of these 7,
  black-widow
  isolated MSP
  wide-profile
  - ⊕ etc.

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# GMRT: Localising Fermi Pulsar

- Localising Fermi LAT Pulsars...
  - make a quick image of FoV
  - record raw voltages,
  - making multiple
     phased array beams at
     different possible
     locations,
  - and hunt for the pulsar
- the unique capability of GMRT!



# GMRT: Localising Fermi Pulsar

- Localising Fermi LATPulsars...
  - Even better!
  - use GATED-correlato
  - perform on-pulse minus off-pulse
  - and make a map
- # yet another unique capability of GMRT!



# **GMRT**: off-pulse emssion

Off-pulse emission?

use GATED-correlator
make images of on-puls
and off-pulse regions

again due to unique
capability of GMRT!





# GMRT: decoding emission nature

#### Unravelling the nature of coherent emission from Pulsar

- extraordinary-waves are excited by maser or coherent curvature radiation?
- high-quality single-pulse polarimetry - a capability of GMRT!





-5 gare 2. Same as in Figure 1. The subpulses are from pulsars PSRs B0329+54, B0618-13, B1112+50, B1508+55, B1905+39, B2043-04, B2045-16, B2111+46, d B2127-20 (the order is from left in right and inp to bottom).

# **GMRT:** Pulsar polarization

phased-array mode for polarization observations

- heve: whether the second the s
  - now possible using GMRT at several frequencies...







# **GMRT:** Nulling Pulsars

Nulling Pulsars statistics

- parameters
- # pulse profiles
- ⊕ on-pulse and offpulse energies

J2000 Name	B1950 Name	Period	DM	S1400	Obtained NF	Known NF	η	Number of Runs	N (subintegration)
		(s)	$(pc cm^{-3})$	(mJy)	(per cent)	(per cent)	÷.	. =	
J0814+7429	B0809+74	1.292241	06.1	10.0	1.0(0.4)	1.42(0.02) [1]	172.0(0.5)	246	13 766 (1)
J0820-1350	B0818-13	1.238130	40.9	7.0	0.9(1.8)	1.01(0.01) [1]	4.2(0.2)	114	3341 (1)
J0837-4135	B0835-41	0.751624	147.2	16.0	1.7(1.2)	≤1.2 <sup>[2]</sup>	15.7(0.2)	148	3335 (1)
J1115+5030	B1112+50	1.656439	9.2	3.0	64(6)	60(5) [3]	44.7(0.2)	1270	2634 (1)
J1639-4359	-	0.587559	258.9	0.92	$\leq 0.1$	_	_	-	13 034 (1)
J1701-3726	-	2.454609	303.4	2.9	19(6)	$\geq 14^{[5]}$	6.4(0.2)	_	2464 (1)
J1715-4034	-	2.072153	254.0	1.60	$\geq 6$	_	-	—	1591 (16)
J1725-4043	-	1.465071	203.0	0.34	$\leq 70$	-	-	-	2481 (24)
J1738-2330	_	1.978847	99.3	0.48	≥69	_	5.3(0.3)	_	2178 (5)
J1901+0413	-	2.663080	352.0	1.10	≤6	-	-	_	2605(1)
J2022+2854	B2020+28	0.343402	24.6	38	0.2(1.6)	$\leq 3^{[3]}$	2.5(0.2)	- <u>-</u>	8039(1)
J2022+5154	B2021+51	0.529196	22.6	27.0	1.4(0.7)	<5 <sup>[3]</sup>	2.6(0.2)	24	1326(1)
J2037+1942	B2034+19	2.074377	36.0	_	≥26	44(4) [4]	6.4(0.1)	672	1618 (3)
J2113+4644	B2111+46	1.014685	141.3	19.0	21(4)	12.5(2.5) [3]	14.9(0.3)	290	6208 (1)
J2321+6024	B2319+60	2.256488	94.6	12.0	29(1)	25(5) [3]	115.8(0.4)	450	1795 (1)

aATNF catalogue : http://www.atnf.csiro.au/research/pulsar/psrcat/.





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## GMRT: Sun

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Sun
 CMEs, etc.

#### Electron acceleration in a post-flare decimetric continuum source (Research Note)

Astronomy

Astrophysics

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## **GMRT: VLBI station**

#### 15Dec2010: GMRT(4) + ATCA + MOPRA # 3C 454.3, 1390 MHz, 16 MHz (BW)







# **GMRT:** Looking ahead

A major upgrade is underway at the GMRT, with focus on

- (Nearly) seamless frequency coverage from
  - ⊕ ~30 MHz to 1500 MHz,
  - # design of completely new `feeds' and `receiver' system
- ⊕ Improved G/T<sub>sys</sub>,
  - ⊕ i.e., use of better tech. receivers and reduce T<sub>sys</sub>
- Increased instantaneous bandwidth to 400 MHz
  - # from present 32 MHz using new digital 'back-end' receiver
- Revamp Servo-system for the Antennas
- # Modern and more versatile `control and monitor' system
- Matching improvements in off-line computing facilities and other infrastructure

# GMRT: "upgraded"-GMRT

 Expected performance of "upgraded"-GMRT and comparison of it's sensitivity with other major facilities in the world.



# "upgraded"-GMRT: First results



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P. Chandra: From an idea to an observing proposal (Tue, 27 Aug, 16:45 hrs)





# The Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope is a powerful instrument to probe several astrophysical objects

Thank you all for your attention!

GMRT Observatory, 24 August 2013

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  - ⊕ Ex. SNRs, GRBs, etc.
- centre of the Galaxy
- Holecular gas, and HI
- Galaxies
  - normal / active galaxies
- Clusters / Groups of galaxies
- Deep-fields / EoR
- All-sky surveys

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