

WP2: Outreach & advocacy

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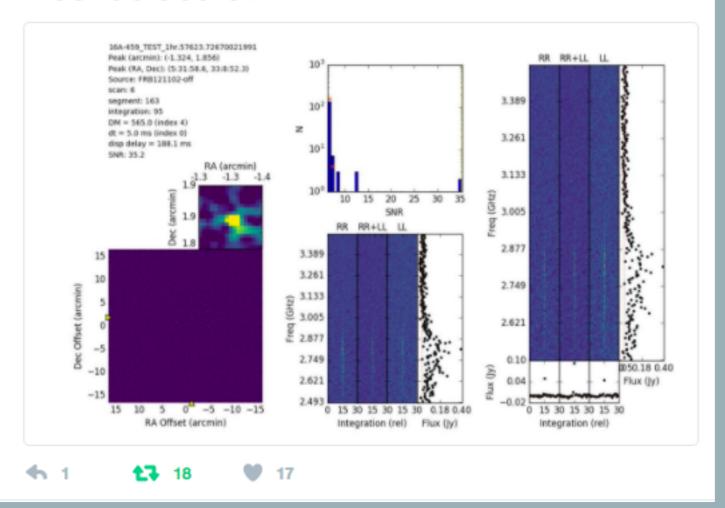




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After 5 hours of processing, the realfast pipeline popped out the first interferometric localization of an FRB! #aas229

#fastradioburst









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The Repeating Fast Radio Burst FRB 121102 as Seen on Milliarcsecond Angular Scales

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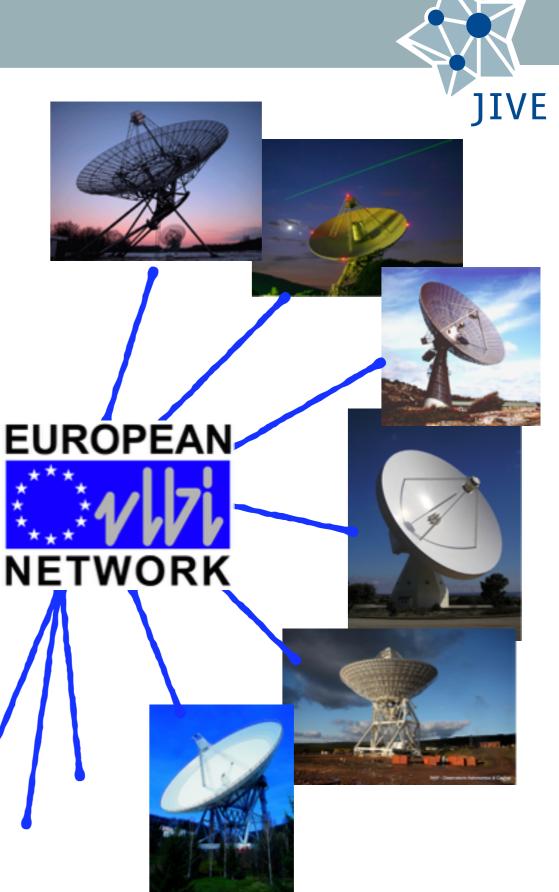
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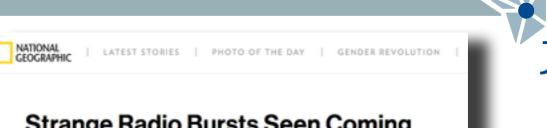
The millisecond-duration radio flashes known as fast radio bursts (FRBs) represent an enigmatic astrophysical phenomenon. Recently, the sub-arcsecond localization (~100 mas precision) of FRB 121102 using the Very Large Array has led to its unambiguous association with persistent radio and optical counterparts, and to the identification of its host galaxy. However, an even more precise localization is needed in order to probe the direct physical relationship between the millisecond bursts themselves and the associated persistent emission. Here, we report very-long-baseline radio interferometric observations using the European VLBI Network and the 305 m Arecibo telescope, which simultaneously detect both the bursts and the persistent radio emission at milliarcsecond angular scales and show that they are co-located to within a projected linear separation of \leq 40 pc (



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Pick-up through US sources



Strange Radio Bursts Seen Coming From a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Astronomers have at last pinpointed the home galaxy of an extremely powerful radio blast, offering clues to what caused the enigmatic event.

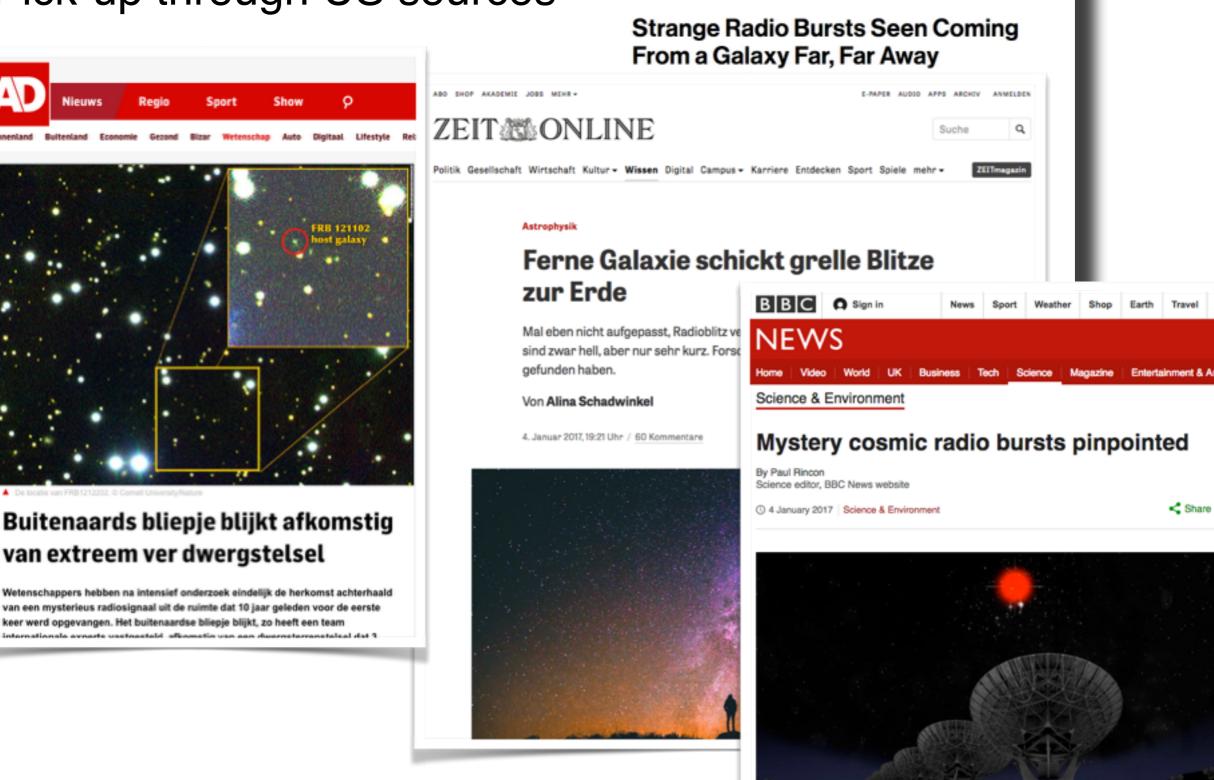


The discovery of a faint radio burst in a dwarf galaxy three billion light-years away may provide scientists with a new window into the early universe, while also offering vital clues to a mystery that continues to challenge our perceptions of the coarses.

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By Mark Strauss

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Dwingeloo: we have a problem!

- Outreach
 - enormous potential to engage general public in the EU
 - did not reach sufficient people and policy makers
 - coordination and follow-up is needed
- Advocacy
 - we lack a European platform (like AAS)
 - social media exploitation insufficient

Resources in JUMPING JIVE



Tasks in WP2

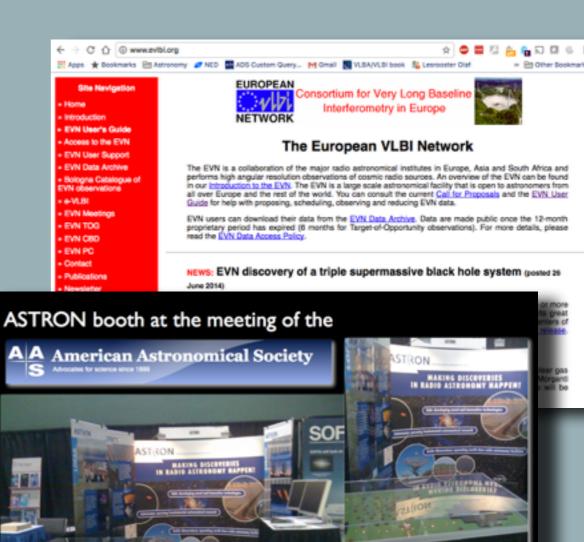


1. Outreach

- webpage with EVN results, materials
- brochure
- coordinate EVN press releases
- visibility at events
- visibility amongst partners and with SKA

2. Advocacy

- EVN webpage: proposal, archives
- visibility of research opportunities
- target new communities
- visibility at conferences (astronomy, geodesy, space applications)



Deliverables/milestones



D2.1 [MS4, 14m]: brochure

principles of VLBI, website, reports, public access level

D2.2 [MS5, 24m]: display

large display to use for conferences, website, reports, at peer access level

D2.3 [MS6, 18m]: Report on advocating EVN

advocating EVN outside regular circles (strategy & actions)

D2.4 [MS7, 47m]: Report on attracting new users for EVN

final report on attracting new users shared with EVN-CBD



Interfaces to other WP

WP3: new partnerships

WP6: geodesy

WP7: future of VLBI

• WP9: VLBI in Africa





Risks



- JIVE efforts should not outpace EVN efforts
- Carefully balance between target groups
- Expectation management on what VLBI can do



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WP people

JIVE

- WP-leader: TBD
- Project manager: Francisco (Paco) Colomer
- Communications officer: Gina Maffey
- Project scientist: Ilse van Bemmel
- All working from JIVE HQ



Communication plans for 2017

JIVE

- Hired communications officer
- PARI2017: communication strategies
- Scientific meetings: EWASS, NAC, SKA-day, ...
- More press releases
- EVN website: public and peers
- 50 years of VLBI
- Social media presence

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"George reckons he has solved our communication problem."

