Early Science Results with CHIME/FRB

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What is an FRB?

• Fast

- Transient phenomenon
- Millisecond Timescales
- Radio
 - Reported at frequencies between 400 MHz and 8 GHz
 - High dispersion measure
- Bursts
 - Bright!
 - Lorimer burst: 30 Jy



FRB 010724 – Parkes Telescope

What do we want to learn from an FRB survey?

- What are the properties of fast radio bursts?
- Is the distribution of fast radio bursts isotropic?
- How many fast radio bursts repeat?
- Where do fast radio bursts come from?

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Parameter	CHIME/FRB Value
Collecting Area	8000 m ²
Frequency Range	400-800 MHz
E-W FoV	2.5-1.3°
N-S FoV	~110°
Number of beams	1024
Beam Width	40' - 20'
FRB search time resolution	0.983 ms
FRB search spectral resolution	24.4 kHz

First results from CHIME/FRB



Parameter	FRB 180725 Value
Dispersion Measure	716 pc/cm ⁻³
Frequency Range	>580 MHz
RA Beam 0	06:13:54
Dec Beam 0	+67:04:00.1
SN Beam 0	20.6
RA Beam 1	06:12:53.1
Dec Beam 1	+67:03:59
SN Beam 1	19.4

The CHIME/FRB Collaboration

What comes next?

- More detections!
- Better understanding of our instrument. Some key questions
 - Detection rate
 - Beam effects
 - Understanding our RFI environment.

In Conclusion

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- Fast Radio Bursts are an intriguing new class of radio transients.
- CHIME/FRB is a new and exciting instrument for detecting fast radio bursts.
- CHIME/FRB has submitted two papers, demonstrating 13 new FRB including 1 repeater (with 6 bursts).

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