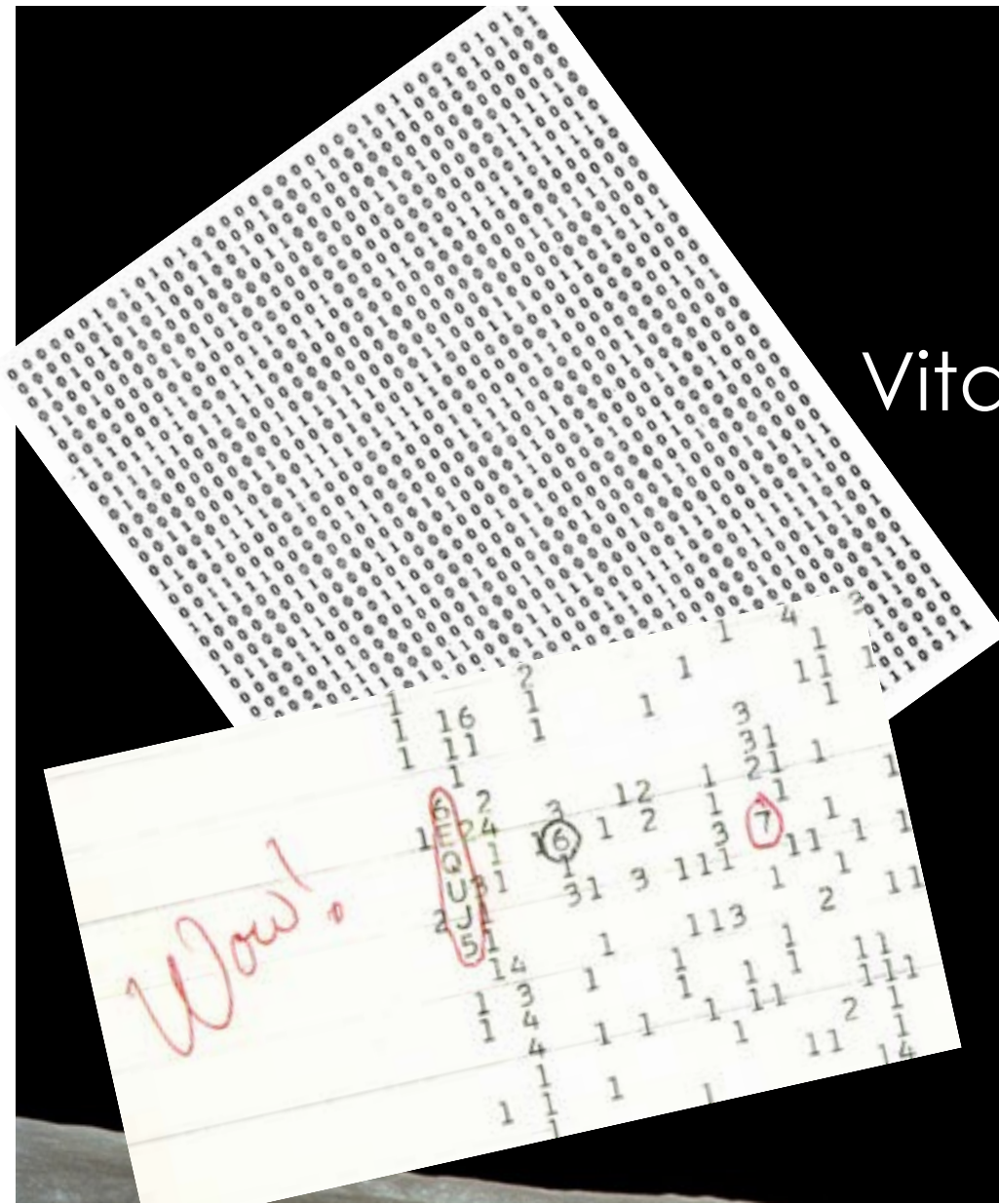
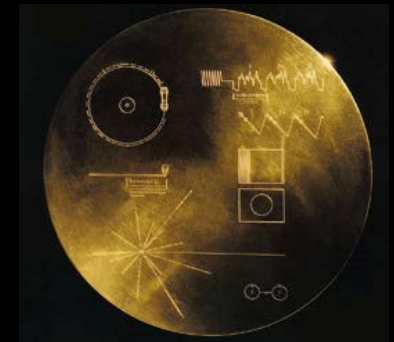
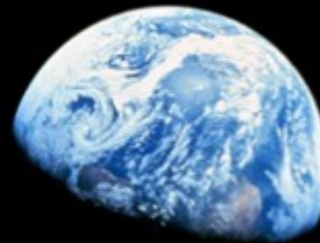




# Vita extraterrestre intelligente?

R. Claudi



# La ricerca della vita nella storia

1820	Gauss	Piantare piante di diverso colore in Siberia per rappresentare il teorema di Pitagora in modo che possa essere visibile da Marte o da Venere
1950	Tsiolkovskij	Comunicare con i marziani per mezzo di segnali luminosi
1959	Cocconi & Morrison	Comunicare con extraterrestri per mezzo di segnali radio a 1.420 GHz (emissione a 21 cm dell'Idrogeno neutro)
1960	Drake	OZMA precursore del SETI: non più comunicazione ma ricerca di segnali da civiltà intelligenti
2000	ESA NASA	Ricerca dei pianeti abitabili con missioni spaziali



1886 H. R. Hertz  
Le onde radio vengono riflesse da oggetti solidi



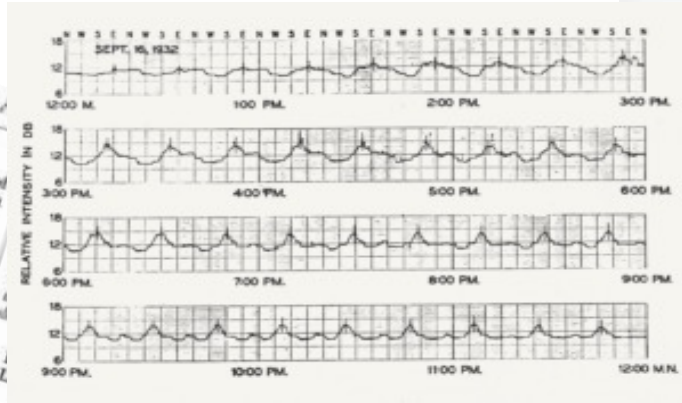
anni '30-'40: Tiberio, Marconi, Watson Watt



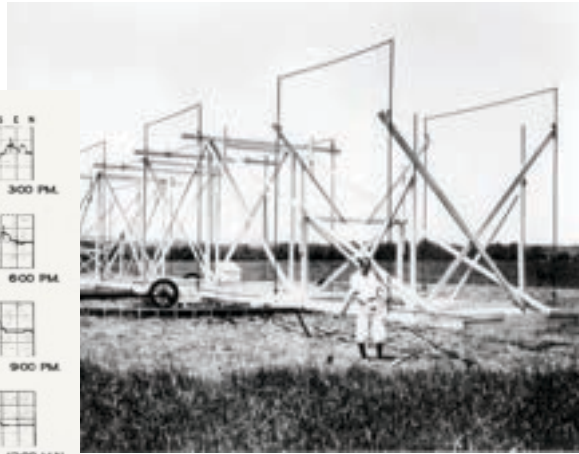
RADAR: **RA**Dio **D**etection **A**nd **R**anging



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**Radio Waves from Outside the Solar System**  
Is a recent paper on the direction of arrival of high-frequency atmospheric waves, curves were given showing the horizontal component of the direction of arrival of an electromagnetic disturbance, which I termed has type atmospherics, plotted against time of day. These curves showed that the horizontal component of the direction of arrival changed nearly 360° in 24 hours and, at the time the paper was written, this component was approximately the same as the azimuth of the sun, leading to the assumption that the source of this disturbance was somehow associated with the sun.



1932: Segnali Radio da Sgr A\*



Merry-go-round NRAO



Karl Guthe Jansky

# The Search for Life

*If we never search the chance of success is zero!*

*(Cocconi & Morrison 1959)*



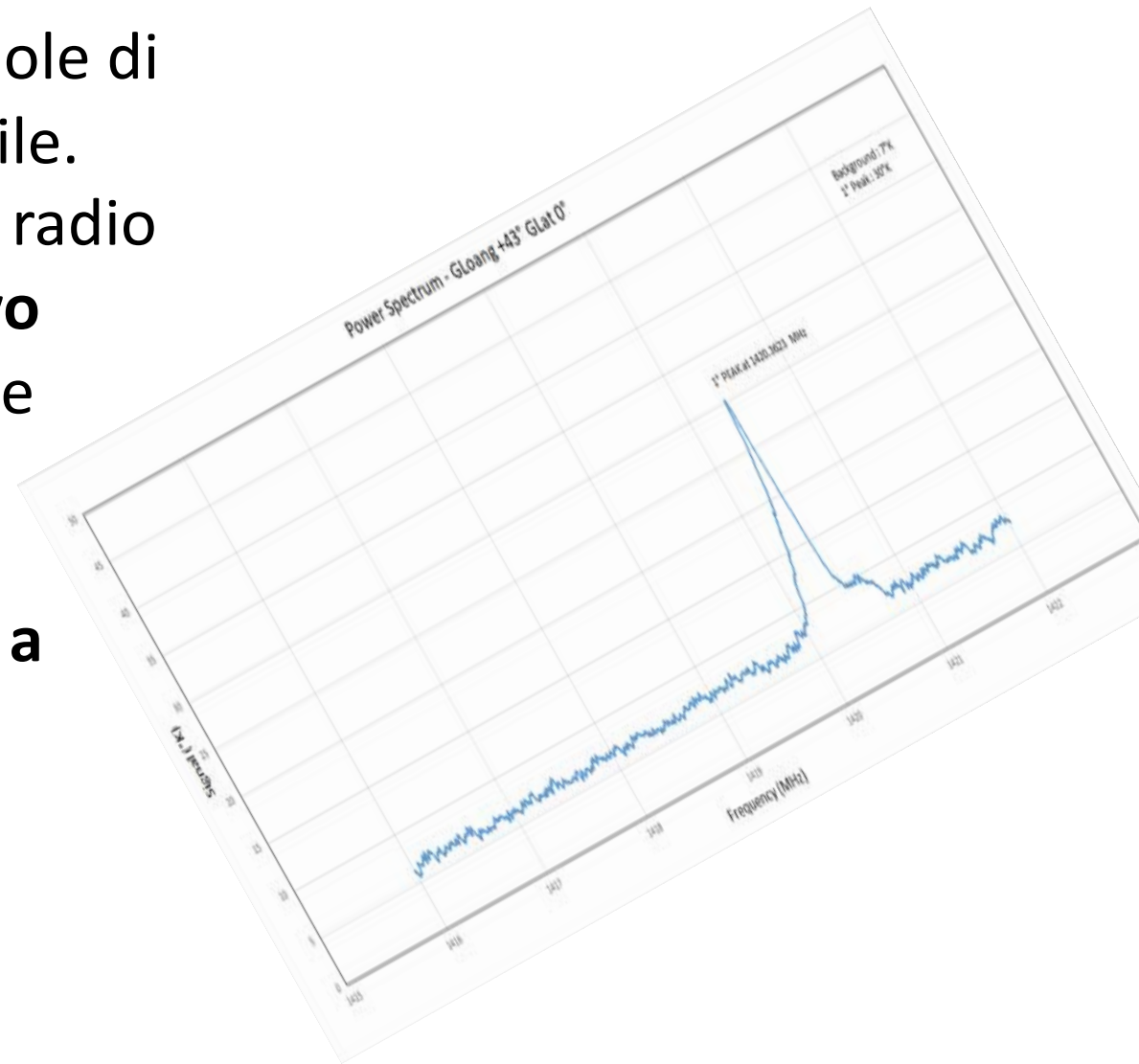
**SEARCHING FOR INTERSTELLAR COMMUNICATIONS**  
By GIUSEPPE COCCONI\* and PHILIP MORRISON†  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

**N**O theories yet exist which enable a reliable estimate of the probabilities of (1) planet formation; (2) origin of life; (3) evolution of societies possessing advanced scientific capabilities. In the absence of such theories, our environment suggests that stars of the main sequence with a lifetime of many billions of years can possess planets, that of a small set of such planets two (Earth and very probably Mars) support life, that life on one such planet includes a society recently capable of considerable scientific investigation. The lifetime of such societies is not known; but it seems unwarranted to deny that among such societies some might maintain themselves for times very long compared to the time of human history, perhaps for times comparable with geological time. It follows, then, that near some stars

To the beings of such a society, our Sun must appear as a likely site for the evolution of a new society. It is highly probable that for a long time they will have been expecting the development of science near the Sun. We shall assume that they would one day become known to us, and that they would established a channel of communication that look forward patiently to the answering signals from the Sun which would make known to them that a new society has entered the community of intelligence. What sort of a channel would it be?

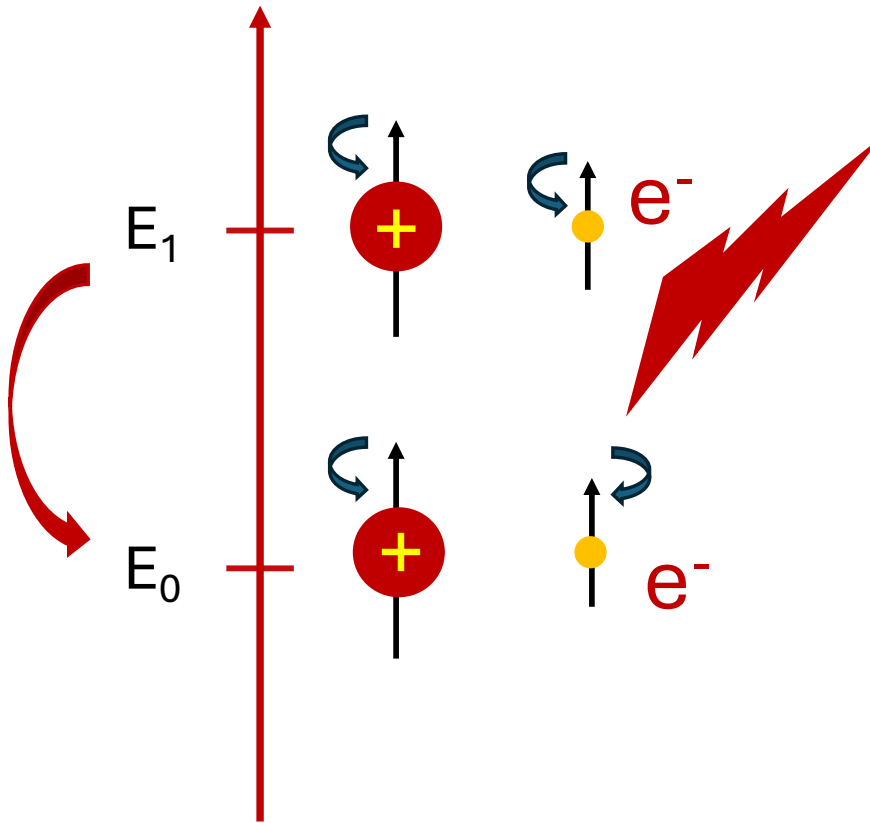
**The Optimum Channel**  
Interstellar communication across the galactic plane without dispersion in direction and flight-time

Una ricerca per un segnale debole di frequenza ignota è molto difficile. Esiste una regione nel dominio radio dove si ha **un unico ed obiettivo standard** di frequenza che deve essere conosciuto da ogni osservatore nell'Universo: **l'eccezionale riga di emissione a 1420 Hz (21 cm) dell'Idrogeno Neutro.**



Cocconi & Morrison, 1959, Nature, 184, 844

## Emissione a 21 cm Idrogeno neutro: Transizione iperfine



1 Evento ogni  $10^7$  anni

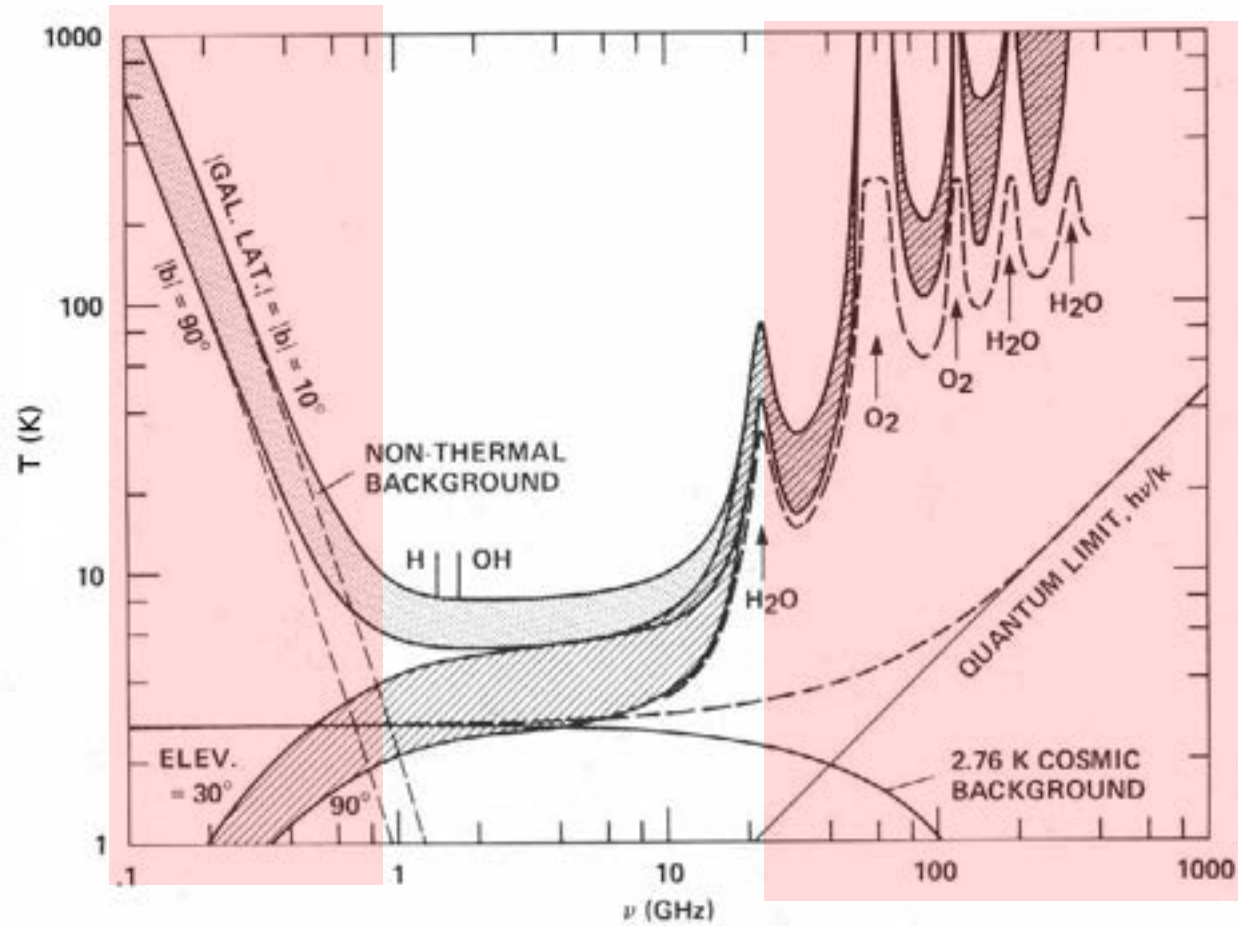
75% massa della Galassia è H

$$\Delta E = 9.42 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J} = 5.87 \mu\text{eV}$$

$$\nu = 1420 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\lambda = 21.106 \text{ cm}$$

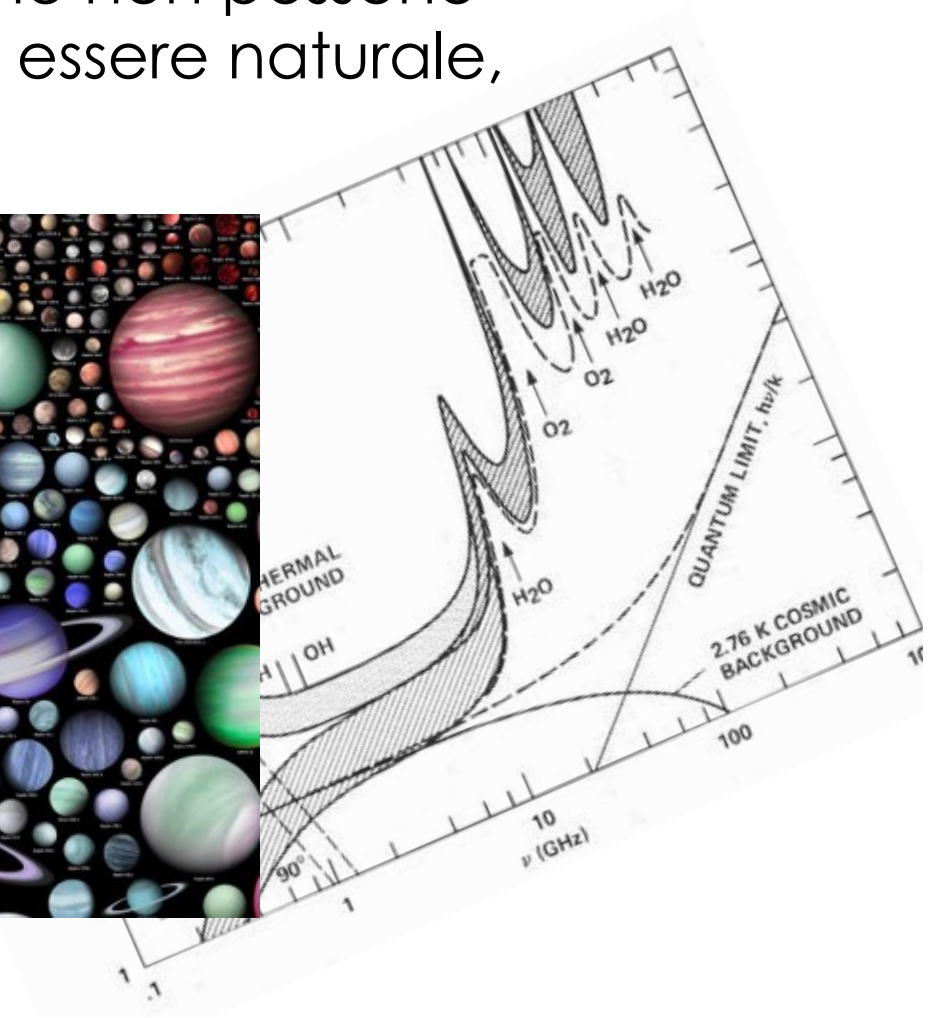
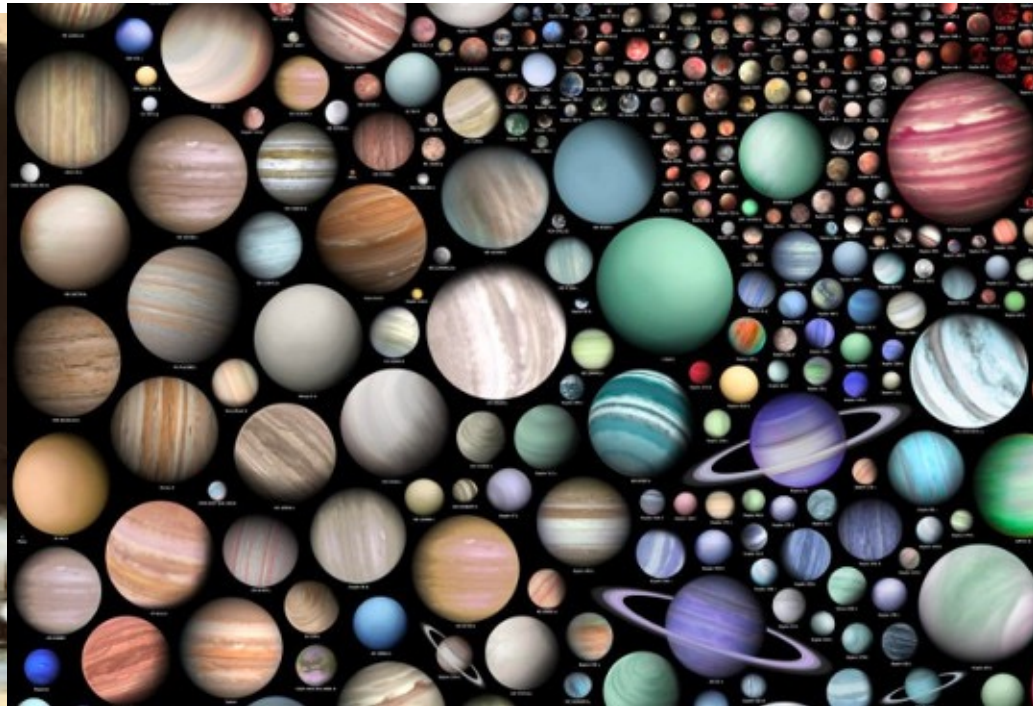
Fondo Galattico  
dovuto alla  
radiazione di  
sincrotrone dai raggi  
cosmici



Assorbimento  
dovuto  
all'acqua nell'  
atmosfera  
Terrestre

WATER HOLE (1. ~ 20 Ghz)

**Punto di Schelling:** o punto focale, è il punto di incontro di due persone che non possono comunicare fra di loro e può essere naturale, rilevante o speciale



### INTERSTELLAR AND INTERPLANETARY COMMUNICATION BY OPTICAL MASERS

By Dr. R. N. SCHWARTZ and Prof. C. H. TOWNES\*  
Institute for Defense Analyses, Washington, D.C.

## PROJECT OZMA

By F. D. Drake

THE question of the existence of intelligent life elsewhere in space has long fascinated people, but until recently has been generally left to the imagination. It has been very successful in explaining observational facts. Although perhaps not accurate in detail, at least in their broad general form, they are very probable concepts.

## Cocconi & Morrison 1959

Dyson, 1960

### Reports

#### Search for Artificial Stellar Sources of Infrared Radiation

**Abstract.** If extraterrestrial intelligent beings exist and have reached a high level of technical development, one by-product of their energy metabolism is likely to be the large-scale conversion of starlight into far-infrared radiation. It is proposed that a search for sources of infrared radiation should accompany the recently initiated search for interstellar radio communications.

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The material factors which ultimately limit the expansion of a technically advanced species are the supply of mat-

drive an intelligent species to adopt some such efficient exploitation of its available resources. One should expect that, within a few thousand years of its entering the stage of industrial development, any intelligent species should be found occupying an artificial biosphere which completely surrounds its parent star.

If the foregoing argument is accepted, then the search for extraterrestrial intelligent beings should not be confined to the neighborhood of visible stars. The most likely habitat for such beings would be a dark object, having a size comparable with the Earth's orbit, and a surface temperature of 200° to 300°K. Such a dark object would be radiating as copiously as the star which is hidden inside it, but the radiation would be in the far infrared, around 10 microns wavelength.

It happens that the earth's atmo-

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM SUPERIOR GALACTIC COMMUNITIES

By Prof. R. N. BRACEWELL  
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SINCE Morrison and Cocconi<sup>1</sup> published the suggestion that there might be advanced societies elsewhere in the Galaxy, superior to ourselves in technological development, who are beaming transmissions at us on a frequency of 1,420 Mc./s., Drake<sup>2</sup> has described equipment under construction to look planetary systems. Beyond their immediate neighbourhood, it might be feasible for them to spray some number of suitable stars, say, one thousand, with modest probes. Each probe would be sent into a circular orbit about one of the thousand stars, at a distance within the habitable zone of temperature-

Reports  
Dyson, 1960, Science, 131, 1667

**Search for Artificial Stellar Sources of Infrared Radiation**

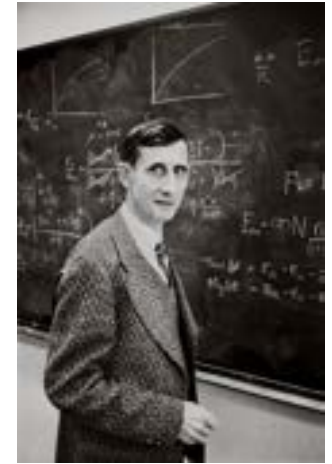
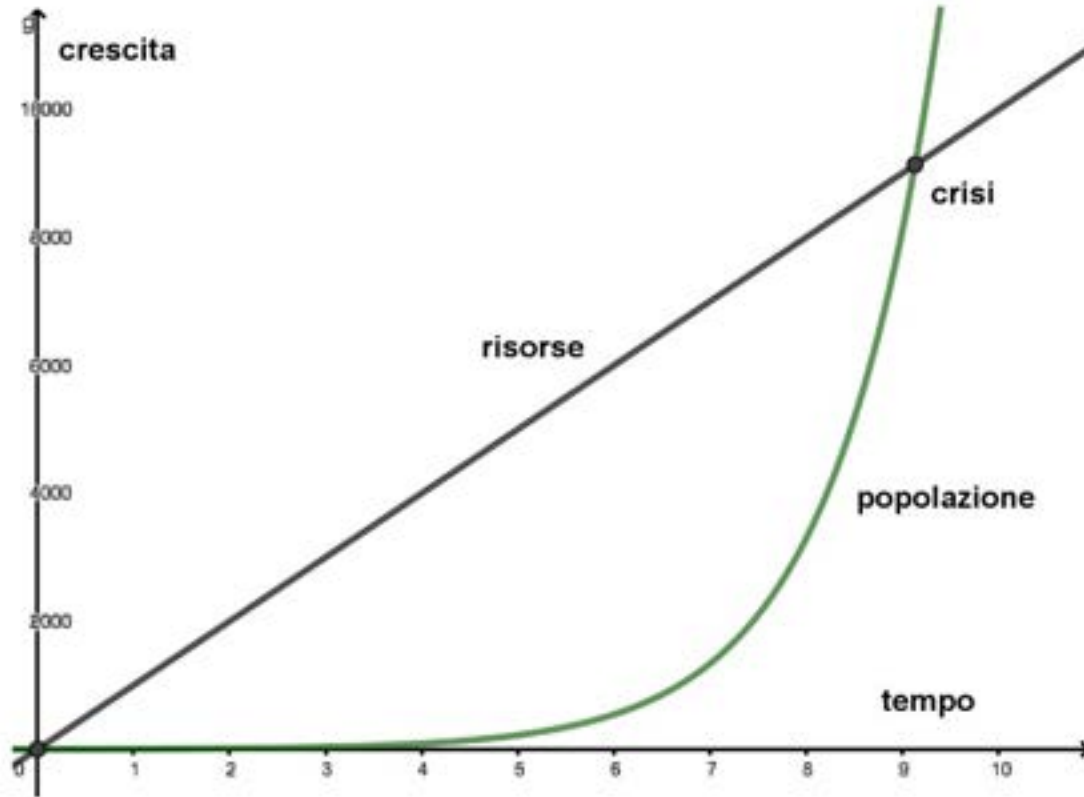
Abstract: If extraterrestrial intelligence beings exist and have reached a high level of technical development, one by-product of their energy conversion is likely to be the long-wavelength infrared radiation. A search for sources of infrared radiation should accompany the recently initiated search for interstellar radio communications.

Cocconi and Morrison (1) have called attention to the importance and feasibility

events if these beings had originated in a solar system identical with ours. Taking our own solar system as the model, we shall reach at least a possible picture of what may be expected to happen elsewhere. I do not argue that this is what will happen in our system; I only say that this is what ultimately happened in other systems. The material factors which ultimately limit the expansion of a technically advanced species are the supply of matter and the supply of energy. At present the material resources being exploited by the human

# Sfera di Dyson

## Teoria Malthusiana

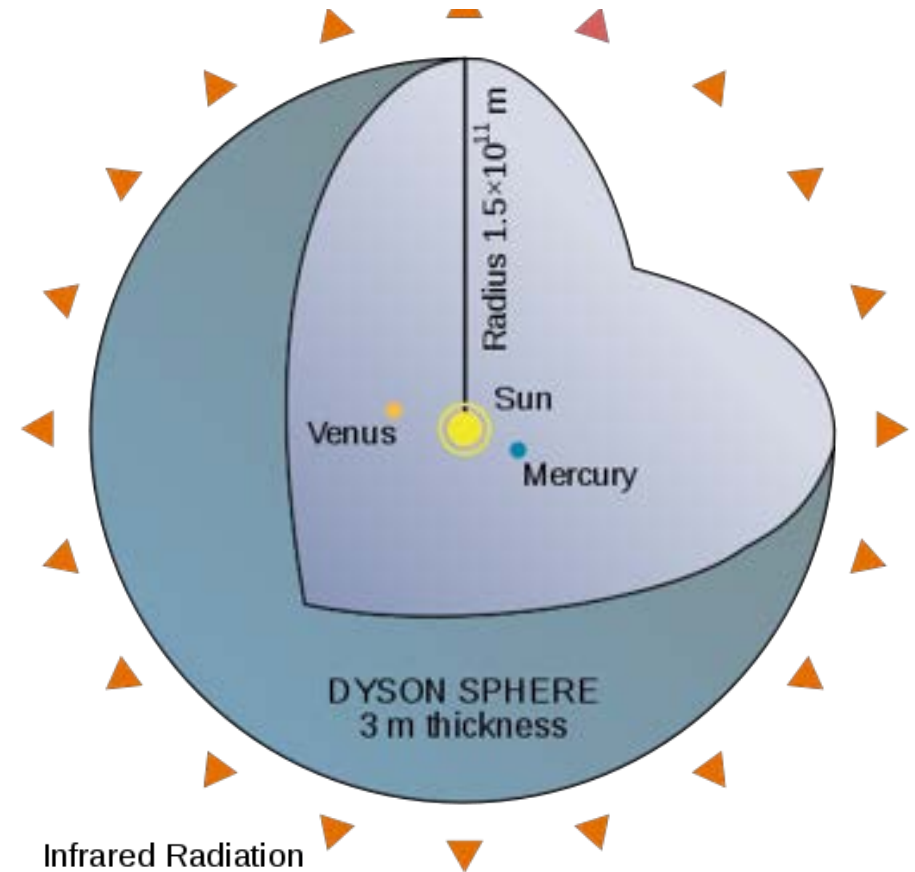


1923-2020  
QED Scientist

# Sfera di Dyson

... La massa di Giove se distribuita in un guscio sferico che ruota intorno al Sole a due volte la distanza della Terra dal Sole, dovrebbe avere uno spessore tale da avere una densità superficiale pari a  $200 \text{ g/cm}^2$ .

Questo spessore dovrebbe essere di 2-3 m che lo renderebbe abitabile e capace di contenere i macchinari necessari per sfruttare la radiazione Solare.



# Progetto OZMA

Drake, 1961 (Phys. Today) ha proposto il progetto OZMA (dal nome della regina della terra di OZ).



**Green Bank Radio Telescope  
NRAO (Virginia)  
Disco 26 m  
in operatività dal 1959.**

**Drake 1960 decise di osservare intensamente le due stelle di tipo solare più vicine alla Terra.**



**Tau Ceti  
G8.5 V  
D= 3.63 pc  
2012: 5 super terre, 2 in HZ**



**Eps. Eridani  
K2 V  
D=3.22 pc  
2000: 1 0.7 M<sub>J</sub>**

**Le due stelle furono osservate per 150 ore, ma non fu osservato nessun segnale e il progetto fu cancellato.**

Drake, 1960, Physic Today

# La prima Conferenza SETI

1-11-1961: Green Bank NRAO Observatory

- **Frank Drake**: Astronomo e figura chiave del Progetto SETI.
- **Carl Sagan**: Astronomo.
- **John C. Lilly**: Scienziato di neuroscienze, Famoso per il suo Lavoro sulla intelligenza e la comunicazione dei delfini
- **Philip Morrison**: Fisico ed Astronomo coinvolto nel Progetto Orion
- **Otto Struve**: Radio Astronomo Russo.
- **Melvin Calvin**: Chimico e premio Nobel.
- **Su-Shu Huang**: Astronomo, fu il primo a parlare di Zona Abitabile intorno ad una stella.
- **Barney Oliver**: Pioniere dell'informatica ed inventore.
- **Dana Atchley**: Uomo d'affari ed esperto di Radio.
- **J. Peter Pearman**: CoOrganizzatore della conferenza.



## The Drake Equation

$$N = R_* f_p n_e f_l f_i f_c L$$

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• <https://www.seti.org/research/seti-101/drake-equation/>

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- N:** Numero di civiltà nella Galassia le cui emissioni elettromagnetiche sono osservabili.
- R\*** Tasso di formazione delle stelle utili allo sviluppo di vita intelligente
- f<sub>p</sub>** Frazione delle stelle con sistemi planetari
- n<sub>e</sub>** Numero di pianeti abitabili per Sistema planetario.
- f<sub>i</sub>** Frazione di pianeti abitabili sui quali appare la vita.
- f<sub>i</sub>** Frazione dei pianeti che hanno vita in cui emerge la vita intelligente
- f<sub>c</sub>** Frazione delle civiltà che producono segni della loro esistenza
- L** La durata media delle civiltà che producono tali segnali (anni).

Table 7.1. *Estimates of factors in the Drake Equation for communicative civilizations*

Author	Date	$R^*$	$f_p$	$n_e$	$f_l$	$f_i$	$f_c$	$L$	$N$
Green Bank	1963	1-10	.5	1-5	1	1	.1	$10^3-10^8$	$< 10^3-10^9$
Cameron	1963		1	.3	1	1	.5	$10^6$	$2 \times 10^6$
Sagan	1963	10	1	1	1	.1	.1	$10^7$	$10^6$
Shklovskii/ Sagan	1966	10	1	1	1	.1	.1	$10^7$	$10^6$
Byurakan	1971	10	1	1	———.01———			$10^7$	$10^6$
Oliver	1971	20	.5	1	.2	1	.5	?	$= L$
Rood/ Trefl	1981	.05	.1	.05	.01	.5	.5	$10^4$	.003

$R^*$  = rate of star formation,  $f_p$  = fraction of stars forming planets,  $n_e$  = number of planets per star with environments suitable for life,  $f_l$  = fraction of suitable planets on which life develops,  $f_i$  = fraction of life-bearing planets on which intelligence evolves,  $f_c$  = fraction of intelligent cultures communicative over interstellar distances,  $L$  = lifetime of a communicative civilization,  $N$  = number of communicative civilizations in the Galaxy at a given time.

*Note:* For references see Steven J. Dick, *The Biological Universe*, p. 441.

**Table 4**  
Drake Equation Parameters

Variable	Value	Unit	Description
$R_*$	2	stars yr <sup>-1</sup>	Rate of star formation in our galaxy
$f_p$	0.7	...	Fraction of stars with planets
$n_e$	0.1	...	Number of planets that can support life, per star with planets
$f_l$	0.2	...	Fraction of planets that support life
$f_i$	0.2	...	Fraction of life-harboring planets that develop intelligent life
$f_c$	1.0	...	Fraction of intelligent life that develops deep space communications capability
$L$	150	yr	Length of time for which such communications exist

**N=0.87**

Ashtari, R. 2023, ApJ, 957, 15



1962: I.S. Shklovsky Universe, Life, Intelligence

Sholomitsky

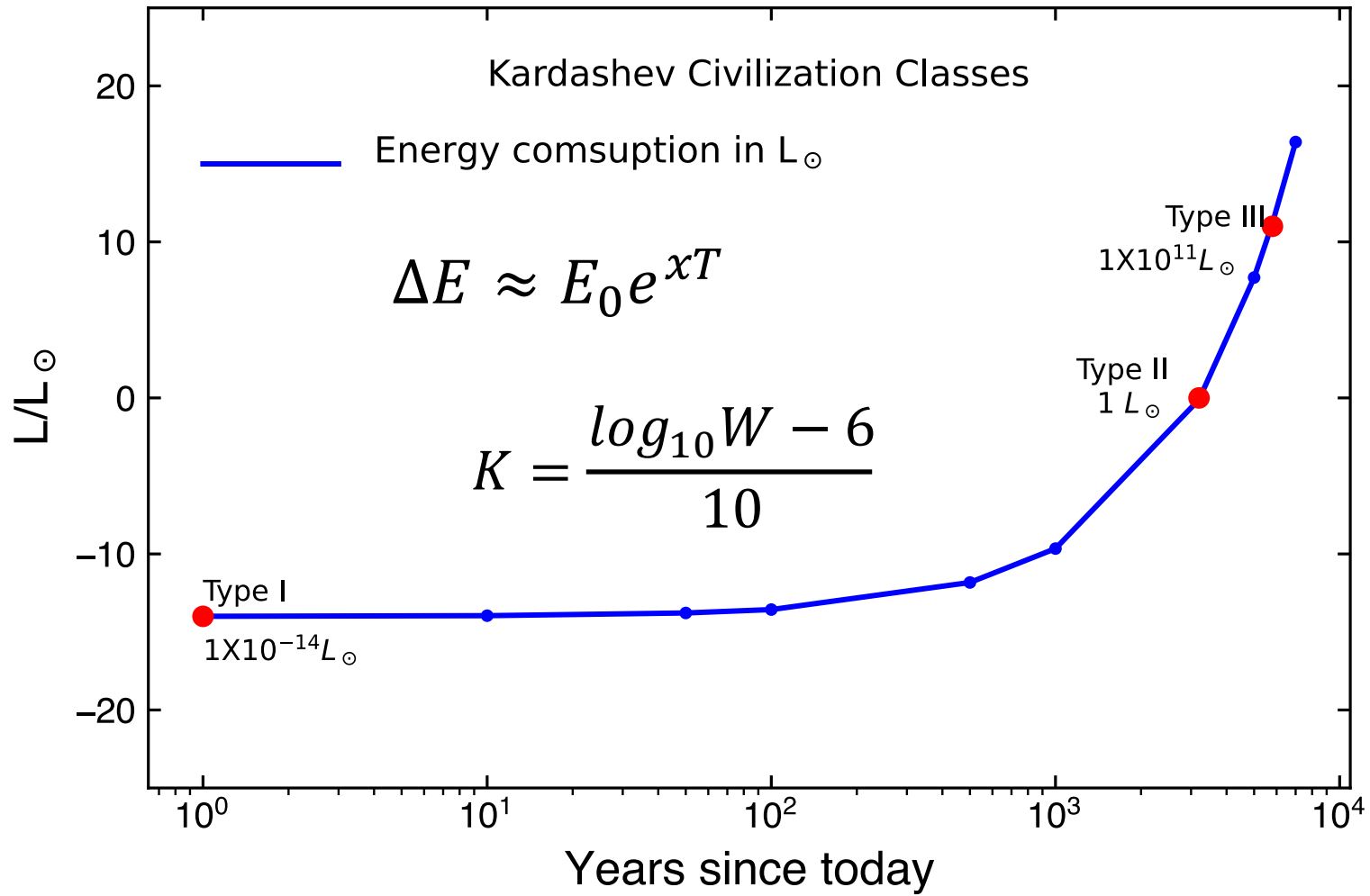
Kardashev



Shklovsky



Kardashev 1964 Sv. A. 8, 217



# Kardashev, Sholomintsky e CTA-52 e CTA-102



CTA-21 (ICRF  
J031857.8+162832, Seyfert 2  
Galaxy) e  
CTA-102 (4c 11.69 Blazar)  
furono osservate per 80 ore da  
8 antenne.

In CTA- 102 Osservano  
un'emissione ritenuta non  
naturale.

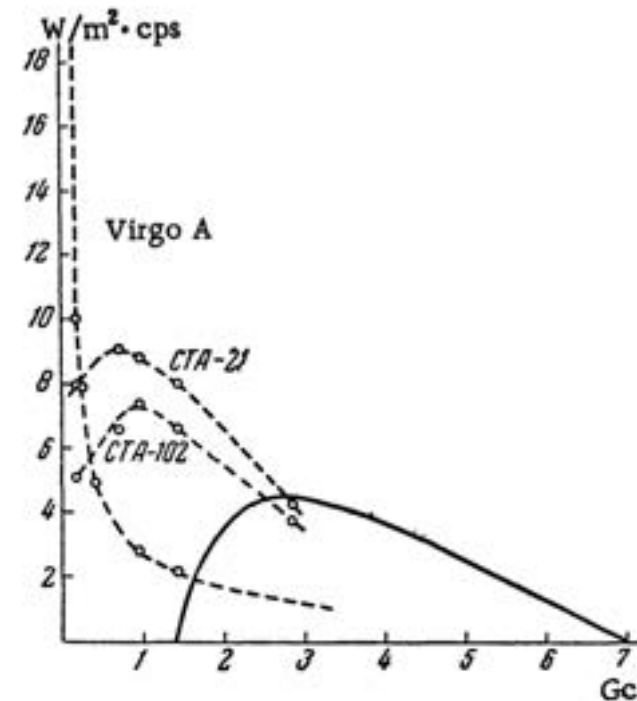


Fig. 2. ———) Anticipated emission spectrum of radio transmitters of extraterrestrial civilizations; - - - -) spectrum of radio sources CTA-21 and CTA-102, suspected of being artificial radio sources, and spectrum of a typical natural radio source Virgo A.

## Segnali dallo Spazio!?

La TASS diffuse la notizia e venne pubblicata in un editorial del New York Times nel Marzo del 1965



1967 The Byrds  
Album: Younger than yesterday, c'è il brano: CTA-102 (terza traccia)



C.T.A. 102

Year over year receiving you  
Signals tell us that you're there  
We can hear them loud and clear  
We just want to let you know  
That we're ready for to go  
Out into the universe

We don't care who's been there  
first  
On a radio telescope  
Science tells us that there's hope  
Life on other planets might exist

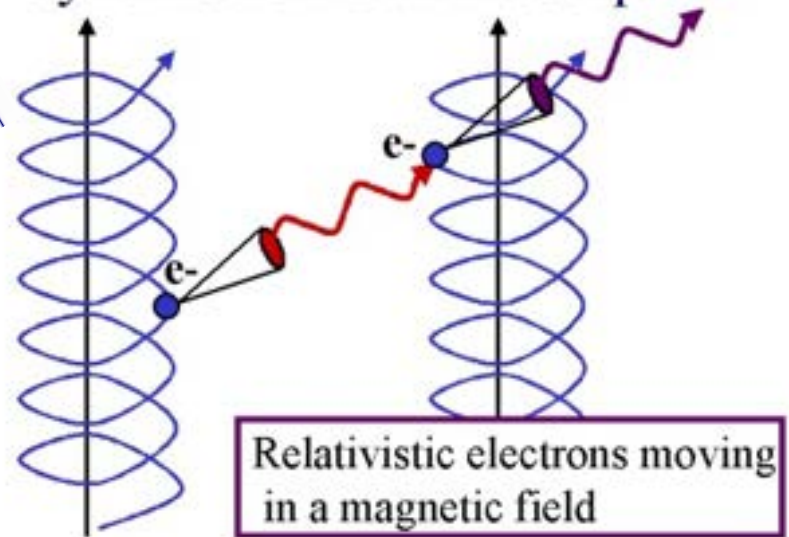
## ...no. Auto assorbimento di Sincrotrone

• At the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Green Bank, West Virginia, which is operated by the Associated Universities, Inc., under contract with the National Science Foundation.

### ON THE OPTICAL IDENTIFICATION OF ELEVEN NEW QUASI-STELLAR RADIO SOURCES

To the present time there have been positive identifications of nine quasi-stellar radio sources (hereinafter called "QSS"). These are 3C 48, 3C 186, 3C 196 (Matthews and Sandage 1963); 3C 273 (Schmidt 1963); 3C 9, 3C 216, and 3C 245 (Ryle and Sandage 1964); and 3C 47 and 3C 147 (Schmidt and Matthews 1964). We wish to report here on the positive identification of five additional sources and the probable identification of six others (Figs. 1 and 2). These results are from a continuing program of identification using a combination of three methods: (1) the radio and optical position coincidence of ultraviolet starlike images as seen on photographic plates using the two-color image technique; (2) the coincidence of radio positions with blue, starlike images on the Palomar Sky Survey plates; and (3) the confirmation of the identification by three-color photoelectric measurements using the 200-inch reflector.

### Synchrotron Self-Absorption



## Little Green Men ...



Nel 1967 Jocelyn Bell (Studiava le variazioni di luminosità radio dei quasar), ha osservato un segnale periodico ripetuto che per gioco chiamò LGM.

### Observation of a Rapidly Pulsating Radio Source

by

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J. D. H. PELKINGTON  
P. F. SCOTT  
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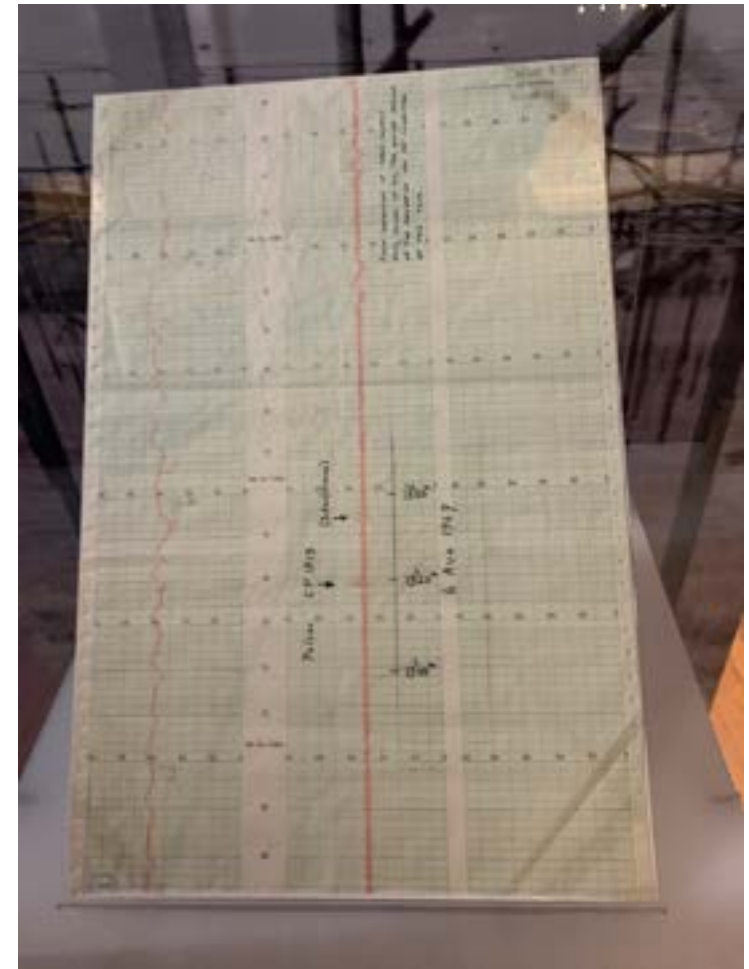
Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory,  
Cammish Laboratory,  
University of Cambridge

In July 1967, a large radio telescope operating at a frequency of 81.3 MHz was brought into use at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. This instrument was designed to investigate the angular structure of compact radio sources by observing the modulation caused by the irregular structure of the interplanetary medium. The initial survey includes the whole sky in the declination

Unusual signals from pulsating radio sources have been recorded at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. The radiation seems to come from local objects within the galaxy, and may be associated with oscillations of white dwarf or neutron stars.

of those stars having remarkably similar properties which suggests that this type of source may be relatively common at a low flux density. A tentative explanation of these unusual sources in terms of the stable oscillation of white dwarf or neutron stars is proposed.

Position and Flux Density



Hewish (suo tutor) prese il premio Nobel nel 1974 (solo lui) per la scoperta delle Pulsar

## 1971: Team della NASA: Progetto Ciclopi



John Billigam

**Obiettivo:** Studiare come condurre la ricerca di intelligenza extraterrestre (SETI).

**Tecnologia proposta:** Un sistema di ricerca coordinata con 1.000-2.500 telescopi radio da 100 metri per cercare segnali radio da civiltà extraterrestri.

**Stato:** Il progetto è stato abbandonato per i costi elevati, ma il rapporto è diventato fondamentale per il lavoro SETI futuro.



Bernard Olliver

# La Seconda Conferenza SETI

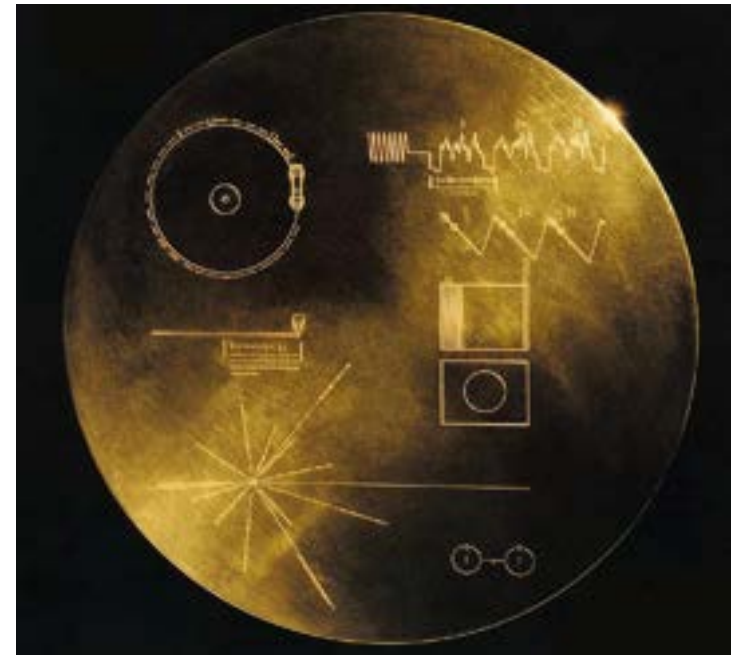
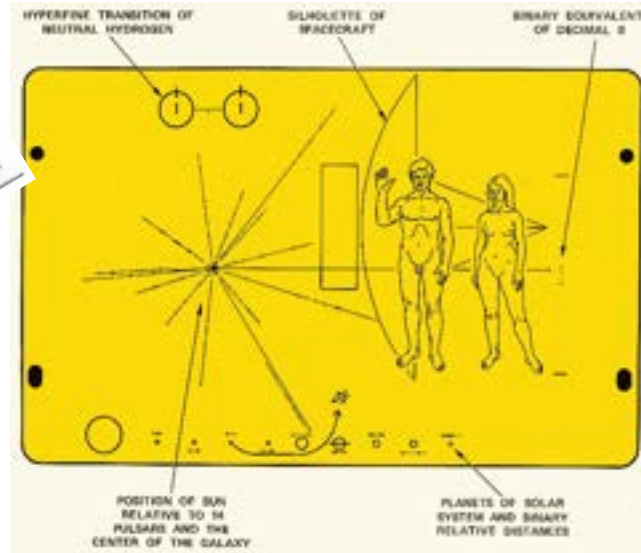
**Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CETI), The First International Conference on Extraterrestrial Civilizations and Problems of Contact with Them fu tenuta all'Osservatorio di Byurakan (Armenia) nel Settembre 1971.**



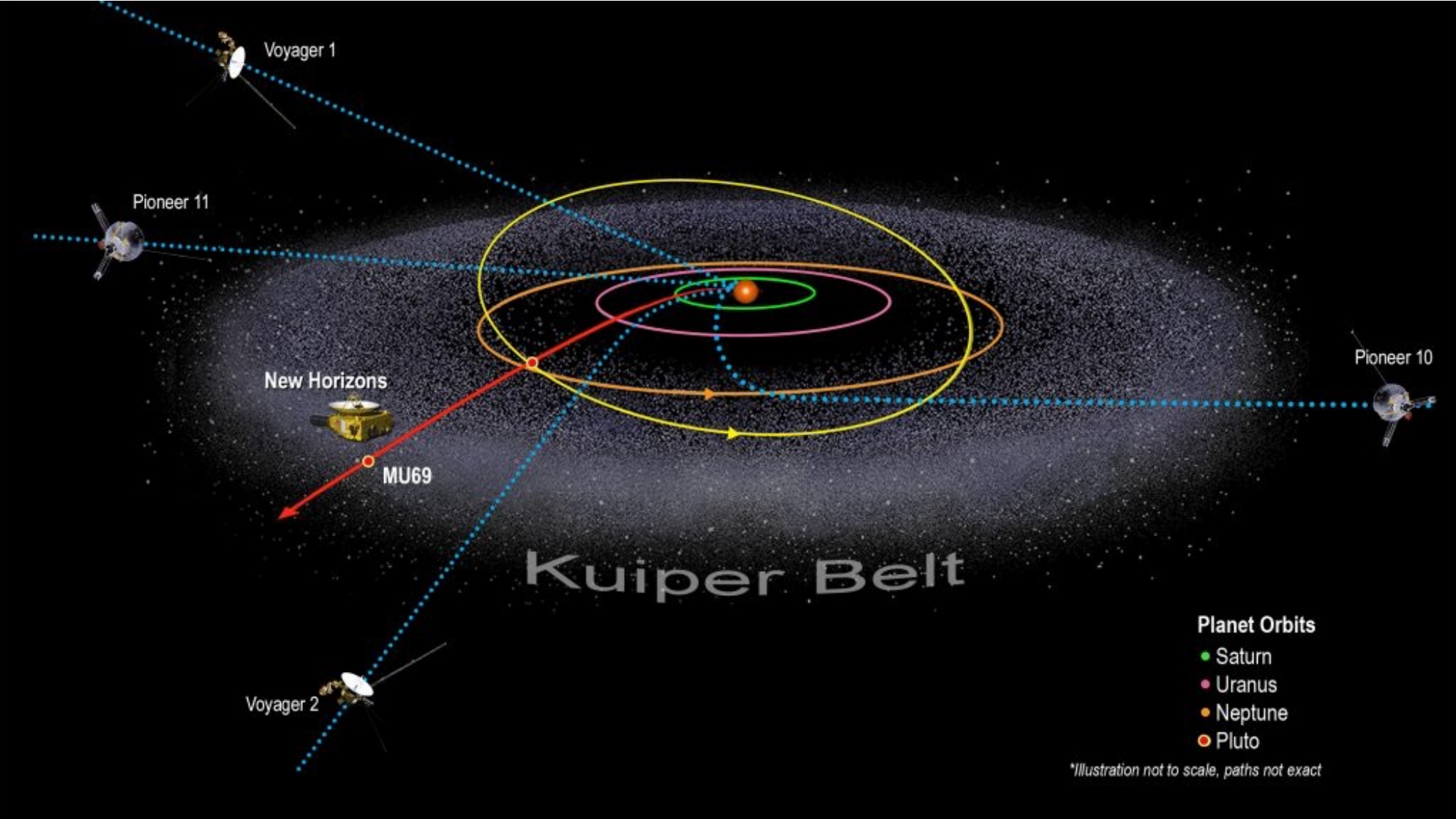
# Tentativi di Comunicazione (CETI): Pioneer 10 (1972) e 11 (1973); Voyager 1 e 2(1977)

Table 1. The 14 selected pulsars.

Pulsar	Period (1970/1971 epoch) (second)	Period (units of H hyperfine transition)
0328	$7.145186424 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.014996390 \times 10^6$
0525	3.7454890800	$5.320116676 \times 10^6$
0531	$3.312564500 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.705753832 \times 10^6$
0823	$5.306595990 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.537519468 \times 10^6$
0833	$8.921874790 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.267268227 \times 10^7$
0950	$2.530650432 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.594550429 \times 10^6$
1240	$3.880000000 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.511174318 \times 10^6$
1451	$2.633767640 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.741018705 \times 10^6$
1642	$3.876887790 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.506753717 \times 10^6$
1727	$8.296630000 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.178486506 \times 10^7$
1929	$2.265170380 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.217461037 \times 10^6$
1933	$3.587154200 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.095498540 \times 10^6$
2016	$5.579533900 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.925202045 \times 10^6$
2217	$5.384673780 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.648421610 \times 10^6$



Sagan et al, 1972, Science, 175, 881





# 1973 Ohio State University Inizia Osservazioni SETI



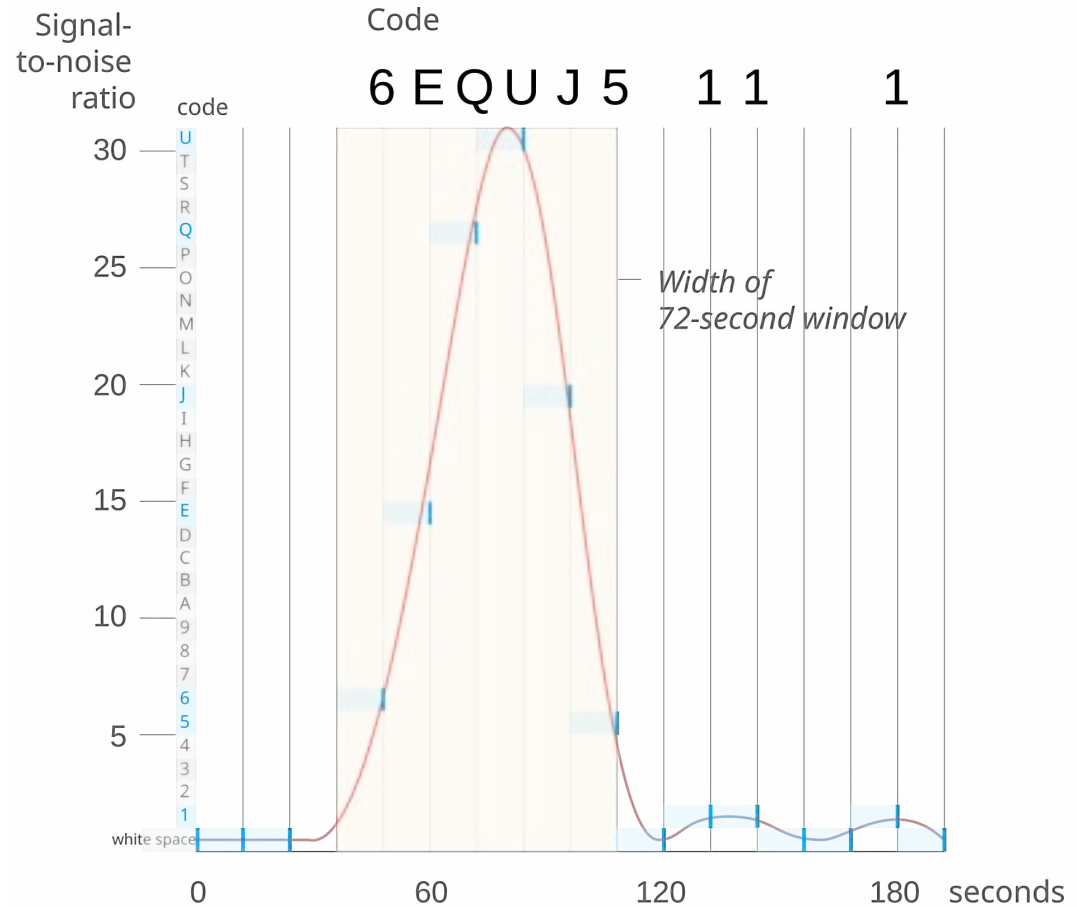
Radio Telescopio Big Ear. Radio Telescopio di tipo Kraus: Come uno strumento dei passaggi. Primario piatto mobile che riflette verso un secondario parabolico con un carrello mobile focale che si muove da Est a Ovest. In funzione fino al 1997. Dismesso nel 1998 e trasformato in campo da Golf.



# Interpretazione del WOW! Signal

Il segnale è durato 72 s  
(limite temporale del Big Ear)  
con un punto ogni 12 s

Codice	Valore SNR
Spazio	0.000 → 0.999
1 → 9	1.000 → 9.999
A	10.000 → 10.999
B	11.000 → 11.999
...	...
E	14.000 → 14.999
Q	26.000 → 26.999
U	30.000 → 30.999



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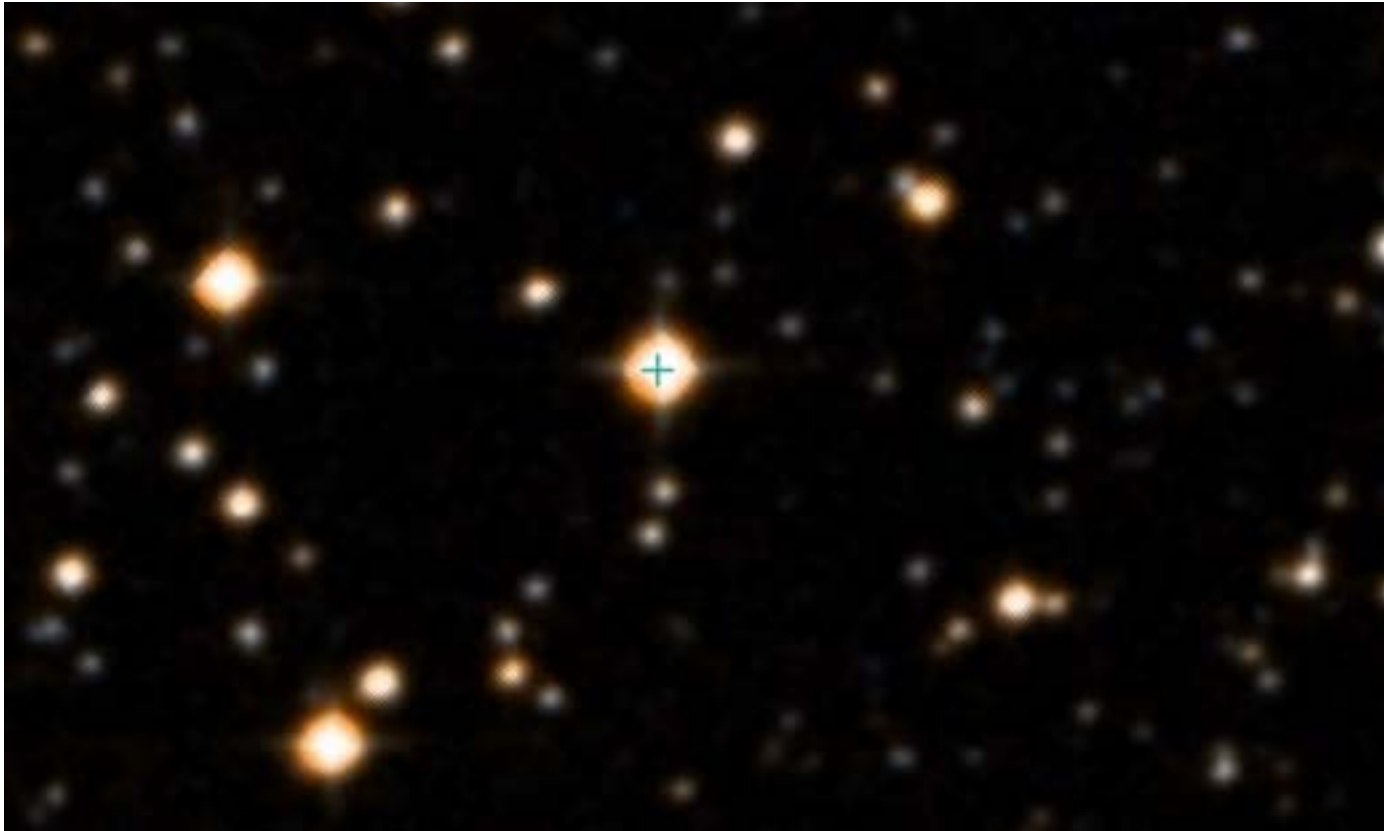
Il Segnale non si è ripetuto.

Possibili spiegazioni:

1. Frank Drake: segnale emesso una sola volta (come il messaggio di Arecibo) da una civiltà extraterrestre che avrebbe focalizzato tutta l'energia di emissione in breve tempo e in una banda stretta
1. Scintillazione interstellare dovuta a fluttuazioni di Plasma
2. Pulsar lontane
3. Riflesso di un segnale Terrestre da parte di un detrito spaziale
4. Paris et al. 2015 JWAS, 101, 25. Segnale emesso da nuvole di idrogeno della cometa 266P/Christensen e/o P/2008 Y2
5. Mendez et al 2025, [astroph2508.10657](#). Fenomeno naturale generato da una emissione stimolata nella riga H (maser) che nel tragitto verso la Terra incontra una nube fredda di H neutro.



# 2MASS J19281939-2641507



V=12.44  
T=5783 K  
R=0.996 R<sub>SUN</sub>  
L=1.0007 L<sub>SUN</sub>  
P=1.2059 +/- 0.0264  
d=552 pc=1801 ly



# Emissari Robotici

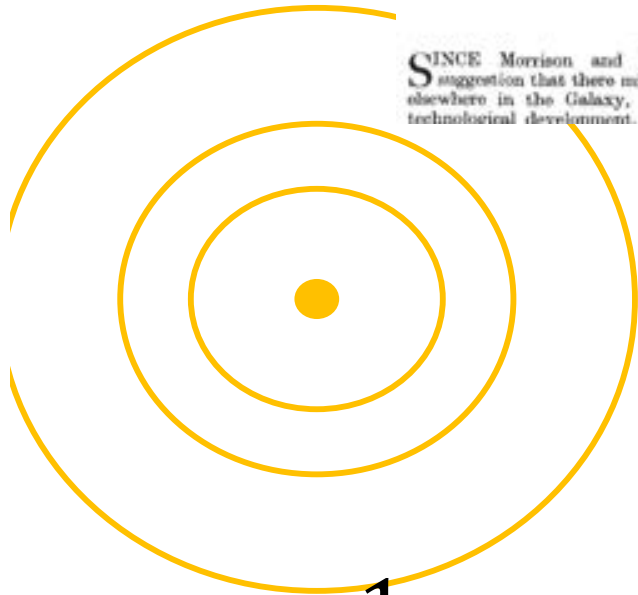
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SINCE Morrison and Cocconi<sup>1</sup> published the suggestion that there might be advanced societies elsewhere in the Galaxy, superior to ourselves in technological development, who are beaming trans-  
planetary systems. Beyond their immediate neighbourhood, it might be feasible for them to spray some number of suitable stars, say, one thousand, with nuclear rockets. Each rocket would be sent into a



$$P \propto \frac{1}{D^2}$$

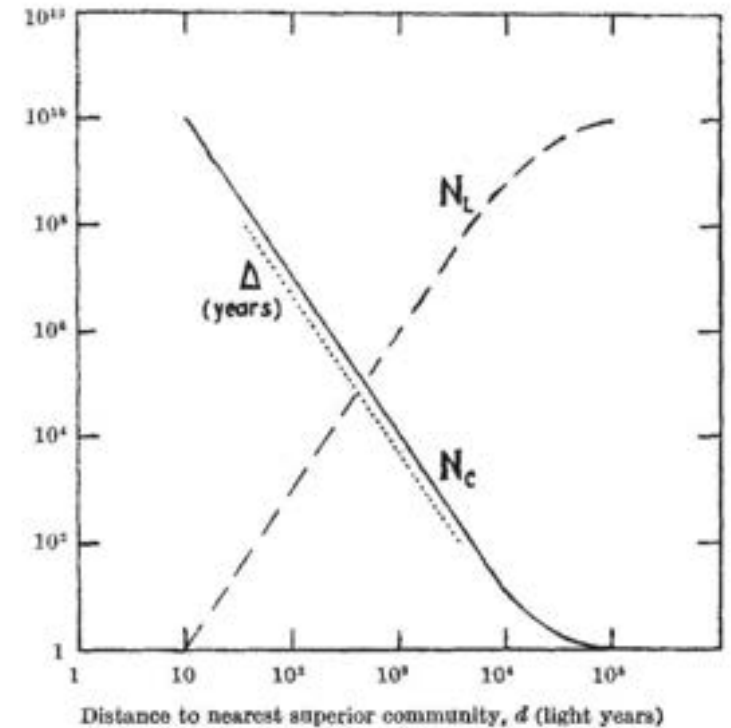


Fig. 1.  $N_c$ , total number of communities in the galaxy the technology of which is superior to ours;  $N_l$ , total number of likely stars out to a distance  $d$ ;  $\Delta$ , average life-time of a superior community

Per questa ragione noi dovremmo indirizzare i nostri sforzi per cercare nel Sistema solare sonde spaziali inviate dai nostri vicini più tecnologicamente avanzati

# Sistema solare:... Terra

UFO: Parola usata dal 1952

A. Hynek 1972 ha definito una scala per categorizzare gli incontri con UFO

**SETA** Search for Extraterrestrial Artifacts

**SETV** Search for extraterrestrial visitation

Table 7.2. Natural phenomena mistaken for UFOs (after Menzel 1972)

A. Material objects	spider webs	B. Immaterial objects	reflection from bright sources
1. Upper atmosphere	insects	1. Upper atmosphere	auroral phenomena
meteors	swarms	noctilucent clouds	street lights
satellite re-entry	moths	2. Lower atmosphere	flashlights
rocket firings	luminous	reflections of searchlights	matches
ionosphere experiments	(electrical discharges)	lightning	(smoker lighting pipe)
sky-hook balloons	seeds	streak	autokinesis
2. Lower atmosphere	milkweed, etc.	chain	stars unsteady
planes	feathers	sheet	stars changing places
reflection of sun	parachutes	plasma phenomena	falling leaf effect
running lights	fireworks	ball lightning	autostasis
landing lights	4. On or near ground	St. Elmo's fire	(irregular movement)
weather balloons	dust devils	parhelia	eye defects
luminous	power lines	sundogs	astigmatism
nonluminous	transformers	parhelion	myopia (squinting)
clusters	elevated street lights	moonfog	failure to wear glasses
clouds	insulators	reflections from fog and mist	reflection from glasses
contrails	reflections from windows	halos	ostopic phenomena
blimps	water tanks	pilot's halo	retinal defects
advertising	lightning rods	ghost of the Brocken	vitreous humour
illuminated	TV antennas	mirages	E. Psychological phenomena
bobbies	weathervanes	superior	hallucination
sewage disposal	automobile headlights	inferior	F. Combinations and special effects
soap bubbles	lakes and ponds	C. Astronomical objects	G. Photographic records
military test craft	beacon lights	planets	development defects
military experiments	lighthouses	stars	internal camera reflections
magnesium flares	tumbleweeds	artificial satellites	H. Radar
birds migrating	icebergs	sun	anomalous refraction
flocks	domed roofs	moon	scattering
individual	radar antennas	meteors	ghost images
luminous	radio astronomy antennas	comets	angels
3. Very low atmosphere	insect swarms	D. Physiological phenomena	birds
paper and other debris	fires	sun	insects
kites	oil refineries	after-images	multiple reflections
leaves	cigarettes tossed away	moon	I. Hoaxes

# Il caso Oumuamua

Il 19 ottobre 2017 il telescopio [Pan-Starrs 1](#) (**Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System**), alle Hawaii, ha osservato il **Primo asteroide interstellare** e chiamato 1I/2017 U1.



Durante il passaggio al perielio è stata registrata un'accelerazione non gravitazionale pari a  $0.000005 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

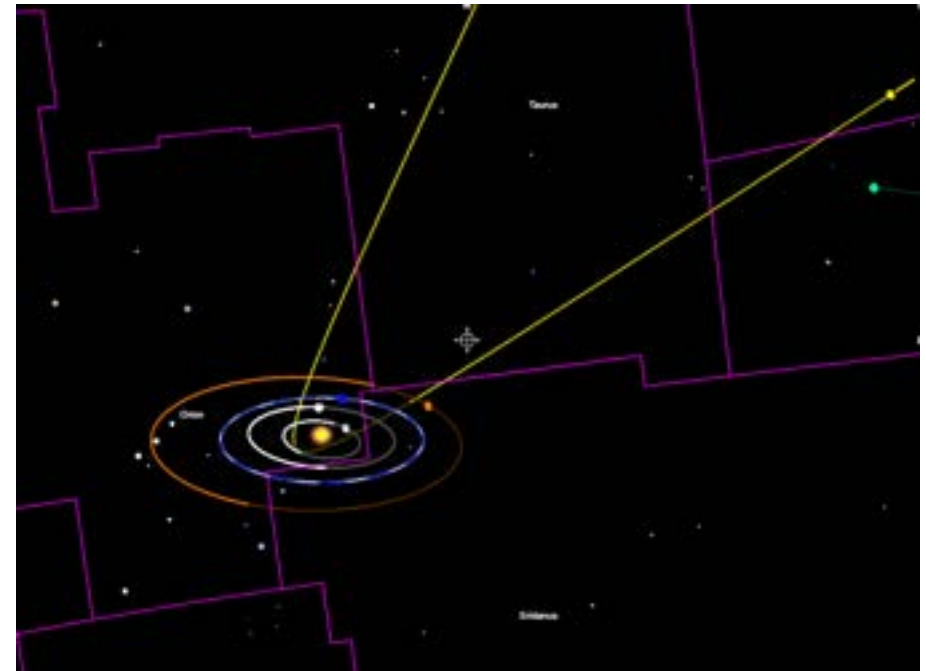
## COULD SOLAR RADIATION PRESSURE EXPLAIN 'OUMUAMUA'S PECULIAR ACCELERATION?

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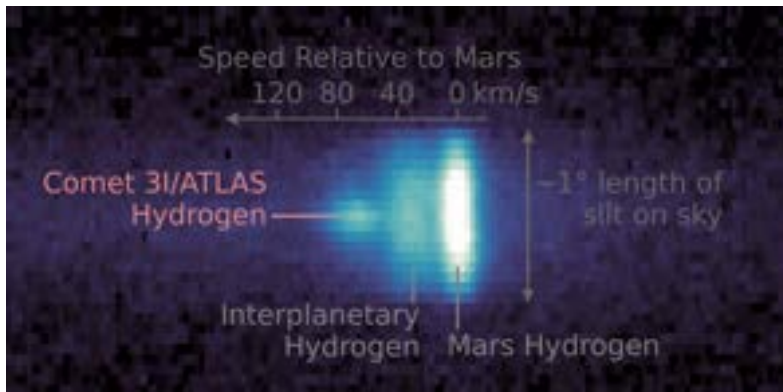
### ABSTRACT

'Oumuamua (1I/2017 U1) is the first object of interstellar origin observed in the Solar System. Recently, [Micheli et al. \(2018\)](#) reported that 'Oumuamua showed deviations from a Keplerian orbit at a high statistical significance. The observed trajectory is best explained by an excess radial acceleration  $\Delta a \propto r^{-2}$ , where  $r$  is the distance of 'Oumuamua from the Sun. Such an acceleration is naturally expected for comets, driven by the evaporating material. However, recent observational and theoretical studies imply that 'Oumuamua is not an active comet. We explore the possibility that the excess acceleration results from Solar radiation pressure. The required mass-to-area ratio is  $(m/A) \approx 0.1 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$ . For a thin sheet this requires a width of  $\approx 0.3 - 0.9 \text{ mm}$ . We find that although extremely thin, such an object would survive an interstellar travel over Galactic distances of  $\sim 5 \text{ kpc}$ , withstanding collisions with gas and dust-grains as well as stresses from rotation and tidal forces. We discuss the possible origins of such an object including the possibility that it might be a lightsail of artificial origin. Our general results apply to any light probes designed for interstellar travel.

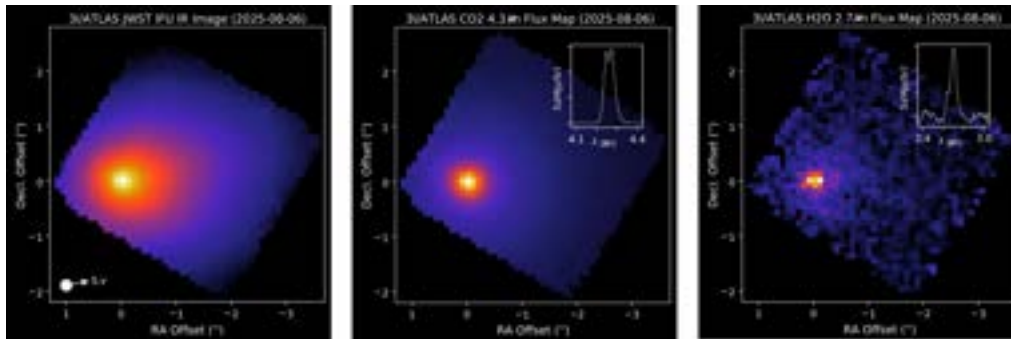
*Subject headings:* ISM: individual objects (1I/2017 U1) – minor planets, asteroids: individual (1I/2017 U1) – General: extraterrestrial intelligence – Minor planets, asteroids: general



# Cometa 3I/ATLAS



Cometa Interstellare: Le osservazioni del JWST mostrano una coda con Ghiaccio e grani di silicati, CO<sub>2</sub> e H<sub>2</sub>O



Avi Loeb analizzando l'orbita propone che questo oggetto non sia una cometa, ma un oggetto tecnologico, una sonda interstellare

<https://avi-loeb.medium.com/a-remarkable-new-anomaly-of-3i-atlas-420065c2cddf>



**1979:** Serendip I (Search for extraterrestrial Radio from Nearby Developed Population)

**1982:** NASA SETI HRMS (High Resolution Microwave Survey)

**1984:** SETI Institute supportato dalla NASA

**1985:** META (Mega-Channel Extraterrestrial Essay)

**1986:** SERENDIP II

**1988:** TARGET (Telescope Antenna Researching Galactic Extraterrestrial Transmission)

**1990:** COSETI (Columbus Optical SETI) & METAI (Argentina)

**1993:** Il Senato americano elimina i fondi per HRMS

**1995:** SETI Project Phoenix (privato)

**1999:** SETI@HOME

# SETI MODERNO

•**Breakthrough Listen:** Iniziato nel 2015, Finanziato privatamente. Obiettivo: Esaminare un milione di stelle vicine, l'intero piano galattico e cento galassie circostanti, utilizzando i più potenti radiotelescopi e osservatori ottici a livello globale. **Strumenti Collaborativi:** Green Bank Telescope (USA); Parkes Observatory (Australia); FAST (Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope, Cina); Sardinia Radio Telescope (SRT, Italia).

•**Allen Telescope Array (ATA)** radiotelescopio interferometrico gestito dall'**Istituto SETI** ed UCLA. Primo radio telescopio progettato specificamente per le ricerche SETI.

•**COSMIC (Commensal Open-Source Multimode Interferometer Cluster)** Un nuovo sistema di elaborazione del segnale installato sul **Very Large Array (VLANM USA)**. Usa per SETI osservazioni VLA effettuate per altri scopi.

•**SETI Ottico (OSETI - Optical SETI)** Programmi che cercano impulsi laser brevi e potenti o segnali luminosi di origine artificiale.

## ALLEN TELESCOPE ARRAY



42 paraboloidi con  $D= 6.10$  m. In 2010 furono aggiunti altri 350 elementi su un'Area con un diametro pari a  $D= 1$  km.

Deboer + 2004

**1 dicembre 2020 ore 12:55**



# BLC1 da Proxima Centauri b

## Breakthrough Listen Candidate 1



OPEN

### Analysis of the Breakthrough Listen signal of interest blc1 with a technosignature verification framework

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**Table 1 | Basic characteristics of blc1**

Characteristic	Value
Detection date	2019 April 29
Time at first detection	13:17:35.232 UTC
Time at last detection	18:19:26.400 UTC
Length of persistence	5.03 h
Signal frequency at first detection	982.0024 MHz
Signal frequency at last detection	982.0028 MHz
Initial drift rate	0.0326 Hz s <sup>-1</sup>
Average signal-to-noise ratio <sup>a</sup>	17.956
Signal bandwidth	<3.81 Hz

<sup>a</sup> Average signal-to-noise ratio is calculated as the average of the signal-to-noise ratios from the five 30 min observations in which blc1 appeared.



Parkes Observatory in Australia

## Fermi's Paradox (1950)

“Se esistono... dove sono tutti?”

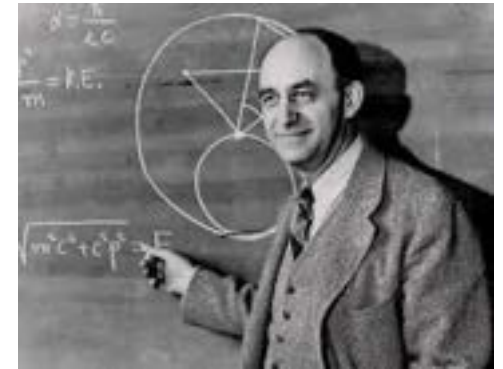
Età del Sole: ~4.55 Gy

Età della Galassia: ~8 Gy

Tempo necessario per sviluppare una  
civiltà intelligente: ~3.5 Gy

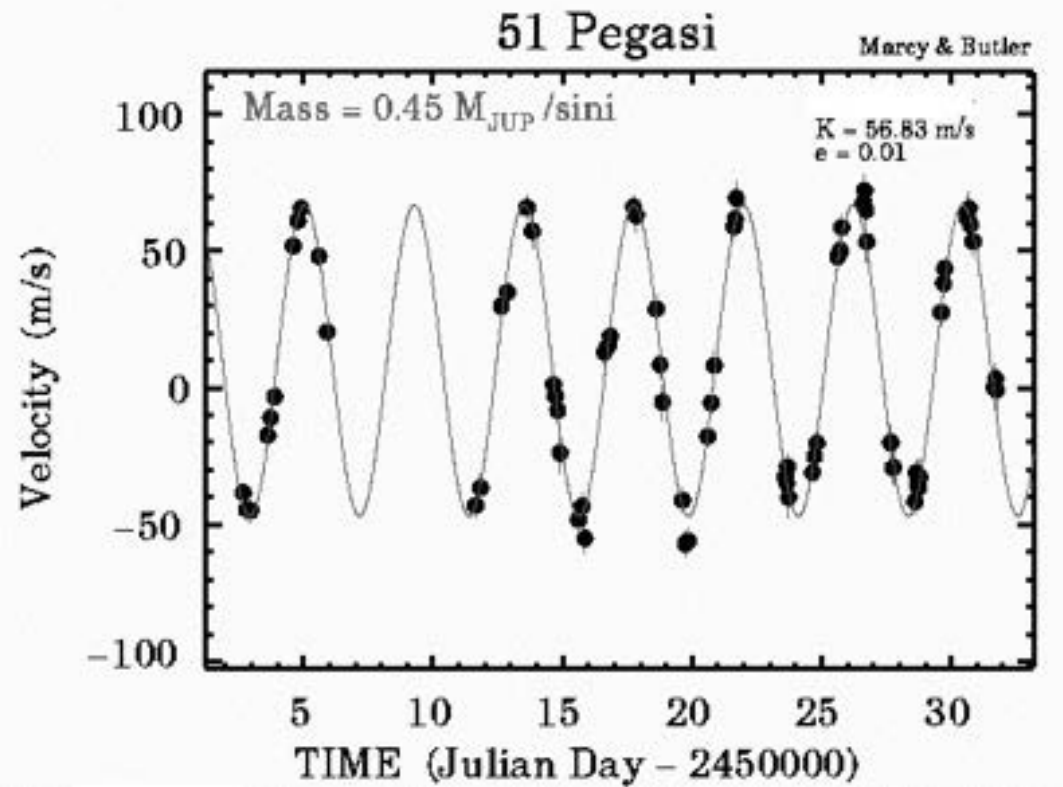
Una volta che si ha la tecnologia  
necessaria: Tempo di attraversamento  
della Galassia: 10-100 Myr

**Non ci sono!**





# 1995 ... the U turn



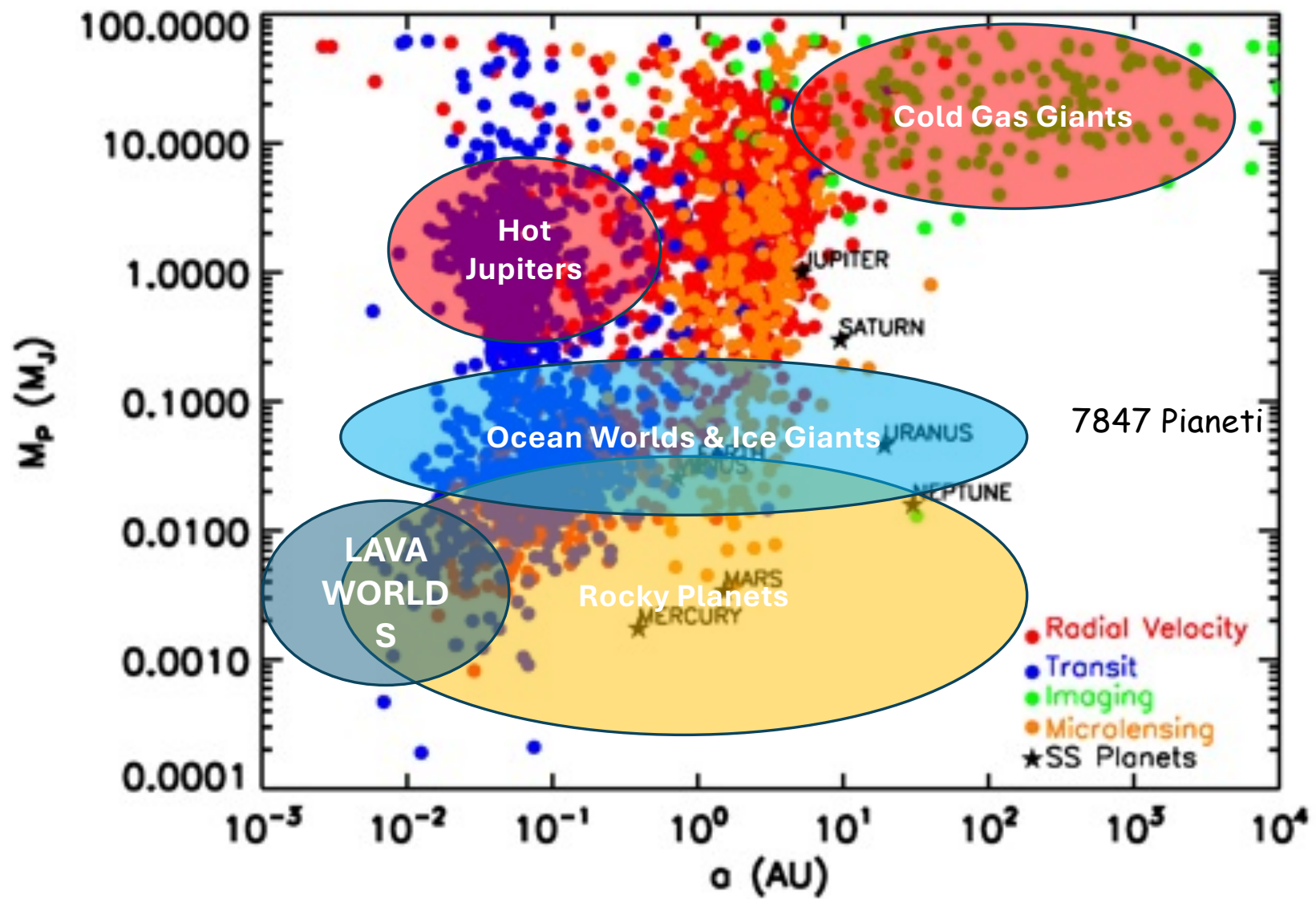
## 51 Peg (The star):

SP=G2IV  
 $mV=5.49$   
 $M=1.11 M_{SUN}$   
 $R=1.27 R_{SUN}$   
 $[Fe/H]=0.2$   
Age =  $4.0 \pm 2.5 \text{ Gyr}$

## 51 Peg b (The Planet)

$M=0.47 M_J$   
 $R=1.0 R_J$   
 $a=0.052 \text{ au}$   
 $e=0.0069$   
 $P=4.23 \text{ d}$   
 $i=80^\circ$





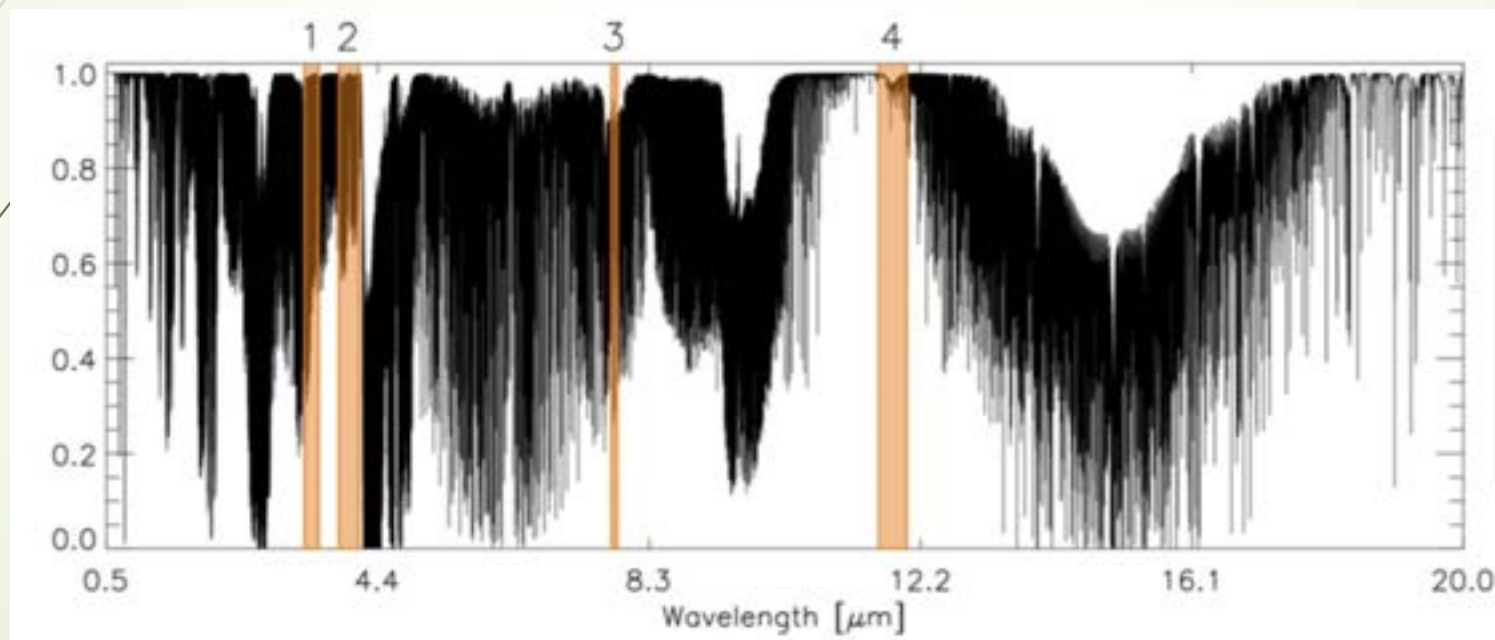
# Technosignature

Il termine “technosignatures,” è una contrazione di “technological signatures” o “signatures of technology,”

- TECHNOSIGNATURES INDUSTRIALI.
- SEGNALI RADIO
- SEGNALI LASER OTTICI/NIR
- MEGASTRUCTURE
- TECNOSIGNATURE NEL SISTEMA SOLARE

## TECNOSIGNATURE INDUSTRIALI

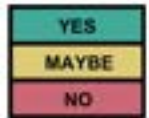
- $\text{CF}_4$  (tetrafluoromethane)  $7.76 < \lambda < 7.84 \mu\text{m}$
- $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  (trichlorofluoromethane)  $11.6 < \lambda < 12.0 \mu\text{m}$



Lin et al 2014, ApJL, 792, L7

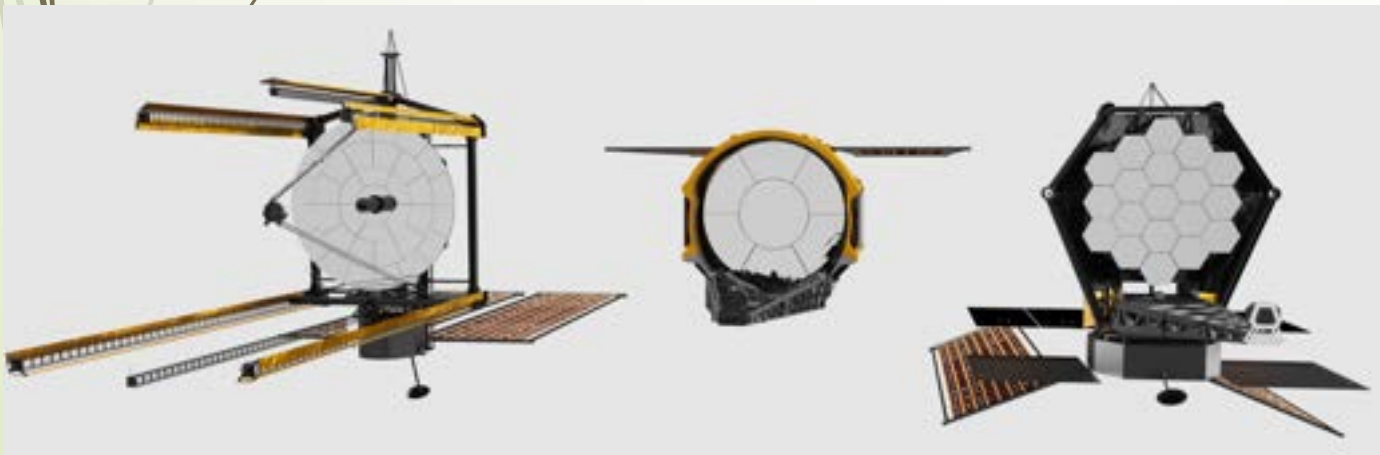
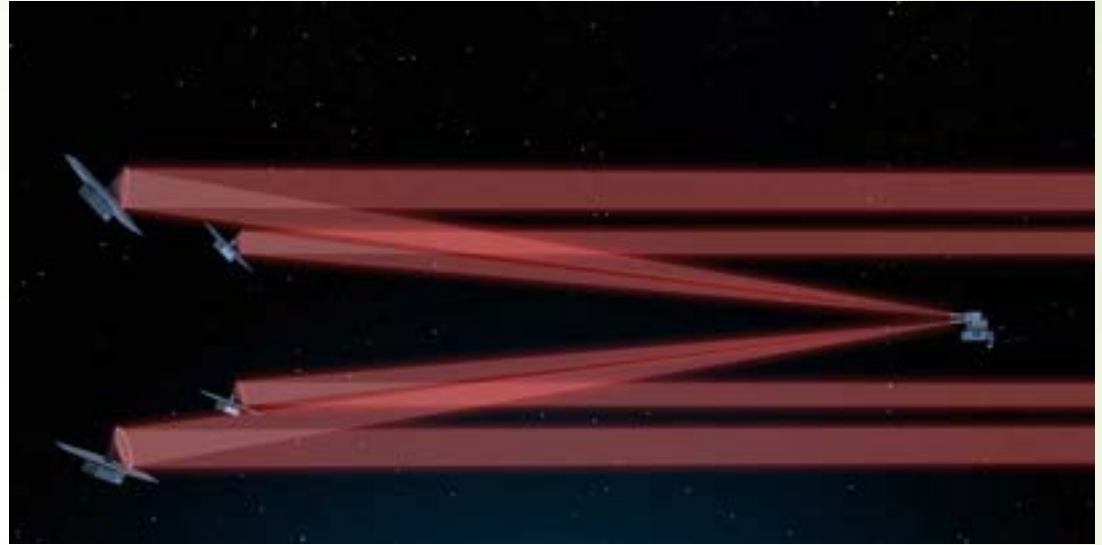
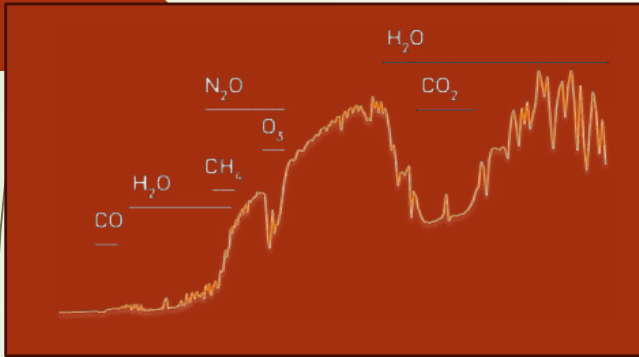
# TECHNOSIGNATURES DETECTION

Non-Radio Technosignatures		Planetary Technosignatures					System Megastructures		
		Optical Beacons	Atmospheric Technosignatures		Artificial Surface Modifications			UV-VIS-NIR (transit)	MIR (waste heat)
			UV-VIS-NIR	MIR	Reflection (solar panels)	Emission (city lights)	Heat Island (MIR)		
Current/Ongoing/Recent Past	Ground-based Photometry	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	Ground-based Spectroscopy	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	Kepler (archive)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	TESS	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	Gaia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	CHEOPS	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	JWST	MAYBE	MAYBE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	HST	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	Rubin	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	NeoWISE	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Spitzer	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
Near Future (5 years)	RST	NO	NO	MAYBE	MAYBE	NO	NO	NO	
	PLATO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	ARIEL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	ELTs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	EarthFinder	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	PANOSSETI	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Future (> 5 years)	LUVOIR	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	HabEx	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	Origins	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	LIFE	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	Nautilus	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	



Haqq- Misra et al 2022

# LIFE



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WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE, LIKE,  
50 YEARS AGO, BUT IT WENT  
INTO A JUNK FOLDER.

