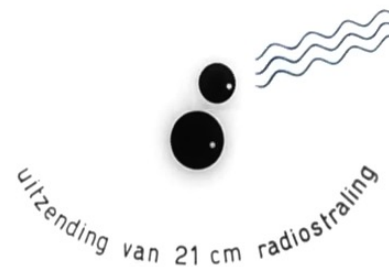


# Waterstof in Dwingeloo



“Waterstof in je achtertuin”  
14 maart 2026, Dwingeloo

Thomas Telkamp

Opening door Ed Dusschoten

# Waarom zijn we hier?

- Karl Jansky van Bell Telephone Laboratories ontdekte bij toeval (1932) dat:
  - Er radiogolven uit het heelal komen.
  - Het signaal zich elke 23 uur en 56 minuten herhaalt.



- De Leidse astronoom Jan Oort:
  - Ziet mogelijke correlatie radiogolven en Melkweg
  - Wil de Melkweg in kaart brengen.
  - 1944: Opdracht aan student Henk van de Hulst: Hebben radiogolven betekenis voor de astronomie?

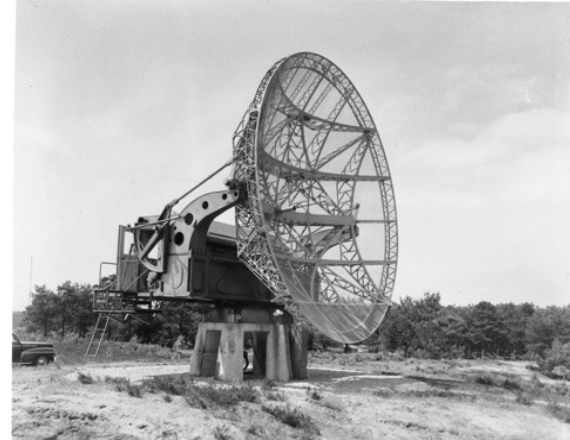
- Oort/ Hendrik van de Hulst tonen aan dat:
  - Waterstofatomen radiogolven uitzenden op een golflengte van 21,105 centimeter (de “21-cm waterstof spectraallijn met dus een frequentie van 1420,4 MHz”)
  - Deze radio golven op specifieke plaatsen in het heelal zitten, zoals het Melkwegstelsel.



# Waarom zijn we hier? (2)

Eerste waterstof waarnemingen werden gedaan op de PTT locatie Radio Kootwijk door Christiaan Alexander (Lex) Muller.

De waarneming werd uitgevoerd met een omgebouwde Duits Radar station “Der Würzburg-Riese”. Deze waren massaal na de oorlog door de Duitsers achter gelaten.



Er was veel storing in de omgeving van Kootwijk en de spiegel was klein.

Een nieuwe “stillere” (= minder storing) locatie werd gezocht en gevonden op het Dwingeler veld. Er werd gekeken naar grotere nieuwbouw.

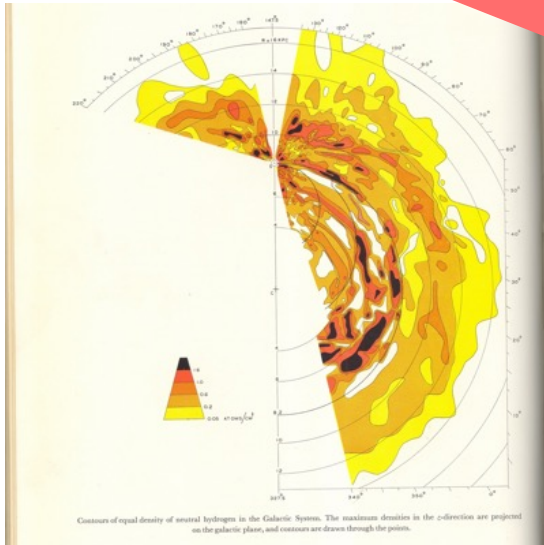


In 1953 wordt begonnen met de bouw.

# Daarom zijn we hier!

- In 1956 opent Koningin Juliana de Dwingeloo Radiotelescoop in Dwingeloo. Dan op dat moment is de wereld in vrede!
- Het startmoment voor de studie van de Melkweg werd in 1956

70 jaar later hebben de Camras vrijwilligers Jan van Muijlwijk, Gerard Boons, Tammo-Jan Dijkema, Thomas Telkamp het seminar 'Waterstof in je achter tuin' georganiseerd!



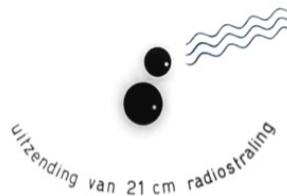


- Te gast bij ASTRON
- Geen consumpties in het auditorium
- Microfoons gebruiken
- Badge graag inleveren aan eind van de dag
- Presentaties online via CAMRAS website
  - <https://data.camras.nl/seminar-2026/>

# Waterstof in je achtertuin

CAMRAS seminar zaterdag 14 maart 2026

- 9:30 – 10:00 **Inloop, koffie en thee**  
*Centrale hal*
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Opening en welkom**  
Ed Dusschoten, CAMRAS  
*Van de Hulst Auditorium*
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Waterstof in Dwingeloo**  
Thomas Telkamp (CAMRAS)
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Blik op de Melkweg: astrofysische metingen met een 'cantenna'**  
Michiel Brentjens (ASTRON / Universiteit Leiden)
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Pauze**  
*Centrale hal*
- 11:45 – 12:15 **Metingen aan de Melkweg met een 1,5-meter schotelkje**  
Frans de Jong (CAMRAS)
- 12:15 – 12:45 **Sterrenstelsels op 21cm**  
Eduard Mol
- 12:45 – 13:30 **Lunch**  
*Kantine*
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Demonstraties en buitenprogramma**
  - Demonstraties van meegebrachte ontvangers
  - Doorlopend waterstofmetingen in de Dwingeloo telescoop
  - First light van 2.5m-schotel CAMRAS
  - Virtual reality visualisatie van all-sky waterstofmetingen
  - Posterpresentaties
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Professionele HI-astronomie in Dwingeloo, Westerbork en daarna**  
Tom Oosterloo (ASTRON / Universiteit Groningen)  
*Van de Hulst Auditorium*
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Borrel**  
*Centrale hal*



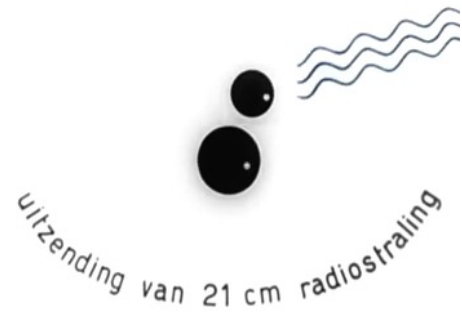


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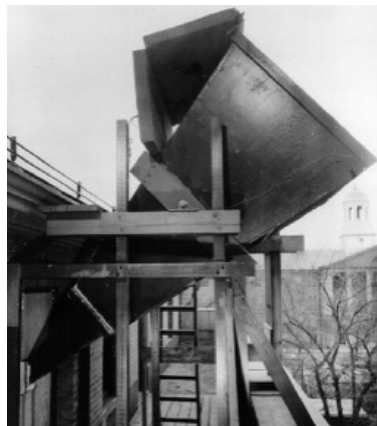
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### Middagprogramma

1. 25m-schotel
2. 2,5m-schotel
3. Antennes buiten
4. Antennes binnen
5. Posters, software en VR-datavisualisatie



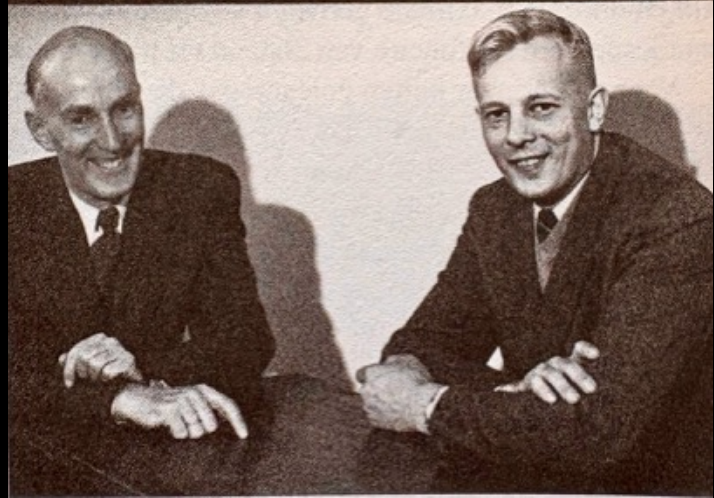
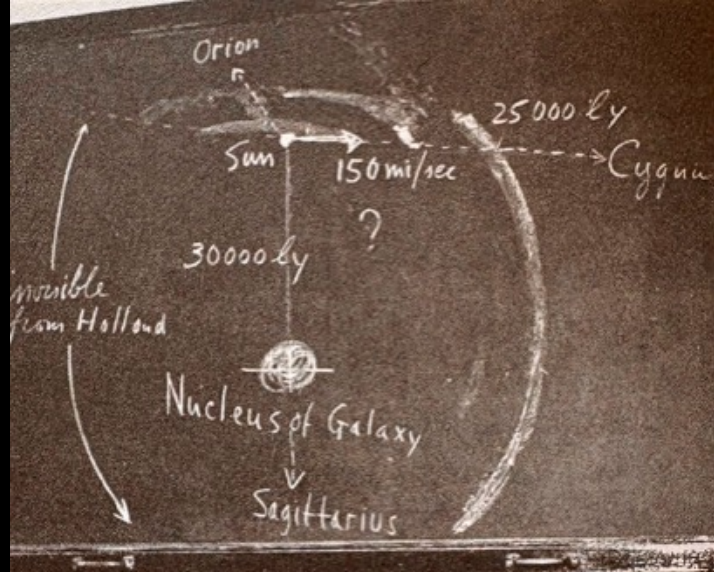
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75 jaar



70 jaar



Ned. T. Natuurk. 11, December 1945.

# Radiogolven uit het wereldruim \*)

door C. J. Bakker en H. C. van der Hulst

*Zijn er ook afzonderlijke spectraallijnen?*

## 21cm golven

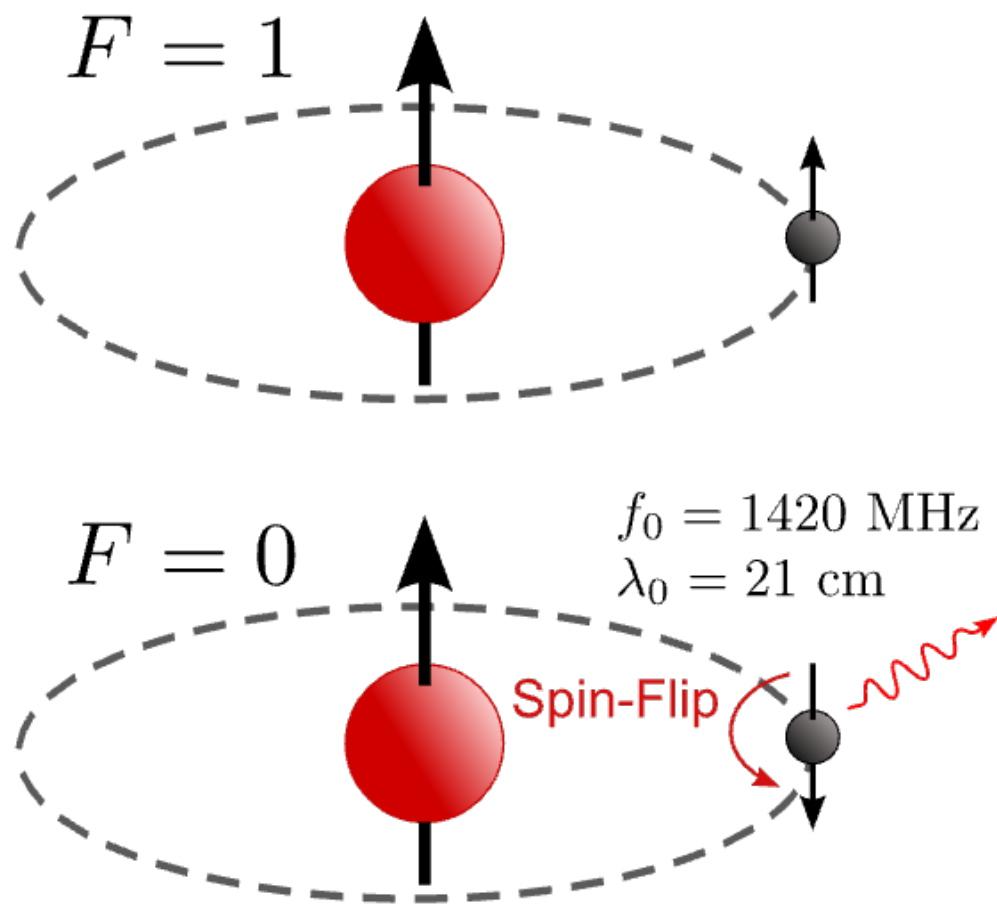
de eis  $S_m > 0,03$ . Daar  $S_m$  meestal van de grootteorde 1 is, ziet de zaak er niet hopeloos uit, zelfs niet als we bedenken dat voor de gevoeligheid der huidige ontvangers de eis nog een factor 100 hoger moet gesteld worden. Het is echter redenen om aan te nemen, dat de werkelijke  $S_m$  wat kleiner zal zijn. Zolang de strenge berekening nog niet gemaakt is, blijft het bestaan van deze lijn speculatief.



## H $\alpha$ -lijnen

Substitueren we de zo gevonden  $v/\Delta v$ , de juiste  $h\nu/kT$  en  $G_a/G = 0,78/8 = 0,1$  dan blijkt dat de H $\alpha$ -lijnen alle *onwaarneembaar* zijn.



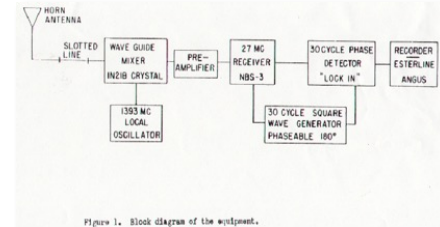


## OBSERVATION OF A LINE IN THE GALACTIC RADIO SPECTRUM

Radiation from Galactic Hydrogen at  
1,420 Mc./sec.

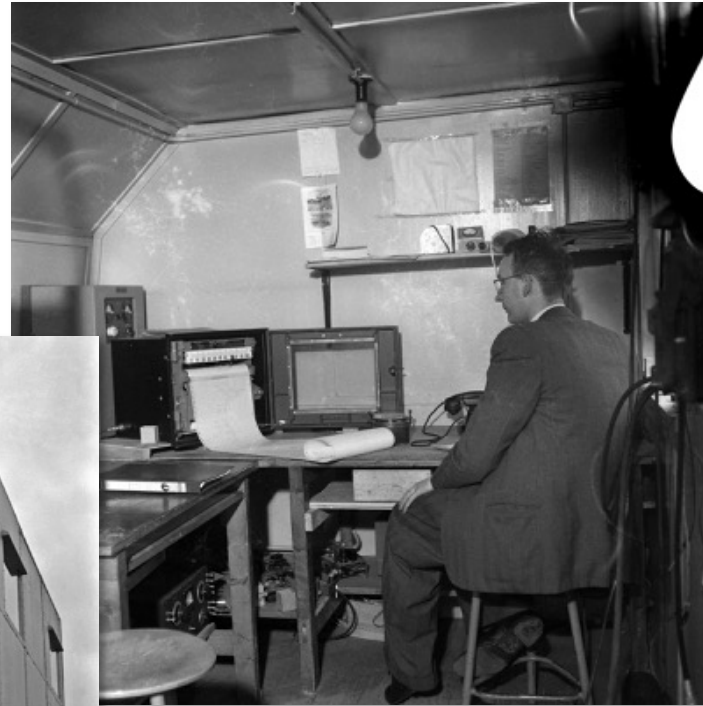
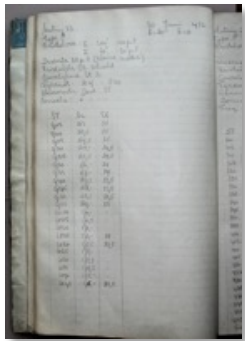


“Doc” Ewen  
Ed Purcell



25 maart 1951

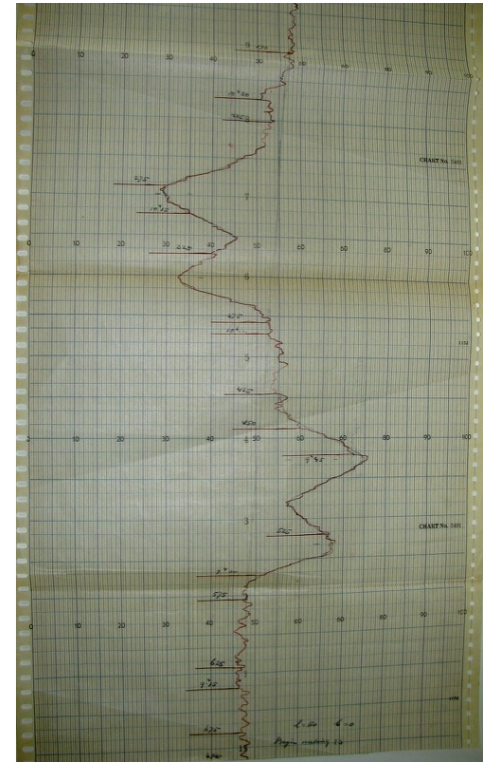
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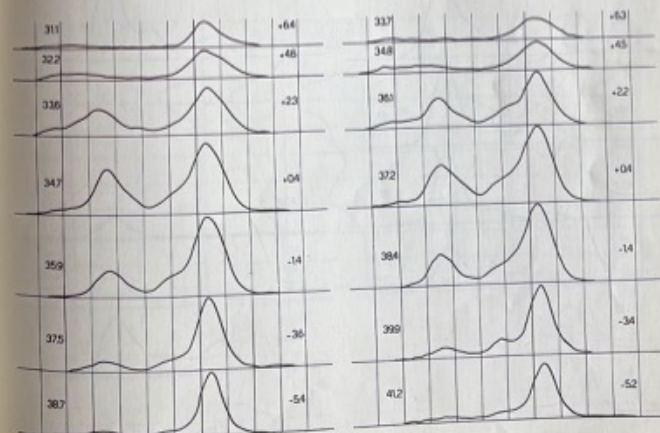
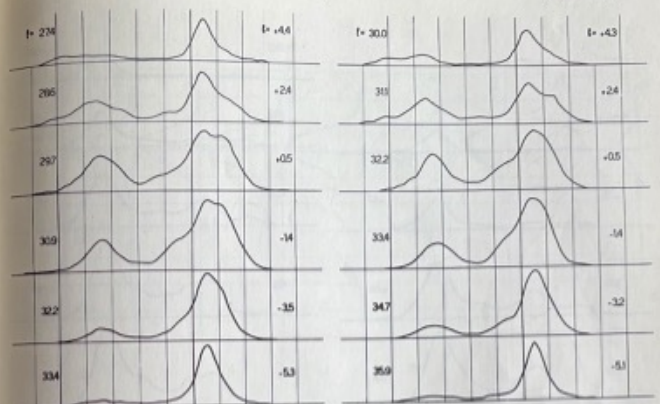
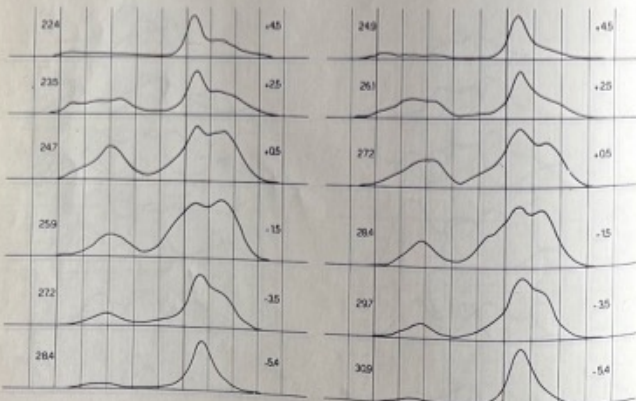
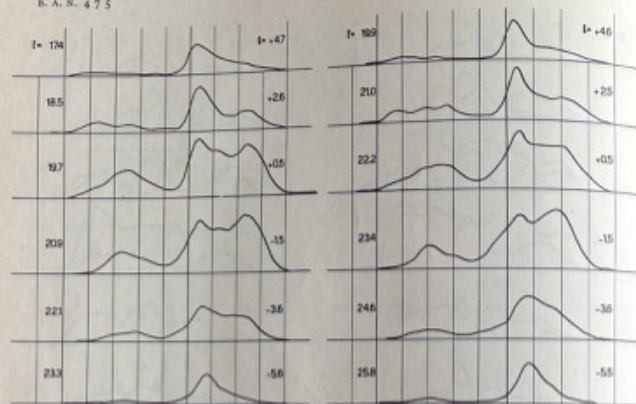


Lex Muller



11 mei 1951  
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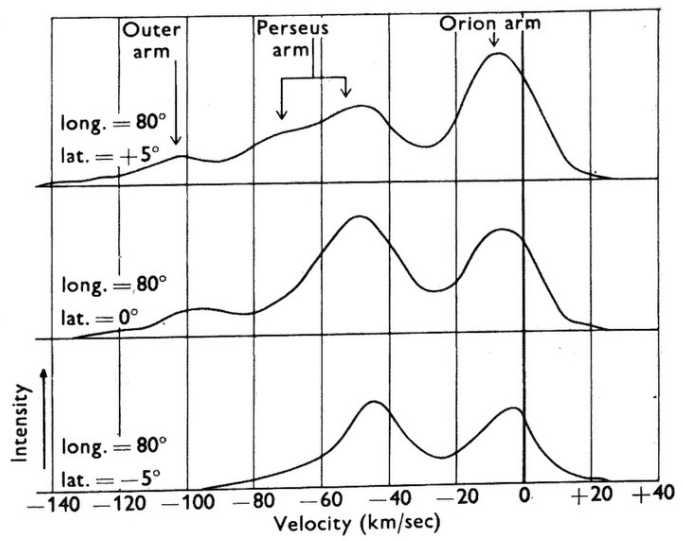


FIGURE 2 - Line profiles for three points in Cassiopeia and Cepheus. Each profile is a plot of intensity against Doppler velocity. Their common longitude is  $80^\circ$  (broken line in figure 1). The middle point is in the galactic plane; the others have latitudes  $5^\circ$  above and below the galactic plane. Note different dependence on latitude in the three arms.

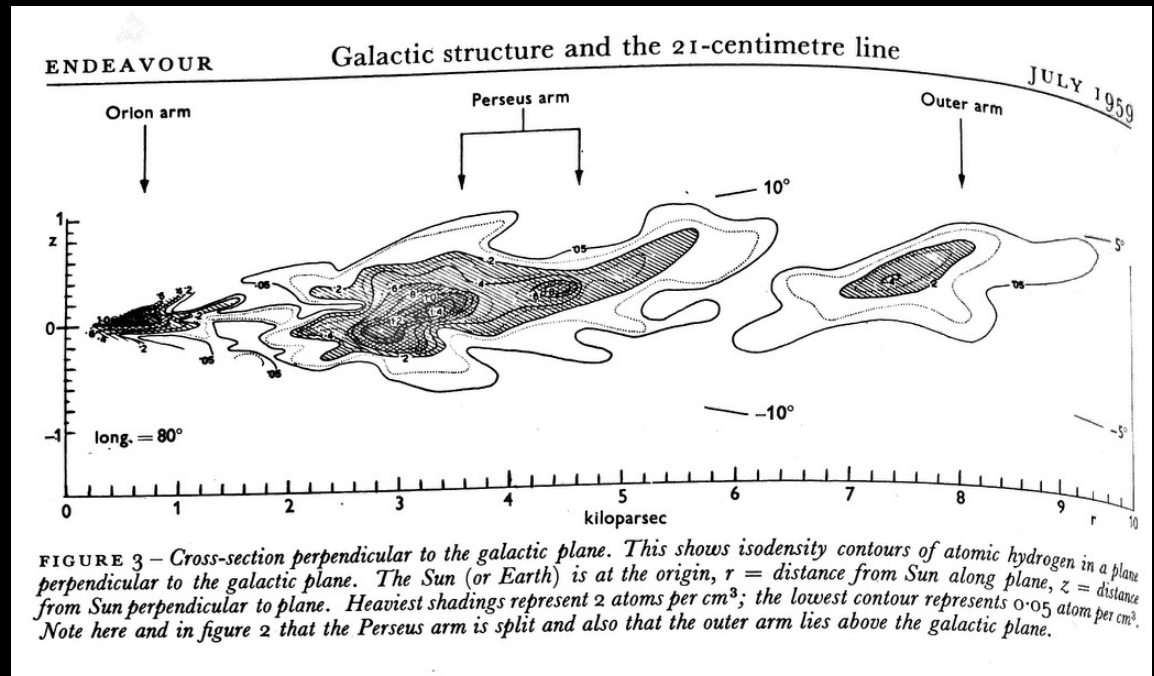
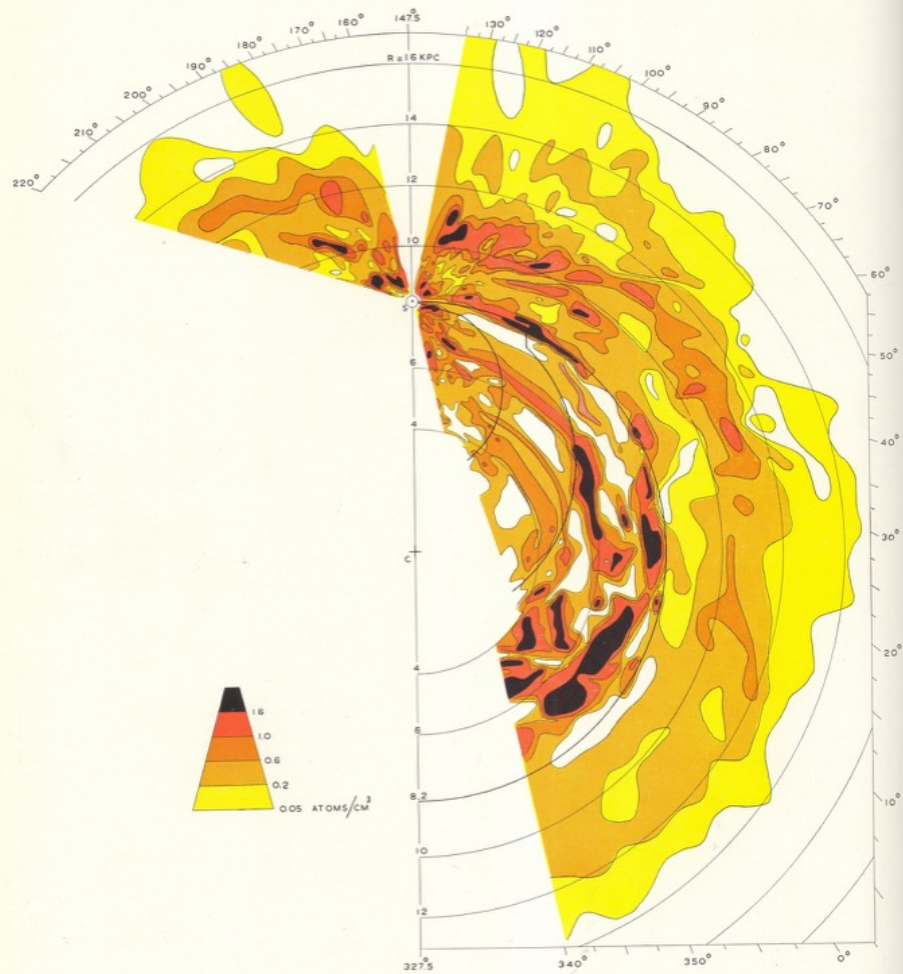


FIGURE 3 - Cross-section perpendicular to the galactic plane. This shows isodensity contours of atomic hydrogen in a plane perpendicular to the galactic plane. The Sun (or Earth) is at the origin,  $r$  = distance from Sun along plane,  $z$  = distance from Sun perpendicular to plane. Heaviest shadings represent 2 atoms per  $\text{cm}^3$ ; the lowest contour represents 0.05 atom per  $\text{cm}^3$ . Note here and in figure 2 that the Perseus arm is split and also that the outer arm lies above the galactic plane.



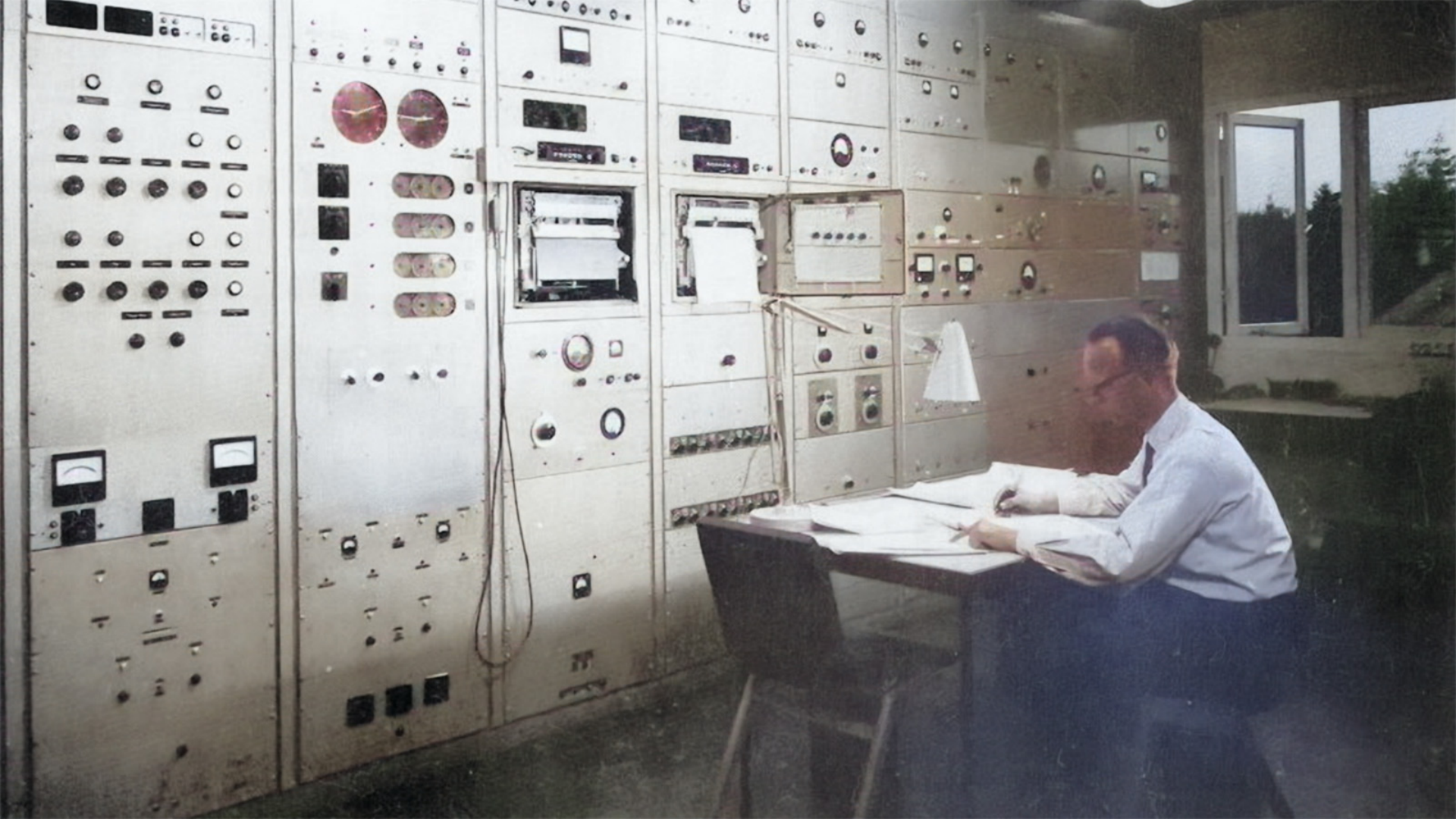
Contours of equal density of neutral hydrogen in the Galactic System. The maximum densities in the  $z$ -direction are projected on the galactic plane, and contours are drawn through the points.

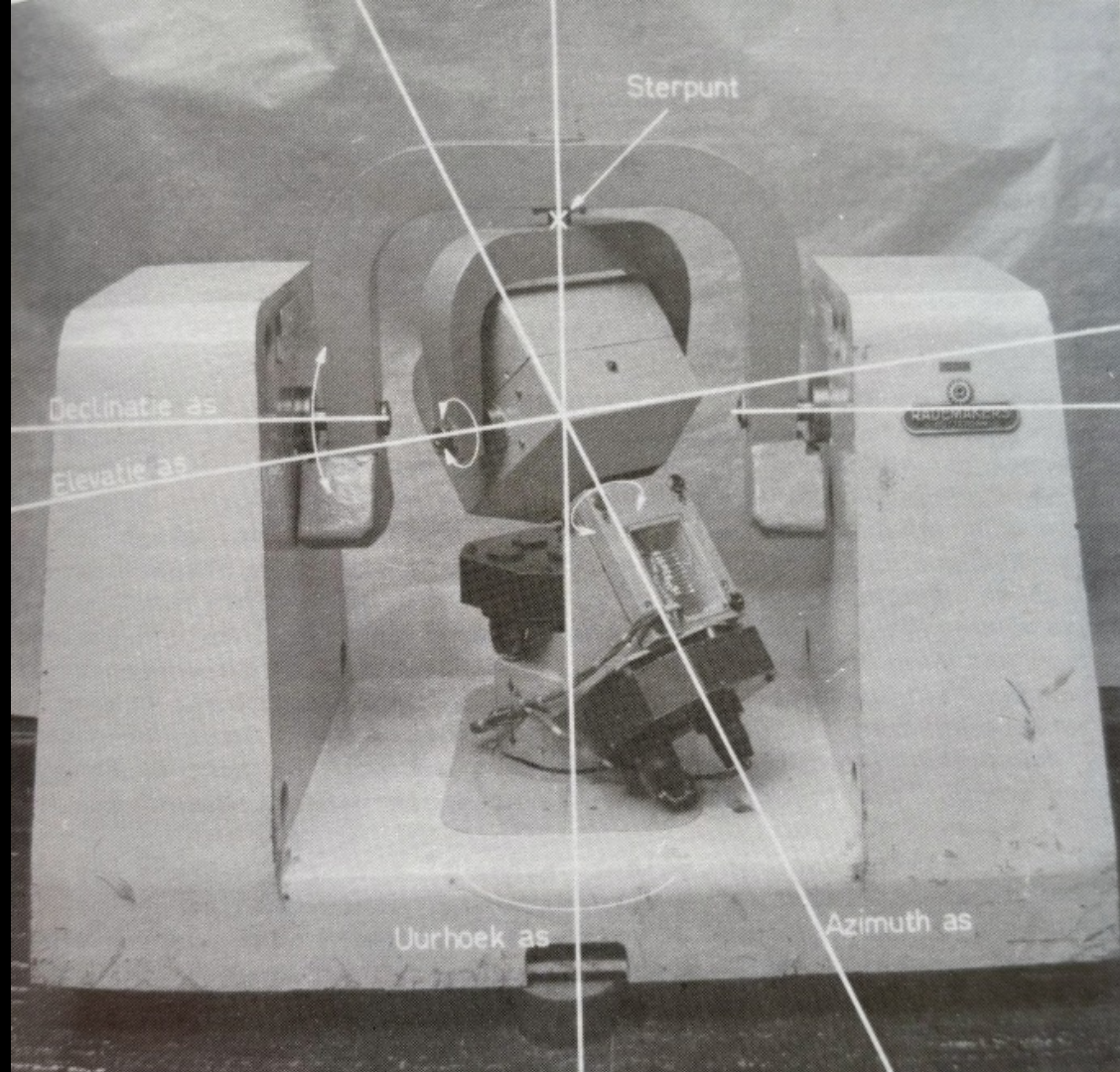
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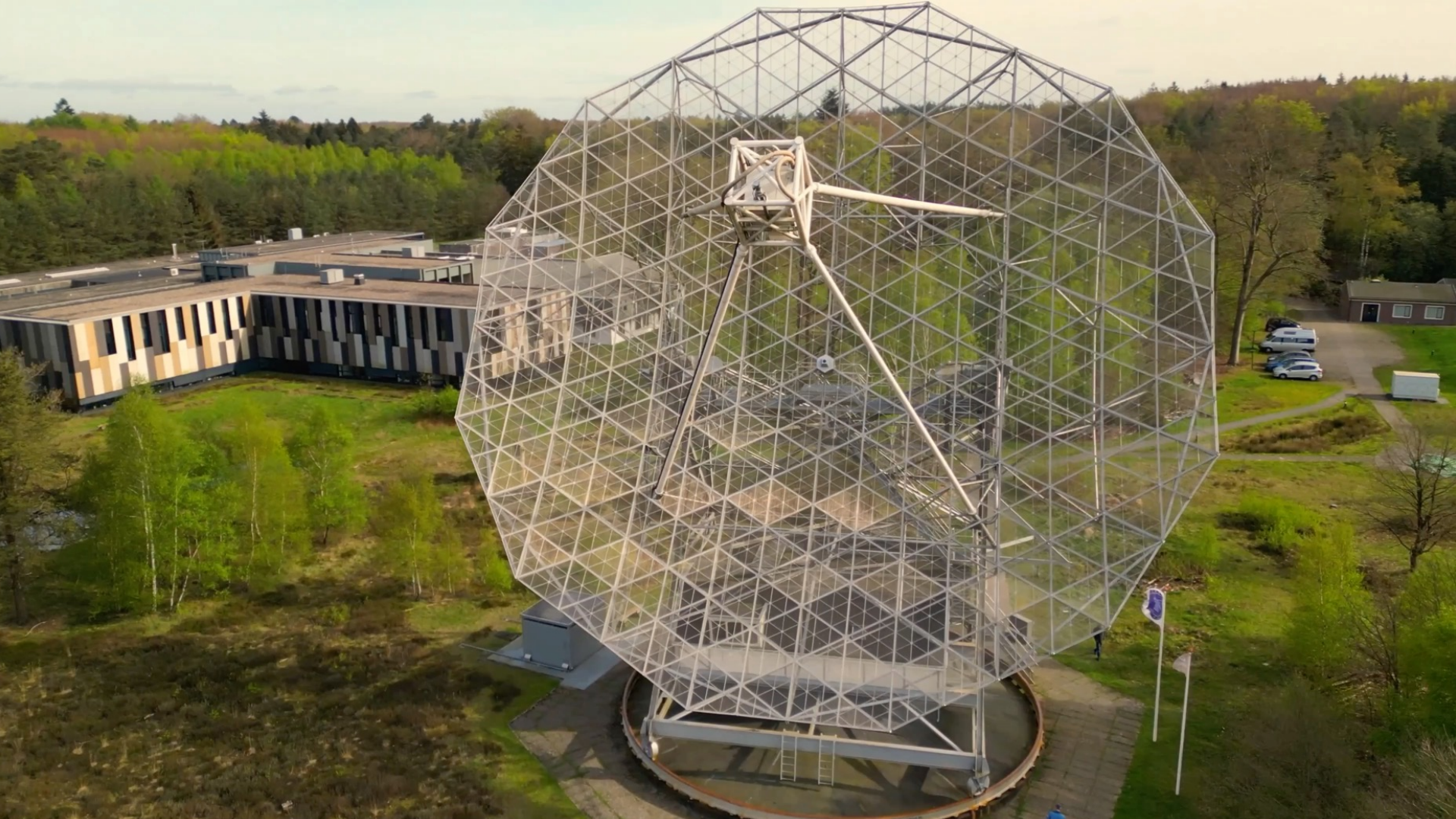
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# vrt-ig-tools



Ettus USRP B210

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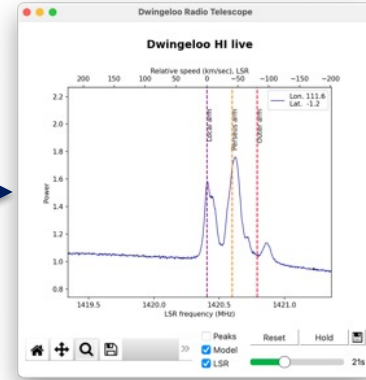
vrt\_spectrum

hi-live.py

vrt\_to\_sigmf



\*.sigmf-meta/sigmf-data



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# vrt\_spectrum

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[camrasdemo@mercurius:~$ ./vrt_spectrum --integration-time 1 --int-second --num-bins 5 --dt-trace
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# VRT Context:
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# Stream ID (channel): 1 (0)
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# Sample Rate [samples per second]: 8000000
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# RF Freq [Hz]: 1421500000
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# Bandwidth [Hz]: 56000000
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# Gain [dB]: 70
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# Ref lock: external
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# Time cal: internal
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# Bins: 5
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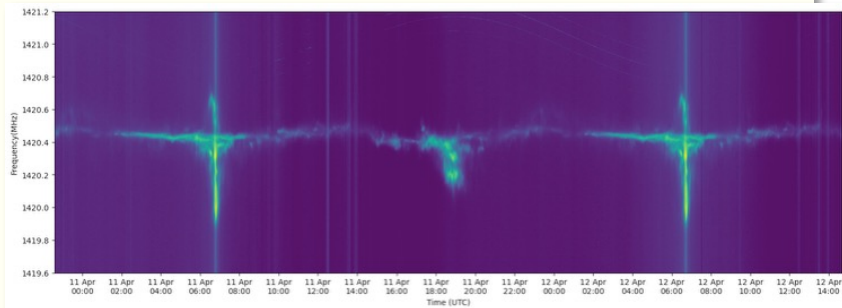
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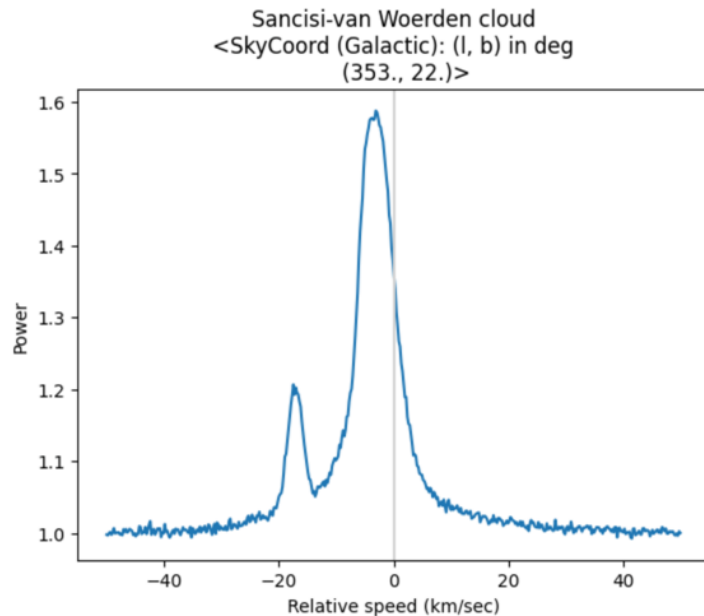


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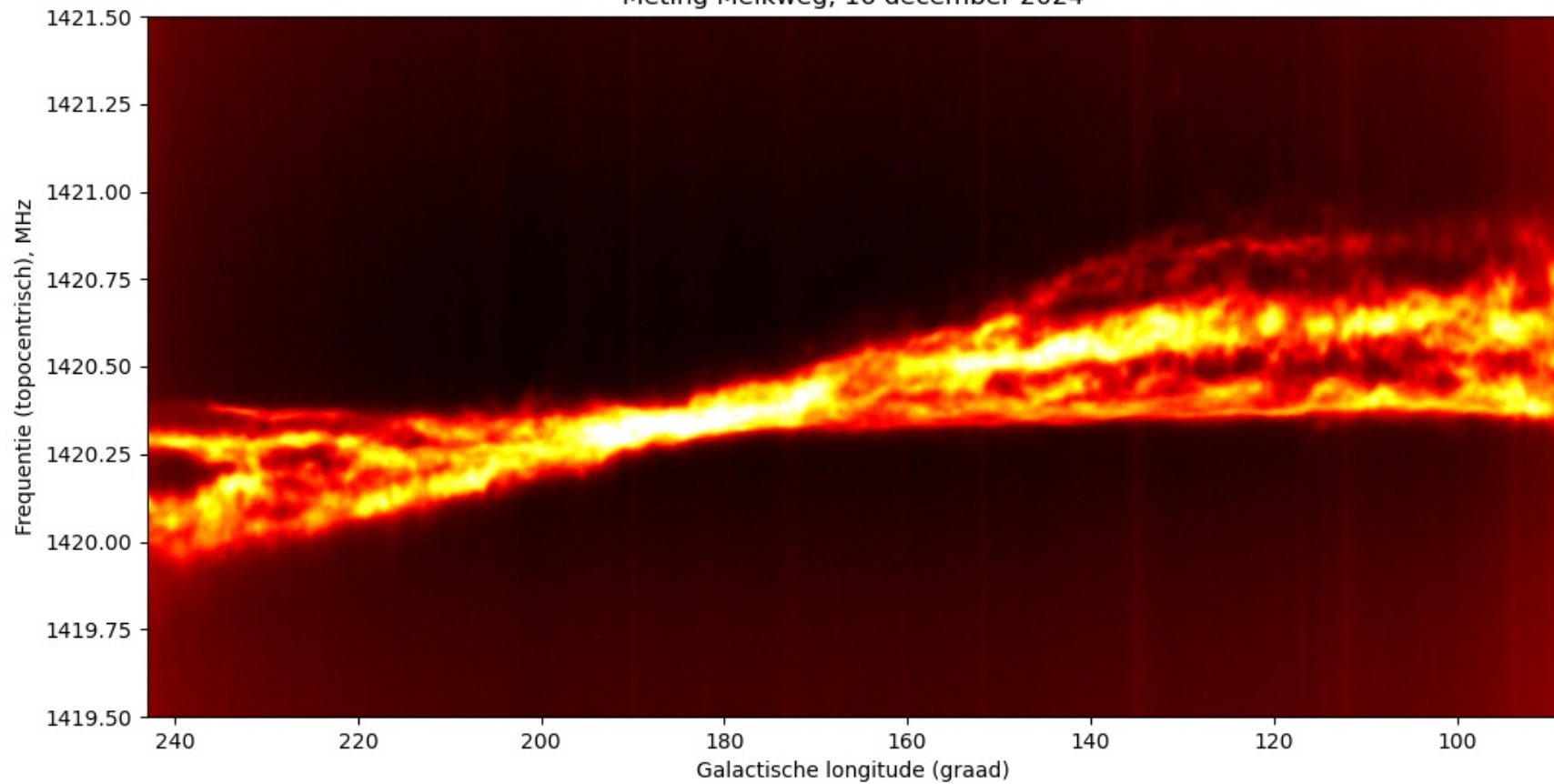
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freqs = np.array(list(map(int,data.columns[start_col:])))  
fc = data.meta['vrt']['frequency']
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[4]: spec_data = np.column_stack([data[colname] for colname in data.columns[start_col:]])  
print(spec_data.shape)
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(60, 6000)
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Meting Melkweg, 16 december 2024



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SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS  
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by  
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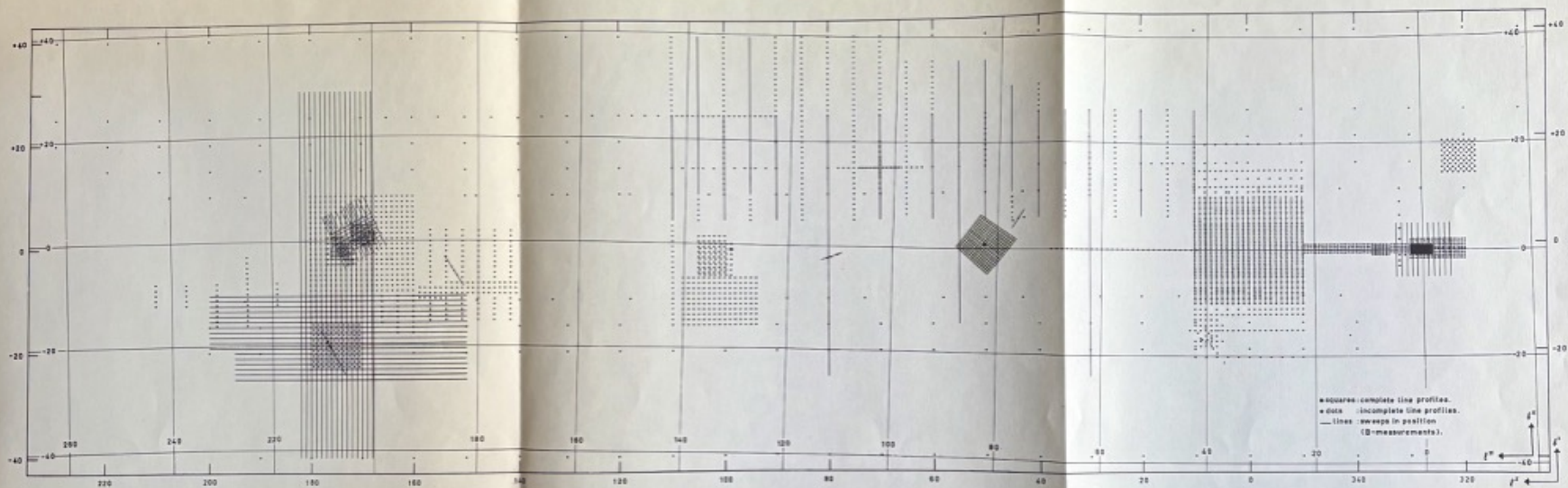
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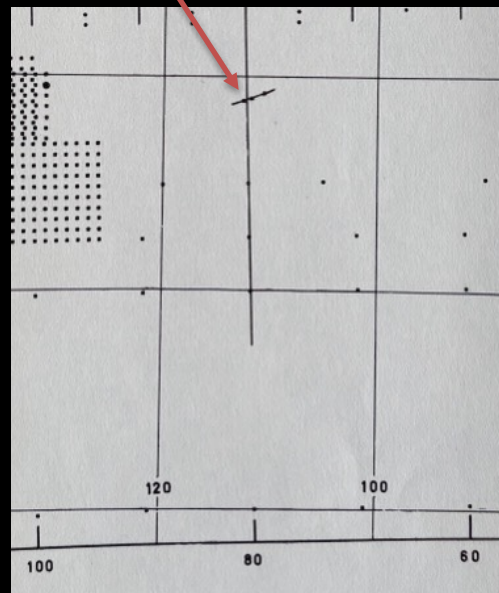
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## 21-CM HYDROGEN-LINE ABSORPTION IN THE SPECTRA OF DISCRETE SOURCES

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This paper is a short survey of the results obtained with the Dwingeloo 25-meter radio telescope (beamwidth 0°56) and the 21-cm receiver on hydrogen-line absorption effects in the spectra of a number of strong point sources. Earlier work on this subject has been done by Hagen, Lilley, and McClain [1], and by Davies and Williams [2]. Some preliminary results of the first part of the present investigation were already published [3].

## 1. GENERAL METHOD

The hydrogen-line profile observed with a radio telescope pointing at a discrete source may be considered to consist of two parts: (1) The *emission profile* due to all neutral-hydrogen clouds in the antenna beam which would be measured in the absence of the source; this profile we shall call "the expected profile" following Hagen, Lilley, and McClain. (2) The *absorption profile* due to the absorption of the continuous radiation of the discrete source by hydrogen clouds lying between the source and the telescope; this profile we will call "the true absorption profile." Since usually the width of the source is much smaller than the beamwidth of the telescope the expected profile is mainly determined by clouds or parts of clouds within the antenna beam but not in front of the source; while the source's possible absorption of hydrogen radiation from clouds behind it can be neglected.

Assuming a uniform hydrogen distribution over the solid angle of the source, we may write for the observed profile:

$$T_{\text{obs}}(\nu) = T_{\text{exp}}(\nu) - T_s(1 - e^{-\tau(\nu)}).$$

where  $T_s$  is the observed antenna temperature due to the continuous radiation from the source outside the hydrogen-line frequencies, and  $\tau(\nu)$  is the optical depth of the neutral hydrogen in front of the source. The true absorption spectrum is given by the term  $T_s e^{-\tau(\nu)}$ , while the term  $-T_s$  is introduced by the comparison method used in the receiver.

To obtain the true absorption profile and from it the optical depth of the hydrogen clouds we must find the expected profile and subtract it from the observed profile. Though it is impossible to determine the expected profile, in principle we can obtain a good approximation from measuring the hydrogen radiation in the immediate neighborhood of the source. In earlier work this was done by using the mean of a number of profiles taken around the source. We have tried to improve on this method by using

constant-declination or constant-galactic-latitude scans [3] across the source at a large number of frequencies to derive the expected profile. The main reason for using this method was that in several cases large differences in slope of the intensity-versus-declination (or galactic-latitude) curves were found to occur on both sides of the absorption dip in the curve, which would lead to an incorrect expected profile when taking the simple mean of profiles on both sides of the source. Constant-declination scans were used in the cases of Cassiopeia A, Taurus A, and Orion A, while for Cygnus A and Sagittarius A constant-galactic-latitude scans were chosen. In the case of Virgo A, comparison measurements on a number of surrounding points were made in the same way as the observations for M31 were made by van de Hulst, Raimond, and van Woerden [4].

Figs. 1 to 5 give the measured profile and the expected profile, together with the true absorption profile derived from these two by subtraction. All the observed profiles were taken with a receiver bandwidth of 5 kc/s, corresponding to 1 km/second, while the scans and comparison profile were taken with a bandwidth of 10 kc/s, because the expected profile does not show the fine structure of the absorption profile and thus could be measured with a somewhat wider beamwidth with the advantage of smaller noise fluctuations. The r.m.s. noise fluctuation on the mean observed profile is about 1°K and slightly larger for the expected profile in most cases.

## 2. INDIVIDUAL SOURCES

*Cassiopeia A:* A profile taken with a 10-kc/s beamwidth has already been published [3]. New 5-kc/s observations confirm the earlier results and reveal one more component on the low-frequency slope of the strong line at  $-38$  km/second. A total of eight components have now been found; four due to absorption in the Orion arm and four due to the Perseus arm. The absorption in the latter arm is stronger than in the first, with optical depths to 3 or 4, while in the Orion arm the absorption is less than 2. This is the only available case of absorption in the Perseus arm. Of interest are the three components with optical depth less than 0.1 in the Orion arm.

A comparison with theoretical gaussian profiles generally gives a very good agreement, though the tails extend somewhat farther out than a gaussian profile. The same effect of a slightly wider tail was found in the spectra of other sources where a separation of the spectra into individual components made the assumption

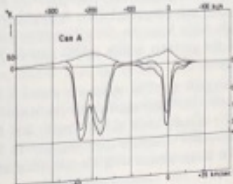


FIG. 1. Absorption profile of Cas A. The temperature indications in Figs. 1 through 5 are antenna temperatures, and are smaller than the brightness temperatures used in other Dutch papers by approximately 30 per cent. Upper curve: expected profile; middle curve: observed profile; lower curve: true absorption profile.

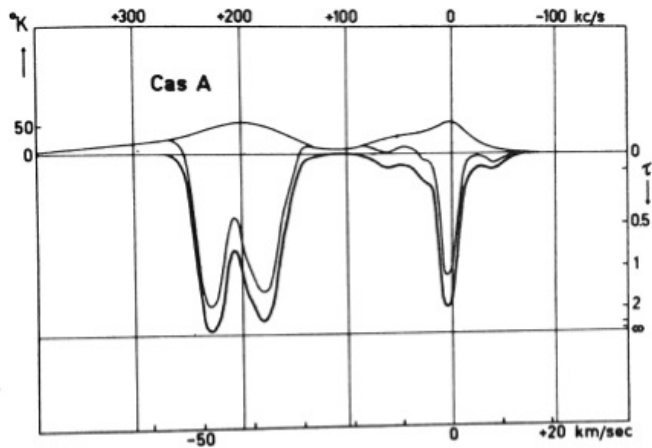
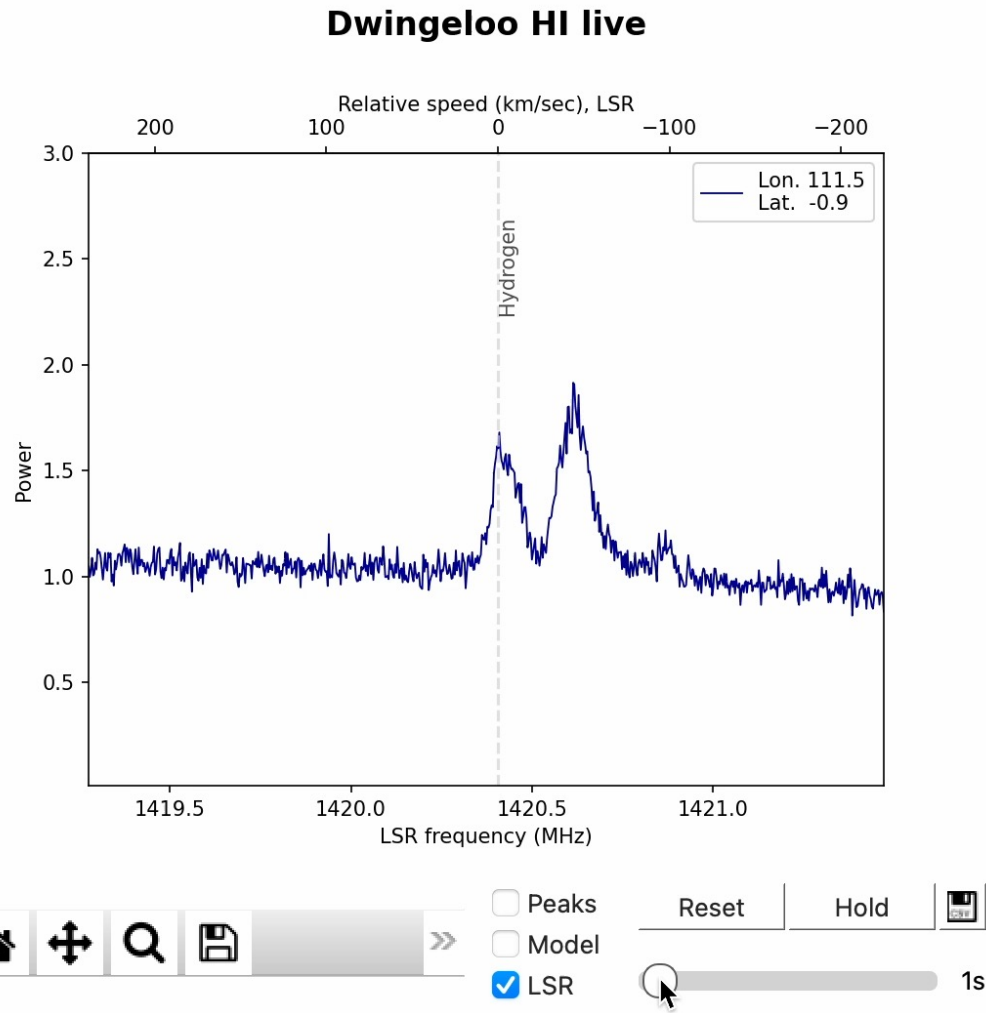


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## RADIO OBSERVATIONS OF OH IN THE INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM

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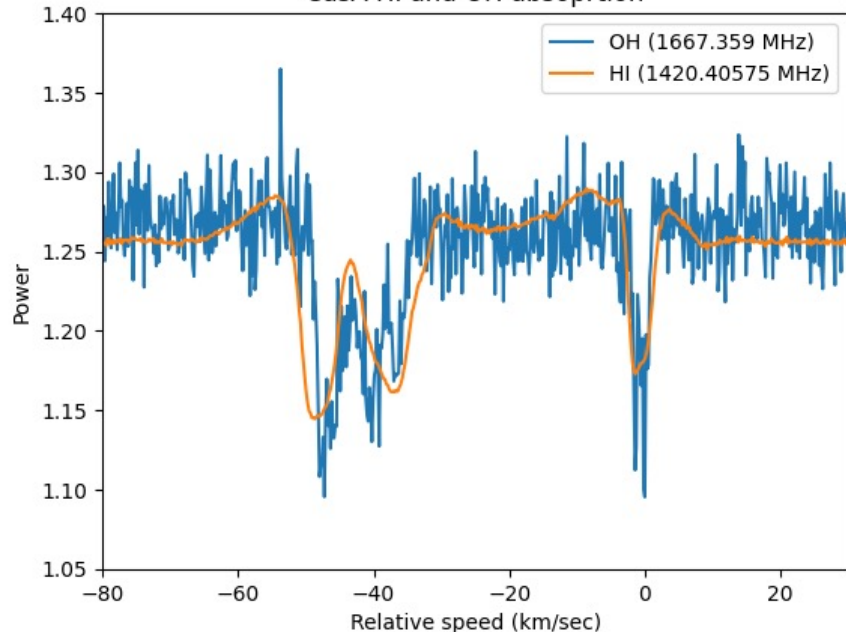
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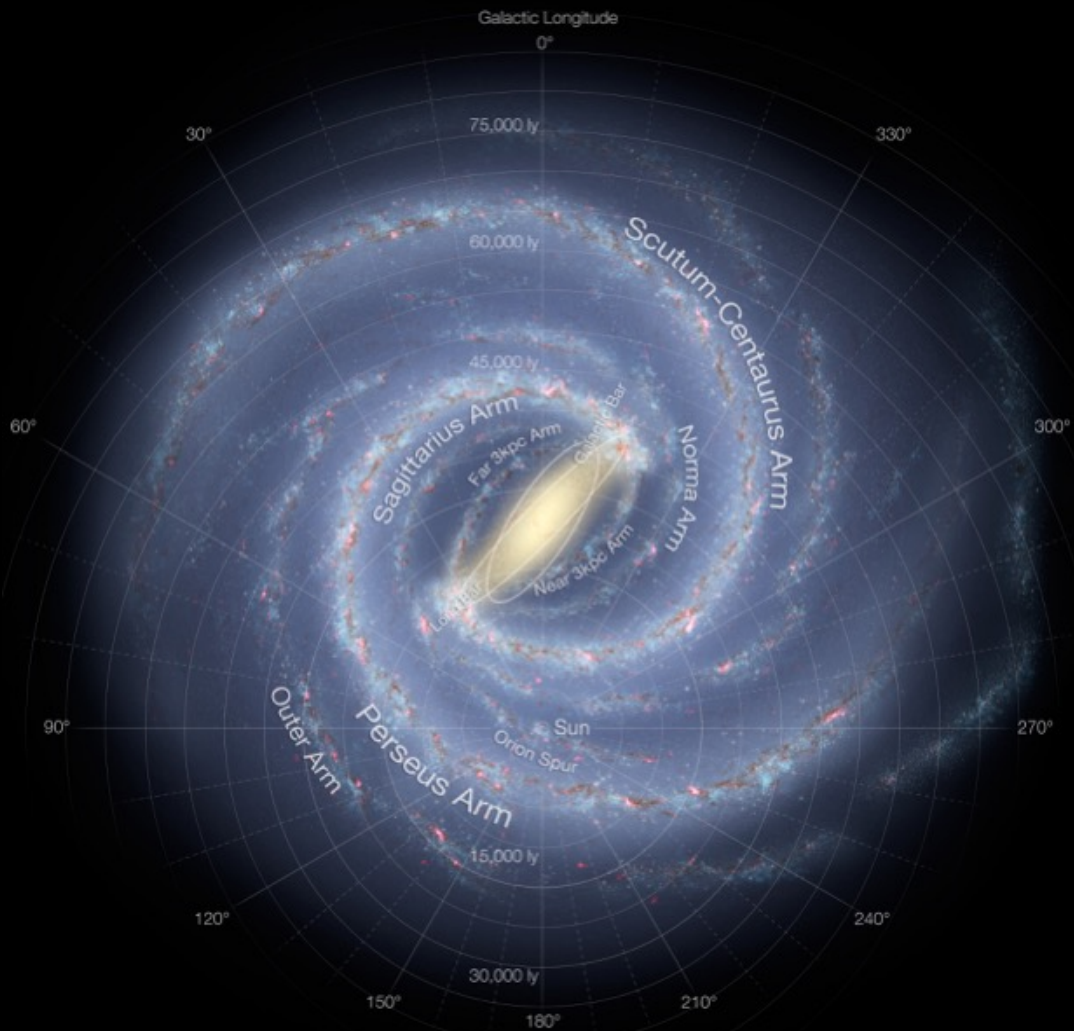
IN this article we wish to report the detection of 18-cm absorption lines of the hydroxyl (OH) radical in the radio absorption spectrum of Cassiopeia A, thereby providing positive evidence for the existence of OH in the interstellar medium. The microwave transitions of OH in the ground-state,  ${}^2\pi_{3/2}$ ,  $J = 3/2$ , arise from two

$\Lambda$ -type doublet-levels, each of which is split into two hyperfine levels by interactions with the hydrogen nuclei. The two strongest transitions result. The two strongest previously measured in the laboratory are at 1.665-0.03 Mc/s ( $F = 2 \rightarrow 2$ ) and 1,665-0.03 Mc/s ( $F = 1 \rightarrow 1$ ) with relative intensities of

(2) The OH absorption spectra at both frequencies show general agreement with the H absorption spectra.

CasA HI and OH absorption

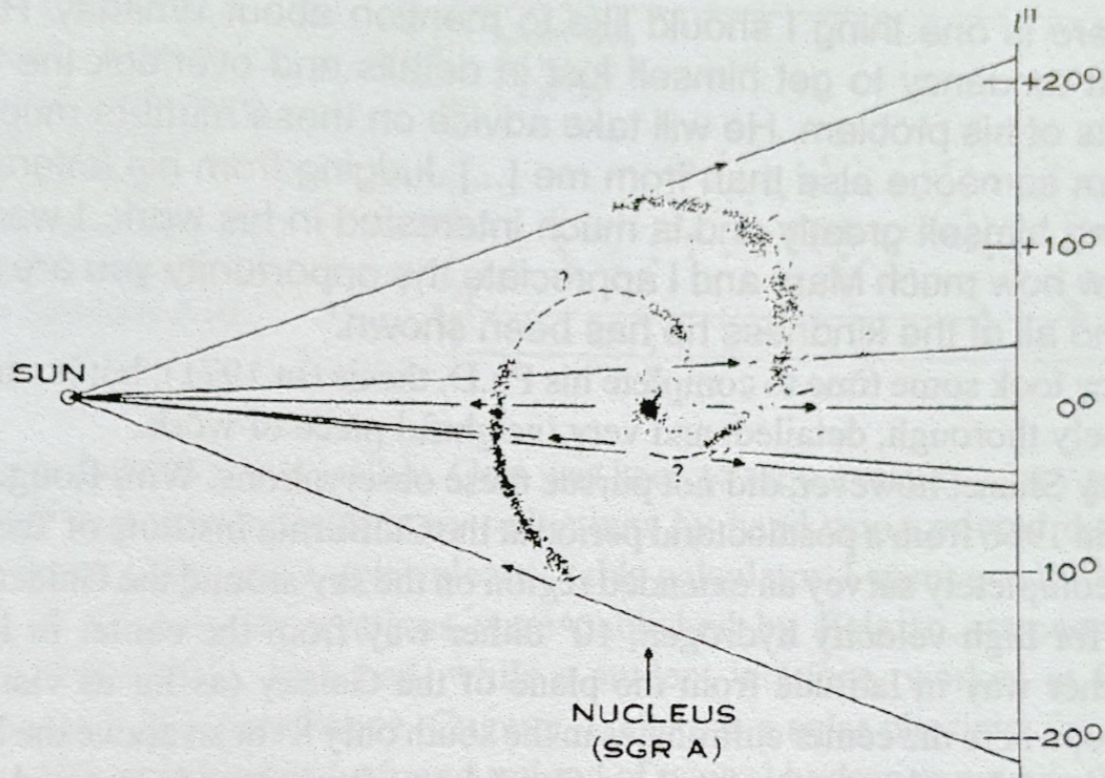




ASTRONOMIE. — *Expansion d'une structure spirale dans le noyau du Système Galactique, et position de la radiosource Sagittarius A.* Note (\*) de MM. **HUGO VAN WOERDEN**, **WILLEM ROUGOOR** et **JAN OORT**.

Au cours d'une étude de la radiation 21 cm de l'hydrogène on a trouvé, dans la partie centrale du Système Galactique ( $R < 2$  kpc), des bras spiraux qui s'éloignent du centre avec des vitesses de 50 à 100 km/s. Un de ces bras cause une forte absorption de la raie 21 cm dans la source *Sagittarius A*. Ceci montre qu'en toute probabilité cette source est située au centre de notre Galaxie.

Un des premiers points du programme du nouveau radiotélescope de 25 m à Dwingeloo, Pays-Bas, est une étude de la radiation 21 cm de l'hydrogène issue de la partie centrale de la Galaxie.



**Fig. 13.14** Oort's schematic drawing of the neutral hydrogen in the central part of the Galaxy that he used in various publications and presentations. The 3-kpc arm on the left is seen in absorption and moves towards the Sun at 53 km/s in front of the central radio source Sagittarius A (Sgr A), while on the opposite side there is no absorption from the arm moving at 135 km/s. From the Oort Archives

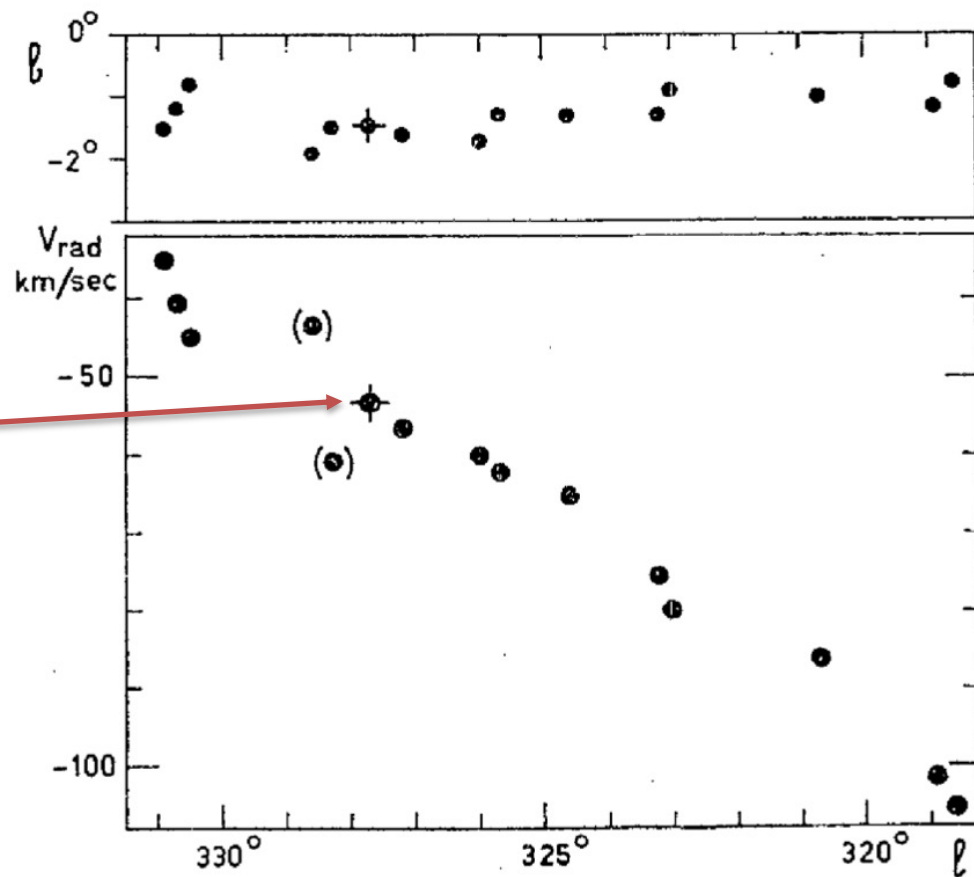
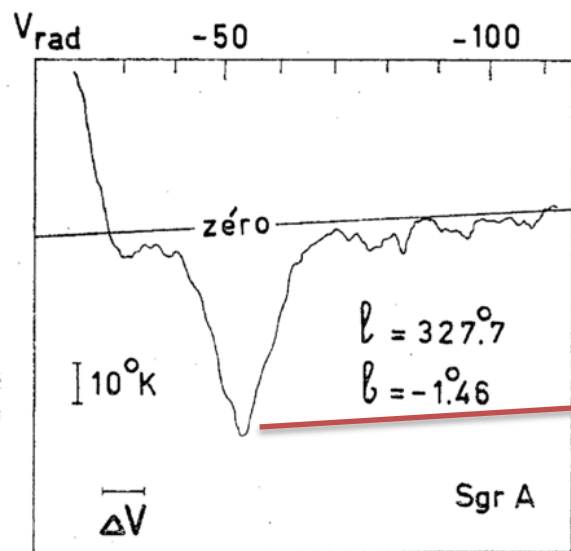


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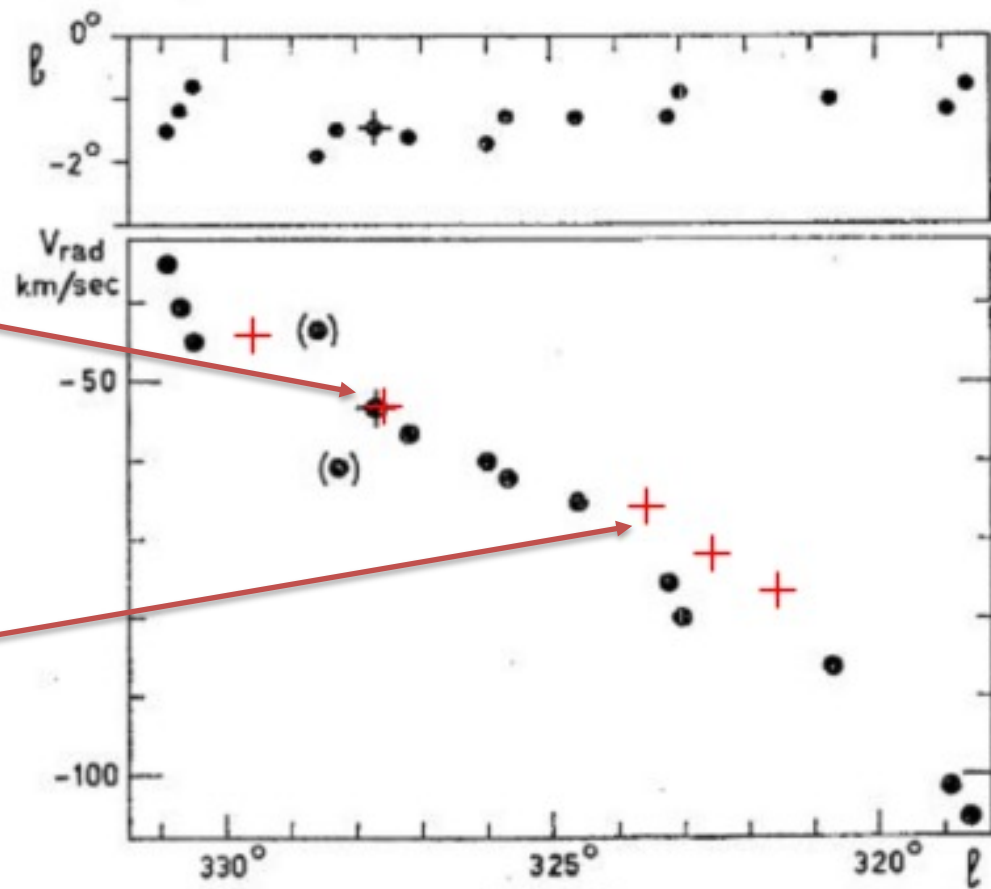
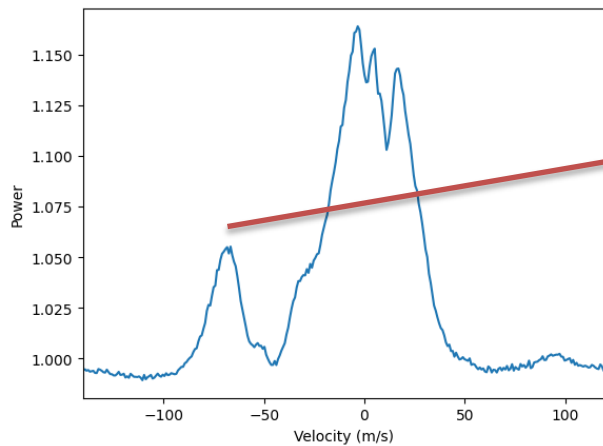
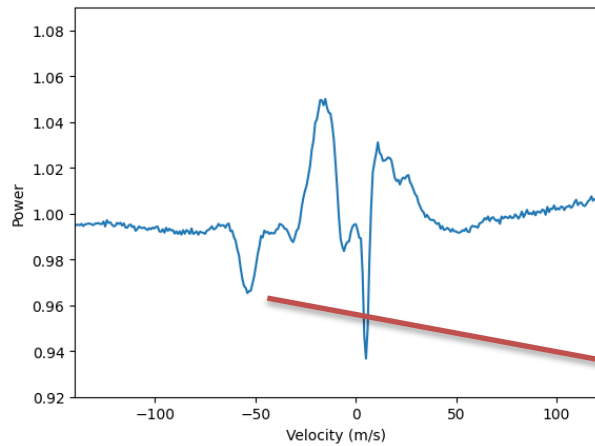
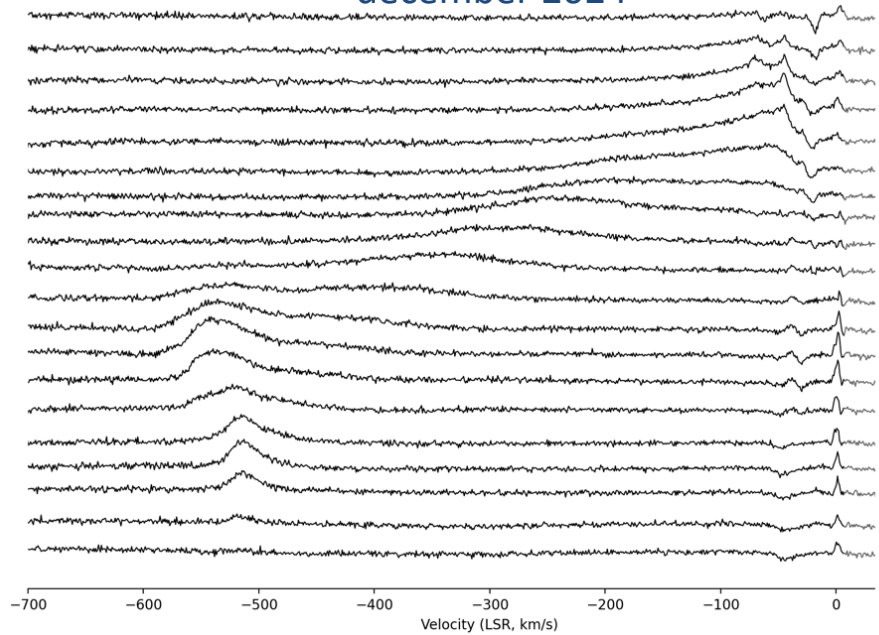


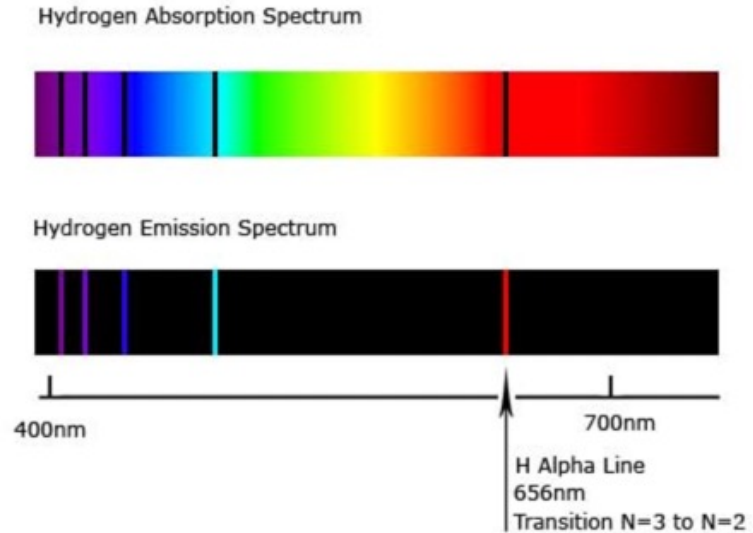
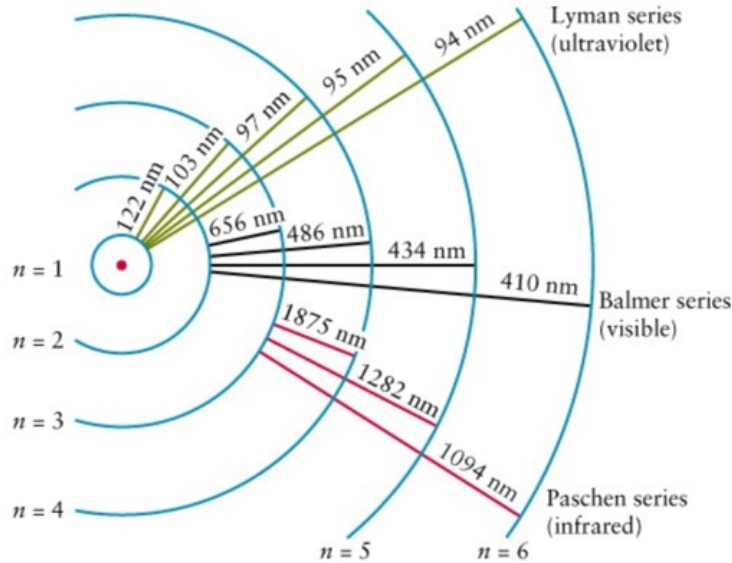
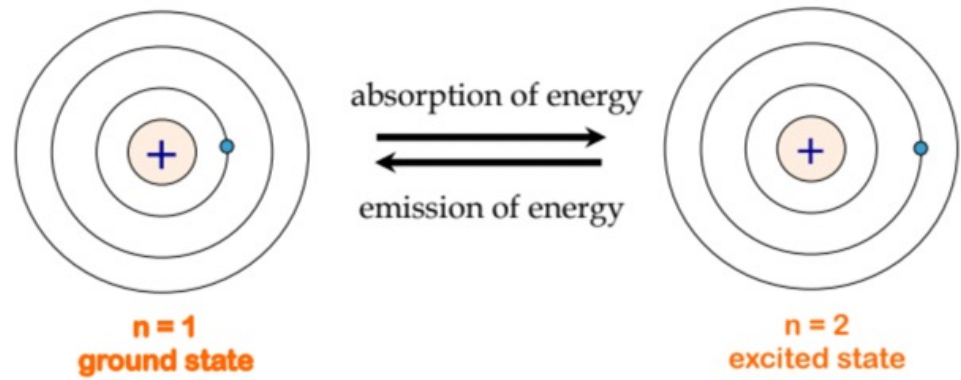
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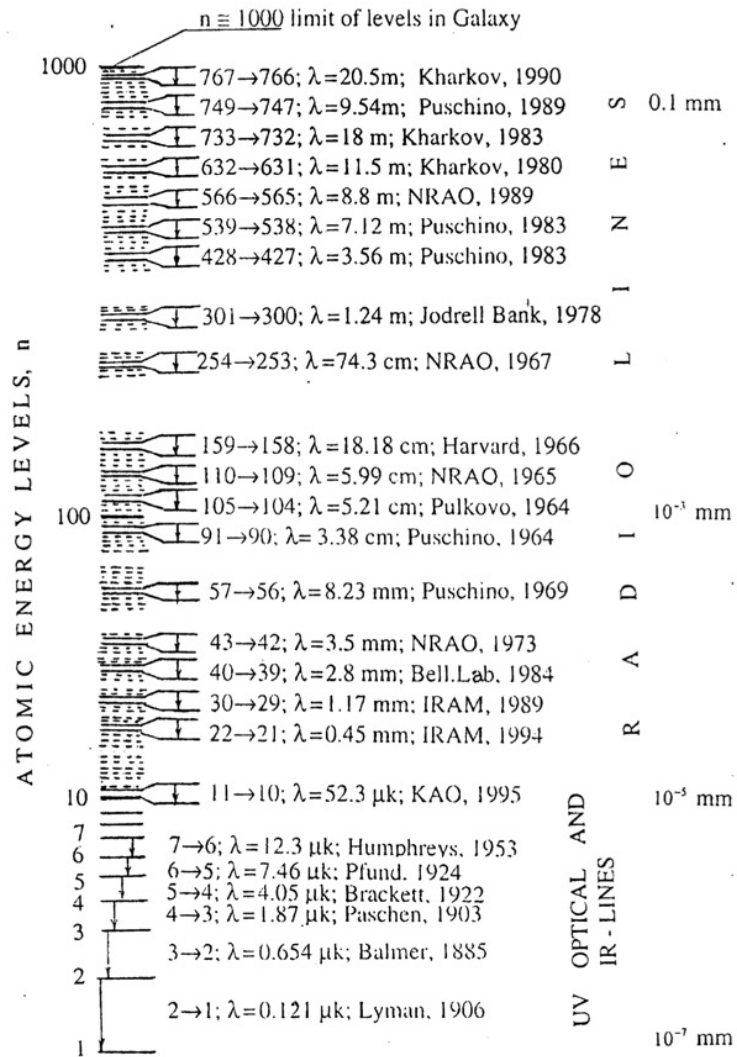
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# Hydrogen spectral emissions





Omega Nebula (M17/W38)



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## OBSERVATIONS OF THE HYDROGEN RECOMBINATION LINE $H166\alpha$ IN GALACTIC H II REGIONS

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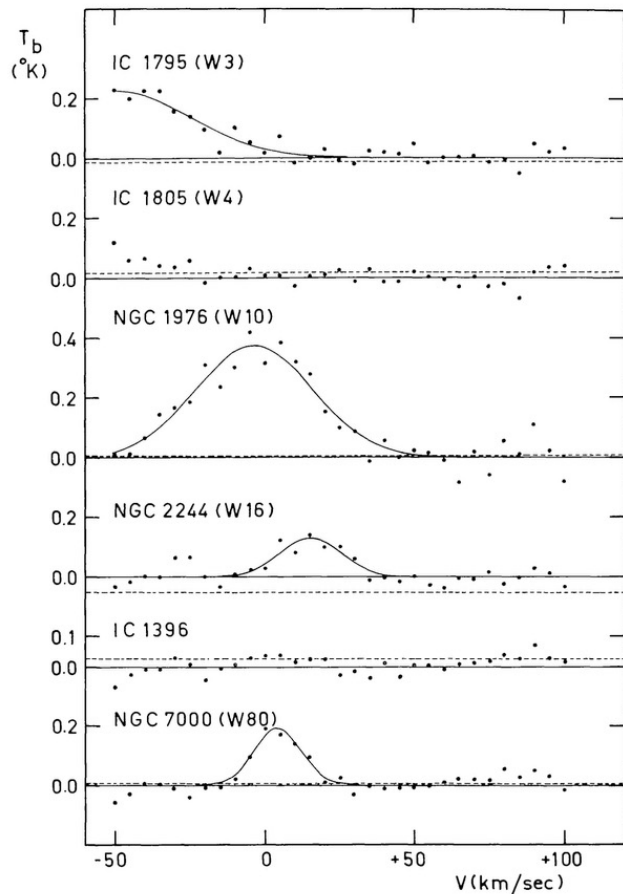
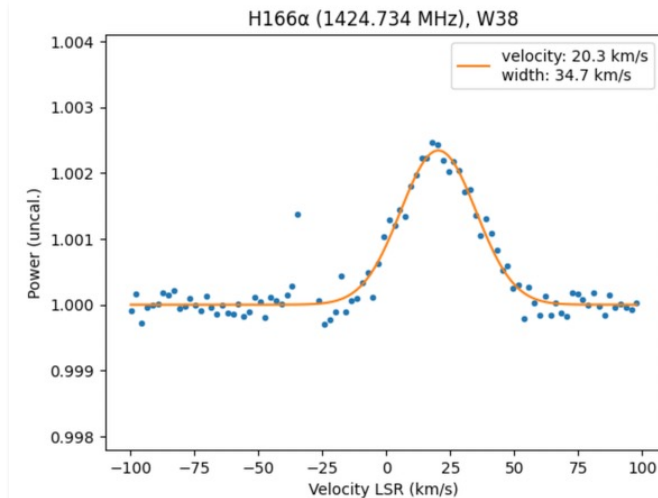
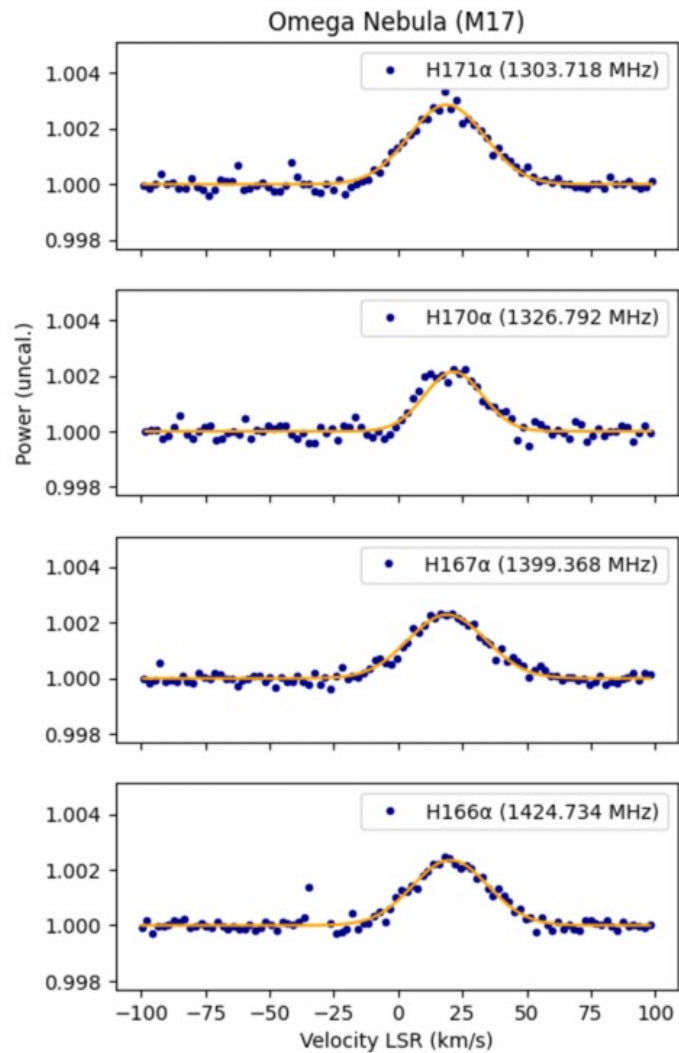
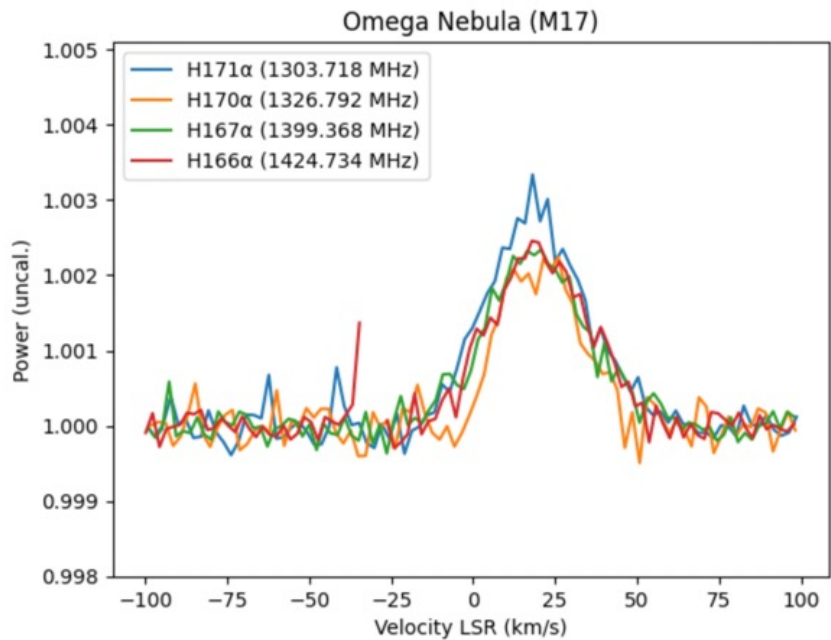


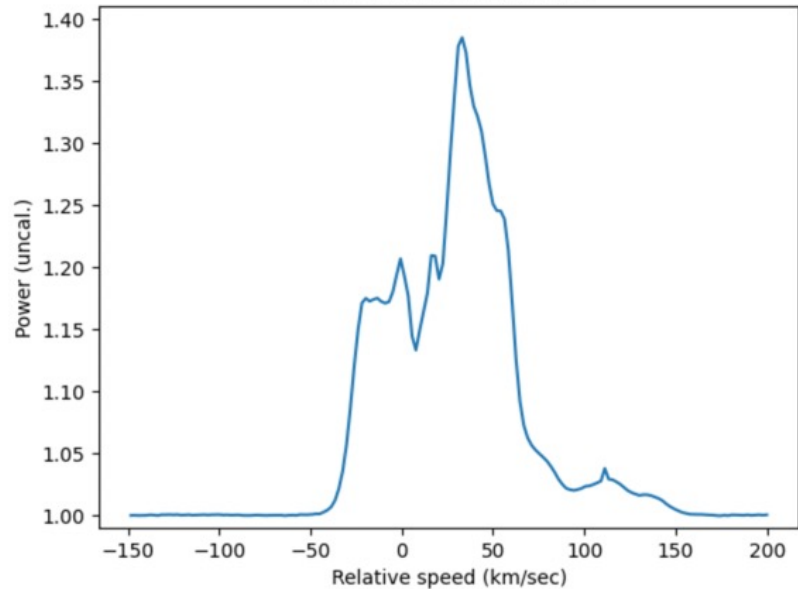
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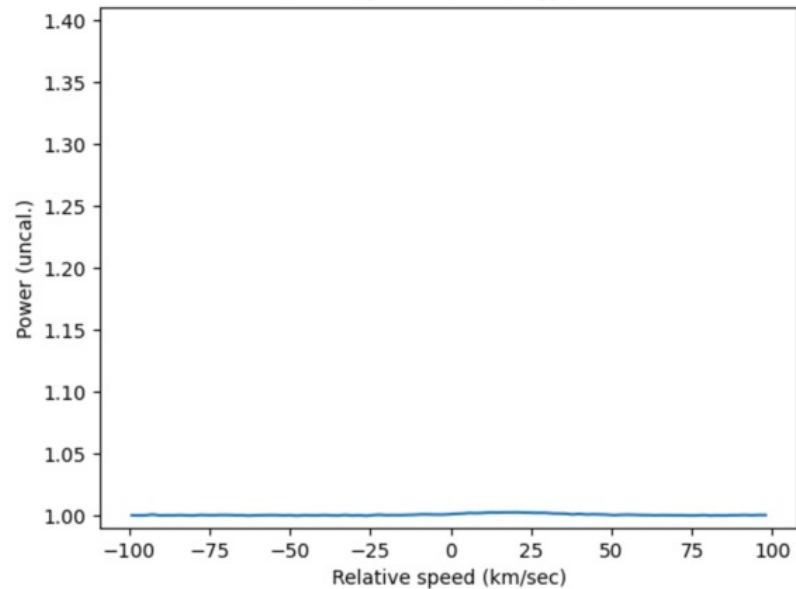




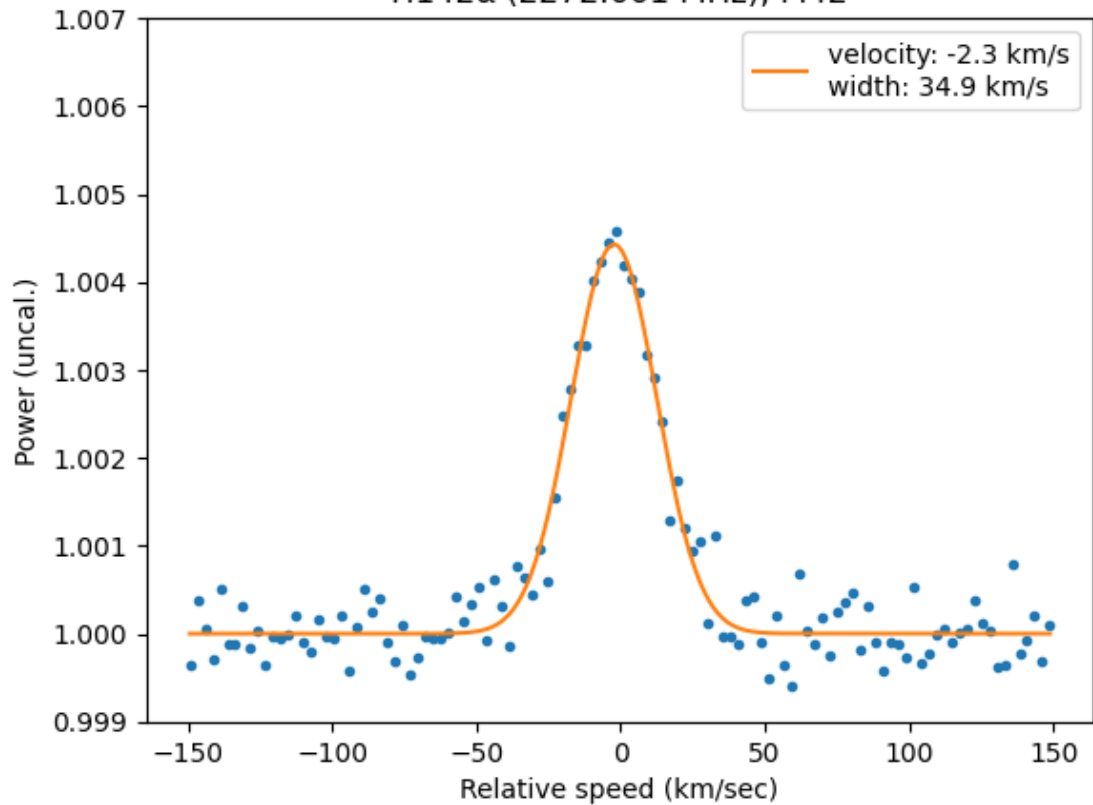
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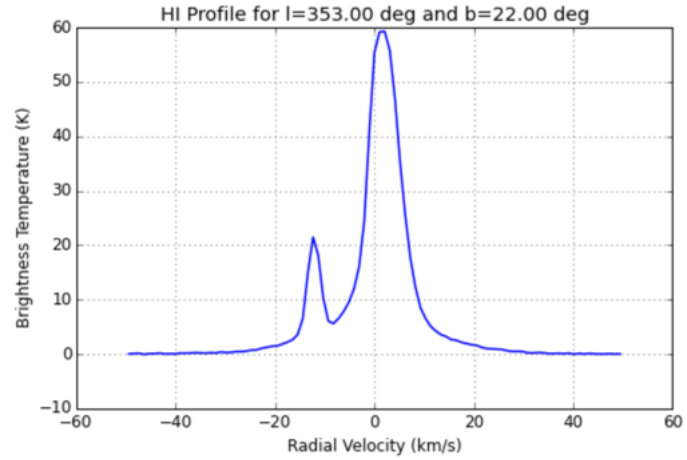
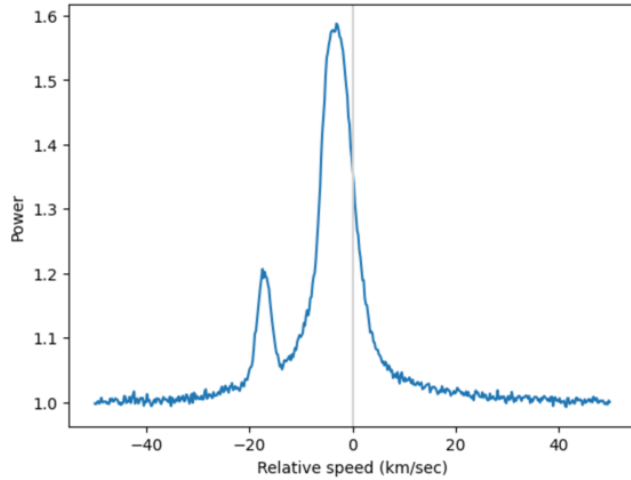
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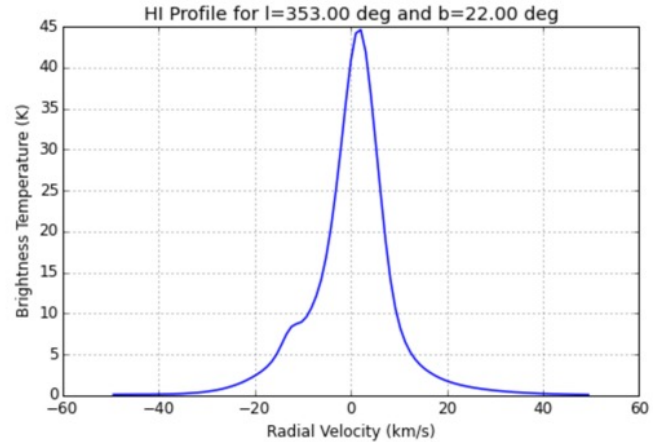
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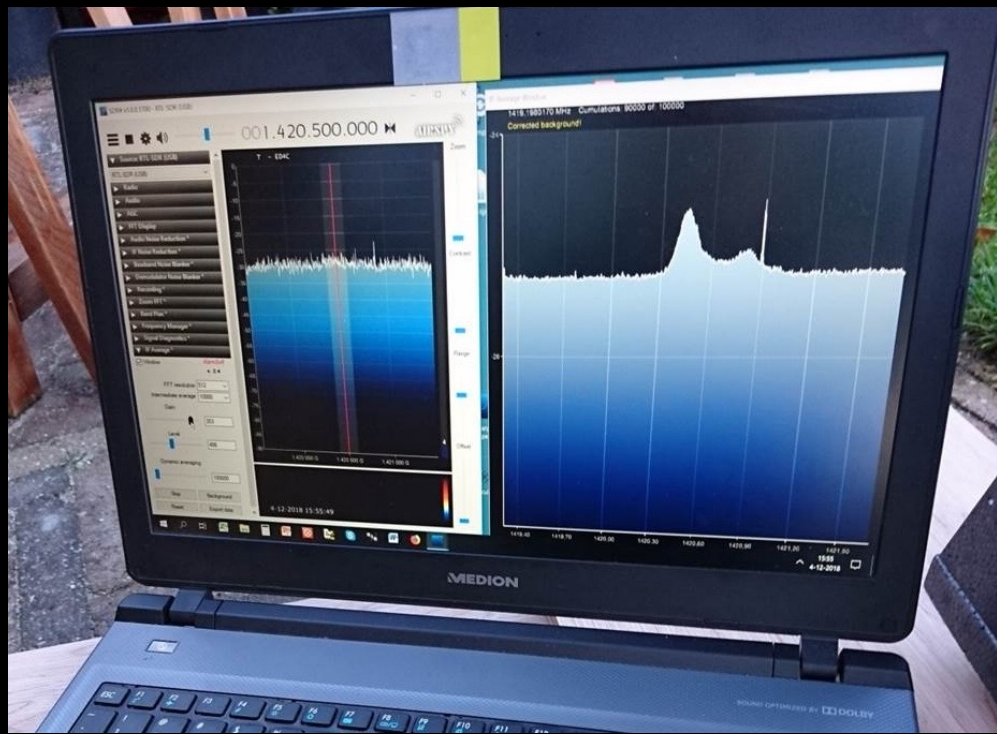
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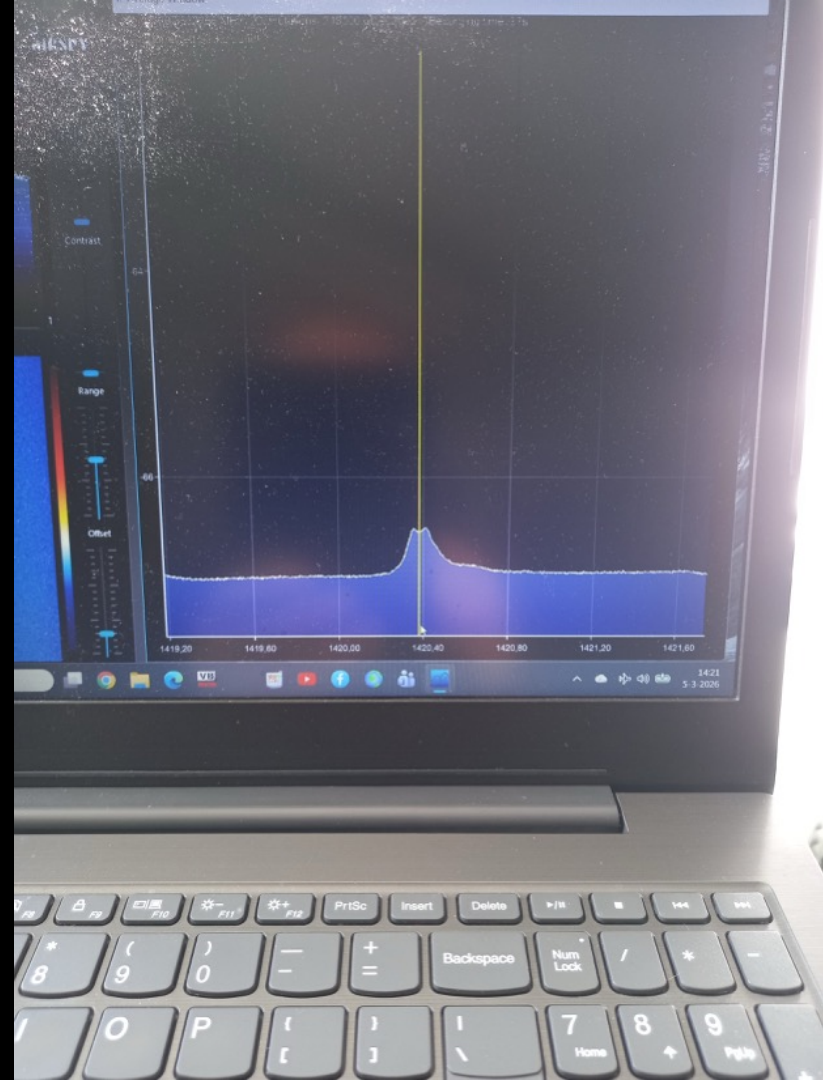
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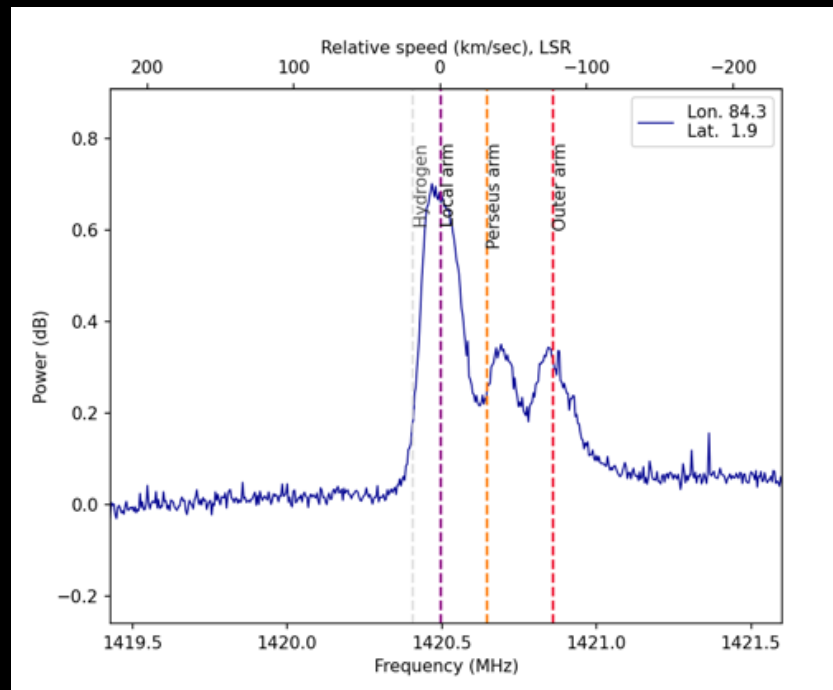


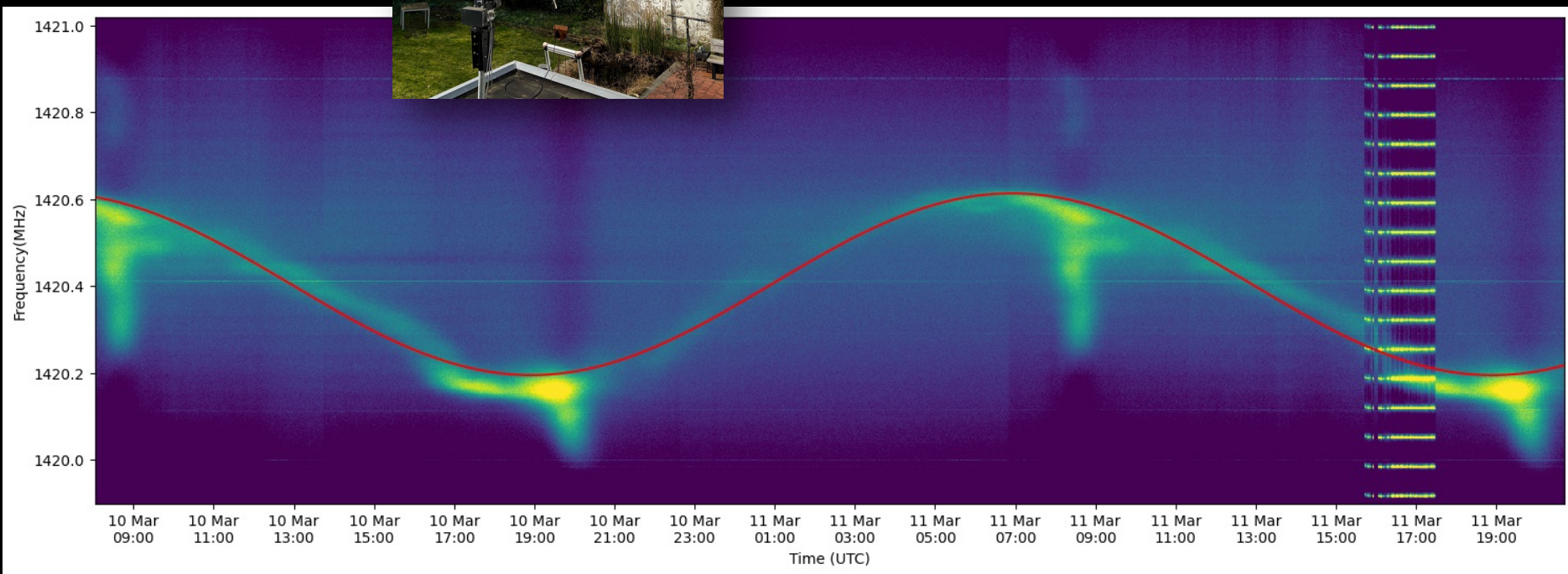
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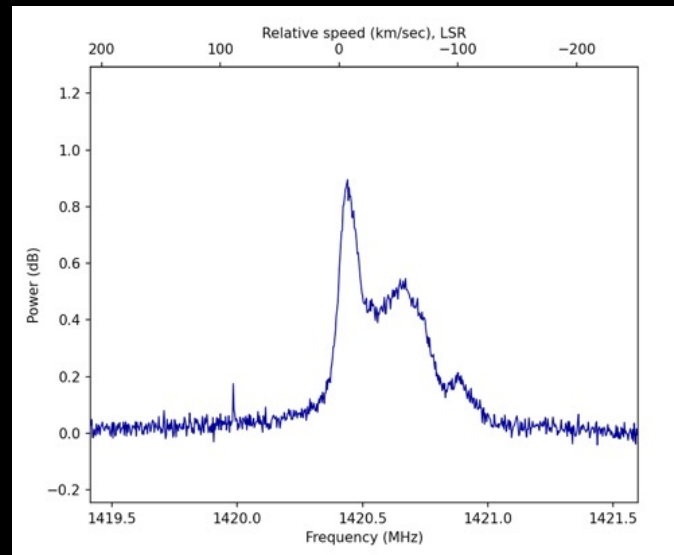


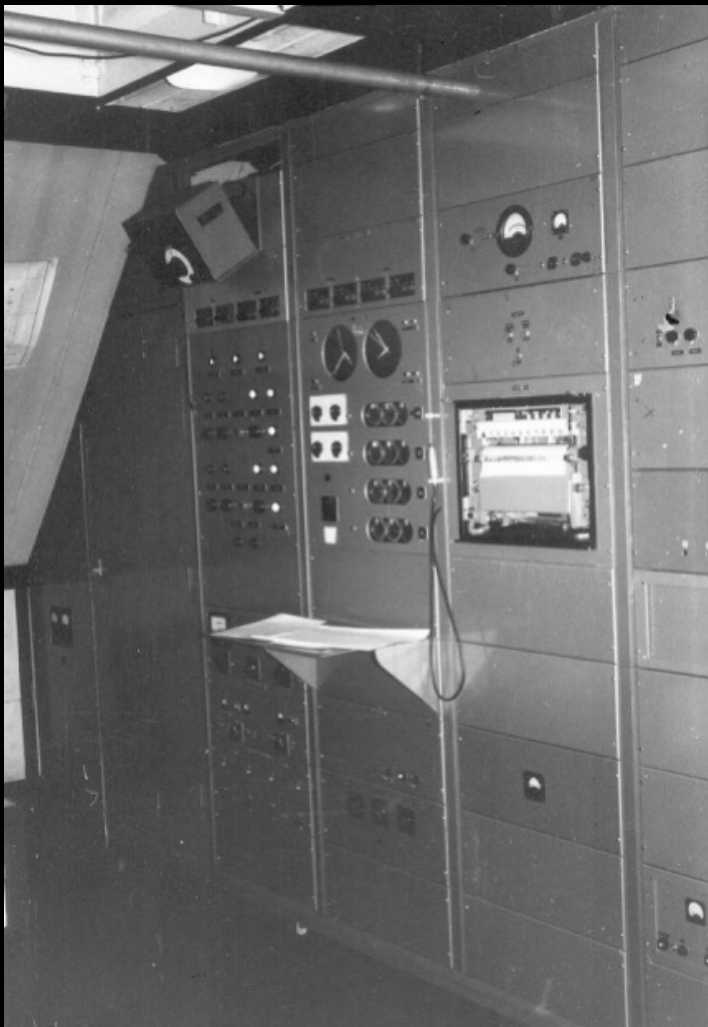




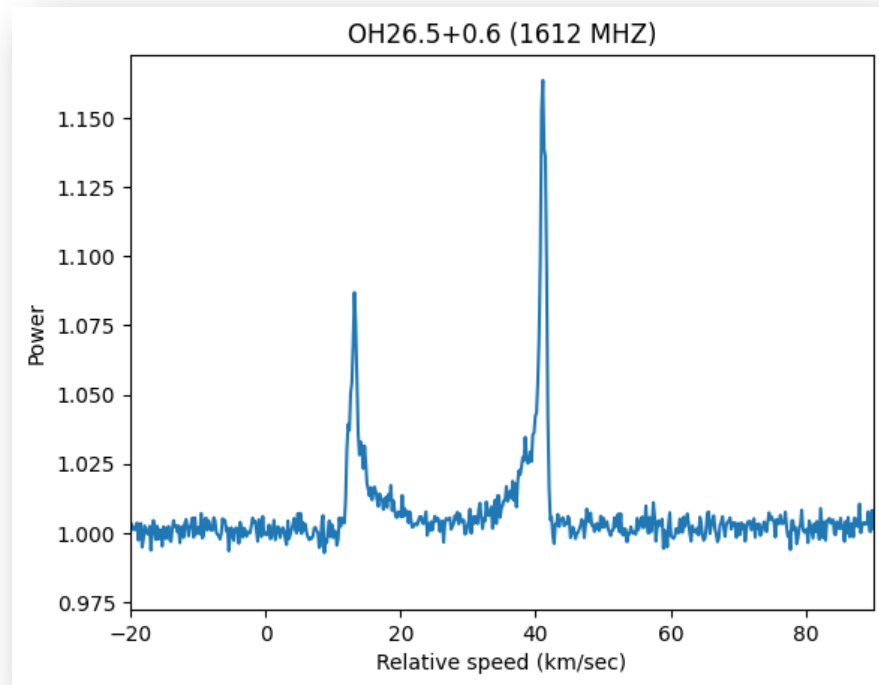
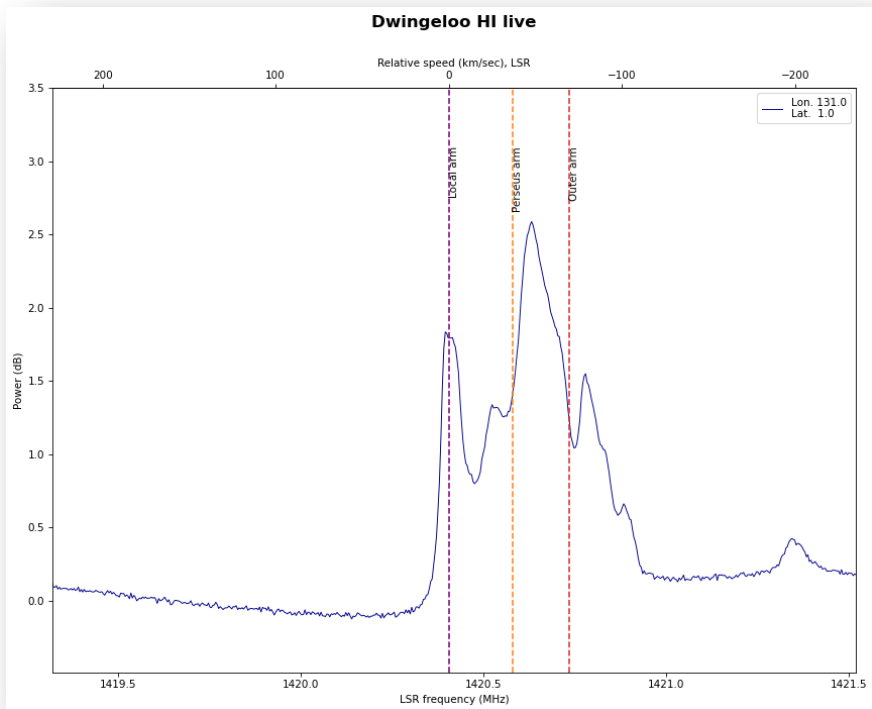












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