## Deep Space

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## Pulsar Galactic Navigation

- Pulsar Basics
- Galactic Path Planning
- Pulsar visibility along path
- Pulsar base period
- ATNF and SIMBAD database
- Pulsar simulator
- The use of Excel Solver to solve 3-dimensional galactic solution
- Selecting pulsars for navigation
- Solving Galactic Position based on pulsar observations


## Pulsar Basics

Pulsar Rotation

Lighthouse Beams

## Pulsar P-Pdot Map



## Pulsar Geometry

Rotation axis
magnetic axis


## Galactic Path Model

|  | Gal-X (pc) <br> (Galactic-Centric) | Gal-Y (pc) <br> (Galactic- <br> Centric) | Gal-Z (pc) <br> (Galactic- <br> Centric) |
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| Earth | 0.00 | 8500.00 | 0.00 |
| $25 \%$ | 103.47 | 8477.75 | 18.64 |
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## Pulsar Observations Along Travel Path



| Sources of Pulsar Data | \# | PSRJ |  | G1 <br> (deg) | Gb <br> (deg) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { P0 } \\ & (\mathrm{s}) \end{aligned}$ |  |  | P1 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DIST } \\ & (\mathrm{kpc}) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | J0002+6216 | CWp+17 | 117.327 | -0.074 | 0.1153635682680 | 14 | CWp+17 | 5.96703E-15 | 7 | Cwp+17 | * |
| ATNF Database | 2 | J0006+1834 | cnt96 | 108.172 | -42.985 | 0.69374767047 | 14 | cn95 | 2.097E-15 | 12 | Cn95 | 0.86 |
|  | 3 | J0007+7303 |  | 119.660 | 10.463 | 0.3158731909 | 3 | awd +12 | 3.6039E-13 | 5 | awd +12 | 1.40 |
| www.atnf.csiro.au | 4 | J0011+08 | dsm+16 | 106.228 | -53.407 | 2.55287 | 0 | dsm+16 | * | 0 | * | 5.40 |
|  | 5 | J0014+4746 | dth78 | 116.497 | -14.631 | 1.240699038946 | 11 | $\underline{h l k+04}$ | 5.6446E-16 | 14 | $\underline{h l k+04}$ | 1.78 |
|  | 6 | J0023+0923 | hrm+11 | 111.383 | -52.849 | 0.003050203104480002 | 7 | $a \mathrm{abb}+18$ | 1.14234E-20 | 4 | $a b b+18$ | 1.11 |
| AIV $\mathcal{F}$ Pulsar Catalogue | 7 | J0024-7204aa | phl +16 | 305.895 | -44.889 | 0.00184 | 0 | phl+16 | * | 0 | * | 2.69 |
| - | 8 | J0024-7204ab | phl+16 | 305.891 | -44.891 | 0.0037046394947985 | 6 | frk+17 | 9.820E-21 | 9 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 2.54 |
|  | 9 | J0024-7204C | $\underline{m l d}+90$ | 305.923 | -44.892 | 0.00575677999551635 | 14 | frk+17 | -4.98503E-20 | 20 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 4.69 |
|  | 10 | J0024-7204D | $\underline{m l r+91}$ | 305.881 | -44.893 | 0.00535757328486573 | 9 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | -3.4220E-21 | 9 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 4.69 |
|  | 11 | J0024-7204E | $\underline{m 1 r+91}$ | 305.883 | -44.883 | 0.00353632915276244 | 4 | frk+17 | 9.85103E-20 | 6 | frk+17 | 4.69 |
|  | 12 | J0024-7204F | mlr+91 | 305.899 | -44.892 | 0.00262357935251262 | 4 | $\underline{f r k+17}$ | 6.45029E-20 | 7 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 4.69 |
|  | 13 | J0024-7204G | r1m+95 | 305.891 | -44.893 | 0.00404037914356515 | 14 | frk+17 | -4.21584E-20 | 17 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 4.69 |
|  | 14 | J0024-7204H | m1r+91 | 305.896 | -44.902 | 0.00321034070935032 | 11 | frk+17 | -1.8294E-21 | 11 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 4.69 |
|  | 15 | J0024-7204I | $\underline{m 1 r+91}$ | 305.892 | -44.893 | 0.00348499206166289 | 13 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | -4.5874E-20 | 3 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 4.69 |
|  | 16 | J0024-7204J | $\underline{m 1 r+91}$ | 305.909 | -44.903 | 0.00210063354535246 | 5 | $\underline{\text { frk }+17}$ | -9.7917E-21 | 9 | $\underline{\text { frk+17 }}$ | 4.69 |

## SIMBAD Database

http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/

## Path Angles to Pulsar

Galactic X-Y Plane


Galactic X-Z Plane


Galactic Y-Z Plane
Pulsar 14

## Finding Angles



## Can the Pulsar be seen on path?



## Model to Calculate Galactic Angles



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## Pulsars Mapped on the Galactic X-Y Plane



## Solving the 3 Dimensional Position Basic Equations

$$
\begin{gathered}
P_{\text {base }}=P_{\text {observed }}+\dot{P}_{\text {dot }}(\text { distance in light years }) \\
\frac{P_{\text {base } 1}-P_{\text {observed } 1}}{\dot{P}_{\text {dot } 1}}=\text { Pulsar } 1 \text { observed distance } L Y
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{(\text { Trial } X-\text { Pulsar } 1 X)^{2}+(\text { Trial } Y-\text { Pulsar } 1 Y)^{2}+(\text { Trial } Z-\text { Pulsar } 1 Z)^{2}}=\text { Trial Pulsar } 1 \text { distance }(L Y) \\
& \sqrt{(\text { Trial } X-\text { Pulsar } 2 X)^{2}+(\text { Trial } Y-\text { Pulsar } 2 Y)^{2}+(\text { Trial } Z-\text { Pulsar } 2 Z)^{2}}=\text { Trial Pulsar } 2 \text { distance }(L Y) \\
& \sqrt{(\text { Trial } X-\text { Pulsar } 3 X)^{2}+(\text { Trial } Y-\text { Pulsar } 3 Y)^{2}+(\text { Trial } Z-\text { Pulsar } 3 Z)^{2}}=\text { Trial Pulsar } 3 \text { distance }(L Y)
\end{aligned}
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Pulsar 1 observed distance (LY) - Trial Pulsar 1 distance (LY)=delta 1
Pulsar 2 observed distance (LY) - Trial Pulsar 2 distance (LY) =delta 2
Pulsar 3 observed distance (LY) - Trial Pulsar 3 distance $(L Y)=$ delta 3
Solver set to find solution so that: delta $1+$ delta $2+$ delta $3=0$

## Solver Model to Calculate Distances



## Solver Configuration



## Solver Error Based on the \# of Pulsars Observed



## Is the Error Close Enough?

| Location | Distance From Sun (km) | Distance from Sun (LY) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Jupiter | $778,000,000$ | 0.000082 |
| Pluto | $5,906,376,272$ | 0.000624 |
| Edge of Solar System | $9,000,000,000$ | 0.000951 |
| 8 Pulsar Error | $208,016,924,775$ | 0.021986 |
| Alpha Centauri | $41,345,737,565,365$ | 4.370000 |

# Putting it All Together 

Navigation Plan for Earth to K452b

## Navigation

## Plan

- Plot path using galactic coordinates
- Choose pulsars that are visible along entire path


## Underway Observations

- Stop and take observations
- Calculate new position
- Make course corrections accordingly


## Chart Path using Galactic Coordinates

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Take Pulsar Observations at the $25 \%$ Path Point then use the solver to

Observed Pulsar periods

| Pulsar \# | Pulsar Jname | Recorded Period <br> (seconds) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | determine the galactic position

Solver Solution

| Trial X (pc) | Trial Y (pc) | Trial Z (pc) |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| 139.9948 | 8489.9997 | 15.0002 |


| Pulsar \# | Pulsar Jname | Recorded Period (seconds) | Base Period of Pulsar (seconds) | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { PDOT } \\ \text { (seconds/vear } \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Gal-X (pc) (GalacticCentric) | Gal-Y (pc) (GalacticCentric) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gal-Z (pc) } \\ \text { (Galactic-Centric) } \end{gathered}$ | Delta Period (seconds) | Distance (LY) | Distance (pc) | Trial X (pc) | Trial Y (pc) | Trial Z (pc) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 139.9948 | 8489.9997 | 15.0002 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Trial Catc Dista | Delta (pc) |  |
| 6 | 0023+0923 | 0.003050203 | 0.003050204 | 3.60E-13 | 624.20 | 8744.37 | -884.73 | 0.000000001 | 3434.2 | 1052.94 | 1052.94 | 0.0026 |  |
| 119 | 0337+1715 | 0.002732589 | 0.002732591 | 5.57E-13 | 195.62 | 9608.26 | -650.77 | 0.000000002 | 4248.6 | 1302.63 | 1302.63 | 0.0006 |  |
| 272 | 0721-2038 | 0.015542394 | 0.015542407 | 1.39E-12 | -218357 | 10047.83 | -136.62 | 0.000000013 | 9137.5 | 2801.57 | 2801.56 | 0.0041 |  |
| 1126 | 1643-1224 | 0.004621642 | 0.004621658 | 1.04E-12 | 447.57 | 3991.61 | 1758.90 | 0.000000016 | 15767.7 | 4834.38 | 4834.38 | 0.0000 |  |
| 1626 | $1804-0735$ | 0.023100858 | 0.023101007 | 1.50E-11 | 1092.73 | 5622.11 | 365.61 | 0.000000149 | 9922.6 | 3042.27 | 3042.28 | 0.0013 |  |
| 2376 | 1932+2020 | 0.268269331 | 0.27218064 | 1.33E-07 | 7538.79 | 3333.19 | 101.87 | 0.003911309 | 29416.0 | 9019.00 | 9019.00 | 0.0041 |  |
| 2575 | 2055+3630 | 0.22151318 | 0.221716656 | 1.15E-08 | 5434.34 | 7456.79 | -541.55 | 0.000203477 | 17687.0 | 5422.85 | 5422.85 | 0.0050 |  |
| 2616 | 2149+6329 | 0.380142661 | 0.380376183 | 5.30E-09 | 13109.57 | 11830.48 | 1759.72 | 0.000233522 | 44050.8 | 13506.02 | 13506.03 | 0.0050 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | sum | 0.02266 |  |

## Position Error in X-Y Plane

Solver position based
on observed periods at $25 \%$ point


## Required Course Updates All 3 Planes



## Summary

- Pulsars can provide reasonable navigation accuracy for galactic flight
- Errors can be reduced by using a better "solver" than Excel
- We should be able to see the Earth position change using this method
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- Transmitting the binary code for 3 pulsars would provide our unique position in the galaxy
- Transmitting more than 3 pulsars would account for visibility angles of the ETI

