



# Characterizing Pulsars Detected in the Rapid ASKAP Continuum Survey

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## Abstract

We present the detection of 661 known pulsars observed with the Australian SKA Pathfinder (ASKAP) telescope at 888 MHz as part of the Rapid ASKAP Continuum Survey (RACS). Detections were made through astrometric coincidence and we estimate the false alarm rate of our sample to be  $\sim 0.5\%$ . Using archival data at 400 and 1400 MHz, we estimate the power-law spectral indices for the pulsars in our sample and find that the mean spectral index is  $-1.78 \pm 0.6$ . However, we also find that a single power law is inadequate for modeling all the observed spectra. With the addition of flux densities between 150 MHz and 3 GHz from various imaging surveys, we find that up to 40% of our sample show deviations from a simple power-law model. Using Stokes  $V$  measurements from the RACS data, we measured the circular polarization fraction for 9% of our sample and find that the mean polarization fraction is  $\sim 10\%$  (consistent between detections and upper limits). Using the dispersion-measure-derived distance, we estimate the pseudo-luminosity of the pulsars and do not find any strong evidence for a correlation with the pulsars' intrinsic properties.

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## 1. Introduction

Because of the complexity involved in modeling a pulsar's magnetosphere, a complete theory of pulsar emission that explains the diverse observed emission properties remains to be understood (Goldreich & Julian 1969; Sturrock 1971; Ruderman & Sutherland 1975; Krause-Polstorff & Michel 1985; Taylor & Stinebring 1986; Cerutti & Beloborodov 2017). Observational evidence in this regard provides a very useful avenue for phenomenologically understanding the underlying emission processes (e.g., Radhakrishnan & Cooke 1969).

The spectral and polarimetric signatures of the observed emission are two of the most common properties that can be measured in a large number of pulsars, and hence they can provide clues about the pulsar's emission mechanism. The observed spectrum in pulsars is usually characterized by a steep power law,  $S_\nu = S_0 \nu^\alpha$ , typically with power-law index  $\alpha < -1$  (Bates et al. 2013). In addition, pulsars are one of the small number of object classes in which the emission can be highly polarized, both linearly and circularly (Lorimer & Kramer 2004). Combining the spectral and polarimetric properties of the pulsars can hence provide an alternative to the routine periodic searches that are used to discover pulsars—through imaging techniques that are independent of the pulsed emission (e.g.,

Backer et al. 1982; Navarro et al. 1995; Crawford et al. 2000; Dai et al. 2018; Kaplan et al. 2019; Wang et al. 2022a).

Traditionally, most pulsars are discovered through periodicity-searching techniques, where the signal is dedispersed and then searched for periodicities. Later follow-up observations then add up the emission from individual pulses in phase. Average properties like flux densities can be difficult to measure reliably from such observations, as they rely on accurate knowledge of the telescope gain, sky background temperature, pulse duty cycle, and more (Lorimer & Kramer 2004). In contrast, continuum emission from interferometric images provides a useful alternative to discovering and characterizing pulsars. Navarro et al. (1995) used imaging techniques to find a steep-spectrum, highly polarized source, which revealed a 2.3 ms pulsar, PSR J0218+4232, in follow-up periodic searches, in which a significant amount of radio energy was not pulsed. Similarly, Wang et al. (2022a) discovered a circularly polarized transient, which revealed a  $\sim 322$  ms pulsar, PSR J0523–7125, in the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC). Follow-up observations showed it was brighter than all previously discovered pulsars in the LMC, but it might have been missed in the blind periodic searches because of its large pulse width and steep spectrum.

With the advent of all-sky radio imaging surveys, studies searching for pulsars through imaging are rediscovering an increasing number of pulsars (and in some cases serendipitously discovering new pulsars; e.g., Navarro et al. 1995; Kaplan et al. 1998; Han & Tian 1999; Kouwenhoven 2000; Frail et al. 2016; Bhakta et al. 2017; Wang et al. 2022a). In addition, imaging



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surveys can be extremely fruitful in identifying transients that show unusual polarization properties and/or variability (Kaplan et al. 2019; Wang et al. 2022b), and hence studying the spectral and polarimetric properties of these transients can be used to identify/discover pulsars that show variability through scintillation (Crawford et al. 2000; Dai et al. 2016, 2017). Finally, imaging surveys can measure properties like flux densities reliably for many objects (e.g., Bell et al. 2016; Murphy et al. 2017), characterizing spectral properties and variability.

Although the observed spectrum is usually modeled by a power law, the exact value of the power-law index  $\alpha$  is not very well determined; using a sample of 280 pulsars observed at 408, 606, 925, 1408, and 1606 MHz, Lorimer et al. (1995) found  $\alpha = -1.6 \pm 0.3$ . Analyzing the same data set, but extended to include higher and lower frequencies, Maron et al. (2000) found  $\alpha = -1.8 \pm 0.2$ . Bates et al. (2013) tried to remove the observational biases to predict the intrinsic pulsar spectrum and found  $\alpha = -1.4 \pm 1.0$ . With a sample of 441 pulsars observed at 728, 1382, and 3100 MHz, Jankowski et al. (2018) find  $\alpha = -1.6 \pm 0.54$ . All of the flux density measurements from the above studies were derived using single-dish observations. Moreover, there are cases where a simple power law is not adequate for completely describing the spectrum; most common are the low- and high-frequency deviations of the spectrum (Maron et al. 2000 estimate that, at most,  $\sim 10\%$  of their sample show a preference for more complex models). Using flux densities derived through imaging surveys for 60 pulsars and combining archival data, Murphy et al. (2017) found that a single power law was inadequate for fitting the observed variation in as much as 50% of their sample, with a broken power law providing a better fit, although their data, taken at  $\sim 200$  MHz, are more sensitive to pulsars at lower flux densities and hence more sensitive to low-frequency variations. However, none of the above studies find any obvious subpopulation that prefers a broken-power-law fit. In addition to this is the question of whether the spectral index is consistent between the normal and “recycled” pulsars—Kramer et al. (1998) found no evidence for such a disparity between the populations, with the spectral index being consistent. However, Frail et al. (2016) found that the spectra of millisecond pulsars (MSPs) are steeper than normal pulsars, although they attribute this to their survey’s selective preference of being sensitive to pulsars at a lower frequency (150 MHz).

Similarly, the studies done so far on polarimetric measurements measure both linear and circular polarizations. An initial study done by Gould & Lyne (1998) finds that the linear polarization is  $\sim 20\%$ – $40\%$  and the circular polarization is  $\sim 8\%$ , but with a high degree of scatter, with individual pulsars capable of showing 100% linear polarization. Using a sample of 24 MSPs observed at 730, 1400, and 3100 MHz, Dai et al. (2015) found that the level of circular polarization is  $\sim 8\%$ – $10\%$  across the three frequencies. Similarly Johnston & Kerr (2018) used a sample of 600 pulsars observed at 1.4 GHz to find a mean circular polarization  $\sim 9\%$ . Using a sample of 40 normal pulsars, Sobey et al. (2021) found that the circular polarization changes between  $\sim 960$  and 3820 MHz roughly by 4%, with a mean polarization of  $\sim 16\%$  and a more recent study (Oswald et al. 2023) finds a consistent circular polarization fraction of  $\sim 5\%$ , consistent with the literature. Xilouris et al. (1998) found that the evolution of the polarization fraction with frequency is more complex in MSPs than normal pulsars, which makes it interesting to study the frequency dependence of the polarization fraction.

In this paper, we present the results of a search for detected radio pulsars using the Australian SKA Pathfinder (ASKAP) telescope (Hotan et al. 2021), an interferometric array of 36 dish antennas, each 12 m in diameter, achieving a resolution of  $15''$ . We make use of the total intensity (Stokes  $I$ ) and circular polarization (Stokes  $V$ ) sky maps and source catalogs to detect and characterize the radio emission from pulsars. This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 describes the data reduction and the pulsar sample selection methodology. In Section 3, we present the source properties—the astrometric, spectral characterization, and polarization measurements—of the pulsars in our sample. In Section 4, we provide the implications of our results, combining them with the findings of past studies, before concluding in Section 5.

## 2. Data Analysis

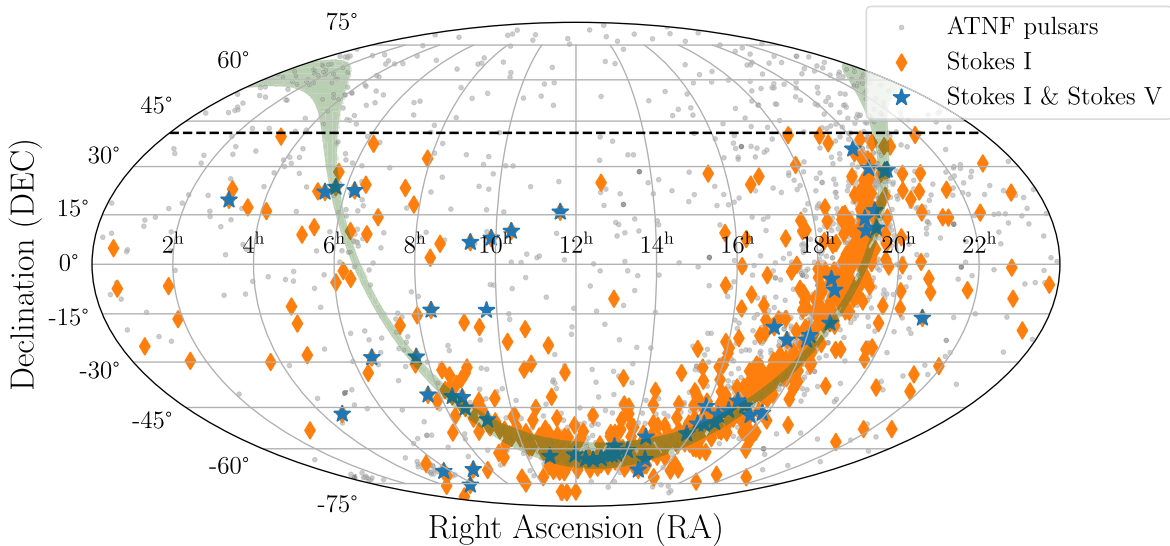
### 2.1. Data Reduction

Data were collected as a part of the Rapid ASKAP Continuum Survey (RACS; McConnell et al. 2020), an all-sky survey (south of decl.  $+51^\circ$ ) initially observing at 888 MHz, with a bandwidth of 288 MHz. The observations were carried out from 2019 April 21 through 2020 June 21 (constituting the first RACS data set; RACS DR1; McConnell et al. 2020) and cover the sky south of  $+41^\circ$  decl., with an integration time of 15 minutes, and they were used to generate both Stokes  $I$  and Stokes  $V$  images. Data were processed using the ASKAPSOFT package (Guzman et al. 2019), which includes methods for flagging, calibration, and generating images for each primary beam. The beams were then linearly mosaicked to generate a single image for individual tiles. Flux density calibrations were done using PKS B1934–638, which is the primary reference source used for ASKAP (Hotan et al. 2021). A more detailed description of the reduction techniques used for RACS data can be found in McConnell et al. (2020).

### 2.2. Sample Selection

We selected all the pulsars from the ATNF catalog (Manchester et al. 2005, v1.69) that are in the RACS DR1 footprint (decl.  $< 41^\circ$ ). At the time of writing, this constituted a sample of 3122 pulsars. In order to avoid source confusion, we removed all the pulsars that are known to be associated with globular clusters, resulting in 2915 pulsars. Sources with astrometric positional errors larger than  $10''$  were removed to avoid association with background sources in RACS purely by chance, ending up with a sample of 2235 pulsars ( $\sim 71\%$  of the original sample). Pulsars can have significant proper motion and hence can result in positional mismatches if this is not accounted for (e.g., J1856+0912, the pulsar with the highest proper motion in our sample,  $331.2 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ , can have an apparent motion of  $\sim 4''/2$  between the reference epoch and the RACS epoch). Hence, we corrected for the proper motions of the pulsars whenever available, to estimate the pulsars’ positions at the RACS epoch. We determined the search radius around an RACS source such that the probability of finding a source with a positional offset  $r$  due to the uncertainty  $\sigma_{\text{RACS}}$  was greater than the probability of finding the closest neighboring source at the same offset, given the local background density<sup>8</sup>  $\rho_{\text{RACS}}$  of the RACS survey. As described by McConnell et al. (2020), there can be systematic uncertainty of  $\sim 2''$  for sources in the RACS

<sup>8</sup> Using a patch of radius  $1^\circ$ .



**Figure 1.** The spatial distribution of all the RACS sources that have an ATNF pulsar within  $10''$ . The sky positions (in Mollweide projection) of all the ATNF pulsars are shown as gray dots, the RACS Stokes  $I$  pulsar detections are shown as orange diamonds, and the simultaneous RACS Stokes  $I$  and Stokes  $V$  detections are shown as blue stars. The black dashed line shows the decl. limit,  $+41^\circ$ , for RACS DR1. The Galactic plane within  $|b| < 5^\circ$  is shown by the green shaded region.

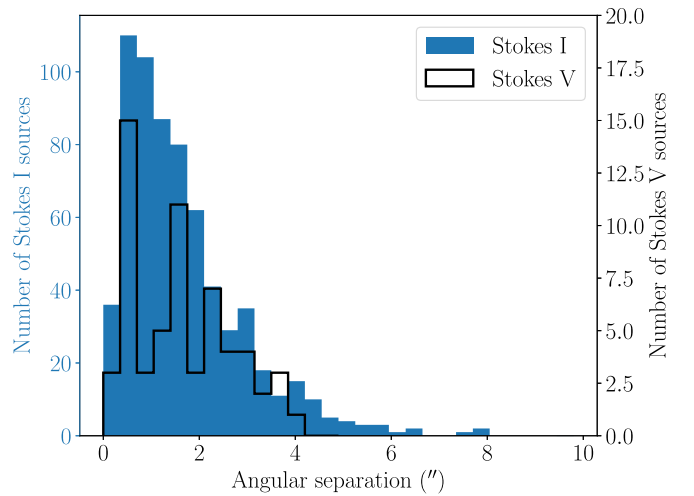
survey, and hence we choose a conservative error of  $2''$  on all of the RACS sources. For RACS DR1, we find this search radius to be  $\sim 10''$ .

We selected all the RACS sources whose positions are consistent with the pulsar’s position to within  $10''$ , taking into account the uncertainties in both the RACS and the pulsar’s astrometric measurements. This resulted in 661 matches: 600 sources with only a Stokes  $I$  match and 61 sources with both Stokes  $I$  and Stokes  $V$  matches. We visually inspected all 661 matches manually to look for source confusion in the presence of multiple close-by sources, but all of the sources seemed reasonable detections.<sup>9</sup> Taking the local density around these sources, we estimate that for a  $10''$  search radius, there can be at most four false positives in Stokes  $I$  matches and  $\ll 1$  in Stokes  $V$  matches, with 95% confidence that they could have been identified by chance, and hence the false alarm rate for our sample is  $\sim 0.5\%$ .

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Source Properties

The distribution of the sky positions of all the pulsar crossmatches in the RACS data is shown in Figure 1 (sample detection images are shown in Appendix A). All the pulsars from the ATNF catalog are shown in gray dots, while the Stokes  $I$  detections are shown in orange diamonds and simultaneous Stokes  $I$  and Stokes  $V$  detections are shown as blue stars. We see that most of the detections lie along the Galactic plane (shown by the green stripe), tracing the Galactic pulsar population. Spatial offsets were calculated between the positions of the RACS detections and the ATNF catalog positions, and the



**Figure 2.** Distribution of the spatial offset between the ATNF catalog positions and the RACS positions for the pulsar crossmatches. The blue histogram shows the distribution for the RACS Stokes  $I$  crossmatches and the black histogram shows the same for the RACS Stokes  $V$  sources.

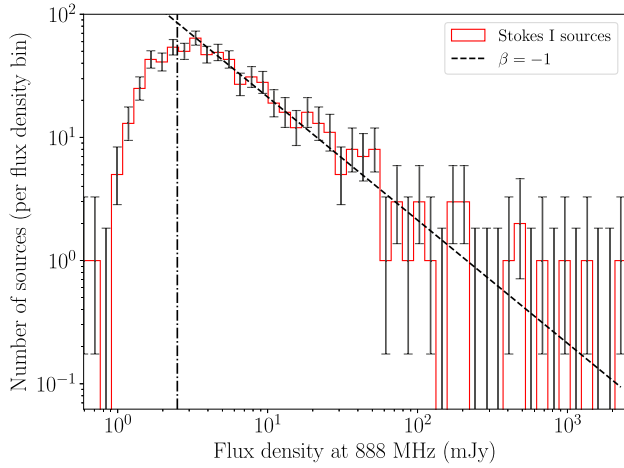
resulting distribution is shown in Figure 2. We find that  $\sim 98\%$  of the Stokes  $I$  detections and 100% of the Stokes  $V$  detections are within  $5''$  of the pulsar’s position, suggesting that most of the candidates are likely the pulsar crossmatches as opposed to the random uniform distribution expected for background noise. We find that the median separation between the RACS source and the ATNF position for Stokes  $I$  detections is  $1''.3 \pm 1''.1$  and for Stokes  $V$  detections it is  $1''.5 \pm 1''.0$  (consistent to within  $1\sigma$  of each other).

#### 3.2. Completeness

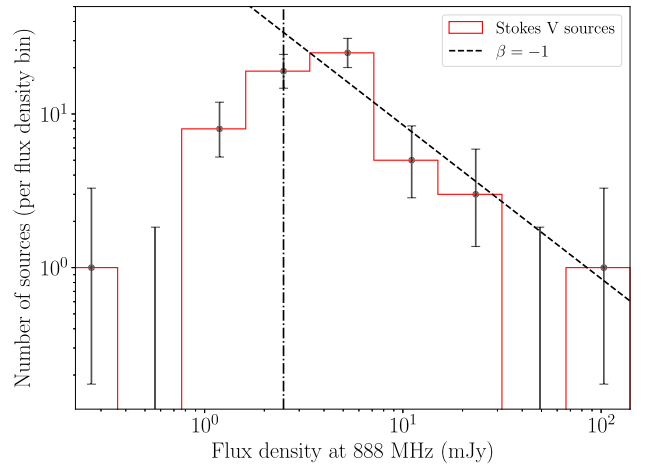
The distribution of the pulsars detected in the RACS survey as a function of their flux density is shown in Figure 3. We see that most of the pulsars in the sample have flux densities of a few millijansky (toward the detection limit), with a handful of them detected at very high flux densities ( $> \text{jansky}$ ). The red

<sup>9</sup> As part of a search of circularly polarized sources in the Variable and Slow Transients (Murphy et al. 2021) survey (J. Pritchard et al. 2023, in preparation), we identified a source in the vicinity of the pulsar B1353–62. Follow-up observations with the Ultra-Wide Low (Hobbs et al. 2020) receiver on the Parkes 64 m “Murriyang” radio telescope determined that the polarized source was in fact B1353–62, with pulsations visible from 700 MHz to 4 GHz. We therefore update the position of the pulsar to be R.A.  $13^{\text{h}}56^{\text{m}}55.4^{\text{s}}$  and decl.  $-62^\circ30'08''$ , with an uncertainty (including systematic errors) of  $2''.5$  in either direction, and include it in this analysis.





(a) Number density of Stokes I sources



(b) Number density of Stokes V sources

**Figure 3.** The distribution of the number of pulsars as a function of flux density detected in the Stokes *I* images (left) vs. the Stokes *V* images (right) is shown by the red histogram. Shown by the dashed black line is a power-law fit to the number of sources per flux density bin, assuming a two-dimensional (Galactic) distribution of standard candles ( $\beta = -1$ ). The vertical black dashed-dotted line shows the flux density limit below which we see large deviations in the observed number of sources, suggesting that the survey is complete above  $\approx 2$  mJy.

histogram shows the observed number of sources per flux density bin, and the black error bars show the asymmetric  $1\sigma$  upper and lower limits (calculated according to Gehrels 1986). For a uniform spatial distribution of standard candles, the number of observable sources with flux density  $>S_\nu$  follows a simple power law,  $N(>S_\nu) = AS_\nu^\beta$ , where  $\beta$  is the power-law index. For a two-dimensional distribution of sources in the Galactic plane (pulsars have a typical scale height of  $\sim 300$ – $350$  pc, which is much smaller than their distances  $\sim 2$ – $6$  kpc; Mdzinarishvili & Melikidze 2004; Lorimer et al. 2006),  $\beta = -1$  and hence we fit the observed number of pulsars with a power law of slope  $-1$ . Below a certain flux density limit, we will see a drop-off from the expected distribution, which can be used to assess the (in)completeness of the survey. The black dashed line in Figure 3 shows the best fit for the number density of sources assuming  $\beta = -1$ .

We can see that for Stokes *I* (left), there seems to be a turnover at  $\sim 2$  mJy (marked by the black dashed-dotted line), below which we see a rapid drop in the number of detected sources, suggesting that the survey is complete above a flux density level of  $\sim 2$  mJy. A similar analysis for the Stokes *V* sources is difficult, due to the small number of sources per bin, but the completeness limit estimated for the Stokes *I* matches seems to be consistent with the Stokes *V* population. This is higher than the expectations based on the noise in the RACS images, roughly  $0.25$  mJy beam $^{-1}$  at high latitudes, leading to a  $1.25$  mJy limit at  $5\sigma$ , but reasonable when the locations of the pulsars in the Galactic plane (with higher confusion noise) are considered.

We then compared the astrometric and spin properties of the pulsars detected in RACS with the overall population of pulsars from the ATNF catalog using a nonparametric test, the Anderson–Darling (AD) test (Anderson & Darling 1952; Scholz & Stephens 1987). Figure 4 shows a comparison of the Galactic latitudes of the detected population with the overall population of pulsars. We observe a deficit in the number of pulsars detected for the pulsars that lie close to the Galactic plane ( $|b| < 8^\circ$ ). The AD test yields a  $p$ -value of  $0.004$ , which provides evidence against the null hypothesis that the population recovered from our survey and the population from the periodic searches are similar. This can be expected, because the

background noise is higher for sources closer to the Galactic plane, reducing the number of detections. To test this, we estimated the number of pulsars that would be detected if the flux density limit for the detection were higher ( $3$  mJy). This would remove all the fainter sources that were detected at higher latitudes because of the lower background noise compared to the ones in the plane. The orange histogram in Figure 4 shows this expected number, and we see that it traces the overall observed population from the periodic searches (a  $p$ -value of  $0.25$  for the AD test). We conclude that the low-latitude deficit that we observe in our data is attributable to the increased background noise in the Galactic plane, which causes the sources with lower flux densities to be preferentially detected at higher latitudes. We repeated a similar exercise for the spin period distributions, but we did not find any evidence against the null hypothesis, so we concluded that the detection of sources in imaging surveys like ASKAP is not dependent on the spin period (as expected).

### 3.3. Flux Density Uncertainties Due to Scintillation

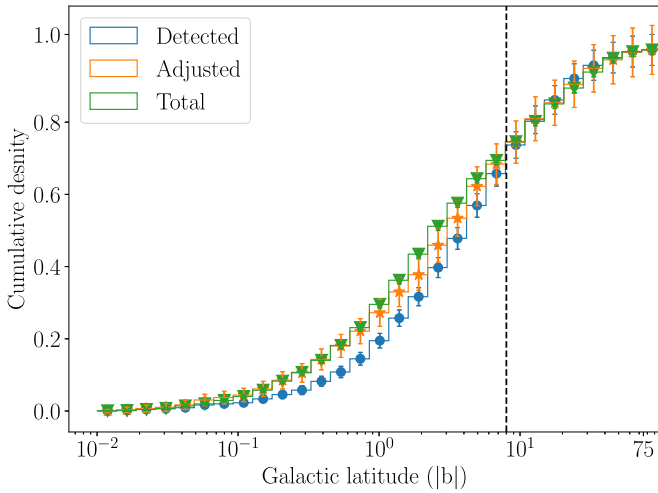
In addition to the statistical uncertainties in the flux densities due to measurement noise, there can be additional uncertainties in the flux density due to diffractive scintillation. Inhomogeneities in the ionized interstellar medium (ISM) cause random perturbations in the phases of the radio signals, which can interfere to produce a scintillation pattern at the receiver. Hence the observed flux density can be strongly modulated if the scintillation is extreme. The strength of scintillation (characterized by the number of brightness maxima in the time–frequency plane, known as “scintles”) can be described by the diffractive scintillation bandwidth ( $\Delta\nu_d$ ) and the diffractive scintillation timescale ( $\Delta t_d$ ; see Cordes & Lazio 1991 for a review). The number of scintles in the frequency and time domains are given by

$$N_\nu = 1 + \eta \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu_d}$$

$$N_t = 1 + \eta \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta t_d},$$

where  $\Delta\nu$  and  $\Delta t$  are the observing bandwidth and the observational duration (for RACS observations, these are





**Figure 4.** The distribution of the Galactic latitudes of the pulsars detected in our sample. The blue histogram shows the Galactic latitudes of the pulsars detected in the RACS survey, and the green histogram shows the overall distribution of the pulsars from the ATNF catalog. We see that there is a deficit in the number of pulsars detected for  $|b| < 8^\circ$  (the vertical dashed line). We then remove all the detected pulsars below 3 mJy, and the resulting distribution (orange histogram) traces the expected population.

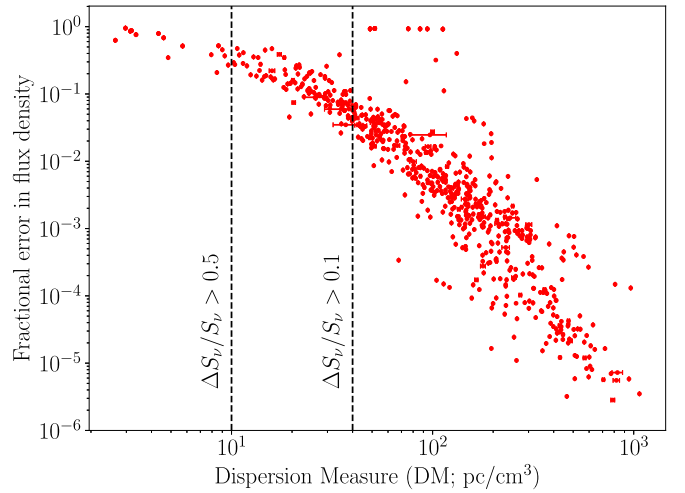
288 MHz and  $\sim 1000$  s, respectively) and  $\eta \sim 0.1\text{--}0.2$  (we considered  $\eta = 0.15$ ). For diffractive scintillation, the fractional error in the flux density is  $\Delta S_\nu/S_\nu \sim (N_\nu N_s)^{-0.5}$ .

Figure 5 shows the fractional error in the flux density that can be caused due to diffractive scintillation as a function of the dispersion measure (DM) for all the RACS sources in our sample. We see that most of the pulsars in our sample are in the regime where the errors due to diffractive scintillation are not very significant (fractional error  $< 0.5$ ), but there are a few pulsars ( $\sim 2.5\%$  of the entire sample) that have a fractional error of  $> 0.5$ . This limit on the fractional error can be roughly translated to a limit on the DM—most of the pulsars with fractional error  $> 0.5$  have  $\text{DM} < 10 \text{ pc cm}^{-3}$  and those with fractional error  $> 0.1$  have  $\text{DM} < 40 \text{ pc cm}^{-3}$ .

In addition to diffractive scintillation, pulsars are also known to suffer long-term intensity variations caused by the large-scale structures in the ISM, due to refractive interstellar scintillation (RISS; Sieber 1982). This can cause the flux density to vary over days to months, which can be a limiting factor when modeling the pulsar spectra using nonsimultaneous flux density measurements (see Section 3.4). Following Romani et al. (1986) and Bhat et al. (1999), we estimate the fractional error in the flux density due to RISS for the pulsars in our sample. We use the Cordes & Lazio (2002) electron density map to estimate the distance to the pulsar and the scattering measure (see Kaplan et al. 1998; Bhat et al. 1999). We find that for most of the pulsars in our sample, the fractional error varies from 6% to 18% (the 16th and 84th percentiles).

### 3.4. Spectral Index Distribution

From the sample of 661 pulsars that had an RACS counterpart within  $10''$ , 168 pulsars had measured flux densities at 400 and 1400 MHz<sup>10</sup> (ATNF catalog). Table B1 gives the flux density measurements for the 168-pulsar sample. We performed a least-squares fit to find the spectral index, assuming a power-



**Figure 5.** For pulsars identified in the RACS data, the fractional error in flux density due to diffractive scintillation as a function of the DM is shown as the red dots. We see that only a few pulsars (18 pulsars in the sample— $\sim 2.5\%$  of the sample) are strongly affected (having a fractional error  $> 0.5$ ) by scintillation, and most of them have  $\text{DM} < 10 \text{ pc cm}^{-3}$ . We can also see that most of the pulsars that have a fractional error of  $> 0.1$  have  $\text{DM} < 40 \text{ pc cm}^{-3}$ .

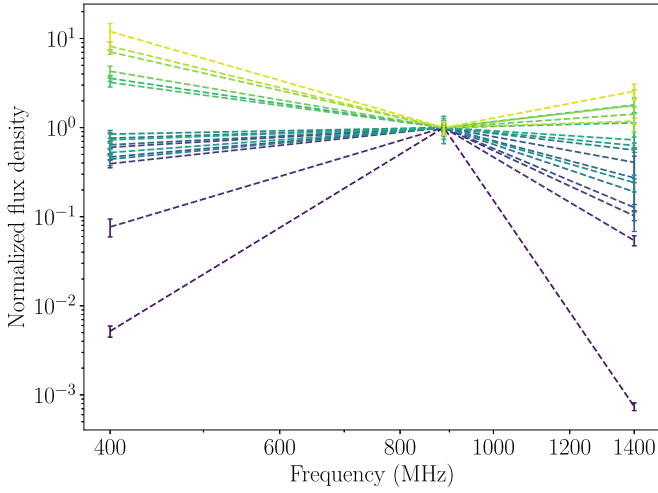
law distribution, using the flux densities at 400 MHz (ATNF catalog), 888 MHz (RACS low DR1), and 1400 MHz (ATNF catalog). From a visual examination, we excluded 18 pulsars where the flux densities cannot be modeled by a single power law, since they show nonmonotonic behavior, either from more complex spectral behavior (Bates et al. 2013; Swainston et al. 2022) or from variability among nonsimultaneous measurements. Figure 6 shows the 18 pulsars in our sample that show nonmonotonic spectral evolution and hence cannot be described by a power law. For the rest of the sample, we find that not all the pulsars can be adequately modeled by a power-law spectrum; of the 150 pulsars that show monotonic spectral variation, only 90 pulsars (60% of the sample) can be well modeled by a power law (they have a goodness of fit with reduced  $\chi^2 \leq 2$ ).

Figure 7 shows the ratio of the observed to the power-law-modeled flux densities (or the difference between the observed and the power-law-modeled flux densities in logarithmic space) for our sample of 150 pulsars. If a power law accurately models the observed spectral variation, then this ratio has to be consistent with unity within measurement uncertainties and any variation in addition to this reflects the inability of a single power law to model the source spectrum. We find that in  $\sim 40\%$  of the pulsars, the source spectrum cannot be well modeled by a simple power law, with low- and high-frequency deviations seen commonly in this subset of pulsars.

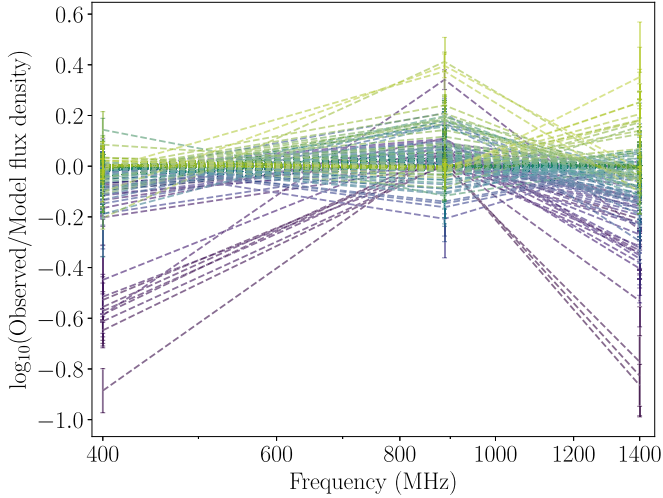
The residuals at the three different frequencies are shown in Figure 8. All the residuals are scaled with the flux density uncertainties to see the deviation from white noise. As can be seen, in many cases, the residuals are much larger than the usual  $1\sigma$  limit (the median values of the residuals are  $\sim 1.8\sigma$ ,  $1.3\sigma$ , and  $2\sigma$  at 400, 888, and 1400 MHz, respectively, overpredicting/underpredicting the flux at 400 and 1400 MHz in many cases).

We note, though, that these measurements are not simultaneous, so temporal variations could appear as spectral variations. Aside from significant intrinsic variability, which is present in some pulsars (e.g., Kramer et al. 2006), RISS can also cause long-term intensity variations. However, as shown in Section 3.3, we expect this to be  $\sim 6\%\text{--}18\%$  for most of the

<sup>10</sup> We note that these measurements come from a variety of sources and may have mixed reliability.



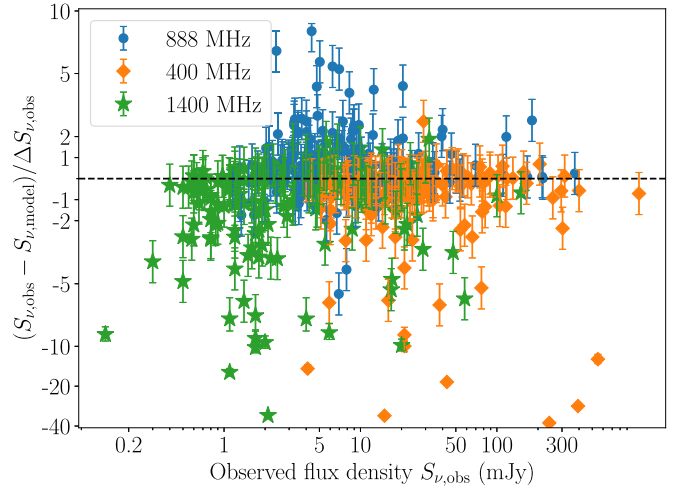
**Figure 6.** The sample of 18 pulsars that deviate significantly from monotonic spectral energy distributions. Each line in the plot shows the spectrum for a single pulsar using the flux density measurements taken at 400, 888, and 1400 MHz. The color scheme represents the extent of the deviation from a flat spectrum (violet/yellow corresponds to maximum deficit/excess) added over the three frequencies. The flux density at 888 MHz is normalized to 1. We excluded such pulsars from the fit when using a simple power law to model the spectrum.



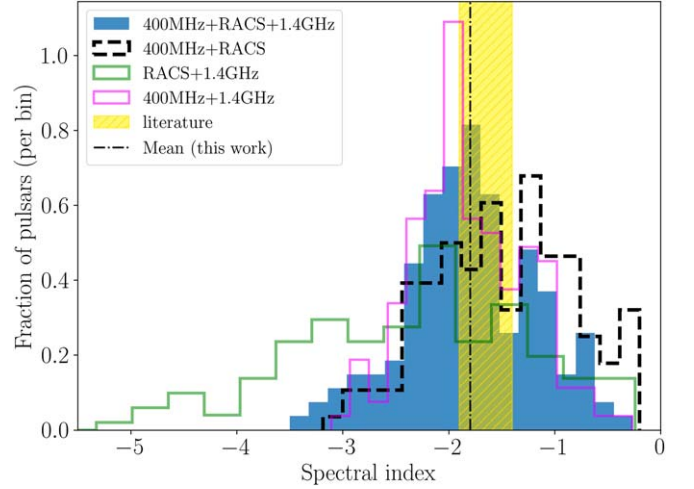
**Figure 7.** The residual (observed–predicted in logarithmic space) or the ratio between the observed flux density and the power-law-modeled flux density for the 150 pulsars that exhibit monotonic trends. The individual colored dashed lines show the residuals for each pulsar in our 150-pulsar sample. The color scheme represents the degree of error summed over the three frequencies resulting from a power-law fit, with violet and yellow representing maximal overprediction and underprediction, respectively, by a power-law spectrum. It can be clearly seen that for many pulsars, a simple power-law fit is not adequate where the lower- and higher-frequency deviations are very commonly seen.

pulsars. There may be a few cases where the fluctuations due to RISS may be comparable to the deviations from a simple power law, but the prevalence of pulsars in which we see deviations from a simple power law and large residuals from a power-law fit means that RISS alone cannot be responsible. This echoes previous conclusions that a power law is not always a good description of the pulsar spectrum and highlights the low- and high-frequency turnovers that are commonly seen (Maron et al. 2000; Lorimer & Kramer 2004; Murphy et al. 2017; Swainston et al. 2022).

Figure 9 shows the distribution of spectral indices in this sample of 150 pulsars. We find that using two of the three frequencies (the two lower or two higher frequencies) for the fit



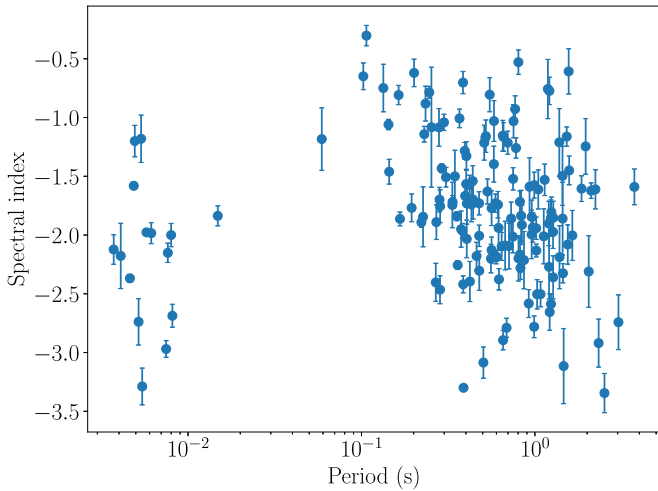
**Figure 8.** Residuals between the observed flux densities and the power-law-modeled flux densities at all three different frequencies—400, 888, and 1400 MHz, shown by orange, blue, and green error bars, respectively. The residuals are normalized by the uncertainty in the flux density measurements at the three different frequencies.



**Figure 9.** Distribution of spectral indices using the sample of pulsars in RACS that have measured flux densities at both 400 and 1400 MHz. The blue shaded histogram shows the spectral index from a fit using the flux at all three frequencies, while the green histogram shows the best-fit index using the two higher frequencies; the dashed black histogram shows the same, using the two lower frequencies, and the magenta histogram shows the distribution using archival (400 and 1400 MHz) data. The golden shaded region shows the range of spectral values reported in the literature (varying from  $-1.9$  to  $-1.4$ ) and the black dashed line shows the mean of the distribution using the three frequencies in this work,  $-1.78$ .

results in different distributions. This can be explained if the source spectrum deviates from the power law in the presence of low-/high-frequency deviations. In the presence of low-/high-frequency deviations, using the two lower or two higher frequencies can result in shallower and steeper fits compared to the actual spectrum, leading to the deviation between these histograms in Figure 9. We find that the mean spectral index is  $-1.78 \pm 0.6$ , which is toward the steeper end, but still consistent with existing literature (e.g., Lorimer et al. 1995; Bates et al. 2013; Jankowski et al. 2018).

Figure 10 shows the correlation between the spectral index and the pulsar’s period. We do not see any strong evidence for the spectra in recycled pulsars being steeper than the ones in



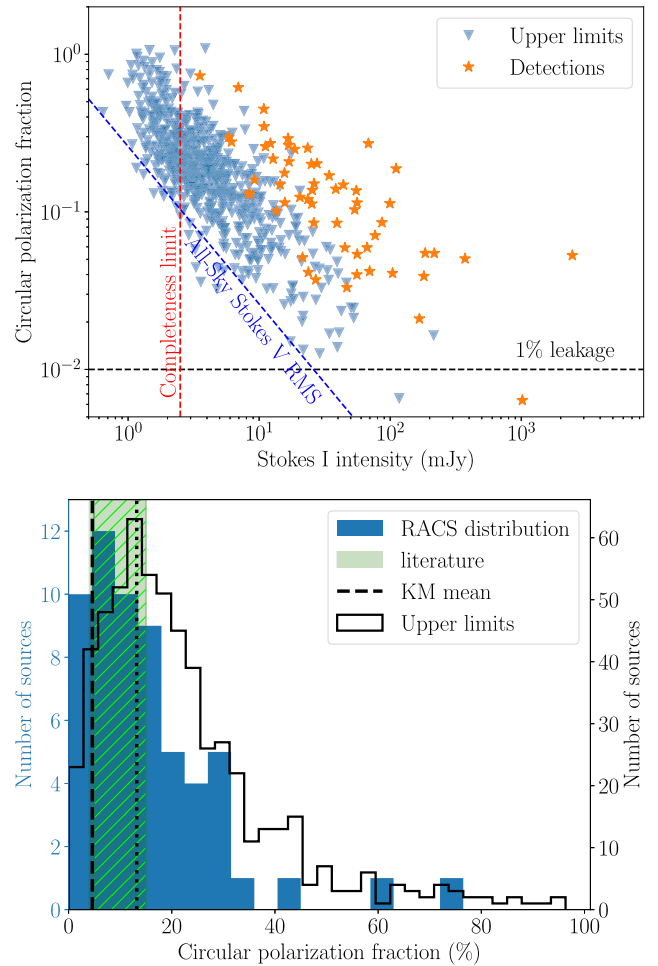
**Figure 10.** The distribution of spectral indices as a function of the pulsar’s period. We see two clear populations representing the normal pulsars and the recycled pulsars. There is no clear evidence for steep spectral indices in the recycled pulsars compared to normal pulsars.

normal pulsars (supported by a  $p$ -value of 0.15 from a two-sample AD test), consistent with past studies (Kramer et al. 1998; Lorimer & Kramer 2004).

### 3.5. Polarization Fraction

We measured the circular polarization fraction in pulsars where we have simultaneous detections of the source in Stokes  $I$  and Stokes  $V$  (61/661). The polarization fractions range from 0.5% to  $\sim 70\%$ . For sources that were not detected in Stokes  $V$ , we report the upper limits. The polarization fractions of the matches and upper limits can be seen in Figure 11 (top panel). Note that polarization fractions below 1% may not be reliable: Pritchard et al. (2021) showed that a circular polarization of  $\sim 1\%$  (twice the median value reported by Pritchard et al. 2021) can be observed due to the leakage of flux into Stokes  $V$  in the RACS data, which is somewhat dependent on the position in the image. Other sources with upper limits to the polarization fraction are generally consistent with twice the all-sky Stokes  $V$  sensitivity limits, as seen in Figure 11. The black dashed line in Figure 11 shows the leakage cutoff and it can be seen that the majority of Stokes  $V$  detections are above this leakage level, while also being above the Stokes  $V$  sensitivity threshold.

For the Stokes  $V$  detections, the distribution of the polarization fractions is shown in the bottom panel of Figure 11. We find that most of the pulsar detections in the RACS survey have polarization fractions (median of  $\sim 10\%$ ) that are consistent with pulsar observations in the literature (shown by the green shading in Figure 11; Gould & Lyne 1998; Sobey et al. 2021; Oswald et al. 2023), with a handful of them having higher polarization fractions. This, however, does not take into account the nondetections (upper limits) that dominate the sample ( $\sim 90\%$  of the sample). In the presence of a combination of detections and upper limits, we follow Feigelson & Nelson (1985) in calculating the Kaplan–Meier estimator (Kaplan & Meier 1958) for the left-censored data (upper limits) and then estimating the mean of the combined data (detections and upper limits). We find that polarization fractions  $< 13\%$  are more likely (mean polarization fraction of 4.6%, with a large spread of  $\pm 8.4\%$ ) with an extended tail toward the higher values,



**Figure 11.** Top: circular polarization fractions for the pulsars in our sample. Shown by the orange diamonds are the polarization fractions for sources detected in both Stokes  $I$  and Stokes  $V$ . Shown by the blue triangles are the upper limits in the cases of Stokes  $V$  nondetections, and shown by the black dashed line is the 1% polarization resulting from leakage into Stokes  $V$  (Pritchard et al. 2021). Shown by the vertical red dashed line is the Stokes  $I$  completeness limit (see Figure 3), and shown by the blue dashed line is the expected polarization fraction for a Stokes  $V$  flux density that is twice the all-sky RMS value in the RACS survey. Bottom: distribution of circular polarization fractions for pulsars detected in the RACS Stokes  $V$  survey. The blue shaded histogram shows the distribution for the 61/661 pulsars that are detected in Stokes  $V$  images, the black histogram shows the distribution of the polarization fractions from nondetections (using upper limits), and the green shaded region shows the polarization values from the literature (Gould & Lyne 1998; Sobey et al. 2021; Oswald et al. 2023). The distribution is peaked around 10%, with few pulsars having higher polarization fractions. The black dashed line shows the mean polarization fraction (4.6%) using the Kaplan–Meier estimate, and the black dotted line indicates the  $1\sigma$  spread (8.6%) from the mean of the distribution.

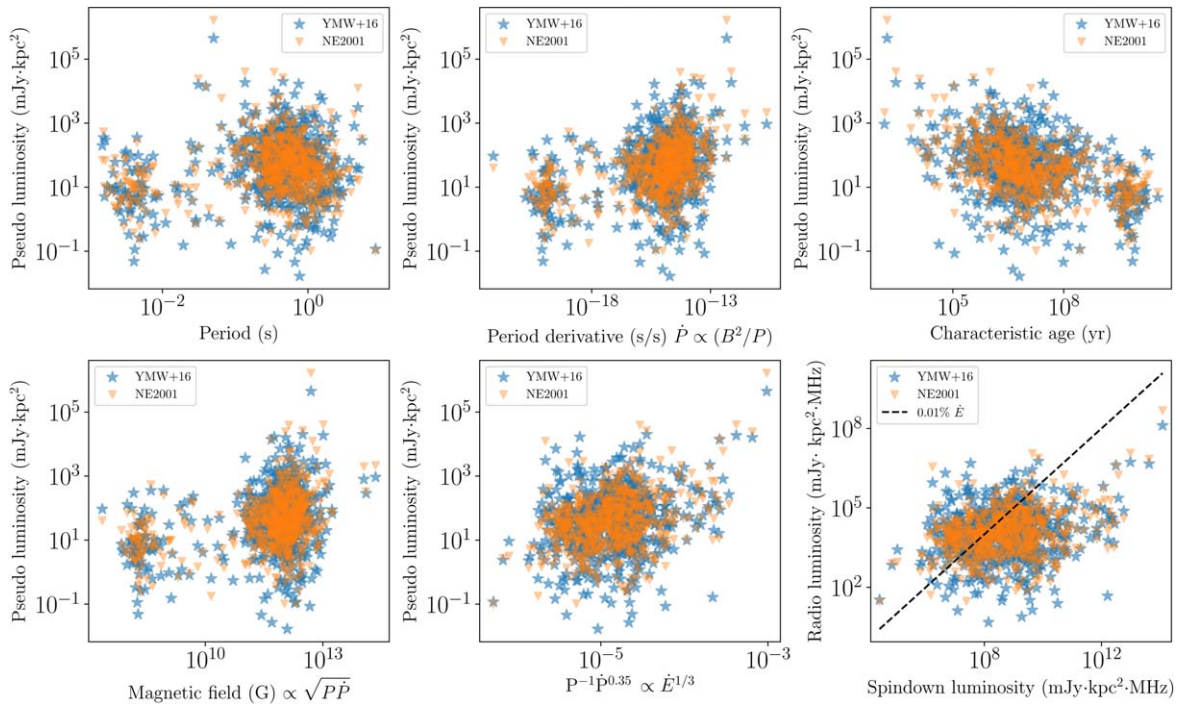
using the Kaplan–Meier estimator, consistent with the median of the observed distribution.

## 4. Discussions

### 4.1. Luminosity Correlations

If the underlying source spectrum of a pulsar is known, we can calculate the expected luminosity in a given frequency band. However, this is usually not the case, since we do not know the pulsar’s intrinsic emission spectrum. In addition, pulsar emission is beamed and the emission geometry is not well constrained, so following the literature (see Stollman 1987; Bagchi 2013 for





**Figure 12.** Correlation plots looking for any intrinsic correlation between the pseudo-luminosity and the pulsar’s spin parameters, characteristic age, the surface dipole magnetic field strength, and other combinations of these parameters of interest (see Section 4.1). The distance to the pulsar is estimated using electron density models—the blue scatter plot shows the estimates using Yao et al. (2017) and the orange scatter plot shows the same using Cordes & Lazio (2002). A clear distinction between normal pulsars and recycled pulsars can be seen; especially in the spin parameter(s) space. No strong correlations between the pseudo-luminosity and any of the pulsar parameters are clearly seen. The bottom right plot shows the correlation between the radio luminosity (see Section 4.1) and the spindown luminosity. The black dashed line corresponds to 0.01% of spindown luminosity.

reviews), we define the pseudo-luminosity as  $S_\nu d^2$ , in units of  $\text{mJy kpc}^2$ , where  $S_\nu$  is the flux density at a frequency  $\nu$  and  $d$  is the distance to the pulsar estimated using the DM and a Galactic electron density model (Cordes & Lazio 2002; Yao et al. 2017). We computed the pseudo-luminosity for all the pulsars in our sample, using the measured flux densities at 888 MHz to look for any trends that the radio luminosity exhibits with the pulsar’s parameters. In general, the radio luminosity function for pulsars is expressed as  $L_\nu = A P^{\gamma_1} \dot{P}^{\gamma_2}$  and the indices ( $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$ ) are estimated from observations (Gunn & Ostriker 1970; Proszynski & Przybycien 1984; Stollman 1987; Bagchi 2013). Gunn & Ostriker (1970) proposed that the radio pseudo-luminosity goes as  $B^2 \propto P\dot{P}$ , Proszynski & Przybycien (1984) found that it goes as  $P^{-1}\dot{P}^{0.35}$ , roughly corresponding to  $\dot{E}^{1/3}$ , where  $\dot{E}$  is the spindown luminosity, and Stollman (1987) proposed a  $B^2/P$  dependence for pulsars with magnetic field  $< 10^{13}$  G, the pulsars that are dominant in our sample. Hence, we look for any correlations between the pseudo-luminosity and the pulsars’ intrinsic parameters (period/period derivative/characteristic age/magnetic field) and the quantities proposed in the literature.

Figure 12 shows correlation plots of the pseudo-luminosity versus the pulsar’s parameters. The blue and orange scatters show the luminosity estimated using the Yao et al. (2017) and Cordes & Lazio (2002) electron density maps, respectively. In all cases, we found no clear evidence for any strong correlation with the estimated pseudo-luminosity. To compare this with the spindown luminosity,<sup>11</sup> we compute the radio luminosity (defined as the pseudo-luminosity  $\times$  RACS bandwidth). We find that this

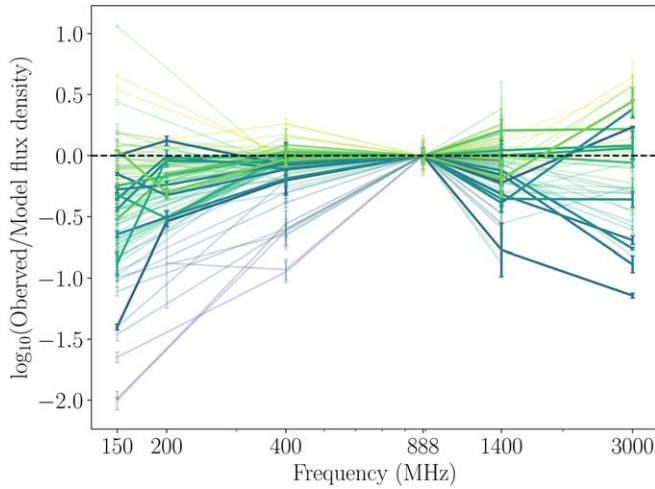
radio luminosity (see the bottom right panel of Figure 12) does not scale accordingly with the spindown luminosity. The black dashed line shows the expected radio luminosity if it were powered by 0.01% of the spindown luminosity, implying that varying fractions of spindown luminosity power the radio emission. We also find that the luminosity ratio (radio to spindown) decreases with increasing spindown luminosity, and hence an increasing fraction of spindown luminosity powers the radio emission in pulsars as the pulsars age.

To quantify the level of this correlation, we use a nonparametric correlation test, the Spearman rank correlation test. Table 1 shows the Spearman correlation coefficients for the pseudo-luminosity versus the intrinsic pulsar’s parameters and the existing correlations in the literature. Our sample is mainly dominated by normal pulsars, as is evident from Figure 12, and hence we restrict our correlation test to normal pulsars (we use the following cuts to distinguish normal from recycled pulsars:  $P = 100$  ms,  $\dot{P} = 10^{-17} \text{ s s}^{-1}$ ,  $\tau_c = 300$  Myr, and  $B = 5 \times 10^{10}$  G). As expected from Figure 12, we do not find any strong evidence for the pseudo-luminosity being correlated with any parameter. We note that a recent study by Posselt et al. (2023), using data from Thousand Pulsar Array program found a correlation that is significant (in terms of its p-value), but the actual value of the correlation coefficient is similar to ours.

#### 4.2. Comparison with Other Surveys

We used the flux measurements from contemporary all-sky radio imaging surveys like the TIFR GMRT Sky Survey (TGSS; Frail et al. 2016, at 150 MHz), Murchison Widefield Array (MWA; Murphy et al. 2017, roughly at 200 MHz), and Very

<sup>11</sup> The spindown luminosity is estimated assuming a moment of inertia  $I = 10^{45} \text{ g cm}^2$ . We also scale this by  $4\pi$ , taking into account the uncertainty in the emission geometry.



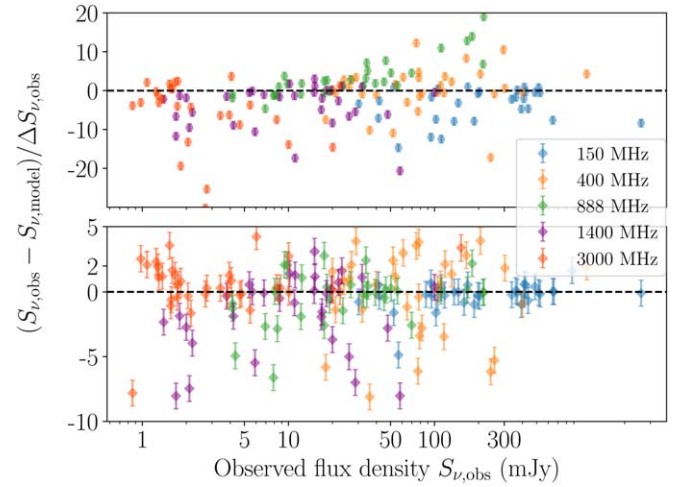
**Figure 13.** Comparison of the predicted flux densities at 150, 200, and 3000 MHz using the spectrum estimated with RACS and PSRCAT data, with the measured flux densities from other imaging surveys. Shown are the residuals (in logarithmic space) or the ratio between the observed fluxes and the modeled fluxes (in linear space); hence, any residual structure corresponds to the deviation from a single power law. We observe that in many of the pulsars, a single power law estimated from the ATNF and RACS data (see Figure 7 and Section 3.4) greatly overestimates the flux at these frequencies (while underestimating it in a few), hinting at the evidence for low- and high-frequency deviations from a power-law model. The color scheme represents the extent of the deviation from a power law (violet/yellow corresponds to maximum deficit/excess). These individual pulsar residuals are adjusted to 0 at 888 MHz.

Large Array Sky Survey (VLASS; Gordon et al. 2021, at 3 GHz) to validate and compare our spectral fits (see Section 3.4). We selected the pulsars where the flux density measurements are available for at least five of the six different frequencies—150, 200, 400, 888, 1400, and 3000 MHz. Using the power-law spectra that we computed with RACS and PSRCAT (Section 3.4), we estimate the predicted flux density at these frequencies and compare it with the corresponding measured flux densities.

Figure 13 shows the comparison of the flux densities. The residuals (in logarithmic space) or the ratio between the observed fluxes and the modeled fluxes (in linear space; similar to Figure 7) are estimated using the power-law fit (see Section 3.4). If the source spectrum can be well modeled by a single power law, then the residuals are expected to be consistent with zero (the black dashed line) within error limits. However, any additional variation can be interpreted as a single power law being an inadequate description of the source spectrum. We see the evidence for a single power law greatly overestimating the flux density at the lower and higher frequencies in most of the pulsars (while underestimating it in a few).

In the sample of 35 pulsars that have flux density measurements at all five frequencies (150, 400, 888, 1400, and 3000 MHz), we tried to fit for a single power law, this time including all these flux density measurements.

Figure 14 (top panel) shows the residuals when the data were fit using a single power law. We find that a single power law does not adequately fit the data, as expected from the combined RACS and PSRCAT fits (see Section 3.4), with the median residuals (scaled by the measurement uncertainty)  $\sim 3\sigma$ ,  $3\sigma$ ,  $2\sigma$ , and  $4\sigma$  at 150, 400, 1400, and 3000 GHz, respectively, and a median reduced- $\chi^2$  of 7.5 (4 degrees of freedom or DOF). In this case, we find that the mean spectral index is softer,



**Figure 14.** Residuals for the sample of 35 pulsars that have flux measurements at five frequencies (150, 400, 888, 1400, and 3000 MHz). The top panel shows the residuals when the data are fit using a pure power law, and the bottom panel shows the residuals when the data are fit using a quadratic power law. In both cases, the residuals are normalized using the measurement uncertainties.

**Table 1**

Correlation Coefficients for the Correlation between the Pseudo-luminosity (See Section 4.1) and the Pulsar Parameters and Existing Correlations in the Literature

Parameter	Correlation Coefficient			
	Yao et al. (2017)		Cordes & Lazio (2002)	
DM Model	Coefficient	<i>p</i> -value	Coefficient	<i>p</i> -value
$P$	−0.15	$4 \times 10^{-04}$	−0.21	$5 \times 10^{-07}$
$\dot{P}$	0.16	$1 \times 10^{-04}$	0.30	$2 \times 10^{-13}$
$\tau_c$	−0.35	$9 \times 10^{-21}$	−0.48	$2 \times 10^{-38}$
$B^2 \propto (\dot{P}\ddot{P})$	0.07	$9 \times 10^{-02}$	0.17	$7 \times 10^{-05}$
$P^{-1}\dot{P}^{0.35} \propto \dot{E}^{1/3}$	0.17	$1 \times 10^{-05}$	0.28	$2 \times 10^{-13}$

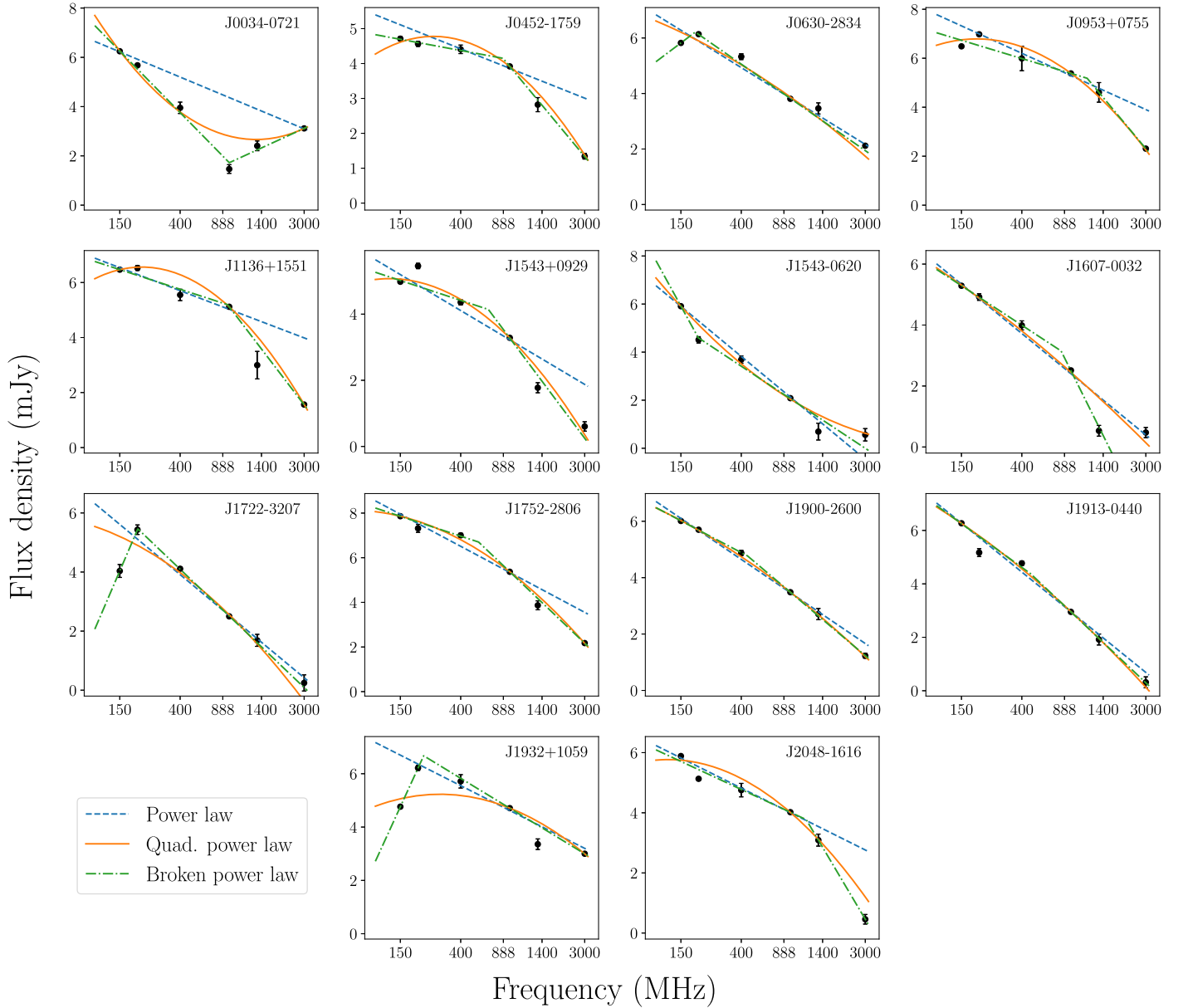
**Note.** We do not find a strong correlation in any of the above cases.

$-1.53 \pm 0.58$ , than the estimate derived using the three higher frequencies. We then tried to fit the data using a quadratic power law:

$$\ln(S_\nu) = a \ln(\nu)^2 + b \ln(\nu) + c.$$

The bottom panel of Figure 14 shows the residuals in this case and shows that the variation is better modeled by a quadratic power law—the uncertainty-normalized median residuals are  $\sim 0.3\sigma$ ,  $2\sigma$ ,  $0.6\sigma$ ,  $0.8\sigma$ , and a median reduced- $\chi^2$  of 1.7 (3 DOF)—rather than a pure power law. In many cases, the spectrum seems to exhibit low-frequency turnovers (Lorimer & Kramer 2004), and hence a quadratic variation in logarithmic space is able to better capture this trend. We also tried to fit the spectrum using a broken power law and found that it performs comparably to the quadratic power law. Figure 15 shows the spectra of the 14 pulsars that have flux density measurements in TGSS, MWA, and VLASS, in addition to the RACS and ATNF measurements. We see that the deviation from a simple power law can be quite common, with a quadratic power law/broken power law providing a much better fit to the data.

However, we do caution that although a quadratic/broken power law provides a better fit than a single power law, there



**Figure 15.** The spectra of the 14 pulsars that have flux density measurements available at 150, 200, 400, 888, 1400, and 3000 MHz. The spectra were modeled using a simple power law, a quadratic power law, and a broken power law. In many cases (e.g., J0452–1759), we see that the spectrum prefers a quadratic/broken power law over a simple power law, indicating that the deviation from a simple power law is quite common.

are still cases where it is inadequate in modeling the spectrum; for example, when the spectrum exhibits both low-frequency turnover and high-frequency turnup, a cubic variation might be needed. In summary, we find that the spectrum in a modest set of pulsars (as large as 40%) does not seem to exhibit a linear variation (in logarithmic frequency–flux density space), with higher-order nonlinear corrections providing better fits, and hence the use of simple power-law spectral fits in pulsars must be treated with caution.

### 5. Conclusions

We present crossmatches for the known pulsar population against the first release of the ASKAP RACS survey data. We find 600 Stokes *I* sources and 61 sources that have both Stokes *I* and Stokes *V* matches to known pulsars: we expect as many as 0.5% of these to represent false matches with 95%

confidence. We also present the spectral characterization of these sources, finding that a single power law can be inadequate in many cases. Combining this with more low- and high-frequency data (TGSS, MWA, and VLASS), we find that a quadratic/broken power law represents a better fit to the spectral shape than a pure power law, revealing that the variation of flux density with frequency in logarithmic space can be nonlinear and high-/low-frequency deviations can be very common. The data presented here can be added to repositories like Swainston et al. (2022) and used in more advanced spectral modeling. We present the polarization information of these sources, finding that the estimated fraction is consistent with the ones in the literature. We looked at the variation of the pseudo-luminosity and its correlation with any intrinsic pulsar parameters and found no evidence for a strong correlation, also revealing that varying fractions of spindown luminosity power the radio luminosity and this fraction



increases as the pulsar ages. The addition of reliable flux density measurements through current/future imaging surveys will help in the accurate modeling of the underlying source spectrum of the pulsars.

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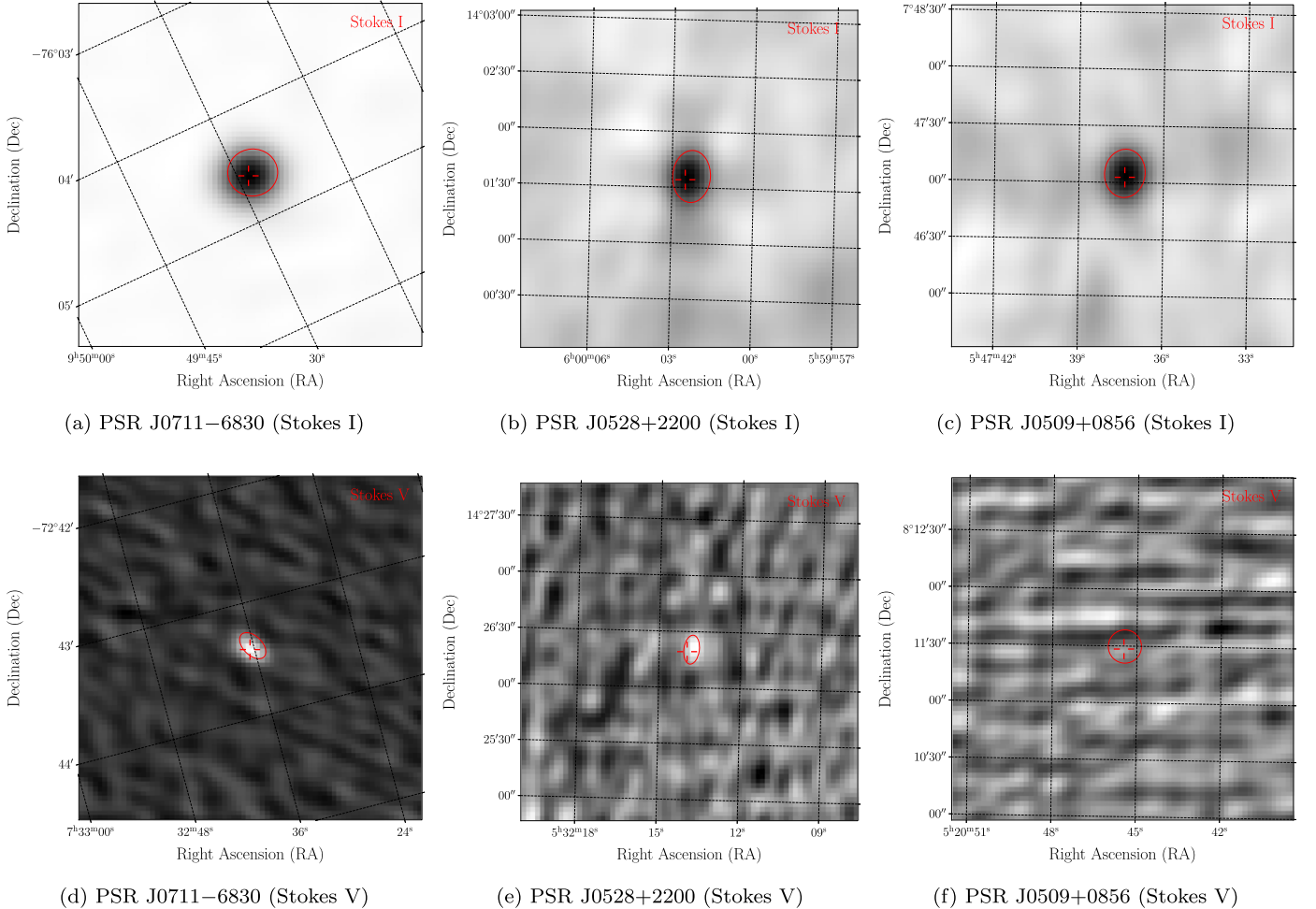
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*Software:* NumPy (Harris et al. 2020), Matplotlib (Hunter 2007), AstroPy (Astropy Collaboration et al. 2013, 2018).

### Appendix A Image Cutouts

Shown in this Appendix are the sample detection images for the three representative cases where a pulsar is

- (i) detected in both Stokes *I* and Stokes *V* images
- (ii) detected in Stokes *I* image but marginally detected in Stokes *V* image and
- (iii) detected in only Stokes *I* image (Figure 16).



**Figure 16.** 3' image cutouts of Stokes *I* and Stokes *V* intensity maps depicting three different cases: combined Stokes *I* and *V* detection (PSR J0711-6830), Stokes *I* detection with a marginal Stokes *V* detection (PSR J0528+2200), and a purely Stokes *I* detection (PSR J0509+0856). Shown in the red ellipse is the detected RACS source, and shown in the crosshairs is the pulsar's position, as reported in the ATNF catalog.

## Appendix B

### Flux Measurements

Given in Table B1 are the astrometric and flux measurements of the pulsars in our sample that have both 400 MHz and 1.4 GHz flux measurements from PSRCAT.

**Table B1**  
Astrometric and Spectral Measurements for Pulsars in Our Sample Whose Spectrum Can Be Described by a Simple Power Law

Pulsar	R.A.	Decl.	Flux Density <sup>a</sup>							Index
			RACS		ATNF		Other Imaging Surveys			
			888 MHz	400 MHz	1.4 GHz	150 MHz	200 MHz	3 GHz		
			(mJy)	(mJy) <sup>b</sup>	(mJy)	(mJy)	(mJy)	(mJy)	(mJy)	
J0030+0451	00 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup> 27 <sup>s</sup> .2	+04°51'41"	2.2( 8)	1.74	7.9( 2)	1.1( 3)	45( 4)	...	...	−1.58(3)
J0152−1637	01 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> .7	−16°37'53"	4.1( 4)	1.06	20( 4)	2.1( 4)	88( 7)	...	...	−1.8( 2)
J0525+1115	05 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 56 <sup>s</sup> .3	+11°15'20"	3.7( 96)	0.08	19.5( 9)	1.9( 2)	32( 6)	...	...	−1.84(4)
J0528+2200	05 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup> 52 <sup>s</sup> .2	+22°00'04"	14( 2)	0.46	57( 5)	9( 2)	...	...	1.5( 4)	−1.6( 2)
J0543+2329	05 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 09 <sup>s</sup> .7	+23°29'07"	15.7( 7)	0.22	29( 1)	10.7( 7)	...	...	4.7( 2)	−0.79(5)
J0601−0527	06 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup> 58 <sup>s</sup> .9	−05°27'49"	6.1( 4)	0.05	22.7( 9)	2.6( 5)	32( 6)	...	...	−1.67(8)
J0614+2229	06 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup> .9	+22°29'58"	8.4( 9)	0.12	29( 1)	3.3( 2)	...	...	...	−1.72(5)
J0629+2415	06 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 05 <sup>s</sup> .6	+24°15'41"	8.8( 8)	0.12	31( 2)	3.2( 4)	...	...	...	−1.7( 1)
J0659+1414	06 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 48 <sup>s</sup> .3	+14°14'23"	3.4( 5)	0.94	6.5( 6)	2.7( 2)	...	...	...	−0.70(9)
J0729−1836	07 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 32 <sup>s</sup> .4	−18°36'42"	4.8( 7)	0.27	11.2( 7)	1.9( 5)	...	...	...	−1.2( 1)
J0820−1350	08 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup> 26 <sup>s</sup> .3	−13°50'56"	12.8( 4)	0.56	102( 6)	6( 2)	207( 8)	160( 7)	...	−2.59(8)
J0823+0159	08 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup> 09 <sup>s</sup> .6	+01°59'12"	4.5( 6)	0.82	30( 5)	4( 2)	40( 4)	...	...	−2.2( 2)
J0837+0610	08 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup> 05 <sup>s</sup> .5	+06°10'17"	12.8( 7)	4.55	89( 14)	5( 1)	766( 9)	286( 13)	...	−2.4( 2)
J0908−1739	09 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup> 38 <sup>s</sup> .1	−17°39'40"	4.5( 4)	2.1	16( 1)	4( 2)	46( 8)	...	...	−1.6( 1)
J0908−4913	09 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup> 35 <sup>s</sup> .4	−49°13'05"	23.7( 5)	0.43	28( 3)	20( 1)	...	...	...	−0.30(9)
J0922+0638	09 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup> .0	+06°38'24"	12.2( 5)	1.2	52( 6)	10( 3)	216( 8)	100( 13)	...	−1.7( 1)
J0953+0755	09 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup> 09 <sup>s</sup> .3	+07°55'37"	217.0( 9)	206.24	400( 200)	100( 40)	656( 14)	1072( 17)	10.1( 2)	−1.1( 5)
J1012−5857	10 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup> 48 <sup>s</sup> .3	−58°57'48"	4.6( 4)	0.01	15( 2)	1.9( 1)	...	...	...	−1.72(9)
J1041−1942	10 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 36 <sup>s</sup> .2	−19°42'12"	4.5( 4)	0.34	28( 6)	2.3( 9)	...	...	...	−2.2( 3)
J1239+2453	12 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup> 40 <sup>s</sup> .2	+24°53'50"	34.4( 7)	12.65	110( 33)	23( 5)	136( 6)	...	2.7( 2)	−1.2( 3)
J1257−1027	12 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 04 <sup>s</sup> .6	−10°27'05"	2.0( 5)	0.17	12( 1)	1.2( 3)	...	...	...	−1.9( 2)
J1455−3330	14 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 47 <sup>s</sup> .9	−33°30'46"	1.3( 5)	0.46	9( 1)	0.7( 4)	...	...	...	−2.0( 1)
J1532+2745	15 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> .3	+27°45'50"	2.9( 4)	1.31	13( 2)	0.8( 3)	40( 4)	...	...	−2.0( 2)
J1543−0620	15 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 30 <sup>s</sup> .1	−06°20'45"	8.0( 5)	2.79	40( 6)	2.0( 7)	369( 4)	91( 12)	1.8( 4)	−2.1( 2)
J1610−1322	16 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 42 <sup>s</sup> .7	−13°22'22"	3.2( 6)	0.13	16( 1)	1.1( 3)	...	...	...	−2.13(5)
J1614+0737	16 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 40 <sup>s</sup> .8	+07°37'33"	1.5( 4)	0.3	9.6( 8)	0.6( 3)	297( 28)	...	...	−2.3( 3)
J1623−0908	16 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup> 17 <sup>s</sup> .5	−09°08'49"	1.2( 4)	0.03	6.0( 4)	0.6( 1)	37( 4)	...	...	−1.9( 1)
J1703−1846	17 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 51 <sup>s</sup> .0	−18°46'14"	1.9( 4)	0.05	11( 1)	0.7( 2)	163( 8)	...	...	−2.2( 2)
J1709−1640	17 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 26 <sup>s</sup> .4	−16°40'57"	17.6( 5)	1.93	47( 5)	14( 3)	82( 6)	...	...	−1.1( 1)
J1709−4429	17 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 42 <sup>s</sup> .7	−44°29'07"	16.9( 6)	0.11	25( 4)	12.1( 7)	...	...	...	−0.7( 1)
J1720−2933	17 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup> 34 <sup>s</sup> .1	−29°33'17"	5.3( 5)	0.12	32( 4)	1.7( 1)	383( 13)	...	...	−2.38(9)
J1722−3207	17 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup> 02 <sup>s</sup> .9	−32°07'46"	12.2( 5)	0.01	61( 4)	5.4( 11)	57( 12)	229( 37)	1.3( 4)	−2.01(9)
J1741−0840	17 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 22 <sup>s</sup> .5	−08°40'31"	5.6( 5)	0.09	29( 8)	1.4( 4)	...	...	...	−2.3( 3)
J1757−2421	17 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup> .3	−24°22'03"	11.8( 13)	0.01	20( 4)	7.2( 4)	...	...	2.4( 3)	−0.9( 1)
J1759−2205	17 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 24 <sup>s</sup> .1	−22°05'32"	3.8( 95)	0.01	20( 2)	1.3( 1)	139( 17)	...	...	−2.2( 1)
J1807−0847	18 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup> 37 <sup>s</sup> .9	−08°47'43"	34.9( 9)	0.06	65( 4)	18( 4)	94( 12)	...	4.6( 3)	−0.81(8)
J1813+4013	18 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 13 <sup>s</sup> .3	+40°13'39"	2.8( 5)	0.18	8( 2)	1.1( 2)	...	...	...	−1.6( 2)
J1820−0427	18 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup> 52 <sup>s</sup> .5	−04°27'36"	26.1( 11)	0.04	157( 6)	10.1( 2)	975( 8)	499( 51)	...	−2.18(3)
J1825−0935	18 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 30 <sup>s</sup> .6	−09°35'22"	17.6( 9)	0.8	36( 3)	10( 2)	412( 11)	...	0.9( 2)	−0.9( 1)
J1829−1751	18 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 43 <sup>s</sup> .1	−17°51'03"	23.6( 6)	0.01	78( 5)	11( 2)	102( 8)	...	3.9( 3)	−1.51(8)
J1833−0338	18 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup> 41 <sup>s</sup> .9	−03°39'02"	9.4( 6)	0.01	89( 5)	2.8( 3)	230( 11)	...	...	−2.79(8)
J1836−1008	18 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup> 53 <sup>s</sup> .9	−10°08'09"	14.4( 11)	0.01	54( 6)	4.8( 1)	65( 15)	...	...	−1.8( 1)
J1841+0912	18 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 55 <sup>s</sup> .9	+09°12'08"	4.8( 8)	0.28	20( 1)	1.7( 1)	...	...	...	−1.96(6)
J1844+1454	18 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup> 54 <sup>s</sup> .8	+14°54'14"	4.1( 5)	0.29	20( 2)	1.8( 4)	105( 7)	...	1.7( 5)	−1.9( 2)
J1844−0433	18 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup> 33 <sup>s</sup> .4	−04°33'12"	3.2( 9)	0.01	8.1( 7)	1.1( 1)	...	...	...	−1.6( 1)
J1847−0402	18 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 22 <sup>s</sup> .8	−04°02'13"	12.6( 7)	0.01	75( 3)	4.9( 3)	945( 14)	...	...	−2.19(6)
J1848−0123	18 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup> .6	−01°23'58"	34( 3)	0.01	79( 6)	15( 3)	420( 18)	...	2.2( 3)	−1.2( 1)
J1849−0636	18 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup> 06 <sup>s</sup> .4	−06°37'06"	4.1( 5)	0.01	26( 1)	1.4( 1)	203( 8)	...	1.1( 3)	−2.33(8)
J1850+1335	18 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup> 35 <sup>s</sup> .5	+13°35'56"	2.3( 4)	0.08	6( 1)	0.8( 2)	...	...	...	−1.5( 2)
J1857+0943	18 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 36 <sup>s</sup> .3	+09°43'16"	8.9( 5)	1.63	20( 6)	5.0( 5)	...	...	2.4( 2)	−1.2( 2)
J1900−2600	19 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup> 47 <sup>s</sup> .5	−26°00'44"	32.6( 5)	1.55	131( 12)	15( 3)	408( 15)	299( 13)	3.4( 3)	−1.7( 1)
J1901+0331	19 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup> .8	+03°31'06"	17.6( 13)	0.01	165( 10)	4.2( 4)	437( 17)	...	1.0( 3)	−2.89(8)
J1902+0556	19 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 42 <sup>s</sup> .8	+05°56'26"	3.7( 96)	0.01	15( 2)	1.2( 1)	...	...	...	−2.0( 1)
J1902+0615	19 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 50 <sup>s</sup> .3	+06°16'33"	4.3( 11)	0.01	22( 4)	1.6( 3)	...	...	...	−2.1( 2)

**Table B1**  
(Continued)

Pulsar	R.A.	Decl.	Flux Density <sup>a</sup>							Index
			RACS		ATNF		Other Imaging Surveys			
			888 MHz		400 MHz	1.4 GHz	150 MHz	200 MHz	3 GHz	
			(mJy)	(mJy) <sup>b</sup>	(mJy)	(mJy)	(mJy)	(mJy)	(mJy)	
J1904+1011	19 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 02. <sup>s</sup> 4	+10°11′36″	1.6( 6)	0.01	4.4( 3)	0.6( 7)	...	...	...	−1.6 (1)
J1905−0056	19 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup> 27. <sup>s</sup> 8	−00°56′40″	2.0( 5)	0.01	9.8( 6)	0.7( 1)	38( 7)	...	...	−2.1 (1)
J1909+0254	19 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 38. <sup>s</sup> 3	+02°54′50″	2.6( 5)	0.01	21 ( 1)	0.6( 7)	...	...	...	−2.78(9)
J1910−0309	19 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 29. <sup>s</sup> 7	−03°09′54″	2.7( 4)	0.01	27 ( 3)	0.6( 7)	124( 6)	...	...	−3.1 (1)
J1913−0440	19 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 54. <sup>s</sup> 2	−04°40′47″	19.1( 4)	0.06	118 ( 9)	6.8( 14)	528( 9)	176( 26)	1.4( 3)	−2.3 (1)
J1915+1009	19 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup> 30. <sup>s</sup> 0	+10°09′44″	3.5( 8)	0.01	23 ( 2)	2.0( 4)	...	...	...	−2.0 (2)
J1915+1606	19 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup> 28. <sup>s</sup> 0	+16°06′30″	1.8( 5)	0.01	4 ( 1)	0.9( 2)	...	...	...	−1.2 (3)
J1916+0951	19 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup> 32. <sup>s</sup> 3	+09°51′26″	5.3( 7)	0.11	20 ( 2)	1.6( 3)	64( 10)	...	...	−1.9 (1)
J1922+2110	19 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup> 53. <sup>s</sup> 4	+21°10′42″	3.3( 6)	0.01	30 ( 1)	1.4( 2)	131( 9)	...	...	−2.5 (1)
J1926+1648	19 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup> 45. <sup>s</sup> 4	+16°48′35″	3.2( 5)	0.01	8 ( 1)	1.3( 2)	...	...	...	−1.4 (2)
J1932+2020	19 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup> 08. <sup>s</sup> 0	+20°20′45″	4.5( 6)	0.01	29 ( 2)	1.2( 4)	258( 8)	...	...	−2.4 (2)
J1943−1237	19 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 25. <sup>s</sup> 3	−12°37′41″	2.4( 5)	0.21	12.9( 6)	1.2( 2)	37( 6)	...	...	−1.9 (1)
J1949−2524	19 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup> 25. <sup>s</sup> 6	−25°23′58″	1.3( 4)	0.22	5.2( 6)	0.4( 1)	...	...	...	−2.0 (2)
J2002+3217	20 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 04. <sup>s</sup> 3	+32°17′18″	2.2( 5)	0.02	5.5( 5)	1.2( 1)	...	...	...	−1.2 (1)
J2006−0807	20 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup> 16. <sup>s</sup> 3	−08°07′02″	9.7( 4)	1.1	20 ( 3)	4.7( 9)	...	...	...	−1.0 (2)
J2013+3845	20 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 10. <sup>s</sup> 3	+38°45′42″	9.2( 11)	0.01	26 ( 1)	6.4( 5)	...	...	2.7( 3)	−1.14(7)
J2018+2839	20 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup> 03. <sup>s</sup> 8	+28°39′54″	53.6( 11)	8.61	314 ( 30)	30 ( 13)	282( 10)	...	...	−2.2 (1)
J2029+3744	20 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 23. <sup>s</sup> 8	+37°44′03″	3.3( 8)	0.01	18 ( 2)	0.6( 1)	132( 14)	...	...	−2.7 (2)
J2046+1540	20 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 39. <sup>s</sup> 2	+15°40′32″	3.4( 5)	0.13	11.5( 9)	1.7( 3)	...	...	...	−1.5 (1)
J2046−0421	20 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 00. <sup>s</sup> 2	−04°21′26″	3.5( 6)	0.25	20 ( 1)	1.7( 5)	26( 5)	...	...	−2.1 (2)
J2055+3630	20 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 31. <sup>s</sup> 4	+36°30′22″	7.6( 9)	0.01	28 ( 1)	2.6( 1)	64( 7)	...	...	−1.89(4)
J2124−3358	21 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup> 43. <sup>s</sup> 9	−33°58′45″	8.2( 5)	5.58	17 ( 4)	4.5( 2)	...	...	2.1( 4)	−1.2 (1)
J2129−5721	21 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 22. <sup>s</sup> 6	−57°21′14″	2.4( 3)	0.19	14 ( 2)	1.0( 7)	...	...	...	−2.1 (1)
J2317+2149	23 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup> 57. <sup>s</sup> 9	+21°49′51″	3.9( 7)	0.94	15 ( 3)	0.9( 5)	...	...	...	−1.9 (3)




**Notes.** Flux densities: ATNF—400 MHz and 1.4 GHz (Manchester et al. 2005); TGSS—150 MHz (Frail et al. 2016); MWA—200 MHz (Murphy et al. 2017); and VLASS—3 GHz (Gordon et al. 2021).

<sup>a</sup> Numbers quoted in parentheses are  $1\sigma$  errors on the last digits of the flux densities.

<sup>b</sup> Errors in flux densities due to diffractive scintillation are quoted in addition to measurement uncertainties.

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