

# Common Mistakes

## Major

- No estimate of uncertainties and no explanations about how they are calculated.
- Writing physical quantities without units.
- No explanations of the symbols of equations.
- Plots without: axis labels / uncertainty on the fit and data points / legend / caption.
- Writing important concepts in the caption of figures instead of the main text.
- No explanations on the formation of pulsars and radiative processes involved.
- No description of the important concepts of this experiment (why we observe a periodic pulse; how the dispersion measure affects the emitted radiation; what is a dynamic spectrum and what information is in it; what is the de-dispersion and why this step is important etc.).
- Writing the estimated parameters without any discussion of their values (i.e. How do they compare with previous findings? Within how many sigma the values you found agree with other estimates?).

## Minor

- No description of the instrument (dish diameter, resolution, observing frequencies, mount...).
- Unclear pictures / plots.
- Wrong order of figures and paragraphs (i.e. Figure 5 put before Figure 1).
- Disorganization of the report, which reflects a poor understanding of the experiment goals.
- Not using a scientific language.