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Parkes 21 cm Intensity Mapping Experiments

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Mapping the Universe



- 3D mapping of the Universe is a powerful tool to study large-scale structures.
- Galaxy redshift surveys at optical wavelength. (e.g. CfA redshift survey , 2dFGRS, SDSS, WiggleZ, GAMA)



Mapping the Universe in 21 cm

- Neutral hydrogen is a good tracer of matter distribution
- HI 21 cm line can be directly translated into redshift.
- Measuring the collective HI 21 cm emission from many galaxies without individual detection.
- Cosmological probe for measuring the baryon acoustic oscillation (BAO) feature and Redshift Space Distortion (RSD).
- Constraining cosmic HI density (Ω_{HI}) evolution at intermediate redshift (0.5 < z < 2.0).

HI gas evolution over cosmic time



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Parkes Intensity Mapping

- Parkes telescope used to map the WiggleZ fields.
- Single beam 50cm receiver at frequency: 700 - 764 MHz (0.86 < z < 1.03, <z> ~ 0.94), 2048 channels (31.25 kHz)
- Scan rate: 0.25 or 2 deg/min, FWHM: 30'
- WiggleZ contains 15,713 redshifts in the redshift.





WiggleZ survey fields

Name	RA _{min} (deg)	RA _{max} (deg)	Dec. _{min} (deg)	Dec. _{max} (deg)	Area (deg ²)
0 h	350.1	359.1	-13.4	+1.8	135.7
1 h	7.5	20.6	-3.7	+5.3	117.8
3 h	43.0	52.2	-18.6	-5.7	115.8
9 h	133.7	148.8	-1.0	+8.0	137.0
11 h	153.0	172.0	-1.0	+8.0	170.5
15 h	210.0	230.0	-3.0	+7.0	199.6
22 h	320.4	330.2	-5.0	+4.8	95.9



Challenges: RFI



- RFI contamination.
 - Broad-band RFI @ 720, 740, 760MHz (UHF TV chan)
 - 4G transmitter @ 763 MHz
- RFI flagging: threshold-clipping



Active scan vs. Drift scan



- Active scan: basket-weaving pattern, 2°min⁻¹ scan rate
- Drift scan: only ra direction scan, 0.25°min⁻¹ scan rate



Drift scan vs. active scan





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Challenges: Foregrounds



- Foreground emissions from Galactic and extragalactic sources (~10⁴ stronger than HI signal).
- Synchrotron emission and free-free electron emission



Independent Component Analysis (ICA)

Decomposing the observed data into statistically independent components.



 Scientific application in Astronomy: used as a promising foreground removal technique for CMB, EoR, intensity mapping (e.g. Bottino et al. 2008, Chapman et al 2012, Wolz et al. 2013)



Foreground removal using ICA





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Cross power spectrum

Cross power spectrum of W15d



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Fast Intensity Mapping using PAFs

- Phased-array feed (PAF) installed on the Parkes
- Same Mk-II PAF as ASKAP but modified for a single dish
- Larger field of view $0.2 \text{ deg}^2 => 1.4 \text{ deg}^2$
- Wider bandwidth 384 MHz 64 MHz => 384 MHz Band 1: 699.5 - 1083.5 MHz Band 2: 1148.5 - 1532.5 MHz



 2 WiggleZ fields @ band 1 + 1 GAMA field @ band 2 completed.

HI spectra from known galaxies

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Summary

- HI intensity mapping is a promising approach to constrain HI gas evolution at intermediate redshifts.
- Challenges: RFI mitigation and foreground
- Intensity mapping using PAF: more suitable for fast intensity mapping.
- Next generation PAF cryogenically cooled is being planned.