

# Late-time cosmology with the SKA Observatory



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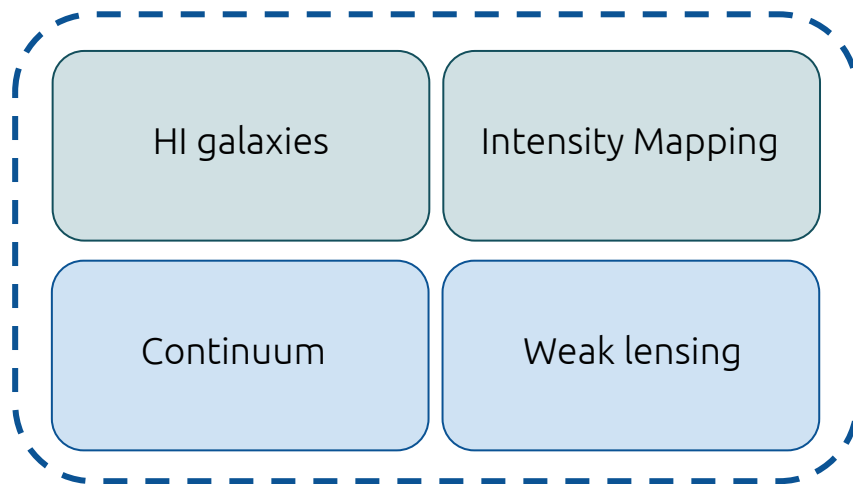
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# SKA Cosmology *Science Working Group*

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Co-chairs: Stefano Camera & MS



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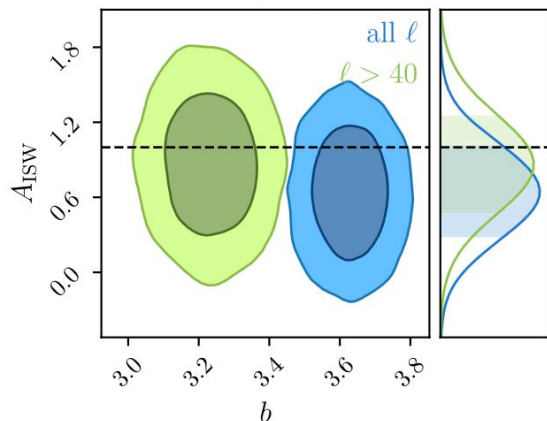
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## Rapid ASKAP Continuum Survey

data from Hale et al. (2021)



ISW measurement  
Bahr-Kalus, et al (2022)

## NVSS and TGSS

- Angular clustering Dolfi et al. (2019)
- NVSS x CMB lensing Planck Collaboration XVII 2014
- TGSS x CMB lensing Piccirilli et al. (2023)

## LoTSS DR2

- Angular clustering of radio sources Hale et al. (2023)
- cross-corr with CMB lensing ( $27\sigma$  detection and  $\sigma_8$ ) Nakoneczny et al (2023)
- cross-with eBOSS Zheng et al. (in prep)

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SKA-Mid in Band1 (350 MHz - 1.05 GHz) - 20.000 deg<sup>2</sup>: *Wide*

SKA-Mid in Band2 (950 MHz - 1.75 GHz) - 5.000 deg<sup>2</sup>: *Medium-deep*

access to dark sector equation of state  $w_0$ - $w_a$

source population bias marginalised over: constraint will improve with better knowledge on the bias parameters

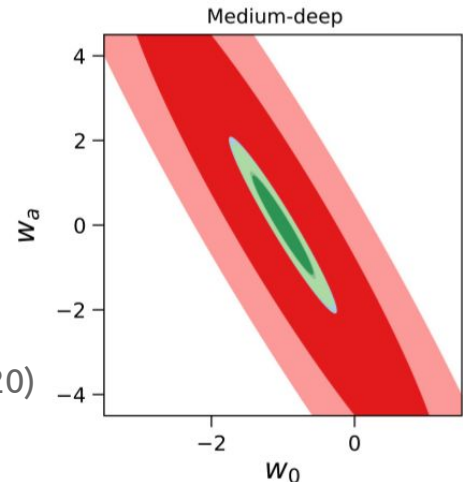
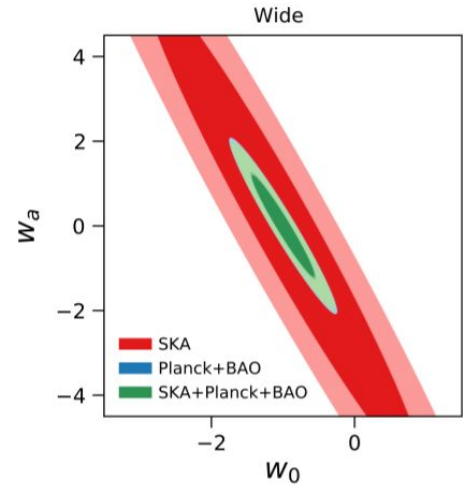
access to fNL

comparable with Planck  
e.g. Raccañelli et al. (2014),  
Camera et al. (2015)  
can do better with multi-tracer  
e.g. Ferramacho et al. (2014)

dipole: test of cosmological principle

e.g. Rubart & Schwarz (2013)  
Bengali et al. (2018)

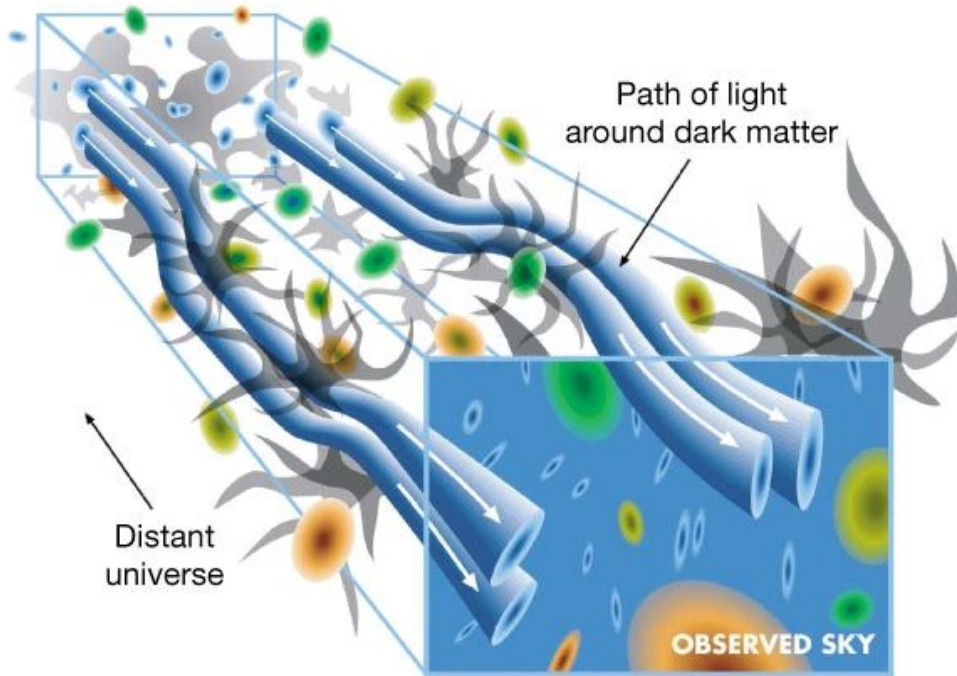
SKA Red Book (2020)



# Radio weak lensing

FG lead: I. Harrison

Wittman et al. (2020)



probe of growth of cosmic structures

## **Dark matter & Dark energy**

key observable in many current and future large optical/near-IR surveys

**Requires shape measurement of ~billions of high redshift ( $z \sim 1$ ) galaxies**

$3.6\sigma$  detection in archival VLA FIRST  
Chang, Refregier & Helfand (2004)

Unsuccessful measurements in too-noisy data  
(VLA + MERLIN)

Patel et al. (2010), Harrison et al. (2020)

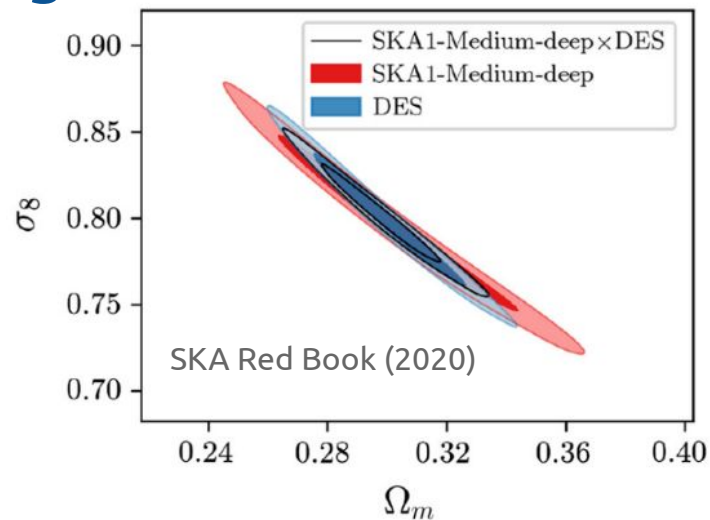
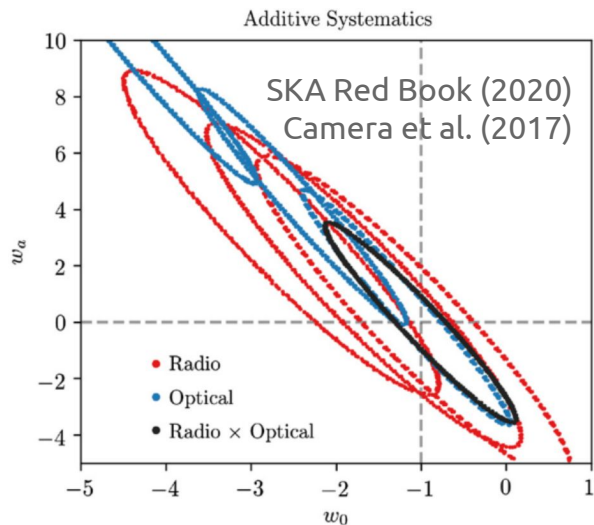
Successful detections of radio-optical correlations (VLA + HST) e.g. Hiller et al. (2019)

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SKAO SWG forecast assuming:  
5,000 deg<sup>2</sup> survey with **SKA-Mid**  
Band 2 (950 MHz - 1.75 GHz) at 1 arcsec PSF

**SKAO alone competitive  
with completed Dark Energy Survey (DES)**



**cross-correlation** retains almost all of the statistical power of individual experiments

**systematic errors** on the measured weak lensing signal **uncorrelated** between the radio and the optical

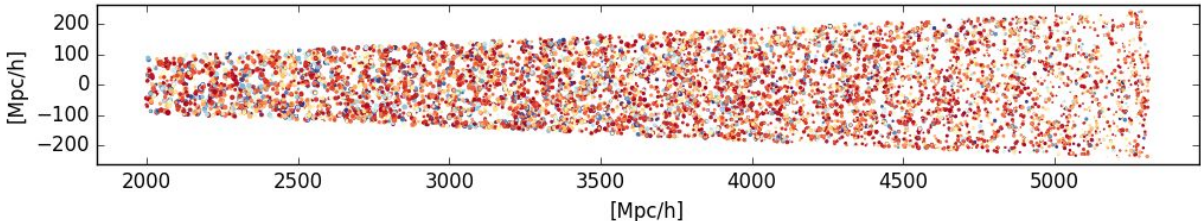
caveat: radio shear measurement methods need improvements

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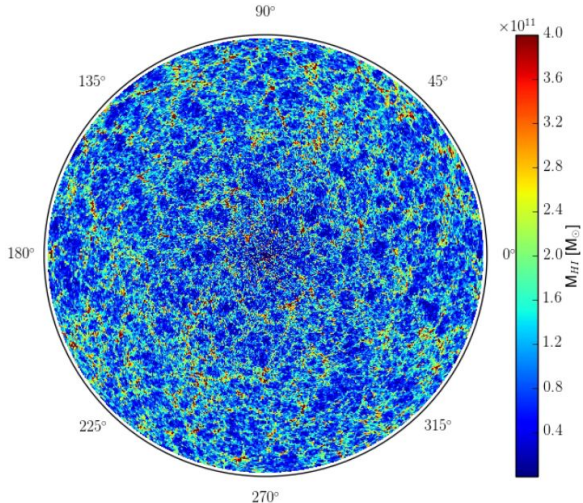
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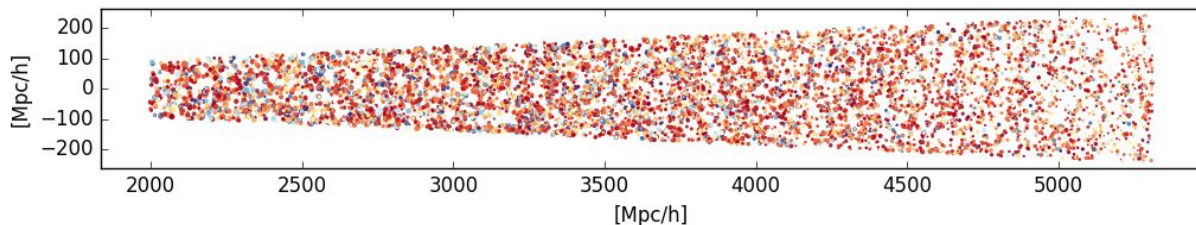


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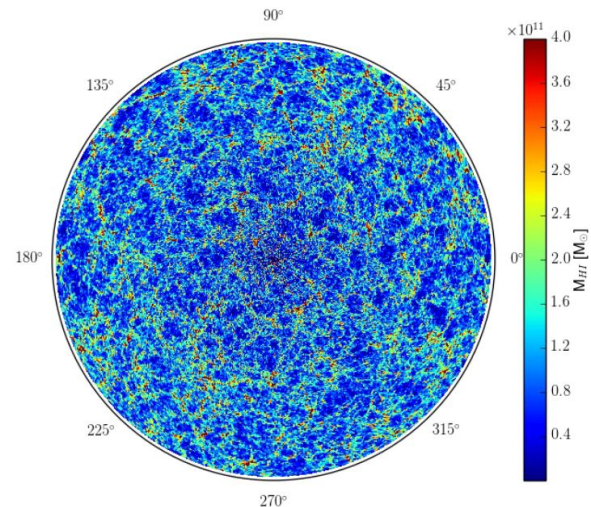
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**baryonic Tully-Fisher**

distance ladder

growth rate of structures  
e.g. Koda et al. (2014)  
**probes of modified gravity**

TF task force in collaboration  
with (part of) the HI SWG

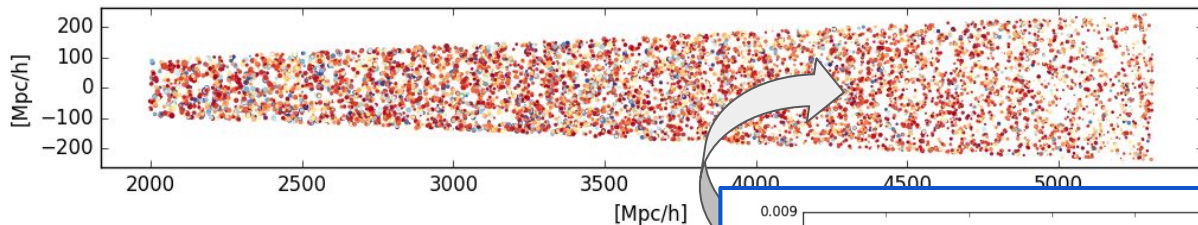
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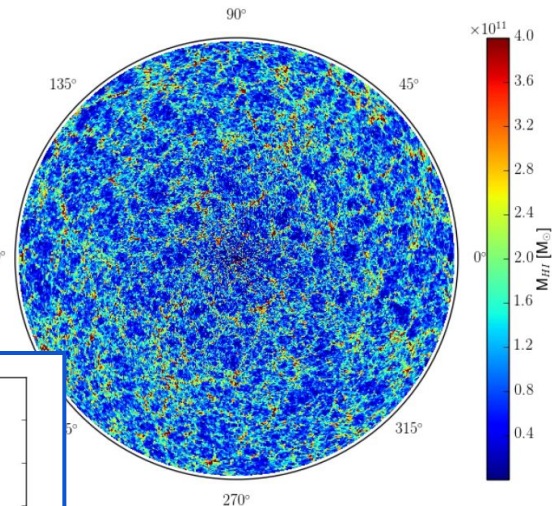
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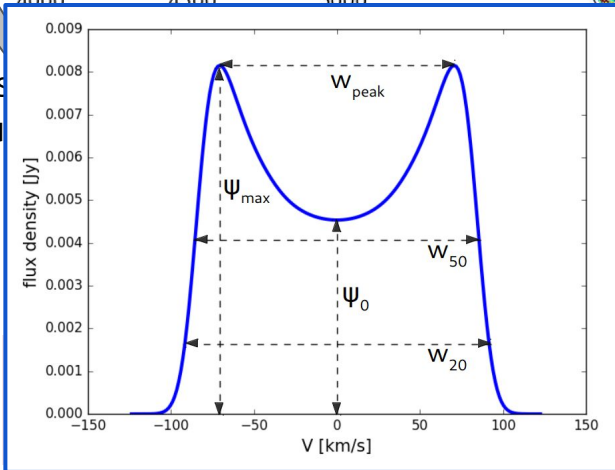
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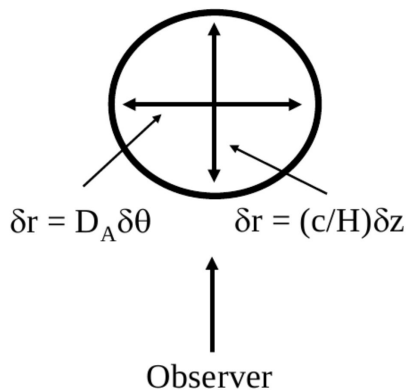
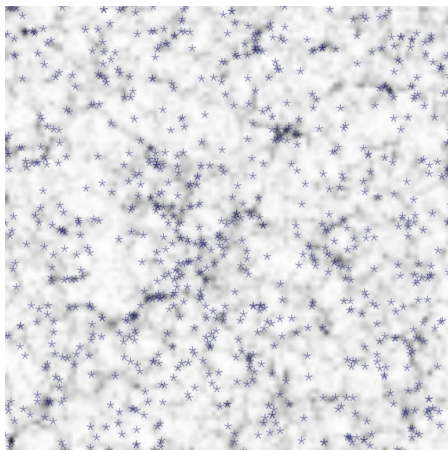


Zoldan, Major, De Lucia, MS, Xie

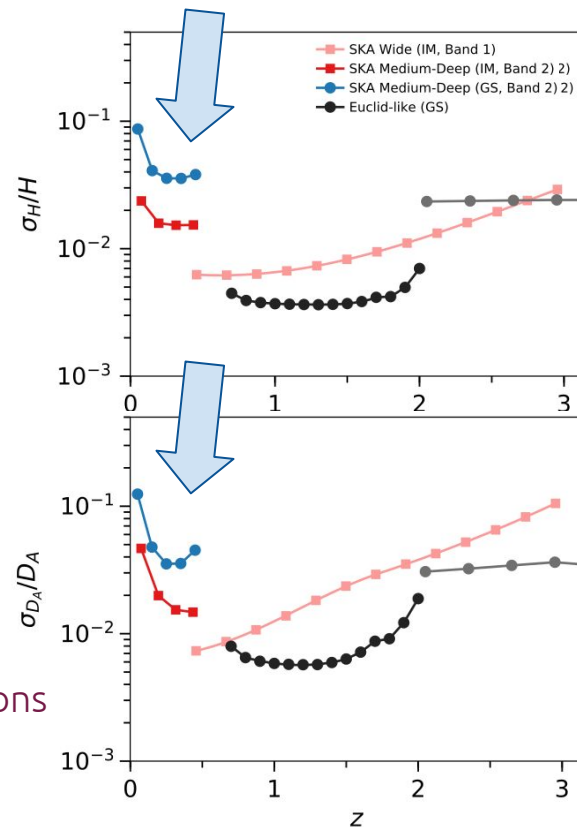
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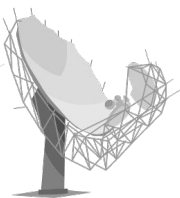
the distribution of **HI galaxies**  
is a biased tracer of the **matter clustering**



We can measure the Baryon Acoustic Oscillations  
e.g. Bull et al. (2015)

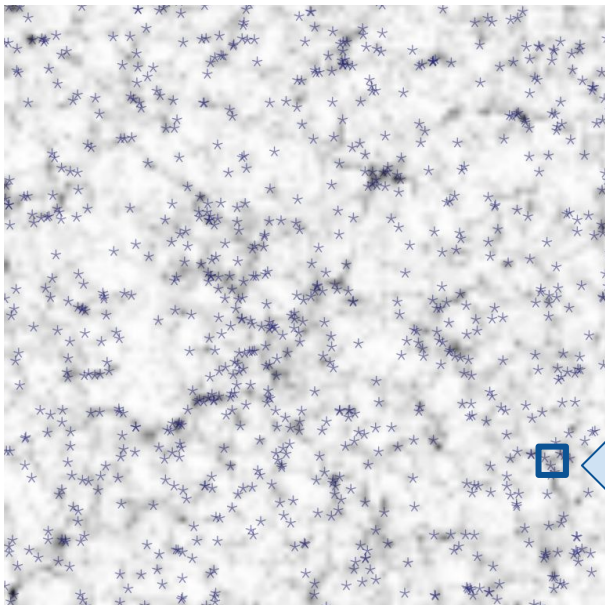


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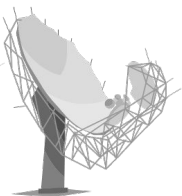
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costly to resolve each HI galaxy  
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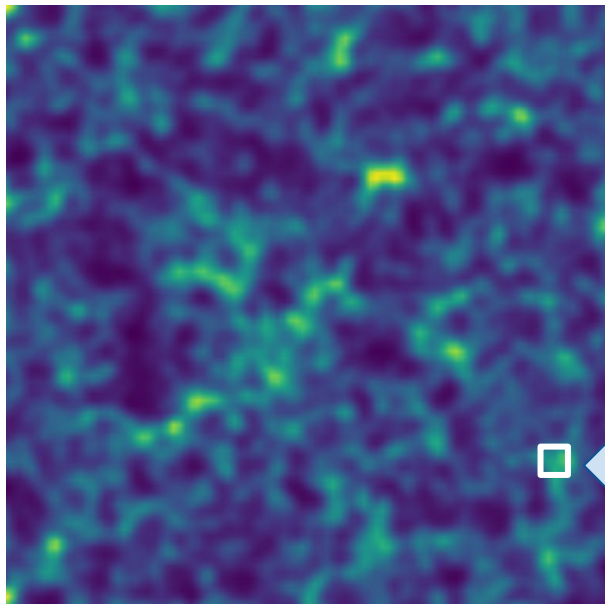


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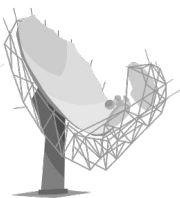
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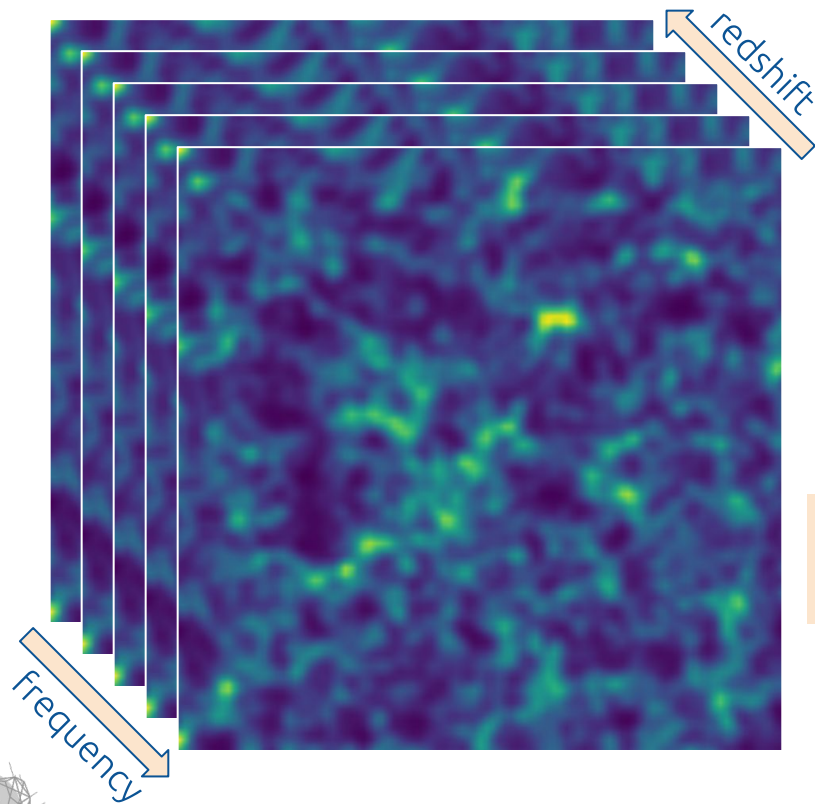
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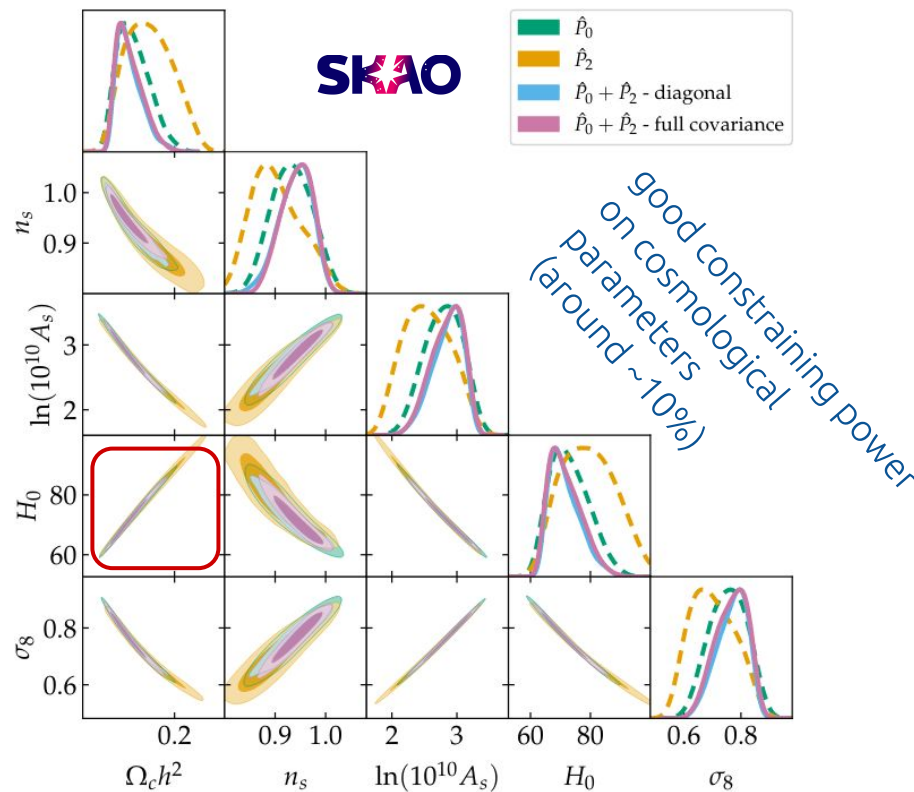
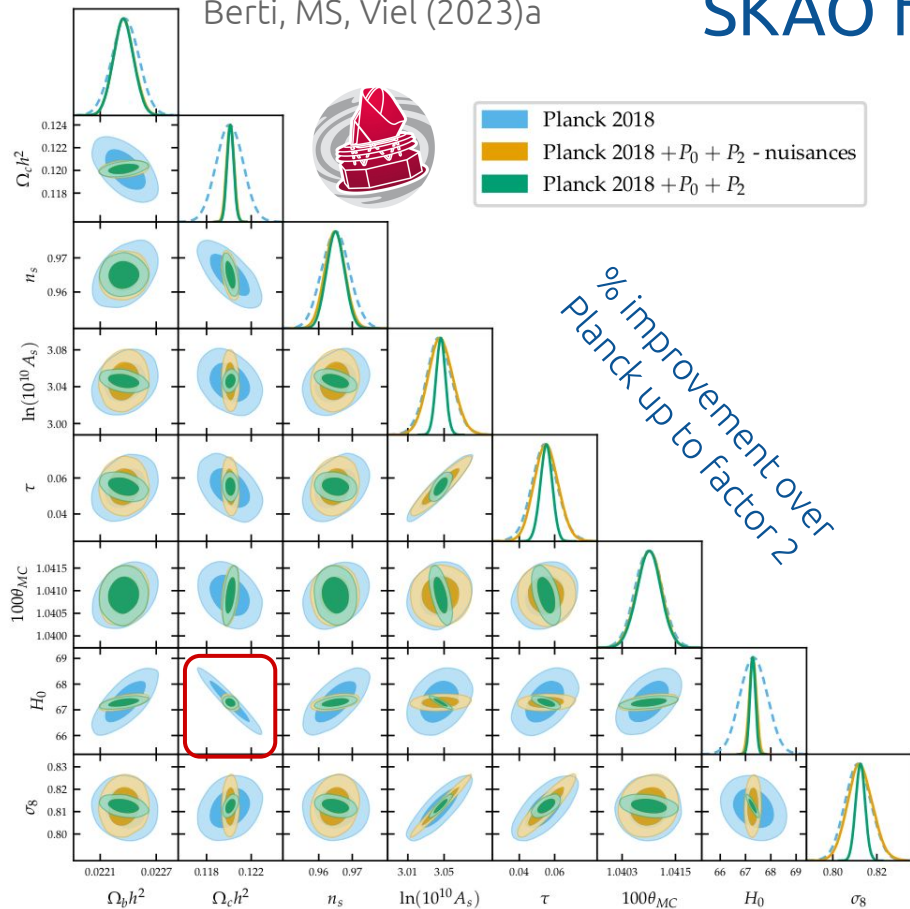
one-to-one correspondence frequency-redshift  
**high spectral resolution (tomography)**

**Key cosmological probe**

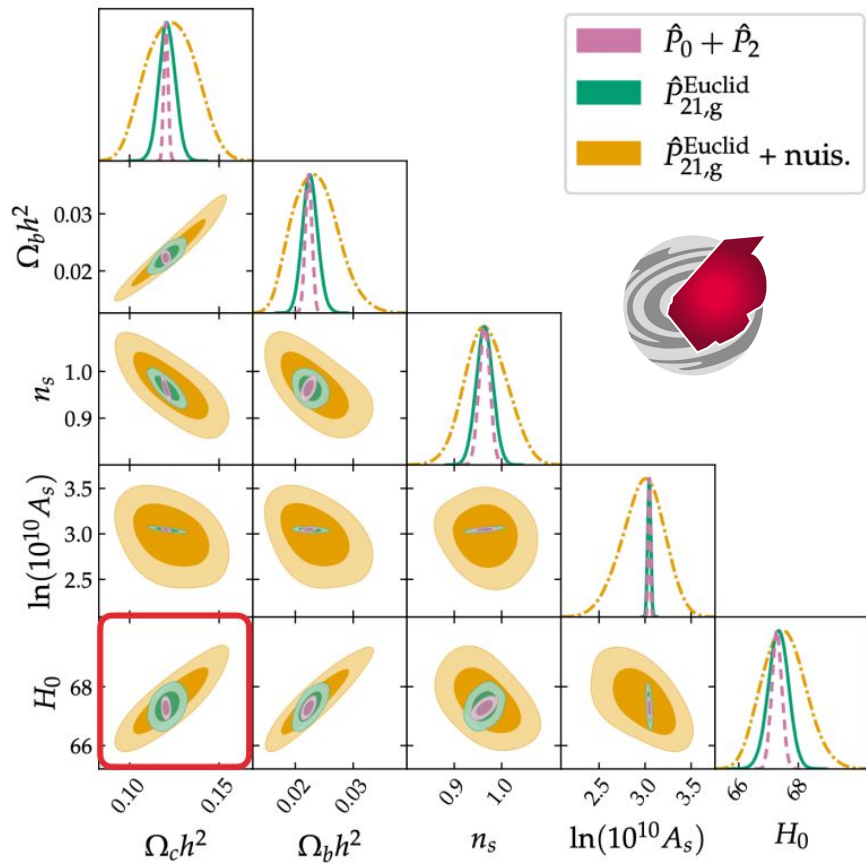
see also (e.g.): Fonseca et al. (2015),  
 Carucci et al. (2015), Obuljen et al. (2017),  
 Ballardini et al. (2018), Camera et al. (2020),  
 Scelfo et al. (2022), Berti et al. (2022)

# SKAO forecasts

Berti, MS, Viel (2023)a



# SKAO forecasts: cross-correlation



**SKAOxEuclid** and **SKAOxDESI**  
comparable constraining power

Broader constraints assuming no knowledge on e.g.  
HI bias (nuisances)

**Synergies with other surveys to measure  
non-Gaussianity and modified gravity**  
e.g. Pourtsidou et al. (2016), Ballardini et al. (2018,  
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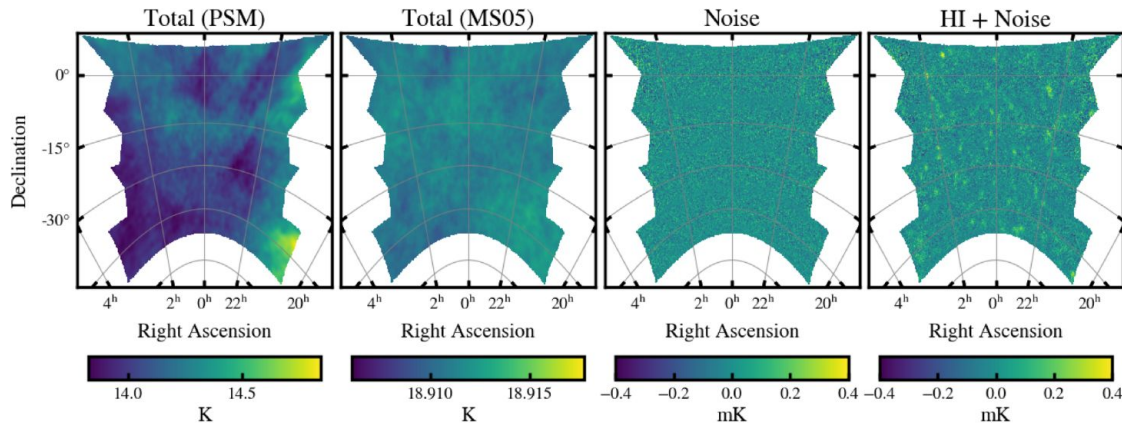
# Foreground subtraction challenge

(subset) of the SKA Cosmo IM Focus Group

## Project setup:

- ❑ various foreground models and realistic HI maps
- ❑ instrumental modeling MeerKAT-like and SKAO-like
- ❑ 9 different foreground removal methods (PCA, FastICA, ...)

*Isabella Paola Carucci, Steve Cunnington, Ze Fonseca, Stuart Harper, Mel Irfan, Alkistis Pourtsidou, Marta Spinelli, Laura Wolz*



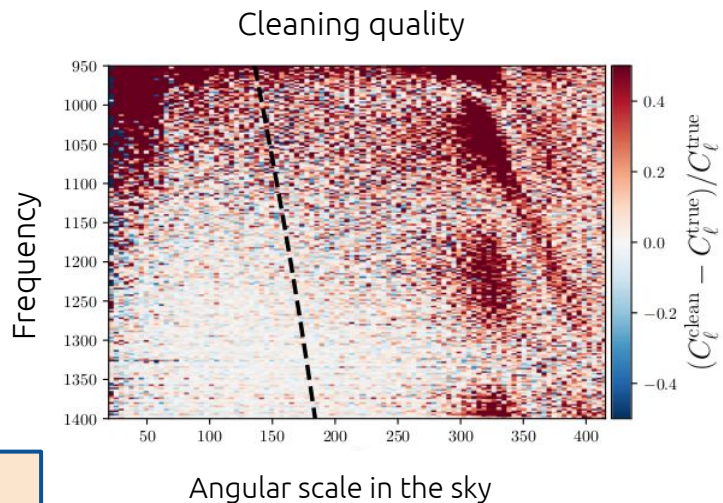
**Blind challenge** to discover weaknesses and strengths of the various methods

given IM “data”,  
would your favorite method extract the cosmological signal?

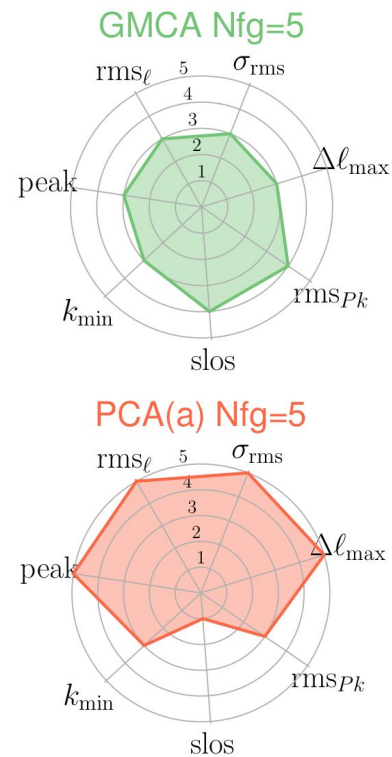
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- How much can **instrument/foregrounds coupling** impact the signal reconstruction?
- definition of statistics and metrics to evaluate the relative performances

Realistic instrumental effects inevitably **complicate** the foreground cleaning

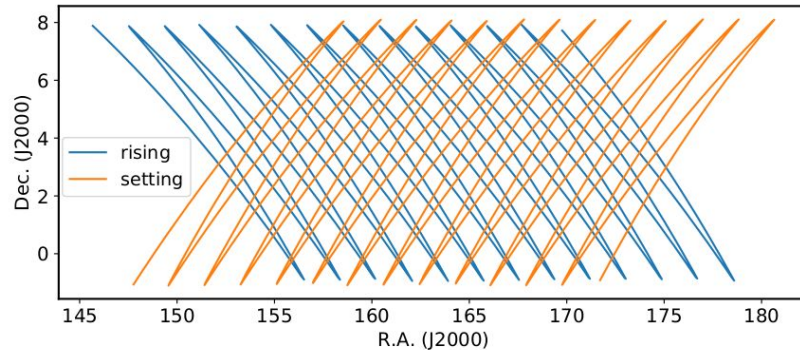


MS et al. (2022)

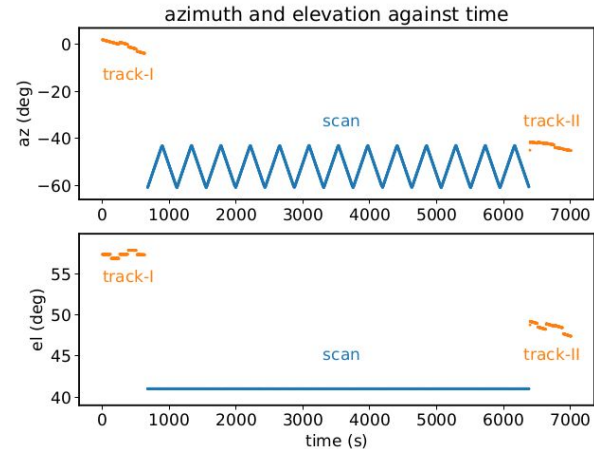


# Intensity Mapping with MeerKAT

Santos et al. 2017, Wang et al. 2021

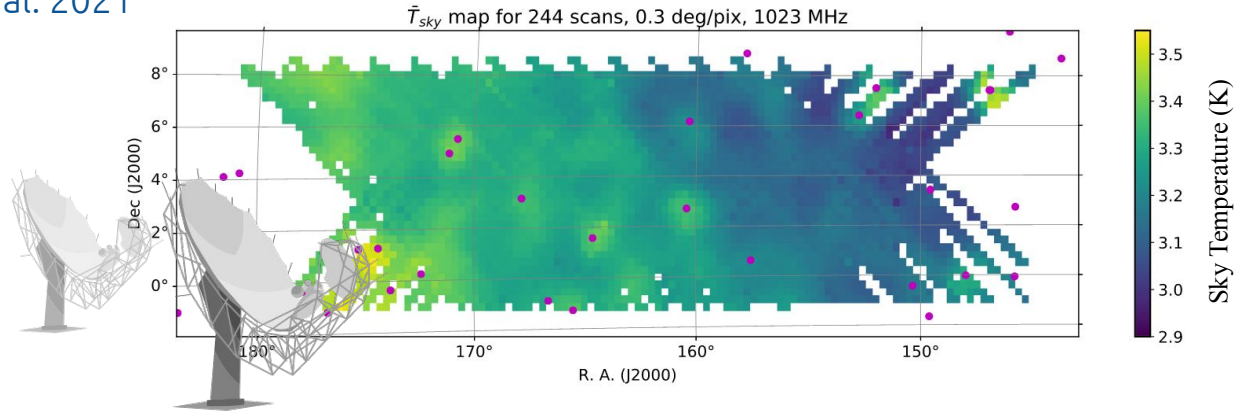


Antennas	All 64 MeerKAT dishes
Observation mode	Single-dish
Frequency range	0.856-1.712 GHz
Frequency resolution	0.2 MHz
Time resolution	2s
Exposure time	1.5hr x 7 scans
Target field	WiggleZ 11hr field ( $10^\circ \times 30^\circ$ )



# MeerKAT observations

Wang et al. 2021

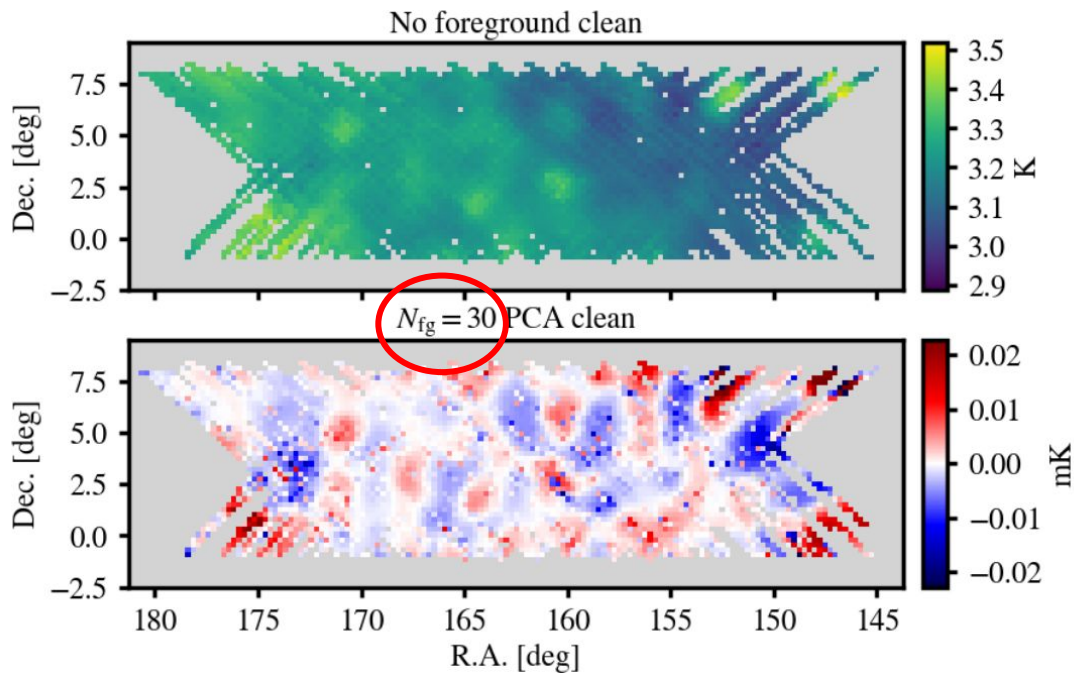


**MeerKLASS:** 64 MeerKAT antennas used in single-dish mode

*PI: M. G. Santos (Santos et al. 2017)*

- ❑ first successful calibration of intensity mapping data from MeerKAT
- ❑ L-band: 850-1700 MHz (4096 channels)

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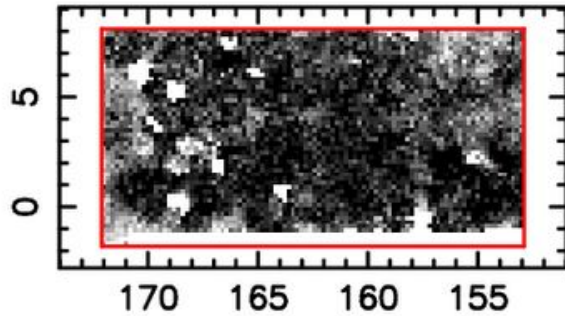


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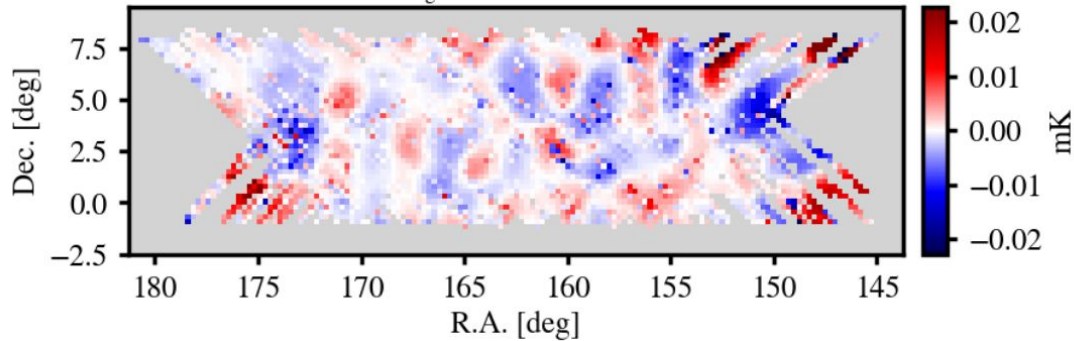
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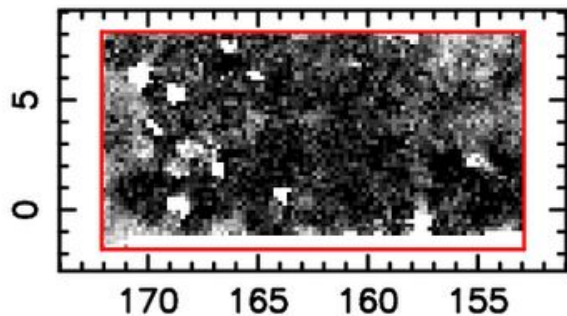
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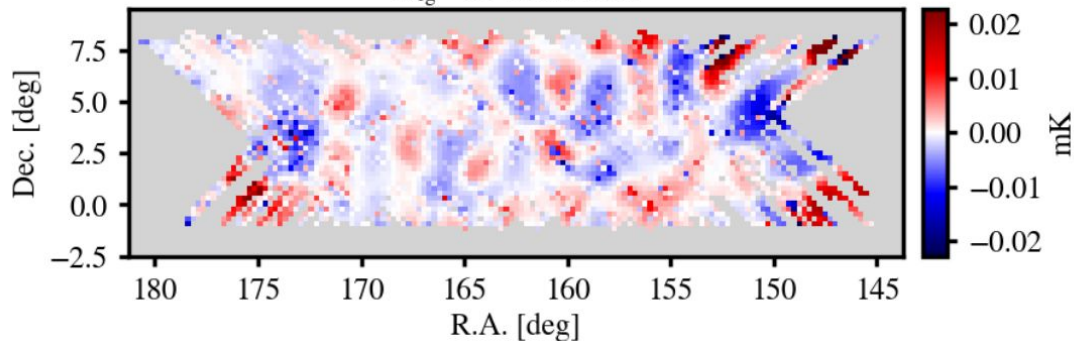
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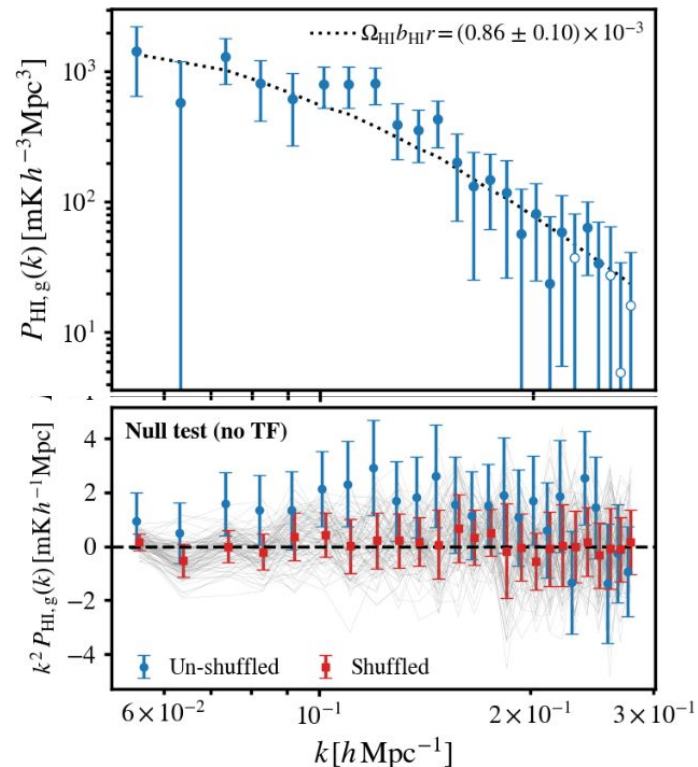
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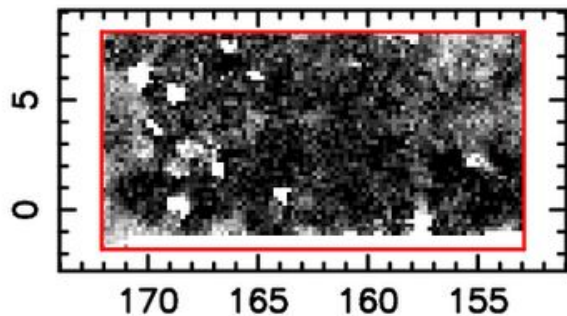
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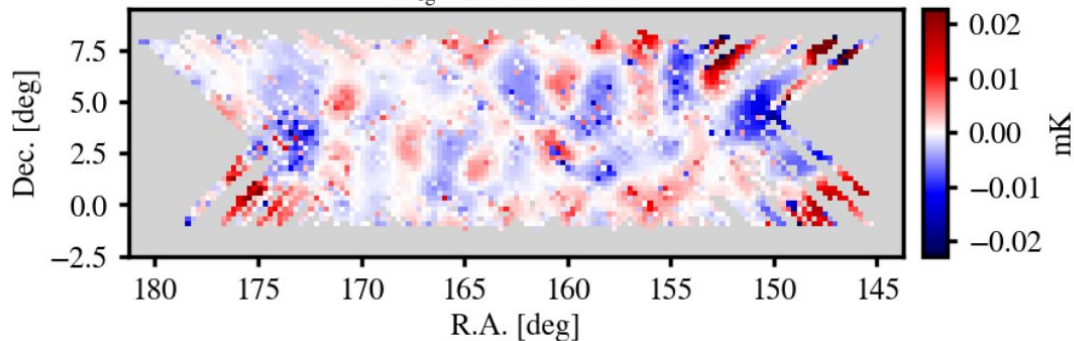
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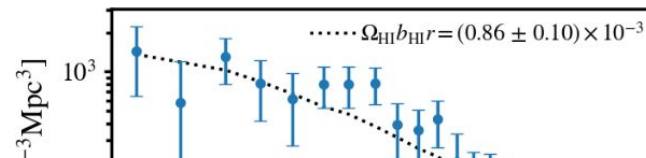
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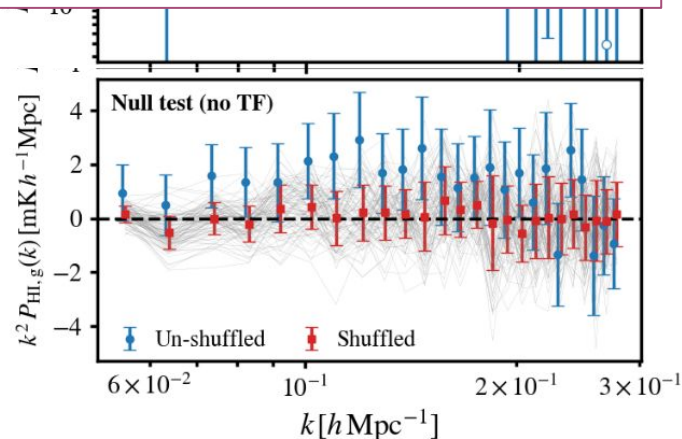
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see also: Masui et al. 2013; Anderson et al. 2018;  
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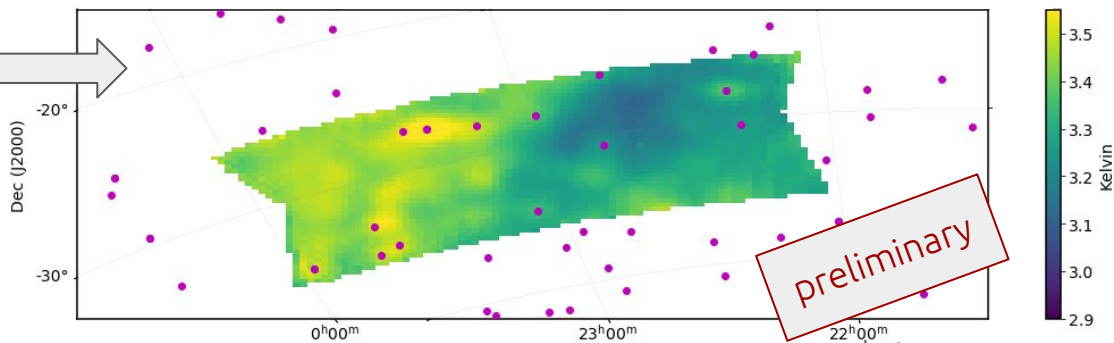
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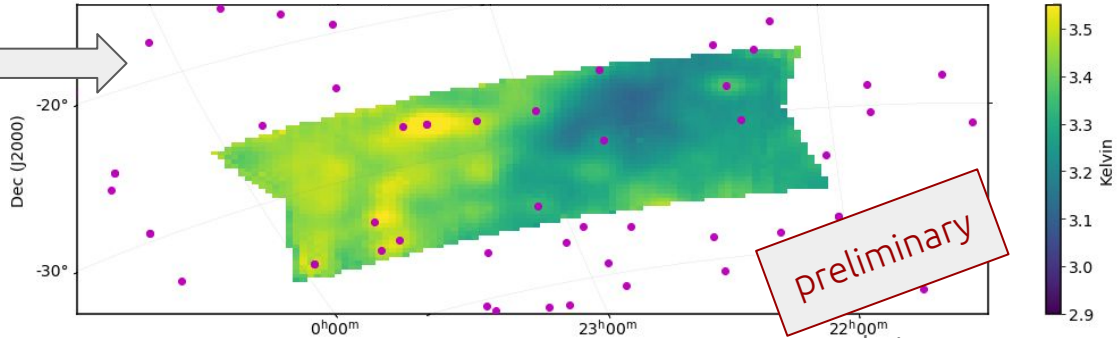
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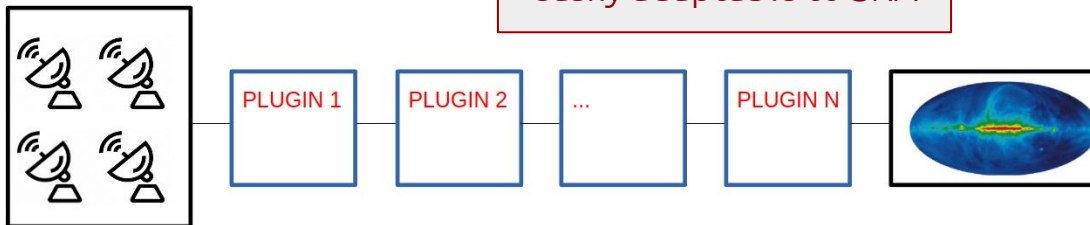


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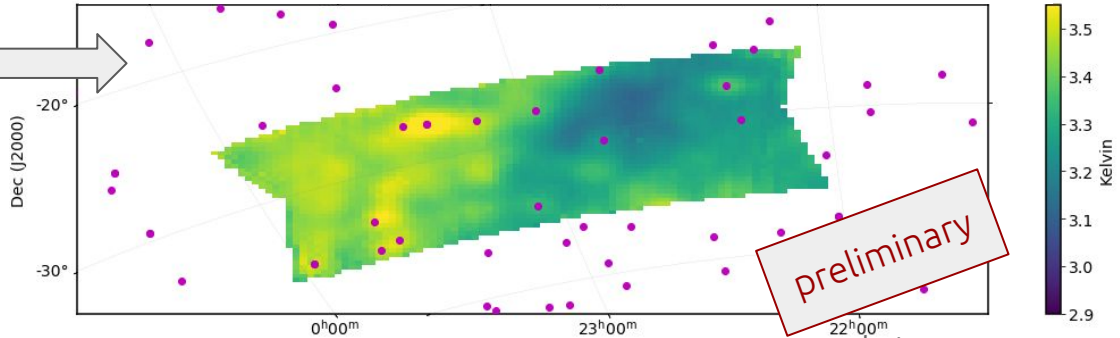
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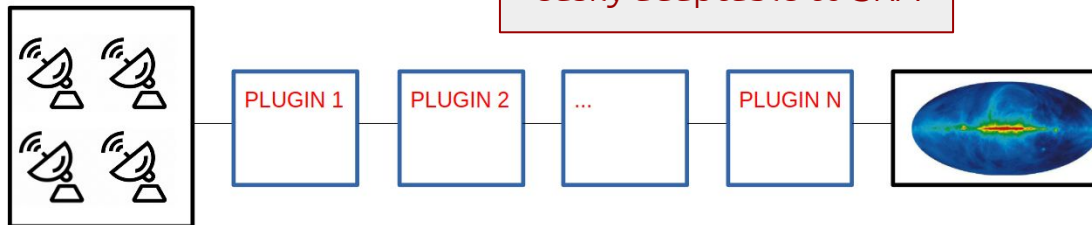
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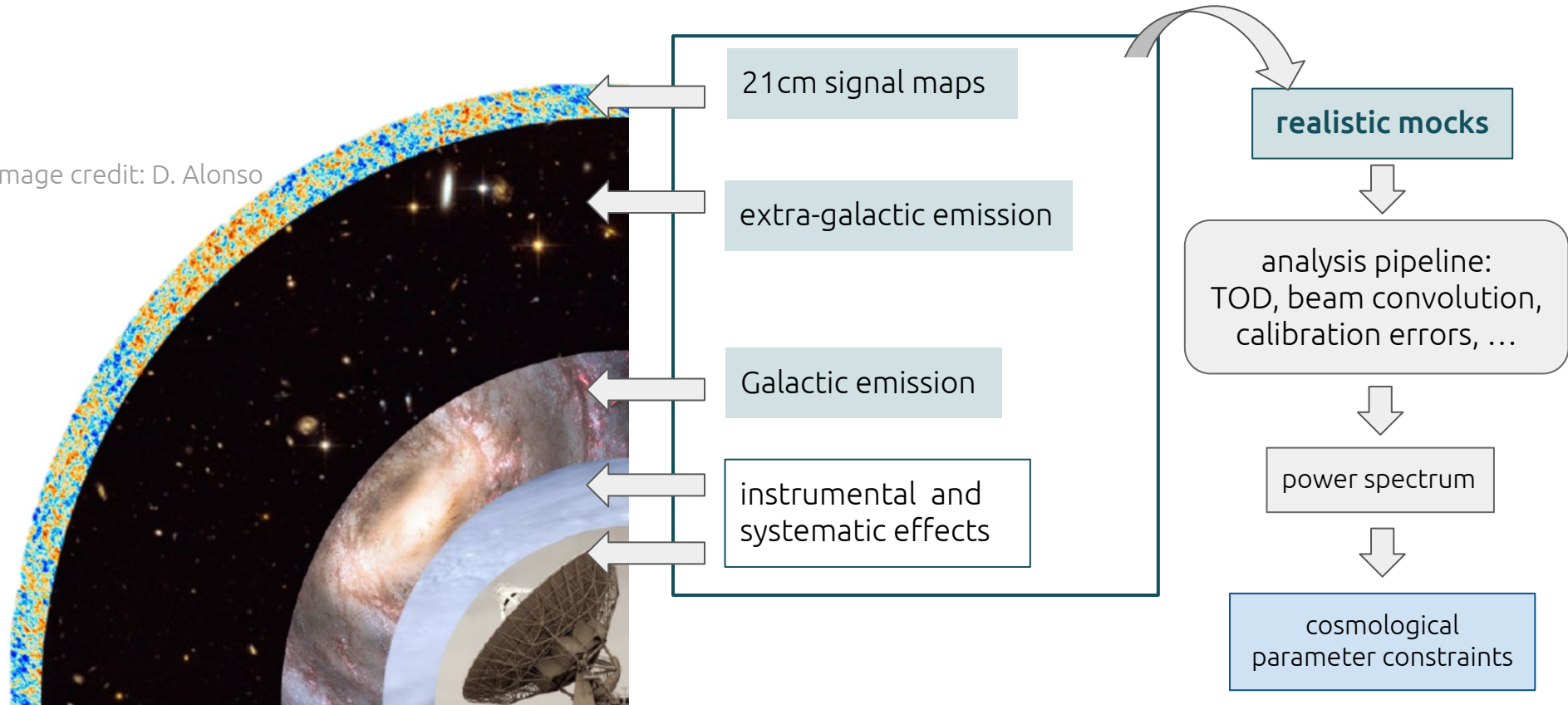
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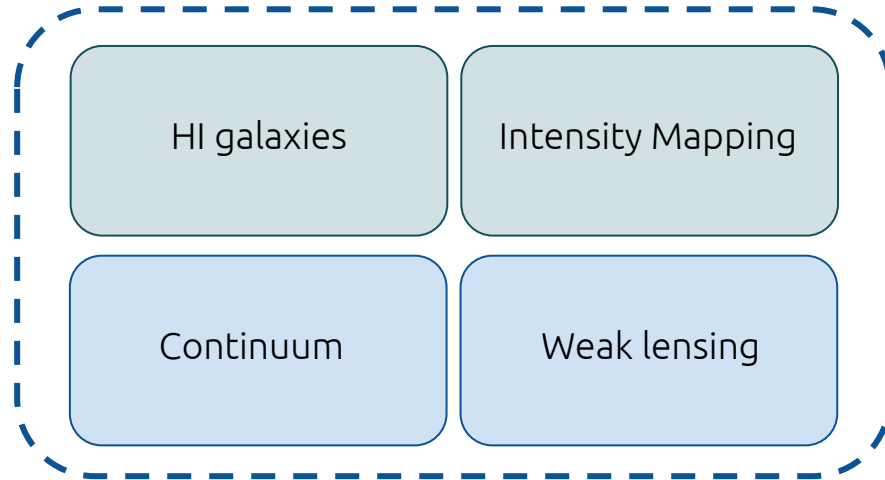
**On-the-fly (OTF) interferometry**  
commensal IM and interferometric imaging (no dedicated OTF obs mode on MeerKAT but engineering & commissioning team involved)  
**Rozgonyi** et al. *in prep*

# End-to-end Simulations

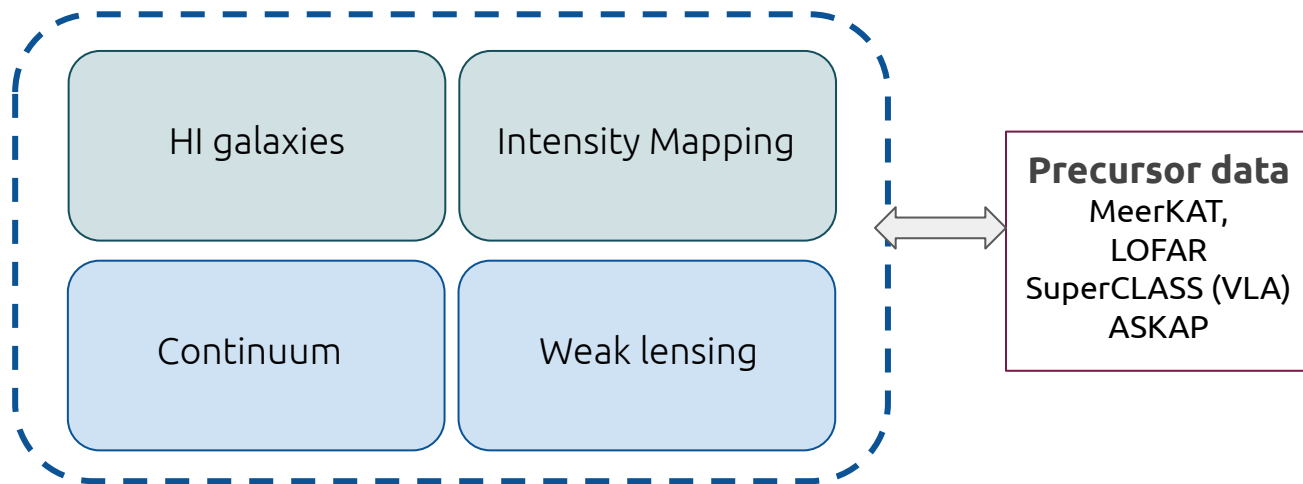
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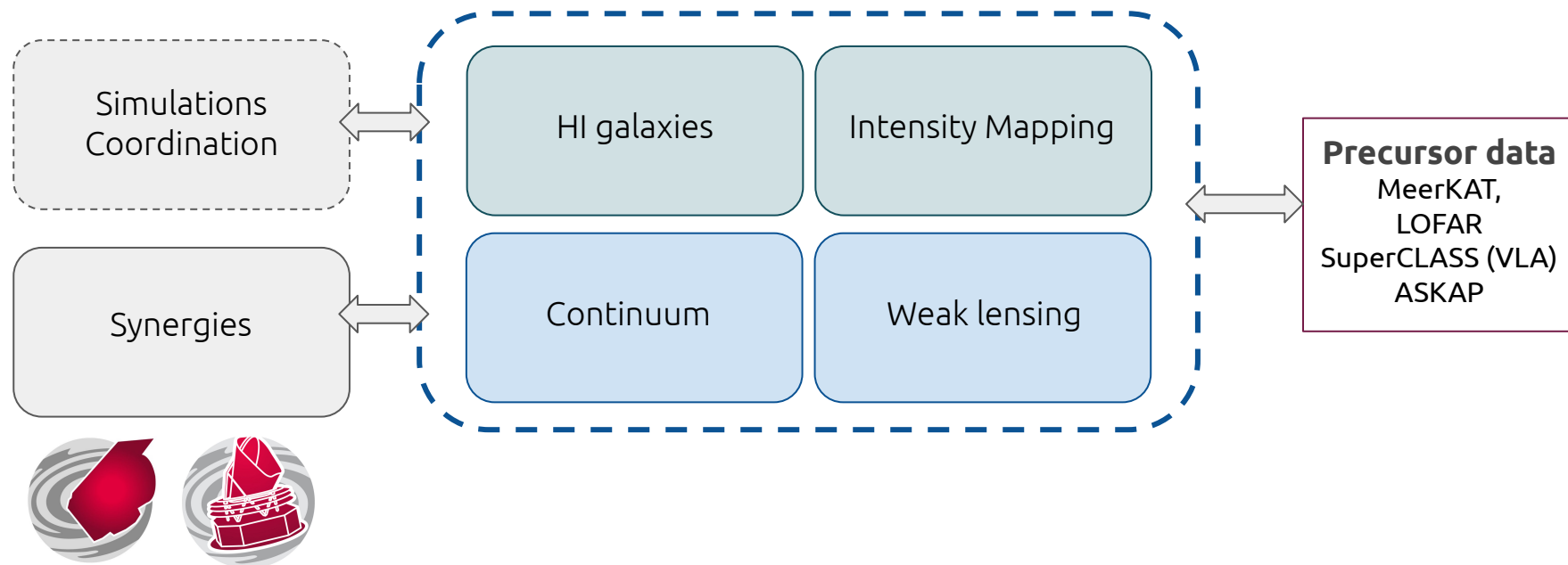
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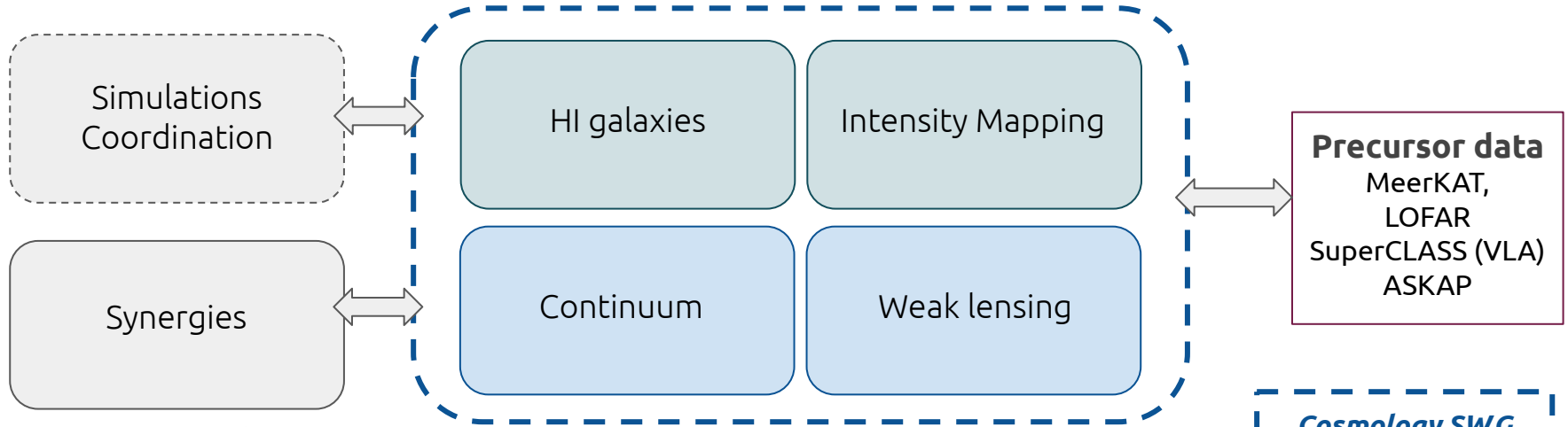
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