

Cosmology with the SKA Observatory

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• The SKA Observatory (Inter-Governmental Organisation) was born on 15th Jan 2021!





































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SKA-Low Site, Murchison, Western Australia



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• The SKA (formerly known as 'Square Kilometre Array') will be the largest radiotelescope on Earth and will be built in two locations









50 MHz

Location: Australia



Location: South Africa





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SKA1 LOW - the SKA's low-frequency instrument

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SKA1-mid - the SKA's mid-frequency instrument

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SKAO's Mid telescope



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ADVANCING ASTROPHYSICS with the SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY

VOLUME 1

SKA ORGANISATION



[AASKA PoS(s), 2015]



ADVANCING ASTROPHYSICS with the SKA

VOLUME 2



Major 2020 Construction dates & Operations proposal submitted to SKAO Council

2021 Start of construction activities











[Credits: R. Braun]



SKAO Cosmology

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Research Paper

Cosmology with Phase 1 of the Square Kilometre Array Red Book 2018: Technical specifications and performance forecasts

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[Bacon, SC et al. (2020)]



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Review (unsolicited)

Fundamental physics with the Square Kilometre Array

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[Weltman, SC et al. (2020)]



SKAO Cosmology

- Surveys carried out at radio wavelengths:
 - HI-line galaxy surveys
 - Continuum galaxy surveys
 - HI intensity mapping surveys
 - Radio weak lensing surveys
- Multi-wavelength synergies





HI-line galaxies

- Origin: HI (neutral hydrogen) emission line in galaxies
- Pros: spectroscopic redshift accuracy, peculiar velocities
- Cons: few galaxies (faint signal), threshold experiment
- Examples:
 - HIPASS (4.5k galaxies; 5σ detection limit 5.6 Jy km s–1 @ 200 km s–1) • ALFALFA (>20k galaxies; 5σ detection limit 0.72 Jy km s–1 @ 200 km s–1)





HI-line galaxies

- HI-line galaxy surveys are 'Tully-Fisher' surveys
 - measured redshift, gives peculiar velocity of the galaxy.



• The intrinsic luminosity of a galaxy (from 21cm line width) combined with its



HI-line galaxies





Maximum redshift, *z*max





Continuum galaxies

- Origin: synchrotron emission of charged particles within galaxies
- Pros: large number of galaxies (strong signal)
- Cons: (almost) no redshift information
- Examples:
 - VLA FIRST (10k sq. deg.; 900k galaxies)
 - NVSS (>34k sq. deg.; 2M galaxies; I, Q and U polarisation maps)





Continuum galaxies

- Testing the cosmological and the Copernican principles
 - SKAO continuum galaxy angular correlation function will be able to detect dipole:
 - Within 5^o (SKAO)
 - Within 1^o (Futuristic SKAO)



[Schwarz et al. (2015, 2018); Bengaly et al. (2017); Pant et al. (2019); Bengaly, Larena & Maartens (2019)]



[Courtesy of R. Maartens]

- Origin: integrated emission of 21-cm photons in galaxies (after the EoR ends)
- Pros: no photon lost, better than spectroscopic redshift accuracy
- Cons: poor angular resolution, huge foreground contamination
- Examples:
 - GBT (~1 sq. deg. in cross-correlation w/ WiggleZ @ 0.53 < z < 1.12)
 - Parkes (1.3k sq. deg. in cross-correlation w/ 2dFGRS @ 0.057 < z < 0.098)





[Chang et al. (Nature 2010)] (~100 sq. deg. in cross-correlation w/ eBOSS & WiggleZ @ 0.6 < z < 1.0) [Wolz et al. (2021)] [Andeson et al. (2018)] • MeerKAT (~200 sq. deg. in cross-correlation w/ WiggleZ @ 0.400 < z < 0.459) [Cunnington et al. (2022)] • CHIME (three fields stacked against eBOSS LRGs, ELGs, QSOs @ 0.78 < z < 1.43)



















Redshift for free:

v_{obs} = 1420 MHz / (1+z)





[Bharadwaj et al. (2001); Battye et al. (2004); Loeb & Whyte (2008)]











[Bacon, SC et al. (2020)]



SKA2 e-to-signal ratio (@ $k \approx 0.074 \, 1/Mpc$) SKA1-LOW ← → SKA1-MID B1 autocorr. SKA1-MID B1 interferom. SKA1-MID B2 10^{-1} 10⁻² Nois 3 0 Redshift, z





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- Sensitivity to ultra-large scale effects
 - Primordial non-Gaussianity (for inflation)
 - Relativistic, light-cone projection effects (for modified gravity)













- Origin: weak lensing shearing of imaged galaxy ellipticities
- Pros: complementary to clustering, insensitive to galaxy bias
- Cons: low signal to noise, needs (?) imaging
- Examples:
 - VLA FIRST (~90 sources per sq. deg. vs to ~10 per sq. arcmin. in opt.)
 - VLA+MERLIN (also in cross-correlation w/ optical shear estimates)



[Chang et al. (Nature 2004)]

[Patel et al. (2010)]











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Towards the SKAO

Precursors

Located at future SKA sites (South Africa and Australia)

Pathfinders

Engaged in SKA related technology and science studies

























[Courtesy of A. Bonaldi]

































