

Radio Cosmology Lab

Exploring the Epoch of Reionization

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Abstract

Following the recombination of hydrogen and release of the cosmic microwave background radiation at redshift $z \sim 1100$, the baryonic matter of the universe consisted mostly of neutral hydrogen and helium. Gradually, small inhomogeneities collapsed and ignited the first luminous structures. Energetic photons emitted from the first stars and quasars reionized the surrounding medium, producing ionized bubbles which grew and merged into the fully ionized intergalactic medium we see today. This *Epoch of Reionization* (EoR) remains a poorly-understood period of the universe’s history which offers a wealth of cosmological and astrophysical information.

The Pober lab is part of an international effort to build instruments capable of studying the EoR. The neutral hydrogen (HI) of the EoR emits faintly at a wavelength of 21cm, due to the hyperfine transition. This emission is unique to neutral hydrogen, and is anti-correlated with the ionized (HII) regions that fill the universe through the EoR. CMB constraints and quasar absorption spectra put the EoR as occurring within the redshift range $6 < z < 12$, which means 21cm emissions will redshift to meter scale wavelengths. This is accessible to modern radio interferometers, including the *Donald C. Backer Precision Array for Probing the Epoch of Reionization* (PAPER), the *Murchison Widefield Array* (MWA), and the recently-funded *Hydrogen Epoch of Reionization Array* (HERA).

Introduction

[The spin-flip transition and global history of the signal. Good place for pictures of bubble simulations]

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Calibration

[Calibration on sky sources and by redundancy. Wenyang’s Figures of the calibrated visibilities would go well here.]

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Simulation

[Diagram of the analysis pipeline, and power spectra from simulations. Emphasize the necessity of end to end simulation]

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Foreground Subtraction and Avoidance

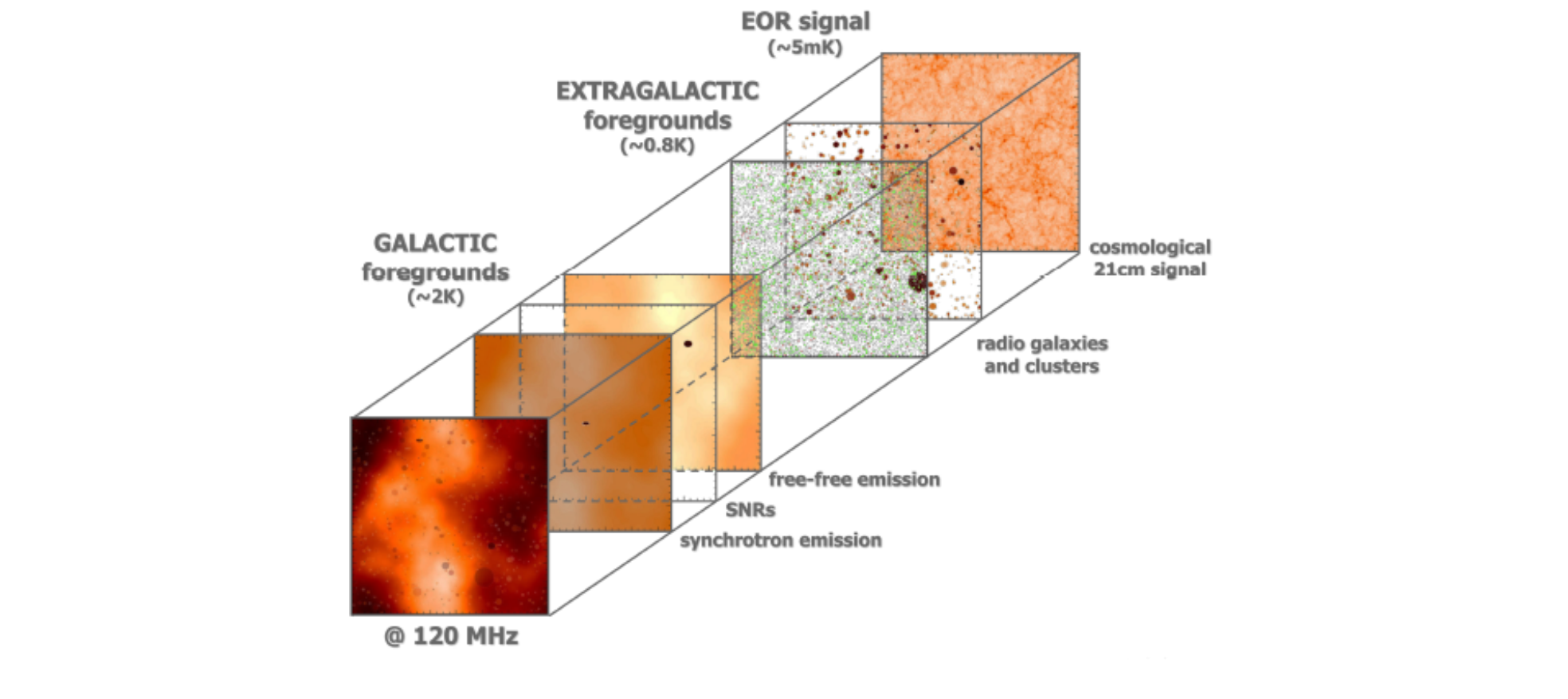


Figure 1: The various cosmological and galactic sources that contribute to the measured sky temperature, and their relative strengths. Source: Saleem Zaroubi, <https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/March14/Zaroubi/Zaroubi5.html>

[The wedge, and Josh’s work. This might do better earlier on]

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and

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \bar{\phi}_j Q_{j+1,k,t} + Q_{j+1,k,y} + \frac{\sin^2 \bar{\phi}_j}{T \cos \bar{\phi}_j} Q_{j+1,k} = \\ - \cos \phi_j Q_{j,k,t} + Q_{j,k,y} - \frac{\sin^2 \phi_j}{T \cos \phi_j} Q_{j,k}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

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Radio Telescope Arrays

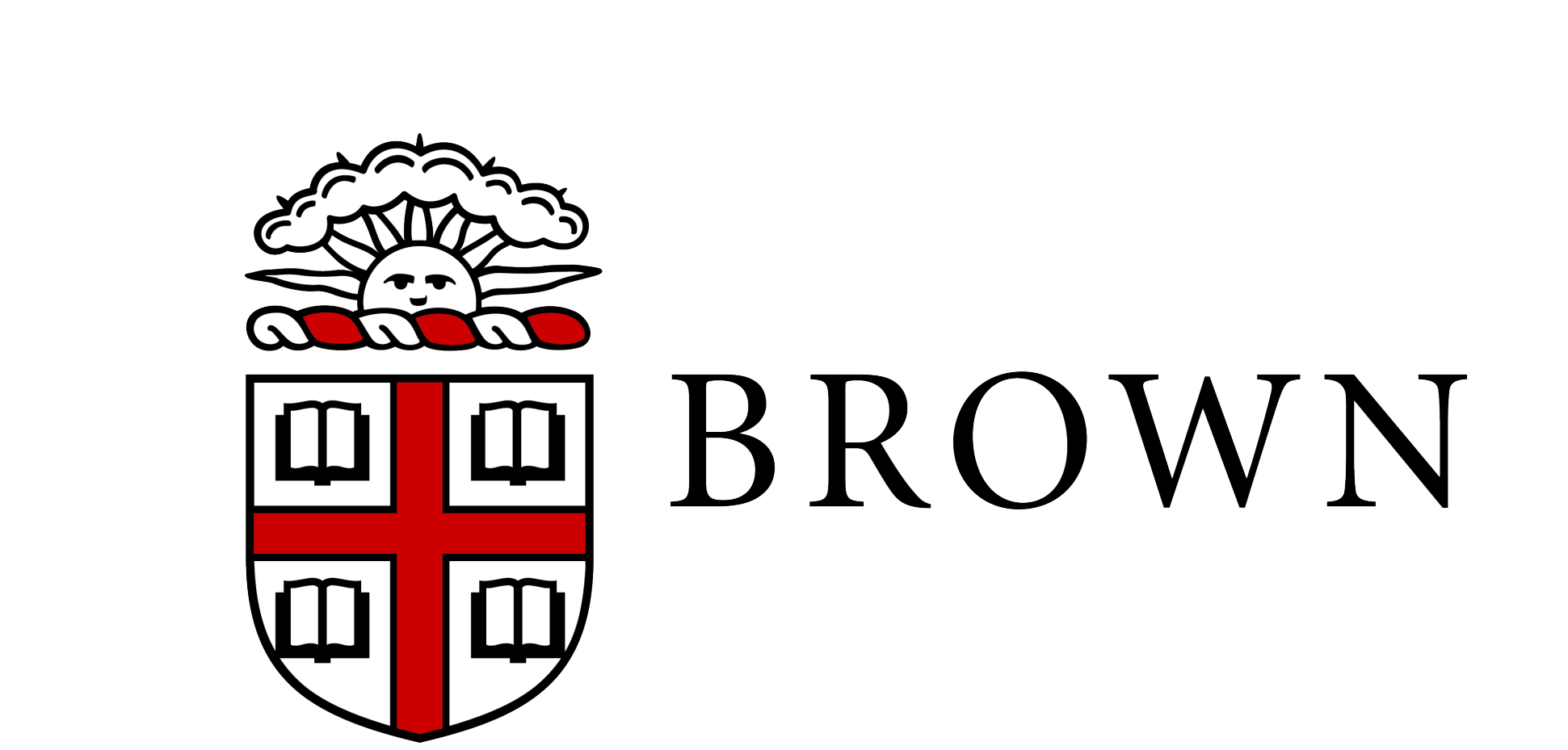
[Should probably move this section earlier. Description and pictures of the MWA Phase II, PAPER-64, and HERA-19. Good place to explain redundancy in the configurations]

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Figure 2: Figure caption

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Treatments	Response 1	Response 2
Treatment 1	0.0003262	0.562
Treatment 2	0.0015681	0.910
Treatment 3	0.0009271	0.296

Table 2: Table caption

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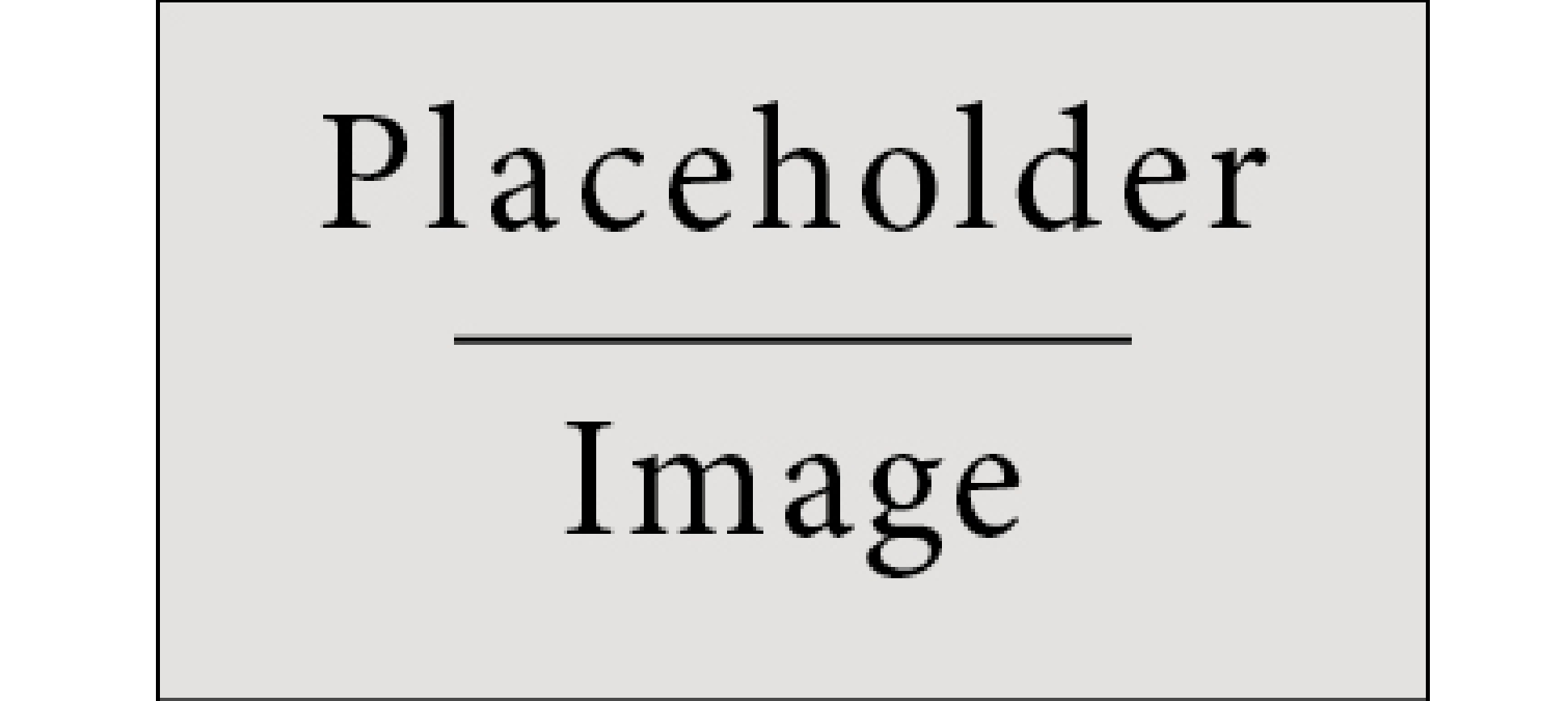


Figure 3: Figure caption

Conclusions

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Forthcoming Research

[Picture of HERA-331?]

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Acknowledgements

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