

Impact of light cone effect on EoR 21-cm Image analysis using LCS

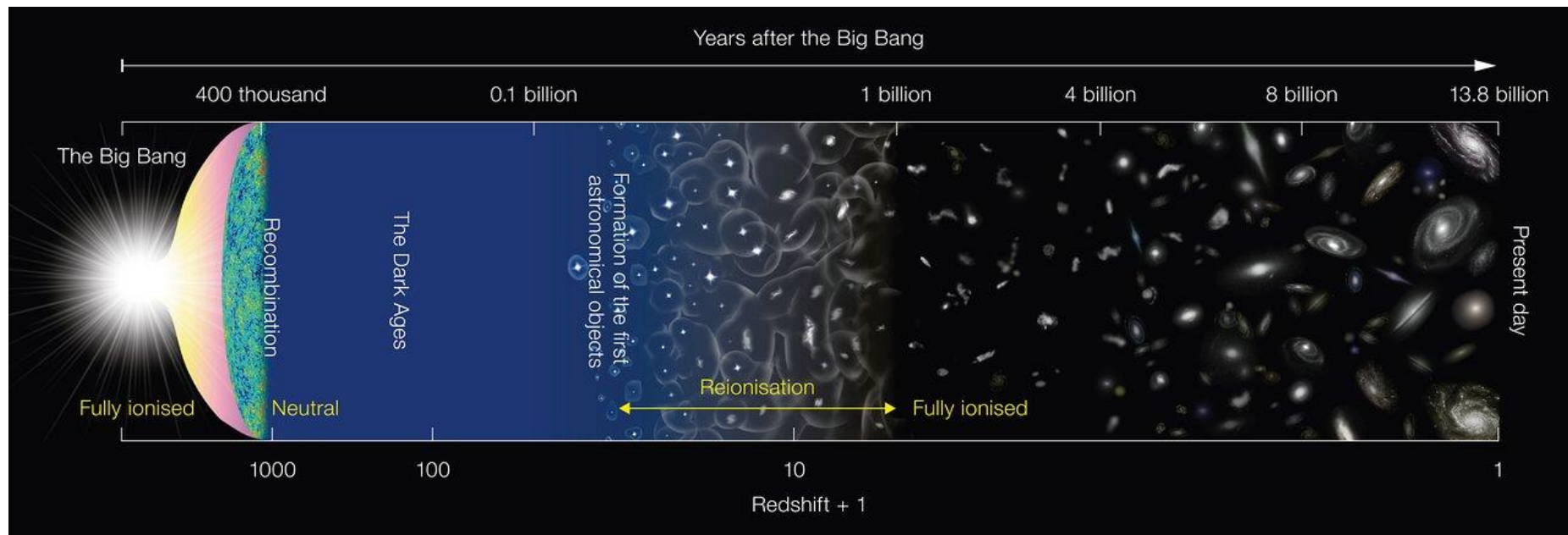
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Credits: NAOJ

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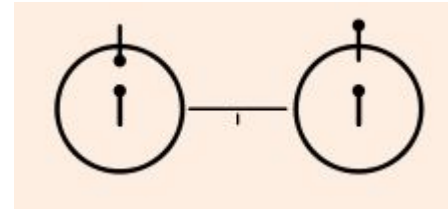
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- Observationally, the reionization era represents a phase of the Universe which is yet to be probed.

Hyper-fine transition.

- When electron in the ground state of neutral Hydrogen (HI) undergo spin-flip transition from parallel to anti-parallel state it emits 21-cm signal.
- This 21-cm signal can be used to probe the HI distribution in the universe at different cosmic times and determine the reionization history.



Credits : NASA

21-cm Observations

- First generation telescopes like GMRT, LOFAR, MWA etc. are aiming for statistical detection of 21-cm signal.
- The Square Kilometer Array, yet to be commissioned, is expected to have enough sensitivity to make tomographic images of 21-cm signal.

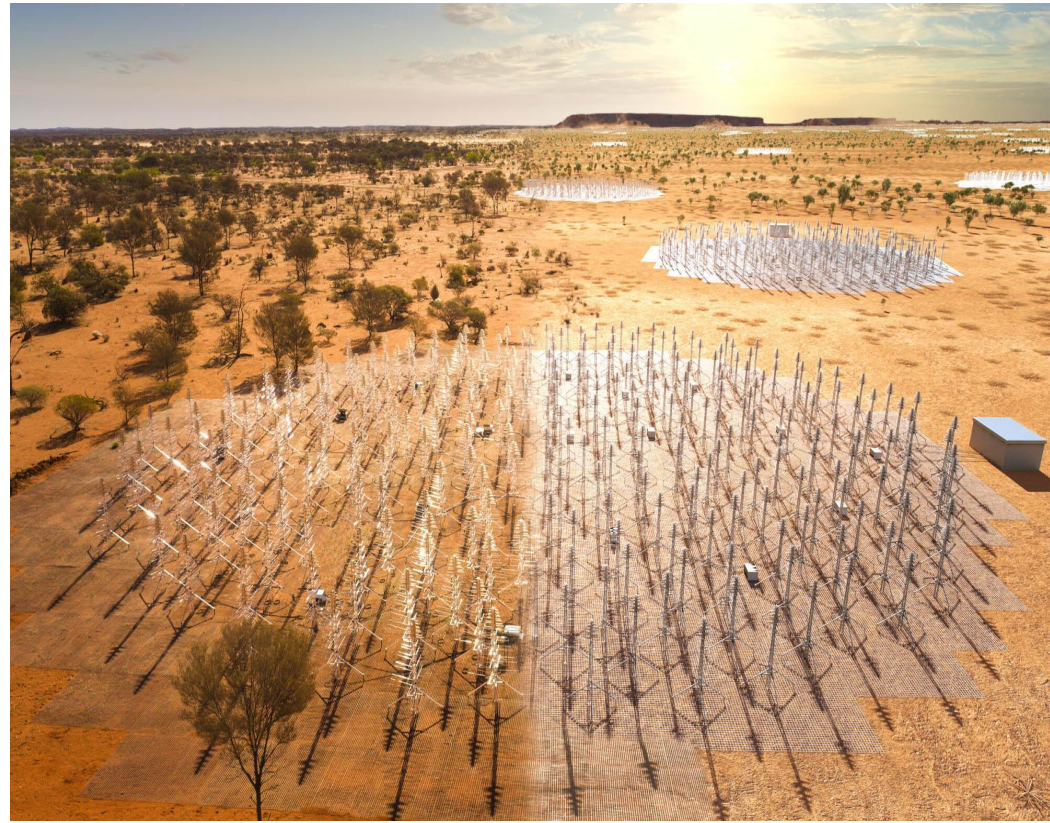
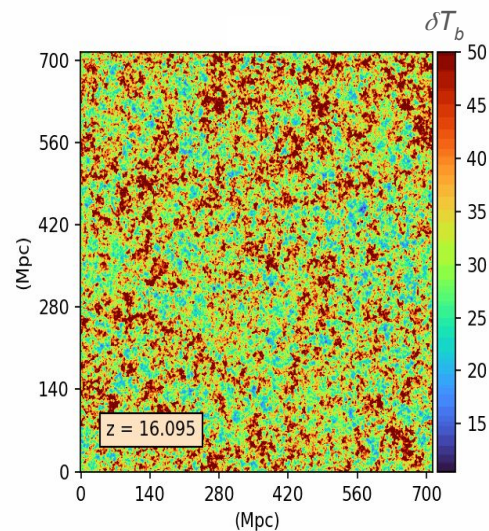
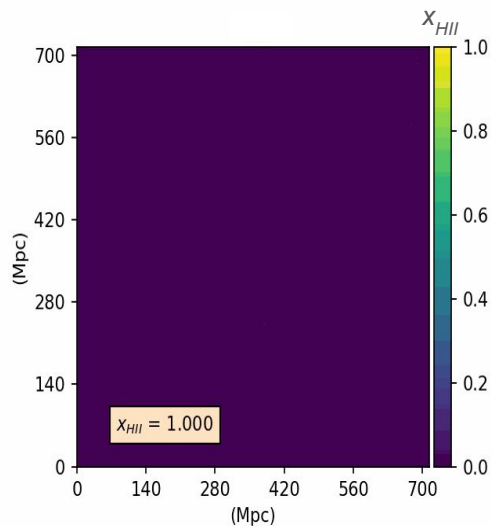
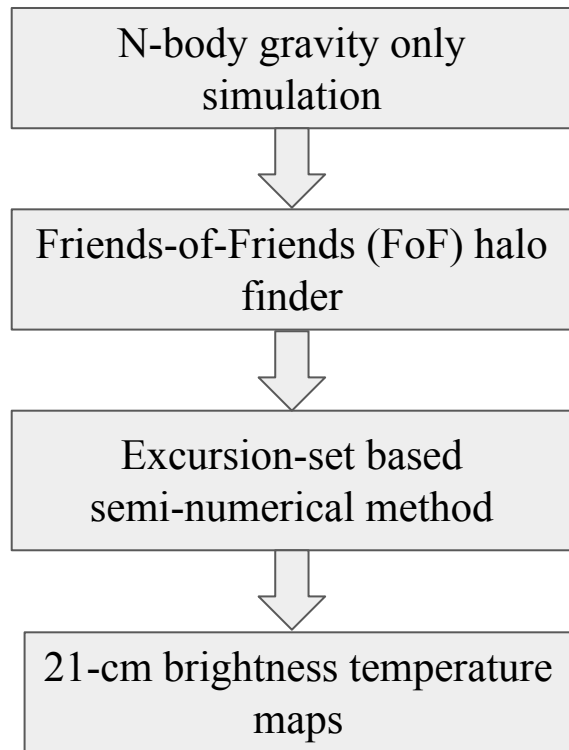


Figure: Artistic image of Square Kilometer Array (SKA)

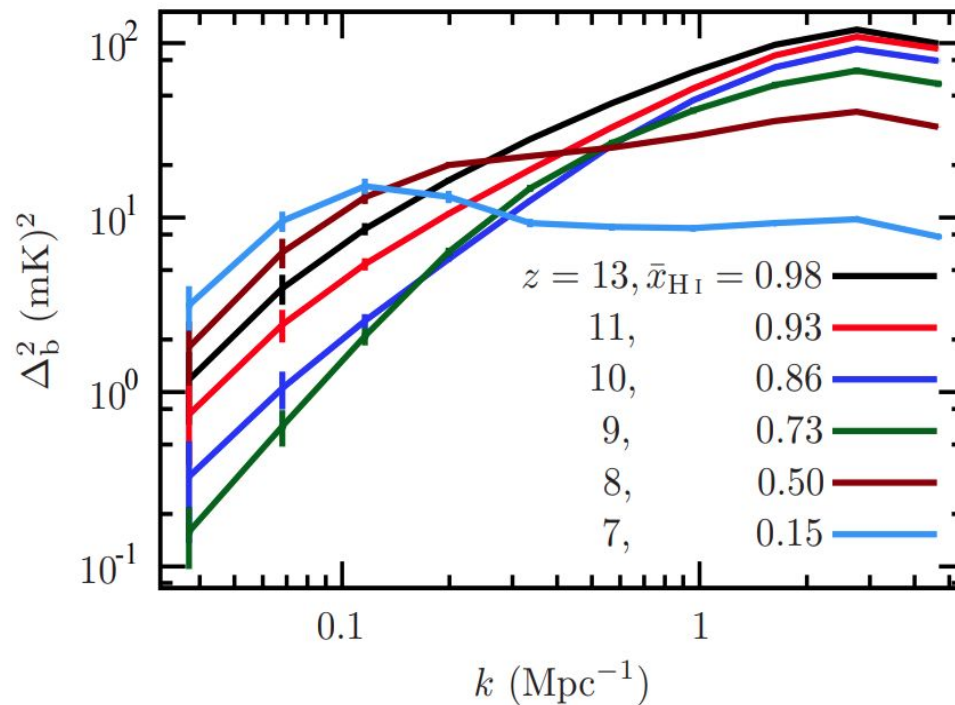
Image credits: <https://www.skao.int/en/explore/telescopes/ska-low>

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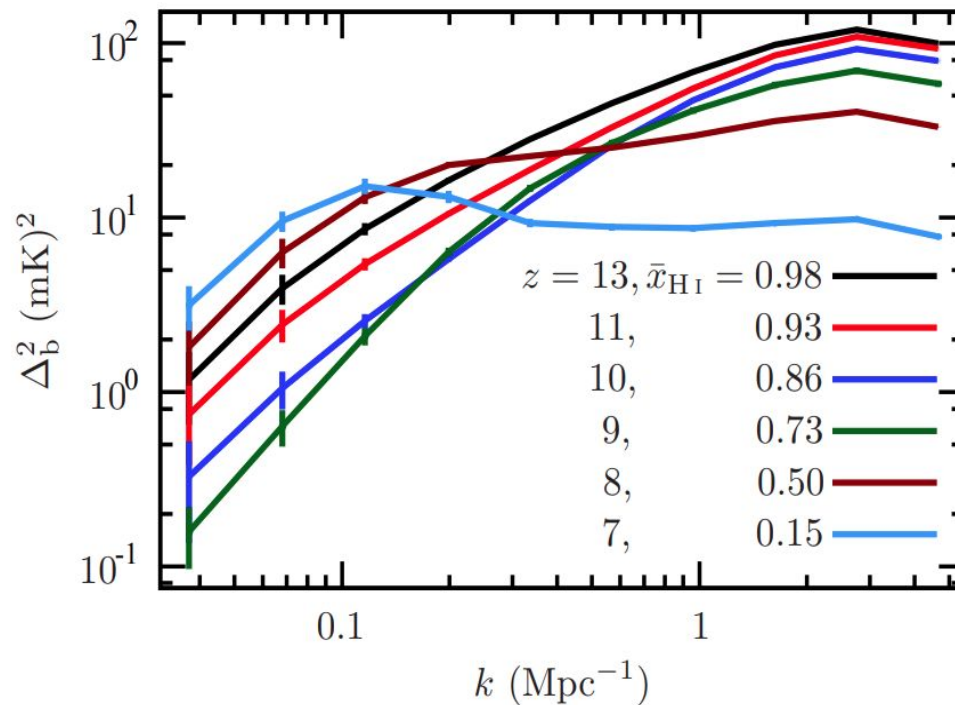
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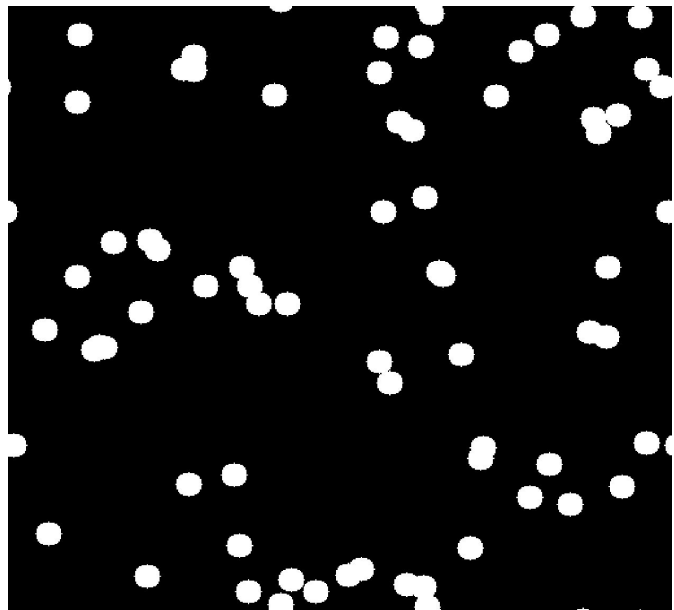
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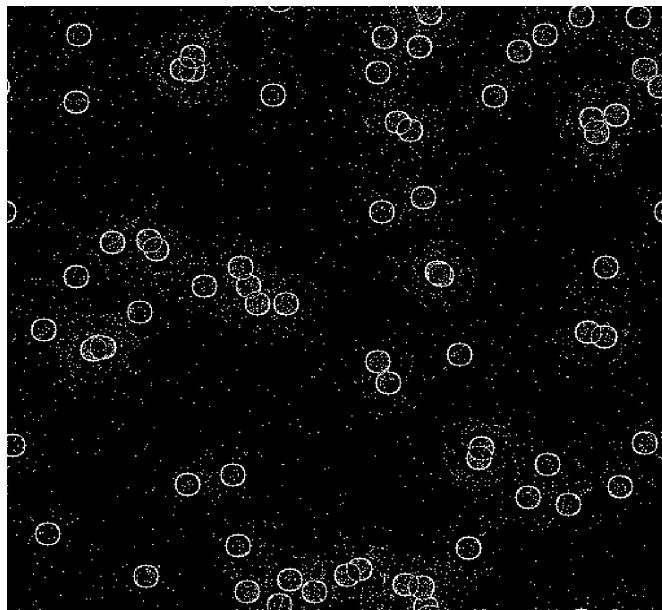
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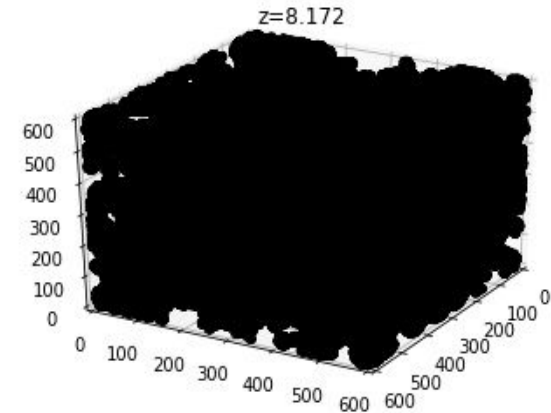
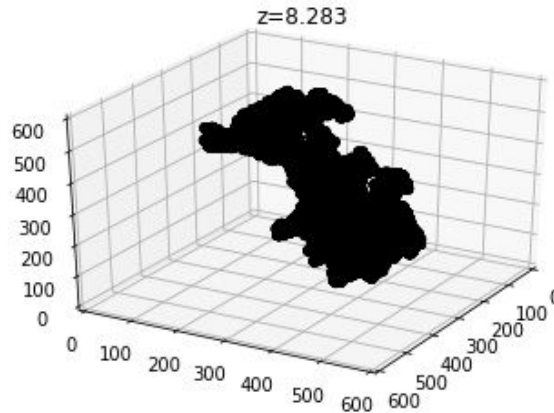
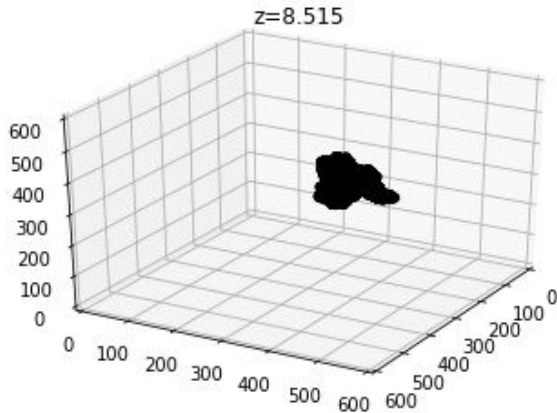
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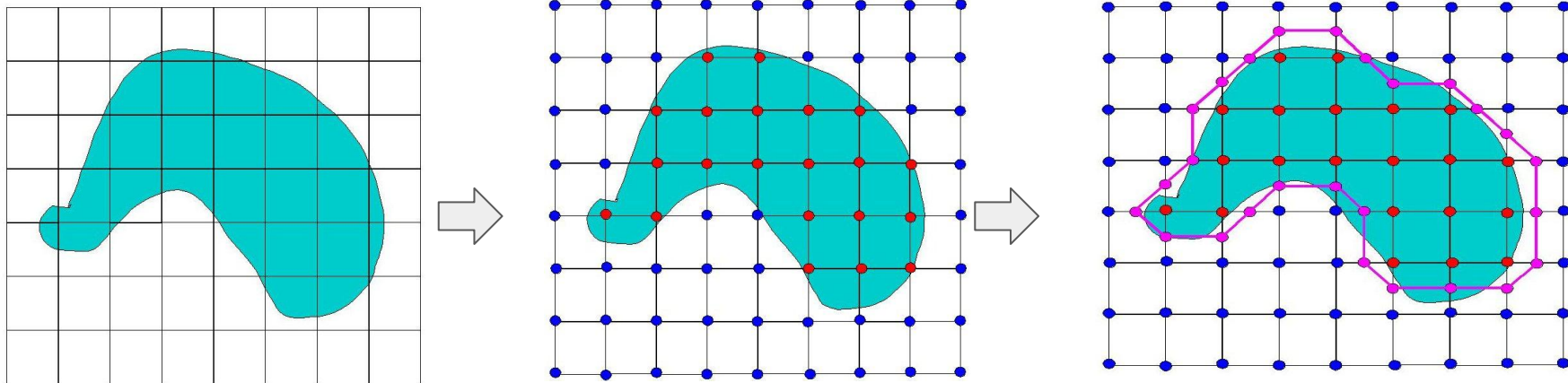
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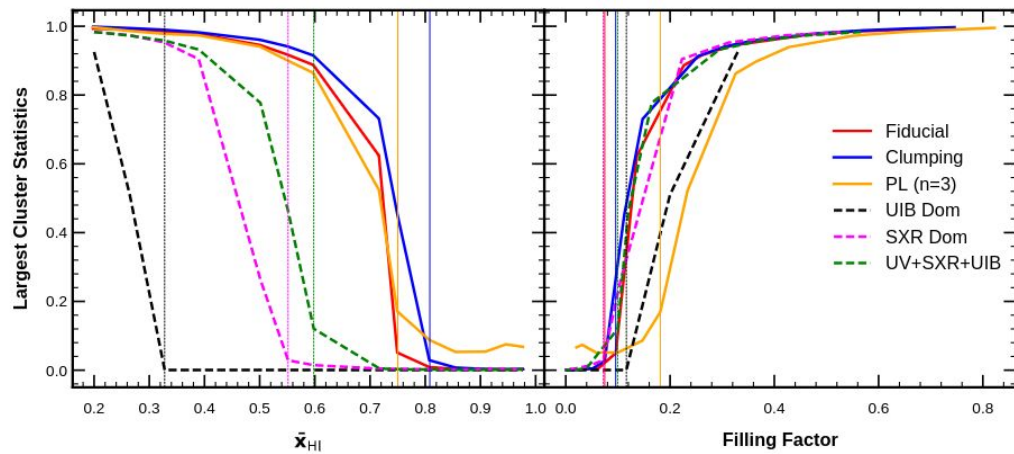
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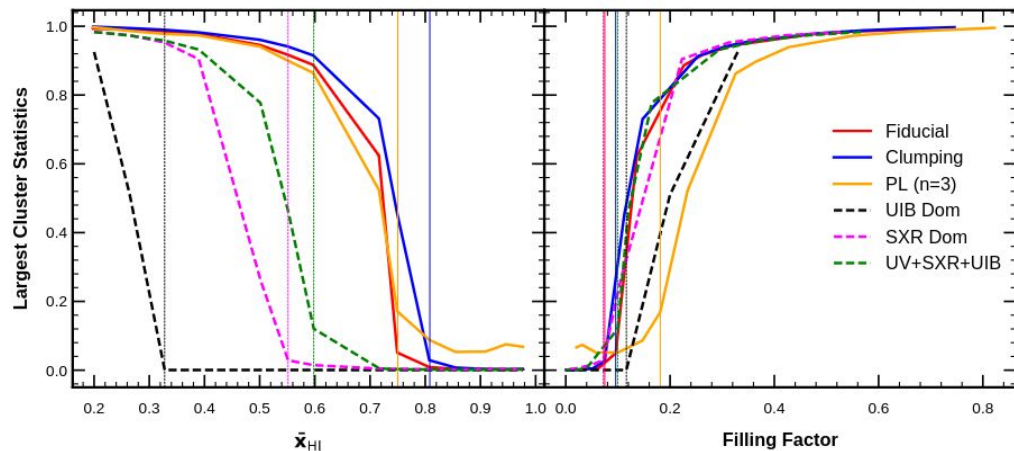
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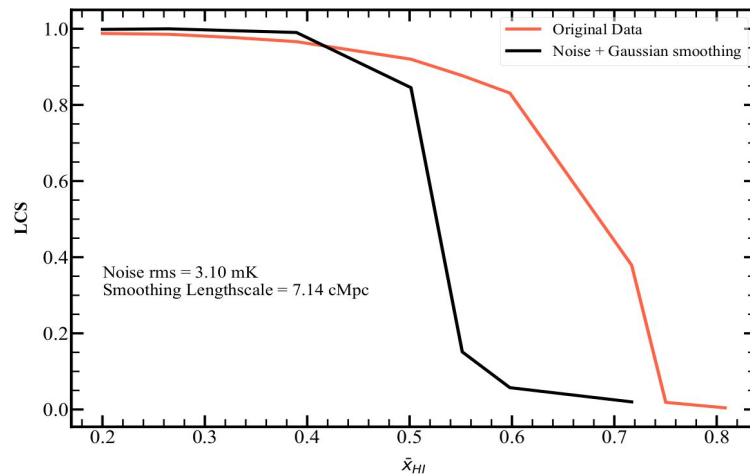


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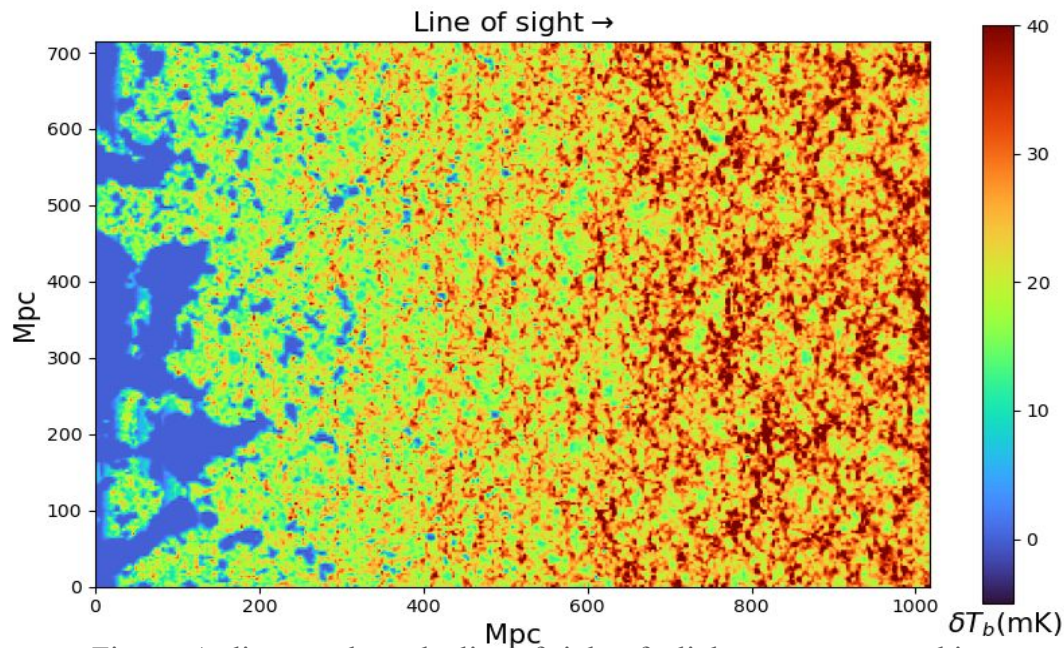


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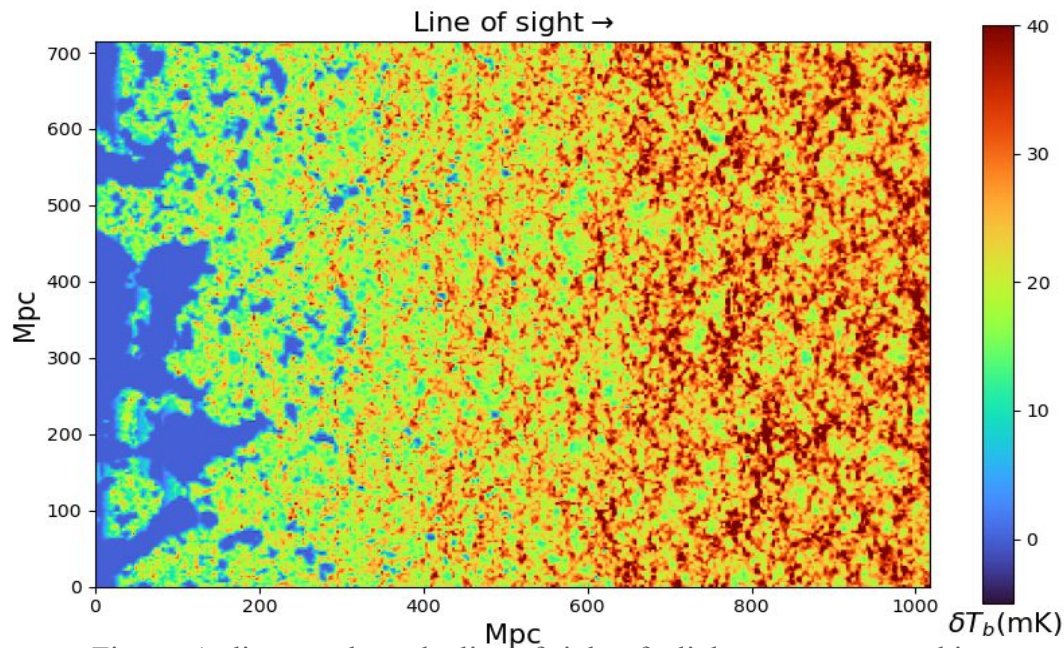
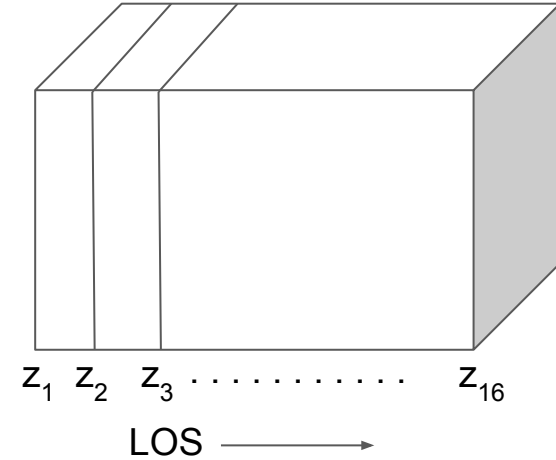


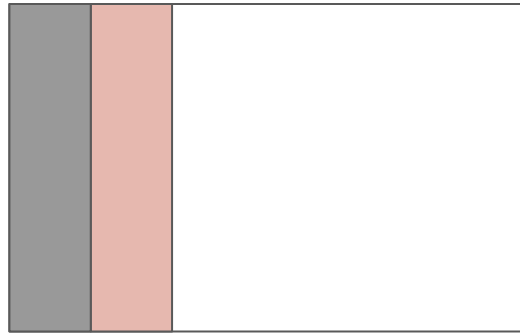
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The light cone simulated cubes are generated from coeval cubes as follows:

- A set of **16** brightness temperature maps at different redshifts each of integer size **600³** and physical comoving size **(714 Mpc)³** are considered.
- Starting from the lowest redshift, we create a redshift series, which will constitute the redshift (Line of sight) axis of the light cone cube.
- We then construct the light cone cube by stepping through this redshift series and constructing 21-cm slices for each redshift.
- We use linear interpolation technique to create 21-cm slice at intermediate redshifts of the given redshift series.

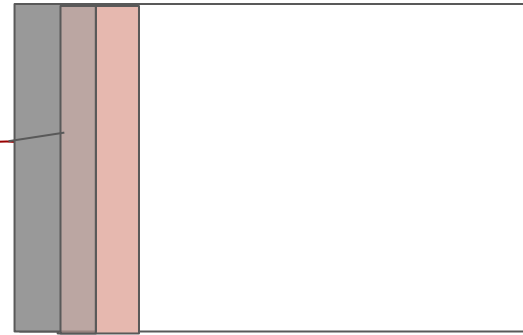


- The light cone map is cut into overlapping sub-volumes of uniform sizes (in co-moving distance) of different magnitude and LCS is computed for these chunks of uniform sizes.
- The change in LCS for sub-volumes of different sizes is then quantified and compared with that of LCS of coeval cubes at different redshifts.



Non-overlapping

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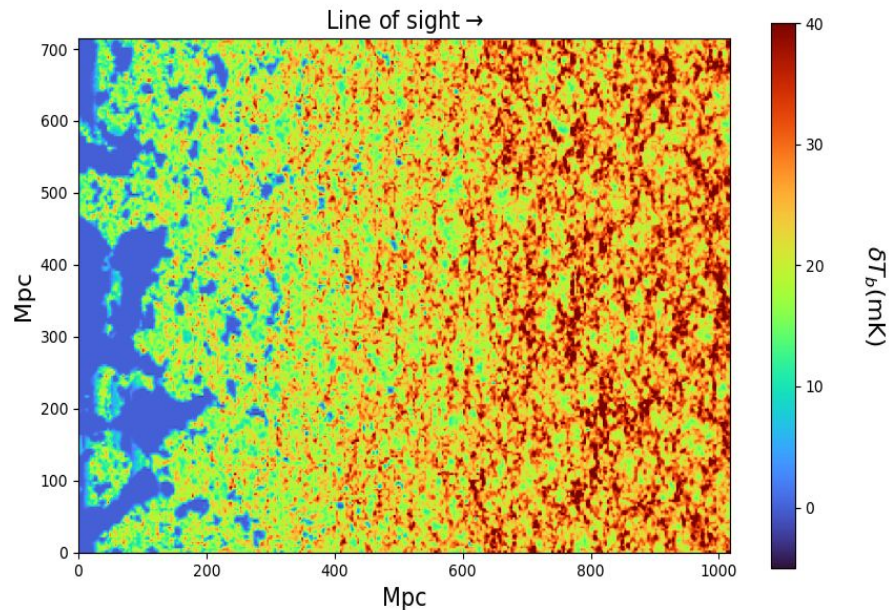


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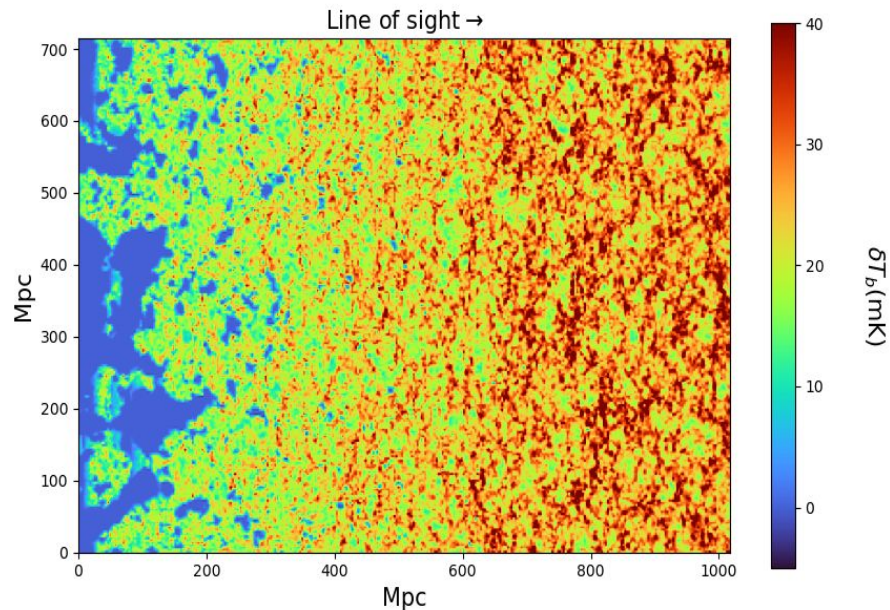
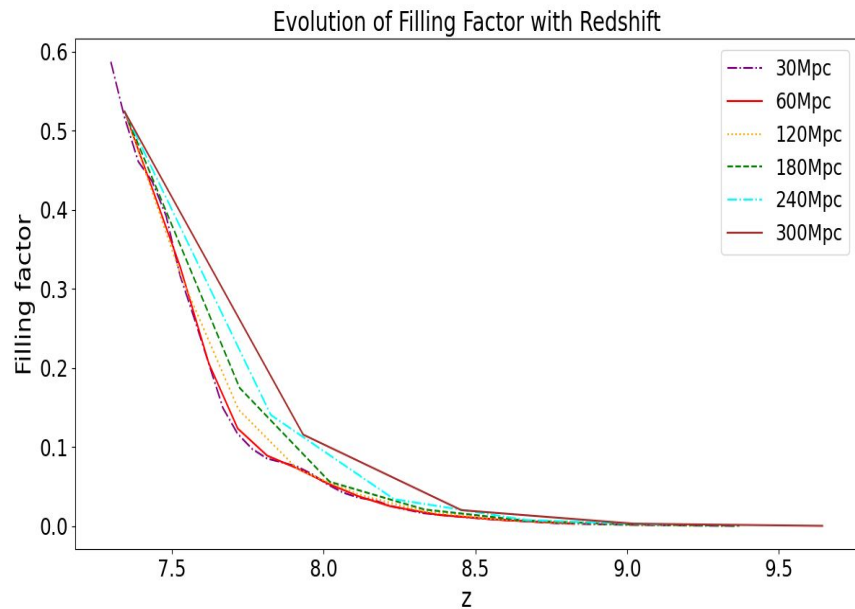


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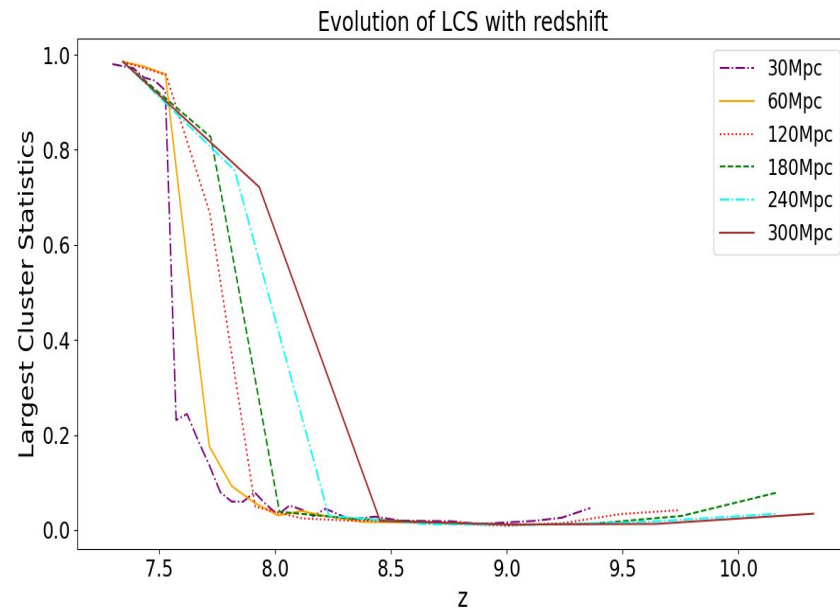
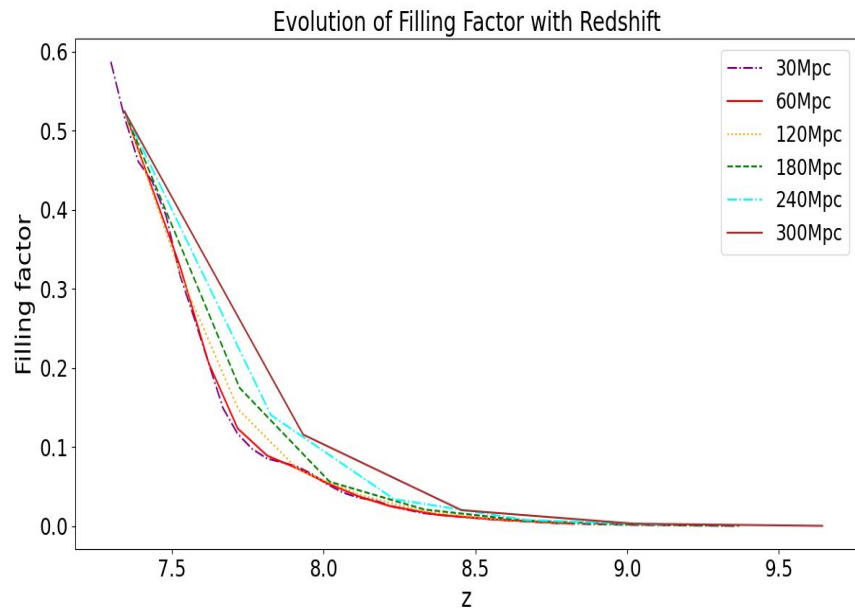
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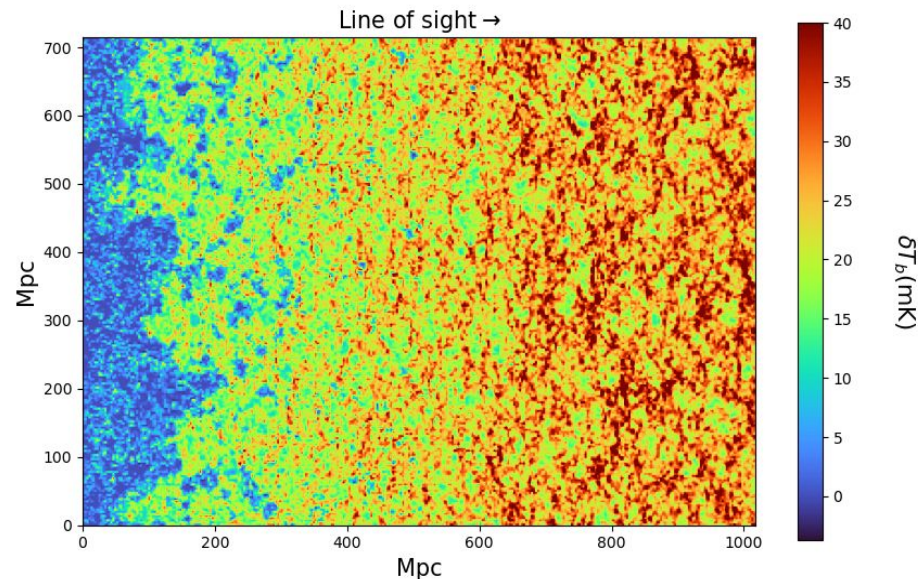
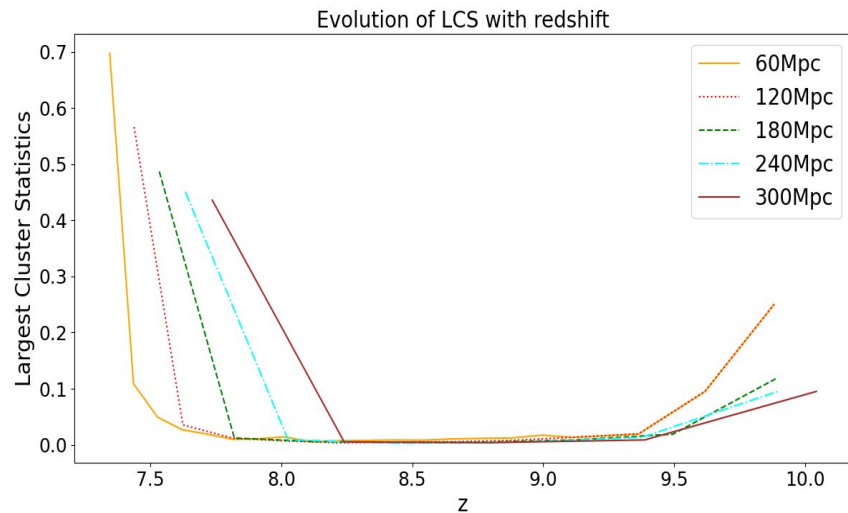
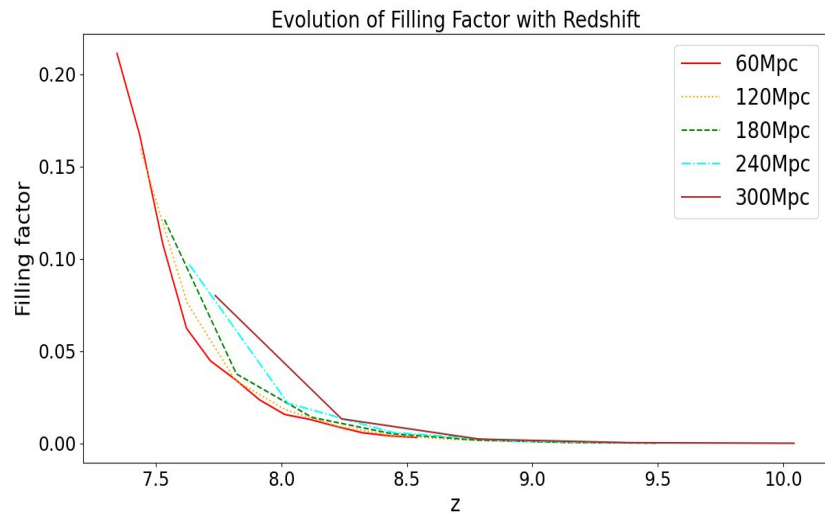


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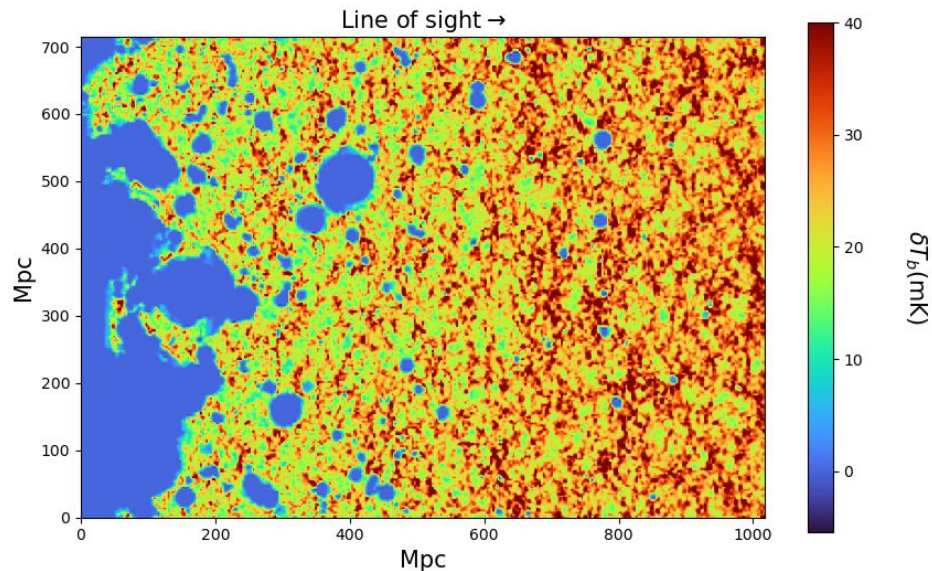


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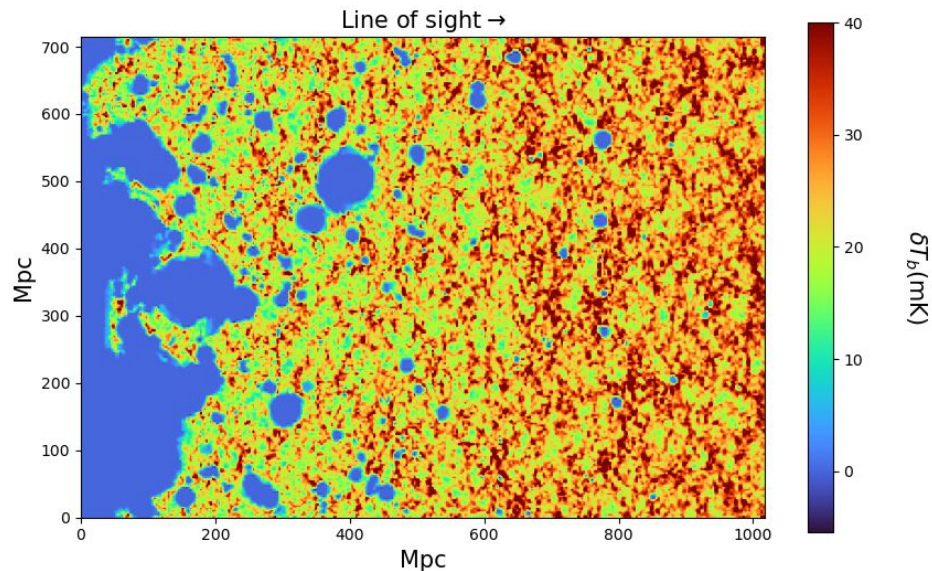
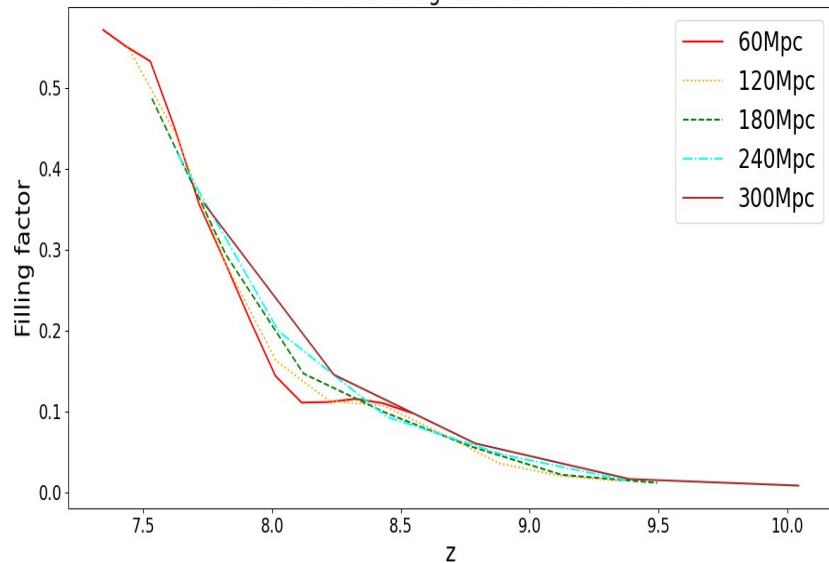


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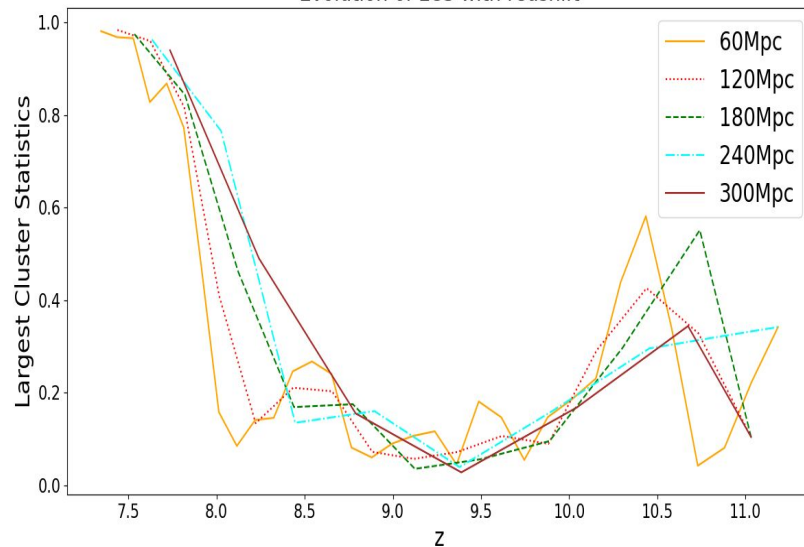
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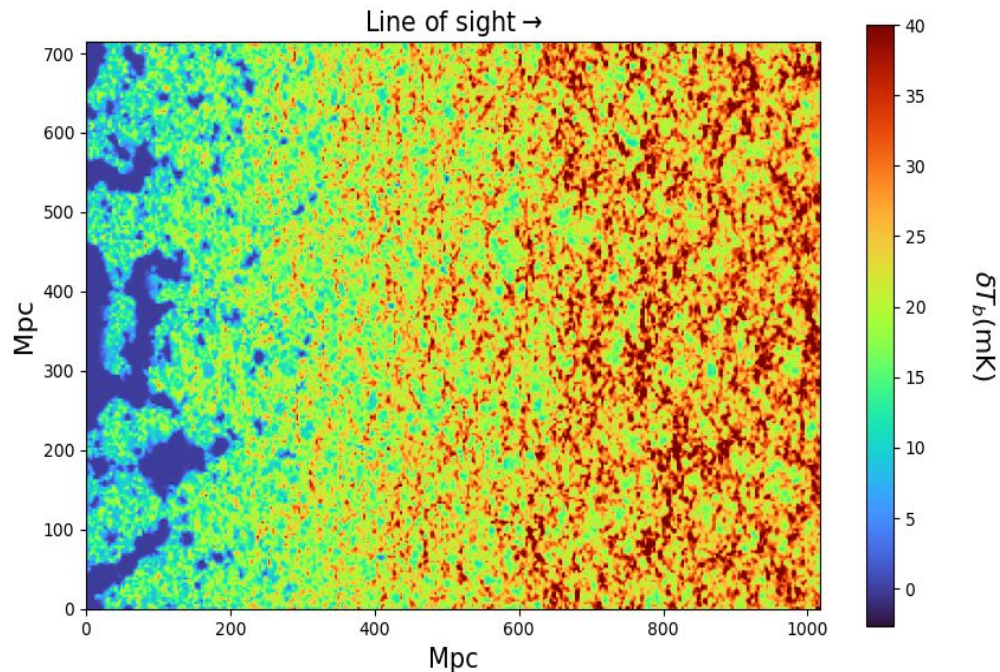
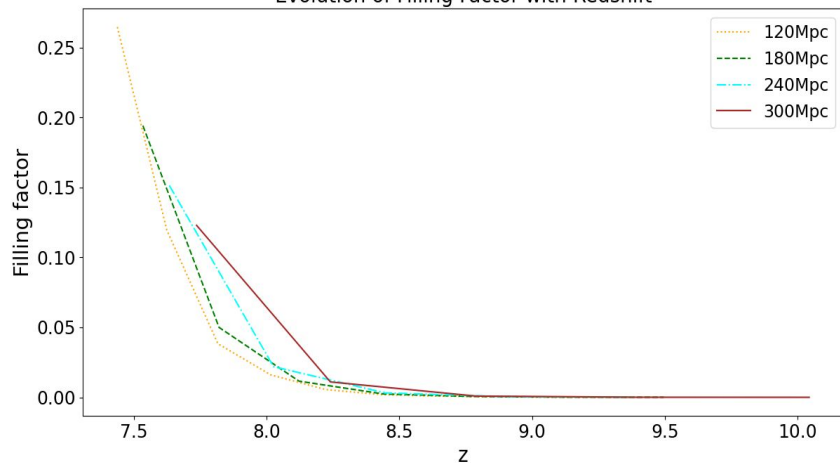


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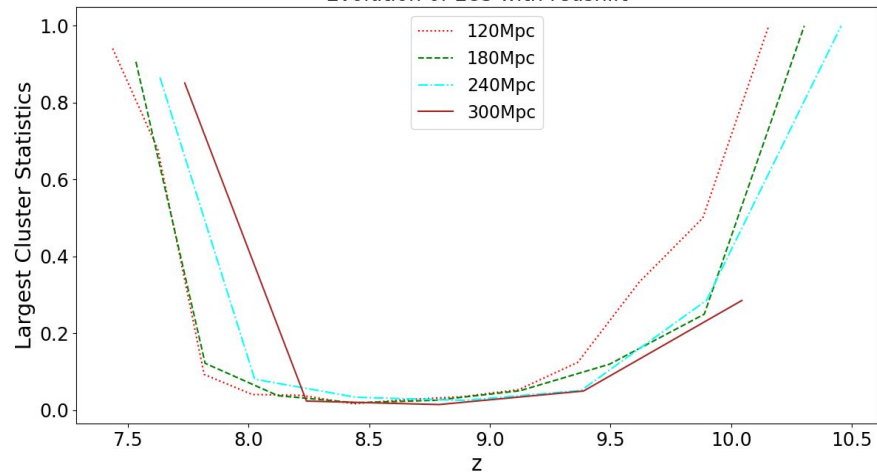
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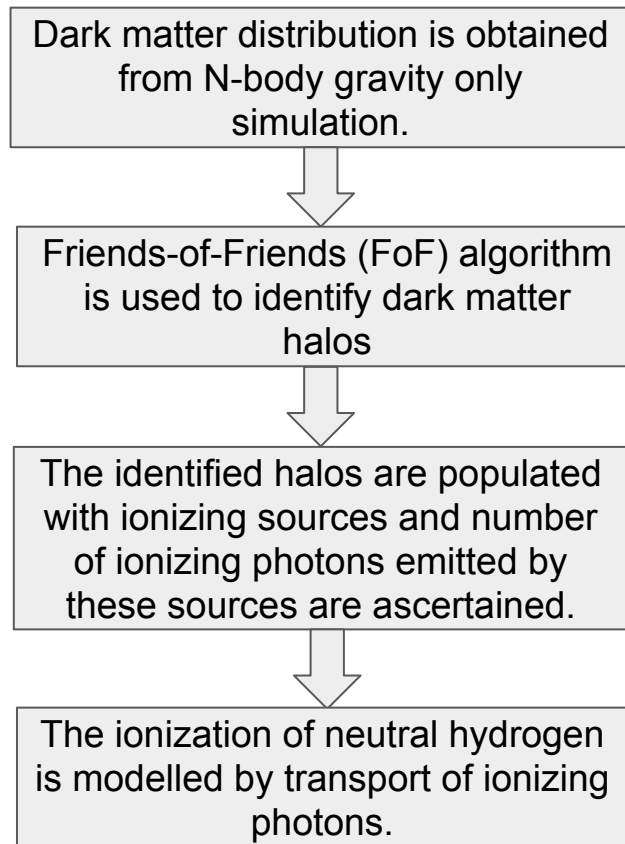
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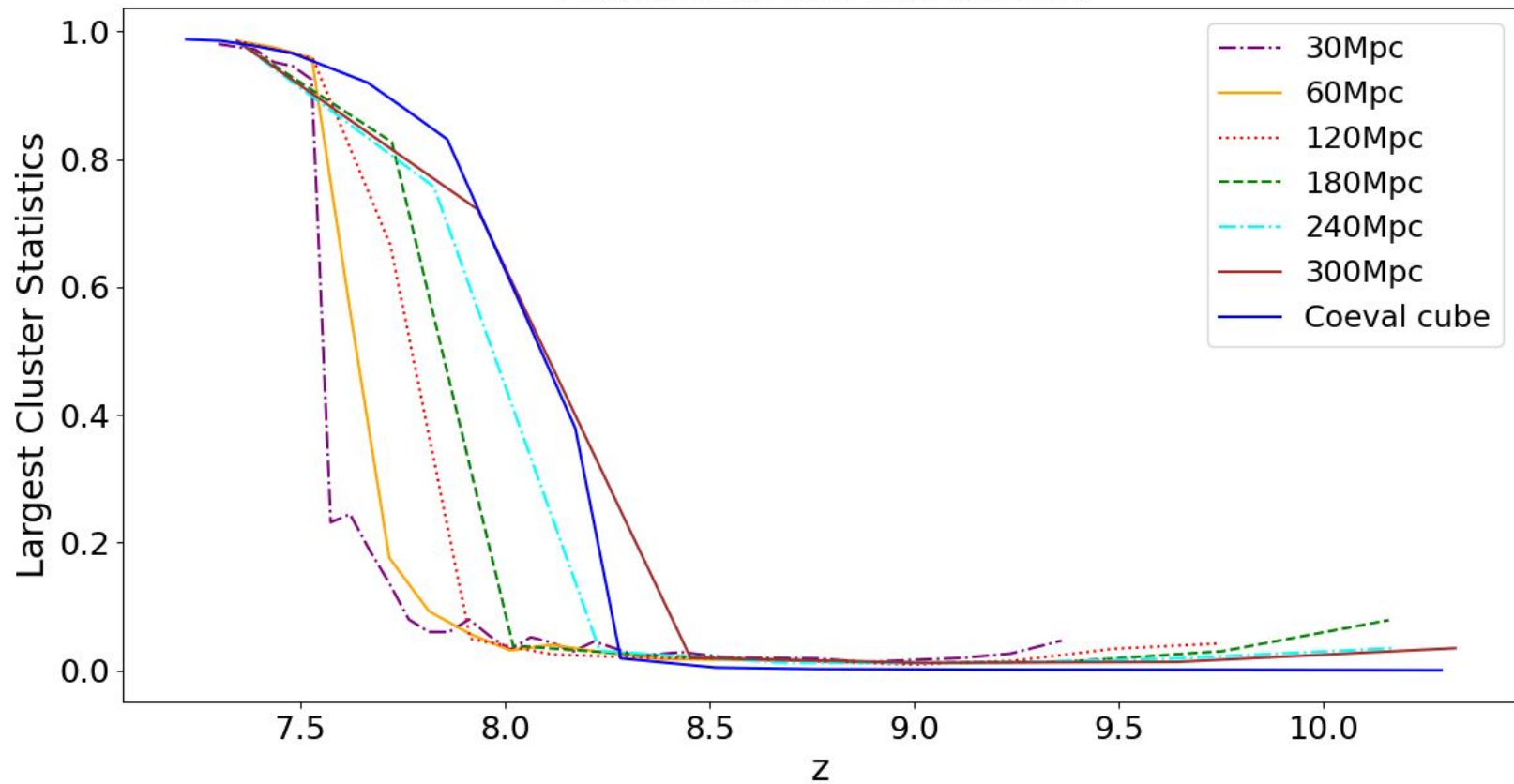
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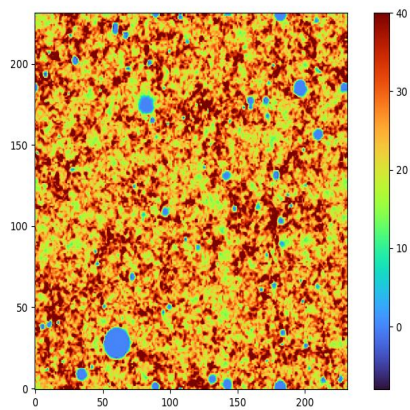
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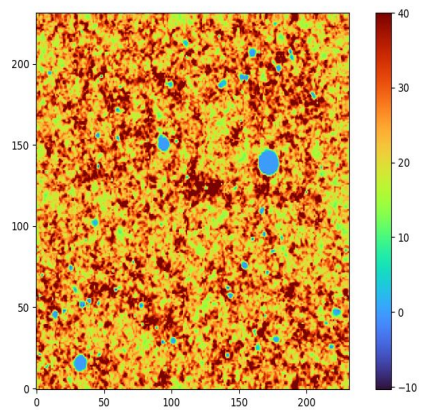


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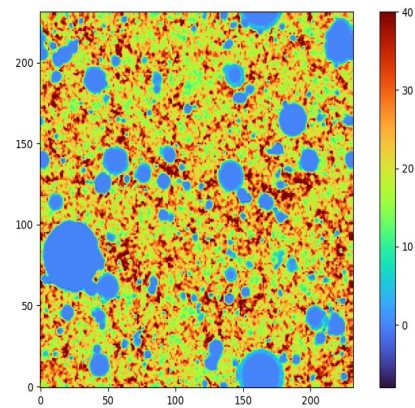




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