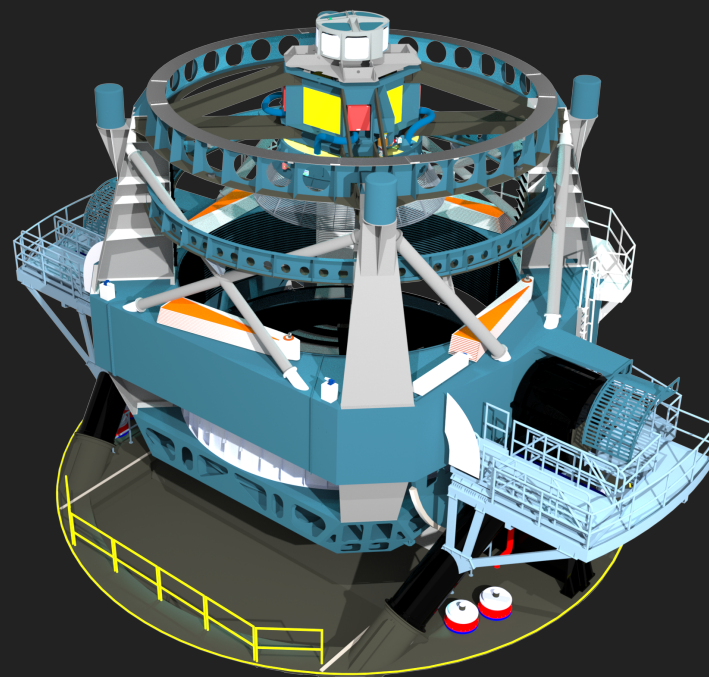


# Using Radio 21cm Intensity Maps to Calibrate Photometric Redshifts

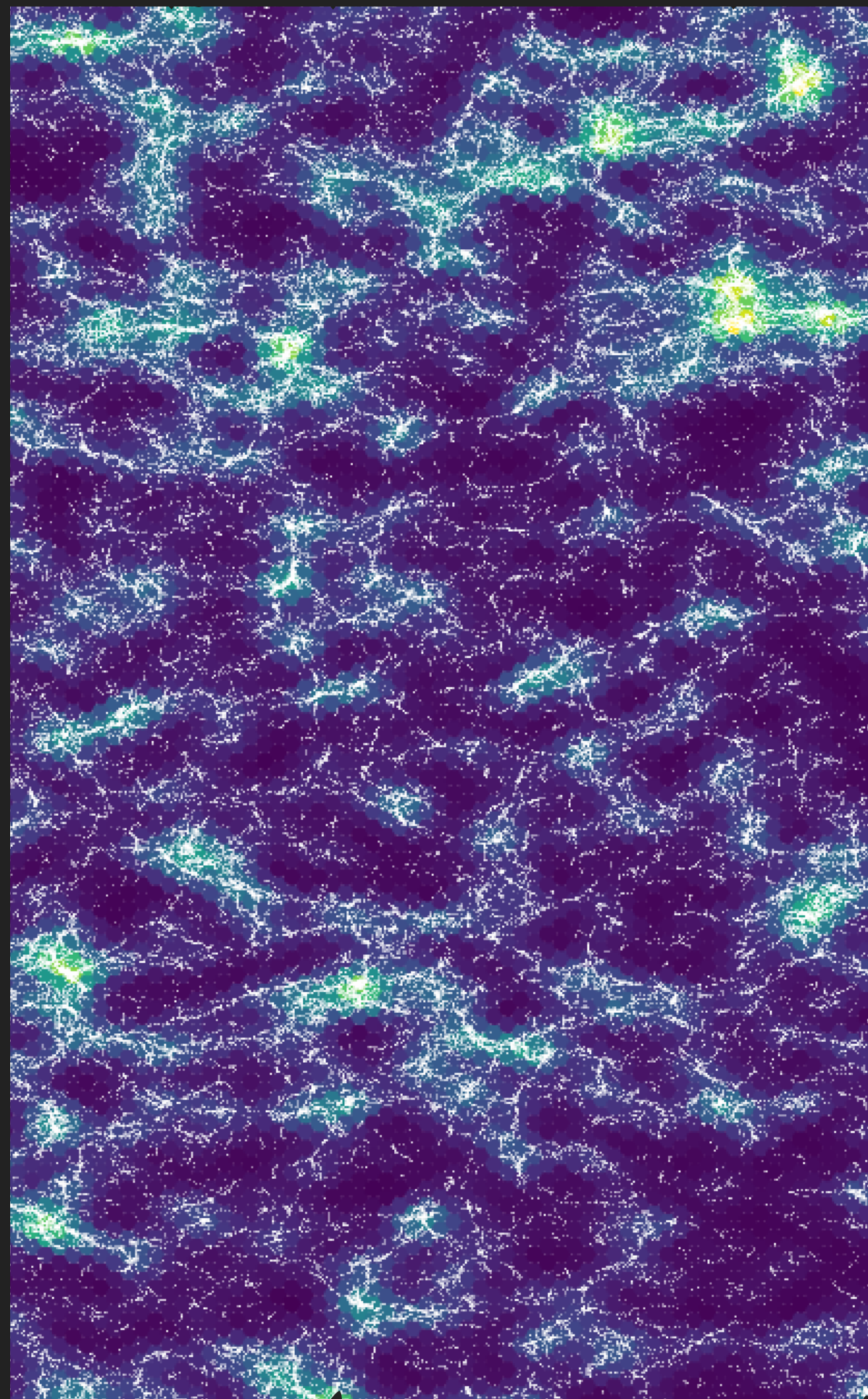
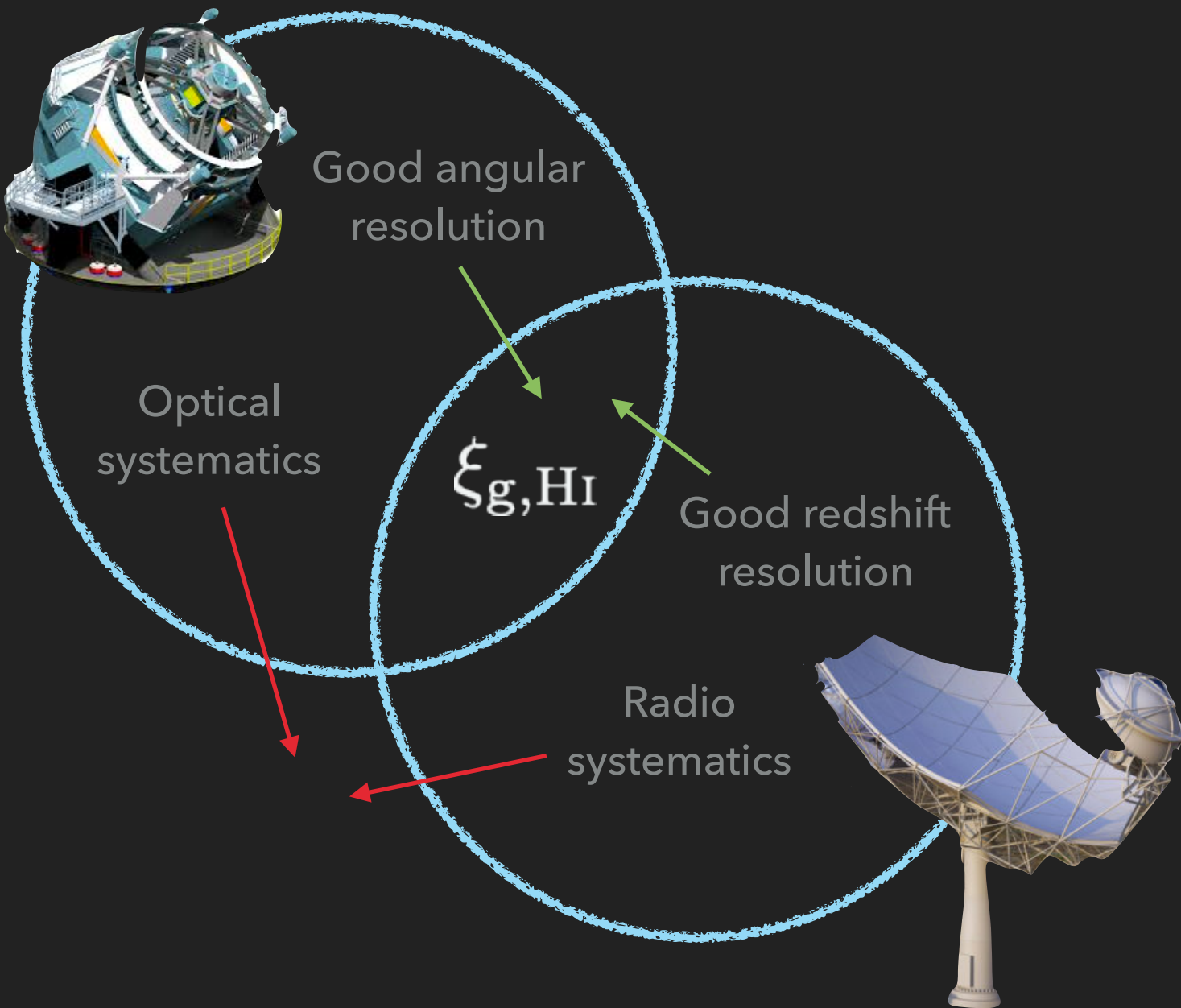
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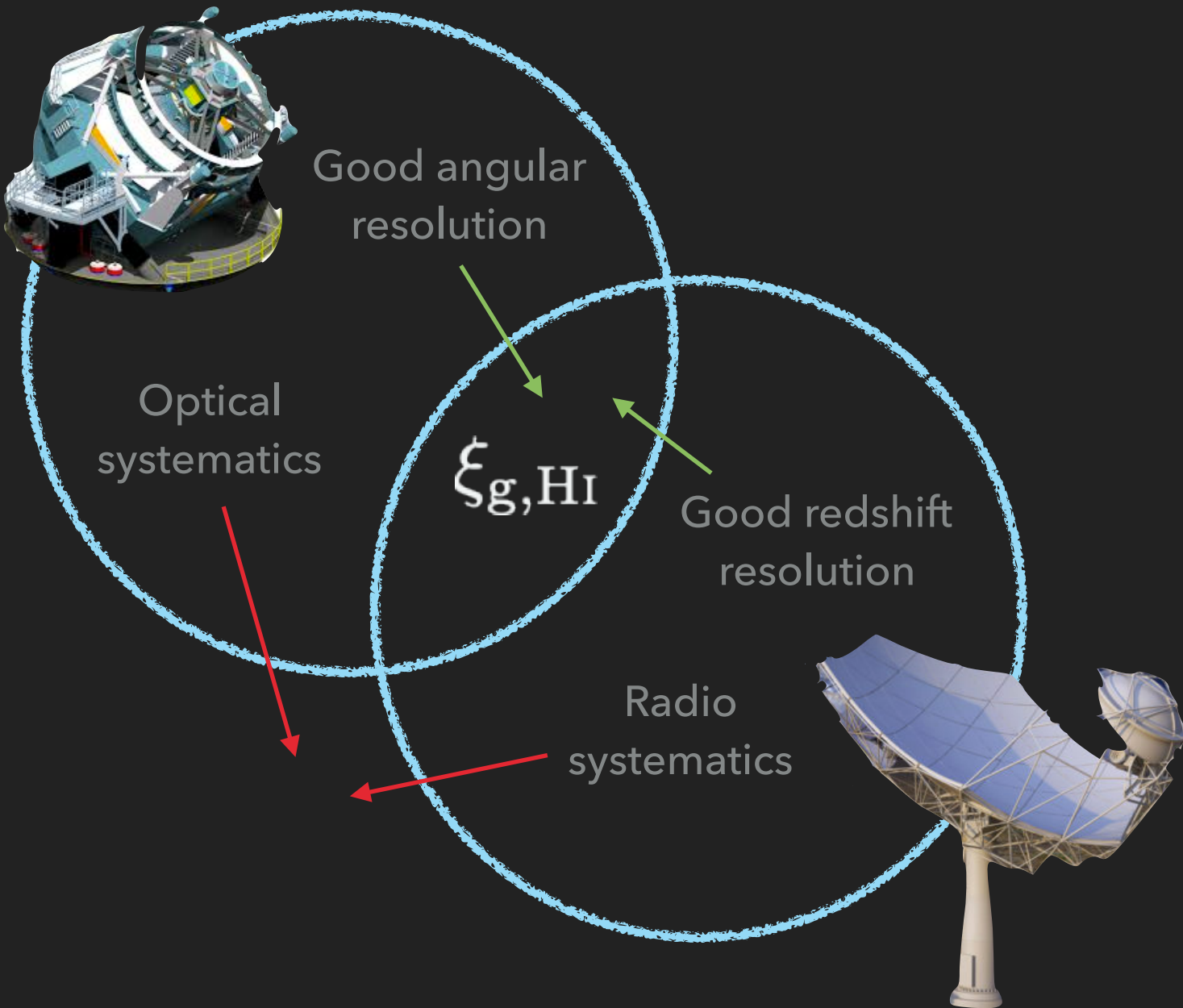


# OPTICAL AND RADIO SYNERGIES





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- Currently all HI intensity mapping detections have relied on cross-correlation with an overlapping optical survey e.g.:
- GBT x WiggleZ



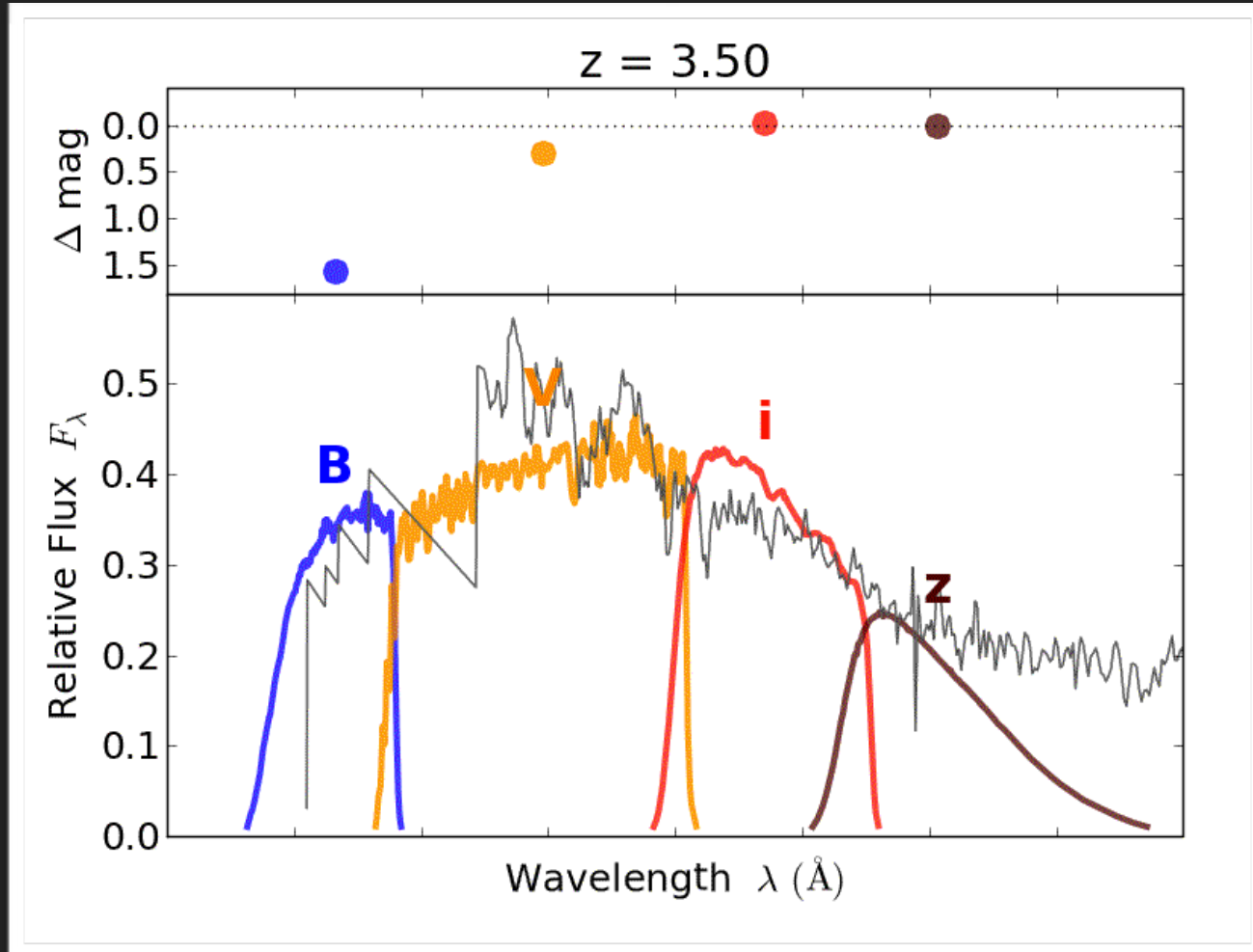
- Parkes x 2dF



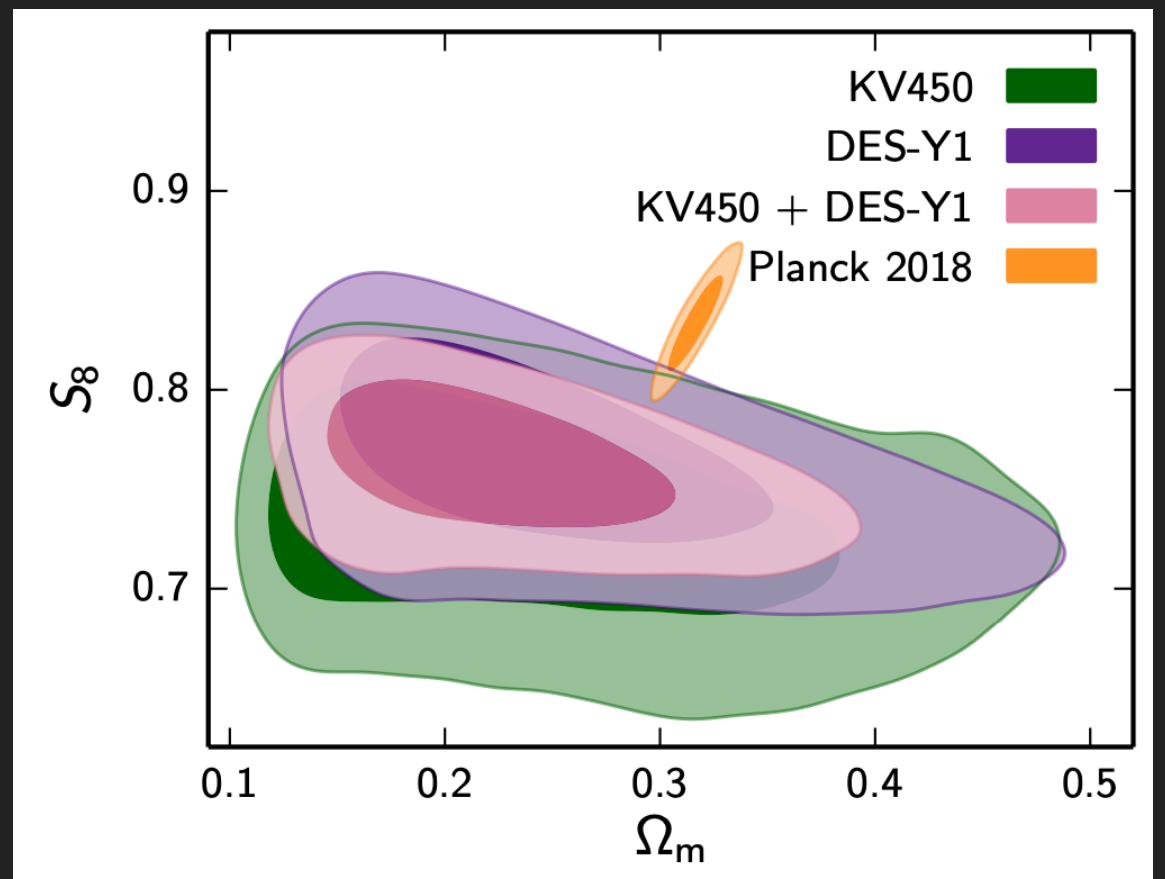
# RADIO INTENSITY MAPPING CAN BENEFIT OPTICAL SURVEYS TOO

... by calibrating photometric redshifts (photo-z)

- Photometric redshifts use magnitudes within broad colour filters to estimate spectral features and infer a redshift
- Photo-z errors are often cited as a potential leading contributor to the Sigma\_8 tension



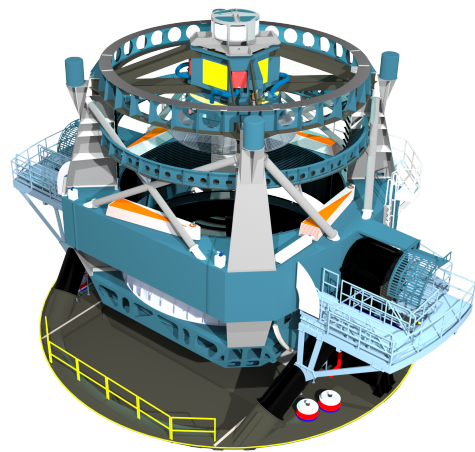
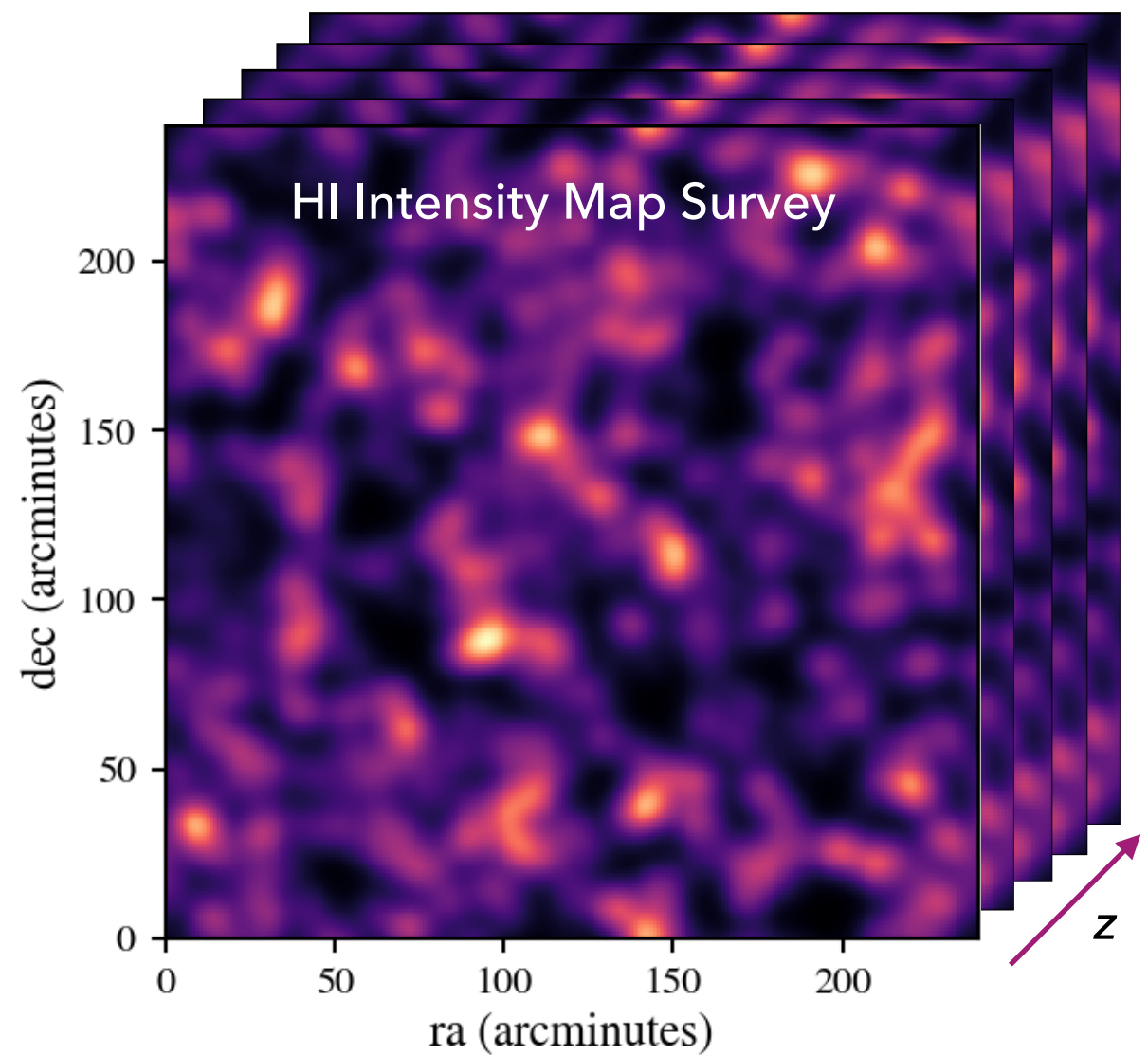
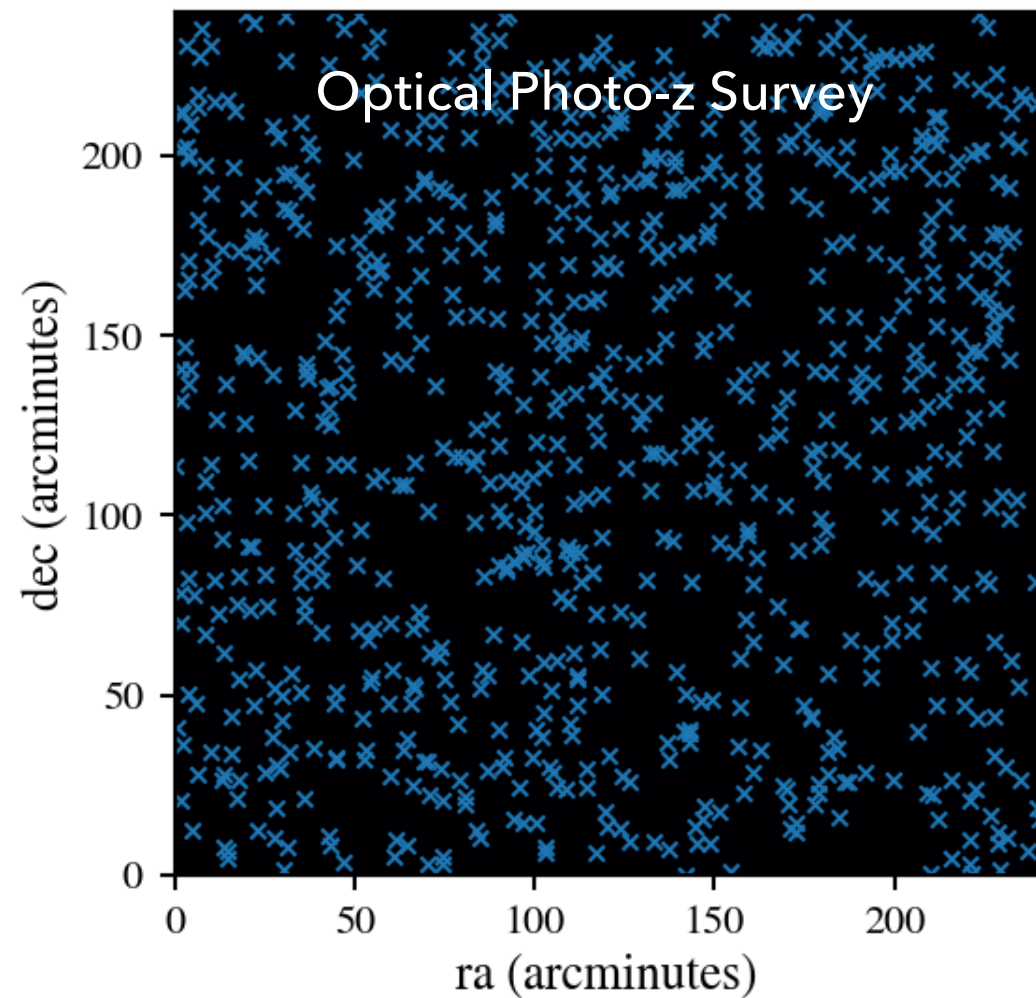
- Optical photometry surveys have large uncertainty in the redshifts they measure



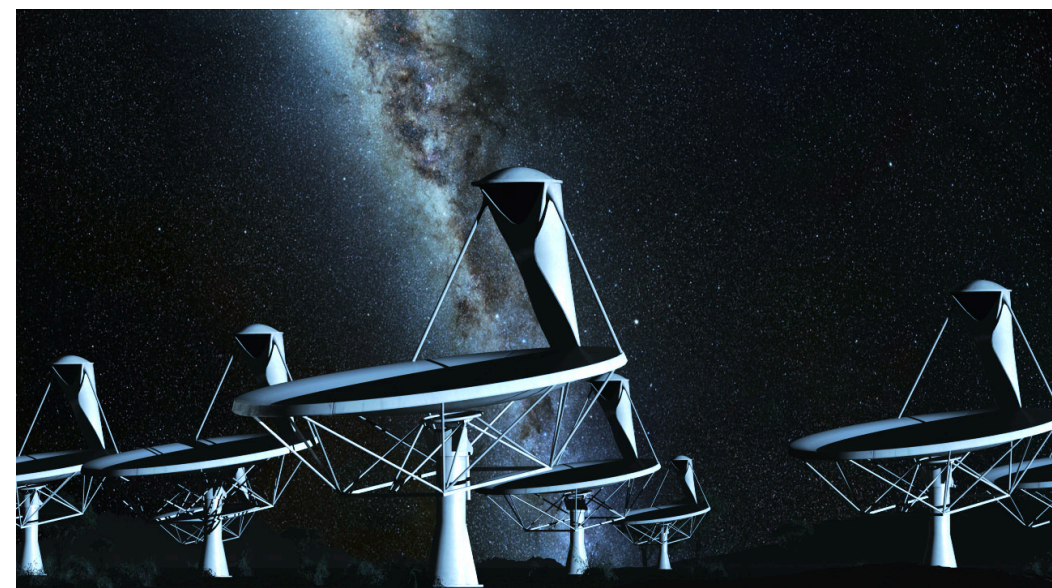
Credit: Jouaki et al. 2019 (1906.09262)



# CLUSTERING-BASED REDSHIFT ESTIMATION



Unconstrained  
Redshifts



Excellent  
Redshift  
[use as  
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sample]

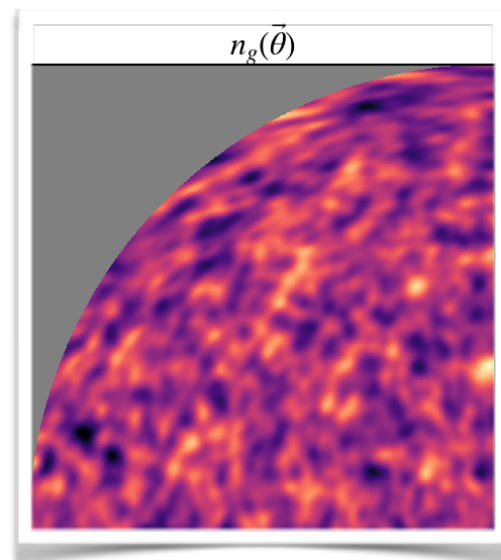




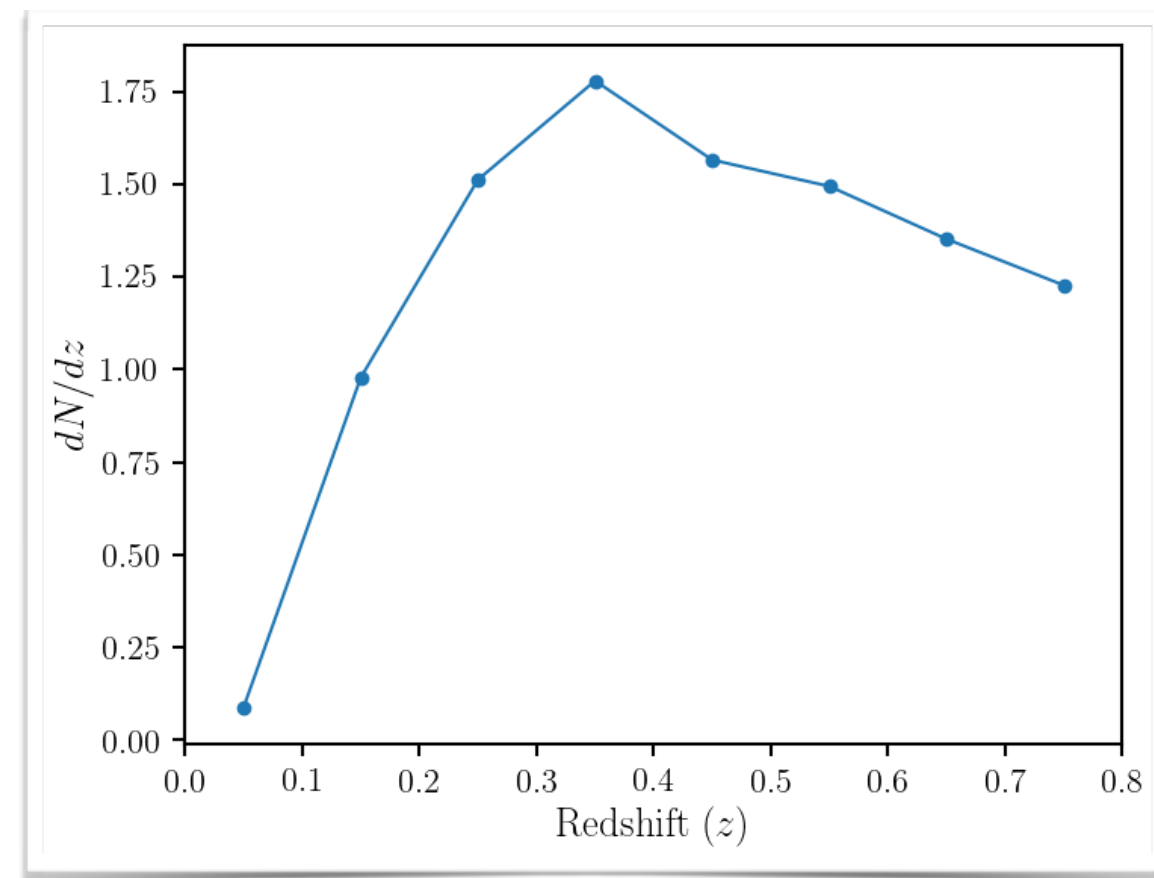
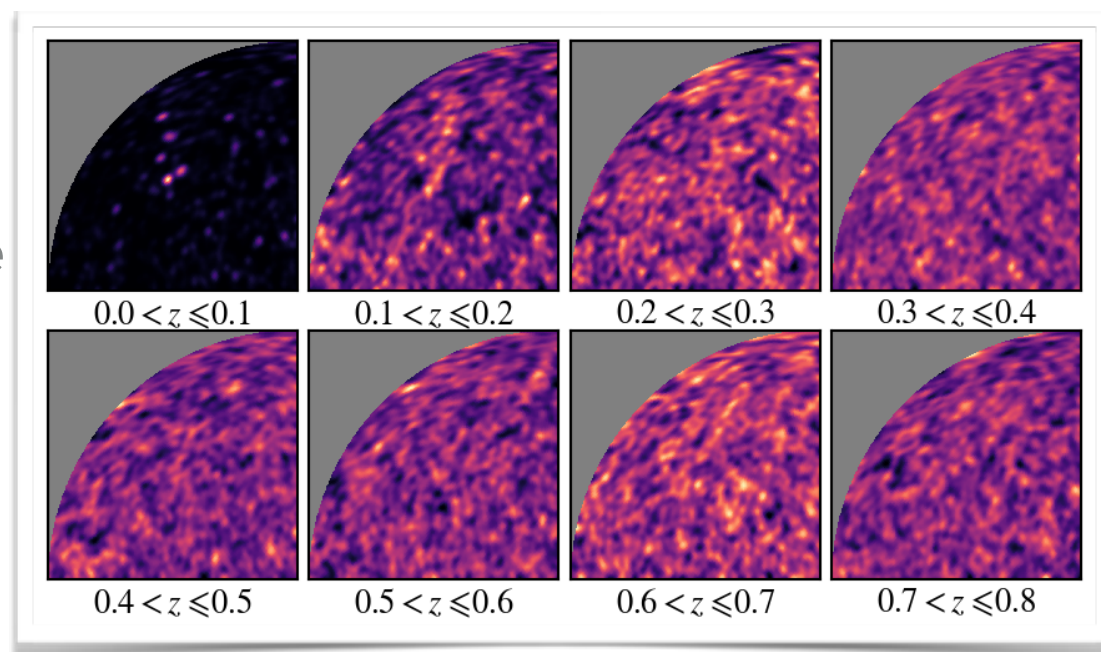
# CLUSTERING-BASED REDSHIFT ESTIMATION

Use angular clustering between two surveys to constrain the redshift distribution for the photo-z sample

Bin all optical galaxies and look at angular cross-correlation with each slice of HI intensity map



$$\frac{dN_g}{dz}(z) = \frac{w_{g,\text{HI}}(z)}{w_{\text{HI},\text{HI}}(z)} \bar{T}_{\text{HI}}(z) \frac{b_{\text{HI}}(z)}{b_g(z)} \frac{1}{\Delta z}$$



MOCK EXAMPLE

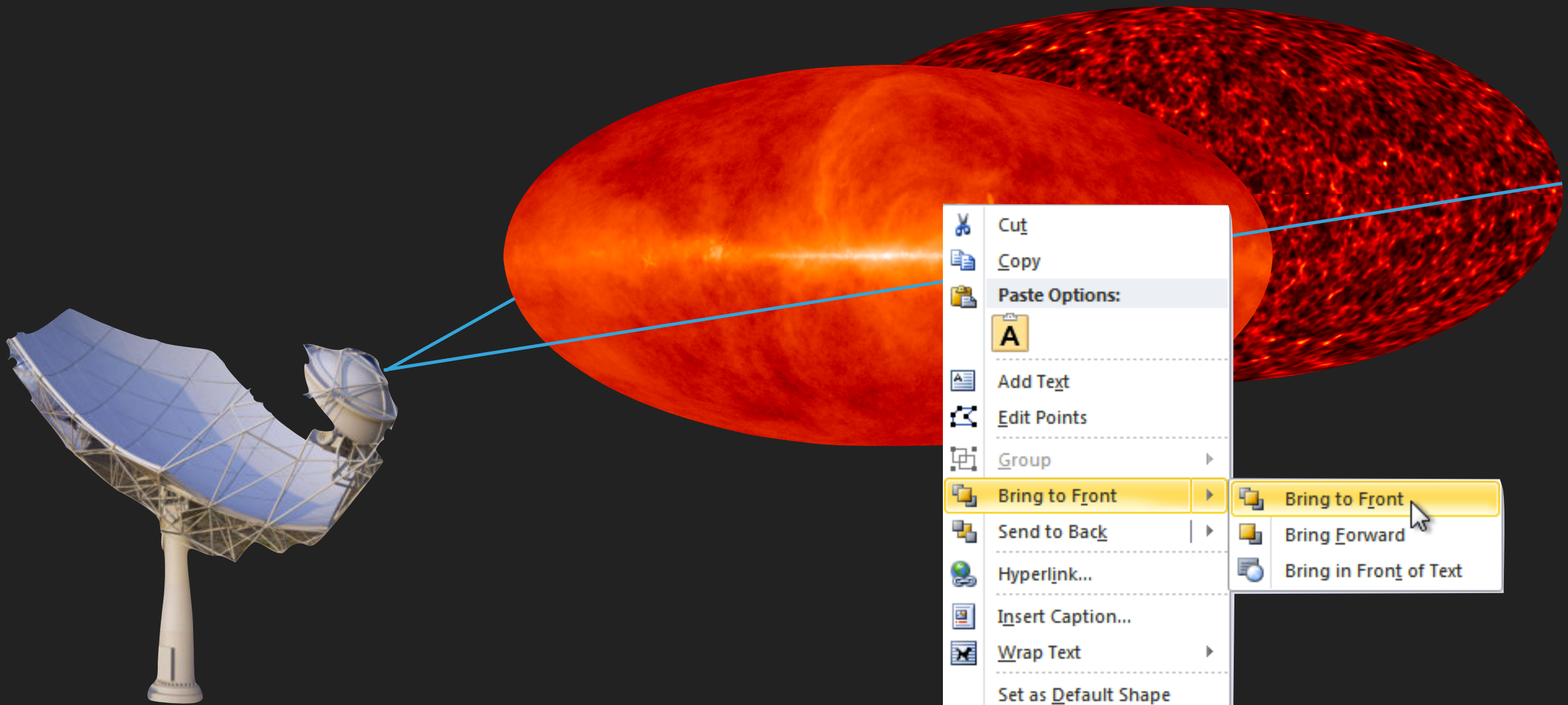
Reference  
21cm Sample





# CHALLENGES FOR USING 21CM INTENSITY MAPS TO CALIBRATE PHOTO-Z

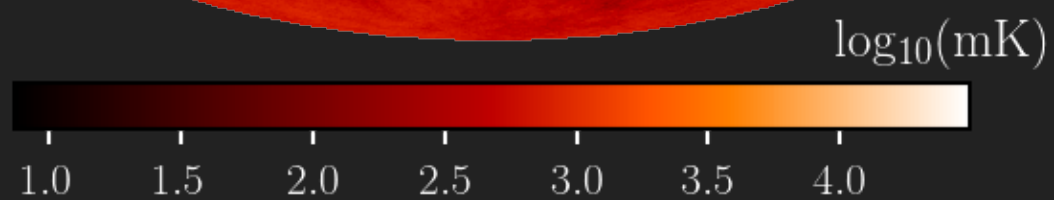
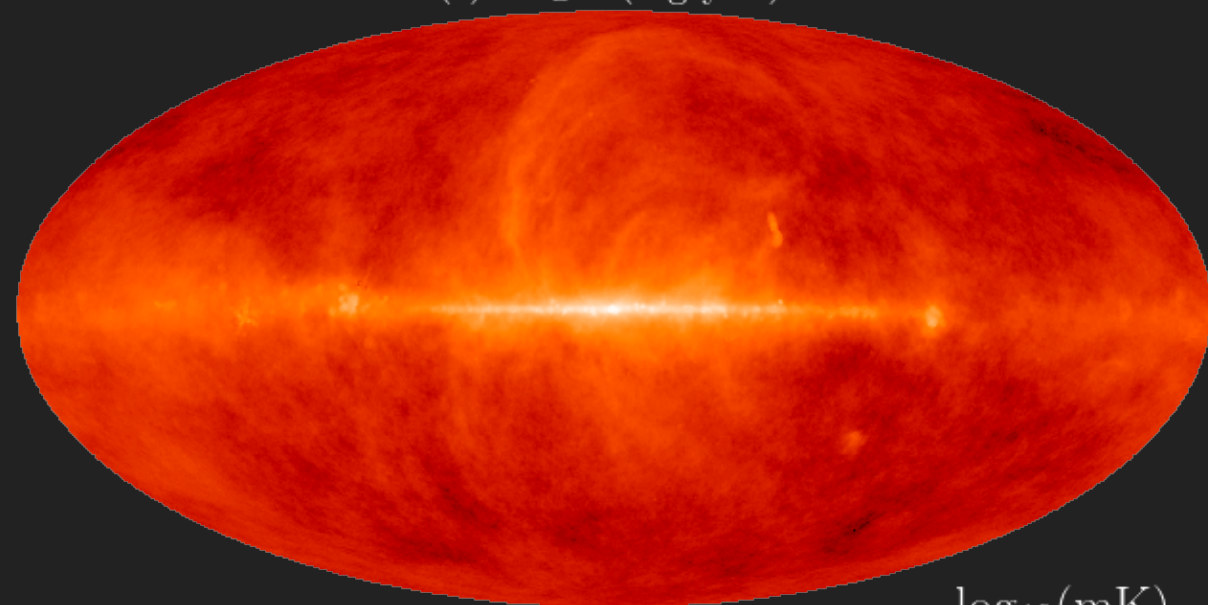
## FOREGROUNDS!



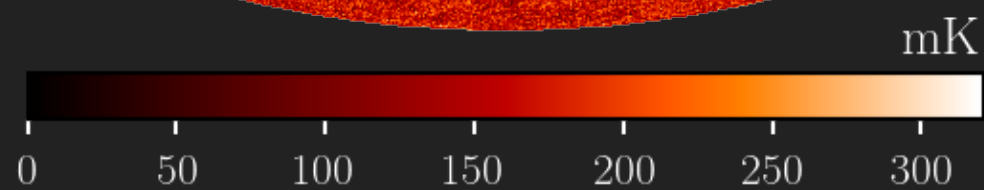
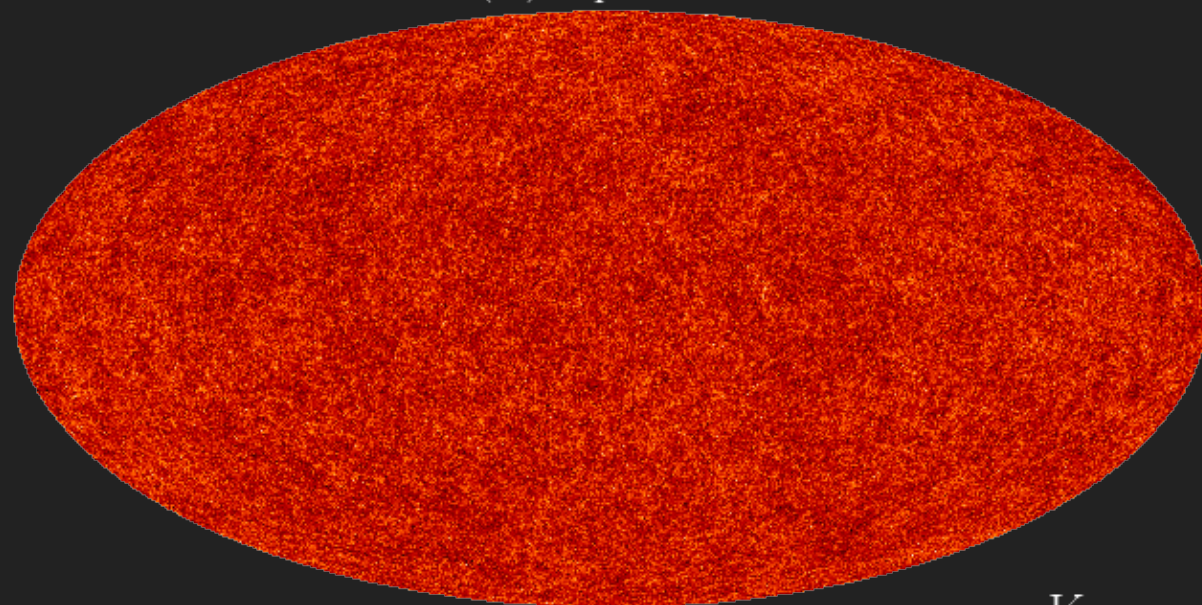


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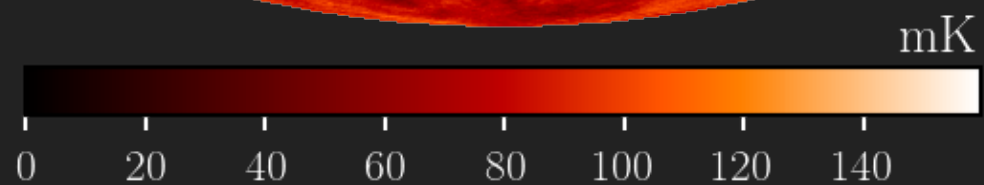
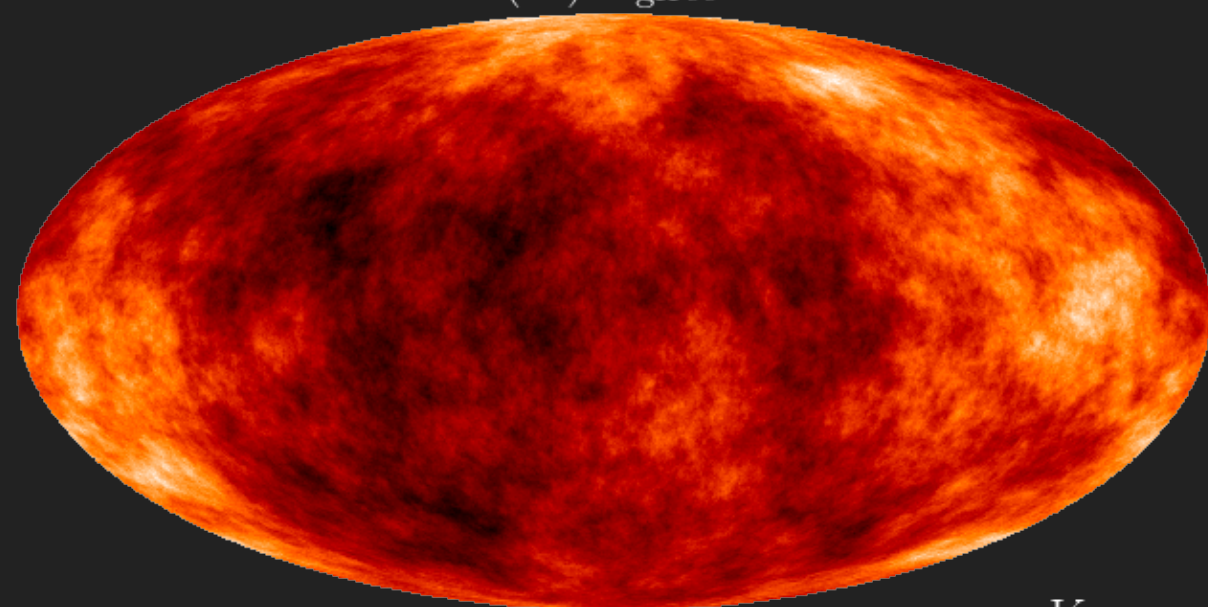
(i)  $\log_{10}(T_{\text{gsync}})$



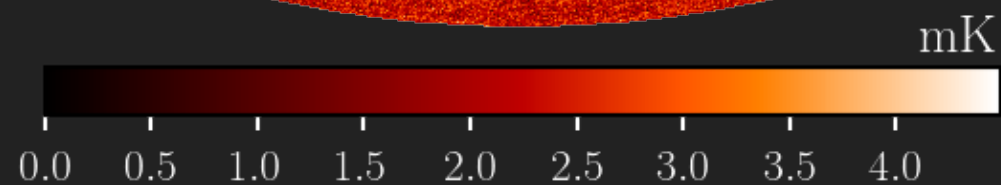
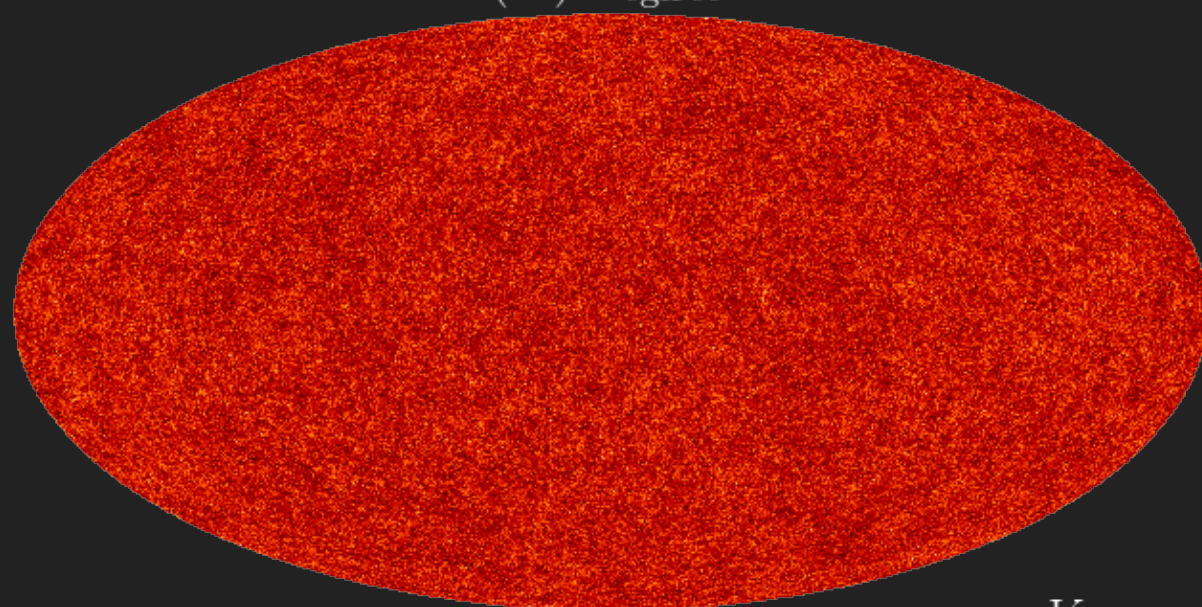
(ii)  $T_{\text{psources}}$



(iii)  $T_{\text{gfree}}$

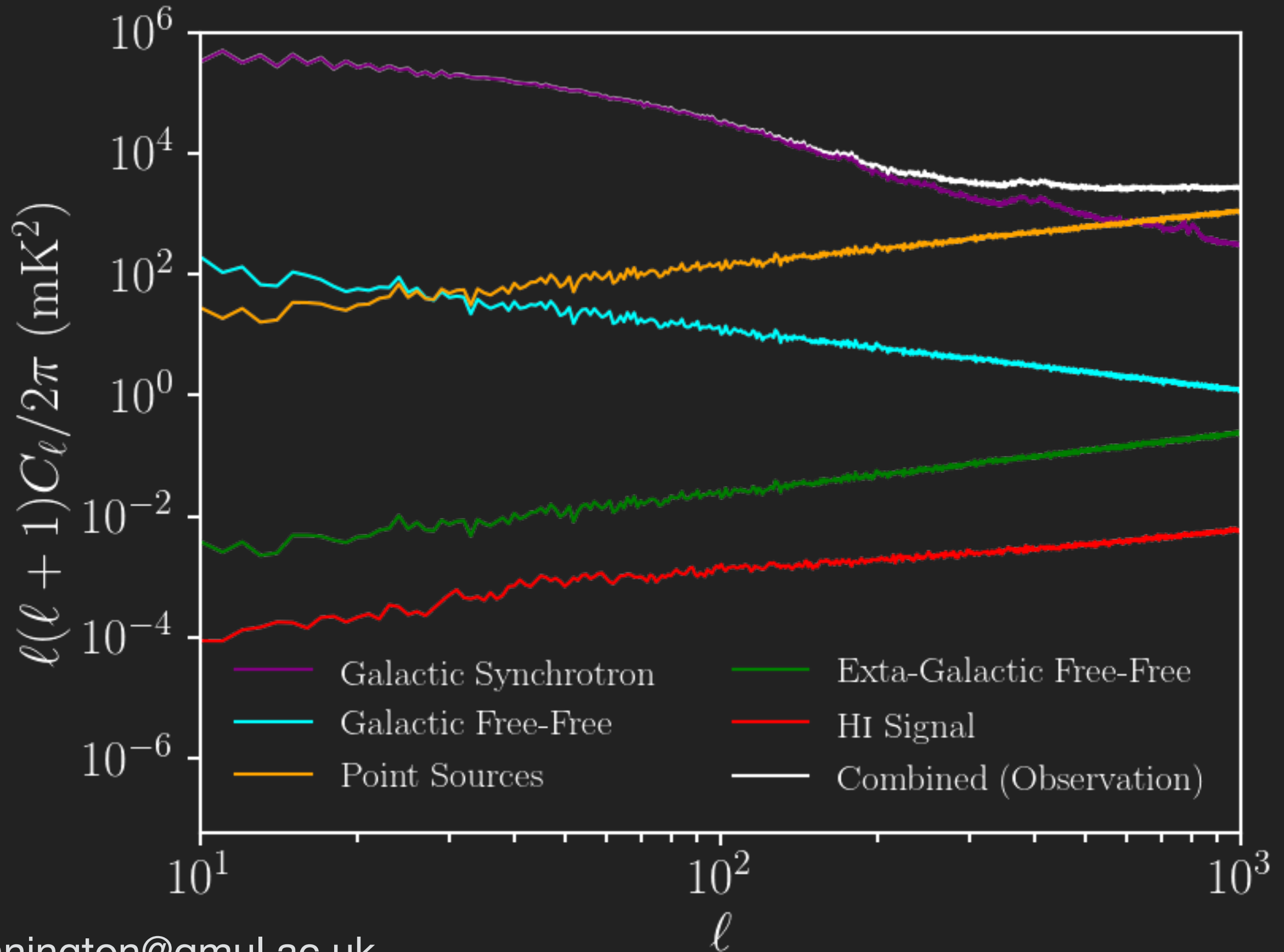


(iv)  $T_{\text{egfree}}$

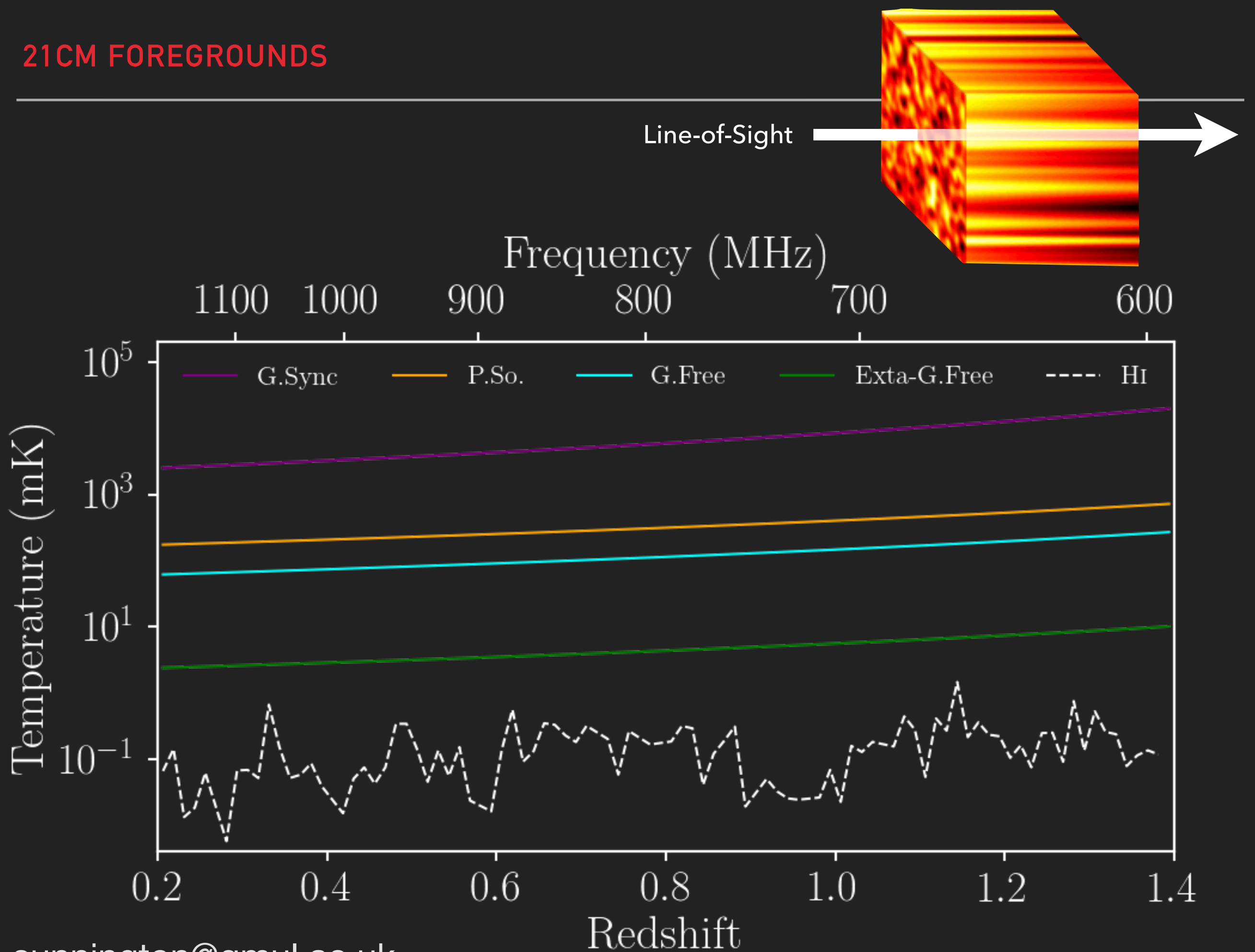




## 21CM FOREGROUNDS



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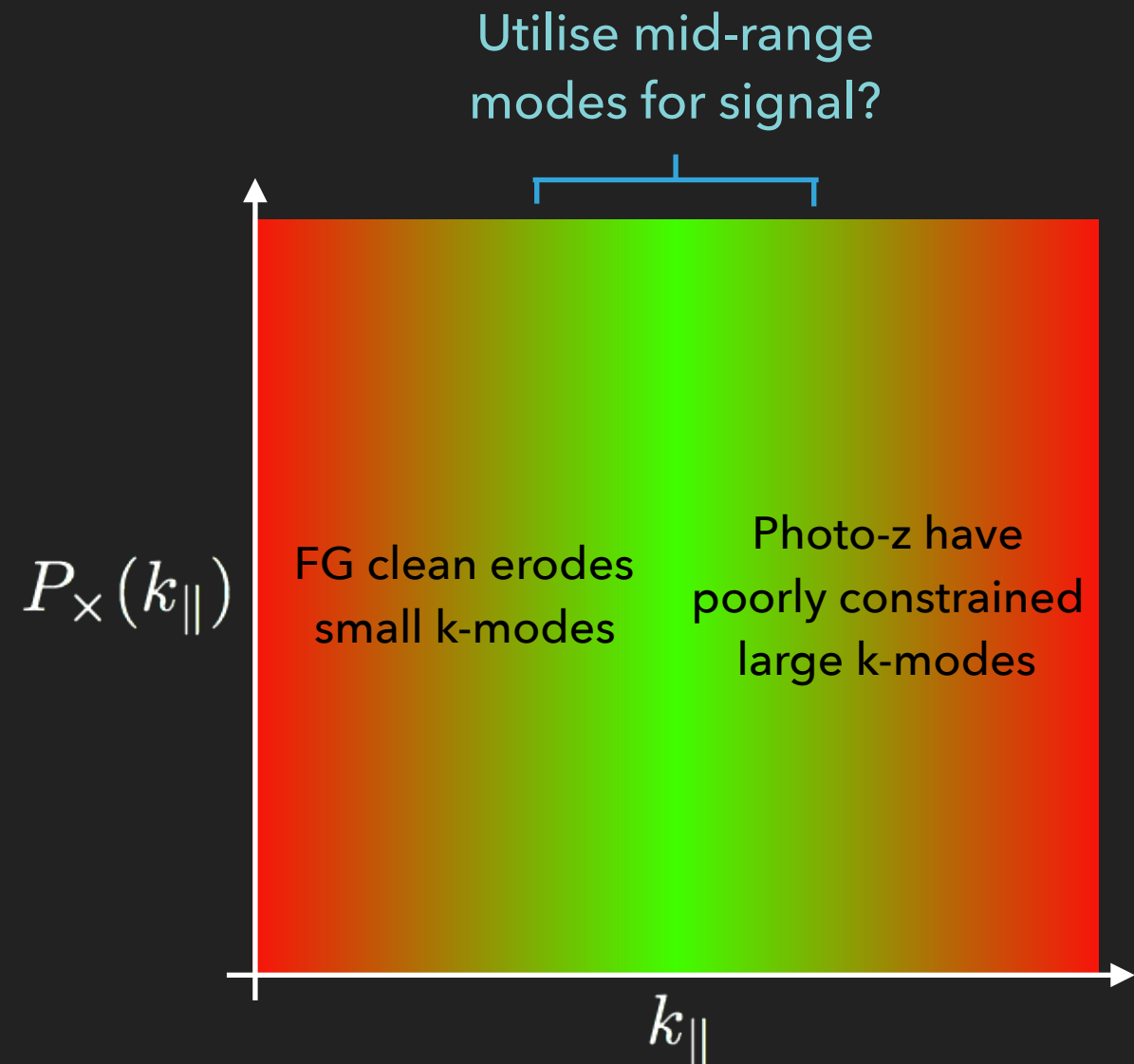




Can clean foregrounds by removing modes which are smooth along line-of-sight

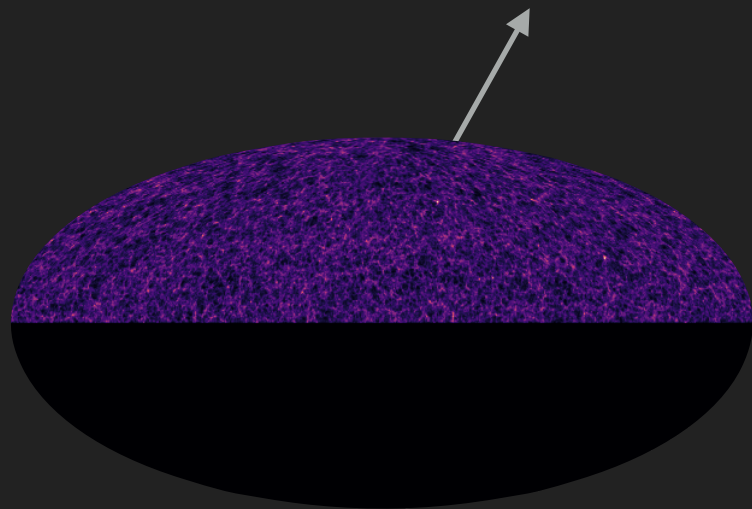
- ▶ Foreground removal erodes **large radial modes (low  $k_{\parallel}$  scales)**
- ▶ Need to cross-correlate these cleaned maps with optical photo-z surveys which will have poor constraints on **small radial modes (high  $k_{\parallel}$  scales)**

**DOES ENOUGH INFORMATION  
REMAIN FOR CLUSTERING-Z ?**

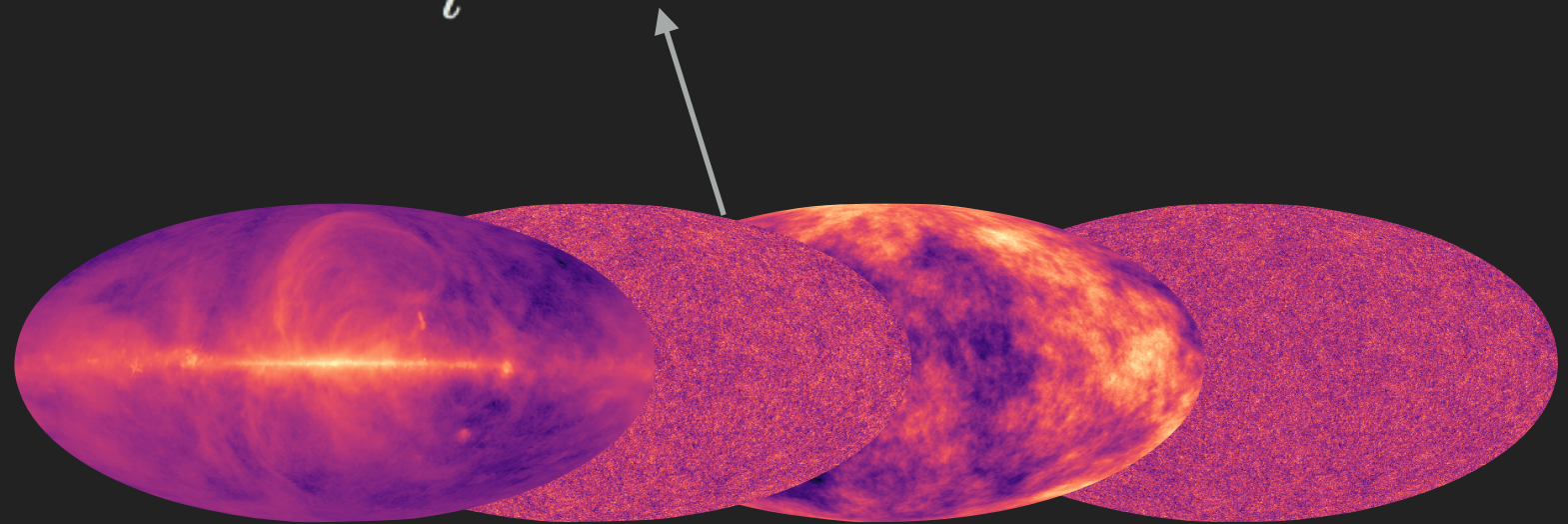


# SIMULATION PIPELINE

$$\delta T_{\text{obs}}(z) = \delta T_{\text{HI}}(z) + \delta T_{\text{noise}}(z) + \sum_i \delta T_i^{\text{FG}}(z)$$



Example HI intensity map  
GAEA semi-analytic model  
(Zoldan et al. 2017)



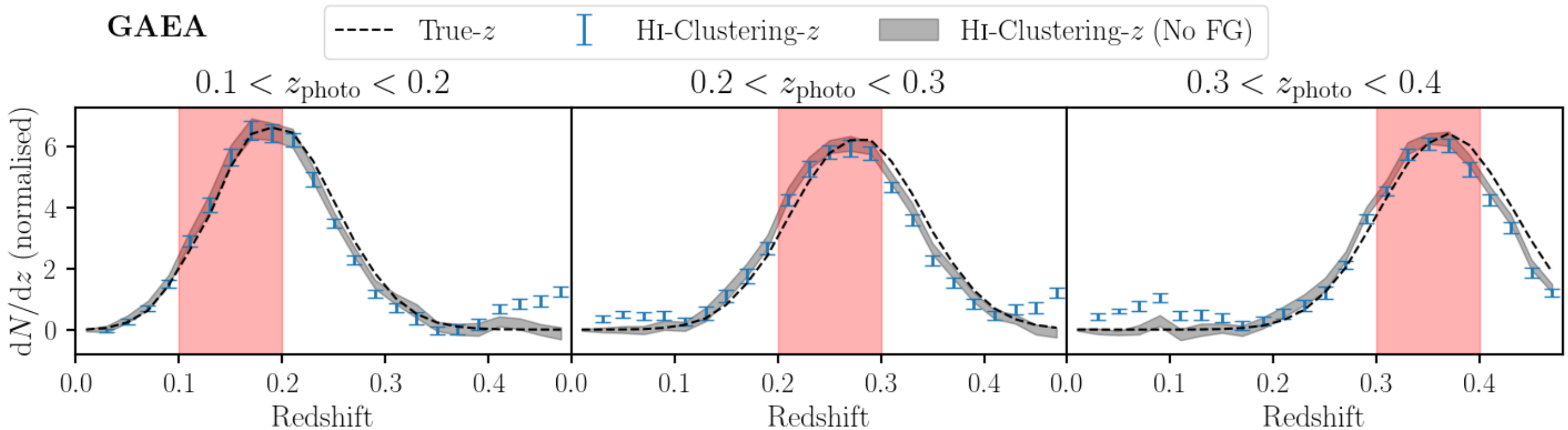
- Foreground clean the simulated observed maps

$$\delta T_{\text{clean}}(z) \times \delta_g(z_{\text{photo}})$$

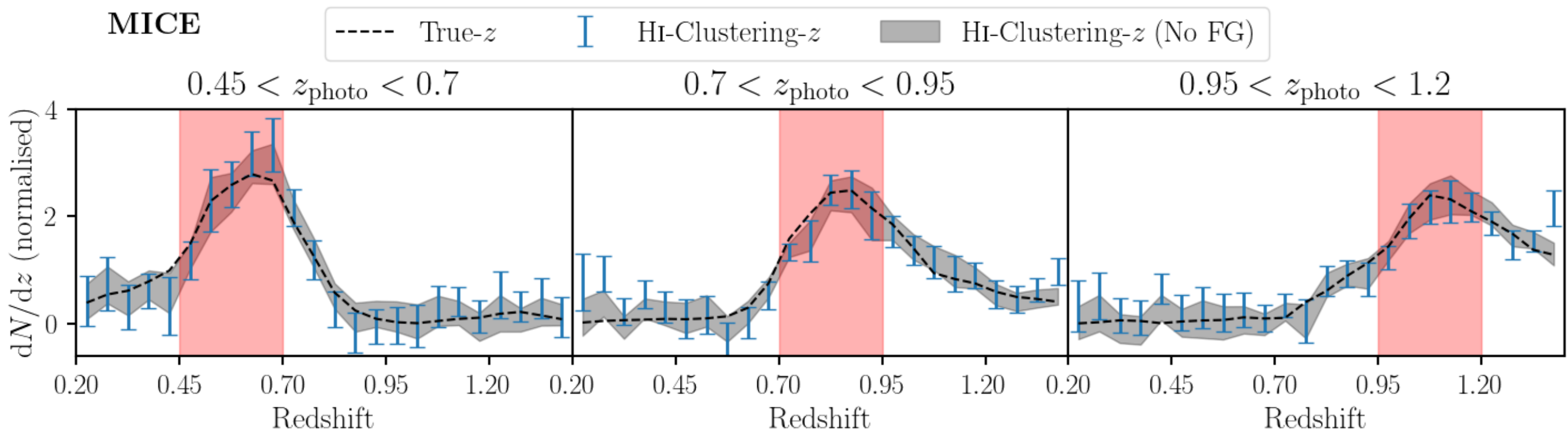
- From same galaxy catalogue, can also extract an optical sample with some simulated photo-z error



# CLUSTERING-BASED REDSHIFT ESTIMATION WITH HI INTENSITY MAPS



Using GAEA (Zoldan et al. 2017)



Using MICECATv2.0 (Crocce et al. 2013)

## SUMMARY

- ▶ Success has already been achieved in cross-correlating HI intensity maps with optical galaxy surveys to show potential for future synergies - **provided first intensity mapping detections**
- ▶ In future, HI intensity mapping surveys will be able to **limit systematics** in optical surveys
- ▶ One example of this is using intensity maps as a reference sample and utilising shared clustering to **calibrate photo-z** for an overlapping, optical imaging survey
- ▶ **HI foregrounds remove small k-parallel modes** and photo-z data has poor constraints on k-perpendicular modes so not trivial that the two will have enough S/N to cross-correlate
- ▶ However, we have shown that **HI clustering-based redshift estimation is possible** and can provide excellent information for e.g. weak lensing probes (**solution to sigma-8 tension?**)

