



Perspectives from SWGs on SKA Data Processing and Science Analysis

on behalf of the SWG
Extragalactic Spectral Line

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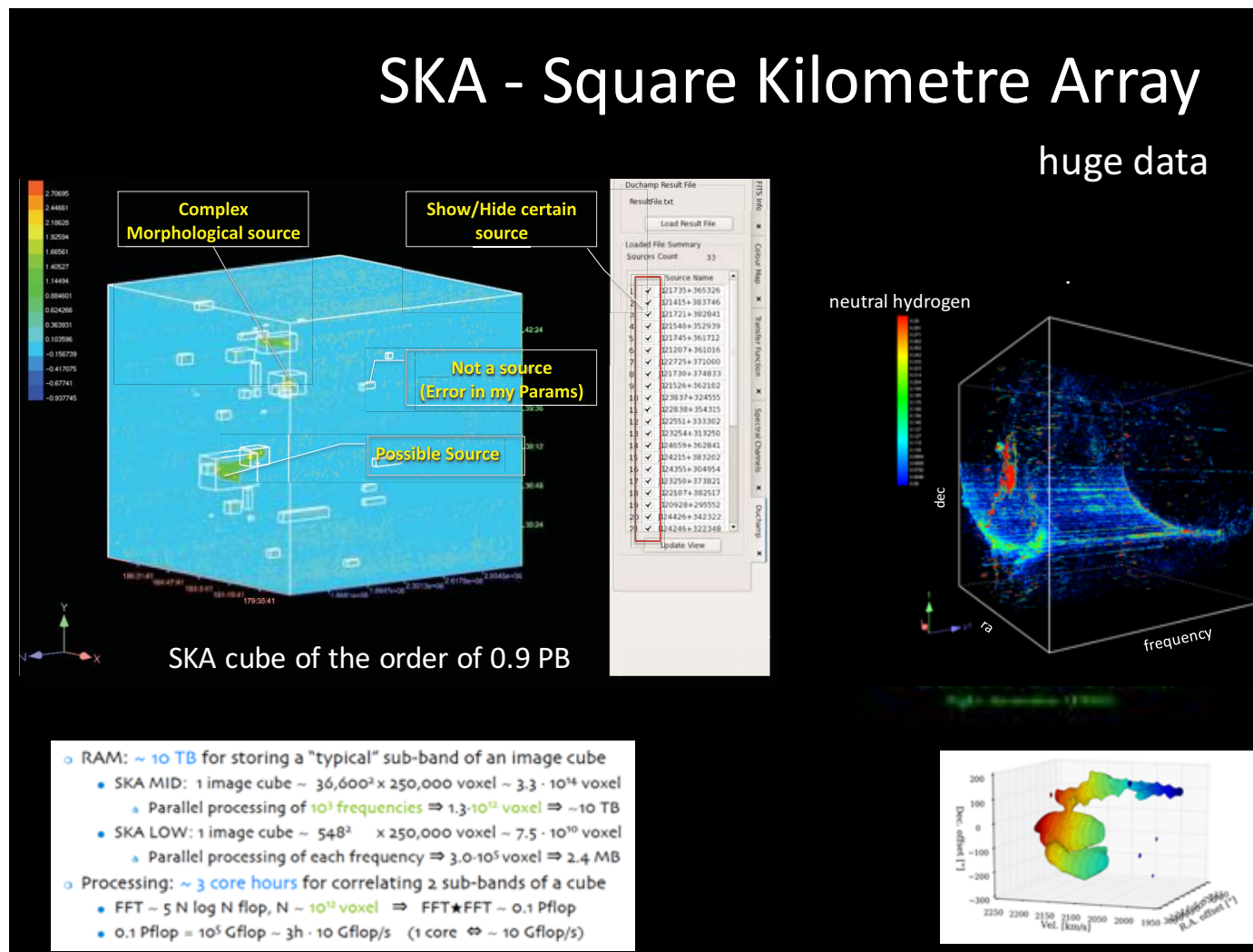
Extragalactic Spectral Line

The data analysis and its requirements are similar to the HI line requirements (see Lourdes talk)

- large sky coverage survey
- targeted observations
- stable bandwidth
- continuum subtraction
- source finding
- line detection (mom 0)
- velocity field (mom 1)
- line width (mom 2)

SKA - Square Kilometre Array

huge data





Extragalactic Spectral Line

List of important radio spectral lines (< 1 THz)

1. Deuterium (DI) 327.384 MHz	41. Carbon monoxide (C17O) 112.359 GHz
2. Hydrogen (HI) 1420.406 MHz	42. Carbon monoxide (CO) 115.271 GHz
3. Hydroxyl radical (OH) 1612.231 MHz	43. Formaldehyde (H213CO) 137.450 GHz
4. Hydroxyl radical (OH) 1665.402 MHz	44. Formaldehyde (H2CO) 140.840 GHz
5. Hydroxyl radical (OH) 1667.359 MHz	45. Carbon monosulphide (CS) 146.969 GHz
6. Hydroxyl radical (OH) 1720.530 MHz	46. Water vapour (H2O) 183.310 GHz
7. Methylidyne (CH) 3263.794 MHz	47. Carbon monoxide (C18O) 219.560 GHz
8. Methylidyne (CH) 3335.481 MHz	48. Carbon monoxide (13CO) 220.399 GHz
9. Methylidyne (CH) 3349.193 MHz	49. Carbon monoxide (CO) 230.538 GHz
10. Formaldehyde (H2CO) 4829.660 MHz	50. Carbon monosulphide (CS) 244.953 GHz
11. Methanol (CH2OH) 6668.518 MHz	51. Hydrogen cyanide (HCN) 265.886 GHz
12. Ionized Helium Isotope (3HeII) 8665.650 MHz	52. Formylium (HCO+) 267.557 GHz
13. Methanol (CH3OH) 12.178 GHz	53. Hydrogen isocyanide (HNC) 271.981 GHz
14. Formaldehyde (H2CO) 14.488 GHz	54. Dyazenylium (N2H+) 279.511 GHz
15. Cyclopropenylidene (C3H2) 18.343 GHz	55. Carbon monoxide (C18O) 312.330 GHz
16. Water Vapour (H2O) 22.235 GHz	56. Carbon monoxide (13CO) 330.587 GHz
17. Ammonia (NH3) 23.694 GHz	57. Carbon monosulphide (CS) 342.883 GHz
18. Ammonia (NH3) 23.723 GHz	58. Carbon monoxide (CO) 345.796 GHz
19. Ammonia (NH3) 23.870 GHz	59. Hydrogen cyanide (HCN) 354.484 GHz
20. Silicon monoxide (SiO) 42.519 GHz	60. Formylium (HCO+) 356.734 GHz
21. Silicon monoxide (SiO) 42.821 GHz	61. Dyazenylium (N2H+) 372.672 GHz
22. Silicon monoxide (SiO) 42.880 GHz	62. Water vapour (H2O) 380.197 GHz
23. Silicon monoxide (SiO) 43.122 GHz	63. Carbon monoxide (C18O) 439.088 GHz
24. Silicon monoxide (SiO) 43.424 GHz	64. Carbon monoxide (13CO) 440.765 GHz
25. Carbon monosulphide (CS) 48.991 GHz	65. Carbon monoxide (CO) 461.041 GHz
26. Deuterated formylium (DCO+) 72.039 GHz	66. Heavy water (HDO) 464.925 GHz
27. Silicon monoxide (SiO) 86.243 GHz	67. Carbon (CI) 492.162 GHz
28. Formylium (H13CO+) 86.754 GHz	68. Water vapour (H218O) 547.676 GHz
29. Silicon monoxide (SiO) 86.847 GHz	69. Water vapour (H2O) 556.936 GHz
30. Ethynyl radical (C2H) 87.300 GHz	70. Ammonia (15NH3) 572.113 GHz
31. Hydrogen cyanide (HCN) 88.632 GHz	71. Ammonia (NH3) 572.498 GHz
32. Formylium (HCO+) 89.189 GHz	72. Carbon monoxide (CO) 691.473 GHz
33. Hydrogen isocyanide (HNC) 90.664 GHz	73. Hydrogen cyanide (HCN) 797.433 GHz
34. Diazenylium (N2H) 93.174 GHz	74. Formylium (HCO+) 802.653 GHz
35. Carbon monosulphide (CS) 97.981 GHz	75. Carbon monoxide (CO) 806.652 GHz
36. Carbon monoxide (C18O) 109.782 GHz	76. Carbon (CI) 809.350 GHz
37. Carbon monoxide (13CO) 110.201 GHz	

Z < 10

Jason Hessels Lecture 2013

HCN, HCO+, CS, CN, formaldehyde, etc..

SKA1-mid
the SKA's mid-frequency instrument



Frequency range
350 MHz
with a pair of 25 GHz

SKA1-low
the SKA's low-frequency instrument



Frequency range
50 MHz
350 MHz

197 dishes (including 64 Murchison) 150km
~131,000 antennas
~65km

SKA1 Telescope Expected Performance – Imaging

Basal Frequency	110 MHz	160 MHz	270 MHz	1.4 GHz	6.7 GHz	12.5 GHz
Range (MJD)	0.05-0.35	0.05-0.35	0.35-1.05	0.95-1.70	4.8-8.5	8.2-15.3
Skewness	Low	Low	High	High	High	High
6σ Resolution (arcsec)	327	120	100	90	12.5	6.7
Max. Resolution (arcsec)	11	4	0.7	0.4	0.09	0.04
Max. Bandwidth (MHz)	0.3	0.3	1	1	4	5
Cont. res. 1σ (Jy/beam) ^a	25	14	4.4	2	1.3	1.2
Line res. 1σ (Jy/beam) ^b	1950	800	300	140	90	85
Resolution Range for Cont. and Line res (arcsec) ^c	10-600	0-300	1-145	0.6-78	0.13-17	0.07-9

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Extragalactic Molecules (as of 11/2017)

2 atoms	3 atoms	4 atoms	5 atoms	6 atoms	7 atoms	8 atoms	>8 atoms
OH	H ₂ O	H ₂ CO	c-C ₃ H ₂	CH ₃ OH	CH ₃ CCH	HC ₆ H	c-C ₆ H ₆ ⁺
CO	HCN	NH ₃	HC ₃ N	CH ₃ CN	CH ₃ NH ₂	C ₆₀ (?)	
H ₂ ⁺	HCO ⁺	HNCO	CH ₂ NH	HC ₄ H ⁺	CH ₃ CHO		
CH	C ₂ H	C ₂ H ₂ ⁺	NH ₂ CN	HC(O)NH ₂			
CS	HNC	H ₂ CS ⁺	I-C ₃ H ₂				
CH ⁺	N ₂ H ⁺	HOCO ⁺	H ₂ CCN				
CN	OCS	c-C ₃ H	H ₂ CCO				
SO	HCO	H ₃ O ⁺	C ₄ H				
SiO	H ₂ S	I-C ₃ H					
CO ⁺	SO ₂						
NO	HOC ⁺						
NS	C ₂ S						
NH	H ₂ O ⁺						
OH ⁺	HCS ⁺						
HF	H ₂ Cl ⁺						
SO ⁺	NH ₂						
ArH ⁺							
CF ⁺ (2016)							
SH ⁺ (2017)							

RR lines Carbon Hydrogen (SKA MID/LOW) Cross-check of the unknown



Extragalactic Spectral Line

difference to HI

Individual line width is of a few kms⁻¹

- H₂O Maser emission
- Zeeman splitting

The University of Manchester
Jodrell Bank
Observatory



High-z line KSC

- Deep field band-5(+) dense gas tracer search (CO/CS/HCN)
 - **Tracing the molecular gas luminosity function**, overall gas reservoir (ground-state CO), plus HCN/HCO+ dense, SF gas
 - **Cosmic evolution of molecular gas density**
 - **Chart SFE at high-z** - resolved KS - continuum+gas tracers
- Band 5(+) can directly target ground-state (low-excitation) molecular gas at high redshift
- (At $z > 6$ w/ SKA1, BAND 5+ => $z > 2.5$ w/ extension to 24 GHz)
- ie. Resolving a variety low J dense gas tracer from $z \sim 2 \rightarrow 6$.
- Single deep pointing - Commensal with deep continuum pointing (band 5(+))
- Depth/fov advantages compared to pre-SKA surveys (e.g. JVLA Ka survey $1\sigma \sim 55 \mu\text{Jy}$ → 6-sigma detection at knee of luminosity function.
- SKA 10times => $\sim 1 \mu\text{Jy}$ sensitivity. Can also probe HCN/CS

Rob Beswick

Heywood et al.: MESMER

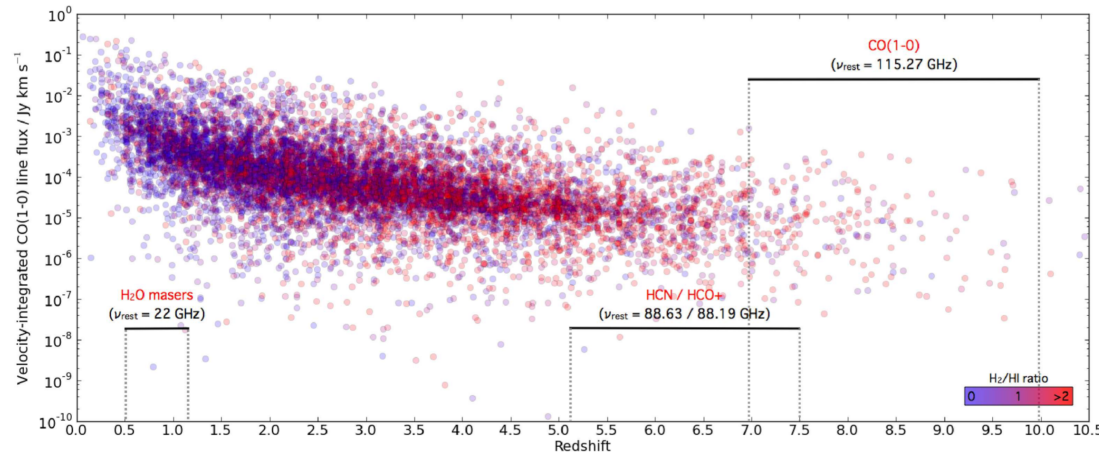


Fig. 1. The velocity-integrated CO($J=1 \rightarrow 0$) line flux for $\sim 10,000$ simulated galaxies as a function of redshift. Key predictions of the S³-SAX simulation are the evolution with redshift of the line strength and the ratio of atomic to molecular gas (the latter represented by the colour gradient), and the cosmological decline in the source counts. The redshift ranges of some key spectral lines are plotted, as probed by an observation which covers 10.5 - 14.5 GHz. Note that the vertical positions of these markers has no significance.

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Redshifted intergalactic ³He⁺ 8.7 GHz hyperfine absorption

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Motivated by recent interest in redshifted 21 cm emission of intergalactic hydrogen, we investigate the 8.7 GHz $2S_{1/2} F = 0 - 1$ hyperfine transition of $^3\text{He}^+$. While the primordial abundance of ^3He relative to hydrogen is 10^{-5} , the hyperfine spontaneous decay rate is 680 times larger. Furthermore, the antenna temperature is much lower at the frequencies relevant for the $^3\text{He}^+$ transition compared to that of $z > 6$ 21 cm emission. We find that the spin temperature of this 8.7 GHz line in the intergalactic medium is approximately the cosmic microwave background temperature, such that this transition is best observed in absorption against high-redshift, radio-bright quasars. We show that intergalactic 8.7 GHz absorption is a promising, unsaturated observable of the ionization history of intergalactic helium (for which He II \rightarrow He III reionization is believed to complete at $z \sim 3$) and of the primordial ^3He abundance. Instruments must reach $\sim 1 \mu\text{Jy}$ RMS noise in bands of 1 MHz on a 1 Jy source to directly resolve this absorption. However, in combination with H I Ly α forest measurements, an instrument can statistically detect this absorption from $z > 3$ with $30 \mu\text{Jy}$ RMS noise in 0.1 MHz spectral bands over 100 MHz, which may be within the reach of present instruments.



difference to HI

Narrow lines difficult to spot (RFI mitigation contaminants)

Polarisation properties are of big scientific interest

Sanity checks with other lines (link to molecular databases, etc.)

Multi-messenger cross-correlation

Intensity mapping techniques needed for CO but also for other lines

Stack of stacking methods to be developed