# Dark Energy with HIRAX

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### Cosmic History



#### **CMB** Anisotropies

#### PLANCK

Credit: NASA







# CMB Spectrum









#### Acoustic Oscillations









## Cosmic Concordance









### Cosmic Composition









## What is the Dark Energy?



# Dark Energy Key Probes

- Type 1a supernovae: measure luminosity distance  $\mathsf{D}_\mathsf{L}(z)$
- Cosmic lensing: measure growth factor G(z) in combination with angular diameter distance  $D_A(z)$
- Galaxy clusters: measure growth factor G(z) and comoving volume  $dV(z) \sim D_A^2(z)/H(z)$
- Baryon acoustic oscillations: measure angular diameter distance  $D_A(z)$  and Hubble parameter H(z)









#### **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations**









### Galaxies trace Matter Distribution









# Dark Energy with BAOs

- Galaxy positions trace acoustic waves from the early universe: sound horizon sets characteristic 150 Mpc scale
- Measure galaxy positions -> see ripples in the power spectrum, peak in the correlation function
- DR12 release from SDSS-III shown below, redshift range 0.2 < z < 0.75</li>











# **BAO Distance Ladder Measurements**



#### **Recent eBOSS results:**

Distance scale measurements at few percent level from tracers at different redshifts







#### Hydrogen in Galaxies Traces Matter Distribution









# Track Hydrogen with the 21cm Line









#### BAOs with 21cm Intensity Mapping





Sound wave imprint from recombination has a characteristic 150 Mpc scale (1 degree) - large

Require large volumes (large sky area and z range)

Counting individual galaxies & getting to high redshift is challenging

Throw away spatial resolution: use HI intensity mapping to measure matter distribution AND obtain redshift information.

Use the BAO peak as a standard ruler for charting the expansion history.







## Challenges for 21cm Intensity Detection



- Signal is weak need lots of collecting area and sensitive receivers
- Large volume is required to reduce cosmic variance since BAO scale is large need to cover large sky area and redshift range
- Precise calibration is required need a very stable instrument
- Foregrounds (galactic and extragalactic) are significantly larger than the 21cm signal need an extremely well characterised instrument to limit foreground leakage







#### 21cm Intensity Signal Correlated with Galaxies



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21cm intensity detected in cross-correlation



#### Designing a 21cm Intensity Mapping Dark Energy Telescope



- Maximise sensitivity on scales of interest -> Use compact array geometry
- Redshift range: 0.8 < z < 2.5 to capture dark energy domination at z ~ 1 and sufficient volume</li>
  -> Required frequencies: 400 800 MHz
- BAO 150 Mpc angular scale: 3 1.3 degrees at 0.8 < z < 2.5 -> Required interferometer baseline lengths: 15 60 metres
- BAO scale along line of sight: 20 12 MHz at 0.8 < z < 2.5 -> Required frequency resolution: 100 channels, more for foregrounds and higher order peaks
- BAO signal level: ~ 0.1 mK -> Low system temperature, large collecting area (lots of elements)







# Traditional Radio Interferometers





- Long baselines for resolution
- Layout optimised to sample uv plane: better imaging
- Trace structure on small to intermediate scales









# The Hydrogen Intensity mapping and Real time Analysis eXperiment (HIRAX)



Frequency Range	400–800 MHz
Frequency Resolution	$390\mathrm{kHz},1024$ channels
Dish size	$6 \mathrm{m}$ diameter, $f/D=0.25$
Interferometric layout	$32 \times 32$ square grid, 7 m spacing
Field of View	$15 \text{ deg}^2 - 56 \text{ deg}^2$
Resolution	$\sim 5' - 10'$
Beam Crossing Time	17–32 minutes
System Temperature	50 K

Newburgh et al (1607.02059)

- A compact array of 1024 six metre dishes operating at 400-800 MHz
- Scalable array built in stages: 128 (2021, funded), 256 (2022, funded) then 1024 elements -Operate full array for 4 years
- Dishes stationary but can tilt for more sky area, fabrication in South Africa
- Back-end: overlap with CHIME channelize with FPGA ICE boards, correlation with GPUs







# Collaboration and Funding



#### https://hirax.ukzn.ac.za/

- UKZN and South African NRF flagship funding secured for site infrastructure and pathfinder array. SARAO providing site, power and data.
- Swiss SNF funding secured for 512 channel X-engine (GPU correlator). McGill funding for F-engine (ICE boards).
- NRF strategic research equipment (SRE) funding secured to expand pathfinder array.
- Sufficient budget to build 256 dishes.







## Location, Location, Location ...





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place

data)





# Other HIRAXers





#### Rock hyrax (dassie) resident in the Karoo

#### Thrash metal band







# HIRAX Design Plan

- 1024 close-packed 6m dishes.
  Fibre-glass and metal prototypes fabrication in South Africa.
- Cloverleaf dual-pol feed, RF over fibre
- Operate between 400-800 MHz, 1000 channels
- Channelizing on FPGA ICE boards
- Correlation on GPUs









#### HIRAX Instrument



# HIRAX Complementarity with CHIME

- HIRAX dishes || CHIME cylinders different systematics, larger collecting area
- Lower RFI at SKA SA Karoo site
- CHIME sees whole (accessible) sky each day || HIRAX can integrate deep on narrow strips
- HIRAX observes southern sky
  - optical surveys: cross-correlation science and foreground mitigation
  - more pulsars in south





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Site

Telescope Field of view

Beam size

Sky coverage



North



South

# HartRAO Prototype Array



- 8-element prototype at Hartebeeshoek Radio Observatory informing design, analysis and systematics
- Eight "off-the-shelf" f/0.38 dishes fully instrumented with fully functional scaled-down digital backend with single ICE board and GPU correlator
- Metal and fibreglass f/0.25 dishes installed and being tested
- Field-testing RFoF system
- Complementary prototyping efforts at DRAO and Green Bank









# HartRAO Prototype Data



- Currently characterising instrumental properties from the data
- We see fringes. Can fit basic beam and gain models.
- Poor RFI environment at HartRAO limits high-precision characterisation
- RF characterisation on DRAO 3m f/D=0.25 dishes, Green Bank 6m f/D=0.38 dishes; Shift to (low RFI) Karoo qualification array site with selected 6m dishes







# Upcoming Schedule

- Inform instrument design + layout through cosmology/electromagnetic simulations in 2020
- HartRAO programme in 2020/2021\*
  - Test f/0.25 fibreglass and metal dishes
  - Finalise dish requirements and go out on tender
  - Test RFoF and feeds on f/0.25 dishes
  - Develop holography/drone beam calibration system
- Develop HIRAX Karoo main site by Q2 2021\*
- 2-element qualification dishes at HIRAX Karoo Klerefontein site by Q2 2021\*
- 8-element prototype at HIRAX Karoo Swartfontein site by Q3 2021\*
- 128-element pathfinder at HIRAX Karoo Swartfontein site by Q1 2022\*









subject to COVID-19

restrictions.

# HIRAX 21cm Intensity Mapping Survey

- Wide redshift coverage: z ~ 0.8 2.5
- Survey area: ~15,000 deg<sup>2</sup>
- Angular coverage: *l* ~ 40 2000 gives k<sub>perp</sub> ~ [10<sup>-2</sup>, 1] h Mpc<sup>-1</sup> at z~1; limited by primary beam and maximum baseline.
- Frequency coverage: y ~ 20 20000 gives k<sub>par</sub> ~ [10<sup>-3</sup>, 1] h Mpc<sup>-1</sup>; limited by foregrounds and nonlinearities.
- Sensitivity: 15 uJy/beam daily,1 uJy/beam full survey









# **BAO Forecasts with HIRAX**





• HIRAX will make a precise measurement of the matter power spectrum in the BAO regime in a number of redshift bins from z = 0.775 to 2.55.







# HIRAX Distance Scale Forecasts



- Convert power spectrum BAO constraints into constraints on D<sub>V</sub> in each redshift bin -> constrain the BAO scale at the percent level out to high redshift with HIRAX-1024







#### HIRAX Cosmological Parameter Forecasts



• HIRAX measurements of  $D_V$  will provide tight constraints on cosmological parameters in combination with CMB data







# HIRAX Dark Energy Constraints





HIRAX-1024 FoM ~ 300 approaching DETF Stage IV class galaxy surveys ~400







#### Foregrounds Challenge



- Galactic signal is several orders of magnitude larger than the 21cm intensity mapping signal
- Filter foregrounds by using spectral smoothness of foreground intensity spectrum (polarisation is more complicated)







# Foregrounds Challenge



#### Foreground wedge builds up

- v = (B<sub>instr</sub> + δB<sub>instr</sub>)(a<sub>fg</sub> + δa<sub>fg</sub> + a<sub>21</sub>) = B<sub>instr</sub> a<sub>fg</sub> (filter) + B<sub>instr</sub> δa<sub>fg</sub> (leakage) + δB<sub>instr</sub> a<sub>fg</sub> (leakage) + B<sub>instr</sub> a<sub>21</sub> (signal) + higher order terms
- Precise foreground modelling and characterisation is required

 Precise knowledge of the instrument is vital - need to characterise beams, pointing, delay, gain, bandpass, cross-polarisation etc.







#### Instrument Characterisation is a Major Challenge



- Instrument Calibration: Beam calibration using holography + drone calibrator mapping: mapping tests will start with HartRAO prototype, characterise using full electromagnetic simulations
- Analysis: Quasi-redundant calibration for non-idealities in HIRAX array (Sievers, 1701.01860)
- Design Simulations: Determine tolerances on telescope parameters to limit instrumental leakage







# Simulations for Instrument Design



- End-to-end cosmology simulations pipeline that incorporates beams from full EM simulations
- Simulations used to set requirements for upcoming dish tender -> control errors in beam shape, pointing and geometric delay that result in non-redundancies
- Fisher matrix approach with 21cm/foreground/instrument parameters -> determine instrument tolerances that will mitigate foreground leakage and preserve dark energy FoM







### Simulations for Instrument Design



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# HIRAX Cross-Correlation Cosmology

- HIRAX intensity mapping survey will have good redshift overlap with other large-area cosmological surveys, primarily in the southern sky
  - ◆ Photometric: DES, LSST
  - ◆ Spectroscopic: DESI, Euclid and W-FIRST
  - ♦ CMB: ACT, SPT, Simons Observatory
- HIRAX has excellent noise over cosmologically interesting scales, complementary to MeerKAT and SKA
- Cross-correlations ideal for testing systematics and joint science









# LSST Photo-z Calibration







• Cross-correlation with the LSST photometric survey can provide photo-z calibration via the clustering redshifts method and improve dark energy parameter constraints from cosmic shear and galaxy clustering.







#### Galaxy-21cm Magnification Bias Estimator



- Direct 21cm-CMB lensing correlation vanishes because of loss of low k<sub>par</sub> 21cm modes in foreground subtraction
- Construct a bispectrum estimator that uses two copies of the 21cm intensity field and one copy of the CMB lensing field.
- Estimator relies on modulation of smallscale 21cm modes by large-scale (supersample) modes to recover the line-of-sight long wavelength modes that are required for correlation with CMB lensing.









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- Improve dark energy constraints









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