SKA as a Probe of Dark Matter on Subgalactic Scales and the Galaxies that Reionized the Universe





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Cold Dark Matter halos



N-body simulation of dark halo

Problems:

• "Missing satellites"

Too many CDM subhalos compared to luminous satellite galaxies

• "Too big to fail"

The most massive subhalos predicted by CDM seem to have no counterparts among Milky Way satellite galaxies

Gravitational lensing as a probe of dark halo substructures



See Zackrisson & Riehm (2010) for a review



Luminous dwarf galaxy distorting Einstein ring

Vegetti et al. (2010)



What you
/ really want!

Two such cases already detected with HST and ground-based AO (Vegetti et al. 2010, 2012)

Higher angular resolution \rightarrow Substructures of lower mass detectable. ALMA with the longest baselines (~0.01") is the next step (Zackrisson et al. 2013, Asadi et al. in prep)

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2nd epoch EVN data (E. Freeland)

SKA1 + African VLBI network + other VLBI arrays



Large antennas in Africa

Better resolution at low frequencies \rightarrow Increased probability for detection of dark halo substructures (due to v-dependent jet sizes)

Did galaxies reionize the Universe?

A Schematic Outline of the Cosmic Histor Time since the Big Bang (years) ~ 300 thousand ~ 500 million Reionization ~ 1 billion ~ 9 billion ~ 13 billion

Ionizing photon budget relevant for reionization: $\dot{N_{ion}} \propto \rho_{UV} fesc$

From observed galaxy luminosity function at z>6 Escape fraction of ionizing photons (Lyman continuum)

S.G. Djorgovski et al. & Digital Media Center, Caltech

The Lyman Continuum Escape Fraction



At z > 4-5, the IGM opacity prevents direct detections of escaping Lyman continuum (Inoue & Iwata 2008) – Indirect methods needed!

Method I: Leakage signatures in JWST galaxy spectra



Zackrisson, Inoue & Jensen 2013, ApJ, 777, 39

Method II: 21 cm tomography

Slice of the Universe during early reionization



Ionized bubble in intergalactic medium

Method II: 21 cm tomography

SKA → Size of ionized region
~ Number of LyC photons absorbed
by IGM (i.e. escaping from galaxy)

JWST/ELT spectroscopy \rightarrow

Number of LyC photons produced throughout star formation history

Combine the two \rightarrow Time-integrated LyC escape fraction!

Potential complications I Problems in reconstructing SFR(t)?



Simulations predict increasing SFR(t) \rightarrow Most LyC photons produced recently \rightarrow Not a serious problem?

Potential complications II Least luminous objects dominate escape fraction?

, Large galaxy \rightarrow Sufficiently bright for JWST/ELT spectroscopy, but has $f_{esc} \approx 0$

• Small galaxies \rightarrow Not sufficiently bright for JWST/ELT spectroscopy, but have $f_{esc} \approx 1$

Objects that dominate bubble growth are out of reach... Problematic!



Lyman Continuum Leakage and Cosmic Reionization

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The contribution from star-forming galaxies to the reionization of the Universe depends on the galaxy luminosity function *and* on the Lyman continuum (LyC) escape fraction of galaxies at redshifts greater than $z\sim6$. While most activity in this field has so far focused on quantifying the luminosity function, this 3-day workshop focuses on current and future efforts to constrain the LyC escape fraction of galaxies at both low and high redshift, and the impact that this is likely to have on our understanding of cosmic reionization.

Topics to be explored include:

- Direct and indirect methods to constrain LyC leakage (from the local to the high-redshift Universe)
- Observations of LyC leakage
- Theoretical perspectives on LyC leakage mechanisms
- Simulations and observational probes of reionization: How can empirical data on LyC escape fractions help? Is it necessary to know the galaxy LyC escape fraction to prove that galaxies reionized the Universe?
- Complications: Anisotropic leakage, IGM clumping factors, gravitational lensing etc.

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Summary

- SKA connected to African VLBI network and other VLBI arrays → Lensing probe of dark matter on subgalactic scales
- 21 cm tomography with SKA + JWST/ELT imaging spectroscopy → Contribution of individual galaxies to reionization at z~10



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