

Detection of Cosmological 21cm Emission with CHIME

Simon Foreman

**Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics
/ Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory**



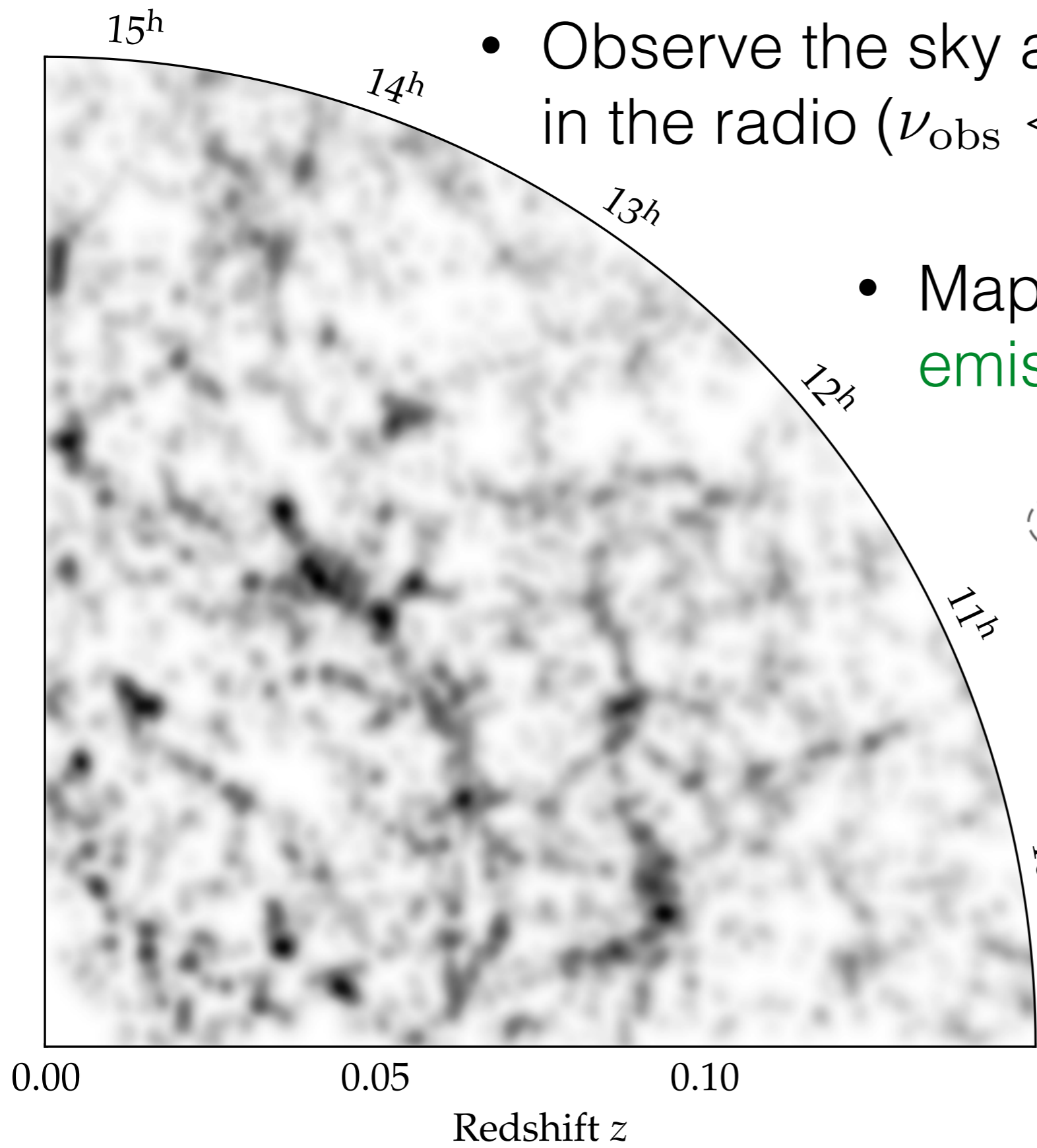
PI PERIMETER
INSTITUTE

Rencontres de Blois
May 24, 2022
[*sforeman@pitp.ca*](mailto:sforeman@pitp.ca)



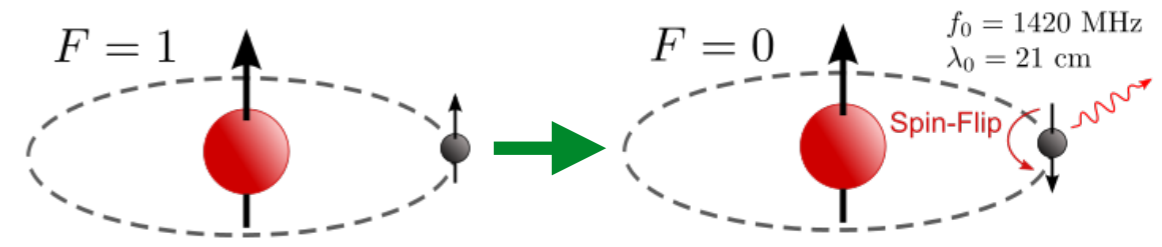
NRC · CNRC

Large-scale structure with 21cm intensity mapping



- Observe the sky at **low resolution** in the radio ($\nu_{\text{obs}} < 1420.4 \text{ MHz}$)

- Maps contain **21cm line emission** from spin flips in HI



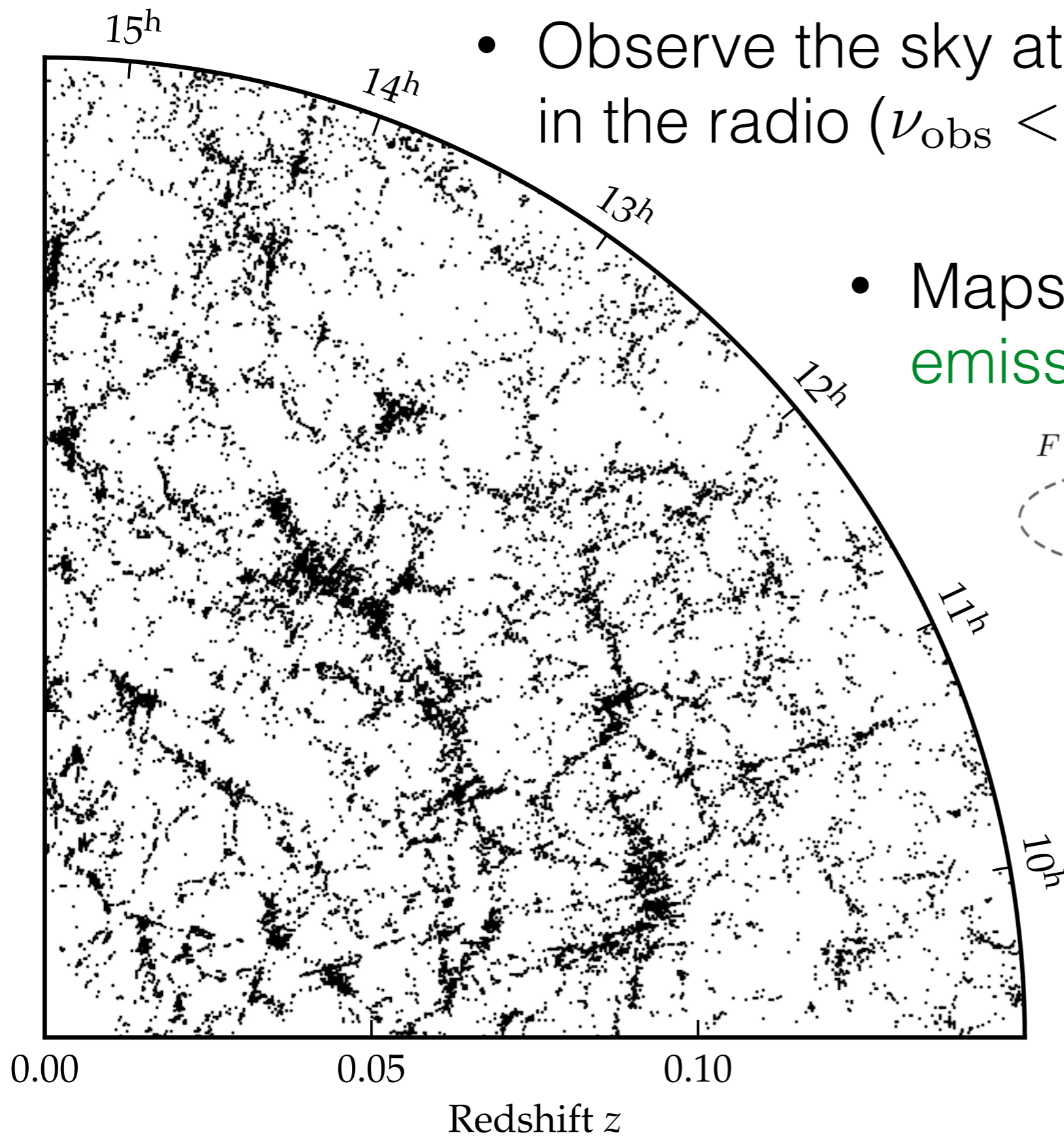
- **Observing frequency** → **redshift:**

$$z = \frac{1420.4 \text{ MHz}}{\nu_{\text{obs}}} - 1$$

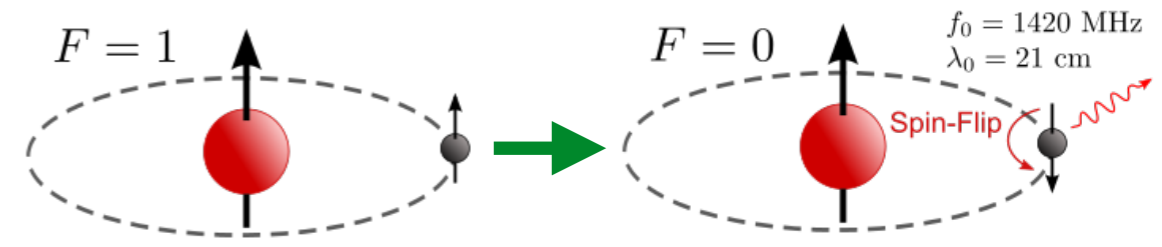
figure: Richard Shaw

Large-scale structure with 21cm intensity mapping

- Observe the sky at **low resolution** in the radio ($\nu_{\text{obs}} < 1420.4 \text{ MHz}$)



- Maps contain **21cm line emission** from spin flips in HI

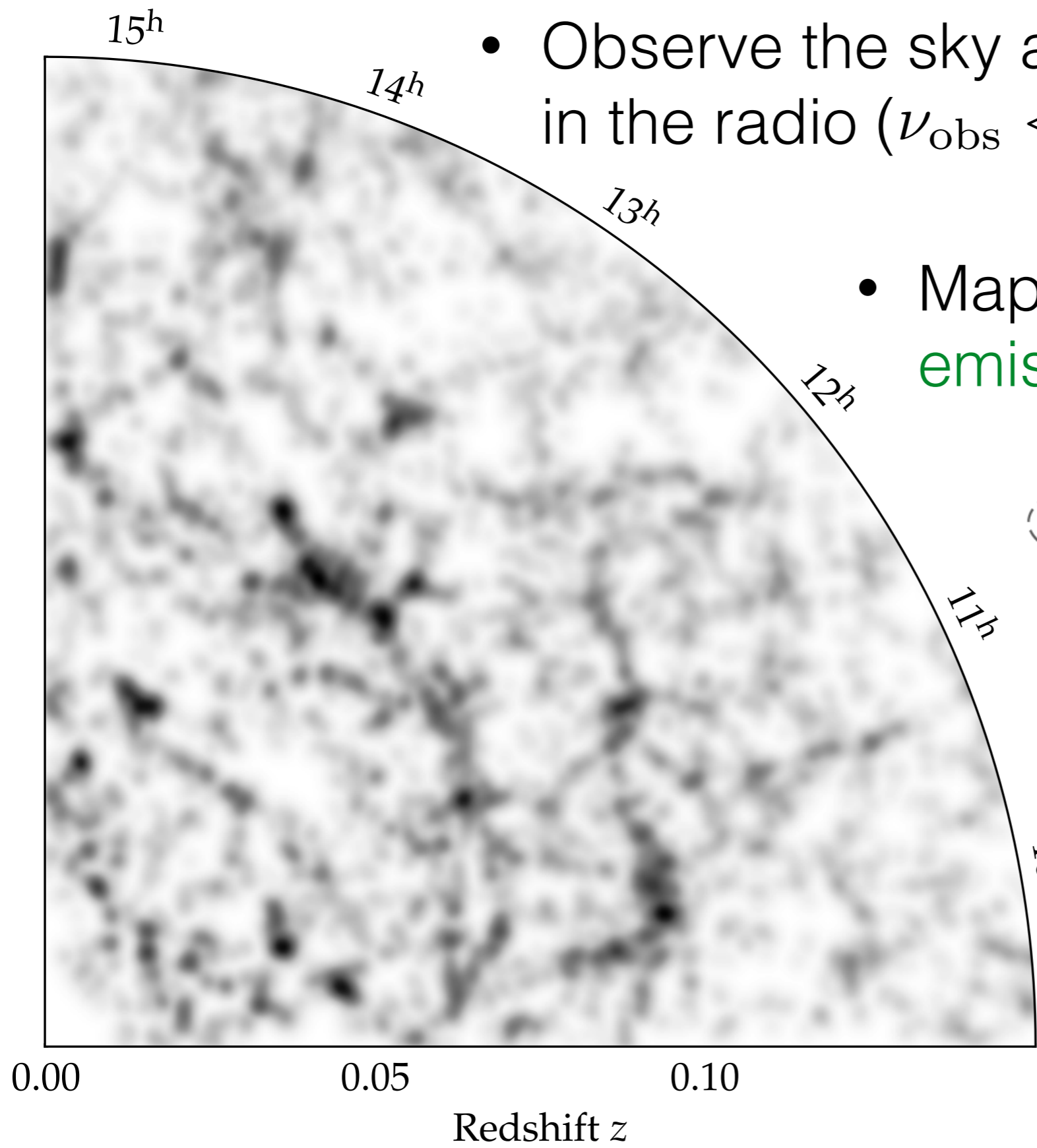


- **Observing frequency** → **redshift:**

$$z = \frac{1420.4 \text{ MHz}}{\nu_{\text{obs}}} - 1$$

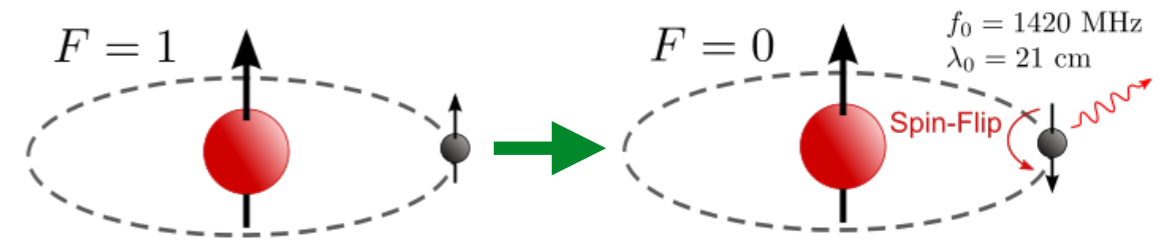
figure: Richard Shaw

Large-scale structure with 21cm intensity mapping



- Observe the sky at **low resolution** in the radio ($\nu_{\text{obs}} < 1420.4 \text{ MHz}$)

- Maps contain **21cm line emission** from spin flips in HI



- **Observing frequency** \rightarrow **redshift:**

$$z = \frac{1420.4 \text{ MHz}}{\nu_{\text{obs}}} - 1$$

figure: Richard Shaw

The Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment



Transit radio interferometer (no moving parts)

1024 dual-polarized antennas

4 cylinders, 20m x 100m each

400 - 800 MHz ($2.5 > z > 0.8$)

Location



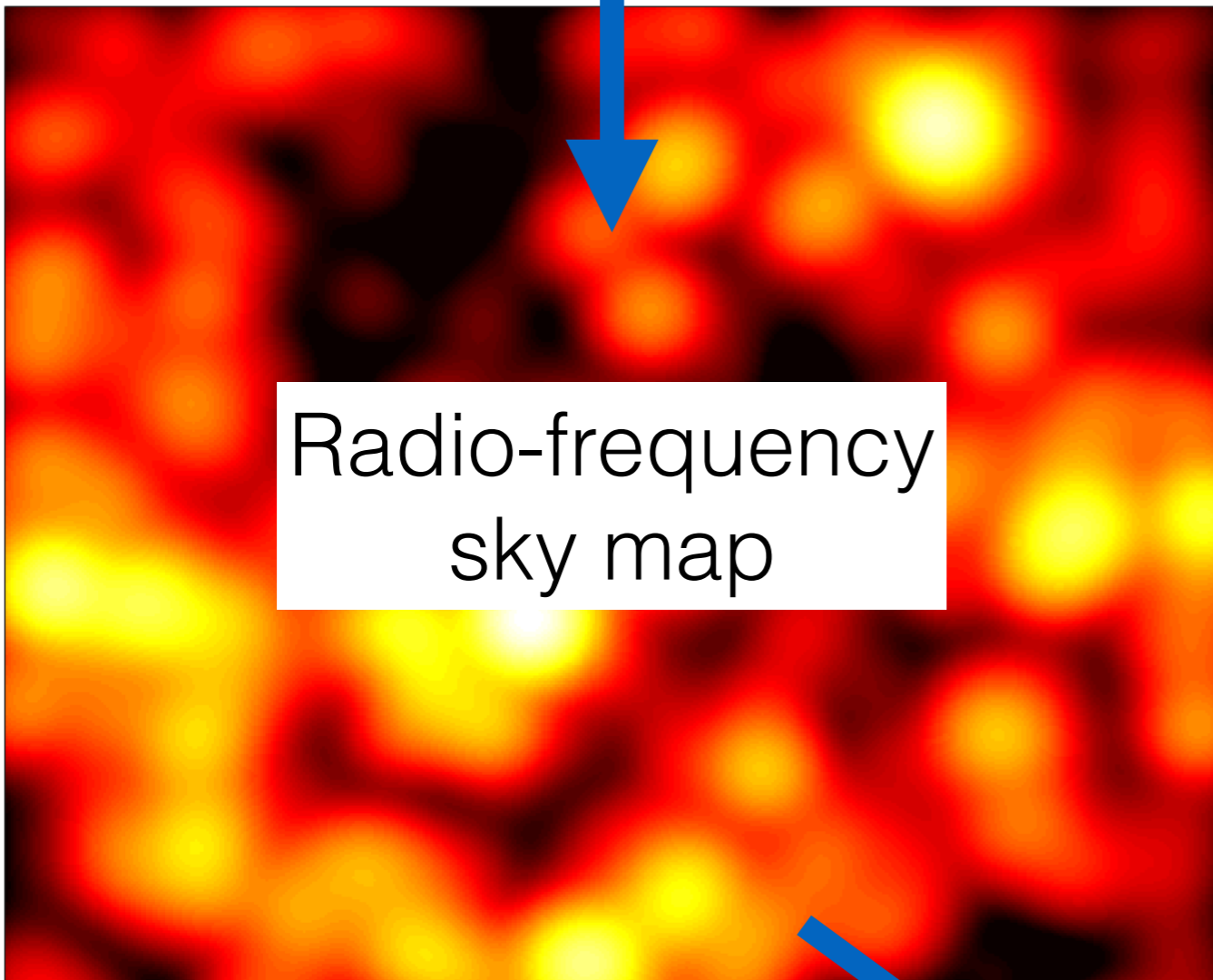
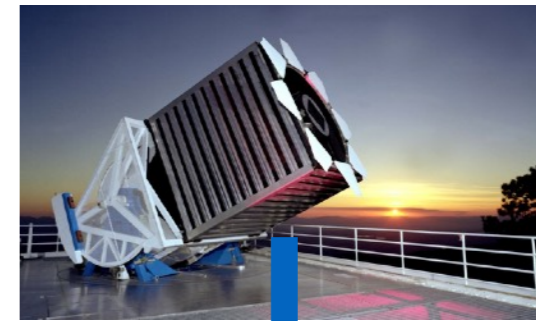
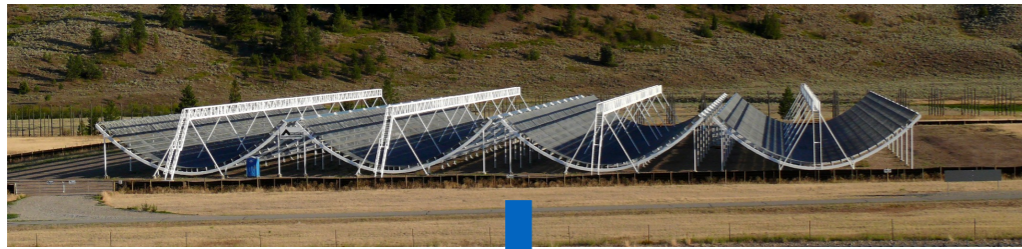
 chime

Location

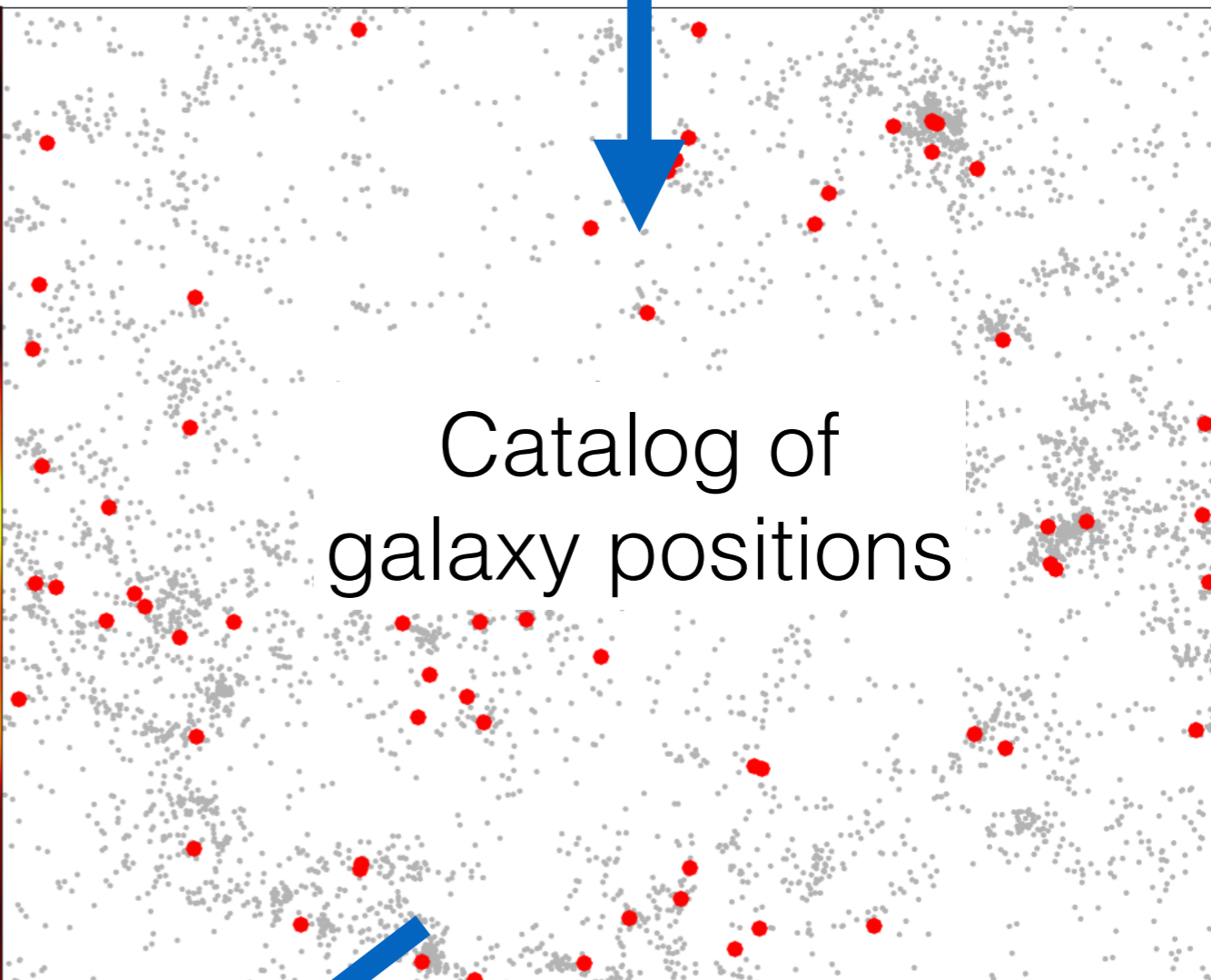
We acknowledge that CHIME is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan people.



First cosmology analysis



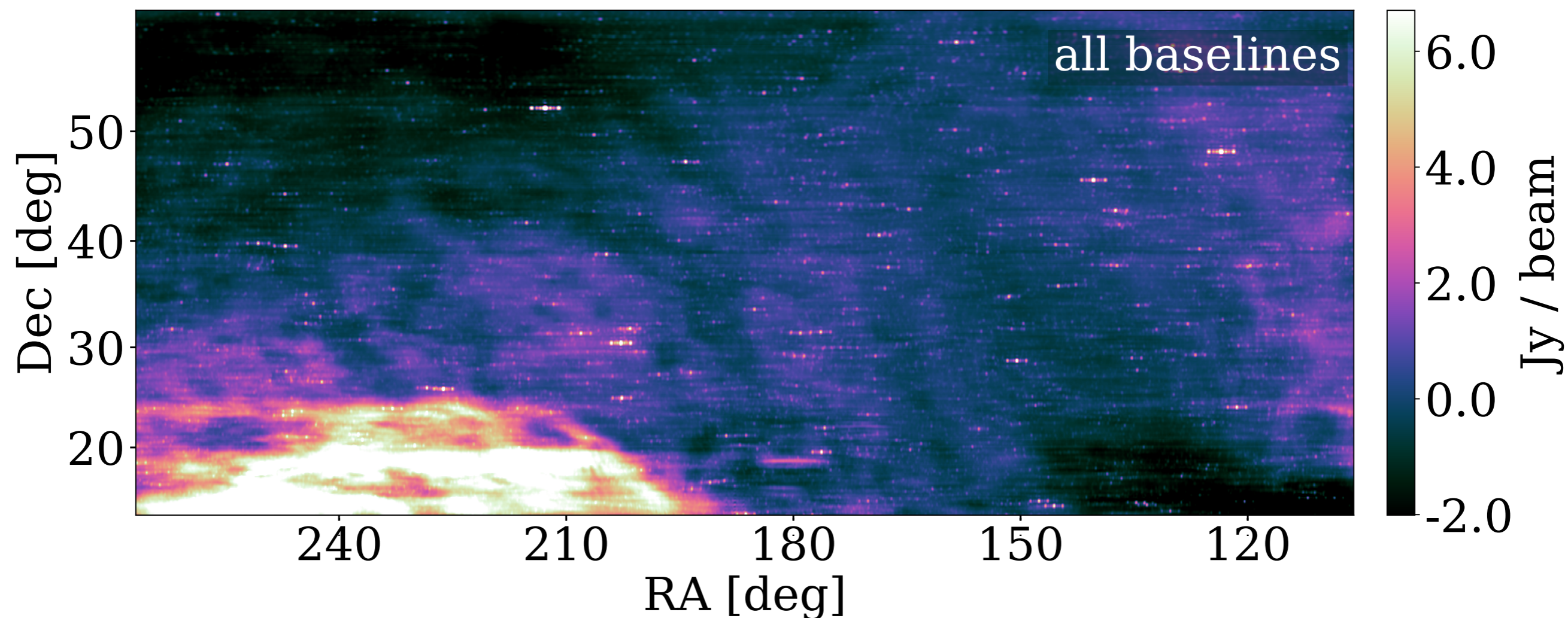
Radio-frequency sky map



Catalog of galaxy positions

Measure **correlation**

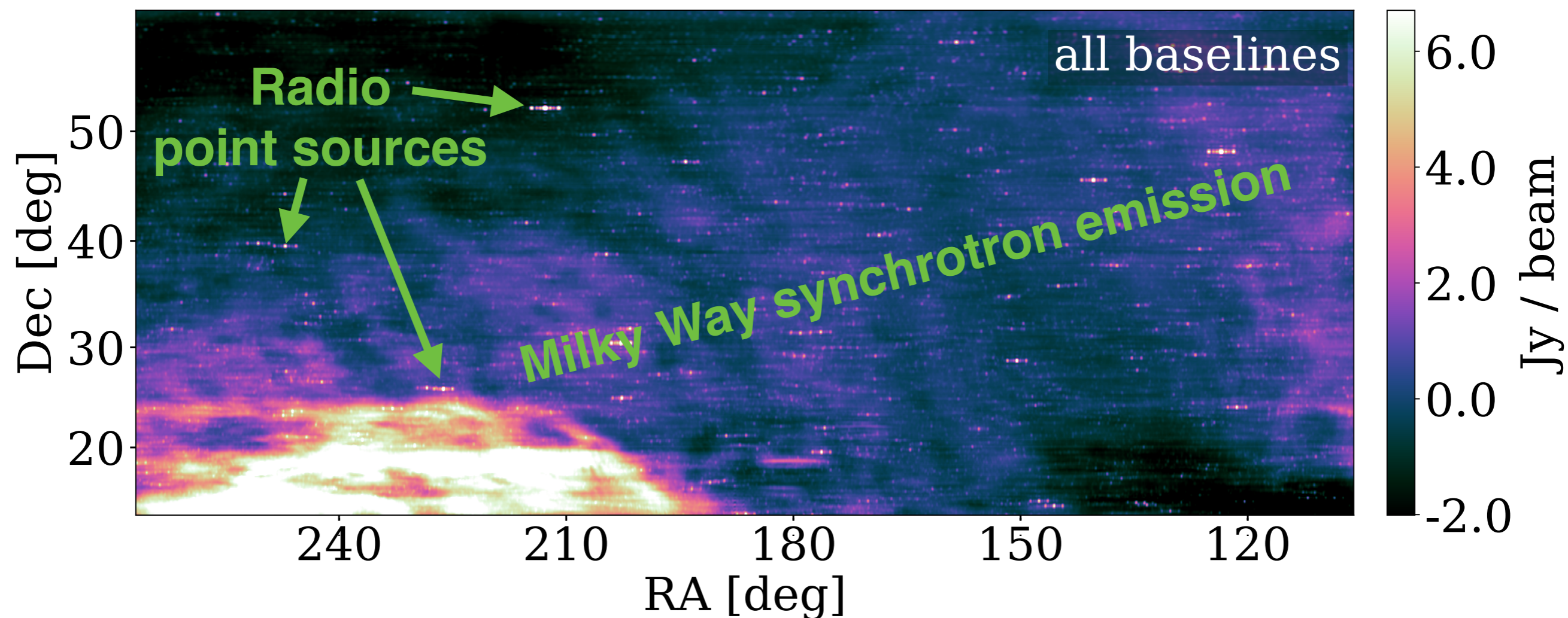
CHIME sky map at 700MHz ($z \approx 1$)



Roughly 500 hours (~ 22 days) of integration time

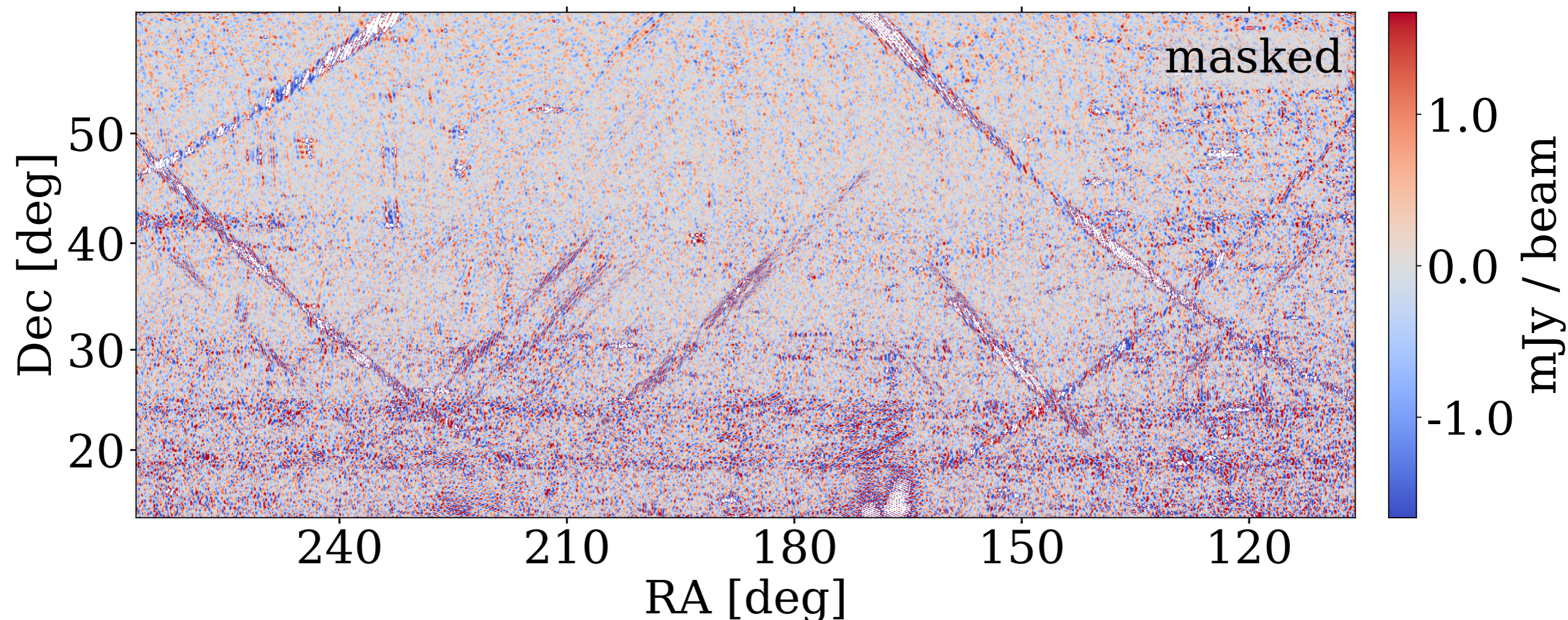
(Total collected so far: ~ 3 years)

CHIME sky map at 700MHz ($z \approx 1$)



Roughly 500 hours (~ 22 days) of integration time

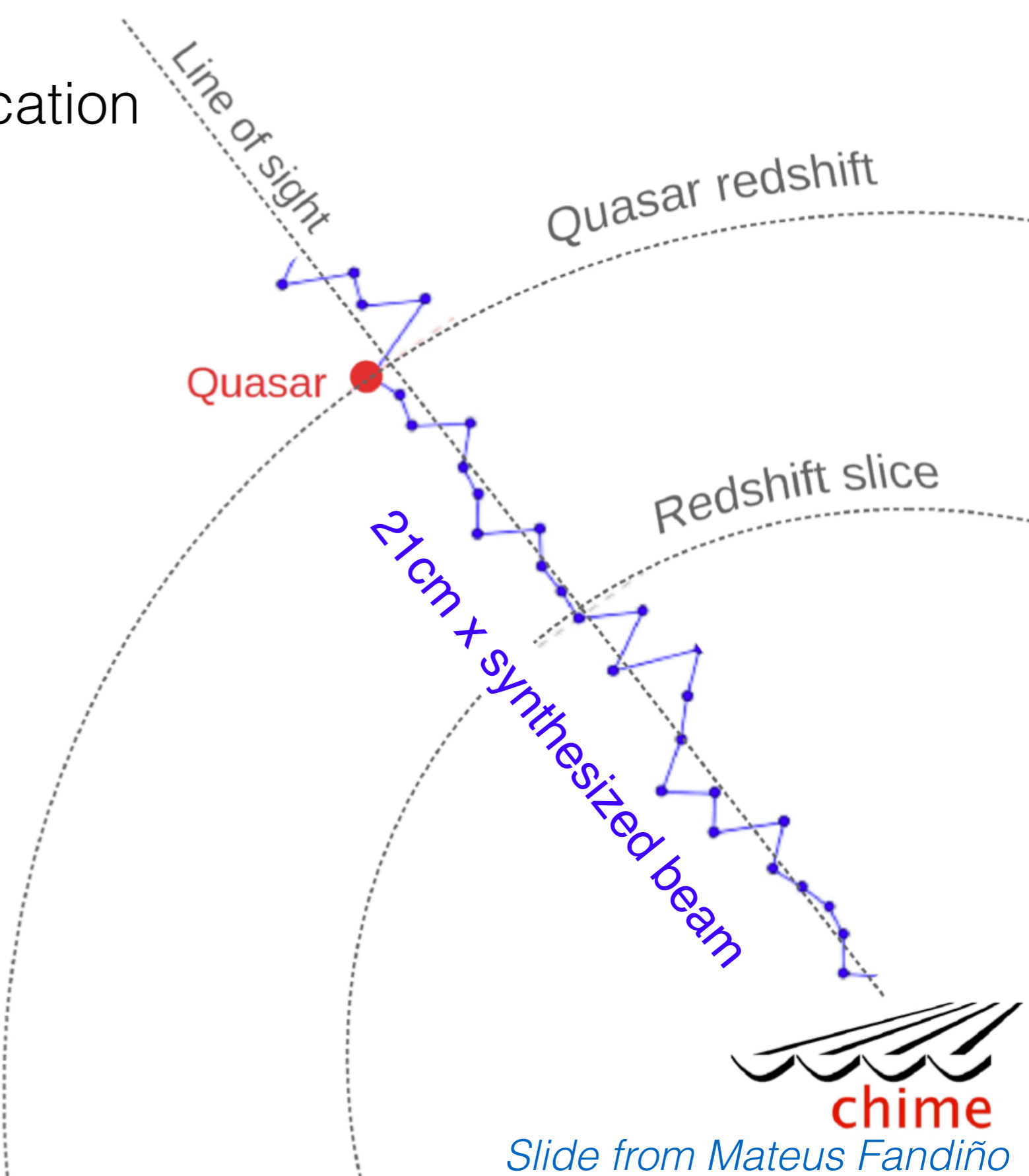
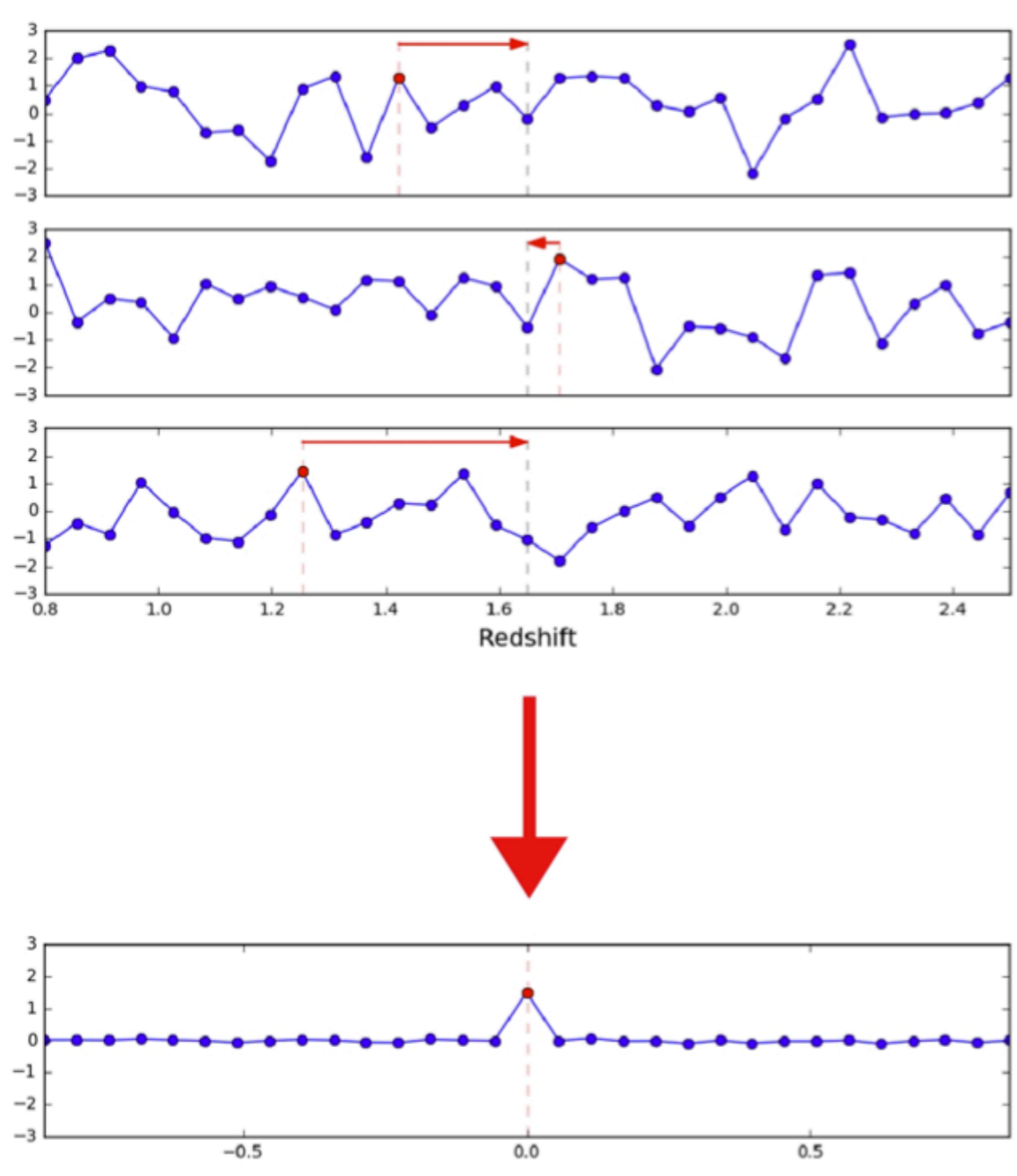
(Total collected so far: ~ 3 years)

CHIME sky map at 700MHz ($z \approx 1$): filtered

- Apply **high-pass spatial filter**: resolve out diffuse MW emission
- Apply **high-pass filter along frequency axis**:
remove spectrally-smooth point sources
- **Mask pixels** >6 times expected noise level:
mitigate residuals from bright point sources

Cross correlations: method

- Extract 1d “pencil beam” from map, at angular location of each catalog object
- Shift ν axis and stack



Stacking signal for all eBOSS catalogs

ELG

31k objects, $z_{\text{eff}} = 0.96$

S/N ~ 5.7

LRG

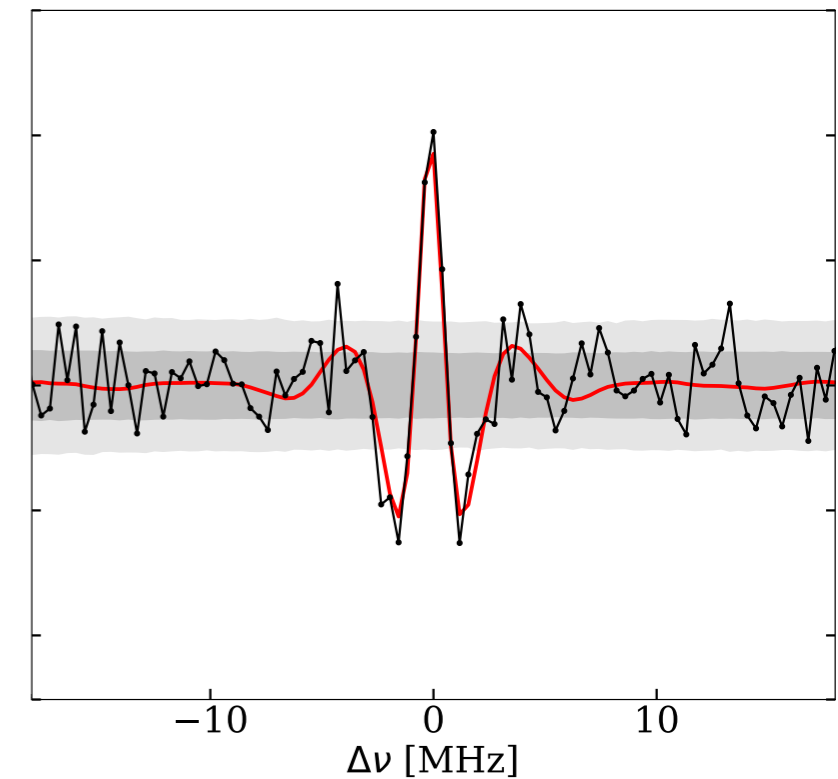
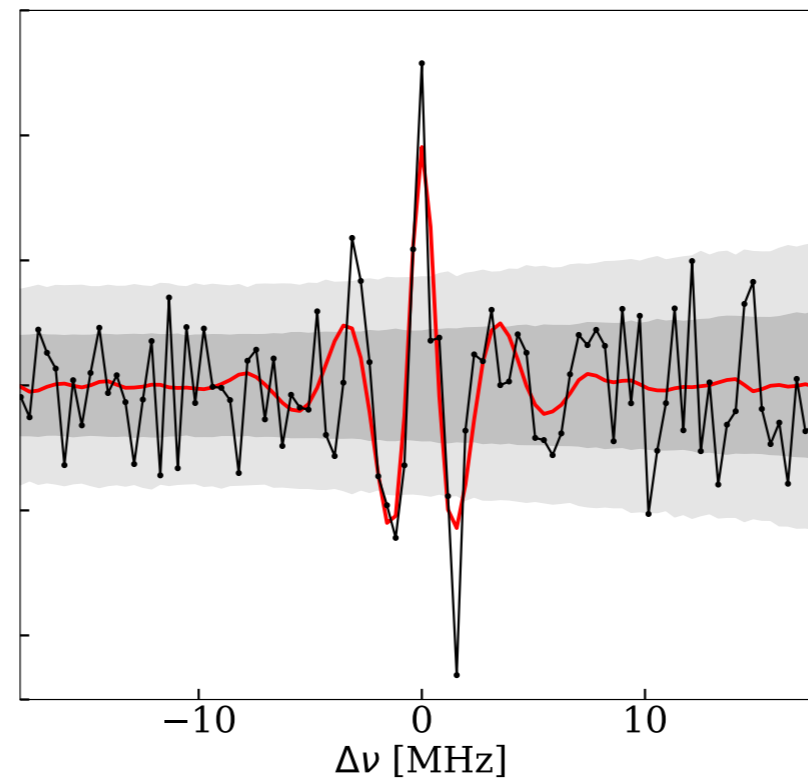
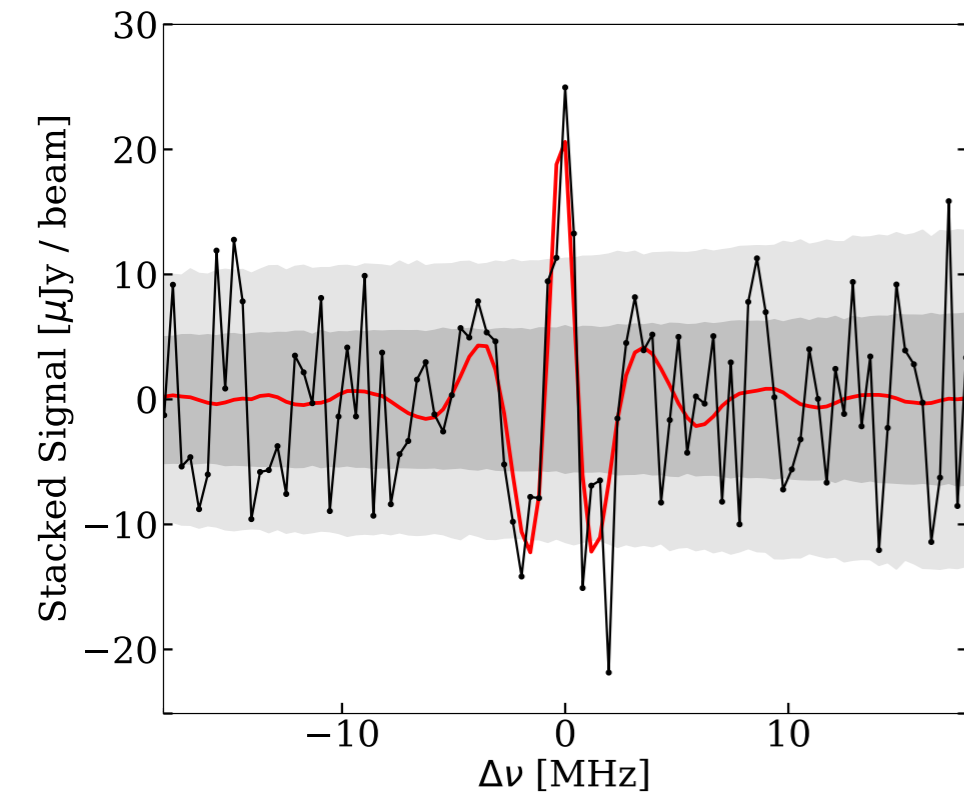
22k objects, $z_{\text{eff}} = 0.84$

S/N ~ 7.1

QSO

48k objects, $z_{\text{eff}} = 1.20$

S/N ~ 11.1



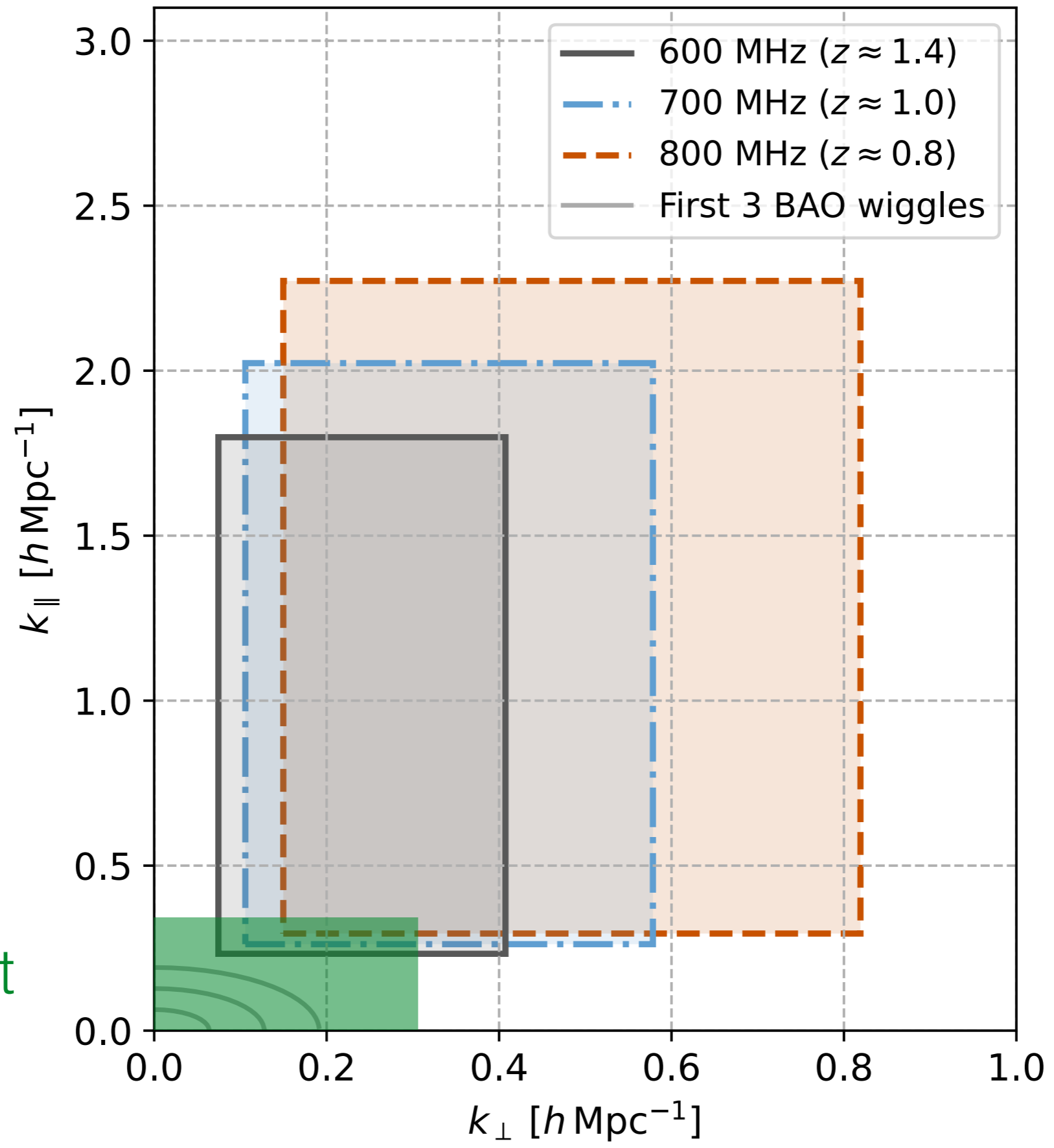
First 21cm IM measurement:

- With custom-built instrument
- At redshifts > 1.2
- With interferometric telescope

Cosmological scales probed

↑
Small
spectral
scales

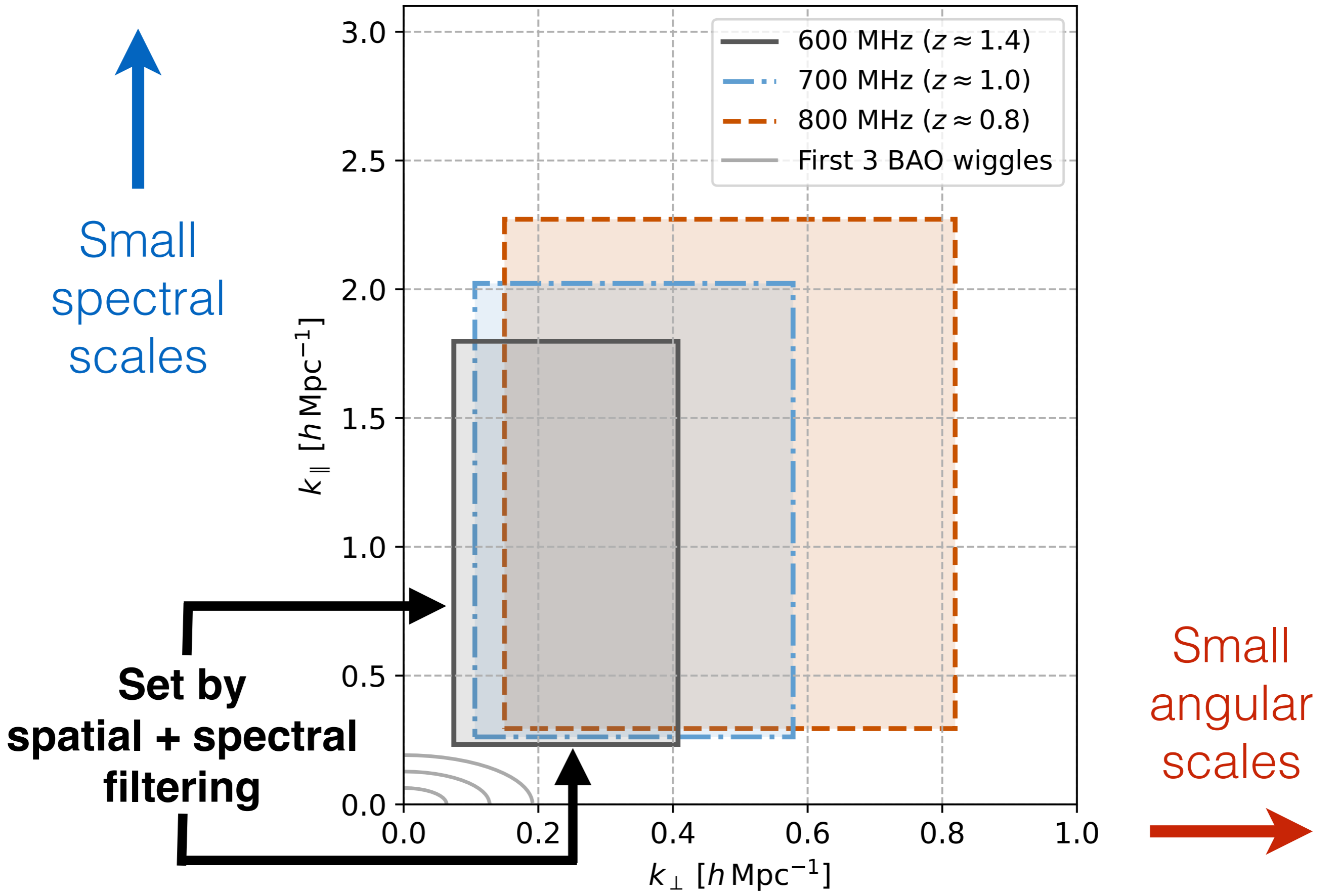
Main target



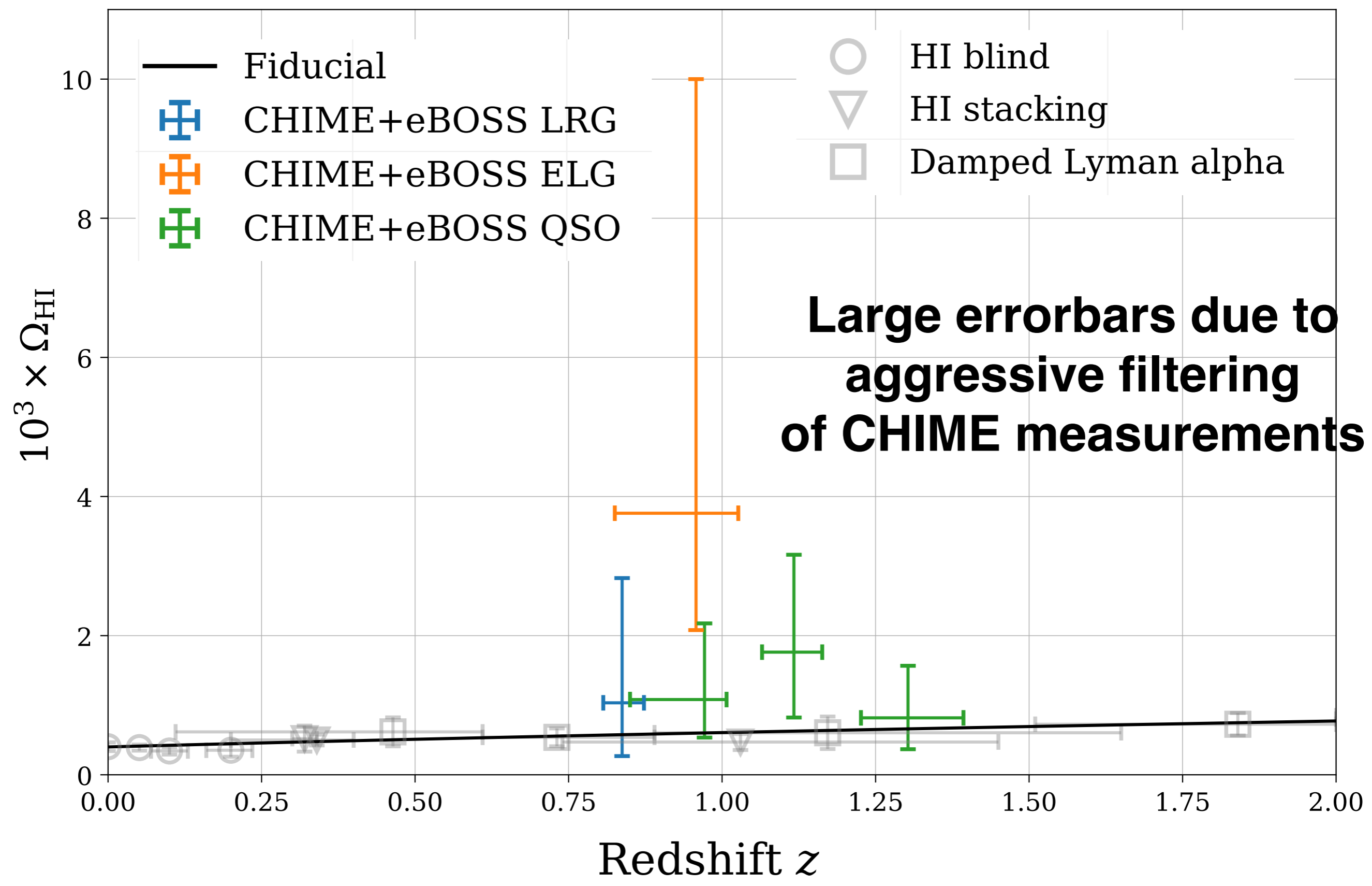
Small
angular
scales



Cosmological scales probed

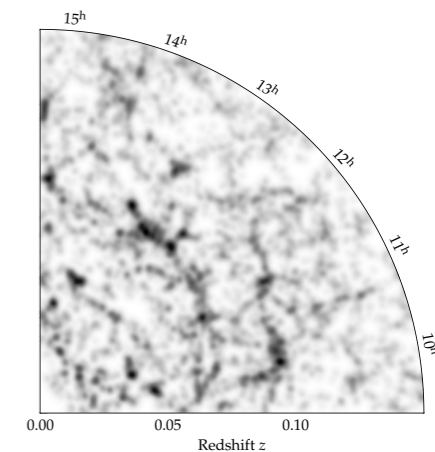


Constraints on mean HI density

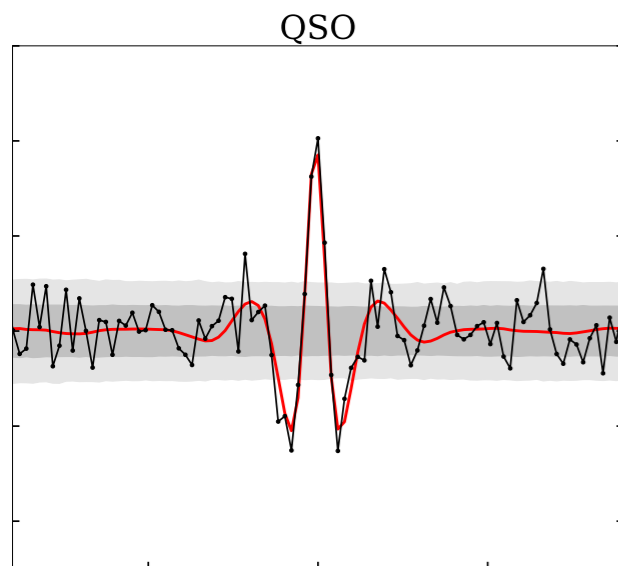


Summary

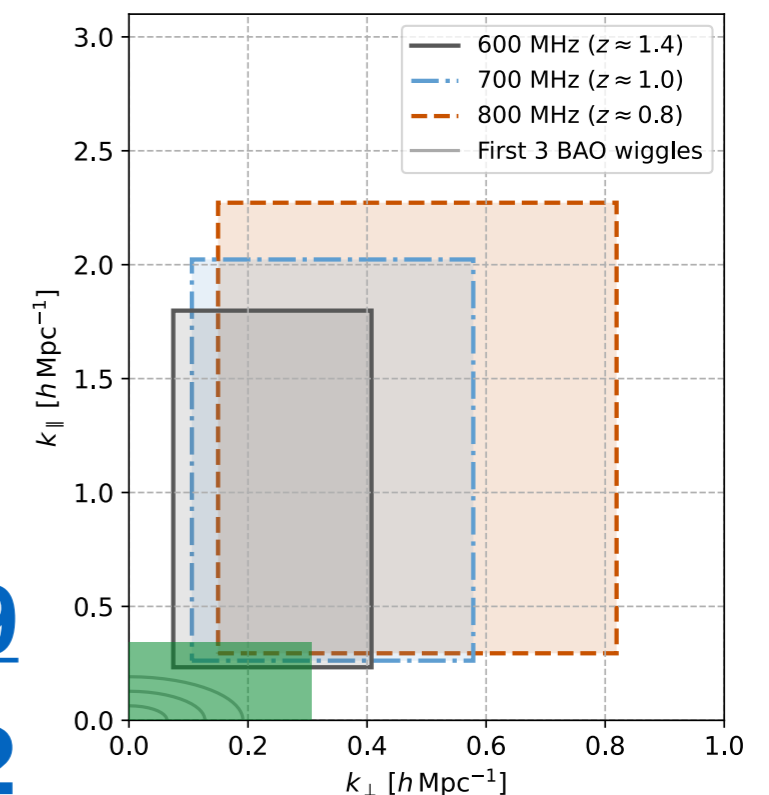
- CHIME is mapping large-scale structure from $z = 0.8$ to 2.5 using 21cm intensity mapping



- We have measured cross-correlations between CHIME sky maps and 3 galaxy/QSO catalogs from eBOSS, at $>5\sigma$



- Future analyses will push into regime where modelling is cleaner



CHIME overview paper: [arXiv:2201.07869](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.07869)

Detection paper: [arXiv:2202.01242](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.01242)