

SKA Data Challenge 3a

results & goals



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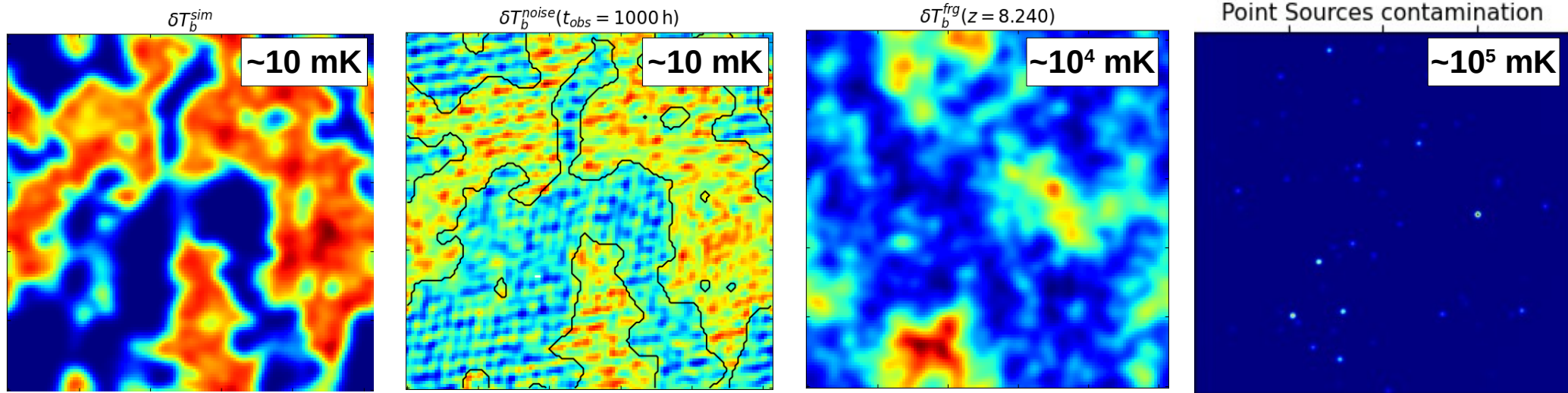


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Real Space: 21-cm Observations

Currently we can create EoR mock observation with a combination of numerical models for 21-cm, systematic noise and foregrounds.

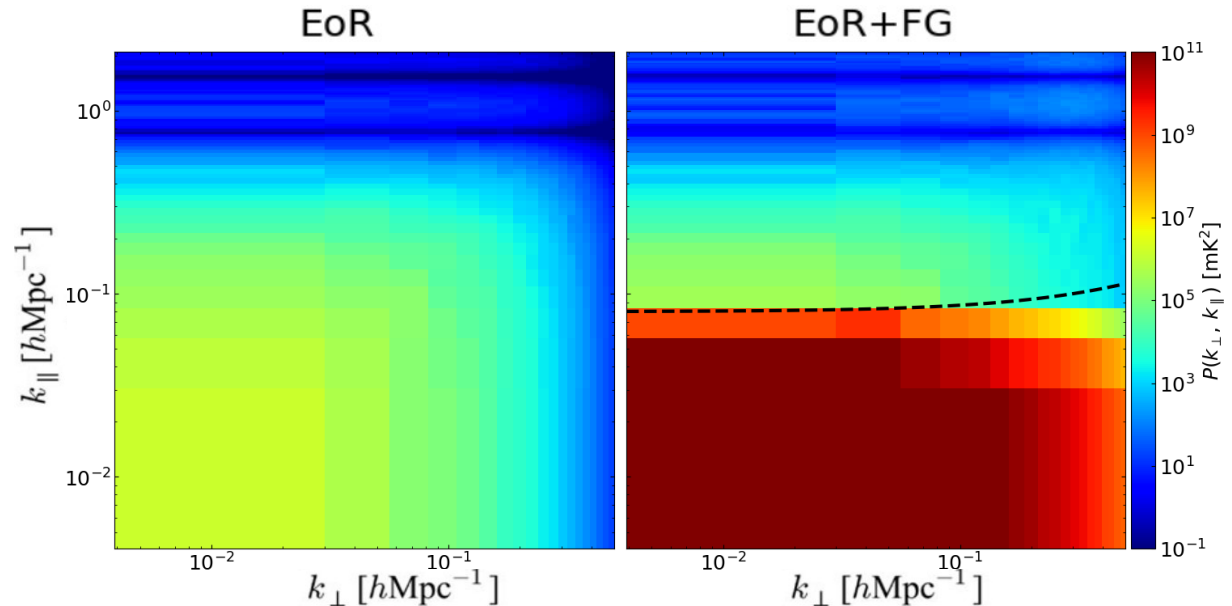
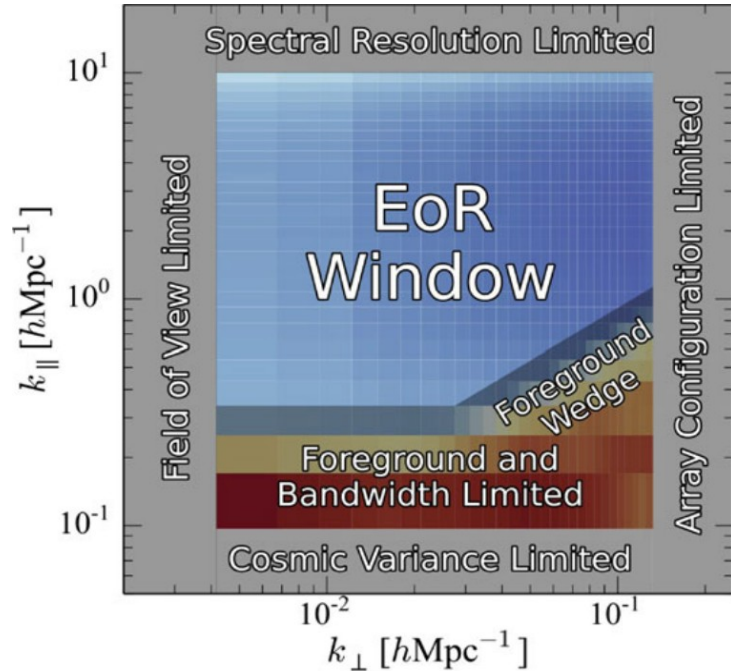


Goal:

Recover 21-cm differential brightness and the distribution of neutral hydrogen from SKA-Low mock observations.

Fourier Space: 21-cm 2D Power Spectra

Fourier transformation of the 21-cm lightcone tomographic dataset provide the 2D power spectra.



Bianco+ (2023)

Remove k -modes contaminated by foreground with **avoidance** technique model for **subtract** the foreground contribution

SDC3 Data

Data stored on Piz Daint, stored at: **/store/ska/sk01**

Image Products/Files

- ZW2.msw_image.fits → uniform weighting data cube
- ZW2.msw_psf.fits → uniform weighting psf
- ZW2.msn_image.fits → natural weighting data cube
- ZW2.msn_psf.fits → natural weighting psf
- station_beam.fits → time-averaged station beam cube
- ZW2.%s_image.md5 → checksum file for ZW2.%s_image.fits

Measurement sets visibilities

- ZW2_IFRQ_%04d.ms → 900 MS at frequency channel

15 GB

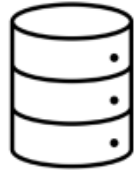


Image cube
Data integrated over time

7.5 TB

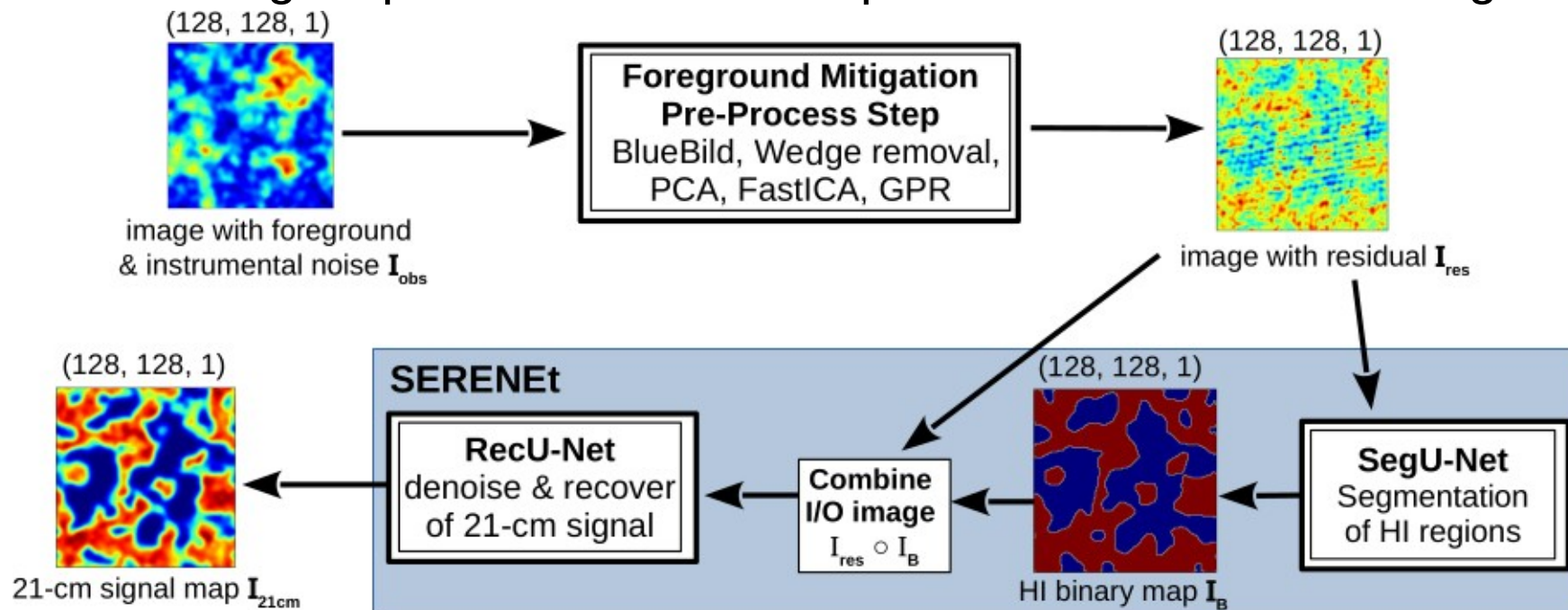


Calibrated visibilities
Data in 1400 "timesteps"

SERENet

SEgmentation and REgression NEtwork

Combine the predicted binary maps of **SegU-Net** as additional input of **RecU-Net** training step in order to include prior in the network training.



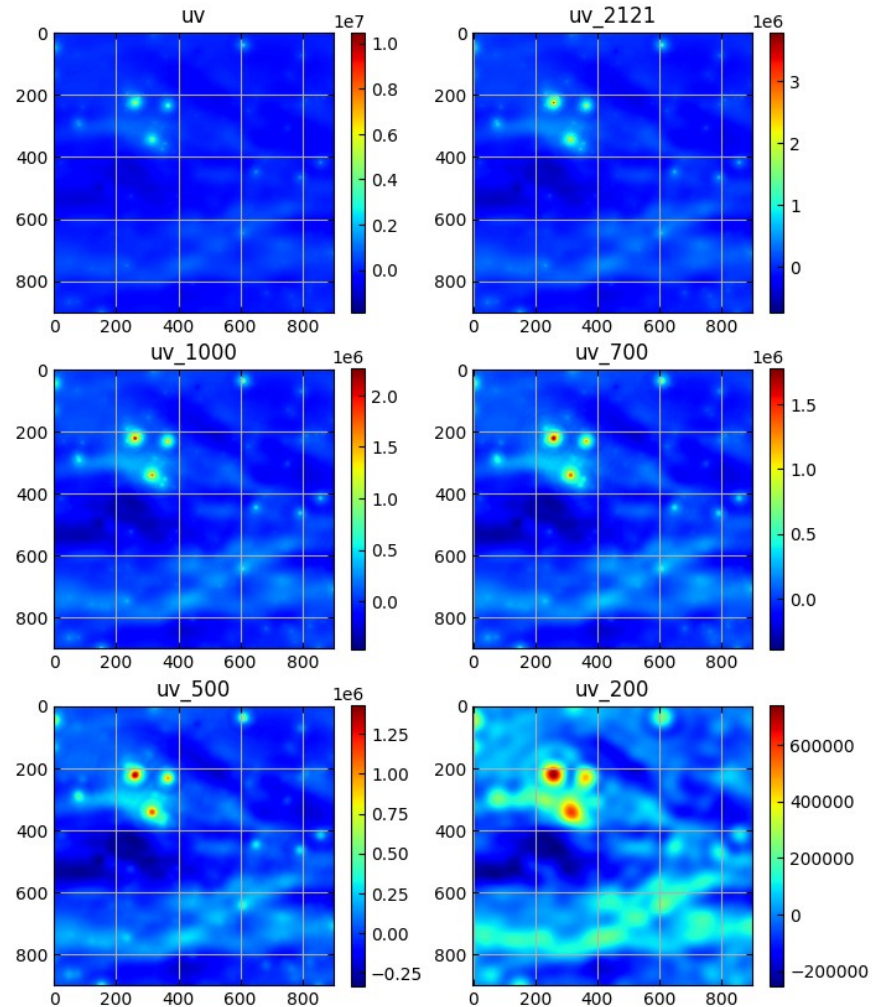
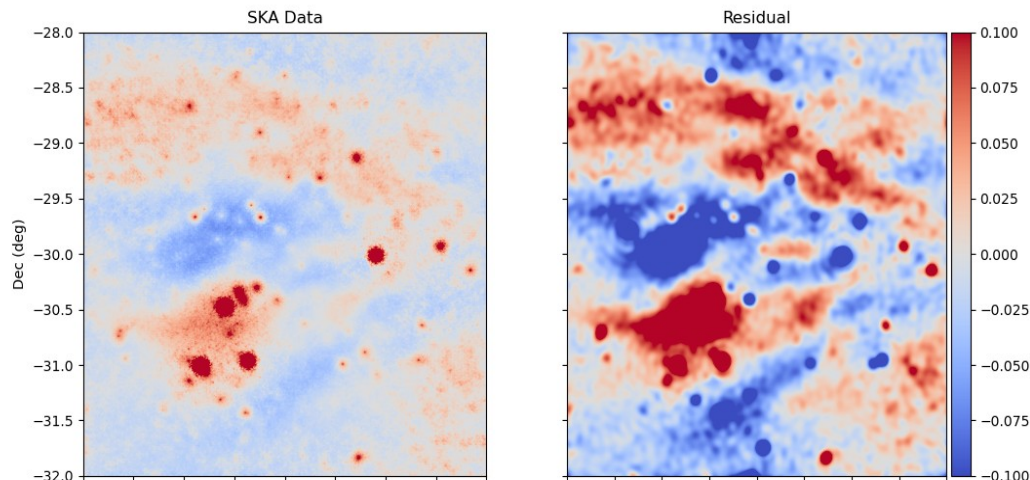
SKACH 840k core-h and GPU-h allocation projects at Pitz Daint @ CSCS

SERENEt Pre-Process Step

Application of pre-process to tomographic data images for 166–181 MHz.

- Point source subtraction:

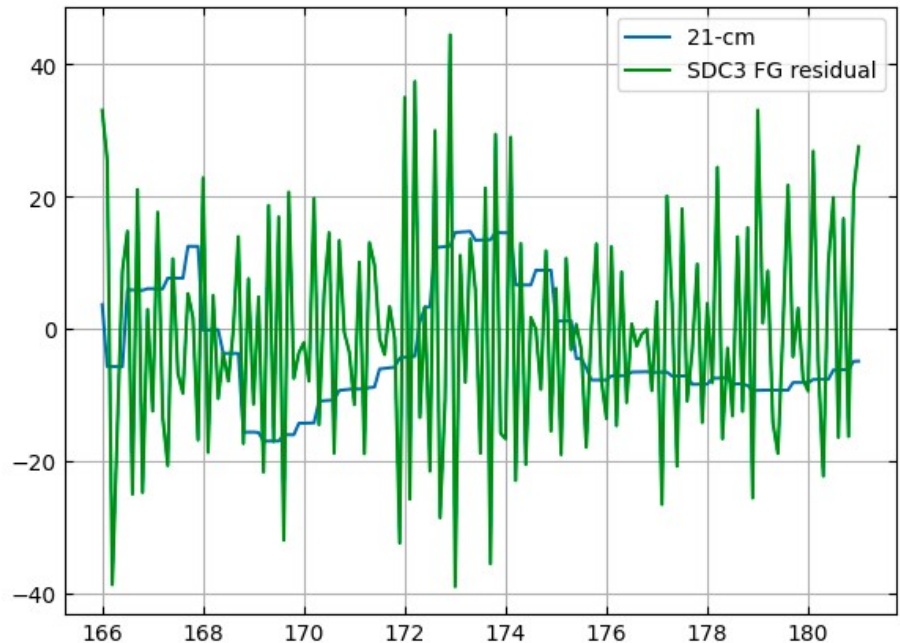
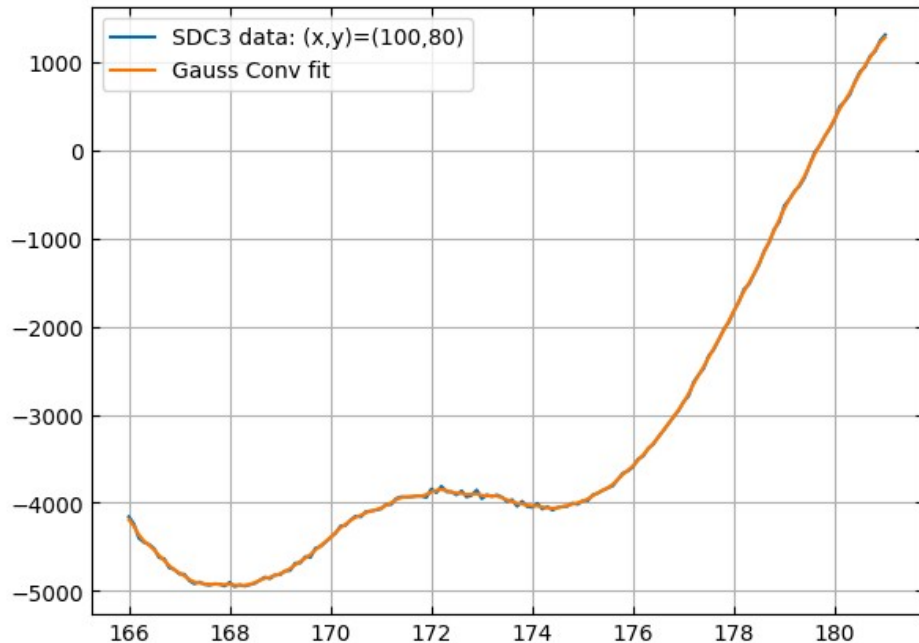
$$V_{21\text{-cm}} \approx V_{21\text{cm+point}} - V_{\text{point}}$$



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Application of pre-process to the SKACH simulated data for the SDC3 tomographic data images for 166–181 MHz.

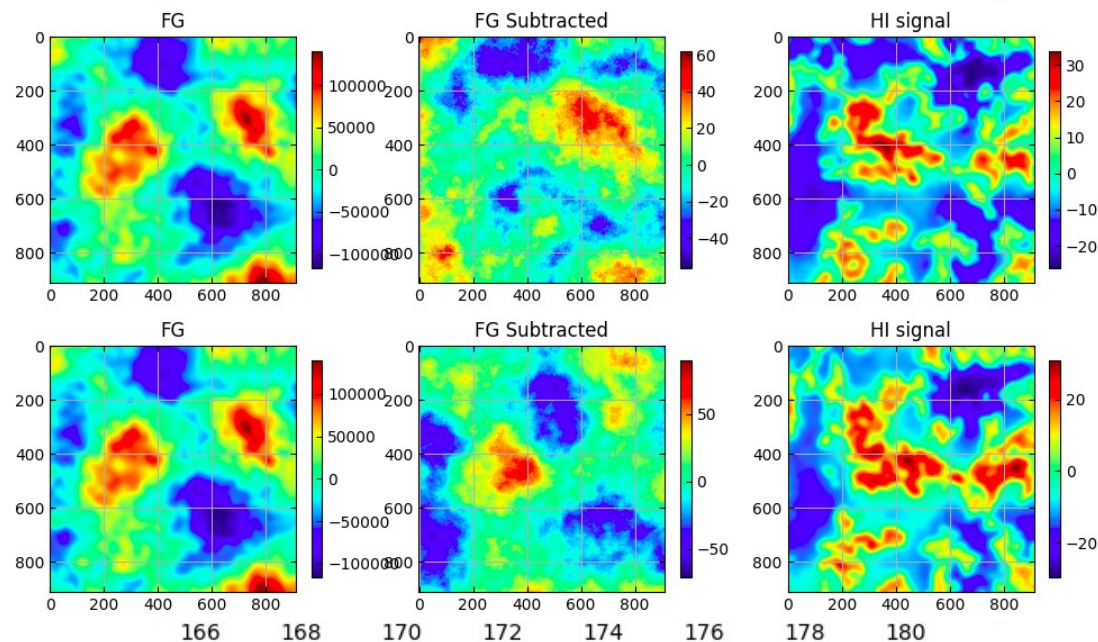
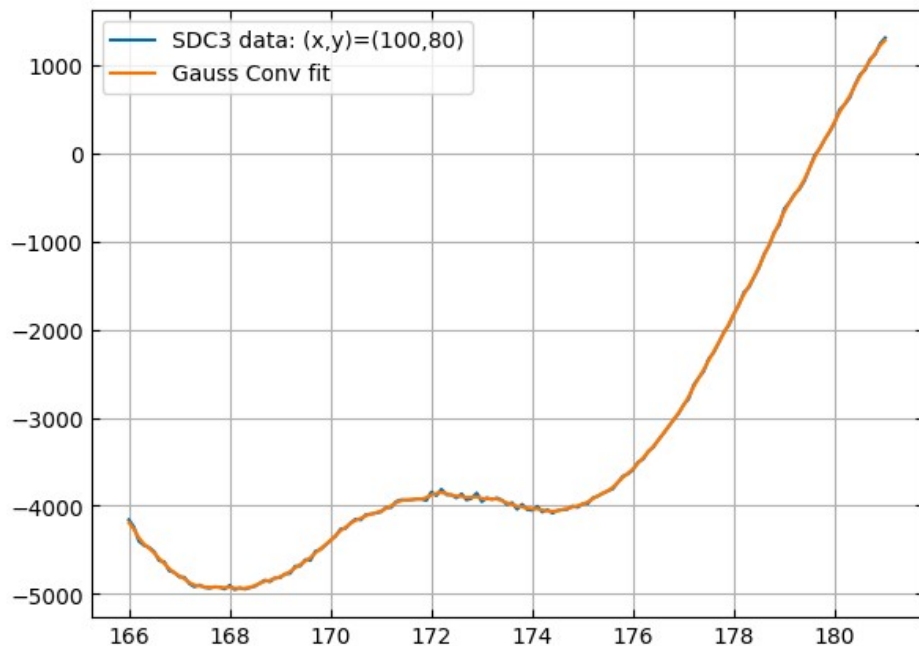
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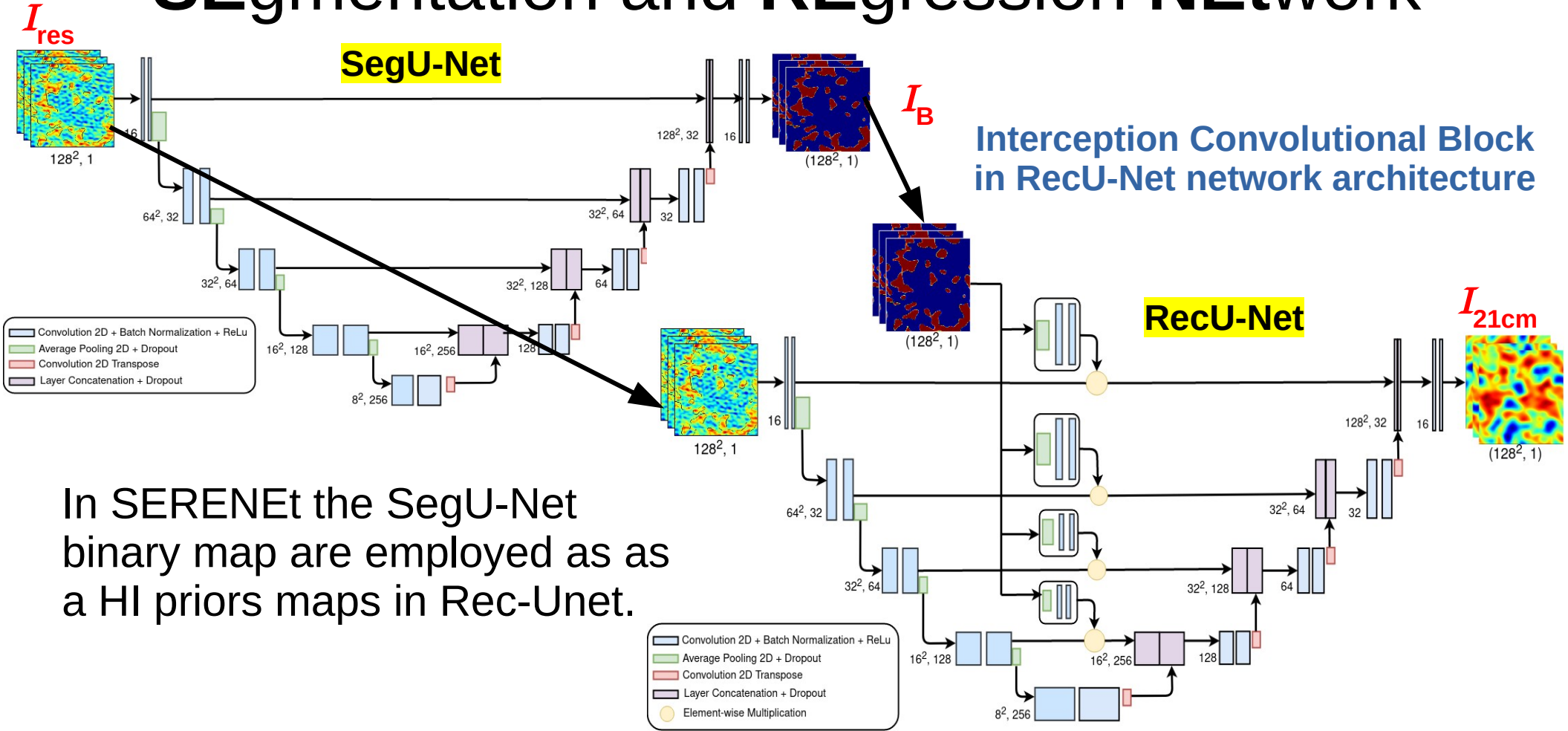
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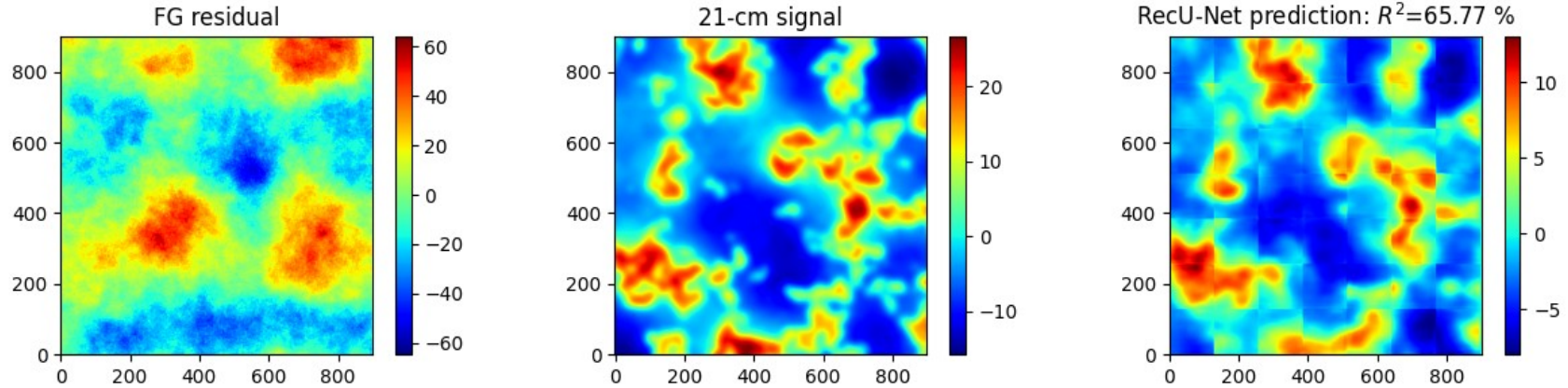
SEgmentation and REgression NETWORK



In SERENet the SegU-Net binary map are employed as as a HI priors maps in Rec-U-net.

SERENet prediction

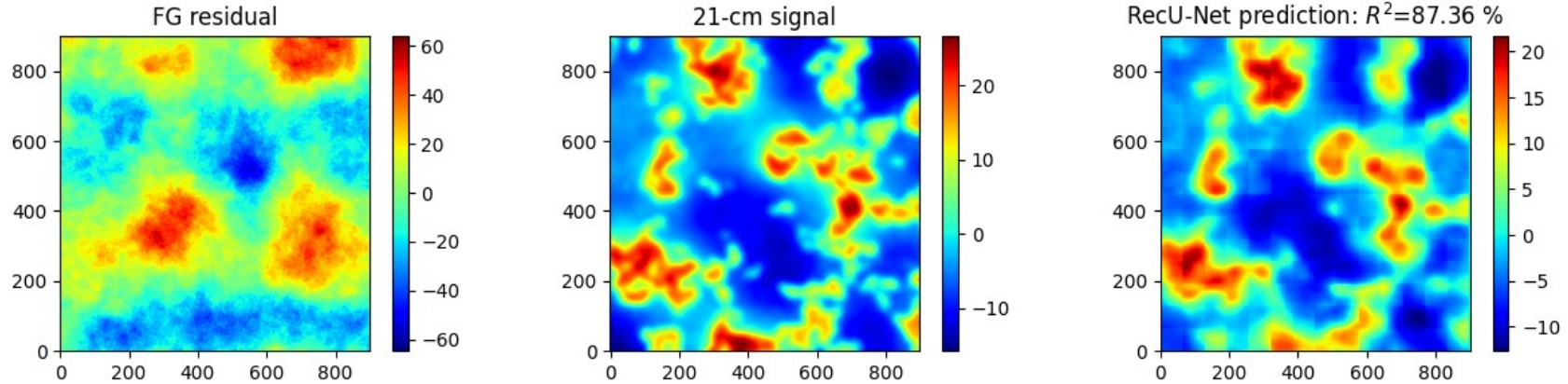
Prediction on the SKACH simulated data at 166–181 MHz.



Iterative prediction with trained SERENet neural network and for overlapping regions on the same 21-cm image at a given frequency.

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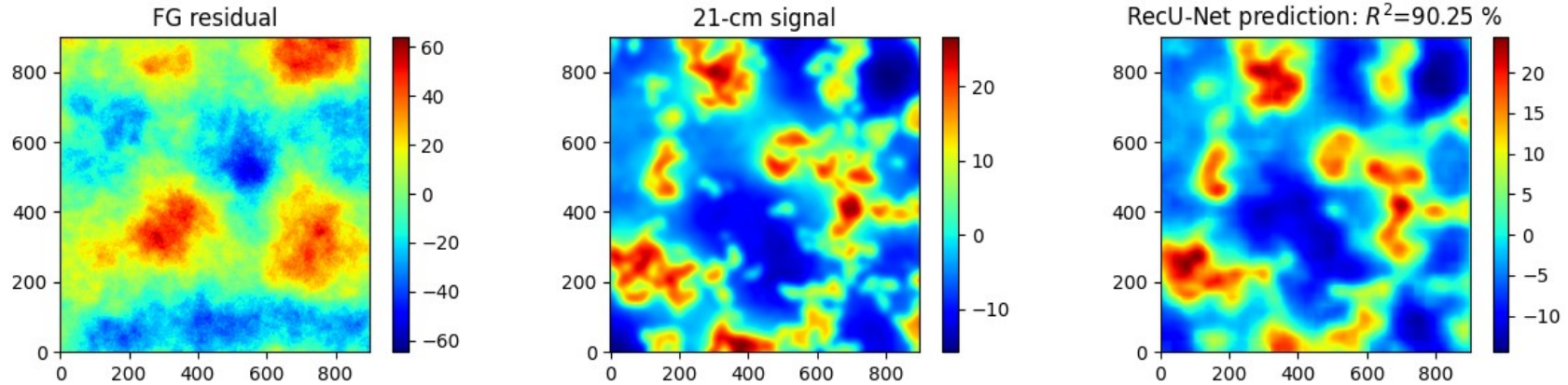
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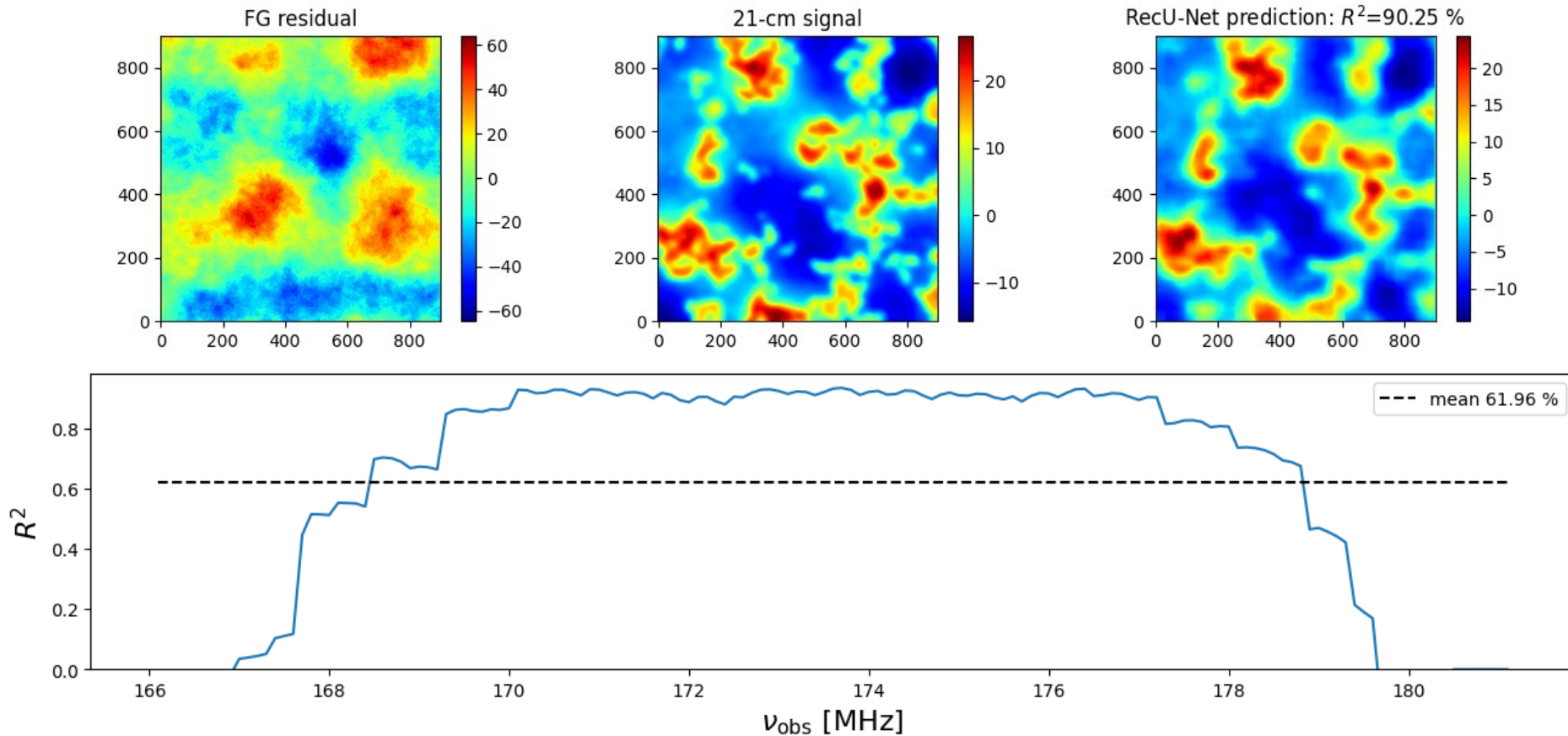
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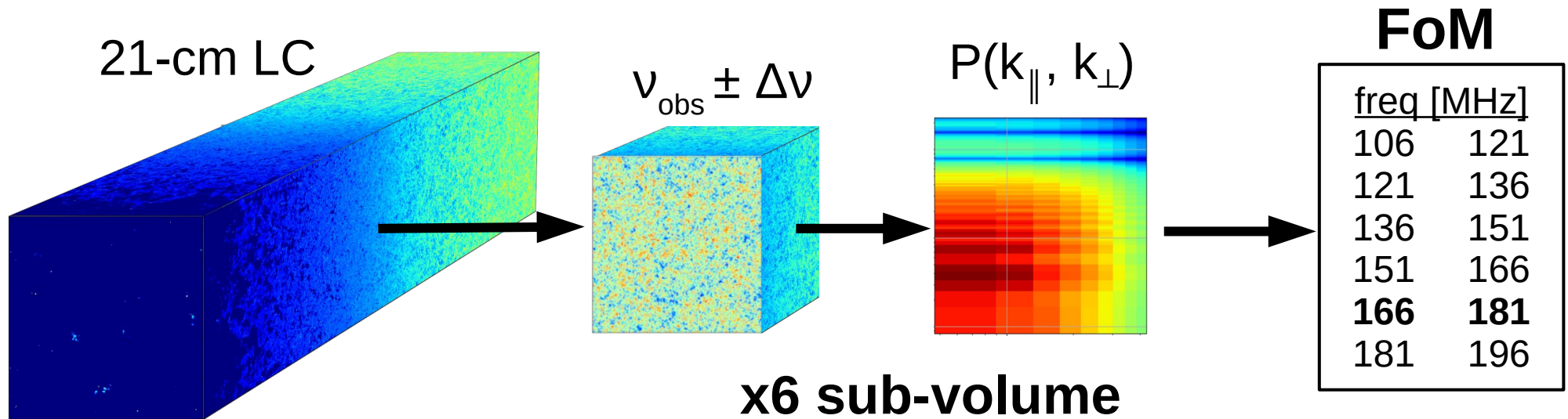
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SDC3 Scoring System

The Figure of Merit (FoM) based on “*metric distance*” between the true and recovered spectra for **6 sub-volume** at a central frequency ν_{obs} and width $\Delta\nu$



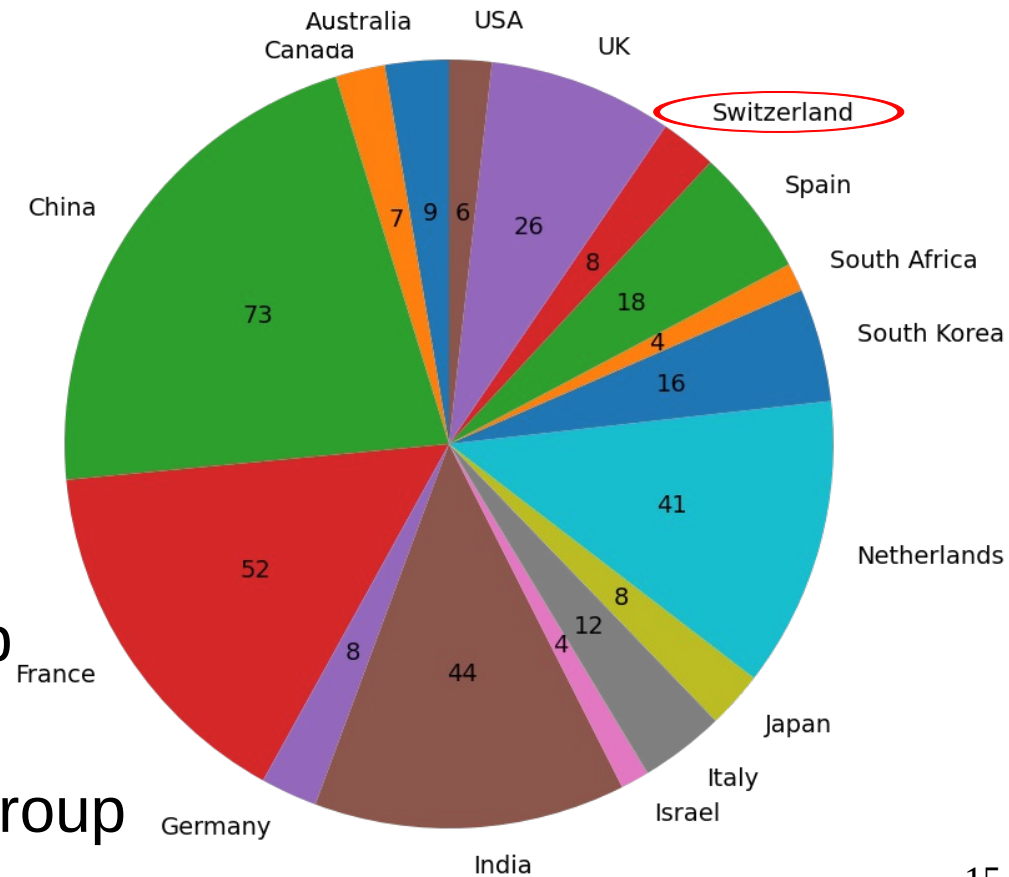
Science Data Challenge 3

Overview

A total of 33 teams participated for a total of 336 participants from 16 different nations.

Majority of the contestants from:

- China (73)
- France (52): LoTSS LOFAR group
- India (44): GMRT group in Pune
- Netherland (41): LoTSS LOFAR group



Science Data Challenge 3

Overview

SKACH team representing Switzerland SKA consortium

Gain Group

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$$g_i \equiv 1 + q_{i\nu}$$
$$I^{noise}(\sigma_{rms}, \nu)$$

Points Group

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Philipp Denzel
Viraj Nistane

$$I^{points}(\hat{n}, \nu)$$

ML Group

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Tianyue Chen
Hatem Ghorbel
Massimo De Sanctis

$$\mathcal{L}(y_{true}, y_{pred})$$

Analysis Group

Michele Bianco
Sambit Giri
Rohit Sharma

Rank	Team	Score
1	HIMALAYA	74758
2	DOTSS-21cm_ML-GPR	71573
3	DOTSS-21cm_Advanced_ML-GPR	71135
4	ERWA	63670
5	DOTSS-21cm_Avoidance	51889
6	Shuimu-Tianlai	43422
7	Wizards_of_Oz_3D	33295
8	Akashganga	31864
9	REACTOR	21888
10	SKACH	12103
11	KUSANAGI	
12	Cantabrigians	
13	Hausos	
14	KUSANAGIb	
15	Nottingham-Imperial	
16	Pisano_Galaxy_Moppers	
17	HAMSTER	
18	Foregrounds-FRIENDS	
19	KORSDC	
20	SROT	

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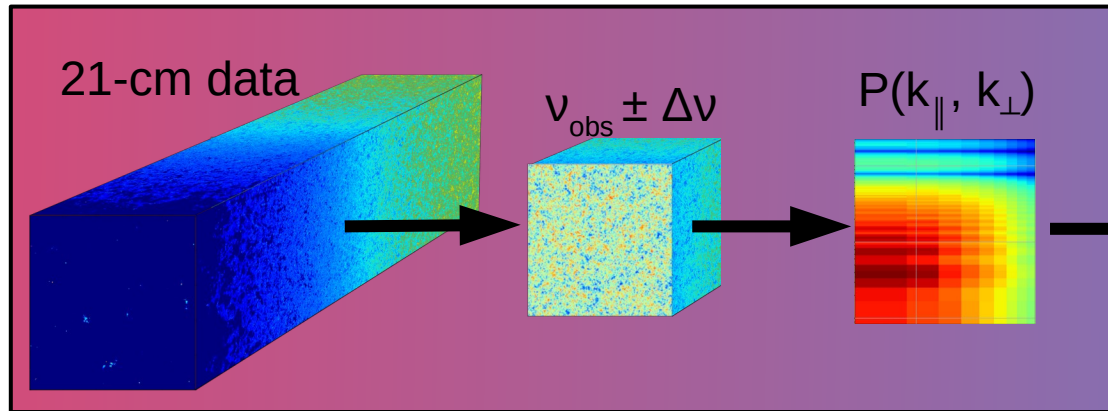
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		4	ERWA	63670
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India – GMRT Pune group(?)	←	6	Shuimu-Tianlai	43422
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UK – Cavendish Radio Cosmology group	←	11	KUSANAGI	
		12	Cantabrigians	
UK – Nottingham & London Imperial group	←	13	Hausos	
		14	KUSANAGIb	
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SDC3 – Foreground & Inference

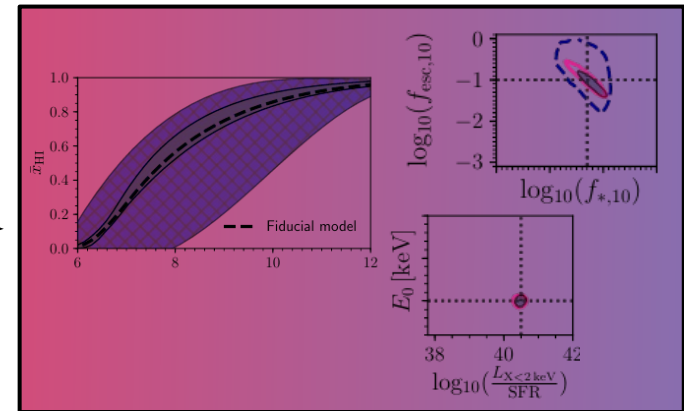
The goal of the SDC3 is to simulate the full pipeline of SKA-Low data calibration and cosmological & astrophysical inference.

SDC3a - Foreground



- Took place between Mar – Set 2023
- Ongoing: writing of a SDC summary results
- (SKACH team separated paper publication)

SDC3b - Inference



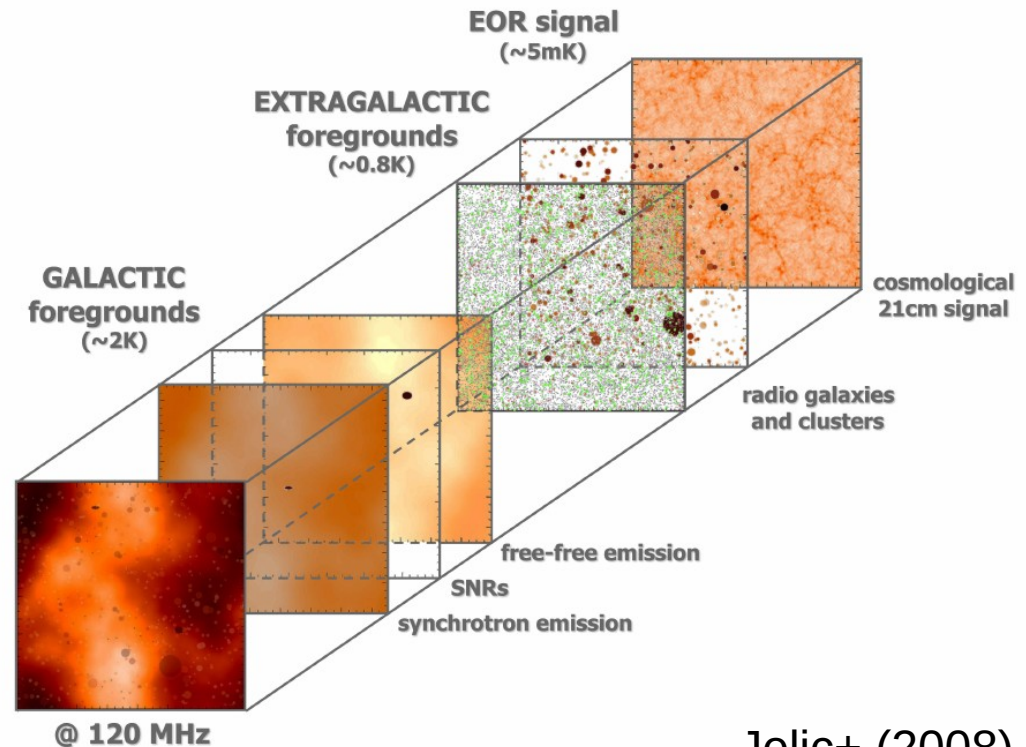
- Registration expected 2024(?)
- SDC3b start in 2025(?)
- Ongoing discussion: data sintetic

Support Slides

Tomographic Imaging of the 21-cm signal

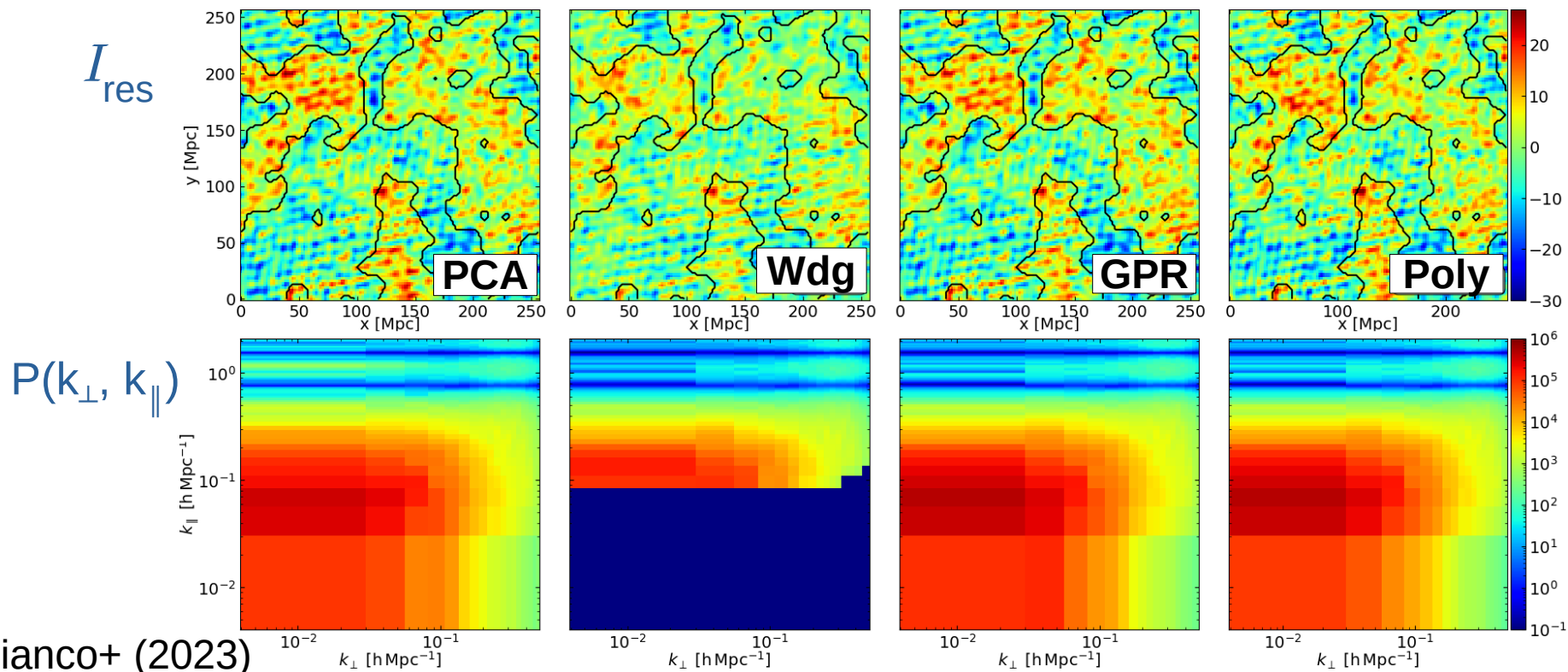
SKA1-Low tomographic images of redshifted 21-cm signal challenges:

- Instrumental noise (signal ~ 5 K)
- Foreground emission (signal $\sim 1 - 1000$ K)
- Antennas gain errors
- Ionospheric refraction effects
- Radio frequency interference
- And more ...

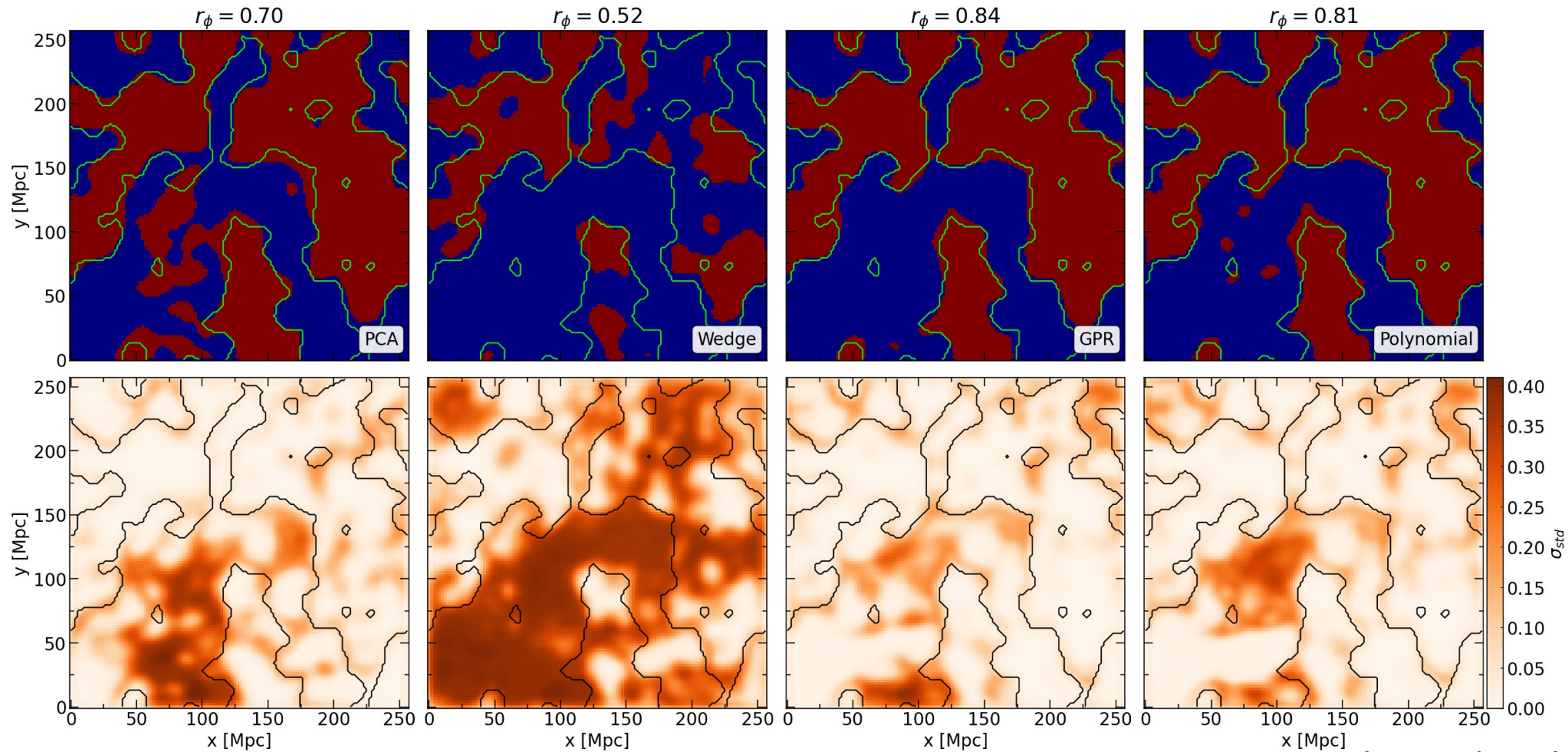


Pre-process: Foreground Mitigation & Avoidance

Residual image and 2D P_k tomographic sub-volume centered at redshift $z = 8.25$ ($x_{\text{HI}} \sim 0.5$) and $\Delta\nu = 20$ MHz

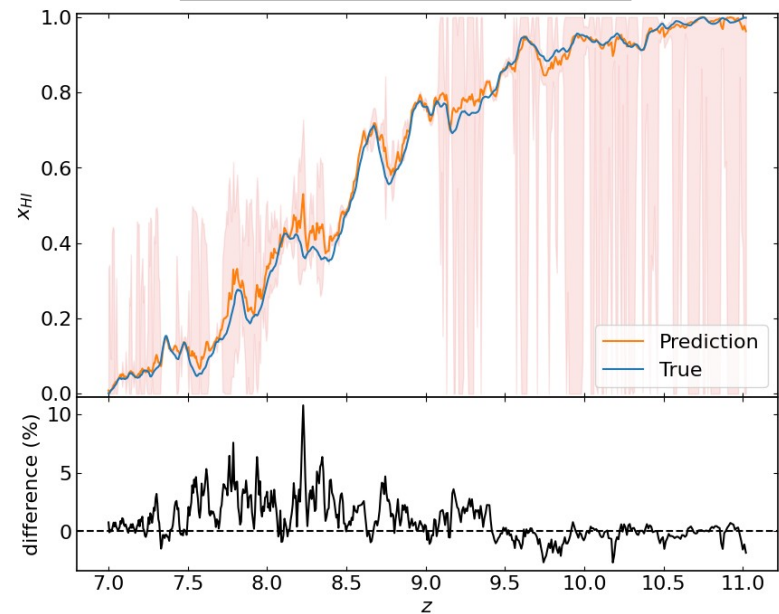
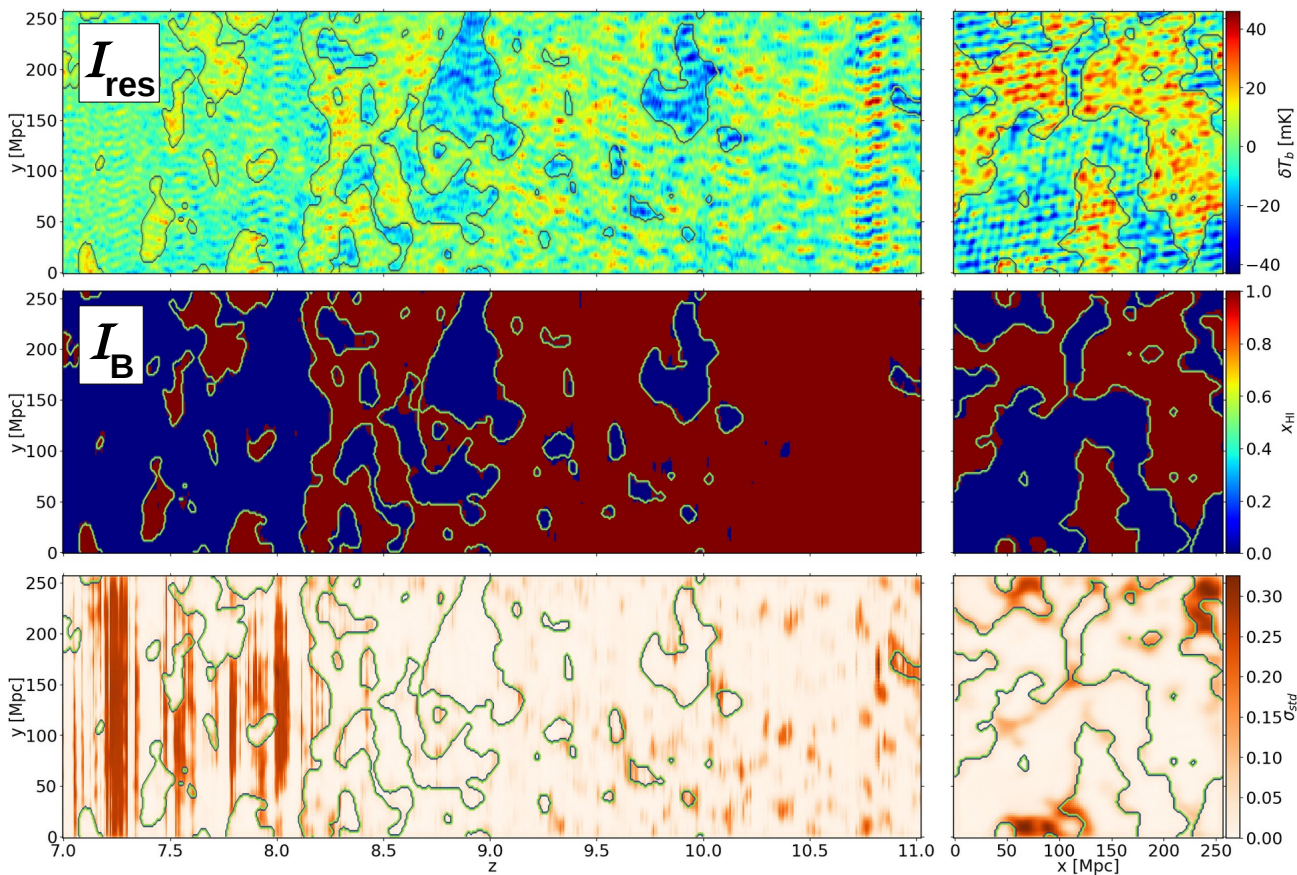


SegU-Net: Visual Comparison



SegU-Net: Tomographic Data & Reionization History

z_c	pre-process	\bar{x}_{HI}
8.24	Ground Truth	0.45
	all z PCA	0.48 ± 0.07
	PCA	0.49 ± 0.11
	Wedge	0.16 ± 0.13
	GPR	0.48 ± 0.09
	Polynomial	0.49 ± 0.10



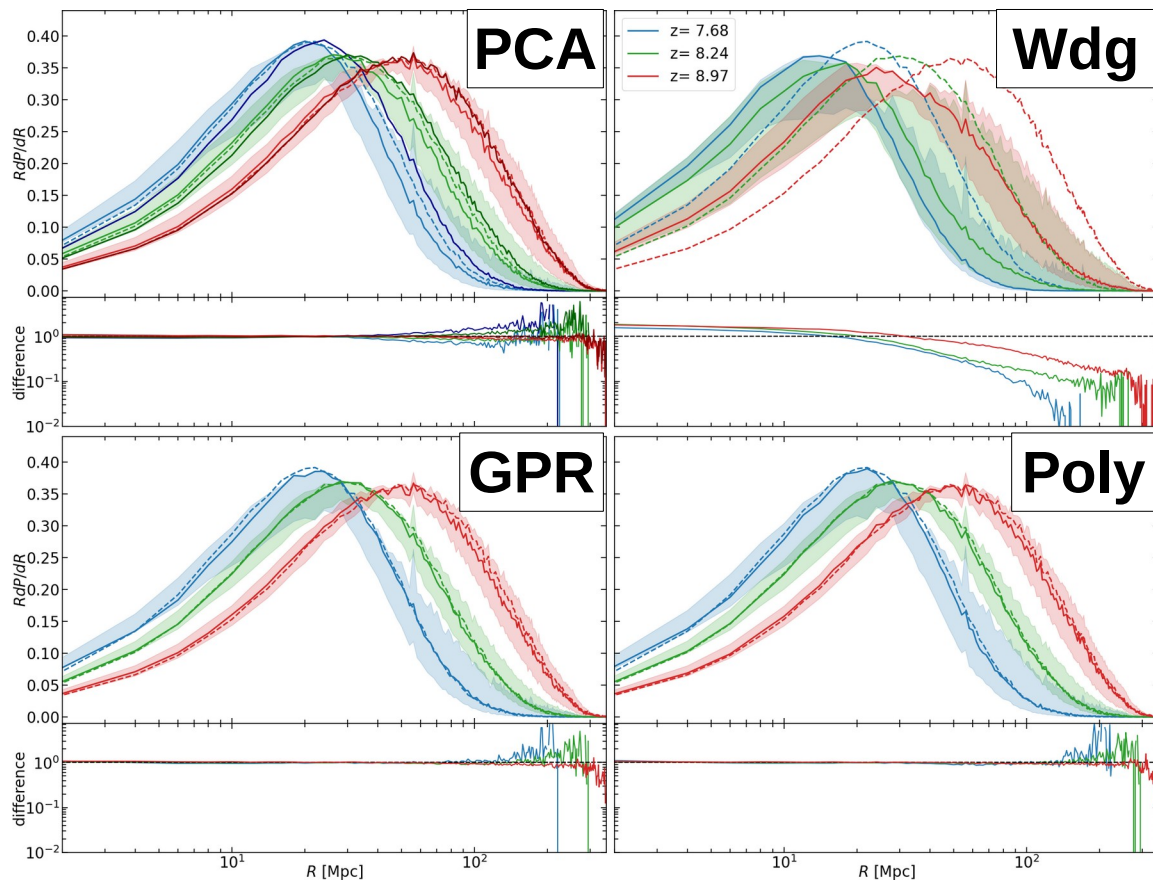
SegU-Net: HI size distribution

The Island Size Distribution (ISD): statistical distribution of HI regions during EoR (Giri+ 2018)

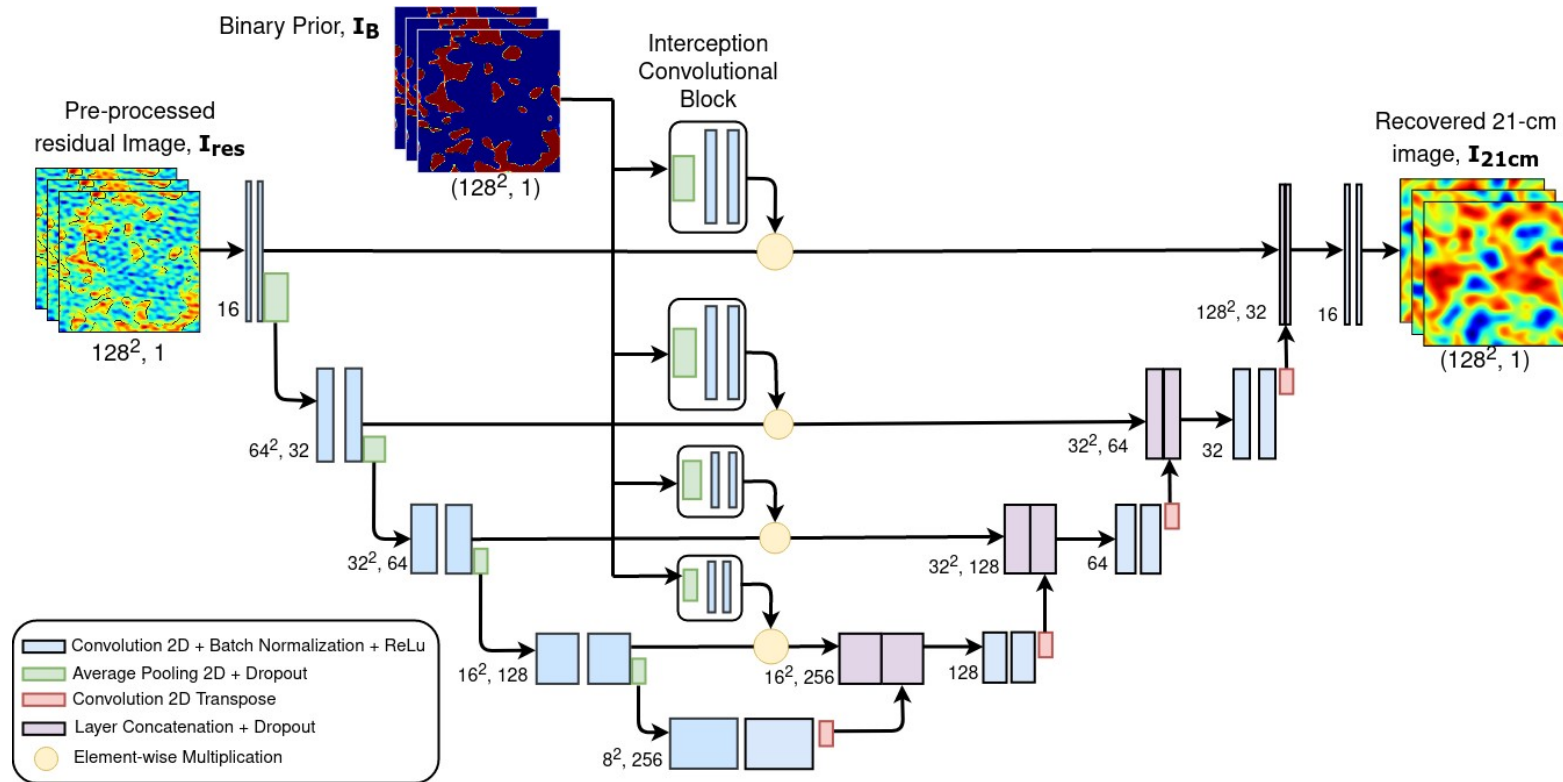
$$\bar{R}_C(z) = \int_{R_{\min}}^{\infty} R \frac{dP}{dR}(z) dR$$

SegU-Net results:

z_c	pre-process	\bar{R}_C [cMpc]
8.24	Ground Truth	29.54
	all z PCA	31.37 ^{+3.09} _{-3.93}
	PCA	27.65 ^{+9.13} _{-6.12}
	Wedge	15.20 ^{+24.13} _{-6.18}
	GPR	29.14 ^{+5.26} _{-4.89}
	Polynomial	29.21 ^{+5.83} _{-5.21}

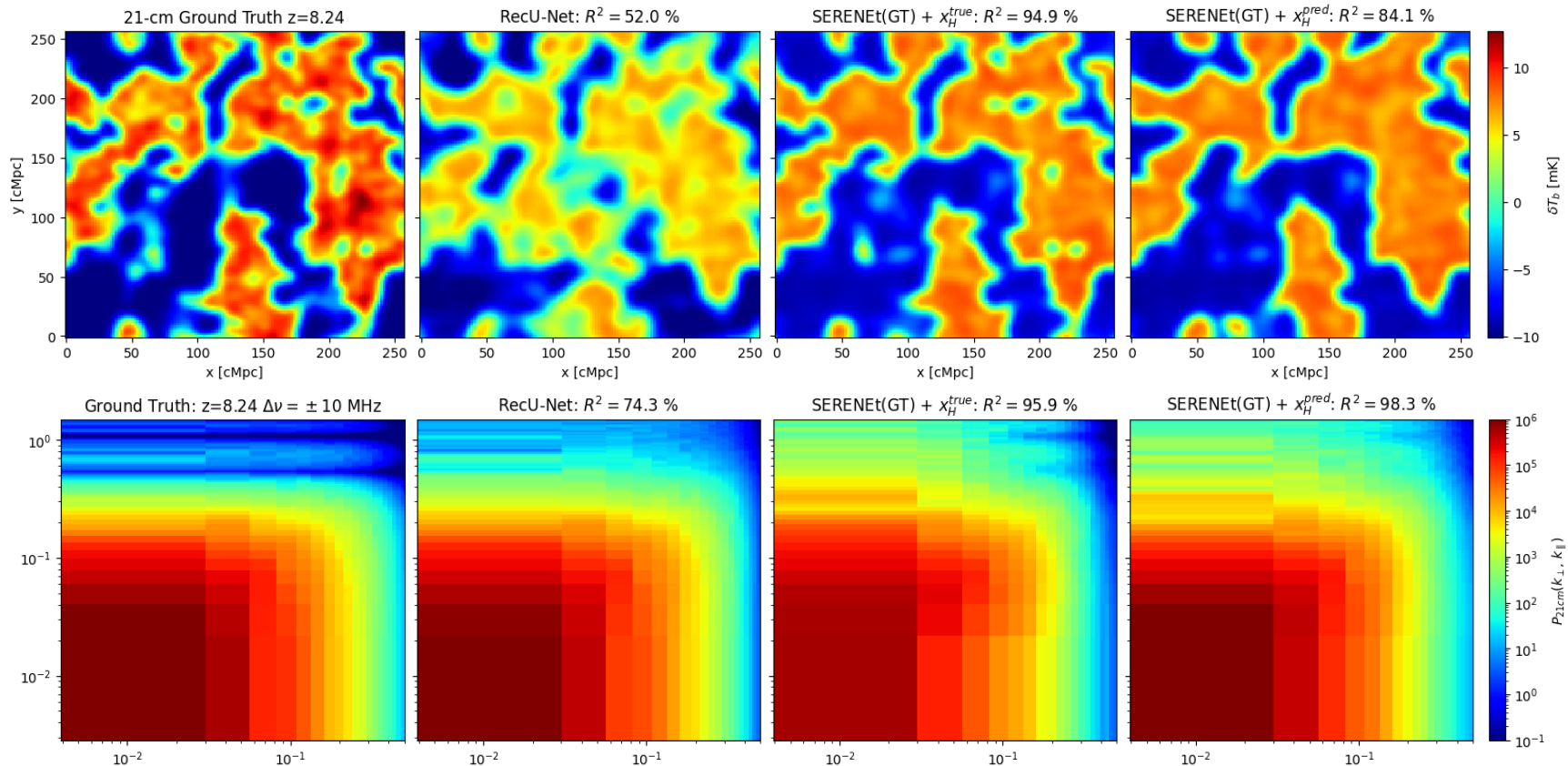


RecU-Net: Recover 21-cm with U-Net (Bianco+ in prep.)



U-Net architecture with intercepting convolution block to process the binary prior map from SegU-Net

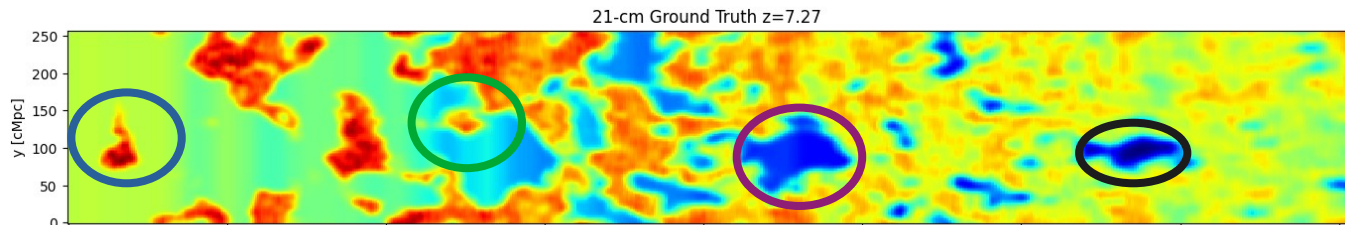
SERENet: Recover of 21-cm Signal (Bianco+ in prep.)



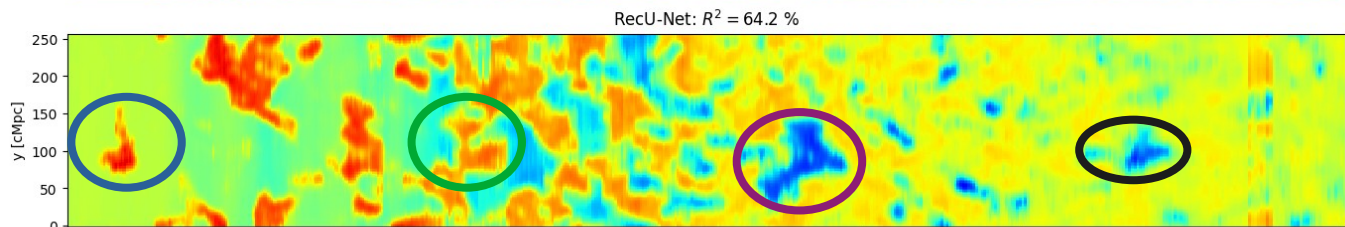
Recovered 21-cm signal for EoR for lightcone subvolume centered at redshift $z = 8.25$ ($x_{\text{HI}} \sim 0.5$) and $\Delta\nu = 20 \text{ MHz}$ on PCA pre-process images

SERENet: Recover of 21-cm Signal

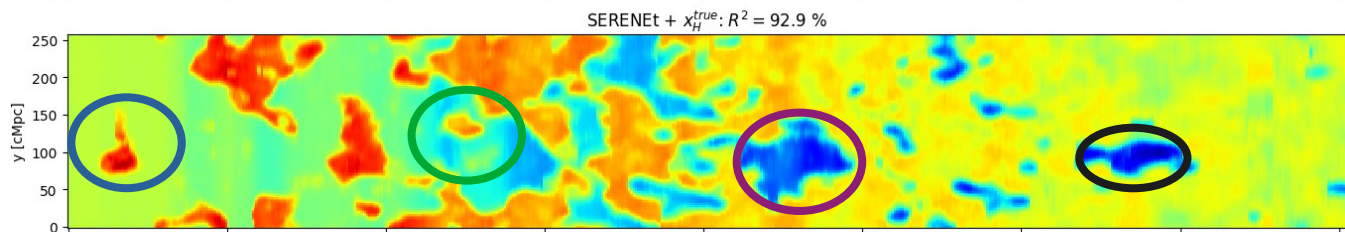
Ground Truth
at $z = 7.27$



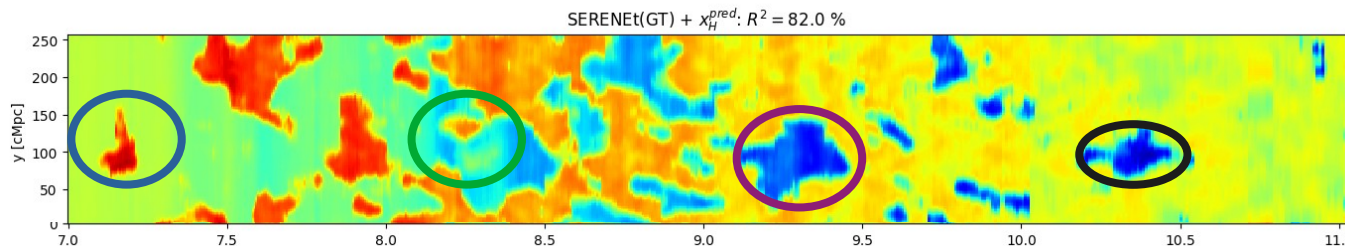
RecU-Net (no prior)
 $R^2 = 64.2 \%$



SERENet(GT) + X_H^{TRUE}
 $R^2 = 92.9 \%$



SERENet(GT) + X_H^{PRED}
 $R^2 = 82.9 \%$



SERENet: Recover of 21-cm Signal

Coefficient of determination: **R^2 score VS redshift evolution** to quantify the accuracy of SERENet foreground mitigation pipeline:

- **SERENet(GT) + x_H^{TRUE}**
upper limit based on best prior binary map (ground truth)
- **SERENet(GT) + x_H^{PRED}**
next best results when compared to **RecU-Net**

