Measuring 21cm global spectrum on the lunar orbit ---High-frequency payload in Hongmeng project

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## 21cm global spectrum — Environment effect



**RFI** contamination

Ionosphere effect

Ground effect

## Overview of Hongmeng (鸿蒙) project(PI: Xuelei Chen) Long wavelength array on lunar orbit (Pre-study project in CAS)



- Whole sky imaging at frequency below 30MHz
- Global spectrum measurement at frequency below 120MHz





#### Antenna

#### Loaded ring

#### Satellite body

# System design of global spectrum satellite



signal

# Two-port noise wave for 50 Ohm LNA receiver



 $X_{\rm unc}T_{\rm unc} + X_{\rm cos}T_{\rm cos} + X_{\rm sin}T_{\rm sin} + X_{\rm NS}T_{\rm NS} + X_{\rm L}T_{\rm L} = T_{\rm cal}$ 

Use 5 calibrators to solve for noise parameters at each frequency point

# Four-port noise wave for differential receiver

The whole system can be modelled as a four-port microwave network

Consider the case where the antenna connected to port 1 is a temperature source and the other ports are only involved in signal reflection.

$$T_1(V_1) = \frac{|V_1|^2}{8Z_0} \frac{|1 - \Gamma_1|^2}{(1 - |\Gamma_1|^2)} \quad V_1^+(V_1) = \frac{V_1(1 - \Gamma_1)}{2(1 - \Gamma_1\Gamma_{in1})} \quad \Gamma_{in1} = V_1^-/V_1^+$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1^-\\ V_2^-\\ V_3^-\\ V_4^- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14}\\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24}\\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & S_{34}\\ S_{41} & S_{42} & S_{43} & S_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^+\\ V_2^+\\ V_3^+\\ V_4^+ \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma_2 = V_2^+/V_2^-\\ \Gamma_3 = V_3^+/V_3^-\\ \Gamma_4 = V_4^+/V_4^- \end{array}$$

With the equation above, we can obtain all  $V_i^-$  and  $V_i^+$  with respect to  $T_1$ , the equivalent temperature of antenna.

The cross-correlation power is  $P_c = \frac{V_{2o}^* V_{3o}}{2Z_0}$ , with  $V_{2o} = G_2 V_2^- \sqrt{(1 - |\Gamma_2|^2)}$  $V_{3o} = G_3 V_3^- \sqrt{(1 - |\Gamma_3|^2)}$ 

Similarly, we can calculate cross-correlation power generated by noise source and uncorrelated part of two LNAs noise.



# Multi-resistor calibration for high impedance receiver

 $P = g[(4R_aKT + |V_{amb}|^2) |S_0|^2 + \frac{I_{noise}^2}{I_{noise}^2}Z^2 + \frac{V_{noise}^2}{I_{noise}^2}]$ 

$$S_{0} = \frac{Z_{0}}{Z_{a} + Z_{0}} \frac{e^{-\gamma l} (1 + \Gamma_{r})}{(1 - S_{22}\Gamma_{r})(1 - \Gamma_{a}\Gamma_{in})}$$



## Simulation & Error propagation analysis

#### Calibration Error in 21-centimeter Global Spectrum Experiments

Shijie Sun et.al. Universe 2024, 10(6), 236

















## Testing of 50 Ohm LNA receiver channel







66.2375 deg



210 180 150

#### Field Testing Site in Xinjiang



## Tianlai array (天籁阵列) ---Radio interferometer array for dark energy

## Field Testing in Xinjiang





Ground plate

# Field Testing in Antarctica



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#### RF enviroment

Ground penetrating radar

## Spectra after Relative calibration



## Noise wave parameters



## Noise wave parameters evolution

Noise parameters for different calibration periods

- 30KHz frequency resolution
- 25s integration time



# **Self-calibration precision**

- 30KHz frequency resolution
- 13000s integration time



Load :  $\pm$  0.018K Open Short :  $\pm$  0.13K

# Sky observation



30KHz frequency resolution

#### Sky average spectrum (18 hours)



## Testing of other receiver channel



• Prototype







## **Temperature variation of key components**









#### S11 of antenna and receiver



#### Antenna

#### Receiver

## Noise wave parameters calculation

Open, Short Spectrum and fitting residual

5m + Open, 5m + Short Spectrum and fitting residual



7.63KHz frequency resolution, 12000s integration time

# calibration residuals of antenna simulator

50 Ohm Load as antenna simulator



7.63KHz frequency resolution, 12000s integration time

## **Sky observation**

Sky temperature varies over time averaged over 50-100MHz

Sky temperature measured from 10-09 8:00 to 10-12 8:00

(Here we didn't consider the radiation loss caused by soil.)





7.63KHz frequency resolution, 16600s observation time







- Multi-receiver design
- Antenna simulator residuals < 0.2K
- Field testing is still going on
- Collaboration is welcome

# Thanks !