## The sensitivity of the 21cm signal – LAE cross correlations to the ionisation topology.

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## Astraeus framework: simulating the evolution of galaxies and the IGM



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#### Astraeus simulations

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As LAEs ( $L_{\alpha} > 10^{42}$  erg/s) are the most massive galaxies, their spatial distribution depends mostly on the global ionisation state of the IGM.

## Where are Lyman-α emitters located in the IGM?



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#### no 21cm signal



## 21cm – LAE cross correlation function: characteristics



small-scale amplitude



## 21cm – LAE cross correlation functions: small-scale amplitude



During reionisation:

$$\xi_{21,LAE}(r pprox 0) pprox - \langle \chi_{HI} \rangle \langle 1 + \delta 
angle_{HI}$$



21cm – LAE cross correlation function: small-scale amplitude traces ionisation topology!





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Cumulative distribution function of size of ionised regions around LAEs

## Too small boxes underestimate 21cm – LAE cross correlation amplitudes due to missing large-scale power



Simulation volumes of more than  $\sim$  (250 cMpc)<sup>3</sup> needed.

### Conclusions

LAEs ( $L_{\alpha} > 10^{42}$  erg/s) are the most massive galaxies.

- > They are located in the most ionised overdense regions.
- Spatial distribution is mostly sensitive to the the global ionisation state of the IGM.

#### 21cm-LAE cross correlation function amplitude is sensitive to:

- ionisation history
- ionisation topology
- IGM heating

$$\xi_{21,LAE}(r) \approx -\langle \chi_{HI} \rangle \ \langle 1 + \delta \rangle_{HI} \ \left[ 1 - \langle \xi_{HI} \rangle CDF(r) \right]$$

$$\xi_{21,LAE}(r \approx 0) \approx -\langle \chi_{HI} \rangle \ \left\langle \left| \left( 1 - \frac{T_{CMB}}{T_s} \right) (1 + \delta) \right\rangle_{HI} \right|_{HI} \right\rangle$$

