Probing Reionization with CIB Fluctuations

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Why do we care?

- Sources of reionization create anisotropies in the neutral background.
- They cannot individually be resolved currently.
- Could make detectable contribution to fluctuations in the near-infrared background.
- Will be constrained with datasets: CIBER, Spitzer, HST CANDELS.
Kashlinsky Reports Detection in 2005.

Upcoming measurements will:
* allow us to confirm or deny these findings.
* Cross-correlate to rule out systematics.
* test for fluctuations at several new wavelengths.

Cooray et al. 2012
Three Experiments

• Preforming fluctuation measurements with three datasets: CIBER, SDWFS Spitzer, and HST CANDELS

• Fill out E&M spectrum shown on right

• Will discuss them now.
HST CANDELS

- Fluctuations between 0.1 arcseconds to 20 arcminutes.

- Two epochs and fields for cross-correlation for the 1.25 and 1.6 micron wavelengths. One field for ACS 0.606 and 0.814 microns.

- WFC3 camera very good giving a lot of confidence the faint galaxies are being removed.
Mode-Coupling Matrix

Note how masks affects each mode.

Smidt et al. 2012 (In Prep.)
Cross-correlate Epochs

Choose only CANDELS fields and wavebands (in microns) with separate epochs to cross-correlate:

* UDS (0.606, 0.814, 1.25 & 1.6)
* Cosmos (1.25 & 1.6)

Importance of cross-correlation.

Smidt et al. 2012 (In Prep.)
SDWFS Spitzer

- Can measure fluctuations from a couple arcseconds to a few degrees.
- Focusing on fluctuations at 3.6 and 4.5 microns.
- Little noise bias as there are 4 epochs we can cross-correlate.
CIBER

- Measures fluctuations between 0.2 and 120 arcminutes.
- Operates at 1.1 and 1.6 microns.
- Four first generation launches. Three launches thus far.
- Launched at different times in the year which can rule out zodiacal dust light.
- 4 different science fields.
- One of the fields is Bootes to cross with Spitzer. Another NEP to cross with AKARI.
- No mosaicing!

Zemcov et al. 2012
CIBER Instrument Sensitivity

Bock et al. 2012 (In Prep.)

Results expected in the coming months.
Summary

• We have preliminary measurements with CANDELS and Spitzer data.

• Upcoming CIBER data will confirm or deny. Especially with cross-correlations.

• CIBER will be test independent of mosaicing.