The mm-wave Emission of Galaxy Clusters and Implications for SZE Surveys

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Galaxy clusters host...galaxies

* These galaxies emit in the mm.

* This emission contaminates the SZ signal from galaxy clusters. Biases mass estimates and cosmo results from SZE surveys like SPT or ACT. See talk by Keith Vanderlinde.

* This contamination is present at some unknown, hopefully small level.

So how big is it?









Dusty emission from the field

* BLAST has measured the average sub-mm flux of galaxies in the GOODS-S field. (Pascale et al, astro-ph/0904.1206)





Emission from a cluster-sized sphere (1 Mpc radius) at main SPT band, 2 mm.



overdensity & environment

- * Clusters are overdense relative to field, say 500X denser than the field.
 - -> **x 500**
- But star-formation per mass is suppressed in cluster environments (at least for massive clusters out to z=0.8. See Bai et al, 2007, 2009).
 -> ÷ 10 (uncertain, especially at z > 1).
- * So scale naive spherical estimate by **x 50**.

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Archival data

Stack IRAS 100um data at locations of ~400 X-rayselected clusters. z~0.2, M~5e14 Msun.

Use BLAST results to convert from 100um to 2000um (SPT) as a function of redshift.

* Constrain contamination of SZ.





Results



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- * 10% was good enough for first generation of SPT results, but won't be next time. Redshift evolution?
- * Need deep imaging of high-z, massive clusters at longer wavelengths (closer to SZ bands).
 - BLAST long wavelength, high-z, but not in clusters.
 - IRAS clusters, but low-z, and short wavelength.

HERSCHEL (individual clusters) and PLANCK (stacking) will help a lot.

Part 2, "Radio"



* The literature* on radio sources in galaxy clusters suggests that contamination is small and/or rare.

* See Lin & Mohr, 2007; Coble et al, 2007; Lin et al, 2009; Gralla et al, in prep, 2010; etc.

Radio contamination in WMAP SZ analysis?

* WMAP measures less SZ flux than you'd expect given the X-ray observations of the same clusters.







~10-sigma, 180 mJy excess

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- About 10% of measured SZ. Within a factor of a few of what's needed to reconcile WMAP7 with X-ray observations (or to be totally negligible).

- work in progress

Summary

* Emission from cluster members contaminates the SZ signal (by some small amount).

- # IRAS and BLAST suggest dusty contamination is <10% of SZ signal for massive clusters at z~1. Herschel and Planck will help.
- * WMAP7 SZ analysis may have significant level of radio contamination, but this is a work in progress.