Ly-alpha and 21-cm fluctuations Cross-correlation

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Outline

- Epoch of reionization: 21-cm, Ly-alpha fluctuations
- Cross-correlation
- Foregrounds, 2D power spectra
- 3D intensity mapping with SPHEREx

21-cm fluctuations



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Simulation:



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The SPHEREx satellite, intro

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Summary paper: Doré et al. arXiv 1412.4872

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NASA Small Explorer in Phase-A Study

All-sky near-IR spectral survey

- Probing galaxy formation through precise measurements of extragalactic background light anisotropy
- Rich spectral catalog for the astronomy community
- Science enhancement option involving 3D spectral line intensity mapping (for SFRD and reionization)
- Legacy applications with 21-cm background
- SPHEREx has ideal wavelength coverage and high sensitivity to detect the EoR integrated galaxy intensity signal
- Multiple bands enable correlation tests sensitive to redshift history

Resolving Power and Wavelength Coverage : λ = 0.75- 4.1 µm; R=41.5 λ = 4.1- 4.8 µm; R=150

Field of View: 3.5° x 7.0°

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Intensity mapping with SPHEREx



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SPHEREx will map Ly-alpha emission during reionization.

We may see z~6 Lya fluctuations

At z > 6 SPHEREx alone will not have sensitivity for a detection of the power spectrum [for Hopkins & Beacom SFRD].

Intensity mapping with SPHEREx



 (a) SPHEREx Lyα intensity maps ideal for cross-correlation with 21-cm fluctuations (from SKAlow/HERA)

 (b) Correlation negative at large scales to positive at small scales

(c) Statistical measure of average reionization bubble size

[S/N calculation work in progress]

Summary

- Study of Reionization:
 3D intensity mapping of spectral lines (SPHEREx)
- Power spectra, correlate -> bubble size
- Foregrounds to deal with (see 2D power spectra)