Fluctuation Analysis of Point Sources in CMB Maps

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CMB maps are contaminated by emission from distant galaxies (AGN or DSFG).





Mask as many as practical.

Faint / unresolved population remains.



Unresolved sources usually measured by multi-freq. power spectrum & SED.

Is harmonic space the best tool?

Signal is spatially compact & non-Gaussian.

Examine real space PDF.



Fluctuation or P(D) analysis common in sub-mm & radio, where sources can be highly confused.

Compute PDF of a source pop. from beam shape and source counts.

Build likelihood to measure sources from pixel histogram.

First, remove the CMB

difference map = b_V * Q - bQ * V = noise + sources



5 '/pix, 180x180 pix

on (128,-14)





Noise



Current status WMAP sim: one-parameter max. like. recovers counts amp. to 3%.



Next: Marginalize map mean, required for real data.

Future directions

Sources in Planck & ACT data (Including clustering)

Unresolved SZ clusters (Negative sources & multiple profiles)

PDF of map products? (Address noise uncertainties)

