

Tomography of Cosmic Reionization Through [CII] Intensity Mapping at Redshifts 3.5-9 with CCAT-p





 $z \sim 6$ to 12

The cosmic "Dark Ages" are ended by the first sources of ionizing UV photons in the universe: the *first stars* and in particular, the *first galaxies*.

These sources drive the "Epoch of Reionization" (EoR), after which the intergalactic medium (IGM) is largely ionized until present day.

Today, we know that galaxies exist at least out to redshifts 8-10 based on few bright examples.

> Need to systematically explore the EoR as a signpost of cosmic structure formation

<u>Main challenge</u>: UV lum.fct.; most numerous EoR galaxies are too faint to be detected individually <u>Solution</u>: measure *aggregat*e emission on large scales via **Intensity Mapping (IM)** Robertson et al. (2010); Riechers (2013)



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Measurement of a Clustering Signal ("Fluctuations"): Relationship Between Dark Matter and Galaxies





Key difference: require spectral line measurements to get *redshifts* = cosmic time snapshot \rightarrow instead of 2D-picture, obtain full 3D-mapping of the sky over large regions

3-D Intensity Mapping

Sky map at z

Intensity map at z







- No need to resolve individual source
- Measure the collective emission from many sources
- Map large volume and faint sources at high z economically
- Astrophysical and cosmological applications from structure formation to measurement of SFRD of the universe at z > 2

[CII] Intensity Mapping in the EoR: Rationale



Map out EoR at redshifts that will remain largely inaccessible to best optical tracers

Measure clustering signal of galaxies at redshifts z=6-8 in the 158 μ m [CII] line, a tracer of star formation activity in galaxies (i.e., early galaxy assembly)

Understand the *topology* and *timescale* of reionization, i.e., how and when galaxies first formed, the *properties of sources* of reionization

Understand if there is enough star formation to produce enough UV photons to cause and maintain reionization within the first billion years

 \rightarrow Short-cut to some results expected from HI 21cm surveys with full SKA

[CII] 158 µm:

- Tracer of UV field in star-forming regions, redshifted to ~1 mm at EoR redshifts
- Much stronger signal than HI 21 cm and much simpler foregrounds
- Not subject to IGM absorption like Ly- α 1216 A and others
- Not subject to steep metallicity dependence like CO rotational lines



Robertson et al. (2010); Riechers (2013); Riechers et al. (2014), Yue et al. (2015)



Lidz et al. 2009

130 cMpc ~ 1°



- [CII] serves as a tracer of star formation
- The clustering signal traces total luminosity
 => unlike a flux-limited galaxy survey
- Use [CII] to spatially trace star formation during the re-ionization epoch



Quality of measurement scales with telescope size, but only weakly.

Reason:

Larger Telescope has more collecting area = point source sensitivity However, also has smaller beam, so the signal per resolution element gets weaker Ideal choice: resolution close to clustering scales at $z\sim6-8$, close to 1' @1mm

HI - [CII] Cross-Correlation: Ionized Bubbles

- Confirm cosmological origin of putative 21 cm signal.
- Cross-correlation sensitive to bubble sizes.

<u>Reason:</u> Cross-spectrum turns over on scale of bubbles around (groups of) galaxies.

Ionization

21 cm

Galaxies

CCAT-p

[CII] 158µm

e.g., Lidz et al. 2011

HI-[CII] cross power spectrum:

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EoR science:

- Detect [CII] clustering & Poisson fluctuations to address models
- Also detect [OIII] 88µm at highest z: cross-correlation w/ other FS lines

Peak epoch of galaxy formation science:

- Detect CO "foregrounds" & clustering
- ISM content of galaxies at intermediate z
- Detailed study as foregrounds/masking

Simulated Survey: Parameters

	ССАТ-р
Aperture Diameter (m)	6
Survey area (deg ²)	e.g., deep HyperSC fields: COSMOS, UDS
Total integration time (hr)	4000 ~1.5yr (8-10hr/day)
Spectral range (goal; GHz)	185-440 minimum: 210-275
Frequency resolution (GHz)	0.4
Number of detectors (spectral x spatial)	20000
Beam FWHM size [*] (arcmin)	0.75-1
Beams over survey area [*]	9.4 × 10 ⁴
Noise per detector sensitivity [*] (Jy s ^{1/2} / sr)	2.5×10^{6}
Integration time per beam [*] (hr)	3
Volume per pixel (Mpc h ⁻¹) ³ : z=6	7.5
z=7	9.2
z=8	13.4
Fluctuation power spectrum P_N^{CII} (Jy sr ⁻¹) ² (Mpc h ⁻¹) ³ : z=6	5.4×10^{9}
z=7	4.9×10^{9}
z=8	4.4×10^{9}

*: Values at 238 GHz (Cll at z=7)

CCAT-prime: An Ideal Intensity Mapping Telescope

6-m telescope has $\sim 1' = 45''$ beam for [CII] at $z\sim7$ (~240 GHz) \rightarrow ideal to probe few arcmin/Mpc clustering scales at EoR over >10 deg²

Requirement:

- moderate spectral resolution (~0.5 GHz, dz~0.01), wide-bandwidth multi-element spectroscopy covering [CII] at z=6-8 (z=3.3-9.3): continuous coverage of 1mm (+760/850µm) atmospheric windows
- Rapid spectral+spatial mapping speed on deg-scales critical to be feasible
 → Using Fabry-Perot Interferometer on 4000-pix quad-color TES camera
- Sensitivity at a premium: high site, very low emissivity telescope essential
 - ~1.5x reduced sky emissivity compared to ALMA site
 - <2% telescope emissivity with off-axis design
 - → Overall ~20 100x mapping speed for EoR IM wrt.APEX, JCMT, LMT

Mapping speed for same instrument: CCAT-p/co-eval telescopes

courtesy: G. Stacey

- EoR is the last unexplored epoch of galaxy evolution & structure formation
- CCAT-p will map out the topology of cosmic reionization through the clustering of star-forming galaxies, as observed in the [CII] 158 µm line
- Cross-correlation with HI 21 cm will yield ionized bubble sizes
- Rich ancillary science: cold gas content of mid-z galaxies; [OIII] 88 µm IM
- Feasible with novel instrument design and low-transmission telescope at exceptional site
- Expected: dedicated ~4000 hr, 3-5 year survey, starting 2021