Inferring the Redshift Distribution of the Cosmic Infrared Background

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ABSTRACT

Cross-correlating the Planck High Frequency Instrument (HFI) maps against quasars from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) DR7, we determine the intensity distribution of the Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB) over the redshift range 0 < z < 5. We detect redshift-dependent spatial cross-correlations between the two datasets using the 857, 545 and 353 GHz channels and we obtain upper limits at 217 GHz consistent with expectations. At all frequencies with detectable signal we infer a redshift distribution peaking around z ∼ 1.2 and find the recovered spectrum to be consistent with emission arising from star forming galaxies. However, lacking mid-infrared coverage, we are not able to make an accurate determination of the mean temperature for the dust responsible for the CIB. By assuming simple modified blackbody and Kennicutt relations, we are able to determine dust and star formation density as a function of redshift, finding results consistent with earlier measurements over a large portion of cosmic history.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The cosmic infrared background (CIB), long predicted (e.g. Partridge & Peebles 1967; Bond et al. 1986, and references therein) and first detected by the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite (Puget et al. 1996), largely consists of UV/optical photons absorbed by dust and re-emitted in the infrared (see Hauser & Dwek (2001) and Kashlinsky (2005) for comprehensive reviews of early CIB work). As the bulk of the CIB is not currently resolved into individual sources in the far infrared it has thus far been difficult to constrain the number counts and spectral energy distribution (SED) of the sources, let alone their redshift distribution. The \textit{Spitzer Space Telescope} in the near-infrared (Werner et al. 2004) and \textit{Herschel Space Observatory} in the far-infrared (Pilbratt et al. 2010) have greatly added to what is known about the CIB, albeit on limited areas of the sky due to their fairly small fields of view. For example, Dole et al. (2006) stack sources detected at 24 microns in Spitzer to determine their contribution to the CIB at longer wavelengths where the populations are confusion limited. They find that the 24 micron sources brighter than 60 \( \mu \)Jy contribute 92% of the CIB at 70 microns and 69% at 160 microns. Béthermin et al. (2012b) similarly stack 24 micron sources in the COSMOS and GOODS-N fields as a function of (photometric) redshift. They find that the resolved sources account for 55-73% of the CIB at 250-500 \( \mu \)m. Thus, even deep targeted observations with limited sky coverage that rely on stacking of higher frequency detections do not fully resolve the CIB, and are additionally susceptible to sample variance in the limited areal coverage. In this paper we take an alternative approach. We estimate the redshift distribution of the unresolved cosmic infrared background using clustering-based redshift inference. The underlying idea is that, while not detected individually, the unresolved sources still reside in the same large scale structure as astrophysical sources with known, spectroscopic redshifts.

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The use of clustering information to infer redshift distributions in becoming a well established tool in cosmology. Schneider et al. (2006) and Newman (2008) described a method using cross-correlations of samples with unknown redshift distributions against photometric and spectroscopic datasets, respectively. Further work has been proposed for spectroscopic datasets (e.g. Matthews & Newman 2010; McQuinn & White 2013), though restricted to mock datasets. Recently, the clustering analysis has been applied using real data (Ho et al. 2008; Nikoloudakis et al. 2012; Ménard et al. 2013, Rahaman et al. in prep). In fact, Mitchell-Wynne et al. (2012) use a cross-correlation based technique to measure the redshift distribution of resolved far infrared Herschel Multi-tiered Extragalactic Survey (HERMES), albeit only in five broad redshift bins. In addition, Serra et al. (2014) cross-correlated Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs) from SDSS-III Data Release Eight (DR8) and data from Planck and IRIS to estimate the bias of CIB galaxies with respect to the dark-matter density field and estimate a mean temperature of $T_d = 26$ K for the dust responsible for the CIB emission.

In this paper we extend the method further, applying a clustering-based redshift inference technique to a field of unresolved sources. Using data from the Planck satellite and the SDSS, we will benefit from the availability of a large fraction of the sky, therefore reducing effects due to sample variance. The outline of the paper is as follows: in §2 we present the method; in §3 we describe the Planck maps and spectroscopic quasar datasets; in §4 we present the intensity measurements, as well as estimates of the dust mass density and star formation rate density as a function of redshift; in §5 we offer conclusions and future directions; and finally, in an Appendix we summarize other findings from Planck maps that may be of interest. We assume a cosmology with $\Omega_M = 0.274$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.726$, and $H_0 = 70.5 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ (Komatsu et al. 2009). All error bars on the distributions are computed via spatial jackknife.

2 METHOD

Our methodology is based on ideas from Matthews & Newman (2010), Schmidt et al. (2013) and Ménard et al. (2013) (we refer the reader to those papers for more details). Qualitatively, we are using the fact that the sources whose redshift distribution we want to recover are embedded in the same large scale structure as a reference set of objects with known redshifts. This shared structure leads to a detectable signal when the unknown and reference samples overlap in redshift, but no signal when they do not, enabling us to trace out the redshift distribution by cross-correlating the unknown sample against bins of objects with spectroscopic redshifts.

The two point cross-correlation function, $w(\theta)$, is a measure of the degree to which two datasets are correlated. If the unknown and reference samples overlap in redshift, then the associations due to the shared structure will be evident as a positive cross-correlation, whereas if they are physically unassociated then the cross-correlation signal will drop to the Poisson level expected for a random sample. By dividing the reference spectroscopic sample into redshift bins and cross-correlating each bin with the unknown dataset, we can trace out the redshift distribution: the amount of overlap between the reference spectroscopic and the unknown sample will determine the amplitude of the cross-correlation signal. The measured set of angular cross-correlations provides us with constraints on the product of the redshift distribution of the unknown sample, $\frac{dN_u}{dz}$ and its clustering amplitude $b_u$. Additional information on $b_u$ can be obtained from the autocorrelation function of the unknown population, enabling us to infer $\frac{dN_u}{dz}$.

We measure the set of angular cross-correlation functions between a spectroscopic sample $s$ and the unknown sample $u$ considering a fixed physical aperture, defined by $r_{\text{min}}$ and $r_{\text{max}}$ (in Mpc), which corresponds to angular scale $\theta_{\text{min}}$ and $\theta_{\text{max}}$. We combine the clustering information from all considered scales by integrating the angular correlation according to

$$\bar{w}_{us}(z) = \int_{\theta_{\text{min}}}^{\theta_{\text{max}}} W(\theta') w_{us}(\theta', z) d\theta'$$

As in Schmidt et al. (2013) and Ménard et al. (2013) we use an inverse weight $W(\theta) \propto \theta^{-1}$ normalized over the aperture. We use an aperture between physical scales of $r_{\text{min}} = 0.3 \text{ Mpc}$ and $r_{\text{max}} = 3.0 \text{ Mpc}$, corresponding to $\sim 1 - 10$ arcminute scales over the redshift interval considered in the paper. The intermediate/quasi-linear scales employed in this paper should not be strongly sensitive to the differing bias evolution, as we will show in Section 4. Finally, as done in Schmidt et al. (2013), we attempt to minimize the effect of the redshift evolution of unknown population bias using the iterative bias correction method similar to that described in Matthews & Newman (2010).

Unlike previous implementations of cross-correlation methods, in this paper we are no longer measuring the correlation of discrete objects. As the cosmic infrared background is unresolved, our redshift inference technique is not based on source number counts but flux or intensity measurements:

$$\frac{dI_{\nu,k}}{dz} = \frac{dI_{\nu,k}}{dz} \int dI_{\nu,k}' d\nu'$$

In terms of the code machinery used in the calculations, this generalization to continuous distributions is essentially no different than the method used for discrete correlations, now treating weighted pixels rather than individual galaxies. To test the code, we pixelized the MegaZ-LRG galaxy catalog (Collister et al. 2007) to create a galaxy surface density map on a regular grid of stomp pixels. The redshift distribution of this sample was previously calculated by cross-correlating with the SDSS quasar catalog in Ménard et al. (2013), and we successfully recover the expected redshift distribution with the new estimator.

3 DATA AND ANALYSIS

The spectroscopic reference sample used in the cross-correlation analysis consists of quasars selected from Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) DR7 (Schneider et al. 2010). The DR7 footprint, once bright stars and areas of bad seeing have been masked, covers 5364.5 square degrees. After masking, our sample contains 63995 quasars. The broad redshift coverage of this reference sample enables us to probe the CIB intensity over a large fraction of cosmic time.

We use the Planck High Frequency Instrument (HFI)
maps with Zodiacal light subtracted. The Planck pixels are \( \sim 1.7' \times 1.7' \). We mask and remove point sources detected in Planck. To perform the measurements, we re-sample the maps from native HEALPix (Górski et al. 2005) format to create maps in the stomp format, which uses the \( \lambda - \eta \) coordinates of the SDSS. The HFI maps are supplied in units of Kelvin (217 GHz and 353 GHz), or MegaJansky per steradian (MJy/sr, 545 GHz and 857 GHz). The Planck documentation states that converting MJy/sr to Kelvin can be problematic for the highest frequencies, so we work in MJy/sr and use the conversions listed in Table 6 of Planck 2013 IX (Planck Collaboration et al. 2013a) to convert the lower frequency maps, namely factors of 483.69 and 287.45 for the 217 GHz and 353 GHz bands respectively.

A “colour correction” term is also necessary in order to put the intensities in \( I_{\nu} = \text{cst} \) units (similar to AB magnitudes, i.e. constant intensity per logarithmic unit in frequency, so a spectrum with \( I_{\nu} \propto \nu^{-1} \) would have zero colour correction), which depends on the shape assumed for the spectrum. The actual intensity is related to the \( \nu I_{\nu} = \text{cst} \) intensity by:

\[
I_{\nu_0}(\text{actual}) = \frac{I_{\nu_0}(\nu I_{\nu} = \text{cst})}{cc}
\]

where the colour correction is given by:

\[
cc = \int \frac{I_{\nu_0}}{I_{\nu_0}} \tau(\nu) d\nu / \int \frac{\nu_0}{\nu} \tau(\nu) d\nu
\]

and \( \nu_0 \) is the effective central frequency of the passband and \( \tau(\nu) \) is the filter transmission as a function of frequency. As we show in §4 the CIB intensity distribution is similar to that of a typical starburst galaxy with an SED similar to a modified blackbody in the far infrared. We use the 10\( ^{11} \) L\( _\odot \) “starburst” spectrum of Lagaëche et al. (2003) to compute the corrections. The colour correction will change as a function of redshift for such a source, as the slope of the SED changes as it redshifts through the passbands. For the four Planck bands considered in this paper the colour correction ranges from \( \sim 1.0 \) to 1.1 in the range \( 0 < z < 5 \).

### 3.1 Galactic Foreground Removal

A complication of the CIB measurement is that several strong foreground components also contribute to the intensity at far-infrared wavelengths: Zodiacal light, Galactic dust, CO emission, and at lower frequencies, the cosmic microwave background (CMB). We use Planck maps where Zodiacal light has been removed (see Planck XIV, Planck Collaboration et al. 2013d, for details). Galactic dust emission dominates the signal of the CIB at the high frequency channels in which we expect to detect the background radiation. Large scale gradients in the foregrounds that vary relatively smoothly over the SDSS footprint add an overall offset in the mean intensity as a function of position. As they are physically unassociated, these foreground fluctuations should not correlate with our quasar sample, and thus should only affect the amplitude normalization of the intensity distribution, not the shape of the intensity distribution itself. However, since we estimate errors with a spatial jackknife technique, the slowly varying foregrounds will bias the overall density on larger scale jackknife regions, increasing the estimated uncertainties on the density.

In order to mitigate the large scale emission due to Galactic foregrounds, we divide the DR7 quasar footprint into 8192 spatial regions (\( \sim 0.65 \text{deg}^2 \) each) and compute the mean intensity at each frequency in each region. We then subtract this mean in each region from the original map. This procedure removes the large scale foreground signals to zeroth order, but should not affect the 0.3-3.0 Mpc scales used in the correlation calculations. While this procedure removes the large scale gradients, it also removes intensity due to the CIB at larger scales. The clustering analysis still recovers the (normalized) intensity distribution as a function of redshift; however, we must now determine our intensity normalization from an independent method.

### 3.2 Intensity Normalization

To determine the overall amplitude of the CIB signal we define a “Northern Galactic cap” (NGcap) map, consisting of the portions of each map within the area \( 130^\circ < \text{RA} < 240^\circ \) and \( 5^\circ < \text{DEC} < 60^\circ \). This region, all at or above Galactic latitude \( b \geq 25^\circ \), will be less contaminated by Galactic dust emission and other foreground contamination. To determine the mean CIB intensity, which will be used as the amplitude for our normalized intensity distribution, we sum the intensity in all pixels contained in the 0.3-3.0 Mpc apertures for quasars in the NGcap footprint and divide by the total area of the summed apertures to obtain a mean intensity value (in MJy/steradian). Table 1 shows our estimates of the CIB monopole both in the entire masked DR7 footprint and in the NGcap section of the map. Shown for comparison are the monopole estimates from Planck VIII (Planck Collaboration et al. 2013a).

### Table 1. Total Cosmic Infrared Background Intensity (Note: errors are from spatial jackknife)

| Frequency (GHz) | 0.3-3 Mpc annuli intensity (DR7) within | 0.3-3 Mpc annuli intensity (NGCAP) within | Planck VIII monopole | Planck XXX monopole |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                 | (MJy/sr)                               | (MJy/sr)                                 | (MJy/sr)             | (MJy/sr)            |
| 217             | 0.0631 ± 0.00096                       | 0.0578 ± 0.00088                        | 0.035                | 0.035               |
| 353             | 0.1775 ± 0.0024                        | 0.1592 ± 0.0017                        | 0.13                 | 0.150               |
| 545             | 0.4345 ± 0.0078                        | 0.377 ± 0.0066                         | 0.35                 | 0.422               |
| 857             | 1.085 ± 0.024                          | 0.897 ± 0.019                          | 0.64                 | 0.898               |

1 Planck maps are available at: http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/data/Planck/release_1/all-sky-maps/
Figure 1. Recovered intensity (in MJy/sr) as a function of redshift at 857 GHz (top), 545 GHz (top center), and 354 GHz (bottom center) and 217 GHz (bottom) bands. The red lines show a parametric fit to the intensity for all but the 217 GHz data, where the parameters for the fits are listed in Table 2. The green dashed line indicates the expected signal at that frequency assuming the 545 GHz fit and assuming the $10^{11}L_\odot$ Lagache et al. spectrum. The lower signal to noise at 217 GHz is not unexpected, as the predicted strength of the CIB monopole at this frequency is comparable to the noise level of the Planck map.

et al. 2013b) and Planck XXX (Planck Collaboration et al. 2013e). When computing the CIB monopole, we are systematically high in the DR7 footprint, which is almost certainly due to foreground contamination. Restricting to the NGcap region shows better agreement with current estimates from Planck VIII (Planck Collaboration et al. 2013b), though the 217 GHz intensity is greater by 65%. The 217 GHz band contains a prominent CO line, and thus may be particularly affected by Galactic CO emission. The normalization in each band will directly affect the flux ratios discussed in the following section, and any biases present would affect our conclusions. As measurements of the CIB total intensity at these frequencies are still uncertain in the literature (e.g. the 857 GHz values in Table 1), we will use our NGcap normalization for the remainder of this paper.

### 3.3 Clustering Bias Corrections

The cross-correlation technique actually measures a product of the redshift distribution of the unknown population and its clustering bias. Matthews & Newman (2010) implemented an iterative correction using the autocorrelation functions of both the spectroscopic and photometric datasets to remove the effects of bias evolution in the linear regime. As in Schmidt et al. (2013) we will use the same methodology but apply it into the non-linear regime. For the spectroscopic quasar sample autocorrelations we use a fit to the values of the quasar clustering length from Shen et al. (2007) and Porciani & Norberg (2006). For the Planck band autocorrelations, we fit power laws to the $C_\ell$ values in Table D1 of Planck XXX (Planck Collaboration et al. 2013e) and transform from $\ell$ space to real space using:

$$w(\theta) = \int \frac{kdk}{2\pi} C_\ell(k)J_0(k\theta)$$

where $J_0$ is the zeroth order Bessel function and $k = \ell + 1/2$, to obtain power law fits for the frequency band autocorrelation functions. Assuming a form $w(\theta) \propto \theta^{1-\gamma}$, we find values of $\gamma = 2.01, 1.82, 1.71,$ and $1.54$ for the 217 GHz, 353 GHz, 545 GHz, and 857 GHz bands respectively.

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Figure 1 shows the resulting estimate of the CIB intensity (in MJy/sr) as a function of redshift for the 353 GHz, 545 GHz, and 857 GHz bands in bins of width $\Delta z = 0.15$. We see a very coherent signal with high signal-to-noise detections in three of these bands, and a broad redshift distribution peaking roughly at $z \sim 1.2$. The expected CIB signal at 217 GHz is approaching the noise present in the Planck map: the square root of the mean covariance of the 217 GHz map within the DR7 quasar footprint is $1.199 \times 10^{-4}$ K, which translates to a flux intensity uncertainty of 0.058 MJy/sr. The expected CIB monopole at 217 GHz is 0.033 MJy/sr (Planck VIII 2013, Table 4), lower than the expected noise in the map. The non-detection in this channel is therefore consistent with expectations.

To characterize the overall redshift distribution we fit a functional form to the data at each frequency:

$$I_\nu(z) = A \nu^\alpha \exp\left(-\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)^\beta\right).$$

(6)

This functional form is somewhat arbitrary. However, it provides us with adequate fits to the distributions given the size of the error bars. Table 2 lists the best fit parameter values, as well as the total detection significance (in terms of $\sigma$) for each distribution. We do not fit a function to the 217 GHz data. Instead we show the expected intensity of the signal as a green dashed line, assuming the spectrum of a $10^{11}L_\odot$ starburst galaxy which we normalize using the 545 GHz measured intensity.

Our cross-correlation method is subject to some uncertainty due to the potential differences in the bias evolution between the unknown and spectroscopic samples. The method proposed by Matthews & Newman (2010) and used above assumes that the unknown bias is proportional to the bias of the reference sample. An iterative approach then provides us with an estimate of the overall amplitude of the unknown bias. As discussed in Schmidt et al. (2013) this procedure is designed to work on large scales, where the clustering amplitude of a given population is expected to be linearly related to that of the dark matter density field. Its accuracy is higher when the unknown population is located within a narrow redshift range, and the relative bias evolution within the bin is minimal.

To estimate the potential uncertainties that could arise due to differing bias evolution, we calculate the distributions given three alternative bias scenarios and compare them to the fiducial result. The top panel of figure 2 shows the parameterized fits for the 545 GHz data from the iterative technique in black, while the bottom shows the evolution of the effective bias (note: the effective bias in all cases has been normalized to unity at $z=0.15$ for ease of comparison). The red curve is the result when using a more detailed measurement of the SDSS DR7 quasar bias evolution, which will be presented in Rahman et al. (in prep). The green curve is the result for a strongly evolving bias (a quadratic that reaches twice the bias of the nominal case at $z=5$), and the blue curve for a weakly evolving bias. We see some distortion in the overall shape and location of the peak intensity of the CIB signal, but the range of values lie mainly within the 1$\sigma$ error bars for the distribution. Thus, while there is some uncertainty in the overall shape of the distribution, the bias evolution should not be the dominant error in our measurements.

The ratio of the fluxes between the different bands gives us a measure of the mean CIB spectral shape as a function of redshift. We compute the expected intensity ratios in the Planck bands for the $10^{11}L_\odot$ starburst and Main Sequence/cold SEDs from Lagache et al. (2003), and compare them to our data. Figure 3 shows the ratios of 857 GHz to 545 GHz intensities as a function of redshift. The 545 to 353 GHz and 857 to 353 GHz ratios show very similar behavior. The $10^{11}L_\odot$ starburst fits the intensity ratios rather well, which is not unexpected, as the bulk of the CIB at far infrared wavelengths has been thought to arise from just such galaxies (Béthermin et al. 2012b). However, the lack of frequency coverage makes it difficult to constrain the full SED beyond the region of the Rayleigh-Jeans tail of the modified blackbody. Additionally, without coverage of the modified blackbody peak, it is difficult to put constraints on the mean temperature of the dust that is emitting. This uncertainty in temperature will propagate to uncertainty in the inferred dust mass density, as we will see in Section 4.2.

Finally, we perform a series of additional measurements to test for potential systematic effects. Similarly to applying our technique to the Planck maps for each channel, we apply it to other types of map: the carbon monoxide (CO) foreground map, the Spectral Matching Independent Component Analysis (SMICA) best extracted CMB map, and the galactic foreground dust opacity map. For the CO and SMICA maps, we expect no redshift dependent signal, as
Table 2. Intensity distribution fit parameters

| Frequency | A   | z0  | α   | Total S/N |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| 217       | 0.129 | 1.25 | 1.24 | 4.7σ     |
| 353       | 0.289 | 1.34 | 1.50 | 7.3σ     |
| 545       | 1.19  | 1.08 | 1.52 | 4.2σ     |
| 857       | 1.19  | 1.08 | 1.52 | 4.2σ     |

FIGURE 3. The ratio of 857GHz to 545GHz intensities as a function of redshift. The ratio for the analytic fit is shown in black, while the ratio calculated for the Lagache et al (2003) MS/cold (blue) and $10^{11} L_\odot$ starburst are shown for comparison. While noisy, the intensity ratios are consistent with the starburst SED.

4.1 Comparison to Earlier Results

There have been multiple efforts in recent years to estimate the redshift distribution of the CIB. Viero et al. (2009) use the Balloon-borne Large Aperture Sub-millimeter Telescope (BLAST) clustering signal and a halo model to estimate the CIB signal at 250, 350, and 500 μm, and find that it arises mainly from the redshift ranges $1.3 \leq z \leq 2.2$, $1.5 \leq z \leq 2.7$, and $1.7 \leq z \leq 3.2$ in each band respectively. Their model also suggests that star-forming galaxies may reside in the outskirts of groups and clusters at higher redshifts. Pascale et al. (2009) use a stacking analysis of BLAST sources detected in Spitzer imaging to estimate the CIB and dust mass using photometric redshifts in six bins, finding that the average dust temperature evolves with redshift, which we explore in the following section. Mitchell-Wynne et al. (2012) use a similar cross-correlation based technique to the one employed in this paper, recovering the redshift distribution (not the intensity distribution, as measured in this paper) of resolved HerMES sources with flux density $>20$ mJy by correlating against five broad redshift samples consisting of both spectroscopic and photometric redshifts from the NOAO Deep Wide Field Survey (NDWFS), Spitzer Deep Wide Field Survey (SDWFS), and SDSS. They find redshift distributions broadly consistent with models of Béthermin et al. (2011); however, their measurements are affected by some uncertainties, partially due to the small sample size, but also due to the very large redshift bins employed for the correlations, which dilute the clustering signal relative to narrower bins.

We compare our results to those of Béthermin et al. (2012b), who stack sources with $S_{24\mu m} > 80 \mu Jy$ to estimate their contribution to the CIB at 600GHz and 857GHz. They use photometric redshifts from COSMOS (Ilbert et al. 2009) to examine the flux intensity distribution as a function of redshift. Figure 4 shows the comparison of the two measurements at 857 GHz, where we have converted to units of nW/(m²sr). The conversion from MJy/sr to nW/(m²sr) is given by:

$$\nu I_\nu (\text{nW m}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1}) = \frac{\nu (\text{GHz})}{100} I_\nu (\text{MJy sr}^{-1}).$$
Figure 5. Top: The star formation rate density as a function of redshift for the 545GHz data, assuming three different SEDs to compute the Bolometric correction: $10^{11} L_{\odot}$ SED from Lagache et al. (2003) (red), and the empirical SEDs at $z=1$ (black) and $z=2$ (green) of Kirkpatrick et al. (2012). The solid lines show the SFR density assuming the analytical fits given in Table 2. The dashed blue line shows the piecewise linear fit to the SFRD from Hopkins & Beacom (2006), assuming a Salpeter A IMF. Bottom: Same as the top panel, but now showing the computed data points only for the $z=1$ starburst SED. Our estimate of the SFRD agrees well with the fit of Hopkins & Beacom.

We find markedly higher overall flux intensity than the HERMES values, which is also true when comparing our 545GHz measurement to their similar one at 600GHz. This may be due to two effects: first, the 24 micron stacks do not fully resolve the CIB, so the Béthermin et al. (2012b) data are only sensitive to a fraction of the overall CIB signal. Second, our CIB monopole determination is higher than expected, so our measurements may need to be scaled down by a small factor due to a small amount of foreground contamination. Overall, the shape of the redshift distributions is qualitatively similar. We do not see the anomalous peaks at $z \approx 0.3$ and $z \approx 1.9$ seen in both HERMES bands that are attributed to large scale structure in the COSMOS field, however our error bars also do not allow us to rule them out.

### 4.2 Dust Mass Density

Given the unresolved nature of the CIB measurement we cannot estimate the dust mass of individual sources. However, we can estimate the total dust mass density of the aggregate population. To do so, we assume that the dust emission follows a single temperature modified blackbody with emissivity $\epsilon_{\nu} \propto \nu^\beta$, which can be described by:

$$I(\nu) \propto \epsilon B(\nu) = \frac{A \nu^{\beta+1}}{e^{\nu/T_d} - 1}$$

We will fix $\beta = 1.5$ and $T_d = 34.7$K that best fit the $10^{11} L_{\odot}$ starburst model, though we again caution that this temperature is not well constrained. Given the intensity, we can estimate the total mass of the dust, $\rho_d$ as done in, e. g. Magdis et al. (2012):

$$M_d = \frac{S(\nu_0)D_L^2}{(1+z)\kappa(\nu_0)B(\nu_0, T_d)}$$

where $B(\nu_0, T_d)$ is the intensity of a blackbody spectrum with Temperature $T_d$ at $\nu = \nu_0$ and $\kappa$ is the dust grain absorption cross section per mass, with the assumed form

$$\kappa = \kappa(\lambda_0) \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda}\right)^\beta$$

We use a dust absorption cross section from the revised version of Li & Draine (2001)$^2$ with $R_V = 3.1$ and $\kappa_{550\mu m} = 0.80 cm^2/g$. We choose the wavelength $\lambda_0 = 550 \mu m$ near the center of our wavelength coverage to minimize effects of different $\beta$ values for the modified blackbody and cross section dependencies. These differences can cause systematic bias in dust mass estimates (Bianchi 2013). Figure 6 shows the estimated dust mass density, $\rho_d$, as a function of redshift for the 545 GHz band (shown in black), found by simply

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$^2$ The revised table with rescaling can be found at http://www.astro.princeton.edu/~draine/dust/dustmix.html
dividing the total dust mass by the volume of the redshift bin. Results for 353 GHz and 857 GHz are extremely similar. As our highest frequency band is 857 GHz (350 µm), we do not have a strong constraint on the dust temperature, as the modified blackbody peaks at λ ∼ 75 µm, and all of our data is on the featureless Rayleigh–Jeans tail of the modified blackbody curve at low redshift. The effective wavelength of the 857 GHz band reaches 75 µm at z ∼ 3.7; however, larger uncertainties in the measurements once again prevent an accurate estimate of the dust temperature and its possible evolution. A change in effective temperature can change both the shape and amplitude of the dust mass density as a function of redshift.

Previous work has found similar difficulty in constraining the dust temperature, particularly with a simple single temperature model. Dunne et al. (2011) point out that observed galaxies have multiple phases of dust emission, with warm dust (∼30–40 K) emanating from areas close to energetic heating sources (bright stars), and with colder dust heated by the interstellar radiation field at typically cooler temperatures of 15–20K. Using Spitzer data spanning 3–160 µm, Willmer et al. (2009) fit two temperature dust models and find significant cold (T ∼ 18 K) dust in all types of local spirals, with cold dust comprising a major portion of the IR luminosity. Pascale et al. (2009) estimate the mean intensity and comoving dust mass density from a stacking analysis of BLAST sources detected in Spitzer using a variety of photometric redshifts in the 0.9 deg² BLAST GOODS-S Deep field. They find a strong evolution in the dust temperature with redshift, from T = 23.2 K at 0.016 ≤ z ≤ 0.098 to T = 36.4 K at 1.062 ≤ z ≤ 3.5. However, they find little evolution in the dust mass density, though they state that dust mass estimates are uncertain at the order of magnitude level for similar reasons to those stated above. A more sophisticated temperature model would likely revise and improve our dust mass measurements.

To estimate the effect of evolving dust temperature, we use a simple but reasonable model: a linear (in log(1 + z)) temperature evolution using the values of Pascale et al. (2009). The red points in Figure 6 show the resulting assumed linear temperature evolution compared to the constant T = 34.7 K model. The dust mass density is tilted relative to the constant temperature model, higher at low redshift and lower at high redshift. However, the values for the evolving model are all within the ample one sigma uncertainties of the constant temperature model, so temperature evolution should not be the dominant uncertainty, if the estimates of Pascale et al. (2009) are reasonable. Thus, we conclude that the dust mass density in the Universe has smoothly increased as a function of time, rising roughly an order of magnitude from z = 5 to the present. With large uncertainties, the total dust mass density inferred in the local Universe corresponds to ∼1% of the total stellar mass density (Wilkins et al. 2008). Intriguingly, this dust mass fraction appears to have declined from a significantly higher value of ∼5% of the total stellar mass density at z ≥ 2.

This tentative result raises the question of the balance between dust production, destruction and dispersion over the lifetime of a galaxy, and across the breadth of galaxy populations. There are known trends between star formation rate and obscuration in galaxies in the local universe (e.g. Hopkins et al. 2001; Afonso et al. 2003; Hopkins et al. 2003; Pérez-González et al. 2003). The relationship has also been cast as one of increasing obscuration with increasing stellar mass (e.g. Garn & Best 2010). The SFR-obscuration trend evolves measurably with redshift, but the trend with stellar mass does not seem to evolve at all at least up to z ≈ 1.5 (Ly et al. 2012; Sobral et al. 2012; Domínguez et al. 2013). The implication seems to be that, while a galaxy is actively forming stars, dust production is maintained, and at a rate related to the galaxy’s mass.

The “downsizing” of star formation in galaxies (Cowie et al. 1996) implies that star formation happens preferentially in lower-mass galaxies at lower redshifts (e.g. Mobasher et al. 2009; Juneau et al. 2005). Our observations appear to support this scenario, where a given star formation rate produces a lower obscuration at lower redshift, from (on average) a lower mass star forming population. The evolving fraction of dust mass compared to stellar mass might be explained through two scenarios: (1) The dust produced is either destroyed, dispersed or otherwise removed from the galaxy, at a rate that increases toward lower redshift, such that the fractional dust content declines; or (2) Stars at lower redshifts are formed differently, producing less dust per unit stellar mass. Either or both scenarios (or others) may be operating. The downsizing model, combined with recent evidence tentatively indicating a varying stellar initial mass function (e.g. Wilkins et al. 2008; Gunawardhana et al. 2011) may suggest that a declining level of dust production with decreasing redshift is a good model to explain the result implied by Figure 6. Once again, decreasing the uncertainties in the our ρ_dust measurements through improved foreground subtraction or addition of higher frequency bands would enable better constraints on the evolution of the dust fraction, and will be revisited in future work.

4.3 The Cosmic Star Formation Rate Density

Over the past two decades there have been numerous measurements of the cosmic star formation rate density (SFRD) (e.g. Gallego et al. 1995; Madau et al. 1996; Lilly et al. 2004; Hopkins 2004; Hopkins & Beacom 2006; Wilkins et al. 2008; Kistler et al. 2009; McLure et al. 2013; Kistler et al. 2013). As shown below, our results can be used to provide an independent estimate of this quantity.

We compute the cosmic star formation rate density (SFRD) by making a series of very simple assumptions: To convert from Intensity I_ν(MJy/sr) to S_ν(MJy) we simply assume isotropy. As we cover a large area (5364.5 deg²) this is a valid assumption. We convert to luminosity L_ν with:

\[ L_ν(1+z) = \frac{S_ν 4πD_L^2}{1+z} \]  \hspace{1cm} (11)

where D_L is the luminosity distance (in cm). In order to apply Kennicutt’s relation we need a bolometric luminosity L_Bol estimate obtained by integrating a SED over the range 8-1000 microns (300-37500 GHz). For simplicity, we will assume that the CIB arises from a single, non-evolving, SED template. We compute the L_ν(1+z) to L_Bol conversion by fitting our three FIR data points to the template in order to fix the normalization, and simply integrating:

\[ L_{IR} = \int_{8\mu m}^{1000\mu m} L_ν dν \]  \hspace{1cm} (12)
The bolometric conversion is very sensitive to the assumed SED over the broad wavelength interval considered. Having only access to frequencies lower than 857 GHz limits our ability to constrain the overall SED. The literature presents a range of potential SEDs that give varying bolometric corrections depending on the amount of relative near and mid-infrared flux. Without mid-infrared data to constrain the SED shape it is very to properly estimate the bolometric IR luminosity. Kirkpatrick et al. (2012) present empirically derived infrared galaxy SEDs at redshifts \( z = 1 \) and \( z = 2 \) that may be more appropriate than the previously used Lagache et al. (2003) model. These empirical SEDs have a much broader FIR peak, indicating a range of dust temperatures, consistent with references in Section 4.2. There is significantly more flux at mid-infrared wavelengths, resulting in a smaller bolometric correction.

Once a bolometric luminosity has been computed, we use the relation between SFR and \( L_{IR} \) from Kennicutt (1998):

\[
SFR(M_\odot/yr) = 4.5 \times 10^{-44} L_{Bol} (\text{erg/s}).
\]

We compute \( pSFR \) (\( M_\odot yr^{-1} Mpc^{-3} \)) by dividing the SFR in each slice by the total volume in each redshift bin. Figure 5 shows the star formation rate density computed using the 353, 545, and 857 GHz bands. The top panel shows the SFRD computed using the analytic fits of Table 2 using three different SEDs to compute bolometric corrections: the previously used 104 L_\odot starburst, and the \( z = 1 \) and \( z = 2 \) empirical starbursts of Kirkpatrick et al. (2012). The bottom panel shows the individual bin measurements only for the \( z = 1 \) starburst SED for clarity. The piecewise-linear fit to the measured total (UV and IR) star formation rate density, assuming a modified Salpeter \( \alpha \) initial mass function (IMF) (Hopkins & Beacom 2006, Table 2), is shown as a dashed blue line for comparison. Uncertainty in the assumed IMF propagates to an uncertainty in the SFRD normalization (Hopkins & Beacom 2006; Wilkins et al. 2008; Gunawardhana et al. 2011). Thus, the true SFRD may be lower by up to a factor of \( \sim 2 \) compared to what is shown in Figure 5. We broadly reproduce SFRD calculated with other methods, with a rise between 0 < \( z < 1 \), with a plateau and possible decrease at higher redshifts.

Given that much of our CIB signal comes from galaxies near \( z \sim 1 \) where the intensity distribution peaks, we note that the Kirkpatrick et al. \( z = 1 \) starburst may be the most appropriate for much of the redshift range. Chen et al. (2013) found that the bolometric correction from 250 \( \mu \)m Herschel SPIRE observations to \( L_{IR} \) was consistent with the \( z = 1 \) Kirkpatrick starburst SED for a sample of 25 star forming galaxies in the redshift range 0.47 < \( z < 1.24 \), supporting the use of that SED in computing the bolometric correction, at least at \( z \sim 1 \). No attempt has been made to account for the fraction of UV photons that are not absorbed by dust and escape their host galaxy, which is dependent on at least the mass of the host galaxy. The total star formation rate density will thus be higher than the FIR star formation rate density shown in Figure 5. Takeuchi et al. (2005) use arguments based on the ultraviolet (UV) and IR galaxy luminosity functions to predict that the fraction of obscured star formation increases with redshift, rising from \( \sim 56 \) per cent at redshift zero to greater than 80 per cent at \( z \sim 1.2 \). This argues that the unobscured star formation not detected by our FIR measurements is a smaller fraction at high redshift. Once accounting for the additional UV escape photons, our measurement appears to be higher than that observed in the Hopkins & Beacom (2006) fit. This is most likely due to the contamination of our CIB signal by foreground dust, though the aforementioned IMF uncertainty may also be a factor. A more careful treatment of the foregrounds will likely lower the intensity of our CIB amplitude, in turn lowering the SFR measurements. In addition, we have made no attempt to account for evolution of the mean SED with redshift. If the mean temperature of the dust increases with redshift (Pascale et al. 2009), then the \( L_{Bol} \) conversion factor of Equation 4.3 will also evolve and modify the inferred star formation rate density. A more complex modeling including such effects is left to future work.

5 CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

Cross-correlating observations of the microwave sky by the Planck High Frequency Instrument (HFI) against the 3d density distribution of quasars from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) DR7, we characterize the intensity distribution of the Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB) over the range 0 < \( z < 5 \). We detect redshift-dependent spatial cross-correlations between the two datasets using the 857, 545 and 353 GHz channels and we obtain upper limits at 217 GHz consistent with expectations. At all frequencies we infer a redshift distribution peaking around \( z \sim 1.2 \) and find the recovered spectrum to be consistent with emission arising from star forming galaxies.

Detecting redshift-dependent spatial correlations using Planck observations first requires subtracting the Galactic
foreground signal, which is difficult to disentangle from the CIB signal itself in the far-infrared. We remove the foregrounds at scales larger than those probed in our physical annulus (0.3-3.0 Mpc) by subtracting the mean intensity in spatial regions of $\sim 0.65 \, \text{deg}^2$ to remove large scale gradients. As the foreground emission should not cluster with the CIB signal, the residuals should not affect the recovered redshift distribution, but only increase the uncertainties on the measurement. Normalizing the overall amplitude of the expected infrared intensity as a function of redshift requires an estimate of the CIB monopole. Our estimate of the total intensity of the CIB signal is most likely high, due to the method used for foreground dust subtraction. A more careful treatment of foregrounds should reduce the uncertainties in the intensity distributions, and is left for future analysis.

The cross-correlation analysis recovers a product of the intensity distribution and the clustering bias of the underlying datasets. We assume a model for the DR7 quasar bias from the clustering lengths given in Shen et al. (2007) and Porciani & Norberg (2006). A lack of knowledge of clustering bias evolution for the unknown sample can introduce uncertainty. To address this point we consider a range of possible scenarios in Section 4 and show that this limitation is not expected to be the main source of uncertainty in our estimates. A more detailed study of the bias properties for several spectroscopic datasets is now underway (Rahman et al., in preparation).

We estimate the total dust mass density using a modified blackbody emissivity calculation in Section 4.2. With data covering only 217-857 GHz in the observed frame we do not have a strong constraint on the dust temperature, opting to fix the temperature $T_{\text{eff}} = 34.7 \, \text{K}$ and assuming a modified blackbody with $\beta = 1.5$. We show a basic, but empirically motivated, temperature evolution model in Figure 6. The resultant change relative to the fixed temperature model is within the measurement uncertainties, so uncertainty in the temperature evolution is unlikely to be the dominant factor affecting the dust mass estimates. Despite these limitations, we observe a trend of gradually increasing dust mass as the Universe ages, with a total increase by almost an order of magnitude since $z = 5$, which may be consistent with downsizing scenarios.

We use the Kennicutt relation to convert bolometric infrared luminosity to the star formation rate density as a function of redshift in Section 4.3. As $L_{\text{IR}}$ is dependent on knowledge of the SED at near and mid-infrared wavelengths, our lack of data at frequencies above 857 GHz allows for some uncertainty in the bolometric correction and, hence, inferred SFR. We show the predicted star formation rate density for three different assumed SEDs in Figure 5. We reproduce the expected qualitative evolution of the SFRD, rising between $0 < z < 1$, then leveling off or falling at higher redshift, confirming this new technique as a valuable new tool for measuring the evolution of the cosmic star formation rate. We are sensitive only to starlight reprocessed into the far infrared, so values shown do not include a correction for UV photons that have not been absorbed and reprocessed into the infrared. As our estimates of the SFRD are near the mean values measured by Hopkins & Beacom (2006) before accounting for unobscured star formation in the UV, we believe that our overall intensity for the CIB is overestimated due to the simple method used in the removal of the foreground Galactic dust.

Adding data at near and mid infrared wavelengths spanning the $\sim$70-100 micron peak of the dust emission would provide much better constraints on the SED and effective temperature, enabling better measurements of the dust mass and star formation rate. As the bulk of the CIB is resolved at shorter wavelengths, surveys such as the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) mission (Wright et al. 2010) may be useful in providing this data, even if such datasets include only the resolved sources. In this paper we assumed no evolution in the dust temperature and average SED when calculating the dust mass and SFR, which is clearly too simple. Comparison with more complex models (e.g. Lagache et al. (2004) and Béthermin et al. (2012a)) may differentiate between possible star formation and dust histories. Such an investigation will be the subject of subsequent work.

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**APPENDIX A: CORRELATION WITH OTHER PLANCK MAPS**

In addition to the dust map, we cross-correlated the quasars with several other Planck map products. Results are not directly applicable to the CIB, but are interesting systematics tests for Planck data in general, and are presented here for those who may be interested. Figure A1 shows the distribution resulting from the cross-correlation of the carbon monoxide (CO) type-3 map and the SDSS quasar sample. We see no significant correlation with the quasars, indicating a clean separation of the CO signal from any extragalactic contaminants. As the carbon monoxide transitions are well understood and have distinct spectral characteristics, we expect such a clean separation.
Figure A1. The (type 3) CO intensity distribution as a function of redshift. No coherent signal is observed, indicating that the CO map is well separated from any extragalactic contamination.

Figure A2. The intensity distribution (in units of $\mu K_{\text{CMB}}$) for the SMICA map. No coherent signal is detected at low redshifts and no evidence for low redshift contaminants are seen.

are working on a method to better disentangle the Galactic and cosmological dust signals.

APPENDIX B: TABULATED DATA

This appendix lists the data shown in Figure 1 in tabular form.

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| redshift | 353GHz Intensity (MJy/sr) | 545GHz intensity (MJy/sr) | 857GHz intensity (MJy/sr) |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0.175    | 0.009±0.060              | 0.027±0.120              | 0.021±0.164              |
| 0.325    | -0.002±0.042             | -0.046±0.093             | 0.033±0.349              |
| 0.475    | 0.055±0.037              | 0.127±0.078              | 0.398±0.275              |
| 0.625    | 0.065±0.034              | 0.139±0.071              | 0.595±0.248              |
| 0.775    | -0.001±0.033             | 0.047±0.067              | 0.242±0.223              |
| 0.925    | 0.076±0.029              | 0.202±0.063              | 0.649±0.203              |
| 1.075    | 0.062±0.025              | 0.209±0.050              | 0.460±0.211.167          |
| 1.225    | 0.083±0.020              | 0.121±0.040              | 0.313±0.127              |
| 1.375    | 0.069±0.019              | 0.145±0.038              | 0.398±0.117              |
| 1.525    | 0.067±0.017              | 0.212±0.034              | 0.547±0.109              |
| 1.675    | 0.035±0.014              | 0.113±0.028              | 0.500±0.761.74           |
| 1.825    | 0.054±0.013              | 0.185±0.027              | 0.471±0.086              |
| 1.975    | 0.065±0.013              | 0.148±0.028              | 0.277±0.090              |
| 2.125    | 0.027±0.014              | 0.103±0.028              | 0.136±0.087              |
| 2.275    | 0.054±0.015              | 0.099±0.030              | 0.158±0.093              |
| 2.425    | 0.008±0.017              | 0.025±0.036              | -0.044±0.112             |
| 2.575    | 0.060±0.018              | 0.098±0.035              | 0.125±0.100              |
| 2.725    | 0.017±0.019              | 0.080±0.036              | 0.116±0.100              |
| 2.875    | 0.040±0.015              | 0.086±0.030              | 0.147±0.093              |
| 3.025    | 0.025±0.011              | 0.050±0.019              | 0.038±0.054              |
| 3.175    | 0.021±0.010              | 0.048±0.020              | 0.054±0.061              |
| 3.325    | 0.035±0.011              | 0.064±0.020              | 0.114±0.057              |
| 3.475    | 0.031±0.015              | 0.046±0.030              | 0.028±0.087              |
| 3.625    | 0.018±0.011              | 0.035±0.023              | 0.059±0.067              |
| 3.775    | 0.016±0.011              | 0.006±0.019              | -0.012±0.056             |
| 3.925    | 0.014±0.011              | 0.016±0.020              | 0.017±0.059              |
| 4.075    | -0.017±0.012             | -0.044±0.023             | -0.131±0.067             |
| 4.225    | 0.015±0.014              | 0.024±0.028              | 0.012±0.081              |
| 4.375    | -0.001±0.014             | -0.008±0.032             | 0.013±0.094              |
| 4.525    | -0.016±0.014             | -0.040±0.028             | -0.125±0.078             |
| 4.675    | 0.003±0.018              | -0.046±0.038             | -0.176±0.116             |
| 4.825    | 0.021±0.017              | 0.040±0.031              | 0.060±0.095              |

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