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CONTEXT

Dispersion relation shows non-linearities

Lab derived degap v/s flight data

PROCESS

Extract source photons

Derive photon distribution in detector space

Force observed distribution of photons to match

RESULTS

Empirically determine degap shifts

Apply to other data (see Chung et al. poster)

COMMENTS

Magnitude of corrections

Limitations

What is next?















Degap Correction [pix]







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Empirical degap shifts, from continuum source (PKS 2155-304)

Limited to spectroscopic area of detector, but no evidence of variations with perpendicular tap or energy.

Changes event locations by ~7 pix ~0.045 Angstrom

Insufficient to fully account for dispersion non-linearities

Things to do:

- include sources with softer spectra
- reduce particle background
- test for temporal stability
- include effects of gain and tap signal offsets