Imaging and Spectral Performance of the HRC

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forthcoming CALDB updates

- time-dependent SAMP gainmap for the HRC-S
- time-tagged SAMP gainmaps for the HRC-I
- RMF for use with SPI for the HRC-I
- time-dependent background spectra for the HRC-I
- bad pixel map for the HRC-S

SAMP gainmaps



better behaved than PHAs

• SPI is the new PI

SAMP gainmaps

• HRC-S : see Brad's talk [C.13]

- time-dependence built in, applied in hrc_process_events
- HRC-I : see Jenny's poster [C.16]
 - epoch-dependent maps, one per year



HRC-I RMF

new "SPI" requires new RMF
see Jenny's poster [C.16]
why?

- hardness ratios
- filtering to reduce background

HRC-I RSP









HRC-I background

particle background has increased by ~2x

- see Takashi's poster [C.17]
- spatial variations can be eliminated with gainmap
- temporal variations can be interpolated
- filter on SPI to improve source detection









HRC-S bad pixel map

• Crab data at the HRC-S aimpoint

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HRC-S bad pixel map

• many bad areas, but no new ones

one more thing..

HRC-S/LETG non-linearities

- dispersion relation expected to be correct to rms 0.006 Å on an absolute scale
- based on Capella: binary with ±60 km/s deviations (~0.003 Å at 15 Å)
- verify with near simultaneous ACIS-S/HETG wavelengths



HRC-S/LETG non-linearities

line	offset from MEG [Å]
O VIII	0.002± 0.0034
NE X	-0.0014± 0.0039
FE XVII (15)	-0.0007± 0.0033
FE XVII (17)	0.0008± 0.0043

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HRC-S/LETG non-linearities

residual non-linearities less than 0.004Å
 no evidence for time dependence in degap (yet)