Chandra Calibration Status



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Newly Released Calibration Products

ACIS

Updated ACIS contamination model

>A set of time-dependent ACIS QE maps (one for every two years)

HRC

➤The HRC-S high voltage setting was increased in March 2012 to mitigate the affects of the declining gain and QE

Improved HRC –S and HRC-I de-gap maps – This affects the centroid of the 0th order image in LETG spectra and the wavelength scale.

New gains and QE for the new HRC-S high voltage setting

Chandra Internal Cross-Calibration Studies

Abell 1795

G21.5-09

E0102-72













Abell 1795 Cross-Calibration Results

On-Axis Observations



Abell 1795 Cross-Calibration Results

Off-Axis Observations

phabs*apec N_H=1.2e20 cm⁻² z=0.062



G21.5-09 Cross-Calibration Results

On-Axis Observations



G21.5-09 Cross-Calibration Results

On-Axis Observations

phabs*pow



E0102-72 Cross-Calibration Results

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ACIS Contamination Model N007

Updated time-dependence

Black data points are ECS measurements and red and blue data points are ACIS-I and ACIS-S observations of A1795



ACIS Contamination Model N007

Updated spatial distribution model





Latest Results on ACIS Contamination





Spectral fits to E0102-72 with additional O-K edge absorption

S3, ObsID 15557, C-stat=218.359, dof=80, Q-stat=233.5, reduced Q stat=2.92







E0102-72 spectral fits





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E0102-72Spectral Fits





O-K edge depth derived from E0102-72 spectral analysis



Adjustment to the HRC-S HV

LETG/HRC-S observations of HZ43 over the course of the mission



LETG/HRC-S observations of Mkn 421 with old and new HV settings



Adjustment to the HRC-S HV



Summary of Present Calibration Activities

- Update ACIS contamination model
- ► Revise S1 (and possibly S3) gain at low energies.
- > Develop a script for analyzing ACIS CC mode data
- Better characterize the ACIS background spectrum
- Re-calibrate the LETG/HRC-S LSF with the new de-gap map
- Better characterize the arcsecond scale structure in the HRC PSF
- Modify SAOTrace to reproduce the observed Her X-1 PSF/wings

Adjustment to the HRC-S HV



July 2012 observations of Mkn 421

HETG/ACIS-S



LETG/ACIS-S

