High Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy and TGCat

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Resolution



What Do We Mean by High Resolution?

- CCD Spectral Resolution (Suzaku): E/ΔE_{FWHM} ~18 @1 keV, ~46 @6.4 keV (scales as E^{0.5})
- Gratings Spectral Resolution: E/ΔE_{FWHM} ~314 @1 keV (XMM-RGS) E/ΔE_{FWHM} ~1350 @1 keV, ~214 @6.4 keV (Chandra-HETG)
- Scales as E⁻¹ (explanation coming up...)
- To date, X-ray High Resolution Means Gratings Chandra-Low/High Energy Transmission Gratings & XMM-Reflection Gratings Spectrometer
- Near future: X-ray Calorimetry ΔE_{FWHM} ~5–7 eV, E/ΔE_{FWHM} ~1000 @6.4 keV (scales as E)

High/Low Res Comparison



High/Low Res Comparison



Incoming Photon

Calorimeter



(See http://web.mit.edu/figueroagroup/ucal/ucal_basics/index.html)

Gratings

Figure taken from Antonine education website (which no longer exists)



Grating Equation:

$$n\lambda = n\frac{hc}{E} = d\sin\theta \approx d\theta$$



Reflection Gratings

Transmission Gratings

Grating Equation:

 $n\lambda = n\frac{hc}{E} = d\sin\theta \approx d\theta$

Chandra-HETG



Invar grating frame.



Scanning electron micrograph of gold grating.



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A Wistful Dream...



Energy

Lynx?



MEG

Greater Distance = Higher Resolution Resolution Limited by CCDs & Gratings Accuracy

Chandra HETG



Chandra (ACIS) LETG



- 0th order shows diffraction from coarse support structure
- "Whiskers" are diffraction from fine support structure

Chandra HETG



Order Sorting (aka Banana Plots)

- Multiple orders land on the same detector location
- CCD resolution is sufficient to separate these!
- Plotting E_{CCD} vs. $n\lambda$ should show "bananas"
- Or we can plot n λ vs. E_{CCD} n λ hc
- E_{CCD} n λ /hc is the "order"

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Order Sorting Plot



Data Extraction Tasks

- All these can be accomplished with CIAO tools
 - (Select time intervals, "clean" the data)
- Where is my source?
 - tg_detect2 or "by hand"
- What regions should be assigned orders?
 - tg_create_mask
- Which events should be assigned to which orders?
 - tg_resolve_events
- What region (width) should I extract?
 - tg_extract
- Create Response (RMF and ARF files)
 - mkgrmf, asphist & mkgarf or fullgarf

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Where is my source?



Accuracy can be as good as 0.1 pixels

tg_create_mask

Hierarchy: Oth Order > MEG > HEG



CIAO defaults are a bit too wide, so MEG "clips" HEG high energy for "Continuum" Sources

These are the Potential Gratings Events

"Resolving" Events



Fraction of RMF is the "Order Sorting Integrated Probability" (OSIP) and is Incorporated into ARF

Order Sorting

- For Chandra, there are two choices:
 - "Standard" (which varies with wavelength) with a pre-calculated OSIP
 - "Flat", with the user choosing a fixed ratio, e.g., Ecco m /hc >= 0.8–1.3 and OSIP assumed to be 1
 - Flat is usually the choice for "Continuous Clocking" mode
- To be a gratings photon, it has to be at the right place with the expected energy
 - Greatly reduces background!

tg_extract_events

Isolated Source, Defaults are Fine



Fraction of LSF is Incorporated in RMF

Narrower is Sometimes Necessary



Orion Star Cluster



Response Matrices & ARF

- If you've extracted the standard width, the standard RMF is sufficient
- ARF (effective area file) has to incorporate spatial information about the detector. Not only chip gaps, but also bad pixels & columns
- Standard tools: mkgrmf, asphist & mkgarf, fullgarf

Sample Gratings ARF



And Now Analysis Begins!

- You have extracted spectra and created response matrices/ effective area files
- Analyze in any standard program: ISIS, XSPEC, Sherpa, SPEX
- The standard is to extract 1st, 2nd, 3rd (+/-) orders
 - Higher orders have less flux, and less accurate responses difficult to use for continuum
 - Line dominated sources, good for separating blends of lines

Complex

- Pileup Less likely to happen, but it can ...
 - pile-up model for ISIS/Sherpa (XSPEC?)
- Continuous Clocking Mode (CC-mode)
- Sources with spatial structure
- Sources with spatial structure and CC-mode

Time Intervals & Data Cleaning

• You can do a time slice with dmcopy:

dmcopy "evt1_file[stdevt][time=5.1096500e8:5.1098000e8]" evt1_new

- You can then run the chandra_repro script on this new file, and proceed from there
 - Removes bad pixels
 - Applies Good Time Intervals (GTI)
 - Removes "streaks" (S4 Chip)
 - Selects "Good Grades"

Pileup in Gratings Spectrum



Most Significant in MEG (Higher Effective Area, Less Dispersion)

Continuous Clocking

- Image collapsed to one dimension
- But, MEG 2nd orders are suppressed, so HEG 1st order is always assumed
- Extraction width is assumed to be 100%, and OSIP is chosen to be flat (~0.8–1.3) and assumed 100%
- No source is piled up in this mode we've looked at Sco X-1! (The Chandra team was *not* happy!)
- But, there are still issues at the few % level...
- We recommend putting MEG -1 and HEG+1 off the chips

A Note About Exposures

- Different Chips Can Have Different Exposures
 - Especially True for Bright Sources with Data Loss
- Data files will have the mean exposure of all the chips
- Effective Area files will have the mean exposure of the chips associated with that detector
- None of these numbers may actually be the "true" exposure at a specific wavelength region
 - The issues are incorporated into the ARF
 - But might not be adequate when doing lightcurves

TGCAT: TRANSMISSION GRATINGS CATALOG

- Location: <u>http://tgcat.mit.edu/</u>
- Description: Huenemoerder et al. 2011, AJ, 141, 129
- Examples & video demos: <u>http://tgcat.mit.edu/tgHelp.php?guide=help/tgcat_demos.html</u>
- Help desk: tgcat@space.mit.edu

WHYTGCAT?

- saves you time
- We provide human-vetted extractions, spectra, lightcurves, fluxes in bands of interest, and diagnostic plots
 - If the summed spectra is all you need, you can start and stop with *TGCat*.
- Plots! In many different units for different astronomers (wavelength, energy, frequency).
 - Ability to sum spectra and visually search for features.
 - Summed spectra *almost* good enough to fit

WORKED EXAMPLE: M81*

- Search for the source.
- Identify multiple observations.
- Look at them individually
 - Visually judge long term variability
- Sum the observations, and look at the combined plot
 - Visually identify weak features
- Download the Data Products



TGCat Announcements [all]

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2 new extractions reviewed and added to the archive Show Me

Serendipitous Source Extraction Request Form

If you use TGCat in your research, please cite: Huenemoerder et al. 2011 (AJ, 141, 129).



Related Catalog Projects: CSC X-Atlas BiRD HotGAS MAST

NVO SCS SIA

Many Choices for Search – We'll Use Quick Search



% is a Wild Card – be generous with its use, since we might not have spelled it the way you are expecting!

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Hovering Shows a Spectral Plot

M 81*

TGCat

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Clicking on an Observation Brings Up Summary

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Note Other Objects in Field

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Some Lightcurve Variability

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Preliminary Plot of All Data Combined

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Change the Plot Defaults, and Plot Flux

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OTHER ASPECTS OFTGCAT:

- Upon request, we will do custom extractions of other sources in the fields
 - e.g., stellar fields might have multiple possible sources
 - The M81* field has a ULX with dispersed spectra



Tracking Contaminant on Chandra-ACIS





Interstellar Medium Studies



TW Hya



(Brickhouse et al. 2010)



GX 301-2



(Watanabe et al. 2004)



Stellar Winds (Cyg X-1 HMXB Wind)

NGC 3783 from the TGCat Catalog



AGN Warm Absorbers



Magnetized Accretion Disk Winds