Non-thermal SNRs WG Summary Talk

G21.5-0.9
 Crab

Mateo's Questions

1) what's missing before the paper(s) can be submitted?

- --- 15 action items identified (slides 5-6).
- 2) when do you plan to be ready for sbumission?
- ---- 2010-07-31 (slide 7).

3) what's next, i.e. what are the plans for the WG after the paper is submitted?

---- Crab (slides 8-10)

1. G21.5-0.9 Progress during the meeting

1 hr session + many off-line conversations (+ some sleepless nights for jet lag).

- RXTE/PCA joined for the study (Shaposhnikov).
- Comments for the draft (co-authors+).
- Comparison made regarding the inconsistencies found in G21.5-0.9 with those in other studies (many IACHEC members).
- Action items and the goal for submission agreed (WG).

1. G21.5-0.9 Rejoin of RXTE/PCA

Reduction finished by quick work by Shaposhnikov during a session.



1. G21.5-0.9

Action items (1) (* Finished items are in color)

- 1. ACIS-S : Data piled-up. Negligible, but quantify the level by comparing sub-array and full-array data (Plucinsky, Posson-Brown).
- 2. EPIC : The pn MOS inconsistency in G21.5-0.9 is not consistent with the inconsistencies in other works. Investigate the cause (Guainazzi).
- 3. EPIC (pn) : Take several different approaches for background (different positions, different extraction radius, blank sky data, etc; Guainazzi).

1. (1) The flux consistency between MOS and pn

2. (2) < 2 keV deviation only for pn.

- 4. XRT : The two data sets before the Vss change is inconsistent in flux. Check the data (Beardmore).
- 5. XIS : Investigate the cause for the failure to recover the flux lost outside of the extraction region (Tsujimoto).
- 6. IBIS : A large inconsistency in flux between PIN & IBIS. Try different data selection (Natalucci).

1. G21.5-0.9 Action items (2)

- 7. ACIS-S, XRT, EPIC : Try smaller extraction regions (Plucinsky, Guainazzi, Beardmore).
- 8. Radial profile for EPIC is wrong. Fix it. (Tsujimoto).
- 9. Fix NH and power-law index to focus only on flux inconsistency (Tsujimoto).
- 10.Include RXTE/PCA results for the paper (Tsujimoto).
- 11.Comparison table (table 2) is obsolete. Fix it (Tsujimoto).
- 12.Expand the source extraction region for XIS (Tsujimoto).
- 13.Use optimized energy band for PIN, RXTE, IBIS (Tsujimoto).
- 14.Source confusion for PCA (Shaposhnikov).
- 15.Reexamine the numbers, verify the G21.5-0.9 inconsistency by comparing with your own results (your instruments, your IACHEC targets, etc). (All IACHEC colleagues).

1. G21.5-0.9 Future plan

2010-04-30 : Circulate the current draft to co-authors & WG leaders.
2010-05-31 : Deadline of the action items.
2010-06-30 : Circulate the final draft to co-authors & WG leaders.
2010-07-31 : Submission of the paper.

2. Crab Progress during the meeting

0.5+1.0 hr session + many off-line conversations.

- We (re)-started working for the Crab.
 - Crab is still useful for hard-band instruments.
 - Crab compensates some of the weakness of G21.5-0.9.
 - Crab & G21.5-0.9 cover a much wider dynamic range.
- Natalucci agreed to leads the work.
- Participating instruments and tentative assignments agreed.
 Whether to include BeppoSAX is discussed.
- Approach discussed (same with G21.5-0.9).
- Plan of the paper discussed.

2. Crab Aims & instruments

- Aims:
- Make the current status of the cross-calibration at medium/hard X-ray energies (>10 keV).
- Establish a link with soft X-ray measurements.
- Provide a "view" to spectralists for the interpretation of their results on broad-band analysis.
- Participating instruments :
 - Hard-band instruments: Suzaku/HXD (Tsujimoto, tentative), RXTE/PCA (Jahoda, Shaposhnikov), INTEGRAL/IBIS (Natalucci, Fiocchi), SPI (Jourdain), MAXI (Sugizaki), Swift/BAT (Sakamoto).
 - Soft band instruments : Chandra/LETGS (Weisskopf), XMM/EPIC in burst mode (Guainazzi), XMM/RGS (Kaastra).

2. Crab Some phylosophical issues

- Crab is not just an X-ray source. It is a Vega in the optical. This paper defines one Crab of this generation.
- MAXI is in the initial phase of the calibration. Whether our Crab work is useful for MAXI is a good practical test for whether our IACHEC work for future missions.



- 2010-05-12 Finalize assignees and circulate the protocol (Natalucci)
- 2010-10-31 Calibration & software frozen for results.
- 2010-12-09 Circulate a skeleton paper with IBIS results (Natalucci).
- 2011-01..03 Frequent updates of the draft.
- 2011-04-15 Draft ready for comparison with other works during the next IACHEC meeting.

8. Radial profile for EPIC is wrong. Fix it.



9. Fix NH and power-law index to focus only on flux inconsistency

NH = 3.07×10^{22} /cm², Γ =1.84 (best-fit values for the ACIS-S3 combined fit).



10. Comparison table (table 2) is obsolete. Fix it.

This is not actually obsolete. The fitting was done in 1.0-8.0 keV, not 2.0-8.0 keV.

12. Expand the source extraction region for XIS.





Include RXTE/PCA results for comparison. Use optimized energy band for PCA, PIN, IBIS.

PCA 10-30 keV, PIN 15-70 keV, IBIS 18-150 keV.

