



FORCAST DATA PRODUCTS BASIC SCIENCE

SOFIA WORKSHOP

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Outline

- Observed Data
- Data Reduction Process
- Data Products
- Final Results





Observed Data

OBSERVATIONAL ARTIFACTS IN MID-IR

- Bad Pixels and cosmic rays
- Electronic Noise:
 - Droop
 - Jailbar (Vertical bars)
 - Non-linearity
 - Gain differences
- Optical Path Differences
- Optical Distortion
- Sky and Telescope Background







OBSERVATIONAL TECHNIQUES AND LEVEL 1 (RAW)

- Observing modes:
 - C2

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- Symmetric and Asymmetric chop
- C2N
 - Nod-Match-Chop (NMC)
 - Nod-Perp-Chop (NPC)
- C2NC2
- Dithering
- Flat fields
- Darks





OBSERVATIONAL TECHNIQUES AND LEVEL 1 (RAW)

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ISRA

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- Dithering
- < Add noise



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Observed Data

OBSERVATIONAL TECHNIQUES AND LEVEL_1 (RAW)

• Observing modes:



• Dithering





OBSERVATIONAL TECHNIQUES AND LEVEL_1 (RAW)

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OBSERVATIONAL TECHNIQUES AND LEVEL_1 (RAW)

Observing modes:

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Observed Data

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SOFIA DCS: Science Archiv... X + Observed Data

HOW TO FIND LEVEL 1 DATA?

- Go to DCS web: dcs.sofia.usra.edu
- Search Science
 Archive
- Choose Criteria

SOFIA Data Cycle System	RETRIEVE ARCHIVE OBSERVE PROPOSE PLAN
Username Password Password)
Message Of The Day	DCS 2

Science Archive Search

	Mission ID:	2011-05-06_FO_F055	0	
Observation Period:	O Date Range:	From yyyyy-mm-dd	To yyyyy-mm-dd	
Primary Investigator:	First Name	Last Name)	
Plan ID:				
AOR ID:				
Observer:				
Instrument:	Name FORCAST 🗘	Spectral Element		
Processing State:	LEVEL_1			
roduct Type:				
Observation Type:	ALL			
Target:	M82	Get SIMBAD Position		
Spatial Search Area:	RA (hh:mm:ss)	Dec (deg:mm:ss)	Search Radius (arcsec)	Equinox 2000
Results Per Page:	50 \$			
ownloadable				





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Observed Data

HOW TO FIND LEVEL_1 DATA?

- Select data + push "Get Selected Data" + Confirm selection
- Click email link + download zip file + unzip
- Verify hash

Get Selected Data

Mission ID	Processing	AOR	Primary Investigator	Observer	Target	Observation Type	RA - Dec (J2000)	Obs Date (UTC)	Start - End (UTC)	Exp. Time (sec)	Instrument	Spectral Element	Release Date (UTC)	File Size (MB)
2011-05-06_FO_F055	LEVEL_1	UNKNOWN Get Data Products		?	Beta Peg	standard	23:03:46.36 +28:04:43.9	2011-05-06	11:43:33 11:43:38	4.7068	FORCAST	N.I.	2011-10-05 00:00:00.0	1.02
2011-05-06_FO_F055	LEVEL_1	UNKNOWN Get Data Products		?	Beta Peg	standard	23:03:46.73 +28:05:15.16	2011-05-06	11:43:56 11:44:01	4.6943	FORCAST	N.I.	2011-10-05 00:00:00.0	1.02
2011-05-06_FO_F055	LEVEL_1	UNKNOWN Get Data Products		?	Beta Peg	standard	23:03:46.37 +28:04:45.29	2011-05-06	11:44:27 11:44:32	4.6943	FORCAST	N.I.	2011-10-05 00:00:00.0	1.02
2011-05-06_FO_F055	LEVEL_1	UNKNOWN Get Data Products		?	Beta Peg	standard	23:03:46.86 +28:05:13.83	2011-05-06	11:44:50 11:44:55	4.794	FORCAST	N.I.	2011-10-05 00:00:00.0	1.02
2011-05-06_FO_F055	LEVEL_1	UNKNOWN Get Data Products		?	Beta Peg	standard	23:03:46.37 +28:04:45.49	2011-05-06	11:45:13 11:45:18	4.794	FORCAST	N.I.	2011-10-05 00:00:00.0	1.02
2011-05-06_FO_F055	LEVEL_1	UNKNOWN Get Data Products		?	Beta Peg	standard	23:03:46.68 +28:05:15.73	2011-05-06	11:45:36 11:45:42	4.8811	FORCAST	N.I.	2011-10-05 00:00:00.0	1.02
2011-05-06_FO_F055	LEVEL_1	UNKNOWN Get Data		?	Beta Peg	standard	23:03:46.35	2011-05-06	11:46:41	4.6943	FORCAST	N.I.	2011-10-05	1.02







DATA PROPERTIES (LEVEL_1)

- Name convention:
 - Name = b/r + FTO + flight# + _ + file# + .fits ex: bFT062_0001.fits
 - Archive names have unique stamp ex: bFT062_0001_1319575990644.fits
- Header Keywords
 - OBSTYPE (object or standard)
 - *INSTMODE* = C2, C2N (+ C2nc2 keyword)
 - *PROCSTAT* = Level_1, Level_2
 - WAVELNTH for filter







Data Reduction Process

REDUCTION ALGORITHMS AND LEVEL 2 DATA

- Remove instrument artifacts and sky
- Data Reduction Steps
 - Select Data Groups
 - Identify and clean bad pixels
 - Droop correction
 - Non-linearity correction
 - Stack planes
 - Distortion correction
 - Merge peaks
 - Coadd merged images

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Data Reduction Process





BadPixel Mask from Instrument Team Correct using planar interpolation

+mean_signal_row*factor

Characterized by Herter, T

Correct using correction coeff



Characterized by Vacca, W

Correct using correction background level, scale and signal reference

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SOFIA DCS: Science Archiv... Data Products

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Science Archive Search

	Mission ID:	2011-05-06_FO_F055	•		
Observation Period:	O Date Range:	From yyyyy-mm-dd	то Јуууу-mm-dd		
Primary Investigator:	First Name	Last Name			
Plan ID:					
AOR ID:	[
Observer:	[
Instrument:	Name FORCAST 🗘	Spectral Element			
Processing State:	LEVEL_2				
roduct Type:	coadded				
Observation Type:	ОВЈЕСТ				
Target:		Get SIMBAD Position			
Spatial Search Area:	RA (hh:mm:ss)	Dec (deg:mm:ss)	Search Radius (arcsec)	Equinox 2000	
Results Per	50 0				





Data Products

DATA PROPERTIES (LEVEL 2)

- Name convention:
 - Name = b/r + FT0 + flight# + _ + file# + _ + prodtype .fits ex: bFT062_0001_coadded.fits
 - Archive names have unique stamp ex: bFT062_0001_coadded_2359585900341.fits
- Header Keywords
 - *HISTORY* gives information about the reduction (ex: shifts)
 - CHPAMP/CHPANG NODAMP/NODANG for manually perform or double-check shifts
 - TELRA and TELDEC for checking final combination
 - PRODTYPE: drip-undistorted, drip-coadded,...







Final Results...

- Images in Mega-electrons per second
- For high S/N: Use coadded images and calibrators for science
- For low S/N:
 - No cadded images because:
 - Dither keywords are not precise
 - _ Centroid and correlation algorithms are inefficient due to high and uneven background
 - Manually combine merged images

Special cases:

- Need accurate merged images
 - _ Verify shifts in merged header history
 - _ If required, manually combine undistorted images
 - _ Rotate image by 180-SKYANGL
- Need accurate coadded images
 - _ Verify shifts in coadded header history
 - _ If required, manually combine merged images
- Need to lower the S/R by combining various coadded files
 - _ Multiply each coadded image by the number of merged files
 - _ Combine the scaled merged files
 - _ Divide by the total number of merged files for all the combined coadded







QUESTIONS?