



Photometer Scan Map Processing ---- Baseline Removal and Naïve/MADmap comparison

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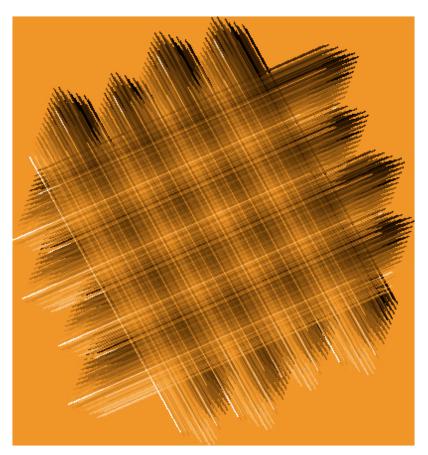






Why baseline removal is needed?

- offsets of individual detector channels on the order of ~ 1Jy/beam.
- caused by errors of Temperature Drift Correction (~ a few % × ~30 Jy/beam).



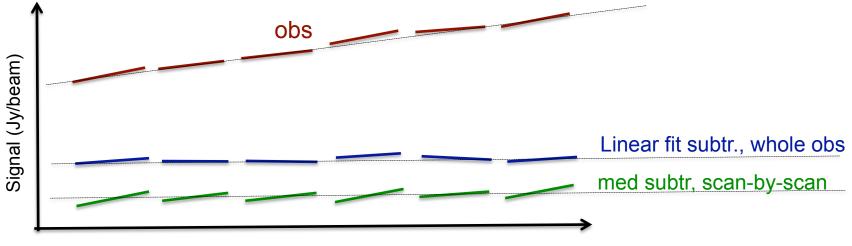
PSW map without baseline removal



baseline removal modules in pipeline

Two methods available in standard pipeline:

- 1. Subtract the median from the timeline of each channel, scan-by-scan (**default**).
- 2. Subtract a polynomial fit (default: linear) to the timeline of each channel over entire obs.



Time (second)

Start the demo!

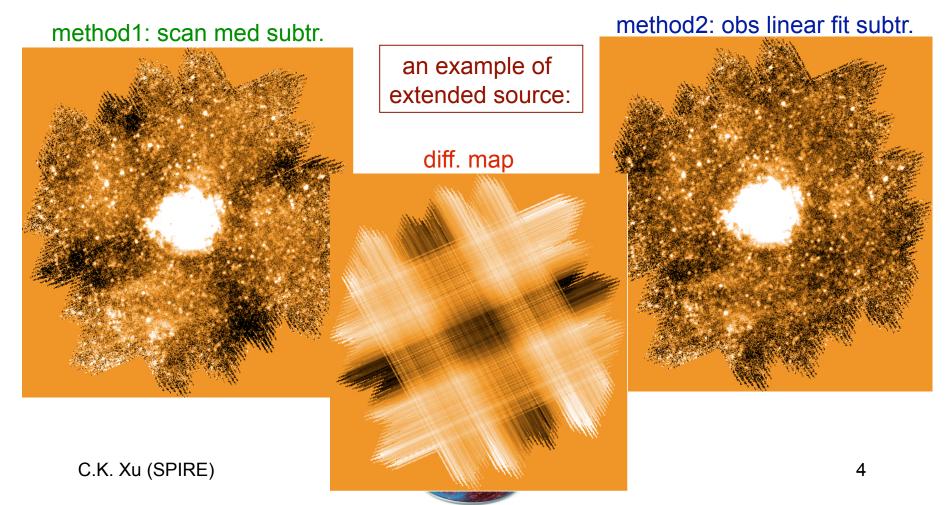


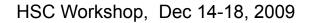


Comparison between two methods



- For observations of point sources, there is little difference between the two.
- For obs of extended sources, method 2 (linear fit to the entire obs) is superior.



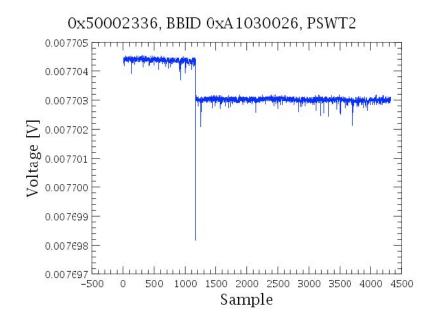


Comparison between two methods (2

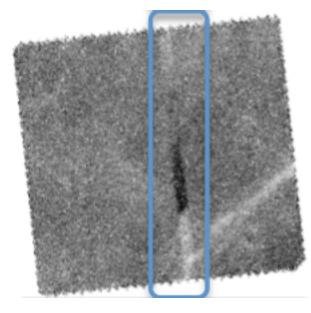


Weakness of method 2:

- vulnerable to jumps between scans due to switching thermistors in Temp. Drift Correction (to avoid saturated/bad-behaved thermistors).
- Example of effects due to a bad-behaved thermistor (a mysterious voltage jump in PSWT2):



Effect on the map (Temp. Drift Corrected):

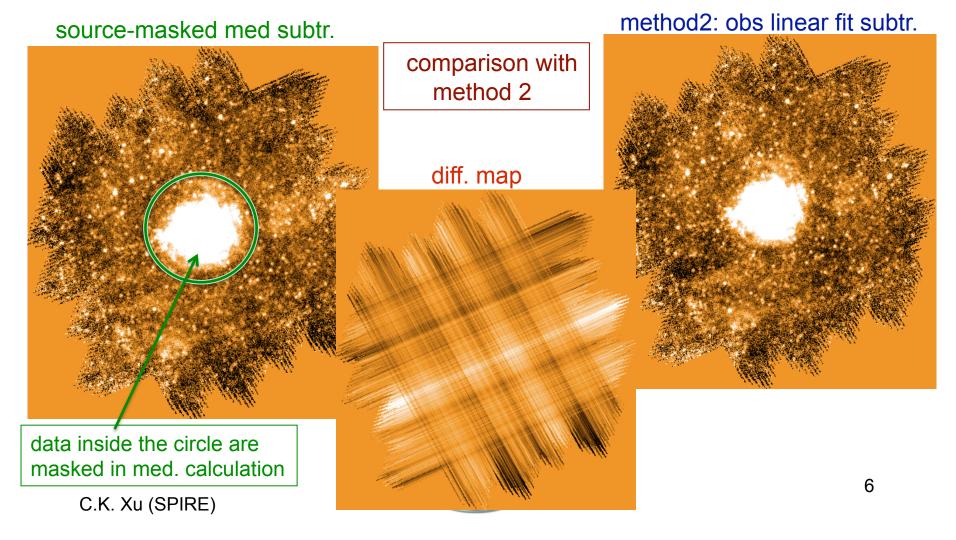






An off-line script for extended sources

• For well defined extended source, mask the source in the median subtraction (script by Pasquale; radius of the mask is an input parameter):





Naïve/MADmap Comparison



mapPlw=naiveScanMapper(scans, array="PLW")

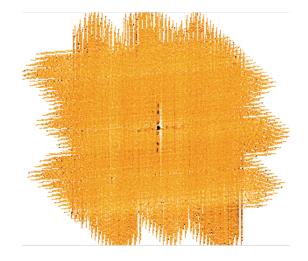
Naïve: (simple average)

 mapPlw=madScanMapper(scans, array="PLW")

MADmap: (ML, minimize uncorr. 1/f noise)



Diff. map:



- MADmap is slightly smoother.
- · But: shadows around the central source (~ 3Jy).

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