

AstroSat Proposal Preparation

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UVIT exposure time calculator

The screenshot shows the 'Exposure Time Calculator' interface for the UVIT instrument. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Science, Instrument, Calibration, Observing, Publications, Software (selected), Downloads, and Intranet. The main content area is titled 'Exposure Time Calculator v 2.0.0'. It contains several input fields and dropdown menus:

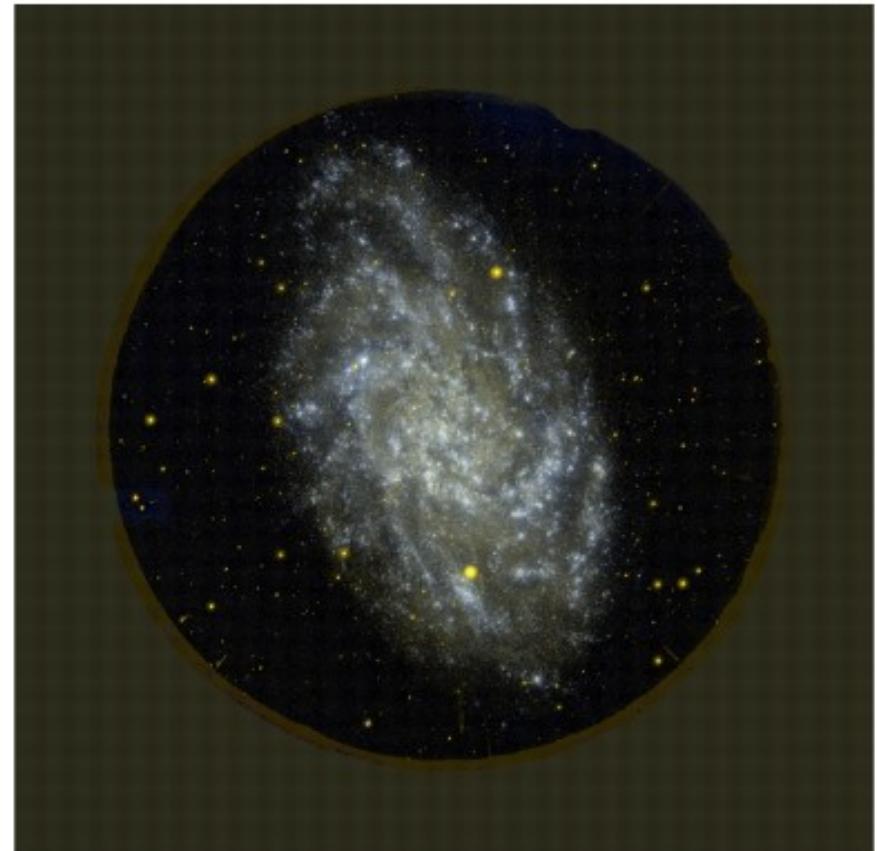
- Source:** A radio button is selected for 'Star'. Other options include Black Body, Galaxy, AGN, Power Law, Flat Spectrum, and User Defined. Below this are dropdowns for Spectral Type (A, V) and Magnitude (15.0, V Band). A Flux Density field shows 3.5e-15 Ergs/s/cm^2/A at wavelength 3300.0 Å.
- Galactic Extinction:** A radio button is selected for E(B-V). Other options include N_H, Distance, and A_v. The E(B-V) value is set to 3.1, and the E(B - V) value is 0.0.
- Background:** A 'Dark counts' field is set to 25.
- Output:** A radio button is selected for Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR). The FOR (Flux Over Noise) value is set to 5.0.

On the right side, there is a sidebar with a 'Software' section containing links for Obs Planning: VIS, Obs Planning: UV, and Exposure Calculator (with sub-links for ETC Help, Bright Source Warning Tool, and Timestamp Conversion). Other sections include Observing (Preparations, Proposal Submission, Planning Tools, Data Status, Data Archive), Astrosat (Astrosat Website (ISRO), Astrosat Website (IUCAA), Science Support, Astrosat at ISSDC), and Outreach (Astrosat at ASI-POEC, Picture of the Month, Astrosat on Facebook).

- Type of source: generate spectrum and normalize using uvit response
- Source magnitude (apparent magnitude): scale the spectrum
- Source co-ordinate: warning in case source is too close to galactic plane
- Galactic extinction: $R_v = A_v / (E(B-V))$
- Background: default 25 counts/sec which detector noise, provide larger if user thinks that he needs to consider other external contribution.
- Output: exposure time and SNR=(total source counts/total background counts)

Example

- Source : Galaxy, M 33
- Type Sc
- Redshift = 0.000597
- V magnitude = 5.28
- $R_V = 3.1$
- $A_V = 0.114$



Data and image taken from [http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/cgi-bin/nph-objsearch?
objname=M33&img_stamp=YES&list_limit=9&extend=no](http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/cgi-bin/nph-objsearch?objname=M33&img_stamp=YES&list_limit=9&extend=no)

Output

Galactic Latitude: -30 deg. (Lower limit is 30 deg.)			
Filter	Source count rate (s^{-1})	Exposure Time (s)	
FUV CaF2-1	357.1	28.00	
FUV BaF2	303.6	33.00	
FUV Sapphire	239.8	42.00	
FUV Silica	97.86	102.0	
FUV CaF2-2	315.3	32.00	
NUV Silica	3722.4	2.69	
NUV B15	78.70	127.0	
NUV B13	1167.6	8.56	
NUV B4	1471.1	6.80	
NUV N2	334.0	30.00	
VIS 3	$2.70 \times 10^{+04}$ Too Bright!	0.37	
VIS 2	8161.4	1.23	
VIS 1	6972.6	1.43	
VIS ND1	623.9	16.00	
VIS BK-7	$4.32 \times 10^{+04}$ Too Bright!	0.23	

Note: Source Count Rate is over the instrument PSF, 1.8"

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WebPIMMS for ASTROSAT

A Mission Count Rate Simulator

Based on PIMMS 4.7d

From: Input
Energy Range: Units keV Angstroms

To: Output
Energy Range: Units keV Angstroms

- This tool is useful to get an approximate value of count rate with AstroSat instruments SXT, LAXPC, CZTI and SSM.
- One should have prior knowledge of some parameters with other instruments like XMM-Newton, RXTE, etc.

Source:
Flux /
Count Rate
(ergs/cm²/s)
OR
counts/s)

Redshift :

Galactic nH
(cm⁻²) : Intrinsic
nH
(cm⁻²) :

Model	Parameters
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Power Law	Photon Index : <input type="text"/>
<input type="radio"/> Black Body	Temperature kT : <input type="text"/> keV
<input type="radio"/> Therm. Bremss.	Temperature kT : <input type="text"/> keV
<input type="radio"/> APEC	Solar Abundance Ratio : <input type="text" value="0.2"/> ▾
	LogT keV : <input type="text" value="5.60"/> <input type="text" value="0.0343"/> ▾

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Web PIMMS output

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Web PIMMS for ASTROSAT - Result

INPUTS:

From	:	xmm pn thin
Instrument	:	astrosat laxpc
Input Energy	:	4.0-10.0 keV
Output Energy	:	3.0-80.0 keV
Source : Count Rate	:	50.0 counts/s
Galactic nH	:	0.47e22 cm-2
Redshift	:	0
Intrinsic nH	:	0 cm-2
Model	:	Power Law
Photon Index	:	1.48

OUTPUTS:

* For power law model with photon index = 1.4800; NH = 4.700E+21
and 5.000E+01 cps in XMM PN THIN (4.000- 10.000keV)
%!!% Pile-up corrected PATTERN=0-4 rate in 5 arcmin region assumed
(Internal model normalization = 1.830E-01)
* PIMMS predicts 3.129E+02 cps with ASTROSAT LAXPC (3.000- 80.000keV)
[PIMMS >](#)

[Download the above output as a PDF file](#)

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Simulation of energy spectrum for SXT, LAXPC, and CZTI

- To find the optimum exposure time
- Large exposure corresponds to less uncertainty in model parameters.
- Response files and background files are available on the website:
http://astrosat-ssc.iucaa.in/?q=proposal_preparation
- Energy spectrum can be simulated using XSPEC using fakeit.
- ISIS code astrosat.sl can also be used. It also uses fakeit task.
- This code is available on ASSC proposal preparation web page.

ISIS (astrosat.sl)

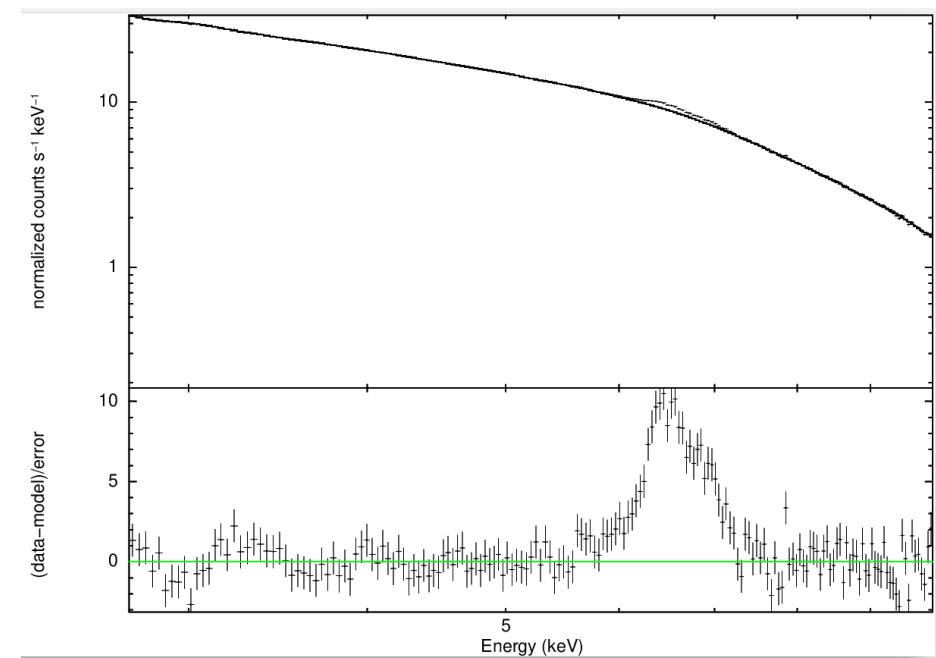
- astrosat_sxt_simulate_spec
- astrosat_laxpc1_simulate_spec
- astrosat_laxpc2_simulate_spec
- astrosat_laxpc3_simulate_spec
- astrosat_czti_simulate_spec
- astrosat_xray_simulate_spec
- astrosat_get_count_rate
- astrosat_multi_rebin_spec
- astrosat_sim
- astrosat_uvit_fuv_baf2_sim
astrosat_uvit_fuv_caf21_sim
- astrosat_uvit_fuv_caf22_sim
astrosat_uvit_fuv_saph_sim
- astrosat_uvit_fuv_sil_sim astrosat_uvit_fuv_sim
- astrosat_uvit_nuv_b13_sim
astrosat_uvit_nuv_b15_sim
- astrosat_uvit_nuv_b4_sim astrosat_uvit_nuv_n2_sim
- astrosat_uvit_nuv_sil_sim astrosat_uvit_nuv_sim
- astrosat_uvit_sim astrosat_uvit_vis_bk7_sim
- astrosat_uvit_vis_nd1_sim astrosat_uvit_vis_sim
- astrosat_uvit_vis_vis1_sim astrosat_uvit_vis_vis2_sim
- astrosat_uvit_vis_vis3_sim

ISIS (astrosat.sl)

- Give the path of response and background files in the code astrosat.sl
- Invoke “isis” and load “astrosat.sl”
- Define the model one wants to fit.
- Use function like **astrosat_laxpc2_simulate_spec(exposure);**
- It will simulate the energy spectrum for LAXPC2 and fit the energy spectrum using the above-defined model
- Here exposure can be varied
- We can easily find the optimum value of exposure.
- One can also follow the example given in my talk:
http://astrosat-ssc.iucaa.in/images/isisi_session_shahalam.pdf

Example: Black hole binary system: GX 339-4

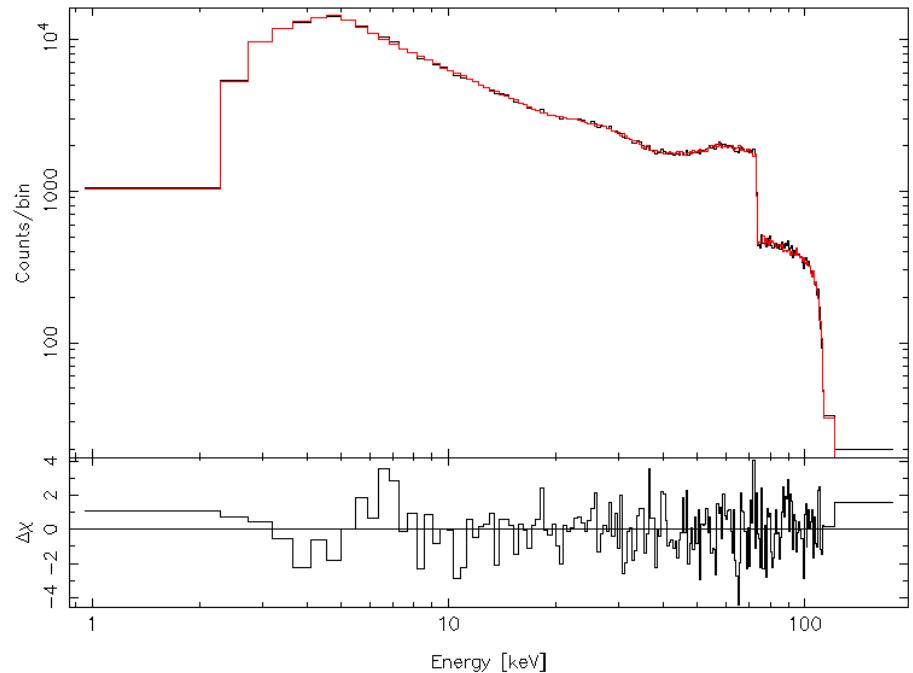
Model	Parameter	unit	value
TBABS	nH	10^{22}	0.5(fixed)
DISKBB	T_{in}	keV	$0.45^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$
	norm		$205^{+852.35}_{-148.92}$
Gaussian	LineE	keV	$6.56^{+0.023}_{-0.023}$
	sigma	keV	$0.33^{+0.028}_{-0.026}$
	norm	10^{-4}	$7.73^{+0.062}_{-0.58}$
powerlaw	PhoIndex		$1.50^{+0.007}_{-0.008}$
	norm		$0.20^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$



Values obtained with XMM-Newton observation, between energy band 2.5-10 keV.

For lower exposure time (1000 sec)

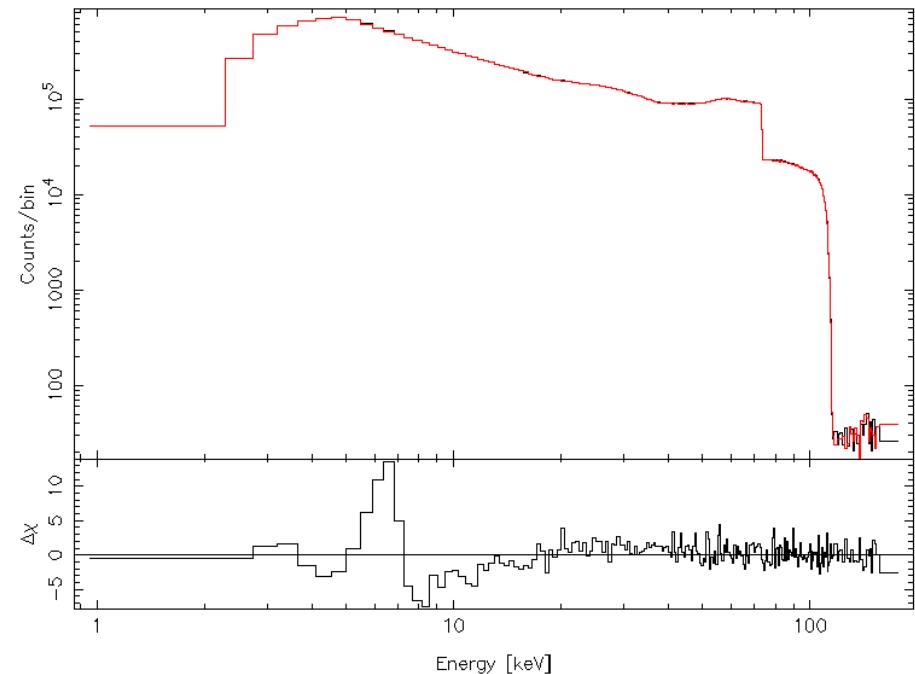
idx	param	value	min	max
1	tbabs.nH (10 ²²)	0.27	0	0.62
2	diskbb.norm	1.3e-04	1.03e-06	554.453
3	diskbb.Tin (keV)	22.26	5.90	34.90
4	powerlaw.norm	0.21	0.19	0.23
5	powerlaw.Index	1.56	1.49	1.66
6	Gauss.norm	7.60e-04	4.56e-04	10.65e-04
7	Gauss.LineE (keV)	7.10	6.20	8.00
8	Gauss.Sigma (keV)	0	0	2.08



Iron line residual is not well constrained.
To show the iron line residual, norm of
Gaussian =0

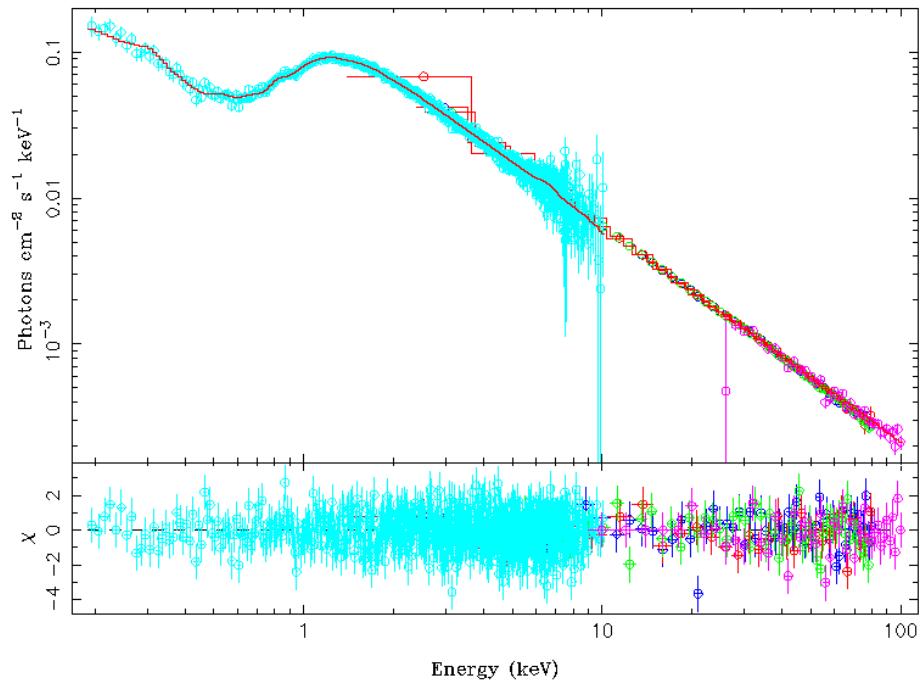
Larger exposure time (50000 sec)

idx	param	value	min	max
1.	tbabs.nH (10 ²²)	1.38	0.93	2.06
2.	diskbb.norm	73.33	29.85	2322.58
3.	diskbb.Tin (keV)	0.67	0.64	0.70
4	powerlaw.norm	0.20	0.20	0.21
5	powerlaw.Index	1.51	1.50	1.52
6	gaussian.norm	0.00078	0.00068	37.25
7	Gauss.LineE (keV)	7.55	6.20	7.80
8	Gauss.Sigma (keV)	0.045	0	2.77



Simultaneous plot of energy spectra of SXT, LAXPC, and CZTI

- CZTI rate = 11.17 ± 0.13 counts/s
- SXT rate = 7.94 ± 0.01 counts/s
- LAXPC3 rate = 293.60 ± 0.12 counts/s
- LAXPC2 rate = 282.92 ± 0.12 counts/s
- LAXPC1 rate = 308.34 ± 0.13 counts/s



UVIT count rate

- `astrosat_uvit_fuv_caf21_sim` (2000.0);
- `astrosat_get_count_rate` (1);
- Output:
- Count rate 1.59
- Count rate error 0.028

END