

V&V Summary Report

L2 ASCDS Version : 8.4.3

Observation 13480 - L2 Version 2
Chandra X-Ray Center

L2 Processing Date : Jan 9 2012

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V&V Scientist	Beth Sundheim
V&V Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2018.03.06
V&V Edition	2
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	50.052600384951

Comments

The guide star in slot 5 was removed from the aspect solution due to poor data quality. The aspect solution is improved by the removal of this slot from the solution.

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The focal plane temperature during part of this observation was warmer than the upper limit for optimum calibration of the ACIS gain and spectral resolution (i.e., -114.0 C for ACIS-I and -112.0 C for ACIS-S).

The Chandra calibration team calibrates the ACIS gain and spectral resolution using data from the external calibration source (ECS). ECS data show that the frontside-illuminated (FI) CCDs are more temperature sensitive than the backside-illuminated (BI) CCDs.

A summary of the current calibration status of the ACIS gain and spectral resolution can be found at:

http://asc.harvard.edu/cal/Acis/Cal_prods/Gain_and_Spectral_Resolution/A_CIS_response_summary.html

The main points are:

1) The gain on BI chips remains within 0.3% (i.e., the systematic uncertainty in the ACIS gain quoted on the Chandra Calibration Status

Summary web page) at all measured temperatures.

2) The gain on FI chips remains within 0.3% below row 600 at all measured temperatures.

3) The gain on FI chips above row 600 can be underestimated by as much as 1% for focal plane temperatures exceeding -116 C.

4) The spectral resolution (i.e., FWHM) on BI chips is insensitive to the focal plane temperature.

5) Warmer focal plane temperatures increase the FWHM on FI chips by up to 30 eV near row 512 and by up to 70 eV near the top of the chips.

In summary, the user should be cautious in the spectral analysis of high S/N emission lines detected on the top half of FI chips in this observation. Default processing with the current version of the CALDB will underestimate photon energies by up to 1% and broaden emission lines by up to 70 eV.

seq_num	801121	Sequence number
obs_id	13480	Observation id
title	Cosmology and Cluster Evolution from the 80 Most Massive Clusters in 2000 deg ² from the South Pole Telescope Survey	Proposal title
observer	Dr Bradford Benson	Principal investigator
object	SPT-CLJ0151-5954	Source name
dtcycle	0	
cycle	P	events from which exps? Prim/Second/Both
ra_targ	27.849583	Observer's specified target RA [deg]
dec_targ	-59.902111	Observer's specified target Dec [deg]
ra_nom	27.89076685969	Nominal RA [deg]
dec_nom	-59.952469560626	Nominal Dec [deg]
roll_nom	289.95753061317	Nominal Roll [deg]
revision	2	Processing version of data
ontime	50052.600384951	Sum of GTIs [s]
livetime	49398.626312733	Livetime [s]
ontime0	50052.600384951	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime1	50033.754403234	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime2	50049.459374785	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime3	50052.600384951	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime6	50052.600384951	Sum of GTIs [s]
l2events	151888	Number of level 2 events

