

V&V Summary Report

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Observation 17522 - L2 Version 1
Chandra X-Ray Center

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V&V Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2018.03.06
V&V Edition	2
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	50.061900385141

Comments

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/Acis_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	703132	Sequence number
obs_id	17522	Observation id
title	The Rise to Power: Half a Billion Years of Intense AGN Activity in the Merging Cluster Cygnus A	Proposal title
observer	Dr. Michael Wise	Principal investigator
object	Cygnus A - W Hotspot	Source name
dtcycle	0	
cycle	P	events from which exps? Prim/Second/Both
ra_targ	299.845	Observer's specified target RA [deg]
dec_targ	40.740361	Observer's specified target Dec [deg]
ra_nom	299.840975033	Nominal RA [deg]
dec_nom	40.747753603382	Nominal Dec [deg]
roll_nom	87.863023518869	Nominal Roll [deg]
revision	1	Processing version of data
ontime	50061.900385141	Sum of GTIs [s]
livetime	49407.804801575	Livetime [s]
ontime0	50061.900385141	Sum of GTIs [s]
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ontime2	50058.759324789	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime3	50061.900385141	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime6	50058.759414911	Sum of GTIs [s]
l2events	411261	Number of level 2 events

