

V&V Summary Report

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Observation 18976 - L2 Version 1
Chandra X-Ray Center

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V&V Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2018.03.07
V&V Edition	2
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	5.0778000391722

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	401844	Sequence number
obs_id	18976	Observation id
title	The Nature of INTEGRAL Sources in the Galactic Plane	Proposal titl
observer	John Tomsick	Principal investigator
object	IGR J17508-3219	Source name
dtcycle	0	
cycle	P	events from which exps? Prim/Second/Both
ra_targ	267.720833	Observer's specified target RA [deg]
dec_targ	-32.33	Observer's specified target Dec [deg]
ra_nom	267.71800987765	Nominal RA [deg]
dec_nom	-32.321601672202	Nominal Dec [deg]
roll_nom	78.675548781916	Nominal Roll [deg]
revision	1	Processing version of data
ontime	5077.8000391722	Sum of GTIs [s]
livetime	5011.4548434384	Livetime [s]
ontime0	5077.8000391722	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime1	5077.8000391722	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime2	5077.8000391722	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime3	5077.8000391722	Sum of GTIs [s]
l2events	15420	Number of level 2 events

