

V&V Summary Report

L2 ASCDS Version : 10.6

Observation 20635 - L2 Version 1
Chandra X-Ray Center

L2 Processing Date : Sep 1 2017

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V&V Scientist	Beth Sundheim
V&V Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2018.03.07
V&V Edition	2
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	75.199759508252

Comments

One optional chip was dropped.

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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	801673	Sequence number
obs_id	20635	Observation id
title	A Deep, High-Resolution X-ray Analysis of the Phoenix Cluster	Prop
observer	Michael McDonald	Principal investigator
object	SPT-CLJ2344-4242	Source name
dtcycle	0	
cycle	P	events from which exps? Prim/Second/Both
ra_targ	356.175	Observer's specified target RA [deg]
dec_targ	-42.714611	Observer's specified target Dec [deg]
ra_nom	356.24442436774	Nominal RA [deg]
dec_nom	-42.688320902471	Nominal Dec [deg]
roll_nom	23.755776856679	Nominal Roll [deg]
revision	1	Processing version of data
ontime	75199.759508252	Sum of GTIs [s]
livetime	74217.219289019	Livetime [s]
ontime0	75199.759498239	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime1	75196.618448019	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime2	75199.759498358	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime3	75199.759508252	Sum of GTIs [s]
l2events	238008	Number of level 2 events

