

V&V Summary Report

L2 ASCDS Version : 8.4.3

Observation 13418 - L2 Version 2
Chandra X-Ray Center

L2 Processing Date : Feb 10 2012

See axaff13418N002_VV001_vvref2.pdf for the full report

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V&V Edition	1
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	10.04005782491

Comments

The data for this observation have been processed using the 'EDSER' sub-pixel event-repositioning algorithm of Li et al. (2004, ApJ, 610, 1204). Small-scale features should become sharper for sources near the aim point. The improvement will be less noticeable for off-axis sources where the size of the point-spread function is comparable to or larger than the size of an ACIS pixel. To take full advantage of the improvement, images should be binned on spatial scales smaller than the size of an ACIS pixel. Note that, at present, the point-spread function has not been calibrated for data to which the EDSER algorithm has been applied. If dither was disabled for the observation, then the algorithm can introduce artificial aliasing effects on spatial scales smaller than a pixel. If you would prefer to use no sub-pixel adjustment or to apply a coordinate randomization, then use `acis_process_events` to reprocess the data with the parameter `pix_adj=NONE` or `RANDOMIZE`, respectively.

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Chip I2 has an enhanced region in the upper left corner. This region is also in the bad pixel image and is not present in the level 2 data.

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The problem seems to be confined to frame `EXPNO = 616` of `CCD_ID = 2`. There are about 2640 events in the affected region during this frame.

These events have GRADE = 7, which is why they do not appear in the Level 2 file. There is no problem with the bias. Nor is there a bias-parity error or a problem with the overclock values. For these reasons, I think that the events are associated with a charged particle that interacted with the CCD at that particular time. Since the events are excluded from the Level 2 file, I think that nothing more needs to be done to the pipeline-produced products. The anomaly is confined to a single exposure frame of CCD_I2 and has the characteristics of a charged particle traveling parallel to the CCD gates, depositing mucho charge across the image store. There were so many event candidates that the FEP was forced to skip the next frame but it had fully recovered by the following one, EXPNO=618. Subsequent exposures in that run, and in the next I2 bias map (OBSID 12431), show no evidence of permanent damage.

