

V&V Summary Report

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Observation 17220 - L2 Version 1
Chandra X-Ray Center

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V&V Edition	2
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	86.985959588766

Comments

Joint proposal with NRAO.

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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	801500	Sequence number
obs_id	17220	Observation id
title	PKS B1400-33 and Abell S753: A Very Bright Radio Relic in a Poor Cluster	Proposal title
observer	Prof. Craig Sarazin	Principal investigator
object	Abell S753	Source name
dtcycle	0	
cycle	P	events from which exps? Prim/Second/Both
ra_targ	211.124167	Observer's specified target RA [deg]
dec_targ	-34.01075	Observer's specified target Dec [deg]
ra_nom	211.11952623791	Nominal RA [deg]
dec_nom	-34.033147185686	Nominal Dec [deg]
roll_nom	282.06302619078	Nominal Roll [deg]
revision	1	Processing version of data
ontime	86985.959588766	Sum of GTIs [s]
livetime	85849.423988607	Livetime [s]
ontime0	86985.959598899	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime1	86982.818528891	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime2	86985.959588885	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime3	86985.959588766	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime6	86985.959588885	Sum of GTIs [s]
l2events	251267	Number of level 2 events

