

V&V Summary Report

L2 ASCDS Version : 10.6.4

Observation 20749 - L2 Version 1
Chandra X-Ray Center

L2 Processing Date : Jul 17 2018

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V&V Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2018.07.17
V&V Edition	1
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	41.078100316048

Comments

The focal plane temperature during the final ~4 ksec 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	601424	Sequence number
obs_id	20749	Observation id
title	Probing MeV-GeV Electrons in the X-ray Regime Using Molecular Cloud Bania's Clump2	Proposal title
observer	Gordon Garmire	Principal investigator
object	Bania Clump 2	Source name
dtcycle	0	
cycle	P	events from which exps? Prim/Second/Both
ra_targ	267.9275	Observer's specified target RA [deg]
dec_targ	-26.288333	Observer's specified target Dec [deg]
ra_nom	267.93353977918	Nominal RA [deg]
dec_nom	-26.296902302069	Nominal Dec [deg]
roll_nom	275.21135865566	Nominal Roll [deg]
revision	1	Processing version of data
ontime	41078.100316048	Sum of GTIs [s]
livetime	40541.384694161	Livetime [s]
ontime0	41078.100316048	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime1	41078.100316048	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime2	41078.100316048	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime3	41078.100316048	Sum of GTIs [s]
l2events	121361	Number of level 2 events

