

V&V Summary Report

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Observation 21144 - L2 Version 1
Chandra X-Ray Center

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V&V Edition	1
V&V Disposition and Status	OK
V&V Charge Time	3.1093000240326

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., -111.0 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

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	703684	Sequence number
obs_id	21144	Observation id
title	A Chandra view of Eddington-limited accretion in DOGs	Proposal tit
observer	Gordon Garmire	Principal investigator
object	J1324+4501	Source name
dtcycle	0	
cycle	P	events from which exps? Prim/Second/Both
ra_targ	201.1675	Observer's specified target RA [deg]
dec_targ	45.026083	Observer's specified target Dec [deg]
ra_nom	201.17222594011	Nominal RA [deg]
dec_nom	45.025868013235	Nominal Dec [deg]
roll_nom	288.1532453191	Nominal Roll [deg]
revision	1	Processing version of data
ontime	3109.3000240326	Sum of GTIs [s]
livetime	3068.6747301852	Livetime [s]
ontime6	3109.3000240326	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime7	3109.3000240326	Sum of GTIs [s]
ontime8	3109.3000240326	Sum of GTIs [s]
l2events	17881	Number of level 2 events

