

# Imaging Spectral Analysis

**And**

**More!**

- An entire section of the Analysis Threads is devoted to this subject
- **READ THE THREADS** line by line at least the first time!
- **READ THE AHELP** line by line at least once!

## Imaging Spectroscopy

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After extracting source and background PI or PHA spectra from an imaging observation, the appropriate response files ([ARF](#), [RMF](#)) are created so that the data may be modeled and fit. In the case of multiple or extended sources, a weighted ARF and RMF are built for the spectral analysis.

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## REMINDER!

When starting from an event file which has information on **(x,y,E,t)** for each event

Spatial Analysis (*lose time and energy information*)

**Spectral Analysis** (*lose time and spacial information*)

Timing analysis (*lose spectral and spacial information*)

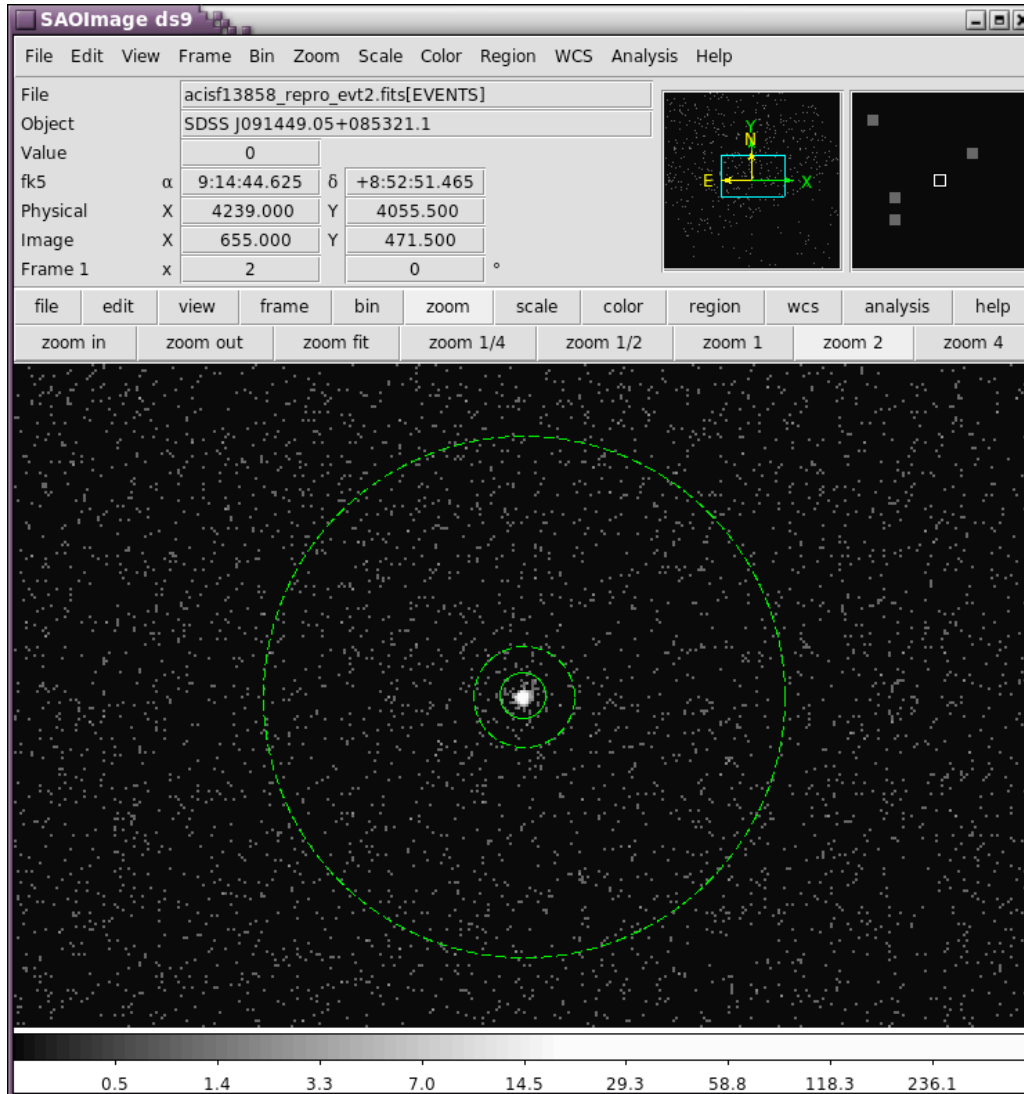
## What is the goal?

- Extract a spectrum of a source detected in an ACIS imaging observation (very limited energy information on the HRC instrument) or a zeroth-order grating observation
- Create the appropriate response files
  - ✓ [ARF: Ancillary Response File](#)
  - ✓ [RMF: Response Matrix File](#)

So that the spectrum can be modeled and fit to derive physical information about the source (spectral slope, temperature, abundances, absorption, etc.)

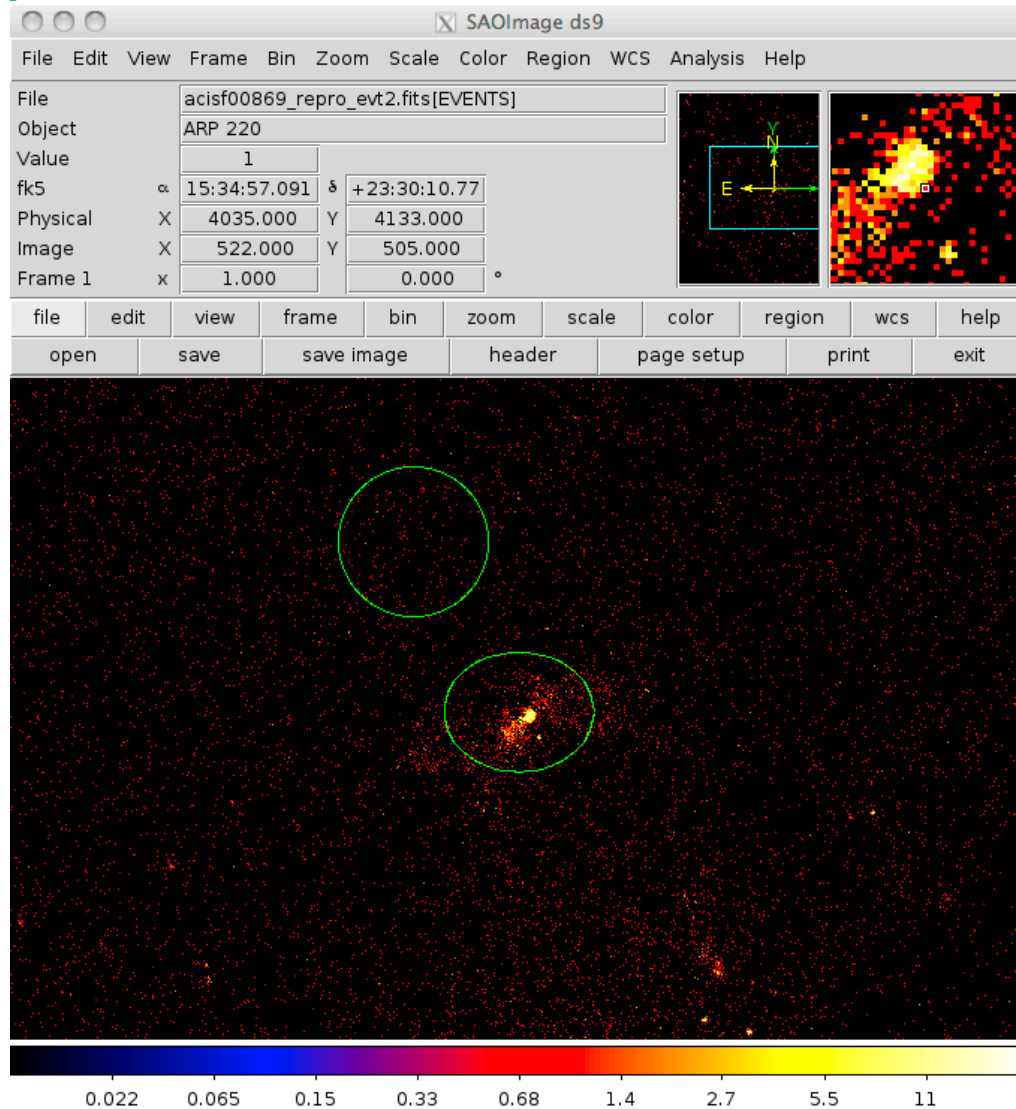
# Extract Spectrum and Response Files for a Pointlike Source

<https://cxc.cfa.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/pointlike/>



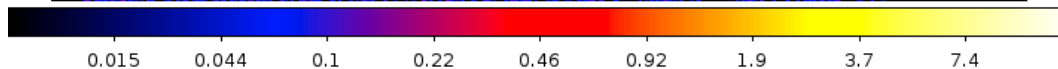
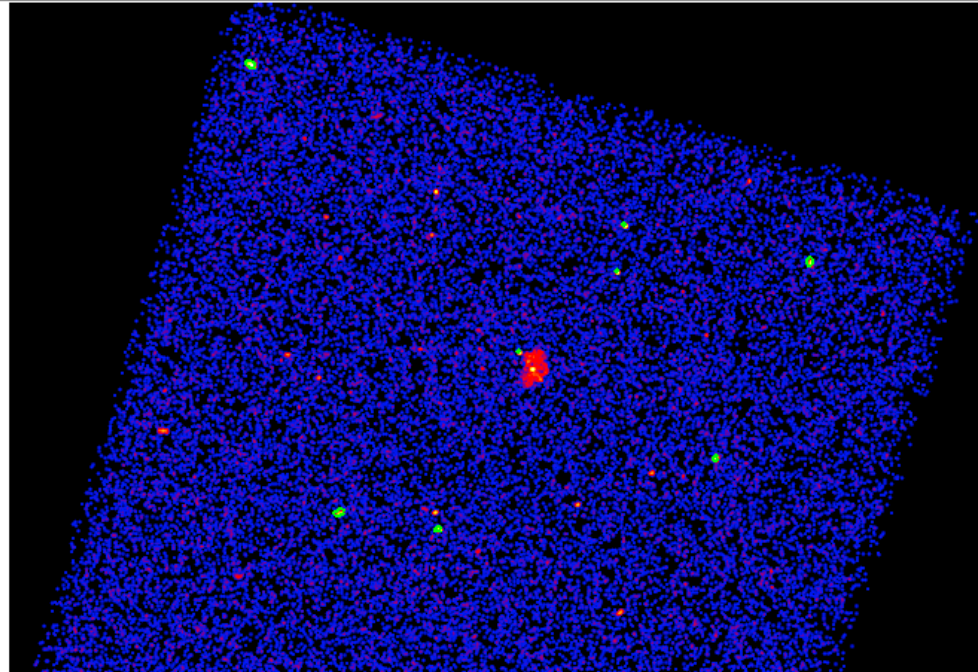
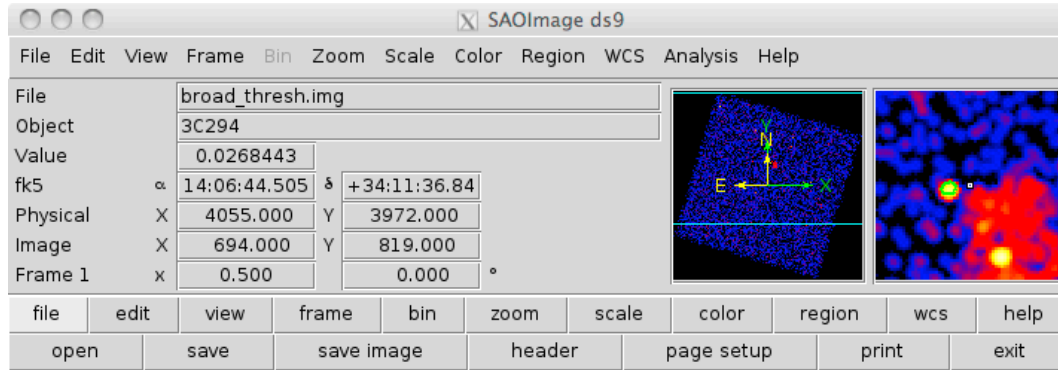
# Extract Spectrum and Response Files for an Extended Source

<https://cxc.cfa.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/extended/>



# Extract Spectrum and Response Files for Multiple Sources

[https://cxc.cfa.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/wresp\\_multiple\\_sources/](https://cxc.cfa.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/wresp_multiple_sources/)





Until a few years ago the procedure required running \*many\* different tools to perform the various steps

Now you have one “script”

## **SPEXTRACT**

<http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/ahelp/specextract.html>

<http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/bugs/specextract.html>

However...

- Run the Step-by-Step Guide at least once!
- You also want to use the step-by-step guide as reference in case you have a special case, you want to check a specific output, etc.
- You want to understand some of the **specextract** parameters in more depth

But in general...

1. Open **ds9** and identify the extraction regions for the source and the background (**src.reg**, **bkg.reg**)
2. Set the **specextract** parameters and run the tool

**specextract evt2.fits[sky=region(src.reg)] output**

## Main decisions a user has to make

- Is the source extended enough or far off-axis so that the responses need to be weighted by the count distribution within the aperture? (the **weight** and **weight\_rmf** parameters)
- Should the ARF be corrected for events falling outside the finite size and shape of the aperture (**correctpsf** parameter)
- Do I want a background spectrum? (is the source much brighter than the background? Is my source extended?) (**bkg\*** parameters)
- Do I want a single spectrum or many spectra (for multiple regions) (**combine** parameter)

## Parameters in specextract.par

<b>infile =</b>	<b>Source event file(s)</b>
<b>outroot =</b>	<b>Output directory path + root name for output files</b>
<b>(bkgfile = )</b>	<b>Background event file(s)</b>
(asp = )	Source aspect solution or histogram file(s)
(dtffile = )	Input DTF files for HRC observations
(mskfile = )	Maskfile (input to mkwarf)
(rmf file = CALDB)	rmf file input for CALDB
(badpixfile = )	Bad pixel file for the observation
(dafile = CALDB)	Dead area file (input to mkwarf)
(bkgresp = yes)	Create background ARF and RMF?
<b>(weight = yes)</b>	<b>Should response files be weighted?</b>
(weight_rmf = no)	Should RMF also be weighted?
(refcoord = )	RA and Dec of responses?
<b>(correctpsf = no)</b>	<b>Apply point source aperture correction to ARF?</b>
<b>(combine = no)</b>	<b>Combine ungrouped output spectra and responses?</b>
(grouptype = NUM_CTS)	Spectrum grouping type (same as grouptype in dmgroup)
(binspec = 15)	Spectrum grouping specification (NONE,1:1024:10,etc)
(bkg_grouptype = NONE)	Background spectrum grouping type (NONE, BIN, SNR, NUM_BINS, NUM_CTS, or ADAPTIVE)
(bkg_binspec = )	Background spectrum grouping specification (NONE,10,etc)
(energy = 0.3:11.0:0.01)	Energy grid
(channel = 1:1024:1)	RMF binning attributes
(energy_wmap = 300:2000)	Energy range for (dmextract) WMAP input to mkacismf
(binarfcrr = 1)	Detector pixel binning factor for (arfcrr) to determine size and scale of PSF to derive aperture corrections at each energy step.
(binwmap = tdet=8)	Binning factor for (dmextract) WMAP input to mkacismf
(binarf wmap = 1)	Binning factor for (sky2tdet) WMAP input to mkwarf
(tmpdir = \${ASCDS_WORK_PATH} -> /tmp)	Directory for temporary files
(clobber = no)	OK to overwrite existing output file?
(verbose = 1)	Debug Level(0-5)
(mode = ql)	

## Extract Spectrum and Response Files for a Pointlike Source

```
% pset specextract infile="acisf13858_repro_evt2.fits[sky=region(src.reg)]"  
% pset specextract bkgfile="acisf13858_repro_evt2.fits[sky=region(bkg.reg)]"  
% pset specextract outroot=spec  
% pset specextract correctpsf=yes  
% pset specextract weight=no  
  
% specextract  
  
Source event file(s) (acisf13858_repro_evt2.fits[sky=region(src.reg)]):  
Output directory path + root name for output files (spec):  
Running specextract  
Version: 14 March 2017  
[...]
```

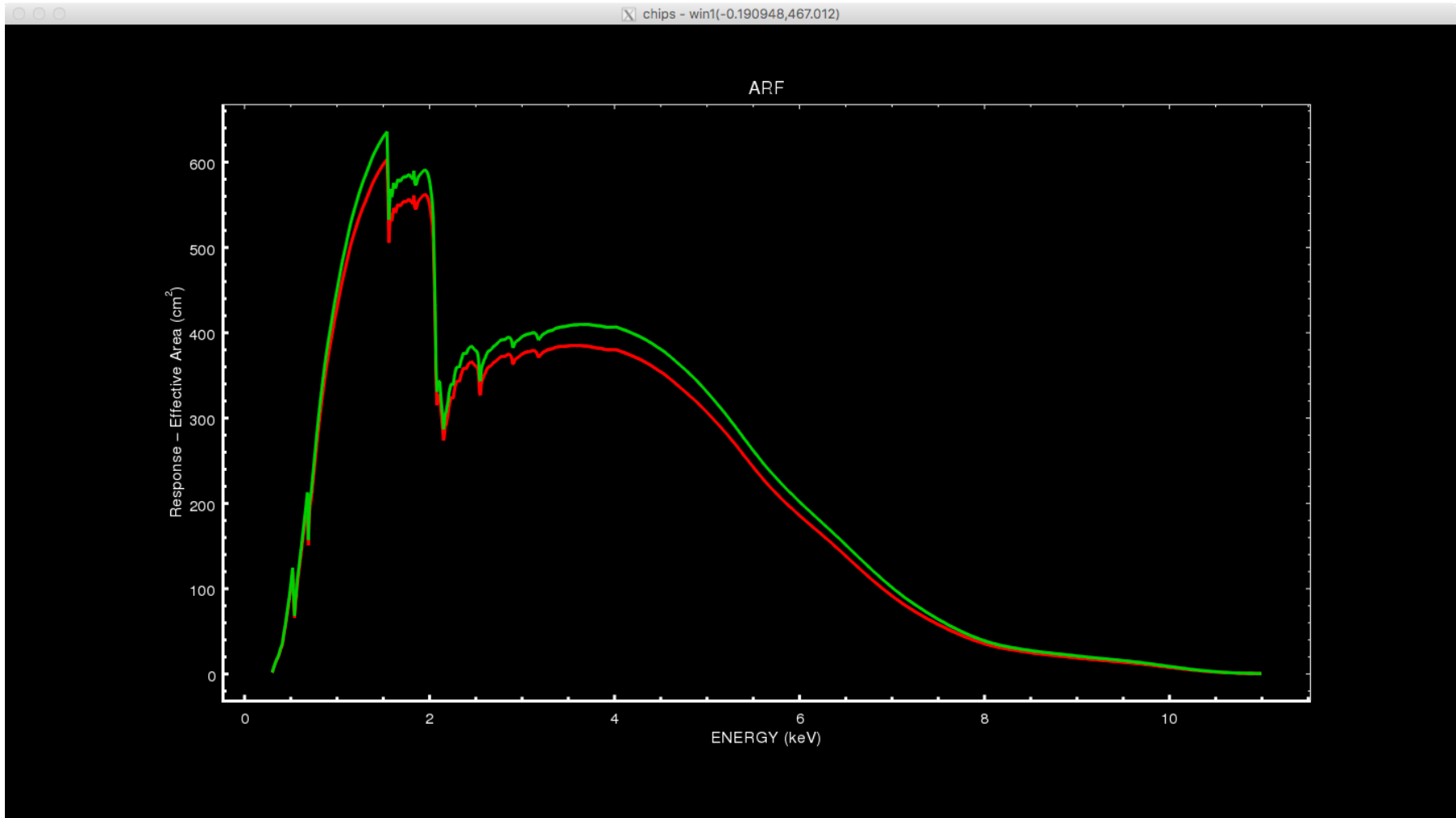
## OUTPUT

```
% ls -l
```

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spec.arf          [source ARF]  
spec.corr.arf     [corrected ARF]  
spec.pi           [source binned spectrum]  
spec.rmf          [source RMF]  
spec_bkg.arf     [background ARF]  
spec_bkg.pi      [background binned spectrum]  
spec_bkg.rmf     [background RMF]  
spec_grp.pi      ["grouped" source spectrum]
```

spec.arf

spec.corr.arf

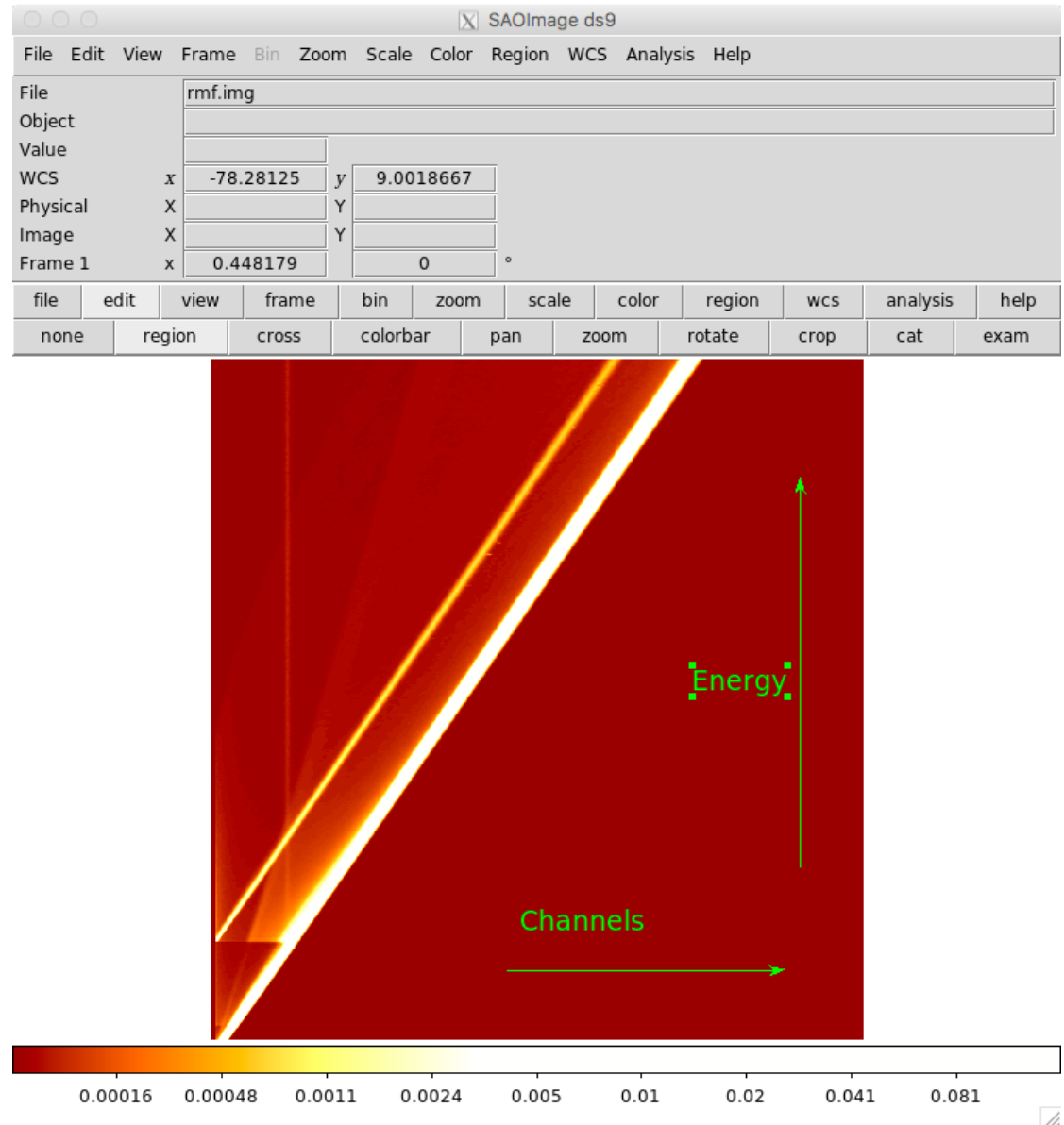




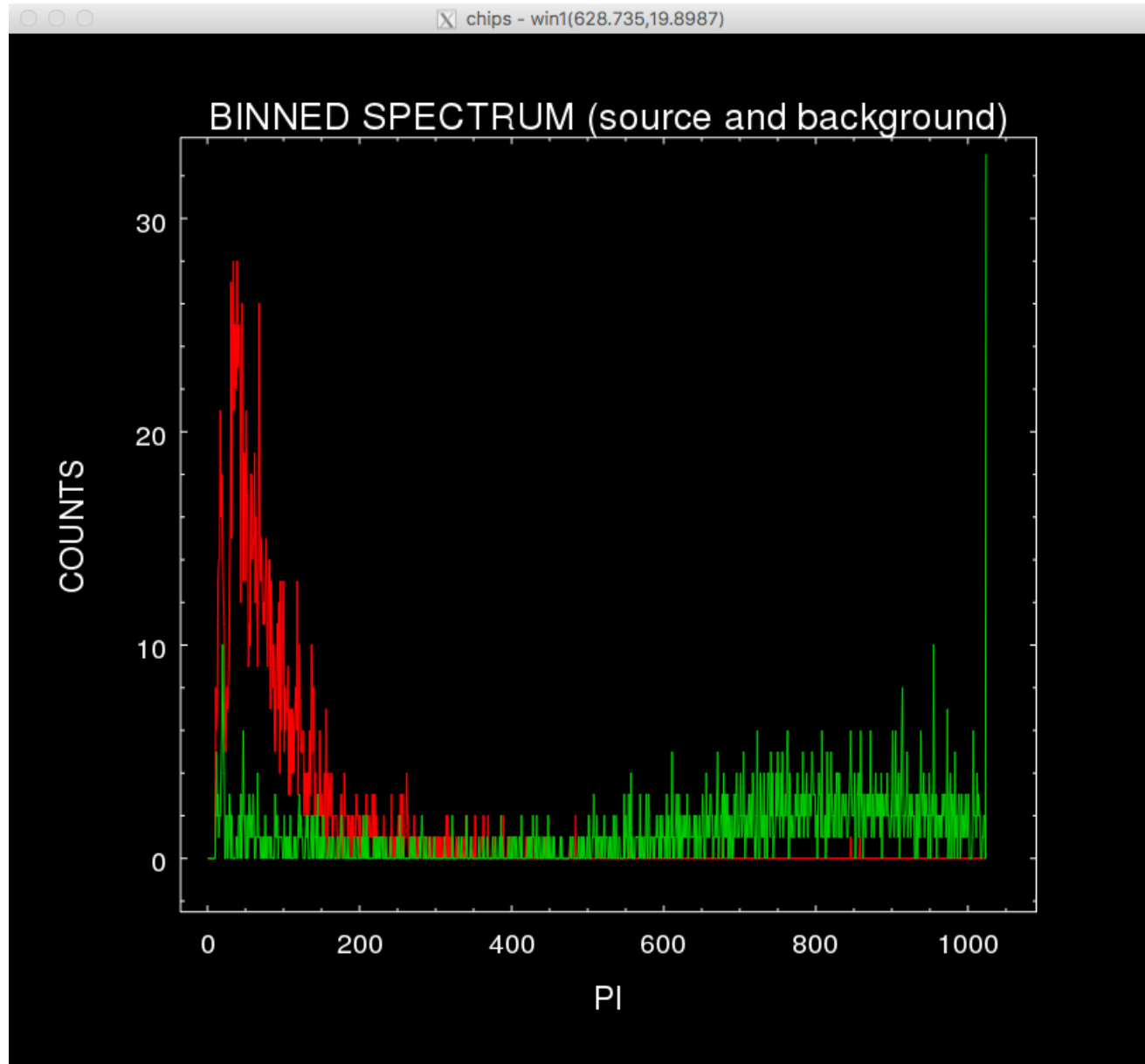
rmf.img

An image  
representation  
of spec.rmf

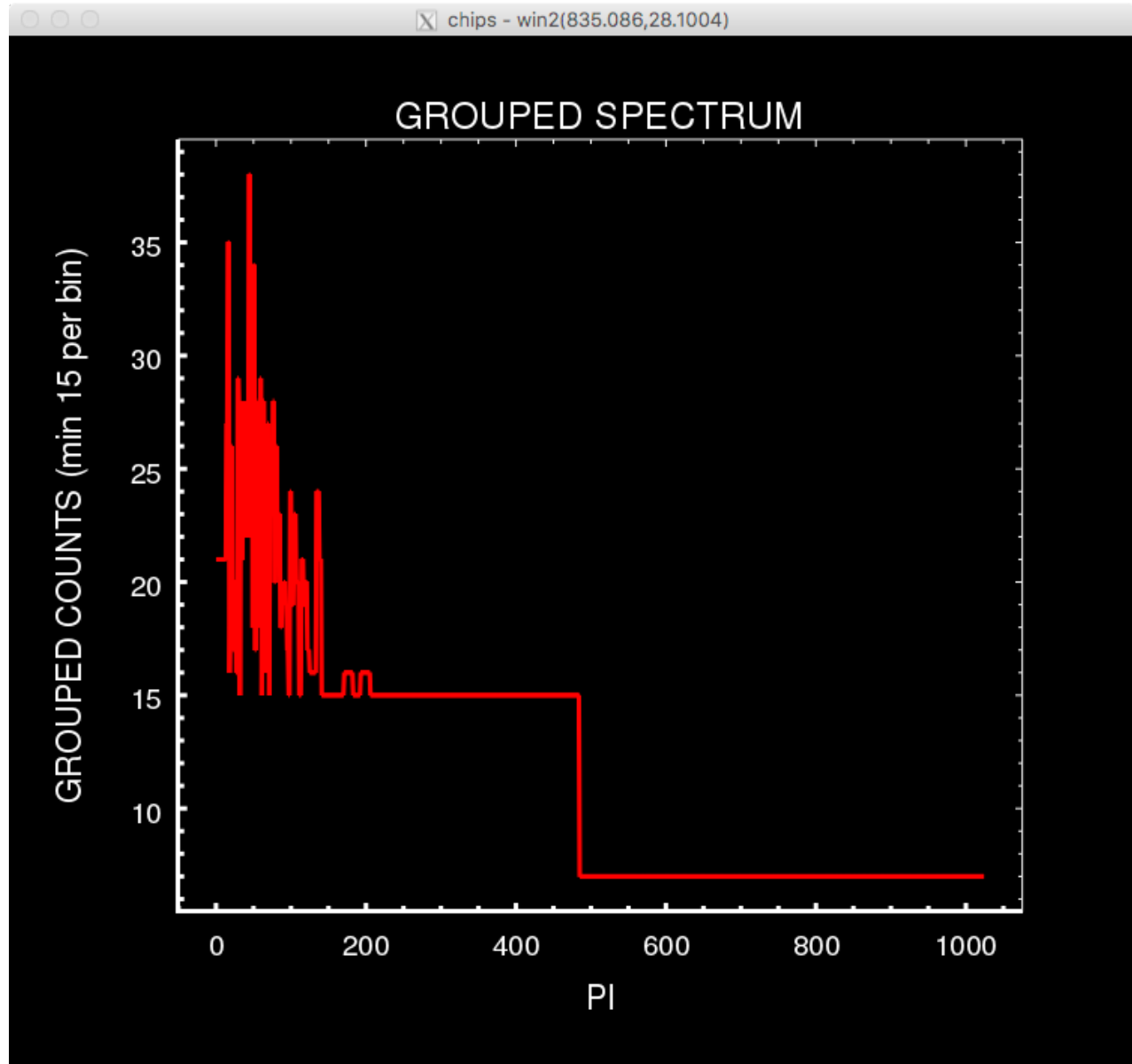
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with  
**rmfimg**)



spec.pi  
spec\_bkg.pi



spec\_grp.pi



## NEXT STEP

Go into the Sherpa application to perform modeling and fitting

Or...

**Do it all in ds9 via dax!**

Quick demo

<https://www.youtube.com/user/4ciaodemos>

## CIAO/CHANDRA on social media

<https://www.facebook.com/ChandraCIAO/>  
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# CHANDRA PROPOSALS

Call For Proposal ~December 15

Proposal Deadline ~March 15

**THIS YEAR: Due Date: 17 March 2020, 6 p.m. EDT**

Peer Review ~June

Results ~July

Observations start ~Nov

<http://cxc.harvard.edu/proposer/>



Chandra Proposal Information

- Submit a Proposal (CPS)
- What's New this Cycle?
- Call for Proposals (CIP)
- Proposers' Observatory Guide (POG)
- FAQ
- DDT & TOO
- HelpDesk

**Announcements**

**12/17/19** The Cycle 22 deadline is **17 March 2020 at 6PM (US Eastern Daylight Time)**.

**12/17/19** Cycle 22 [CIP](#) and [POG](#) released. See [What's New this Cycle?](#)

**Proposal Submission**

- What's New this Cycle? New!
- Call for Proposals (CIP) Updated!
- Submit a Proposal (CPS)
- Guide to Proposing with CPS
- Science Justification LaTeX Template
- Generating a PDF Science Justification
- Previous Chandra Experience LaTeX Template
- DDT & TOO Requests

**Count Rate Estimation & Simulators**

- Overview of proposal tools
- PIMMS: count-rate & flux prediction (online version)
- PIMMS: count-rate & flux prediction (command-line version)
- MARX: Chandra data simulator
- Sherpa: CIAO spectral analysis & simulation package
- XSPEC: HEASARC spectral analysis & simulation package
- WebSpec: web version of XSPEC
- Colden: NH Calculator

**Observation Visualization & Planning**

- ObsVis: visualizing Chandra field of view
- PRoVis: pitch, roll & visibility by date for celestial target
- PSF viewer: visualizing the on/off-axis PSF behavior
- Spectrum Visualization Tool
- Precess: astronomical coordinate conversion tool
- Dates: calendar time & conversion tool
- Coordinate systems used in proposal tools
- Timescales used in proposal tools
- Future Chandra Orbits
- CIAO: Chandra data analysis package

**Instrument & Observatory Information**

- Proposers' Observatory Guide (POG) Updated!
- Chandra Instruments & Calibration
- Effective Area General Information
- Effective Area Plots
- Grating RMFs & ARFs
- ACIS Aimpoint & Off-Axis RMFs/ARFs
- PSF Central
- PSF General Information

**Targets Observed & Scheduled with Chandra**

- ChaSeR: query Chandra observations
- Chandra Source Catalog (CSC)
- Accepted Proposal Search Tool
- Target Lists & Schedules
- Chandra Cool Targets (CCTs)

**Cost Proposals & Grant Info**

- General grant information with Terms & Conditions
- Instructions for Stage-2 Cost Proposal Submission
- Keeping Track of Chandra Publications



## **Call For Proposal (CfP)**

**<http://cxc.harvard.edu/proposer/CfP/>**

## **Proposers' Observatory Guide (POG)**

**<http://cxc.harvard.edu/proposer/POG/>**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**<http://cxc.harvard.edu/proposer/faqs.html>**