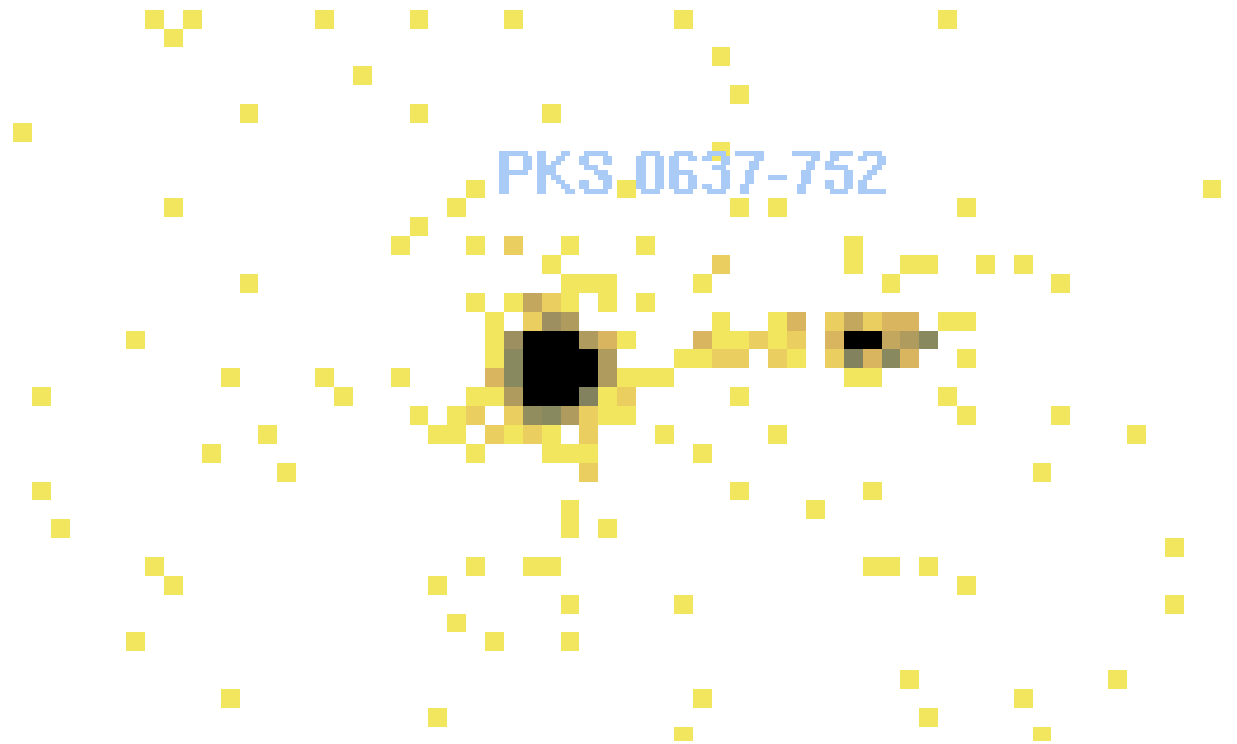
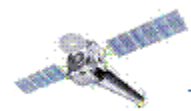




Analysis of Point-Like Sources



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Getting Started

- Threads
 - <http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/>
 - Usually more than one way to do things
 - Many common threads have been scripted
 - Be sure to get contrib .tar file
 - You do not have to walk on the red line!
- Help files
 - **ahelp** accesses each tasks help file from the command line
 - % ahelp dmextract
 - % ahelp images
 - online at <http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/ahelp/>
- Other
 - proposers guide, manuals, memos, publications, white papers, analysis guides, workshops, etc.

```
xterm
% ahelp dmextract
SUBJECT(dmextract)                                CONTEXT(tools)

SYNOPSIS

Make a histogram table file (e.g. PHA file, lightcurve file) from a
table column. Generate count histogram on supplied regions for a
spatial table or image file.

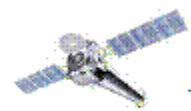
SYNTAX

dmextract  infile outfile [bkg] [error] [bkgerror] [bkgnorm] [exp]
           [bkgexp] [sys_err] [opt] [defaults] [wmap] [clobber] [verbose]

DESCRIPTION

`dmextract' creates a histogram from a column of data in a table. Both
"scalar" (PHA, TIME, etc.) and "vector" (DET, SKY, etc.) columns are
supported. dmextract thus includes the capability to create PHA files,
--More--
```

```
xterm
% ahelp images
-----
| SUBJECT | CONTEXT | SYNOPSIS |
|-----|-----|-----|
| add_image | py.crates | Add an image to a crate. |
|-----|-----|-----|
| add_image | sl.crates | Add an image to a crate. |
|-----|-----|-----|
| apowerspectrum | tools | Compute the power spectrum of an |
| | | N-dimensional input array, or from two |
| | | columns (independent/dependent variable) |
| | | in an input file |
|-----|-----|-----|
| cratedata | py.crates | CrateData object types in the CRATES |
| | | library. |
|-----|-----|-----|
| cratedata | sl.crates | CrateData object types in the CRATES |
| | | library. |
|-----|-----|-----|
--More--
```



Spatial Analysis

- Image
 - **dmcopy** can create images
 - apply various filters: energy, time, etc
 - doesn't have to be just 2D, can be N-D
 - since all CIAO tools share same I/O, binning syntax supported by all tools.
 - **ds9** is powerful analysis visualization tool
 - load event files as well as images (and much more)
- Responses
 - Exposure maps (**mkexpmap**) [$\text{cm}^2 \text{ sec}$]
 - Instrument Map (**mkinstmap**) convolved with Aspect Histogram (**asphist**)
 - PSF: Point Spread Functions (**ChART**)

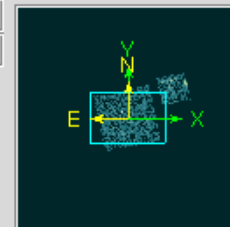
devel18:/data/L3/kjg/Data

```
% dmscopy "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[bin sky=4]" img.fits clob+  
% ds9 img.fits &  
[1] 14792  
% 
```

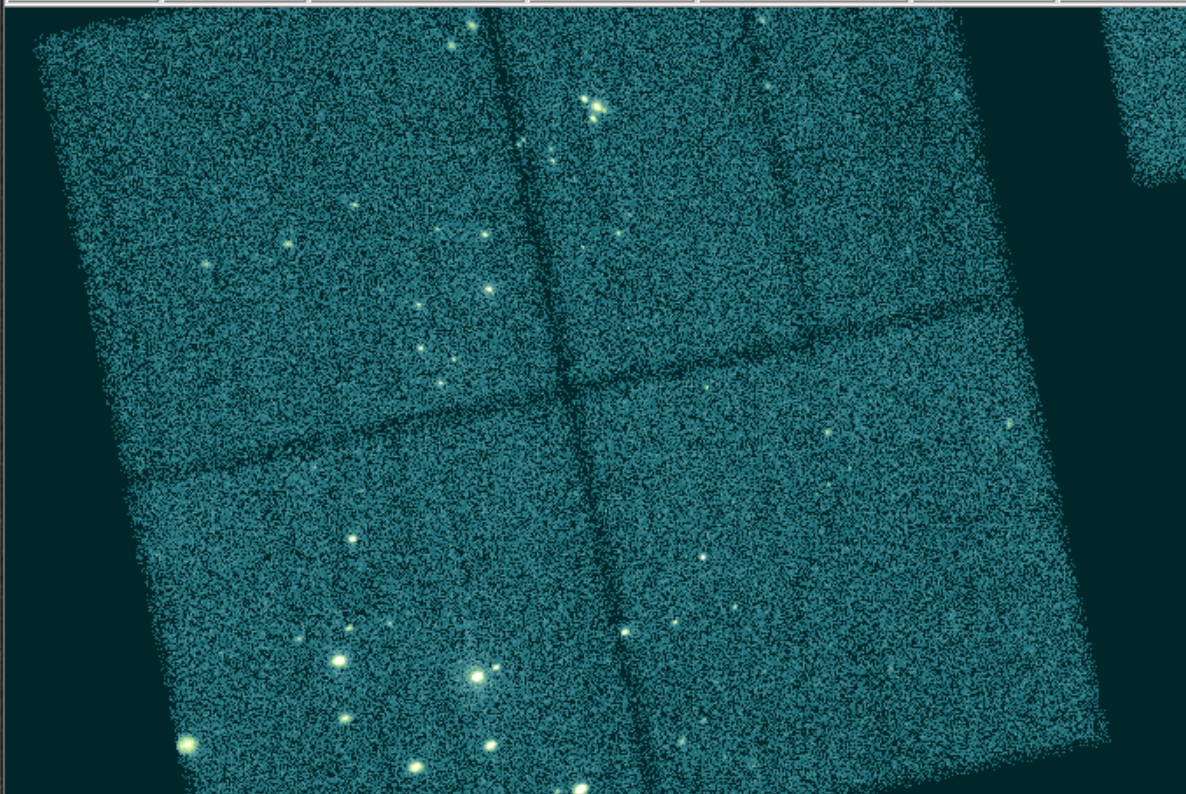
SAOImage ds9

File Edit View Frame Bin Zoom Scale Color Region WCS Analysis Help

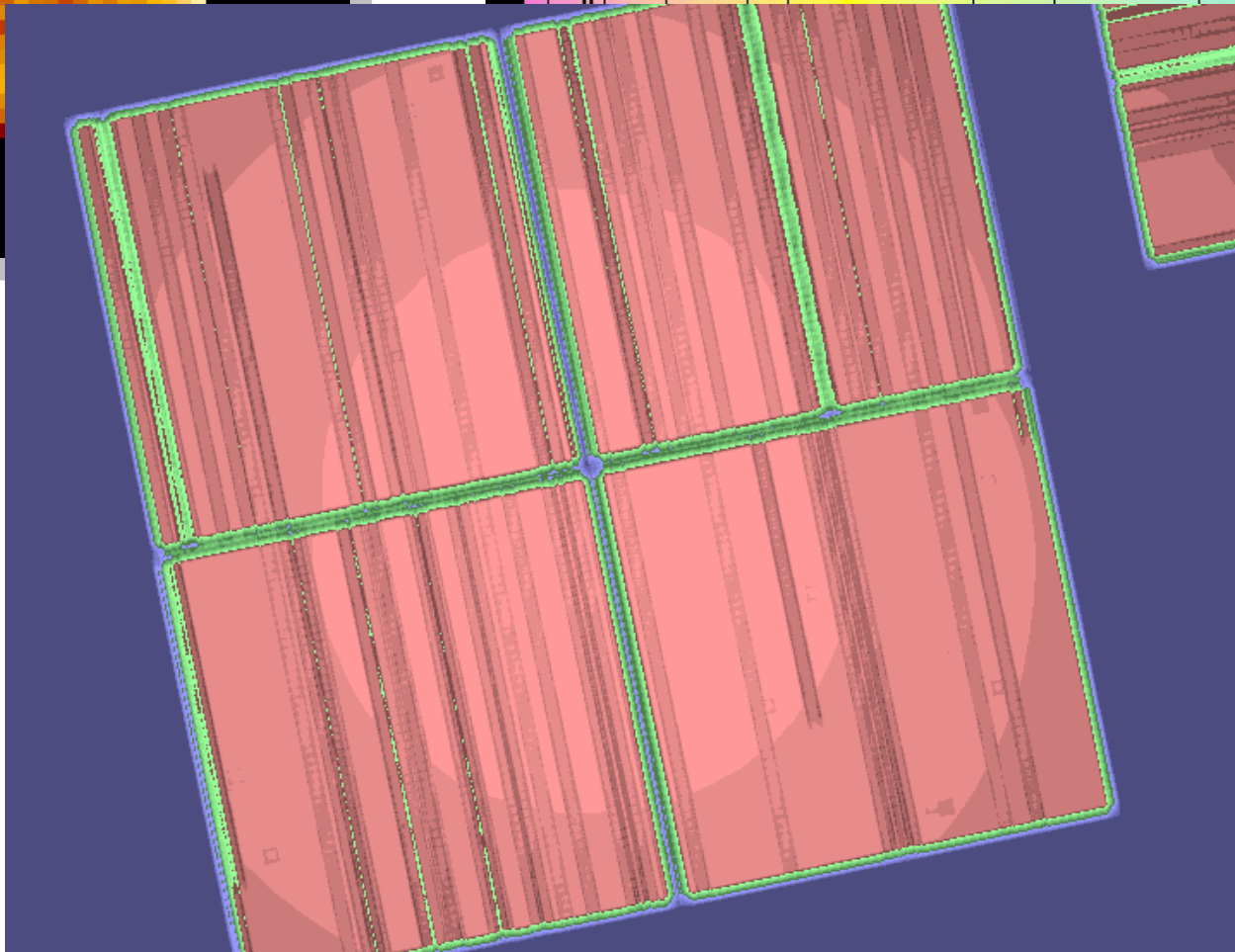
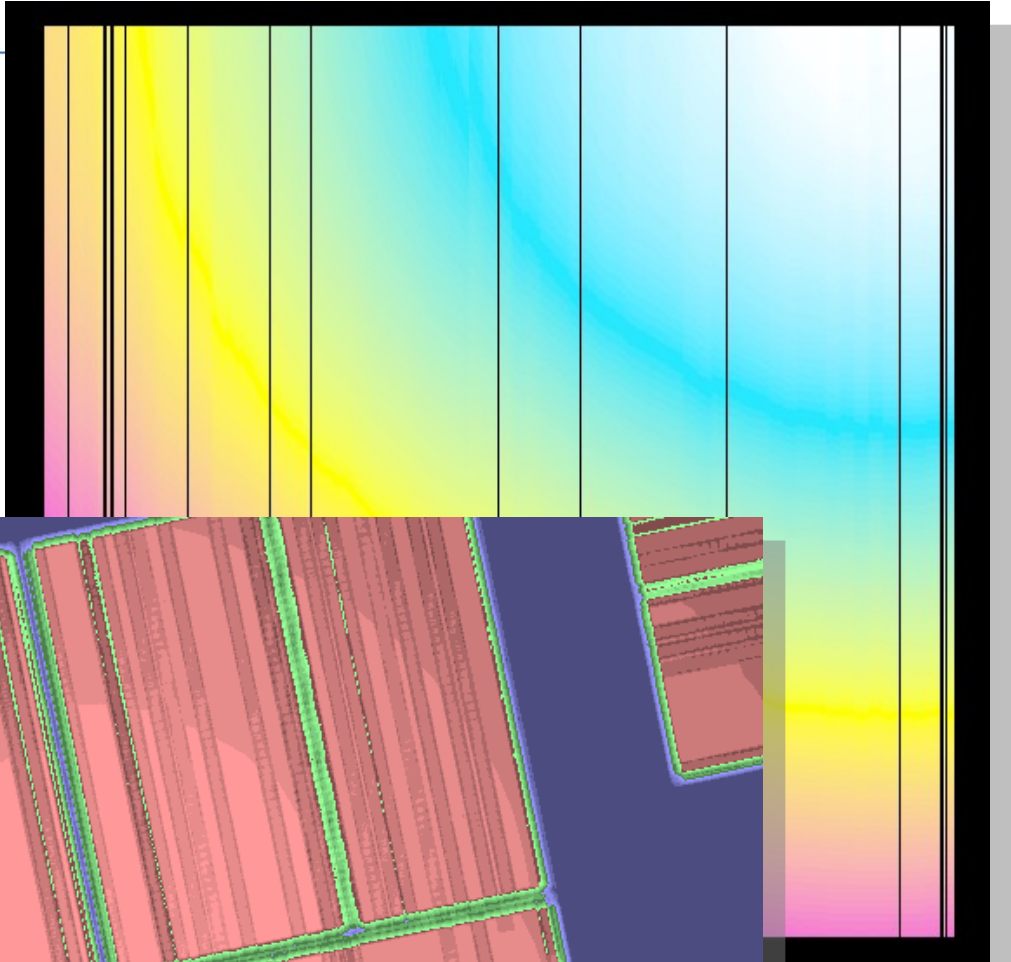
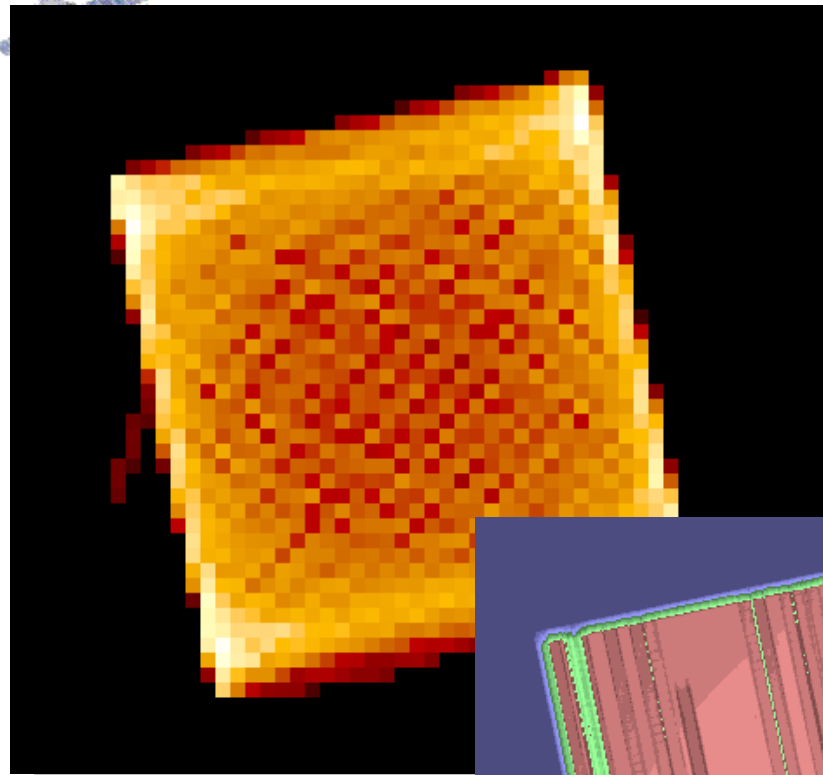
File
Object
Value
WCS
Physical X Y
Image X Y
Frame 1 Zoom Angle

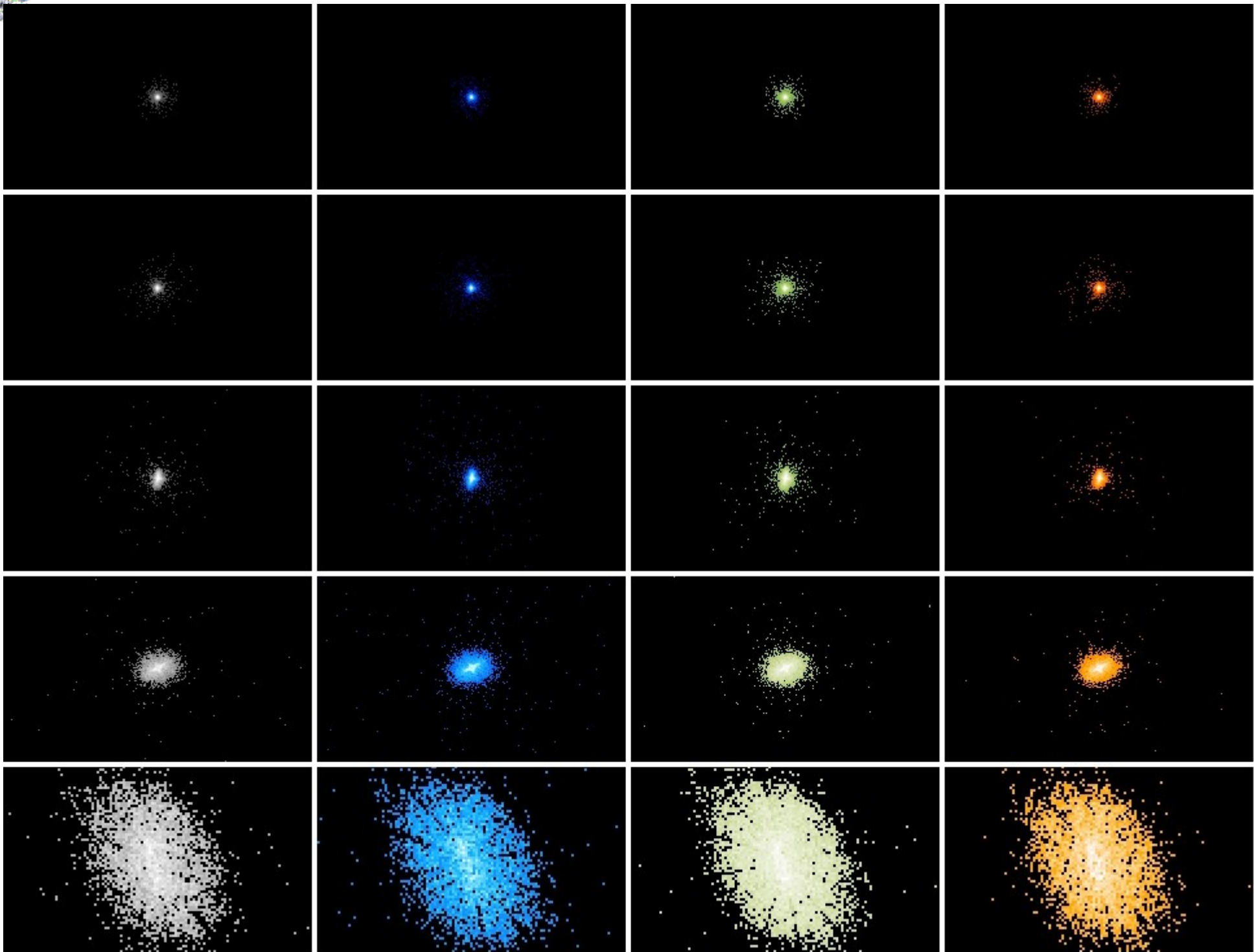


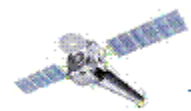
file edit view frame bin zoom scale color region wcs help
about open save image header page setup print exit



1000 3000







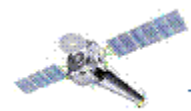
Spatial Analysis :: Photometry

- aperture photometry
 - **dmextract**
 - generic histogram
 - allows for src & bkg, corrects for aperture area
 - allows for input exposure map
 - **dmstat**
 - general statistics : mean, min, max, total, number, centroid, stdev
 - careful when counting image pixels vs. rows in a table
 - **dmlist opt=counts**
 - simple, counts = number of rows



aprates

- compute confidence limits, including upper limits



SAOImage ds9

File Edit View Frame Bin Zoom Scale Color Region WCS Analysis

File: acisf00635_0
 Object: RHO OPH CC
 Value:
 WCS:
 Physical:
 X:
 Y:
 Image:
 X:
 Y:
 Frame 1:
 Zoom: 1.000
 Angle: 0.000

```

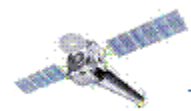
devel18:/data/L3/kjg/Data
% dmextract "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[bin sky=region(ds9.reg)]" \
? dme1.fits clob+ op=generic
% dmlist "dme1.fits[cols counts]" data,clean
# COUNTS
7459.0
% dmkeypar dme1.fits counts echo+
7459.0
%
  
```

```

devel18:/data/L3/kjg/Data
% dmstat "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[sky=region(ds9.reg)][cols x,y]"
sky(x, y)[pixel]
min: ( 3462.0292969 3466.5251465 ) @: ( 6072 5913 )
max: ( 3537.482666 3543.2092285 ) @: ( 5068 6969 )
mean: ( 3500.9227245 3503.9806653 )
sigma: ( 7.0976260136 6.5894499522 )
sum: ( 26113382.602 26136191.783 )
good: ( 7459 7459 )
null: ( 0 0 )
%
  
```

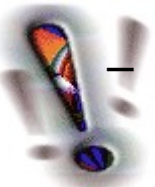
```

devel18:/data/L3/kjg/Data
% dmstat "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[sky=region(ds9.reg)][bin sky=1]" cen-
EVENTS_IMAGE
min: 0 @: ( 3495.118821 3466.118821 )
max: 127 @: ( 3503.118821 3505.118821 )
mean: 1.5298461538
sigma: 7.8695310828
sum: 7458
good: 4875
null: 1366
%
  
```

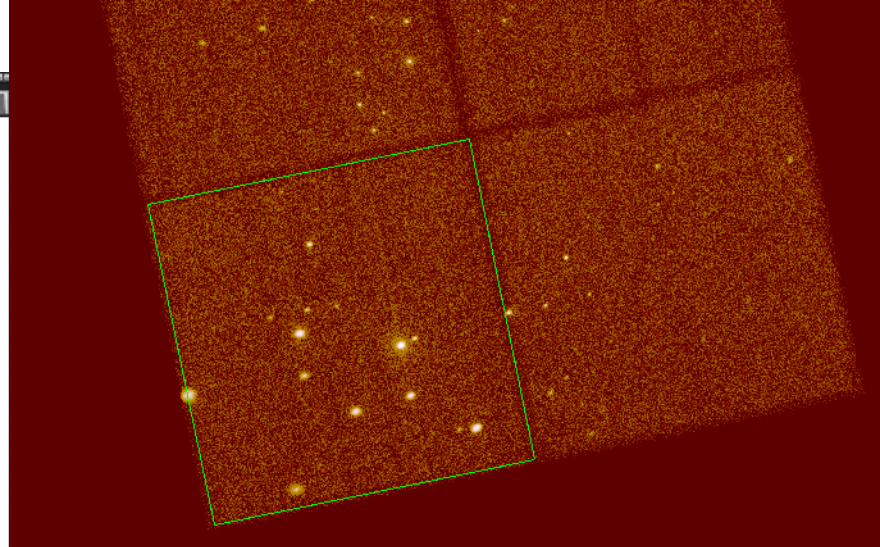


Spatial Analysis :: detection

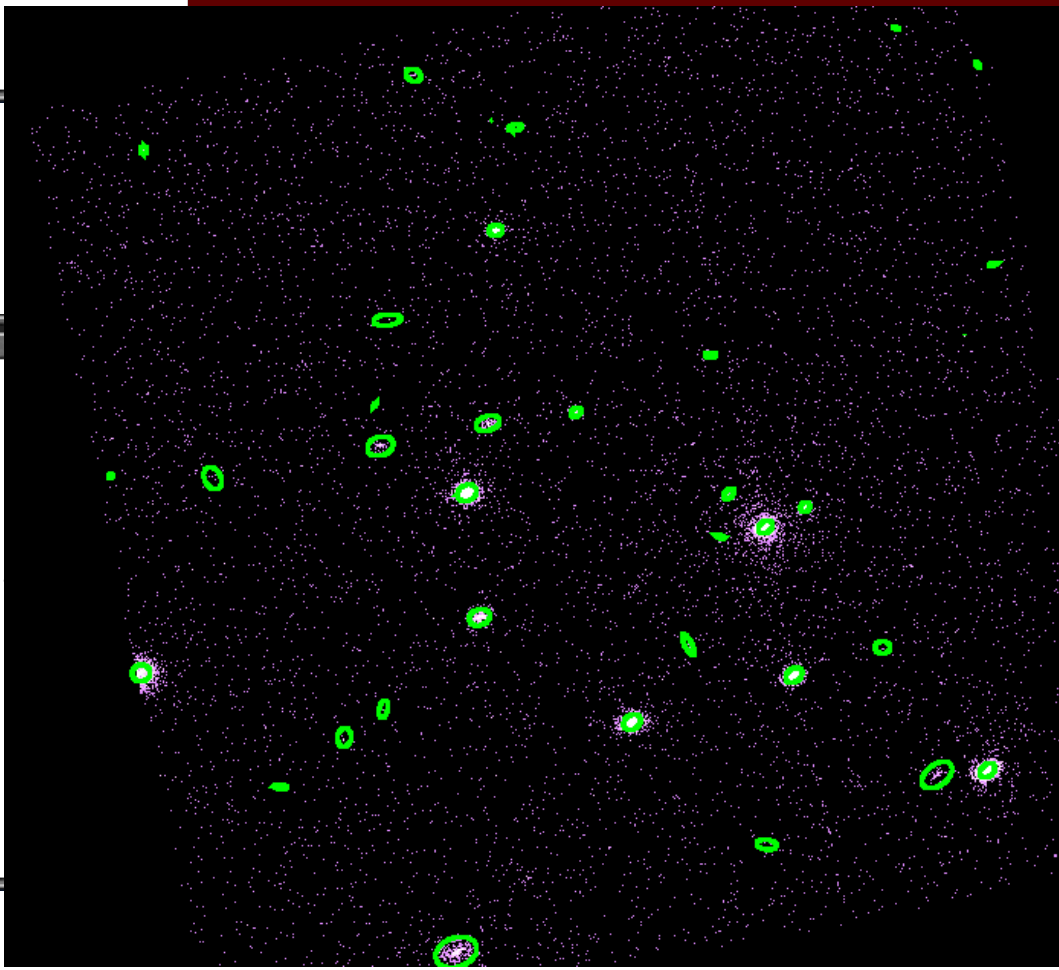
- Already had a presentation on various detect tools strengths and weaknesses
 - We'll try something fairly advanced
 - Make an image for just 1 CCD
 - Filter on energy band
 - Detect sources
 - Perform aperture photometry
 - The region output by wavdetect is never used by wavdetect!
 - Therefore quantities computed from detect regions shouldn't be expected to identically match detect outputs
- CIAO 4.1 will have tools to compute a limiting sensitivity for a particular exposure, aperture size, and background.

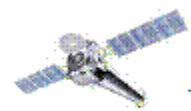


```
devel18:/data/scidev/staff/kjg/CIAO_Workshop_08
% ln -s acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits evt.fits
% skyfov evt.fits fov.fits clob+
% dmcoppy fov.fits"[ccd_id=1]" fov_1.fits clob+
% ds9 evt.fits -region fov_1.fits
% dmcoppy \
? "evt.fits[ccd_id=1,energy=:7000,sky=region(fov_1.fits)][bin sky=1]" \
? ccd1img.fits clob+
%
% wavdetect clobber=yes
Input file name (): ccd1img.fits
Output source list file name (): wavsrc.fits
Output source cell image file name (): .
Output reconstructed image file name (): .
Output normalized background file name (): .
% ds9 ccd1img.fits -region wavsrc.fits
% █
```



```
devel18:/data/scidev/staff/kjg/CIAO_Workshop_08
Output source list file name (): wavsrc.fits
Output source cell image file name (): .
Output reconstructed image file name (): .
Output normalized background file name (): .
% ds9 ccd1img.fits -region wavsrc.fits
%
% dmextract \
? "evt.fits[bin sky=region(wavsrc.fits[component=igrid(1:5:1)])]"
? srcprop.fits opt=generic clob+
% dmlist srcprop.fits"[cols ra,dec,count_rate]" data,clean
# EQPOS(RA,Dec) COUNT_RATE
246.9160128401 -24.7208927625 0.00838300408459
246.9440479850 -24.6968821497 0.0001291221008
246.8393754886 -24.6952401407 0.00147993792489
246.8313155098 -24.6945665640 0.06872275504890
246.8879610774 -24.6875576536 0.02105683490442
% █
```





Spatial Analysis :: alignment

- **reproject_aspect** is used to match source lists and update WCS
 - Can update WCS in tables (event files, source lists), images, or Chandra aspect solution (asol) files.
- Wrapper around **wcs_match** and **wcs_update**
 - May be useful to run individually especially if source matching could be tricky (large numbers of sources, poor correlation)
 - Can tweak matching parameters of **wcs_match** and then run **wcs_update** once satisfied that matches are optimal.
- **reproject_image** and **reproject_image_grid** match image pixels between images (including from different telescopes)

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```
% wcs_match chandra.dat "2mass.dat[cols ra=raj2000,dec=dej2000]" \
? match_out.fits wcsfile=acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits \
? radius=2 clob+ verbose=3
```

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```
***Ref Src 294 matched dup Src 97
Examining source 295 in ref src file.
36 common sources found between:
2mass.dat[cols ra=raj2000,dec=dej2000]
chandra.dat
After deleting poor matches, 36 sources remain.
Transform elements are:
delta_x(sky pix): 0.061756
delta_y(sky pix): 0.491405
rotation(deg.): 0.014014
scale factor: 1.000378
```

Source Residuals

Ref#	Dup#	Ref RA	Ref Dec.	Priority	Residual
125	30	246.77748	-24.69690	0.7	

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263	78	246.90968	-24.61627	0.1
275	95	247.01936	-24.58225	0.0
285	61	246.86279	-24.53820	0.4
286	68	246.87485	-24.56016	0.2
289	73	246.88688	-24.54301	0.4
291	72	246.88615	-24.55665	0.4
294	97	247.05747	-24.54706	0.0

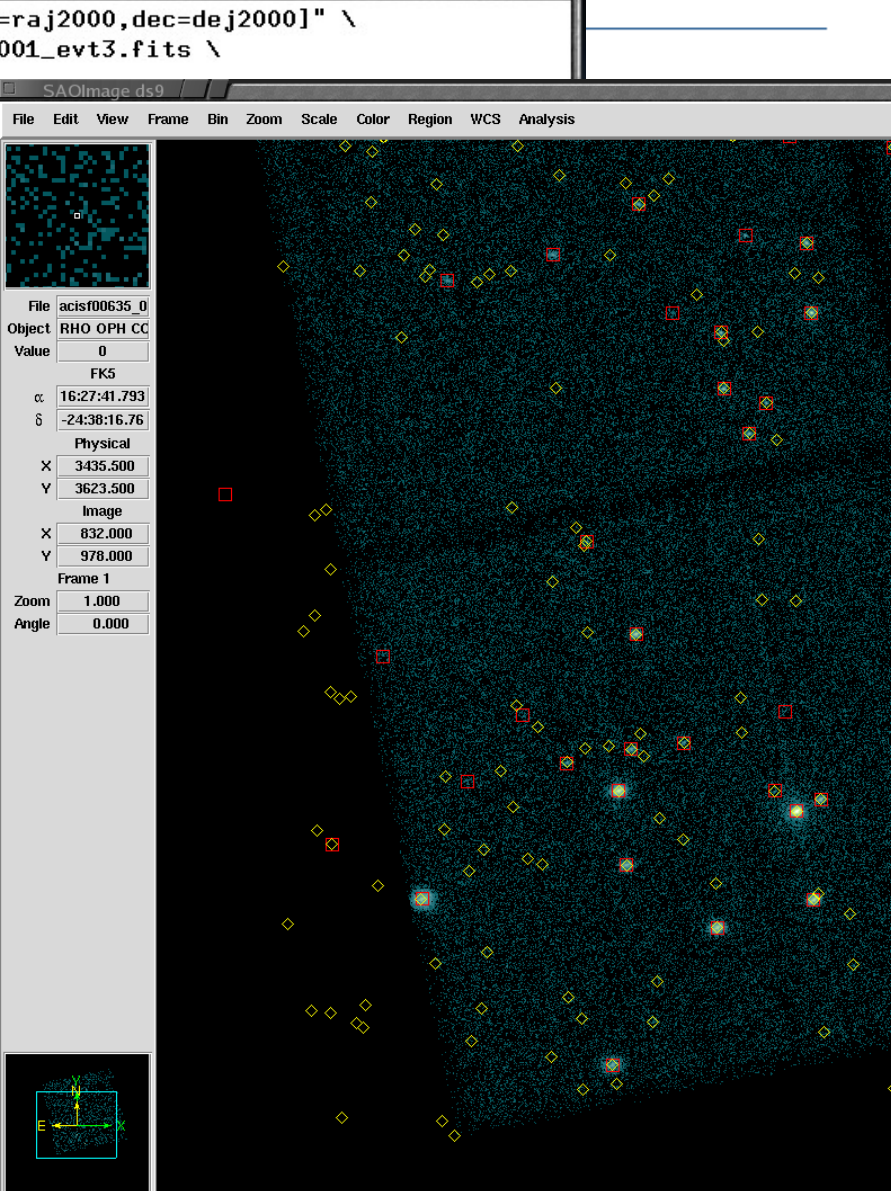
Source Residuals, before/after transform

Average Residuals:	0.364059	0.313694	13.83%
Maximum Residuals:	1.075055	0.979588	8.88%

Source Residual Ratios, before/after transform, and pe

Average Residual Ratios:	0.369978	0.318795	13
Maximum Residual Ratios:	1.092535	0.995517	8

SAOImage ds9



SAOImage ds9

Catalog Tool

File Edit Catalog Server Name Server Coordinate Size Symbol Pr

Catalog: ZMASS All-Sky Catalog of Point Sources

Identification: II246

Name: []

fk5: α 16:27:17.941 δ -24:34:24.17 sexa

Width: 20 Height: 20 arcmin

Filter: []

Sort: [] Increase Decrease

Max Rows: [] Found: []

RA: [] DEC: []

File Edit Catalog Server Name Server Coordinate

Catalog: Chandra Source Catalog

Identification: csc

Name: []

fk5: α 16:27:17.941 δ -24:34:24.17 sexa

Width: 20 Height: 20 arcmin

Filter: []

Sort: [] Increase Decrease

Max Rows: 5000 Found: 98

RA: [] DEC: []

ra	dec	name	err_ellipse_r	conf_flag
246.65265	-24.697			
246.64936	-24.688			
246.66118	-24.695			
246.66205	-24.694			
246.66361	-24.693			
246.67862	-24.692			
246.67816	-24.689			
246.66734	-24.730			
246.66707	-24.713			
246.68586	-24.738			
246.64161	-24.706			
246.64163	-24.739			
246.65492	-24.736			
246.67025	-24.707			
246.68458	-24.720			
246.68311	-24.735			
246.581333	-24.6242722	CXO J1626	2.07	FALSE
246.629041	-24.5178027	CXO J1626	3.60	FALSE
246.630666	-24.4250916	CXO J1626	0.54	FALSE
246.668625	-24.4540138	CXO J1626	0.33	FALSE
246.67675	-24.4405305	CXO J1626	0.86	FALSE
246.677333	-24.4422416	CXO J1626	0.50	FALSE
246.680666	-24.4097222	CXO J1626	0.69	FALSE
246.682833	-24.4547583	CXO J1626	1.55	FALSE
246.684166	-24.5805416	CXO J1626	1.20	FALSE
246.687583	-24.3855138	CXO J1626	0.34	FALSE
246.701875	-24.4769722	CXO J1626	1.04	FALSE
246.703833	-24.6399694	CXO J1626	2.32	FALSE
246.716125	-24.511125	CXO J1626	2.72	FALSE
246.718541	-24.5262305	CXO J1626	1.93	FALSE
246.722875	-24.5432527	CXO J1626	3.79	FALSE
246.724833	-24.657075	CXO J1626	2.24	FALSE

Done

Filter Retrieve Cancel

Catalog Tool

File Edit Catalog Server Name Server Coordinate

Catalog: Chandra Source Catalog

Identification: csc

Name: []

fk5: α 16:27:17.941 δ -24:34:24.17 sexa

Width: 20 Height: 20 arcmin

Filter: []

Sort: [] Increase Decrease

Max Rows: 5000 Found: 98

RA: [] DEC: []

ra	dec	name	err_ellipse_r	conf_flag
246.581333	-24.6242722	CXO J1626	2.07	FALSE
246.629041	-24.5178027	CXO J1626	3.60	FALSE
246.630666	-24.4250916	CXO J1626	0.54	FALSE
246.668625	-24.4540138	CXO J1626	0.33	FALSE
246.67675	-24.4405305	CXO J1626	0.86	FALSE
246.677333	-24.4422416	CXO J1626	0.50	FALSE
246.680666	-24.4097222	CXO J1626	0.69	FALSE
246.682833	-24.4547583	CXO J1626	1.55	FALSE
246.684166	-24.5805416	CXO J1626	1.20	FALSE
246.687583	-24.3855138	CXO J1626	0.34	FALSE
246.701875	-24.4769722	CXO J1626	1.04	FALSE
246.703833	-24.6399694	CXO J1626	2.32	FALSE
246.716125	-24.511125	CXO J1626	2.72	FALSE
246.718541	-24.5262305	CXO J1626	1.93	FALSE
246.722875	-24.5432527	CXO J1626	3.79	FALSE
246.724833	-24.657075	CXO J1626	2.24	FALSE

Done

Filter Retrieve Cancel

Catalog Tool

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```
% wcs_update acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits none match_out.fits
% [ ]
```

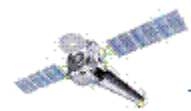
CXC



Spatial Analysis :: morphology

- smoothing:
 - **aconvolve**: simple Gaussian (& other kernel) smoothing
 - **csmooth**: adaptive smoothing, Ebling et.al
 - **WARNING**: csmooth does not preserve photometry
- radial profile
 - **dmextract** using input **stack**
 - **dmellipse** will allow users to find ellipses aligned with moments enclosing fraction of flux (eg PSF fraction)
- remove
 - Tired of those annoying sources? Remove them with **dmfilth**





```

devel18:/data/scidev/staff/kjg/CIAO_Workshop_08
% aconvolve
Input file name (): ccdling.fits
Kernel specification (): lib:gaus(2,5,1,3,3)
Output file name (): gsm.fits

```

```

devel18:/data/scidev/staff/kjg/CIAO_Workshop_08
% csmooth verb=3
input file name (): ccdling.fits
image of user-supplied map of smoothing scales ():
output file name (): csm.fits
output significance image (.): csm_sig.fits
output scales [kernel sizes] image (.): csm_scl.fits
Convolution method. (slide|fft) (fft):
Convolution kernel type. (gauss|tophat) (gauss):
initial (minimal) smoothing scale [pixel] (INDEF):
maximal smoothing scale [pixel] (sclmin:) (INDEF): 15
minimal significance, S/N ratio (4): 3
maximal significance, S/N ratio (sigmin:) (5):
compute smoothing scales or user user-supplied map (compute|user) (compute):

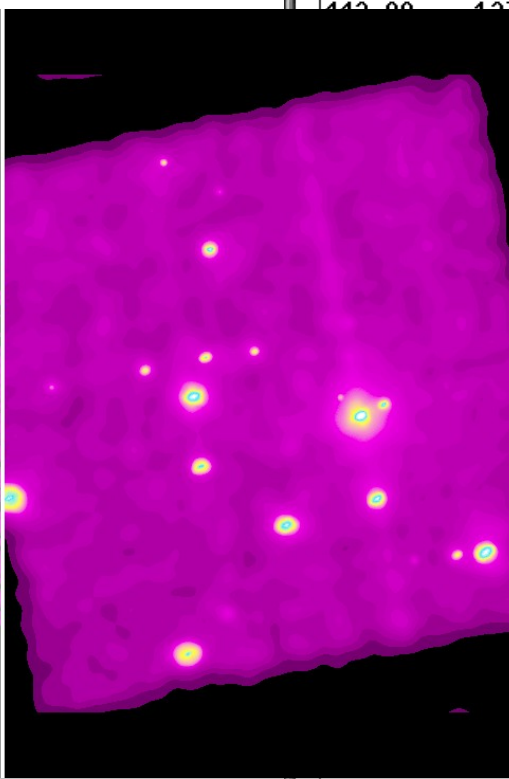
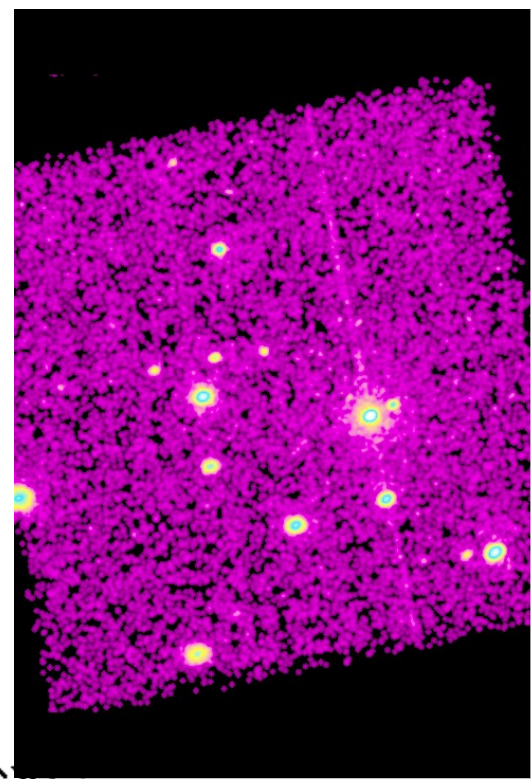
```

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devel18:/data/scidev/staff/kjg/CIAO_Workshop_08
minimal significance, S/N ratio (4): 3
maximal significance, S/N ratio (sigmin:) (5):
compute smoothing scales or user user-supplied map (compute|user) (compute):

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n_max	m_krn1_min	smoothing radius	out/in diff1	pixels cumul done (%)	counts done (%)	significance range
						min med max
142.00	127.68	0.188	1.000	1.000	0.00	4.77 3.10 4.20 7.29
.86		0.198	1.000	1.000	0.00	9.33 3.05 4.70 5.55
.20		0.208	1.000	1.000	0.00	11.99 3.10 3.73 4.98
.95		0.223	1.000	1.000	0.00	12.82 3.65 4.62 5.36
.16		0.238	1.000	1.000	0.00	13.25 4.27 2.32 4.64
.08		0.252	1.000	1.000	0.00	13.82 3.05 3.13 3.48
.14		0.267	1.000	1.000	0.00	14.30 3.15 3.24 3.91
.98		0.312	1.000	1.000	0.00	14.38 3.01 3.01 3.01



```

scidev/staff/kjg/CIAO_Workshop_08

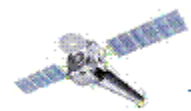
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.36	3.756	1.000	1.000	0.35	66.37	3.00 3.38 5.28
.17	4.447	1.000	1.000	0.42	67.39	3.00 3.30 4.92
.83	5.396	1.000	1.000	0.51	68.14	3.00 3.31 4.50
.86	6.526	1.000	1.000	0.61	68.81	3.00 3.29 4.66
.35	7.925	1.000	1.000	0.73	69.52	3.00 3.23 4.17
.20	9.802	1.000	1.000	0.89	70.08	3.00 3.24 4.25
.63	12.111	1.000	1.000	1.13	70.78	3.00 3.28 4.55
.39	14.788	1.000	1.000	1.45	71.34	3.00 3.30 4.87
remainder will be smoothed on scale of 15.000000						
.00	15.000	1.000	1.000	100.00	100.00	-5.79 -0.11 4.08

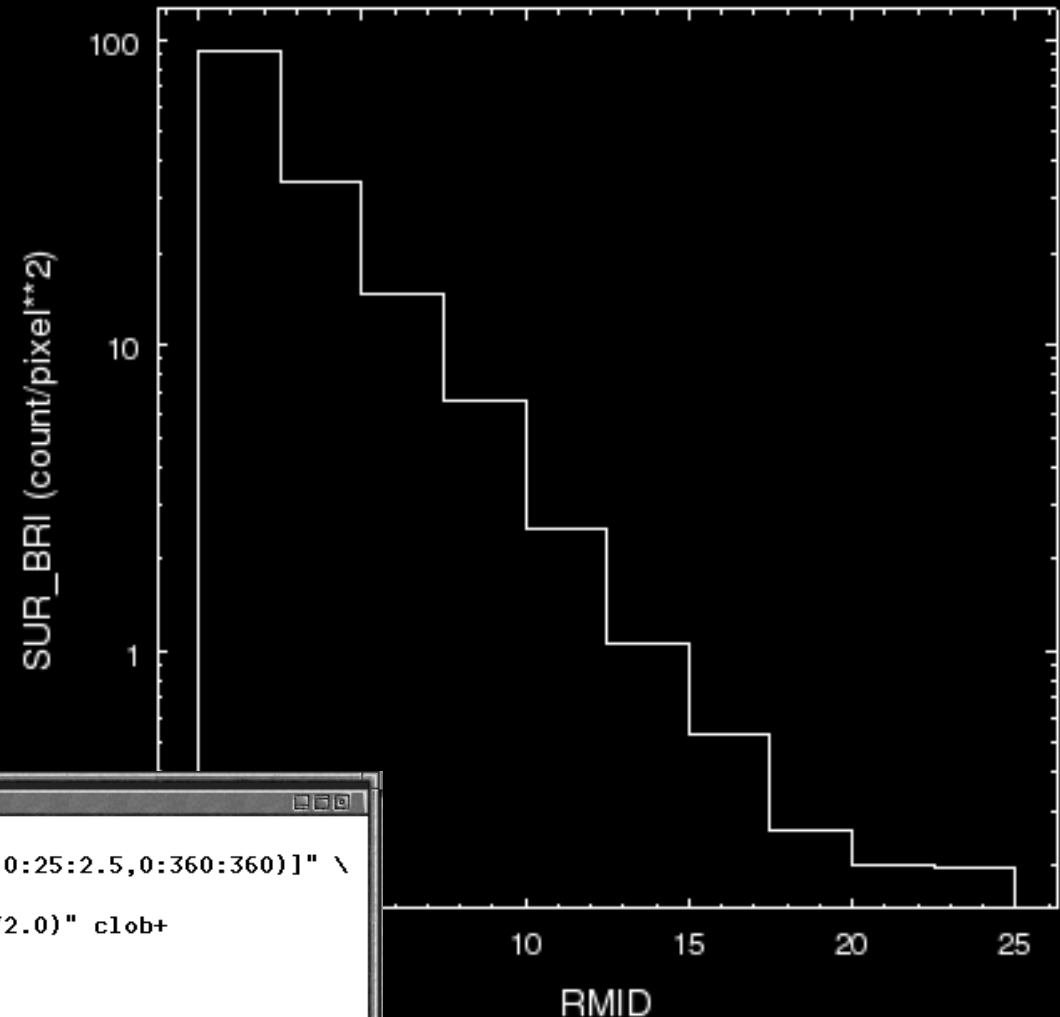
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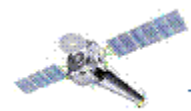
```



RHO OPH CORE

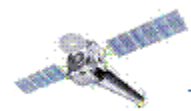


```
devel18:/data/scidev/staff/kjg/CIAO_Workshop_08
% dmextract \
? "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[bin sky=pgrid(3501,3504,0:25:2.5,0:360:360)]" \
? radial.fits clob+ op=generic
% dmtcalc radial.fits rmid.fits expr="rmid=((r[0]+r[1])/2.0)" clob+
% chips
chips-1> make_figure("rmid.fits[cols rmid,sur_bri]")
chips-2> clear;
-----> clear();
chips-3> make_figure("rmid.fits[cols rmid,sur_bri]","histogram")
chips-4> log_scale(Y_AXIS)
chips-5> □
```

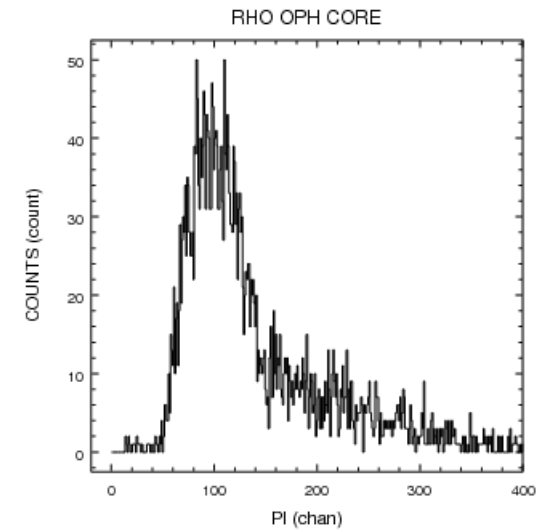



Spectral Analysis

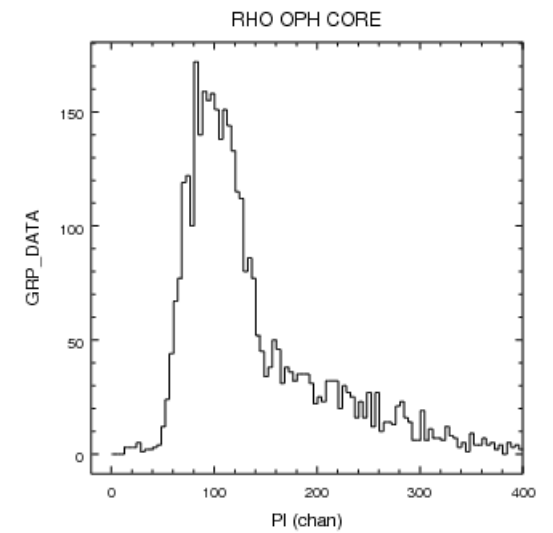
- Spectrum
 - **dmextract**, now bin on energy column(s)
- Responses
 - ARF: Auxiliary Response Function (File) [cm²]
 - **mkarf** and **mkwarf** used to make ARFs for point-like sources
 - RMF: Response Matrix File
 - **mkrmf** and **mkacisrmf** used to make RMFs depending on gain calibrations
- Others
 - **specextract** makes all and adds necessary keywords
 - Contrib. software like **acis_extract**
 - CSC have pre-canned spectra & responses!



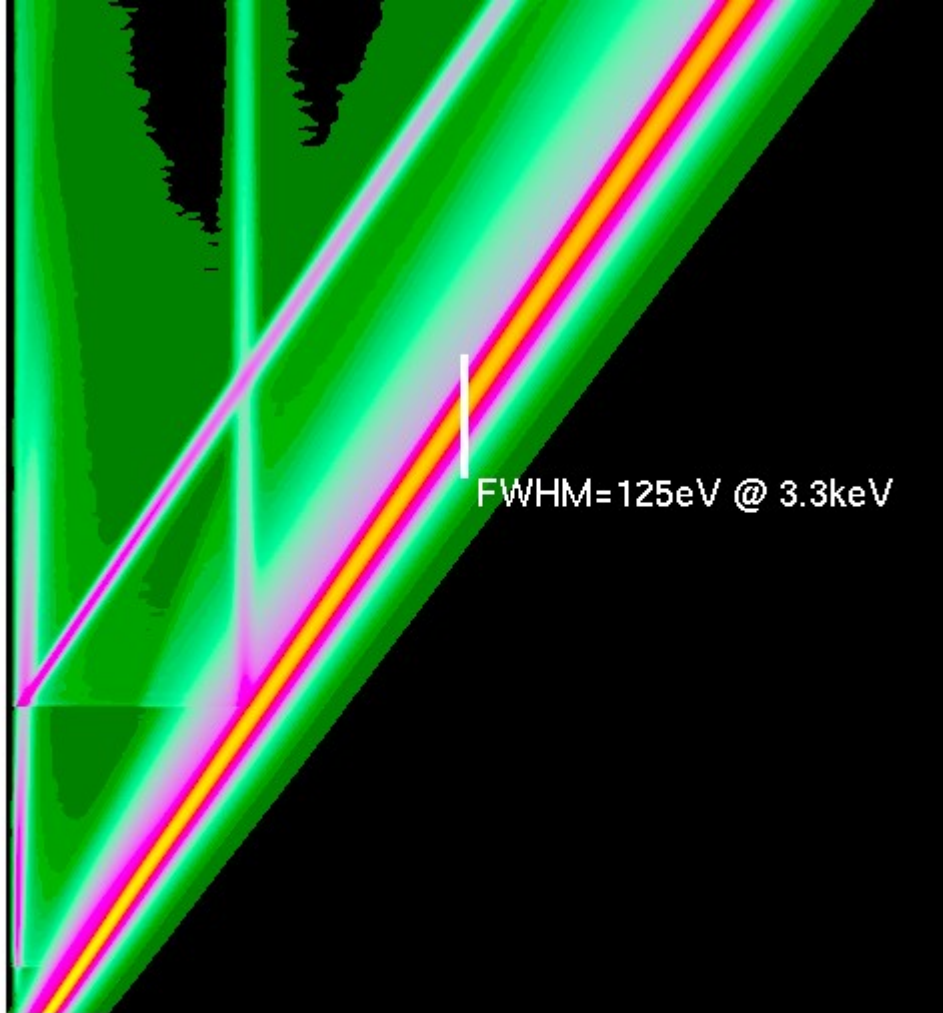
```
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% dmextract \
? "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[sky=circle(3150,3310,30)][bin pi=1]" \
? spectrum.fits clob+ op=pha1
% chips
chips-1> make_figure("spectrum.fits[cols pi,counts]", "histogram")
chips-2> limits(X_AXIS, AUTO, 400 )
chips-3> print_window("pi", "export.format=png export.clobber=yes");
chips-4>
%
% □
```



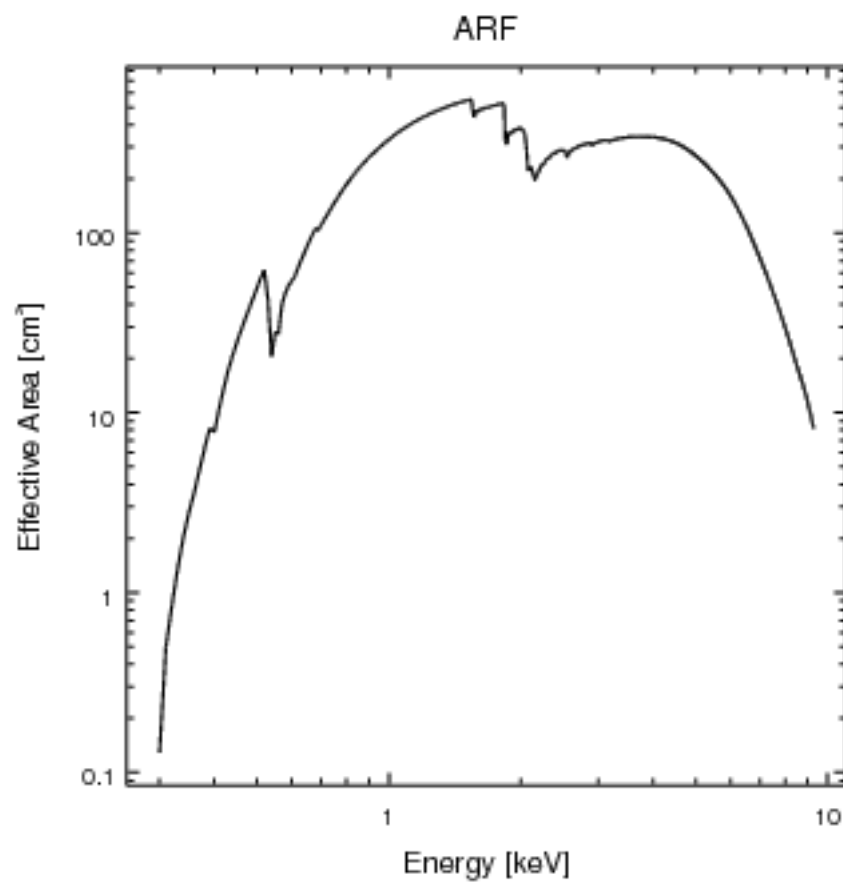
```
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% dmgroup spectrum.fits spectrum_grp.fits BIN_WIDTH 4 \
? xcol=channel ycol=counts clob+ mode=h
% chips
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chips-2> limits(X_AXIS, AUTO, 400 )
chips-3> □
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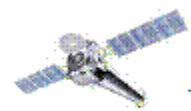


Energy





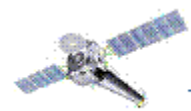
Pulse Height





Spectral Analysis :: fluxes

- Next talk is all about Sherpa & Statistics
- Watch out!
 - If source is near the edge or dithers across multiple chips 
 - Even point like sources far off axis need to be treated like extended sources due to size of PSF
- Looking ahead to CIAO 4.1 & beyond
 - **eff2evt** will generate a simple flux-per-event which can be summed. Hard part is getting good error bars!
 - A simple **PIMMS** like script is being developed based on catalog requirements 



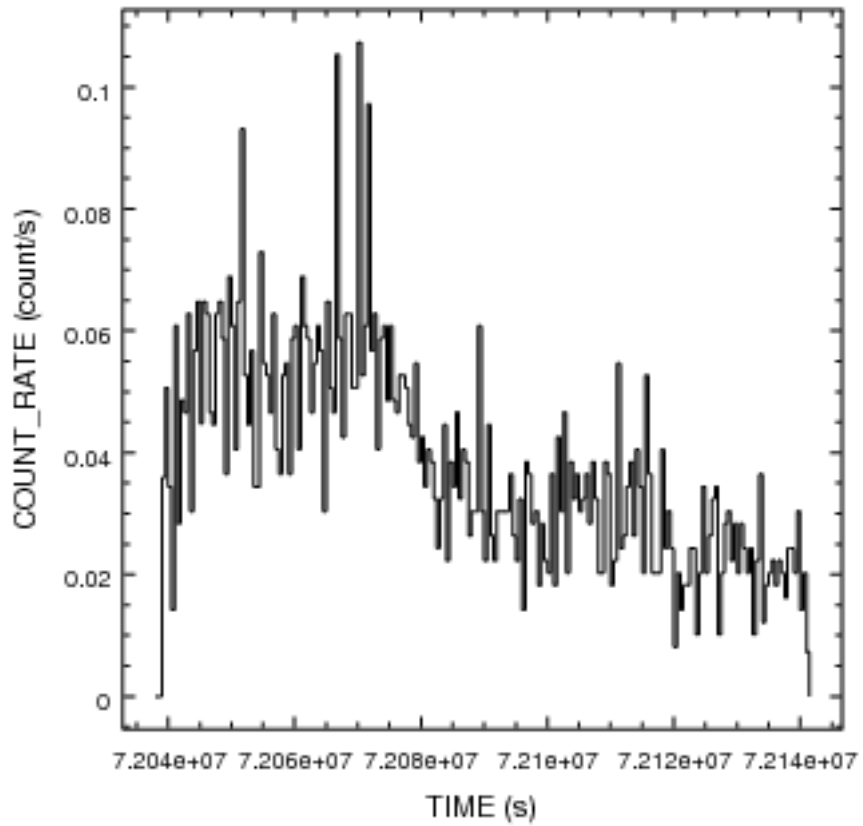
Temporal Analysis

- Lightcurve
 - **dmextract** using `opt=lct1|lct2` properly accounts for good time intervals
 - Careful binning on times approximately equal to instrumental time, eg ACIS full frame ~3.2 sec
- Responses
 - Good Time Intervals [sec]
 - Times are considered absolute
 - not really true since frames are integrated for 3.2 sec
 - Fraction of aperture and/or PSF will be included in future release via **dither_region**

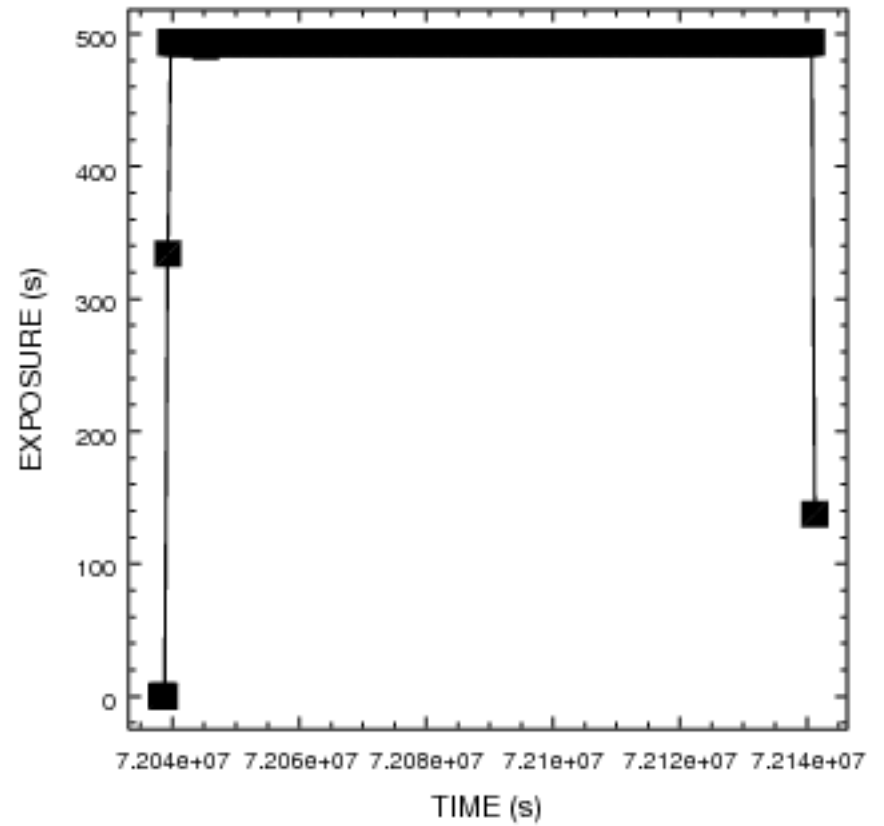


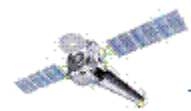


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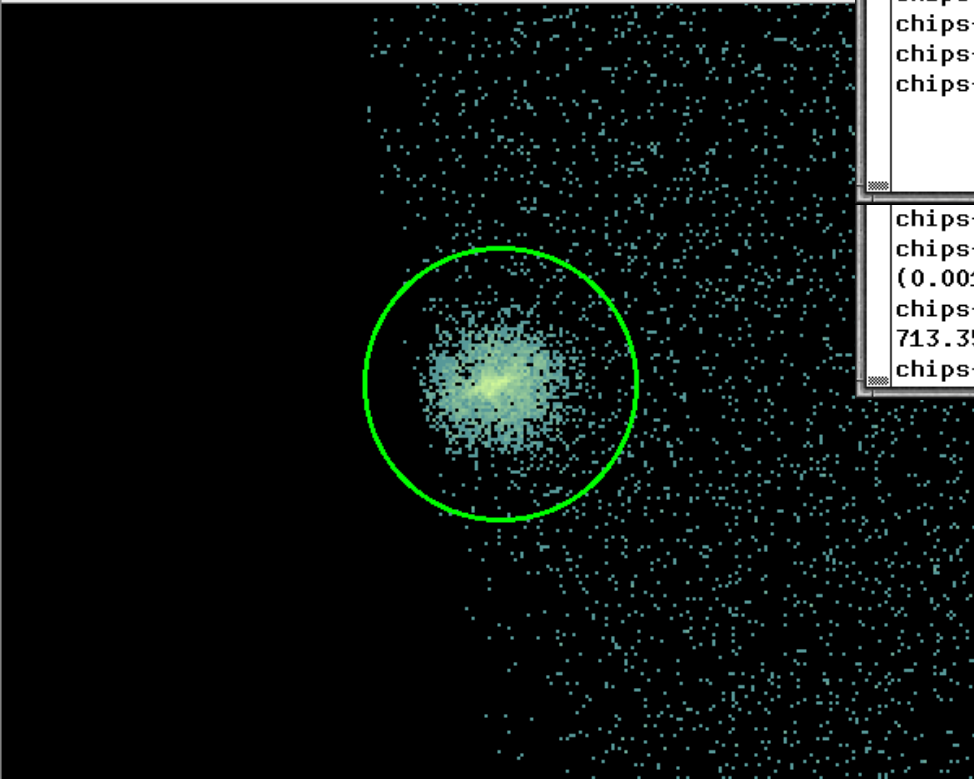
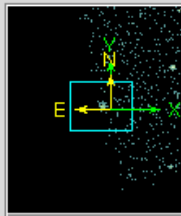
Temporal Analysis :: powerspectrum

- Is my (bright) source variable because of the telescope dithering?
 - create lightcurve
 - subtract off mean count-rate
 - generate powerspectrum
 - plot
 - identify lines and convert to period
- Yes, this source has a periodicity of ~ 700 sec which is period of dither.

File Edit View Frame Bin Zoom Scale Color Region WCS Analysis

File acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[EVENTS]
 Object RHO OPH CORE
 Value 0
 FK5 α 16:27:55.842 δ -24:40:38.90
 Physical X 3046.500 Y 3334.250
 Image X 364.500 Y 552.250
 Frame 1 Zoom 2.000 Angle 0.000

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 center - + to fit zoom 1/8 zoom 1/4 zoom 1/2 zoom 1 zoom 2 zoom

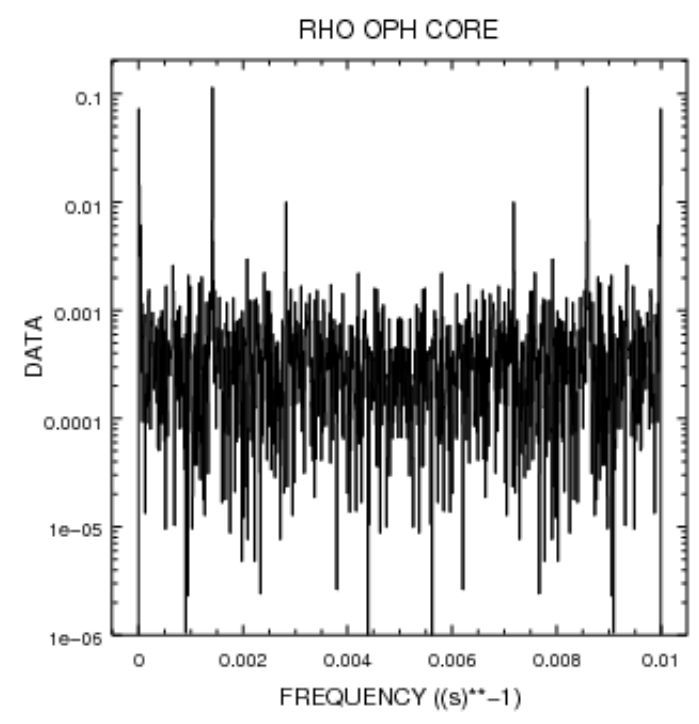


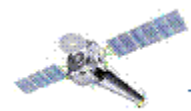
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% dmextract \
? "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[sky=circle(3155,3310,30)][bin time>:::100]" \
? lc.fits op=ltc1 clob+
% dmstat lc.fits"[cols count_rate]" sig- med- |& grep mean

      mean:          0.038080718151
% dmtcalc lc.fits lc_zero.fits \
? expr="count_rate=(count_rate-0.038080718151)" clob+
% apowerspectrum lc_zero.fits"[cols time,count_rate]" none power.fits clob+
% chips
chips-1> make_figure("power.fits", "histogram")
chips-2> limits(Y_AXIS, 1e-6, AUTO )
chips-3> log_scale(Y_AXIS)
chips-4> █

chips-4> print_window("powerspectrum", "export.format=png export.clobber=yes")
chips-5> pick()
(0.00140183,0.0834193)
chips-6> 1/0.00140183
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chips-7> █
  
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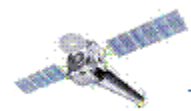


Temporal Analysis :: other

- **axbary** performs barycenter time corrections
- Timing talk will have more examples
 - Contrib. software **sitar** includes specialized timing tasks including period folding & Bayesian blocks decomposition
- Looking ahead



glvary provides an implementation of the Gregory-Loraedo algorithm to optimally bin lightcurves

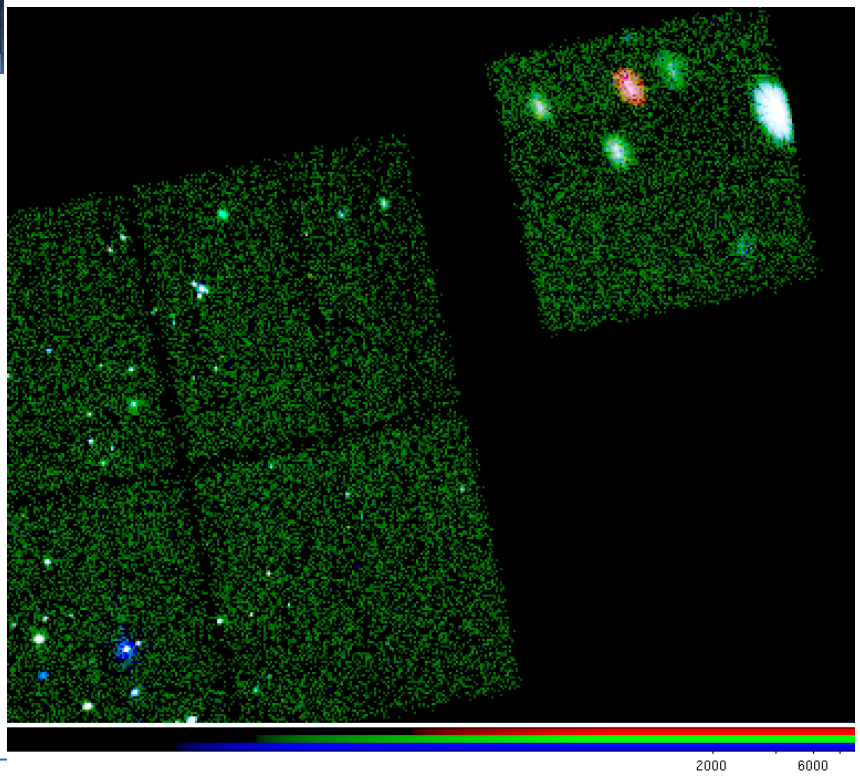
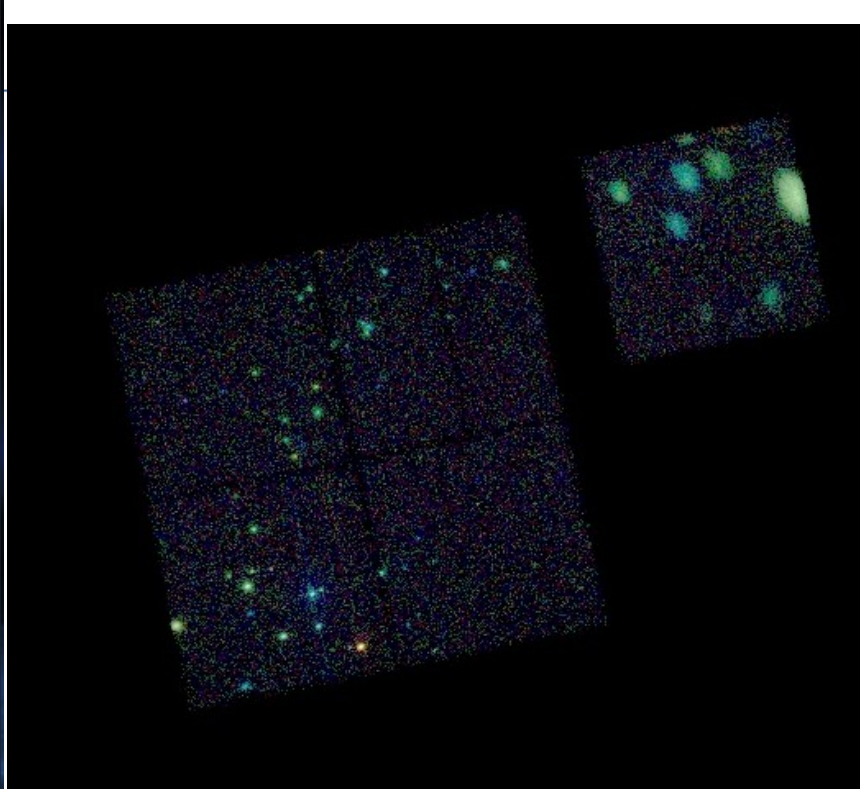
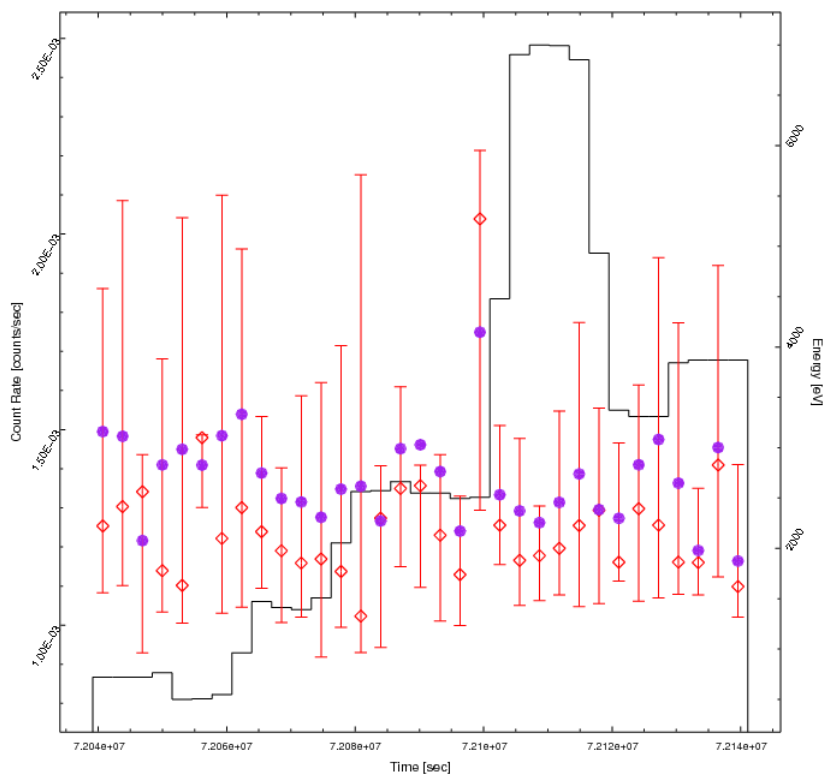


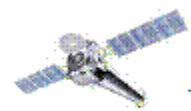
Mixing Axes

- Examples
 - 3-color coded images
 - Usually see spectrally coded :Soft (red), Medium (green), Hard (blue)
 - But can pick any property, like TIME.
 - Time resolved spectra (including phase resolved spectra)
- Mixed Axes -> Mixed Response
 - When you start to combine axes, you need to be careful about getting correct responses to correctly interpret data.

```
% dmcopu "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[energy=500:1200][bin sky=8]" red.fits
% dmcopu "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[energy=1200:2000][bin sky=8]" grn.fits
% dmcopu "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[energy=2000:7000][bin sky=8]" blu.fits
%
% dmimg2jpg red.fits grn.fits blu.fits out=tricolor1.jpg scalef=log \
? scalep=5 clob+ showaim- showgrid-
% [ ]
```

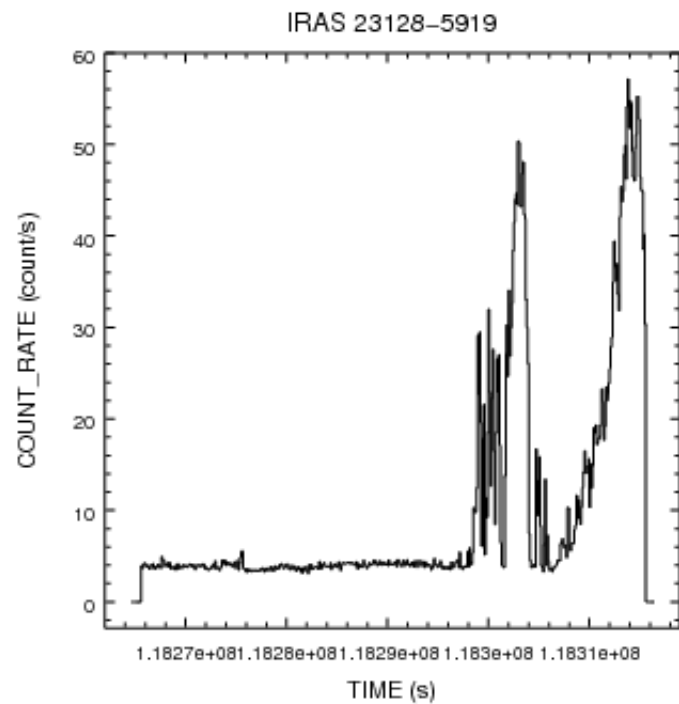
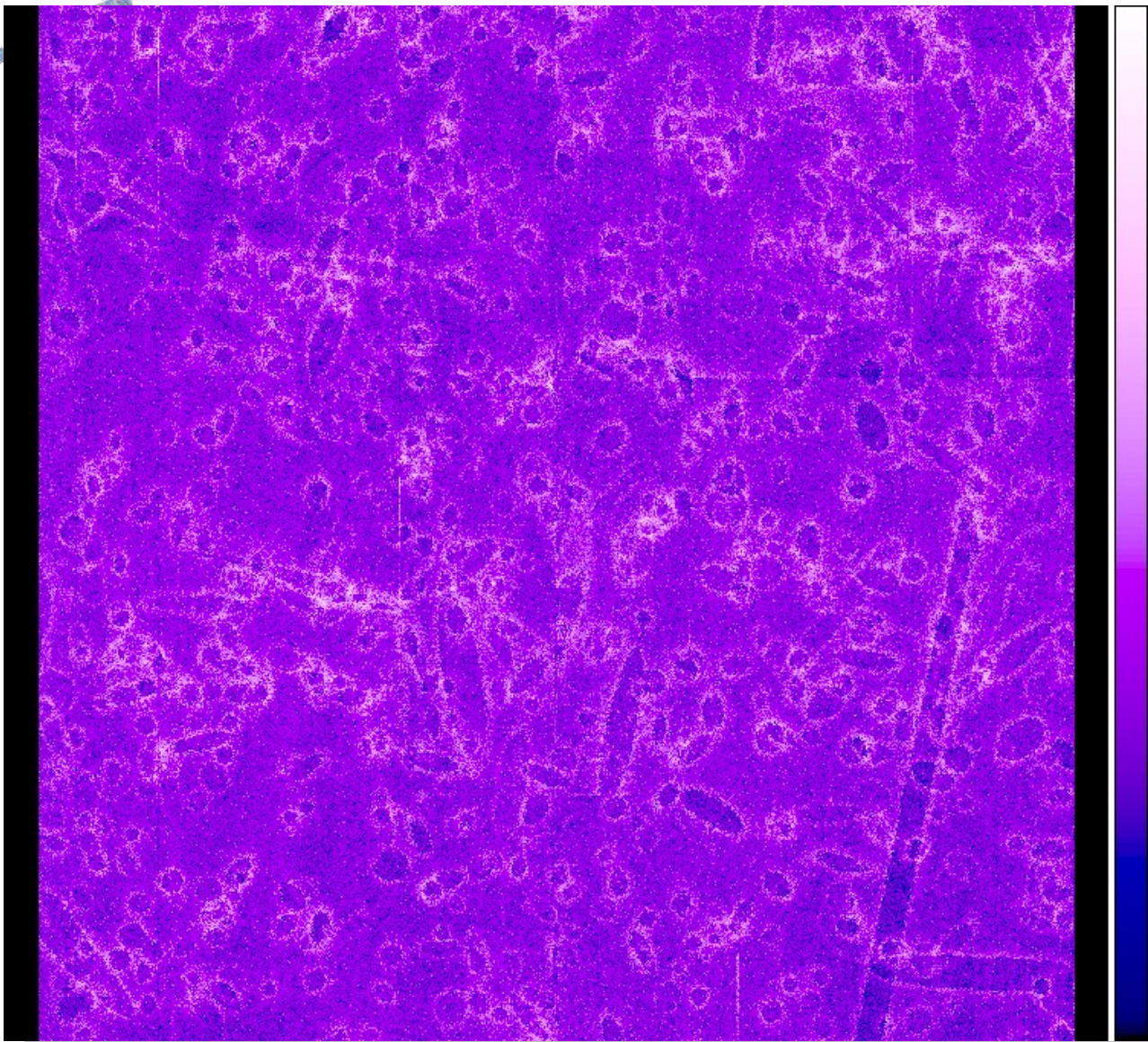
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% dmcopu "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[energy=2000:7000][bin sky=8]" blu.fits
%
% dmimg2jpg red.fits grn.fits blu.fits out=tricolor1.jpg scalef=log \
? scalep=5 clob+ showaim- showgrid-
%
%
%
% dmcopu "acisf00635_000N001_evt3.fits[bin sky=8,time=::#3]" vary.fits
%
% ds9 -rgbcube vary.fits
% [ ]
```





Background

- Spatial
 - Cosmic has vignetting effects
 - Instrumental is 'flat'; though not so due to CTI
 - Typically pick co-located annulus around point src
- Spectral
 - quiescent well calibrated in background files
 - during flares may be hard or soft and affect FI/BI chips differently.
 - Be sure to filter observation same as background files
- Temporal
 - many early observations near solar max have some enhanced periods
 - **lc_clean** script (contrib tar file) can be used to remove flares.





Shameless Self Promotion

- Help us to help you!
 - Report problems
 - Give us feedback, +/-
 - More later, be sure to provide as much info, not just “*it doesn't work*”
- Acknowledgment
 - Most Chandra papers don't acknowledge CIAO, CDA, etc.
 - Many don't reference any software package at all.

Questions?