



1st Chandra/CIAO Workshop Hands–on Session

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Practical Information:

- There are 12 workstations called "DEMO1, DEMO2, ... DEMO12" and two people should work at each workstation.
- Users should log–in as "cxcguest1", "cxcguest2", etc. on the corresponding machines (passwords will be revealed on Tuesday).
- All the "cxcguest" accounts are already setup to run CIAO2.0.2. On every window where you expect to run CIAO, you should simply type "ciao". For example:

```
cxcguest-1: ciao
Setting up to use release version of CIAO, from /soft/ciao
I will automatically update the following files in your $HOME dir:
        .CXCdefaults
if they are older than the files in the distribution, however backup
copies will be saved with a .bak extension.
CIAO configuration complete!
```

- Some useful checks:

```
cxcguest-2: ciao -v
Your CIAO version is: 2.0.2
Your CXC_PROP_CLI version is: 3.0

cxcguest-3: echo $PDIRS
/home/cxcguest/cxcds_param;/soft/ciao/param

cxcguest-4: echo $CALDB
/soft/ciao/CALDB

cxcguest-5: echo $ATOMDB
/soft/ciao/ATOMDB
```

- The workspace is in
/data/ciao_demo/
12 subdirectories have been created called cxcguest1 through cxcguest12; please use the one relative to your machine.
- Chandra data useful for the analysis can be found in
/data/ciao_demo/data
- All the CIAO scripts can be found in the directory
/data/ciao_demo/scripts
- If you need to access CALDB files, they are in
/soft/ciao/CALDB, which is linked to /data/CALDB/
- If you need to access ATOMDB files, they are in
/soft/ciao/ATOMDB, which is linked to /data/axaf8/atomdb/

Suggested Analysis Sessions:

All the threads listed below can be found from the CIAO 2.0 threads page.

- **Beginners:**
 - Introduction To the Data Model
 - Introduction To Using Prism
 - Data Filtering
 - Create True Color Image
 - Extract an ACIS spectrum and make RMF and ARF
 - Getting Started With Sherpa
 - Introducing Sherpa: ASCII Data & Errors and Single–Component Source Models
 - Fitting Spectral Data: FITS Data & Responses and Multi–Component Source Models
- **Grating analysis:**
 - Examining PHA2 Files
 - Obtain Grating Spectra
 - Create Grating ARFs
 - Extract Coadded and Grouped Nth–Order Source & Background Spectra and ARFs
 - Fitting Grating Data
 - GUIDE: Fitting and Identifying Spectral Lines
- **Extended Source Analysis:**
 - Create True Color Image
 - Obtain a Radial Profile
 - Exposure Map
- **Source Detection:**
 - Exposure Maps
 - Source Detection
 - Estimate the Number of Counts in a Source

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