Archives and Data for X-ray astronomy

Part 1: Getting observation data
Part 2: Source catalogs

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Part 1: Observation data

Active missions

Chandra X-ray Observatory (1999-present) CCDs, MCP, gratings

cxc.harvard.edu/cda

XMM-Newton (1999-present) CCDs, gratings (and UV)

xmm.vilspa.esa.es/xsa/

Suzaku (2005-present) CCD, phoswich/Si diode

heasarc.nasa.gov/docs/archive.html (and darts.jaxa.jp/astro/suzaku)

Swift (2004-present) CCD, CdZnTe/Mask (and UV)

heasarc.nasa.gov/docs/archive.html

Rossi XTE (1995-present) PCs, phoswich

heasarc.nasa.gov/docs/archive.html

Notable archival missions and instruments

Non-imaging Proportional counters:

HEAO-1 A1,A2 (1977-1979), Exosat ME (1983-86), Ginga LAC (1987-1991)

Imaging proportional counters:

Einstein IPC (1978-81) , Rosat PSPC-B,C (1990-99), BeppoSAX LECS,MECS ,HPGSPC (1996-2002)

CCDs:

ASCA GIS,SIS (1993-2000)

Microchannel plates:

Einstein HRI, Rosat HRI

Phoswich:

BeppoSax PDS

NASA High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center

- centered at GSFC (but also with a component at CXC)

Provides access to all the publicly available X- and gamma-ray datasets. Also many general catalogs and datasets held at other data centers

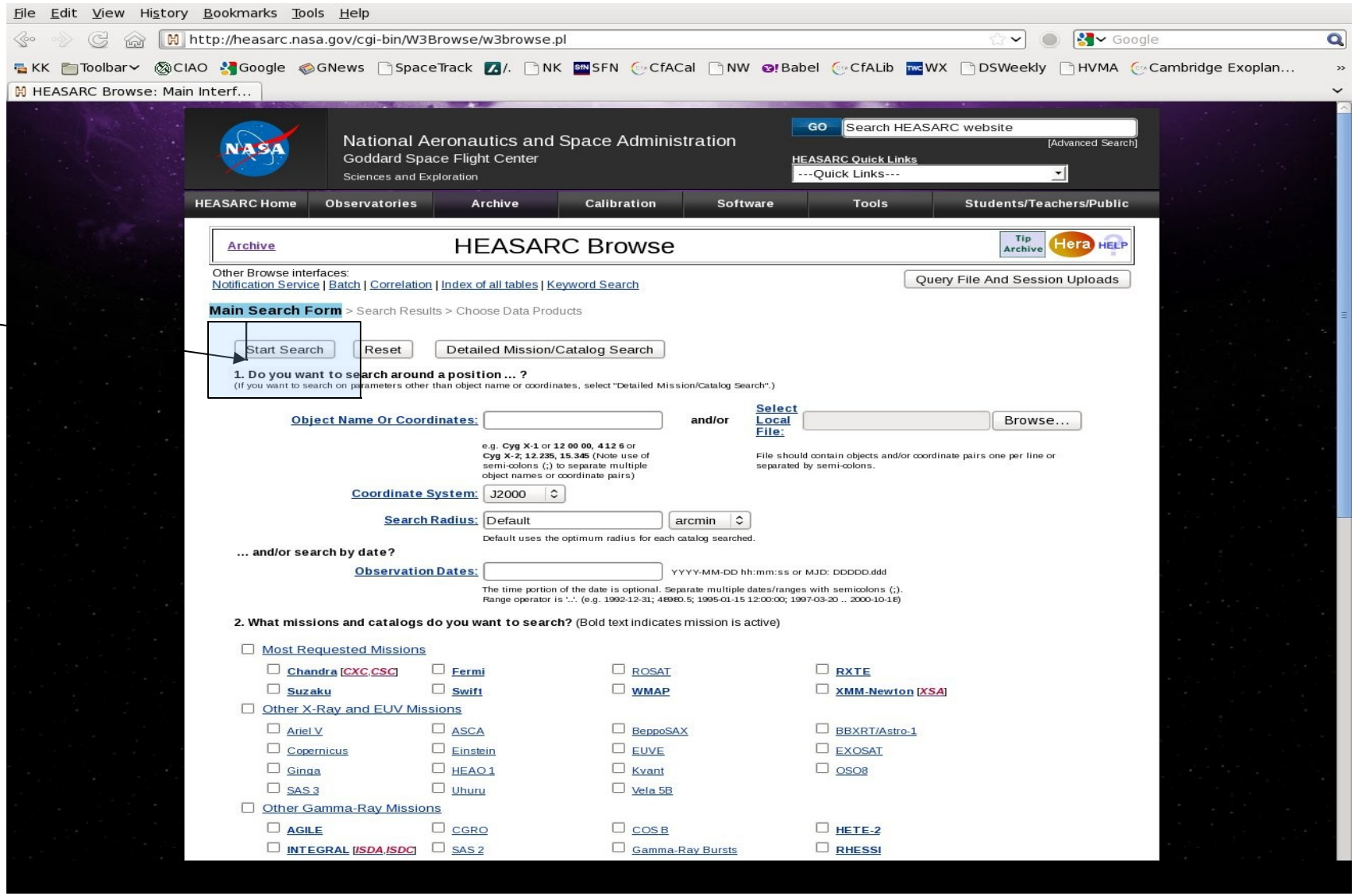
Powerful search engine (Browse) with a uniform interface across missions.

Batch processing and cross-correlation capabilities.

Includes bibliographic links to datasets where available.

If you haven't used browse before read the introduction at heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/W3Browse/w3browse-help.html

BROWSE at HEASARC



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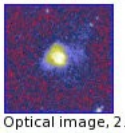

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RASS X-ray image, 75.0'

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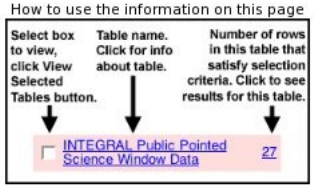

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GALEX	Galaxy Evolution Explorer (GALEX) Observation Log 3		
HETE-2	HETE-2 Timeline 1451		
INTEGRAL	INTEGRAL Science Window Data 121	INTEGRAL Observing Program 1	INTEGRAL Public Pointed Science Window Data 49
RXTE	XTE Master Catalog 1	XTE Target Index Catalog 1	XTE Proposal Info & Abstracts 1
	XTE Archived Public Slew Data 2		
SPITZER	Spitzer Space Telescope Observation Log 25		
☑ SUZAKU	☑ Suzaku Master Catalog 1	☑ Suzaku XIS Configuration Log 8	
XMM-NEWTON	XMM-Newton OM Objects 35	XMM-Newton Accepted Targets 2	XMM-Newton XAssist Source List 16
	XMM-Newton Master Log & Public Archive 5	XMM-Newton Serendipitous Source Catalog (2XMMi DR3 Version) 5	XMM-Newton Optical Monitor Serendipitous UV Source Survey Catalog 21
Other Missions			
BEPPOSAX	BeppoSAX Approved Pointings 2	BeppoSAX/GRBM Gamma-Ray Burst Catalog 7	BeppoSAX NFI Archive and Observation Log 2
CGRO	CGRO Timeline 2	CGRO/OSSE Observations 9	CGRO/BATSE 4B Catalog 3
	CGRO/BATSE Trigger Data 16	CGRO/EGRET Photon Lists and Maps 13	CGRO/BATSE Gamma-Ray Burst Catalog 5
	CGRO/COMPTEL Low-Level Data and Maps 17	Stern et al. (2001) BATSE Gamma-Ray Burst Catalog 8	GRBs Uniformly Selected from BATSE Archival Data (Version 2.1) 3
	Kommers et al. (2001) BATSE Non-Triggered Gamma-Ray Burst Catalog 5		
EINSTEIN	Einstein IPC Images 1	Einstein MPC Raw Data 10	Einstein IPC Sources Catalog 1
	Einstein IPC Photon Event Data 1	Einstein IPC Unscreened Photon Event List 1	Einstein Survey of Optically Selected Galaxies 1
	Einstein Observatory 2E Catalog of IPC X-Ray Sources 1		
GAMMA-RAY BURSTS	CGRO/BATSE 4B Catalog 3	CGRO/BATSE Gamma-Ray Burst Catalog 5	BeppoSAX/GRBM Gamma-Ray Burst Catalog 7

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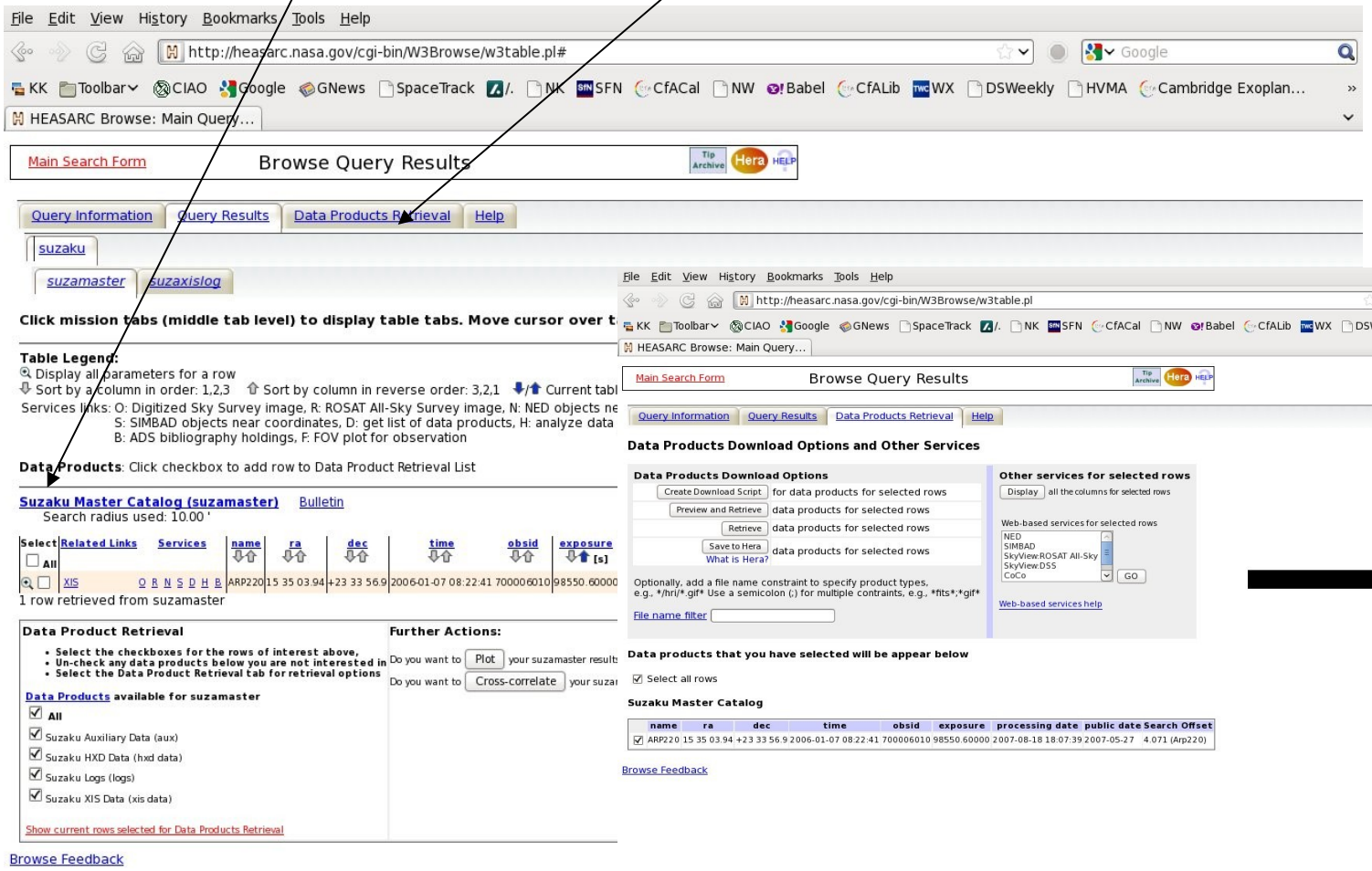

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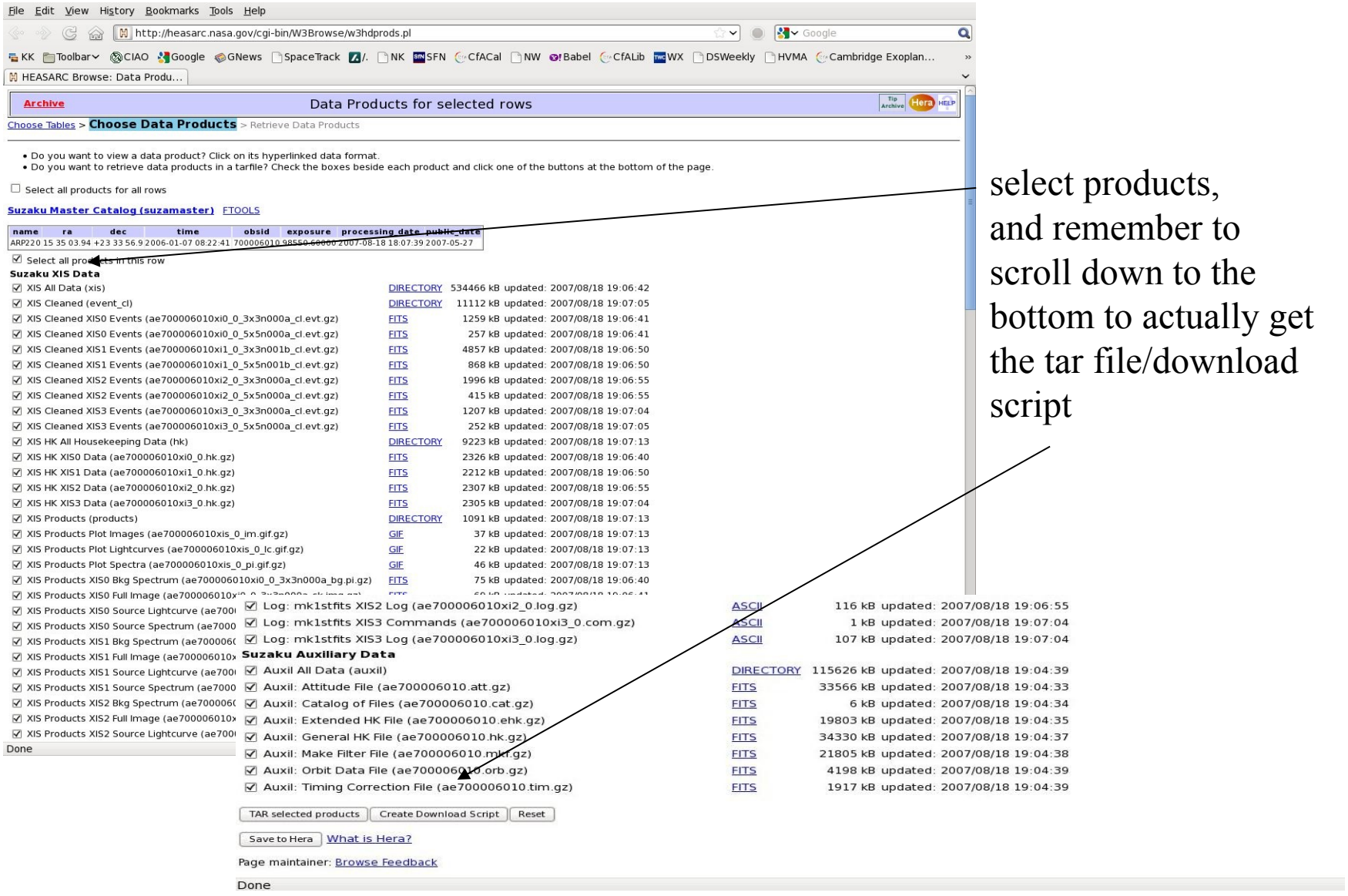

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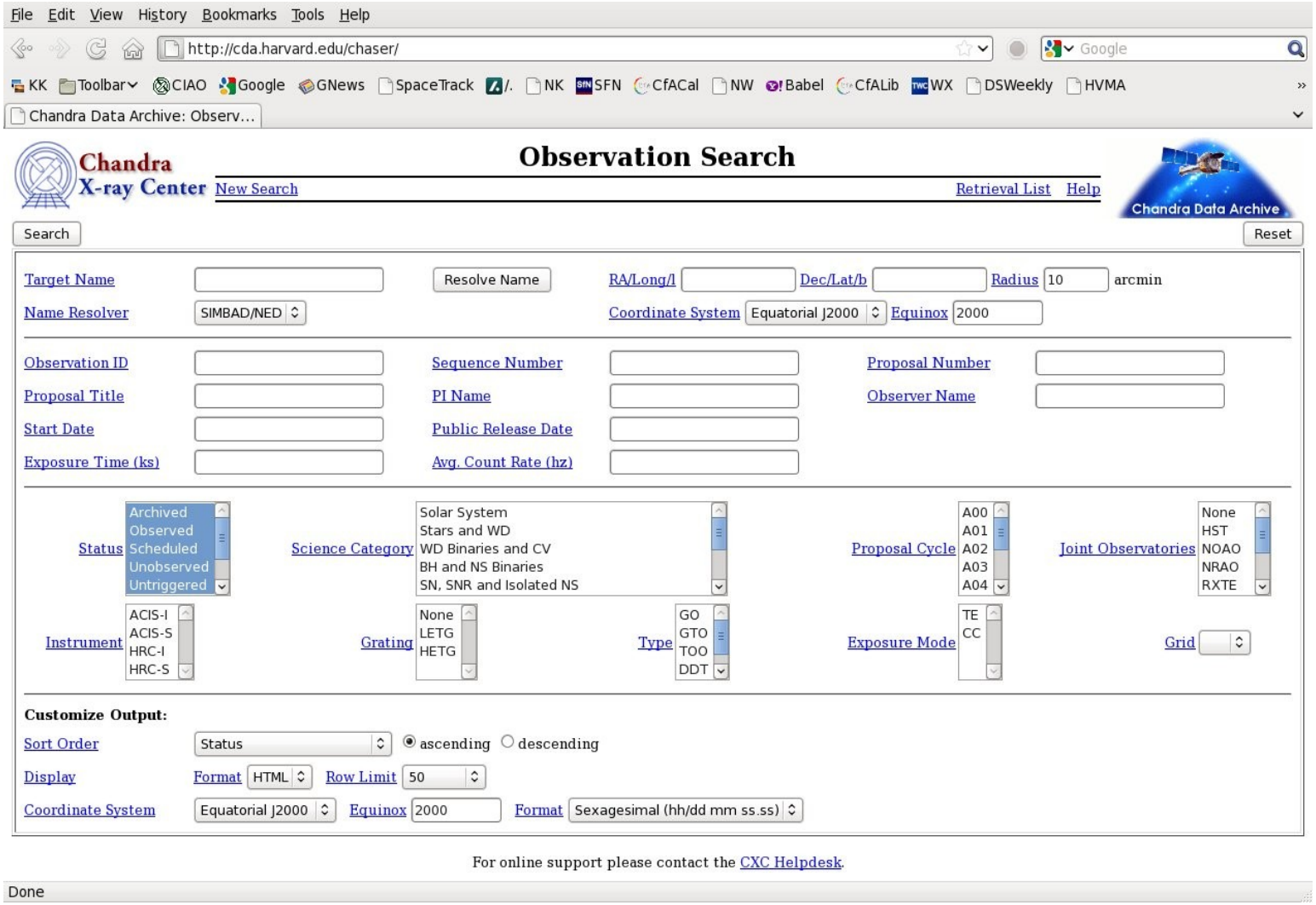
Getting Chandra data: Chaser

cda.harvard.edu/chaser



Chaser: search results

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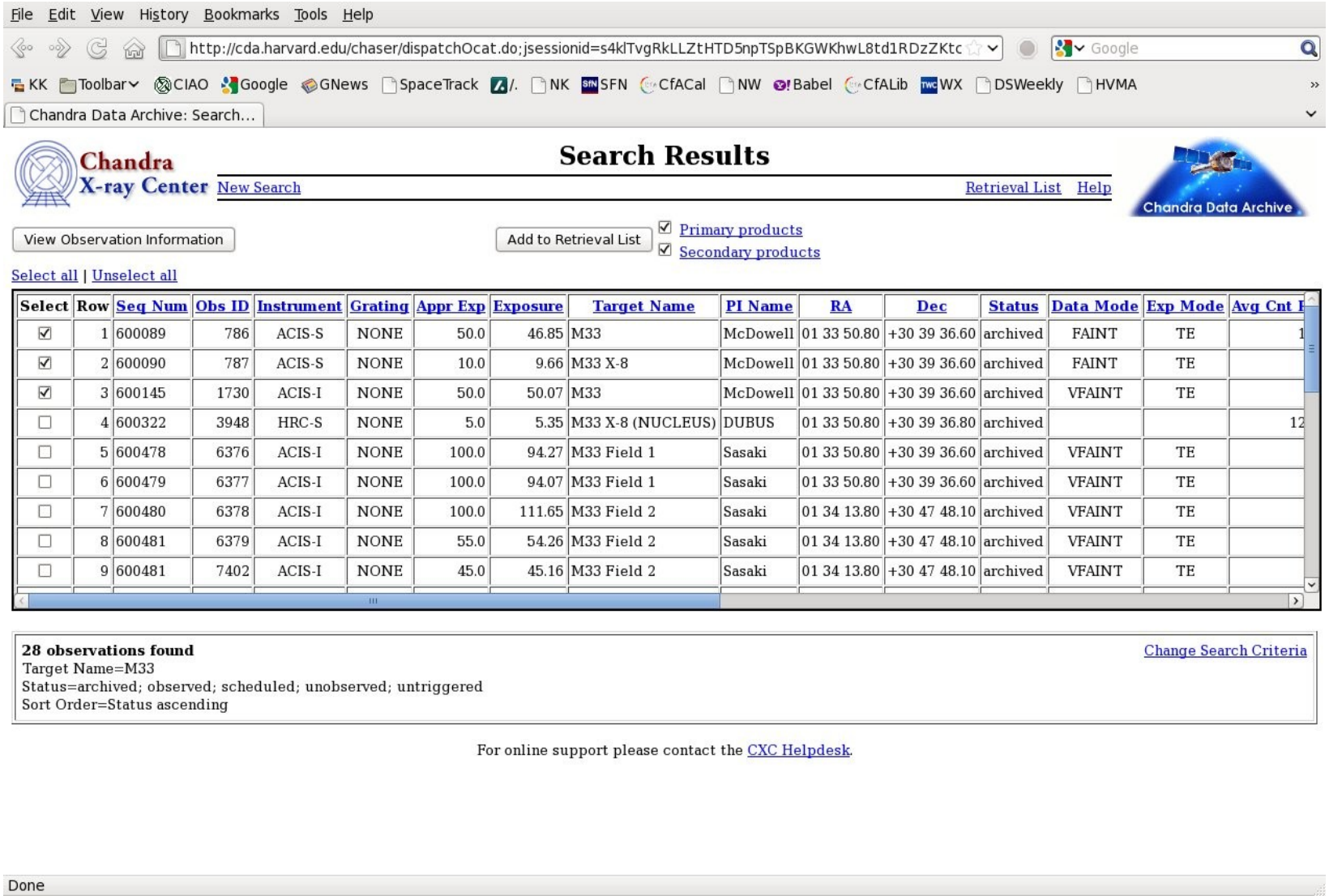

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Chandra Data Archive: Search...

Chandra X-ray Center

Search Results

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Chandra Data Archive

View Observation Information | Add to Retrieval List | Primary products | Secondary products

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28 observations found Change Search Criteria

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Chaser: retrieval list

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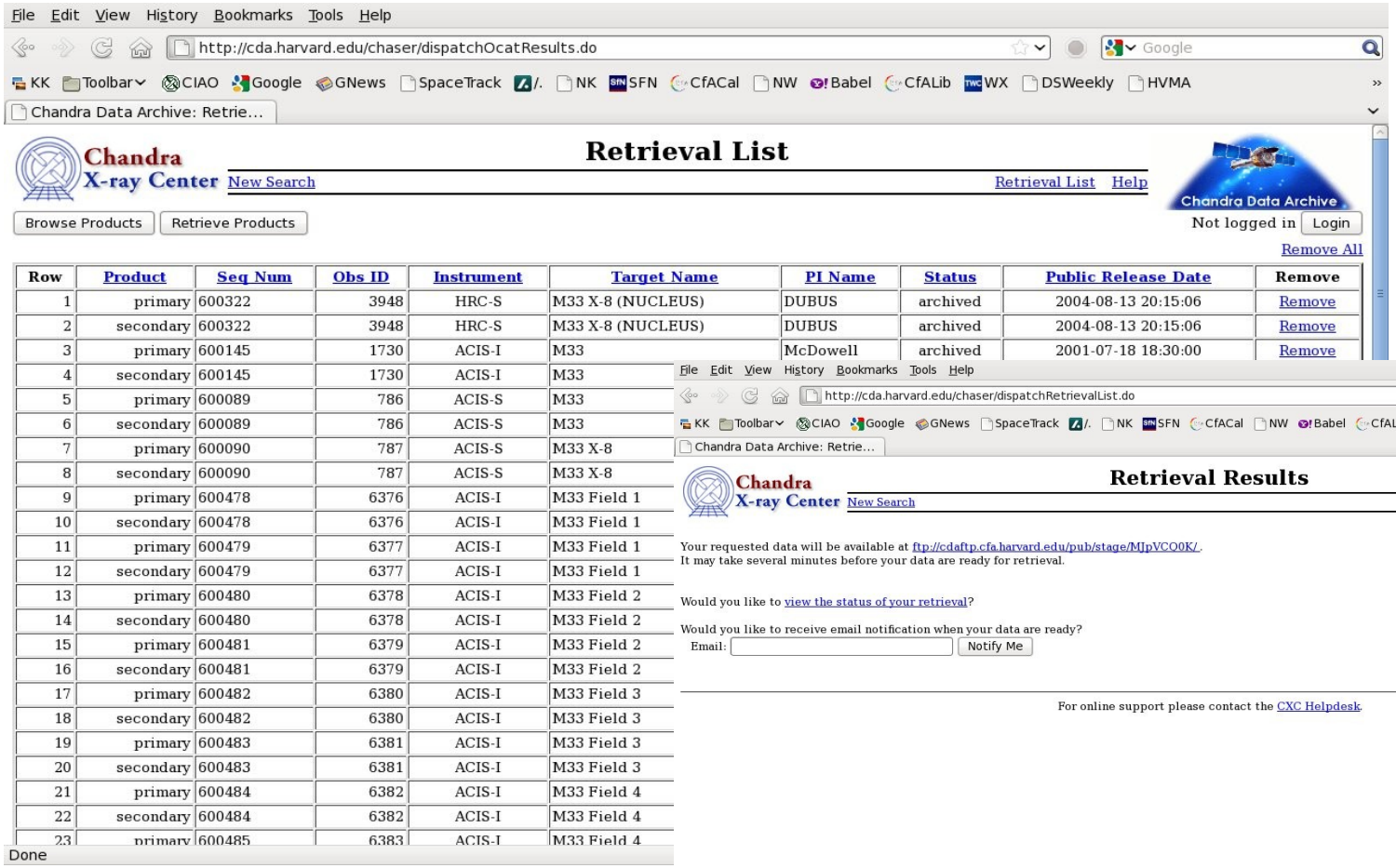

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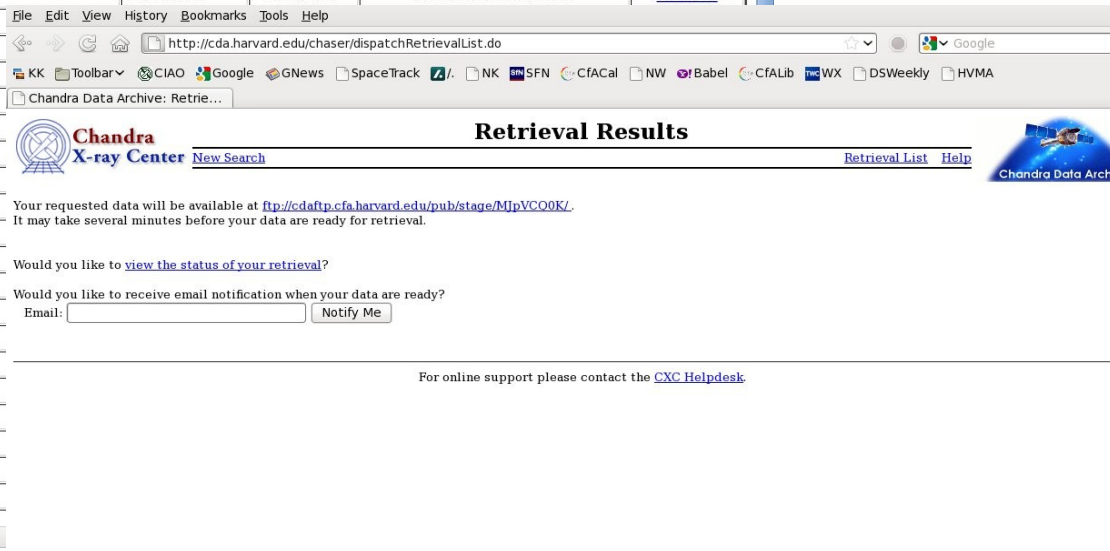

Chandra Fast Image: cda.harvard.edu/pop

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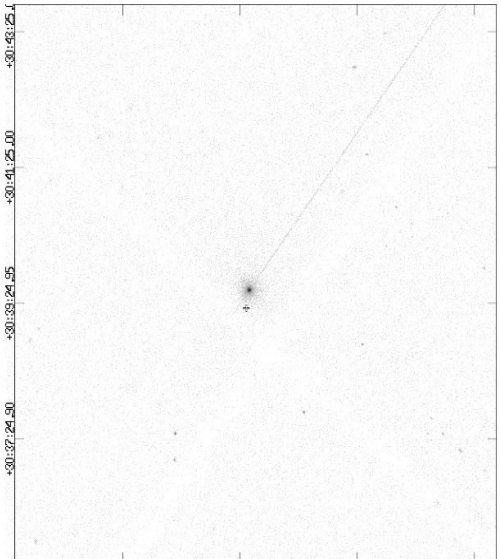

CIAO: download_chandra_obsid

If you know the observation ID and you have CIAO installed, a simple command line can get you the data:

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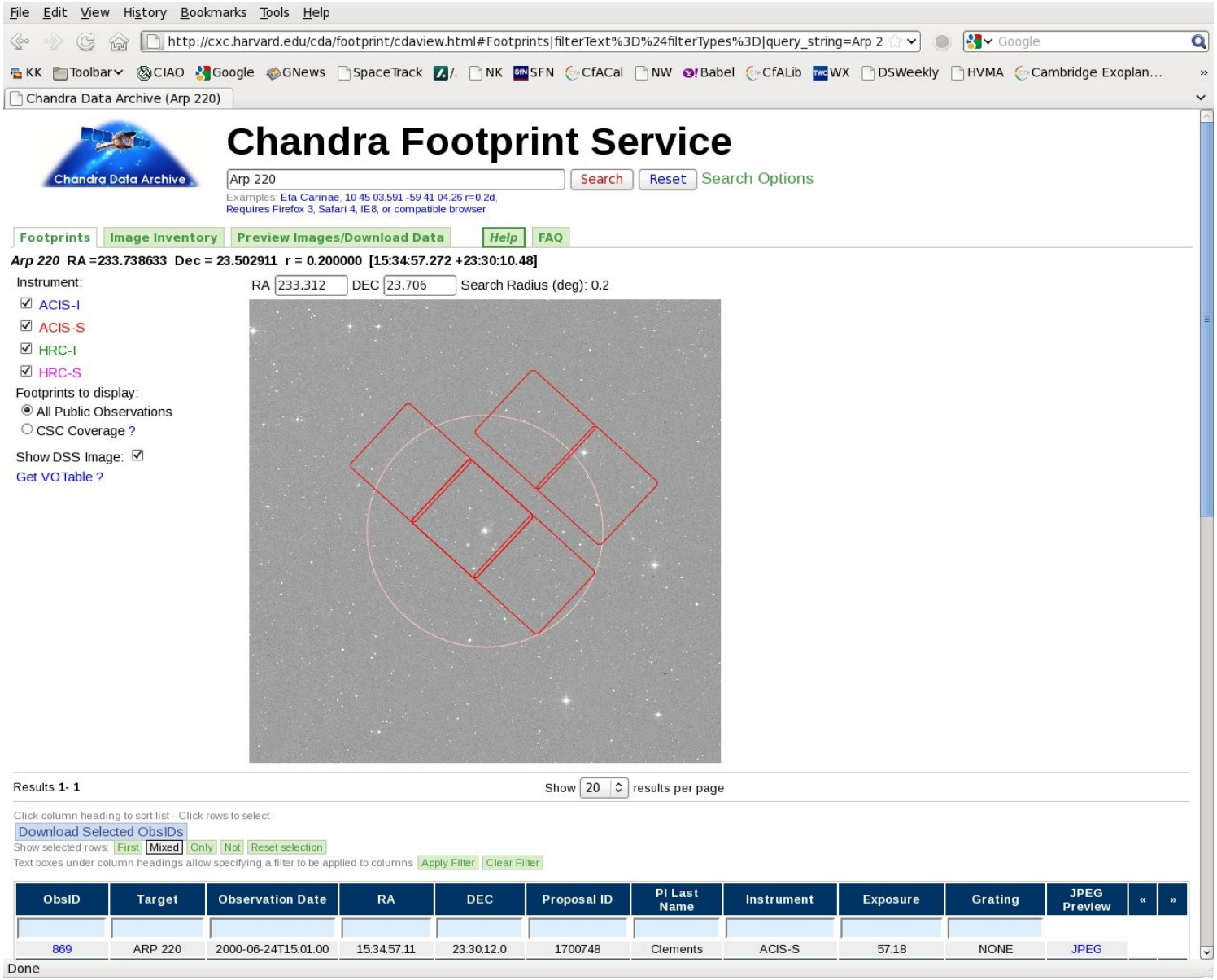


Some other Chandra archive options:

Bibliography search for Chandra papers on an object

http://cxc.harvard.edu/cgi-gen/cda/bibliography

Chandra source catalog (discussed later)

http://cxc.harvard.edu/csc

Chandra source catalog cross-match with SDSS

http://cxc.harvard.edu/cgi-gen/cda/CSC-SDSSxmatch.html

XMM-Newton Science Archive

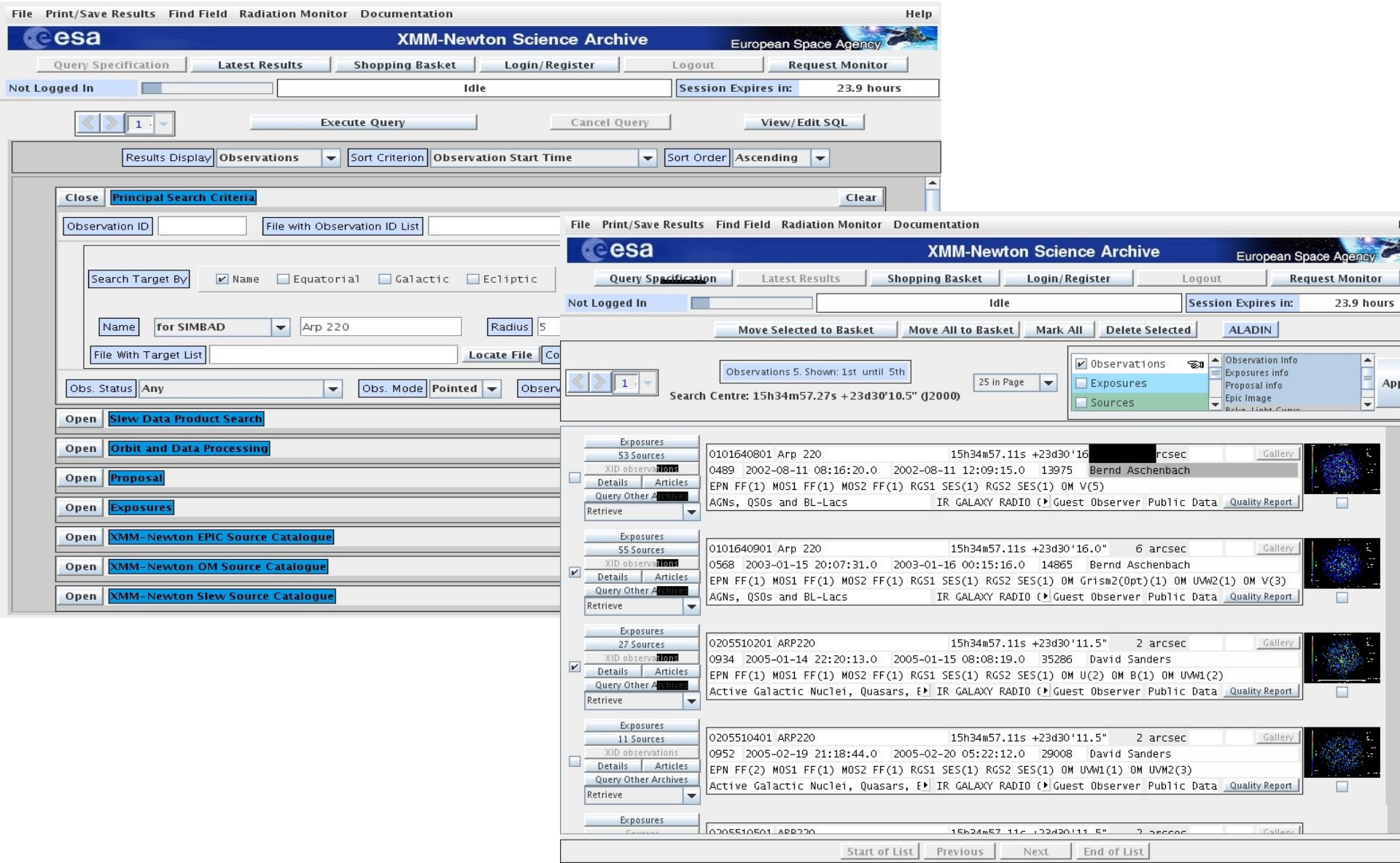
Java Runtime Environment-based interface provides access to all XMM-Newton datasets: http://xmm.esac.esa.int/xsa

(warning: Linux boxes may not have JRE by default)

Must register (get username and password)

Can also use the “AIO” (Archive Interoperability Subsystem)
http://xsa.esac.esa.int:8080/aio/doc/index.html

XMM interface (via Java Web Start)



Mirror sites and archives outside USA

Several sites mirror some datasets. You should use these if you are physically located near them.

LEDAS at Leicester University in the UK has mirrors of the ASCA, ROSAT archives and the XMM source catalog (http://ledas-www.star.le.ac.uk). (The Chandra mirror was retired in 2009)

DARTS at ISAS/JAXA in Japan has several archival datasets including a mirror of the ROSAT All-sky survey (http://darts.isas.jaxa.jp).

ASDC in Italy has BeppoSAX, ASCA, and ROSAT datasets, among others (http://www.asdc.asi.it).

Calibration databases

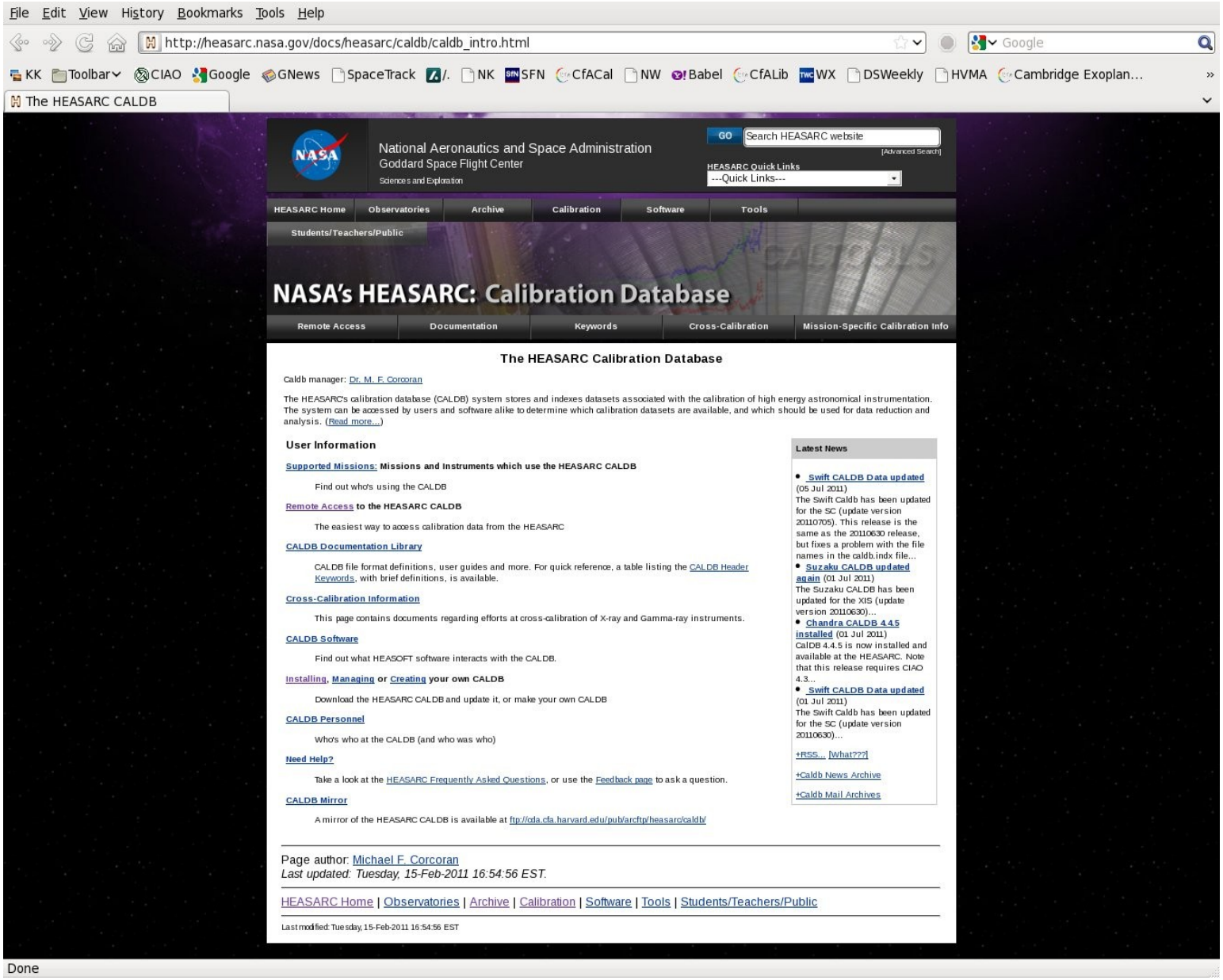
One of the problems in X-ray astronomy is the large number of files that are usually required to store all the calibration information for an instrument.

There are two types of calibration databases in use: the HEASARC CALDB used for Chandra and GSFC-supported missions, which has a directory structure and indexing system for calibration FITS data; software uses the index to find out which files are needed for a particular observation.

For HEASARC missions, remote CALDB access is available via instructions at http://heasarc.nasa.gov/docs/heasarc/caldb/caldb_remote_access.html and the data is at heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/FTP/caldb/data and can be downloaded using a wget-based approach -see the caldb intro page caldb/caldb_intro.html

For Chandra, the ciao-install tool will automatically download the CALDB.

The XMM mission has its own set of calibration files that use a different approach – CIF and CCF files.. Can download those needed for your observation date using xmm.vilspa.esa.es/external/xmm_sw_cal/calib/cifbuild.shtml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The HEASARC Calibration Database
Caldb manager: Dr. M. F. Corcoran
The HEASARC's calibration database (CALDB) system stores and indexes datasets associated with the calibration of high energy astronomical instrumentation. The system can be accessed by users and software alike to determine which calibration datasets are available, and which should be used for data reduction and analysis. (Read more...)
User Information
Supported Missions: Missions and Instruments which use the HEASARC CALDB
Find out who's using the CALDB
Remote Access to the HEASARC CALDB
The easiest way to access calibration data from the HEASARC
CALDB Documentation Library
CALDB file format definitions, user guides and more. For quick reference, a table listing the CALDB Header Keywords, with brief definitions, is available.
Cross-Calibration Information
This page contains documents regarding efforts at cross-calibration of X-ray and Gamma-ray instruments.
CALDB Software
Find out what HEASOFT software interacts with the CALDB.
Installing, Managing or Creating your own CALDB
Download the HEASARC CALDB and update it, or make your own CALDB
CALDB Personnel
Who's who at the CALDB (and who was who)
Need Help?
Take a look at the HEASARC Frequently Asked Questions, or use the Feedback page to ask a question.
CALDB Mirror
A mirror of the HEASARC CALDB is available at ftp://cda.cfa.harvard.edu/pub/arcftp/heasarc/caldb/
Latest News
Swift CALDB Data updated (05 Jul 2011)
The Swift Caldb has been updated for the SC (update version 20110705). This release is the same as the 20110630 release, but fixes a problem with the file names in the caldb.indx file...
Suzaku CALDB updated again (01 Jul 2011)
The Suzaku CALDB has been updated for the XIS (update version 20110630)...
Chandra CALDB 4.4.5 installed (01 Jul 2011)
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Swift CALDB Data updated (01 Jul 2011)
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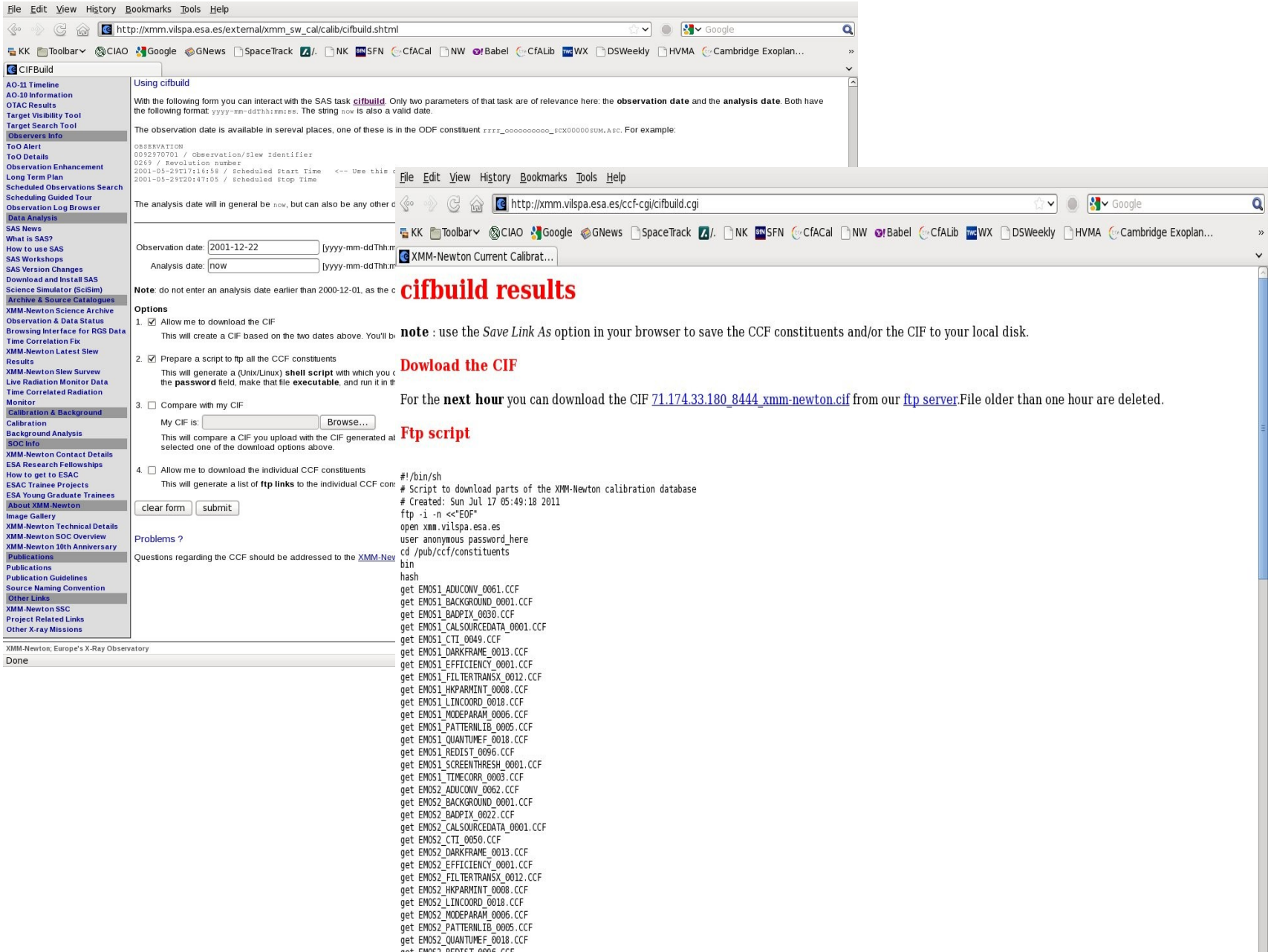
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Using cifbuild
With the following form you can interact with the SAS task cifbuild. Only two parameters of that task are of relevance here: the observation date and the analysis date. Both have the following format: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss. The string now is also a valid date.
The observation date is available in sereval places, one of these is in the ODF constituent rrrr_oooooooooo_SCX00000SUM.ASC. For example:
OBSERVATION
0092970701 / Observation/Slew Identifier
0269 / Revolution number
2001-05-29T17:16:58 / Scheduled Start Time
2001-05-29T20:47:05 / Scheduled Stop Time
The analysis date will in general be now, but can also be any other d
Observation date: 2001-12-22 [yyyy-mm-ddThh:m
Analysis date: now [yyyy-mm-ddThh:m
Note: do not enter an analysis date earlier than 2000-12-01, as the c
Options
1. Allow me to download the CIF
This will create a CIF based on the two dates above. You'll b
2. Prepare a script to ftp all the CCF constituents
This will generate a (Unix/Linux) shell script with which you c
the password field, make that file executable, and run it in th
3. Compare with my CIF
My CIF is: Browse...
This will compare a CIF you upload with the CIF generated al
selected one of the download options above.
4. Allow me to download the individual CCF constituents
This will generate a list of ftp links to the individual CCF con
clear form submit
Problems ?
Questions regarding the CCF should be addressed to the XMM-Nev
XMM-Newton; Europe's X-Ray Observatory
Done
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http://xmm.vilspa.esa.es/ccf-cgi/cifbuild.cgi
XMM-Newton Current Calibrat...
cifbuild results
note : use the Save Link As option in your browser to save the CCF constituents and/or the CIF to your local disk.
Dowload the CIF
For the next hour you can download the CIF 71.174.33.180_8444_xmm-newton.cif from our ftp server.File older than one hour are deleted.
Ftp script
#!/bin/sh
Script to download parts of the XMM-Newton calibration database
Created: Sun Jul 17 05:49:18 2011
ftp -i -n <<"EOF"
open xmm.vilspa.esa.es
user anonymous password_here
cd /pub/ccf/constituents
bin
hash
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Part 2: Catalogs

Catalog pipelines in X-ray astronomy

For early missions (Uhuru, HEAO-1) the catalog **was** the science product
With imaging missions – Einstein was the first – a new challenge: serendipitous source detection in targeted image observations

Challenging to make a UNIFORM catalog from data with different observing modes, backgrounds and exposure times.

Einstein 2E catalog – 4800 sources
ROSAT all sky catalog – 100000 sources
2XMMi-DR3 catalog – 192000 sources
Chandra CSC1.1 - 106000 sources

2XMM catalog(ue)

http://xmmssc-www.star.le.ac.uk/Catalogue/2XMMi-DR3

with FITS download at 2XMMi-DR3cat_v1.0.fits.gz under that URL
with 299 columns and one line per detection
and 2XMMi_DR3cat_slim_v1.0.fits.gz with a subset of 38 columns
and one line per source

Chandra Source Catalog

An example of how to download a version of the catalog roughly equivalent to XMM's “slim”:

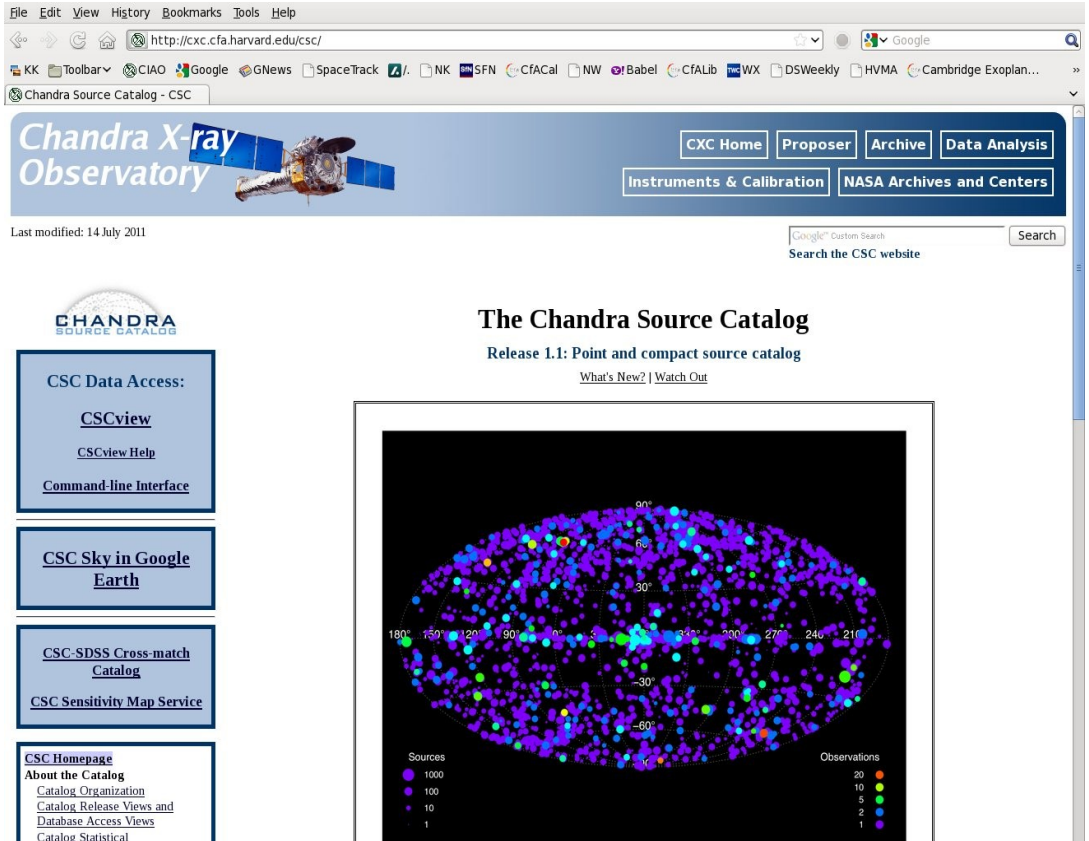
wget -O csc.cat "http://cda.cfa.harvard.edu/csccli/getProperties?nullAppearance=-99&coordFormat=decimal&query=SELECT m.name,m.ra,m.dec,m.err_ellipse_r0,m.conf_flag,m.sat_src_flag,m.significance,m.flux_aper_b,m.flux_aper_lolim_b,m.flux_aper_hilim_b,m.flux_aper_w,m.flux_aper_lolim_w,m.flux_aper_hilim_w,m.flux_aper_s,m.flux_aper_lolim_s,m.flux_aper_hilim_s,m.flux_aper_m,m.flux_aper_lolim_m,m.flux_aper_hilim_m,m.flux_aper_h,m.flux_aper_lolim_h,m.flux_aper_hilim_h,m.extent_flag,m.hard_hm,m.hard_hm_lolim,m.hard_hm_hilim,m.hard_ms,m.hard_ms_lolim,m.hard_ms_hilim,m.var_intra_index_b,m.var_inter_index_b,m.var_intra_index_w,m.var_inter_index_w FROM master_source m"

I've placed the CSC1.1 results for this query at

http://planet4589.org/sci/csc/csc.cat

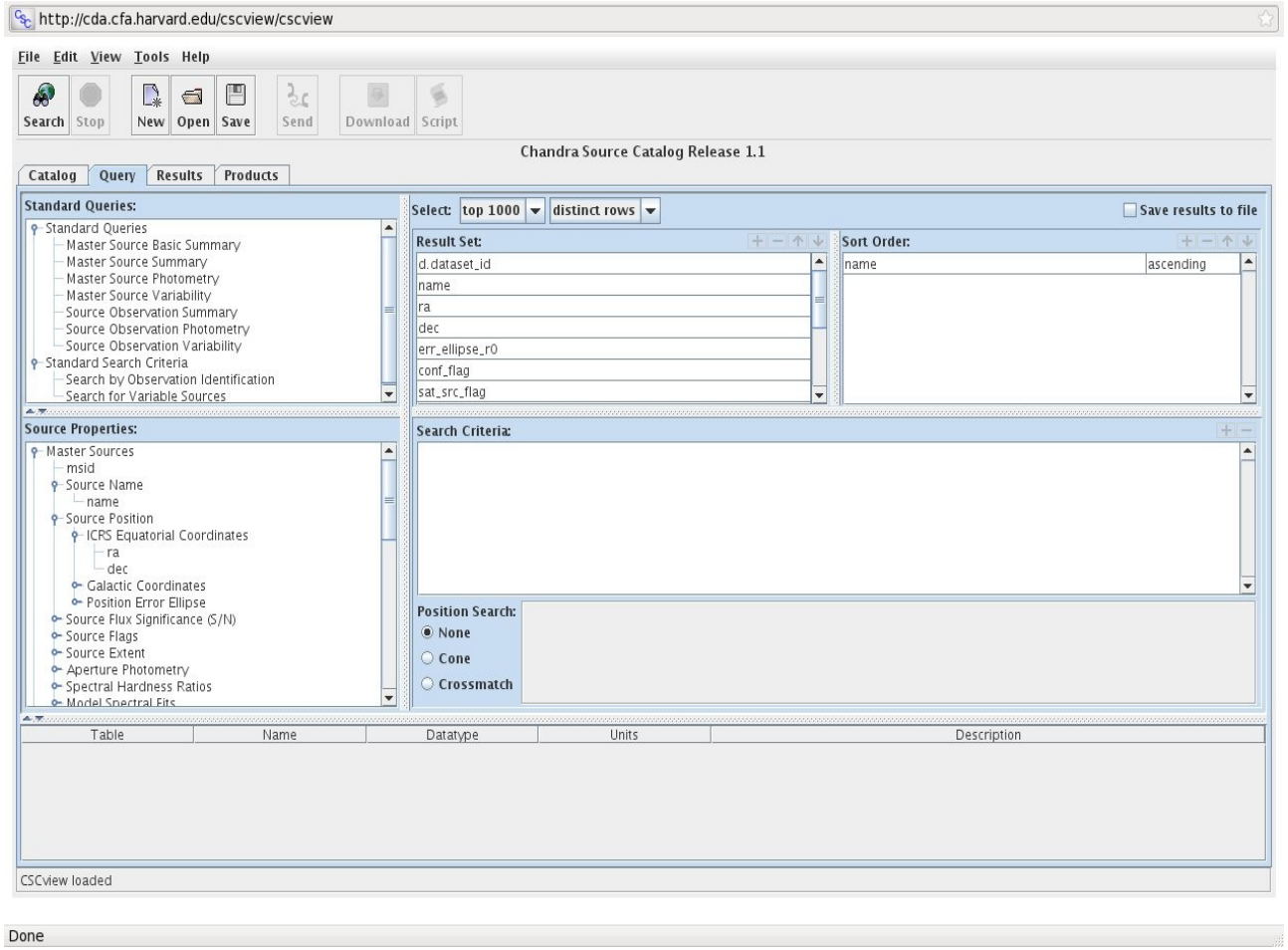
Using the CSC

Instead of downloading the whole catalog you can use the sophisticated Java application CSCView



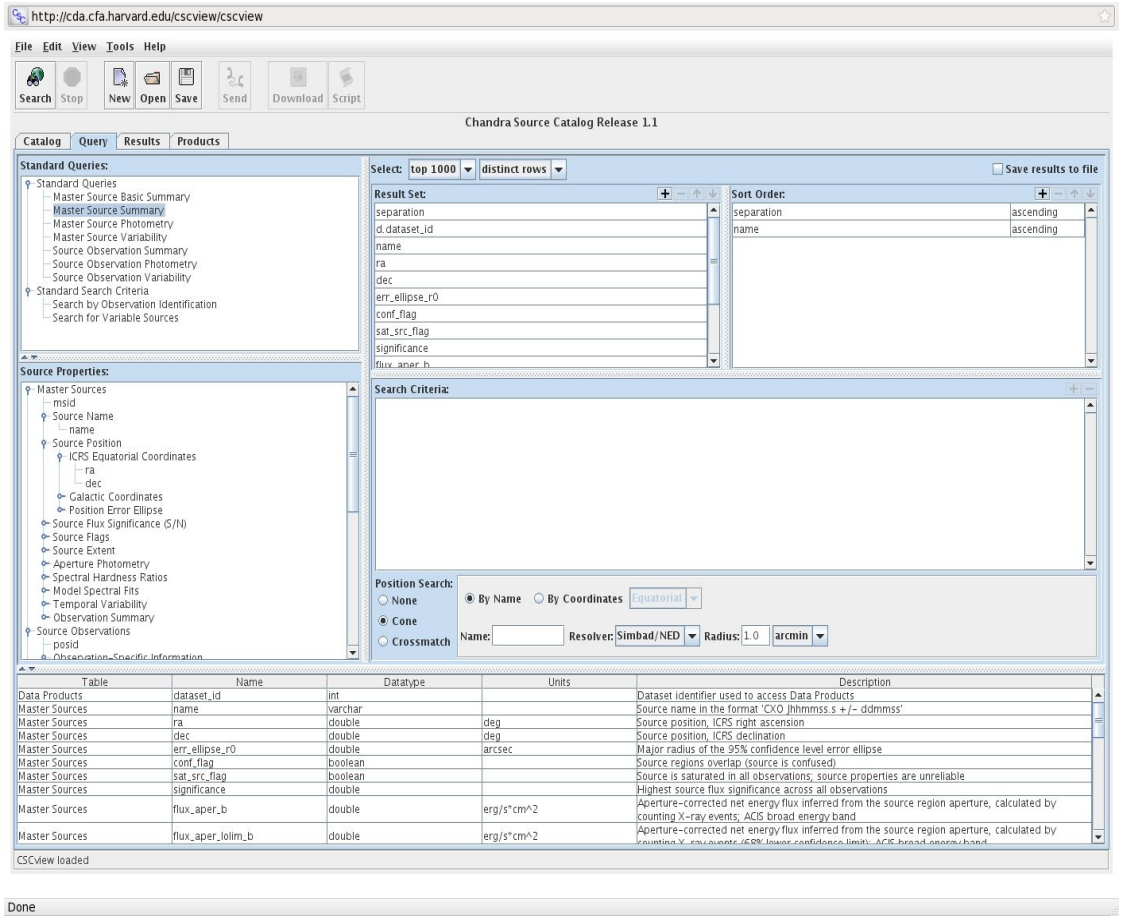
CSCView documentation

http://cxc.cfa.harvard.edu/csc/gui/intro.html



First click 'cone' then click 'Master source summary'

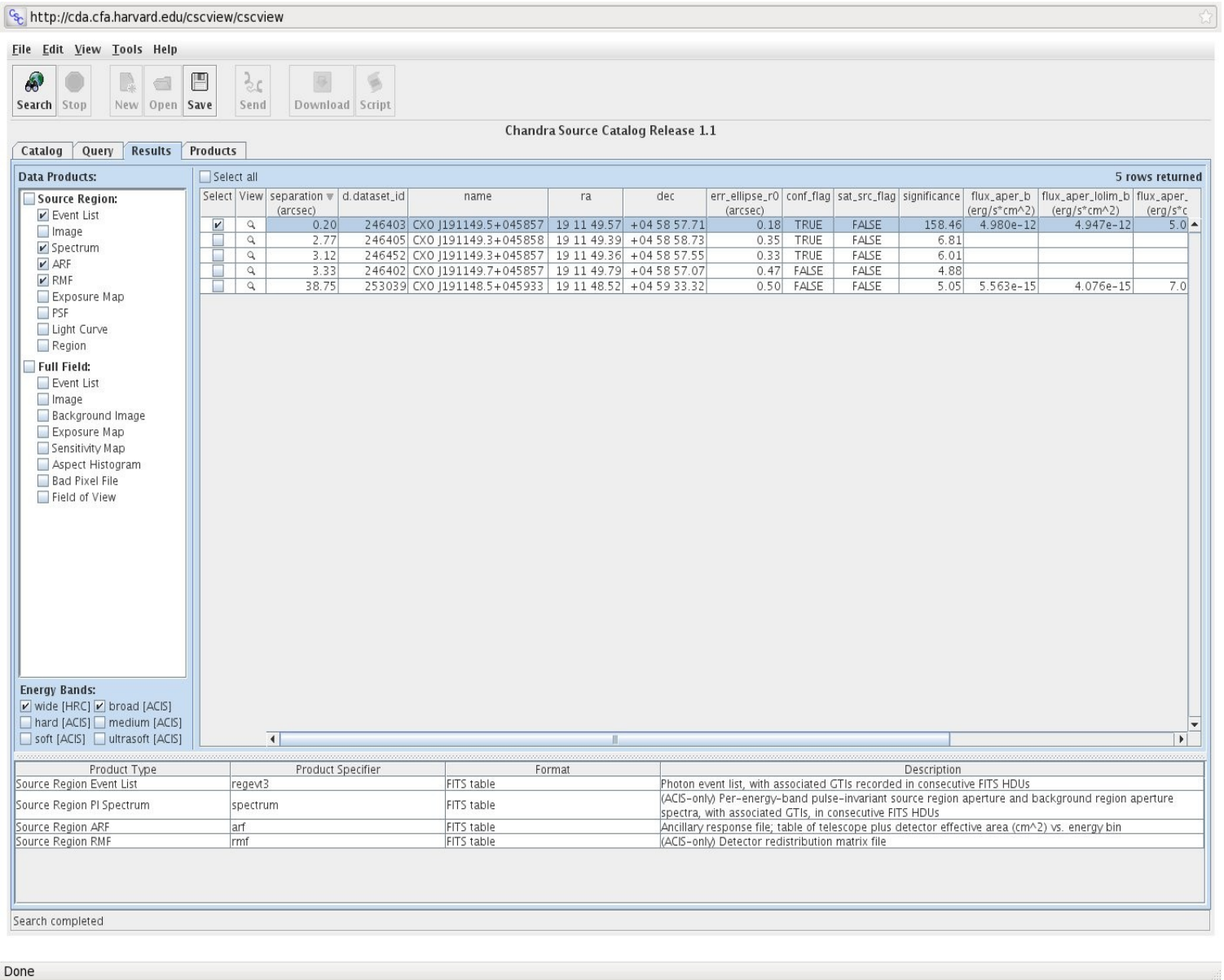
CSCView start window



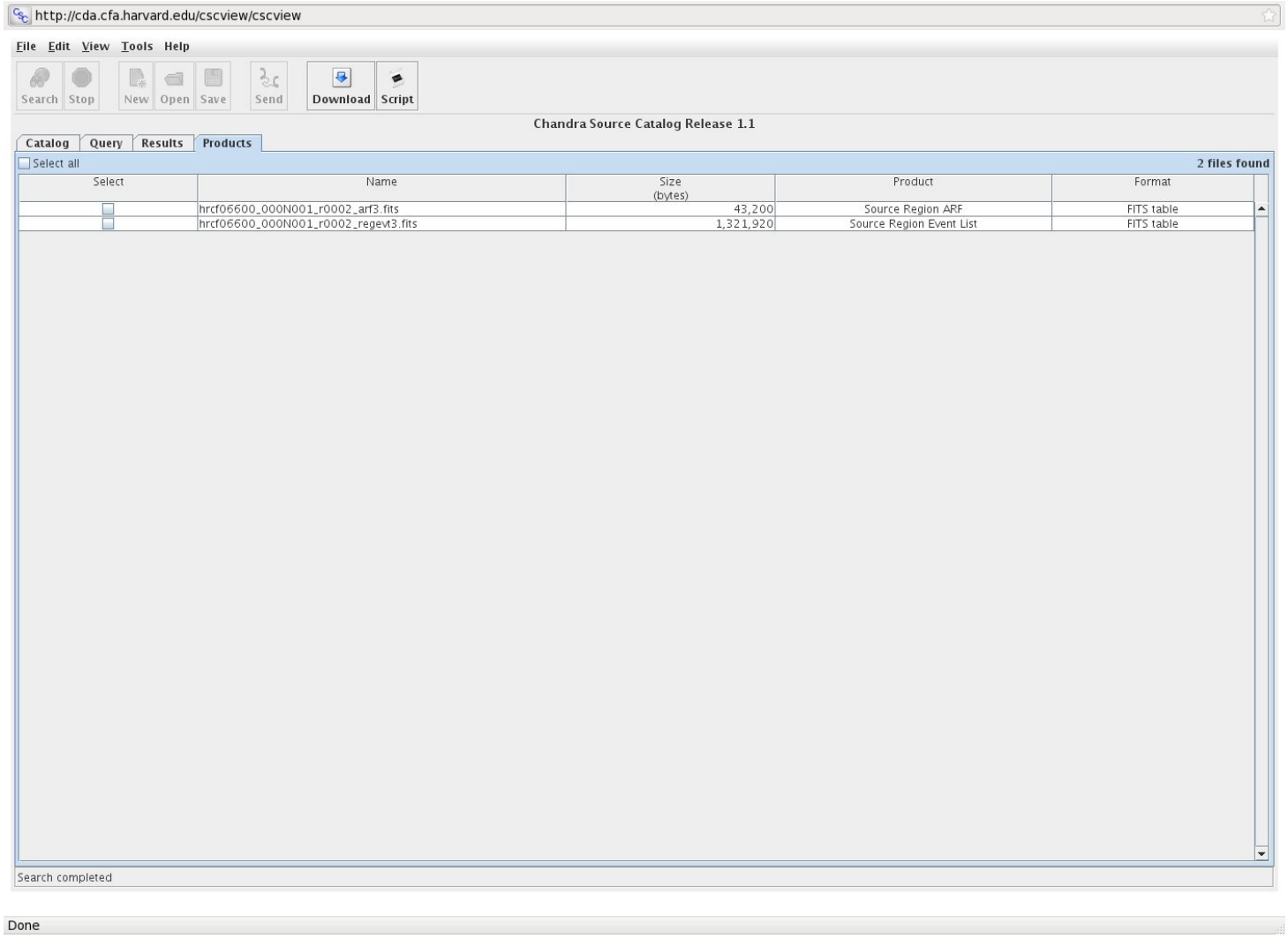
Enter source name and then click Search button at top left

Warning: note default search limit of 1000

CSCView results window



Now have results!
Can do even better and get associated data products: select source and click desired products


http://cda.cfa.harvard.edu/cscview/cscview
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Chandra Source Catalog Release 1.1
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Select all
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Select
Name
Size (bytes)
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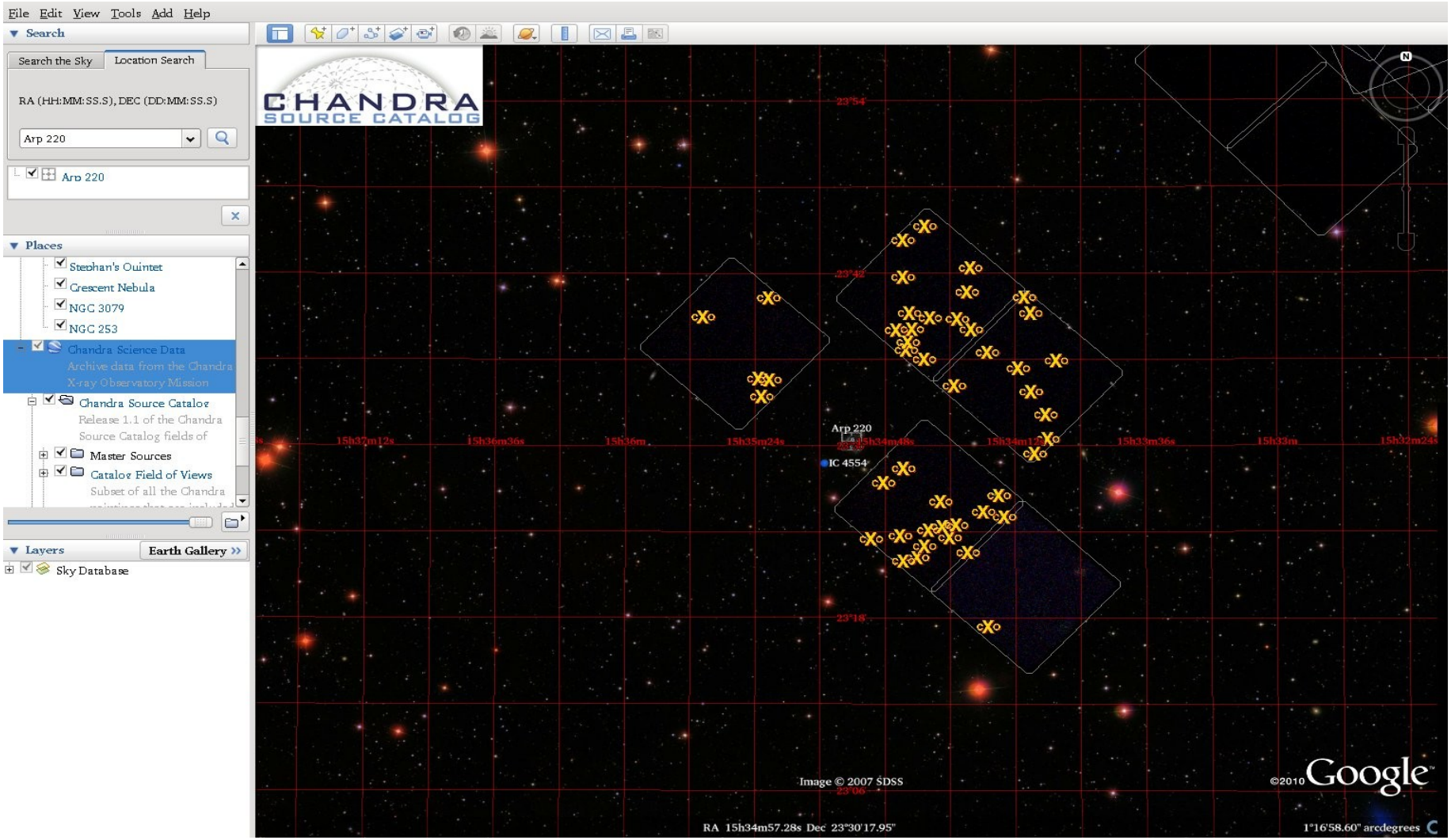
CSC is a point source catalog – chips with large extended sources are omitted.
This is probably why you're not finding your favorite source!
Here is an example, using Chandra Sky in Google Earth