images script

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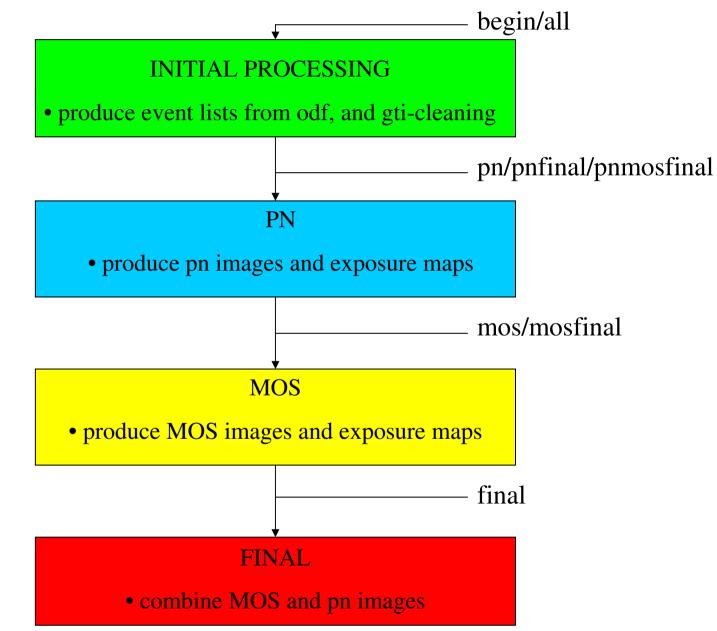
motivation

- use XMM-Newton archival data
- produce attractive and scientifically valid images
- used by scientists to illustrate work
- used to populate XMM-Newton Image Gallery

Script Format

- based on script by Wolfgang Pietsch and Michael Bauer (MPE Garching)
- bash shell script
- input file for user-defined parameters
- script divided into sections which can be executed separately

Processing Flow Chart



Initial preparation

- cifbuild and odfingest
- epchain, emchain, omichain (optional)
- preparation of gti files using user-defined count rate threshold
- gti cleaning

Separately for each camera

- Cleaning of bad pixels and columns
 - using calibration information
 - user defined
- Subtract OoT events (pn only)
- Make images, exposure maps and masks; several energy bands in one go
- Smooth images (Gaussian) with masks

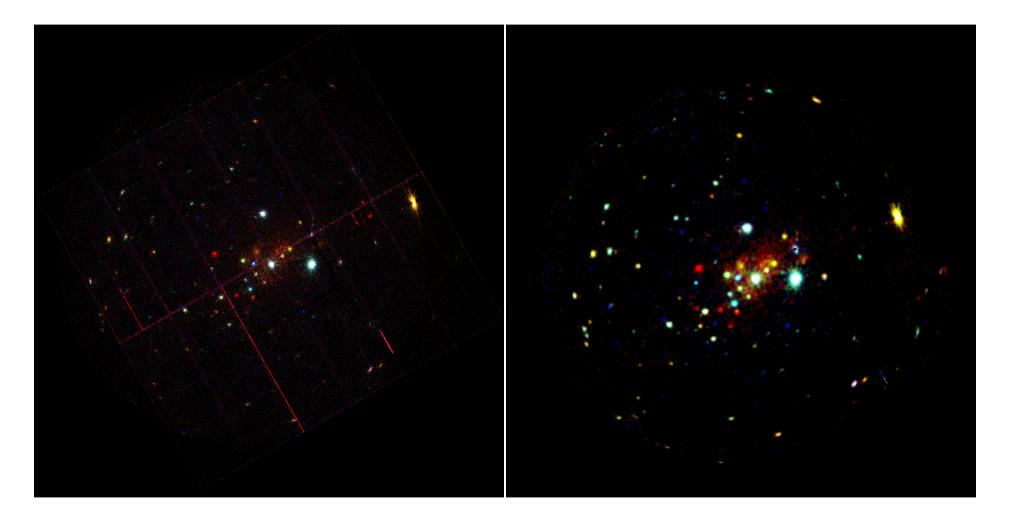
Combining images from all cameras

- Make combined exposure map and mask
- Weight pn against MOS cameras in each band
- Use images, exposure maps and masks to combine images from all cameras

Creating False-color images

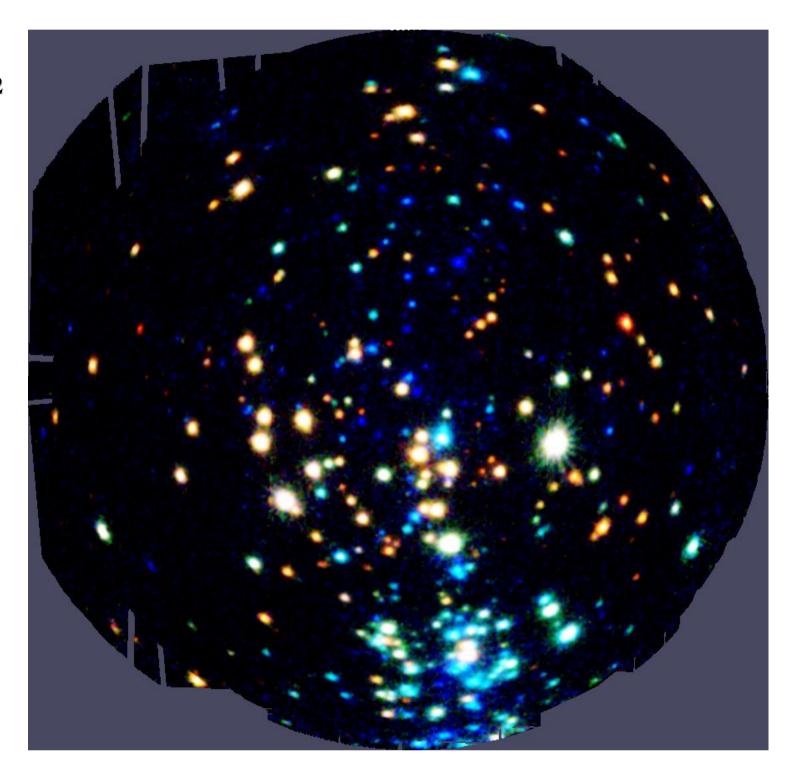
- (Not part of the script but shortly explained in documentation)
- Photoshop & fits liberator plugin (by ESO/ESA)
- Or ds9 \Rightarrow Frame: New Frame RGB
- Or Gimp ⇒ for each Layer: Colors ⇒ Filters: Colors: Compose

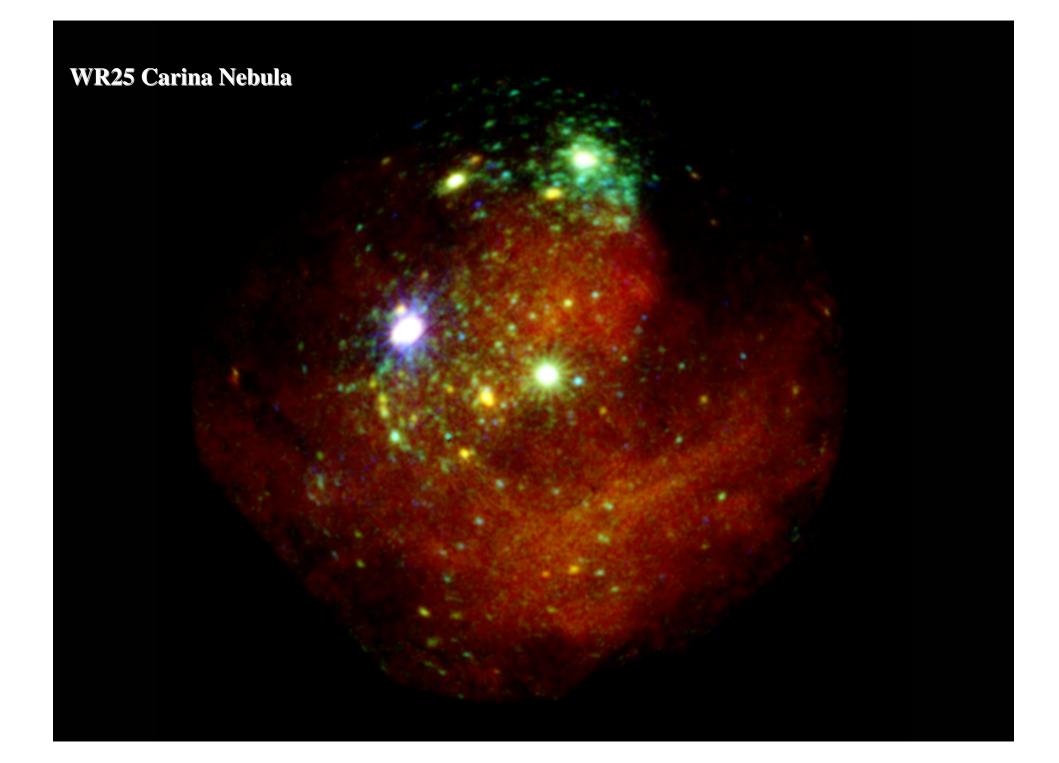
Examples of images: SN2004dj in NGC 2403

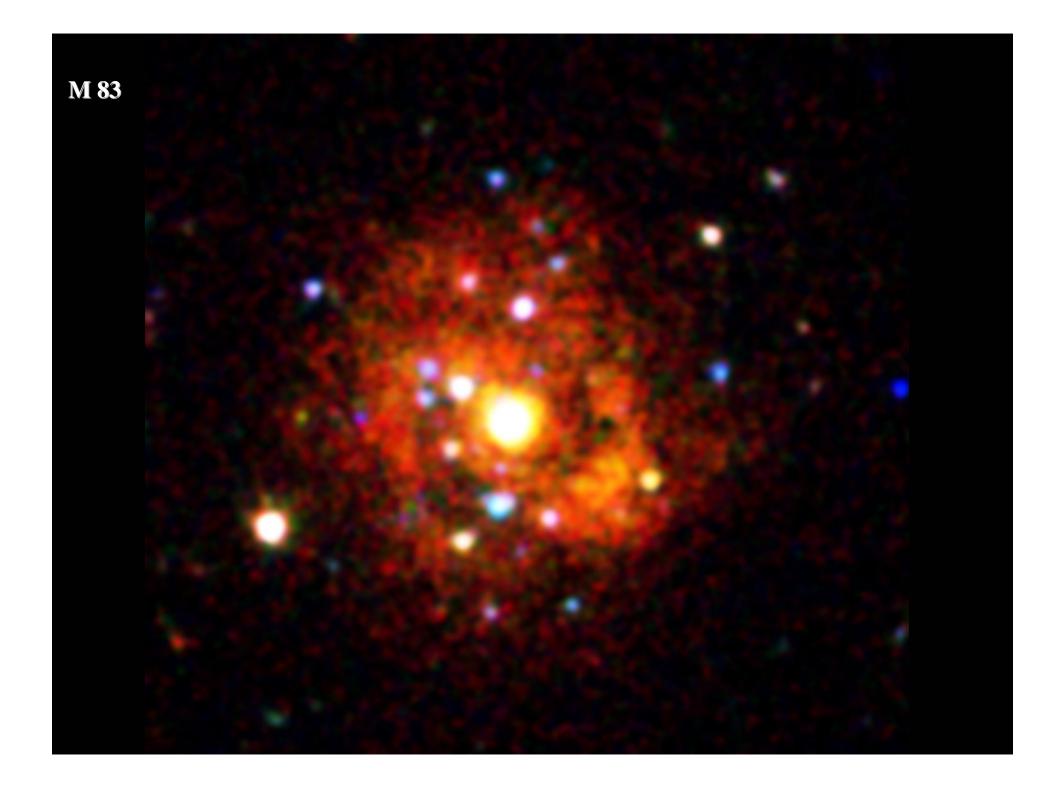


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Plans

- Currently under testing with more public data sets; documentation nearly ready
- Release to beta-testers, e.g. BGWG members within the next 1-2 weeks
- Afterwards: incorporation of comments, reports
 ⇒ public release ~June via BGWG pages?
- Eventually also for SAS workshop,19-21 June