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Image display features users like the most

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9 - overlaying images 13 - karma produces publication quality images with minimum of mucking around 14 - color tables 22 - Its intuitive interface and ease of use. 23 - Ds9's flexibility and range are stunning. 24 - ds9 has pretty easily navigable menus 25 - ds9 does to wcs-matching and region display well. 28 - DS9 - easy to use IDL - makes high-quality images 30 - binning on the fly 31 - The align by WCS feature in ds9. It's wunderbar. 32 - compatability with CIAO, ease of use 35 - I'm not an imaging person. 38 - Flexibility, format conversions 43 - isis/pgplot: integrated line, scatter, image in same device. highly scriptable, at high and low level. 58 - CAN take a ciao produced source position. Downloads DSS images directly into the frame! Should do the same for 2MASS -- which is much more useful than DSS to me. 63 - ds9 does everything I want it to :-). 67 - Many analysis tools exist in IDL for image analysis. Matching images using WCS is simple and contouring looks pretty good in ds9. 70 - Very quick and easy to use. 72 - ds9: evtfile binning 77 - the programmability of IDL

81 - multiple panes; able to fit xspec models; able to integrate with atomdb

80 - it's small and efficient

82 - ds9 - WCS matching

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user scaling

- 83 masking of the data
- 84 multiple frames
- 90 ds9 is very configurable, but I prefer the control that I have with the AIPS TV, although I have not used the AIPS TV in my Chandra data analysis.
- 101 match frames
- 102 Possible to include analysis packages.

 Easy overlay of images and coordinates transformations.

 Easy way to go from regions to extracting spectra.

 Ds9 rocks!!!
- 103 IDL is programmable, flexible and transparent from data to the exact Postscript font I want for an ApJ figure.
- 105 Funtools capabilities included in ds9.
- 106 the funtools and zhtools interfaces
- 108 transparent and flexible access to data at a low level; control.
- 109 I love ds9 -- it has too many great features to list here!!
- 111 overlay with contours
- 112 visibility. Speed.
- 119 Lots of functions and options
- 124 Ease of use. XPA!!! (DS9).
- 126 The ability to lay X-ray contours over, say, optical FITS images. The ability to convert between coordinate systems.

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