

## Working for a big astronomical mission

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I am the lead scientist for archive and data processing operations at the Chandra X-ray Center. In this talk, I will shortly describe what it is like for an astrophysicist to be working in the operations of a big mission like Chandra and will describe the main traits of my professional development that led me to my current position. I will emphasize opportunities and challenges of this career path and provide some advices I wished I had known when I was a student (or shortly thereafter) based on my experience.

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