SPECTRO SOFTWARE OVERVIEW & INSTALLATION

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What should we have installed?

- ISIS
- Demetra
- Bulk Rename Utility
- Important note: this is all optional but recommended

Why ISIS?

- OHP
- Bess

Why Demetra?

- "Demetra manages acquisitions AND data reduction, as well as spectra plotting."
- "Developed by Shelyak Instruments with the Alpy 600 in mind"

Why Bulk Rename Utility?

- "Rename multiple files quickly"
- ISIS is very picky about file naming conventions

But, what about the other software?

- Visual Spec / VSpec
- RSpec
- BASS
- IRAF
- Python / PyRAF

What is ISIS?

- "A free Windows application dedicated to processing of astronomical spectral data"
- Data reduction software and more (e.g., plotting)

What is data reduction?

- It's a process
- The process of taking a large amount of data and transforming it into a simplified form that is scientifically useful
- Large amount of data?
 - Offset frames (aka bias frames)
 - Darks
 - Flats
 - Calibration frames
 - Spectral images

Installation & Trouble Shooting

- Refer to the Software Install tab on the smswweb.com website
- Refer to the handout in your workshop bag
- We have a limited number of USB drives with software that can be shared just download the software from the drives instead of downloading from websites
- Joe and Ken available to help or ask your neighbor!



