

The SIMPLE interface for PACS processing and photometry

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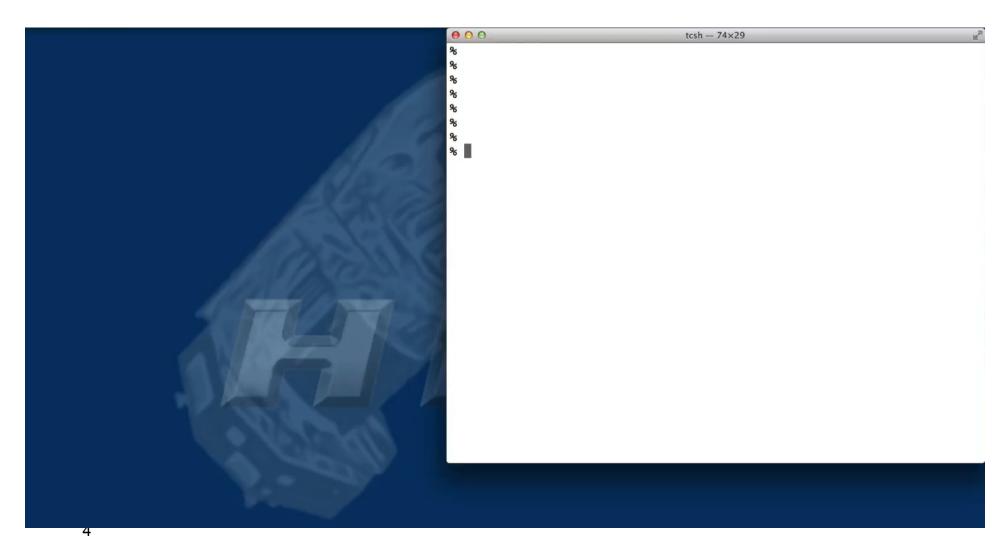
Motivation for a simplified interface to PACS ipipe mapmaking scripts

- RAM needs force users from their desktops/laptops to remote machines
- Scripts require much editing depending on the science needs
- The user must perform many manual steps to complete their analysis
- HIPE has a steep learning curve

The SIMPLE interface has several key benefits

- User is guided through the options
 - Depending on science case
- Suitable for slow network connections to remote machines
 - Minimal graphics and editing scripts
- Concatenate several processing and analysis steps
 - E.g. data reduction and photometry

The SIMPLE demo shows examples for the bright source ipipe script



The implementation strategy meets a wide range of user needs

- Controller script in Python
 - Can be local or on remote machine
 - Lightweight, easy to install
 - Scientific capabilities (AstroPy)
 - Easy to add GUIs or other data viewers
- HIPE on remote machine
 - NHSC handles installation
 - Virtualized: freeze Java, OS etc
 - Data access is handled automatically
- Extends naturally to tools outside HIPE
 - 3rd party mapmakers
 - Ds9, Sextractor, AstroPy, etc.

SIMPLE will be rolled out in stages

- Beta & first version in Sept/Oct
 - Bright source and deep field ipipe scripts
 - Command-line interface and batch mode
 - Aperture photometry and source extraction
 - Everything on NHSC remote machine
- Second release
 - MADMap
 - JScanam
 - Controller script on user's local machine