

Science Operations of ESO's La Silla Paranal Observatory: the back-end segment

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The ESO Data Flow System

- The science operations of the La Silla Paranal Observatory are embedded in an end-to-end data flow system that encompasses the entire lifecycle of scientific data
 - From the preparation of observing proposals to telescope scheduling, from the detailed definition of observing strategies to their execution at the telescope, from data processing to archival exploitation of the data
- The goal is to deliver science data to users specs and feed the Science Archive Facility
- It is one of the pillars of the success of the VLT



Engraved in the "VLT/VLTI Science Operations Policy" document by the ESO Council



The ESO back-end in a nutshell

- The back-end of the VLT Data Flow System begins when the data acquisition at the telescope ends
 - Data Transfer System
 - Data Processing
 - Quality Control
 - Science Archive Facility (SAF)
 - Data delivery to PIs, enable novel archive science
- Combination of operations and development
- Identify and exploit the similarities and synergies among the different activities and services

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Reuse of concepts and bits and pieces of infrastructure in different context: cost effective and facilitates uniformity



From Chile to Garching in minutes: the Data Transfer System





The Data Transfer System

- Online transfer of data from the La Silla Paranal Observatory
 - > Overflow system based on physical media (USB disks)
 - Configurable transfer priorities
 - > About 200 GB (compressed) a day
- Typical transfer times
 - La Silla and Paranal (since April 2012): 50% of the files available for download within 30 minutes of acquisition, 90% within 3.5 hours, 99% within 8 hours
 - > APEX (since April 2013): 100% of the data in 48 hours
- Allows to build operational and user services
 - Closed Quality Control loop
 - Quasi real-time user acces to time critical data (e.g. Targets of Opportunity, ...)

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Data processing





Data processing: the context

- ESO aims at supporting the production of science data products for all of its instruments
 - Immediate exploitation by the respective PIs
 - Re-use of the same data by the community at large through the ESO Science Archive Facility
- In support of the generation of data products, ESO enforces calibration plans for all the instruments and ensures that the instruments perform nominally
- ESO develops and exports data reduction tools for all of VLT/VLTI instruments to facilitate the exploitation of the data
 - Instrument specific algorithms
 - User oriented environment to execute and interact with the data reduction modules











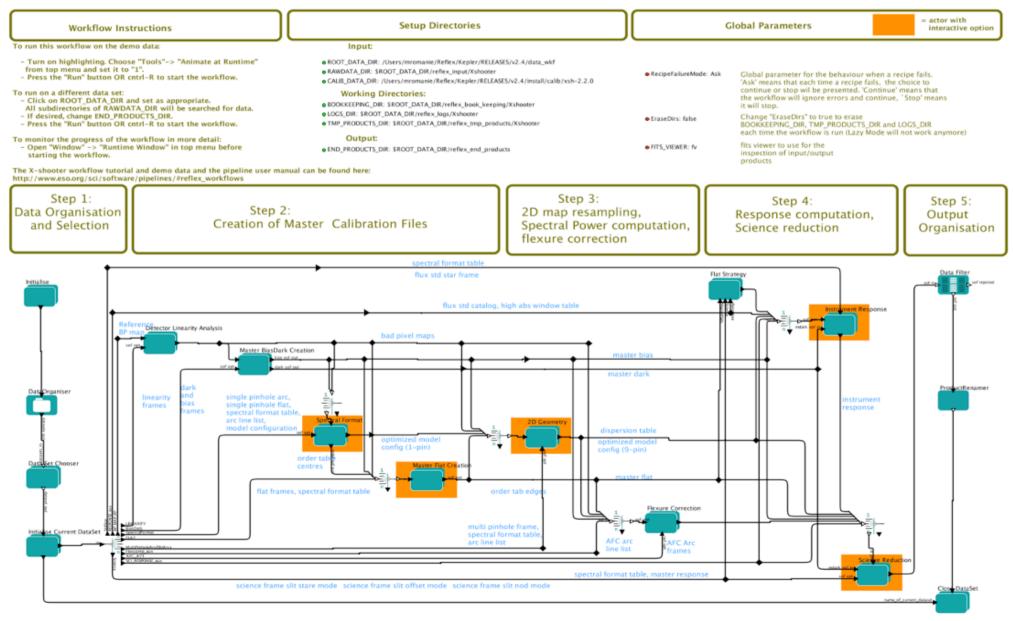


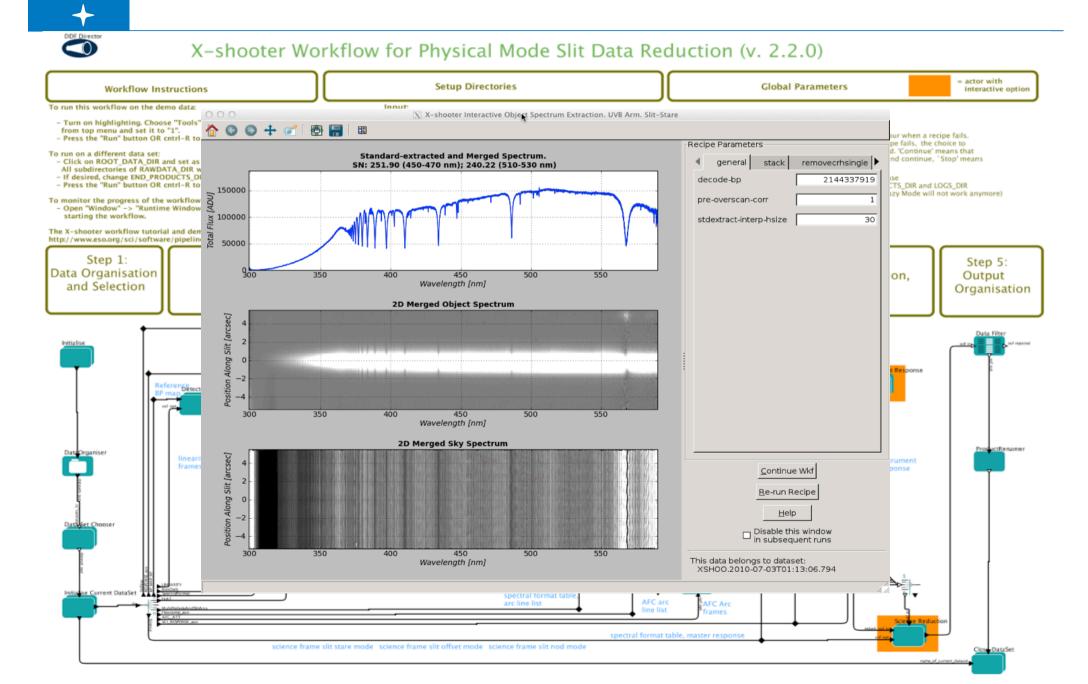
- Reflex is an environment that allows an easy and flexible way to execute VLT/I data reduction modules
 - > Collection of scientific workflows executed by the Kepler workflow engine
 - A workflow is a graphical representation of the data reduction chain that allows for easy visualization, documentation and control of the execution
- In addition to the native Kepler modules (maths, logic, workflow control, I/O, etc.), Reflex workflows are based on customized ones for specific functionalities
 - > Fully automatic data organization (full calibration cascade supported)
 - Support for multi OB processing
 - Conditional branches, loops and conditional stops
 - Interfaces to Python (hence IRAF and MIDAS) and IDL
- ESO releases fully functional workflows. Sources of workflows:
 - > ESO, in kind contributions, 2nd generation instrument consortia, users (?)
 - Strategy: mixture of fully scientific validated and interactive workflows (UVES, X-Shooter, KMOS) and simpler ones to speed-up data organization and basic reduction (VIMOS spectroscopy, FORS2 MXU)
- More at this conference
 - Posters: Bramich (#5)

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X-shooter Workflow for Physical Mode Slit Data Reduction (v. 2.2.0)







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Instrument health, data completeness and quality: the Quality Control loop









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- Data is transferred online to Garching, automatically processed and analyzed
 - Calibration completeness, instrument health indicators extracted from dedicated calibrations and trended
- The results fed back to Paranal for follow up
 - Follow up as shared process
 - Information on demand to highlight only critical situations





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- More at this conference
 - Talks: Hanuschik (Wednesday at 16:30)
 - Posters: Dobrzycka (#8)



The ESO Science Archive Facility (SAF)





Data access through the SAF

- The Science Archive Facility is now the access point to ESO data
 - > Online self service (w/ CalSelector) vs media pushed to users
 - Media at the Observatories discontinued
 - Time critical data access: Target of Opportunity/Rapid Response Mode, pre-imaging, transients, planets, ...
 - Proprietary access to PIs and delegates
 - Subscription service to notify users of observation execution
 - > (Limited) programmatic access

http://archive.eso.org



Data access through the SAF

To browse the archive

Currently, raw data and various types of data products can be reached via different interfaces:

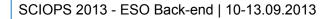
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		Time-domain survey of NGC 2547 (S.Aigrain)	Imaging	FEROS
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	Science Verification, Commissioning, EIS, etc.	Full list of available data packages	Various	Many
APEX Quick Look Products	APEX query form	APEX	Heterodyne, Bolometer	APEX-2A, LABOCA, SABOCA, SHeFI
ALMA Data Products	E-ALMA Science Verification	All ALMA SV data	Cube	ALMA

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- Archive service to associate to raw science files all the raw and static calibrations needed for processing, plus ancillary files (e.g. acquisition frames), night log excerpts and a description of the association itself (xml format)
 - Designed to reproduce the Calibration Plans and work with Reflex
- v1.0 deployed in November 2011
- Complete coverage from 2009, effort to extend as far back as possible
 - The look-back time will likely depend on instrument and mode

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ESO's high level strategy

- Advanced Data Products from the community
 - Phase 3
 - –Public Surveys, Large Programmes, et al.
- Science Grade Data Products generated inhouse
 - Service and Visitor Mode
 - The data products and tools are evolving to support this
- Data products through the Science Archive Facility
 - The archive services are evolving to support this



Internal Data Products

- Science grade data products generated in-house by running the corresponding instrument pipelines
 - Driven by data, rather then by a specific science goal
 - Uniform processing with a standard set of processing parameters
- Seamless archive experience with External Data Products, e.g. from Public Surveys
 - Full integration in the Science Archive Facility
- Timeline
 - Publication of UVES Echelle data in Q4 2013 (backlog+stream of new data)
 - Then (preliminary): X-Shooter-Echelle, FLAMES-MEDUSA, and HAWK-I and VIMOS imaging (UK in-kind contribution), KMOS, MUSE
- More at this conference
 - Talks: Retzlaff (Friday at 11:40)
 - Posters: Hanuschik (#11)



External Data Products (Phase 3)

- Phase 3 PIs of ESO observing programmes return data products to ESO
 - Storage in the ESO Archive
 - Publication to the scientific community
- ESO's policies governing Phase 3 are specific to the type of observing programme
- Phase 3 is mandatory for ESO Public Surveys and for ESO Large Programmes since period 75; available also for other ESO observations
- Further allocation of telescope time for Public Surveys is conditional to the submission of data products via Phase 3
- More at this conference
 - Talks: Arnaboldi (Friday at 9:50) and Retzlaff (Friday at 11:40)

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Posters: Micol (#19), Delmotte (#20), Retzlaff (#26)



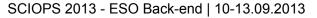
The Archive as Science Resource

Refereed publications from ESO facilities

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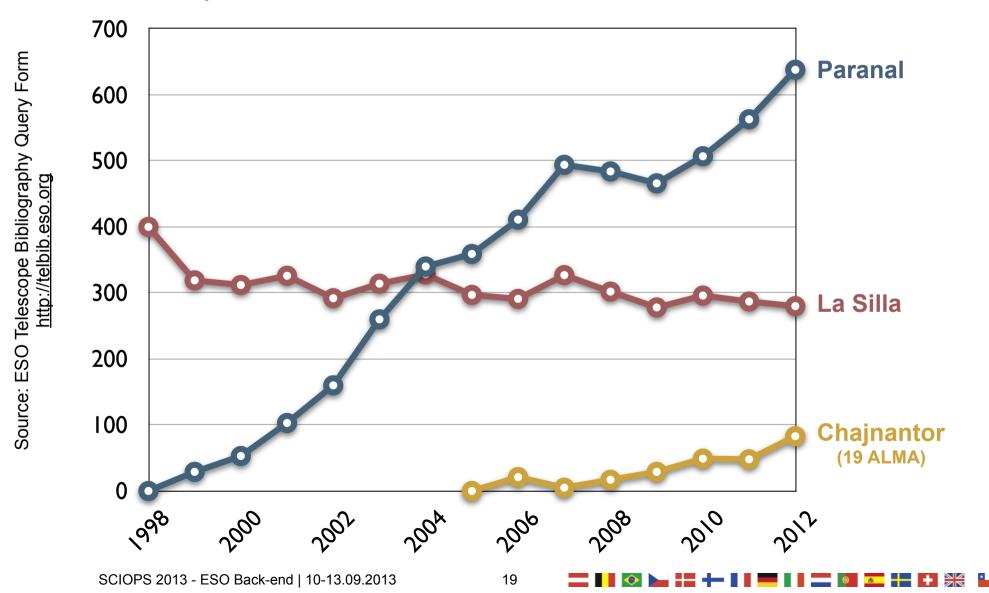






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