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## **PHD2 Guiding**

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All of the required software is currently installed on the vattdev server.

- Open a session on the autoquide server on one of the Xterm clients.
- · Open a terminal,
- type ssh -Y vattdev,
- log in as vattobs, and
- launch indiserver as described below.
- Open another terminal,
- type ssh -Y vattdev,
- log in as vattobs, and
- launch phd2 as described below.
- Start autoguider software w/o telescope control (just for imaging)
  - 1. start indiserver and correct drivers
    - \$/home/vattobs/startindi
  - 2. start phd2 guiding
    - \$phd2
  - 3. configure phd2
    - 1. in the Main tool bar, click icon that looks like usb male connector
    - 2. connect equipment window should open up
    - 3. in connect equipment window, select camera type INDI Camera
    - 4. in connect equipment window, click on the icon that looks like a screwdriver and wrench in an "X"
    - 5. INDI Configuration window should open up
    - 6. in INDI Configuration window check following settings:
      - Hostname: localhost
      - port: 7624
      - driver: Apogee CCD
      - Dual CCD: Main
    - 7. click the INDI button near the bottom of the screen
    - 8. INDI options window should open up
    - 9. select the Apogee CCD tab
    - 10. check following settings:
    - 11. in the port section click the network button
    - 12. in the network section:
      - subnet: 10.0.255.255
      - ip:port : 10.0.3.14:2571
    - 13. click the connect button in the Connection field
    - 14. a bunch of new fields and tabs should appear..

- 15. near the bottom, turn on the cooler
- 16. exit the INDI options window
- 17. click OK in the INDI Configuration window
- 18. click Connect in the Connect Equipment window, in the camera section
- 19. the button should now say Disconnect
- 20. click Close in the Connect Equipment window
- 21. In the Main tool bar (it may be positioned anywhere in the window),
  - click the Advanced setup (brain icon) button (second from the right); a new window should appear.
- 22. Set binning to the allowed maximum of 8×8:
  - Select the Camera tab,
  - in the group Camera-specific properties, set binning to 8 (pull down selector).
  - [Note. Ostensibly, binning can be set via INDI options as NxM where N and M may take any value you wish. This feature does not work. Binning can really be set only via the "brain" button.]
- 23. Disable mount guide output:
  - Select the Guiding tab,
  - in the group Shared parameters disable mount guide output (uncheck the box); Guide output DISABLED should appear in the lower left of the main window. This should prevent PHD2 accidentally interfering, e.g., with the PEPSI guider.
- 24. Set up automatic frame capture:
  - Select the Global tab,
  - check Enable diagnostic image logging, then
  - in the group Save Guider Images check Until this count is reached, and
  - set the value (100 is the maximum).
  - The files are stored on the vattdev server!
  - The Dark Library is located in the directory /home/vattobs/.phd2/.
  - The directory /home/vattobs/PHD2/PHD2\_CameraFrames... is automatically created for the whole session.
  - If you need to capture more than 100 images, make a renamed copy of the session directory; new *fits* files should start populating the original session directory.
- 4. Start Imaging
  - 1. in the bottom left of the PHD2 window there is a button with 2 arrows forming a circle. Click that button.
  - 2. the button should gray out, the stop sign button should turn red, and images should start appearing

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