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Pipelines software design



^{1. &}quot;The VVDS Data-Reduction Pipeline: Introducing VIPGI, the VIMOS Interactive Pipeline and Graphical Interface", Scodeggio at all 2005, PASP, 228, 1284

^{2. &}quot;A Future Astronomical Software Environment", P. Grosbøl et all in ADASS XXI, vol. 461, 619

Pipelines workflow



Data unpacking and organizing

- Trieste archive¹ automatically send INAF data in Milan
- Data unpacked:
 - Mask info (LMS/MMS files)
 - Grism properties
 - Mathematical models used to describe the instrument configuration (first guesses)
- Data automatically organized:
 - collected according with PI, target and mask
 - Different nights/runs collected together
 - organized by data type and instrument mode

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Data types

1. http://lbtarchive.as.arizona.edu/ powered by IA2 (see R. Smareglia talk)

Observing night

Slits location

LMS/MMS information + mathematical model are used to roughly **locate slits** LMS/MMS

global P(x,y)





displacement

Spectra location

- Pipeline uses flats to trace spectra following the displacement from the **expected** position and the **real** position on frames
- Recipe **automatically finds flat edge** positions and fits new positions along dispersion direction



Checks on Spectra location

- **Quantitative check:** computes mean and maximum displacement between real and computed tracing solution
- Visual check: plots over frames computed solution



2D Wavelength calibration

- First guesses model (global matrices) gives an **expected position**
- Pipeline searches real lines around expected positions (tabulated in a line catalog)
- Wavelength solution recomputed (local polynomial slit by slit)
- Iteration until a stable solution is obtained



Wavelength calibration checks



The check tool overplots computed line positions (black lines) on lamp frame

Quantitative check Mean accuracy values:

- MODS red ~0.83Å
- MODS blue ~0.69Å
- LUCI 200HK (HK) ~0.57Å
- LUCI 200HK (zJ) ~0.29Å
- LUCI 210zJHK (K) ~0.26Å
- LUCI 210zJHK (H) ~0.15Å

Wavelength calibration check and refine



Spectra extraction and lambda calibration

Spectra are **resampled** and extracted (here LUCI longslit spectrum)

Raw frame



Extracted spectra lambda calibrated





Background subtraction and slits combination

Background is removed in each exposure

- MODS: local estimation of the background slit by slit
- LUCI: Removed OH emission lines based on Davies algorithm¹



Frames are stacked, taking into account of frame offsets.

Offsets are computed using:

- bright objects on frame
- header info (if available)





1. Porting (C code) of Davies R. and Cresci, G. algorithm implementation Davies 2007: MNRAS, 375, 1099

Automatic spectra extraction

- Create a spectrum profile: collapse 2D spectrum along spatial direction
- Detect objects using sigma clipping
- Perform optimal Horne extraction¹ to obtain 1D spectrum



Spectra profile

¹ "An optimal extraction algorithm for CCD spectroscopy", Horne, K. 1986, 1986PASP...98..609H

Manual spectra extraction

- Examine 2D spectra
- Looking for features
- Extract 1D spectra



Spectra flux calibration

- Observed calibration star reduced by the pipeline
- Star spectrum is used to obtain a sensitivity function
- MODS:
 - reduced spectra is compared with spectrophotometric standard
- LUCI:
 - Stellar type, luminosity class and magnitude are retrieved (Hipparcos catalog)
 - Pickles template is rescaled
 - Reduced spectra is compared with the rescaled template



Distributed data products



2D spectra lambda calibrated Sky spectra lambda calibrated

- **1D spectra**, lambda and flux calibrated
- Others upon request

Data distribution

- Reduced data are uploaded on the **LSC¹** database in Rome
- System sends a mail to the PI
- Pl can retrieve data

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Conclusions

- Pipelines provide good quality results which are being used by Italian community
- Data reduction is "mostly automatic", with human intervention required for:
 - Quality checks
 - Calibrations
- Automatization could be **further improved** adding:
 - Integration of the quality checks in the reduction workflow
 - Handling of the various instrument configurations

Thanks