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The scope

The scope of this work is to create a new tool for redshift measurement based on the huge amount of work done up to now within the VIMOS consortium

- algorithms (KBRED/VIZ/YAZ by RS)
- scientific expertise (thousands of spectra reduced)
- technical expertise (GUI and software development, VIPGI)

User requirements

- Automatic measurements 50% correct z 30% within 0.1 20% to be inspected
- Interactive measurements (command line & GUI)
- Simple management of user defined templates
- Stand-alone application
- Easy pluggable in other packages (like VIPGI)

Software requirements

- Programming languages

python (shell+GU	I): knowledge
	easiness
	almost a standard (OPTICON, pyraf,)
	easily pluggable in other tools
	free
C (algorithms):	knowledge
	speed
	free

- Interface between shell/GUI and algorithms

- other technicalities

Current Status

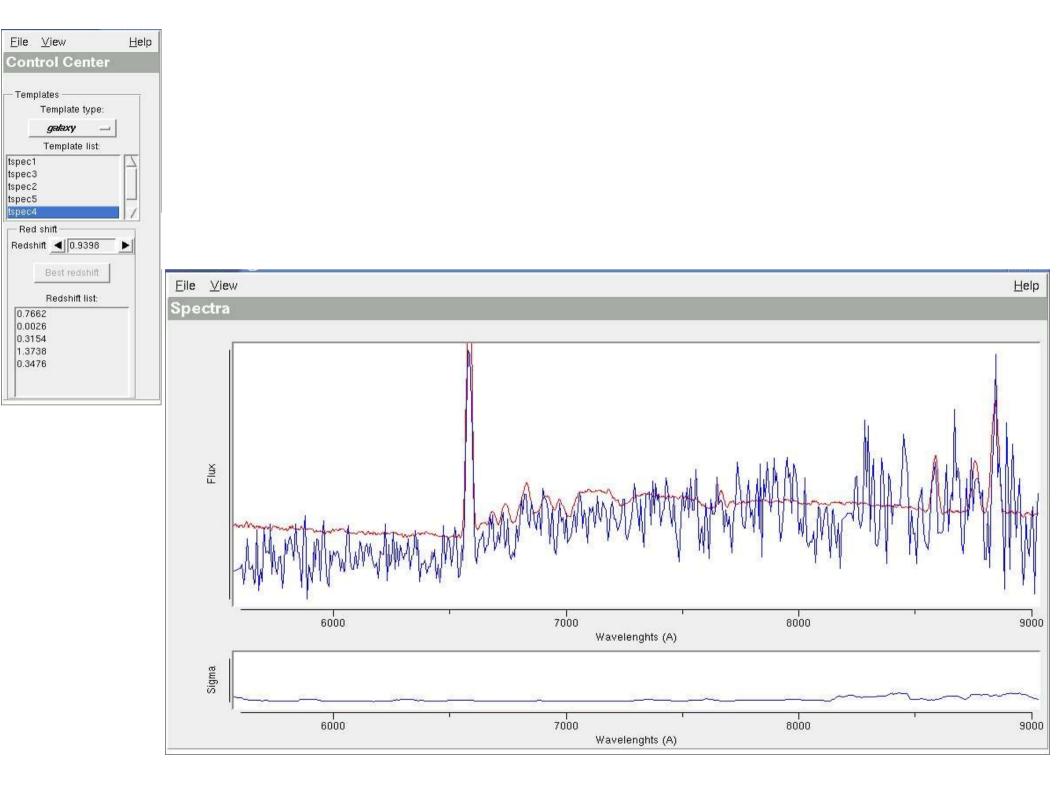
- Defined an architectural design document (AD)
- python-C interface protocol defined and implemented
- First prototype of the graphical interface
- Partial implementation of the interactive shell
- Very basic algorithms implemented and working

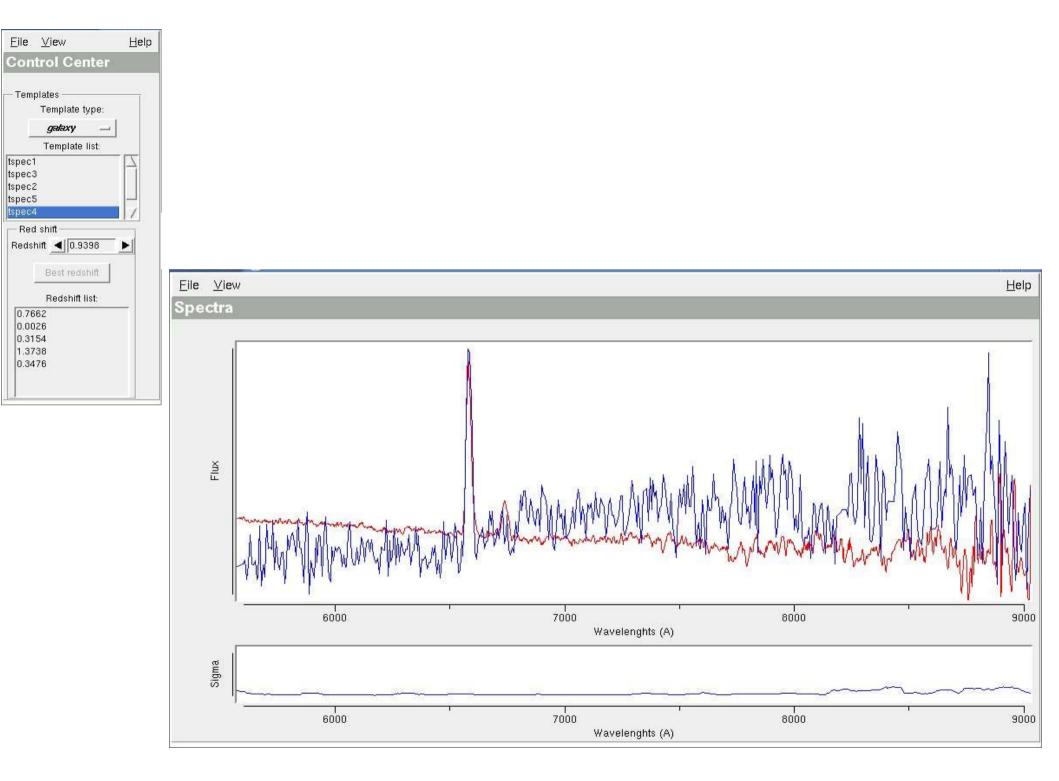
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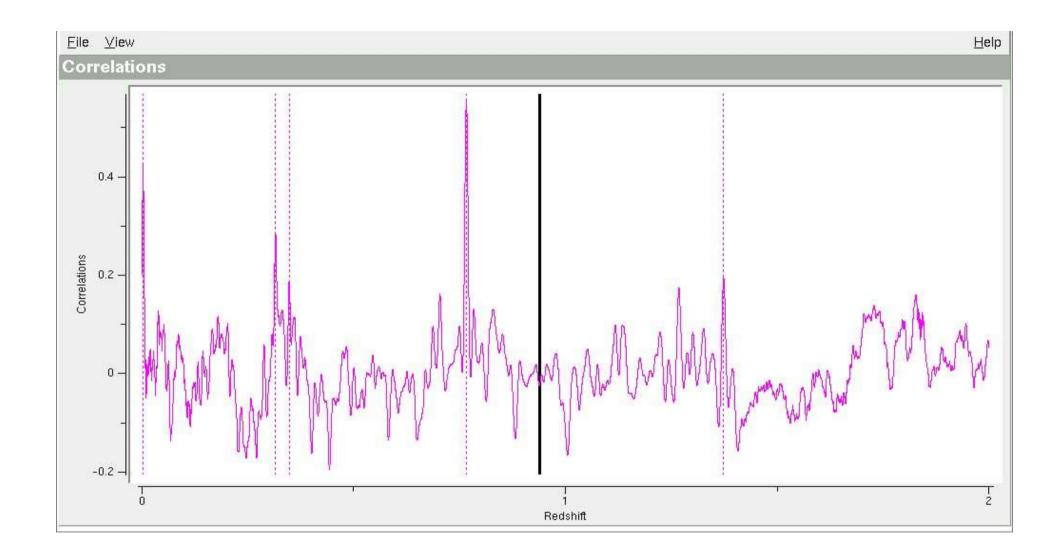
-process a spectrum and obtain a redshift estimate

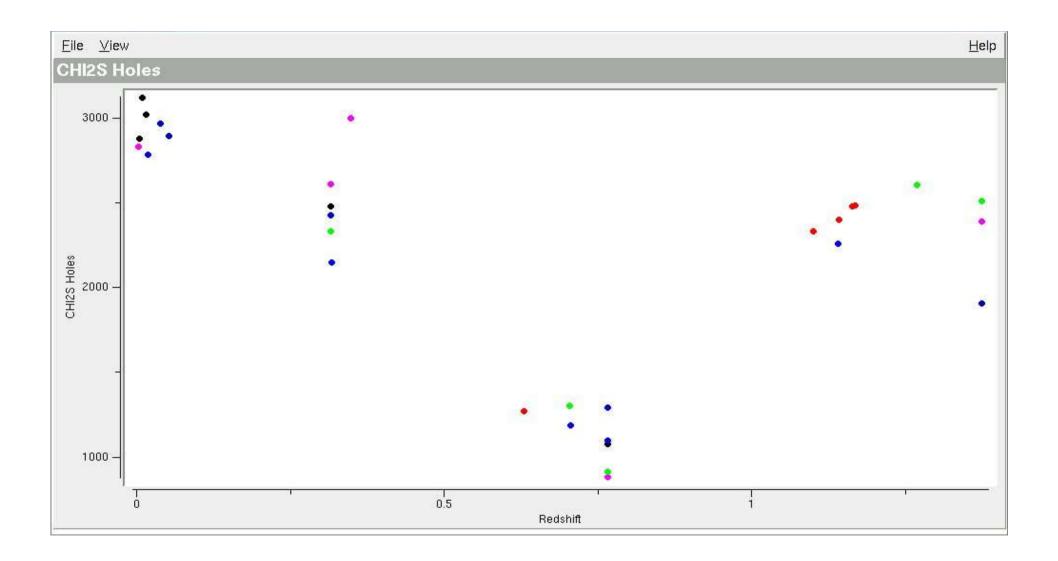
-visually inspect the various steps of the procedure

-visually inspect the spectrum/template









Future work

- Finish implementation of AD and GUI (end of the year) Distribution at the IASF-MI people and other volunteers
- Algorithms development (in parallel)
 - Short term: reproduce the actual MANYVIZ/YAZ performance
 - Long term: develop new approaches in redshift measurement (2D noise fitting ... RS)
- Testing framework: templates simulations real data (in place)

