

galaxies with $I_{AB} \leq 22.5$ are shown in Figure 14.

Summary

The wide-field survey instrument VIMOS is now being commissioned at the VLT. In each of the three operational modes (imaging, multi-slit spectroscopy and integral-field spectroscopy), VIMOS offers an unprecedented field of view. In multi-slit spectroscopy mode, several hundred spectra can be recorded simultaneously, while in integral-field mode, 6400 spectra are recorded in a field 54×54 arcsec². It is expected that VIMOS guest observations will start in April 2003. Information needed to prepare observing proposals is available on the web pages <http://www.eso.org/instruments/vimos/index.html>

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Figure 13: Effect of sky and fringe subtraction with (bottom) and without (top) shifting objects along the slit as described in Figure 12.

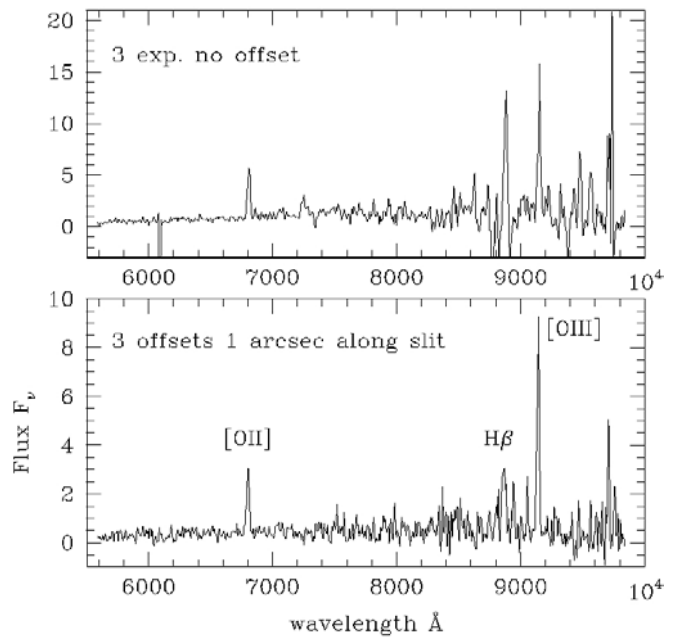
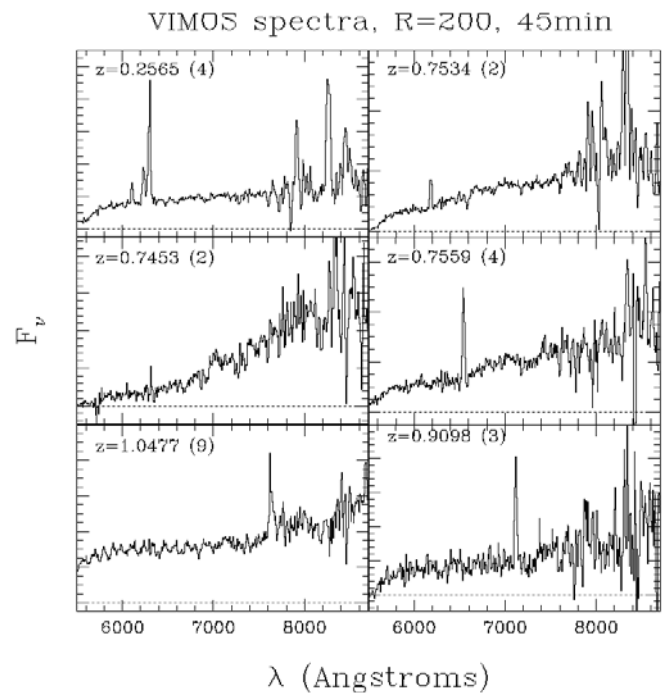


Figure 14: Examples of spectra taken with VIMOS during the first commissioning in February 2002. The redshift is indicated in the upper left corner of each panel. These spectra are the average of 5 exposures 10 minutes each with the LR grism ($R \sim 200$).



2.2-m Team

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Welcome to the last (very short) installment of 2p2team news from La Silla. This is mostly just a farewell message, as in October we cease to operate as a separate entity and join with the old NTT and 3.6 teams under the new guise of Sci-Ops. Never fear though, the next *Messenger* will see this section expanded to include all the

telescopes and instruments on La Silla. The folding of the 2p2team heralds the end of ESO time at both the ESO 1.52 and Danish 1.54-m telescopes. The Boller and Chivens spectrograph is only available in Brazilian time until the end of 2002, after which time the instrument will be mothballed and the telescope decommissioned. FEROS is

moving to the 2.2-m telescope at the end of Period 69 and we expect it to be up and running in its new home by November 2002. The Danish telescope will continue to operate after October 2002, but only in Danish time.

So farewell from the 2p2team and we'll see you next time as Sci-Ops.