

# The “Solar-SONG” initiative

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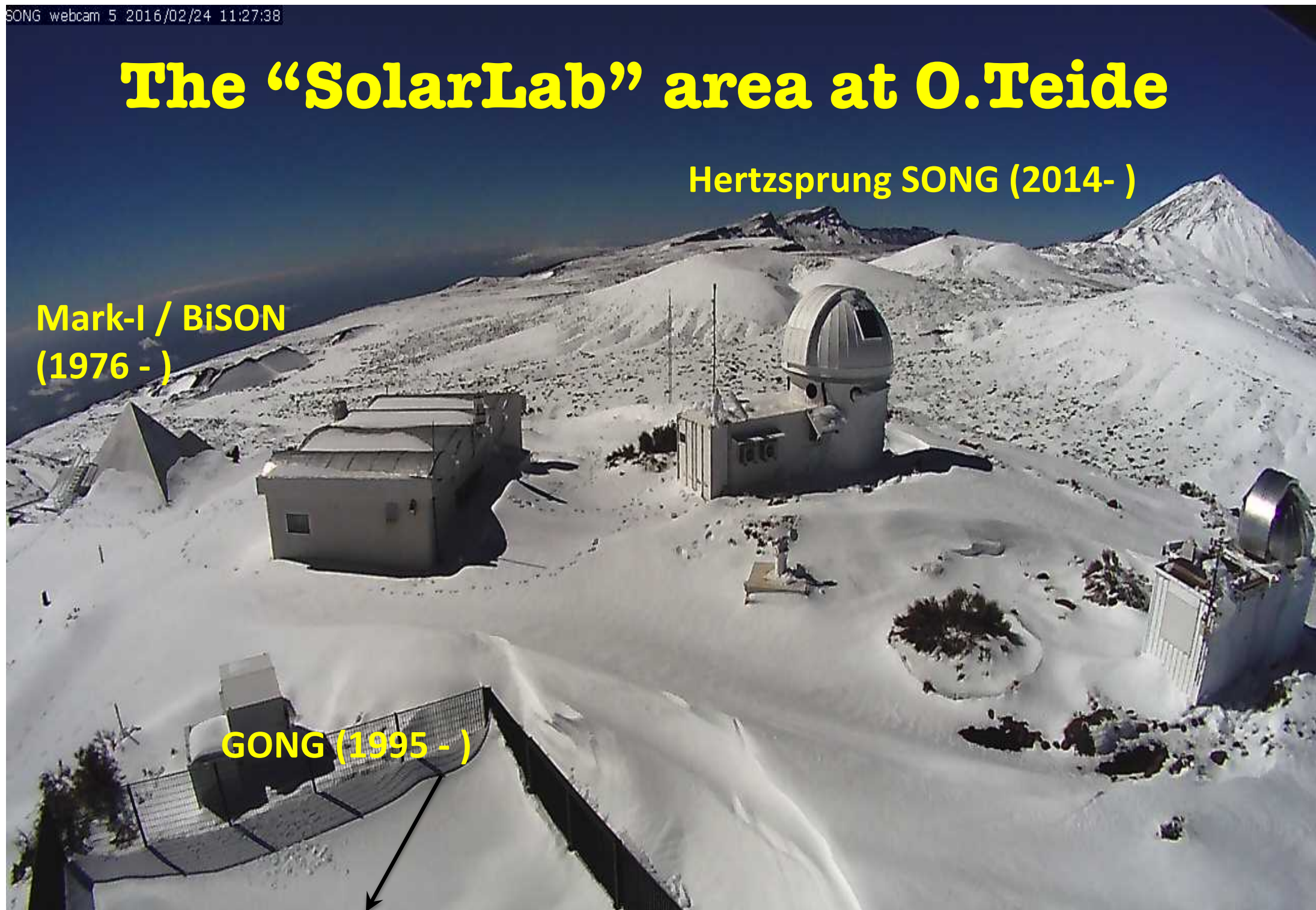


# The “SolarLab” area at O.Teide

Hertzsprung SONG (2014- )

Mark-I / BiSON  
(1976 - )

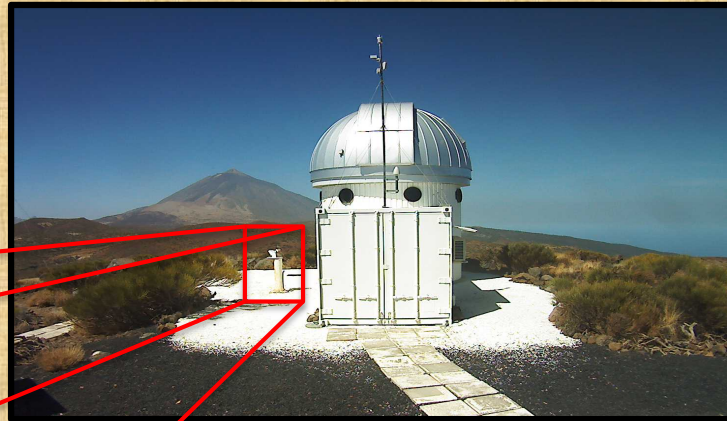
GONG (1995 - )



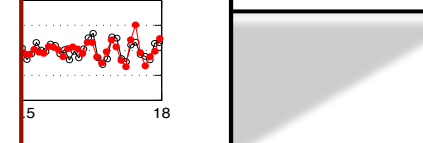
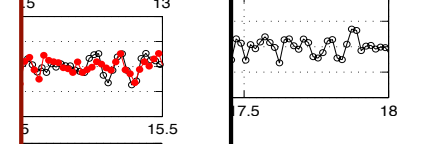
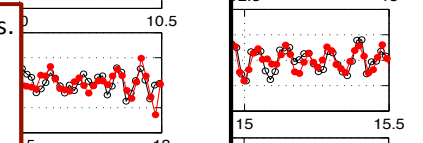
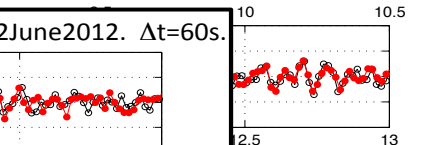
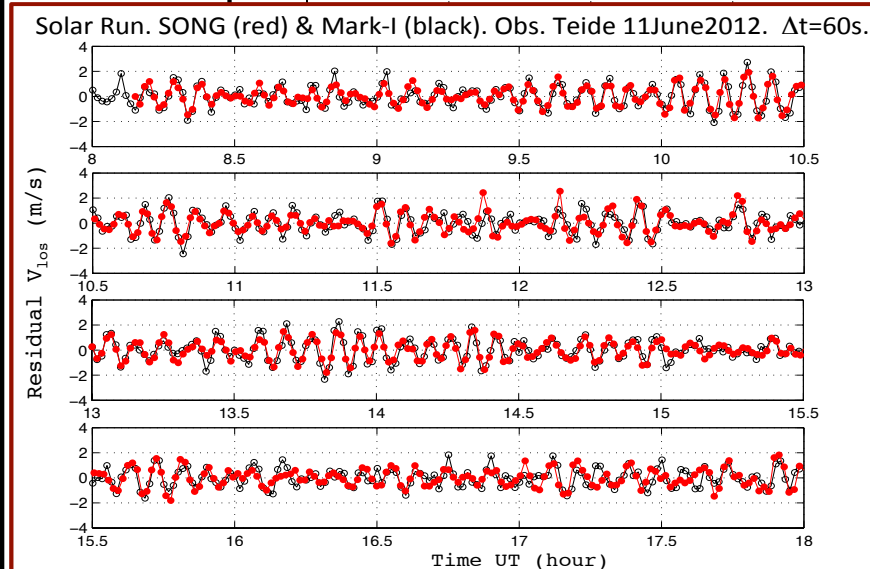
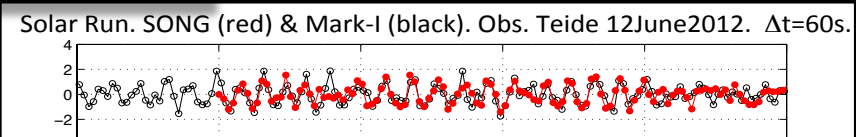
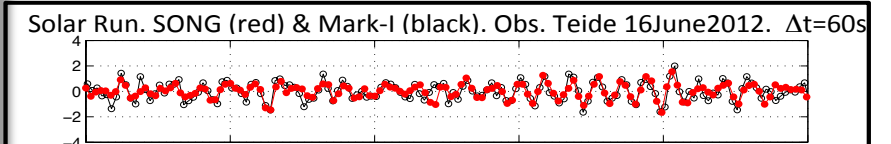
# Outline....

- ❑ The “*Solar-SONG*” initiative:
  - How and Why..
  - Extending its original science capabilities
  - Project development
  
- ❑ First light and first targeted campaign
  - Helioseismology results (*Mads .F. Anderson’s talk*)
  - Monochromatic ( $\lambda$ ) helioseismology ?
  
- ❑ Synoptic capabilities
  
- ❑ Others (*Marian J. Martínez’s talk*)
  
- ❑ Way forward and conclusions

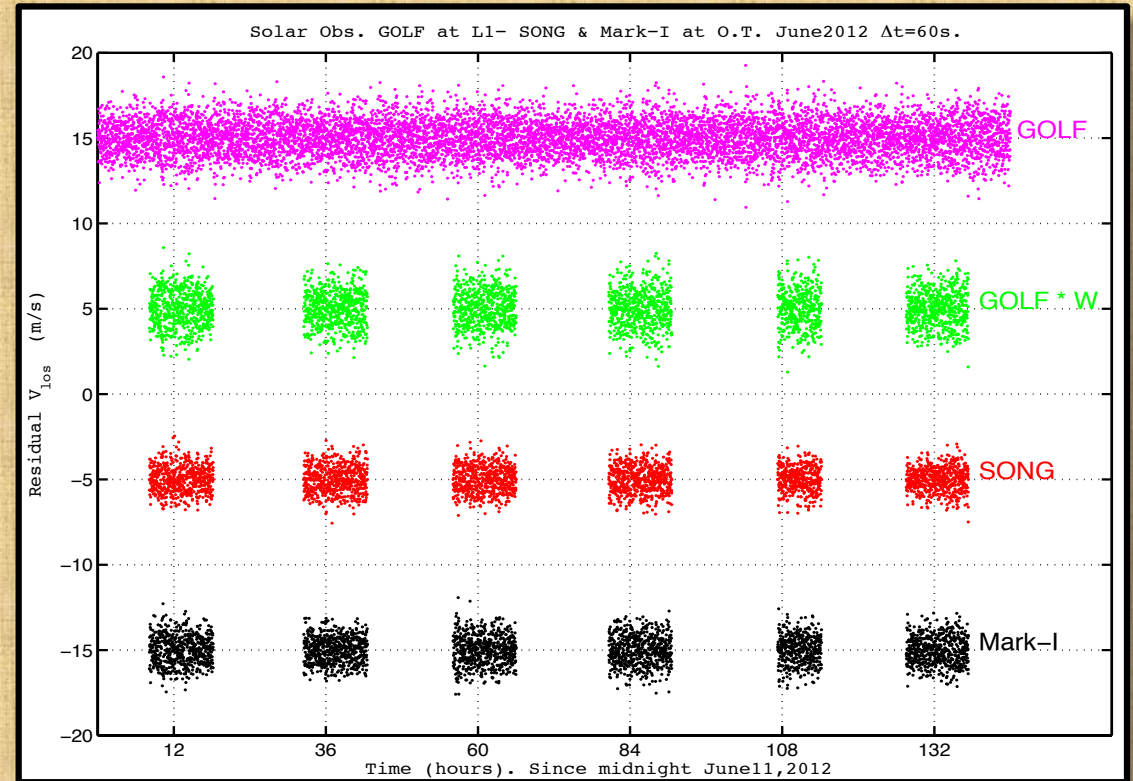
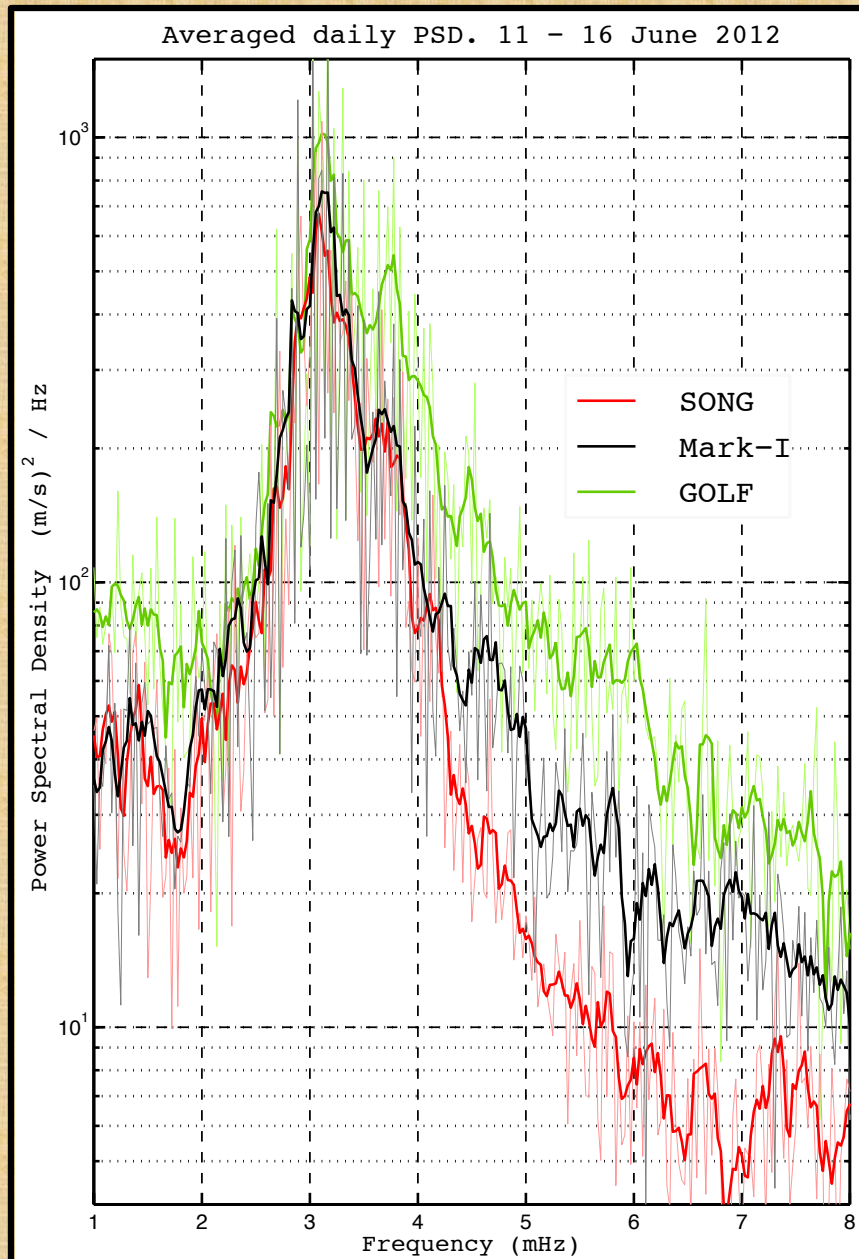
# June 2012: while waiting for the “acceptance” of the TELESCOPE!!!



**GONG** Site Survey NIP plus FO feeding **SONG** spectrograph



# Comparative analysis to assess its quality...



6-days of simultaneous space and ground-based RVs:

**SONG**    Mark-I (BiSON)    **GOLF/SoHO**

*Pallé et al 2013 (2013JPhCS.440a2051P)*

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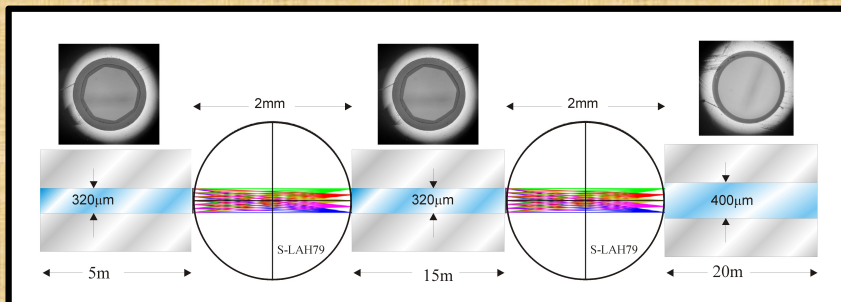
$$R/R_{\odot} = \frac{\nu_{\max}}{\nu_{\max}^{\odot}} \cdot \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu^{\odot}} \right)^{-2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}}^{\odot}}}$$
$$M/M_{\odot} = \left( \frac{R}{R_{\odot}} \right)^3 \cdot \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Delta\nu^{\odot}} \right)^2 \cdot$$

# Going ahead with the “Solar-SONG” project...



Project submitted & approved funding (“Severo Ochoa-IAC”) in late 2016

- Automated Alt-Az Solar Tracker with active guiding
- Fibre-Optic assembly designed to maximize the scrambling
- Extra shutter in the PST outside the spectrograph synchronized with the existing overall control system (switch from solar-to-stellar shutter for day- and night-time observations)
- High-performance servers & storage
- Add to “Conductor” tool



Integration at IAC Tech. Division and deployed and operative in January 2018 at Observatorio del Teide (25 m. SE of Hertzsprung SONG telescope)

Ready for FIRST Helioseismology run (high-cadence) in May 2018

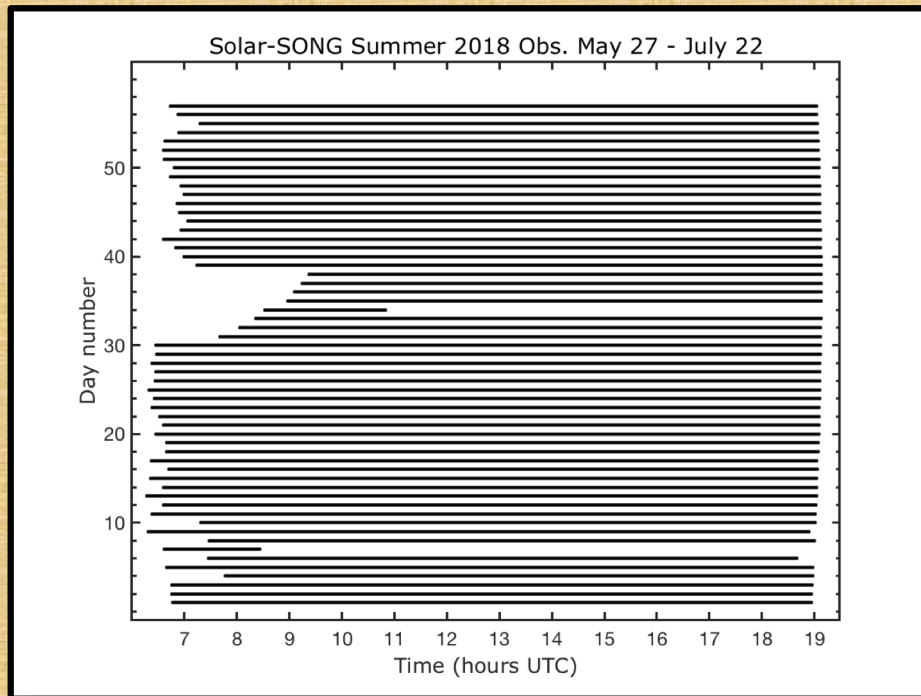




Members of the technical and science team present during First Light (from left to right): Rene Tronsgaard, Pere L. Pallé, Antonio Pimienta, Ezequiel Ballesteros and Felix Gracia.

# Observations, Data Reduction and Analysis..

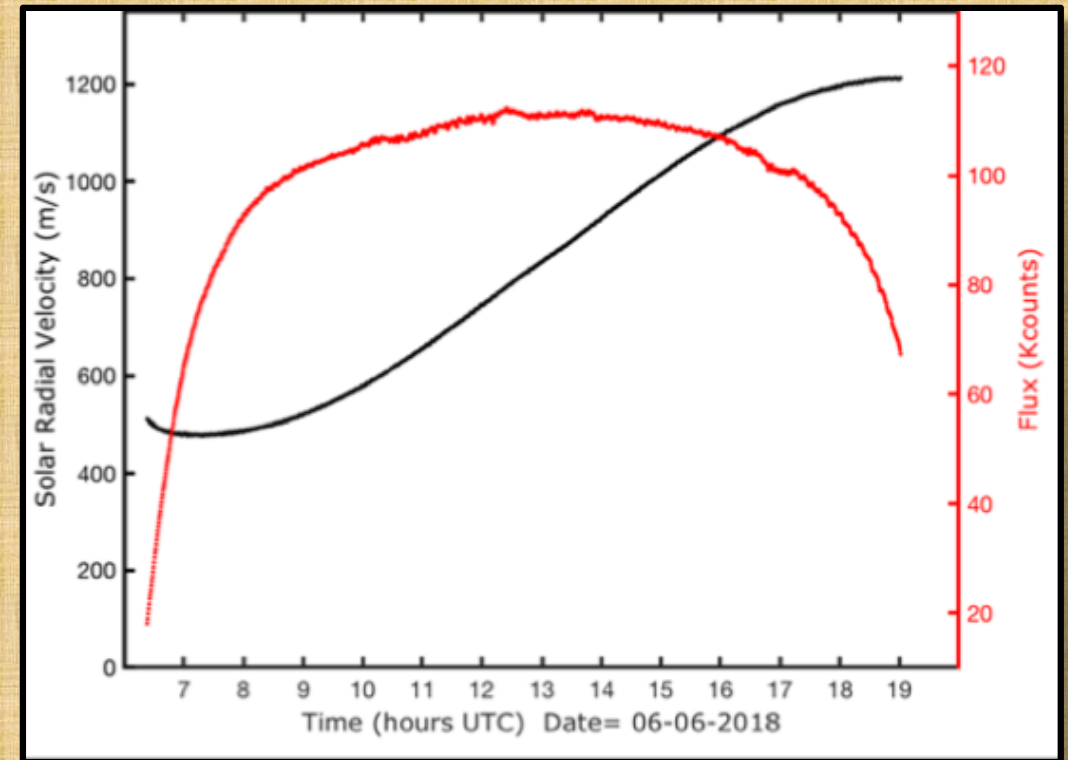
- High-cadence observations during 57 consecutive days (May, 27 to July, 22<sup>nd</sup> ).
- Echelle spectra ( $R \approx 110\,000$ ) with Iodine cell every 3.7 s (integration plus read-out time).
- Typically, 12 000 spectra/day (about 12 hours) and with an image size of 8.2 Mb results in a total load of almost 100 Gb per day and  $\approx 6\text{Tb}$  over the whole campaign (i.e.  $\approx 700\,000$  spectra)
- The reduction pipeline to extract the RVs (iSONG) requires some 50.000 cpu-minutes per observing day
- The existing pipeline (see Grundahl et al., 2017) was installed at the IAC HTCondor ( High-Throughput Computing) system which can make use of up to 700 cores. The velocity extraction concluded just few days after the end of the observing period.



Excellent coverage....

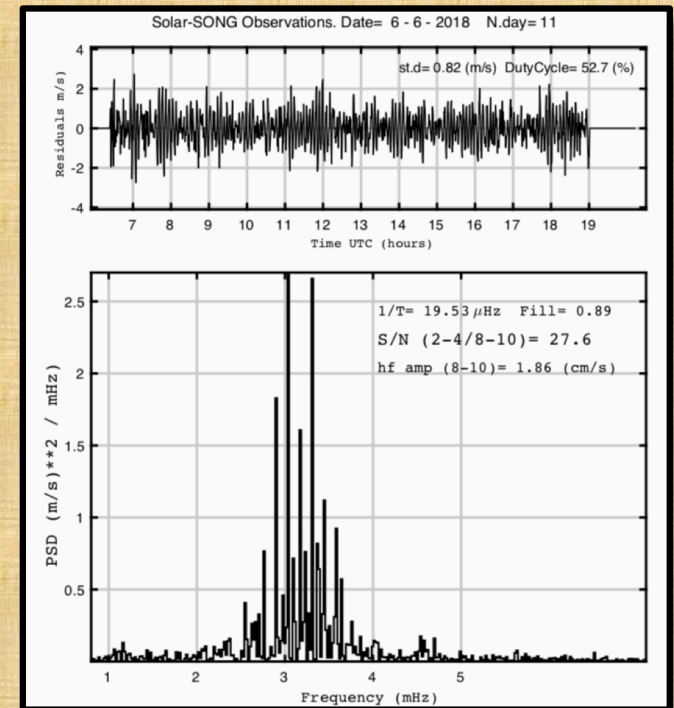
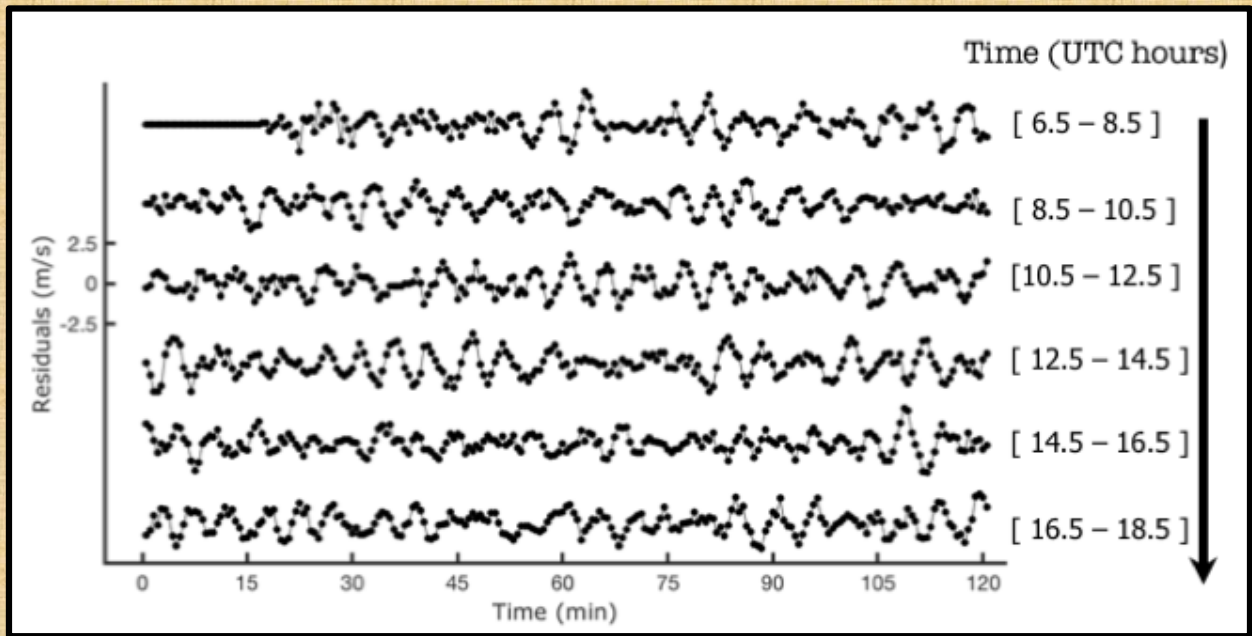
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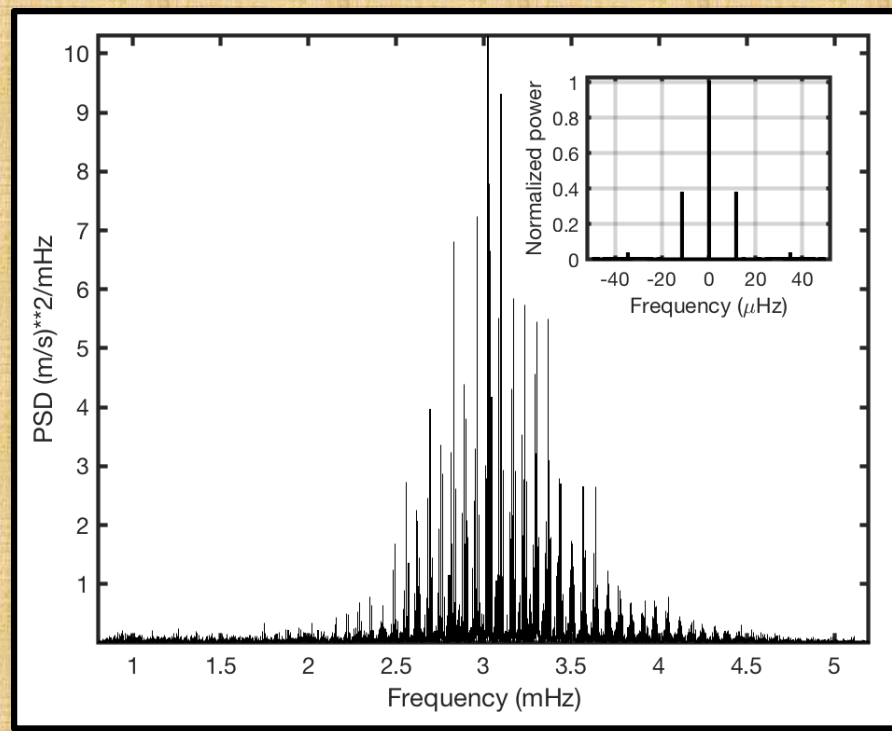


Processed daily files... Uncertainty  $\approx 75$  cm/s per integration (3.7 s)

Science with SONG: 4 more years

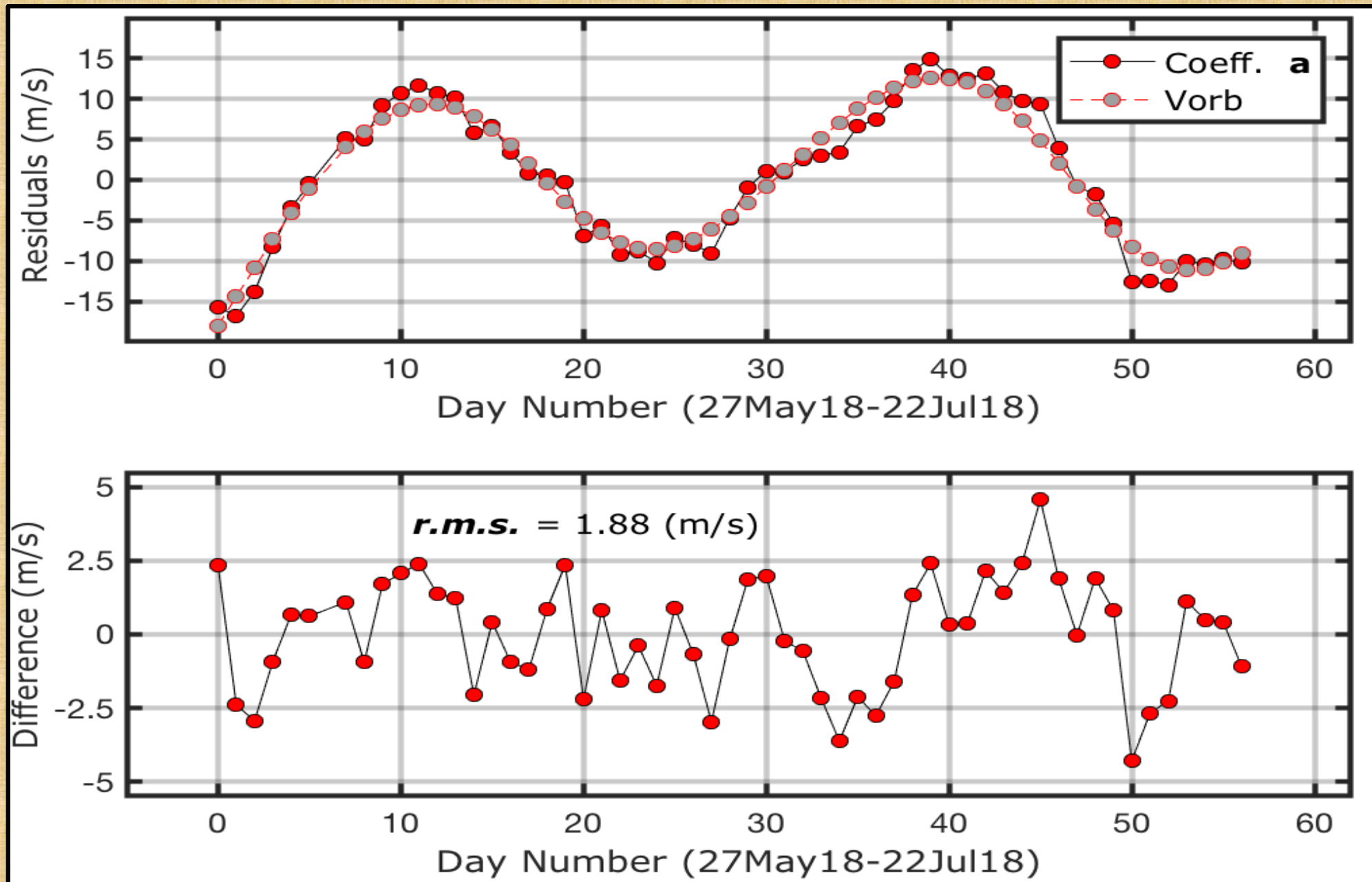


Corrected Vephem and specific  
FIRCLS no phase-distortion filter.  
Band-pass P < 25 min



First 30-day PSD  
Duty Cycle = 42.9%

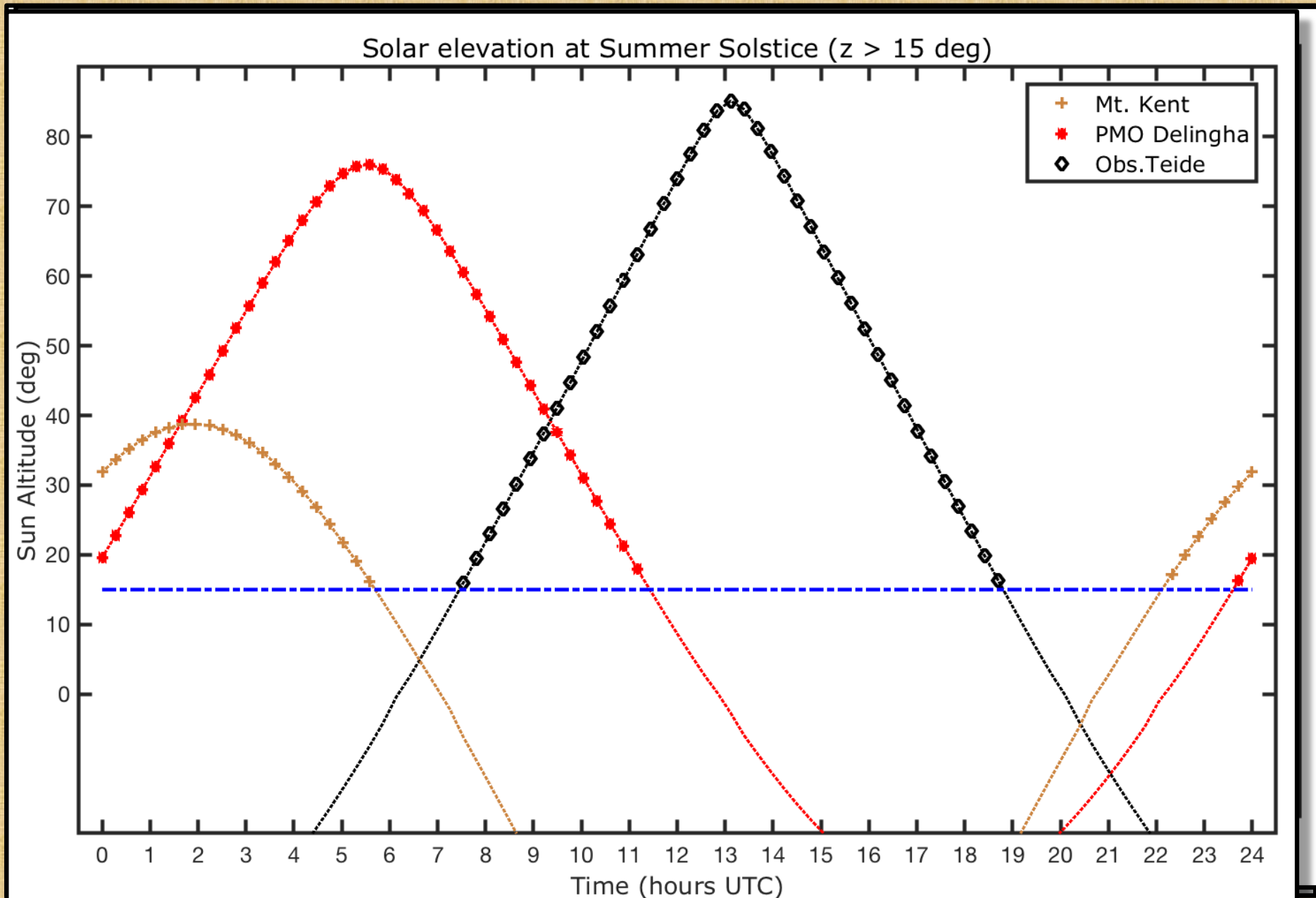
# RV sensitivity/stability : Detecting the Moon..... Once more !!!



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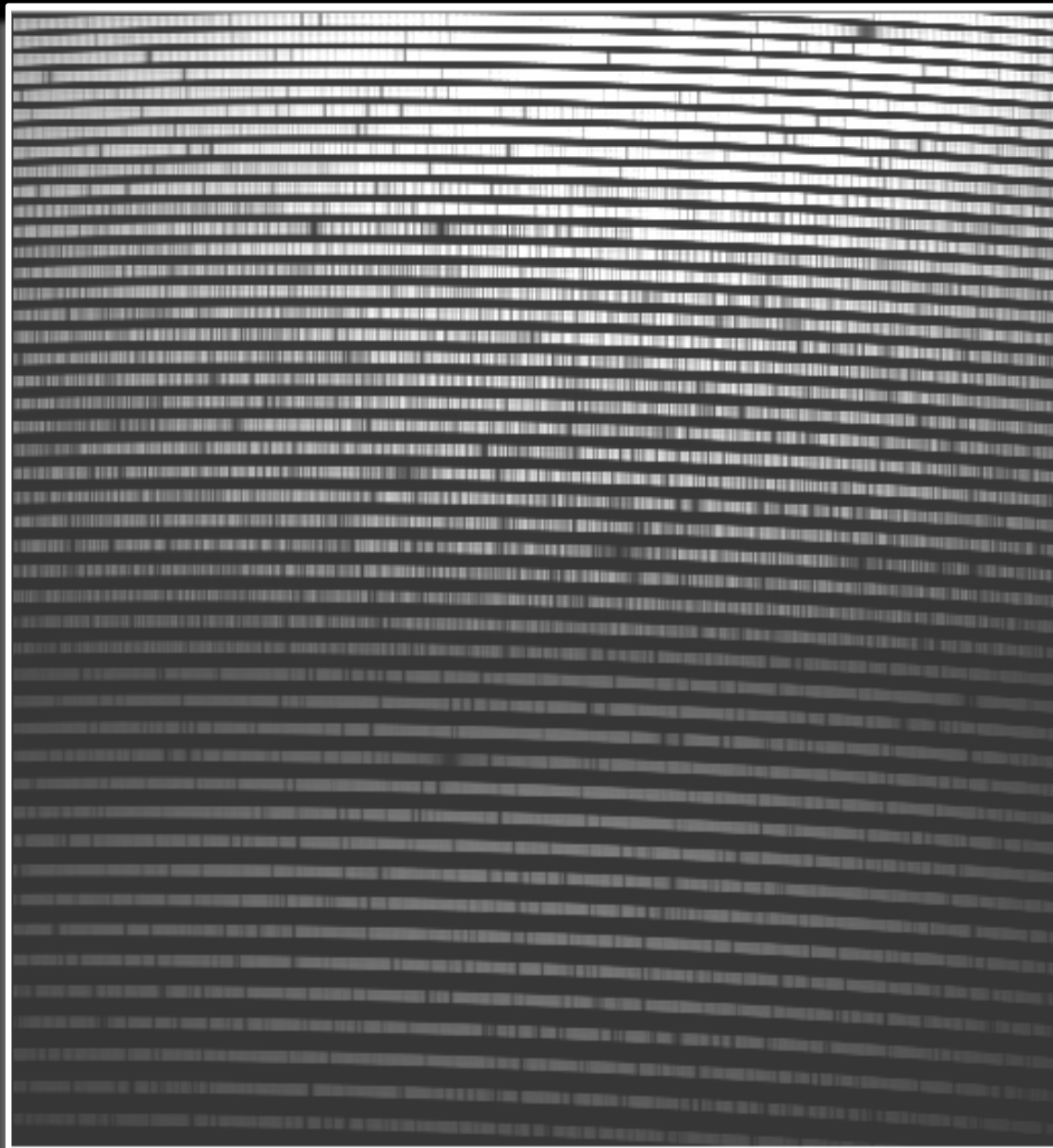
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# Performance of a 3-site HELIOSEISMOLOGY SONG Network ...



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Solar wavelength spectrum obtained with Solar-SONG

51 Spectral orders  
24 used to compute radial velocity  
22 “chunks” per order

≈ 40 Å per order  
Average dispersion ≈ 24 m Å/pix  
≈ 2 Å width per chunk

**Total of 528 independent radial velocity estimates**

**“Combined” to obtain a single value at any given time**

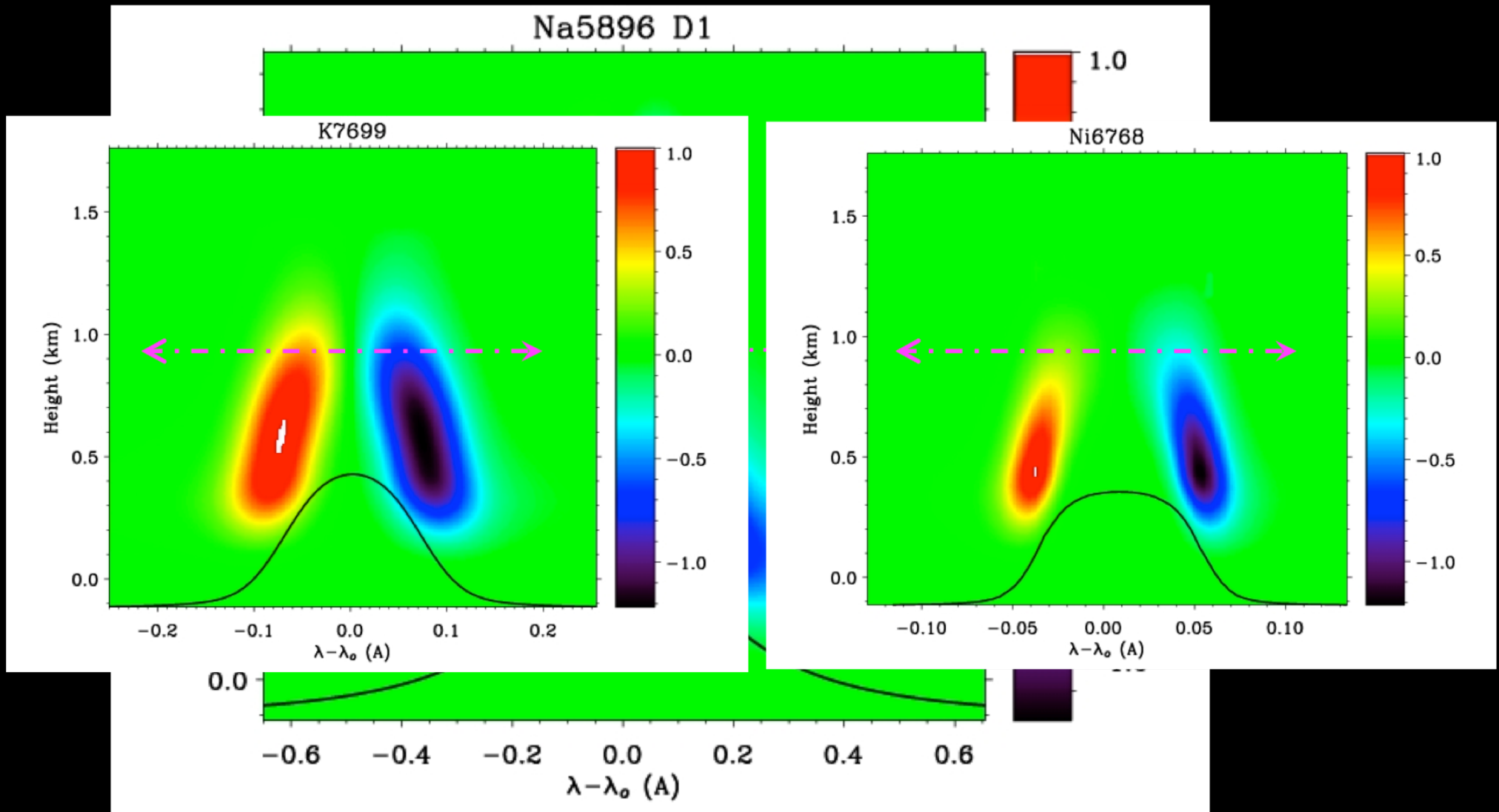
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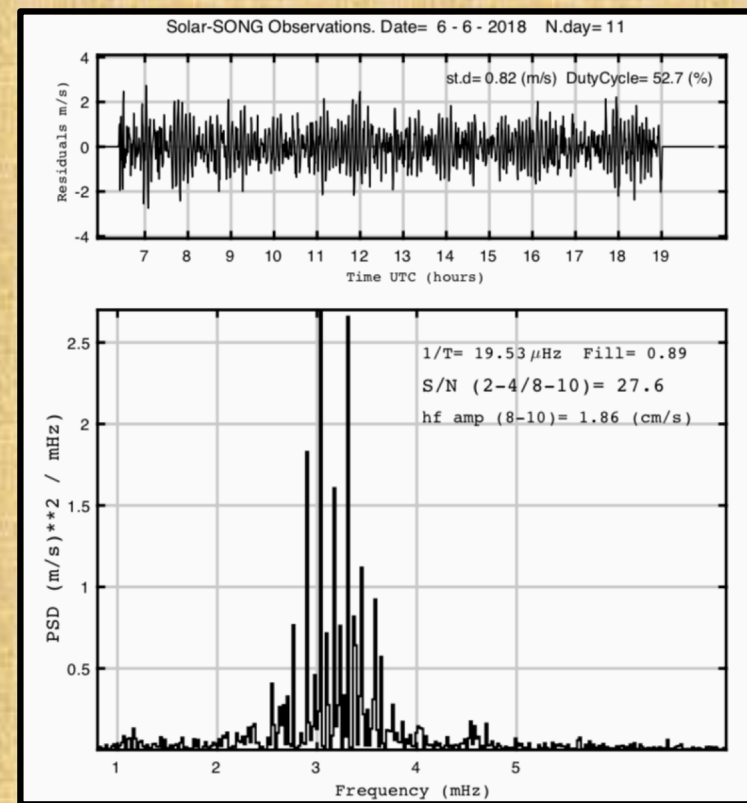
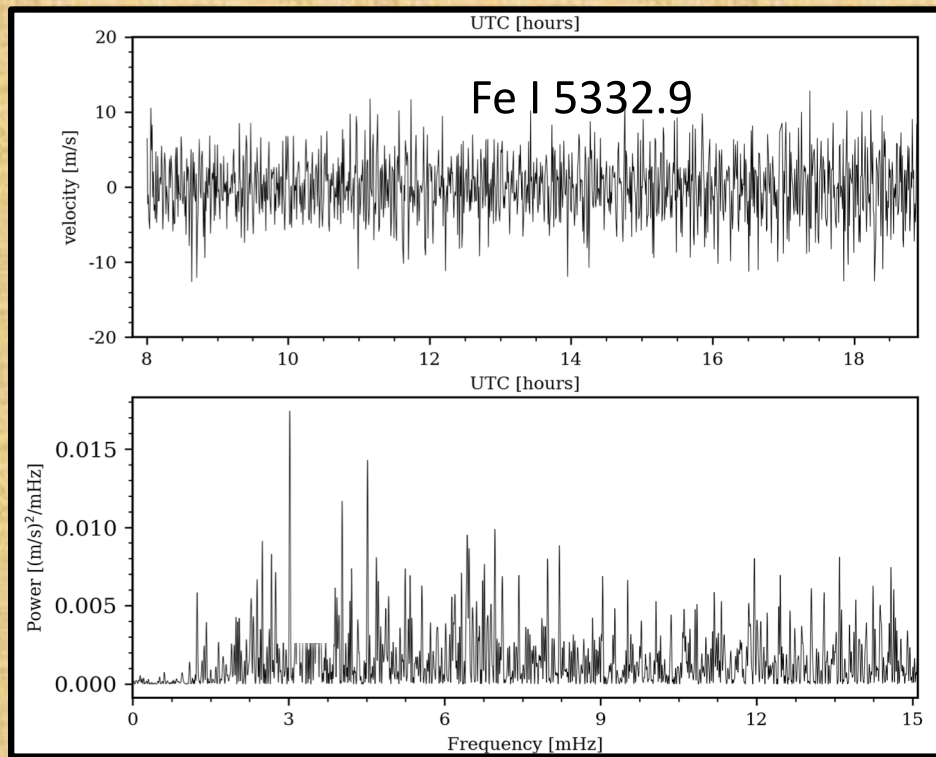
**Individual “chunk” : simultaneous time series at different selected wavelengths (interesting solar spectral lines)**



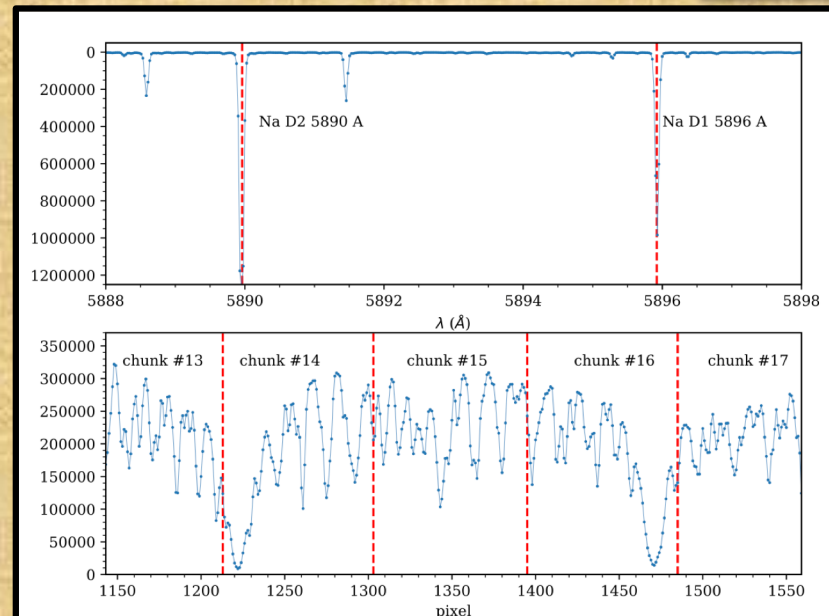
Response Functions (RFs) describe the effect that perturbations of a given physical parameter have in the emergent line intensity

$$RF_V(\lambda, s_i) = \frac{\delta I_{\pm, i}(\lambda)}{V \cdot \Delta S}$$





Work in progress...



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# A potential Solar Synoptic facility..

IAU Inter-Division B and E Working Group:

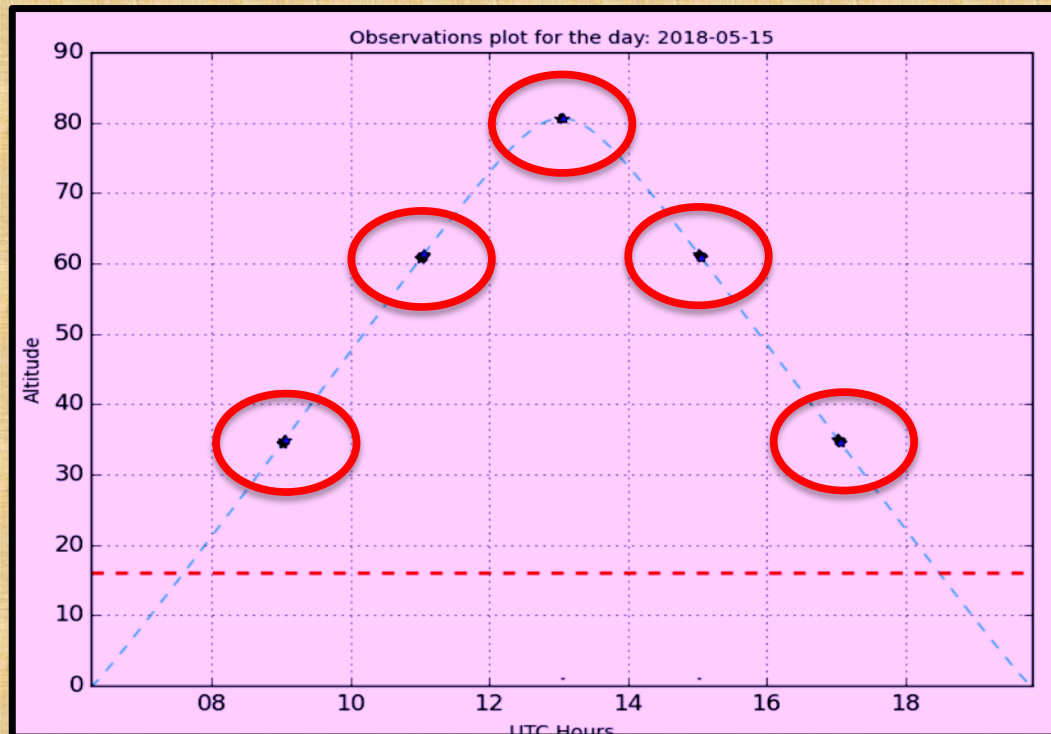
## **Coordination of Synoptic Observations of the Sun**

1. **Establishing "standard"** (IAU approved) time series of solar data (e.g., sunspot number time series, solar irradiance).
2. **Providing official support** (non-monetary, but via support letters, expressing group's opinion etc) for research in synoptic studies and new initiatives.
3. Discussing new funding/business models to ensure the long-term survival of data collection by synoptic facilities or solar data archives.
4. **Establishing closer synergies between synoptic facilities**
5. Discussing and defining data standards to ensure long-term coherency of (past) data sets.
6. Promoting a **better coordination in the data collection/observing activities** done nowadays for real-time continuous solar monitoring use.
7. Long-term preservation of past and current datasets
8. Establishing a better citation and traceability of data usage for important datasets.
9. Increasingly, solar synoptic observations are conducted by amateur astronomers.
10. **At the WG web page (<http://www.nso.edu/IAU-Com12>), we try compiling a list of conferences that could be of interest for the WG members and a list of existing synoptic programs.**

# The long-term Solar Synoptic program with Solar-SONG

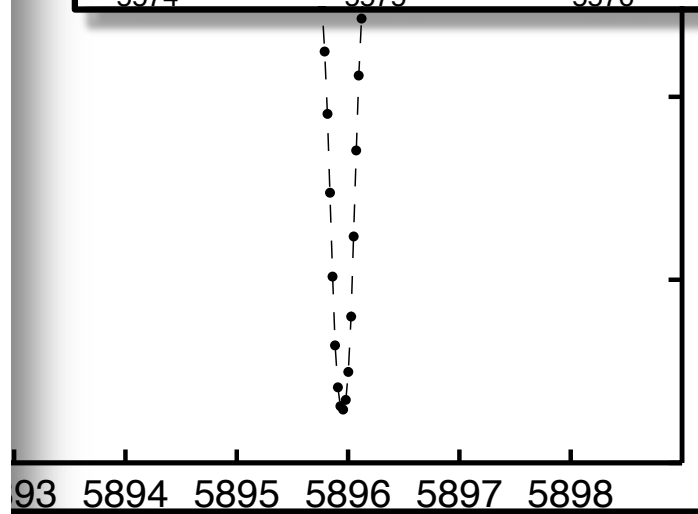
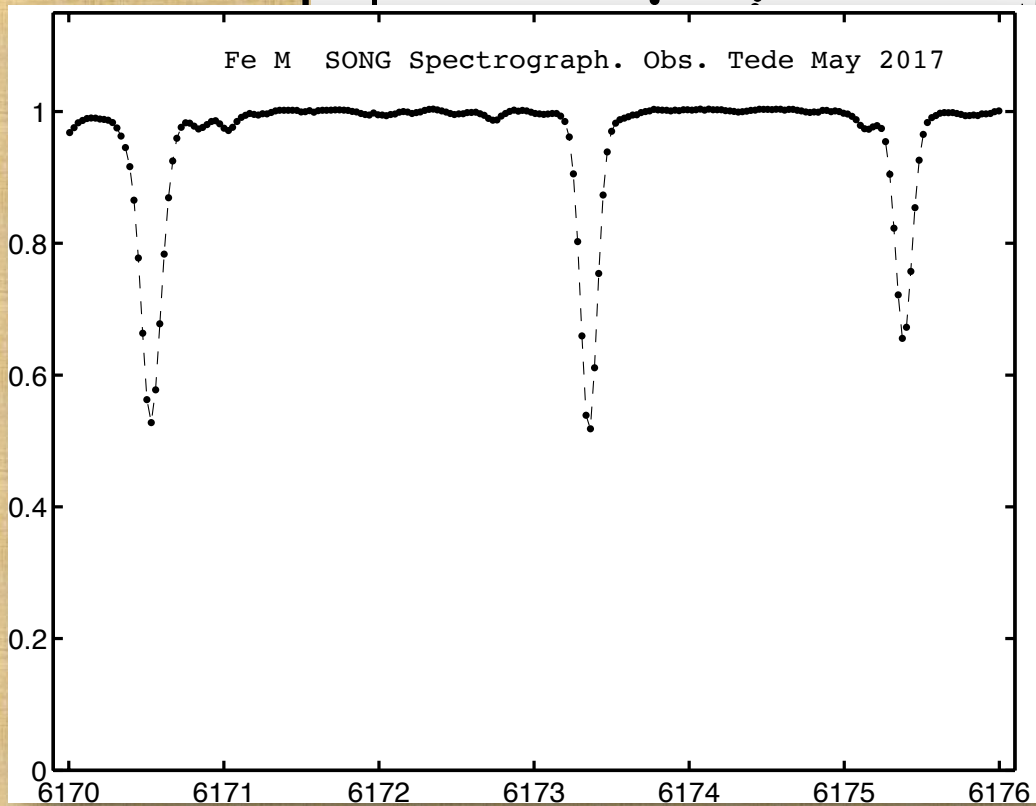
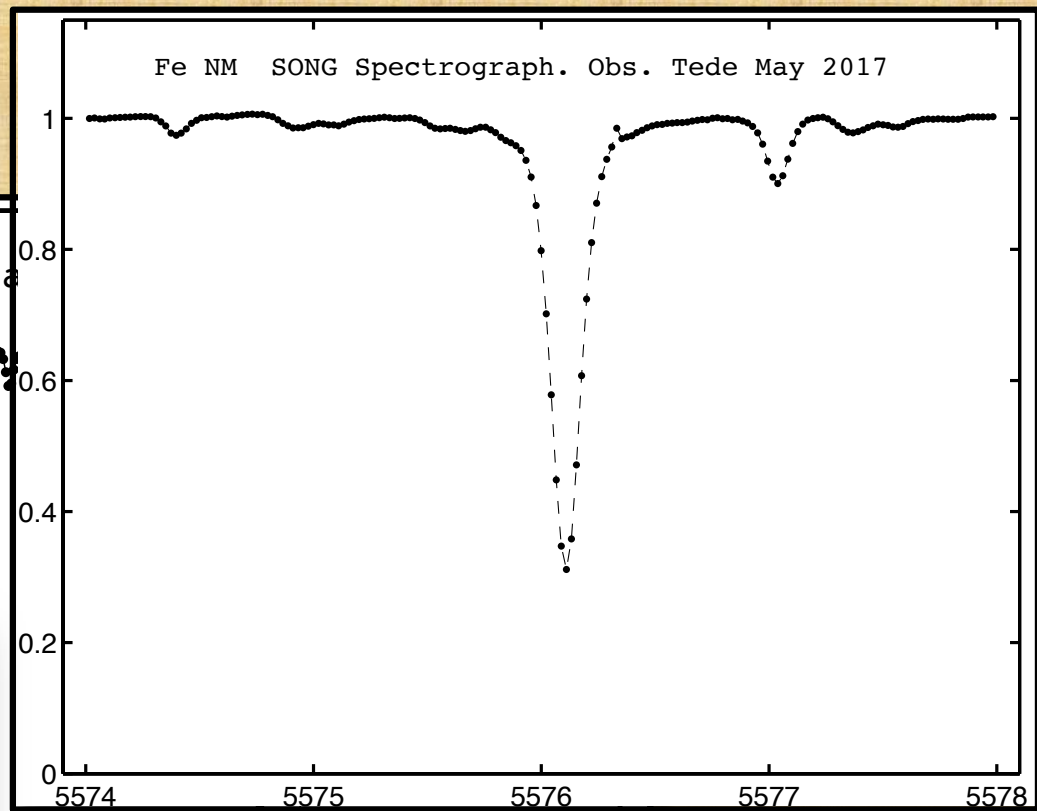
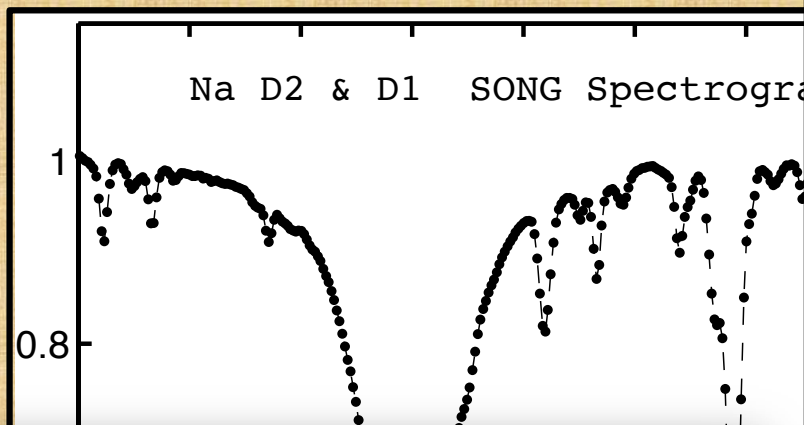
## Acquiring High-Res wavelength spectra (With & without I2)

- Totally flexible cadence of the observations (long-term Synoptic too)
- Selected best suited lines: magnetic and non-magnetic
- Ca II H & K lines not achievable (YET !!!)
- H-alpha, **Mn**, Na,..etc... ARE !!!
- **To derive and study different solar activity proxies**
- **Daily RV**



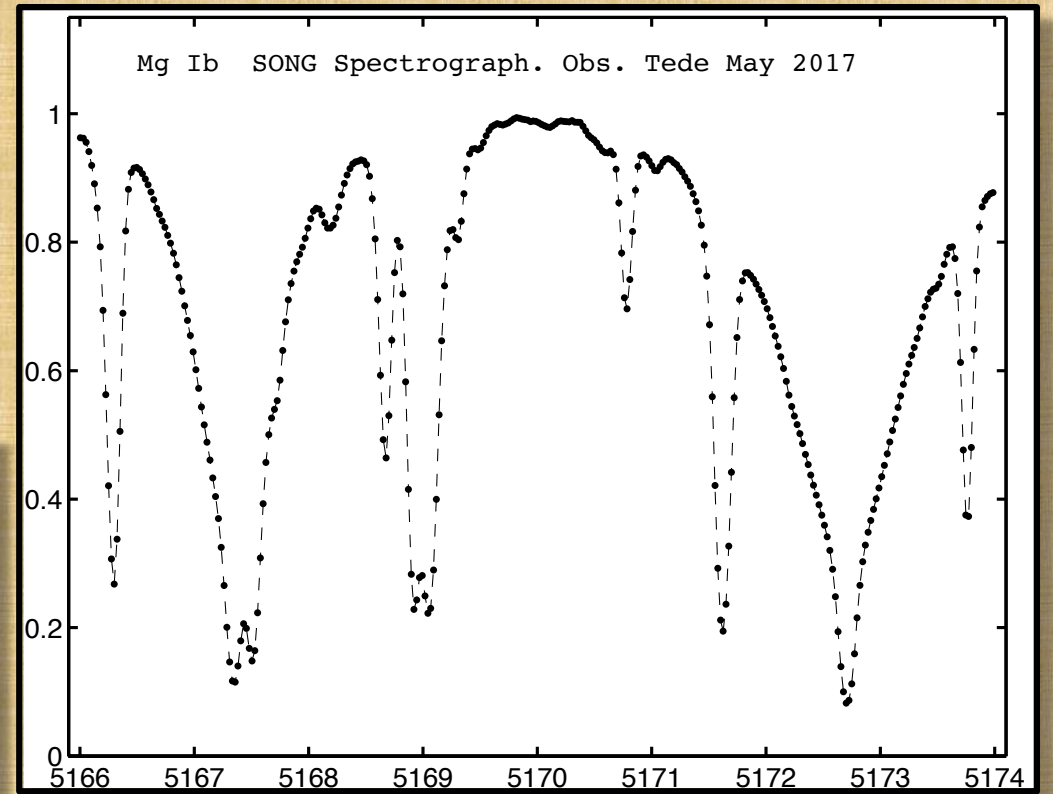
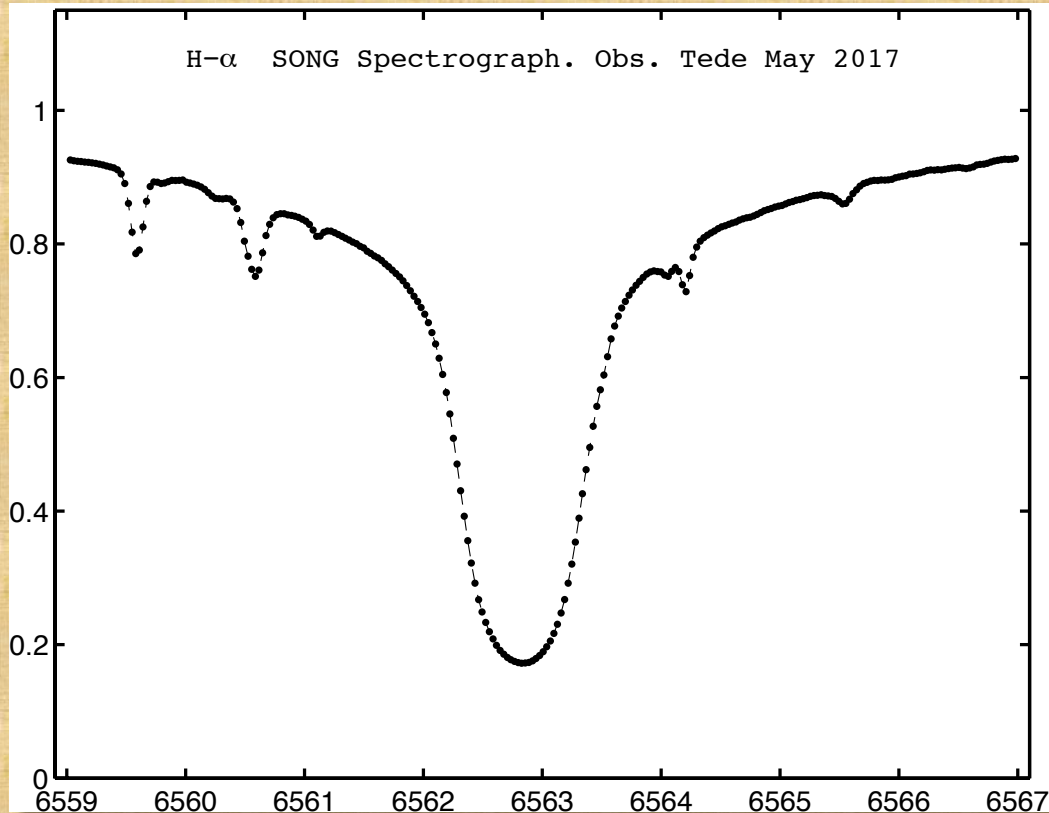
Actual routine (no manpower required)

- 2 x 20 solar spectra with & without
- 5 visits per day (flexible)



pic Lines

# Chromospheric Lines



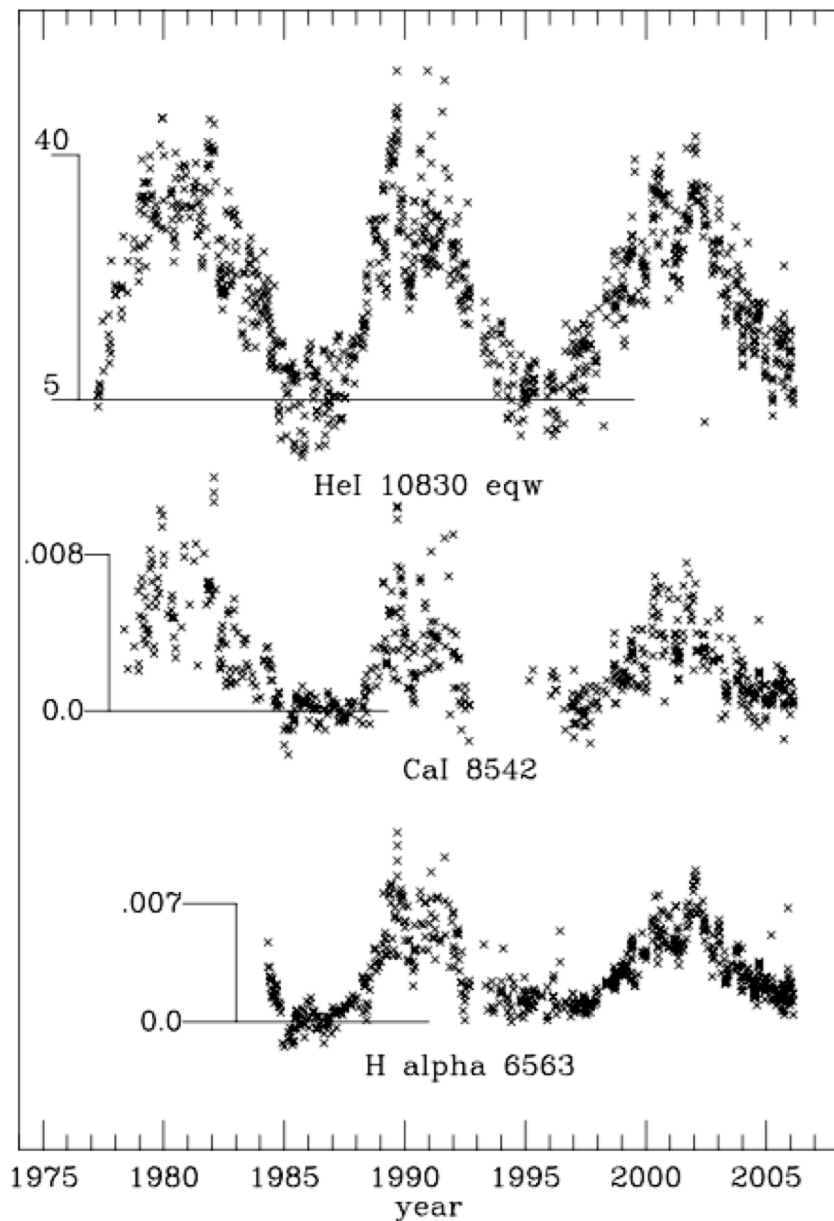


FIG. 11.—Variability of chromospheric lines from full disk measurements using the 13.5 m McMath-Pierce spectrograph. *Top*: He I 10830 equivalent width; *middle*: Ca II 8542 central depth (mean = 0.81); *bottom*: H $\alpha$  central depth (mean =

## H $\alpha$

GOOD SENSITIVITY  
TO BE USED AS A  
“PROXY” OF SOLAR  
MAGNETIC ACTIVITY

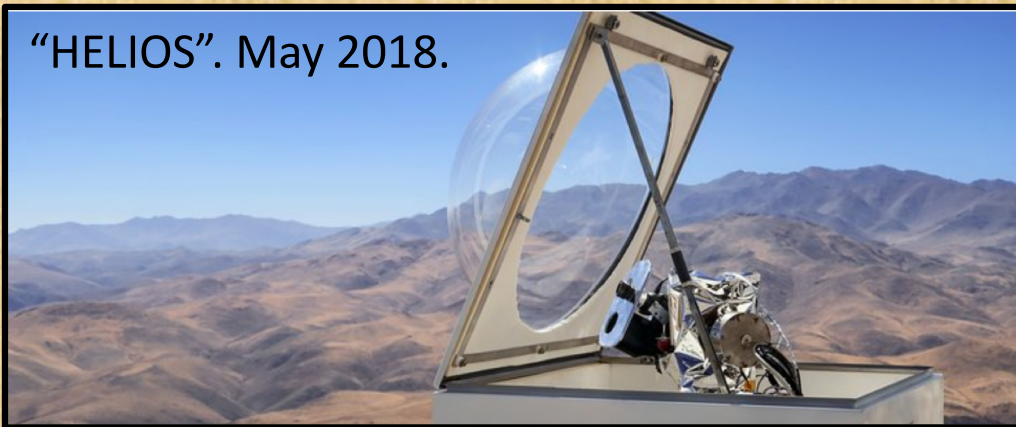
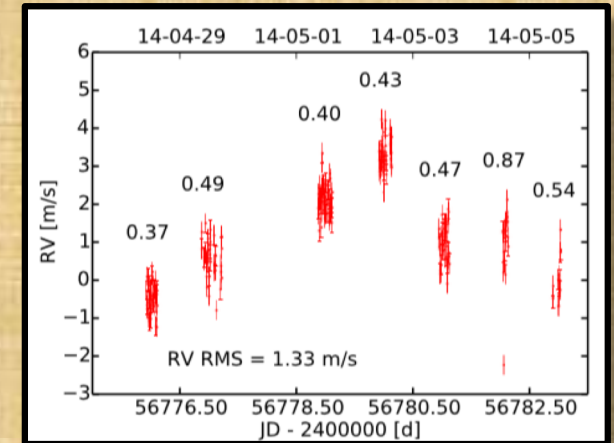


# Related and contemporary initiatives...

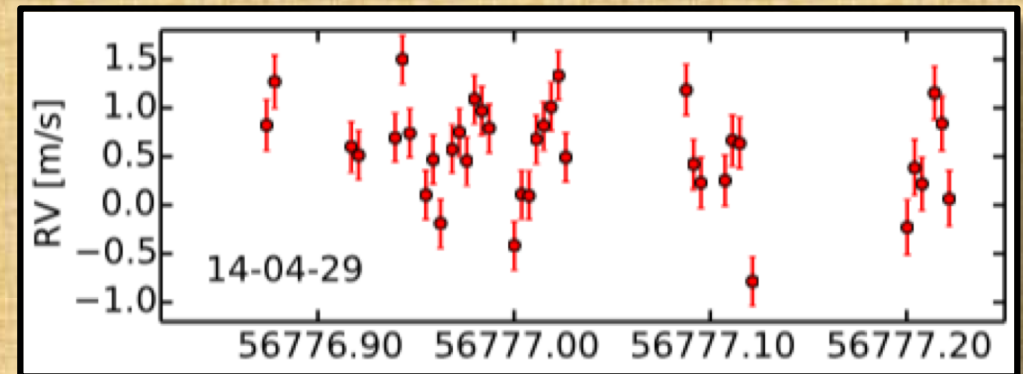
*Detection of an “Earth-like” will require a much better understanding of “our Sun like”..*



HARPS-N Solar Telescope. P.I. David F. Phillips  
Feeding HARPS-N (attached to La Palma TNG 3.6 m telescope)



“HELIOS” Solar Telescope. P.I: X. Dumusque  
Feedings HARPS (attached to La Silla ESO 3.6 m telescope)



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Science with SONG: 4 more years

## Way forward.....

- Lessons learned from our first run (i.e., better solar tracker-guiding, review FO assembly, ..)
- The “second” node of Solar-SONG. Mt. Kent. Australia (winter 2019-20 ??)
- Helioseismology at different heights on the solar atmosphere (“chunk” analysis)
- Assessment of the Synoptic Program ( )
- Design study for polarimetric unit ( aimed to measure Hanle signal induced by Sun’s global dipole [ \* ])

\* [Vieu, Martínez González, Asensio Ramos, & Pastor Yabar 2017, MNRAS]

## Conclusion

SONG is ready to extend its science capabilities to some domains of Solar Physics such as Helioseismology, synoptic observations to obtain solar activity proxies and, perhaps, also polarimetry (under study).

Thanks for your attention... !!!

