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- Space-based (solar) telescopes provide with science-ready data to the scientific community

This translates into the use and re-use of data ⇒  
high scientific output

(backed-up by a high number of publications)

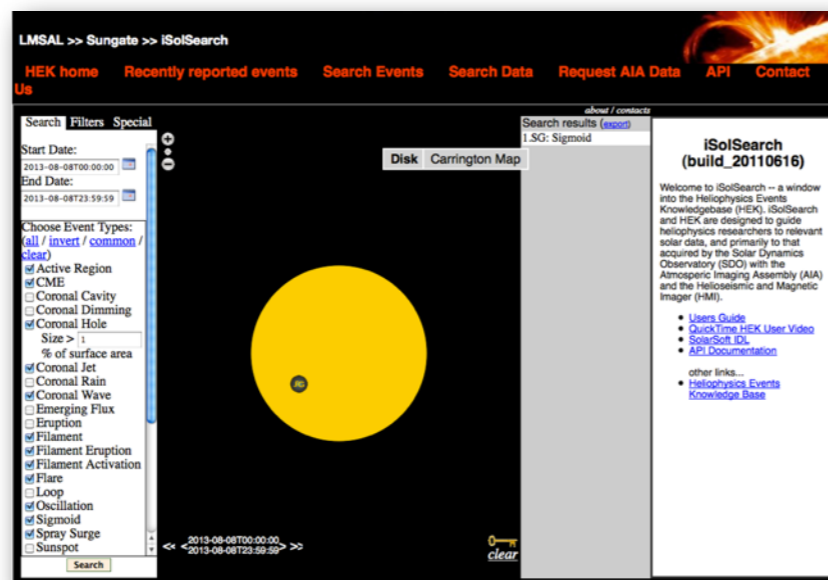
- This is still not the case for ground-based solar observatories.. for which the PI-mode is still in use

- There is a need to make data discovery easy & to distribute data, especially, for ground-based observations

## Data archives, e.g., VSO



## Event searching, e.g., HEK



## Browsing tools, e.g., (j)Helioviewer





# Next generation 4m-class ground-based solar telescopes

- Next generation ground-based solar observatories  
(US) DKIST & (European) EST 4m-class telescopes

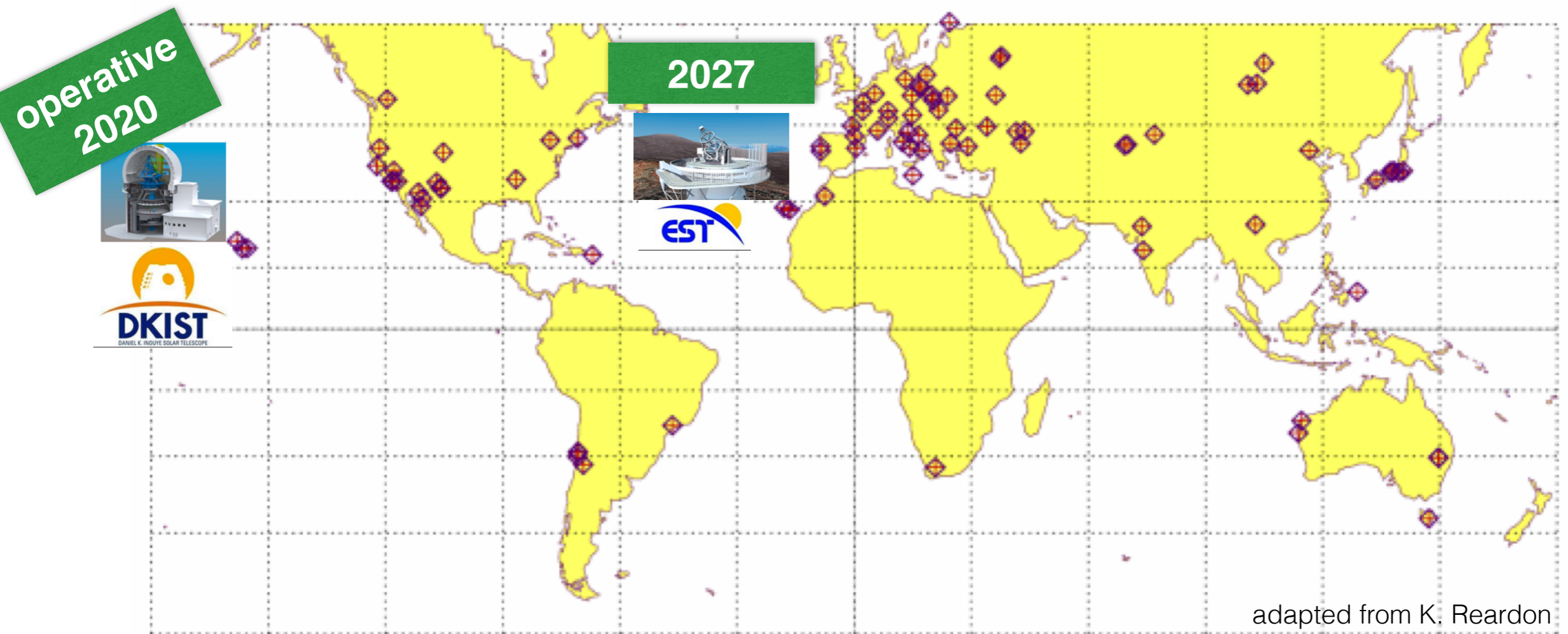
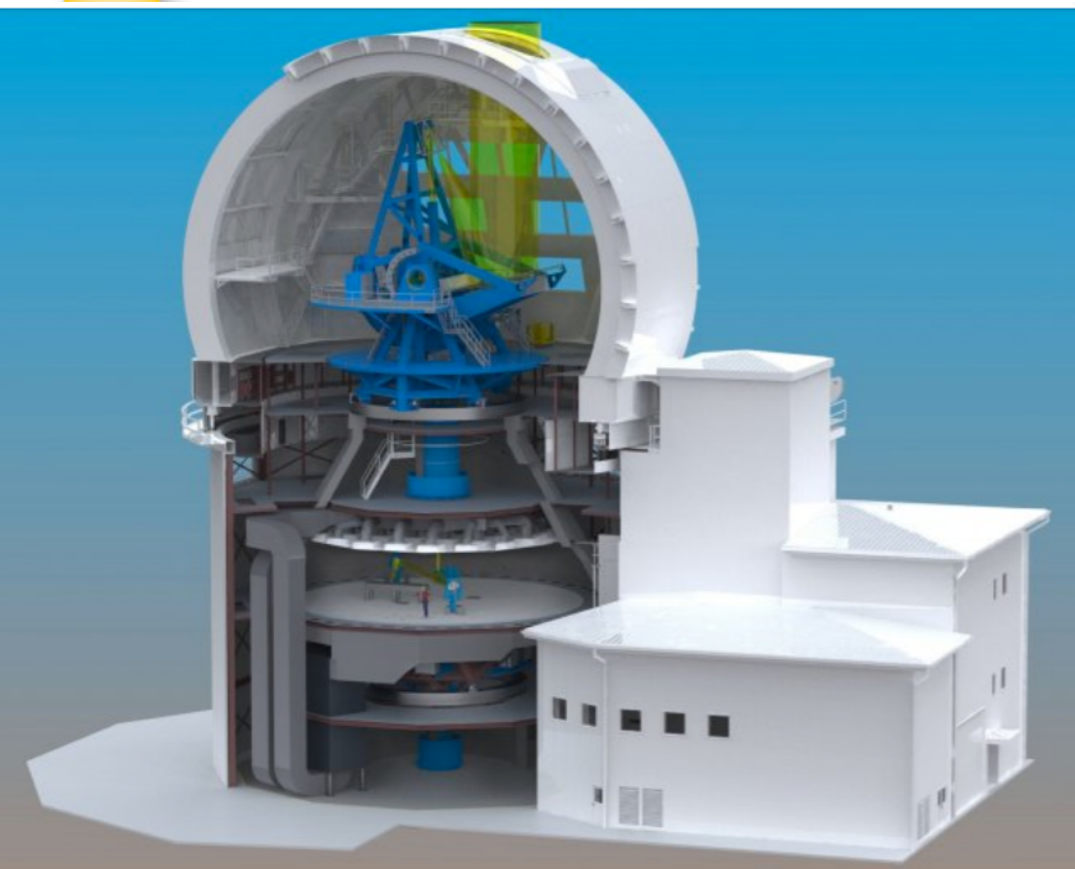


Fig. 1: The distribution of the observatories around the globe.

# Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope DKIST





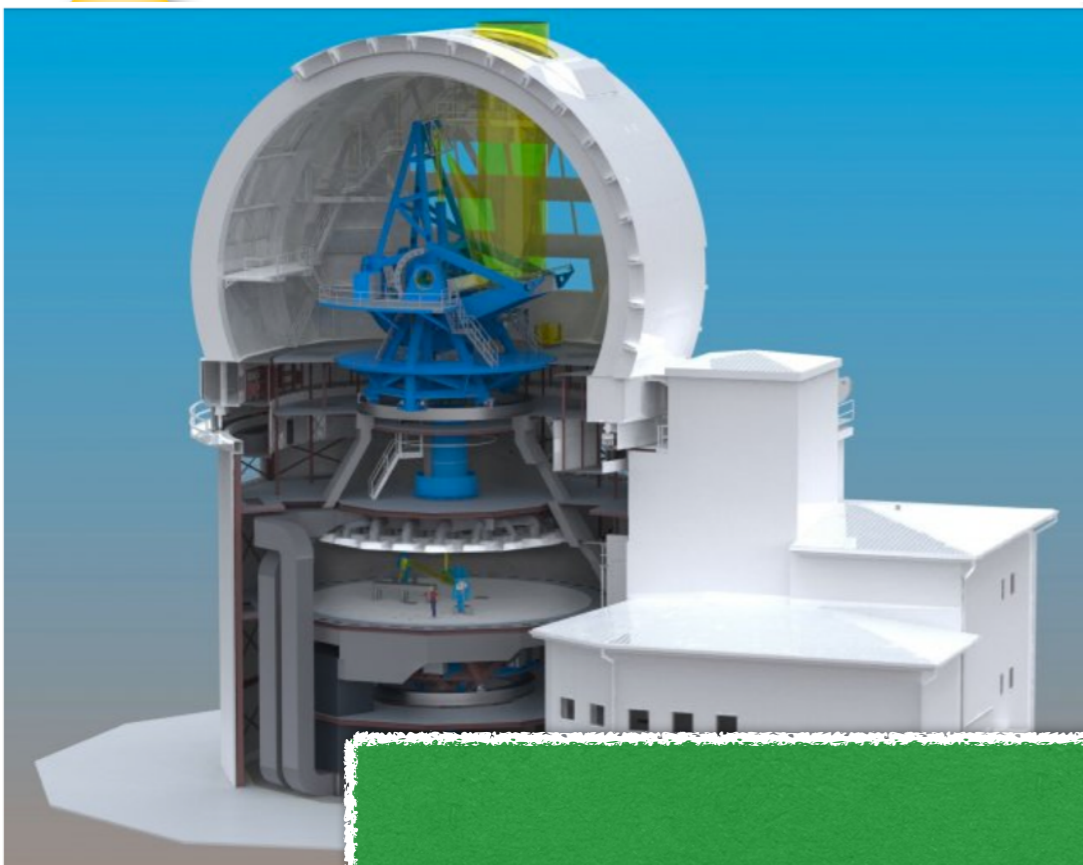
## Haleakala Obs., Maui



DKIST is a 4m solar telescope facility under construction by the (US) National Solar Observatory atop the Haleakala volcano in Maui

In operation on mid 2020, it will be the world's largest solar telescope





KIS (Germany) is contributing to the DKIST project with the *Visible Tunable Filter (VTF)* post-focus instrument, a 2D spectro-polarimeter



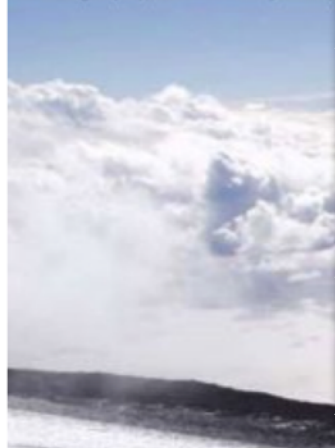
European contribution

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Haleakala

Rendering of proposed ATST facility at the



- The upcoming ground-based large solar telescopes + new post-focus instrumentation (detectors) → vast increase of the data volume

Example: expected DKIST data stream

DKIST Instrument	Detectors	Hourly Data Volume
<b>VBI</b>	1 x 4096 x 4096 detector, 30 fps	<b>6.5 TB/hour</b>
<b>ViSP</b>	4 x 4096 x 4096 detector, 12.5/6.25 fps	<b>2.1 TB/hour</b>
<b>VTF</b>	3 x 4096 x 4096 detector, 10 fps	<b>8.6 TB/hour</b>
<b>DL-NIRSP</b>	4 x 2048 x 2048 detector, 12.5/6.25 fps	<b>1.8 TB/hour</b>
<b>Cryo</b>		

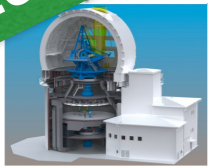
**~ 160 x increased data volume!**

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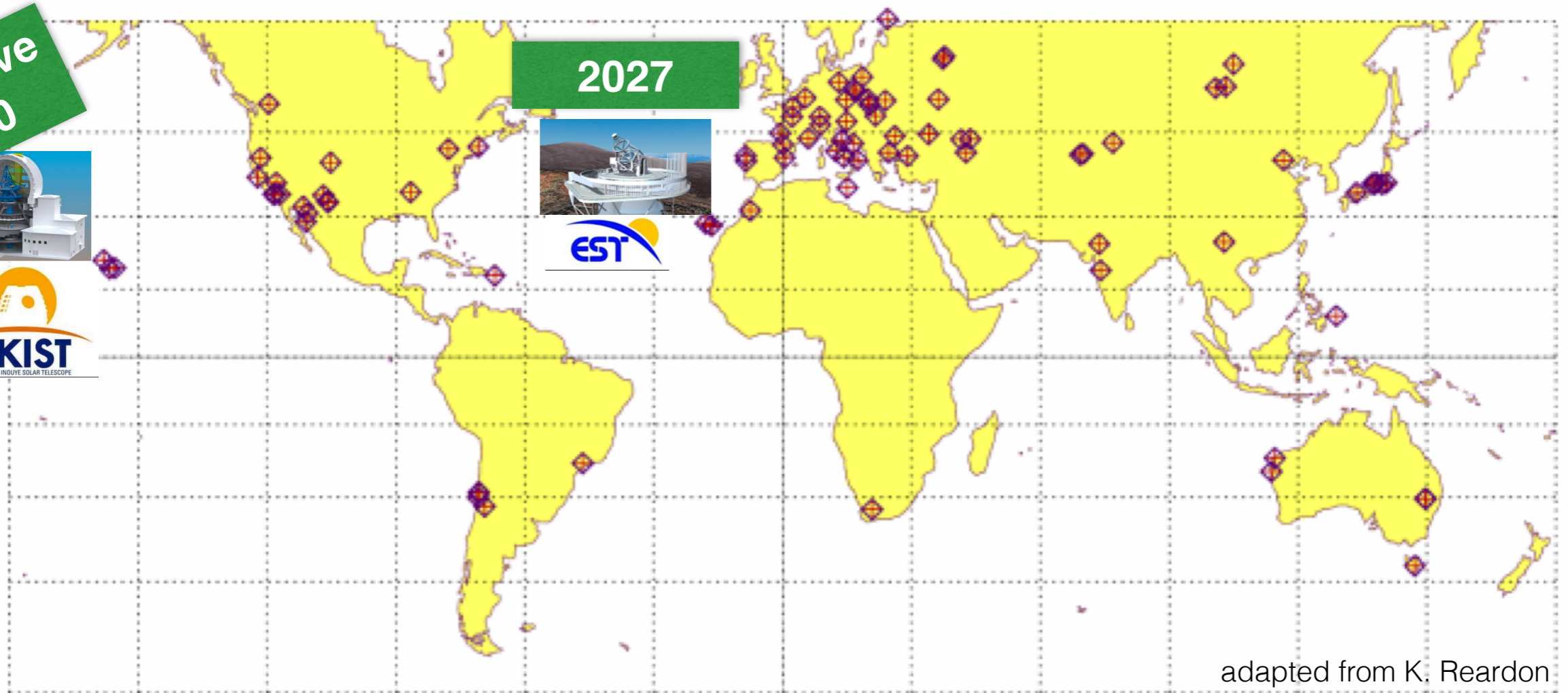


**The experience with VTF/DKIST data handling  
will be essential to get ready for EST**

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adapted from K. Reardon

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# European Solar Telescope

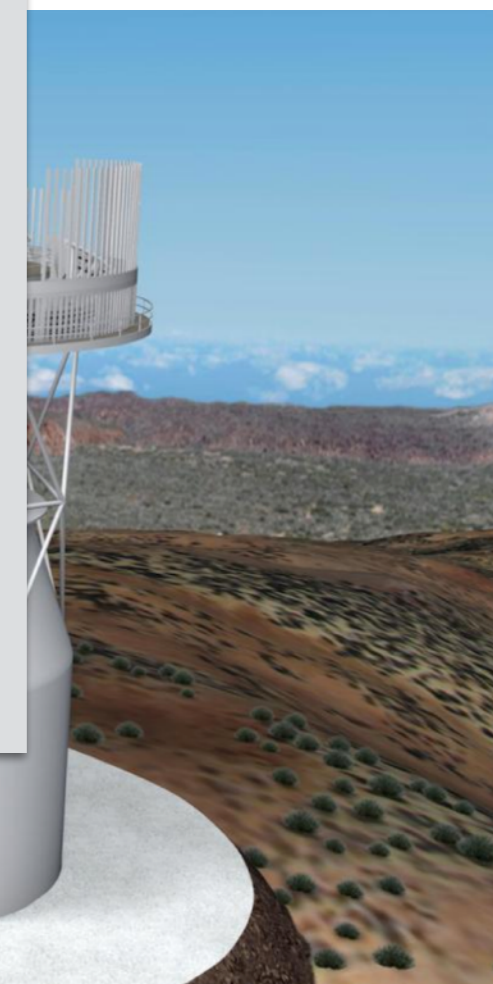
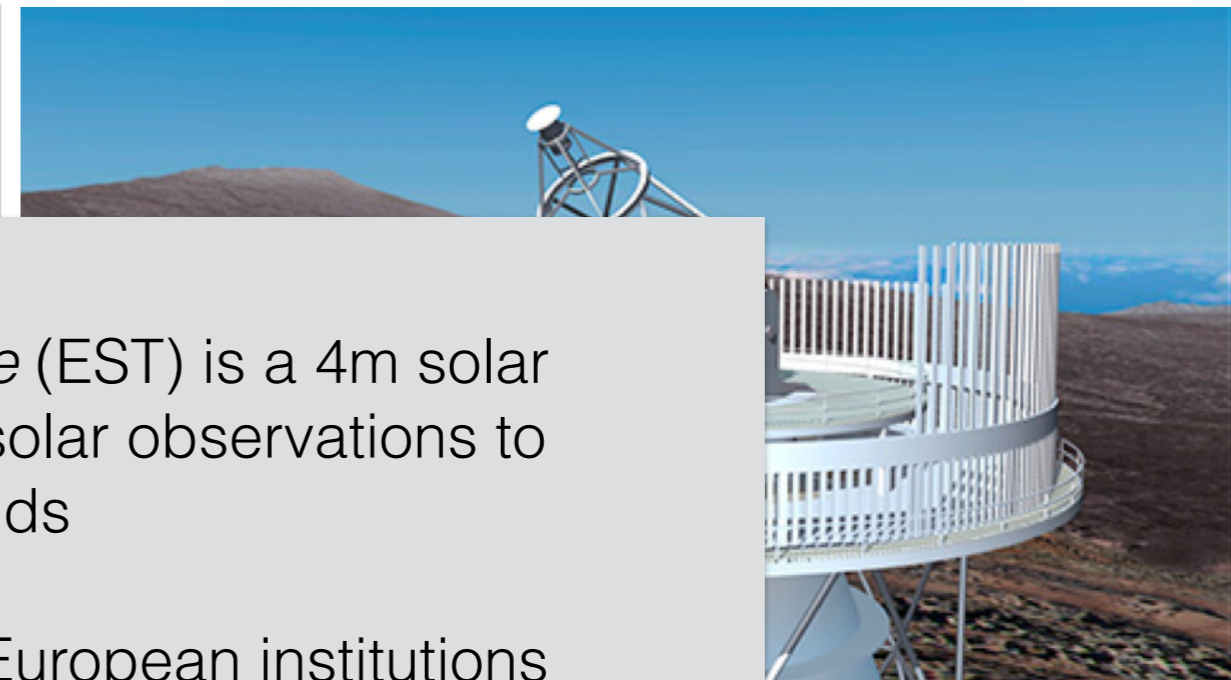
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The *European Solar Telescope* (EST) is a 4m solar telescope for high-resolution solar observations to be located in the Canary Islands

The EST project engages 15 European institutions lead by the IAC (Spain) and KIS (Germany)

The (3 years) conceptual design study conducted by research institutions and industrial companies was finalised in May 2011

It was co-financed by the European Commission under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7)


















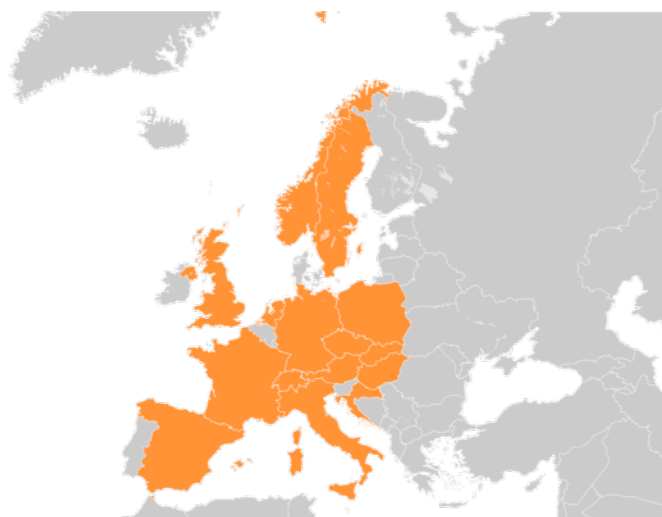
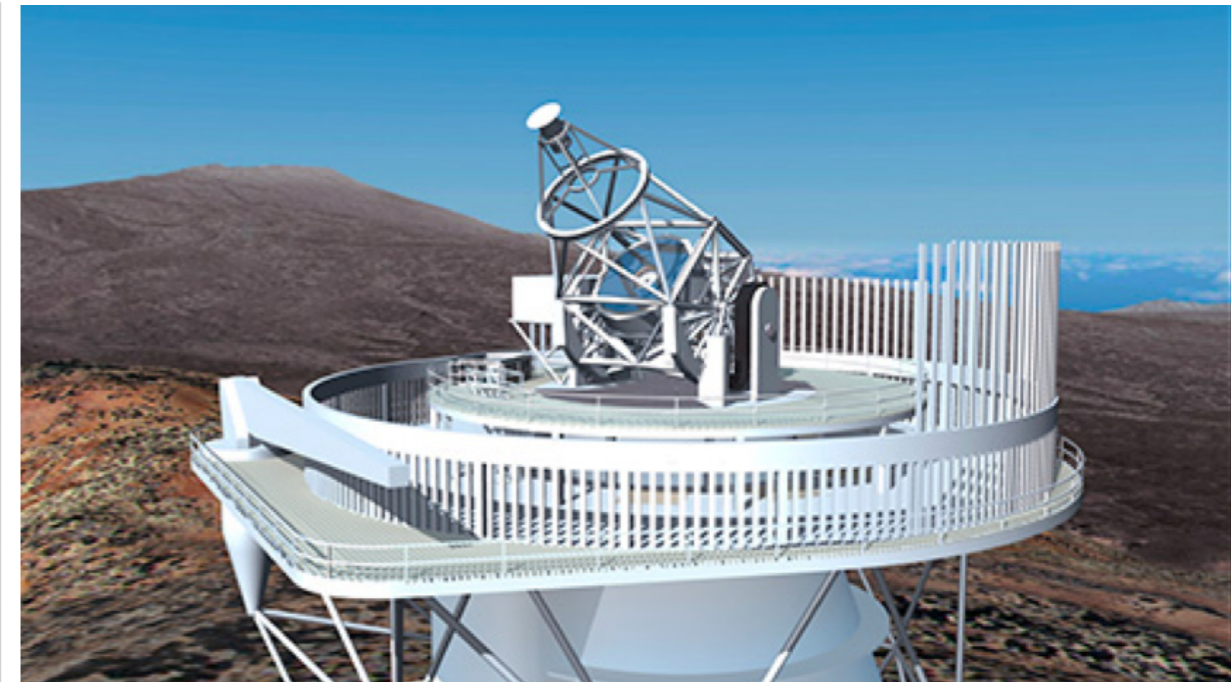
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**WEBSITE**  
<http://www.est-east.eu/>



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KIS	Kiepenheuer-Institut für Sonnenphysik		Freiburg
UniDeb	Heliophysical Observatory Debrecen		Debrecen
INAF	Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica		Rome
UU	Utrecht University, Sterrekundig Instituut		Utrecht
ITA	Institute of Theoretical Astrophysics		Oslo
IA UW	Astronomical Institute of the Wrocław University		Wrocław
AISAS	Astronomical Institute of the Slovak, Academy of Sciences		Tatranská Lomnica
IAC	Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias		La Laguna
SU	The Institute for Solar Physics		Stockholm
IRSOL	Istituto Ricerche Solari		Locarno
UCL-MSSL	University College London - MSSL		London



#### TIMELINE

- ESFRI Roadmap entry: 2016
- Preparation phase: 2011-2019
- Construction phase: 2019-2025
- Operation start: 2026

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

- Capital value: Not Available
- Preparation: 10 M€
- Construction: 200 M€
- Operation: 9 M€/year

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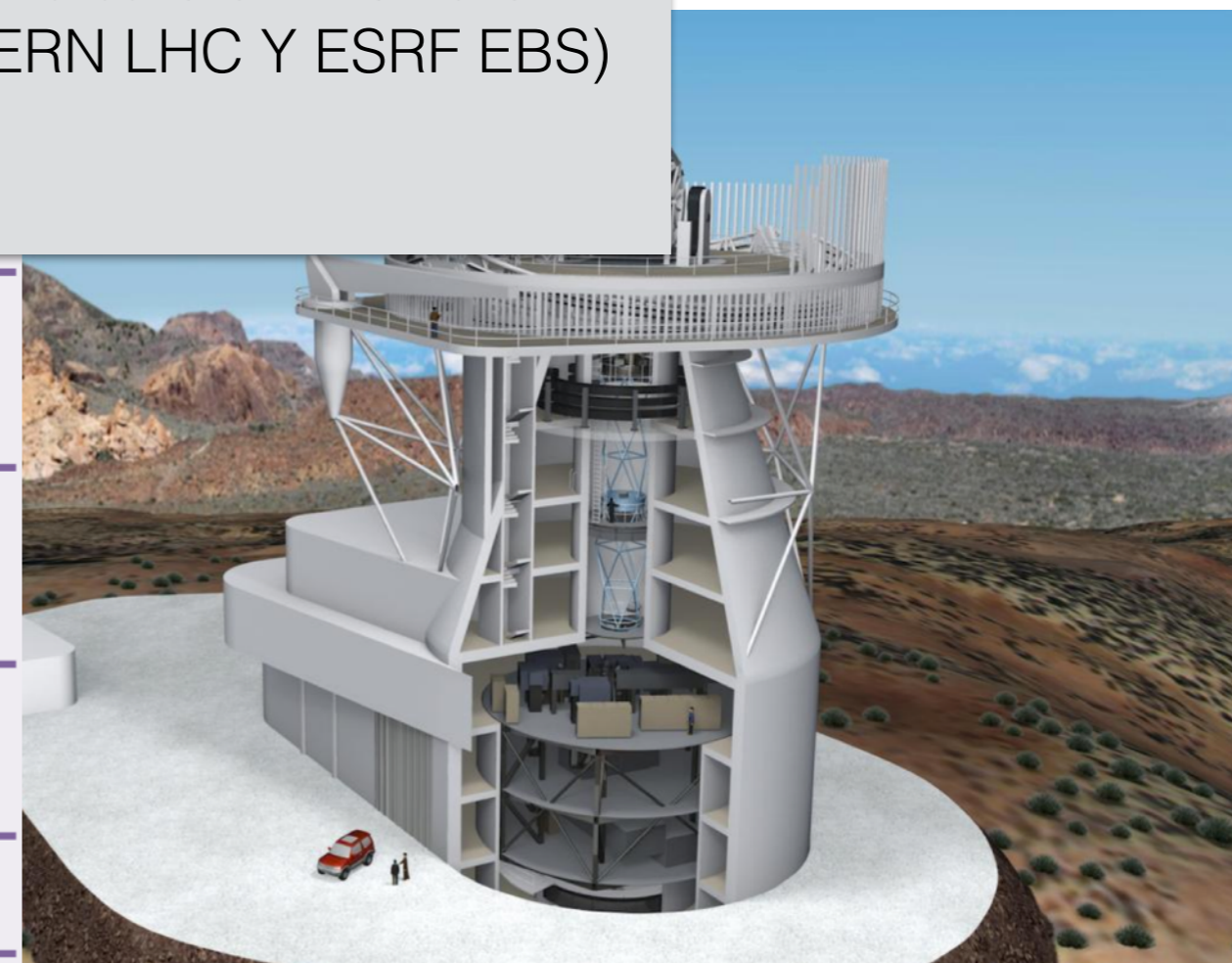
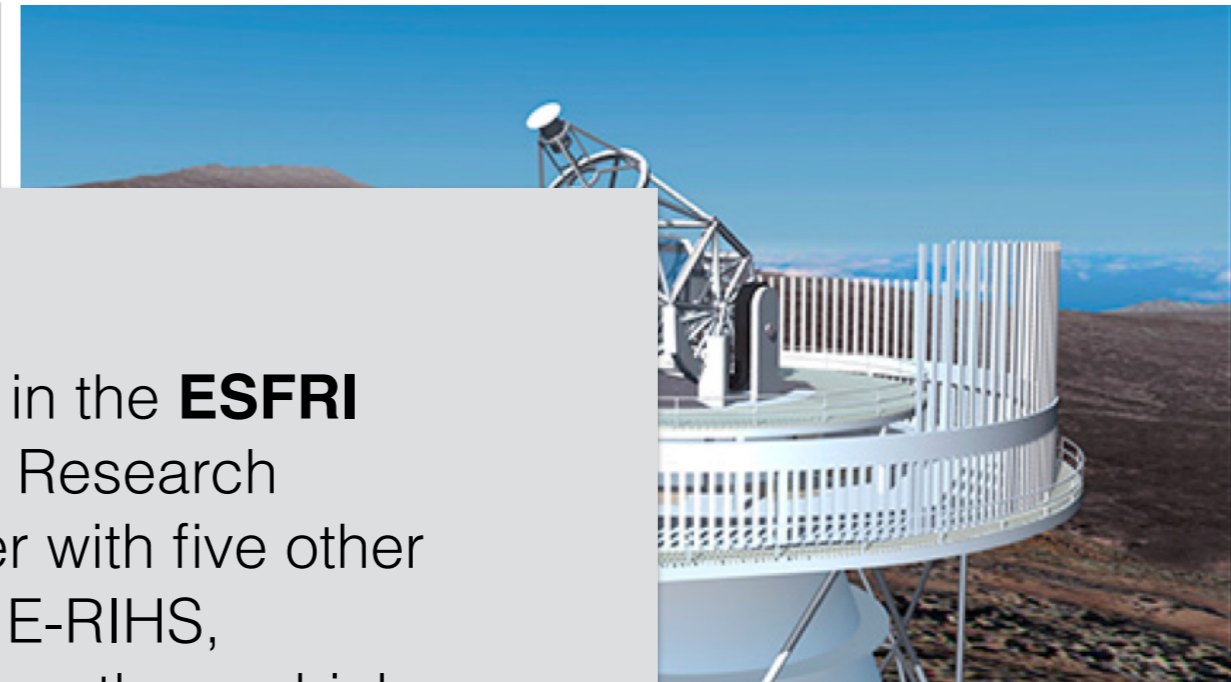
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In March 2016, EST was included in the **ESFRI** (Forum for a European Strategy in Research Infrastructures) route map, together with five other projects (ACTRIS, DANUBIUS-RI, E-RIHS, EMPHASIS Y KM3NeT 2.0) and two others which are considered to be emblematic (CERN LHC Y ESRF EBS)



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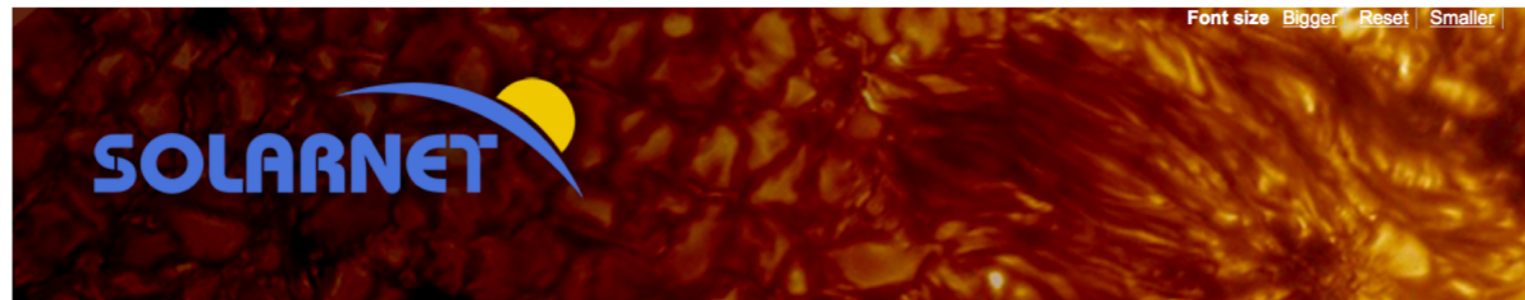
The EST project is driving other projects..





**EST Design Study**  
(2008 - 2011)

ESFRI road map update 2016:  
**EST included as ESFRI project**



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SOLARNET brings together and integrates the major European research infrastructures in the field of high-resolution solar physics, in order to promote their coordinated use and development. This network involves all pertinent European research institutions, infrastructures, and data repositories. Together, these represent first-class facilities. The additional participation by private companies and non-European research institutions maximizes the impact on the world-wide scale.

Networking activities, access to first-class infrastructures and joint research and development activities are being carried out in SOLARNET to improve, in quantity and quality, the service provided by this European community.

### In summary, SOLARNET involves:

More than 500 solar physics researchers.  
32 partners from 16 countries: 24 EU research institutions; 6 EU private companies; 2 USA research institutions.



SOLARNET Project achievements will be of paramount relevance to contribute towards the realisation of the 4m [European Solar Telescope \(EST\)](#).

## Latest News

- ▶ April 20, 2016. 4th SOLARNET Workshop "Solar Eruptive Events: Observations and Modelling" (London, April 20-23, 2016).
- ▶ April 13, 2016. 4th SOLARNET School Started Today in London.
- ▶ March 10, 2016. The EST in ESFRI Roadmap 2016.
- ▶ Feb. 3, 2016. SOLARNET Announcement of Opportunity. Mobility Programme of Young Researchers. DEADLINE: March 15th, 2016.

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## Agenda

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## Coming Events

- June 20, 2016  
[IRIS-6 Workshop: The Solar Chromosphere](#)
- June 26, 2016  
[SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation](#)
- July 04, 2016  
[EWASS 2016](#)
- July 30, 2016  
[41st COSPAR Scientific Assembly](#)
- August 29, 2016  
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- September 05, 2016  
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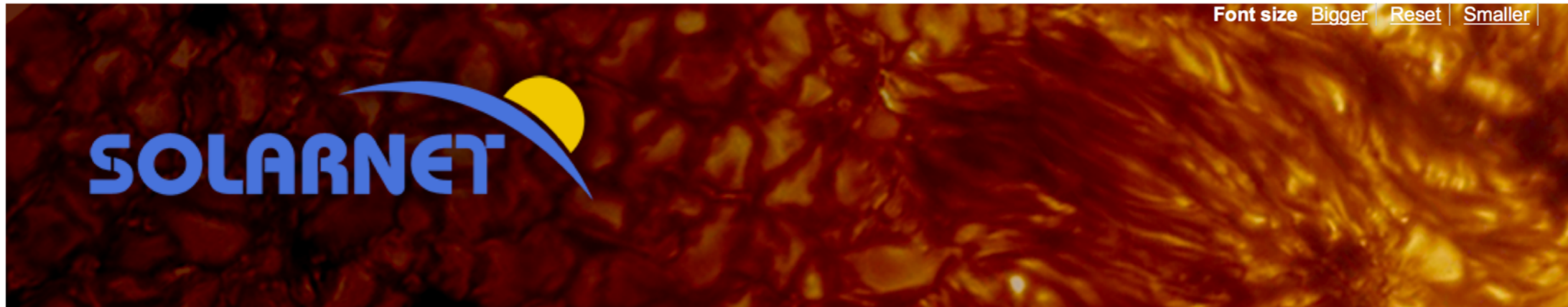
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SOLARNET integrated the major research infrastructures in high-res solar physics

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## Joint Research Activities



The following joint research activities will be carried out to improve the service provided by owners/operators of research infrastructures for research on solar physics:

### WP50. Tools for Innovative Data Handling: Pipelines, Databases & SVO

Develop data-reduction pipelines for the most important European ground-based high resolution solar instruments. Enhancement of observational procedures for increased productivity and easier coobserving and combination of data. The pipelines will produce data and meta-data fulfilling the requirements of a Solar Virtual Observatory (SVO). A SVO archive prototype will be implemented.

### WP60. Advanced Instrumentation Development

Development of instrumentation to improve the existing solar telescopes and with possible application to the future large aperture solar telescopes. The instrumentation developments included in this WP are the following: large diameter FPIs (100 to 300mm), image slicer for 2D spectroscopy, microlens-fed spectrograph and Fast Imaging Polarimeter.

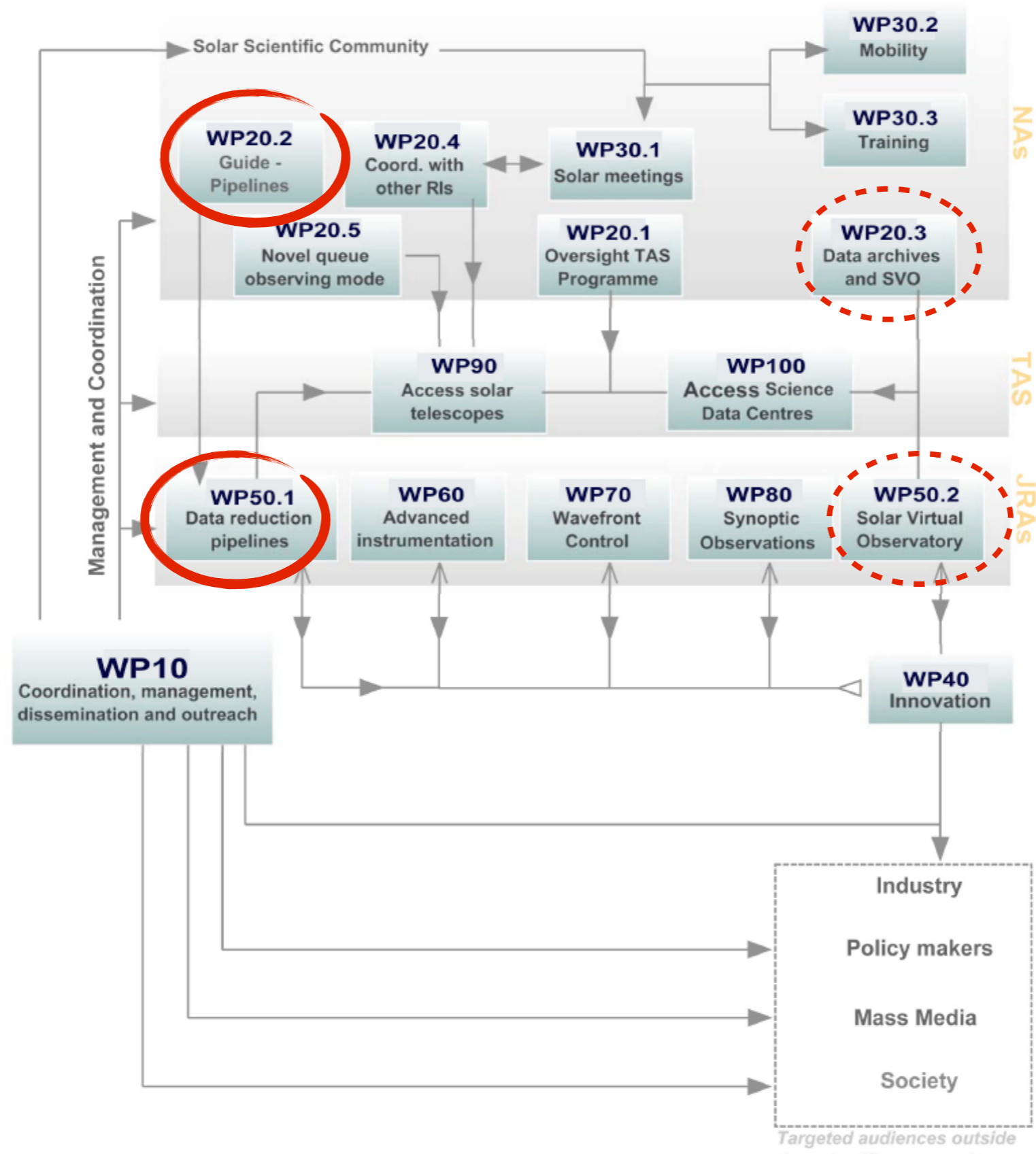
#### WP60.2 Image Slicers for 2D spectroscopy

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# Challenges in data search & data discovery from solar observations

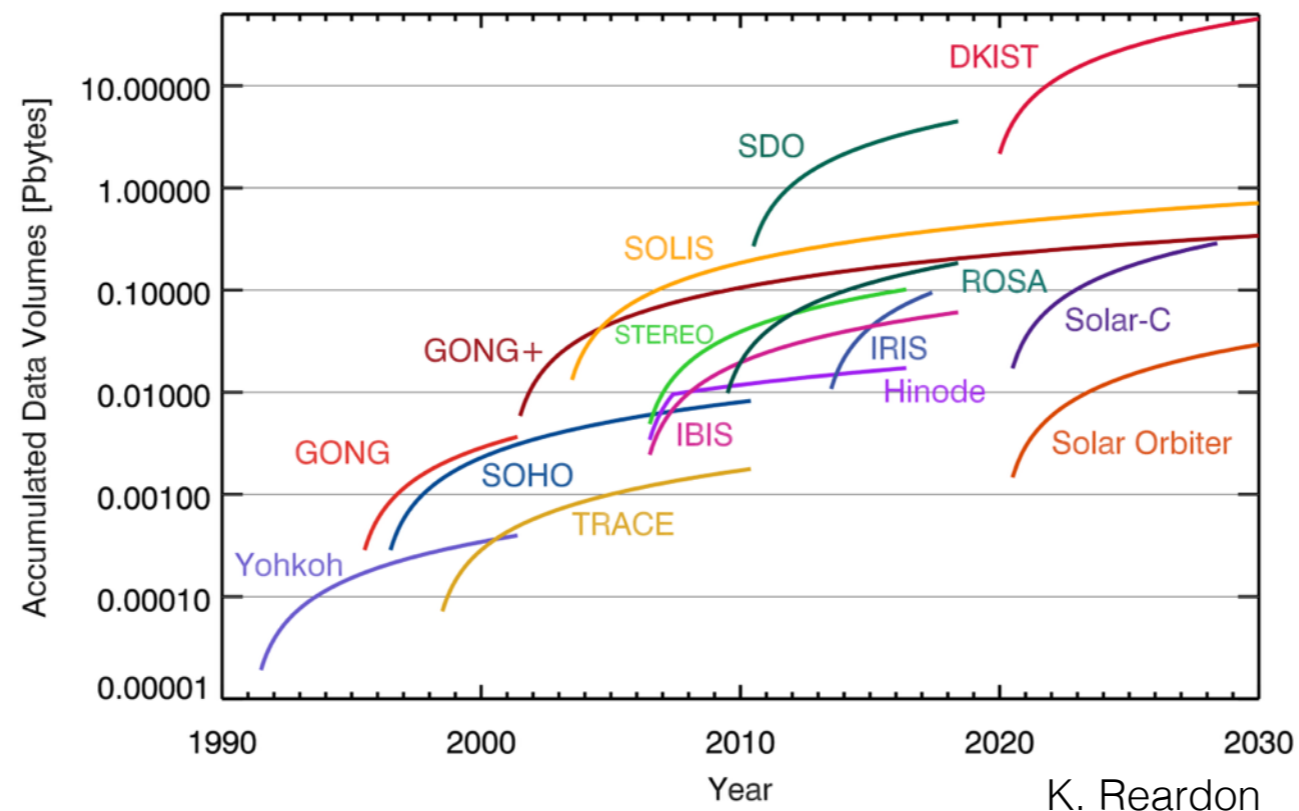
Traditionally, solar observation archives and VOs have been used primarily to locate data from data sets that researchers have already known existed, namely from space-based solar observatories

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However, the number of data sets available has grown, and will continue to grow as an increasing amount of data flow from **ground-based** observations are made and will be available

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The use of multi-instrument analysis of solar phenomena has grown over the last decade, but the ability of solar VOs to locate multi-instrument observations has **not** grown with it

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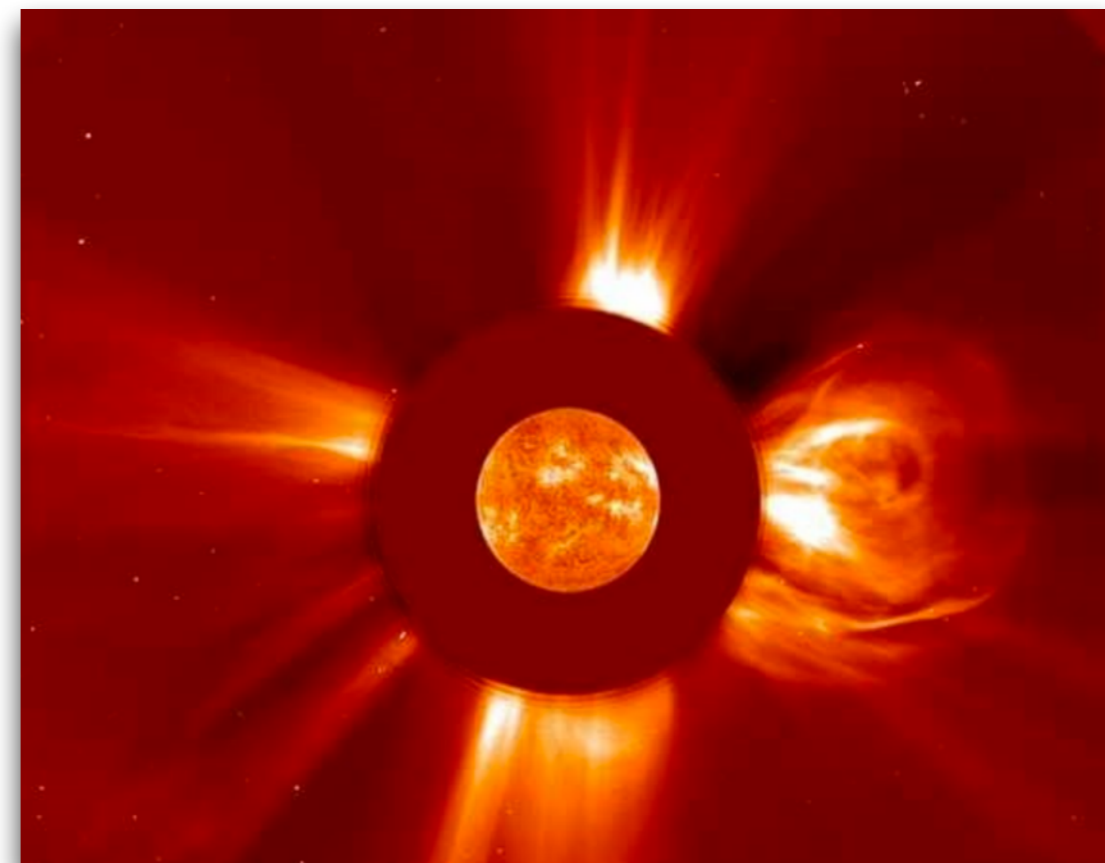


An **ideal** Solar Virtual Observatory (SVO) should be able to find sets of successful observations matching a hypothetical ideal observation proposal:

joint observations of specific targets/events from multiple instruments

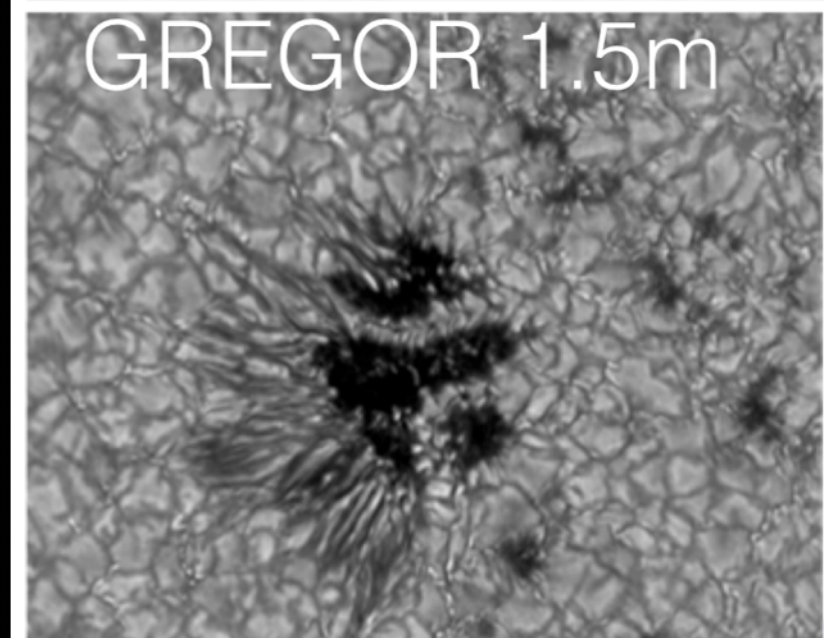
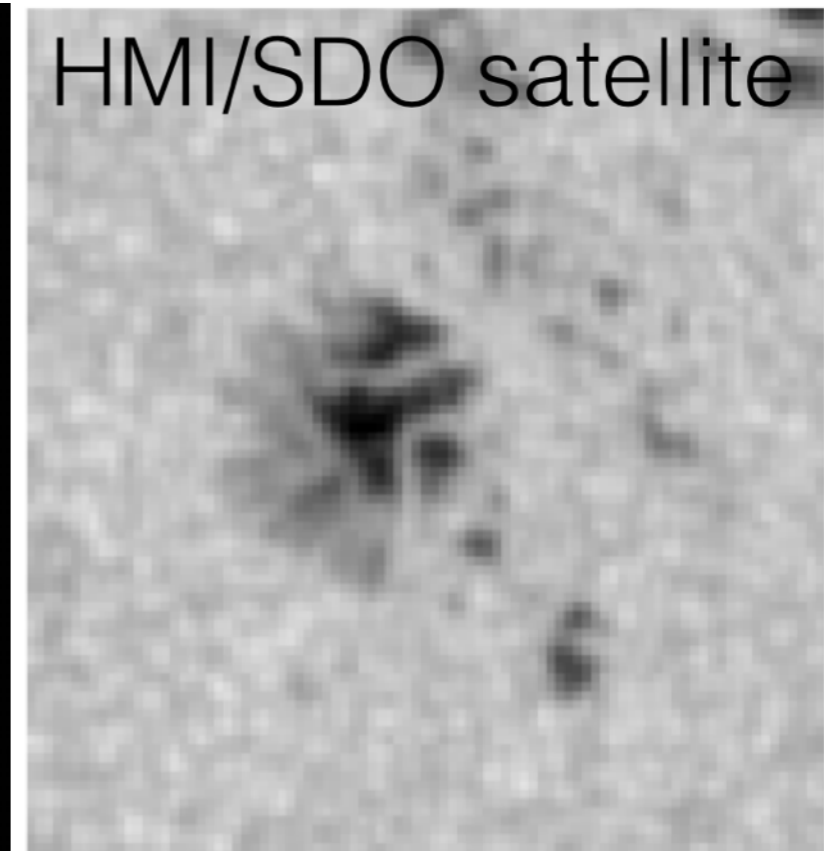
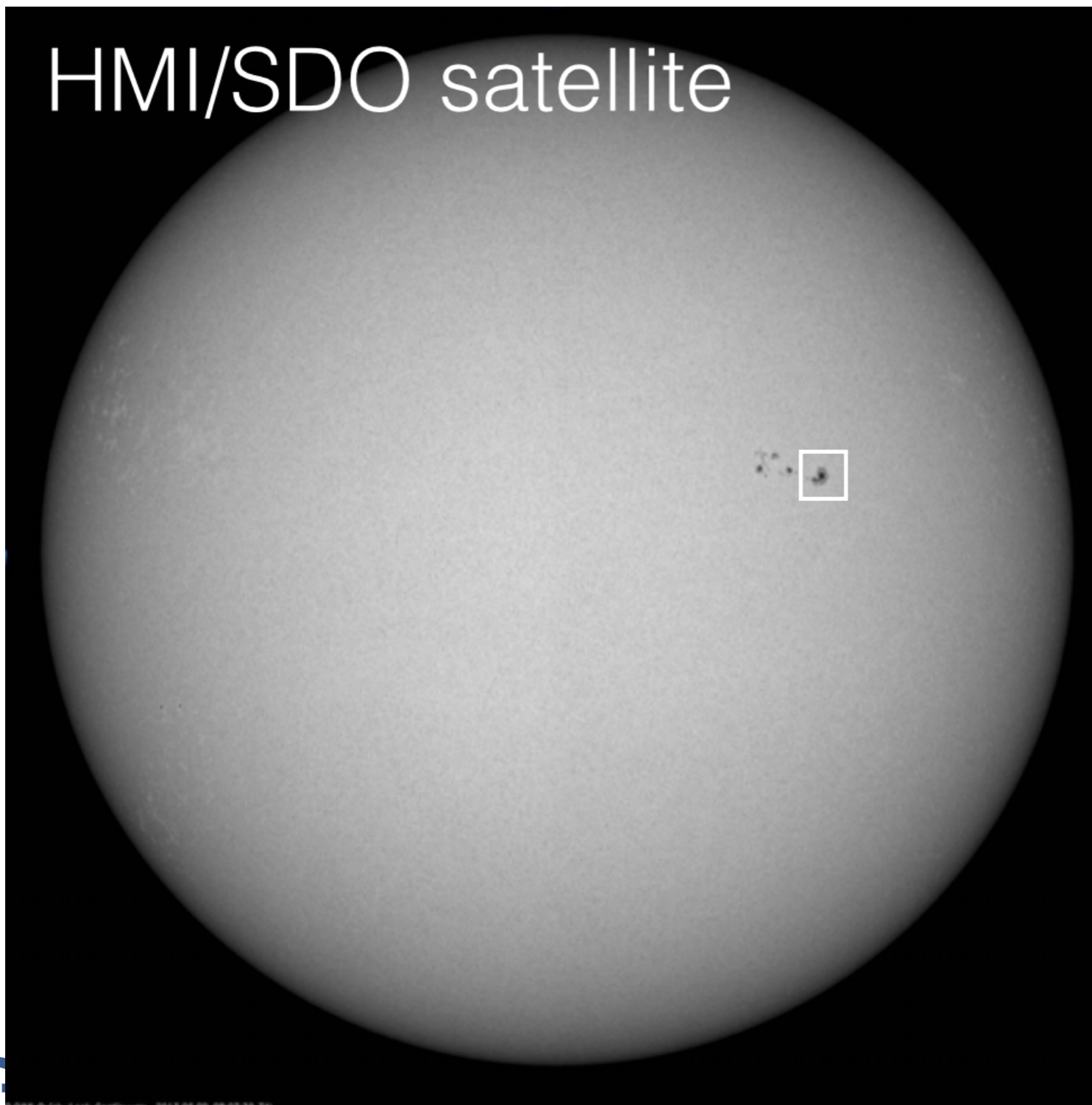
Such a scenario may even involve observations that do not overlap in time, e.g., solar disc observations of events vs. *in situ* observations of particles/shocks/interactions at a later time

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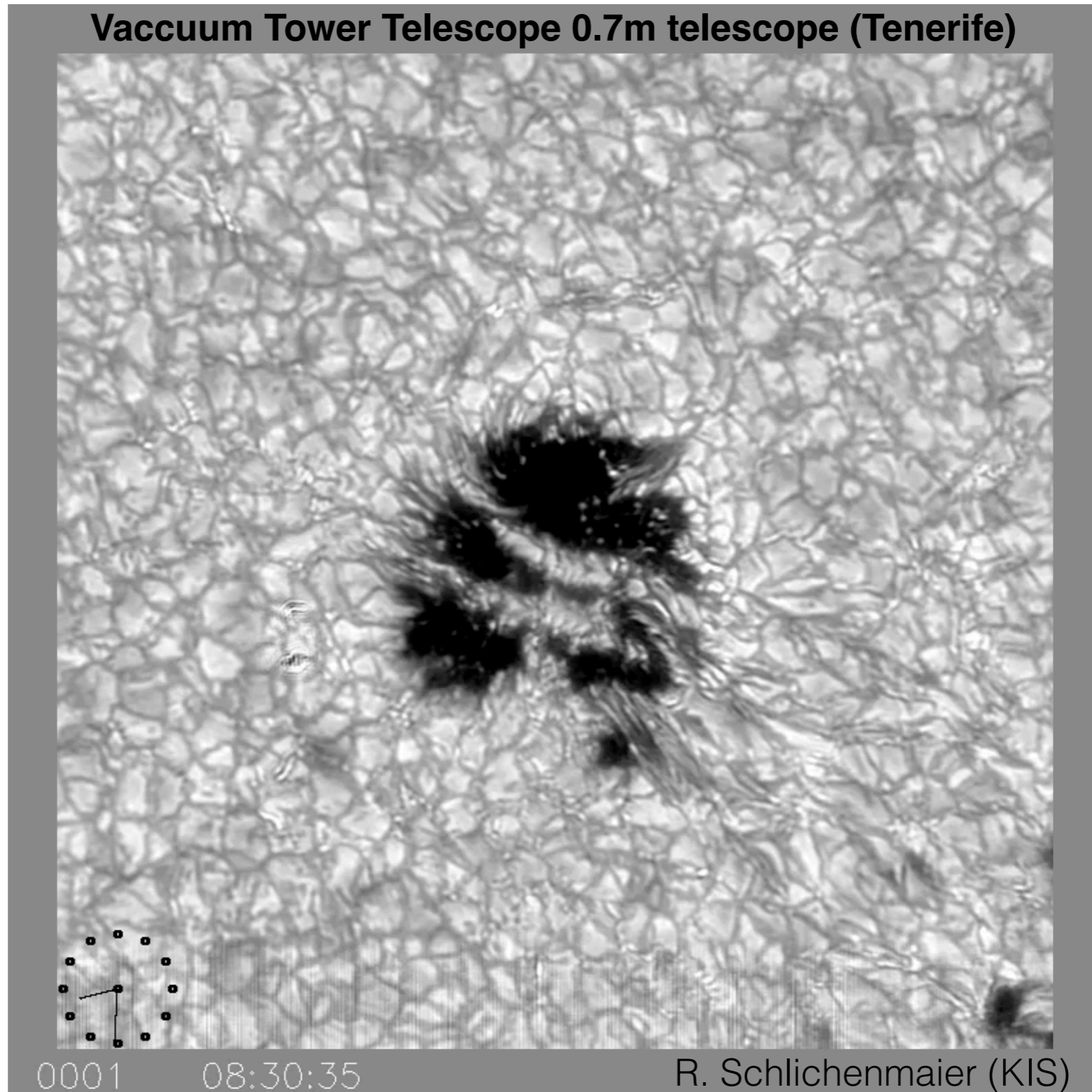
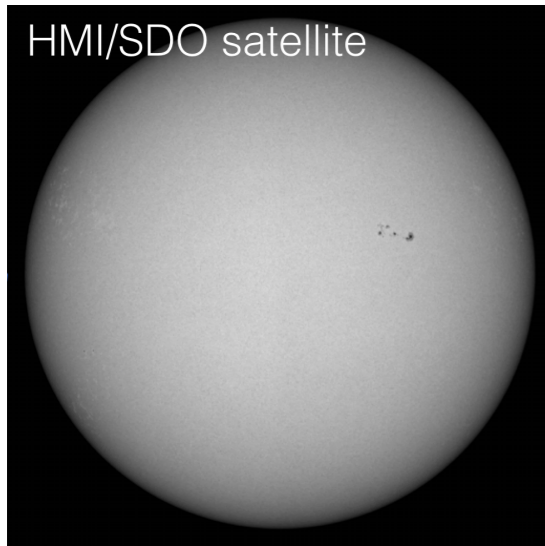


Characteristics of ground-based solar observations:



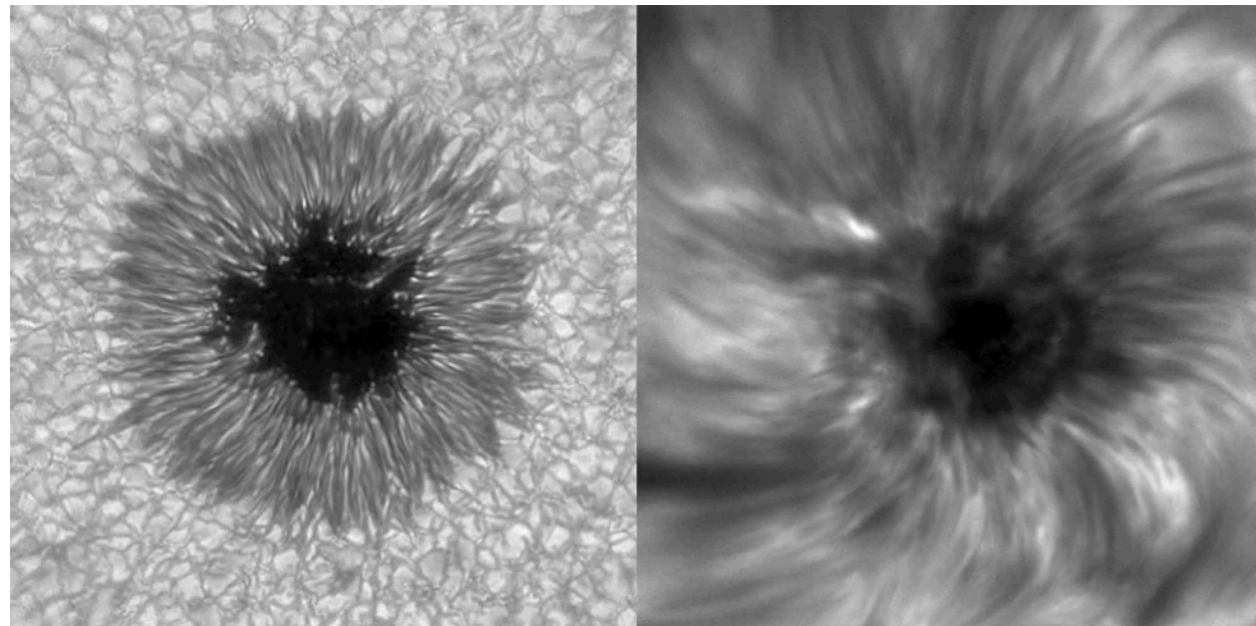
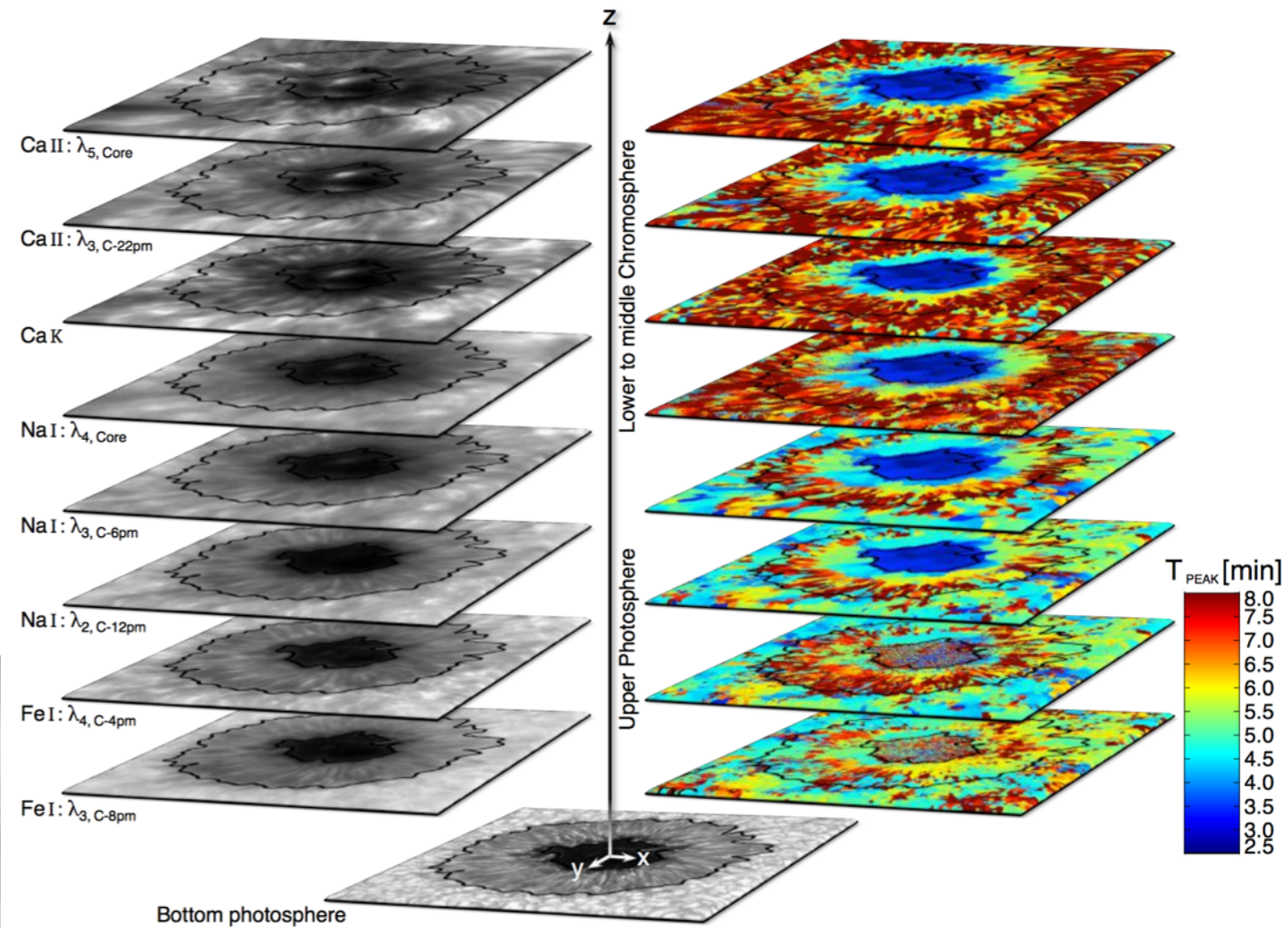
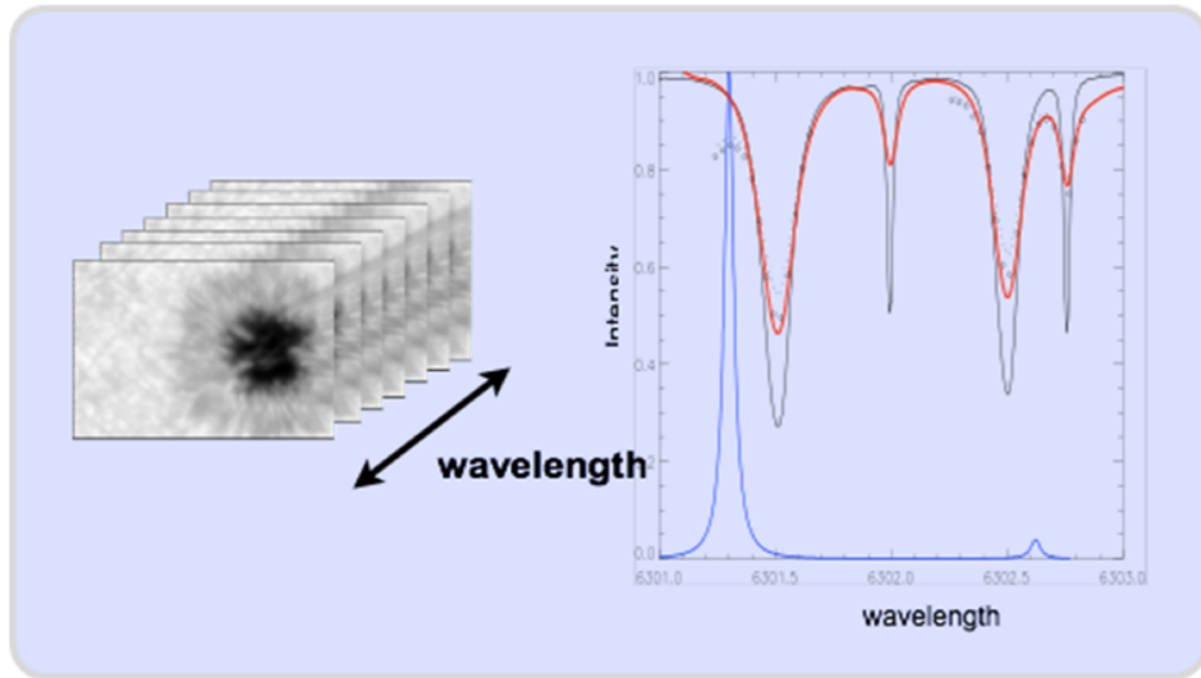
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## Characteristics of ground-based solar observations:





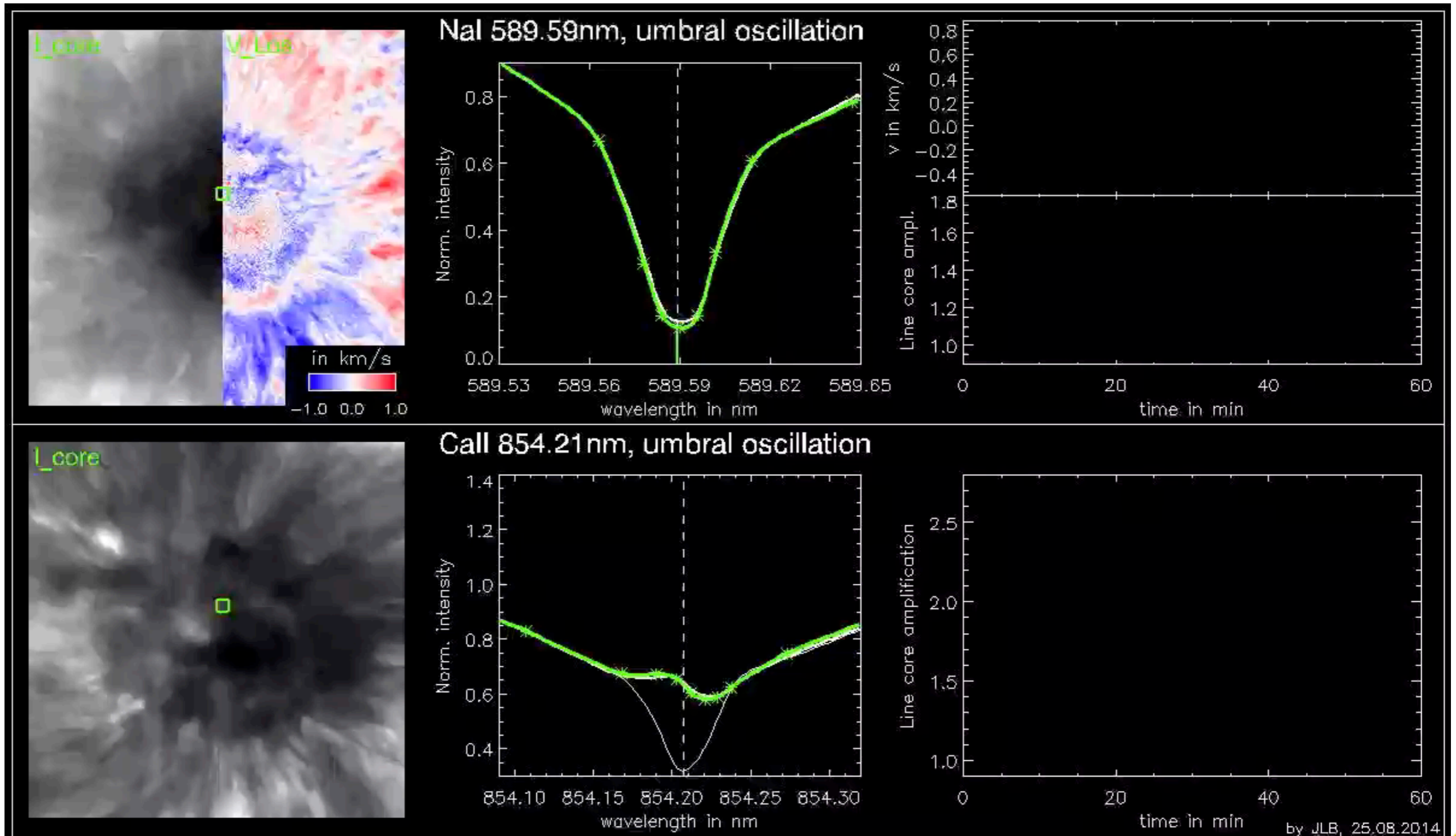
## Characteristics of ground-based solar observations:



IBIS & ROSA data (J. Löhner-Bötcher, KIS)



## Characteristics of ground-based solar observations:



by JLB, 25.08.2014

## Characteristics of ground-based solar observations:

- **Limited FoV (non-full disc)** — Target dependent: quiet Sun, sunspots, pores, plages, faculae, prominences, ...
- *Seeing* conditions, cadence variations, # dropped frames, polarimetric accuracy, etc. as **quality/success parameters**
- **Versatile observing modes**: non-standardised observing runs — novel science (multi wavelength,..) — difficulty in unifying data pipelines
- **Upgrade of instrumentation** — changes in data characteristics for a given (upgraded) instrument

## The ideal SVO should address:

1. Efficient presentation of search results
2. Visualisation: quick-look and movies, using external existing websites
3. Type of observations, targets and events must be identified
4. Instrument specific criteria: ideally, the archive should extract generic parameters matching specific criteria

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In order to fulfil the “vision” of an ideal SVO, it is necessary to ensure that the ground-based data to be served contains the necessary metadata

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This is our current challenge!

# Ground-based solar data archive — An example: GREGOR data

# Data archive for the GREGOR Infrared Spectrograph

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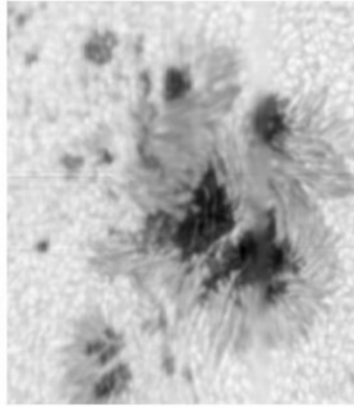
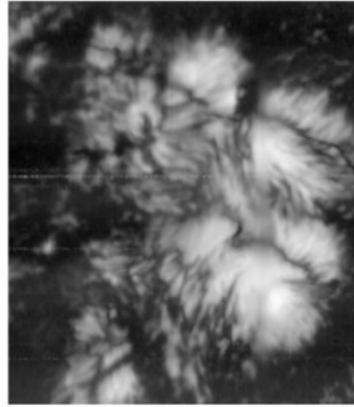
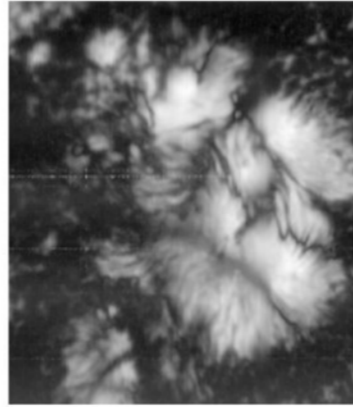
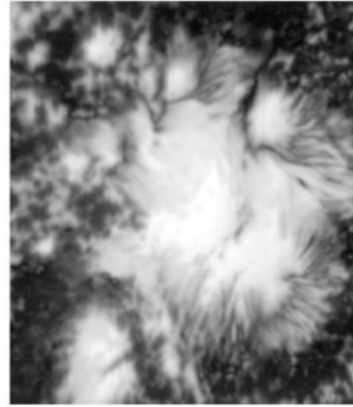
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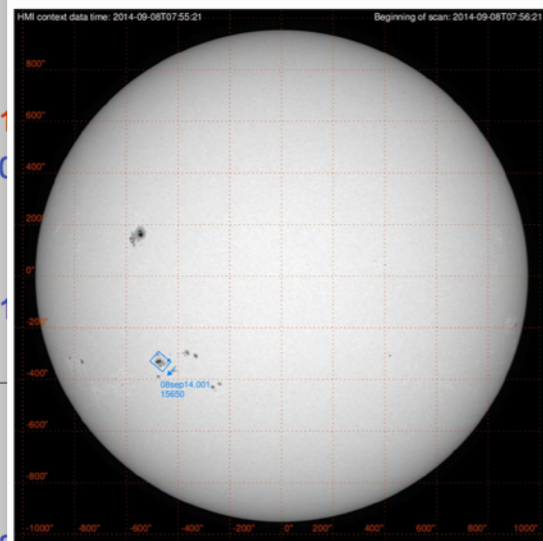
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# The SOLARNET VO — A prototype

<http://solarnet.oma.be/>



SOLARNET Virtual Observatory Prototype



This web server is a prototype for the SOLARNET Virtual Observatory, and is hosted currently at the Royal Observatory of Belgium  
For explanations on how to search and download the data, please see our detailed [User Manual](#)

## Access data via a web application

The purpose of the web application is to give a very simple access to search and download solar data. For more complex search, you are invited to use the Python or IDL clients.

The web application presents the following features:

- Cross dataset search by date of observation, wavelength, tags and telescope
- Specific dataset search that is dependant on the dataset
- Search by solar events date and type
- Co-observation searches i.e. the date of observation overlap
- Quick-look with thumbnail (if available) and FITS header
- Data selection download by FTP and ZIP (if not too large)

N.B. : This is the version 2 of the application. The version 1 corresponding to the deliverable of March 2106 is not online anymore, but the code can be found at <https://github.com/bmampaey/SDA/tree/1.1>

## Access data via IDL

To search and download solar data from IDL, you will need IDL version 8.0 or higher and to download the following library on your computer [SOLARNET.pro](#)  
You can then compile it and use it as in the examples in the [README](#)

## Access data via Python

To search and download data from python, install the SOLARNET python library. If you have pip install, it is as simple as doing

```
pip install solarnet
```

You can then import it and use it as in the examples in the [Readme](#)

## Access data via RESTful API

All metadata and data locations are available through a RESTful API. The documentation is accessible at <http://solarnet.oma.be/SDA/api/doc> If you develop tools using the API, please let us know.



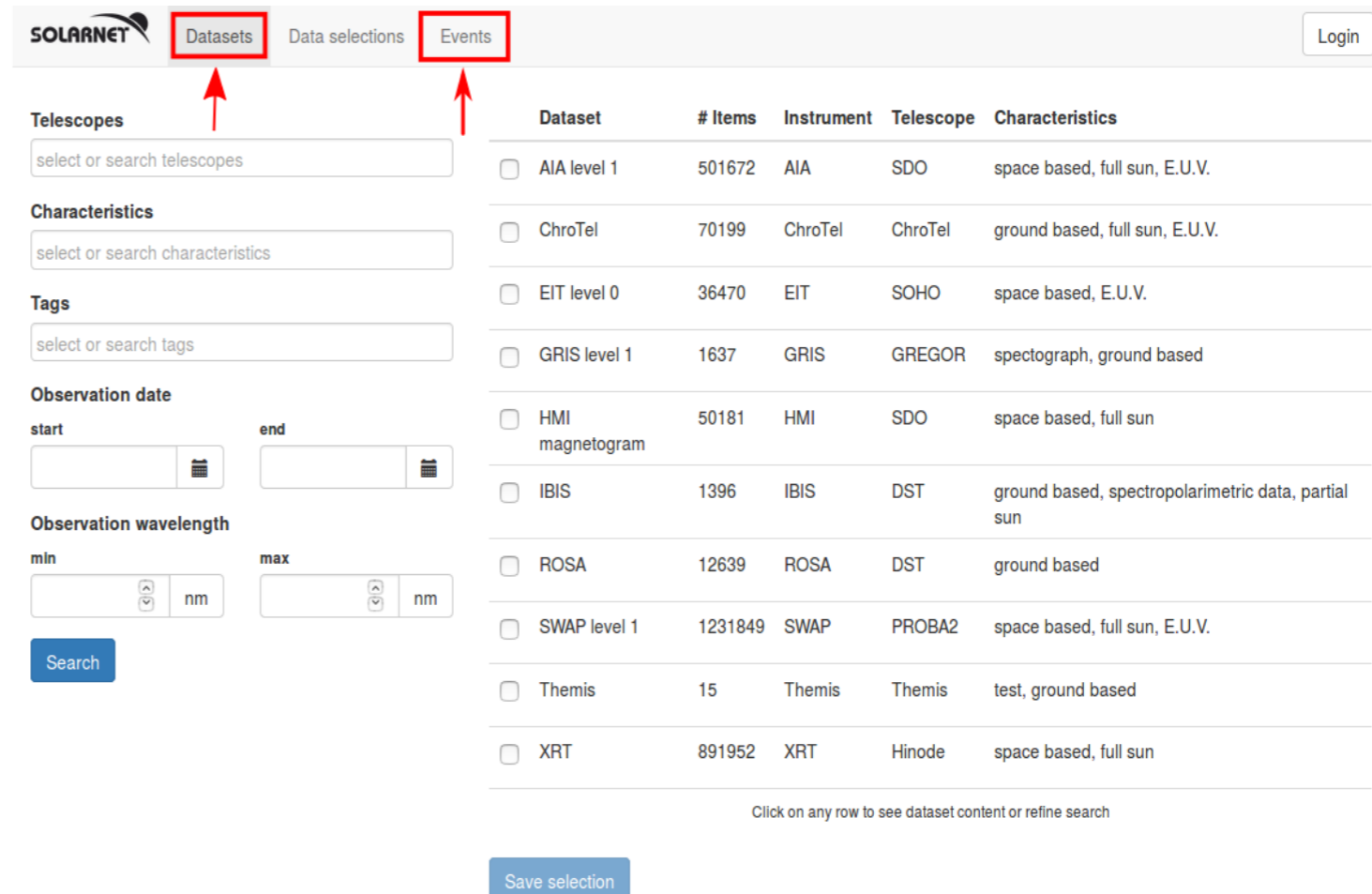
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## The SOLARNET Solar Virtual Observatory

- In SOLARNET-1 a SVO prototype was developed.
- The goal of the SVO is to increase awareness of available datasets
- It's possible to search on datasets, events and then cross search your search results with other Datasets
- Some data is viewable as quick-look.
- URL: [solarnet.oma.be](http://solarnet.oma.be)



The screenshot shows the SOLARNET web interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Datasets', 'Data selections', and 'Events', with 'Datasets' and 'Events' highlighted by red boxes and arrows. A 'Login' button is in the top right corner. Below the navigation, there are search filters for 'Telescopes', 'Characteristics', 'Tags', 'Observation date' (with 'start' and 'end' date pickers), and 'Observation wavelength' (with 'min' and 'max' value pickers). A 'Search' button is located below these filters. To the right of the filters is a table of datasets with columns for 'Dataset', '# Items', 'Instrument', 'Telescope', and 'Characteristics'. The table lists several datasets, each with a checkbox for selection. Below the table, there is a 'Save selection' button and a note: 'Click on any row to see dataset content or refine search'.

Dataset	# Items	Instrument	Telescope	Characteristics
<input type="checkbox"/> AIA level 1	501672	AIA	SDO	space based, full sun, E.U.V.
<input type="checkbox"/> ChroTel	70199	ChroTel	ChroTel	ground based, full sun, E.U.V.
<input type="checkbox"/> EIT level 0	36470	EIT	SOHO	space based, E.U.V.
<input type="checkbox"/> GRIS level 1	1637	GRIS	GREGOR	spectrograph, ground based
<input type="checkbox"/> HMI magnetogram	50181	HMI	SDO	space based, full sun
<input type="checkbox"/> IBIS	1396	IBIS	DST	ground based, spectropolarimetric data, partial sun
<input type="checkbox"/> ROSA	12639	ROSA	DST	ground based
<input type="checkbox"/> SWAP level 1	1231849	SWAP	PROBA2	space based, full sun, E.U.V.
<input type="checkbox"/> Themis	15	Themis	Themis	test, ground based
<input type="checkbox"/> XRT	891952	XRT	Hinode	space based, full sun

## The SOLARNET Solar Virtual Observatory

- At the core of the SVO is a database containing meta-data from all datasets.
- The meta-data can be searched with the web App and IDL and Python API
- Through the RESTful API other developers can interface with the meta-database.
- The data can be downloaded from the providers server.



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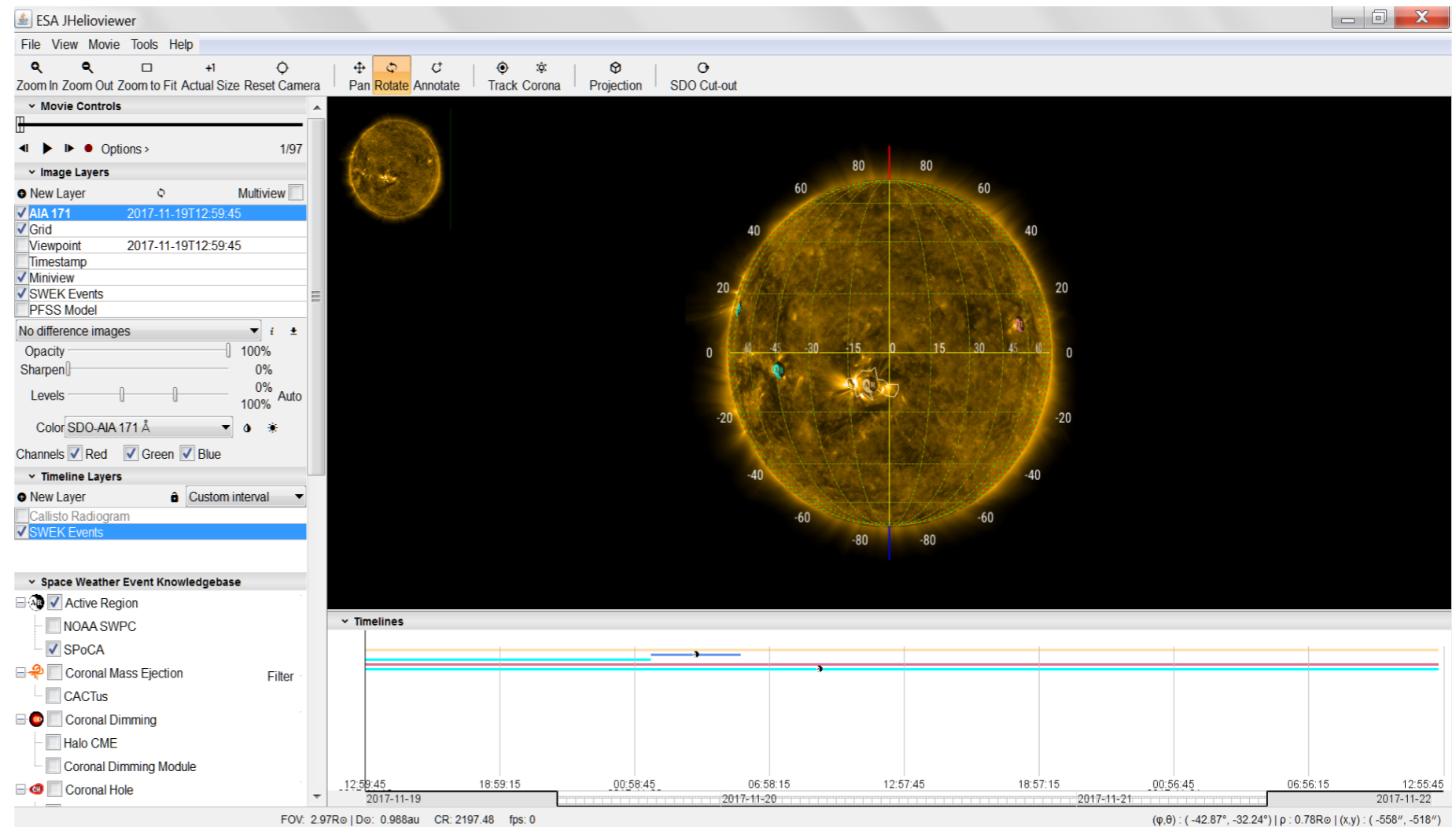
# Visualisation tools

— Another way of data discovery



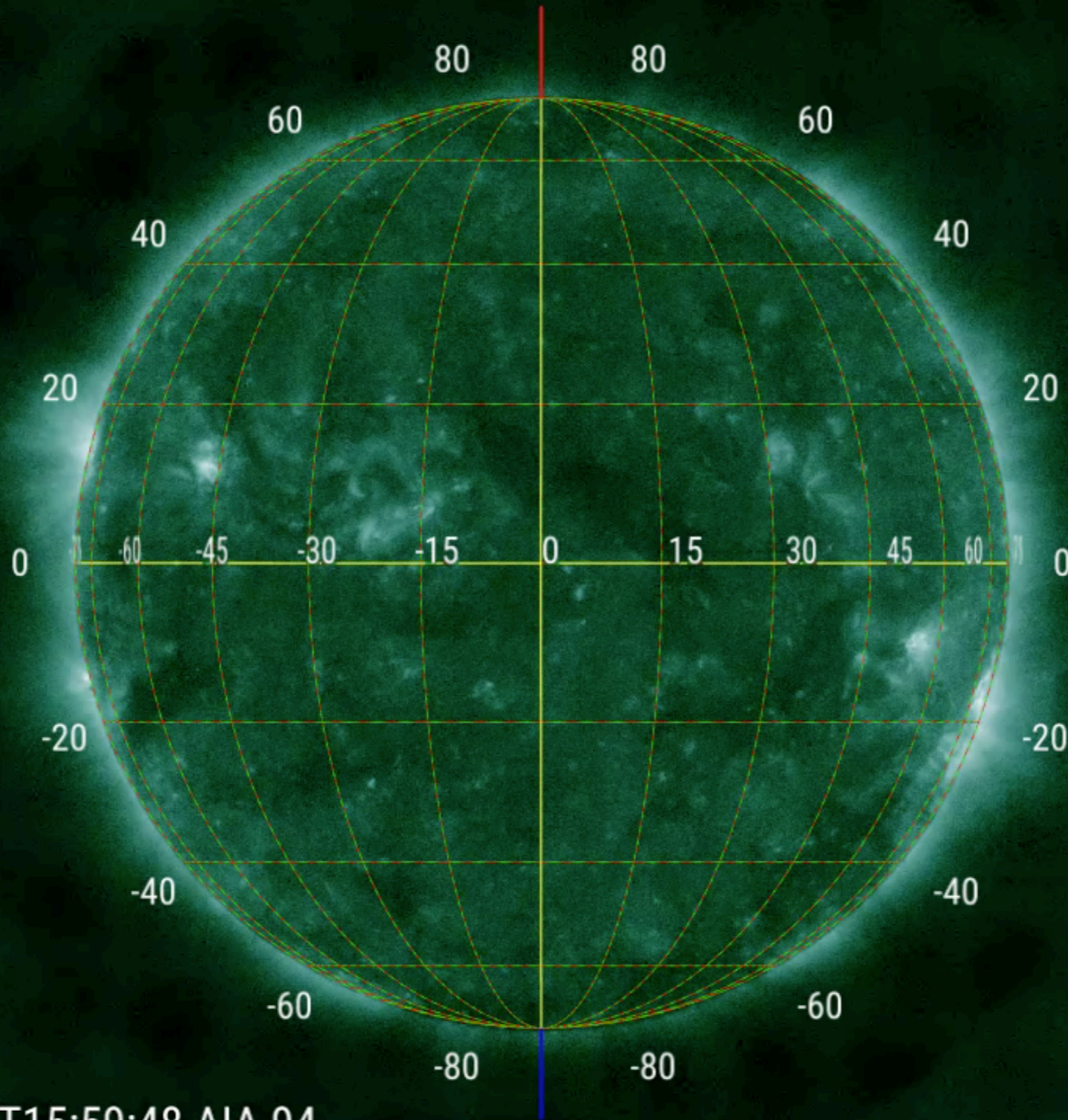
## jHelioviewer a quicklook viewer for Solar data

- Access to jpeg2000 quicklook data from different dataset.
- Several viewing options like running, base difference and multiview mode
- Several Image projection
- Time line synchronized with image time series
- Showing feature events from Heliophysics Events knowledge base (HEK)
- URL:  
[www.jhelioviewer.org](http://www.jhelioviewer.org)



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# Summary



## The ground-based solar physics community is

1. Experimenting a change of paradigm on data handling, data archiving and data dissemination driven by the steady development of the observing capabilities and upcoming of large observing facilities (EST)
2. Aware of the need/the challenge on:
  - Standardising the observation procedure
  - Developing efficient data-pipelines
  - Storing the necessary metadata (time, WCS coordinates, event, wavelength..) to build a comprehensive database
3. Aware there is no need of 're-inventing the wheel' — Joint efforts with
  - The space-based solar community on data catalogue
  - The astronomical community — ASTERICS (OBELICS & DADI)