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# sTools – A Data Processing Pipeline for High-resolution Solar Data

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- Aim:
  - Introduction of the ***sTools*** data processing pipeline for high-resolution solar observations.
- Contents:
  - European Solar Telescope (EST)
  - Software/Service Development
  - Software/Service Requirements
  - “User story” HiFI+
  - OSSR Integration
  - Science cases HiFI+, FaMuLUS, and CLASSIC



## European Solar Telescope (EST)

- The 4-meter EST is a proposed major research infrastructure for studying activity and dynamic of the Sun with high spatial, temporal, and spectral resolution and with high polarimetric sensitivity.
- Develop techniques for spectral inversions of photospheric and chromospheric absorption lines. Construct a spectral classification engine based on already existing machine learning software.
- Demonstrate science capabilities of new techniques.



- ***sTools*** Data Processing Pipeline

- High-cadence imaging
- Imaging spectropolarimetry
- High-resolution spectroscopy
- Data visualization
- General methods for solar data analysis
- GREGOR solar telescope and Vacuum Tower Telescope (VTT) as pathfinders since EST is only on the ESFRI roadmap





- Supported Instruments
  - Digitization of historical solar full-disk images @ Solar Observatory Einstein Tower
  - Blue Imaging Channel (BIC) @ GREGOR
  - GREGOR Fabry-Pérot Interferometer (GFPI) @ GREGOR
  - High-resolution Fast Imager (HiFI) @ GREGOR
  - Improved High-resolution Fast Imager (HiFI+) @ GREGOR
  - Fast Universal Multi-Line Spectrograph (FaMuLUS) camera system @ VTT
- Common Research Environment (CRE) and GREGOR/VTT archive @ AIP ([gregor.aip.de](http://gregor.aip.de), DOI:[10.3847/1538-4365/aab773](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4365/aab773)) in collaboration with AIP's E-Science Section



# Software/Service Development

- **sTools** (DOI:[10.1017/S1743921317000114](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743921317000114)) is mainly written in the Interactive Data Language (IDL).
- IDL Coding Standard provided by ITT Visual Solutions (Article ID: 4120, released 2007-04-25).
- Development:
  - Code development of AIP's Solar Physics Section since 2012
  - Initially, Apache Subversion for version control
  - Migration to GitLab in 2023 as part of the Horizon 2022 ESCAPE project
- The code is under active development and maintained by AIP's Solar Physics Section.
- The software development is science-driven.



# Software/Service Development

- Programs, procedures, and functions are used in the routine processing of GREGOR and VTT data.
- Processed data and metadata are saved in FITS format and are partly compliant with the SOLARNET standards (arXiv:[2011.12139](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.12139)).
- The *sTools* data processing pipeline is publicly available at AIP's GitLab repository ([gitlab.aip.de/cdenker/stools](https://gitlab.aip.de/cdenker/stools)).
- Extensive inline comments and program headers.
- Software released under GNU General Public License (GPL, Version 3, 2007 June 29).



# Software/Service Requirements

- IDL is platform independent.
- IDL Libraries:
  - IDL Astronomy Library
  - SolarSoftWare (SSW)
  - Coyote and Catalyst Libraries (<https://www.idlcoyote.com/>)
  - MPFIT (<pages.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html>)
- Hardware requirements: High-end workstations or servers
- Image restoration relies on third-party software packages:
  - KISIP (DOI:[10.1117/12.788062](https://doi.org/10.1117/12.788062), DOI:[10.1051/0004-6361:200809894](https://doi.org/10.1051/0004-6361:200809894))
  - MOMFBD: (DOI:[10.1117/12.451791](https://doi.org/10.1117/12.451791), DOI:[10.1007/s11207-005-5782-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11207-005-5782-z))
- The image restoration codes are written in C and C+, respectively, and were only tested on Unix/Linux platforms.





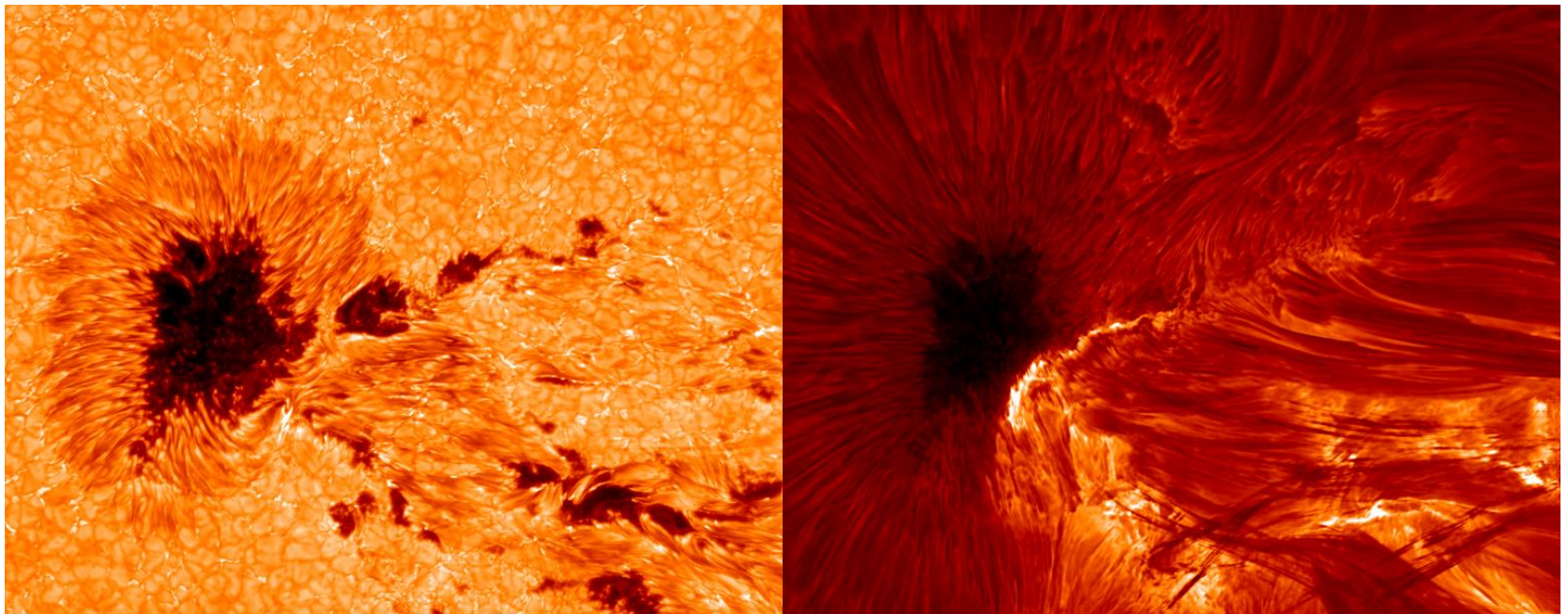
# OSSR Integration

- What is available?
  - IDL software library
- What will be onboarded?
  - All IDL programs, procedures, and functions for the listed instruments listed above.
  - IDL programs for data visualization, data processing, and creation of high-level data products.
- Are there open points and requirements?
  - Transfer of application specific software (GREGOR/VTT instruments) to new EST instrumentation
- What is the “user story” of a EOSC user taking on the software/service?
  - Processed Level 1.0 and partly Level 2.0 GREGOR data is made publicly available with transparent data processing steps.
  - Software, CRE, and GREGOR archive documented in peer-reviewed publications.
  - Peer-reviewed articles of science cases and methods employing *sTools*.

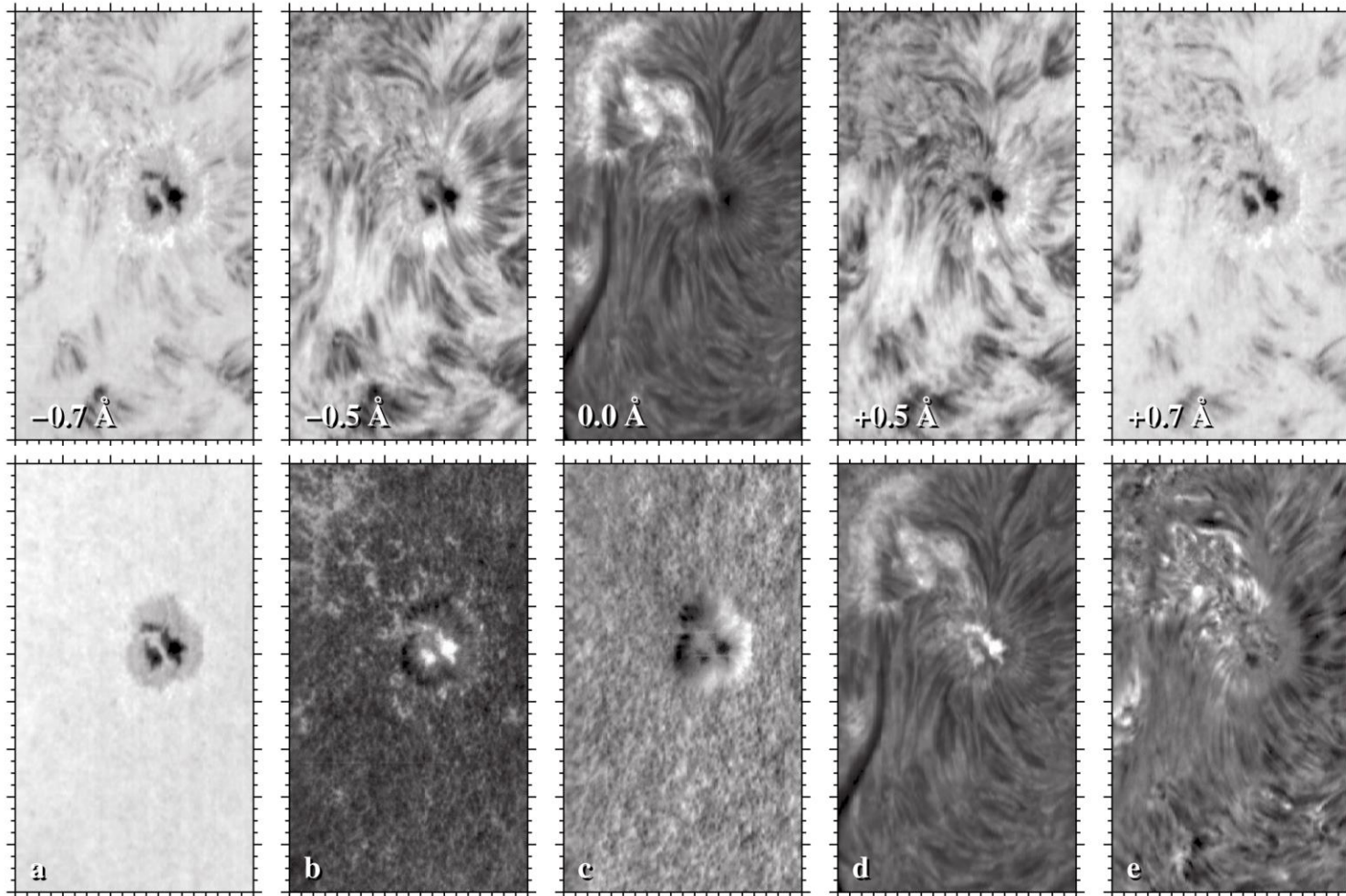


## ***HIFI+ Data Processing and Image Restoration***

- High cadence imaging at up to 100 Hz
- Data transfer rate of six cameras of about 2.4 GB/s
- On-site data Level 1.0 data processing → immediate feedback on data quality



## *Efficient Processing of Echelle Spectra*



# Science Cases

- **Classification of Solar Spectral Information Contents** ([CLASSIC, classic.aip.de](http://classic.aip.de))
  - Classification based on openTSNE and HDBSCAN
  - Clusters can be identified by visual inspection and comparison with maps of observables computed from the Fe I 7090 Å line.
  - Project cluster labels back to visualize their distribution in CO<sup>5</sup>BOLD (DOI:[10.1016/j.jcp.2011.09.026](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2011.09.026)) snapshots.
  - Prototype for data obtained with the FaMuLUS camera system for the VTT echelle spectrograph.

2 Wavelength from 0 to 201

150 x-value

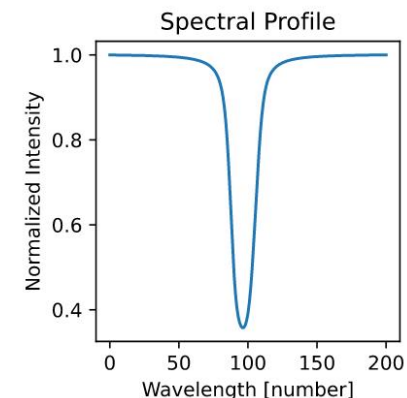
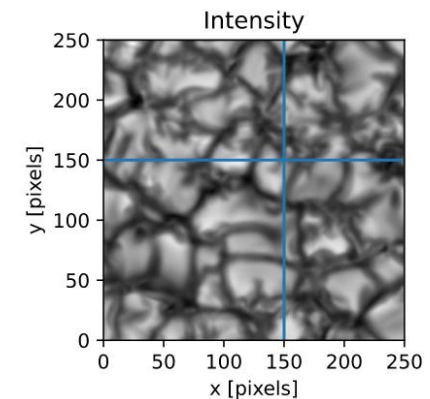
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Normalize

Run TSNE

Intensity Plot

Submit





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## Techniques and Methods



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