BISON

Birmingham Solar-Oscillations Network





Continued operations funded

- STFC support funded through March 2021
- Continuing programme of upgrades [using STFC Impact Accelerator funds]:
 - new spectrometer in Tenerife;
 - new light-feed system being installed at Mt Wilson and Carnarvon

Range of science questions...

International/UK groups (and us) exploiting BiSON data for studies of...

... the solar cycle and dynamo theory, interioratmosphere linkage... stellar evolution, angular momentum evolution, tests of standard solar model... solar abundance problem; WIMPs, dark matter... convection, physics of the photosphere... benchmarking stellar analyses, stellar noise and exoplanet detection... physics of moon Europa... atmospheric extinction and volcanic aerosols



Range of science questions... Opportunities...

- First ever seismic studies of 22-year Hale cycle (upcoming cycle 25 will be our fourth 11-year cycle...)
- Long-term variability: seismic indicators of subsurface structural change in cycle 23 have persisted through cycle 24; what is happening?
- Low-frequency modes for core structure/rotation and exotic physics; novel exploitation of spatial incoherence of granulation to beat down noise...