

Advancing high-precision spectropolarimetry with the installation of ZOLat RDR: current status and future plans

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Solar spectropolarimetric observations play a crucial role in diagnosing magnetic fields throughout the solar atmosphere as well as detecting anisotropies in radiation fields and collisional processes. High sensitivity polarimetric observations enable the study of faint polarization signals, particularly those arising from scattering processes in both the quiet Sun and active regions, including sunspots. The Zurich imaging polarimeter (ZIMP) represents a state-of-the-art instrument that minimizes seeing-induced spurious effects, which usually limit polarimetric precision, through its fast modulation capabilities (up to 1000 Hz). This design allows to achieve a precision of 10⁻⁴ in fractional polarization units.

Following the optical optimization of the ESO telescope in Tenerife, the aim is to investigate small-scale structures by studying solar magnetism through high-precision polarimetric observations using ZIMP at the largest European solar telescope. In addition, we aim to continue offering the ZIMP system to a broader community and implement a remote observing mode with ZIMP. Several observing campaigns have been carried out successfully, and more are planned, particularly in preparation for the installation of the ZIMP system at ESO, complementing existing instruments to explore the visible part of the solar spectrum. This poster presents the current status and future plans of the ZIMP at ESO project.