

Peer Review

# Review of: "Solar Flare Spectroscopy at Pic du Midi Observatory (1956–1968) in the Frame of the International Geophysical Year"

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With great pleasure, I read the article and enjoyed the diagrams of the previous instruments and the photos of the setups. The manuscript is fine with me, and I appreciate a lot the efforts to keep the history of pre-space solar instrumentation. The language is clear and concise.

I would have loved to learn more about the operations of the instruments: who could use the instruments? How was the planning organized?

It would also be interesting to learn how the scientists at the time analyzed the spectra. All spectra were on film, and I assume there were special techniques to analyze the data (without having access to computers and Python).

If the author is not ready to expand on the current manuscript, he might consider a 2nd paper to give more operational and algorithmic insights.

## Declarations

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