



Magnetic heating of the active chromosphere

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Background: IRIS SJI Mg II k

Radiative energy losses [kW m⁻²]

compiled by Withbroe & Noyes (1977)

	Lower chromosphere	Upper chromosphere	Total
QS	2	0.3	4
AR	≥10	2	20

Heating mechanisms

compiled by Withbroe and Noyes (1977)

QS	acoustic shocks, reconnection, Joule heating
AR	MHD waves, reconnection, Joule heating

other: mass flows and thermal conduction from above

“(...) dissipation of **energy carried by waves** generated in the convection zone is the most likely source of the energy heating the chromosphere.”

Heating mechanisms

compiled by Carlsson, De Pontieu & Hansteen (2019)

QS	acoustic shocks, reconnection, Joule heating, ion-neutral effects
AR	magnetoacoustic shocks, reconnection, Joule heating, Alfvén turbulence, MHD waves, ion-neutral effects



reconnection?

shocks?

reconnection?

MHD waves?

reconnection?

shocks?

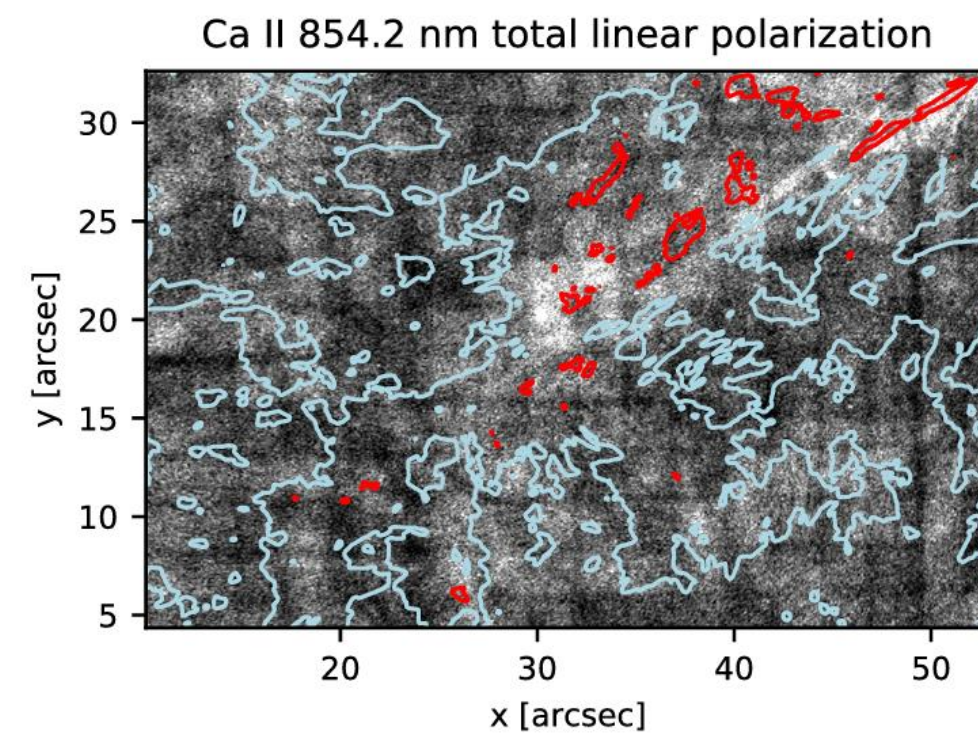
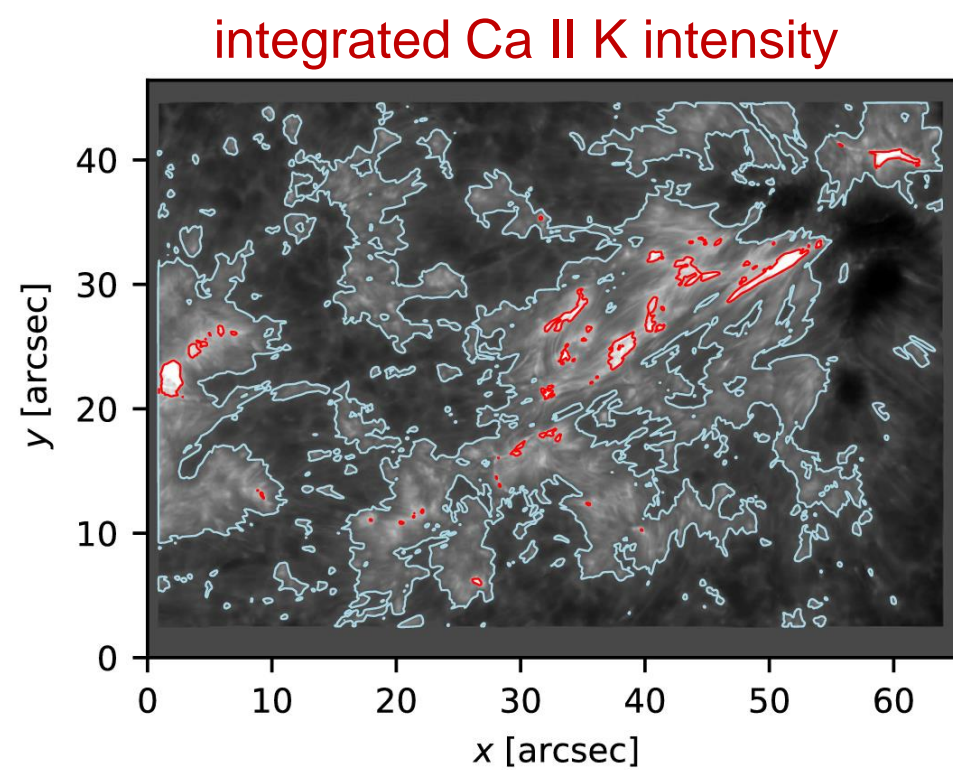
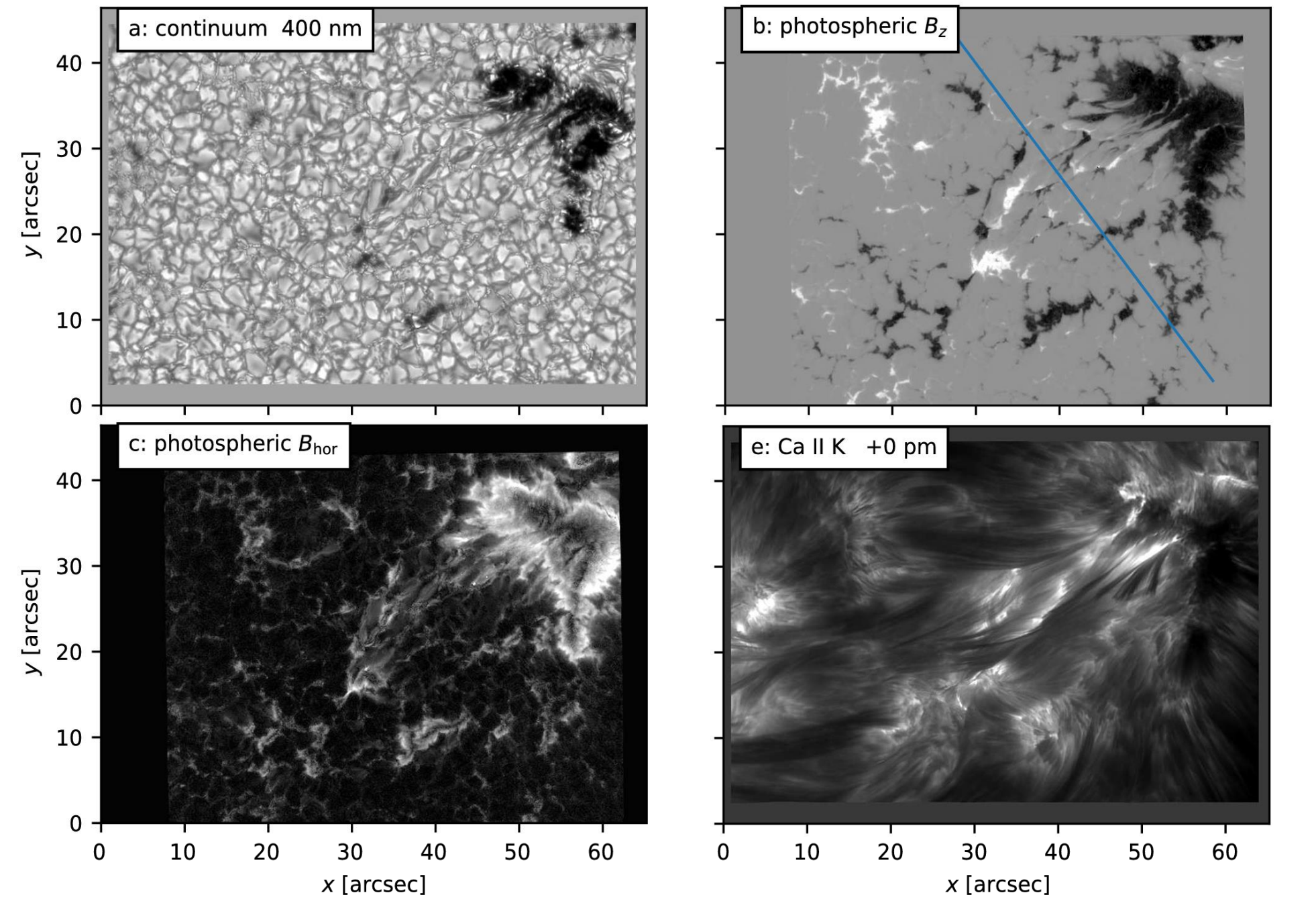
Alfvén turbulence?

MHD waves?

Joule heating (w/ ambipolar diffusion?)

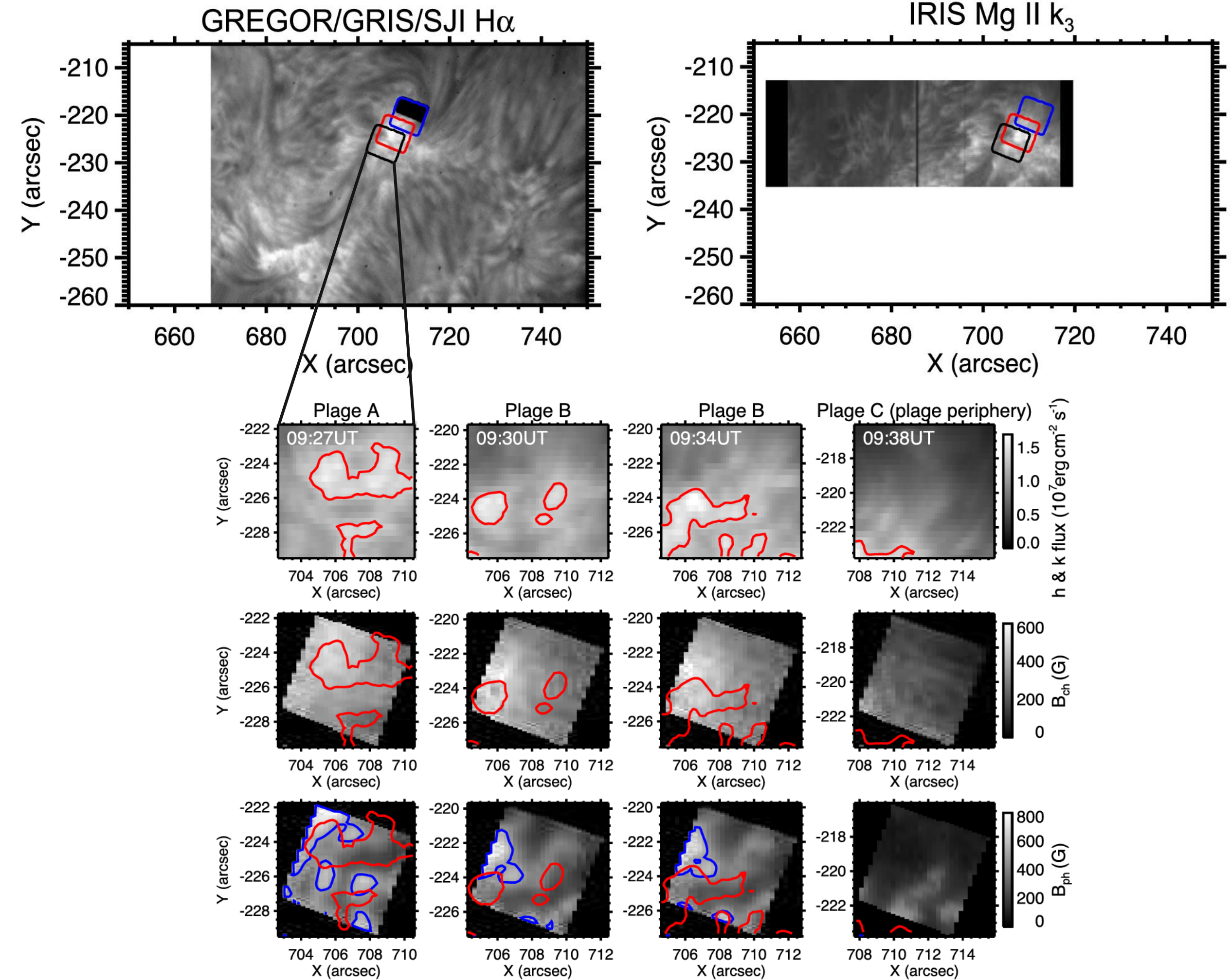
High-resolution proxies for chromospheric heating

SST/CRISP and CHROMIS observations



Leenaarts+ (2018)

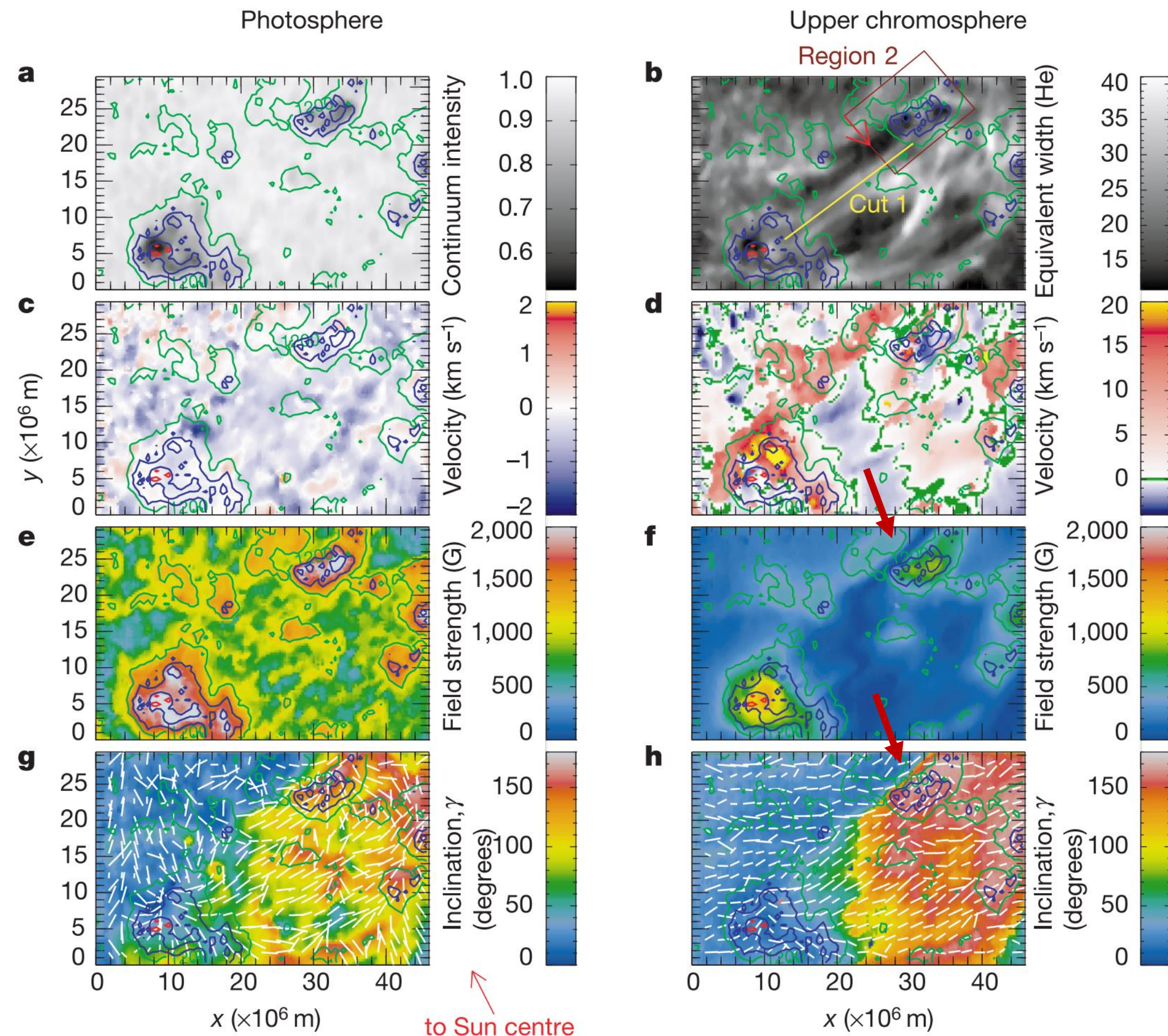
GREGOR/GRIS and IRIS observations



Anan+ (2021)

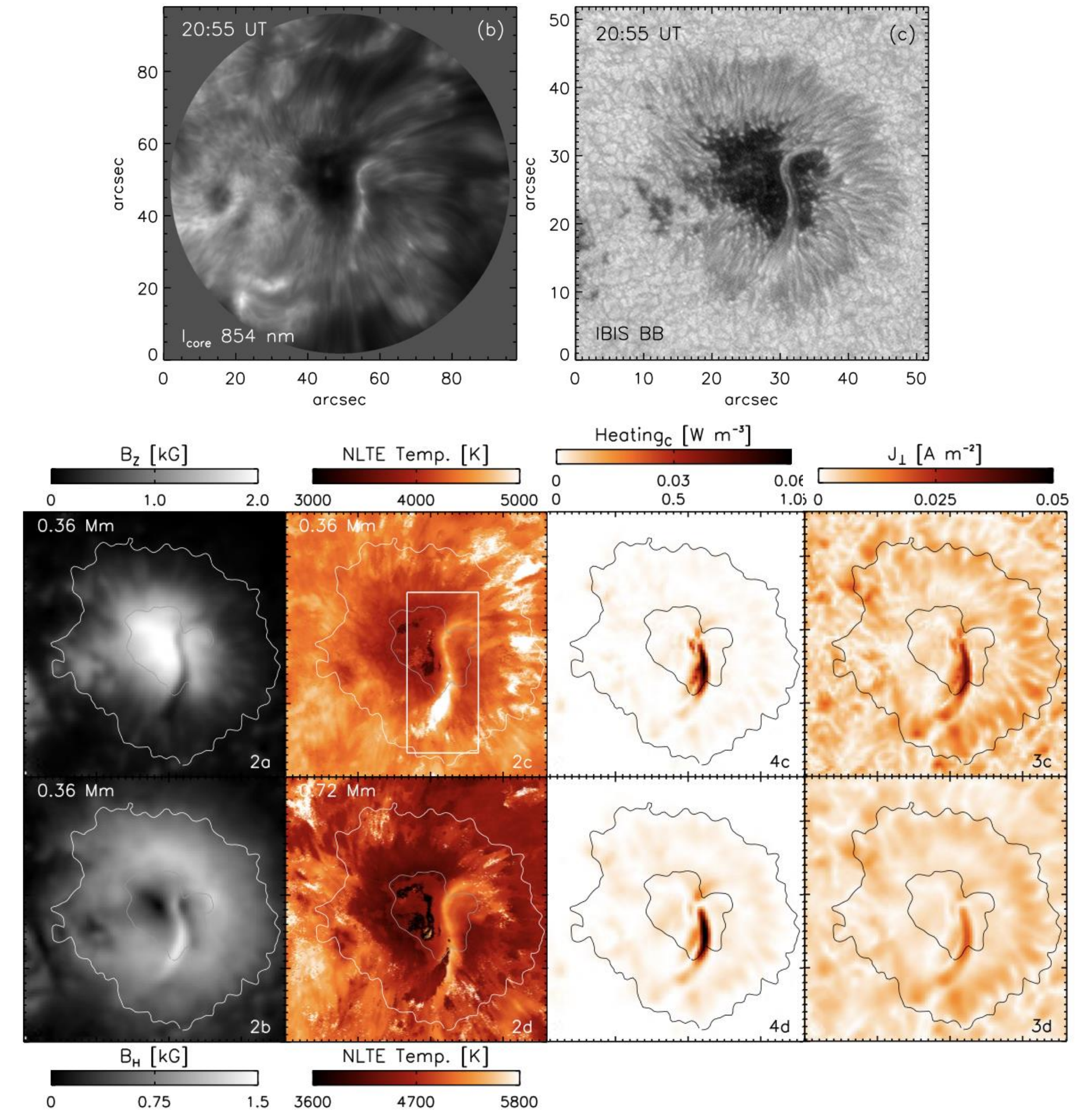
Electric currents in the chromosphere are poorly understood

He I 10830, VTT observations



Solanki+ (2003)

Ca II 8542, Dunn/IBIS observations

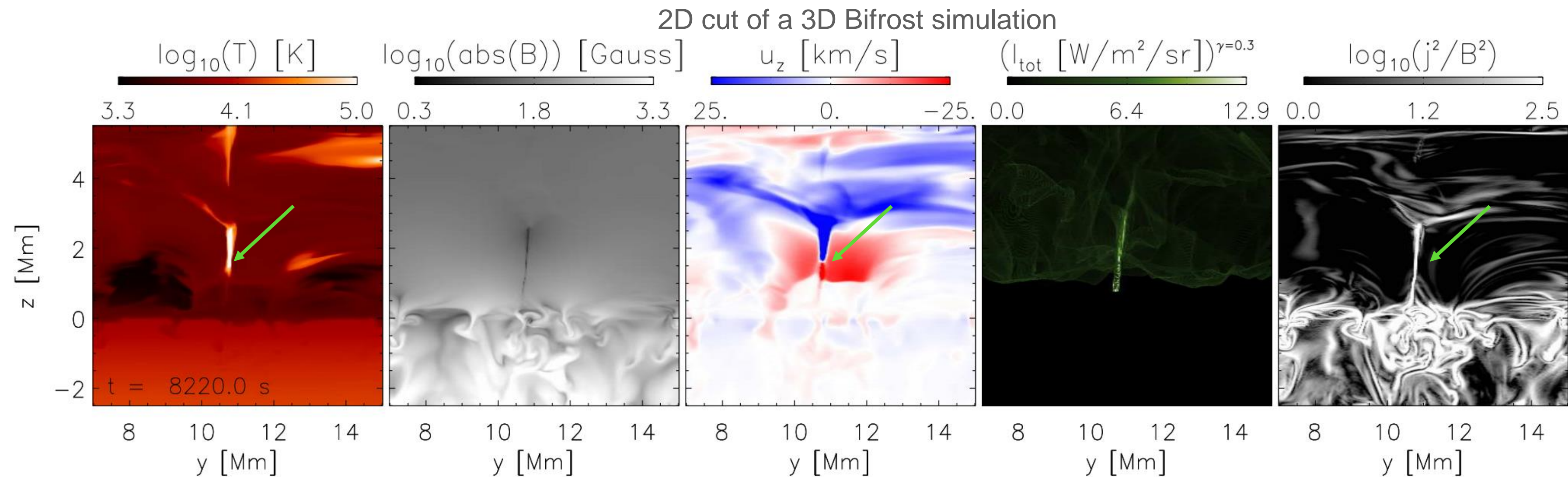
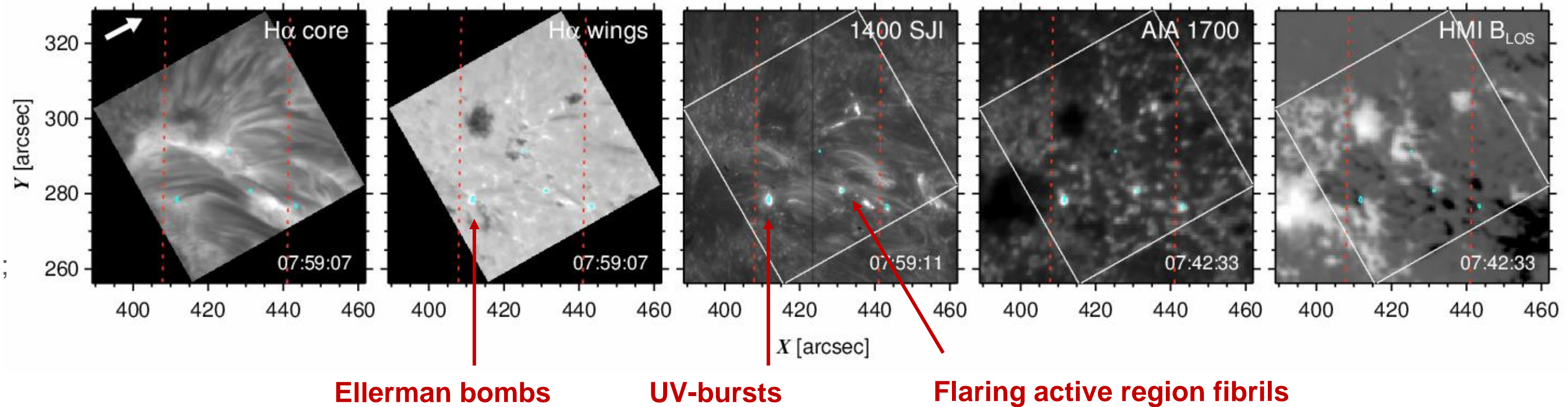


Louis+ (2021)

Heating in chromospheric current sheets: UV-bursts

IRIS, AIA, SST
observations
Vissers+ (2015)

see also, e.g., Peter+(2014);
Guglielmino+(2018)
Tian+(2018)



Hansteen+ (2019)

see also, e.g., Nobrega-Siverio+ (2017);
Priest+ (2018); Peter+ (2019)

Joint observations with ALMA and the 1-m SST in 2019

da Silva Santos+ (2020, 2022a, 2022b)

Cycle 6
April 13, 2019

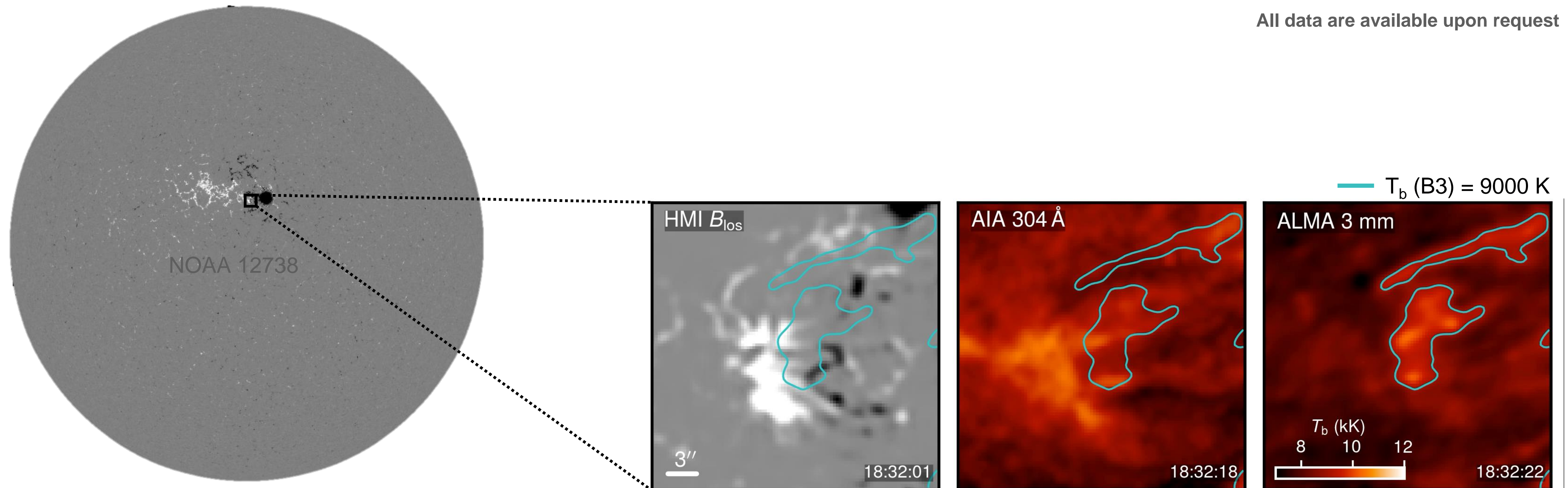
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IRIS: NUV (e.g. Mg II h and k), FUV (e.g. Si IV, C II) passbands, dense raster
Hinode/SOT/SP and EIS: Fe I 6301 magnetograms and EUV lines
ALMA: Band 6 (1.25 mm continuum), baselines up to 700 m – **0.6 arcsec**, mosaic

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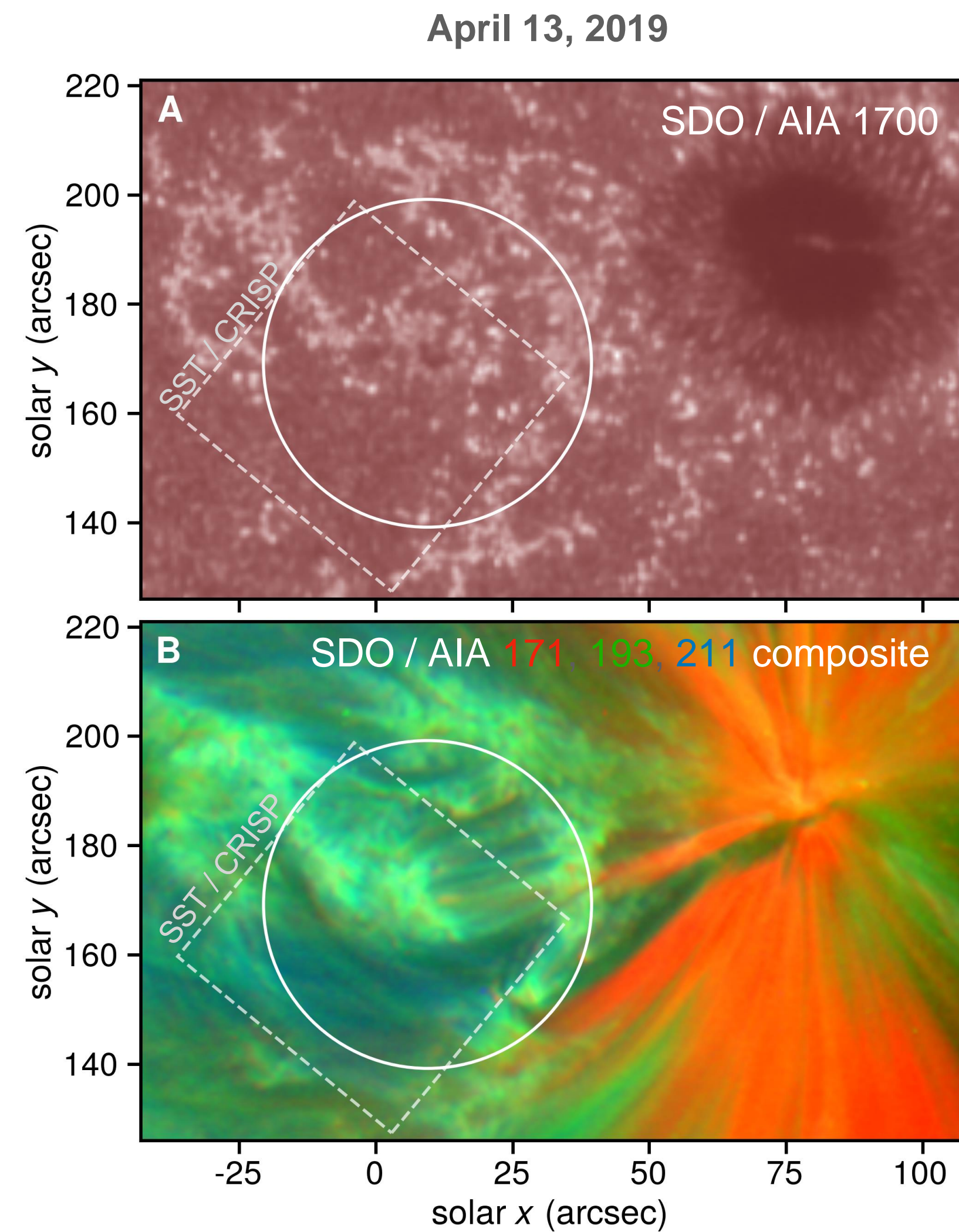
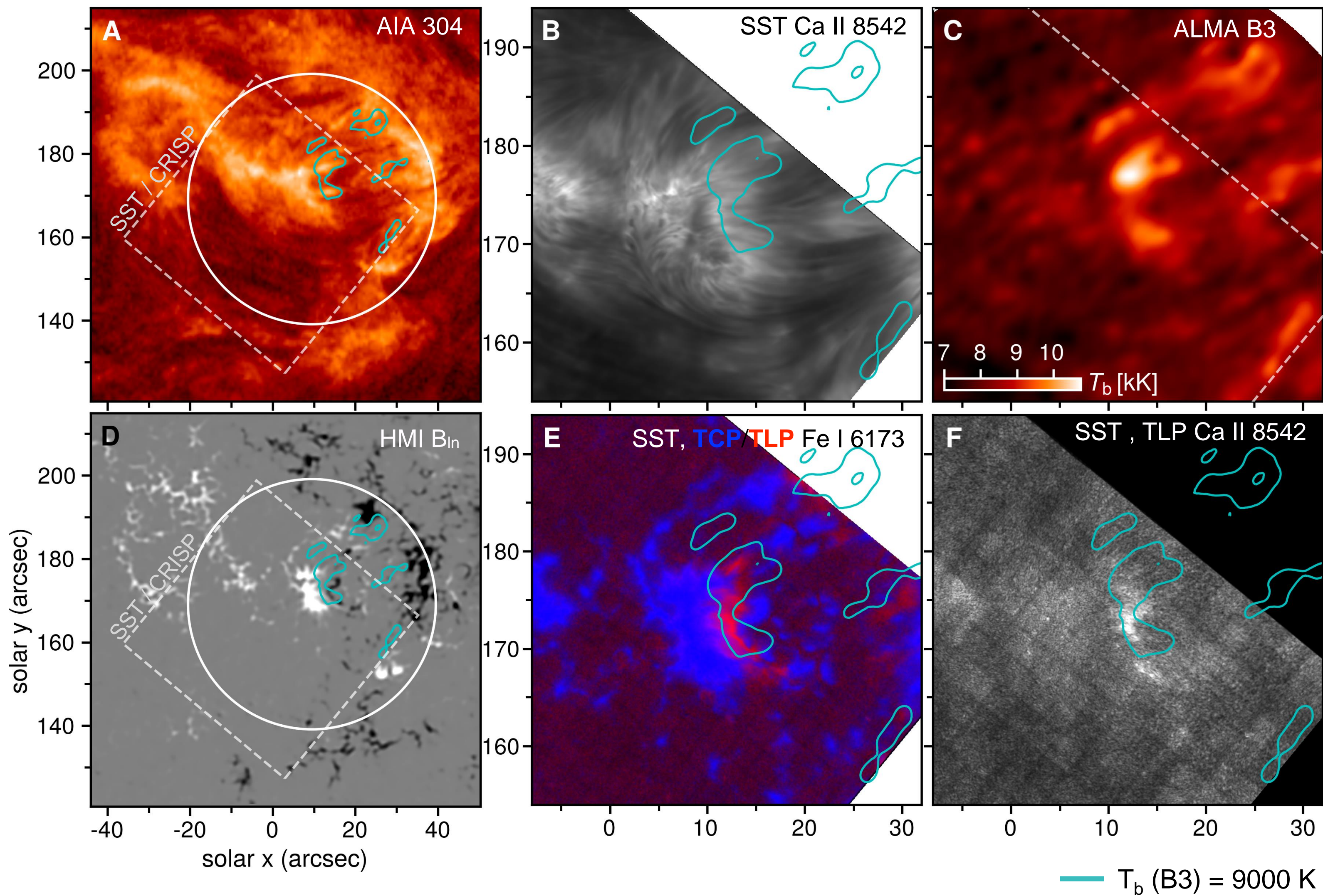
1m- SST/CRISP: Ca II 8542 and Fe I 6173 (polarimetry), single scan
ALMA: Band 3 (3 mm continuum), baselines up to 700 m – **1.2 arcsec**, 2sec cadence

All data are available upon request



Flux emergence and chromospheric heating

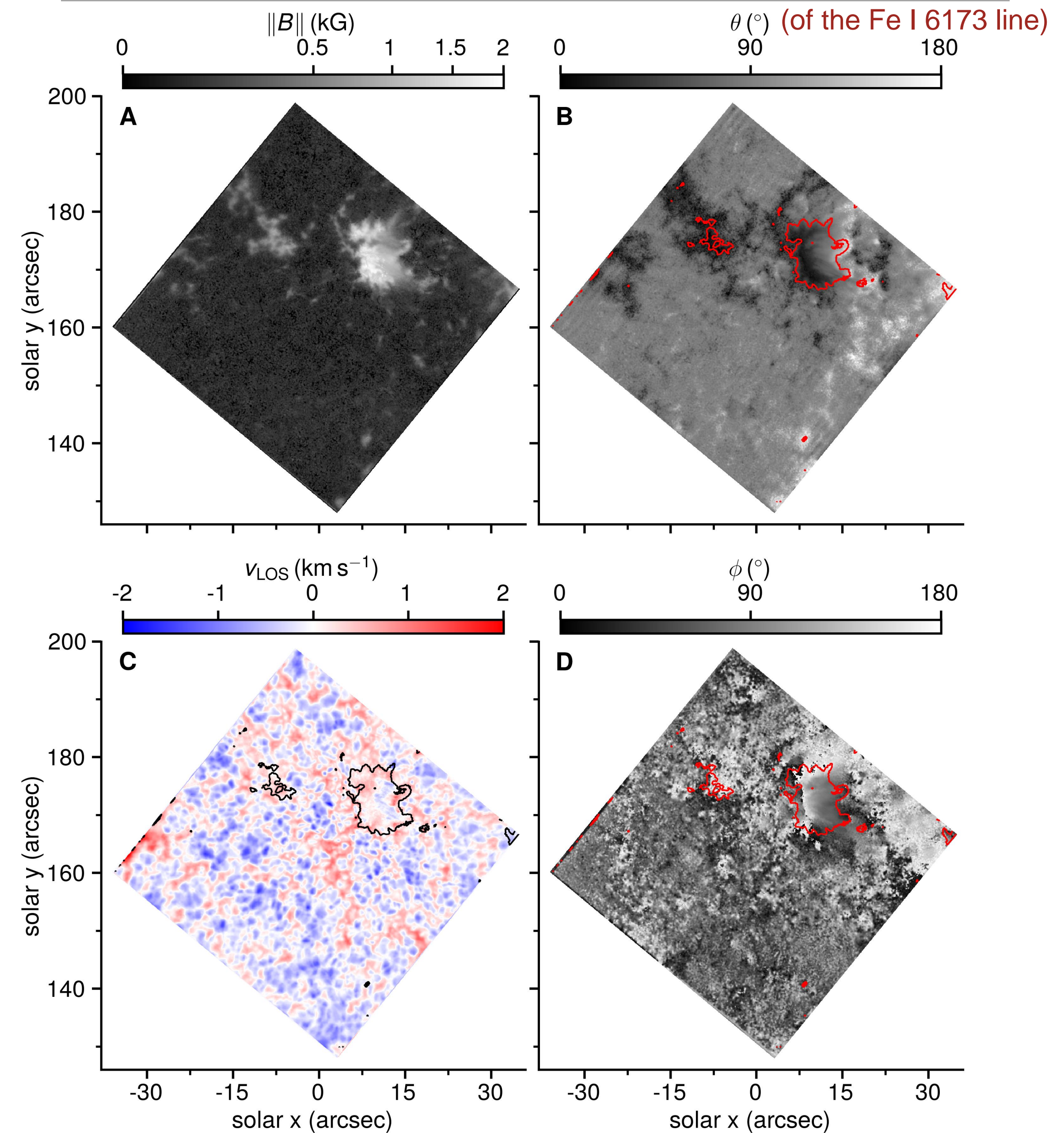
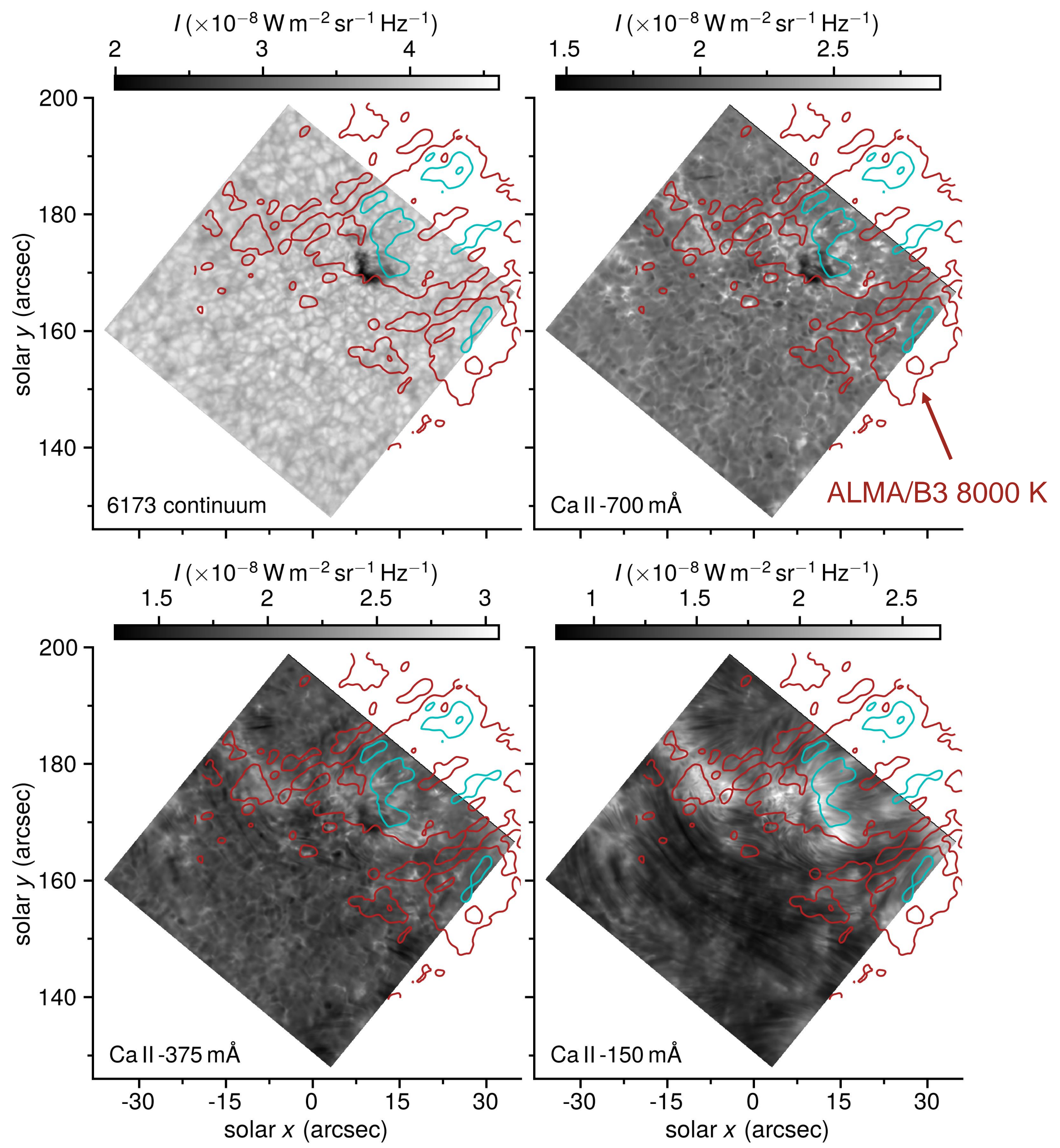
J. M. da Silva Santos, S. Danilovic, J. Leenaarts, J. de la Cruz Rodríguez, X. Zhu, S. White, G. Vissers & M. Rempel (2022, *A&A*, 661, A59)



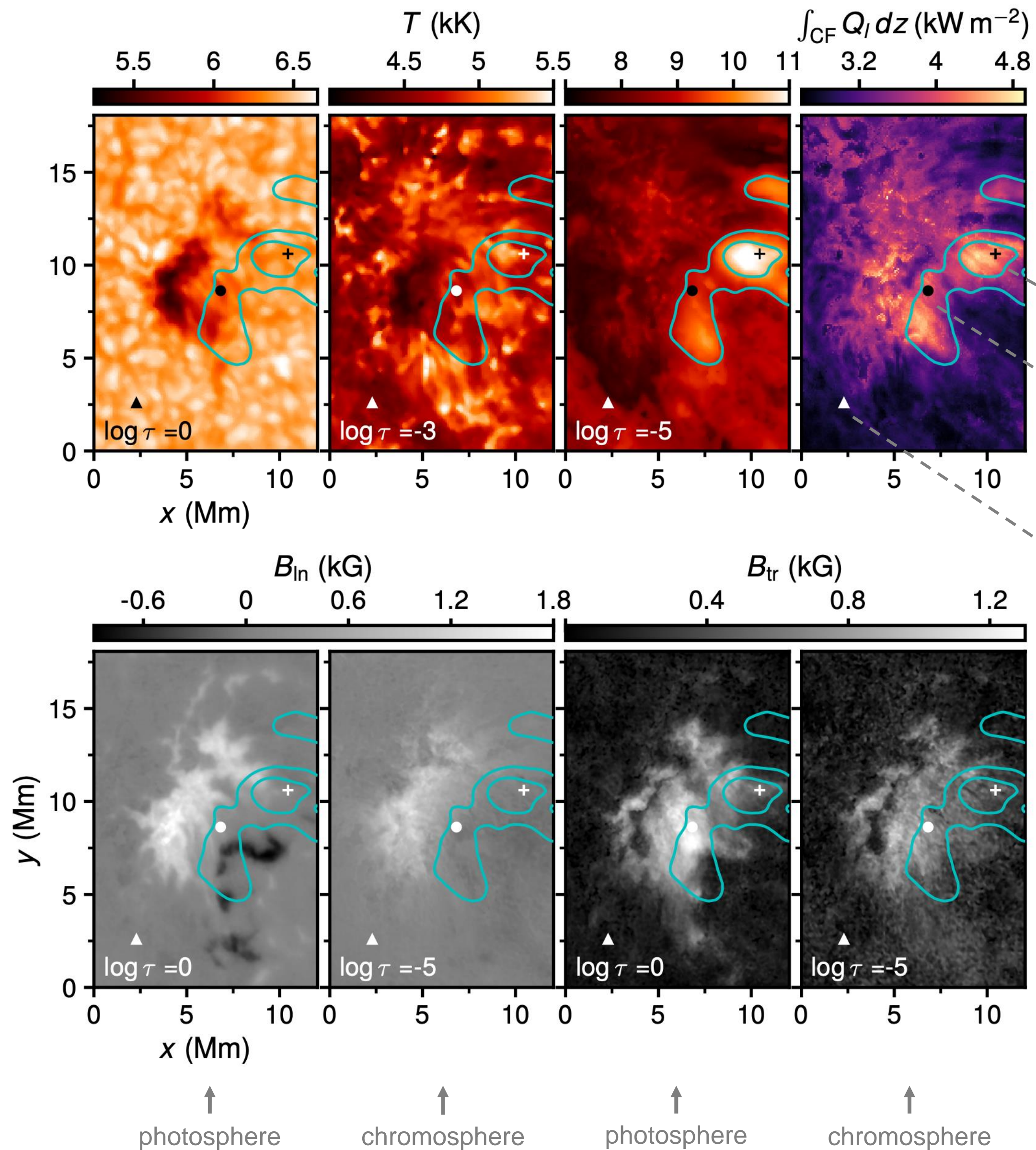
SST/CRISP observations



Milne-Eddington inversions

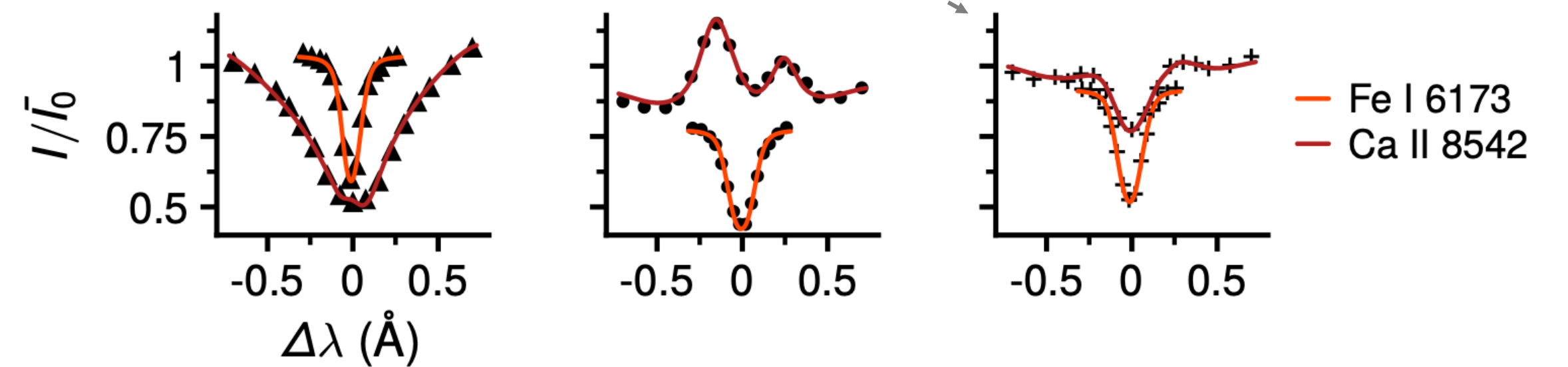


Non-LTE inversions of SST/CRISP+ALMA 3 mm data



← **Radiative losses** (Ca II, Mg II, HI) within the contribution function of the 3 mm continuum (upper chromosphere $T \sim 10,000$ K)

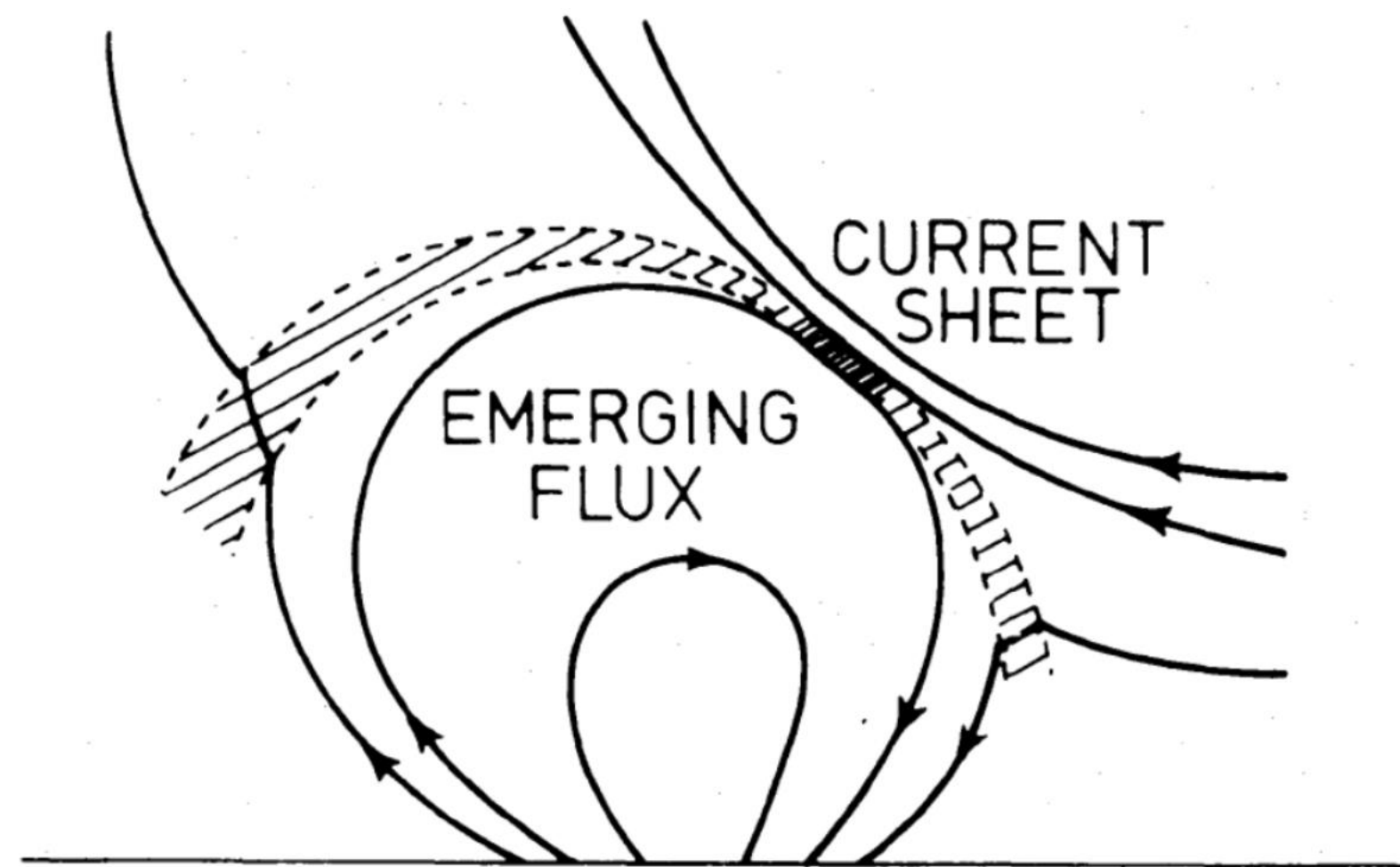
$$Q_l \sim h\nu_0(n_i R_{ij} - n_j R_{ji})$$



example fits at different locations

STiC code

Magnetohydrostatic extrapolation based on the SST+HMI (composite) vector magnetogram

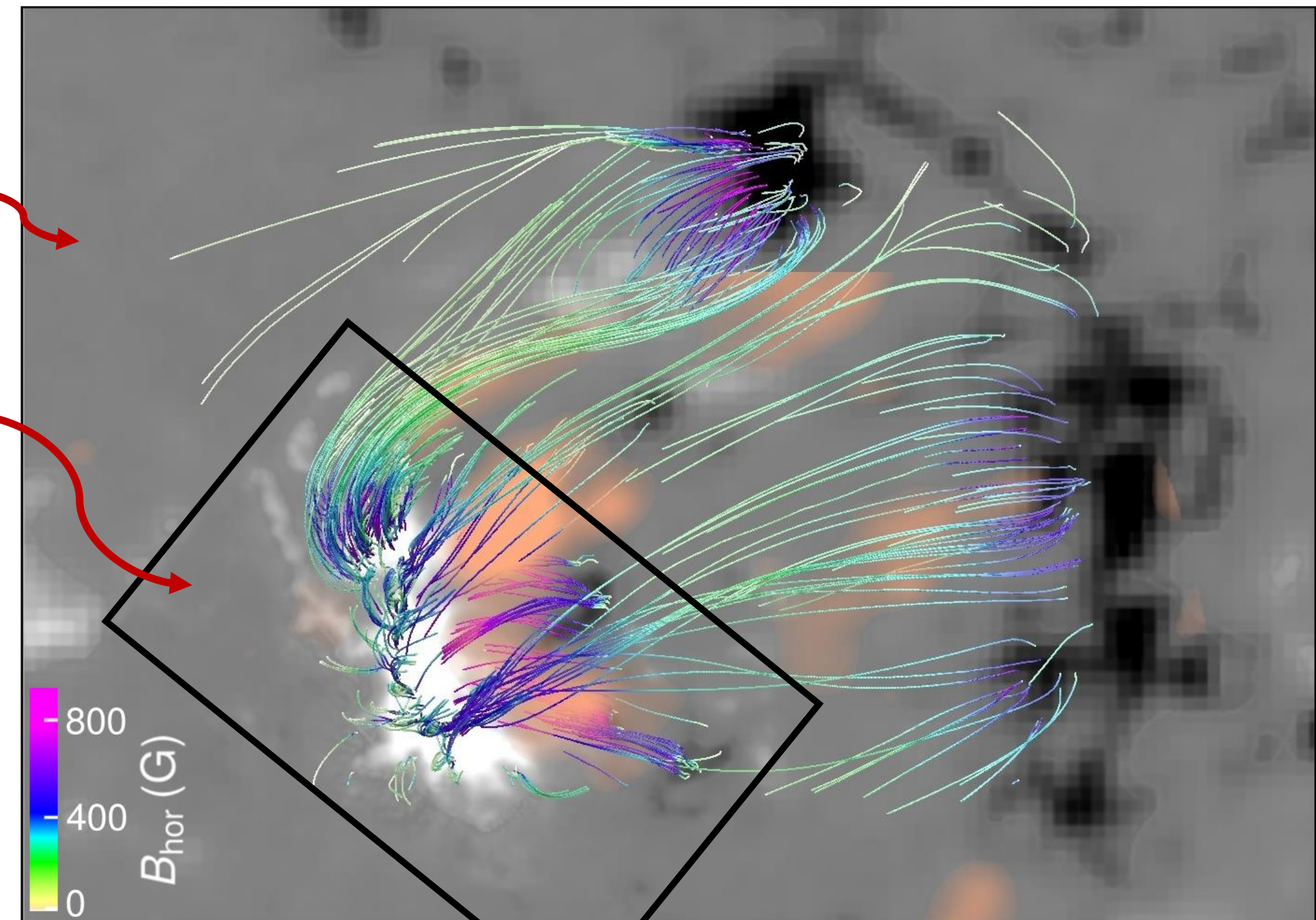


Heyvaerts+ (1977)

see also, e.g., Galsgaard+ (2007)
Cheung & Isobe (2014)
Archontis & Hansteen (2014)
Ortiz+ (2016)

HMI / SHARP

SST

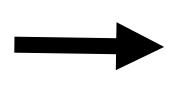


ALMA/B3 > 9000 K

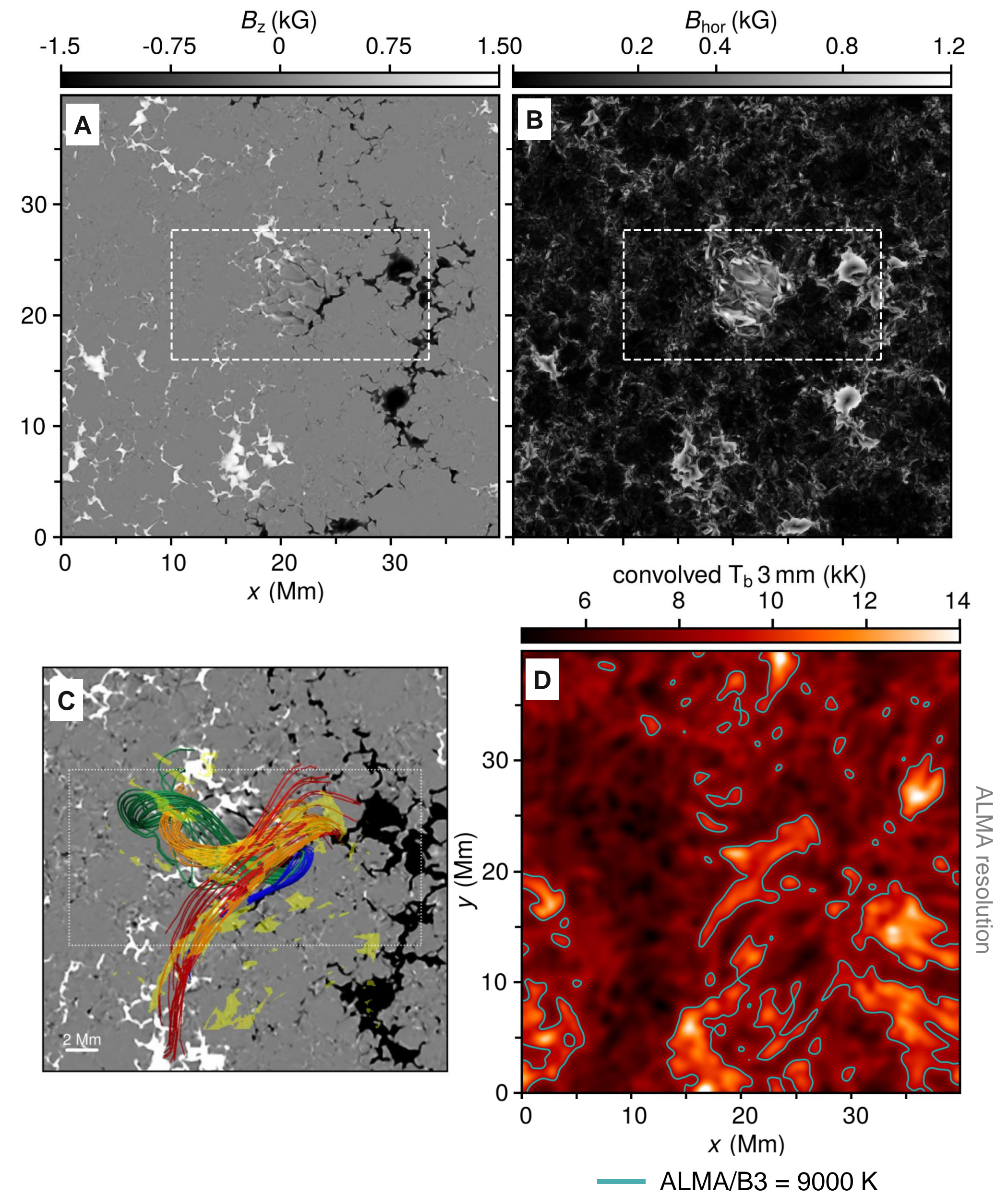
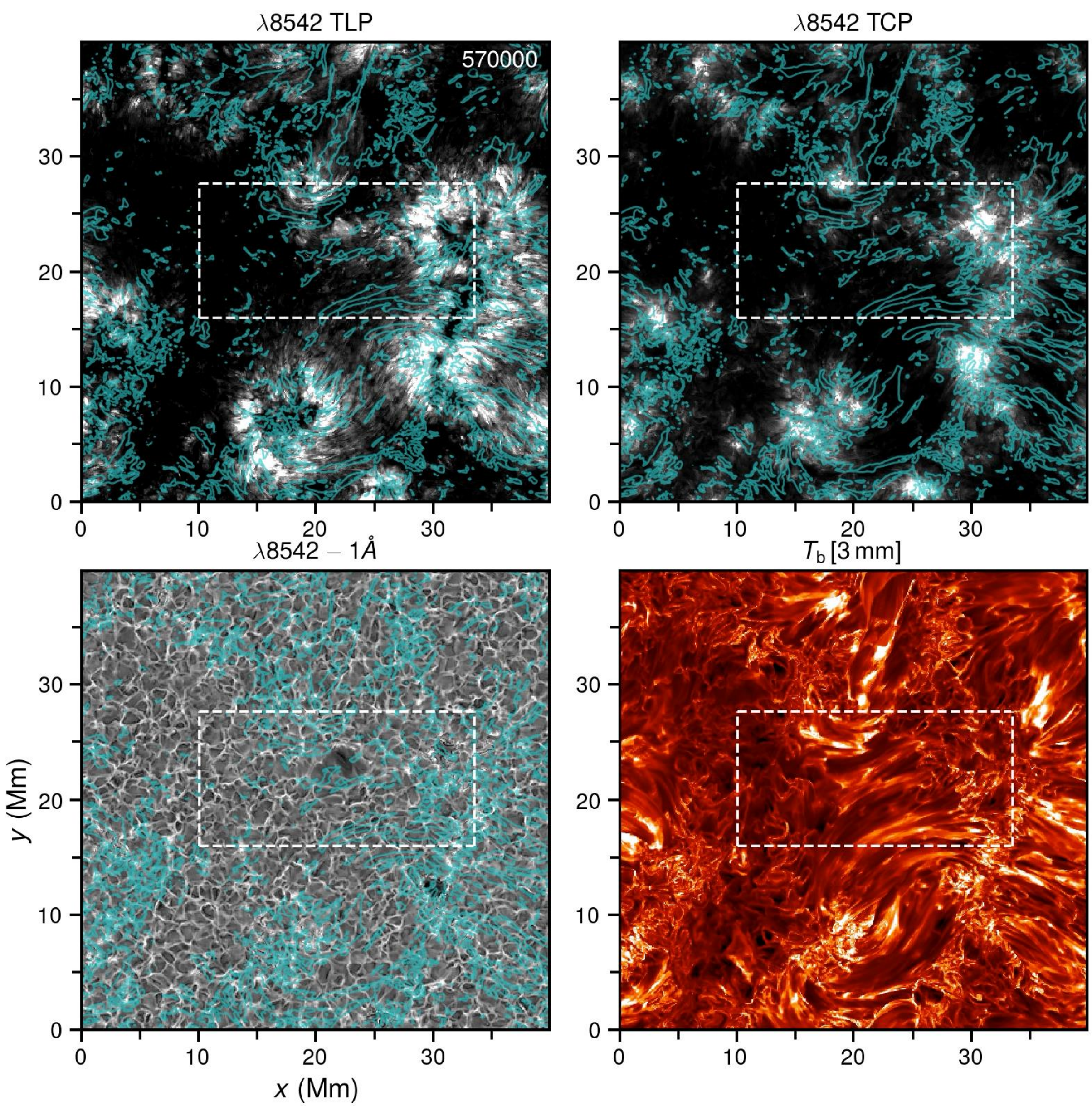
da Silva Santos+ (2022)

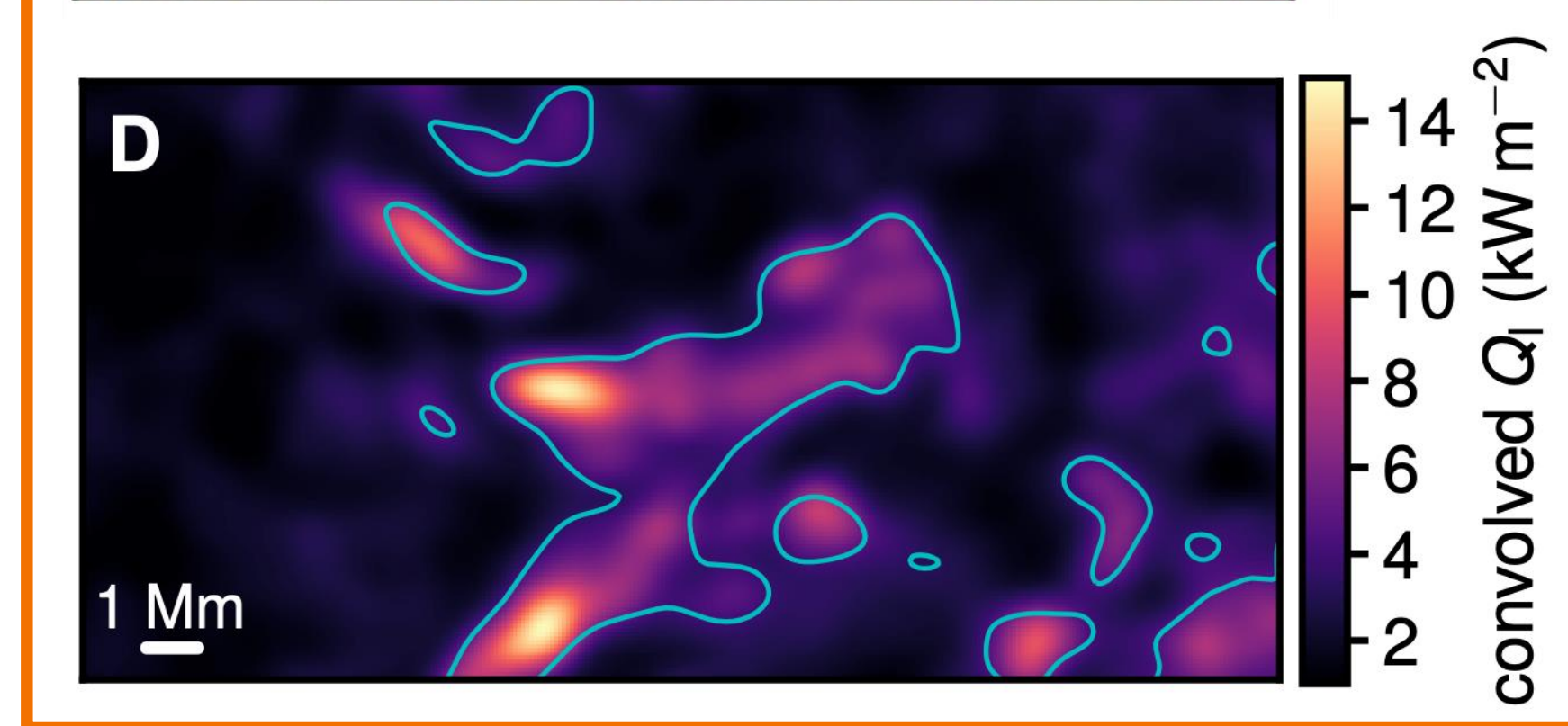
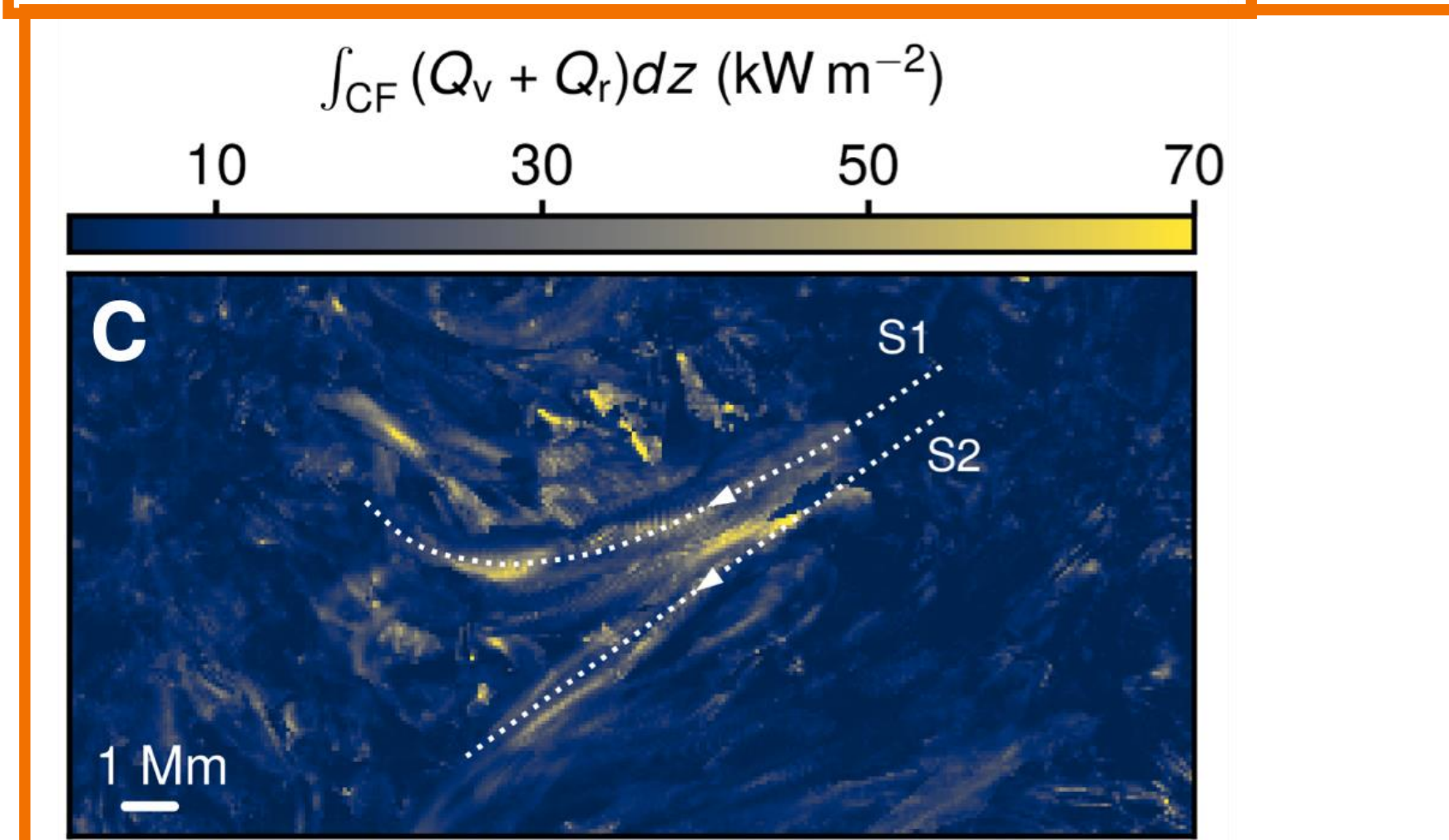
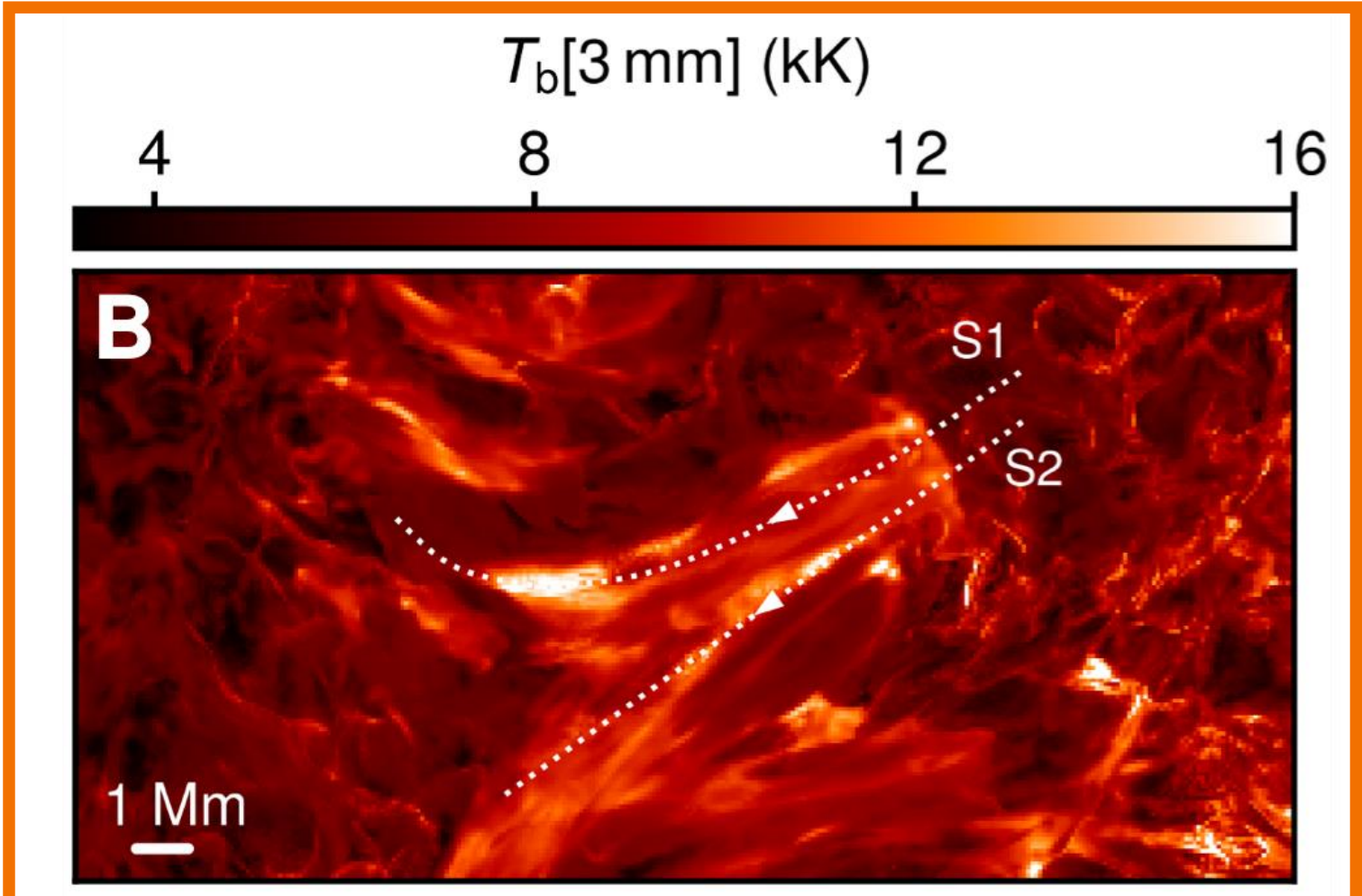
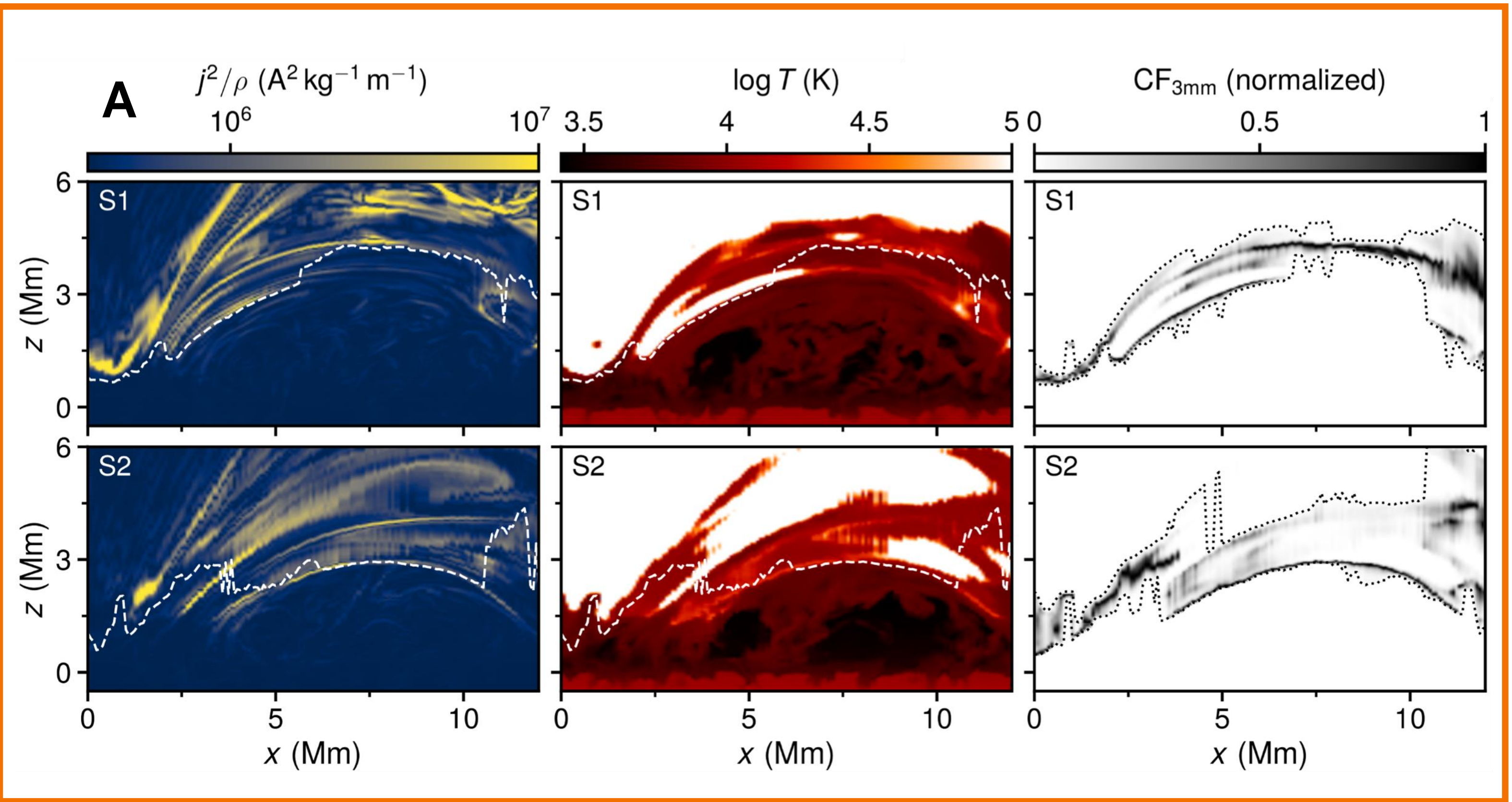
see e.g., Zhu & Wiegmann (2018); Zhu+ (2020) on the extrapolation algorithm

3D MURaM simulation of flux emergence



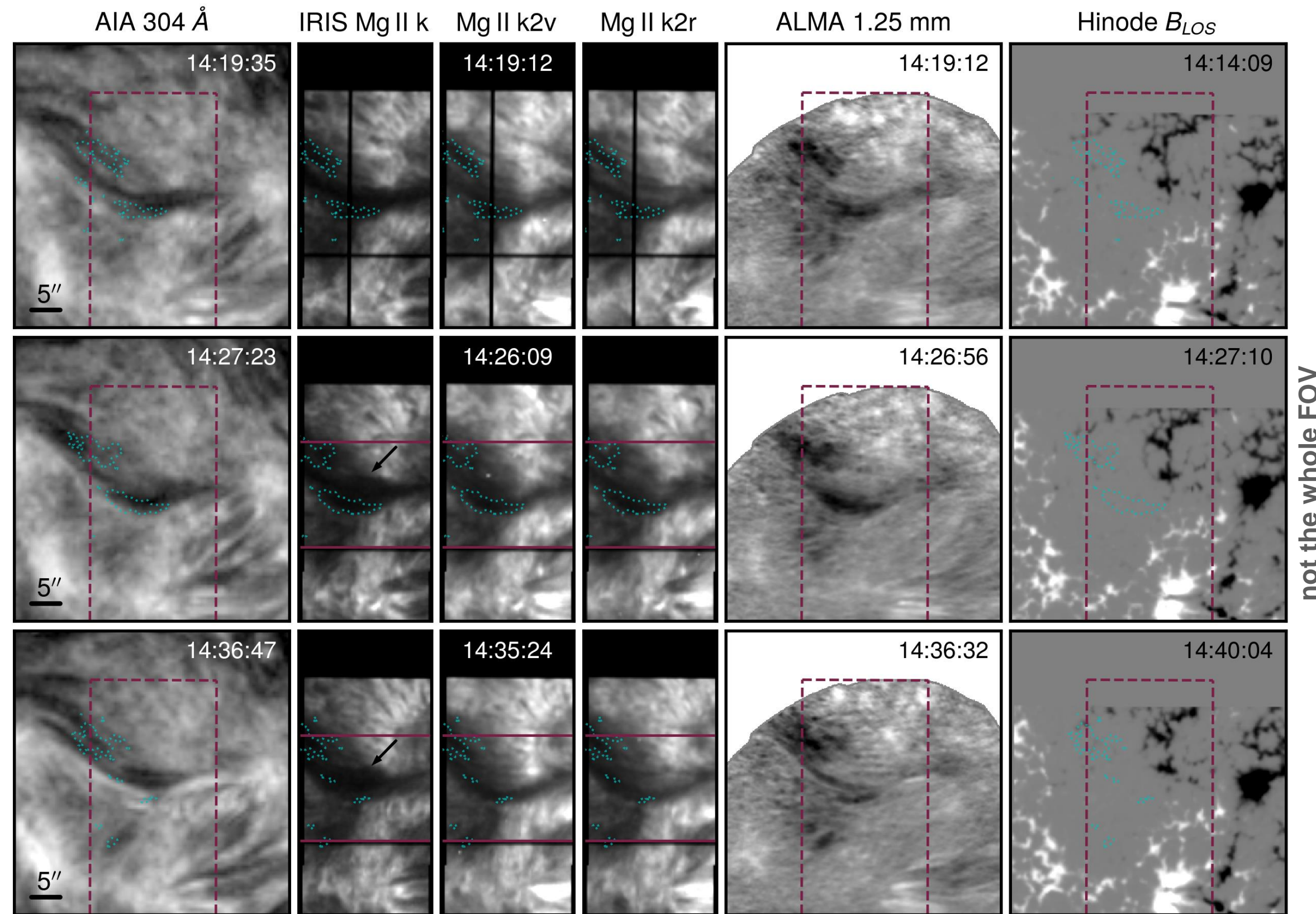
selected snapshot for analysis





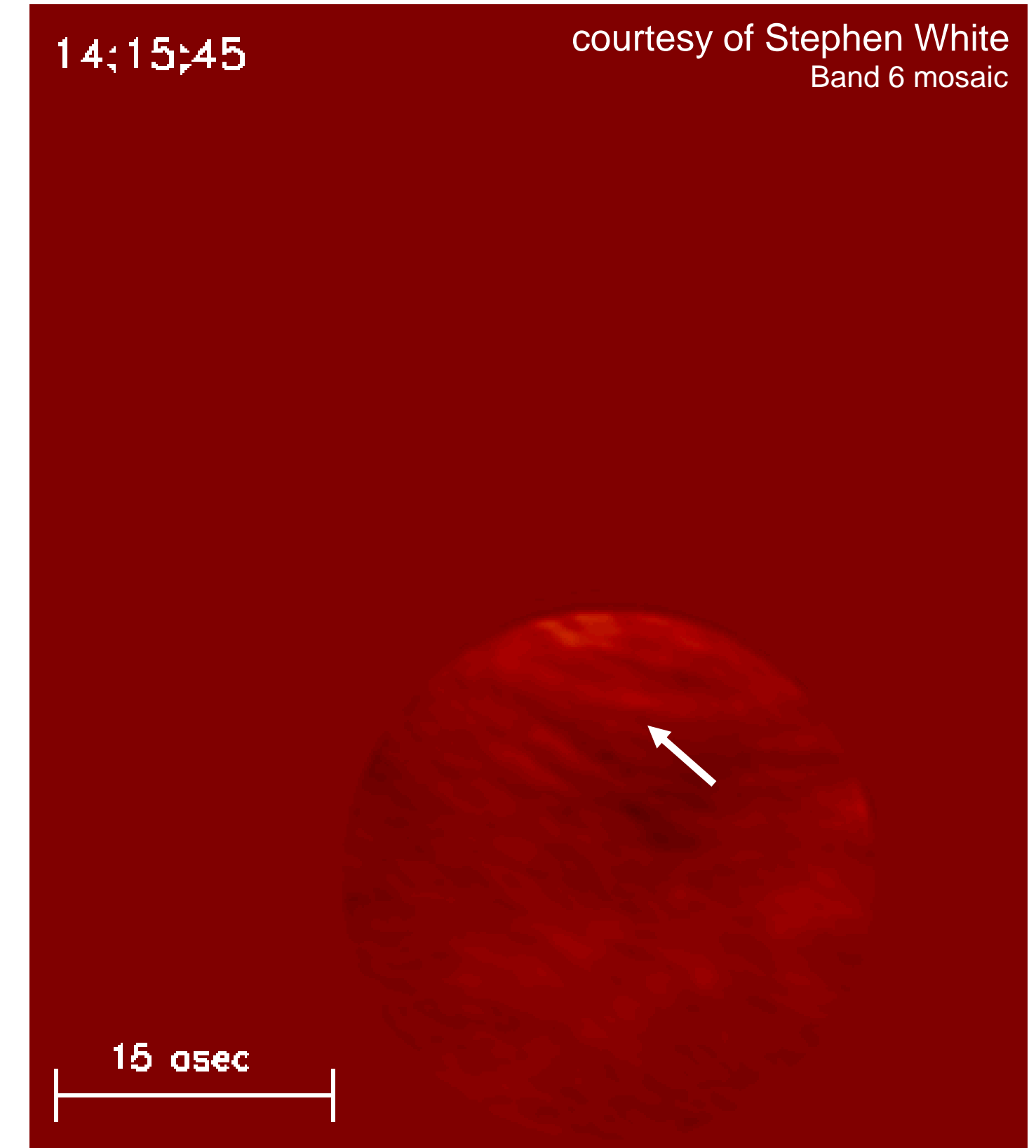
A Vertical slices of the MURaM atmosphere
 B 3 mm brightness temperature
 C Total heating rates within the 3 mm formation range (**capped**)
 D Chromospheric radiative losses within the 3 mm formation range

IRIS / Hinode / ALMA observations of the AR hours earlier



da Silva Santos+ (2022, *Front. Ast. Space Sci.*)

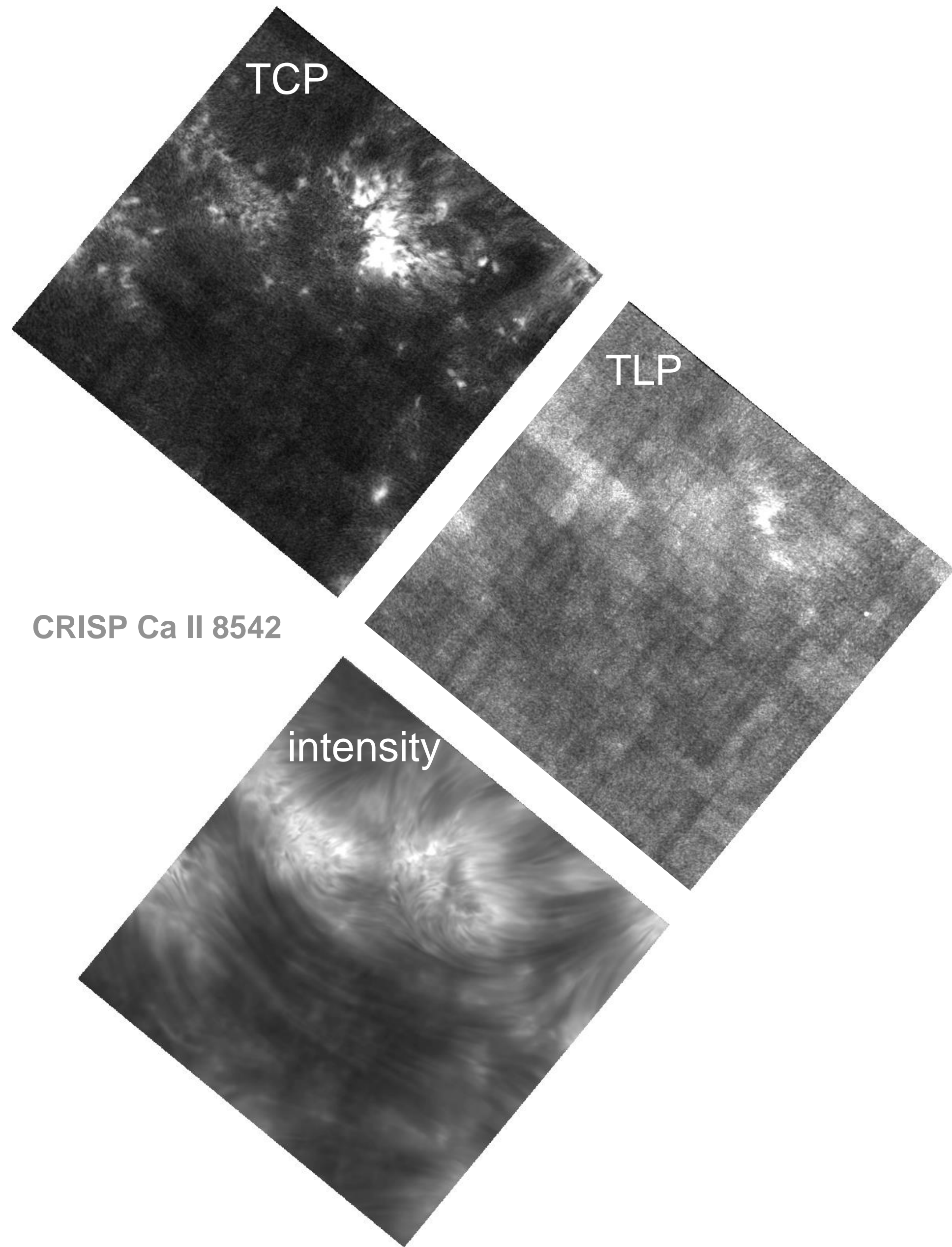
with coobservations from **IRIS**
and **Hinode/SP /EIS + EOVS(A?)**
(but not SST or other)



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Band 6 (1.25 mm continuum)
~ 1.5 min cadence
~ 2h total time
0.6 arcsec resolution (px size 0.3)

Conclusions



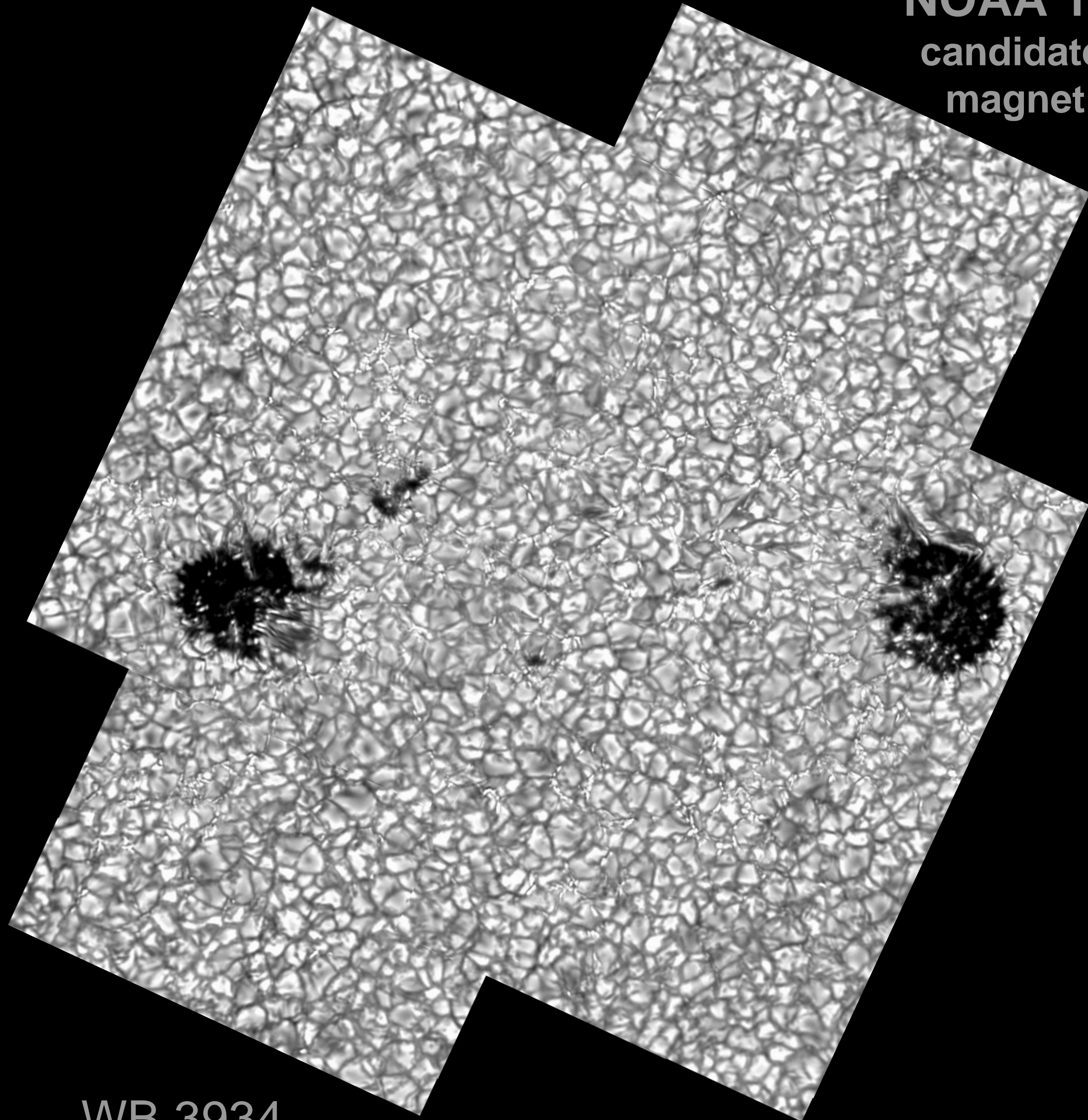
- Persistent, enhanced chromospheric temperatures are associated with the interaction of **low-lying magnetic loops** and the **canopy in an AR**.
- **Radiative cooling rates** (upper chromosphere $\sim 10,000$ K) up to $\sim 5 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$ — a factor >2 higher than in the surroundings.
- The main observables are reproduced by **MURaM simulation**.

(freely available) inversion codes

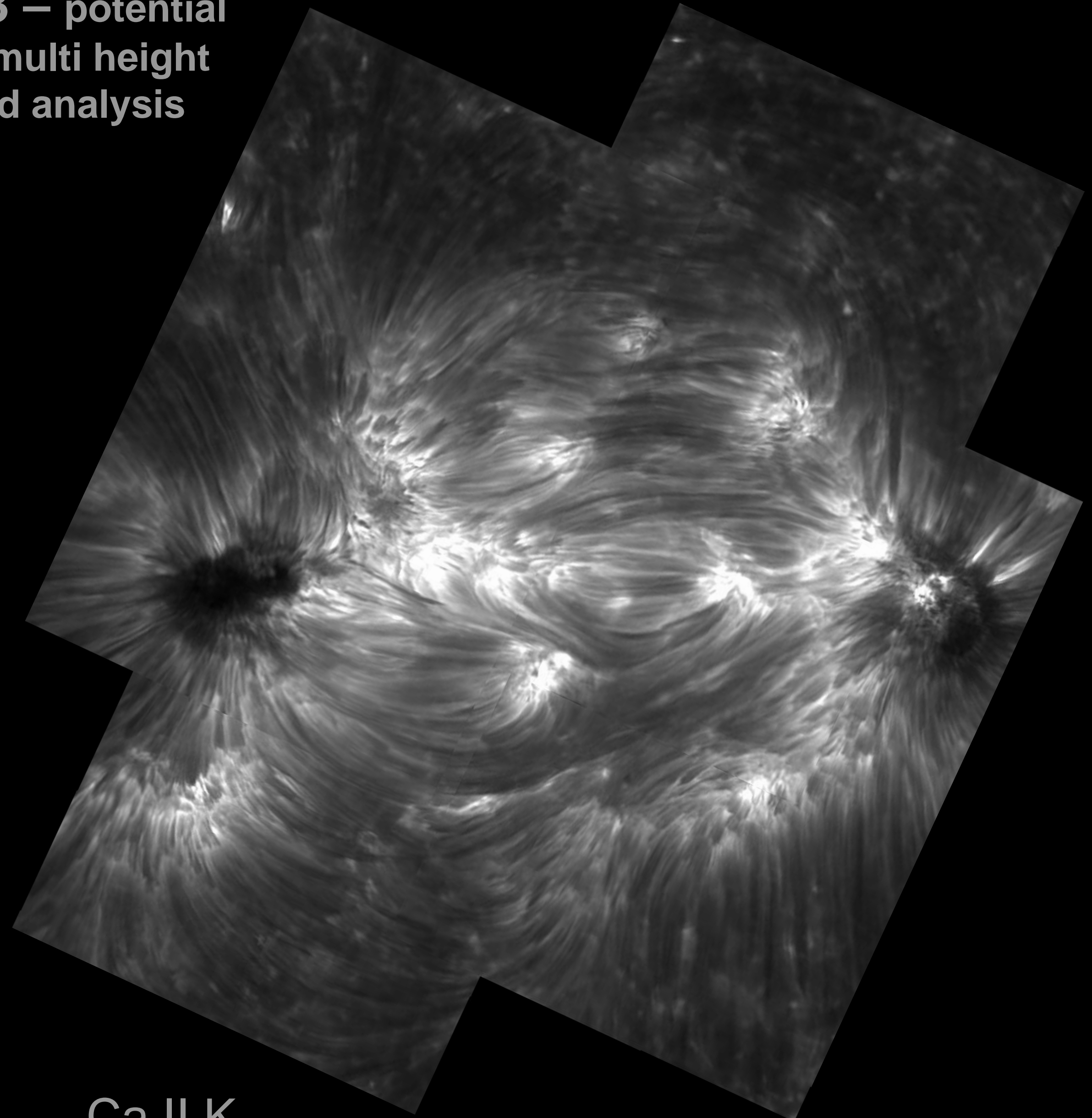
<https://github.com/jaimedelacruz/stic>

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SST / CHROMIS
NOAA 12723 – potential
candidate for multi height
magnetic field analysis

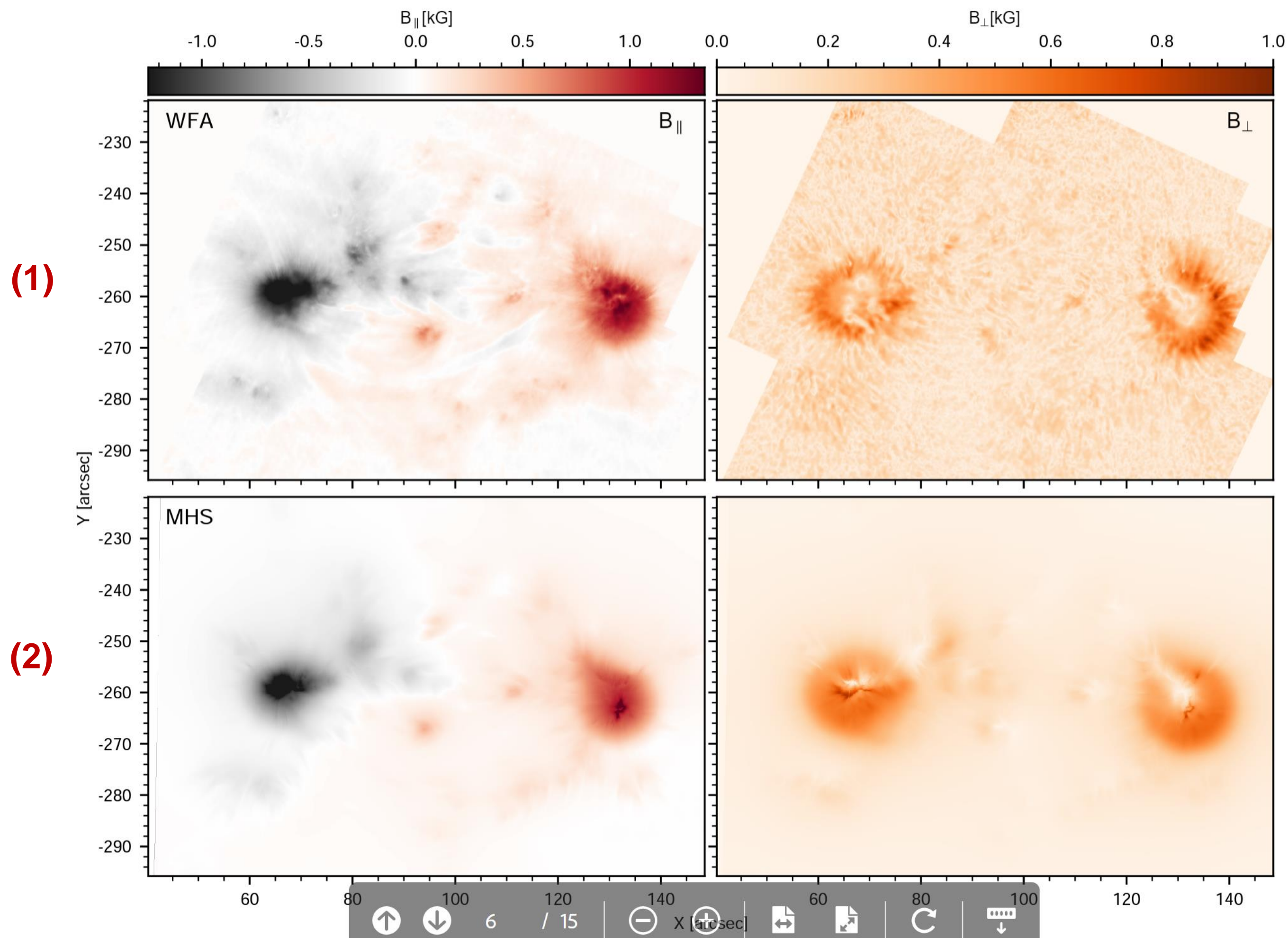


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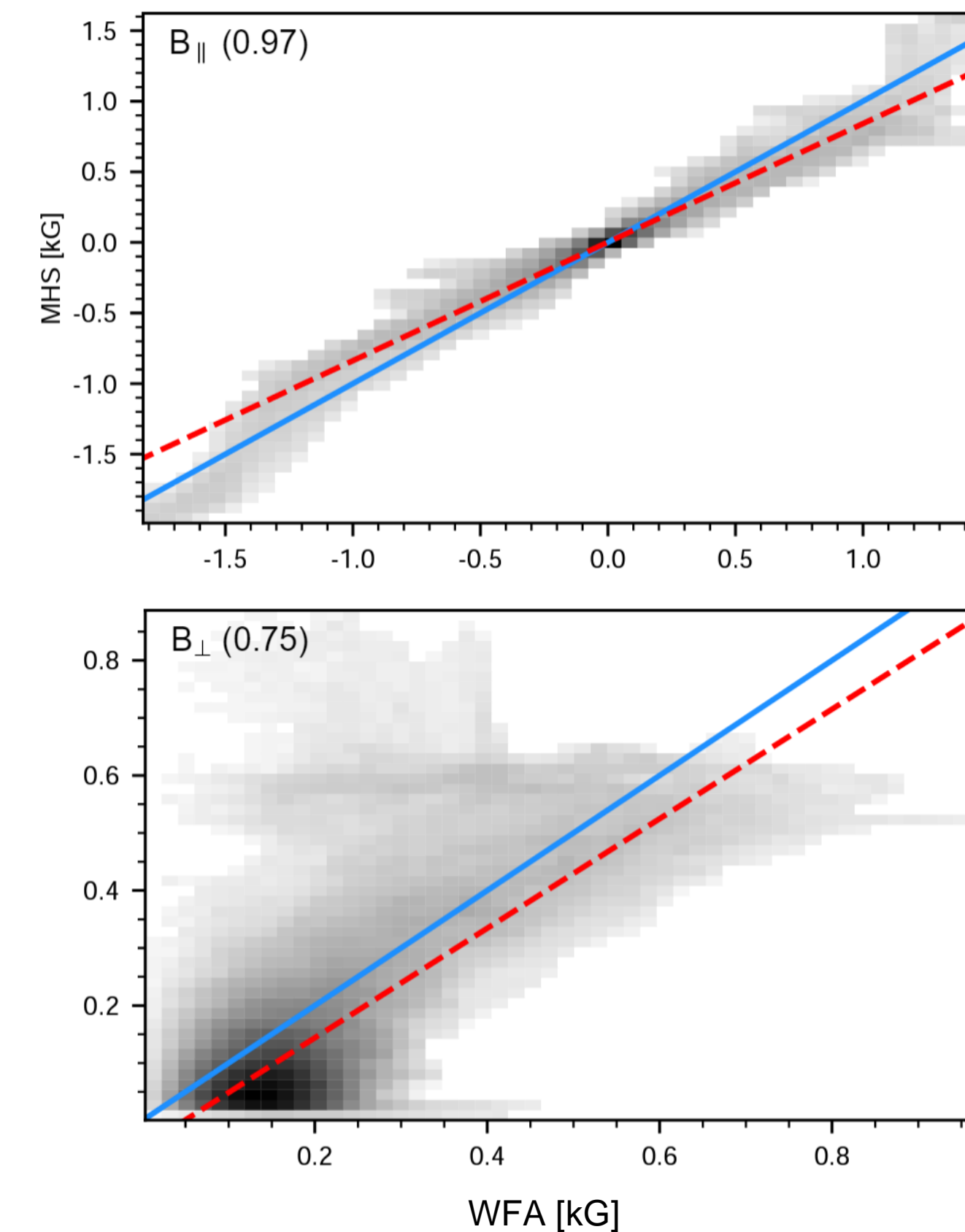


Ca II K

Comparing the **chromospheric magnetic field** inferred (1) directly from the SST/CRISP Ca II spectra and (2) from extrapolations of a photospheric magnetogram (Fe I 6173)



The Na I 5896 line was not used in this paper



What does this imply for the corona? Can we improve the extrapolation using multiple line constraints? What can we learn about chrom. heating?