

# Spectral Inversion of the $H\alpha$ and Ca II 8542 Å Lines Observed by SST/CRISP in Chromospheric Jet

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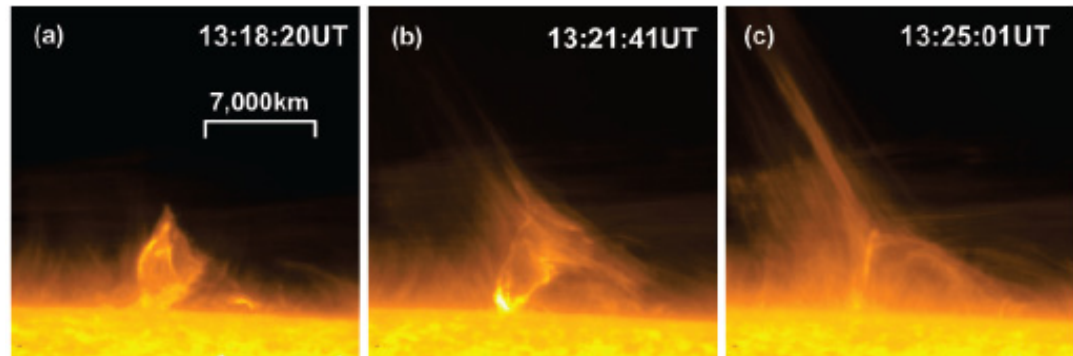
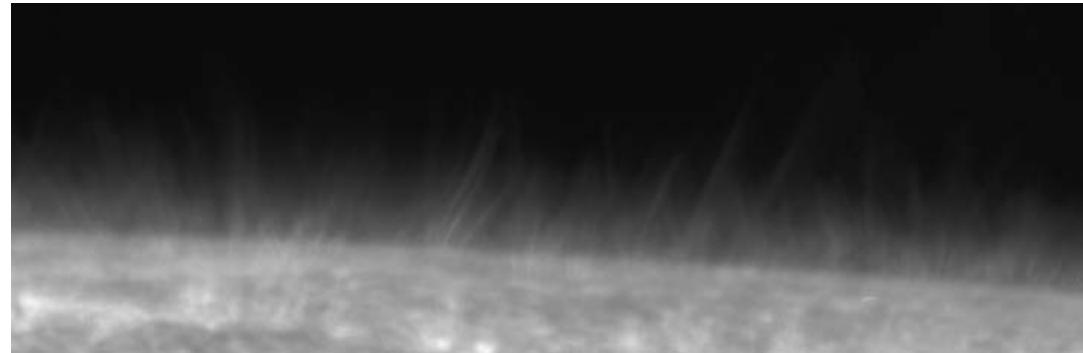
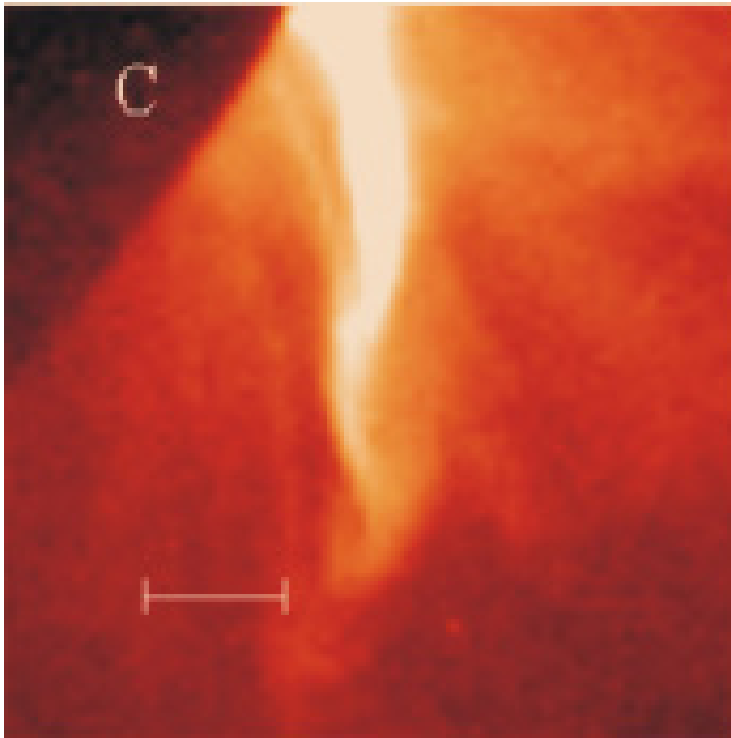
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# Jets in the Solar Atmosphere

Observations show various kinds of jets in the solar atmosphere:

- type I spicules : 20 - 25 km/s ([Beckers 1968](#))
- type II spicules: 50 - 100 km/s ([De Pontieu et al. 2007](#))
- RBEs/RREs: 50 - 100 km/s ([Roupe van der Voort et al. 2009](#))
- chromospheric anemone jets: 10 - 20 km/s ([Shibata et al. 2007](#))
- macropicules: 100 - 150 km/s ([Pike and Mason 1998](#))
- H $\alpha$  surges: 50 - 200 km/s ([Canfield et al. 1996](#))
- X-ray jets: 200 - 600 km/s ([Shibata et al. 1992](#))



# Type I and Type II Spicules

Type I spicules ([Beckers 1972](#))

diameter: 400 - 1500 km

speed: 20 - 25 km/s

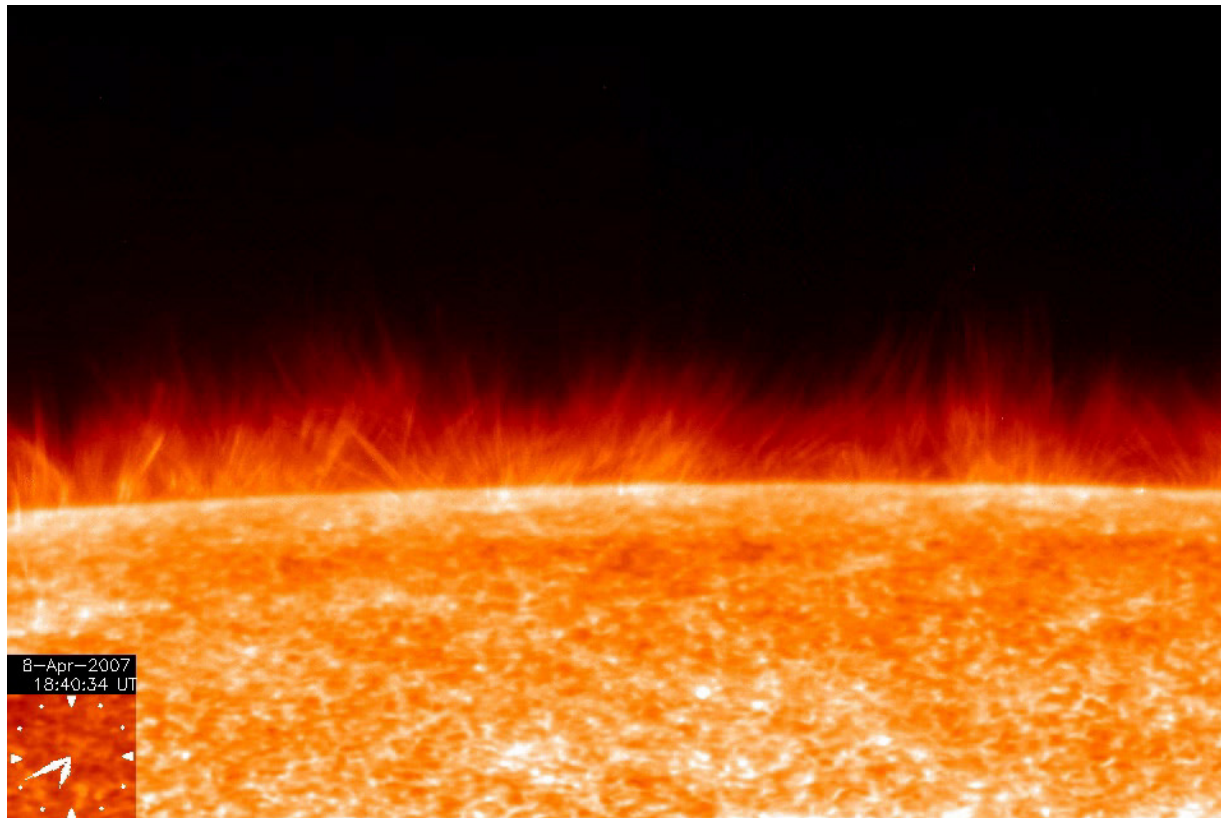
lifetime: 5 - 15 min

Type II spicules ([De Pontieu et al. 2007](#))  
RBEs ([Roupe van der Voort et al. 2009](#))

diameter: < 200 km

speed: 50 - 100 km/s

lifetime: 10 - 150 s



# Heating Mechanisms of Type II Spicules

Short life time: fast heating to transition region temperatures (De Pontieu et al. 2007)?

Further supported by IRIS (Pereira et al. 2014).

Mechanism for the fast heating remains unknown.

Thermal conduction: hours  
Joule heating (spatial scale  $\approx 200$  km): days  
Viscosity (spatial scale  $\approx 200$  km): months  
Ion-neutral collisions (spatial scale  $\approx 200$  km): 1 hour

Ion-neutral collisions lead to fastest heating, but spatial scales must be smaller!

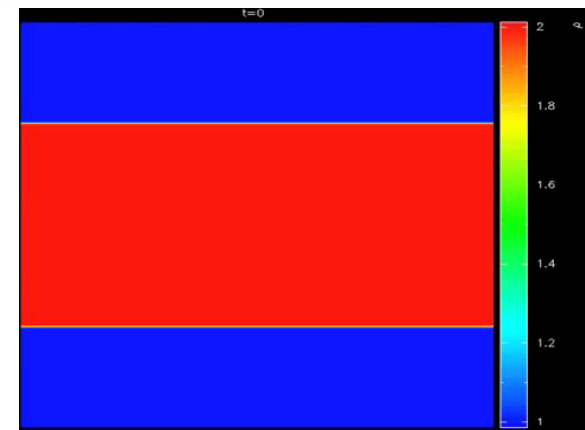
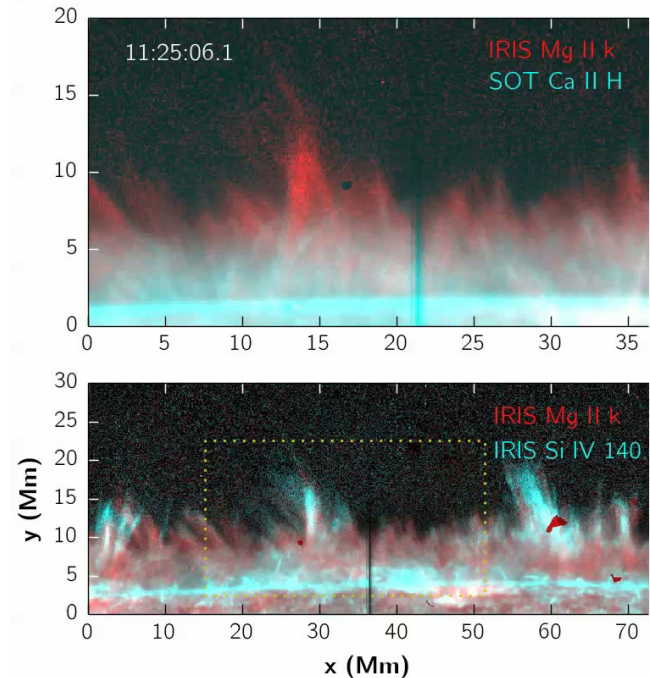
Energy of flow must be transferred to smaller scales, where it may dissipate and heat the structure.

**Kelvin – Helmholtz Instabilities?**

Kuridze et al. 2016

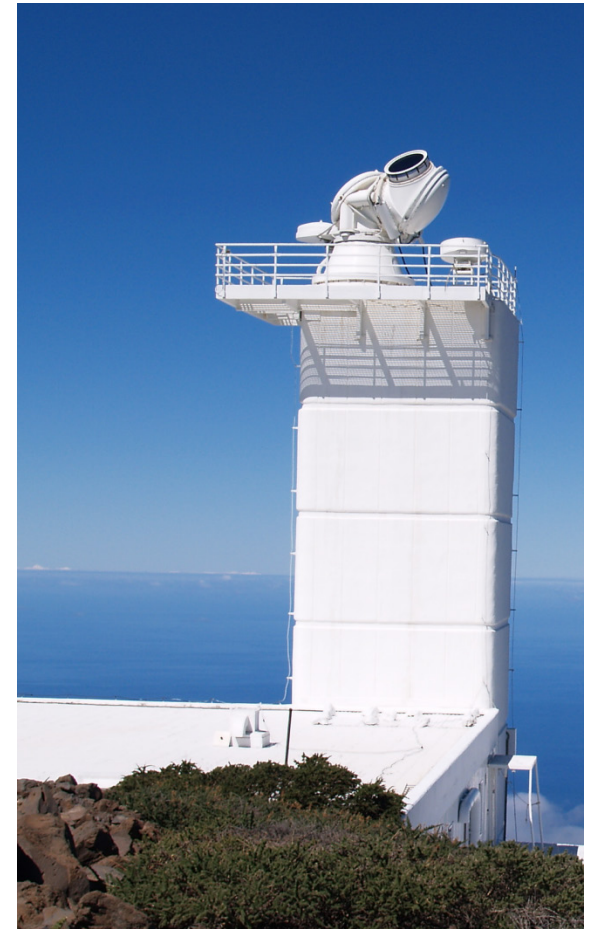
Zaqarashvili et al. 2010, 2014

Soler et al. 2012



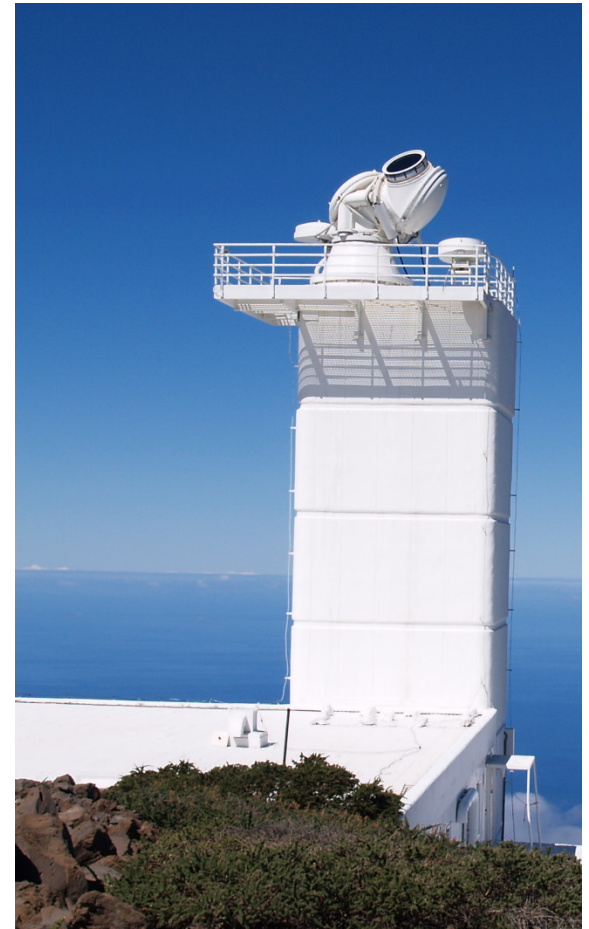
# Aims of This Study

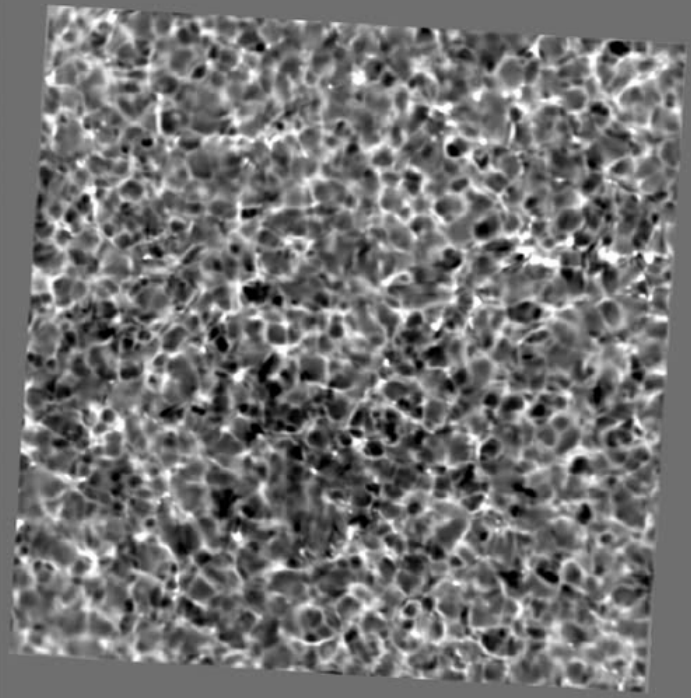
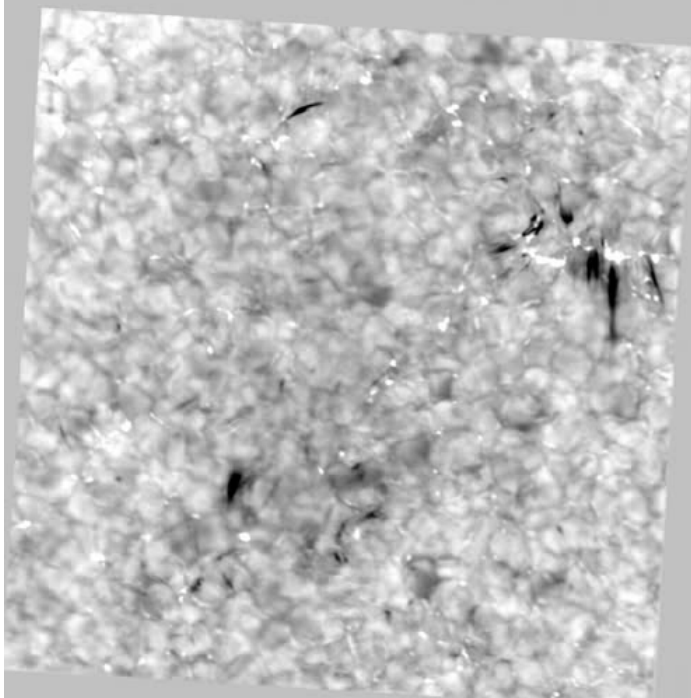
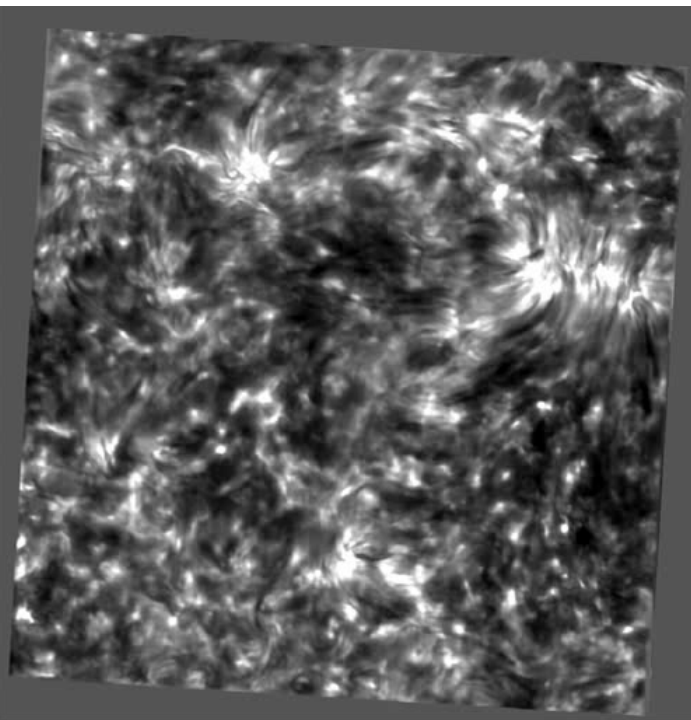
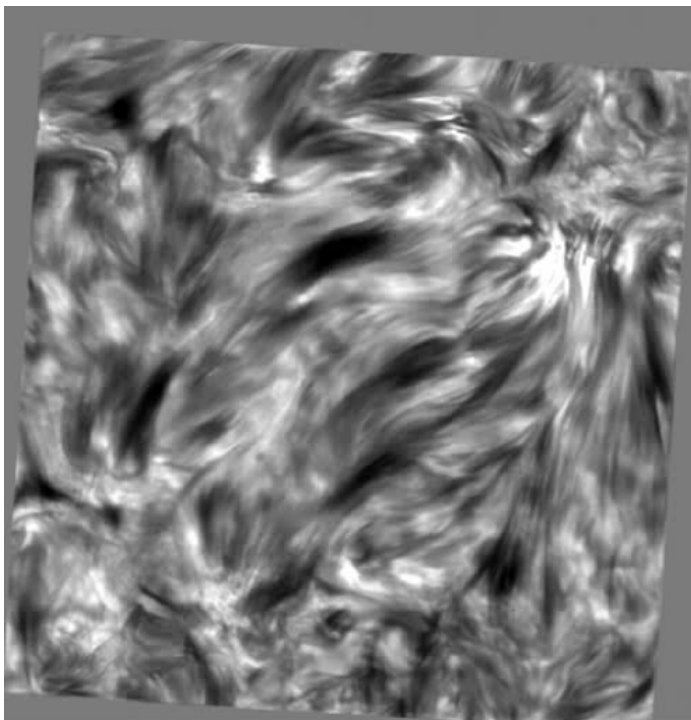
- to identify chromospheric jets in on-disk data obtained by the CRisp Imaging Spectropolarimeter (CRISP) on the Swedish 1-m Solar Telescope
- to infer physical characteristics of a typical jet with a **modified cloud model** (Liu & Ding 2001) yielding:
  - the Source function  $S$
  - the Line center optical thickness  $\tau_0$
  - the Doppler width  $\Delta\lambda_D$
  - the Line-of-sight velocity  $v_{\text{LOS}}$
- to prepare basis for spectral inversions of large volumes of CRISP data aiming:
  - to infer temporal evolution of  $S$ ,  $\tau_0$ ,  $\Delta\lambda_D$ , and  $v_{\text{LOS}}$  for large sample of chromospheric jets,
  - to look for the Kelvin-Helmholtz Instabilities manifesting through increased non-thermal broadening of spectral lines.



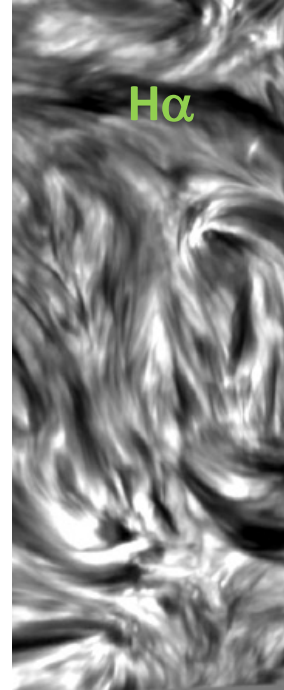
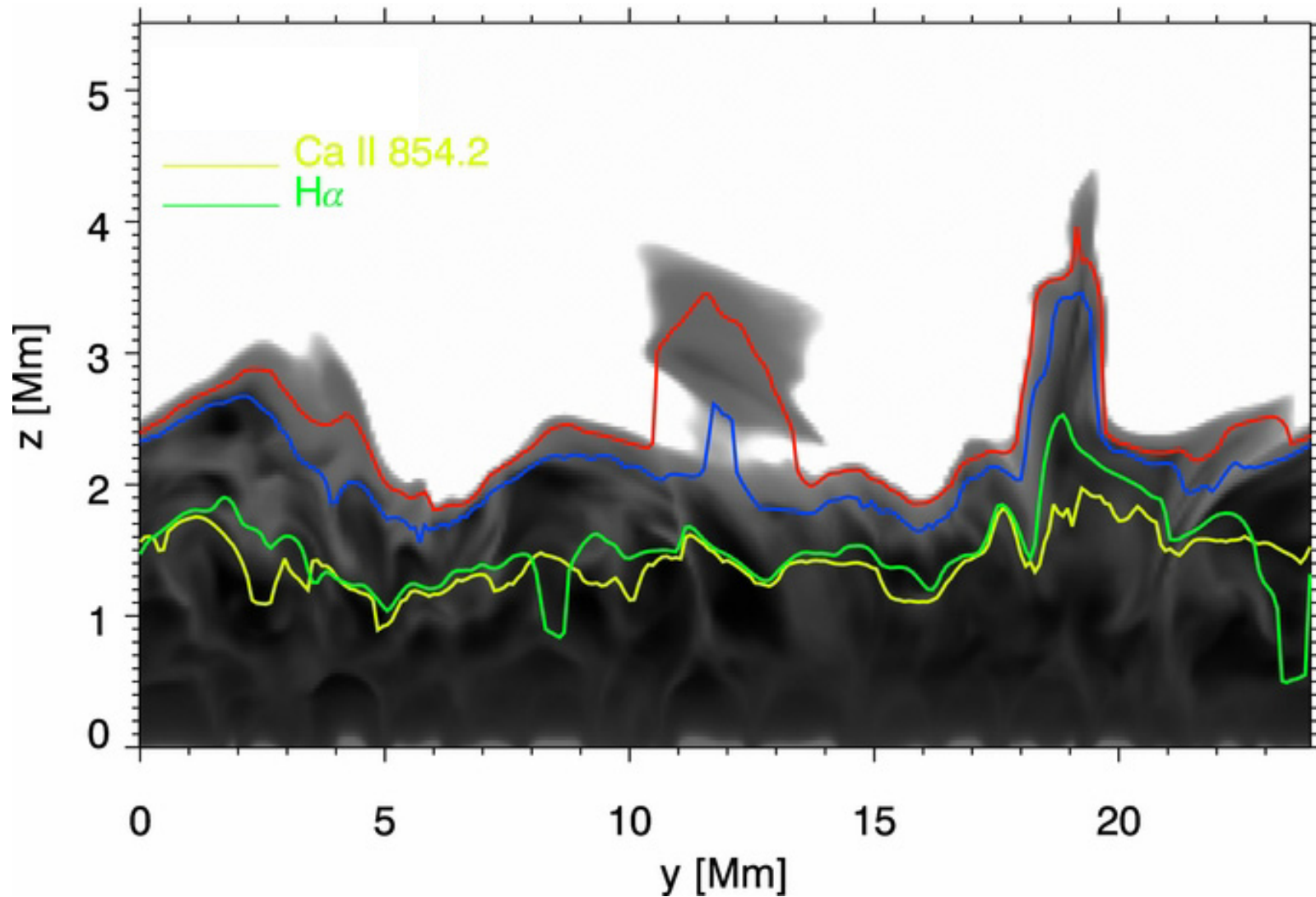
# Observations and Data Reduction

- coordinated SST-IRIS campaign in 13 - 19 May 2016 **supported through SOLARNET**
- data taken on 13 May 2016 between 08:46 UT and 10:02 UT in the quiet chromosphere close to disk center by SST/CRISP
- $H\alpha$  scanned in the range  $\pm 1.4 \text{ \AA}$  around center in 15 points separated  $0.2 \text{ \AA}$
- Ca II 8542  $\text{\AA}$  scanned in the range  $\pm 1.2 \text{ \AA}$  around center in 25 points separated  $0.1 \text{ \AA}$  with one extra point at  $-1.5 \text{ \AA}$
- temporal cadence of the  $H\alpha$  and Ca II 8542  $\text{\AA}$  line scans: 12.4 s
- data reduction: Luc Rouppe van der Voort, the CRISPRED pipeline ([de la Cruz Rodríguez et al. 2015](#)) and MOMFBD ([van Noort et al. 2005](#))

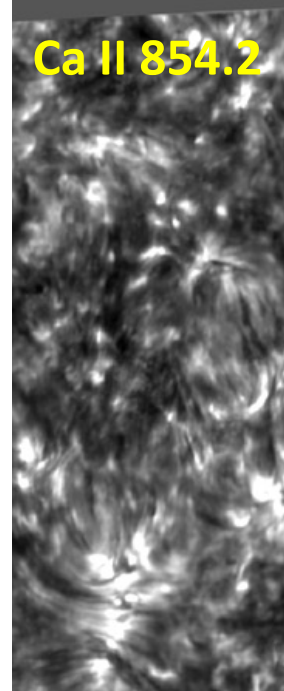




# Differences between $\tau = 1$ Heights of Ca II 8542 Å and H $\alpha$



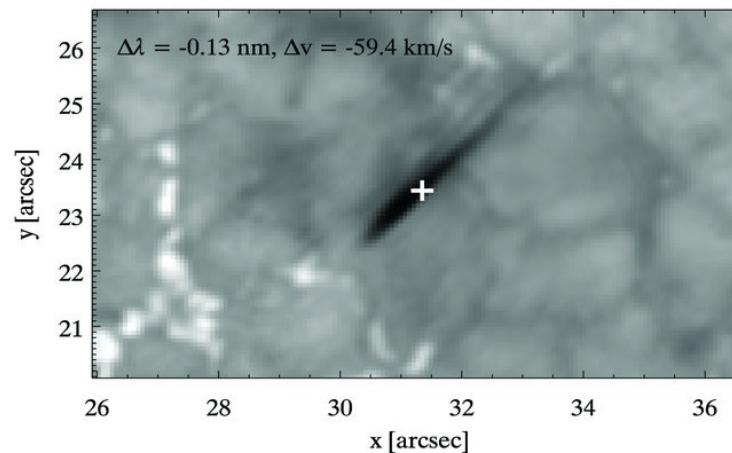
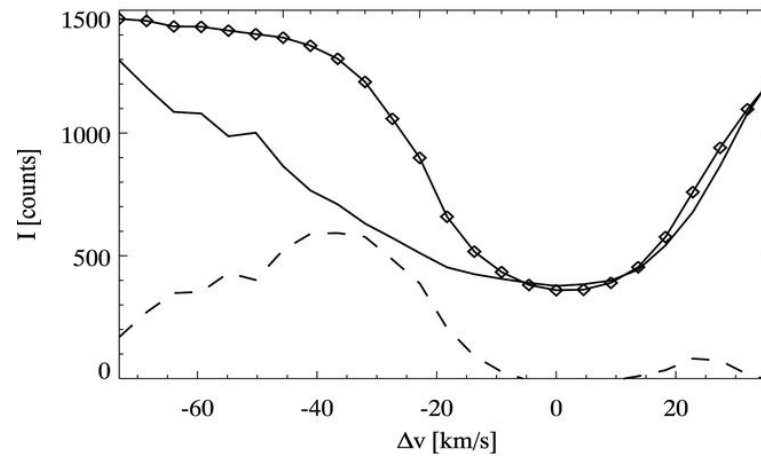
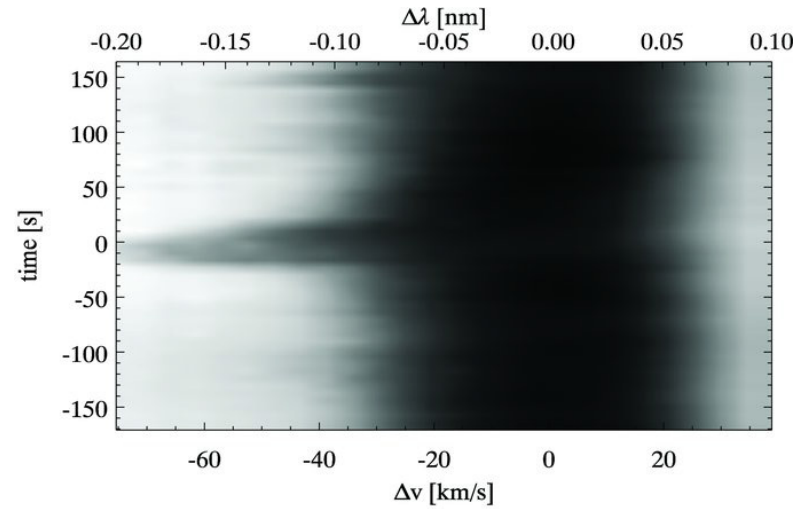
Ca II 854.2



[Leenaarts et al. \(2013\)](#)



# Typical Spectral Manifestation of Rapid Blue Excursion (RBE)



RBE  $\equiv$  chromospheric jet

[Roupe van der Voort et al. \(2009\)](#)

# Spectral Inversion by Cloud Model

## The classical cloud model

In this model by [Beckers \(1964\)](#), the line intensity  $I(\Delta\lambda)$  at  $\Delta\lambda$  from the line center is given by the formula:

$$I(\Delta\lambda) = I_0(\Delta\lambda)e^{-\tau(\Delta\lambda)} + S[1 - e^{-\tau(\Delta\lambda)}]$$

where:

$I_0(\Delta\lambda)$  is the intensity of background profile

$S$  is the constant source function

$\tau(\Delta\lambda)$  is the optical thickness given by:  $\tau(\Delta\lambda) = \tau_0\varphi(\Delta\lambda, \Delta\lambda_D, v_{LOS})$

where:  $\tau_0$  is the line center optical thickness

$\varphi$  is the absorption profile (Gaussian or Voigt function)

$\Delta\lambda_D$  is the Doppler width

$v_{LOS}$  is the line-of-sight velocity

The model adopts a mean profile over the quiet chromosphere as the background profile  $I_0(\Delta\lambda)$ .

## The modified cloud model

[Liu & Ding \(2001\)](#) introduced the modified cloud model, in which the background profile  $I_0(\Delta\lambda)$  is eliminated assuming its symmetry  $I_0(\Delta\lambda) = I_0(-\Delta\lambda)$ . In this model **the observed asymmetry** of the line profile  $A(\Delta\lambda) = I(\Delta\lambda) - I(-\Delta\lambda)$  is given as:

$$A(\Delta\lambda) = I(\Delta\lambda) - I(-\Delta\lambda) = [I(\Delta\lambda) - S][1 - e^{\tau(\Delta\lambda) - \tau(-\Delta\lambda)}]$$

# Spectral Inversion by Cloud Model

In this study we employ the modified cloud model, but assuming that:

- the background profile is asymmetric,
- the asymmetry of the background profile can be represented by asymmetry of mean profile.

Then the observed asymmetry  $A(\Delta\lambda)$  of line profile is given by the formula

$$A(\Delta\lambda) = [I(\Delta\lambda) - S] \left[ 1 - e^{\tau(\Delta\lambda) - \tau(-\Delta\lambda)} \right] + a(\Delta\lambda) e^{-\tau(-\Delta\lambda)}$$

where  $a(\Delta\lambda)$  is the asymmetry of the mean profile.

Then from the observables  $A(\Delta\lambda)$ ,  $I(\Delta\lambda)$ , and  $a(\Delta\lambda)$  one can compute  $S$ ,  $\tau_0$ ,  $\Delta\lambda_D$ , and  $v_{LOS}$  by the Levenberg–Marquardt least-squares minimization method ([Markwardt 2009](#)).

# Remarks on Cloud Model

The **classical cloud model** ([Beckers 1964](#)) is very sensitive on the background profile  $I_0(\Delta\lambda)$ .

This problem is solved by **the modified cloud model** ([Liu & Ding 2001](#)), in which the background profile is eliminated assuming its symmetry.

The model is predestined for highly asymmetric line profiles observed in **flares** and also in various **chromospheric jets**, in particular in RBEs/RREs.

We suggest **the new version of the modified cloud model**, which assumes that the background profile is asymmetric and its asymmetry can be represented by asymmetry of mean profile.

The model works well in those parts of a line profile showing some asymmetry (line flanks), but fails in the line center and far wings with small or zero asymmetry.

**General problem** in application of single-component cloud model inversion is the overlapping of chromospheric structures ([Roupe van der Voort et al. 2009](#)).

# Evolution of selected chromospheric jet

Field of View: 5.2 arcsec  $\times$  4.3 arcsec, time step: 12.4 s

$\Delta\lambda$

+1.2 Å

line center

-1.0 Å

-1.2 Å

-1.4 Å

H $\alpha$

+0.6 Å

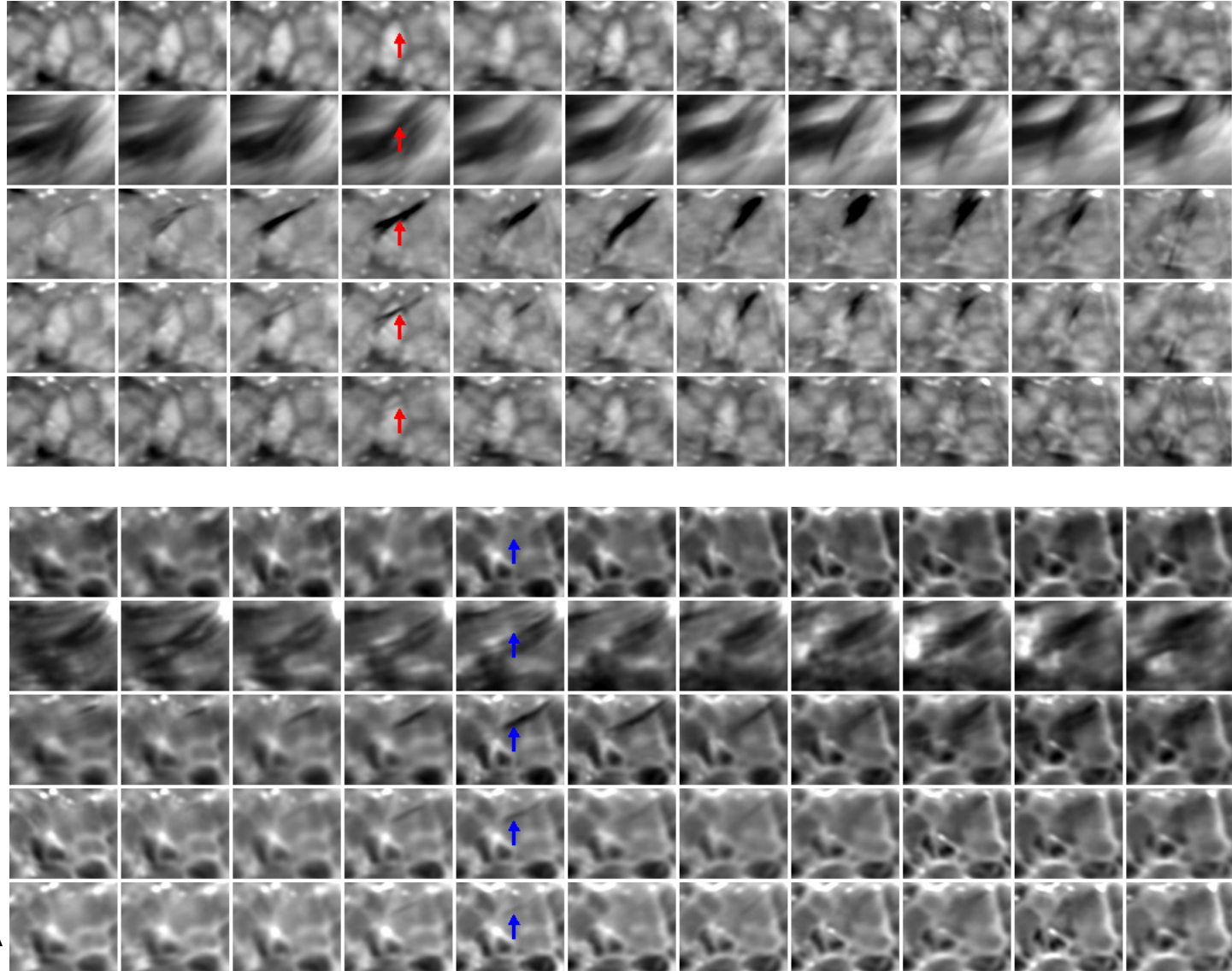
line center

-0.6 Å

-0.8 Å

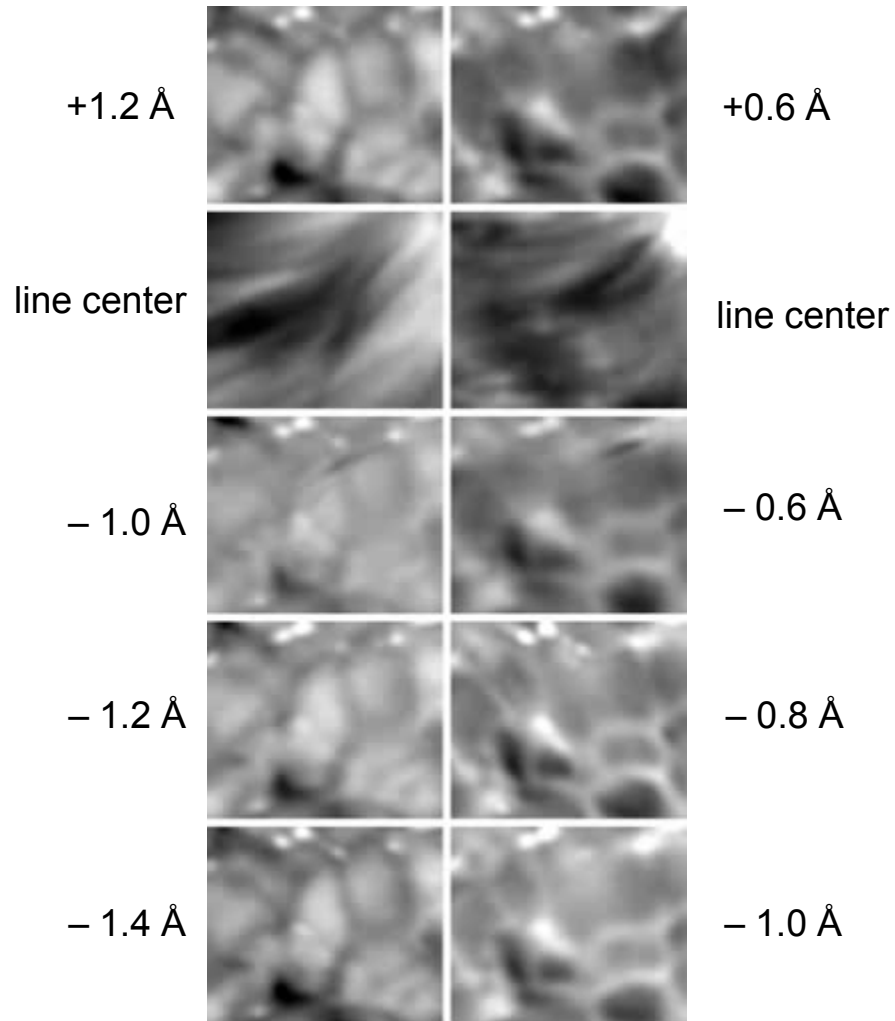
-1.0 Å

Ca II 8542 Å



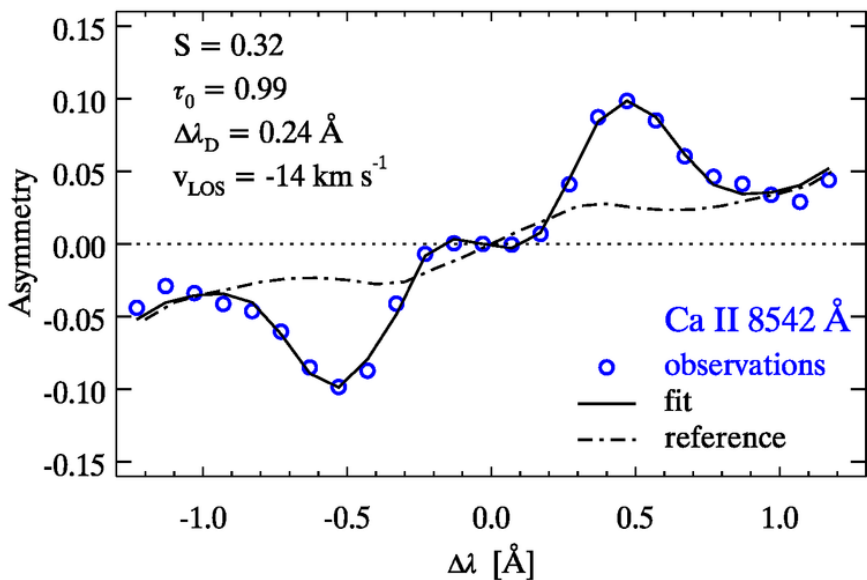
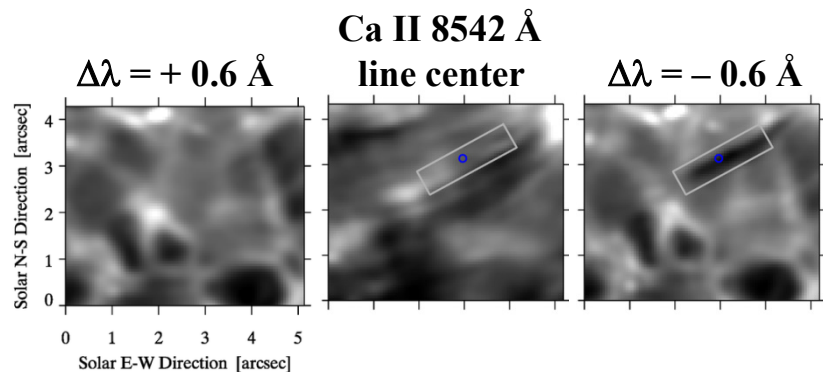
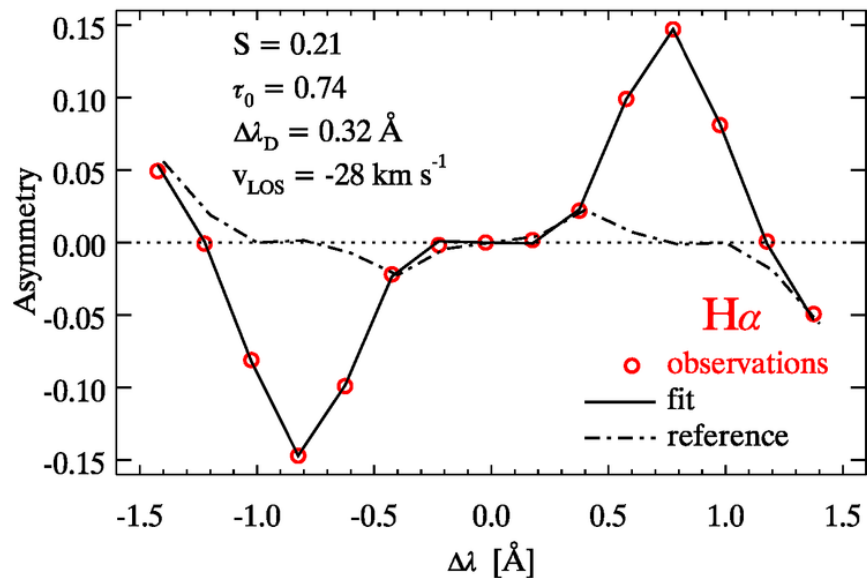
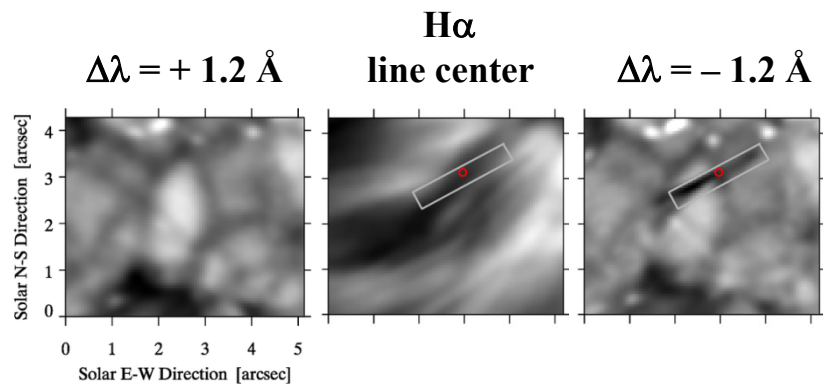
# Evolution of selected chromospheric jet

H $\alpha$  Ca II 8542 Å



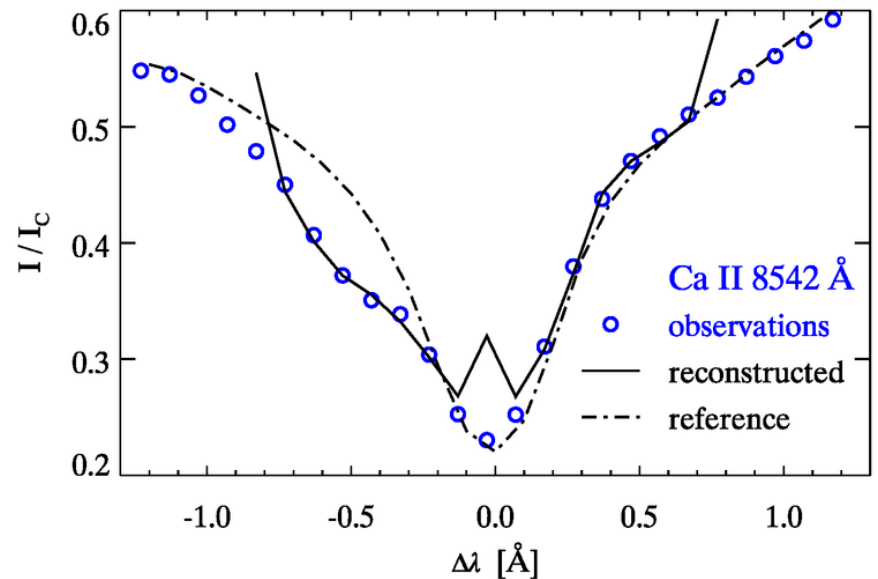
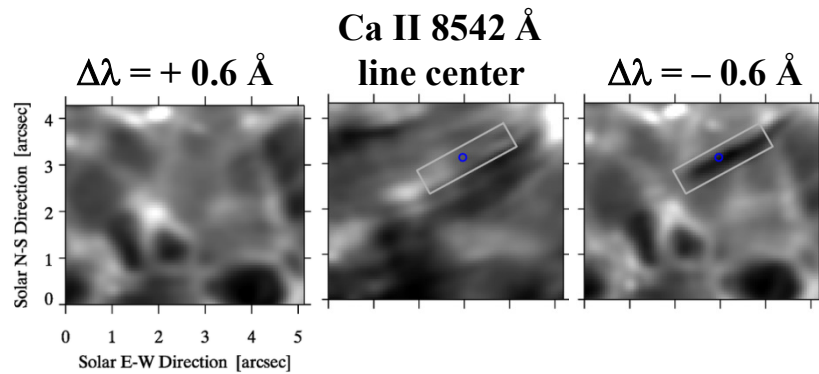
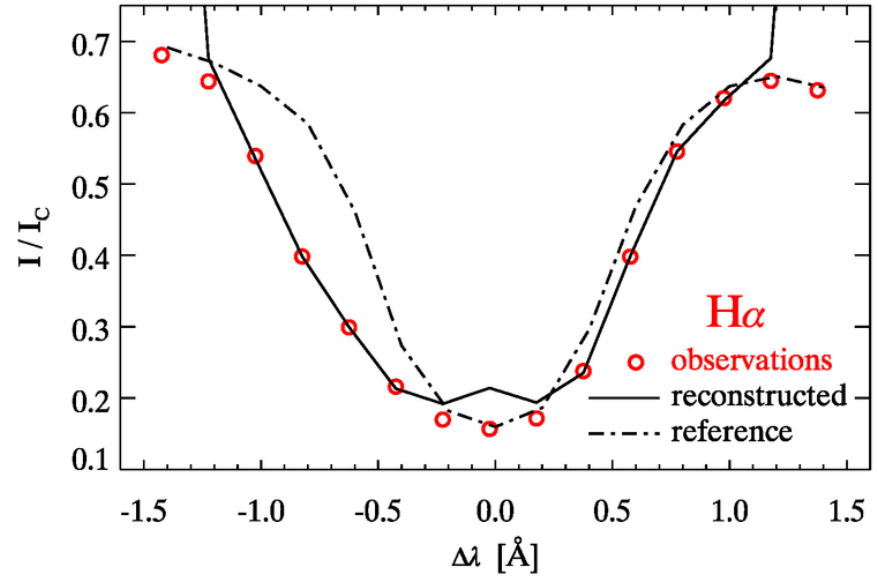
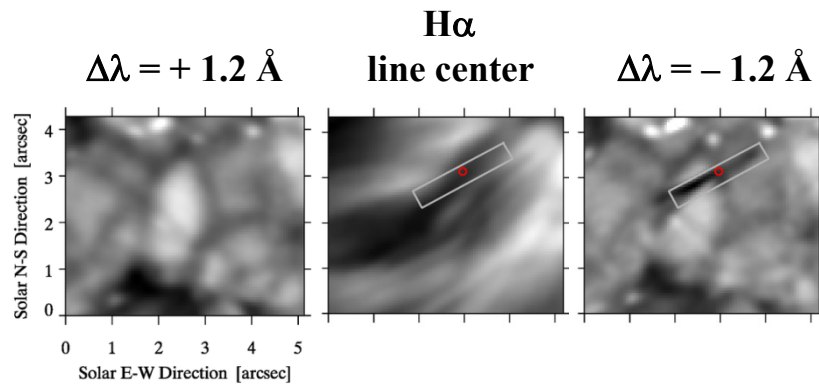
transverse motion

# Example of the H $\alpha$ and Ca II 8542 Å profile asymmetries



fit = cloud model fit  
reference = asymmetry of reference profile  
(spatial average over full FoV)

# Example of the H $\alpha$ and Ca II 8542 Å line profiles

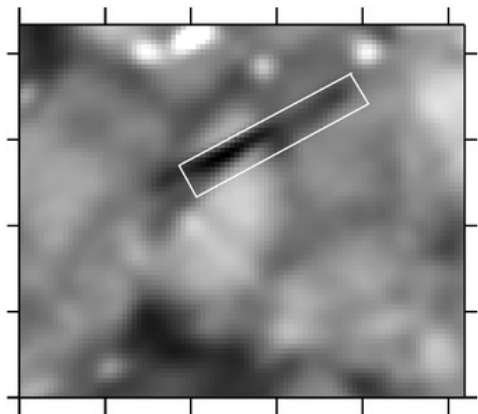


reconstructed = profile computed from cloud model parameters  
reference = spatial average over full FoV

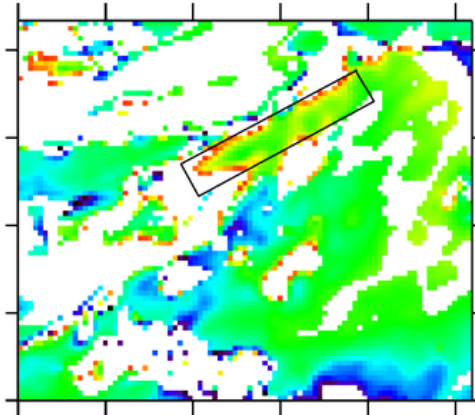
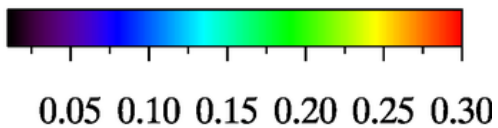


# Structure of chromospheric jet in $H\alpha$

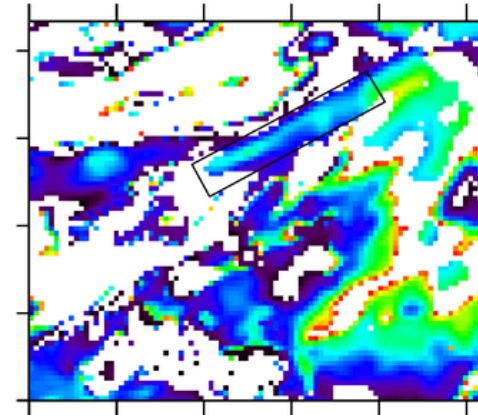
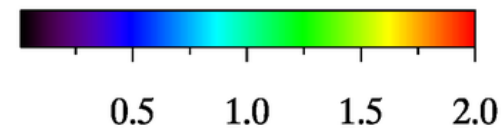
$H\alpha$   
 $\Delta\lambda = -1.2 \text{ \AA}$



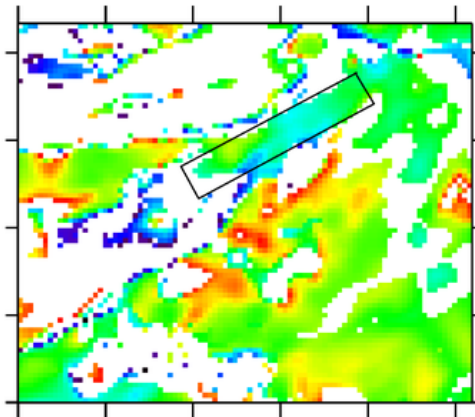
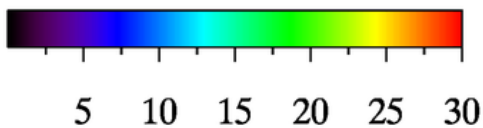
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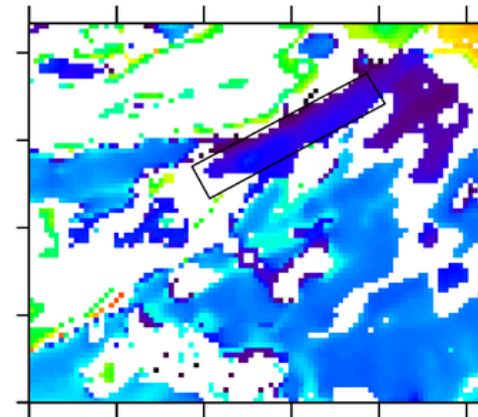
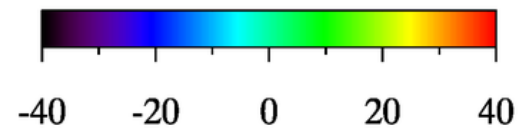
Optical thickness  $\tau_0$



Doppler width  $\Delta\lambda_D$  [ $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ]

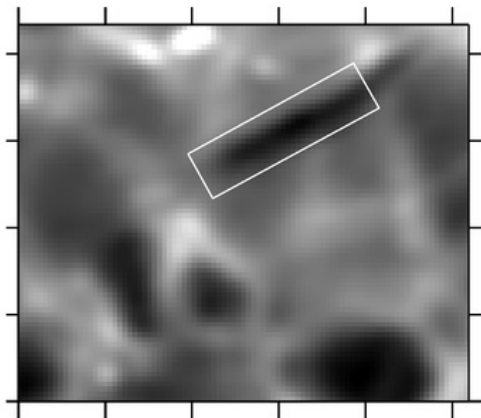


Doppler velocity  $v_{\text{LOS}}$  [ $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ]



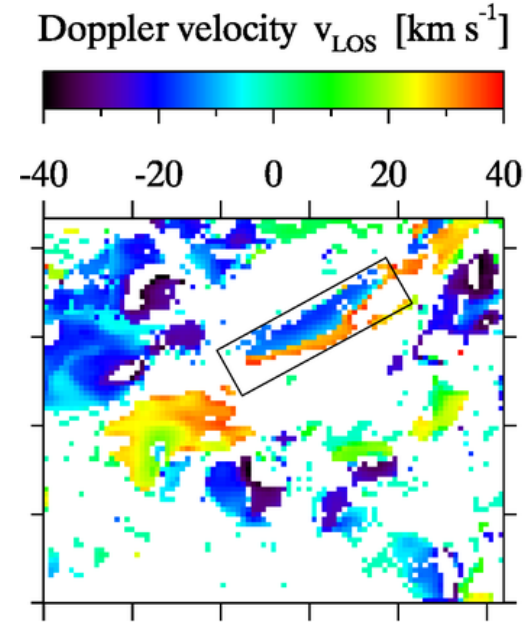
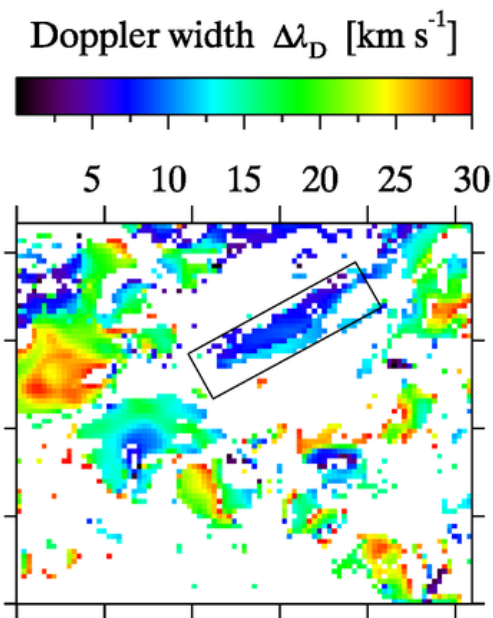
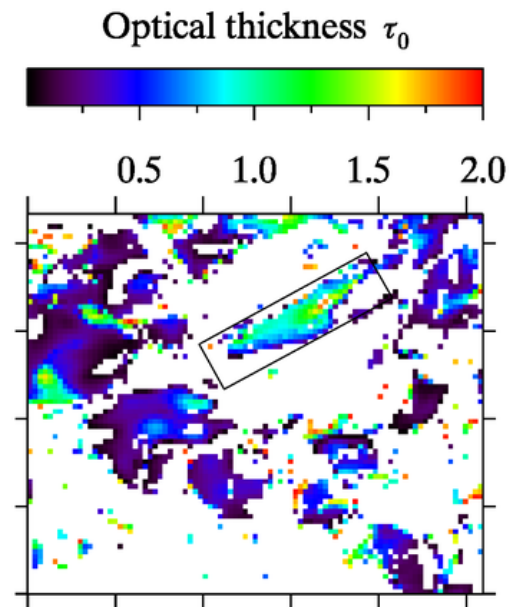
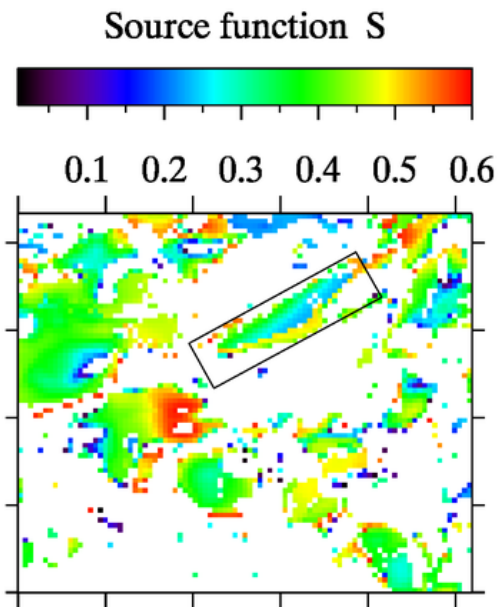
# Structure of chromospheric jet in Ca II 8542 Å

Ca II 8542 Å  
 $\Delta\lambda = -0.6$  Å



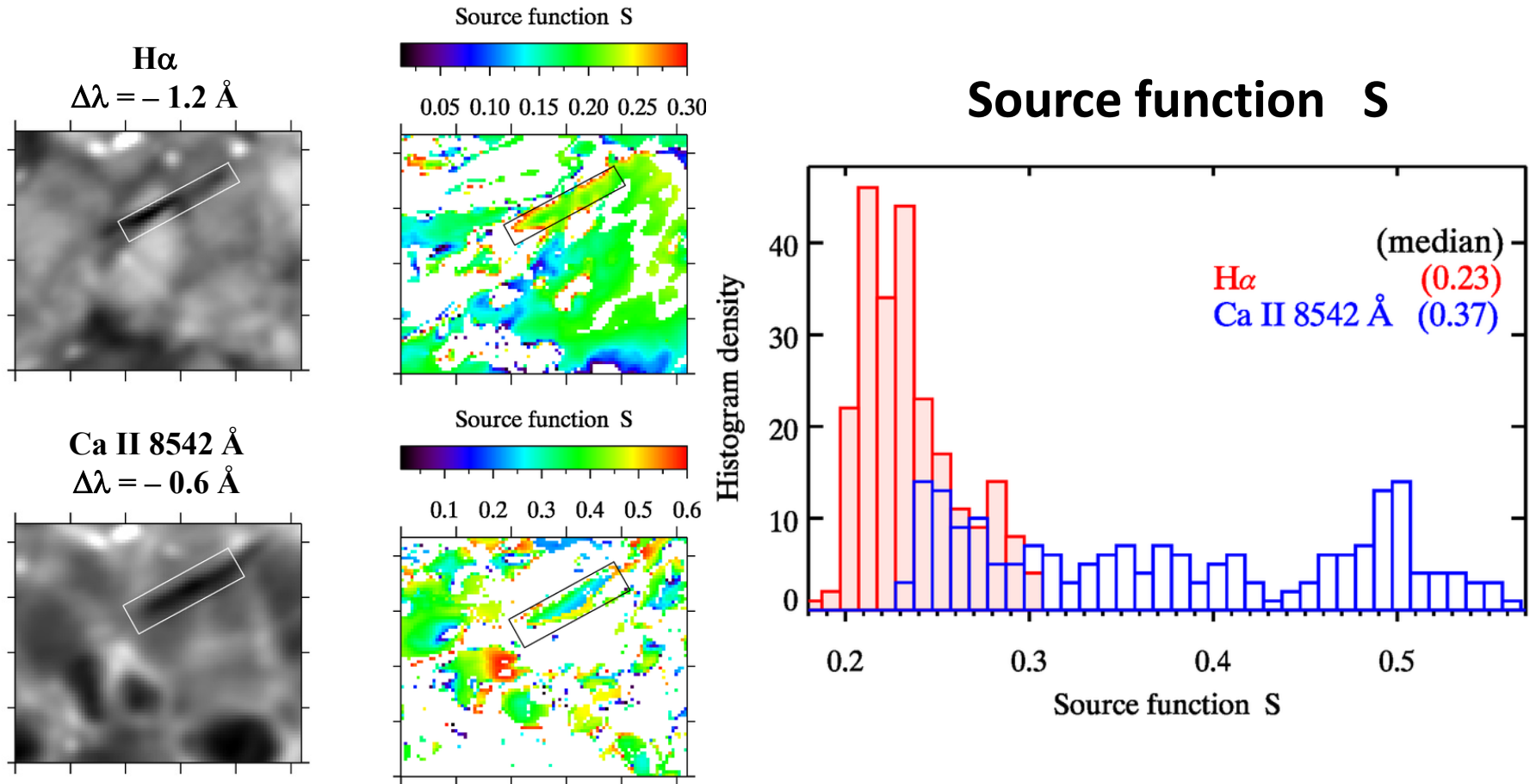
Correlations of the parameters

$S$   $\tau_0$   $\Delta\lambda_D$   $v_{LOS}$



bi-directional flow?

# Structure of chromospheric jet in H $\alpha$ and Ca II 8542 $\text{\AA}$



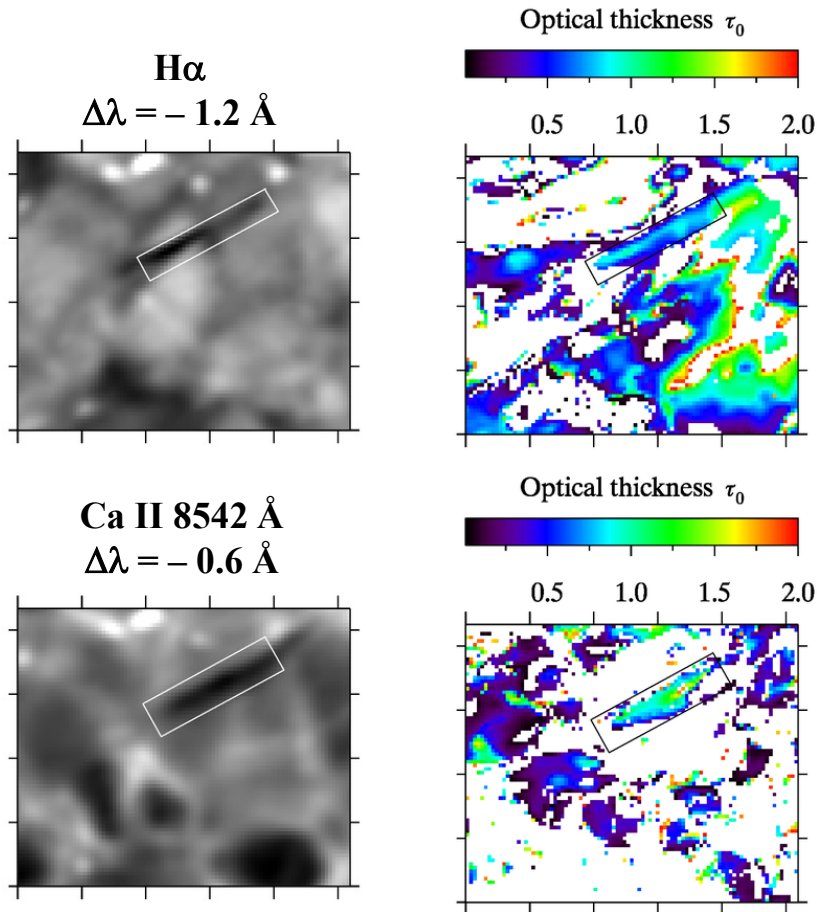
H $\alpha$

- S increases from the jet core towards its outer limits from  $S \approx 0.2$  to  $S \geq 0.3$
- prominent peak in the histogram at  $S \approx 0.23$

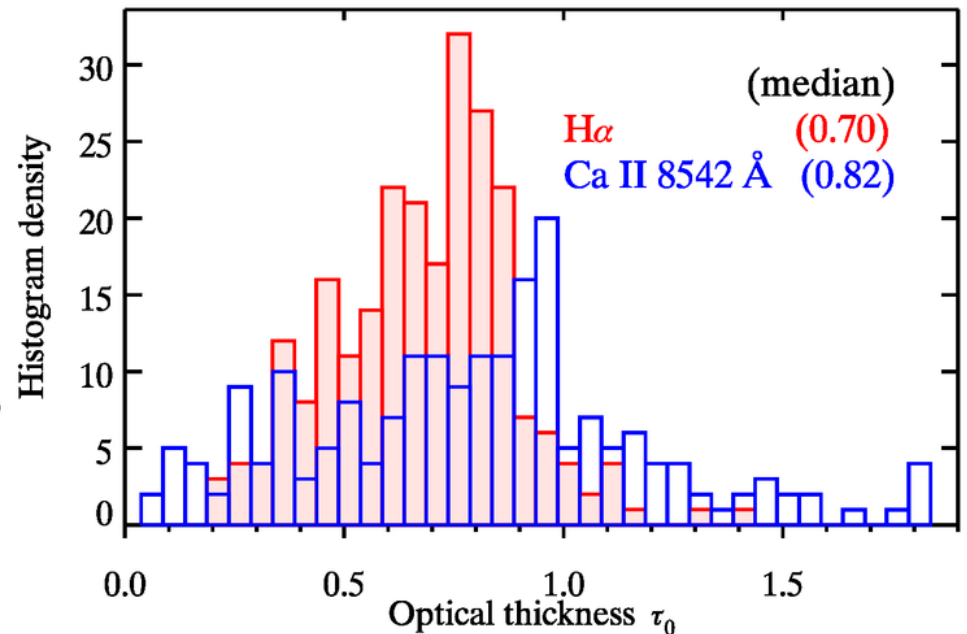
Ca II 8542  $\text{\AA}$

- S increases from the jet core towards its outer limits from  $S \approx 0.25$  to 0.45
- the histogram suggests flat distribution of S

# Structure of chromospheric jet in H $\alpha$ and Ca II 8542 $\text{\AA}$



## Line center optical thickness $\tau_0$

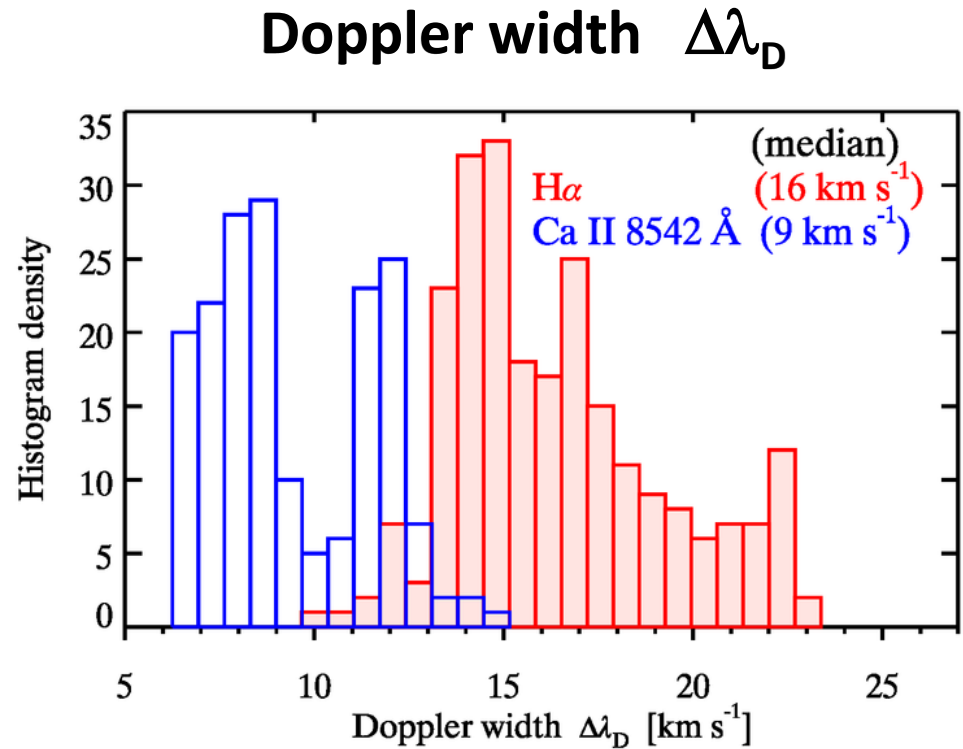
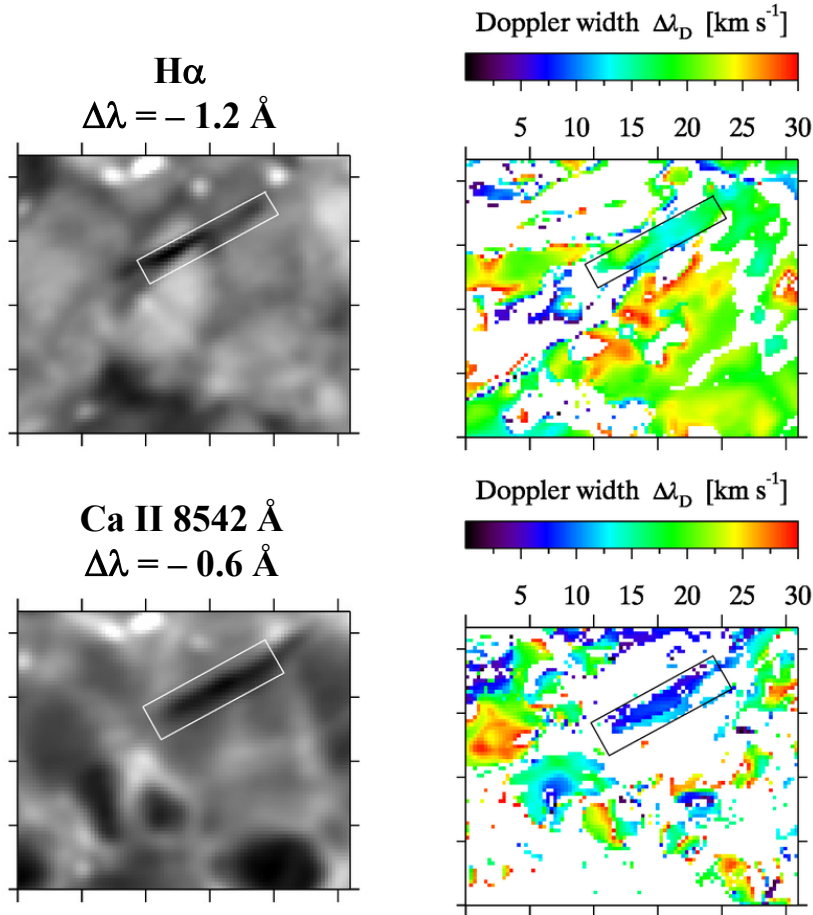


H $\alpha$  -  $\tau_0$  decreases from the jet core towards its outer limits from  $\tau_0 \approx 0.8$  to 0.5

Ca II 8542  $\text{\AA}$  -  $\tau_0$  decreases from the jet core towards its outer limits from  $\tau_0 \approx 1.2$  to 0.5

**Can be the jet considered as optically thin?**

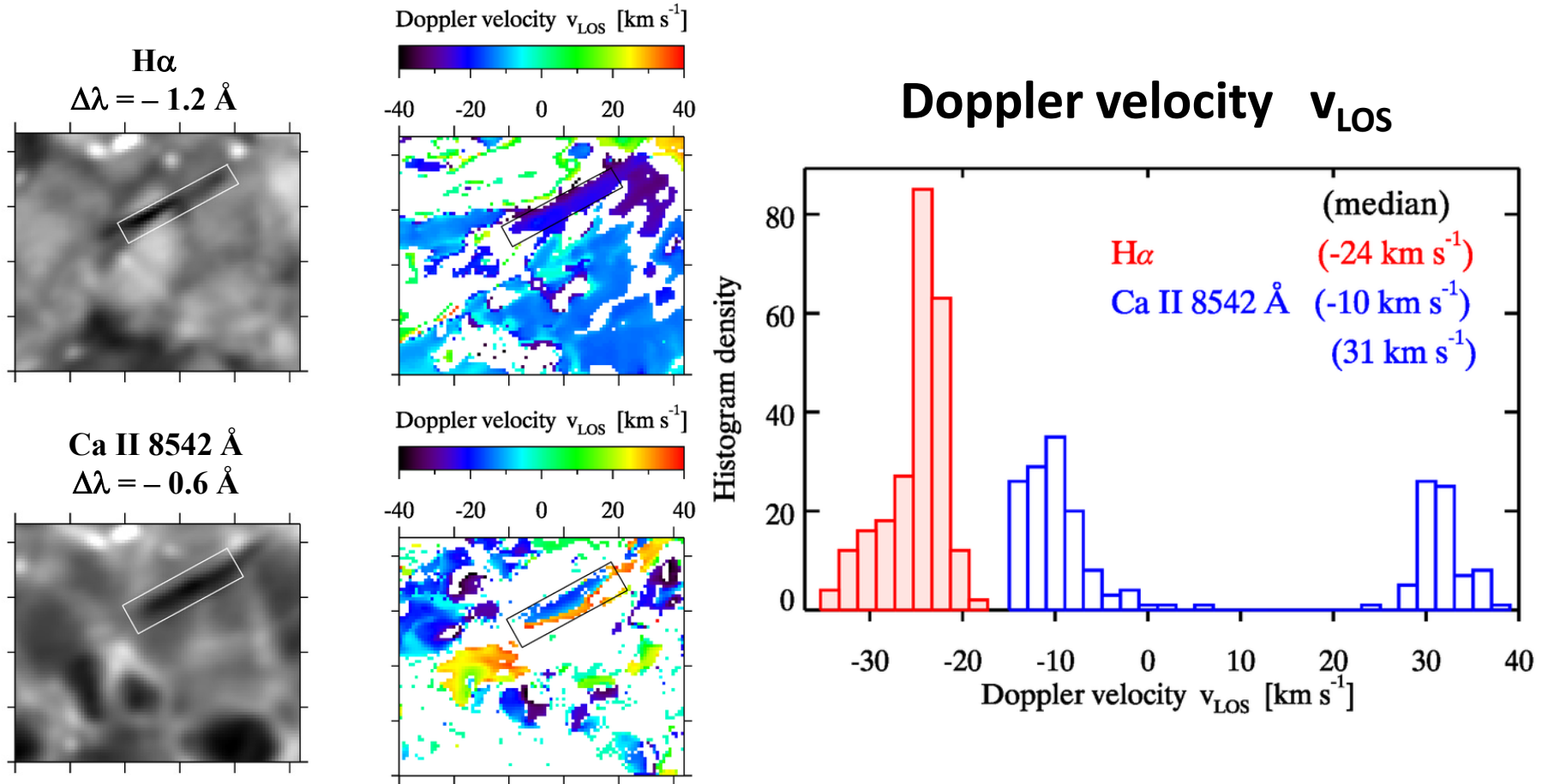
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Single-peak distribution of  $\Delta\lambda_D$  for H $\alpha$  but double-peak distribution for Ca II 8542  $\text{\AA}$ .

The first peak at 8  $\text{km s}^{-1}$  suggests very cold jet plasma and/or very small non-thermal broadening.

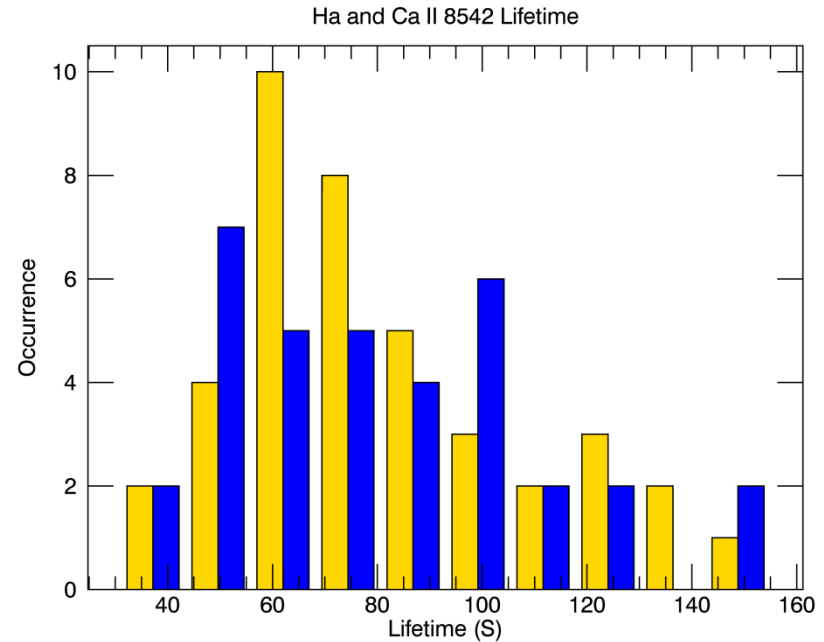
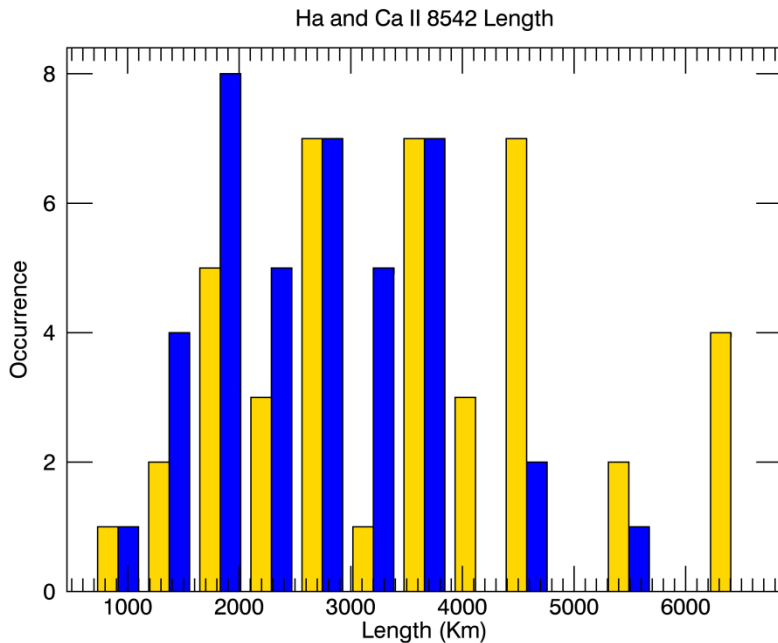
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Larger  $v_{\text{LOS}}$  measured in H $\alpha$  than in Ca II 8542 Å.

Ca II 8542 Å - signature of bi-directional flow  
- sharp boundary between up- and downflows

# Lengths and lifetimes of chromospheric jets



yellow = H $\alpha$ , blue = Ca II 8542 Å

- lengths and lifetimes of 40 jets prepared for spectral inversion
- measured by CRISPEX graphical tool ([Vissers & Rouppe van der Voort 2012](#))

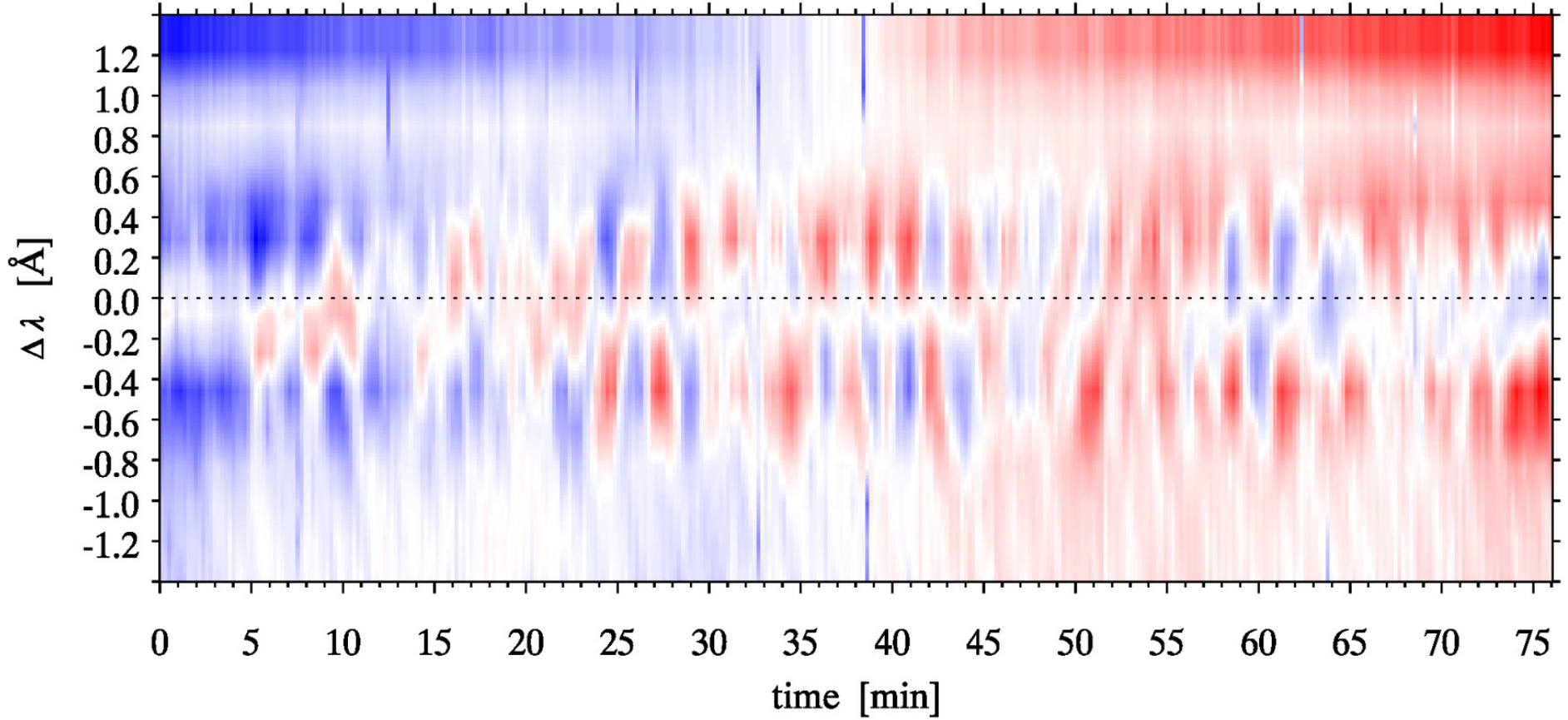
Medians	Length	Lifetime
H $\alpha$	3540 km	81 s
Ca II 8542 Å	2700 km	80 s

# Discussion of data uncertainties

H $\alpha$  I / <I>



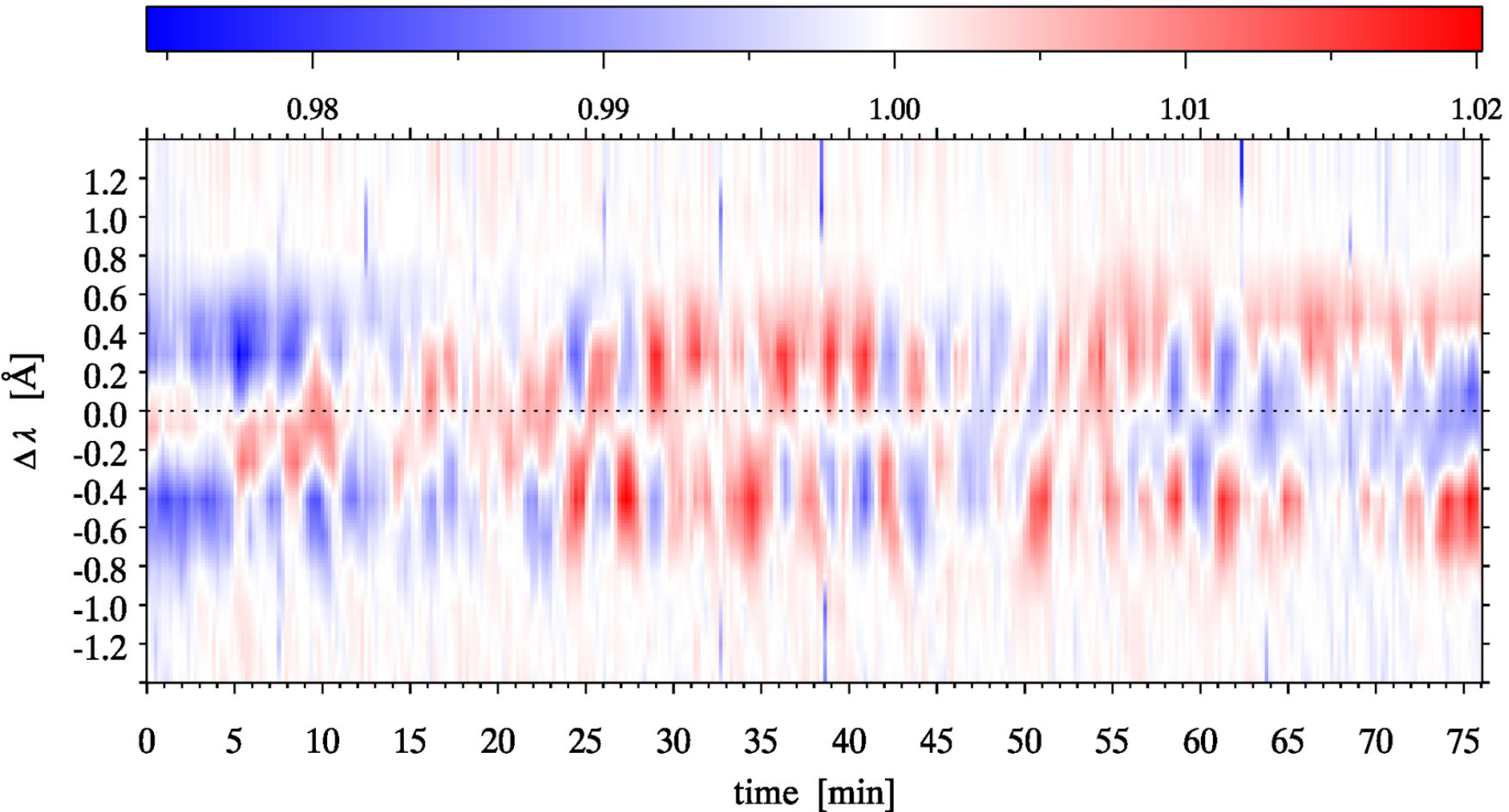
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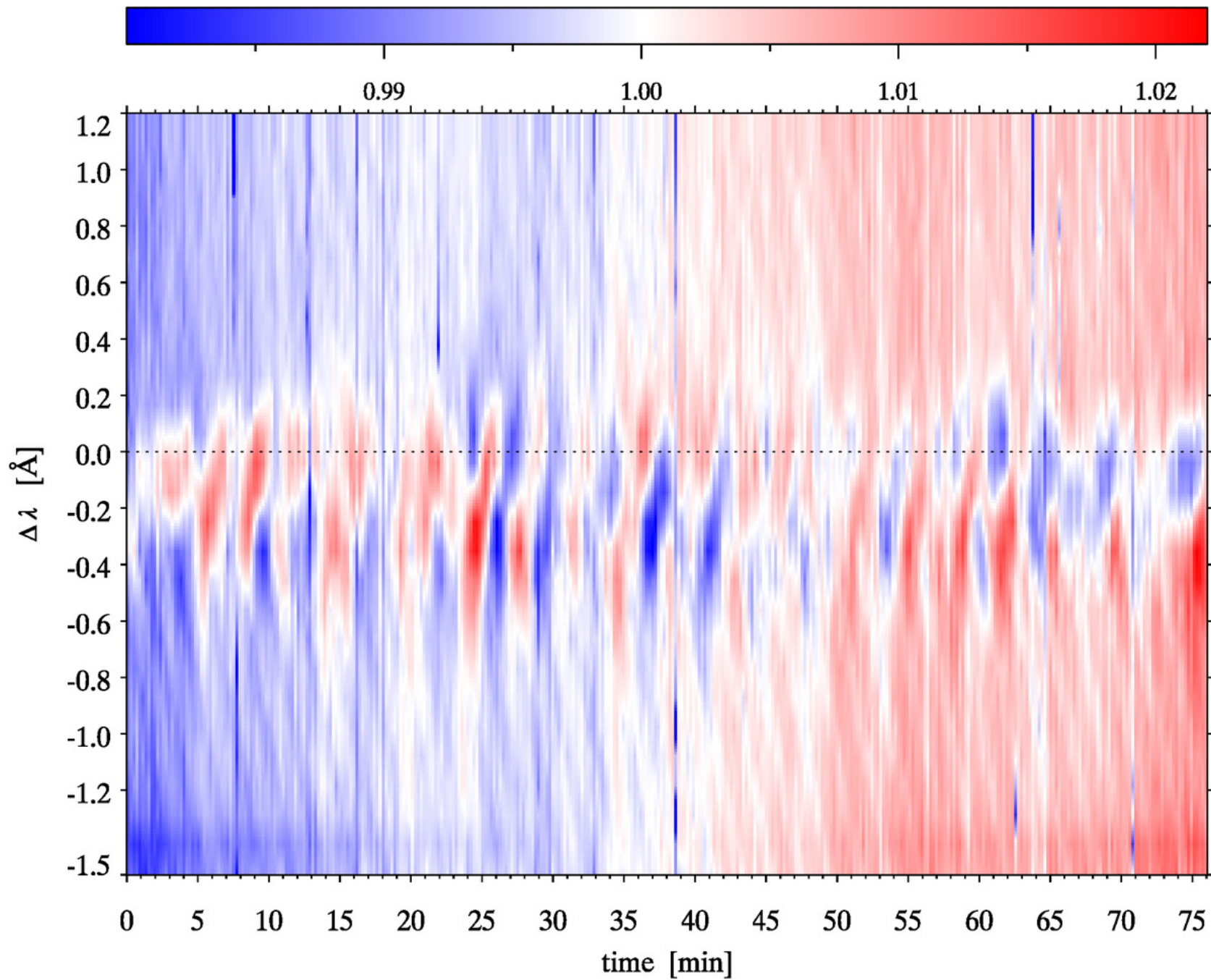


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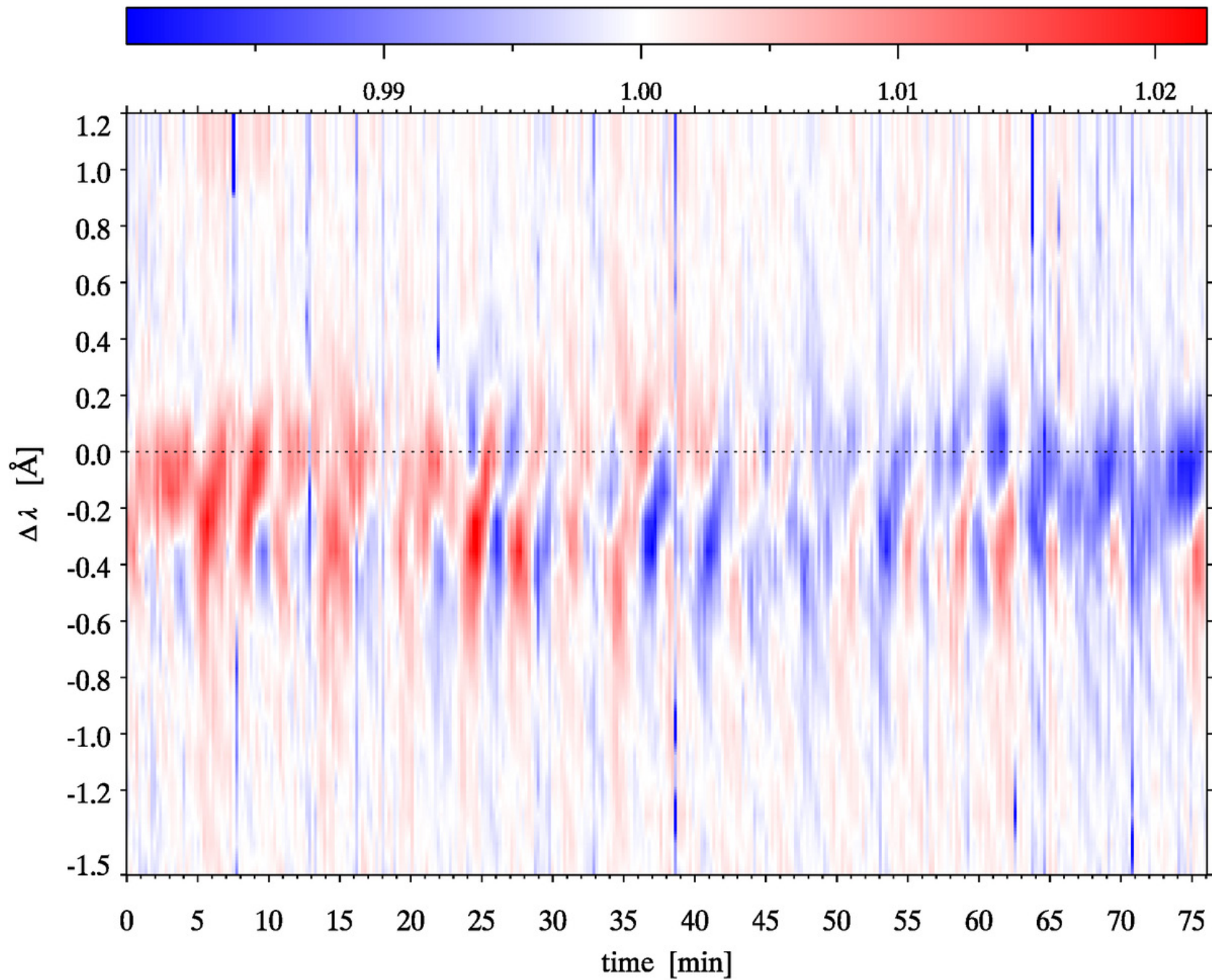
H $\alpha$  I / <I>



Ca II 8542 Å I / <I>



Ca II 8542 Å I / <I>

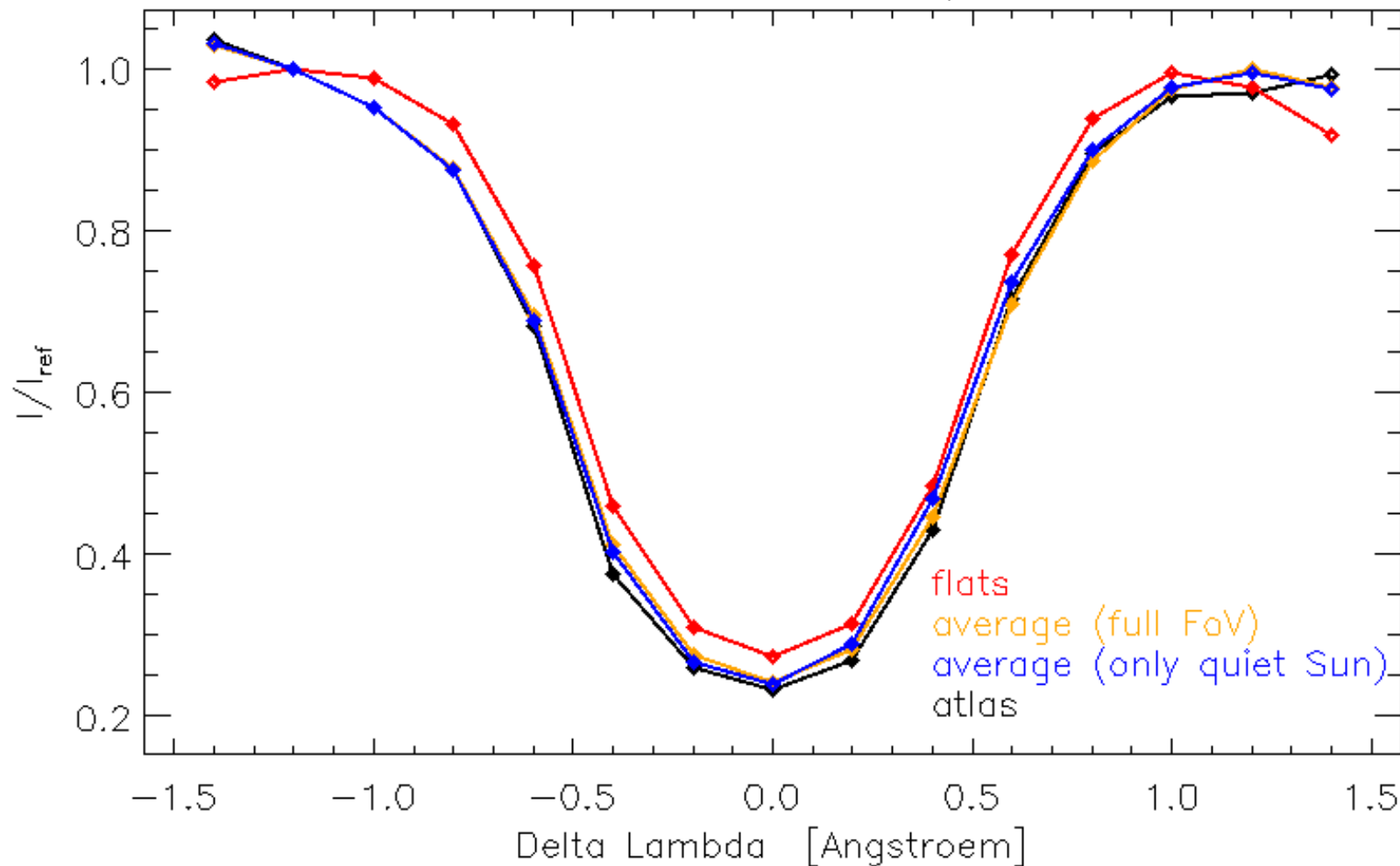


# Discussion of data uncertainties

General uncertainty of the H $\alpha$  and Ca II 8542 Å line profiles intensities, most likely due to global oscillation modes, is about  $\pm 2\%$ .

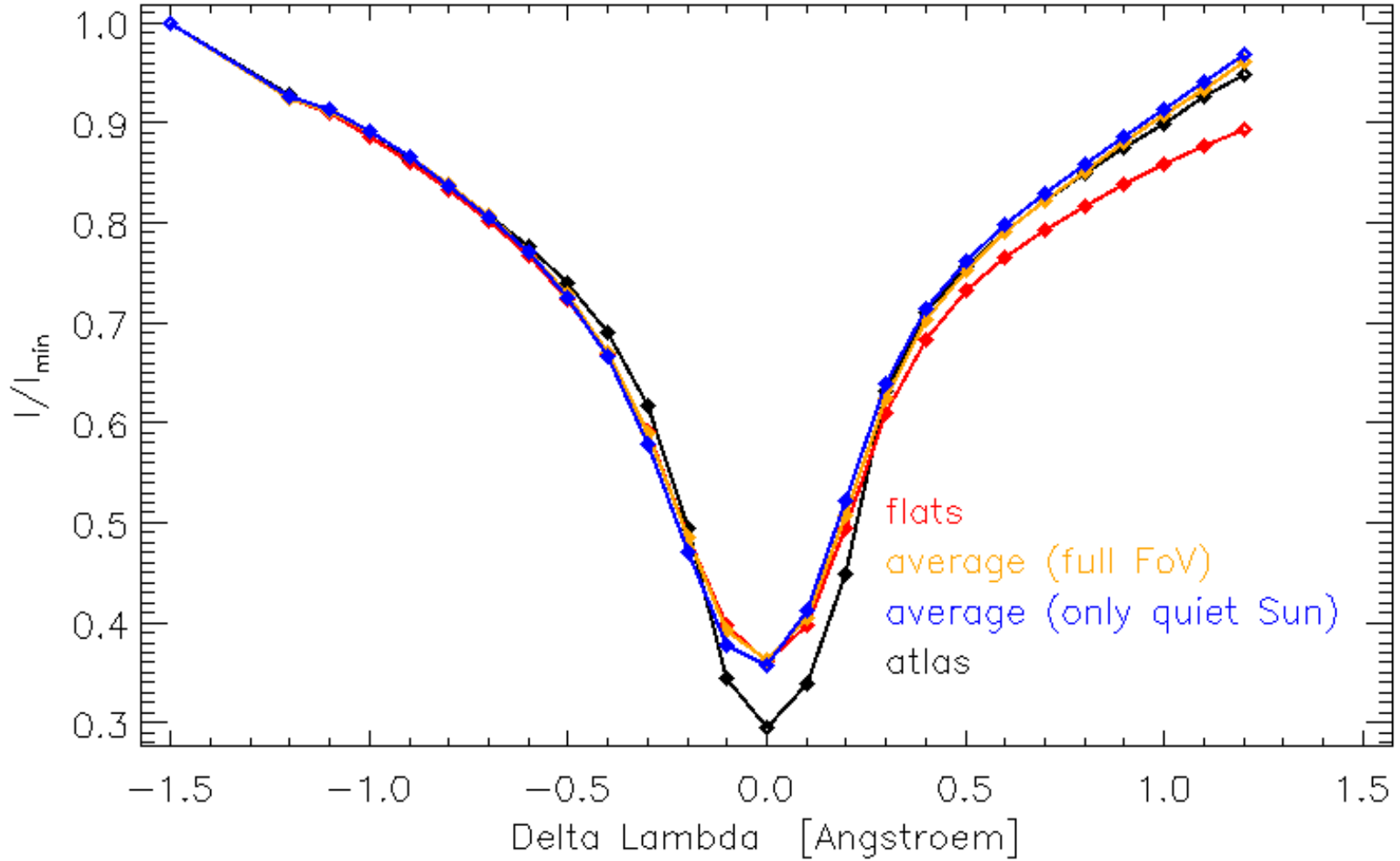
# Discussion of data uncertainties

2016-05-13 H $\alpha$



# Discussion of data uncertainties

2016-05-13 Ca II 8542



Main control

Park

Home Down

Sun Az/el...

Tracking

Stop Flat

Track Center

Rot. comp.  PIG sync.

Hand control

North  Slow

East West  Medium

South  Fast

Coordinates

Turret: 75.8 12.0

X/Y: 9.0 151.0

Mu: 0.99

Ha/dec: 63.4 137.4

Helio: 0.55 W 6.26 N

Display

Image: HMI Magnetogram

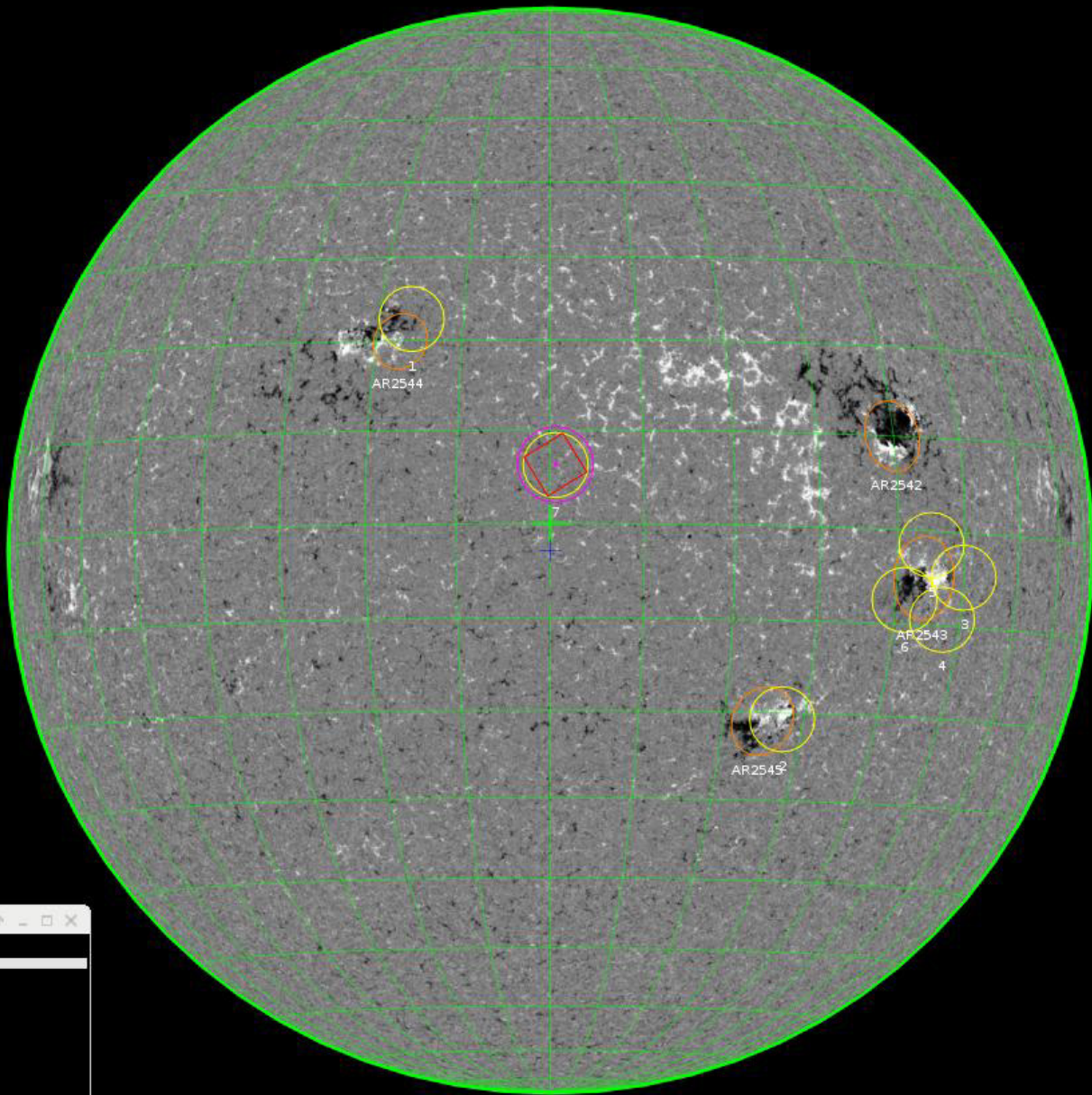
Orientation: Geocentric

Enhance disk

Enhance prominence

Fullscreen

Alignment



uxterm

Turret online

Enc:	Motor	Index	Telescope	Index	Status:	Other:
az 1	3908b055	39073b7e	3e4d32da	3e42bc80	00000000	0003fff0cf
az 2	39076834	3906b9d6	3e484d99	3e3d63c0		
el 1	35fc731b	35fb28f0	3d8f1682	3d7f8550		
el 2	35f80e5f	35f7454a	2251a7d7	2ffffffe		

Out:	Current	Status:
az 1	000010c0	00000041
az 2	0000105c	WATCHDOG
el 1	000010ad	
el 2	00001049	AMPLIFIERS ON

Speeds:	Actual	Desired	Encoder differences
az	0d 0' 6.887"	0d 0' 9.540"	0d 129.060" mtr az
el	0d 0' 15.491"	0d 0' 27.119"	0d 6' 28.894" mtr el
			179d59' 47.339" tel az
			0d 0' 0.000" tel el
Position:	Actual	Desired	
az	75d48' 41.897"	75d48' 42.167"	-275d52' 0.431" mtr az
el	12d 1' 41.963"	12d 1' 42.132"	-275d53' 56.573" m-t el

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# Results summary

- the new version of the modified cloud model by Liu & Ding (2001) was applied to infer parameters of chromospheric jet observed simultaneously in the H $\alpha$  and Ca II 8542
- the source functions of H $\alpha$  and Ca II 8542 Å **increase** from the jet core towards its outer limits
- the line center optical thicknesses of H $\alpha$  and Ca II 8542 Å **decrease** from the jet core outwards
- the jet is optically thicker in Ca II 8542 Å ( $\tau_0 \approx 0.82$ ) than in H $\alpha$  ( $\tau_0 \approx 0.7$ )
- the jet shows single-peak distribution of the Doppler width  $\Delta\lambda_D$  for H $\alpha$  but double-peak distribution for Ca II 8542 Å.
- larger Doppler velocity  $v_{LOS}$  measured in H $\alpha$  than in Ca II 8542 Å
- signature of **bi-directional flow** in Ca II 8542 Å Doppler velocity



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