## Dynamics of the Solar Chromosphere

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## What we're going to talk about

- What are some dominant dynamic behaviors in the chromosphere?
- What are some of the key (ground-based) diagnostics of the chromosphere?
- What are the key parameters that we want measure or derive?
- How does the chromosphere conspire to make this all very confusing?

Emphasis on ground-based diagnostics Flares and polarimetry already covered

## The Chromosphere, Our Colorful Friend





#### The evolving chromosphere



## **Chromospheric Density Decrease**



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#### The dynamic chromosphere



#### Ca II H (Hinode/SOT)

 $H\alpha$  (DST/IBIS)

# 04 Oct, 2018



43" = 31 Mm





## DKIST/ViSP Ca II K Scan Sequence



49" = 35 Mm

6 Mm

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## DKIST/ViSP Ca II K Fixed Slit Time Series



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## Call K Line Wing Intensity (Photosphere)



#### 49" = 35 Mm

35 Mm

49" =



47 min

## Call K k2v Intensity (Chromosphere)



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## 47 min

## Ca II K Spectral Time Series



47 minutes

## **Chromospheric Wave Periods**



Molnar et al., 2021

## Power Leakage and Dynamic Fibrils (Type I Spicules)





Hansteen et al., 2006

De Pontieu et al., 2004

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 $IBIS - H\alpha$ 

78 arcsec

SDO/AIA – He II 304 Å



22 sec cadence

30 minute duration

12 sec cadence

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 $\begin{array}{c} \text{IBIS} \\ \text{H}\alpha \text{ Line Core} \end{array}$ 



SDO/AIA 304 Å



## Type II Spicules



## **On-disk Counterparts of Type II Spicules**



Rouppe van der Voort et al. 2009



0 10 20 30 40 50 60 x [arcsec]

## **Transverse Motions**



*Kuridze et al., 2012* 

## **Transverse Motions**



Morton et al., 2020



## **Ellerman Bombs**



Watanabe et al., 2011

# Reardon et al., 2013



IBIS

## **Umbral Oscillations**



#### ALMA + GST/VIS



## Things come down – Coronal Rain



## What are our diagnostic tools?

## The Chromosphere, Our Colorful Friend





## H-alpha 6563 Spectral Scan



## Call 8542 Spectral Scan



## "Heights" of Formation



#### Spectral Inversions with IBIS & ALMA



#### **Response Functions**



#### Hofmann, et al., 2023

## **Chromospheric Confounding**

• Heights of formation – corrugation





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## Chromosphere to TR Connection

IBIS He I D<sub>3</sub>

78 arcsec

SDO/AIA He II 304 Å





## What diagnostics do we have

IRIS Slit Jaw - 1330 Å



0 20 40 60 80 [arcsec]





## **ALMA** Arrives

 Millimeter continuum radiation forms in LTE conditions simple radiative transfer

2) In the Rayleigh-Jeans regime continuum brightness is linearly related to electron temperature

3) More antennas, larger array = higher spatial resolution







Ca 8542 core intensity



Ha 6563 core intensity

ALMA Band 3 = 3 mm



## **Extended Heights of Formation**



## **Spectral Inversions with ALMA**



## **Spectral Inversions with ALMA - problematic**

Inversions with atomic lines only Ca II 8542 + Na D1 5896



Inversions with atomic lines and ALMA Ca II 8542 + Na D1 5896 + Band 3 & 6



Hofmann et al., 2023

## **COmosphere – Atmospheric Bifurcation**



Courtesy Johnathan Stauffer

## **COmosphere – Atmospheric Bifurcation**

solar limb



Penn and Galadaya, 2013

## **CYRA** Observations of CO Dynamics



Stauffer et al., 2024, in prep

## Line Wings and Doppler Shifts



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## **DKIST/VBI** Meta-mosaic





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## DKIST/VBI Meta-mosaic





## Base of fibrils are hot(ter)

#### IBIS Ca II 8542 Å Core Intensity



Brighter Ca II 8542 ~ hotter



Chae *et al.*, 2020, A&A

See also Kriginsky et al, 2023, A&A

#### Line-Width Calculation



#### $\mbox{H}\alpha$ line-width as the key



2 arcsec Gaussian beam

0.2 arcsec resolution

Molnar, *et al*, 2019, ApJ

#### $H\alpha$ line-width as the key



2 arcsec Gaussian beam

2 arcsec Gaussian convolution

Molnar, et al, 2019, ApJ





#### Width vs. Velocity Contrast

20 15 0.6 10 Doppler Velocity (km/sec) 0.51 5 -0.8 0 -0.6 0.3 -5 -0.5 -10 -0.4 0.2 0.3 -15 -0.2 -20 1.5 1.3 1.1 1.0 0.9 0.8 0.7 Line Width (Å)

Multiple combinations of broadening and (small) doppler shifts, can lead to same intensity reduction in wings

## Wings and Shifts





## **Chromospheric Confounding**

• "Chromospheric" bisectors



Halpha core vs. bisector velocity



IBIS H $\alpha$ Line Width  $\Delta t = 3.6 \text{ sec}$ T = 7.5 minutes



#### $H\alpha$ Line Core



IRIS Slit Jaw - 1330 Å



[arcsec]

#### $H\alpha$ Line Width







[arcsec]



#### • Transverse motions – curtains?

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Judge et al., 2012

## **Chromospheric Curtains**





Judge et al., 2011