

# Magnetic Setting and Transition-Region/Coronal Signatures of Sunspot Penumbral Jets

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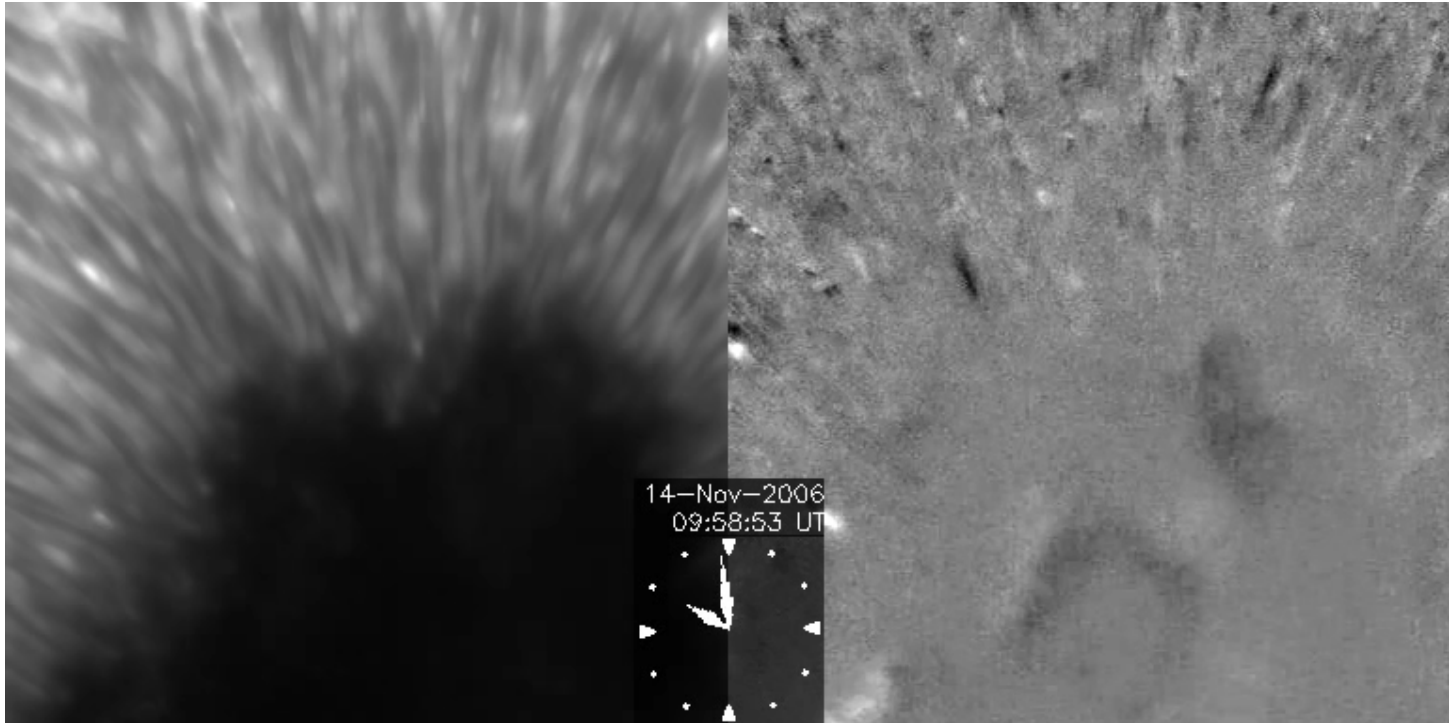
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# Introduction:

## Hinode (SOT/FG) Observations

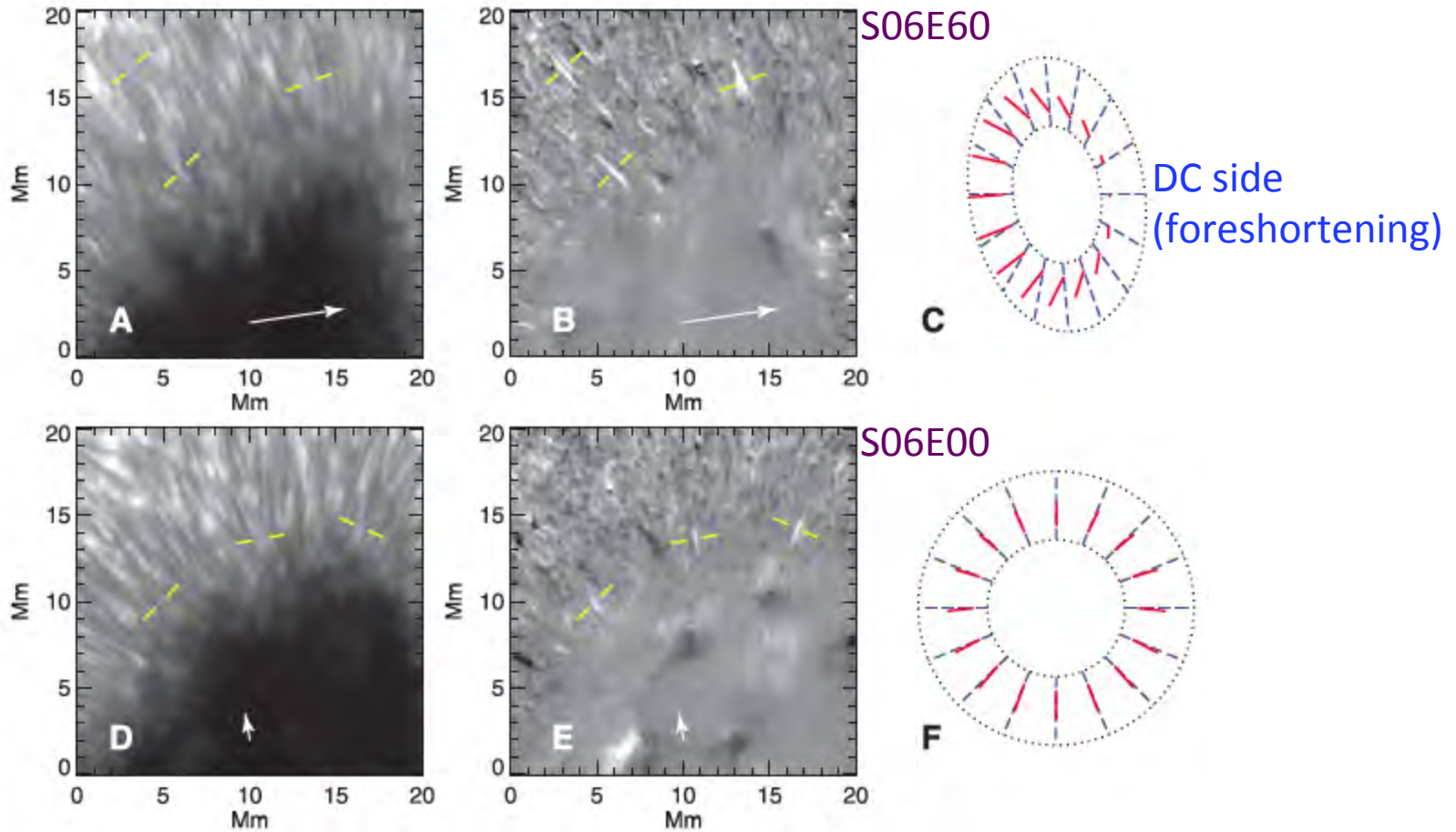


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### Jet's characteristics

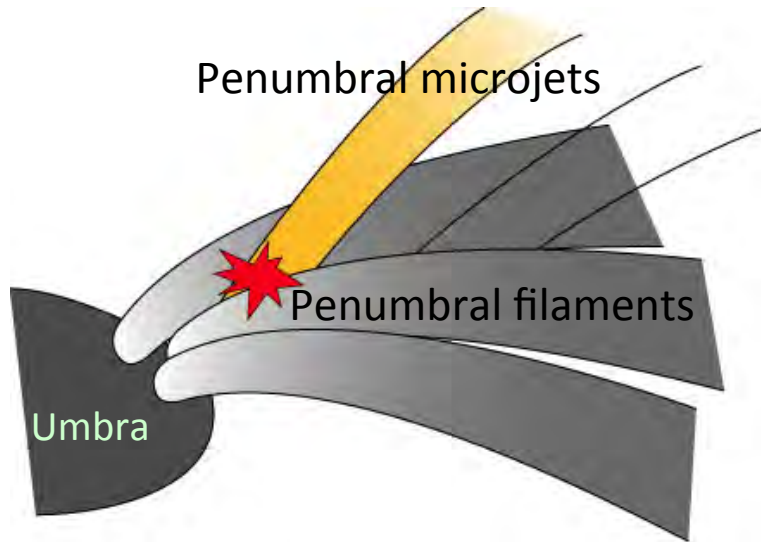
- Length 1000 – 4000 km
- Width 300 – 400 km
- Lifetime < 1 minute
- Apparent velocity 50-100 km/s
- Near Bright Dots (which are heads of penumbral filaments: [Tiwari et al., 2013](#))

Visibility of these jets depends on the position of sunspots on the solar disk; difficult to see when close to disk center

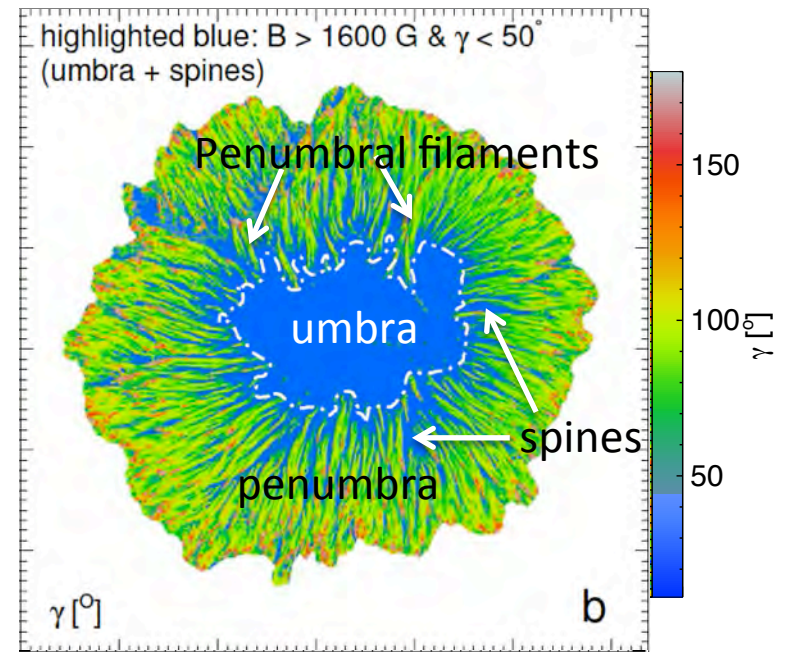


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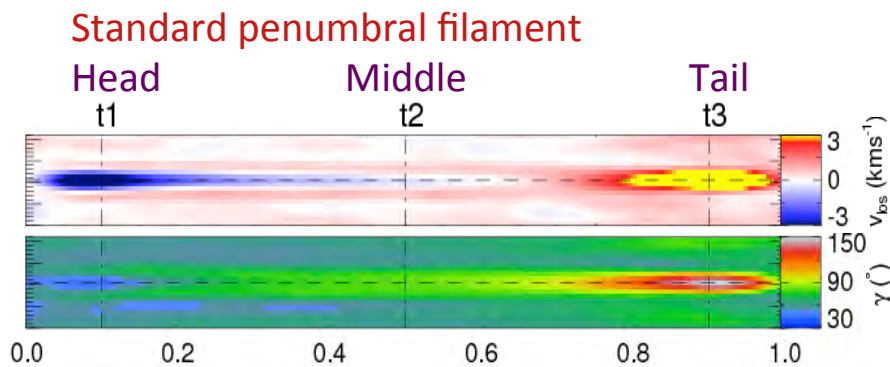
## Jet's origin: magnetic configuration



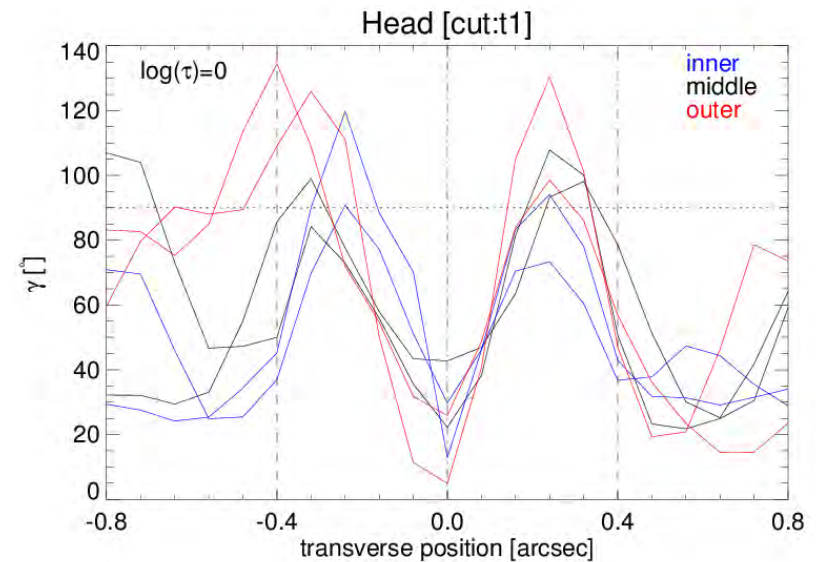
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Tiwari et al., 2015, *A&A*

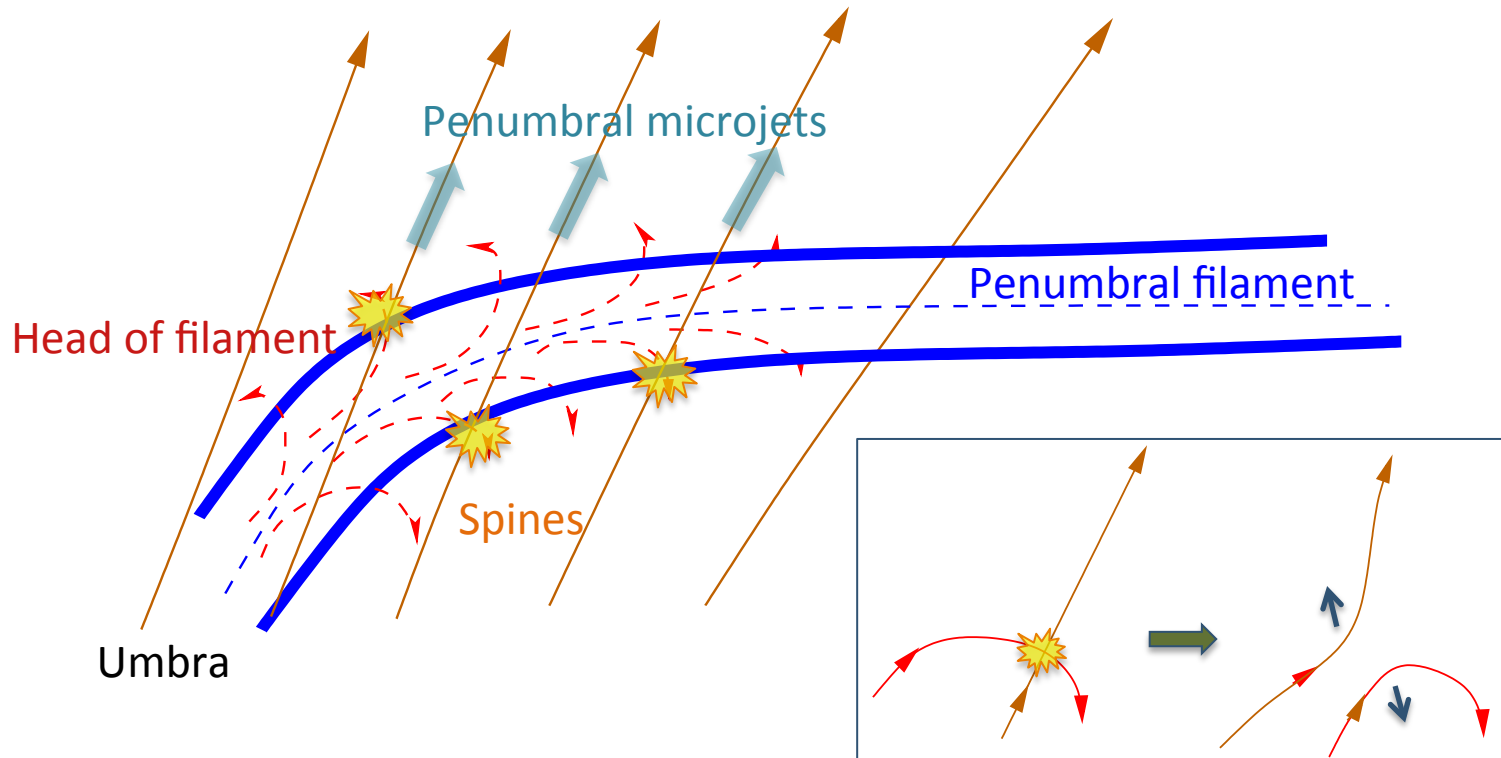


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For opposite polarity field at sides of penumbral filaments, see also: Rempel 2012; Ruiz Cobo & Asensio Ramos, 2013; Scharmer et al 2013

## Jet's origin: magnetic configuration



## Transition-region/coronal signatures of microjets

Calculation of chromospheric thermal energy

$$\frac{3}{2} nk_B TV \approx 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ J} \approx 2 \times 10^{23} \text{ erg};$$

$$n = 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}; k_B \approx 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg s}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1};$$

$$T \approx 10^4 \text{ K}; V \approx 2000 \text{ km} \times (300 \text{ km})^2$$

Of the order of that of a coronal nanoflare!

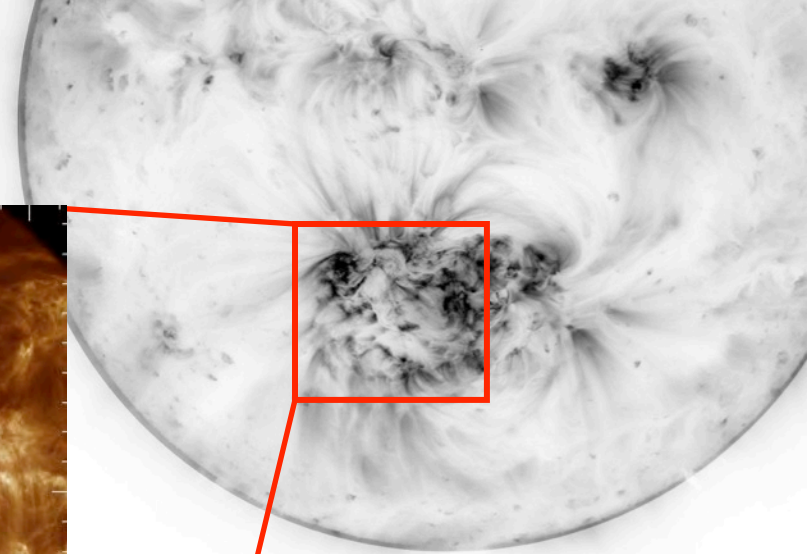
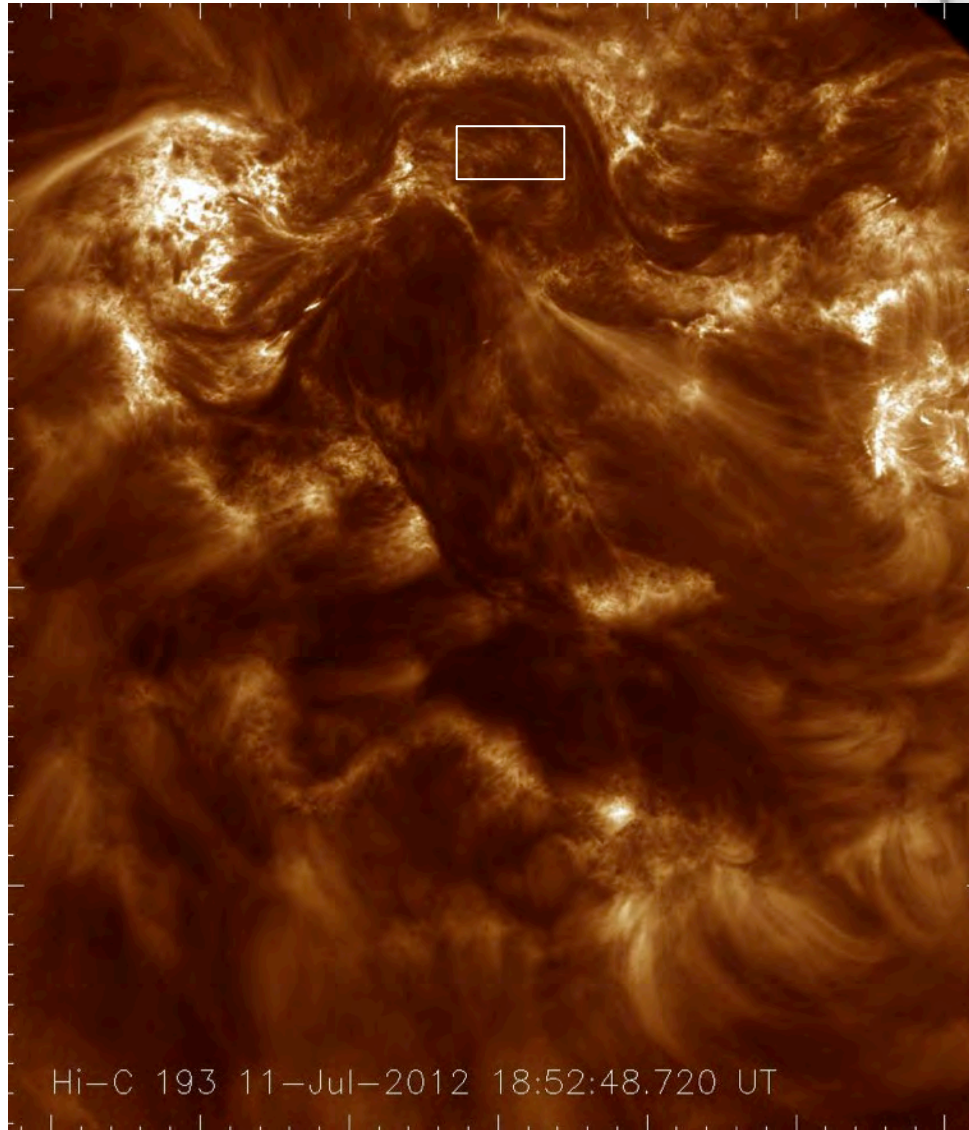
### Telescope Resolution:

Hinode (SOT/FG): 0.2 arcsec  $\approx$  145 km

SDO (AIA) : 1.2 arcsec  $\approx$  890 km

Hi-C : 0.2 arcsec  $\approx$  145 km

# Hi-C Observations

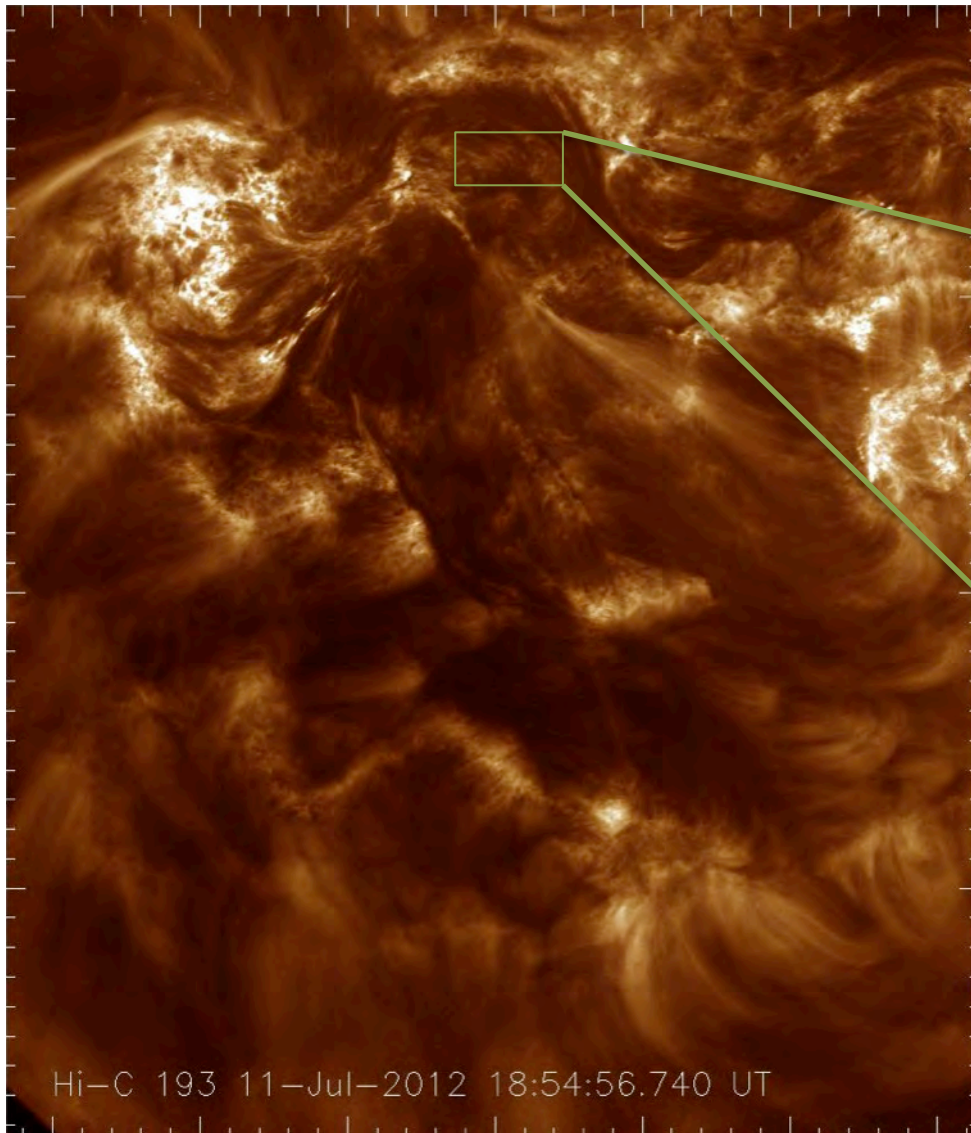


Hi-C: centered@193  
Å; resolution 0.2  
arcsec; cadence 5 s;  
~6 min of AR 11520:  
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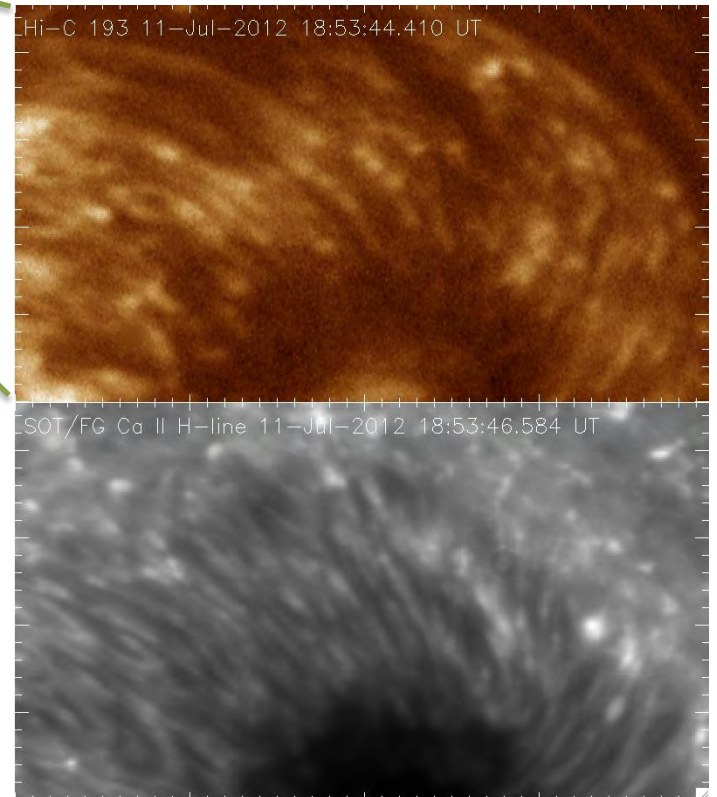
Cirtain, Golub,  
Winebarger et al. 2013,  
Nature;

Kobayashi, Cirtain,  
Winebarger et al, 2014,  
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# Hi-C 193 Å



Penumbra; 18:53:44-18:55:30UT

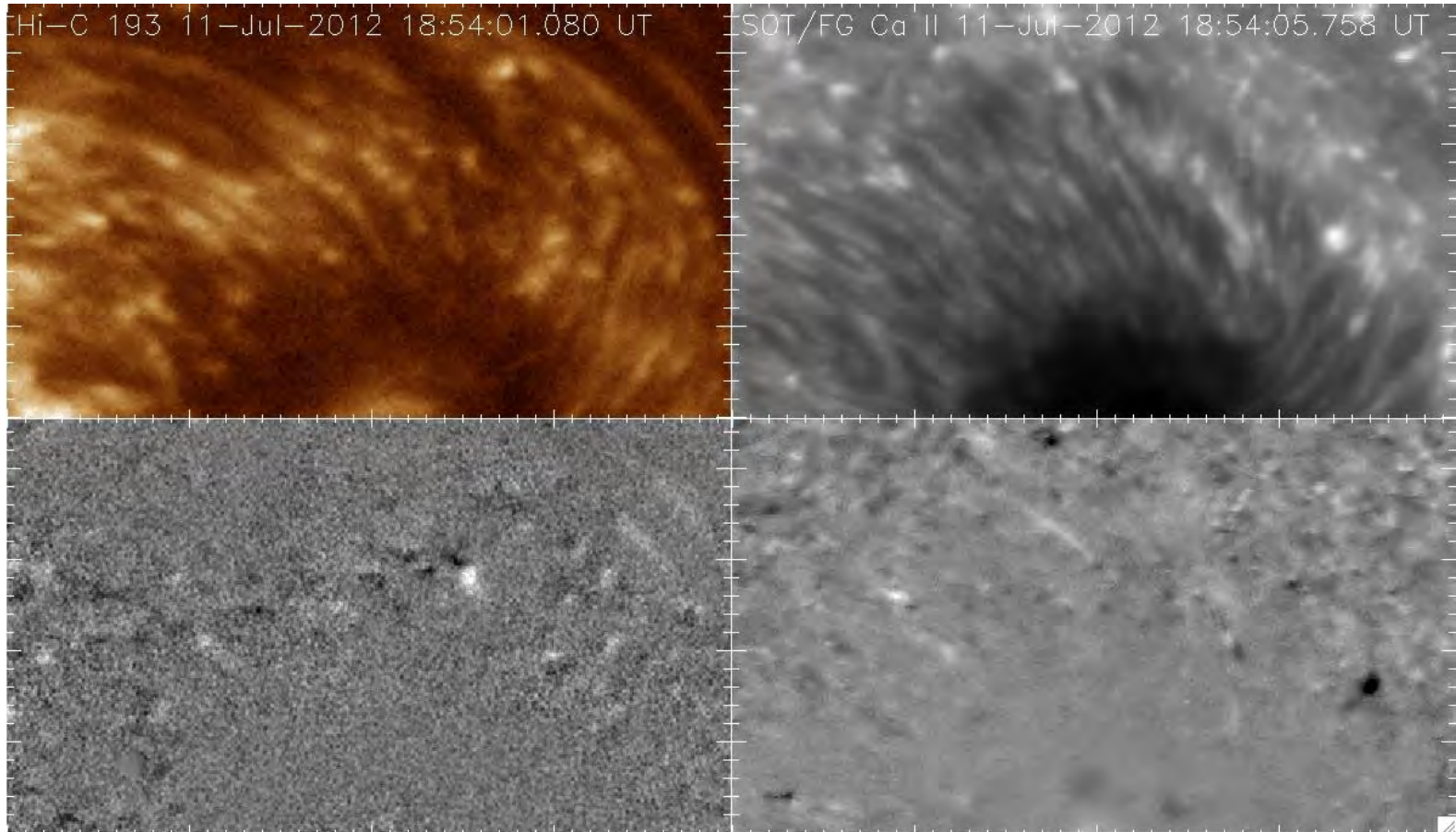


Hinode/SOT/FG Ca II H-line



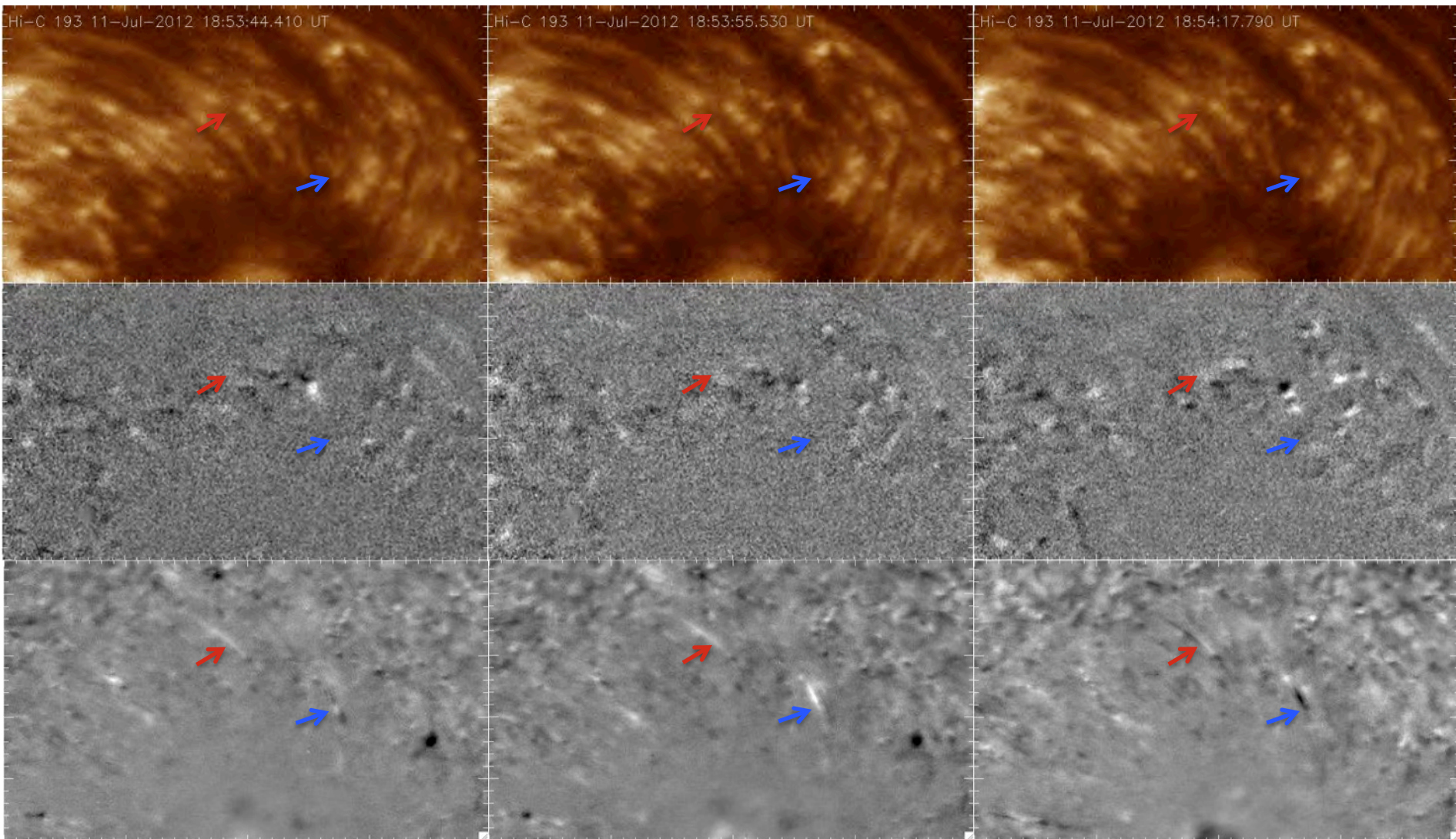
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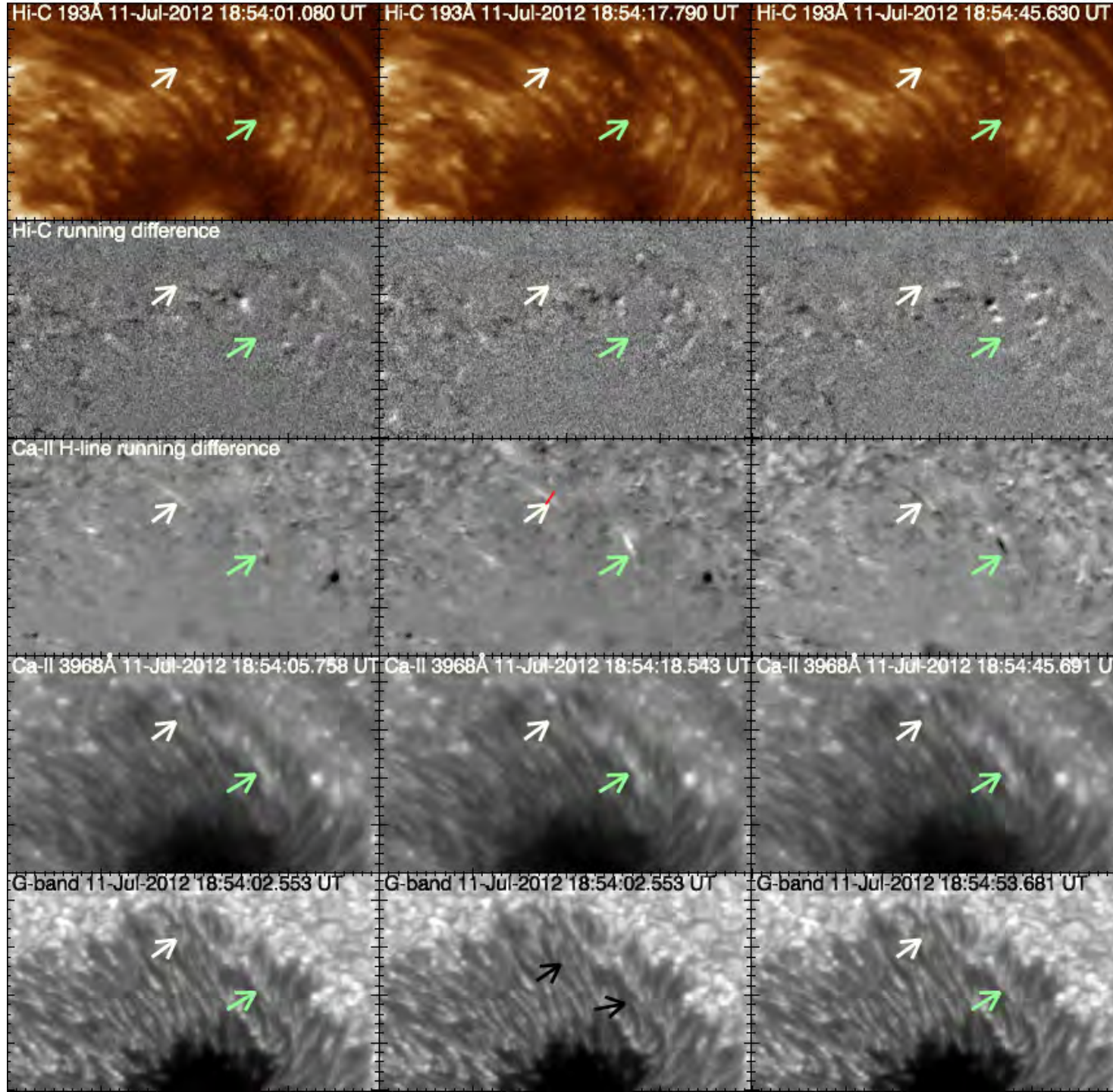
SOT/FG Ca II H-line



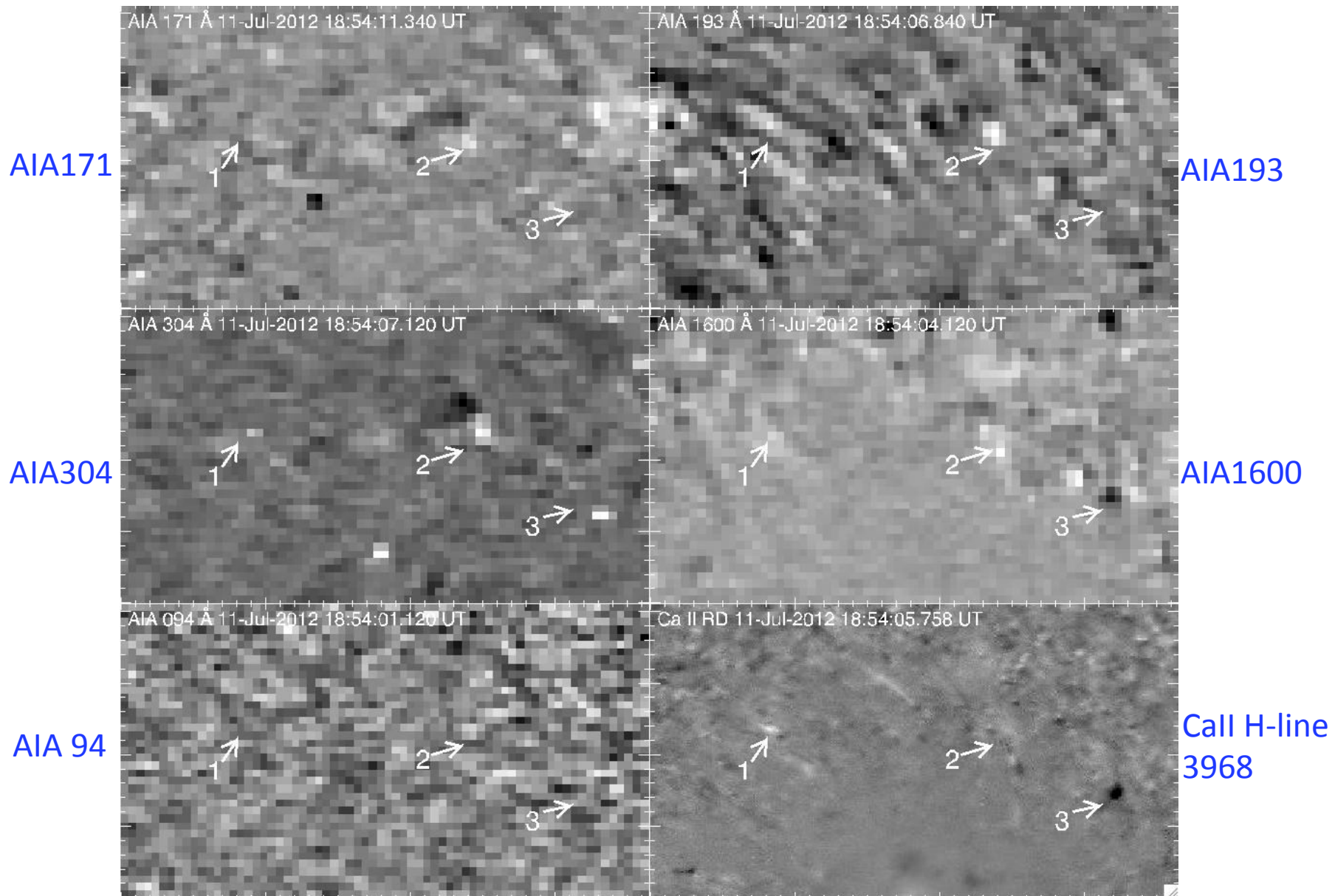
Lower frames are running differences

## Example jets

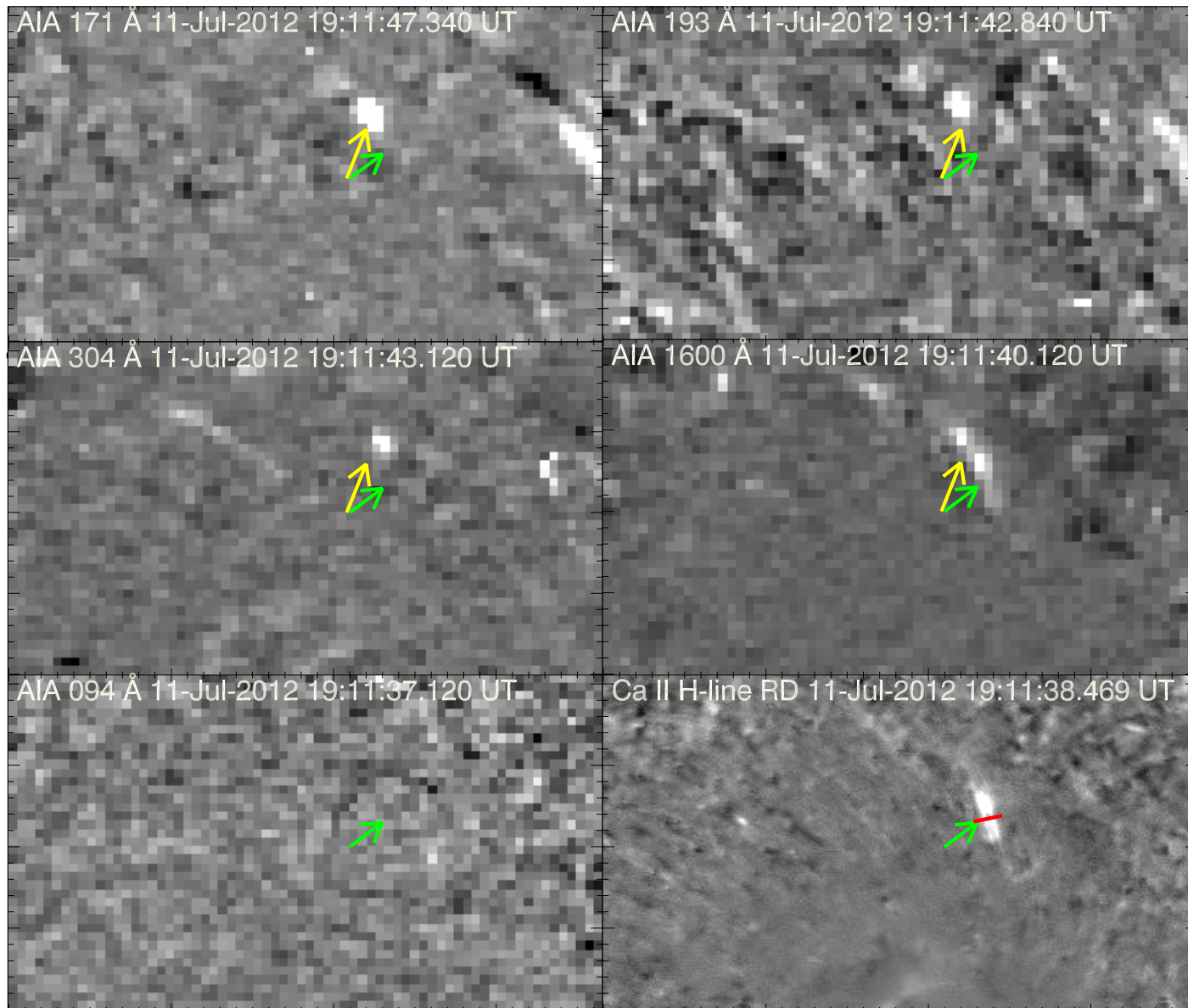




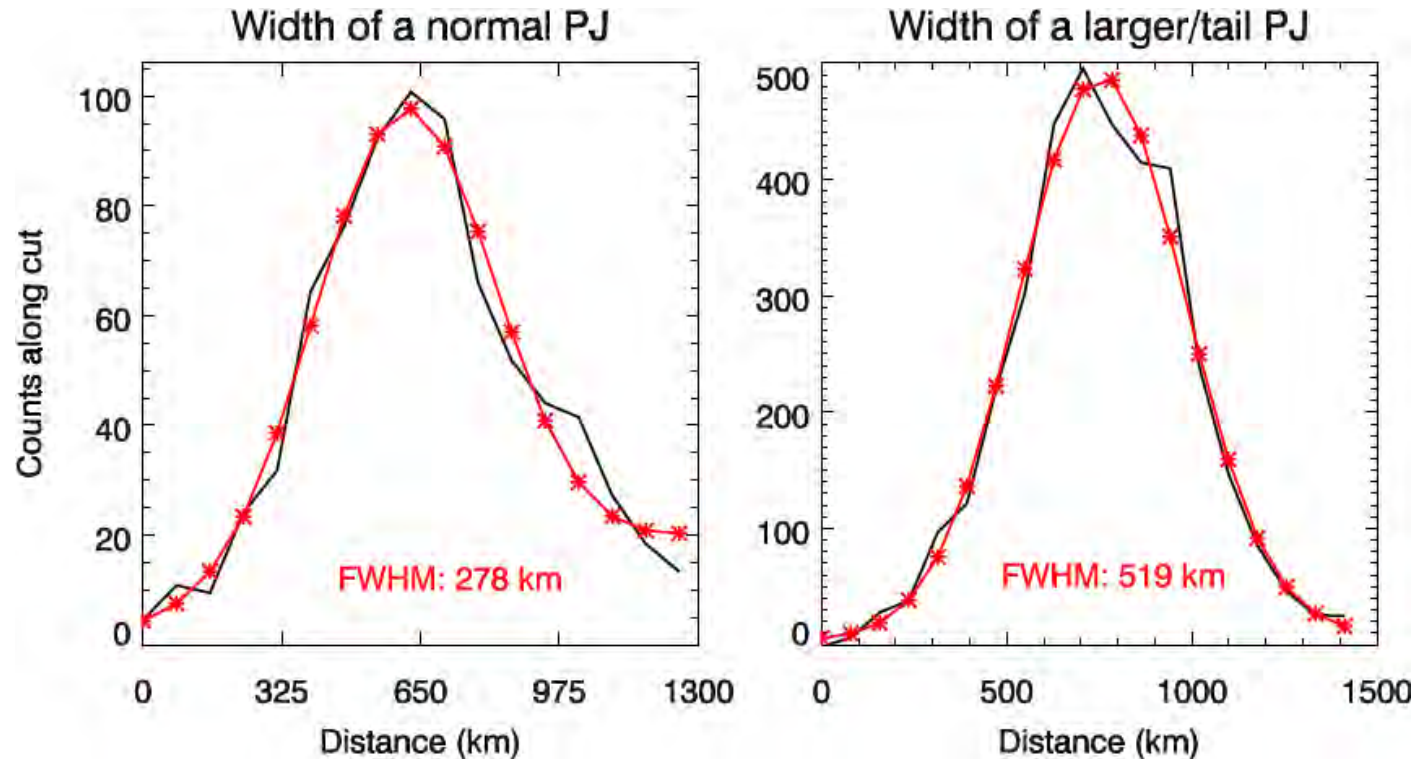
# 1 hour Ca II H line and AIA running difference movies



## Example of a larger jet

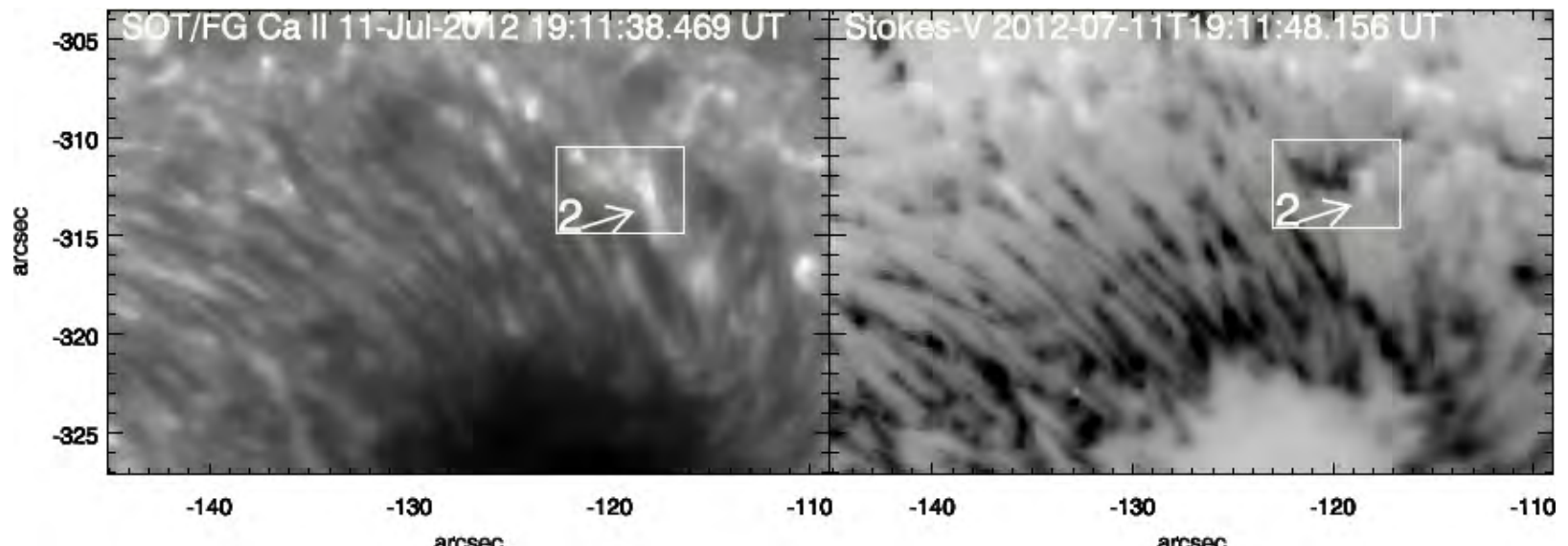


## Widths of a normal jet and a larger jet using a Gaussian function fitting

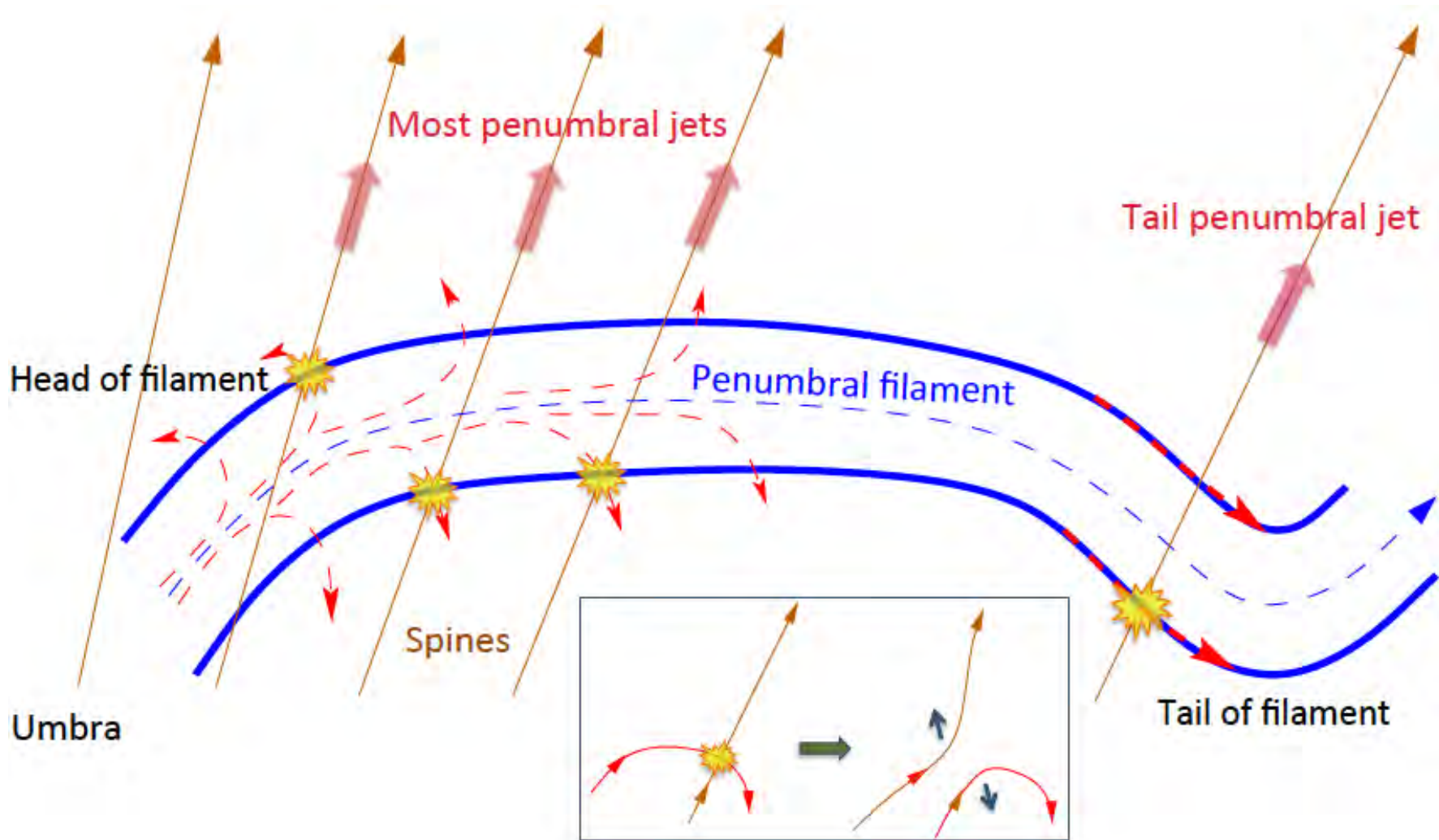


- Width of the widest jet: 600 km
- Speed of fastest jet found: 250 km/s
- Length: 420 km (subject to projection)

## Stokes-V images (equivalent to LOS magnetograms)



## Cartoon diagram depicting the formation mechanism of penumbral jets





# Summary

- Penumbral microjets form a la Katsukawa et al., 2007 but by reconnection of oppositely directed field (Tiwari et al. 2016)
- Normal microjets show hardly any TR/coronal signature
- Larger jets, which flash repeatedly, show TR signatures; opposite polarity field patches are observed underneath those locations
- Need more TR/coronal observations at a resolution similar to that of Hi-C or better to verify these results.

***Thanks!***