

A DKIST observation of magnetic structures from solar photosphere to corona

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Outline

• Universal electrodynamic coupling

- How is the solar atmosphere controlled by magnetic fields?
 - observational approach strongly guided by theory (MHD...)
 - Novel DKIST work (ViSP instrument, Early June 2022)
 - energy injection (only, not transport, dissipation)

- This work: chromospheric magnetism, motions, Poynting flux
 - relation to plasma structure & heating



Radio galaxy Hercules A

1 ¹/₂ million light years long ~ distance to Andromeda Galaxy M31

Credit: NRAO

Today's Sun and magnetism





HMI continuum 2017-09-03T19:59:49.600



REVERSAL OF THE D-LINES.

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Accepted wisdom: magnetic fields & heating

Magnetism (spots) threads \and controls the outer layers of the Sun



Average sun (does not actually exist)



Gabriel 1976



FIGURE 5. The proposed structure of the network model based upon energy balance (model C), showing the convection cell, magnetic field lines and contours of constant temperature. The primary transition region is indicated by the converging contours of temperature. The secondary transition region is shown by the dashed line.

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(Parker Solar Probe) SDO stres Observatory

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22 June 2022





Zeeman effect DKIST wfa



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photosphere

chromosphere (1-2 scale heights beneath the corona)

Magnetic energy and plasma

DKIST, IRIS, SDO

No relations of chromospheric **B** to overlying plasmas.

consequences for plasma heating on the Sun and in astrophysics.

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measured B is only a small part of the story



Measured j_z also insufficient (chromosphere only, Socas-Navarro 2005)



A reminder



More?

The Problem of Coronal Heating A Rosetta Stone for Electrodynamic Coupling in Cosmic Plasmas

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Preliminary conclusions of recent work in Bern

- Heating and \mathbf{B}_0 appear independent
- Heating occurs in locally unipolar regions
- Mixed polarity fields have little to do with heating

All of these conclusions are **HERETICAL** !







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