

Correcting $F_{10.7}$ for use in Ionospheric Models

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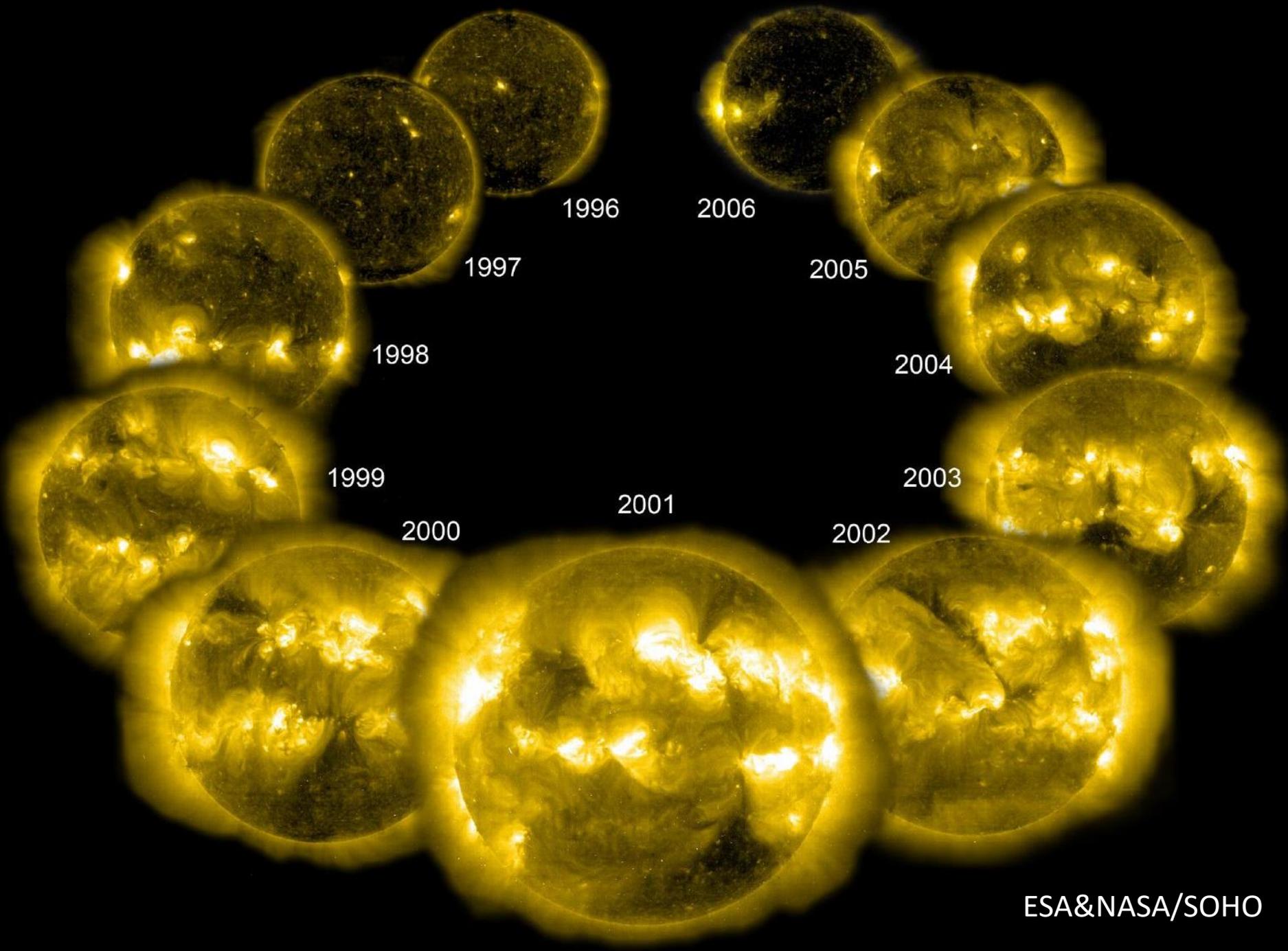
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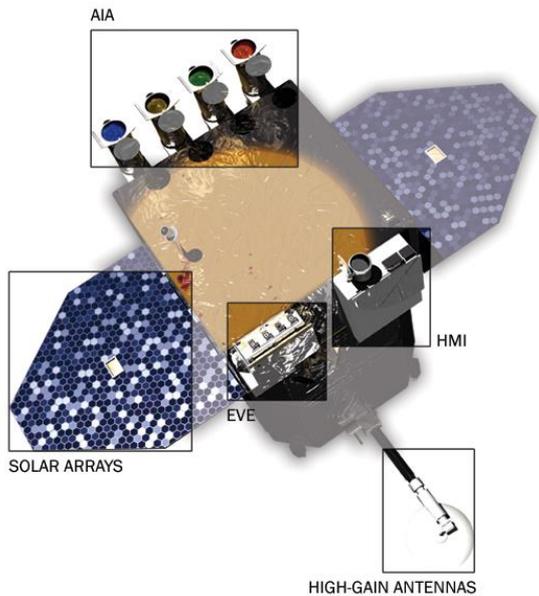
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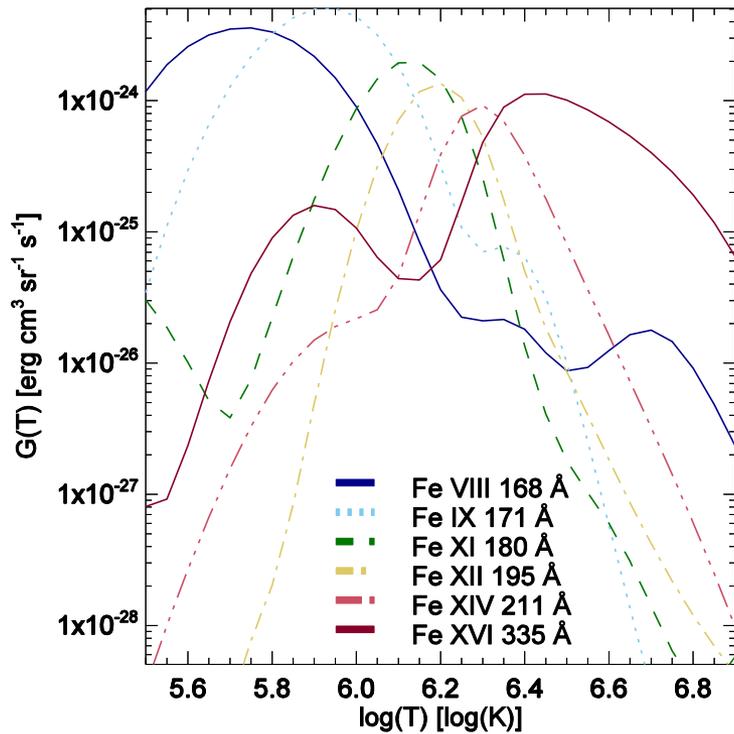
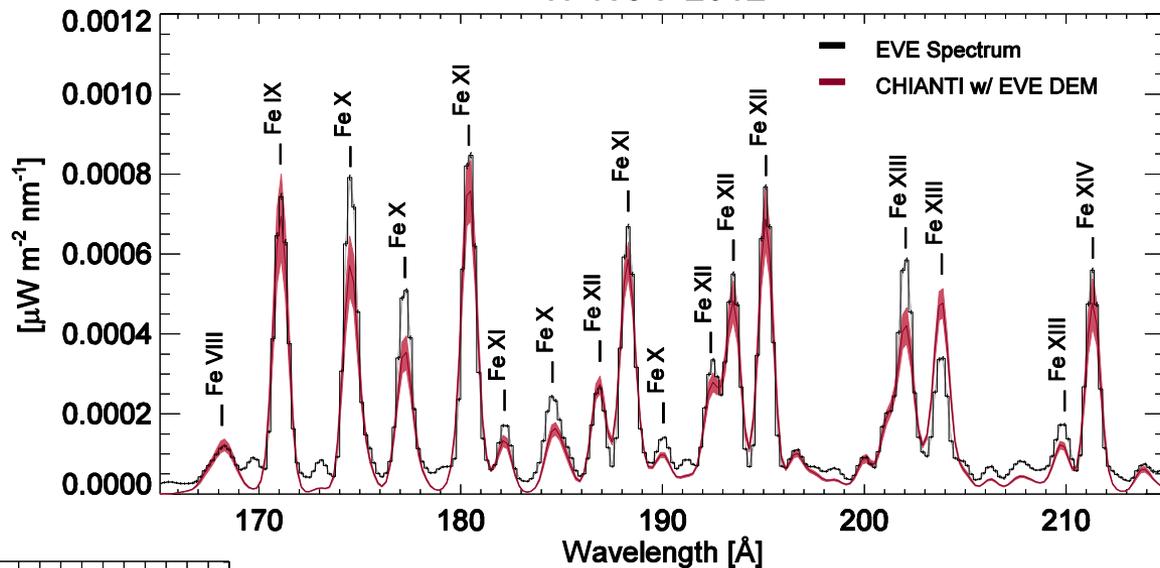
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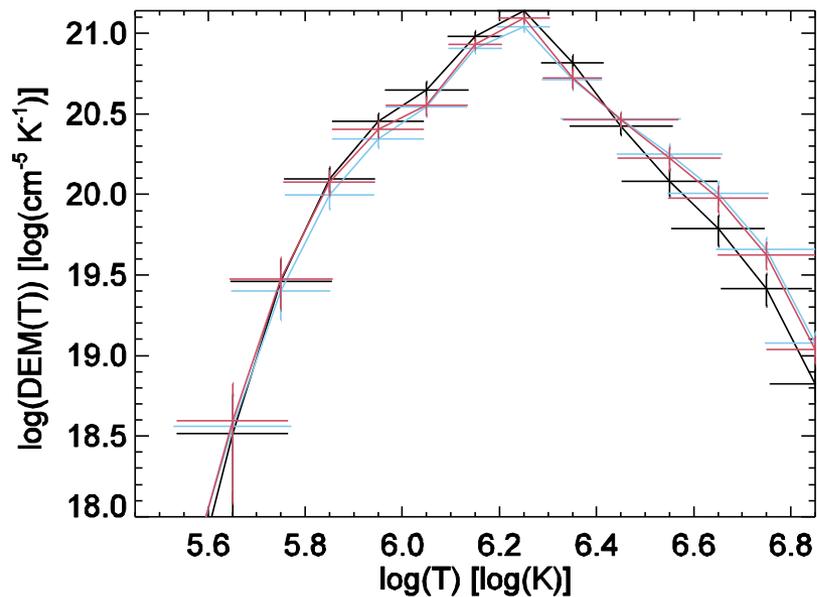
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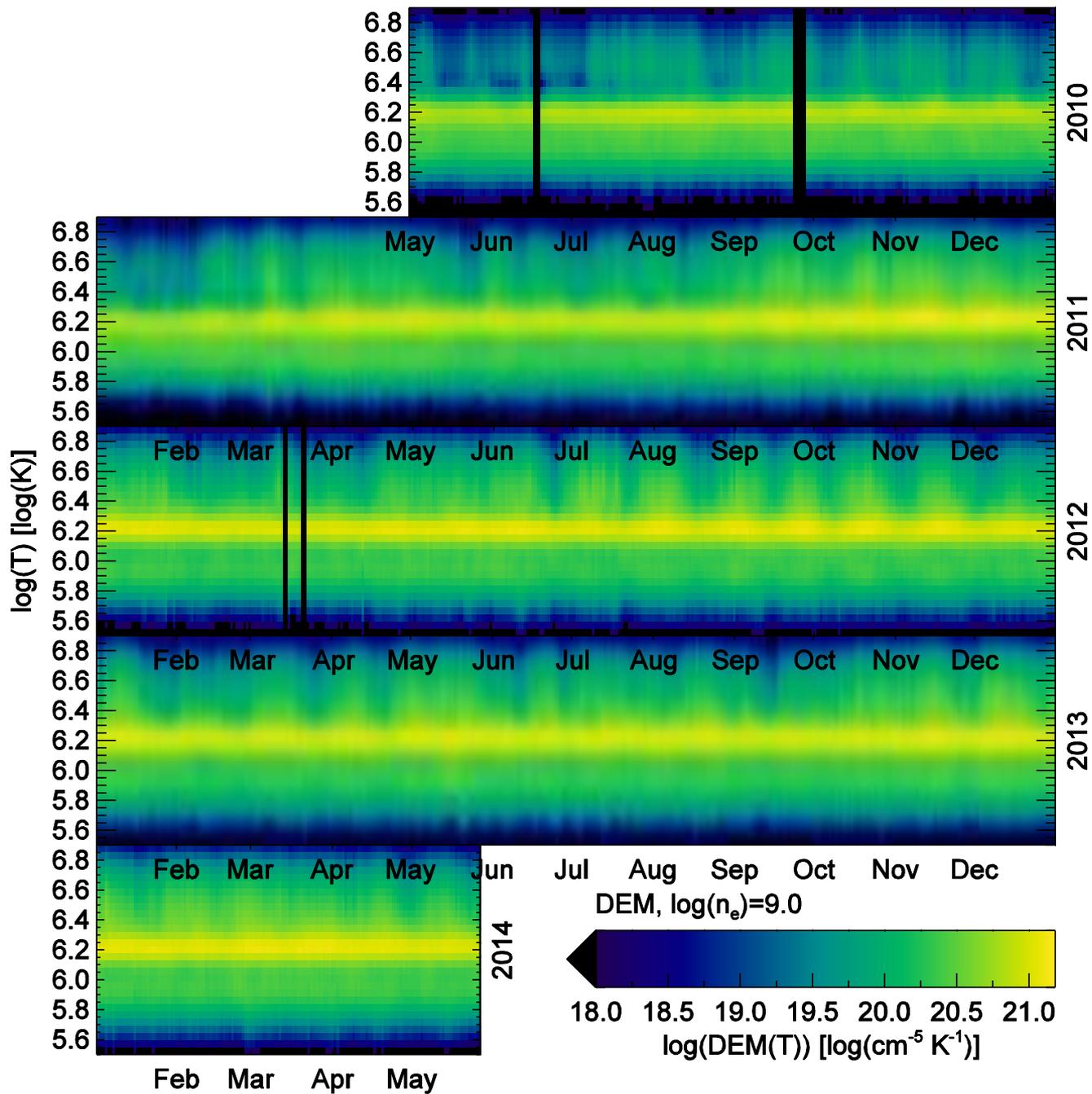


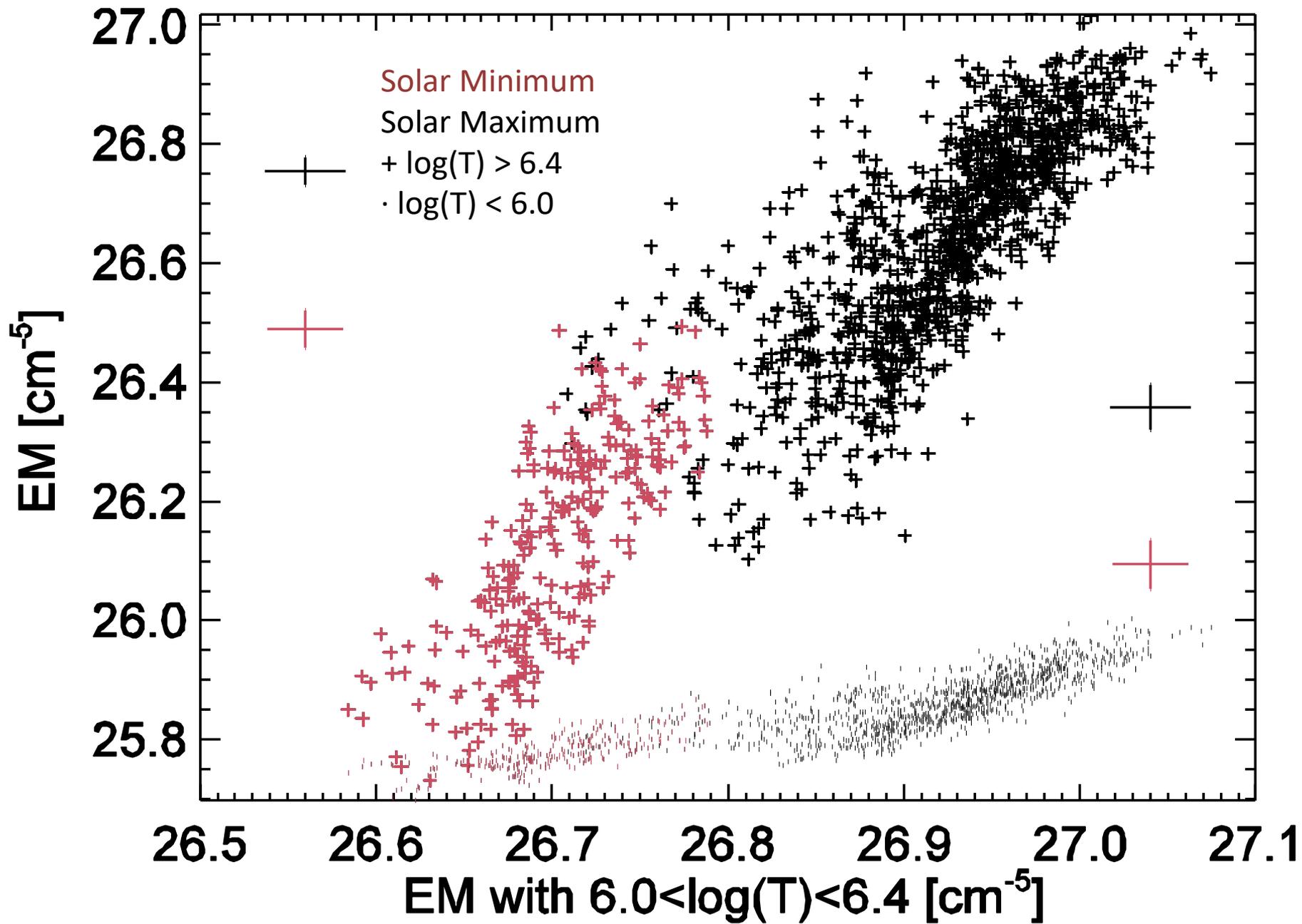
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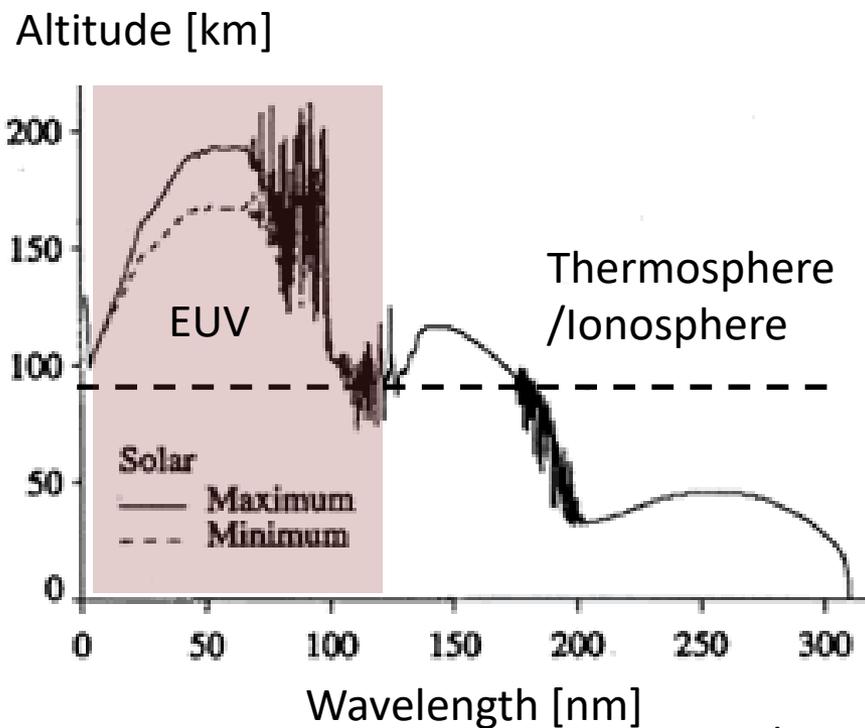




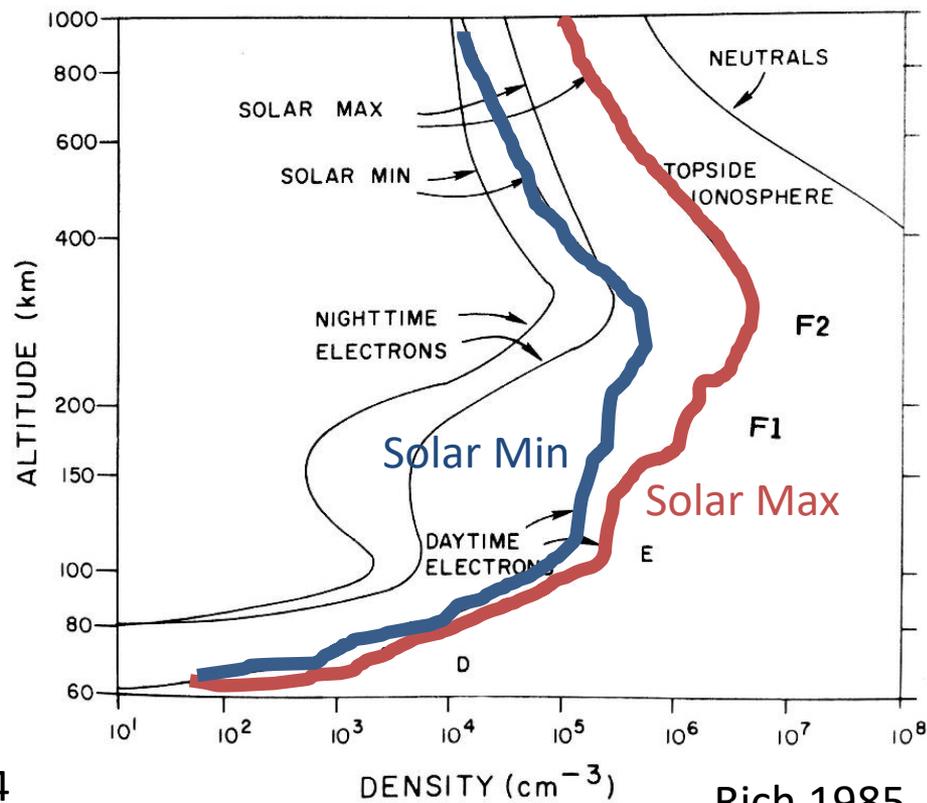




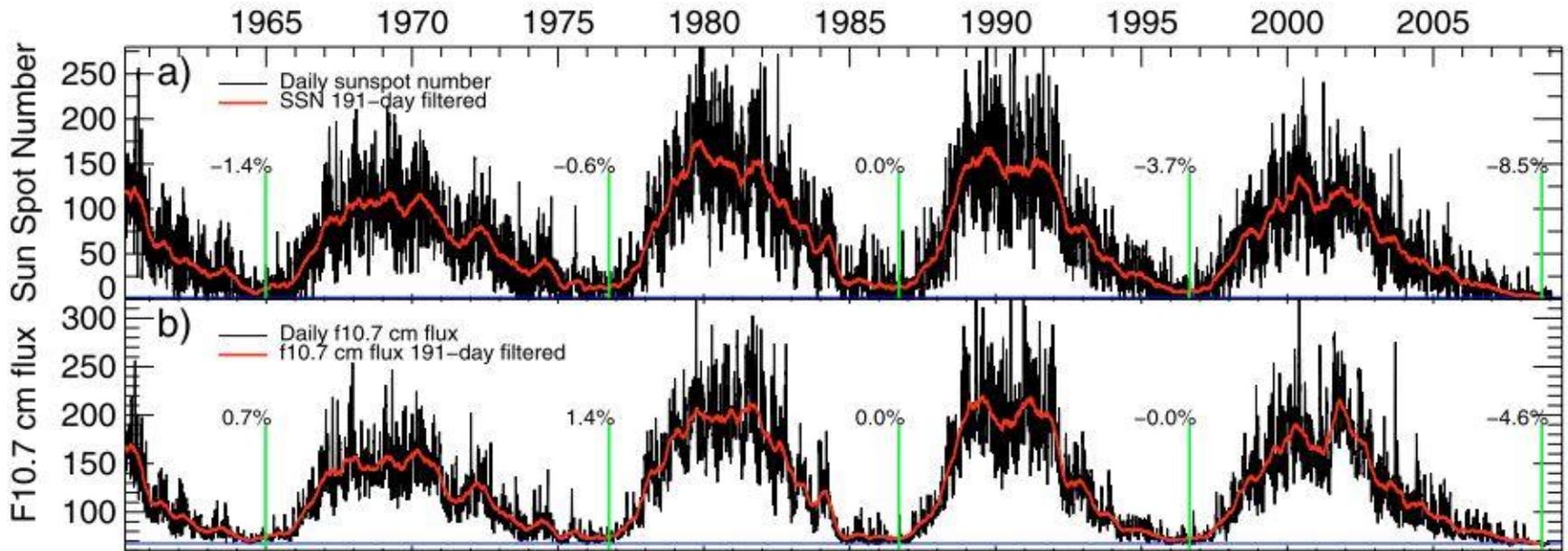
NASA



Haigh 2004

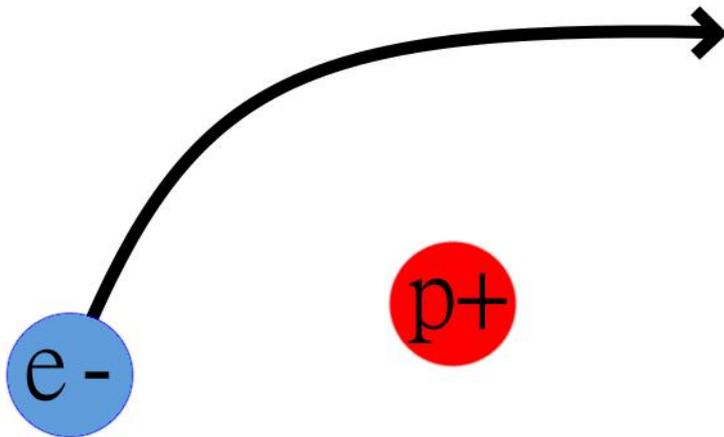


Rich 1985

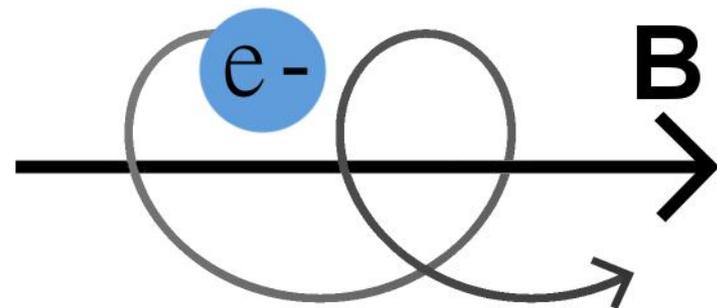


$$1 \text{ sfu} = 10^4 \text{ Jy} = 10^{-19} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$$

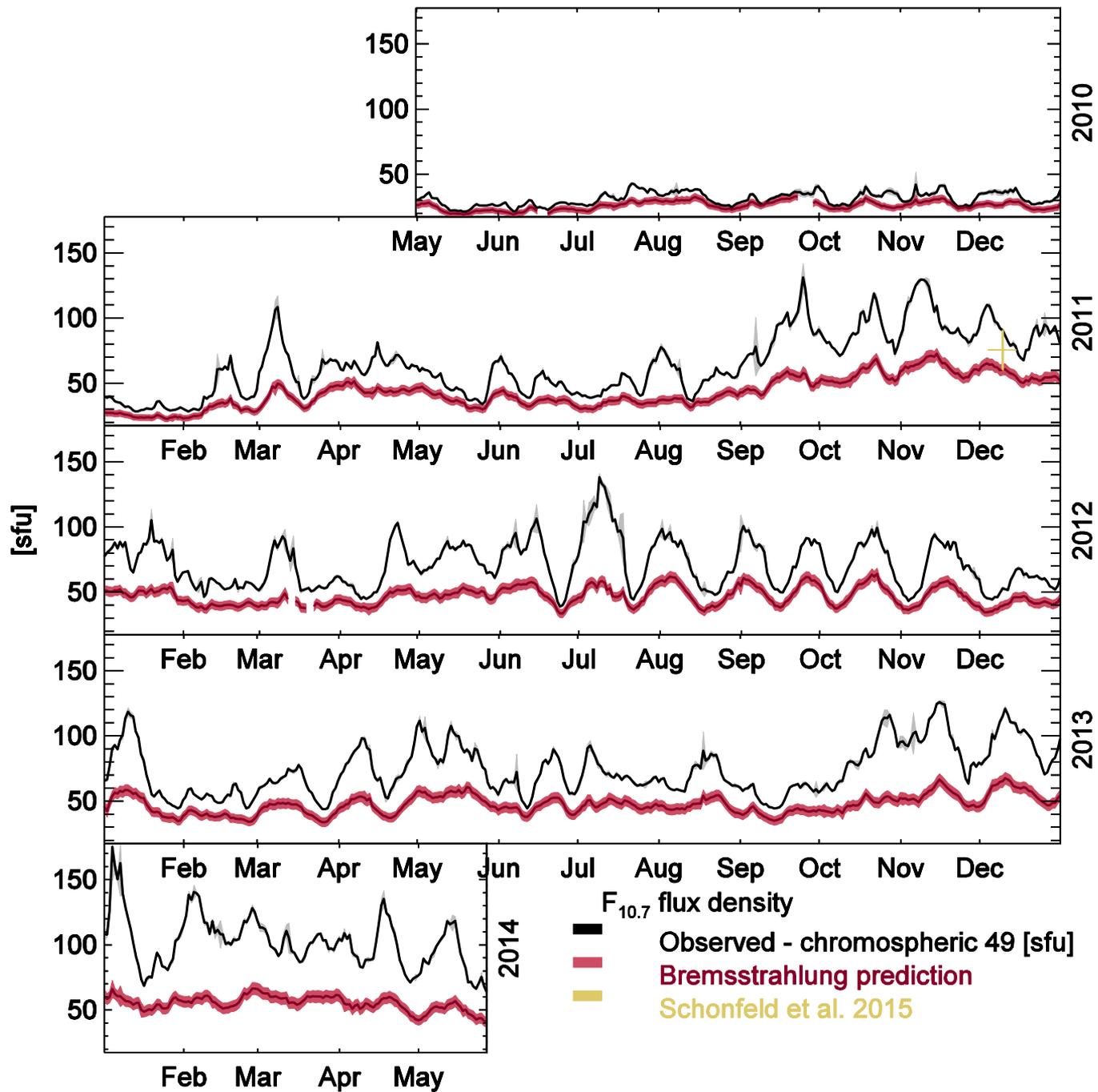
Fröhlich 2009

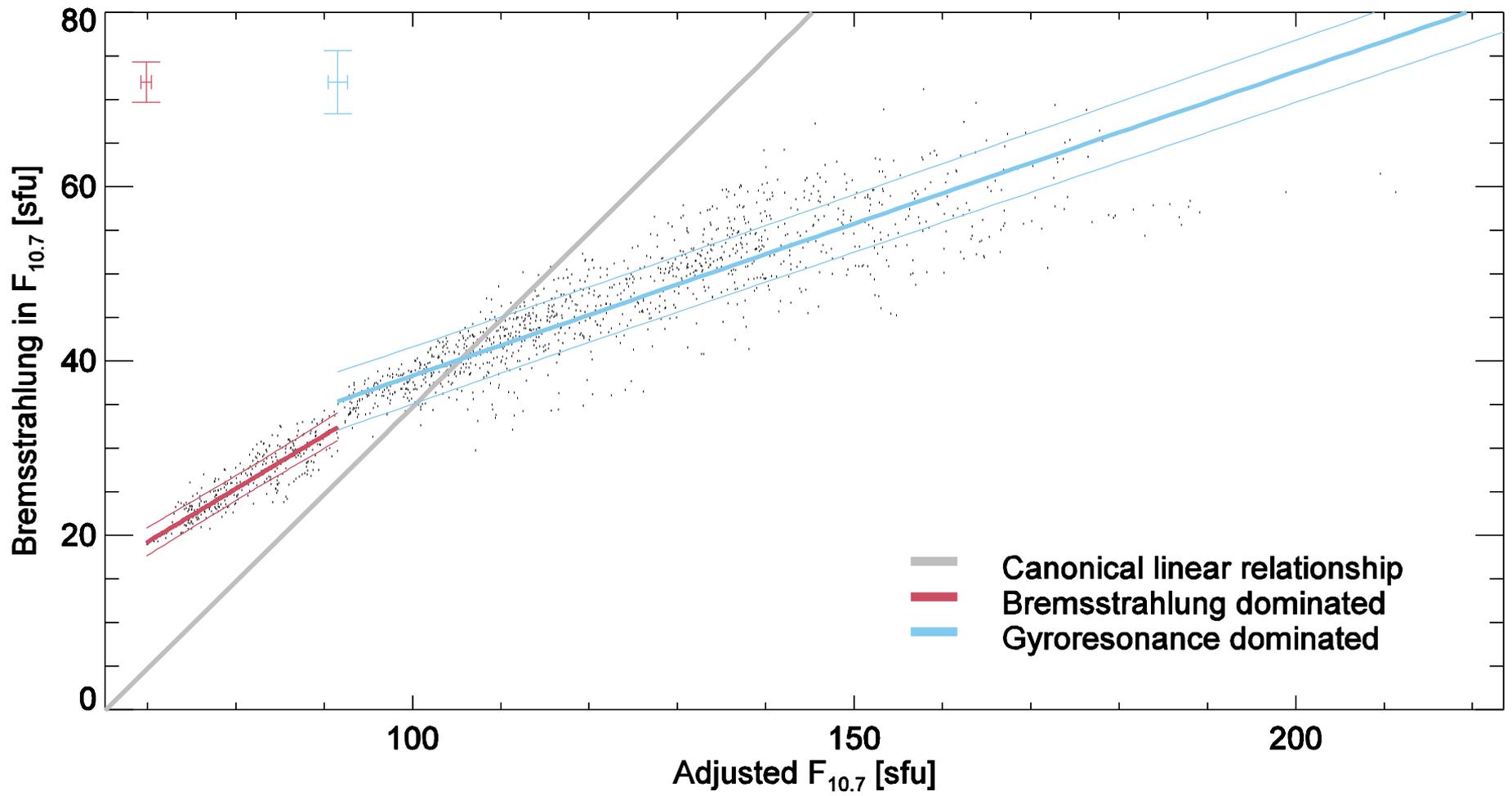


Bremsstrahlung



Gyroresonance



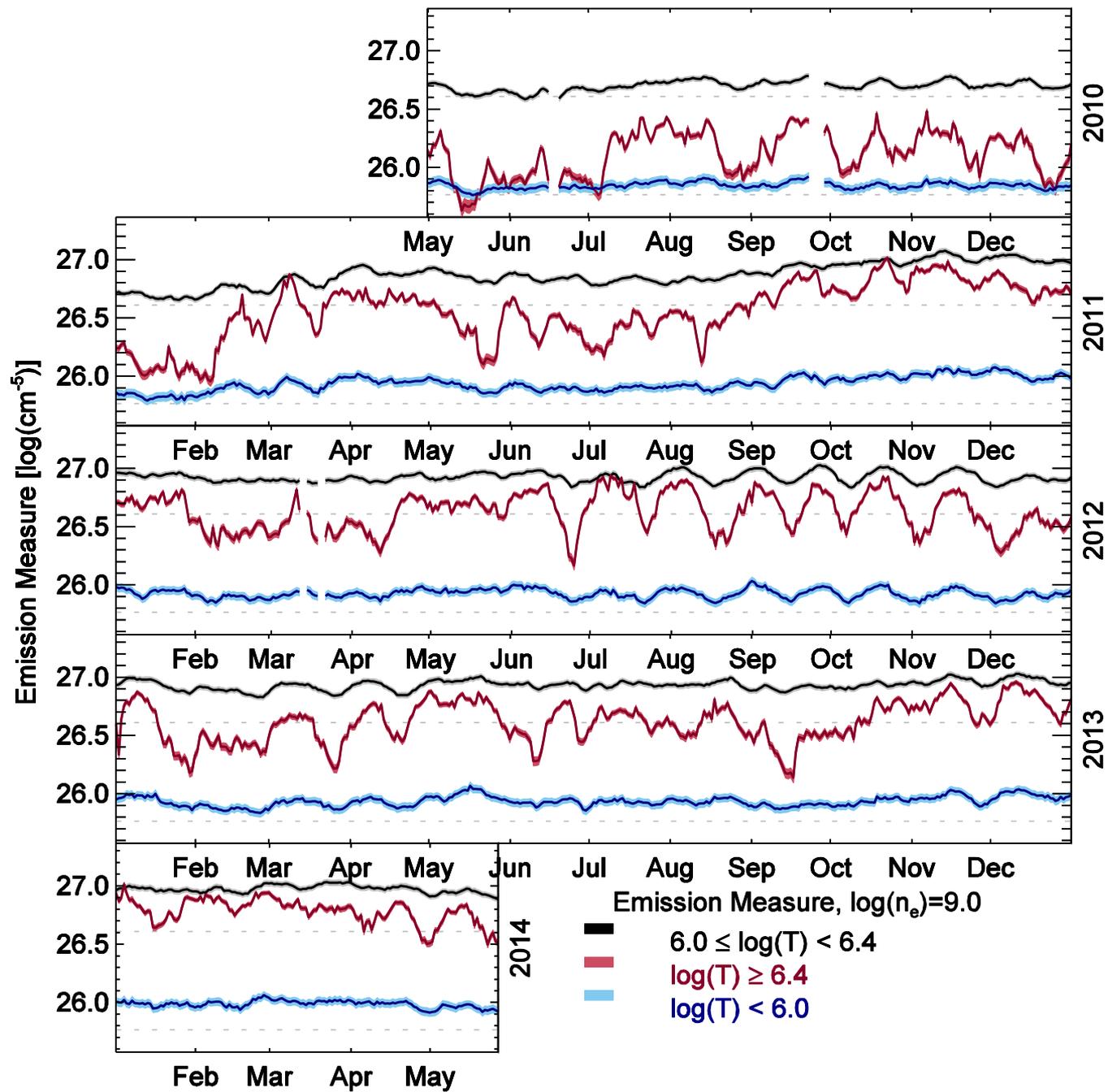


Conclusion

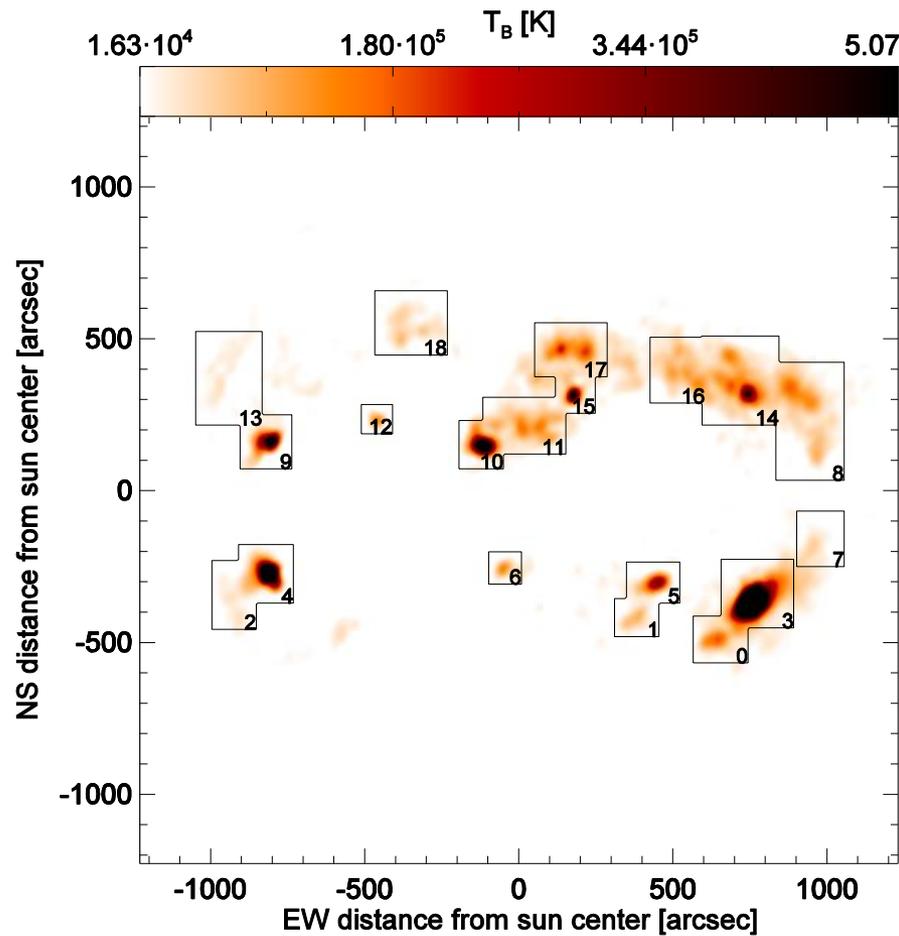
- Coronal plasma variation over the solar cycle
 - Discontinuity between solar minimum and maximum
- $F_{10.7}$ reproduction
 - Time variable contribution from gyroresonance and bremsstrahlung emission
 - Non-linear relationship between EUV and $F_{10.7}$
- Future
 - Compare with and correct ionospheric model input



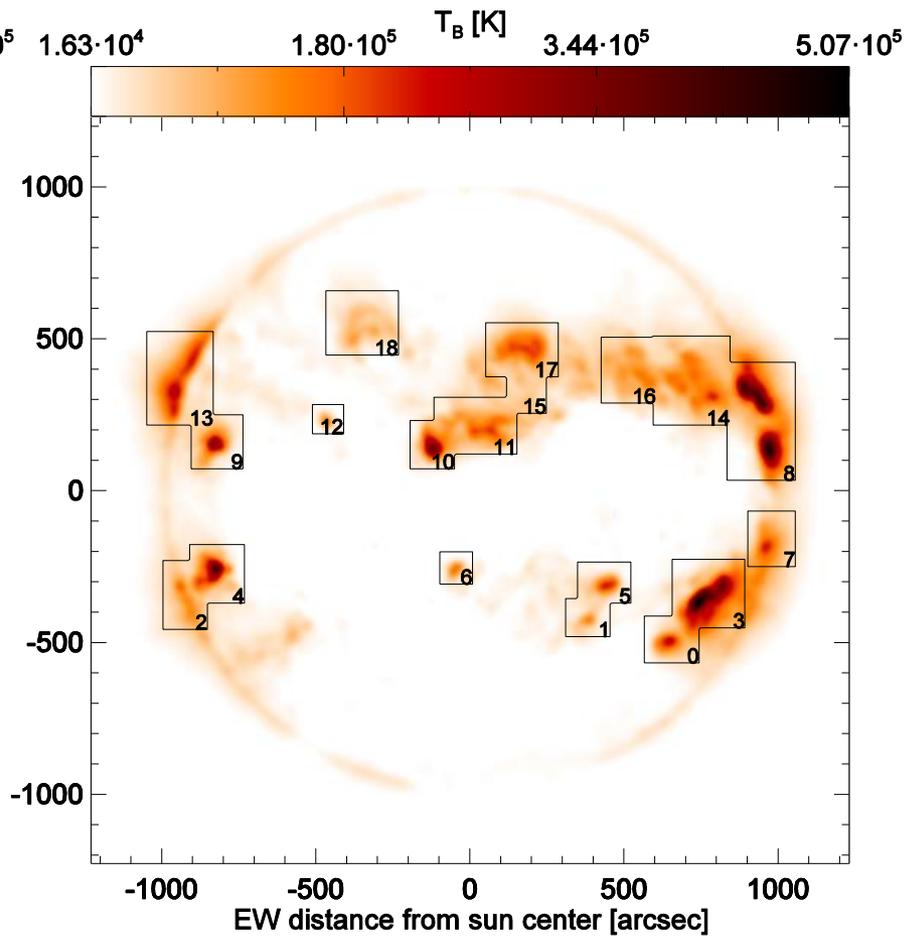
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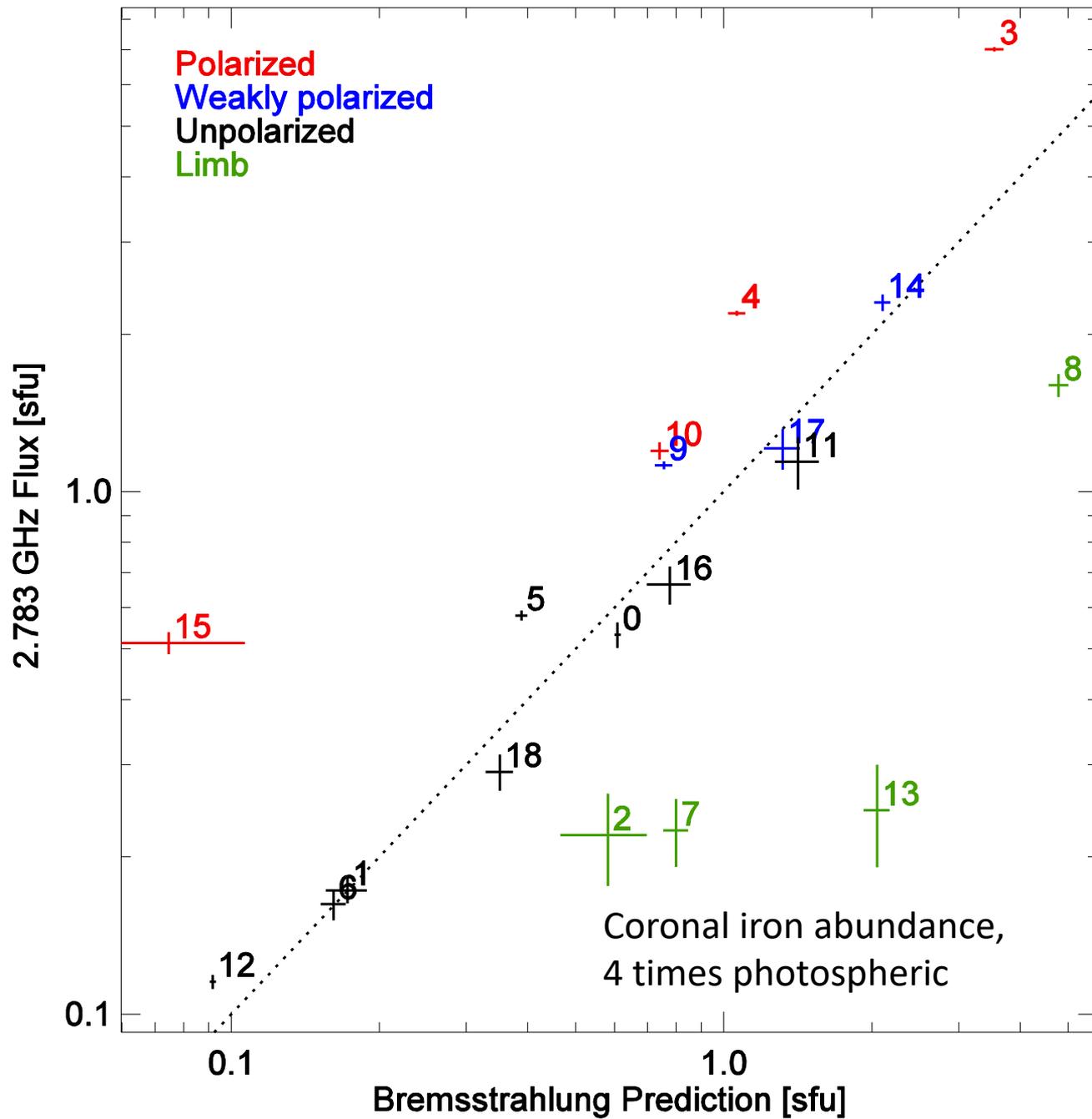
Predicted Radio Bremsstrahlung

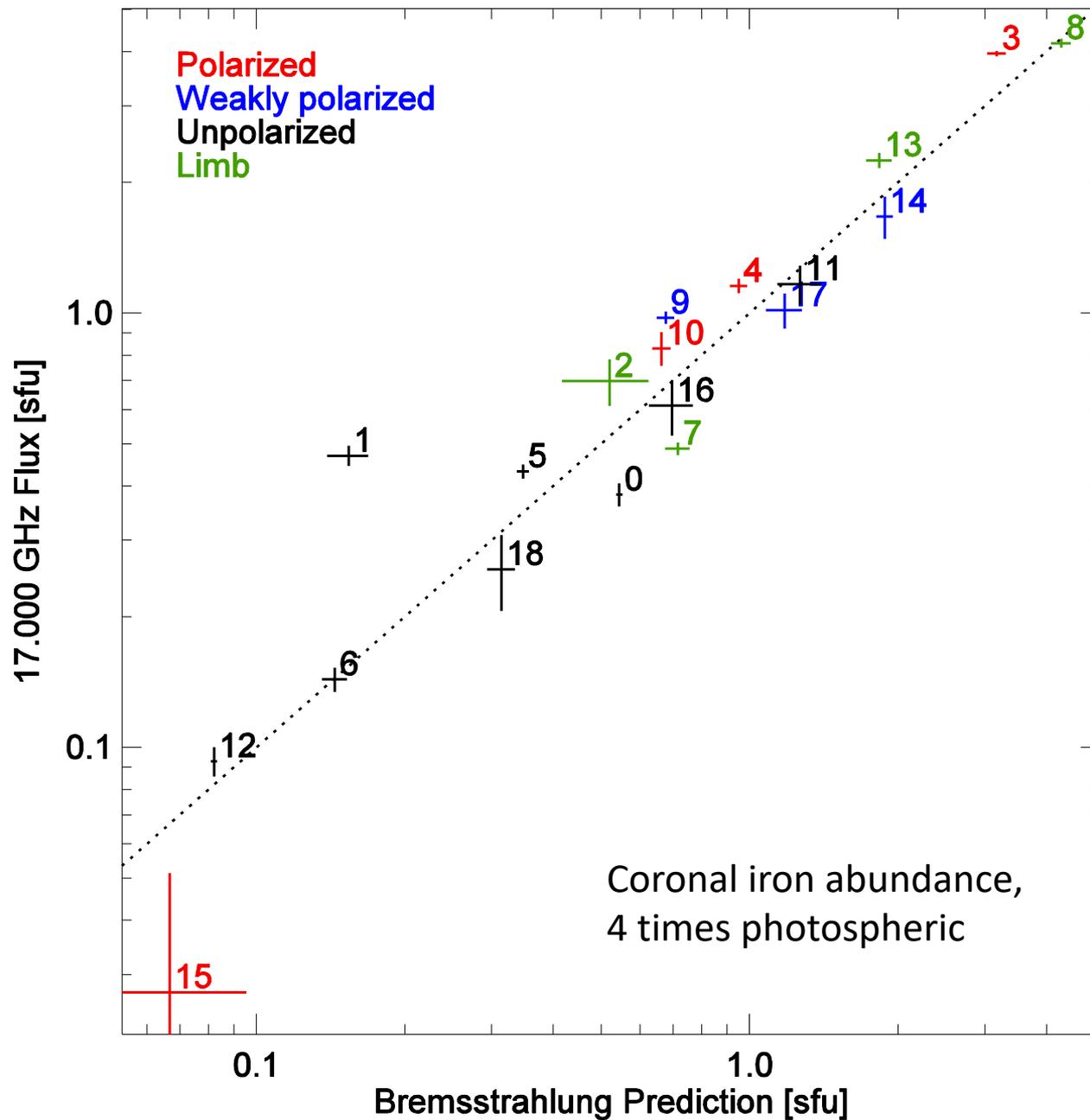


10.7 cm observation



Bremsstrahlung prediction





10.7 cm (2.8 GHz)

94 Å

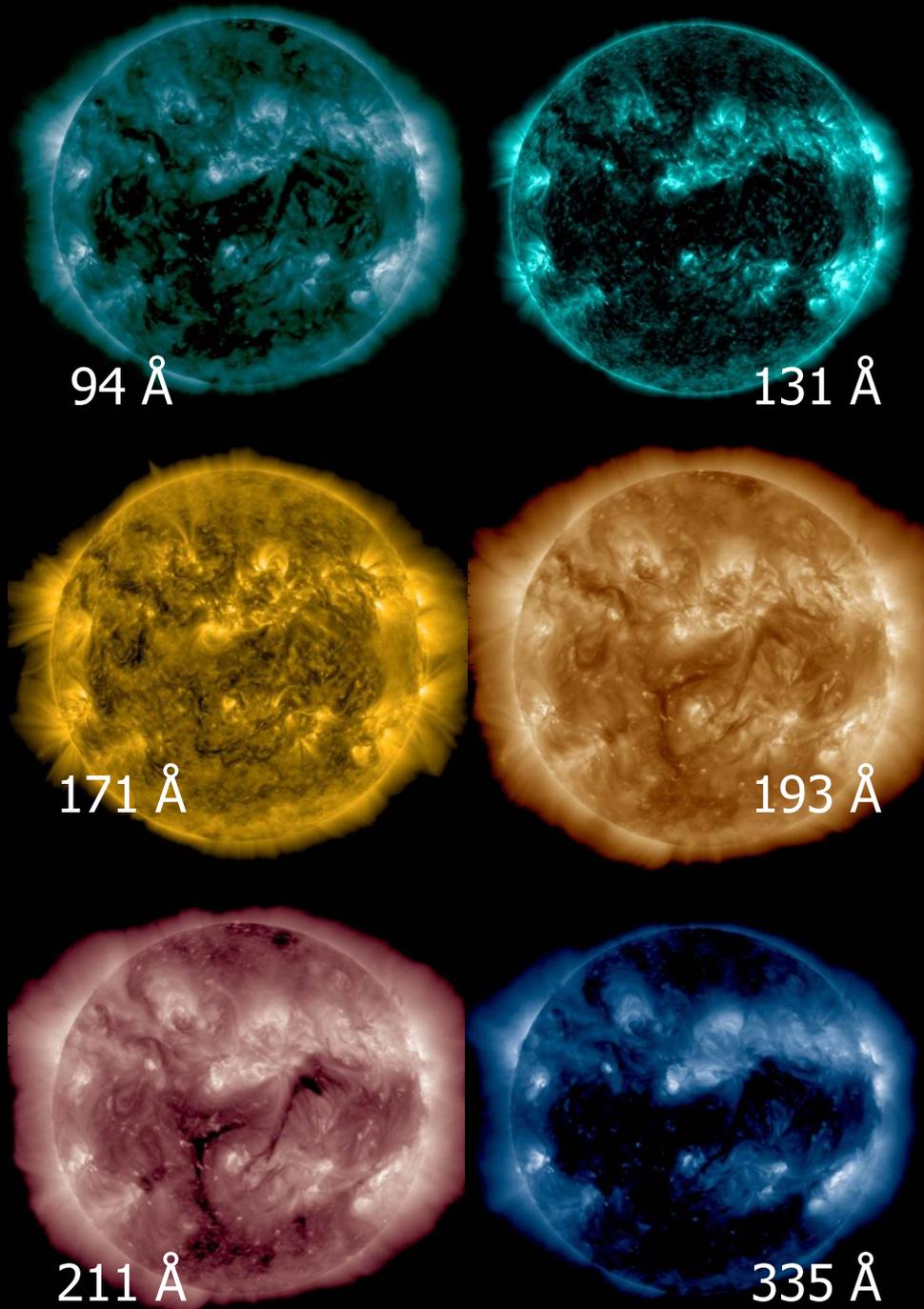
131 Å

171 Å

193 Å

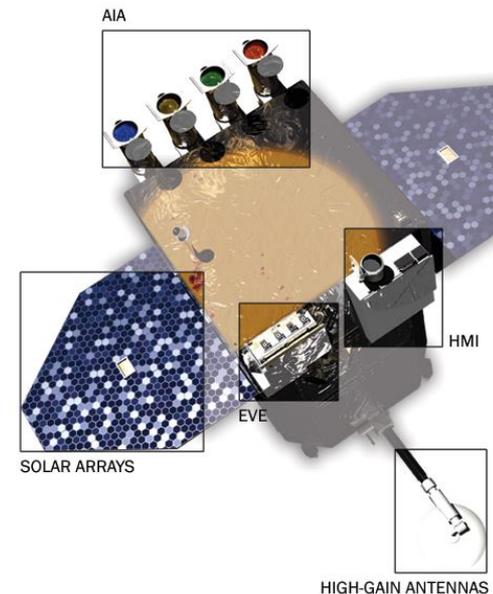
211 Å

335 Å

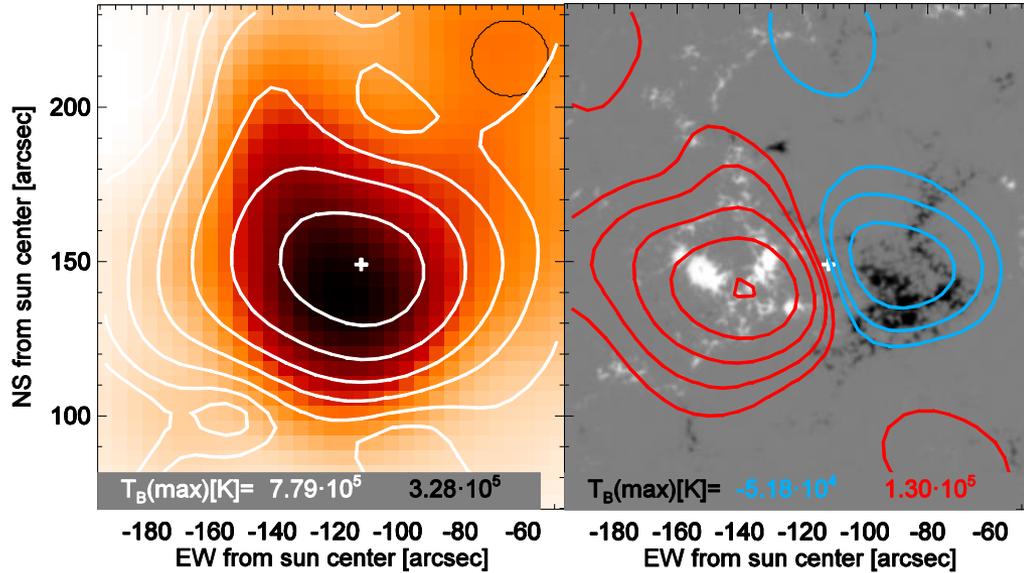


Observations

- Radio data
 - Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA)
 - 17 of 27 antennas
 - Eight hour integration
 - Seven pointing mosaic
 - S-band 2—4 GHz coverage
 - 10.7 cm = 2.8 GHz
- EUV data
 - Atmospheric Imaging Assembly (AIA)
 - 60 second cadence
 - Six coronal EUV bands



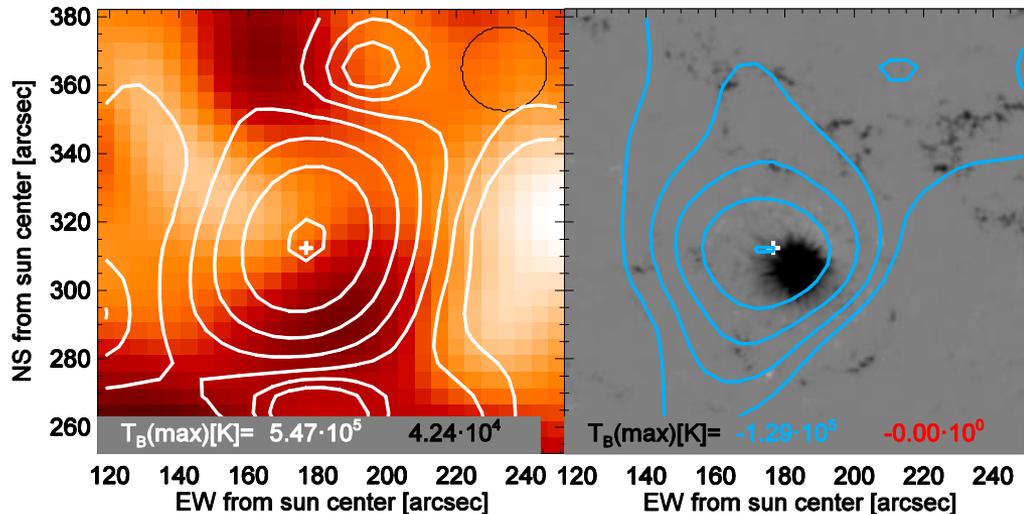
Strongly Polarized Regions



Region 10

Left:
Image = bremsstrahlung
Contours = radio intensity

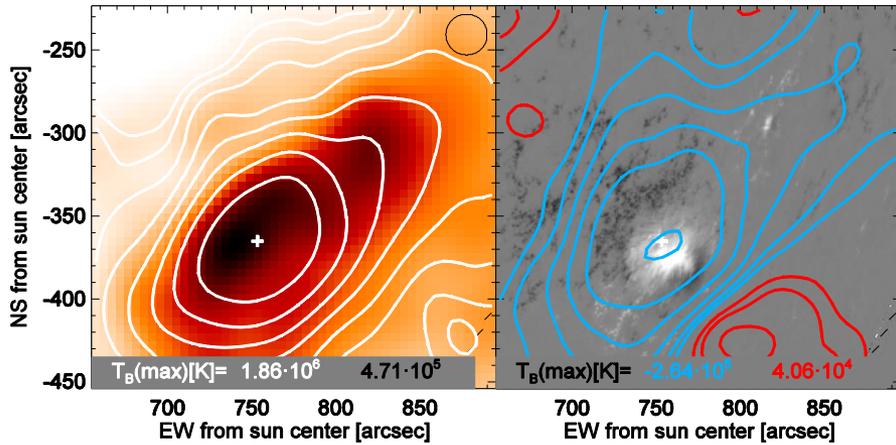
Right:
Grayscale = photospheric
magnetic field
Contours = radio circular
polarization



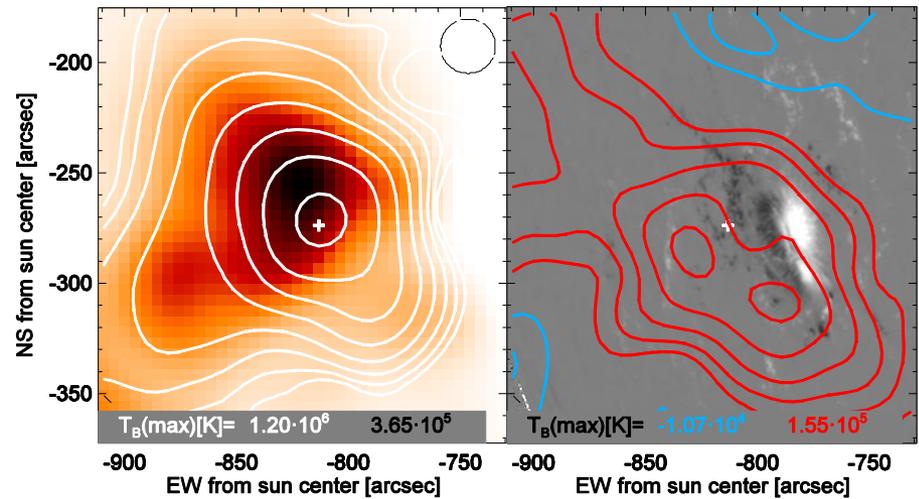
Region 15

Strong Polarization Examples

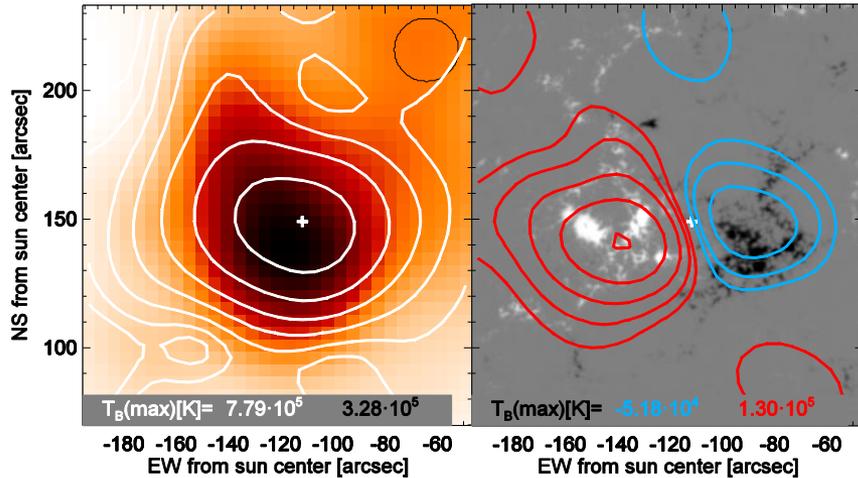
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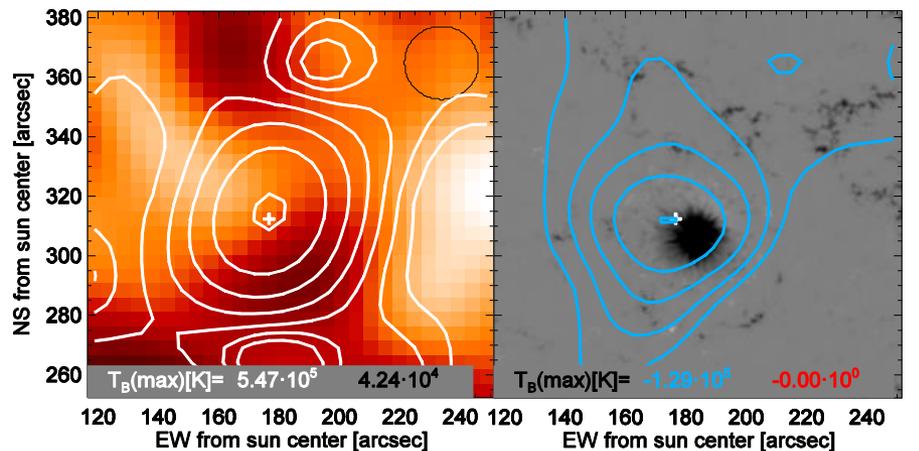
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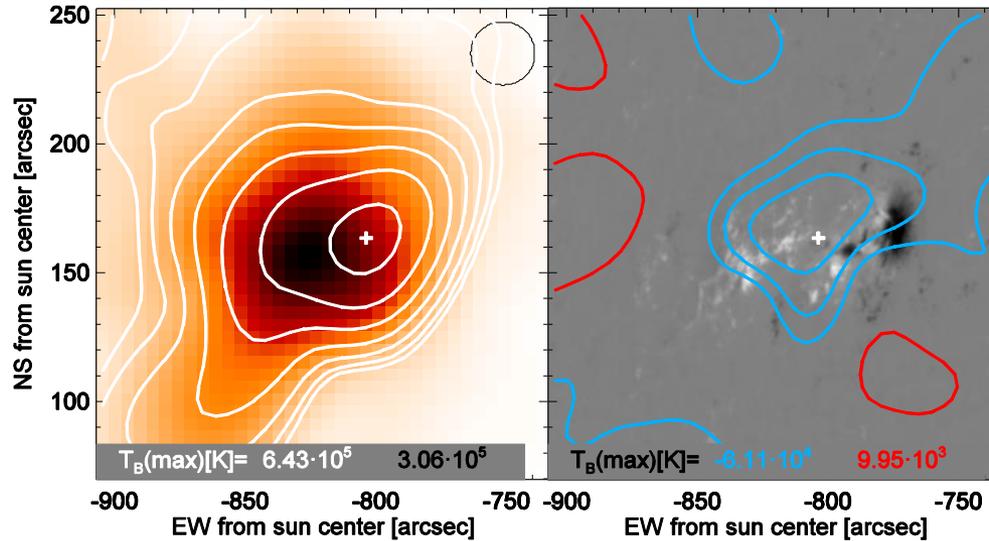
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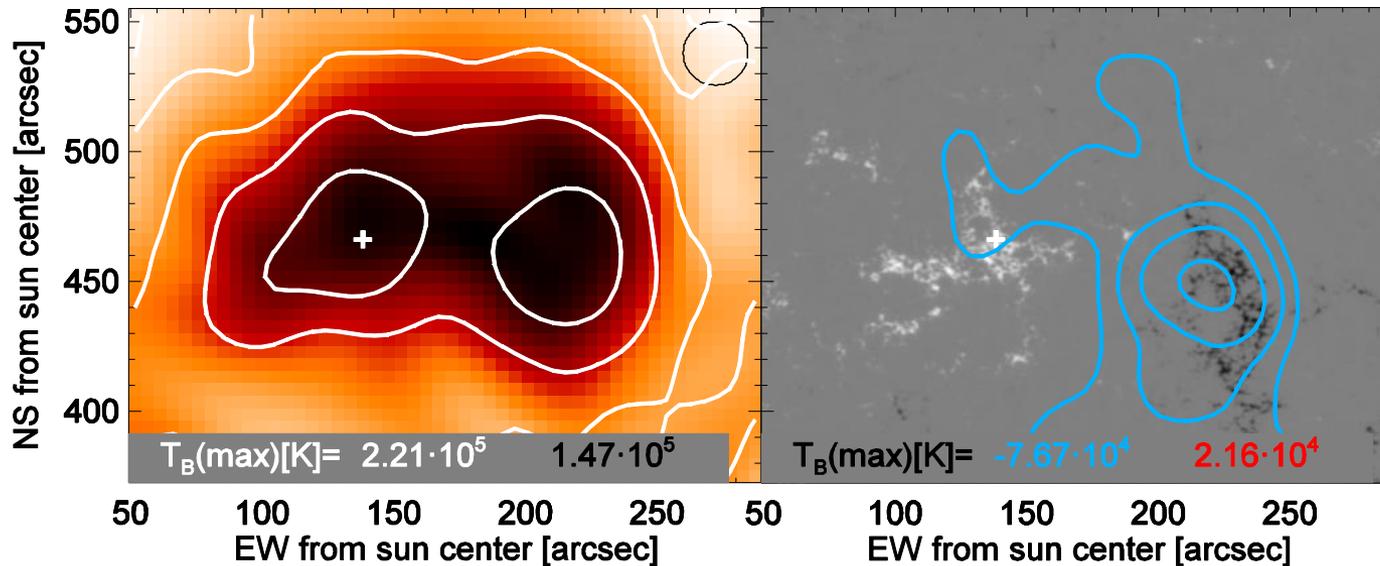
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Weak Polarization Examples



Region 9

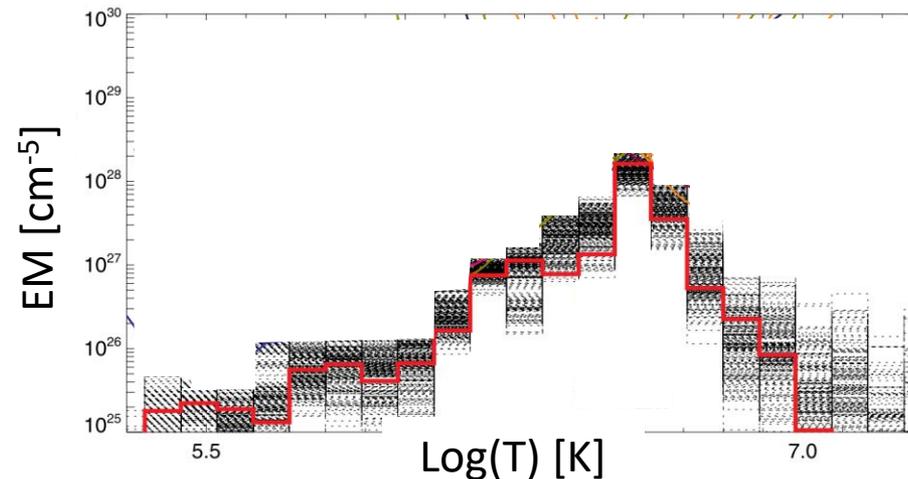


Region 17

Differential Emission Measure

- Emission Measure (EM)
 - $EM \propto \int n_e^2 ds$ [cm^{-5}]
 - Controls strength of collisional processes
 - Bremsstrahlung emission
 - Collisionally excited atomic emission
- Differential Emission Measure (DEM)
 - Emission measure as a function of temperature
 - $\frac{dEM}{dT}$ [$cm^{-5} K^{-1}$]

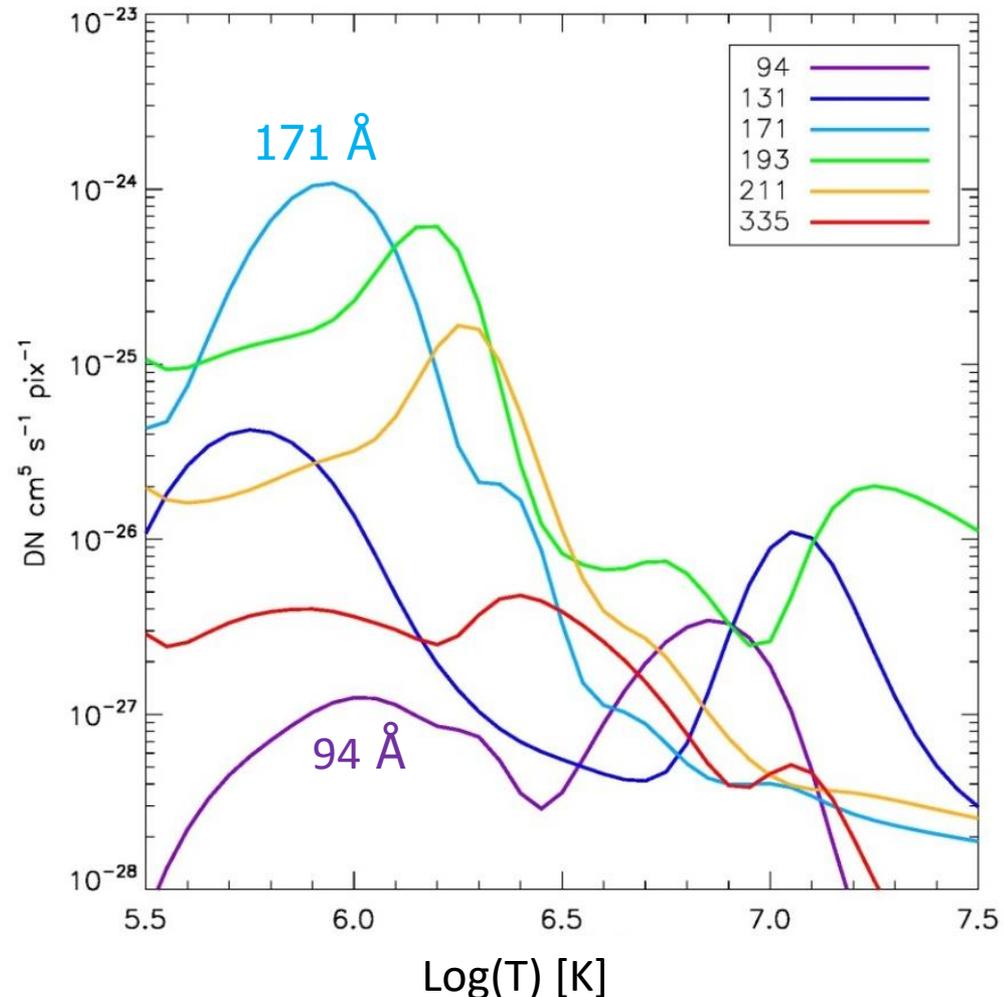
Warren, Brooks, and
Winebarger 2011



1: Calculating the DEM

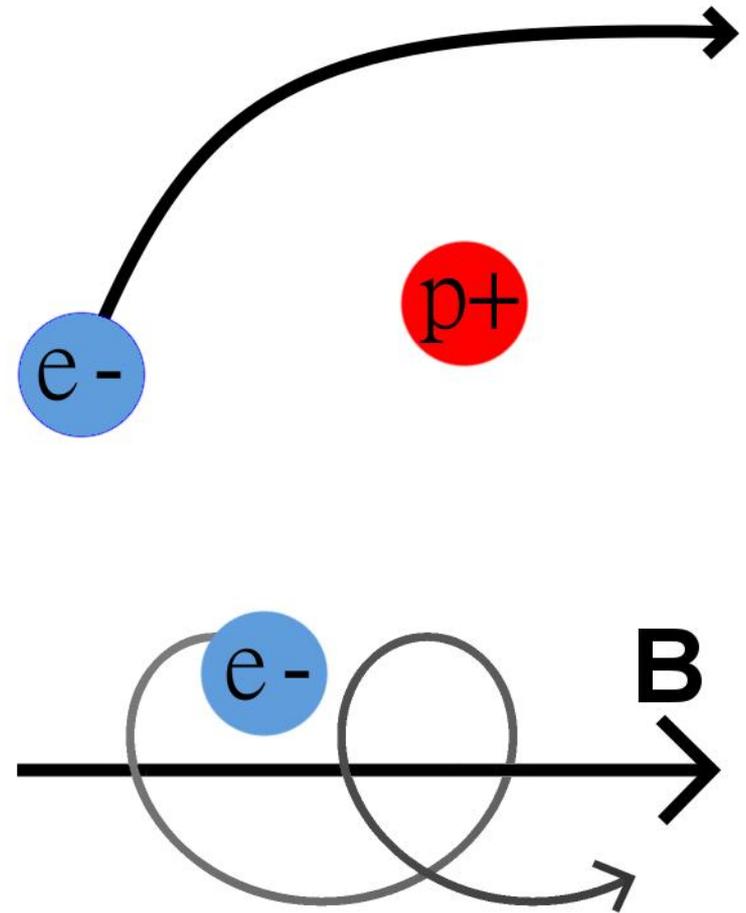
$$Flux_i = \sum Resp_i(T) \times DEM(T) \times \Delta T$$

- Observe optically thin medium at different temperatures
- Invert set of observations to determine necessary plasma structure
- No analytic solution
 - MCMC type forward model
 - Direct inversion



$F_{10.7}$ Generation Mechanisms

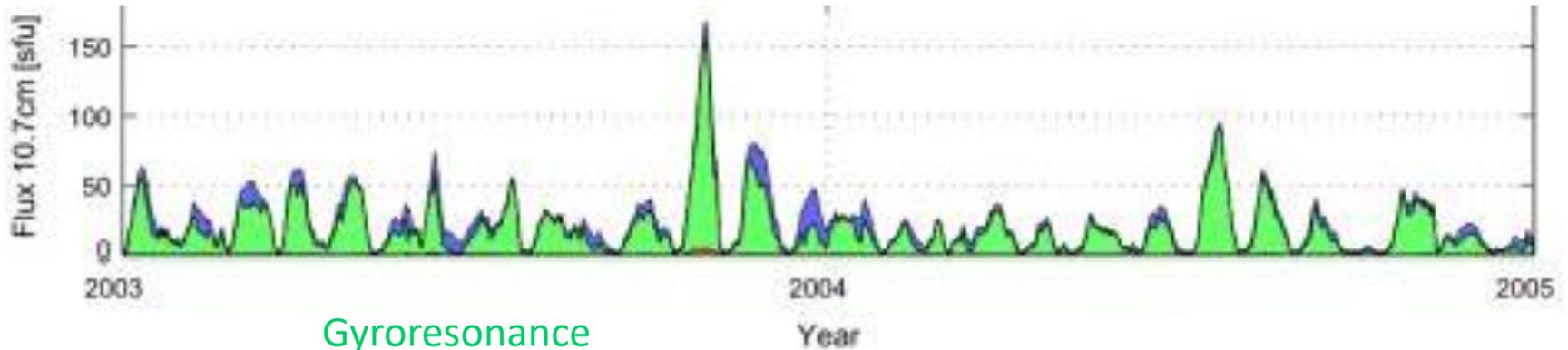
- Bremsstrahlung
 - Active regions and plage
 - Free-free electron-ion interactions
 - Unpolarized
 - Traces density
- Gyroresonance
 - Active region cores
 - Electrons spiraling around magnetic fields
 - Circularly polarized
 - Traces magnetic field



The Mechanism Matters

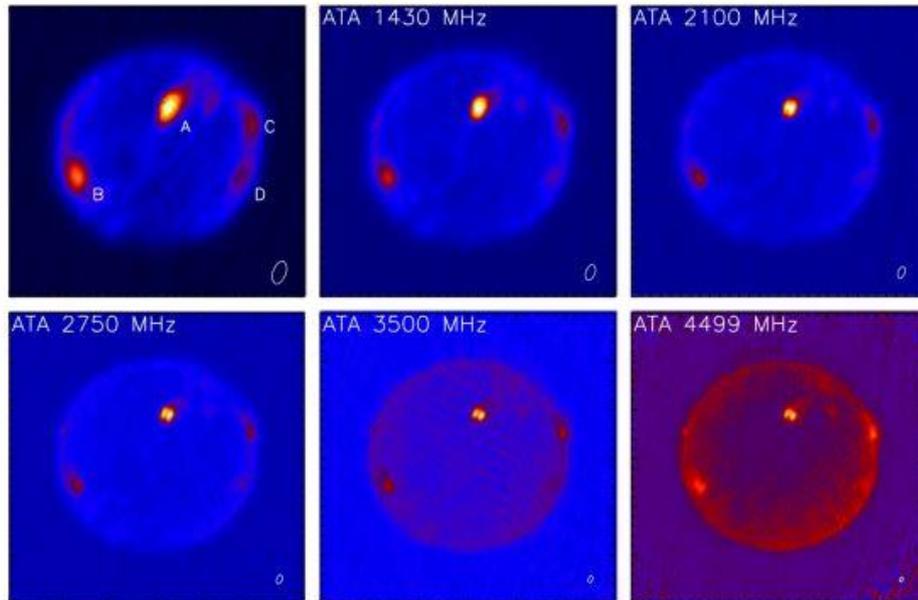
- Bremsstrahlung is generated by collisions
 - Collisionally excited atomic emission lines emit EUV
- Gyroresonance results from magnetic fields
 - No magnetically driven emission in EUV
- **Gyroresonance is a contaminant when $F_{10.7}$ is used as an EUV proxy**
 - $F_{10.7}$ is a direct input to ionosphere models
 - Typical density errors of $\approx 10\%$ (Bowman et al. 2008)
- Gyroresonance fraction unclear

Recent Studies



Gyroresonance
Bremsstrahlung

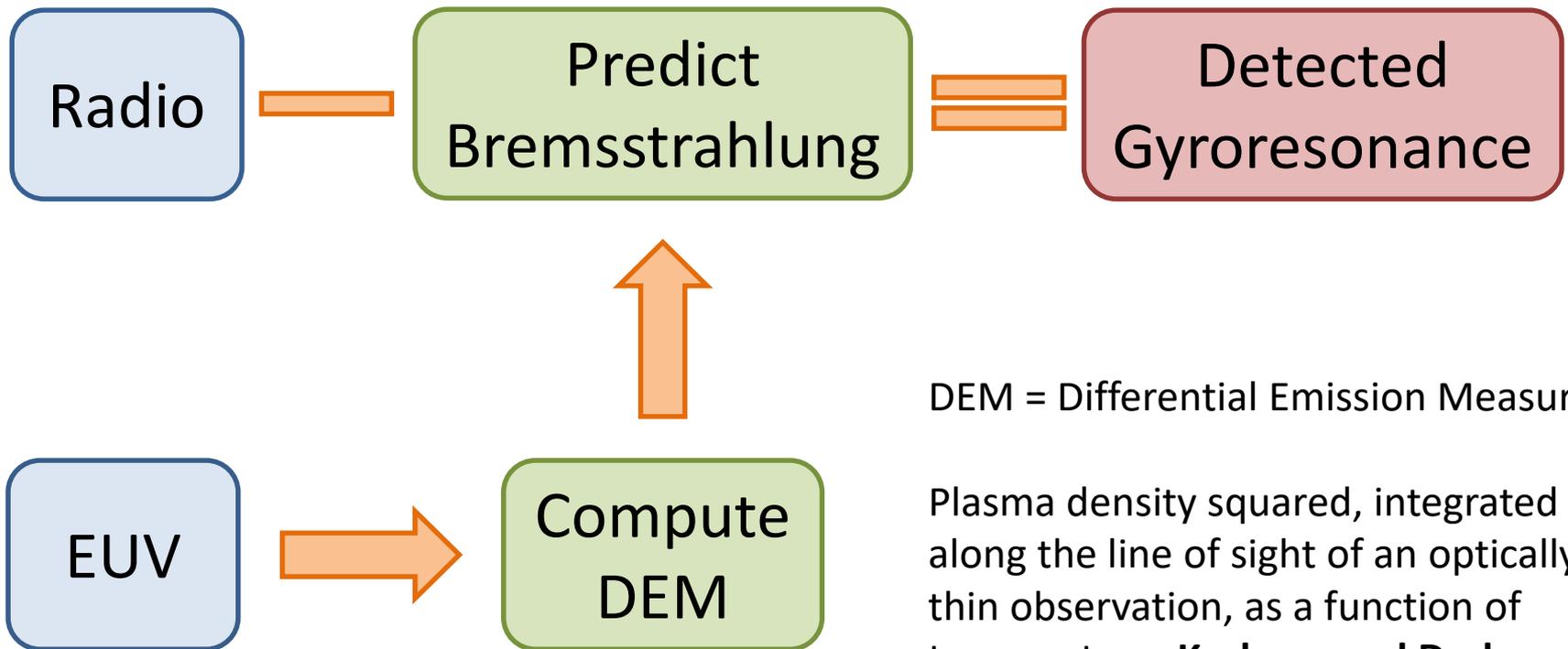
Dudok de Wit, Bruinsma, Shibasaki 2014



- Time series analysis -> gyroresonance dominated
- Imaging spectral index -> bremsstrahlung dominated

Saint-Hilaire et al 2012

How We Separate Gyroresonance



DEM = Differential Emission Measure

Plasma density squared, integrated along the line of sight of an optically thin observation, as a function of temperature. **Kashyap and Drake 1998** and **Plowman et al. 2013** methods used.