CHROMOSPHERIC RECURRENT JETS IN <u>A SUNSPOT GROUP AND THEIR INTER-G</u>RANULAR ORIGIN

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ABSTRACT

We report on high-resolution observations of recurrent fan-like jets by the Goode Solar telescope (GST) in multiwavelengths inside a sunspot group. The dynamics behaviour of the jets is derived from the H α line profiles. Quantitative values for one well-identified event have been obtained showing a maximum projected velocity of 42 km s⁻¹ and a Doppler shift of the order of 20 km s⁻¹. The footpoints/roots of the jets have a lifted center on the H α line profile compared to the quiet sun suggesting a long lasting heating at these locations. The magnetic field between the small sunspots in the group shows a very high resolution pattern with parasitic polarities along the inter-granular lanes accompanied by high velocity converging flows (4 km s⁻¹) in the photosphere. Magnetic cancellations between the opposite polarities are observed in the vicinity of the footpoints of the jets. Along the inter-granular lanes horizontal magnetic field around 1000 Gauss is generated impulsively. Overall, all the kinetic features at the different layers through photosphere and chromosphere favor a convection-driven reconnection scenario for the recurrent fan-like jets, and evidence a site of reconnection between the photosphere and chromosphere corresponding to the inter-granular lanes.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Recurrent fan-like jets which appear like a chain of eruptions from one end to another in the high-resolution chromosphere observations are the prevalence of a highly dynamic behaviour. Due to the limitation of spatial resolution, they have been named as H α surges, plasma ejections, chromospheric jets (such as in Roy 1973; Asai et al. 2001; Louis et al. 2014). With the recent high resolution observations, they have also been named such as light wall (Yang et al. 2015) or peacock jets (Robustini et al. 2016). Among such phenomena, the one happens inside the umbra in light bridge (LB) has attracted more attention. The oscillations of fan-like jets (plasma ejections/surges) inside a sunspot LB was first reported in Asai et al. (2001) with H α observations by the Domeless Solar Telescope at Hida Observatory and 171 Å observations from the Transition Region and Coronal Explorer (TRACE, Handy et al. 1999). The main characteristics of these jets were defined by their velocity around 50 km s⁻¹ and their maximum length of 2Mm. Emerging magnetic flux was considered to be the origin of the jets with no strong observational evidence.

Observed in multi-wavelengths throughout the solar atmosphere, fan-like jets have been extensively studied in recent years (see the reviews of Tian et al. 2018; De Pontieu et al. 2021; Schmieder et al. 2021). They are identified in high spatial resolution observations, such as in H α and transition region lines observed with the Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph (IRIS, De Pontieu et al. 2014) with different morphologies (velocity, maximum height, period). They appear as dark features in H α images with a bright front in the transition region and coronal lines (such as in Yang et al. 2015). The jets occur not only above LB but also above magnetic neutral lines (Hou et al. 2016), with trigger of magneto-acoustic waves (Zhang et al. 2017), magnetic reconnection (Hou et al. 2017; Bai et al. 2019; Yang et al. 2019b) or the combination of both mechanisms (Tian et al. 2018). They may also be associated with vortex flows (Yang et al. 2019a).

The magneto-acoustic wave origins are predominantly identified from the periodic behaviour of the jet oscillations or of the displacements of the bright front while the magnetic reconnection origins are confirmed from the high resolution observations of magnetic field. With the Hinode spectropolarimeter (SP, Ichimoto et al. 2008; Lites et al. 2013), Shimizu et al. (2009, hereafter S09) found that a trapped flux tube beneath the canopy magnetic field is responsible for long-lasting chromospheric plasma ejections. Interaction of magnetic field between LB and the surroundings is also suggested to raise the local dynamic (Louis et al. 2014; Toriumi et al. 2015b).

Simulations of jets, such as X-ray jets (Shimojo & Shibata 2000), surges (Yokoyama & Shibata 1996), solar polar jets (Pariat et al. 2009), active region recurrent jets (Archontis et al. 2010), microflare accompanying jets (Jiang et al. 2012), show different physical processes but all associate with magnetic field changes. Takasao et al. (2013) simulated flux emergence associated chromospheric jets and displayed two possible scenarios with different reconnection heights. With a lower reconnection site, such as one in the photosphere, a slow-mode shock propagates and lifts up the transition region, forming the so-called jets. While with a higher reconnection site, such as that in the upper chromosphere, Lorentz force and the whip-like motion of magnetic field accelerate the chromospheric plasma. Since the jets originate from LB in some cases, Toriumi et al. (2015a, hereafter T15) did a detailed analysis of such structures with MURaM simulation of flux emergence in an active region. Their results show that the convective upflow transport horizontal field to the solar surface, configuring light bright structure, and the jet-associated magnetic reconnection happens due to the magnetic shear between the horizontal field of the light bridge and the ambient vertical field in the sunspot. The morphology, magnetic field as well as convective velocity near the solar surface are compared between the Hinode observations and MHD simulation around the LB, which shows a good correspondence.

Although previous observations have shown the intimate relation between the fan-like jets and the photospheric magnetic field, the spatial resolution is limited to subsecond, such as $0''.3 \ pixel^{-1}$ of Hinode/SP, and a detailed comparison between different layers is rarely achieved. With the aid of extremely high resolution observations from Goode Solar Telescope (GST, Cao et al. 2010), we associate the chromospheric plasma eruptions with the photospheric granule movements as well as the inter-granular magnetic field. Our paper is organized as follows: In section 2, we list the observations that we investigated in this work and the inversion method that adopted for obtaining the magnetic field. The results are shown in Section 3 and we discuss our conclusions in Section 4.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

Intermittently recurrent fan-like jets which happened in between the well-developed east sunspot of NOAA Active Region 12585 (N07°, W25°) have been observed in multi-wavelengths with GST at the Big Bear Solar Observatory (BBSO) on 2016 September 7.

The H α images are observed by the Visible Imaging Spectrometer (VIS, Cao et al. 2010), with a scanning wavelength step 0.02 nm from -0.12 to 0.12 nm of the line center. The pixel size is 0".029, with a effective temporal resolution of 33 seconds for every single wavelength.

The TiO images at 705.7nm are observed by the Broadband Filter Imager (BFI, Cao et al. 2010), with a bandpass of 1 nm, showing the photospheric counterpart of the jets. The temporal resolution is 30 seconds and the pixel size is 0''.034.

Full-Stokes Near Infra-Red Imaging Spectropolarimeter (NIRIS, Cao et al. 2012; Ahn et al. 2016; Ahn & Cao 2019) observes the photospheric line of Fe I 1564.85 nm for magnetic stokes profiles, with a pixel size amount to 0".083. There are 40 spectral sampling positions from -0.316 to 0.31 nm with respect to the line center, and the cadence is around 73s for vector magnetic field.

For the inversion of magnetic field and other parameters from the stokes profiles, a Milne-Eddington atmosphere is assumed, such as the one in Wang et al. (2017), and a Minimum-Energy Approach (Leka et al. 2009a,b) is adopted to resolve the 180 degree ambiguity in the azimuth angle of the vector magnetic field.

For the alignment of images in different wavelengths, the TiO images are rotated and shifted with respect to the continuum image of Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager (HMI, Scherrer et al. 2012), then the images of stokes profiles and H α far wings are co-aligned with the TiO images, and finally the H α near line center images are co-aligned with the H α far wings images. We show the result after co-alignment (all north-up) at one time step in Figure 1 when the jet is apparent in the field-of-view (FOV) which covers a region of $60'' \times 60''$. The photospheric image in TiO band and HMI continuum image are displayed in the upper panels and the chromospheric responses in the red wings of H α are shown in the lower panels. The fan-like jets are apparent in between the sunspots and have been annotated with blue curves along the ejection trajectory.

3. RESULTS

3.1. chromospheric jets

To investigate the temporal evolution of the fan-like jets, we consider the intensity at H α line center and wings along the blue curve in Figure 1 stacked over time and the time-distance maps shown in Figure 2. A time range of 17:00 UT – 17:44 UT is selected considering the overlap of the multi-wavelengths observations as well as the data quality.

Fan-like jets appear as dark features in the time-distance map while the background of the chromosphere is bright. The intensity fluctuation of the jets indicates upward movements in the blue wings (H $\alpha - 0.6, 0.8, 1.0$ Å) and the downward movements can also be identified in the red wings (H $\alpha + 0.6, 0.8, 1.0$ Å). Nevertheless, the dark plasma jets are less intense in the far wings of H $\alpha \pm 0.8, 1.0$ Å, especially in the blue wing, which manifests asymmetric distribution of the upward and downward movement of the jets at high speed. One of the recurrent jets which can be clearly identified from the time-distance map of H $\alpha \pm 0.8$ and 1.0Å has been selected and its trajectory has been fitted with a parabolic profile following the method used in Robustini et al. (2016). The averaged projected velocity is then estimated to be 42 km s⁻¹. For the rest ejections, most of them can not be well-established due to the blend of the upflow with downflow.

Two points of A and B on the slice are selected and marked with horizontal white solid line and black dash-dotted line in Figure 2 to represent the jets and the chromospheric roots respectively. The two crossing points of the white horizontal line and the parabolic profile are marked with white plus signs to represent the times when upflow (at time T1) and downflow (at time T2) are passing through point A consecutively during the selected jet event. The red plus sign at the first crossing point of the dash-dotted line and the parabolic profile is annotated to show the time (T0) when the root is intimately associated with the selected jet event and is investigated later. Examples of temporal evolution of the H α intensity from blue wing to the red wing along the aforementioned two horizontal lines are stacked and displayed in Figure 3. Top panel shows the result for the fan-like jets and bottom panel for the root. The wavelength in the vertical axis is displayed in the format of Doppler velocity, which is calculated with 4

 $v = (\delta \lambda / \lambda_0) \cdot c$, where λ_0 is the line center wavelength of H α and $\delta \lambda$ is the offset to the line center. In general, intermittent event can be found in both panels while no correspondence can be related with most of the fan-like jets and the root. This is probably due to the mixture of the jets between two consecutive eruptions, i.e. the coordinated upflow and downflow which also complicate the Doppler velocity distribution. The dark feature of the fan-like jets and the root mainly locates in between $\pm 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (white dotted lines), showing recurrent blue shift to red shift pattern. The identified jet event in Figure 2 is also marked with a dotted line in the top panel, with T1 and T2 show the times when the upflow and downflow passing through the point A during the jet event. The Doppler velocity shows a response in all the blue wing of H α at the same time while the response in the red wing appears consecutively from the near line center to the far wings. The result of the rapid blue shift followed by a slowly increasing red shift is the manifestation of the so-called magnetoacoustic shock waves (e.g., Su et al. 2016). The time (T0) when the root of the selected jet is studied is also marked with a red plus sign as in Figure 2 and a vertical line in the bottom panel.

The normalized H α line profiles at time T0 for the chromospheric root and quiet region, and at times T1 and T2 for the jet are shown in Figure 4. The plus signs with different colors show the observed data sets for different features while the curves show the fitting results. The line centers from the fitted results are labeled with vertical lines. The line profile at the chromospheric quiet region (green line) shows a blue shift which corresponds to a velocity around 2 km s⁻¹ if the line center of H α is assumed to be 6562.8 Å. The H α line center of the jet shows blue shift at T1 (~ 3 km s⁻¹) and red shift at T2 (~ 8 km s⁻¹), while the one of the root (yellow profile) does not show apparent Doppler shift, both relative to the quiet region. A cloud model analysis following the formula of Schmieder et al. (1988) may lead to higher Doppler shifts for the jet at times T1 and T2 of the order of 15 to 20 km s⁻¹, giving an estimation of the inclination of the jet versus the vertical ~ 60°. Comparing with the quiet region, less absorption is found around the line center for the root while more absorption is found for the jet, which means that the root might be heated while the jet is dominated with cold plasma without apparent heating. Although less absorption of H α does not always mean local heating, it is indeed a manifestation of the reconnection that happens in between the photosphere and chromosphere in this study, which is approved later and considered to be responsible for the recurrent jets.

To investigate the photospheric origins of the fan-like jets, a subregion (white rectangle box in Figure 1) was selected. The images of H α line center (top row) and line wing at H α - 0.8 Å (bottom four rows) at three time steps around the selected jet event shown in Figure 2 and 3 are displayed in Figure 5. Different features of surface velocity, horizontal magnetic field and longitude magnetic field are overlaid on the H α – 0.8 Å images in the bottom three rows, respectively. In the top two rows, the recurrent jets are found to be originated from the same places and two regions of FOV1 and FOV2 as labeled in the middle three rows are selected for investigation later. The red arrows in each panel show the locations of opposite polarities which corresponds to the inter-granular lanes in Figure 6. The white and black arrows in the third row show the surface flows in between the magnetic polarities that are obtained from TiO images with Local Correlation Tracking (LCT) method, and their colors represent surface flow with positive and negative B_1 respectively. Convective flows larger than 2 km s⁻¹ (with maximum around 4 km s⁻¹) exist in FOV2 while flows in FOV1 are relative small. An enlargement of the above velocity can also be found in the zoom-in plot in Figure 6, in which the converging motions to the inter-granular lanes are identified at some places in the vicinity of the roots. Such flows may help to squash the magnetic field of opposite polarities and trigger the magnetic reconnection. The horizontal magnetic field B_h which is smaller than 1200 G with B_l less than 1000 G has been overlaid on the fourth row, and the longitude magnetic field B_1 which has an absolute value in the range of 100 - 800 G with B_h less than 1000 G has been overlaid on the fifth row. The former one is represented with arrows (the pink and green colors show B_h with positive and negative B_l respectively) and the latter one is shown with circles (white and black represent positive and negative B_1). The magnetic field around the footpoints shows opposite polarities of B_1 , which highly indicates a magnetic field origin for the jets. A detailed description of the obtained magnetic field is shown in 3.2.

3.2. magnetic fields and Doppler velocity from inversion

The photospheric vector magnetic field as well as the Doppler velocity are obtained through inversion of Fe I Stokes profiles. Their composite images with TiO are shown in the top four rows in Figure 6 while the TiO images are displayed in the bottom for comparison. The images have the same field-of-view as in Figure 5 and temporal evolution corresponding to the displayed time steps in Figure 5 is shown from left to right. An enlargement of the FOV in the

white rectangle box labeled at the first row is displayed for each panel at its bottom part.

In general, at the region in between the sunspots with same positive polarity, the magnetic field is complex. At the outer side of the penumbra of the main pore at the left corner, the horizontal field B_h is around 1000 G and the longitudinal magnetic field B_l shows a mixed pattern of positive and negative. The Doppler velocity shows red shift which is the manifestation of the Evershed downflow. At the rest place in between the sunspots, the absolute value of the longitudinal magnetic field B_l is less than 100 G and the horizontal field B_h is less than 300 G, with absolute value of Doppler velocity less than 0.5 km s⁻¹ at most places. However, relative strong magnetic field of B_l and B_h , surface convective flow as fast as 4 km s⁻¹ and Doppler velocity as large as ± 2 km s⁻¹ appear inside the enlarged region at the boundaries of granules, where the convective flow shows converging motions to the inter-granular lanes.

The jet threads are developed as a fan with footpoints following a brighter line in the south of the well visible threads in H α line center (Figure 5, top panels). We concentrate our study to some of them. They correspond to the inversion line of the magnetic field (also the inter-granular lanes) indicated by the red arrows in Figure 5. From the distribution of the above four parameters around the inter-granular lanes, we notice that there are two regions (FOV1 and FOV2 as annotated in Figure 6) with distinct properties. In the region of FOV1, the magnetic field is dominated by B_h and the Doppler velocity at the inter-granular lanes is blue shift dominated, while in the region of FOV2, the magnetic field is dominated by B_1 and the Doppler velocity at the inter-granular lanes is red shift dominated. The inter-granular lanes usually have Doppler red-shift (downflows) and longitude-dominated magnetic field at the quiet region while Doppler velocity and the magnetic field may have different features if there is flux emergence or energy release. Flux emergence on granular scale observed by the New Vacuum Solar Telescope with high resolution (Shen et al. 2022) shows that the flux emerges as dark patch like inter-granular lane and the associated surge has footpoints closely rooted in these inter-granular lanes, exhibiting horizontal magnetic field and convergence flows. Elongated horizontal magnetic field has also been found during the emergence of the top of small loops (Guglielmino et al. 2018). For understanding their different roles for driving the recurrent fan-like jets, we do a time-distance investigation along Slices 1 and 2 as labeled in bottom panels of Figure 6, both of the slices pass through the inter-granular lanes in the vicinity of the fan-like jets.

3.3. magnetic cancellation

Time-distance images of Slices 1 and 2 are shown in Figure 7 and 8, respectively. The longitude magnetic field, horizontal magnetic field, Doppler velocity and TiO intensity are displayed from top to bottom.

In Figure 7, the black line curve is selected, according to the maximum B_h at each time step, to represent the intergranular lanes. The horizontal field is always high at the inter-granular lanes where opposite polarities are identified and the Doppler velocity shows a blue shift. The TiO intensity near the black line curve is higher than its surroundings at most time steps, indicating the existence of heating at photosphere.

In Figure 8, the black line curve is selected manually to represent the inter-granular lanes. From the first two rows, an impulsive cancellation process is apparent, i.e., the opposite polarities of B_l decreases while the B_h increases intermittently. More evidence is found from the bottom two rows, where the enhancement of TiO images is identified near the black line and the Doppler velocity is red-shift dominated there, giving hint of magnetic cancellation downflow. The feature of downflow at the photosphere indicates the reconnection happens above, which is common for the reconnection between longitude-component dominated magnetic field with opposite polarities. The impulsive cancellation is also consistent with the relative large convective flow as mentioned above. The TiO intensity at the inter-granular lane is not always bright, as the magnetic cancellation happens intermittently and the energy release might also be disturbed by other activities (such as flux emergence or granule convection adjacent).

3.4. Temporal evolution of magnetic field

To show an overall magnetic properties at the above mentioned two regions of FOV1 and FOV2, four parameters are calculated. Evolution of the magnetic flux, the mean horizontal field, the mean azimuth and the mean vertical current density are plotted from top to bottom panels in Figure 9. The absolute values of magnetic flux of positive and negative B_1 in the two regions are shown in the first panel. Both magnetic fluxes of positive and negative polarities

in FOV2 show a decay tendency (from -1.3×10^{19} to -2×10^{18} Maxwell for negative flux and from 5×10^{18} to 2×10^{18} Maxwell for positive flux) while they do not change much in FOV1. The mean value of B_h and azimuth of vector magnetic field in FOV1 show variations with time but have less intermittent change compared to the ones in FOV2. The horizontal magnetic field in FOV2 after reconnection is more parallel to the inter-granular lanes which are almost along the X-axis as shown in Figure 6. Both vertical current density of positive and negative have apparent decrease in FOV2 (from 140 to 60 mA m⁻² for positive current density and from -120 to -60 mA m⁻² for negative current density) while slight decay is found in FOV1.

In general, the magnetic cancellation is apparent in FOV2, while no clear evidence is found in FOV1. As the field with opposite polarities have been identified at the inter-granular lanes in Figure 7, the magnetic cancellation is preferred to happen. However, as the magnetic flux in FOV1 shows slightly increase for the positive polarity around 17:30UT, magnetic flux emergence is also suspected to happen at the inter-granular lanes where the Doppler velocity is blue shift as demonstrated in Figure 7. Such magnetic emergence might be co-spatial with the magnetic cancellation hence weaken the performance of the latter one in FOV1.

4. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

In this work, the magnetic origin of fan-like jets on the scale of inter-granule is studied in details for the first time. Magnetic cancellation near the inter-granular lanes is suggested to be responsible for the recurrent jets. Horizontal converging flows are identified, driving the repeatedly occurred cancellation. Doppler velocity of red shift is found to exist at the location of inter-granular lanes, indicating the reconnection downflow at the photosphere.

The inter-granular lanes are located inside the region in between a group of sunspots, on one side of which there is a well developed and isolated sunspot with umbra and penumbra. It is different from light bridge which commonly appears inside the umbra of a sunspot separating the umbra into two spots. Although the fan-like jets are not associated to a LB, the regions in between the sunspots show similar features, i.e. weak magnetic field with same polarity compared to the ambient magnetic field. Comparing to the LB originated fan-like jets in Shimizu et al. (2009, S09), the jets studied in our case have a larger length in scale (10 Mm vs 1.3 Mm in S09), a similar speed (42 km s⁻¹ vs 40 km s⁻¹ in S09). The photospheric footpoints also show high value of Doppler velocity (2 km s⁻¹ vs 0.73 km s⁻¹ in S09) at the places where magnetic flux cancellation happens. No large-scale vertical current sheet like shown in S09 is found in our case but magnetic flux cancellation is identified. Therefore, a convectiondriven magnetic cancellation on granular scale rather than a large-scale flux rope emergence is more plausible to be the main cause of the magnetic reconnection at the footpoint that is responsible for the recurrent fan-like jets in this study.

The convective nature at the photosphere in our case is consistent with the simulation results of LB in Toriumi et al. (2015a, T15) where the convective upflow transports horizontal fields to the surface layers and creates magnetic configuration favorable for magnetic reconnection. The inter-granular lanes that generate fan-like jets have convective flows with mixed magnetic polarities. The flows play a role to squash the opposite polarities and make the reconnection happens. The inter-granular lanes are occupied with strong magnetic field on the magnitude of active region either along LOS or at the horizontal plane. This finding is complementary to the picture of granule kinematics in quiet region, which assumes a B₁ dominated magnetic field at the inter-granule lanes. The Doppler velocity of the convective flow might be covered by the reconnection outflow while the horizontal velocity (V_x in T15) in our case is as fast as 4 km s⁻¹ – larger than the observation results (Toriumi et al. 2015b) from Hinode but consistent with the simulation one.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS



Figure 1. Overview of the coaligned observations of AR12585: a) TiO white-light (705.7nm) image from GST/BFI; b) SDO/HMI continuum (617.3nm) image; Chromospheric images observed in c) $H\alpha + 0.8$ Å and d) $H\alpha + 0.4$ Å by GST/VIS. All the images from GST are rotated and coaligned with the HMI continuum image. The white rectangle box in TiO image shows a FOV displayed in Figures 5 and 6. The recurrent fan-like jets are identified from the chromospheric images in the lower panels and their trajectories are annotated with blue curves.



Figure 2. Time-distance plots that sample the recurrent fan-like jets along the blue curve in Figure 1 are displayed with a time range from 17:00 UT to 17:44 UT. Evolution in the wavelengths from $H\alpha - 1.0$ Å to $H\alpha + 1.0$ Å is shown from top to bottom. One jet event has been selected and outlined with white dotted parabolic lines. Point A and B, which are annotated with white line and black dash-dotted line, are selected to represent a point in the jet and the root, respectively. The white plus signs in the top and bottom two panels show the times (T1 and T2) when upflow and downflow, which are mainly observed in $H\alpha \pm 0.8$ Å and ± 1.0 Å, is passing through point A, respectively. The red plus sign in all panels shows the time (T0) when the root of the selected jet event is investigated later. The intensity evolution at point A and B of $H\alpha$ from the blue wing to the red wing with a wavelength step of 0.2 Å are stacked and displayed in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Temporal evolution of stacked H α intensity from blue wing to the red wing for point A on the path of the fan-like jets (top panel) and point B of the root (bottom panel). Different wavelengths along the vertical axis have been transformed into Doppler velocity, and the ones of \pm 30 km s⁻¹ are annotated with dotted horizontal lines for reference. The oblique dotted line in the top panel demonstrates the same jet event and the white plus signs at the two ends mark the same times (T1 and T2) as demonstrated in Figure 2. Both the vertical white line and the red plus sign in the bottom panel show the time (T0) when the intensity profile of the root is displayed in Figure 4. Dark blocks at the corners exist due to the missing observations at H α far wing in red.



Figure 4. Normalized intensity profiles versus wavelengths for the jet (at T1 and T2), the root (at T0) and the quiet region (at T0). The plus signs show the observed data sets and the line curves show the fitting results. The vertical dotted lines give the line center from the fitted curves.



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Figure 5. The images of H α line center (first row) and H α – 0.8 Å (bottom four rows) at three different times are displayed from left to right, different features are overlaid on the H α – 0.8 Å images in the bottom three rows. Third row: The surface (horizontal) velocity at photosphere is overlaid with arrows, and white and black colors correspond to velocity with positive and negative B₁, respectively. Fourth row: The horizontal magnetic field is overlaid with arrows, while pink and green colors corresponds to B_h with positive and negative B₁, respectively. Fifth row: The longitude magnetic field in the range of 100 – 800 G with B_h less than 1000 G is overlaid with circles , and white and black colors show positive and negative B₁. The red arrows indicate the locations of opposite polarities which correspond to the inter-granular lanes in Figure 6, the white boxes marked with FOV1 and FOV2 show the places where the magnetic field is investigated (see Section 3.4).



Figure 6. Composite images of TiO with LOS magnetic field (B_1 , first two rows), horizontal magnetic field (B_h , third row) and Doppler velocity (V_{dop} , fourth row) are displayed in the top four rows while the TiO images are displayed in the bottom for comparison. The evolution at the same time steps as in Figure 5 is shown from left to right. The FOV in the white rectangle box as shown in the first row is enlarged and the zoom-in is displayed for each panel at its bottom. The colorbars on the right hand which are for the three parameters, i.e., B_1 , B_h , V_{dop} are displayed in the case of zero transparency. Surface velocity and horizontal magnetic field are overlaid as arrows on the images of B_1 and B_h in the second and third row, respectively. The colors of arrows have a same meaning as shown in Figure 5. Slice 1 and Slice 2 at the diagonal of FOV1 and FOV2 respectively show the places where time-distance map in Figure 7 and 8 are done, and the rectangle boxes of FOV 1 and FOV 2 show the regions where the parameters in Figure 9 are calculated. The white arrows (green in second row) mark the locations of inter-granular lanes as shown in Figure 5.



Figure 7. Time distance images of different parameters at Slice 1– from top to bottom are: longitude magnetic field, horizontal magnetic field, doppler velocity and TiO intensity. The black curve is obtained by select the maximum horizontal field at each time step and is plotted on the other three panels for reference.



Figure 8. Same as in Figure 7 but for Slice 2. The black curve is plotted to represent the place in between the opposite longitude magnetic field and is plotted on the other three panels for reference.



Figure 9. Evolution of magnetic features at two regions as shown in Figure 6. From top to bottom are magnetic flux (positive and absolute value of negative), mean horizontal field, mean azimuth and mean vertical current density (positive and absolute value of negative), respectively. The legends of different colors in the panels of magnetic flux and horizontal magnetic field are also applicable to the vertical current density and the azimuth, respectively.