## Comparison of plasma dynamics in Coronal Holes and Quiet Sun using flux emergence simulations

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#### ABSTRACT

This paper presents a comparison of plasma dynamics in Coronal Holes (CHs) and Quiet Sun (QS) through 2.5D MHD flux emergence simulations. The magnetic reconnection between the emerging and the pre-existing flux leads to the formation of cool, dense plasmoids with hot boundaries, and <u>hot & cool jets with velocities  $\approx 50 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ </u>. We perform spectral synthesis in spectral lines probing transition region and coronal temperatures. CHs show reduced intensities, excess upflows (downflows), and widths during the jetting (downflow) period when compared to QS. During the jetting and downflow periods, velocity and line width of the hot spectral lines in CHs show a strong positive correlation with the vertical magnetic field at z = 0, while the intensity of the cooler lines shows a weak correlation, which is not seen in QS. During the jetting period in CH, we find upflows in Si IV to be correlated (anti-correlated) with upflows (downflows) in other lines, and downflows in CH in Si IV to be correlated (anti-correlated) with upflows (downflows) in other lines when compared to QS. During downflow, we find no strong correlation between Si IV and other line velocities. The correlation during the jetting period occurs due to coincident, co-spatial origins of the hot and cool jet, while the lack of correlation during the downflow phase suggests a decoupling of hot and cool plasma. These results demonstrate that flux emergence and reconnection with pre-existing flux in the atmosphere support a unified scenario for solar wind formation and coronal heating.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The solar atmosphere depicts a wide variety of processes and morphological features. In the extreme ultraviolet (EUV) and X-ray observations of the solar corona, we observe dark structures called Coronal Holes (CHs) in contrast to the diffuse Quiet Sun (QS) emission. The CHs are well-known sources of solar wind, showing signatures of excess plasma upflows and spectral line widths when compared to QS (Cranmer 2009). These excess upflows are observed in the spectral lines forming at temperatures with  $\log T/[K] \gtrsim 5.7$  (Peter & Judge 1999), and are known to show association with the underlying network regions (Hassler et al. 1999). The QS, on the other hand, shows excess emission at these temperatures when compared to CHs. However, using the observations recorded by Solar Ultraviolet Measurements of Emitted Radiation (SUMER; Wilhelm et al. 1995), Stucki et al. (1999, 2000) have shown that in the photosphere and chromosphere, CHs and QS regions exhibit similar intensities, velocities, and line widths. Thus, CHs and QS, two regions similar low in the solar atmosphere, differentiate into regions with excess plasma upflows and excess local heating respectively. Hence, it becomes important to study the salient properties of these two regions as a function of height, in the context of solar wind emergence and coronal heating.

The CH and QS regions are known to exhibit statistical differences when the underlying photospheric magnetic flux density (|B|) is taken into consideration (Tripathi et al. 2021, henceforth Paper I). To this end, Paper I considers the intensity, velocity, and line widths of the Si IV 1394 Å line recorded by the Interface Region Imaging Spectrometer (IRIS; De Pontieu et al. 2014), binned with the underlying |B|. Paper I demonstrates that the CHs exhibit lower intensities when compared to QS regions , when the intensities are binned in |B|. These differences were found to increase with |B|.They also find excess upflows (downflows) in CHs (QS) when the red- and blue-shifted pixels are taken separately, and binned in |B|. Furthermore, the non-thermal widths were found to remain almost the same in the two regions. Importantly, the intensity, velocity and non-thermal widths were found to increase with increasing |B|, in Paper I.

These statistical differences between CH and QS have also been seen further lower in the atmosphere. Kayshap et al. (2018) found intensity reduction in CH over QS in the Mg II h & k lines recorded by IRIS, by considering the line intensity in bins of |B|. Similar differences in intensities in C II 1334 Å were also seen by Upendran & Tripathi (2021) and Upendran & Tripathi (2022) (henceforth Paper II). These authors further found that CHs showed both excess downflows and upflows in the chromospheric lines when the pixels with only downflows or upflows were considered. Furthermore, both the regions showed similar kurtosis in C II 1334 Å as a function of |B|. These flow velocities and intensities were found to increase with |B| The authors further demonstrated that the chromospheric and transition region upflows, as well as the downflows are correlated in the two regions. For similar chromospheric upflows (downflows), the transition region upflows (downflows) are larger in CHs (QS). Finally, the transition region upflows also exhibit correlation with chromospheric downflows, which were interpreted as bidirectional flows.

This differentiation between CH and QS, obtained statistically lower in the atmosphere and very strongly in the upper atmosphere, was hypothesized to occur in a unified paradigm in Paper I and Paper II. This paradigm unifies the origin of solar wind in CHs, and enhanced heating in QS, manifested by interchange reconnection in CH and closed loop reconnection in QS, respectively. The reconnection process results in localized, similar levels of heating in both regions, given a similar amount of magnetic flux in both the regions. In QS, this heating causes a net local rise in temperature followed by radiative cooling. In the CHs, however, it leads to the expansion of plasma into the solar wind, due to the differences in magnetic field topology. Paper II presents numerous observational and theoretical pieces of evidence in favor of the possible theoretical setup that gives rise to the observations. However, the authors do not perform numerical experiments to understand the observable implications of their hypothesis, comparing the dynamics in CHs and QS.

Numerical simulations of dynamics in CHs have been performed in 1 D (e.g., He et al. 2008), 2 D (e.g., Aiouaz et al. 2005; Ding et al. 2010, 2011; Yang et al. 2013, 2018) and 3 D (e.g., Hansteen et al. 2010; Fang et al. 2014). The 2 D or 2.5 D experiments study the dynamic and thermodynamic response of interchange reconnection through either an emergence of flux sheet parameterized at the bottom boundary (Ding et al. 2010, 2011), or through interaction between open flux and closed-loop systems driven by horizontal motion (Yang et al. 2013, 2018).

Self-consistent emergence of magnetic flux sheet/tubes has also been studied in many numerical experiments (Shibata et al. 1989a,b; Nozawa et al. 1992; Isobe et al. 2007; Archontis et al. 2004, 2005; Galsgaard et al. 2005; Archontis et al. 2006; Galsgaard et al. 2007; Nishizuka et al. 2008; Fang et al. 2014, to name a few). Notably, Yokoyama & Shibata (1996) perform numerous flux emergence experiments with different coronal magnetic field topologies to simulate emergence and dynamics in different regions of the Sun. For a comprehensive review of flux emergence, see Cheung & Isobe (2014). Each of these experiments may or may not include the various thermal sources in their experiments. For instance, Fang et al. (2014) include thermal conduction in their simulation, but no other thermal sources. However, Shibata et al. (1989a,b); Nozawa et al. (1992); Yokoyama & Shibata (1996); Isobe et al. (2007); Archontis et al. (2004, 2005); Galsgaard et al. (2005); Archontis et al. (2006); Galsgaard et al. (2007); Nishizuka et al. (2008) do not include thermal conduction or radiative losses in their experiments. Miyagoshi & Yokoyama (2004), for instance, perform a similar flux emergence simulation while also incorporating thermal conduction. Ding et al. (2010, 2011) consider thermal conduction, and radiative loss, while Yang et al. (2013, 2018) also consider a heating term in their simulations.

Hansteen et al. (2010) perform a 3 D flux emergence experiment in a CH-like setup, including thermal conduction, optically thin radiative loss and coronal heating self-consistently caused by the time evolution in the experiment. They find numerous reconnection events, Ohmic dissipation, and wave processes in the atmosphere. Moreno-Insertis & Galsgaard (2013) perform a 3 D flux emergence experiment with a twisted flux rope in an oblique background field representing a CH topology. Note that the simulations by Moreno-Insertis & Galsgaard (2013) do not incorporate thermal conduction or radiative cooling effects. They report the formation of hot and cool jets and a high-density 'wall' around the emerged flux and jets. A similar jet formation was seen also in simulations by Nóbrega-Siverio

et al. (2016a, 2017); Nóbrega-Siverio & Moreno-Insertis (2022), who studied the formation of jets in CHs. These works included a more realistic treatment of radiation across the solar atmosphere, including spectral synthesis in Si IV under non-equilibrium ionization conditions. This heritage of numerical experiments suggests a very complex interaction of open and closed-loop systems that give rise to enhanced flows in different temperatures in CHs.

Prior works have dedicated experiments mostly on understanding the dynamics within a CH or any other background magnetic field topology. In this work, we seek to perform a comparative study of the difference in dynamics between CH and QS, by testing out the hypothesis posed in Paper I and Paper II. We seek to understand the differences in plasma response to interchange and closed-loop reconnection. To perform such comparative study of the interaction of a "unit" closed flux system with a background open and closed flux system, we perform self-consistent flux emergence as the "closed loop" that initiates reconnection in different topology. We perform these experiments in a horizontal coronal background field depicting QS and an oblique background field depicting a CH. We then synthesize synthetic observables in the transition region and coronal spectral lines, computing intensity, velocity, and line widths to understand the spectral signatures of such an interaction. We select several spectral lines observed by IRIS, and to be observed by the Multislit Solar Explorer (MUSE; De Pontieu et al. 2022; Cheung et al. 2022) and SOLAR-C (EU-VST; Shimizu et al. 2019, 2020). Finally, we perform statistical studies on the association between properties of these synthetic spectral profiles with the vertical component of magnetic field at z = 0 (i.e.  $|B_{z,phot}|$ ), and the association between the properties across different spectral lines themselves.

The remaining paper is organized as follows: In § 2, we describe our simulation setup, explaining the setup, the different thermodynamic terms, the spectral synthesis, and the computation of moments. Then, we present the results of our simulation in § 3. Finally, we discuss the implication of our work, especially in the context of observations in § 4.

## 2. SIMULATION SETUP

We aim to self-consistently model the emergence of a flux sheet from the convection zone into the atmosphere and its interaction with a background field throughout its emergence. For this, we consider (i) the flux sheet in the convection zone, (ii) the ambient magnetic field, and (iii) the initial atmosphere. A perturbation in the flux sheet results in its evolution and subsequent interaction with the ambient magnetic field. We solve the MHD equations (Eq. 1) in a 2.5 D setup, considering all three components of the variables, with the variations only along the horizontal (x) and vertical (z) directions using the PLUTO code framework (Mignone et al. 2007)<sup>1</sup>. The derivatives and dependence along the photosphere to ~ 82.15 Mm above, in the z-direction. The grid spacing in the z-direction is uniform from the bottom of the box to 7.75 Mm with 200 cells, above which it increases in a stretched grid in a geometric progression with a stretching ratio of ~ 1.00725 with 350 cells, as also shown in Fig. 16 in Appendix. A. Along the x-direction, our domain spans ~ 121.21 Mm, with 520 cells between ~ 40.3 Mm and ~ 80.6 Mm while having a logarithmically increasing grid with 15 cells on each side towards both boundaries. The boundaries span from ~ 0.3 Mm to ~ 121.51 Mm, The horizontal grid is explained in detail in Appendix. A<sup>2</sup>.

The gas has a specific heat ratio of  $\gamma = 5/3$ , while the gravitational acceleration is taken to be  $2.73 \times 10^4$  cm s<sup>-2</sup> (following Yokoyama & Shibata 1996) in the negative z direction. The MHD equations are:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \mathbf{v} \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \\ \mathcal{E} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} + \nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \rho \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B}/4\pi + \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{I} p_t \\ (E + p_t)\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B})/4\pi \\ \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \rho \mathbf{g} \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{g} - \nabla \cdot (\eta \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B})/c - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_c - n^2 \Lambda(T) + S \\ -\nabla \times (4\pi \eta \mathbf{J})/c \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho$  is plasma density,  $\mathbf{v}$  is the velocity,  $\mathbf{B}$  is the magnetic field in the Gaussian system,  $\eta$  is the resistivity,  $\mathbf{g}$  is the acceleration due to gravity,  $\cdot$  indicates contraction and  $\otimes$  showing outer product. All bold quantities denote vectors, while  $\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{I}$  is the unit tensor. The number density (n) and plasma density are related as  $\rho = n\mu m_u$ , where  $m_u$  is the atomic mass unit, and  $\mu$  is the mean molecular weight (= 0.6724418). The total pressure  $p_t$  is defined as:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The PLUTO userguide may be found at: https://plutocode.ph.unito.it/files/userguide.pdf

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Also found in Pg. 33 of the PLUTO userguide.

 $p_t = p + B^2/8\pi$ , where p is the gas pressure, and the total energy  $\mathcal{E}$  is defined as:

$$\mathcal{E} = \rho e + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}$$

The specific internal energy e is defined through the equation of state as  $\rho e = p/(\gamma - 1)$ . The current density **J** satisfies Ampere's law given as  $4\pi \mathbf{J} = c\nabla \times \mathbf{B}$  (where c is the speed of light), while  $\mathbf{F}_c$  is the thermal conduction flux,  $\Lambda(T)$  is the optically thin radiative loss, and S corresponds to background heating term. While inclusion of viscosity is beyond the scope of this work, it may potentially play a non-negligible role (Marsch 2006; Rempel 2017; Chen et al. 2022).

At the bottom boundary, we use a rigid wall, where the vector components perpendicular to the boundary are reflected, while the tangential components, scalar quantities are symmetrized. The top boundary is open (similar to the upper boundary Shibata 1983). We note since that the major dynamics of interest occurs at  $z \leq \sim 30$  Mm, which is much lower than the top boundary, we do not expect any strong boundary effects Shibata (1983); Yokoyama & Shibata (1996). We use a periodic boundary condition in the horizontal direction. We note that  $\nabla \cdot B = 0$  is maintained using a constrained transport method (Del Zanna et al. 2003; Londrillo & Del Zanna 2004; Mignone & Del Zanna 2021).

The normalization of all the physical quantities is performed using the unit density ( $\rho_0 = 1.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ), length ( $L_0 = 3.1 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}$ ) and velocity ( $v_0 = 1.2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ). The derived non-dimensionalizing timescale is  $\approx 26 \text{ s}$ . The pressure and magnetic field are normalized as  $\rho_0 v_0^2$  and  $\sqrt{4\pi\rho_0 v_0^2}$ , respectively. From Ampere's law, we have the scaling for current  $J_{sc} = c\sqrt{4\pi\rho_0 v_0^2}/(4\pi L_0) = c\sqrt{\rho_0 v_o^2/4\pi L_0^2}$ . The temperature in normalized units is obtained as  $T_C = p_C/\rho_C$  where  $\rho_C$  and  $p_C$  are density and pressure respectively in the normalized units, and is transformed into units of Kelvin through  $T = T_C \mu m_u v_0^2/k_B$ , where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant.

Our models also include localized resistivity, thermal conduction, and optically thin radiative loss. We consider a localized, anomalous resistivity that depends on the drift velocity, following Sato & Hayashi (1979); Ugai (1992); Yokoyama & Shibata (1994, 1996). The functional form is given by:

$$\eta := \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } v_{dp}/v_c < 1\\ \min\{1, \alpha(v_{dp}/v_c - 1)^2\} & , v_{dp}/v_c \ge 1 \end{cases}$$
(2)

The resistivity is parameterized in terms of  $v_{dp}/v_c$ , where  $v_{dp} = |\mathbf{J}|/\rho$ . This quantity, though arbitrary, would serve as a proxy for the drift velocity (|J|/(ne)) and is not the drift velocity itself.  $v_c$  is a threshold above which the resistivity effects set in, following Yokoyama & Shibata (1994, 1996). This term is related to drift velocity as:  $v_{dp} = |J|/\rho = |J|/(n\mu m_u) = v_d [e/(\mu m_u)]$ , where  $v_d$  is the drift velocity. The non-dimensionalising factors for  $v_{dp}$  are obtained through its definition as:

$$v_{dp,0} = \frac{J_{sc}}{\rho_0} = \frac{c}{\rho_0} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0 v_o^2}{4\pi L_0^2}} = c \sqrt{\frac{v_0^2}{4\pi \rho_0 L_0^2}}.$$

This corresponds to  $v_{dp,0} = 7.94 \times 10^{11} \text{ g}^{-1/2} \text{ cm}^{5/2} \text{ s}^{-2}$ . This results in a  $v_c = 7.94 \times 10^{14} \text{ g}^{-1/2} \text{ cm}^{5/2} \text{ s}^{-2}$ , for a value of 10<sup>3</sup> in code units.  $\alpha = 0.01$  in code units, which is of the same units as  $\eta \to v_0 L_0 = 3.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ . This results in an  $\alpha = 3.7 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$  (see, for example, a discussion in Yokoyama & Shibata 1994, 1996). The resistivity effects will set in only in regions with high current density (or low density for moderate currents), i.e., typically near current sheets, and will result in a fast, Petschek-like reconnection in the magnetic field setup.

We include anisotropic field-aligned thermal conduction with Runge-Kutta Legendre super time-stepping (Vaidya et al. 2017). The thermal conduction flux  $\mathbf{F}_c$  is defined as:

$$\mathbf{F}_{c} = \kappa_{||} \hat{\mathbf{b}} (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \nabla T) + \kappa_{\perp} [\nabla T - \hat{\mathbf{b}} (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \nabla T)], \tag{3}$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{B}/B$ , the unit vector in the direction of the magnetic field.  $\kappa_{||}$  is taken to be Spitzer-type, with  $\kappa_{||} = \kappa_0 T^{5/2}$ , and  $\kappa_0 = 10^{-6}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-7/2</sup>. We ignore the conductivity across the field lines and do not impose any saturation flux in this setup (Miyagoshi & Yokoyama 2004).

We consider optically thin radiative losses in this work using the CHIANTI database (v10 Dere et al. 1997; Del Zanna et al. 2021). For computing the radiative losses, we need the characteristic density and a temperature grid. We compute the optically thin radiative loss function over a temperature grid of  $\log T/[K] = 4$  to  $\log T/[K] = 9$  over

300 points in log space for a number density of  $10^{11}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and use coronal abundances (Fludra & Schmelz 1999). The radiative loss is however given by  $n^2 \Lambda(T)$ , where  $\Lambda(T)$  is the radiative loss function as also shown in Eq. 1. In our simulation, we make the radiative loss zero if the temperature falls below  $\approx 85000$  K or if the number density exceeds  $10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>, which is typical of chromosphere or lower transition region, and the optically thin radiative cooling formalism fails in these conditions. Furthermore, we do not have any radiative loss in the convection zone (Takasao et al. 2013).

Note that in these simulations, we do not have a self-consistently generated heating in the corona like some of the other models (see, e.g., Hansteen et al. 2010). Hence, we add a background heating term (S in Eq. 1), constant in time, to compensate for the radiative cooling. At t=0, we ensure there is no net dissipation or heating, and define the heating term at each grid point to be the same value as the radiative cooling at that point, following (Roussev et al. 2001). This heating term is defined to compensate only for the cooling term when there are no dynamics in the system.

The radiative loss function has a complicated dependence on the temperature, consisting of a general reduction with an increase in temperature and containing localized bumps for the temperature range in consideration. If due to a numerical error, the cooling term becomes slightly smaller than the heating term, the grid point will be at a higher temperature. However, at the next iteration, this results in lower radiative cooling, and causes more heating. On the other hand, a slightly higher cooling can result in a runaway cooling of the system. This instability depends on the behavior of the heating and cooling terms with temperature (see Parker 1953; Shimojo et al. 2001, for details). Thus, even after the inclusion of the heating term, numerical errors may build up over time, and result in runaway heating or cooling of the system. To mitigate this, we impose a numerical floor on the "net heating" term, i.e., if  $|S - n^2 \Lambda| < 10^{-3}S$ , there is no heating or cooling in that grid cell, mitigating the effect of numerical instability.

## 2.1. Initial condition and background field

The atmosphere is assumed to be initially in magnetohydrostatic equilibrium. To define the atmosphere, we first specify the temperature profile of the gas. The atmosphere consists of three parts, following Yokoyama & Shibata (1996): a convection zone, a photosphere /chromosphere, and a corona. For  $z \ge 0$ , the temperature is defined as:

$$T(z) = T_{phot} + \frac{(T_{cor} - T_{phot})}{2} \left( \tanh\left(\frac{z - z_{tr}}{w_{tr}}\right) + 1 \right), \tag{4}$$

while for z < 0, it is defined as:

$$T(z) = T_{phot} - a \left| \frac{dT}{dz}_{ad} \right| z.$$
<sup>(5)</sup>

Here,  $T_{phot}$  is the photosphere/chromospheric temperature (= 17319 K),  $T_{cor}$  is the coronal temperature (= 1.7319 × 10<sup>6</sup> K),  $z_{tr}$  is the height,  $w_{tr}$  is the width of the transition region.  $|dT/dz| = 1 - 1/\gamma$  is the adiabatic temperature gradient. Under this setup, for a > 1, the layer becomes convectively unstable (Nozawa et al. 1992). Following Yokoyama & Shibata (1996), we have used a = 2 in our simulations.

As alluded to earlier, we have two models with different background fields, one with a horizontal background field (model\_QS) and another with an oblique background field (model\_CH) mimicking QS and CH topologies, respectively. The height of the transition region is known to be different in QS and CH, which is incorporated in these simulations through the height of the transition region  $z_{tr}$ . This value is fixed at ~ 2480 km in model\_QS, while it is fixed at ~ 4500 km in model\_CH, following Tian et al. (2008). The width of the transition region is ~ 155 km in both simulations.

In model\_QS, we consider a formulation with the flux sheet in the convection zone and a horizontal field in the corona, following Miyagoshi & Yokoyama (2004). We define the magnetic field as:

$$B(z) = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi p(z)}{\beta(z)}},\tag{6}$$

where  $\beta(z)$  is the plasma beta and is defined as:

$$\frac{1}{\beta(z)} = \frac{1}{\beta_{fs}(z)} + \frac{1}{\beta_{bg}(z)},\tag{7}$$

where  $\beta_{fs}(z)$  specifies the flux sheet, and  $\beta_{bg}(z)$  specifies the background in the model\_QS case. The flux sheet is defined as:

$$\frac{1}{\beta_{fs}(z)} = \frac{1}{4\beta_{fs0}} \left( 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{z - z_{fsL}}{w_{fsL}}\right) \right) \left( 1 - \tanh\left(\frac{z - z_{fsU}}{w_{fsU}}\right) \right),\tag{8}$$

where  $\beta_{fs0}$  is the plasma beta at the center of the flux sheet (=4.0),  $z_{fsL}$  is the lower end (=-1240 km), and  $z_{fsU}$  (=-620 km) is the upper end of the flux sheet, while  $w_{fs}$  (=155 km) determines the length scale of field increase and reduction from the background medium to flux sheet. The plasma beta at the center of the flux sheet is a crucial factor in determining the emergence time scale of the flux sheet.



Figure 1. Initial configuration of the system in model\_QS (left) and model\_CH (right). We show the number density n (yellow dashed line), Temperature (cyan dot-dashed line), horizontal magnetic field  $B_x$  (black dot-dashed line), and gas pressure (red-dotted line) along the center of the box.

In model\_QS, we define the coronal magnetic field as:

$$\frac{1}{\beta_{bg}(z)} = \frac{1}{2\beta_{bg0}} \left( 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{z - z_{cor}}{w_{cor}}\right) \right),\tag{9}$$

where the coronal field starts from  $z_{cor}$  (=2480 km), rises with width  $w_{cor}$  (=852.5 km), and has a plasma beta of  $\beta_{bg0} = 0.1$ . However, note that to force reconnection between the emerging flux and the background field, the coronal field is oriented opposite to the field in the convection zone.

We then determine the initial variables by solving the magnetohydrostatic equilibrium equation:

$$\frac{d}{dz}\left(p(z) + \frac{B^2(z)}{8\pi}\right) + \rho(z)g = 0.$$
(10)

In model\_CH, we do not use the formulation of the coronal field from Eq. 9. We once again consider the flux sheet in the convection zone and impose a uniform, time-independent oblique field as a background field (Powell 1994) across the whole box, with a strength of  $\approx 40$  Gauss, and oriented at  $3\pi/4$  from the x-axis. We note that the boundary conditions are applied only on the changing field. Note also that we have a "hot plate" at the top boundary in model\_CH, which seeks to maintain the temperature of the top boundary at  $10^6$  K (see, for example Leenaarts et al. 2011; Iijima & Yokoyama 2015; Nóbrega-Siverio et al. 2016b). Thus, the pressure is set by the outflow condition of density and the fixed temperature. Furthermore, in this case, the application of a hot plate top boundary also causes background temperature changes to be redistributed by thermal conduction, which vastly reduces the numerical discrepancy between the heating and cooling terms, preventing runaway heating or cooling of the simulation box.

The initial condition for different system parameters along a vertical column for model\_QS and model\_CH are depicted in Fig. 1.

With the system defined, we then perform a perturbation of the flux sheet in the vertical velocity as:

$$V_z = A \cos\left(2\pi \frac{x - X_{range}/2}{\lambda_p}\right),\tag{11}$$

where the perturbation is performed in the middle of the flux sheet, with an amplitude of A = 0.6 km s<sup>-1</sup>, and a  $\lambda_p = 6200$ km, and  $X_{range}$  is the horizontal expanse of the box (~ 121.21 Mm). This wavelength is almost the most unstable wavelength for linear Parker instability. Note that the perturbation is performed only within  $X_{range}/2 - \lambda_p/4 < x < X_{range}/2 + \lambda_p/4$  and  $z_{fsL} < z < z_{fsU}$ .

# 2.2. Spectral synthesis

Given the model dynamics, we also wish to study the response in different spectral lines. Hence, we perform synthesis of optically thin spectral lines that form in the corona, and the transition region. The list of lines we synthesize, their rest wavelengths, and their approximate formation temperatures are provided in Table 1.

We assume the lines are formed in the optically thin regime and are in ionization equilibrium. In the MHD approximation with completely ionized hydrogen, we have the intensity per unit frequency in a given line defined as:

$$I_{\nu} = \int_{h} n^2 \phi(\nu) \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{n}) dh, \qquad (12)$$

G(T, n) is the contribution function of a spectral line,  $\phi(\nu)$  is the spectral profile as a function of frequency, and h is the column depth along the line-of-sight (LOS). The spectral profile is defined as a Gaussian along with thermal broadening as:

$$\phi(\nu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\Delta\nu_{th}} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\Delta\nu - \nu_0 v_{\rm LOS}/c}{\Delta\nu_{th}}\right)^2\right],\tag{13}$$

where  $\nu$  is the frequency range,  $\Delta \nu = \nu - \nu_0$ , the difference from rest frequency ( $\nu_0$ ), c is the speed of light,  $v_{\text{LOS}}$  is the line of sight velocity, and  $\Delta \nu_{th}$  is the thermal width of the line defined as:

$$\Delta \nu_{th} = \frac{\nu_0}{c} \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{M_{ion}}},\tag{14}$$

where  $M_{ion}$  is the mass of the ion in consideration.

We note that in some cases we do not perform any integration along the line of sight. In such cases, we define the emission contribution to intensity per line of sight element as a function of two spatial dimensions as:

$$E_{\nu,x,z} = n^2 \phi(\nu) \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbf{n}) \tag{15}$$

In such cases, we only consider the line profile at each point. We consider a velocity grid of  $\pm 100$  km s<sup>-1</sup> at a resolution of 0.2 km s<sup>-1</sup>, and convert it to frequency to obtain  $\nu$ . We compute the contribution function G(T, n) (using CHIANTIPy: Dere 2013; Barnes & Dere 2017)<sup>3</sup> for a temperature grid of log T/[K] = [4.5, 6.5] with a spacing of  $\Delta \log T/[K] = 0.1$ , and a density grid of log n/[cm<sup>-3</sup>] = [8, 18] with a spacing of  $\Delta \log n/[cm^{-3}] = 0.1$ . For each grid point of our simulation, we perform a grid search in temperature and density to find the associated G(T, n), and then compute the intensity.

Line	$\lambda$ ( Å)	$\max[\log T/[K]]$
${\rm Fe} \ {\rm XV}$	284.1630	6.4
Fe IX	171.0730	5.95
Ne VIII	770.4280	5.8
O V	629.7320	5.35
O IV	1401.1630	5.1
$\rm Si~{\scriptstyle IV}$	1393.7550	4.85

Table 1. List of spectral line forward modeled in this work, with their rest wavelength and approximate formation temperatures.

## 2.3. Calculating moments

To compute physical properties like intensity, velocity, and line width, we compute the moments associated with the spectral lines integrated over the line of sight, as defined in Eq. 12. Consider a spectral line at each grid position as  $I_{v_D}(v_D)$ , as a function of velocity axis  $v_D$  (rest frequency  $\nu_0$  corresponds to 0 velocity , and  $v_D = (\nu/\nu_0 - 1) * c$ ). We

<sup>3</sup> Using ChiantiPy.core.ion.spectrum()

define the net intensity within the line at each grid point and calculate the moments as:

$$I = \int_{v_D} I_{v_D}(v_D) \, dv_D \tag{16a}$$

$$v_{LOS,p} = \frac{1}{I} \int_{v_D} I_{v_D}(v_D) v_D dv_D$$
(16b)

$$W = \sqrt{\frac{1}{I}} \int_{v_D} I_{v_D}(v_D) (v_{LOS} - v_D)^2 dv_D,$$
(16c)

where I is the intensity within the line,  $v_{LOS,p}$  corresponds to the Doppler shift at each pixel and W to the line width. If we consider the quantity  $E_{\nu,x,z}$  defined in Eq. 15, and integrate across all frequencies, we define this quantity (in units of erg cm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>) as  $E_{x,z}$  such that:

$$E_{x,z} = \int_{\nu} I_{\nu,0}(\nu, x, z) \, d\nu \tag{17}$$

We use  $E_{x,z}$  to study the spatial distribution of emission. The moments defined in Eq. 16 are analyzed to understand the observable properties of this flux emergence interaction. Because of our definition of velocity (outward along z is positive), any upflows along z will result in a reduction of emission frequency in Eq. 13. Hence, upflows towards the observer at the top of the box, along z, would correspond to positive shifts in velocity, unlike the conventional definition adopted by observers.

## 3. SIMULATION RESULTS

We now present the results for the two simulations namely the QS simulation model\_QS and the CH simulation model\_CH. In both cases, we first present the time evolution of the density and temperature of the system. Then, we showcase the spectral response and study the integration along the vertical direction. We also perform a statistical comparison of the intensity, velocity, and line widths as a function of  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . Finally, we study the relation between flows inferred from different spectral lines and investigate the coupling between different observables.

# 3.1. model\_QS: Results

### 3.1.1. Dynamics

We present the evolution of temperature and density in model\_QS in Fig. 2. The emerging flux sheet undergoes reconnection with the ambient magnetic field, resulting in the formation of plasmoids, which are expelled on either side of the reconnection region (at 2000 s). These plasmoids collide with the ambient atmosphere and result in the formation of hot and cool jets. Near the forward edge of the cool jet, where the plasmoids interact with the ambient atmosphere, we find the formation of "hot jets" (at 2260 s). The plasmoids typically have a temperature of  $\approx 3 \times 10^4$  K and densities of  $\approx 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. They travel outward with a typical speed of  $\approx 50$  km/s. The dense, cool jets are at temperatures of  $\approx 2 - 5 \times 10^4$  K, traveling outward with a speed of  $\approx 50$  km/s (for example, between x = 45 and 50 Mm and z = 3 and 8 Mm at 2460 s). The forward edge of the jet corresponding to the region of interaction of plasmoids with the ambient atmosphere has high densities ( $\approx 10^{11} - 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>), while the body of the jet has low densities ( $\approx 10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>), as seen at 2260 s and 2460 s. Due to its lower density, the hot jet does not experience any strong cooling. The hot jet has a characteristic density of  $\approx 10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>, and temperature of the order of  $\approx 10^6$  K. Finally, the jets in this experiment are observed to be very low-lying ( $\approx 4 - 10$ ) Mm, and almost horizontal at later times. The dynamics observed here are similar to those by Yokoyama & Shibata (1996); Miyagoshi & Yokoyama (2004). The dense jets are reminiscent of the slingshot-like motion of plasma from Yokoyama & Shibata (1996).

## 3.1.2. Synthetic observables

We perform spectral synthesis for multiple lines for the snapshot at t = 2260 s shown in the middle panels in Fig. 2 and compute the moments of various spectral lines. In Fig. 3, we plot the intensity maps obtained from spectral synthesis for Fe XV 284 Å, Fe IX 171 Å, Ne VIII 770 Å, O V 630 Å, O IV 1401 Å, and Si IV 1394 Å as labeled.



Figure 2. Temperature (top row) and number density (bottom row) evolution in model\_QS. The three timestamps correspond to the onset of reconnection, the resultant jet formation, and the "steady state" jet at a later time. The black contours represent magnetic field lines. The arrows depict velocity flows, with the unit size of 50 kms<sup>-1</sup> as depicted at the top of each plot. We also refer the reader to animation QS1, depicting the evolution of the temperature and density respectively, of which three timestamps are presented in-text. The animation follows through the evolution of flux sheet and the resultant jet formation, of which the most important dynamics of interest are displayed in the static image.

We note the following salient features of the spectral synthesis. First, a gradual change in the structures that gives rise to the emission in different lines is seen across the corona to the lower transition region. For instance, the emission of cool plasma in the low-lying loops and edges of the cool jet are seen in Si IV. This changes to an increasing contribution of hotter plasma around the emerged loop in O IV, and mostly probes the hot plasma in other lines. The cool jet shows signatures in Si IV and O IV, but not in hotter lines. The forward edge of the jet shows signatures in Ne VIII and Fe IX, while the hot jet shows signatures in Fe XV. The Si IV emission in the cool jet, however, is rather weak ( $\approx 10^{-8}$  erg cm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>), when compared to the emission from structures lower in the atmosphere ( $\approx 10^{-3}$  erg cm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>).

#### 3.1.3. Space-time rasters

We now study the evolution of intensity, velocity, and line width of different lines for model\_QS by integrating the spectrum along the vertical (z) axis. The evolution is shown from a couple of snapshots just before the onset of reconnection to the end of the simulation. We show the space-time plots for the intensity (Fig. 4), velocity (Fig. 5), and line width (Fig. 6) in different spectral lines. In each panel of the three plots, we have the horizontal dimension as x-axis and time on the vertical axis.

Figure 4 demonstrates the evolution of features as seen from the top of the box. Si IV emission is the strongest amongst all the lines and is mainly dominated by the "low-lying loop" emission arising from the emergent flux sheet as also seen in Fig. 3. Plasmoids are seen here as small dots evolving from  $(x,t) \approx (60 \text{ Mm}, 2050 \text{ s})$ , and move outward till t  $\approx 2200 \text{ s}$ . The enhancements in intensity seen at various locations from t  $\approx 2600 \text{ and } \approx 2800 \text{ s}$  correspond to emergence and reconnection dynamics of the secondary loops that arise at later times. The plasmoid signatures are very clearly seen in O IV and O V as propagating bright spots. These plasmoids also show signatures in Ne VIII



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Figure 3. Intensity in Fe XV 284 Å, Fe IX 171 Å, Ne VIII 770 Å, O V 630 Å, O IV 1401 Å, and Si IV 1394 Å for model\_QS snapshot at t = 2260 s displayed in the middle panels in Fig. 2. We also refer the reader to animation QS2, where the spectral response corresponding to QS1 is displayed. The static image displays the most important dynamics of interest.

and Fe IX. In these hotter lines, the edges of plasmoids are seen as streaks of moving structures co-temporal with the plasmoids in O IV and O V.

In Ne VIII and Fe IX, we observe strong intensity enhancements near x = 55 and 65 Mm from t = 2400 s that persist for more than 800 s, till the end of the simulation. These persistent enhancements arise due to the interaction of multiple processes (we refer to animation QS1 and QS2). First, we find the return flow of hot plasma along the edge (towards the cooler side) of the jet structures. The in-flowing hot plasma collides with the photospheric plasma and is then reflected upwards with lower temperature along the reconnected field line. Furthermore, we also have the reconnection outflow coming in from the emerged loop, driving plasma flows. The temperature gradient also results in enhanced thermal conduction in those regions. The continuous feed-in of plasma and reflection, along with thermal conduction gives rise to to these persistent structures bright in Fe IX and Ne VIII. In Fe XV, we observe an intensity enhancement localized between t = 2400 and 2600 s. We note this as a localized enhancement in temperature (Fig. 2 at 2580 s), arising due to enhanced local heating or reduced radiative losses. We hypothesize that the reconnection process results in flux being pulled in, perpendicular to the current sheet. This causes low-density plasma to be pulled lower into the atmosphere, resulting in reduced radiative loss at those grid points. Since the background heating is kept constant at each grid point, we find an enhancement in temperature, resulting in the localized enhancement in Fe XV intensity. However, this effect goes away as the system relaxes after the initial explosive process.



Figure 4. Variation of intensity in different spectral lines, with the line of sight along the vertical direction, and displayed as a function of the horizontal axis and time for model\_QS. See in-text for details.

In Fig. 5, we depict the line of sight velocity for each spectral line, with downflows moving away from the observer in red color and upflows moving towards the observer in blue. Intensity contours are plotted on top, with the black solid lines corresponding to low intensity (10 percentile of intensity distribution) and the green dot-dashed ones corresponding to high intensity (95 percentile for intensity distribution). First, we find a clear gradation of velocity structures from Si IV to other lines. O IV, O V, Ne VIII, and Fe IX show very similar velocity structures, which is not seen in Fe XV. The general upflow seen in Si IV near x = 60 Mm correspondence with the brightest or the darkest structures seen in Fig. 4, including a near absence of plasmoid signatures. In contrast, the plasmoids show signatures in velocity as upflowing and downflowing blobs in all hotter lines except Fe XV, seen through the association between intensity contours and velocity signatures.

We also find an association between the edges of the strong intensity with velocity, as seen near x = 56 Mm and 65 Mm in these lines. The excess downflows, for example at x = 66 Mm and between t = 2050 and 2100 s in O V, Ne VIII, and Fe IX, are seen at the boundaries of the low and high intensity structures. The evacuated loop top is seen as low intensity, while the strong downflow is a signature of downflows along the loop toward the footpoints. From O IV and O V, we observe that this strong downflow is seen almost co-temporal with the first signatures of the plasmoids. Hence, this strong downflow may be interpreted to be a reconnection outflow counterpart of plasmoids.

In Fig. 6, we find that the line width exhibits structures similar to those observed in the velocity (see Fig. 5). Here, we use solid pink contours for high intensity (95 percentile of intensity distribution) and dot-dashed white contours for low intensity (10 percentile of intensity distribution). We note that the largest line widths show a strong association with the strongest of flows. This suggests that such strong flows result from an ensemble of flows or strong velocity



Figure 5. Same as Fig. 4, but for velocity of model\_QS. The blue color corresponds to upflows towards the observer, while the red color to the flows away from the observer. Green dot-dashed contours show regions with high intensity while black solid ones depict low intensity. Notice the similarity in the velocity structure of O V, Ne VIII, and Fe IX. Notice also the mild plasmoid signature seen in O IV, O V, Ne VIII, and Fe IX.

gradient along the line of sight. We once again observe plasmoid signatures in O IV and O V, while very clear signatures are also seen in Si IV.

We note that the plasmoid signatures are observed in the line width maps, but not in the intensity of Si IV, possibly due to the LOS effects. Si IV emission is dominated by low-lying loops and the bulk of the rising loop. Hence, intensity signatures are dominated by emission from the bulk of the system and not the edges where the plasmoids are formed. However, while the motion of the bulk is rather ordered, the plasmoids exhibit more flow components, which manifests in the width of the spectral lines. Near x = 56 Mm and 65 Mm, for example in O IV, we find signatures of excess line widths co-spatio-temporal with excess downflows. These downflows are co-spatial with the foot points of the rising loop (see. Fig. 3). For a temperature of  $10^5$  K,  $\gamma = 5/3$ , we obtain a sound speed of  $\approx 30$  km/s, which is lower than the velocities observed in O IV (for example near t = 2600 s and 2950 s). Such findings demonstrate the signatures of shock waves, which is observed as enhanced downflows and line widths.

3.2. model\_CH: Results



Figure 6. Same as Fig. 4, but for line width from model\_QS. Pink solid contours show regions with high intensity while white dot-dashed ones depict low intensity. The plasmoids show signatures in Fe IX, Ne VIII, O V, O IV, and Si IV. Furthermore, the strongest line widths show a strong correspondence with the strongest velocities of Fig. 5.

# 3.2.1. Dynamics

We show the density and temperature evolution for the emergence in model\_CH in Fig. 7. The emerging flux sheet undergoes reconnection with the ambient magnetic field, resulting in the formation of plasmoids, which are expelled on either side of the reconnection zone. These plasmoids typically have a temperature of  $\approx 10^4$  K. The plasmoids travel outward with a typical speed of  $\approx 50 - 100$  km/s. These plasmoids collide, as in the model\_QS, with the ambient atmosphere and result in the formation of a surge, with a cool body and a hot forward edge. The resultant dense, cool jets are at temperatures of  $\approx 2 - 5 \times 10^4$  K, and traveling outward with a speed of  $\approx 50 - 100$  km/s (for example, between x = 40 and 55 Mm and z = 5 and 25 Mm at  $\approx 2210$ s in Fig. 7). The forward edge of the jet corresponding to the region of interaction of plasmoids with the ambient atmosphere has densities of  $\approx 10^{11} - 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>, while the body of the jet has densities of  $\approx 10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>, as seen in Fig. 7. The dense jets are again similar to the slingshot-like motion of plasma from Yokoyama & Shibata (1996). We also observe a hot jet on top of the cool jet, similar to model\_QS (see Fig. 7 at 2210 s). This jet is seen to be a result of the interaction of the ejected plasmoids with the ambient



Figure 7. Temperature and density variation for model\_CH at different times, similar to Fig. 2. We also refer the reader to animation CH1 of the temperature and density respectively. The animation displays the evolution of the flux sheet from instability to the surge formation, of which the three most important timestamps of interest are displayed in the static image.

atmosphere. The hot jet does not experience strong cooling due to its low density. The hot jet has a characteristic temperature of the order of  $\approx 10^6$  K. These jets, owing to the background magnetic topology, reach  $\approx 25$  Mm in height, larger than those seen in model\_QS. It is also rather clearly seen that at later times ( $\approx 2.45 \times 10^3$ s), the bulk of the ejected cool material falls back down. Interestingly, at even later times, the down-flowing material "splashes" against the lower-lying plasma, resulting in more ejections along the open flux. This phenomenon may be seen to start clearly at  $\approx 2.58 \times 10^3$ s and persist till the end of the simulation. This ejection is of lower density ( $\approx 10^8$  cm<sup>-3</sup>) and high temperature ( $\approx 10^6$  K), while also having very modest velocities ( $\approx 10$  km/s).

## 3.2.2. Synthetic observables

We consider the snapshot near t = 2210 s and perform spectral synthesis. This is displayed in Fig. 8. The first and most salient observation is the general lack of emission in the hotter lines here when compared to model\_QS. This is due to low number density, especially at higher temperatures. The hotter lines Fe XV, Fe IX, and Ne VIII probe the hot jet seen in Fig. 7, while also probing the loop top of the newly formed hot loop. We note that the relative enhancement of intensity within the hot jet with respect to the background atmosphere is not extremely large. O V probes a rather specific region corresponding to the boundary of the hot jet, while O IV also shows signatures of the body of the cool jet and low-lying loops. Bright regions with enhanced emission are seen in O IV and O V, e.g., near  $x \approx 70$  Mm. These bright regions are formed due to a part of the plasmoid moving along the loop toward the footpoints. The Si IV line is sensitive to the transition region at the edge of the cool surge, and structures formed during the bidirectional reconnection flow. The body of the hot loop has cool plasma with some structure, probed by Si IV. However, we also note that the background emission coming from low-lying structures is at least  $\approx 5$  orders of magnitude stronger than the surge signature.



Figure 8. Intensity in different spectral lines for model\_CH, similar to Fig. 3, computed at t = 2210 s. Notice the distinct gradation in the features of the jet observed in Si IV and O IV, and the other hotter lines. We also refer the reader animation CH2 where the spectral response corresponding to CH1 is displayed. The static image displays the most important dynamics of interest.

We now study the evolution of intensity, velocity, and line width of different lines for model\_CH by integrating the spectrum along the vertical (z) axis. The evolution is shown from a couple of snapshots just before the onset of reconnection to the end of the simulation.

Fig. 9 demonstrates the evolution of model\_CH features as seen from the top of the box. Similar to model\_QS, we find that the Si IV emission is the strongest amongst all the lines and and does not show any strong plasmoid signatures when compared to model\_QS. As discussed in § 3.2.2, this occurs due to the dominance of "low-lying loop" emission arising from the emergent flux sheet. As we noted in § 3.2.2, we do not observe any strong signatures of the surge along the line of sight, unlike those seen in Fig. 8.

In O IV and O V we notice two distinct bright streaks starting from x = 54 and 68 Mm and  $t \approx 2100$  s. Similar streaks are also observed at  $t \approx 3000$  s near x = 45 Mm. Such streaks are time-varying signatures of the bright dot structures seen in Fig. 8. These structures, as we noted, form due to the accumulation of some of the reconnected plasma at the lower atmosphere, resulting in enhanced densities. In Ne VIII and Fe IX, we notice a distinct signature of plasma propagation (along with an intensity enhancement) from  $t \approx 2000$  s from  $x \approx 62$  Mm to  $x \approx 45$  Mm. These propagating structures are the 'hot' boundaries of the cool surge. On the other hand, we also see running intensity enhancement from  $x \approx 62$  Mm to  $\approx 75$  Mm. These enhancements are signatures resulting from the plasmoids moving in



Figure 9. Intensity space-time rasters similar to Fig. 4 but for model\_CH. Note the signatures of the plasmoid shock front in Ne VIII and Fe IX, and minor signatures as small, moving bright dots in O IV, and O V.

the direction opposite to the surge, towards the newly formed hot loop. Since the background emission from low-lying structures is minimal in Ne VIII and Si IV in model\_CH, we find much stronger signatures of the initial phase of the surge. The Fe XV line does not show any particular signatures in this case, except for a reduction in intensity near t = 2300 - 2900 s, and between x = 43 and 55 Mm. This intensity reduction can be seen from the animation CH2, associated with Fig. 8 to be just after the eruption of the surge, and through its fall back towards the photosphere. This eruption-and-fall results in a reduction in density of plasma corresponding to the sensitivity of the hot lines, and hence an intensity reduction. The reduced emission signatures are seen even in Fe IX and Ne VIII lines co-spatially and co-temporally.

Unlike model\_QS, we do not see explicit signatures of plasmoids here. In O IV and O V, mild signatures are seen as moving small dots from (x,t) = (63 Mm, 2000 s) to (68 Mm, 2100 s). These plasmoids are much smaller and do not grow similar to model\_QS. However, note that the initial model atmosphere has the transition region at twice the height in model\_CH when compared to model\_QS. Mild signatures of these plasmoids – co-spatial and co-temporal – are also seen in the other lines (including Fe XV) as propagating small bright dots. The hot emission corresponds to the 'high-temperature edge' of the plasmoids, while the plasmoids themselves are cool due to high density.

In Fig. 10, we show the vertical velocity, with the same scheme as in § 3.1.3, with plasma moving towards the observer in blue color and moving away in red. We also overlay intensity contours, black solid standing for low (10 percentile of intensity distribution) and green dot-dashed for high intensities (95 percentile for intensity distribution). We observe some rather interesting structures in these velocities. In Si IV, we find alternating blue and redshifted patterns, similar to model\_QS. Some of the intensity deficit regions show an association with the downflows away from the observer - for example, x = 69 Mm between t = 2700 - 3000 s. The bright regions, on the other hand, correspond



Figure 10. Velocity space-time plot for model\_CH similar to Fig. 5. Note the similarities in velocity structure of Si IV and O IV, and also with model\_QS Si IV. Note also the strong upflow signatures in O V, Ne VIII, Fe IX, and Fe XV near t = 2200 s arising due to reconnection.

to the surge and underlying short loops as seen in Fig. 8. O IV shows a significant contribution of both the general loop dynamics and clear signatures of plasmoids (near x = 65 Mm, t = 2000 s). These plasmoids are mostly moving away from the observer when formed towards the right of x = 62 Mm. The plasmoids forming in this region would be guided along the lower end of the rising loop and the background field, towards the bottom of the domain. However, the plasmoids formed near (x = 60 Mm, t = 2000 s) Mm move upwards and are seen in blueshifts. These signatures are not very strong in O IV, but the emission from the hot edge of the plasmoids is seen clearly in all the other spectral lines. We note that the cool jet does not show prominent strong signatures in O IV and Si IV owing to the much smaller emission from the jet with respect to the low-lying loops, as also evident from Fig. 8.

The hotter lines all show a prominent upflow from (x,t) = (60 Mm, 2000 s) to (45 Mm, 2150 s) due to the jetting activity, also resulting in a strong upflow near x = 50 Mm, t = 2200 s and lasting for  $\approx 150 \text{ s}$ . At later times (after t = 2600 s), the system relaxes, resulting in downflows in hotter lines. The prominent upflow lasting 150 s is seen just after the brightest structures are seen in these lines (note that the y-axis is time). However, the downflow seen in hotter lines corresponds to the intensity deficit structures. The intensity deficit structures, as we have seen in Fig. 9, arise due to "clearing-up" of hot plasma by the cool plasma, resulting in reduced plasma where the hot lines are sensitive.



Figure 11. Line width space-time plot for model\_CH similar to Fig. 6. Note the increase in line width magnitude from Si IV to Fe XV. Note also the gradation of structures across lines, similar to Fig. 10. Finally, note the correspondence between the plasmoid and jet signatures with those in Fig. 10.

Similarly, the plasmoids moving down, seen as downflows near x = 69 Mm (near t = 2000 - 2150 s), result in localized strong downflows too. The downflow signatures are seen just after the brightest structures are seen moving from  $x \approx 62$  Mm to  $\approx 75$  Mm.

In Fig. 11, we showcase the line width overlaid with intensity contours (pink solid at 95 percentile intensity and white dot-dashed for low-intensity structures at 10 percentile). We find that the line width exhibits structures similar to the velocity in Fig. 10. Many of the largest line widths show a strong association with the strongest of flows, similar to model\_QS. Interestingly, we find the line width enhancements to be co-spatial and co-temporal to downflowing plasma, for Si IV and O IV. The cool plasma directed away from the observer undergoes collision with the underlying plasma, resulting in multiple flow components along the line of sight. In the hotter lines, the surge exhibits strong upflows, resulting in co-spatial and co-temporal enhancements in line widths. We also observe signatures of plasmoids in Si IV and O IV corresponding to the downflowing plasma, while the upflowing plasmoids show signatures only in O IV. We also find a strong association between the high-intensity structures in O IV and strong line widths. Since the high intensities correspond to the accumulated plasma, the collision of downflowing plasma results in emission from multiple flow structures, manifesting as enhanced line widths.

## 3.3. model\_QS and model\_CH: Comparison during the surge

We have studied the dynamics in different spectral lines as space-time plots in §3.1.3 and 3.2.3. We have seen differences in intensity, velocity, and line width signatures of flux emergence in CH and QS. We now seek to understand the association between the synthesized spectral properties themselves, and with the magnetic field  $(|B_{z,phot}| := |B_z(z = 0)|)$ , qualitatively mimicking analysis between such observables. Performing such a study also provides statistical, quantitative differentiation between the two regions. Hence, we next study the specific dependence of these on  $|B_{z,phot}|$  and relations between the velocities derived from different lines. We first consider the full domain at timestamp t  $\approx 2200$ s in model\_CH and t  $\approx 2300$ s in model\_QS, to capture similar stages of evolution in both the models. This timestamp corresponds approximately to the strong upflows in model\_CH, and a similar stage of jet in model\_QS. We study the dynamics during the return flow in model\_CH in § 3.4.

We jointly sort these moments as a function of  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , and bin the moments in deciles of  $|B_{z,phot}| - i.e.$ , every 10% of the sorted  $|B_{z,phot}|$  values are considered in one bin. We report the mean value of the moment in that  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , while the error bars correspond to the standard error on the mean. The standard error is defined as  $\sigma/\sqrt{N}$ , where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation for the samples present in the bin, and N is the total number of samples. The standard error captures the uncertainty in the estimation of the mean, and we are only interested in the average behavior of these line moments with the mean. The scatter plot is shown in Fig. 12. We also display the Pearson correlation between the binned  $|B_{z,phot}|$  and mean values of the moments per  $|B_{z,phot}|$  bin as  $\rho_{CH}$  for CH and  $\rho_{QS}$  for QS in the inset. We emphasize that our science of interest is only in an average sense since our evaluation of CH and QS in this work is to enable a qualitative comparison with Paper I and Paper II. Quantifying the association between the averages would hence necessitate correlation to be evaluated on the binned quantities. Furthermore, we emphasize that the general dynamics of the system is very complex, especially in regions with low  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , as evidenced from Fig. 2 and 7. Since we are primarily interested in the dynamics of the jet, we consider the correlations only between the binned quantities to minimize the impact of potentially local dynamics in the weak field regions from dominating the statistics.

We consider a correlation to be strong if it is  $\geq 0.8$  with a p-value of  $\leq 10^{-3}$ , with a similar definition for an anti-correlation. We define the correlation to be mild if the values are < 0.8 but > 0.1, and negligible otherwise. Since we consider these correlations as either mild or negligible, we do not check for the associated p-value. The p-value is a measure of the probability of accepting the Null hypothesis, which in this case is that the two parameters are uncorrelated. Hence, a smaller p-value implies a higher statistical significance of the correlation. We, however, emphasize that the interpretation of the results would be an interplay of the correlation values and associated standard errors computed per bin, for any study of variations of a highly-uncertain mean is rather meaningless.

Fig. 12 reveals several features regarding the differences in the dynamics of model\_QS and model\_CH. First, the intensities in QS are larger than those in CH, as expected from our model atmosphere. In model\_QS, we find the Si IV intensities to have a strong correlation with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , which changes to strong anti-correlation in O IV and mild correlations in the other lines. In model\_CH, however, Si IV, O IV, and O V show mild correlation between intensity and  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , which becomes almost negligible in hotter lines. Furthermore, we note that the intensities are most consistent between model\_QS and model\_CH in Si IV, while the consistency reduces in other lines.

The velocities in Fig. 12 reveal an interesting picture. In Si IV, both model\_QS and model\_CH show modest upflows of  $\leq 1 \text{ km/s}$ , and show a mild correlation with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . In O IV, we find modest downflows in model\_QS, and almost consistent with 0 km/s. Note that while the correlation depicts a rather large value ( $\rho_{CH} = 0.93$ ), the errorbars result in the velocities being almost consistent with 0. However, in hotter lines, we find that model\_QS predominantly shows downflows (note again that a negative velocity is towards the photosphere in these simulations), and these velocities are strongly correlated with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , except a mild correlation in Fe XV. In model\_CH, we find the opposite, i.e., the surge is seen as an enhanced upflow from the region as expected from Fig. 10. The velocities of these jets are strongly correlated with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . The magnitude of these velocities also increase from Si IV (less than 1 km/s) to O V (20 km/s at max) and hotter lines ( $\approx 40 \text{ km/s}$  at max).

The line widths in Fig. 12 show an increase with both the approximate line formation temperature, and the underlying  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . In Si IV, these widths are consistent till  $|B_{z,phot}| = 100$  Gauss, and then diverge. Except O IV and O V, we find that the line widths are larger in model\_CH when compared to model\_QS in all the other lines, while also showing strong correlation (> 0.8) with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . We also note that the correlation is weaker in model\_QS. This is interesting because the velocity and line width structures in model\_QS (as seen in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6) in O IV are closer to the

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Figure 12. Intensity (I; left column), velocity (central column, downflow is negative), and line widths (right column) as a function of underlying photospheric magnetic field ( $|B_{z,phot}|$  at z=0), binned for every 10% of  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . Black color corresponds to model\_CH, and orange to model\_QS. We display the Pearson correlation between the binned  $|B_{z,phot}|$  and the mean moment per bin for model\_QS (as  $\rho_{QS}$ ) and model\_CH (as  $\rho_{CH}$ ), in the inset for each panel. Computed at t $\approx$  2200 s for model\_CH and at  $\approx$  2300 s for model\_QS across the whole domain.



Figure 13. Scatter plots between co-spatial velocities in Si IV and Fe XV, Fe IX, Ne VIII,O V, and O IV lines. The first two rows correspond to points with upflows in Si IV, while the last two correspond to downflows. Each column corresponds to a particular line, and the sense of velocity for each of the columns is depicted on the left column. Black color corresponds to model\_CH, and orange to model\_QS. We display the Pearson correlation between the binned Si IV velocity and the mean velocity per bin of the other lines for model\_QS (as  $\rho_{QS}$ ) and model\_CH (as  $\rho_{CH}$ ), in the inset for each panel. Computed at t $\approx 2200$  s for model\_QS across the whole domain.

hotter lines (O V, Ne VIII). In model\_CH, these structures (Fig. 10, and Fig. 11) are closer to the structure in Si IV. Thus, the same spectral line seems to probe different regions in different topologies, which results as the differences in the line widths.

We now study the relation between the velocities inferred from different spectral lines, which is a measure of coupling across different parts of the solar atmosphere. For this purpose, we consider the velocity in different lines integrated along z, but at the same spatial location (i.e. at the same x). We consider the velocities in multiple sets, such as (upflows in one line, upflows in another line), (upflows in one line, downflows in another line), and so on for all four combinations. We consider 'reference line' in this set as the Si IV line, for it forms at the lowest temperature in our setup. We consider points that show upflows in both Si IV and other lines, downflows in both Si IV and other lines, and upflows/downflows and downflows/upflows in Si IV and other lines respectively. These combinations are to study the (i).persistence of upflows, (ii). persistence of downflows, and (iii). probe the presence of bidirectional flows between the transition region and the corona, by considering spectral lines with different approximate formation temperature. These combinations are then binned in deciles (every 10%) of Si IV velocity to bring out the underlying average variation. The uncertainties depict the standard error over the mean, for we are only interested in the mean behavior in this work. This analysis is presented in Fig. 13, where the black color is for model\_CH and orange for model\_QS. We have once again computed the Pearson correlation between the binned Si IV velocity and the mean velocity per bin of the other lines, and displayed them in the inset for each panel.

We find very interesting relations between these flows. From the first row of Fig. 13, we first find that the upflows in Si IV in model\_CH are well correlated with upflows in the other lines. This is evidenced by the strong correlation values (> 0.8, except for O V which has a correlation just short of 0.8) between the upflows. In model\_QS, only the O IV and Fe XV upflows show mild and strong correlations with upflows of Si IV. We further note that the upflows in Fe XV are very modest, at  $\approx 5$  km/s. All other lines show varying levels of anti-correlation. Considering the velocity values and the associated errorbars, we find that O V, Ne VIII, and Fe IX do not show any significant association between the upflows. In general, the upflows are larger in model\_CH over model\_QS. However, in O IV, we see that model\_QS shows larger upflows for a given speed in Si IV. This arises from O IV probing much higher layers of the atmosphere in model\_QS over model\_CH. This is seen from the similarities in the velocity structure between O IV and O V in model\_QS but between O IV and Si IV in model\_CH in Fig. 5 and Fig. 10, respectively. The upflows signatures are however absent in model\_QS in Fe XV.

Next, the downflows in different lines do not show a very strong correlation with Si IV upflows, in the second row of Fig. 13. The strongest anti-correlation is seen between the Ne VIII downflow and Si IV upflows ( $\approx 0.73$ ) for model\_CH. Despite a similar anti-correlation between the O IV velocities in model\_QS, we do not consider them to be significant due to their very large errorbars.

Third, we find very mildly correlated and even anti-correlated downflows between the hotter lines and Si IV in the third row of Fig. 13. The downflows are stronger in the hotter lines in model\_QS than model\_CH. Finally, from the fourth row of Fig. 13, we find that the upflows in all lines show a mild to strong correlation with downflows in Si IV. The upflows are once again stronger in model\_CH over model\_QS. We note that correlation values are negative to indicate the difference in signs of the two velocities in consideration. We further find the strongest correlation between the upflows in Fe IX and Ne VIII, and downflows in Si IV in model\_CH. We find that while model\_QS does not show strong correlations in general, Fe XV upflows show a strong correlation with Si IV downflows, though we note that the velocities barely change  $\approx 5 \text{ km/s}$  in Fe XV. In summation, these results are strongly reminiscent of correlations obtained lower in the atmosphere by Upendran & Tripathi (2022).

# 3.4. model\_QS and model\_CH: Comparison during return flow

We now consider the differences between the two models at  $t \approx 2700$  s, when the persistent downflows are seen in model\_CH. We once again consider the full box for this analysis. During this time, we have seen co-spatial strong downflows and reduced intensity from Fig. 10. Considering the moments as a function of  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in Fig. 14, we find that the intensities in model\_QS are once again larger than those in model\_CH, except in O IV where the intensity differences appear inconclusive within the standard errors. We find the model\_CH intensities to be anti-correlated with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , with the anti-correlation increasing with approximate line formation temperature , where the anti-correlation changes from mild in Si IV to strong in Fe XV.. We also find either a mild correlation, or a mild anti-correlation for model\_QS intensities with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ .

We find the flow velocities to generally increase in absolute value with the approximate formation temperature of the line, except for Fe XV. We find strong downflows in all the hot lines from model\_CH. These downflows also show a strong correlation with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . In model\_QS, we do not see such strong flows correlated with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . In O IV, we yet again find model\_CH to have velocities  $\approx 0$ , while model\_QS exhibits some uncorrelated downflows. In Si IV, we see that the flow changes sign from upflows at low  $|B_{z,phot}|$  to downflows at large  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , while exhibiting a correlation in model\_CH.

The line widths in all of the spectral lines exhibit either a mild anti-correlation, or a mild correlation in O V with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in model\_QS. In model\_CH, the line widths exhibit a positive correlation with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  for O V, Ne VIII (albeit at 0.78 correlation), and Fe IX. We note that while the Si IV line width shows a mild correlation with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , the errorbars are far too large to make any substantial observation.

In general, we note that the plasma dynamics is model\_QS has reached a near steady-state, and does not have specific dependence on the underlying photospheric magnetic field. In model\_CH, the return flow is purely the strong upflow plasma falling back towards the photosphere.

We next also consider the correlation between velocities of different spectral lines during this phase in Fig. 15. First, from the first and third rows, we find a strong correlation between upflows (downflows) in Si IV with upflows (downflows) of O IV for both model\_CH and model\_QS. This strong correlation occurs due to Si IV and O IV probing very similar parts of the atmosphere. From the first row of Fig. 15, we find that the other lines either show a negligible or a mild correlation in model\_QS. Note that the high correlation in Fe XV may be misleading – the relationship between



Figure 14. Intensity (*I*; left column), velocity (central column, downflow is negative), and line widths (right column) as a function of underlying photospheric magnetic field ( $|B_{z,phot}|$  at z=0), binned for every 10% of  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . Black color corresponds to model\_CH, and orange to model\_QS. We display the Pearson correlation between the binned  $|B_{z,phot}|$  and the mean moment per bin for model\_QS (as  $\rho_{QS}$ ) and model\_CH (as  $\rho_{CH}$ ), in the inset for each panel. Computed at t  $\approx 2700$  s.



Figure 15. Scatter plots between co-spatial velocities in Si IV and Fe XV, Fe IX, Ne VIII, O V, and O IV lines. The first two rows correspond to points with upflows in Si IV, while the last two correspond to downflows. Each column corresponds to a particular line, and the sense of velocity for each of the columns is depicted on the left column. Black color corresponds to model\_CH, and orange to model\_QS. We display the Pearson correlation between the binned Si IV velocity and the mean velocity per bin of the other lines for model\_QS (as  $\rho_{QS}$ ) and model\_CH (as  $\rho_{CH}$ ), in the inset for each panel. Computed at t $\approx 2700$  s.

the velocities, considering the standard errors, is not linear. From the second row, we find that the downflows in hot lines do not have any strong correlation with Si IV upflows in model\_CH. In model\_QS, we find strong anti-correlation only between Fe XV downflow and Si IV upflow. We note once again that while the correlation is strong (note the sign due to the sign of the velocities), the velocities in Fe XV are very small.

From the third row of Fig. 15, we find model\_QS to exhibit mild to negligible correlations across all lines. The most significant correlations occur between the downflows in O IV and Si IV, noting that the Fe XV downflows are yet again very small. In model\_CH, we find strong correlation between the downflows in O IV and Si IV. The other lines generally show mild anti-correlations, except for the strong anti-correlation in Fe XV.

From the final row of Fig. 15, we note that model\_QS shows a mild correlation between O IV upflows and Si IV downflows, while showing anti-correlation with other lines (strong in Fe IX, and almost no correlation in Fe XV. We however note that the upflows in Fe IX shows a strong positive correlation value (anti-correlation, considering the velocity direction) with downflows in Si IV for model\_QS. Such an anti-correlation, albeit weaker, is seen for the Ne VIII and O V velocities too. In model\_CH, we generally find mild correlations between the flows. Even the strongest of correlations have large errorbars, making it very difficult for interpretation. Moreover, most of the velocity combinations do not show any strong correlations like those seen in Fig. 13. This points towards major differences in the coupling across the atmosphere during upflows ( as discussed in §. 3.3) and downflows discussed here.

## 4. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

In this work, we have performed 2.5D MHD simulations of flux emergence. The core idea is to compare the dynamics of flux emergence in CH and QS background field setup. We perform this comparison by synthesizing observables in spectral lines probing the transition region and solar corona. We also perform statistical analysis on associations between these observable parameters. We find that the local dynamics of reconnection, and the properties of plasmoids are similar in both the CH and QS cases. The salient results from our analysis are:

- 1. Reconnection results in formation of cool ( $\approx 10^4$  K) plasmoids,  $\approx 0.5$  Mm in size, that move out with velocities of 50 100 km/s in both model\_QS and model\_CH.
- 2. Cool ( $\approx 2 5 \times 10^4$ K), dense ( $\approx 10^{11} 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>) jets are ejected as a result of reconnection. However, hot ( $\approx 10^6$  K), less dense ( $\approx 10^8 10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>) jets are also seen to form at the 'coronal' interface of the cool jet, riding on top of the cool jet.
- 3. The jets are predominantly horizontal in QS, while they are guided by the slanted field in the CH setup. They leave signatures in intensities, velocities, and line widths, with excess upflows in model\_CH.
- 4. When we compare the upflow phase of model\_CH with the same timestamp of model\_QS, we find that model\_CH shows lower intensities, larger upflows, and greater line widths in O V, Ne VIII, Fe IX, and Fe XV when compared to model\_QS (see Fig. 12), except O V line widths. We find the intensities in these lines show mild correlation or anti-correlation with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in both model\_QS and model\_CH. In O IV, we find a strong anti-correlation between intensity and  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in model\_QS, while a weak correlation in model\_CH. In Si IV, we find a strong correlation between the intensity and  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in both the regions (see Fig. 12). We find a strong linear association between velocities, line widths and  $|B_{z,phot}|$  for O V, Ne VIII, Fe IX and Fe XV in model\_CH, while the line widths in Si IV and O IV show a strong correlation with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . We note that the velocity correlation is weak in Si IV for model\_CH, and strong for O IV but consistent with 0. In model\_QS, we however find downflows strongly correlated with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  for O IV, and a mild correlation for Si IV. However, these differences between model\_QS and model\_CH almost vanish in the Si IV line.
- 5. We study the correlation between Si IV velocities and those from the other lines in Fig. 13. During the upflow phase, we find a strong correlation between the upflows in hotter lines and Si IV upflows, in model\_CH. Such a correlation is not consistently observed in model\_QS. In model\_CH, we do not find general strong correlations except for the upflows in Ne VIII and Fe IX and downflows in Si IV, and the downflows in O IV and Si IV. In general we also find the correlation values in model\_QS are small, except for the upflows in Fe XV, where the velocity values are  $\approx 5 \text{ km/s}$ .
- 6. In Fig. 14, we compare the line moments from model\_QS and model\_CH with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  during the downflow phase of model\_CH. In general, we we obtain excess intensities in model\_QS except in O IV, while the correlation values are mild. We obtain stronger downflows in model\_CH, with the correlation value getting approximately stronger from O V to Fe IX. Such a trend is not seen in model\_QS. We obtain a strong correlation with line widths only in model\_CH for the O V, Ne VIII, and Fe IX lines. In Fig. 15, we compare the velocities between Si IV and the hotter lines during the downflow phase in model\_CH. In general, the correlation between the velocities is very mild, with a few strong correlation cases (model\_CH Fe XV upflow with Si IV upflow, O IV and Si IV upflow for both the regions, Fe XV downflow and Si IV upflow in model\_QS, and Fe XV & O IV downflow with Si IV downflow in model\_CH). The general lack of correlation is however evident in the downflow phase.

We note that results (1), (2) and (3) are in consonance with established literature (for instance, Yokoyama & Shibata 1996; Miyagoshi & Yokoyama 2004; Nóbrega-Siverio et al. 2017, for a few references). The dynamics in model\_CH, for instance, are also reminiscent of simulations of emergence of twisted flux tube by Nóbrega-Siverio et al. (2016a), with the formation of a cool jet, a hot jet, and shocks. Nóbrega-Siverio et al. (2016a) find the cool and hot jet forming on either side of the emerging flux tube. These differences between model\_CH and Nóbrega-Siverio et al. (2016a) may arise between the two setups due to different background topologies, resulting in reconnection onset in different environments. A qualitative comparison of the synthesized emission may be performed with Nóbrega-Siverio et al. (2017), who also perform synthesis in Si IV line. This work also finds jets travelling at  $\approx 100$  km/s of the same scale as the jets in our simulations. However, we also note the positions of the surge and hot jet on either side of the dome in the slanted background field case of Nóbrega-Siverio et al. (2017), which is opposite to what we find in our model.

Cool plasmoids in Ca II H and K have been observed to move at  $\approx 35$  km/s (Singh et al. 2012; van der Voort et al. 2017). Cool, low velocity "bright dots",  $\approx 0.6 \pm 0.3$  Mm in size have also been observed (Peter et al. 2019; Tiwari et al. 2022). Tiwari et al. (2022) compare their observations with Bifrost simulations, and find that these dots form due to magnetic reconnection between emerging flux with pre-existing flux, very low in the atmosphere. Thus, these bright dots and plasmoids appear to satisfy some aspects of the plasmoids seen in our simulations.

The flows in model\_CH are similar in magnitude to those observed in different spectral lines of spicular simulation by Martínez-Sykora et al. (2018). However, one crucial observation in our simulation is the presence of strong upflows in model\_CH near the boundaries of bright regions. Martínez-Sykora et al. (2018) find the strong upflows to be cospatiotemporal with intensity enhancements in lines like Fe XII and Fe XIV. We do not find any such associations for upper transition region or coronal lines like Ne VIII, Fe IX or Fe XV. These non-co spatiotemporal intensity and velocity enhancements are more similar to some of the events observed by Schwanitz et al. (2021).

Statistical analysis by considering the moments of the spectral lines as a function of  $|B_{z,phot}|$  was studied in Paper I and Paper II while correlations between velocities of different spectral lines were studied in Paper II. We note that the results from the aforementioned papers are for CH and QS regions in general, and not any particular flux emergence scenario. However, the hypothesis presented in Paper I and Paper II attributes their results to interchange reconnection in CH and closed loop reconnection in QS, which are the primary jet generation mechanisms in our simulations. Since we have performed a similar analysis with model\_QS and model\_CH, we may perform a qualitative assessment of our results with these observations. The observations in Paper I and Paper II indicated a regular increase in line moments for chromospheric Mg II, C II lines and the Si IV line with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . Si IV, also synthesized in this work, shows similar dependence with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in Fig. 12. Paper I and Paper II however also find the CH intensities to be lower than QS intensities when these values are binned over  $|B_{z,phot}| - an observation we do not find in these simulations. However we note that Si IV analysis may significantly depend on the realism of treatment of the chromosphere.$ 

Paper I and Paper II find an excess in upflows in CH over QS, with these upflows increasing with the formation temperature of the spectral line in consideration. We once again observe this signature in Fig. 12 in Si IV. Furthermore, the dependence of line width on  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in model\_CH simulations (see Fig. 12) are consistent with those observed by Paper I.

Paper II reports upflows in Si IV correlated with those in C II and Mg II, with these upflows in hotter lines larger in CH. While we do not synthesize the chromospheric lines, we consider similar correlations between the Si IV and other lines forming at larger temperatures. In model\_CH, we obtain these statistically significant signatures in Fig. 13( first row) – not just for a couple of lines, but across lines spanning a range of temperatures confirming the coupling across the atmosphere. However, correlated upflows between Si IV and Fe XII line inside a CH were observed by Schwanitz et al. (2023). These flows are at  $\approx 10 \text{ km/s}$  in both the lines, different from the flows seen in model\_CH.

Paper II also reports signatures of "bidirectional flows" between the downflows in chromospheric lines and upflows in the transition region lines. We find mild correlations between downflows in Si IV and upflows in other lines, and find strong upflows in CHs (again in Fig. 13, last row). It is rather interesting that the signatures observed approximately at the base of the transition region in Paper II, and hypothesized to be seen throughout the atmosphere, are observed approximately in the transition region and the base of the corona in model\_CH.

Paper II also find correlated downflows across all spectral lines. The chromospheric lines showed predominant downflows, even as a function of  $|B_{z,phot}|$ . However, we do not find any such signatures of correlated downflows in this work (see Fig. 15 third row), since our focus rests mainly on lines forming at temperatures higher than Si IV.

We can now evaluate the hypothesis presented in Paper I and Paper II with our simulations. Paper II hypothesize that while closed loop reconnection only results in local filling of loops in QS, interchange reconnection in CHs enables correlated plasma motion along the atmosphere column. The upflows are accelerated in CHs with height, resulting in spectral signatures in hotter lines, while such a phenomenon does not occur in QS.

In model\_CH, interchange reconnection results in the formation of a surge, wherein the cool plasma trapped in the rising loop is liberated. As the reconnection proceeds, the forward edge of the jet interacts with the ambient atmosphere, leading to a "hot jet" on top of the cool jet. Contrary to the hypothesis in Paper II, the cool and hot upflows do not form due to a transformation of the cool jet into the hot jet. The two jets are correlated though, as the interaction of the forward edge of the cool jet with the ambient atmosphere results in the hot jet, and they both proceed in the same general direction. Line of sight integration results in an approximate co-spatial association between the two jets in model\_CH. Hence, spectral synthesis suggests correlated upflows in model\_CH between the cool and hot jet (result (5)). In model\_QS, reconnection occurs and results in the formation of the cool jet with the hot jet at the forward edge. However, the jet is not oriented in the direction of the observer. Hence, we do not see such correlated upflows in model\_QS. Furthermore, the bidirectional flows result from explosive reconnection that also sends a portion of the reconnected plasma towards the photosphere, a consequence of the 'slingshot' effect.

The jet reconnection and dynamics occur high up in the atmosphere. However, we find the velocities and line widths to be correlated with  $|B_{z,phot}|$ , which is computed at z = 0. Given the apparent non-local association between the photospheric field and spectral response of upper atmosphere, we would not have expected the correlations in velocities and line widths of hot lines as seen in §. 3.3 and 3.4, especially Fig. 12 and 14. The existence of such a strong correlation can be explained by examining the magnetic field topology, seen for example Fig. 7. The emerging flux undergoes reconnection on the edge oriented approximately opposite to the background topology. This results in a surge along the edge oriented in approximately the same direction as the background field, reflecting into velocity– $|B_{z,phot}|$  correlations. We also note that correlations do not imply causation. The  $|B_{z,phot}|$  at z = 0 at the timestamp in consideration is not causally giving rise to the velocities, and they are related by magnetic topology.

As the jets in model\_CH move outward, at some point the cool plasma starts falling back down. Along with the cool plasma, the hot plasma on top of it also moves back down. These are seen as downflows in the hot lines in Fig. 10. However, the motion of the surge "cleared out" some of the overlying hot plasma, and as it falls back down, it results in a significant, transient, intensity reduction in the hot lines, seen in Fig. 9. Another supporting evidence comes from the co-spatio-temporal association between the reduced intensities and the strong downflows seen in Fig. 10. Here, we also find anti-correlated model\_CH intensities with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in Fig. 14, which is really a result of the strong velocity correlation seen in Fig. 12. We further note that the strongly upflowing plasma simply falls back down along the field lines, and manifests as downflows strongly correlated with  $|B_{z,phot}|$  in the hot lines. While some aspects of these results are consistent with the observations in Paper II, we note that Paper II hypothesizes correlated downflows across all lines. We find that hot and cool plasma have essentially decoupled during the return phase. However, these results are not in tension with those in Paper II, since those observations probe only the lower atmospheric flows. If we were to consider just the downflows in the hot lines from Fig. 10, we can clearly see (even without any binning) that the downflows are co-spatial and co-temporal across the different temperatures. Hence, the hypothesis extends only for a certain temperature regime, and not across the atmosphere.

There are, however, a few caveats in performing the comparisons between our simulations with the observations in Paper I and Paper II. One of the most direct comparisons would be the velocities and line widths observed in Si IV versus those computed from this simulation. Our simulation underestimates both the velocities and the line width when compared to Paper I. This suggests both additional mechanisms that drive the flows low in the atmosphere, and a more realistic chromosphere to capture various physical effects. This may need, for instance, ambipolar diffusion, which is known to the formation of faster spicules (Martínez-Sykora et al. 2017). We also note that a self-consistent, realistic granulation and a proper treatment of radiation (similar to, for instance Nóbrega-Siverio et al. 2016a, 2017; Nóbrega-Siverio & Moreno-Insertis 2022) would enable a more realistic simulation enabling quantifiable differences from observations. We note also that the initial temperature profile must be more realistic, with realistic values in the photosphere and chromosphere. We note that the higher temperature at z = 0 in this simulation leads to shallower stratification of the model atmosphere. A model with the photosphere at  $\approx 6000$  K would have a steeper stratification, resulting in (i). Lower densities in the atmosphere, and (ii). Stronger flux sheet field strength at equilibrium. We would expect these two factors to result in reconnection to occur at lower heights, since the onset criterion depends on  $J/\rho$ , which would be satisfied for at lower heights. Furthermore, our simulation was 2.5D, without any treatment of radiative transfer in the chromosphere and lower atmosphere. We also note that Paper I and Paper II were probing much smaller spatial scales, which are not exactly studied in this simulation setup.

Finally, the spectral response to the flux emergence dynamics has been performed for spectral lines that would be observed by MUSE and SOLAR-C (EUVST). The reconnection dynamics simulated in this work will leave strong imprints in the different spectral lines. The whole event lasts for  $\approx 400$  s, with a net spatial extent of  $\approx 20$  Mm. Each plasmoid is, of course, smaller ( $\leq 1$  Mm), and propagates over the time scale of 400 s. EUVST should be able to capture the dynamics of such events and enable a statistical comparison between CH and QS. On the other hand, MUSE would be crucial with observations in Fe IX and possibly Fe XV, capturing the high-temperature dynamics. Thus, a concerted observation campaign, along with more realistic simulations building on this work would provide great insights into understanding solar wind emergence in CH and local heating in QS in a unified manner.

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# APPENDIX

# A. GRID DETAILS

The simulation grid is described in §. 2. In the horizontal direction, we have a logarithmic grid at  $x \le 40.3$  Mm and  $x \ge 80.6$  Mm. In a logarithmic grid, we first define  $\Delta \xi^{\pm}$  as:

$$\Delta \xi^{\pm} = \pm \frac{1}{N} \log \left( \frac{x_R + |x_L| - x_L}{|x_L|} \right),$$

where  $\pm$  corresponds to increasing or decreasing mesh,  $x_R$  and  $x_L$  correspond to the rightmost and leftmost point of the patch in consideration, and N is the number of points in the patch. The grid size at  $i^{th}$  grid point is defined as:

$$\Delta x_i^+ = \left(x_{i-1/2} + |x_L| - x_L\right) \left(10^{\Delta \xi^+} - 1\right), \Delta x_i^- = \left(x_{i-1/2} - |x_L| - x_R\right) \left(10^{\Delta \xi^-} - 1\right),$$

where  $\Delta x_i^{\pm}$  correspond to the increasing and decreasing mesh respectively. In our case, for example, the patch from  $(x_L \sim 80.6 \text{ Mm}, x_R \sim 121.51 \text{ Mm})$  has an increasing grid with 15 cells, while the patch from  $(x_L \sim 0.3 \text{ Mm}, x_R \sim 40.3 \text{ Mm})$  has decreasing grid with 15 cells. As we already note in §. 2, we have a constant, regular grid spacing between  $x \sim 40.3 \text{ Mm}$  and  $x \sim 80.6 \text{ Mm}$ . We further note that the vertical grid is explained in detail in §. 2.

We depict the grid spacing at each coordinate value in Fig. 16 for model\_CH. For the sake of consistency, we also include the grid in z direction in the right panel of Fig. 16. We note that the vertical grid for model\_QS differs from model\_CH in the location of base of transition region. This is marked by a change of the grid from constant to a stretched grid, as described in §. 2 and can be seen in Fig. 16.

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