

Insight on chromosphere dynamics from numerical simulations

Expected signatures of spicule formation and evolution

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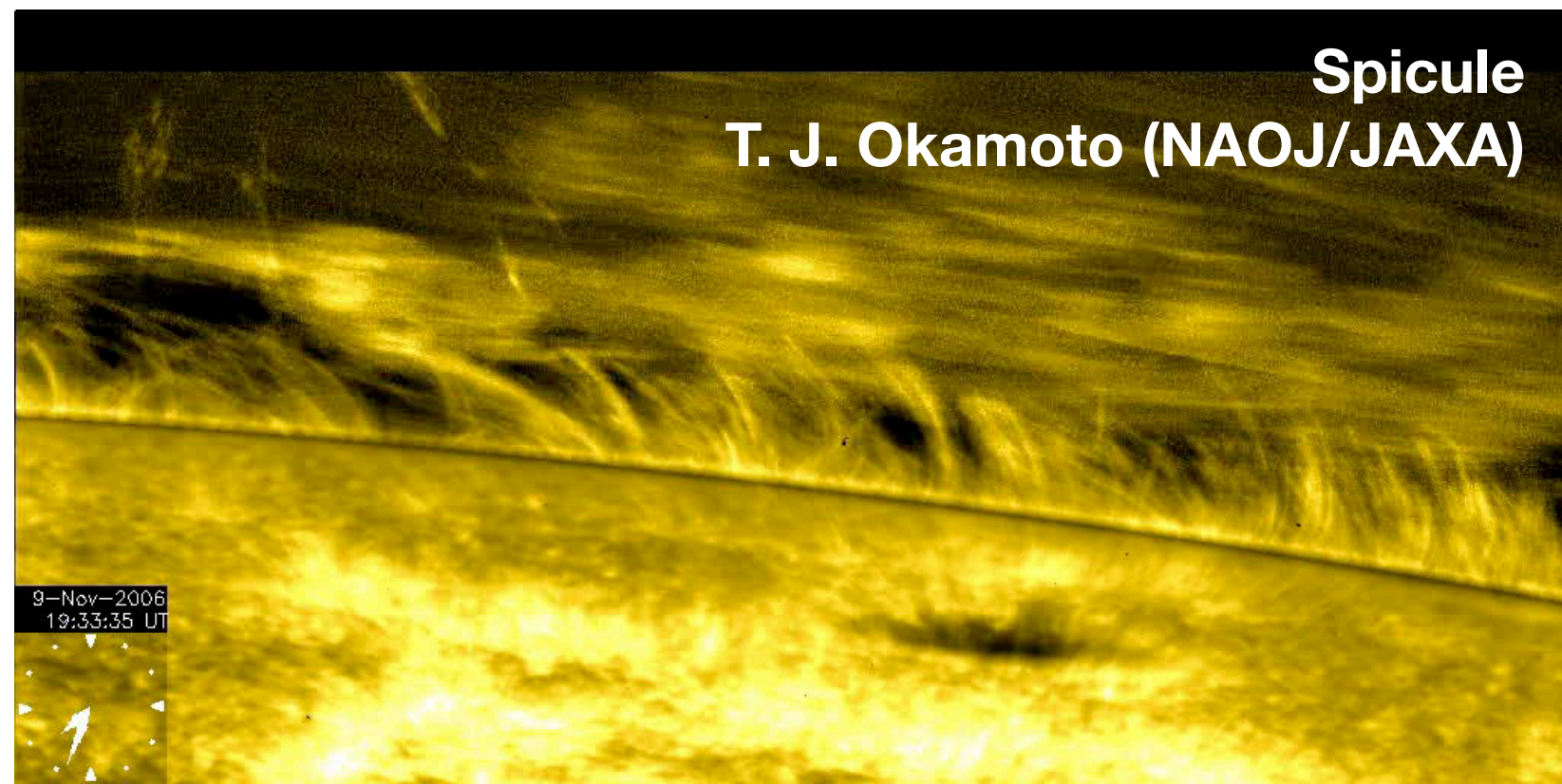
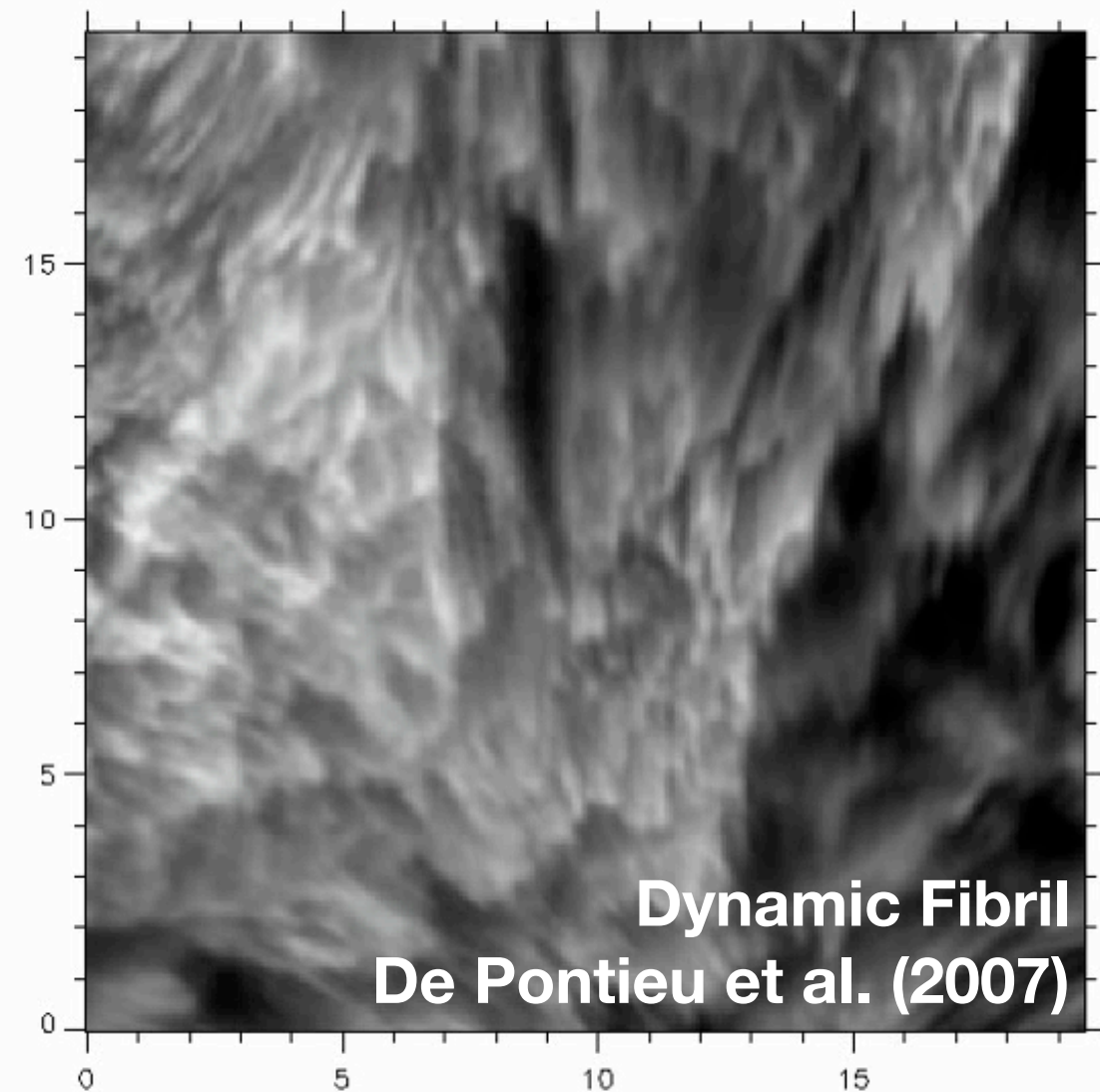
Chromospheric jets

Chromospheric jets

- **Spicules** in quiet regions and coronal holes (length $\sim 5\text{--}15$ Mm)
- **Dynamic fibrils** in active regions (length ~ 3 Mm)
- Penumbral microjets, umbral dynamic fibrils, H α -surges, Ellerman bomb,...

Involved physical processes

- **MHD shocks and waves:** mode conversion, nonlinear amplification
- **Strong stratification:** high $\beta \rightarrow$ very low β
- **Partial ionization**
- **Radiation**



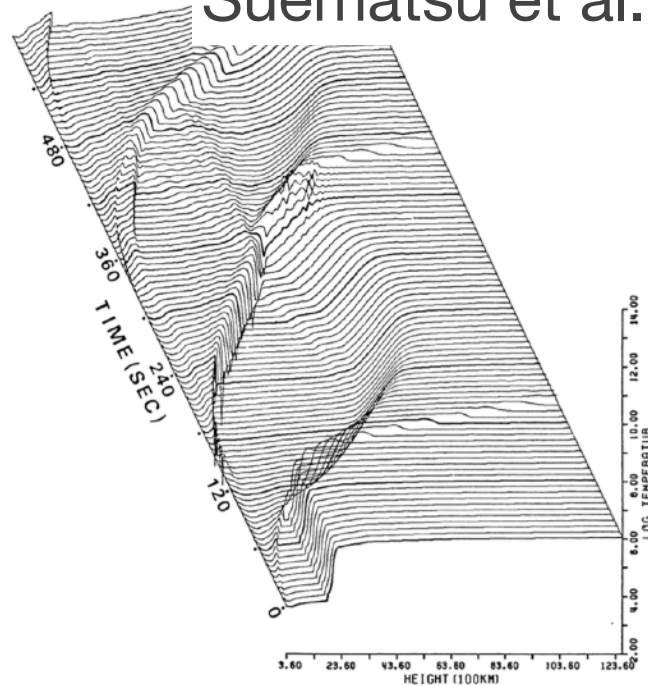
In this presentation

- DKIST
 - Very high spatial resolution (source region ~ sub-arcsec?)
chromospheric magnetic field
- Main question
 - **What is the formation mechanism of spicules?**
Is it possible to distinguish formation mechanisms for each spicule from observation?
- To reach this goal
 - Summarize possible formation mechanisms and expected signatures to distinguish them from the observation.

Possible drivers of spicules

Acoustic wave

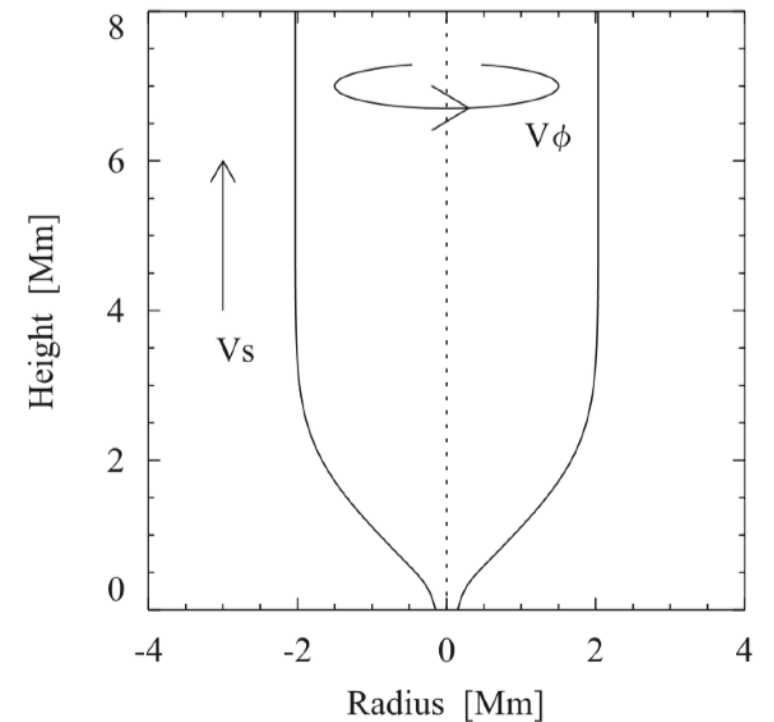
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Alfvén wave

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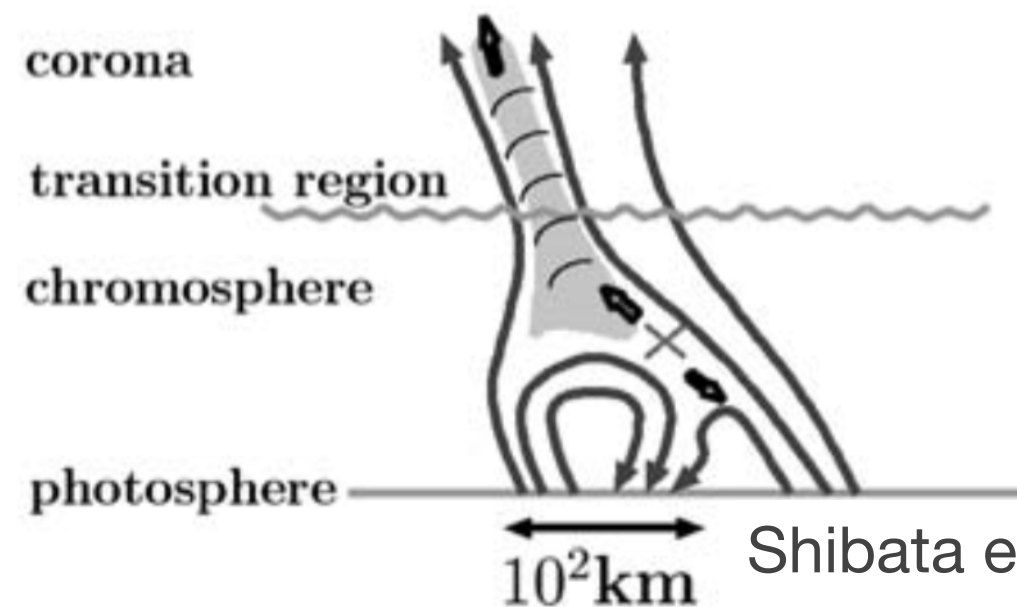
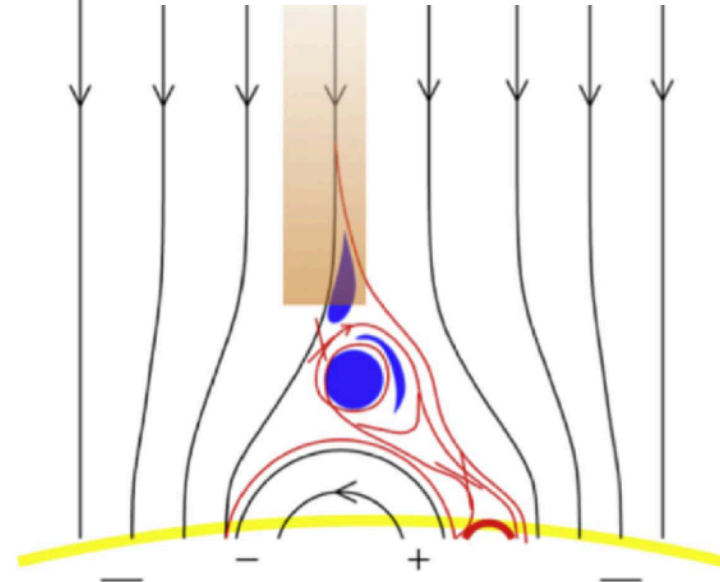
-> Sound wave



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Magnetic reconnection

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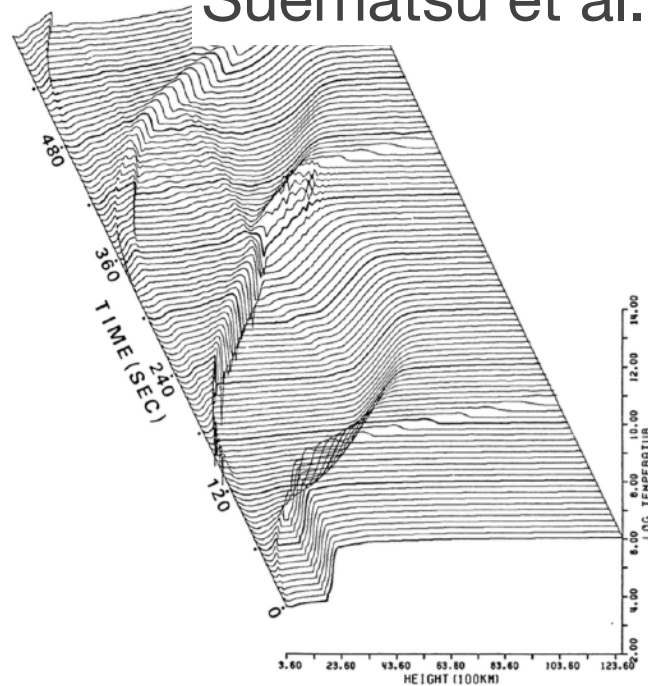


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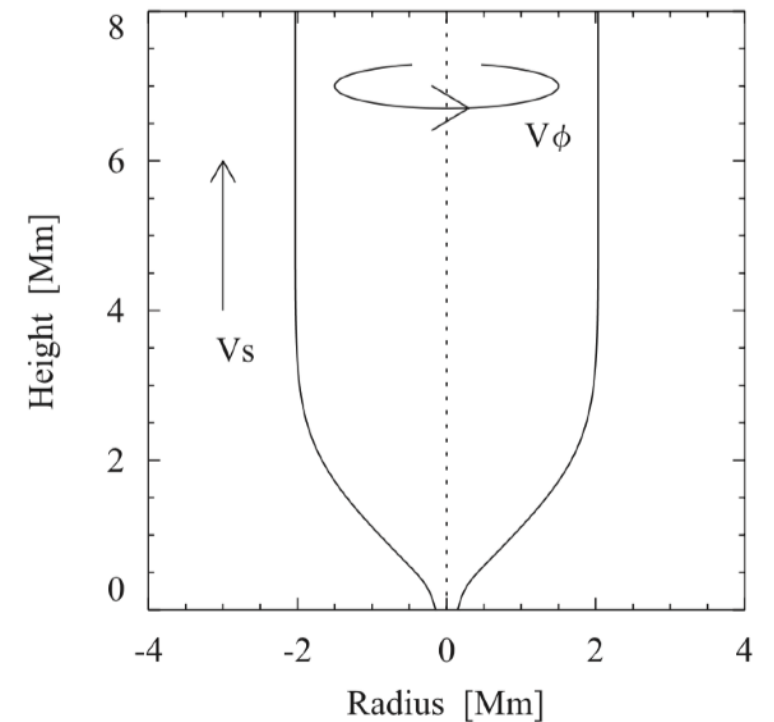
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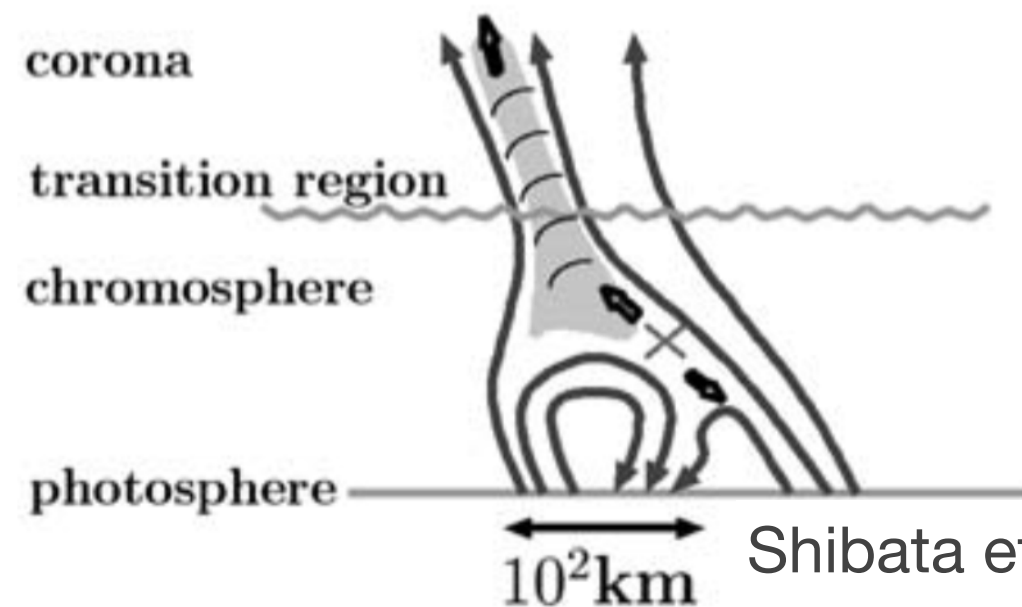
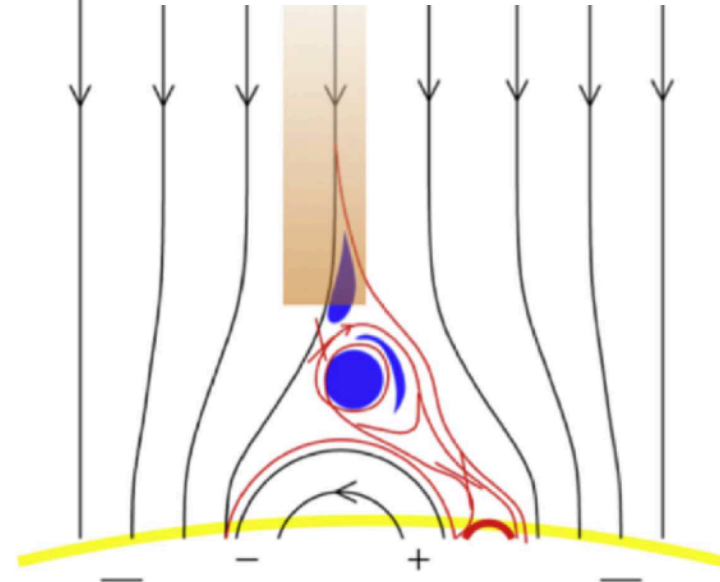
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Sound wave model

Acoustic wave (driver)

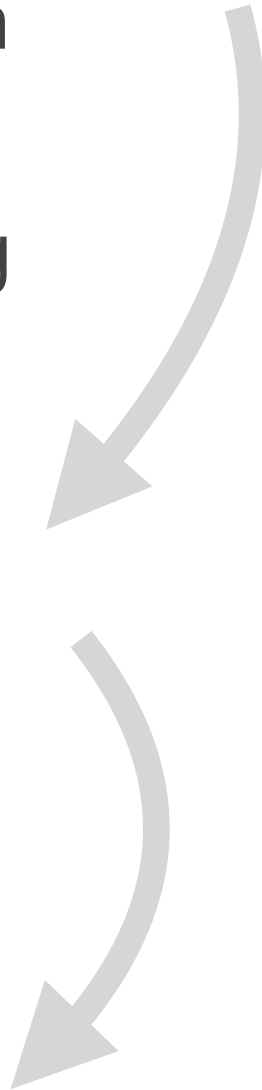
P-mode oscillation
Granular collapse
Flux tube pumping

Shock wave

Jet formation

Amplification by stratification

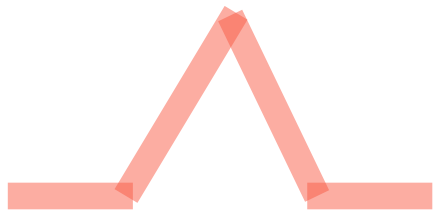
Shock-TR interaction



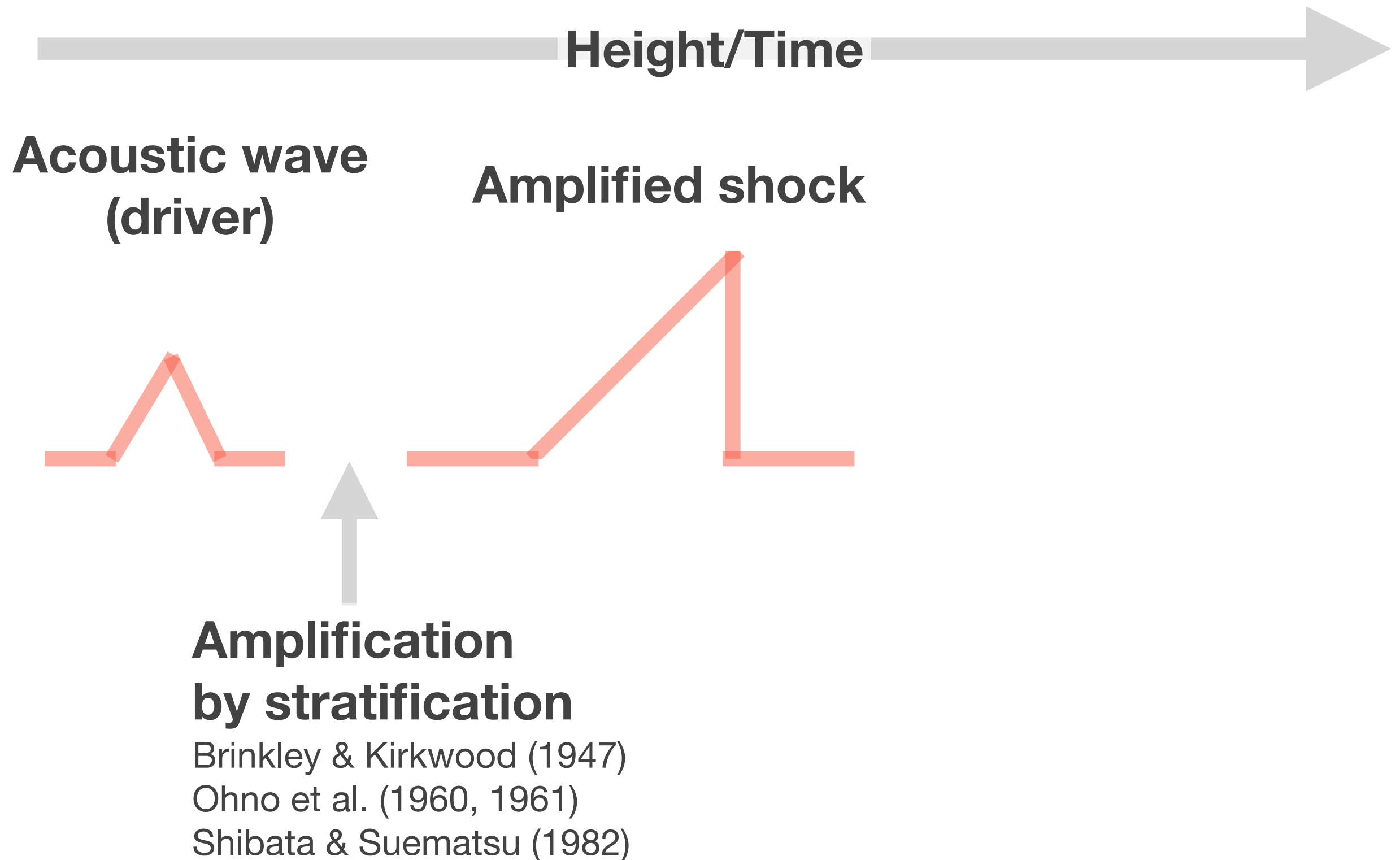
Formation process | Sound wave model

Height/Time

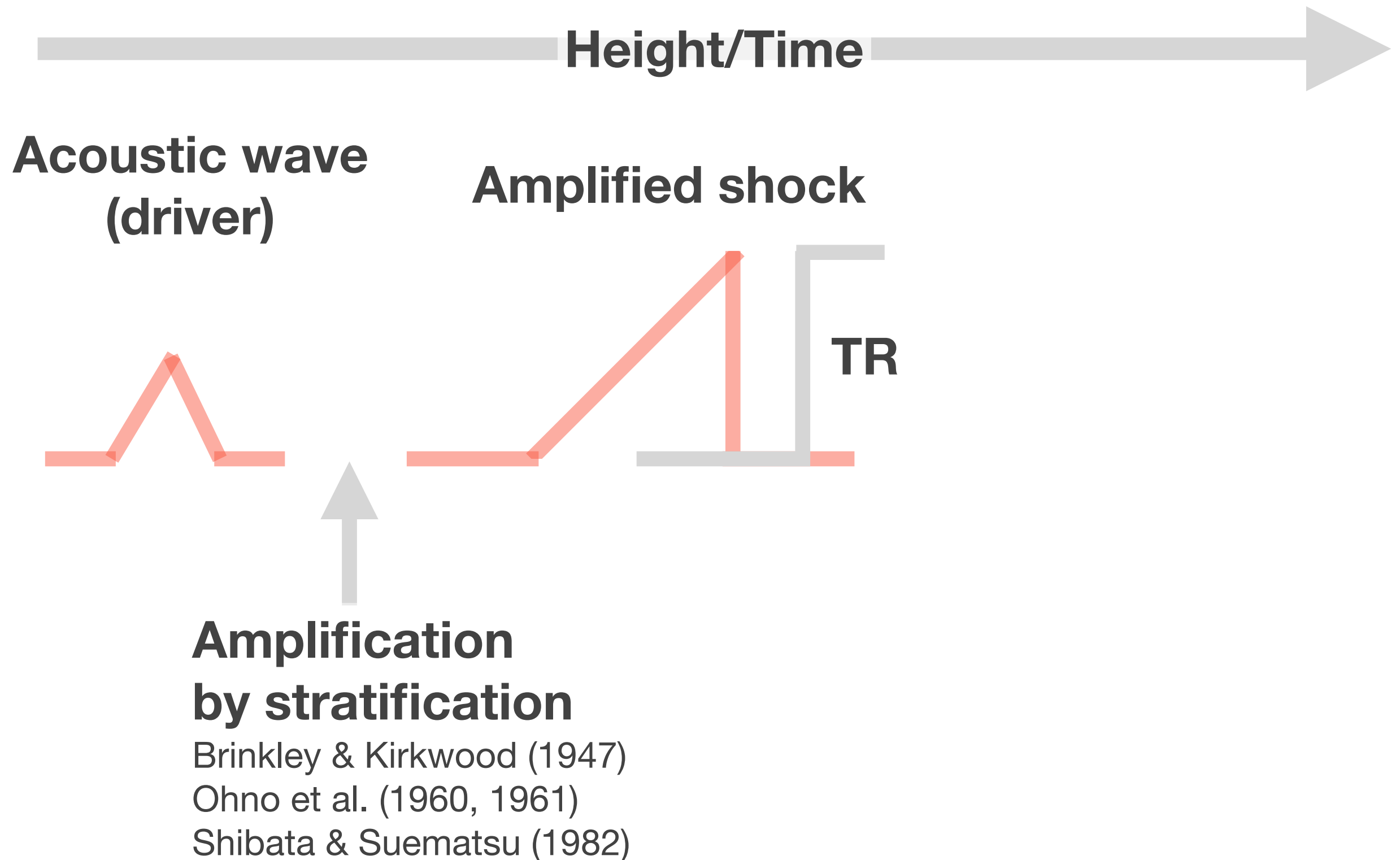
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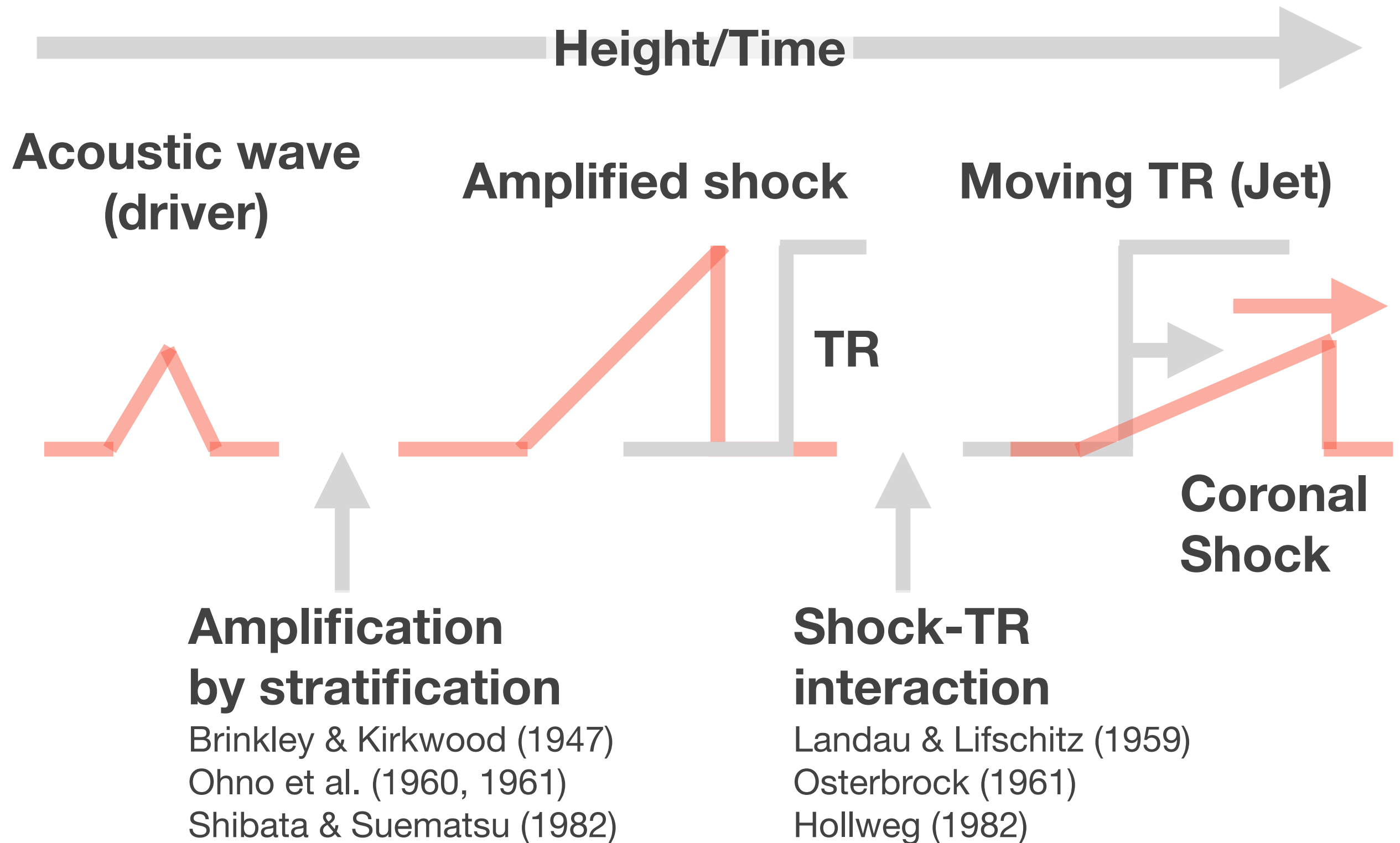
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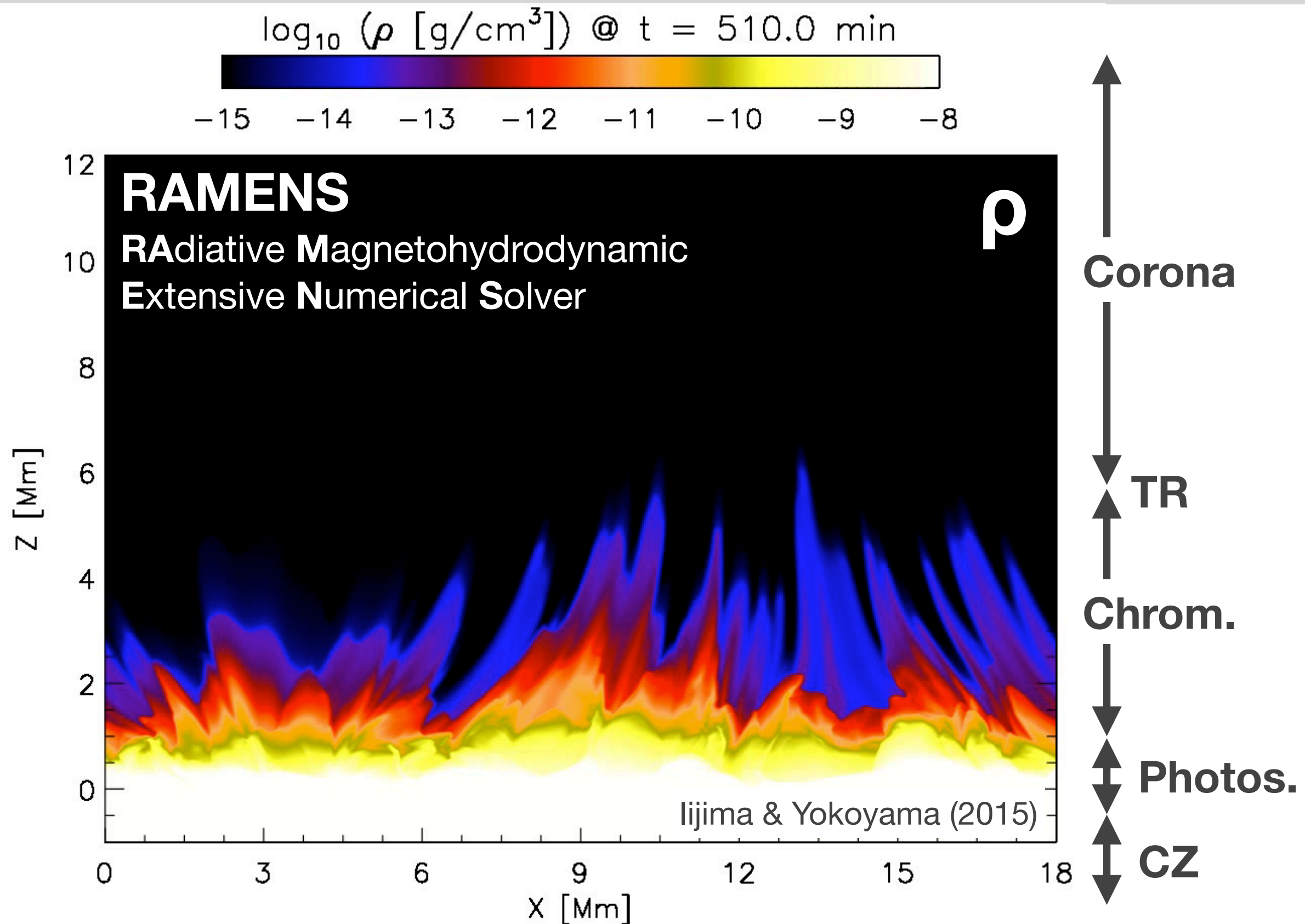
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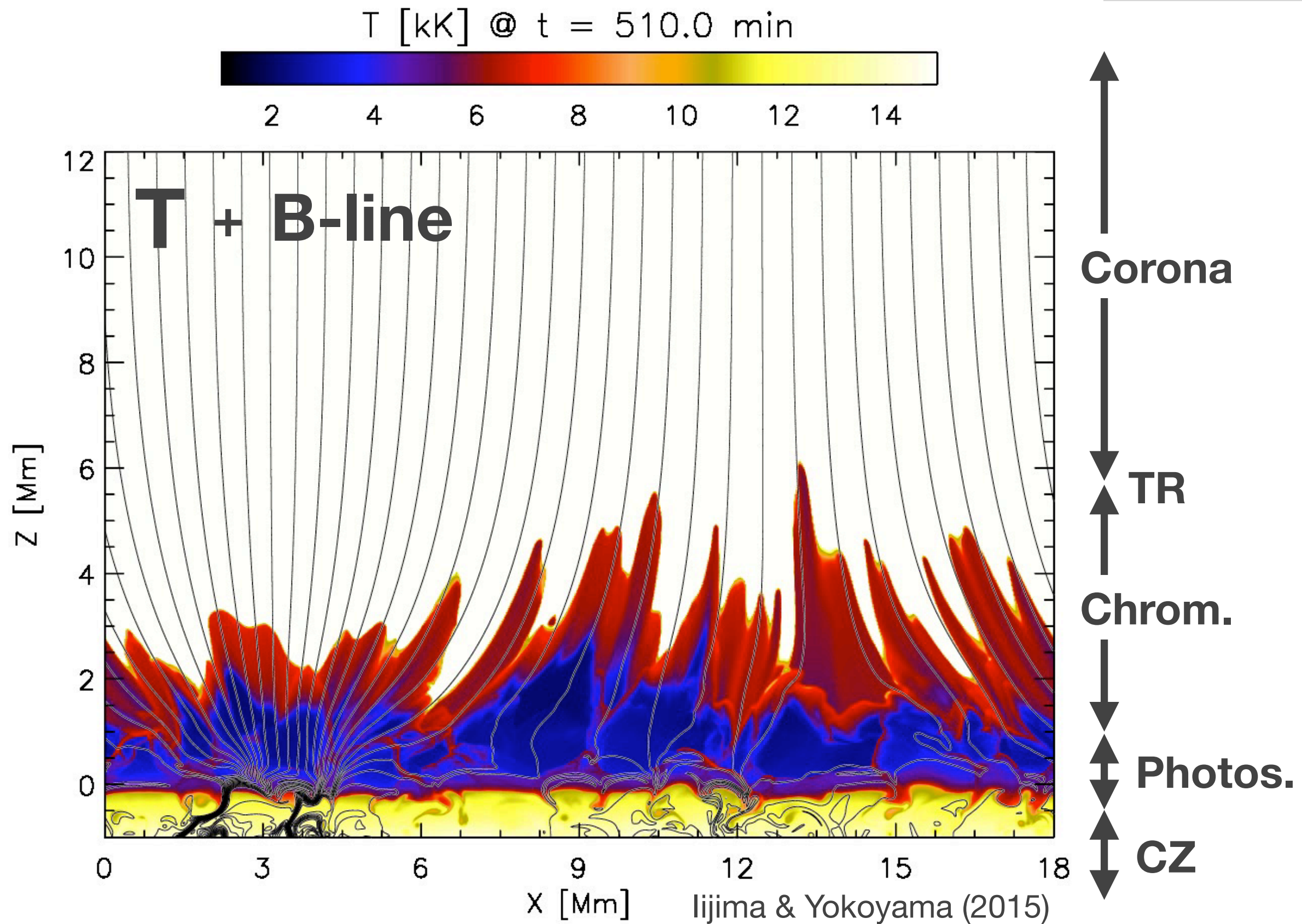
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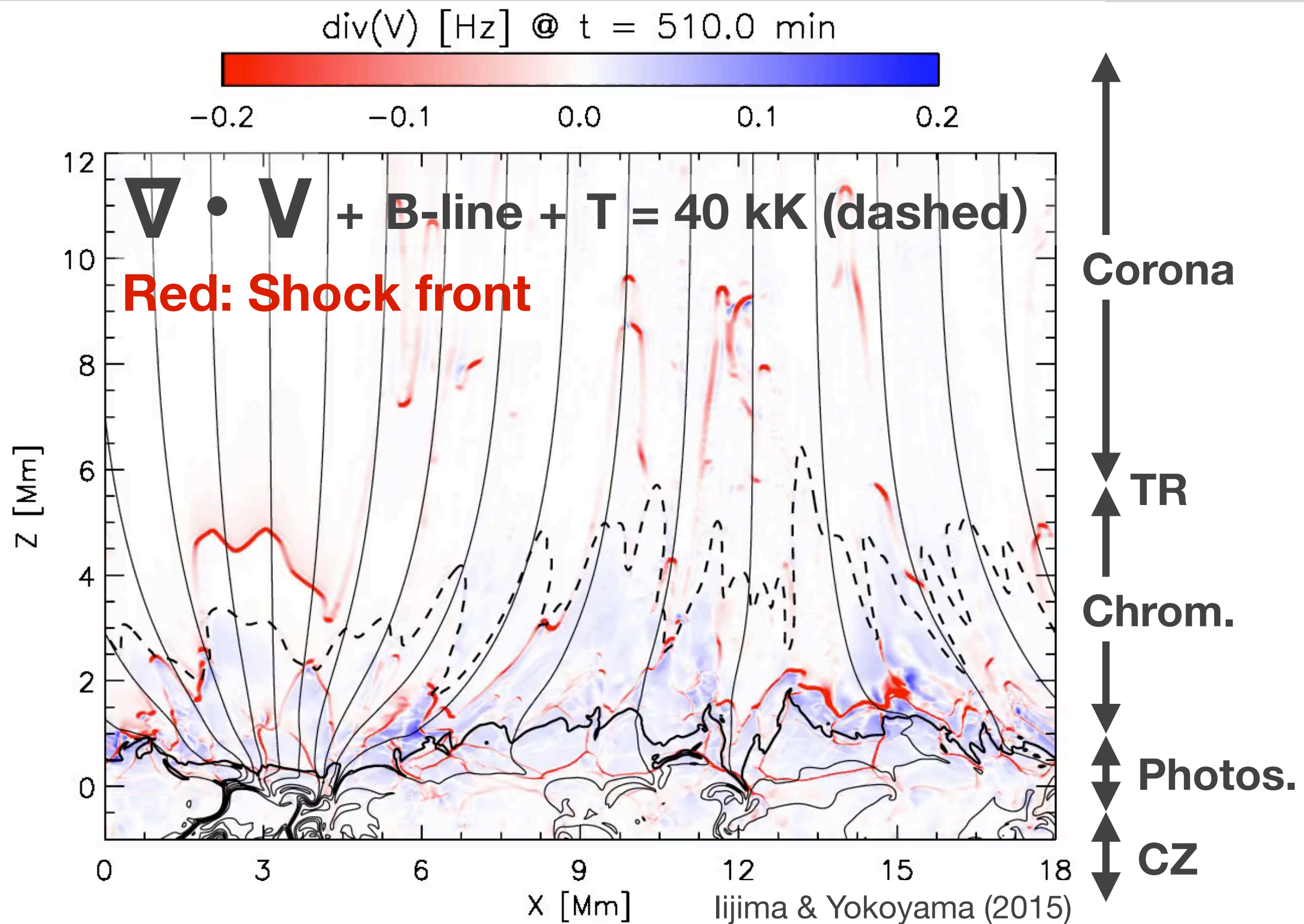
Sound wave driven jets | density



Sound wave driven jets | temperature

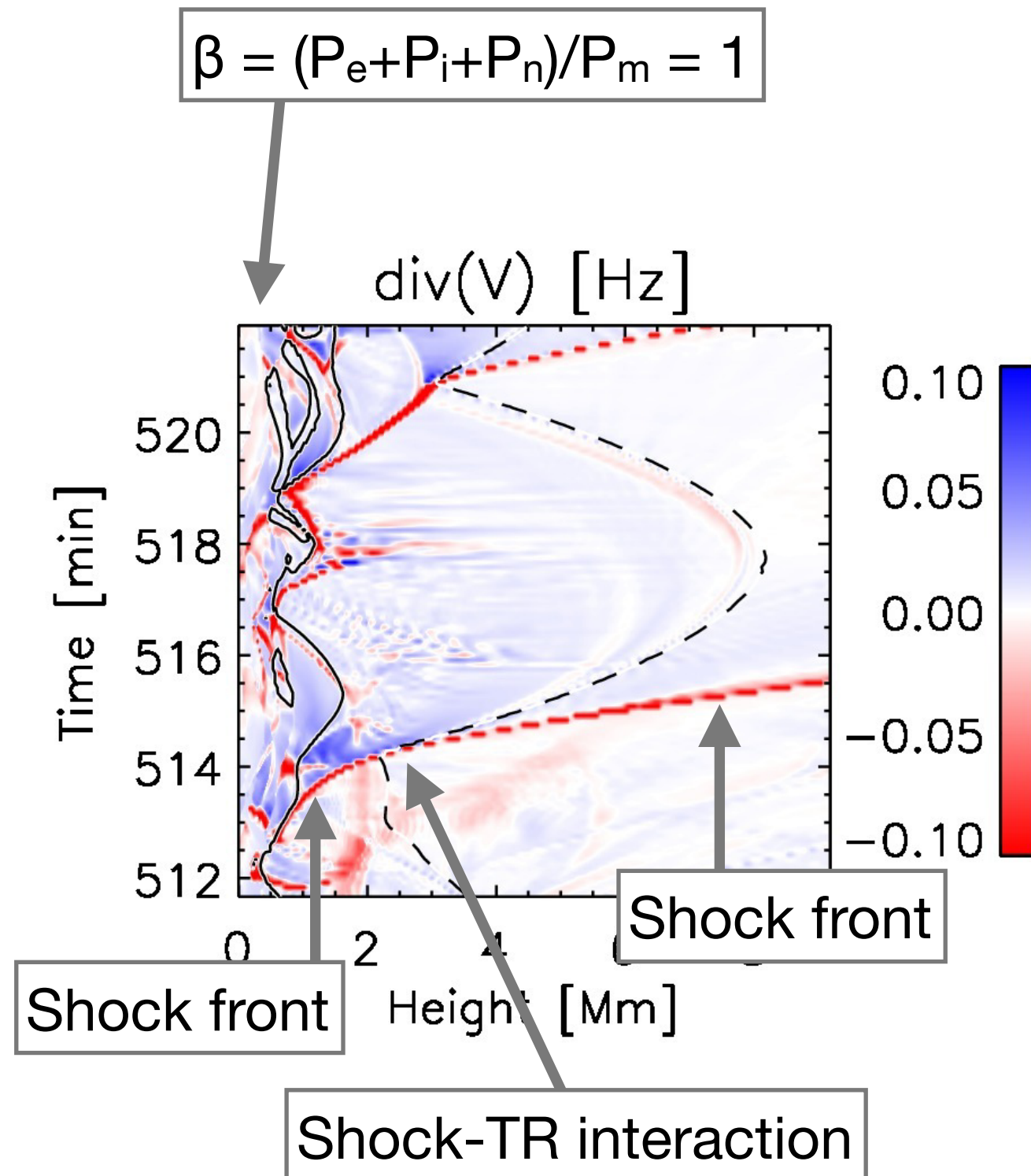
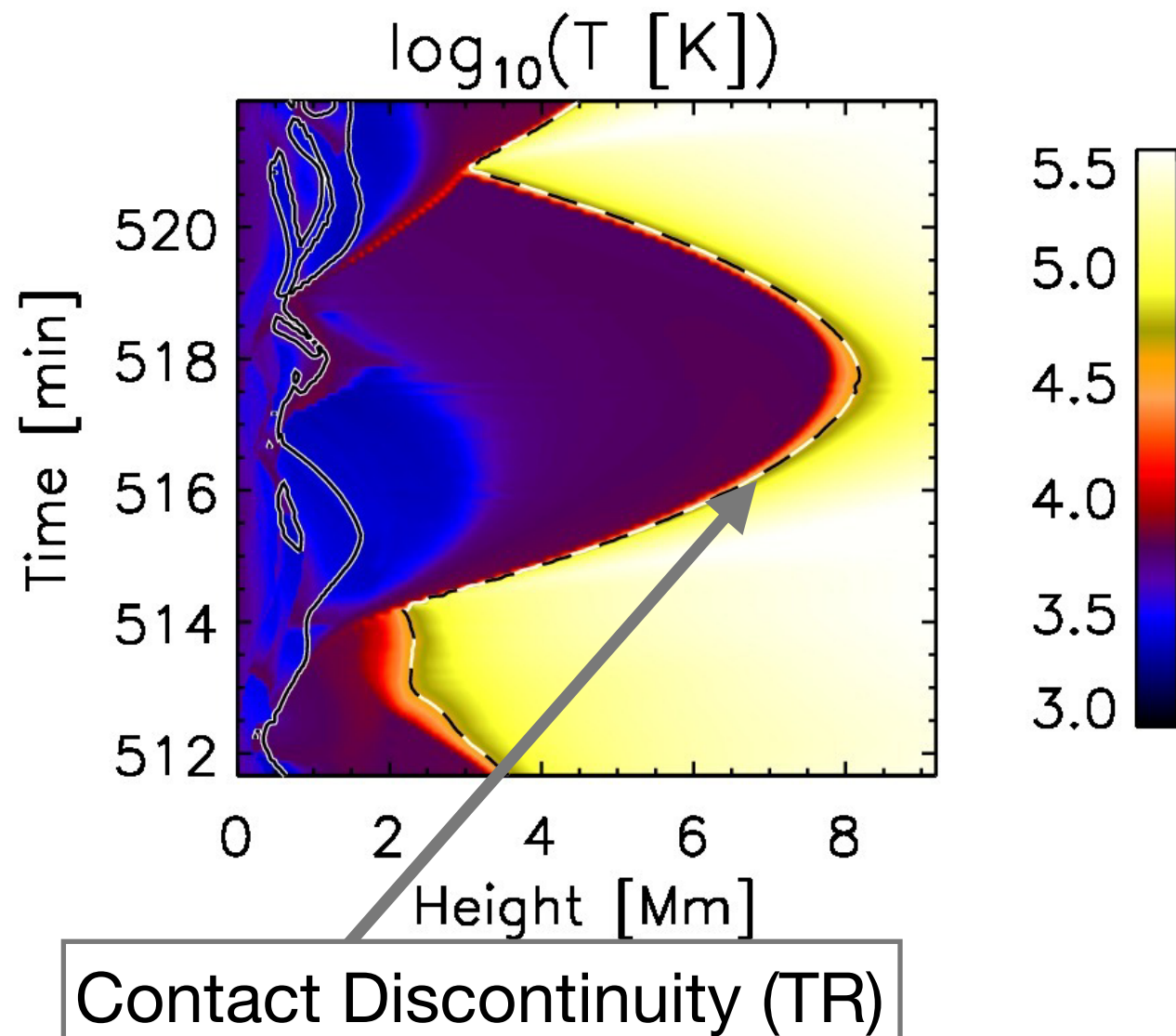


Sound wave driven jets | $\text{div}(\mathbf{V})$



Sound wave driven jets | evolution

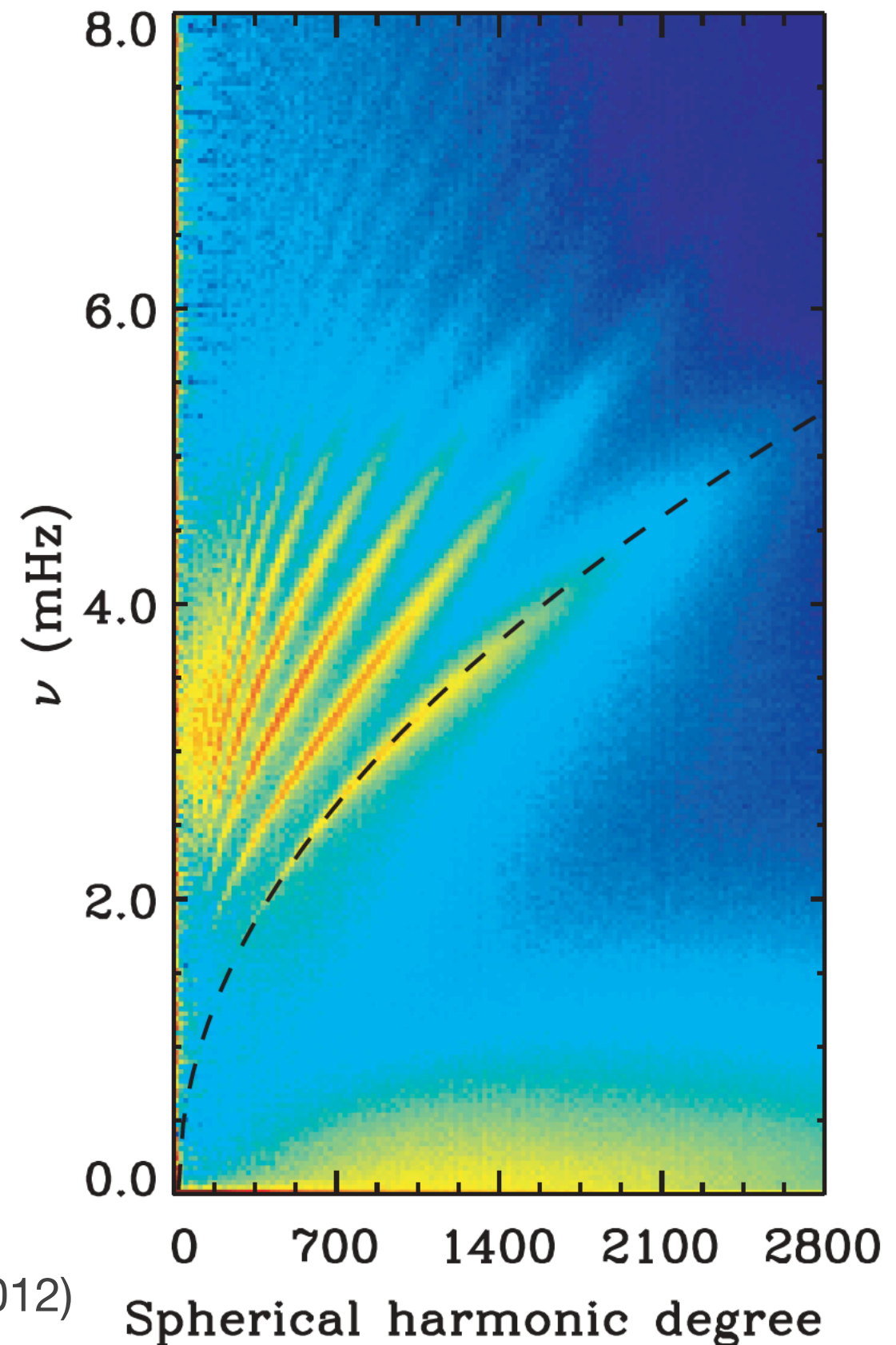
Plots: Along a magnetic field line



Possible source of acoustic waves

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P-mode oscillation



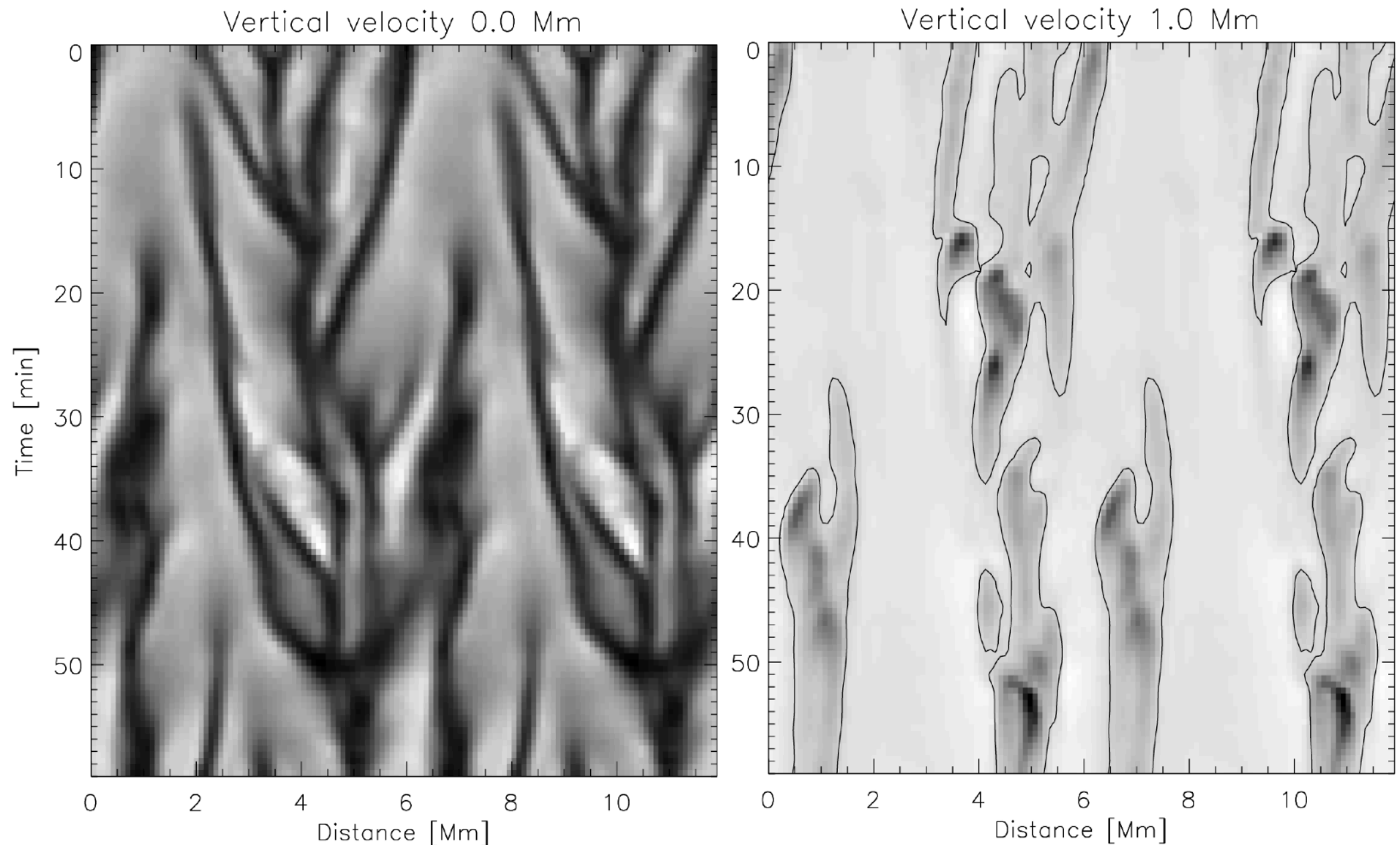
Georgobiani et al. (2012)

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Collapsing granule

Skartlien et al. (2000)

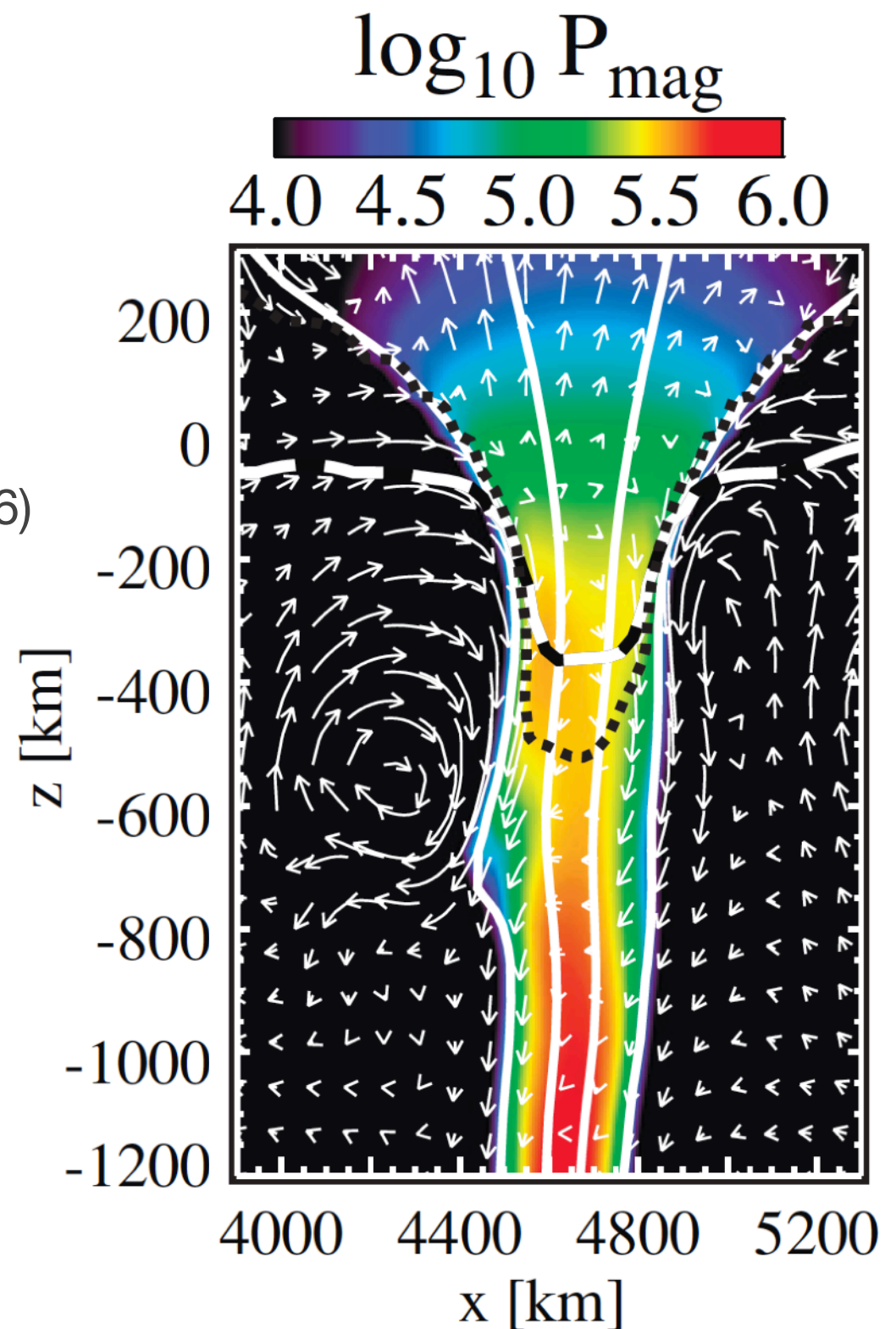
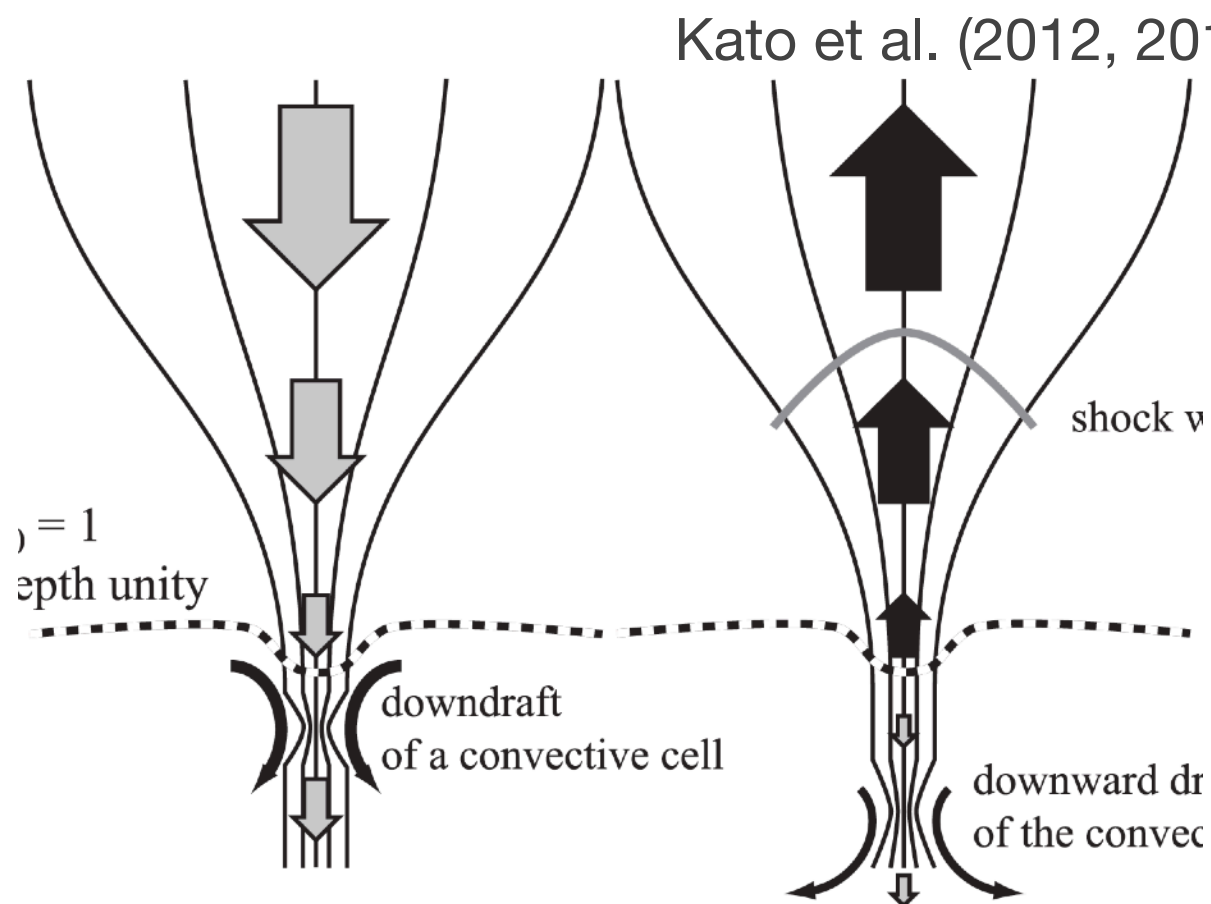


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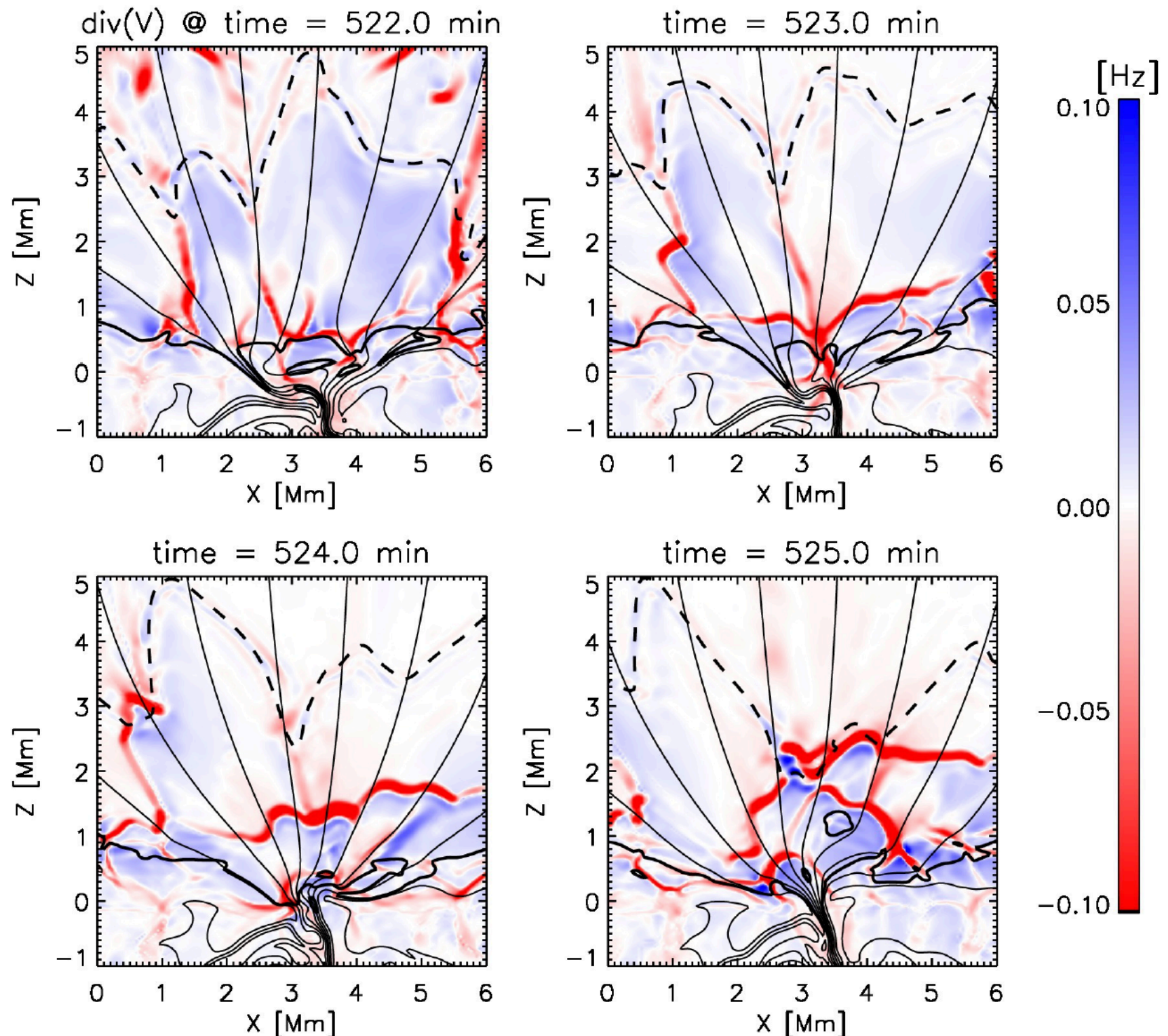
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Other more indirect sources

which can be observed in upper layer.

=> Alfvén wave models, Reconnection models, ...

Sound wave model

Acoustic wave (driver)

P-mode oscillation
Granular collapse
Flux tube pumping

Shock wave

Jet formation

Amplification by stratification

$$V_{\parallel} \propto \rho^{-\alpha} B^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha \sim 0.1 - 0.5$$

depending on energy loss
by shock and/or radiation.

Shock-TR interaction

$$V_{\text{jet}} \propto V_{\parallel}$$

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=> From the information of density and magnetic field.

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Same amplitude for $\alpha = 0.2$



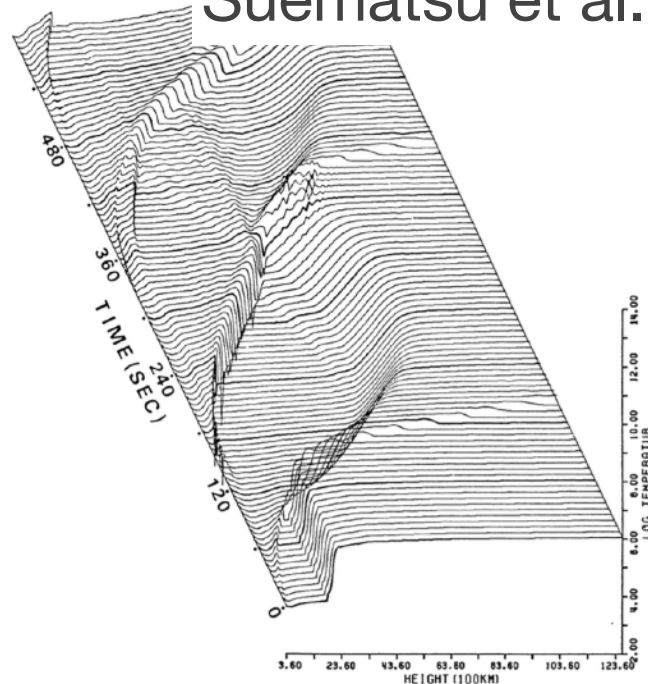
Sound wave model

- Source
 - P-mode, granule collapse, flux tube pumping, flux tube collision, etc.
- Expected signatures
 - **Photospheric counterpart of acoustic source**
(Although some mechanisms will be inside the convection zone.)
 - **Amplification of longitudinal velocity**
(**multi-wavelength** observation with **density** and longitudinal velocity diagnostics)
 - No need of cancellation nor complex magnetic field configuration
- Note
 - Amplification process of shock is also appeared in other models.
It is critical to provide the quantitative tracking of each acoustic wave from the photospheric layer.

Possible drivers of spicules

Acoustic wave

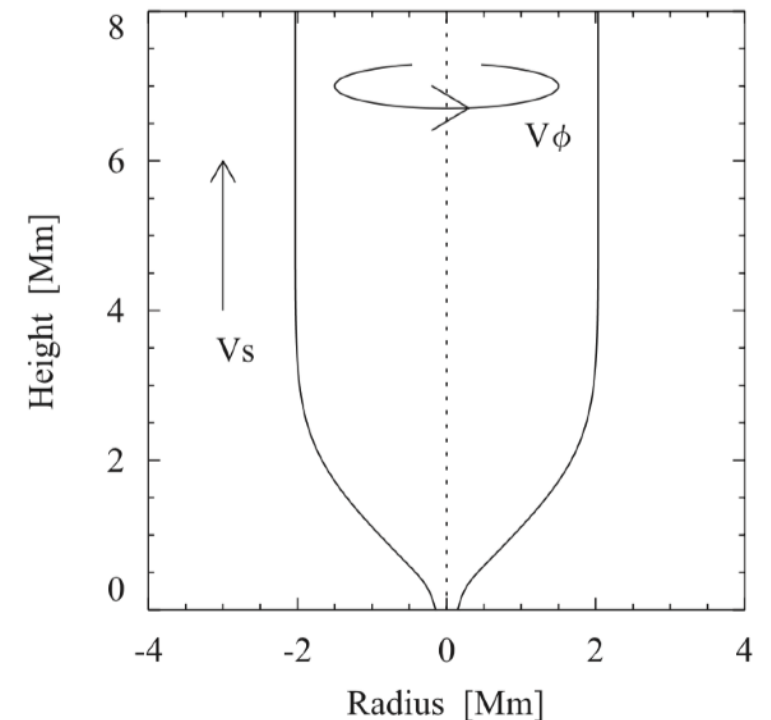
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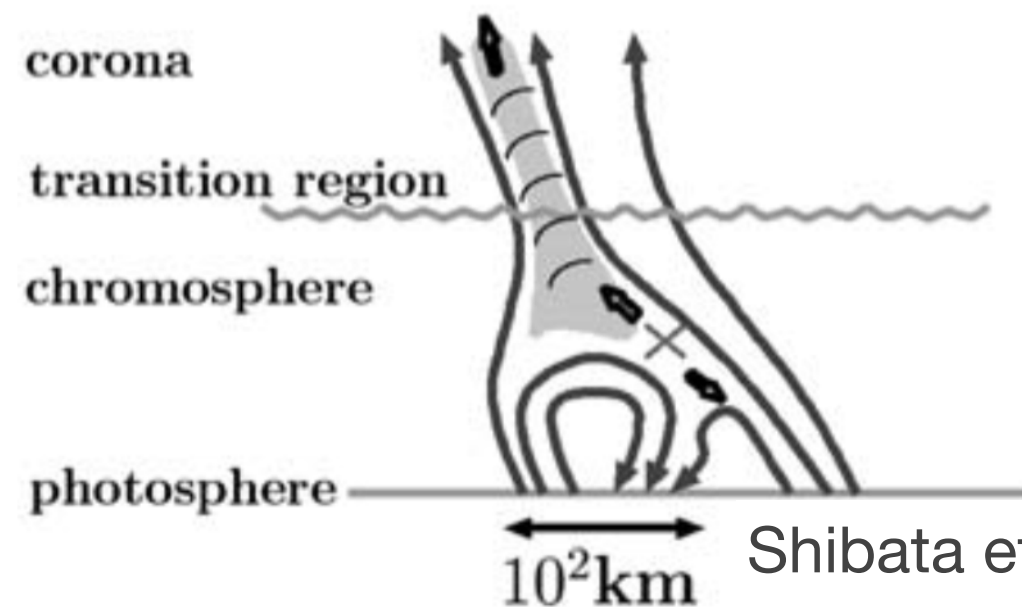
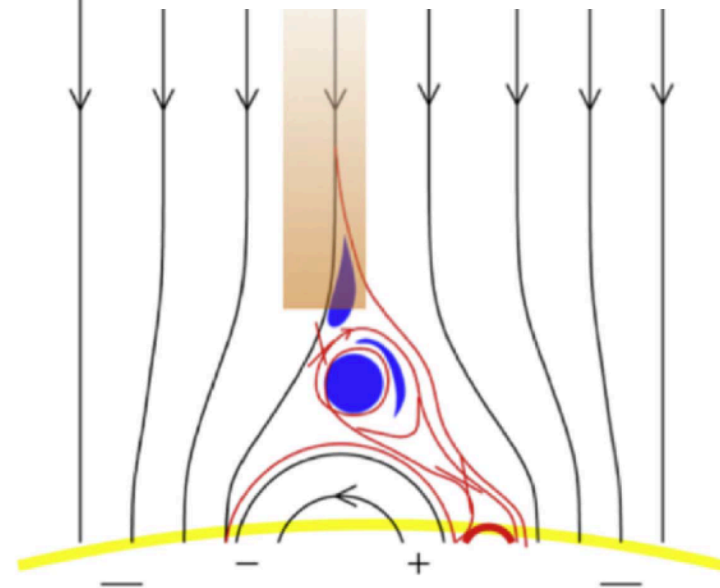
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Magnetic reconnection

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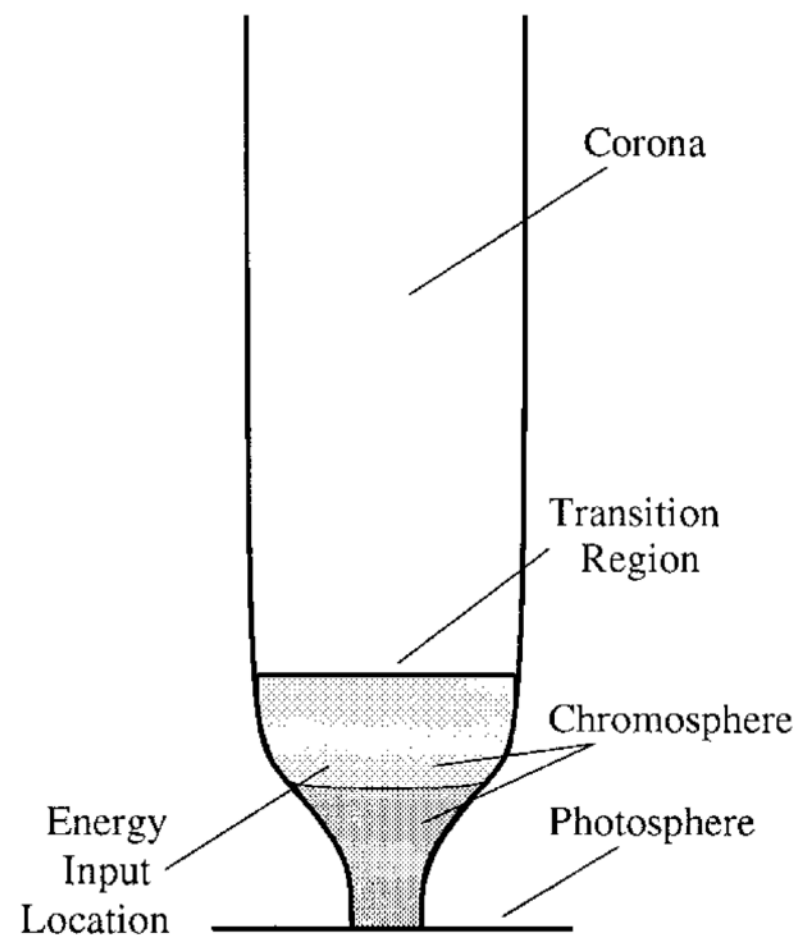
Reconnection heating model

Reconnection (driver)

Joule heating/Pressure pulse

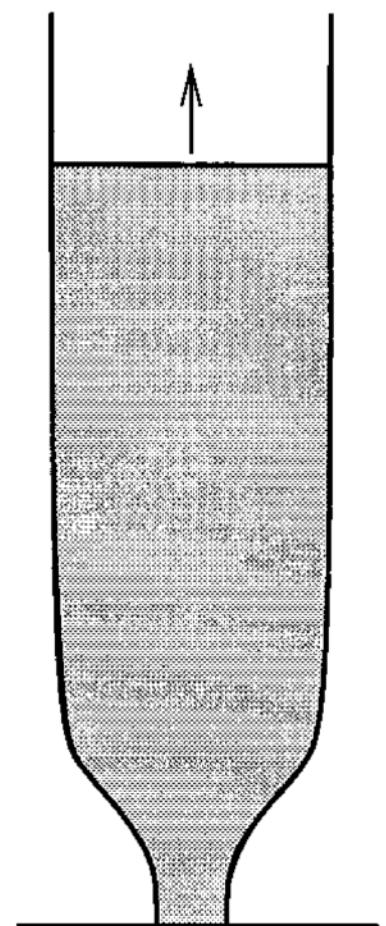
Shock wave

Jet formation



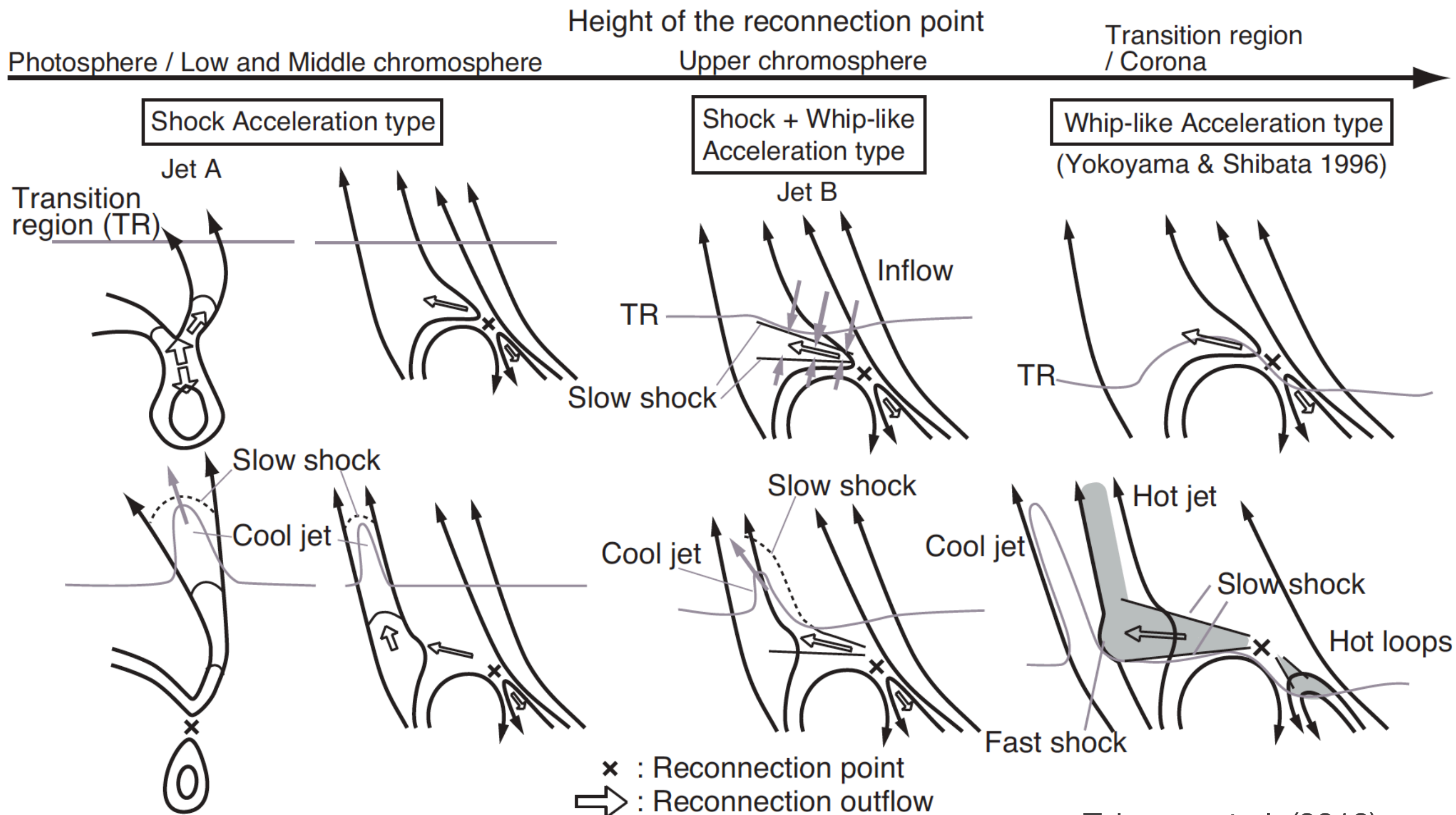
(a) Initial Setup

Sterling (2000)



(b) Late Phase

Guid-field reconnection models



Takasao et al. (2013)

Guid-field reconnection model

Reconnection (driver)

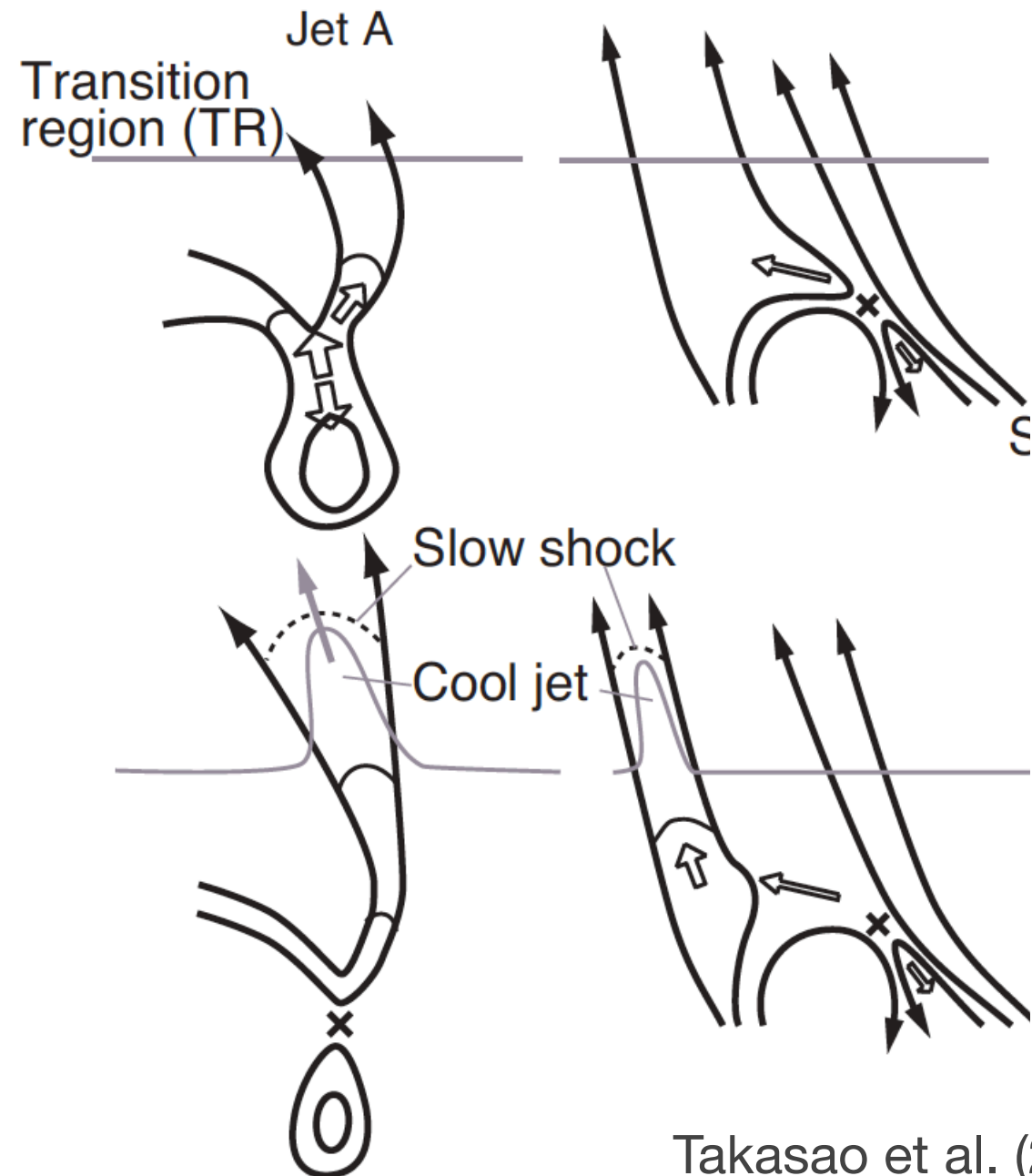
Reconnection outflow

Shock wave

Jet formation

Photosphere / Low and Middle chromosphere

Shock Acceleration type

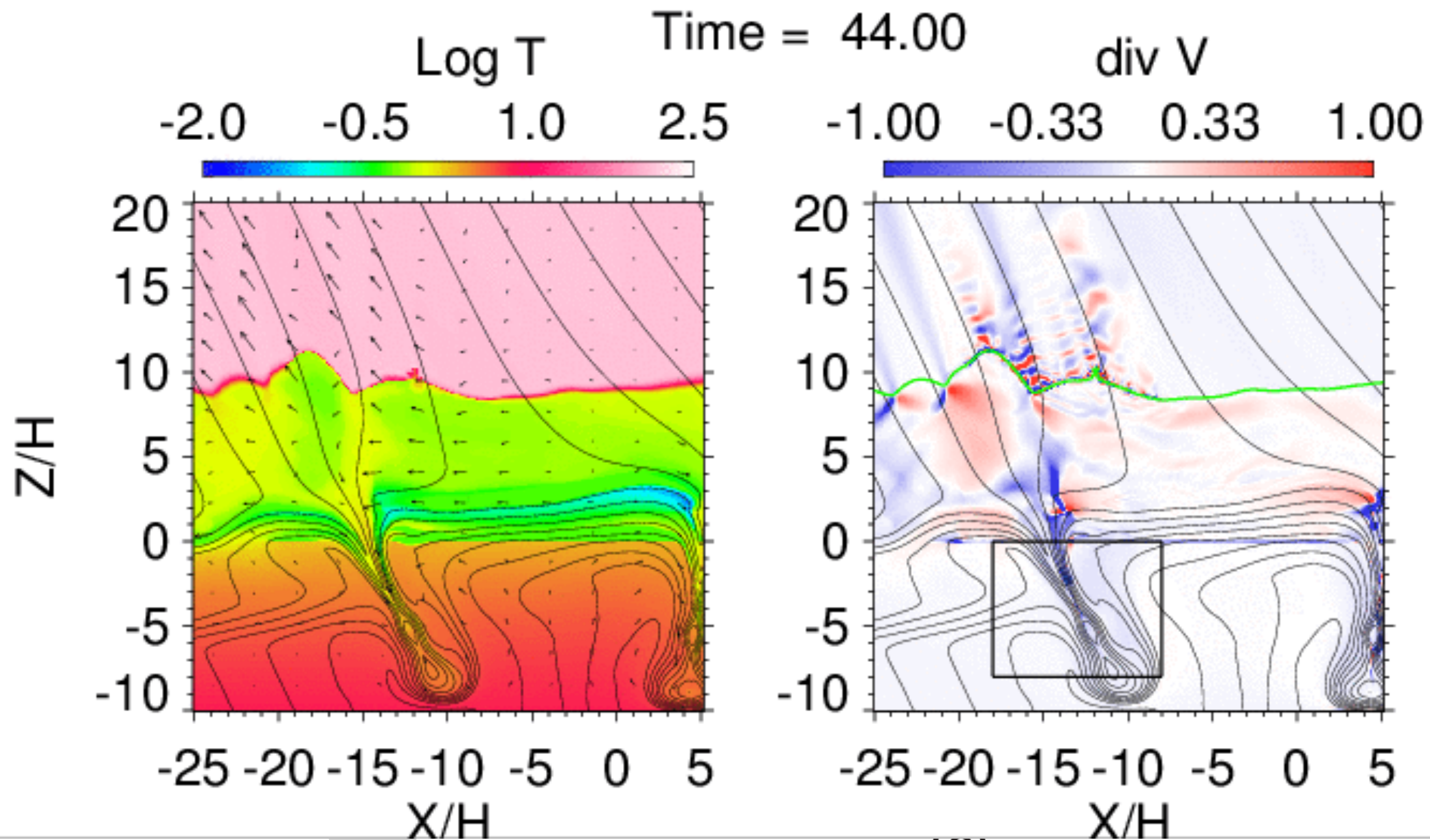


Guid-field reconnection model

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Reconnection (driver)

Photosphere / Low and Middle chromosphere



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Takasao et al. (2013)

Guid-field reconnection model

Reconnection (driver)

Reconnection outflow

**Slow-mode shock
(with tension force)**

Jet formation

Height of the reconnection point
Upper chromosphere

Shock + Whip-like
Acceleration type

Jet B

Inflow

TR

Slow shock

Slow shock

Cool jet

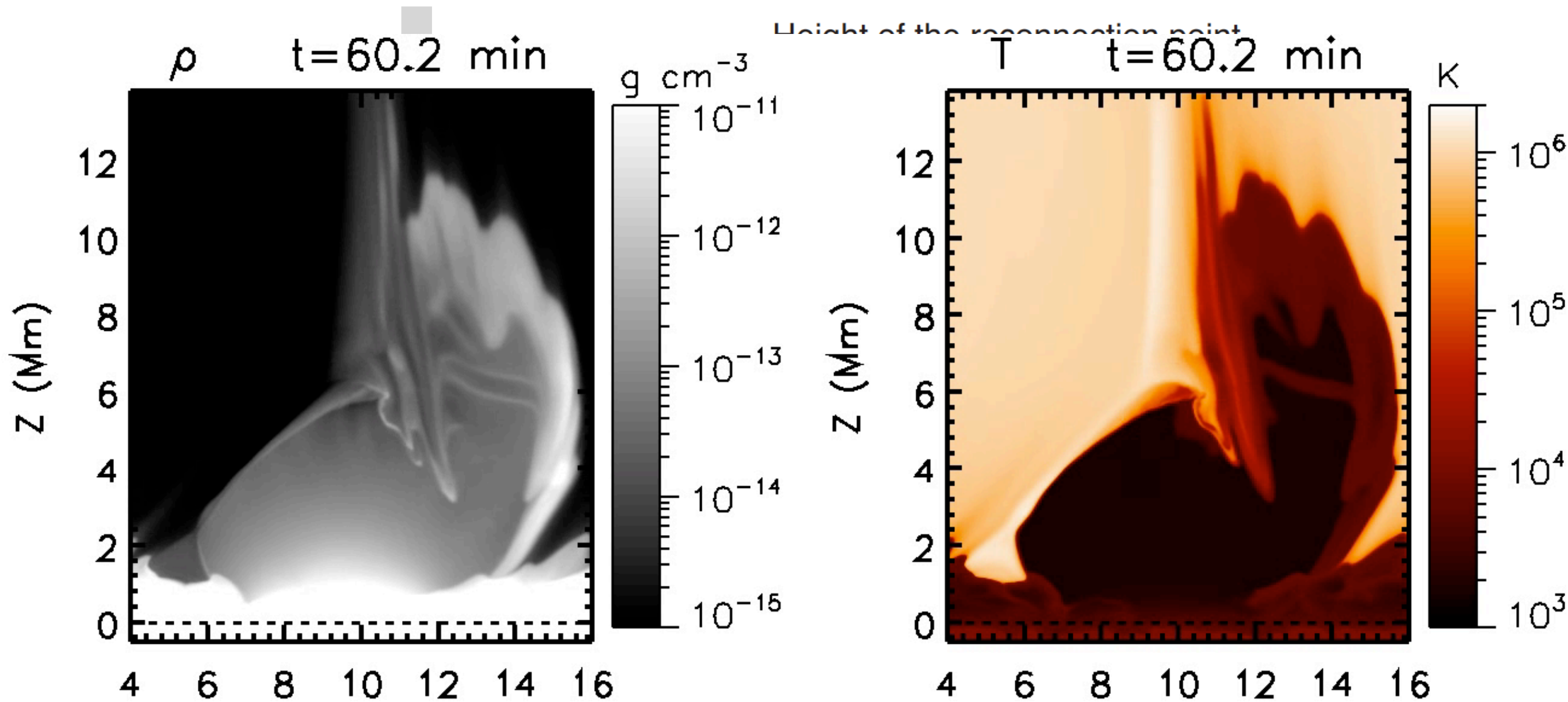
Cool

× : Reconnection point

➡ : Reconnection outflow

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Jet formation

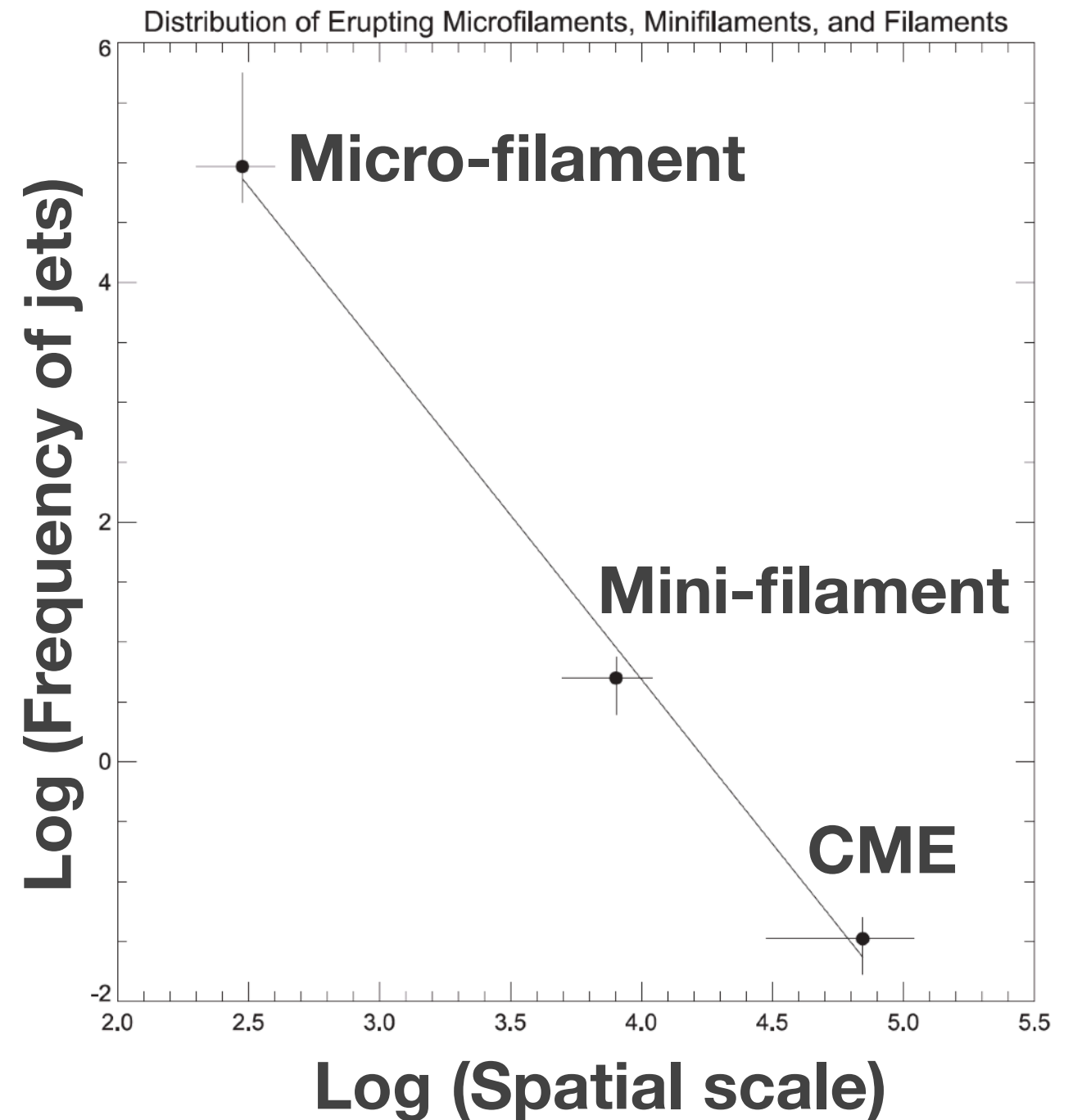
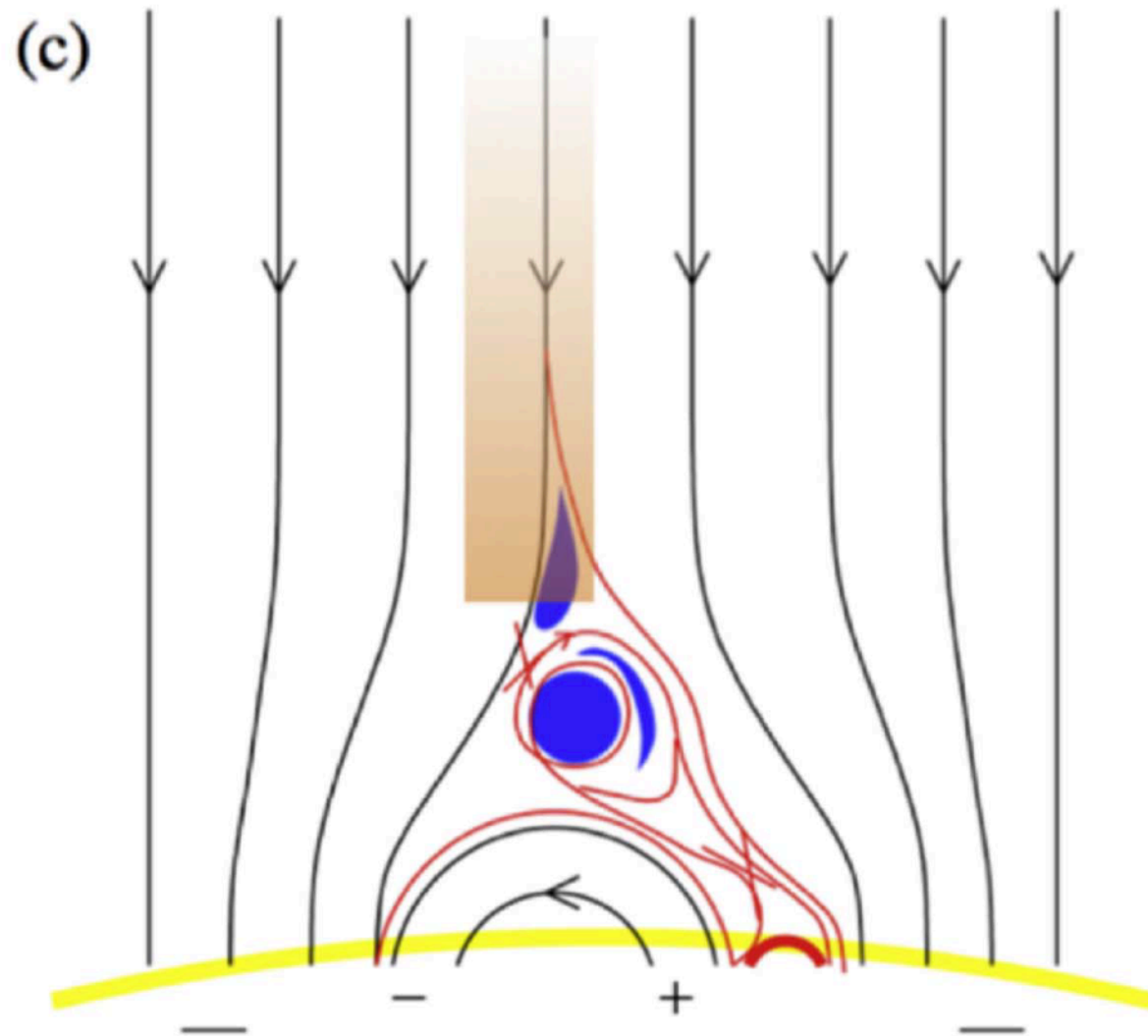
Nobrega-Siverio et al. (2016)



\times : Reconnection point
 \Rightarrow : Reconnection outflow

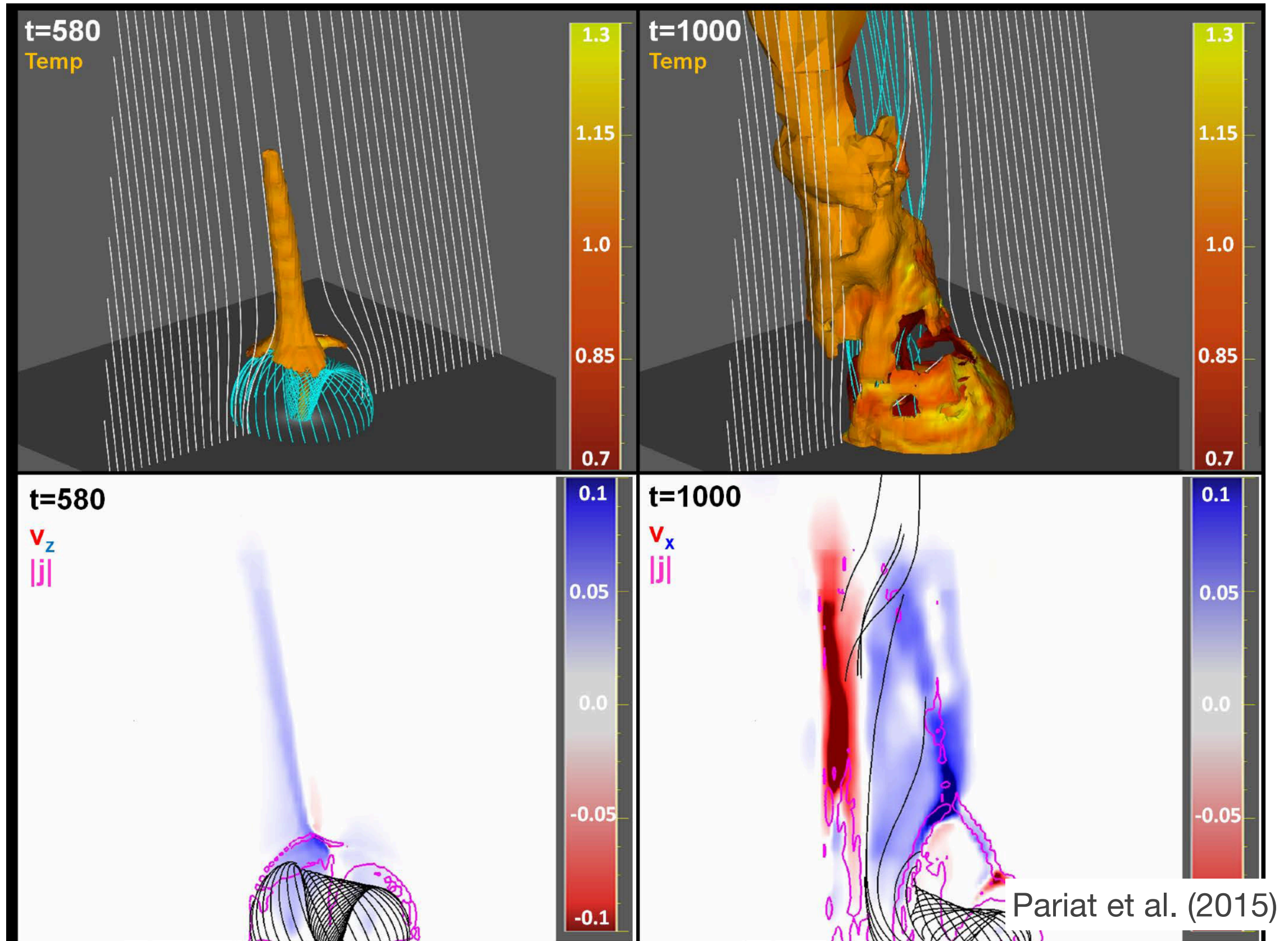
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Micro-filament eruption model



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Helical reconnection model



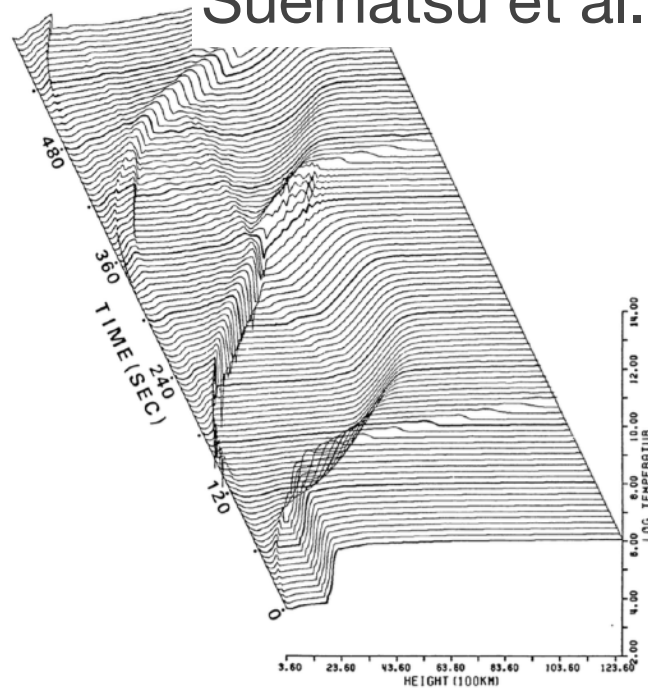
Magnetic reconnection model

- Energy source
 - Joule heating and/or reconnection outflow
- Expected signature
 - **Cancellation of magnetic polarity in the photosphere**
 - **Transient brightening in high temperature lines**
(may be observed even in EUV or X-rays)
 - **Complex magnetic field structure** in photosphere and/or chromosphere, sometimes with flux emergence
 - Bi-directional outflow (in some cases)

Possible drivers of spicules

Acoustic wave

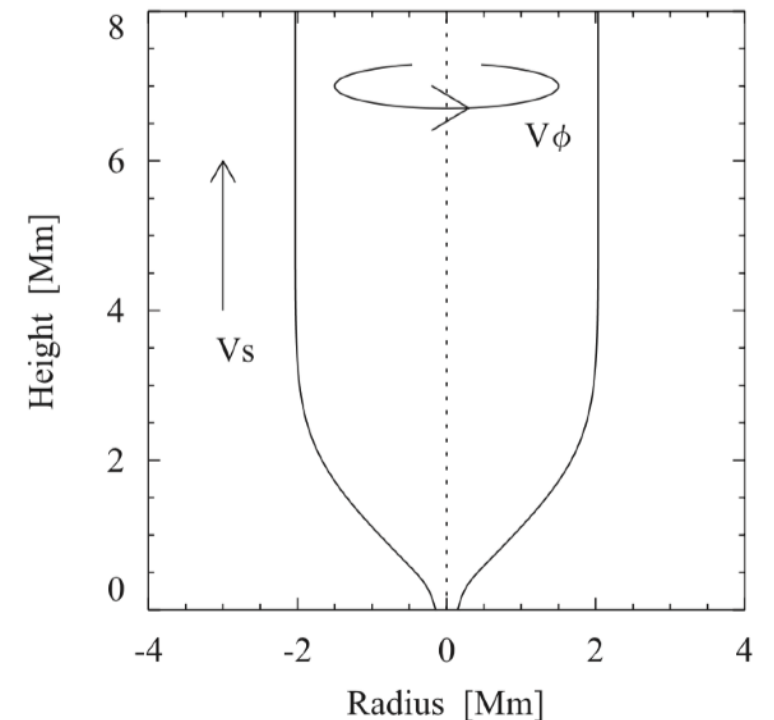
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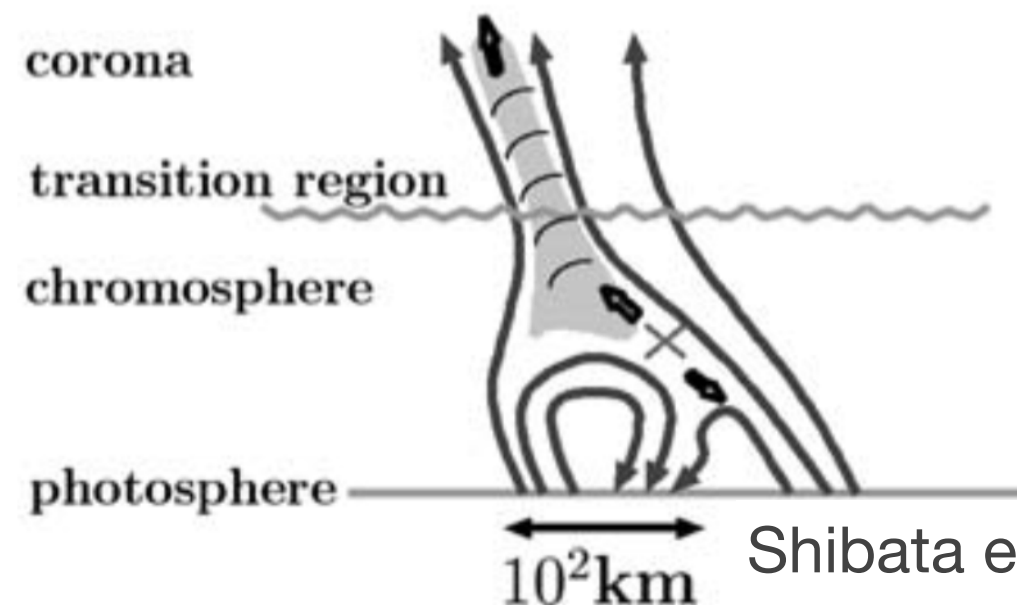
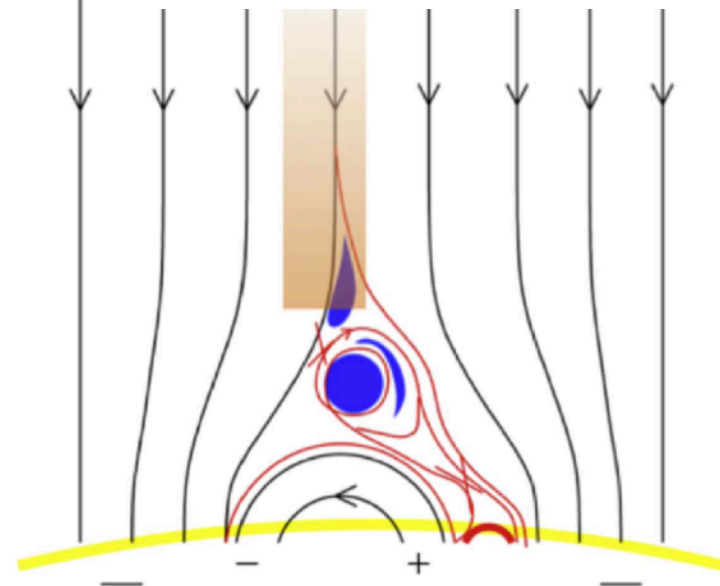
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Mechanism of Alfvén wave driven jet

Alfvén wave (driver)

(1) Amplification
during the propagation

(2) Mode conversion
to acoustic wave

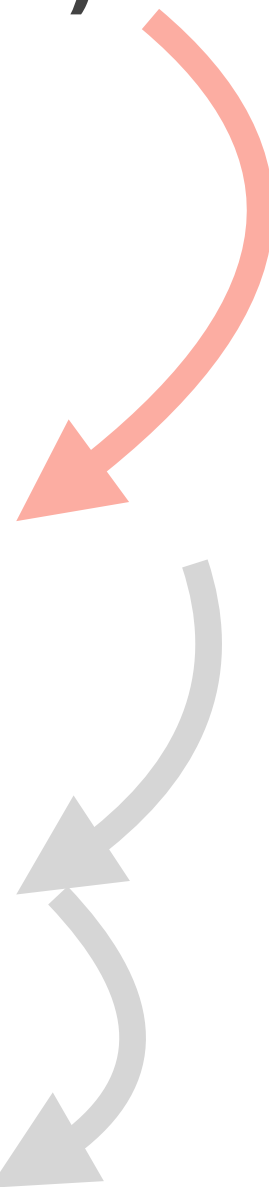
Acoustic wave

(3) Amplification
by stratification

Shock wave

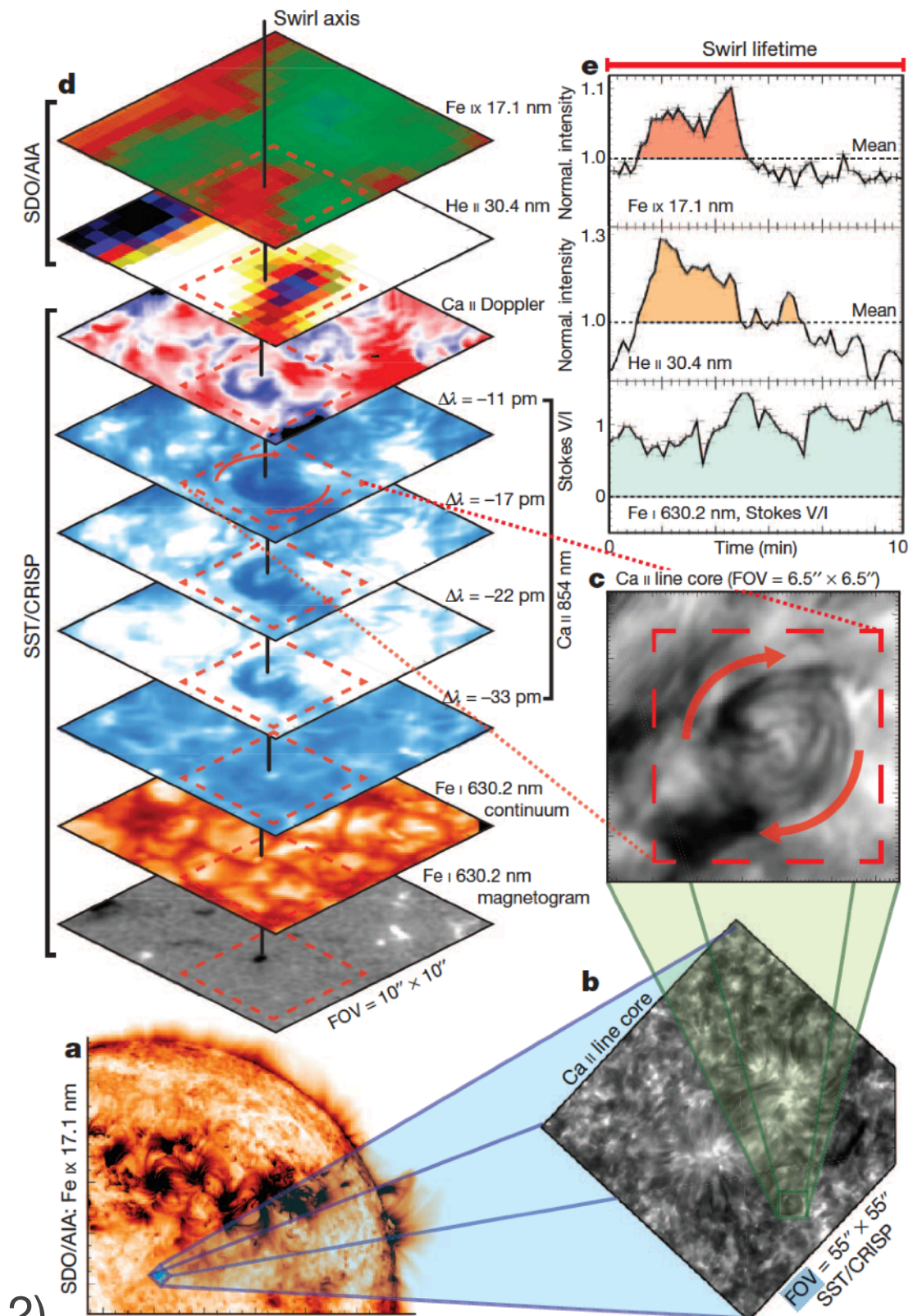
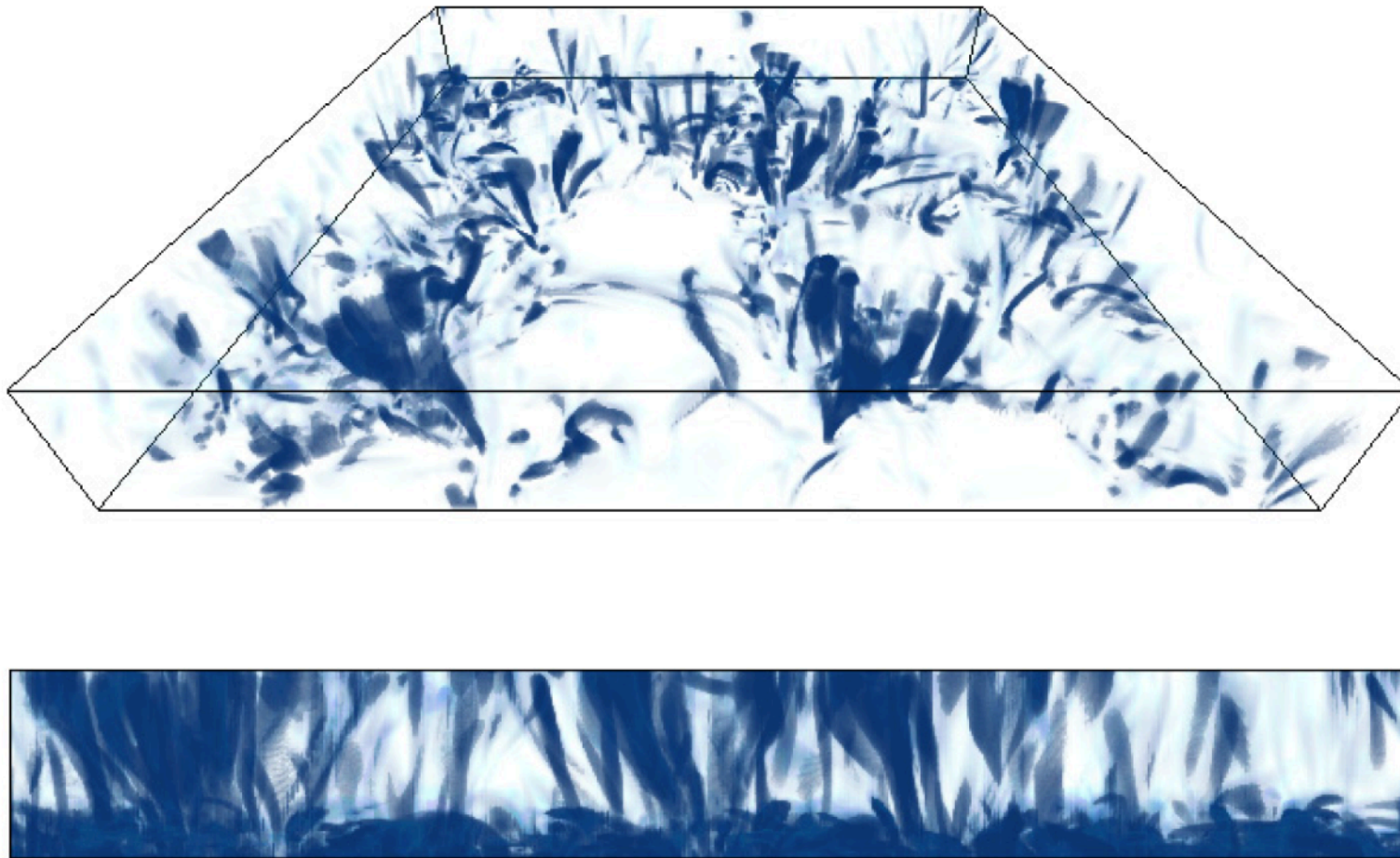
(4) Shock-TR interaction

Jet formation



Vortex in the photosphere and chromosphere

Moll et al. (2012)



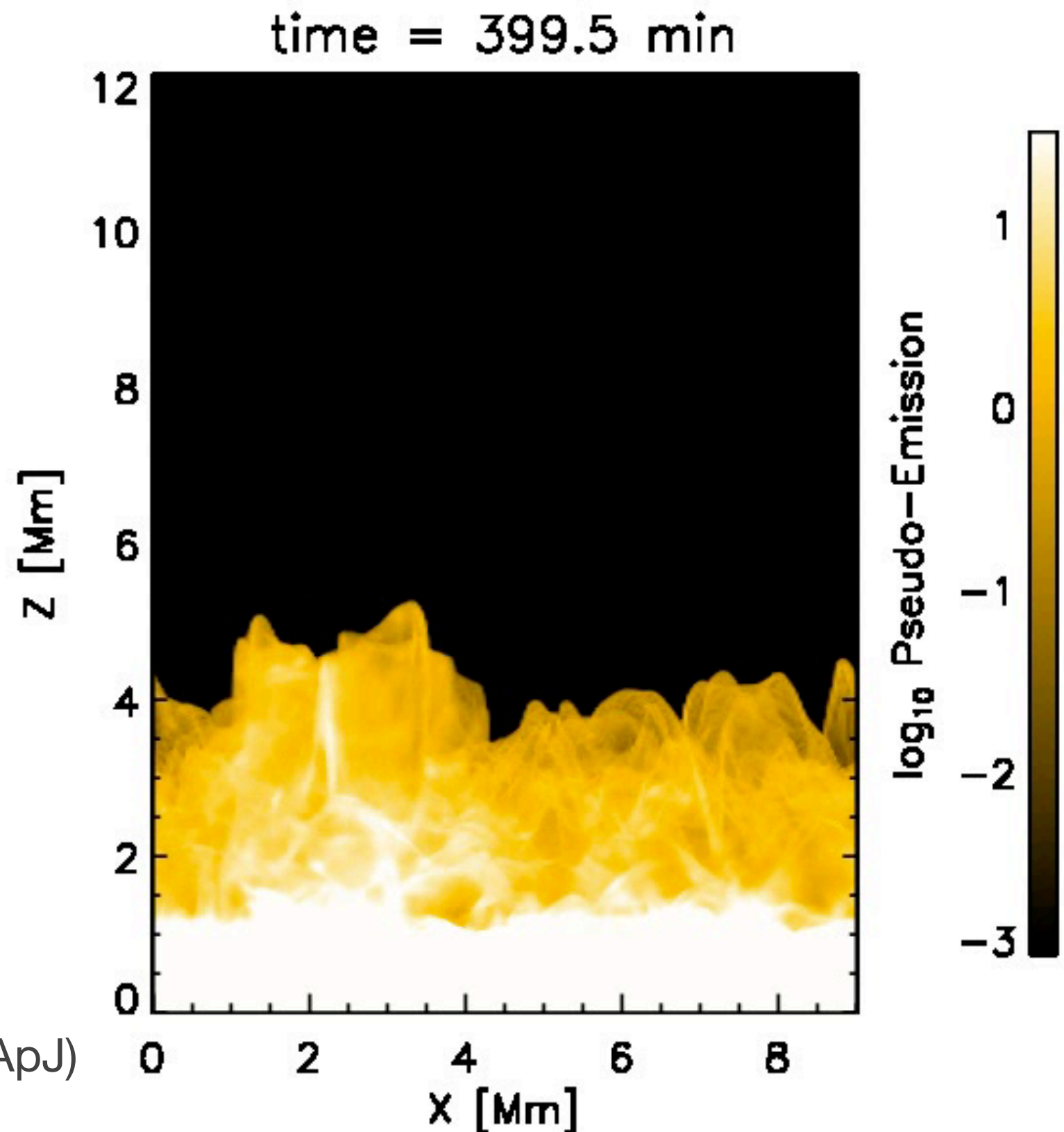
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Torsional wave model | 3D simulation

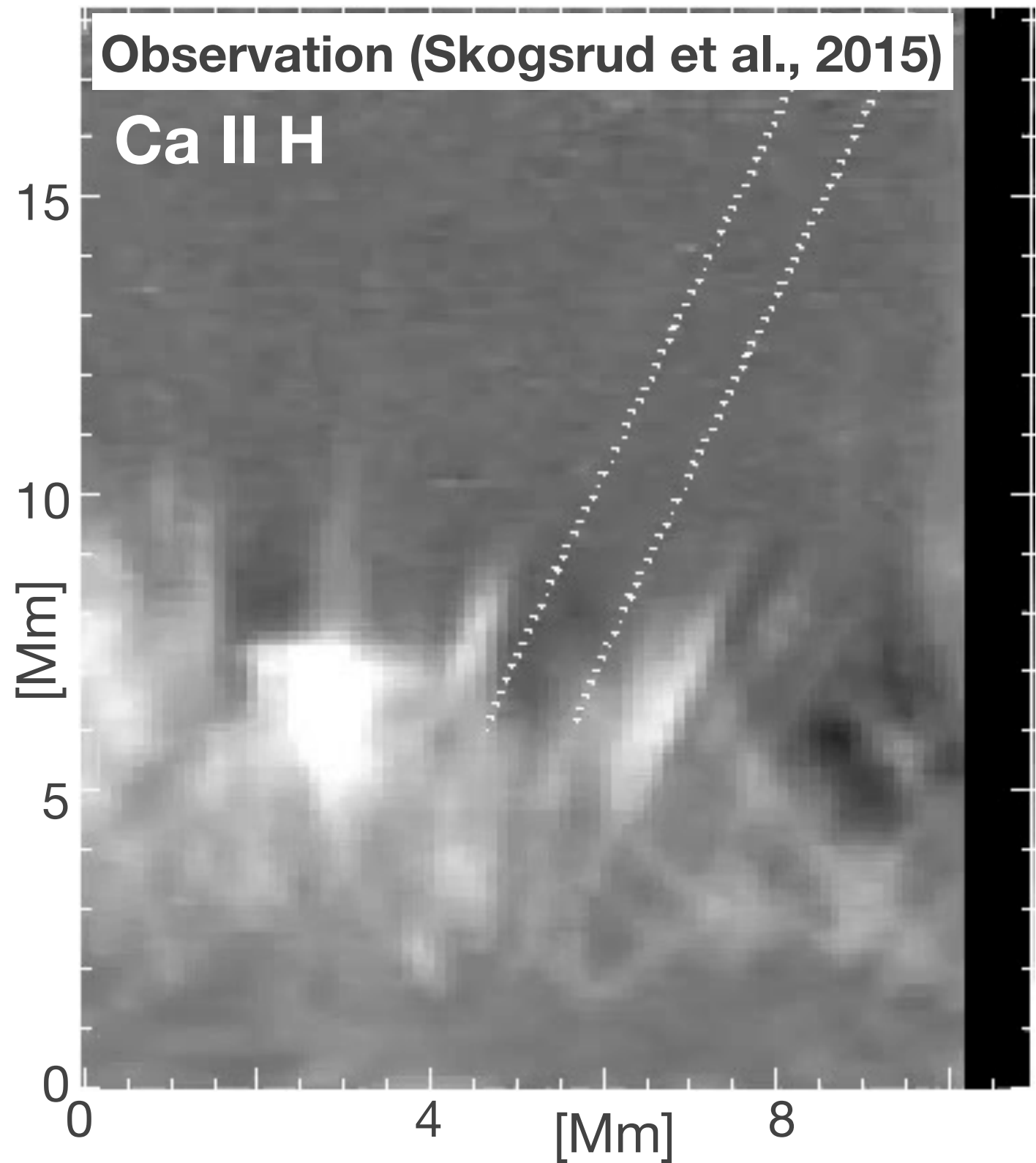
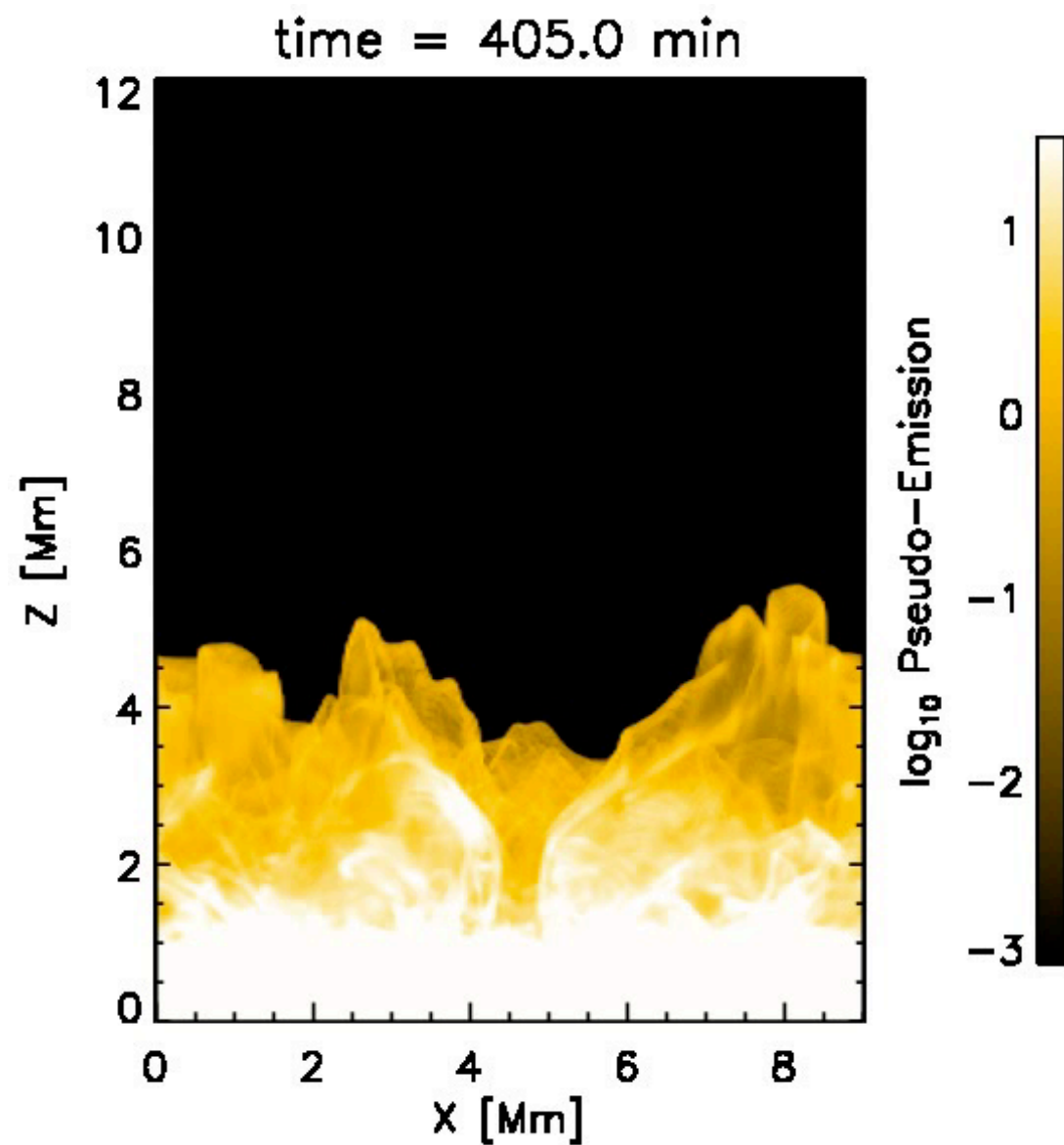
Right: optically thin emission with the Gaussian contribution function $G(T)$ that mimics the chromospheric line emission (~ 10 kK).

$$\epsilon = \int n_e n_H G(T) dl$$

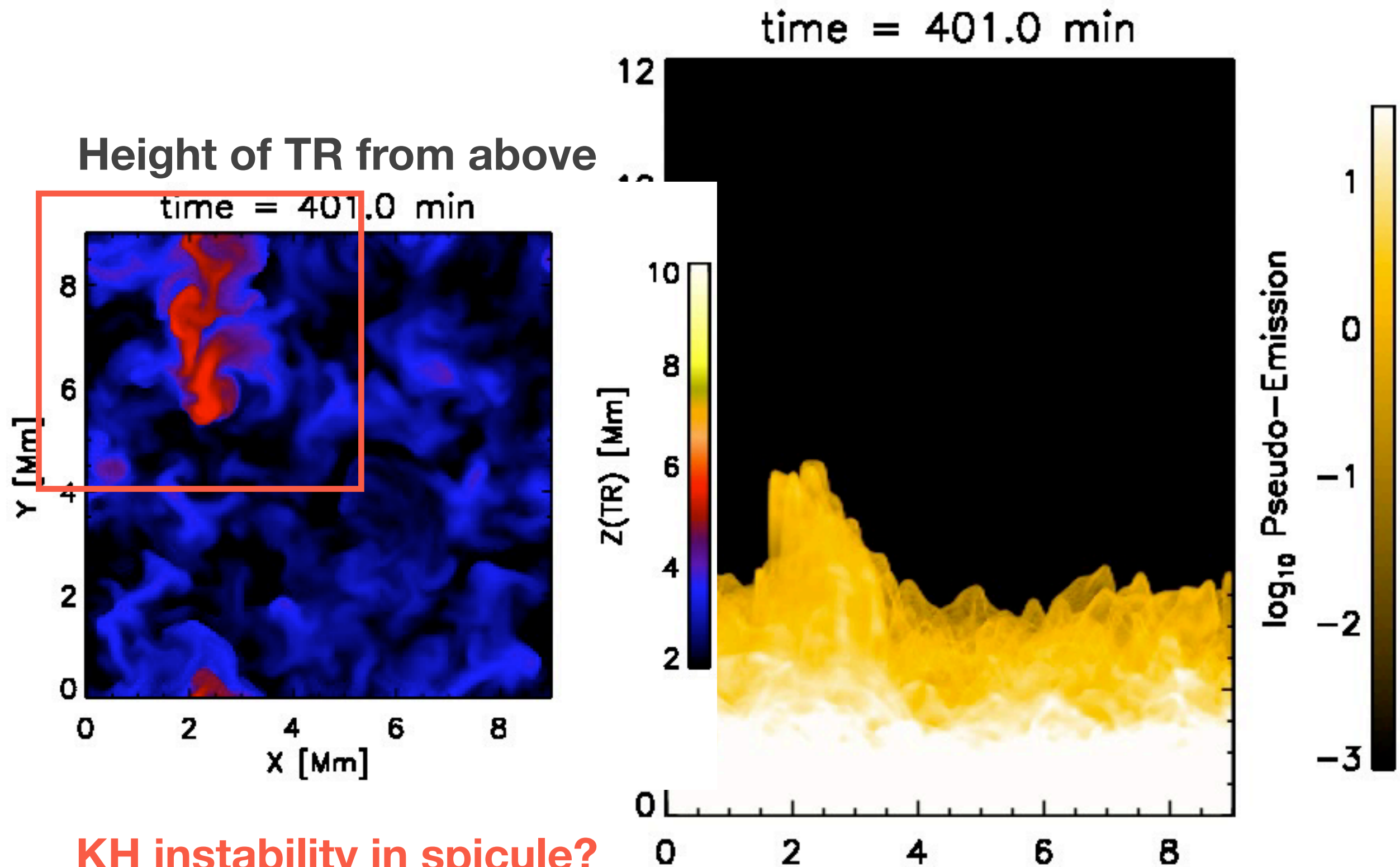
Iijima & Yokoyama (2017, ApJ)



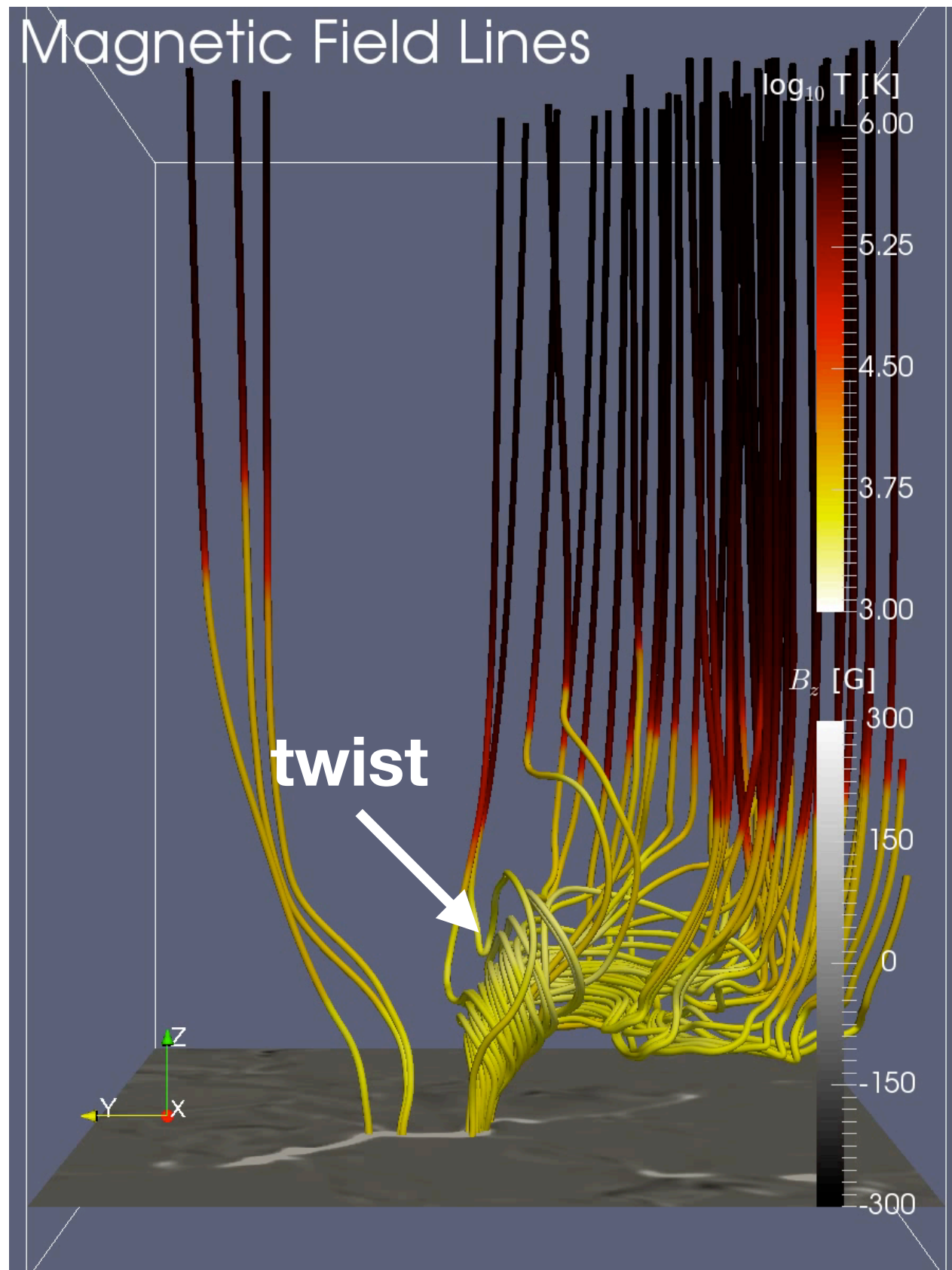
Multi-threaded nature of spicules



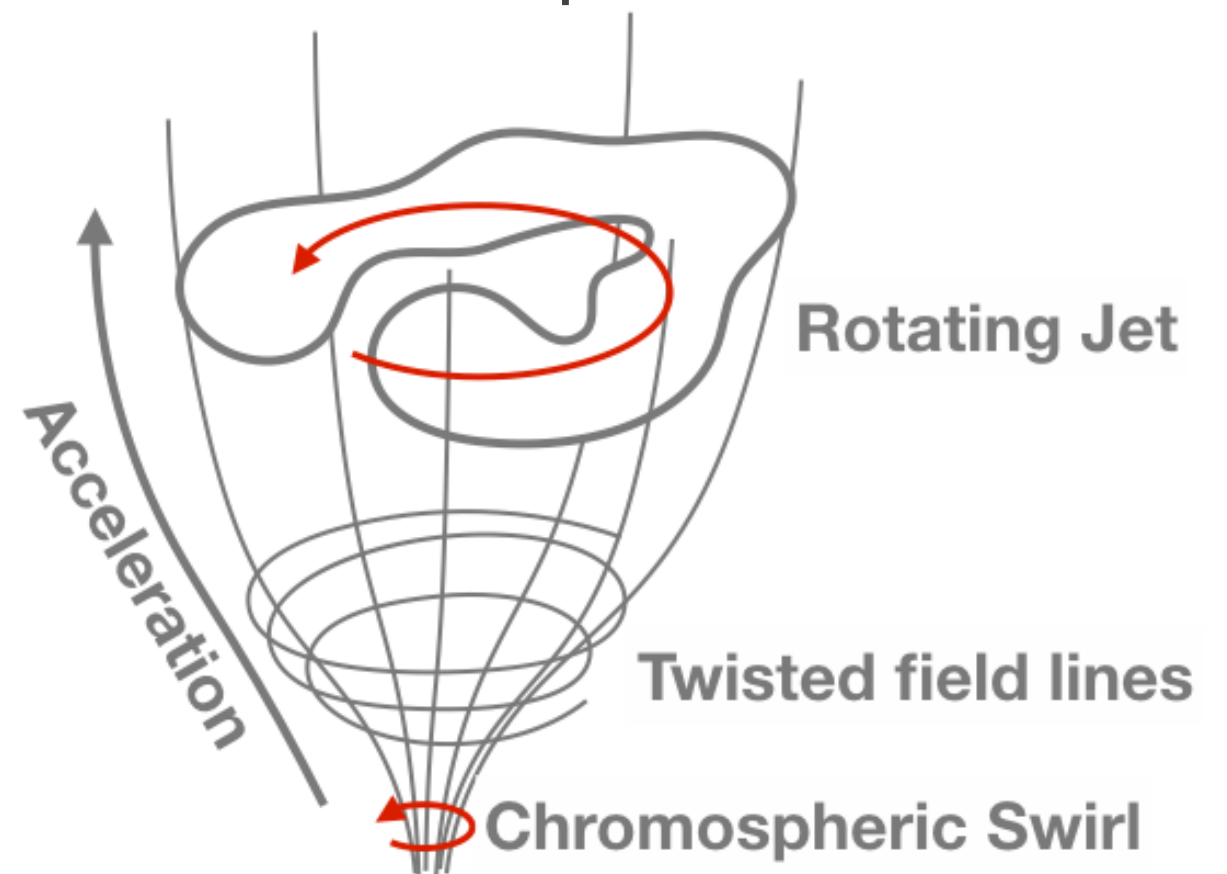
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Torsional motion at the photosphere causes the twist in the chromosphere. When twist becomes sufficiently strong, it releases the free energy and accelerate the plasma.



Iijima & Yokoyama (2017, ApJ)

Twist and magnetic flux imbalance

Flux imbalance

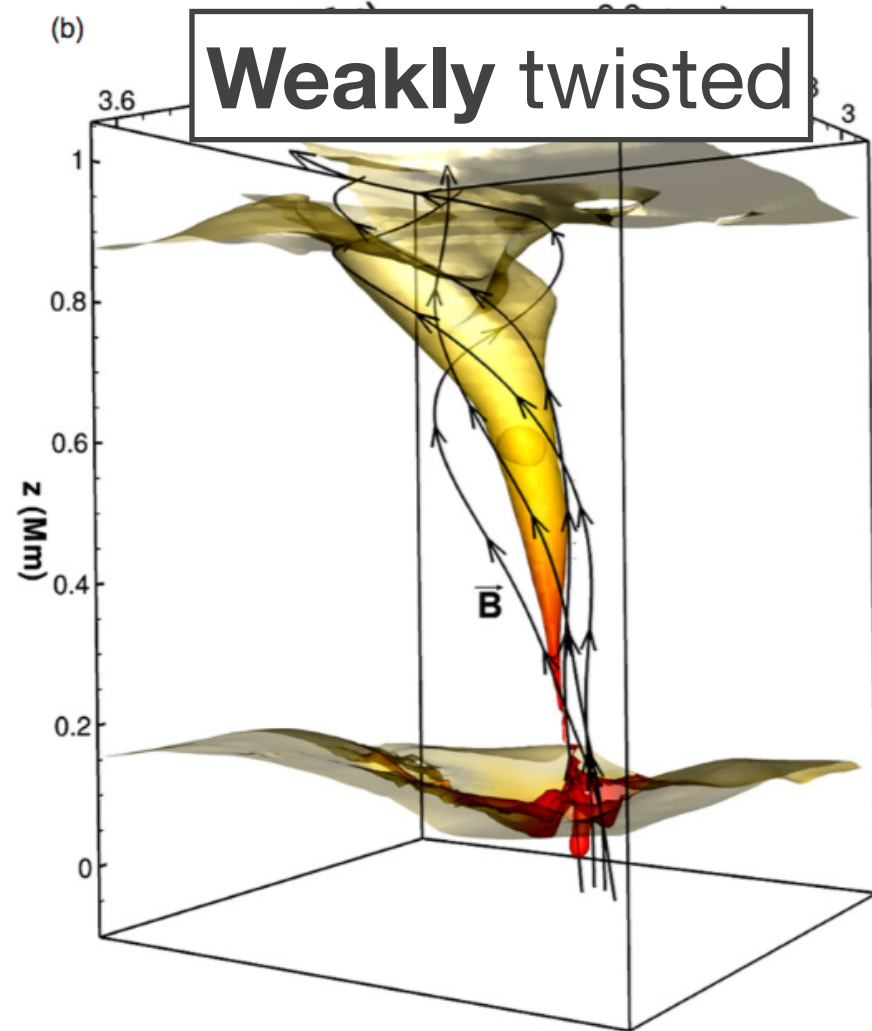
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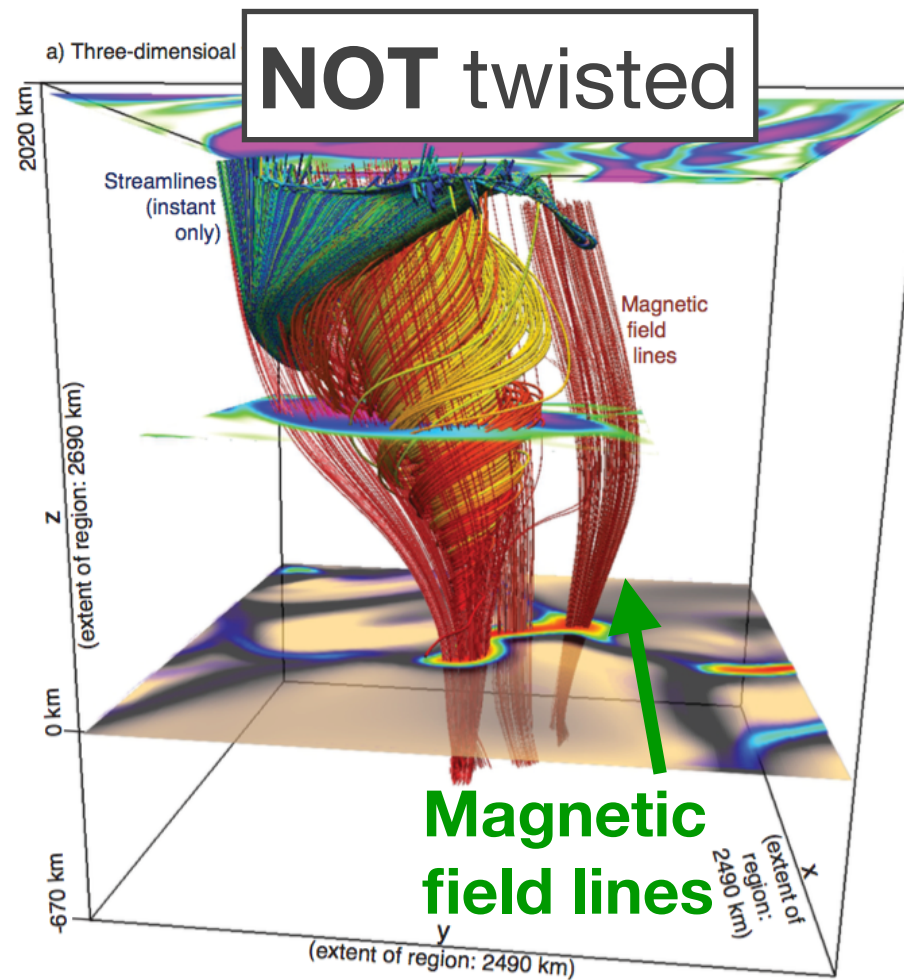
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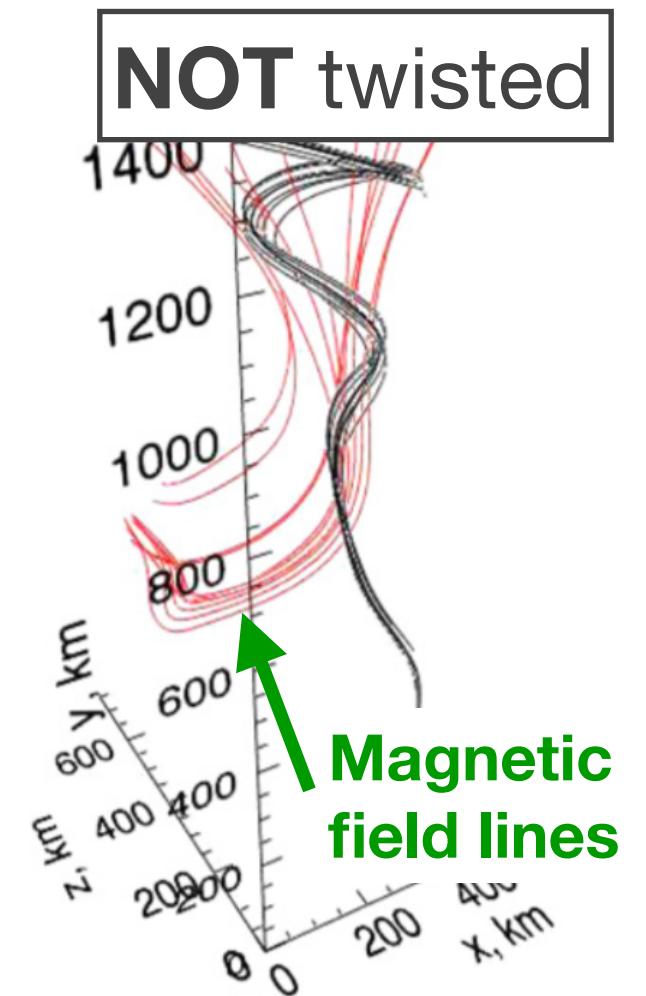
$B_0 = 200 \text{ G}$



Kitiashvili et al. (2013)

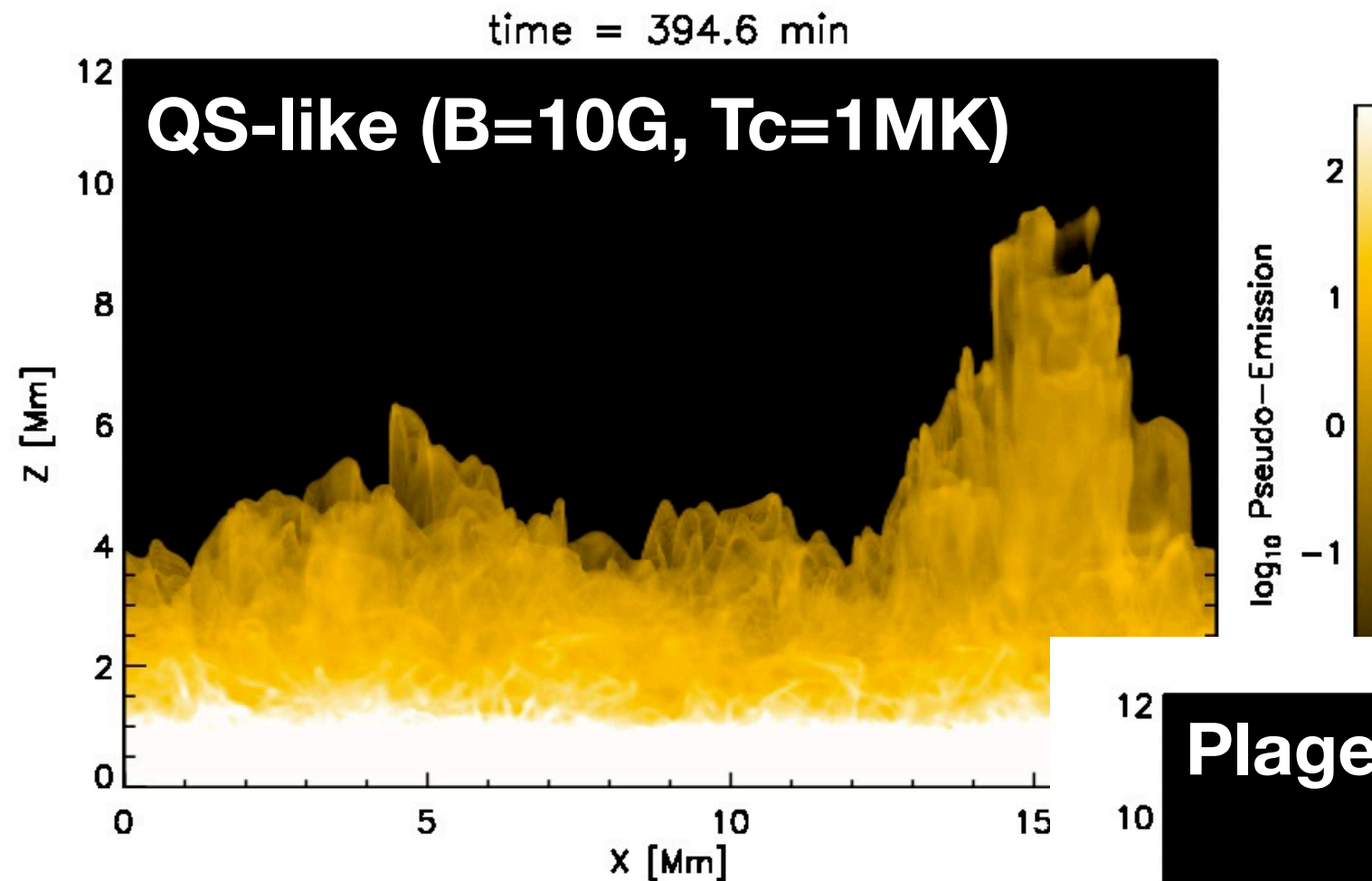


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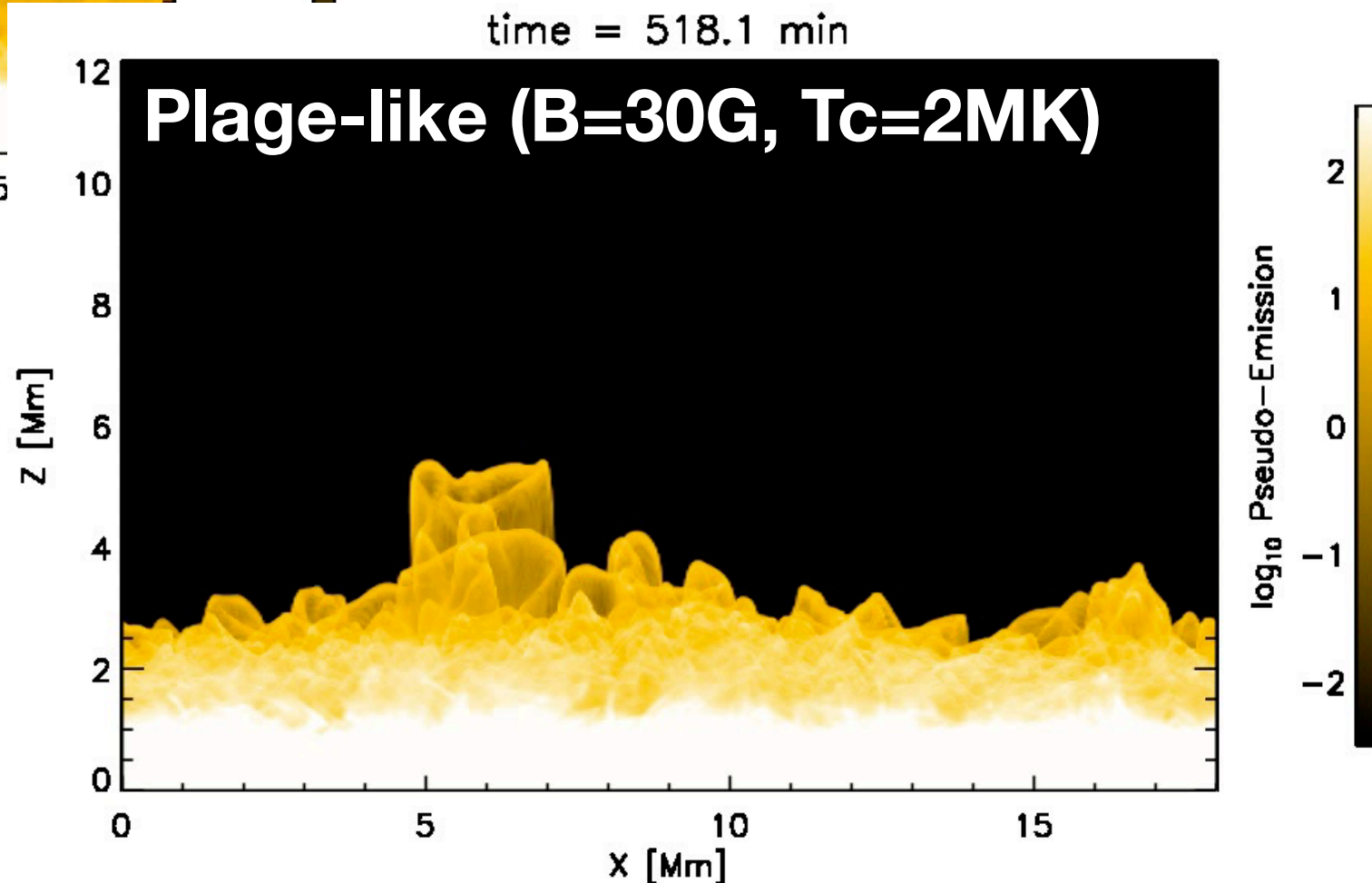
Regional dependence on flux imbalance



$$L_{\text{jet}} \propto P_c^{-0.2} B_c^{-0.5}$$

P_c: Coronal gas pressure
or TR density

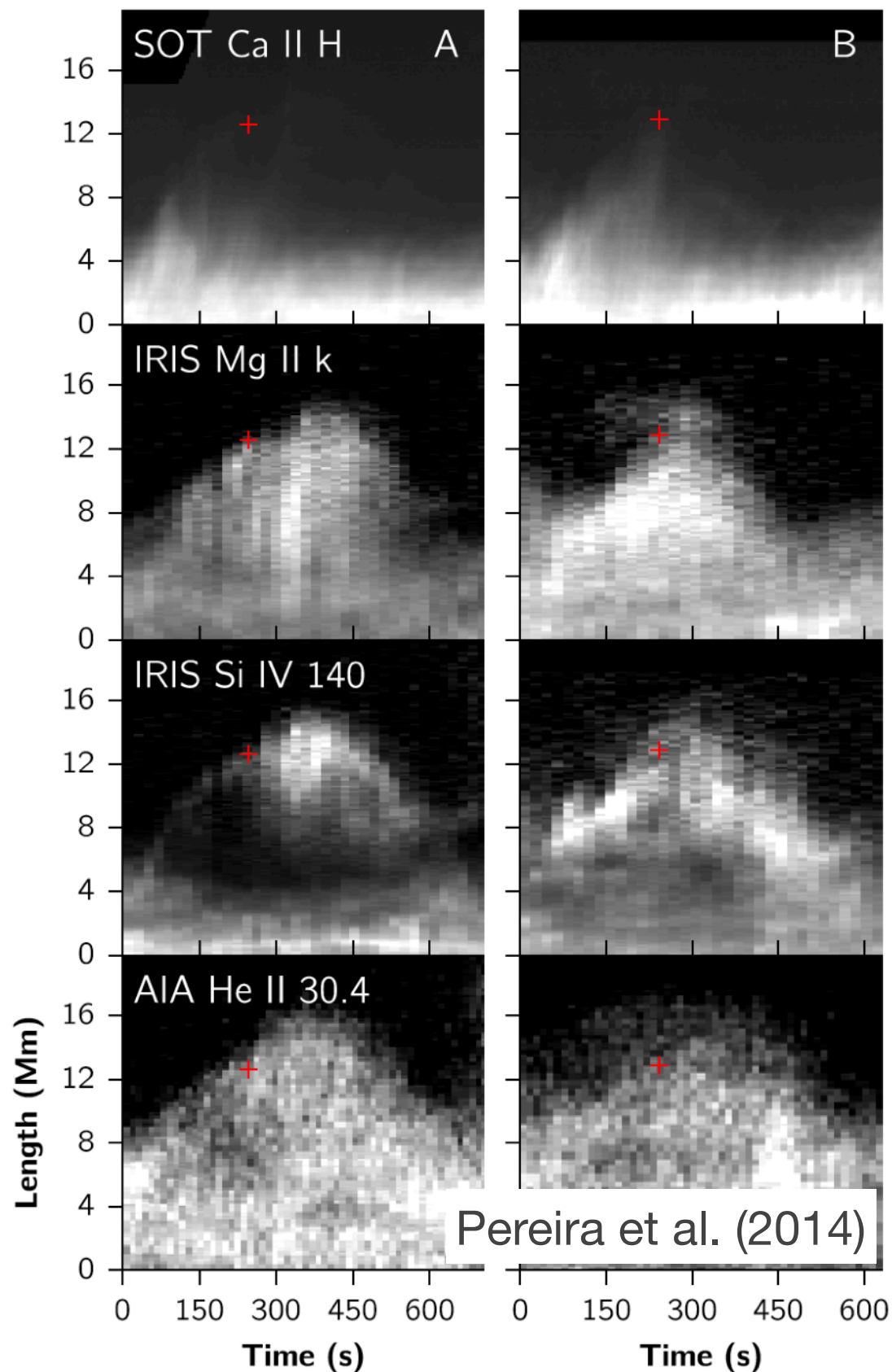
B_c: Coronal field strength
or Flux imbalance



Alfvén wave model

- Energy source
 - Torsional Alfvén wave
- Expected signature
 - **Vortex in the photosphere and chromosphere**
 - **Twisted magnetic field in the chromosphere**
 - **Regional dependence on the flux imbalance**
 - No need of magnetic field cancellation

Spicule = Plasma? | Type II spicule

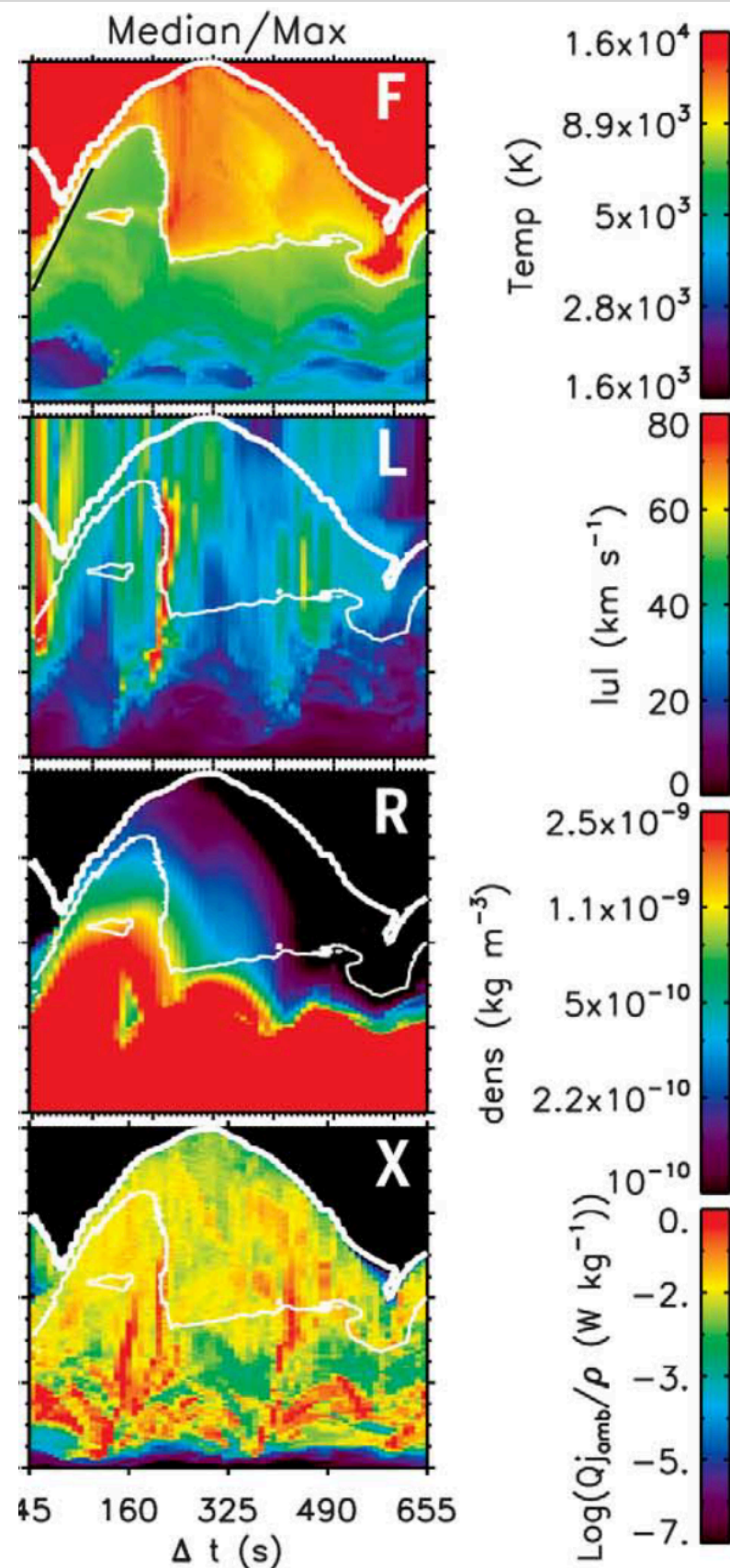


Fast apparent speed > 100 km/s

Linear trajectory (e.g., in SOT/Ca II H)

Heating during the evolution?

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Temperature

Transverse Velocity

Mass density

Joule heating

Apparent high-speed
is produced by the
propagating Alfvén wave?
(De Pontieu et al., 2017)

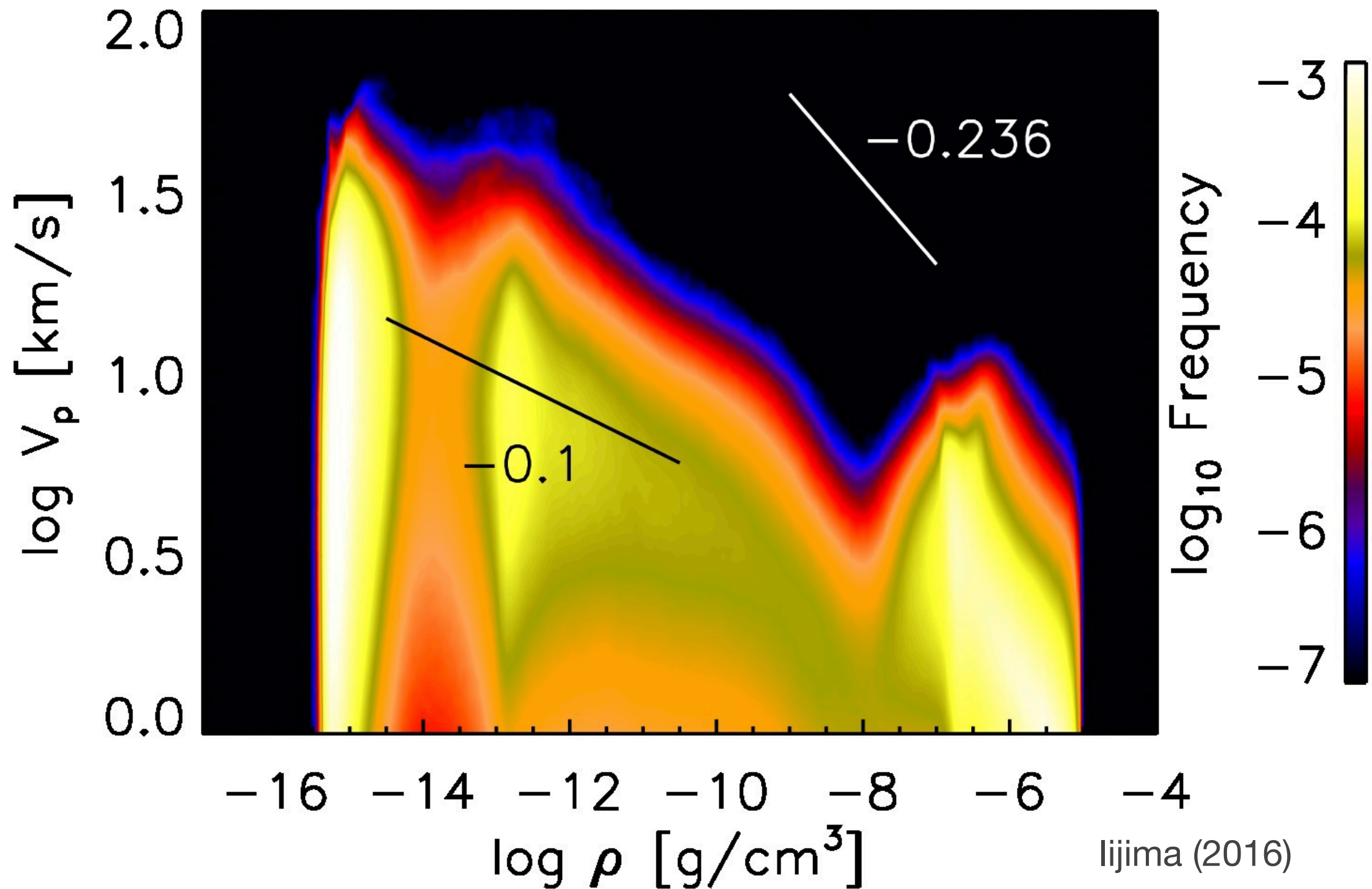
Heating by the
(transverse) Alfvén wave
with ambipolar diffusion?

Martinez-Sykora et al. (2017)

How can we distinguish formation mechanisms?

- Sound wave model (most difficult?, requires highly quantitative analysis)
 - **Continuous and quantitative tracking of sound wave** from the photosphere to the TR.
- Reconnection model
 - **Cancellation and transient brightening** in high-T lines
- Alfvén wave model
 - **Vortex and twist in the chromosphere**
- In general
 - **Density diagnostics** in photosphere, chromosphere, and TR is very important to quantify the “amplitude” of the jet velocity under the amplification.
 - **Regional dependence** is also helpful to distinguish the formation process.

Importance of the density diagnostics



Possible formation models of spicule

Energy source (driver)

P-mode oscillation

Collapsing granule

Flux tube pumping

Kink wave

Alfvén wave

Reconnection out flow

Heating by reconnection

Micro-filament eruption

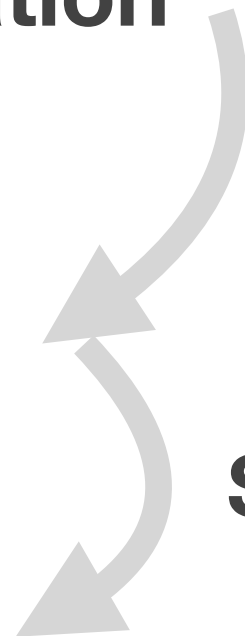
Acoustic perturbation

Shock wave

Jet formation

Amplification by stratification

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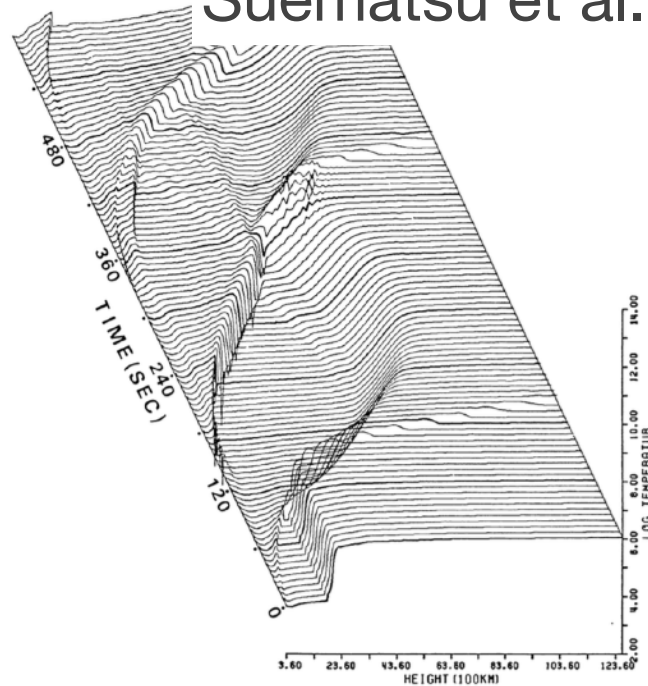
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Flow chart

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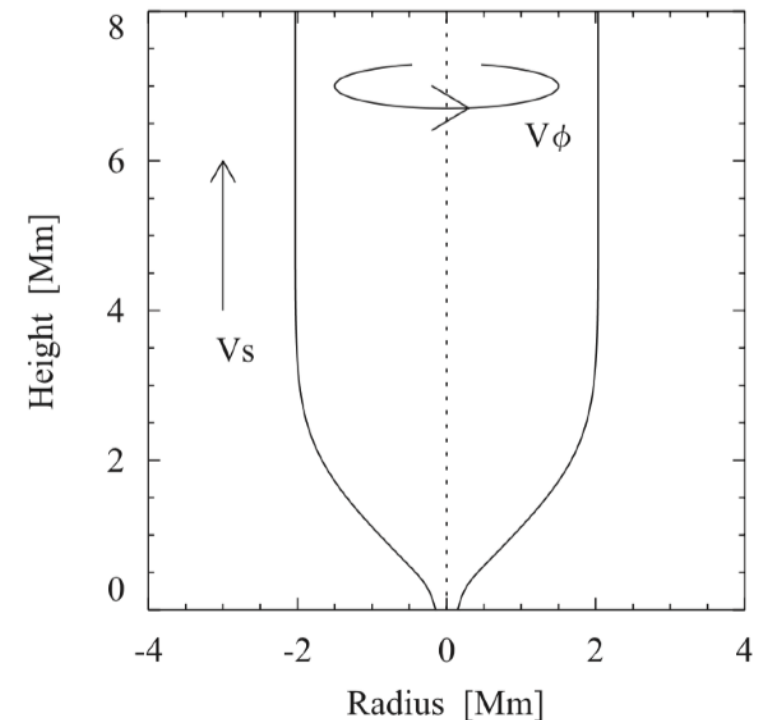
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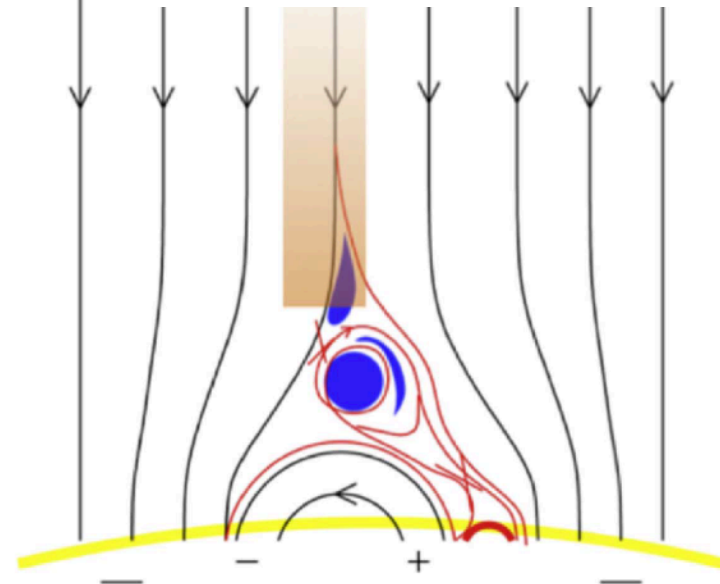
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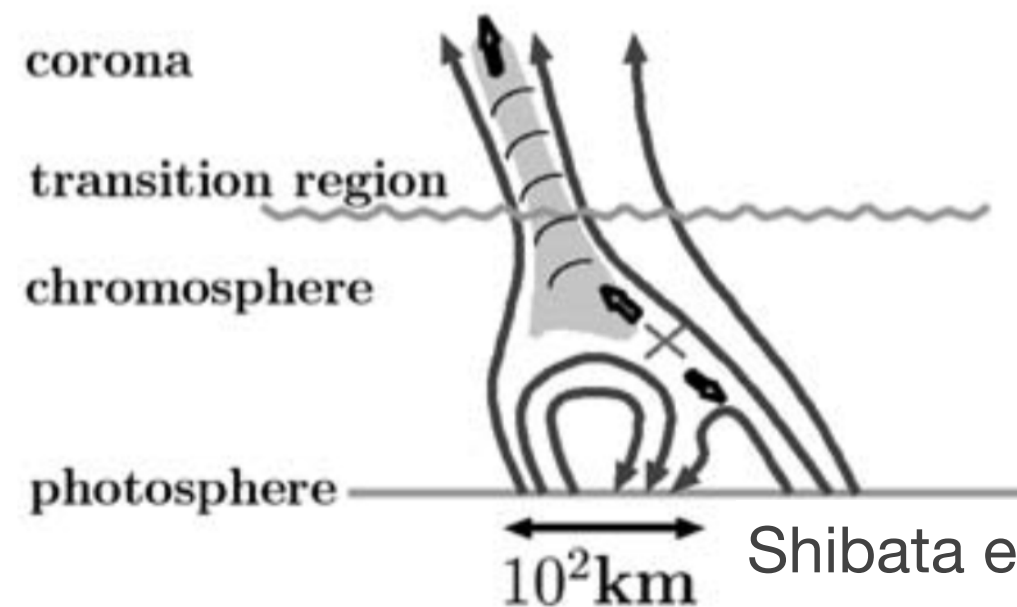
Matsumoto & Shibata (2010)

Micro-filament eruption

(c) Sterling et al. (2016)



Guid-field reconnection

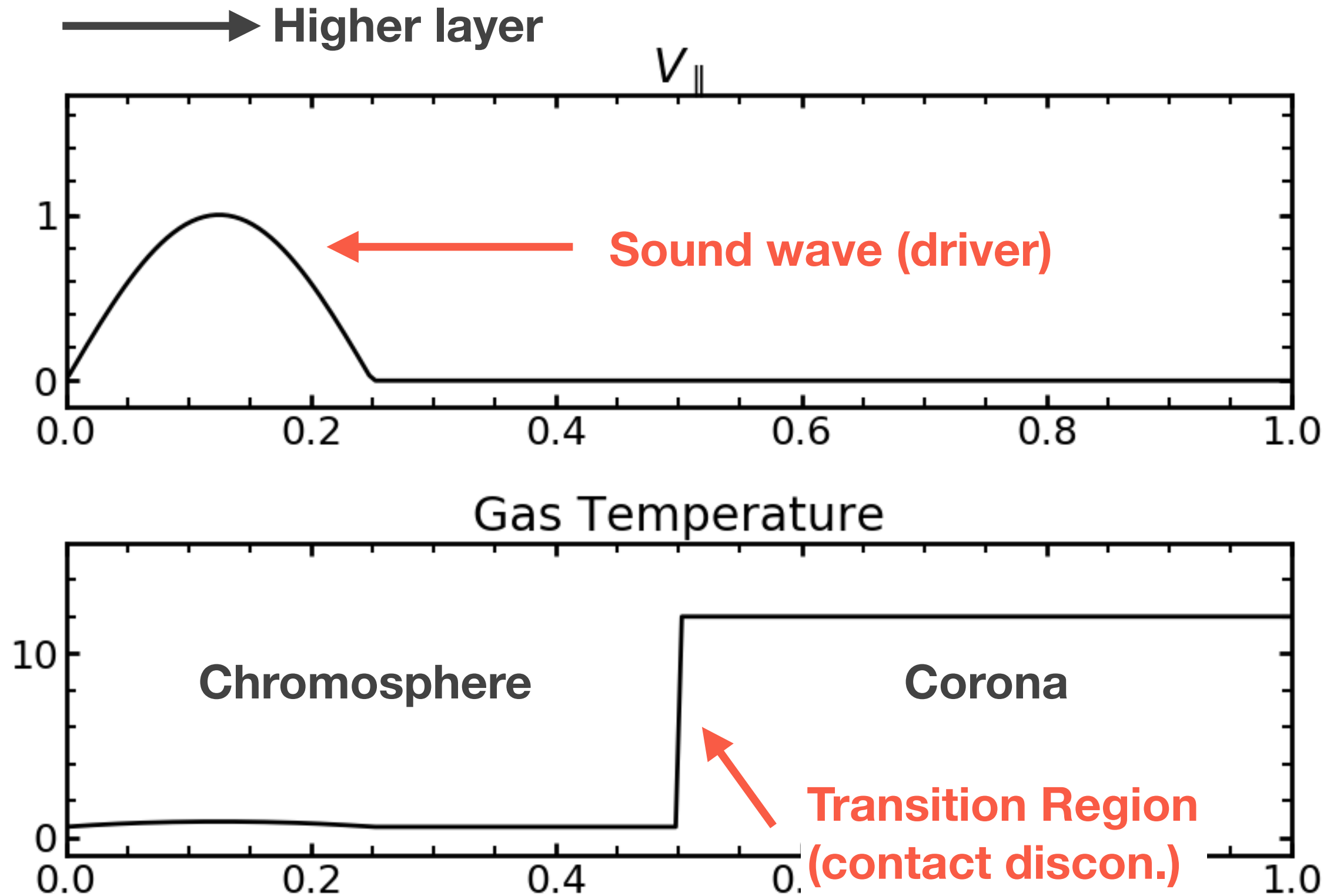


Shibata et al. (2007)

How we can distinguish formation mechanisms?

Regional dependence

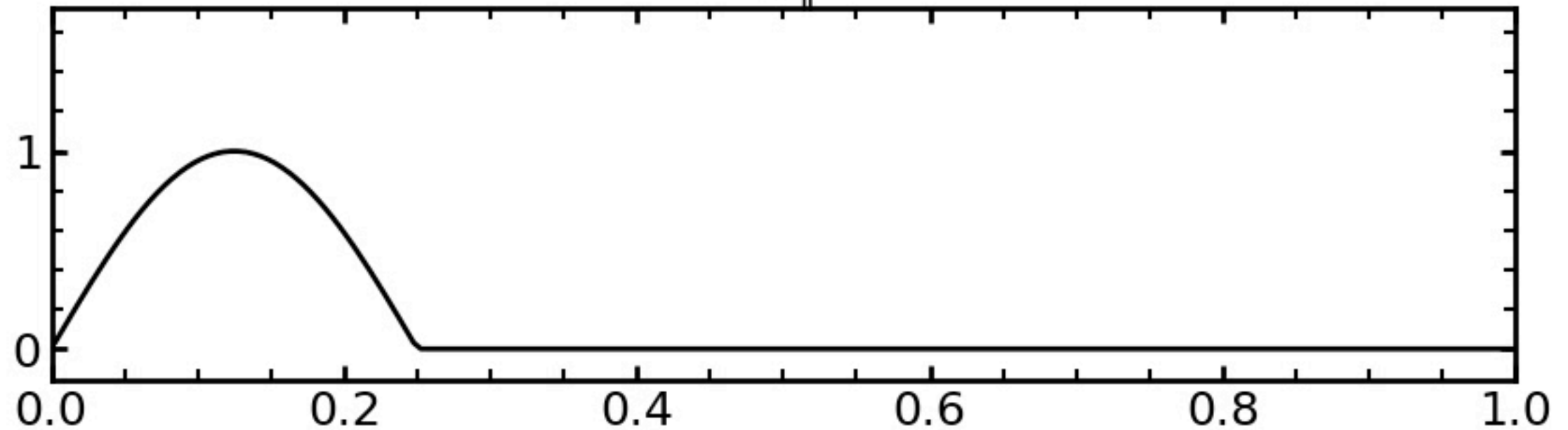
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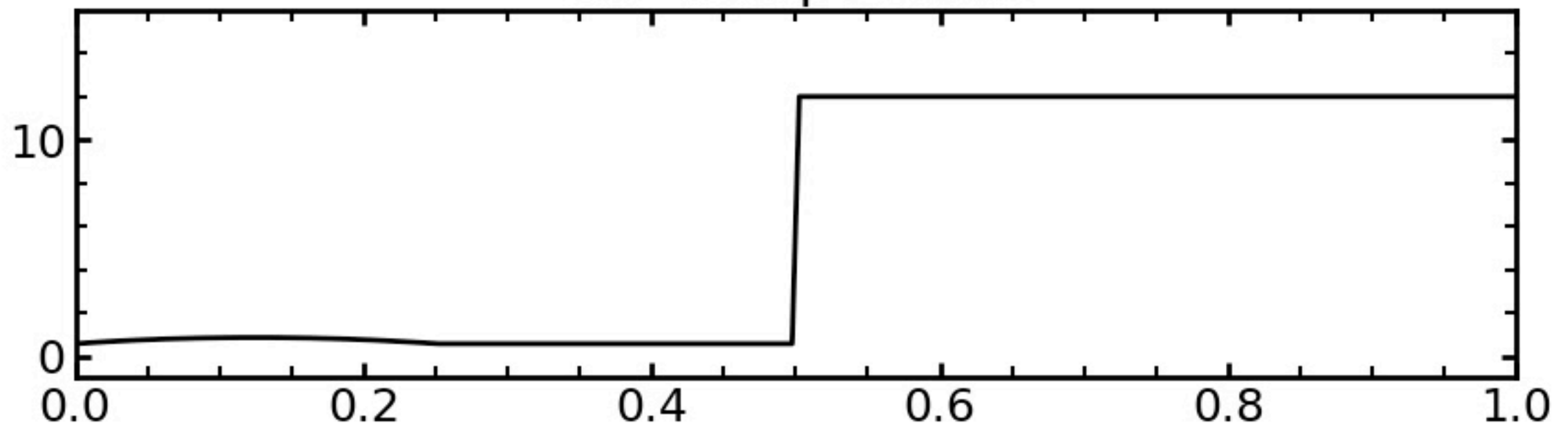
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→ Higher layer

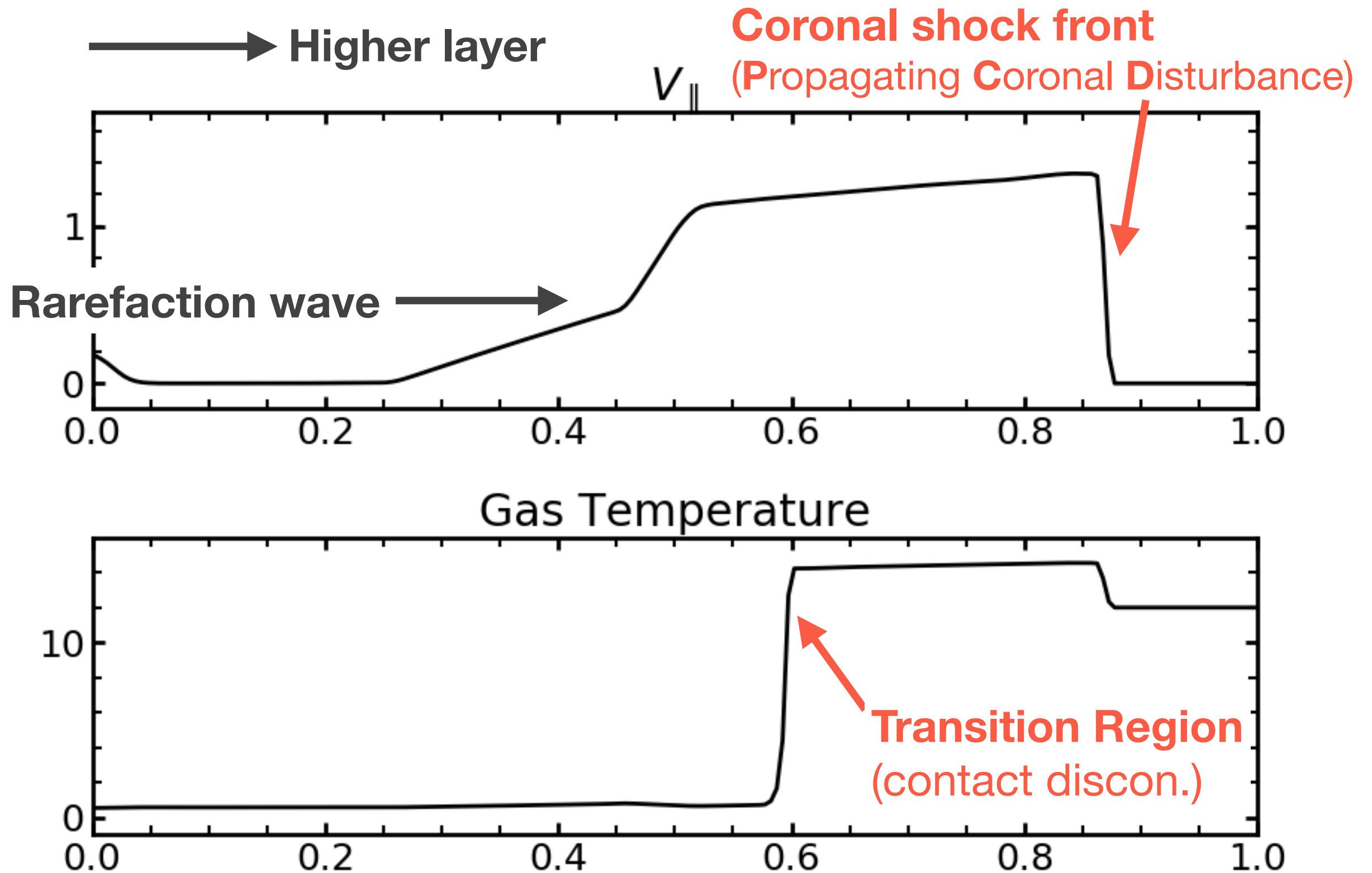
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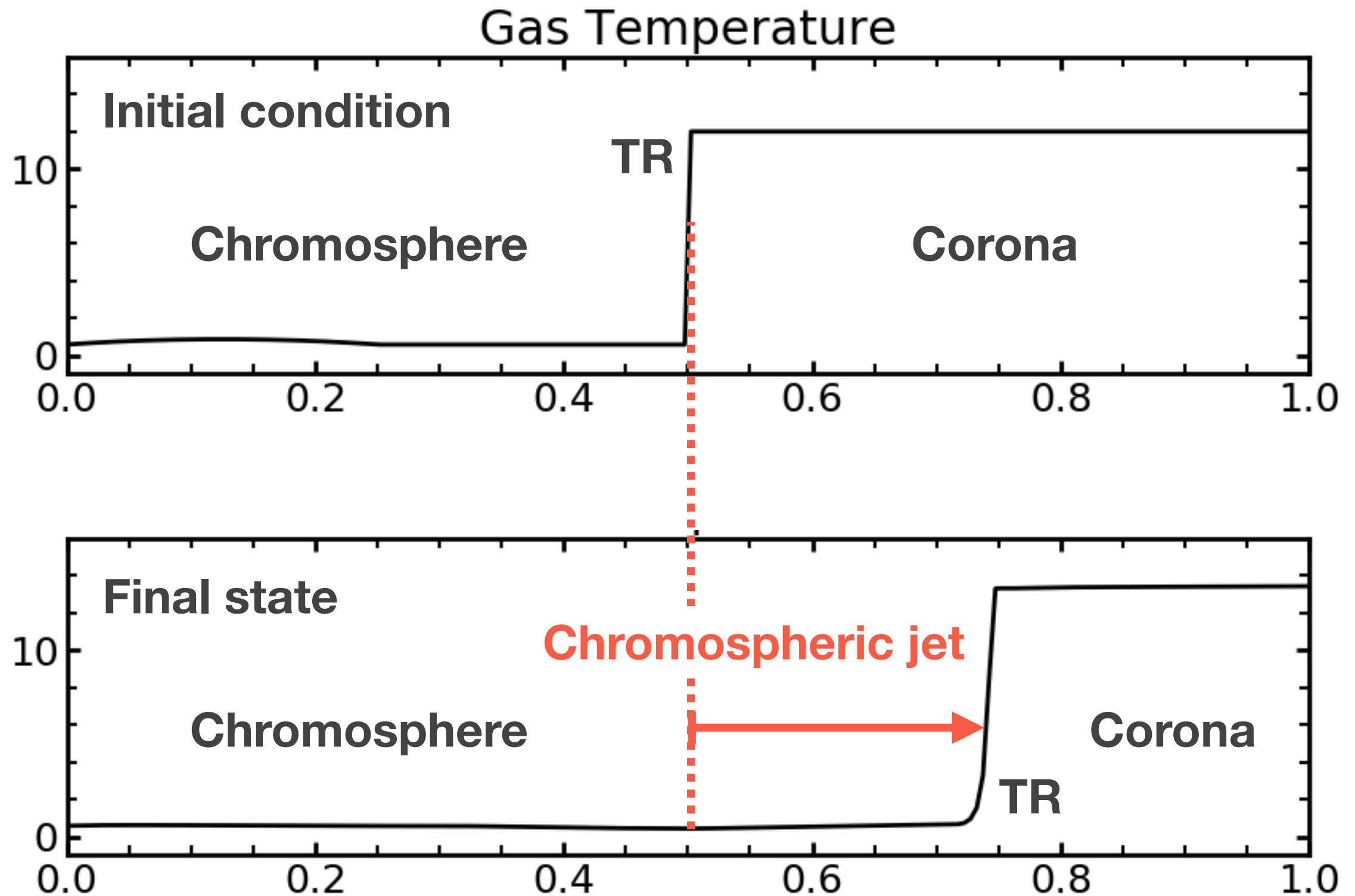
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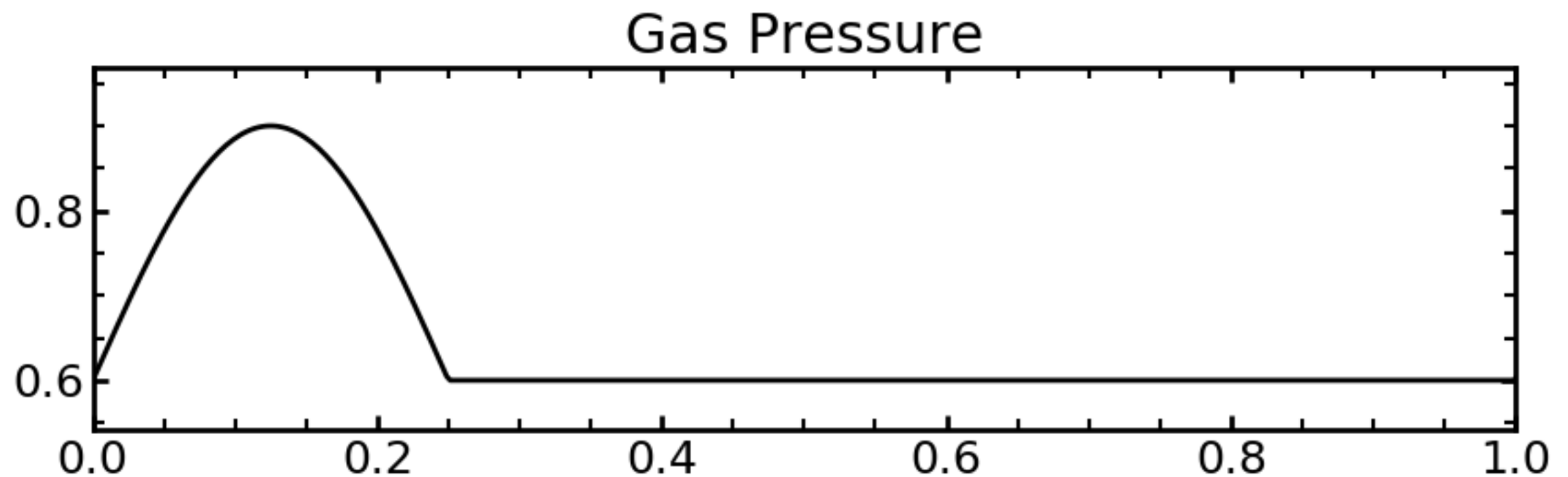
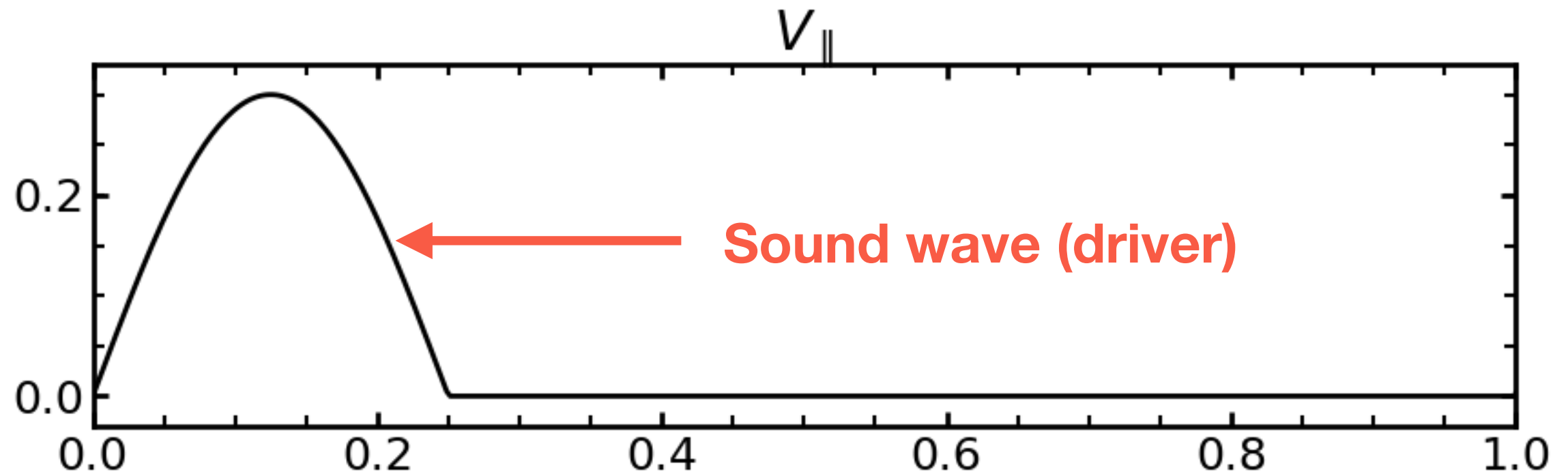
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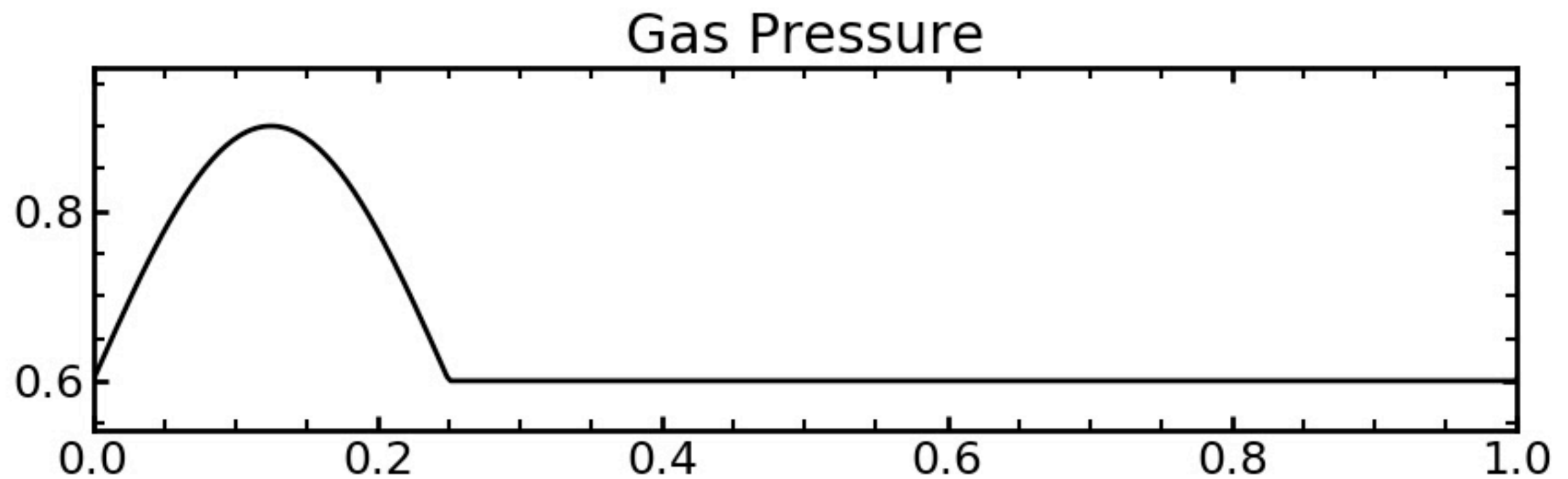
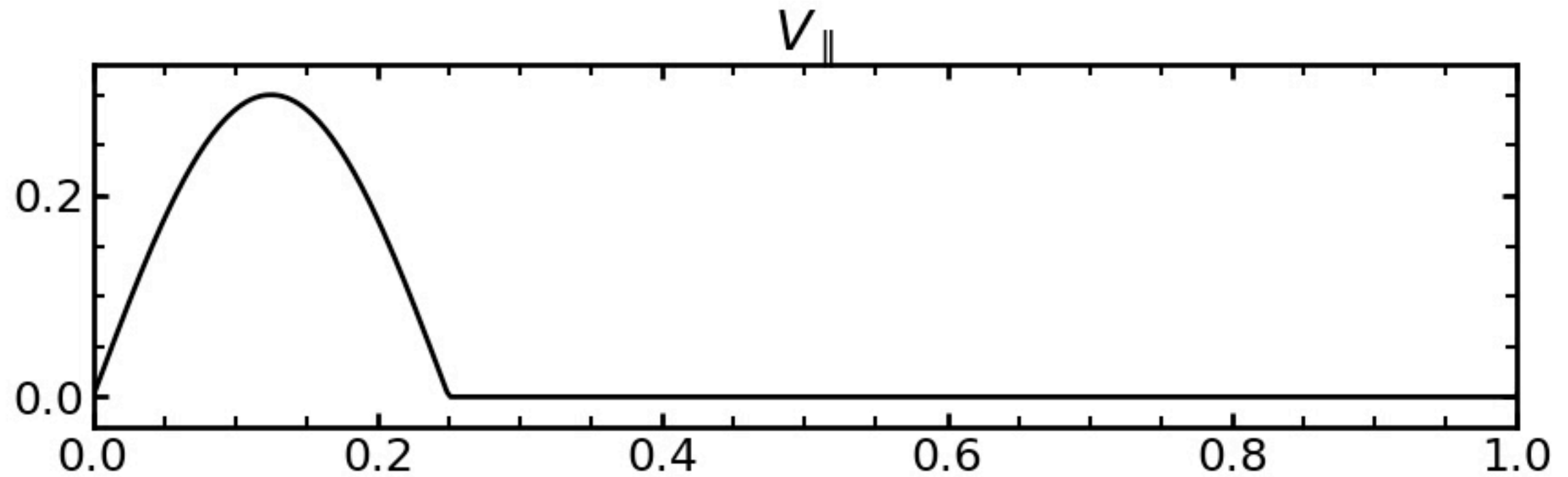
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