

# Observation and modeling of solar coronal loops

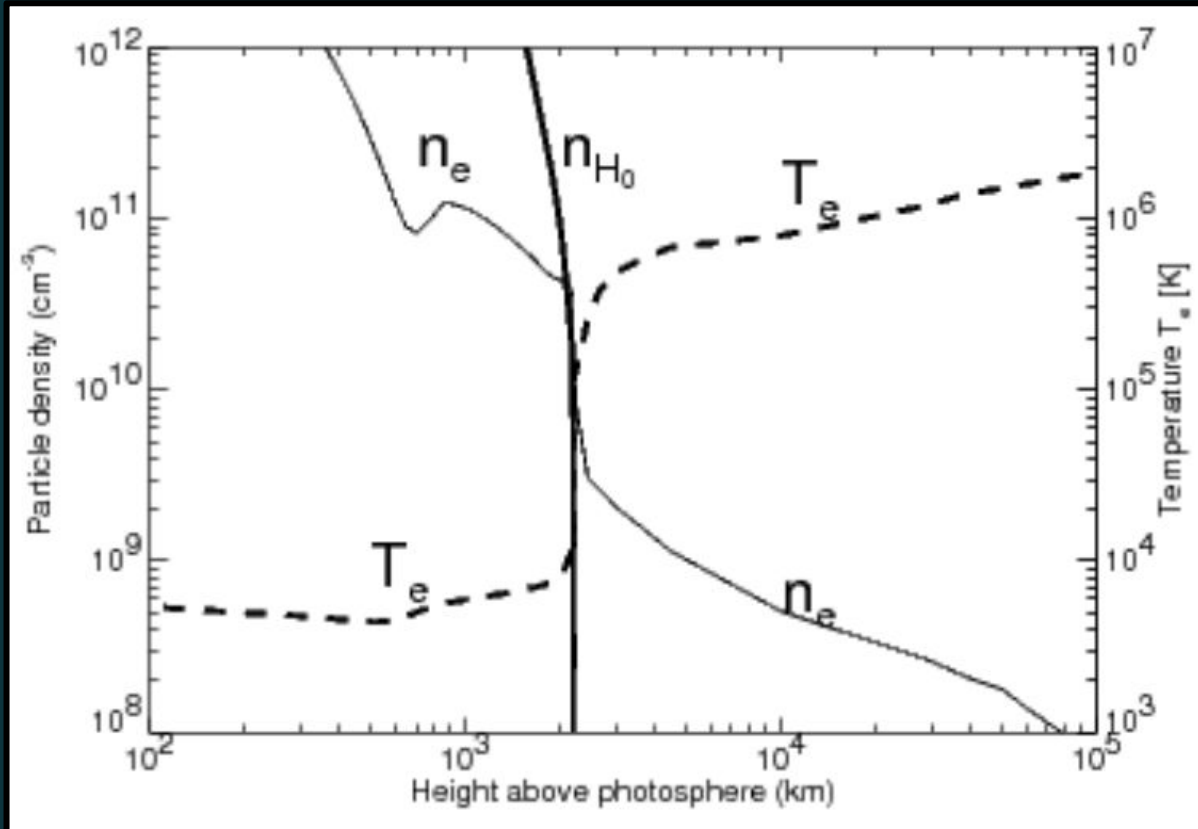
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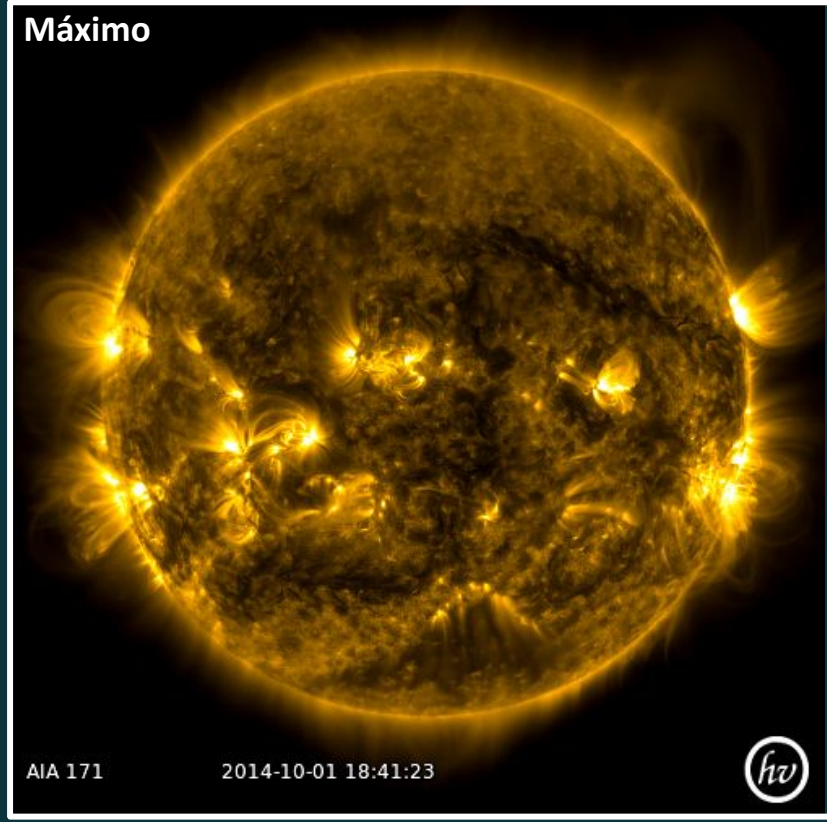
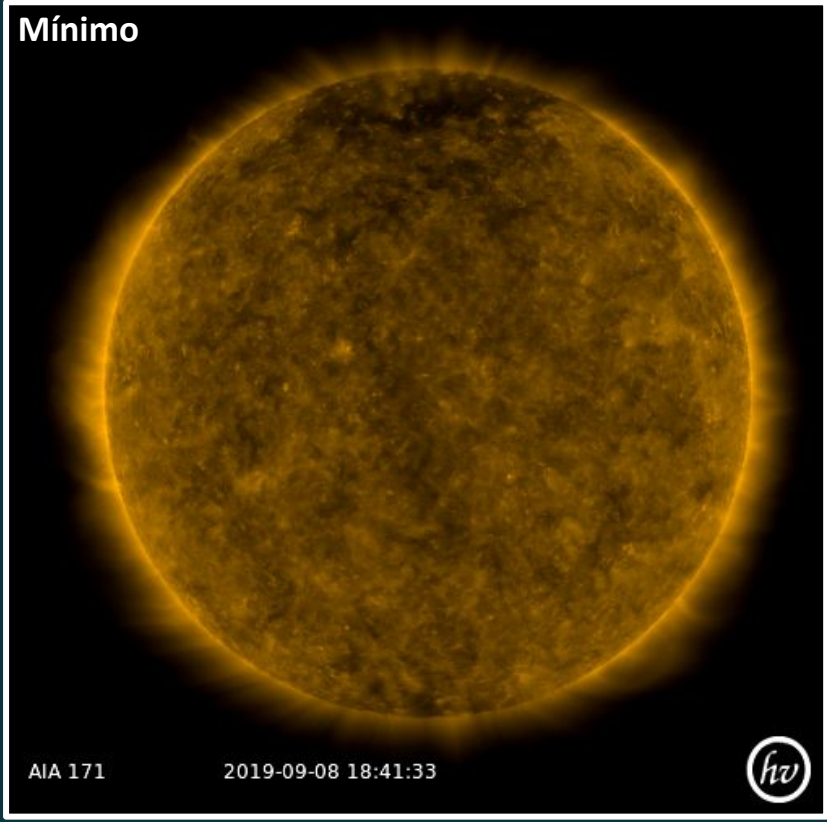
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# Introduction

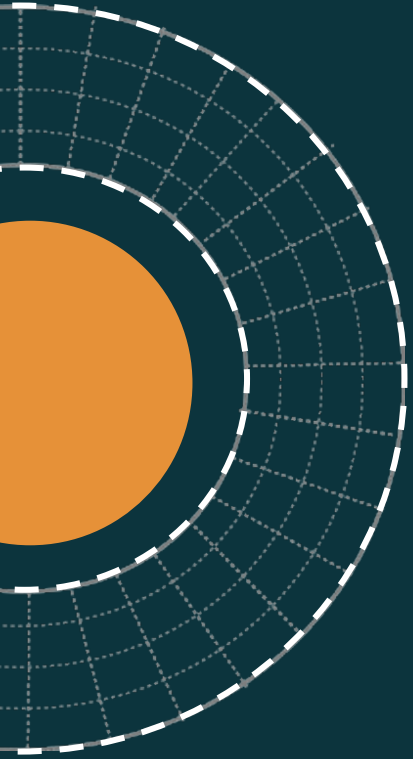


Gabriel, 1976, RSPTA, 281, p. 339.

# Introduction: Solar Cycle



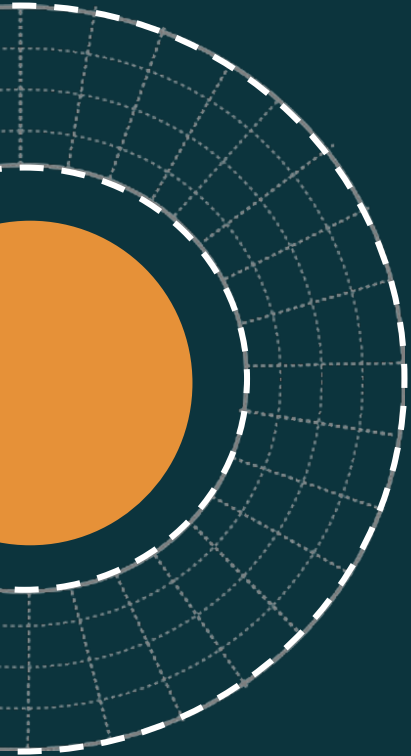
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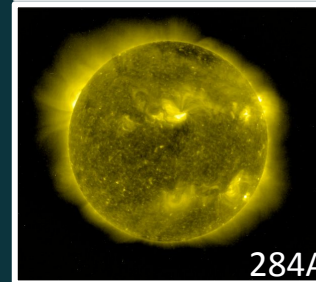
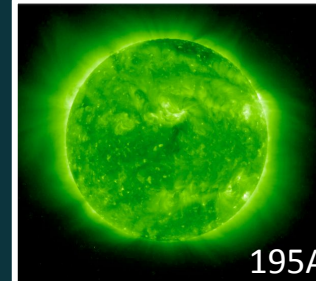
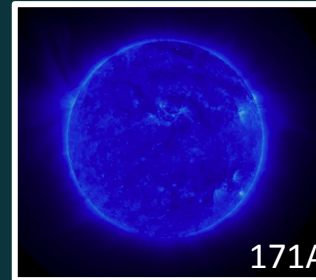
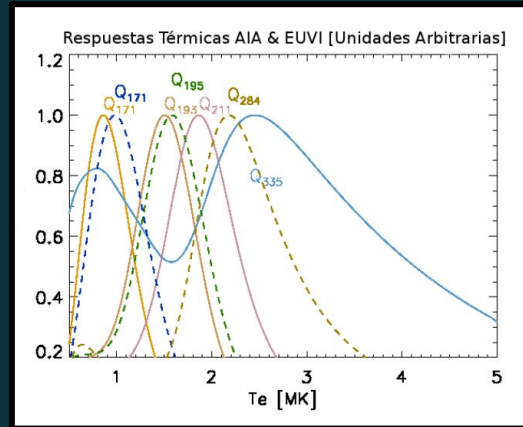
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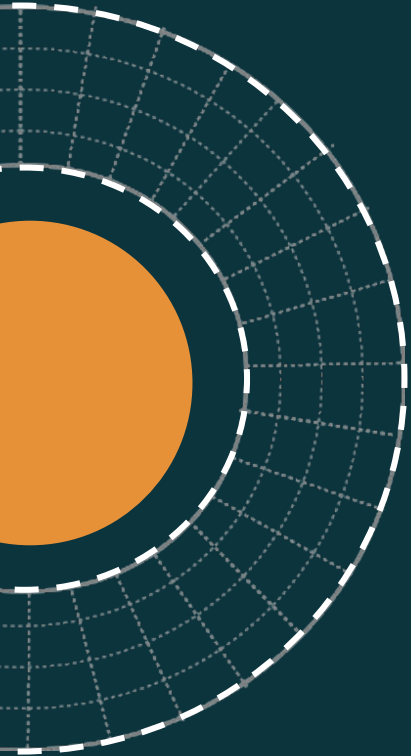


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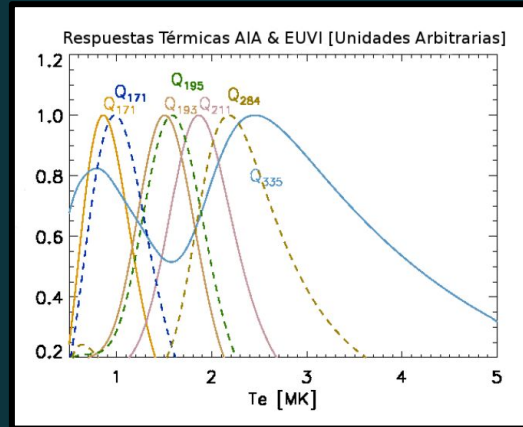


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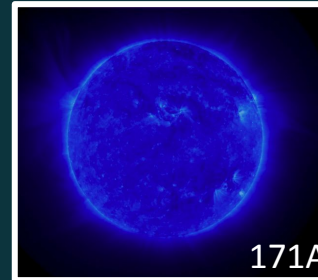


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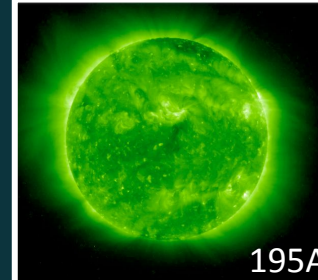
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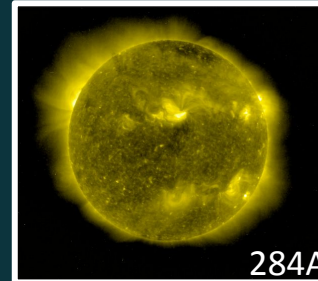
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171Å

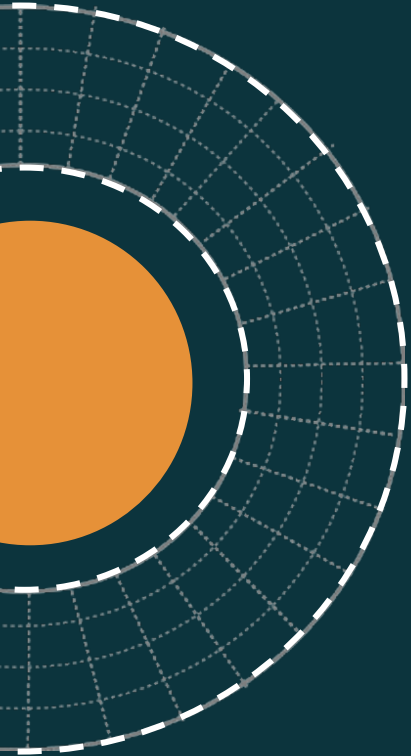


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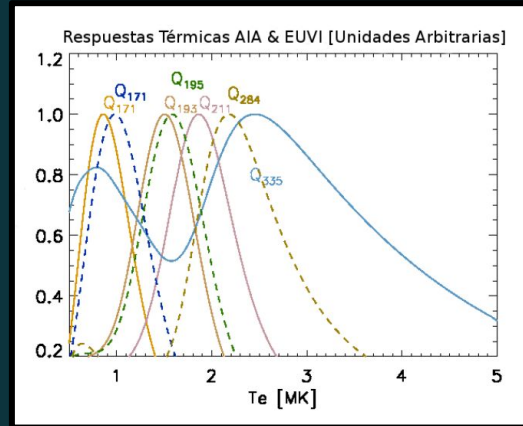
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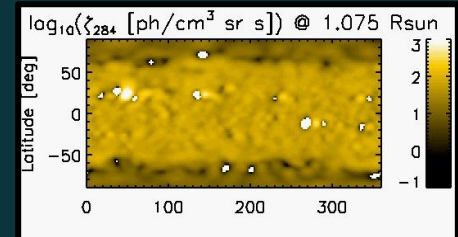
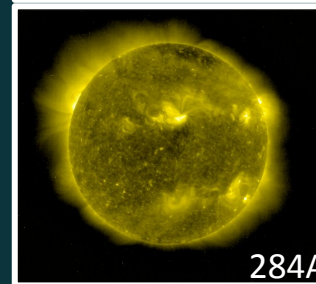
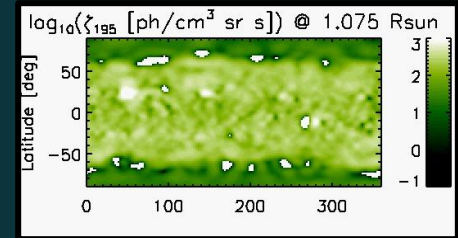
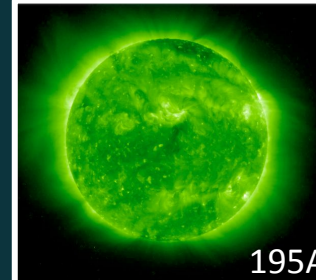
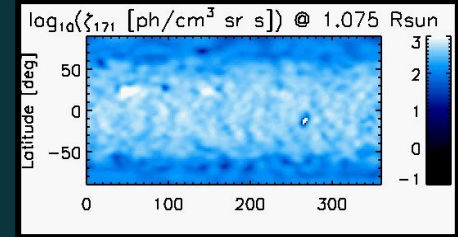
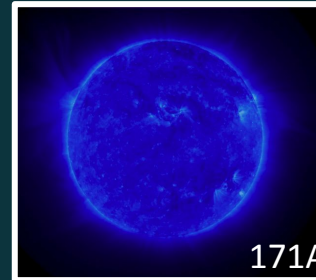


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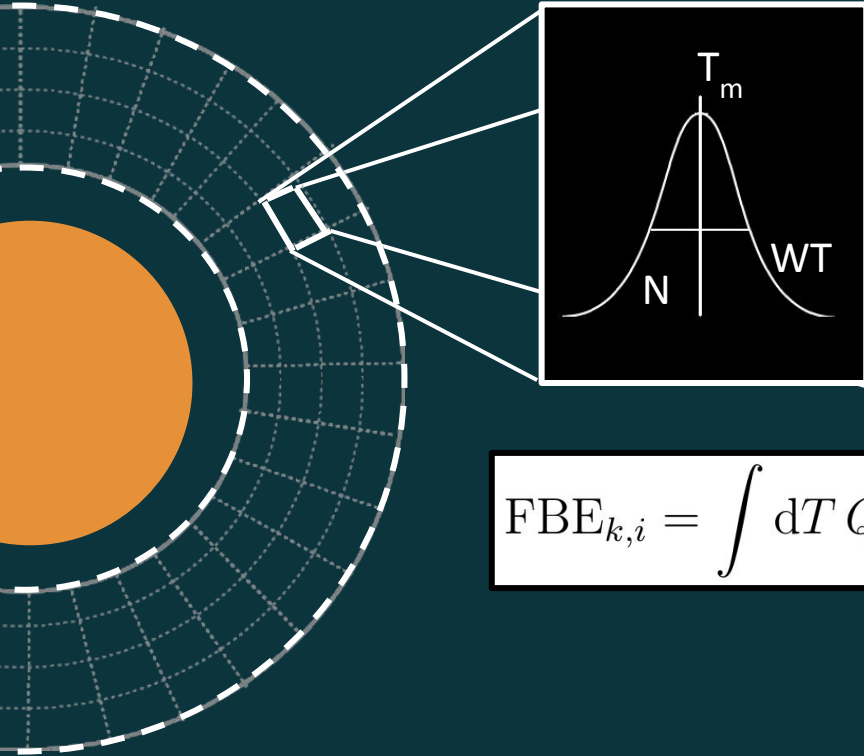
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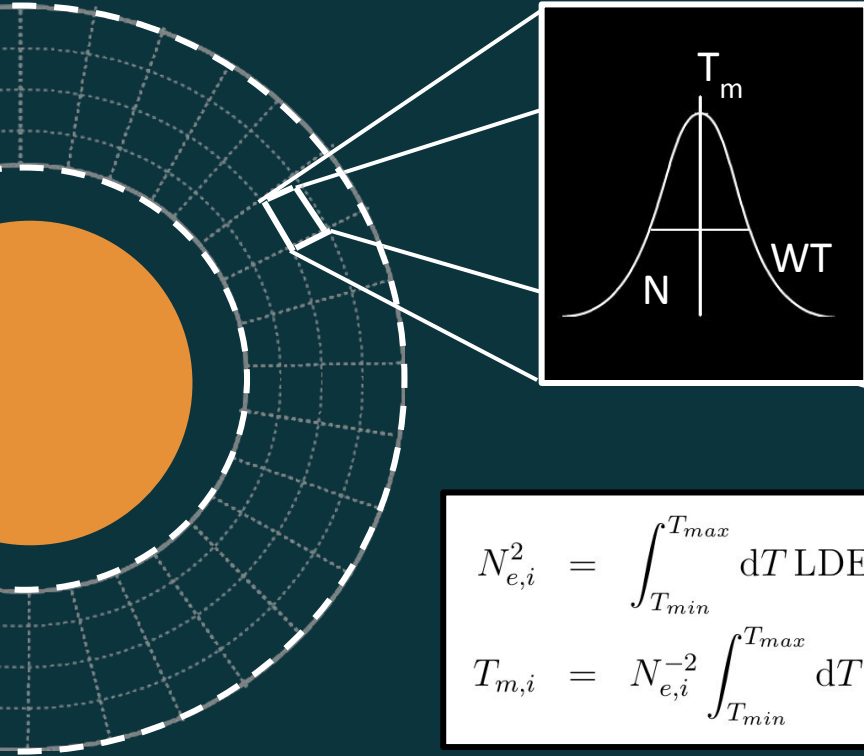
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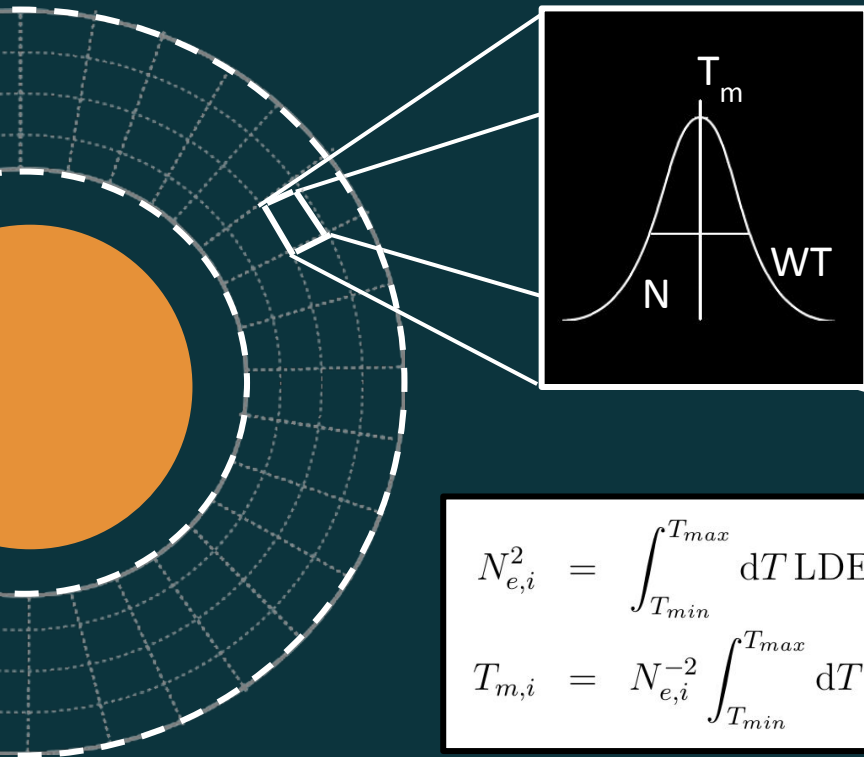


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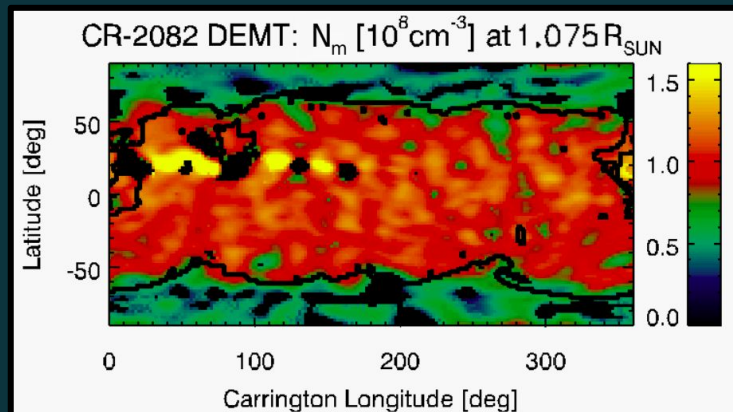
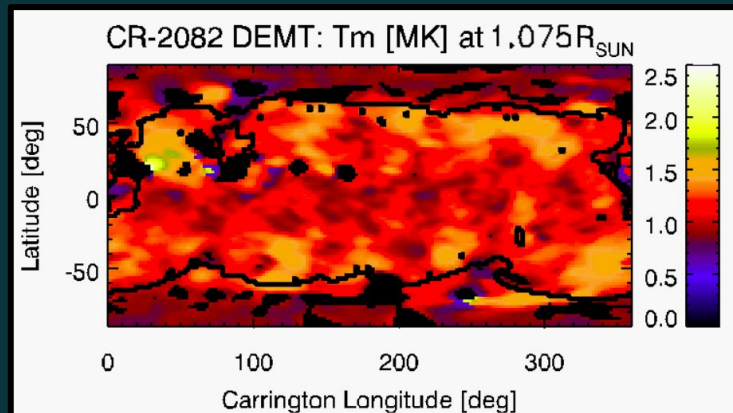


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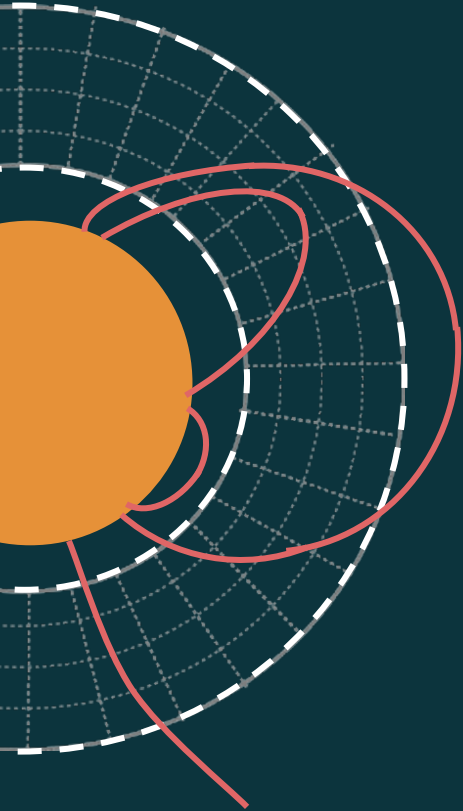
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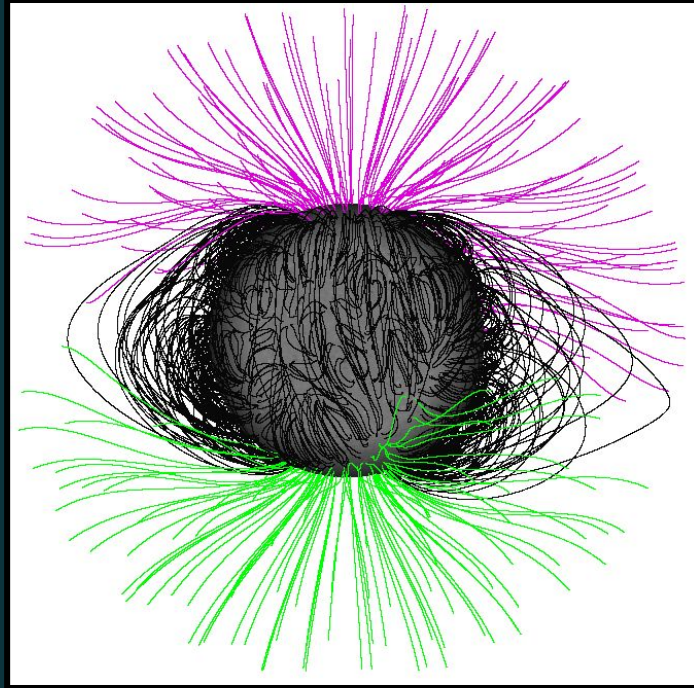
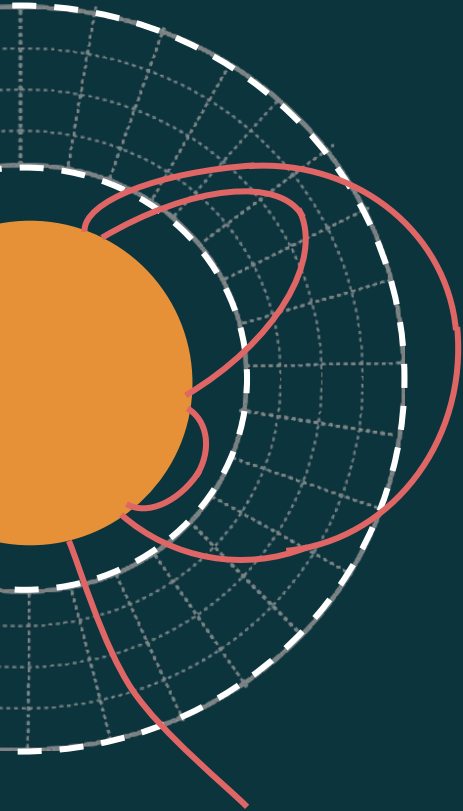
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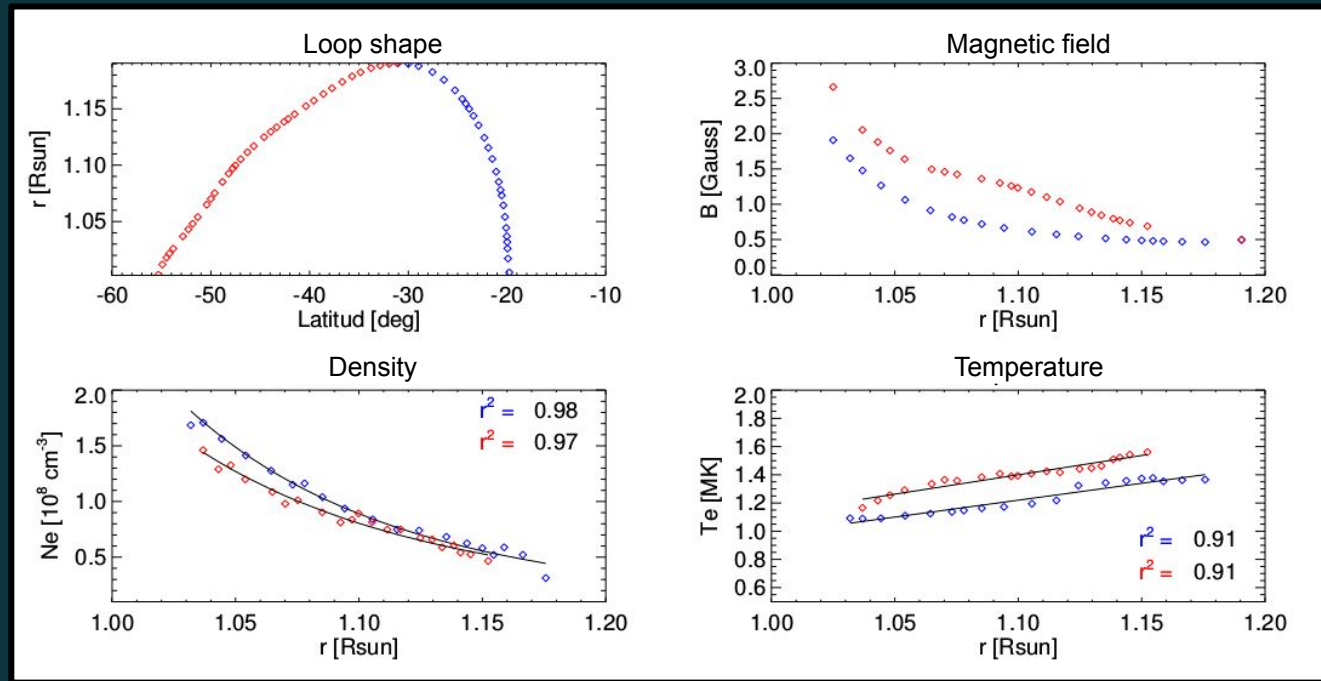
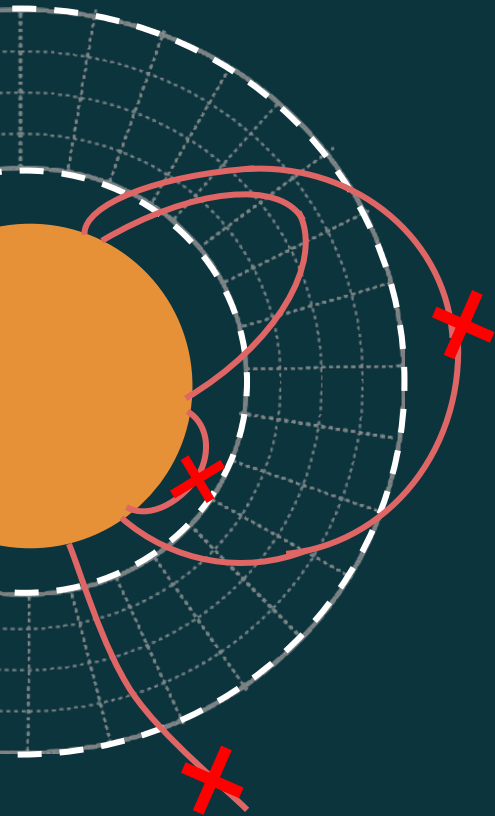


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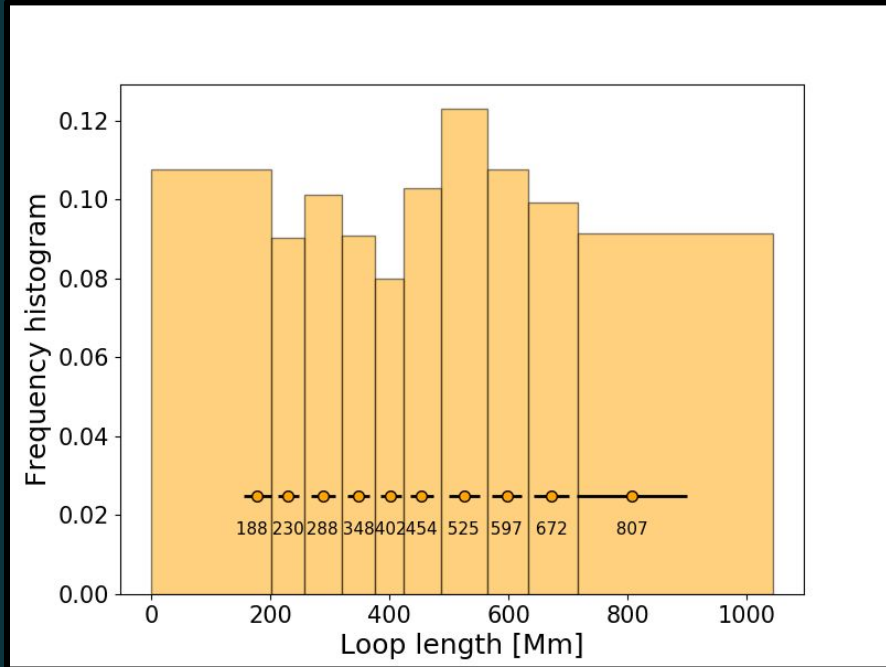


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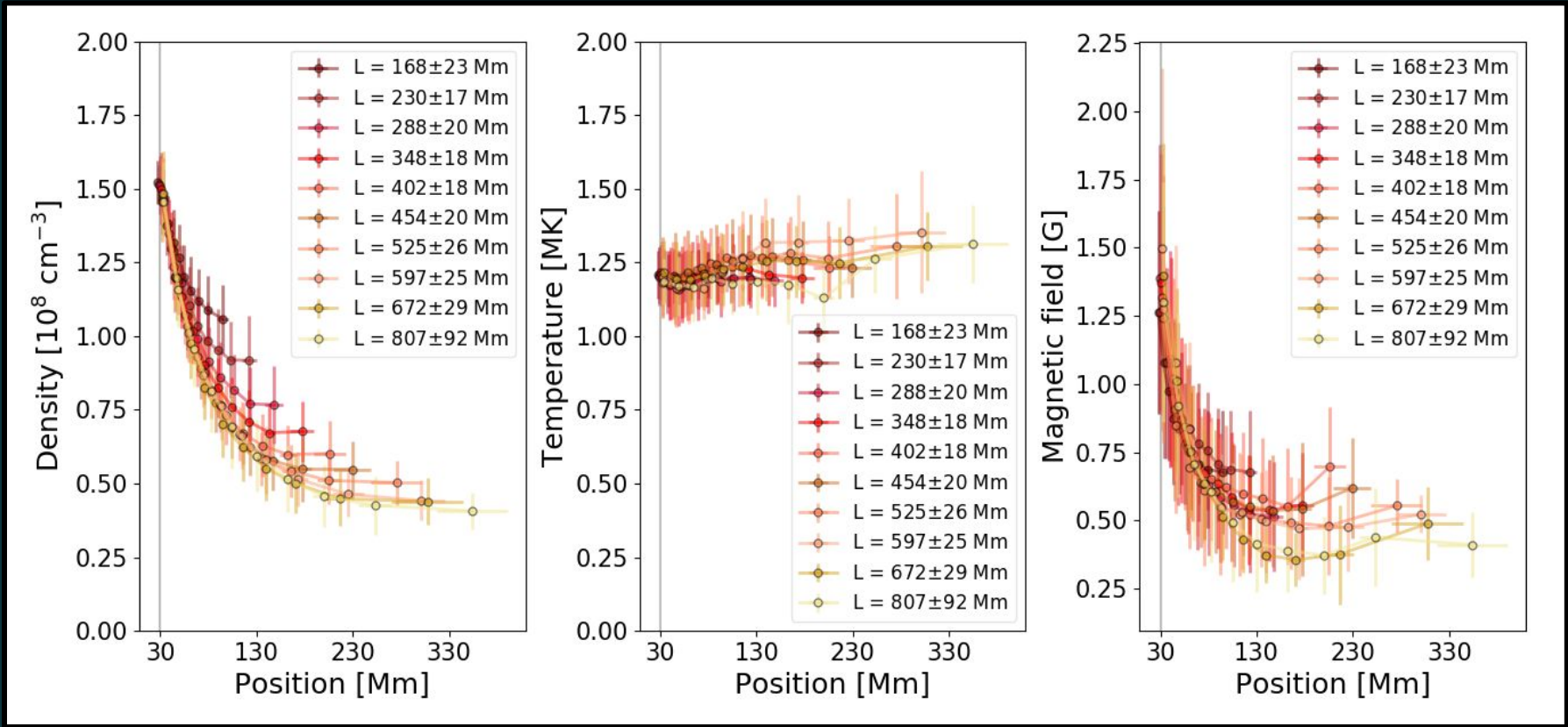




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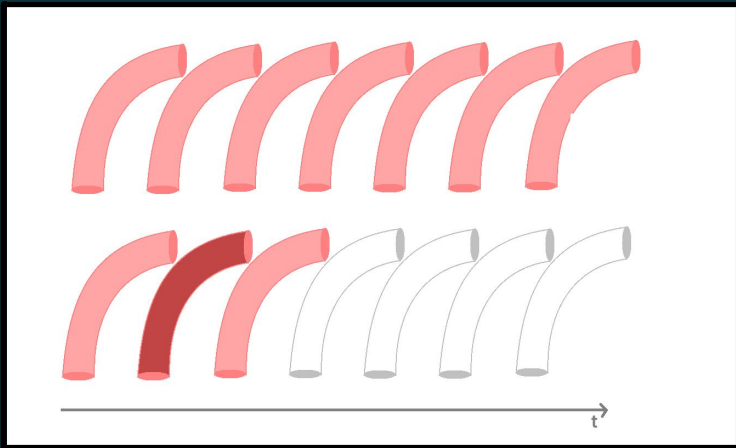
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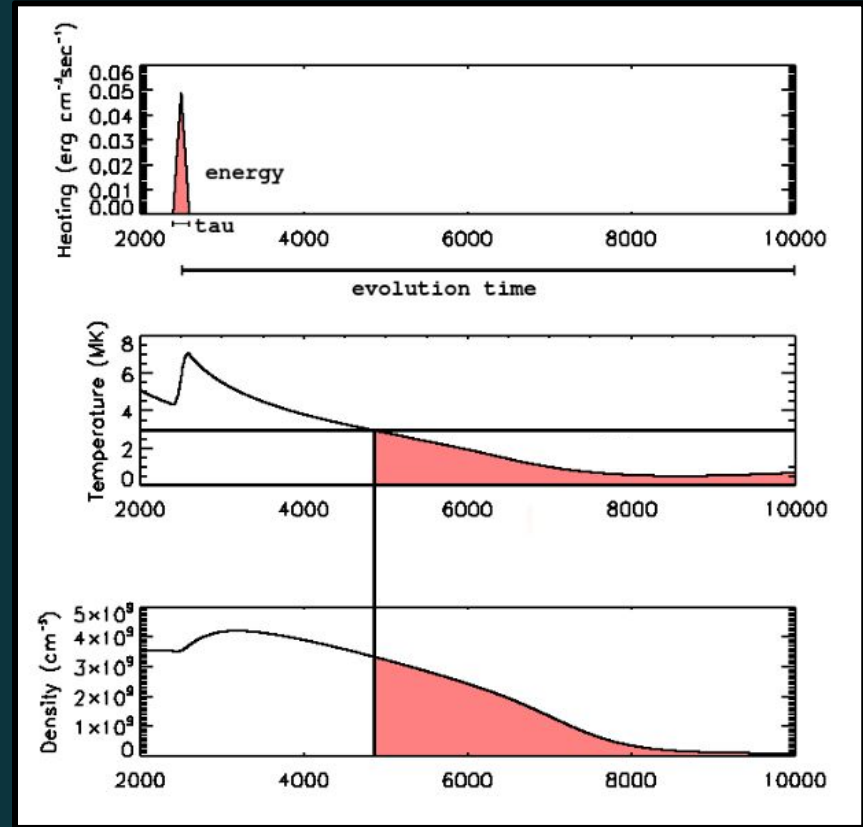
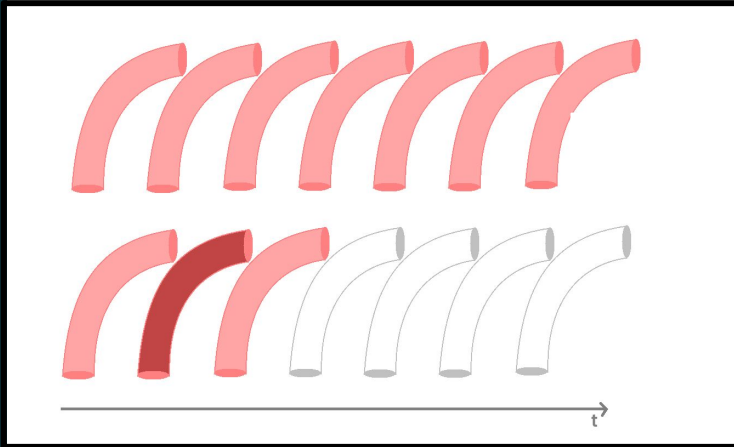




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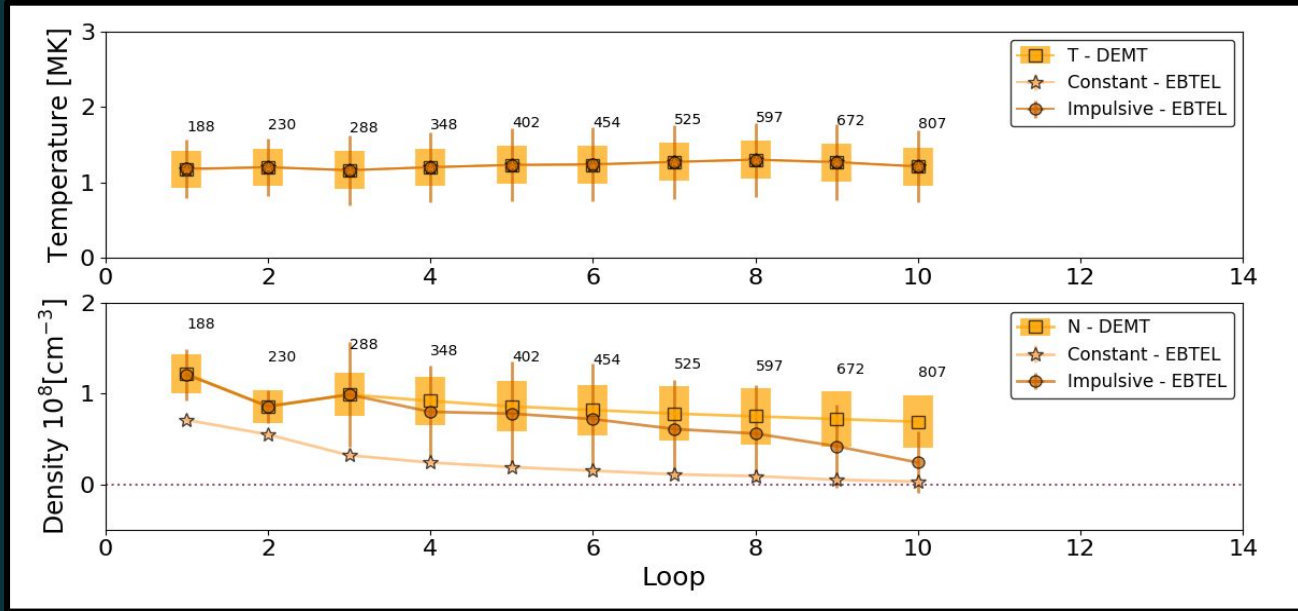
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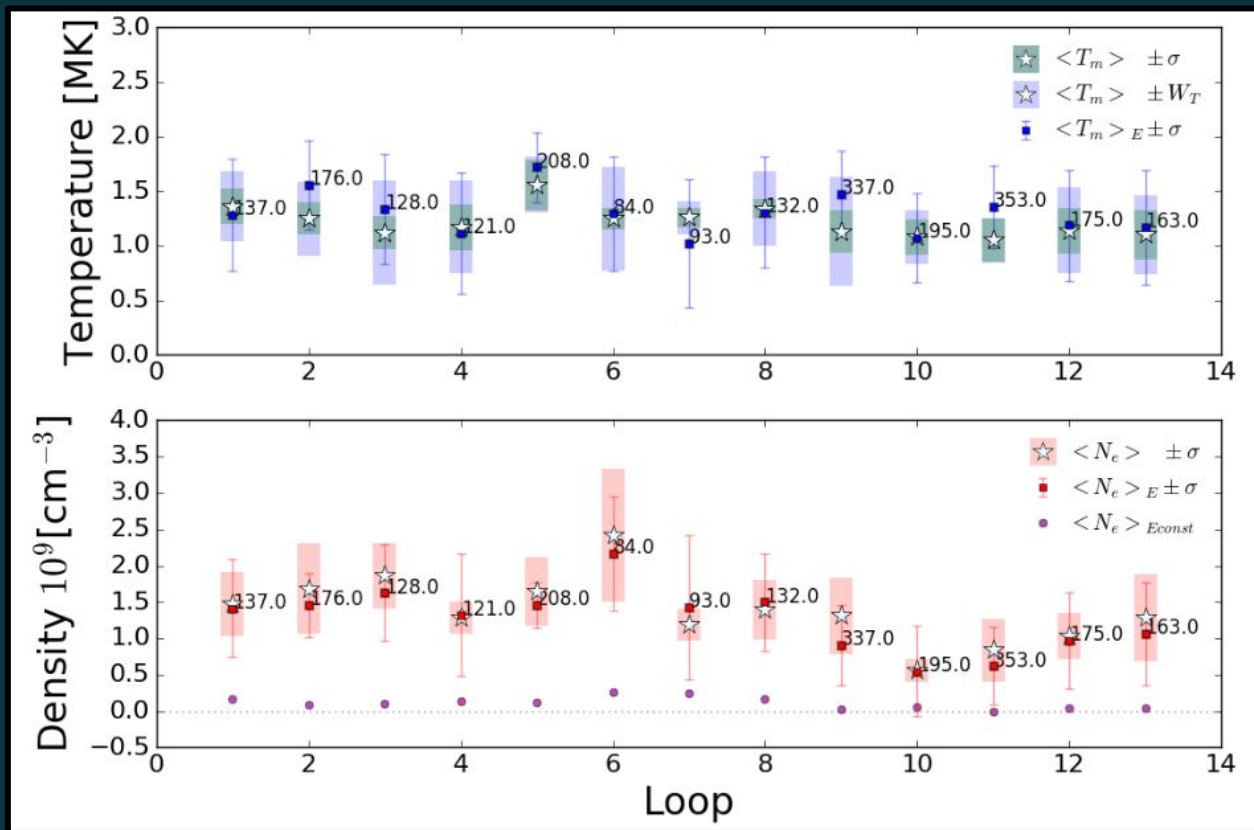
# Quiet-Sun typical loops with EBTEL

$L$	$\frac{\langle N_{TL} \rangle}{\langle N_{EBTEL} \rangle_{const}}$	$\frac{\langle N_{TL} \rangle}{\langle N_{EBTEL} \rangle_{imp}}$
188	1.7	1.0
230	1.6	1.0
288	3.1	1.0
348	3.8	1.2
402	4.5	1.1
454	5.5	1.1
525	7.1	1.3
597	8.3	1.3
672	14.4	1.7
807	23.0	2.9



# Active regions loops with EBTEL

$L$ [Mm]	$\frac{\langle N_e \rangle}{\langle N_e \rangle_E}$	$\frac{\langle N_e \rangle}{\langle N_e \rangle_{E_{const}}}$
137	1.04	9.0
176	1.15	18.2
128	1.14	16.3
121	0.98	9.4
208	1.13	14.4
84	1.12	9.2
93	0.83	5.0
132	0.94	8.1
337	1.45	60.8
195	1.02	10.3
353	0.36	161.2
175	1.06	23.5
163	1.21	28.2



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Input:

Loop length

Volumetric heating rate:  
temporal and spatial profile.

Chromosphere depth: 5 Mm

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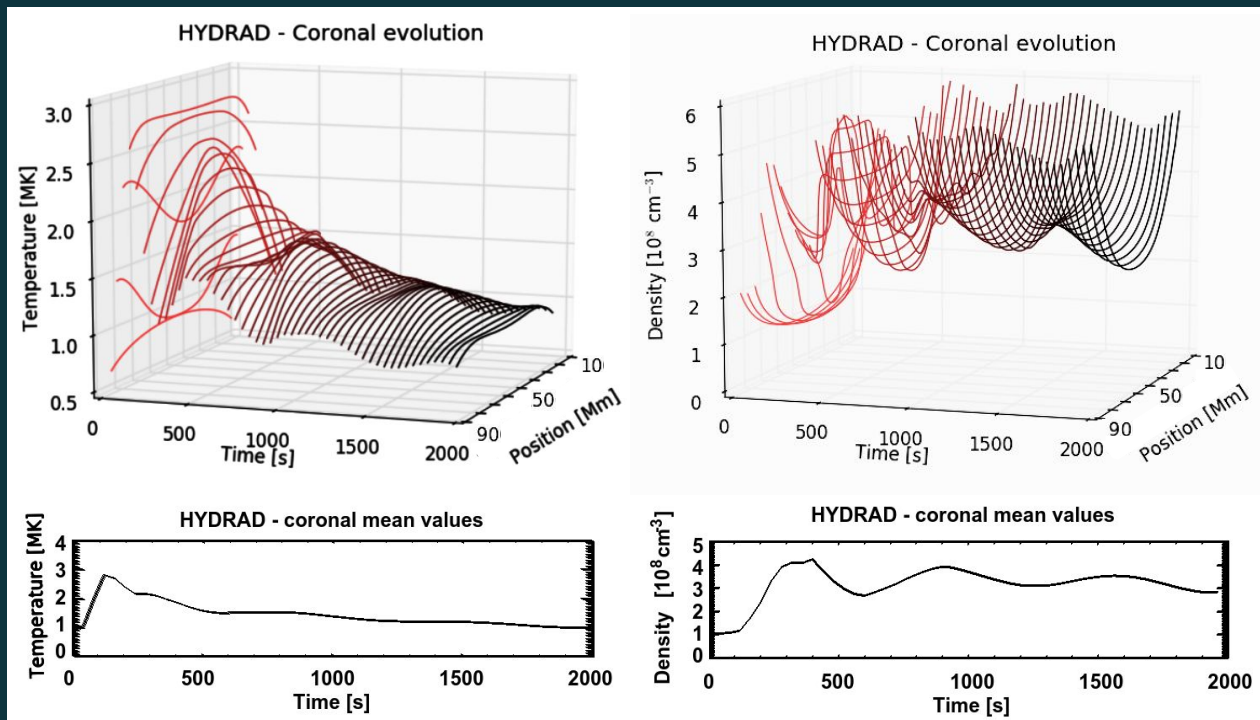
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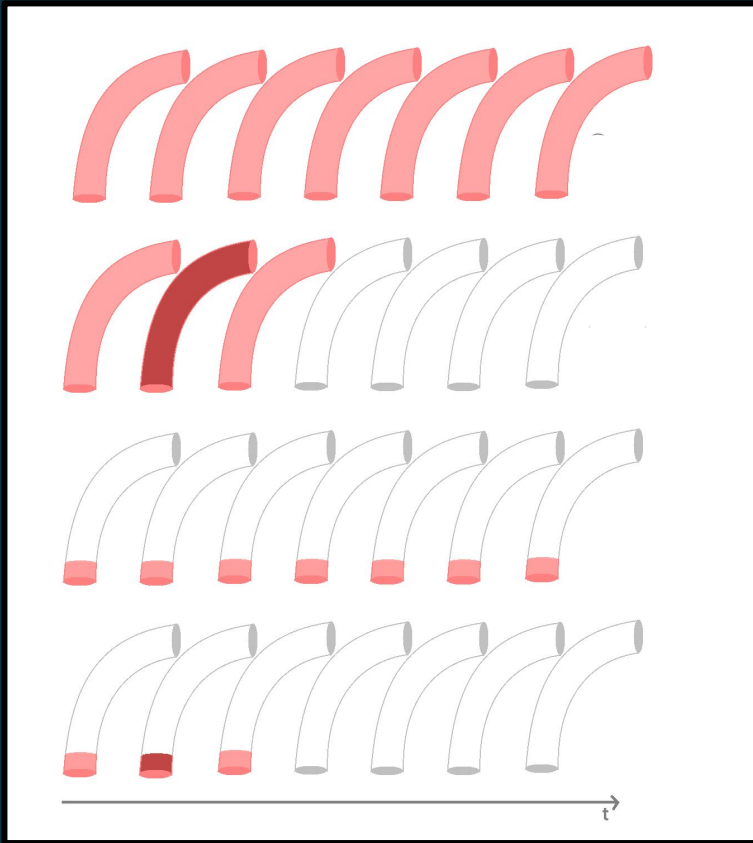
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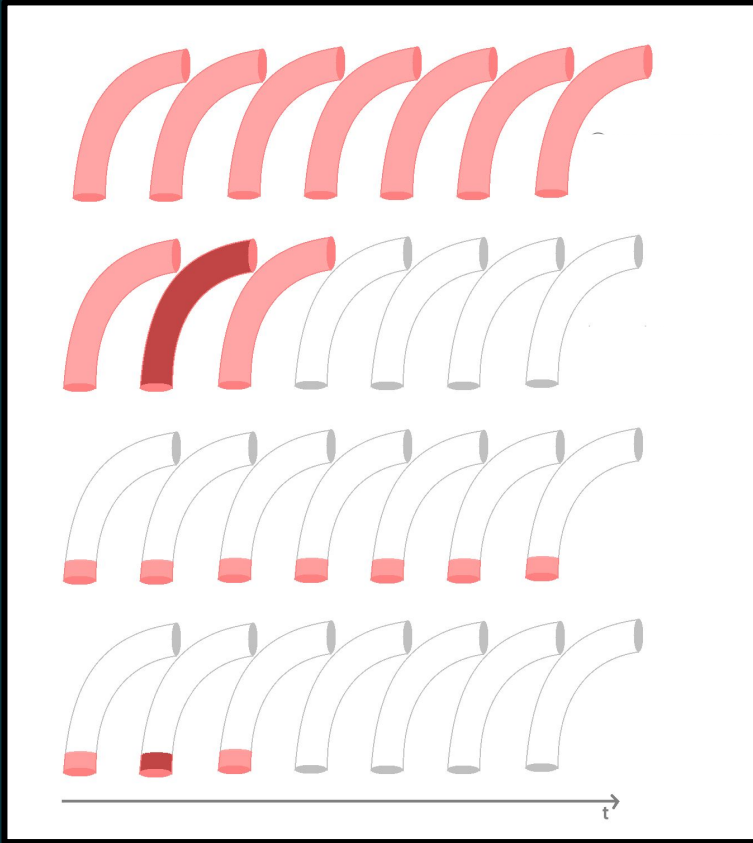
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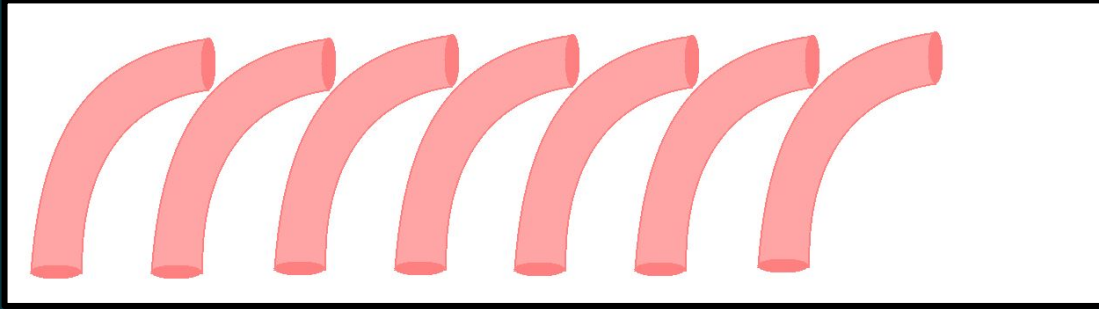
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$$E_{N,T} = \left\langle \frac{|\text{HYDRAD}_{N,T} - \text{DEMT}_{N,T}|}{\text{DEMT}_{N,T}} \right\rangle$$

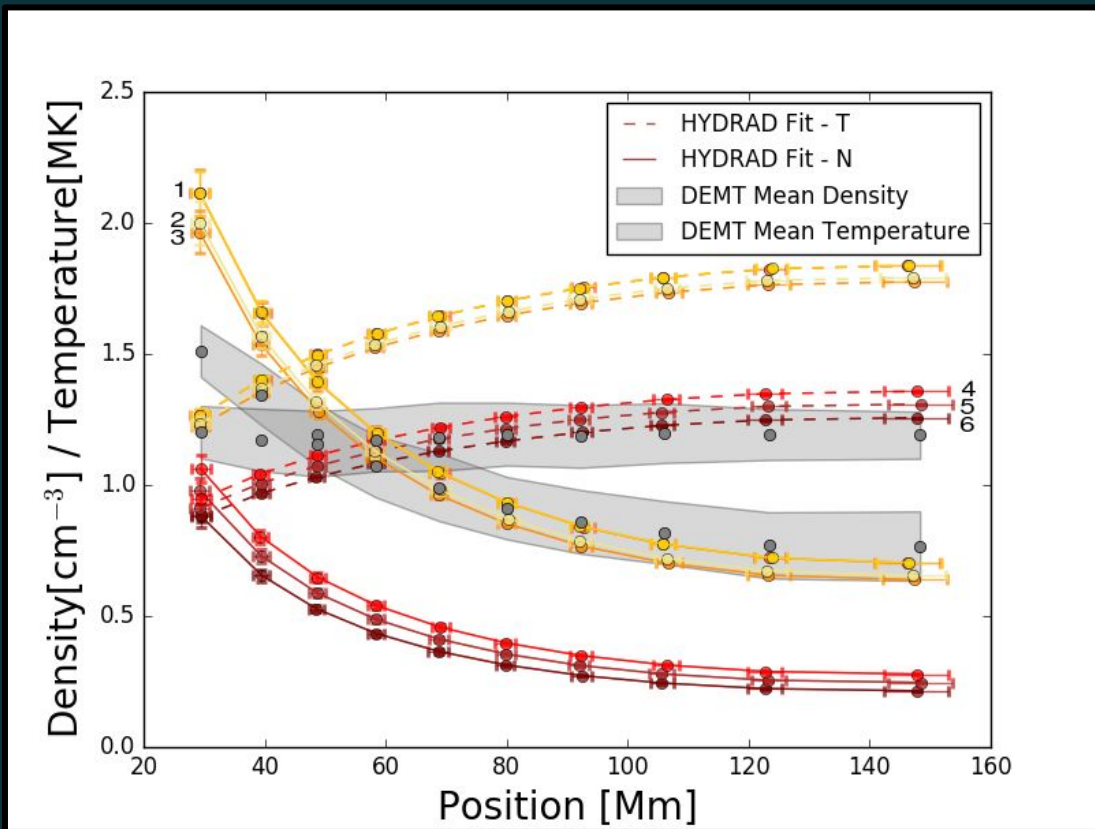
$$E_M = \langle E_N, E_T \rangle$$

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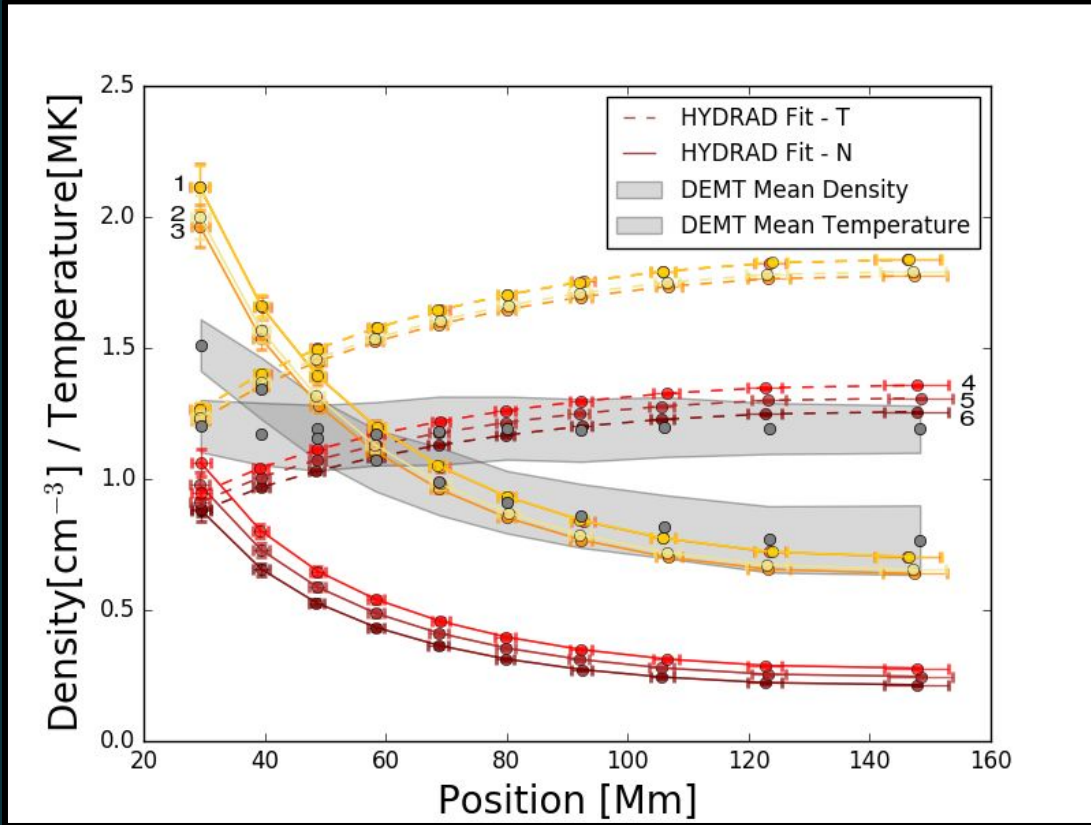




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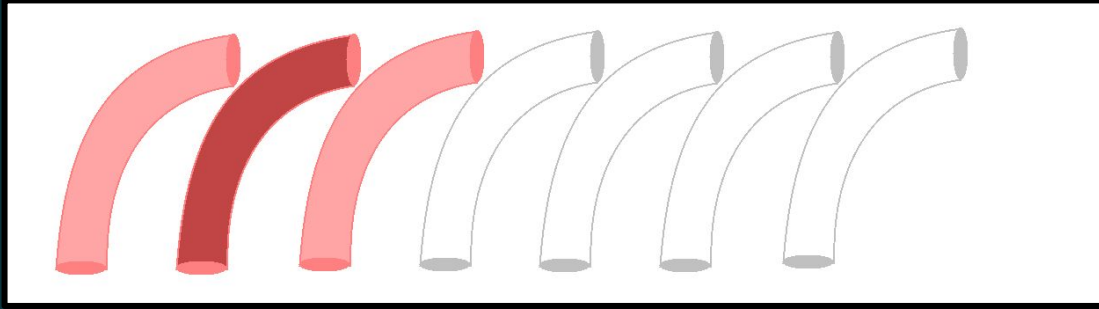
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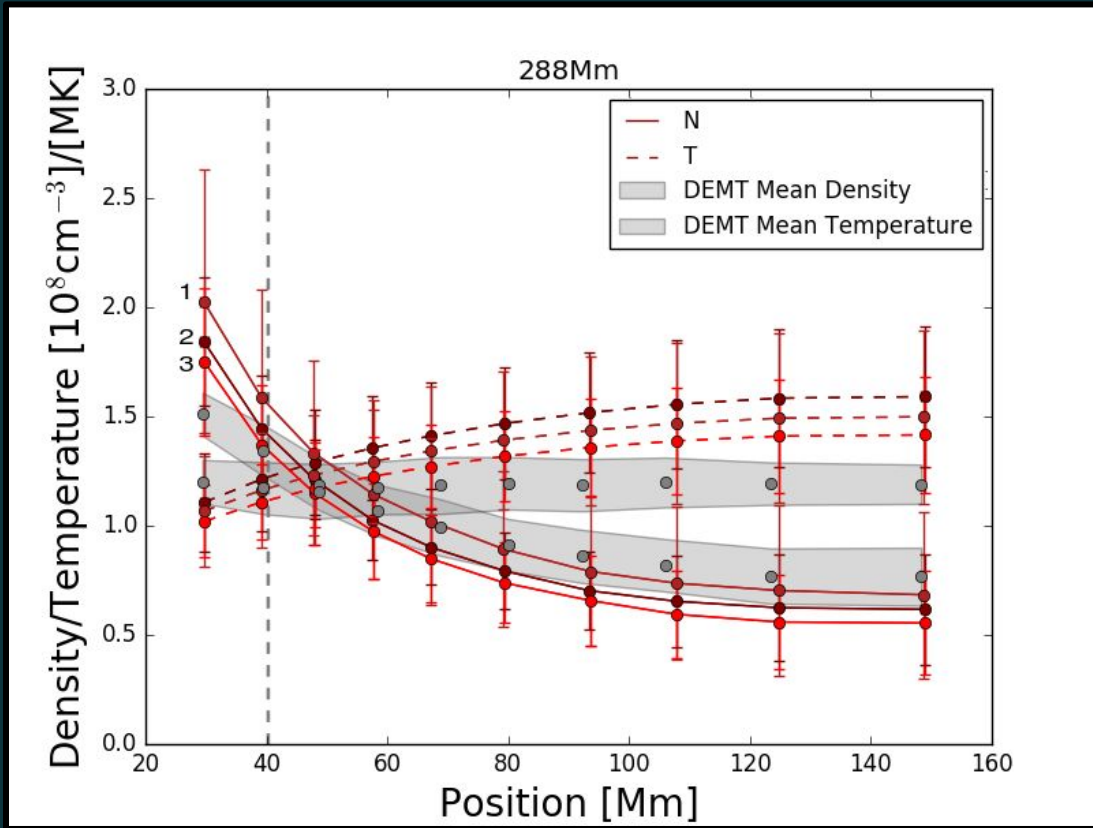
$Error$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$E_N$	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.52	0.57	0.62
$E_T$	0.37	0.34	0.33	0.09	0.08	0.08
$E_M$	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.31	0.33	0.35

Density:  $[0.5-3] \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
 Temperature:  $[1.6-2.4] \times 10^4 \text{ K}$   
 Volumetric heating peak:  $[0.2-4] \times 10^{-6} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$

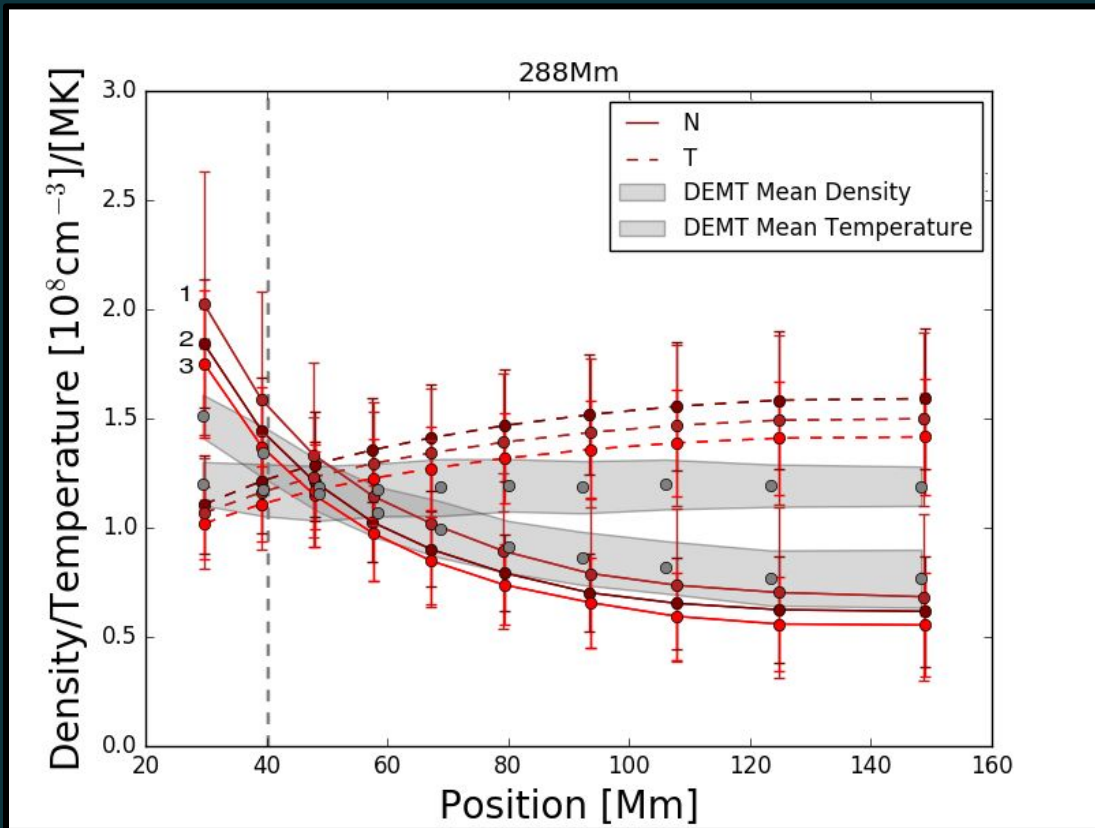
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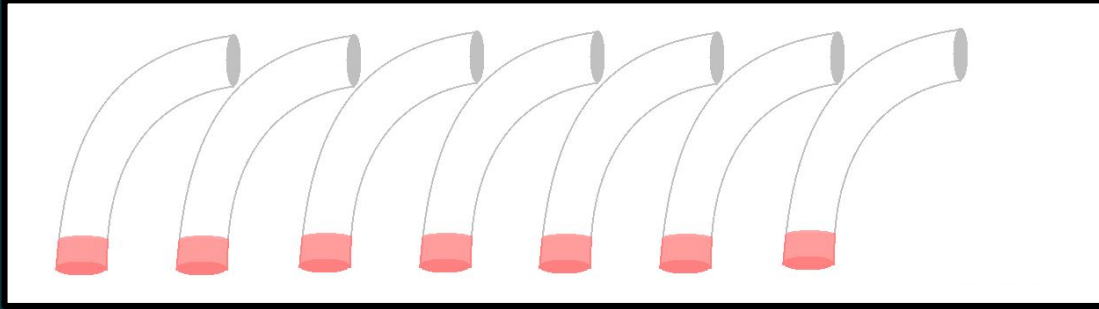
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188	0.11	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.05
230	0.15	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.09
288	0.11	0.15	0.13	0.08	0.18	0.13
348	0.20	0.16	0.18	0.22	0.18	0.20
402	0.17	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.25	0.21
454	0.35	0.15	0.25	0.41	0.17	0.29
525	0.35	0.19	0.27	0.42	0.23	0.33
597	0.35	0.20	0.28	0.42	0.23	0.33
672	0.57	0.17	0.37	0.63	0.19	0.41
807	0.60	0.25	0.42	0.67	0.29	0.48

Duration: [50–500] s

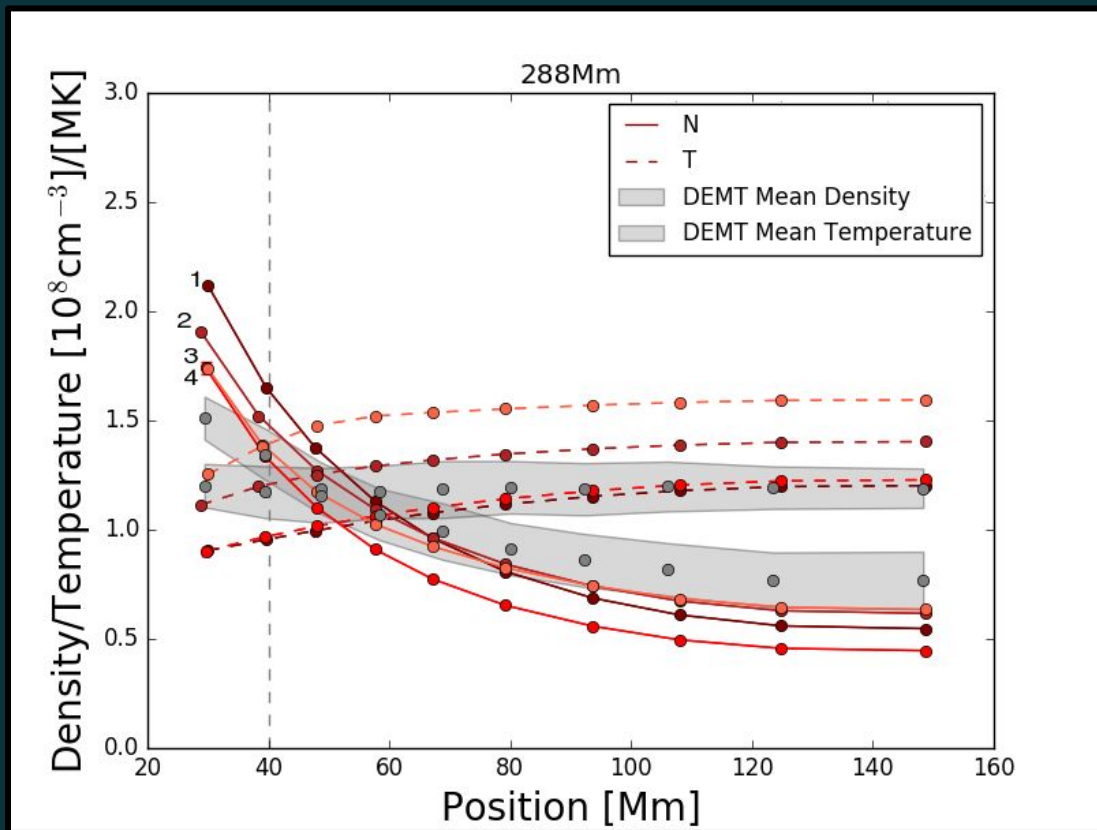
Volumetric heating peak: [ $10^{-4}$ – $10^{-3}$ ]  $\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Energy input: [ $3 \times 10^5$ – $7 \times 10^5$ ]  $\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

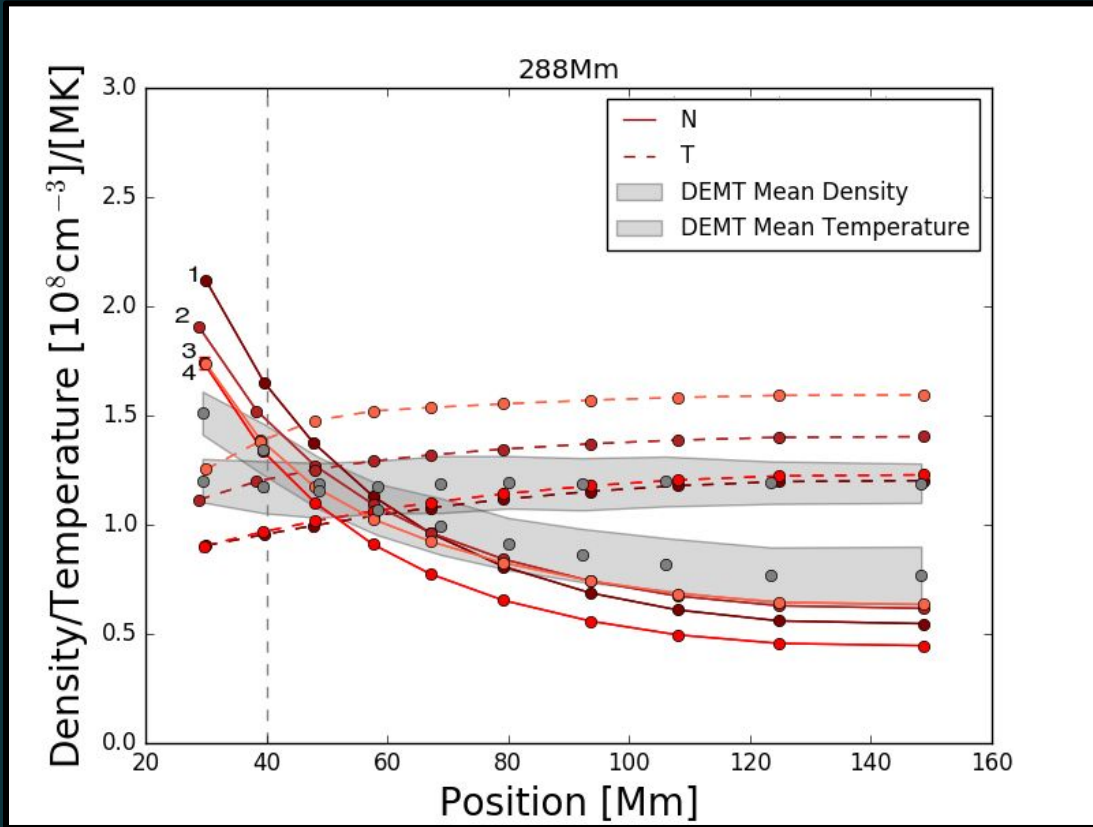
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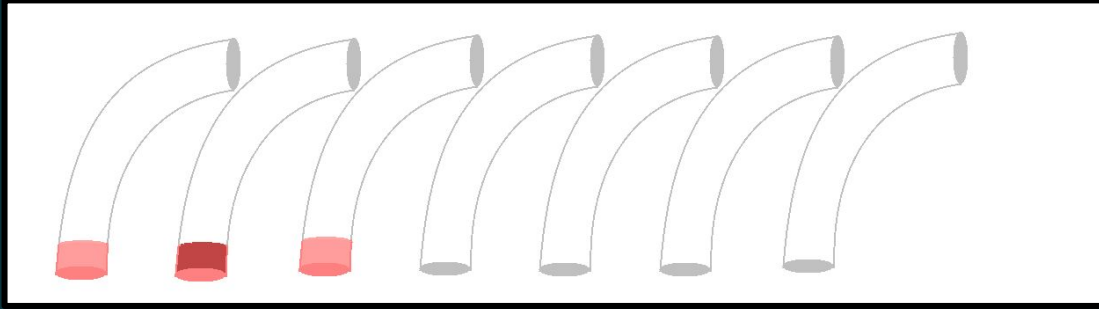
Spatial scale: [5–30] Mm

Volumetric heating peak: [ $10^{-5}$ - $3 \times 10^{-4}$ ]  $\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$

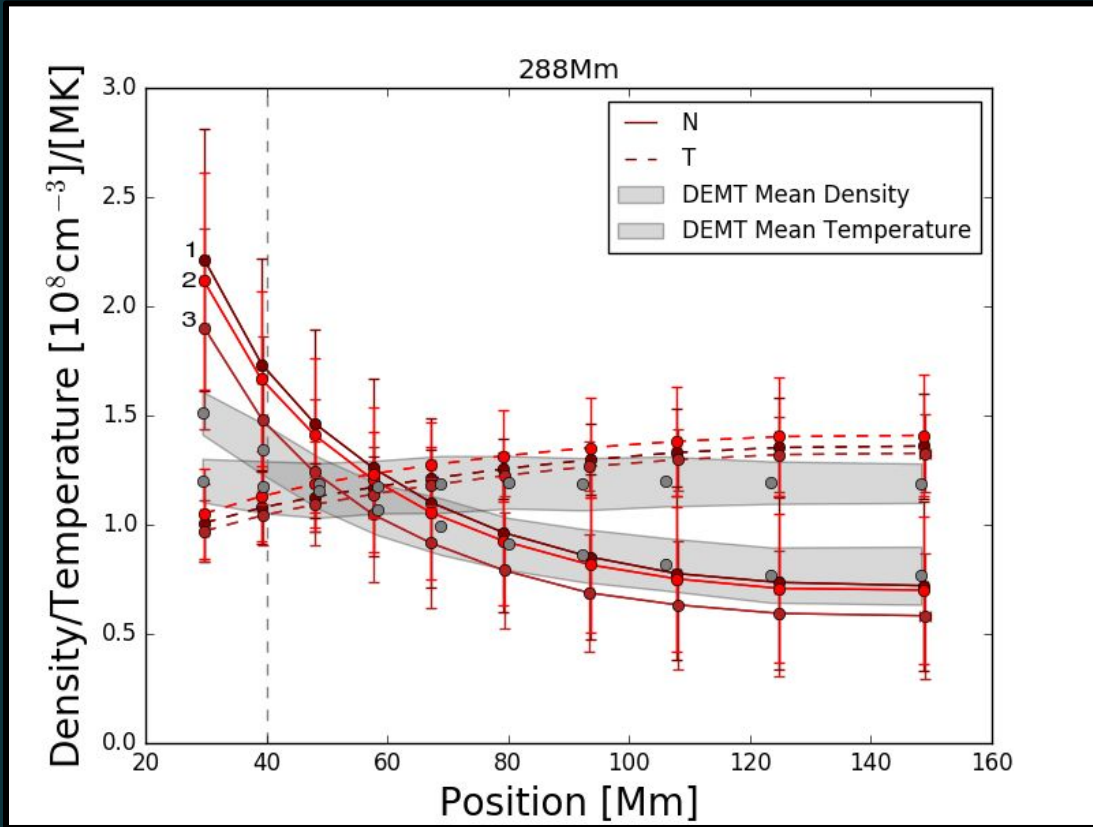
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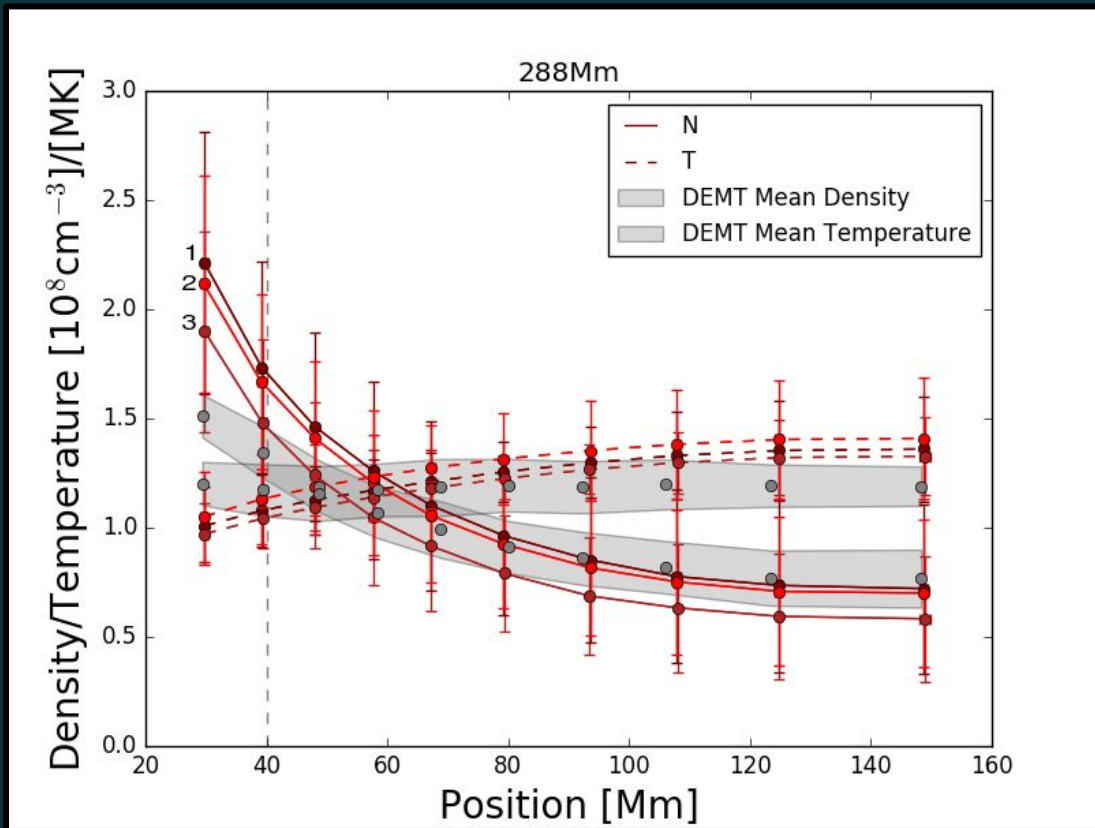
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Duration: [100-500] s

Spatial scale: [5-100] Mm

Spatial location: 5 Mm

Volumetric heating peak: [ $5 \times 10^{-4}$ -0.1]  $\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Energy input: [ $0.7 \times 10^5$ - $1.1 \times 10^5$ ]  $\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

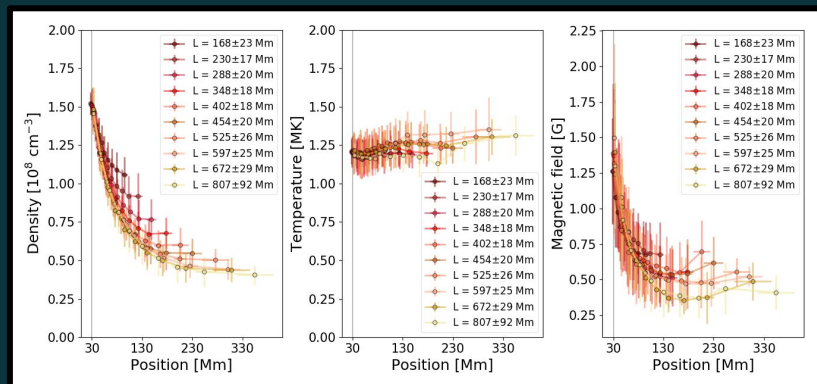
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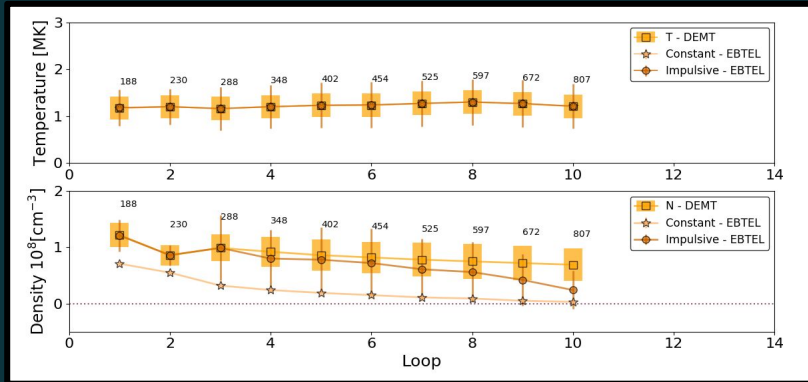
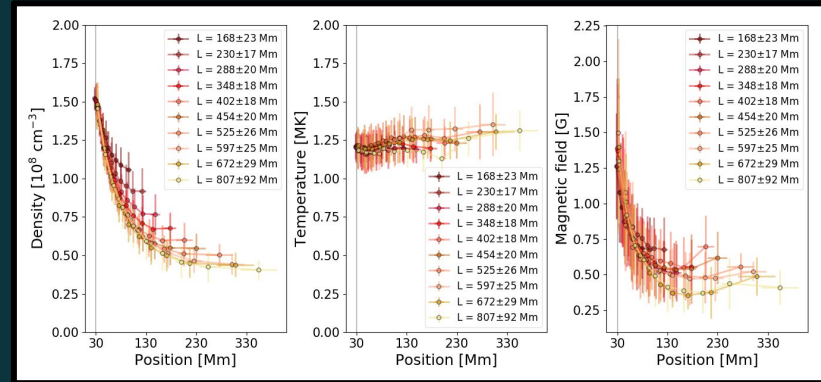
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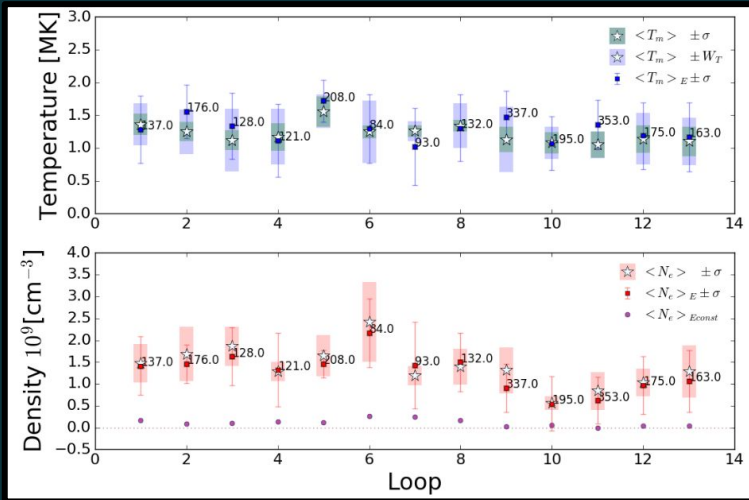
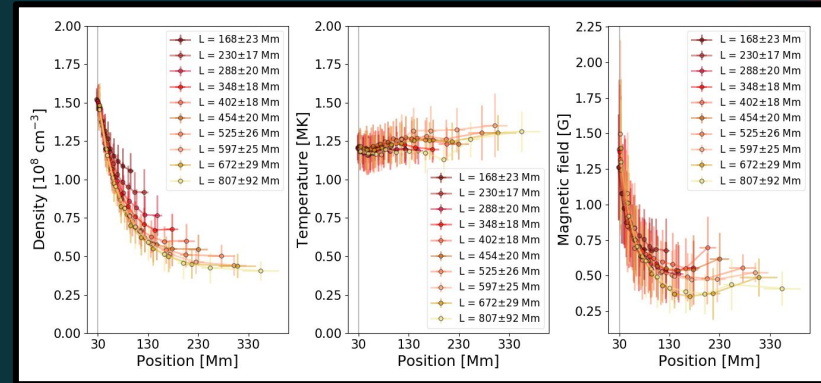


0D model: EBTEL (Klimchuk et al. 2008, ApJ, 682:1351-1362)

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- We study scaling laws in quiet-Sun coronal loops. (Mac Cormack et al. 2020, AdSpR, Volume 65, Issue 6, p. 1616-1628.)
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0D model: EBTEL (Klimchuk et al. 2008, ApJ, 682:1351-1362)

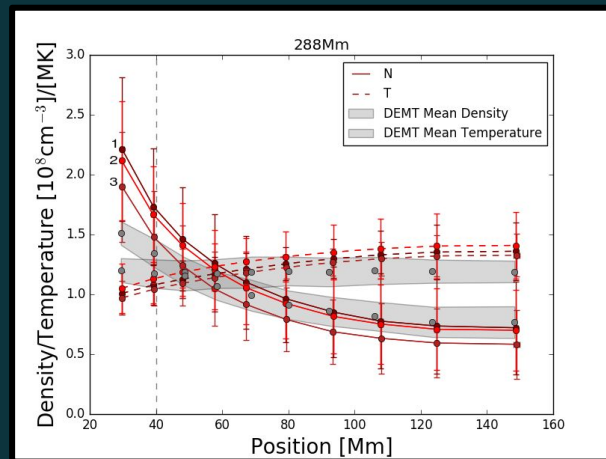
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We found the same result for active regions loops (Nuevo et al. 2020, SoPh, Volume 295, Issue 12, article id.171)



# Summary

1D model: HYDRAD (Bradshaw & Cargill, 2013, ApJ, 770, p. 13.)  
We found that the error is less than 15% in both density and temperature for semicircular loops. (Mac Cormack et al 2023, in preparation)



We found that localized heating (both impulsive and constant) at the coronal base is the best scenario to reproduce the thermal properties reconstructed with the tomography technique.

Thank you!