# Ubiquitous Small-scale EUV Upflow-Like Events above Network Regions Observed by the Solar Orbiter/Extreme Ultraviolet Imager

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# ABSTRACT

Universal small-scale solar activity in quiet region are suggested to be a potential source of solar wind and the upper solar atmosphere. Here, with the high-resoltion 174 Å imaging observations from the Solar Orbiter/Extreme Ultraviolet Imager (EUI), we investigate 59 EUV upflow-like events observed in the quiet Sun. Their average apparent (plane-of-sky) velocity, lifetime, and propagation distance are measured as 62 km s<sup>-1</sup>, 68.6 s and 3.94 Mm, respectively. These upflow-like events exhibit dynamic characteristics but lack base brightening, featuring a hot front and subsequent cold plasma ejection. 39% of the EUV upflow-like events exhibit recurrent characteristics. Unprecedented high-resolution 174 Å observations reveal that some EUV upflow-like events exhibit blob-like fine structures and multistrand evolutionary features, and some upflow-like events can cause localized haze-like plasma heating ahead of their spire region during the ejection process. A subset of the EUV upflow-like events covered by the Solar Dynamics Observatory reveals that they appear at the chromospheric networks. Through emission measure analysis, we found that these upflow-like events eject hot plasma of transient region or coronal temperature (an average of ~10<sup>5.5</sup>K). We suggest that EUV upflow-like events may be EUV counterparts of chromospheric spicules and/or transition region network jets, and play a role in heating localized corona above the network regions.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The solar atmosphere is characterized by a multitude of upward and downward plasma flows, which are important in regulating the circulation of material and the energy balance within the solar atmosphere. Downflows are characterized by the return flow of plasma to the solar atmosphere, exemplified by phenomena such as sunspot supersonic downflows (e.g., Samanta et al. 2018; Chen et al. 2022), coronal rain (e.g., Li et al. 2018; Qiao et al. 2024), supra-arcade downflows (e.g., McKenzie & Hudson 1999; Tan et al. 2023) and reconnection outflows (e.g., Sun et al. 2024). Upflows are hypothesized to be connected to the formation of the solar wind or to facilitate the transport of mass and energy within the solar atmosphere, potentially playing a key role in coronal heating (Tian et al. 2021). Upflows in quiet Sun regions exhibit a wide range of scales, encompassing coronal jets (e.g., Panesar et al. 2016), surges (e.g., Nóbrega-Siverio et al. 2024), spicule(e.g., De Pontieu et al. 2017a), network jets (e.g., Tian et al. 2014b) at transition region temperatures, micro-jets(e.g., Hou et al. 2021), jetlets (e.g., Raouafi & Stenborg 2014; Panesar et al. 2018, 2019). Upflows/Outflows can occur at the edges of ARs, termed as AR flows. In quiet Sun regions, upflows are preferentially occur at the boundaries of network channels.

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The blue shifts observed in the spectral lines are commonly regarded as outward-propagating disturbances or upflows. Using the SUMER on board SOHO, Dammasch et al. (1999) reported quiet Sun areas exhibit an average blue shift of  $\sim 2~{\rm km~s^{-1}}$  in the upper-transition-region Ne VIII 770 Å line. Doppler maps of the Ne VIII 770 Å spectral line, derived from raster scans, reveal pronounced blue shifts at the junctions of multiple adjacent network structures, reaching speeds of up to 5-10 km/s (Hassler et al. 1999; Dammasch et al. 1999; Aiouaz 2008; Tian et al. 2008). These upflows are considered to be signatures of solar wind outflows (Hassler et al. 1999) or mass supply to quiet coronal loops (He et al. 2007; Tian et al. 2008). Using five spectral lines from SUMER (Si IV 1402 Å, C IV 1548 Å, N V 1238 Å, O V 1031 Å, and Ne VIII 770 Å), McIntosh & De Pontieu (2009) suggested that strong upflows, with speeds ranging from 40 to 100 km/s, appear to occur in all over the quiet Sun in and around network regions.

These upflows are spatiotemporally correlated with and have similar upward velocities as chromosphere (type II) spicules or rapid blueshifted events (De Pontieu et al. 2009; Rouppe van der Voort et al. 2009). Based on the spectral characteristics, rapid blueshifted events are considered to be the solar counterparts of ondisk spicules (Langangen et al. 2008; Rouppe van der Voort et al. 2009). Spicules are a significant component of the chromosphere, characterized by widths typically ranging from 0.3 to 1.5 Mm. They possess temperatures approximately 5 to  $15 \times 10^{-3}$  K, and feature a density of about  $2.2 \times 10^{-10} \ cm^{-3}$  (e.g., Shimojo et al. 2020). The lifetimes of type I spicules are roughly between 3 to 10 minutes, with maximum heights between 6.5 and 9.5 Mm, and their velocities generally within the range of 15 to 40 km s<sup>-1</sup>; Type-II spicules in the chromosphere have considerably shorter lifetimes, lasting only a few tens of seconds, but they can achieve significantly higher speeds, reaching up to 150 km s<sup>-1</sup> (e.g., Beckers 1968; de Pontieu et al. 2007; Pereira et al. 2012, 2014; Bose et al. 2021). Type I spicules are mostly driven by p-mode wave leakage. Along magnetic flux concentrations, photospheric oscillations and convective motions can leak into the chromosphere, where they form shock waves that propel spicules upward (De Pontieu et al. 2004; de Pontieu et al. 2007). According to Martínez-Sykora et al. (2017), the violently released magnetic tension can cause type II spicules, which is amplified and transported upward through ion–neutral interactions or ambipolar diffusion. Additionally, magnetic reconnection is also responsible for the production of type II spicules (de Pontieu et al. 2007; Samanta et al. 2019).

Tian et al. (2014b) found that Type II spicules manifest as fast, intermittent network jets in transition region images. This viewpoint is further supported by Pereira et al. (2014); Rouppe van der Voort et al. (2015), who argue that network jets are the on-disk counterparts and heating signatures of type II spicules. These network jets emerge from the transition region network at the base of corona, which can be observed in coronal hole (e.g., Tian et al. 2014b; Gorman et al. 2022; Qi et al. 2019) or quiet region (e.g., Narang et al. 2016; Kayshap et al. 2018). In the quiet region, the network jets have an apparent speed of approximately 100–180 km s<sup>-1</sup> with lifetimes of 55–155 s and lengths of 2 –4.2 Mm (Kayshap et al. 2018). Magnetic reconnection is considered a plausible mechanism for the formation of these network jets (e.g., Chen et al. 2019). Based on a 2D MHD simulation, Yang et al. (2018) showed that magnetic reconnection between a magnetic loop and a background open flux in the transition region can simultaneously launch a fast, warm jet similar to network jets and a slow, cool jet similar to classical spicules.

The launch of Solar Orbiter (SO; Müller et al. 2020) provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to investigate small-scale solar activity in the quiet solar corona. For example, initial observations from the Extreme Ultraviolet Imager (EUI; Rochus et al. 2020) aboard Solar Orbiter have unveiled widespread small-scale EUV brightenings in the quiet Sun, termed "campfires" (Berghmans et al. 2021), which can appear in the form of loops or individual points of brightens (e.g., Berghmans et al. 2021; Chen et al. 2021b; Panesar et al. 2021; Kahil et al. 2022). Additionally, small-scale jets or microjets observed in quiet Sun regions using the Solar Orbiter's Extreme Ultraviolet Imager exhibit projected speeds, widths, and lengths in the approximate ranges of 20-170 km/s, 0.3-3.0 Mm, and 2-20 Mm, respectively (Hou et al. 2021; Shi et al. 2024). These small-scale jets exhibit characteristics such as footpoint brightening or an inverted Y-shaped morphology.

In this article, we focus on another class of outward-propagating disturbances in quiet Sun region. Different from the above-mentioned microjets and campfires, these EUV upflow-like events frequently occur in quiet regions without obvious footpoint or base brightening, but they also appear to be important due to their ubiquity. We conducted a statistical investigation of 59 small-scale EUV upflow-like events in the quiet Sun, utilizing observations from the Extreme Ultraviolet Imager provided by the Solar Orbiter. They display surge-like activity, characterized by a hot front followed by the ejection of cold plasma. In previous studies, Schwanitz et al. (2023) reported two upflow events in quiet regions, attempting to determine the causes and associated activities of the weak upflows observed in the quiet Sun. This paper primarily focuses on the source region magnetic field, dynamics, fine structures, and radiative characteristics of these upflows. Our results would further continue to fuel ongoing exploration about the physicial relationship between these upflow-like events and other typical or traditional solar jetting phenonema in the future.

### 2. OBSERVATIONS

These 59 upflow-like events are derived from two datasets, observed in the 174 Å and 1216 Å (Ly $\alpha$ ) wavelengths by the EUI. The 174 Å band primarily focuses on the coronal line Fe X (with a core temperature of approximately 1 MK), and the Fe X line is wide enough to include other transition region lines (Petrova et al. 2024). 1216 Å is dominated by the Lyman- $\alpha$  line of hydrogen (Berghmans et al. 2021). One of the two datasets is for 2021 February 23, with a duration of ~ 5.5 minutes, a time resolution of 2 seconds, and a pixel resolution of 0".49. The other dataset is from 2020 May 30, with a duration of ~ 4.5 minutes, a time resolution of 5 seconds, and a pixel resolution of 0".29. In these two observations, Solar Orbiter was located at distance of about 0.52 and 0.61 astronomical units from the Sun, respectively.

It should be noted that the field of view of the Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO; Pesnell et al. 2012) effectively covered the data of 2020 May 30. We also used 171, 304, 131, 193, 211, and 1600 Å images from the Atmospheric Imaging Assembly (AIA; Lemen et al. 2012) on board the SDO to study the small-scale upflow-like events. The SDO/AIA EUV and UV images utilized in this study possess a pixel resolution of 0".6 and a cadence of 12 s (24 s). The Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager (HMI; Scherrer et al. 2012) on board the SDO was provided photospheric magnetograms evolution, with a pixel resolution of 0".5 and a cadence of 12 s. On 2020 May 30, the angle between the Solar Orbiter/EUI and SDO/AIA was approximately 10 degrees. We used cross-correlation for data alignment and jitter elimination.

# 3. RESULTS

## 3.1. Overview of Two Datasets

Figure 1 (a) and (b) show the two datasets as imaged by the 174 Å channel of Solar Orbiter. Overview imagery reveals that these upflow-like events originate from the solar quiet region. Within the 32 white boxes that we have marked, a total of 59 upflow-like events can be observed, see Table 1. We carefully checked all the regions and found that these small-scale upflow-like events originate from boundaries of network magnetic patches in the photosphere (as described in Section 3.3)(e.g., Tian et al. 2014b; Narang et al. 2016; Kayshap et al. 2018; Chen et al. 2019; Qi et al. 2019; Gorman et al. 2022) and are common in solar quiet region. Due to the scarcity of spectral observations and considering that these upflows occur on very small spatial scales and exhibit outward-propagating disturbances behavior along magnetic field lines, although they do not always show significant brightness variations, and given that these disturbances are observed by Solar Orbiter in EUV wavelength, we classify the observed results as "EUV upflow-like events" to differentiate these features from microjets (or small-scale jets) and conventionally defined upflows observed by spectroscopy.

Figure 1 (c)–(h) display eight EUV upflow-like events, which are marked by black arrows. It is possible that multiple EUV upflow-like events may occur within each box, as shown in animation (c)–(h). For comparison, the white arrow in panel (h) shows a brightening akin to what was shown due to the braiding of loops in Chitta et al. (2022). However, the EUV upflow-like events we focus on here are collimated plasma ejections, with a majority of these ejections carrying cooler material as denoted by black arrows in Figure 1 (c)–(h) and the animation1.

## 3.2. Dynamic Characteristics, Parameters and Fine structure of the EUV upflow-like events

To derive the projected speed, propagation duration, and propagation distance, we plotted time-distance images along the direction of plasma ejections for 59 EUV upflow-like events. Figure 2 shows four selected examples, two of which are non-repeated EUV upflows, as displayed in Figure 2 (a)–(b). While another two from Figure 2 (c)–(d) are repeated ones. In this case, we observed the continuously brightened material propagating in the direction of the arrows in Figure 2 (c)–(d). The time interval is about 52-55 s in these two events, and the average speed of continuous ejection is 94 km s<sup>-1</sup> (c) and 74 km s<sup>-1</sup> (d), respectively. Out of the 59 examples, 61% were classified as non-repeated EUV upflow-like events, while 39% were classified as repeated EUV upflow-like events. This result is shown in the histogram in Figure 3 (e). Although the proportion of these repeated EUV upflow-like events is small, they exhibit the same recurrent nature as the chromospheric spicules (e.g., De Pontieu et al. 2004), macorospicules (e.g., Duan et al. 2023), surge-like activities (e.g., Tian et al. 2018) and coronal jets (e.g., Chen et al. 2015; Liu et al. 2016).

Figure 3 also shows the other physical parameters, such as duration, projected speed, ejection distance (length), and the relationship between ejection distance and projected speed. For the non-repeated upflow-like events, the duration (distance) is calculated as the difference in time (length) between the start and end times (points) of the EUV upflow-like event trajectory marked by dashed red lines in the time-distance images, as shown in Figure 2 (a-2)-(b-2). The velocity of the EUV upflow-like events can be obtained by linearly fitting the bright stripes on the time-distance plot. For the repeated upflow-like events, the calculated duration, velocity, and ejection distance are obtained by taking the average values from multiple ejections. The averaged duration, projected velocity, and propagation distance are 68.6

s, 62 km/s, and 3.94 Mm, respectively, as displayed in Figure 3 (a)–(c). Figure 3 (d) demonstrates that the larger the ejection velocity of the EUV upflow-like events, the farther they propagate. From the statistical results, repeated and non-repeated EUV upflow-like events observed by EUI exhibit a very similar velocity distribution, as shown in Figure 3 (e). In addition, the intriguing distribution of repetition time gaps for the repeated EUV upflow-like events was also calculated, and the results are shown in Figure 3 (f). The averaged repeated time gap between each EUV upflow-like events is ~ 84 s.

Figure 4 displays three representative examples, showing the fine structure and evolution of these EUV upflow-like events. When the EUV upflow-like event is accompanied by the ejection upward of dark material, it can be observed that there is some brightening plasma flow on its flank, as denoted by the white arrows in Figure 4 (a). Then, what is very interesting is that the brightening plasma flows within this EUV upflow-like event collectively result in a haze-like plasma heating in a small spatial region, which can be seen at 17:13 UT in Figure 4 (a) and animation 1 (c). This is similar to the coronal counterparts, as shown by Samanta et al. (2019). In their supplementary fig.S10, it can be seen that in the composite image of H $\alpha$  wind and AIA 171Å band, the coronal counterpart appears at the front of the chromospheric spicules, showing brightening characteristics. That means the tops of these chromospheric spicules may give rise to an enhanced emission in Fe IX/X channel. In addition, we found that some blob-like (or dot-like) features of fine structure can be seen during the ejection of these EUV upflow-like events, as shown in Figure 4 (b)-(c). These results indicate that the fine dynamics of these EUV upflow-like events, which may be rarely observed, may not be just simple ejection under EUI high-resolution observation (e.g., Hou et al. 2021; Shi et al. 2024).

#### 3.3. Source Region Magnetic Fields of the EUV upflow-like events

Figure 5 shows five examples from 29 EUV upflow-like events in dataset 2 that were jointly observed by EUI and SDO. These upflow-like events observed by EUI also exhibit enhanced radiation response in the Ly $\alpha$  line, as displayed in Figure 5 (a-1)-(e-1), suggesting that these upflow-like events might be generated at lower height (e.g., Hou et al. 2021). Figure 5 (a-2)-(e2) also displays the five examples in AIA 171Å, 1600Å images, HMI magnetograms. By combining the observations from EUI and SDO/AIA images, it is evident that these upflow-like events appear at or in close proximity to network lanes characterized by enhanced emission in Ly $\alpha$  images. They are surrounded by magnetic flux concentrations with a dominant polarity, which can also be seen in animation 2. Furthermore, we examined the 29 events in dataset 2 and found that all the upflow-like events occur in network fields surrounded by magnetic flux concentrations with a dominant polarity. Considering the similar origin locations and Ly $\alpha$  radiation features observed in dataset 1, we collectively refer to all the upflow-like events observed by EUI at or in close proximity to network fields as EUV upflow-like events.

The change in magnetic fields in the source region of the five EUV upflow-like events is depicted in the sixth column of Figure 5. We found that 76% (22 of 29) EUV upflow-like events originate from the bipolar region and only 24% (7 of 29) upflow-like events from unipolar, see Table 1. This implies that the majority of the EUV upflow-like events start in mixed-polarity regions and have plausible signatures of flux cancellation or emergence.

#### 3.4. Radiation Characteristics of the Bright Front of EUV upflow-like events

To provide a more persistent observation and investigate the ejection trajectories of the EUV upflow-like events, we made time-space diagrams by using AIA 304, 171, 131, 193, and 211 Å images, such as the three examples in Figure 6. As observed in AIA 304 and 171 Å images, it can be seen that a majority of EUV upflow-like events consist of a bright front and a following dark plasma ejection. The bright front appears at the very beginning of EUV upflow-like events. We examined all the data available in SDO corresponding to EUI observations and found that the falling motion of the bright front and dark body can be detected in most EUV upflow-like events. The majority exhibits similar responses in the AIA 131, 193, and 211 Å channels, as bright fronts and subsequent dark plasmas can be observed, while there is no signal in the AIA 94 and 335 Å passbands. The observations of AIA also suggest that the number of repeated EUV upflow-like events should be underestimated in EUI observations.

Assuming the bright front of the EUV upflow-like event is an isothermal structure, we can roughly estimate its temperature in Figure 7 using the EM-loci (Emission Measure) technique (e.g., Del Zanna et al. 2011; Testa et al.

2012; Tian et al. 2014a; Huang et al. 2014; Chen et al. 2020b). The EM-loci curves are obtained by dividing the AIA background-subtracted intensities by the temperature response function. The result suggests that the averaged temperature and the averaged emission measure (EM) of the bright front are  $\sim 10^{5.5}$ K and  $\sim 5.6 \times 10^{26}$  cm<sup>-5</sup>, respectively. This result suggests that the bright front of EUV upflow-like events has, at the very least, a transition region temperature.

# 4. DISCUSSION

In this study, we focus on the prevalent EUV upflow-like events observed by EUI, which exhibit dynamic ejections along magnetic field lines occurring in quiet regions without significant footpoint or base brightening. Moreover, the majority of EUV upflow-like events carry cold material during the ejection process. This paper primarily investigates the magnetic fields, dynamics, fine structures, and radiative characteristics of these upflow-like events. Our research will further propel the ongoing investigation into the physical relationships between these upflow-like events and other typical or traditional solar jet-like phenomena.

The speeds, lifetimes, and lengths of the upflow-like events in the corona are comparable to those of the common network jets observed in the transition region. The averaged velocities of the EUV upflow-like events is  $62 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , which is similar to the velocities of 20-70 km s<sup>-1</sup> obtained by Gorman et al. (2022) for network jets in the solar quiet region. The averaged lifetime of the EUV upflow-like events is 68.6 s, which is within the range of 53.7-157.2 s obtained for quiet region network jets in the previous work of Kayshap et al. (2018). The length of propagation distance in our work is 3.94 Mm, similar to previous studies on network jets (e.g., Tian et al. 2014b; Narang et al. 2016; Kayshap et al. (2018). The positive correlation between speed and distance is also consistent with the result of Kayshap et al. (2018). Through the EM-loci analysis, we found that the temperature of the plasma outflows of these EUV upflow-like events is about  $10^{5.5} \text{ K}$ , which is similar to the temperature of the network jets previously found using Si IV (formed temperature of ~ $10^5 \text{ K}$ ) (e.g., Tian et al. 2014b).

As suggested by Tian et al. (2014a), network jets are likely the counterparts and transition region manifestations of type II spicules. Within the temperature range of 10,000 to 2 MK, De Pontieu et al. (2009) suggested the widespread presence of weak, correlated upflow-like events with velocities of order 50–100 km s<sup>-1</sup> across various magnetic field structures, including active regions, quiet region, and coronal holes. They considered that these upflow-like events are related to type II spicules. In our observations, the EUV upflow-like event exhibits speeds of 62 km s<sup>-1</sup> and a duration time of 68.6 s, which is within the range of velocities (30-110 km s<sup>-1</sup>) and lifetimes (50-150 km s<sup>-1</sup>) reported for Type II spicules (e.g., Pereira et al. 2012). The chromospheric plasma can be accelerated upwards in the form of fountain-like jets or spicules. Most of the plasma can be heated to transition region temperatures (e.g., Pereira et al. 2014; Rouppe van der Voort et al. 2015), while a small fraction can be heated to temperatures exceeding 1 MK, which can be observed in the EUV 171 Å (e.g., Ji et al. 2012; Samanta et al. 2019) or 211 Å (e.g., De Pontieu et al. 2011) wavelength channels. Recently, Bose et al. (2023) also showed signature of chromospheric spicules and their associated propagating disturbances in the 193 channel as well. Additionally, our EUI observations reveal that at least 23 of the 59 observed EUV upflow-like events exhibit recurrent behavior. Further analysis incorporating SDO data suggests that the prevalence of recurrent EUV upflow-like events may be underestimated. This implies that the majority of EUV upflow-like events share characteristics similar to spicules, displaying a recurrent nature.

The EUV upflow-like events observed in our observations exhibit characteristics in the EUI 174 Å images similar to their coronal counterpart, as shown in the supplement fig.S10 of Samanta et al. (2019). In their study, these coronal counterparts appearing at the tops of the chromospheric spicules, display brightening features and upward propagation followed by a backward motion. Such bright parabolic tracks are also reminiscent of dynamic fibrils, as reported by Skogsrud et al. (2016); Mandal et al. (2023a,b). The observed heating fronts may be caused by the rapid dissipation of currents propagating from the photosphere through the spicules into the corona, potentially constituting a component of the spicule formation process, as simulated by De Pontieu et al. (2017a).

Using high-resolution EUI data, we found that during EUV upflow-like event ejections, brightening plasma can appear along the flanks of the EUV upflow-like events, leading to localized haze-like plasma heating. This phenomenon may be attributed to group or collective behavior associated with spicules (e.g., De Pontieu et al. 2011, 2017b; Pereira et al. 2014; Bose et al. 2023). These upward plasma flows could hit the surrounding medium thermalize to produce the brightening front (or the haze-like plasma heating) (e.g., Peter et al. 2019; Guo et al. 2020; Chitta et al. 2021).

Based on the analysis of the radiation characteristics of the EUV upflow-like events brightening front, we found that their average temperature of the brightening front is approximately  $10^{5.5}$ K. Moreover, the EUV upflow-like events

exhibit blob-like fine structures and multi-strand evolutionary features in their spire regions. These blob-like structures may arise from a compressed shock front resulting from p-mode leakage into the corona (e.g., Skogsrud et al. 2016; Mandal et al. 2023b). Alternatively, they could be due to the heating fronts as hypothesized by their 2.5D numerical simulations of Martínez-Sykora et al. (2017) and De Pontieu et al. (2017a). These simulations indicate the sudden release of tension drives strong flows leading to heating of the plasma trough ion-neutral interactions or ambipolar diffusion. Furthermore, the blob-like features may be related to the magnetic reconnection, similar to the thermal evolution and fine dynamics observed of chromospheric jets (approximately 0.1 Mm in size) (Singh et al. 2012), coronal jets (about 3 Mm in diameter) (Zhang & Ji 2014) or coronal microjets(Hou et al. 2021). According to the simulation by Yang et al. (2013), plasmoids generated during the reconnection process due to tearing instability are consistent with the bright moving blobs observed in chromospheric jets. However, our observations do not definitively confirm whether the blob-like plasma in EUV upflow-like events is caused by magnetic reconnection resulting from tearing instability.

The 29 events in Dataset 2 occur exclusively within network fields surrounded by concentrated magnetic flux with dominant polarities. Similarly, in Dataset 1, the 30 events are located within or near network channels characterized by enhanced emission in the Ly $\alpha$  images, resembling the positions of microjets (e.g., Hou et al. 2021) and jetlet-like events (e.g., Panesar et al. 2019). However, it is interesting that the EUV upflow-like events showed the presence of cold material during the ejection process, which is different from the observations of microjets, jetlet-like and campfire-like events (e.g., Berghmans et al. 2021; Chen et al. 2021b; Mandal et al. 2021; Panesar et al. 2021). Obviously, the cold plasma is from the lower solar atmosphere, such as the chromosphere or transition region. Some previous works have indicated that minifilament eruptions are the fundamental driver of many coronal jets (e.g., Shen et al. 2012; Sterling et al. 2015; Wyper et al. 2017; Shen et al. 2017), in which cool material and untwisting motions from erupting minifilaments are suggested to explain the appearance of cool component and rotating motions in jet spires (e.g., Shen et al. 2011; Hong et al. 2013; Chen et al. 2021a; Shen 2021; Duan et al. 2024). More recently, Sterling et al. (2020) speculated that erupting microfilaments might drive enhanced spicular activities. These microfilaments should have a smaller length than tiny minifilaments (< a few Mm) as reported by Chen et al. (2020a). Recently, these upflow-like events have also been speculated to be associated with minifilament (Schwanitz et al. 2023). In our observations, these EUV upflow-like events carry cold material that might originate from microfilaments. Because weak flux cancellation occurring in the source regions of network jets can provide a desirable brith place for miniature filaments (Panesar et al. 2017; Chen et al. 2020a). In addition to that, the darker material below the haze may also be due to surges. In the future, coordinated diagnostic studies of the chromosphere, transition region, and photospheric magnetic fields are needed to confirm what the darker material in EUV upflow-like events is coming from.

Through analysis of the magnetic field source region, we found that 76% (22 of 29) EUV upflows start in mixed polarity regions and are related to magnetic flux emergence or magnetic cancellation. In this case, the driving mechanism of EUV upflows may be driven by (repeated) magnetic reconnection as opposite-polarity magnetic elements are convected or emerge to the dominant polarity at networks, similar to the driving mechanism of type II spicules in the solar quiet region mentioned by Samanta et al. (2019). The reconnection of network and/or plage fields with turbulent magnetic fields may create conditions that facilitate the formation of EUV upflow-like events. However, possibly due to a lower reconnection height, they do not exhibit footpoint brightening in the corona. In addition, we also found that a few EUV upflow-like events (24%; 7 of 29) do not accompany magnetic flux emergence or cancellation. They are found in close vicinity of unipolar plage/network regions, similar to spicules (e.g., Rouppe van der Voort et al. 2009; Henriques et al. 2016; Kuridze et al. 2015; Bose et al. 2021). In this scenario, the p-mode wave leakage (e.g., De Pontieu et al. 2004), or the release of amplified magnetic tension due to ambipolar diffusion (Martínez-Sykora et al. 2017, 2020), or torsional motions in the photosphere (Iijima & Yokoyama 2017) could also be responsible for spicule generation. In the future, combining EUI and high-resolution GST magnetic field observations to conduct observational studies is needed in the future.

#### 5. SUMMARY

With high-resolution EUI 174 observation provided by Solar Orbiter, we conducted a statistical investigation on 59 small-scale EUV upflow-like events from two datasets in the quiet Sun. We explore the physical connections between these ubiquitous coronal upflow-like events in quiet regions and solar phenomena such as chromospheric spicules and transition region network jets, providing insights into their potential contribution to the heating of the localized corona above network regions. We found that the EUV upflow-like events exhibit fine dynamics in corona from EUI images,

and their repeated production may heat up the local coronal above the network field. Through the analysis of the magnetic origin, dynamic process, and radiation characteristics of EUV upflow-like events, the main findings of our study are as follows:

- (i): These ubiquitous, small-scale EUV upflow-like events are consistently observed in quiet Sun regions dominated by network magnetic fields. In EUI 174 Å images, these upflow-like events do not exhibit significant footpoint brightening and are often characterized as small-scale dynamic features with two components: a hot front and a following cold plasma ejection.
- (ii): The averaged velocity, duration, and propagation distance for all 59 EUV upflow-like events are 68.6 s, 62 km s<sup>-1</sup>, and 3.94 Mm, respectively.
- (iii): At least 23 of 59 EUV upflow-like events are repeated events. The averaged time gap between repeated EUV upflows is ~84 s, which is shorter than the typical 3-min or 5-min period of p-mode leakages.
- (iv): High-resolution EUI images reveal that some EUV upflow-like events have blob-like fine structures and multistrand evolutionary features. Some EUV upflow-like events events can cause a haze-like plasma heating in a small region at the leading edge of their ejections.
- (v): For 29 SDO-observed EUV upflow-like events in dataset 2, most of them have obvious responses in AIA 304, 171, 131, and 211 passbands, indicating that they at least have hot plasma component at the transition-region temperature. The averaged temperature and the averaged EM of the bright front of EUV upflow-like events, derived by the EM loci method, are approximately  $10^{5.5}$ K and  $5.6 \times 10^{26}$  cm<sup>-5</sup>, respectively.

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 Table 1. Basic properties of the EUV upflows

	Events	Upflows	Location	Start time	Duration	Velocity	Length	Repeated	Time gap	Mixed-polarity	Network
			$\operatorname{Pixel}(X/Y)$	(UT)	(s)	$(\ \mathrm{km}\ \mathrm{s}^{-1})$	(Mm)		(s)		
dataset 1	E1	1	106/339	17:06:35	76	35	2.67	no			
2021-02-23	E1	2	98/332	17:04:34	52	52	4.78	3	94		
	E1	3	110/243	17:04:40	55	87	4.63	4	46		
	E2	4	1071/243	17:04:35	56	85	4.8	3	88		
	E3	5	1740/705	17:06:04	93	56	5.28	no			
	E4	6	693/1151	17:05:48	74	45	3.31	no			
	E4	7	682/1161	17:06:00	58	68	4	no			
	E5	8	1946/1748	17:05:18	55	74	3.75	3	90		
	E6	9	1867/893	17:07:45	114	44	4.91	no			
	E6	10	1857/893	17:04:49	81	43	3.51	2	64		
	$\mathbf{E7}$	11	1408/253	17:06:16	46	81	3.52	2	91		
	$\mathbf{E7}$	12	$1392^{'}/255$	17:04:55	46	134	6.04	4	68		
	E8	13	534/1813	17:04:40	60	68	4.02	no			
	E8	14	563/1830	17:05:00	51	42	2.06	2	95		
	E8	15	536/1849	17:05:20	36	101	3.7	2	90		
	E9	16	1003/789	17:04:22	90	80	7.24	no			
	E9	17	957/802	17:04:20	79	62	4.88	no			
	E10	18	99/481	17:04:52	94	35	3 39	no		•••	
	E10	19	126/456	17:05:41	67	46	3.15	2	135		
	E10 E11	20	514/1325	17:05:44	63	40	9.51	2	100		
	E12	20	$\frac{14}{1743}$	17:04:52	66	- <u>10</u> 56	2.01	3	127		
	E12 E13	21	1707/1561	17:07:10	71	40	3.41	2	61		
	E13 F14	22	107/033	17:06:50	101	4 <i>5</i> 36	3.63	2	01	•••	
	D14 D15	20	275/422	17:00:59	54	44	0.00	2	70	•••	
	E15 F15	24 25	360/306	17.04.39	40	44 80	2.55	3	19		
	E16	20	251/262	17.05.12	27	83 81	0.4	2	51	•••	
	E10 E16	20	201/302	17.07.29	70	49	2.65	2	51		
	E10 E16	21	202/302	17:00:13	70	42	3.01	10		•••	
	E10 E17	20	200/300	17.06.56	29	179	5.00	2	121		
	E17	29	1206/00	17:00:50	41	121	0.39	2	125	•••	
1.1	E17	30	1210/32	14.59.00	00	44	2.0	110	•••	•••	
dataset 2	E18	31	804/777	14:52:02	80	40	3.72	no		no	yes
2020-05-30	E18	32	815/797	14:50:43	63	38	2.4	no		no	yes
	E18	33	829/777	14:52:13	84	28	2.37	no		no	yes
	E19	34	1130/1327	14:51:41	57	166	9.78	no		yes	yes
	E19	35	1157/1354	14:51:09	81	130	10.5	no		yes	yes
	E20	36	739/1017	14:50:11	65	55	3.54	no		no	yes
	E20	37	723/1019	14:50:27	64	49	3.04	no		no	yes
	E20	38	732/1000	14:51:35	82	69	5.69	no		no	yes
	E21	39	680/1434	14:50:16	81	57	4.58	3	40	yes	yes
	E21	40	678/1443	14:50:43	81	69	5.6	no		yes	yes
	E22	41	708/1370	14:50:28	66	39	2.58	2	128	yes	yes
	E22	42	703/1356	14:50:50	90	45	4.02	no		yes	yes
	E22	43	705/1367	14:50:54	77	110	8.41	no		yes	yes
	E23	44	987/827	14:52:14	59	34	1.99	no		yes	yes
	E23	45	987/818	14:50:25	67	54	3.45	2	110	yes	yes
	E23	46	971/845	14:51:05	73	50	3.69	2	68	yes	yes
	E23	47	971/835	14:52:30	75	52	3.98	no		yes	yes
	E24	48	1439/731	14:50:58	76	59	4.4	2	38	yes	yes
	E25	49	1392/603	14:50:02	88	41	3.65	no		yes	yes
	E25	50	1389/603	14:51:29	75	42	3.1	no		yes	yes
	E26	51	1396/1433	14:51:40	50	63	3.13	no		yes	yes
	E26	52	1385/1433	14:50:39	45	65	2.68	2	55	yes	yes
	E26	53	1401/1430	14:51:57	50	33	1.63	no		yes	yes
	E27	54	1523/1113	14:49:05	79	34	2.64	2	65	yes	yes
	E28	55	875/522	14:50:34	102	45	4.52	no		yes	yes
	E29	56	583/710	14:50:30	67	29	1.94	no		yes	yes
	E30	57	910/1301	14:50:13	86	39	3.34	no		yes	yes
	E31	58	552/1063	14:51:52	71	48	3.44	no		yes	yes
	E32	59	1037/1110	14:49:20	88	31	2.68	no		no	yes

NOTE—Location: the location of a EUV upflow-like event in the pixel coordinate of EUI 174 Å image. Repeated: if a EUV upflow reveals a signature of recurrent. Time gap: the time interval between repeated upflow-like events. Network: if a EUV upflow-like event originates from the network field.



Figure 1. The overview of our two datasets. In total, 32 Events FOVs are given, in which 59 upflow-like events can be detected. Six clear cases are shown in panels (c) and (d). The EUV upflow-like events of interest are marked by black arrows. For comparison, adjacent braiding of loops is marked by white arrows in panels (h).



Figure 2. Time-distance plot of selected EUV upflow-like events. (a)–((d)) the slit location: (a-1)–(d-1) original time-distance plot of EUI observation; (a-2)–(d-2) enhanced time-distance plot with high pass filtering.



Figure 3. (a-c): distributions of the parameters for EUV upflow-like events. In <u>each panel</u>, 'M'and 'S'represent the averaged <u>value and standard deviation</u>, respectively. (d): the scatter plot of the relationship between the velocity and the propagation distance for EUV upflow-like events. (e): distributions of velocity for both repeated and non-repeated EUV upflow-like events. (f): distributions of repeated time gap for repeated upflow-like events.

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Figure 5. The formation environment of EUV upflow-like events. (a-1)–(e-1): EUI 174 Å and Ly $\alpha$  images showing five selected examples. (a-2)–(e-2): the corresponding five examples in SDO AIA 171Å, 1600Å images and HMI magnetograms. The white arrows denote the orientation of ejection for the EUV upflow-like events. The field of view of HMI magnetograms is indicated by the white box in AIA 1600Å. The red crosses indicate the sit where the EUV upflow-like events start. The white and black contours in AIA 1600Å represent magnetic field strength with the levels of  $\pm 30$  G, respectively. The positive and negative flux variations in time are indicated in the black or white dashed box in HMI magnetograms.

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Figure 6. The AIA response of three selected EUV upflow-like events. These time-distance images are plotted along the three selected the main axis of EUV upflow-like events. The start and end time of EUI observation are marked by two dashed lines.

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