CME's and Flares

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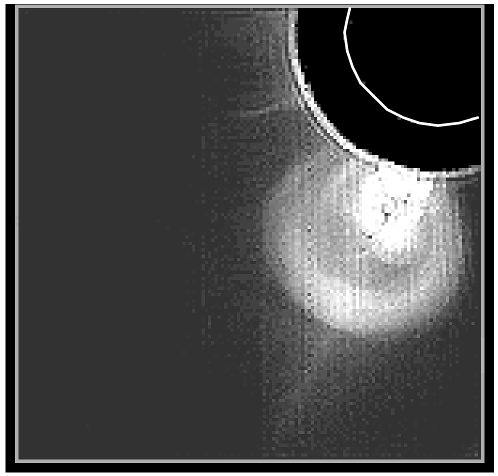
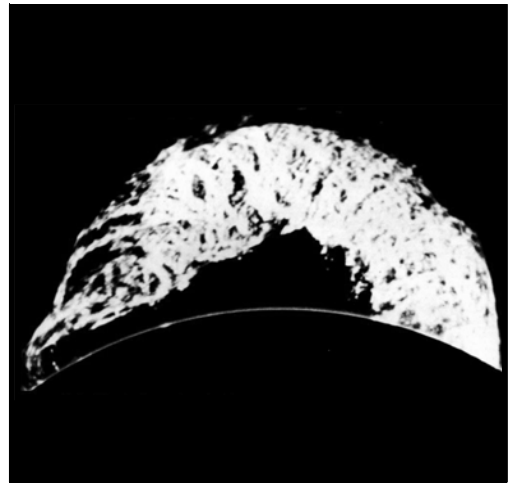
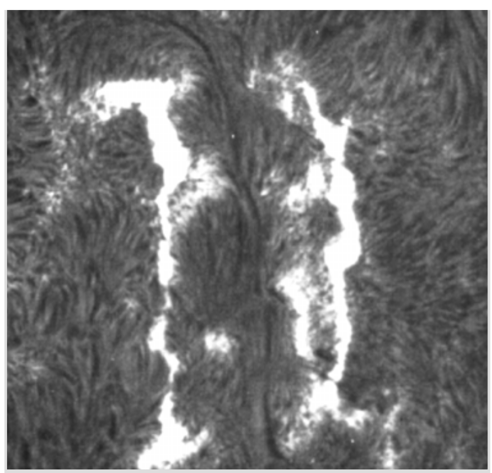


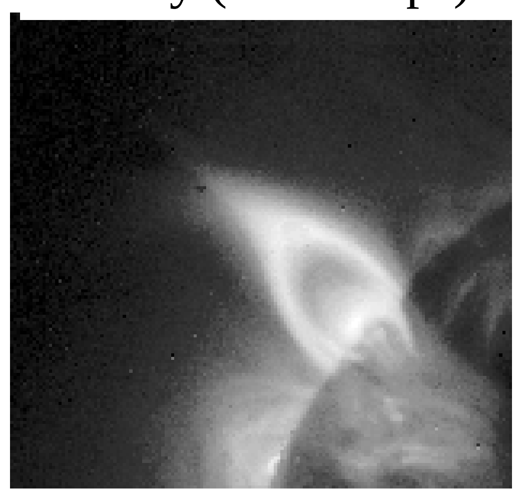
Hα limb (prominence)



Hα disk (flare ribbons)



X-ray (flare loops)



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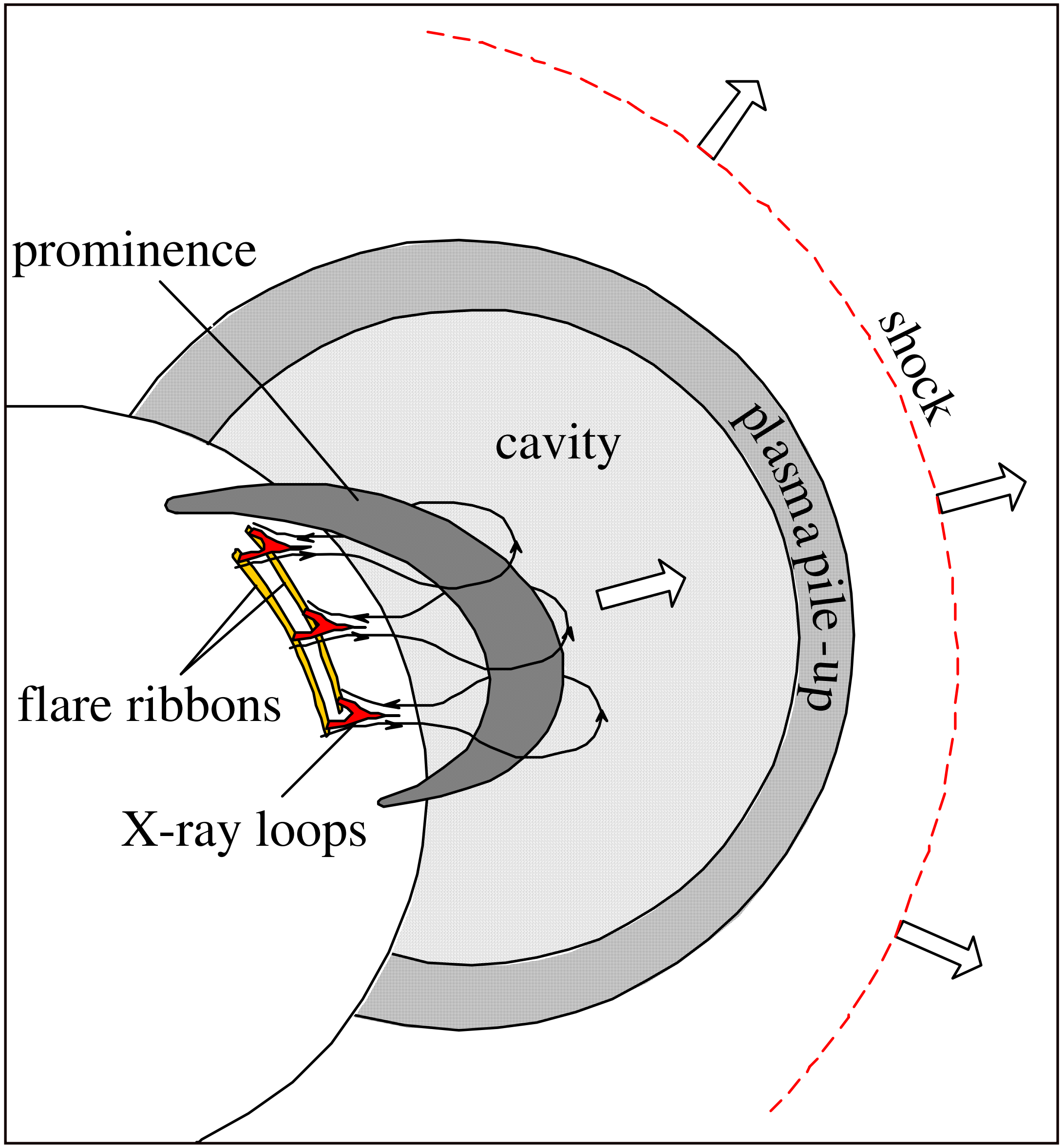

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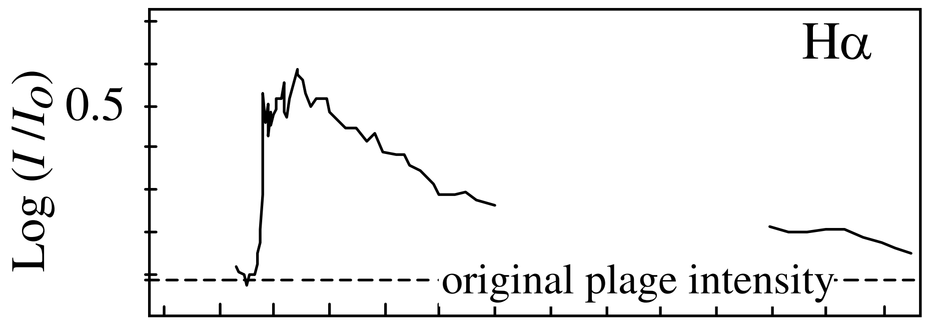
Hα
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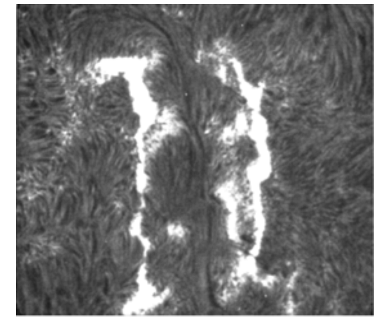

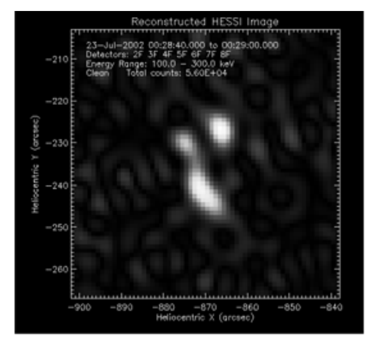
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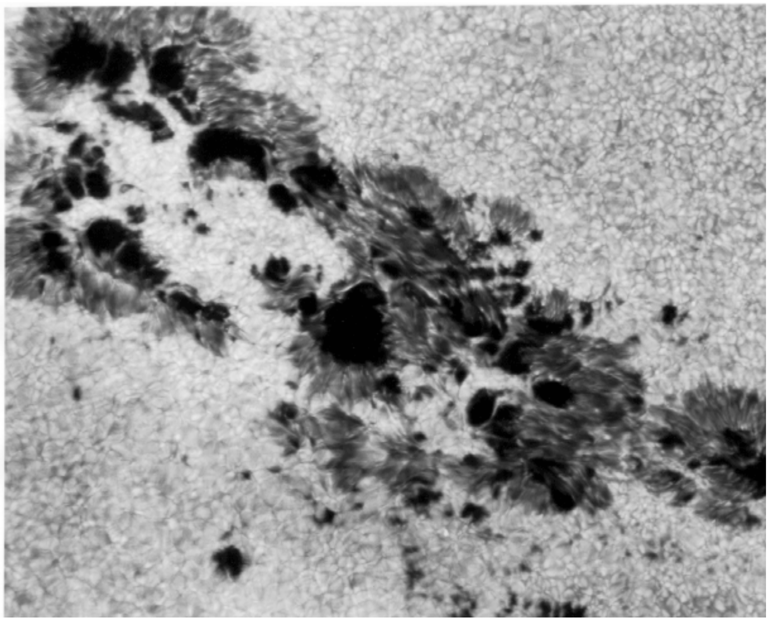
Inertial Line-Tying



Photospheric boundary condition:

$$\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}\,.$$

Photospheric convection is negligible

Plasma below the photosphere is both massive and a good conductor.

B normal to surface is fixed.

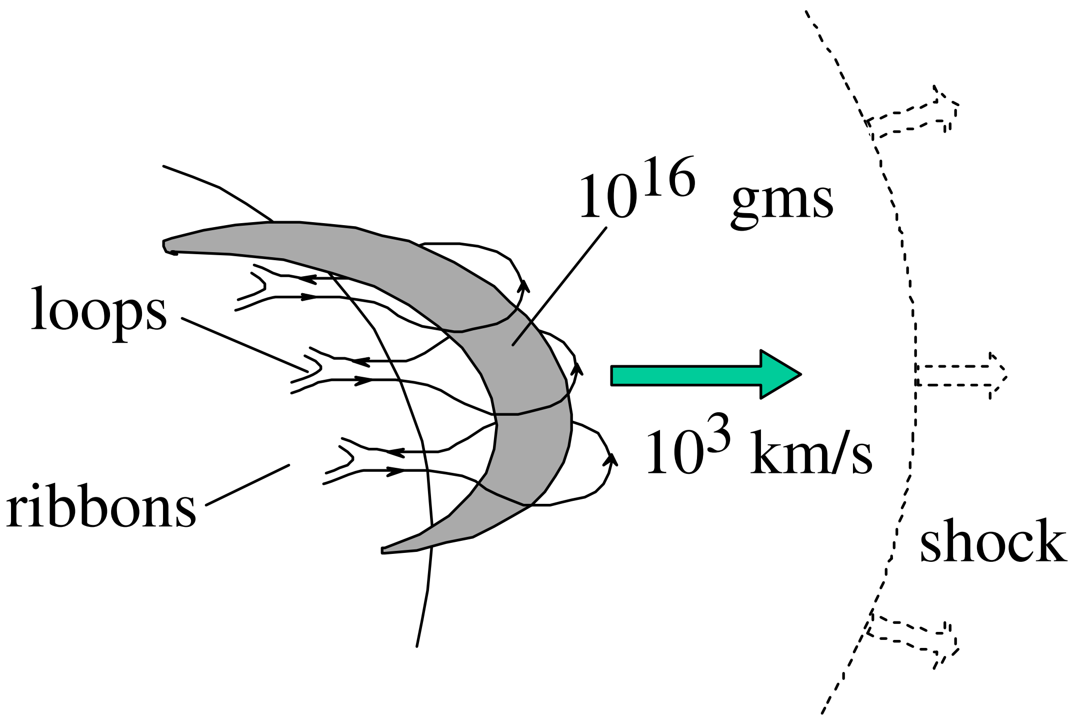
Evolution of the photosphere is slow compared to time scale of eruptions.

CME/Flare Energetics

kinetic energy of mass motions: $\approx 10^{32}$ ergs

heating / radiation: $\approx 10^{32}$ ergs

work done against gravity $\approx 10^{31}$ ergs



volume involved:
$\gtrsim (10^5 \text{ km})^3$

energy density:
$\lesssim 100$ ergs/cm^3

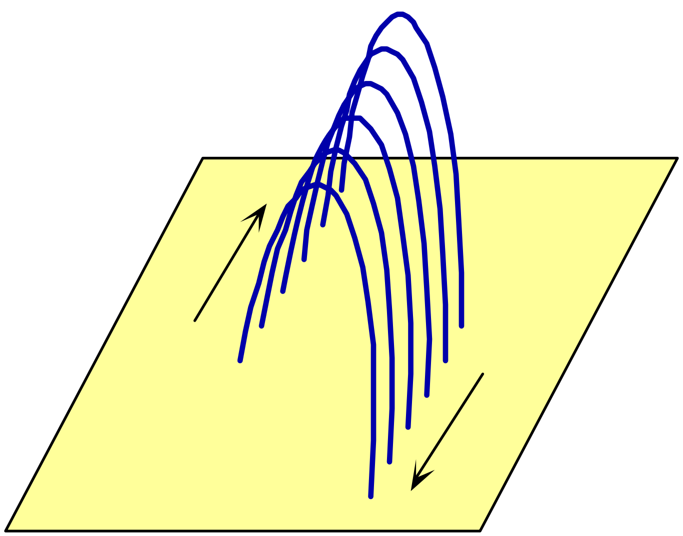
Nature of Energy Source: Required: ≈ 100 ergs/cm^3

Type	Observed Values	Energy Density
kinetic $(m_p n V^2)/2$	$n = 10^9$ cm^{-3} $V = 1$ km/s	10^{-5} ergs/cm^3
thermal nkT	$T = 10^6$ K	0.1 ergs/cm^3
gravitational $m_p ngh$	$h = 10^5$ km	0.5 ergs/cm^3
magnetic $B^2/8\pi$	$B = 100$ G	400 ergs/cm^3

How is Energy Stored?

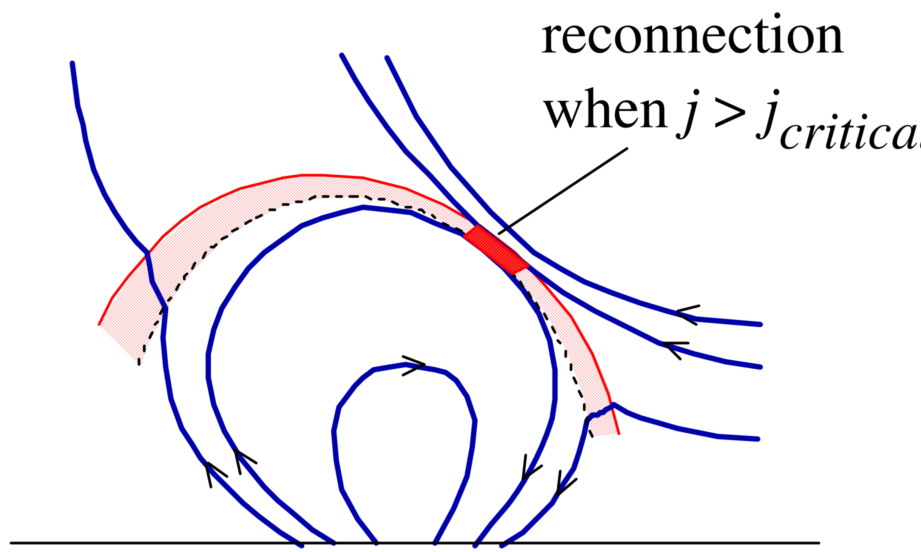
$\beta = 10^{-3}$ $\nabla p \approx 0$ $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} \approx 0$

Force-free fields: $\mathbf{j} \parallel \mathbf{B}$



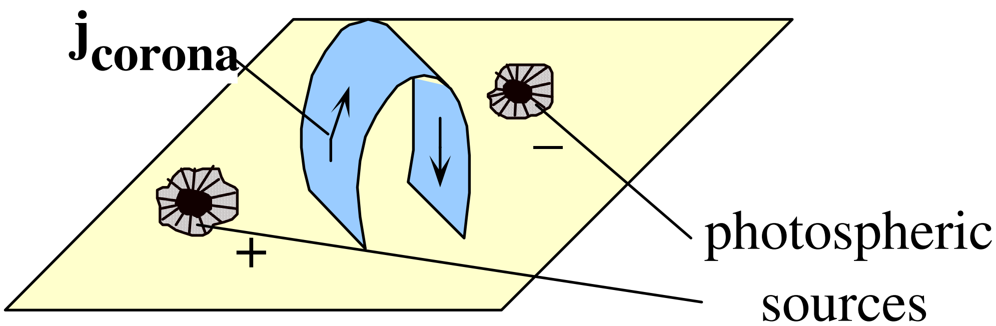
sheared magnetic fields

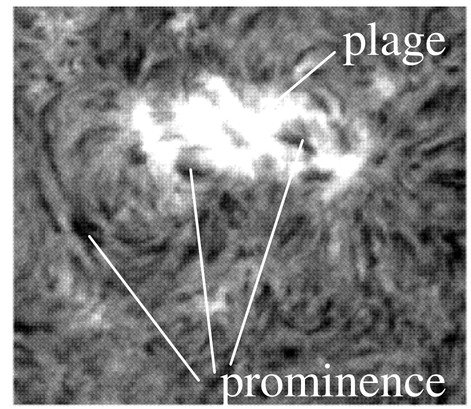
Current sheets:



emerging flux model

How Much Energy is Stored?





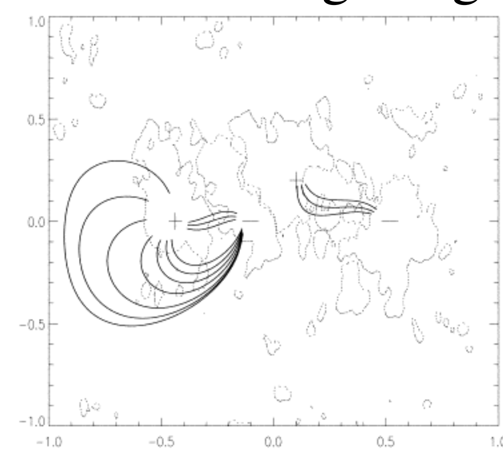
$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_{\substack{\text{photospheric}\\ \text{currents}}} + \mathbf{B}_{\substack{\text{coronal}\\ \text{currents}}}$$

invariant during CME

source of CME energy

$$B_{from\ corona} \approx B_{from\ photosphere}$$

model with magnetogram

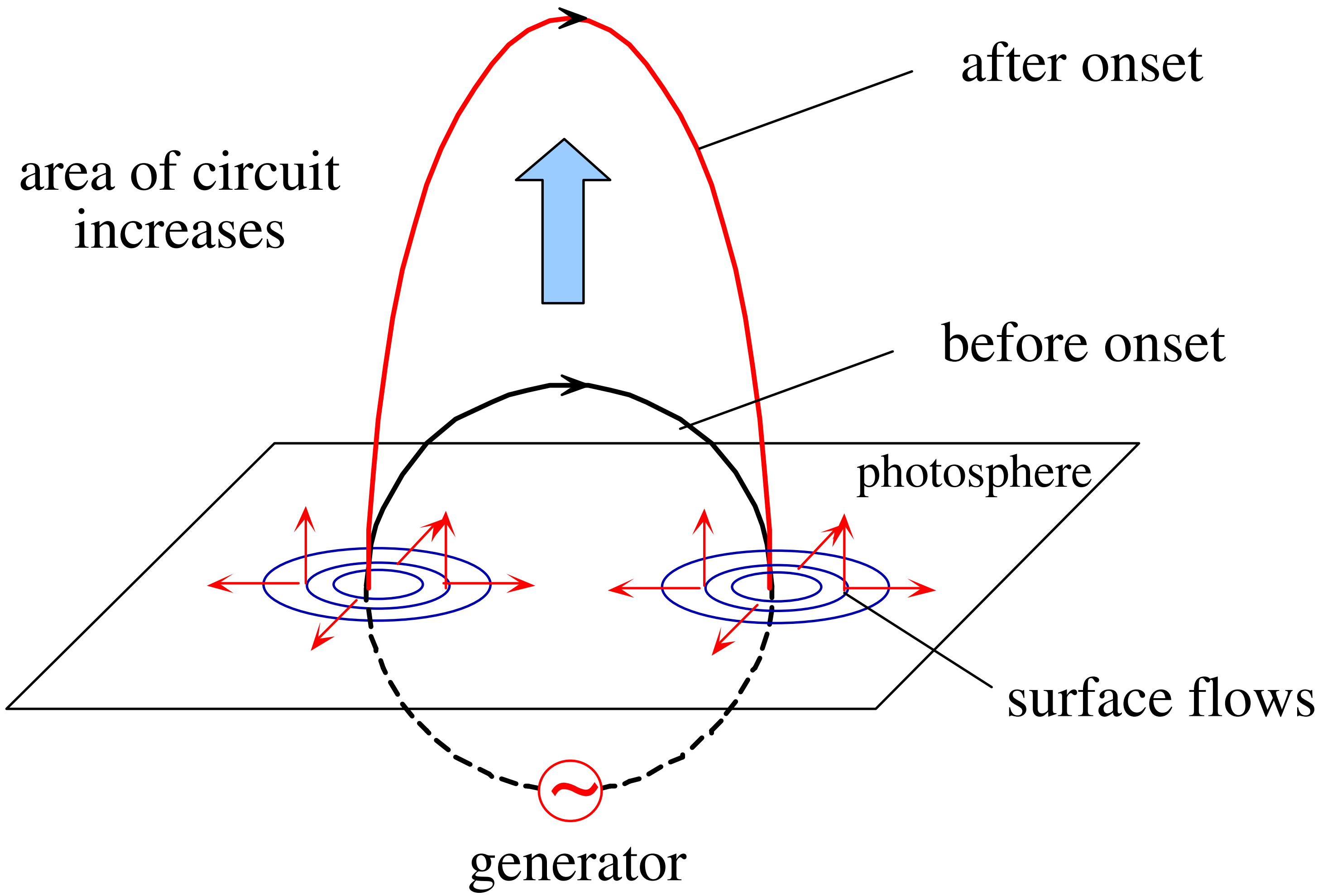


from Gaizauskas & Mackay (1997)

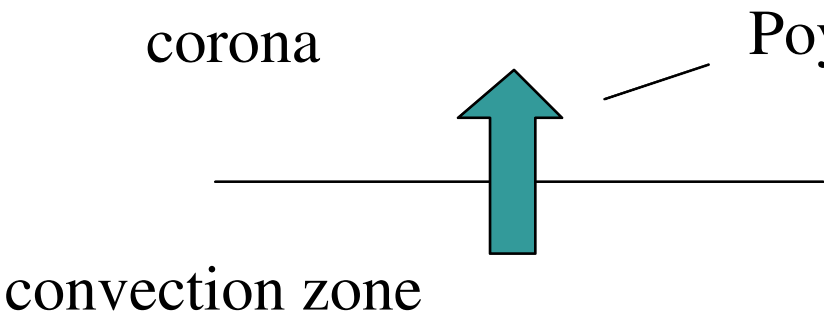
$$\boxed{\text{free magnetic energy} \approx 50\% \text{ of total magnetic energy}}$$

Flux Injection Models

(e.g. Chen 1989)



During injection energy flows through photosphere.



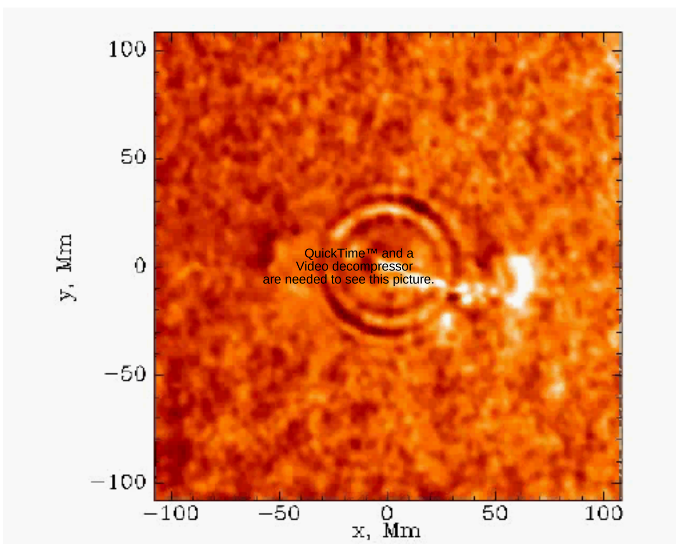
Poynting flux: $\mathbf{S} = c\,\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} / (4\pi)$

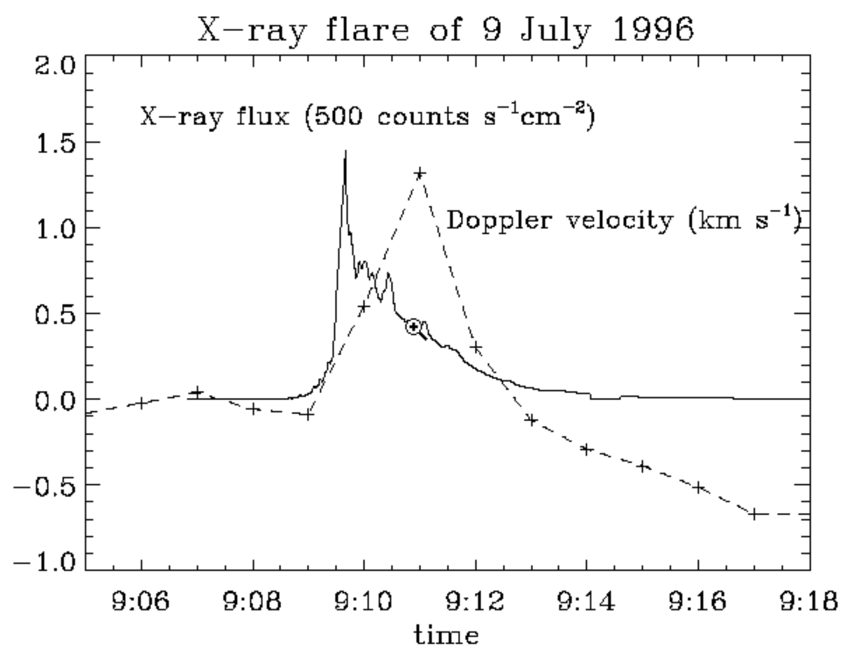
(ergs/cm/sec)

$\mathbf{E} = -(\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) / c$

> 10 km/sec for > 10 minutes

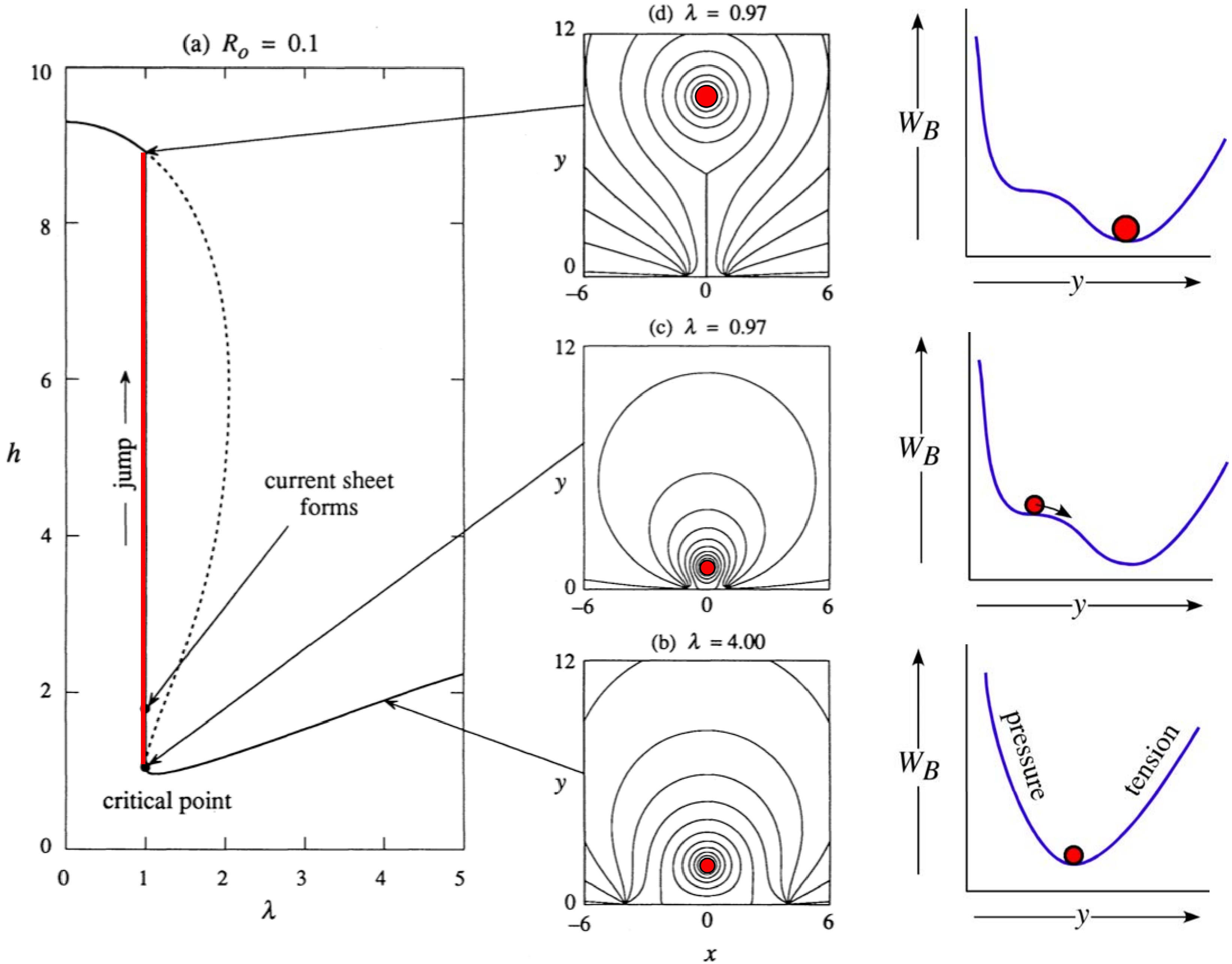
Kosovichev et al. 1998



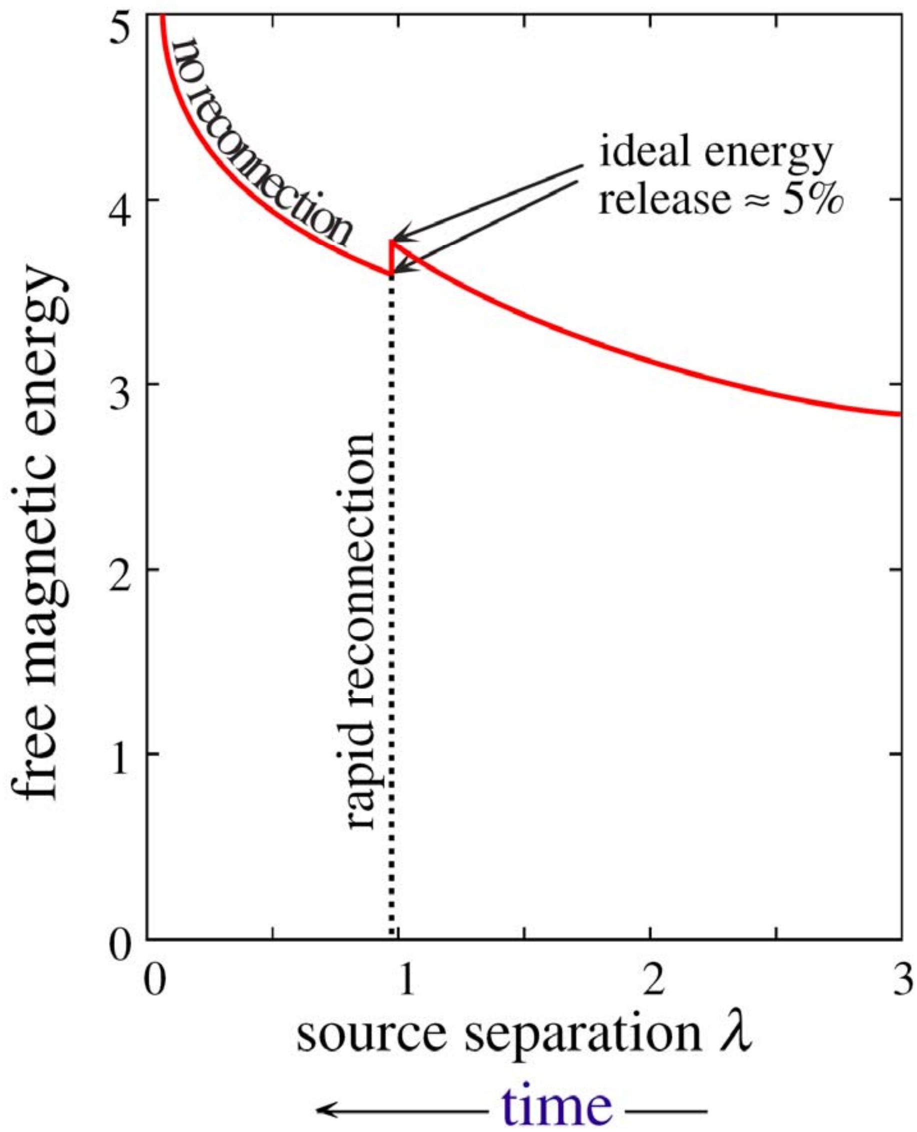


Injection models predict large surface flows which are never observed.

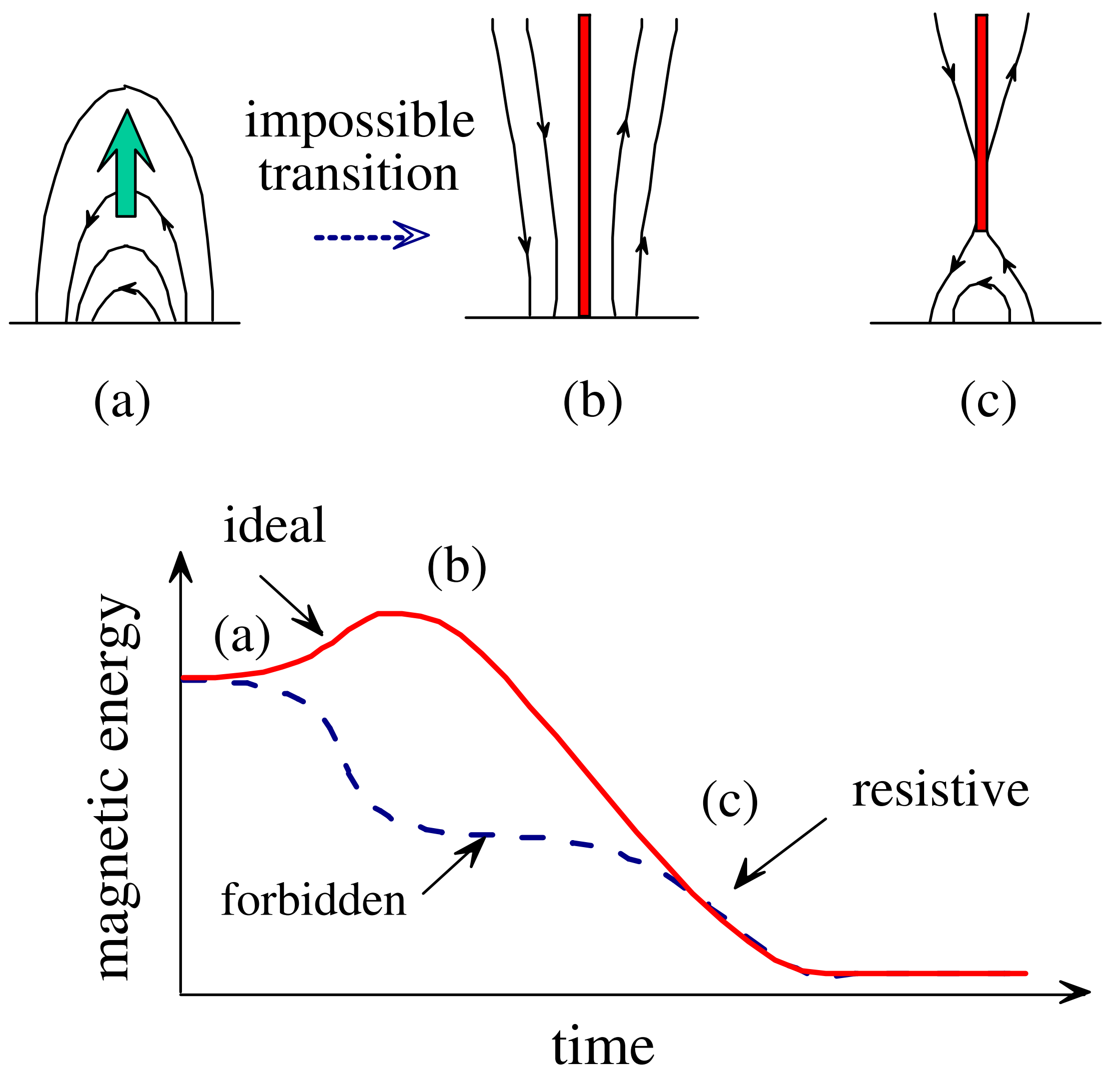
Loss of Equilibrium Model



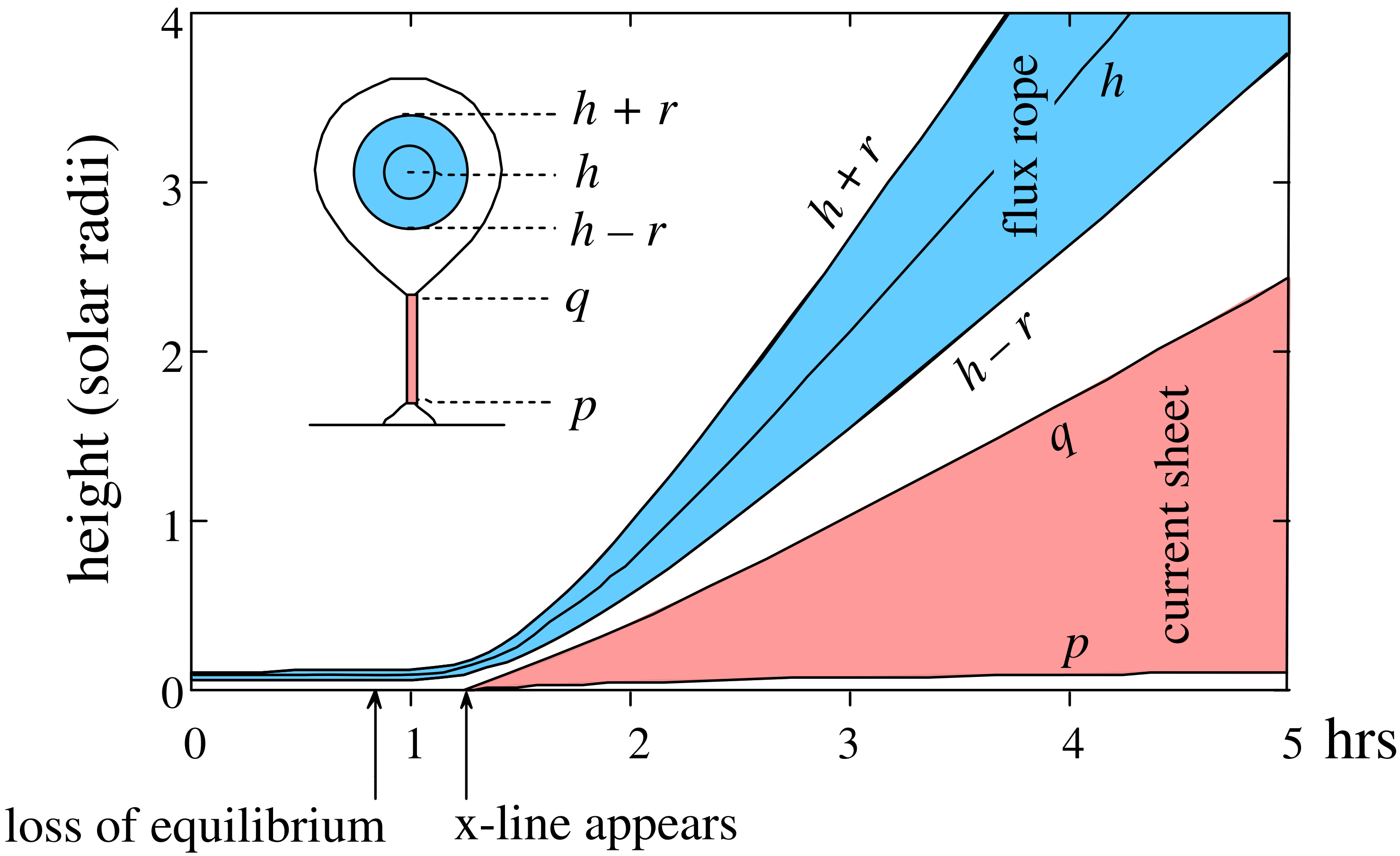
Energy Release in 2D Model



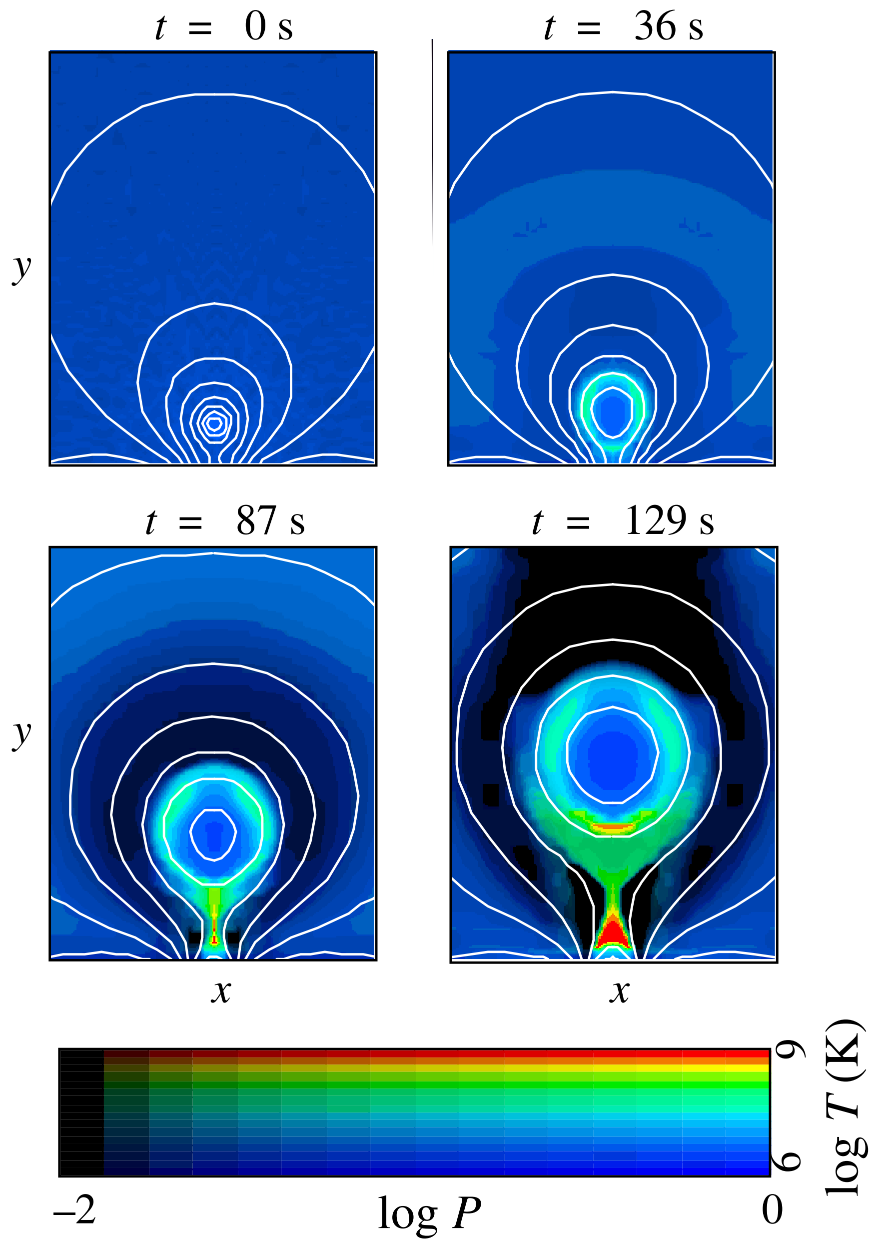
Aly - Sturrock Paradox



Trajectories



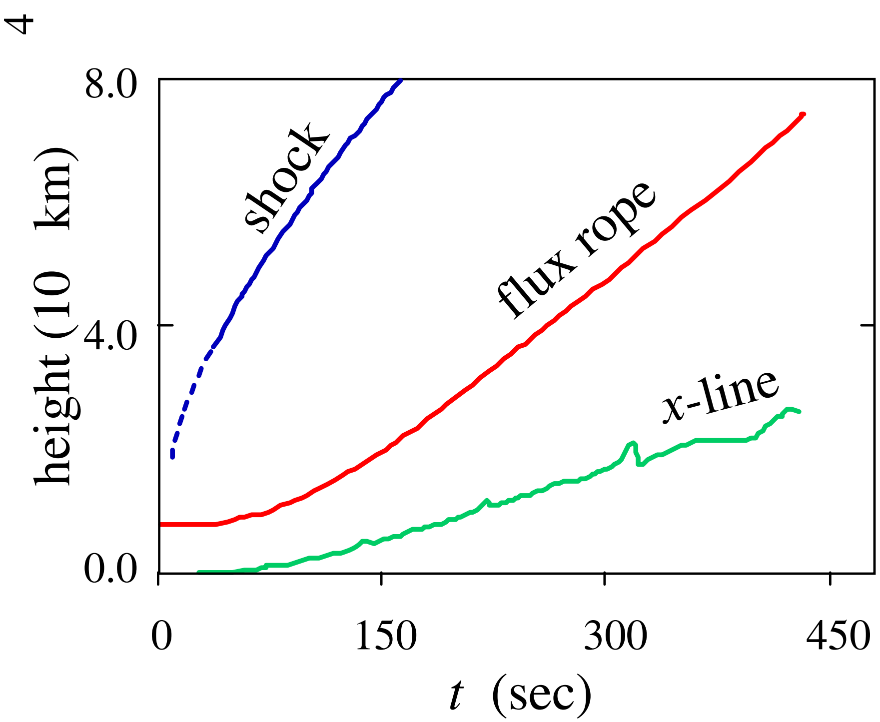
Numerical Simulation of Critical Point Configuration



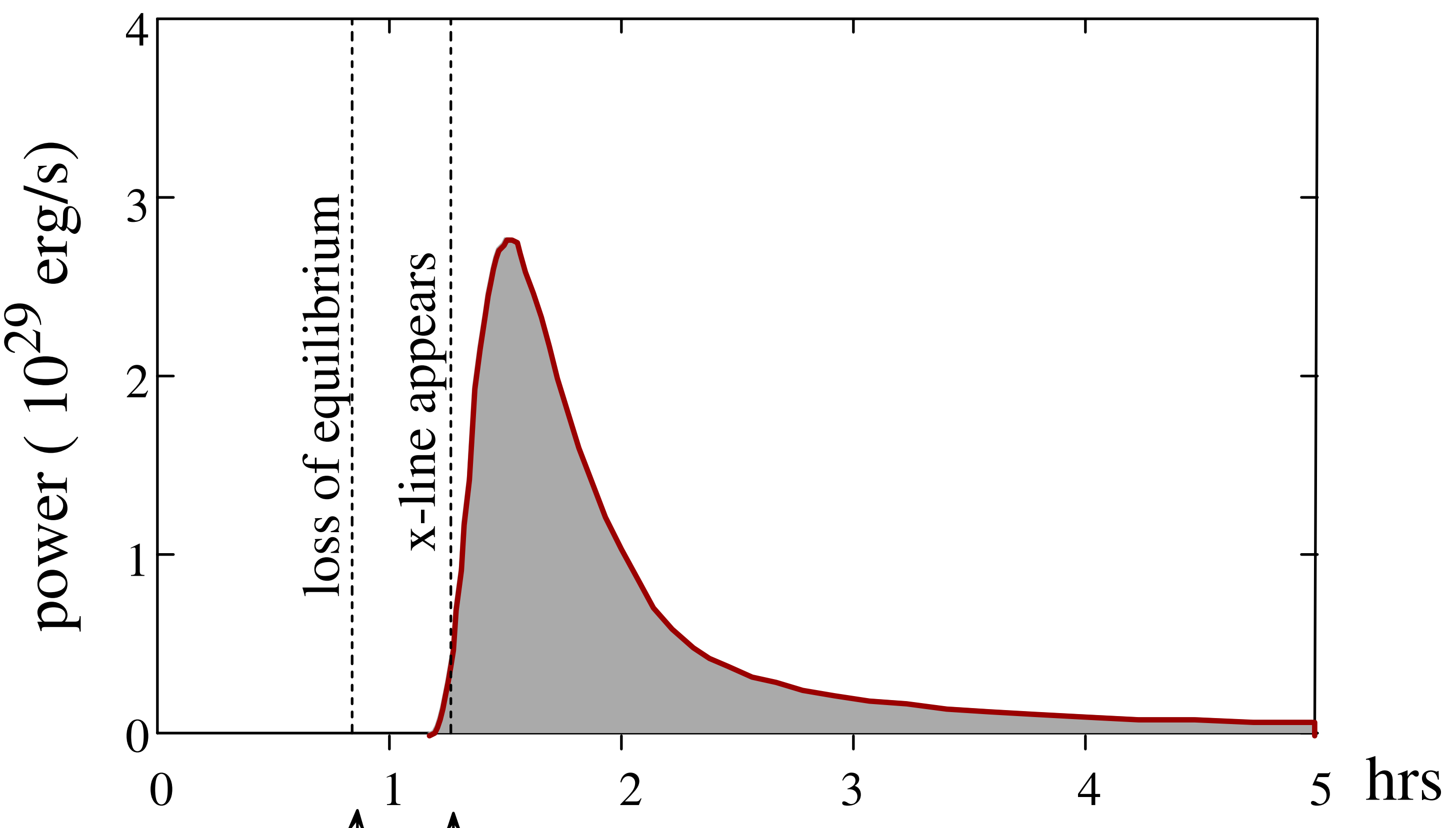
initial condition: $\mathbf{V} = 0$

energy equation: Ohmic heating
no cooling

resistivity: uniform, $S = 500$



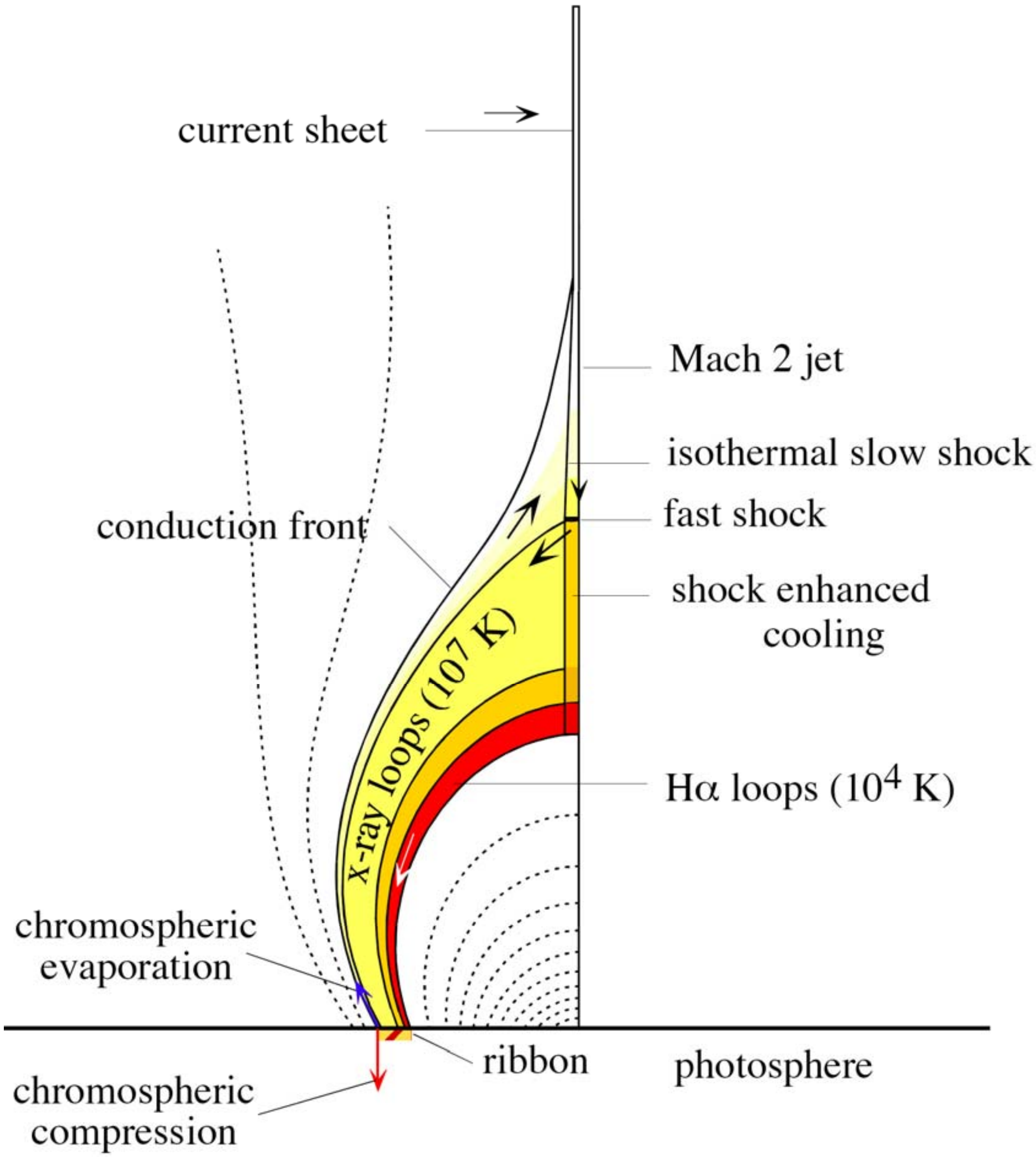
Power Output



loss of equilibrium

x-line appears

Chromospheric Evaporation



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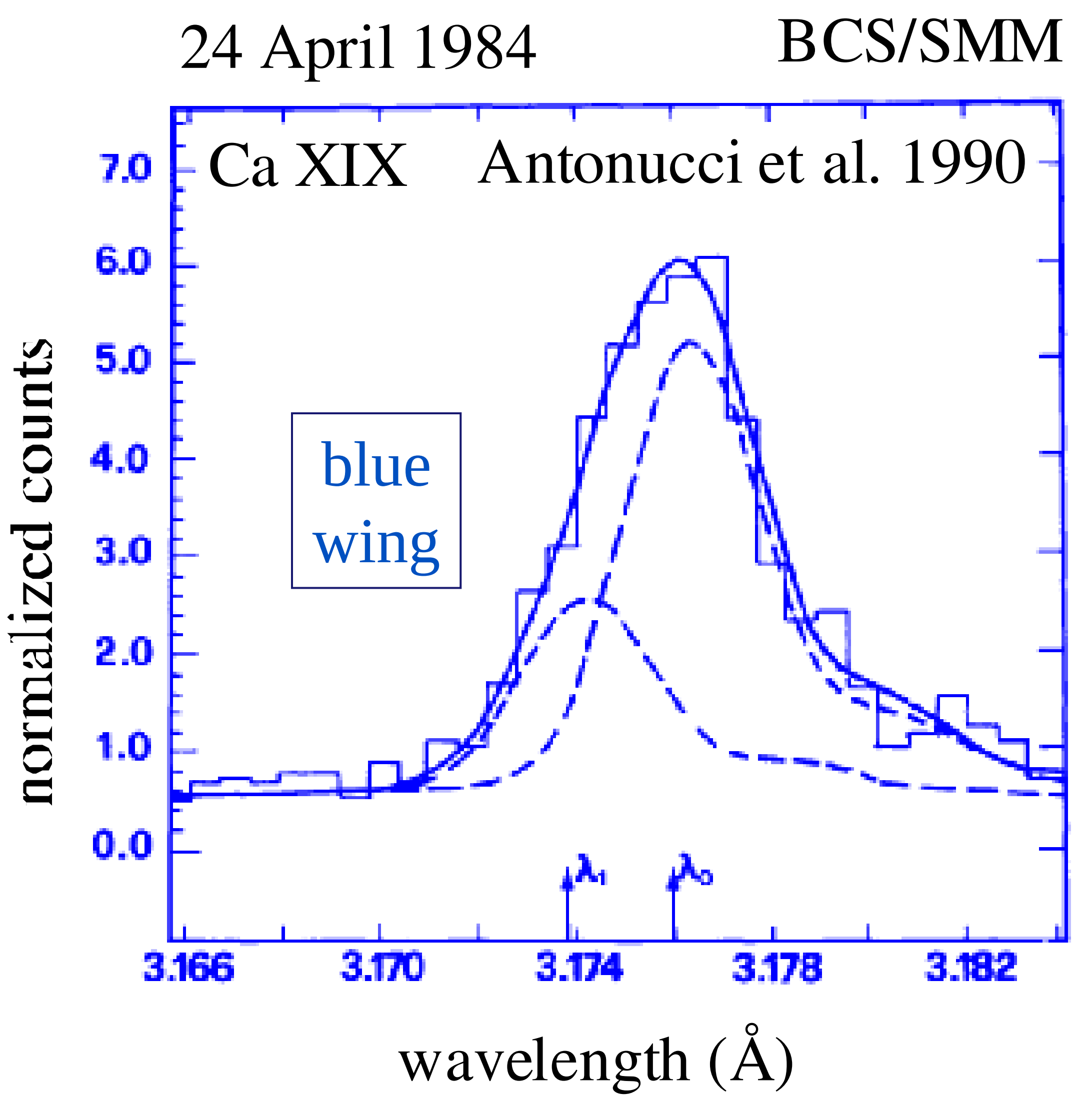
Evaporation Doppler Shift Puzzle



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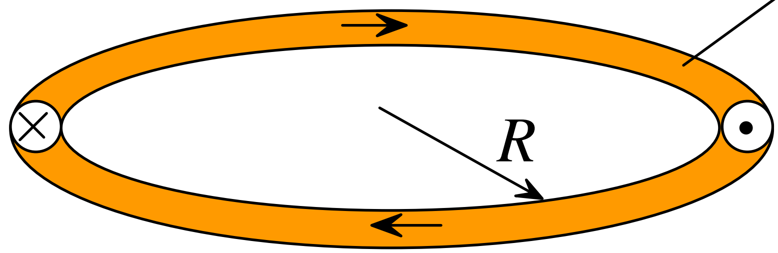
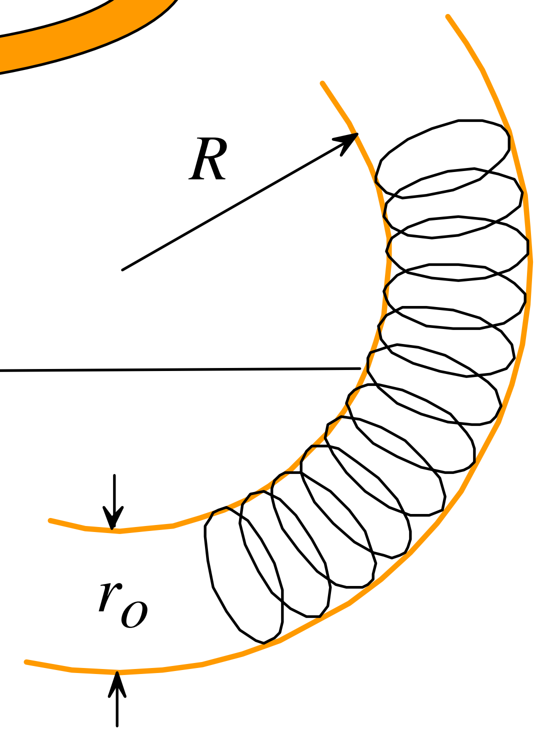
Basic Principles I

Driving Force:

ring with
current I



inner edge is pinched
by curvature of rope

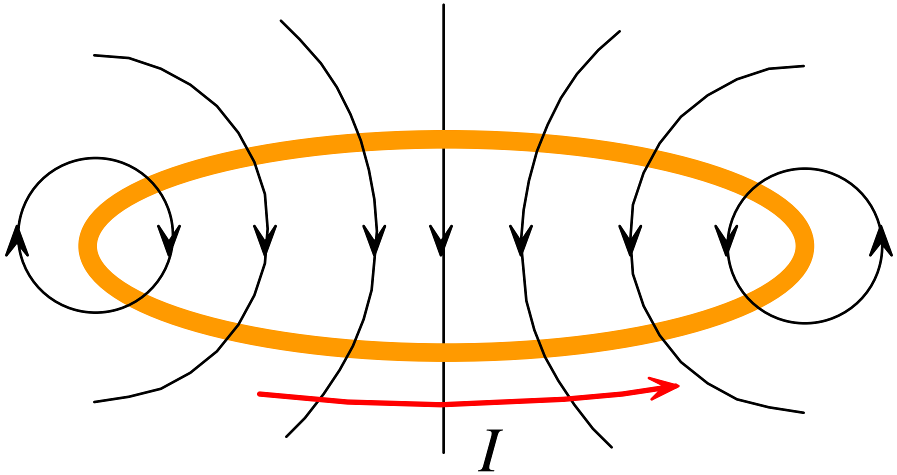


repulsive force:

$$\boxed{F \;\propto\; \frac{I^2}{R} \ln\left(R / r_o\right)}$$

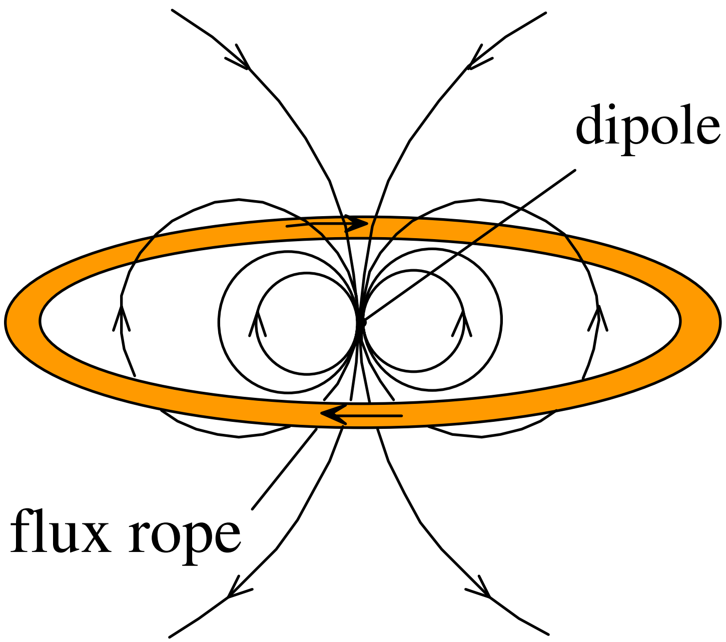
Basic Principles II

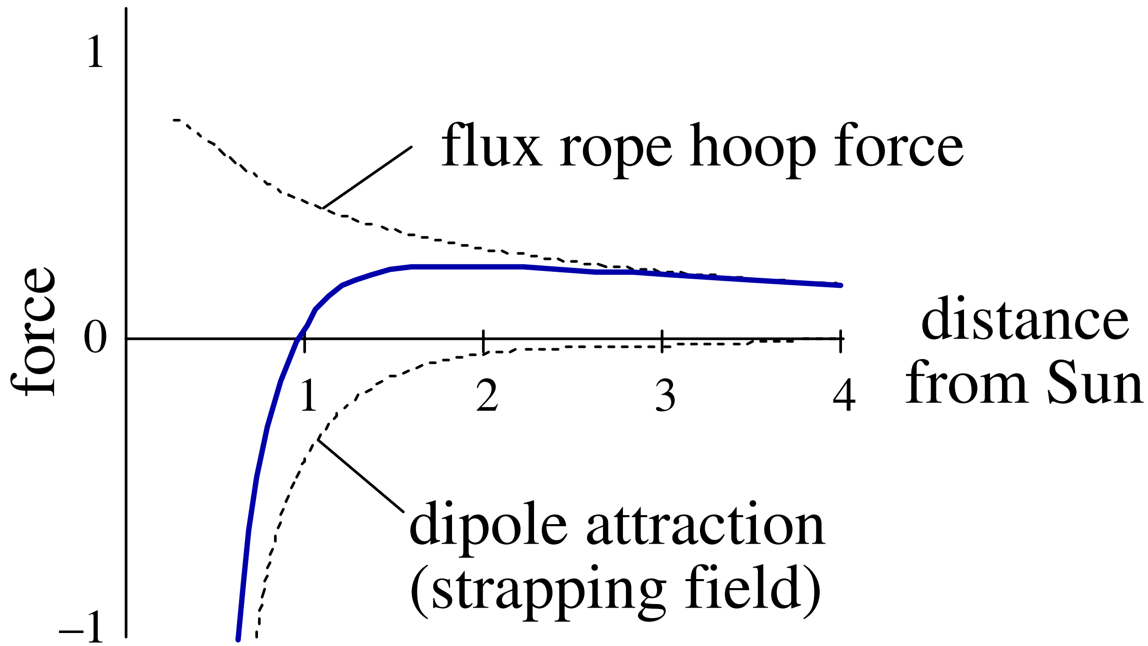
Flux Conservation:



$$\boxed{I \propto 1/[R\ln(R/r_0)]}$$

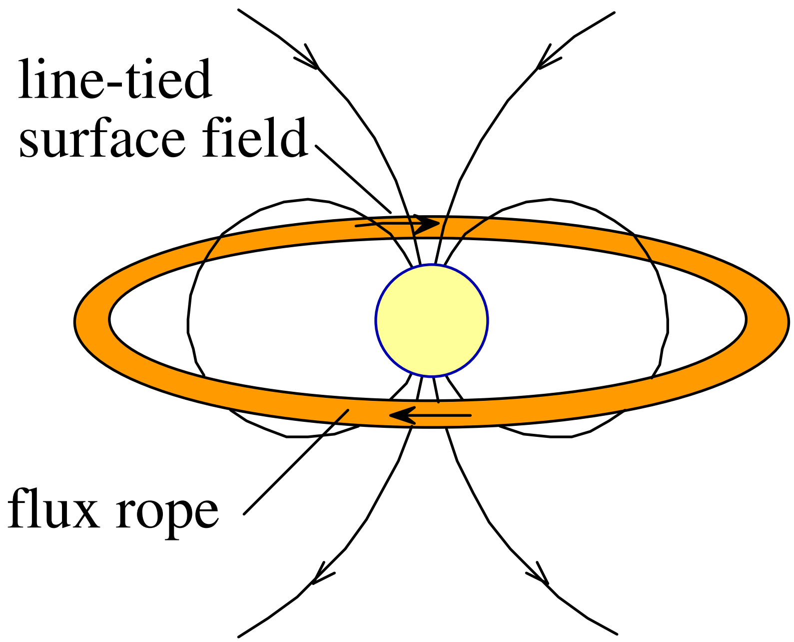
How to Achieve Equilibrium



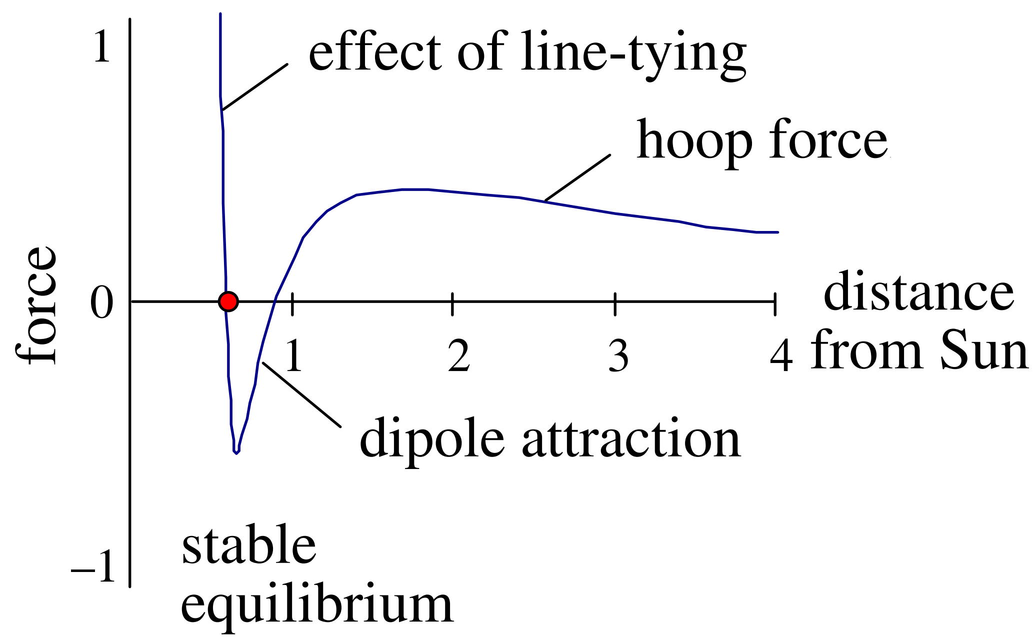


However, such an equilibrium is unstable!

How to Achieve a Stable Equilibrium



Key factor: Line-tying



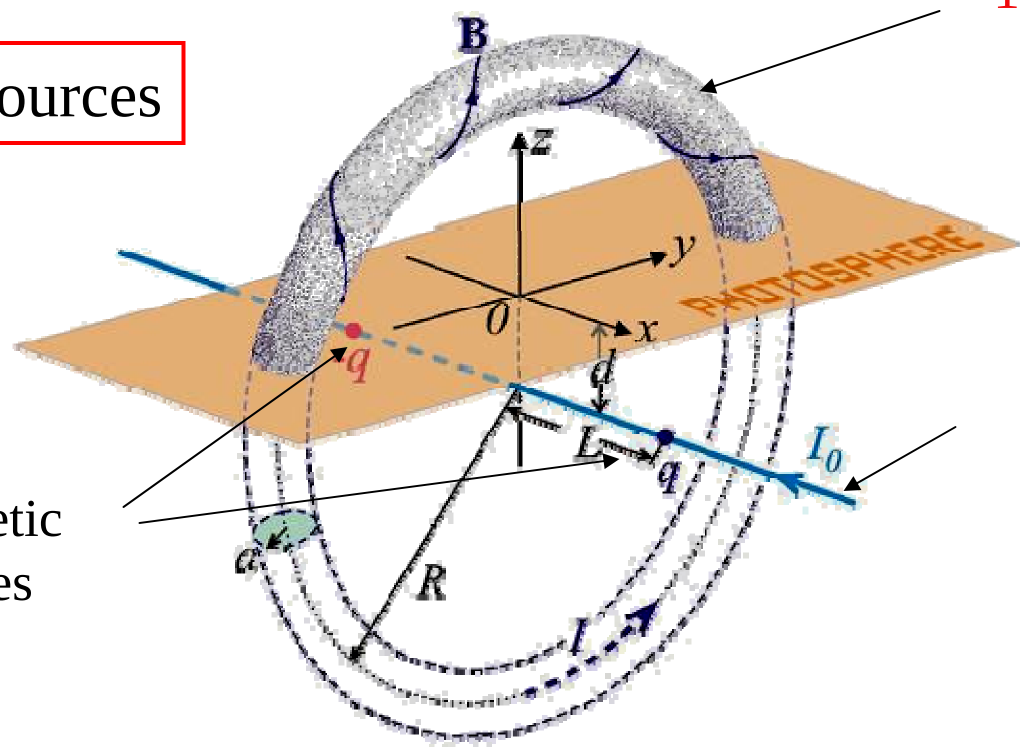
Line-tying creates a second, stable equilibrium

3D Loss-of-Equilibrium Model

Titov & Démoulin (1999)

3 field sources

1. flux rope

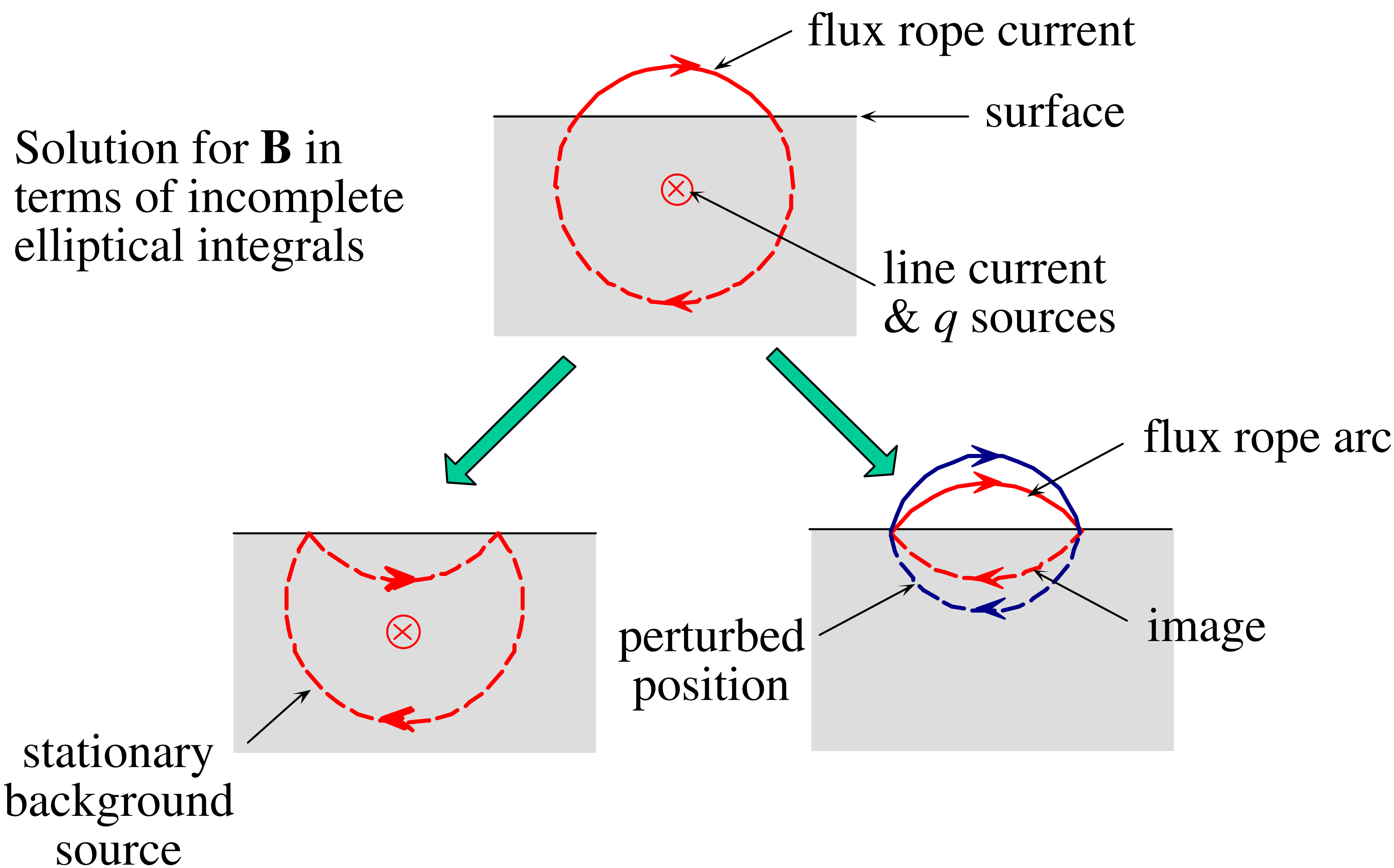


2. magnetic charges

3. line-current

3D Line-Tied Solution by Method of Images

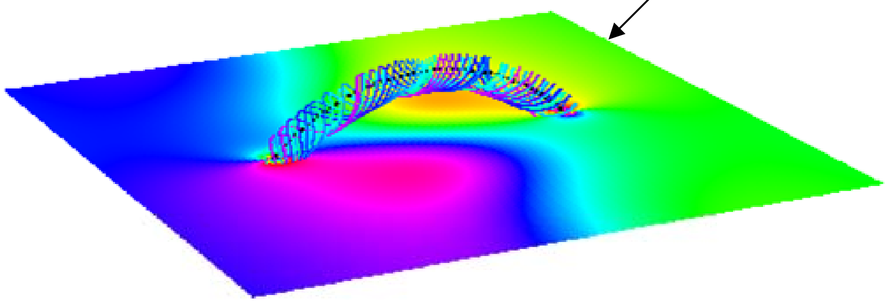
Solution for **B** in terms of incomplete elliptical integrals



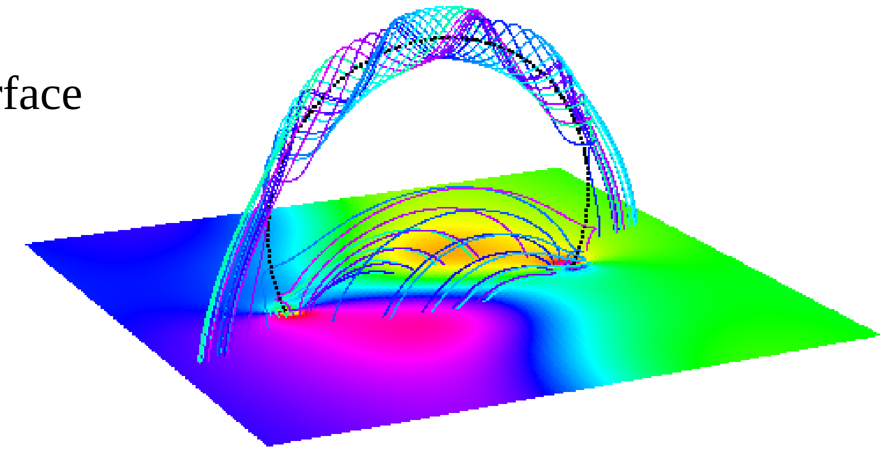
Line-Tied Evolution

initial configuration

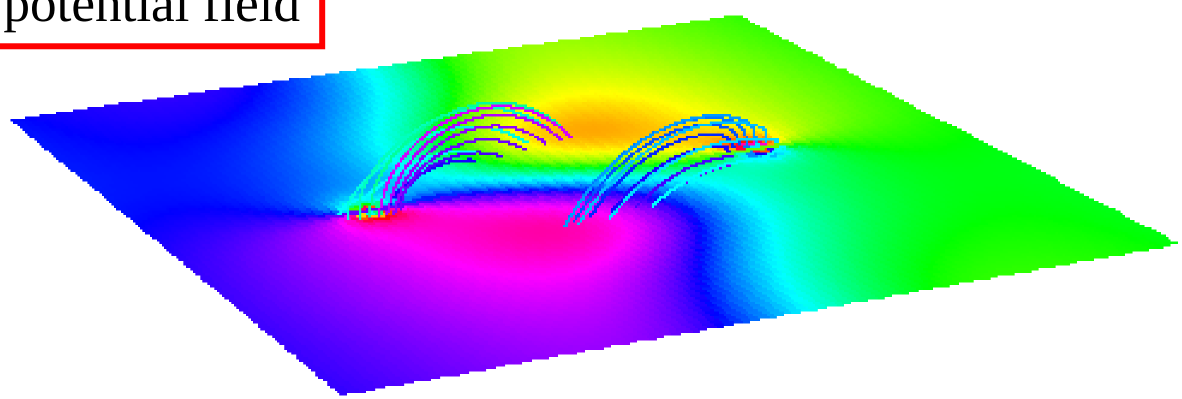
vertical field at surface



erupted configuration



potential field



Transient Coronal Holes as Seen by EIT

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Transient Coronal Holes as Seen by TRACE

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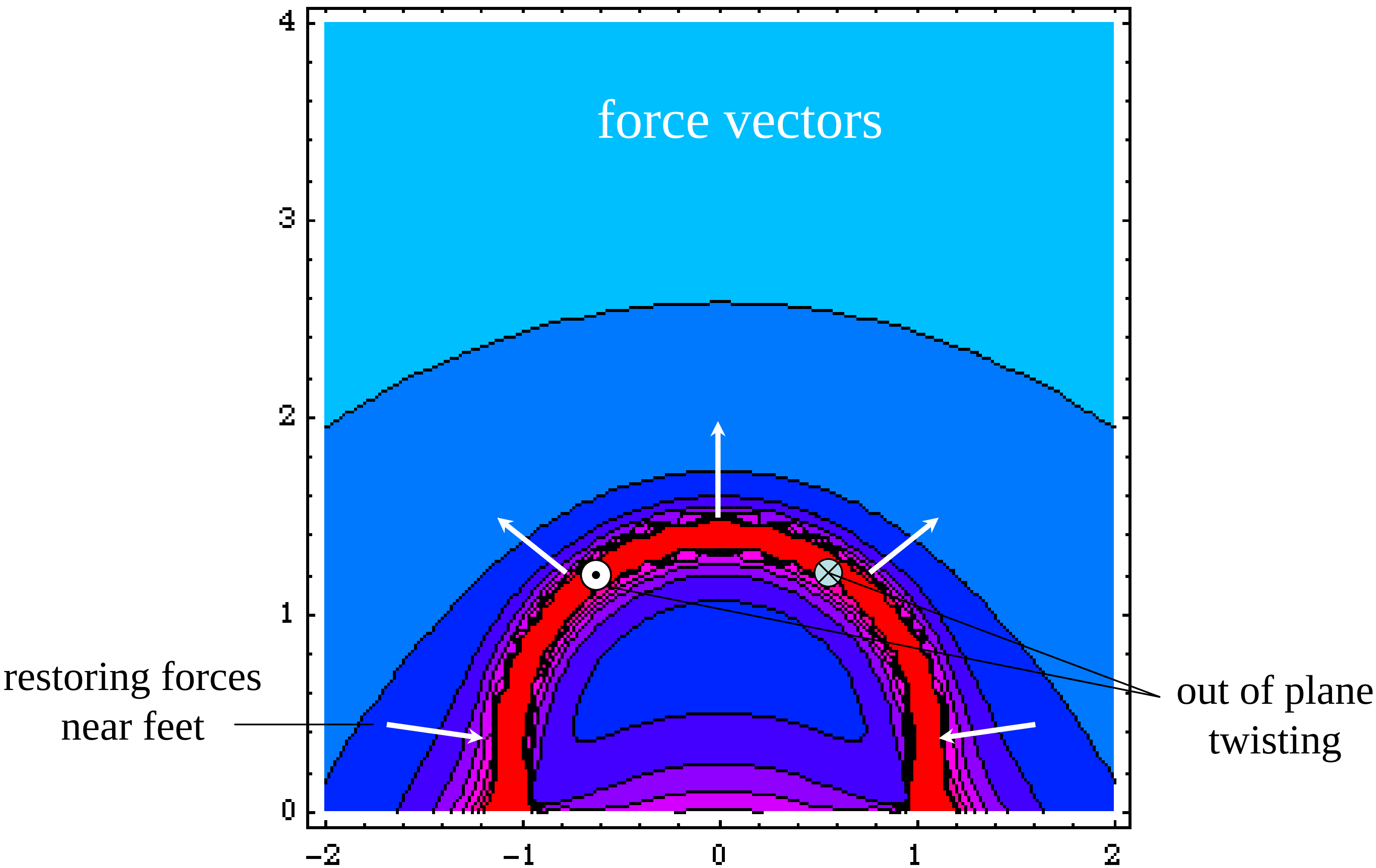
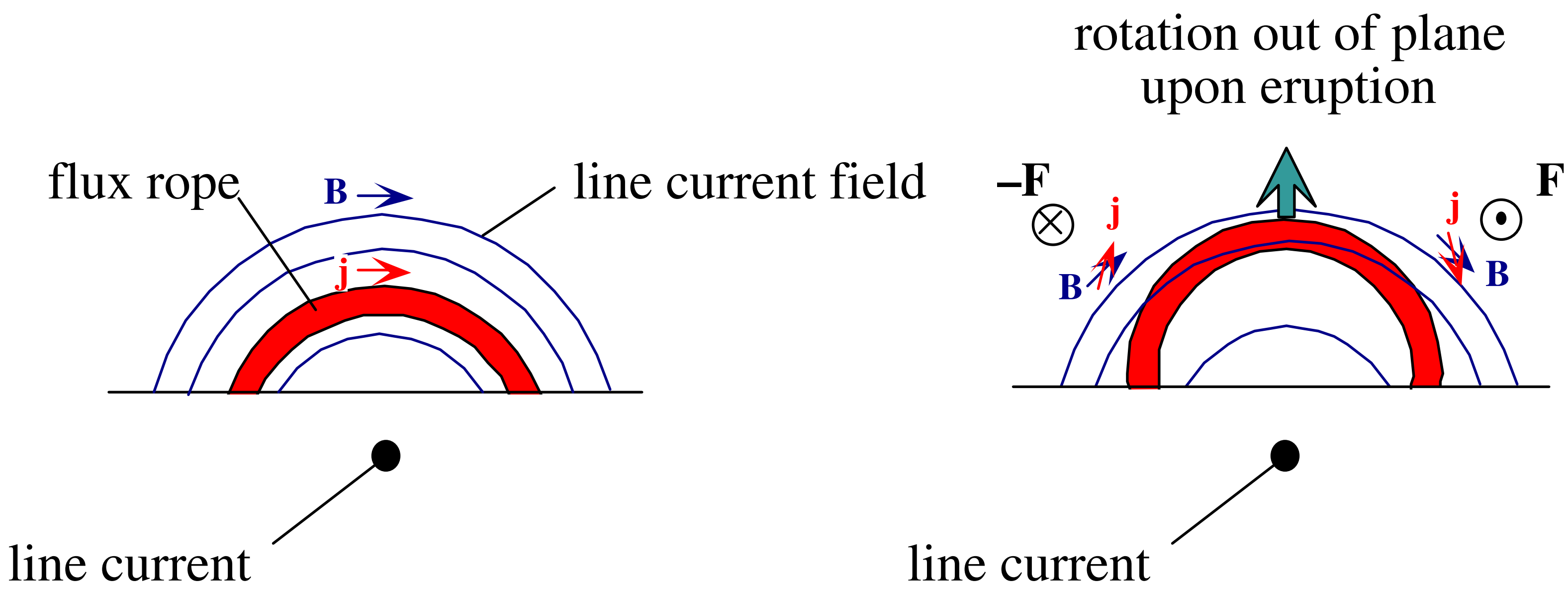
Forces Acting on Flux Rope



Effect of Line Current on Twist



current density

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Kliem & Török (2004)

Simulation of Kliem & Török

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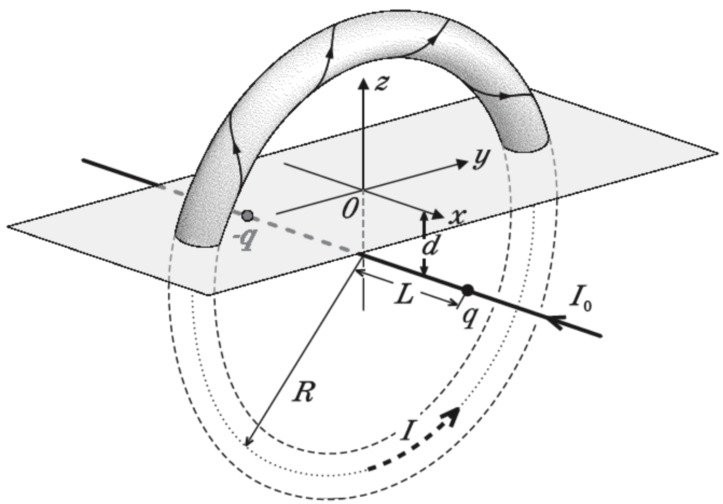
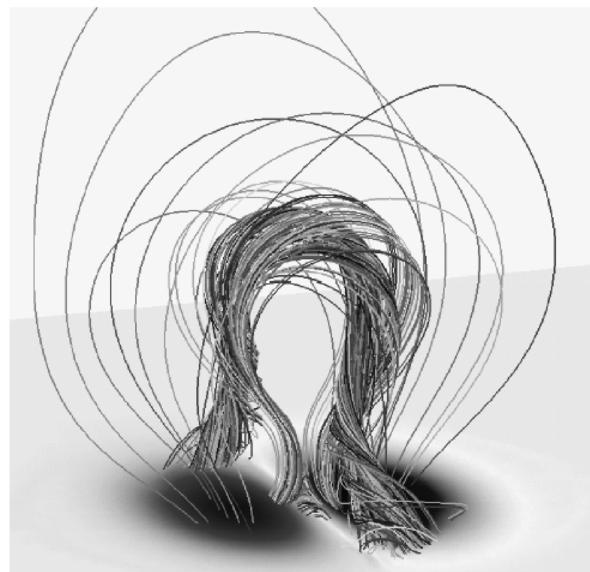
1. line current replaced by quadrupole
2. subcritical twist for helical kink
3. torus center near surface

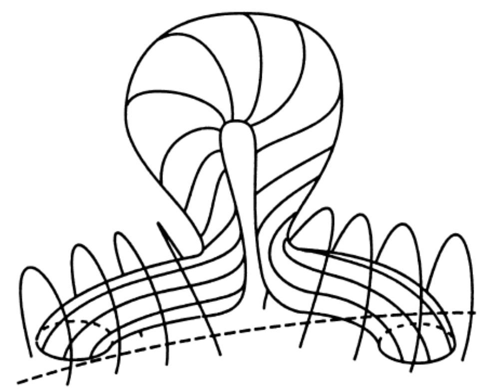
Three-Dimensional Storage Models



Titov & Démoulin 1999

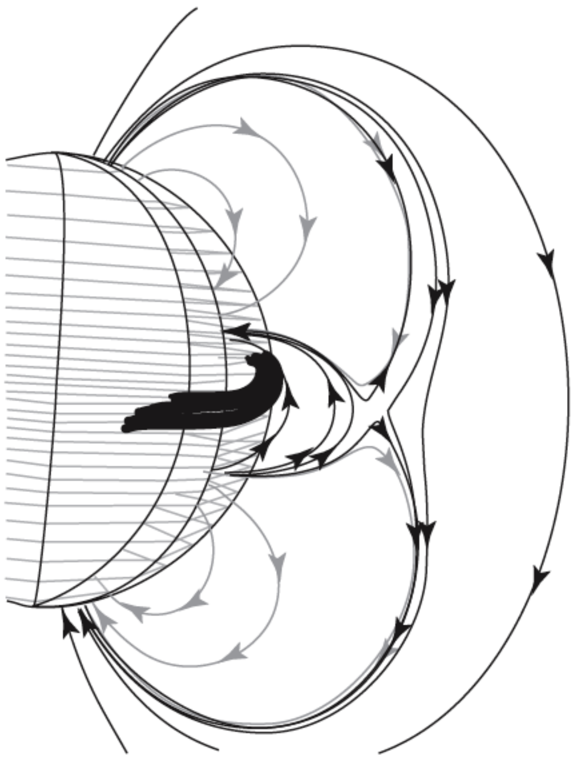


Amari et al. 2000



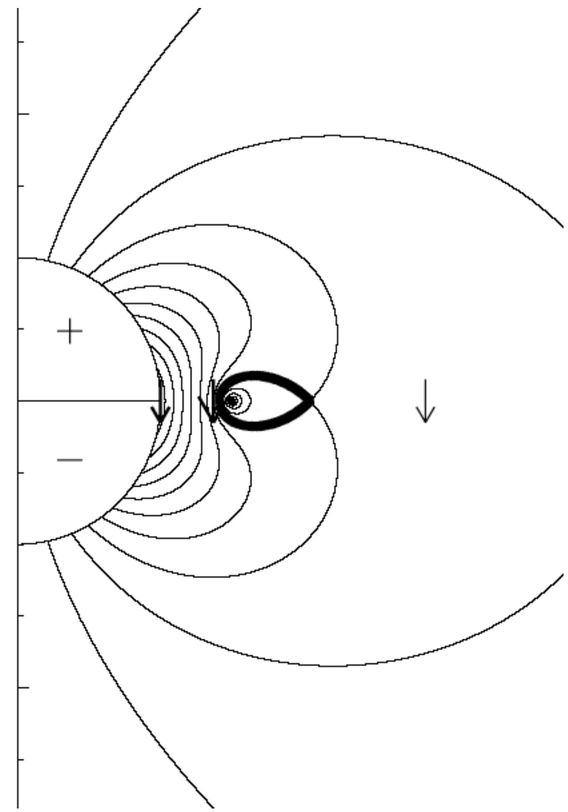
Sturrock et al 2001

Other Storage Models



breakout model

(Antiochos et al. 1999)



flux rope with normal polarity

(Low & Zhang 2002)

Role of Reconnection in the Breakout Model

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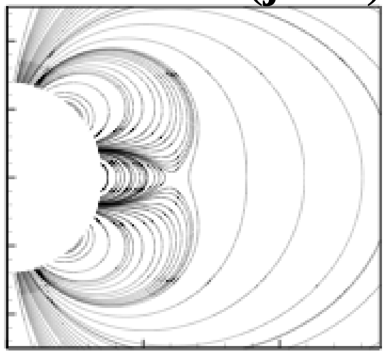
What is the Trigger Mechanism in the Breakout Model?

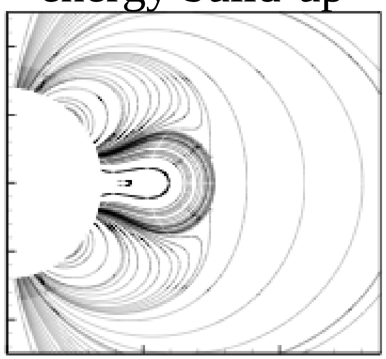
1.

initial state (**j** = 0)



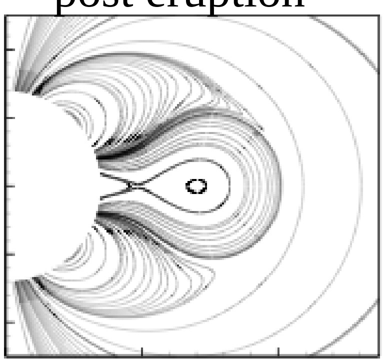
2.

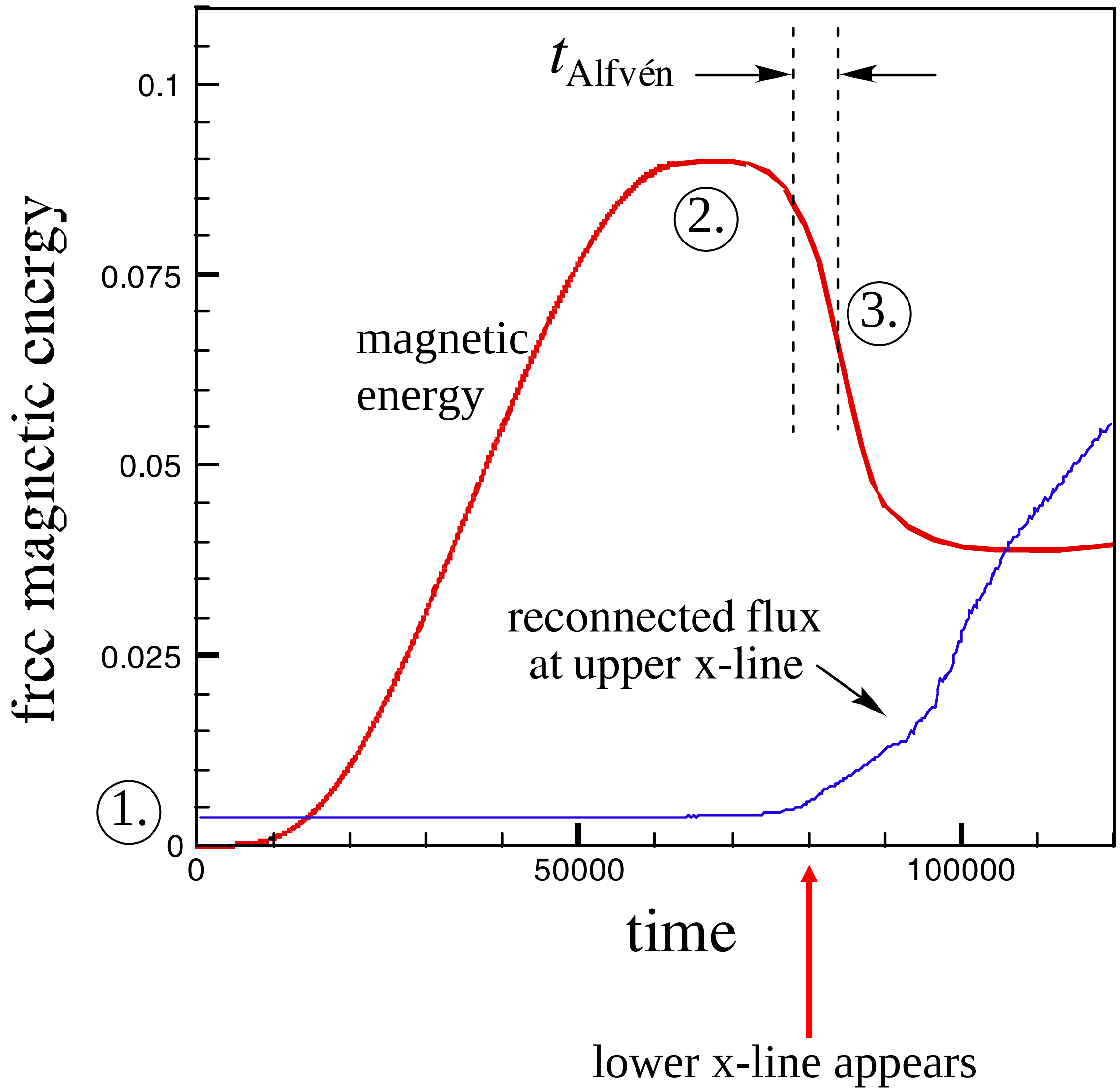
energy build-up



3.

post eruption





Some Unanswered Questions

1. How are stressed magnetic fields formed?

   — issue of reverse currents —

2. What determines the rate of reconnection?

   — kinetic processes —
   — turbulence —

3. To what extent are flares & CMEs predictable?

   — complexity —