

Introduction: Specific Topology Quantities 1

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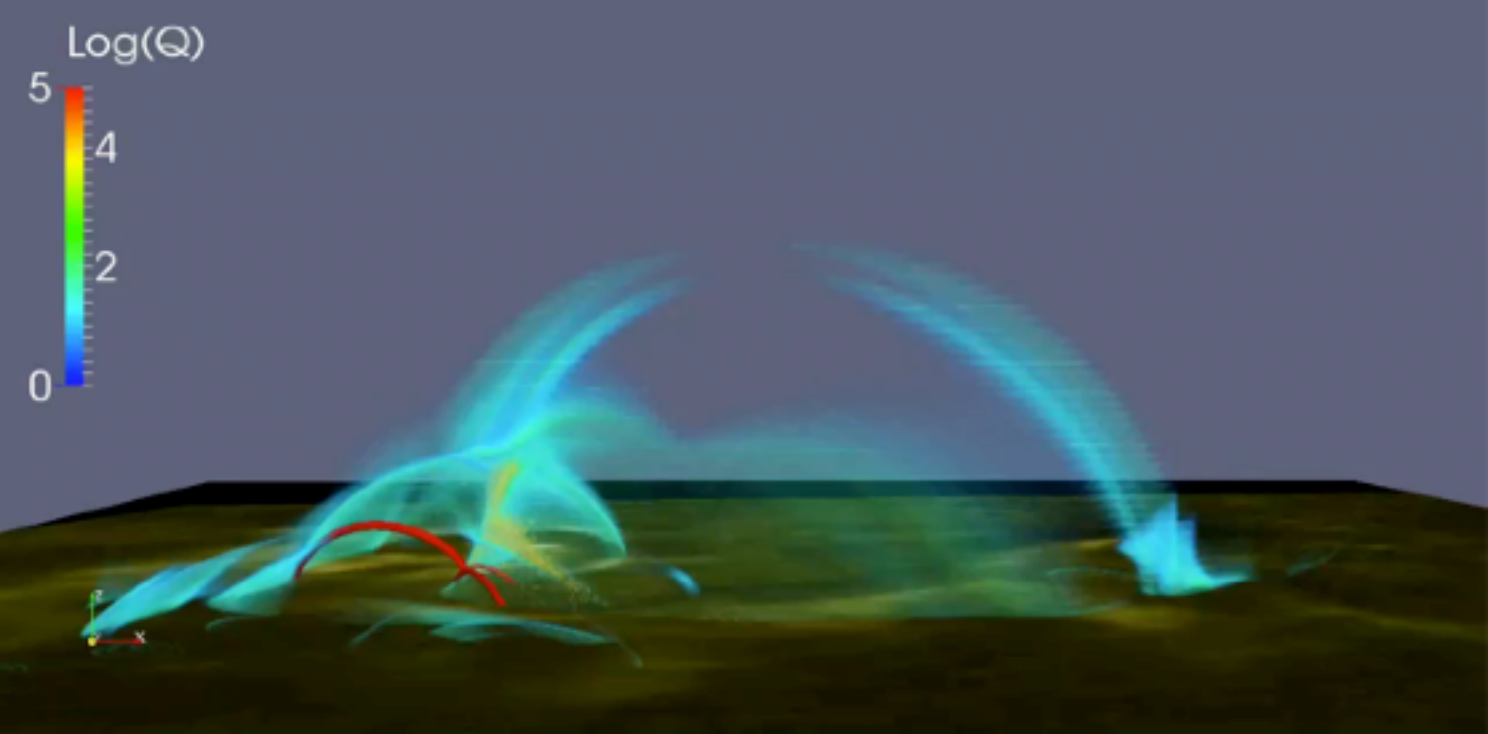
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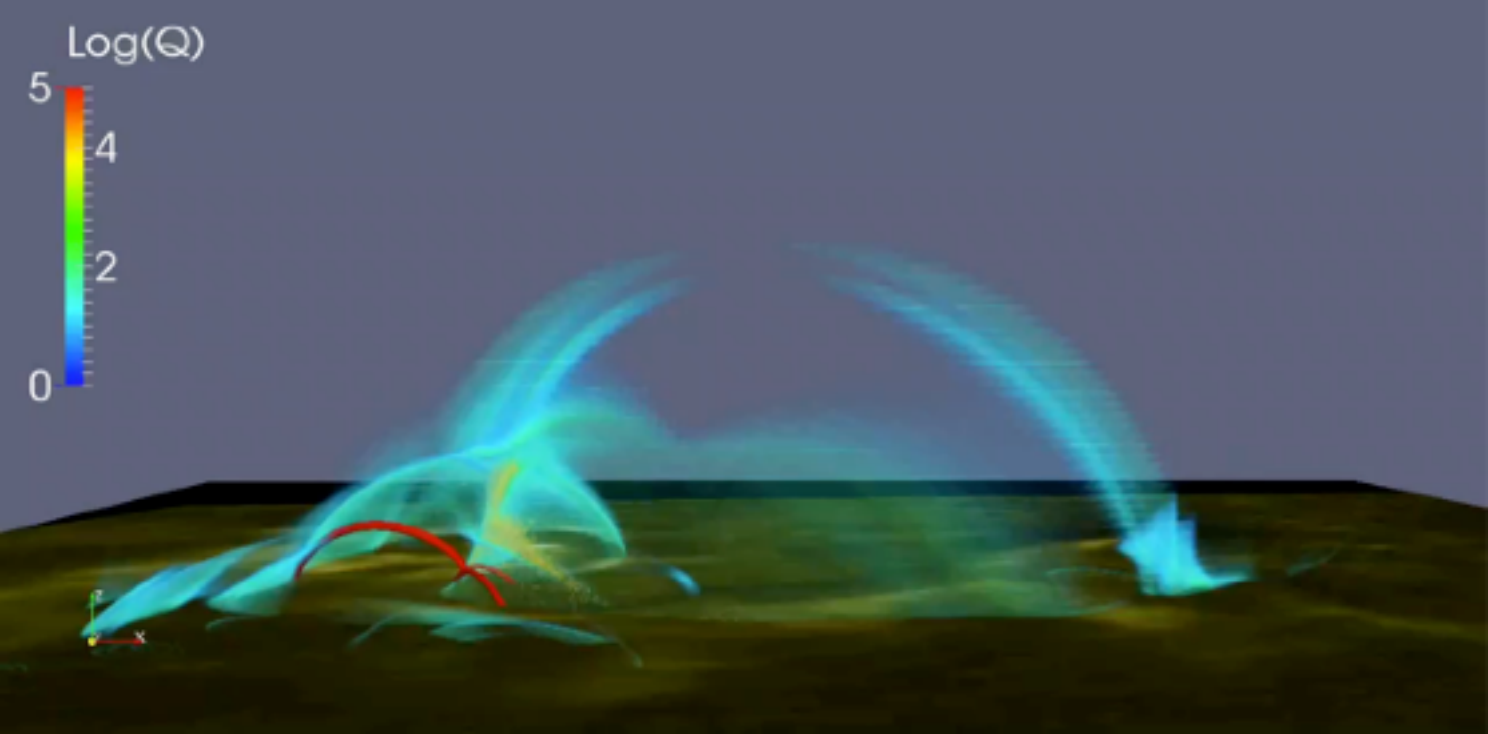
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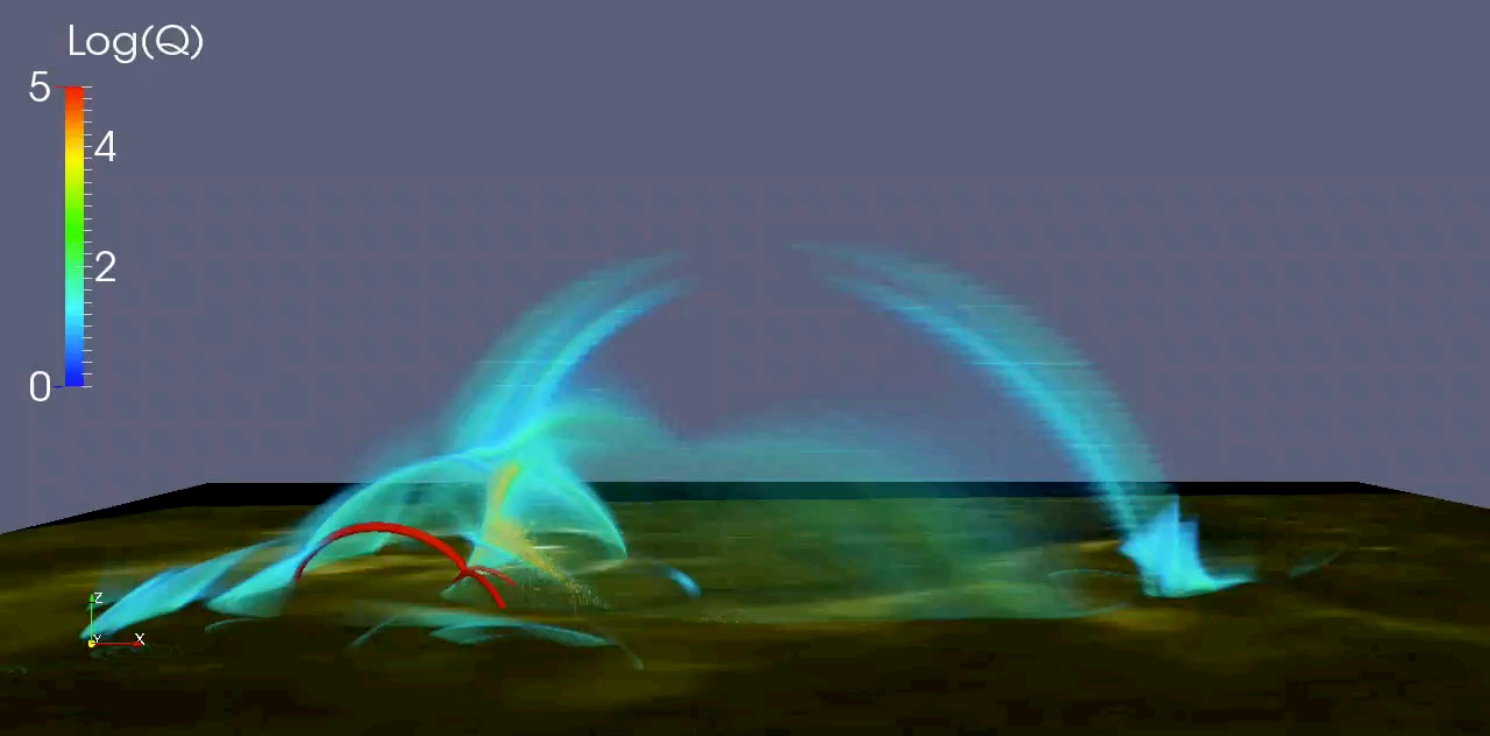
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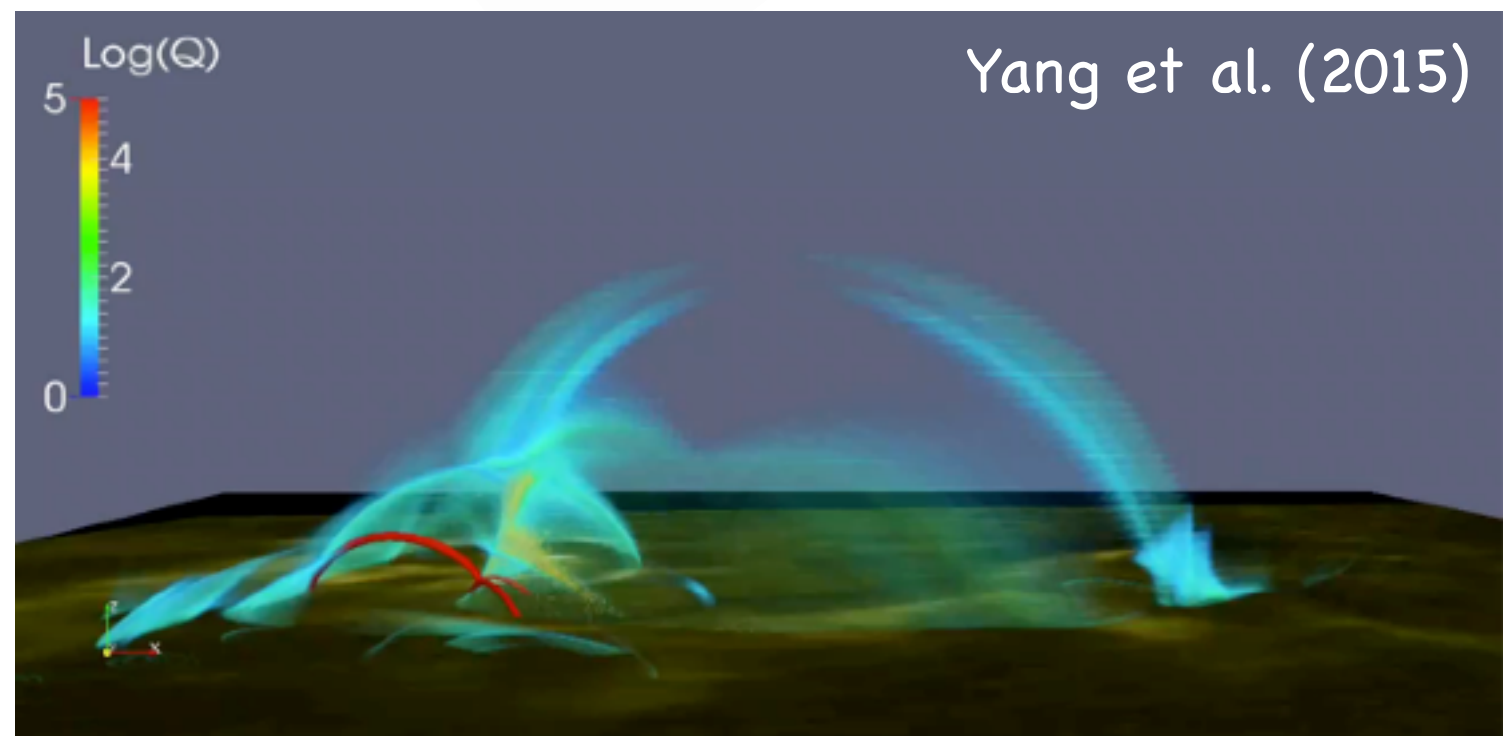
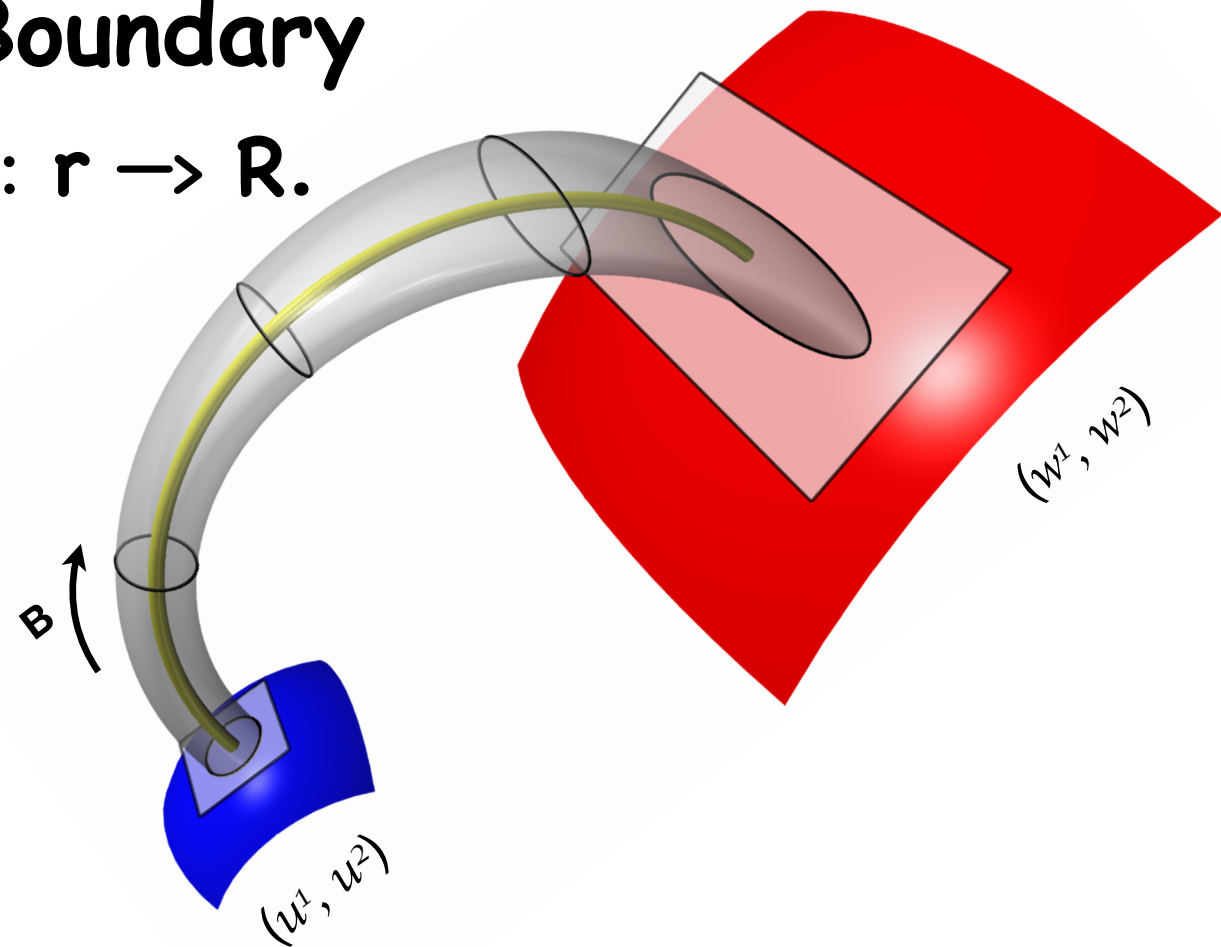
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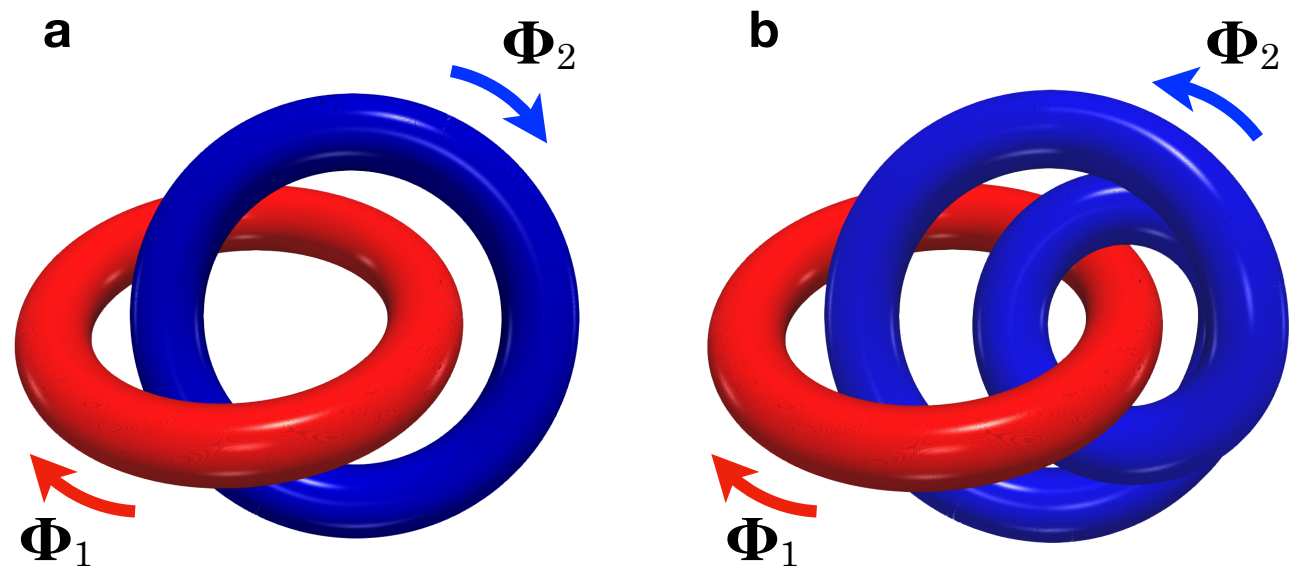
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Topological Invariant

Helicity

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) d^3\mathbf{x} \\
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 &= \iint d\Phi d\Phi' \mathcal{L} \\
 \mathcal{L} &= \oint \oint d\mathbf{l} \times d\mathbf{l}' \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ideal cases



Relative Helicity

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_R &= \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}_R) \cdot (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B}_R) d^3\mathbf{x} \\
 \mathbf{B}_R &= -\nabla\Phi \\
 (\mathbf{B}_R - \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \big|_{\partial\Omega} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Coronal cases

