Origin of Pre-Coronal-Jet Minifilaments: Flux Cancellation

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Background

- Coronal jets are frequent magnetically channeled narrow eruptions.
- All coronal jets observed in EUV and X-ray images show a bright spire with a base brightening, also known as jet bright point (JBP).
- Recent studies of jets show that coronal jets are driven by small-scale filament eruptions (e.g. Hong et al. 2011, Shen et al. 2012, Adams et al. 2014, Sterling et al. 2015).
- We recently investigated the triggering mechanism of ten ondisk quiet-region coronal jet eruptions and found that magnetic flux cancellation at the neutral line of minifilaments is the main cause of quiet-region jet eruptions (Panesar et al. 2016).
- **What leads to the formation of these pre-jet minifilaments?**
- We investigate the magnetic field evolution that leads to pre-jet minifilament formation.

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**Measured parameters for the observed quiet-region pre-jet minifilaments:**

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<tr>
<th>Event No.</th>
<th>Minifil. formation time (UT)</th>
<th>Minifil. eruption time (UT)</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Duration of eruption (hrs)</th>
<th>Width of minifil. (km)</th>
<th>No. of jets</th>
<th>$\Phi$ values</th>
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Minifilament Formation (J2)
- Duration of minifilament ~ 2.5 hours.
- Brightenings appear at the location where the minifilament subsequently forms.
Minifilament Formation and Flux Cancelation
Homologous Jet Eruptions (J6 and J7)

- We also observe more than a single jet from the same neutral line. A minifilament erupts and drives a jet, reforms/reappears at the same location, and then again erupts, driving the next jet.

- This process occurs as flux cancelation is ongoing and continues until all the minority-polarity flux vanishes. Eventually, the neutral line disappears, no more minifilaments and homologous jets are produced.
Homologous Jet Eruptions (J6 and J7)
Continuous flux cancelation between a minority-polarity flux clump and a majority-polarity flux clump builds a highly sheared minifilament field, leading to the formation of a minifilament.

These results are consistent with the models for the formation of the field of typical solar filaments (van Ballegooijen & Martens 1989; Martens & Zwaan 2001).
Summary

- We examined in detail the formation mechanism of ten random on-disk quiet-region pre-jet minifilaments.

- We found that flux cancelation is the key agent responsible for building a highly sheared minifilament field, leading to the formation of minifilaments. Sometimes continuous flux cancelation results in homologous eruptions.

- Persistent flux cancelation at the neutral line finally destabilizes the field holding the minifilament, and that field then erupts to make a coronal jet.

- Our observations supports that quiet region flux cancelation results in both the formation of the pre-jet minifilament and its jet-driving eruption.