

# Magnetogenesis from Rotating Cosmic String Loops

*Or, can we get a  $\mu G$  from a  $G\mu$ ?*

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# Plan

- Motivation: galactic and cluster magnetic fields exist today, origin unknown (Ruth Durrer Plenary)
- Paradigm: primordial seed field, dynamically amplified
- Mechanism: rotating cosmic string loops

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# Magnetic fields today



$$B_0 \sim 10^{-6} \text{ Gauss}$$

Present in Clusters and Galaxies

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# From where?

- Primordial?
  - But  $B \sim z^2$ , so would be *huge* early
  - Make gravity waves (Ruth Durrer's talk)
- Inflation?
  - Need vector perturbation -- 2nd order
- Other proposals?
  - phase transitions, non-linear gas physics

# Harrison-Rees Magnetogenesis

**Vorticity:** in the plasma, early matter era



**Current:** electrons slowed, protons not  
(pre-decoupling)



**Magnetic Field** generated!

$$B = \frac{2m}{e} \omega_{pl} \approx 10^{-4} \omega_{pl}$$

ER. Harrison, Mon. Not. astr. Soc 147,279 (1970).

Martin J. Rees, Q. Jl. R. astr .Soc 28, 197 (1987).

# Dynamical Amplification

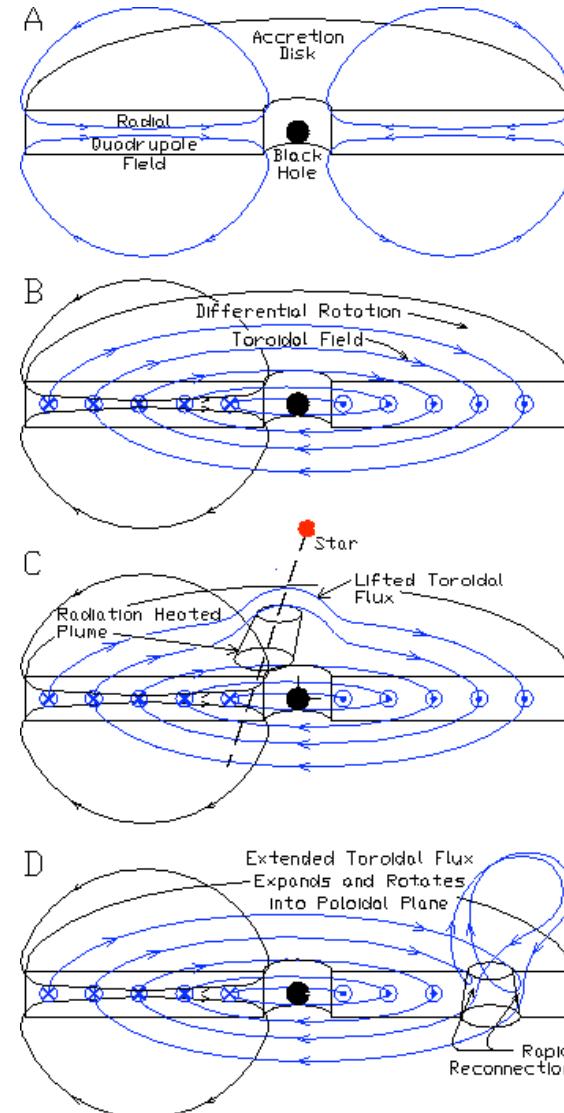
$$\ln \frac{B_0}{B_i} = \Gamma_{dy} (t_f - t_i)$$

$$(t_0 - t_{gf}) \sim 14 \text{ Gyr}$$

$$0.2 \text{ Gyr} < \Gamma_{dy}^{-1} < 0.8 \text{ Gyr}$$

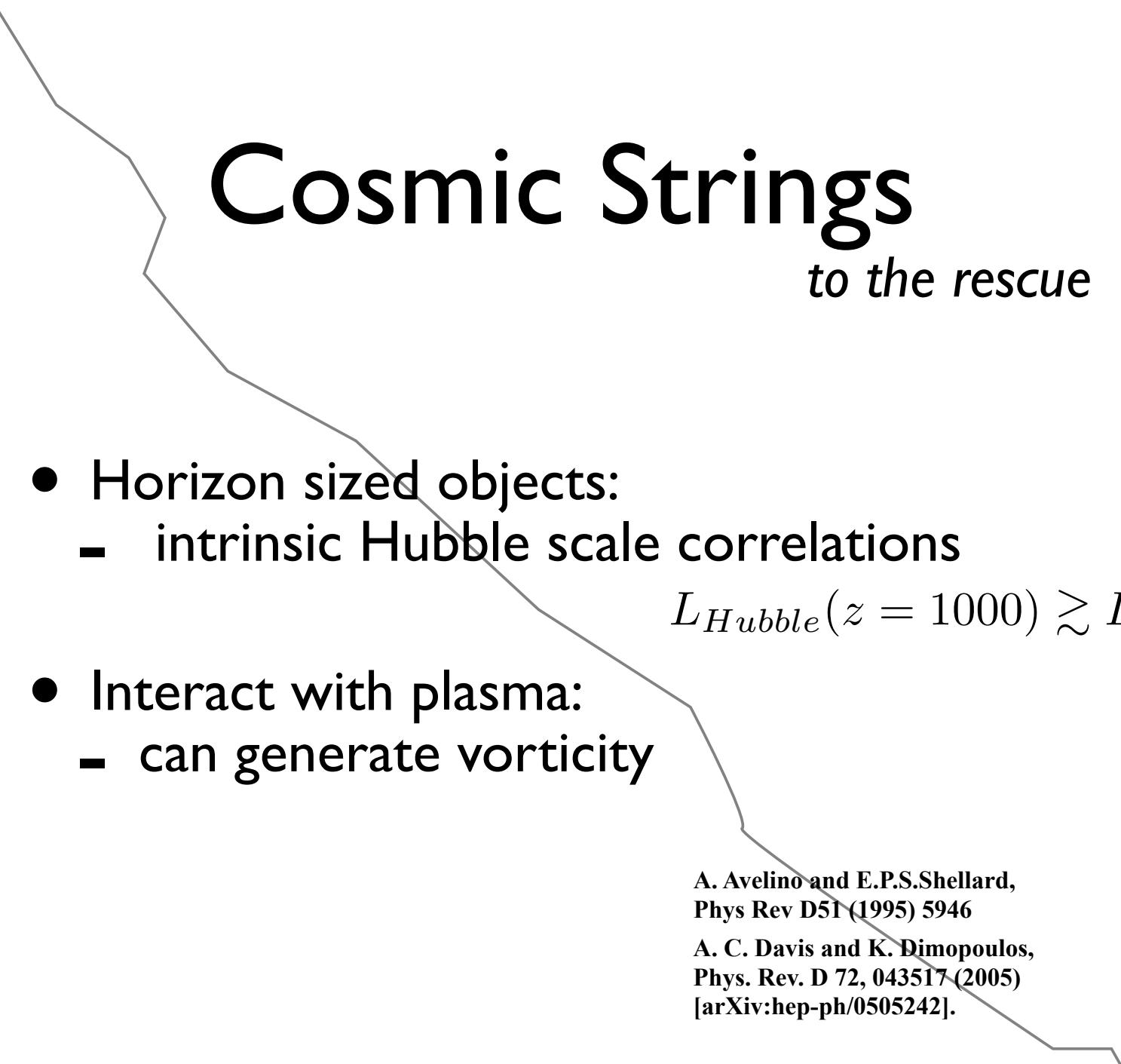
$$\Gamma_{dy}^{-1} = 0.3 \text{ Gyr} \longrightarrow 1.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ amplification factor}$$

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# Two properties, two difficulties

- Seed Field Flux  $B_{seed} \gtrsim 10^{-30} G$   
(at  $z = z_{gf}$ ,  
most optimistic dynamo)
- Correlation Length  $L_{seed} > 540$  pc  
(at  $z = z_{gf}$ )



# Cosmic Strings

*to the rescue*

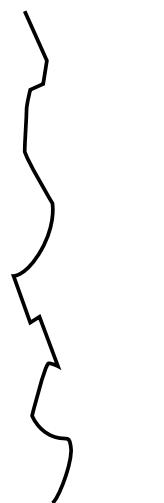
- Horizon sized objects:
  - intrinsic Hubble scale correlations
- Interact with plasma:
  - can generate vorticity

$$L_{Hubble}(z = 1000) \gtrsim L_{corr}^{min}$$

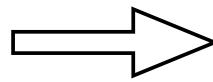
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[arXiv:hep-ph/0505242].

# String Gravity



wiggly  
string



Newtonian  
rod

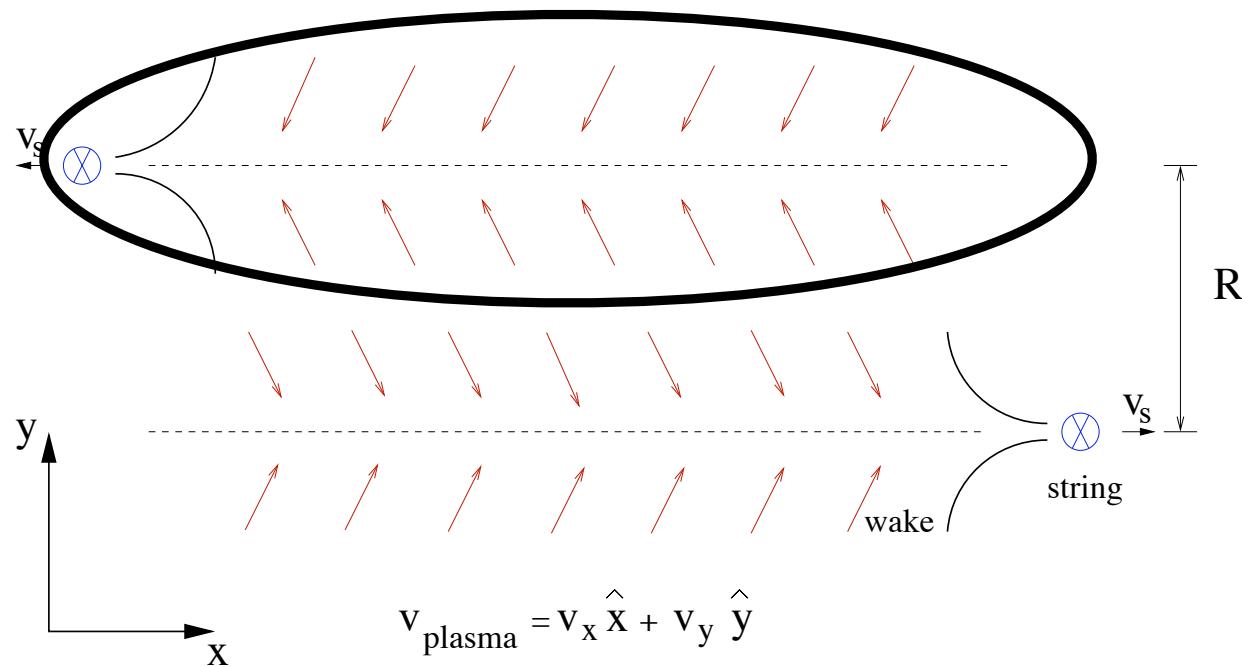
at long distances

effective potential

$$\lambda = \mu - T = \mu(1 - \frac{\mu_0^2}{\mu^2})$$

effective mass/length      tension      "bare" mass/length

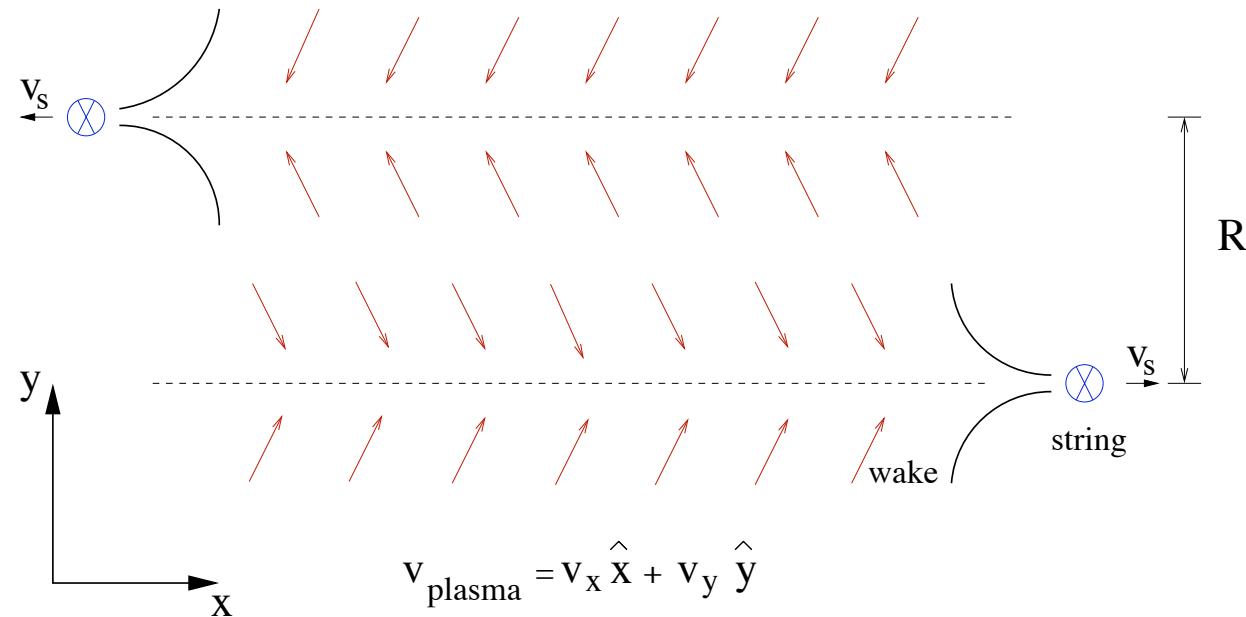
# Cosmic string length scales: string wake



$$L_{corr} \sim 10^{-5} L_H \quad \text{too short}$$

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# Cosmic string length scales: between strings?



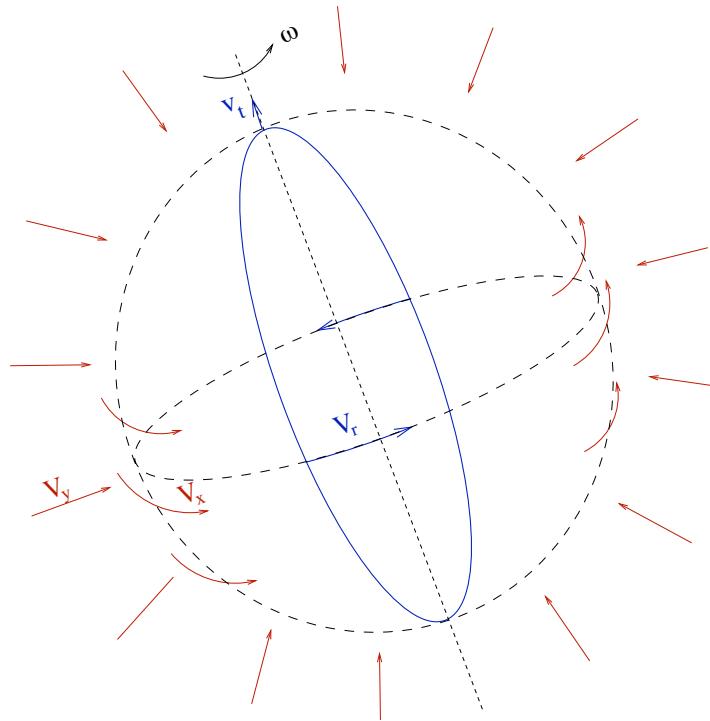
$$L_{corr} \sim 0.1 L_H$$

$$\omega_{pl} \sim \frac{v_x}{R_s} \sim \frac{v_y^2}{2R_s v_s} \sim \frac{(2\pi)^2 \lambda^2 G^2}{2R_s v_s^3}$$

*too ... long?*  
 $(B \sim L_{corr}^{-1})$

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(plus a correction)

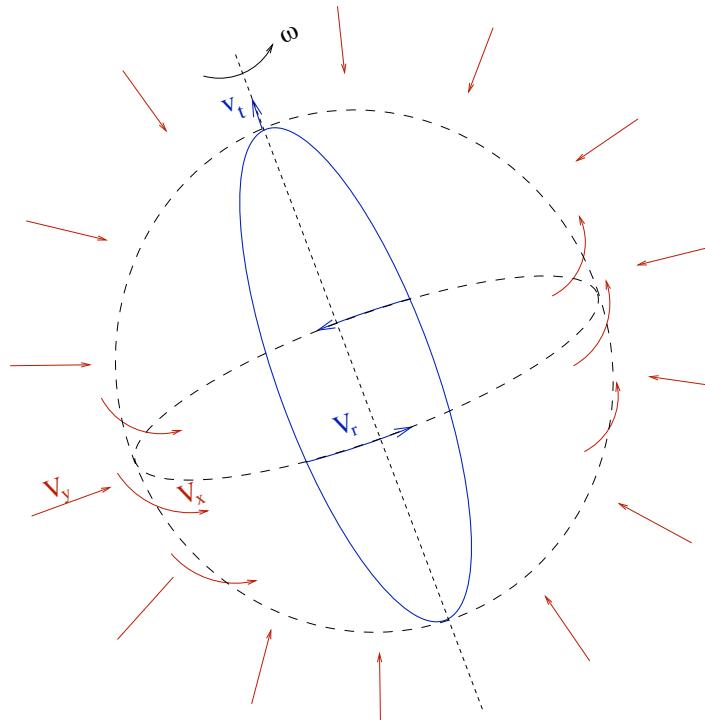
# Cosmic string length scales: Loops!



$$0.1 L_H > L_{loops} > 10^{-5} L_H$$

$$\dot{L}_{loops} < 0$$

# Cosmic string length scales: Loops!



$$\omega_{pl} \sim \frac{v_x}{\ell} \sim \frac{v_y^2}{\ell v_r} \sim \frac{(2\pi)^2 \lambda^2 G^2}{7 \ell v_t^2 v_r}$$

similar to long string result, but with different  $\ell$

# Loops have lots of physics: so write a code!

- **track**: loop number and size dynamically
- **rocket effect**: loops accelerate over time, but feel drag forces
- **angular momentum**: shrinking loops rotate faster, but radiate angular momentum in gravity waves
- **vary** parameters to see effects
- **compare** with long strings directly

# Modeling Networks

- One Scale Model (OSM)

$$L_{longs}$$

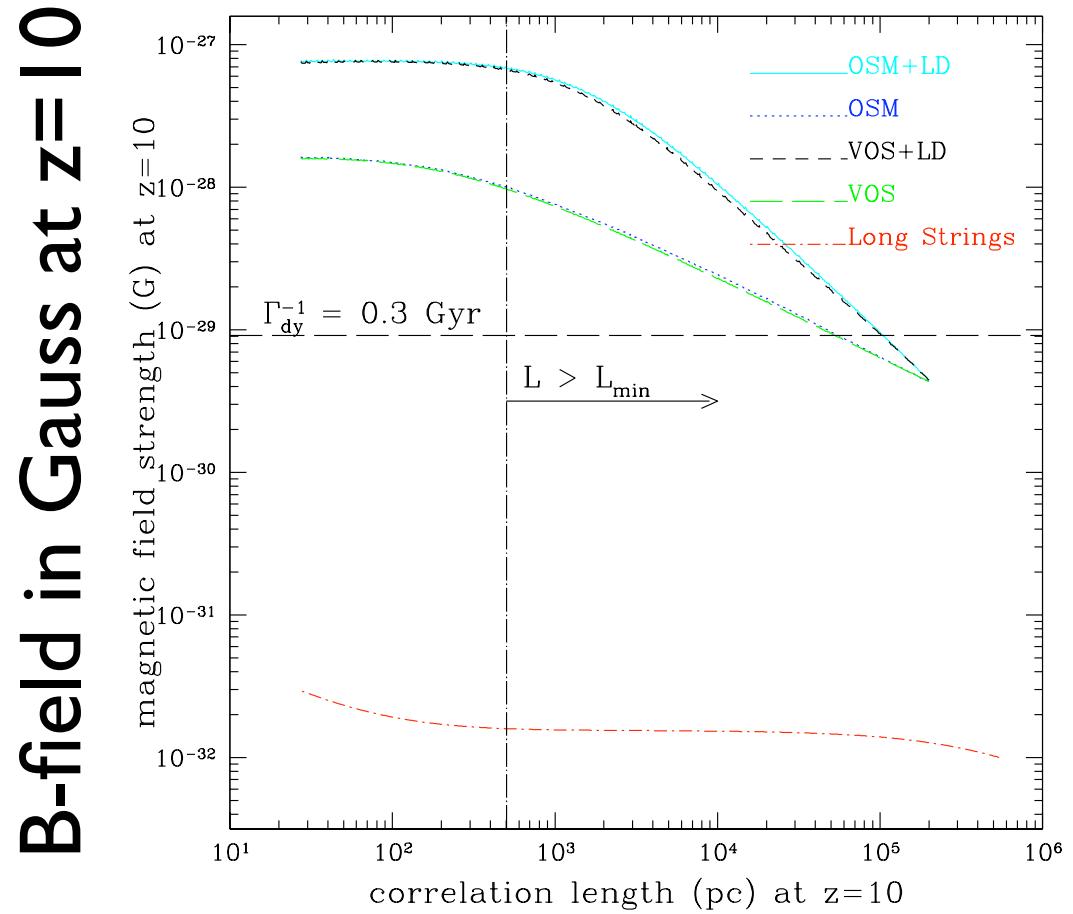
TWB Kibble, J. Phys. A9 (1976) 1387

- Velocity-dependent One Scale model (VOS)

$$L_{longs}, v_{rms}$$

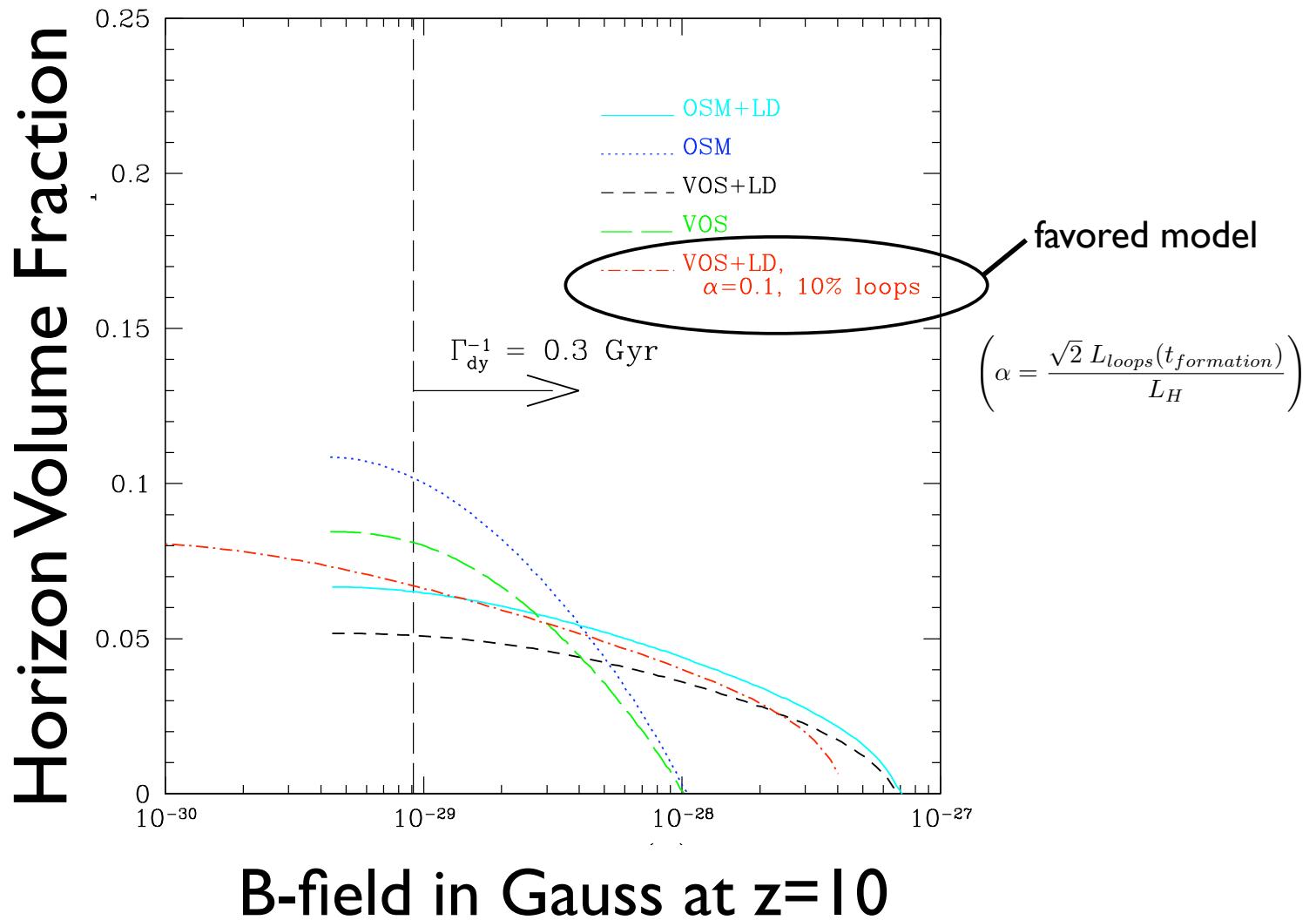
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# Results: Loops v. Longs

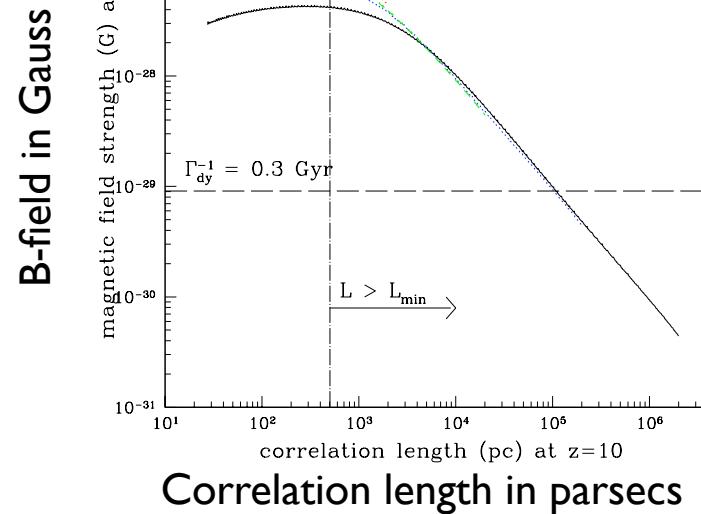
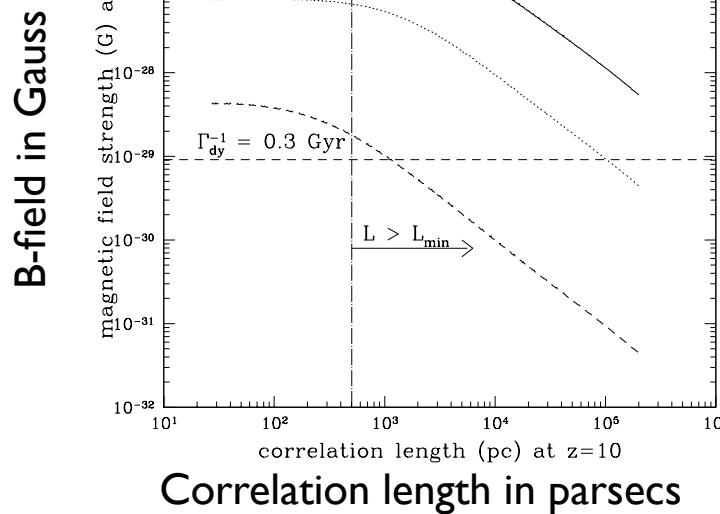


Correlation length in parsecs

# Volume Coverage?

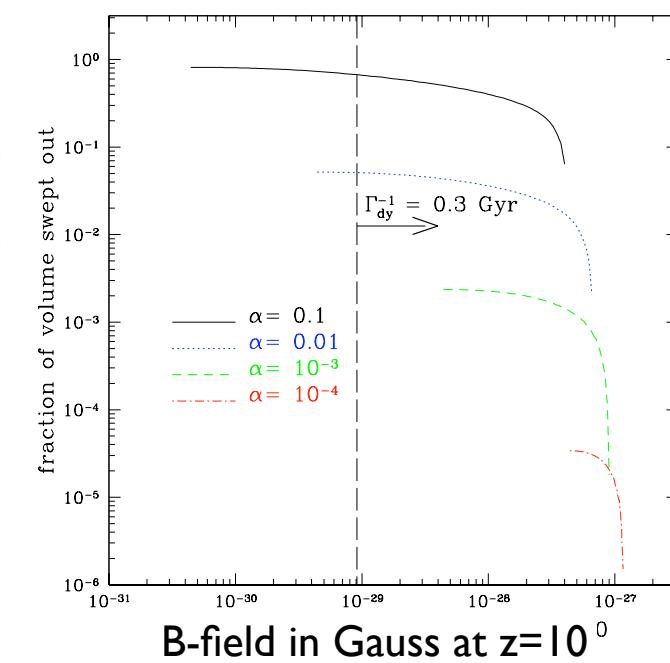
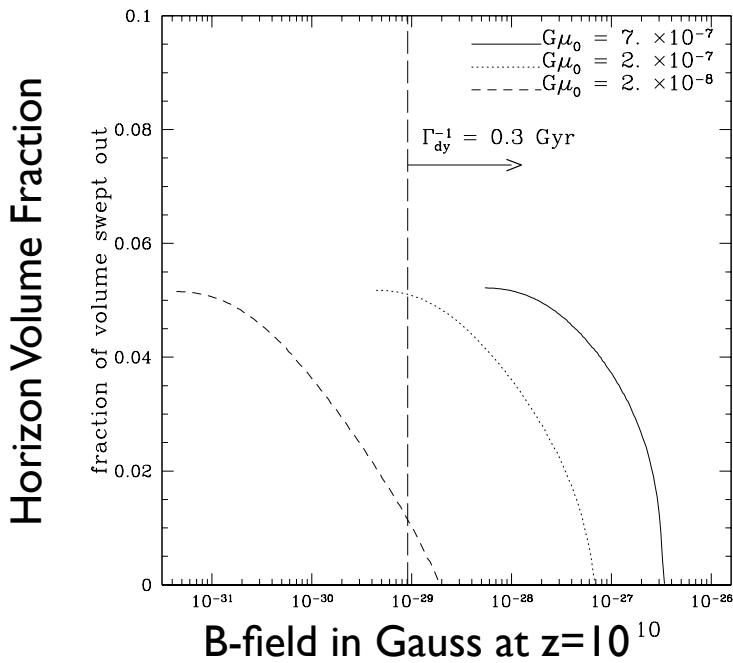


# Vary Parameters



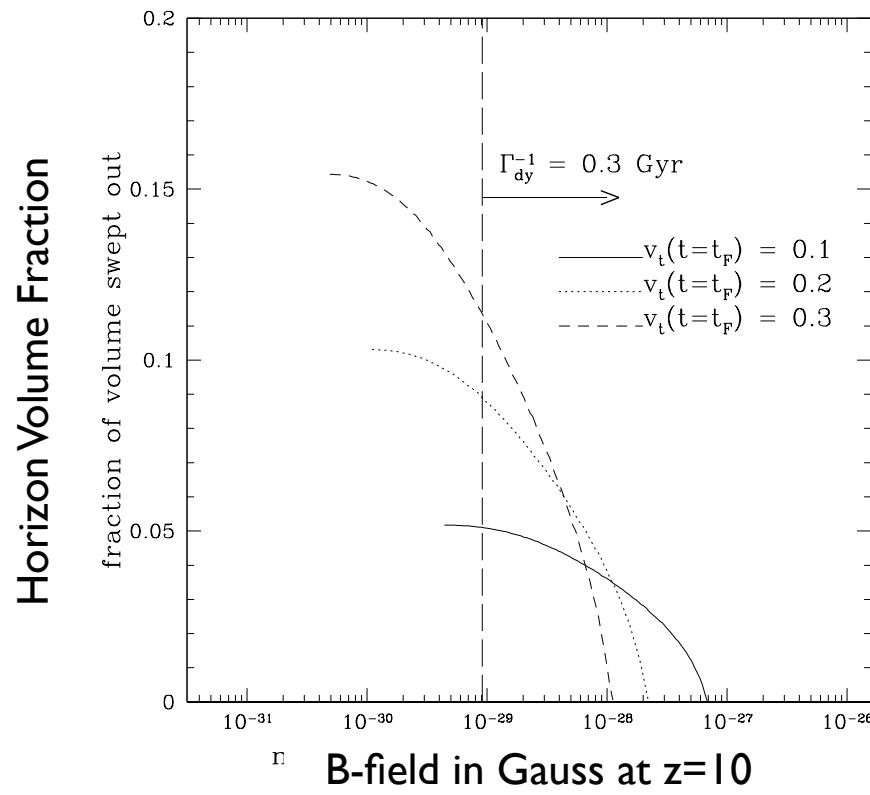
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$v_t$  loop transverse velocity at formation

# Conclusions

- Adequate seed fields for  $G\mu/c^2 \gtrsim 10^{-8}$
- Marginal volume coverage, but input parameter dependent
- Loop size still being studied, so volume coverage could improve
- Long strings can help, too
- Yes, we can get a  $\mu G$  from a  $G\mu$