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Effect time-dependent reverse-flow in meridional circulation on the evolution of spot-producing toroidal fields and implications on observed short-term variability in polar faculae

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In various classes of dynamo models, spot-producing magnetic fields are generated as axisymmetric toroidal flux-ropes. While mean-field models produce axisymmetric broad toroidal fields, full 3D convective models produce axisymmetric toroidal wreaths. All these models can reproduce various longitude-averaged features, such as solar-like butterfly diagrams. In recent simulations, we show that time-dependent non-axisymmetric $m=1$ type flows can originate due to nonlinear hydrodynamics of differential rotation. This non-axisymmetric flows will affect the axisymmetric meridional circulation, causing time-dependence in the reverse flow cell. We show that a dynamo, operating with such a time-dependent meridional circulation can explain the short-term variability (with periods of the order of a month) in the evolution of faculae around 75-degree latitudes, which have very recently been observed. We present results from various simulation experiments to determine what model conditions best-simulate the facular evolution. We also compare our results with the observations of surface active regions' evolutions as revealed from magnetograms.

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