Flare Loops

1d Gas dynamics & 0-d models Lecture 9 Feb. 15, 2017



$$\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} = 0$$
$$\mathbf{B} \parallel \mathbf{u} = u \,\hat{\mathbf{b}}$$

Flow inside a static tube: length coord s X-section A(s)

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (A \rho u)$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla\right) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} + \rho \mathbf{g} + \nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla \mathbf{u})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} \quad \text{component} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left[\rho\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}\right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} + \rho g_{\parallel} + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(\frac{4}{3}\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial s}\right)\right]$$





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IF gradient is shallow or m.f.p. is small



$$\vec{F}_c = -\kappa \nabla T$$

Fourier's law – classical heat flux



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$$F_{c} \approx -\frac{\frac{3}{2}n v k_{b} \ell_{mfp}}{\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}}$$
$$= \kappa$$

e⁻s : smallest m → most heat flux

 $\kappa = \kappa_0 T^{5/2} \text{ [erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{]}$

 $\kappa_0 \approx 10^{-6} \, \text{erg cm}^{-2} \, \text{s}^{-1} \, \text{K}^{-7/2}$





Constraints on heat flux:

Volumetric heating $\dot{Q} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{F}_c$

heat exchange across bndry

Entropy
$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \int_{V} \frac{\dot{Q}}{T} d^{3}x = -\int_{V} \frac{\nabla \cdot \vec{F_{c}}}{T} d^{3}x = -\oint_{\partial V} \frac{\vec{F_{c}} \cdot \nabla T}{T} d\vec{a} - \int_{V} \frac{\vec{F_{c}} \cdot \nabla T}{T^{2}} d^{3}x$$

change $\frac{dS}{dt} = \int_{V} \frac{\dot{Q}}{T} d^{3}x = -\int_{V} \frac{\nabla \cdot \vec{F_{c}}}{T} d^{3}x = -\oint_{\partial V} \frac{\vec{F_{c}} \cdot \nabla T}{T} d\vec{a}$

2nd law of thermo:
$$\vec{F}_c \cdot \nabla T \le 0$$

Classical flux:
$$\nabla T \cdot \vec{F}_c = -(\nabla T) \cdot \vec{\kappa} \cdot (\nabla T)$$

K must have **no negative e-values**



- e⁻ collides with element Z ionized +s
- e^{-1} loses $\Delta E = m_e (v_i^2 v_f^2)/2$
- excites ion to state @ ΔE
- ion de-excites, emitting $\gamma w/hv = \Delta E$
- γ escapes to ∞ carrying away ΔE

optically thin radiation



 ΔE

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 $v_e = \frac{\Delta E}{7(+s)}$

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Assumption I: e⁻s have **Maxwellian** dist'n w/ temp T_e

$$L_{Z,s} = n_{Z,s} n_e \int \frac{e^{-m_e v_e^2/2k_b T_e}}{(2\pi k_b T_e / m_e)^{3/2}} v_e \sigma_{Z,s}(v_e) \varepsilon_{Z,s}(v_e) d^3 v_e$$
volumetric
energy loss rate [erg cm⁻³ s⁻¹]
to Z^(+s)

$$R_{Z,s}(T_e) \text{ [erg cm-3 s-1]}$$

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 $\Delta \mathsf{E}$

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$$V \qquad L_{Z,s} = n_e n_{Z,s} R_{Z,s}(T_e) = \frac{n_e^2}{1.17} A_Z F_{Z,s}(T_e) R_{Z,s}(T_e)$$

volumetric
energy loss
$$L = n_e^2 \sum_{Z} \frac{A_Z}{1.17} \sum_{s} F_{Z,s}(T_e) R_{Z,s}(T_e) = n_e^2 \Lambda(T_e)$$

rate
[erg cm⁻³ s⁻¹] Radiative loss function $\Lambda(T_e)$







Corona & TR: mostly optically thin

- Collisional excitation
- Spontaneous emission

$$I_{\lambda} = \int n_e^2(\mathbf{x}) G_{\lambda}[T_e(\mathbf{x})] d^3 x \approx G_{\lambda}(\overline{T}_e) \int n_e^2(\mathbf{x}) d^3 x$$

Emission measure: EM [cm⁻³]

Regions of highest density emit most – $n_e \uparrow \times 10 \Rightarrow I \sim EM \uparrow \times 100$





Their evolution: Od models

$$M = \int_{s_{tr}}^{L/2} \rho(s,t) A(s) ds = \frac{L}{2} A m_p \overline{n}_e \qquad \frac{d\overline{n}_e}{dt} = \frac{2}{L} n_{e,tr} u_{tr}$$

$$E_{tot} = \int_{s_{tr}}^{s_{tr}} \left[\frac{1}{2}\rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2}p\right] A ds = \frac{3L}{4} A \overline{p} \qquad \text{enthalpy flux}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{3}{2}\overline{p}\right) \approx -\frac{2}{L} \int_{s_{tr}}^{L/2} n_e^2 \Lambda(T) ds + \frac{5}{L} p_{tr} u_{tr} - \frac{2}{L} \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} \bigg|_{tr} + \frac{2}{L} \int_{s_{tr}}^{L/2} h ds$$

$$\approx -\overline{n}_e^2 \Lambda(\overline{T}) \qquad \approx \frac{8\kappa_0}{7L^2} \overline{T}^{7/2}$$

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What will be the value of F_{fl} ?



$$F_{\rm fl} = \varsigma \frac{B^2}{8\pi} v_A = \frac{\varsigma}{2\sqrt{\rho}} \left(\frac{B^2}{4\pi}\right)^{3/2}$$

B = 100 G
 $\rho = 10^{-15} \,\mathrm{g} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$
 $\Rightarrow F_{\rm fl} = \varsigma \,3 \times 10^{11} \mathrm{erg} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-2}$

Compare to upward fluxes:

- Steady AR:
 - $F \sim 10^7 \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Luminosity (white light) $L_{\odot}/4\pi R_{\odot}^2 = 6 \times 10^{10}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{3}{2}\overline{p}\right) \approx -\overline{n_e^2} \Lambda(\overline{T}) + \frac{5}{L} p_{tr} u_{tr} - \frac{8\kappa_0}{7L^2} \overline{T}^{7/2} + \frac{2}{L} F_{fl}$$

$$\tau_{rad} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}\overline{p}}{\overline{n_e^2}\Lambda(\overline{T})} \qquad \tau_{cond} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}\overline{p}}{\frac{8\kappa_0}{7L^2}\overline{T}^{7/2}}$$

$$= \frac{3\overline{n_e} k_b \overline{T}}{\overline{n_e^2}\Lambda(\overline{T})} \sim \frac{3k_b}{1.2 \times 10^{-19}} \frac{\overline{T}^{3/2}}{\overline{n_e}} \qquad = \frac{21k_b}{8 \times 10^{-6}} \frac{\overline{n_e}L^2}{\overline{T}^{5/2}}$$

Fully-ionized H plasma

$$\overline{p} = 2\overline{n}_e k_b \overline{T}$$

Cooling rate:







Evaporation*:

á la Antiochos & Sturrock 1978; Cargill *et al.* 1995

E^{tr}

Heat flows into TR

 conductive flux: F_c

 $8\kappa_{0}\overline{T}^{7/2}$

 $\frac{d\overline{n}_e}{d\overline{n}_e} = \frac{2}{L}n_{e,tr}u_{tr}$

 $+\frac{5}{L}p_{tr}u_{tr}$

 TR expands into corona – enthalpy flux: F_e

mass flux increases n_e

- No change in E_{tr}
 no losses (i.e. rad)
- \rightarrow No change in E_{cor}
- → $p \sim n_e \times T = const.$

* Historical term based on analogy. Not genuine evaporation





Evaporation: $\frac{d\overline{n}_e}{dt} = \frac{2}{L}u_{tr}n_{e,tr} \approx \frac{2}{L}u_{tr}\overline{n}_e$

Antiochos & Sturrock 1978; Cargill et al. 1995



$$\frac{5}{L}p_{tr}u_{tr} = \frac{5}{L}pu_{tr} = \frac{8\kappa_0}{7L^2}\overline{T}^{7/2} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}p}{\tau_{c,0}} \left(\frac{\overline{T}}{\overline{T}_0}\right)^{7/2} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}p}{\tau_{c,0}} \left(\frac{\overline{n}_e}{\overline{n}_{e,0}}\right)^{-7/2} \Rightarrow \qquad \boxed{\frac{2}{L}u_{tr}} = \frac{3}{5}\frac{1}{\tau_{c,0}} \left(\frac{\overline{n}_e}{\overline{n}_{e,0}}\right)^{-7/2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\overline{n}_{e}}{\overline{n}_{e,0}}\right) = \frac{\frac{3}{5}}{\tau_{c,0}}\left(\frac{\overline{n}_{e}}{\overline{n}_{e,0}}\right) \implies \overline{n}_{e}(t) = \overline{n}_{e,0}\left(\frac{21}{10}\frac{t-t_{0}}{\tau_{c,0}}+1\right)^{2/7}$$

t [s]

Radiative cooling Cargill et al. 1995

 $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{3}{2}\overline{p}\right) \approx -\overline{n}_{e}^{2} \Lambda(\overline{T}) + \frac{5}{L}p_{tr}u_{tr} - \frac{8\kappa_{o}}{7L^{2}}\overline{T}^{7/2} + \frac{2}{L}F_{fl}$ I. draining (empirical) $\overline{T} \propto \overline{n}_{e}^{2} \rightarrow \overline{p} = 2\overline{n}_{e}k_{b}\overline{T} = \overline{p}_{1}\left(\frac{\overline{n}_{e}}{\overline{n}_{e,1}}\right)^{3} \tau_{rad} = \tau_{r,1}\left(\frac{\overline{n}_{e}}{\overline{n}_{e,1}}\right)^{-1}\left(\frac{\overline{T}}{\overline{T}_{1}}\right)^{3/2} = \tau_{r,1}\left(\frac{\overline{n}_{e}}{\overline{n}_{e,1}}\right)^{2}$







2 eqns. for unknowns $p(t) \& n_e(t) - T = p/(2k_b n_e)$



$$\sqrt{\frac{\tau_{rad}}{\tau_{cond}}} = \sqrt{\frac{8 \times 10^{-6}}{7 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-19}}} \frac{\overline{T}^2}{\overline{n}_e L} = \frac{3 \times 10^6}{(2k_b)^2} \frac{\overline{p}^2}{\overline{n}_e^3 L} = 4 \times 10^{37} \frac{\overline{p}^2}{\overline{n}_e^3 L}$$







$$\overline{n}_{e,\max} = 2.6 \times 10^{12} \frac{E^{2/3}}{V^{2/3} L^{1/3}} \qquad \overline{T}_{em,pk} = 930 \left(\frac{EL}{V}\right)^{1/3}$$

IF flare were a single loop





BUT a real flare is built from many diff. loops – each evolving independently

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Summary

- Evolution following energy release governed by 1d gas dynamics
- Single loop experiences 3 phases:
 - Heating $(T \uparrow @ \sim const. n_e)$
 - Evaporation $(T \downarrow, n_e \uparrow, p \sim \text{const. or } \downarrow)$
 - Radiative cooling $(T \downarrow , n_e \downarrow)$
- Real flare may be composite of many loops

Next time:

Evolution in one dimension