MHD Simulations of Twisted Magnetic Flux Tube in Galactic Central Region

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Parker Instability ?





Are Molecular Loops Galactic Prominence ? (Morris 2006, Torii et al. 2010)



(Fukui et al. 2006)



Molecular loop ~100 K (loop structure) Interstellar medium ~ 10^4 K (surrounding)

> Cold and dense loop structure exists in high temperature and low density environment

Solar Prominence ~ 10⁴ K (loop structure) Corona ~ 10⁶ K (surrounding)

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Reconnection–Condensation Model (Kaneko & Yokoyama 2015, 2017)



Figure 1. Schematic of a possible process of in situ radiative condensation.

Kaneko & Yokoyama 2015

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Magnetic arcade and Foot Point Motion in Galactic Disk



Schematic drawing of the mechanism of the MHD dynamo.



Machida et al. 2013

Aim :

Apply solar prominence model to explain molecular loops in the Galactic central region

2D Simulation Model (Peng & Matsumoto 2017)



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z(pc)

$$B_{x} = -\left(\frac{2L_{a}}{\pi H_{m}}\right)B_{a}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L_{a}}x\right)\exp\left(-\frac{z}{H_{m}}\right)$$
$$B_{y} = \sqrt{1-\left(\frac{2L_{a}}{\pi H_{m}}\right)^{2}}B_{a}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L_{a}}x\right)\exp\left(-\frac{z}{H_{m}}\right)$$
$$B_{z} = B_{a}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L_{a}}x\right)\exp\left(-\frac{z}{H_{m}}\right)$$

$$\begin{split} B_a &= 1.54 \text{ x } 10^{-5} \text{ G } (\beta_{bottom} = 0.2) \\ L_a &= 200 \text{ pc } (\text{half width of magnetic arch}) \\ H_m &= 200 \text{ pc } (\text{magnetic scale height }) \end{split}$$



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Equations

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \boldsymbol{v}) &= 0\\ \frac{\partial (\rho \boldsymbol{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \boldsymbol{v} \boldsymbol{v}) &= -\nabla P - \rho \boldsymbol{g} + \frac{(\nabla \times \boldsymbol{B}) \times \boldsymbol{B}}{4\pi}\\ \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{B}}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times (\boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B} - \eta \nabla \times \boldsymbol{B})\\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times (\boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B} - \eta \nabla \times \boldsymbol{B})\\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left[\left(\boldsymbol{E} + P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) \boldsymbol{v} - \frac{\boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{v}) - \eta(\nabla \times \boldsymbol{B}) \times \boldsymbol{B}}{4\pi} \right] = \rho \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{g} - \rho \mathcal{L}\\ \boldsymbol{E} &= \frac{P}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}\\ \eta &= \begin{cases} 0 & J < J_c \\ \eta_0 (J/J_c - 1)^2 & J \ge J_c \end{cases} & \text{Anomalous resistivity}\\ \eta_0 &= 3 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}\\ J_c &= 4.0 \times 10^{-17} \text{ dyn}^{1/2} \text{ cm s}^{-1} \end{split}$$



Flux rope



Column Density in x-direction





-2.2

-2.3

[g/cm²]

LogΣ

Velocity along the loop





Position-Velocity Diagram



Velocity gradient along loop Observation : 50~80 km/s Simulation : ~10 km/s

Velocity dispersion at foot point Observation : ~50 km/s Simulation : ~15 km/s

Total mass of molecular loop

Loop1 : 1.6 x 10^6 M_{solar} (Torii et al. 2010) Loop2 : 1.9 x 10^6 M_{solar} (Torii et al. 2010) Simulation : 4 x 10^5 M_{solar}

Summary

We present results of 3D MHD simulations based Kaneko & Yokoyama (2015, 2017) in the scale about few hundred pc to study loop-formation in the GC region.

Magnetic arcades was squeezed by foot point motion and gas around x = 0 pc was squeezed. Thermal instability can be triggered at high density region

The relatively high column density loop structure can be formed by adjusted foots points motion

The p-v diagram shows similar trend with observation. We estimated velocity gradient, velocity dispersion of foot point and total mass of the loop.