Heating and cooling of the solar corona Proposed Hinode observations

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Loop model



Proposed observations

New coronal loop model In the framework of the coronal heating problem

- SHELLATM (Buchlin & Velli): MHD turbulence in loop
- ▶ HYDRAD (Bradshaw & Mason): 1D hydrodynamics, incl. radiation



What does the model do?



Forward-modelling of loop properties and spectroscopic emission, with:

- Loop footpoint motions, Alfvén waves, turbulent heating
- ID hydrodynamics (including thermodynamics and ion populations)

Formation of a hot corona

- Heating everywhere, but most effective in low-density corona
- Corona becomes hot, large scale-height
- Evaporation from chromosphere, transition region



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Data needed:

- intensity and velocity fields in different lines (XRT+EIS)
- extrapolated magnetic field and 3D loop geometry would be useful (SOT+SECCHI/STEREO)

