Mykola Gordovskyy: Numerical simulations of solar flares



Key questions:

- what is the **source of solar flare energy**? How this energy is **accumulated and released**?

- how electrons and ions are accelerated in solar flares to ~100MeV energies? how they precipitate towards the dense chromosphere? How they are transported in the interplanetary space?
- Key "ideological" element: consistent treatment of different spatial scales from 10⁷m (size of coronal features) down to 1m (particle Larmor radii)
- Methods used: MHD, Fokker-Planck/Vlasov, Particle-In-Cell
- Observational features are predicted based on numerical models and compared with RHESSI data. Potentially ALMA, LOFAR and other can be used.
- Models can be applied to the magnetic reconnection and particle acceleration in the Earth & planet magnetospheres and other astrophysical phenomena, and to laboratory plasmas

MHD model of solar flare occurring in the twisted coronal loop

2D PIC model of magnetic reconnection in Tokamak-like configuration —

