



ASTR-6000 Seminar  
COLLAGE: Coronal Heating,  
Solar Wind, & Space Weather

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Coronal heating:  
waves & turbulence  
(a whirlwind tour)

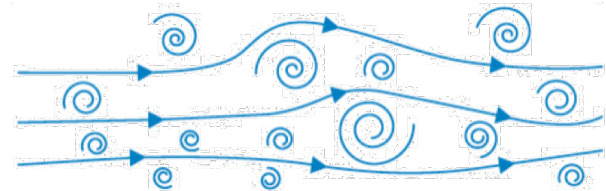
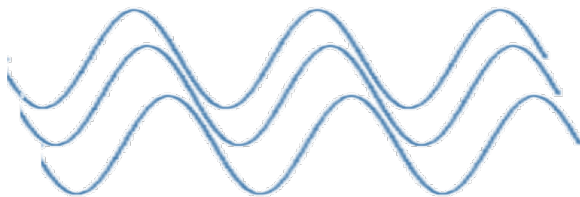
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# *Outline*

1. Observations of waves & turbulence
2. Types of fluctuations (MHD, acoustic-gravity, thin-tube modes)
3. How are waves generated ?
4. How do waves propagate & evolve in the corona ?
5. How are waves dissipated (to provide some  $Q_{\text{heat}}$ ) ?
6. Turbulence

# (0) *Defining our terms*

|           | WAVES  | TURBULENCE   |
|-----------|--|--|
| Observers | <p>Oscillations (usually with 1 dominant frequency) that propagate through a system.</p> <p><i>Also:</i> a single pulse that propagates through a system (“shock wave”)?</p> | <p>Random/stochastic oscillations with unresolved spatial/time scales.</p> <p>(Usually involves a continuous spectrum of frequencies.)</p> |
| Theorists | <p>Small-amplitude oscillations (i.e., solutions to linearized equations) that propagate through a system.</p>   | <p>Stochastic fluctuations that represent a “cascade” of energy across a broad range of spatial/time scales.</p>                           |



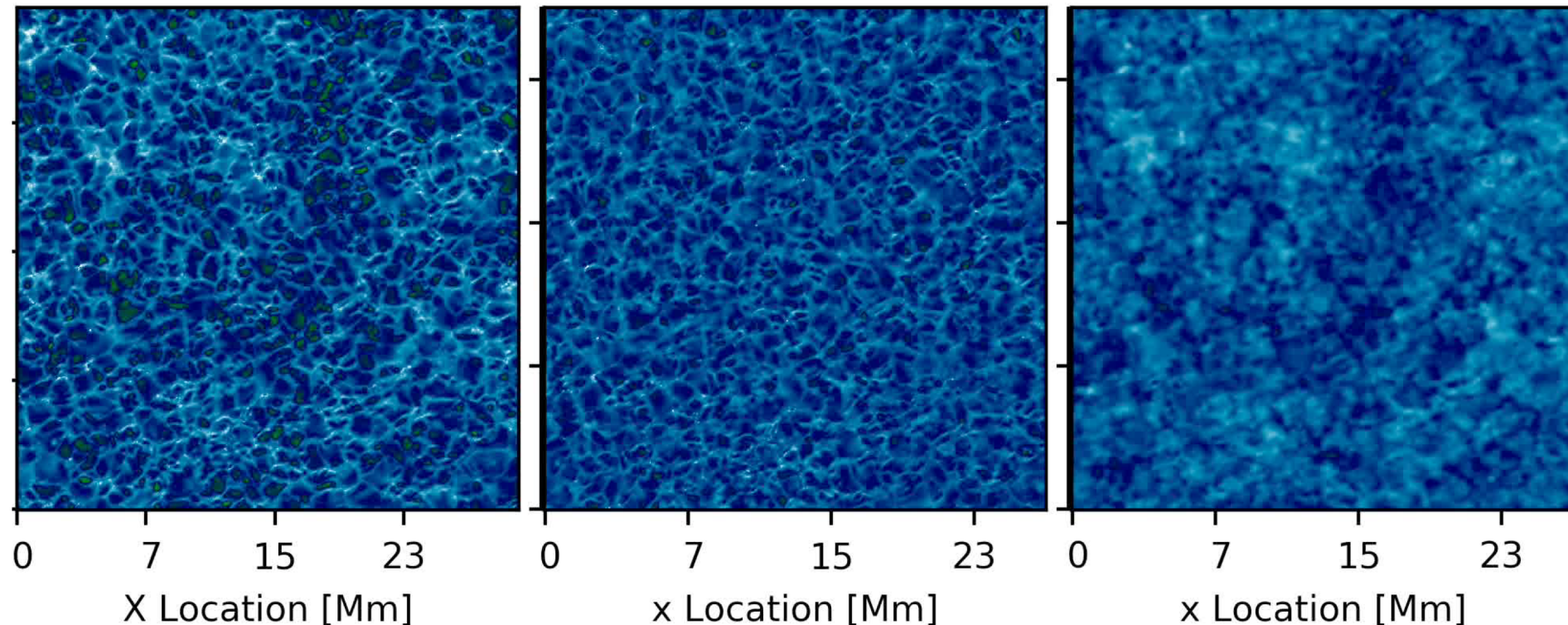
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- At the photosphere, we see *both* granulation & the echoes of internally-trapped acoustic-mode waves. McClure et al. (2019, *Solar Phys.*, 294, 18) separated them:

Original

Granulation

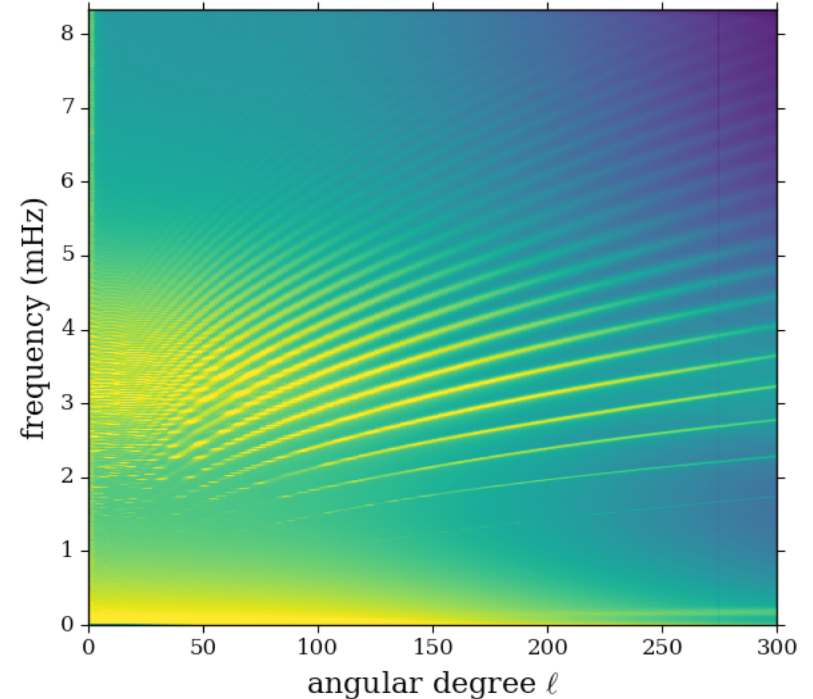
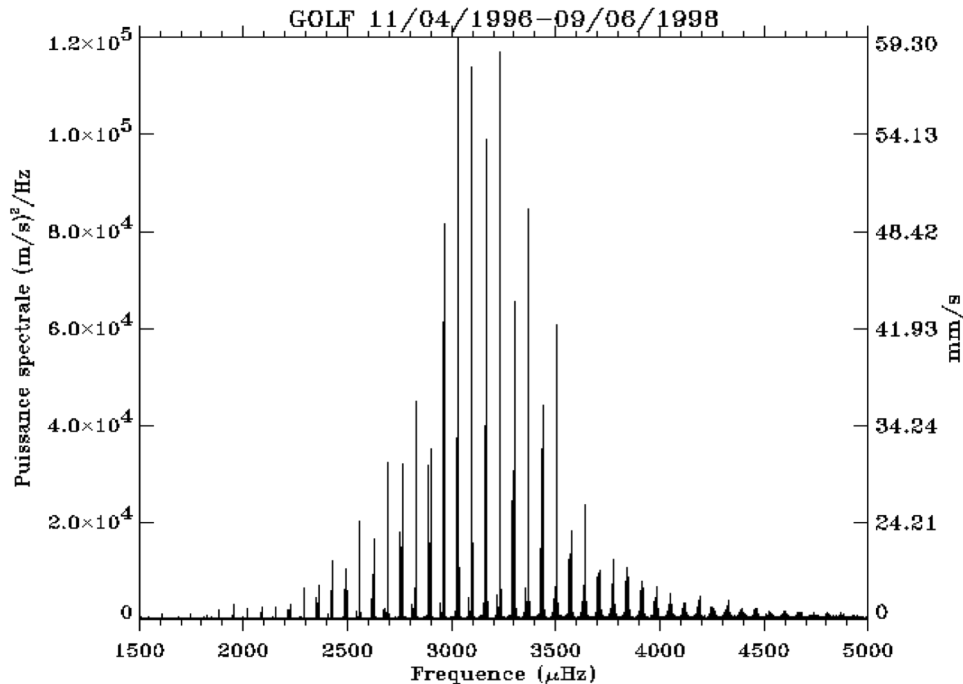
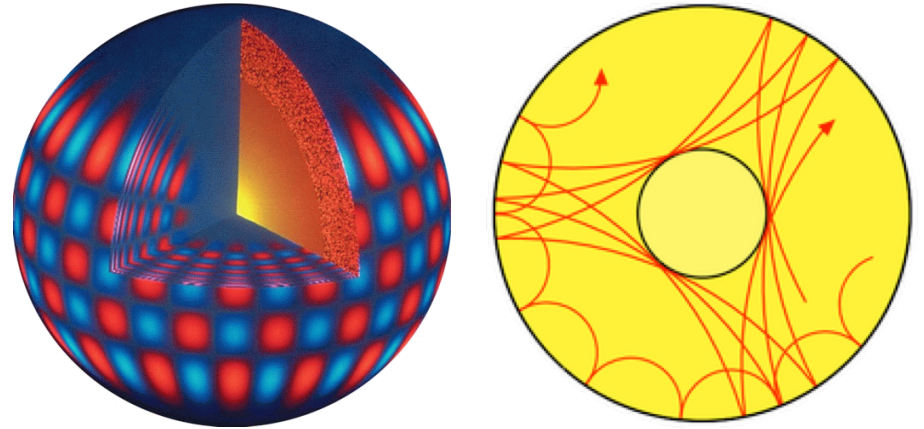
PModes



Doppler-shift velocity: black/green (3 km/s up) ... white (3 km/s down)

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- **Solar interior:** convection excites a broad spectrum of acoustic (“*p*-mode”) waves that bounce around.
- Precise frequency measurements allow **helioseismology**; i.e., inference of the  $(r, \theta)$  dependence of  $T$ ,  $c_s$ , rotation, etc.

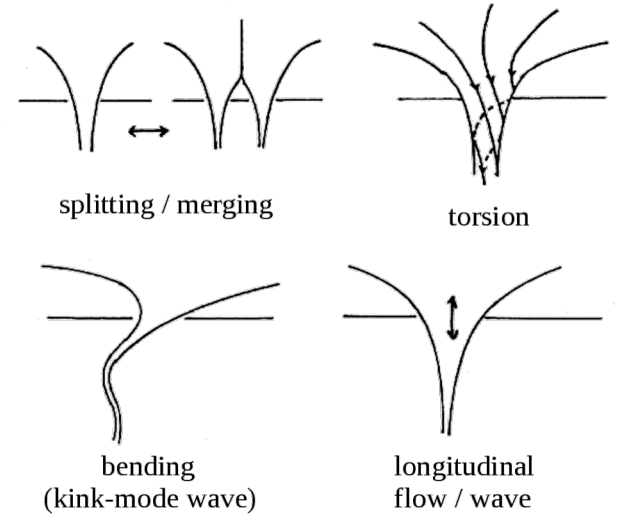
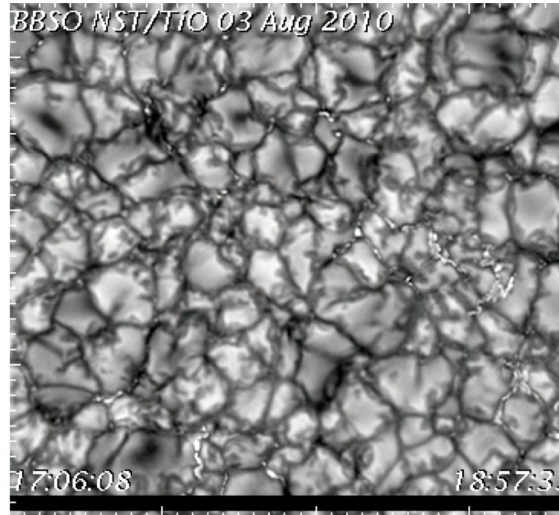
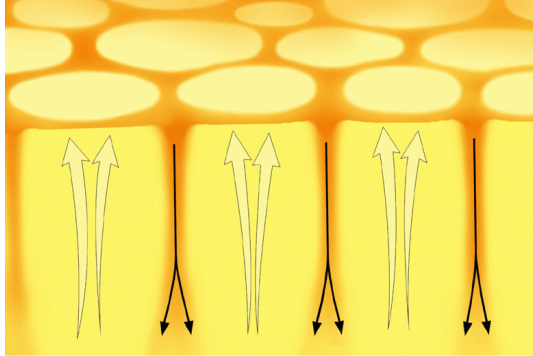


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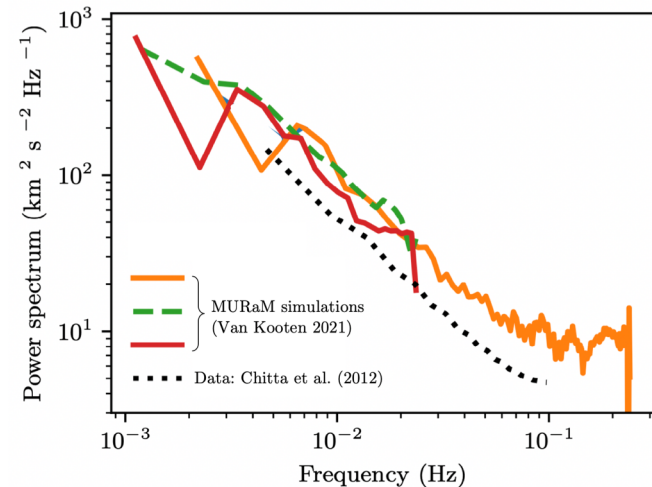
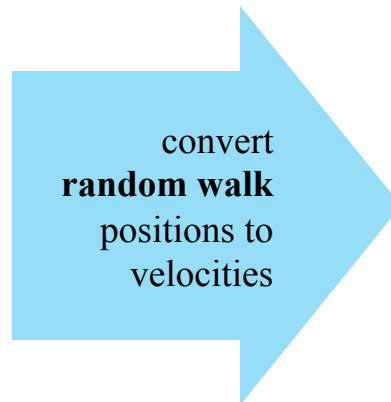
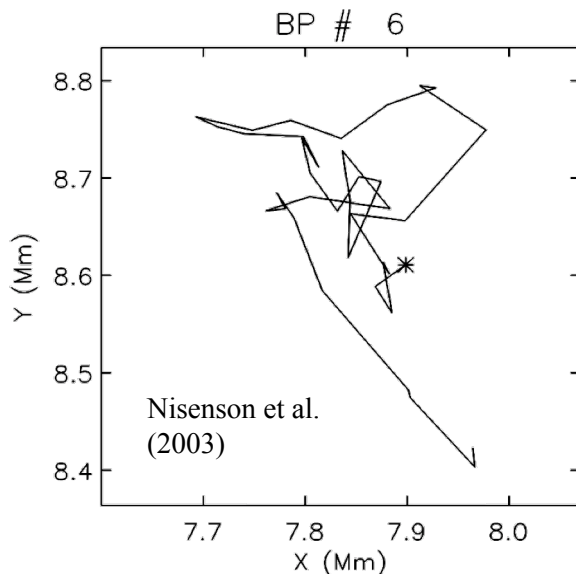
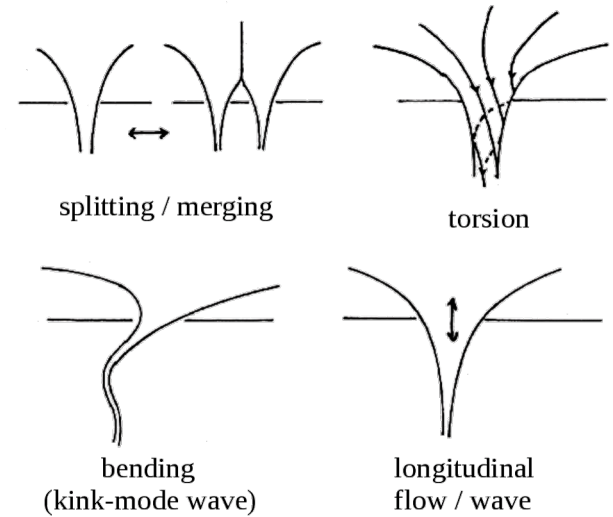
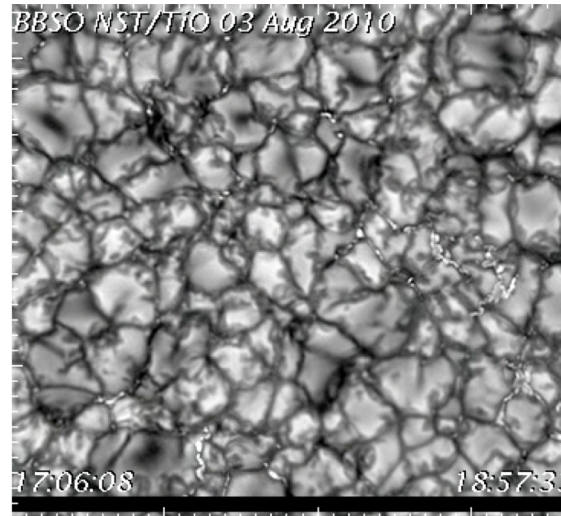
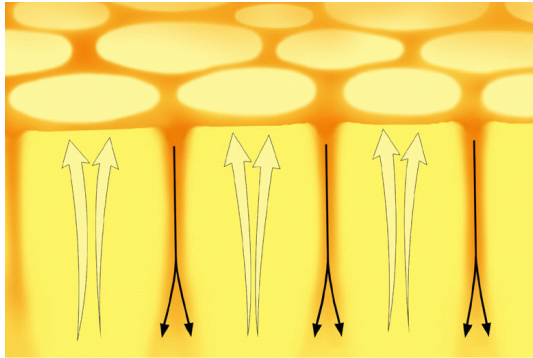
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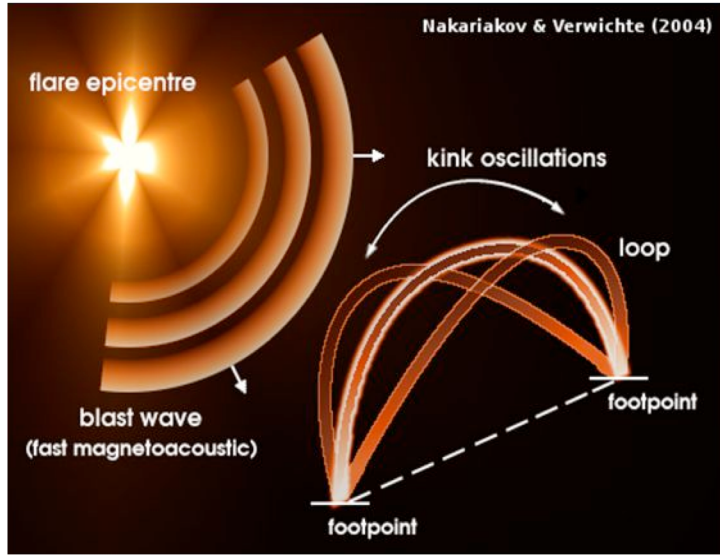


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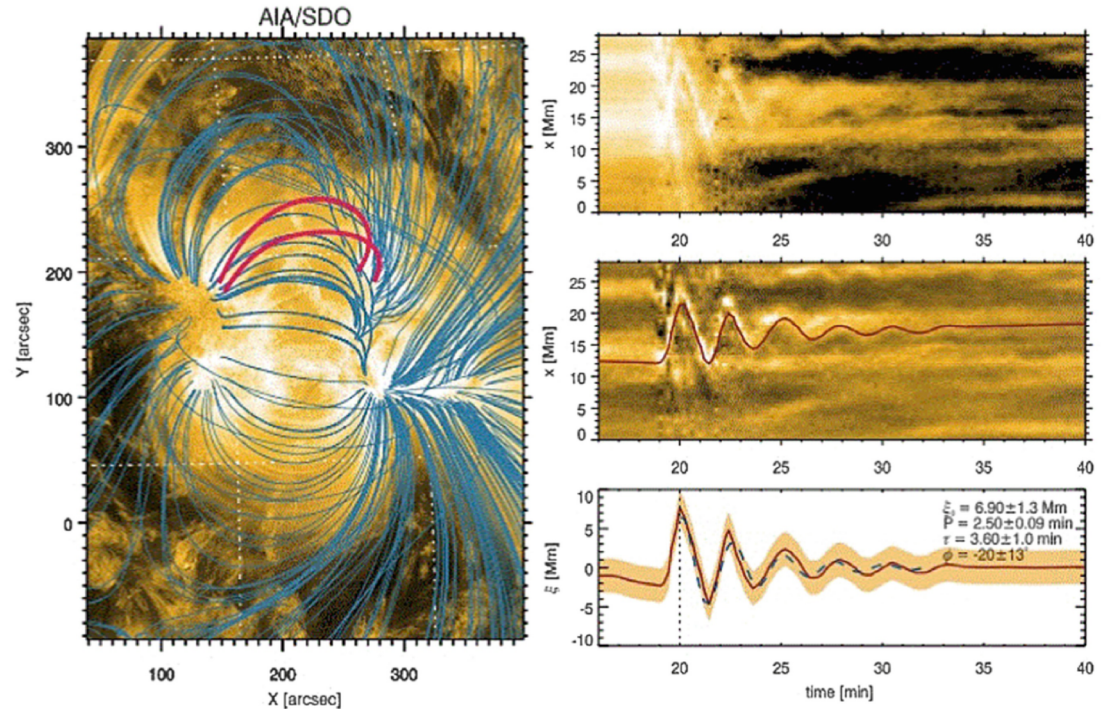
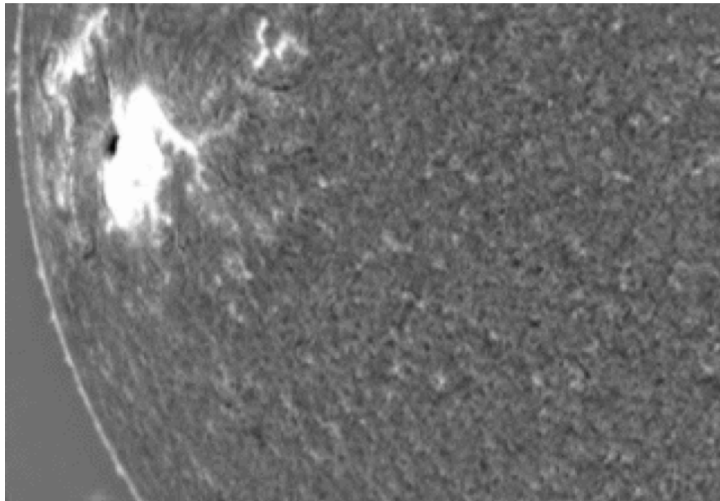


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Waves are observed in on-disk coronal images, often as

- single-pulse **blast waves** caused by strong flares (“EUV waves;” “Moreton waves”)
- **loop oscillations** that damp rapidly, allowing  $B$  to be inferred (“coronal seismology”)





# (1) Observations of waves

**Off-limb** coronal wave measurements can be easier to interpret than on-disk...

- Intensity modulations

$$\delta I \propto (\delta \rho)^{1-2}$$

- Motion tracking in images

$$\delta x, \delta y \rightarrow \delta v_x, \delta v_y \quad (\text{POS})$$

- Doppler shifts

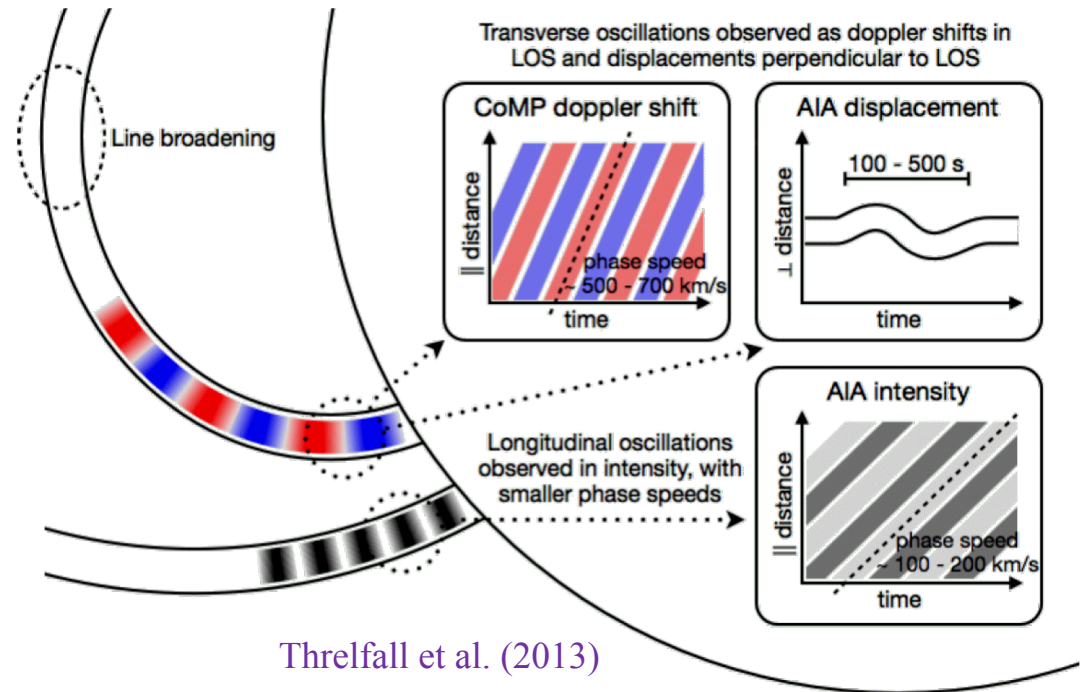
$$\delta \lambda \propto \delta v_z \quad (\text{LOS})$$

- Doppler broadening

$$\delta \lambda \rightarrow \langle \delta v_z \rangle$$

- Radio sounding

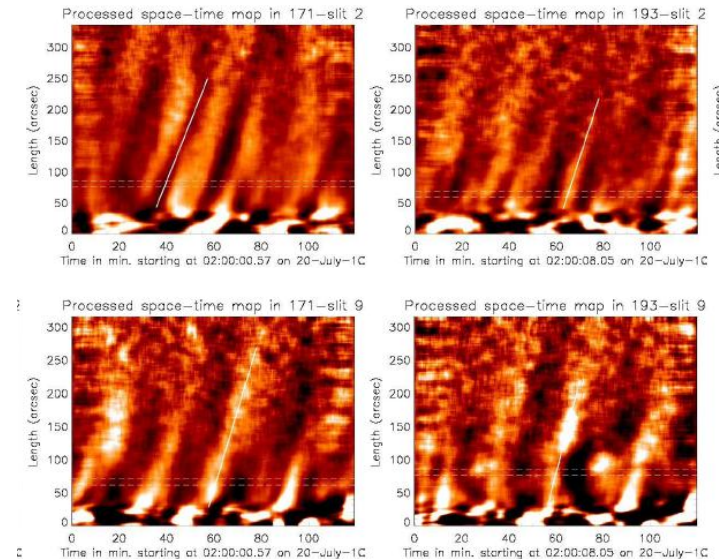
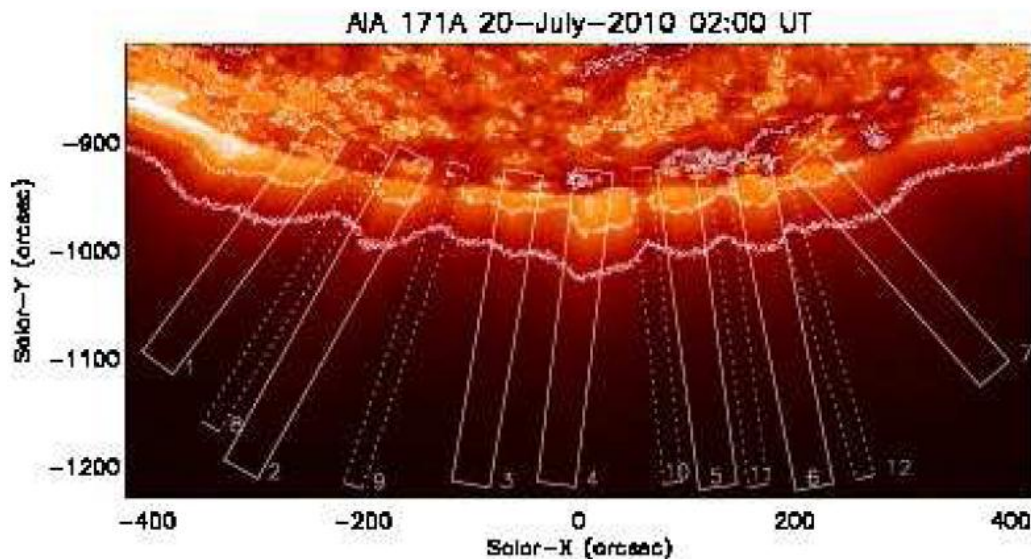
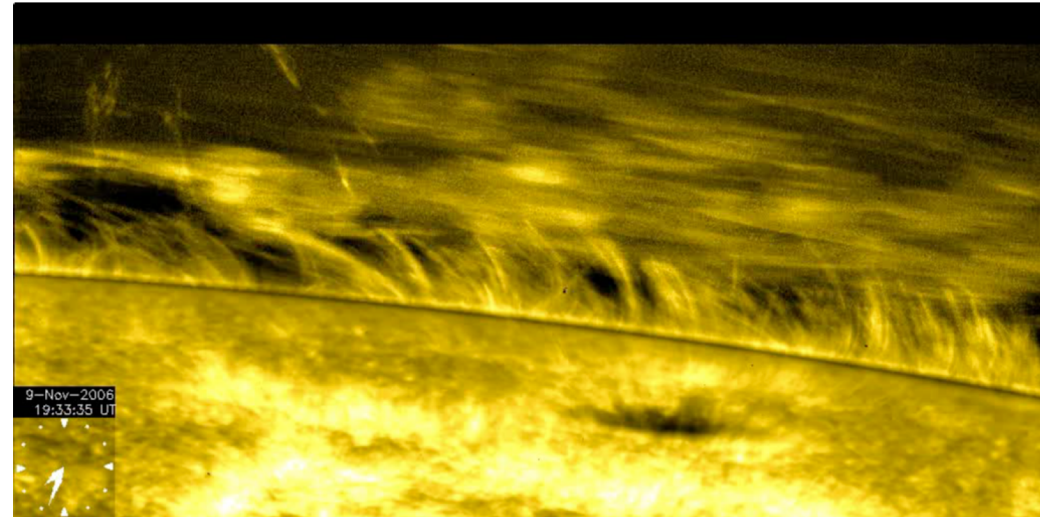
$$\delta \tilde{n} \rightarrow \delta \rho, \delta B \rightarrow \delta v$$



- **Results:** Alfvén-like waves seem to have periods of order 3-5 minutes; compressive waves have periods of order 10-20 minutes.

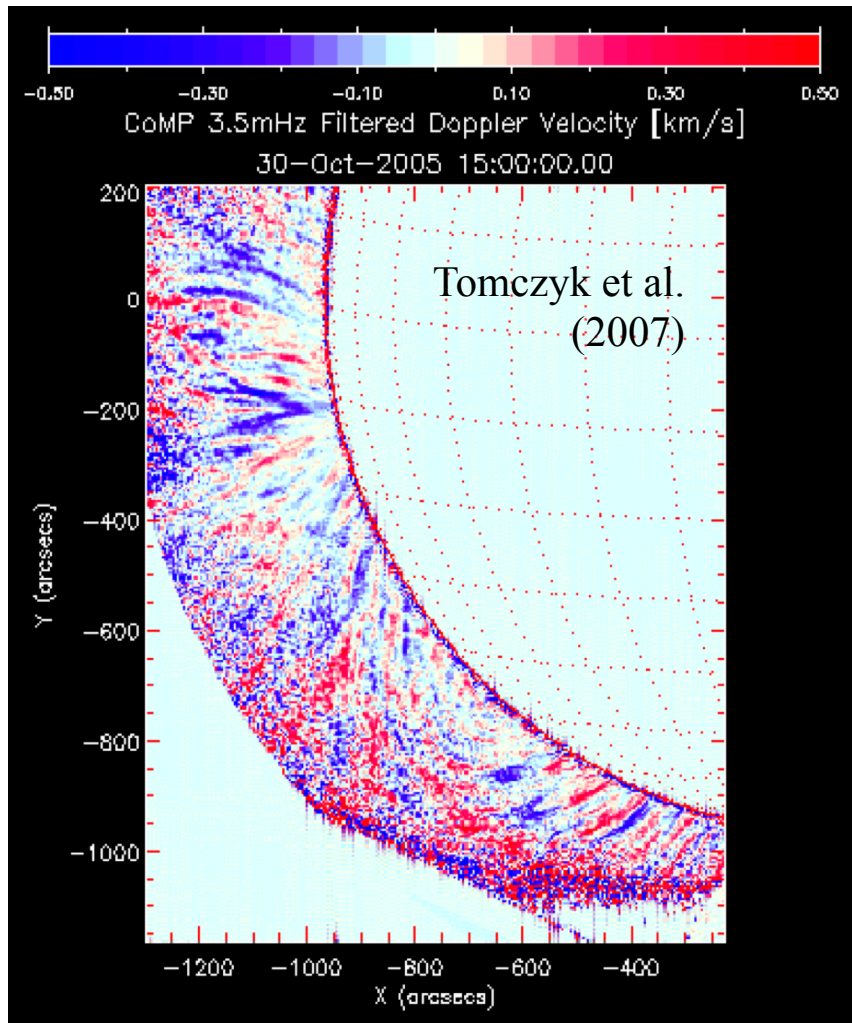
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- Off-limb motion tracking:  
Hinode sees swaying spicules  
(Okamoto et al. 2007).
- Intensity modulations:  
AIA/SDO sees compressive waves  
propagating along polar plumes  
(Krishna Prasad et al. 2011)

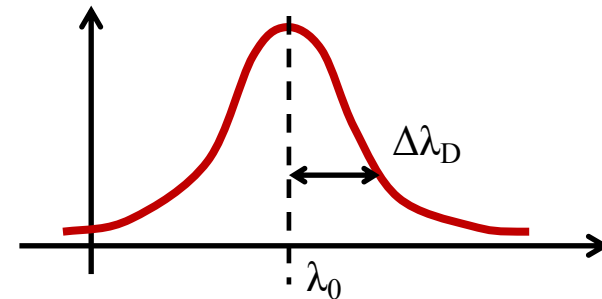


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- Off-limb spectroscopy: CoMP sees time-varying Doppler shifts: Alfvén waves and possibly turbulence (e.g., Liu et al. 2014, *ApJ*, 797, 7).



UVCS, SUMER, EIS integrate for times  $\gg 1$  wave period to see nonthermal broadening in emission lines...



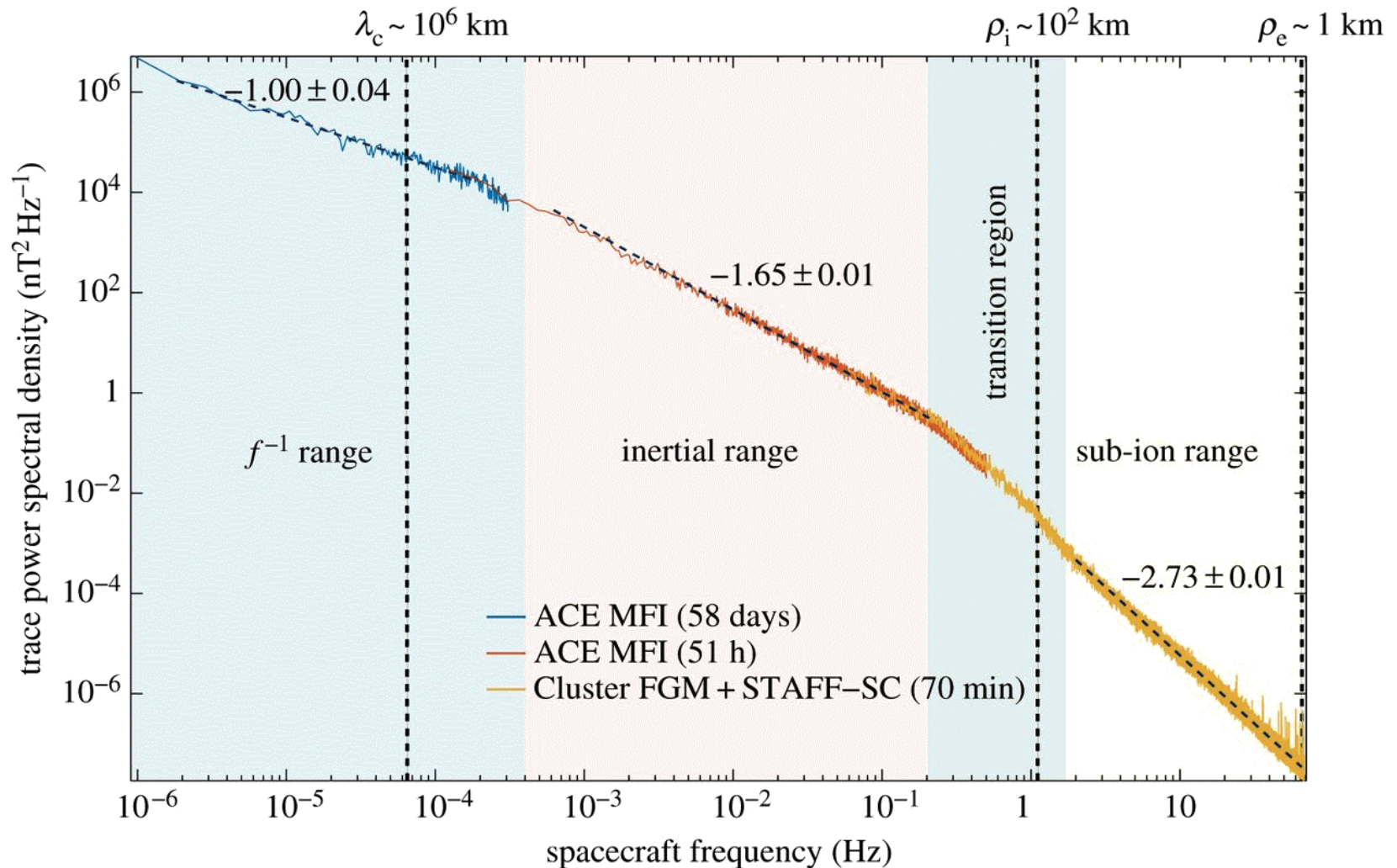
$$\frac{\Delta\lambda_D}{\lambda_0} = \frac{v_{\text{th,eff}}}{c} = \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T_{\text{ion}}}{m_{\text{ion}}} + \xi^2}$$

thermal  
width

nonthermal  
width  
(waves?)

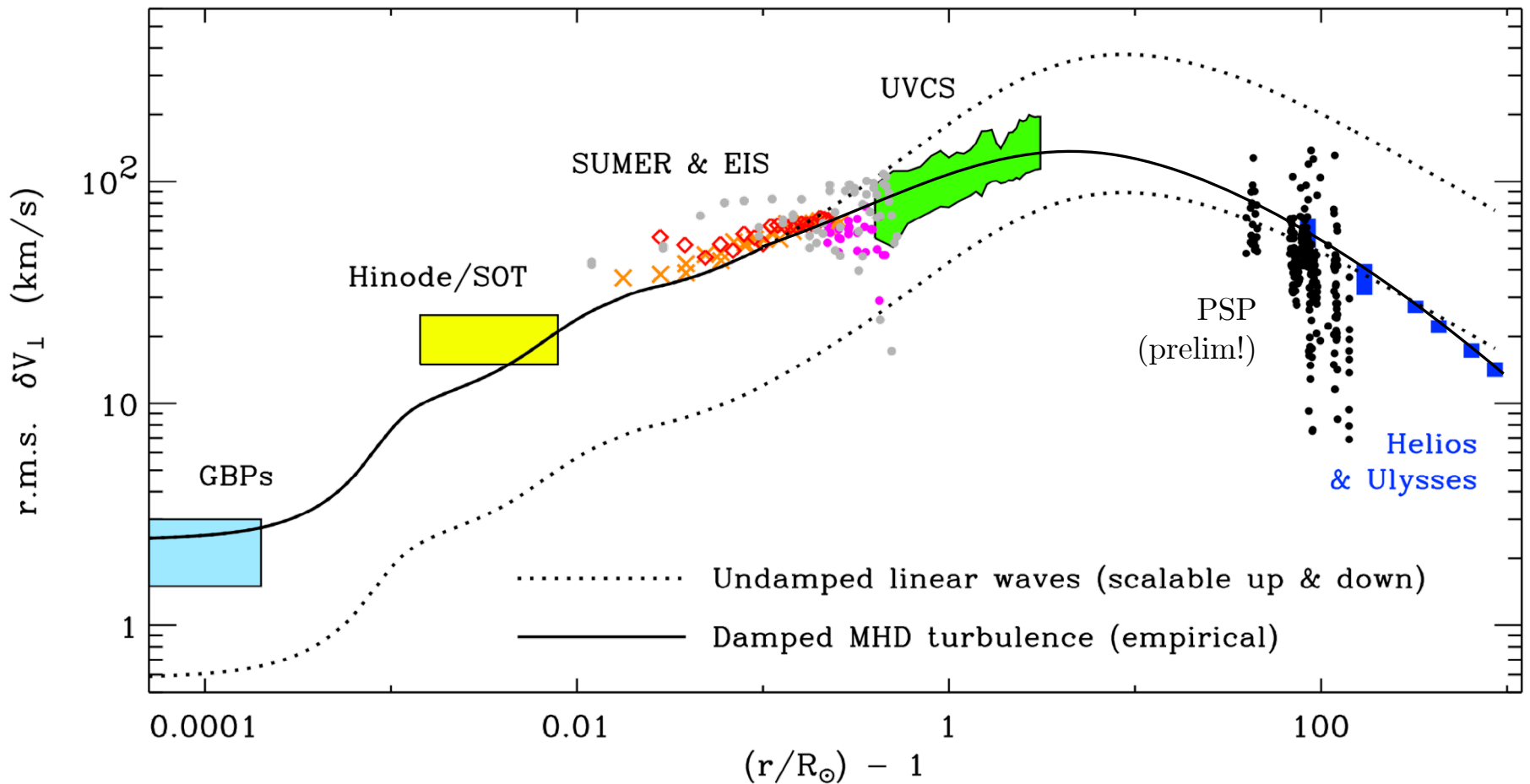
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- In the solar wind *in situ* instruments detect broad-band turbulent fluctuations in just about every measurable plasma parameter (e.g., Kiyani et al. 2015):



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- Putting it all together (here, for Alfvénic fluctuations in polar coronal holes connected to the fast solar wind), can reveal the global energy budget for waves/turbulence...

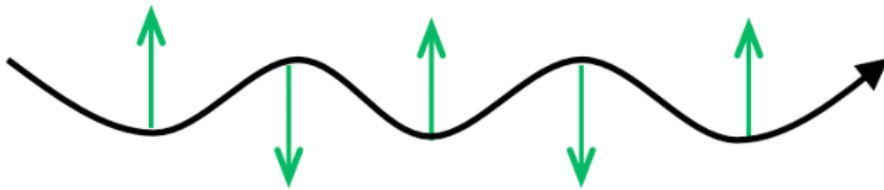


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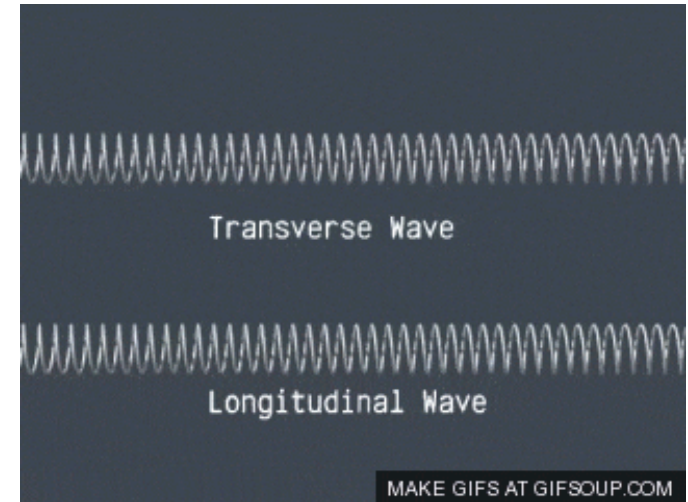
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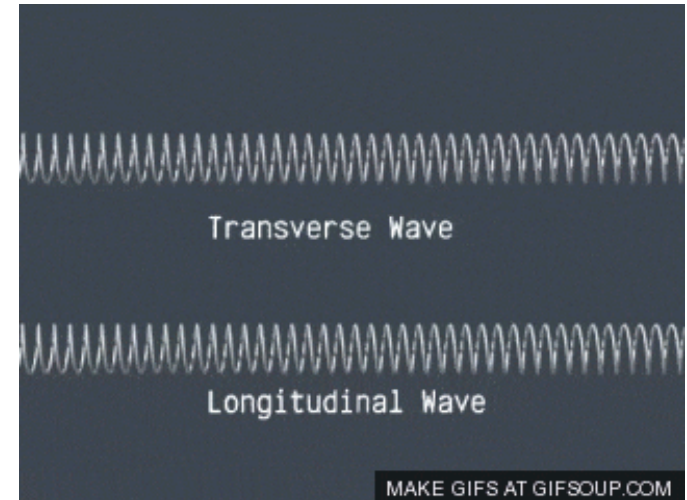
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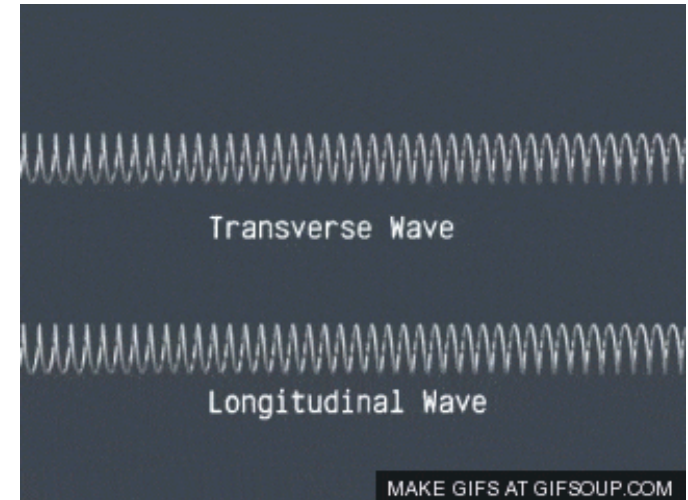
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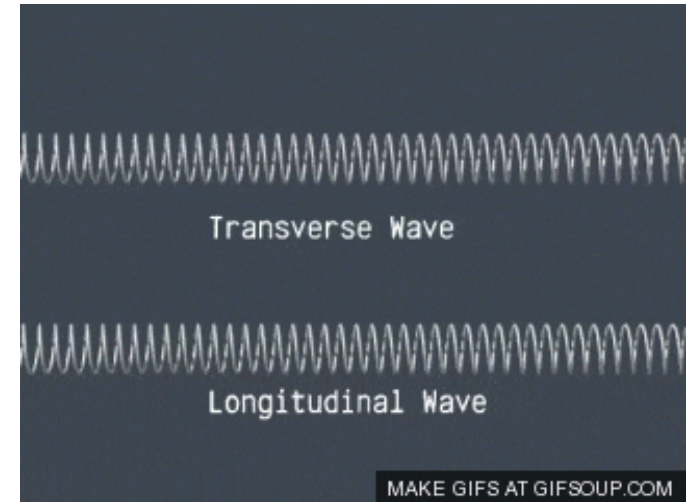
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In an ideal MHD plasma, there are really 3 modes: Alfvén & fast/slow magnetosonic waves (the latter being magnetic modifications of acoustic waves).

Depending on the angle between their wavevector  $\mathbf{k}$  and the background field  $\mathbf{B}$ , fast/slow modes can propagate at phase speeds anywhere between 0 and  $(V_A^2 + c_s^2)^{1/2}$  and “carry” all 5 different types of amplitude fluctuations ( $\delta v_{\perp}$ ,  $\delta v_{\parallel}$ ,  $\delta B_{\perp}$ ,  $\delta B_{\parallel}$ ,  $\delta\rho$ ).

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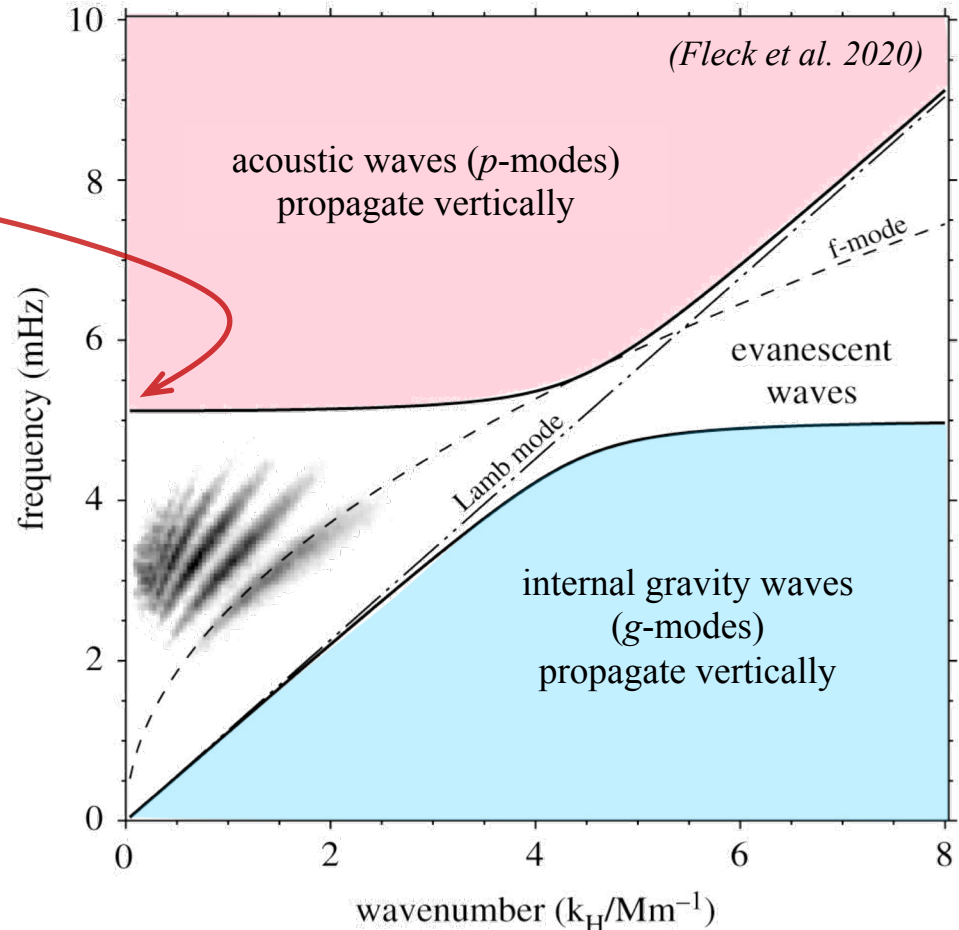
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$$\omega_{ac} \approx g/c_s$$

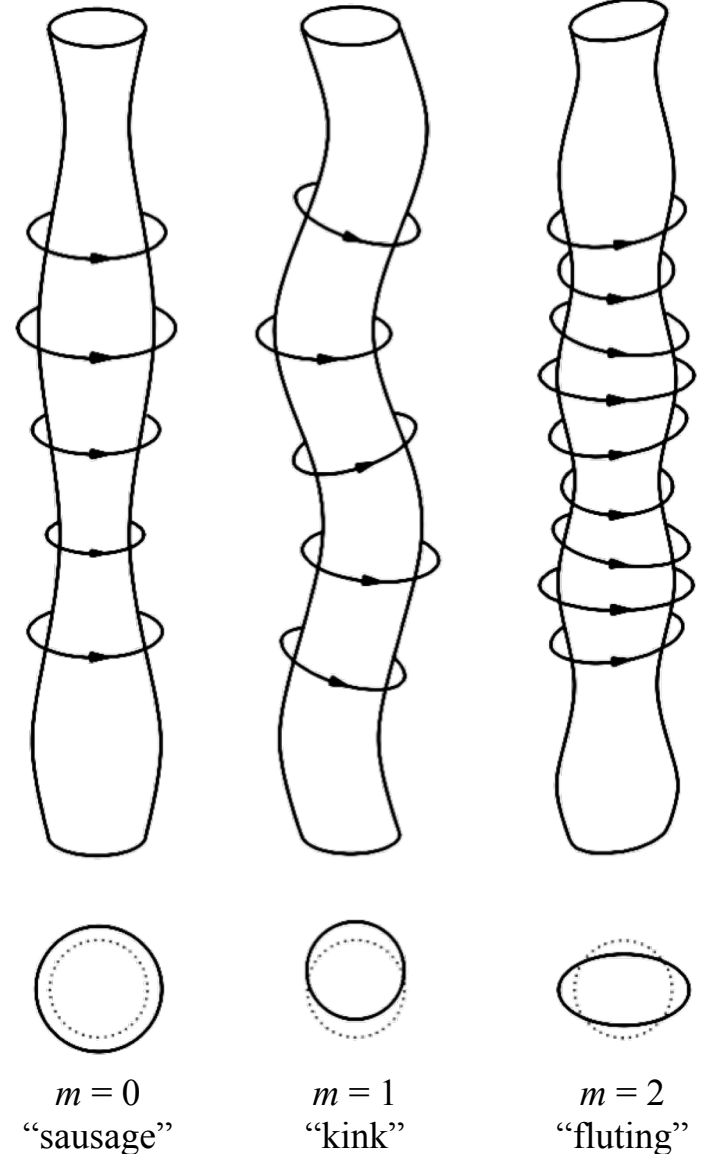
below which waves cannot carry energy up (i.e., they're "standing waves," and their energy density  $U$  decays evanescently with height).

- There must be strong  **$g$ -modes** in the deep solar interior, but evidence for them surviving up to the surface is scant...



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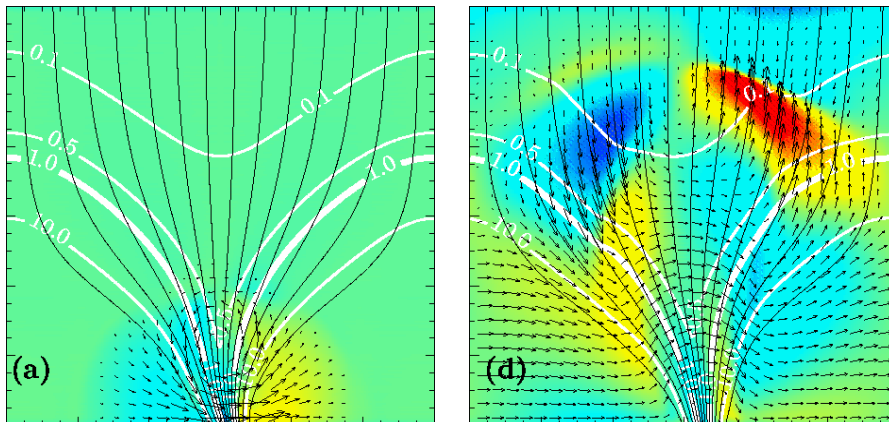


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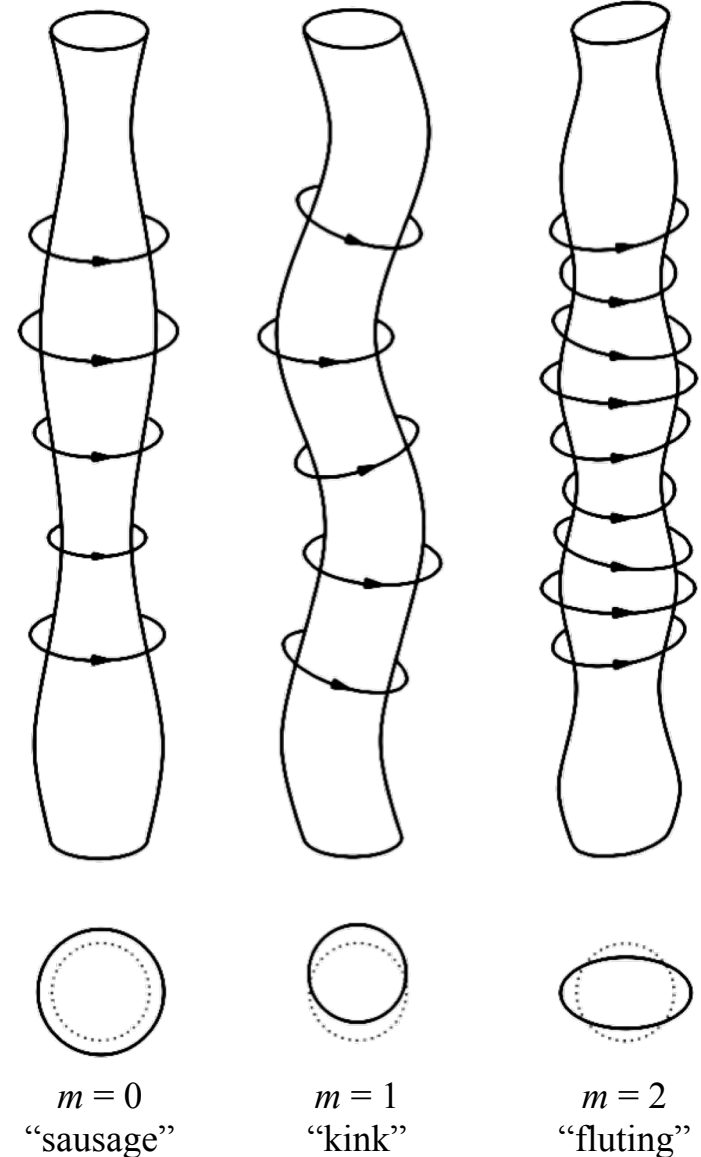
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- Transverse ( $m > 0$ ) modes propagate at a weighted average of inside & outside speeds:

$$V_{\text{ph}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_i V_{Ai}^2 + \rho_e V_{Ae}^2}{\rho_i + \rho_e}}$$

- In regions where  $\beta \sim 1$ , kink-mode type jostling can excite compressive modes, too...



(Hasan et al. 2005)



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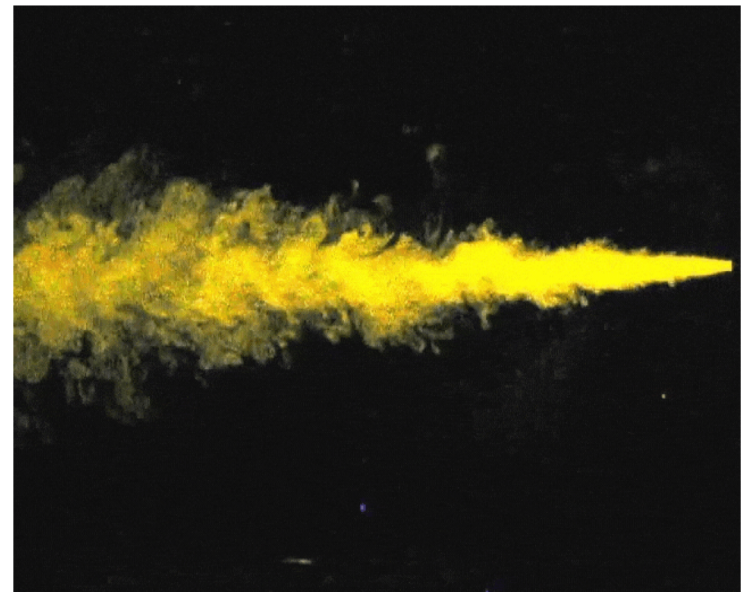
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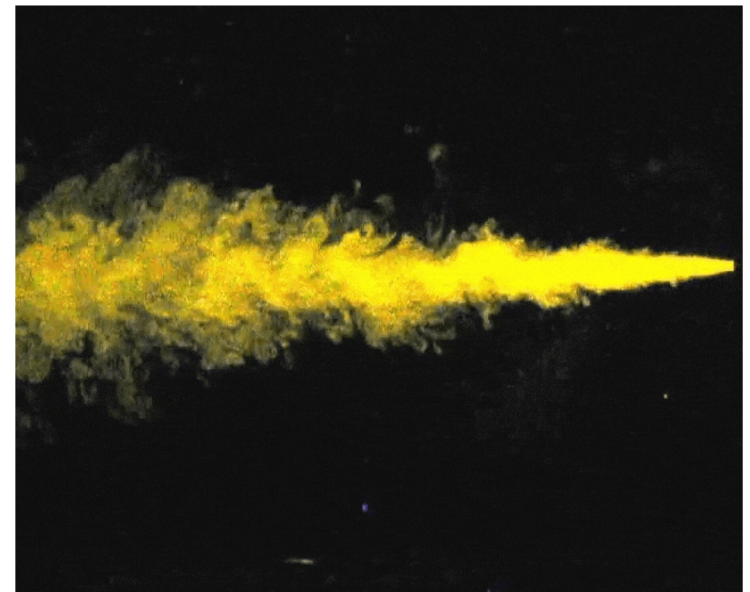


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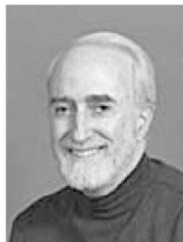
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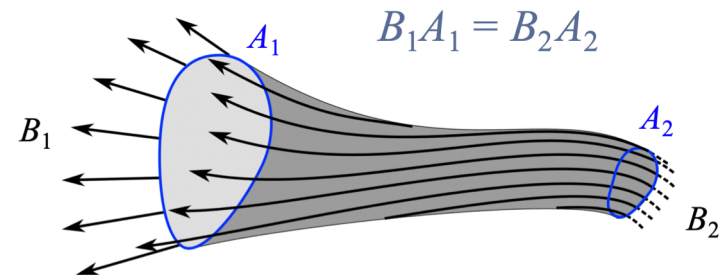
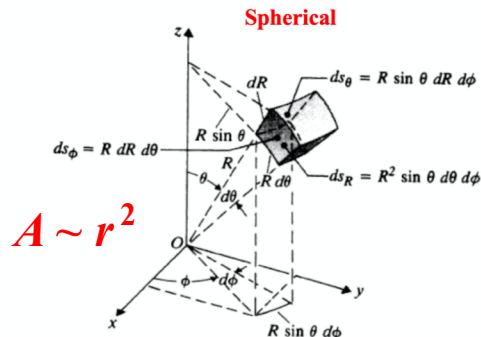
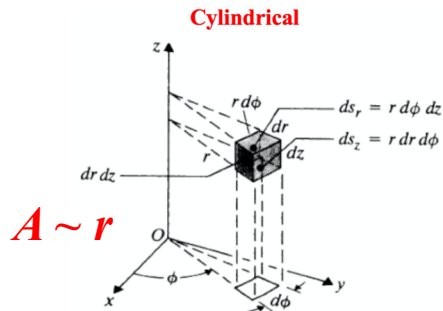
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For the two main types,

$$F = UV_{\text{gr}} \approx \begin{cases} \rho_0 (\delta v_{\parallel})^2 c_s, & \text{(sound)} \\ \rho_0 (\delta v_{\perp})^2 V_A, & \text{(Alfvén)} \end{cases}$$

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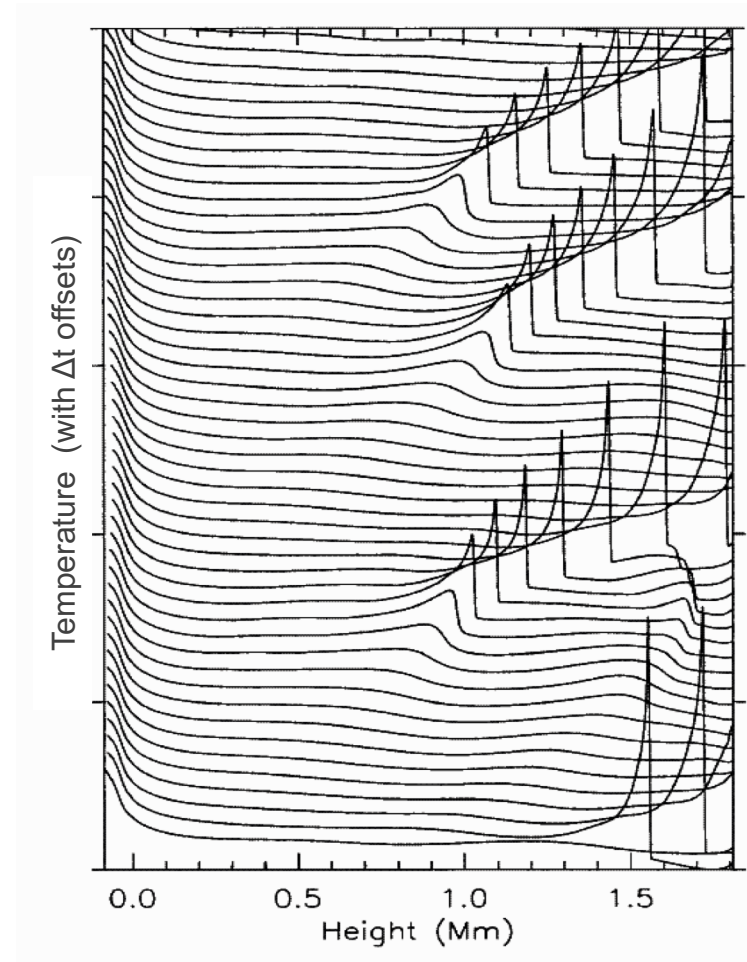
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- Thus, sound waves **grow** in amplitude with increasing height... until the point where  $\delta v_{\parallel}$  reaches the sound speed  $c_s$ .
- Then, because “crests” can easily outpace “troughs,” **the waves nonlinearly steepen into shocks.**
- Piston-driven 1D models (e.g., Carlsson & Stein) give rise to intermittent sawtooths...



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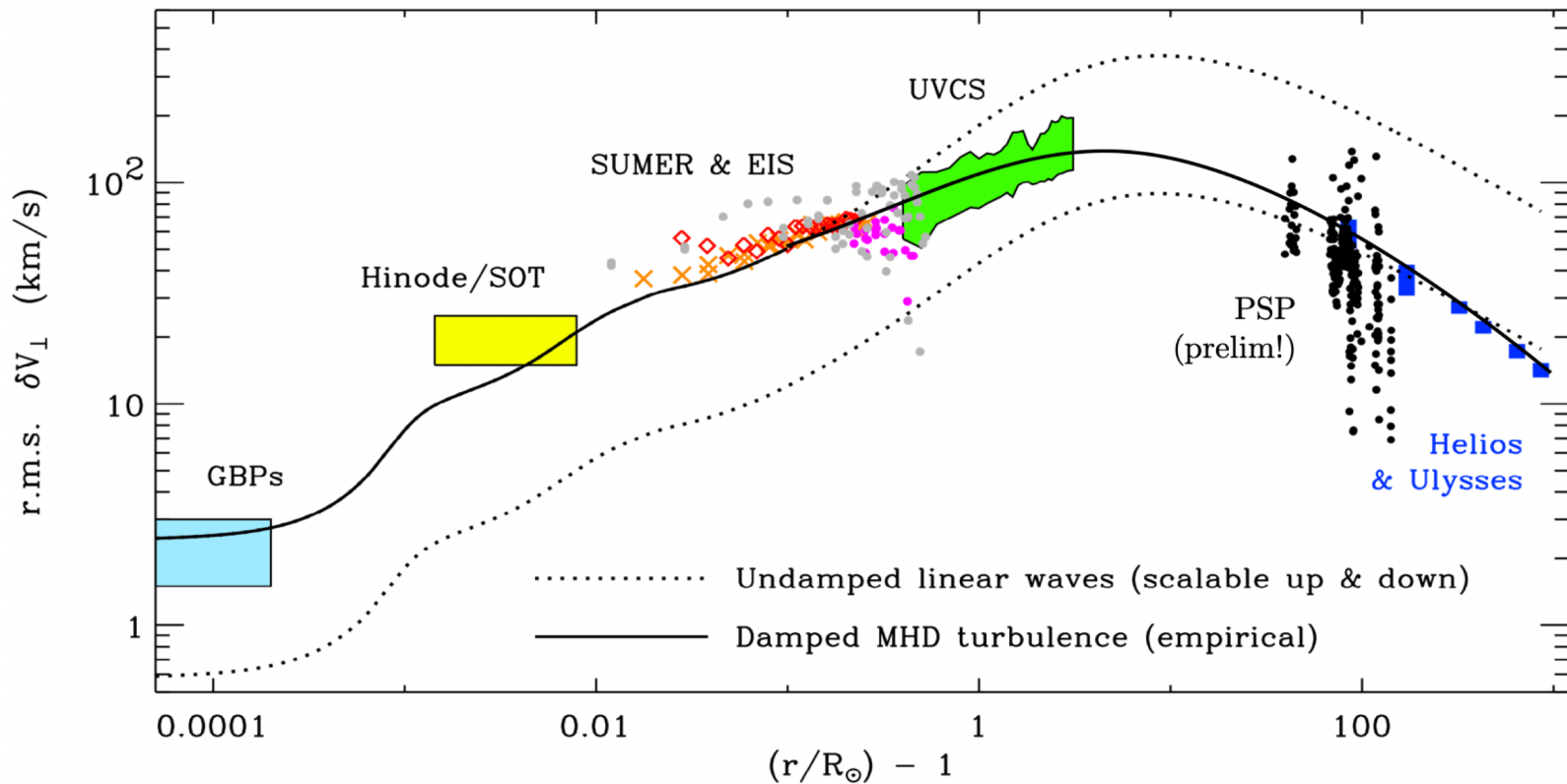
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Four general sets of mechanisms:

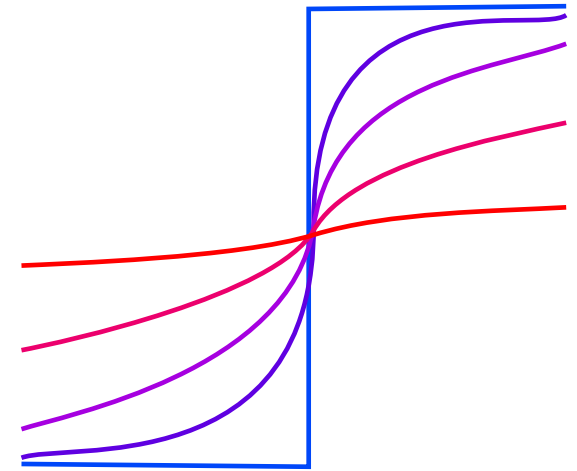
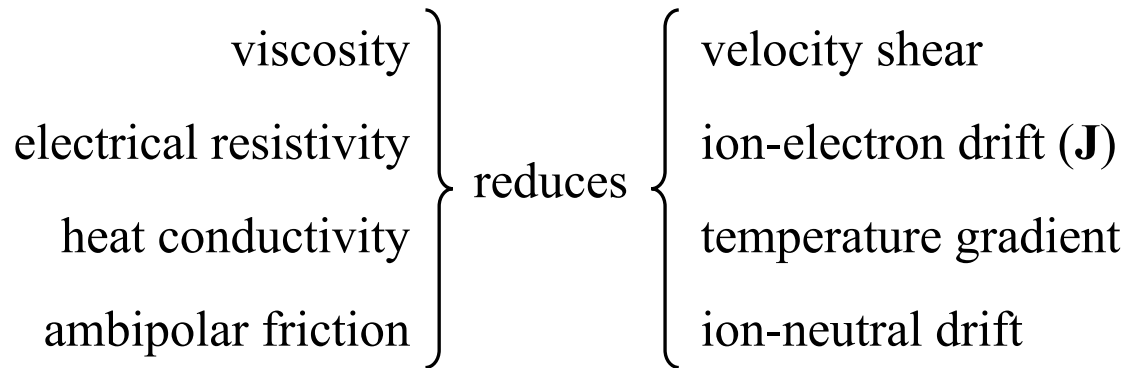
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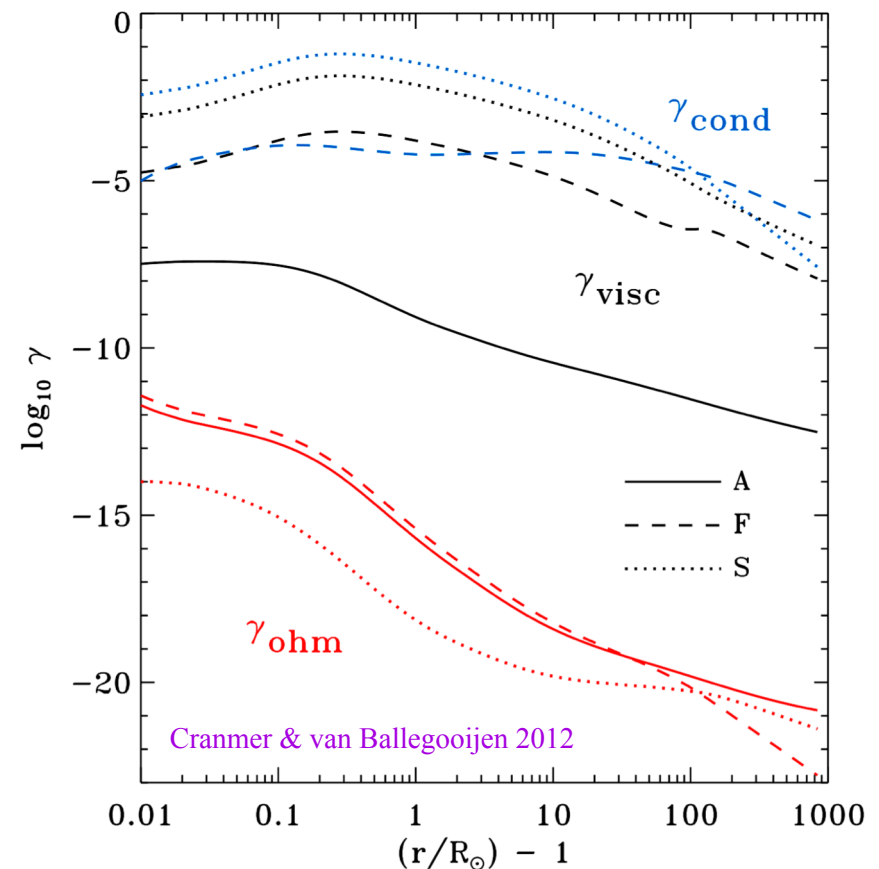
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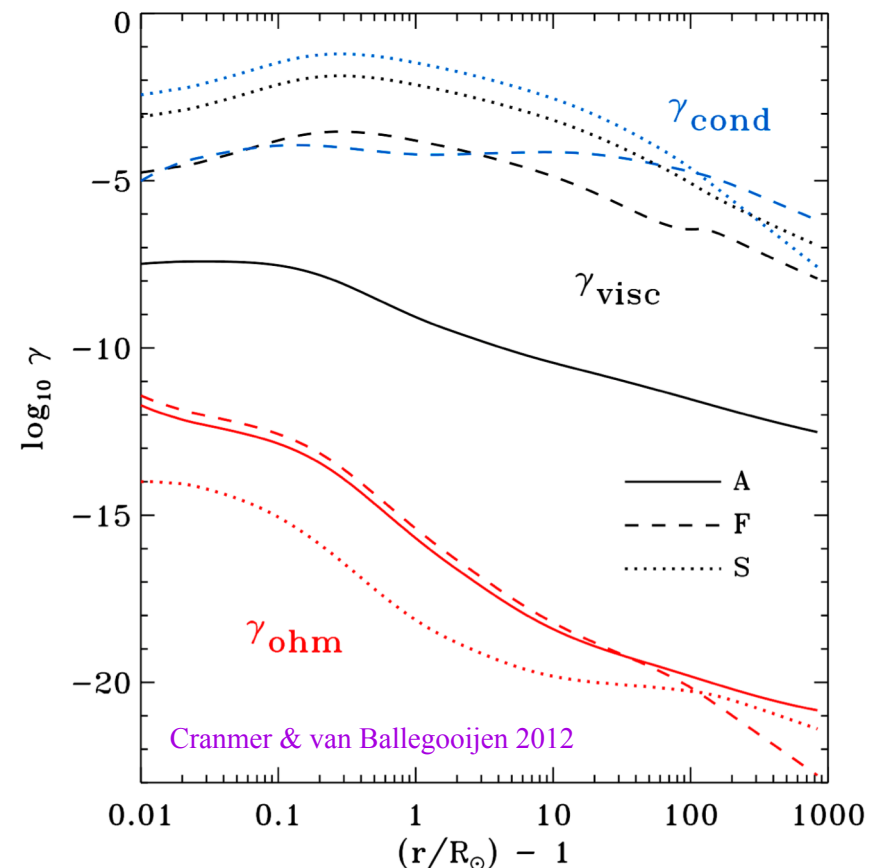
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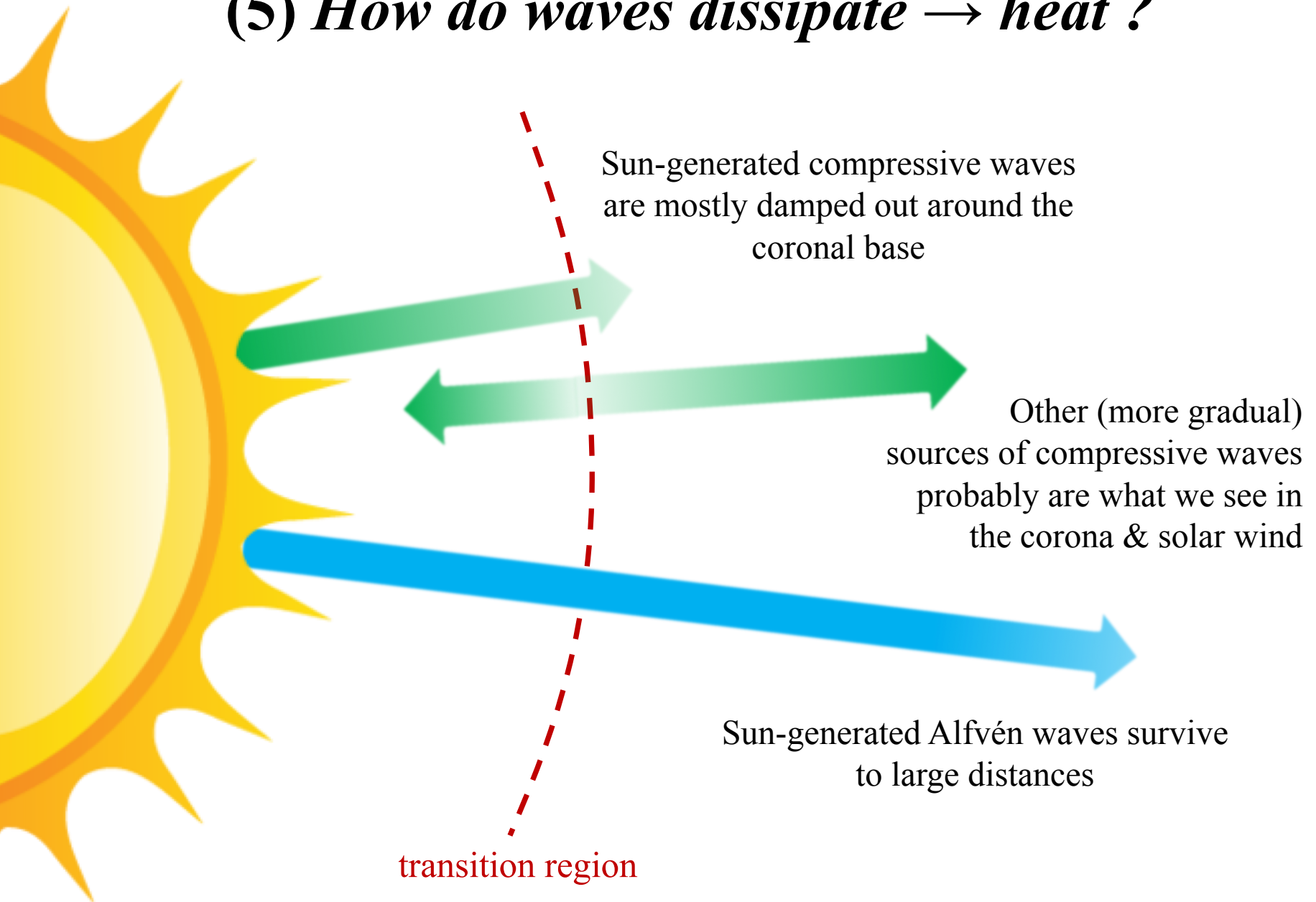
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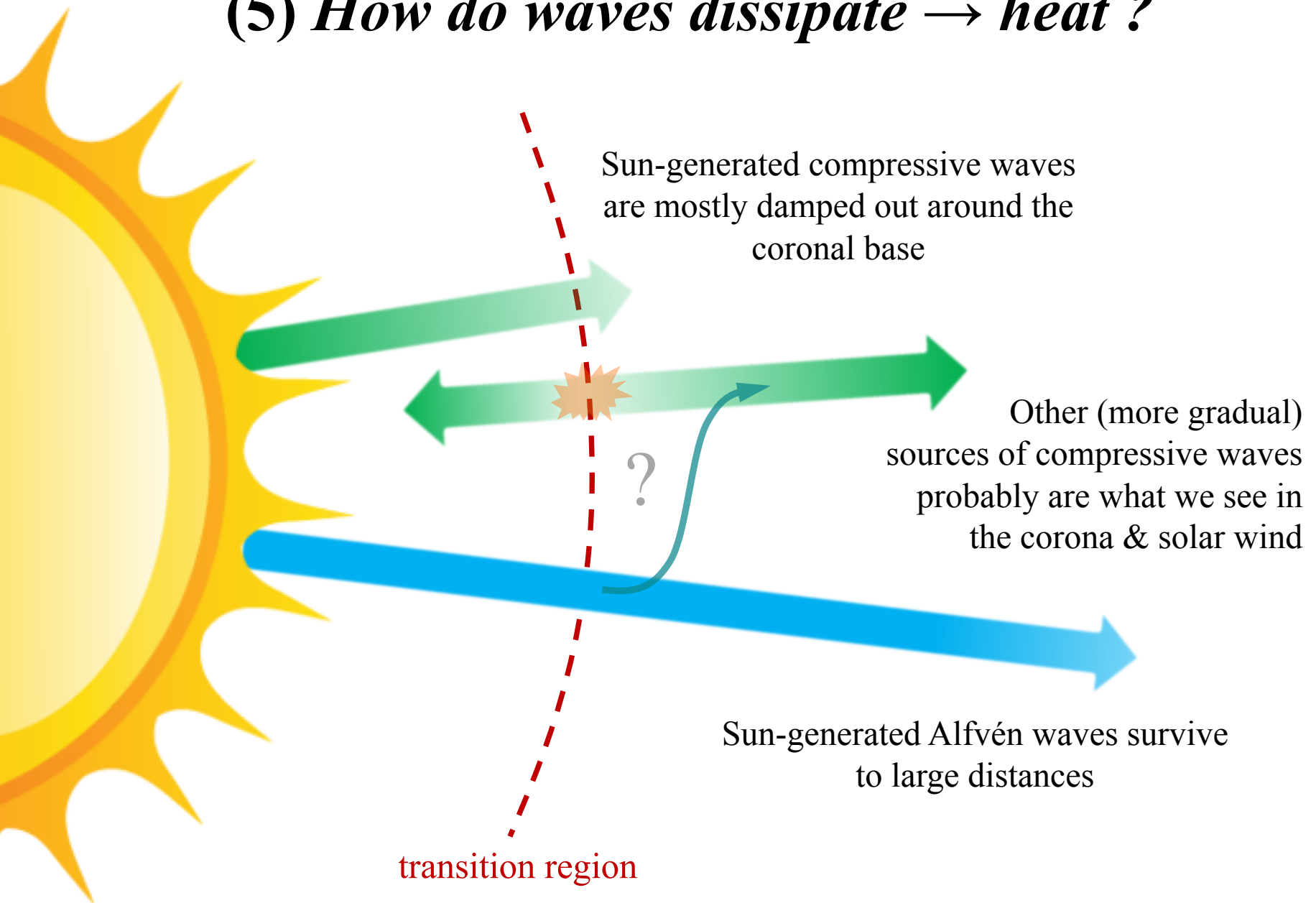
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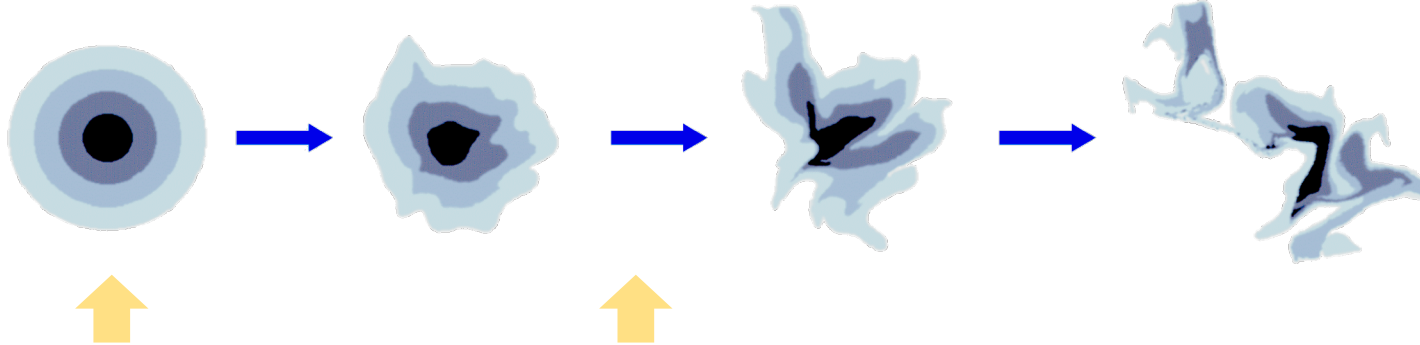
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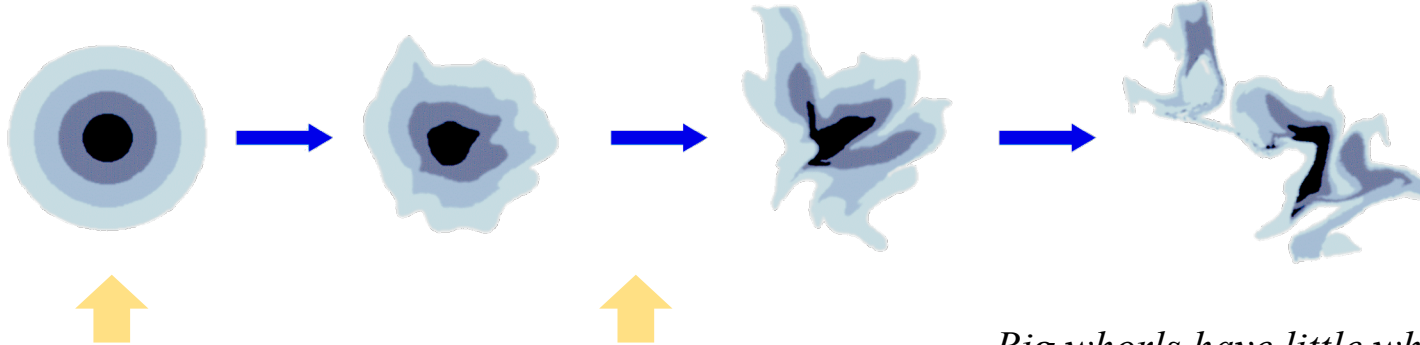
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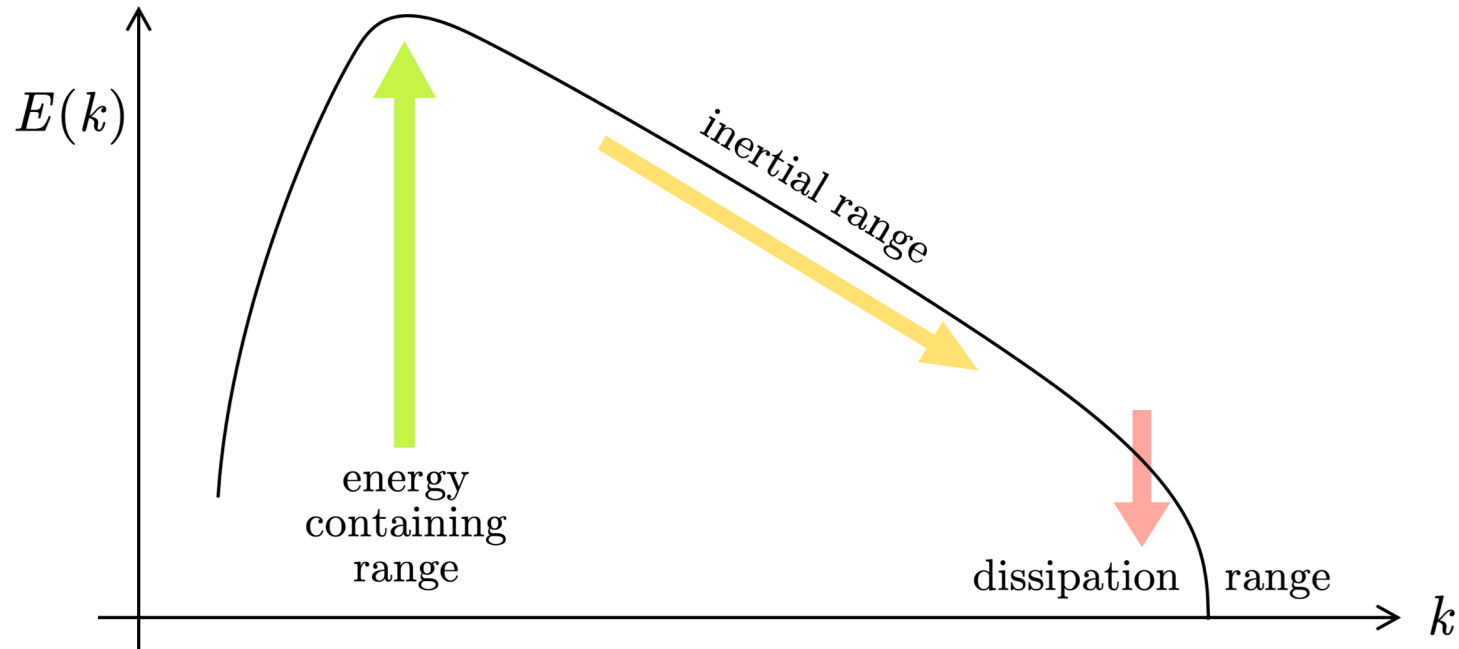
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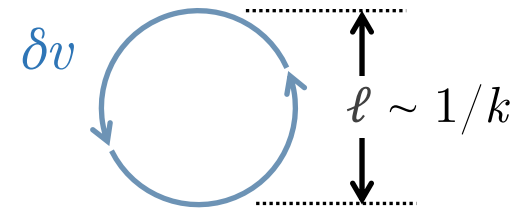
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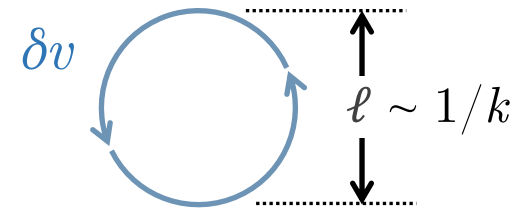


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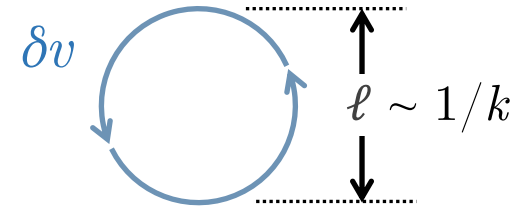
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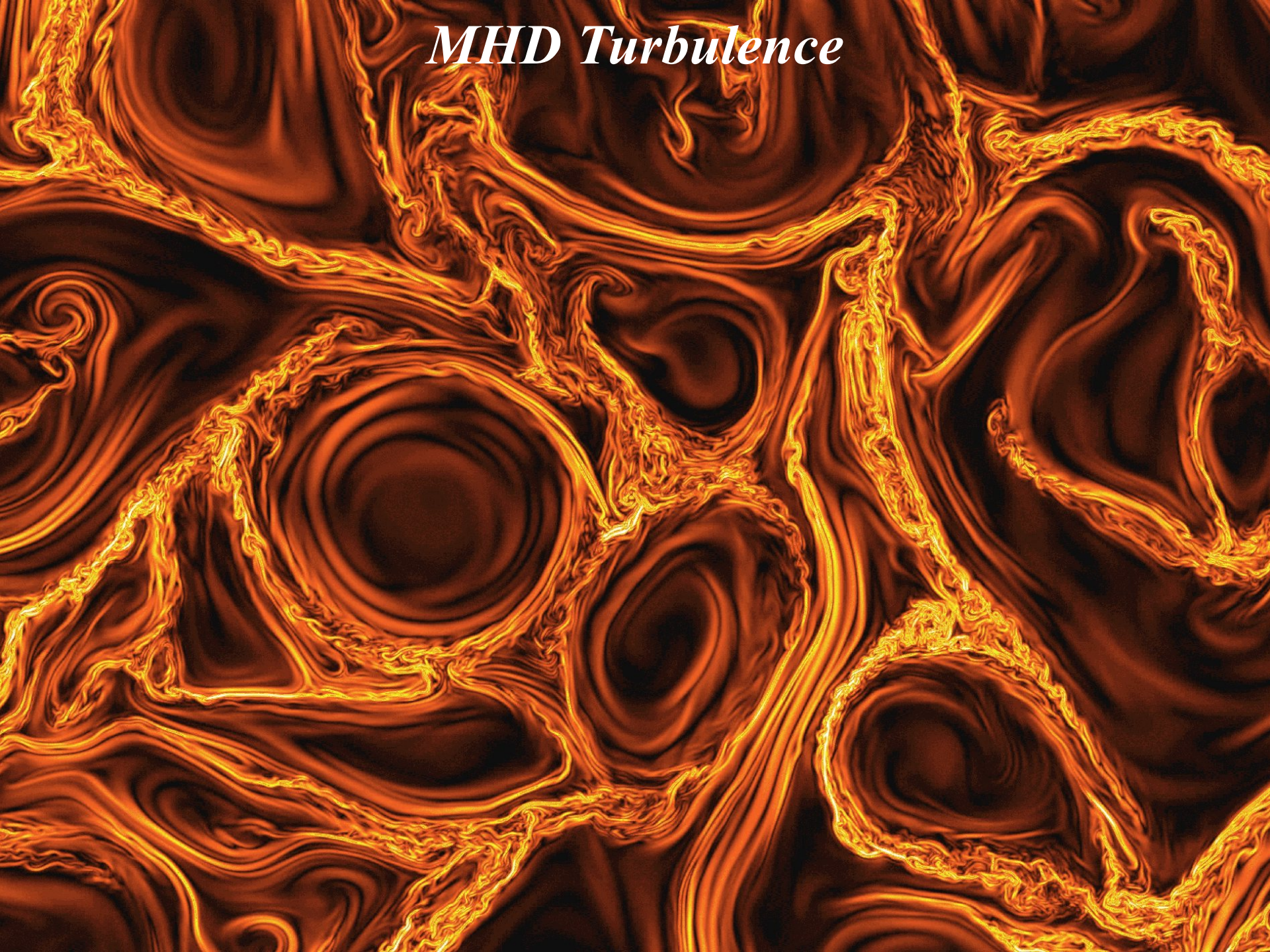
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# *MHD Turbulence*



# *For next week*

- Continue tinkering with the hands-on computation exercise; due next week (Thursday, February 10, 2022).
- Participate in the [#hands-on-1-discussion](#) channel on Slack, even if just to vent about python...

