

Flux-tube-dependent propagation of Alfvén waves in the solar corona

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Background

- Alfvén waves generated by the interaction of photospheric convection with magnetic fields.
- **Leading theory:** heating and acceleration of the solar wind via (Alfvénic) wave-turbulence

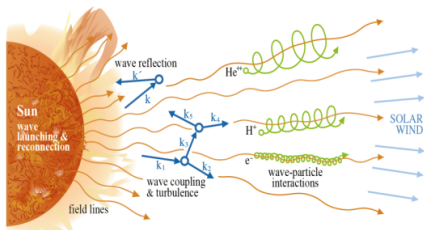


Figure: Cartoon illustrating various kinetic dissipation processes in the solar corona. (Image courtesy of B. Chandran, M.Lee, K. Donahue)

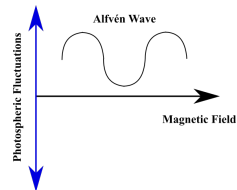
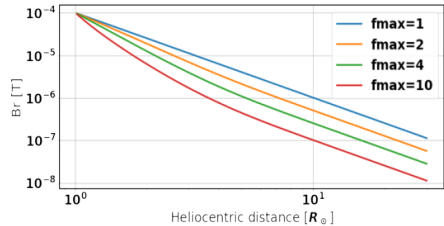
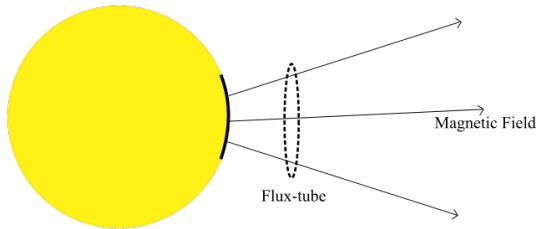


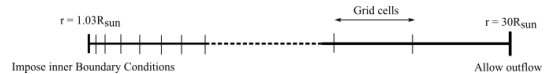
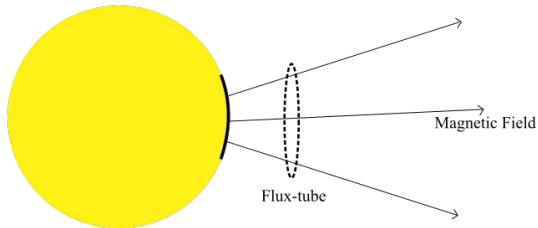
Figure: Cartoon illustrating the generation of Alfvén waves.

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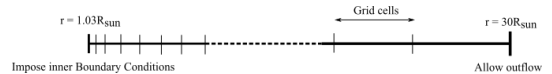
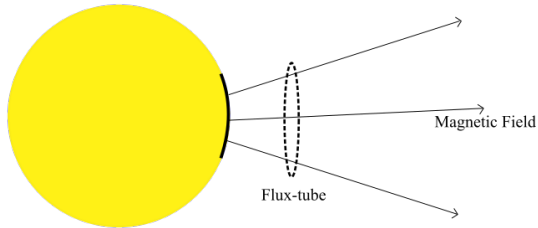
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- The solar wind is modeled in a 1D MHD simulation.

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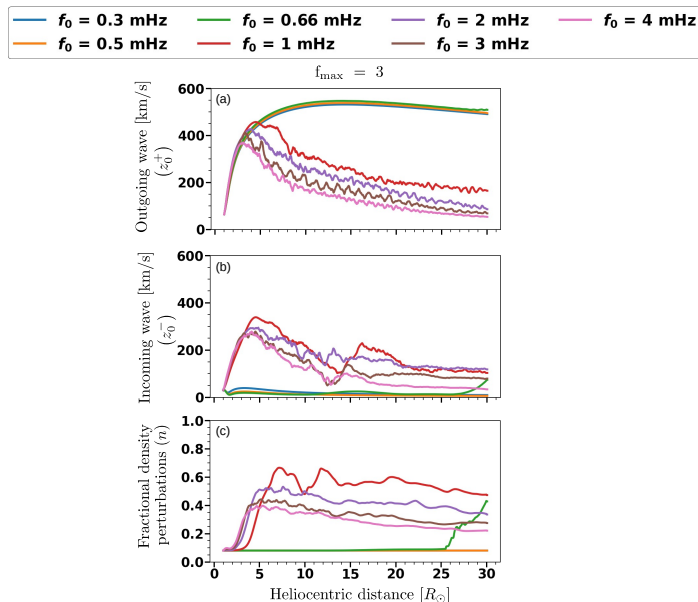


Study the response of the corona upon injecting single mode Alfvén waves at the base of the corona.

Parametric Decay Instability

Workflow

- 1 Generate Solar wind.
- 2 Inject Alfvén Wave.



Conclusion

- Developed a single-fluid MHD simulation
- Studied the solar wind response upon injecting a monochromatic pump alfvén wave.



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