

# Diffusion of Energetic Particles in Turbulent Magnetic Fields

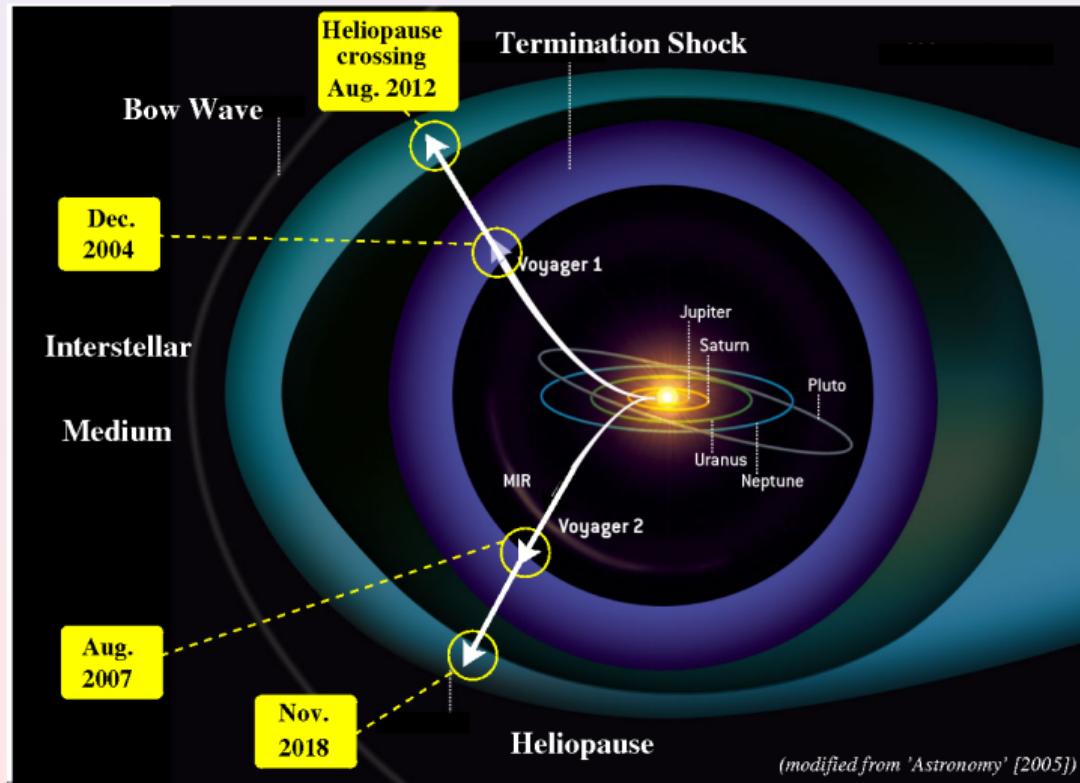
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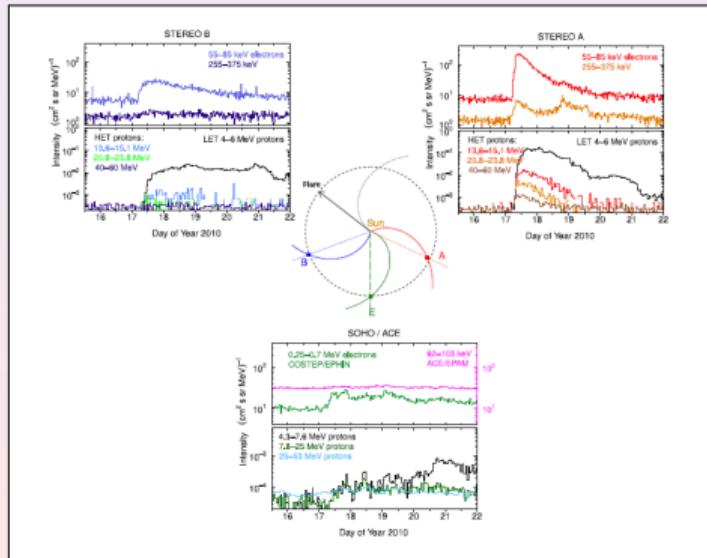


# The Significance of Knowing the Turbulence Conditions

## Inner heliosphere:

- interpretation of spacecraft data
- understanding of space weather
- input to models of the outer heliosphere

*multi-spacecraft observations:*



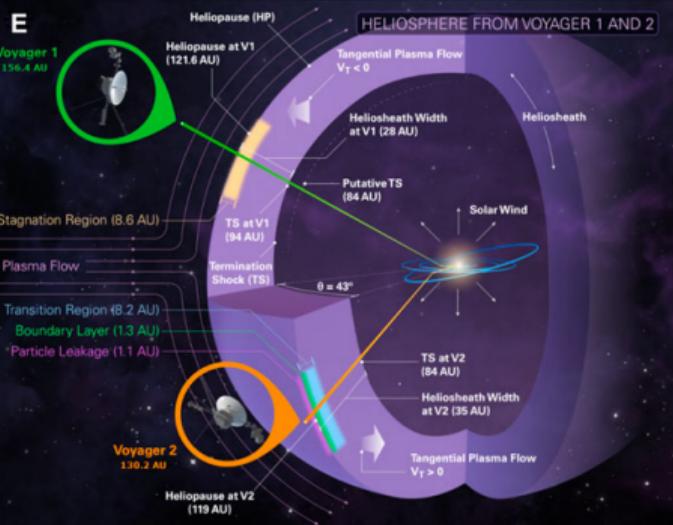
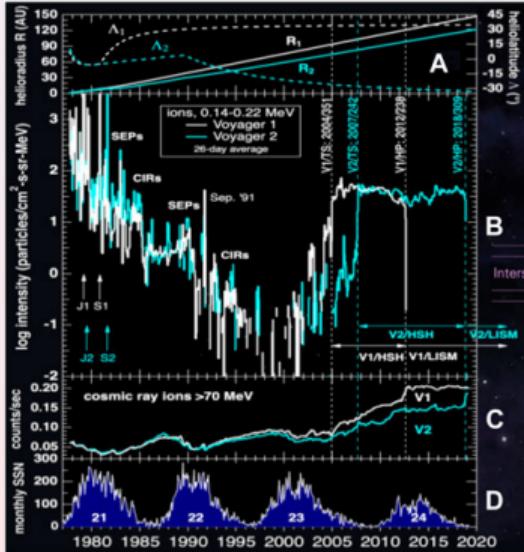
Dresing et al. [2012]

→ Of particular importance for the transport of energetic particles is the **turbulent inner heliospheric magnetic field**

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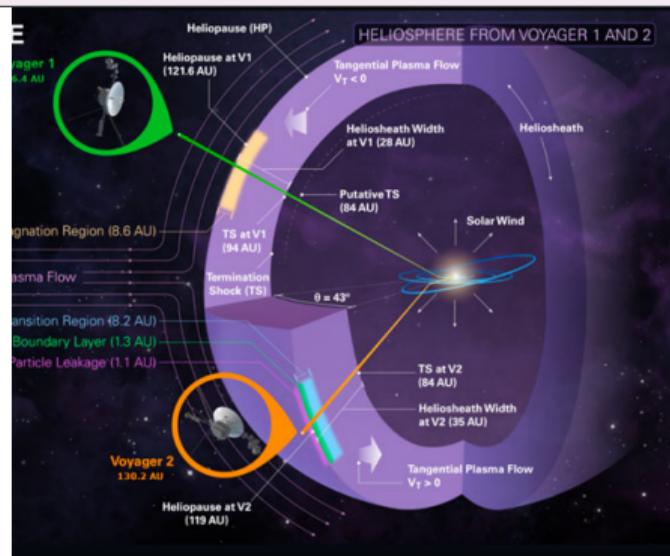
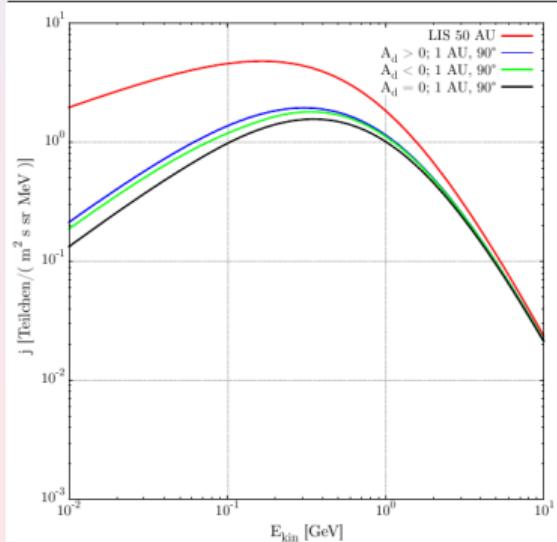
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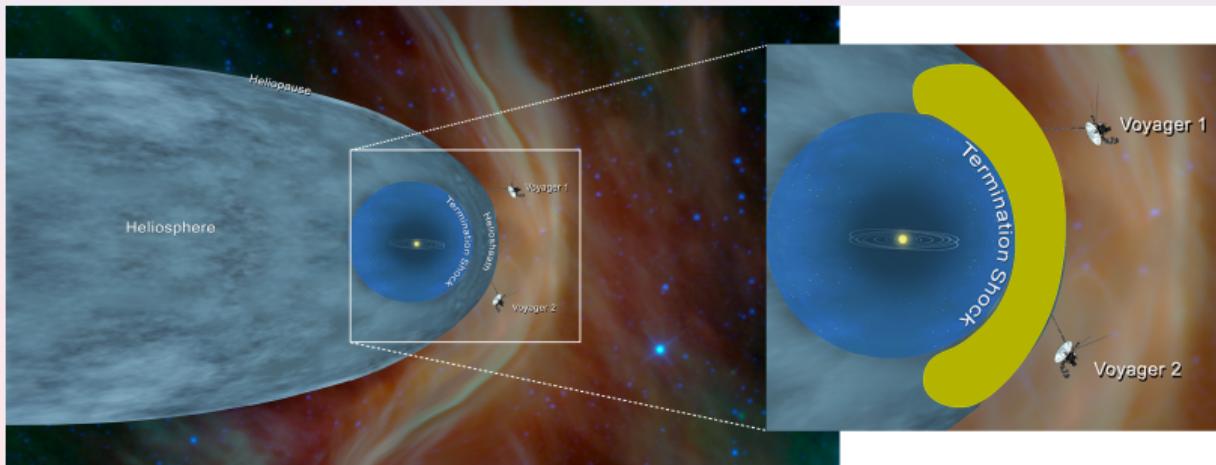


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## Outer heliosphere:



- only stellar wind downstream region observed in situ
- responsible for a significant decrease of cosmic ray flux (shielding)
- (apparently dominated by compressible turbulence)

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# Outline of the Talk

- Introduction (✓)
- Large-Scale Plasma Transport
- One-Component Turbulence Transport
- Two-Component Turbulence Transport
- Application: Cosmic Ray Modulation
- Summary

# Large-Scale Plasma Transport

# Theoretical Framework I: Large-Scale Plasma Transport

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$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) &= 0 \\ \partial_t(\rho v) + \nabla \cdot [\rho vv + (p + |B|^2/2) \mathbb{1} - BB] &= f \\ \partial_t e + \nabla \cdot [(e + p + |B|^2/2) v - (v \cdot B)B] &= v \cdot f \\ \partial_t B + \nabla \times E &= 0\end{aligned}$$

+ **boundary conditions at 0.1 AU**

= ‘heliobase’

(Zhao &  
Hoeksema [2010])

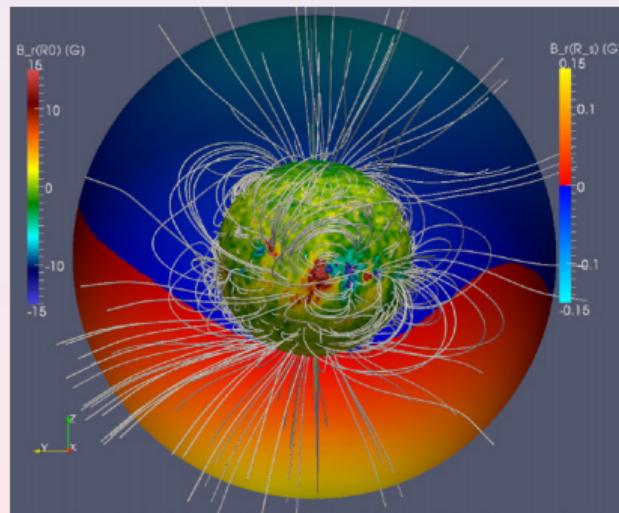
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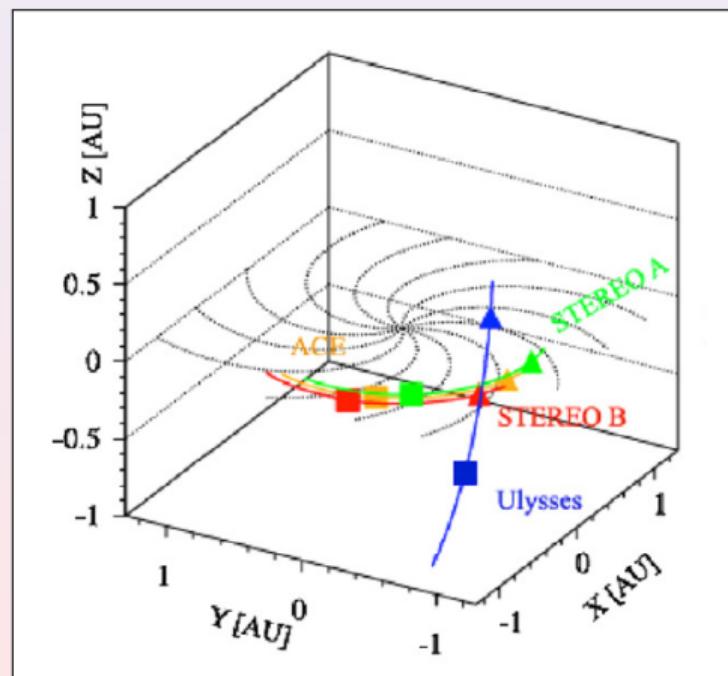


'source surface' at  $2.5R_{\odot}$

Wiengarten et al. [2014]  
(using GONG maps)

(b) WSA + PFSS + 'Detman et al. [2006,2011]-construction  
of solar wind values for  $2.5 - 21R_{\odot}$

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Reconstruction of measurements simultaneously obtained with three spacecraft:

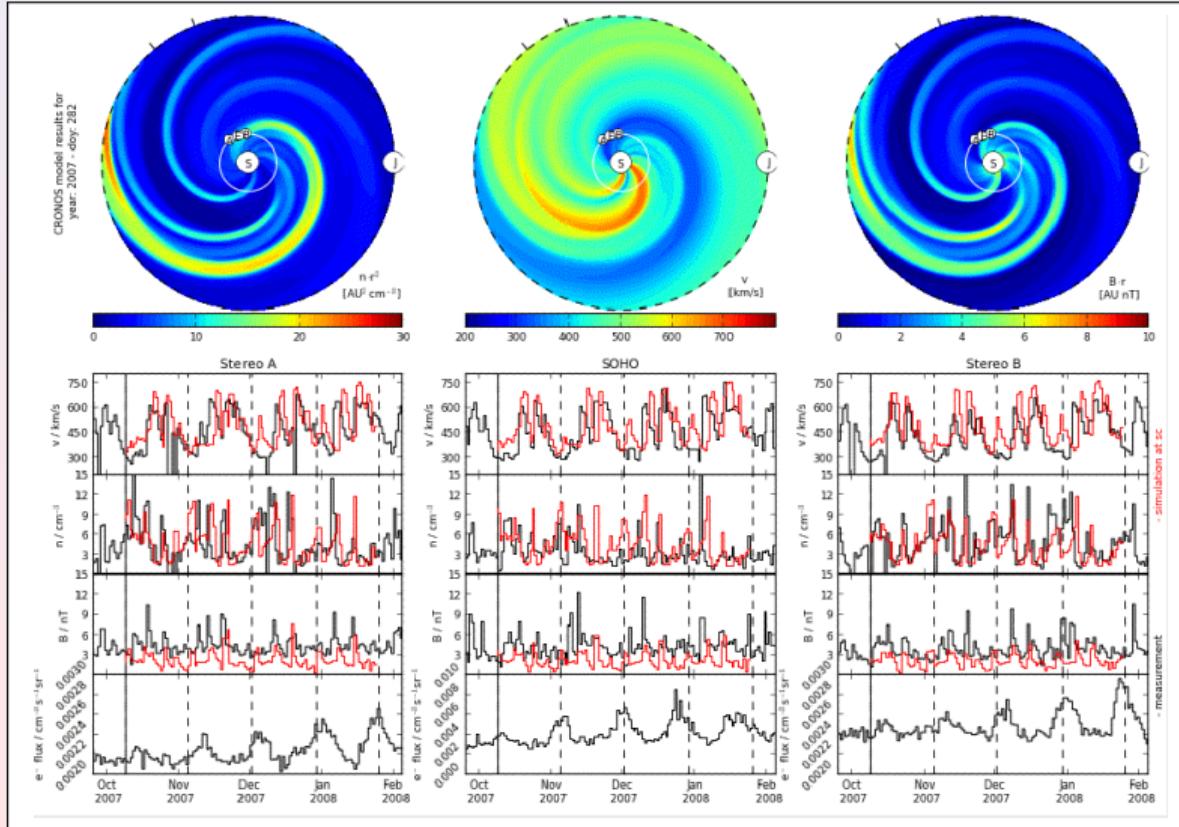
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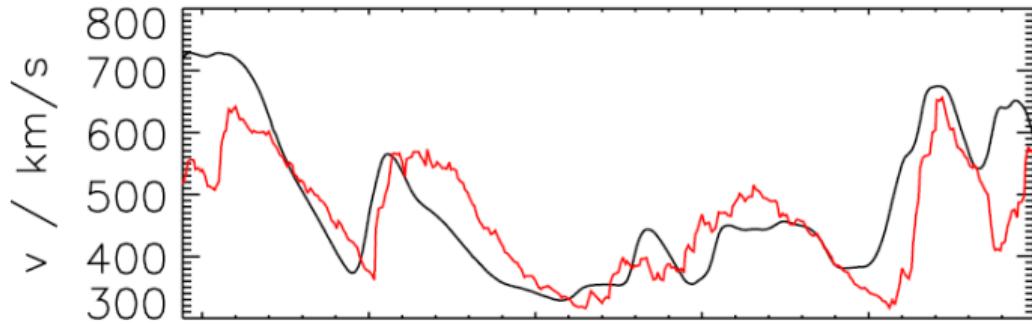
Ulysses at  $\geq 1.2 \text{ AU}$

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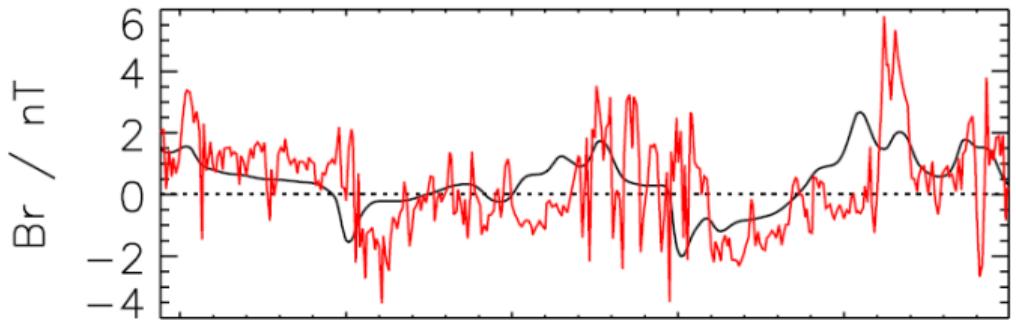
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**Detail:**

*speed*

and



*radial magnetic  
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at Ulysses spacecraft

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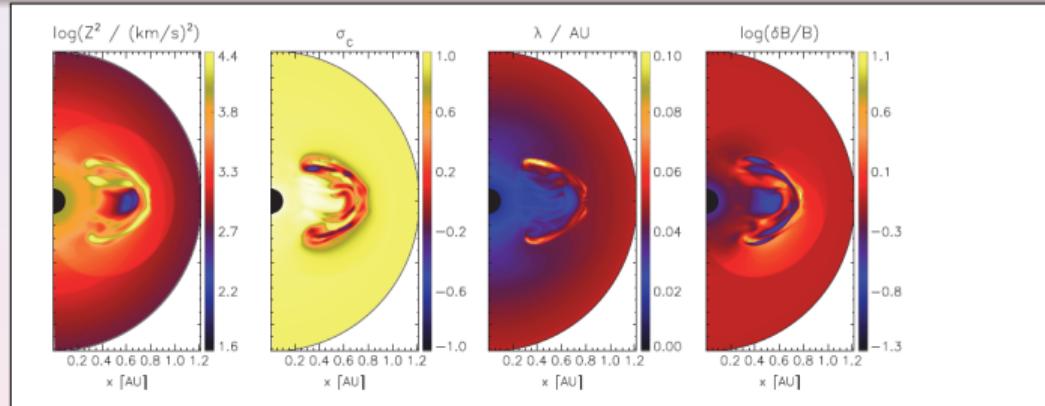
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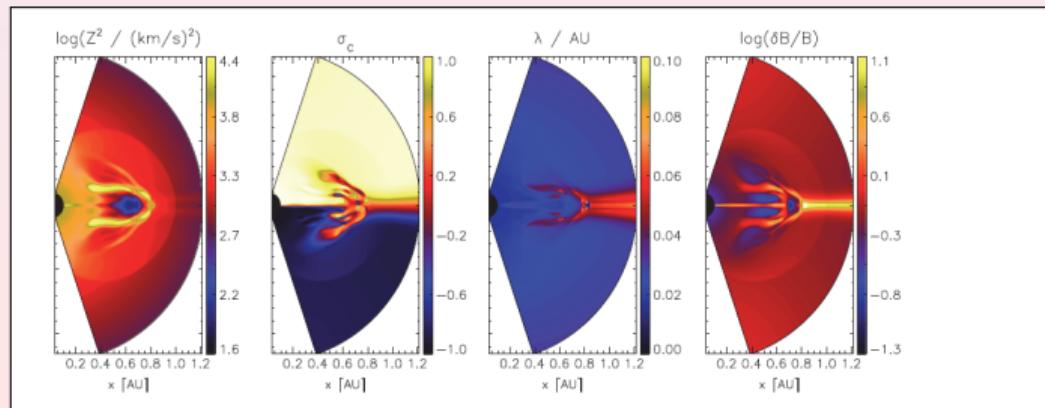
( $S^\pm \triangleq$  (pick-up ion) source terms;  $\alpha, \beta$  Karman-Taylor constants;  $f^\pm = f^\pm(\sigma_C)$ )

# Results: One-Component Turbulence Evolution



CME-Disturbed  
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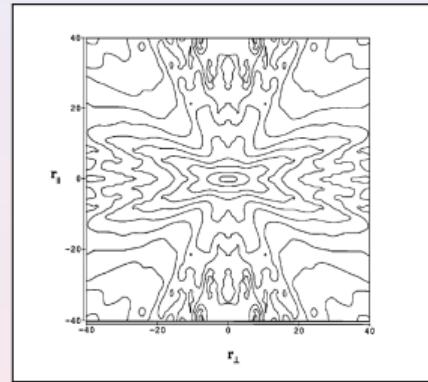
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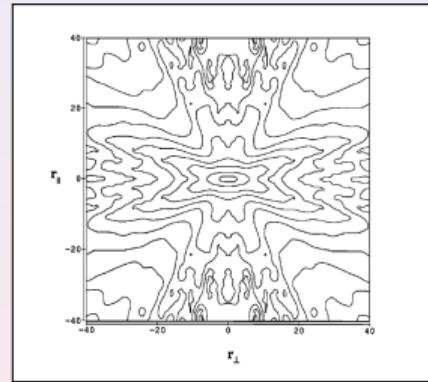
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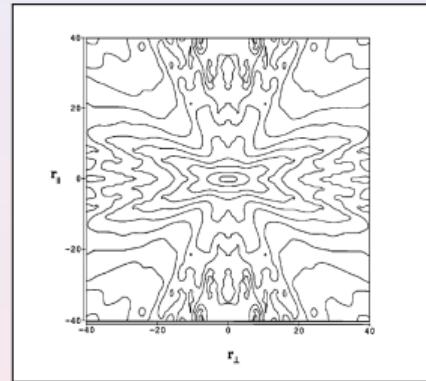
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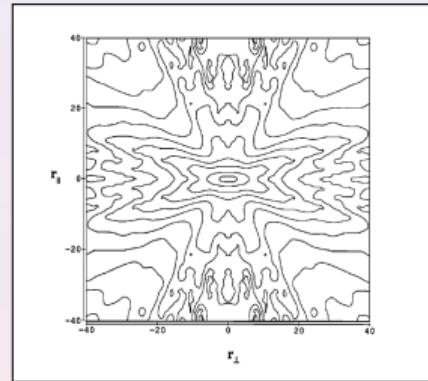
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quasi-2D fluctuations	$\leftarrow$ distinction of $\rightarrow$	wave-like fluctuations
	$z^\pm(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{q}^\pm + \mathbf{w}^\pm$	
$Z_\pm^2 = \langle \mathbf{q}_\pm \cdot \mathbf{q}_\pm \rangle$	Elsasser 'energies'	$W_\pm^2 = \langle \mathbf{w}_\pm \cdot \mathbf{w}_\pm \rangle$
$2Z^2 = Z_+^2 + Z_-^2$	total 'energies'	$2W^2 = W_+^2 + W_-^2$
$2H_c^z = Z_+^2 - Z_-^2$	cross helicities	$2H_c^w = W_+^2 - W_-^2$
$\sigma_{c,z} = \frac{Z_+^2 - Z_-^2}{Z_+^2 + Z_-^2}$	normalized cross helicities	$\sigma_{c,w} = \frac{W_+^2 - W_-^2}{W_+^2 + W_-^2}$
$\sigma_D^z = \frac{\langle \mathbf{q}_+ \cdot \mathbf{q}_- \rangle}{Z^2}$	normalized energy differences	$\sigma_D^w = \frac{\langle \mathbf{w}_+ \cdot \mathbf{w}_- \rangle}{W^2}$

$$\delta B_{2D}^2 = \frac{\mu_0 \rho}{r_A + 1} Z^2 \quad ; \quad \delta B_{sl}^2 = \frac{\mu_0 \rho}{r_A + 1} W^2 \quad ; \quad r_A = \frac{1 + \sigma_D^{z,w}}{1 - \sigma_D^{z,w}}$$

# 2-Component Turbulence Transport

$$\frac{\partial Z^2}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} Z^2 + \mathbf{V}_A H_c^z) + 2\mathbf{V}_A \cdot \nabla H_c^z + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U})Z^2 - \sigma_D^z Z^2 \left[ \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}}{2} - \hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} \right]$$

$$- \alpha_z \left[ \frac{Z^3}{\ell} f_{zz}^+ + \frac{2WZ^2}{\ell} \frac{f_{zw}^+}{1+Z/W} \right] + \alpha_z X^+ + \frac{Z^2}{r} C_{sh}^z |\mathbf{U}|,$$

$$\frac{\partial W^2}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} W^2 + \mathbf{V}_A H_c^w) + 2\mathbf{V}_A \cdot \nabla H_c^w + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U})W^2 - \sigma_D^w W^2 \left[ \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}}{2} - \hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} \right]$$

$$- \alpha_w \left[ \frac{2W^2 Z}{\lambda} \frac{f_{wz}^+}{1+\lambda/\ell} + \frac{2W^4 \lambda_{||}}{\lambda^2 V_A} (1 - \sigma_{c,w}^2) \right] - \alpha_z X^+ + \frac{W^2}{r} C_{sh}^w |\mathbf{U}| + \dot{E}_{PI},$$

$$\frac{\partial H_c^z}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} H_c^z + \mathbf{V}_A Z^2) + 2\mathbf{V}_A \cdot \nabla Z^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U})H_c^z + \sigma_D^z Z^2 \left[ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}_A + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho}} \right]$$

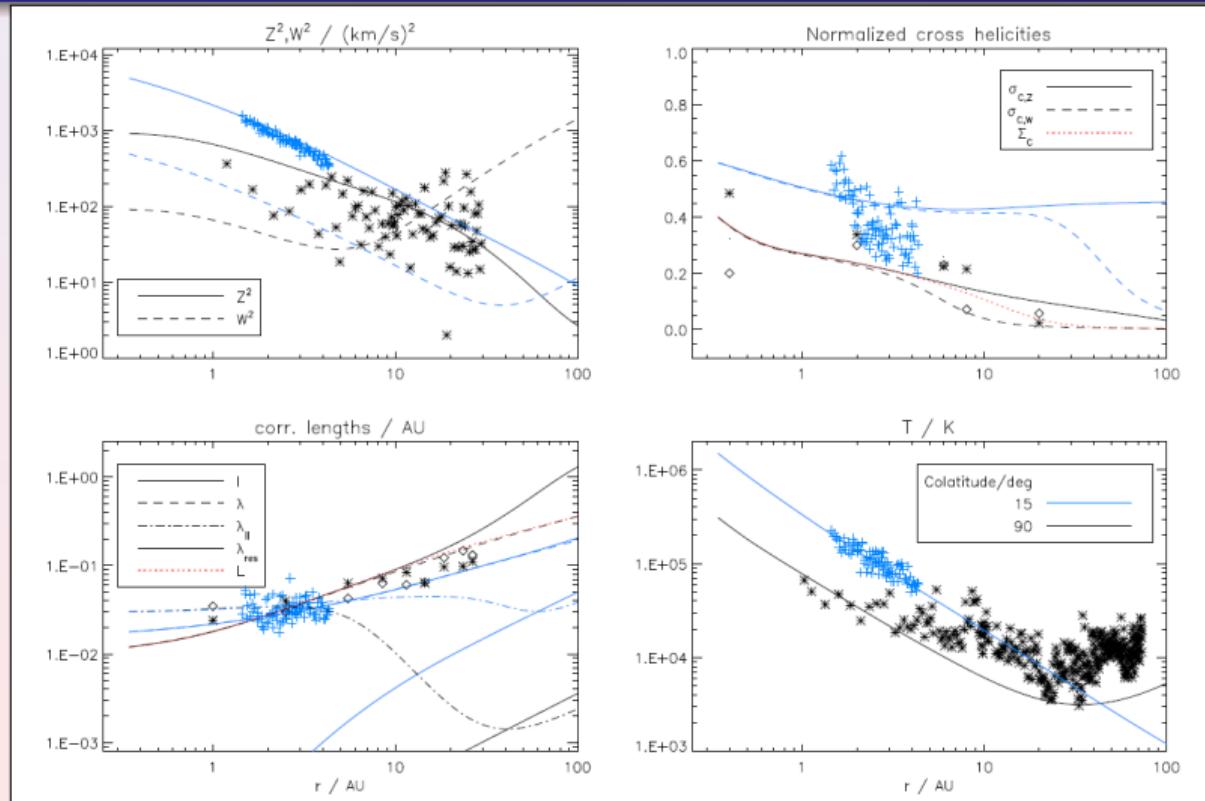
$$- \alpha_z \left[ \frac{Z^3}{\ell} f_{zz}^- + \frac{2WZ^2}{\ell} \frac{f_{zw}^-}{1+Z/W} \right] + \alpha_z X^-,$$

$$\frac{\partial H_c^w}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} H_c^w + \mathbf{V}_A W^2) + 2\mathbf{V}_A \cdot \nabla W^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U})H_c^w + \sigma_D^w W^2 \left[ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}_A + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho}} \right]$$

$$- \alpha_w \left[ \frac{2W^2 Z}{\lambda} \frac{f_{wz}^-}{1+\lambda/\ell} \right] - \alpha_z X^-,$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial t} = \dots \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} = \dots \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial \lambda_{||}}{\partial t} = \dots$$

# Validation: Comparison to Spacecraft Data

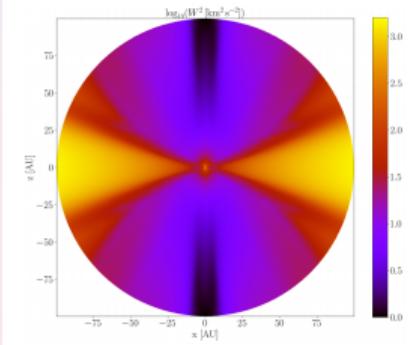


Wiengarten et al. [2016]:

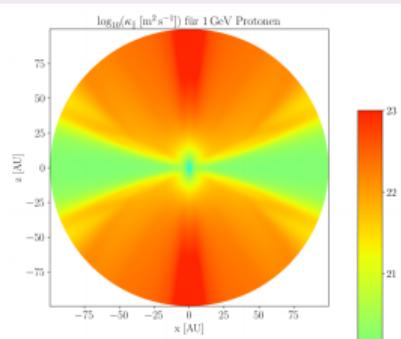
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- blue/black symbols = Ulysses/Voyager 2

# Application: Ab-initio modulation of CR proton spectra

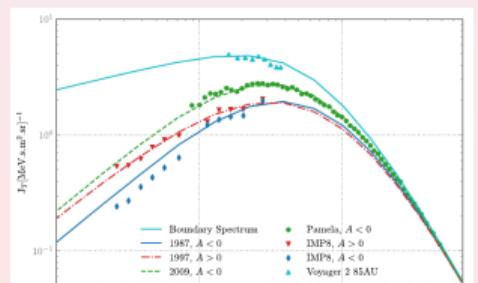
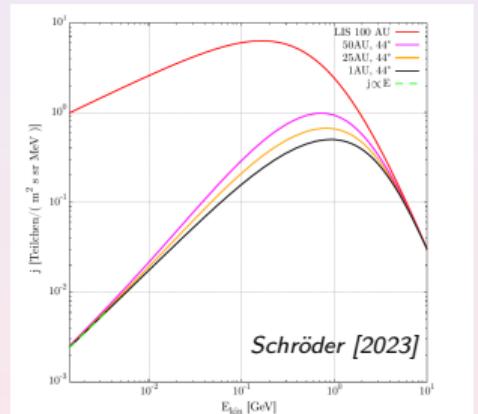
wave-like/quasi-2D  
fluctuations (top/bottom):



para./perp. diffusion  
coefficient at 1 GeV:



modulated CR energy spectra



# Summary

## Results:

- MHD modelling of turbulence transport:
  - *self-consistent computation of large- and small-scale quantities*
  - *one- and two-component turbulence transport*
- kinetic modelling of energetic particle transport:
  - *analytical theories provide transport (diffusion, drift) coefficients*
  - *solution of kinetic transport equations (Parker & focused-transport eq.)*
  - *confrontation with observed energy spectra in the heliosphere*

## Improvements (see following talk by Frederic Effenberger):

- prescribe turbulence with given properties (structure functions, intermittency)
- compute transport coefficients from full-orbit simulations (particle trajectories)