# Fast sausage modes in transversely continuous coronal tubes

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### Fast sausage modes in tubes





Stationary Prop. Waves [Nakariakov & Verwichte 05 LRSP] Phase speeds: real part (thick), imag. (thin) [Rosenberg 70; Zaitsev & Stepanov 75; Edwin & Roberts 83; Cally 86; ...]

#### Fast standing modes: an initial-valueproblem perspective trapped leaky





Upper row: Filled contours  $\rightarrow$  density pert.; vectors  $\rightarrow$  vel. Field Lower row: radial distribution of radial velocity

#### Fast standing modes: an IVP approach

#### trapped





leaky

# Quasi-periodic pulsations(QPPs) in solar flare lightcurves



- Discovered in late 1960's[Parks & Winckler 69, Frost 69, Rosenberg 70, ...]
- Seen in all phases, in nearly all (? Inglis+16) flares [Nakariakov+09, Van Doorsselare+16]
- Imaging measurements possible
  - NoRH [e.g.,Asai+01, Nakariakov+03, Kolotkov+15]
  - ➢ SDO/AIA [e.g., Su+12, Li, Ning+16]
  - ➤ IRIS [Tian+16]
- Standing sausage modes → QPPs with periods ~ secs [e.g., Aschwanden+04]

### Inferring flare loop parameters with QPPs



- Transverse Alfven time  $\rightarrow$  B strength
- Key assumptions

Transverse distributions of parameters: Discontinuous

> (very often) gas pressure neglected

#### **Dispersive Properties of Sausage Modes**

	Transversely discontinuous	Transversely continuous
beta = 0	<b>Eigenmode analysis:</b> Rosenburg 70; Zaitsev & Stepanov 75; Meerson+78; Spruit 82; Cally 86; Vasheganhi Farahani+14; <b>Initial-value-problem (IVP)</b> Terradas+07	Eigenmode analysis: Pneuman 65; Lopin & Nagorny 14, 15; Chen+15a, Yu+16; summarized in Yu+17 ApJ IVP Nakariakov+12; Chen+15a,b; Guo+16
beta = 0	Edwin & Roberts 83; Kopylova+07;	Eigenmode analysis: Chen+16 Initial-value-problem (IVP) Chen+16

# Transversely continuous density profile (but still pressureless)



Analytical DR [Chen+15], applicable to
□ arbitrary transition layer thickness (0, 2*R*)
□ arbitrary profile prescription in the TL

	${\rho_{\mathrm{i}}} - rac{{ ho_{\mathrm{i}}} - { ho_{\mathrm{e}}}}{l} \left(r-R+rac{l}{2} ight),$	linear,
$(r) = \int$	$ ho_{ m i} - rac{ ho_{ m i} -  ho_{ m e}}{l^2} \left(r-R+rac{l}{2} ight)^2,$	parabolic,
$\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{tr}}(r) = $	$\rho_{\rm e} - \frac{\rho_{\rm e} - \rho_{\rm i}}{l^2} \left( r - R - \frac{l}{2} \right)^2,$	inverse – parabolic,
	$\frac{\rho_{\rm i}}{2} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\rho_{\rm e}}{\rho_{\rm i}} \right) - \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_{\rm e}}{\rho_{\rm i}} \right) \sin \frac{\pi (r-R)}{l} \right],$	sine.

Uniform external medium

#### Dispersive properties of sausage modes



• Overall, similar to top-hat case

Chen, Li+2015 ApJ, 812,

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#### Re-analysis of the Mclean & Sheridan event

$$P_{\text{saus}} = \frac{R}{\nu_{\text{Ai}}} F_{\text{saus}} \left( \frac{L}{R}, \frac{l}{R}, \frac{\rho_{\text{i}}}{\rho_{\text{e}}} \right)$$
$$\frac{\tau_{\text{saus}}}{P_{\text{saus}}} = G_{\text{saus}} \left( \frac{L}{R}, \frac{l}{R}, \frac{\rho_{\text{i}}}{\rho_{\text{e}}} \right).$$

$$k = \pi/L$$

#### Chen+15 ApJ, 812, 22

- Deduced transverse Alfven time: Max/Min = 1.8
- Not possible to constrain TL width

#### Guo+16, 2016 SoPh, 291, 877

• Possible to improve, if QPPs spatially resolved & involve multiple modes



#### Finite gas pressure & continuous distribution



Gas/magnetic pressure may reach unity □ Hot Active Region Loops [SUMER, Wang+07,...] □ Hot & Dense flare loops [Nakariakov+03, Melnikov+05]

$$\rho(r) = \begin{cases} \rho_{\rm i}, & 0 \leqslant r \leqslant r_{\rm i} = R - l/2, \\ \rho_{\rm tr}(r) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{\rm i}, \rho_{\rm e}; r), & r_{\rm i} \leqslant r \leqslant r_{\rm e} = R + l/2, \\ \rho_{\rm e}, & r \geqslant r_{\rm e}, \end{cases}$$

$$T(r) = \begin{cases} T_{i}, & 0 \leq r \leq r_{i}, \\ T_{tr}(r) = \mathcal{F}(T_{i}, T_{e}; r), & r_{i} \leq r \leq r_{e}, \\ T_{e}, & r \geq r_{e}. \end{cases}$$

[Chen, Li, et al. 2016 ApJ 833, 114]

Uniform external medium



#### Importance of units of P & tau



#### Finite vs. zero gas pressure

$$\frac{\omega R}{v_{\rm fi}} = \mathcal{H}\left(\frac{L}{R}, \frac{l}{R}, \frac{\rho_{\rm i}}{\rho_{\rm e}}, \beta_{\rm i}, \beta_{\rm e}\right)$$

$$\delta P = \max \left| \frac{P^{\beta \neq 0}(\beta_{i} \in [0, 1])}{P^{\text{cold}}} - 1 \right|$$
$$\delta \tau = \max \left| \frac{\tau^{\beta \neq 0}(\beta_{i} \in [0, 1])}{\tau^{\text{cold}}} - 1 \right|$$

- negligible changes to cutoff wavenumbers & periods
- Changes to damping times may be substantial



### Sausage wave trains in coronal tubes

Oscillatory behavior in optical measurements of the corona

- Originated in Billings 59; Tsubaki 77... (5303; periods>minutes)
- Rapid oscillatory behavior at total eclipses
  - ▶ 5303; 0.5-2 secs (?) [Pasachoff & Landman 84; 1980 Hyderabad]
  - ➤ 5303; 0.5-4 secs (?) [Pasachoff & Ladd 87; 1983 Indonesian]
  - ▶ .....
  - ➢ 5303; 6 secs [Williams+01, 02; Katsiyannis+03; 1999 Bulgaria]
  - ▶ 5303 & 6374; 6-25 secs [Samanta+16, 2010 Chile]



#### Interpretation in terms of sausage wave trains





#### Spatial extent of initial perturbations





#### yellow curves: $\omega - h/c$

- Spatial extent of init. pert. important
- The reasoning by Roberts & co-workers?
- Group speed curves helpful for providing the context
  - Cutoff wavenumbers
  - Whether curves are monotonical

#### **Continuous Transverse Structuring**







- Exist only when f(r) not less steep than  $r^{-2}(\text{Lopin \& Nagorny 15})$
- When present
  - $\succ$  increases with l
  - but decreases with density contrast



#### Asymptotic *k*-dependence: Conjecture

**Conjecture 1** When  $kR \gg 1$ , the phase speed for arbitrary density contrast  $\rho_i/\rho_e > 1$  or transverse harmonic number lis, to leading order, given by  $v_{\rm ph} \approx 1 + [c_l/(kR)]^{\beta}$  for any f(r) that reads, to leading order,  $1 - (r/R)^{\bar{\mu}}$  when  $r/R \ll 1$ . Here  $\beta = 2\bar{\mu}/(\bar{\mu}+2)$ , and  $c_l$  depends on  $\rho_i/\rho_e$  as well as  $\bar{\mu}$ .

### Support for this conjecture





$$f(r) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le r \le R, \\ 0, & r \ge R. \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{v_{\text{ph}}^2}{v_{\text{Ai}}^2} \approx 1 + \frac{j_{1,l}^2}{k^2 R^2} \end{cases}$$
also holds for (mu arbitrary)
$$f(r) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le r \le R, \\ (r/R)^{-\mu}, & r \ge R. \end{cases}$$

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### Support for this conjecture



#### Further support for this conjecture

 $f(x) \approx 1 - (x/R)^{\infty}$  for  $|x/R| \ll 1$ 

slab 2.0 1.5 ∞ 1.0 0.5 0.0 10 100 1000 8 7 6 ວັ 5  $\rho_i/\rho_e = 10$ 4 l=13 2 10 100 1000 1  $\bar{\mu}$ 

Li et al. 2017 ApJ, to submit

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le x \le R, \\ 0, & x \ge R. \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{v_{\text{ph}}^2}{v_{\text{Ai}}^2} \approx 1 + \left(\frac{l\pi}{kR}\right)^2$$
also holds for (mu arbitrary)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le x \le R, \\ (x/R)^{-\mu}, & x \ge R. \end{cases}$$

# Further support for this conjecture $f(x) \approx 1 - (x/R)$ for $|x/R| \ll 1$ Li et al. 2017 ApJ, to submit



$$\begin{cases} f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + (x/R)} \\ f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(\frac{x}{R}\right), & 0 \le x \le R, \\ 0, & x \ge R. \end{cases} \\ f(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{x}{R}\right) \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{v_{\rm ph}^2}{v_{\rm Ai}^2} \approx 1 + \left[\frac{3(4l-1)\pi(1-\rho_{\rm e}/\rho_{\rm i})}{8kR}\right]^{2/3} \end{cases}$$

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## Summary

#### • Fast sausage waves in coronal tubes

- > axisymmetric, do not displace tube axis
- ➤ (quasi-)periodic contractions & expansions
- Strong compressibility & strong dispersion
- Fundamental, standing, fast sausage modes in flare loops
  - > often invoked to interpret QPPs with periods of order seconds
  - uncertainties in density distribution leads to considerable uncertainties in the deduced transverse Alfven time
  - ➤ Gas pressure not important for periods →cold MHD theory can be used, but deduced Alfven time is actually transverse fast time
- Impulsively generated sausage wave trains in coronal tubes
  - > invoked to interpret rapid oscillatory behavior
  - ➤ uncertainties in density distribution → Morlet spectra that look quite different from "crazy tadpoles" → worth digging into highcadence data in optical and radio passbands



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## **BACKUP SLIDES**













