

Insights into the solar wind from the low corona



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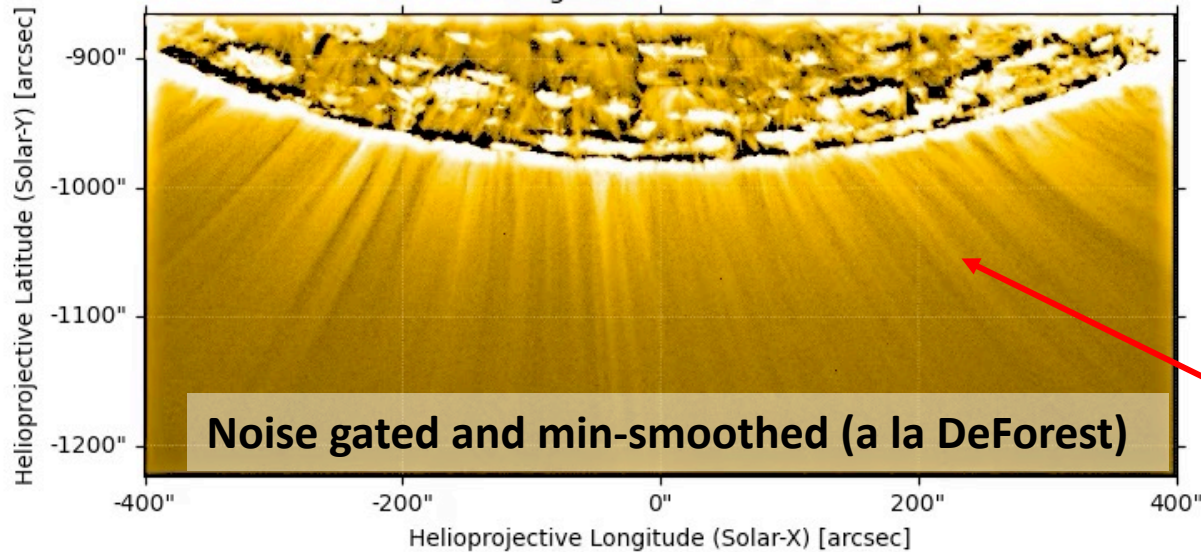
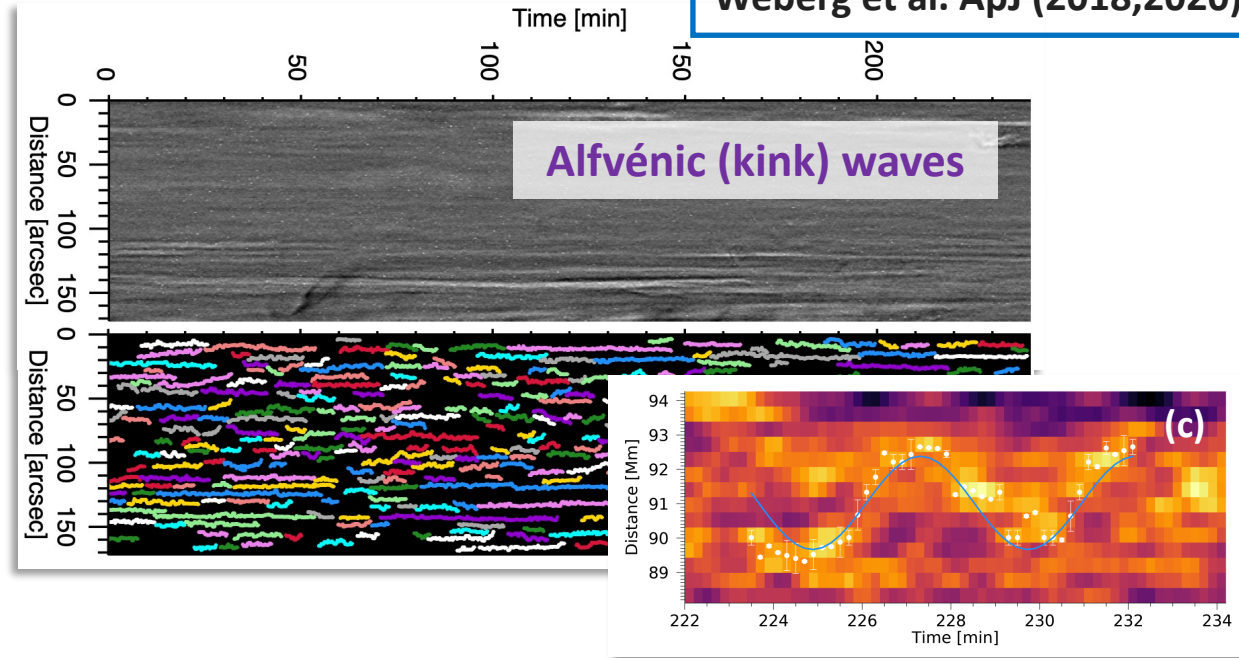
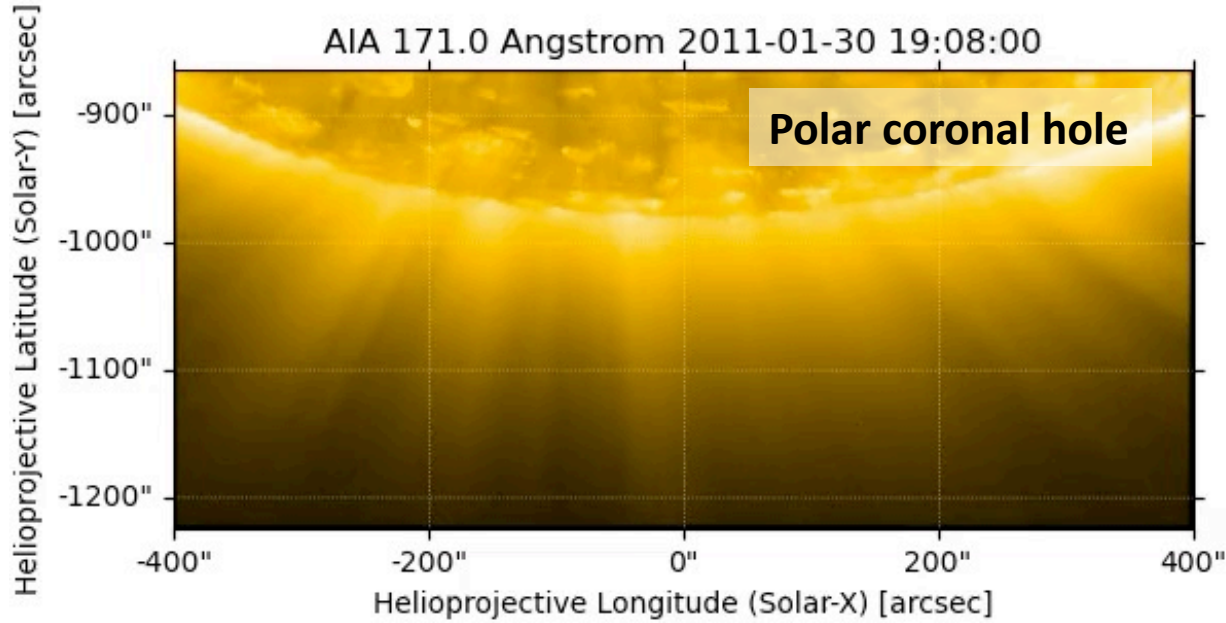
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Fine-scale structure of the low corona

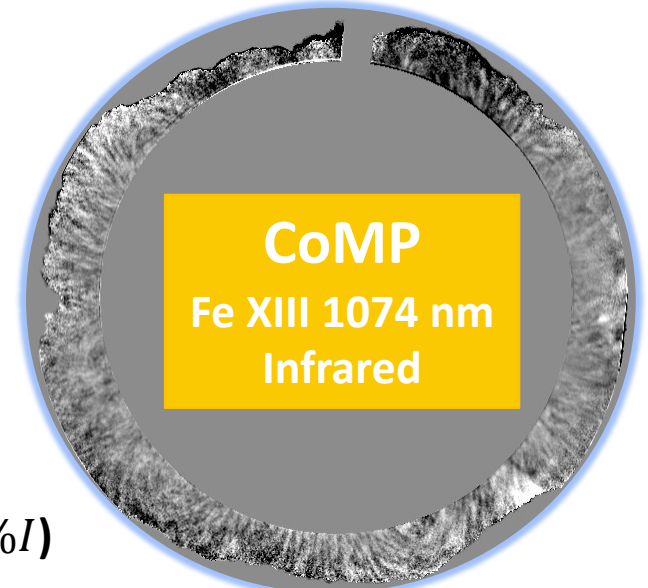
Weberg et al. ApJ (2018,2020)



Corona structured
transverse to B

For EUV emission $I \propto n_e^2$

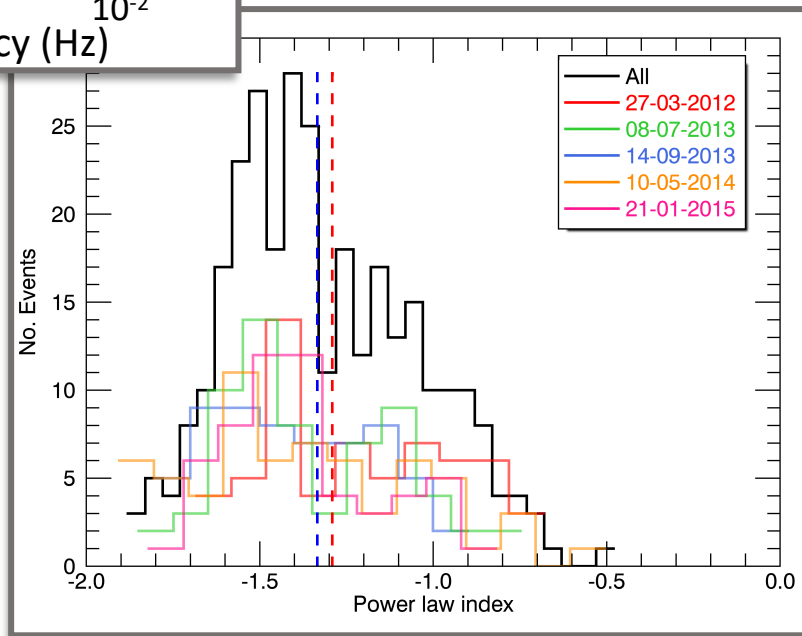
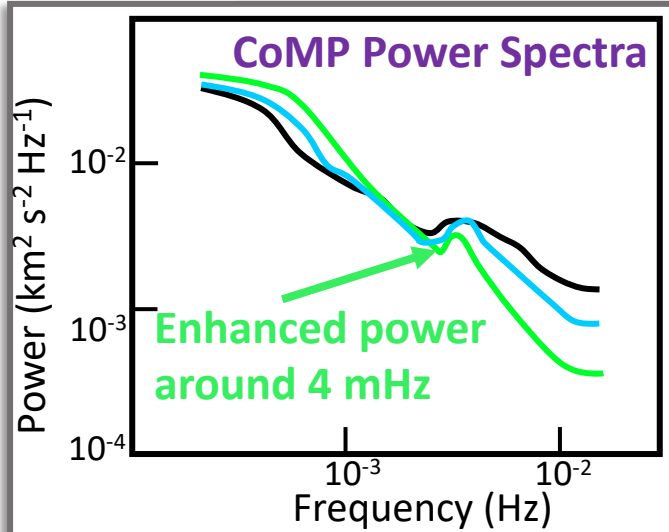
Density enhancements ($\sim 2\%I$)



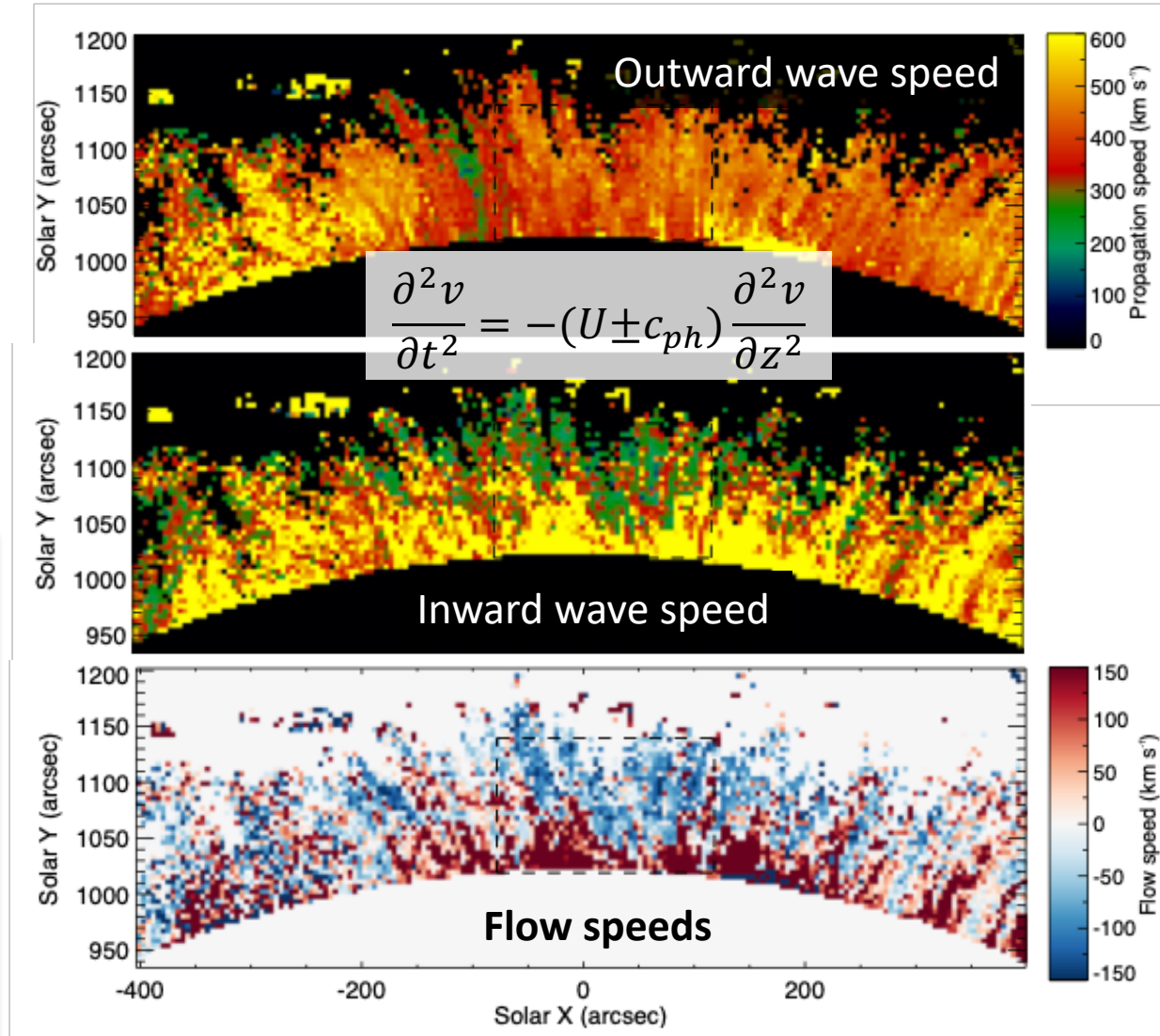
Turbulent driving and flows speeds

Nature of Alfvénic fluctuations

Signatures of turbulent driving near 0.1 R_s



Morton et al. Nature Comms. (2015)

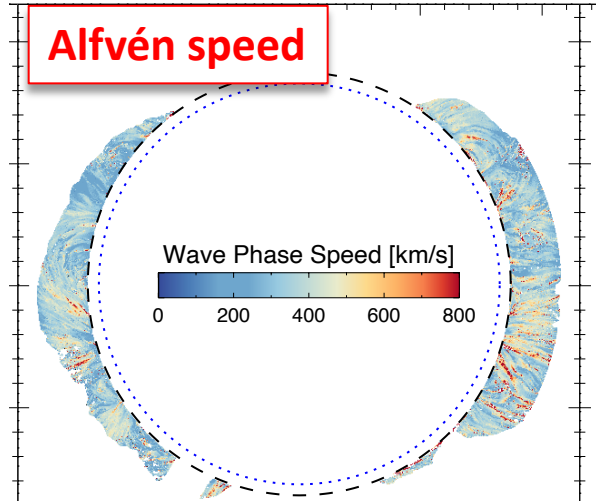


Young solar wind

Morton et al. Nature Astronomy (2019)

Plasma structure in the low corona

Alfvén speed

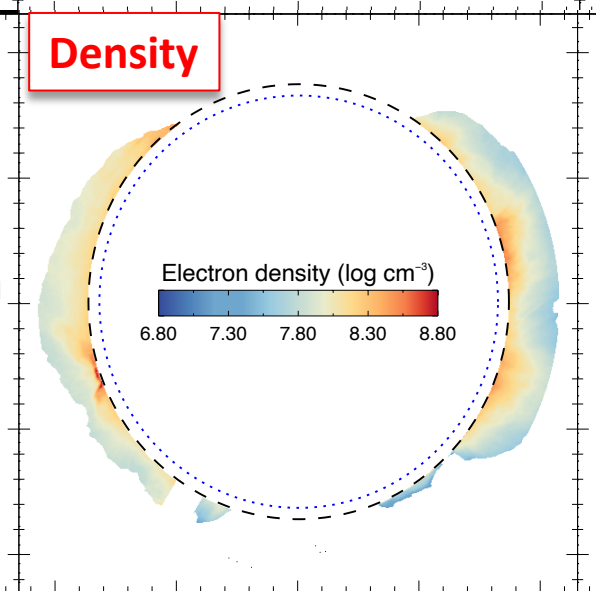


Yang et al. Science (2020)

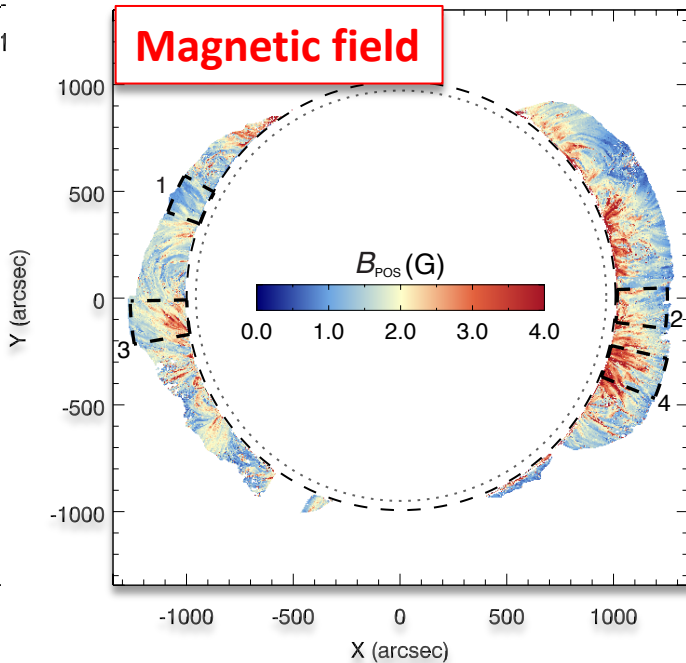
$$c_k^2 \approx \frac{B^2}{\mu_0 \langle \rho \rangle}$$

Average Alfvén speed

Density

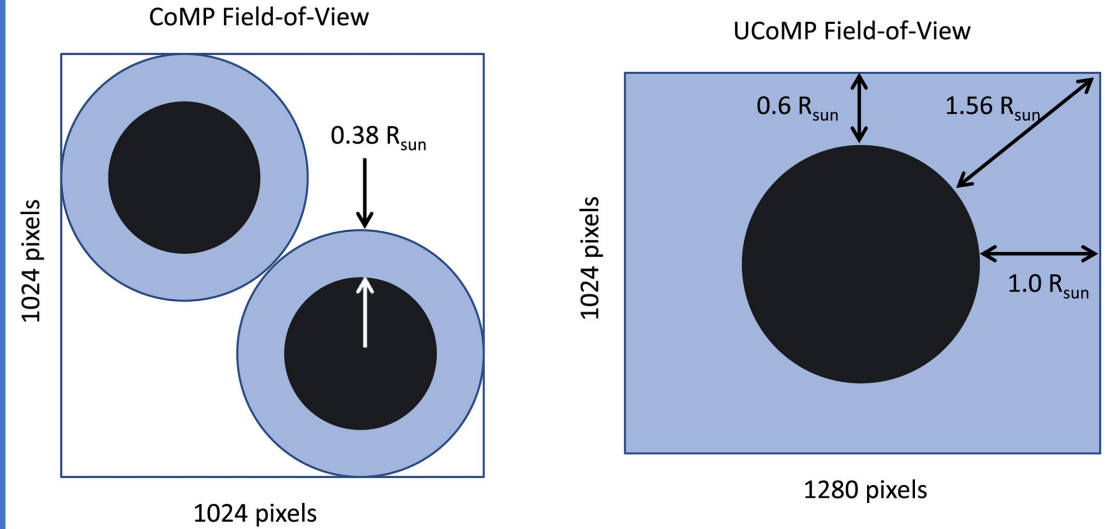


Magnetic field



Ratio of 1074nm to 1079nm

Future data



CoMP has been upgraded to uCoMP:

- A larger FOV
- A range of coronal lines (530 - 1083 nm).
- Improved spatial resolution (~3"- 4")

Able to examine dynamics further out into corona. Cooler coronal lines will improve measurements in coronal holes.