Spatial structure of resonance cavities in sunspots

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Content of the work

- Purpose: Study oscillations in the sunspots with establish 3D structure of waveguides and resonant cavities previously found in Jess et al., 2020 from spectropolarimetric observations. In these regions an amplification of oscillations with formation a fine structure of harmonics in sunspot spectra is assumed.
- Data observations: Investigation of wave processes in the sunspot active regions NOAA 11131 (10 December 2010) and NOAA 12565 (14 July 2016) observed by the SDO/AIA spacecraft at set of UV spectral lines 1600A, 304A and 171A
- Methods: We applied spectral data processing using Pixel Wavelet Filtering (PWF analysis) and Pixelized Mode Decomposition (PMD analysis) digital techniques for 2D and 3D preparation and visualisation of oscillation sources.

1D spectroscopic observations of resonance cavities



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Distance (Mm)

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□ Spectropolarimetric observations with the Dunne Solar Telescope show a **temperature stratification** with **increasing Doppler velocity** oscillations at high frequency (> 5.2 mHz) and **their penetration into the upper layers** of sunspot atmosphere.

□ The theory predicts the existence of selected acoustic resonators created by large temperature gradients in sunspot atmosphere.

❑ Using total FFT spectra of each point on the umbra spectral slit, three regions increasing of umbra oscillations are found as resonance cavities: low-frequency regions below
5 mHz, 6-17 mHz with a peak at 3 minutes, and high-frequency with 18-27 mHz. Jess D. et al., Nature Astronomy, 2020

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Possible evidence of the presence resonant cavities



Sunspot oscillations at different SDO/AIA wavelengths



NOAA 11131 and NOAA 12565 have different spatial structure maxima position and them number;
On different EUV/UV wavelengths images shown symmetric and asymmetric structure of magnetic loops;
For NOAA 11131 low and high loops closing on the trailing part of the group and background regions;
For NOAA 12565 prevail set of symmetric high loops anchored in different parts of sunspot umbra;
For spectral analyze of oscillations at different SDO/AIA channels we used PWF and PMD techniques.

PMD spectra of oscillations in NOAA 11131



Pixelized Mode Decomposition (PMD) analysis allowed to obtain **fine energy distributions** in the oscillation spectra

- □ We detected set of spectral bands: IV (23-32 mHz), III (12-18 mHz), II (5.8-10 mHz) и I (2-5.2 mHz);
- □ The multiplicity of period values suggests that these are likely to be even harmonics of the global p-mode.
- □ The slopes become steeper for increasing spectral windows.

PWF narrowband images of resonance cavities







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X, [arcsec]

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- □ Four spectral regions of the sunspot oscillations at 304A can separate using PWF analysis;
- Each period region is associated with a selected oscillations source;
- □ The high frequency part (IV region) is connect with footpoint of magnetic bundle. The source of III region is occupies part of bundle with divergence of magnetic field lines;
- □ **3-min oscillations (II region)** are localized in separate magnetic **waveguides** within umbra;
- □ Found frequency bands as resonance cavities are discrete and do not overlap.
- □ There is difference between spatial structure of **magnetic configuration in** two sunspots.

1D distribution of amplitude oscillations on selected frequencies



- U We obtained coordinate-period diagrams of sunspot atmosphere use 1D slices at 1600A, 304A, 171A wavelengths.
- □ For the high frequency **III region** sources **show the convergence of filamentous discrete structures** towards the central part of the umbra at **1600A** with the formation of a **thick vertical magnetic bundle at 304A**. At **171A** it expands and the **bundle disintegrates** into individual **thin magnetic tubes**.
- For low-frequency oscillations in regions I and II, smoothed V-shaped structures consist of discrete components whose localisation depends on frequency and distance from the centre of the umbra.

3D distribution of resonant cavities in sunspot atmosphere



3D spatial-periodic localization of oscillation sources in the sunspot umbra at 304A. The left panels (a and b) correspond to sunspot A, the right panels (c and d) to sunspot B with top and side views of the narrowband data. The period range is from 0.8 min (~20 mHz) to 7 min (~2.3 mHz).

- Use the PWF analysis we obtained the 3D localization of spectral regions where the amplification of oscillations in sunspot is observed. We suppose that these regions are associated with resonance cavities found earlier in Jess et al, 2020 by spectropolarimetric observations.
- ❑ High-frequency resonant cavity with frequencies of ~20 mHz is associated with oscillations in the footpoints of magnetic bundles. The ~13 mHz harmonic occupies the part of the bundles, without significant divergence of magnetic field lines. Harmonics ~6 mHz (3-min oscillations) are localized in separated waveguides inside umbra. Low frequencies > 3 mHz are located in the penumbra region as common envelope.
- □ The **structure** of the resonant cavities **varies** depending on the **magnetic configuration** of active region.

Structure of sunspot magnetic field with NLFF extrapolation



Structure of the magnetic field of the two active groups NOAA 11 131 (sunspot A, left panels) and NOAA 12 565 (sunspot B, right panels) from the SDO/HMI magnetogram. Panels a and d show the interpolated field lines for each group. Panels b and e show the field strength in kG of sunspots with umbra structure detailed by contours. Panels c and f show the zoomed view of the footpoints of extrapolated field lines.

- The 3D structure of the magnetic field obtained from the distribution of oscillations on sunspots shows good agreement with the structure of the Nonlinear Force Free (NLFF) extrapolated magnetic field. The footpoints of the magnetic bundles and maxima of sunspot oscillations coincide with the footpoints of the coronal loops visible in the 171 Å temperature channel.
- The magnetic **field etrangth is maximal** in these places

3D structure of photosphere and chromosphere resonators



- There are many separated waveguides with isolated resonators at selected frequencies;
- Spatial structure of magnetic tubes is individual with special properties in photosphere and chromosphere levels;
- There is a convergence at high frequencies (III region) of thin magnetic tubes into a thick bundle;
- □ The magnetic **structures is various** for different active regions.









1700A

Results

- □ For the first time the presence of number discrete sunspot regions (resonance cavities) in the wide range of oscillations is shown.
- □ These regions occupy the selected parts of the waveguides in sunspot atmosphere and do not overlap with each other.
- □ It is assumed that in these regions the amplification of oscillations on multiple harmonics of the fundamental P-mode occurs with formation of fine structure harmonics in spectra.
- □ The correspondence between the shape of the sources and the structure of the magnetic field is found.
- □ We plan to use different ARs, wavelengths, cadence, spatial and time resolution to obtain height structure of waveguides in future.

Thank you for your attention !