

# 超音速太陽風 與 激震波

# Supersonic Solar Wind and Shock Waves

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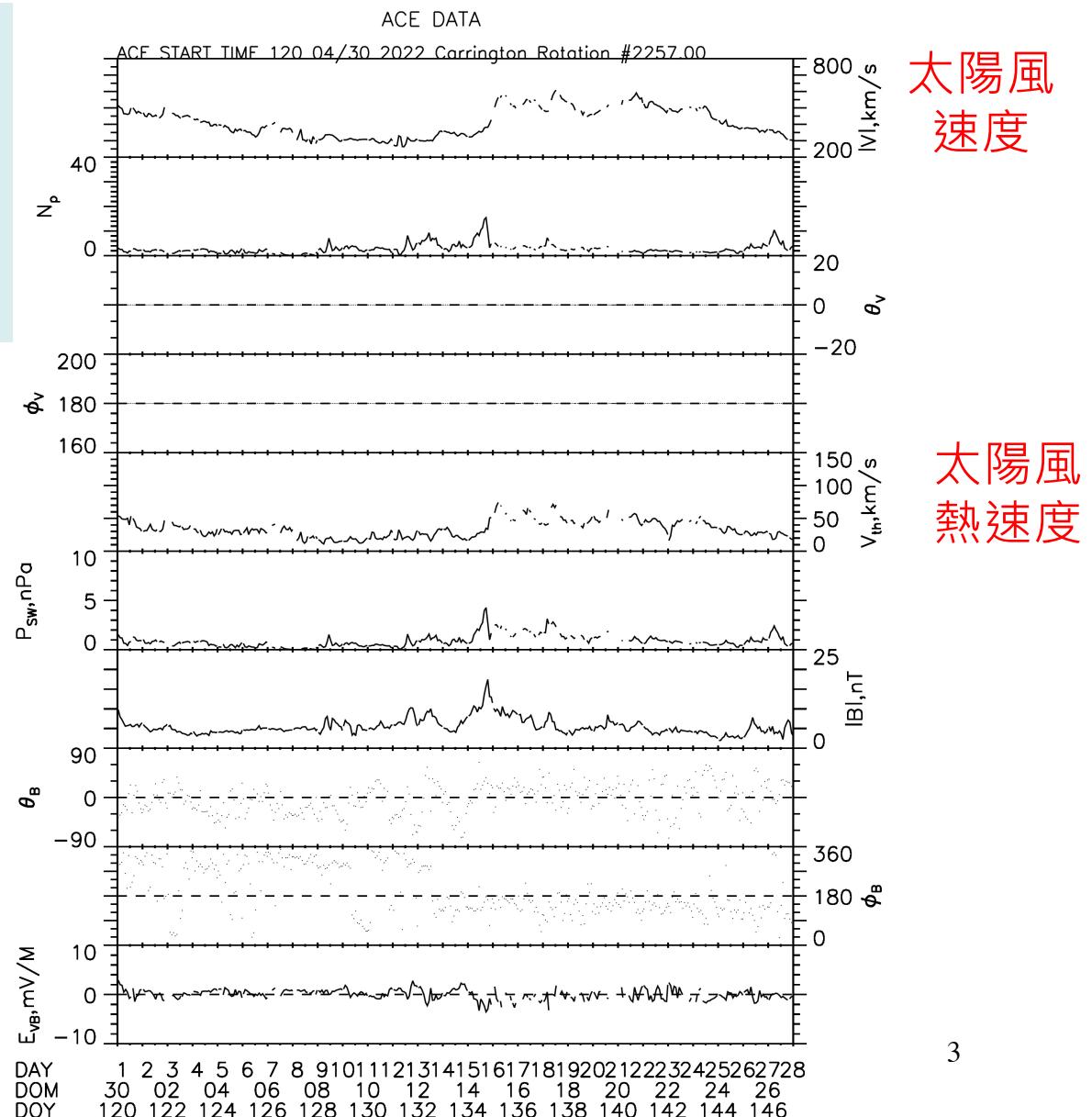
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# Observations of Solar Wind: High-Speed & Low-Speed Solar Wind

## 高速 與 低速 太陽風 之觀測

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(ACE 太空船 的觀測結果)



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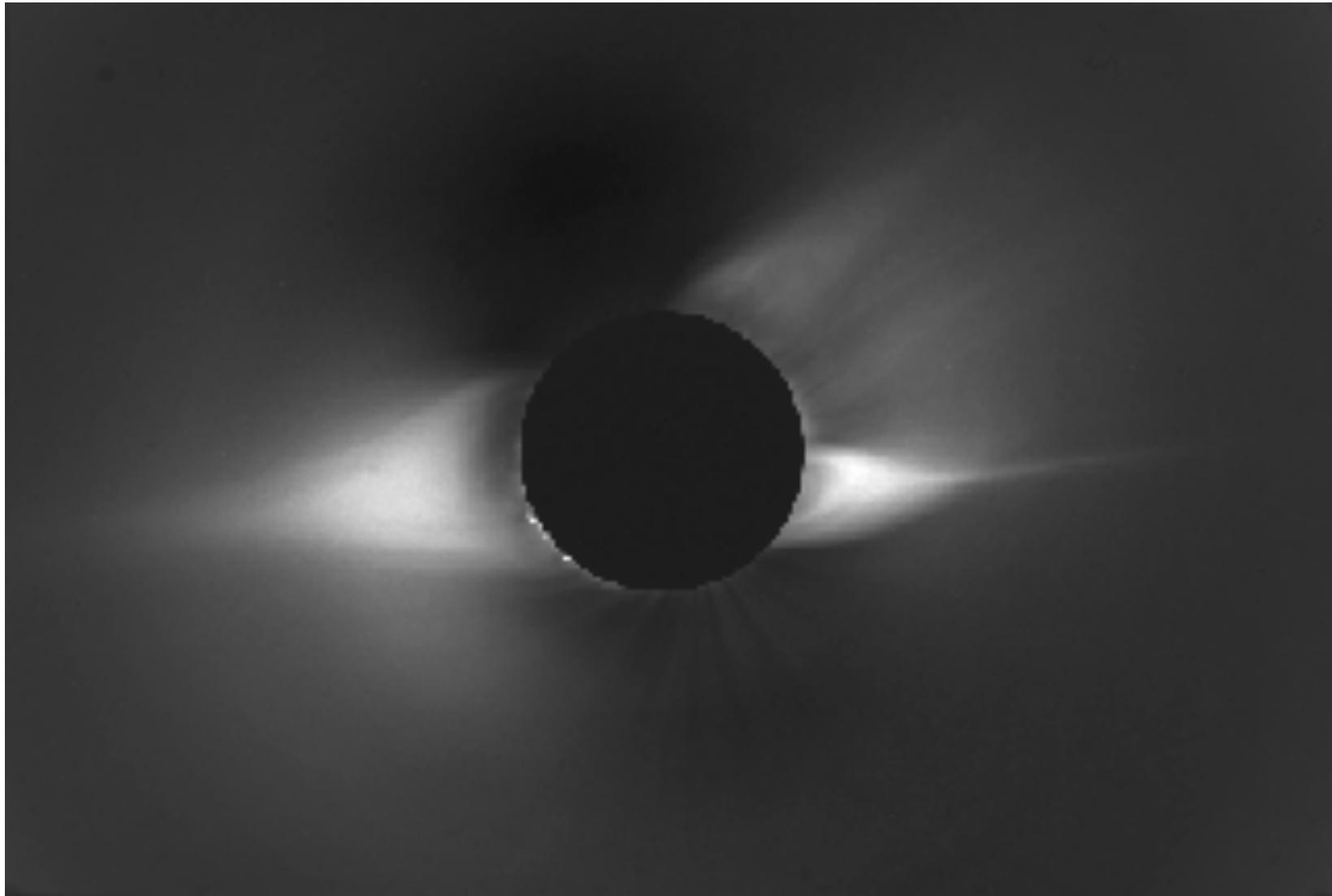
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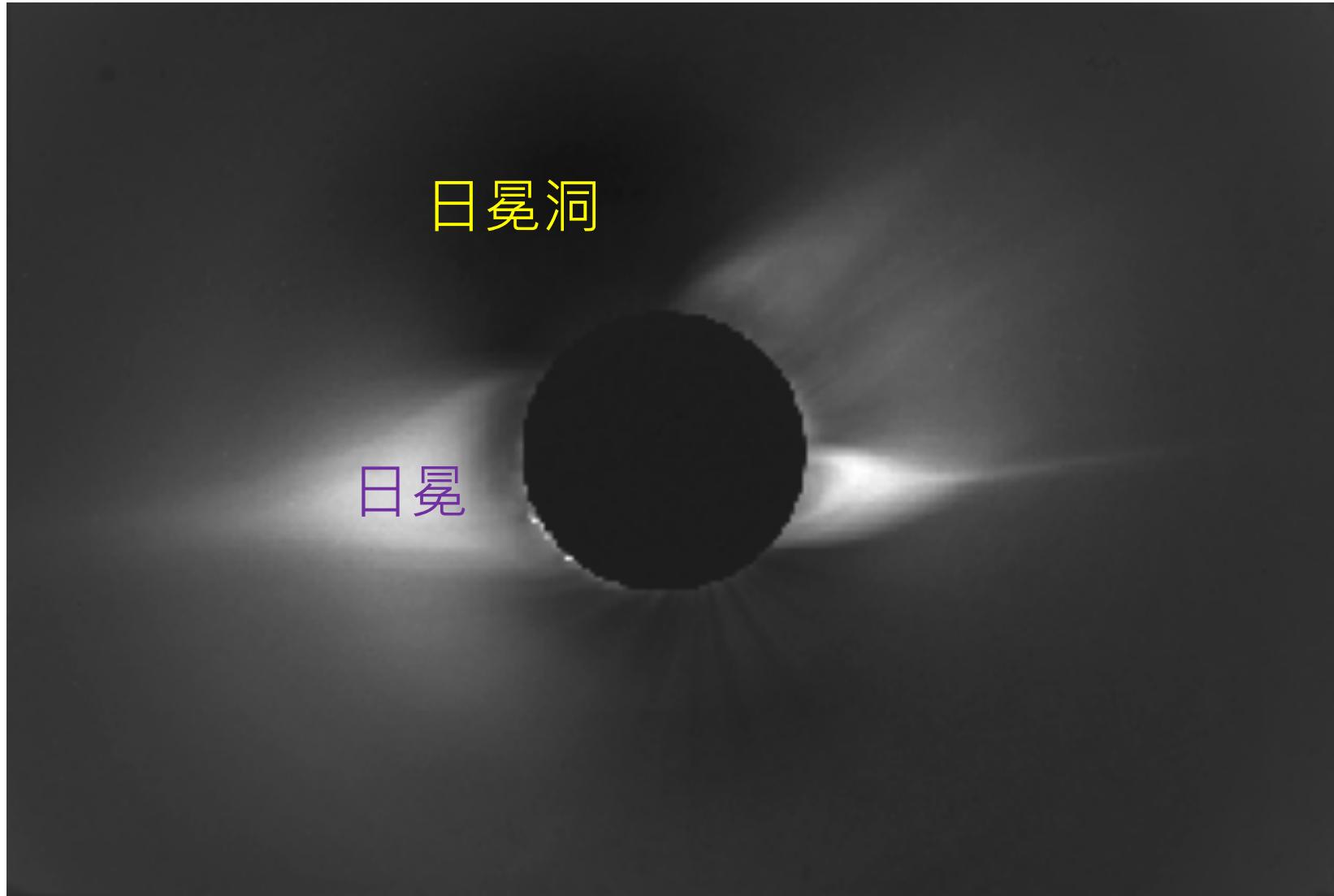
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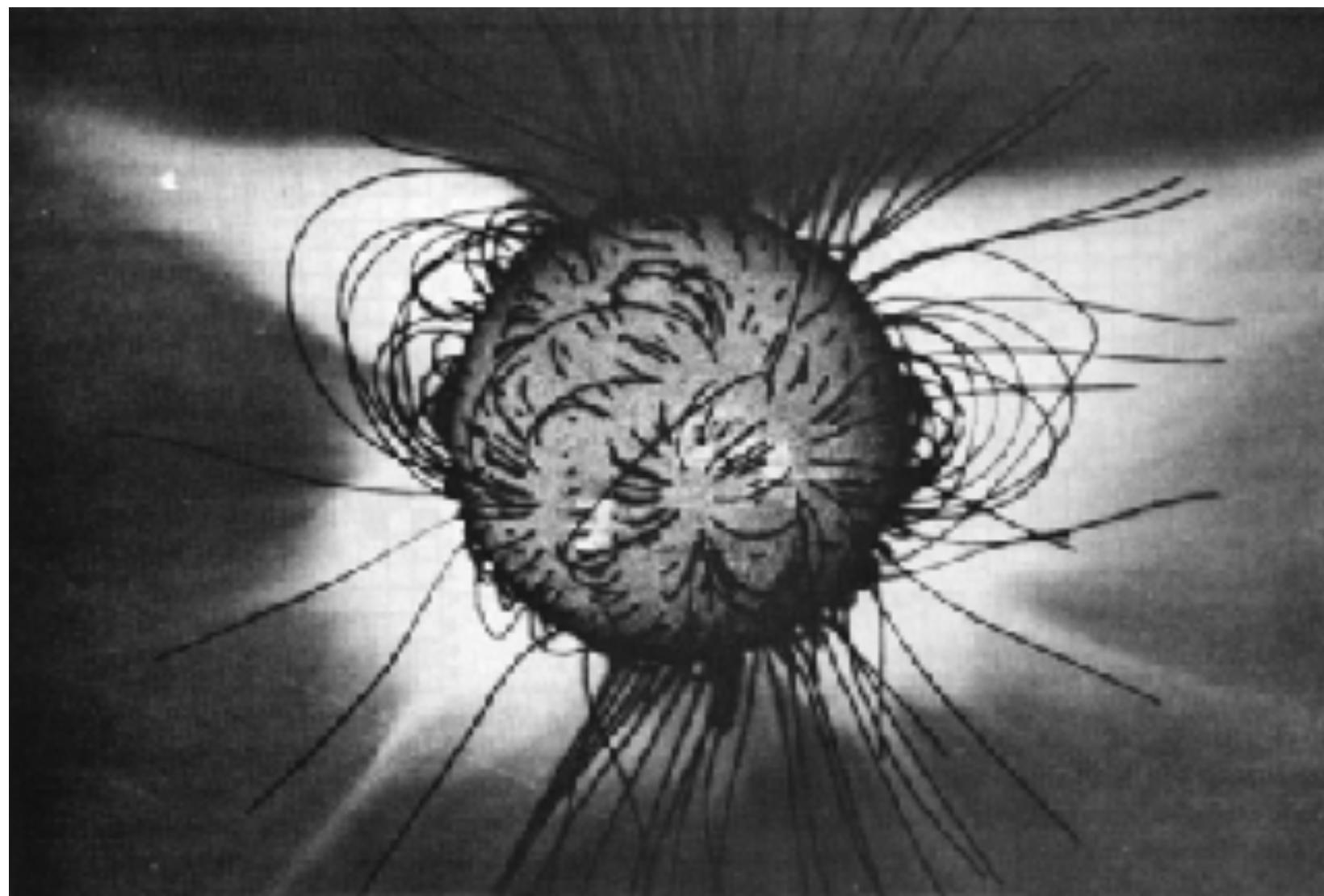
Ans.: Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) 日冕物質拋射

## 日食時 所觀測到的 日冕分佈



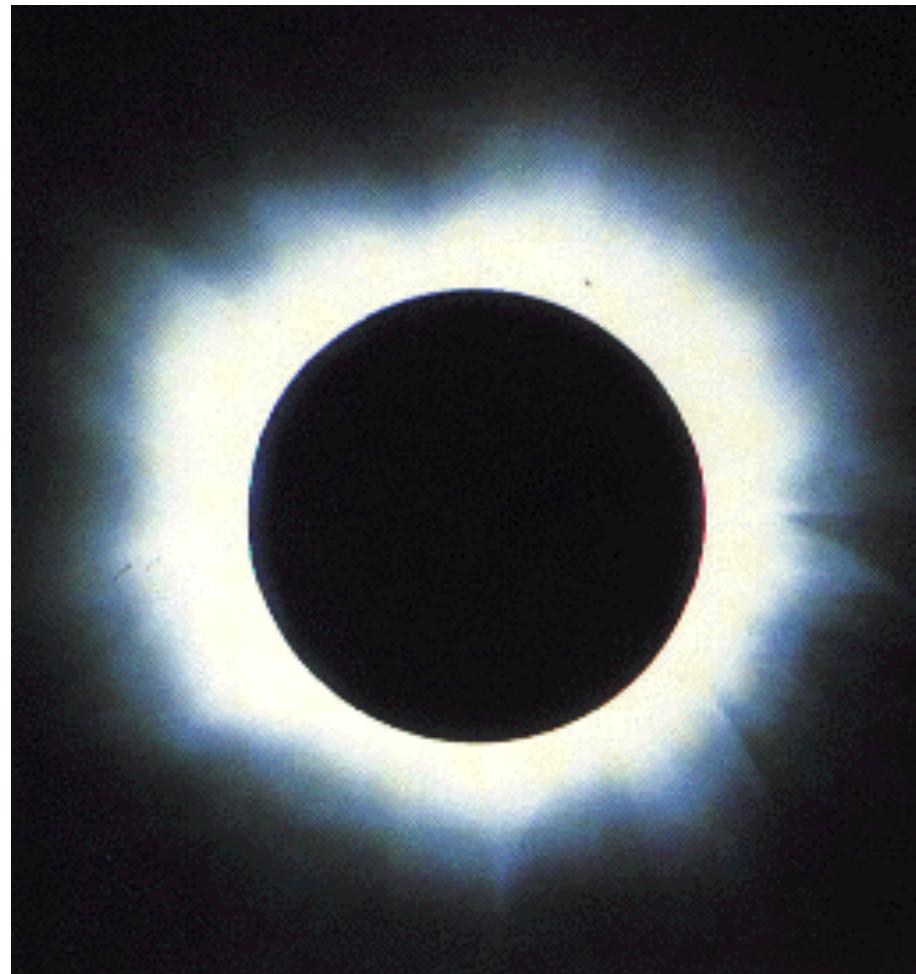
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# Distributions of Solar Corona During Solar Maximum

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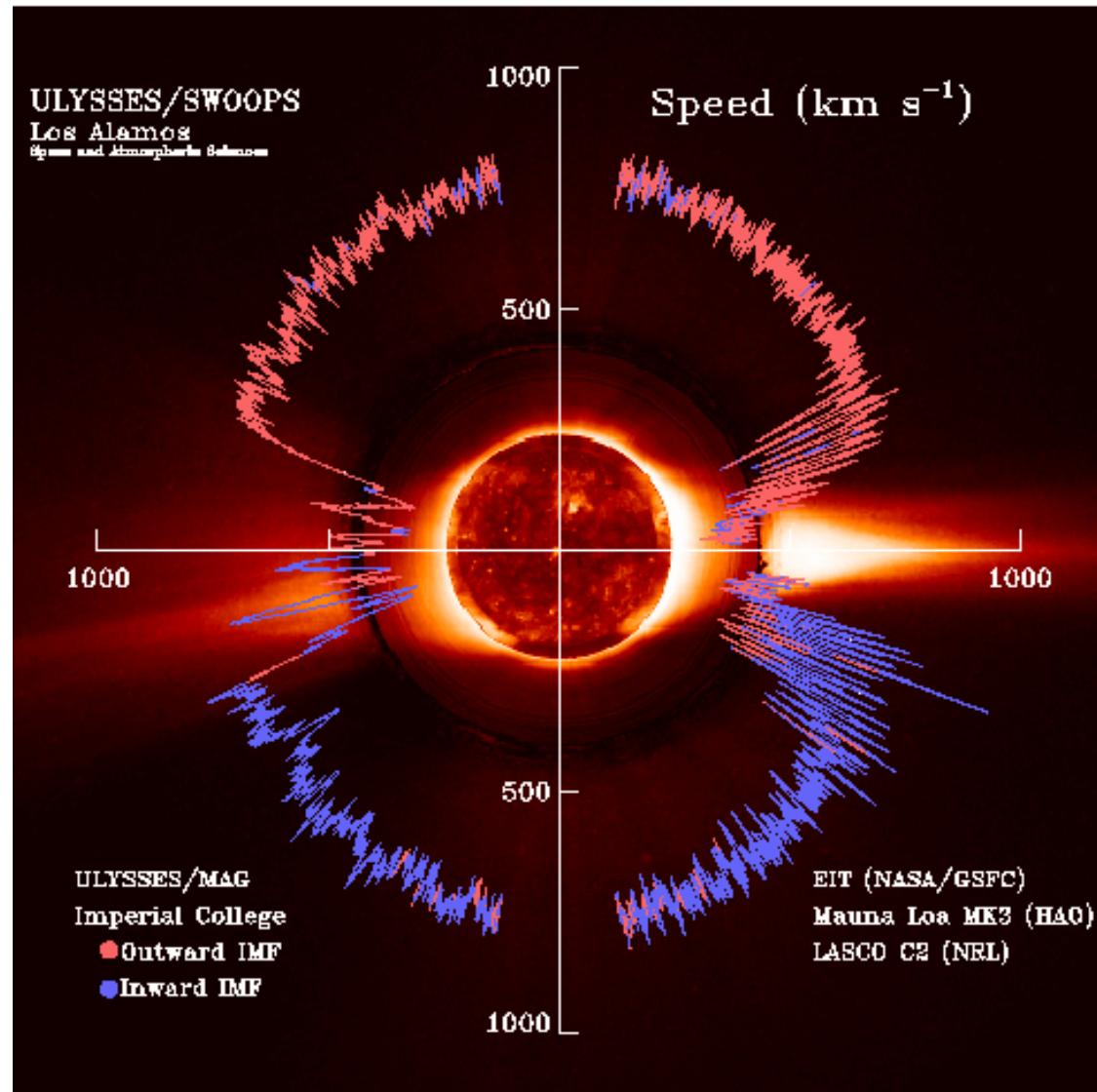


# Distributions of Solar Corona and Coronal Hole During Solar Minimum

## 太陽黑子極小期時的日食 所觀測到的 日冕 & 日冕洞分佈



## Ulysses Observation of Solar-Wind Speed(1991-1998)



# Acceleration of Solar Wind 太陽風加速原理

# Acceleration of Solar Wind

## 太陽風加速原理

- How to generate a supersonic flow in a wind tunnel ?  
科學家 如何在 風洞中產生 超音速的氣流？
- 如何加速 次音速流？如何加速 超音速流？
- 提示：次音速流 可視為不可壓縮的流體（如：水流）  
超音速流 為可壓縮的流體（如：車流）
- de Laval nozzle (一種 超音速氣流 產生器)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De\\_Laval\\_nozzle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_Laval_nozzle)
- How to accelerate the subsonic coronal breeze  
to the supersonic solar wind ?  
如何將 次音速的日冕微風 加速到 超音速的太陽風
  - [https://adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1969CoASP...1...31D<sup>12</sup>](https://adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1969CoASP...1...31D)

# Formation of Shock Waves

## 激震波的成因

上游流速超音速



$$V_1 > C_{S1}$$

下游流速次音速



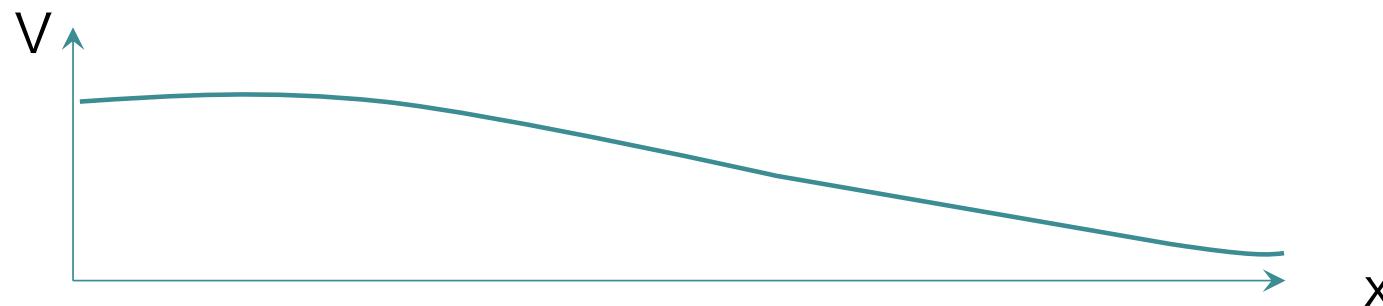
$$V_2 < C_{S2}$$

阻礙物

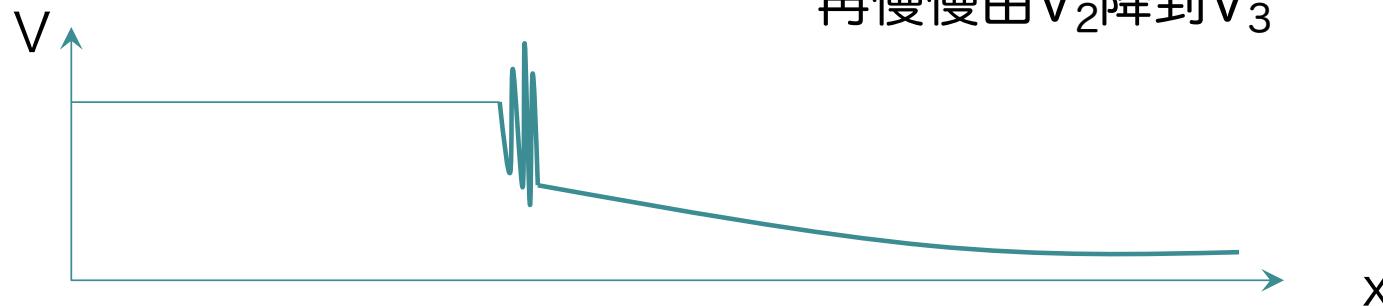
$$V_3 \rightarrow 0$$

以下敘述何者正確？ and Why？

(1) 流速逐漸由超音速流 $V_1$ 降到 $V_3$



(2) 流速在很窄的區域由超音速流 $V_1$ 快速降到次音速流 $V_2$ ,  
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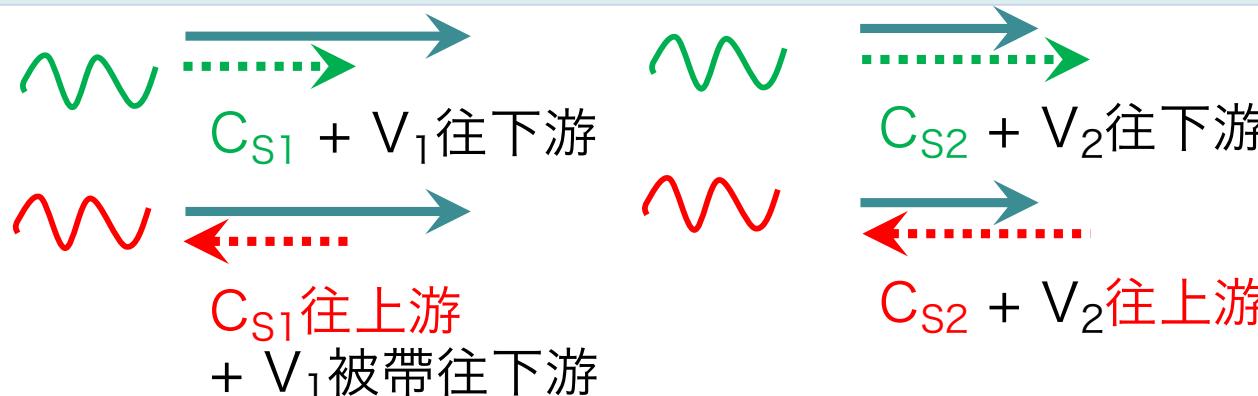


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說明：考慮上下游有一些小擾動，有些擾動向下游傳播(綠色)，有些向上游傳播(紅色)



結果綠色波動可以順利被帶往下游，但是紅色波動集中在超音速流減速到次音速流的區域

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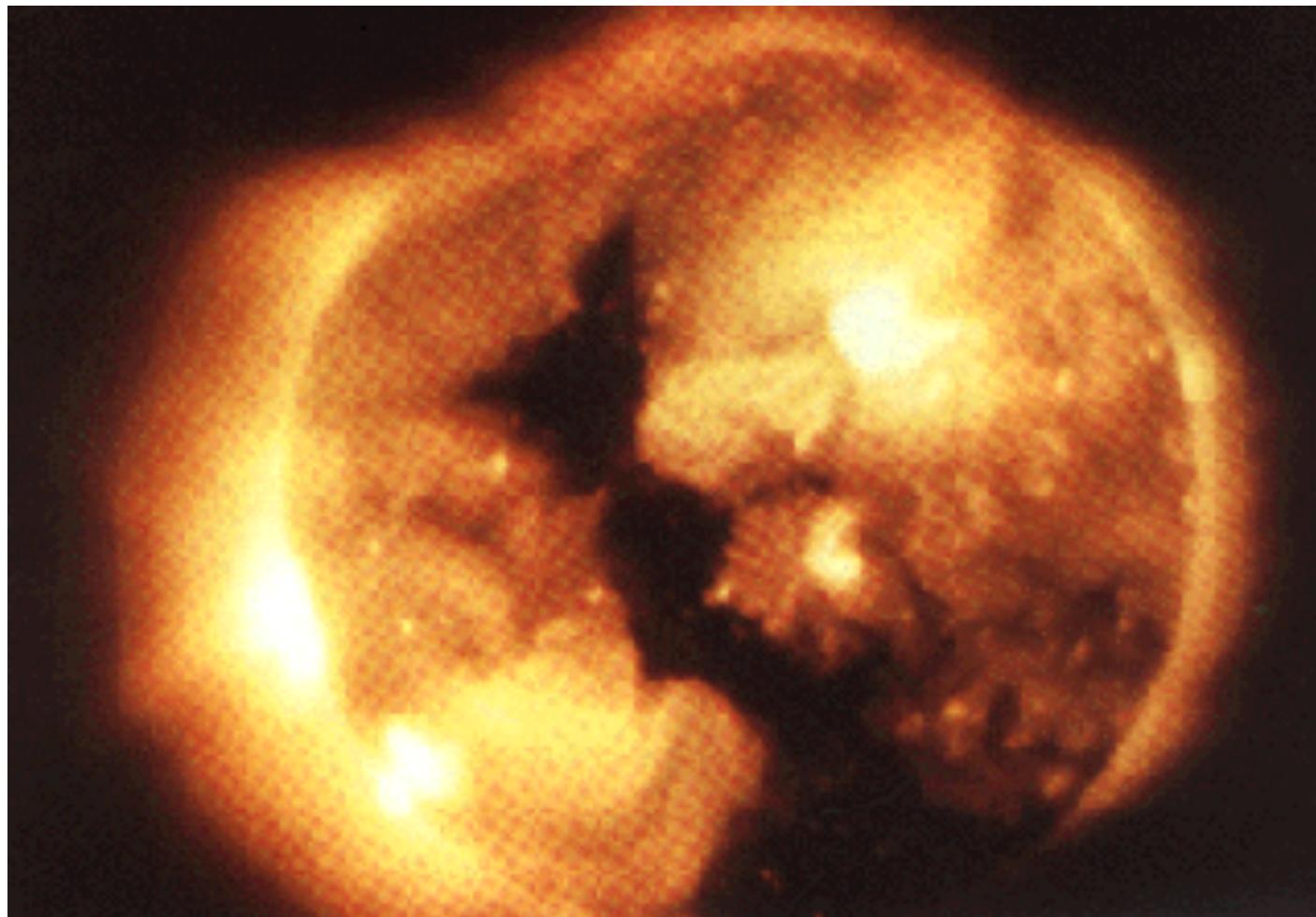


## 跨過激震波

- 流速減慢 (in shock wave rest frame)
  - 跟著激震波走，會覺得上游的 超音速流 穿過激震波 會減速 成為次音速流
- 密度增加
- 溫度增加 (聲速增加)
- 热壓增加
- 熵值增加
  - 因為 entropy 熵 增加，所以是一種 不可逆反應！

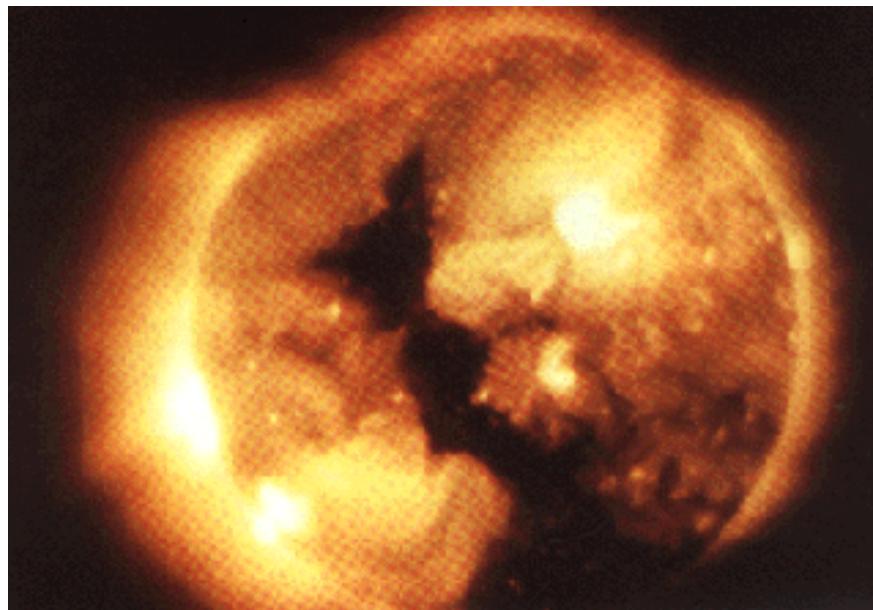
# Skylab (1973) Hard-X ray image

## Elephant-trunk distribution of coronal hole

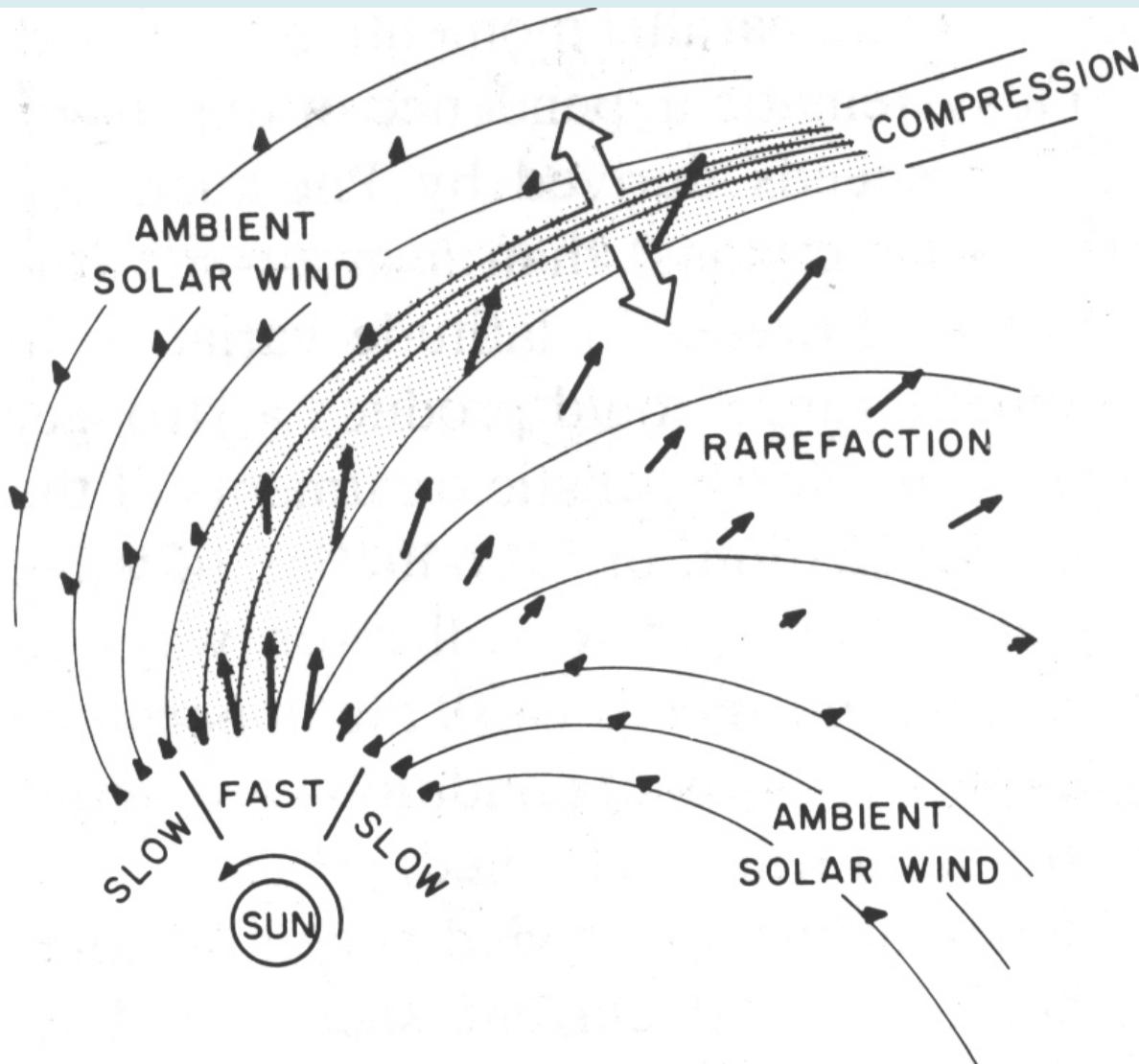


# High Speed Solar Wind From Coronal Hole

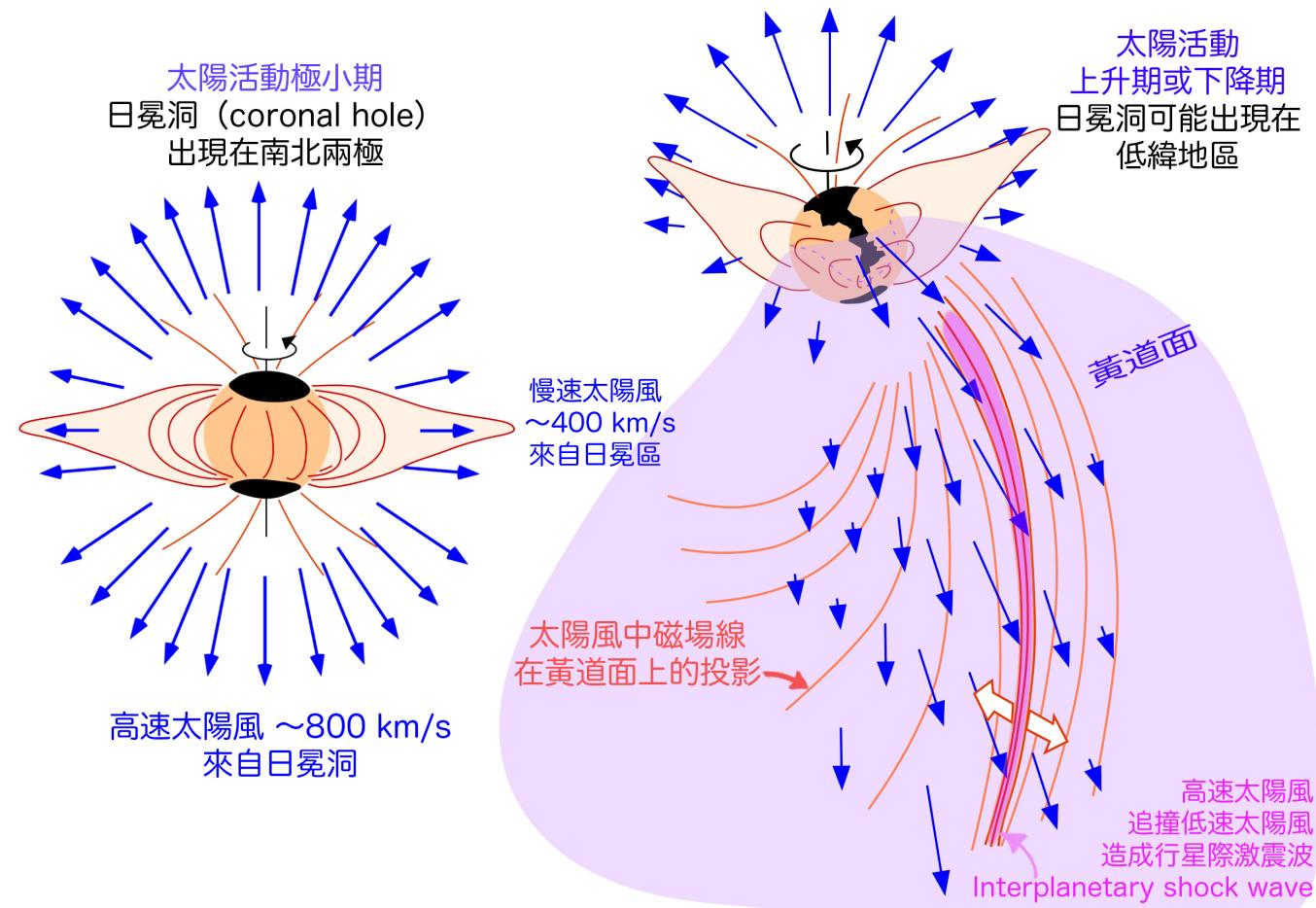
- High-speed solar wind from low-latitude coronal hole
  - Slow solar wind from the corona region
  - Solar rotation yields high-speed solar wind overtaking slow solar wind
- Co-rotating shocks in the interplanetary space

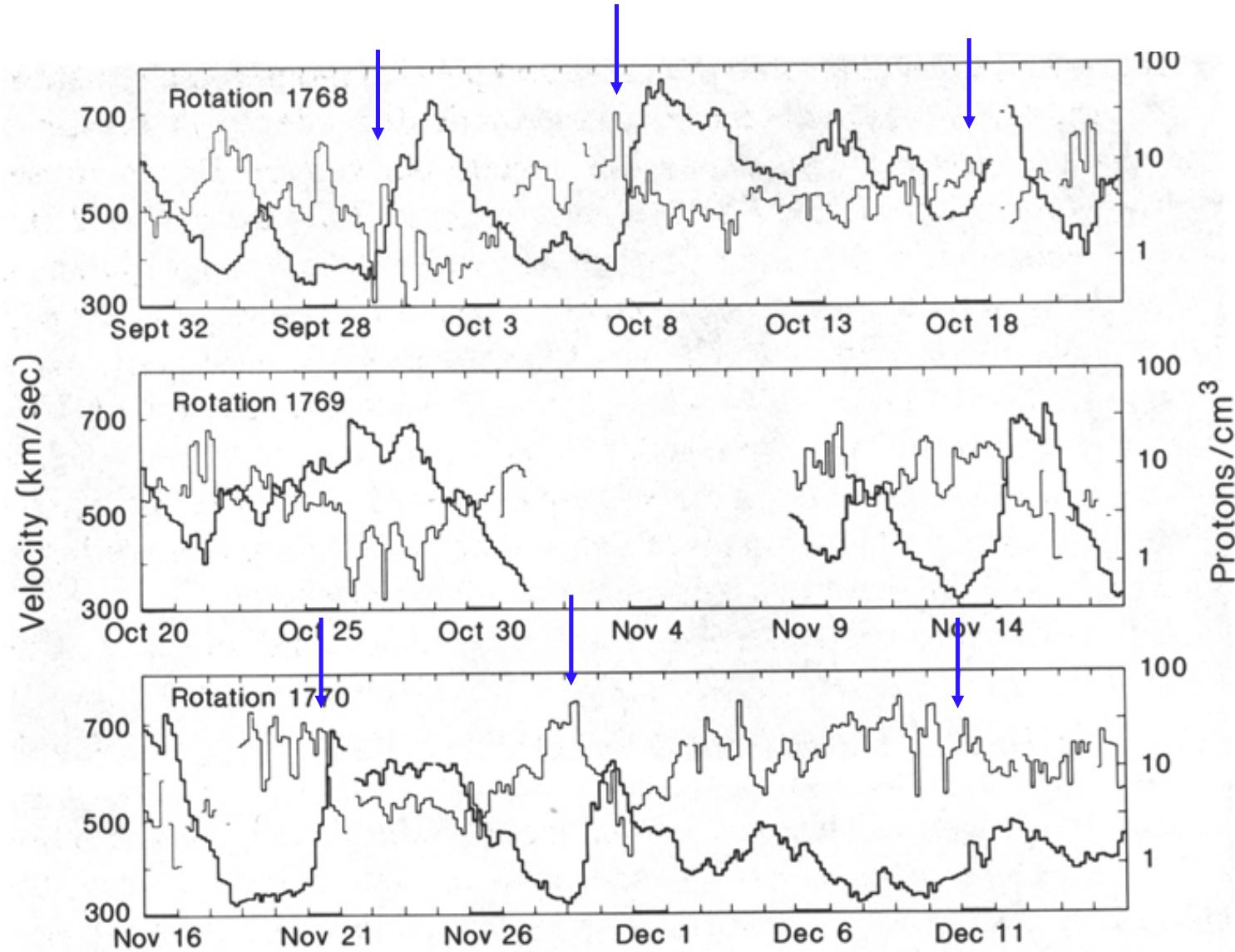


# Co-rotating shocks



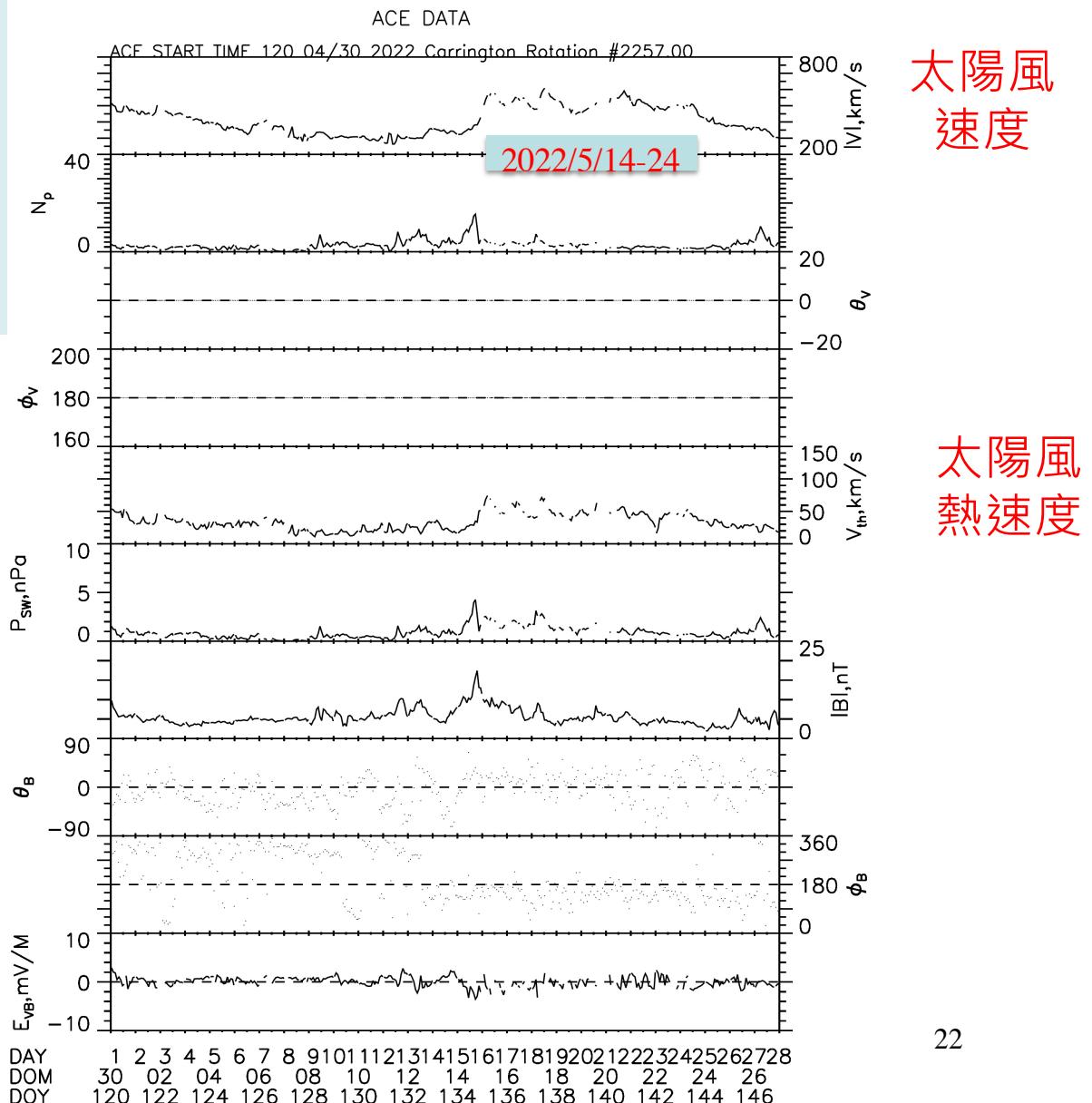
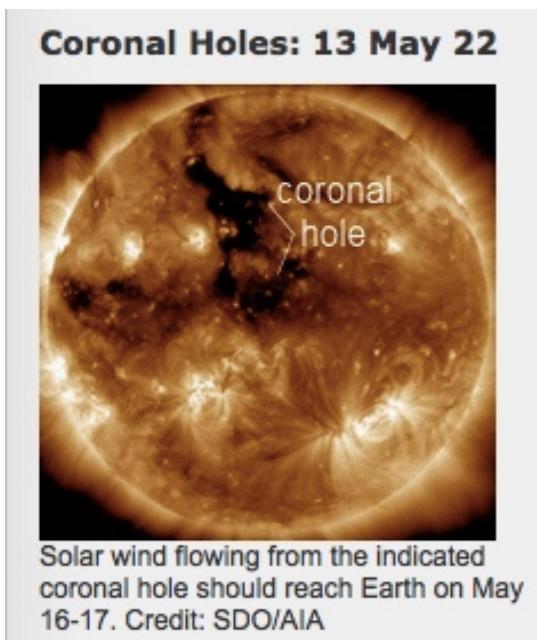
# 當「日冕洞」發生在太陽盤面中央區域時，行星際空間中會發生高速太陽風追撞低速太陽風，造成激震波





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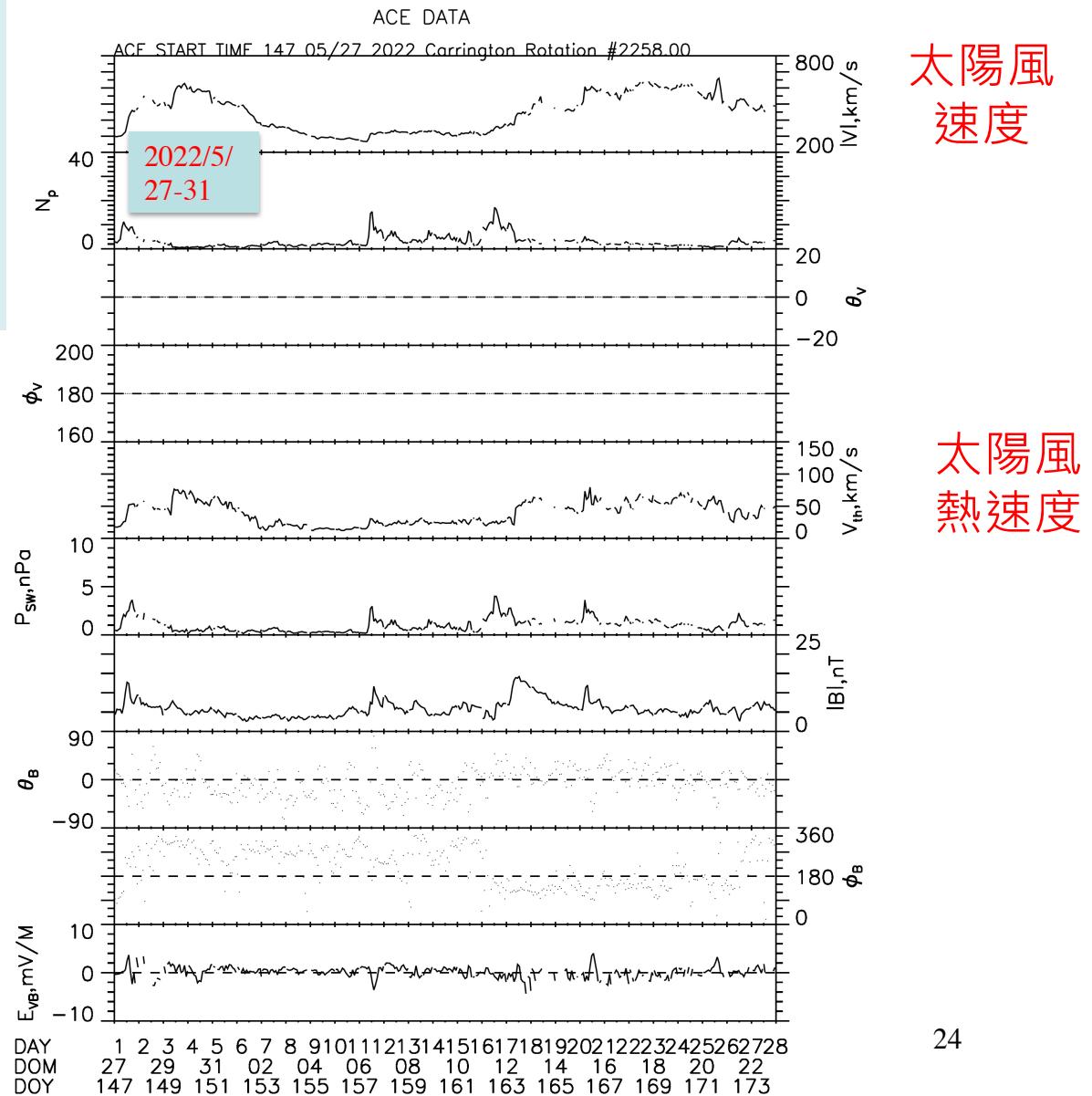
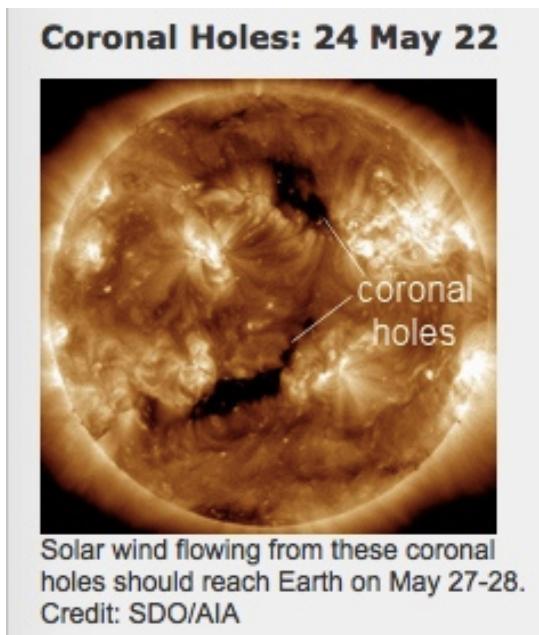


**ANTARCTIC LUNAR ECLIPSE:** Around the world, millions of people saw the May 15th lunar eclipse. Only a few saw it from Antarctica. Thomas Leps sends this picture from the geographic South Pole:



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高速太陽風追撞低速太陽風會形成一個「與太陽自轉一起旋轉」的交互作用區 (co-rotating interaction region, CIR)。這個CIR區域，會有激震波形成 (co-rotating shocks)。

這張 2022-05-27 的照片是當 CIR & co-rotating shock 撞擊地球磁層期間，在紐西蘭所拍攝到的南極光

注意：南半球的星空與北半球所看到的星空不同

**SOUTHERN LIGHTS:** A co-rotating interaction region (CIR) hit Earth's magnetic field on May 27th. The impact sparked [12 hours of geomagnetic storming](#) (G1-class) and a rare display of Southern Lights. Minoru Yoneto sends this deep-sky exposure from Queenstown, New Zealand:



*RedAurora.co.nz Minoru Yoneto*

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- Origin of the transient high-speed high-density solar wind
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Ans.: 日珥/暗紋 的噴發 導致上方 日冕物質拋射

Eruption of Solar Prominence (or Filament) leads to Coronal Mass Ejection (CME)

# Solar-flare associated shocks

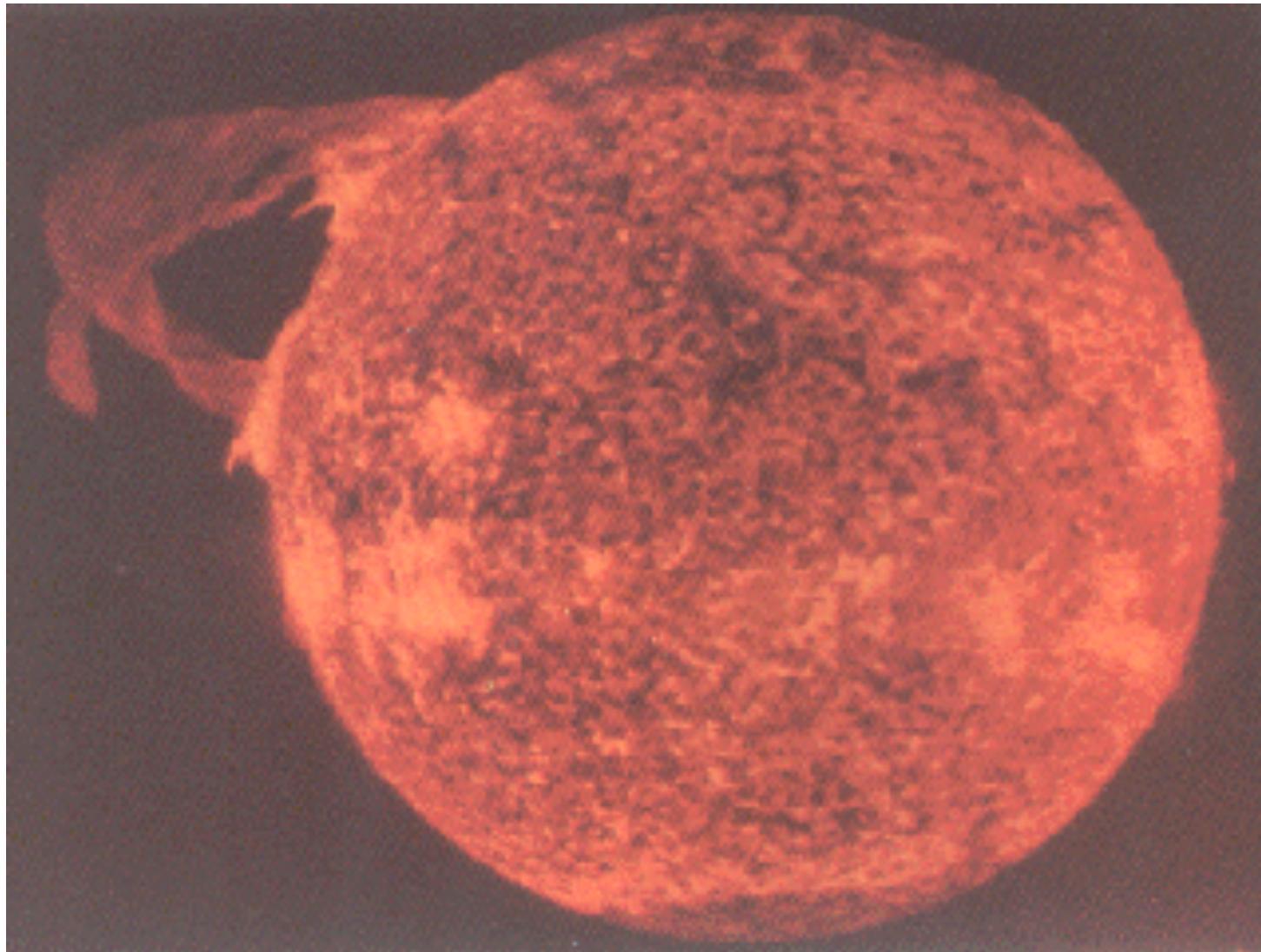
1. Eruption of **Prominences/ Filaments**  
日珥噴發
2. Solar flare / CME (Coronal mass ejection)  
太陽閃焰 + 日冕物質拋射
3. Interplanetary shock followed by magnetic  
cloud in the solar wind  
行星際空間激震波，後面跟著磁雲

**Red:  
Prominences**

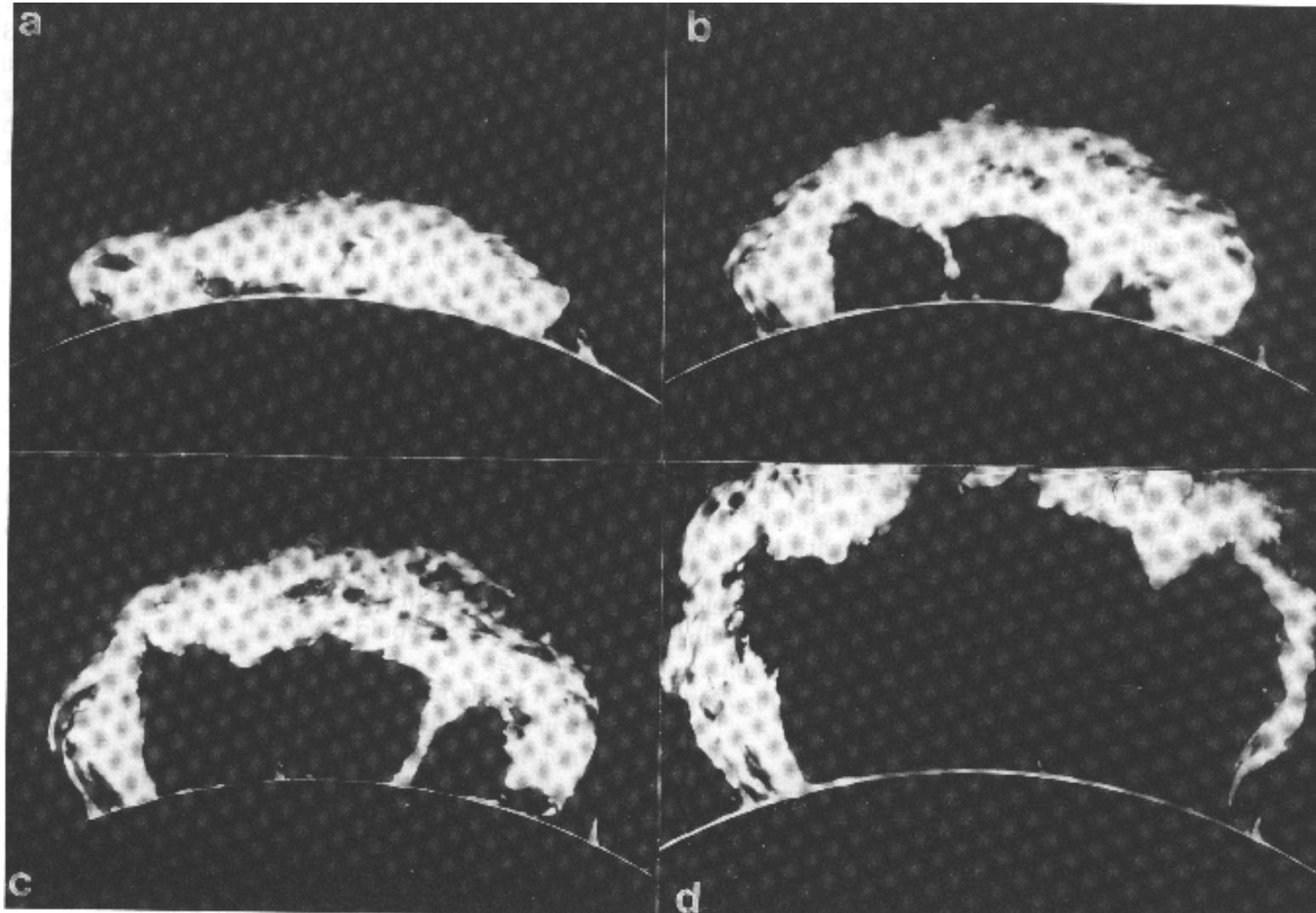
**Blue: Corona**



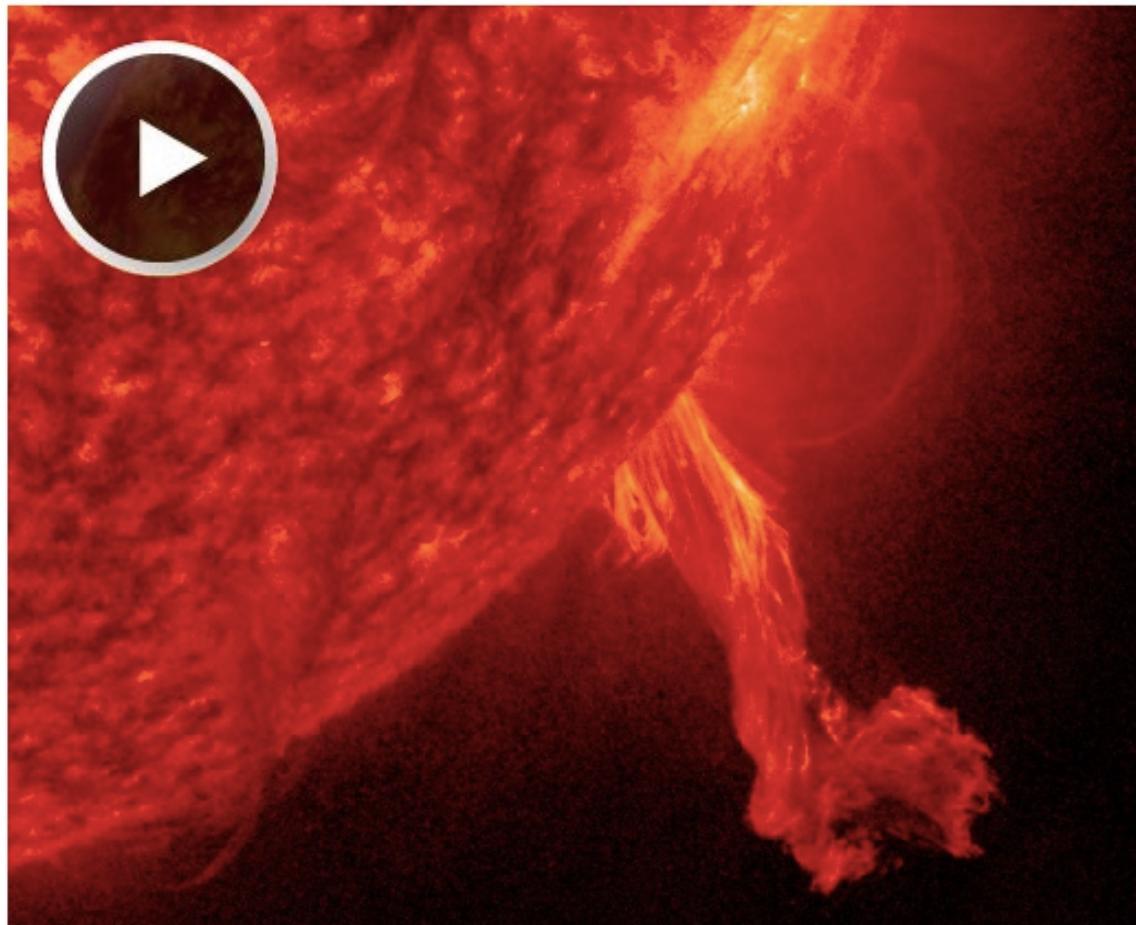
## Prominences (UV observation)



# Prominence eruption

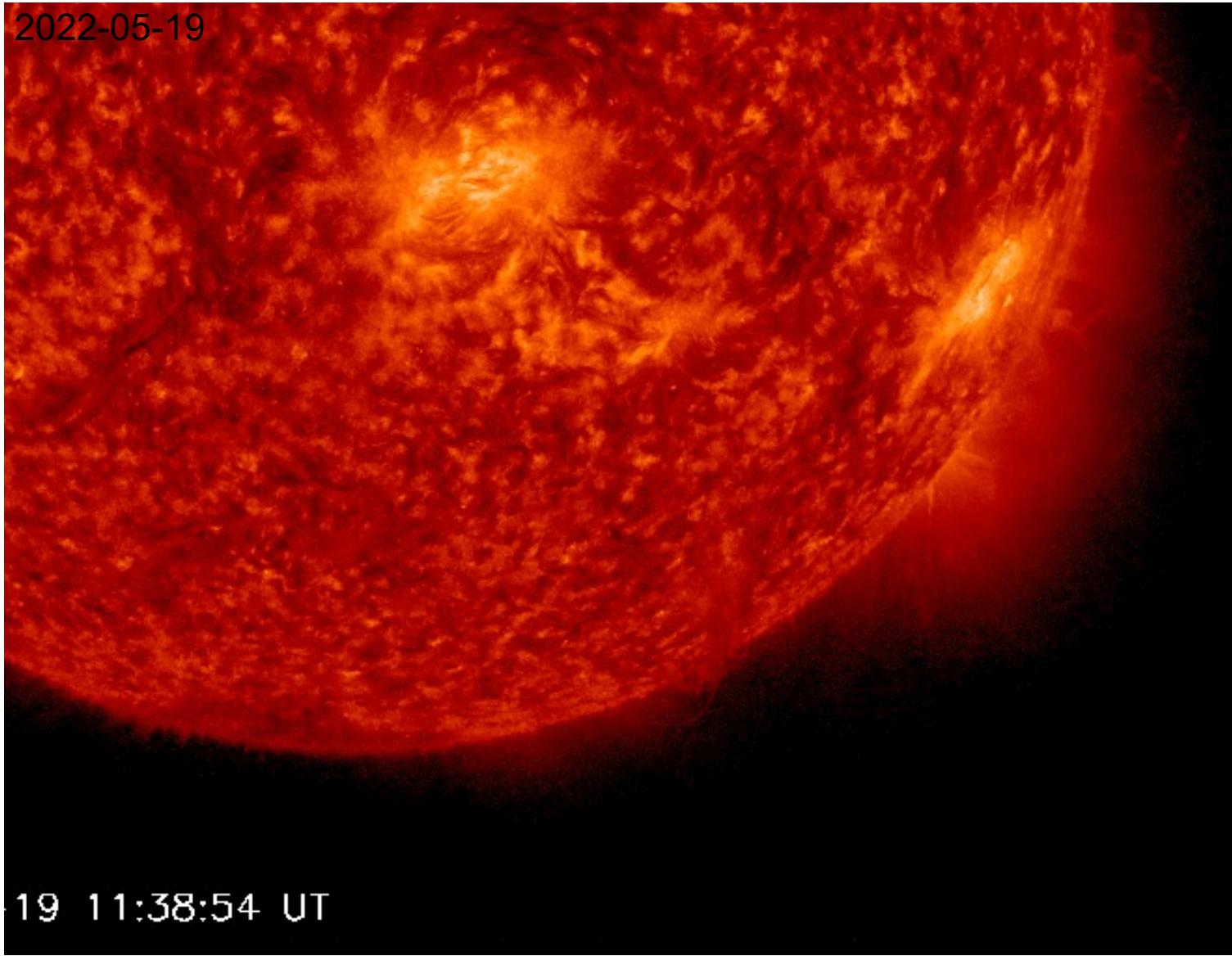


**JUMPING PLASMA FOUNTAINS:** Today, a massive jet of plasma shot out of the sun's southwestern limb. NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory recorded the eruption: 2022-05-19



The base of the jet is twice as wide as Earth, and its apex is 10 times as tall. The towering plume almost certainly propelled a CME away from the sun (confirmation awaits fresh data from SOHO coronagraphs). It won't hit Earth.

2022-05-19



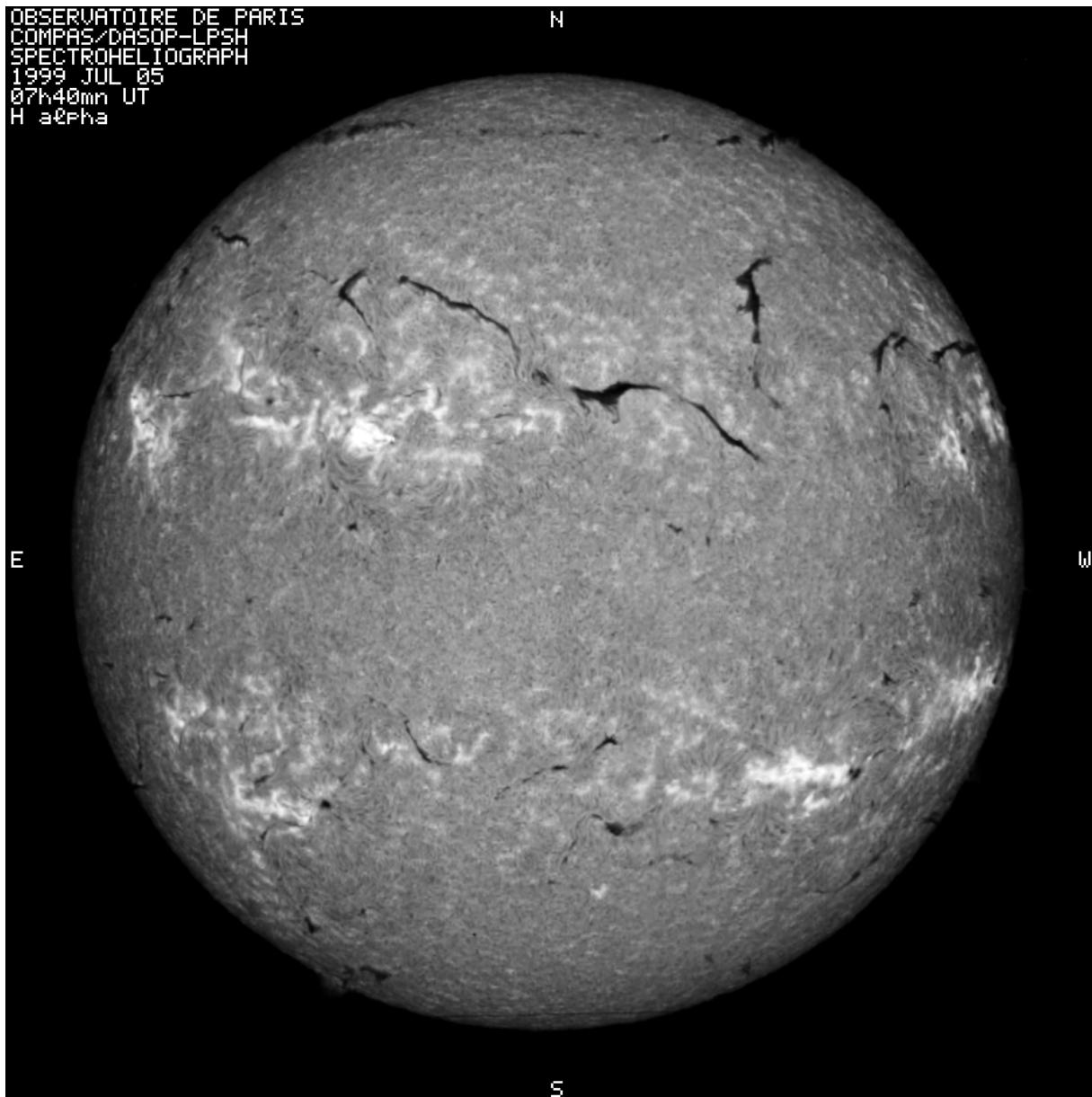
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# Filaments

The Observatoire de Paris

*H-alpha image*  
05 July 1999



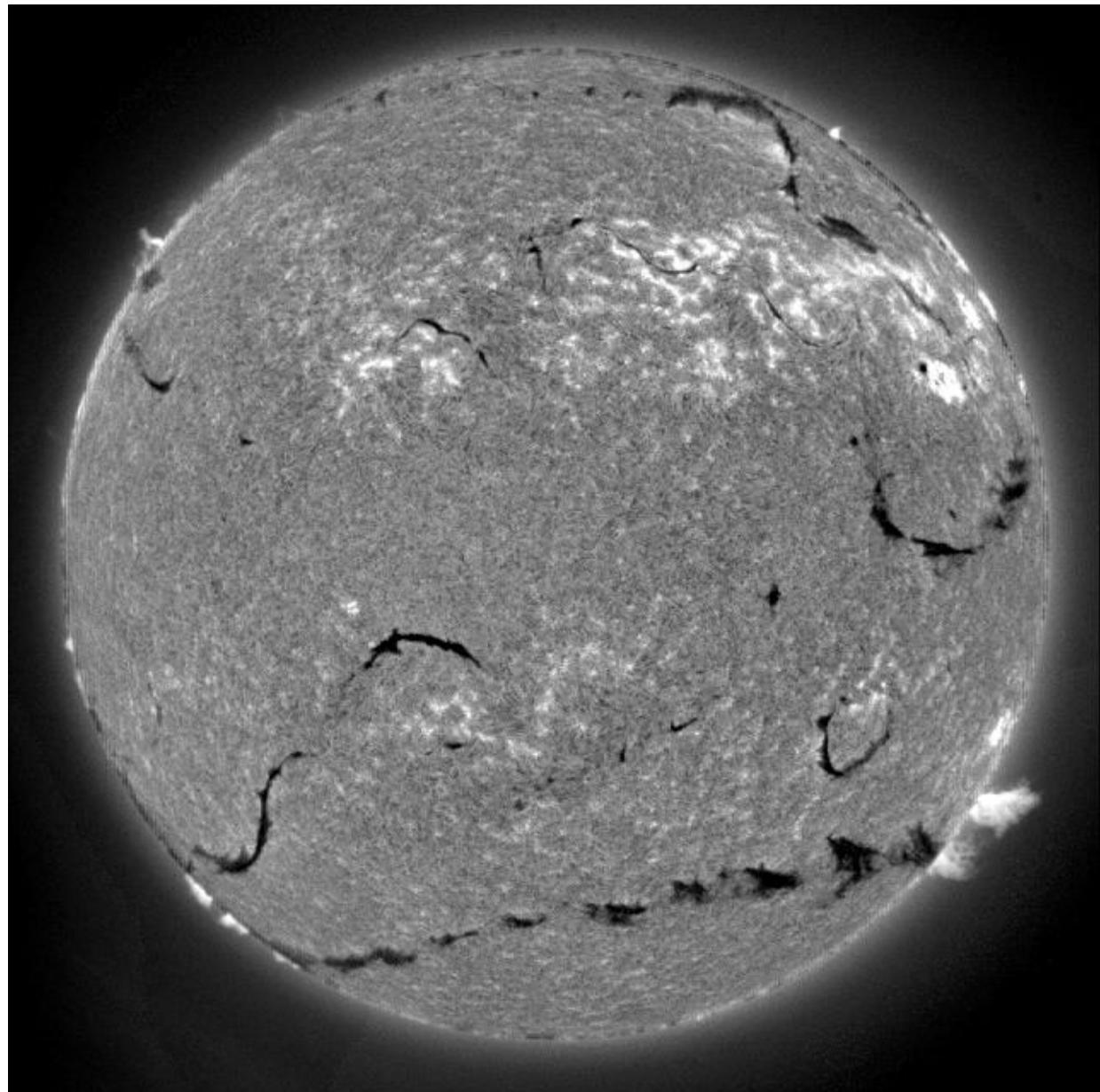
- 氢-阿法光 (H-alpha) 是一種深紅色的可見光，波長約為656.3奈米(nm) 也就是 6563 埃(Å, Angstroms)。屬於巴爾麥系列 ( Balmer series, from  $n \geq 3$  to  $n = 2$  ) 的光子。（可見光波長約 760-380 nm ）
- 這樣波長的 氢-阿法 光子，只能把 氢原子裡的價電子 從  $n=2$  的激發態，往上激發到  $n=3$  的激發態，但還不足以使這些氫原子游離。
- 這些處在  $n=3$  激發態的氫原子，很容易 (朝其他方向) 重新放出一個 氢-阿法光 的光子，讓價電子回到  $n=2$  的激發態，甚至再放出一個 紫外線 光子讓價電子回到  $n=1$  的基礎態（萊曼系列 Lyman series, from  $n \geq 2$  to  $n = 1$  ）
- 因為萊曼系列的紫外線會被大氣臭氧層吸收，所以通常要在太空中觀測。但是巴爾麥系列的可見光，尤其紅光，不會被大氣吸收或散射，所以地面觀測站，可以鎖定接收波長為656.3nm 附近的光，來觀測太陽，就可以很輕鬆的觀測太陽光盤上的「暗紋」分佈。
- 如果把太陽光盤遮住，還可以很清晰的觀測到太陽光盤邊緣浮起來的日珥結構。如下一張

# Filaments & Prominences

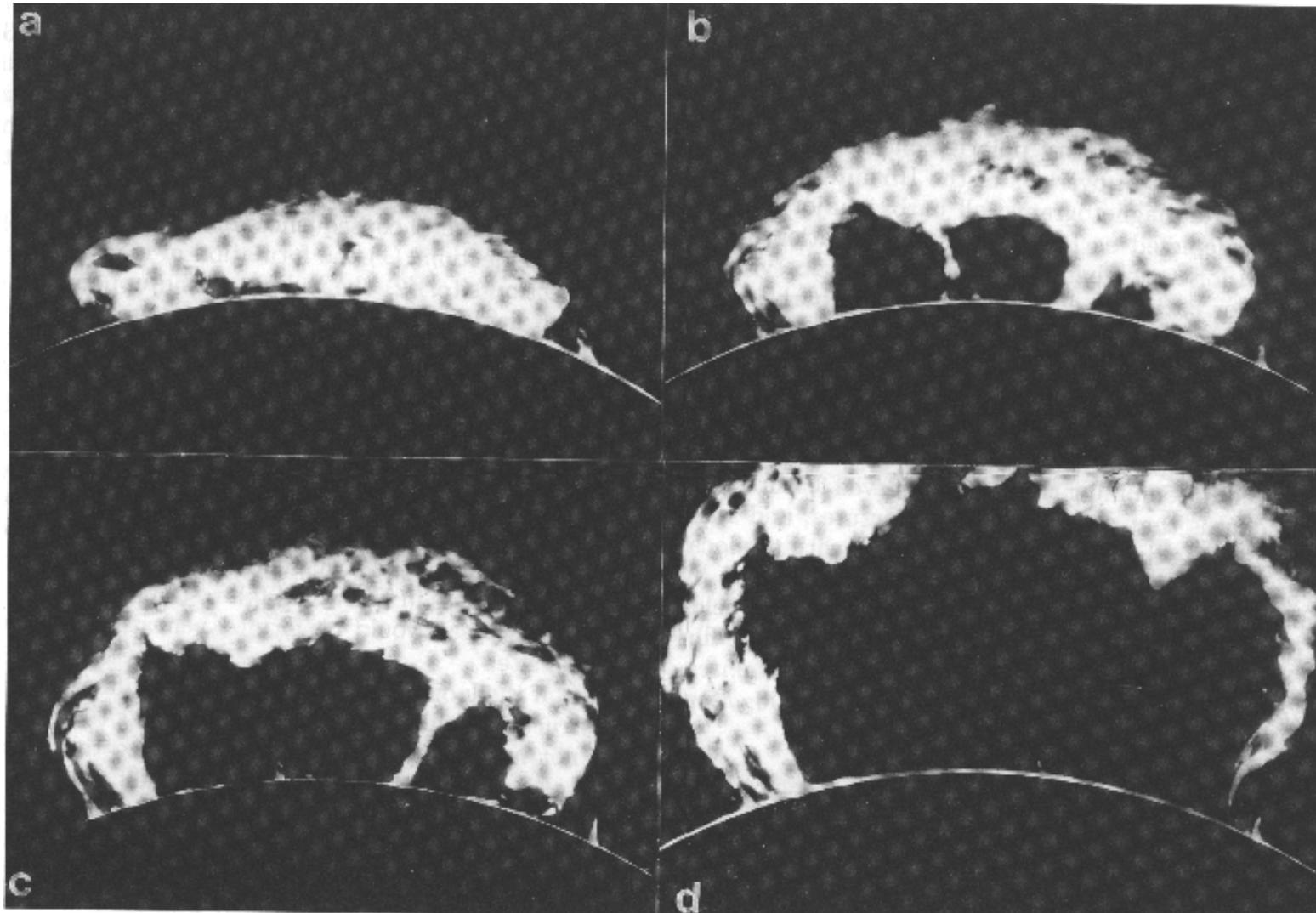
The Big Bear Solar Observatory (BBSO)

*H-alpha full disk image  
30 January 1999*

<http://www.bbsو.njit.edu/brochure.html>



# Prominence eruption



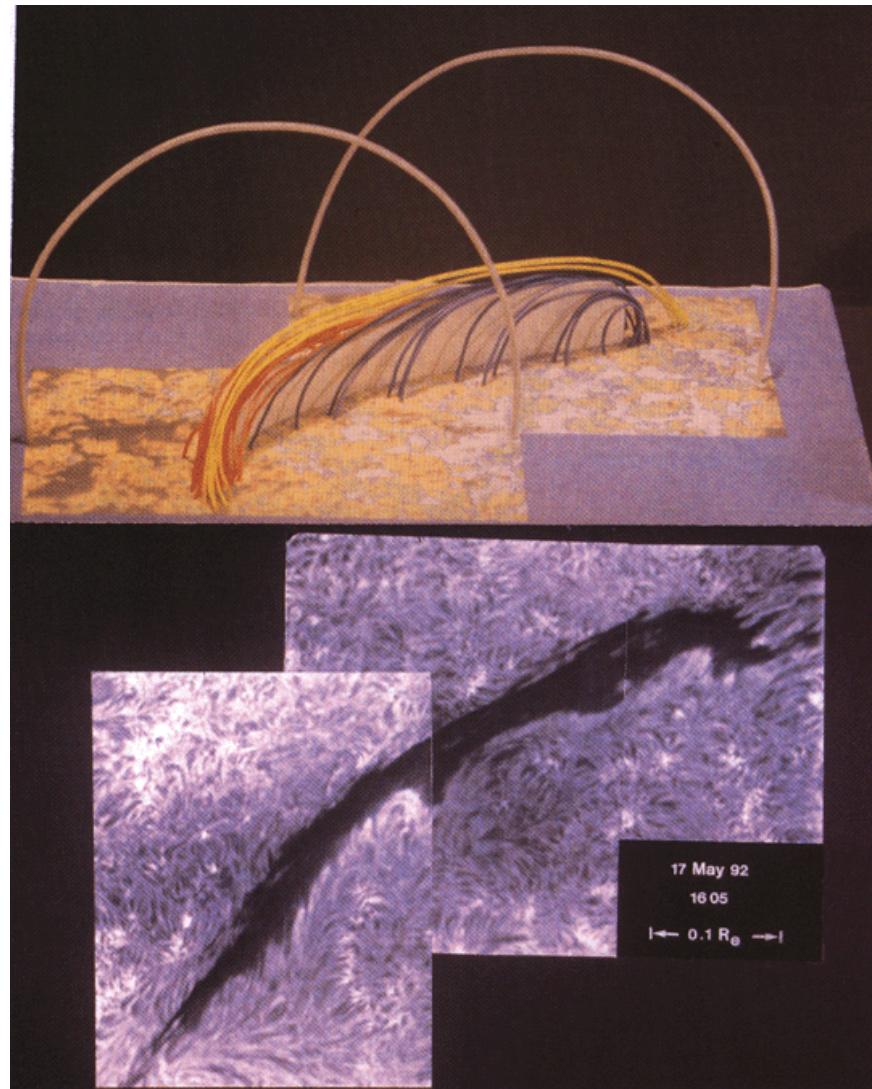
# EUV Images from the Transition Region And Coronal Explorer (**TRACE**) spacecraft

## Coronal Loops 日冕中的拱門結構(Fully ionized gas)

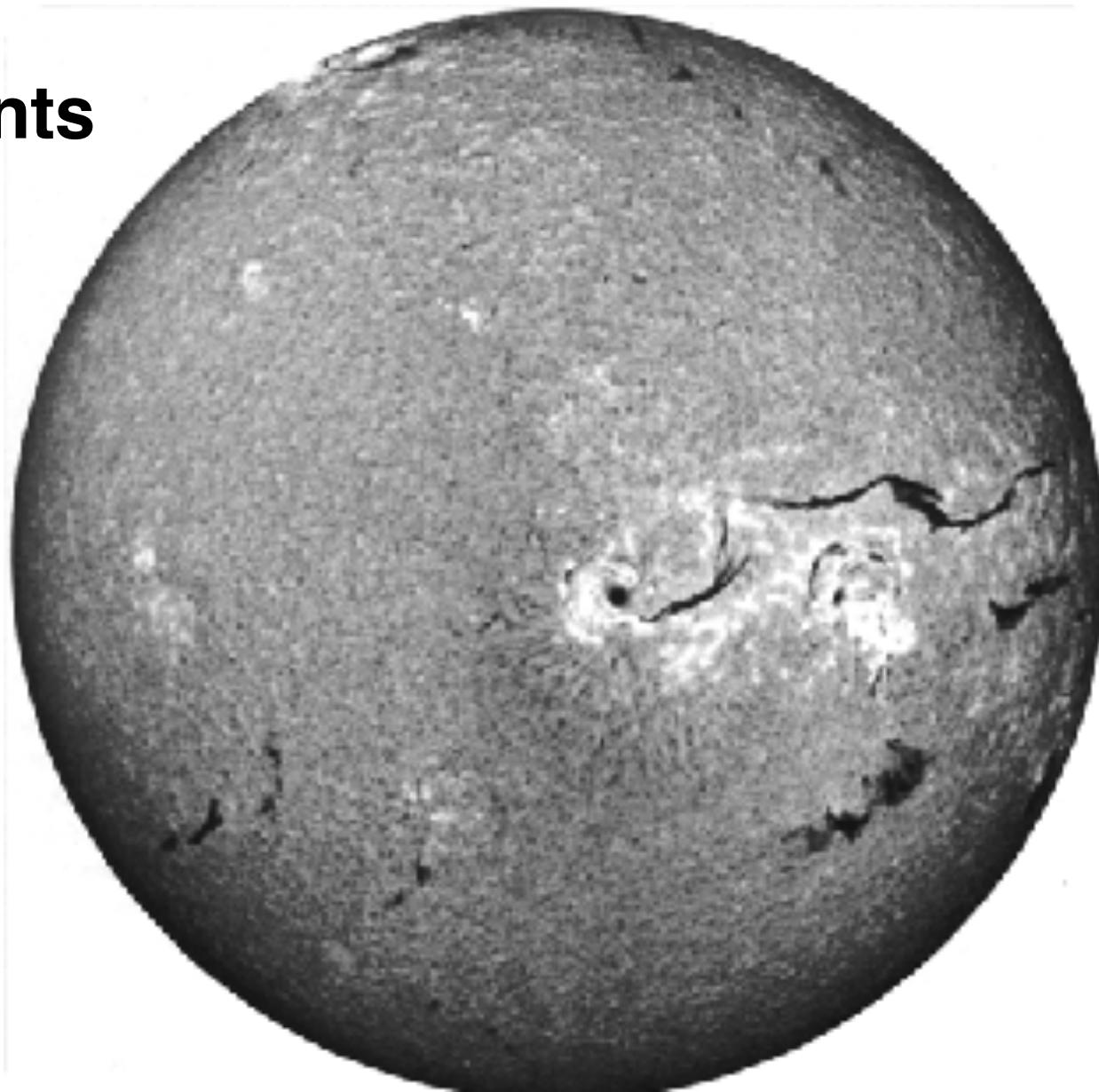
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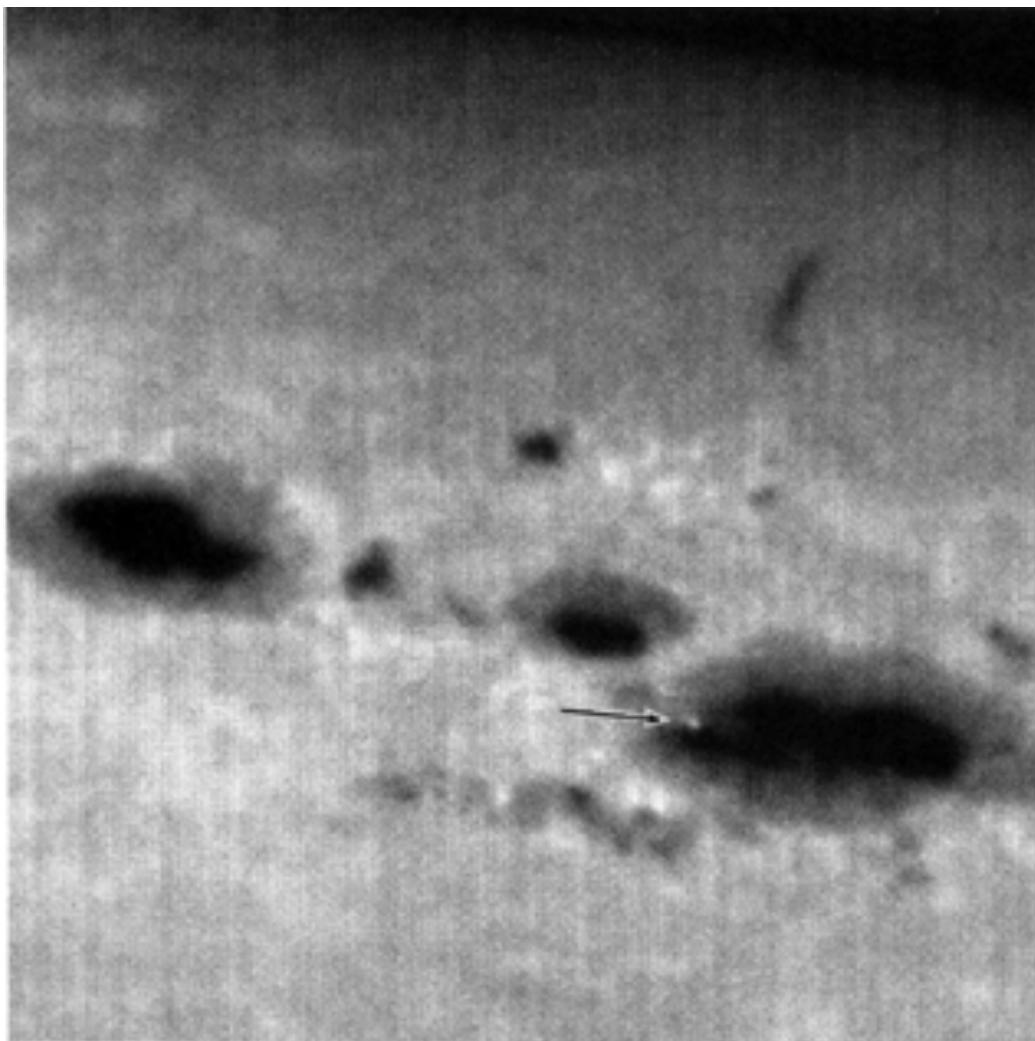
# Filaments magnetic field and coronal loop



# Filaments

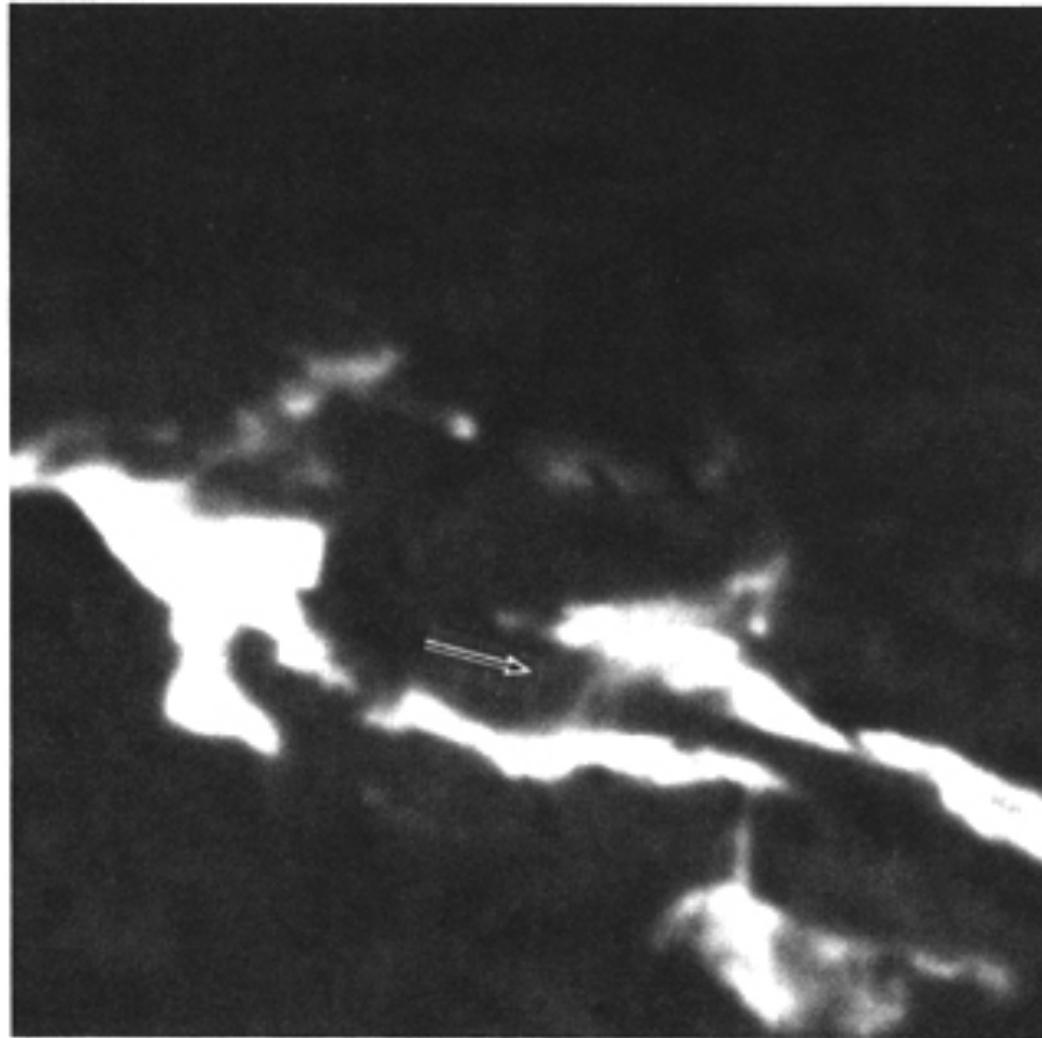


## White light Image taken prior to solar flare



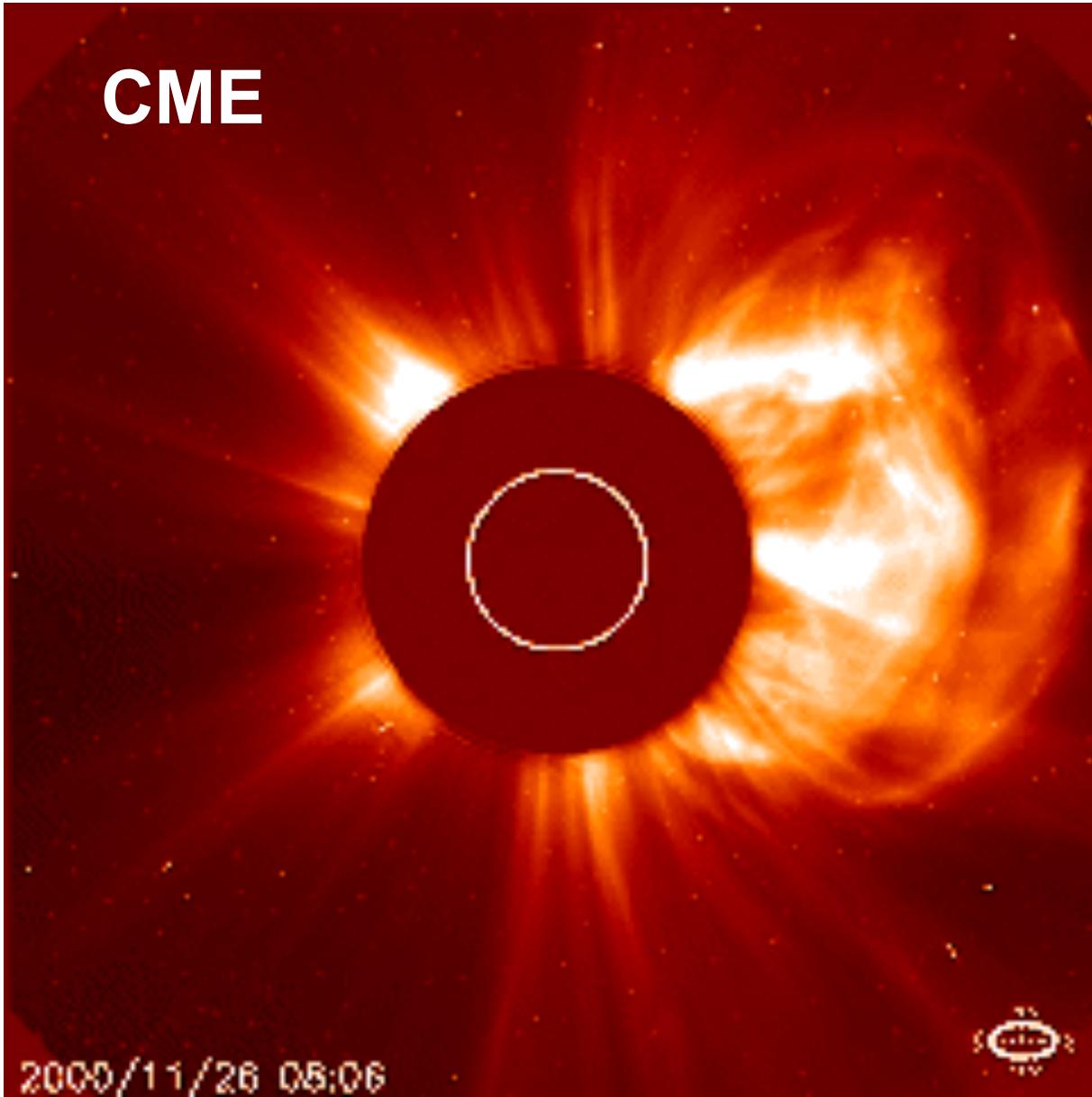
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## White light Image taken during the solar flare



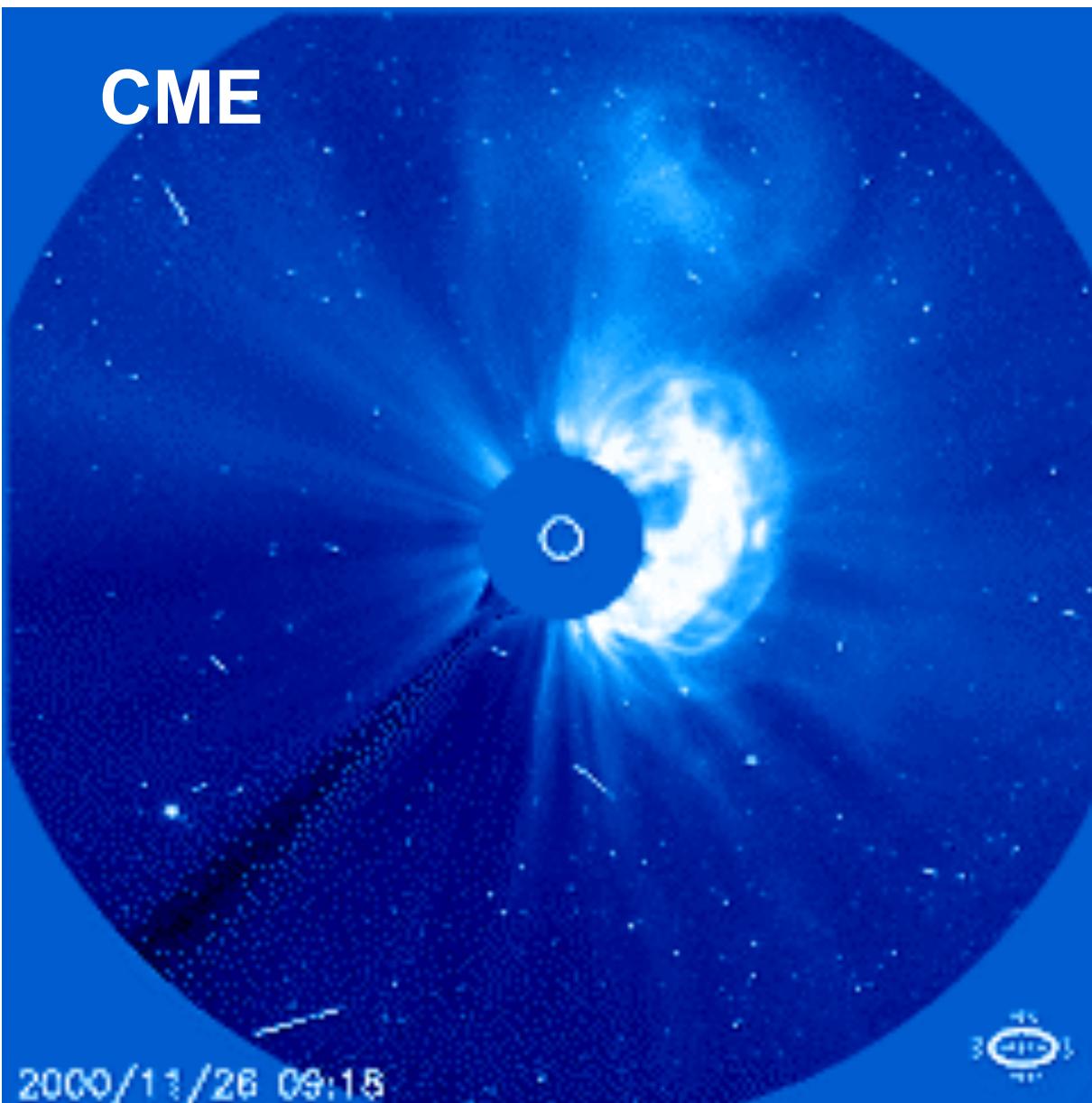
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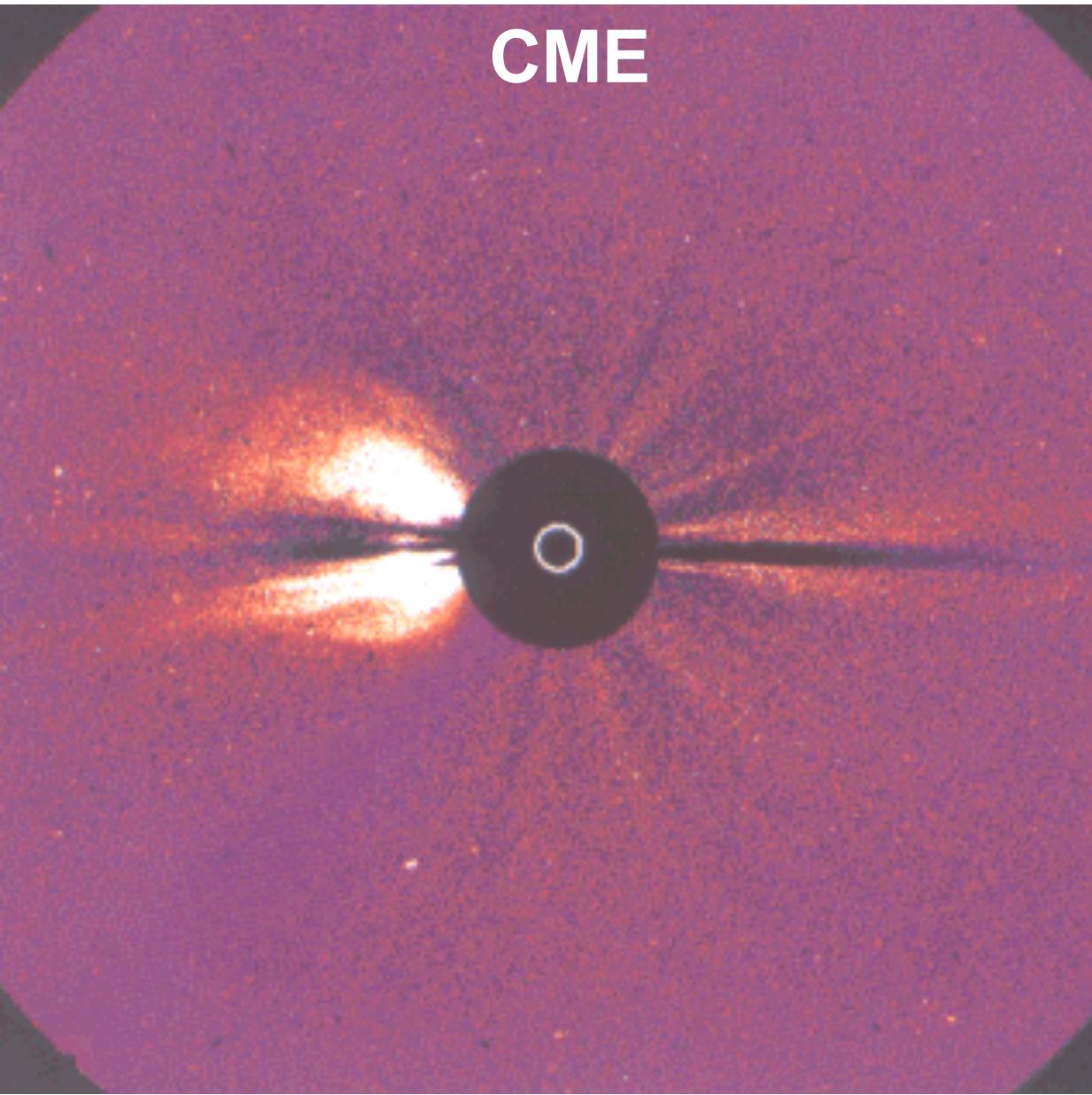


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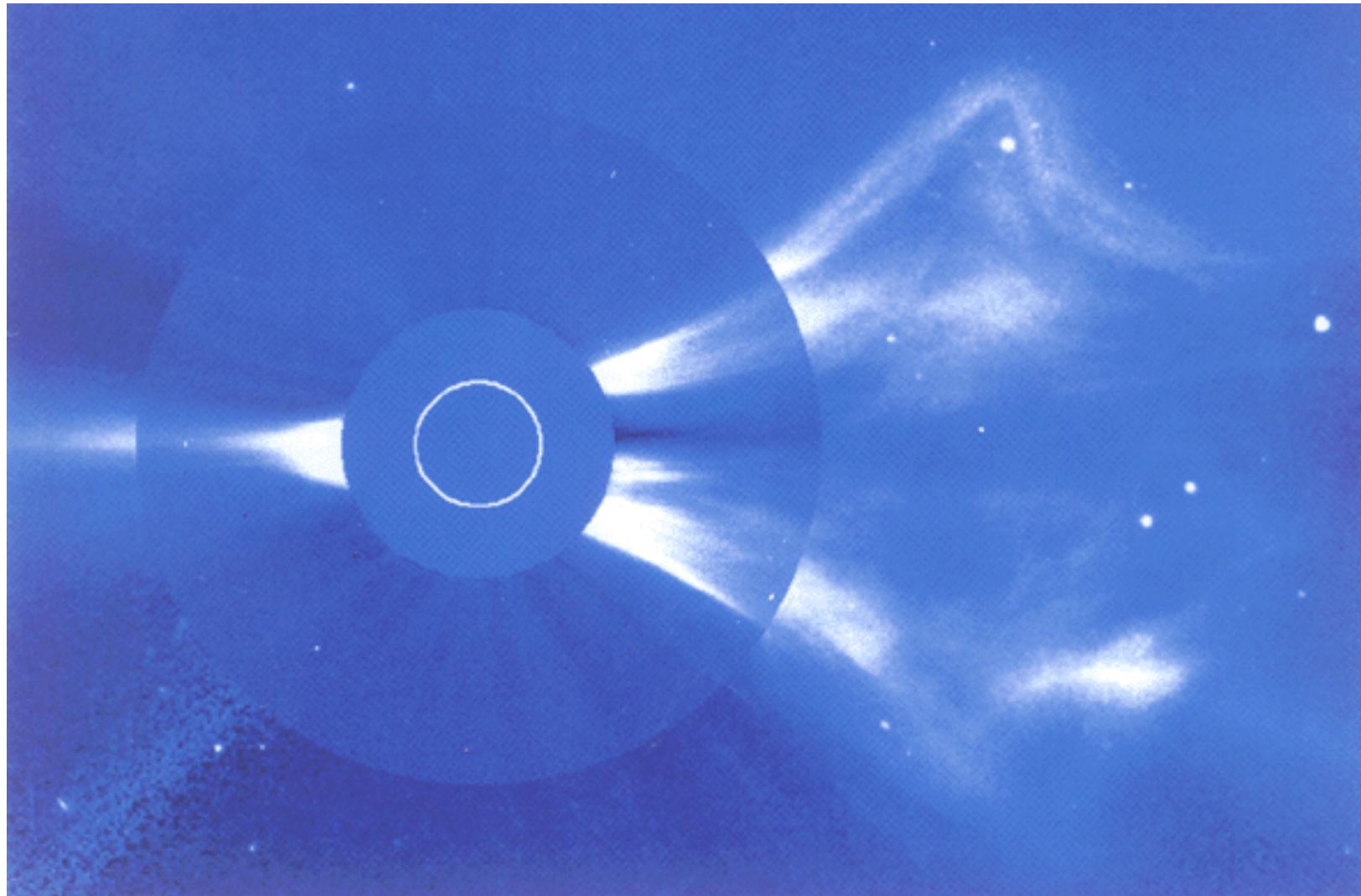
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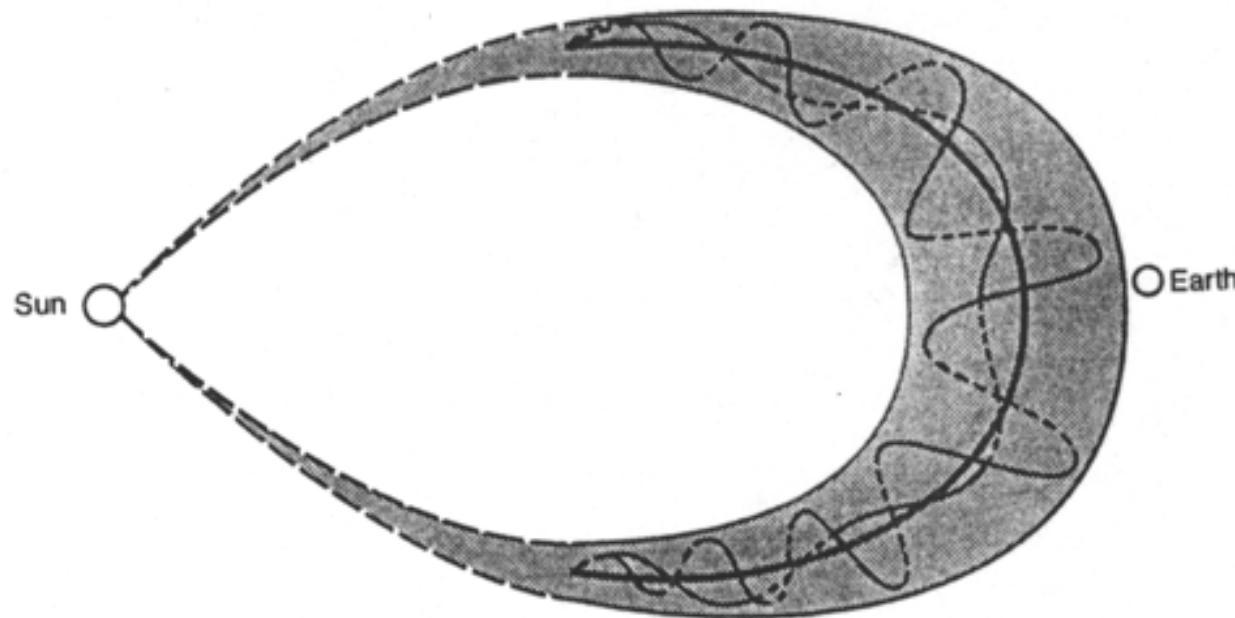
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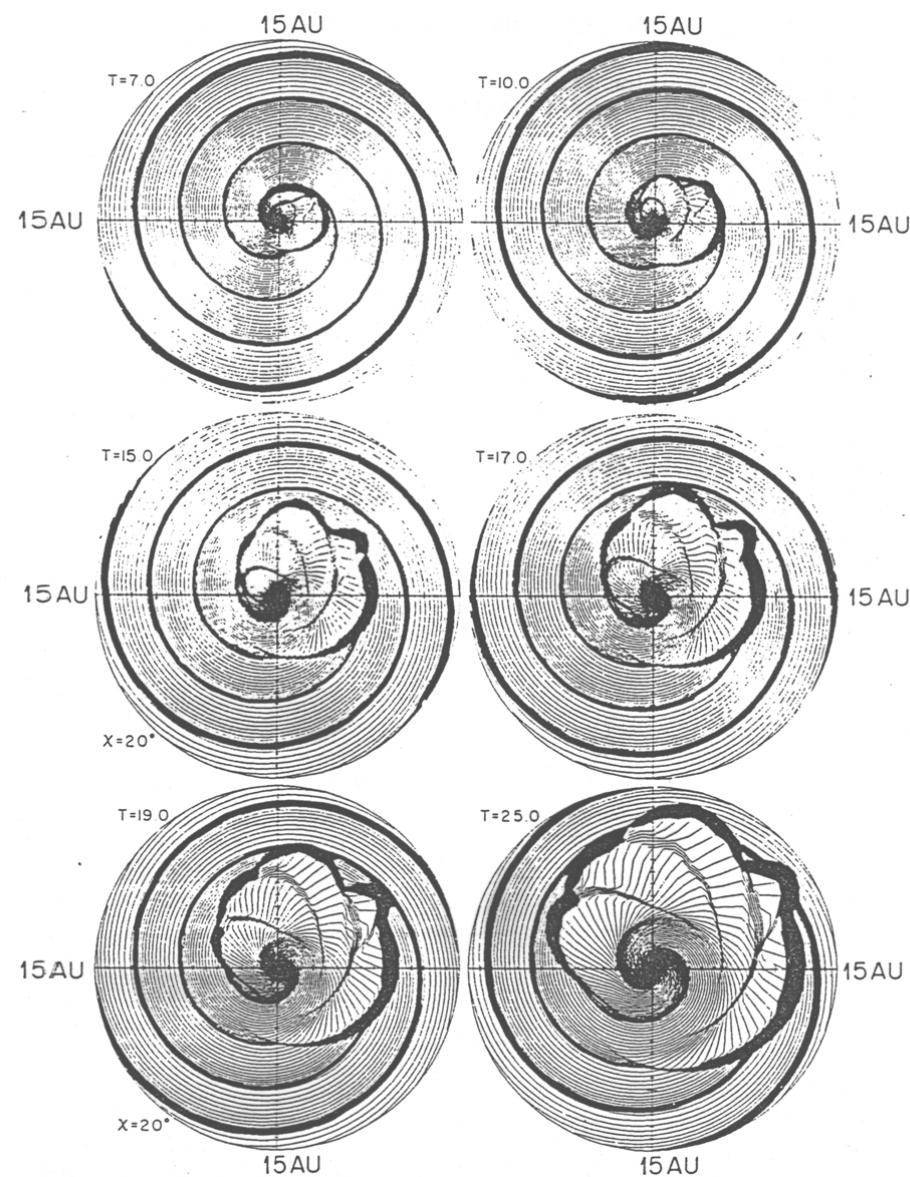
# CME



# Magnetic cloud



**Figure 1.** Idealized view of a magnetic cloud with a relaxed force-free field, given by Lundquist [1950].



**40~50hrs after CME:**

## **Substrom Auroral (UV Images)**

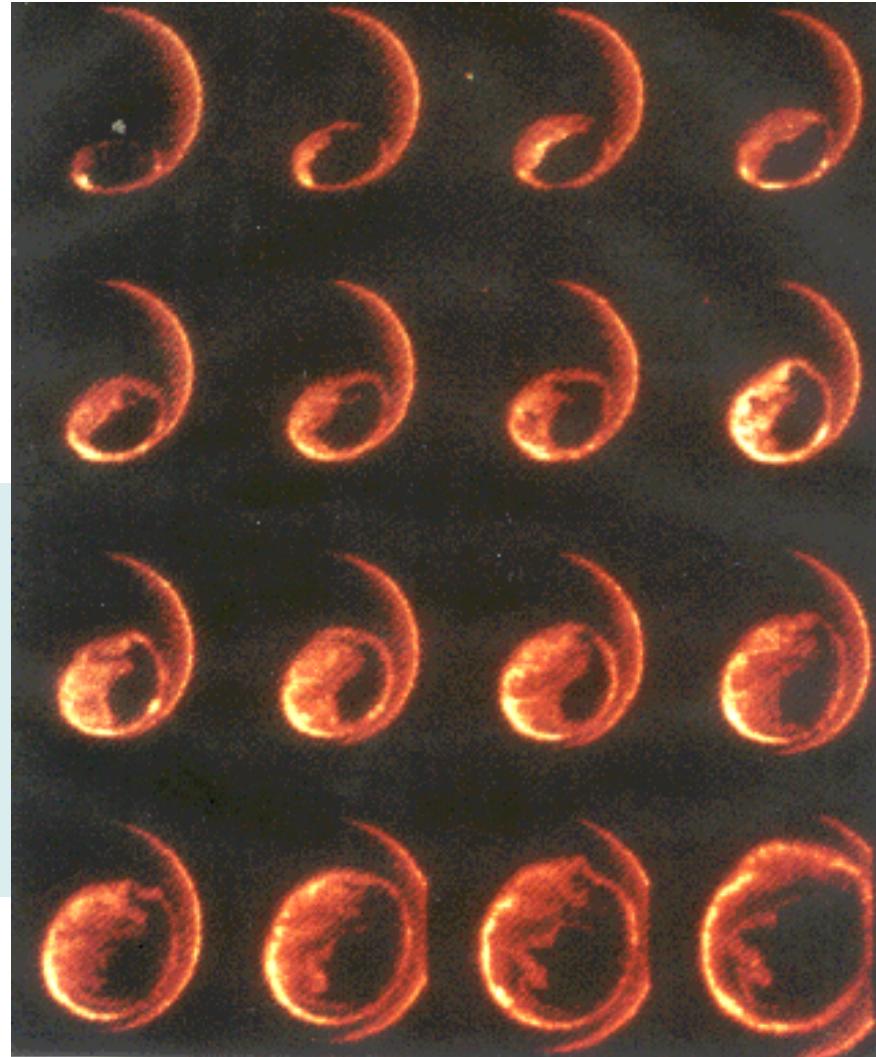
$$1\text{AU} = 8 \text{ min} * 300000 \text{ km/s}$$

If

$$V_{\text{shock}} = 800 \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Traveling time} &= 1\text{AU}/V_{\text{shock}} \\ &= 50 \sim 40 \text{ hrs}\end{aligned}$$

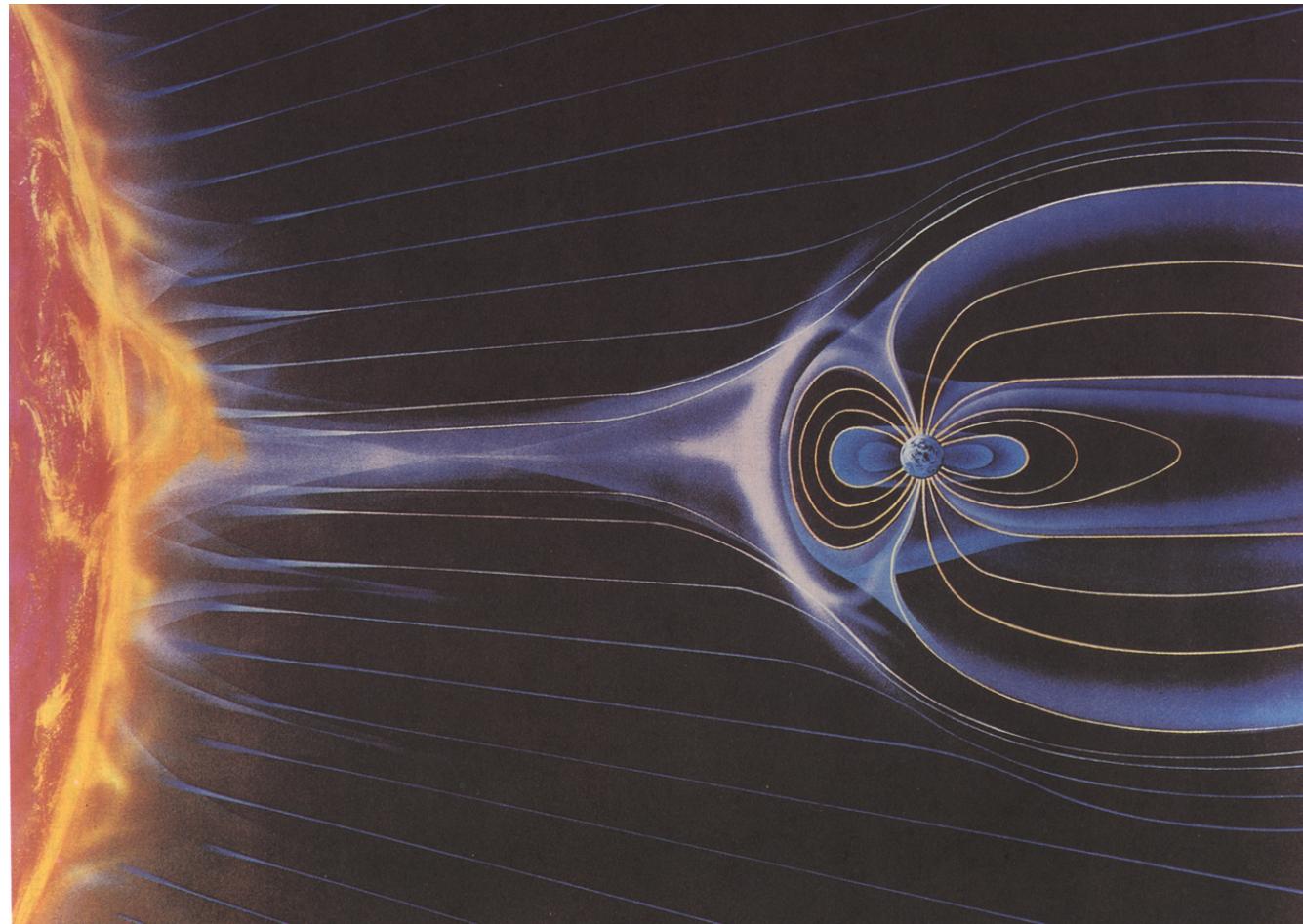


# Shock Waves in the Heliosphere

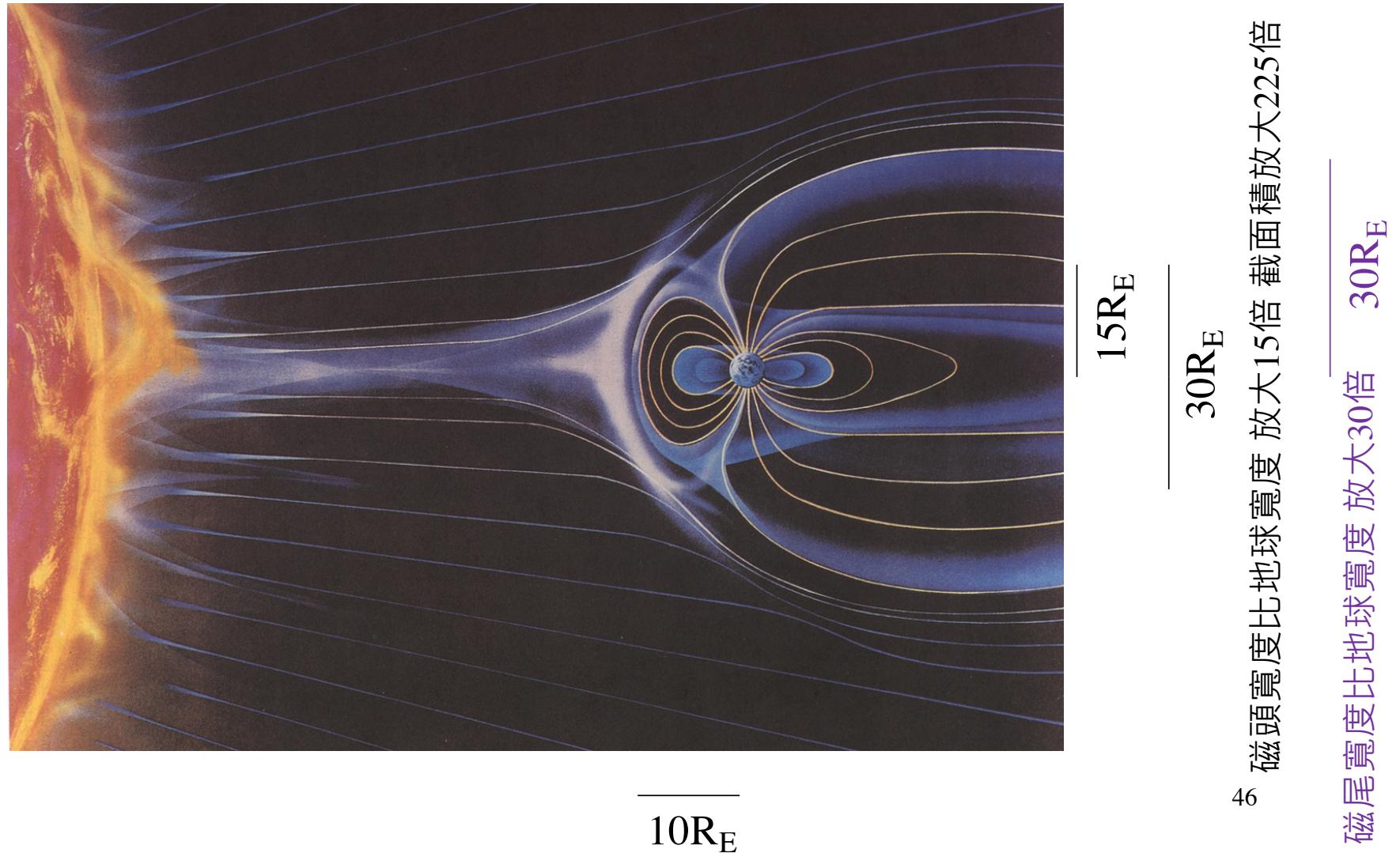
## 日磁層中的激震波

- ✓ • Co-rotating shocks (與太陽共轉的 行星際激震波)  
A pair of shocks which are generated when high-speed solar wind overtaking slow solar wind
- ✓ • Solar-flare/CME associated shocks  
(與 太陽閃焰/日冕物質拋射 相關的 行星際激震波)  
Eruption of solar prominence/filament  
→ Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) & Solar Flare  
→ Interplanetary shock followed by Magnetic Cloud
- • Planetary bow shocks (行星 艙震波)
- Termination shock (太陽風 終止震波)  
Termination of supersonic solar wind

# Bow Shock 示意圖



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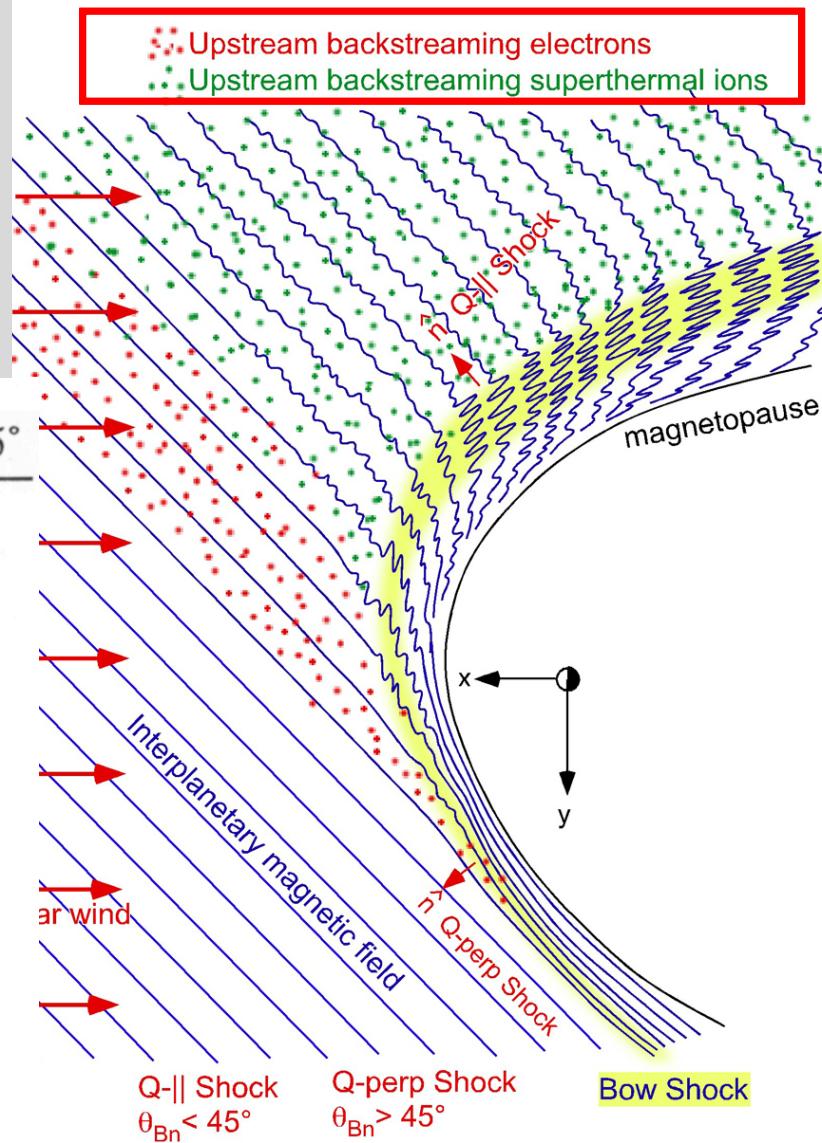
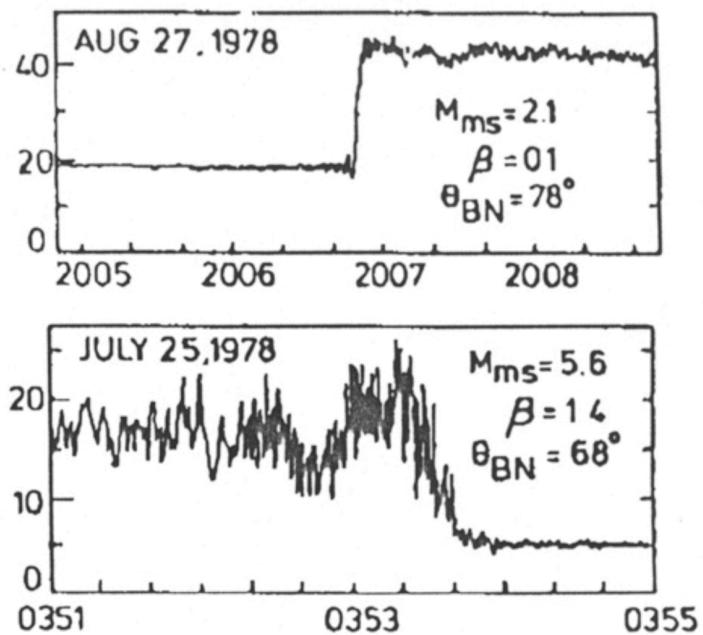
# Planetary bow shocks ( 行星艏震波 )

- Supermagnetosonic solar wind encounter planetary magnetosphere 當超音速太陽風遇到行星磁層
- Almost stationary --> easy to study  
但 Bow shock 與磁層頂之間距離，會隨太陽風速度減小而增加
- Quasi-perpendicular shock ( 準垂直激震波 )
- Quasi-parallel shock ( 準平行激震波 )
- Supercritical shock (high Mach number  $M>3$ )

馬赫數  $M = \text{流速}/\text{聲速}$

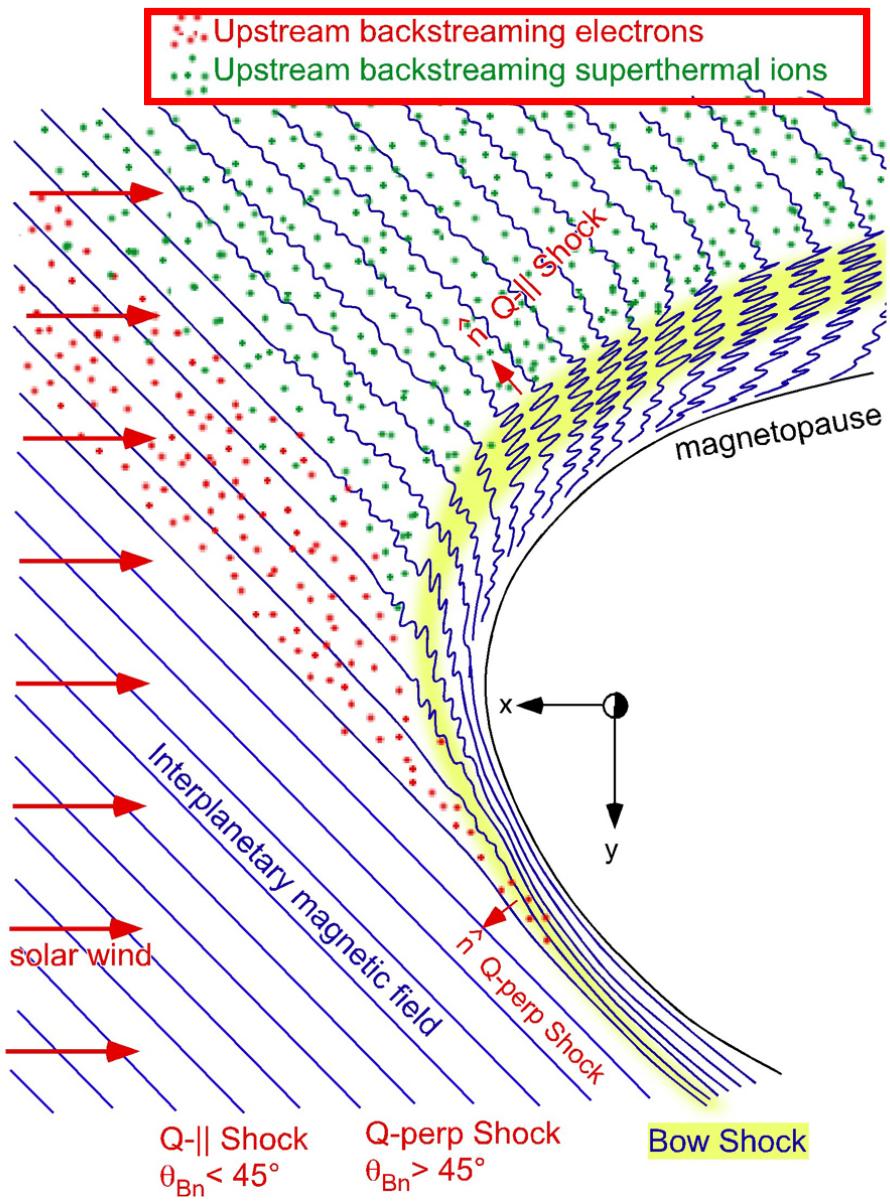
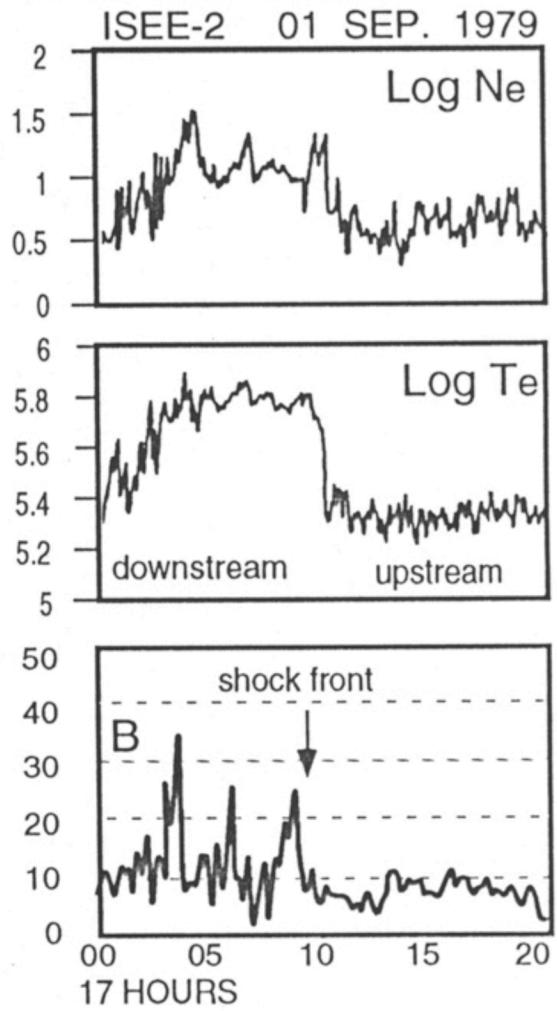
# Observations of Earth Bow Shock

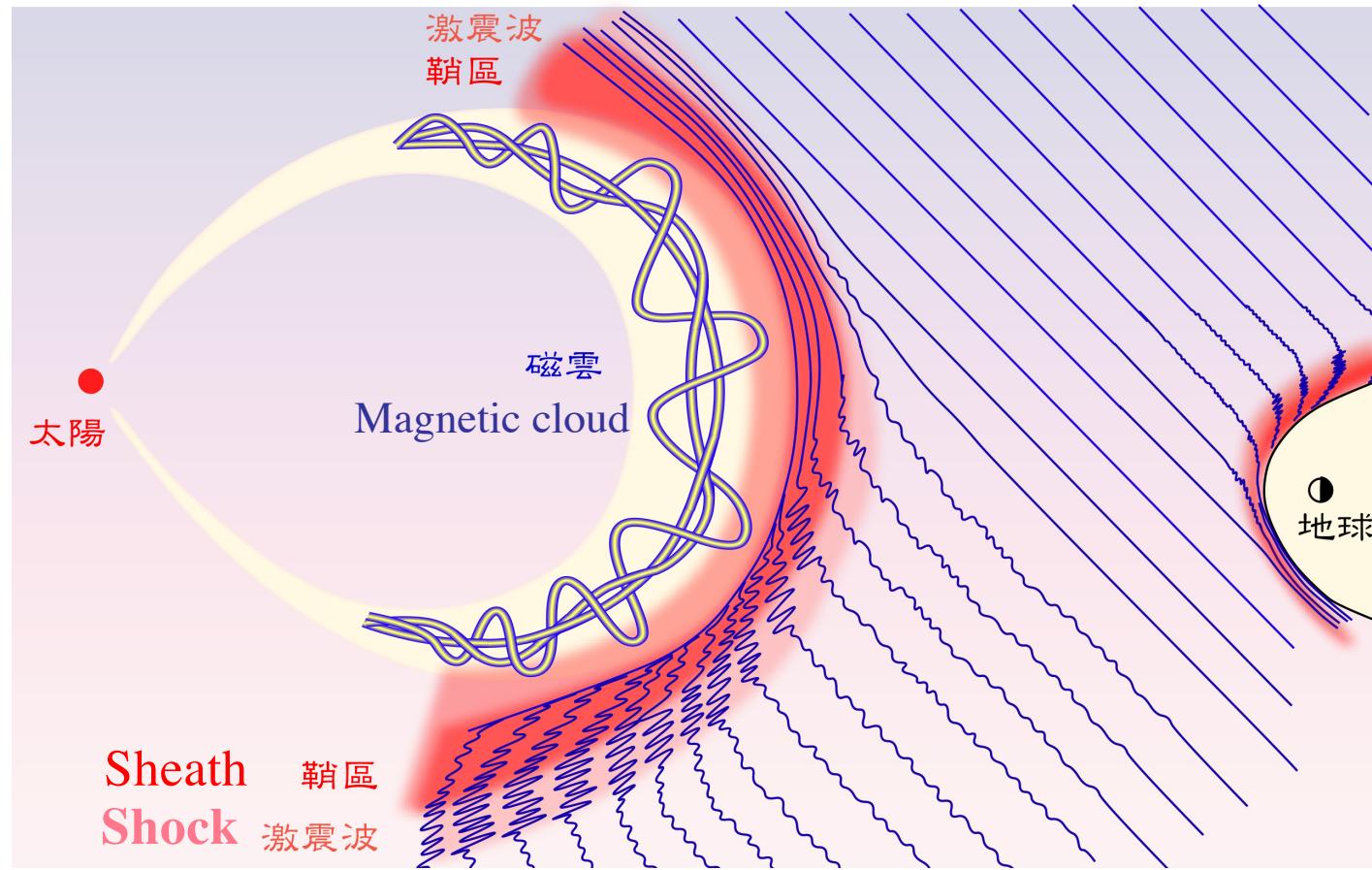
Quasi-Perpendicular Shock  $\theta_{BN} > 45^\circ$



## Quasi-Parallel Shock $\theta_{BN} < 45^\circ$

$$M_A = 6.3, \beta_i = 0.37, \theta_{BN} = 11^\circ$$



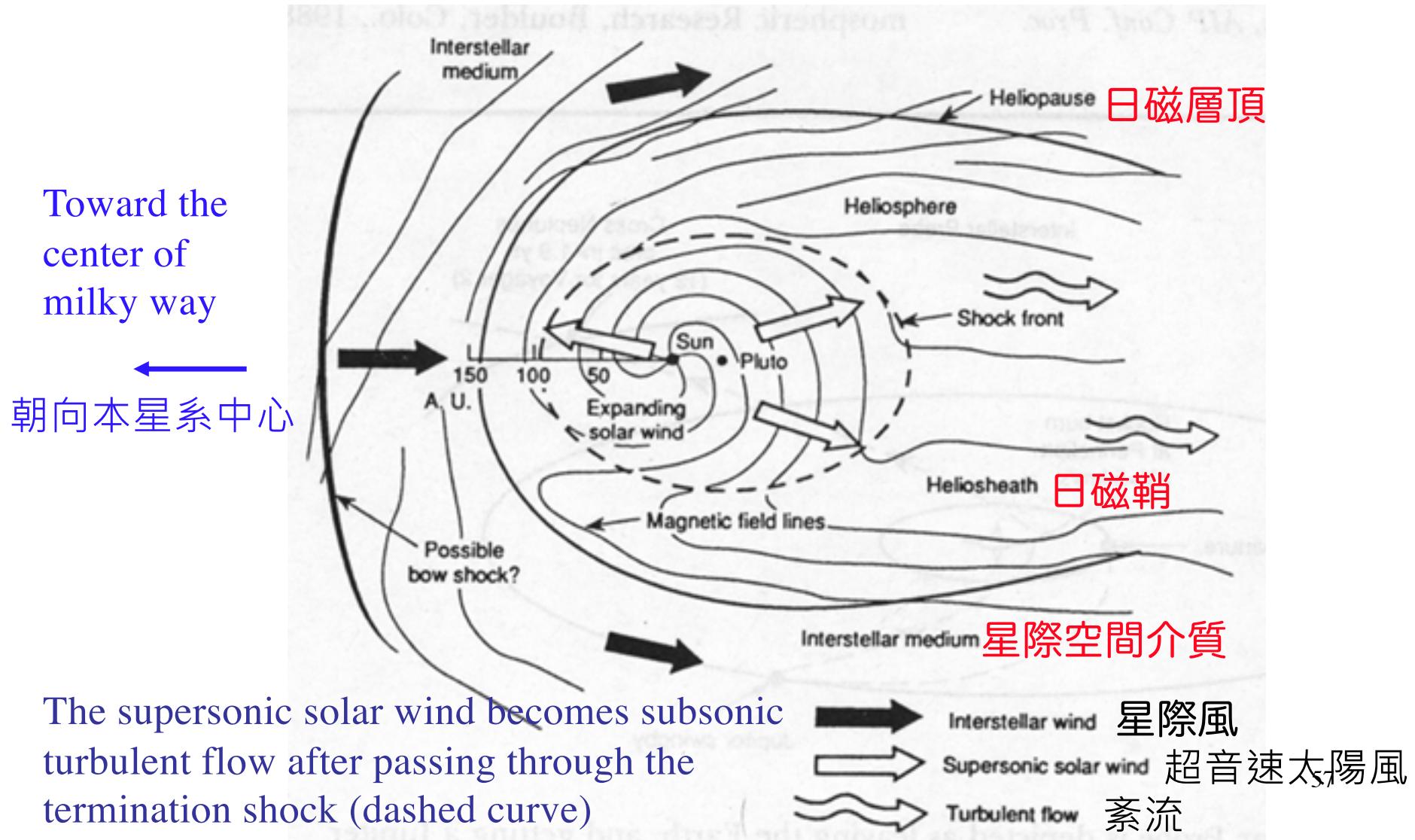


# Shock Waves in the Heliosphere

## 日磁層中的激震波

- ✓ • Co-rotating shocks (與太陽共轉的 行星際激震波)  
A pair of shocks which are generated when high-speed solar wind overtaking slow solar wind
- ✓ • Solar-flare/CME associated shocks  
(與 太陽閃焰/日冕物質拋射 相關的 行星際激震波)  
Eruption of solar prominence/filament  
→ Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) & Solar Flare  
→ Interplanetary shock followed by Magnetic Cloud
- ✓ • Planetary bow shocks (行星 艙震波)
- • Termination shock (太陽風 終止震波)  
Termination of supersonic solar wind

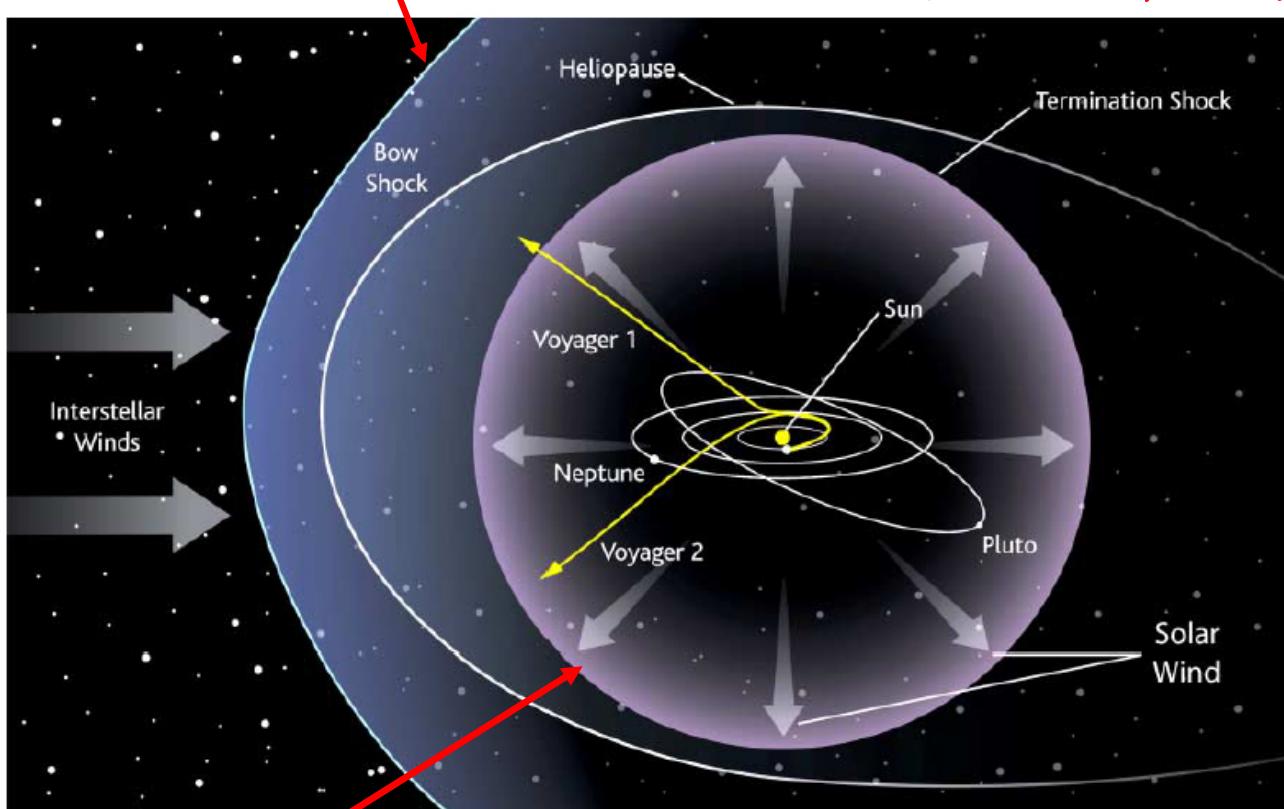
## Heliomagnetosphere (Heliosphere) 日磁層的黃道面示意圖



日磁層 立體 示意圖：極區  
太陽風速大，TS靠近日磁層頂

Bow wave? or Bow shock? We don't know yet.

Fig. 1. Voyagers 1 and 2 have flown on different trajectories past the outer planets of the solar system since 1977, and Voyager 1 is reported to have crossed the termination shock of the solar wind at 94 AU from the Sun in December 2004. The solar wind is a supersonic flow, and a shock—the termination shock—is required for the wind to decelerate and merge with the local interstellar medium that bounds the solar system. The solar wind and interstellar gas do not merge easily, so further out beyond the termination shock, there is a true boundary between the solar wind and the interstellar medium: the heliopause. Further out still, if the solar system is itself moving supersonically relative to the interstellar medium, there may be a large bow shock.



Temination shock has been observed by Voyager 1 and Voyager 2.  
太陽風終止震波

# Termination Shock (TS) 太陽風終止震波

- 太陽風到達日磁層頂，速度必須降到 0, 所以從超音速太陽風變成次音速流 (wind --> breathing)，一定要經歷一個激震波結構。這個激震波結構 就被稱為 太陽風終止震波 Termination shock
- Termination shock 中的波動來自日磁層頂(heliopause)與日磁鞘區
- Voyager 1 crossed TS at 94.0 AU on December 16, 2004.
- Voyager 2 crossed TS at 83.7 AU on August 30, 2007.
- Voyager 1 crossed the heliopause at 121.6 AU in 2012.
- Voyager 2 crossed the heliopause at ~119 AU in late 2018.
- Termination shock, a source of cosmic ray?
- Sunspot numbers v.s. cosmic ray

# Examples of Shock Waves

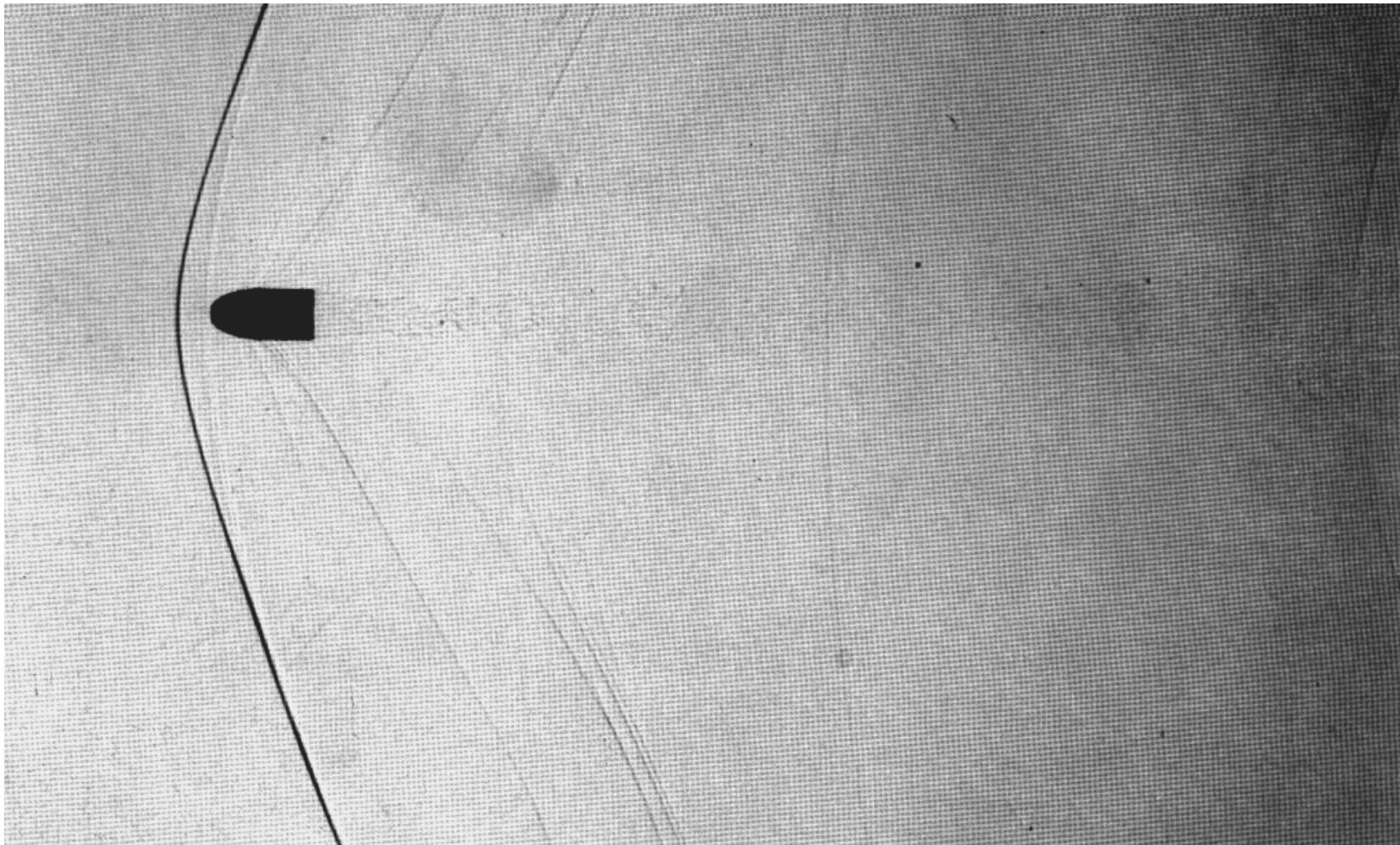
## 激震波 的 範例

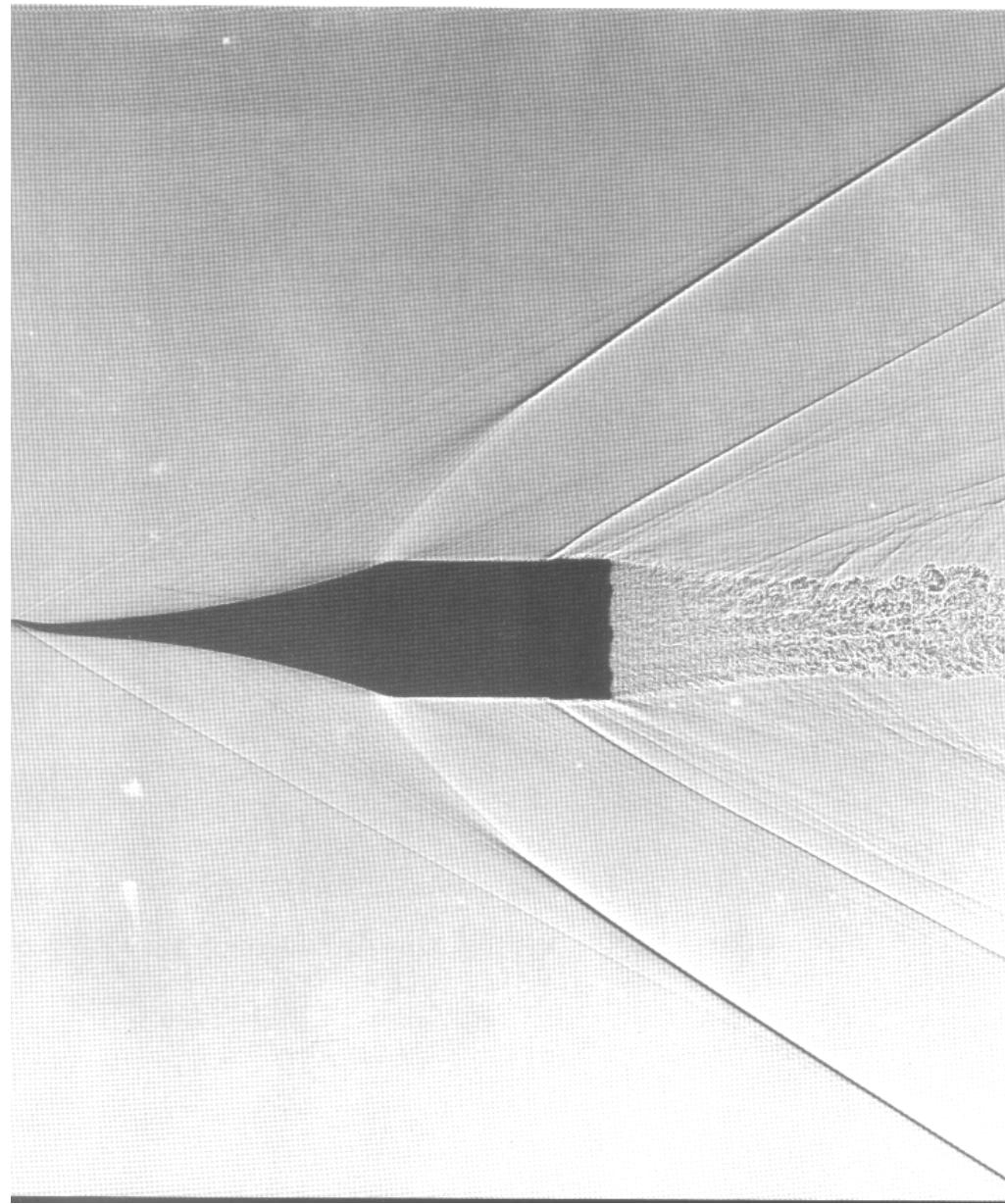
- 當超音速氣流 遇到 障礙物 , 會形成 激震波 shock wave
- Shock Wave : Mach number >1

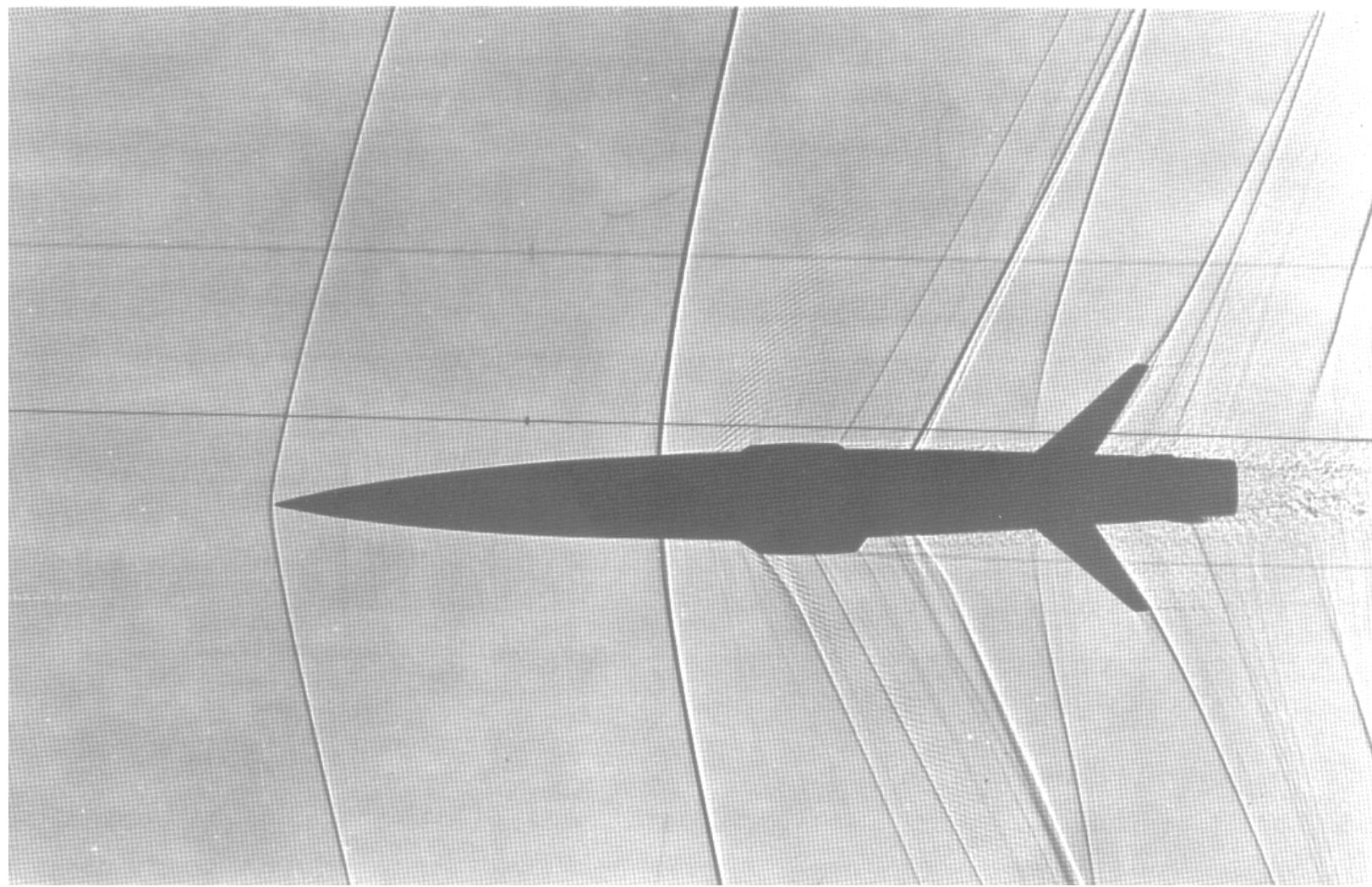
# 次音速飛機 超音速飛機 造型不同 根據 超音速風洞實驗的結果

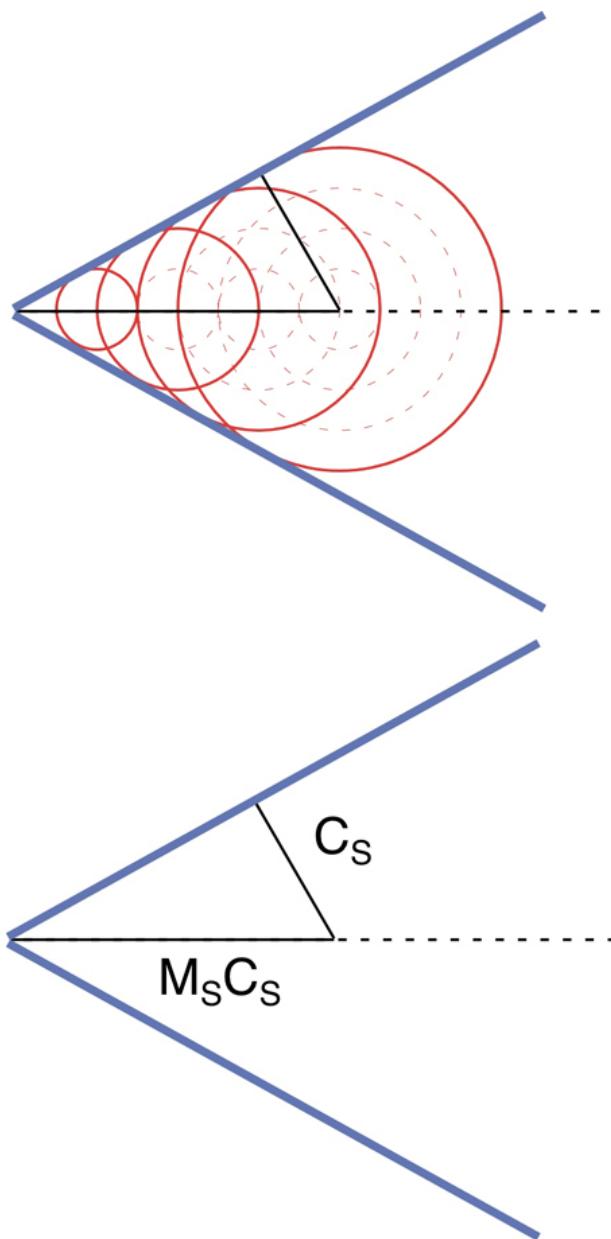
- Supersonic flight
- [https://youtu.be/TrFW\\_Z8grnI](https://youtu.be/TrFW_Z8grnI)
- <https://youtu.be/OlBH81iKDew> Boom! Breaking the sound barrier
- <https://www.aerospaceutah.org/boom-breaking-the-sound-barrier/>
- [https://youtu.be/i\\_rFAo358bU](https://youtu.be/i_rFAo358bU)
- <https://youtu.be/0lwHMLG9moU>
- <https://youtu.be/QOzdY3m-la8> High speed flight / Part 2: Transonic flight
- <https://youtu.be/jfic0f0eJm4> High speed flight / Part 1: Approaching the speed of sound
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The thickness of the shock layer is a few “mean free path” of the gas.



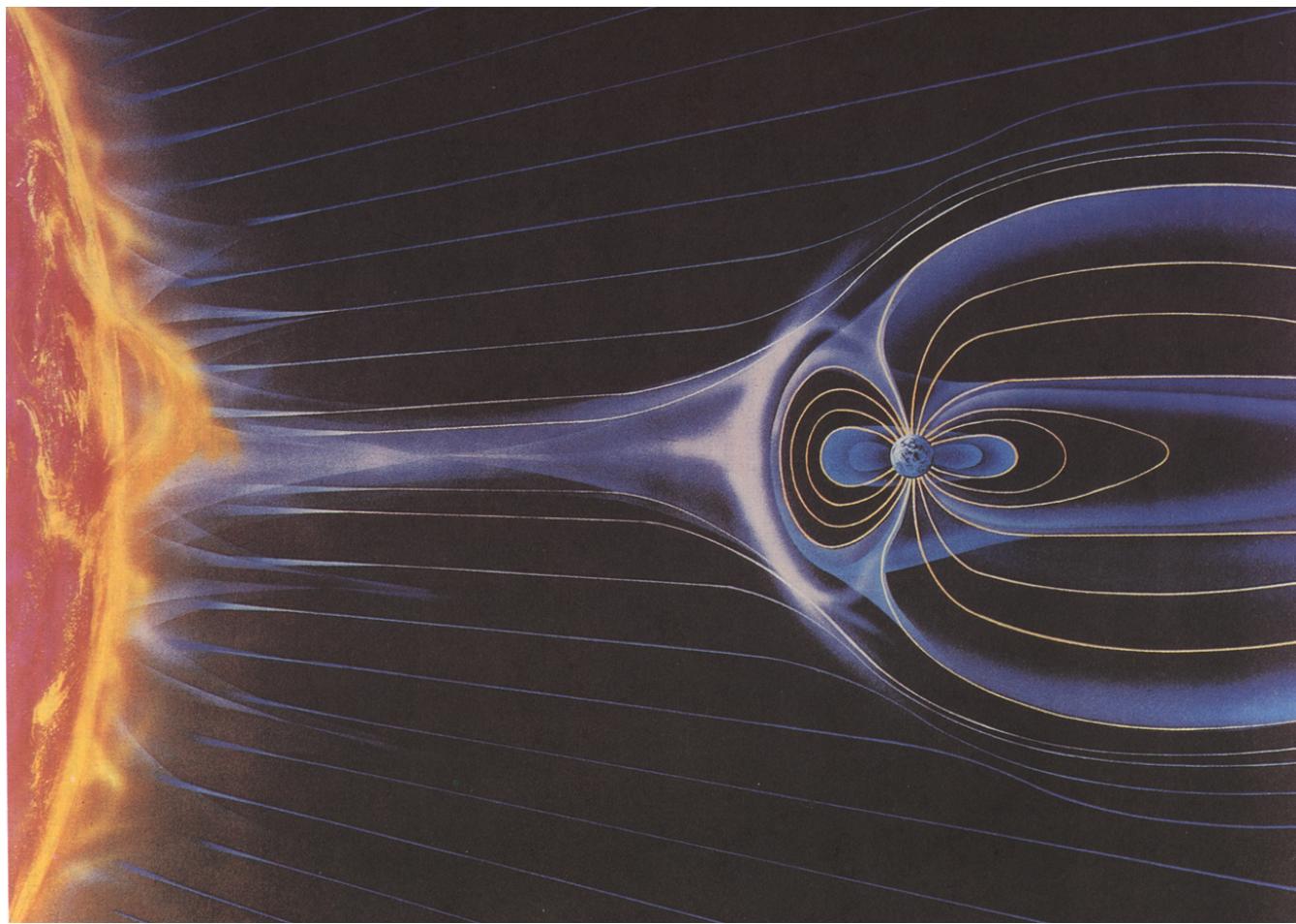










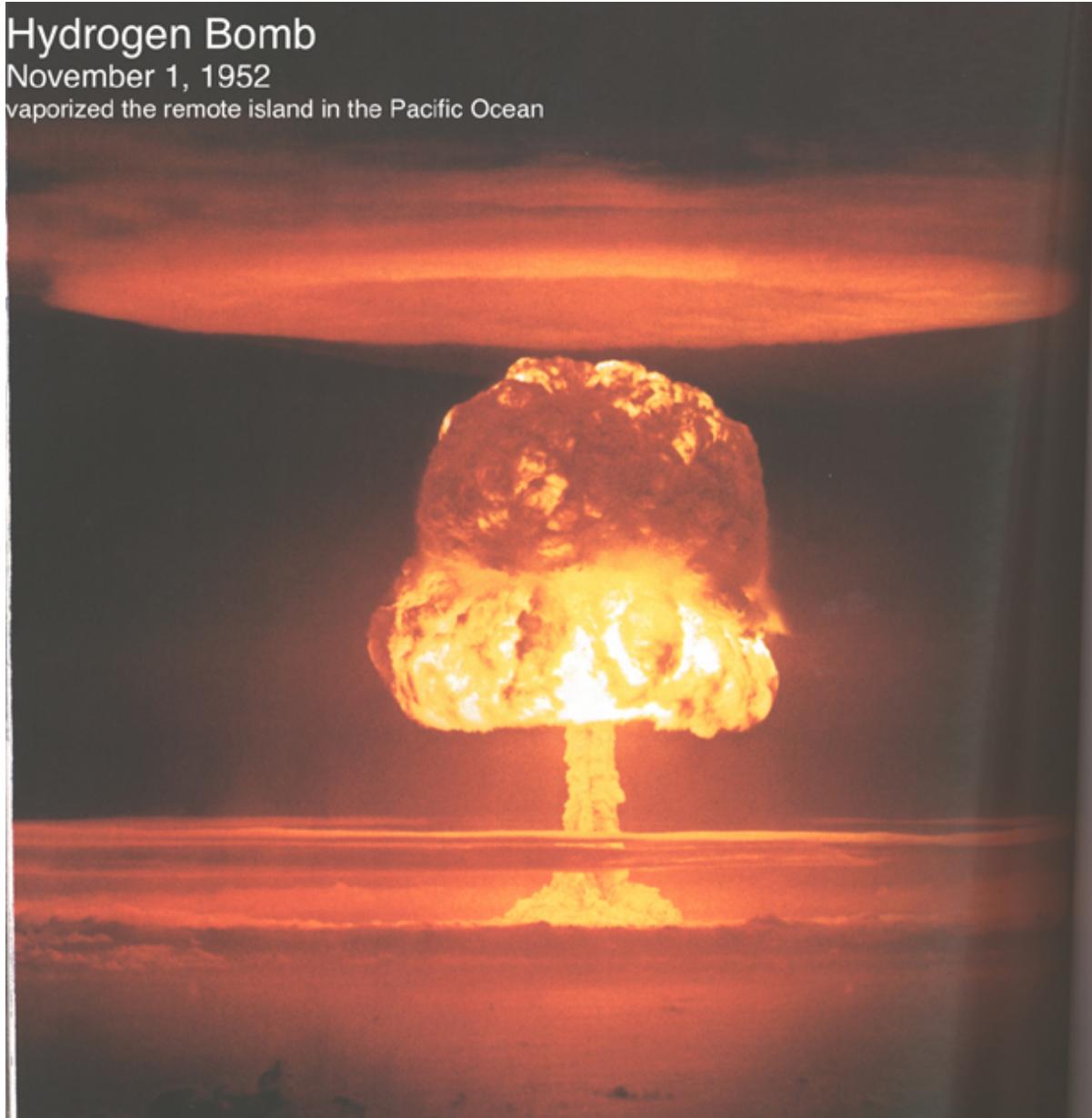


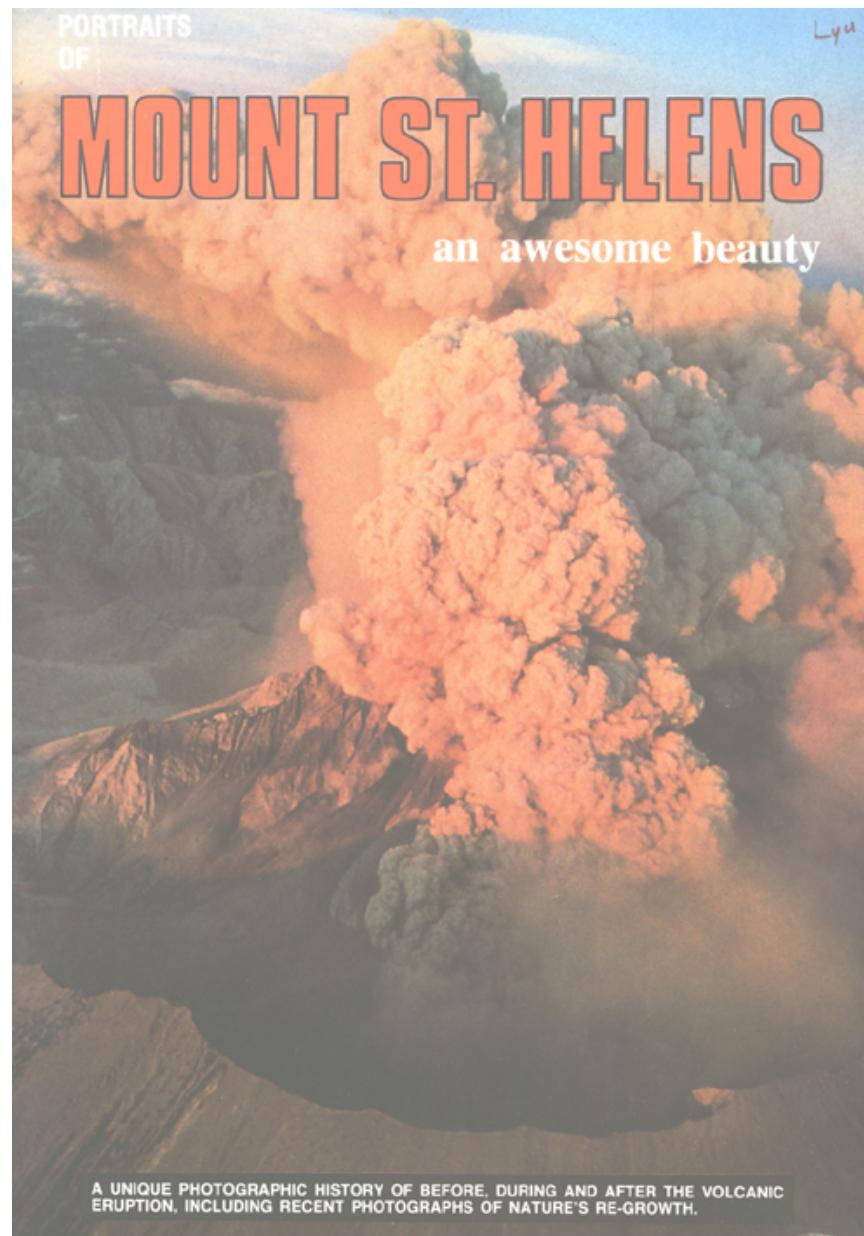


## Hydrogen Bomb

November 1, 1952

vaporized the remote island in the Pacific Ocean







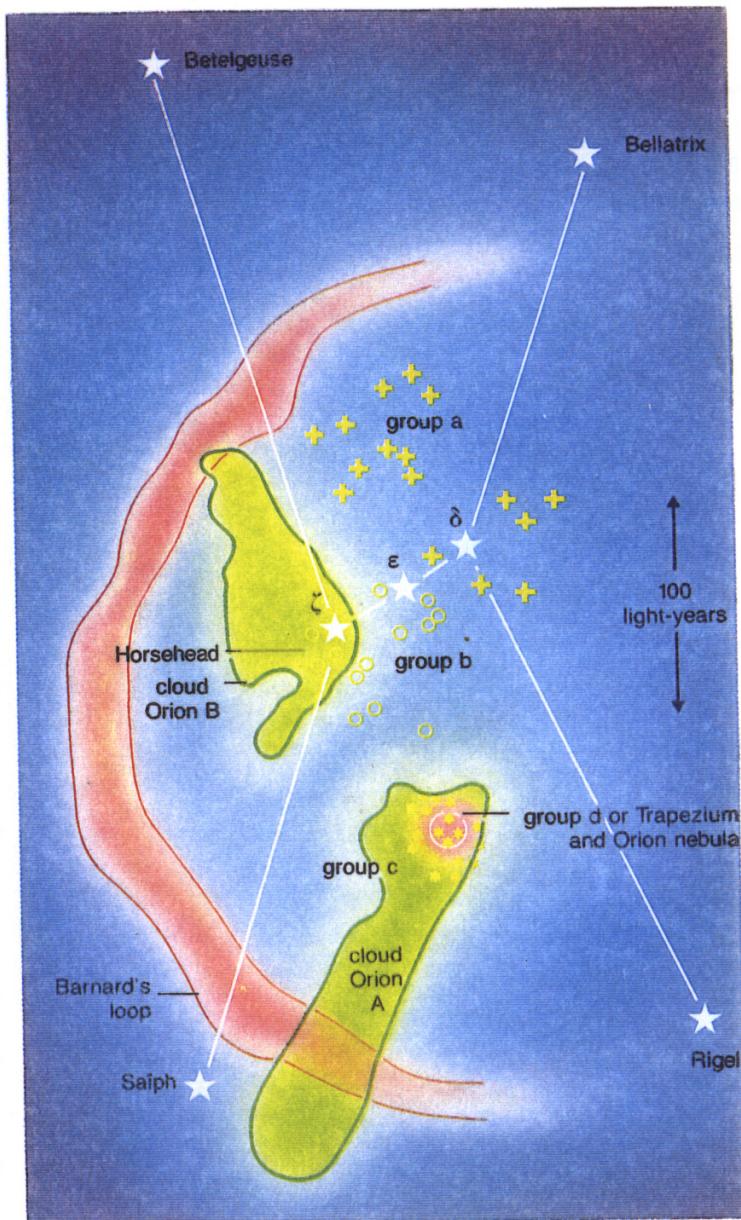
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*The Windy Ridge forest was flattened by the exploding volcano, Mt. St. Helens National Monument, Washington.*









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