

Hydrodynamics

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Hydrodynamics

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General equations

Continuity-, momentum-, and energy equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho \vec{v} \\ \rho(e + \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}^2) \end{bmatrix} + \nabla \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \rho \vec{v} \\ \rho \vec{v} \vec{v} + P \hat{I} \\ \left[\rho(e + \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}^2) + P \right] \vec{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S \\ \rho \vec{F} + \nabla \cdot \hat{\sigma} \\ \rho \vec{v} \cdot \vec{F} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{\sigma}) - \nabla \cdot \vec{Q} \end{bmatrix}$$

\vec{v} = fluid velocity

ρ = fluid density

e = internal energy of fluid

P = pressure of fluid

\hat{I} = unit tensor

$\hat{\sigma}$ = viscosity/stress tensor

\vec{F} = external force

\vec{Q} = heat flow

S sources and sinks

Euler equations

Continuity-, momentum-, and energy equations

$\hat{\sigma} = \vec{Q} = 0 \implies$ Euler equations

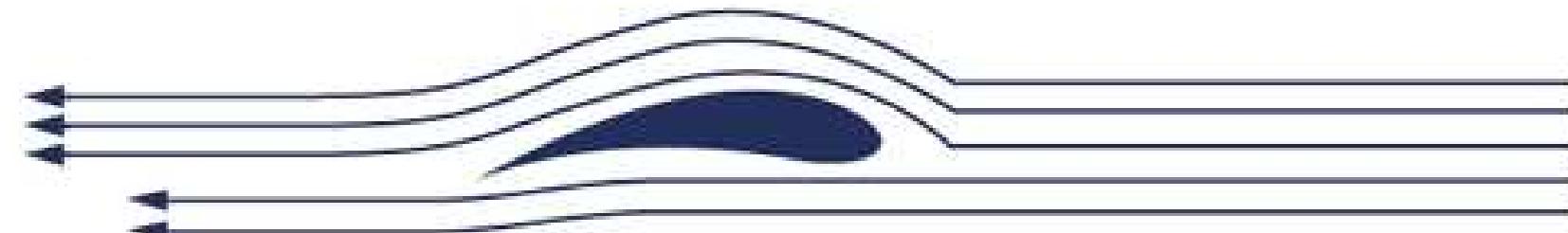
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or in conservative form:

$$\vec{W} + \nabla \cdot \vec{f}(\vec{W}) = \vec{q}$$

Examples

- 1) $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ incompressible flow ($\rho = \text{const.}$ for stationary flow)
- 2) stationary 1-D spherical flow $\Rightarrow r^2 \rho v = \text{const.}$,
and with $v = \text{const} \Rightarrow \rho \sim \frac{1}{r^2}$
- 3) Bernoulli equation:
 $\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + P = \text{const}$
stationary energy equation, no forces, constant internal energy
and incompressible



Multi-fluid

Continuity-, momentum-, and energy equations

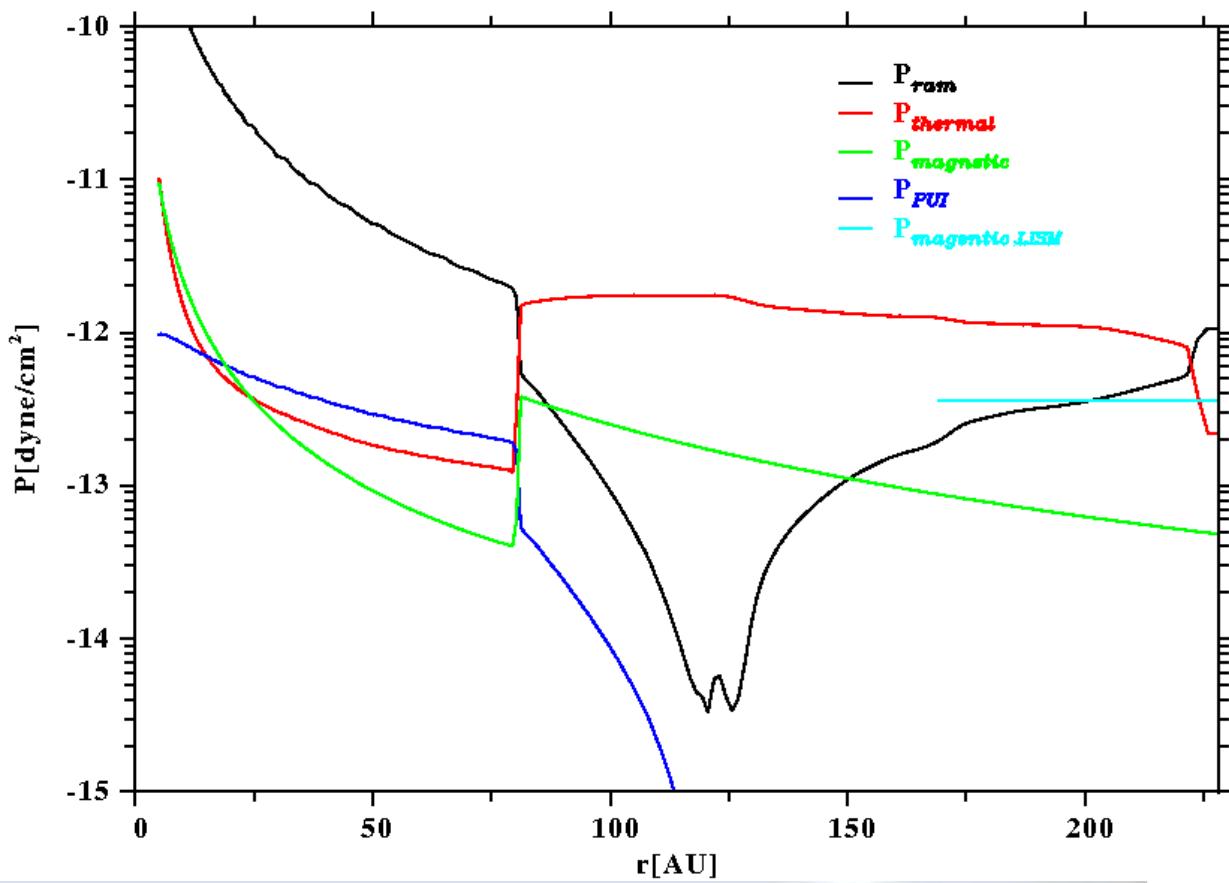
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$$S_{c,H-p} \approx \sigma(v_{rel}) v_{rel} \rho_p - \rho_H$$

$$S_{c,H-e} \approx \sigma(E_{rel}) v_{rel} \rho_p - \rho_H, E_{rel} > 13.6 eV$$

$$S_{c,H-\nu} \approx 8 \cdot 10^{-8} / r^2 - \rho_H$$

Pressure balance



$$P_{\text{ram}} = \rho_p v_{sw}^2$$

$$P_{\text{thermal}} = \gamma_p n_p k_B T_p$$

$$P_B(< TS) = \left(\frac{B_0 r_0^2}{r^2} (\vec{e}_r + \frac{r\Omega}{v_{sw}} \vec{e}_\theta) \right)^2 / (8\pi)$$

$$P_B(> TS) = \left(\frac{B_0 r_0^2}{r^2} \right)^2 / (8\pi)$$

$$P_{\text{PUI}} = \rho_{\text{pui}} v_{sw}^2$$

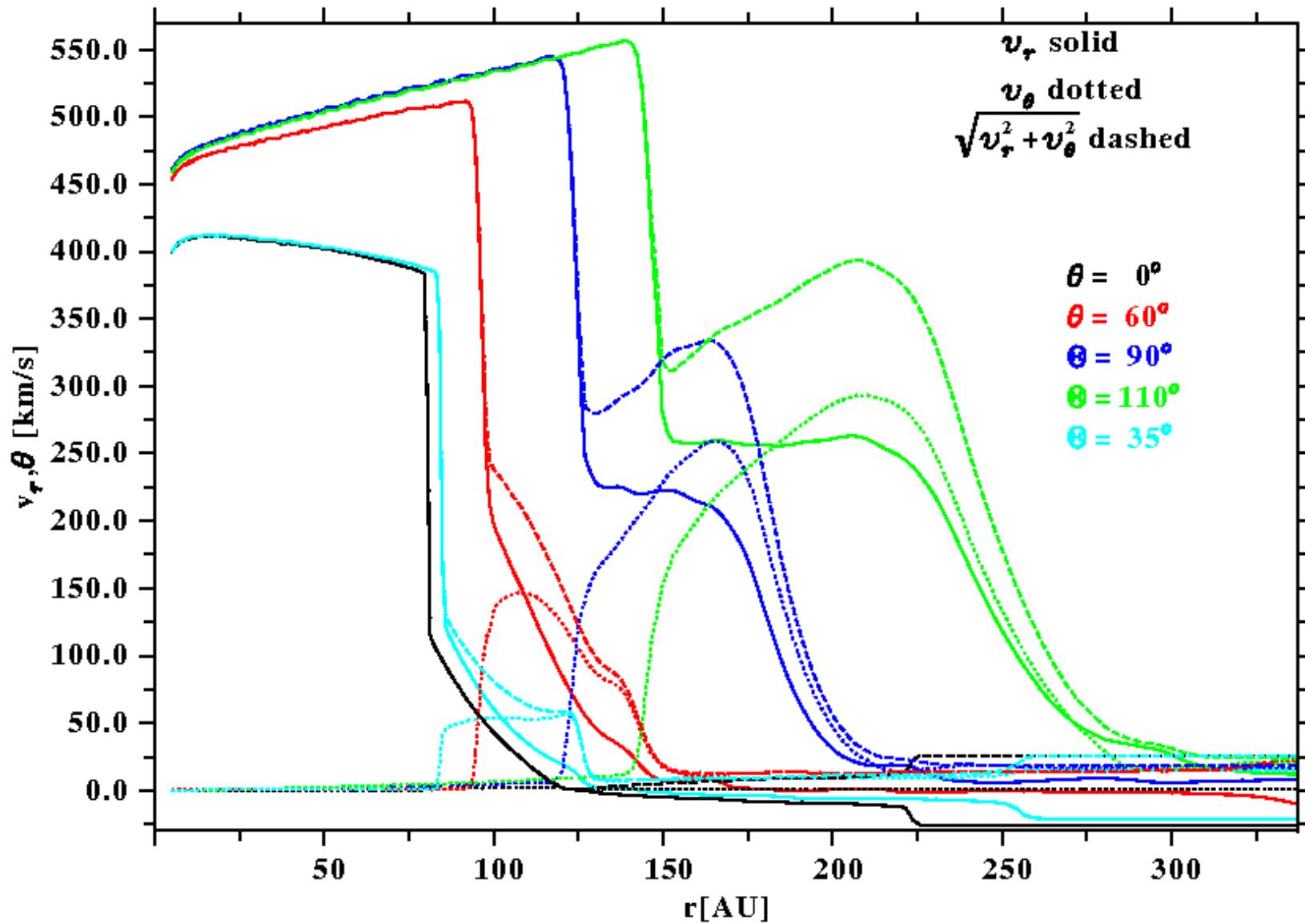
$$P_{B,\text{LISM}} = B_{\text{LISM},0}^2 / (8\pi)$$

$$P_{CR} \approx P_{B,\text{LISM}} \approx 0.35 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$$

$$B_0 = 5\mu G$$

$$B_{\text{LISM},0} = 3\mu G \quad (1 - 10\mu G)$$

Heliosheath' proton speeds



Sound speed: Multifluid plasma

Critical point (Parker), stationary flow:

Continuity equation: $\nabla \cdot \rho_i \vec{u} = 0$

momentum equation: $\rho_i (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u} = -\nabla P_i + \vec{S}_i$

For each i one gets:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} (\rho_i u^2 - k T_i n_i) = -k n_i (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla T_i) + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{S}_i)$$

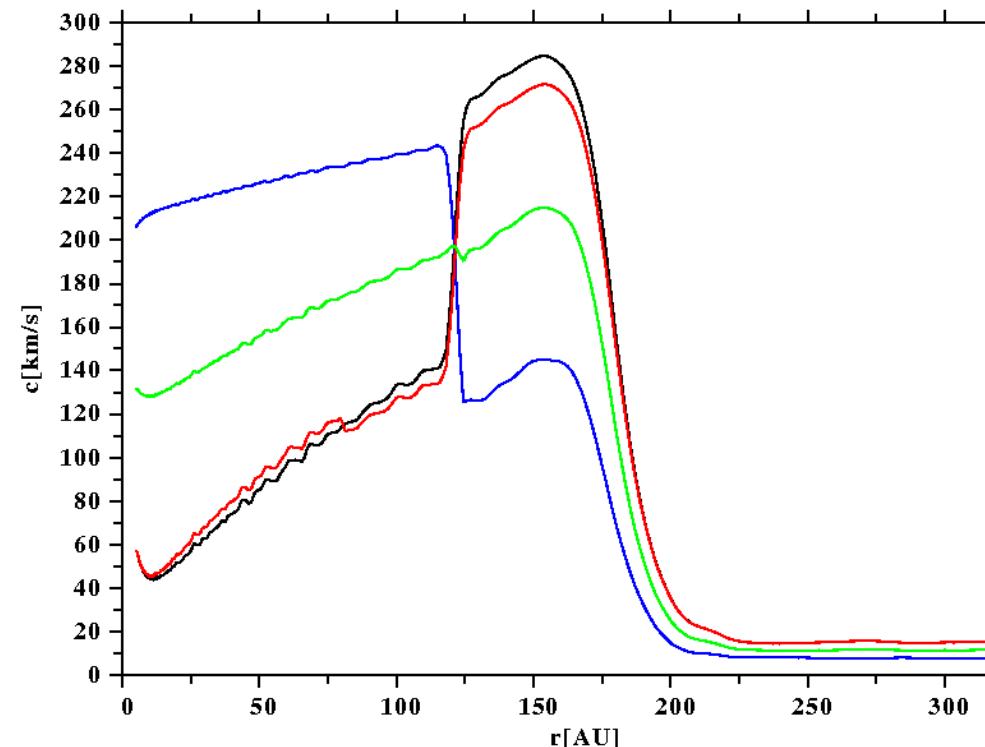
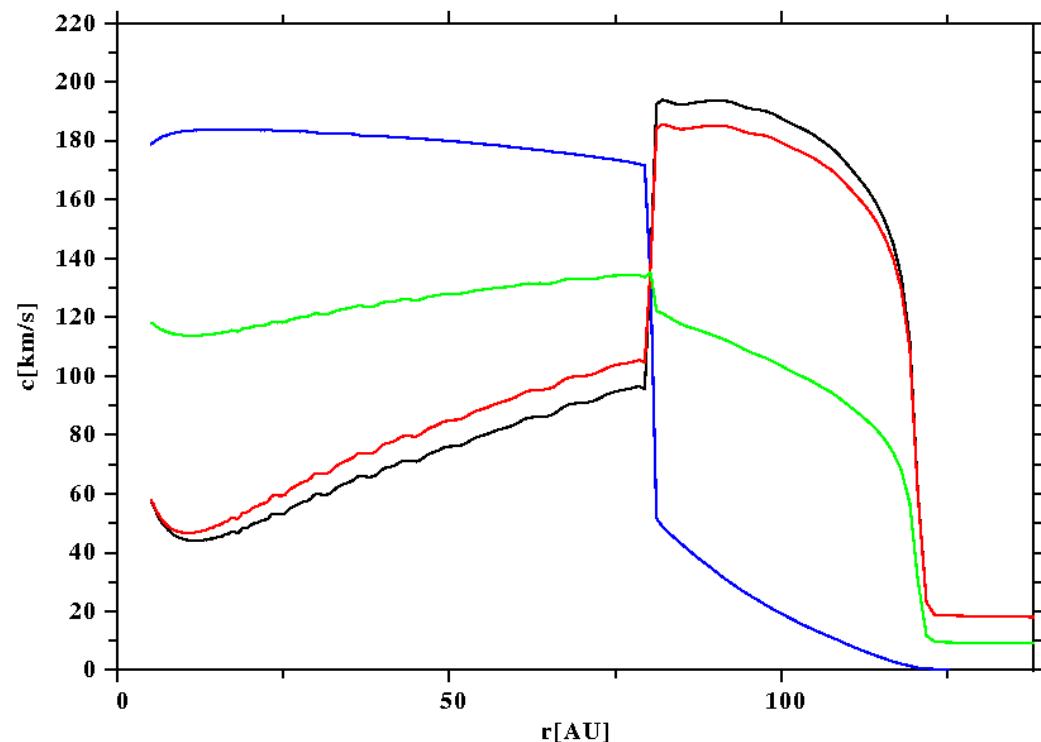
and summing up:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} \left(\sum_i \rho_i u^2 - \sum_i k n_i T_i \right) = -\vec{u} \cdot \left(\sum_i (k n_i \nabla T_i + \vec{S}_i) \right)$$

defining the total sound (critical) speed as:

$$c_{tot} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i \gamma_i P_i}{\sum_i \rho_i}}$$

Sound speed



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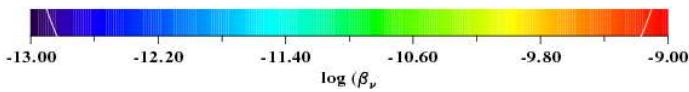
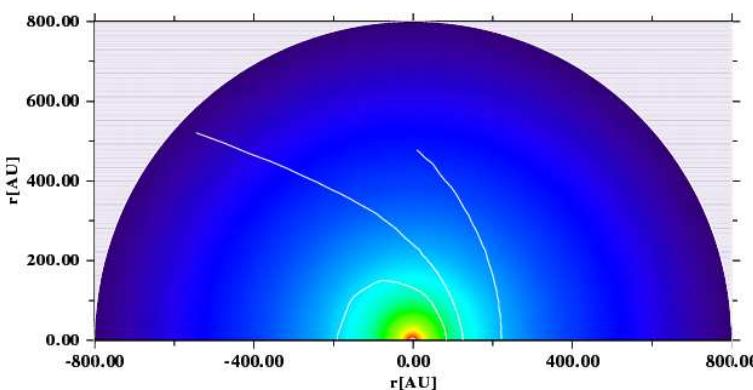
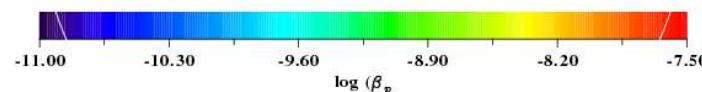
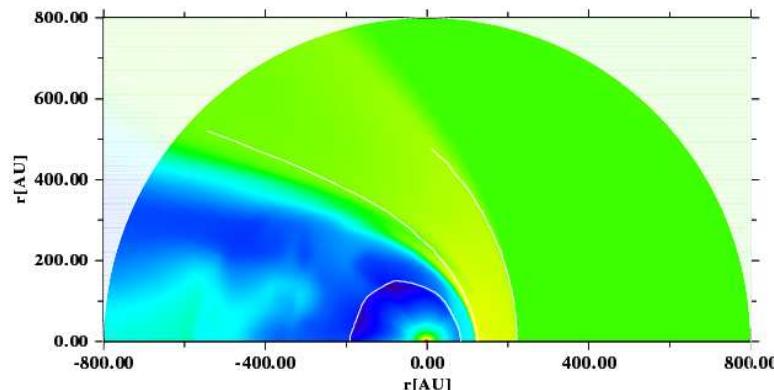
$$c_p, c_{pui}, c_{tot}, (c_p + c_{pui})/2$$

$$P_{pui} = \frac{1}{5} P_{pui, ram}$$

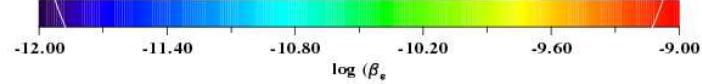
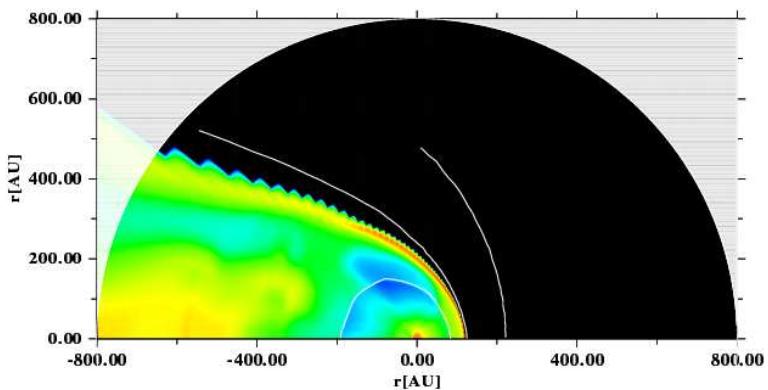
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Collision rates

$$\beta_p = \sigma(v_{rel}) v_{rel} \rho_p$$



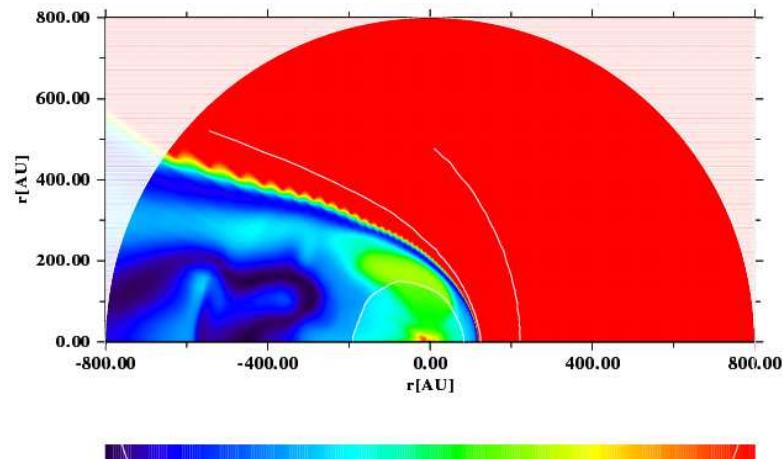
$$\beta_e = \sigma(E_e) v_{rel} \rho_{e=p}$$



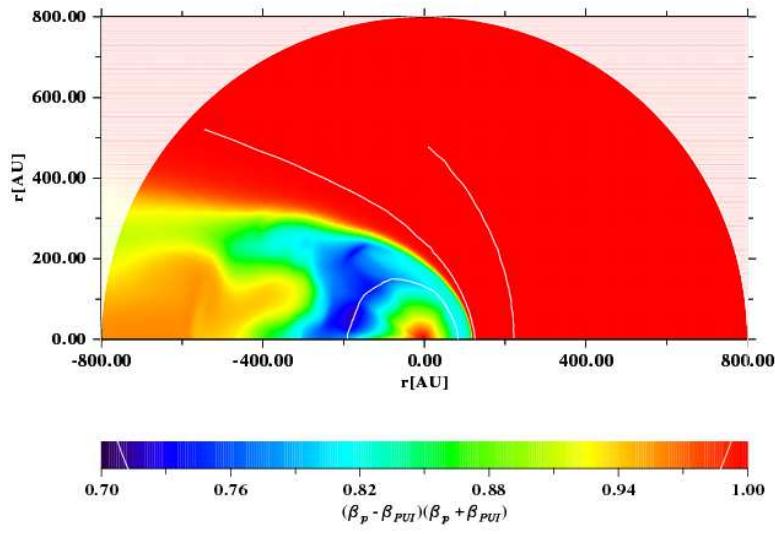
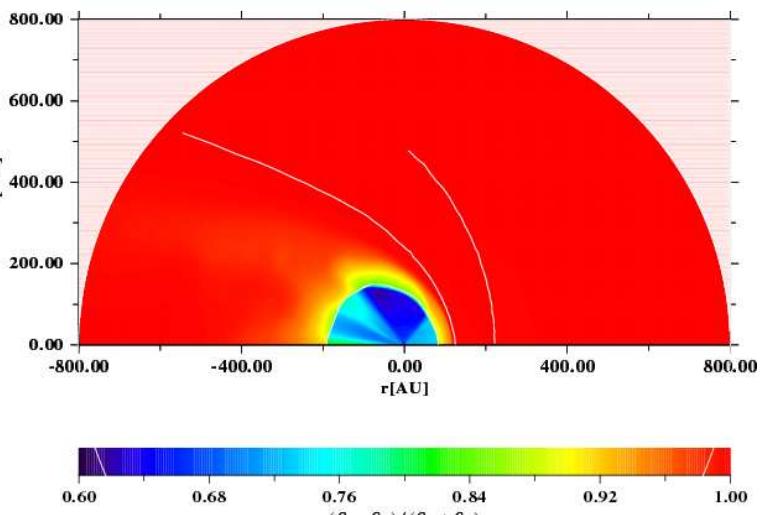
$$\beta_\nu = 8 \cdot 10^{-8} r^{-2}$$

Ratios of collision rates

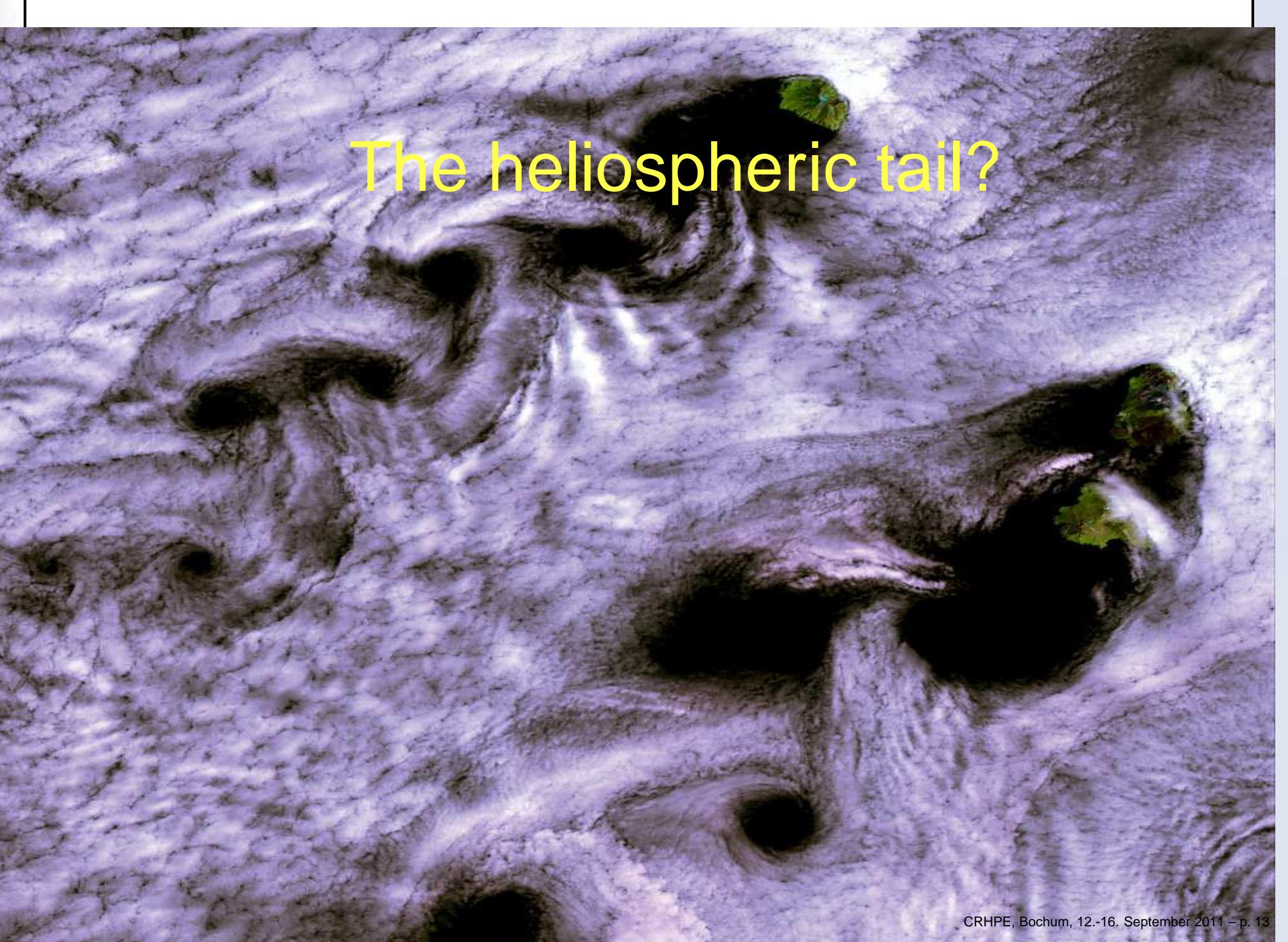
$$(\beta_p - \beta_e)/(\beta_p + \beta_e)$$



$$(\beta_p - \beta_\nu)/(\beta_p + \beta_\nu)$$



$$(\beta_p - \beta_{PUI})/(\beta_p + \beta_{PUI})$$

A grayscale image showing a complex, swirling pattern of plasma or gas. Several bright, localized regions are highlighted with a green overlay, suggesting specific points of interest or measurement. The overall texture is granular and turbulent.

The heliospheric tail?