

# ON THE EFFECTS OF DISSIPATION RANGE TURBULENCE ON THE PERPENDICULAR DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS OF COSMIC RAY ELECTRONS

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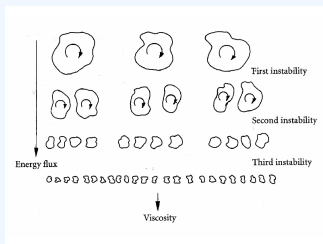
The aim is to investigate the effects of the omission of the dissipation range quantities on the perpendicular diffusion coefficients.

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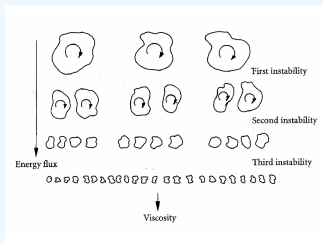


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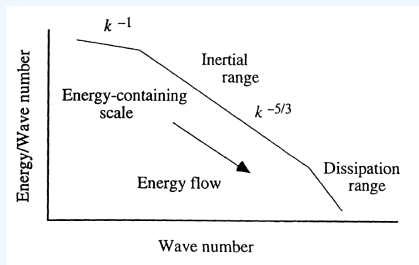


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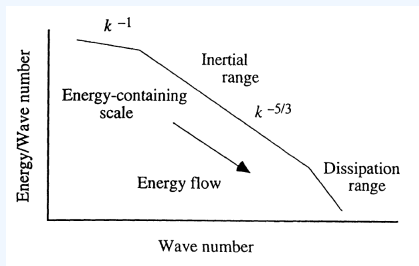
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where  $B_0$  is the uniform background component and  $\mathbf{b}$  is the fluctuating component.

Different models can be used for  $\mathbf{b}$ , namely

- **slab model**-assumes fluctuations are propagating in the z-direction
- **2D model**- assumes fluctuations are propagating in the (x,y)-plane

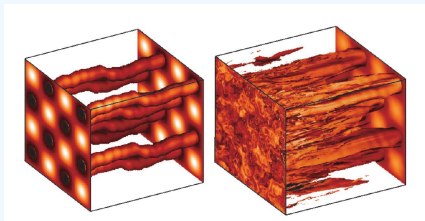


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**Figure:** Left:slab turbulence Right: composite turbulence [Matthaeus et al., 2003]

A [composite turbulence model](#) consisting of 20% slab and 80% 2D turbulence can be used to approximate the heliospheric magnetic field at Earth [Bieber et al., 1996].

# CALCULATION OF THE DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS

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where  $p = 3$  and  $s = \frac{5}{3}$ .  $\delta B_{2D}^2$  is the total magnetic variance.

The normalisation constant  $C_0$  can be determined by setting:

$$\int_0^{\infty} 2\pi k_{\perp} \varepsilon_{2D}(k_{\perp}) dk_{\perp} = \delta B_{2D}^2$$

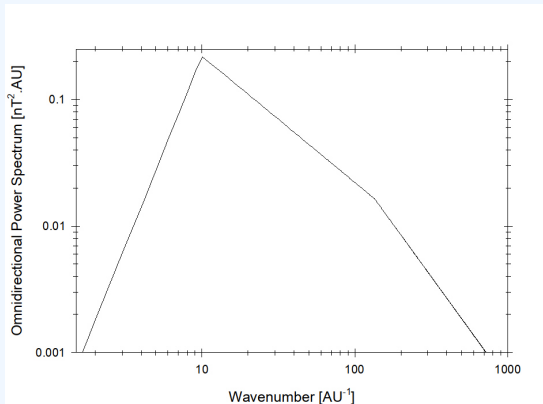
This yields:

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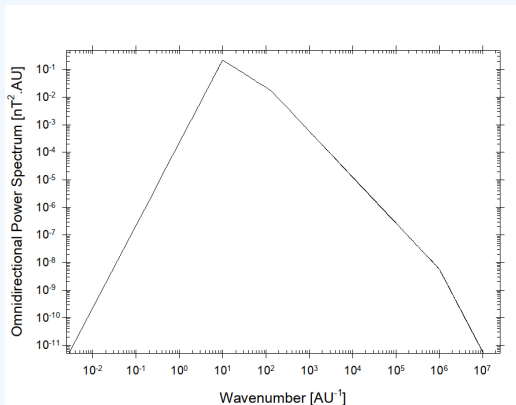
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Normalisation yields:

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# THE PARALLEL MEAN FREE PATH

The equations for the parallel mean free path were derived from two different models, namely:

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and

## The Random Sweeping Model

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where

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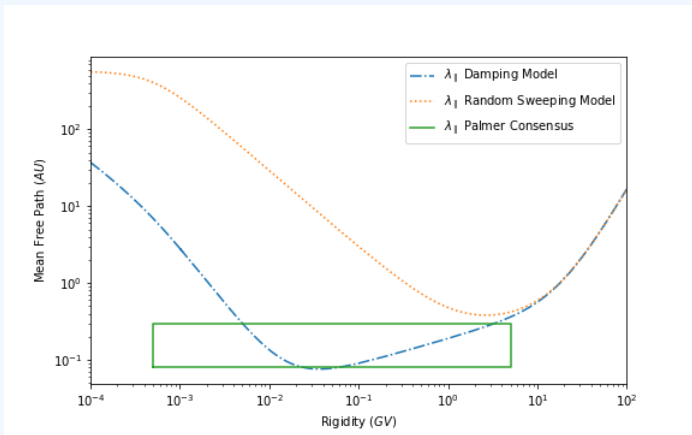
$$R = \frac{P}{B_0} \min,$$

$$Q = \frac{P}{B_0} k_D \quad \text{and}$$

$$b = \frac{v}{2\alpha_d v_A}, \quad \alpha_d \in [0, 1]$$

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# RESULTS

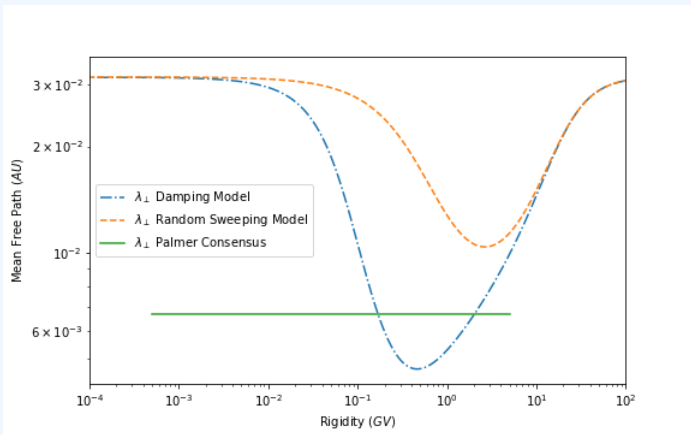
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 & + \sqrt{\pi} \left( \frac{a\sqrt{\delta B_{tot}}\lambda_{\parallel}(e^{-3X^2\lambda_{2D}^2} - e^{-3X^2\lambda_{2T}^2})}{B_0\sqrt{3\pi}} - \lambda_{2D}\operatorname{Erfc}[\sqrt{3}X\lambda_{2D}] + \lambda_{2T}\operatorname{Erfc}[\sqrt{3}X\lambda_{2T}] \right) \\
 & + \frac{3^{-\frac{s}{2}}\lambda_{2D}}{s}(X\lambda_{2D})^{-s} \left[ (3^{s/2}\sqrt{\pi}(X\lambda_{2D})^s\operatorname{Erfc}[\sqrt{3}X\lambda_{2D}] - (X\lambda_D)^s\operatorname{Erfc}[\sqrt{3}X\lambda_D]) - \Gamma\left[\frac{1+s}{2}, 3X^2\lambda_{2D}^2\right] + \Gamma\left[\frac{1+s}{2}, 3X^2\lambda_D^2\right] \right] \\
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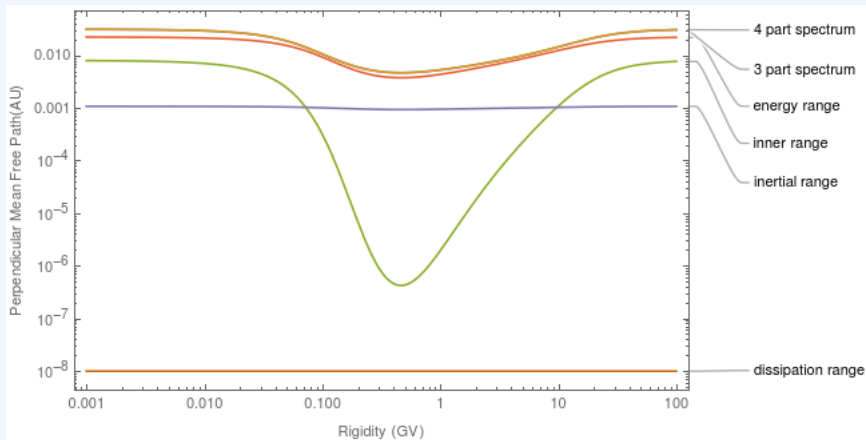
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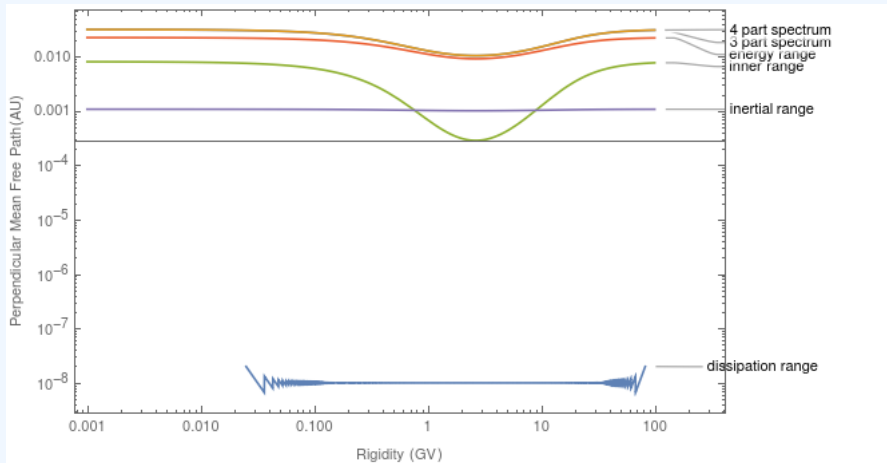
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In the future:

- Solve  $\kappa_{\perp}$  for dynamical turbulence, i.e.  $\gamma(k_{\perp}) \neq 0$ .
- Investigate the effects of these results on cosmic ray transport





# TURBULENCE QUANTITIES AT 1 AU

## **Outer scale:**

$$\lambda_{2D} = 0.0074 AU \text{ [Weygand et al., 2011]}$$

## **Turnover scale:**

$$\lambda_{2T} = 0.1 AU \text{ [Engelbrecht, 2019]}$$

## **Dissipation scale:**

$$\lambda_D = 10^{-5} AU \text{ [Leamon et al., 2000]}$$

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