

Spectroscopic study of solar transition region oscillations in the quiet-Sun observed by *IRIS* using the Si IV spectral line

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we use the Si IV 1393.755 Å spectral line observed by the *Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph* (*IRIS*) in the quiet-Sun (QS) to determine the physical nature of the solar transition region (TR) oscillations. We analyse the properties of these oscillations using wavelet tools (e.g. power, cross-power, coherence, and phase difference) along with the stringent noise model (i.e. power law + constant). We estimate the period of the intensity and Doppler velocity oscillations at each chosen location in the QS and quantify the distribution of the statistically significant power and associated periods in one bright region and two dark regions. In the bright TR region, the mean periods in intensity and velocity are 7 min and 8 min, respectively. In the dark regions, the mean periods in intensity and velocity are 7 min and 5.4 min, respectively. We also estimate the phase difference between the intensity and Doppler velocity oscillations at each location. The statistical distribution of the phase difference is estimated, which peaks at $-119^\circ \pm 13^\circ$, $33^\circ \pm 10^\circ$, $102^\circ \pm 10^\circ$ in the bright region and at $-153^\circ \pm 13^\circ$, $6^\circ \pm 20^\circ$, $151^\circ \pm 10^\circ$ in the dark regions. The statistical distribution reveals that the oscillations are caused by propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves encountered with the TR. Some of these locations may also be associated with standing slow waves. Moreover, in the given time domain, several locations exhibit the presence of both propagating and standing oscillations at different frequencies.

Key words: MHD – Sun: oscillations – Sun: transition region – Sun: UV radiation.

1 INTRODUCTION

The solar atmosphere exhibits waves and oscillations that can be observed in different layers of the solar atmosphere: photosphere, chromosphere, transition region (TR), and inner corona (e.g. Judge, Tarbell & Wilhelm 2001; De Pontieu, Erdélyi & de Wijn 2003; Erdélyi et al. 2007; Zaqarashvili et al. 2007; O’Shea & Doyle 2009; Jess et al. 2012; Kayshap et al. 2018, 2020). In different parts of the Sun’s outer atmosphere, various periods of oscillation have been observed (e.g. Brynildsen et al. 1999; Banerjee et al. 2001a; Brynildsen et al. 2002; Tian & Xia 2008; de Moortel 2009; Krishna Prasad, Banerjee & Singh 2012; Hou et al. 2018). The oscillations in the solar atmosphere are typically explained in terms of various magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) modes (e.g. De Moortel, Ireland & Walsh 2000; De Moortel et al. 2002; O’Shea, Banerjee & Doyle 2006; Mariska & Muglach 2010; Krishna Prasad, Jess & Khomenko 2015; Chai et al. 2022).

In the solar atmosphere, there are multitudes of waves including magneto-acoustic waves and Alfvén waves (e.g. Jess et al. 2015; Wang 2016; Nakariakov & Kolotkov 2020; Wang et al. 2021; Banerjee et al. 2021, and references therein). These wave modes can

carry energy throughout the different layers of the solar environment. Wave propagation is an efficient way of transporting energy between layers of the solar atmosphere, and waves can contribute significantly to the heating of the chromosphere and corona (e.g. Walsh & Ireland 2003; Jefferies et al. 2006; Kumar, Kumar & Singh 2006; Taroyan & Erdélyi 2009; Arregui 2015; Abbasvand et al. 2020; Van Doorsselaere et al. 2020; Zeighami, Tavabi & Amirkhanlou 2020; Abbasvand et al. 2021; Srivastava et al. 2021, and references therein). The theory underlying MHD waves was established several decades ago, and its applications are becoming more important as high-resolution observational data now become available.

The TR is located between the chromosphere and the corona and is defined by temperature variation rather than height variation. The temperature ranges from 20 000 to 1 000 000 K in the TR and it is a highly complex, magnetically structured region (e.g. Mariska 1992; Tian et al. 2010; Tian 2017, and references therein). Our understanding of the TR is enriched by observations made by the Solar Ultraviolet Measurements of Emitted Radiation (SUMER; Wilhelm et al. 1995) on board the *Solar and Heliospheric Observatory* (SOHO) and the *Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph* (*IRIS*; e.g. De Pontieu et al. 2014, 2021). In the TR, different periods of oscillation have been reported. For example, Gömöry et al. (2006) studied the oscillations in the intensity and Doppler shift above the network region in a TR spectral line and reported a period

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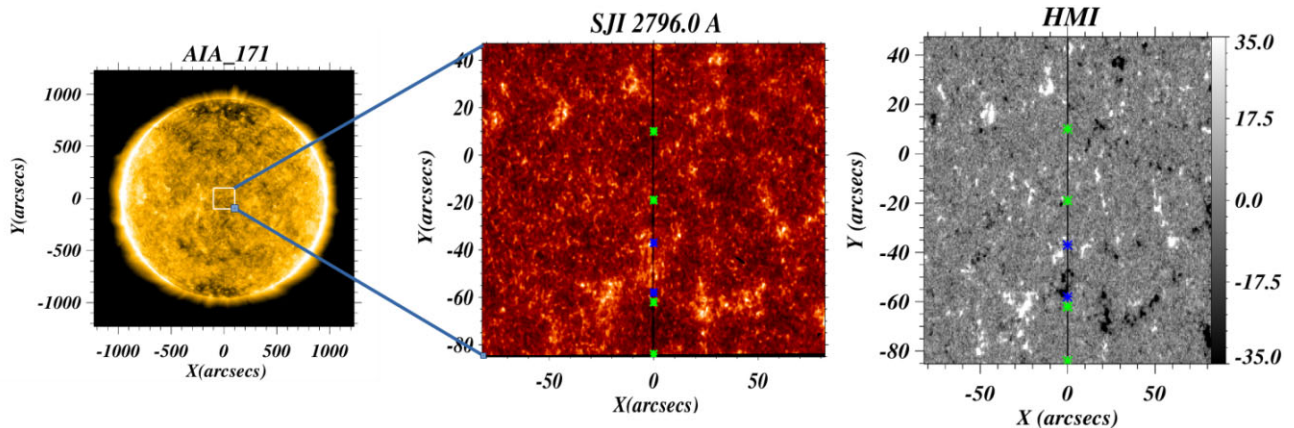


Figure 1. The left panel shows the full context image of the Sun as observed by the *SDO*/AIA in the 171 Å passband. The overlaid white box depicts the region of interest. The middle panel shows the field of view in the *IRIS* SJI 2796 Å image. This image is just to display the network and inter-network regions in the solar chromosphere above which we have chosen the solar TR in the Si IV line. The right panel shows the LOS magnetogram. The black vertical line is the position of the slit. The region between blue asterisks is the bright network region. The region between green asterisks is the dark inter-network region. Above these chosen regions, we derive TR spectra using the observations of the Si IV 1393.755 Å line.

in the range of 250–450 s. They have proposed the signature of downward propagating waves in the TR. Doyle et al. (1998) reported a period of oscillations in the intensity in the range of 200–500 s in the TR. Tsiropoula et al. (2009) reported 5-min oscillations in the dark mottle and network boundaries, and suggested the upward propagating waves at the network boundary, and standing waves at the mottle region. In the previous studies, 3-min oscillations are widely reported in the TR spectral line formed above the sunspots, and are interpreted as a signature of upward propagating waves (e.g. Gurman et al. 1982; Brynildsen et al. 1999; Fludra 2001; Maltby et al. 2001; O’Shea, Muglach & Fleck 2002; Brynildsen et al. 2003, 2004; Lin et al. 2005; Sych et al. 2012). Jess et al. (2008) studied the velocity oscillations in the bright active region at the TR height and reported high-frequency oscillations with a dominant period of 26 ± 4 s. They have interpreted these oscillations as the signature of fast global sausage modes. De Pontieu et al. (2003) studied the oscillations in the TR above the plage and found oscillations with periods ranging from 200 to 600 s. Banerjee, O’Shea & Doyle (2000) have reported long-period oscillations (above 10 min) in the TR spectral line, and suggested that these oscillations are essentially propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves (see also Banerjee et al. 2001b, c).

Wang, Ofman & Davila (2009b) studied the Doppler shift and intensity oscillations in five coronal lines and one transition line. They have investigated the phase difference between Doppler shift and intensity oscillations along with temperature dependence of amplitude in both Doppler shift and intensity oscillations. On the basis of the in-phase relationship between Doppler shift and intensity, they have suggested the presence of upward propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves in both the TR and corona. Mariska & Muglach (2010) also estimated the phase difference between intensity and velocity signals. They have reported both standing and upward propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves in the active region. Sakurai et al. (2002) studied a coronal spectral line and reported the signature of propagating waves on the basis of the phase relationship. In this work, we evaluate the period of oscillations in the TR spectral line as observed in the quiet-Sun (QS). On the basis of the phase relationship between the intensity and the Doppler velocity oscillations, we interpret the type of wave modes in the two different regions of the QS (i.e. bright and dark regions). Phase

relationships between different parameters – intensity I and velocity V – are estimated in order to interpret the nature of oscillations as distinct wave modes. We report observations obtained with the *IRIS* in the Si IV line. The observations and data analysis are presented in Section 2. The results are explained in Section 3, and the discussion and conclusions are presented in Section 4.

2 OBSERVATIONS AND DATA ANALYSIS

We use observations recorded by the *IRIS* (De Pontieu et al. 2014, 2021). *IRIS* is a space-borne satellite, which provides the spectroscopic data as well as slit-jaw images. Its observations can be made in different spectral lines covering the region from the solar photosphere, to the chromosphere to the TR. *IRIS* observes spectra in three passbands, one in the near-ultraviolet band (NUV) in the wavelength range 2783–2834 Å, and the other two in the far-ultraviolet bands (FUV1, 1332–1358 Å; FUV2, 1389–1407 Å). Slit-jaw images (SJIs) are observed with filters centred on Mg II k 2796 Å, the far Mg II h wing at 2832 Å, C II 1330 Å, and Si IV 1400 Å. In Fig. 1, we have also used images from the Atmospheric Imaging Assembly (AIA; Lemen et al. 2012) and the Heliospheric Magnetic Imager (HMI; Scherrer et al. 2012) on board the *Solar Dynamics Observatory* (*SDO*). The AIA observes the Sun’s atmosphere in UV and EUV with eight different passbands sensitive to plasma at different temperatures. It has a spatial resolution of $0.6 \text{ arcsec pixel}^{-1}$ in all the wavelength bands (UV and EUV). Different wavebands provide signatures of various dynamics that occur in various layers of the solar atmosphere. The HMI is also a part of the *SDO* mission. The HMI dopplergram provides a velocity map of plasma motion on the solar surface while the HMI magnetogram serves as a magnetic map of the photosphere with spatial resolution of $0.5 \text{ arcsec pixel}^{-1}$.

We used the *IRIS* spectral data observed on 2019 August 15, from 21:30 to 22:49 UT using in the slit and stare mode with a $0.33 \times 174 \text{ arcsec}^2$ slit located near the disc centre, at $(-1, 2) \text{ arcsec}$ (see Fig. 1), and a cadence of 9 s. Fig. 1 shows the AIA 171 full disc context image (left panel) and a zoomed view of the observed region (middle panel), which has been displayed in the SJI 2796 Å emissions. The right panel shows the line of sight (LOS) *SDO*/HMI magnetogram. In the middle panel, the black line represents the slit position, which records the spectra including several emission lines. The chosen bright region

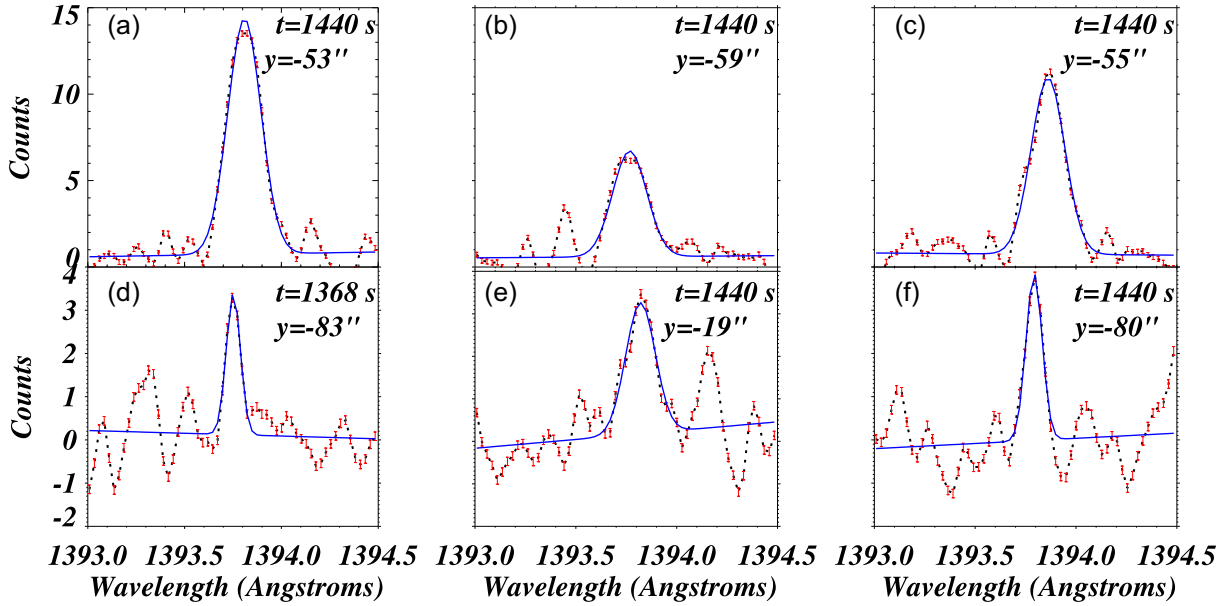


Figure 2. The spectral line profiles of Si IV 1393.755 Å at various locations (dotted black lines). The line profiles in the top panels belong to the bright TR locations, while the line profiles in the bottom panels are derived from dark TR locations. The fitted profiles are obtained using single Gaussian fitting (blue), and the error bars are shown in red.

lies above a region between the blue asterisks. The chosen dark region in TR lies above the selected region between green asterisks. It is evident from the LOS magnetogram (middle panel) that the bright region corresponds to an enhanced magnetic field, while the dark regions correspond to a weak magnetic field. We have used two dark regions: one is above the bright region and the other is below the bright region. We used the Si IV observation data, having spatial resolution along the slit (y -direction) as 0.16 arcsec. The slit width is 0.33 arcsec across the field of view. The spectral resolution of *IRIS* is 26 mÅ for FUV lines and 53 mÅ for NUV lines (De Pontieu et al. 2014, 2021). We have studied the nature of oscillations found in the TR using the Si IV 1393.755 Å line formed at temperature $\log T/K = 4.9$. The Si IV line is one of the strongest lines formed in the TR. It has a Gaussian shape line profile and it is optically thin. The observed QS region comprises both network and inter-network regions, as shown in Fig. 1 (middle panel). The bright patches in the TR are the region above the chromospheric network regions where the magnetic field is strong. The dark patches in the TR are the region above the inter-network regions where the magnetic field is weak. To study the oscillations above the chromospheric network area in the solar TR, we have selected the bright patch between $y \approx -59$ arcsec and $y \approx -37$ arcsec. We have applied average binning of 4×2 (four in time and two in Y) in the selected patch to improve the derived Si IV 1393.755 Å line profiles. The oscillations above the inter-network area are studied by selecting two dark patches. One patch lies from $y \approx -86$ arcsec to $y \approx -61$ arcsec, while the other patch lies from $y \approx -19$ arcsec to $y \approx 10$ arcsec. In the dark region, the obtained line profile is weak compared with the line profile obtained in the bright region. To increase the signal, we have applied binning of 4×4 (four in time and four in Y).

It is found that the binning processing has clearly enhanced the signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio of the observed spectra in the bright regions. We have applied a single Gaussian fitting to extract the spectral line parameters: intensity, Doppler velocity and linewidth at each spatial location at various times. We have flagged the missing data of intensity and velocity, and replaced them with the interpolated

values. In this way, we constructed the intensity and velocity time series at each location. However, in the dark TR region, the S/N ratio is not improved, evidently due to large noises in the data. We have manually checked each spectral line profile at different time-steps at each location in this region to verify the reliability of obtained oscillations inherent in the time series. We have flagged the spectra where the signal is absent, and instead we interpolated the intensity and velocity for these spectra from the fitted values of nearby locations and times. In Appendix A, we explain the method we have used to derive the spectral parameters. Thereafter, we constructed the time series of intensity and velocity in the dark region.

Fig. 2 shows some examples of Si IV line profiles with the corresponding Gaussian fittings for the bright region (Figs 2a–c), and for the dark region (Figs 2d–f). Spectral line profiles are shown as dotted black lines, and fitted profiles are overlaid in blue. The error bars are shown in red. To determine the absolute Doppler velocity in Si IV, we first estimate a correction for the given rest wavelength using a cool line nearby as a reference.¹ We have taken a cool Si I 1392 line, because it has very small Doppler velocities (typically $< 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). We have taken the average of the data along the slit at the first time-step and estimate the centroid of the averaged line profile relative to its rest wavelength. We then add this centroid value (as a correction) to the given rest wavelength of Si IV 1393 and finally obtain the corrected reference wavelength used for the Doppler velocity measurement.

We used the fitted parameters and generated the maps of the peak intensity and Doppler velocity as shown in Fig. 3. We derived time series of intensity and velocity at each ‘ y ’ location within the region of interest (i.e. chosen bright and dark regions in the TR). We performed the power spectral analysis of each time series and estimated the significant periods at different locations in the region of interest. The details of the scientific results and associated analysis are described in Section 3.

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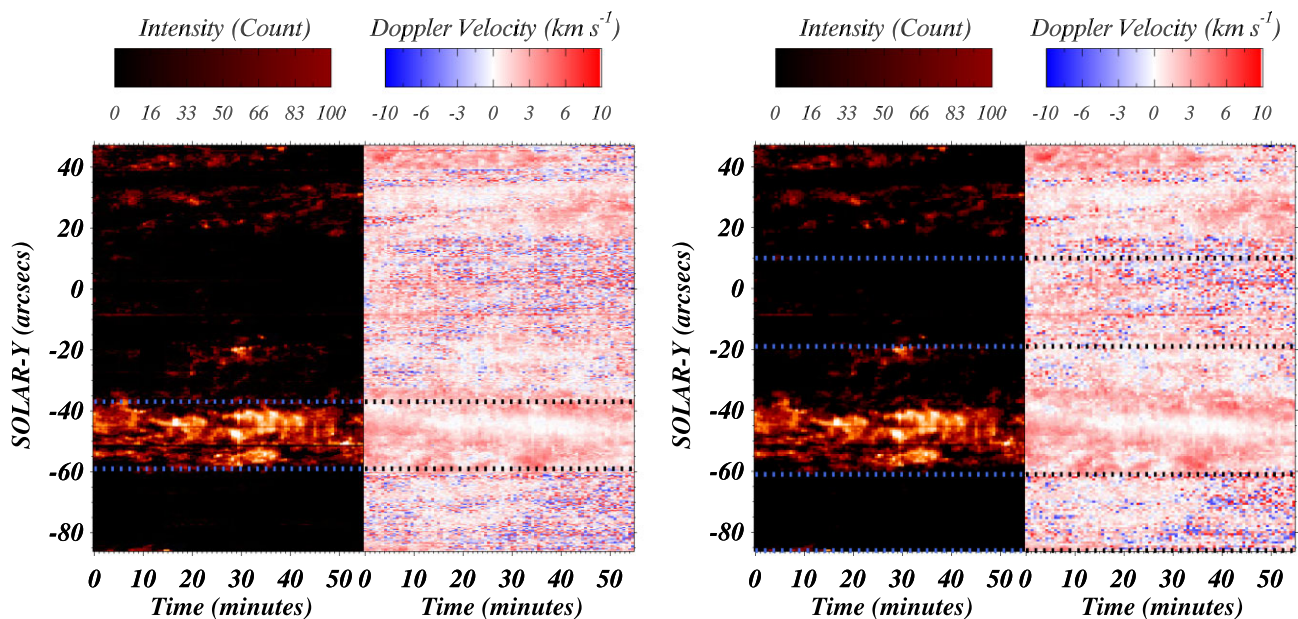


Figure 3. Time–distance map of the intensity and Doppler velocity in the Si IV 1393 Å line. The y-axis is parallel to the slit of the instrument.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Wavelet analysis and noise model fit

The properties of oscillations in the solar TR can be studied using the wavelet transform. The wavelet transform decomposes time-varying signals into the time–frequency space components, allowing the significant oscillation modes in a power spectrum to be determined. We have performed the wavelet transform on each time series derived from the selected bright and dark regions in the TR. Torrence & Compo (1998) provided a detailed description of the wavelet analysis tool. Wavelet transform is the convolution of the time series with a mother function. We have used Morlet wavelet as a mother function.

The power of a wavelet transform is defined as the square of its absolute magnitude. The global wavelet power is the time-averaged wavelet power, and it can be used to analyse dominating oscillations. Figs 4(c) and (f) show examples of the wavelet power spectrum of the intensity time series and velocity time series, respectively, in a bright region at $y \approx -49$ arcsec, while Figs 5(c) and (f) show examples of the wavelet power spectrum of the intensity time series and velocity time series, respectively, in a dark region at $y \approx -77$ arcsec. In the wavelet power spectrum, we have set the contour levels with a minimum value 0.0 and a maximum value 8.45, and the same is shown in the vertical colour bar next to the power spectrum (see Figs 4c, 4f, 5c, and 5f). We have fixed the maximum value of contour level as 8.85, and the colour corresponding to this power is yellow. Therefore, the power shown in white is considered to be greater than the maximum value of the contour level (i.e. 8.85). From Figs 4(c) and 5(c), it is evident that the intensity wavelet power at bright location (Fig. 4c) is greater than the intensity wavelet power at a dark location (Fig. 5c). We are expecting the higher power at bright locations as the signal is high (high S/N ratio) at bright locations compared with a dark location, which has low S/N ratio.

The cross-hatched region shown in the power wavelet is called the cone of influence (COI), where edge effects become prominent and the power inside this region is not reliable (Torrence & Compo 1998). To improve the reliability of our results, we excluded the

power that lies in the COI region from our analysis. The maximum allowed period from the COI for the given time series in intensity and Doppler velocity is 19.723 min. Detrending can be used to remove the long-period component (greater than the COI) from the time series. However, as demonstrated by Auchère et al. (2016), detrending can introduce spurious periodicities. As a result, we did not use detrending before applying the wavelet. We subtracted the mean from the time series, normalized it to its standard deviation, and then computed the wavelet transformation using the `wavelet.pro` routine. The wavelet power is then calculated by taking the absolute square of the wavelet transformation.

To ensure the reliability of the obtained power, the significance level contour must be produced. If the power is within the contour level, it is significant; otherwise, it is not considered as significant. The white noise and red noise models have been used to determine significant level by Torrence & Compo (1998). However, these models can occasionally provide inaccurate information regarding the significance of the observed power (Auchère et al. 2016; Kayshap et al. 2020). To calculate the significant level, therefore, we used the method described in Auchère et al. (2016) and Kayshap et al. (2020). A power-law noise equation was modelled by Auchère et al. (2016) and can be utilized as a background noise model. The power-law noise equation comprises three terms: the first is a power-law function, the second is a kappa function, which is used for the high-energy events, and the third component is a constant. As we are studying the QS, which is less energetic and free from transients than the event analysed by Auchère et al. (2016), we did not employ the kappa function. The power-law model has also been employed by Threlfall, De Moortel & Conlon (2017) and Kayshap et al. (2020) in their respective analyses. The power-law noise function is modelled as

$$\sigma(\nu) = A\nu^s + C. \quad (1)$$

The fitted noise model was created by fitting each fast Fourier transform (FFT) power spectrum with the power-law function using the `mpfitfun.pro` function. The significance level is calculated using this noise model. Auchère et al. (2016) have explained how to determine the significance level using the background noise model.

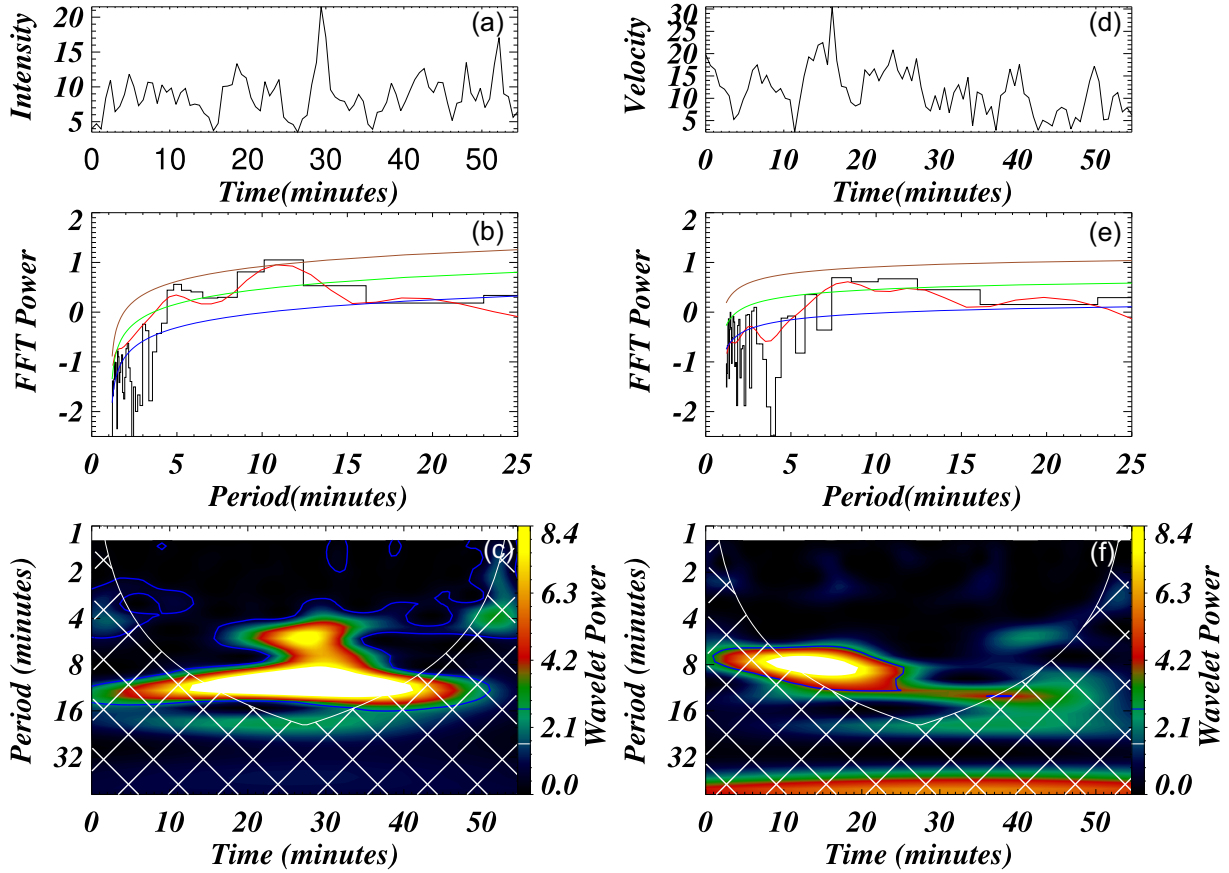


Figure 4. The time series of intensity and Doppler velocity at a bright location ($y \approx -49$ arcsec) are shown in panels (a) and (d). The model fits for intensity and Doppler velocity are shown in panels (b) and (e). The black curve represents the FFT power, while the red curve represents the time-averaged global power of the wavelet spectrum. The blue curve depicts the fitted model, which is evaluated using the power-law model. Using the fitted model, the 95 per cent local significance level (green curve) and 95 per cent global significance level (brown curve) are estimated. The wavelet power spectra of intensity and velocity are shown in panels (c) and (f), respectively. The blue contour represents the 95 per cent global significance level, and the power enclosed within the contour is considered significant.

Accordingly, we fitted $\sigma(v)$ to the FFT of the intensity time series as well as the FFT of the Doppler velocity time series at all bright and dark locations in the TR. Fig. 4(b) represents an example of intensity power, and Fig. 4(e) represents an example of velocity power at a bright location ($y \approx -49$ arcsec). Fig. 5(b) represents an example of the intensity power, while Fig. 5(e) represents an example of the velocity power at a dark location ($y \approx -77$ arcsec). The power spectrum of the FFT (black histogram), the time-averaged wavelet spectrum (red line), and the fitted power-law noise model (blue line) are shown in each panel. We calculated the local 95 per cent (green line in both figures) and global 95 per cent Fourier confidence levels (brown line in both figures) using this model. The global 95 per cent wavelet confidence levels are higher than the local 95 per cent wavelet confidence levels in this case. Auchère et al. (2016) provided a method for determining the significance level using a fitted noise model. We have adopted it and the wavelet power map is outlined by a blue line contour with a 95 per cent global significance level determined using the power-law model. Significant power lies within a period range, as seen by the wavelet panel (in the example of both bright and dark locations).

In the bright and dark regions, we examined the intensity and velocity oscillations. The selected bright region is enclosed by the two blue dashed lines in Fig. 3 (left panel). We examined all the

locations between $y \approx -59$ arcsec and $y \approx -37$ arcsec, and applied the wavelet transform to all the derived time series of intensity and velocity. Fig. 4 shows a representative case of wavelet analysis of a time series (intensity and Doppler velocity) derived from a position at $y \approx -49$ arcsec. Figs 4(a) and (c) show the intensity time series and the associated wavelet power spectrum, respectively. Figs 4(d) and (f) show the velocity time series and the associated wavelet power spectrum, respectively. We constructed the fitted noise model by fitting the FFT of the intensity time series and Doppler velocity time series with the power-law function, as stated above. To obtain the fitted noise model at each time series, we have fitted all the intensity and velocity power in the bright region. We removed some specific locations from the analysis because the model did not fit the FFT signal well in those locations. Significant power is found in the range 3–16 min in the intensity time series, and 5–10 min in the velocity time series, as shown by the power wavelet. To extract the reliable period of the intensity and velocity signals, we utilized the following conditions: (i) only significant power is taken (i.e. wavelet power lies within the regime of the 95 per cent global confidence level); (ii) to avoid any edge effect, a region outside the COI is taken. As a result, we have collected all the period values that satisfy the aforementioned criteria. We have applied the same conditions to all of the intensity and velocity wavelet spectra and extracted all the reliable and significant periods. We presented a

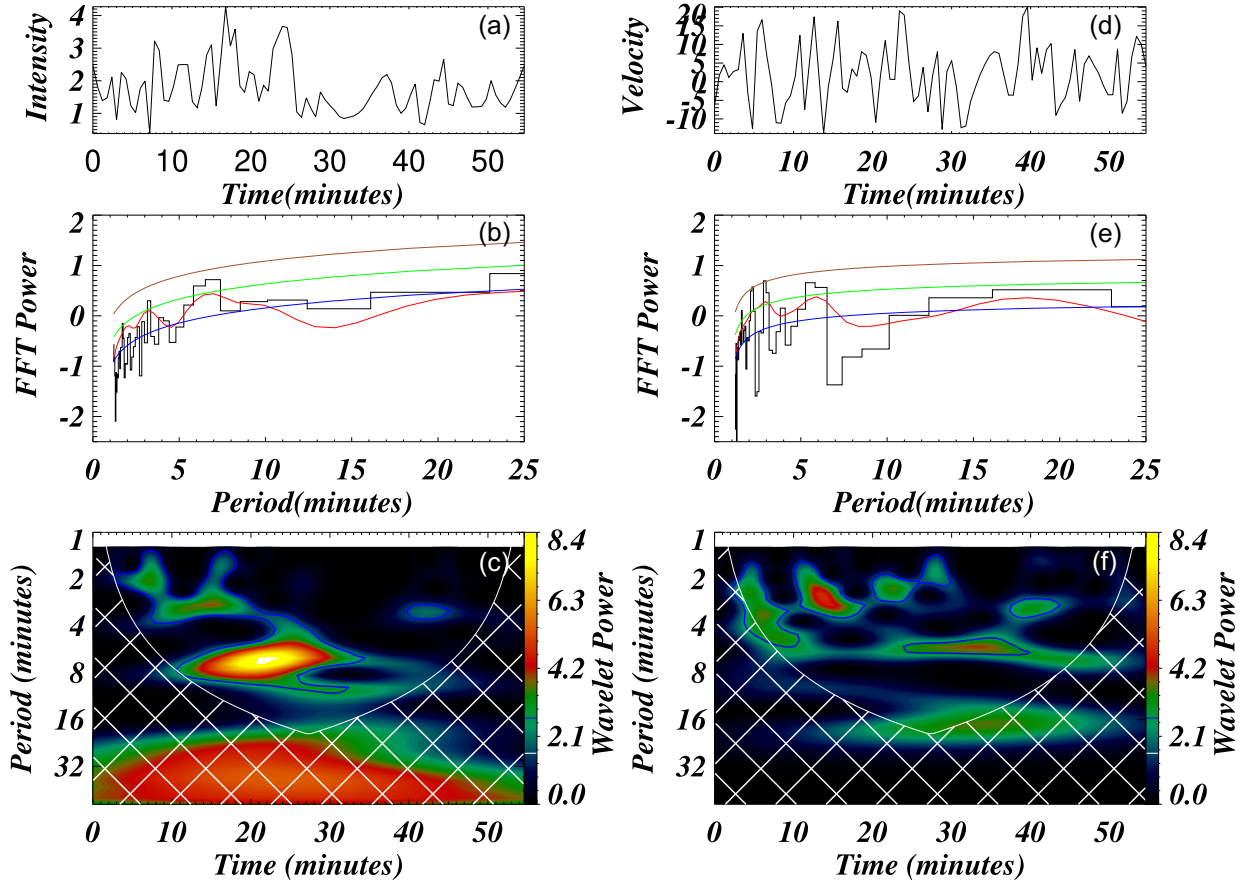


Figure 5. The left panel shows the time series, model fit, and power spectrum of intensity at a chosen dark location ($y \approx -77$ arcsec). The right panel shows the time series, model fit, and the power spectrum of the Doppler velocity time series. The other descriptions of panels (a)–(f) are same as for Fig. 4.

one-dimensional (1D) histogram (i.e. period versus frequency) of all the bright locations after estimating the period information (see, for example, Fig. 6). Fig. 6(a) shows the period distribution in the intensity, and Fig. 6(b) depicts the period distribution in the velocity. We have then calculated the mean period of each case with a 1σ variation. The mean period in intensity oscillations is 7.0 ± 3.9 min, and the mean period in velocity is 8.0 ± 3.9 min. In the bright region, the intensity period is consistent within the velocity period with a 1σ range. The mean period is shown in red and the 1σ value are shown in green in Fig. 6.

Now, we analyse the oscillations present in the intensity and velocity time series derived from the dark region. In the right panel of Fig. 3, we show the regions that we have selected for the study of oscillations in the dark TR region. We have chosen two patches for the analysis. One region lies between $y \approx -86$ arcsec and $y \approx -61$ arcsec, and the other ranges from $y \approx -19$ arcsec to $y \approx 10$ arcsec. The data in the dark region were noisy and we have manually checked each spectrum to make sure whether the obtained oscillations are reliable or not. The details of the analysis are described in Appendix A. In total, there are 80 locations along the slit in the selected dark regions, out of which at around 35 locations the signal was poor. We could not obtain the time series from those locations so we have excluded them from the analysis. We have performed a wavelet analysis on the obtained time series from the chosen locations. A representative case of the wavelet analysis of a time series is shown in Fig. 5, which is located at $y \approx -77$ arcsec. Fig. 5(a) shows the intensity time series and Fig. 5(c) shows the corresponding wavelet power spectrum.

Similarly, Fig. 5(d) shows the velocity time series and Fig. 5(f) shows the corresponding wavelet power spectrum. Both the intensity and velocity oscillations correspond to the same location. We have used the same methodology as described above to calculate the fitted power-law model and 95 per cent local and global confidence levels. We have omitted those locations where the power-law model does not fit to the FFT power, as we have done in the bright region. The wavelet power lies within the 95 per cent global confidence contour (blue contour) and is the significant power in the given location. We have applied the same conditions here as mentioned above for the bright region to all the locations in intensity and velocity, and we have extracted the period information. Fig. 6(c) shows the period distribution in intensity and Fig. 6(d) shows the period distribution in velocity. The mean period in intensity is 7.0 ± 4.1 min. The mean period in velocity is 5.4 ± 3.4 min. Here, the distribution is also consistent within the 1σ limit as we have seen in the bright region. The statistically significant periods in the velocity and intensity of multiple bright and dark locations in the solar TR most likely imply the presence of MHD oscillations. To further investigate the physical nature of these oscillations, in the Section 3.3, we perform the phase analysis between intensity and velocity.

3.2 Cross-power between intensity and velocity time series

The cross-wavelet spectrum of two time series can also be computed, which provides information on their correlations and phase differences (e.g. Torrence & Compo 1998; Bloomfield et al. 2004;

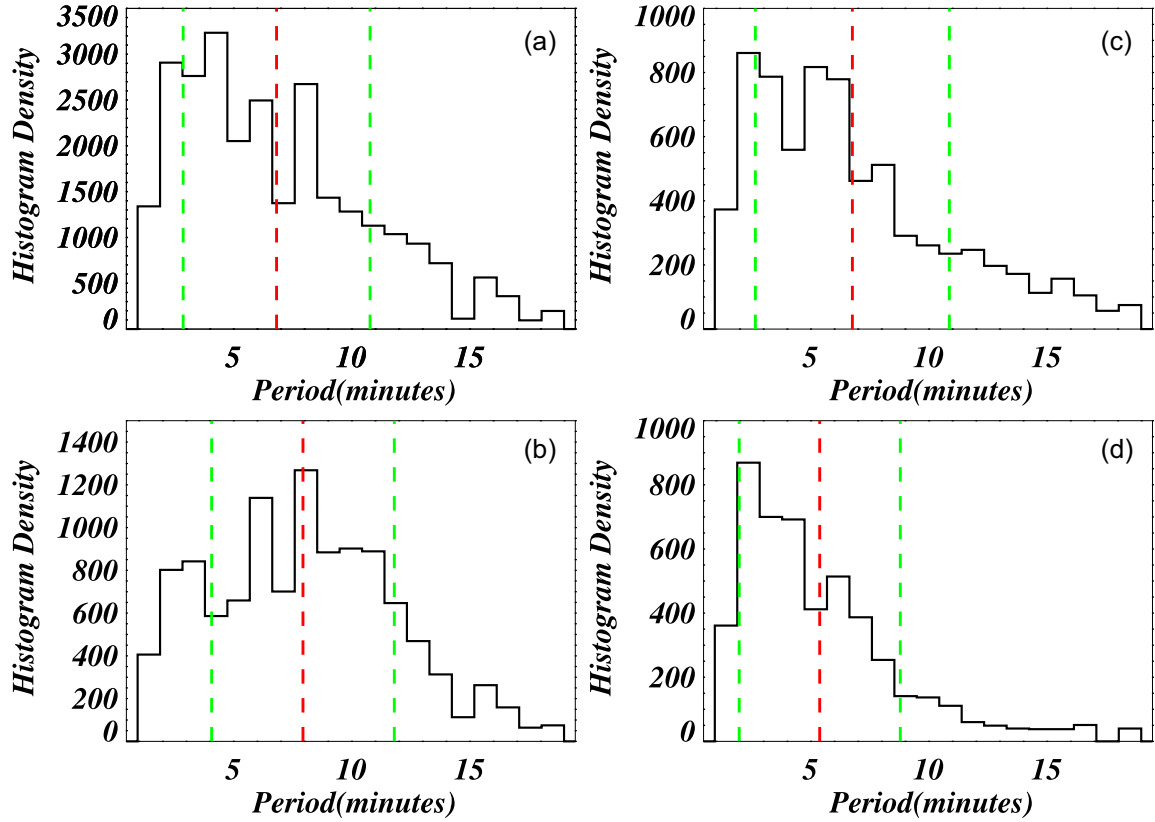


Figure 6. The period distribution in intensity (a) and velocity (b) at bright locations is shown in the left column. The period distribution in intensity (c) and velocity (d) at the dark locations is shown in the right column. The red line represents the mean period, and the green lines represent the 1σ values.

McIntosh & Smillie 2004; Jafarzadeh et al. 2017; Kayshap et al. 2018). The cross-spectrum reveals high-common-power and time-frequency spaces present in the two time series, whereas the wavelet coherence identifies regions where the time series are coherent but do not necessarily have a high common power. Wavelet coherence is required to detect the co-movements of the oscillations present in two time series. It has a minimum value of zero, which shows that there is no correlation between two time series, and a maximum value of one, indicating that there is the highest correlation between two time series. For the present analysis, the phase difference between intensity and velocity time series provides information about the physical nature of oscillations present in the TR at different chosen locations. The complex and real arguments of the cross-spectrum are used to estimate the phase-lags. The cross-wavelet, wavelet coherence, and phase difference between these two time series are evaluated using the `wave_coherency.pro` module in SSW IDL. We estimated the cross-wavelet, which is the multiple product of the intensity wavelet and the complex conjugate of the velocity wavelet. We also estimated cross-wavelet power, which is the square of the absolute magnitude of the cross-wavelet array between intensity and velocity at all locations in bright and dark regions (Torrence & Compo 1998; Bloomfield et al. 2004). Coherence is defined as the normalization of the cross-wavelet power by multiplying the powers of both time series (Torrence & Compo 1998; Bloomfield et al. 2004). The imaginary and real components of cross-wavelet power can be used to compute phase differences (Torrence & Compo 1998; Bloomfield et al. 2004). We computed the cross FFT, defined as the multiplication of the FFT of one time series with the complex conjugate of the FFT of the other time series. From the cross FFT, we evaluated the fitted noise model and the 95 per cent global significance level.

We have shown one representative case of the bright region in Fig. 7 (left column) and one representative case of the dark region in Fig. 7 (right column). Fig. 7(a) shows the intensity time series in black and the velocity time series in red. Fig. 7(b) shows the cross-wavelet power, and Fig. 7(c) the wavelet coherence between the intensity and velocity time series of a chosen bright location ($y \approx -49$ arcsec). Similarly, Fig. 7(d) shows the intensity and velocity time series for the dark region. Fig. 7(e) shows the cross-wavelet power, and Fig. 7(f) the wavelet coherence between the intensity and velocity time series of a chosen dark location ($y \approx -77$ arcsec). The blue line denotes the wavelet power with a 95 per cent global significance level, and the power that lies within the contour is considered significant. Further, we have applied two more conditions: (i) region outside the COI is considered; (ii) threshold value of wavelet coherence is taken as 0.7. The 95 per cent global significance level contour is plotted on the wavelet coherence map and is shown in green.

3.3 Analysis of phase difference between intensity and velocity time series and interpretation of wave modes

Phase differences between intensity and velocity signals can be used to understand the oscillatory behaviour of the solar atmosphere. The phase difference between intensity and Doppler velocity signals is an important factor in determining the physical nature of the oscillations. According to linear MHD wave theory, density (hence intensity) and velocity oscillations with periods of some minutes are usually associated with slow magneto-acoustic longitudinal waves (see Table 1). The objective of this analysis is to identify the MHD modes associated with the detected oscillations in the QS. The ideal

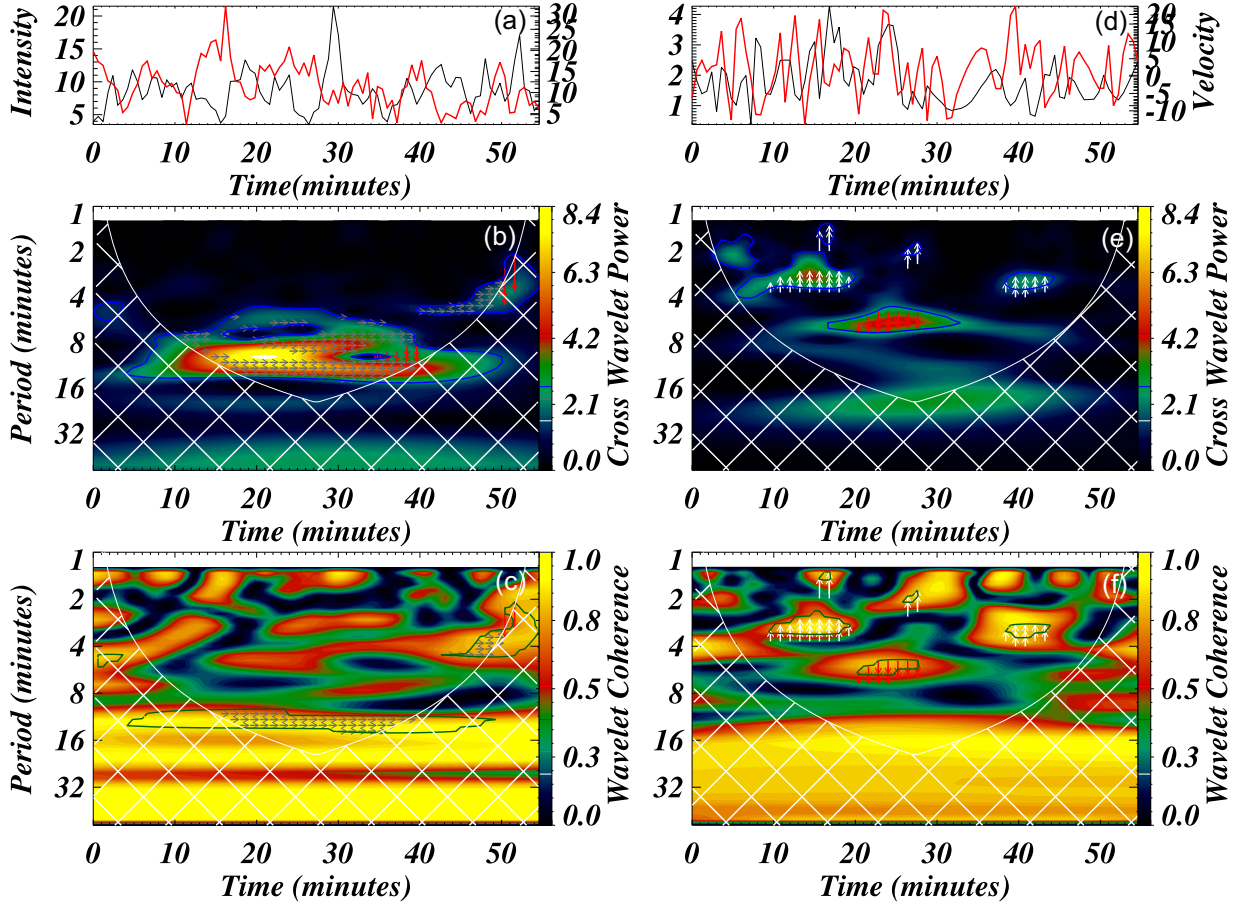


Figure 7. The time series of intensity (black) and Doppler velocity (red) in the representative bright and dark regions are shown in panels (a) and (d), respectively. The cross-power wavelet between two time series is shown in panels (b) and (e) for the bright and dark regions, respectively. The blue contour represents the global significance level of 95 per cent. The phase differences are overplotted within the significant contour. The grey arrows represent the standing waves, red arrows represent the downward propagating waves, and white arrows represent the upward propagating waves. The wavelet coherence between the two time series is shown in panels (c) and (f). The green contour represents a global significance level of 95 per cent with wavelet coherence greater than 0.70. The arrows of phase differences are overlaid in the high coherence regime (i.e. coherence above 0.70).

Table 1. Ideal I - V phase in slow magneto-acoustics waves.

Mode	Phase difference	Reference
Propagating wave	$0, \pm\pi$	Wang et al. (2009b) Kitagawa et al. (2010)
Standing wave	$\pm\pi/2$	Mariska et al. (2008) Wang (2011)

phase relationships between intensity and velocity can be used to determine whether a slow wave is propagating or standing (see Table 1). The propagating waves show an in-phase (or out-of-phase) variation when viewed along their direction of propagation, whereas standing waves show a quarter-period variation between intensity and velocity (e.g. Sakurai et al. 2002; Kitagawa et al. 2010). Wang et al. (2009b) have also provided the equation for velocity and density perturbations. They have estimated the relation between velocity and density perturbations and suggested that for the upward propagating waves, the velocity and density perturbations are in phase, while for downward propagating waves these perturbations are in the opposite phase. The velocity perturbations are related to the Doppler velocity signal while the density perturbations are related to the

intensity signal of the observations. They have computed the phase difference between intensity and Doppler shift oscillation in five coronal lines and one transition line, and found that the phase of intensity oscillation is slightly earlier (by about 20° – 30°) than the Doppler shift oscillation. They interpreted these oscillations as the signature of upwardly propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves in both the TR and corona near the footpoint of a loop on the basis of approximate phase relations. In previous studies, standing slow waves are also reported based on phase studies between intensity and velocity. The presence of damped oscillatory Doppler shifts was found in the hot coronal loop observations by the SUMER spectrometer on board the *SOHO*. These oscillations were interpreted as standing slow waves on the basis of their phase speed and the phase shift between intensity and velocity oscillations. The phase shift between intensity and velocity oscillations was quarter-period (e.g. Wang et al. 2003a,b, 2005; Wang 2011, and references therein).

Theoretical modelling of the magneto-acoustic waves in coronal loops has been done previously in a number of studies to find the variation of the phase shift between density and velocity perturbations with respect to the background densities and temperatures. Several damping mechanisms play an important role in the propagation or evolution of these magneto-acoustic oscillations, such as thermal conduction, compressive viscosity, and radiative cooling

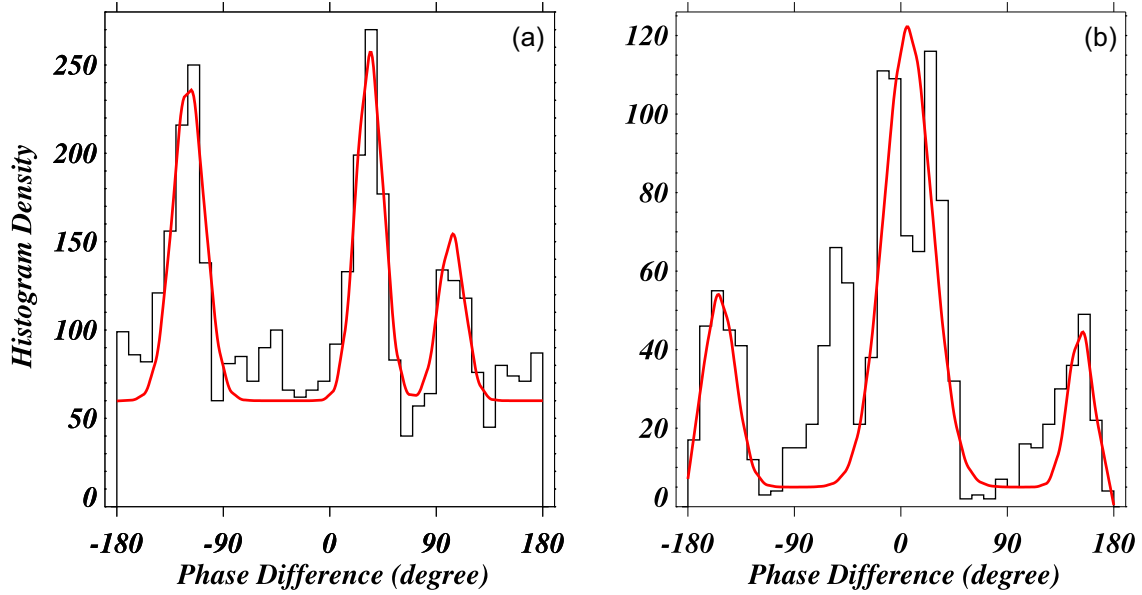


Figure 8. The distribution of phase difference in a bright region (a) and in dark regions (b), which ranges between -180° and 180° . The distribution peaks at three phase difference values in both cases. The overplotted red line is the fitted Gaussian function, which is used to compute the phase difference values associated with various peaks.

along with heating–cooling imbalance (e.g. Owen, De Moortel & Hood 2009; Prasad, Srivastava & Wang 2021a,b; Prasad et al. 2022). It is well known from theoretical models and simulations that thermal conduction can lead to a phase shift between velocity and density perturbations of magneto-acoustic oscillations. From the 1D simulation (Wang & Ofman 2019) or 1D analytical models (e.g. Prasad et al. 2021a,b, 2022) of phase shifts in slow magneto-acoustic oscillations, it is known that thermal conduction causes a phase shift in density (and thus intensity) earlier than velocity. In order to analyse our observations in the context of the slow magneto-acoustic waves (both propagating and standing), we consider a 0.5-dimensional coordinate system with the origin at the upper boundary and the positive direction of the axis toward the bottom layer of the solar atmosphere. We assume the Doppler downflow (redshift) to be defined as positive values. Assuming the linear velocity perturbation to be of sinusoidal nature as below, we can write

$$V = V_0 \sin(\omega t). \quad (2)$$

Using equation (2), we can write the variation of density perturbation as follows.

(i) In a standing wave, for a location near the upper end in the solar TR,

$$\rho = \rho_0 \sin(\omega t + \pi/2 + \phi), \quad (3)$$

while for a location near the lower end in the TR,

$$\rho = \rho_0 \sin(\omega t - \pi/2 + \phi). \quad (4)$$

(ii) In a propagating wave, for the downward propagating wave in the solar TR,

$$\rho = \rho_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi), \quad (5)$$

while for the upward propagating wave, we can write

$$\rho = \rho_0 \sin(\omega t + \pi + \phi) \quad \text{or} \quad \rho = \rho_0 \sin(\omega t - \pi + \phi), \quad (6)$$

where $0 < \phi < \pi/2$ is the phase of ρ relative to the velocity caused by the dissipative effects in the plasma medium.

In this paper, we have used wavelet phase coherence analysis to examine the phase difference between intensity and Doppler shift oscillations in the solar TR. The phase difference between intensity and Doppler velocity has been calculated at each location. The wavelet phase difference is calculated using the real and imaginary components of the complex cross-wavelet transform (Torrence & Compo 1998; Bloomfield et al. 2004). The range of possible phase difference values is -180° to $+180^\circ$. We have improvised certain conditions to extract the reliable phase difference value: (i) only those regions of the wavelet are taken where cross-power is significant (i.e. wavelet power lies within the regime of the 95 per cent global confidence level); (ii) the region outside the COI is taken to prevent any edge effect; (iii) the threshold value of wavelet coherence is taken to be 0.70. We have applied these conditions to each location in the TR and we extract all the reliable phase differences between the intensity and velocity time series. We have plotted the phase distribution using all the reliable phase values for each location. Fig. 8(a) shows the distribution of phase at bright locations, and Fig. 8(b) shows the distribution of the phase at dark locations. In both regions, the distribution varies between -180° and $+180^\circ$. We have applied Gaussian fitting and computed the phase values at three peaks. In the bright region, the first peak of the distribution lies at $-119^\circ \pm 13^\circ$, the second peak lies at $33^\circ \pm 10^\circ$, and the third peak lies at $102^\circ \pm 10^\circ$. In the dark region, the first peak of the distribution lies at $-153^\circ \pm 13^\circ$, the second peak lies at $6^\circ \pm 20^\circ$, and the third peak lies at $151^\circ \pm 10^\circ$. On the basis of this distribution, these observed significant oscillations in intensity and velocity at the TR can be associated with standing slow waves, upward propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves, or downward propagating magneto-acoustic waves.

We can clearly see that a 0.5-dimensional uniform loop model for standing or propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves may lead to a prediction of only two distinct peaks in the phase shift.

We have observed three peaks in both bright and dark regions. In the bright region, the first peak of the distribution lies at $-119^\circ \pm 13^\circ$, the second peak lies at $33^\circ \pm 10^\circ$ and the third peak lies at 102°

Table 2. Theoretical predicted phase differences and their comparison with observed values.

Peak	Bright region	Dark region
Observed phase peaks	$-119^\circ \pm 13^\circ$ $33^\circ \pm 10^\circ$ $102^\circ \pm 10^\circ$	$-153^\circ \pm 13^\circ$ $6^\circ \pm 20^\circ$ $151^\circ \pm 10^\circ$
Peaks for propagating waves	$\phi = 33^\circ$ (assumed) $\phi - 180^\circ = -147^\circ$	$\phi = 6^\circ$ (assumed) $\phi - 180^\circ = -174^\circ$
Peaks for standing waves	$90^\circ + \phi = 102^\circ$ (assumed) $-90^\circ + \phi = -68^\circ$	$90^\circ + \phi = 151^\circ$ (assumed) $-90^\circ + \phi = -29^\circ$

$\pm 10^\circ$. On the basis of the standing wave, from the third peak of 102° , we have obtained $\phi = 102^\circ - 90^\circ = 22^\circ$ using equation (3). Furthermore, using equation (4), we expect the other peak to be at $-90^\circ + \phi = -68^\circ$. Similarly, on the basis of the propagating wave, for the second peak of 33° , we obtained $\phi = 33^\circ$ for the downward propagating wave using equation (5). We also expect the phase shift for the upward propagating wave to be at $\phi - 180^\circ = -147^\circ$ using equation (6).

In the dark region, the first peak of the distribution lies at $-153^\circ \pm 13^\circ$, the second peak lies at $6^\circ \pm 20^\circ$ and the third peak lies at $151^\circ \pm 10^\circ$. On the basis of the standing wave, from the third peak of 151° , we have obtained $\phi = 151^\circ - 90^\circ = 61^\circ$ using equation (3). Furthermore, from equation (4), we expect the other peak to be at $-90^\circ + \phi = -29^\circ$. Similarly on the basis of the propagating wave, from the third peak of 6° , we obtained $\phi = 6^\circ$ for a downward propagating wave using equation (5), and then we predict the phase for the upward propagating wave to be $\phi - 180^\circ = -174^\circ$ using equation (6). In Table 2, we summarize the predictions of various peaks of the phase shift values compared with our observations.

We find that the prediction using the propagating slow wave model leads to a phase peak at -147° for the bright region, which is close to the first observed peak in the bright region ranging between -106° and -132° . Similarly in the dark region, the prediction using propagating modes leads to a phase peak at -174° , which is again close to the first observed peak in the dark region ranging between -140° and -166° . However, there is still a significant difference in the predicted and observed phase shifts in both bright and dark regions (see Table 2). The predicted phase shifts using standing modes are even further away from the observed values and cannot explain the observed results. The above analysis suggests that the predictions using the 0.5-dimensional model cannot explain the observed three distinct peaks of the phase shifts of our analysis.

In Fig. 7, we have drawn arrows indicating phase differences on both the cross-power and wave coherence maps. We have defined the ranges for the different wave modes in order to draw phase difference arrows using its statistical distribution. We have taken the range of the $\pm 3\sigma$ error to define different wave modes. For example, in the bright region, the first peak lies at -119° and third peak lies at 102° , and both may correspond to standing waves as they are close to $\pm 90^\circ$ (see Table 1). So, we have defined standing waves mode as a phase difference in the range from $-119^\circ - 39^\circ$ to $-119^\circ + 39^\circ$ or from $102^\circ - 30^\circ$ to $102^\circ + 30^\circ$. The second peak lies at 33° , and it may correspond to downward propagating waves as it is close to 0° . The downward wave mode can be defined with the observed phase difference varying from $33^\circ - 30^\circ$ to $33^\circ + 30^\circ$ in the bright region. Similarly, we have defined the phase differences range using the peaks of distribution of phase differences in the dark region (see Fig. 8b). In the dark region, the first peak lies at

-153° , and the third peak lies at 151° . Both these observed values may correspond to the upward propagating waves as they are close to $\pm 180^\circ$. Therefore, the upward propagating wave mode can be defined as a phase difference in the range from $-153^\circ - 39^\circ$ to $-153^\circ + 39^\circ$ or from $151^\circ - 30^\circ$ to $151^\circ + 30^\circ$. The second peak lies at 6° , so the downward propagating wave modes can be defined as phase differences in the range from $6^\circ - 60^\circ$ to $6^\circ + 60^\circ$ in the dark region. Using the defined ranges of different wave modes considering $\pm 3\sigma$ deviation around the observed peaks, we have drawn the phase difference arrows on the cross-power map (see Figs 7b and e). We have plotted a phase difference arrow only in the area associated with the 95 per cent global significance level. The downward propagating waves are shown in red, the upward propagating waves are shown in white, and the standing waves are shown by the grey arrows. Further, we have displayed the phase difference arrows on the wavelet coherence map in the high coherence regime outside the COI (see Figs 7c and f). In Fig. 7(c), grey and red arrows are plotted where the red arrows represent the downward propagating waves and the grey arrows represent the standing waves. Different wave modes (downward propagating and standing waves) exist at different times and frequencies. Similarly, phase arrows are shown in the representative example of a dark region. In Fig. 7(f), white and red arrows are plotted, where the red arrows represent downward propagating waves and the white arrows represent upward propagating waves. This case also demonstrates that different wave modes (upward propagating and downward waves) exist at different times and frequencies. In the example of a bright region, the signature of the downward propagating waves is not prominent; therefore, in Appendix B, we show other example locations in the bright region where the signature of downward propagating waves is clearly visible. We also show some other examples from the dark region in Appendix B.

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

We have used *IRIS* data to investigate the physical nature of the observed oscillations in the TR of a QS region, and the spectral line used for the study is Si IV 1393 Å. We calculated the significant periods of intensity oscillations and Doppler velocity oscillations statistically in two different regions (bright and dark regions). We used wavelet analysis to obtain the distribution of periods in the intensity and velocity oscillations in the bright (above network) and dark (above inter-network) regions in the quiet TR.

We calculated the mean period of the distribution with 1σ uncertainty. We observed long-period oscillations dominating in both regions (> 5 min). The mean period of intensity oscillations in the bright region is about 7 min, and the mean period of velocity oscillations is about 8 min. The mean period of intensity oscillations in the dark region is about 7 min, and the mean period of velocity oscillations is about 5.4 min. We found that the mean period in both the intensity and velocity oscillations is consistent within the 1σ error in both regions. We aimed to examine the nature of oscillations in the TR, but not to find the origin of these oscillations. We estimated the presence of various wave modes using the phase relationship between intensity I and Doppler velocity V . These TR oscillations have the characteristics of a slow magneto-acoustic wave (either propagating waves or standing waves). The slow waves are generally compressive in nature and propagate along magnetic field lines. These waves are characterized by periodic oscillations in intensities and Doppler shifts, which have also been observed using the EUV Imaging Spectrometer on *Hinode* (e.g. Wang et al. 2009a,b; Mariska & Muglach 2010), and their phase speed is close to the local sound

speed (Sharma et al. 2020). Slow waves are observed to have periods of several minutes to a few tens of minutes and they can be damped by physical processes such as thermal conduction, compressive viscosity, radiation, divergence of magnetic field, density stratification, etc. (e.g. Ofman & Wang 2002; Abedini, Safari & Nasiri 2012; Krishna Prasad, Banerjee & Van Doorselaere 2014).

The observed oscillations can be associated with lower atmospheric oscillations or they could be in situ oscillations. Many authors have investigated the propagation of waves from the photosphere to the TR, as well as the relationship between oscillations in the upper and lower regions (e.g. Kayshap et al. 2020; Zeighami et al. 2020; Chelpanov et al. 2021). They interpreted these waves as upward propagating slow magneto-acoustic waves as they propagate along magnetic field lines and their phase speed between two heights is almost equal to the local sound speed.

In addition, some authors have found evidence of downward propagation waves. Rendtel, Staude & Curdt (2003) investigated chromosphere and TR oscillations. They discovered that 5-min oscillations dominate in the chromosphere, whereas shorter-period oscillations (2–3 min) dominate in the TR. They also found no oscillations in the corona and suggested this could be due to downward reflection occurring in the solar TR. Banerjee et al. (2001a) have found significant power in chromospheric and transition lines at frequencies ranging from 4 to 8 min. They also found no significant power in the coronal line. The origin of these oscillations has been linked to the p-mode oscillations.

In addition to propagating waves, the standing slow waves are also observed in hot coronal loops. In hot flaring coronal loops, oscillations were observed in Doppler velocity during flaring by SUMER/SOHO and the *Solar X-Ray Telescope* (SXT)/Yokoh (Wang et al. 2002). The oscillations lasted for a few tens of minutes. It has been found that Fe XIX and Fe XXI emission lines (formation $T > 6$ MK) show a phase shift of $\pi/2$, which is the signature of a standing slow mode (e.g. Wang 2011; Yuan et al. 2015).

Madsen, Tian & DeLuca (2015) investigated the sunspot oscillations in the chromosphere in conjunction with SJI filters 1400 Å and 2796 Å. In both filters, the global period increases from sunspot centre to the penumbra. They also found that apparent horizontal velocities decrease from 12 km s⁻¹ in the umbra to about 4 km s⁻¹ in the penumbra. On the basis of inclined field geometry, they have proposed that these oscillations are the signature of magneto-acoustic waves propagating upward. As they have analysed sunspot penumbra, they ought to consider the inclined geometry of the field lines and projection to estimate the properties of the slow waves (Yuan et al. 2014). However, in our present work, we have analysed multiple locations in the broad bright and dark regions in the solar TR. We did not need to consider the geometry of an inclined magnetic field; in fact, it can be considered as a top part of a wide slab piercing the solar TR and consisting of homogeneous magnetized plasma where the wave is supposed to be evolved and is generating its signature in the TR layer.

In this work, we determined the physical properties of the detected oscillations by calculating the phase difference between intensity and velocity oscillations. We do not estimate the phase speed of the propagating wave (or oscillating antinodes in the case of standing modes) by the traditional phase-lag/time-delay technique as adapted by many other authors previously (e.g. Kontogiannis, Tsiropoula & Tziotziou 2016; Jafarzadeh et al. 2017; Kayshap et al. 2020). Instead, we use the well-established theory of slow waves to demonstrate the physical picture of the phase relation between intensity and velocity in the solar TR.

Slow magneto-acoustic longitudinal oscillations are characterized by the propagation of density and velocity perturbations along the magnetic field. Because the solar TR is an optically thin and collisionally excited region, intensity I is proportional to the square of the density ($I \propto \rho^2$). This leads to the relationship between density perturbation ρ_1 and intensity perturbation I_1 (i.e. $I_1/I_0 = 2\rho_1/\rho_0$), from the linear approximation. As a result, intensity can be used as a proxy for density to interpret the type of wave mode.

Many theoretical studies have predicted (e.g. based on forward modelling) that, in the ideal MHD case, a propagating wave mode manifests a phase difference of 0 and $\pm\pi$ between intensity and Doppler velocity, while a standing mode shows a phase difference of $\pm\pi/2$ (e.g. Deubner et al. 1990; Kitagawa et al. 2010; Kontogiannis, Tsiropoula & Tziotziou 2010; Moreels & Van Doorselaere 2013). Wang et al. (2009b) have reported on the upward propagating slow magneto-acoustic wave on the basis of in-phase relationship between intensity and Doppler shift oscillations. Also, Wang et al. (2003a,b) have reported slow mode standing waves in their analysis as there is a phase difference of $\pm\pi/2$ between intensity and velocity (also see Mariska et al. 2008). Our work shows that, in both the regions, the phase shift between intensity and Doppler velocity is within the range of -180° to $+180^\circ$, according to wave phase analysis (bright and dark). Phase distribution peaks at -119° , 33° and 102° in the bright region. The centre peak is near to 0 and the other two peaks are near to $\pm\pi/2$. We found the signature of a propagating wave as well as the signature of a standing wave in the bright region. In the dark region, phase distribution peaks at -153° , 6° and 150° . The central peak is near to 0, and the other two peaks are near to $\pm\pi$. These phase difference values suggested signatures of both upward and downward propagating waves.

We have also plotted the phase difference arrows on the cross-power wavelet and wave coherence map (see Fig. 7). In both regions (bright and dark), we found that different wave modes exist at different frequencies and times. For example, in the bright region, downward propagating and standing waves are present at different frequencies. Similarly, in the dark region, upward and downward propagating waves are present at different frequencies. Therefore, these wave modes (propagating and standing waves) are associated with different oscillations.

We found some level of consistency in explaining two of the observed phase peaks in both bright and dark regions when comparing with theoretical calculations of the 0.5-dimensional model for propagating slow magneto-acoustic modes (see Section 3.3). However, a 1D model considering non-adiabatic effects, and a varying tube velocity with height (hence refractions), or more realistic three-dimensional (3D) MHD models including the different damping mechanisms are needed in future to analyse the phase shifts of these oscillations. More recently, the phenomenon of heating-cooling imbalance is being explored in a number of studies to model the solar atmosphere (e.g. Prasad et al. 2021b, 2022) and it might be interesting to look into a 3D model including heating-cooling imbalance to calculate the phase shifts of magneto-acoustic oscillations.

We cannot directly infer the effect of the magnetic field on observations of various slow wave modes from our work, but we can comment on the energy flux carried by waves propagating in different regions (bright and dark). Fedun, Erdélyi & Shelyag (2009) have investigated wave propagation from the photosphere to the corona numerically using hydrodynamic and MHD modelling. According to them, the total energy transmitted to the corona in a magnetic case (i.e. thermal + kinetic + magnetic) is twice the amount of energy transmitted in a non-magnetic case. Because the network region

(bright patch) is surrounded by a strong magnetic field, propagating waves in this region may carry more energy than propagating waves in the inter-network region (dark patch), which is surrounded by a weak magnetic field.

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DATA AVAILABILITY

For this spectroscopic study, we used observational data from *IRIS* that can be found at <https://www.lmsal.com/hek/hcr?cmd=view-rec-ent-events&instrument=iris> and the data for the HMI on board the *SDO* are available at <http://jsoc.stanford.edu/ajax/lookdata.html>.

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APPENDIX A: SPECTRA AT THE DARK REGION

Because the signal in the dark region is noisy, we used 4×4 binning (four in time and four in Y) to improve the S/N ratio. After binning, the S/N ratio is enhanced at most of the locations. However, the signal cannot be distinguished from the background at a few points, which were excluded. Each spectrum in the dark zone is carefully verified, and Gaussian fitting was performed to those pixels where the spectra were clearly visible. As a result, we have obtained the signal-induced intensity and velocity oscillations rather than background noise oscillations. We took one pixel and checked the spectral line profile at each time. We have seen three different types of spectra.

(i) After binning, the spectra are improved (i.e. the signal is stronger than the noise), and hence the intensity and velocity signals can be estimated using a single Gaussian fitting. Fig. A1(a) shows an example of such spectra.

(ii) Spectra in which the S/N has not yet been improved and the line (signal) cannot be distinguished from the background continua (noise). These spectra were not fitted; instead, the intensity and velocity were interpolated later. An example of such spectra is shown in Fig. A1(b).

(iii) Spectra with enhanced S/N, although noise is stronger than the line (signal) at some other wavelengths (not in the proximity of 1393.77 Å) in the specified wavelength range 1393.00–1394.50 Å. Such spectra can be seen in Fig. A1(c). The line is visible at wavelength 1393.77 Å, but the routine fitted the noise instead of the line because it fits the peak of maximum intensity. Because the intensity in this example is at its maximum at 1393.10 Å, the routine fitted the background (noise) rather than the spectral line (signal). We reduced the noise manually, and the routine fitted the signal peak rather than the noise. The fitting after noise reduction is shown in Fig. A1(d).

Similarly, we checked spectrum profile at each Y location and estimated the intensity and velocity oscillations due to the signal but not due to the noise.

Moreover, we can also put some condition to the linewidth of the fitted profile to ensure the reliability of fitted profile. Instrumental broadening and thermal broadening are two components of linewidth measurements. For both the instrumental and thermal profiles, the measured Gaussian linewidth should be $> \sqrt{(instrumental\ width)^2 + (thermal\ width)^2}$ (i.e. 0.056 Å; Chae, Schühle & Lemaire 1998). The linewidth for the fitted profiles shown in Figs 2(d) and (f) are also small, so we checked the value of linewidth for these profiles and the values are larger than 0.056 Å. Similarly, we have checked the linewidth of all fitted spectral profiles and where it is smaller than 0.056 Å, we have flagged those values and interpolated later using the fitted profiles.

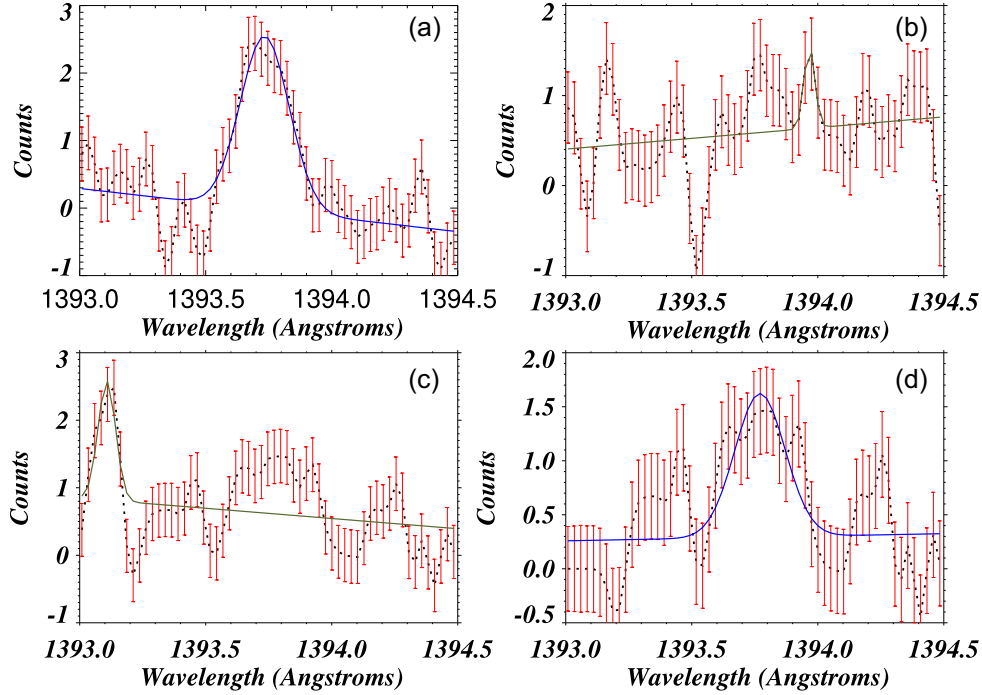


Figure A1. Spectral line profiles in different times in different locations. Panel (a) shows an example of an improved spectral line after binning. The spectral line is the black dotted curve, the fitted Gaussian curve is the blue line overplotted, and the red bars are the error bars. Panels (b) and (c) show examples of a failed fit. The autofitted Gaussian curve, which gives the misleading spectral information, is shown by the green curve. After manually reducing the noise value, panel (d) shows an example of a reliable fitted spectral line.

APPENDIX B: EXAMPLES OF CROSS-POWER WAVELET AND WAVE COHERENCE MAP IN BRIGHT AND DARK REGIONS

In both bright and dark regions, we computed the phase difference between the intensity and velocity time series. As shown in Fig. 7, we have drawn the phase difference arrow on both the cross-power and wave coherence maps for the chosen representative locations. On the cross-power map, phase difference arrows are only plotted where cross-power is significant (i.e. where cross-power exceeds 95 per cent global significance). The phase difference arrow is also plotted on the wave coherence map where cross-power is significant along with wave coherence greater than 0.70. In Fig. 7(c), the cross-power map shows the signature of both propagating waves and standing waves. A red arrow indicates downward propagating waves, while

a grey arrow indicates standing waves. However, after applying a threshold for wave coherence, the red arrows become less prominent compared with the grey arrows. Thus, for the bright region, we have shown some other examples where both standing and downward propagating waves are clearly visible. The cross-power wavelet and the wavelet coherence at two locations are shown in Fig. B1. For both locations, we have drawn arrows indicating phase differences. The presence of both propagating and standing waves can be seen in both locations at different frequencies. In a similar manner, we have shown cross-power wavelet coherence for two different locations in the dark regions. A downward propagating wave is indicated by a red arrow, while an upward propagating wave is indicated by a white arrow (see Fig. B2). Both examples show upward and downward propagating waves.

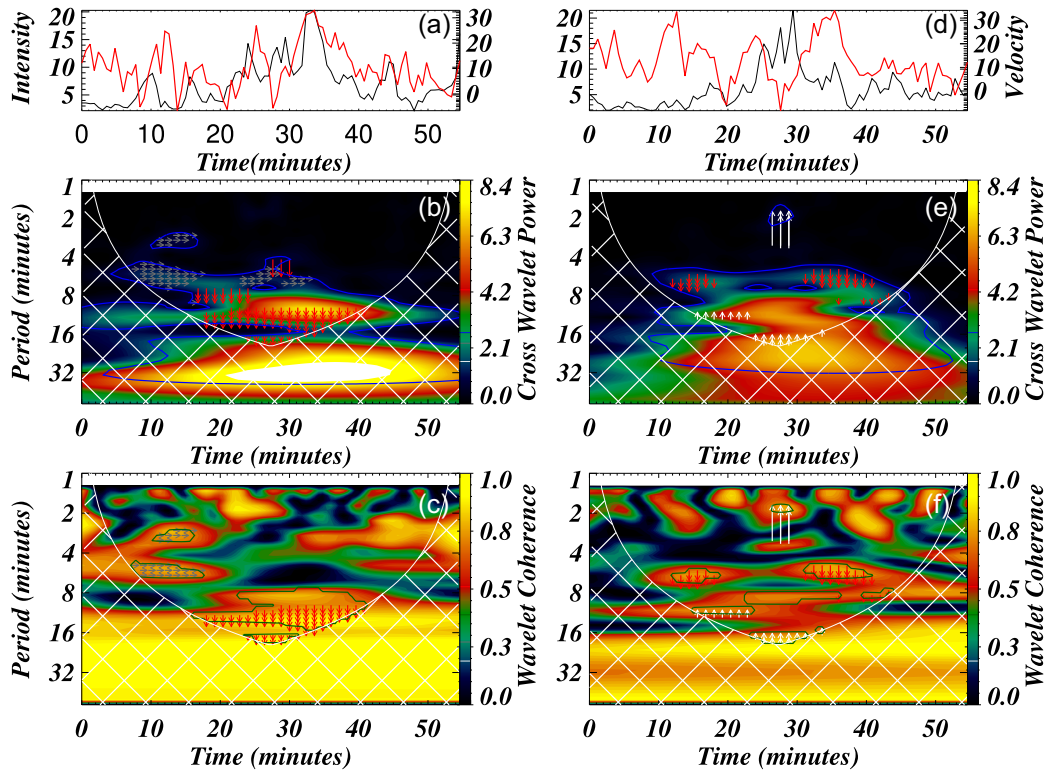


Figure B1. The time series of intensity (black) and Doppler velocity (red) at two different locations in the bright region are represented in panels (a) and (d). The cross-power wavelet between two time series is shown in panels (b) and (e) and the wavelet coherence between two series is shown in panels (c) and (f). The other descriptions of panels (a)–(f) are the same as for Fig. 7.

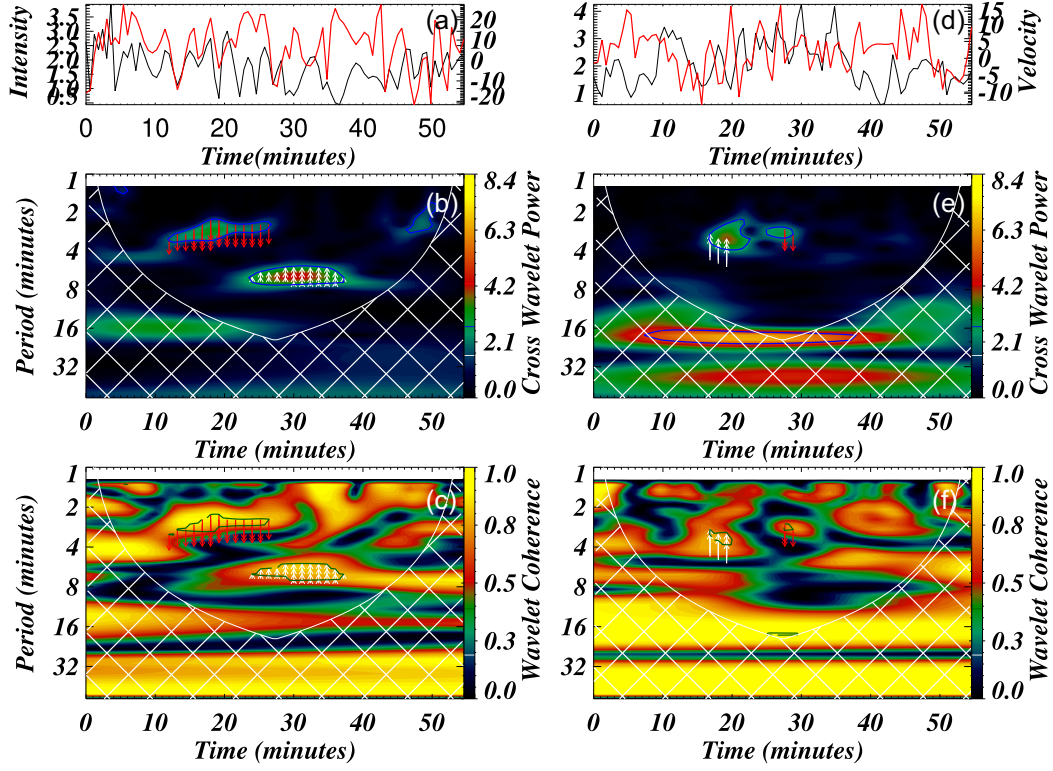


Figure B2. The time series of intensity (black) and Doppler velocity (red) at two different locations in the dark region are represented in panels (a) and (d). The cross-power wavelet between two time series is shown in panels (b) and (e) and the wavelet coherence between two series is shown in panels (c) and (f). The other descriptions of panels (a)–(f) are the same as for Fig. 7.

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