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Local Enhancement of a Moreton Wave in the guiet Sun

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Moreton Waves are a large-scale global wave phenomenon generated by solar eruptions, manifested as bright fronts in the Ha line center and blue wing (or dark fronts in the Ha red wing). Generally, Moreton waves are considered as the footprint on the chromosphere of coronal fast-mode shock waves. As the fast-mode shock propagates further away from the eruption source region, the corresponding Moreton wave generally becomes weaker and weaker until it disappears.

However, when analyzing an X-class solar flare with the data obtained by the Chinese Ha Solar Explorer (CHASE)^[1,2], we recent found that as the Moreton wave propagates out, the strength of wave front has an abnormal enhancement at a special location. We analyzed the

multi-wavelength difference images and perform the global nonlinear force-free

field extrapolation, and it is revealed that the special location corresponds to the root of a quasi-separatrix layer (QSL).

We propose that the coronal fast-mode shock wave experiences a mode conversion around the QSL, and much of its energy is transferred to a slow-mode wave^[3], which is trapped inside the magnetic field line, leading to the abnormal enhancement of Moreton wave at the footpoint of the QSL.

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Figure 1. Local Enhancement of a Moreton Wave in the quiet Sun. Left panels: Ho blue wing, red wing and their difference observed from CHASE/HIS. Right panels: The time evolution of the relative wave front intensity. The local enhancement of the Moreton Wave occured approaching the outer QSL of coronal magnetic field.