

Smoothness of Turbulent Transport Across a Minimum- q Surface

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Abstract

Some controversy exists over the role of weak or reversed shear in the formation of internal transport barriers. One theory attributes the formation of internal transport barriers to a gap in global wave structures in the minimum- q region. We show that in general no such gap exists, and that energy transport is smooth and increasing across such a minimum- q region.

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