



Multiheight Identification of Sausage and Fluting Eigenmodes in a Solar Pore

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Abstract

Magnetic pores are compact, strongly magnetized waveguides in the lower solar atmosphere and therefore provide favorable conditions for identifying magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) wave modes. Earlier seeing-free observations revealed concurrent sausage, kink, and fluting modes in photospheric pores, but only at a single sampled layer. In this letter, we exploit the dense spectral sampling of the near-ultraviolet 327–329 nm window observed by the SUNRISE-III UV Spectropolarimeter and Imager (SUSI) to investigate how pore wave modes behave across multiple photospheric and low-chromospheric heights spanning roughly 500 km. We analyze ~75 min of a SUNRISE-III/SUSI time series containing a small solar pore. From eight selected spectral lines sampling different estimated formation heights, we identify the pore boundary at each line and time step and apply proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) to the boundary oscillations. In all eight lines, the first POD mode is consistently identified as an axisymmetric sausage mode, with dominant power at ~1–2 mHz, and carries the dominant normalised eigenvalue fraction, typically about 66%–86%, while the second mode is a fluting mode with azimuthal wave number $m = 2$, dominant at ~2–3.5 mHz, and contributes about 4%–10%. Cross-line wavelet phase analysis of the temporal coefficients shows that the sausage mode remains close to zero phase difference across the sampled heights, consistent with standing or near-standing behaviour, whereas the fluting mode displays a modest but systematic increase in phase with height, reaching about 50°, indicative of an upward-propagating component. These observations provide the first multiheight identification and phase characterisation of sausage and fluting modes inferred from pore-boundary oscillations.

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1. Introduction

A central challenge in solar physics is to understand how energy is transported through the magnetized atmosphere and redistributed between its different layers. Magnetohydrodynamic



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(MHD) waves are widely regarded as one of the main agents in this process, since they can channel, store, convert, and dissipate energy in structured magnetic environments from the photosphere to the corona (e.g., V. M. Nakariakov & E. Verwichte 2005; D. B. Jess et al. 2015; E. Khomenko & M. Collados 2015). Theory predicts that magnetic structures can support a rich spectrum of coexisting MHD wave modes, each with its own spatial morphology, propagation properties, and energetic implications (P. M. Edwin & B. Roberts 1983; B. Roberts 2019). Determining which modes are present, how they evolve with height, and whether they are standing, propagating, or evanescent therefore remains a key step toward understanding the dynamics and energetics of the solar atmosphere (D. B. Jess et al. 2023).

Recent advances in high-resolution observations and analysis methods have revealed concurrent MHD wave modes in sunspots (D. B. Jess et al. 2017; A. B. Albidah et al. 2021; M. Stangalini et al. 2022; A. B. Albidah et al. 2022, 2023), in both the photosphere and chromosphere, by decomposing oscillatory perturbations of the sunspot structure. Surface modes have also been inferred in sunspots from spectropolarimetric perturbations in the umbra–penumbra boundaries (M. Stangalini et al. 2018). In addition, longer-period oscillatory power, extending from about 10–15 min to several tens of minutes, has also been reported in sunspots and related magnetic structures (e.g., R. A. Sych & V. M. Nakariakov 2008; N. Chorley et al. 2010; N. I. Kobanov et al. 2013). Pores, however, offer a particularly useful laboratory for such studies. They are smaller and geometrically simpler than sunspots, yet remain strongly magnetized and spatially resolved, making them especially suitable for tracking boundary motions and identifying surface wave modes.

Previous pore studies have established that pores host a broad range of oscillatory behavior, including compressive sausage modes identified through area, intensity, and Doppler-velocity fluctuations (e.g., R. J. Morton et al. 2011; K.-S. Cho et al. 2015; S. D. T. Grant et al. 2015; N. Freij et al. 2016; P. H. Keys et al. 2018), as well as both standing (I. Dorotovič et al. 2014) and upwardly propagating (M. G. Moreels et al. 2015; S. D. T. Grant et al. 2022) sausage disturbances. Coexistence of several azimuthal harmonics, including $m = 0$, $m = 1$, and $m = 2$, has also been reported in a pore (J. Kang et al. 2019). More recently, a decomposition analysis of seeing-free observations from the High-Resolution Telescope (HRT; A. Gandorfer et al. 2018) of the Polarimetric and Helioseismic Imager (PHI; S. K. Solanki et al. 2020) on board Solar Orbiter (SO; D. Müller et al. 2020) demonstrated that several eigenmodes may coexist in the same pore, including sausage, kink, and an $m = 2$ fluting mode (S. Jafarzadeh et al. 2024). That result, however, was restricted to a single well-sampled photospheric layer. It therefore remained unclear how pore boundary perturbations behave when the same structure is sampled through a sequence of closely spaced atmospheric layers and whether their vertical phase behavior can distinguish standing from propagating character of oscillations. This missing vertical information is the key obstacle addressed here in our letter. Previous mode detections in solar pores have either relied on single-height diagnostics or on limited height separation between observing channels. A dense multiline spectroscopic sequence, by contrast, allows the same magnetic structure to be sampled through an ordered ensemble of atmospheric response functions, making it possible to ask

whether the same boundary eigenmodes persist with height and whether their temporal coefficients remain phase-aligned or acquire a systematic phase lag.

The third flight of the SUNRISE balloon-borne solar observatory has now opened that opportunity (S. K. Solanki et al. 2026). Building on the success of the earlier SUNRISE flights (S. K. Solanki et al. 2010; P. Barthol et al. 2011; S. K. Solanki et al. 2017), SUNRISE-III (A. Korpi-Lagg et al. 2025) is not just stabilized by a new gondola (P. Bernasconi et al. 2025) and correlating wave front sensor (T. Berkefeld et al. 2026); it also carries a new suite of instruments designed for seeing-free, high-resolution, multiline observations of the lower solar atmosphere. In particular, the SUNRISE UV Spectropolarimeter and Imager (SUSI) provides slit-based spectroscopy and spectropolarimetry in near-ultraviolet (near-UV), allowing the same magnetic structure to be sampled in several closely spaced spectral lines with different atmospheric sensitivities (A. Feller et al. 2025; F. A. Iglesias et al. 2025). This makes SUSI especially well suited to investigating how pore oscillations appear through a sequence of closely spaced sampled heights.

In this letter, we use SUNRISE-III/SUSI observations in the 327–329 nm window to investigate the boundary oscillations of a small pore across eight selected spectral lines spanning different estimated formation heights. We identify the pore boundary in line-core intensity rasters, apply proper orthogonal decomposition (POD; J. L. Lumley 1967) to the boundary oscillations, and then compare the temporal behavior of the dominant modes between the selected lines. This provides a first multiheight view of the leading oscillatory modes inferred from pore-boundary oscillations in the near-UV and allows their vertical phase behavior to be examined directly. The central result is that the dominant sausage mode remains nearly phase-aligned across the sampled layers, whereas the weaker $m = 2$ fluting mode shows a systematic upward phase progression.

2. Data

This letter uses a subset of the SUNRISE-III/SUSI observations obtained on 2024 July 14 during the main science sequence on a large active region near disk center ($\mu \approx 0.96$; SUNRISE-III ID 24_SPOT, S. K. Solanki et al. 2026). SUSI sampled the 327–329 nm window in a repeated small-raster mode, producing a narrow two-dimensional scan that crossed a sunspot, surrounding plage, and a nearby pore under seeing-free conditions. The observations span 21:40–23:39 UTC and comprise 180 raster scans with a cadence of about 39 s. The analysis is based on the SUSI Stokes I data products, using the standard pipeline reduction (S. K. Solanki et al. 2026) together with subsequent assembly of time-series raster images and additional correction for solar rotation, field derotation, and residual image jitter. The resulting data cube samples the active-region pore for the full duration of the observations.

The present analysis is restricted to the final 115 raster scans, corresponding to about 75 min of data. The first 65 scans were excluded because flare-related activity in the pore during that interval produced strong transient brightenings, particularly in some of the higher-forming lines, compromising the stability and consistency of the pore-boundary identification. The retained part of the sequence is free from these strong early transients and therefore provides a more reliable basis for a consistent multiline boundary analysis.

The 327–329 nm spectral region contains a dense set of absorption lines from multiple atomic and molecular species. From this window, we restrict the present analysis to eight spectral lines selected on the basis of relatively high signal-to-noise ratio, limited blending, stable boundary detection, and broad coverage of estimated formation heights. The selected lines are Fe II 327.6617 nm, Mn I 327.8562 nm, Ti II 327.2094 nm, Fe I 327.2606 nm, Fe I 327.8742 nm, Ni I 328.6960 nm, Fe I 328.6772 nm, and Cu I 327.3972 nm. Their representative formation heights are adopted from the same modeling framework used in S. Jafarzadeh et al. (2026b, 2026c; hereafter Papers I and II) and are used here primarily as approximate proxies for relative ordering rather than as precise geometrical heights. In short, they were estimated at each spatial pixel of a 3D radiative MHD MURaM sunspot simulation (A. Vögler et al. 2005; M. Rempel 2012; see also H. N. Smith et al. 2023) through contribution functions (CFs) to the emergent intensity, computed under local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) with the RH code (H. Uitenbroek 2001; T. M. D. Pereira & H. Uitenbroek 2015), using atomic line parameters from the Kurucz line list (R. L. Kurucz & B. Bell 1995). The weighted-mean CF heights and their 16th–84th percentile ranges are therefore used here as a practical summary of the vertical sensitivity of the selected lines. As a result, we do not interpret these CF centroids as sharply separated geometrical layers. Instead, the selected lines are treated as an ordered set of partly overlapping atmospheric CFs. The robust observable in the present analysis is therefore the systematic cross-line behavior of the POD temporal coefficients, rather than an absolute geometrical phase speed.

Unlike Papers I and II, where the emphasis was on fitted line-core intensity and LOS-velocity products derived from Voigt profile analysis (S. Jafarzadeh et al. 2026a), the present study uses line-core intensity raster images to track the oscillatory behavior of the pore boundary. For each selected line, we extracted two-dimensional raster images at the chosen line-core wavelength position and followed the pore boundary in time within those image sequences. We did not apply an explicit Doppler compensation of the line-core wavelength for this purpose. Since the goal here is boundary identification in intensity images, rather than a pixel-by-pixel measurement of line-center shifts, small Doppler-induced displacements of the local absorption minimum are not expected to alter the overall pore outline materially in the selected lines. The resulting image sequences form the basis for the contour extraction and POD analysis described in Section 3.

Figure 1 summarizes the observational context and the selected lines. The slit-jaw image (left panel) shows the active-region context and the raster field of view, which includes the analyzed pore. The stacked line-core raster images in the middle illustrate the pore appearance in the eight selected lines arranged in formation height order, while the formation height panel shows the adopted effective heights of the same lines. The error bars indicate the corresponding 16th–84th percentile ranges of the CFs and thus the finite vertical extent sampled by each spectral line. The mostly negative height values reflect that the reference zero-point is defined relative to the quiet-Sun $\tau_{500\text{ nm}} = 1$ surface, so lines formed within the Wilson-depressed pore atmosphere can appear at negative geometrical heights on this scale (e.g., S. K. Solanki 2003).

3. Analysis and Results

All wave analyses carried out in this work were performed with routines implemented in the WaLSAtools²³ library (S. Jafarzadeh et al. 2025a, 2025b). All signals entering the wave analysis were first linearly detrended and apodised with a Tukey window using a 10% taper. This preprocessing was applied consistently throughout the temporal and cross-line wavelet analyses.

3.1. Pore Boundary Extraction from Line-core Intensity Rasters

For each of the eight selected spectral lines, we constructed a time series of two-dimensional raster images at the chosen line-core wavelength position and tracked the pore boundary in those images. As noted in Section 2, the aim of these rasters is to follow the boundary morphology of the pore rather than to measure line-center shifts themselves. Boundary identification was therefore performed directly on the intensity images at fixed wavelength positions. The adopted contour level for each line was chosen to isolate the dark pore core while avoiding nearby intergranular lanes and transient brightenings. To improve robustness against small-scale noise and pixel-to-pixel fluctuations, the image sequences were spatially upsampled, and the pore boundary in each frame was determined using an intensity-contour approach with temporal continuity imposed so that the identified contour evolved smoothly in time and did not jump spuriously between unrelated intensity features. The resulting contours were then mapped onto a common centered reference frame, allowing the boundary evolution to be analyzed consistently in time for each spectral line and providing a stable basis for comparing azimuthal boundary-shape perturbations across the selected lines.

This boundary-based approach follows the spirit of our earlier pore analysis using SO/PHI-HRT data, where oscillations of the pore boundary were used to isolate the dominant MHD eigenmodes (S. Jafarzadeh et al. 2024). In the present case, however, the analysis is extended from a single photospheric layer to a set of near-UV spectral lines spanning different formation heights, for which the centered radial representation provides a consistent basis for cross-line comparison of boundary-shape perturbations. For each line, the final product of this step is a time-dependent pore boundary expressed as a radial displacement $r(\theta, t)$ around a common center, where θ is the azimuthal angle along the pore perimeter and t denotes time. This centered radial representation is required in order to compare the boundary as a function of azimuth in a consistent way between time steps and between spectral lines. Without such centring, variations in the absolute position of the pore would be mixed with genuine boundary-shape perturbations in $r(\theta, t)$, making the cross-line comparison less clean. The present formulation therefore isolates coherent boundary-shape perturbations, while a bulk transverse displacement of the pore as a whole is less naturally captured.

²³ <https://github.com/WaLSAteam/WaLSAtools>

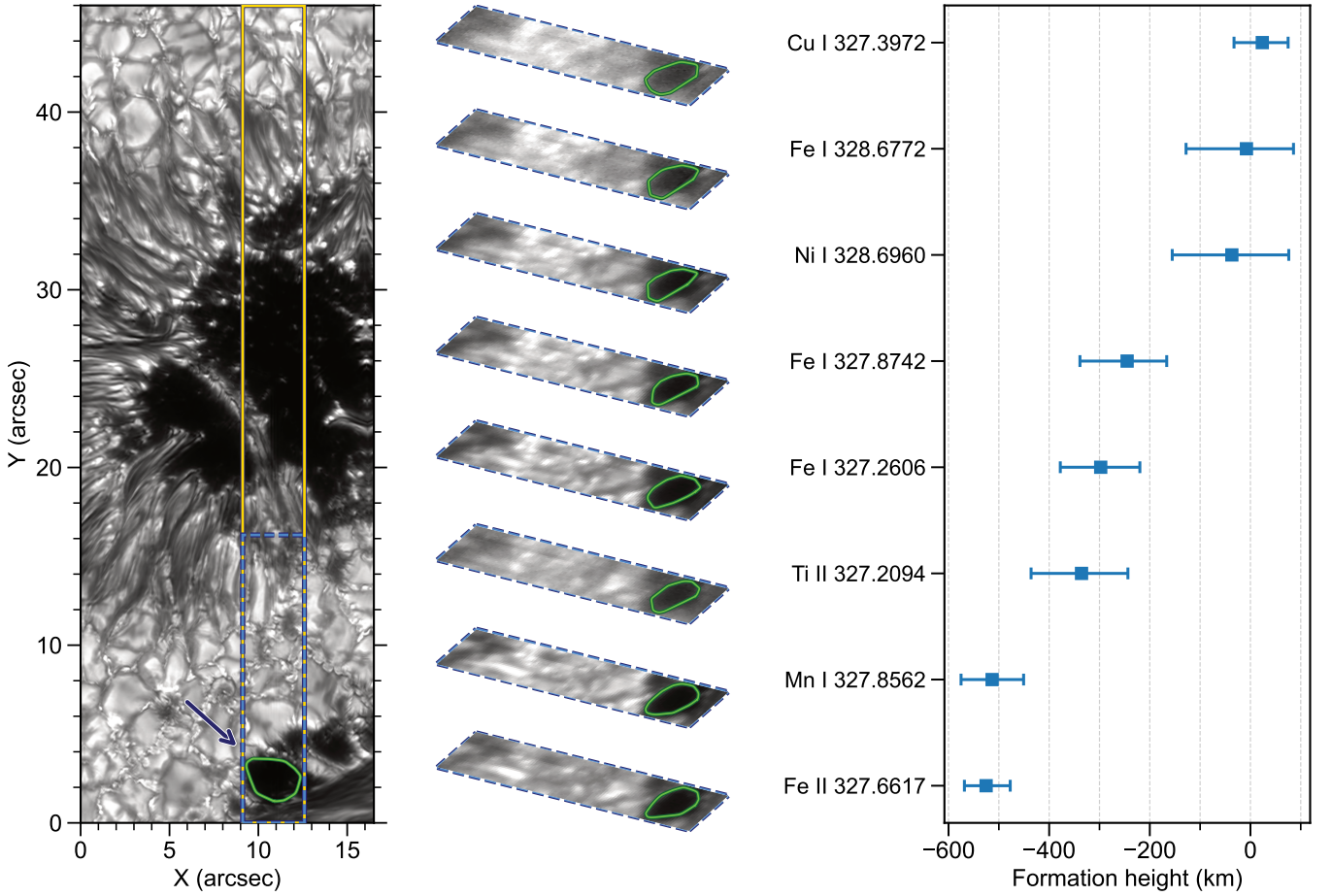


Figure 1. Observational context and selected spectral lines used in the present analysis. The left panel shows a SUSI slit-jaw image near the continuum. The yellow lines mark the full raster field of view, while the dashed blue rectangle marks the smaller portion of that field shown in the middle panel. The arrow and green contour indicate the pore analyzed in this work. The middle panel presents representative line-core intensity raster images for the eight selected spectral lines, displayed as a three-dimensional stack and ordered by increasing effective formation height. The dashed blue outlines mark the boundaries of the displayed raster cutouts, and the green contours indicate the pore boundaries overplotted at each sampled height. The right panel shows the adopted formation heights of the same lines. Symbols indicate the weighted-mean CF heights, and the error bars denote the 16th–84th percentile range, illustrating the finite vertical extent sampled by each line. These heights are used here primarily as approximate proxies for relative ordering rather than as precise geometrical heights. Most heights are negative because of the Wilson depression.

3.2. Proper Orthogonal Decomposition of the Boundary Oscillations

To isolate the dominant coherent boundary perturbations, we applied POD to this time-dependent boundary representation for each selected spectral line. The radial displacement $r(\theta, t)$ was first resampled onto a uniform angular grid and, after subtracting the temporal mean boundary shape, the resulting fluctuations were decomposed into orthogonal spatial eigenfunctions and their associated temporal coefficients according to

$$r(\theta, t) = \bar{r}(\theta) + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k(t) \phi_k(\theta), \quad (1)$$

where $\bar{r}(\theta)$ is the mean boundary shape, $\phi_k(\theta)$ is the POD eigenfunction, $a_k(t)$ is the corresponding temporal coefficient, k labels the POD mode, and N is the total number of retained POD modes in the decomposition. Here, k denotes only the POD rank index and is distinct from the azimuthal wavenumber m , which is assigned later from the spatial morphology of the recovered eigenfunctions. In matrix form, this decomposition is obtained from the covariance matrix of the mean-

subtracted boundary fluctuations. Its eigenvalues, λ_k , quantify how much of the total fluctuation power is captured by each mode. Throughout this letter we therefore express the relative importance of each POD mode through the normalized eigenvalue fractions

$$f_k = \frac{\lambda_k}{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i}. \quad (2)$$

These fractions are quoted as percentages and describe the proportion of the total boundary variance captured by each mode. We adopt this formulation because it remains directly linked to the POD eigenvalue problem while retaining the more intuitive interpretation in terms of variance contribution.

In this framework, the POD eigenfunctions describe the dominant azimuthal boundary perturbations, while the temporal coefficients quantify how strongly each perturbation evolves in time. POD is therefore particularly well suited to identifying MHD boundary modes, since different azimuthal wavenumbers produce distinct spatial morphologies around the pore perimeter when compared with the expectations for a cylindrical magnetic flux tube. In what follows, we focus on the two dominant recovered POD modes, i.e., the first two

POD components in rank order, which together account for the overwhelming majority of the total normalized eigenvalue fraction in all selected lines and are the most consistently recovered components in the present centered boundary representation.

3.3. Identified Boundary Modes Across the Selected Lines

Figure 2 presents, for each of the eight selected spectral lines, the spatial form of the two dominant recovered POD modes together with their temporal coefficients and corresponding refined global wavelet spectra (RGWS). The RGWS is defined as the time-integrated Morlet wavelet power as a function of frequency, retaining only frequencies where the local power exceeds the 95% confidence level and excluding regions affected by the cone of influence (COI) (S. Jafarzadeh et al. 2025a). In all cases, the first mode shows the characteristic axisymmetric contraction–expansion pattern expected for a sausage ($m = 0$) mode, while the second mode exhibits the alternating azimuthal structure expected for a fluting mode with $m = 2$. Because the present centered boundary representation is designed to emphasize boundary-shape perturbations rather than bulk transverse displacement of the pore as a whole, no comparably robust kink-like ($m = 1$) component is recovered in the current decomposition.

The dominant mode identified in every selected spectral line is thus an axisymmetric sausage mode. Its temporal coefficient shows a clear narrow-band oscillatory signal whose amplitude remains broadly comparable across the line ensemble, and its RGWS is remarkably similar from line to line, with a prominent concentration of power in the 1–2 mHz range. The strong consistency of both the spatial morphology and the dominant temporal power indicates that the same physical mode is being sampled across all selected lines.

The second POD mode is consistently fluting-like, with an azimuthal structure corresponding to $m = 2$. Although it contributes substantially less of the total normalized eigenvalue fraction than the sausage mode, it is nevertheless clearly recovered in all eight lines. Its temporal coefficients also show coherent oscillatory behavior, but with broader and somewhat more line-dependent power spectra than those of the first mode. In most cases, the dominant power of the fluting mode lies in the 2–3.5 mHz range, while secondary power enhancements at higher frequencies, extending up to about 9 mHz, become more apparent in the higher-forming lines.

The relative importance of the two modes is highly systematic across the selected lines. The first POD mode typically contributes about 66%–86% of the total normalized eigenvalue fraction, whereas the second contributes about 4%–10%. Overall, the fractional contribution of the sausage mode tends to decrease with increasing formation height, while that of the fluting mode tends to increase. At the same time, the positive and negative extrema of the fluting perturbation become more clearly separated in the higher-forming lines, suggesting that the $m = 2$ boundary distortion becomes morphologically more pronounced with height, even though the amplitudes of the temporal coefficients remain broadly comparable across the selected lines.

Two points are particularly noteworthy. First, the persistence of the same two leading morphologies across the entire line ensemble demonstrates that these are not line-specific artefacts of the boundary extraction, but robust physical modes of the pore. Second, the dominance of the sausage mode in the

normalized eigenvalue budget is itself a clear result: the boundary dynamics are overwhelmingly governed by an $m = 0$ oscillation, while the fluting mode appears as a weaker but still coherent higher-order perturbation. This behavior is broadly consistent with the earlier single-layer identification of sausage and fluting modes in a pore (S. Jafarzadeh et al. 2024), but is established here simultaneously across multiple near-UV spectral lines and hence across multiple sampled heights.

3.4. Cross-line Coherence and Phase Behaviour

To investigate how these identified modes behave with height, we compared the temporal coefficients of corresponding POD modes between the selected spectral lines using wavelet coherence analysis. For each mode, the temporal coefficient of the lowest-forming selected line, Fe II 327.6617 nm, was adopted as the reference signal. Each of the remaining seven coefficients was then compared with this reference using the Morlet-wavelet framework in WaLSA-tools. From these cross-wavelet calculations, we extracted the wavelet coherence and phase angle as functions of time and frequency.

Phase information was retained only in regions where the coherence was both statistically significant at the 95% confidence level and located outside the COI. This restriction ensures that the inferred phase angles are based only on the coherent part of the signal and are not dominated by edge effects or nonsignificant fluctuations. For each POD mode, we then identified the frequency interval that provided the most robust common coherence across the selected lines and computed the corresponding consensus phase statistics.

For the first POD mode, the strongest common coherent signal lies in the 1.2–1.8 mHz range. Across this band, the mean phase differences relative to the reference line remain very close to zero for all selected lines, with only small deviations within the phase spreads. Figure 3 shows that the phase behavior of this mode is therefore essentially flat with height. This result is consistent with a standing, or at least near-standing, sausage oscillation sampled through the selected atmospheric layers.

For the second POD mode, the strongest common coherent signal is found in the 2.9–3.5 mHz range. For this mode, the mean phase does not remain constant. Instead, it shows a modest but systematic increase across the line ensemble, rising from values close to zero in the lowest-forming line to roughly 50° in the highest-forming one (Figure 3). Although the increase is not perfectly linear from line to line, the overall trend is clear and indicates an upward-propagating component for the fluting mode. Interpreted literally, the approximately 50° phase change across the full adopted height range at ~ 3.2 mHz would correspond to an apparent phase speed of order 10 km s^{-1} . However, any corresponding range of values would be dominated by the substantial uncertainty in the effective formation heights and the broad vertical extent of the CFs. We therefore do not treat this value as a seismological measurement. Instead, we only provide this estimate to show that the observed phase progression has a physically plausible scale.

Taken together, these results provide a simple but physically informative picture of the pore boundary dynamics. The dominant boundary oscillation is a standing or near-standing sausage mode that remains phase-aligned across the sampled heights, while the weaker fluting mode exhibits a measurable

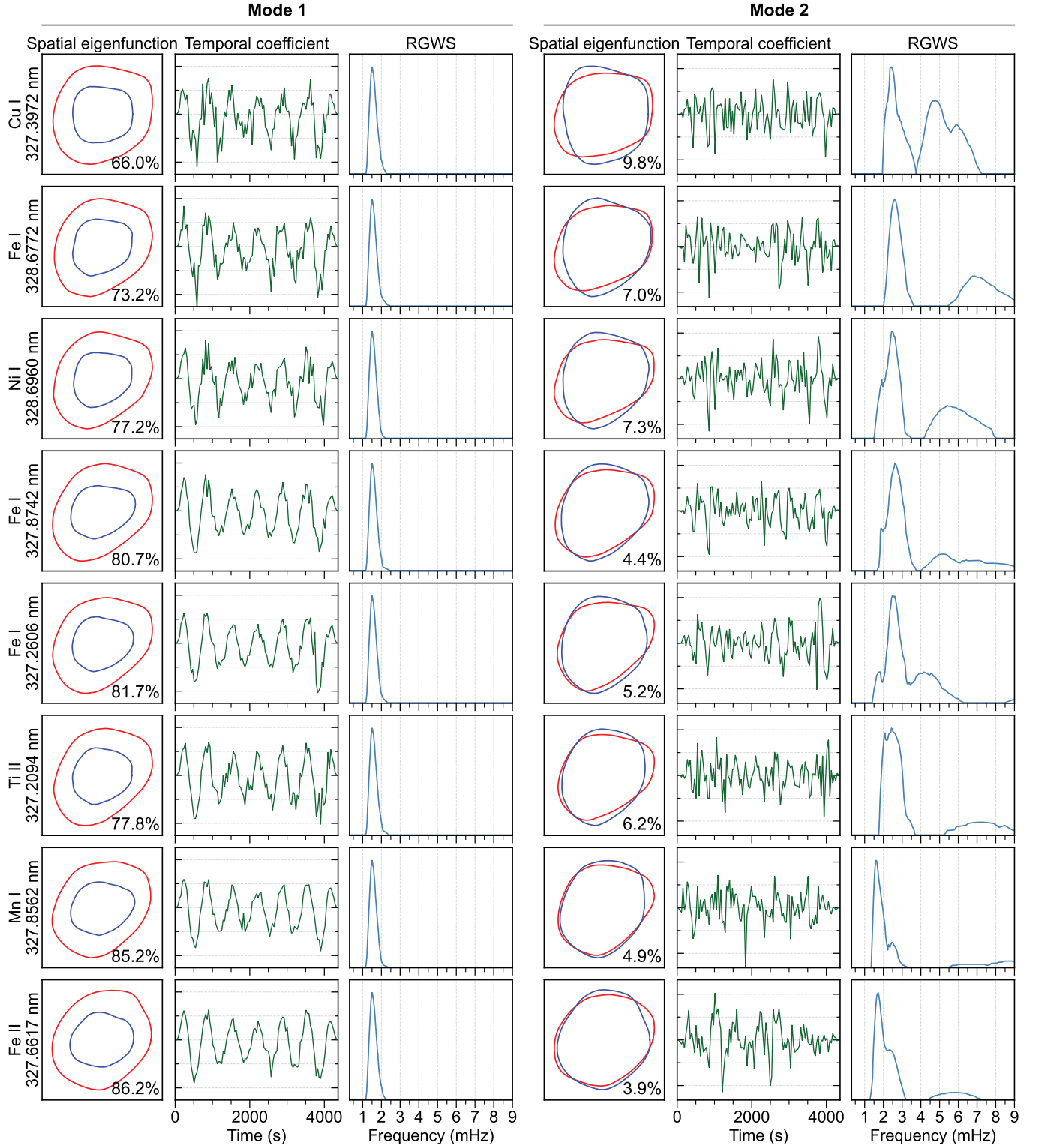


Figure 2. Two dominant recovered POD modes identified from the pore-boundary oscillations in the eight selected spectral lines, ordered by increasing formation height from bottom to top. For each line, the first three columns show the first recovered POD mode and the last three columns the second recovered POD mode. Within each group, the panels show the spatial eigenfunction, the corresponding temporal coefficient, and the refined global wavelet spectrum (RGWS). The temporal coefficient panels are plotted on the same vertical scale within each mode to allow a direct comparison of amplitudes between spectral lines. The percentages quoted in the spatial panels indicate the normalized eigenvalue fraction of each mode, that is, the corresponding eigenvalue divided by the sum of all eigenvalues. The first mode is consistently sausage-like and dominates the total normalized eigenvalue fraction, while the second mode is consistently fluting-like with $m = 2$ and contributes a smaller but still coherent fraction.

(An animation of this figure is available in the [online article](#).)

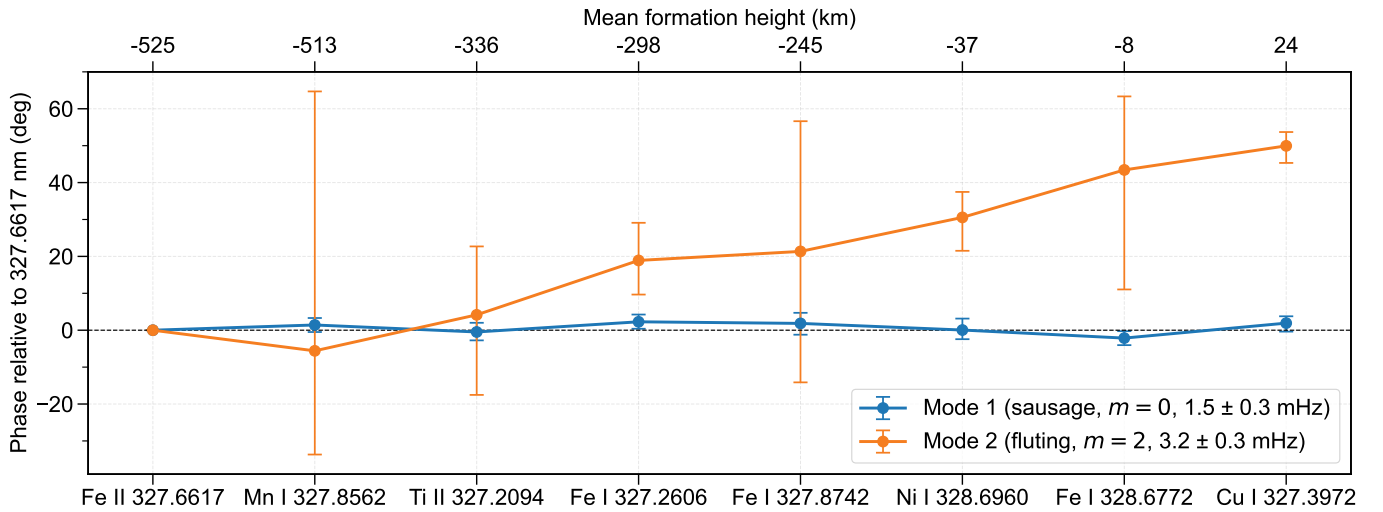


Figure 3. Consensus phase behavior of the two dominant recovered POD modes across the selected spectral lines. The phase is measured relative to the lowest-forming selected line, Fe II 327.6617 nm, and is shown for the frequency bands in which the common coherence is strongest: 1.5 ± 0.3 mHz for the sausage mode and 3.2 ± 0.3 mHz for the fluting mode. Only phase values from regions outside the cone of influence and above the 95% coherence significance threshold are retained. The plotted phase at each spectral line is the coherence-weighted mean phase, and the error bars denote the corresponding 16th–84th percentile-based phase spread. The lower horizontal axis lists the spectral lines, while the upper axis gives their adopted mean formation heights. The sausage mode remains close to zero phase difference across the sampled heights, consistent with standing or near-standing behavior, whereas the fluting mode shows a modest but systematic increase in phase with height, indicative of an upward-propagating component.

upward phase progression. The combination of POD-based mode identification and coherence-restricted phase analysis therefore allows the vertical behavior of the leading pore eigenmodes to be diagnosed directly from the multiline near-UV observations.

4. Discussion and Conclusions

In this letter, we used seeing-free near-UV observations from SUNRISE-III/SUSI to examine the boundary oscillations of a small solar pore across eight selected spectral lines in the 327–329 nm window. By applying POD to the boundary oscillations and then comparing the temporal coefficients through wavelet coherence and phase analysis, we obtained a direct multiheight view of the dominant pore boundary modes and their propagation behavior.

In all eight selected spectral lines, the first POD mode is consistently identified as an axisymmetric sausage mode and carries the dominant normalized eigenvalue fraction, typically about 66%–86%. The second POD mode is consistently fluting-like, with azimuthal wavenumber $m = 2$, and contributes about 4%–10%. The phase analysis then shows that these two modes differ not only in morphology but also in their vertical behavior: the sausage mode remains close to zero phase difference across the selected lines, consistent with standing or near-standing behavior, whereas the fluting mode exhibits a modest but systematic phase increase with height, indicating an upward-propagating component.

These results extend earlier pore-wave studies in two main respects. First, previous investigations had already established the presence of sausage oscillations in pores, including both standing and upward propagating cases (e.g., I. Dorotović et al. 2014; M. G. Moreels et al. 2015; S. D. T. Grant et al. 2022). Second, an earlier seeing-free SO/PHI-HRT study showed that sausage, kink, and fluting modes can coexist in a pore, but only at a single sampled photospheric layer (S. Jafarzadeh et al. 2024). The present letter advances that picture by demonstrating that the dominant sausage and fluting modes can be identified

consistently across multiple near-UV spectral lines sampling heights differing by roughly 500 km from each other, within a centered radial boundary representation chosen to enable a consistent cross-line comparison of boundary-shape perturbations. In that sense, this is the first multiheight observational characterization of these two pore oscillations, particularly with such fine sampling through the photospheric and low-chromospheric regime. In this formulation, the sausage- and fluting-like components are the most consistently recovered modes across the selected line ensemble. At the same time, it is less naturally sensitive to a bulk transverse displacement of the pore as a whole, and therefore does not favor the recovery of a kink-like component in the same way as a decomposition that retains the absolute pore position.

This distinction is also the main difference from S. Jafarzadeh et al. (2024). In that earlier single-layer study, the analysis framework was able to recover sausage, kink, and fluting components in the boundary oscillations. Here, by contrast, the aim is not to compile the broadest possible mode inventory at one height, but to compare the same pore boundary consistently across a sequence of spectral lines sampling different atmospheric layers. For that purpose, the common centered radial representation provides a consistent azimuthal description of the same pore boundary at all times and in all selected lines. Without such centring, variations in the absolute position of the pore would be mixed with genuine boundary-shape perturbations in the cross-line comparison, making the identification of the coherent sausage- and fluting-like components less clean. A dedicated treatment of kink-like motions, which would require retaining and analyzing the transverse displacement of the pore as a whole, is beyond the scope of the present letter and is deferred to future work. We therefore do not interpret the absence of a comparably robust kink-like mode in the present decomposition as evidence that such motions are absent from the pore.

The relative contribution of the sausage and fluting modes also changes systematically across the selected line ensemble, with the sausage fraction tending to decrease and the fluting

fraction tending to increase with height. Because these normalized eigenvalue fractions can be influenced not only by the underlying wave behavior, but also by line-dependent formation properties, boundary identification sensitivity, and the centered radial representation adopted here, we do not attempt a more detailed physical interpretation of this trend in the present letter. Disentangling these effects will require dedicated forward modeling and MHD simulations, which are beyond the scope of the present letter.

The phase behavior is especially informative. The nearly zero phase differences of the sausage mode across the selected lines are consistent with standing or near-standing behavior, in clear contrast to the $m = 2$ fluting mode at higher frequency, which exhibits a systematic phase progression with height. A purely evanescent disturbance could also, in principle, produce very small phase differences over the sampled height range. In the classical picture, an evanescent wave would be associated with an exponentially decaying amplitude with height, while a standing disturbance sampled over only a relatively small fraction of its full wavelength would be expected to show an approximately constant amplitude over the limited height range considered here. Our observed amplitudes are essentially constant across the selected lines, which is most naturally consistent with a standing or near-standing interpretation. We acknowledge that in a stratified atmosphere, the amplitude behavior of an evanescent disturbance can be more subtle than the strict exponential decay of the uniform-medium case. A weakly evanescent disturbance therefore cannot be fully excluded from the present analysis. The apparent amplitudes are additionally influenced by line-dependent formation characteristics, the finite vertical extent of the CFs, radiative-transfer response, line-core contrast, and differences in boundary identification sensitivity between spectral lines, further limiting their use as a quantitative discriminator. We therefore adopt a standing or near-standing description of the sausage mode as the most natural interpretation of the observations, while noting that a weakly evanescent disturbance is not excluded. A more definitive discrimination between these scenarios will require dedicated forward MHD modeling together with a full-Stokes polarimetric analysis of the pore, and we defer that to future work.

For the fluting mode, the interpretation is more straightforward. Its systematic phase increase with height is itself the clearest signature of an upward-propagating component and is not consistent with a purely standing or purely evanescent disturbance. The absence of a clear amplitude decrease with height does not provide a similarly strong additional constraint here; rather, the phase behavior is the robust result. At the same time, the spatial appearance of the fluting mode becomes more clearly expressed in the higher-forming lines, and its power spectra show a richer high-frequency content there, while the common dominant power remains concentrated near 2–3.5 mHz throughout the line ensemble. This suggests that the $m = 2$ perturbation not only propagates upward, but also becomes more morphologically pronounced and spectrally structured with height.

Because of the substantial uncertainty in the exact formation heights and the finite vertical widths of the CFs, we deliberately avoid a strong quantitative phase-speed claim in this early science study. If the observed phase progression of the fluting mode were interpreted literally in terms of upward propagation through the adopted height ordering, it would

imply only an order-of-magnitude phase speed, and such an estimate would remain dominated by the present height uncertainties. We therefore regard the qualitative distinction between the two modes as the more robust result: the dominant sausage mode is phase-aligned across the sampled layers, whereas the fluting mode is not.

It is also important to emphasize the deliberate scope of the present analysis. This study is based exclusively on SUSI Stokes-I data and was designed as an early science investigation of pore boundary oscillations using the currently available products. No polarimetric information was used here, because the corresponding full-Stokes profiles were not yet ready at this stage of the SUNRISE-III/SUSI program. The present results should therefore be viewed as a focused first step based on intensity-defined boundary motions alone. Even within that restricted scope, however, the near-UV SUSI observations already reveal a remarkably coherent and physically interpretable mode structure.

The broader importance of this work lies in what the SUSI data now make possible. The line-rich near-UV window allows the same magnetic structure to be examined simultaneously through several closely spaced spectral lines, providing leverage that is difficult to obtain from one- or two-line studies alone. In the present pore, this makes it possible not only to identify the dominant boundary eigenmodes, but also to trace how their phase behavior changes across the sampled layers. Together with Papers I and II, and with other recent SUNRISE-III/SUSI wave studies using complementary many-line diagnostics (A. Lagg et al. 2026, in preparation), the present letter therefore strengthens the emerging picture that SUNRISE-III/SUSI can resolve wave behavior in active-region magnetic structures in a genuinely multiline and multiheight sense.

Several natural extensions follow from this work. Future studies can combine the present boundary analysis with complementary inversions and, once the relevant polarimetric products become available, relate the identified modes more directly to the local thermal and magnetic structure of the pore. The present letter also concentrates on surface boundary oscillations; a logical next step is to investigate the oscillatory response of the pore interior itself, where body-type wave behavior and internal structuring may also be present. In addition, combining SUSI with the other SUNRISE-III instruments, SCIP (Y. Katsukawa et al. 2020) and TuMag (J. C. del Toro Iniesta et al. 2025), will allow the vertical behavior of these modes to be followed over a larger atmospheric range. Finally, other SUSI spectral windows, including those sampling higher chromospheric layers, offer the prospect of tracing whether the identified boundary modes persist, transform, or dissipate further upward. More generally, the same approach could in future be extended to observations sampling the chromosphere, transition region, and low corona, allowing coherent wave modes to be traced over a much larger height range. This would also help to test how MHD modes evolve as magnetic flux tubes expand and change cross-sectional shape with height.

In summary, we have presented the first multiheight observational characterization of sausage and fluting modes in a solar pore, as recovered from a centered radial analysis of the pore-boundary oscillations. The leading mode is an $m = 0$ sausage oscillation that dominates the boundary-variance budget and remains nearly phase-aligned across the sampled

response heights, while the second mode is an $m = 2$ fluting oscillation with a measurable upward phase progression. These results provide the first multiheight view of sausage and fluting modes in a pore and demonstrate the considerable potential of the SUNRISE-III near-UV data for future studies of MHD wave structuring in small-scale solar magnetic elements.

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