



## **Turbulent cascade in the solar wind**

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Direct evidence for the presence of an inertial energy cascade, the most characteristic signature of hydromagnetic turbulence (MHD), is observed in the solar wind by the Ulysses spacecraft. By using the Yaglom exact relation, a linear relation is observed for the scaling of mixed third-order structure functions involving Elsasser variables. This experimental result firmly establishes the turbulent character of low-frequency velocity and magnetic field fluctuations in the solar wind plasma.