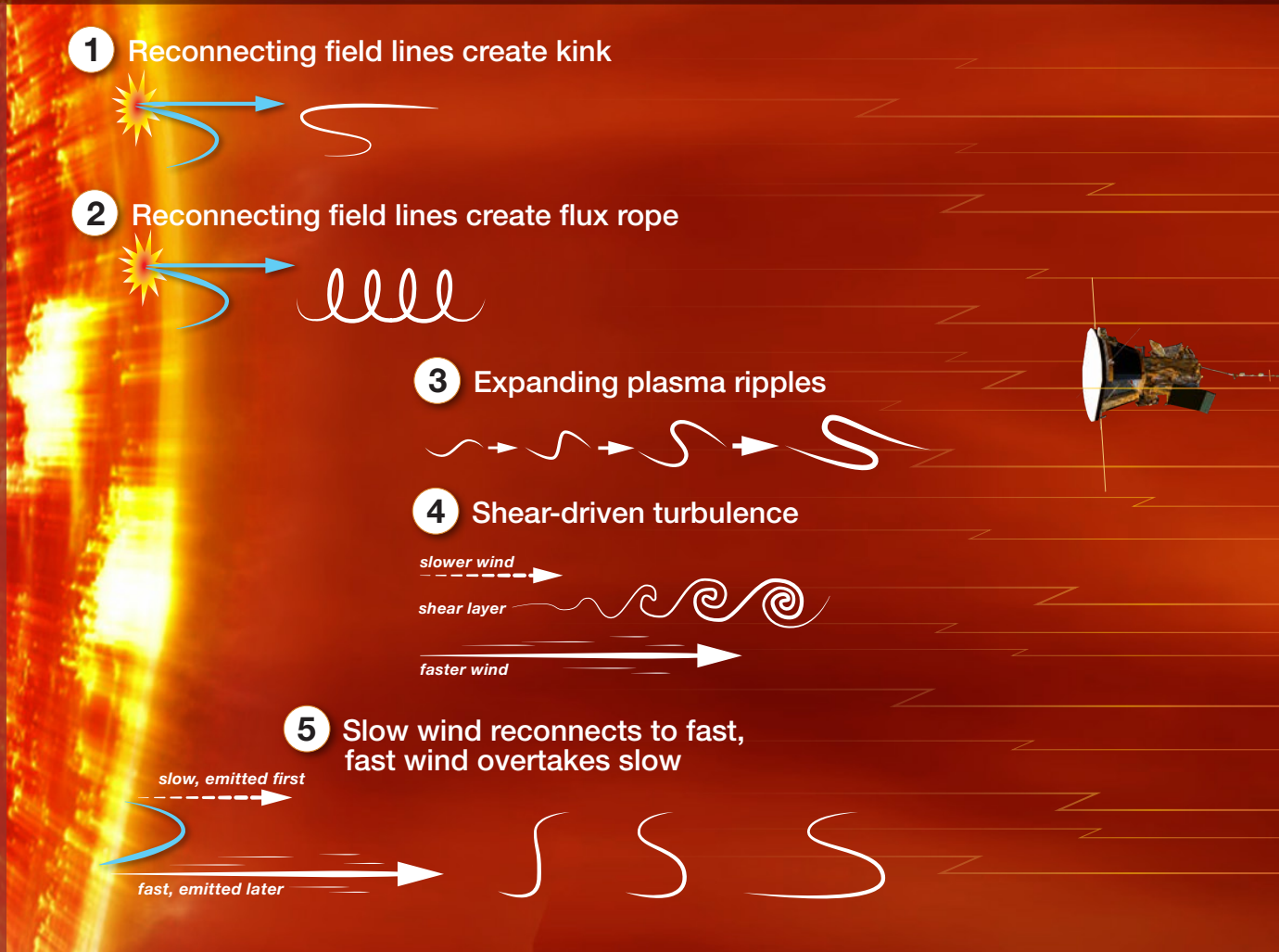




Where Do Switchbacks Come From?

Switchbacks are sudden reversals in the solar wind's magnetic field. They were a surprise discovery as NASA's Parker Solar Probe made its first close flyby of the Sun in November 2018.

How do switchbacks form? Here are the current theories competing to explain them.



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