

# *PARTICLE ACCELERATION IN SUPERNOVA REMNANTS*

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# OUTLINE

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- ◆ **From diffusion to energy gain**
  - ◆ *The nature of collision-less shocks*
  - ◆ *First order Fermi acceleration*
- ◆ **Maximum energy in Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA)**
- ◆ **Self-generation of magnetic waves**
  - ◆ *Resonant (streaming) instability*
  - ◆ *Non-resonant (Bell) instability*
- ◆ **The injection problem**
- ◆ **Application to SNR shocks**
  - ◆ *Radiative processes*
  - ◆ *The role of scattering centres*
  - ◆ *SNR in non homogeneous medium*

# Derivation of the transport equation

We look for a transport equation for the CR distribution function  $f(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{dN}{d^3x d^3p}$

Because we can neglect collisions, we can use the Liouville theorem:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{Df}{Dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla_x f + \dot{\vec{p}} \cdot \nabla_p f = 0 \quad \text{Vlasov equation} \\ \dot{\vec{p}} = q \frac{\vec{u}}{c} \wedge \vec{B} \quad \text{Lorentz force} \end{array} \right.$$

[See sec. 4.3 in Vietri, “Foundation of High energy Astrophysics”]

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla f = \nabla [D_{xx} \nabla f] + \frac{p}{3} (\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} + Q(z, p)$$

$$D_{xx} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{r_L c}{k_{res} F(k_{res})}$$

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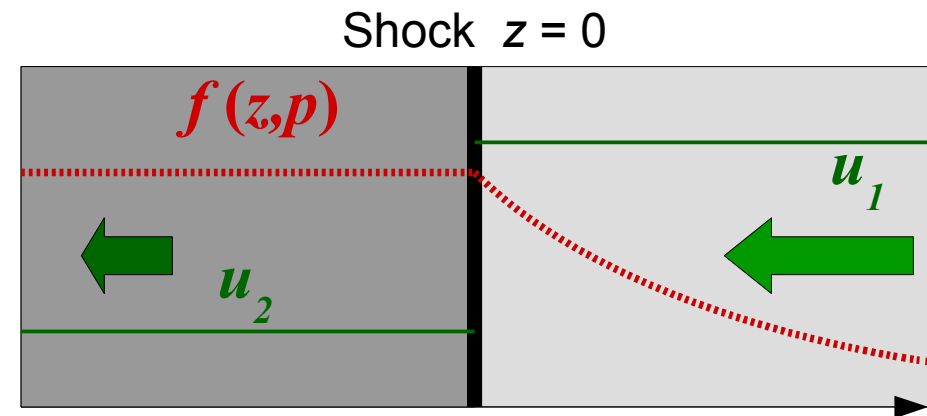
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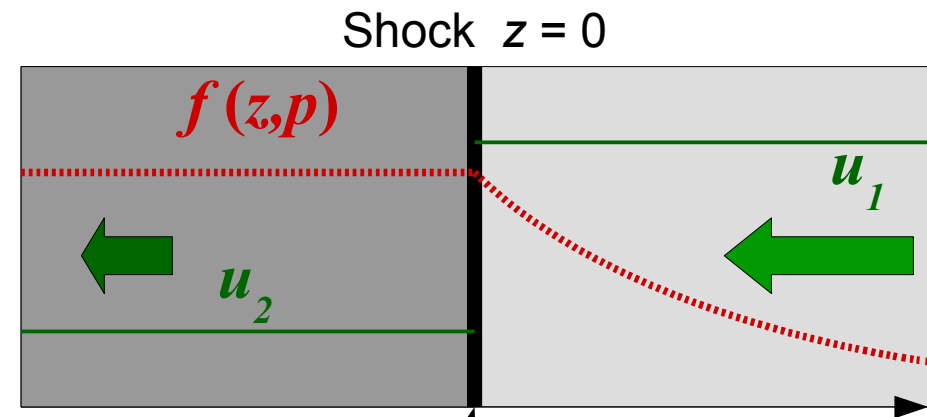
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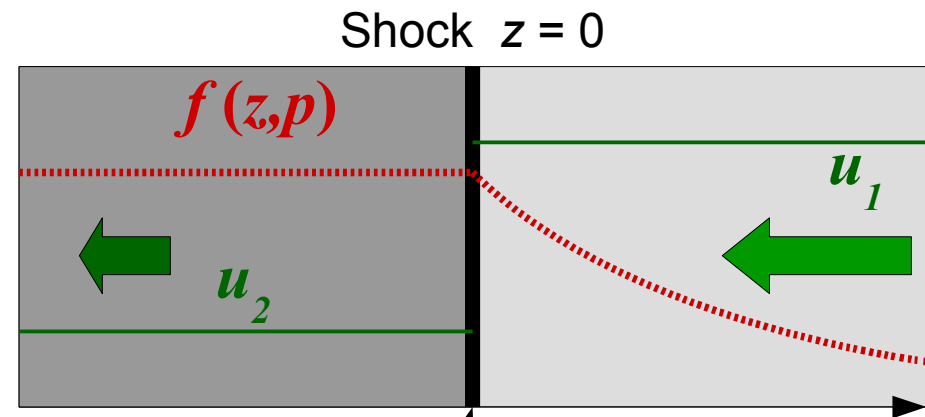
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Integration across the shock discontinuity

$$0 = - \left[ D \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right]_{0^+} + \frac{u_1 - u_2}{3} p \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial p} + Q_0(p)$$

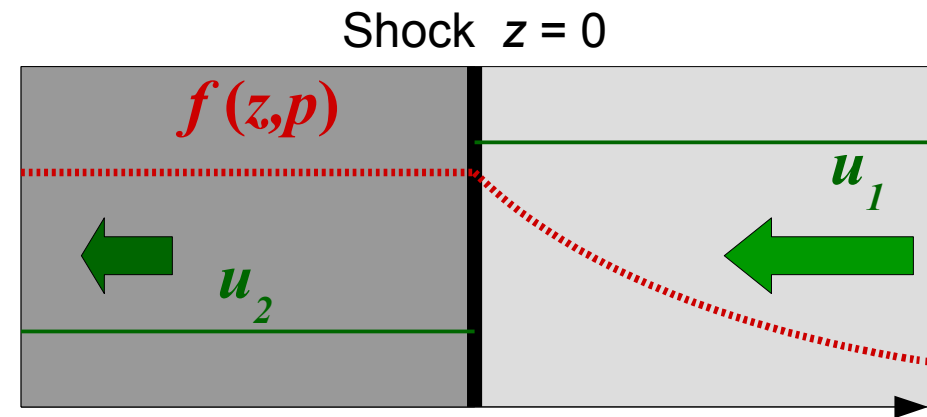
Integration from  $0^+$  to  $\infty$

$$u_1 (f_\infty - f_0) = - \left[ D \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right]_{0^+}$$

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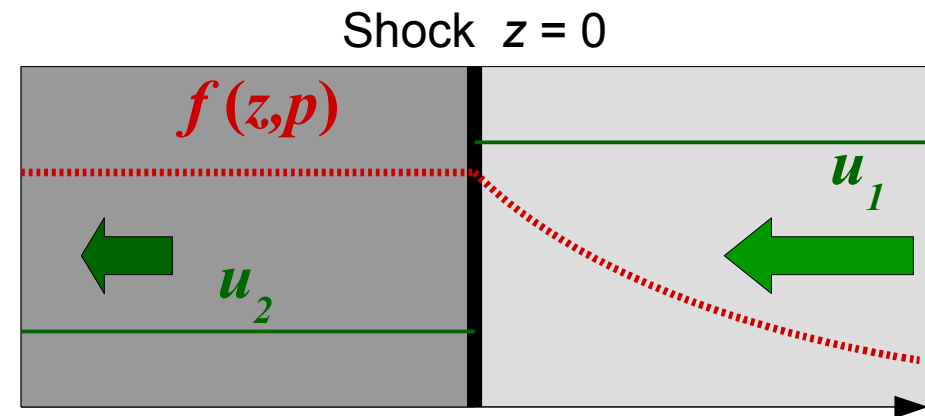


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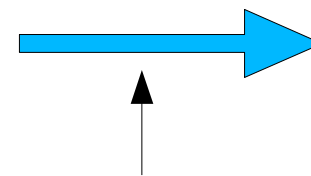
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Spectral slope  $s = \frac{3u_1}{u_1 - u_2} \rightarrow_{u_1 \rightarrow 4u_2} 4$



Solution at the shock

$$f_0(p) = s p^{-s} \int_{p_0}^p dp' p'^{s-1} \left[ \frac{Q_0(p')}{u_1} + f_\infty \right]$$



$$f_0 \propto \left( \frac{p}{p_0} \right)^{-s}$$

$$\begin{cases} Q_0 = k_{inj} \delta(p - p_0) \\ f_\infty = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Power-law in momentum!!!**



# Shock acceleration through the distribution function

Solution upstream and downstream of the shock

$$u \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ D \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right] + \cancel{\frac{p}{3} \frac{du}{dz} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}} + \cancel{Q_0(p) \delta(z)}$$

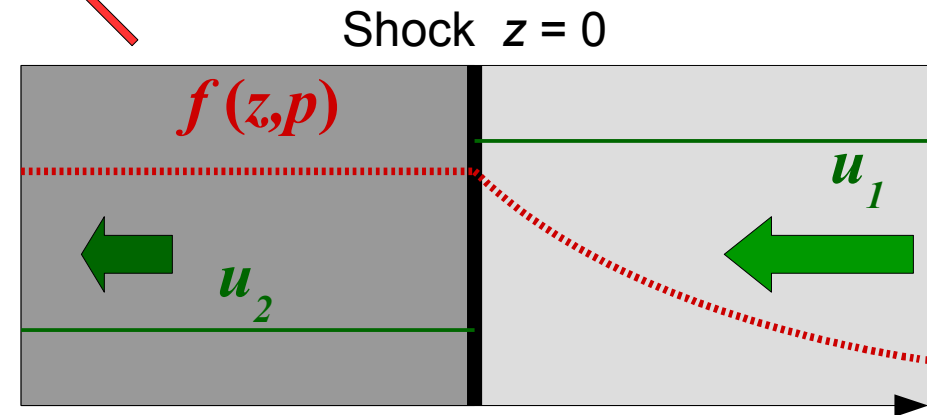
Downstream

$$f(z, p) = f_0(p)$$

Upstream

$$f_{up}(z, p) = f_0(p) e^{-uz/D}$$

The typical diffusion length upstream is  $D/u$





## From 2<sup>nd</sup> order to 1<sup>st</sup> order Fermi acceleration

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In the '70s many people realized that the Fermi mechanism give a totally different result if applied to shocks (Skilling, 1975; Axford et al., 1977; Krymskii, 1977; Bell, 1978; Blandford and Ostriker, 1978)

### WHAT IS A SHOCK?

# THE NATURE OF COLLISIONLESS SHOCKS

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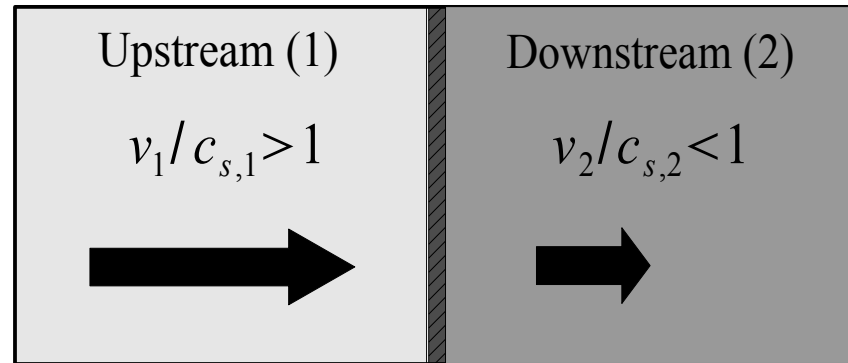
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Shock reference frame



$$M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} v/c_s$$

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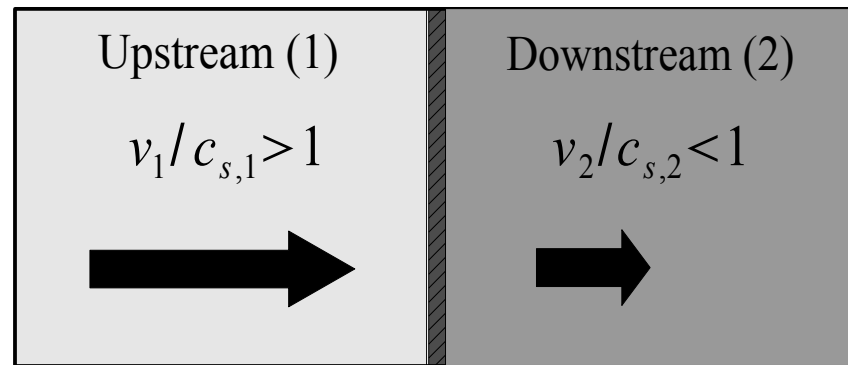
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Caveats:

- 1) What produces the transition?
- 2) Does the fluid equations describe correctly astrophysical plasmas?

# Collisionless Shocks Physics

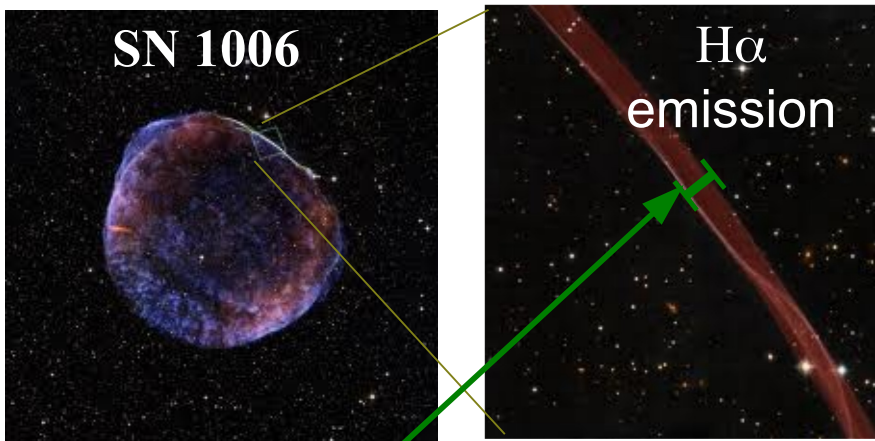
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 $H\alpha$  resolution  $\sim 0.7'' \rightarrow 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}$

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Length-scale for EM processes:

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Ion skin depth  $\frac{c}{\omega_{pi}} = \left( \frac{m_i c^2}{4\pi n_i e^2} \right)^{1/2} = 2.3 \times 10^7 n_i^{-1/2} \text{ cm}$

p's Larmor radius  $r_L(v_{sh}) = \frac{m_p v_{sh} c}{eB} = 10^{10} \left( \frac{v_{sh}}{3000 \text{ km/s}} \right) \left( \frac{B}{3 \mu\text{G}} \right)^{-1} \text{ cm}$

$\omega_{pe}$  = electron plasma frequency

$\omega_{pi}$  = ion plasma frequency

**Shock thickness  
between these  
two length-scales**



# Electro-magnetic instability

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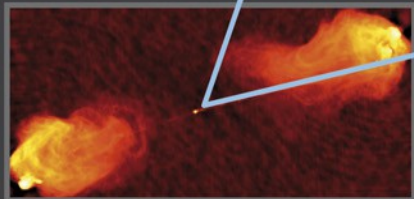
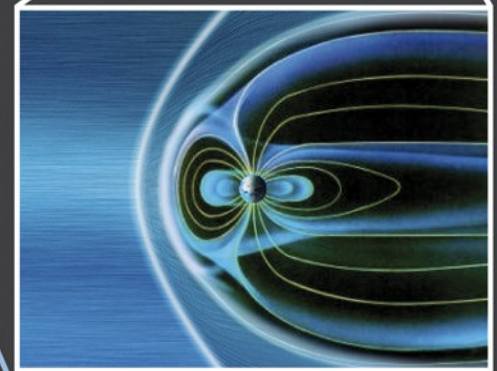
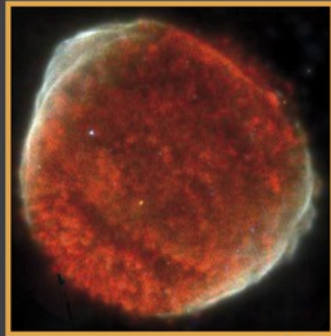
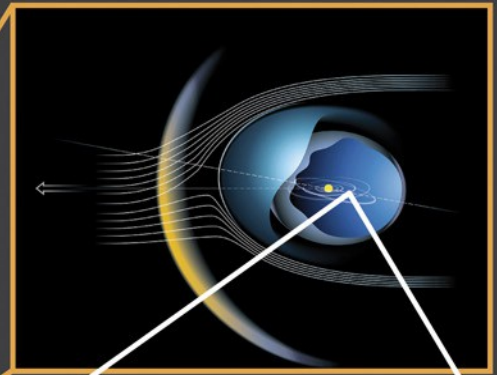
**Collisionless shocks require  $M_A > 1$**

**Which instability is responsible for the shock transition?**

- ◆ Two stream instability
- ◆ Weibel instability
- ◆ Oblique instability
- ◆ Filamentation
- ◆ ...

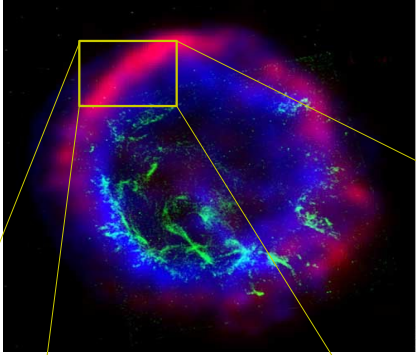
**The relative importance depends on the initial conditions of the plasma**

# SHOCKS ARE EVERYWHERE...



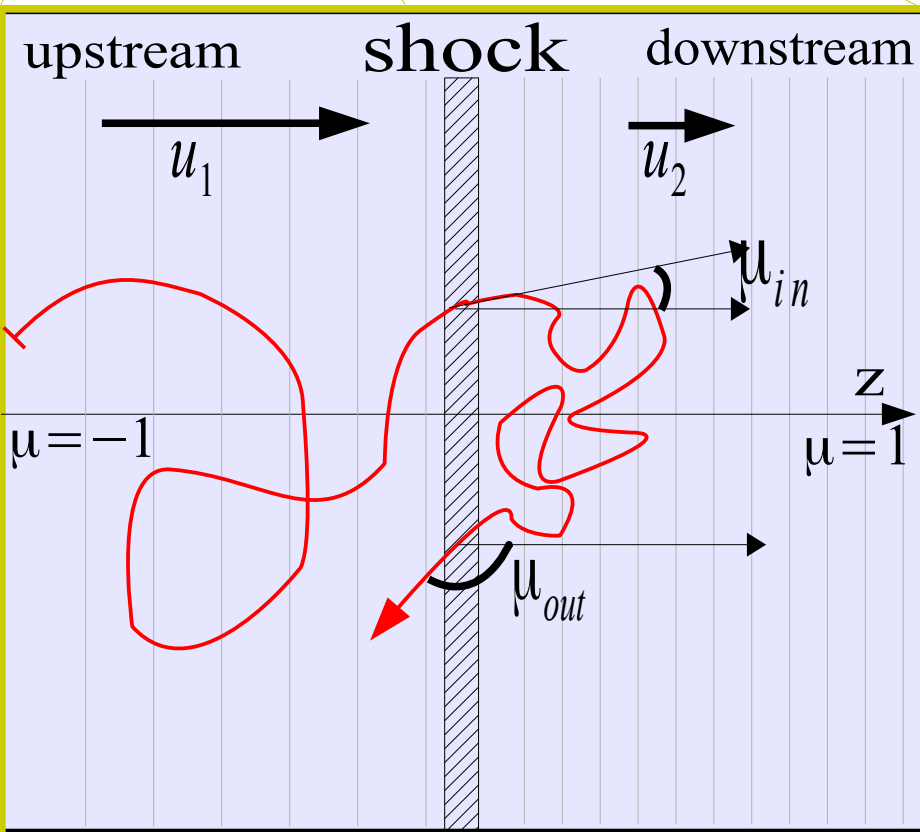
# HOW DO SHOCKS ACCELERATE PARTICLES?

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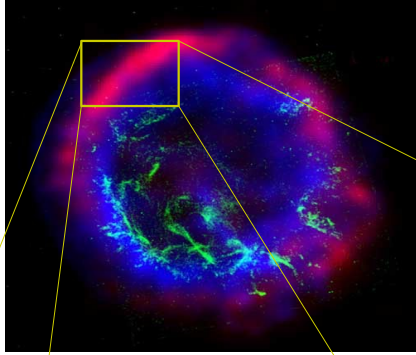


## ENERGY GAIN

$$E_2 = \frac{(1 - \beta_{rel} \mu_{in})(1 + \beta_{rel} \mu'_{out})}{1 - \beta_{rel}^2} E_1$$



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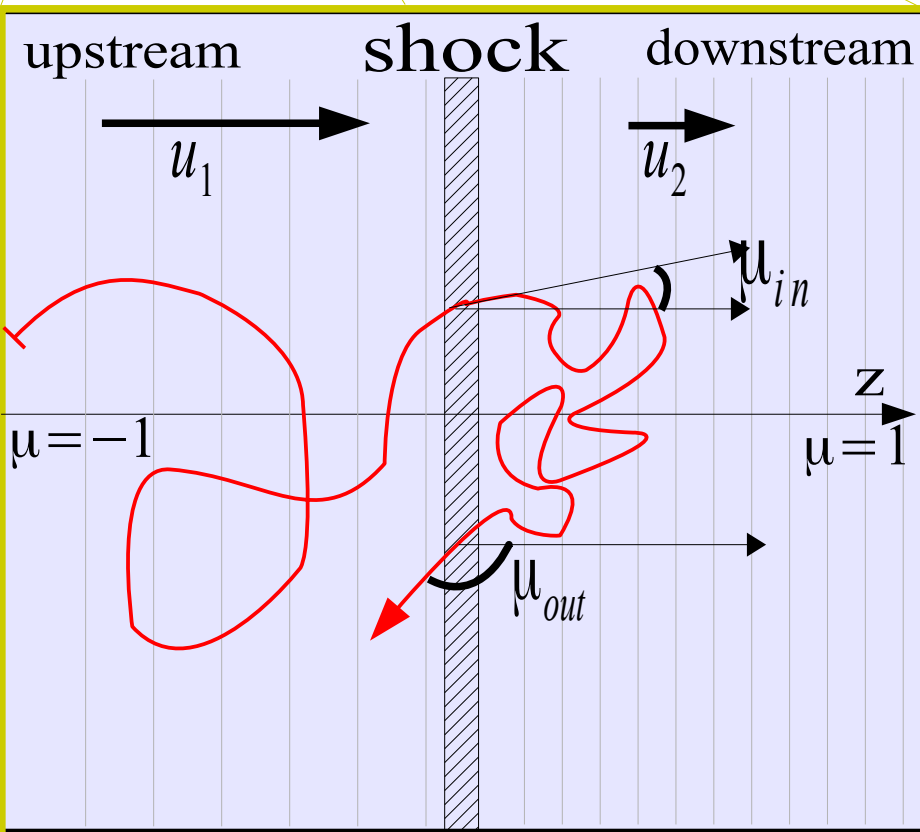
Averaging over  $0 < \mu_{in} < 1$  and  $-1 < \mu_{out} < 0$  :

$$\left\langle \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right\rangle = \frac{1 + \frac{4}{3} \beta_{rel} + \frac{4}{9} \beta_{rel}^2}{1 - \beta_{rel}^2} - 1 \simeq \frac{4}{3} \beta_{rel}$$

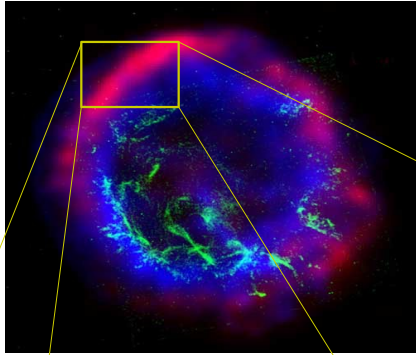
The energy gain is now 1<sup>st</sup> order in  $V_{sh}$   
because in each cycle

*upstream* → *downstream* → *upstream*

the particle can only gain energy



# ACCELERATION AT SHOCK WAVES: PARTICLE SPECTRUM

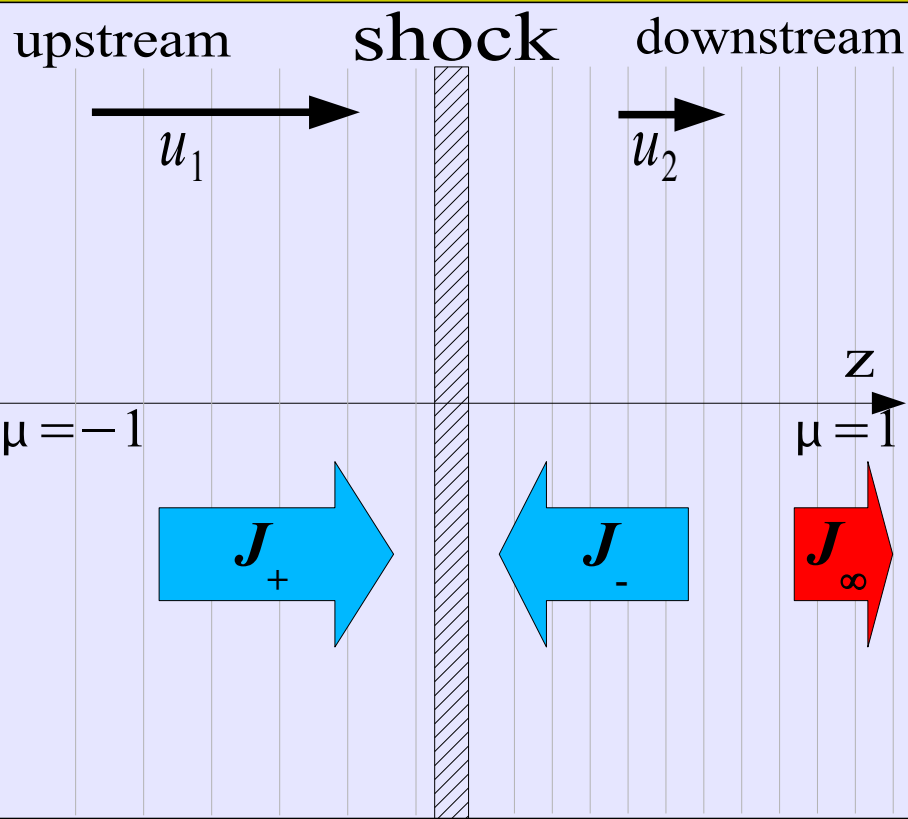


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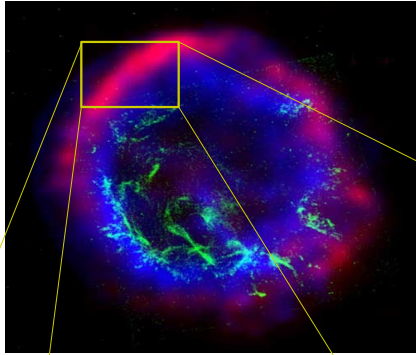
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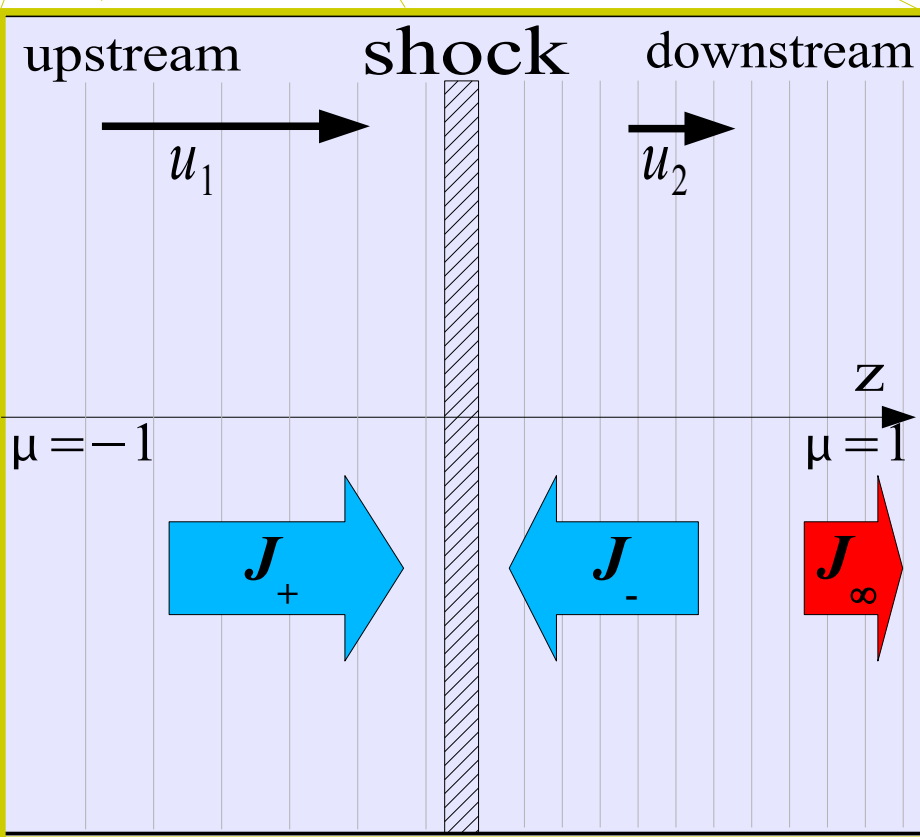
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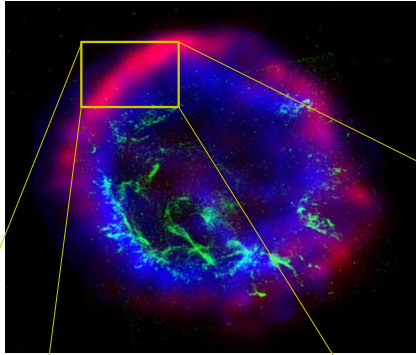
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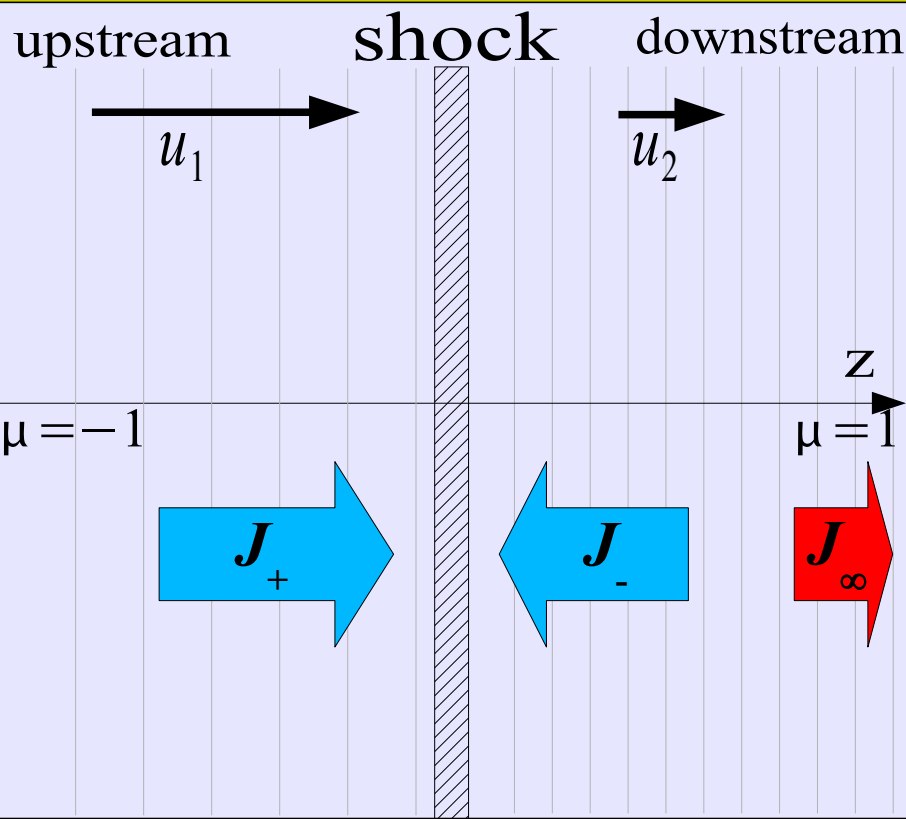
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The number of particles with energy  $> E$  is:

$$N(> E) \propto \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} (1 - P_{esc})^i = \frac{(1 - P_{esc})^k}{P_{esc}} = \frac{1}{P_{esc}} \left( \frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{-\delta}$$

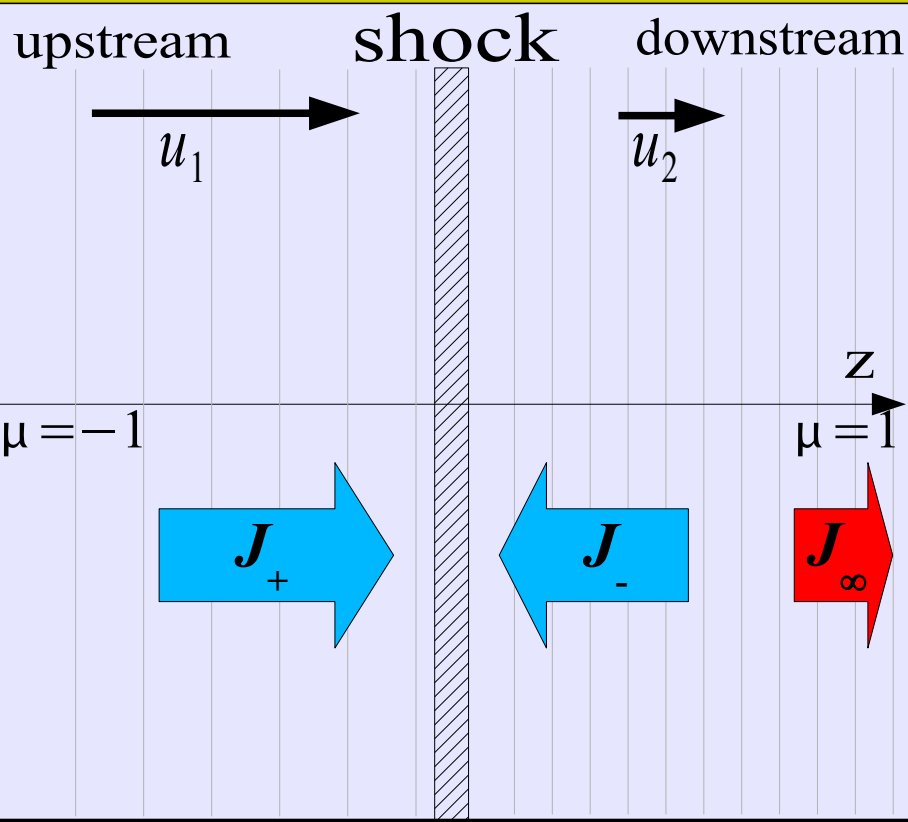
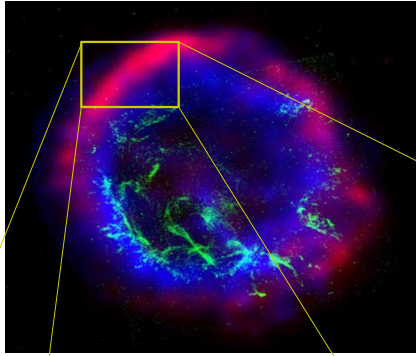
$$\delta = -\frac{\ln(1 - P_{esc})}{\ln(1 + \xi)} \approx \frac{P_{esc}}{\xi}$$

Both independent on energy





# ACCELERATION AT SHOCK WAVES: PARTICLE SPECTRUM



Differential energy spectrum:

$$f(E) \equiv \frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-\alpha}$$

Slope:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= 1 + \delta \simeq 1 + \frac{P_{esc}}{\xi} \\ &= 1 + \frac{4u_2/c}{4(u_1 - u_2)/3c} \\ &= \frac{r+2}{r-1} \rightarrow 2 \end{aligned}$$

For strong shocks and monoatomic gas:  $r \equiv \frac{u_1}{u_2} \rightarrow 4$

Spectrum in momentum  $p$ :

$$4\pi p^2 dp f(p) = f(E) dE$$

$$f(E) \propto E^{-2} \rightarrow f(p) \propto p^{-4}$$



# REMARKS

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## Important points:

1) The particle spectrum obtained from the 1<sup>st</sup> order Fermi acceleration is independent from the scattering properties

2) A power law spectrum is the consequence of  $P_{\text{esc}}$  and  $\Delta E/E$  being independent on the initial energy

3) The spectrum  $f(E) \sim E^{-2}$  is valid for strong shocks ( $r \rightarrow 4$ )

**What depends on the scattering properties is the maximum achievable energy**

**MAXIMUM ENERGY**

# MAXIMUM ENERGY

**Is it possible to accelerate protons up to the knee ?**

The maximum energy is obtained comparing the acceleration time with the age of the accelerator and the energy losses

$$t_{acc} = \min[t_{loss}, T_{age}] \quad \longrightarrow \quad E_{max}$$

**Acceleration time:**  $t_{acc} = \frac{t_{cycle}}{\Delta E/E}$

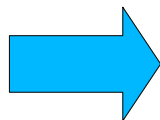
Energy losses are usually negligible for protons but are important for electrons

Time for one cycle upstream  $\rightarrow$  downstream  $\rightarrow$  upstream:  $t_{cycle} = \tau_{diff,1} + \tau_{diff,2}$

Equating the particle injected from downstream with the particles upstream:

$$\frac{nc}{4} \Sigma \tau_{diff,1} = n \Sigma \frac{D_1}{u_1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tau_{diff,1} = \frac{4D_1}{cu_1} \quad \wedge \quad \tau_{diff,2} = \frac{4D_2}{cu_2}$$

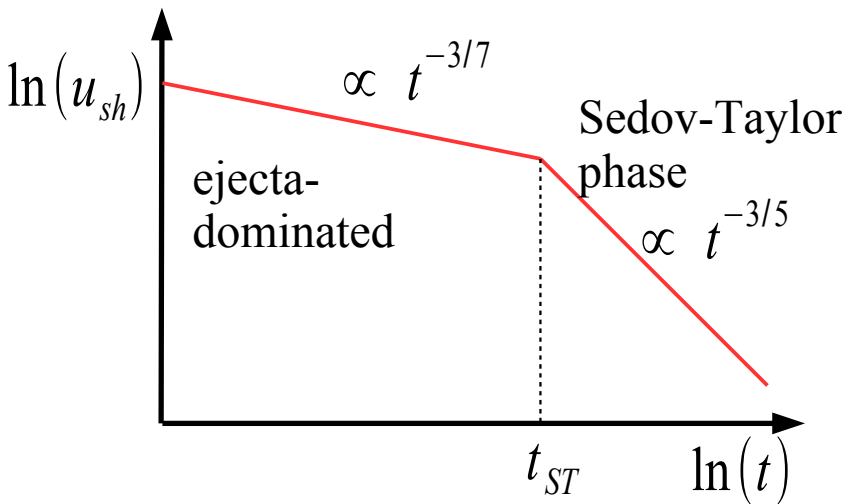
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$$t_{acc} = \frac{t_{cycle}}{\Delta E/E} = \frac{3}{u_1 - u_2} \left( \frac{D_1}{u_1} + \frac{D_2}{u_2} \right) \approx 8 \frac{D_1}{u_{sh}^2}$$

# MAXIMUM ENERGY

Maximum energy can increase only during the ejecta dominated phase of the SNRs because  $u_{sh} \sim const$



Shock radius: 
$$\begin{cases} R_{sh}(t) \propto t^{4/7} & \text{Ejecta-dominated} \\ R_{sh}(t) \propto t^{2/5} & \text{Sedov-Taylor} \end{cases}$$

But particles diffuse ahead of the shock:  $d \propto \sqrt{Dt}$

→ during the ST phase the highest energy particles cannot be caught by the shock and escape towards upstream

Estimate of the beginning of the Sedov-Taylor phase:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} t_{ST} = R_{ST} / u_{sh} \\ E_{SN} = \frac{1}{2} M_{ej} u_{sh}^2 \\ M_{ej} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho_{ISM} R_{ST}^3 \end{array} \right. \quad \longrightarrow \quad t_{ST} \approx 50 \left( \frac{M_{ej}}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{5/6} \left( \frac{E_{SN}}{10^{51} \text{erg}} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{n_{ISM}}{\text{cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1/3} \text{yr},$$

# MAXIMUM ENERGY

Maximum energy can be obtained by equating the acceleration time with the end of the ejecta dominated phase:

$$t_{ST} \approx 50 \left( \frac{M_{ej}}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{\frac{5}{6}} \left( \frac{E_{SN}}{10^{51} \text{erg}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{n_{ISM}}{\text{cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \text{yr},$$

$$t_{acc} \simeq 8 \frac{D_1}{u_{sh}^2}$$

Using the diffusion coefficient from quasi-linear theory:

$$D = \frac{1}{3} \frac{r_L v}{k_{res} F(k_{res})}$$

$$t_{acc} = t_{ST} \rightarrow$$

$$E_{max} = 50 Z k F(k) \left( \frac{B_0}{\mu G} \right) \left( \frac{M_{ej}}{M_{sun}} \right)^{(-1/6)} \left( \frac{E_{SN}}{10^{51} \text{erg}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{n_{ISM}}{\text{cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1/3} \text{TeV}$$

$E_{max}$  is weakly dependent on the ejecta mass and ISM density

**High energies, up to PeV, can be achieved only if  $F(k) \gg 1$ .**

# Using the interstellar turbulence

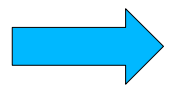
Turbulence is injected at a scale comparable with the size of SNR (or super-bubbles) and then cascades at smaller scales.

Injection scale:  $k_0 = 1/L_0 \approx (10 \text{ pc})^{-1}$

Kolmogorov turbulence:  $k F(k) = \frac{2}{3} \eta_B \left( \frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{-2/3}$

Resonant scale:  $k_{res}(E) = \frac{1}{r_L(E)} = 1 \times \left( \frac{E}{10^{15} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{B_0}{1 \mu\text{G}} \right) \text{ pc}^{-1}$

→  $k_{res} F(k_{res}) = \frac{2}{3} \eta_B \left( \frac{k_{res}}{k_0} \right)^{-2/3} \approx 10^{-2} \left( \frac{\eta_B}{0.1} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{E}{10^{15} \text{ eV}} \right)^{2/3} B_{\mu\text{G}}^{-2/3}$



$E_{max} \approx 1 \text{ MeV}$

**We are missing 12 orders of magnitude!  
Interstellar turbulence is not enough**

**Magnetic field needs to be amplified**

# SELF-GENERATION OF WAVES



# WHO GENERATES WAVES?

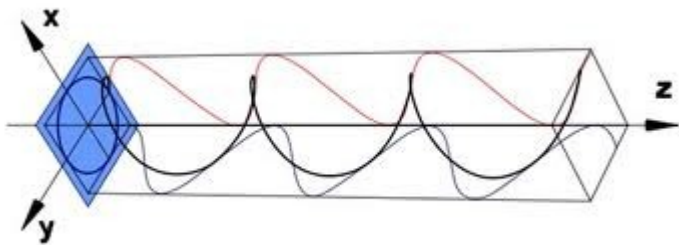
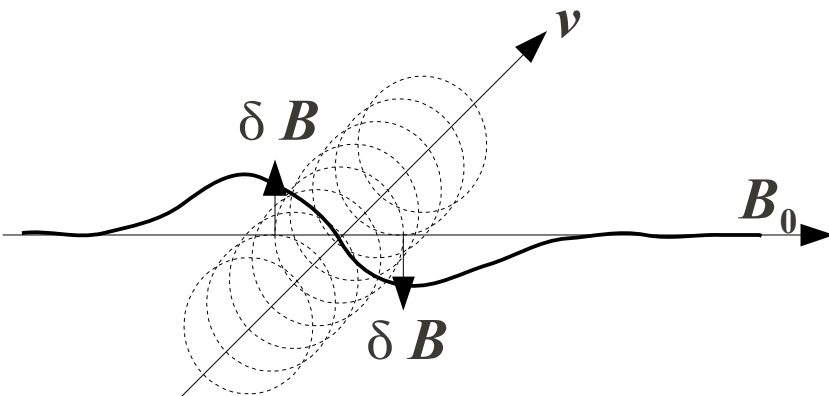
**WAVES MAY BE GENERATED BY DIFFERENT SOURCES (e. g. SN EXPLOSION) BUT THERE IS A MORE INTERESTING AND PHYSICALLY IMPORTANT PHENOMENON: SELF - GENERATION VIA RESONANT INSTABILITY**

[e.g. Skilling (1975), Bell & Lucek (2001), Amato & Blasi (2006)]

Charged particles moving transverse to the magnetic field line produce a variable magnetic field  $\delta B$  which perturbs  $B_0$  producing an Alfvén wave.  
→ Alfvén waves, in turn, scatter particles

**The effect of scatter is to isotropize CRs.**

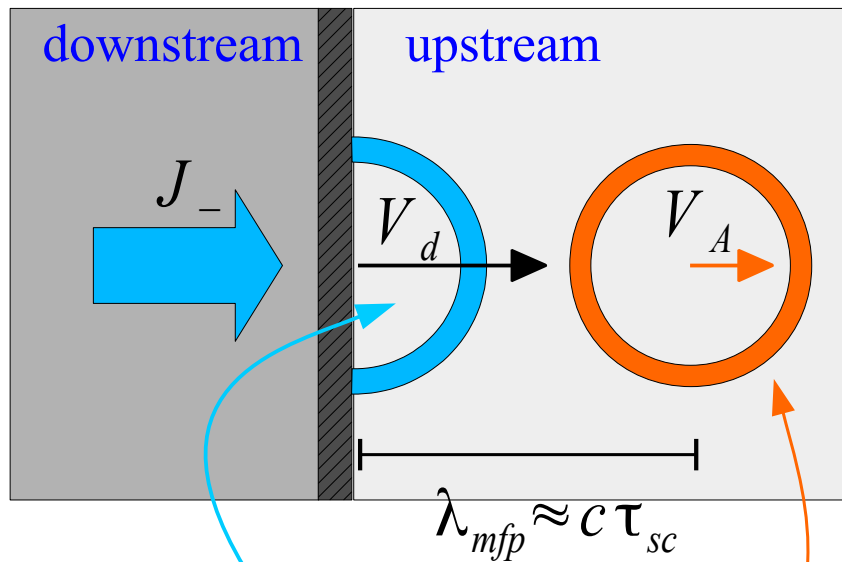
**Generated Alfvén waves are circularly polarized**



# SELF GENERATION OF WAVES: RESONANT INSTABILITY

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After the shock the distribution is anisotropic

The distribution becomes isotropic after one mean free path and moves at the same speed of the waves

Assume particles are drifting with  $v_d > v_A$  and are isotropized on a time-scale  $\tau_{sc}$ :

$$\tau_{sc} \simeq \frac{1}{k F(k) \Omega}$$

Initial momentum

final momentum

$$n_{CR} m \gamma_{CR} v_d \longrightarrow n_{CR} m \gamma_{CR} v_A$$

The momentum lost by particles is:

$$\frac{dP_{CR}}{dt} = \frac{P_2 - P_1}{\tau_{sc}} = \frac{n_{CR} m \gamma_{CR} (v_d - v_A)}{\tau_{sc}}$$

# SELF GENERATION OF WAVES: RESONANT INSTABILITY

The momentum lost is transferred to waves  $\frac{dP_{CR}}{dt} = \frac{n_{CR} m \gamma_{CR} (v_d - v_A)}{\tau_{sc}}$

Transport equation for waves:  $\frac{dP_W}{dt} \approx \frac{\Gamma_W}{v_A} \frac{\delta B^2}{8\pi}$ ;

Equating momentum lost by CR and momentum gain by waves  $\frac{dP_W}{dt} = \frac{dP_{CR}}{dt} \rightarrow \Gamma_W = \frac{n_{CR}}{n_{gas}} \Omega_{cyc} \left( \frac{v_D - v_A}{v_A} \right)$   
Growth rate  
 $\Omega_{cyc} = \gamma \Omega$

For  $n_{CR} = 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $n_{gas} = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $B_0 = 1 \mu\text{G}$ , and assuming  $v_d = 2 v_A$ , one finds:

$v_A = 10 \text{ km/s}$   
 $v_D = v_{sh} / 4 \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$   
 $\Omega_{cyc} = 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$\rightarrow \Gamma_W \simeq \frac{n_{CR}}{n_{gas}} \Omega_{cyc} \left( \frac{v_D}{v_A} \right) \approx 10^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  VERY RAPID GROWTH

# HOW MUCH THE SELF-GENERATED TURBULENCE CAN GROW?

Turbulence can grow for at most one advection time

$$t_{adv} = D_1 / u_{sh}^2$$

Equating the grow time with the advection time we get the maximum level of turbulence at the shock:

$$t_{adv} = t_{grow} = 1 / \Gamma_W$$

$$\rightarrow F_0(k) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\xi_{CR}}{\ln(p_{max} / m_p c)} \frac{u_{sh}}{v_A} \approx 10$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xi_{CR} = P_{CR} / (\rho u_{sh}^2) \sim 0.1 \\ u_{sh} \sim 5000 \text{ km/s} \\ v_A \sim 10 \text{ km/s} \\ p_{max} \sim 10^5 \text{ GeV} \end{array} \right.$$

The condition  $F(k) \gg 1$  violates the quasi-linear theory used to derive the growth time.

A more realistic estimate including the modification to the dispersion relation induced by CRs gives:

$$F_0(k) = \left( \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{\xi_{CR}}{\ln(p_{max} / m_p c)} \frac{c}{u_{sh}} \right)^{1/2} \leq 1$$

**Resonant-amplification can produce  $\delta B \sim B_0$**

$$\rightarrow E_{max} \approx 10^{13} - 10^{14} \text{ eV}$$

# NON-RESONANT AMPLIFICATION

There are other possibility to amplify the magnetic field.

**The most invoked one is the non-resonant Bell instability [Bell, A.R. (2004)]**

This instability is excited by the force

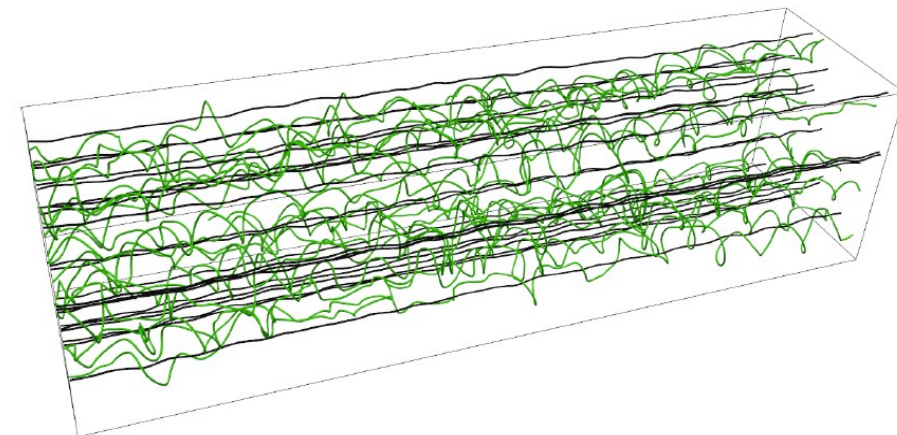
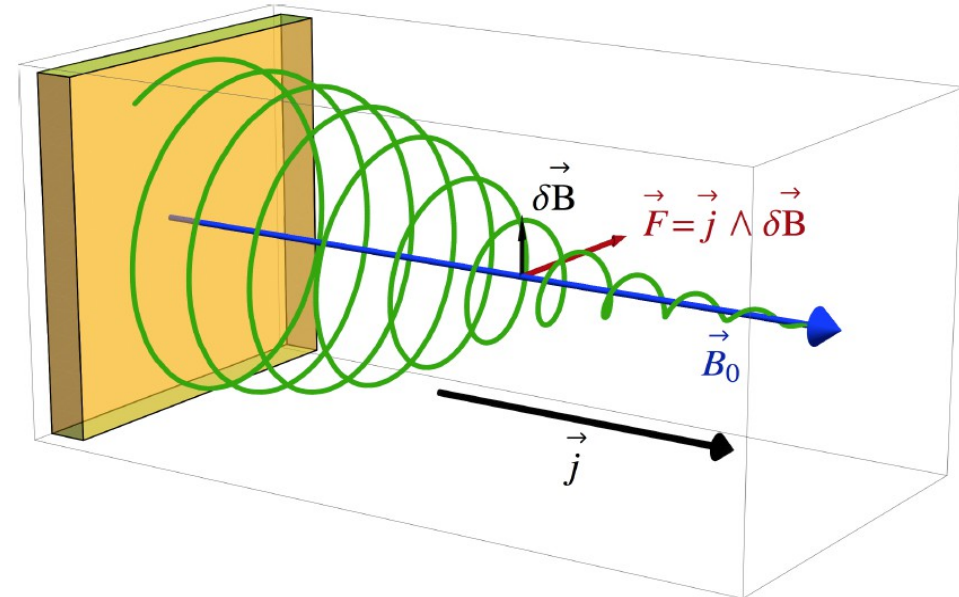
$$\vec{j}_{CR} \times \delta \vec{B}$$

where the current is due to escaping particles upstream.

It amplifies almost purely growing waves with wave-numbers much greater than the inverse particle gyroradius.

**→ works for very high shock velocity (initial phase of SNR expansion)**

We can have  $\frac{\delta B}{B_0} > 10$  if  $\xi_{CR} = \frac{P_{CR}}{\rho u_{sh}^2} > 0.1$

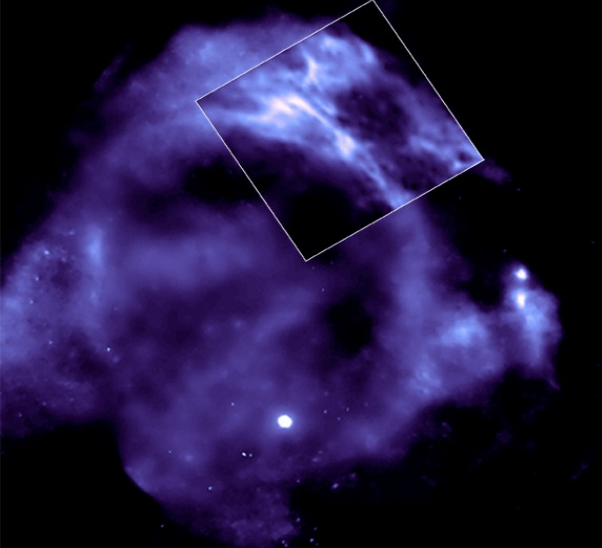


Simulation from Reville & Bell (2013)

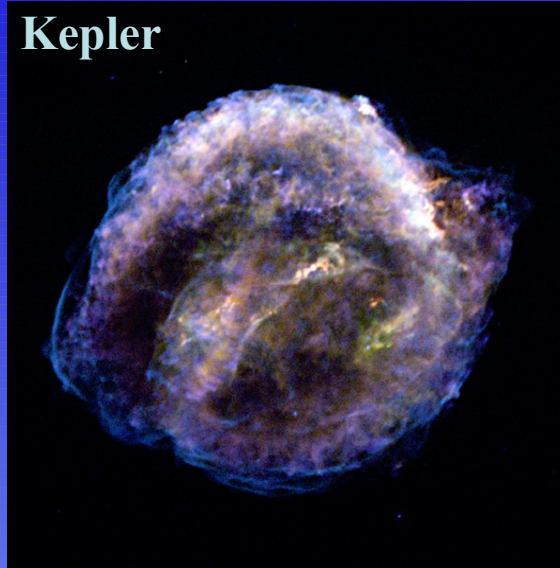
**DO WE SEE MAGNETIC FIELD AMPLIFICATION?**

# Galactic SNRs in X-rays

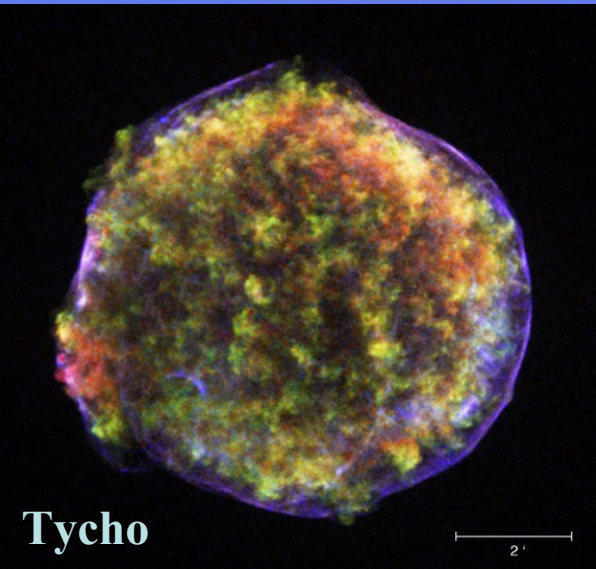
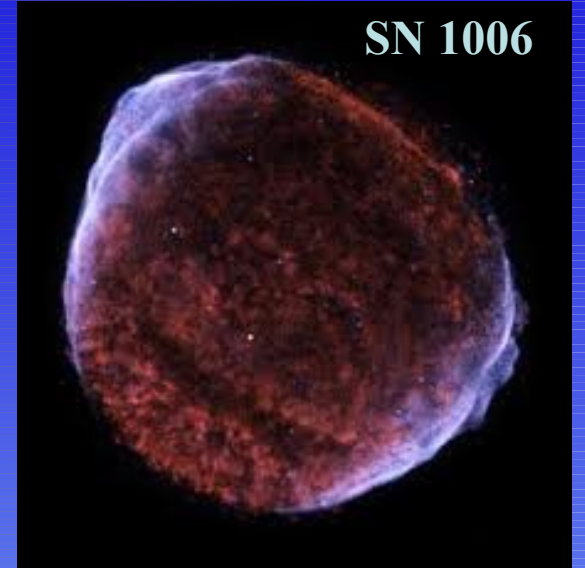
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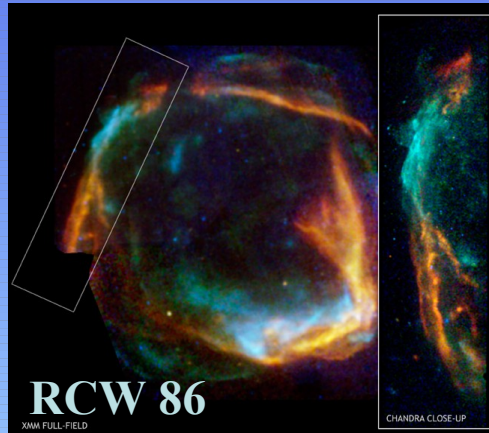
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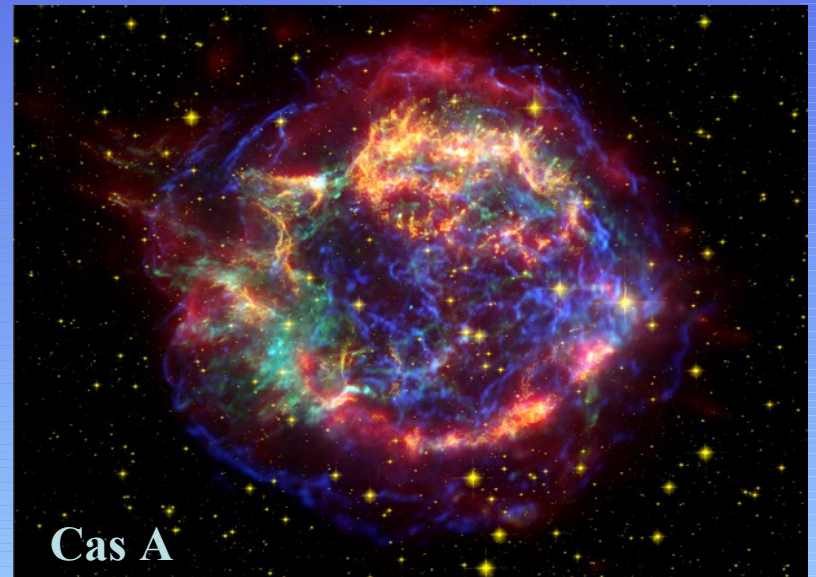
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Tycho



RCW 86

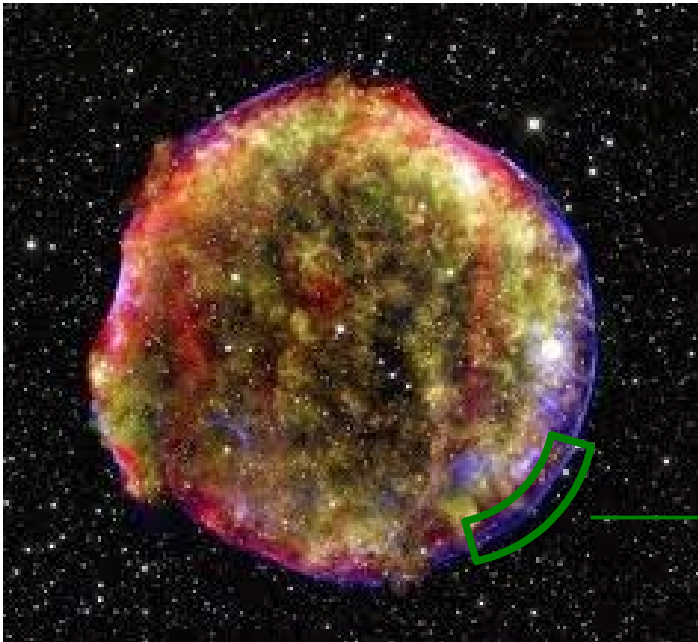


Cas A

# Evidences for magnetic field amplification

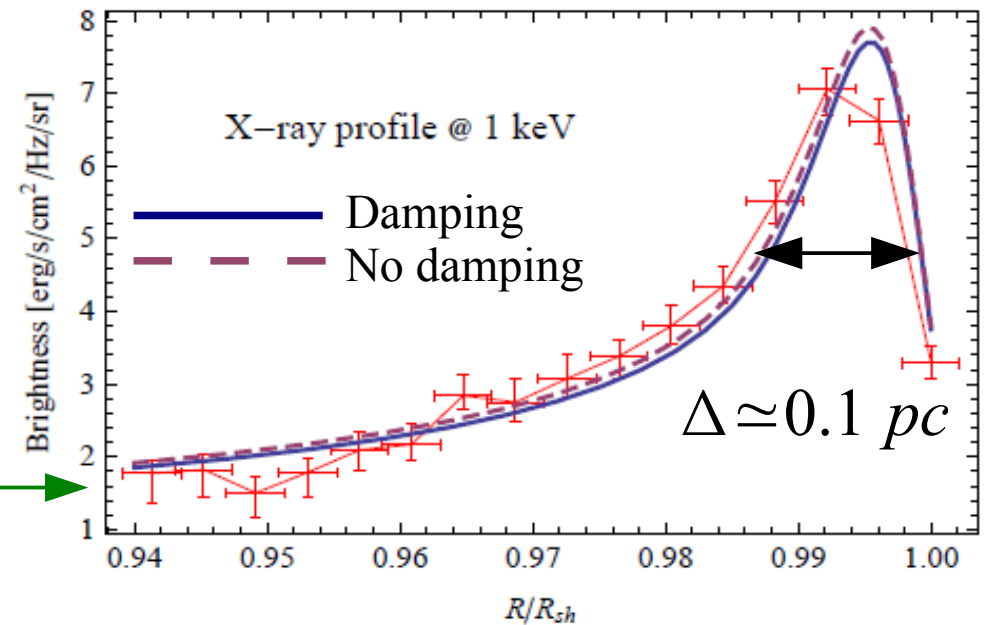
Chandra X-ray map.

Data for the green sector are from Cassam-Chenaï et al (2007)



Thin non-thermal X-ray filaments provide evidence for magnetic field amplification

[Hwang et al(2002); Bamba et al (2005)]



Assuming Bohm diffusion:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D = r_L c/3 \propto E B^{-1} \\ \tau_{syn} = \frac{E}{dE/dt} = \frac{3 m_e c^2}{4 \sigma_T c \gamma \beta^2 U_B} \propto E^{-1} B^{-2} \end{array} \right.$$

X-ray thickness = Synchrotron loss-length

$$\Delta \simeq \sqrt{D \tau_{syn}} \propto B^{-3/2}$$

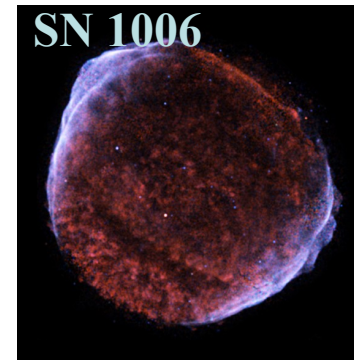
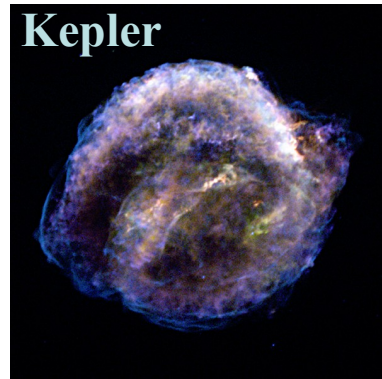
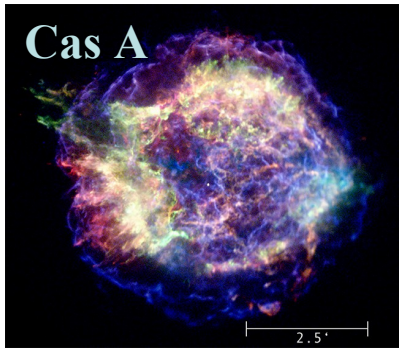


**$B \sim 200-300 \mu\text{G}$**



# Evidences for magnetic field amplification

Thin X-ray rims ( $\sim 0.1$  pc) are observed in almost all young SNRs



Magnetic pressure downstream can reach  $\sim$ few% of total pressure

SNR	$B_{\text{down}} (\mu\text{G})$	$B_{\text{down}}^2 / (8\pi p) [\%]$
Cas A	250-390	3.2-3.6
Kepler	210-340	2.3-2.5
Tycho	240-530	1.8-3.1
SN1006	90-110	4.0-4.2
RCW 86	75-145	1.5-3.8

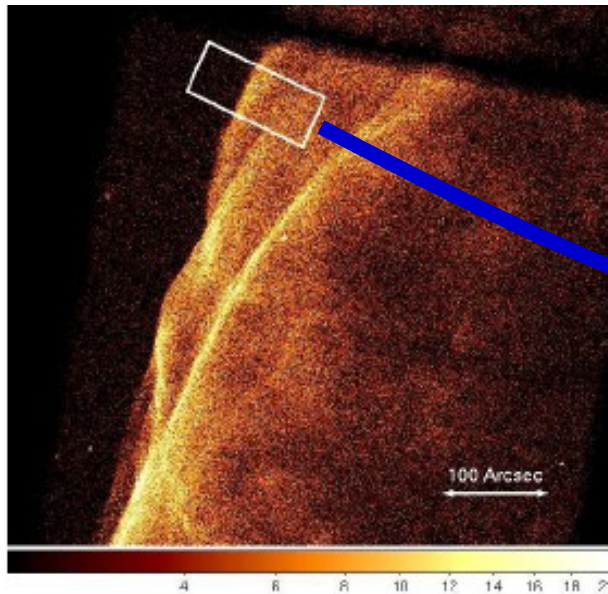
# Where is the magnetic field amplified?

**DOWNSTREAM:** MHD instabilities (shear-like)

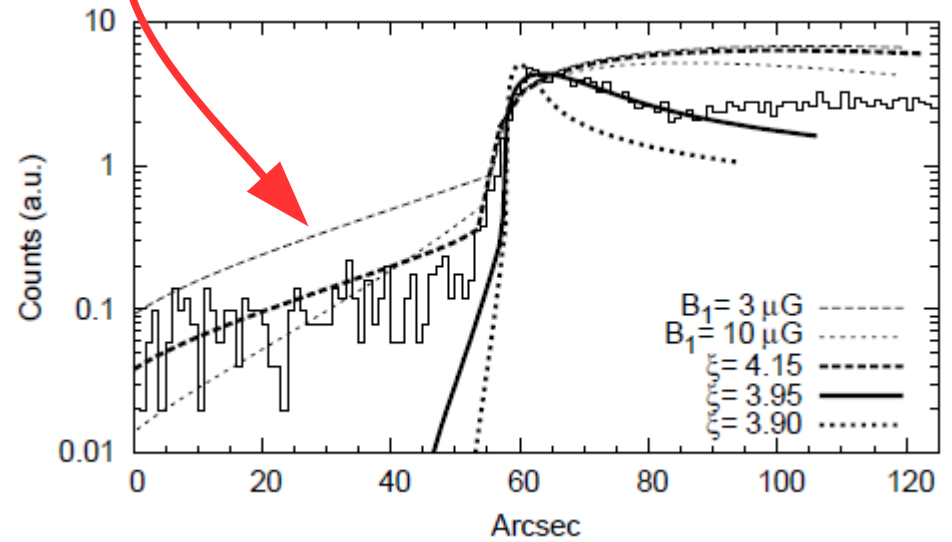
**UPSTREAM:** only through instabilities driven by CRs (Streaming, Bell)

BUT we need amplification upstream of the shock to reach high energies

**Low magnetic field upstream produces a more extended emission NOT OBSERVED!**

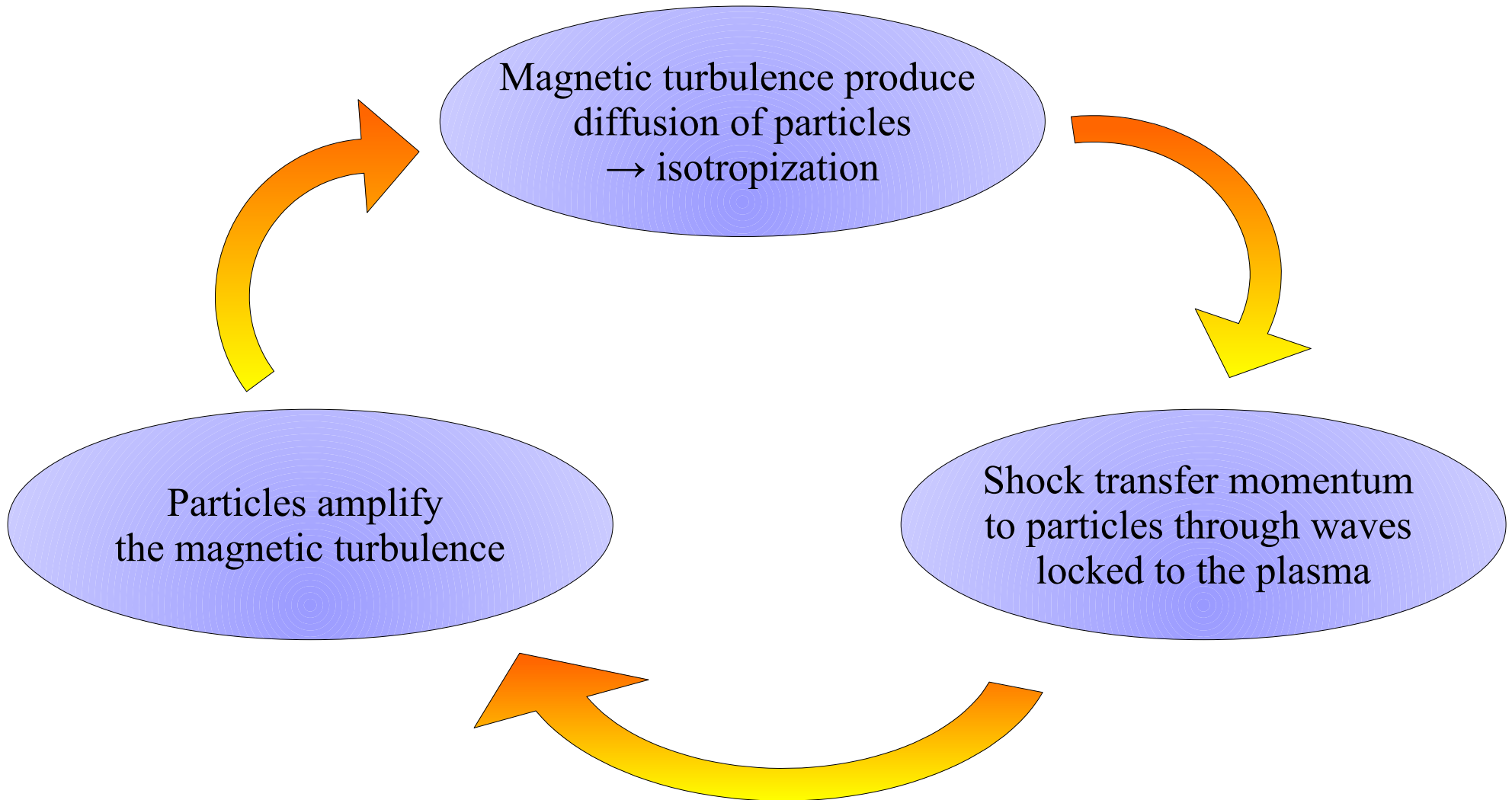


SN1006 in X-rays (*Chandra*)



[from G.M., Amato, Blasi, 2009, MNRAS]

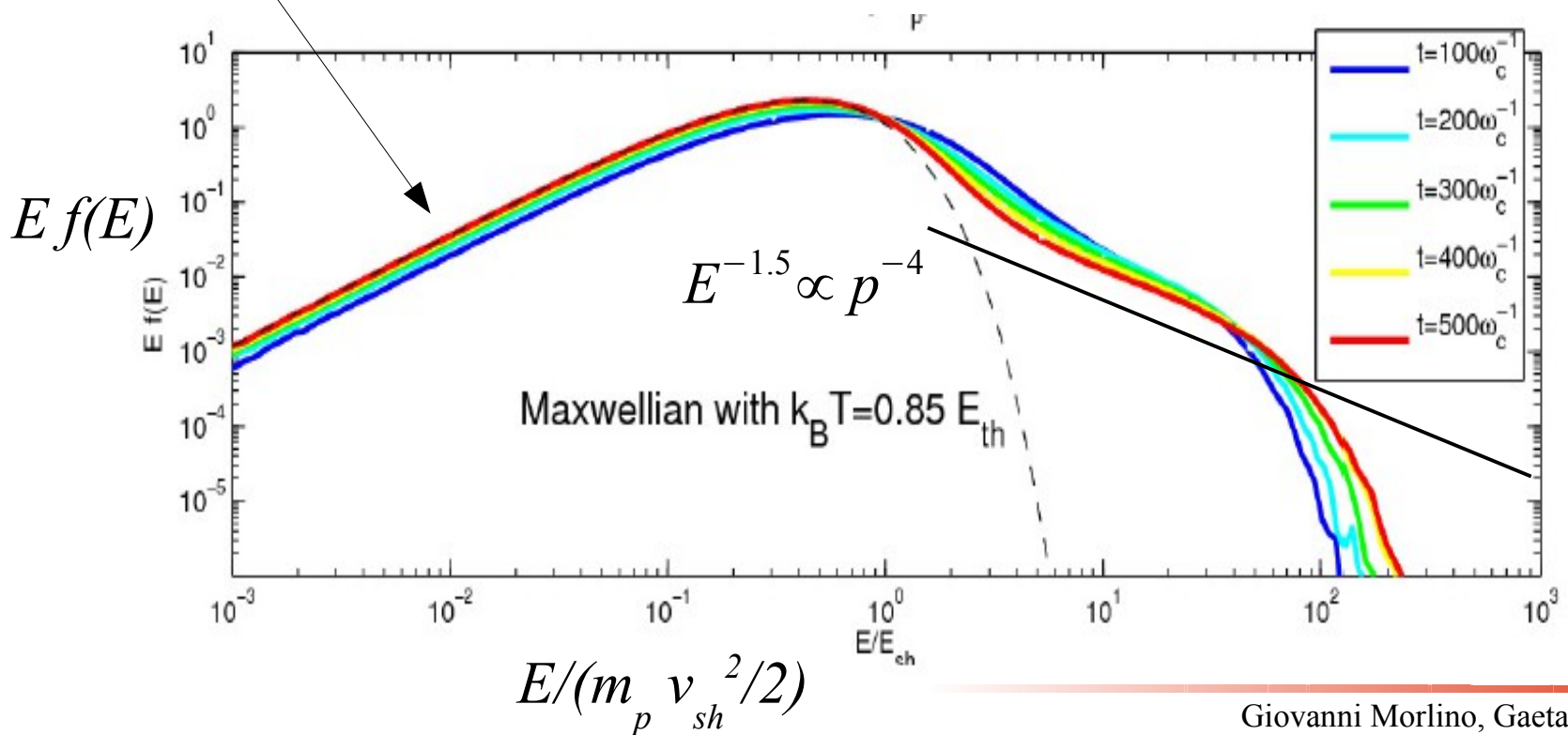
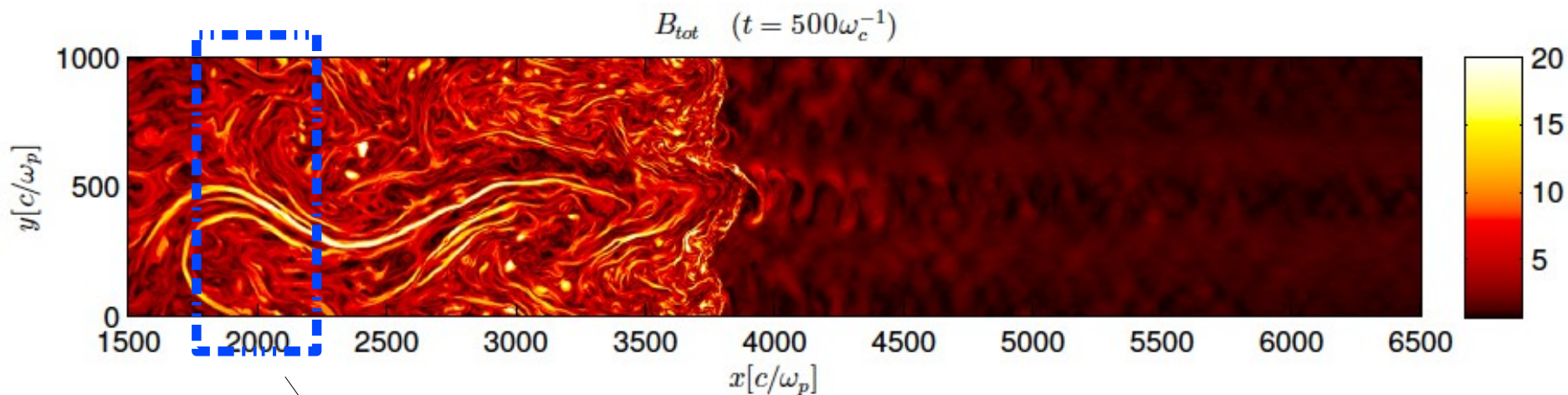
# THE ESSENCE OF NON-LINEARITY



# PARTICLE INJECTION

# SIMULATIONS: results for the spectrum

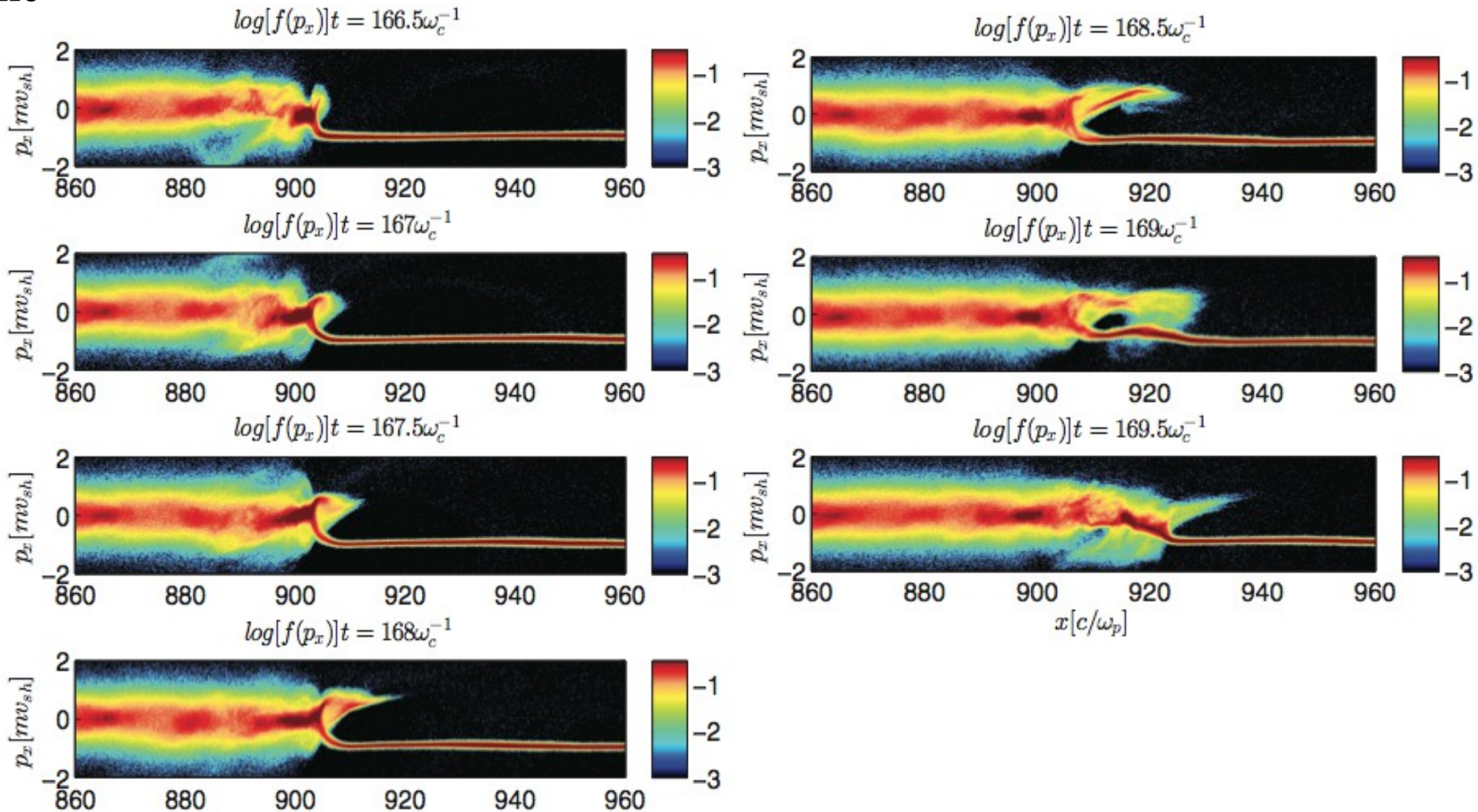
D. Caprioli & A. Spitkovsky, 2013



# Shock reformation

From Caprioli, Pop & Spitkovsky (2015)

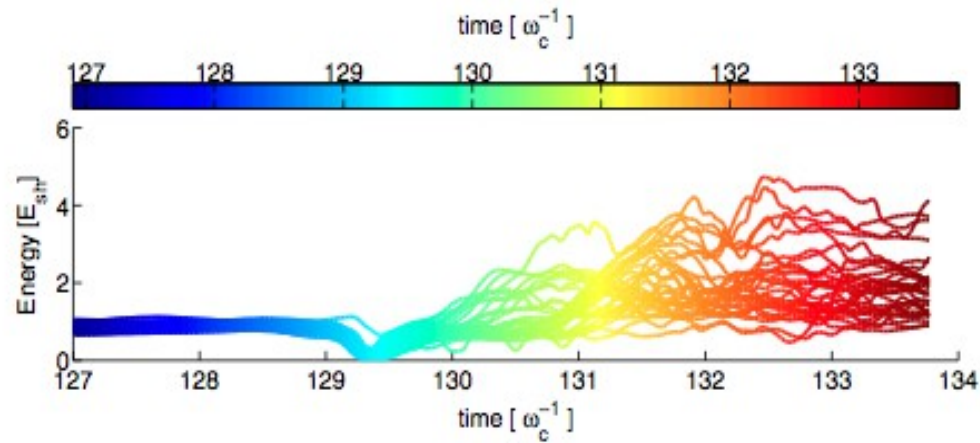
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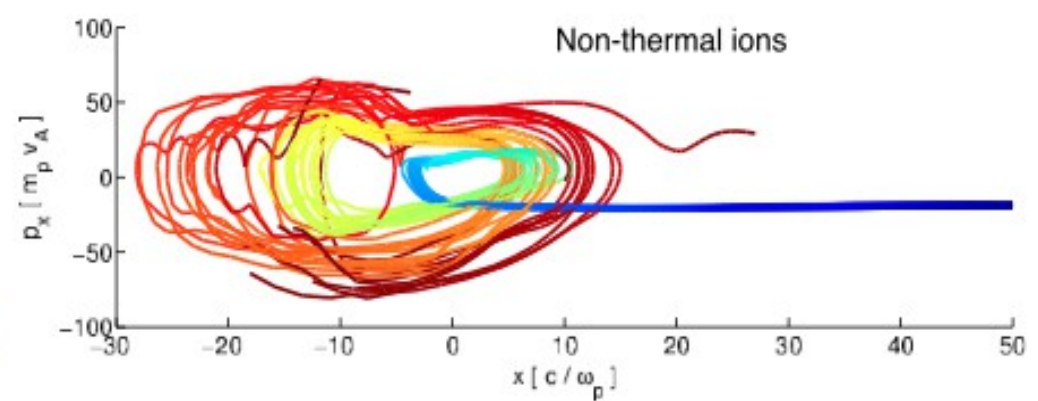
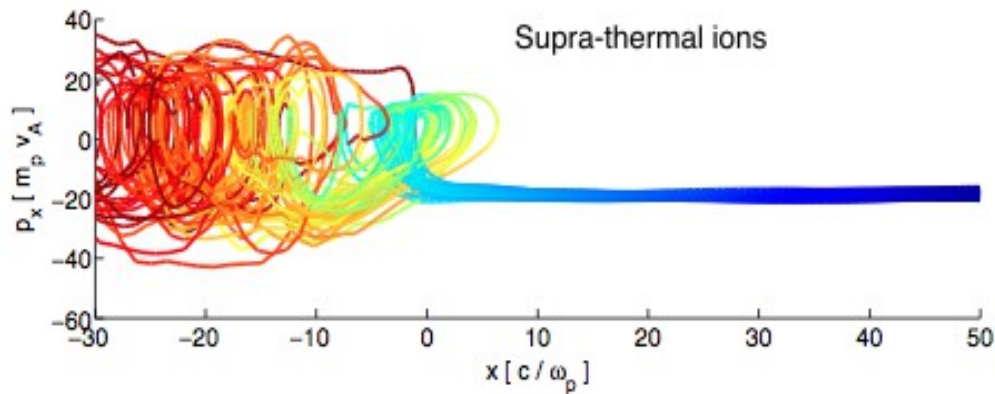
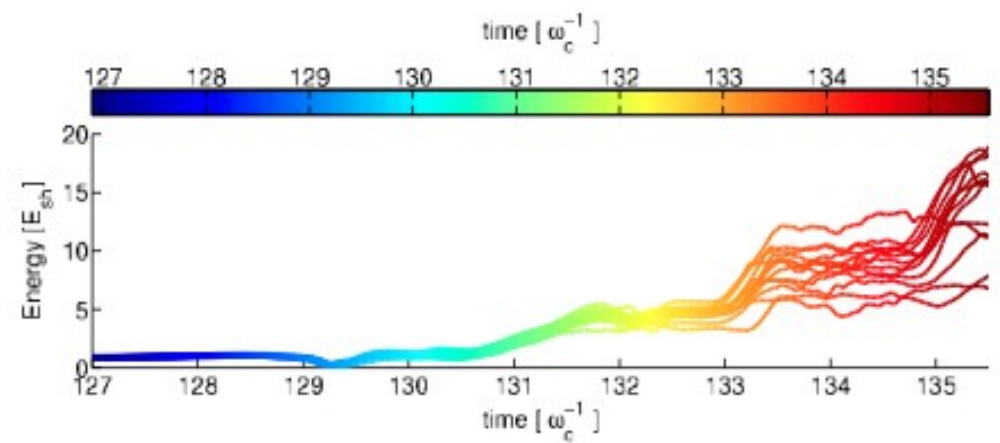
# Shock reformation

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## Supra-thermal ions

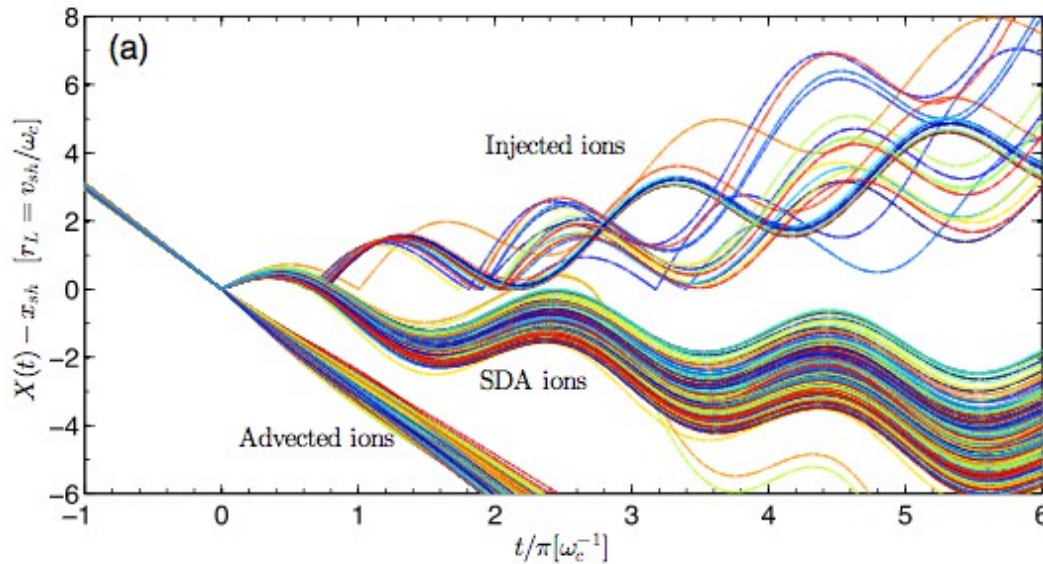


## Non-thermal ions

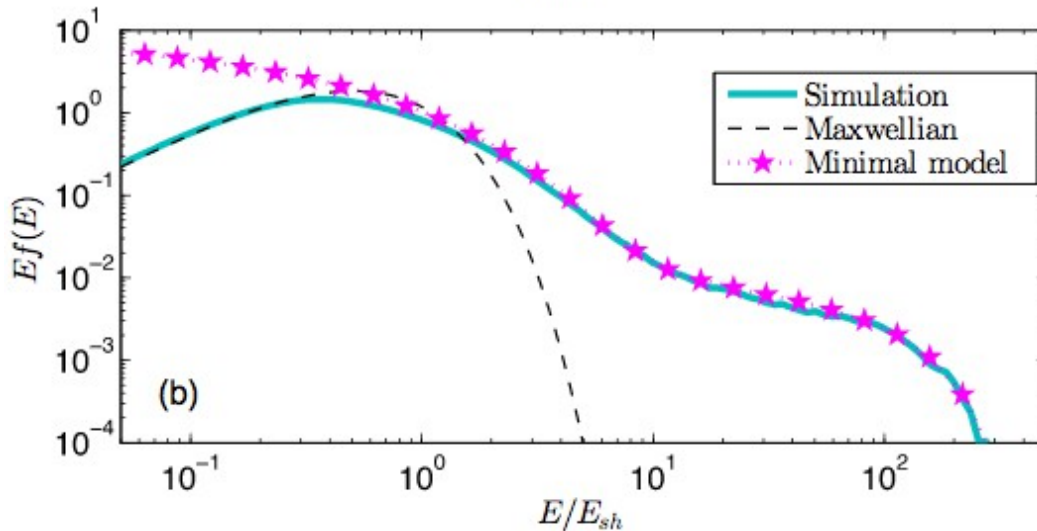


# Ion injection

From Caprioli, Pop & Spitkovsky (2015)



Trajectories of test-particles impinging at random times on a periodically reforming shock with  $M = 10$  and  $\theta = 45^\circ$

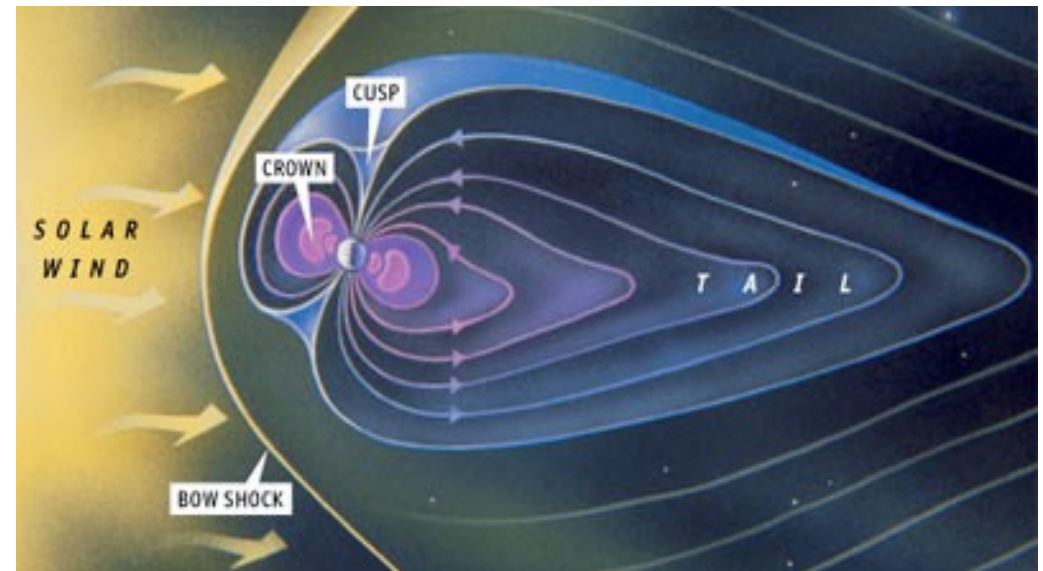
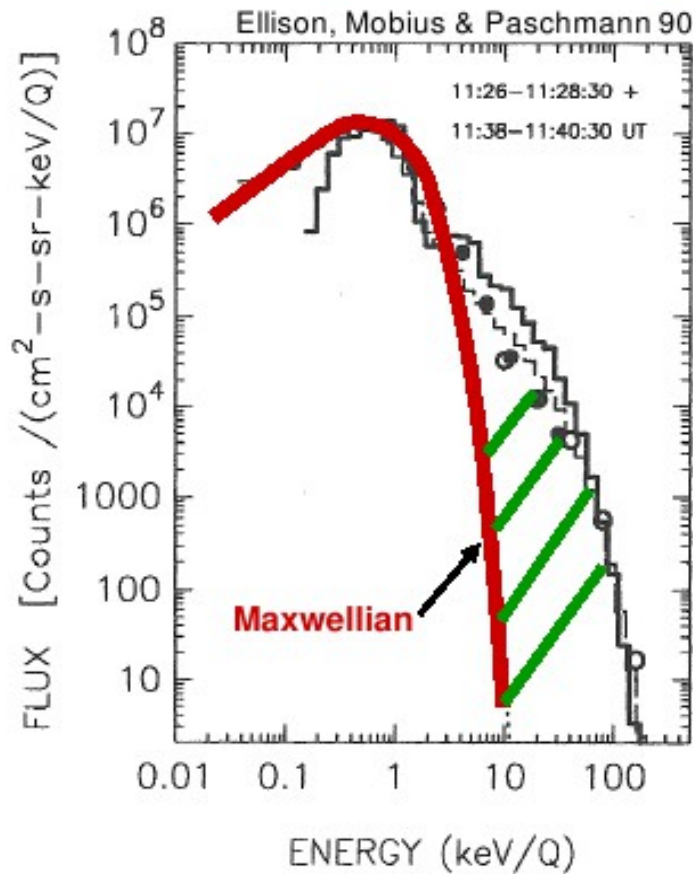


Post-shock ion spectrum for a parallel shock with  $M = 20$ . The minimal model perfectly matches the spectrum obtained in simulations



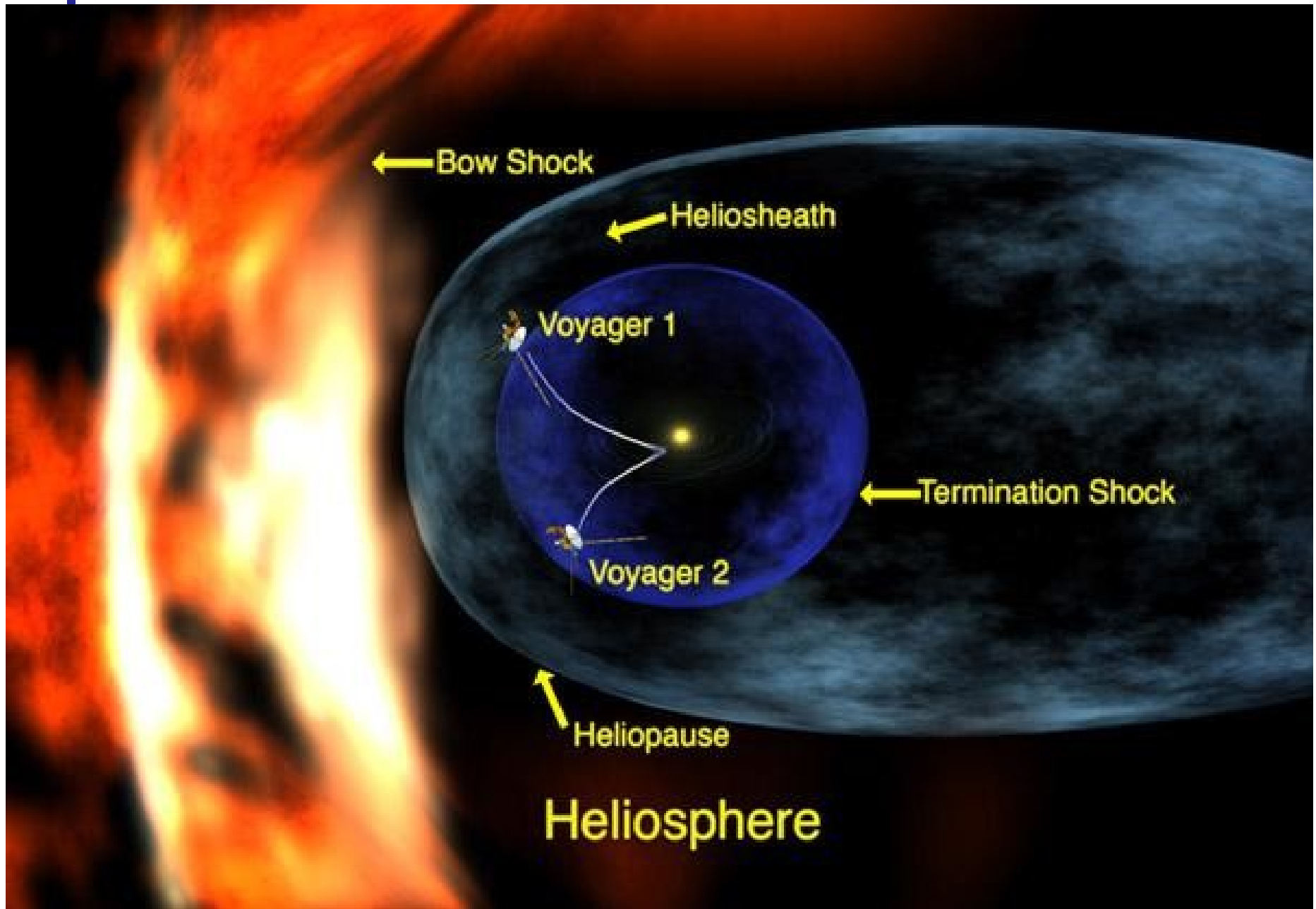
# Evidence for efficient shock acceleration in Earth bow shock

## Earth Bow Shock (direct evidence)



>25% of energy flux in  
superthermal ions

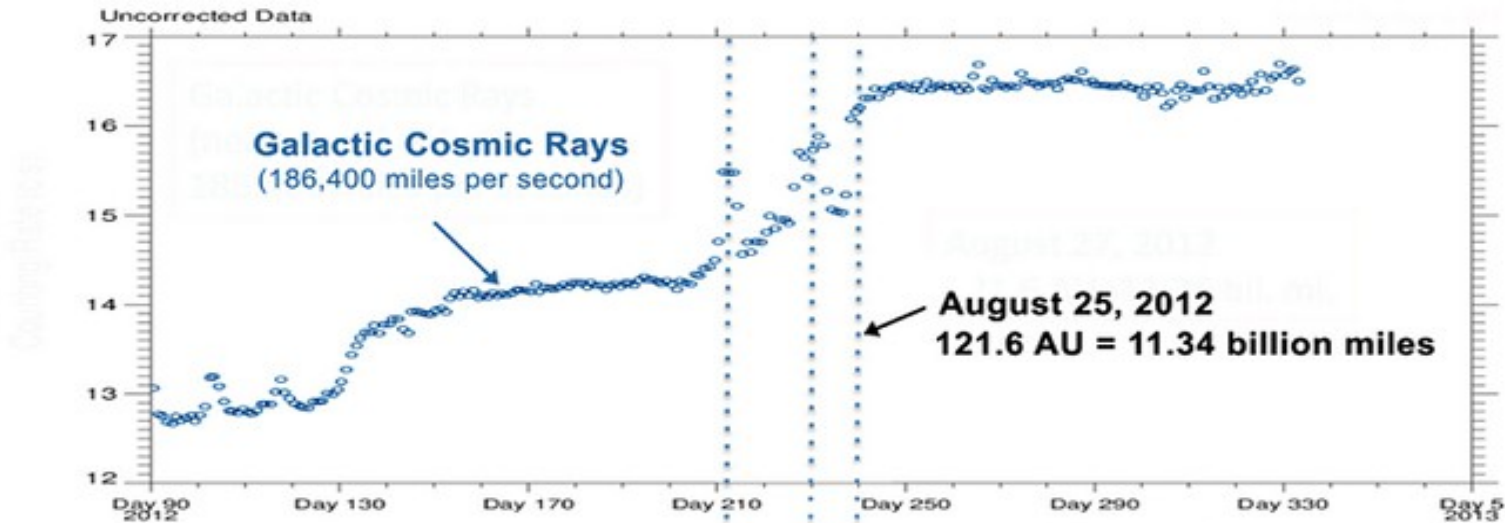
# Solar wind termination shock



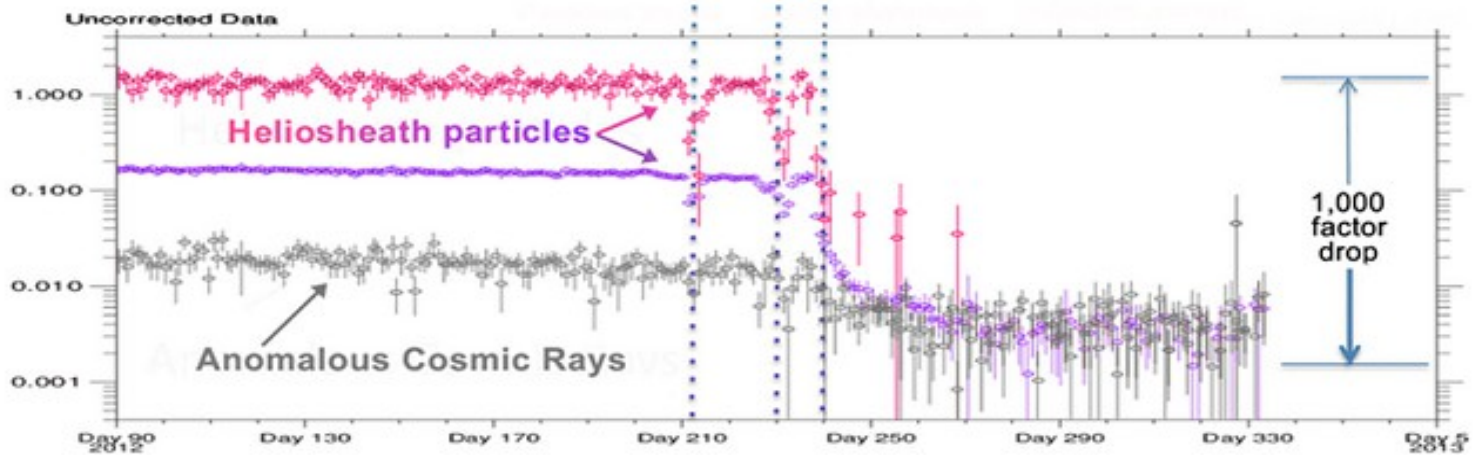
# The CR spectrum seen by Voyager

Voyager 1 Low-Energy Charged Particle Instrument

Cosmic Ray Particles Hitting Detector  
(particles/sec)

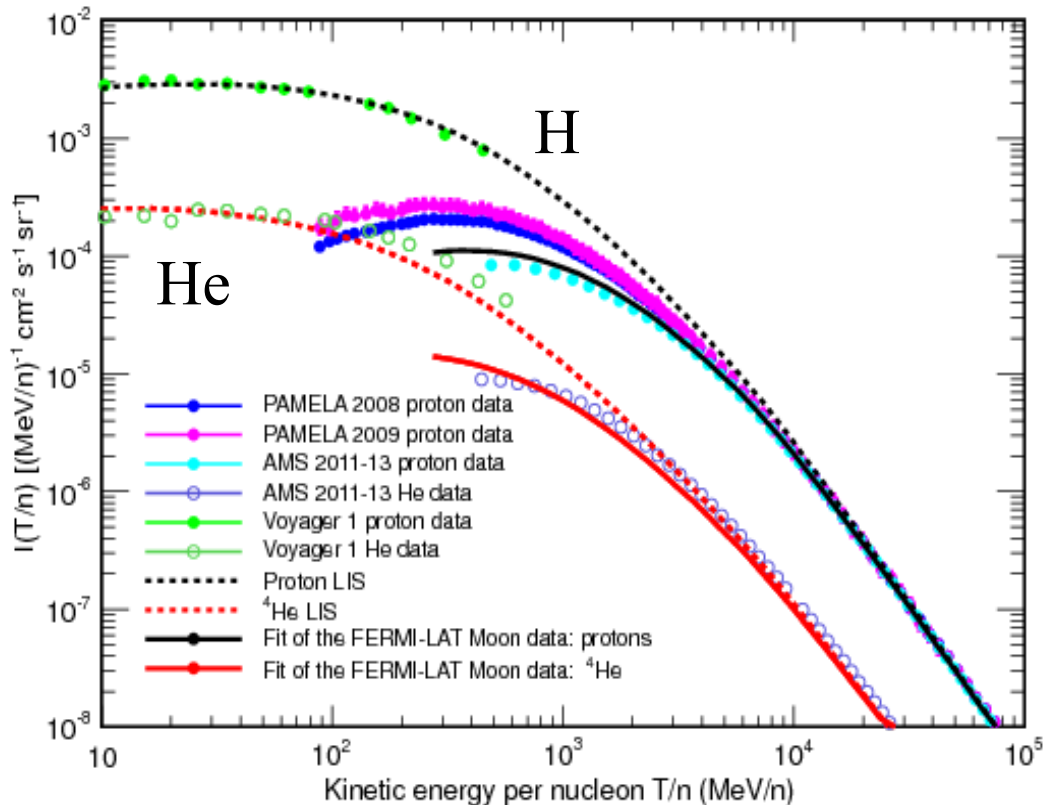


Particles in Space around Voyager 1  
(1/cm<sup>2</sup>-sr-s-MeV/nuc)



Protons 0.63 – 1.39 MeV/Nuc  
 Protons 4.99 – 11.34 MeV/Nuc  
 Protons 23.92 – 29.50 MeV/Nuc

# The CR spectrum seen by Voyager



Comparison between CR proton and He spectra observed locally (PAMELA and AMS) and the spectrum observed by Voyager in the Heliopause (shocked ISM).

The difference below  $\sim 20 \text{ GeV}/n$  is due to the solar modulation.

# NON-THERMAL EMISSION

# EM radiation from accelerated particles

Radiative processes relevant for Galactic CR physics:

## ➤ Leptons

- Synchrotron emission  $e^{\pm} + B \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \gamma$
- Bremsstrahlung  $e^{\pm} + Nucl. \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \gamma$
- Inverse Compton  $e^{\pm} + \gamma_{bg} \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \gamma$

## ➤ Hadrons

- Pion production:  $p_{CR} + p_{gas} \rightarrow p_{CR} + p_{gas} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \\ \pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \nu_{\mu} (\bar{\nu}_{\mu}) \end{array} \right.$   
 $\searrow \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \nu_e (\bar{\nu}_e)$

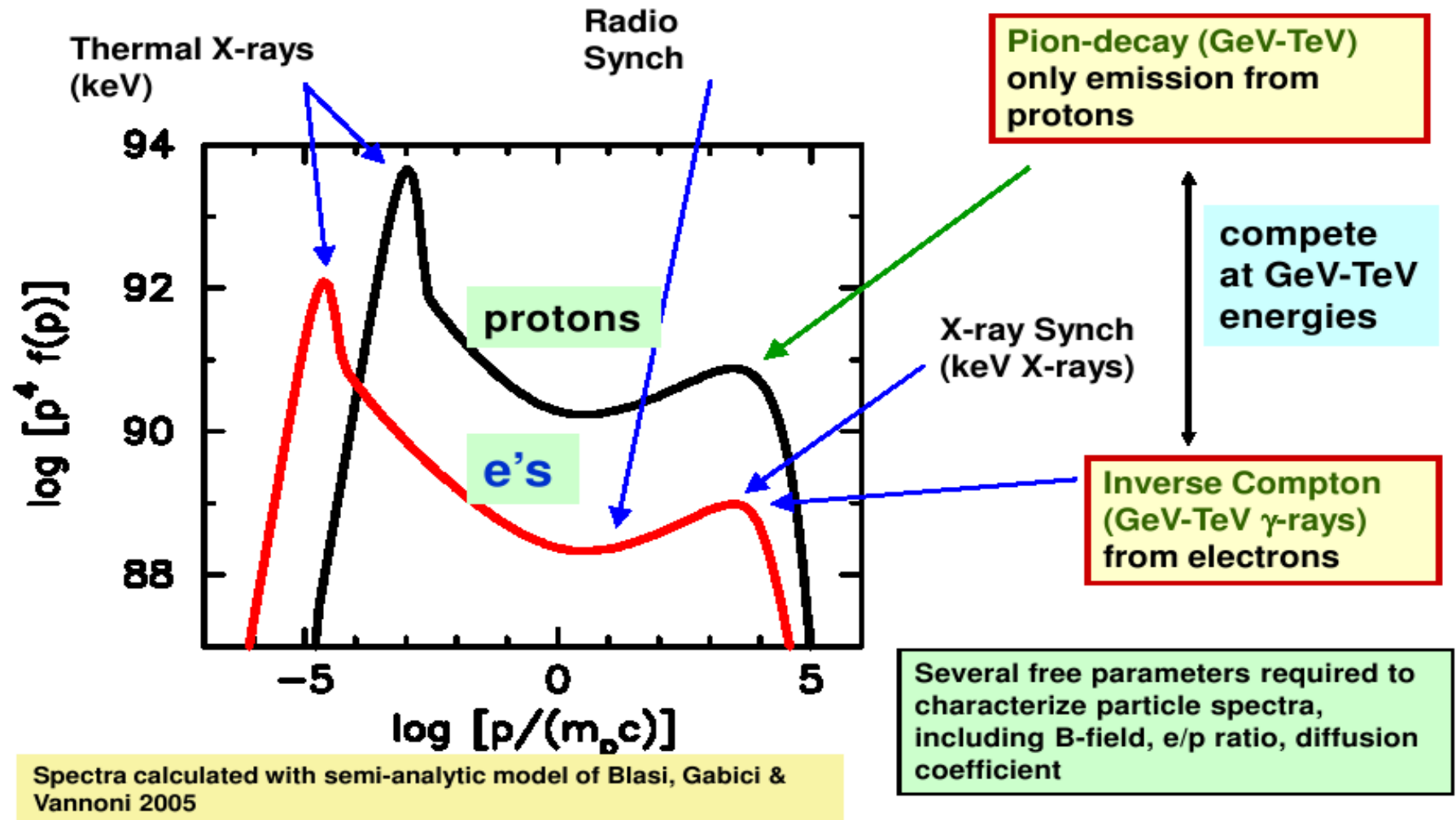
See:

- Rybicki & Lightman (1985)

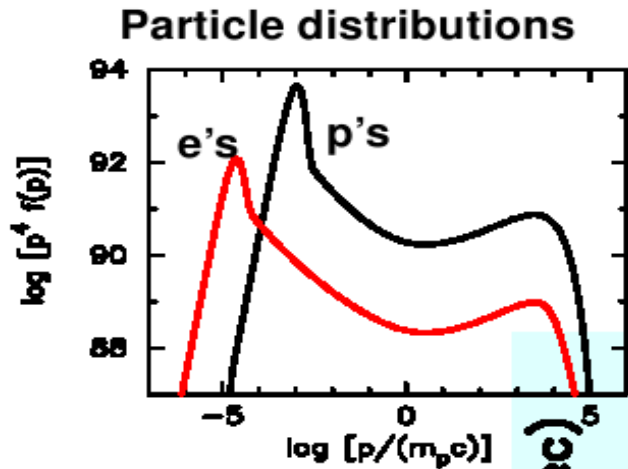
- G. Ghisellini “Radiative process in Astrophysics” (2012)

# EM radiation from accelerated particles

**Electron** and Proton distributions from efficient (nonlinear) diffusive shock acceleration

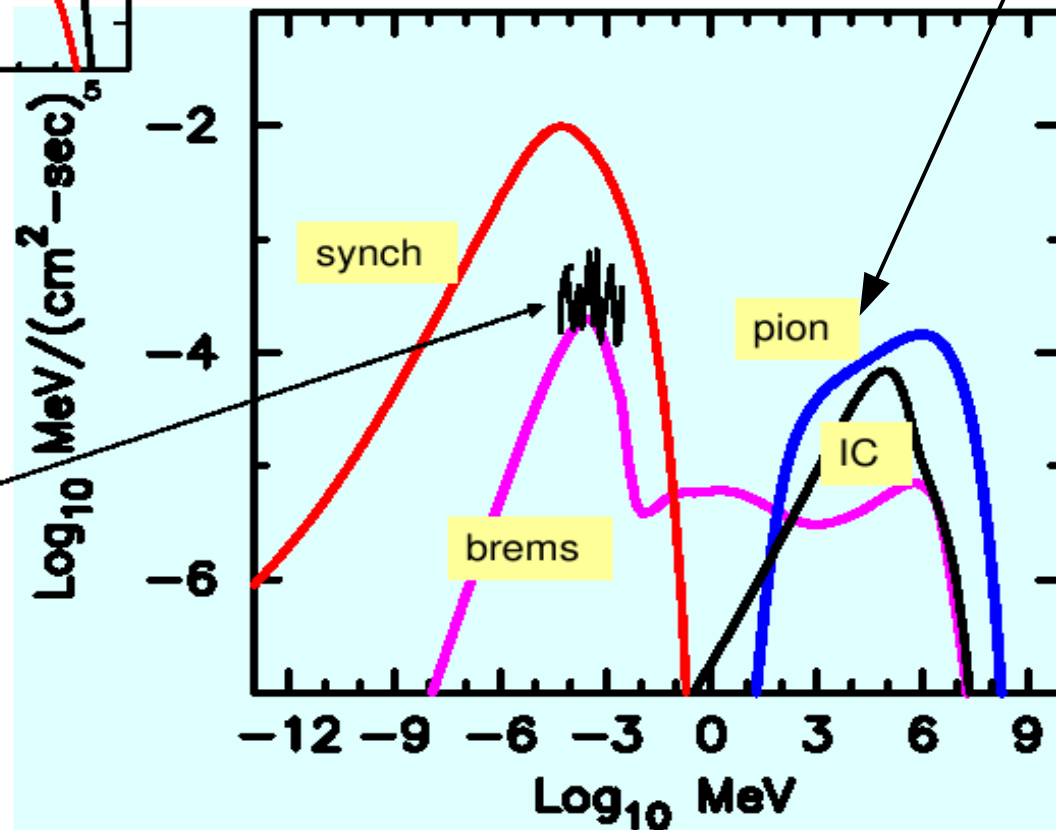


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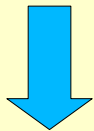


continuum emission

Pion decay and IC are competitive mechanisms

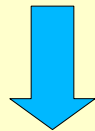


Hadronic models



Large B  
 $> \sim 100 \mu\text{G}$

Leptonic models

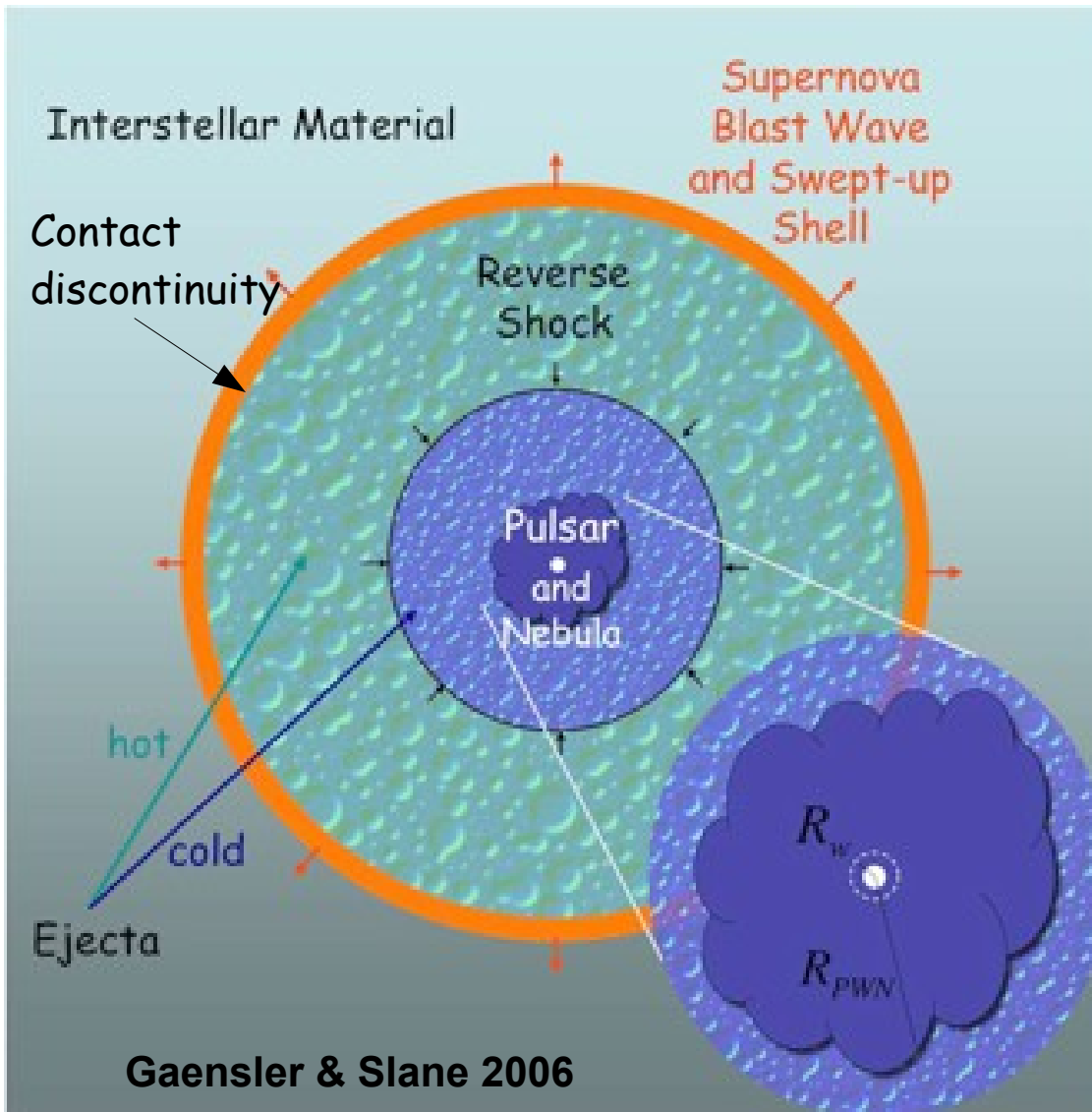


Low B  
 $\sim 10 \mu\text{G}$



## APPLICATION TO ISOLATED SNRs

# SNR structure



## SNR structure

- ◆ ISM
- ◆ Forward shock
- ◆ Shocked ISM
- ◆ Contact discontinuity
- ◆ Shocked ejecta
- ◆ Reverse shock
- ◆ Unshocked ejecta

## For core-collapse SNR

- ◆ PWN
- ◆ Termination shock
- ◆ Pulsar wind
- ◆ Pulsar

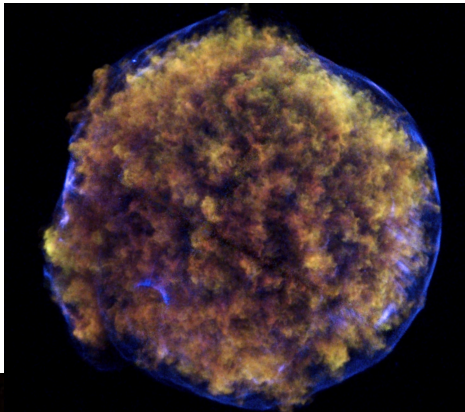
**WHERE NON-THERMAL PARTICLES ARE PRODUCED?**

# Tycho's SNR (Type Ia SNR)

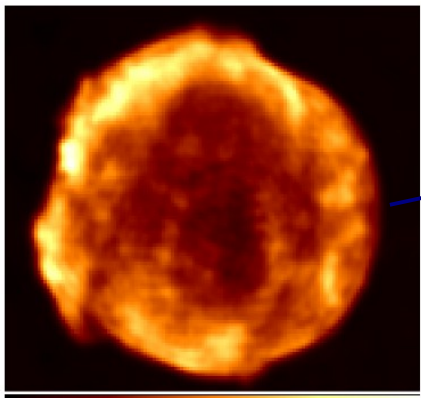
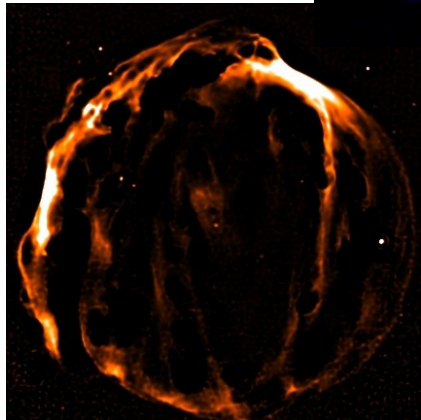
1-100 GeV from FermiLAT  
[Giordano et al. 2011]

VERITAS map  $E > 1$  TeV  
[Acciari et al. 2011]

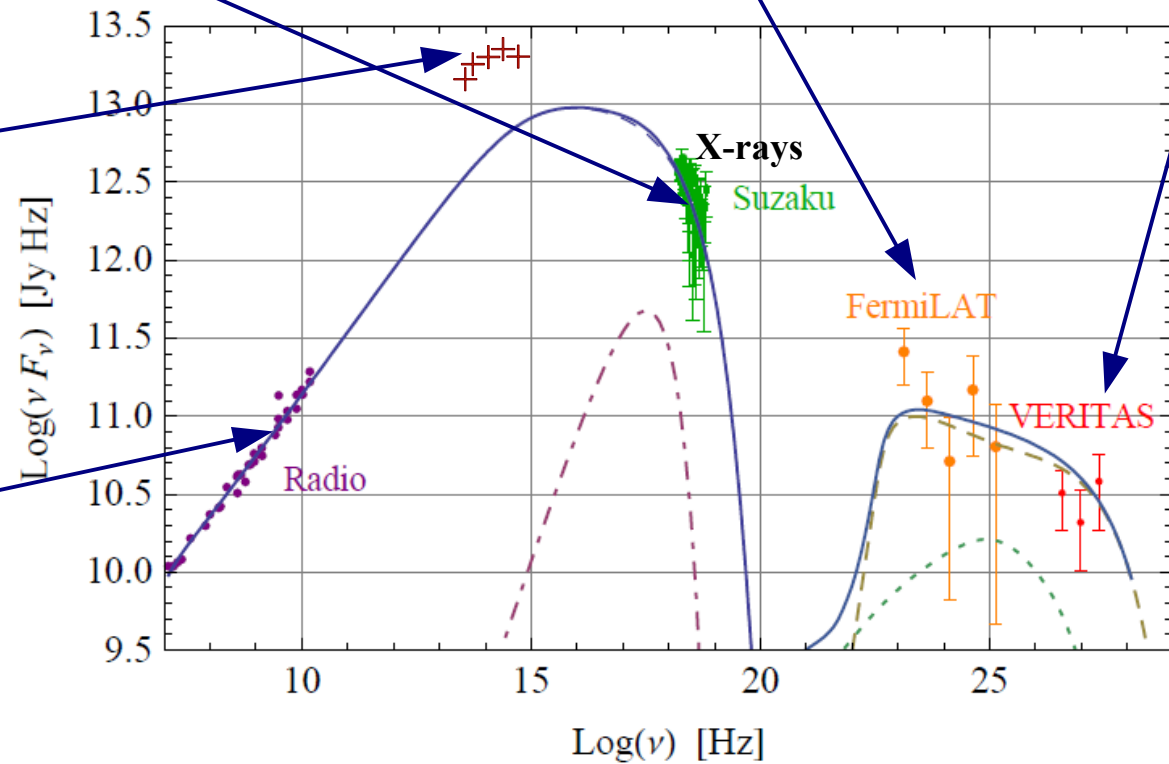
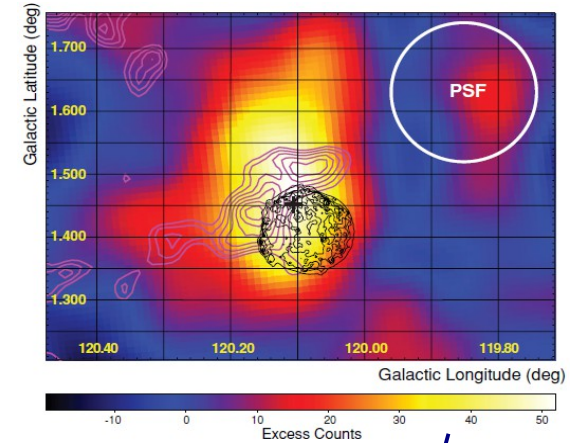
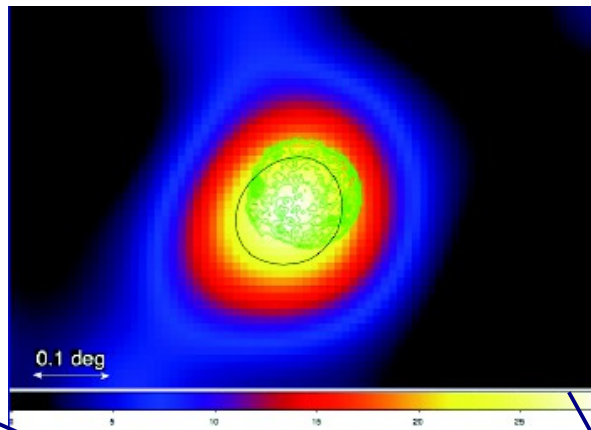
X-rays  
(Chandra)



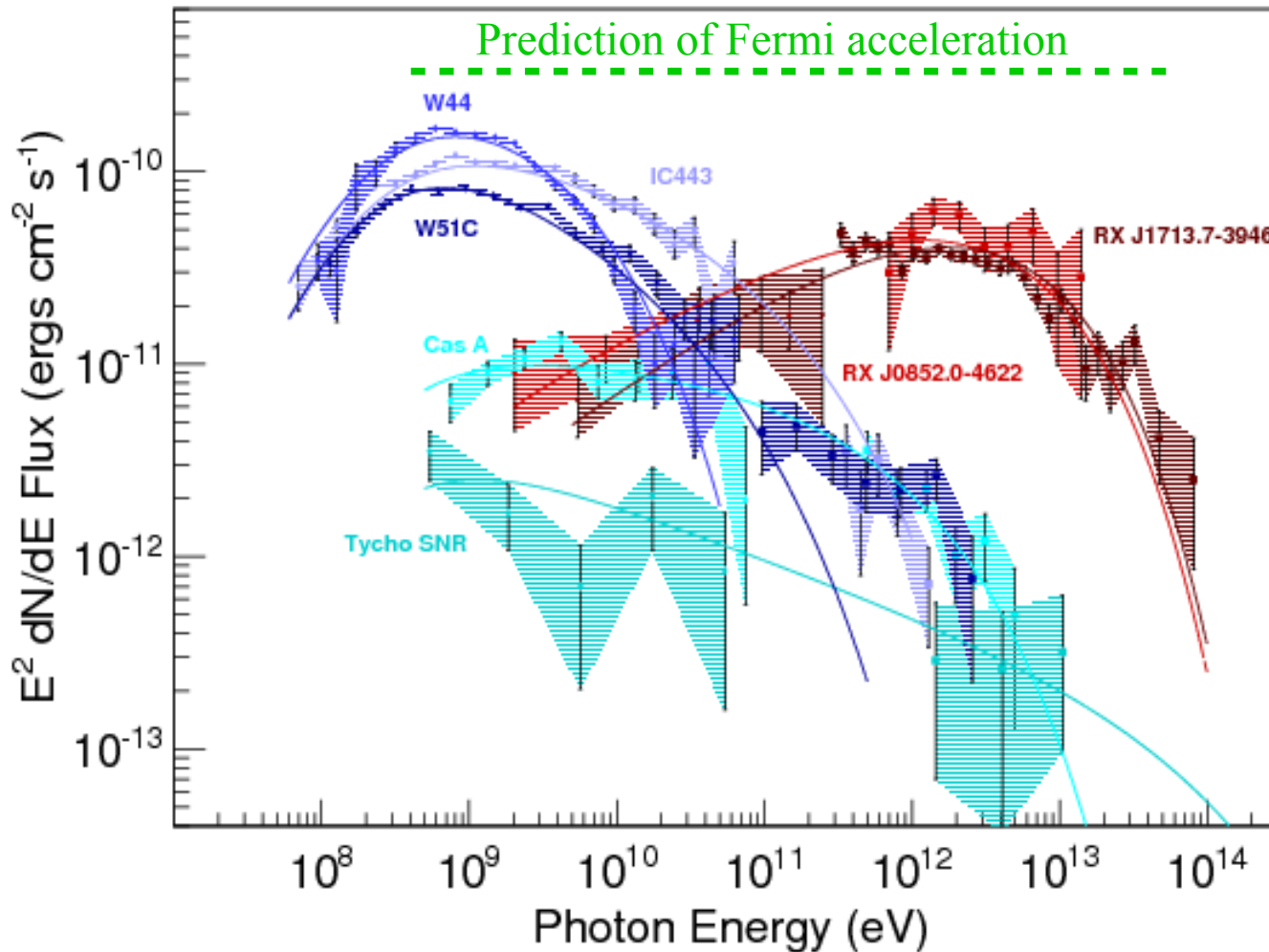
Spitzer image  
at 24  $\mu$ m



Radio map  
at 1.5 GHz



# Gamma-rays from SNRs



## Middle-aged SNRs

(~20,000 yrs)

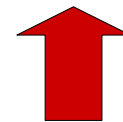
- ▶ hadronic emission
- ▶ steep spectra  $\sim E^{-3}$
- ▶  $E_{\text{max}} < 1 \text{ TeV}$

## Young SNRs (~2000 yr)

- ▶ Hadronic/leptonic?
- ▶ Hard spectra
- ▶  $E_{\text{max}} \sim 10\text{-}100 \text{ TeV}$

## Very young SNRs (~300 yr)

- ▶ hadronic
- ▶ steep spectra  $\sim E^{-2.3}$
- ▶  $E_{\text{max}} \sim 10\text{-}100 \text{ TeV}$



**Not enough to explain the  
Knee at  $\sim \text{PeV}$**

[S. Funk, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 65 (2015)]

NOTE: this general trend could be an artifact of the environmental conditions

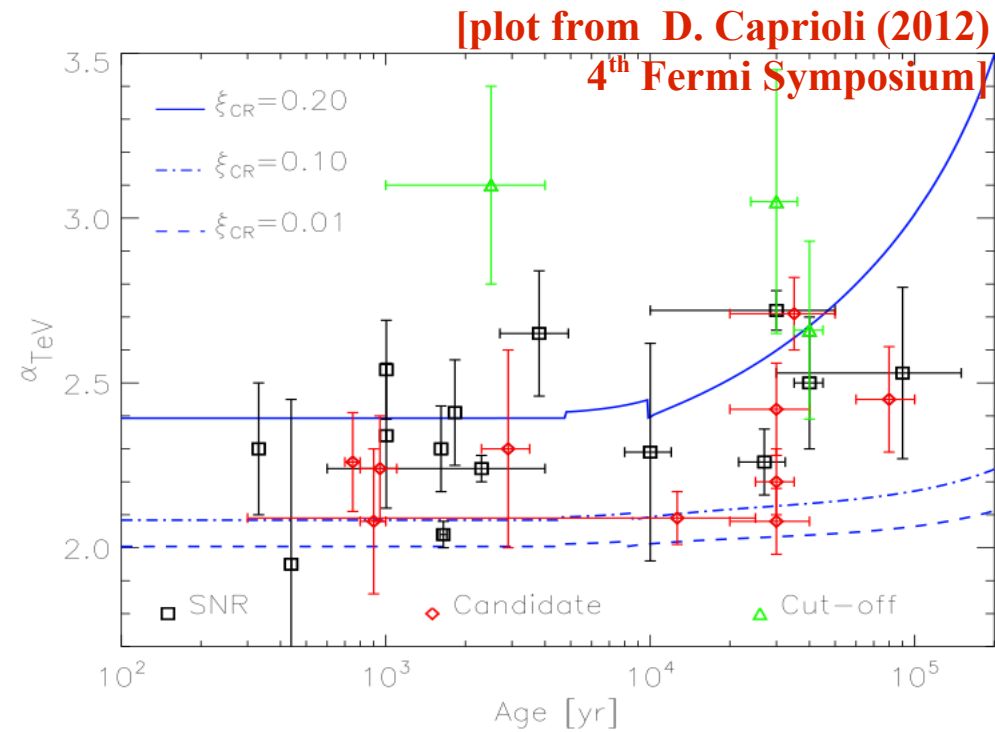
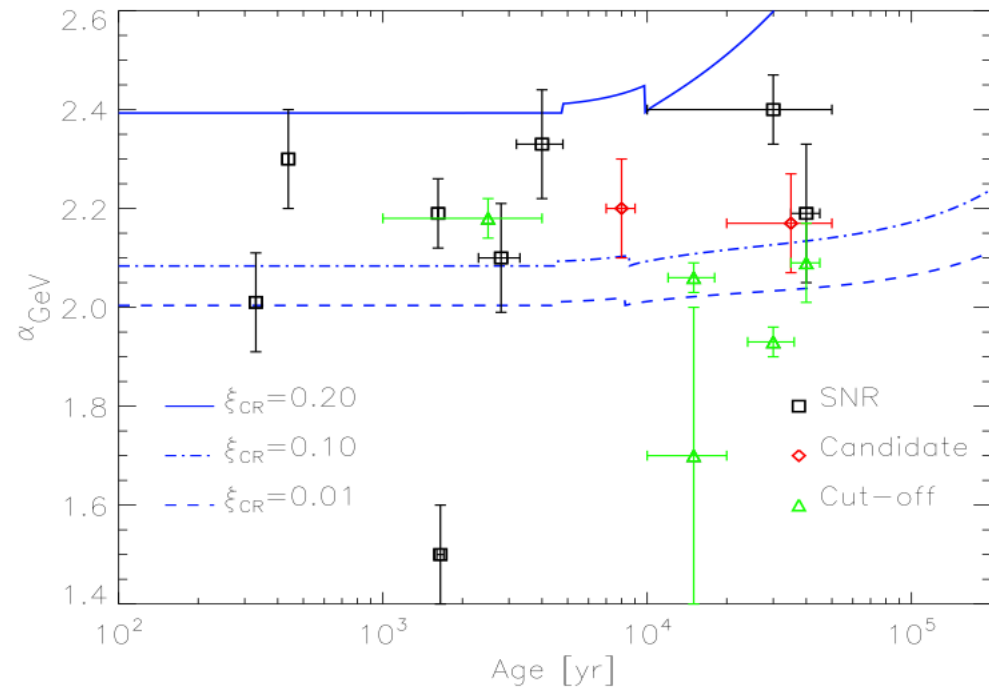
# Slope of gamma-ray emission of SNRs

**In many observed SNRs the slope is steeper than  $E^{-2}$   
 → difficult to explain theoretically**

If the  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum is hadronic ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) the slope is the same as the proton spectrum

If the  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum is leptonic (IC) the spectrum is harder

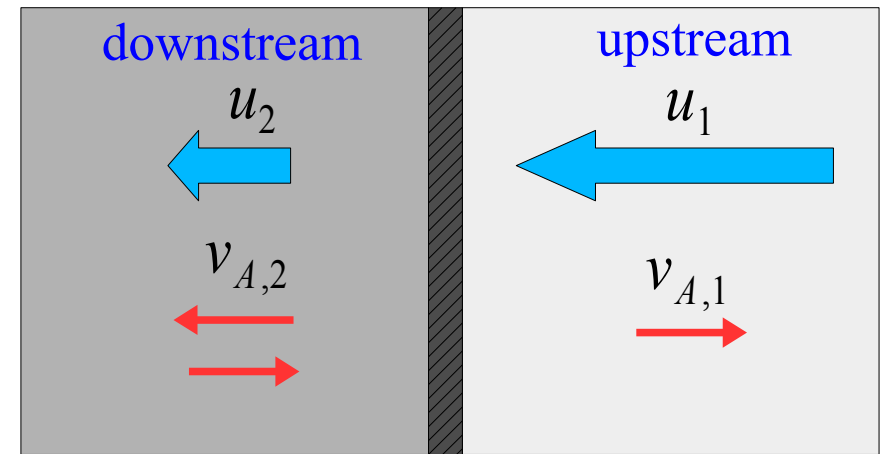
$$f_e(E) \propto E^{-s} \rightarrow \phi_\gamma \propto E^{-(s-1)/2}$$



# The role of scattering centers in presence of strong magnetic amplification

When the magnetic field is strongly amplified the Alfvén speed can become a non negligible fraction of the shock speed. In this case the effective compression ratio is:

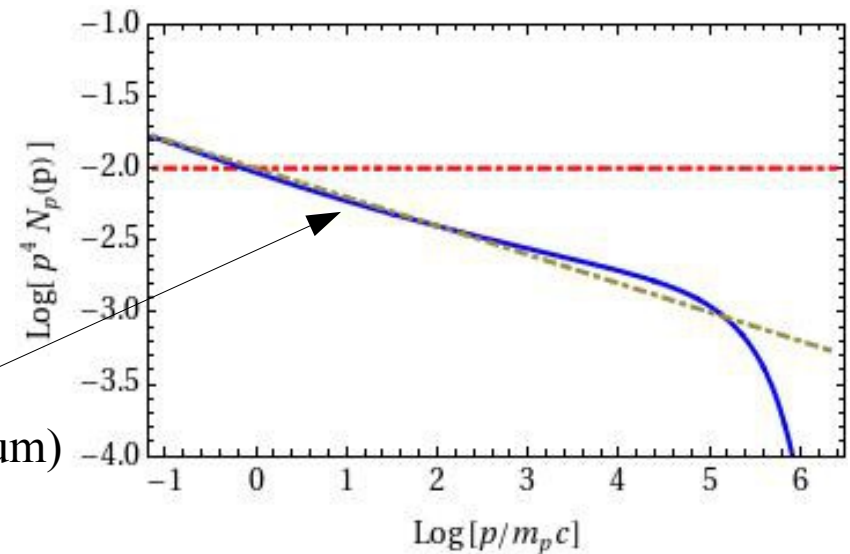
$$r = \frac{u_1 - v_{A,1}}{u_2 \pm v_{A,2}} \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{u_1 - v_{A,1}}{u_2} \\ \frac{u_1}{u_2 + v_{A,2}} \end{cases}$$



If we consider only the modification upstream,  $v_{A,2} \approx 0$ , in the case of Tycho:

$$v_{A,1} = \frac{B_1}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_1}} \approx 0.15V_{sh} \rightarrow s = \frac{r+2}{r-1} \simeq 2.2$$

(4.2 in momentum)



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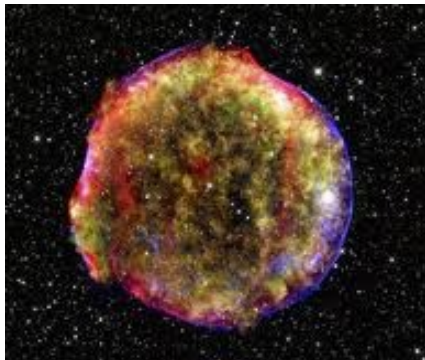
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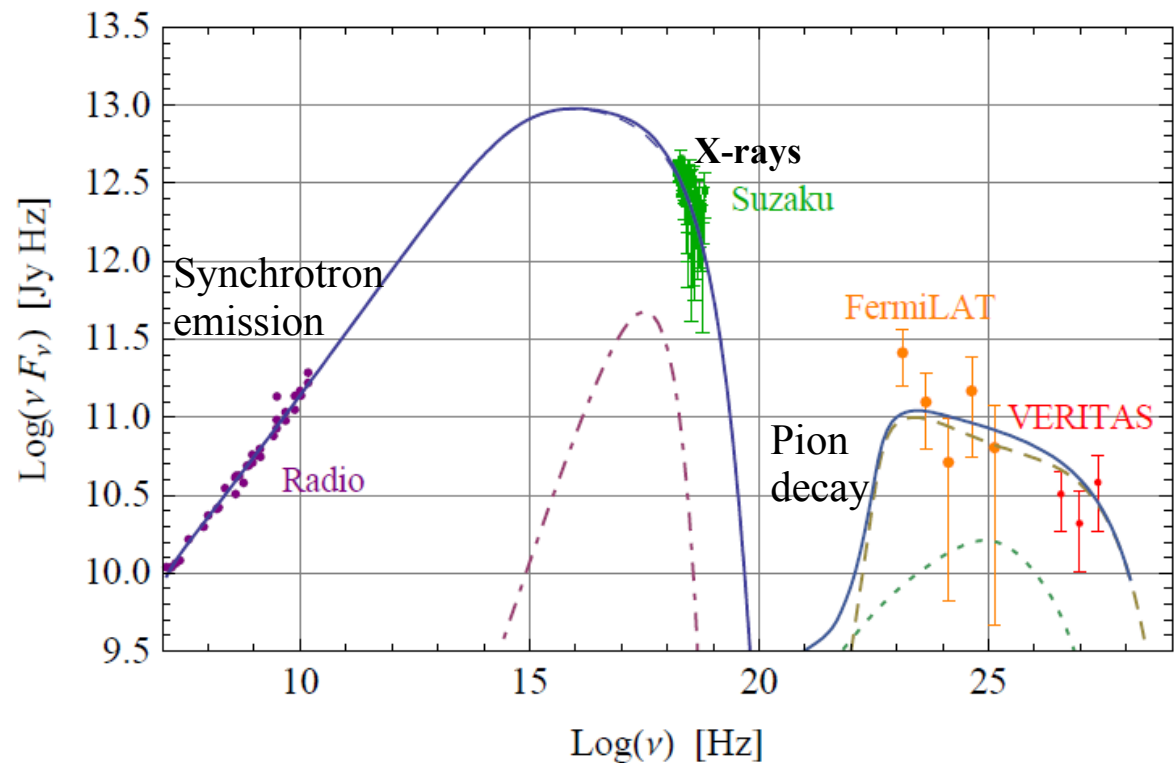
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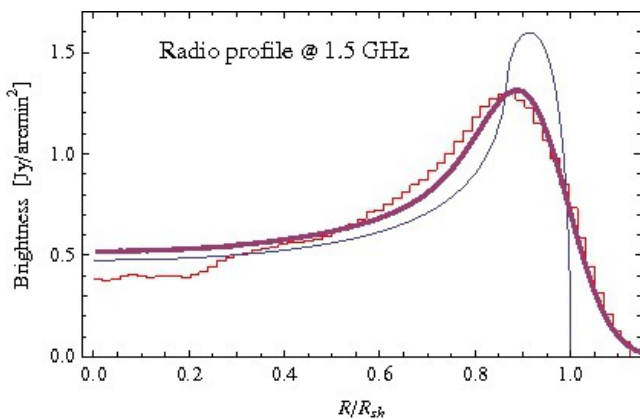
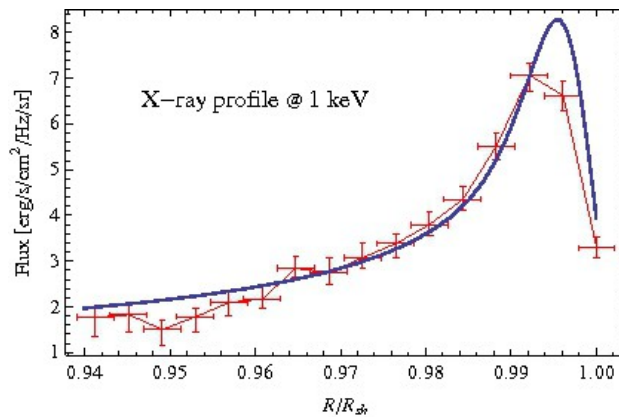
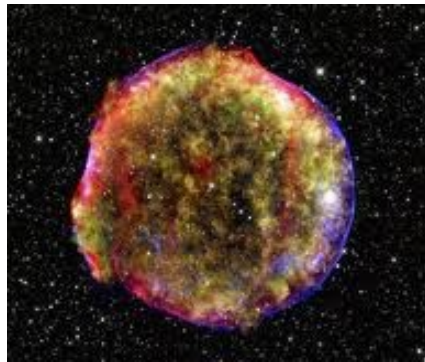
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