Cosmic Ray Production in Young Supernova Remnants (SNRs)

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Origin of Galactic Cosmic Rays (CRs)

► Main problems:

Source of energy **??**

Source of material ??

Acceleration of bulk of CRs (i.e., those below ~10¹⁶ eV) ??

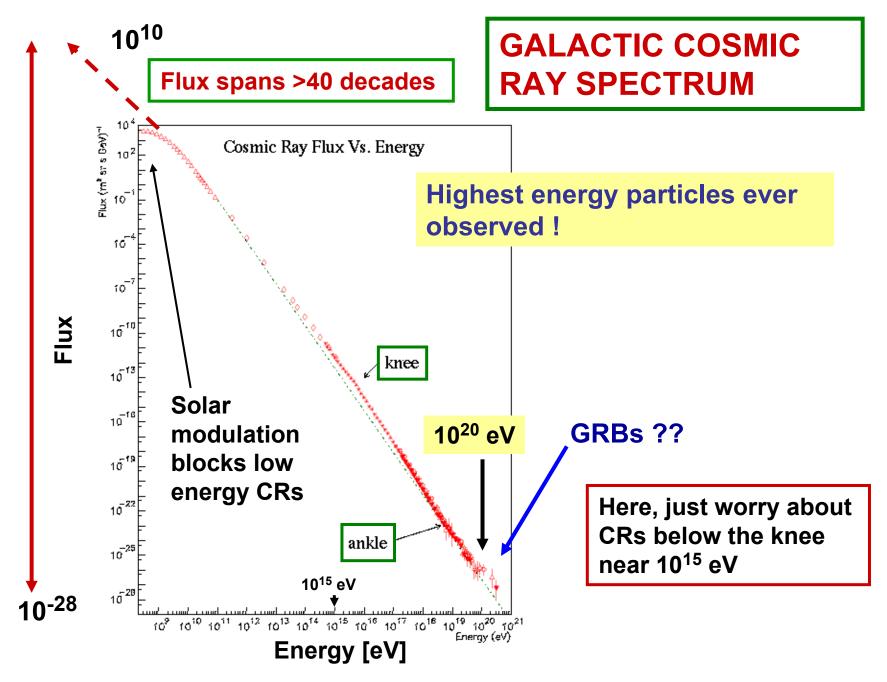
Origin of highest energy CRs (those above ~ 10^{19} eV) ??

If restrict discussion to CRs below the `knee' near 10¹⁵ eV

Source of energy 🕨 supernovae 🖌

Source of material ► Gas & dust from well-mixed interstellar medium

Acceleration ► Diffusive Shock acceleration (DSA) (a.k.a. First-order Fermi mechanism) in outer blast wave in supernova remnants ??



Kinetic energy of supernova ejecta material can power CRs **BUT**:

► May need 10% or more efficiency of conversion in SNR shocks to power CRs ! Is ≥ 10% acceleration efficiency possible ?

Diffusive shock acceleration (DSA) mechanism can easily be this efficient

► <u>BUT</u>, **nonlinear effects** must be taken into account if acceleration is efficient

► Nonlinear diffusive shock acceleration of ISM gas and dust provides a quantitative explanation for cosmic ray composition (Ellison et al. 1997; Meyer et al. 1997)

Acceleration of Cosmic Rays in SNR Blast Waves

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- Spectral shape Steepness of CR source spectrum, break at knee?
- Efficiency and nonlinear effects are NL effects important?
- Electrons and e/p ratio shocks put most energy into ions?

These are the same issues facing relativistic shocks in GRBs:

- Can internal or external shocks accelerate electrons with high efficiency?
- ls the electron spectrum consistent with the γ -ray emission?
- What fraction of shock energy goes into protons vs. electrons?
- Is the ambient magnetic field amplified by large factors?

The difference is that there is some hope of actually answering these questions with observations of young supernova remnants

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Observations:

- Cosmic rays observed at Earth
- Photons from particular SNRs
- Photons from diffuse galactic emission

Detailed models of individual SNRs (nonlinear shock acceleration coupled to remnant hydrodynamics) may offer best way to address these issues \rightarrow non-thermal, broad-band continuum emission

Impact on interpretation of <u>thermal X-ray observations</u> – NL shock acceleration modifies SNR evolution and shock heating Use Tycho's SNR as a test case because of the excellent Chandra observations of the large-scale morphology (Warren et al. 2005)

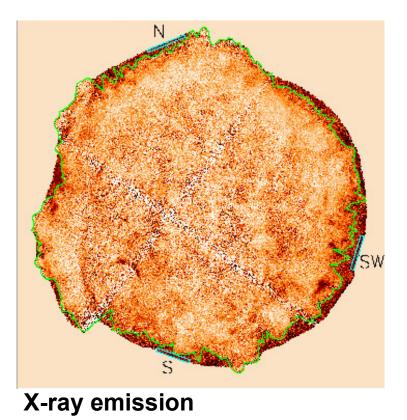
Other young SNRs show similar features

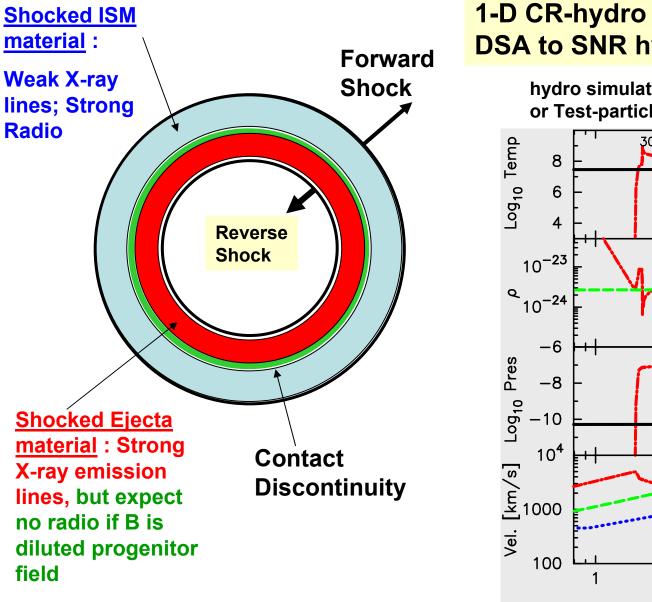
In addition to large-scale morphology, we have:

 broadband continuum emission
 radio, X-rays, TeV gamma-rays (upper limits)

Constraints on forward shock
 X-ray precursor

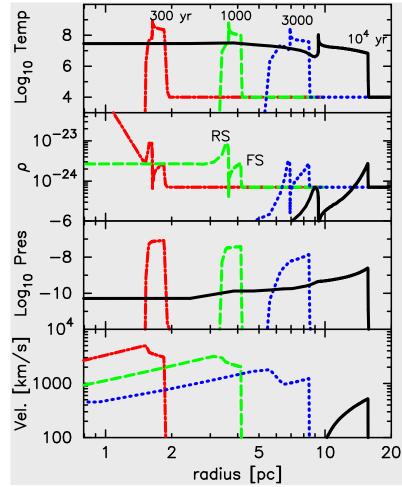
► Thermal X-rays





1-D CR-hydro model couples eff. DSA to SNR hydrodynamics

hydro simulation – NO Shock Accel. or Test-particle acceleration

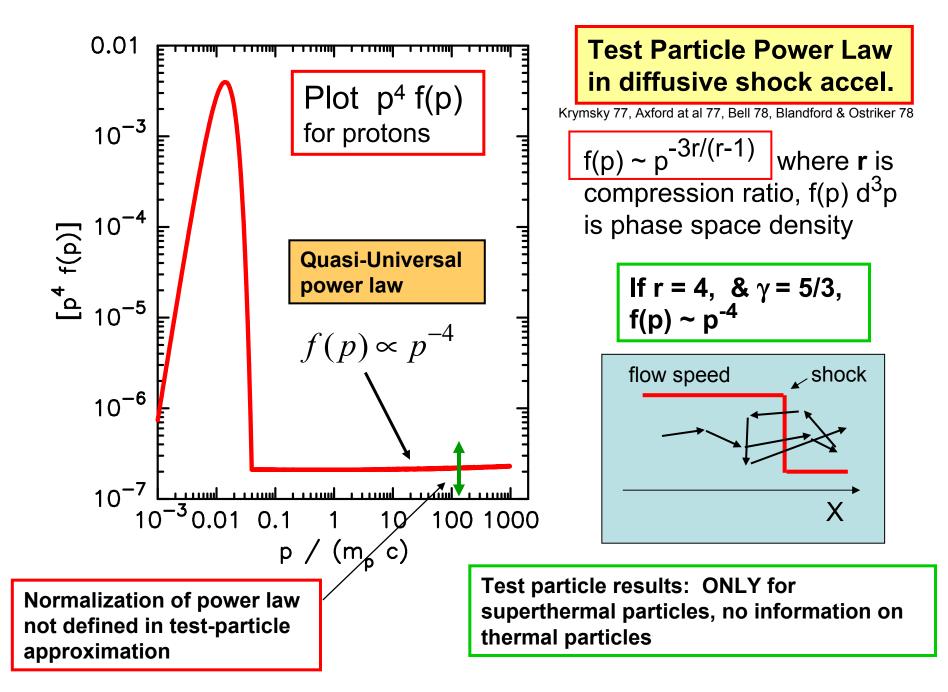


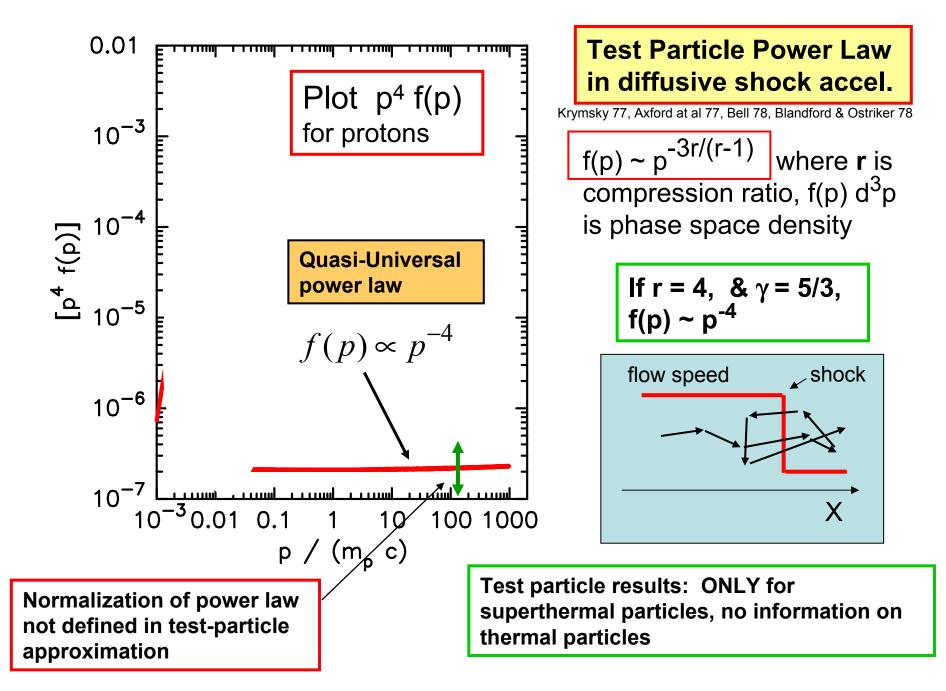
e.g. Ellison, Decourchelle Ballet 2004

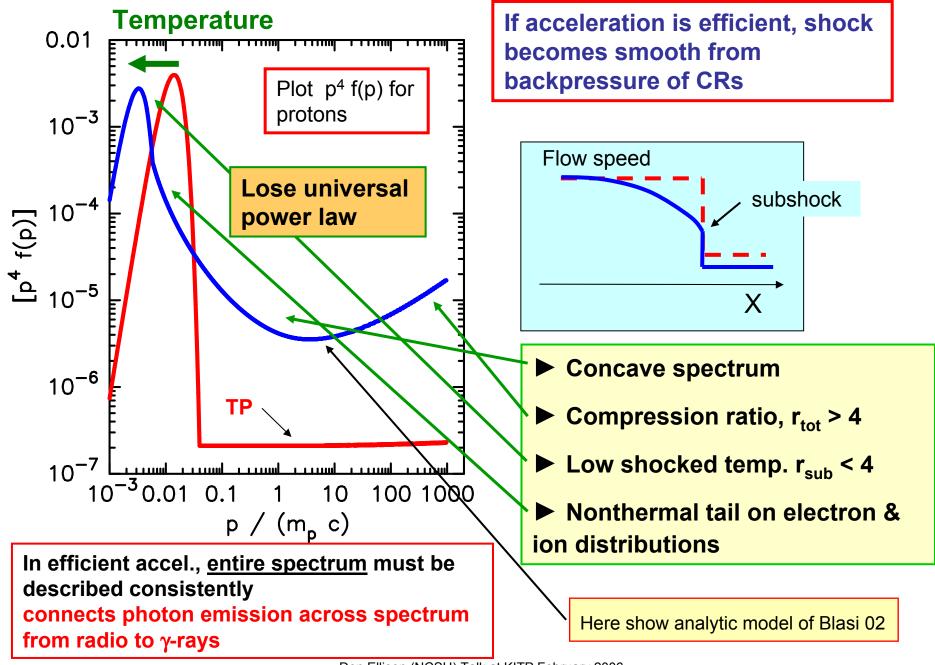
Brief description of Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA)

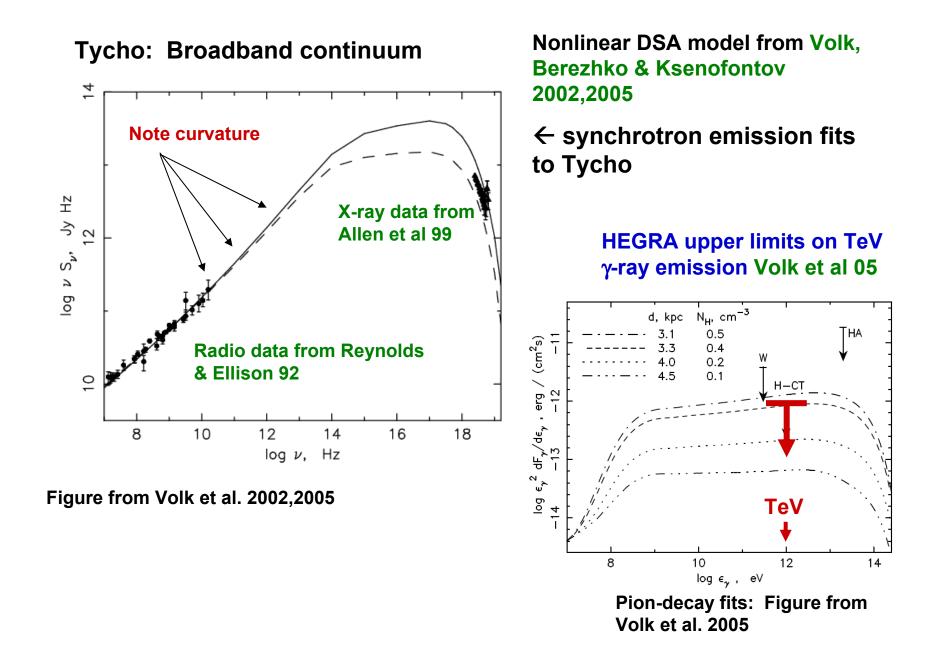
(also called first-order Fermi mechanism)

in non-relativistic shocks



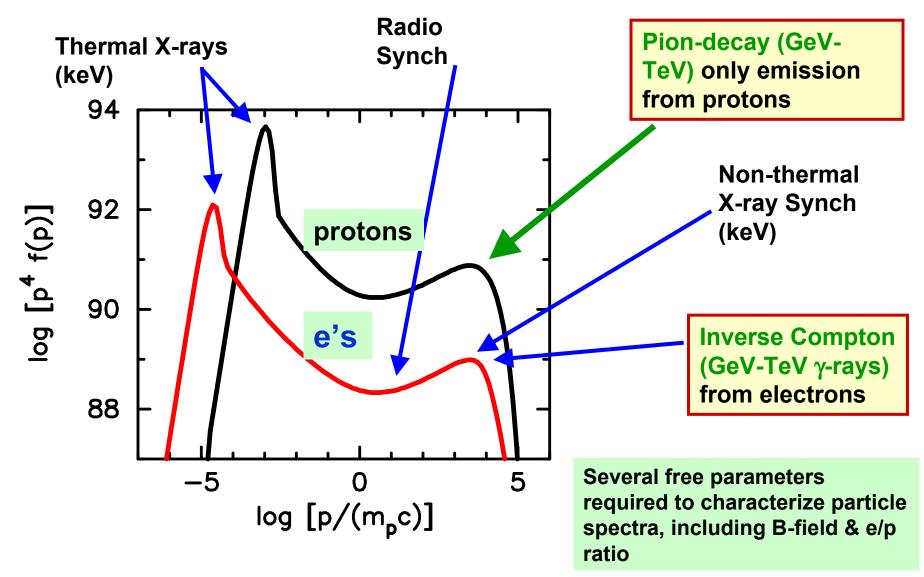


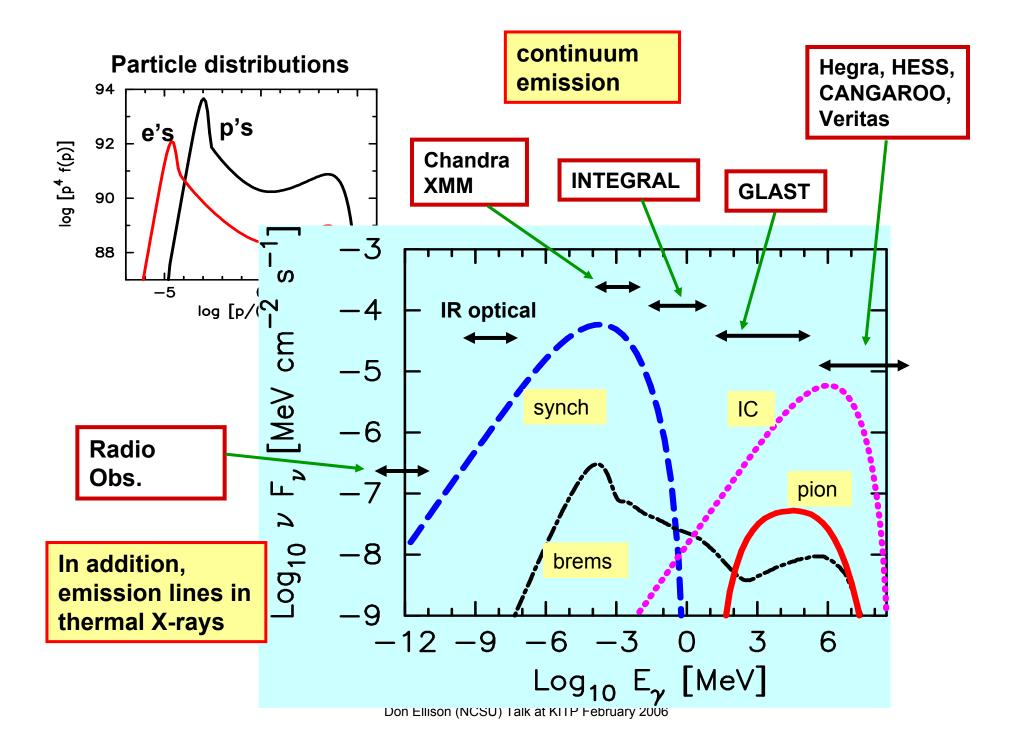


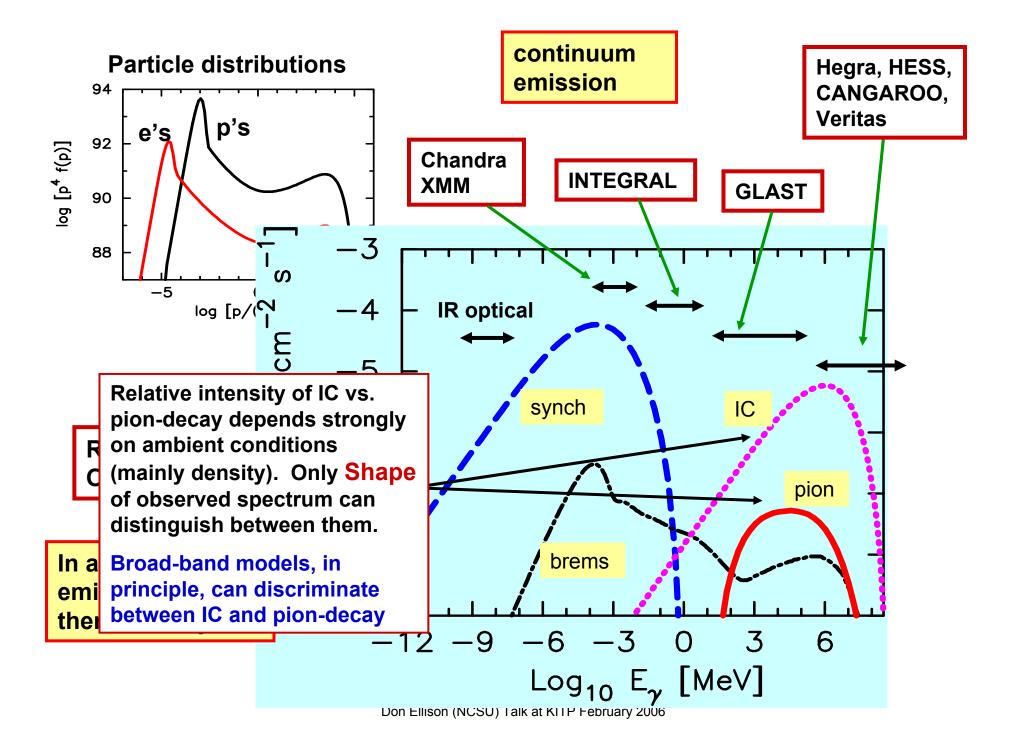


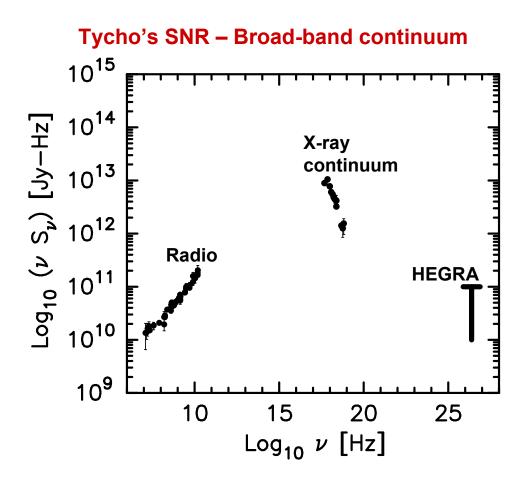
Electron and Proton distributions from efficient (nonlinear)

diffusive shock acceleration (toy spectra from Blasi et al. accel. model)





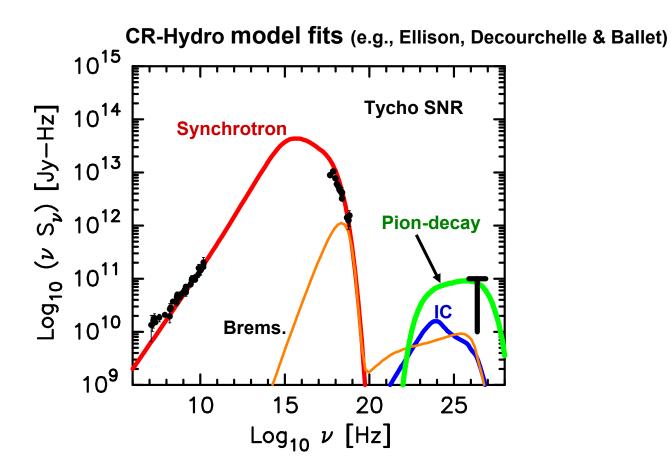


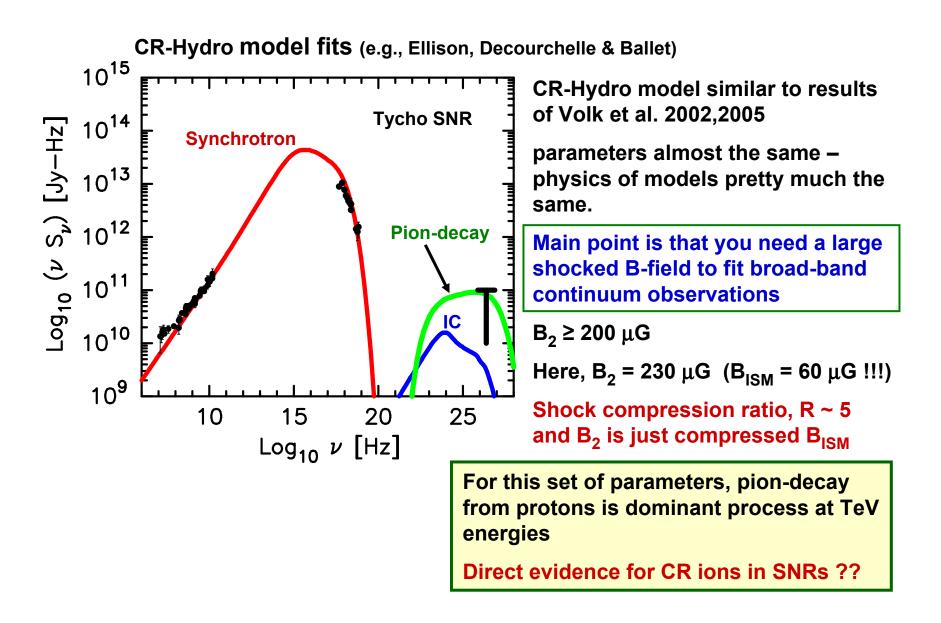


X-ray data from Allen, Gotthelf & Petre, ICRC 99 (>10 keV) and Hwang & Gotthelf, ApJ 97 (low energy)

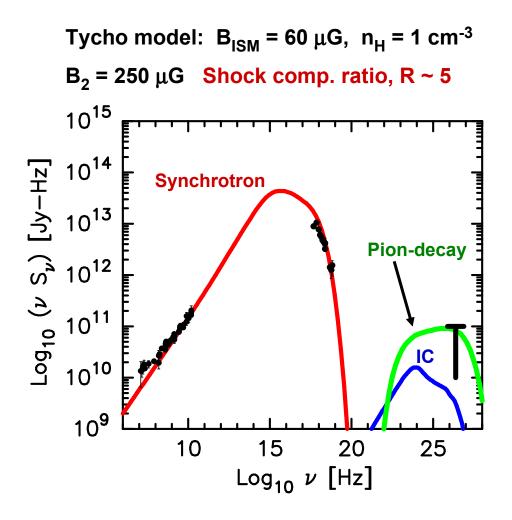
Radio: Reynolds & Ellison 92

 γ -ray: HEGRA (Volk et al 05)

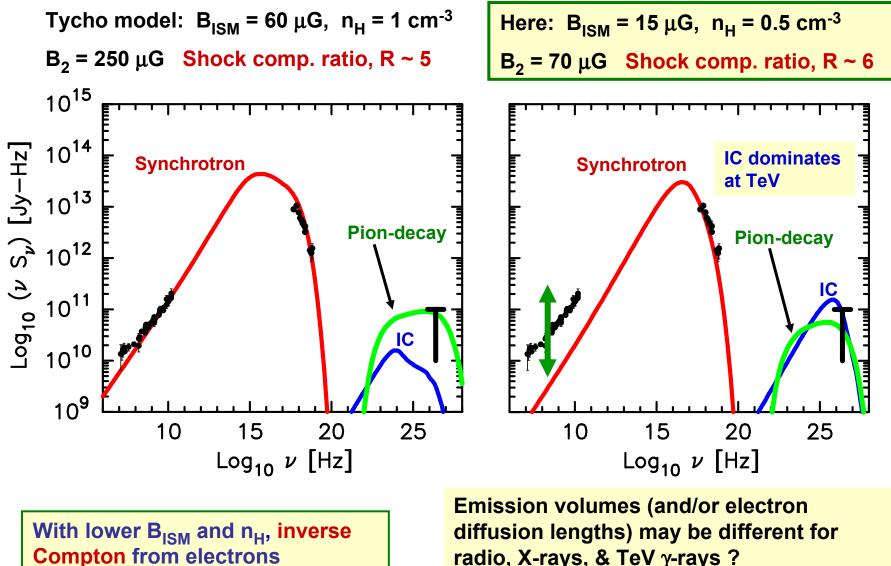




Decourchelle, Ellison, & Ballet, ApJL, 2000; Blondin & Ellison, ApJ, 01; Ellison, Decourchelle, & Ballet, A&A, 04,05; Ellison & Cassam-Chenai ApJ 05

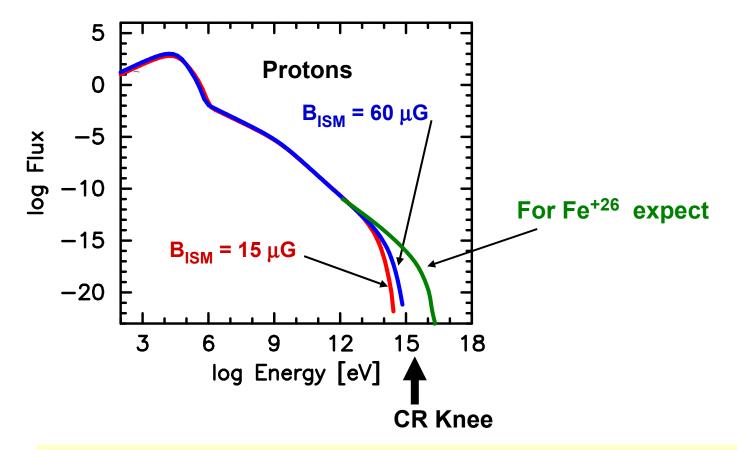


But, $B_{ISM} = 60 \ \mu G$ may be far too high !



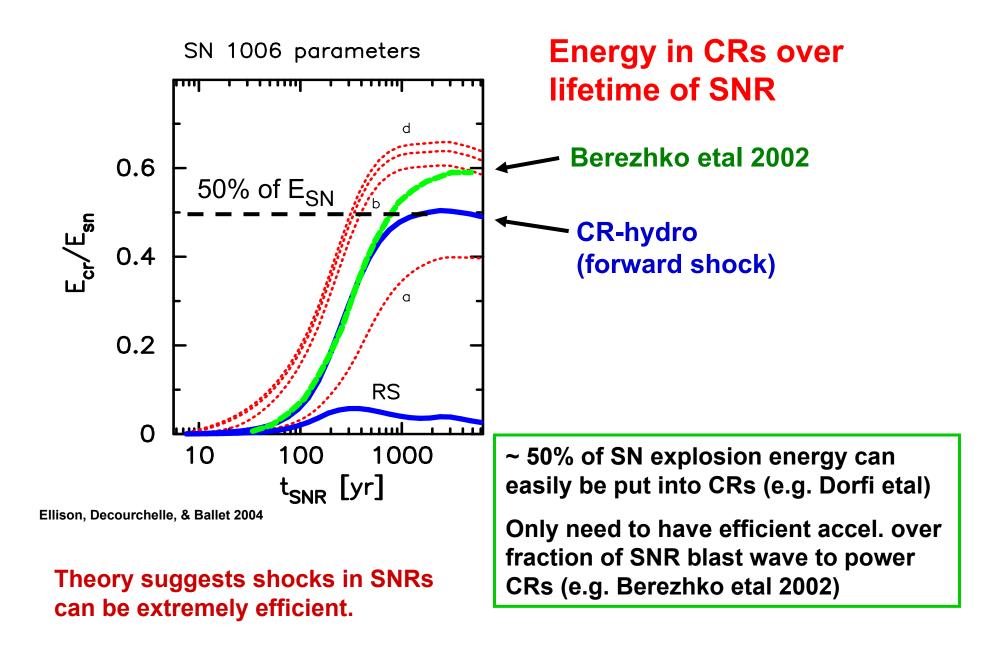
Compton from electrons dominates TeV emission

Relative normalization between radio and X-ray continuum is uncertain !!

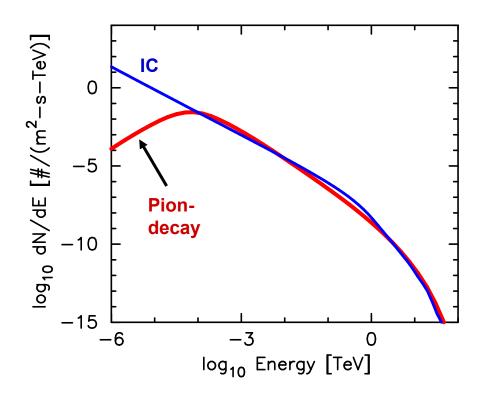


Both models can accelerate Fe⁺²⁶ to above the knee in the observed CR spectrum

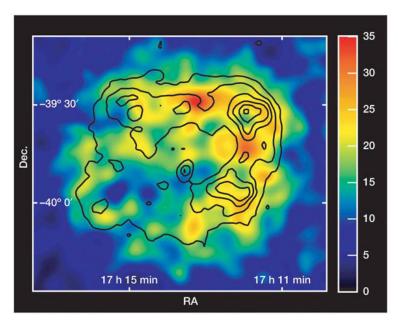
And both are highly efficient and can power galactic cosmic rays



Tycho model with: $B_{ISM} = 15 \mu G$, $n_H = 0.5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $B_2 = 70 \mu G$ Shock comp. ratio, $R \sim 6$

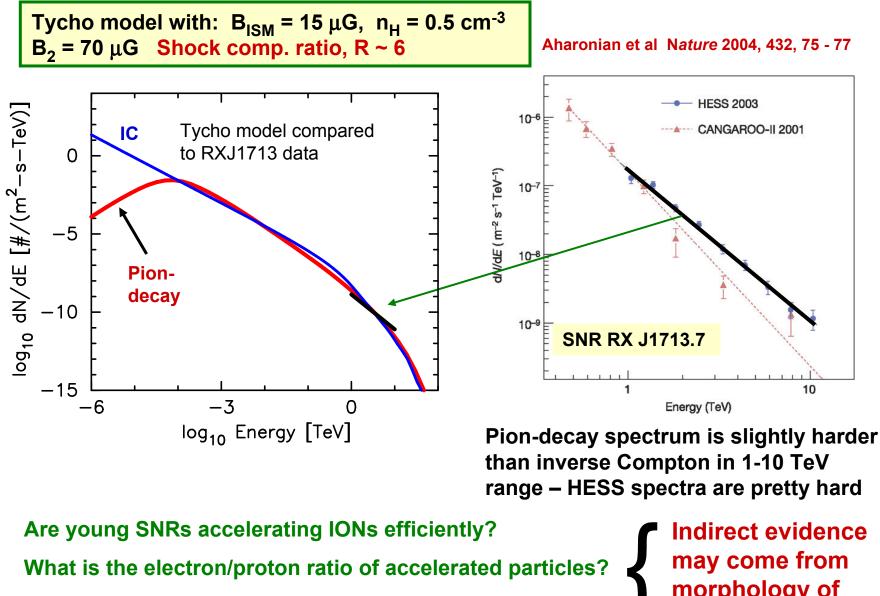


First ever Gamma-Ray image of a SNR – H.E.S.S. !! Aharonian et al Nature 2004, 432, 75 - 77



Gamma-ray image of the SNR RX J1713.7 (G347). Linear color scale is in units of counts.

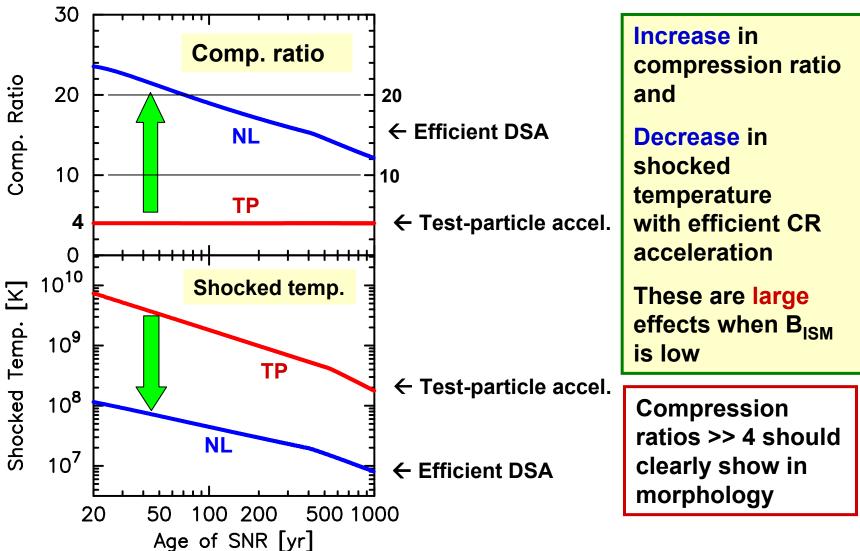
The superimposed (linearly spaced) **black contour lines show the X-ray surface brightness** as seen by ASCA in the 1–3 keV range.

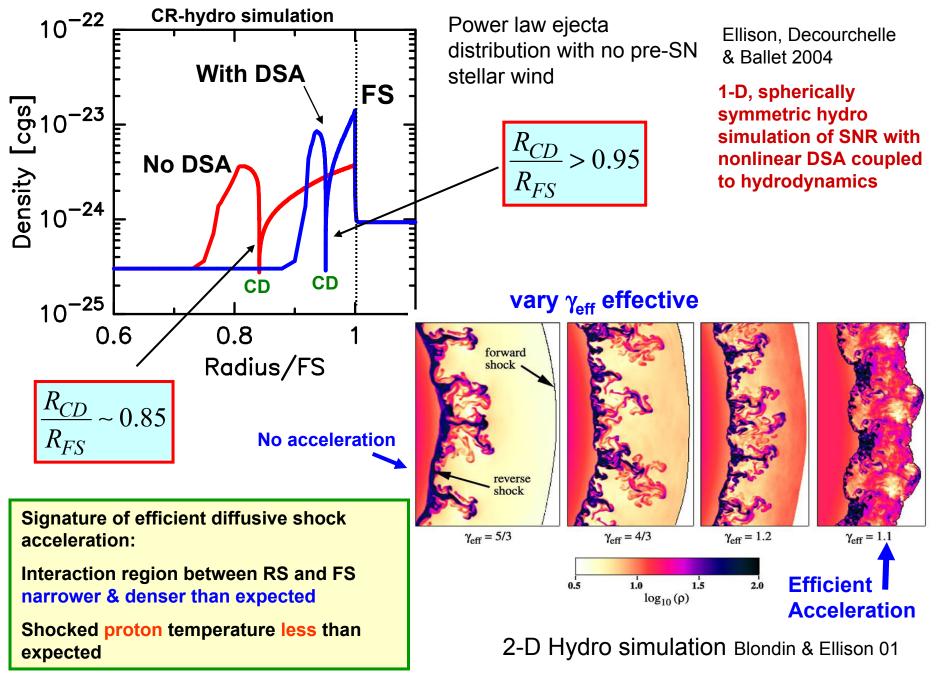


Is the B-field large and amplified by large factors over B_{ISM}?

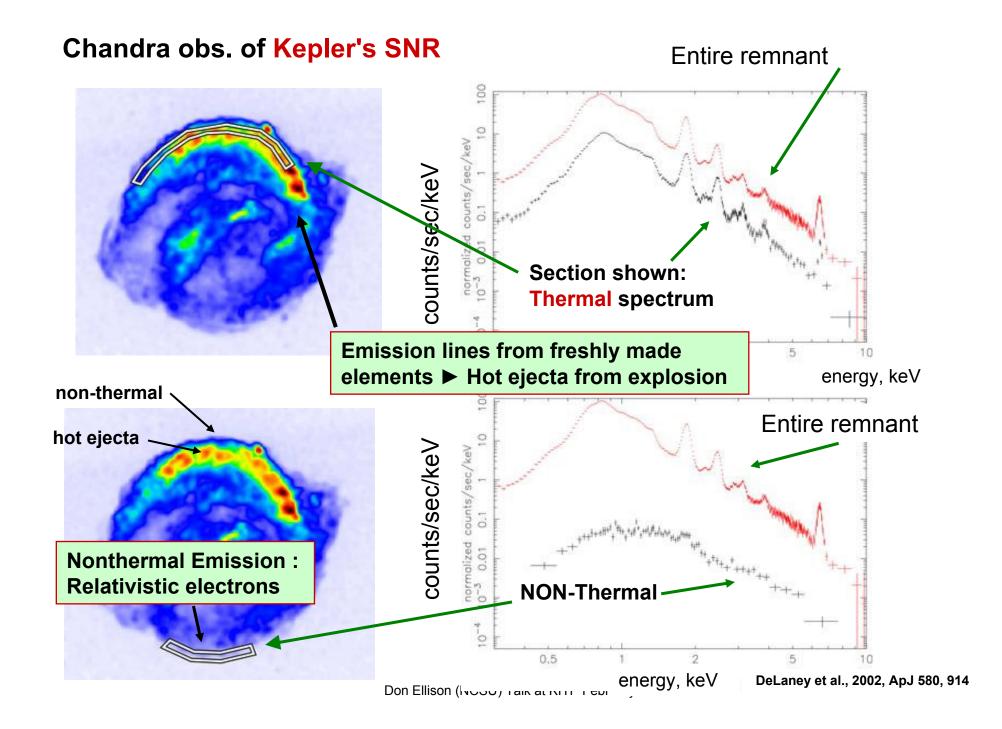
morphology of **SNRs**

Forward shock values in CR-hydro simulation for low B_{ISM} models with just B-field compression

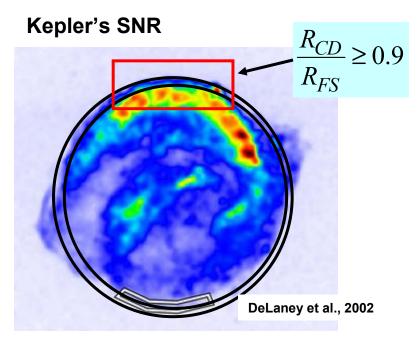




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Morphology of Young Supernova Remnants (SNRs)



In some young SNRs, outer blast wave shock is extremely close to inner shocked ejecta material or contact discontinuity (CD).

In hydro models without efficient CR production, the outer, forward shock (FS) is well separated from the ejecta or CD.

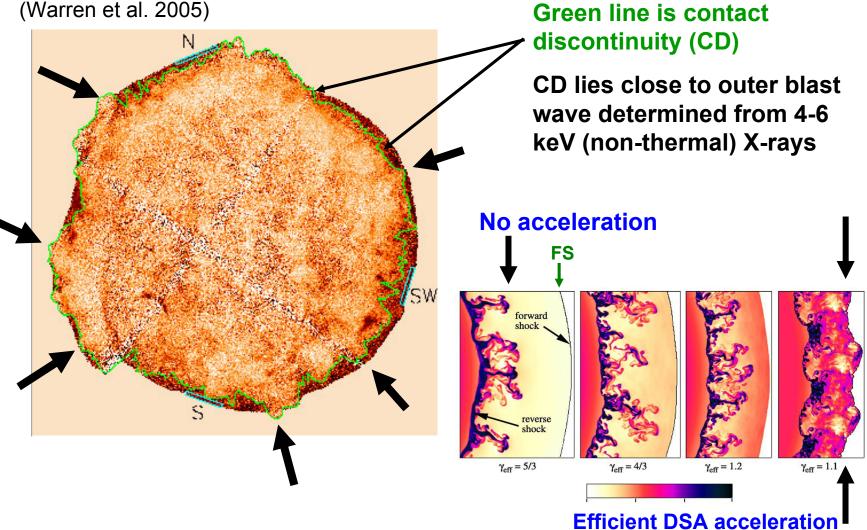
Explanation: SNR shock is efficiently accelerating cosmic rays, i.e., ~50% of shock ram K.E. goes into relativistic IONS producing large shock compression ratios

This may be most direct evidence for the efficient production of Cosmic Ray lons in SNRs

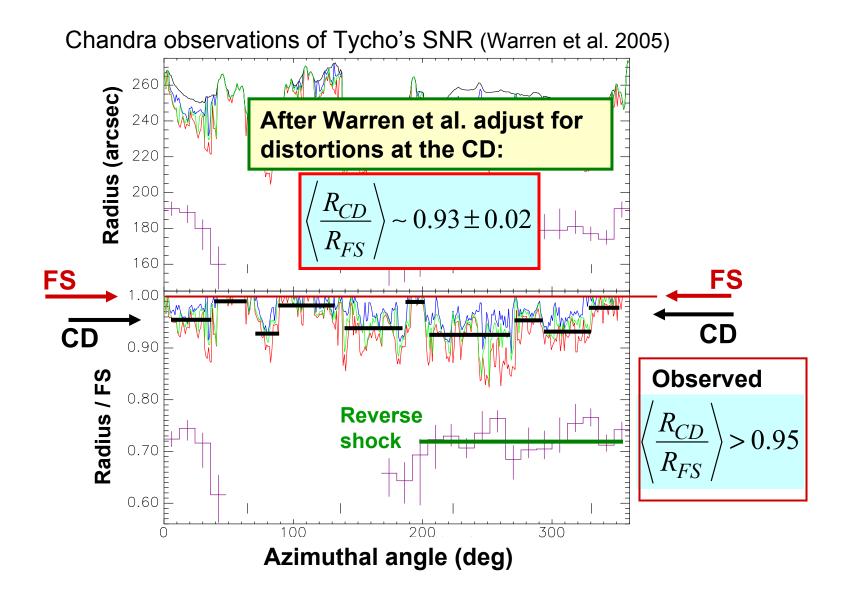
Some references for large compression ratios (r>7) in DSA: Eichler 84; Ellison & Eichler 84; Jones & Ellison 91; Berezhko & Ellison 99; Decourchelle etal 2000; Ellison etal 2004

Chandra observations of Tycho's SNR

(Warren et al. 2005)

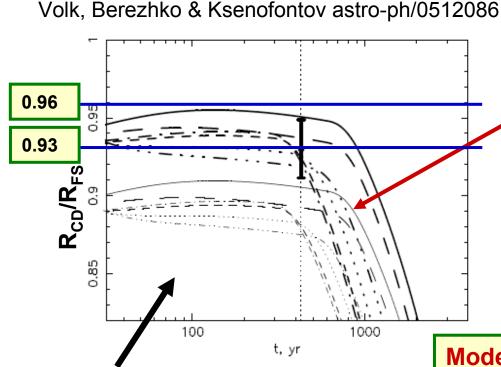


2-D Hydro simulation Blondin & Ellison 2001



Tycho's SNR 1 **Forward shock Contact Discontinuity** 0.9 Radius/R_{FS} **Reverse Shock** 8.0 Efficient diffusive shock Tycho data acceleration of IONs can easily explain data, (Warren et al 2005) 0.7 **Test-particle acceleration** cannot 431 yr **BUT shock compression** 0.6 100 1000 ratio must be fairly high: 10 $R_{tot} \ge 10$ t_{SNR} [yr] r_{tot} ~ 6 will not fit !! SNR model with efficient shock accel.

(Ellison, West, Butt, Blasi et al. in preparation)



Volk, Berezhko & Ksenofontov 2005 model for morphology of Tycho – I believe that the distortions of CD are corrected for twice by VBK This model assumes high B-field, $B_{ISM} \sim 40\text{-}50 \ \mu G$

High B gives comp. ratio $r_{tot} \sim 6$

Model R_{CD}/R_{FS} outside of error bars

NOTE: $R_{CD}/R_{FS} \approx 0.93$ already has correction for distorted contact discontinuity.

Without correction $R_{CD}/R_{FS}\approx 0.96$

Models (Volk et al. or Ellison et al.) with r = 6 don't fit observed R_{CD}/R_{FS} !!

Assumption in models is that CRs produce Alfvén wave turbulence in the shock precursor (e.g., McKenzie & Volk 82).

The turbulence saturates and heats the cold, incoming plasma transferring energy from CRs to heat. This heating weakens the subshock and damps the acceleration. The Bfield is not determined self-consistently in this model

The larger $B_{\rm ISM},$ the greater the heating, the less efficient the acceleration' and the smaller $r_{\rm tot}.$

Dilemma:

Morphology (R_{CD}/R_{FS}) requires large compression ratios (r > 10) which requires small $B_{ISM}\sim3$ - 10 μG

Broad band fits require large $B_{shocked} > 240 \ \mu G$ but, if only <u>compression</u> of the B-field occurs, must start with $B_{ISM} \sim 50 \ \mu G$ and this produces smaller compression ratios r ~ 6

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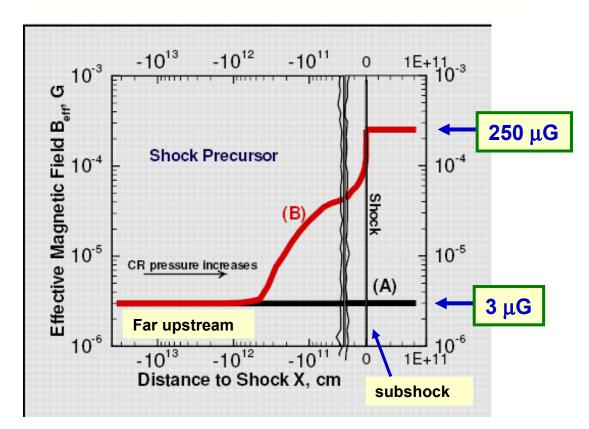
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Is there a way to start with $B_{ISM} \sim 3~\mu G$ and end up with $B_{shocked}$ > 200 μG ?

Magnetic field amplification may be the answer ??

Note difference between B-field compression in shock and B-field amplified by DSA process (Bell & Lucek scheme)



Poster: Andrey Vladimirov, Ellison & Bykov

This preliminary result is for a parallel shock with NO compression of the B-field. The increase from B_{ISM} =3 μ G to B_{shock} =250 μ G is <u>amplification</u> by nonlinear processes. Generalized Bell & Lucek approach for B-field amplification is imbedded in a Monte Carlo simulation of nonlinear shock acceleration.

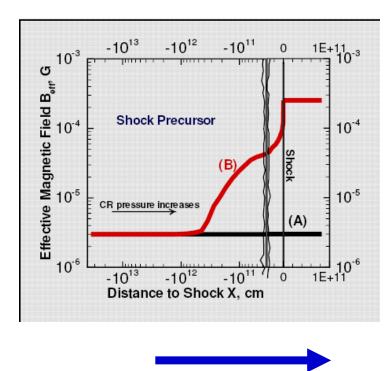
Aim is to derive the

(a) particle distribution,

(b) nonlinear shock structure, and

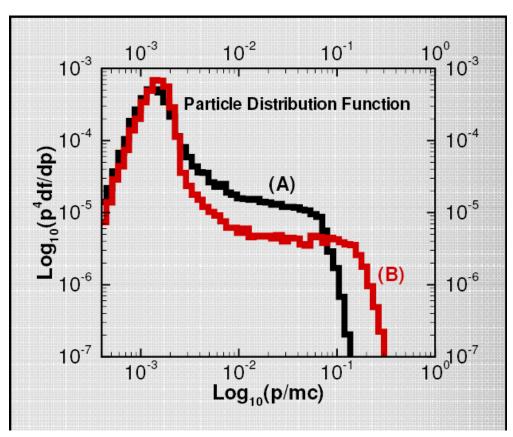
(c) self-generated stochastic fields

self-consistently without assuming that ∆B/B < 1

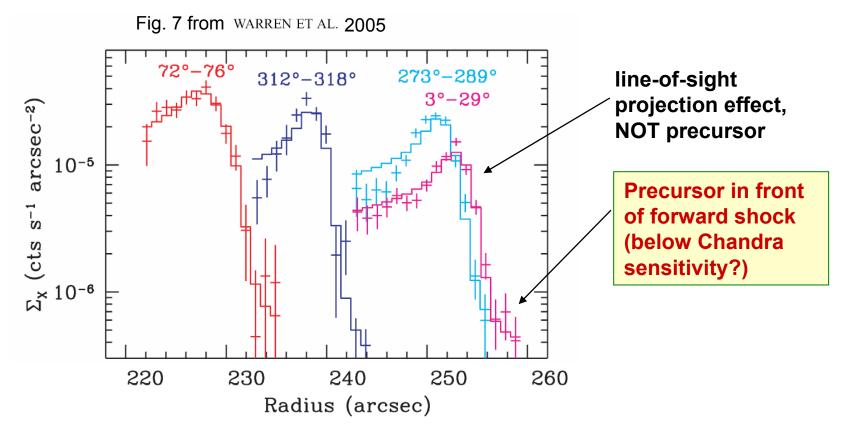


B-field amplification translates to higher energy cosmic rays

These are preliminary results: stay tuned for latest developments



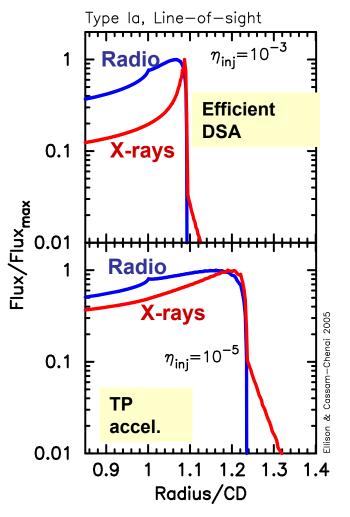
Additional constrains on magnetic field come from observations of synchrotron emission in forward shock precursor



Tycho's SNR, 4-6 keV surface brightness profiles at outer blast wave

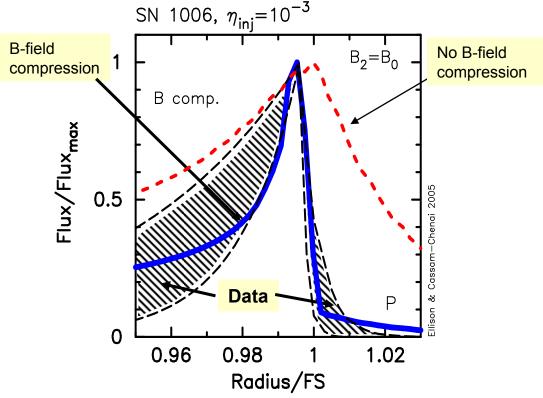
More evidence of eff. Accel.

Line-of-sight profiles for parameters typical of SN1006



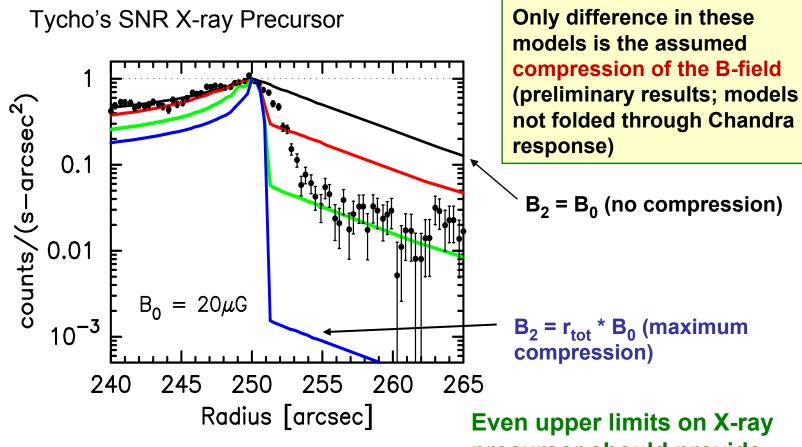


Comparison with SN1006 data (Bamba etal 03)



Sharply peaked X-rays at forward shock is evidence that B-field increases fairly sharply at shock.

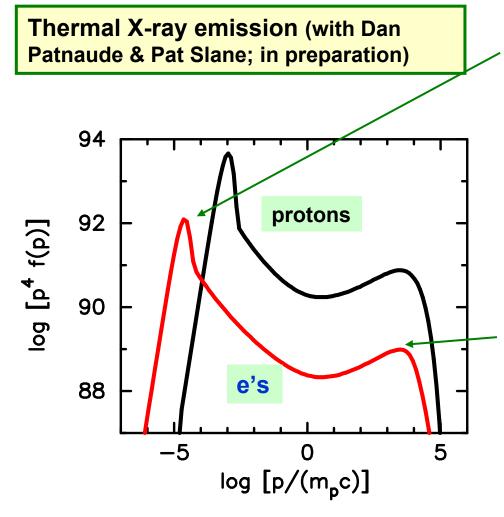
See also Berezhko, Ksenofontov & Volk 02; and Vink & Laming 03



with Y. Butt & J. West (in preparation)

These models do not include magnetic field amplification

Even upper limits on X-ray precursor should provide important constraints on magnetic field compression and/or amplification in precursor



CR acceleration modifies shocked density and temperature from test-particle values,

modifies $\int n_e dt$ in interaction region between forward and reverse shocks

→ thermal X-ray emission depends on DSA

DSA produces TeV electrons → nonthermal X-ray synch. Matching thermal X-ray data may give [e/p] injection ratio

DSA = diffusion shock acceleration

Few words on Fermi acceleration in relativistic shocks

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<u>Relativistic Shocks</u>: Shock speed approaches c (V_{sk} = u₀ ~ c)

Main applications in

- 1) gamma-ray bursts fireball, internal shocks, afterglow
- 2) Pulsar winds
- 3) Radio jets

More difficult to understand than non-relativistic shocks because:

- Particle speed never >> shock speed. Can't use diffusion approx.
 → No simple test-particle power law derivable from first principles
- 2) Acceleration, even in test-particle limit, depends critically on scattering properties (i.e., self-gen. B-field), which are unknown
- 3) No direct observations of relativistic shocks in heliosphere
- 4) PIC simulations are harder must be 3-D
- 5) Afterglow models require simultaneous accel. of electrons with ions
- 6) Second-order Fermi likely to be important (e.g., Ostrowski et al; Virtanen)

Relativistic Shocks: Shock speed approaches c ($V_{sk} = u_0 \sim c$)

Peacock (1981): One of the first looks at relativistic shock acceleration

Kirk & Schneider (1987): Monte Carlo methods applied to Fermi acceleration in relativistic shocks (TP, parallel shocks)

Heavens & Drury (1988): (TP, parallel shocks)

Ellison, Jones, & Reynolds (1990): Monte Carlo results (TP, parallel shocks)

Kirk & Heavens (1989); Ballard & Heavens (1991); Ostrowski (Oblique shocks) (1991,93): First attempts to study Fermi accel. in oblique, rel. shocks (TP only)

Vietri (1995): application to gamma-ray bursts

Bednarz & Ostrowski (1996);

Achterberg, Gallant, Kirk & Guthmann (2001)

Ellison & Double (2002): First calculation of NL DSA in rel. shocks.

Meli & Quenby (2003) (TP)

Niemiec & Ostrowski (2004): trajectories integrated in assumed magnetic field turbulence (TP)

Double et al. (2004): Relativistic jump conditions

Issues for GRBs:

- In fireball model, assumption is that internal shocks in expanding fireball convert, via DSA, bulk motion of cold plasma into internal energy of electrons. Electrons then radiate
- Because of energy budget requirements, DSA is assumed to be efficient → TP approx. not good enough
- Internal shocks likely to be only mildly relativistic → Non-linear effects important
- Unless fireball is lepton dominated, must consider partition of energy between electrons and ions. Standard shock acceleration should put most energy into heavy particles, not electrons
- Afterglow comes from relativistic fireball expanding into interstellar medium
 → Have to confront acceleration of mixed plasma & shock will slow and go
 through a mildly rel. phase where NL effects will be important
- If want to accelerate UHECRs with GRBs (e.g., Waxman ...) than must accelerate ions together with electrons
- Shape of accelerated electron spectrum interpretations of GRB spectra suggest that electron spectrum has a low energy cutoff $\rightarrow E_{min}(e^{-}) \sim \gamma m_p c^2$, NOT $\gamma m_e c^2$ this is not easy to obtain in standard models of DSA

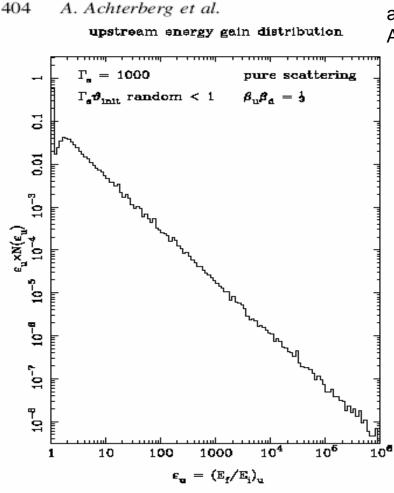


Figure 4. The distribution of particles as a function of the upstream energy gain $(E_t/E_t)_u$, for particles interacting with a shock with $\Gamma_s = 1000$. The particles are injected upstream at energy E_i with their flight direction randomly distributed within the loss cone $\theta \le 1/\Gamma_s$. A featureless power law establishes itself after a few crossings, signalling that the memory of the initial conditions has been erased.

Particle acceleration by <u>ultrarelativistic</u> shocks: theory and simulations Achterberg, Gallant, Kirk & Guthmann 2001

Find so-called "universal power law"

$$f(p) \propto p^{-4.2} \quad \left(N(E) \propto E^{-2.2}\right)$$

This result is for ultra-relativistic and "fine" scattering limits (also for parallel shocks)

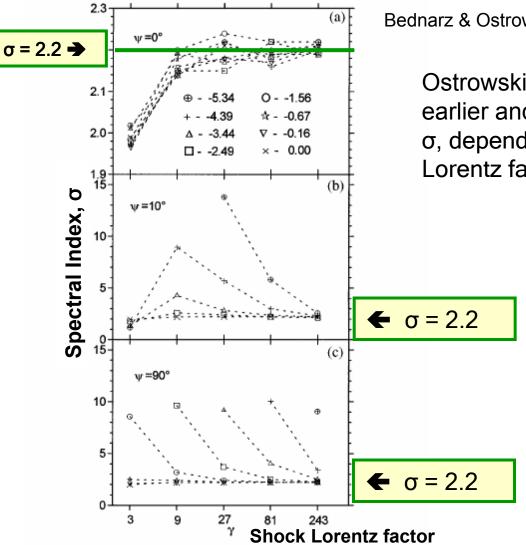


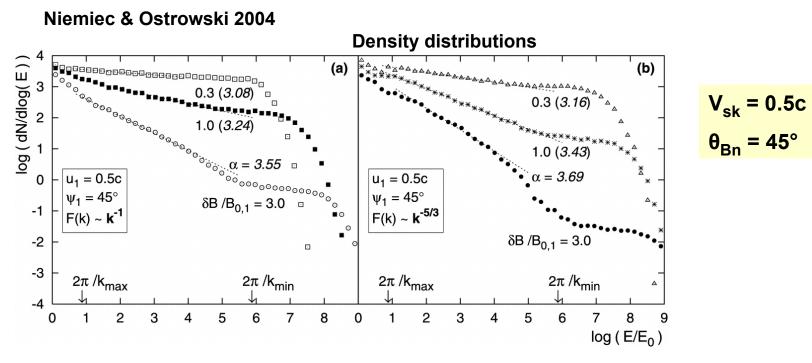
FIG. 1. The simulated spectral indices σ for particles accelerated at shocks with different Lorentz factors γ . Results for a given $\kappa_{\perp}/\kappa_{\parallel}$ are joined with lines; the respective value of $\log_{10} \kappa_{\perp} / \kappa_{\parallel}$ is marked by the point shape (see upper panel). The results for different magnetic field inclinations ψ are given in the successive panels: (a) $\psi = 0^{\circ}$, (b) $\psi = 10^{\circ}$, and (c) $\psi = 90^{\circ}$.

Bednarz & Ostrowski 98

Ostrowski and co-workers found this earlier and showed that spectral index, σ , depended on shock obliquity and Lorentz factor

$$f(p) \propto p^{-4.2} (N(E) \propto E^{-2.2})$$

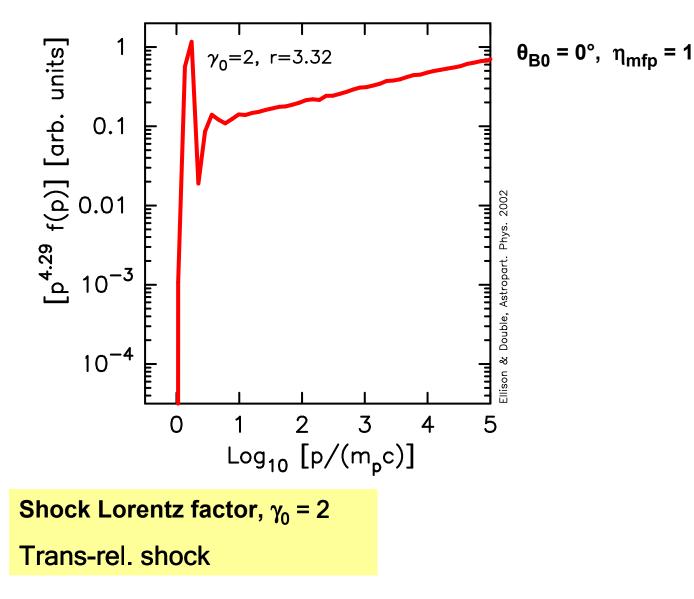
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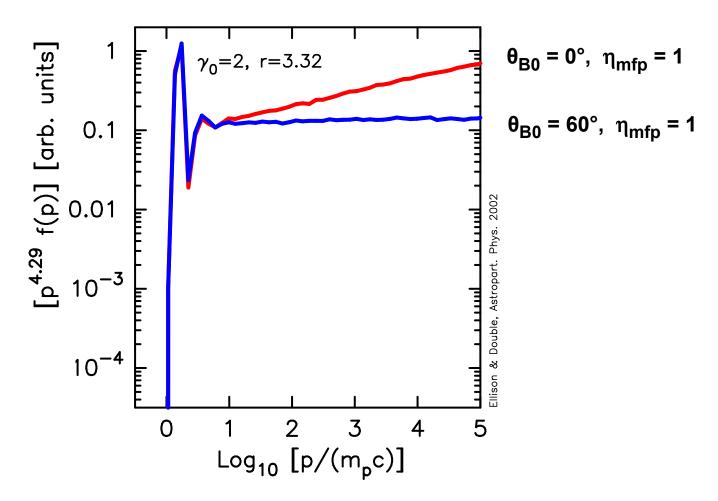


Spectrum also depends on how particles scatter. Here, Niemiec & Ostrowski calculate particle trajectories in various magnetic field configurations, F(k).

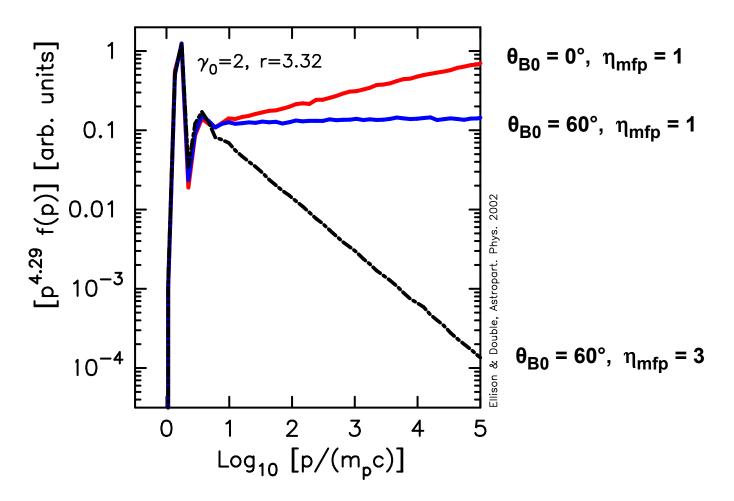
- ➔ Spectrum not necessarily a power law
- → Cutoffs if no magnetic turbulence at relevant scales

Remember: Acceleration in relativistic shocks depends critically on details of diffusion and details of diffusion are unknown

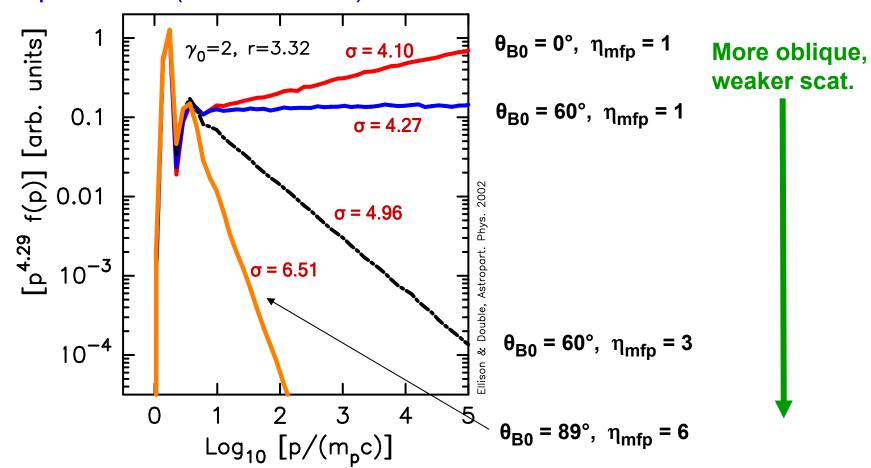




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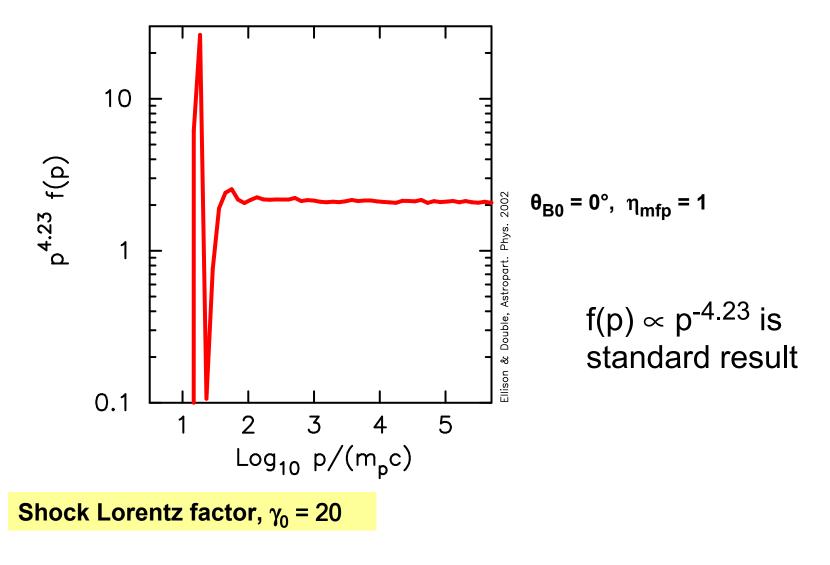


Test-particle results (Ellison & Double 04)

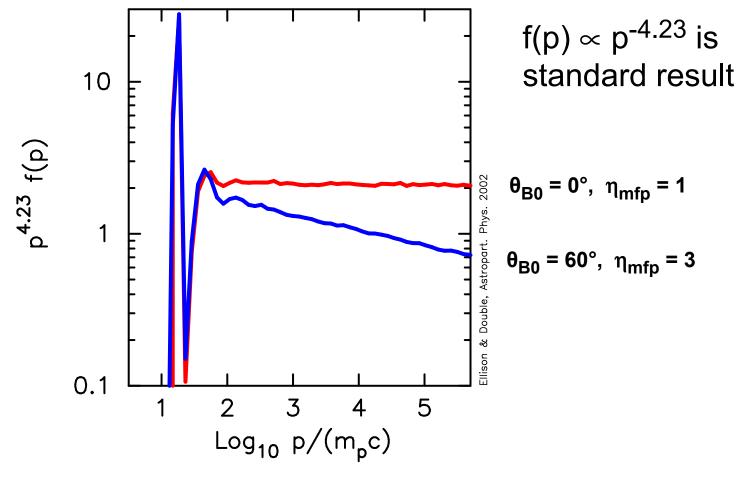
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Power law depends on shock obliquity, θ_{B0} and amount of cross-field diffusion, η_{mfp}

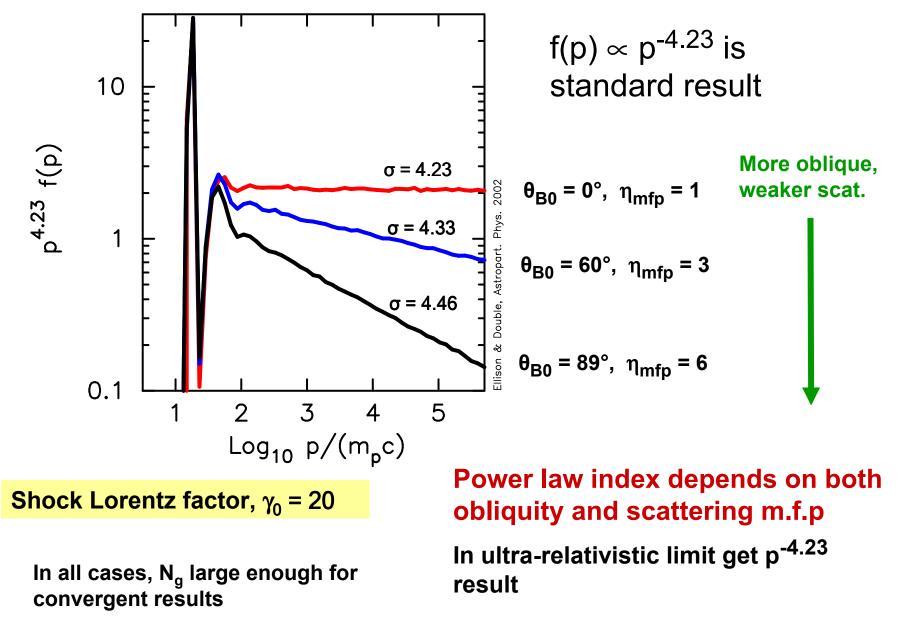
In all cases, N_g large enough for convergent results (fine scattering)



Fully relativistic shock

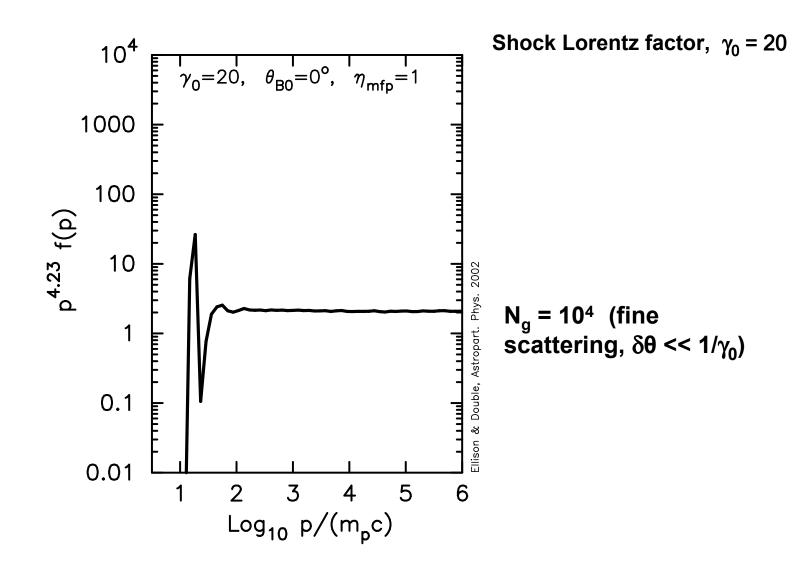


Shock Lorentz factor, $\gamma_0 = 20$

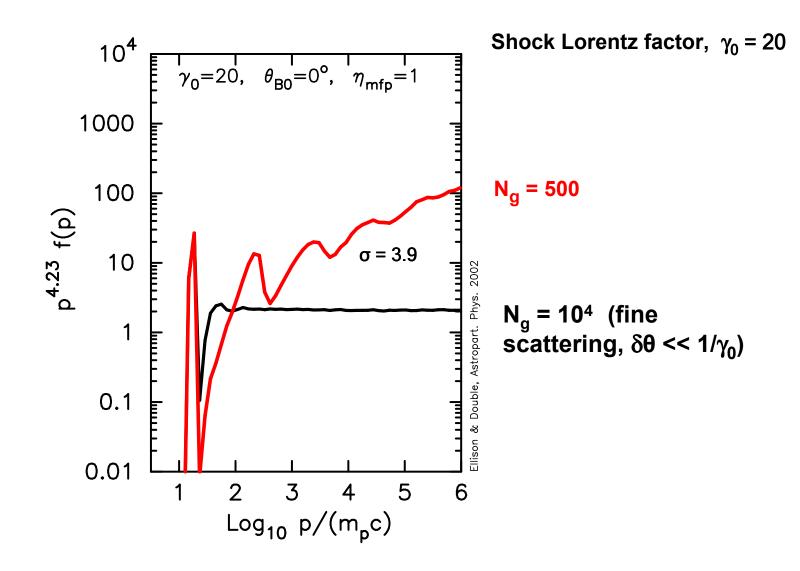


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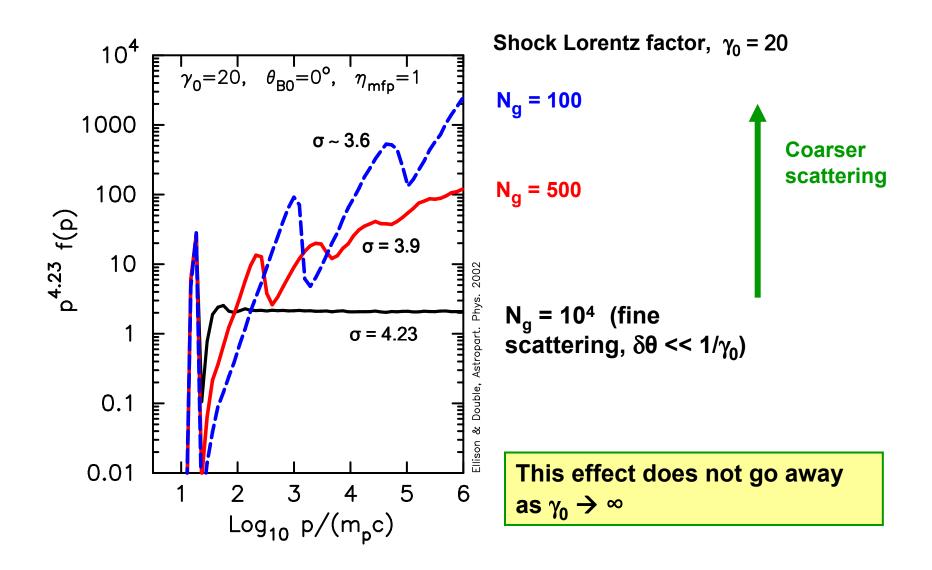
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Nonlinear Effects in Relativistic Shocks

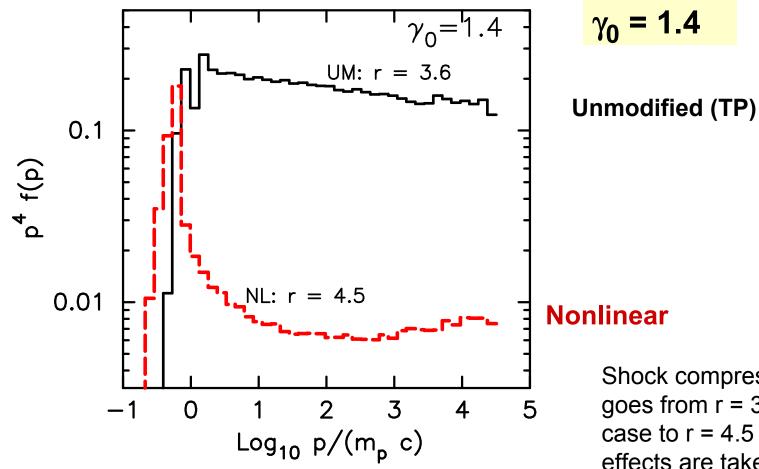
Ellison & Double (2002)

Must conserve momentum and energy, just like in non-relativistic shocks

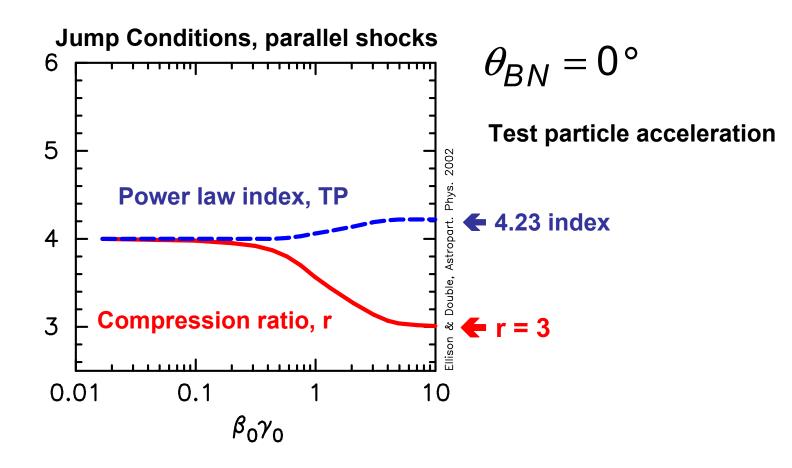
➔ shocks will be smoothed by backpressure of accelerated particles

➔ In general, NL effects will be less important for ultra-rel. shocks because TP spectrum is steeper, BUT this will depend on "fineness" of scattering

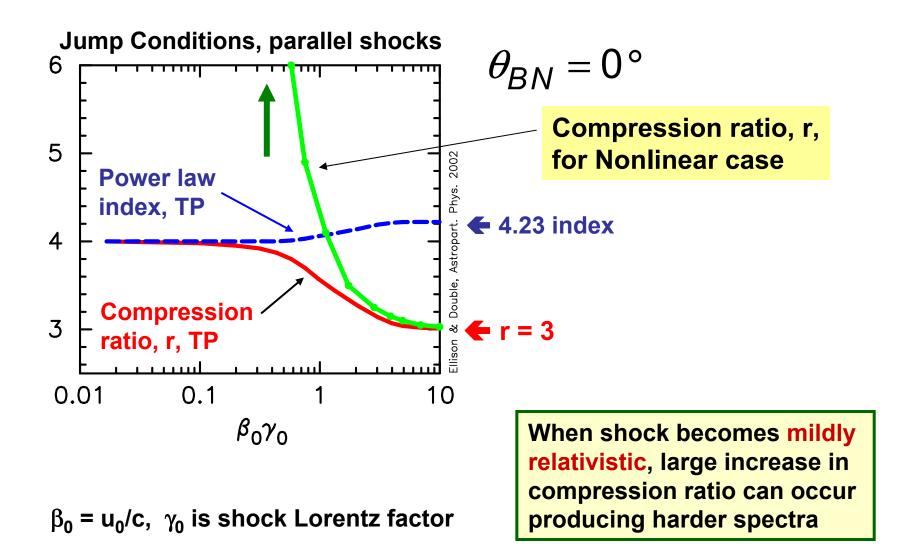
Nonlinear effects should be important for mildly relativistic shocks i.e., those in GRBs



For mildly relativistic shocks, nonlinear effects will be important. Application to Internal shocks in GRBs and late afterglow Shock compression ratio goes from r = 3.6 for TP case to r = 4.5 when NL effects are taken into account



 $\beta_0 = u_0/c$, γ_0 is shock Lorentz factor



Important points for relativistic Diffusive Shock Acceleration:

- a) Diffusive shock accel. harder to describe AND may be less likely to work than for nonrelativistic shocks
- b) PIC simulations needed but still long way to go (see poster by Nishikawa et al)
- c) Spectrum (even test-particle power law) depends on (1) unknown scattering properties, (2) shock Lorentz factor, (3) obliquity
- d) "Universal" power law index, $f(p) \propto p^{-4.2}$ only a special case
- e) Application to GRBs has many unsolved problems

Cosmic Ray Production in Supernova Remnants

- 1) No doubt that isolated SNRs produce TeV particles
 - a) Seems certain this is primarily by diffusive shock acceleration
 - b) Still open question if TeV protons are produced (HESS ?) → Non-linear effects in accelerator critical here
 - c) SNR morphology \rightarrow efficient acceleration of IONS
- 2) Presence of high B-fields (100s of µG) very likely → SNRs can accelerate CRs to well above the knee (~10¹⁷ eV) (iron nuclei)
 - a) Non-linear B-field amplification likely to be important
- 3) Young SNRs (Kepler, Tycho, Cas A, Vela Jr, etc) offer best place to study details of shock acceleration (injection; e/p ratio, B-field)
 - a) Broad-band observations (radio, IR, X-ray (thermal & non-thermal), gamma-ray) of individual SNRs, combined with broad-band (i.e. nonlinear) models, may answer fundamental questions of DSA and CR origin
 - b) Nonlinear DSA makes clear predictions for: Shock compression > 4, Low shocked temperatures, Concave spectral shapes for electrons and protons → connects thermal emission (X-ray lines) to non-thermal (radio, X-ray, TeV)
- 4) What is learned in SNR shocks helps our understanding of relativistic shocks