

# Nonlinear Propagation of Low-Energy Cosmic Rays from Supernova Remnants

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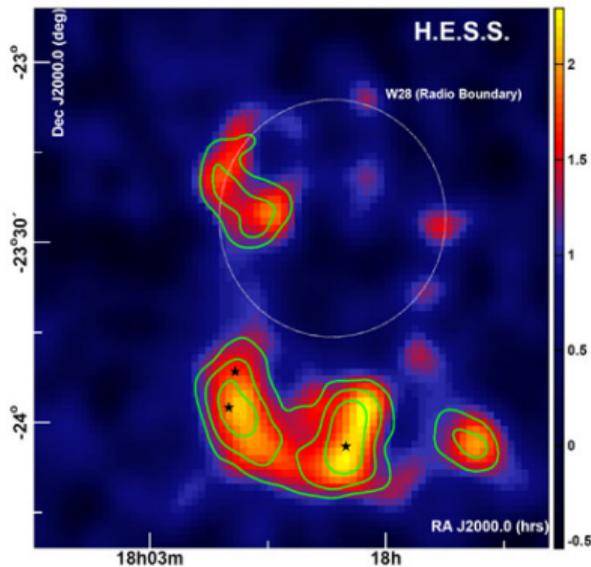
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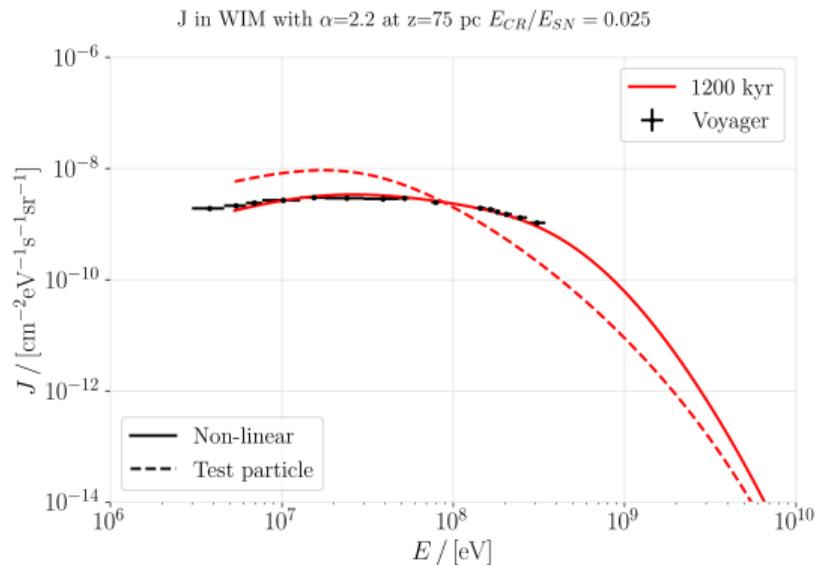
# Motivation

## Suppressed diffusion around SNR



H.E.S.S. collaboration (2007)

## Voyager data at low energies

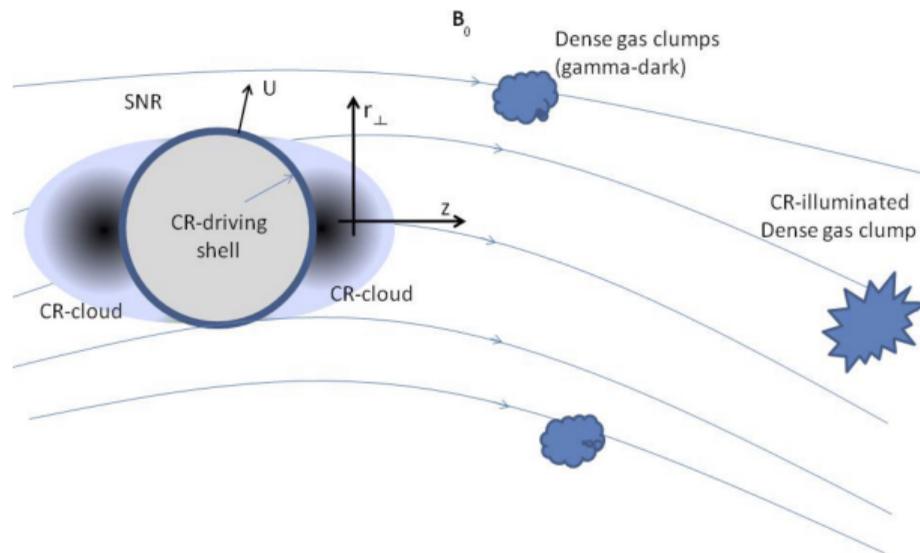


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Self confinement of particles by the resonant streaming instability (SI) after the escape

# Physical setup

Malkov *et al.* (2013)



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## Previous work

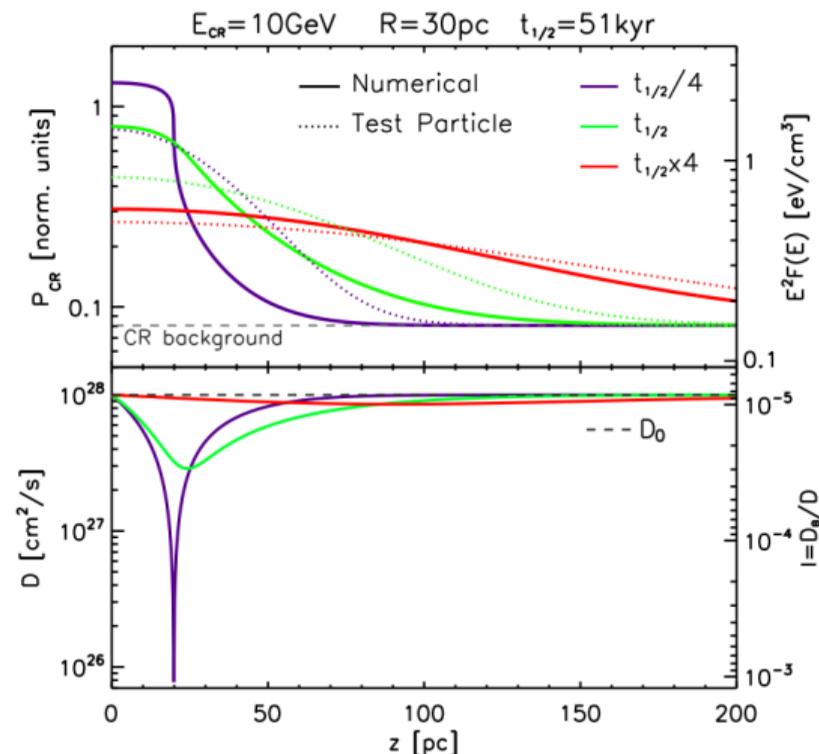
Nava et al. (2016)

### Setup

- Supernova converts 10% of its energy into *CR*
- Particles accelerated by shock to power law
- Escape at  $t_{1/2}$  into *ISM*

### Results

- Propagation slower than in test particle case
- Suppression of the diffusion coefficient up to 51 kyr
- Recover test particle solution after 51 kyr



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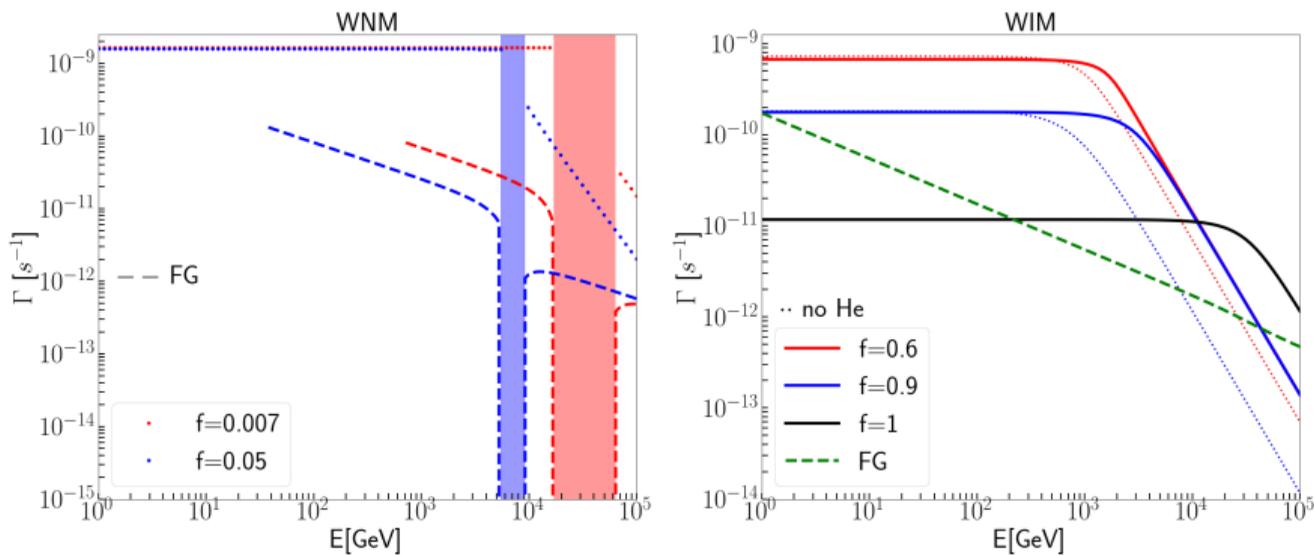
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# Damping Processes

- Ion-neutral damping (momentum transfer to neutrals)
- Farmer-Goldreich damping (interaction with external turbulence)
- Non-linear Landau damping (interaction of beat of waves with background plasma)

Recchia *et al.*(2021)



# Propagation of low energetic protons

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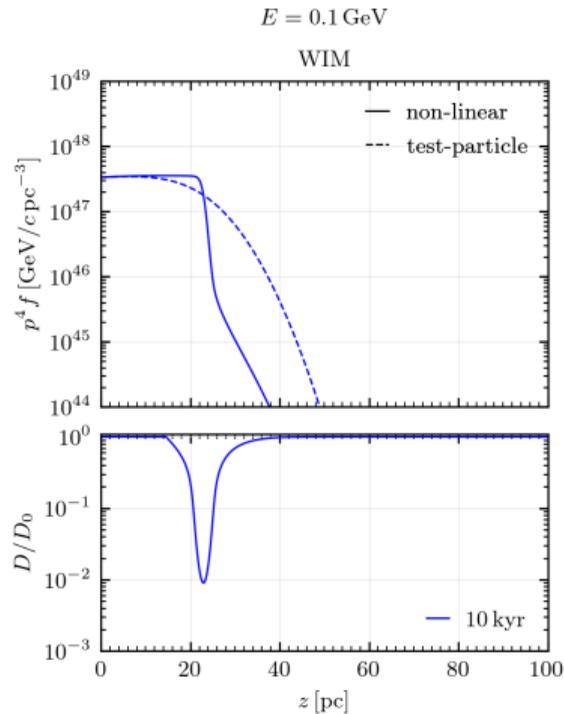
## Improvements

- Energy losses important  $E < 10 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - Ionisation
  - Coulomb
  - Pion production
- Spatial dependent  $v_A(z)$
- Non linear cascade in wave-number
- Escape at beginning of snowplow phase
- Grammage at low  $E$

# Spatial dependence

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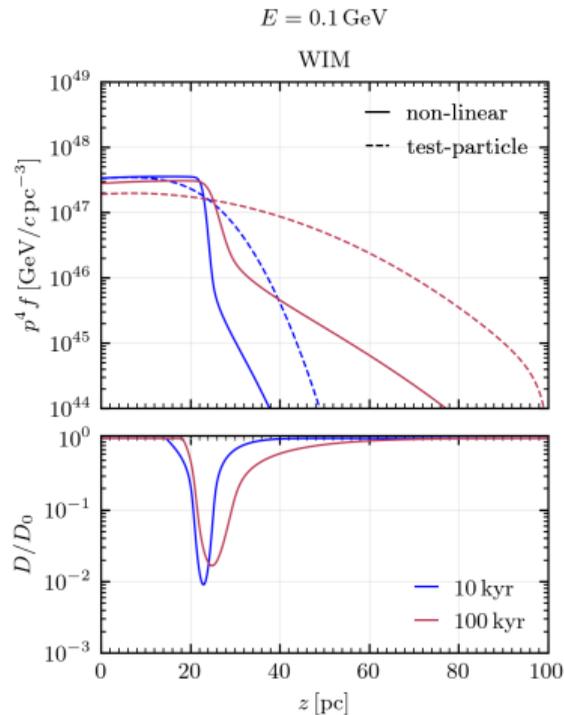
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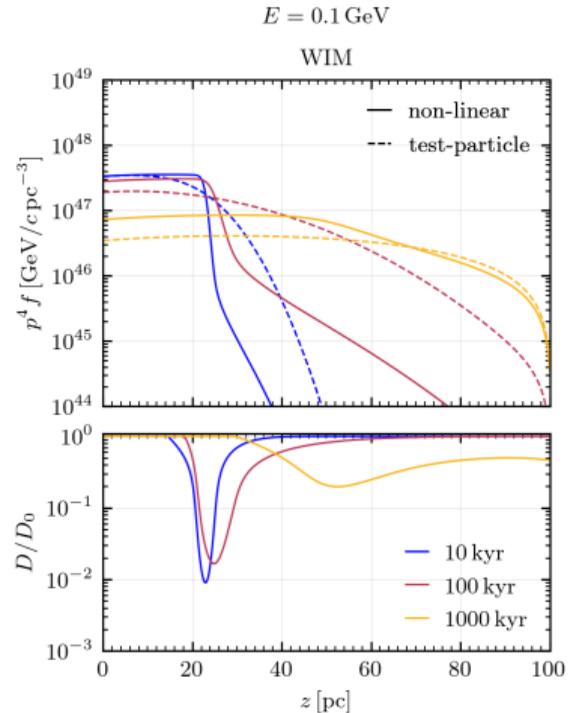
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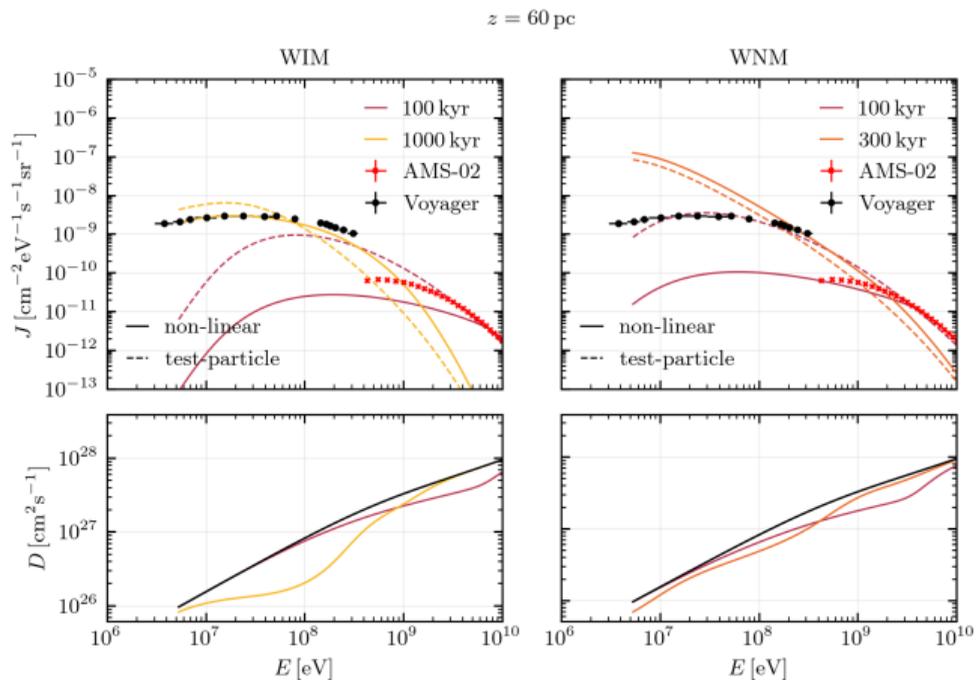


# Spectral dependence: Spectral break

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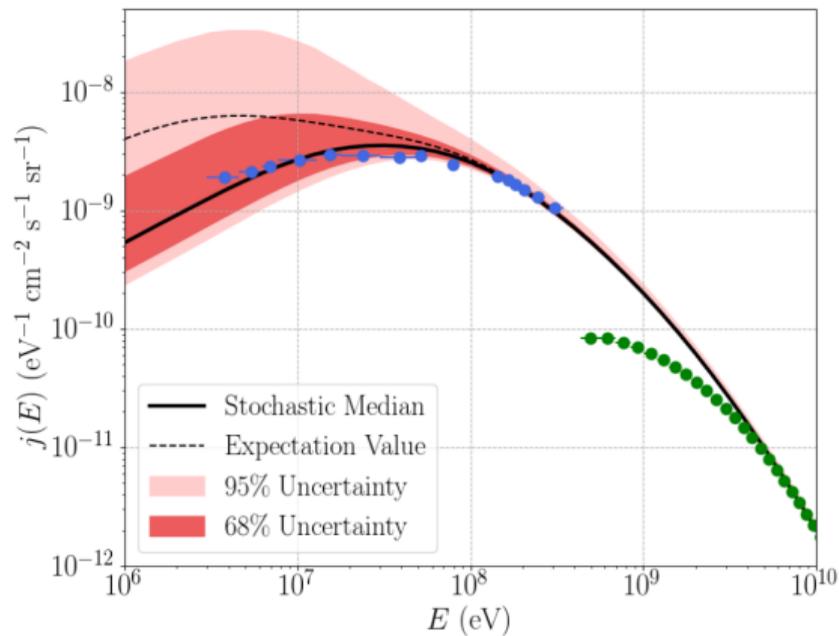
- Softer spectrum at later times
- More flux at later times
- Spectral break closer to Voyager than test particle solution
- Can explain Voyager1 and AMS02 data with two fine tuned sources
- **Need statistical approach**

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(2021)



## Stochasticity: Voyager spectrum

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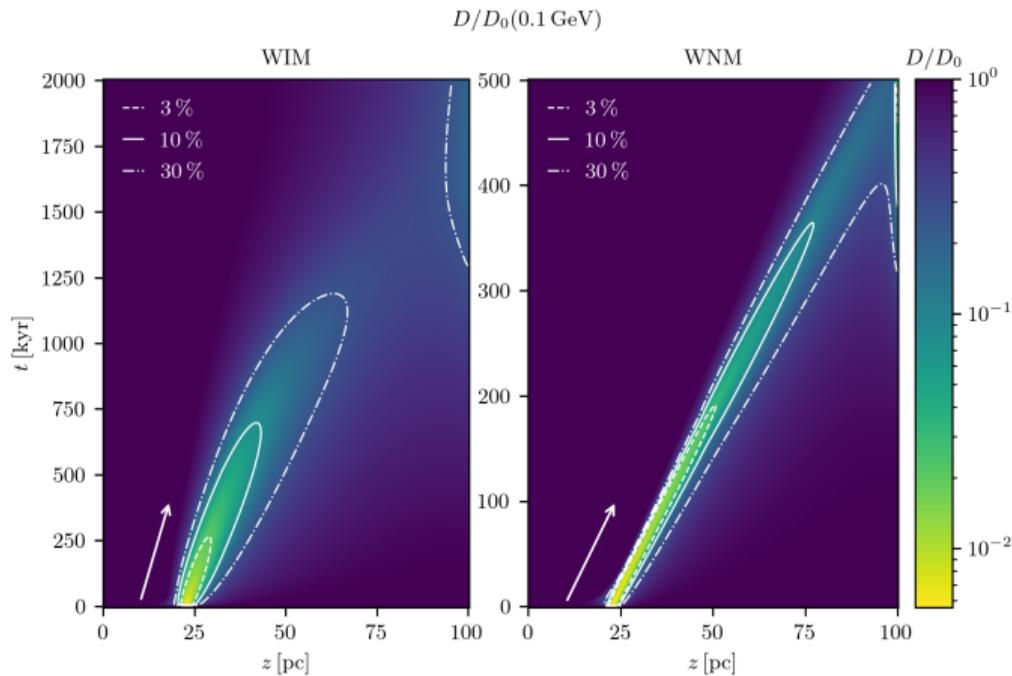


- Combine stochasticity and non-linear approach

# Diffusion coefficient

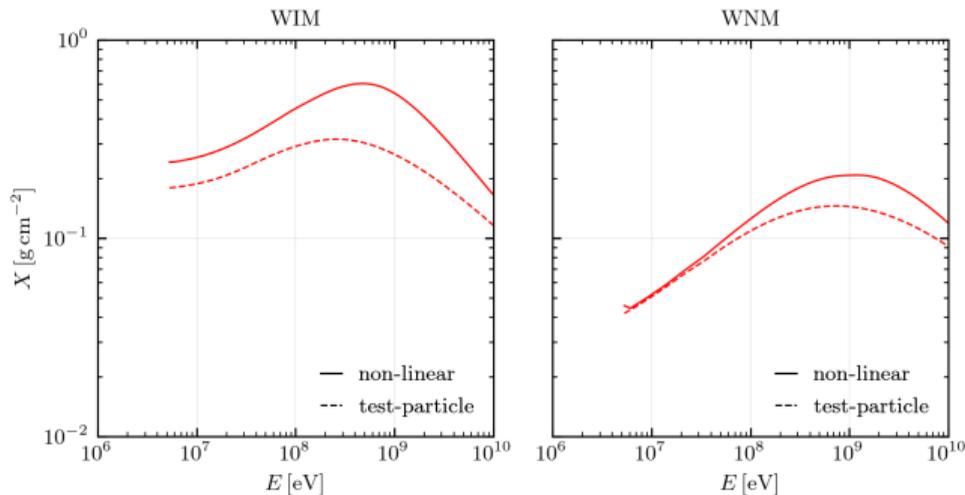
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- Low diffusion zone advected with gradient of CR (arrow)
- WIM: suppression lasting over **1 Myr**
- WNM: suppression advected to boundary at **500 kyr**
- Instantaneous transition from 1D to 3D at boundary overestimation



# Grammage

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- Increased by factor 3
- Similar results to *Recchia et al. (2021) (fig. 4)* at 10 GeV
- WIM: Constant at lowest energies
- WNM: Advection dominated at lowest energies

### Conclusion

- Diffusion coefficient suppressed for more than 1 Myr at  $E = 100 \text{ MeV}$  in WIM and 500 kyr in WNM
- Spectral break at 100 MeV as required by Voyager1
- Grammage in near source region increased by factor 3

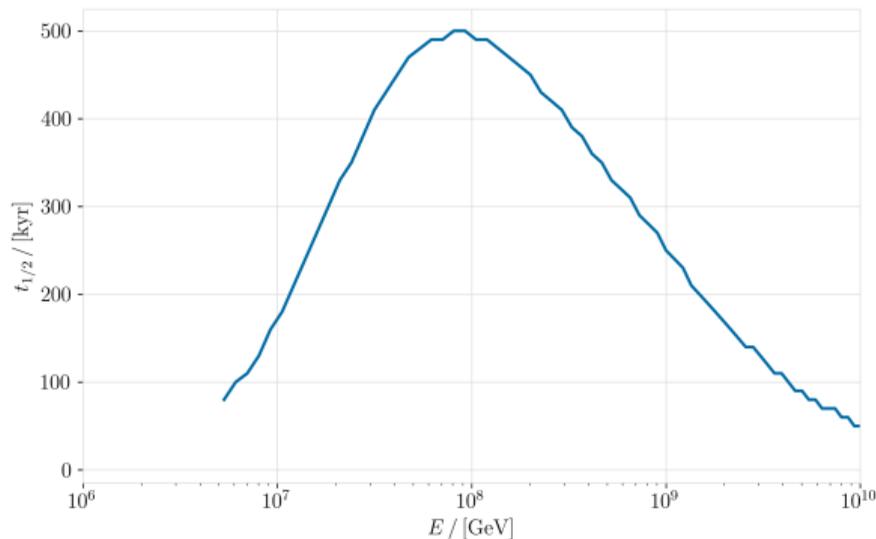
### Outlook

- Propagation into a molecular cloud
- Compare to Ionisation rate measured around W28

## Half time of the cloud

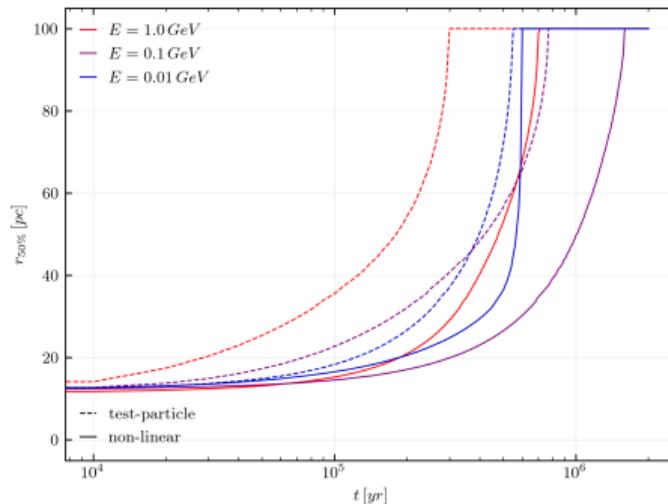
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$t_{1/2}$  in WIM with  $\alpha=2.2$



- Energy loss dominant at low  $E$
- Diffusion dominant at high  $E$
- Comparable to Nava et al. 2016 (fig. 4) at high  $E$

## 50% containment radius



- Radius which contains 50% of the particles as a function of time for the WIM with an initial spectral index of 2.2 and Kraichnan turbulence.
- Diffusion dominant at high  $E$
- Energy loss dominated at low  $E$

# Grammage

## Single particle grammage

- grammage:
  - $X_{1p}(E, t) = \int_0^t \rho v_p(E, t') dt'$
- $v_p(E, t')$  given by:
  - $t = - \int_{E_0}^E \frac{dE'}{b(E')}$

## Escape flux

- particles in simulation domain:
  - $N_{in}(E, t) = \int_0^L f(z, E, t) dz$
- integrate TPE and use BC:
  - $\Phi(E, t) = - \frac{D_B}{k W(z, E, t)} \frac{\partial f(z, E, t)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=L}$

## Average grammage

- Fraction of particles escaping at  $t$ :
  - $dF(E, t) = \frac{\Phi(E, t) dt}{\int_0^\infty \Phi(E, t) dt}$
- Average grammage
  - $\langle X(E) \rangle = \frac{\int_0^\infty X_{1p}(E, t) \Phi(E, t) dt}{\int_0^\infty \Phi(E, t) dt}$

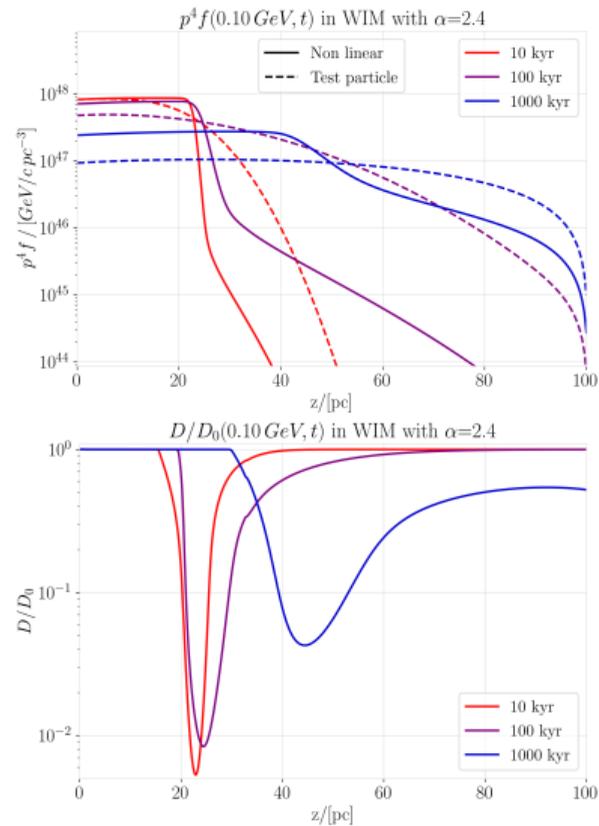
## Open questions

- What is a good approximation for  $t = \infty$ ?
- Where exactly is  $L$ ?

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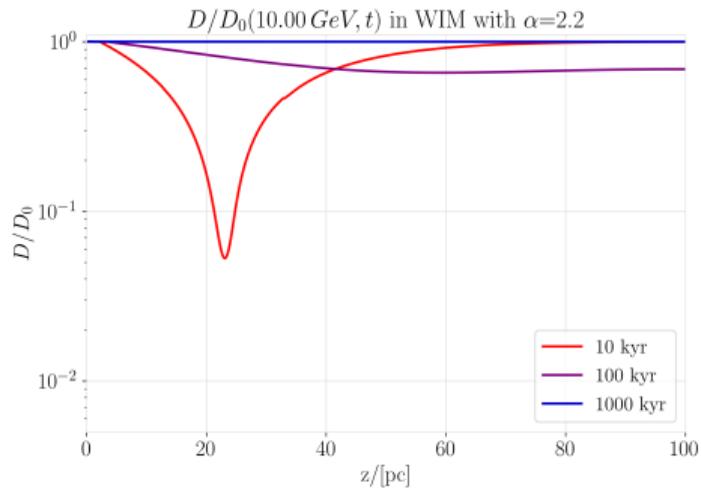
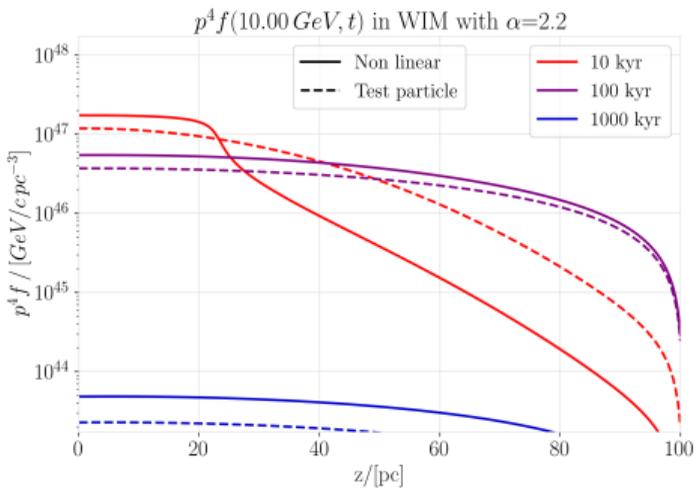
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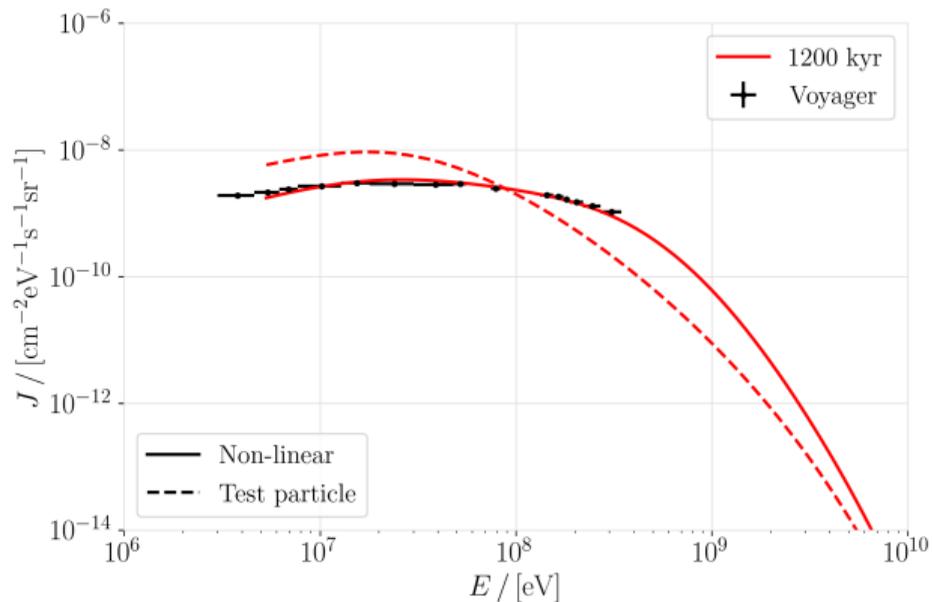
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## Spectral dependence: Voyager spectrum

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J in WIM with  $\alpha=2.2$  at  $z=75$  pc  $E_{CR}/E_{SN} = 0.025$

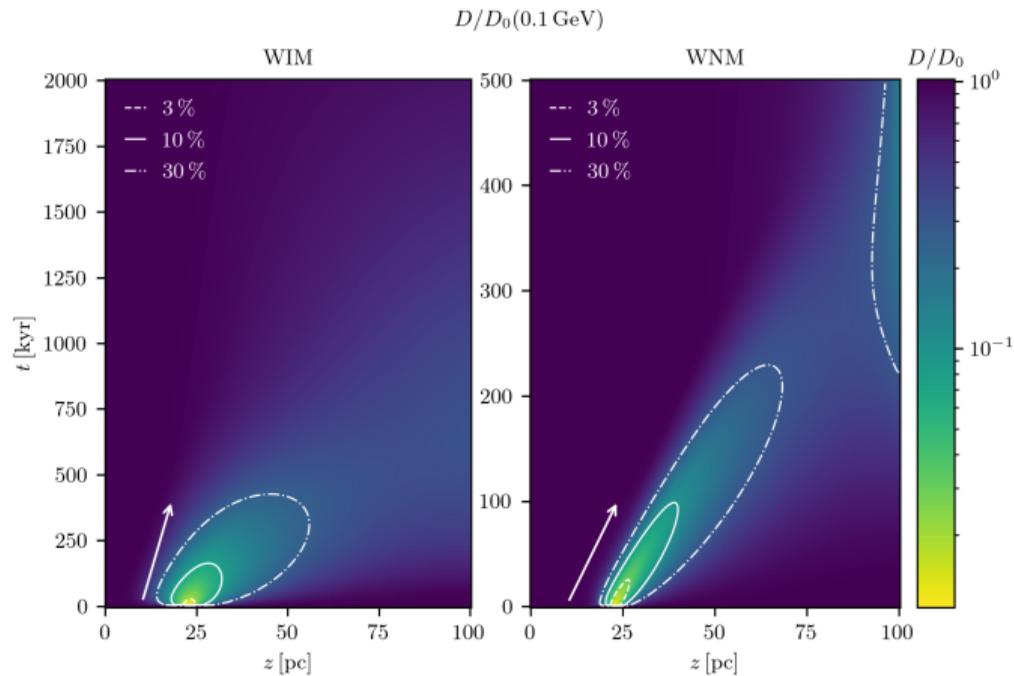


- Can reproduce Voyager spectrum for specific case.
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# Diffusion coefficient in Kolmogorov turbulence

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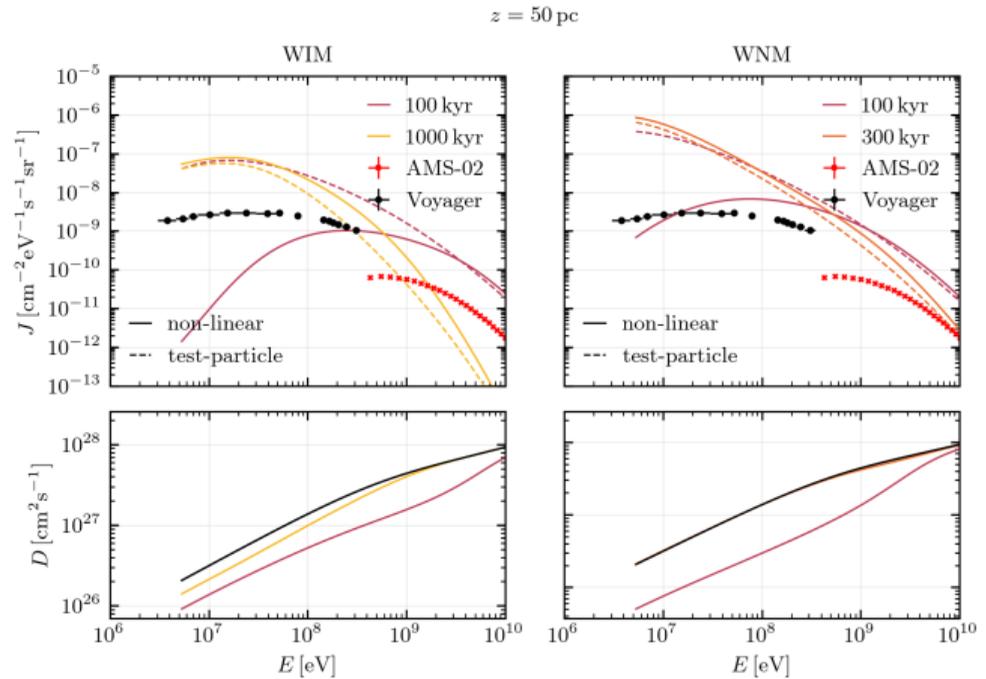
- Initial diffusion coefficient larger than Kraichnan
- WIM: suppression lasting less than 500 kyr
- WNM: suppression lasting less than 300 kyr
- Less effects on spectra and grammage



# Spectral dependence Kolmogorov: Spectral break

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- Overpredict Voyager and AMS02 data
- Faster convergence to test-particle case
- Same spectral break at early times
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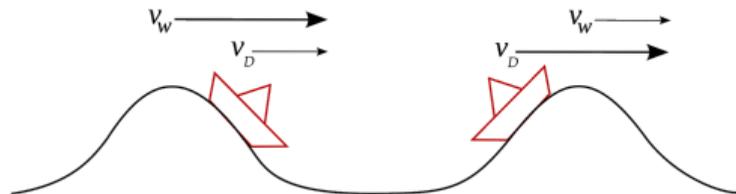
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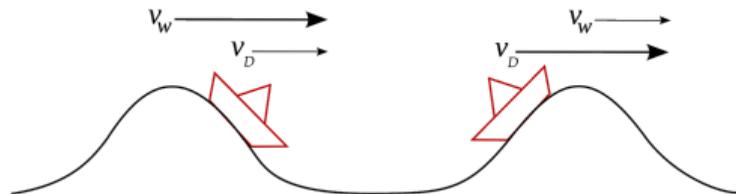
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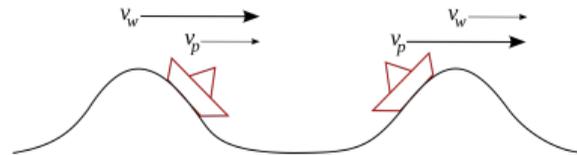
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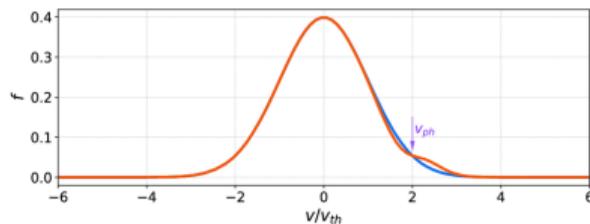
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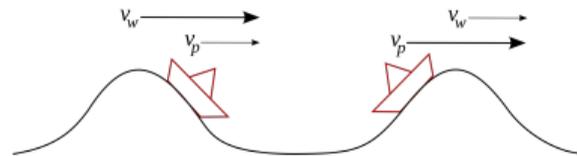
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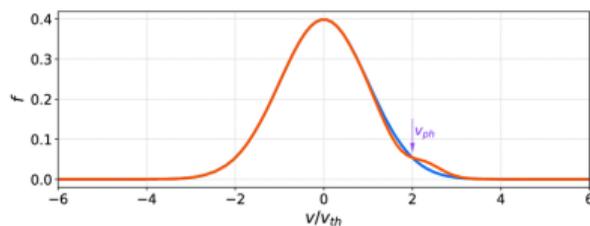
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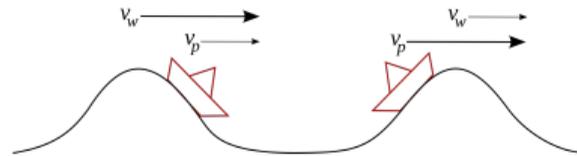
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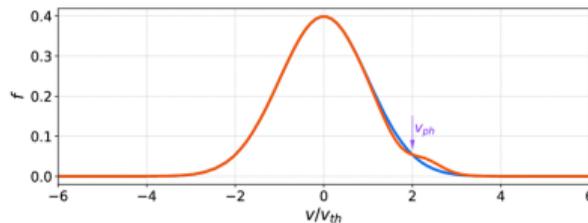
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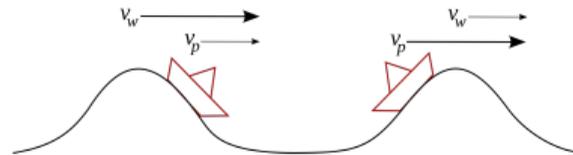
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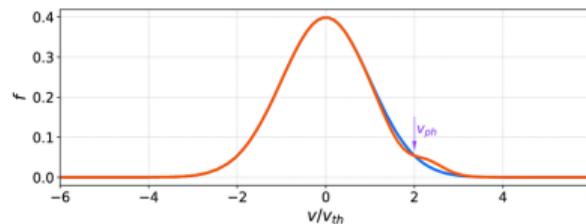
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# Initial and boundary conditions

## Boundary conditions

- symmetric around  $z = 0$
- no advection at  $z = 0$
- at  $z = L$  3D diffusion, fast

- Reflecting BC at  $z = 0$
- $v_A = 0$  at  $z = 0$
- Free escape BC at  $z = L$

## Initial conditions

- SN with  $E_{SN} = 10^{51}$  erg and  $M_{ej} = 1.4 M_{\odot}$
- 10% into CR
- power law  $\propto p^{\alpha}$  in momentum
- particles released at the beginning of the snowplow phase

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