

Lectures :

- 1) Particle acceleration up to ultra high energies
- 2) GRBs (an example of relativistic shocks)
- 3) Cosmic ray propagation in extragalactic radiation fields
- 4) Cosmic ray propagation in extragalactic magnetic fields

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Lecture 1 Plan:

- 1) An intro to the world of non-thermal particles
(ie. “Cosmic Rays”)**
- 2) Shocks- what are they? What do they do to the
gas passing through them?**
- 3) Cosmic Ray Acceleration at Shocks**

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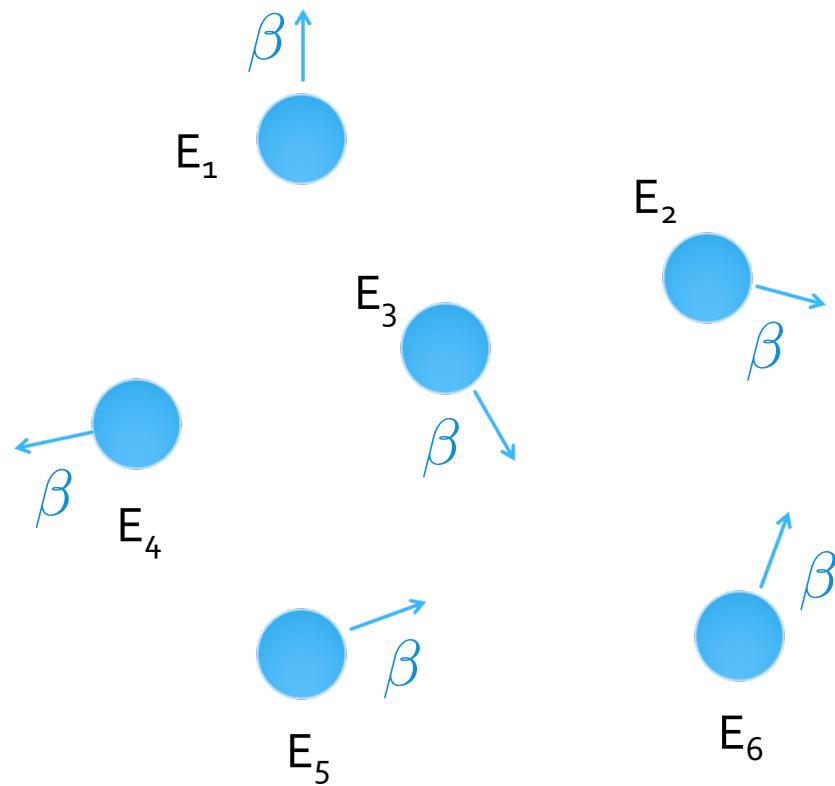
The World of Non-Thermal Particles

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Thermal Particles

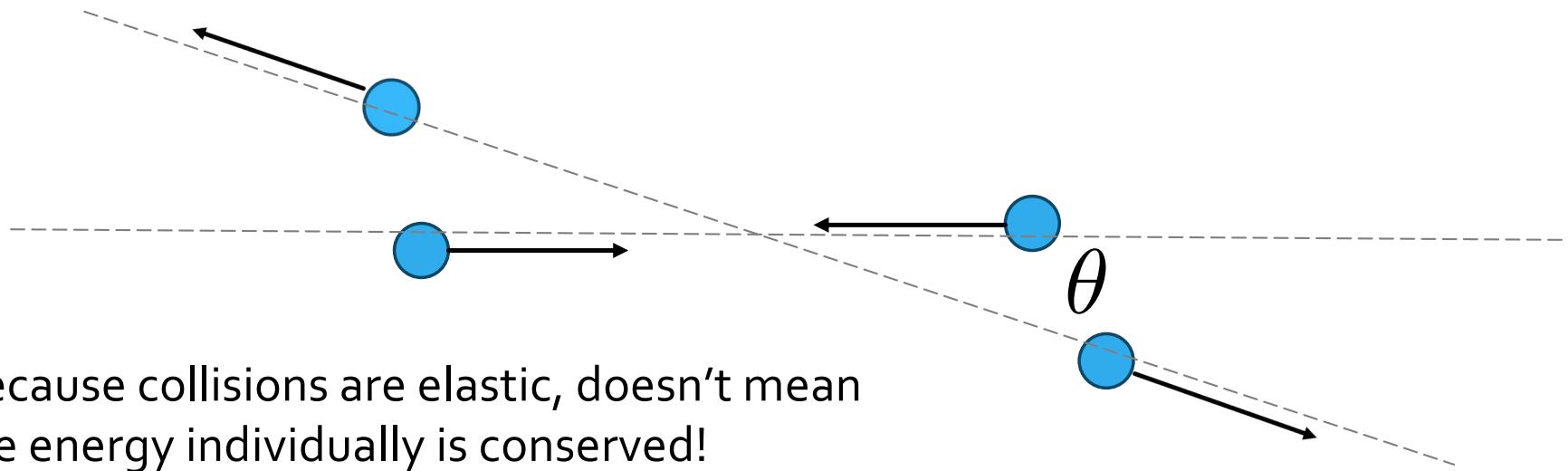
Thought experiment- imagine an ensemble of particles all with the same energy bouncing around in a box.....



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Elastic Collisions

In the com frame:



Just because collisions are elastic, doesn't mean particle energy individually is conserved!

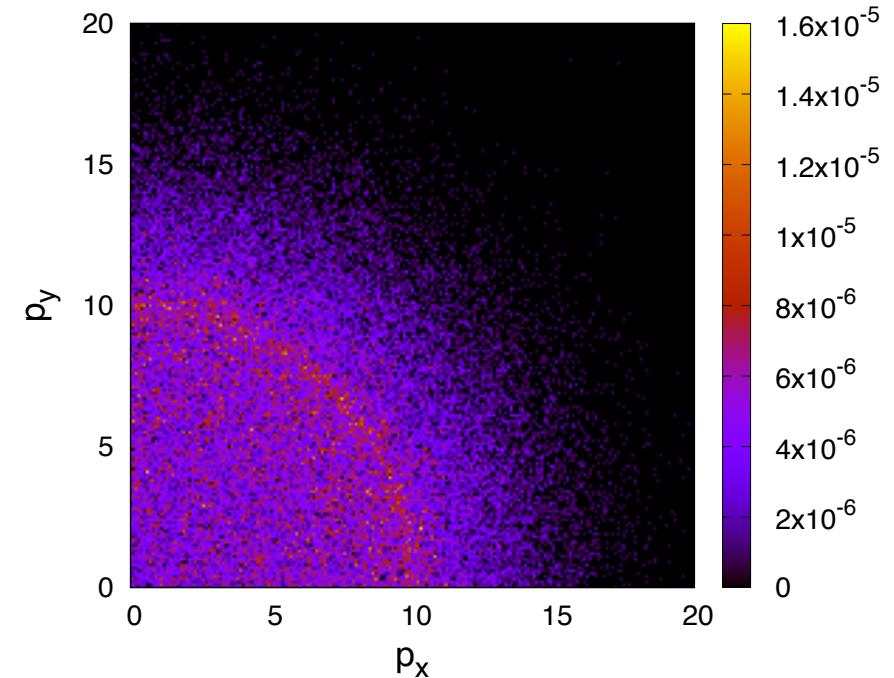
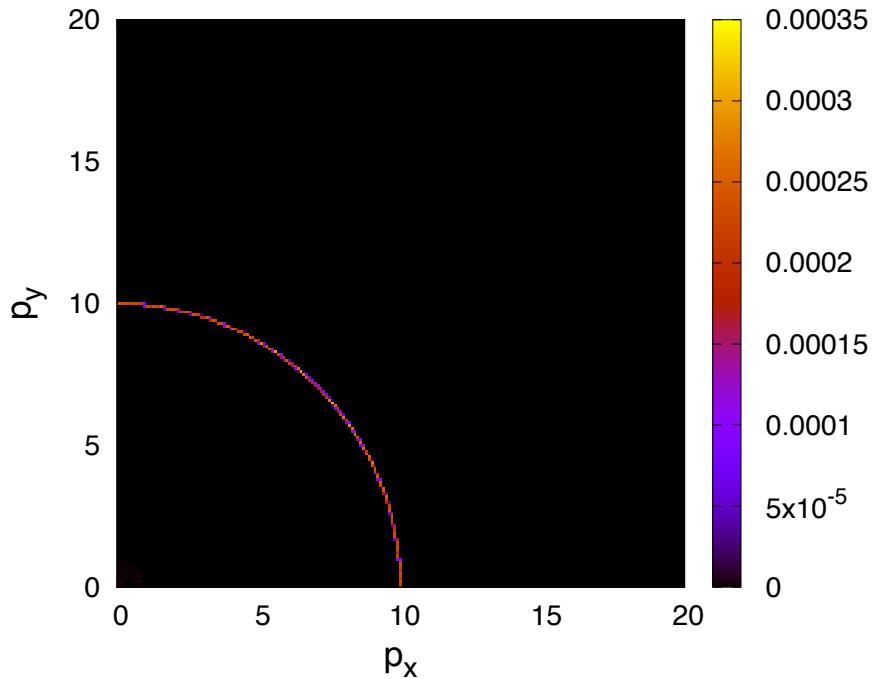
$$\mathbf{p}'_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) + (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{p}'_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) + (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2) \right]$$

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Elastic Collisions

p_x and p_y of each particle start off correlated, and through scattering become decorrelated, appreciated by looking at phase space distribution



each scattering p_x and p_y are individually randomised

$$dp^2 = dp_x^2 + dp_y^2$$

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Origin of Thermalised Particle Distribution Function

Ensemble of particles exchanging energies:

E_1	E_2	E_3	E_4	E_5	E_6
100	100	100	100	100	100
101	99	100	100	100	100
101	99	100	100	99	101
100	99	101	100	99	101
100	98	101	100	99	102
99	99	101	100	99	102

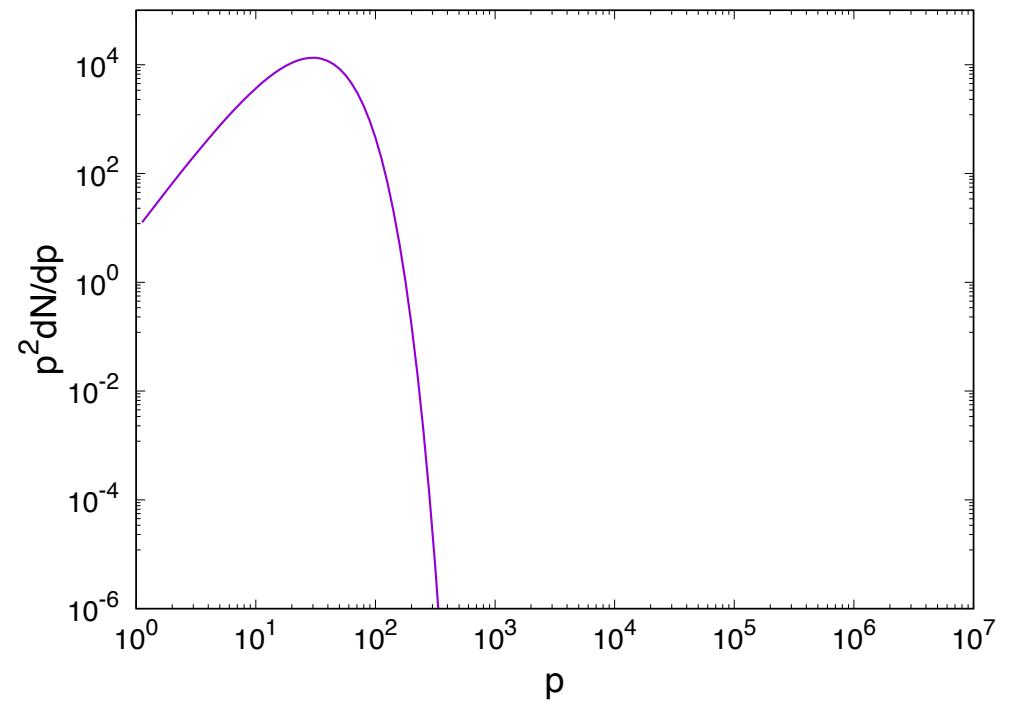
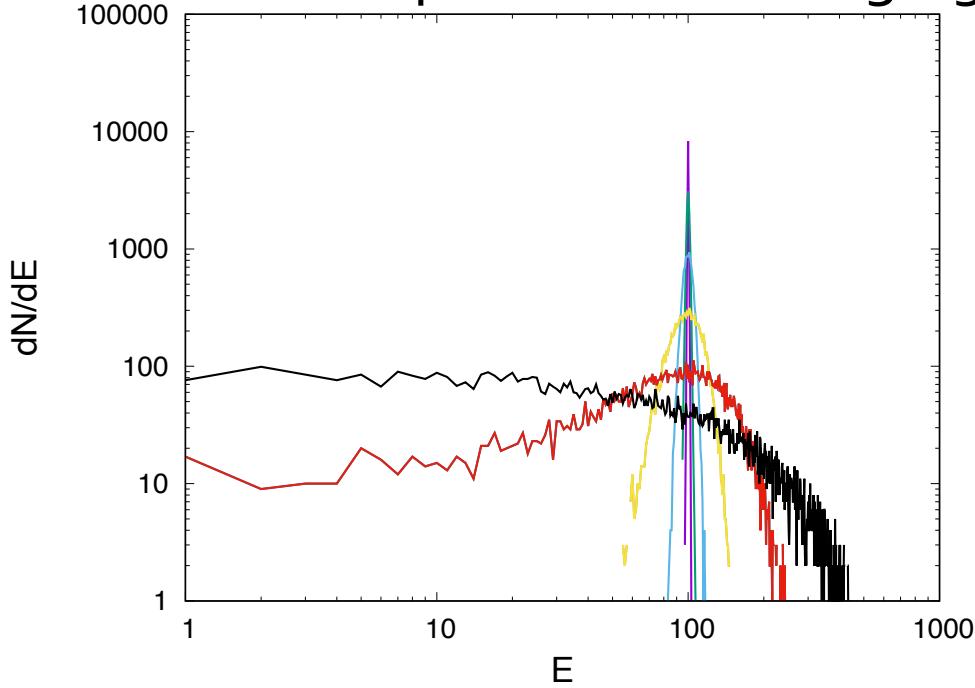
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Relaxing to a Thermal Distribution

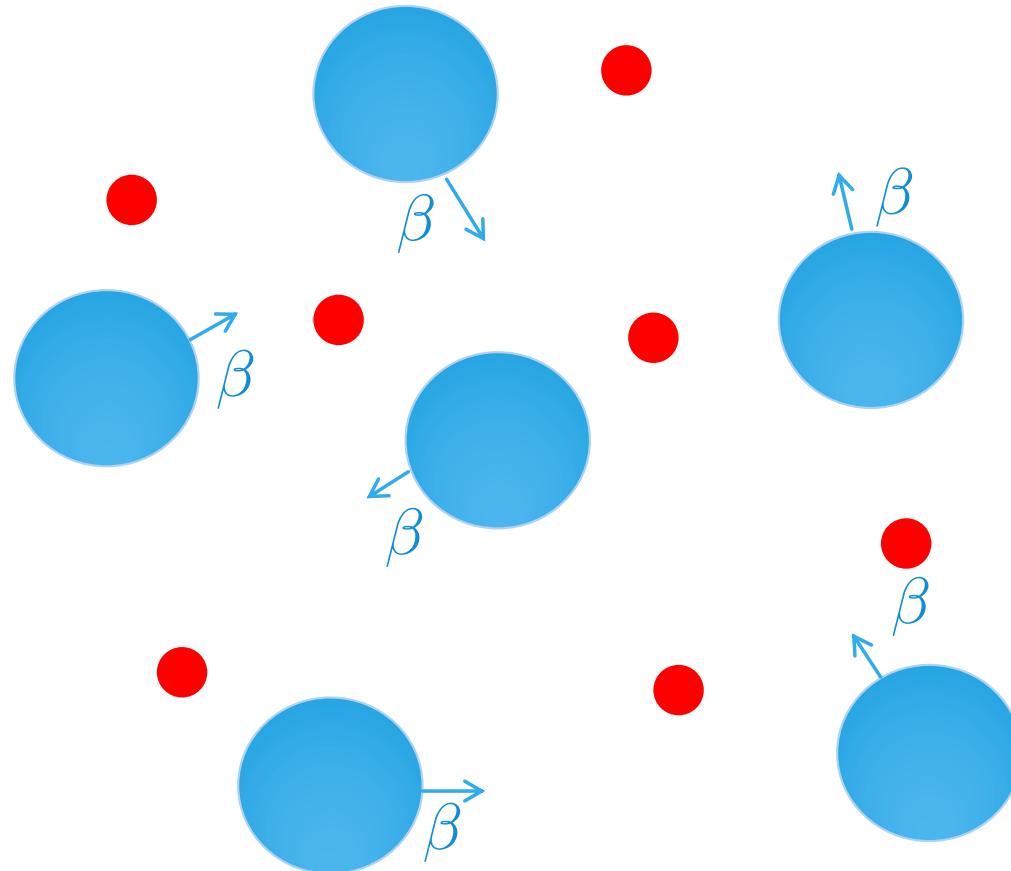
Ensemble of particles exchanging energies:



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Microscopic Particles Thermalising off Macroscopic Objects

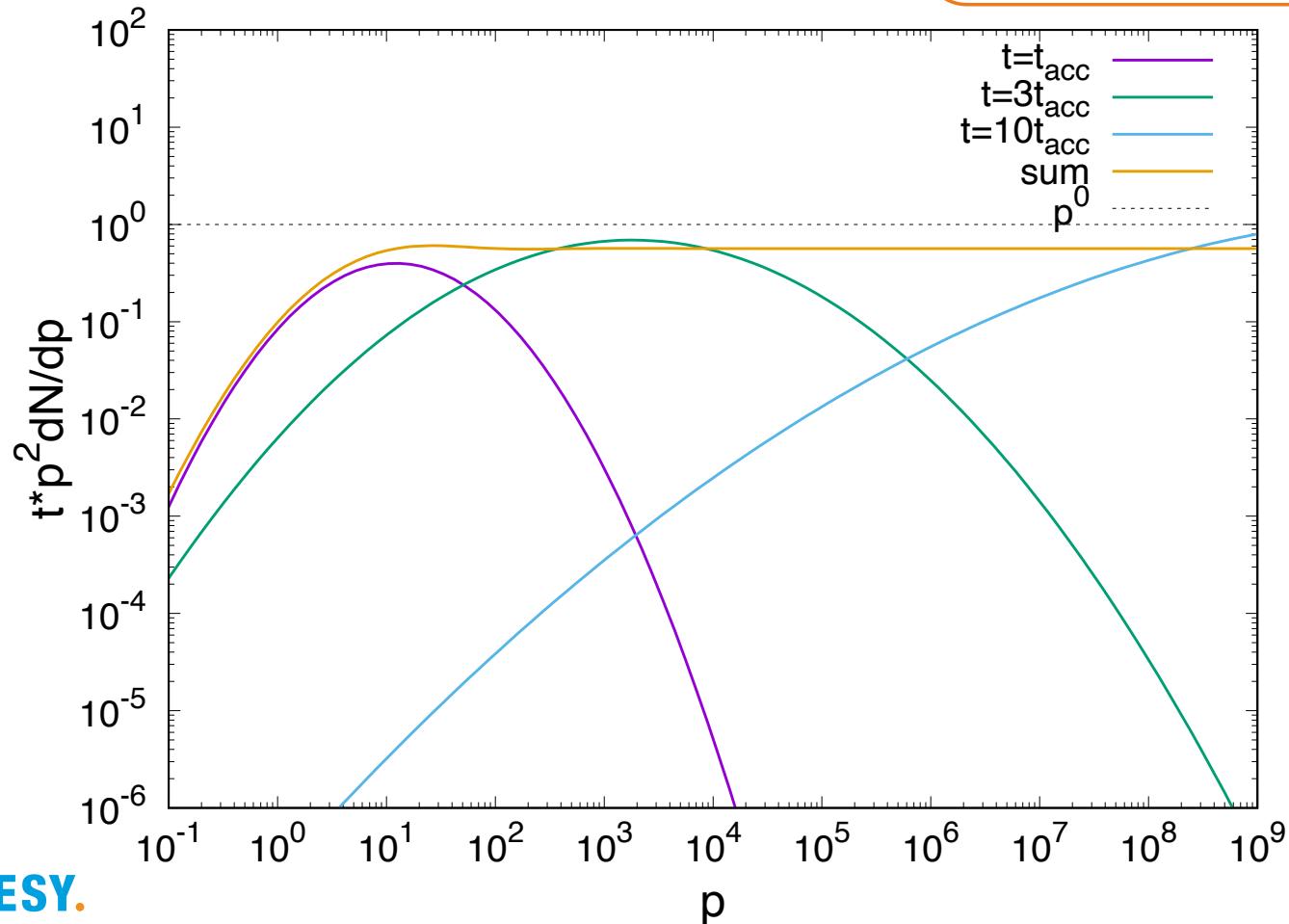
Another thought experiment- imagine an ensemble of thermalized macro particles (blue) with a cold set of micro particles injected (red).....



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Green's Function for Stochastic Acceleration

$$\frac{dN}{dp} \propto e^{-(\ln p)^2/4(t/t_{acc})}$$



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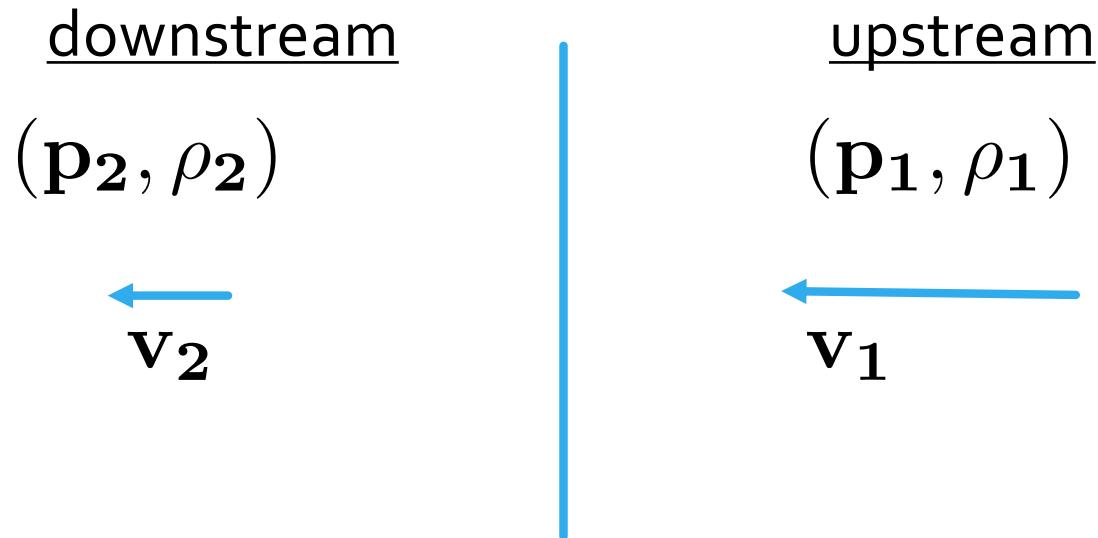
Shocks.....a Surprise!

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Collisional Shock- Conservation Conditions

viewed in shock frame



Number Flux: $\rho_1 v_1 = \rho_2 v_2$

Momentum Flux: $p_1 + \rho_1 v_1^2 = p_2 + \rho_2 v_2^2$

Energy Flux: $\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p_1 v_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_1 v_1^3 = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p_2 v_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_2 v_2^3$

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Collisional Shock- Cold Shock Case

Momentum Flux:

$$\rho_1 v_1^2 = p_2 + \rho_2 v_2^2$$

$$\frac{p_2}{\rho_1 v_1^2} = \left(1 - \frac{v_2}{v_1}\right)$$

Energy Flux:

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho_1 v_1^3 = \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}\right) p_2 v_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_2 v_2^3$$

$$\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \frac{p_2 v_2}{\rho_1 v_1^3} = \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right)^2\right) = \left(1 - \frac{v_2}{v_1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{v_2}{v_1}\right)$$

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$$\frac{v_2}{v_1} \left(1 - \frac{v_2}{v_1}\right) = \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{2\gamma}\right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right)^2\right)$$

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Why not have a go at solving this

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Collisional Shock- Cold Shock Case

$$\frac{v_2}{v_1} \left(1 - \frac{v_2}{v_1} \right) = \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{2\gamma} \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{v_2}{v_1} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1} - \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma + 1} \right) \right) = 0$$

So what are collisional shocks good for?

Stimulating the unstimulated degrees of freedom in the system where energy can be stored

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Collisional Shock- Partition of Momentum and Energy

Downstream Momentum Partition:

$$p_2 = \frac{3}{4} \rho_1 v_1^2$$

Downstream Energy Partition:

$$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p_2 v_2 = \frac{15}{16} \left[\frac{1}{2} \rho_1 v_1^3 \right]$$

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Collision Time

$$t = \frac{1}{n_e \sigma_T c}$$

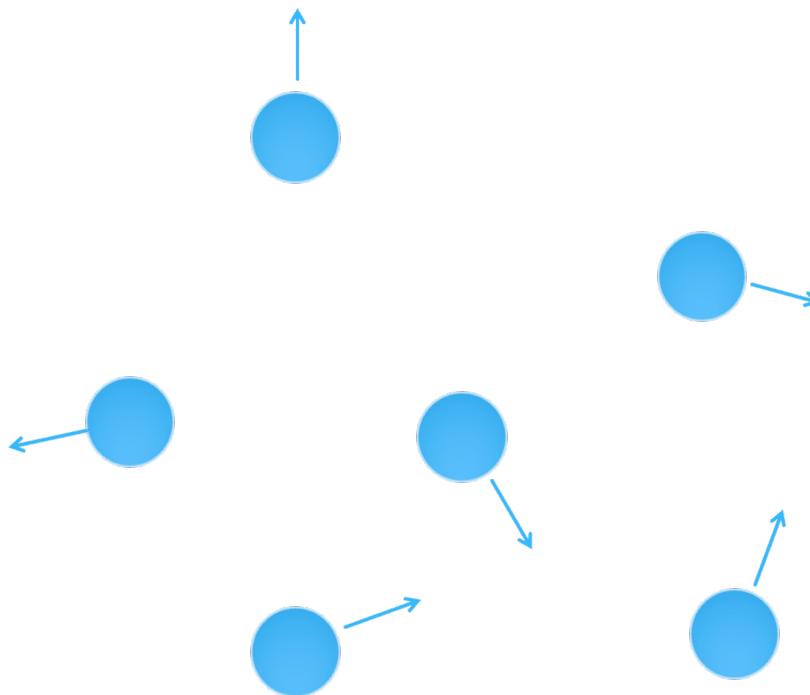
$$\approx \left(\frac{1 \text{ cm}^{-3}}{n_e} \right) \text{ Myr}$$

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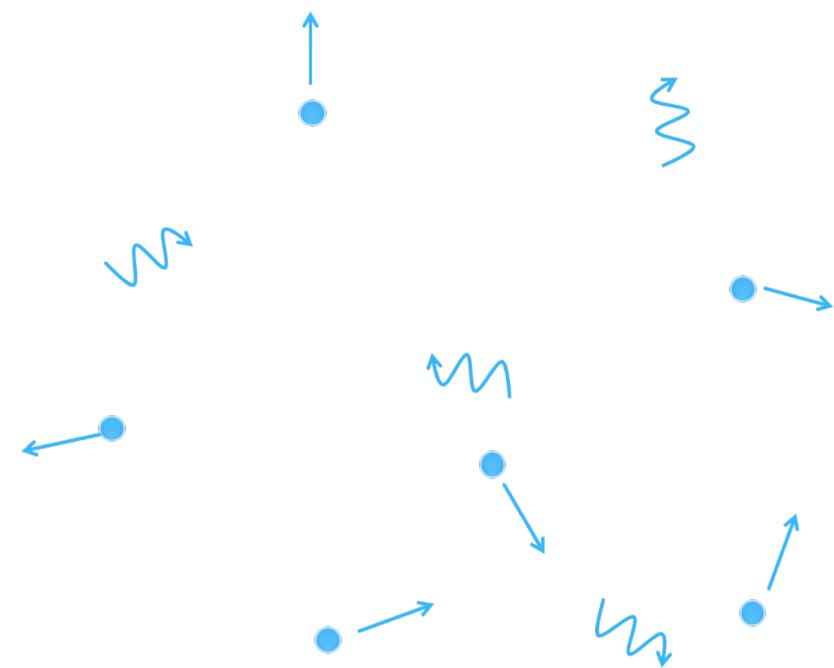
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Energy Exchange at Shocks

Collisional Shock

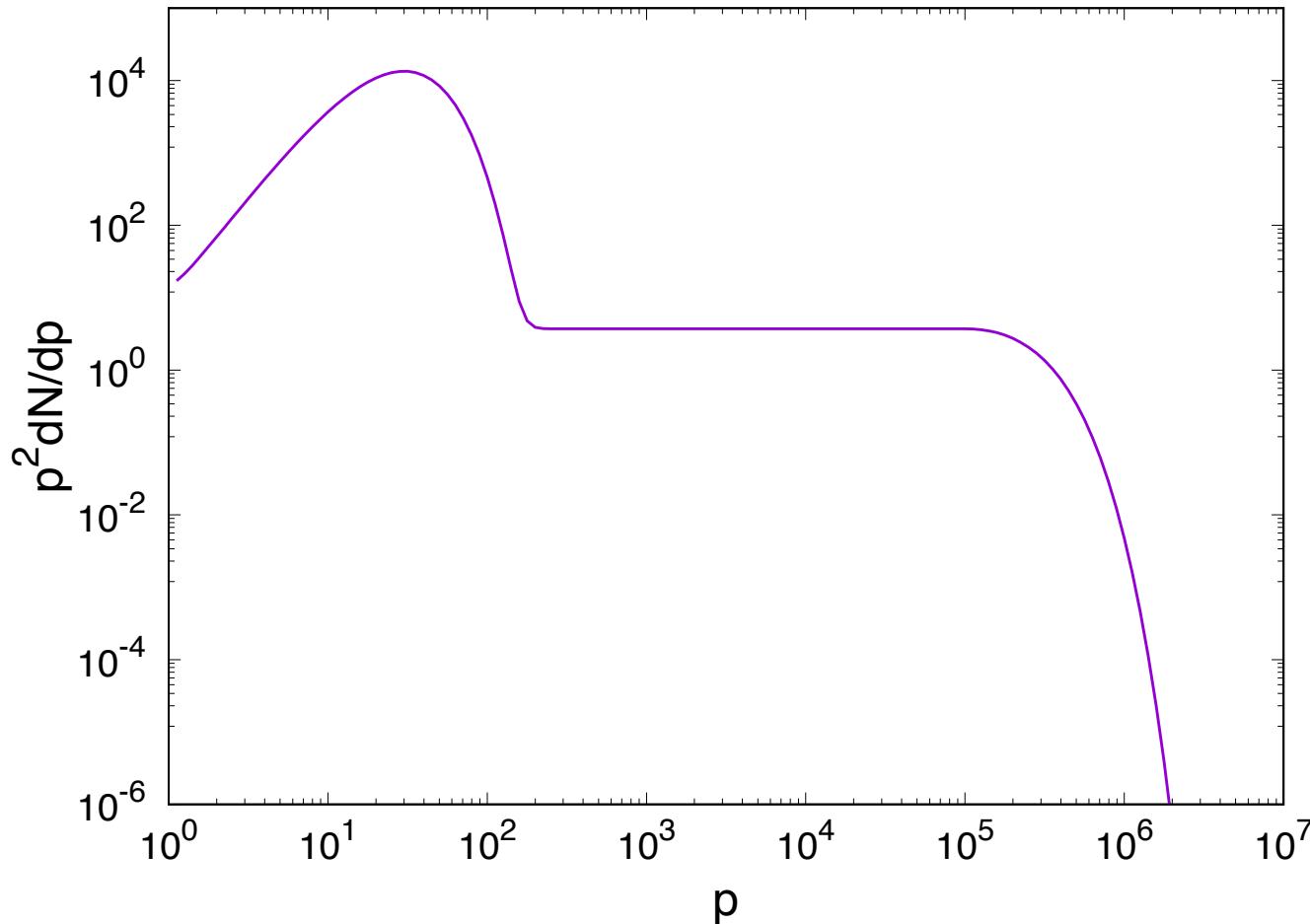


Collisionless Shock



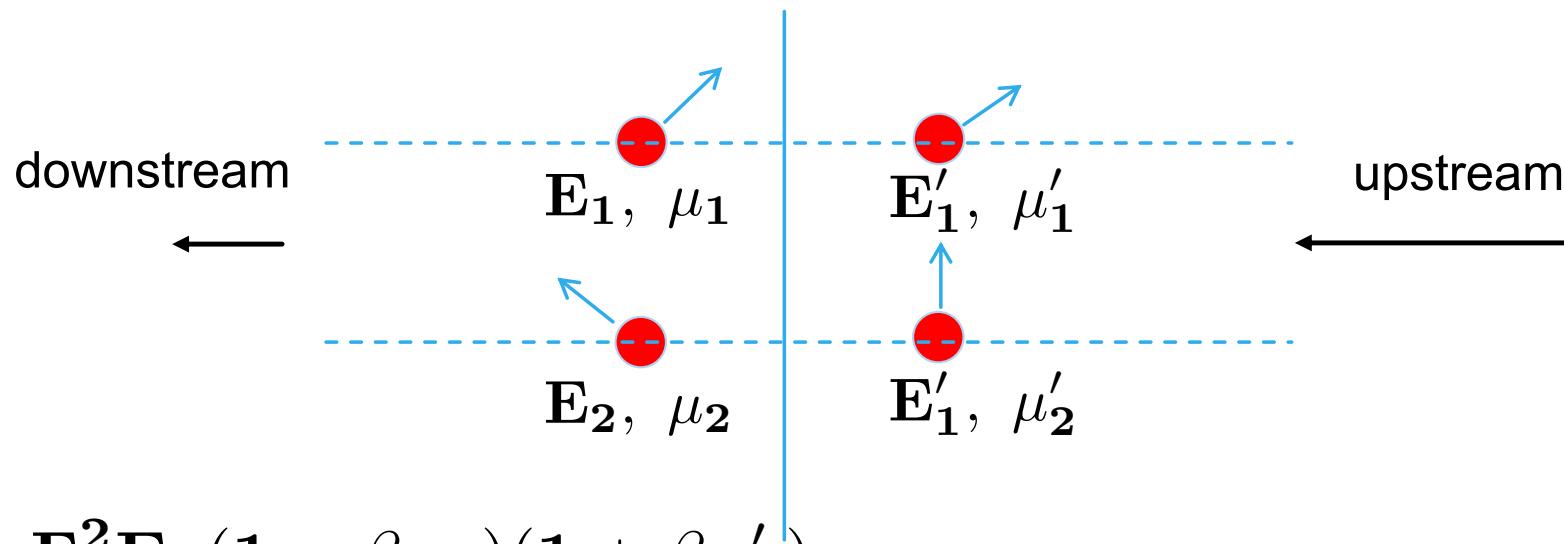
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Collisionless Shock- the Injection Problem



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Particle Acceleration at Collisionless Shocks



$$E_2 = \Gamma^2 E_1 (1 - \beta \mu_1) (1 + \beta \mu'_2)$$

$$\mu' = \frac{\mu - \beta}{1 - \beta \mu}$$

$$E_2 = \Gamma^2 E_1 (1 - \beta \mu_1) \left(1 + \beta \left(\frac{\mu_2 - \beta}{1 - \beta \mu_2} \right) \right)$$

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$$E_2 = E_1 \left(\frac{1 + \beta \mu_1}{1 + \beta \mu_2} \right)$$

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Fermi Shock Acceleration

Energy

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{4v}{3c} = \frac{4}{3}\beta \text{ (energy gain)}$$

$$E_1 = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}\beta\right) E_0$$

$$E_n = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}\beta\right)^n E_0$$

So $n \sim 1/\beta$ crossings are needed before the particle population is significantly altered

Number

$$\frac{\Delta N}{N} = -\frac{4v}{3c} = -\frac{4}{3}\beta \text{ (advection downstream)}$$

$$N_1 = \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}\beta\right) N_0$$

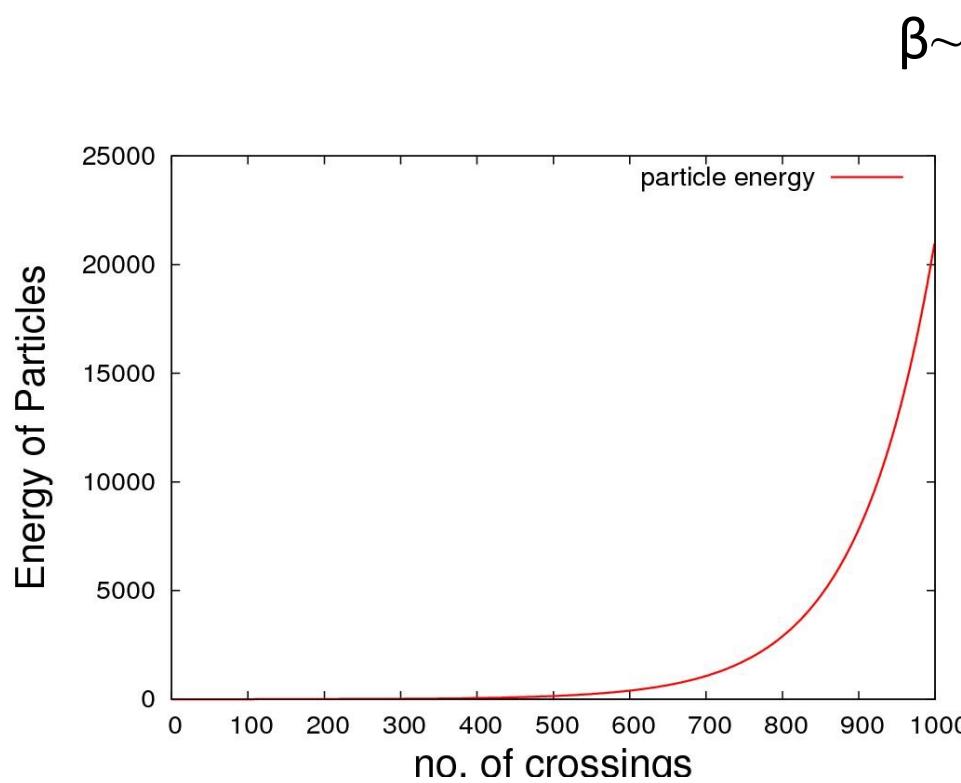
$$N_n = \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}\beta\right)^n N_0$$

→ SNRs have $v_{sh} \sim 10^3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
so $\beta \sim 10^{-2}$

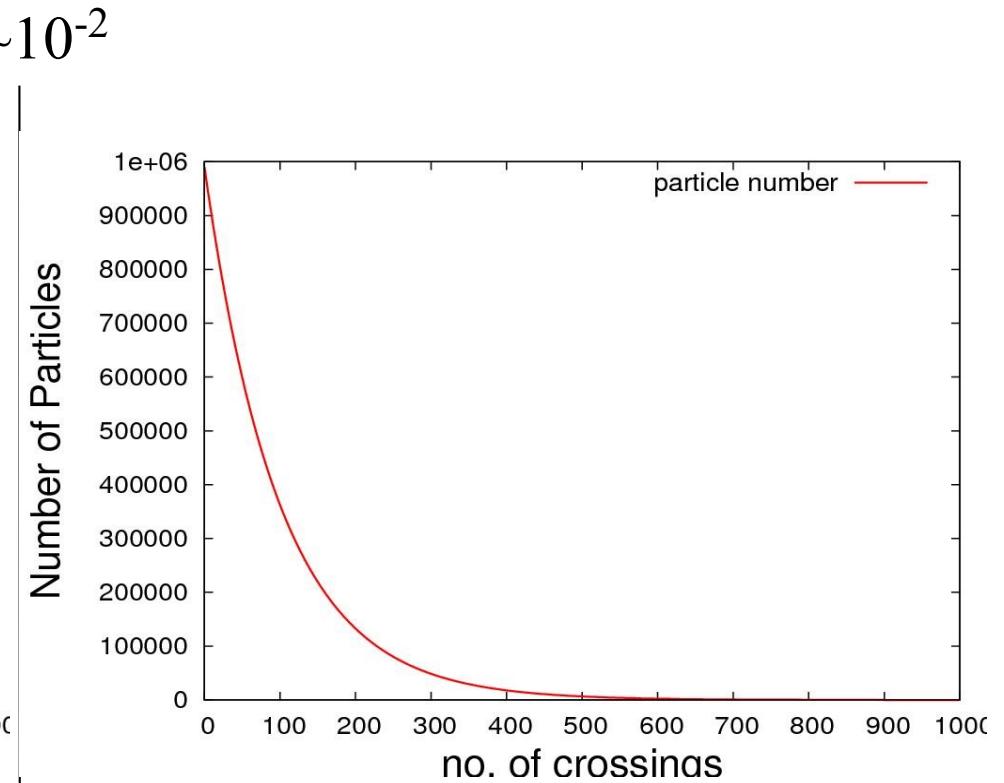


Fermi Shock Acceleration

Energy



Number





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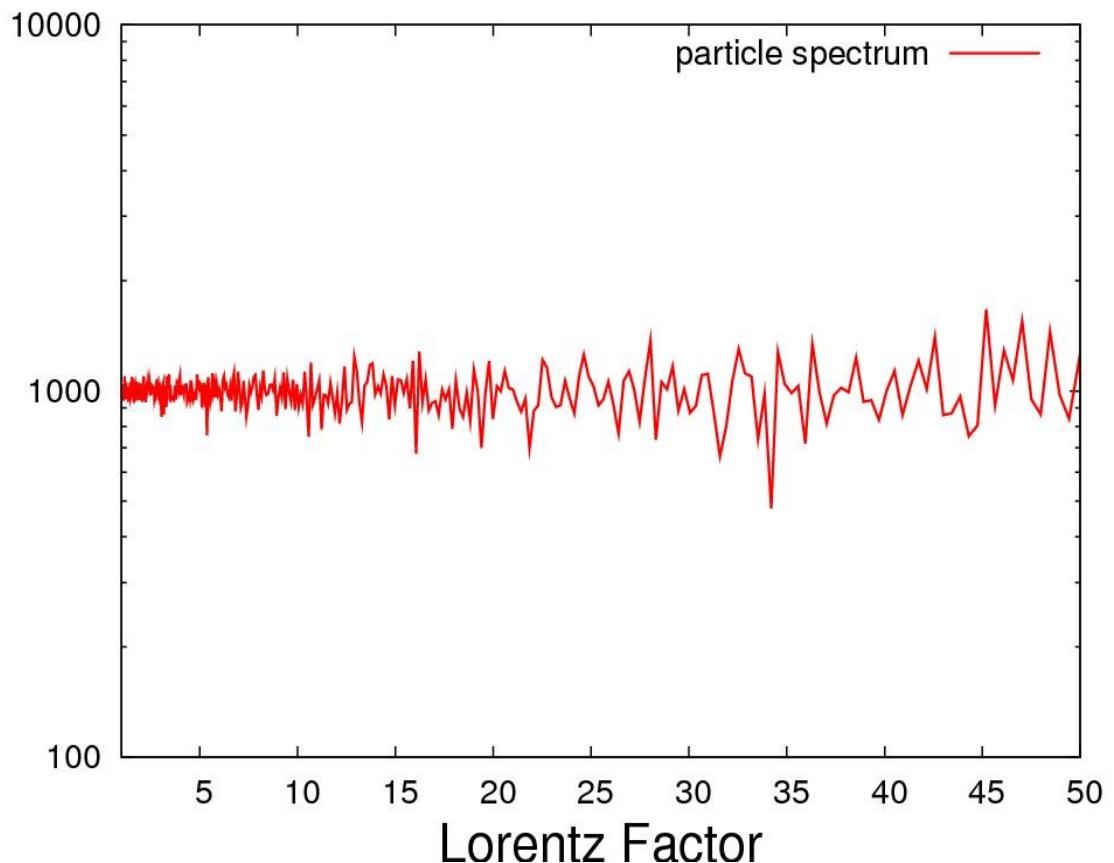
Why not have a go at determining the resultant spectrum

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Fermi Shock Acceleration

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta E} = \frac{N_0}{E_0} \left(\frac{1 - 4\beta/3}{1 + 4\beta/3} \right)^n \\ &\approx \frac{N_0}{E_0} (1 + 4\beta/3)^{-2n} \\ &\approx N_0 E_0 E^{-2} \end{aligned}$$



The flat spectrum, with $dN/dE \sim E^{-2}$, is produced when the acceleration time and the escape time are equal (and have the same energy dependence)

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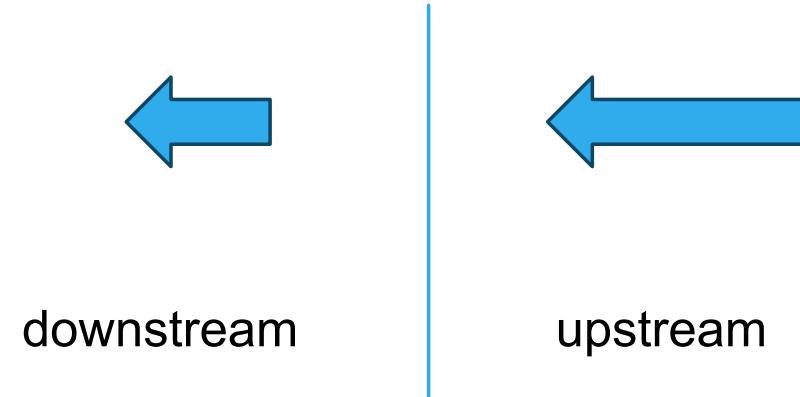
Diffusive Shock Acceleration (Fermi First Order)

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Fermi (First Order) Acceleration Time

[viewed in shock rest frame]



Spatial Transport Equation (Continuity Equation)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial t} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot [-\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{f}) + \mathbf{v} \mathbf{f}] + \mathbf{Q}$$

Diffusion

Advection

Source term

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Fermi (First Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{cycle}}}{\Delta E_{\text{cycle}}}$$

Transport of particles in each region is dictated by competition between diffusion and advection

downstream

upstream

$$t_{\text{diff}} = \frac{R^2}{D_{xx}}$$

$$t_{\text{adv}} = \frac{R}{v_{\text{adv}}}$$

Balancing these timescales

$$t_{\text{resid}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c\beta_{\text{sh}})^2}$$

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Fermi (First Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{cycle}}}{\Delta E_{\text{cycle}}}$$

$$t_{\text{resid}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c\beta_{sh})^2}$$

However, during the time it takes advection to dominate over diffusion, the particle will have crossed the shock $1/\beta$ times

$$\Delta t_{\text{cycle}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c^2 \beta_{sh})}$$

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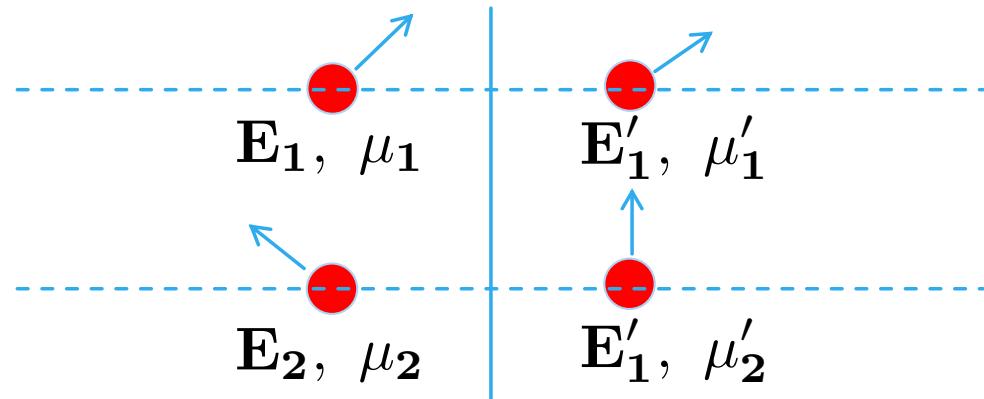
Fermi (First Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{cycle}}}{\Delta E_{\text{cycle}}}$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{cycle}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c^2 \beta_{\text{sh}})}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{cycle}} = E \beta_{\text{sh}}$$

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c \beta_{\text{sh}})^2} = \frac{t_{\text{scat}}}{\beta_{\text{sh}}^2}$$



$$E_2 = E_1 \left(\frac{1 + \beta \mu_1}{1 + \beta \mu_2} \right)$$

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The Need for Efficient Accelerators

....what means efficient?

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Particle Acceleration in AGN

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \eta \frac{R_{\text{lar}}}{c\beta^2}$$

$$t_{\text{esc.}} = \frac{R^2}{\eta c R_{\text{lar}}}$$

Maximum energy
(Hillas criterion)

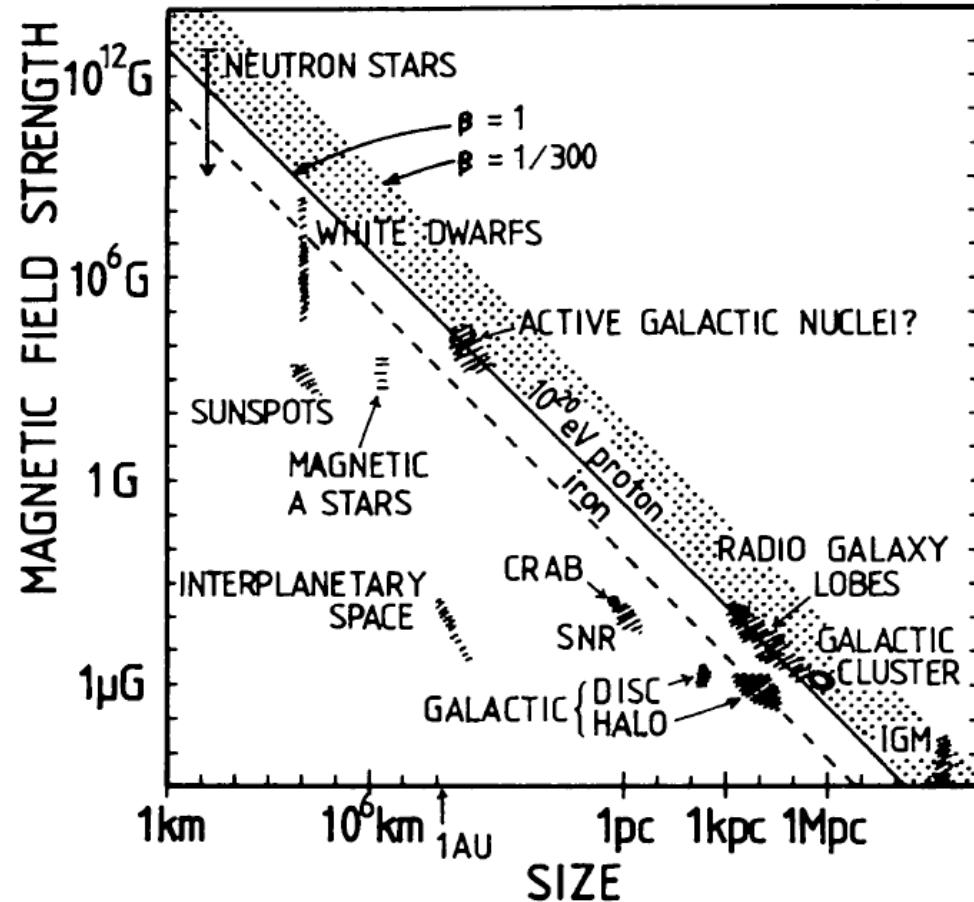
$$R_{\text{lar}} = \frac{\beta}{\eta} R$$

AM Hillas (1984)

$$R_{\text{lar}}(E, B) = \left(\frac{E}{10 \text{ EeV}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mG}}{B} \right) 10 \text{ pc}$$

The Hillas Criterion (Implicitly Assumes Accelerator is Efficient)

AM Hillas (1984)



$\eta \approx 1$ assumed in above plot

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The End of the Accelerated Spectra: Cutoffs

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Particle Transport Equation in Momentum Space

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \nabla_p \cdot J_p = \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[(D_{pp} \nabla_p f) + \frac{p}{3} (\nabla \cdot v) - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

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Particle Transport Equation

- Cut-offs arise naturally in the general solution of the transport equation for particles

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[(D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \frac{p}{\tau_{loss}(p)} f \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{esc}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

Acceleration

Radiative Losses

Escape

Source term

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Cut-off Shape

- Interplay of acceleration and cooling defines the value of the cut-off of the primary particles:

$$\frac{dN}{dE_e} \propto E_e^{-\Gamma} e^{-(E_e/E_{\max})^{\beta_e}} \quad \beta_e = 2 - q - r$$

- In the following, demonstrations for this result will be shown for the case of stochastic acceleration scenarios. However, in reality, this result is more general, holding also for shock acceleration scenarios.

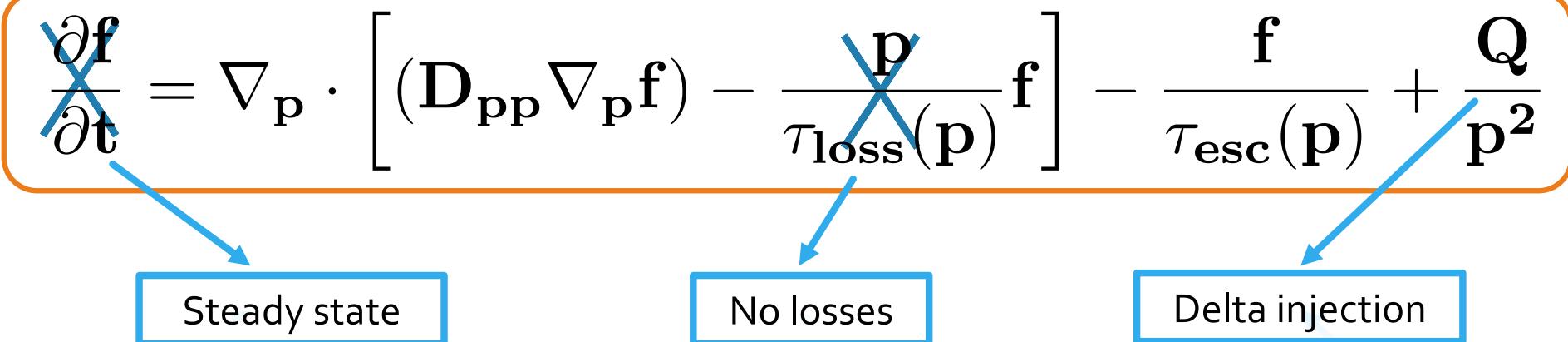
[see Schlickeisser et al. 1985, Zirakashvili et al. 2007, Stawarz et al. 2008]

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A Simple Case- $q=1$, only escape

- Bohm diffusion ($q=1$) + only escape results in simple exponential cutoff.
- Some simplifications to the transport equation:

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[(D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \cancel{\frac{p}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} f} \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

Three blue arrows point from the simplified transport equation below to the terms: Steady state, No losses, and Delta injection.

Steady state

No losses

Delta injection

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A Simple Case (II)- $q=1$, only escape

- Rearranging the terms (and explicitly stating the dependences from p of the parameters):

$$\frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(p^2 D_0 \frac{p}{p_0} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right) - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} = \delta(p), \quad \tau_{\text{esc}}(p) \propto p^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial p^2} + \frac{3}{p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - \left(\frac{1}{D_0 \tau_0} \right) f = \delta(p)$$

Cutoff comes from
balancing 1st and 3rd term

$$f \propto A e^{-p/p_\tau}$$

Recall generally, $\beta_e = \mathbf{2} - \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{r}$

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{1}, \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \rightarrow \quad \beta_e = \mathbf{1}$$

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Particle Acceleration with Cooling

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{m_e}{(4/3)\Gamma_e \sigma_T U_B}$$

$$\sigma_T U_{B\text{crit}} \frac{hc}{(m_e c^2)^2} = (2\pi/3)\alpha$$


$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \frac{h}{E_e} \frac{U_{B\text{crit.}}}{U_B}$$

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Particle Acceleration with Cooling

1

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \frac{h}{E_e} \frac{U_{B_{\text{crit.}}}}{U_B}$$

2

$$t_{\text{lar}} = \frac{2\pi E_e}{eBc} = \Gamma_e \left(\frac{B_{\text{crit}}}{B} \right) \frac{h}{m_e}$$

3

$$E_\gamma^{\text{sync}} = \Gamma_e^2 \left(\frac{B}{B_{\text{crit}}} \right) m_e$$

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \left(\frac{m_e}{E_\gamma^{\text{sync}}} \right) t_{\text{lar}}$$

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$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \left(\frac{m_e}{E_\gamma^{\text{sync}}} \right) t_{\text{lar}}$$

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Try using relations 1-3 from previous slide to obtain the above result

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Particle Acceleration with Cooling

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \eta \frac{R_{\text{lar}}}{c\beta^2}$$

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \left(\frac{m_e}{E_\gamma^{\text{sync}}} \right) t_{\text{lar}}$$

$$E_\gamma^{\text{sync}} \approx \frac{9}{4} \eta^{-1} \beta^2 \frac{m_e}{\alpha}$$

Maximum synchrotron energy tells us how efficient accelerator is!

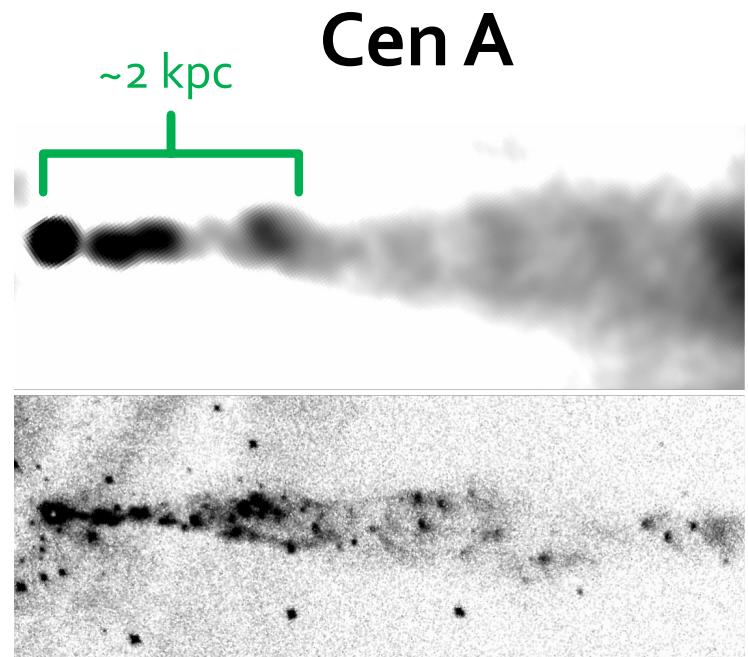
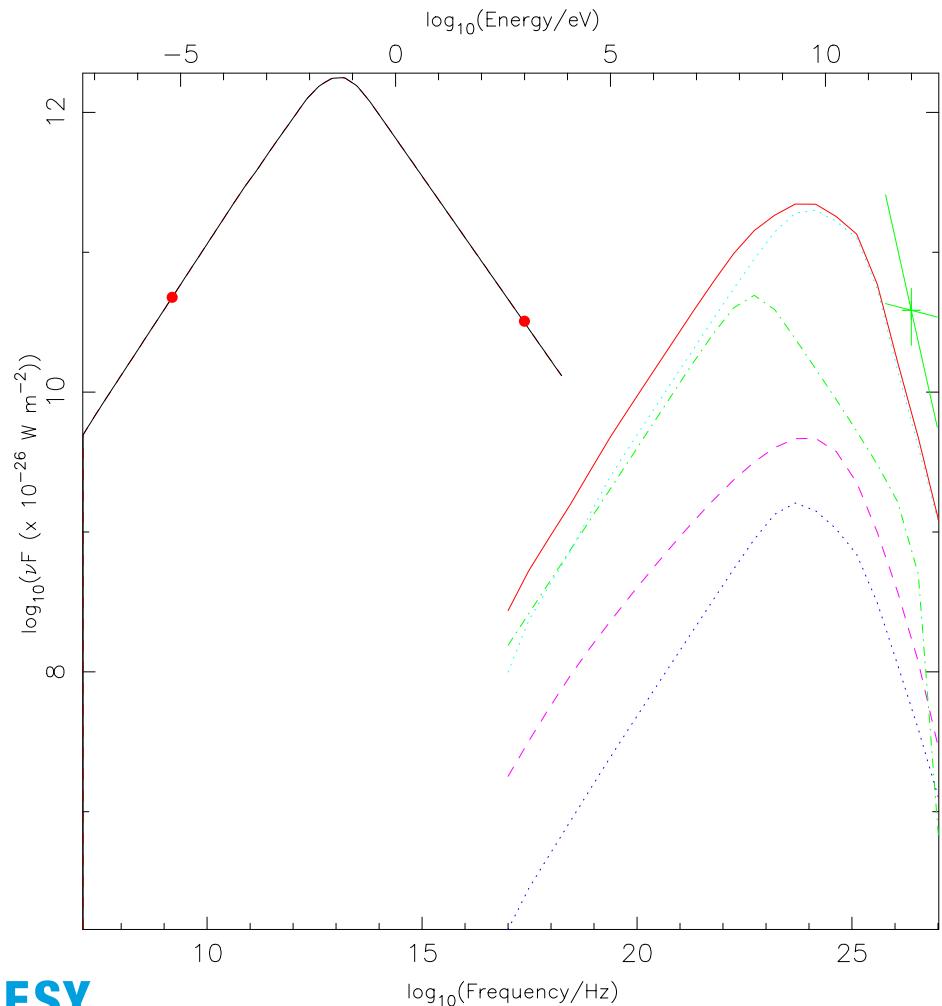
Where is E_γ^{sync} ?

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Synchrotron Cutoff for AGN?

Evidence of a candidate source (Cen A)
operating as an efficient accelerator?

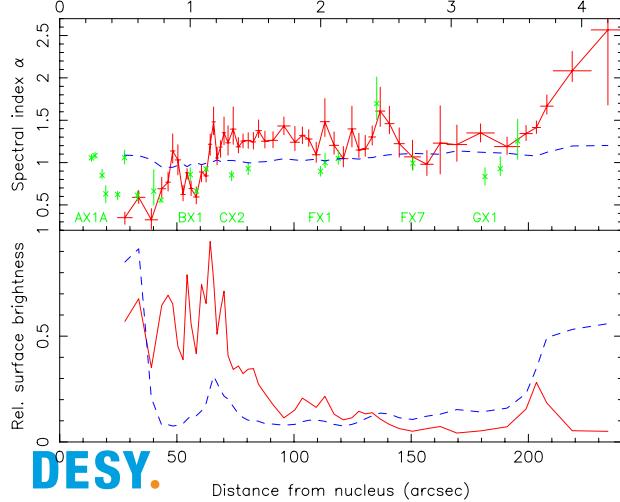
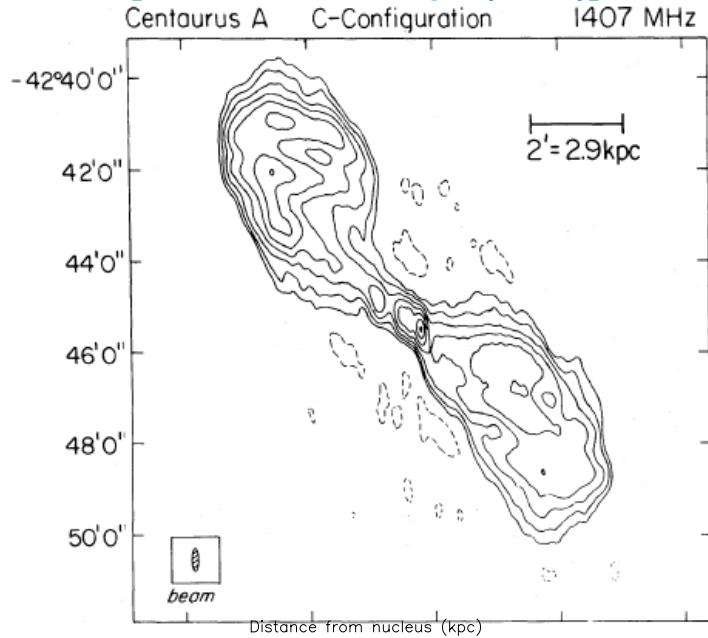
Hardcastle et al. (1103.1744)



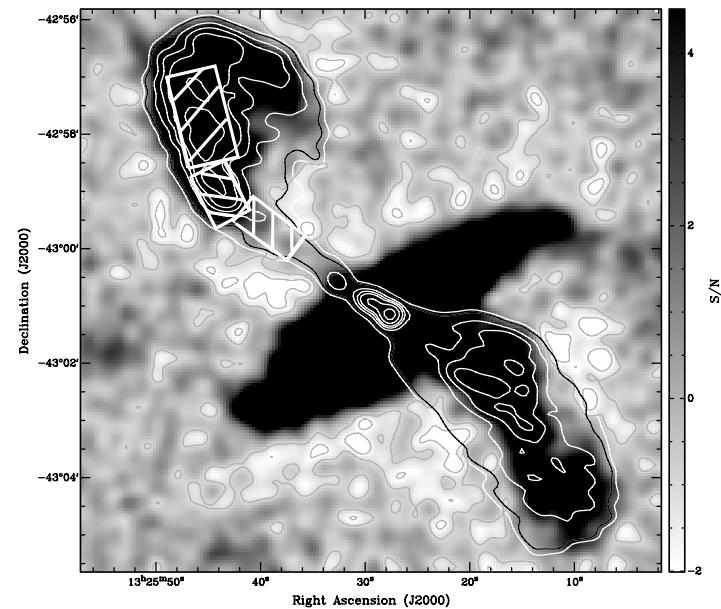
$$\eta < 10^4$$

Centaurus A's Inner Jet- A Cosmic Lab

[J. Burns et al., ApJ (1983)]



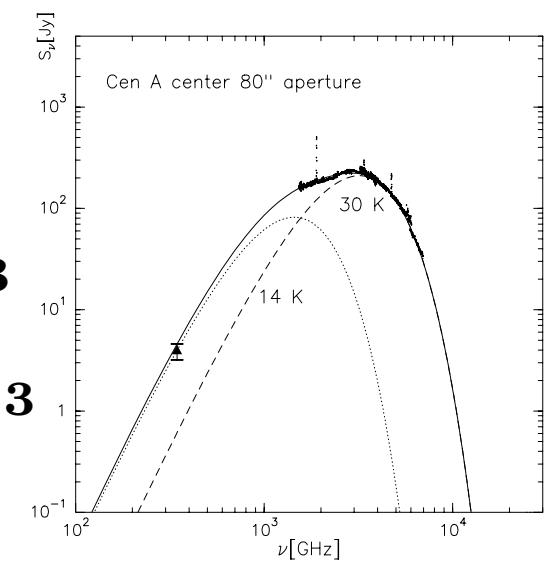
[A. Weiss et al., A&A (2008)]



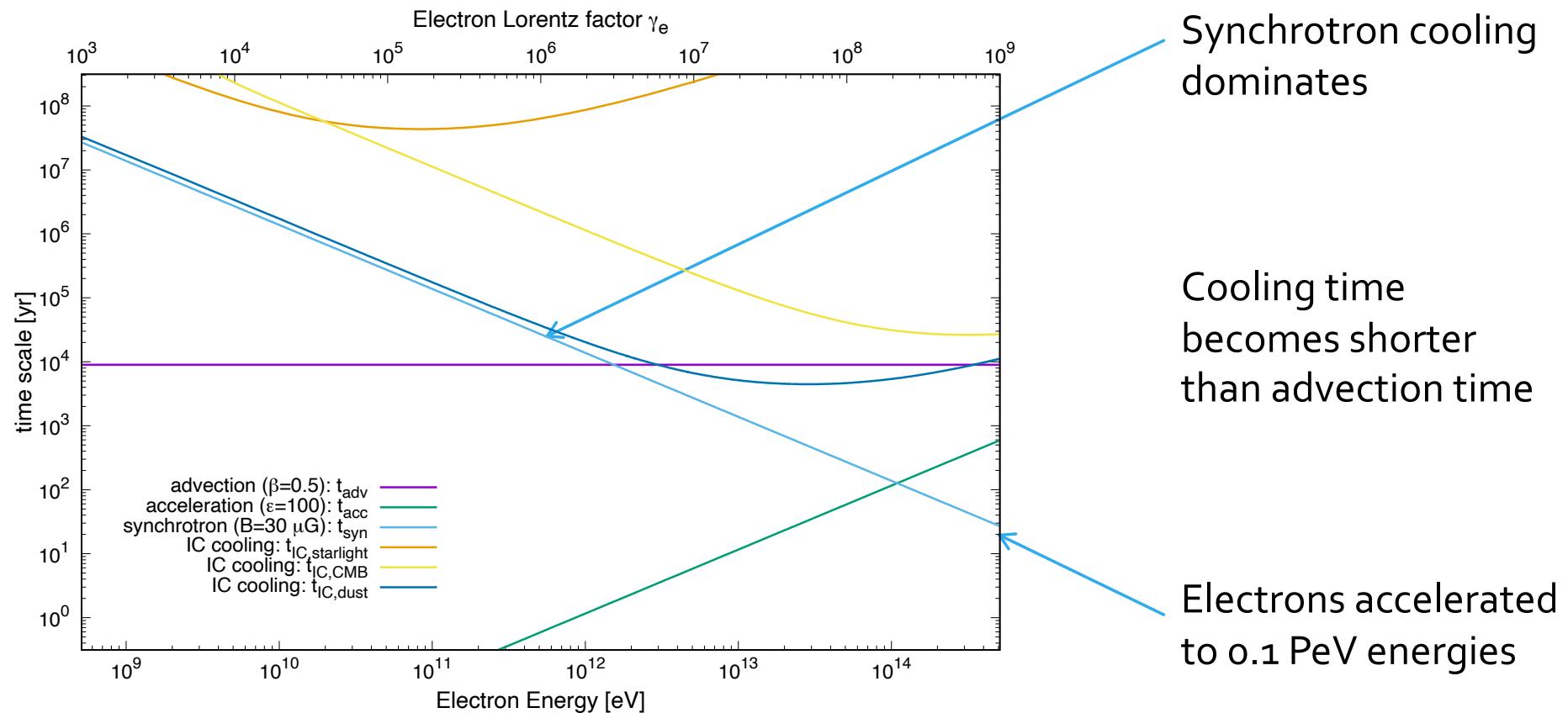
$$B_{\text{eq}} = 60 \mu\text{G}$$

$$U_B \approx 10 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$$

$$U_{\text{IR}} \approx 10 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$$



Transport & Cooling Times of Electrons in Cen A's Jets

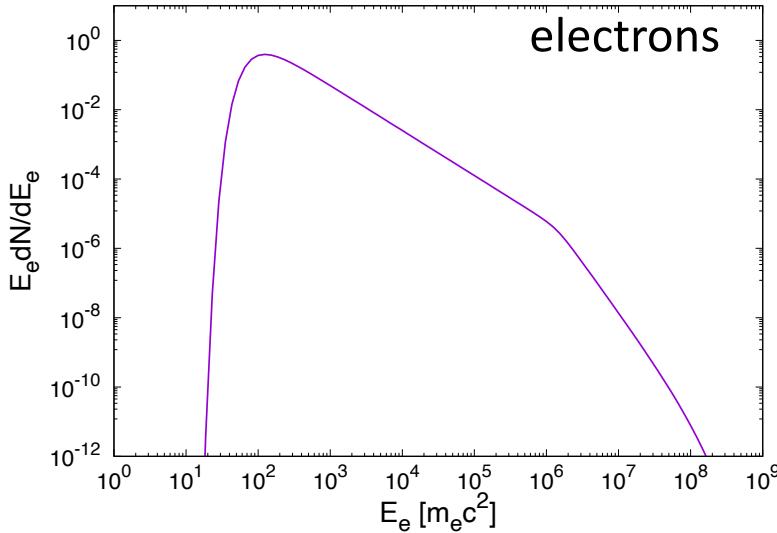


$$\cancel{\frac{\partial n}{\partial t}} = -\nabla_p \cdot \left[\frac{p}{\tau_{\text{acc}}(p)} n - \frac{p}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} n \right] - \frac{n}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} + Q$$

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Distinguishing Cen A's Nucleus and Inner Jet SED

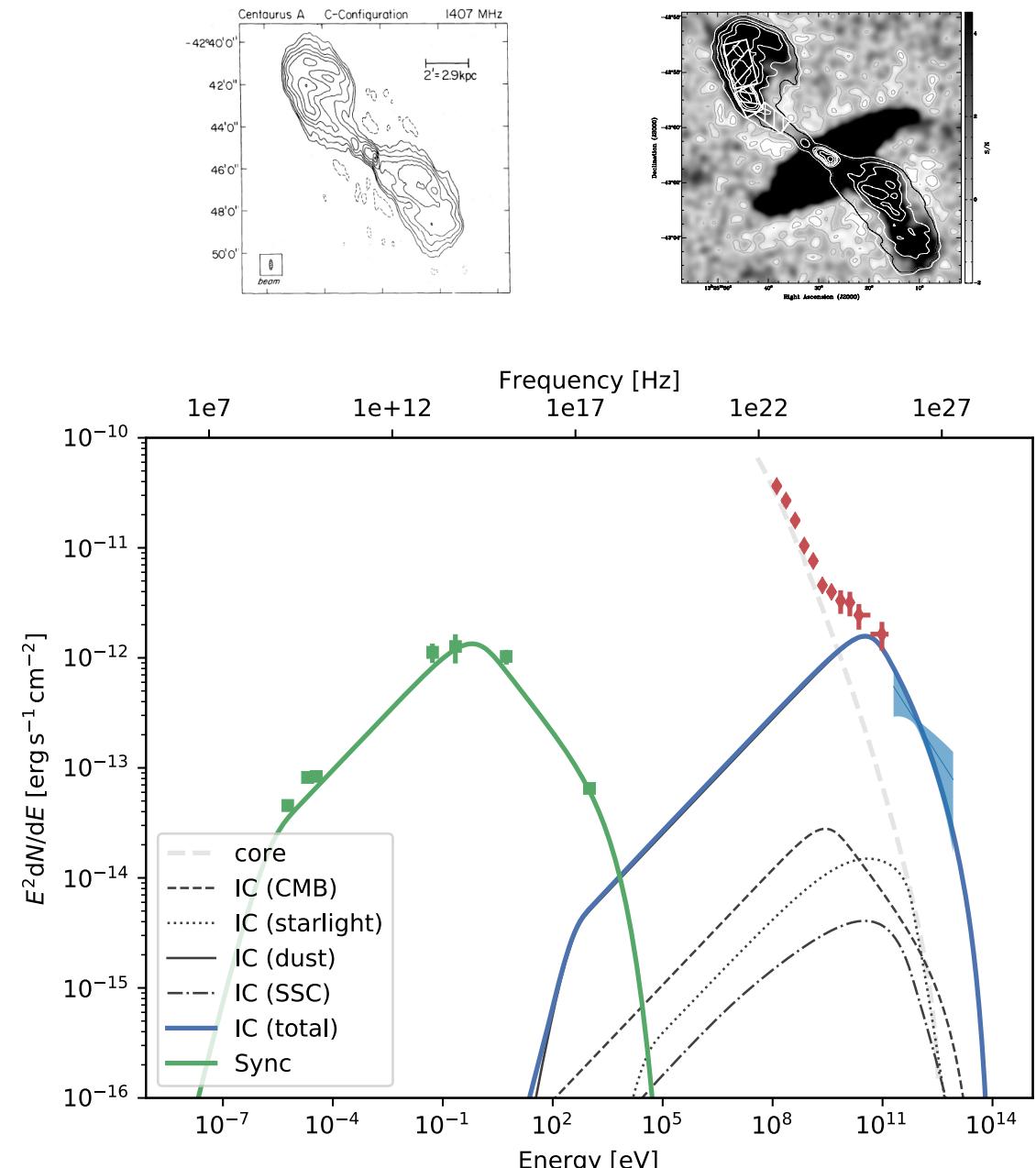


$$\eta = \frac{1}{\Gamma_e^{\max 2} (B/B_{\text{crit}}) \alpha}$$

$$\approx 10^4 \left(\frac{10^8}{\Gamma_e^{\max}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{20 \mu G}{B} \right)$$

[HESS- F. Rieger, A. Taylor, et al., Nature]

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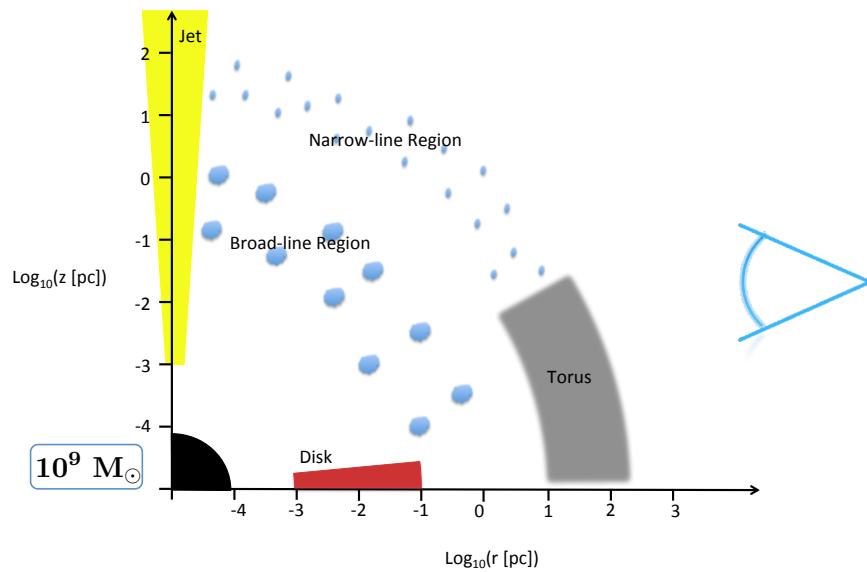
Conclusions

- ◆ Thermalisation occurs through collisional interactions
- ◆ Non-thermal particle production is possible in non-collisional systems in which free energy is available in the form of a converging flow
- ◆ Astrophysical shocks are a prime example of such systems
- ◆ To accelerate particles up to ultra high energies requires fast (ie. mildly relativistic or relativistic) shocks
- ◆ One telltale sign that a shock can accelerate up to ultra high energies would be that it produces synchrotron emission beyond MeV energies.

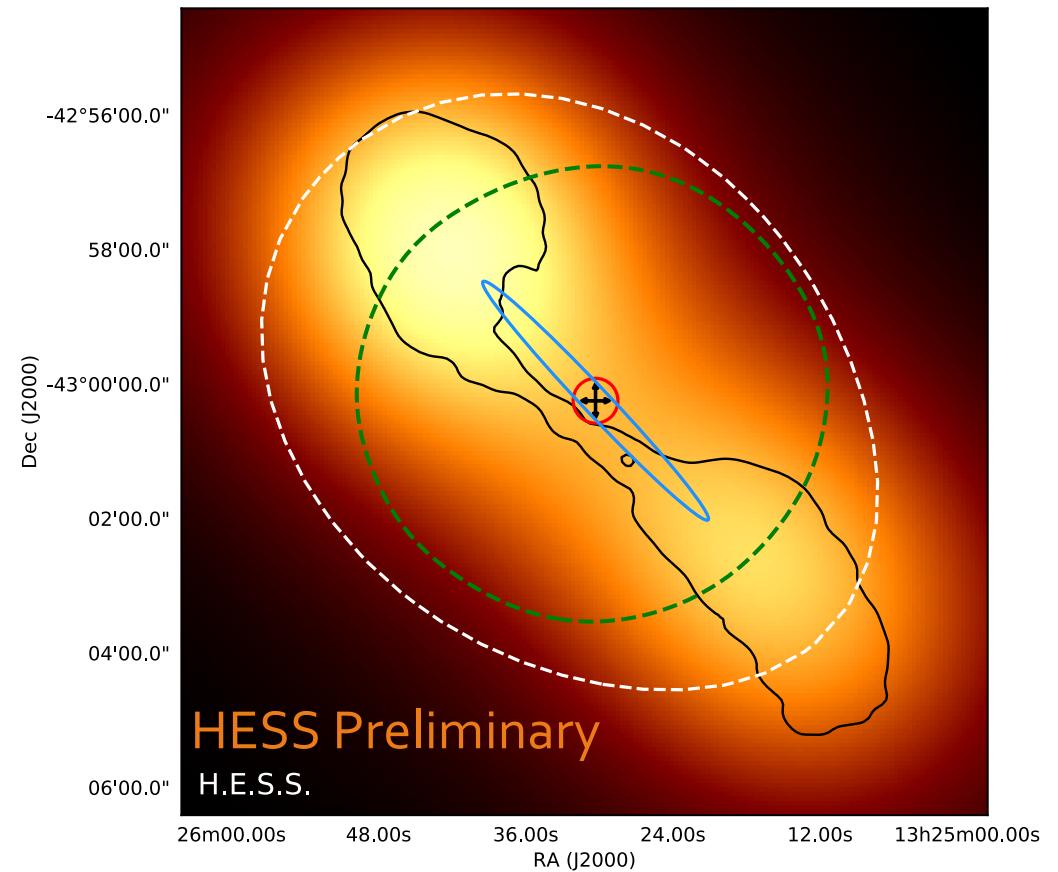
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Centaurus A - VHE Extension

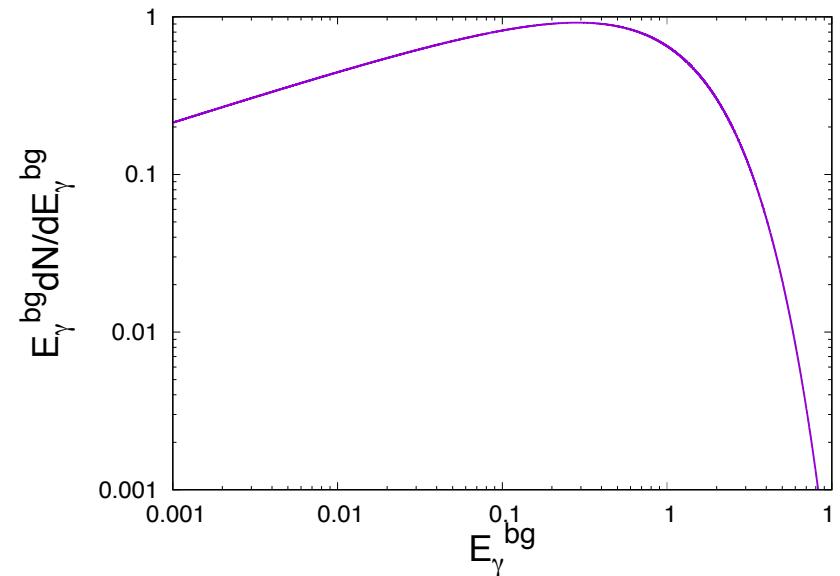
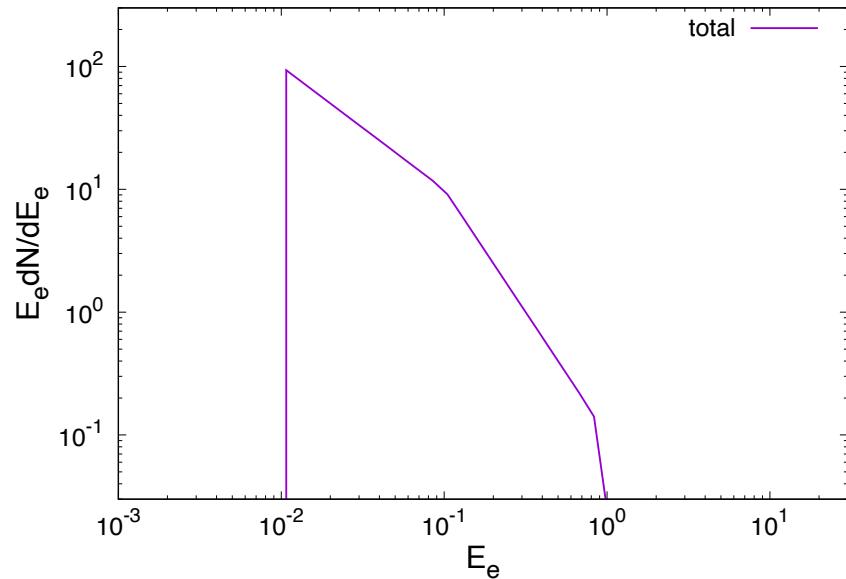


HESS Detected Extension on $\sim 2\text{kpc}$ scale



[HESS- F. Rieger, A. Taylor, et al., Andrew Taylor
Nature- accepted today!]

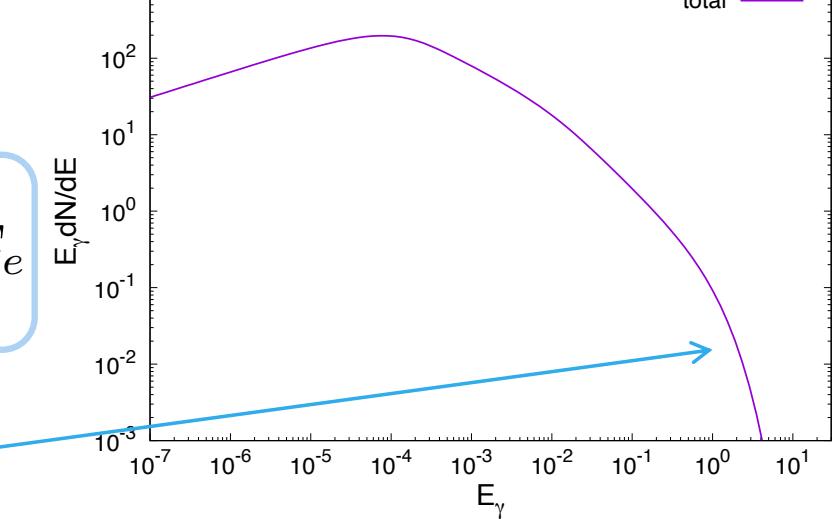
Future Probes- Cutoff Region in Synchrotron Spectrum



$$E_\gamma^{\text{sync}} = \Gamma_e^2 \left(\frac{B}{B_{\text{crit}}} \right) m_e$$

$$B_{\text{crit}} = 4 \times 10^{13} \text{ G}$$

$$E_\gamma \frac{dN}{dE_\gamma \text{ tot}} = \int \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{E_e^2} \right) \frac{dN}{dE_\gamma} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{E_e^2} \right) E_e \frac{dN}{dE_e} dE_e$$



Possibility to probe cutoff region
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Collisional Shock- Enthalpy

$$\gamma = \frac{\mathbf{w}_{\text{nonrel.}}}{e}$$

$$= \frac{e + p}{e}$$

$$e = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_{\text{nonrel.}} = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w}_{\text{rel.}} &= \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p + \rho \\ &= \mathbf{w}_{\text{nonrel.}} + \rho\end{aligned}$$



Intuitive Insights into Cut-off Shape Origin

Consider the steady-state case of diffusion (constant diffusion coefficient) of particles into an absorbing medium

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D}_{xx} \nabla f) - \frac{f}{\tau(x)} = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

For $\tau(x) = \tau_*(x/x_*)^2$ $f \propto \text{const.}$

For $\tau(x) = \tau_*$ $f \propto e^{-x/x_\tau}$

For $\tau(x) = \tau_*(x/x_*)^{-2}$ $f \propto e^{-(x/x_\tau)^2}$

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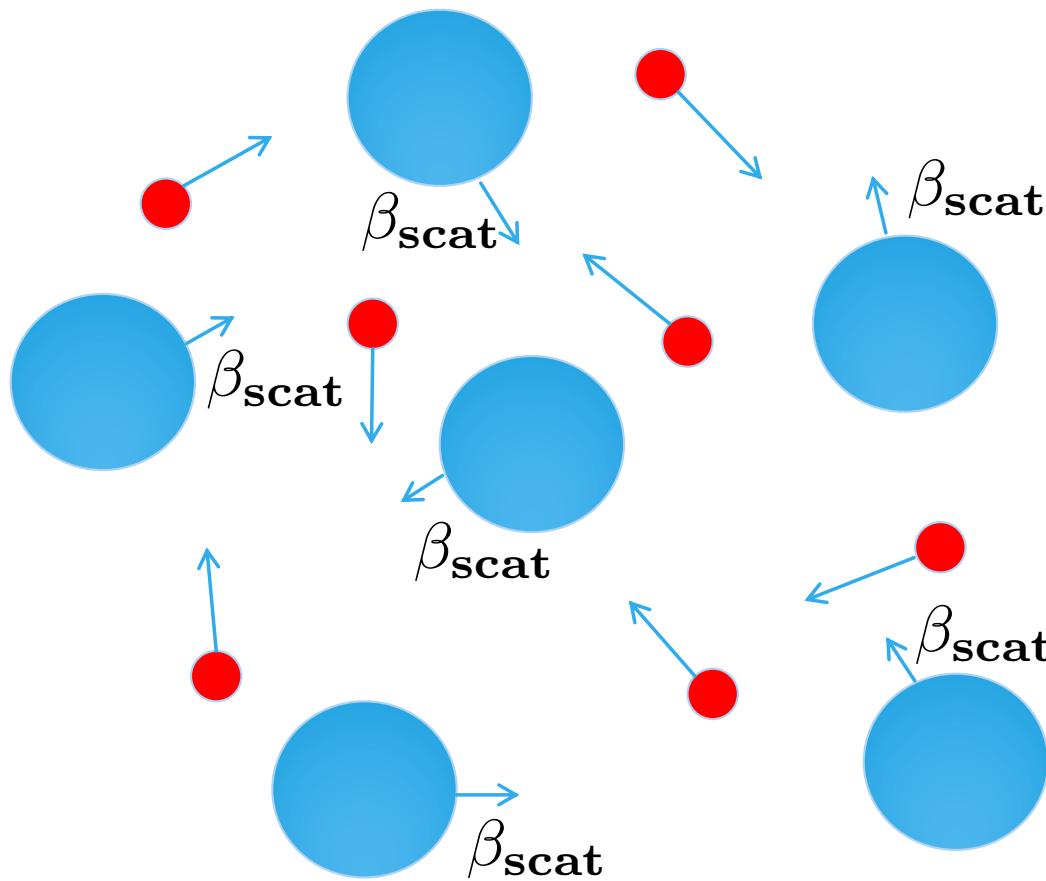
Stochastic Acceleration (Fermi Second Order)

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Stochastic Acceleration/Propagation

$$D_{xx} D_{pp} \approx \beta_{scat}^2 p^2$$

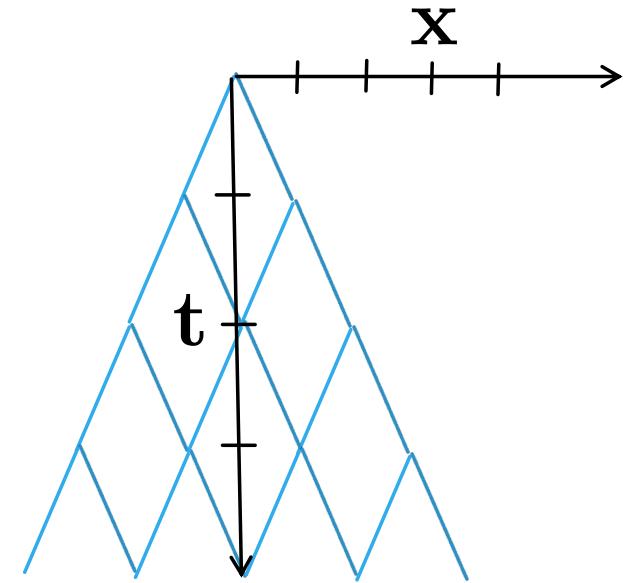


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Random Walks

$$\gamma(t+1) = t!$$

$$\gamma(t+1) = \int_0^\infty x^t e^{-x} dx$$



$$f(x, t) = \frac{\gamma(t+1)}{[\gamma([t-x]/2 + 1)\gamma([x+t]/2 + 1)](2^t)}$$

$$f(x, t) \approx \frac{e^{-x^2/(2t)}}{[\pi/(t/2)]^{1/2}}$$

To be returned to in a later lecture.....
no harm at having a go at deriving
this from above

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Random Walks in Physical Space and Momentum Space

Spatial spread:

$$\Delta x = D_{xx}/c \quad \frac{dN}{dx} \propto e^{-x^2/4D_{xx}t}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dx} \propto e^{-x^2/4c^2 t_{scat} t}$$

Momentum spread:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \propto \beta$$

$$\frac{dN}{dp} \propto e^{-(\ln p)^2/4(D_{pp}/p^2)t}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dp} \propto e^{-(\ln p)^2/4(t/t_{acc})}$$

$$t_{acc} = \frac{p^2}{D_{pp}}$$

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Momentum Continuity Equation (Boltzman Equation)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[(D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \frac{p}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} f \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

The diagram illustrates the four terms in the Boltzmann equation. The first term, $D_{pp} \nabla_p f$, is labeled 'Acceleration'. The second term, $\frac{p}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} f$, is labeled 'Radiative Losses'. The third term, $\frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)}$, is labeled 'Escape'. The fourth term, $\frac{Q}{p^2}$, is labeled 'Source term'. Each term is enclosed in a blue box with a blue circle around its corresponding coefficient.

Where f is the phase space density:

$$f = \frac{dN}{d^3x d^3p}$$



Stochastic Particle Acceleration- Random Walk Result (Momentum)

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[(D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \frac{p}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} f \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

Steady state No losses Delta injection

Assuming $D_{pp} \propto p^q$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial p^2} + \frac{(2+q)}{p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} \frac{f}{p^2} = \delta(p)$$

For $f = p^{-\alpha}$ and $q = 2$

$$\alpha^2 - 3\alpha - \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} = 0$$

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$$\alpha^2 - 3\alpha - \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} = 0$$

PAUSE

Why not have a go at solving this

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Particle Acceleration- When Are E⁻² Type Spectra Expected?

$$\alpha^2 - 3\alpha - \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2} \pm \left(\frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} + \frac{9}{4} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} = 1$$

$$f = \frac{dN}{d^3p} = p^{-4}$$

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Fermi (Second Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{scat}}}{\Delta E_{\text{scat}}}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{scat}} = E \beta_{\text{scat}}^2$$

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \frac{t_{\text{scat}}}{\beta_{\text{scat}}^2}$$

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