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On the Acceleration Efficiency of Low-Mach Number Shocks

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WHEN/WHERE: From Helio to Cosmological Scales



In situ

Earth's bow shock

HELIOSPHERIC



Transient

Solar flares and helio shocks



Transient

Novae

GALACTIC



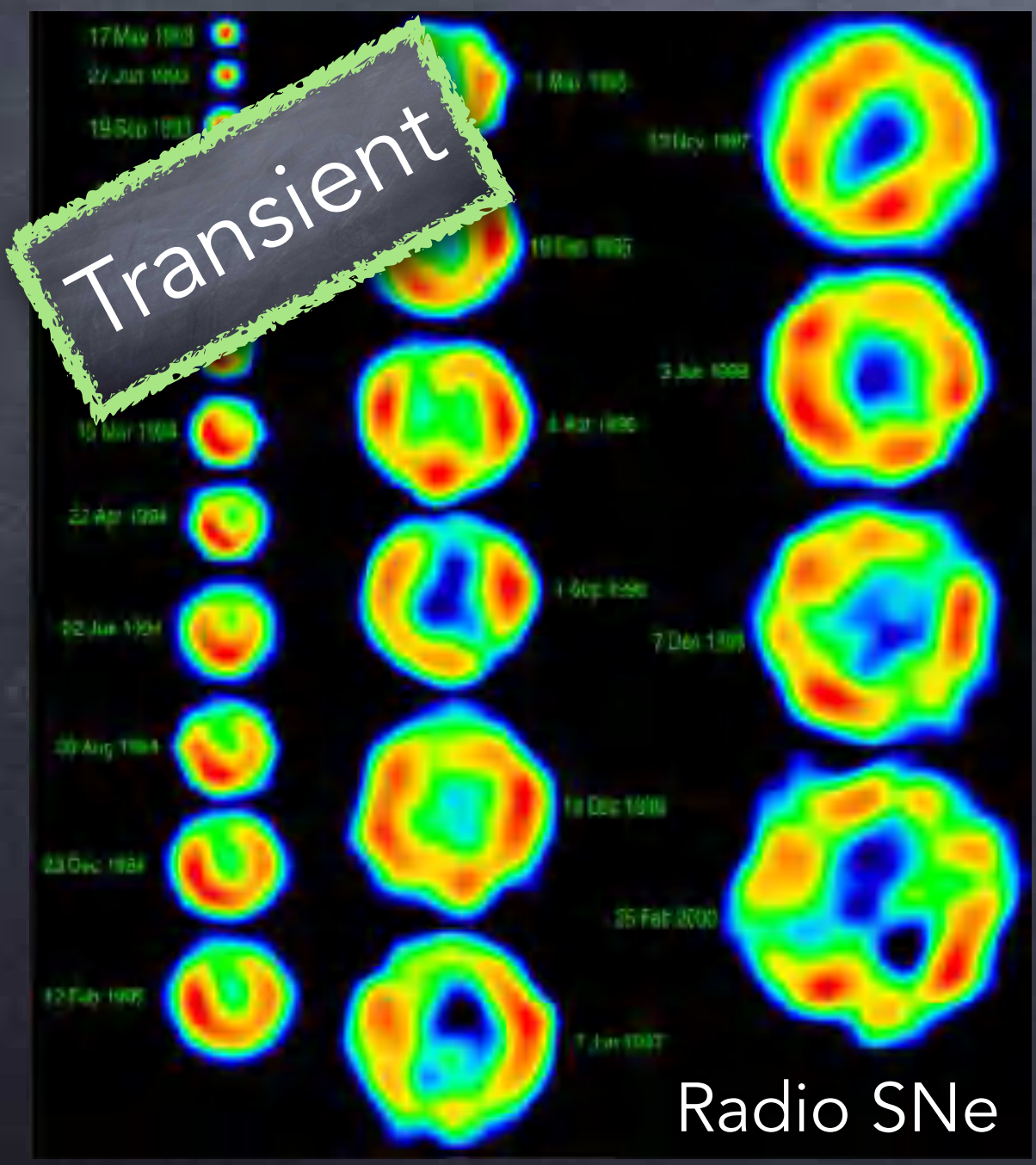
Long-lived

Supernova remnants



Flaring

Pulsars and PWNe



Transient

Radio SNe

EXTRA-GALACTIC



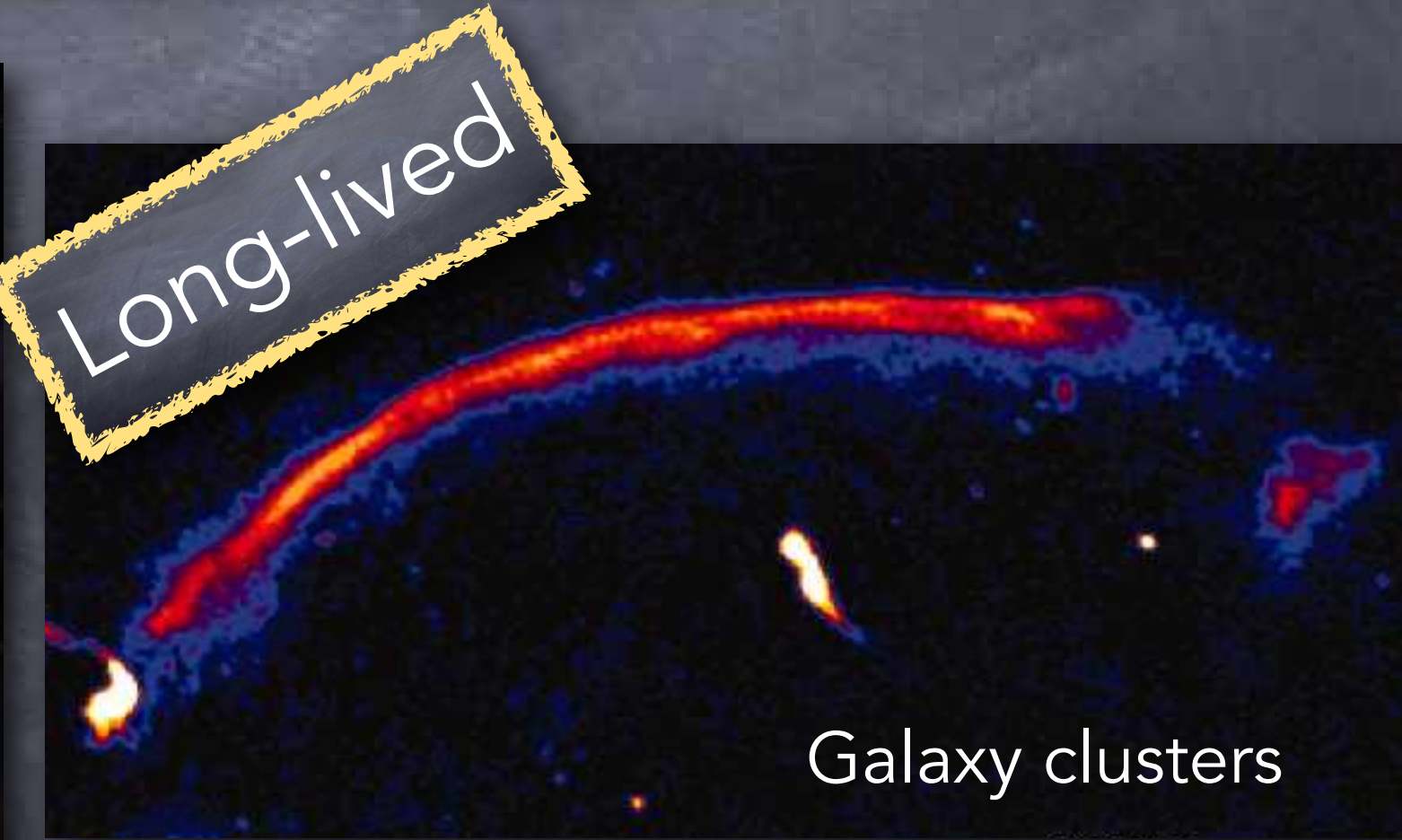
Flaring

AGN jets/lobes



Long-lived

AGN Winds



Long-lived

Galaxy clusters

A universal acceleration mechanism



- **Fermi mechanism** (Fermi, 1949): random elastic collisions lead to energy gain

PHYSICAL REVIEW

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On the Origin of the Cosmic Radiation

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A theory of the origin of cosmic radiation is proposed according to which cosmic rays are originated and accelerated primarily in the interstellar space of the galaxy by collisions against moving magnetic fields. One of the features of the theory is that it yields naturally an inverse power law for the spectral distribution of the cosmic rays. The chief difficulty is that it fails to explain in a straightforward way the heavy nuclei observed in the primary radiation.



- DSA produces **power-laws** $N(p) \propto 4\pi p^2 p^{-\alpha}$, depending on the **compression ratio** $R = \rho_d/\rho_u$ **only**.

$$R = \frac{4M_s^2}{M_s^2 + 3} \quad \alpha = \frac{3R}{R - 1}$$

- For strong shocks (Mach number $M_s = V_{sh}/c_s \gg 1$): $R = 4$ and $\alpha = 4$

A Universal Acceleration Mechanism



- Bell 1978: Let's start with N_0 particles with energy E_0 , and a process where at each iteration
 - G is the energy gain and P is the probability of remaining in the accelerator
- After k steps: we have $N_k = P^k N_0$ particles with energy $E_k = G^k E_0$, i.e.,:

$$\frac{dN_k}{dE} = N_0 \left(\frac{E_k}{E_0} \right)^{-q_E}; \quad q_E = 1 - \frac{\log P}{\log G} \quad \begin{aligned} G &\simeq 1 + \frac{4}{3} \frac{u_1 - u_2}{c} \\ P &\simeq 1 - \frac{4u_2}{c} \end{aligned} \quad q_E \simeq \frac{R+2}{R-1}; \quad R = \frac{u_1}{u_2}$$

- DSA returns energy power-law $f(E) \propto E^{-q_E}$, function of the compression ratio R only.

- In momentum (relativistically covariant), $f(p) \propto 4\pi p^2 p^{-q}$, with $q = \frac{3R}{R-1}$

- For any strong shock: Mach number $M = \frac{v_{sh}}{c_s} \gg 1 \rightarrow R = 4$ and spectra are $f(p) \propto p^{-4}$ or

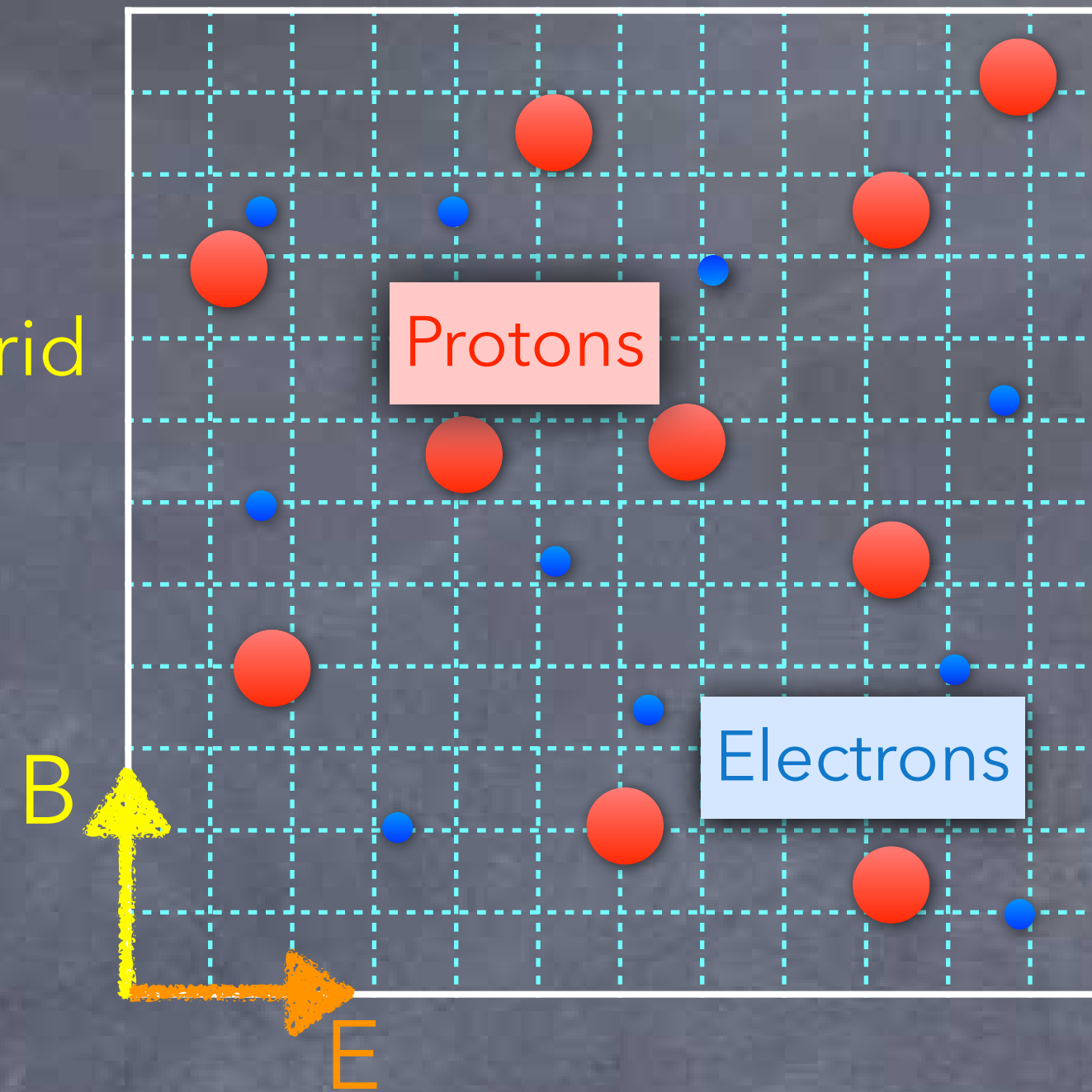
$$f(E) \propto E^{-2} \text{ (for relativistic particles)}$$

Astroplasmas from first principles



Full-PIC approach

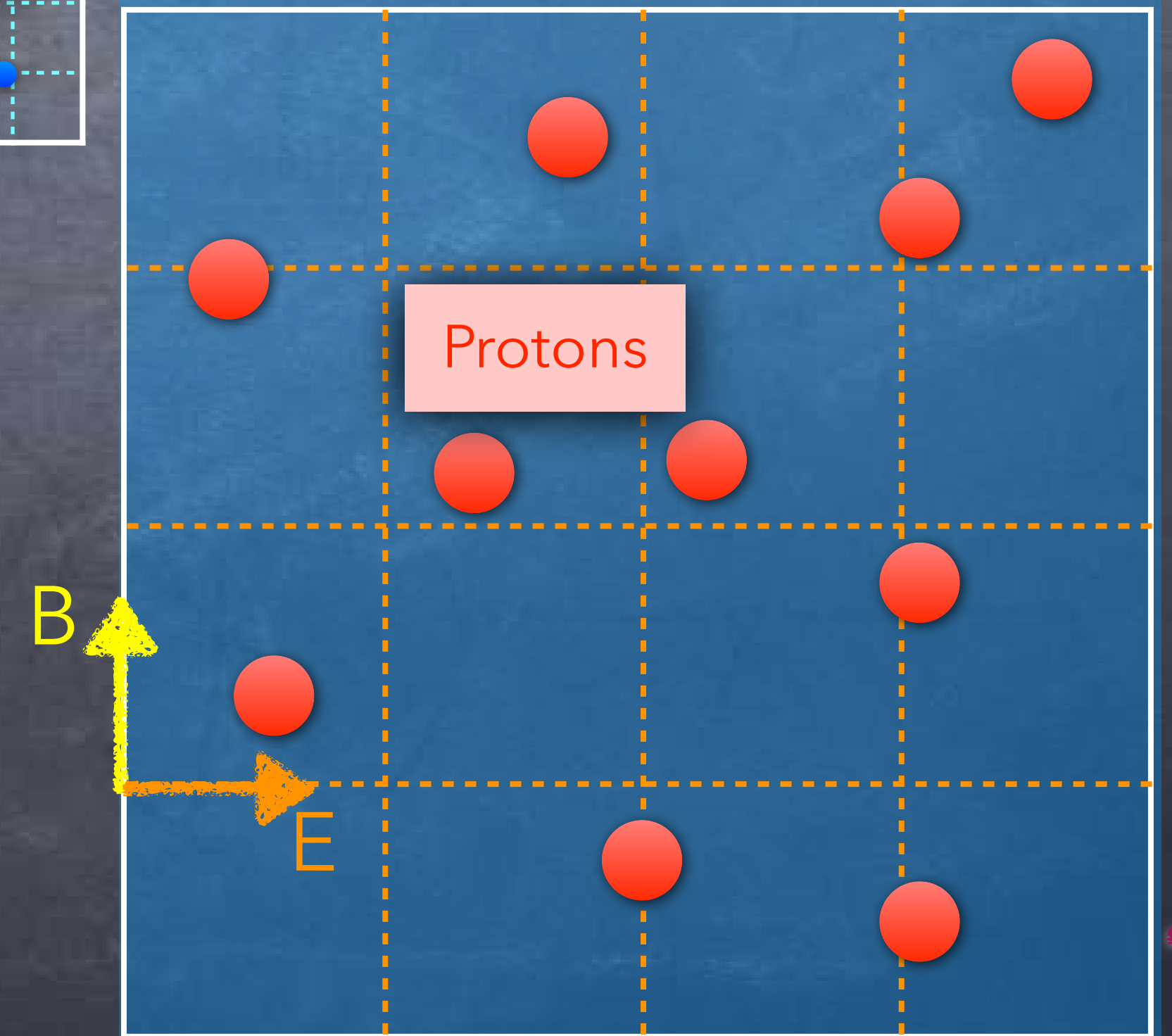
- Define electromagnetic fields on a **grid**
- Move particles via **Lorentz force**
- Evolve fields via **Maxwell equations**
- Computationally very challenging!



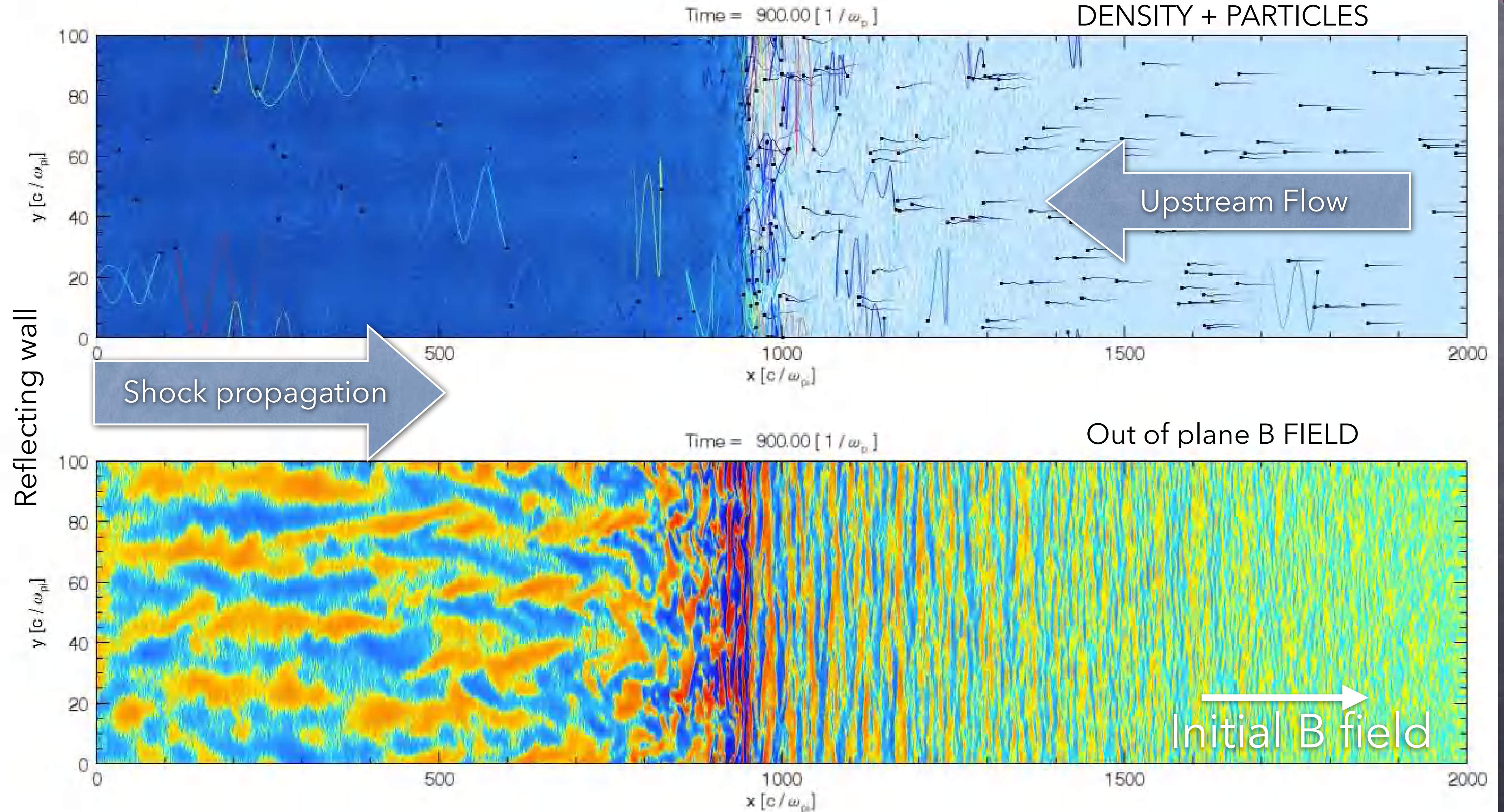
Hybrid approach: Fluid **electrons** - Kinetic **protons**

(Winske & Omidi; Burgess et al., Lipatov 2002; Giacalone et al. 1993, 1997, 2004-2013; DC & Spitkovsky 2013-2015, Haggerty & DC 2019-2022)

- massless electrons for more **macroscopical** time/length scales



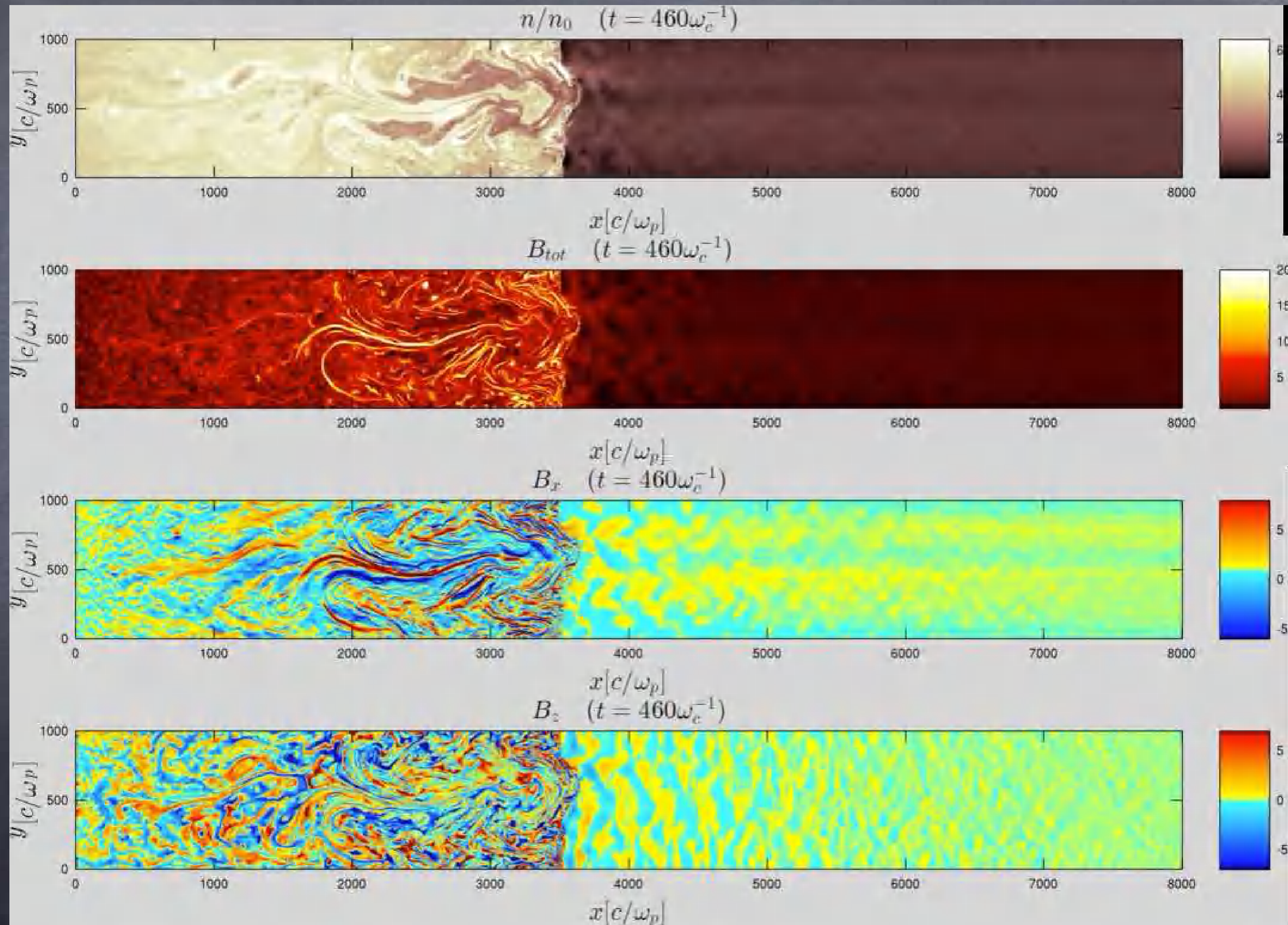
Hybrid Simulations of Collisionless Shocks



CR-driven Magnetic-Field Amplification



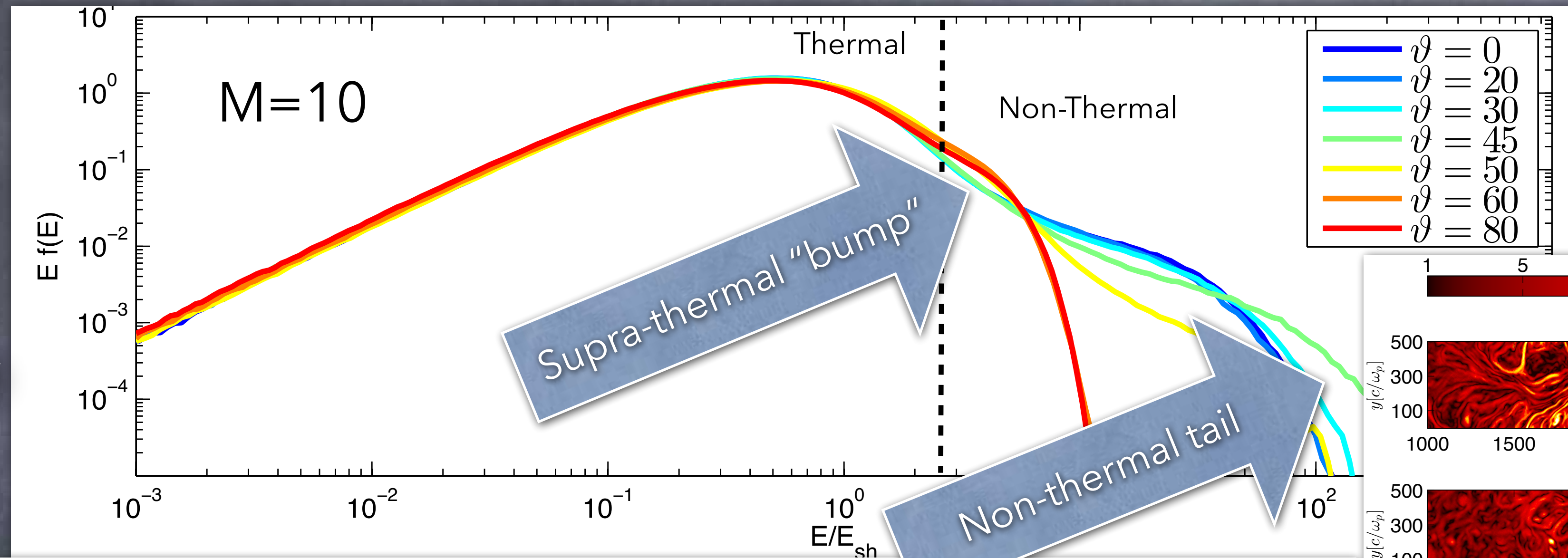
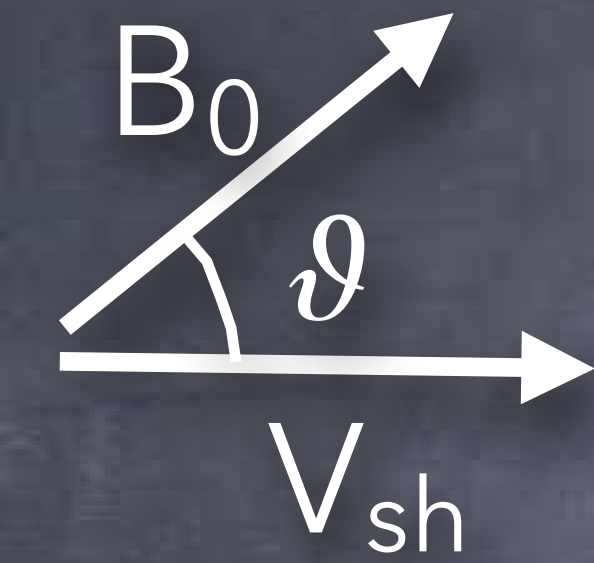
Initial B field
 $M_s = M_A = 30$



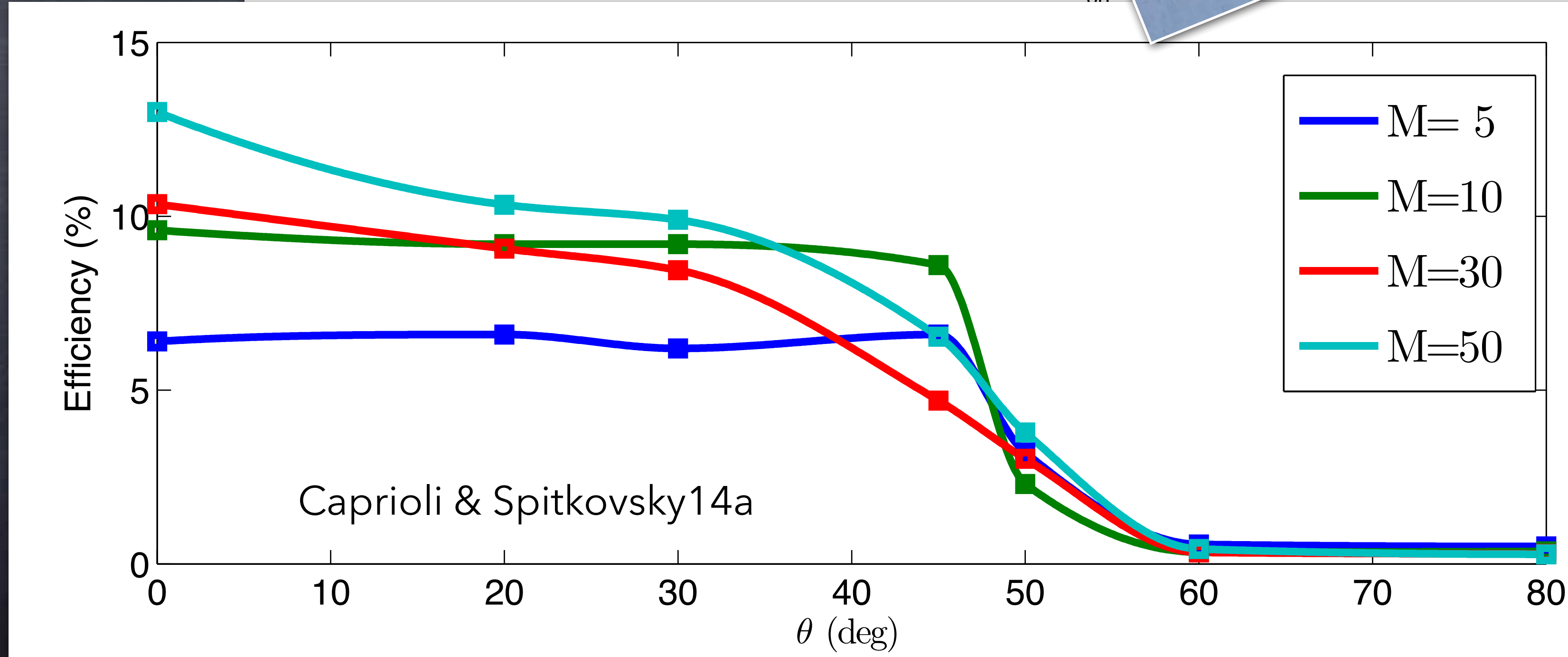
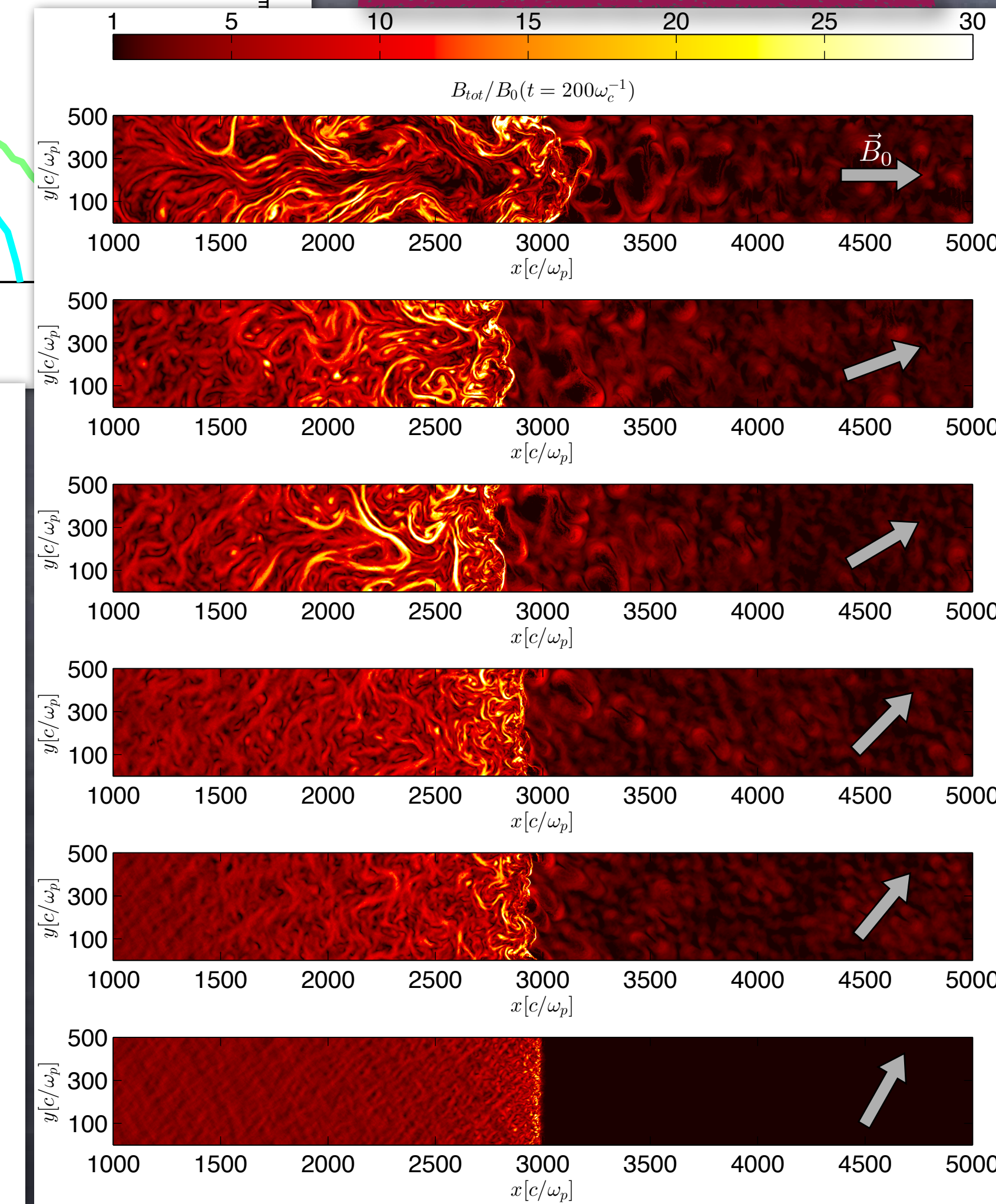


Parallel vs Oblique shocks

Shock inclination



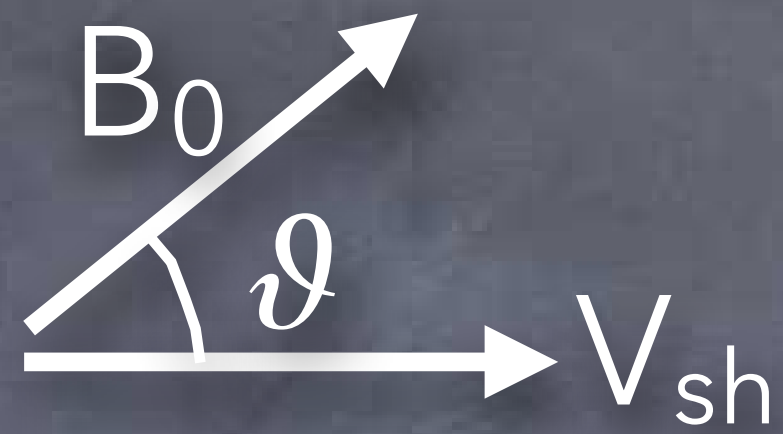
Ion acceleration correlates with B-field amplification



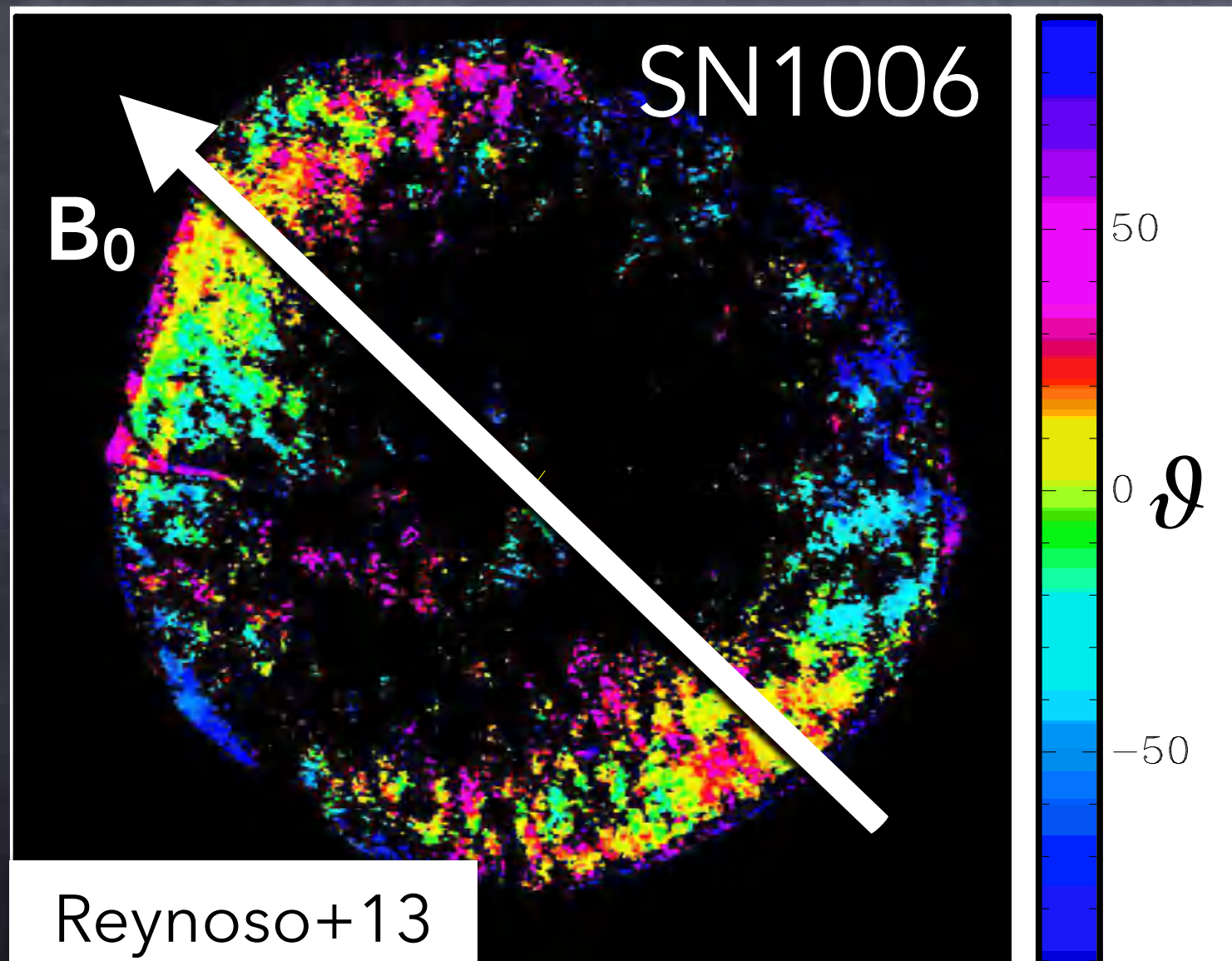
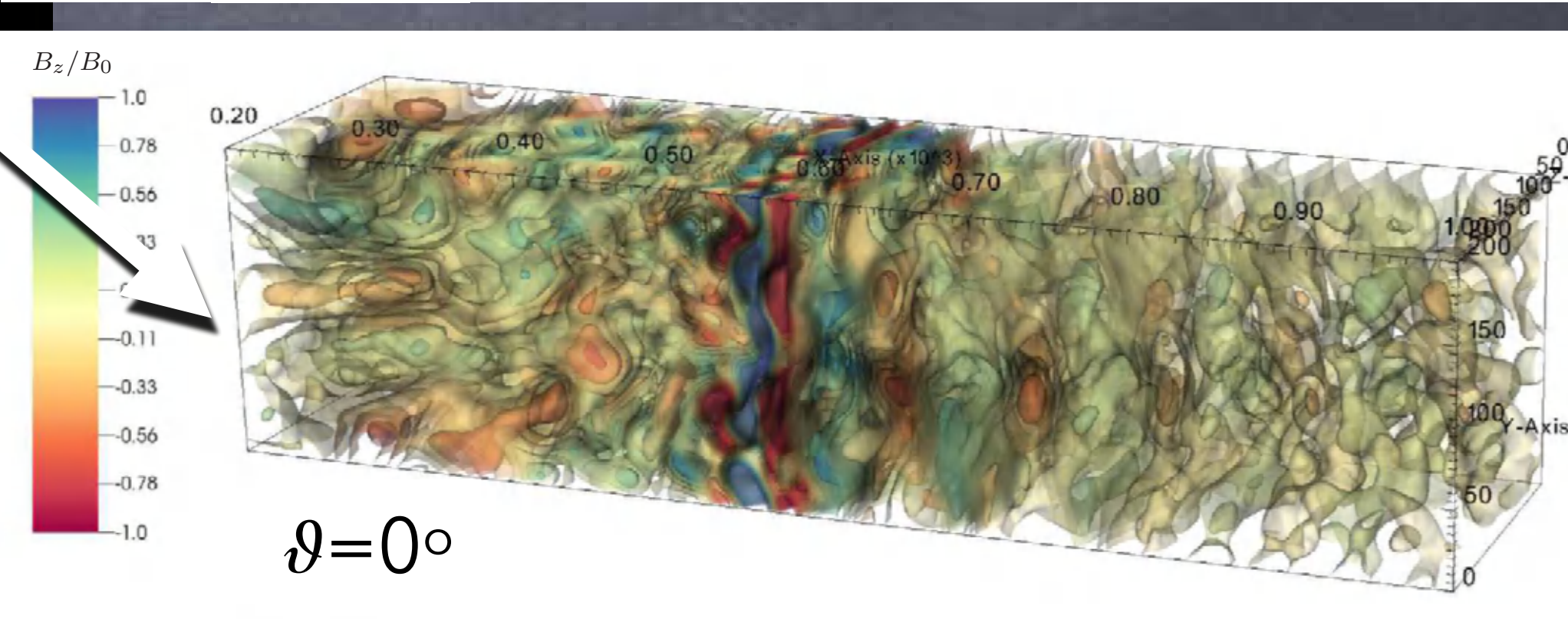
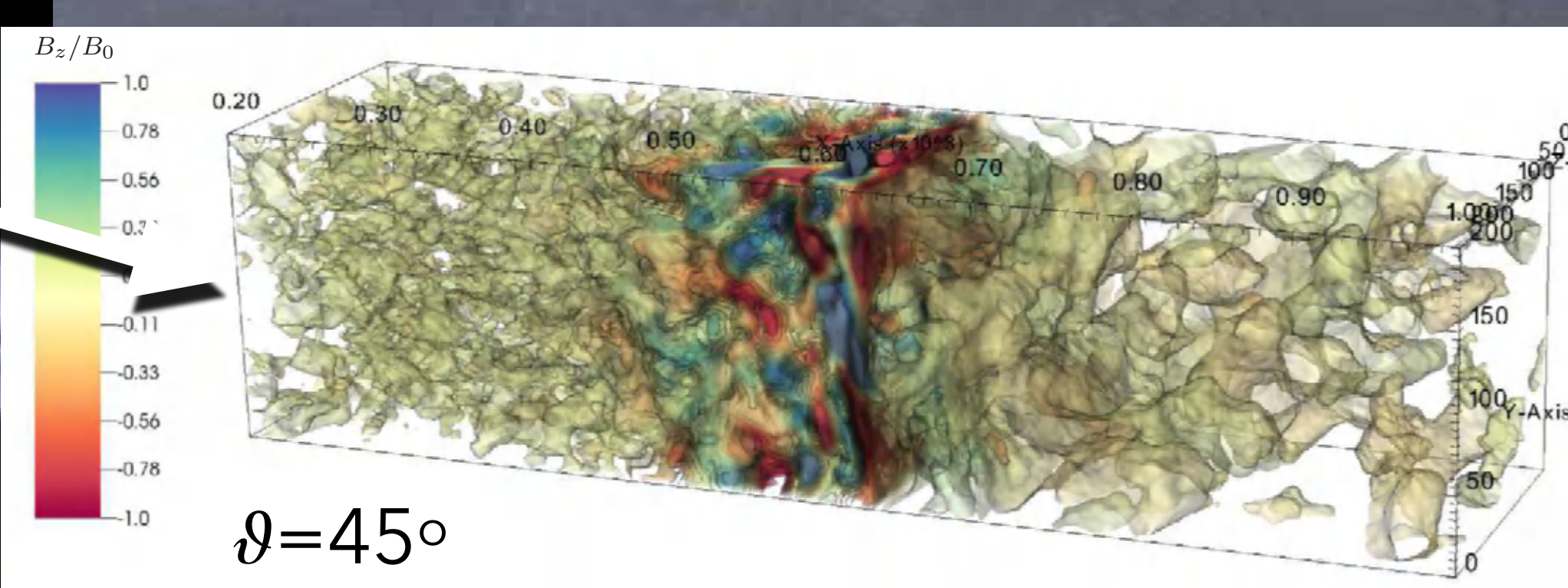
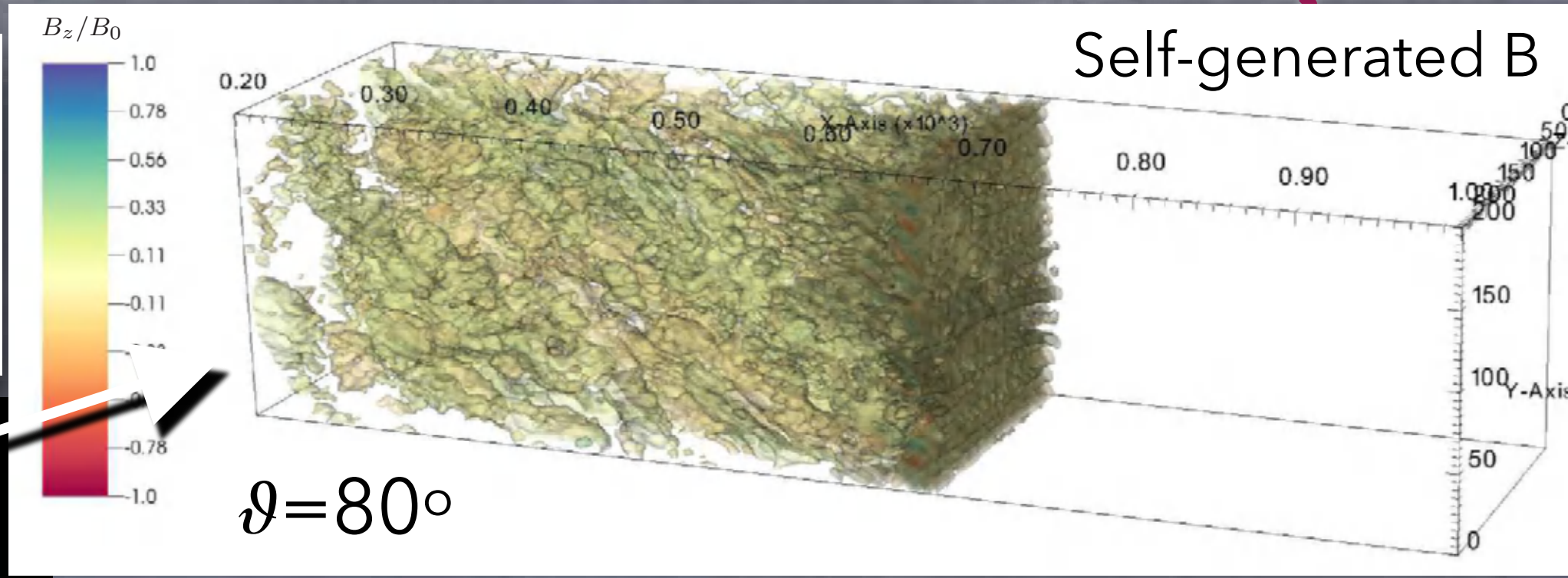
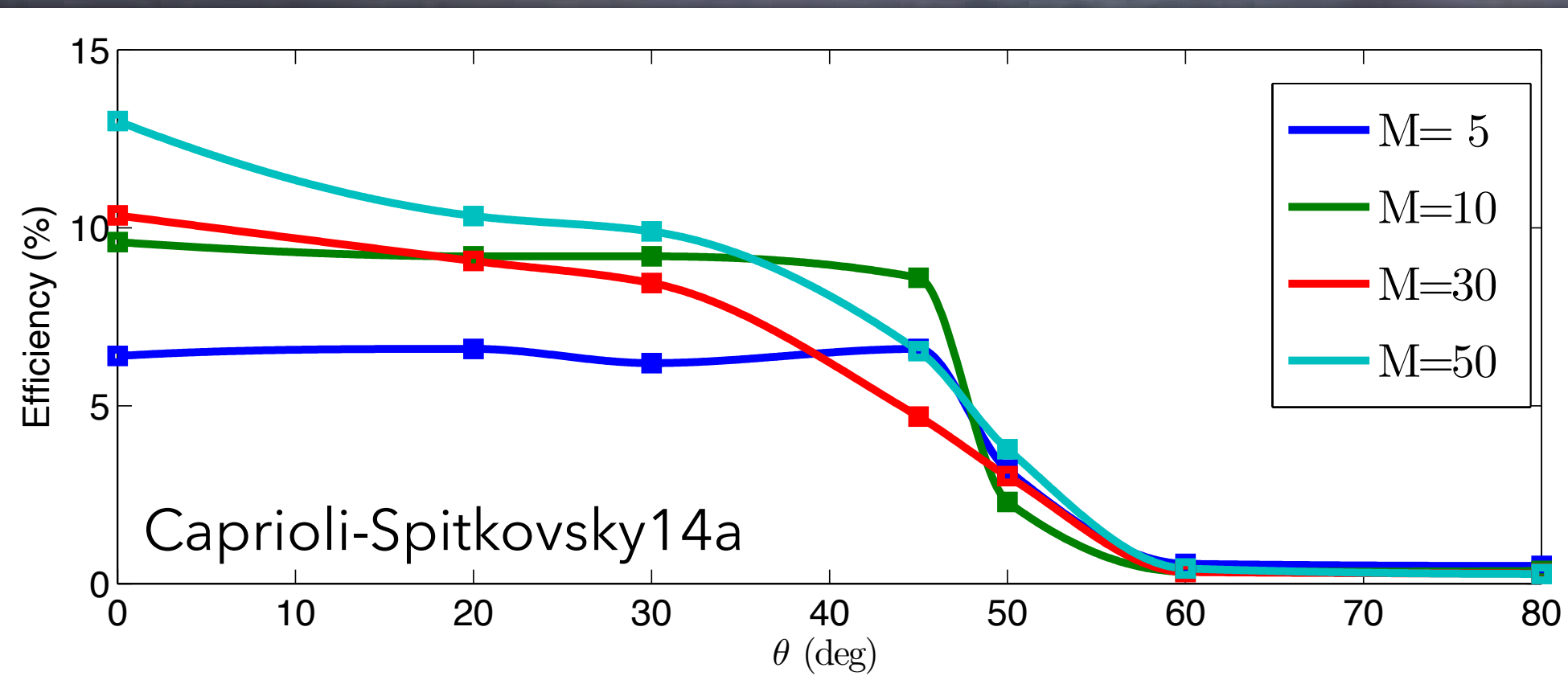


DSA Efficiency

Acceleration depends on the shock **inclination**



X-ray emission:
red=thermal
white=synchrotron



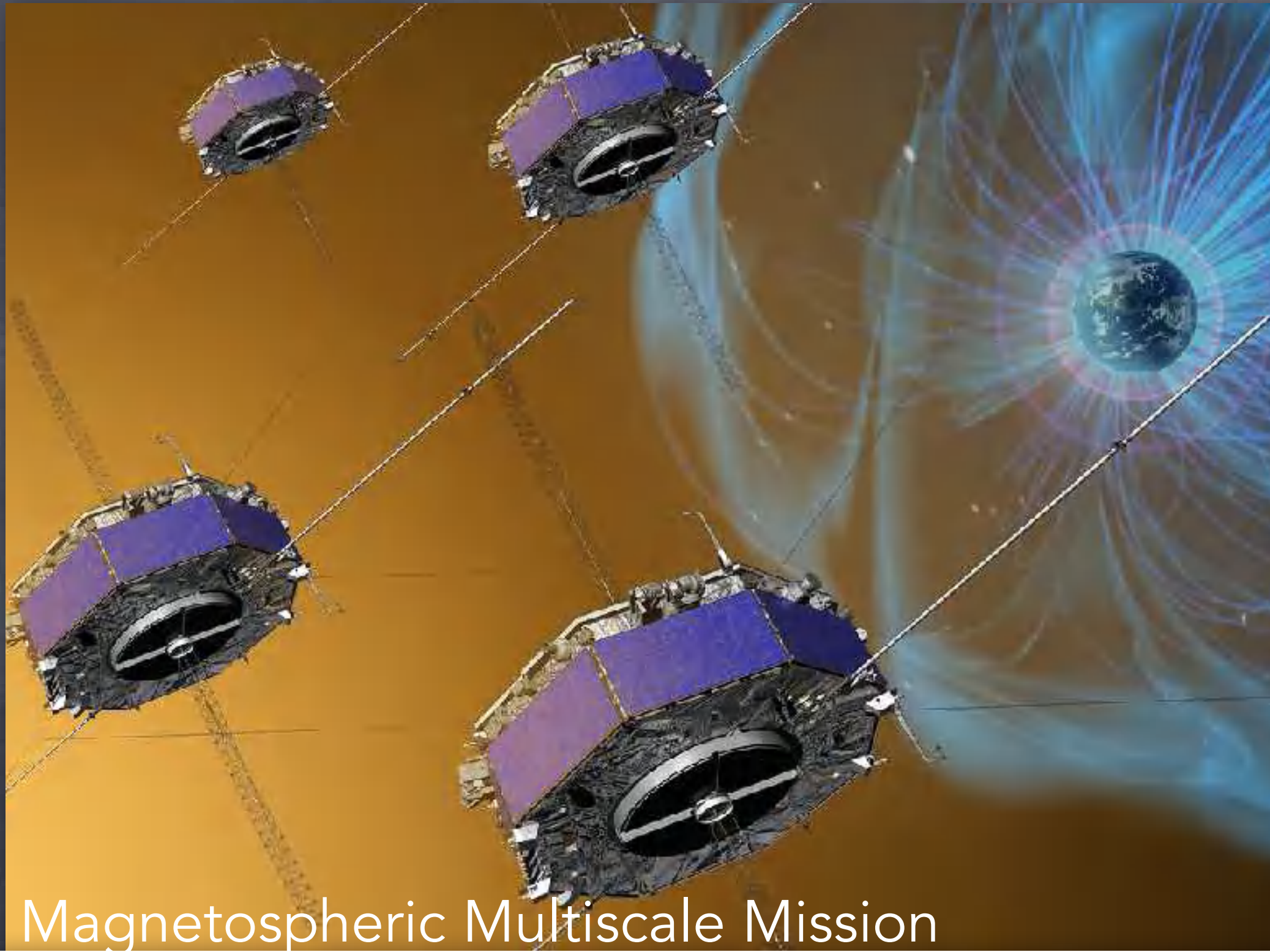
B amplification and ion acceleration where the shock is **parallel**

Caprioli-Spitkovsky 14a,b,c

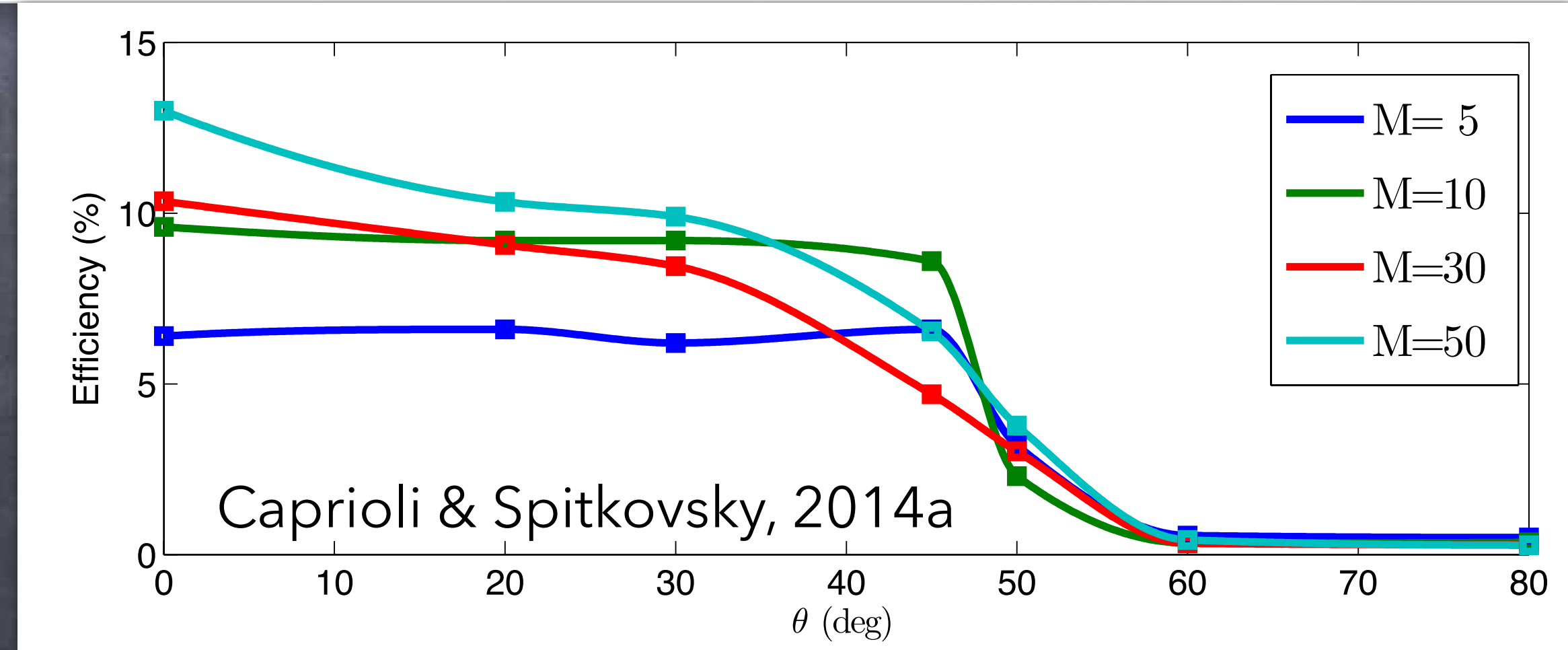
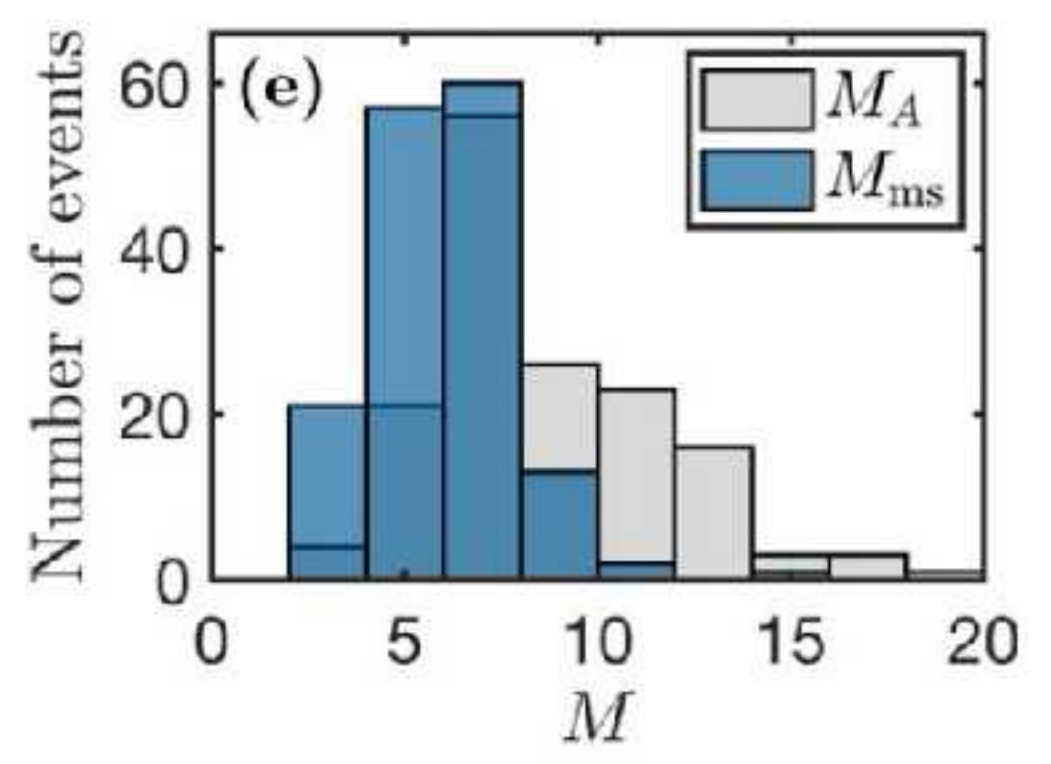
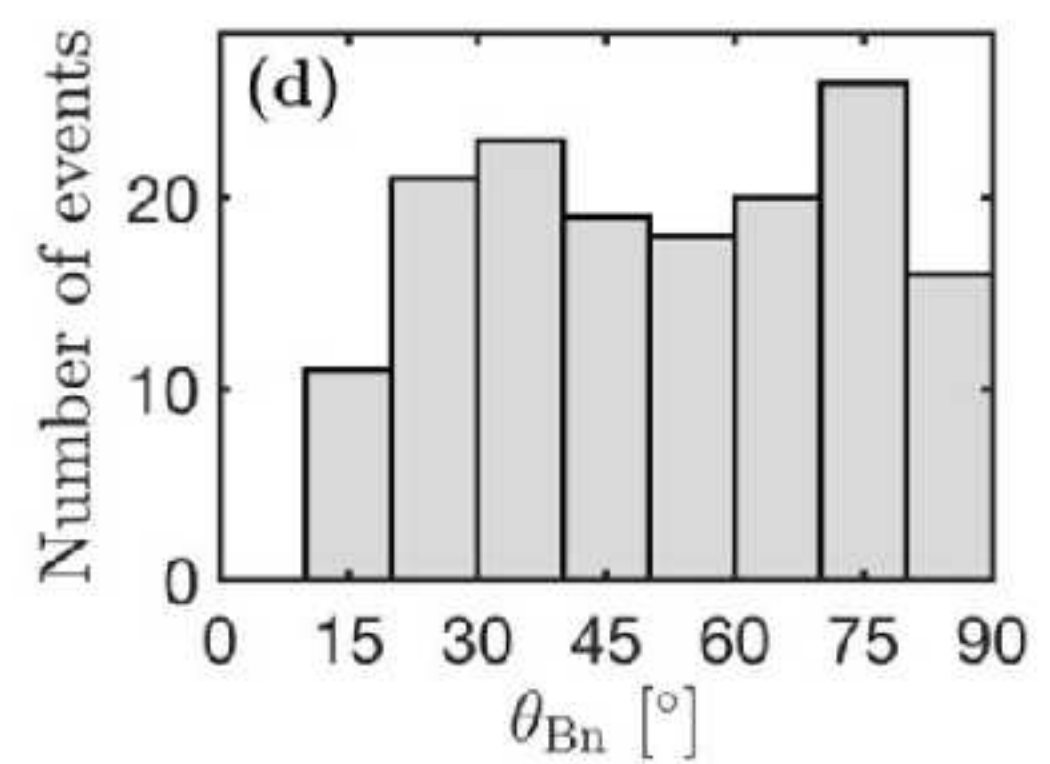
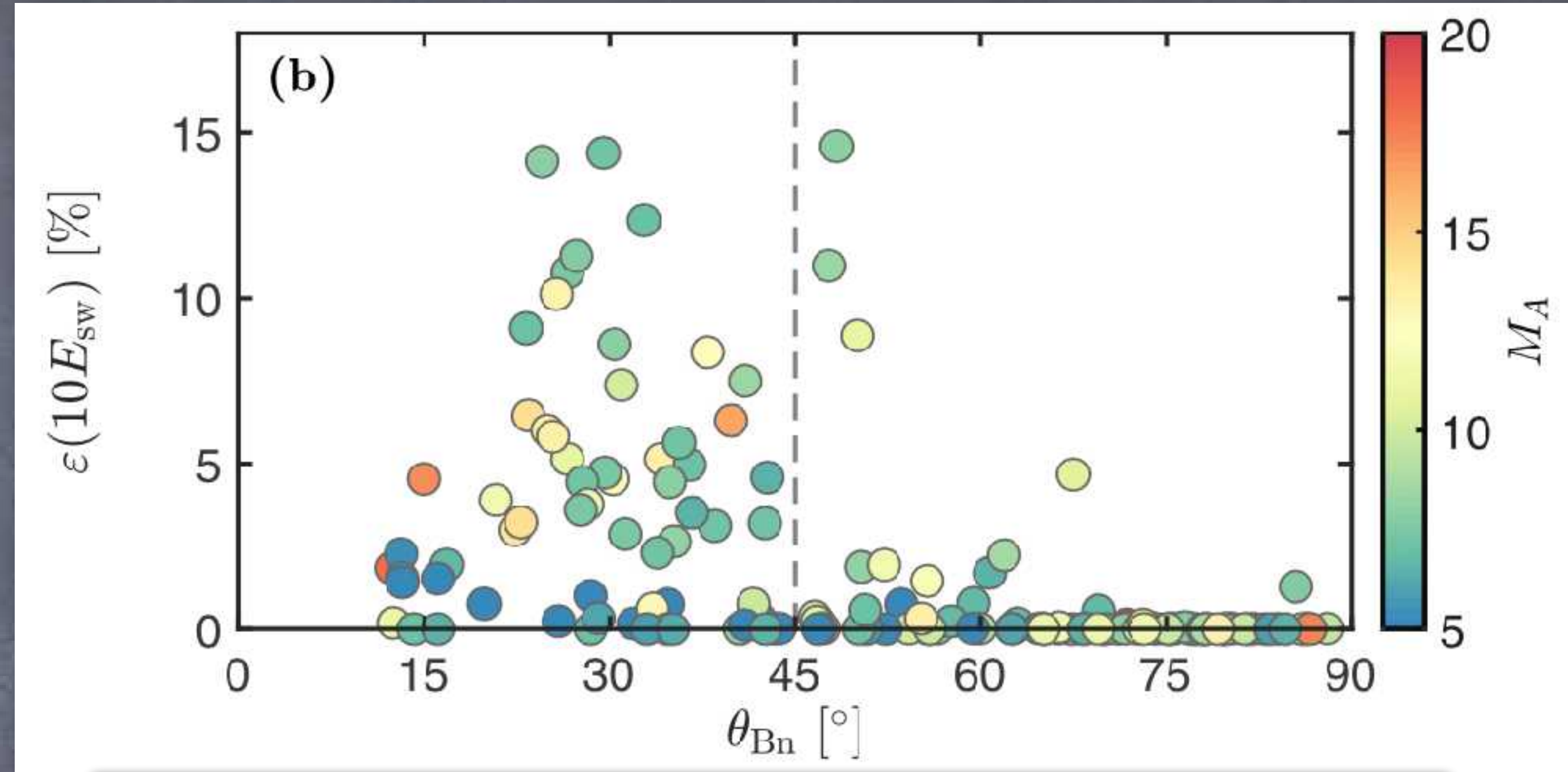


Ion DSA at the Earth Bow Shock

MMS confirms that DSA is efficient at quasi-parallel shocks (Johlander+21)



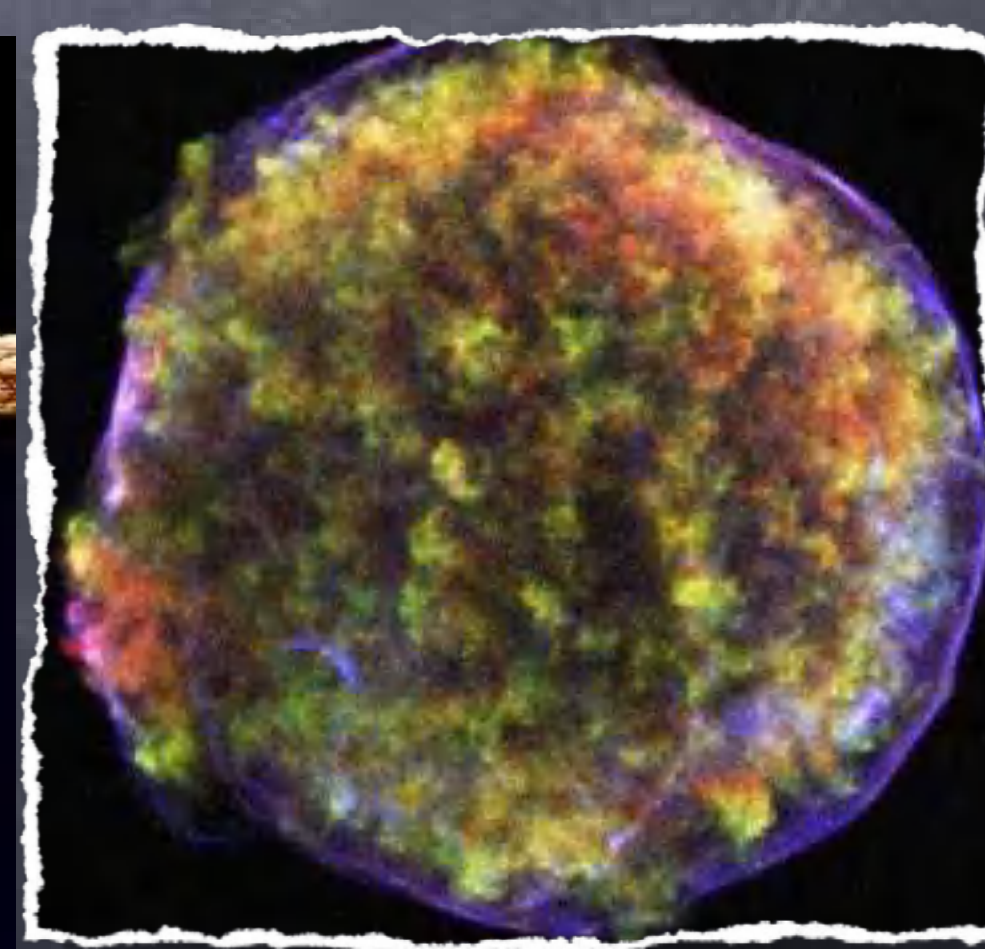
Magnetospheric Multiscale Mission





Theory vs Observations

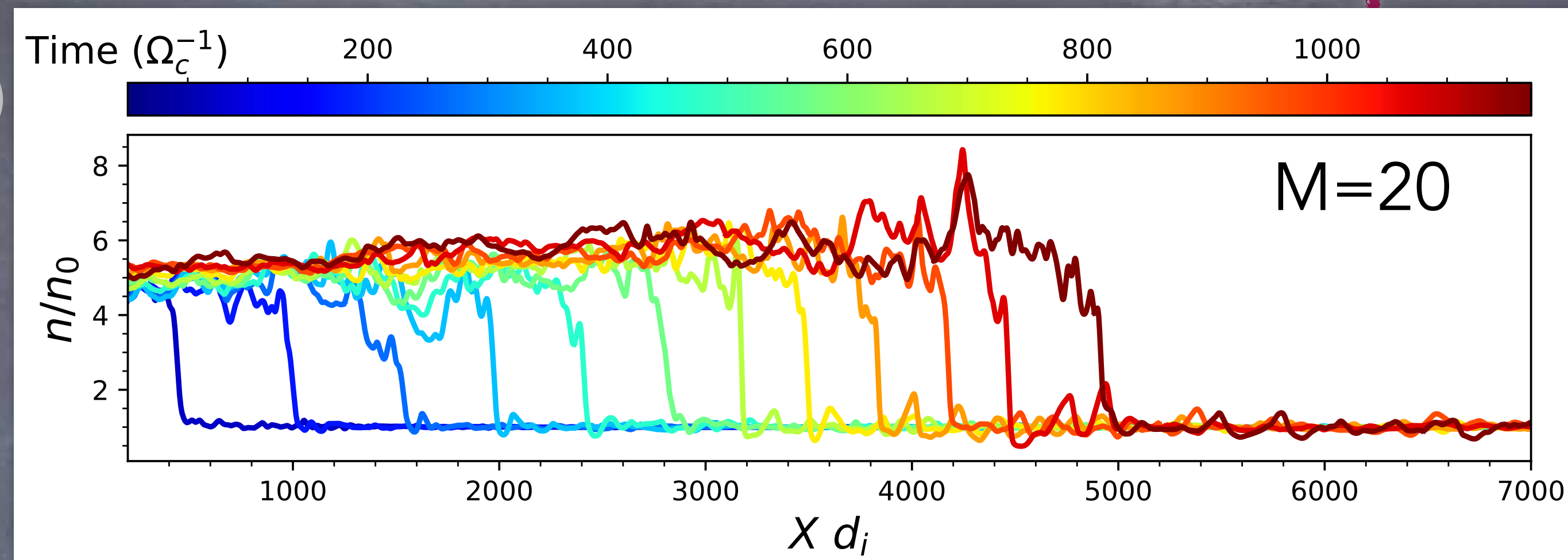
- **Efficient DSA** (Drury 1983, Jones & Ellison 1991, Malkov & Drury 2001,...) should return:
 - Compression ratios $R > 4$;
 - CR spectra flatter than p^{-4} (flatter than E^{-2} for relativistic particles)
- **Observations**, instead, point to significantly steeper spectra:
 - Hadronic γ -rays from historical and middle-age SNRs: $q \sim 4.3 - 4.7$ (e.g., Caprioli11,12; Aharonian+19);
 - Synchrotron emission from radio SNe: $q \sim 5$ (e.g., Chevalier & Fransson06, Bell+11, Margutti+18, ...);
 - Propagation of Galactic CRs suggests source spectra with $q \sim 4.3 - 4.4$ (e.g., Blasi-Amato11a,b; Evoli+19).





CR-modified Shocks: Enhanced compression!

- Hybrid simulations (Haggerty & Caprioli20)
- Q -par shocks: ion acceleration efficient
- R increases with time, up to ~ 6

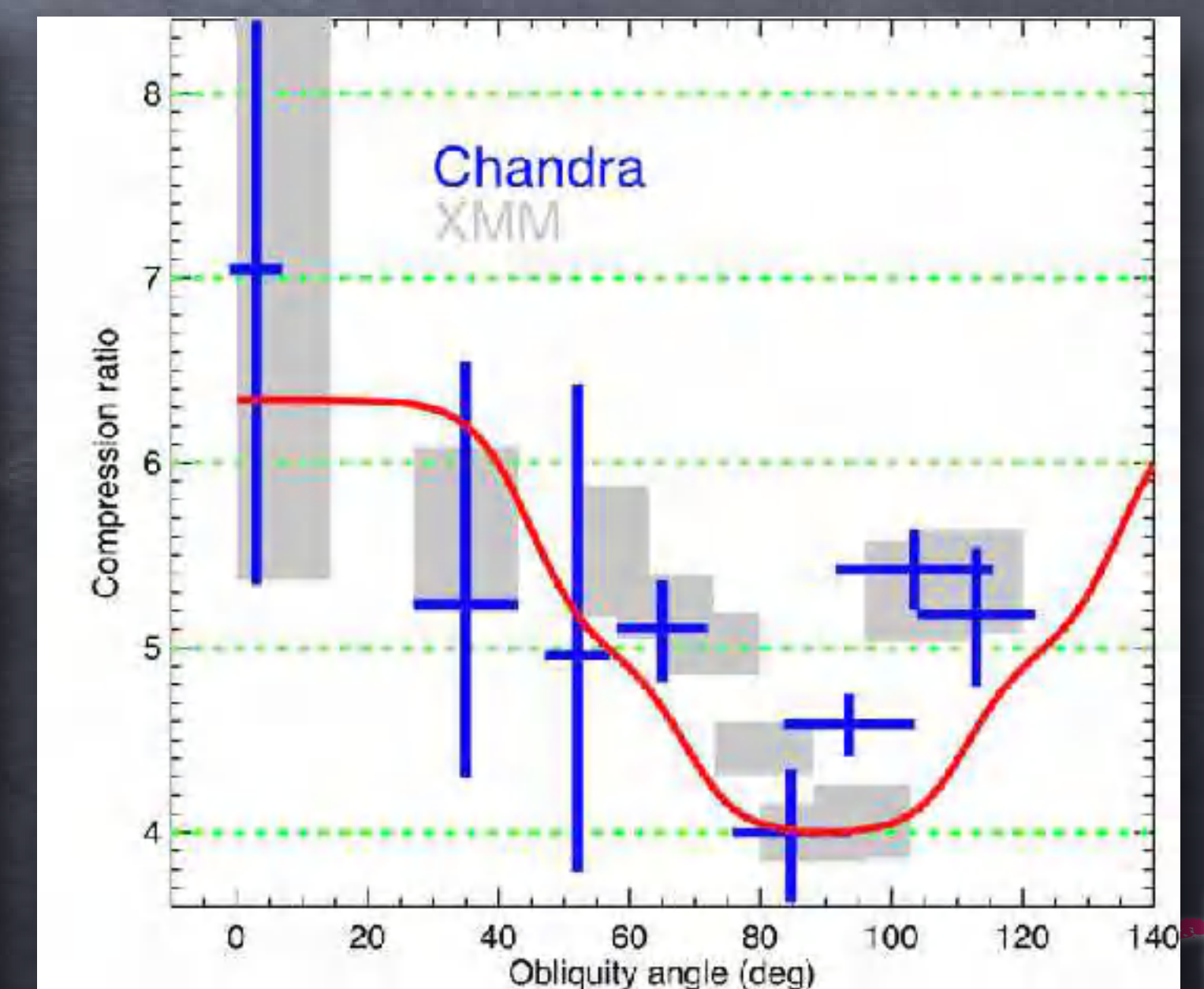
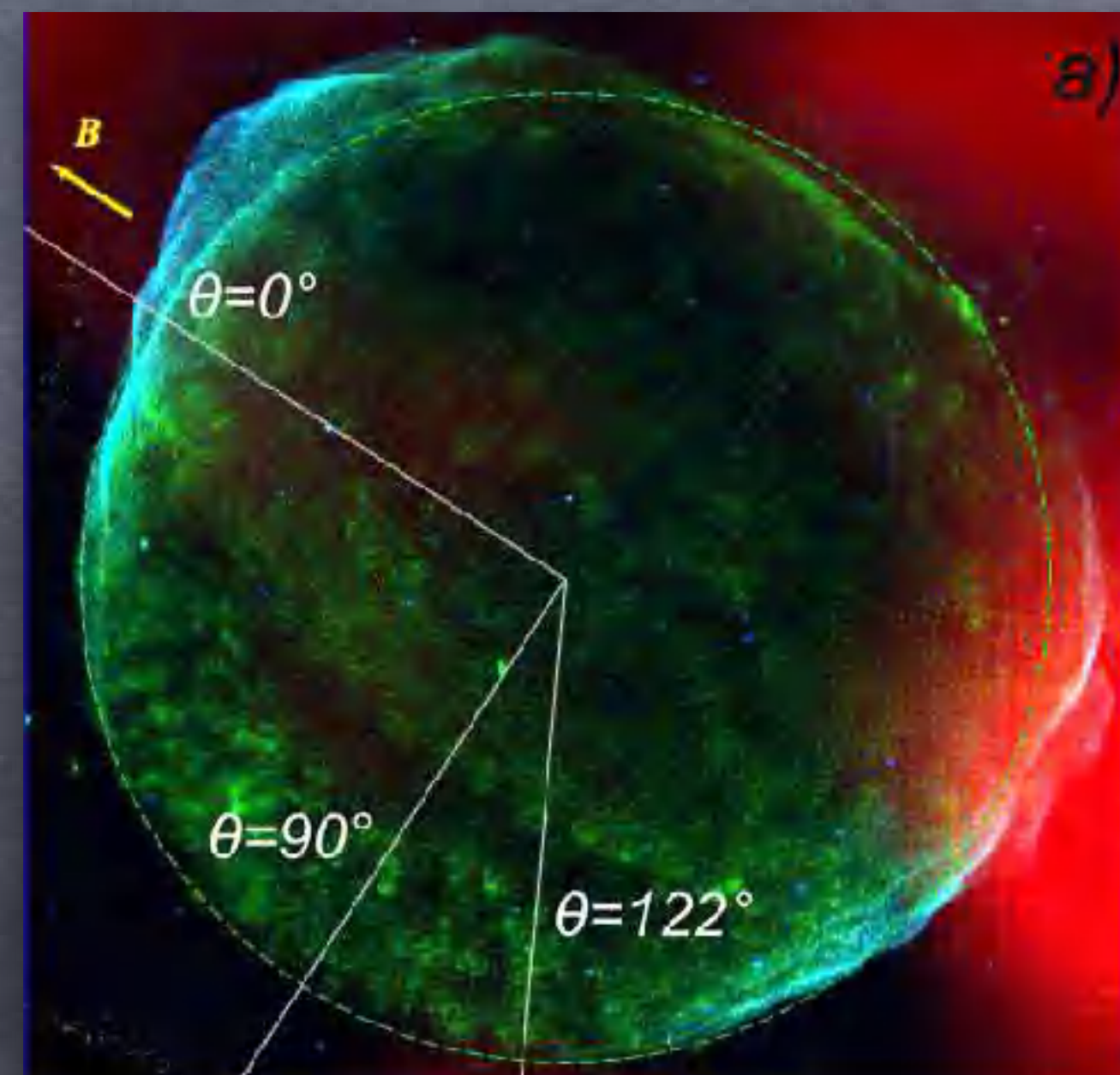


- In **SN1006**: $R \sim 4 - 7$, modulated with the azimuth/shock inclination (Giuffrida+22, NatCom)

However,

- if $R \simeq 7 \rightarrow q_{\text{expected}} \simeq 3.5$
- From radio to γ -ray observations:
 $q_{\text{inferred}} \simeq 4.3$

A challenge to DSA theory!





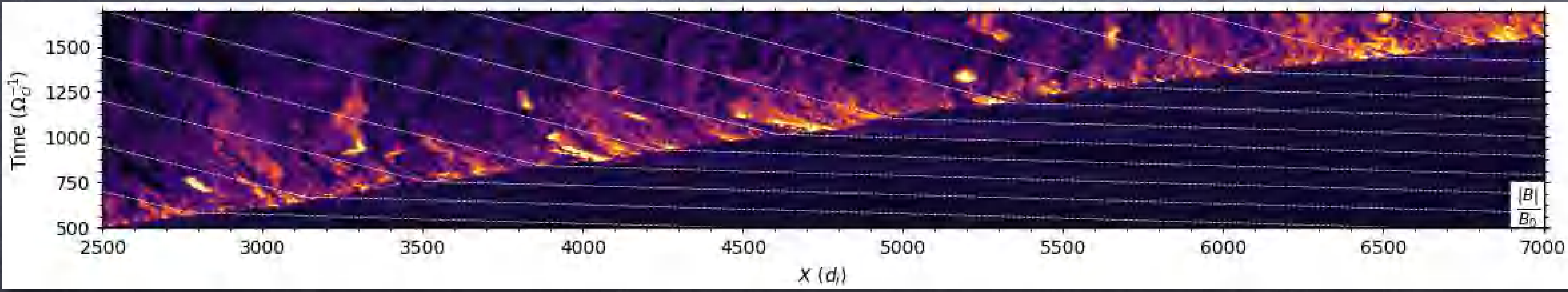
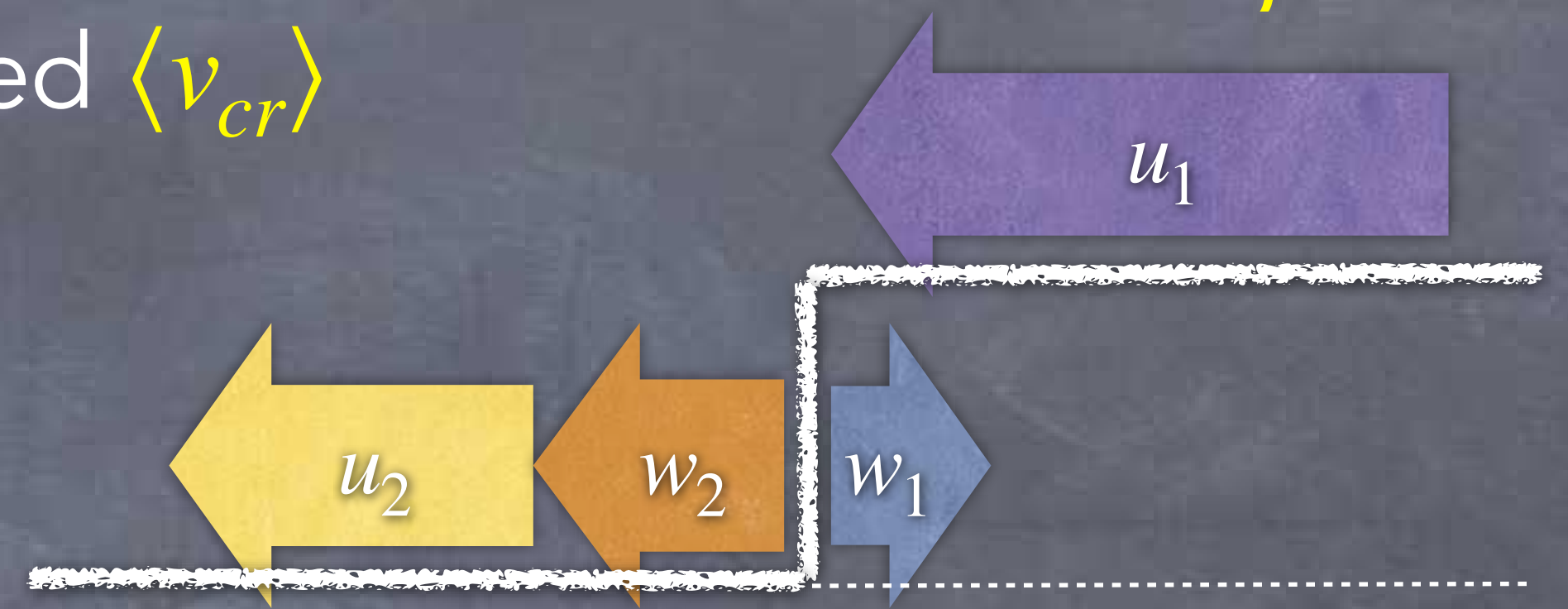
The Role of Amplified Magnetic Fields

- CRs feel an **effective** compression $R_{cr} = \frac{u_1 + w_1}{u_2 + w_2}$; $w = \text{wave speed} \approx v_A = \frac{B}{4\pi\rho}$

- We can measure both w and the effective CR speed $\langle v_{cr} \rangle$

- Upstream:** $w_1 \simeq -v_{A,1}(\delta B_1) \ll u_1$

- Downstream:** $\langle v_{cr} \rangle \simeq w_2 \simeq +v_{A,2}(\delta B_2) \equiv \alpha u_2$



Haggerty-Caprioli20

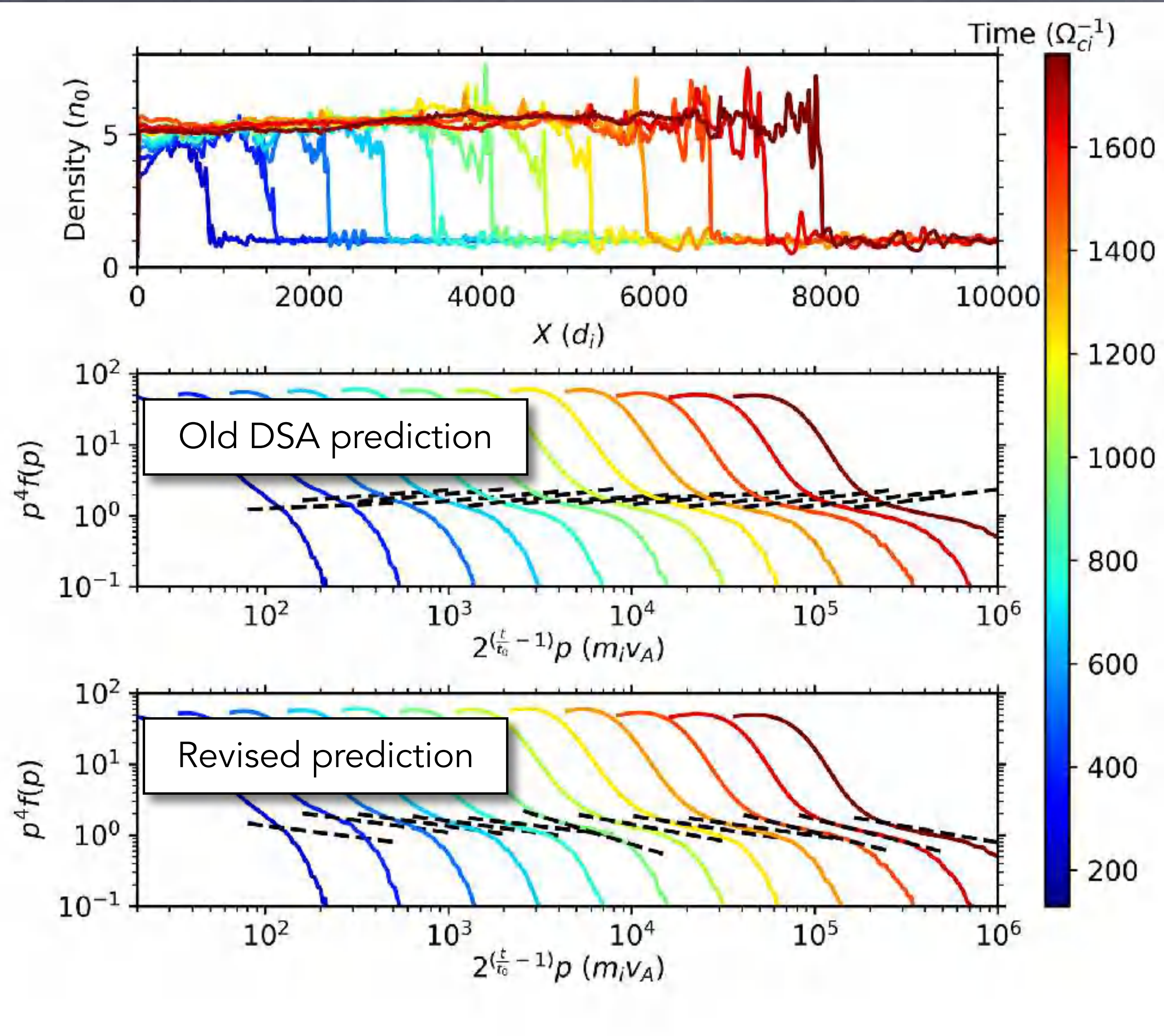
- B fields (and hence CRs) **drift** downstream with respect to the thermal gas

- First evidence of the formation of a **postcursor**

$$R_{cr} \simeq \frac{u_1}{u_2(1 + \alpha)} < R_{gas}$$

- CRs *feel* a compression ratio *smaller* than the gas

A Revised Theory of Diffusive Shock Acceleration



- With the **effective** compression felt by CRs

$$q = \frac{3R_{cr}}{R_{cr} - 1} = \frac{3R_{gas}}{R_{gas} - 1 - \alpha} > q_{DSA}$$

- CRs feel $R_{cr} < R_{gas}$: the power-law index is *not universal*, but depends on the (CR-produced) B field
- Ab-initio* explanation for the **steep spectra** observed in SNRs
- Works also for **SN1006!**

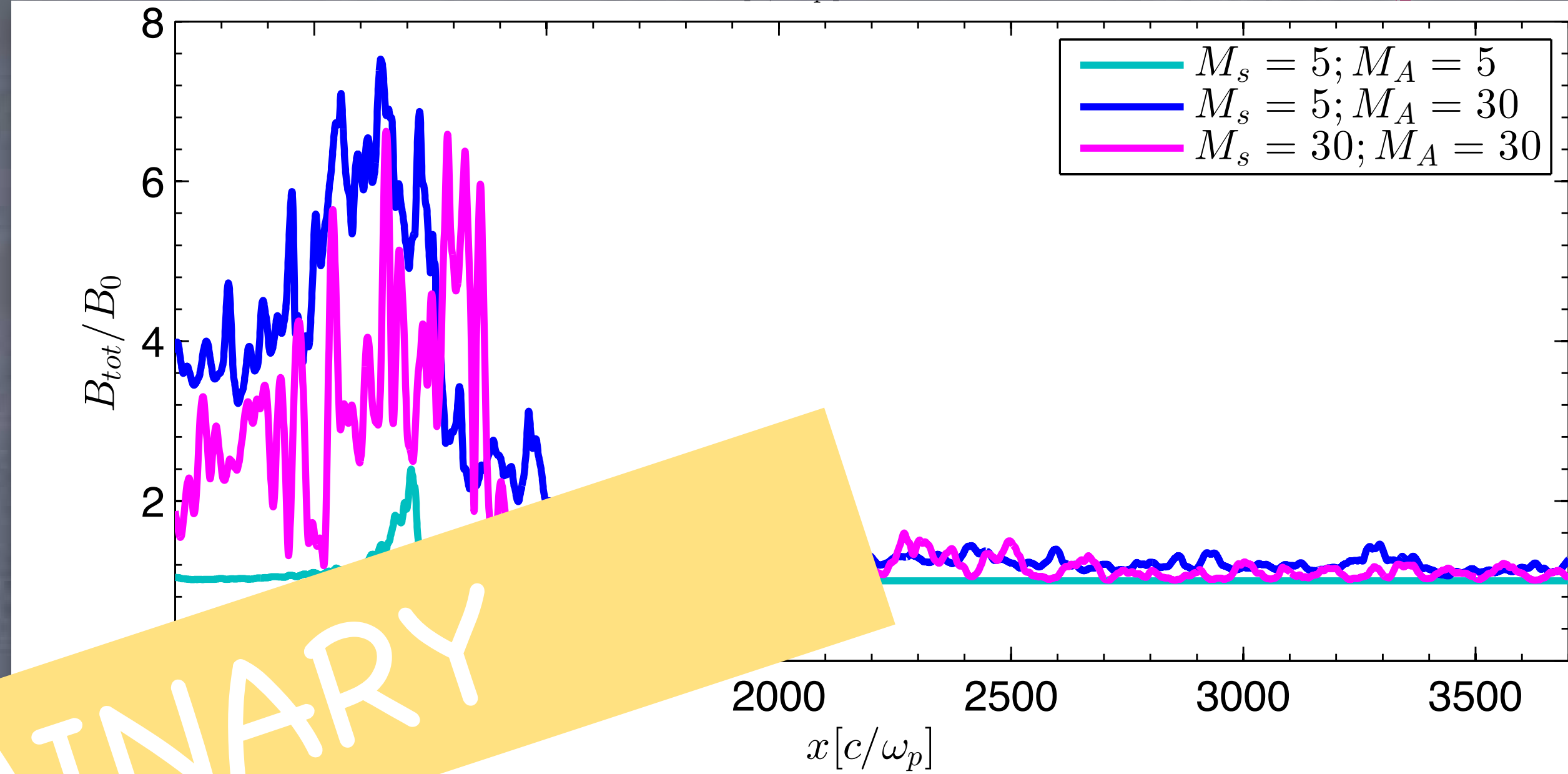
More towards **ICM** shocks



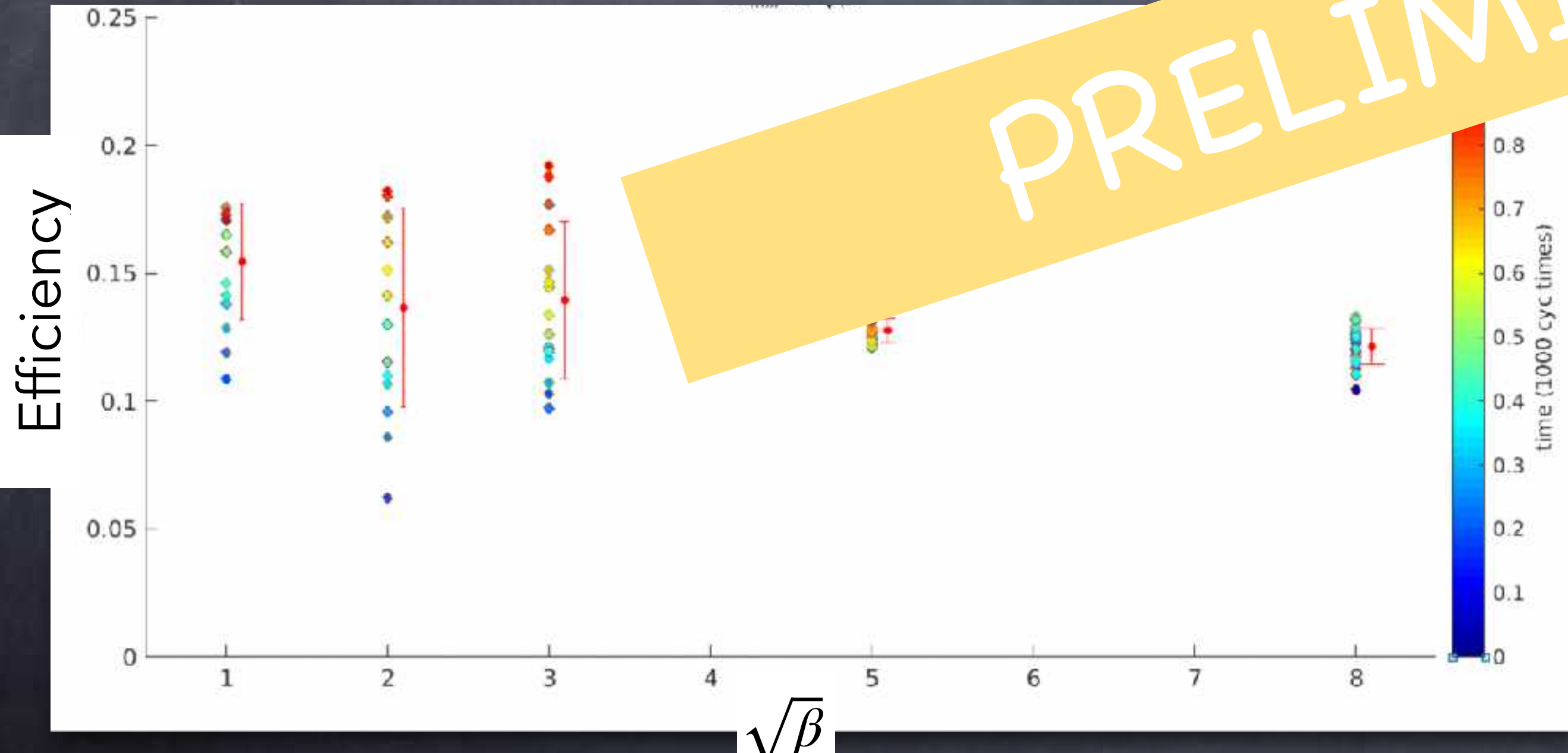
Shocks in high- β plasmas

- The sonic Mach # M_s controls shock dynamics (R) and CR spectrum
- The Alfvénic Mach # M_A controls magnetic field amplification

Magnetic fields are amplified also in high- β plasmas!



PRELIMINARY



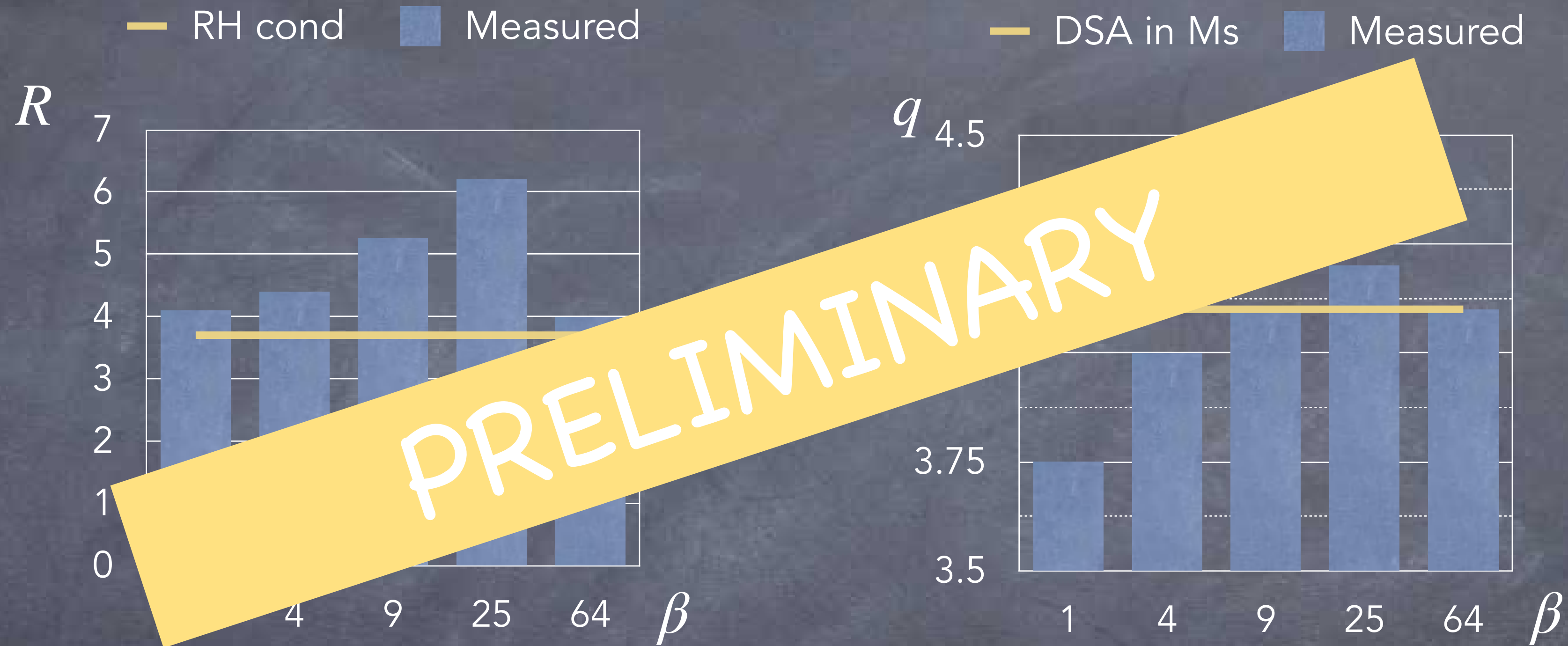
- Shocks with low M and high β (with UChicago undergrad Mayur Sharma)
- Efficiency still $\sim 10\%$ for q-par $M = 5$, independent of $\beta \lesssim 100$

in prog.



NLDSA in high- β shocks

- Q-par shocks with $M = 5$ and different β



- While R always increases, slope remains closer to DSA prediction
 - Enhanced compression makes spectra flatter, while postcursor makes spectra steeper
- Modification correlates with B amplification:
 - Larger β (smaller M_A) means larger B , until β is so large that B damping kicks in

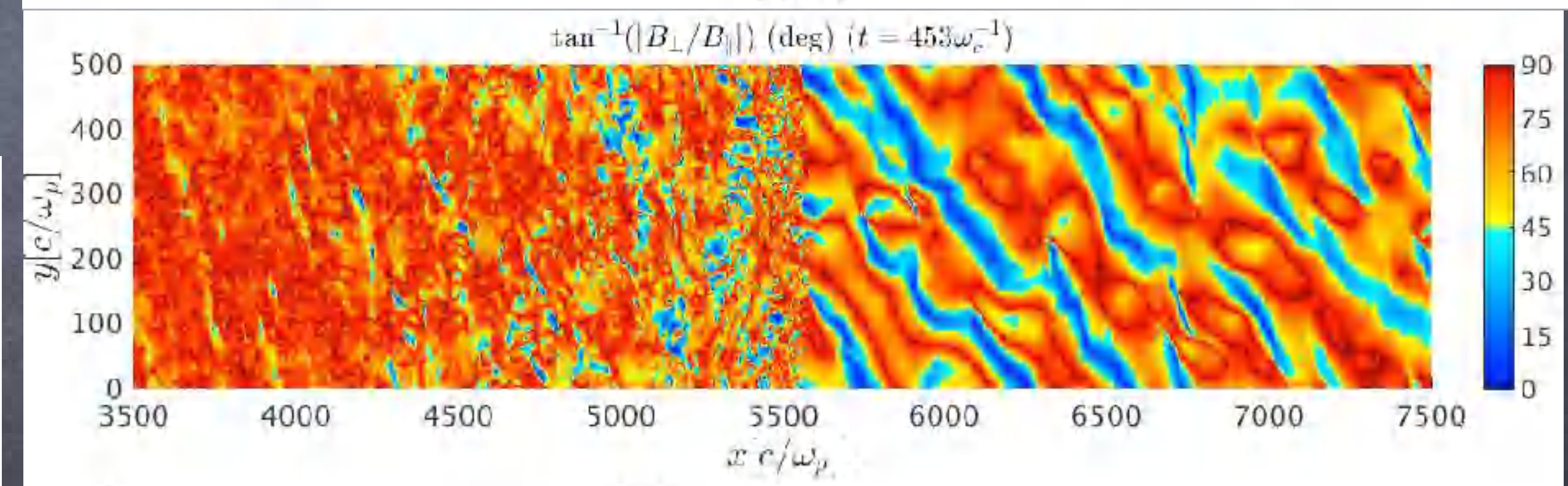
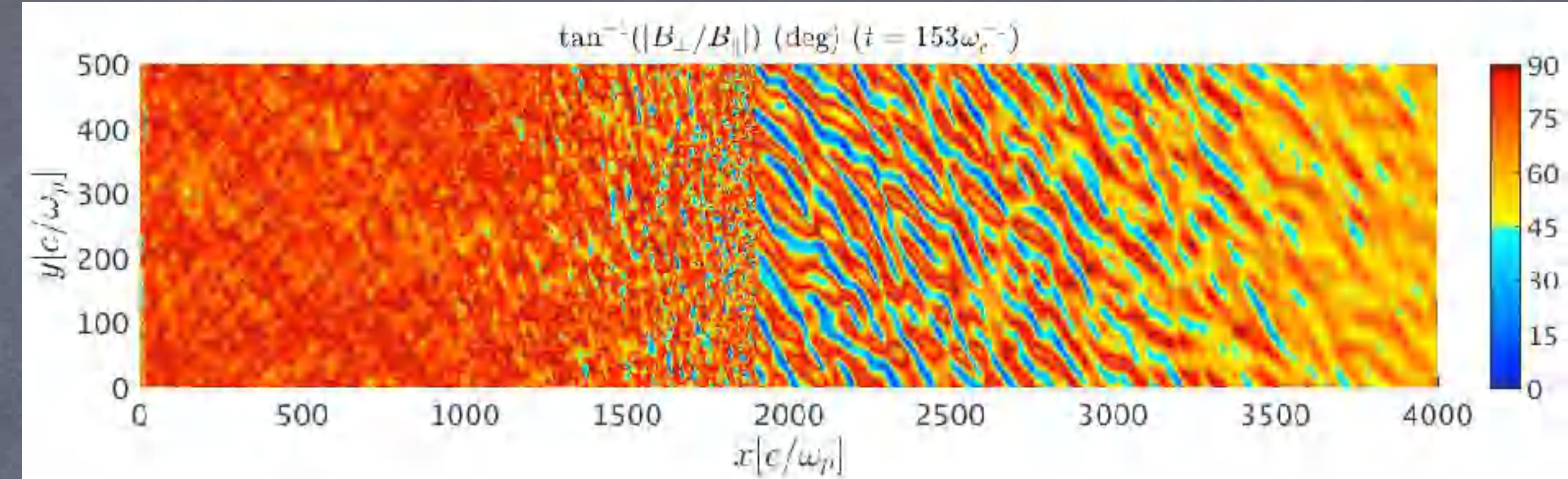
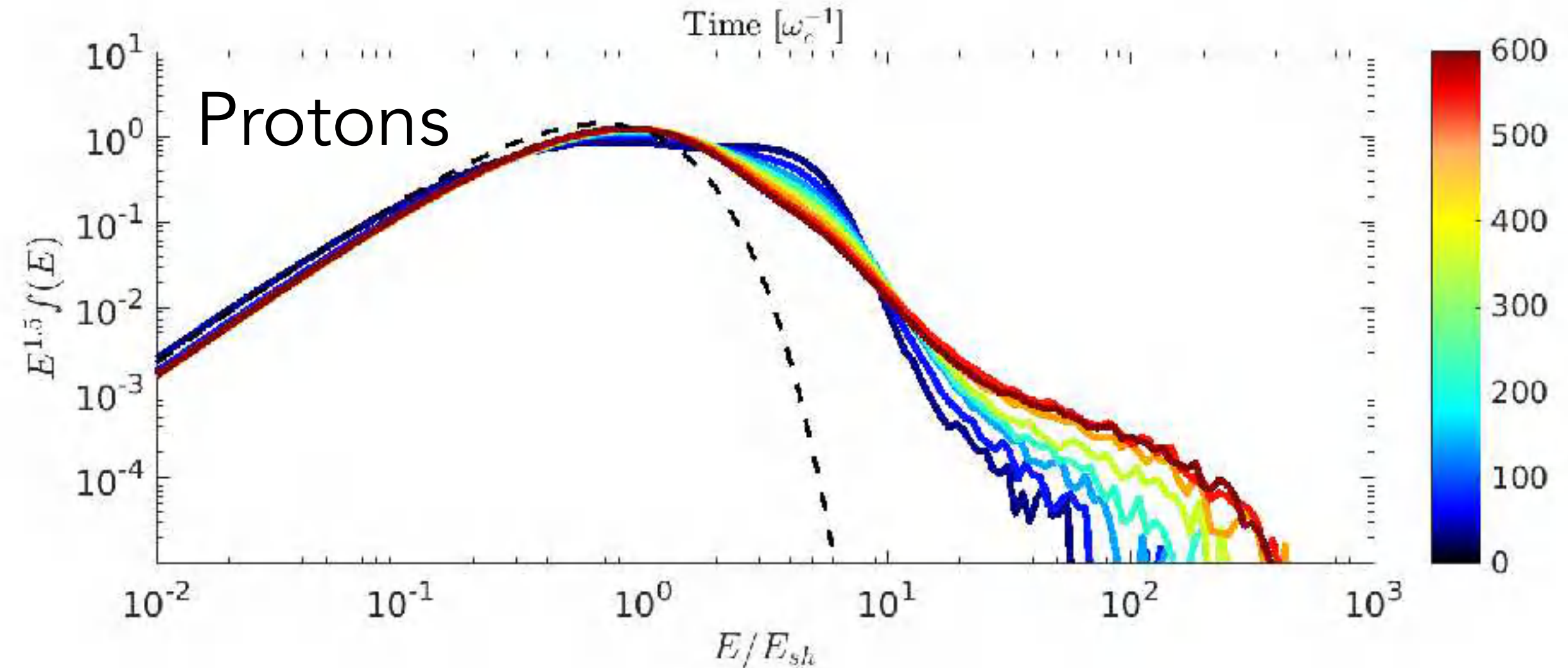
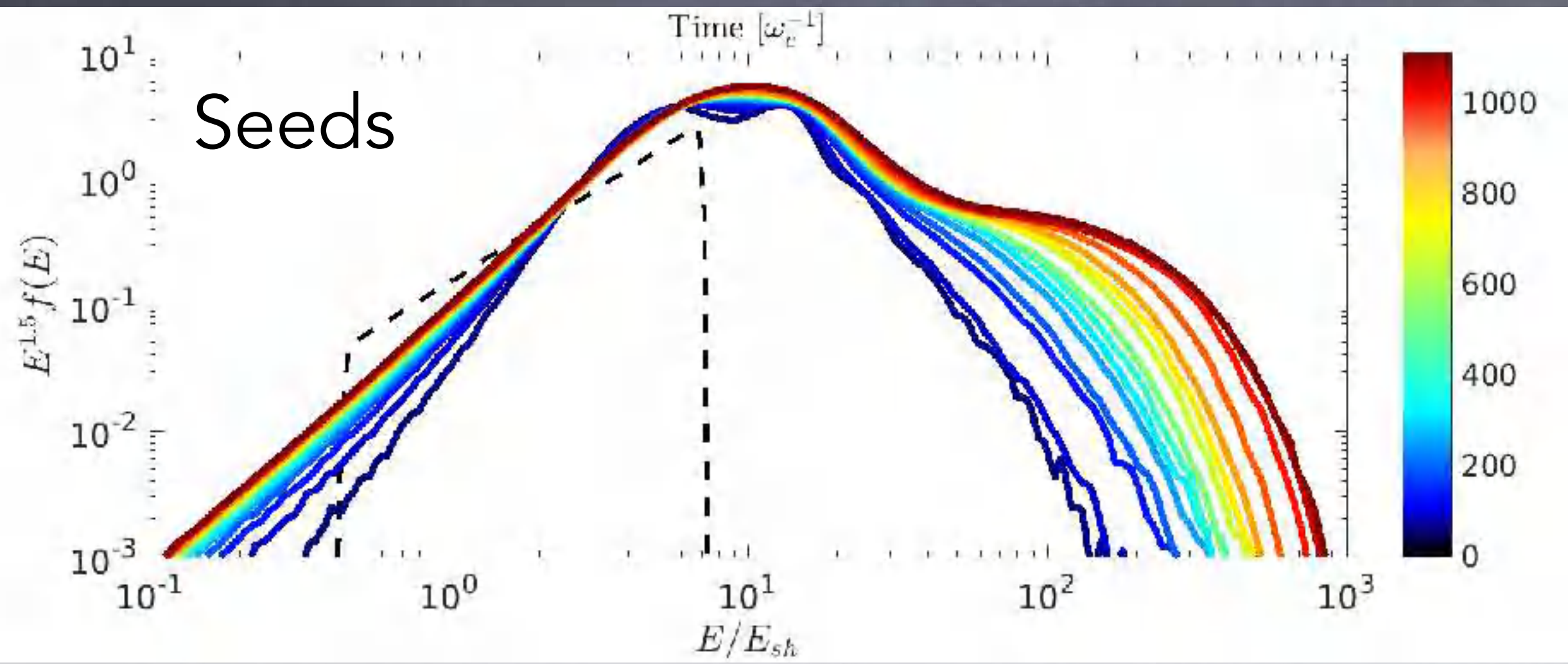
What if there are already
energetic particles (**seeds**)?



Diffusive Shock **Re**-Acceleration

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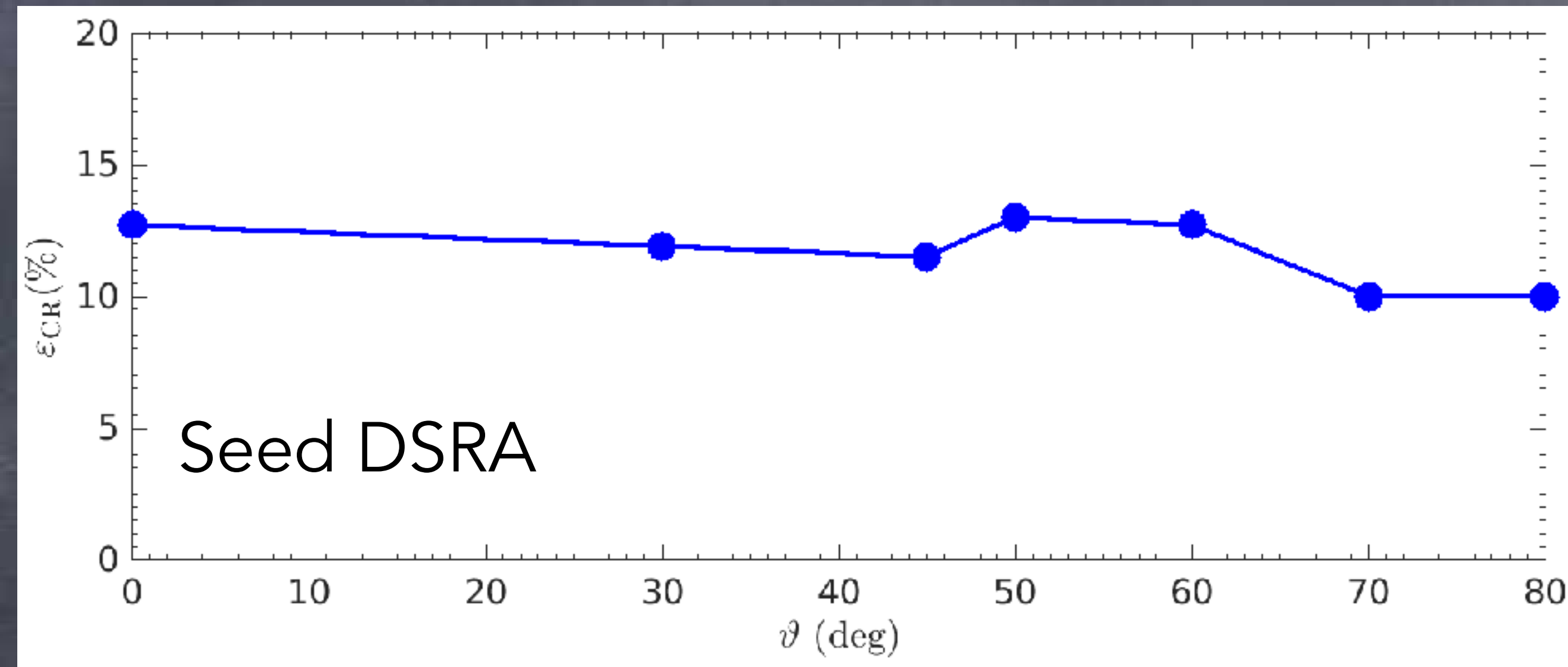
- Seeds are effectively **reflected** at the shock, **amplify** the upstream B, and undergo DSA: **DSRA!**



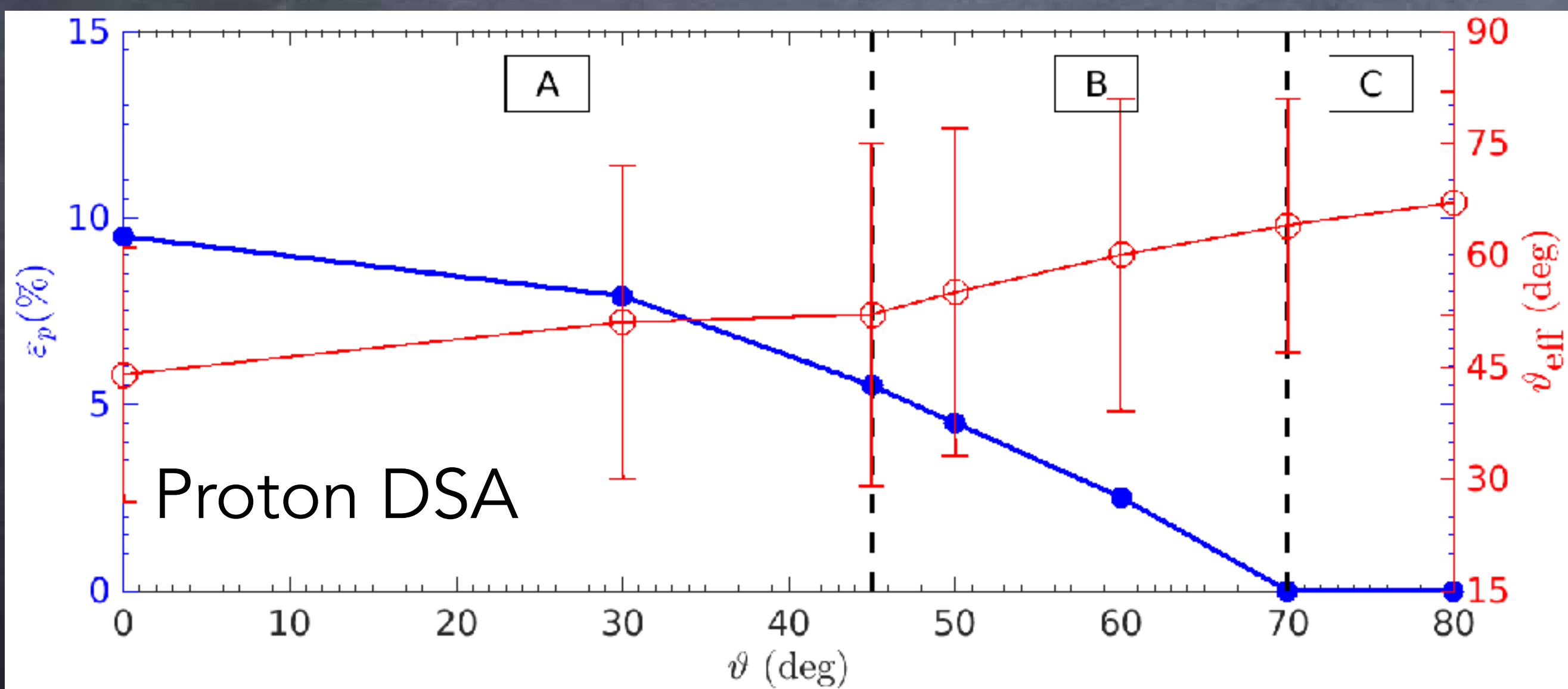
B-amplification opens up **quasi-parallel patches** at the shock where **protons** can be **injected**



DSRA & DSA Efficiencies



- Seed DSRA **independent of ϑ** , about 4x the initial CR energy density
- Absolute efficiency depends on seed energy density
- Also **electrons** can be reaccelerated!

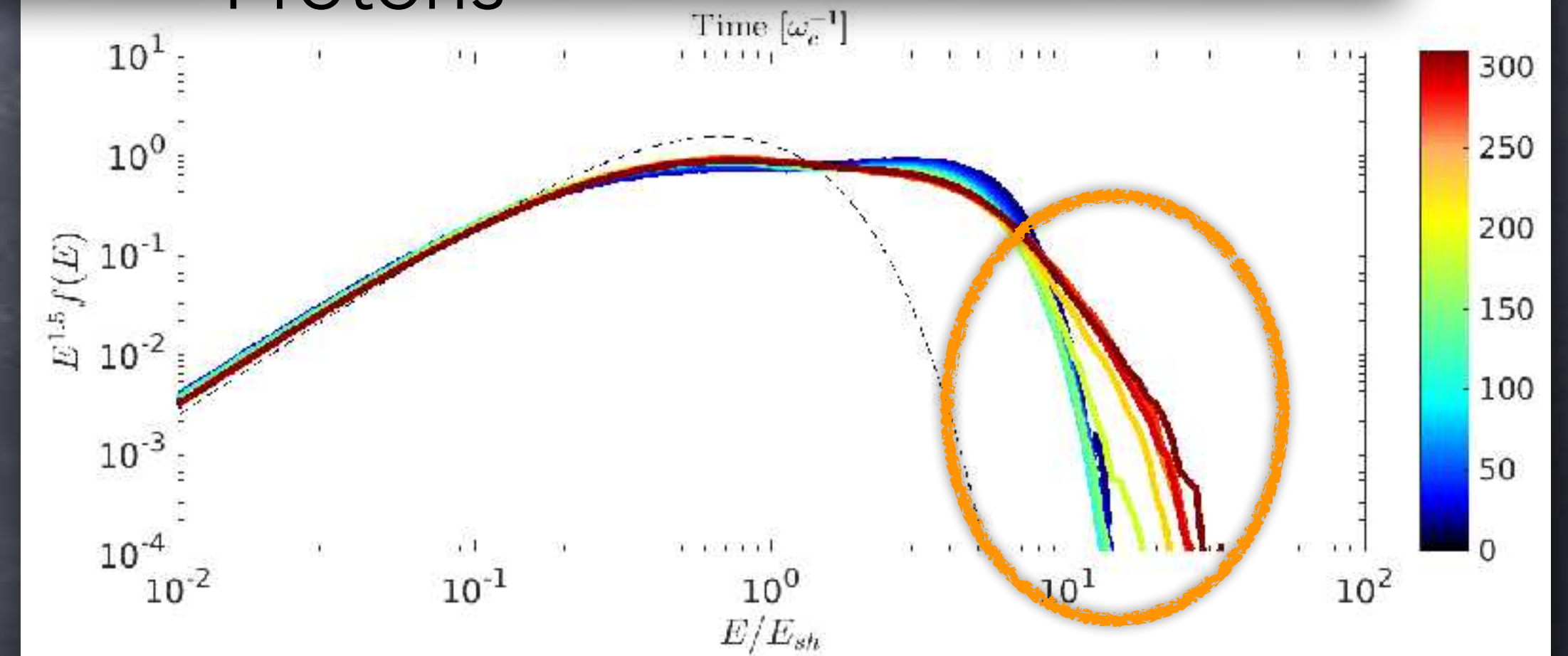
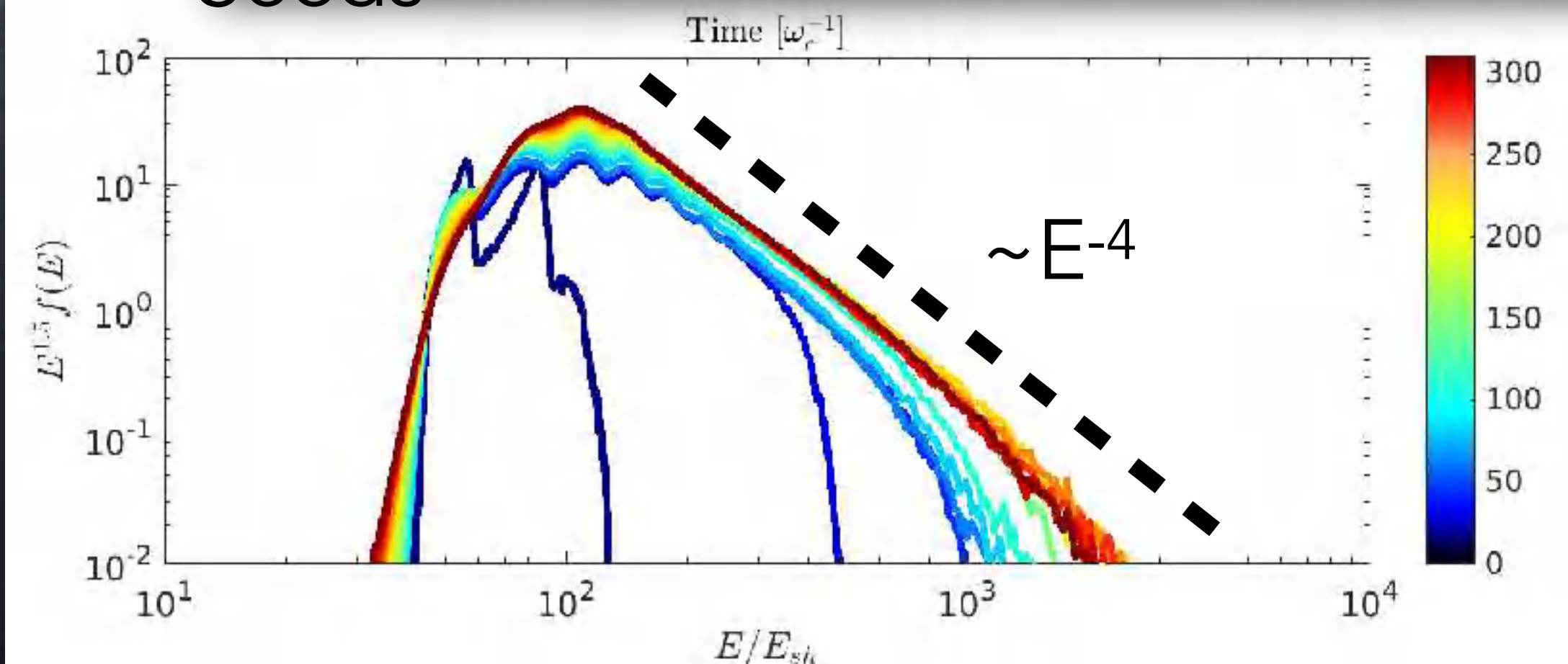
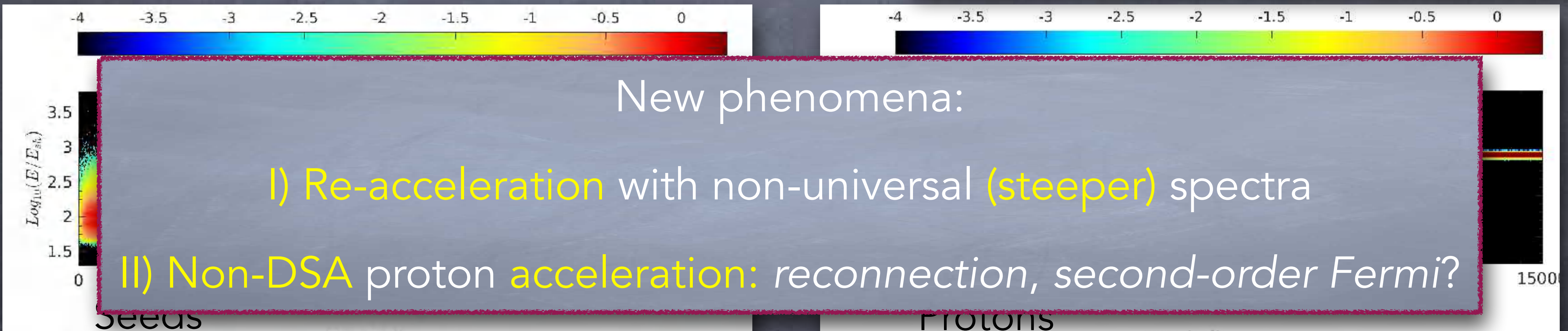
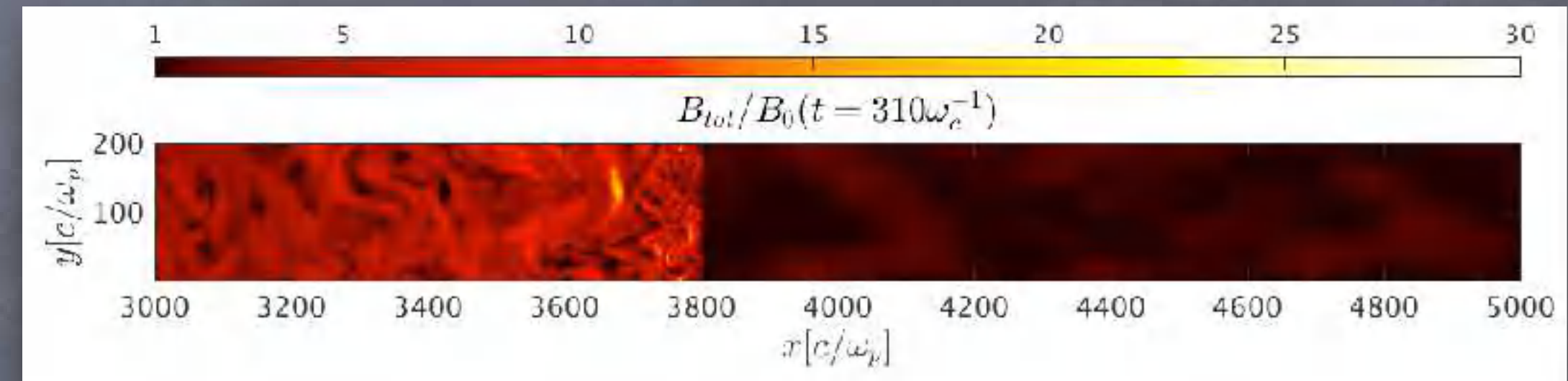


- A ($\vartheta < 45^\circ$): Same proton efficiency
- B ($45^\circ < \vartheta < 70^\circ$): Boosted to **few %**
- C ($\vartheta > 70^\circ$): No proton DSA



Quasi-Perpendicular SEEDED Shocks

- $\vartheta=80^\circ$ quasi-perp shock with seeds $E_{CR}=3E_{sh}$
- Seeds diffuse but their spectrum is **steeper** than DSA
- **Non-thermal** protons only **downstream**



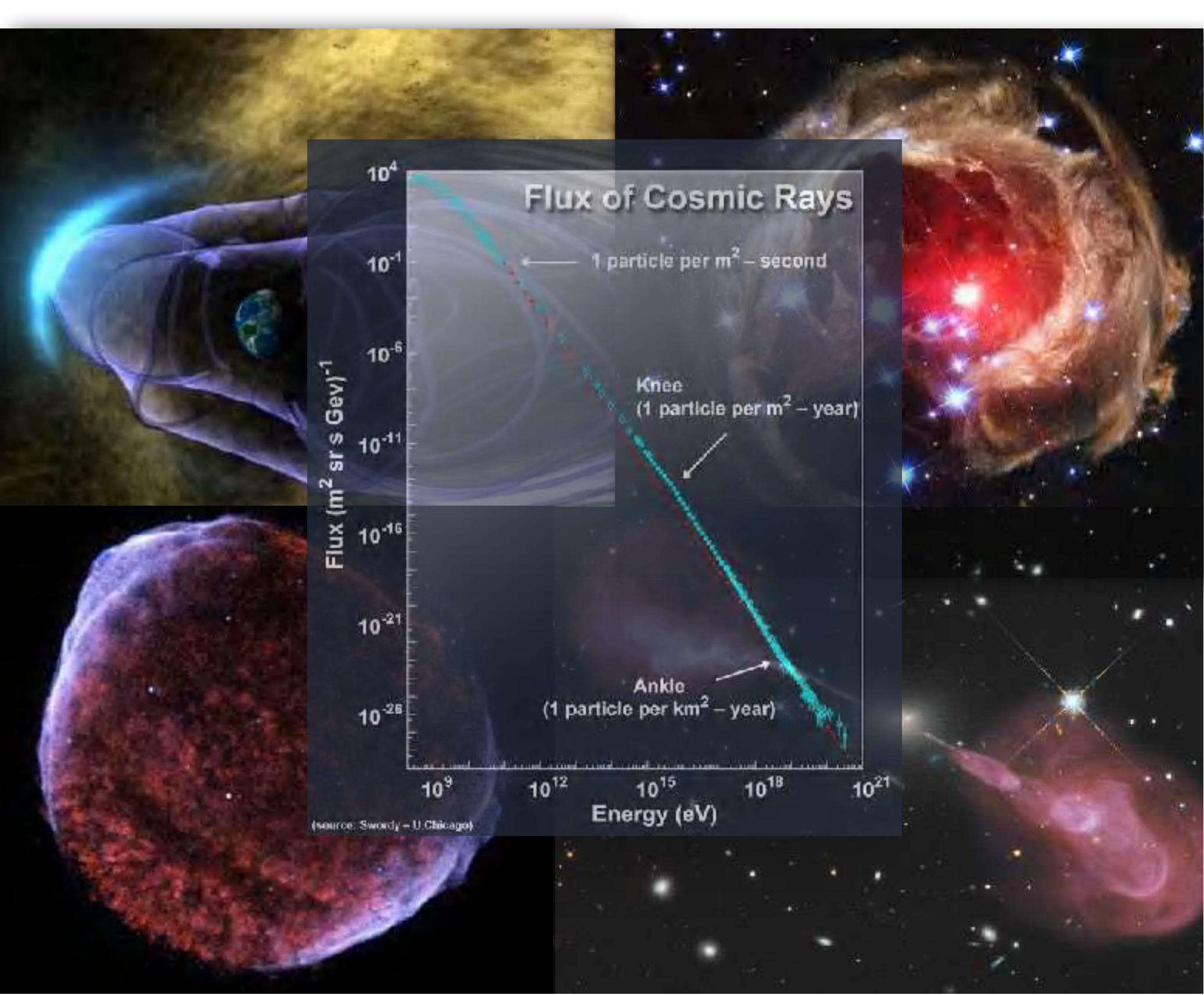
TAKE-AWAY MESSAGES

- Ion DSA is efficient at **quasi-parallel** shocks
- **Non-linear DSA** is important; spectra are **non-universal** and **depend on B**
 - Ion DSA efficiency almost independent of β , $\sim 10\%$ for $M_s \gtrsim 3$
- Reacceleration (**DSRA**) can be important at oblique shocks
 - Non-DSA acceleration at quasi-perpendicular shocks

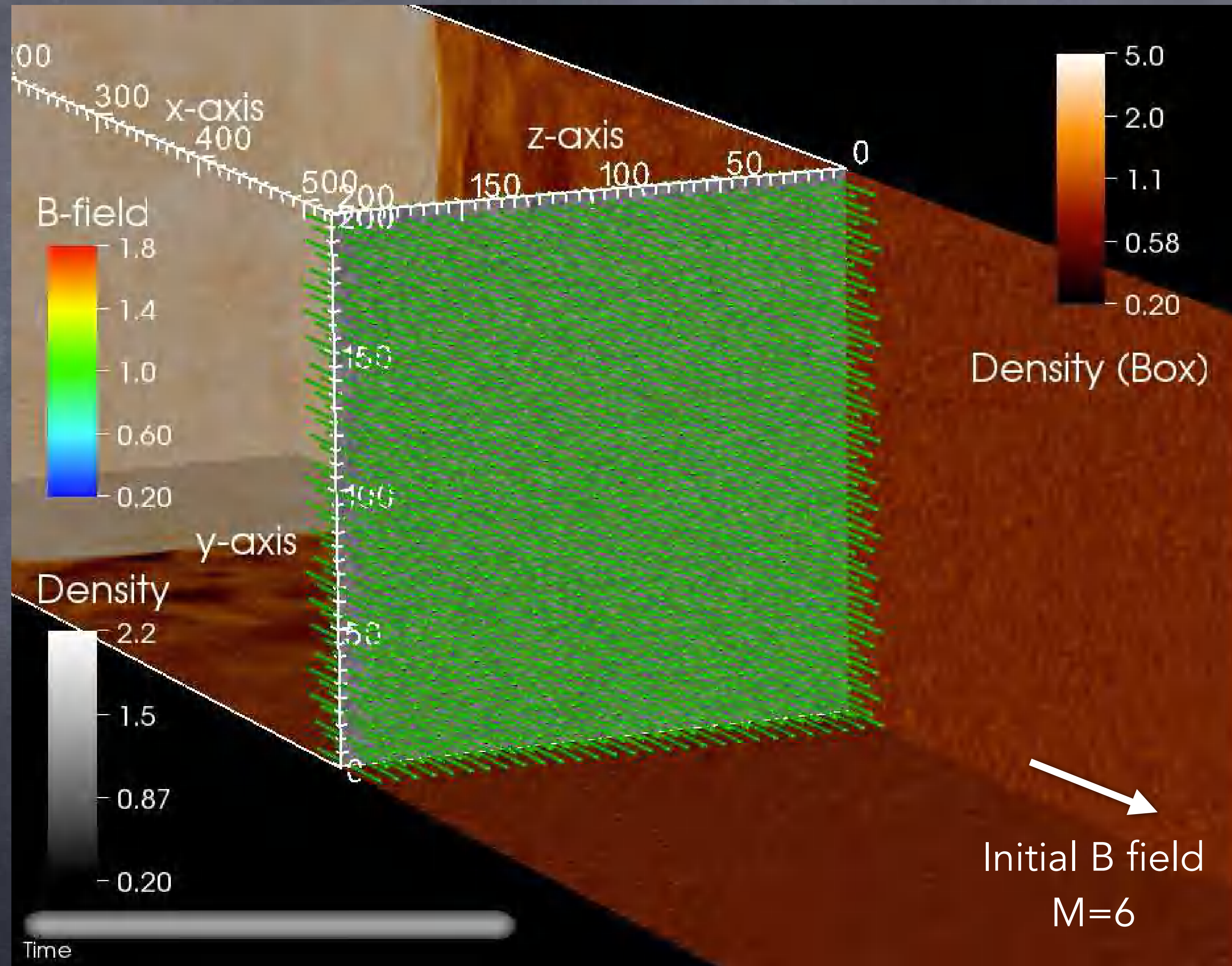
TO DO LIST

- Shocks with $M_s \lesssim 3$
- **Electron** injection and DSA; it may exhibit different trends with ϑ, β, M_s
(Guo+14, Park+15, Xu+20, Shalaby+20, Bohdan+20-22, Morris+22, Gupta & Caprioli in prog...)

MFA and DIFFUSION

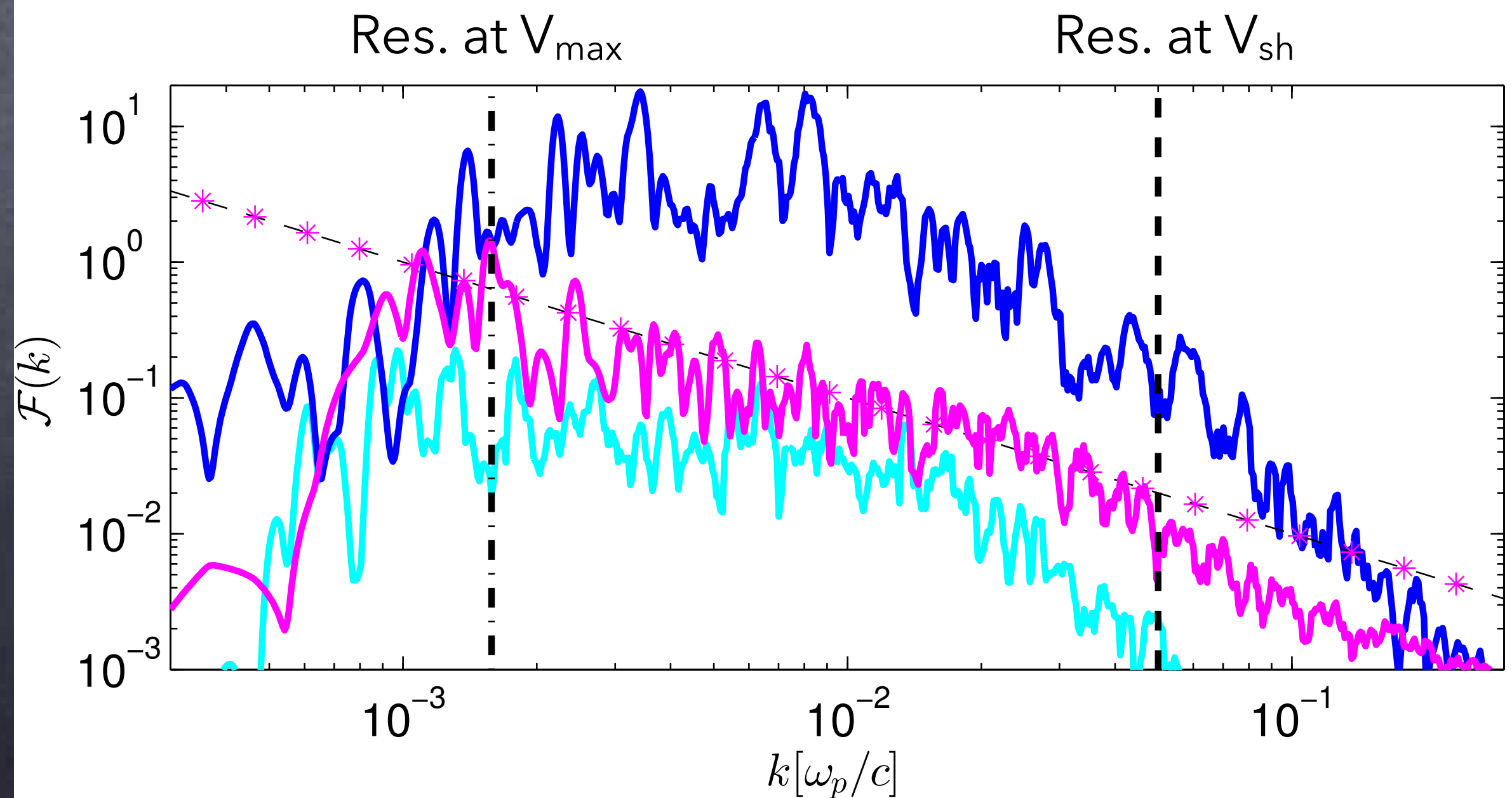
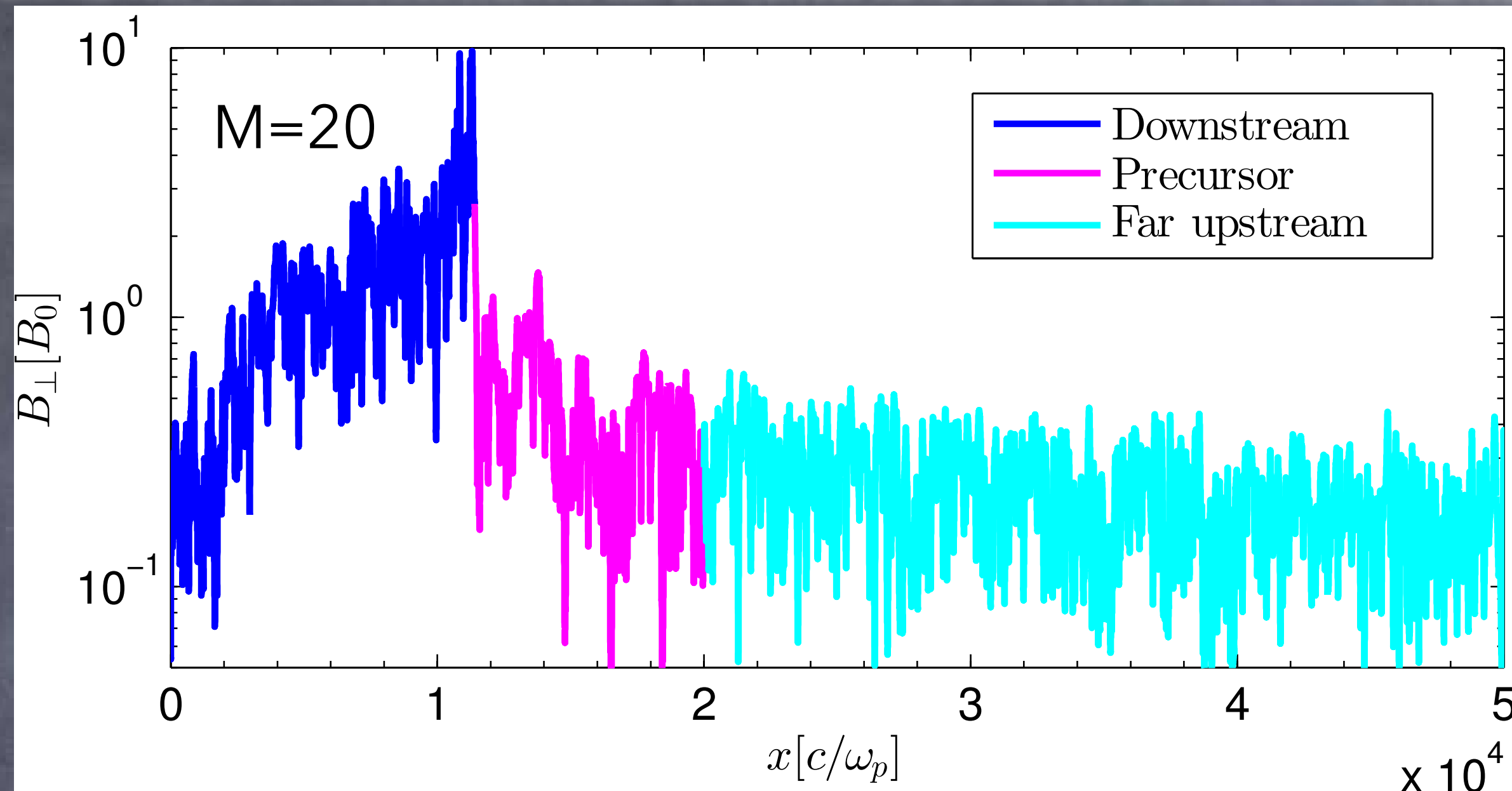


3D simulations of a parallel shock





Magnetic field spectrum



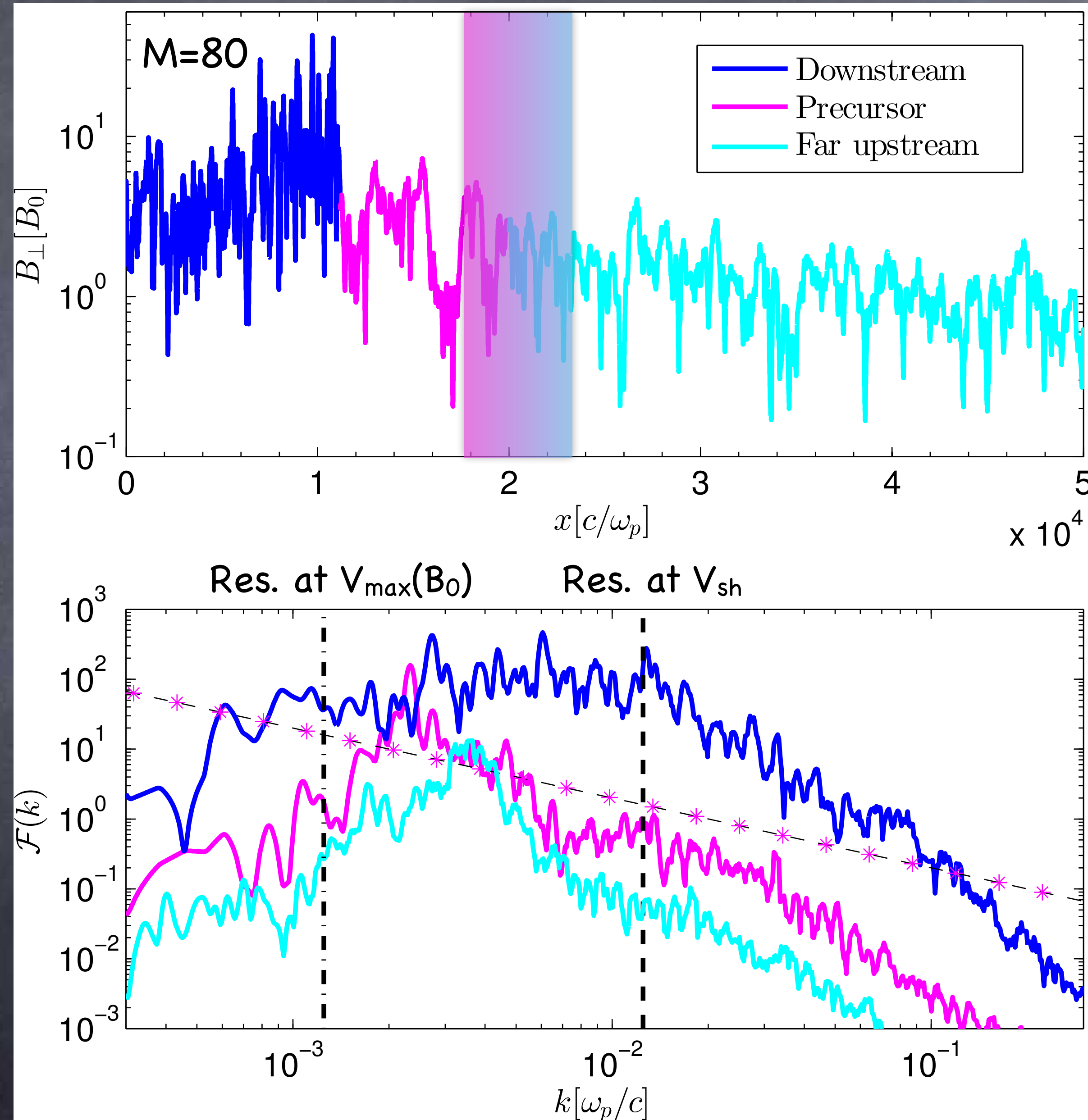
Magnetic energy density per unit logarithmic bandwidth, $\mathcal{F}(k)$

$$\frac{B_{\perp}^2}{8\pi} = \frac{B_0^2}{8\pi} \int_{k_{min}}^{k_{max}} \frac{dk}{k} \mathcal{F}(k)$$

$\mathcal{F}(k) \propto k^{-1}$ for $\omega_c / V_{max} < k < \omega_c / V_{sh}$

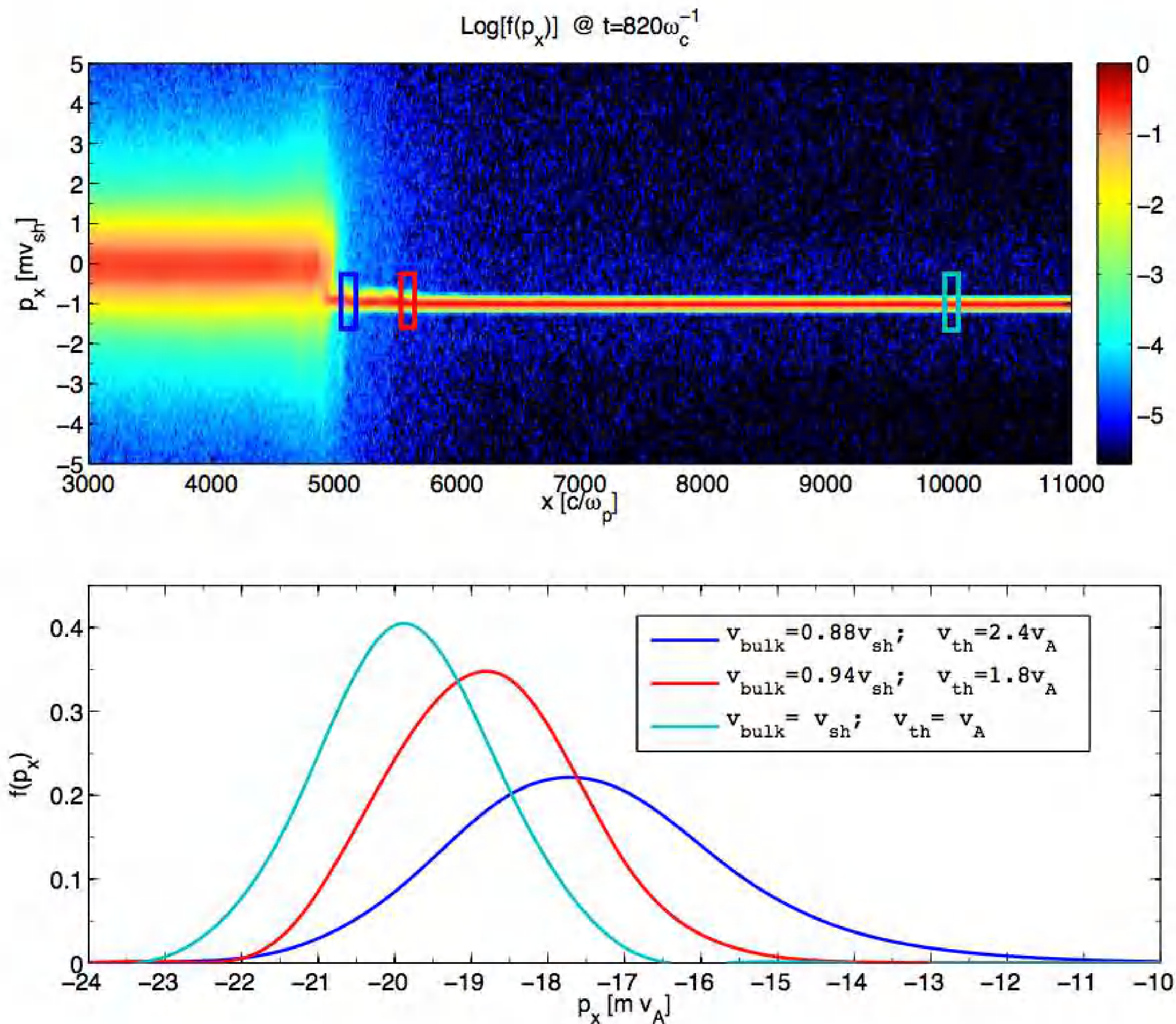
Turbulence self-generated by a spectrum $\propto p^{-4}$

Magnetic field spectrum, high M_A



- **Bell modes** (short-wavelength, right-handed) grow faster than resonant
- **Far upstream**: escaping CRs at $\sim p_{\max}$ (Bell)
- For large $b = \delta B/B_0$
 $k_{\max}(b) \sim k_{\max,0}/b^2$
- There exist a b^* such that $k_{\max}(b^*) r_L(p_{\text{esc}}) \sim 1$
- **Free escape boundary**
- **Precursor**: diffusion + resonant

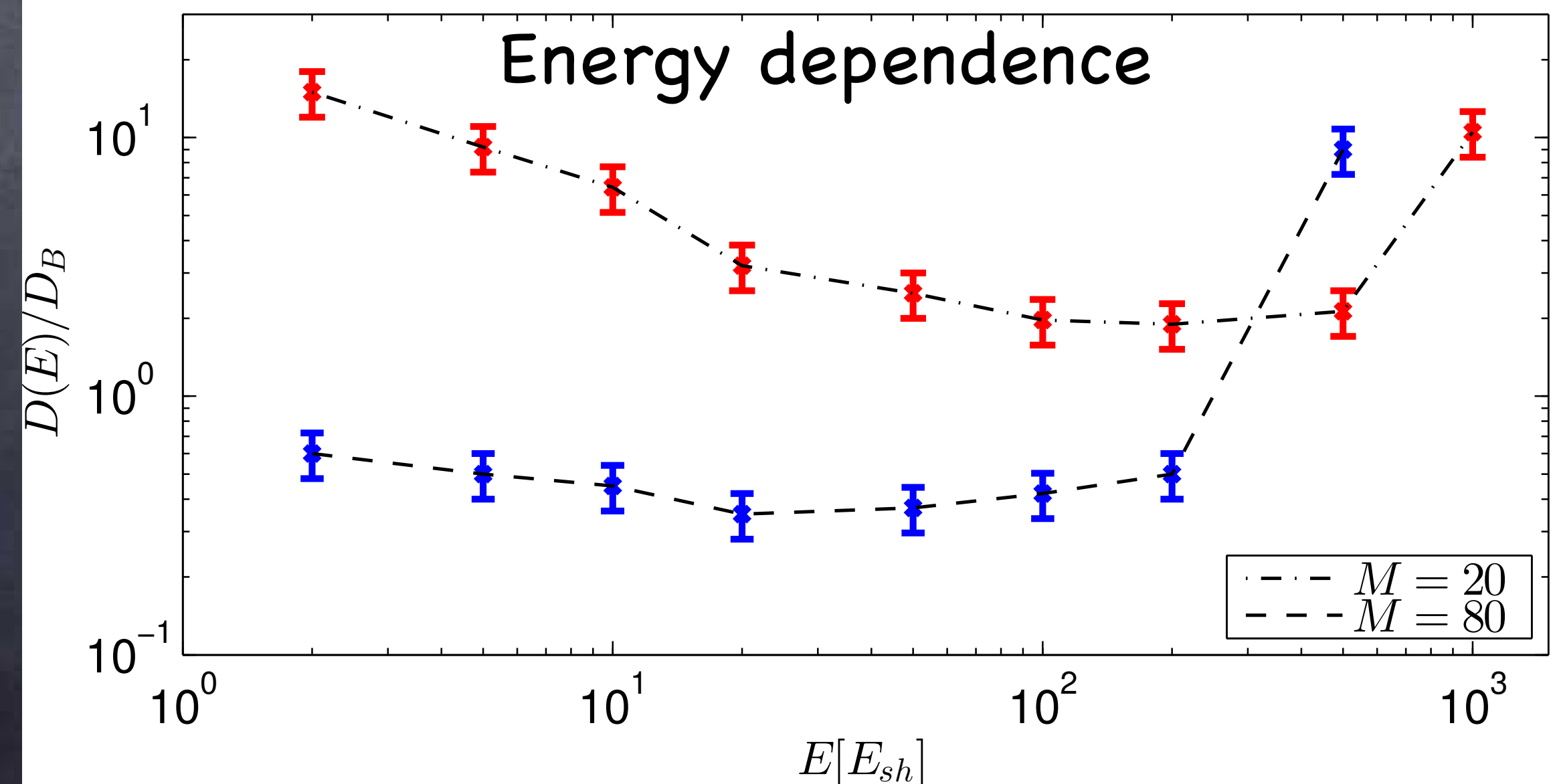
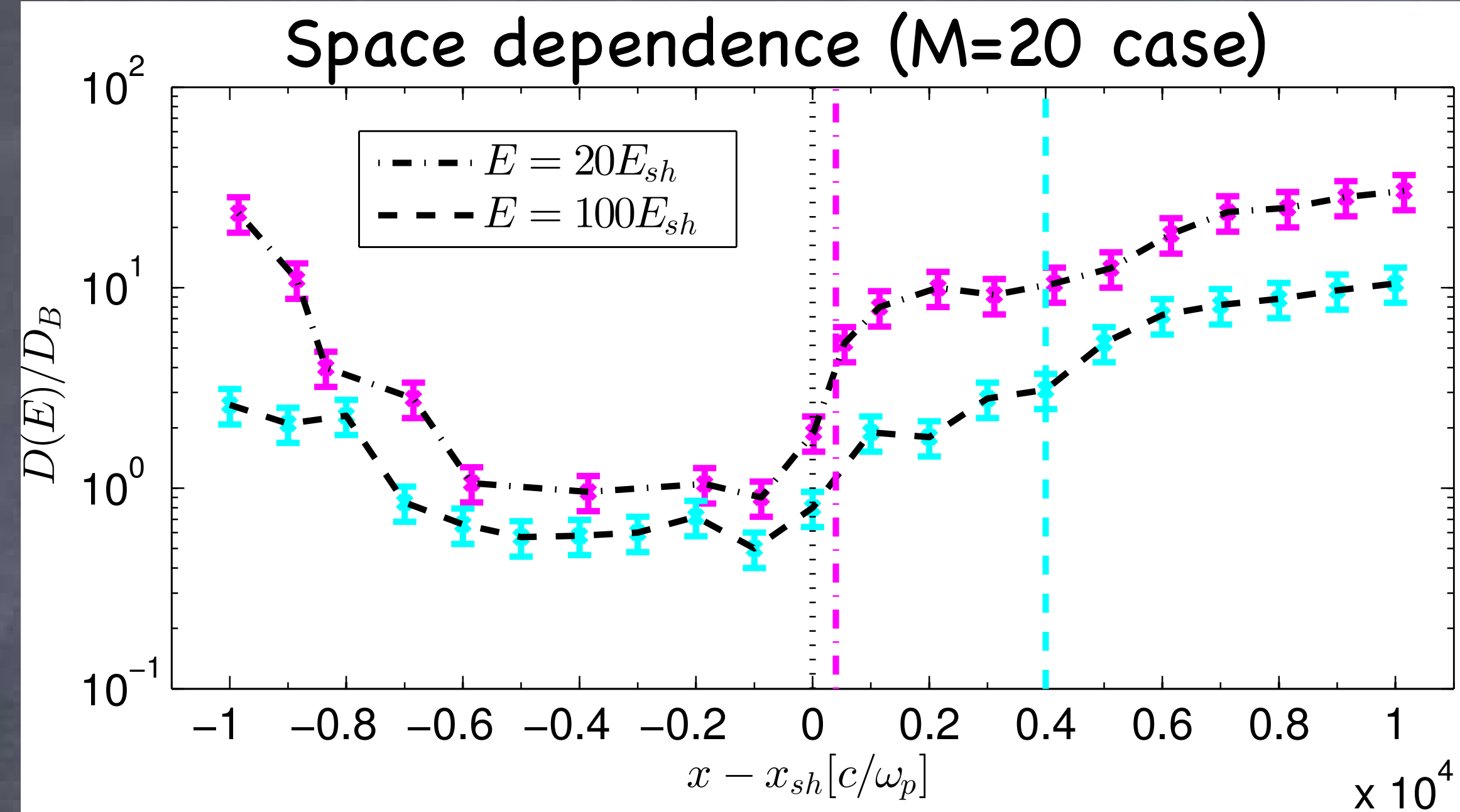
CR-induced precursor



- Upstream fluid is slowed down & heated up
- Magnetic and thermal pressure remain in equipartition
- Non-adiabatic heating



Diffusion coefficient



Directly measured in simulations

$$D(E) \equiv \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} D(E, t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N |x_n(t) - x_n(0)|^2}{2tN}$$

Bohm diffusion
in the amplified B

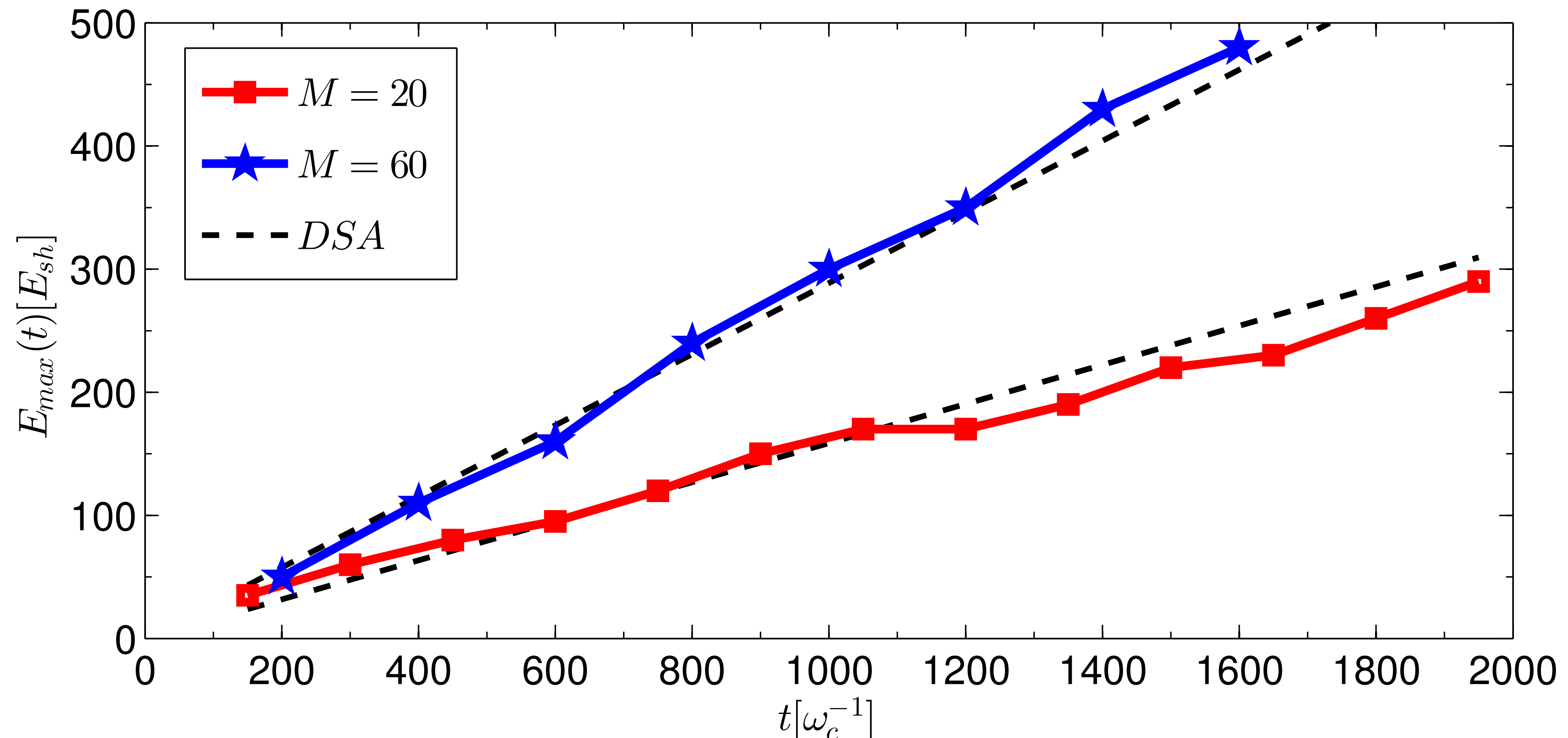
- D enhancement larger
- near the shock
- below E_{\max}
- Suppression depends on M (B amplification)



Time evolution of E_{\max}

- Evolution of $E_{\max}(t)$ according to DSA (Drury 1983, Blasi et al. 2007)

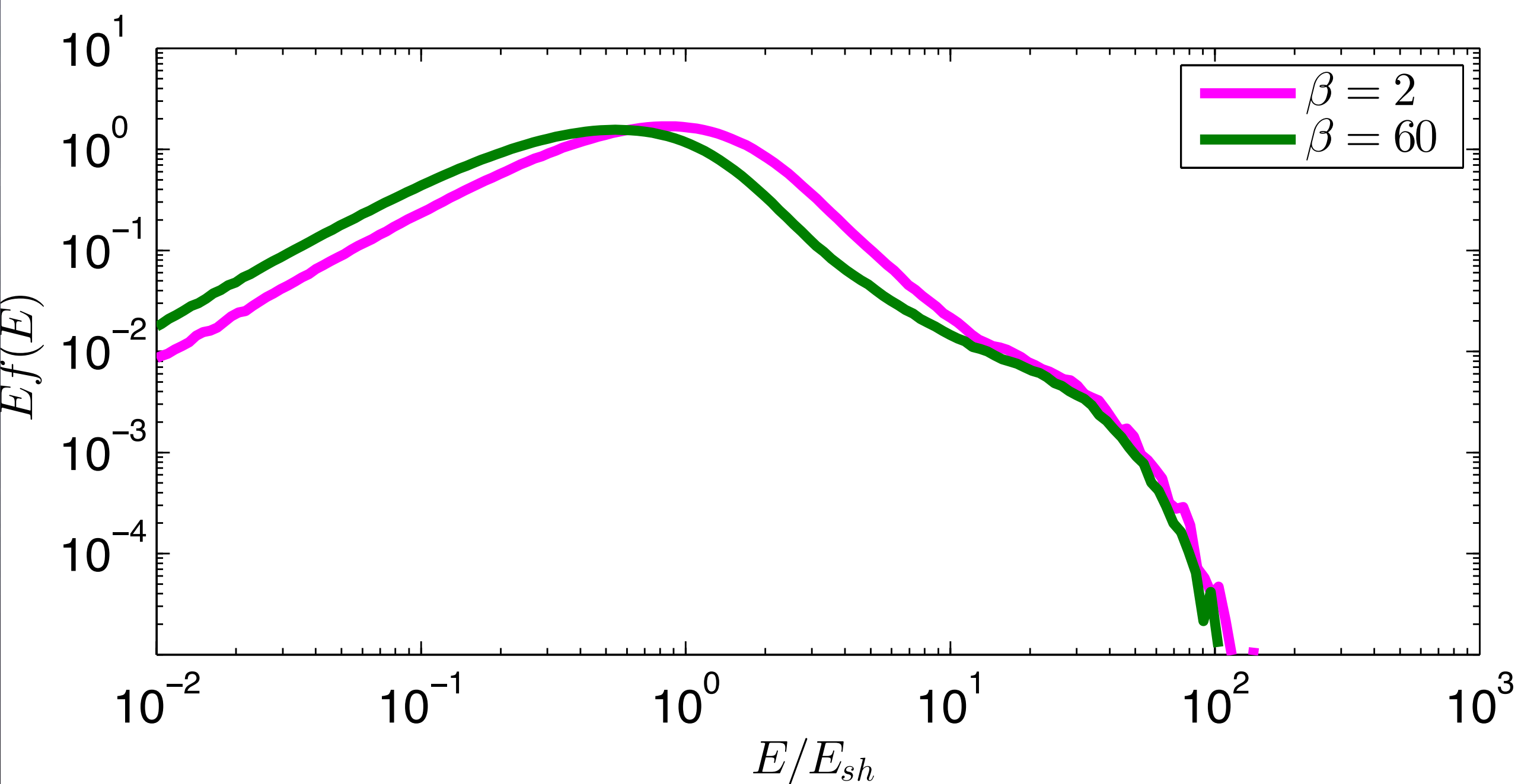
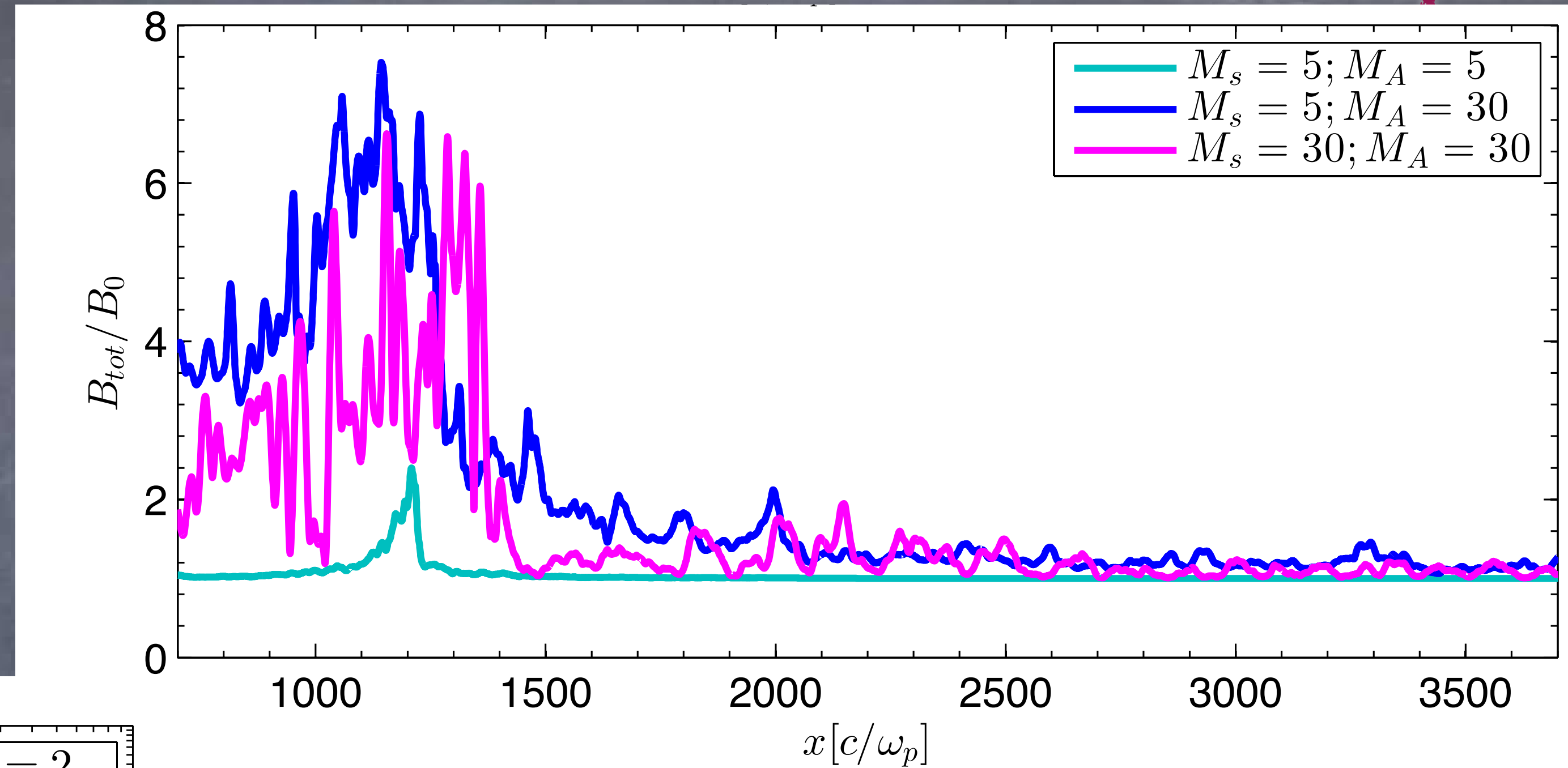
$$T_{acc}(E) = \frac{3}{u_1 - u_2} \left[\frac{D_1(E)}{u_1} + \frac{D_2(E)}{u_2} \right] \simeq \frac{3r^3}{r^2 - 1} \frac{D(E)}{v_{sh}^2}$$





High- β plasmas

- The Alfvénic Mach # M_A controls magnetic field amplification
- The sonic Mach # M_s controls shock dynamics and CR spectrum



Magnetic fields are amplified also in high- β plasmas!

CR spectra agree with DSA prediction (steeper than p^{-4} for $r < 4$)

SEEDS

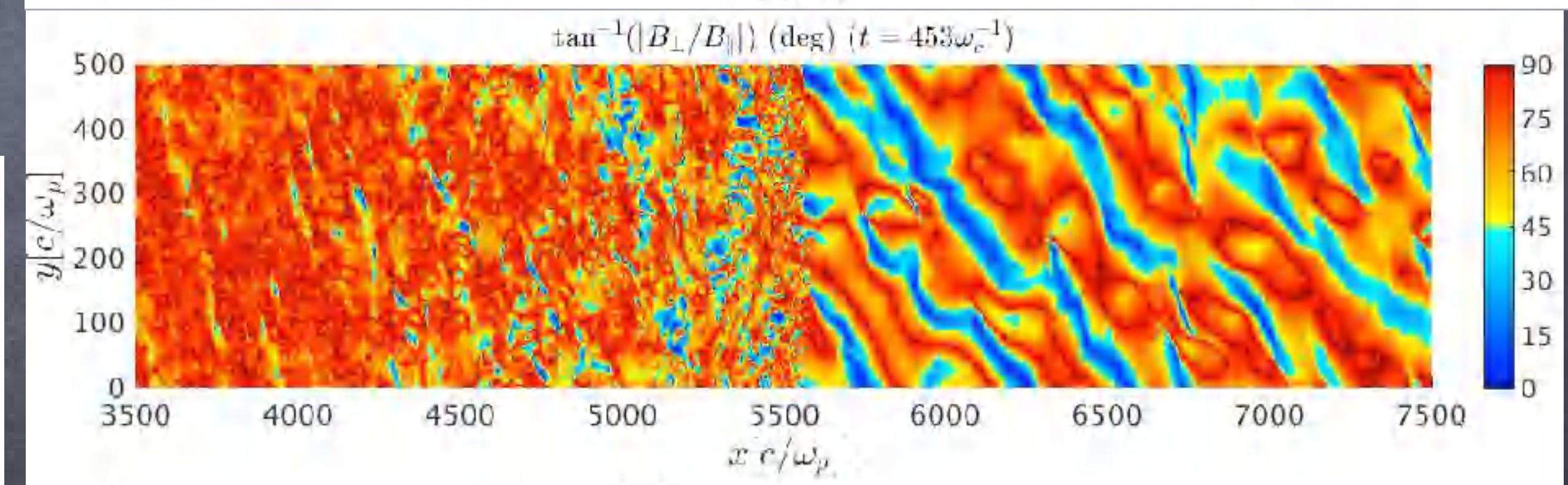
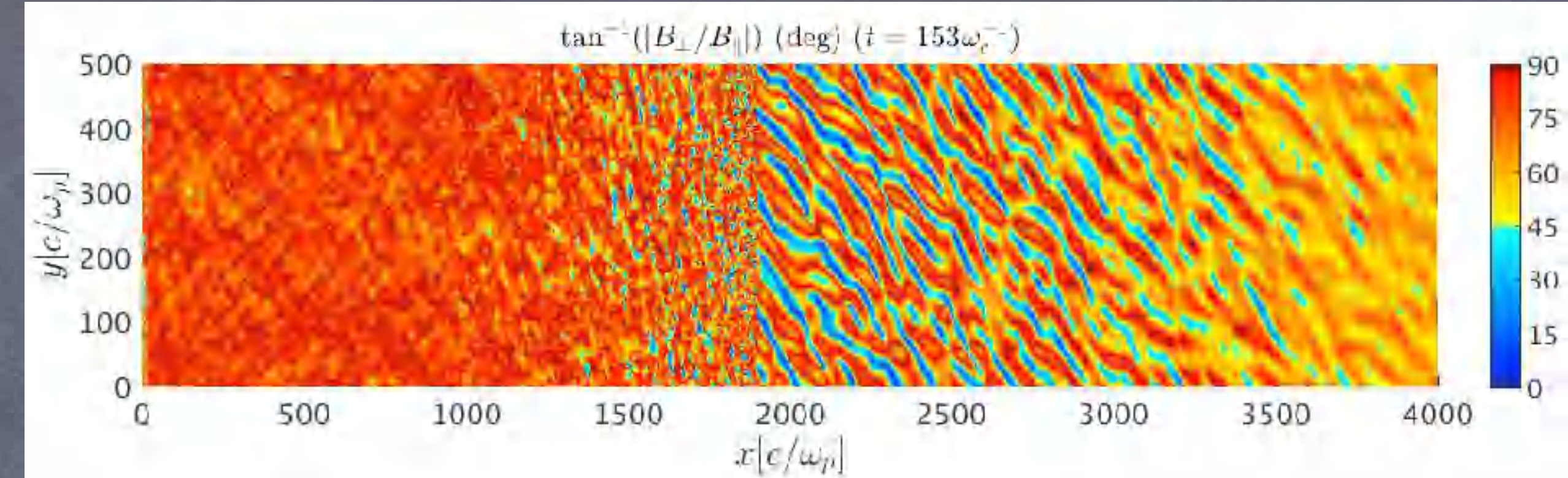
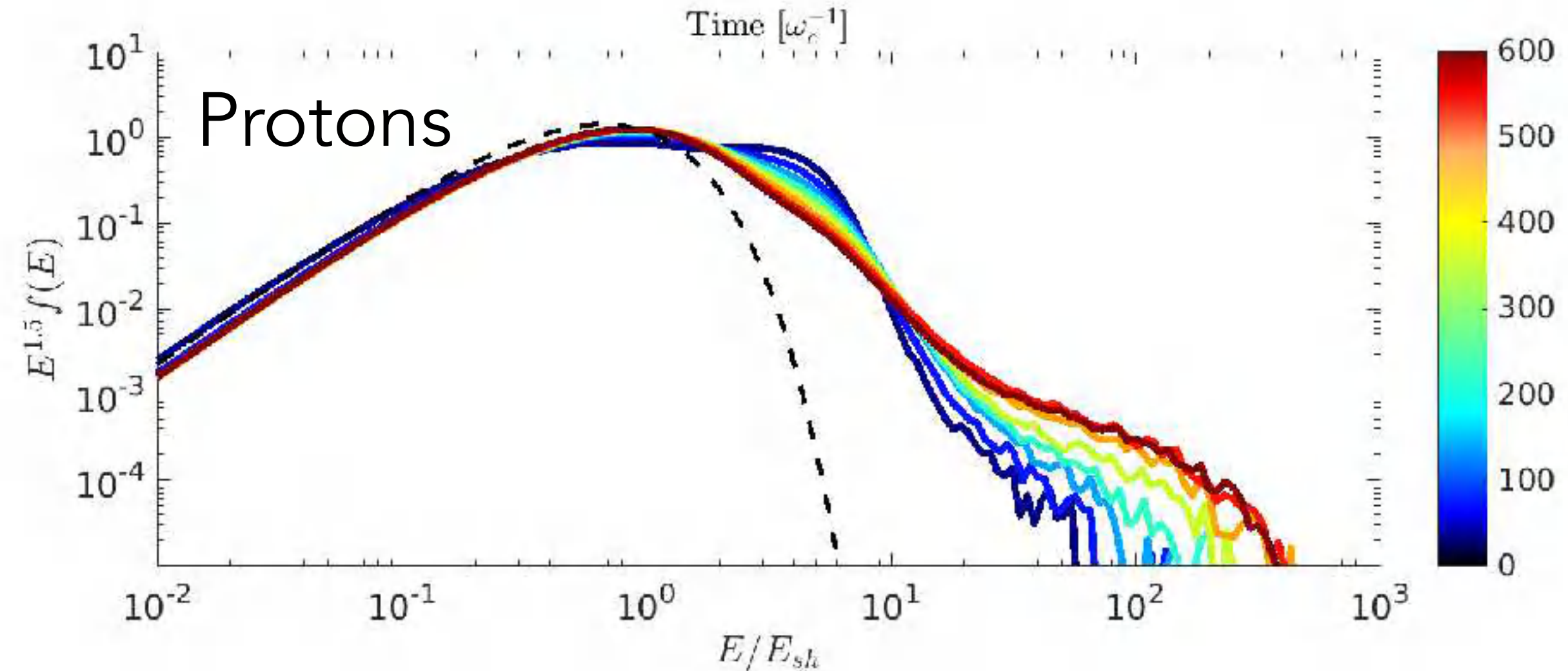
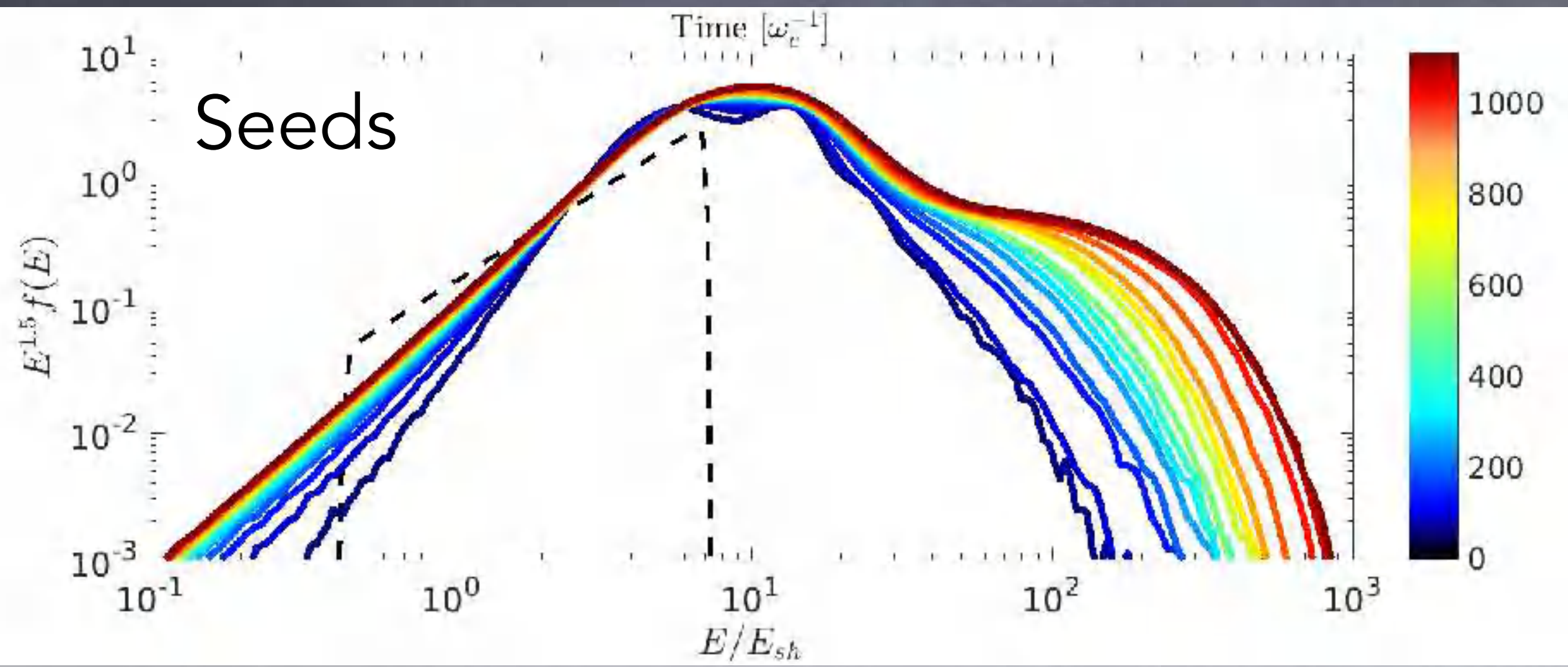
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Diffusive Shock **Re**-Acceleration

- $\vartheta=60^\circ$ shock with *isotropic seeds* with $E_{CR}=3E_{sh}$; $n_{CR}=0.01$ (DC, Zhang, Spitkovsky, 2018)

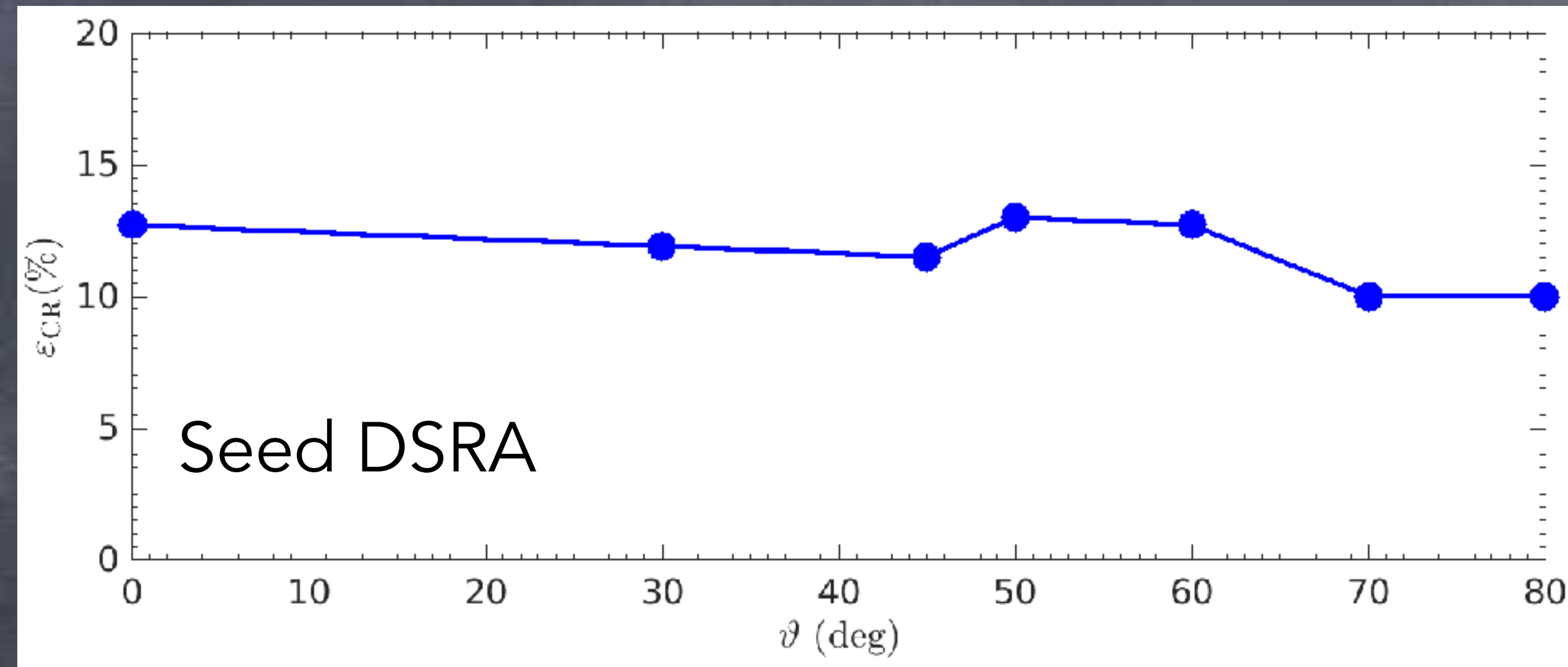
- Seeds are effectively **reflected** at the shock, **amplify** the upstream B, and undergo DSA: **DSRA!**



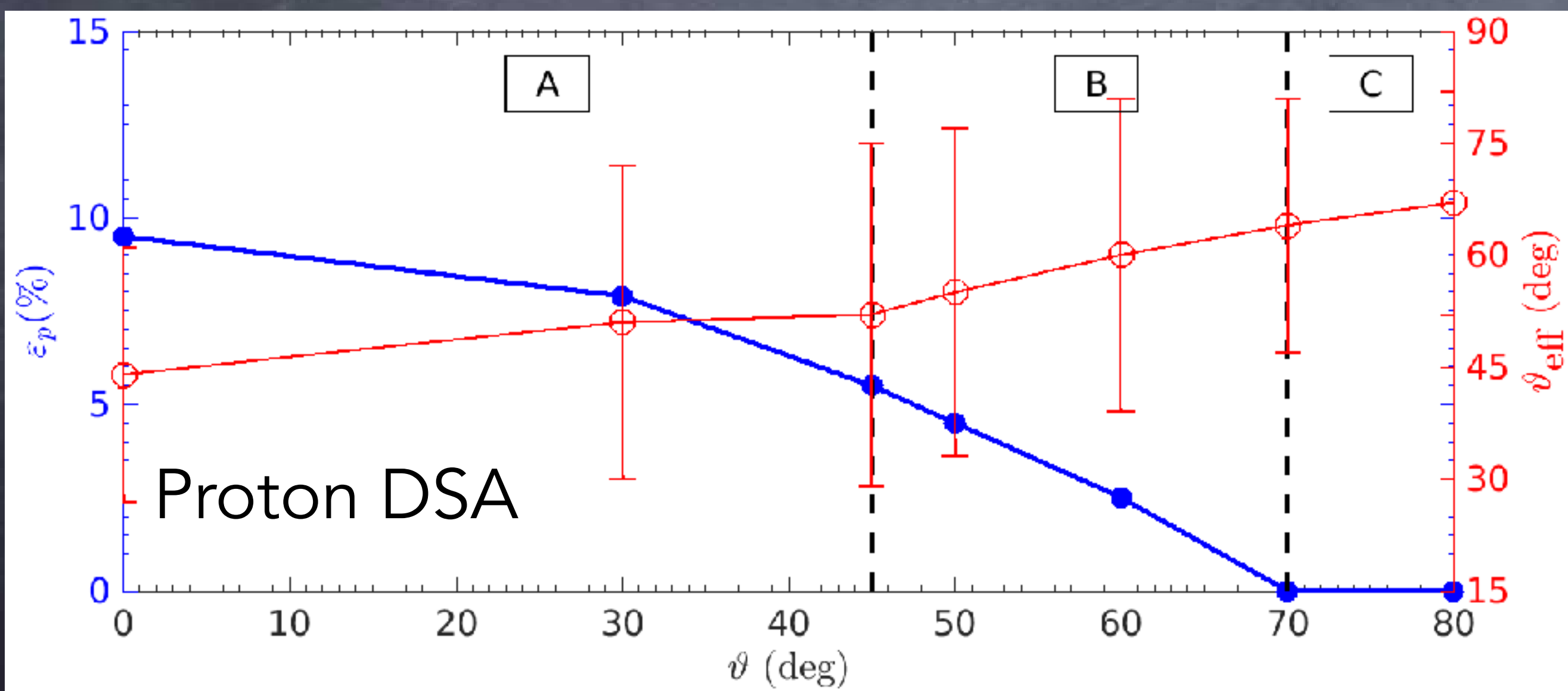
B-amplification opens up **quasi-parallel patches** at the shock where **protons** can be **injected**



Efficiency



- Seed DSRA **independent of ϑ** , about 4x the initial CR energy density
- Absolute efficiency depends on seed energy density
- Also **electrons** can be reaccelerated!

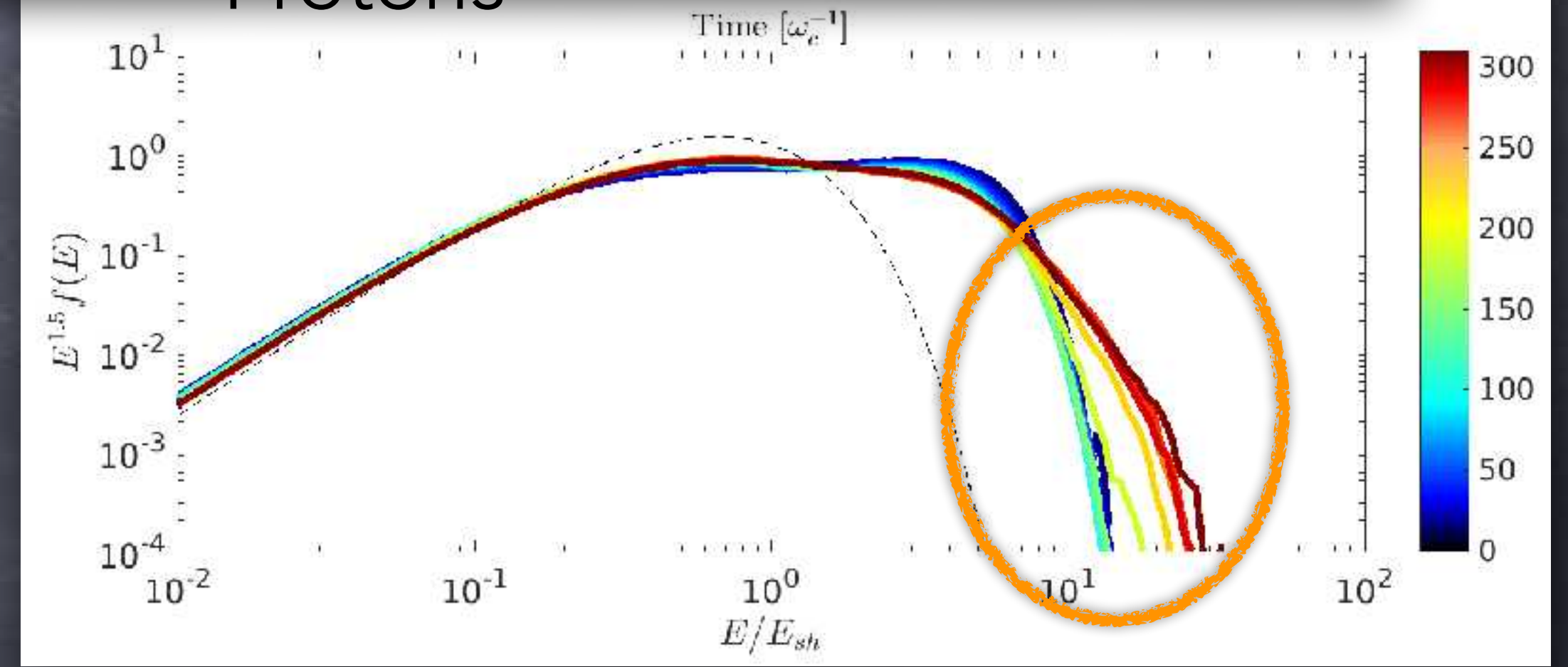
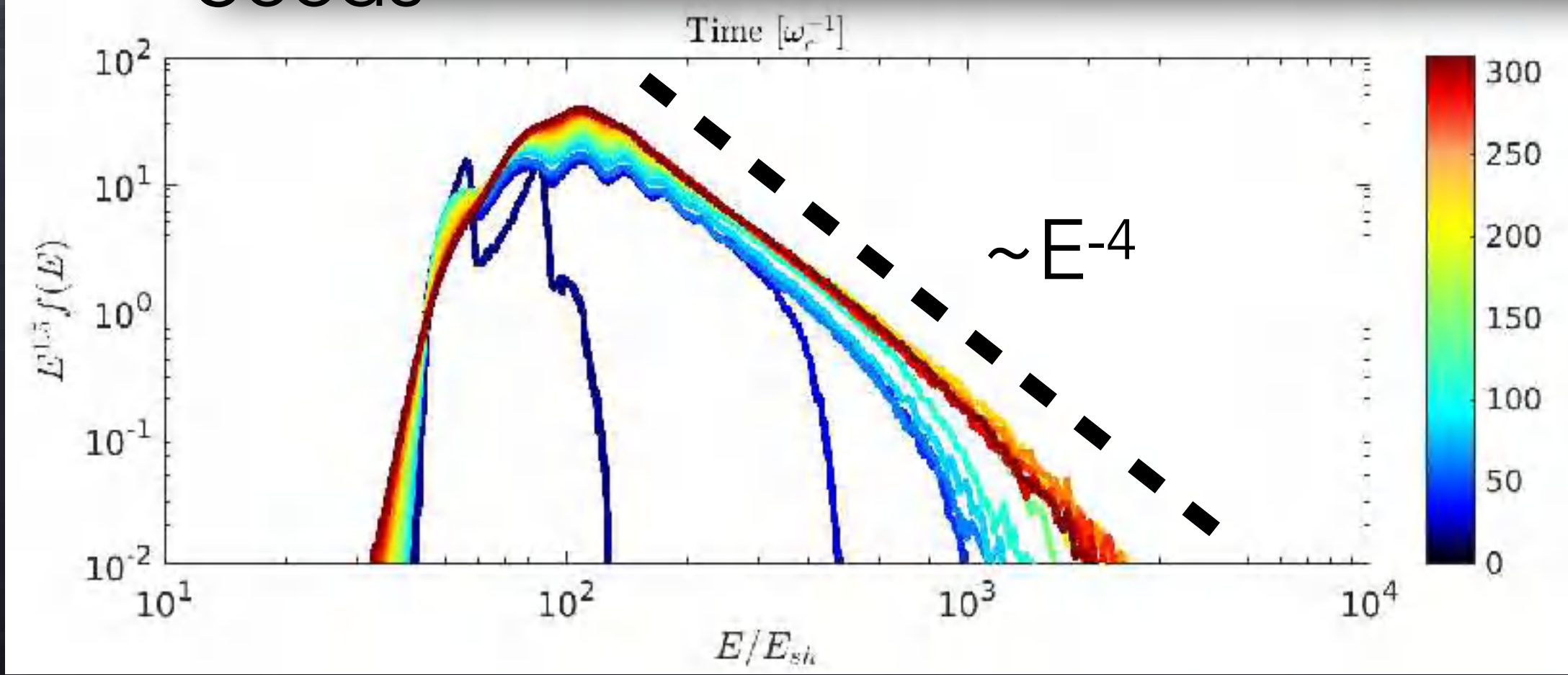
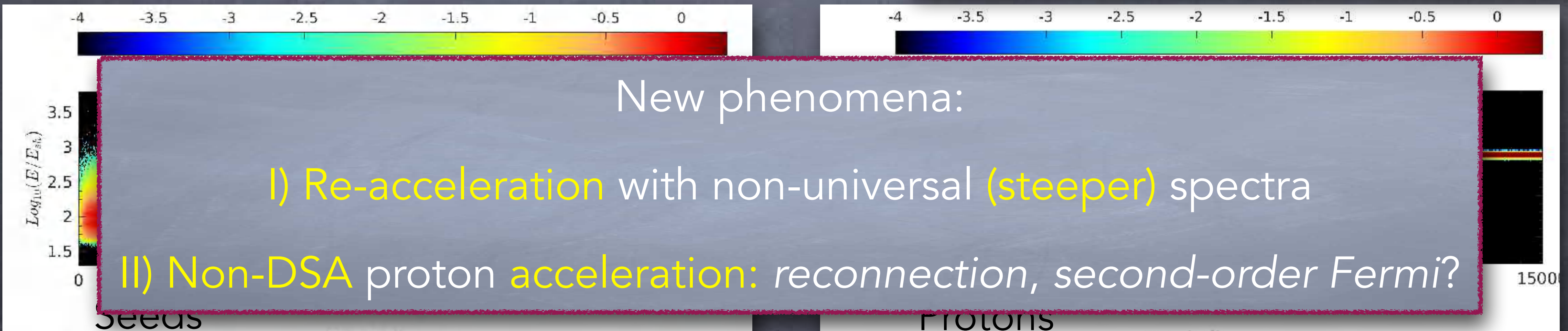
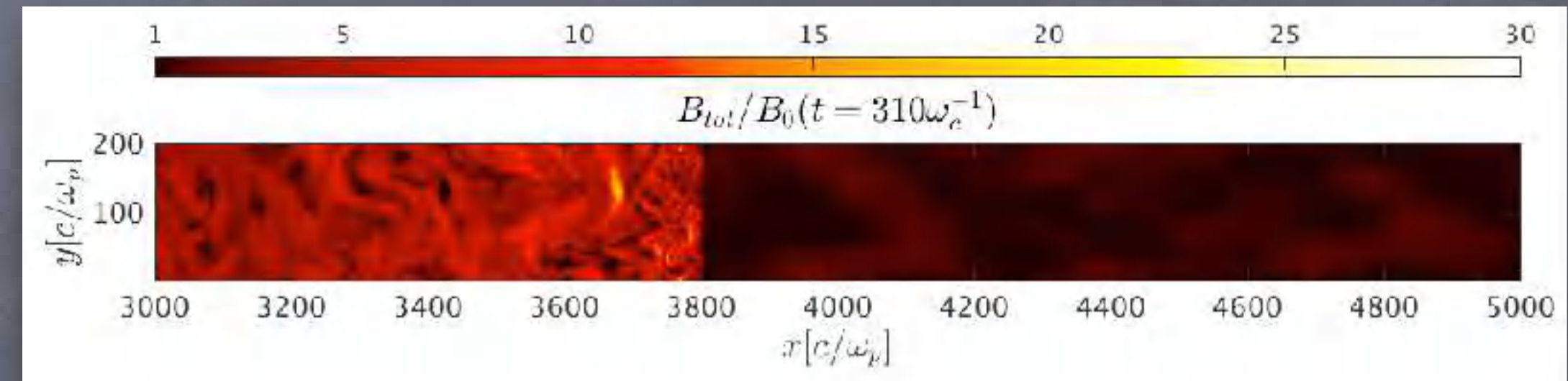


- A ($\vartheta < 45^\circ$): Same proton efficiency
- B ($45^\circ < \vartheta < 70^\circ$): Boosted to **few %**
- C ($\vartheta > 70^\circ$): No proton DSA



Quasi-Perpendicular SEEDED Shocks

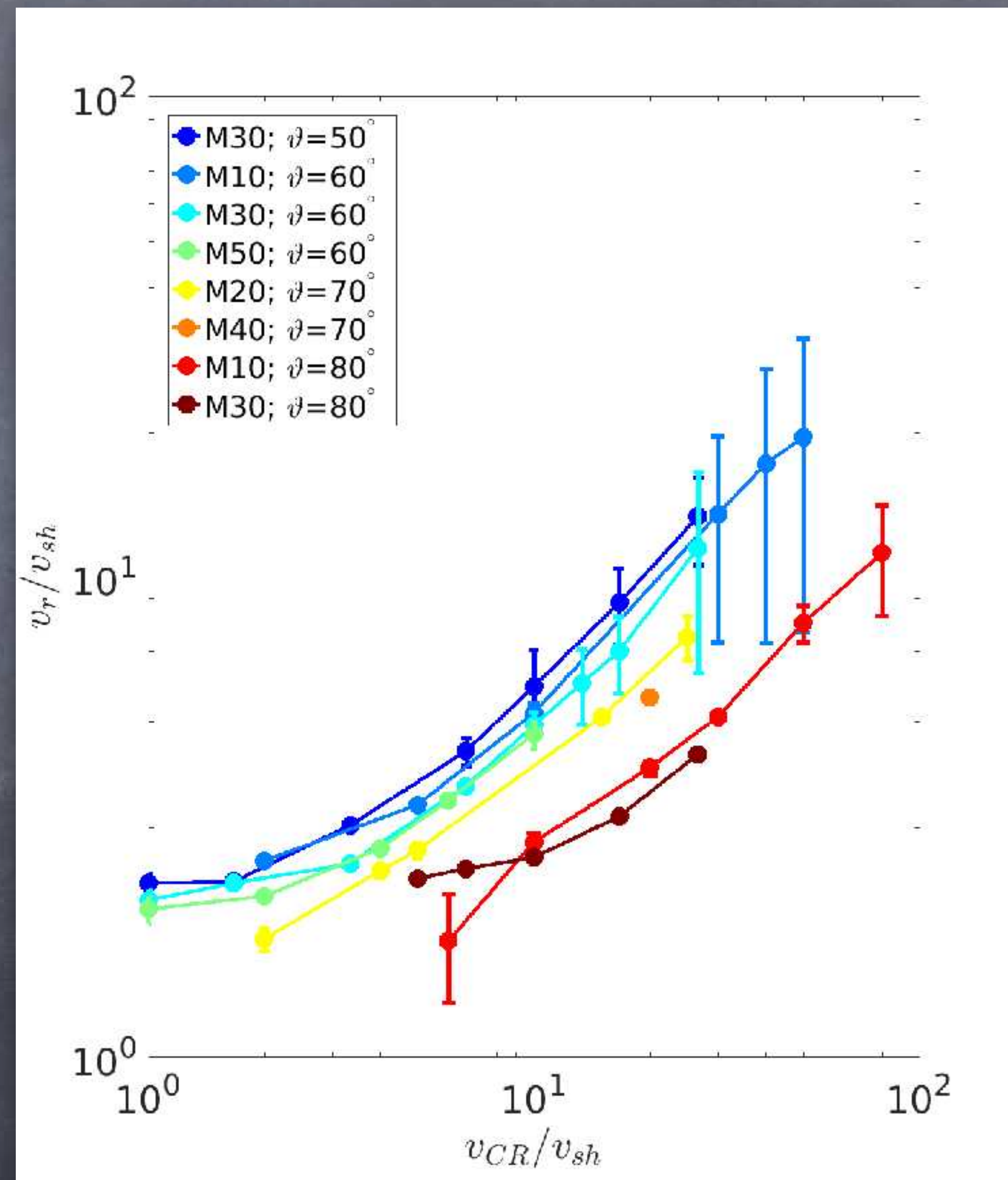
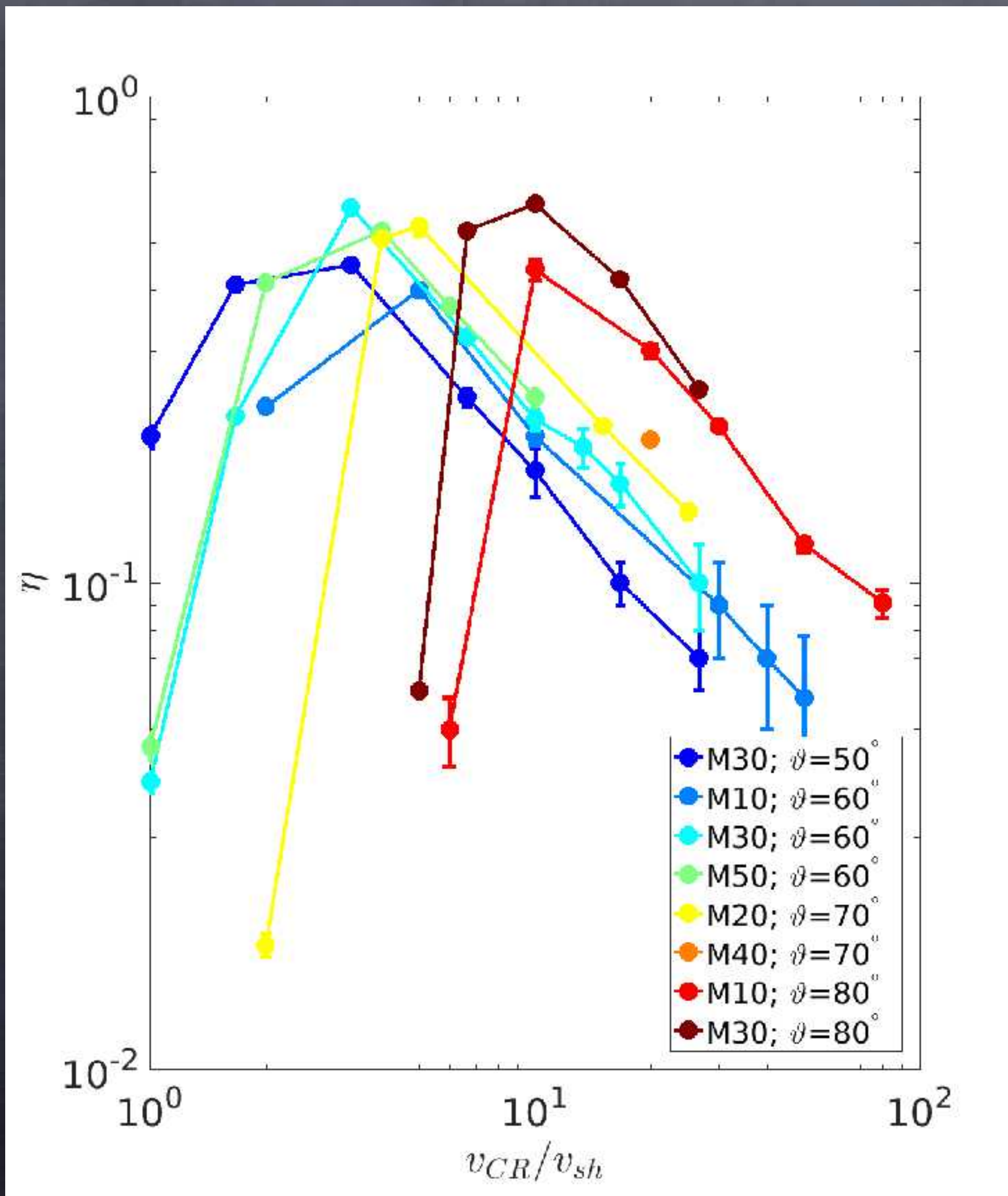
- $\vartheta=80^\circ$ quasi-perp shock with seeds $E_{CR}=3E_{sh}$
- Seeds diffuse but their spectrum is **steeper** than DSA
- **Non-thermal** protons only **downstream**



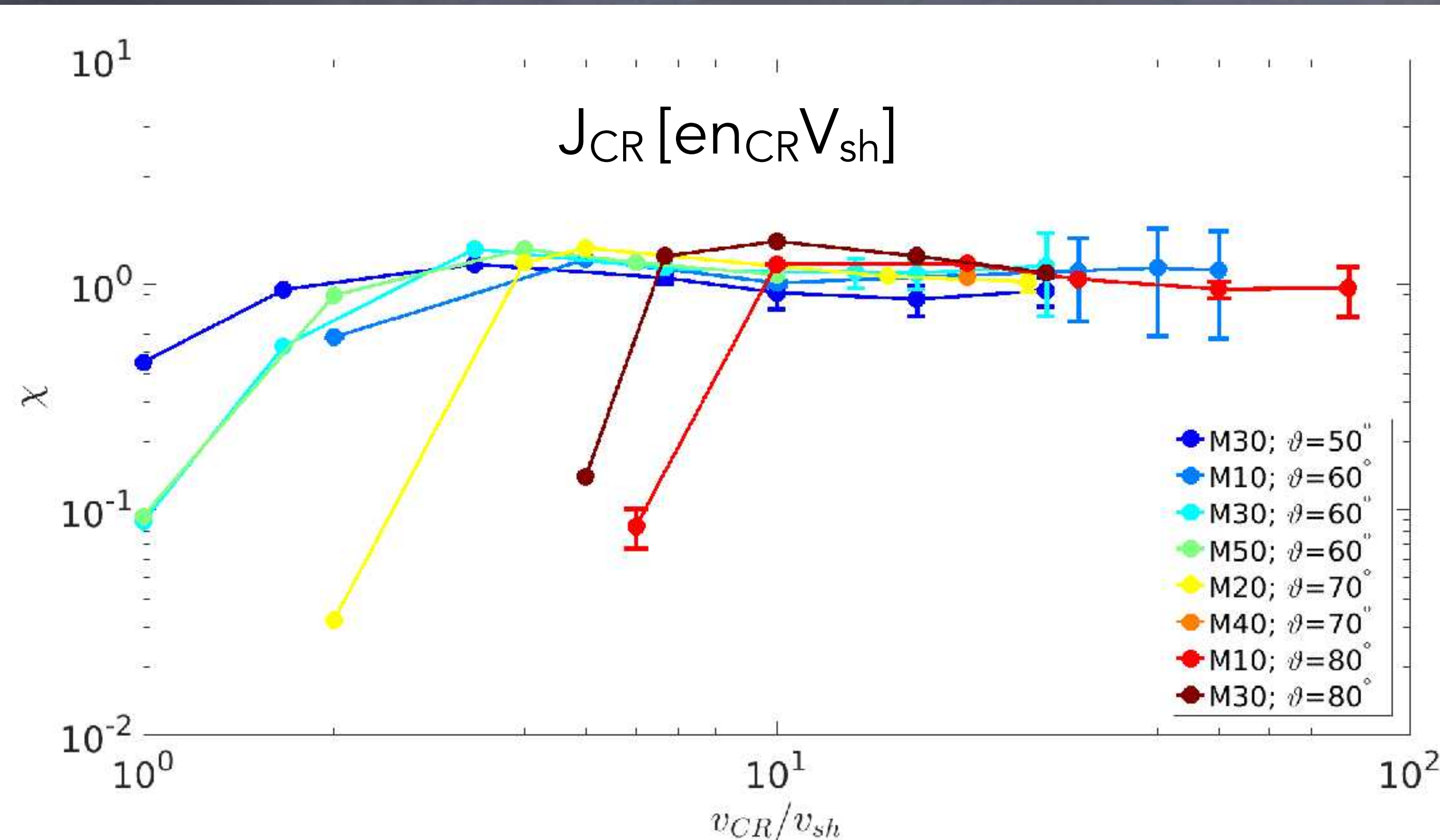


The Current in Reflected CRs

- Depends on the fraction of reflected seeds, η , and their speed, v_r



A Universal Current in Reflected CRs



- η and v_r "magically" balance their dependence on ϑ and M exactly:

$$J_{CR} = en_{CR} V_{sh}$$

- Easy explanation: CRs tend to become isotropic at the shock, in the shock frame: they become anisotropic in the upstream frame
- For SNRs and Galactic CRs:

$$T_{stream\ inst} \sim 10\text{yr}$$

Minimum level of B-amplification for shocks in the ISM

INJECTION

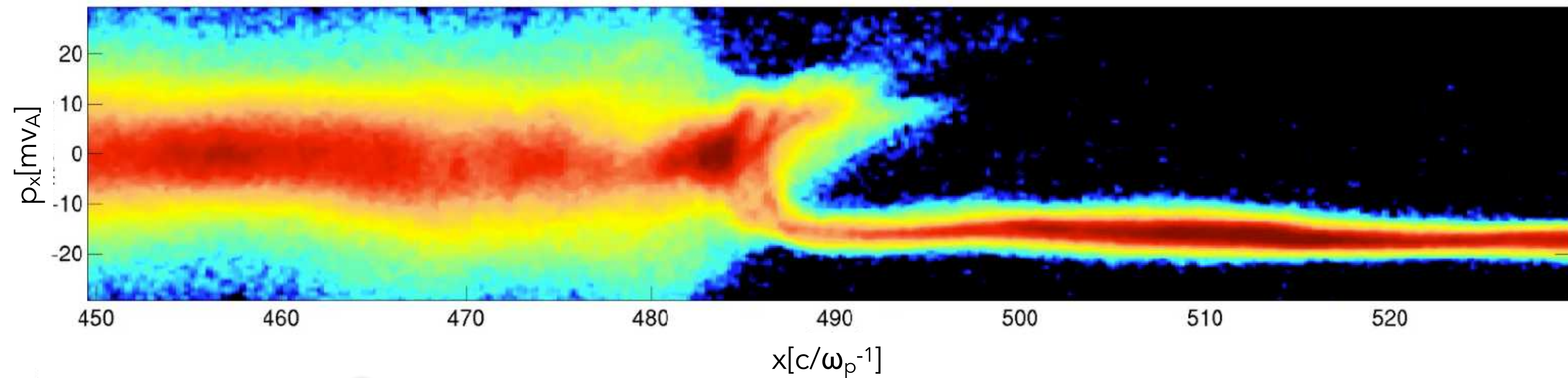
Particle Injection - Simulations



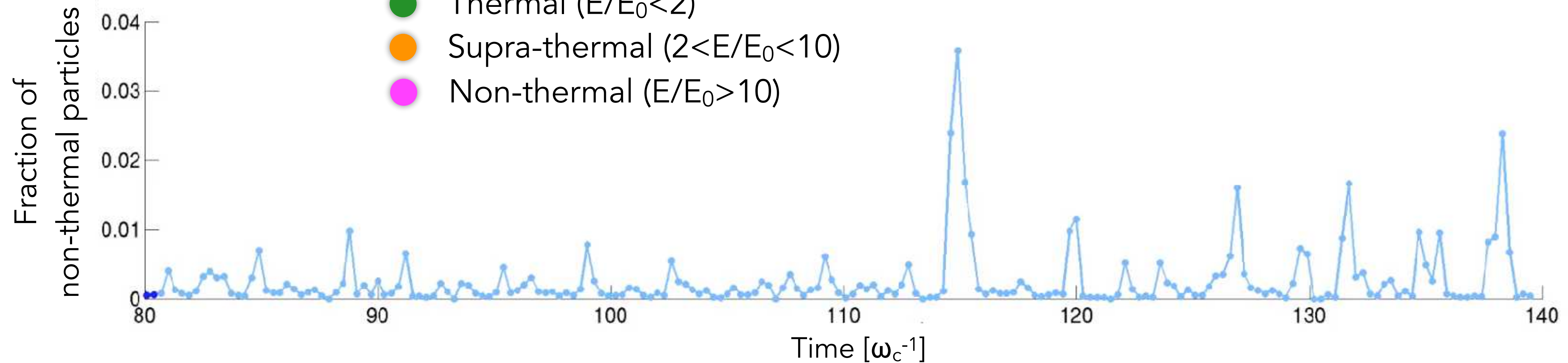
DC, Pop & Spitkovsky, 2015

x - p_x Phase Space

Time $t = 80.100\omega_e^{-1}$



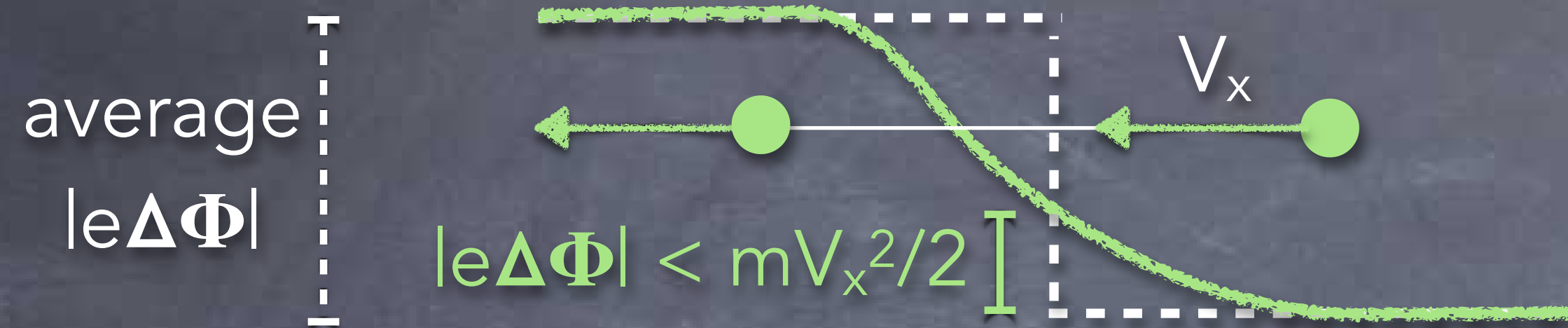
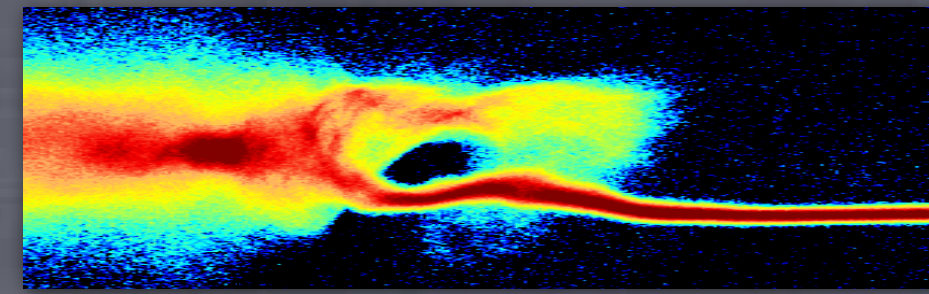
- Thermal ($E/E_0 < 2$)
- Supra-thermal ($2 < E/E_0 < 10$)
- Non-thermal ($E/E_0 > 10$)





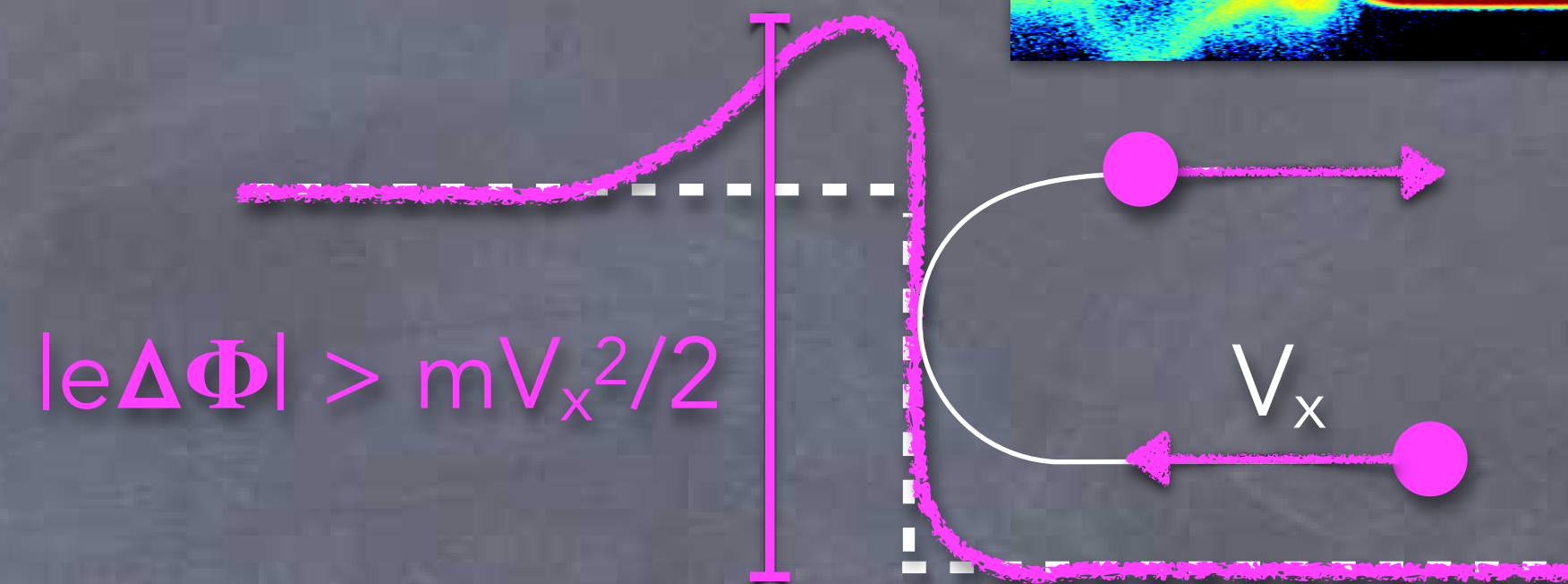
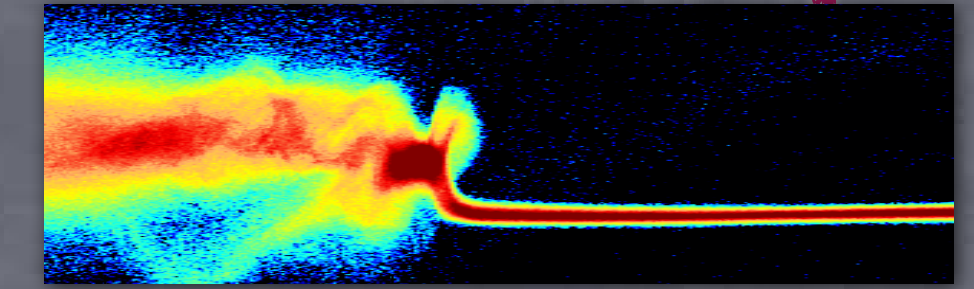
Encounter with the shock barrier

- Low barrier (reformation)



Ions **advected** downstream, and **thermalized**

- High barrier (overshoot)



Ions **reflected** upstream, and **energized** via Shock Drift Acceleration

- To overrun the shock, ions need a minimum E_{inj} , **increasing** with ϑ (DC, Pop & Spitkovsky 15)
 - Ion fate determined by **barrier duty cycle** (~25%) and shock **inclination**
 - After **N** SDA cycles, only a fraction $\eta \sim 0.25^N$ has not been advected
 - For $\vartheta=45^\circ$, $E_{inj} \sim 10E_0$, which requires $N \sim 3 \rightarrow \eta \sim 1\%$
 - For $\vartheta > 45^\circ$, $E_{inj} > 10E_0$, hence $N > 3$ and $\eta \ll 1\%$

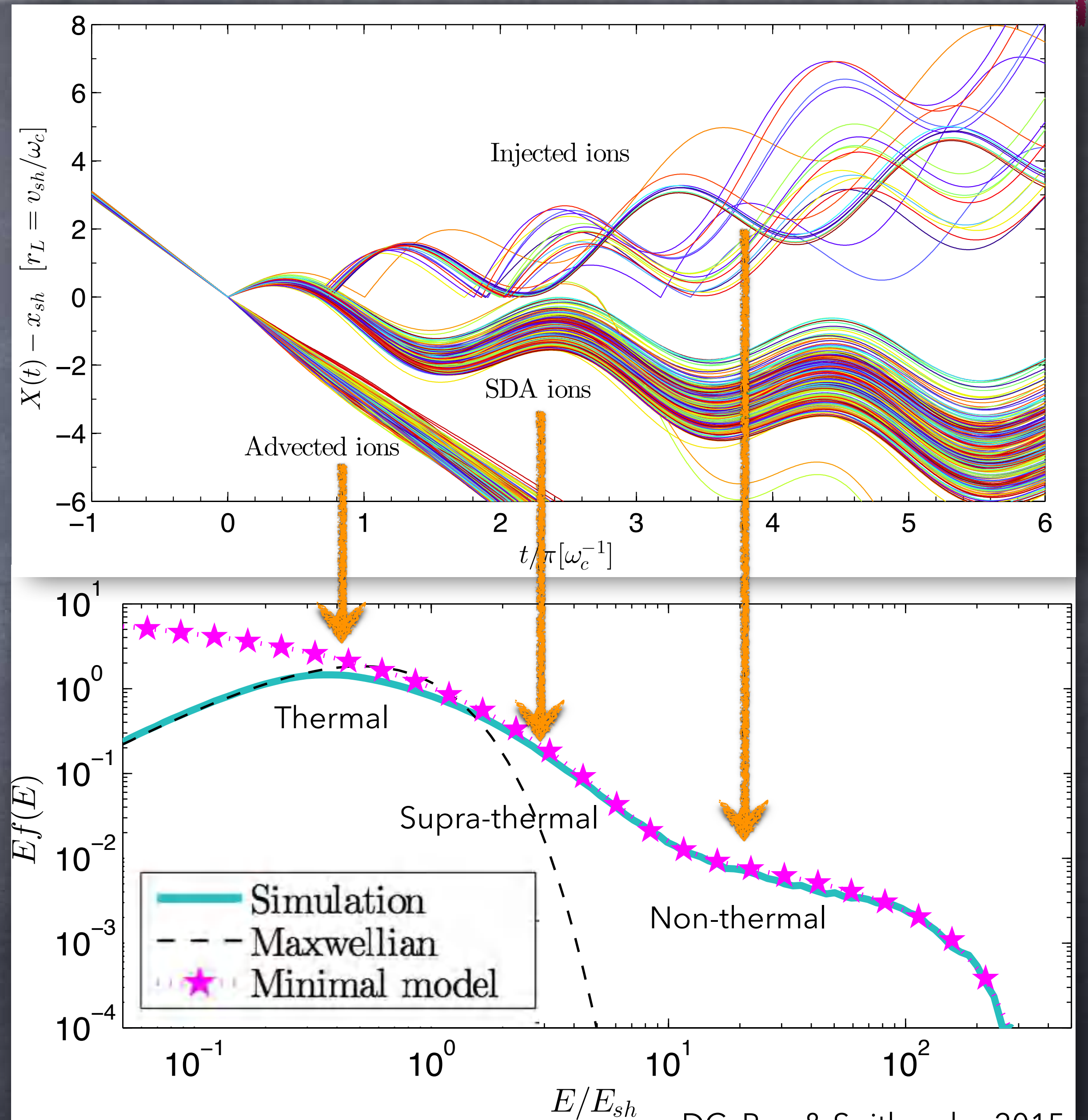
Minimal Model for Ion Injection



- Time-varying potential barrier
- High state (duty cycle ~25%)
 - Reflection + SDA
- Low-state (~75%)
 - Thermalization
- Spectrum à la Bell (1978)

$$f(E) \propto E^{-1-\gamma}; \quad \gamma \equiv -\frac{\ln(1-\mathcal{P})}{\ln(1+\mathcal{E})}$$

 - \mathcal{P} =probability of being advected
 - \mathcal{E} =fractional energy gain/cycle

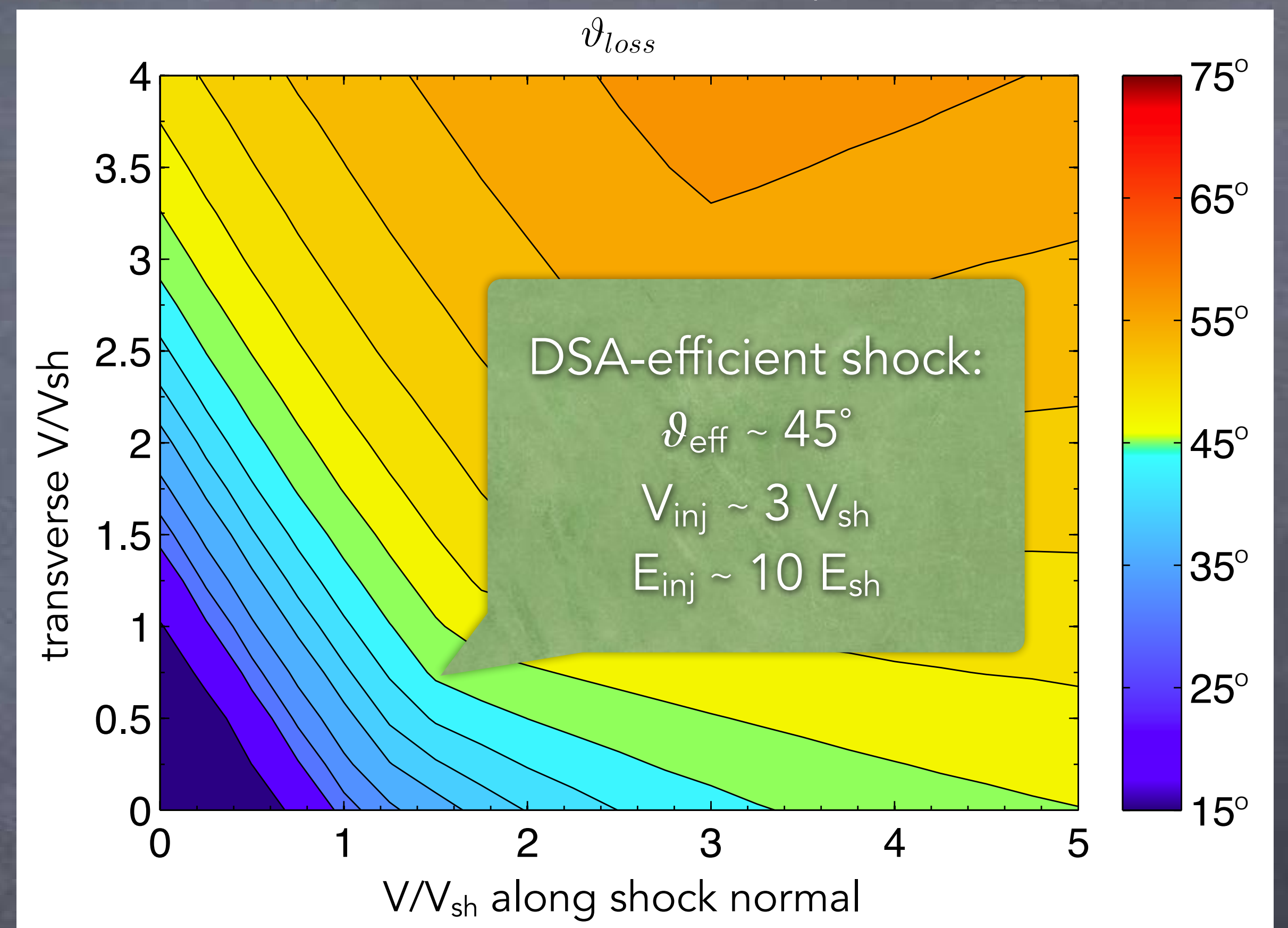




Ion Injection - Theory

Max ϑ allowing reflection upstream

- Ion fate determined by
 - barrier duty-cycle ($\sim 25\%$)
 - pre-reflection V
 - shock inclination
- If $\vartheta < \vartheta_{loss}$, ions escape upstream, and are injected into DSA
- Otherwise, they experience SDA, return to the shock (with larger V), and may be either reflected or advected
- After N SDA cycles, only a fraction $\eta \sim 0.25^N$ survives
- For $\vartheta_{eff} \sim 45^\circ$, $N \sim 3 \rightarrow \eta \sim 1\%$

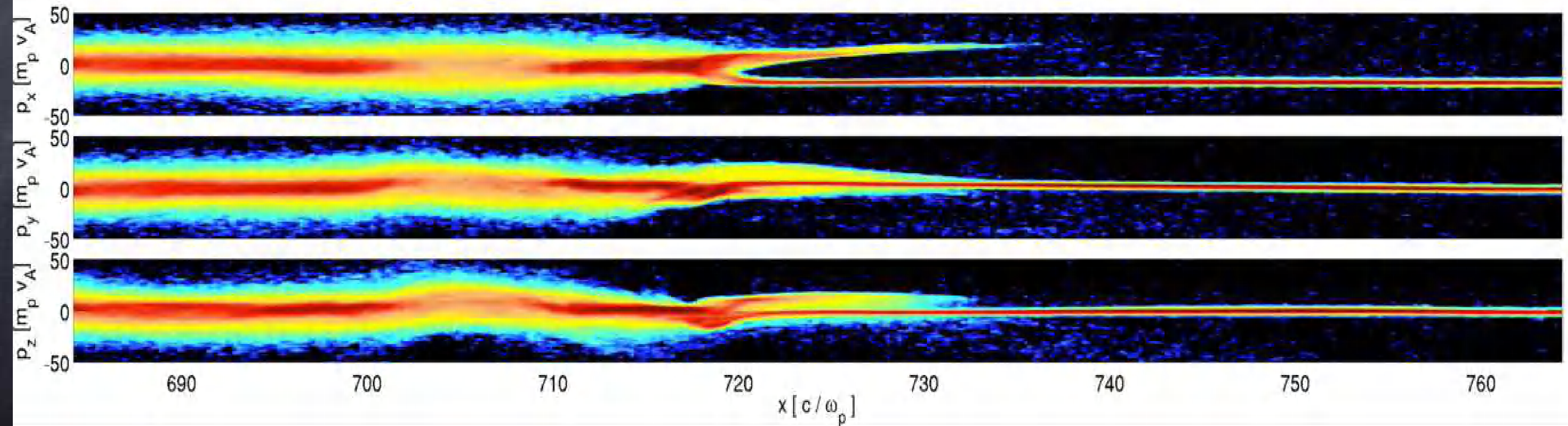
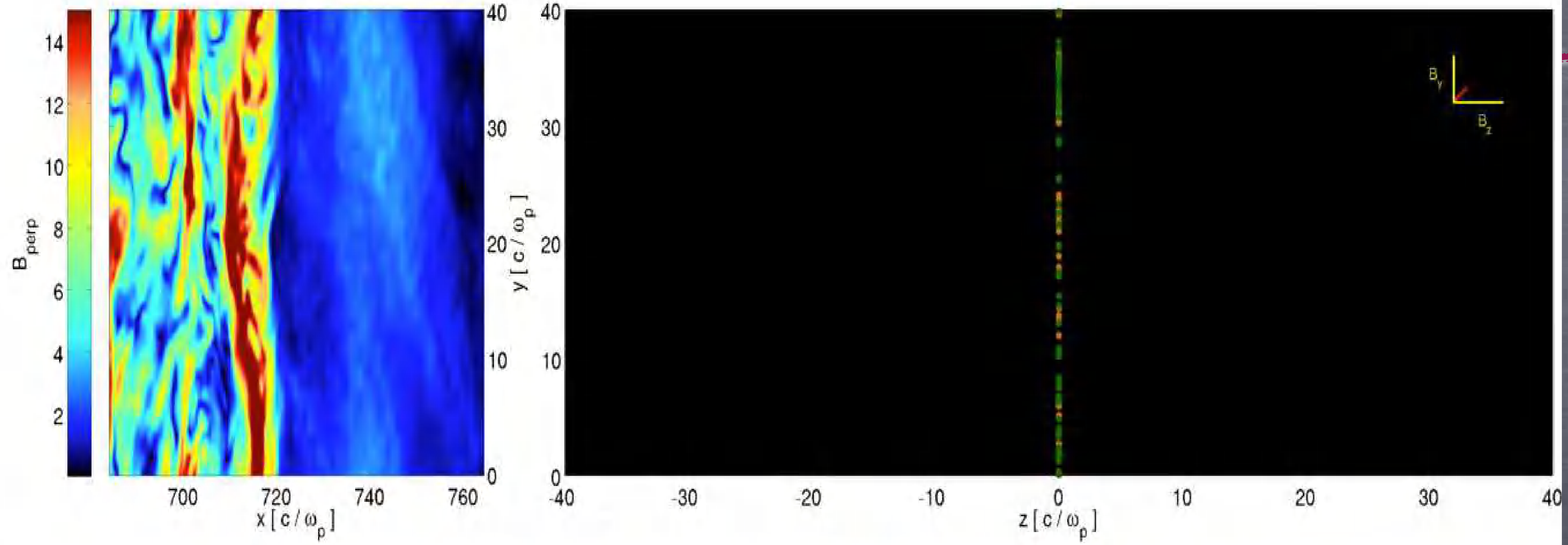


DC, Pop & Spitkovsky, 2015

E_{inj} is larger at oblique shocks: injection requires more SDA cycles, and fewer particles can achieve E_{inj}



Time $t = 123.000 \omega_c^{-1}$

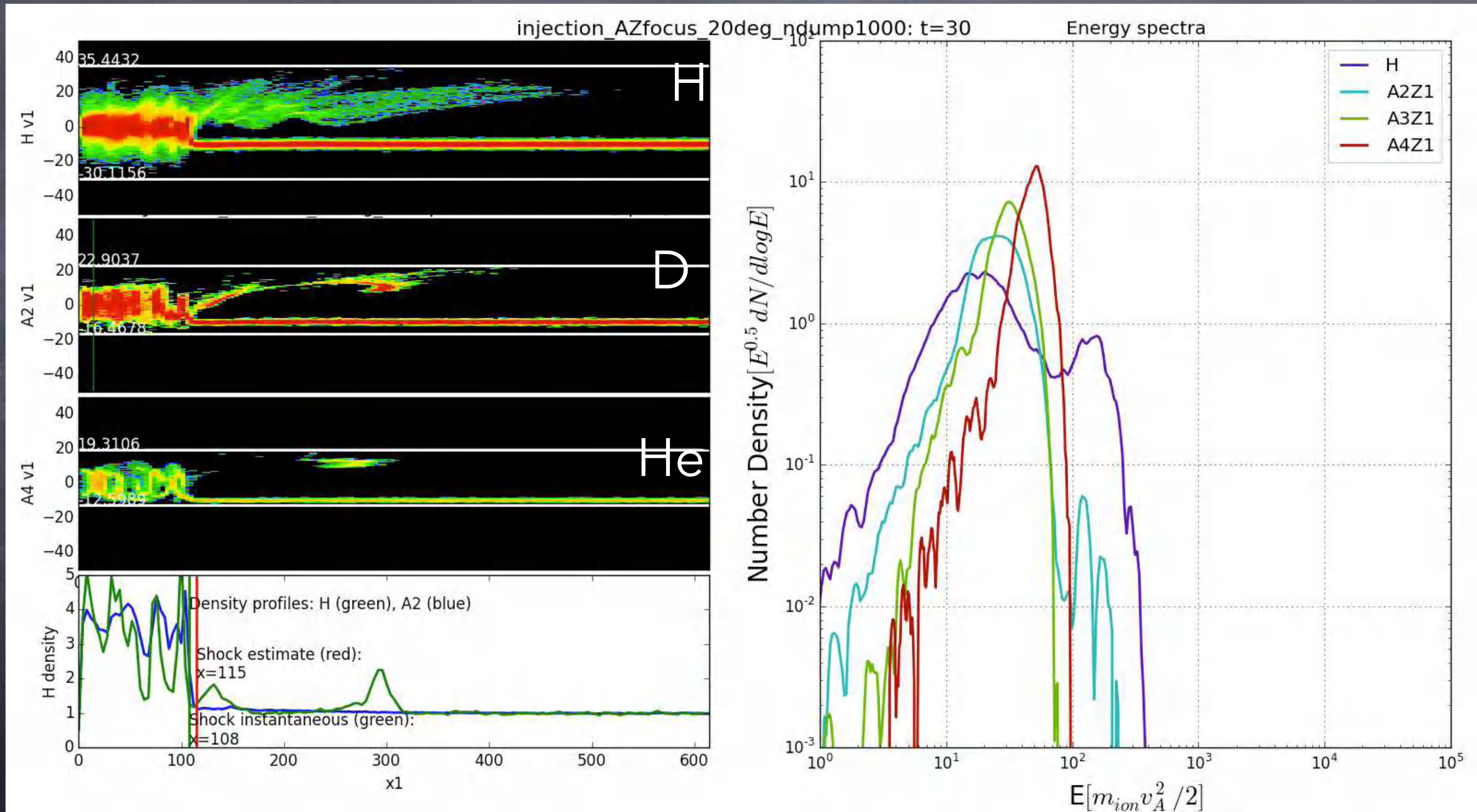


NUCLEI



Hybrid Simulations

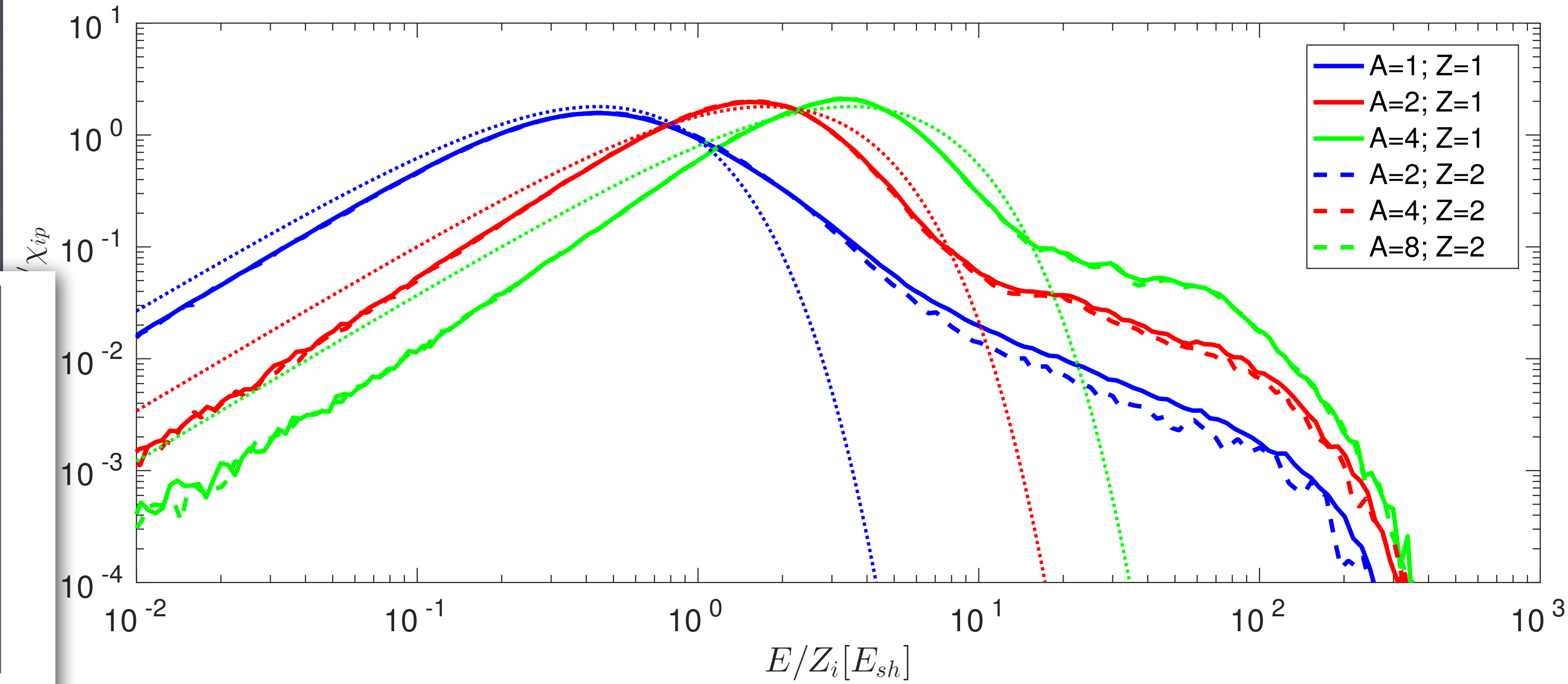
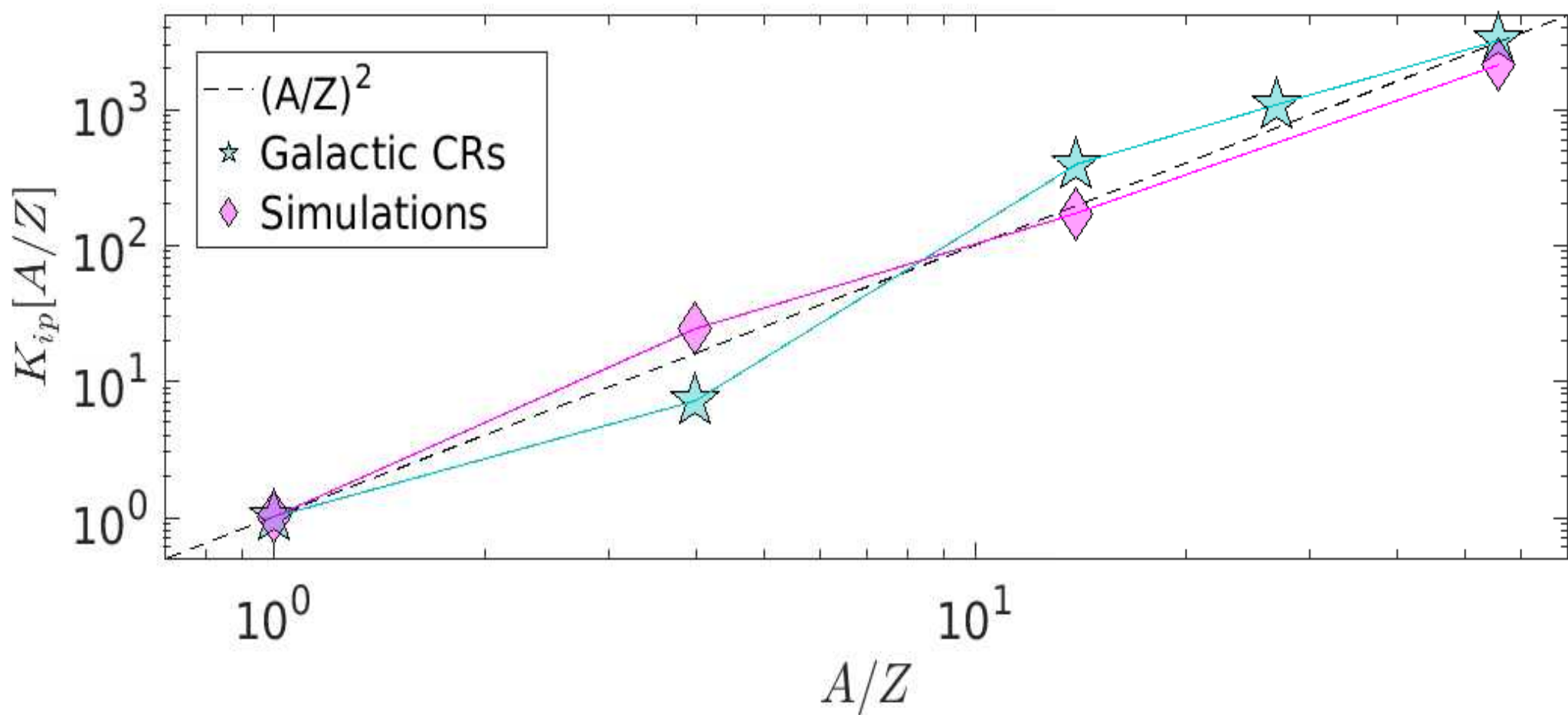
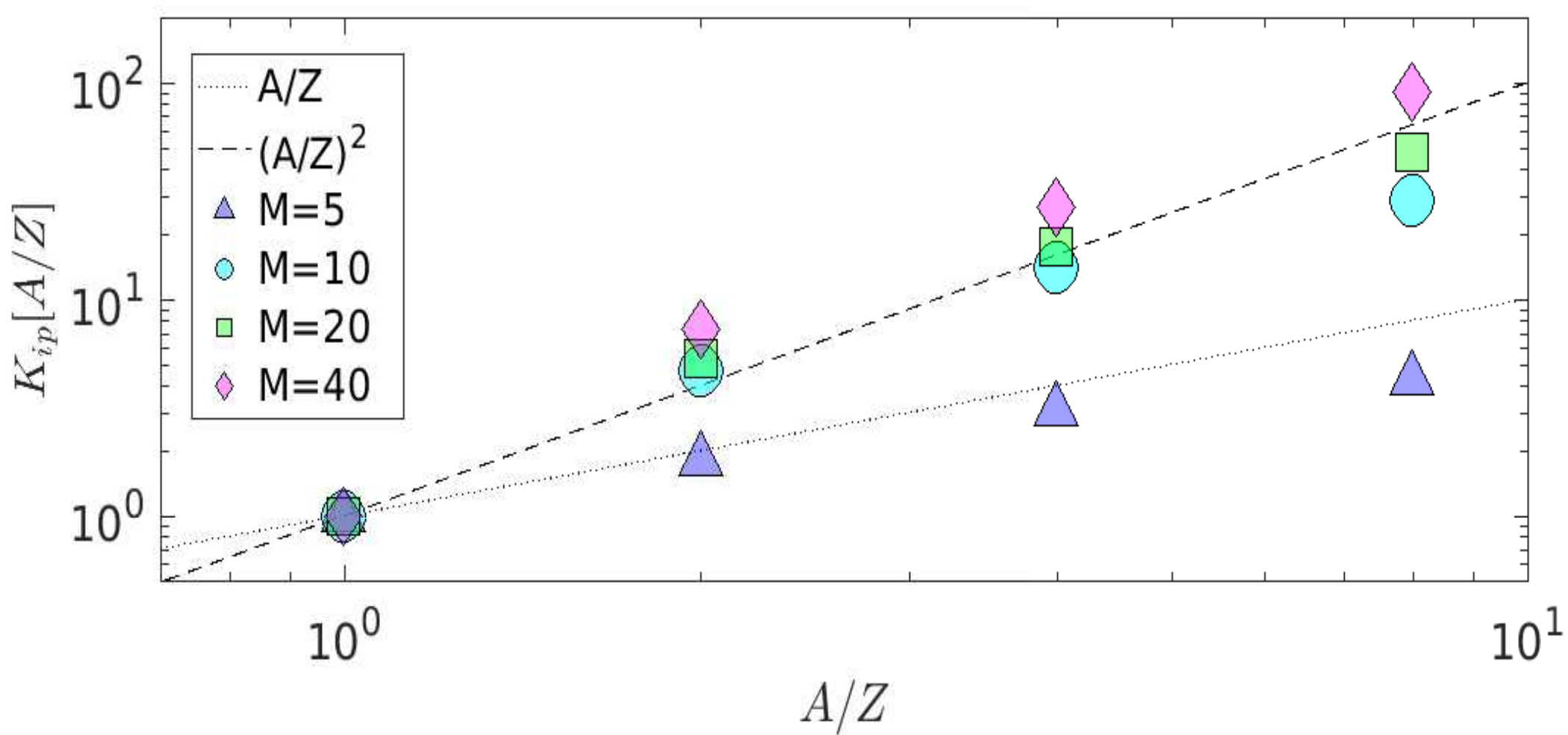
- M=10, parallel shock, with **singly-ionized** nuclei (DC, Yi, Spitkovsky 2017)



Hybrid Simulations with Heavy Ions



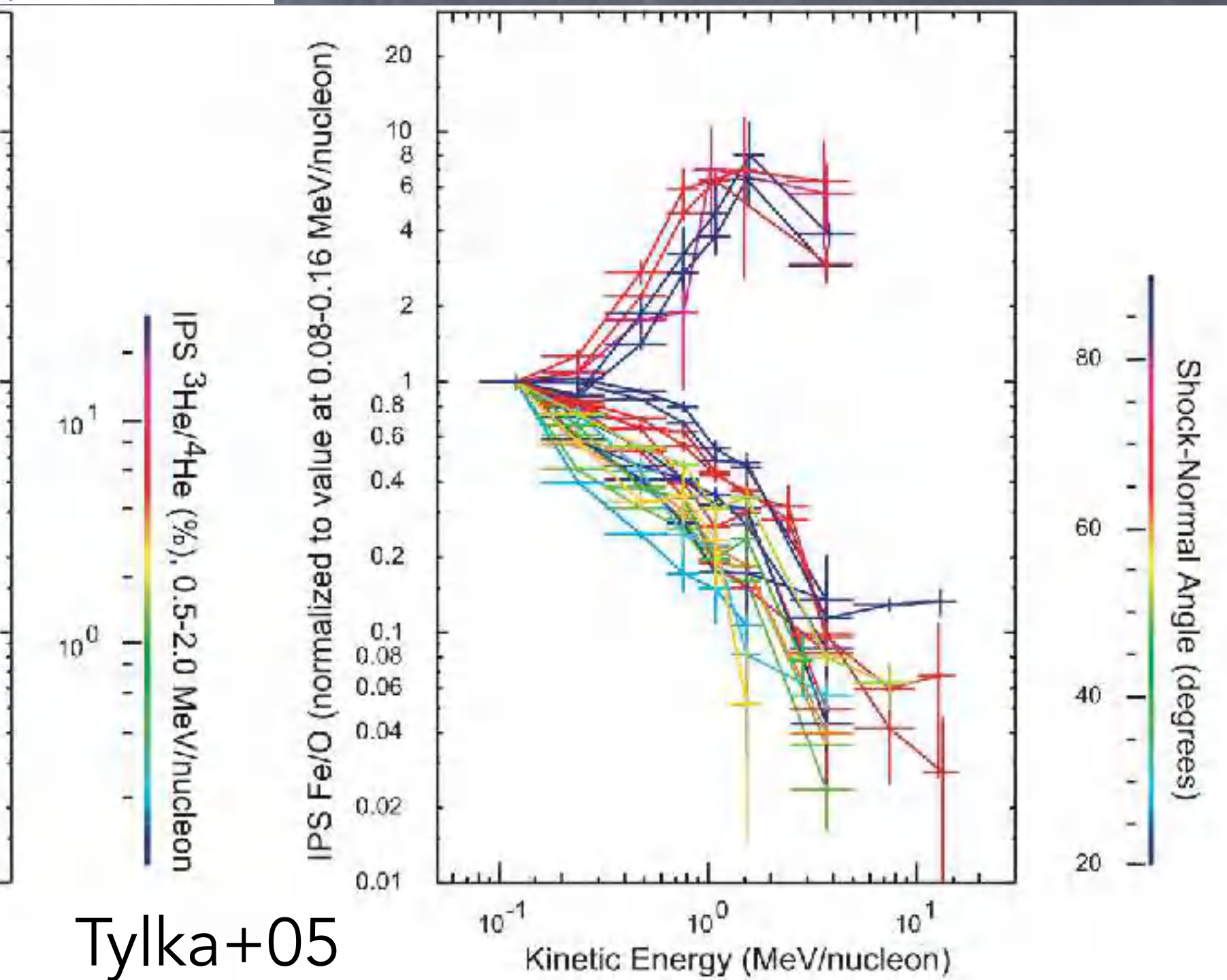
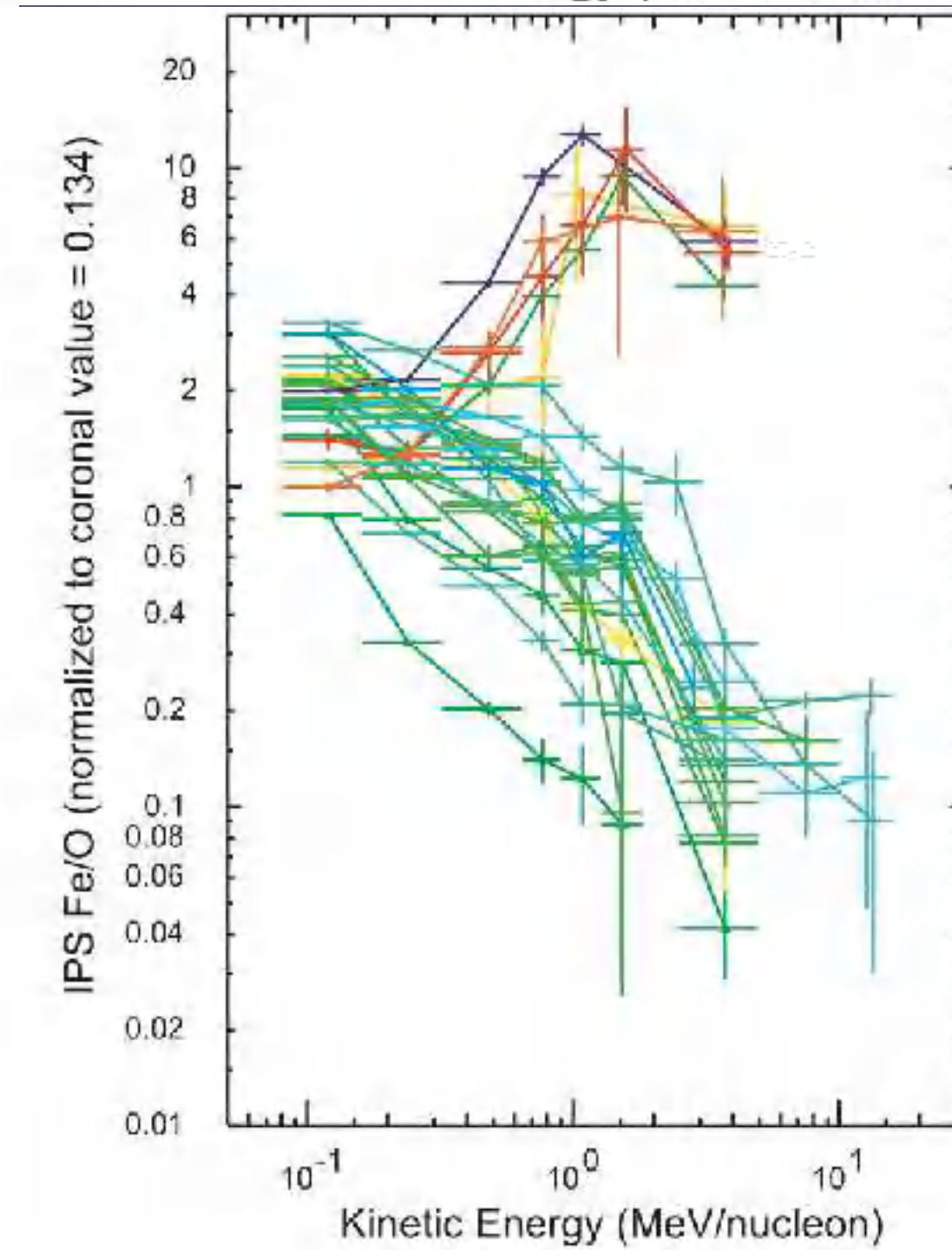
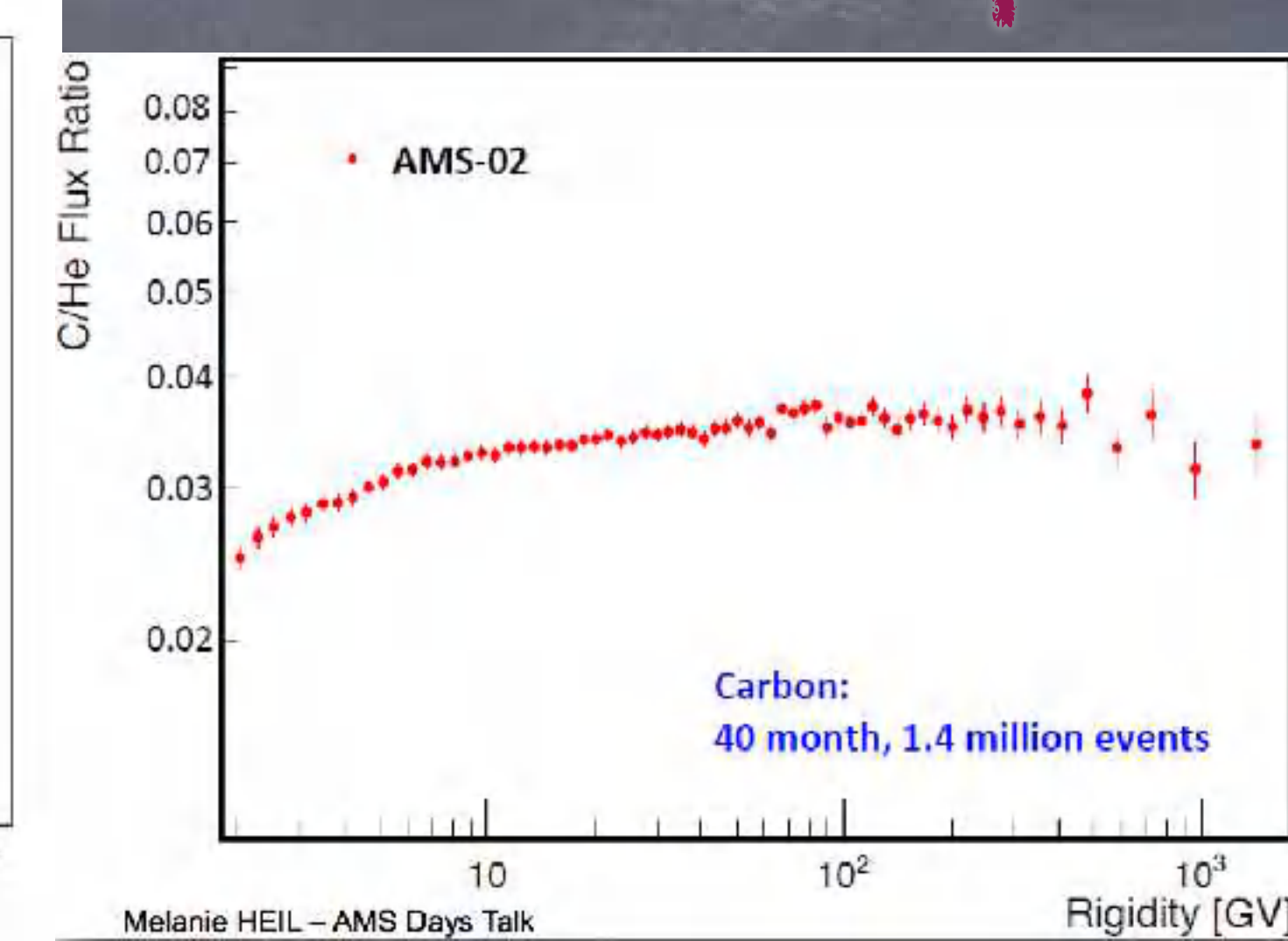
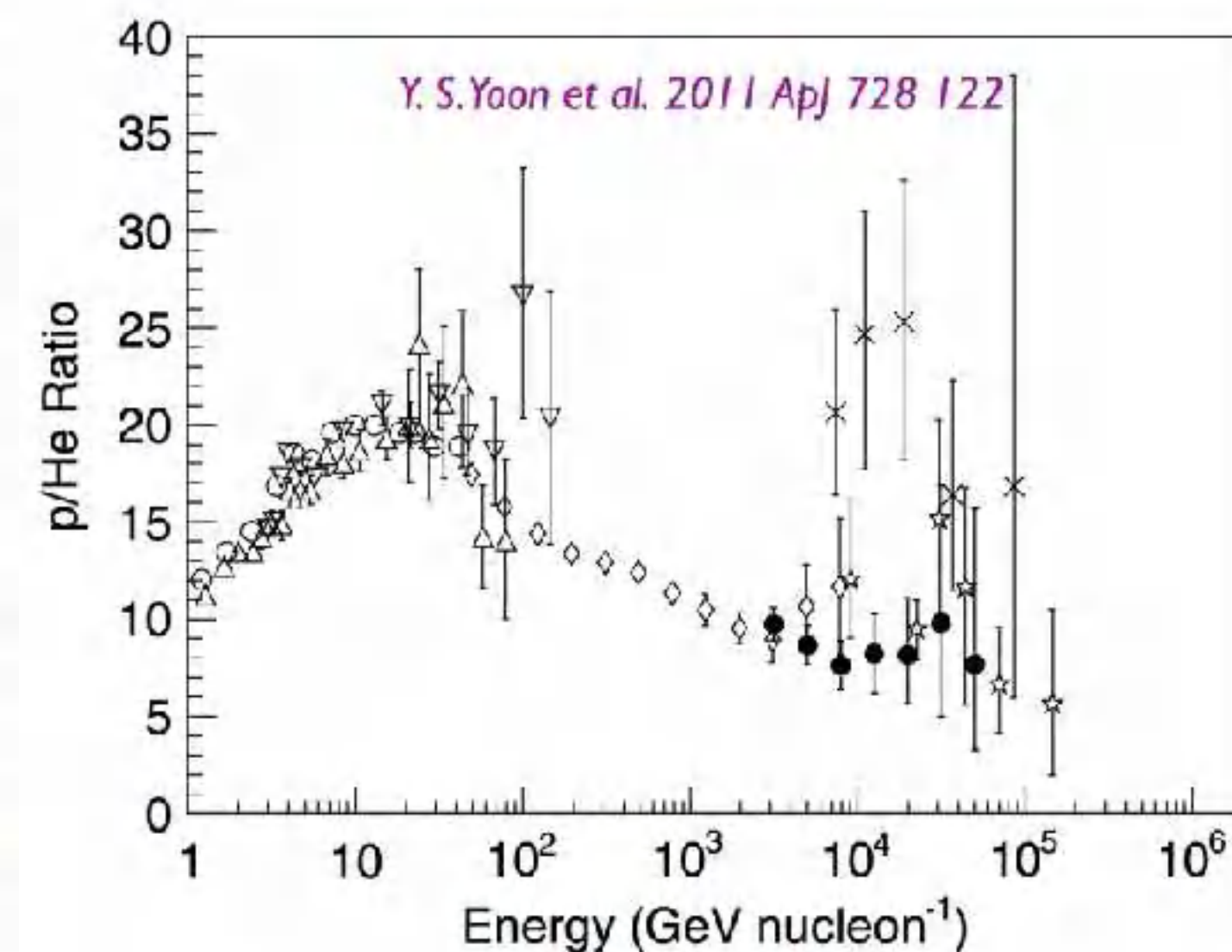
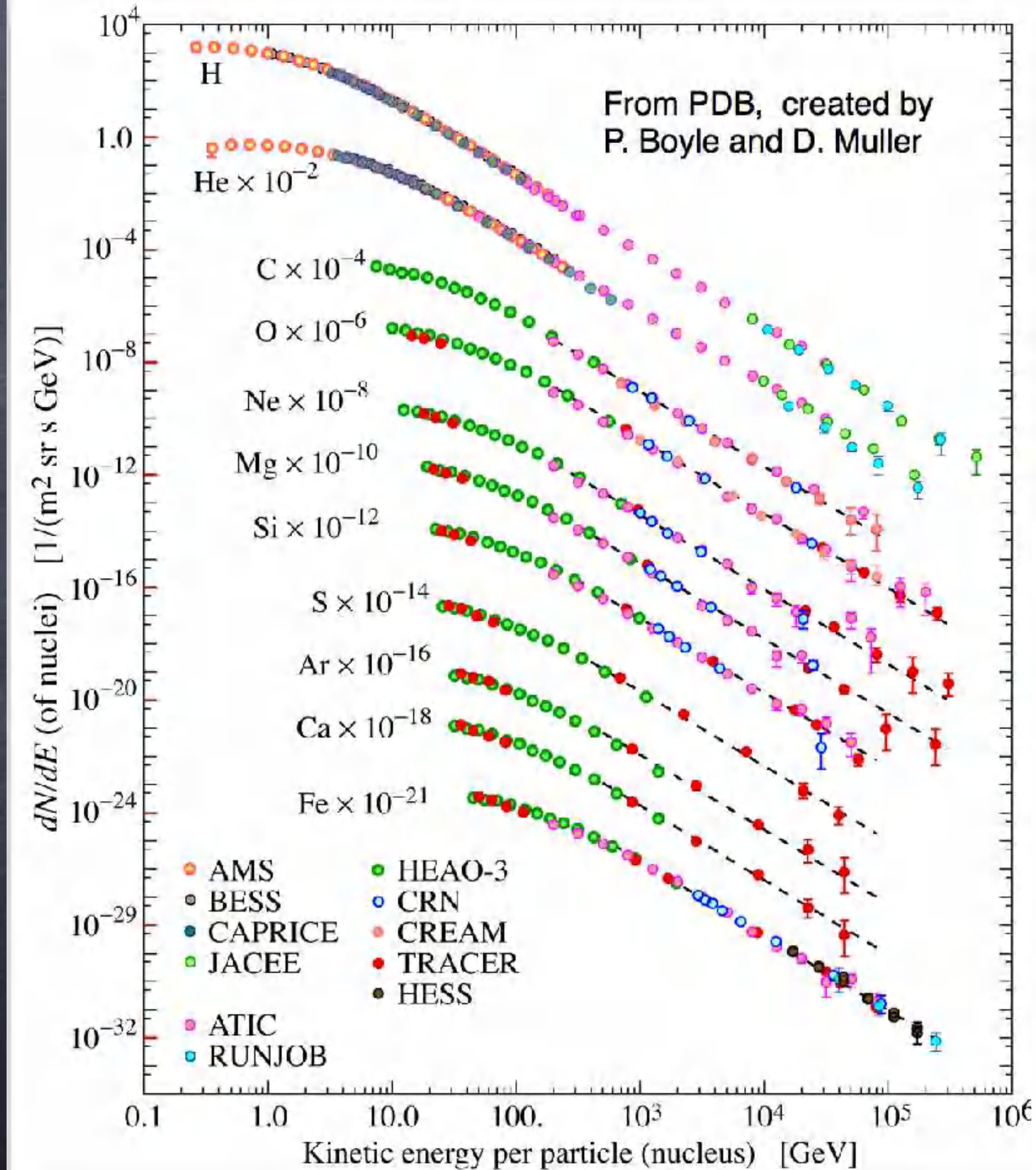
- Quasi-parallel shock, $M=20$
Ion DSA when proton DSA!



DC, Yi & Spitkovsky, 2017

- Post-shock T_i scales with A_i
- $E_{max,i}$ scales with Z_i
- The tail normalization scales with $(A_i/Z_i)^2$
- Explains CR chemical enhancements!

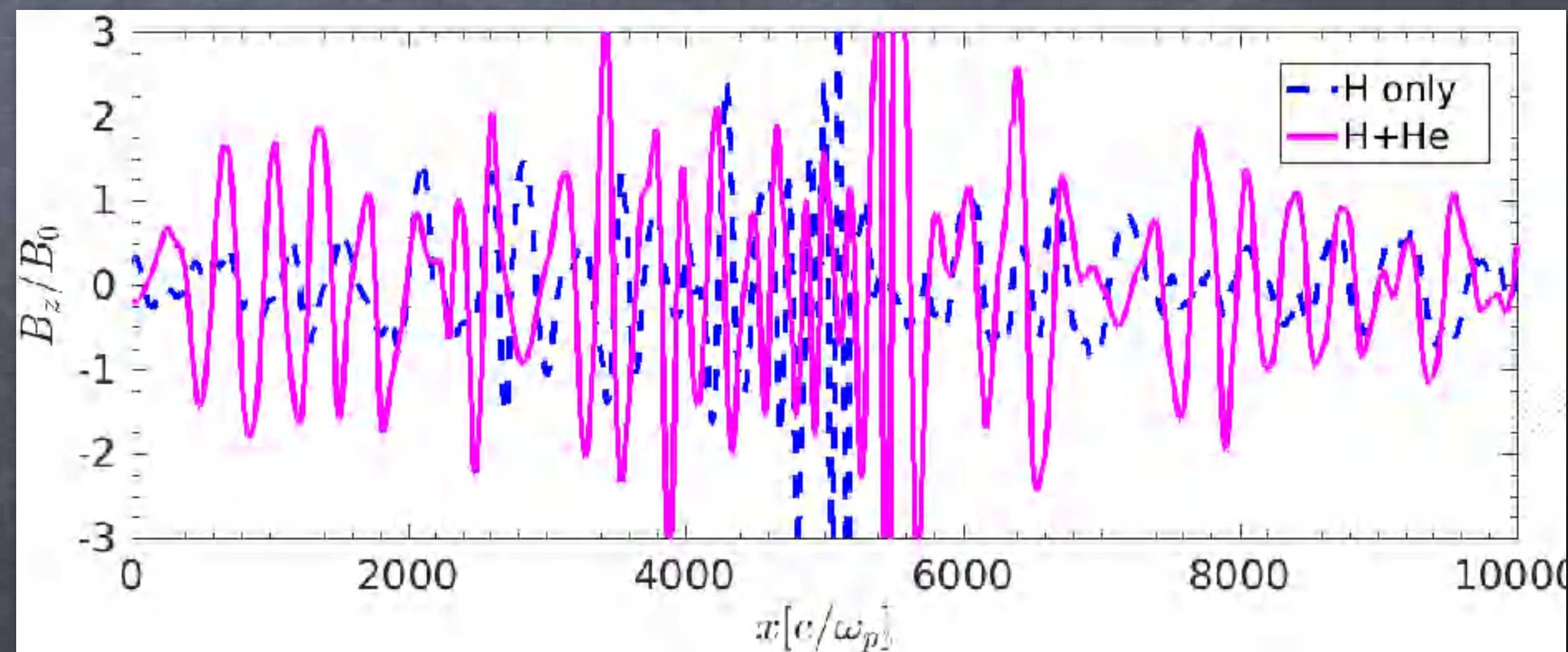
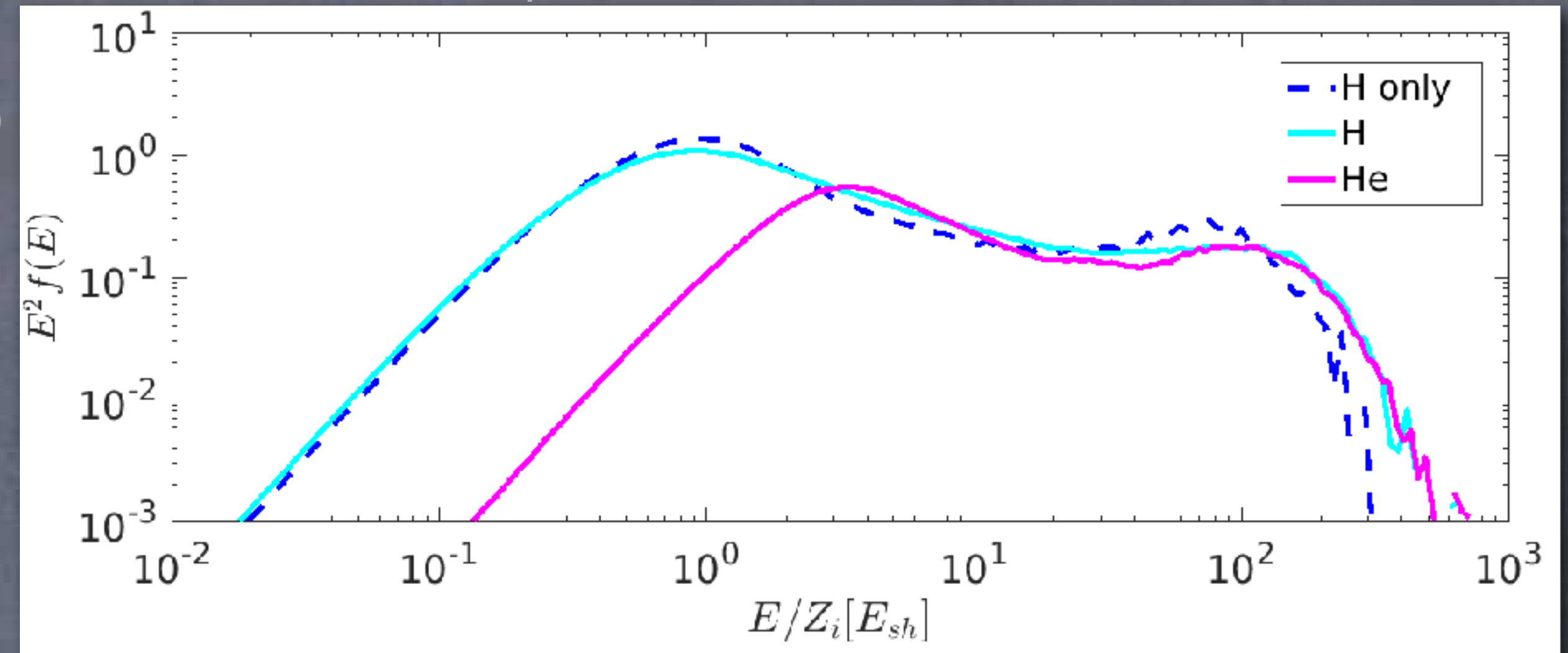
Anomalous Abundances in CRs and SEPs





Helium is *not* test-particle!

- With cosmological **He** abundance $\sim 10\%$ (DC & Roussi, in prog)
- He acceleration efficiency $\sim 15\%$ (as H)
 - **Total** efficiency $\sim 30\%$
 - Increases shock modification
 - He can drive waves as much as H
 - E_{\max} **2x larger** for both species
 - **Hadronic gamma-ray** emission can be boosted by a factor ~ 5 (DC et al, 2011)



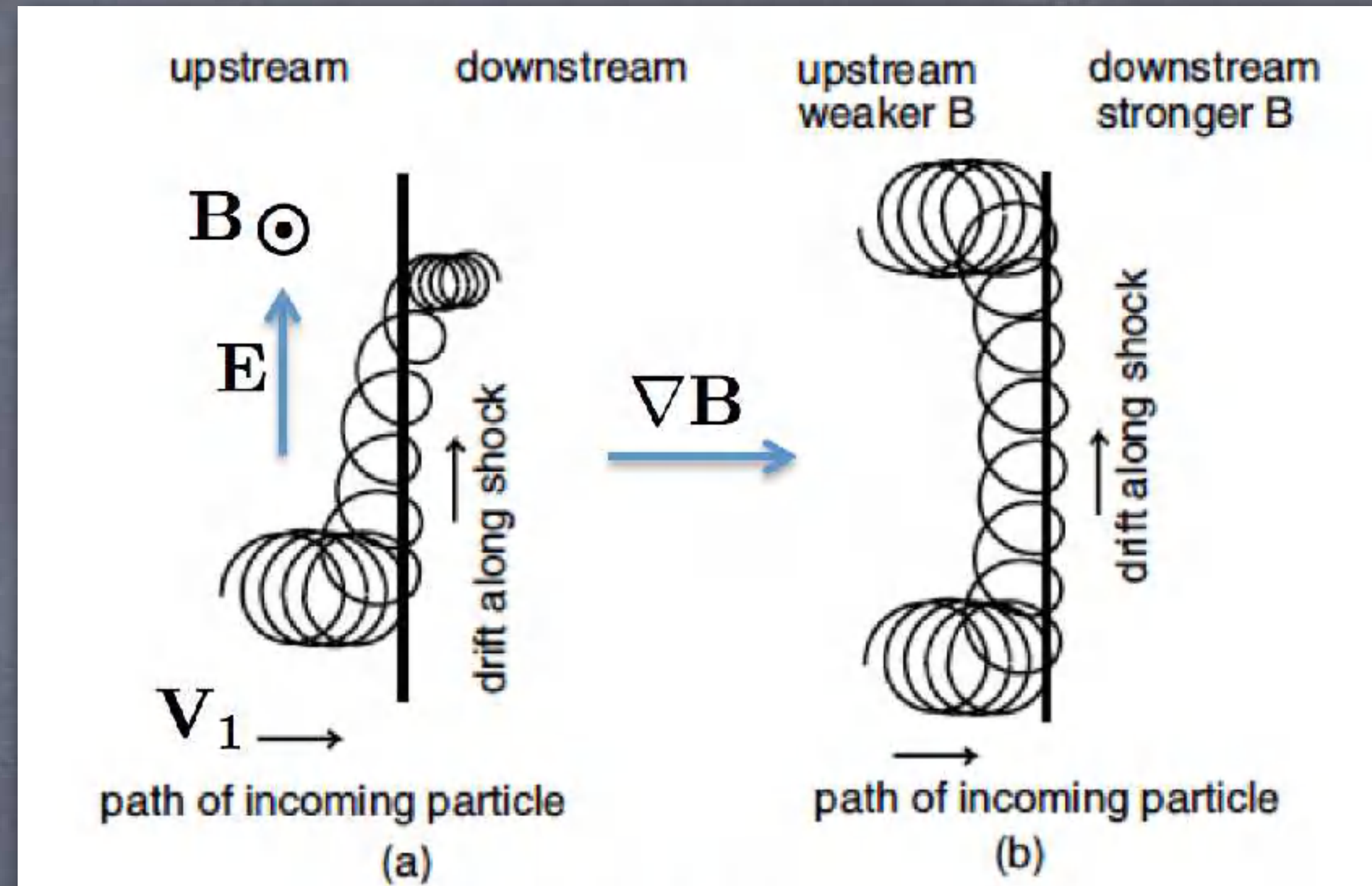
ELECTRONS

Ion vs Electron Injection

- **Ions** injected by specular reflection
- Their magnetic moment $W_{\perp} = p_{\perp}^2 / B$ is not conserved: the shock is evolving on their gyro-time!
- **Electrons** cannot be reflected by the shock potential barrier, but conserve their W_{\perp}
- ∇B -drift + shock drift acceleration

$$\mathbf{v}_{\nabla B} = \frac{W_{\perp}}{qB} \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2} \quad \mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{V}_1 / c \times \mathbf{B}$$

- Electron injection requires **oblique shocks!**
- How can we have **simultaneous** acceleration of ions and electrons?



cartoon: Ball & Melrose 2001

Reflection condition: $\theta_p > \theta_{crit}$

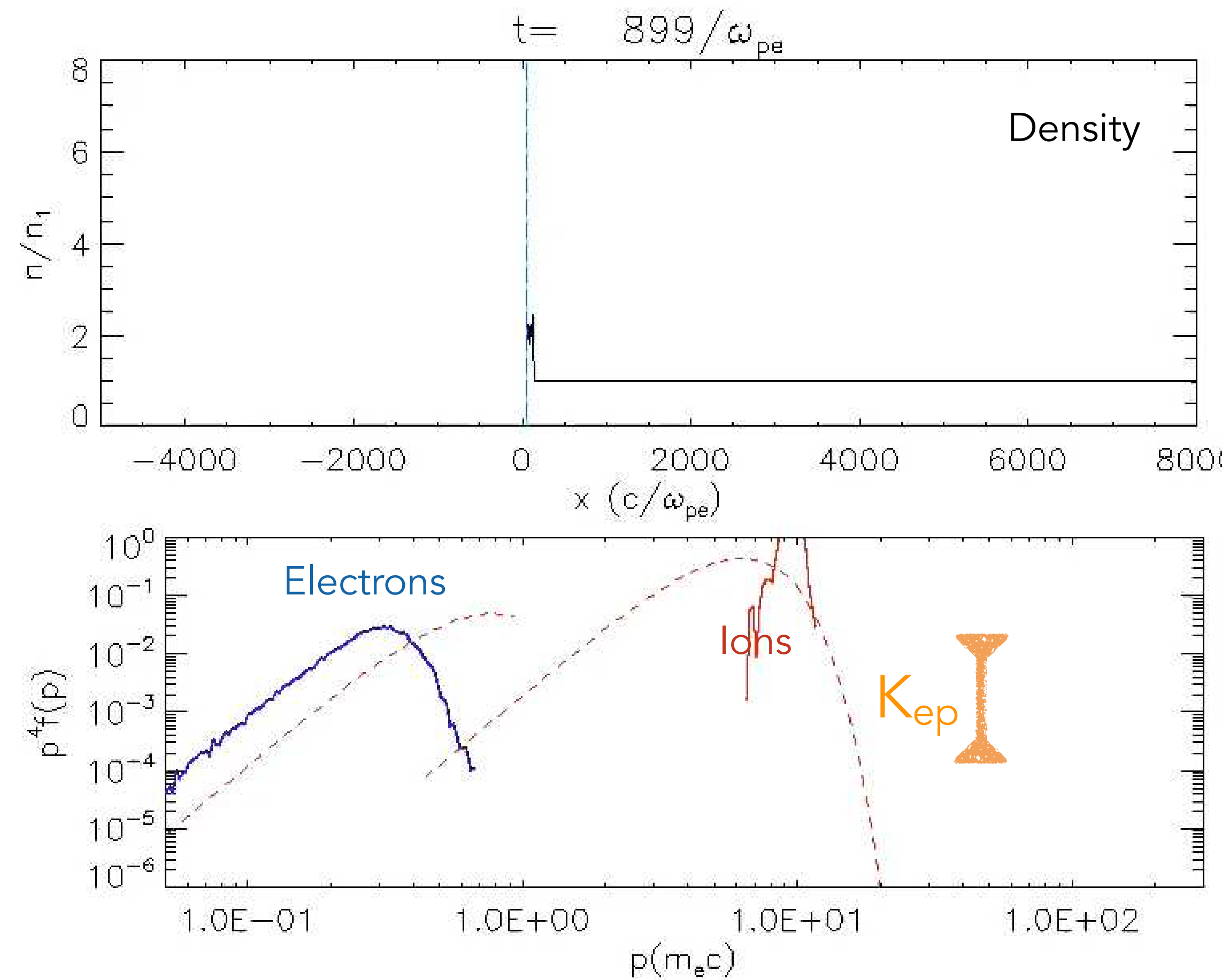
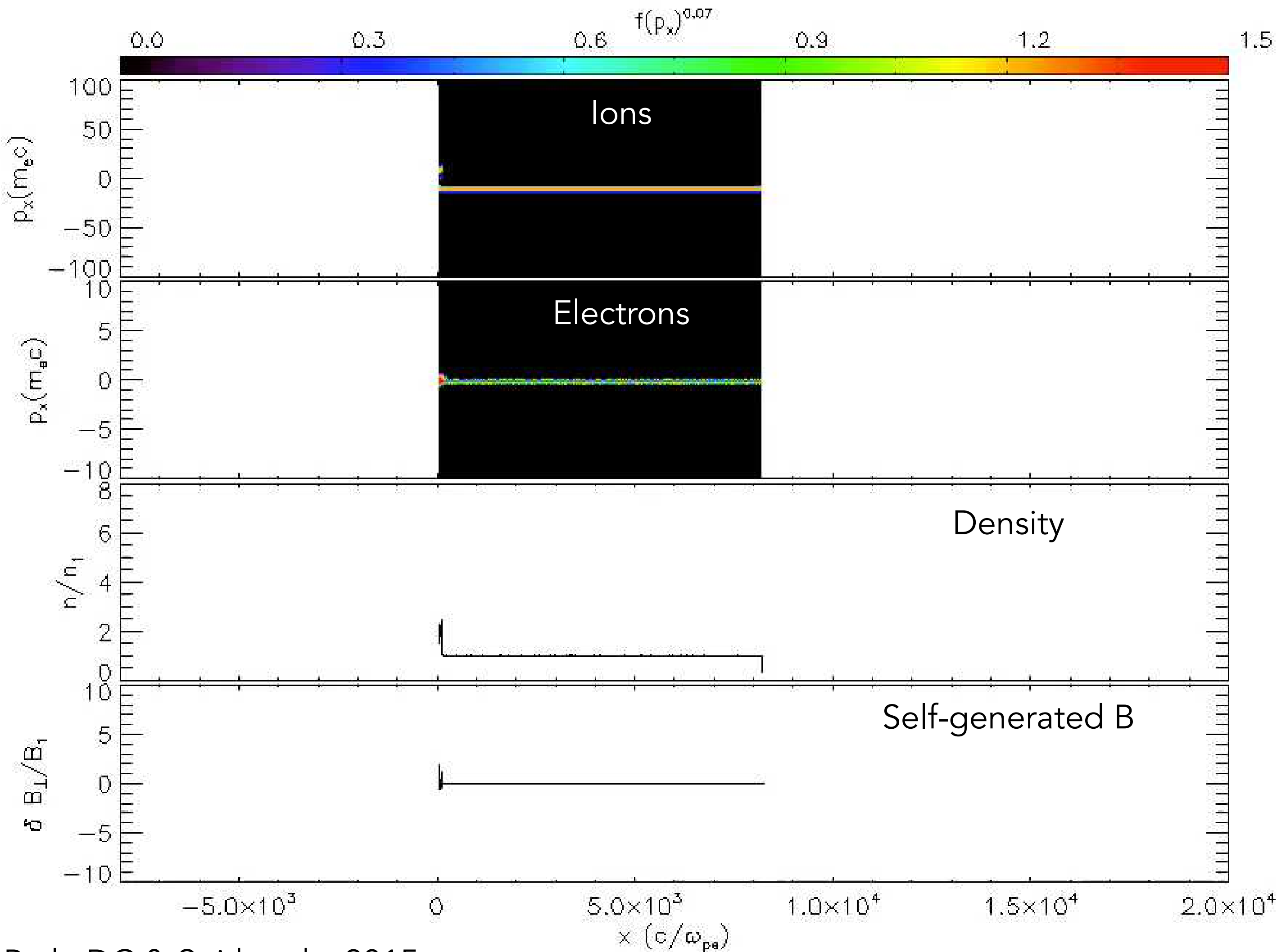
$$\theta_p = \angle(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{B}_1)$$

$$\theta_{crit} = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{B_1 / B_2}$$



Electron Acceleration

- Full PIC simulations (Tristan-MP code) $M=20$, $V_{sh}=0.1c$, quasi-parallel ($\vartheta=30^\circ$) 1D shock



Electron/proton ratio $K_{ep} \sim 0.01$

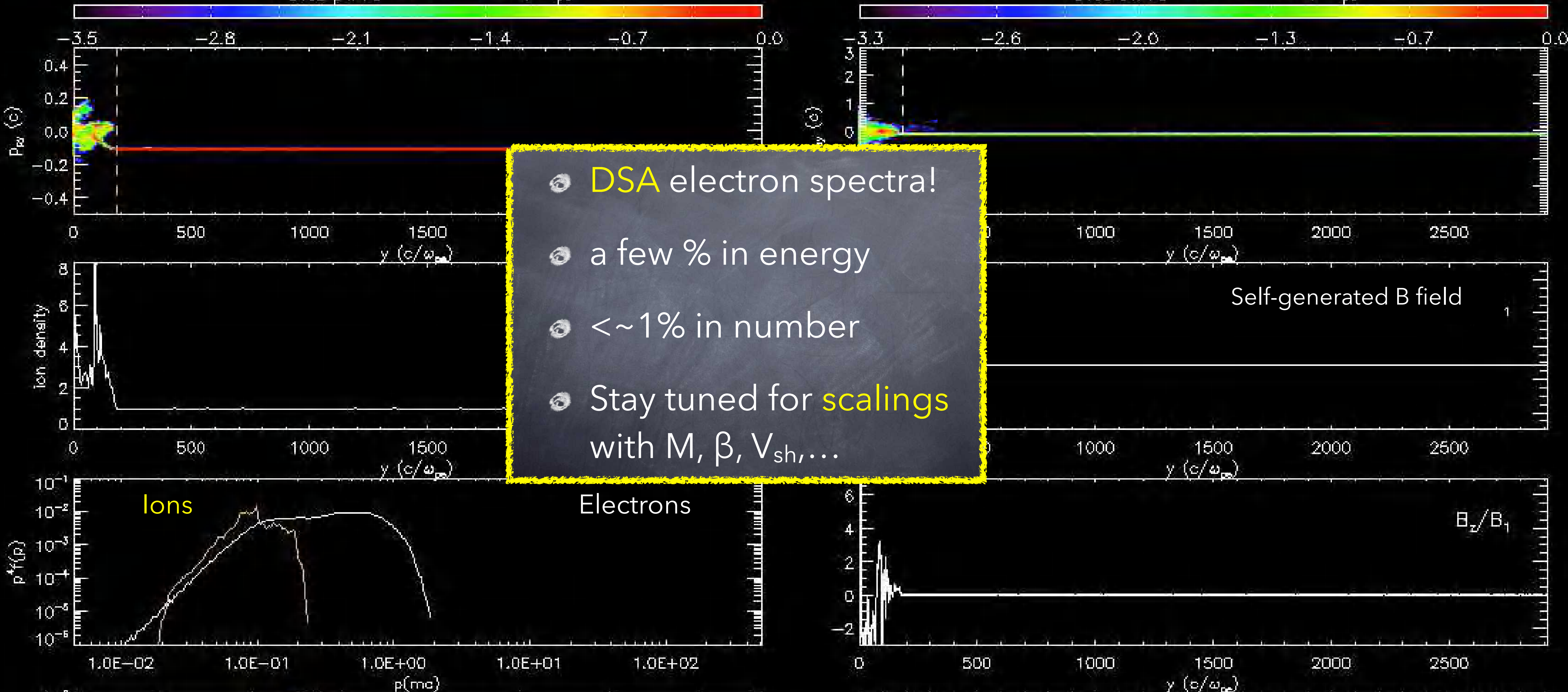


More on electron acceleration

- PIC simulations of **oblique shocks** ($\vartheta=60^\circ$) (DC, Spitkovsky, in prep.)

$\text{Log}_{10}[f_p(p)]$ at $t = 3599/\omega_{pe}$

$\text{Log}_{10}[f_e(p)]$ at $t = 3599/\omega_{pe}$



- **DSA** electron spectra!
- a few % in energy
- $< \sim 1\%$ in number
- Stay tuned for **scalings** with M, β, V_{sh}, \dots

SUPER- HYBRID



Meso-scales: Super-Hybrid

- MHD (Athena) + kinetic ions
- Prescription for injection (DC, Pop & Spitkovsky, 2015)
- Allows to go to larger Mach numbers and scales

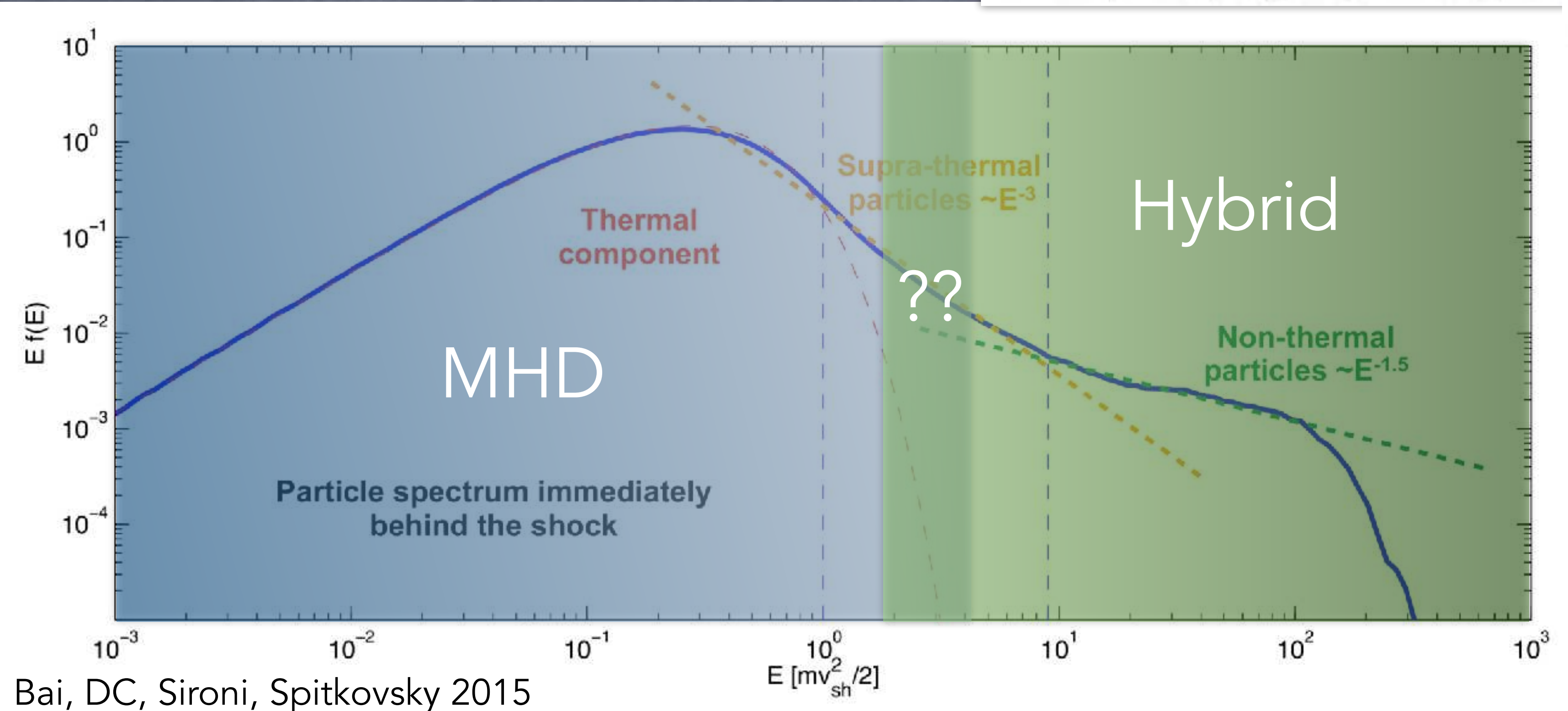
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}_g) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}_g}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho \mathbf{v}_g^T \mathbf{v}_g - \frac{\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}}{4\pi} + P_g^* \mathbf{I} \right) = - (1 - R)(n_{CR} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_0 + \mathbf{J}_{CR} \times \mathbf{B}/c) = -\mathbf{F}_{CR},$$

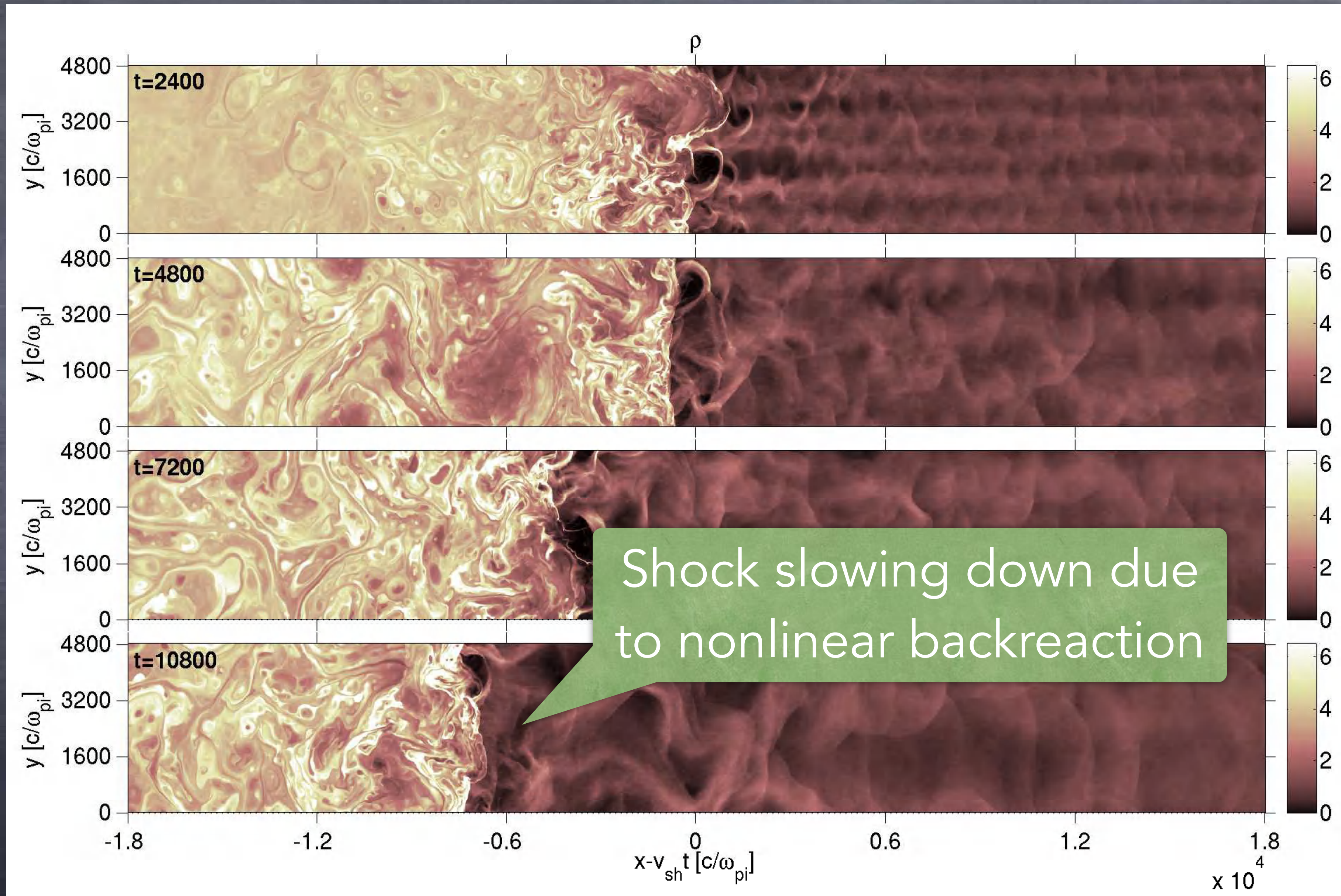
$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_0 \equiv -\frac{\mathbf{v}_g}{c} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left[(E + P^*) \mathbf{v}_g - \frac{(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{v}_g) \mathbf{B}}{4\pi} + \frac{c}{4\pi} (\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} - \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_0) \times \mathbf{B} \right] = - (1 - R) \mathbf{J}_{CR} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_0 = -\mathbf{u}_{CR} \cdot \mathbf{F}_{CR},$$

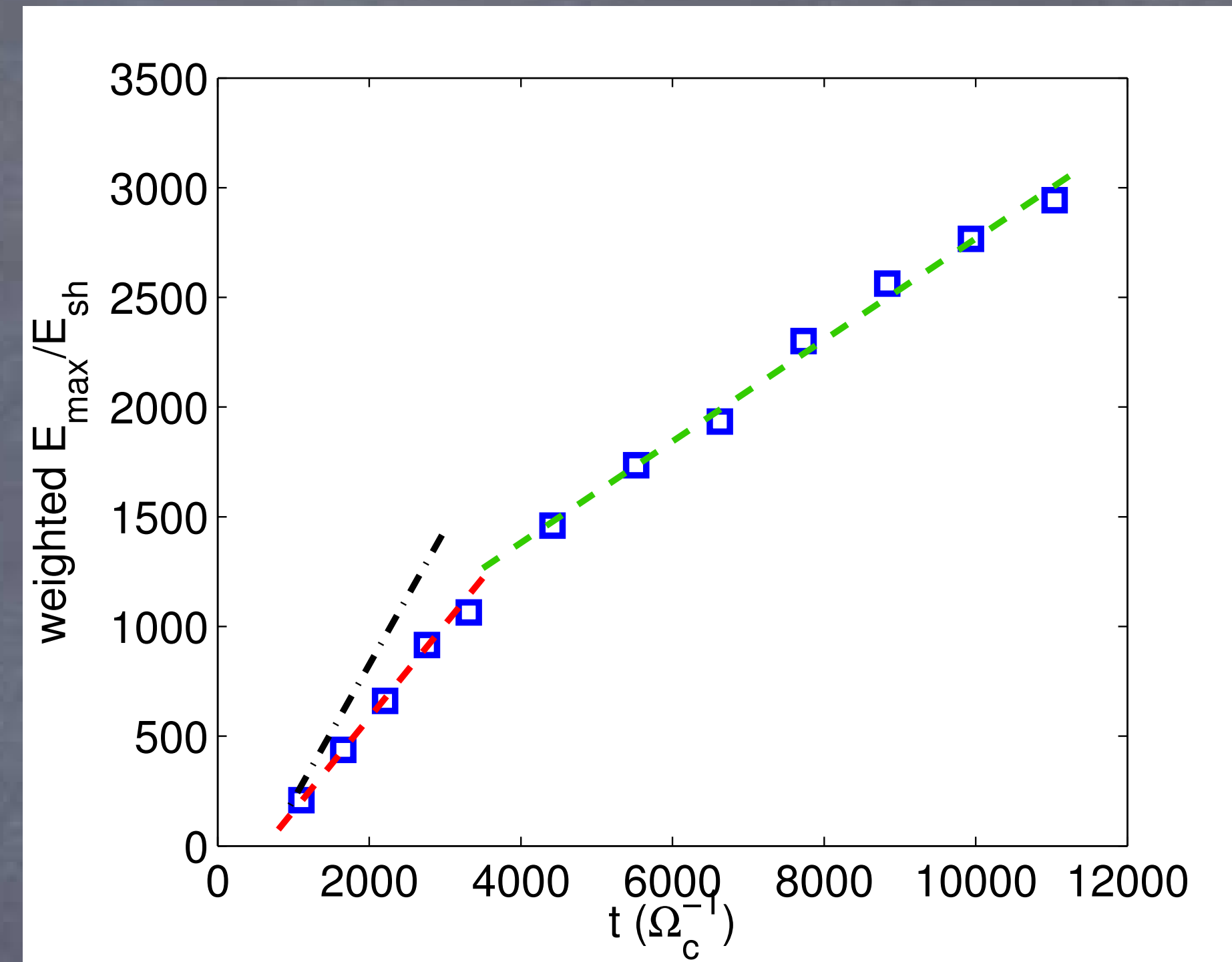
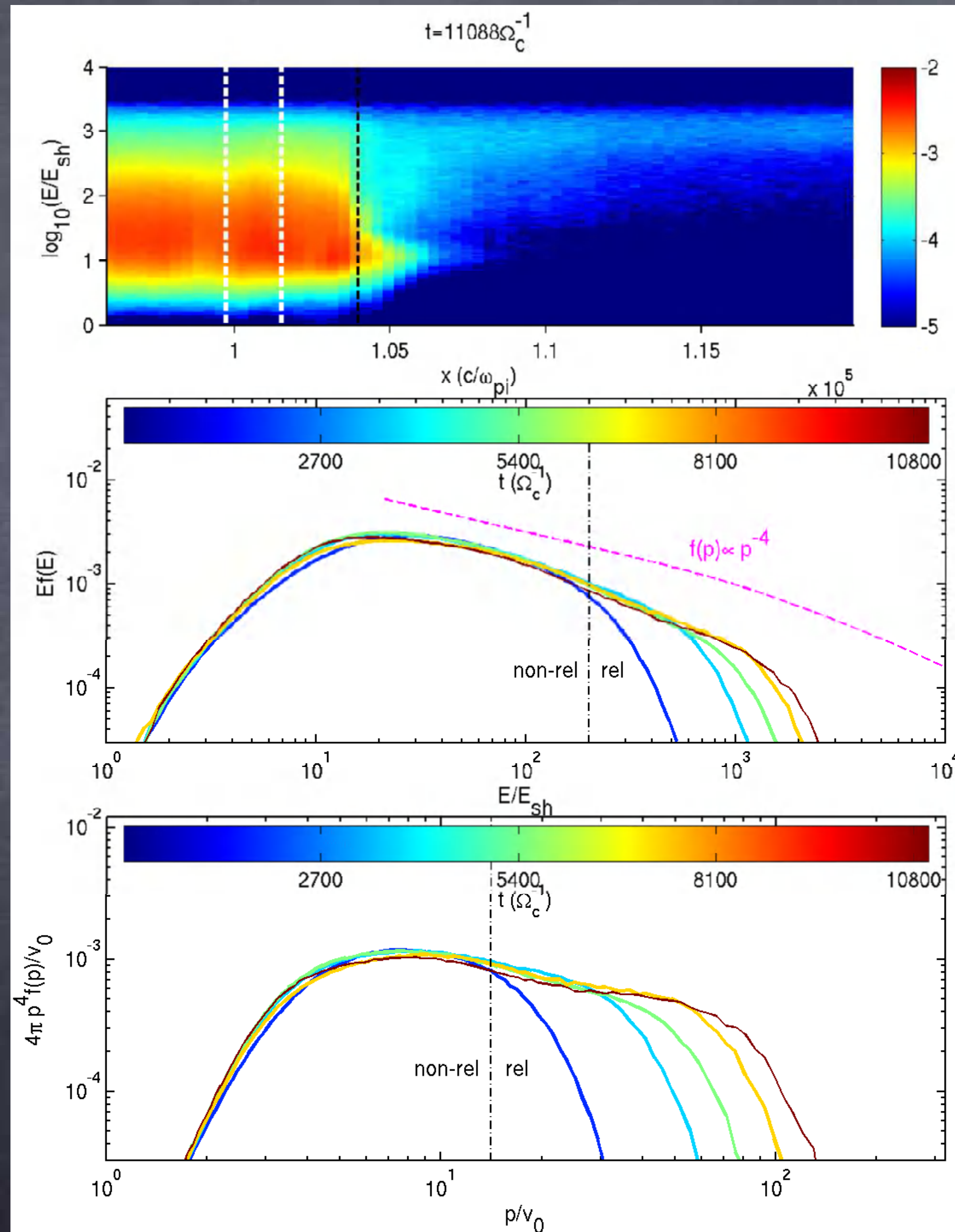
$$R \equiv \frac{n_{CR}}{|n_e|} = \frac{n_{CR}}{n_i + n_{CR}}$$



Long-Term Evolution



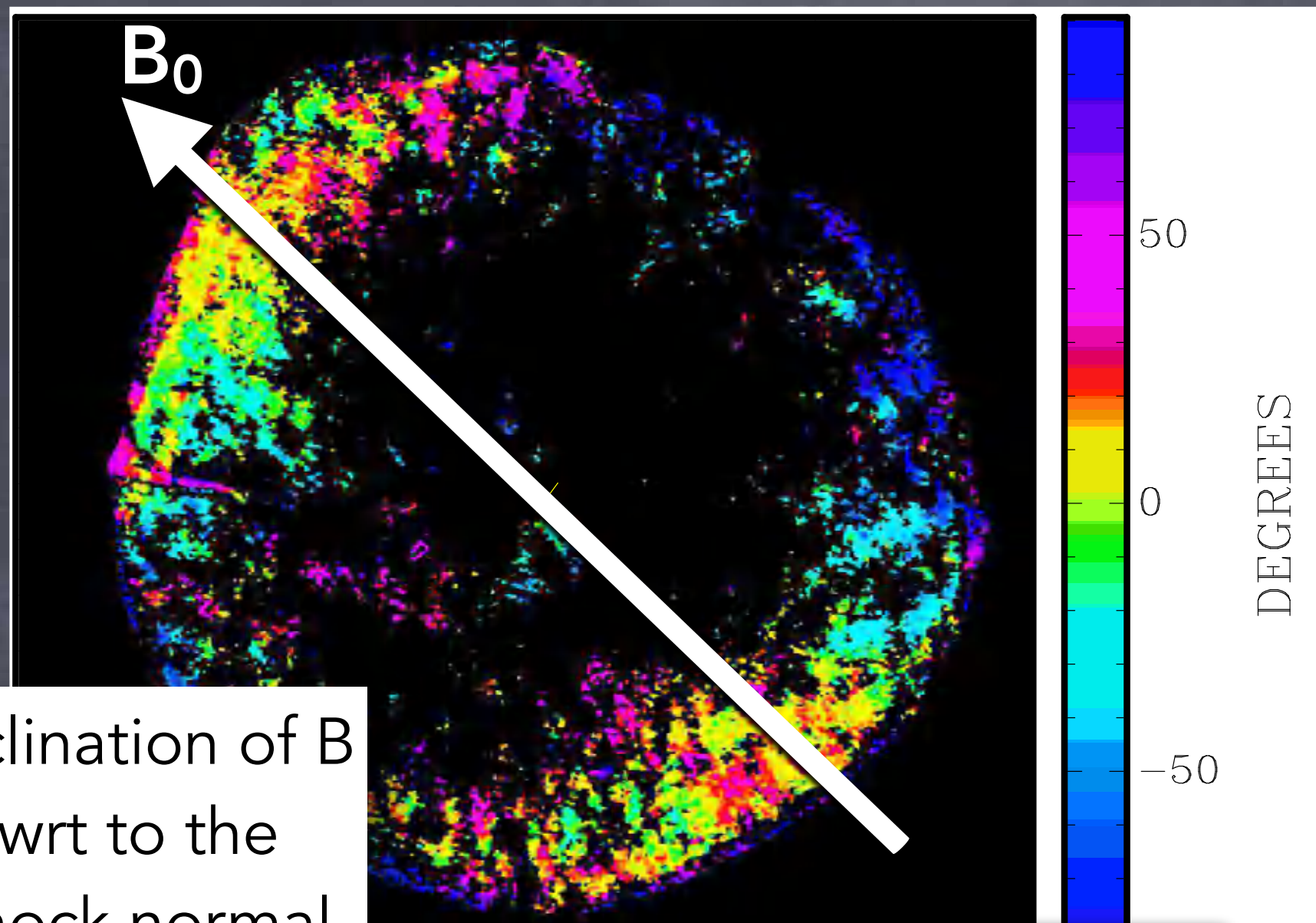
Nonrelativistic - relativistic transition



- Rather smooth **spectral transition**
- E_{\max} increases slower in the relativistic regime

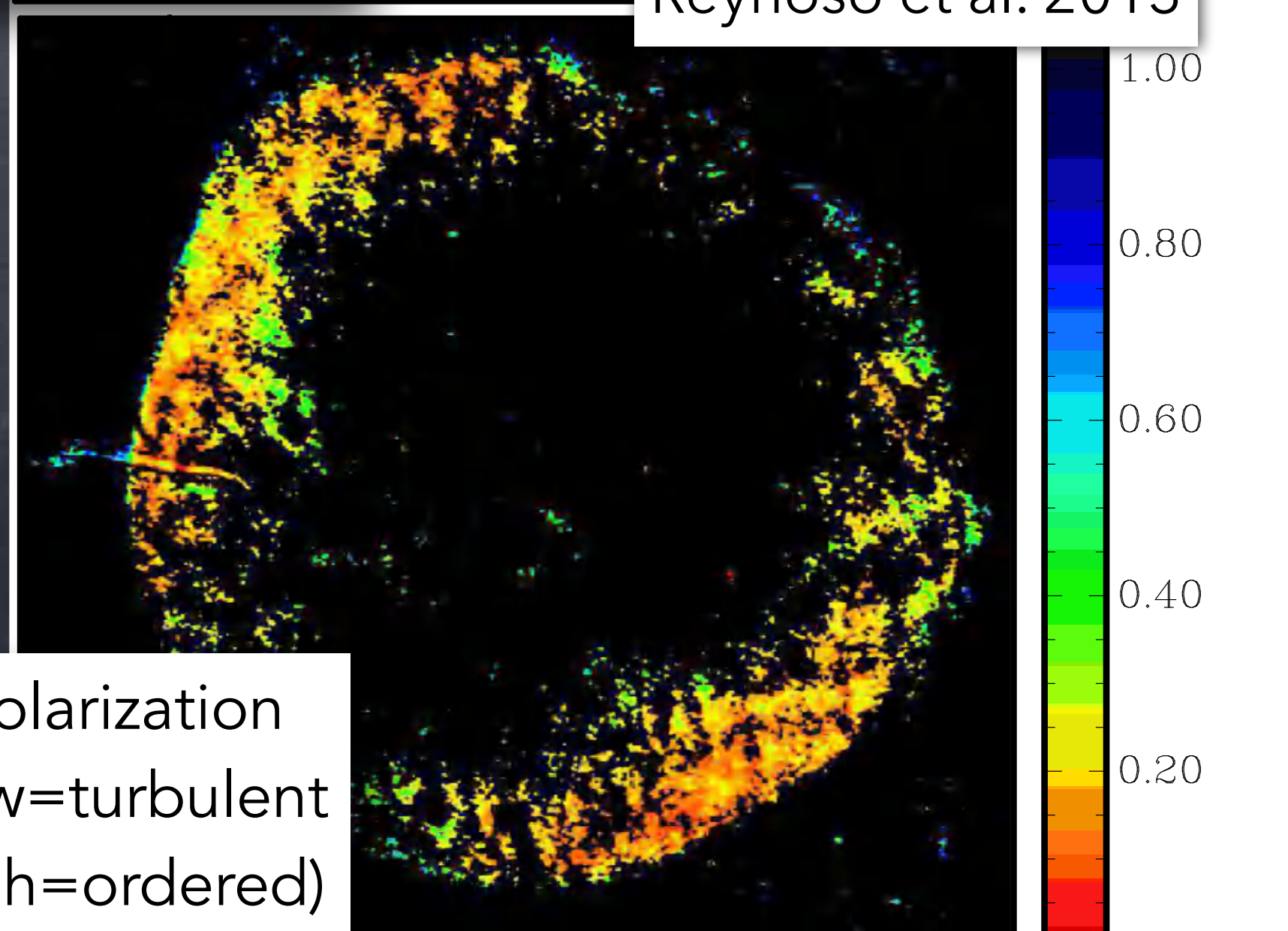
PHENOM.

SN 1006: a parallel accelerator



Inclination of B wrt to the shock normal

Reynoso et al. 2013

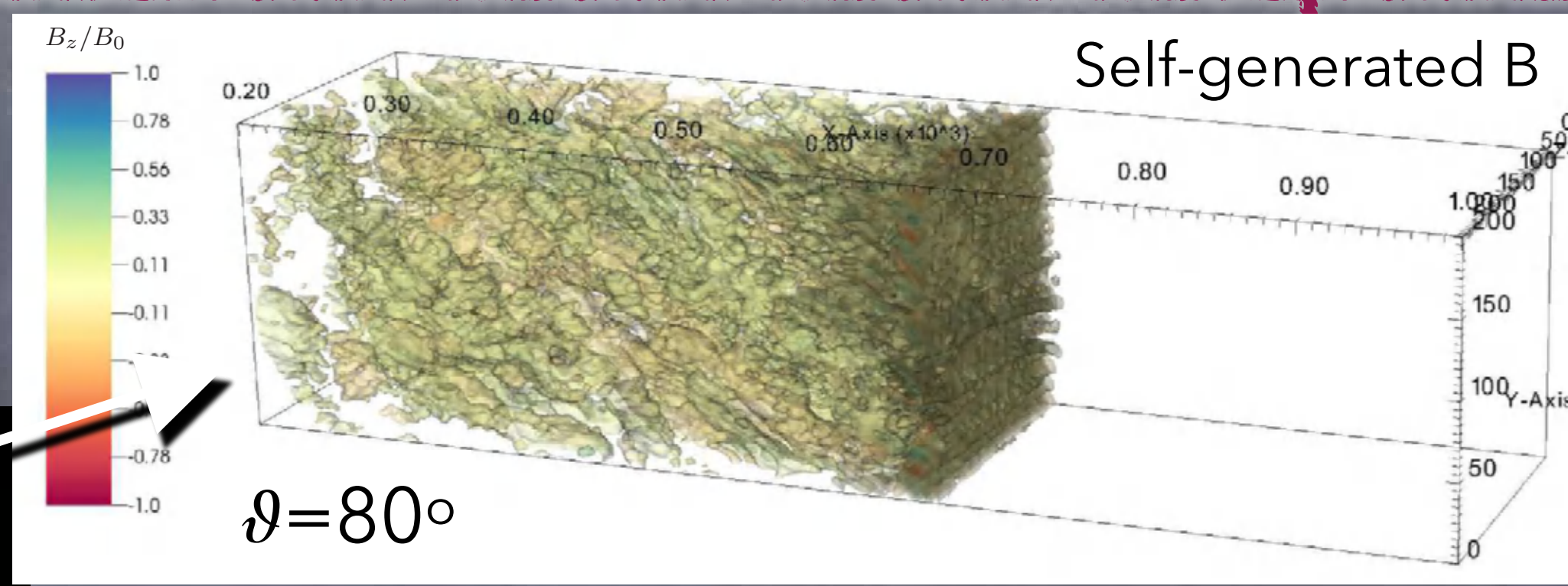


Polarization (low=turbulent high=ordered)

X-ray emission:
red=thermal
white=synchrotron

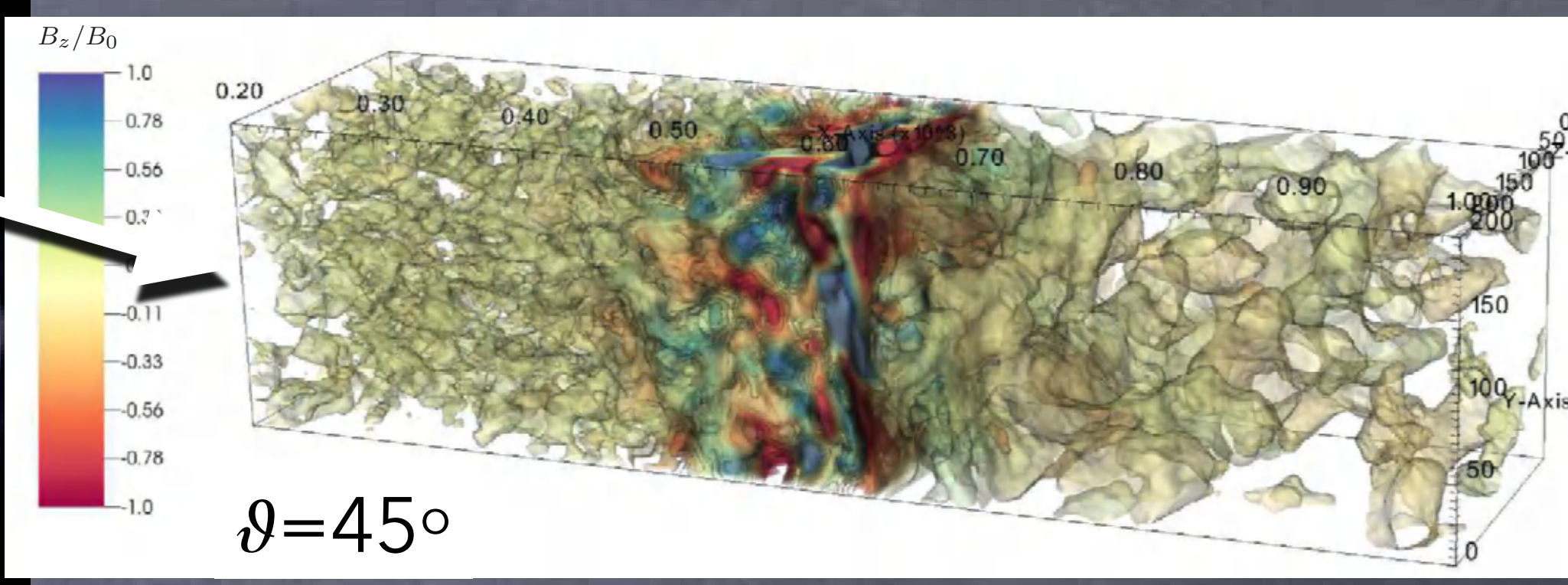


B amplification and ion acceleration where the shock is **parallel**

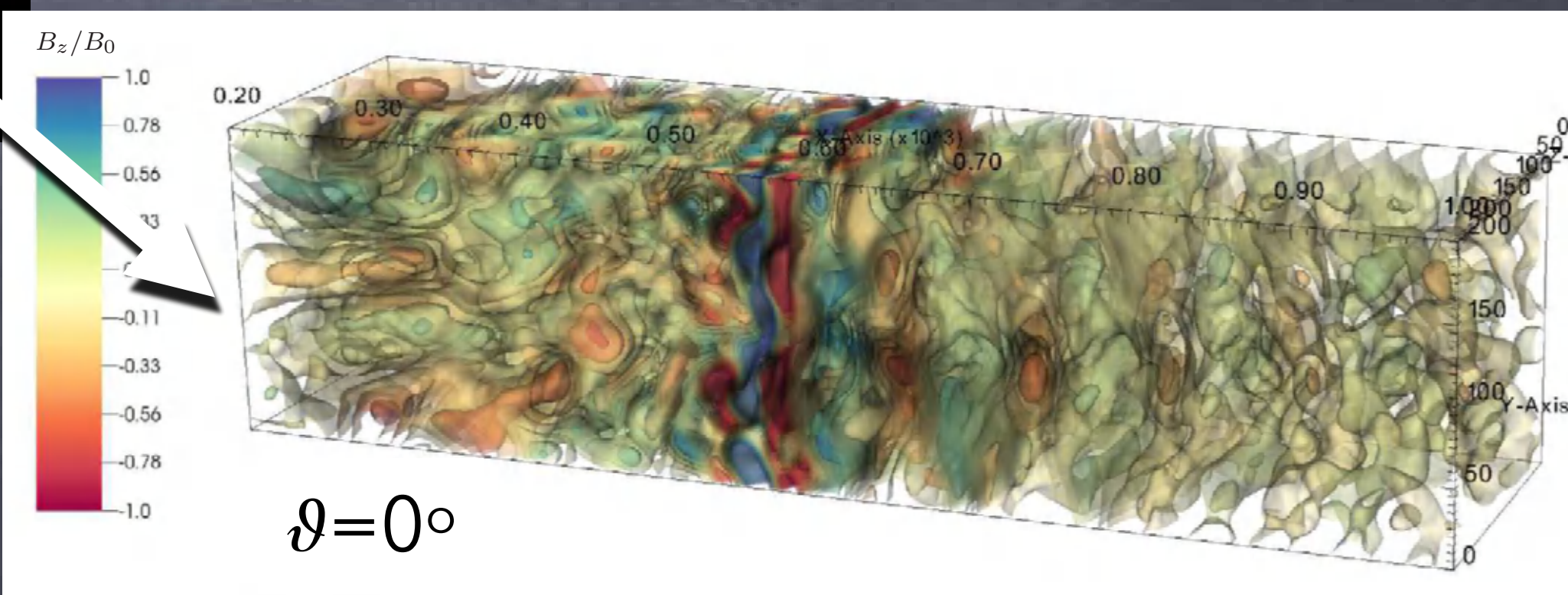


Self-generated B

$\vartheta = 80^\circ$



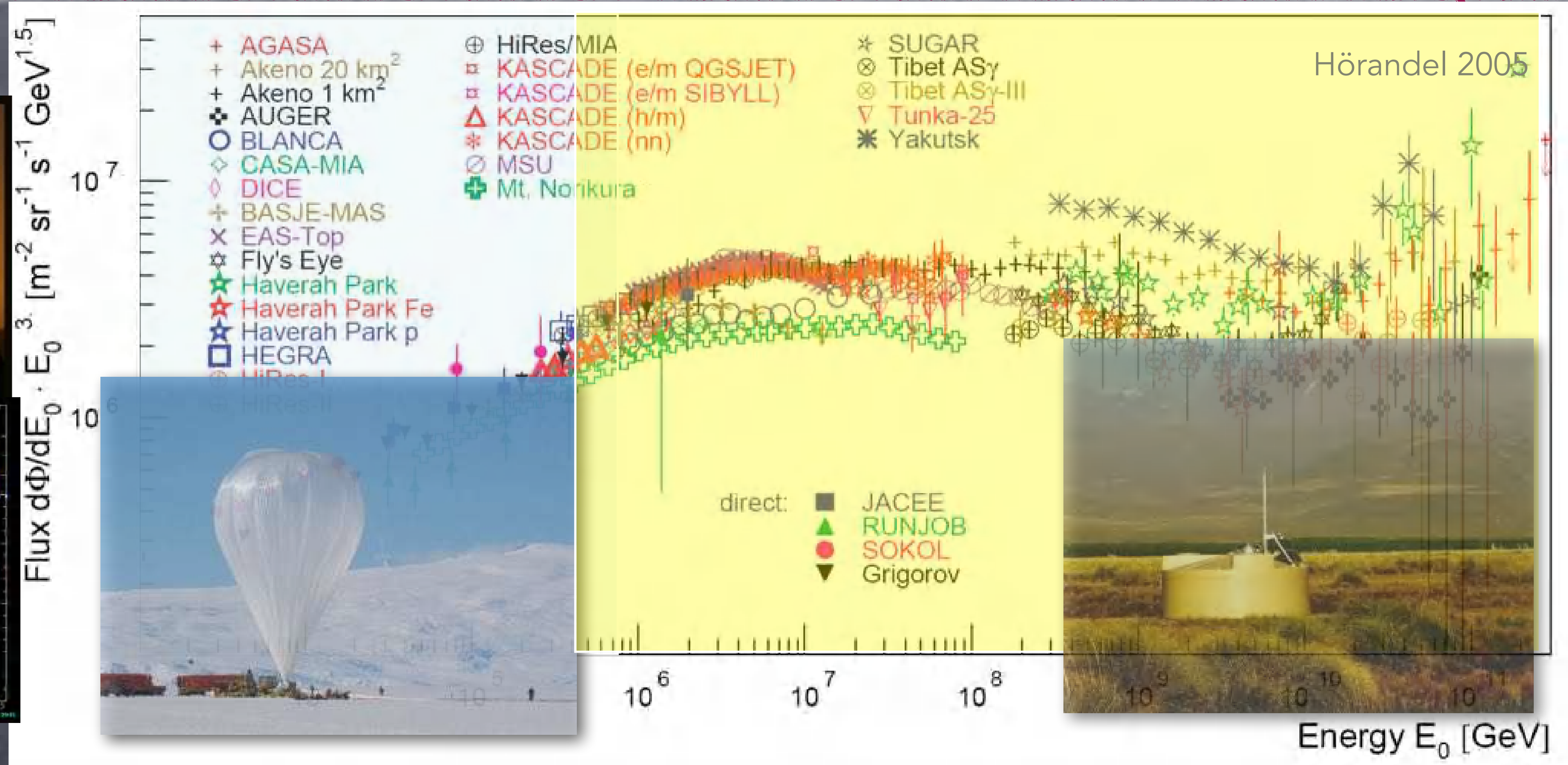
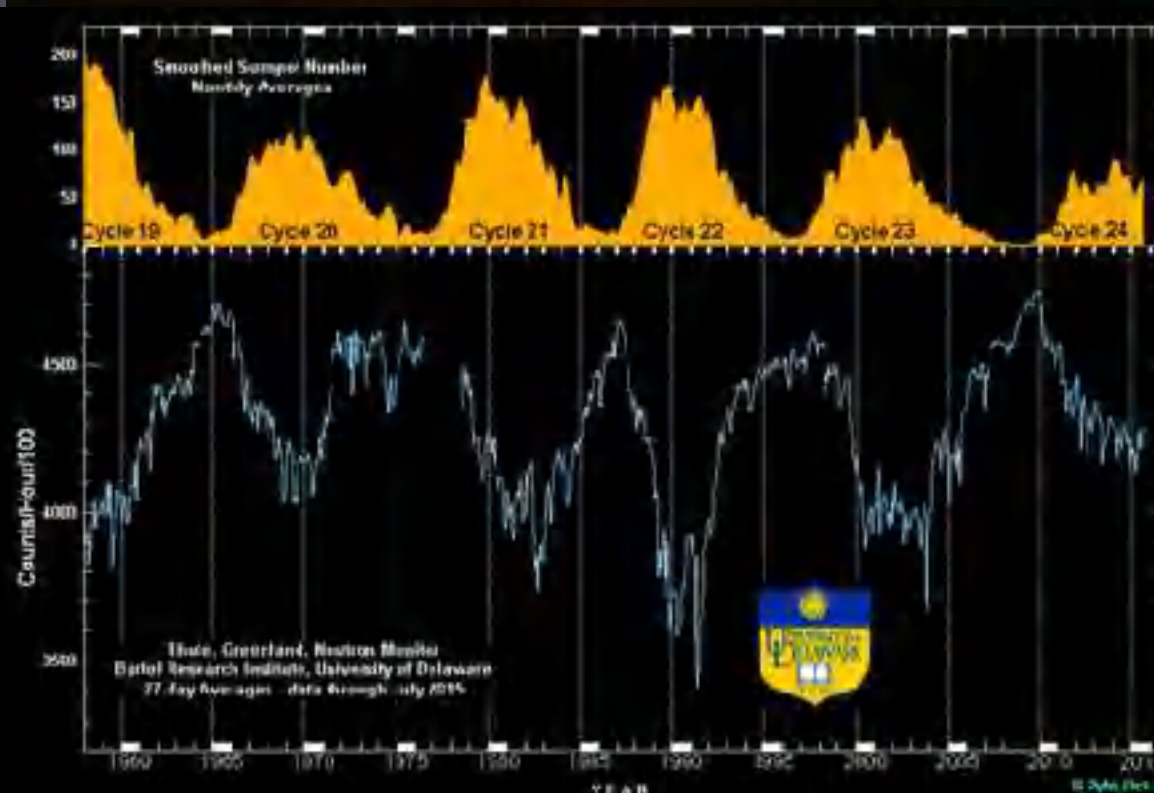
$\vartheta = 45^\circ$



$\vartheta = 0^\circ$

DC & Spitkovsky, 2014a

Cosmic ray flux at Earth

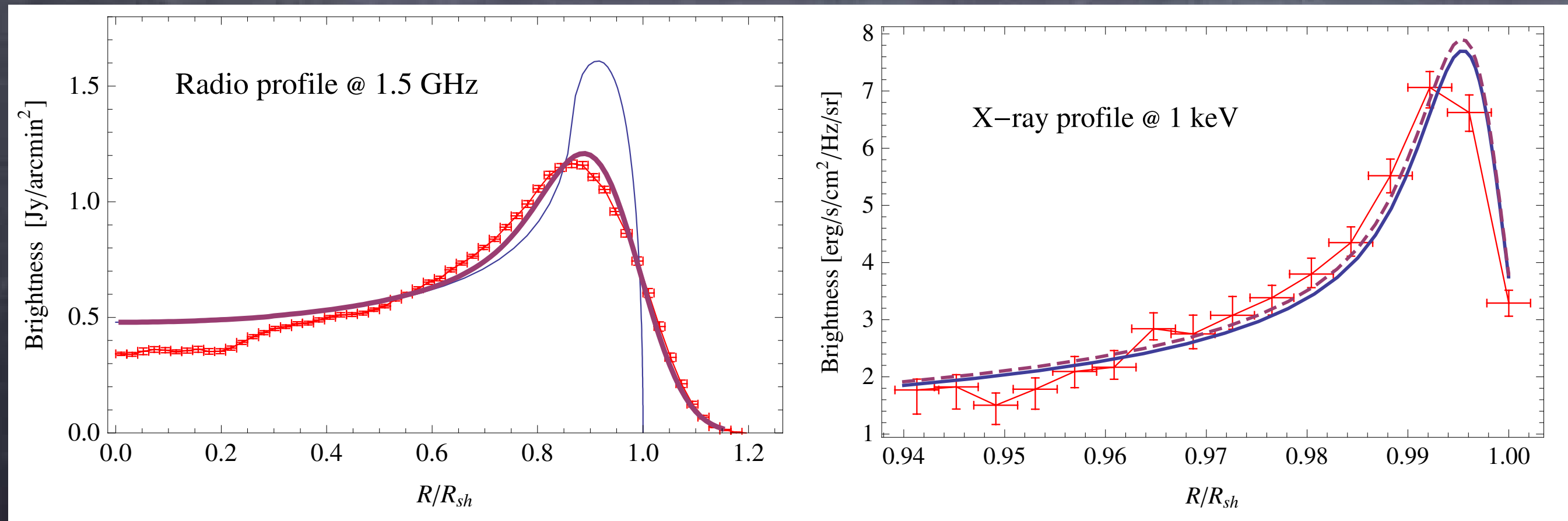
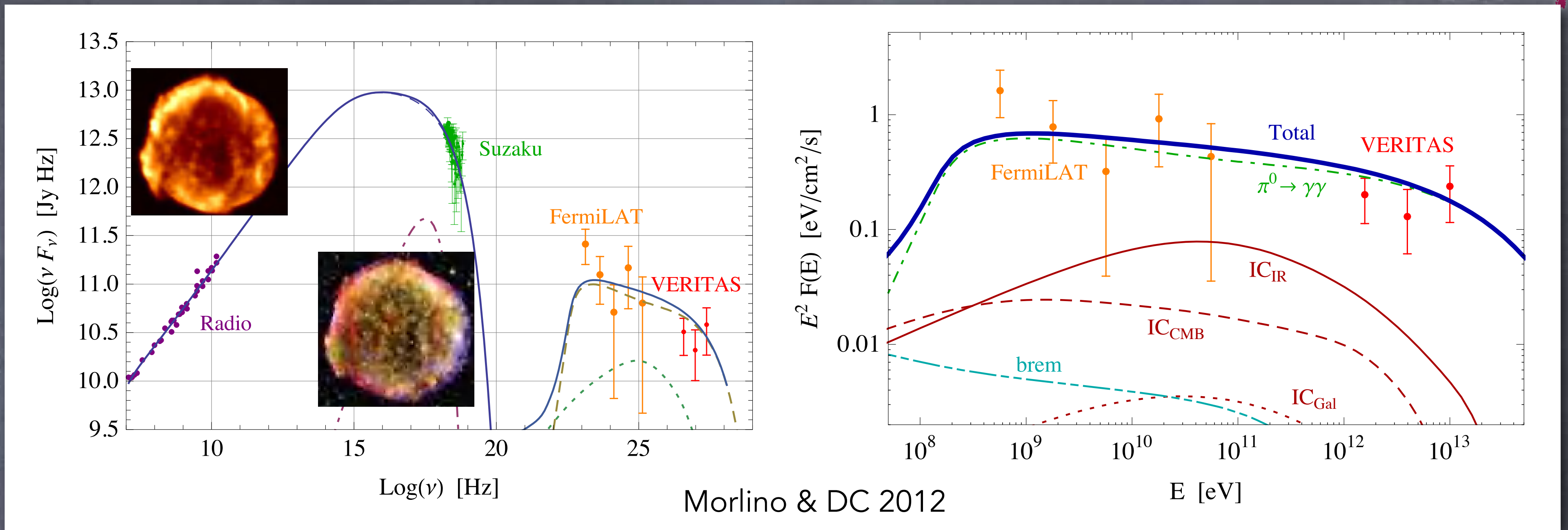


- Below ~10 GeV: solar modulation observed via **neutron monitors**
- Below ~1 PeV: **satellites** and **balloons**
- Above: **ground-based arrays**, **fluorescence telescopes** for extensive air showers



Tycho: the smoking gun for hadron acceleration

Type Ia SN
Age=444yr
Distance~3kpc

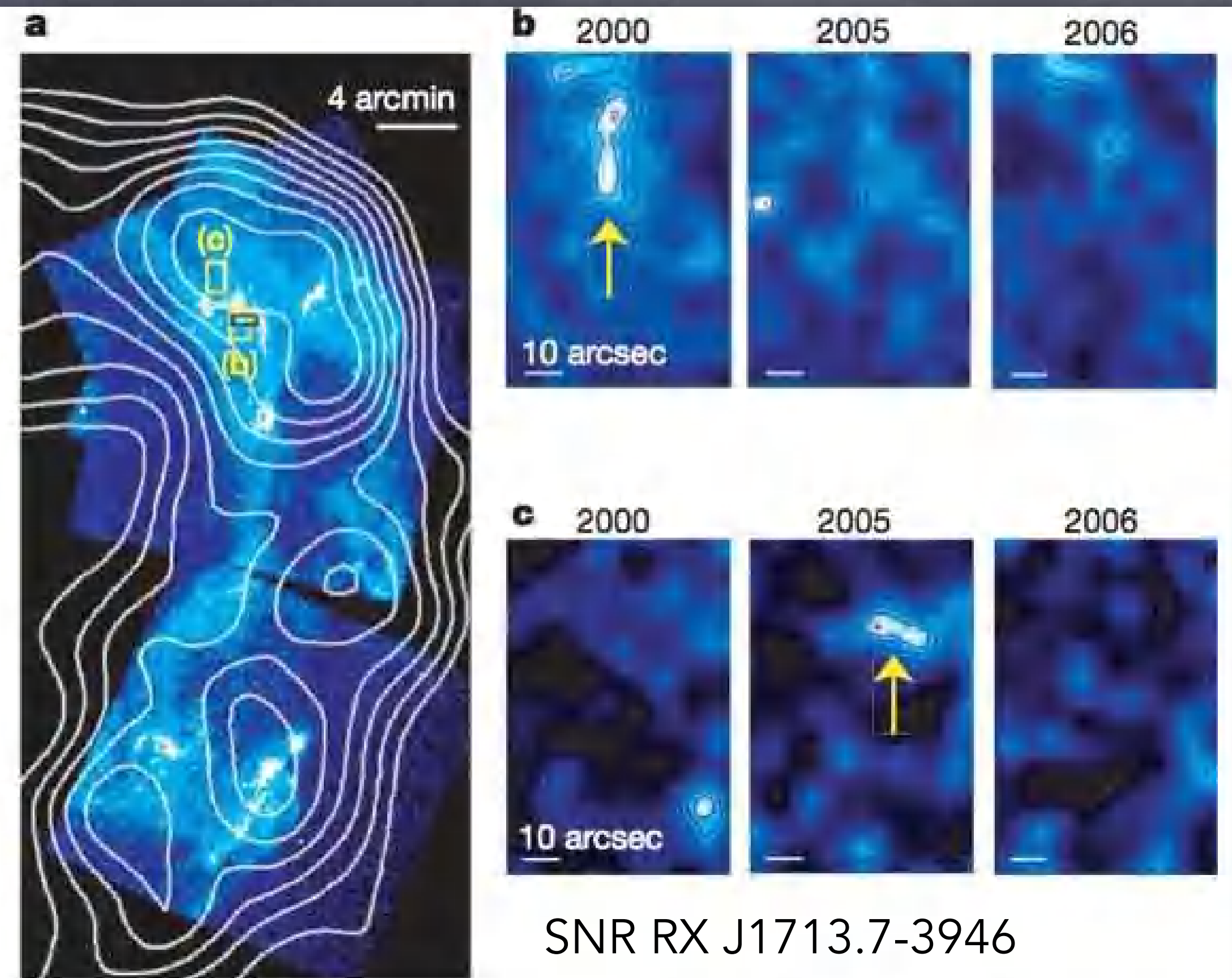


- Spectra from semi-analytical **CRAFT**
- Acceleration efficiency. **~10%**
- Protons up to **~0.5 PeV**

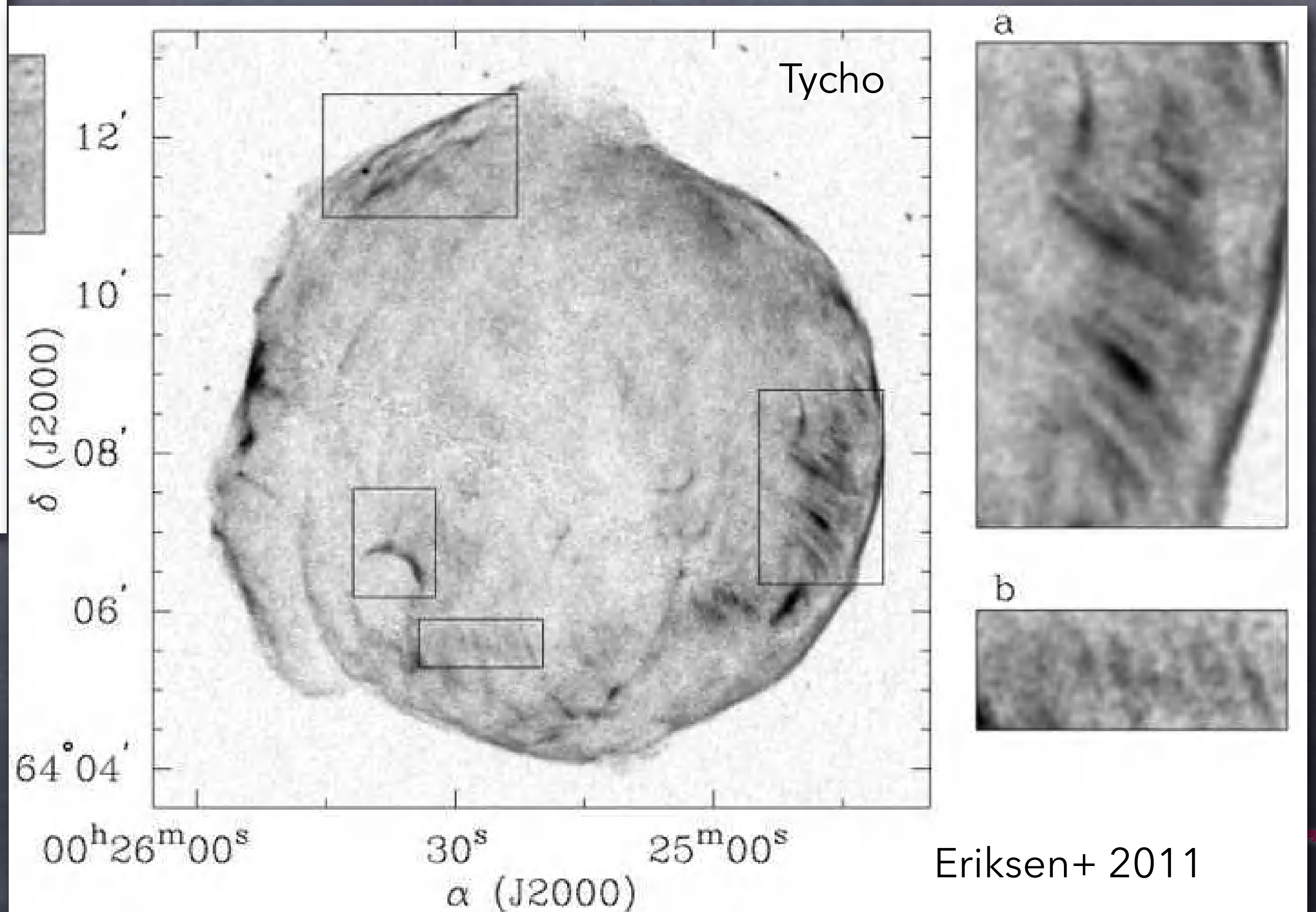
• Only two free parameters: **electron/proton ratio** and **injection** (now constrained with PIC!)

X-ray observations of young SNRs

- Rapidly-variable **knots** with $\delta B/B \sim 100$
- Radial **filaments** with \sim gyroradius spacing

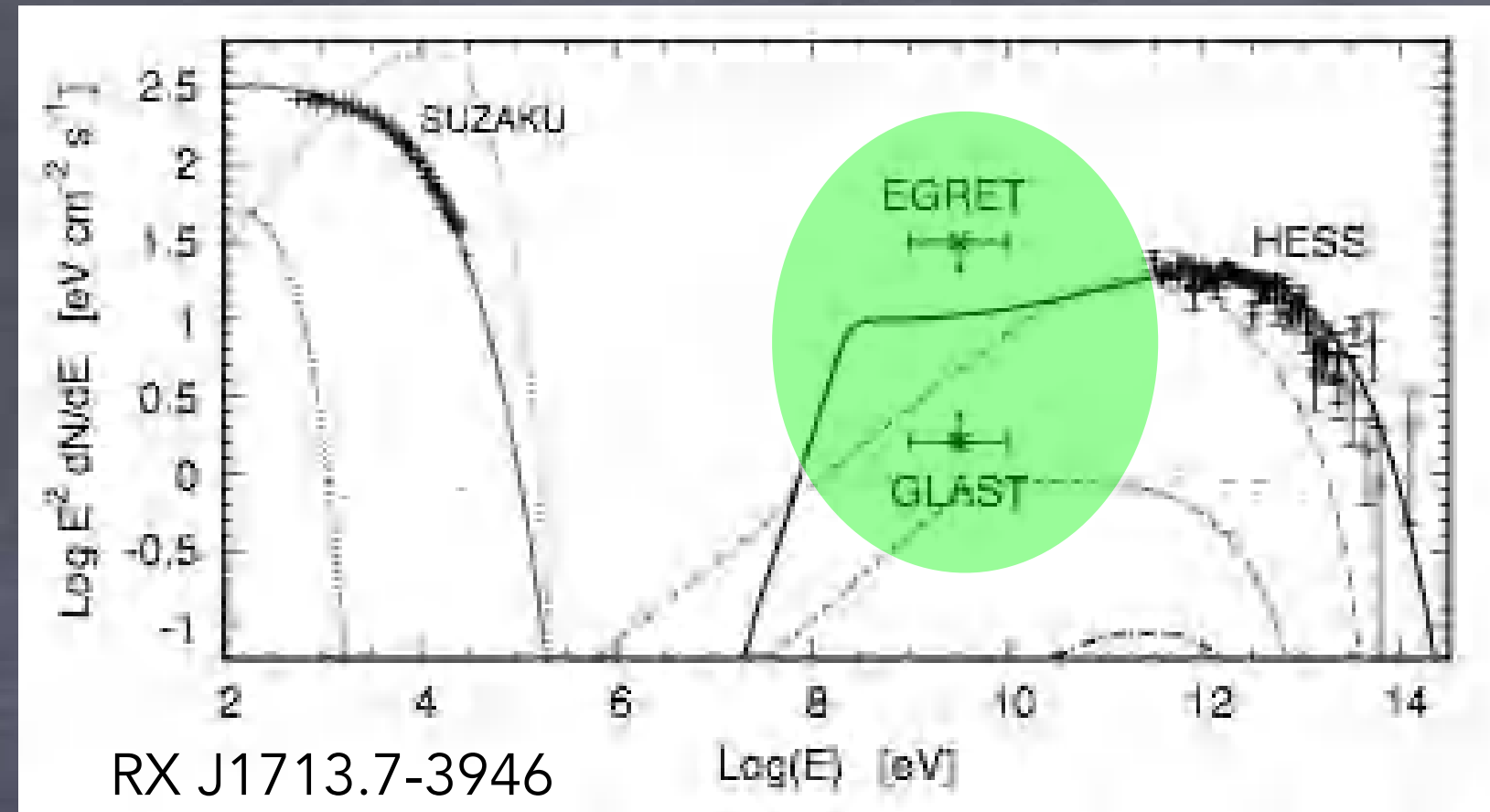


Uchiyama+ 2007

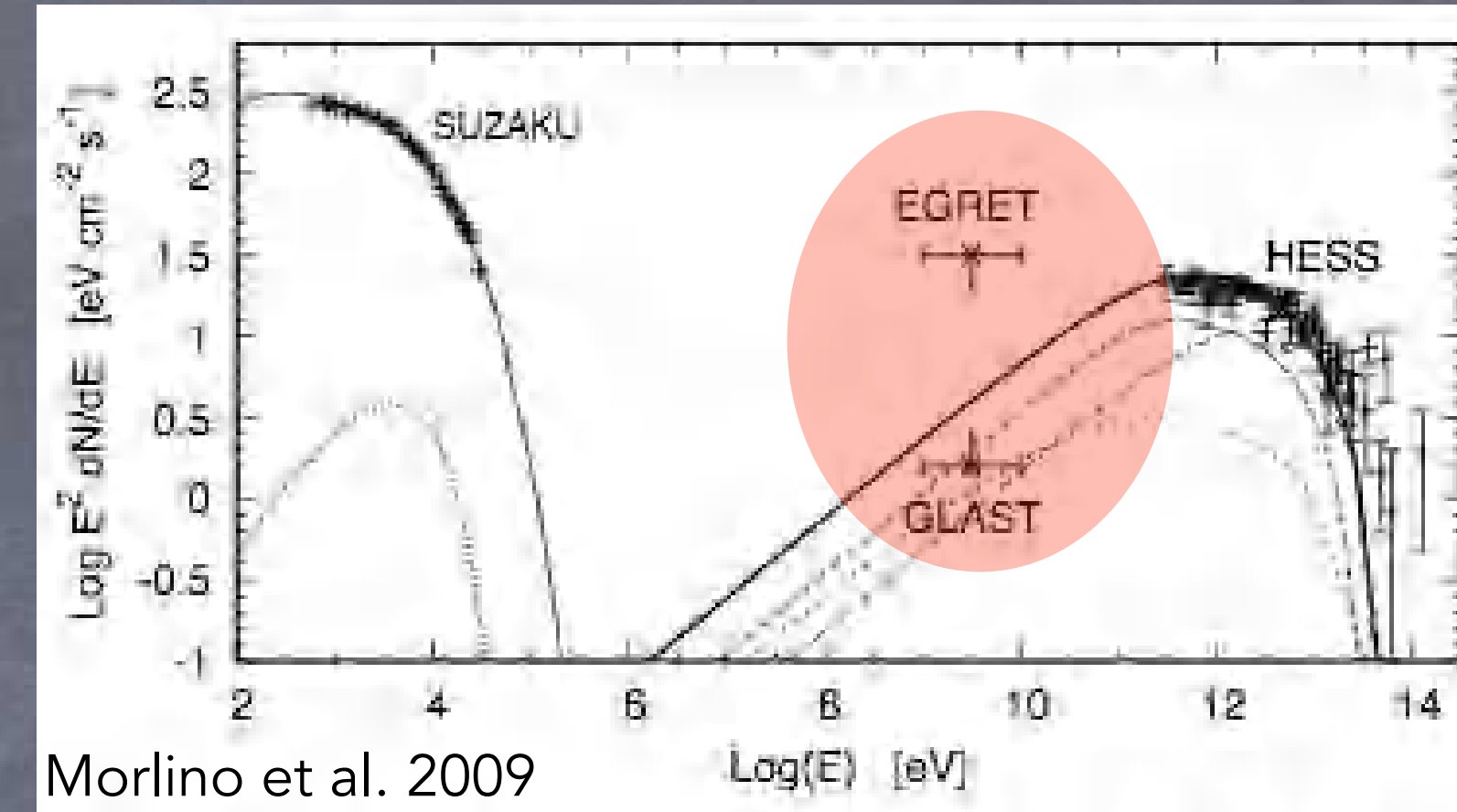


Direct evidence: γ -rays from SNRs

HADRONIC (π_0 decay)



LEPTONIC (Inverse Compton)



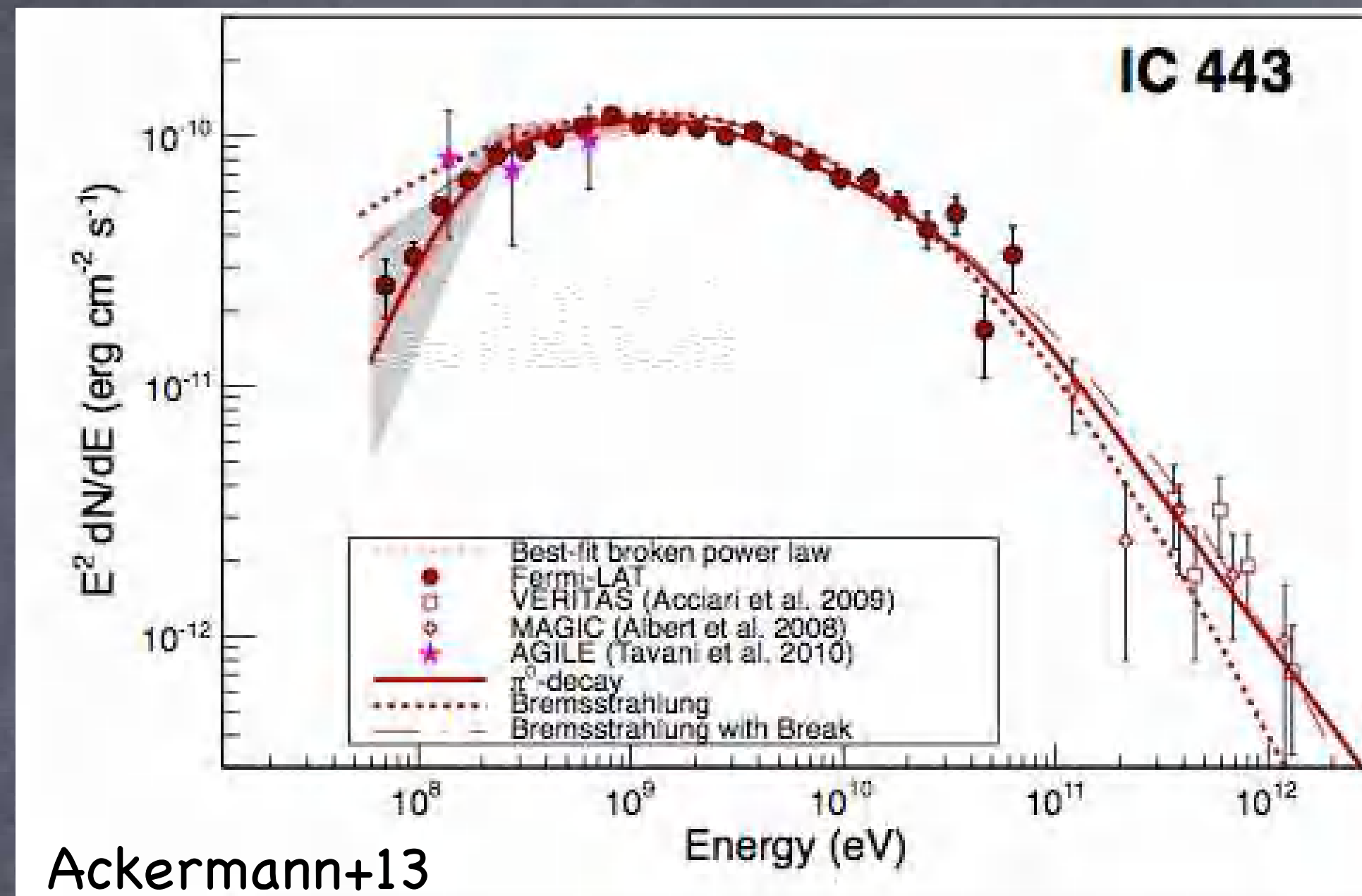
γ -ray spectrum **parallel** to the proton one ($\sim E^{-2}$)

γ -ray spectrum **flatter** than the proton (electron) one ($\sim E^{-1.5}$)

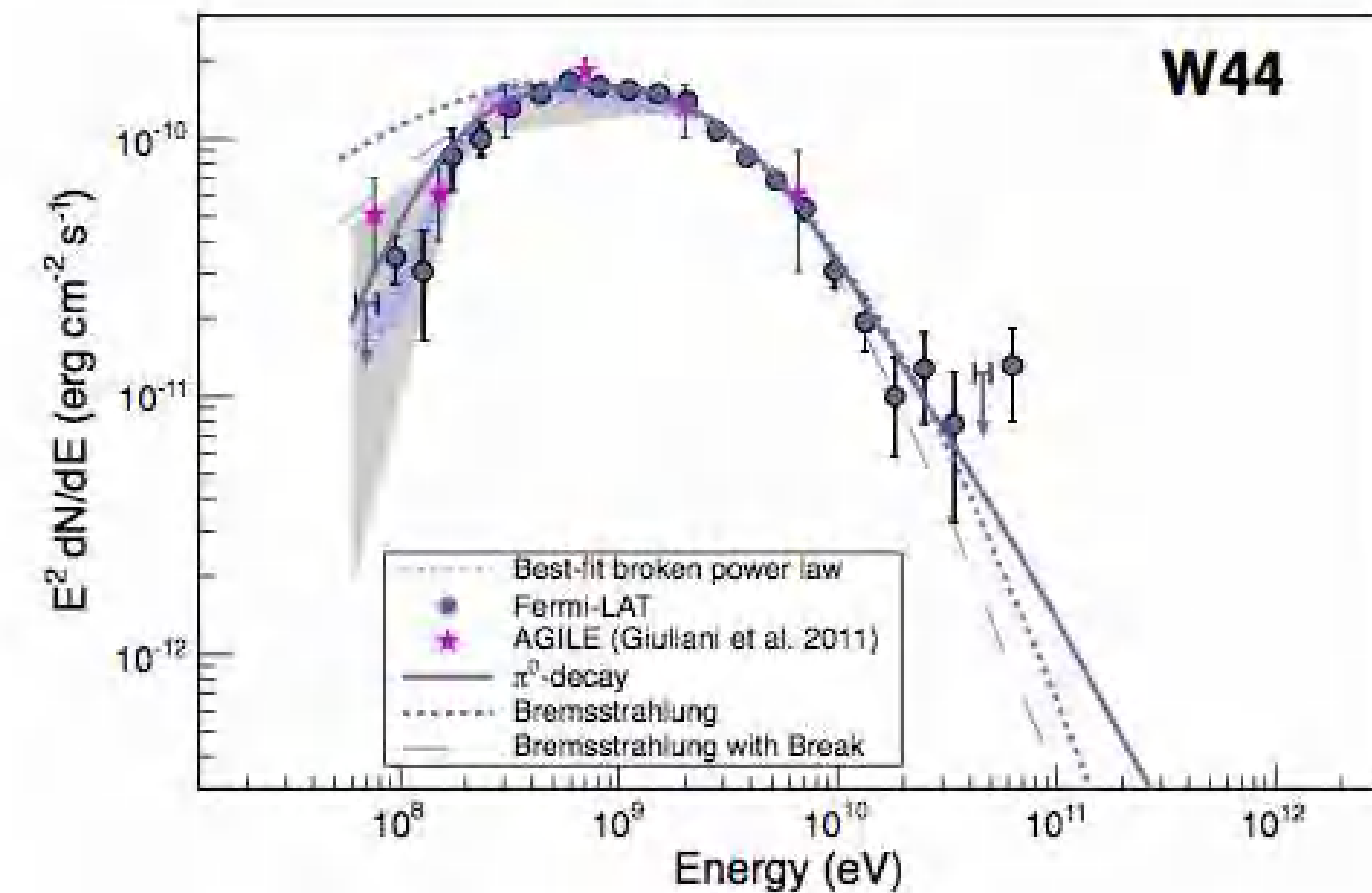
- Location: **gas-/photon-rich** environments \rightarrow **hadronic/leptonic** emission

Spectral variety is (typically) **environmental!**

Hadronic emission from molecular clouds



Ackermann+13



- Overabundance of "targets"
- Overabundance of "bullets"?
- SNR, or diffuse CRs?
- Very steep spectra (E^{-3})!!
- The Physics of shock propagating in partially-neutral plasmas is non-trivial!

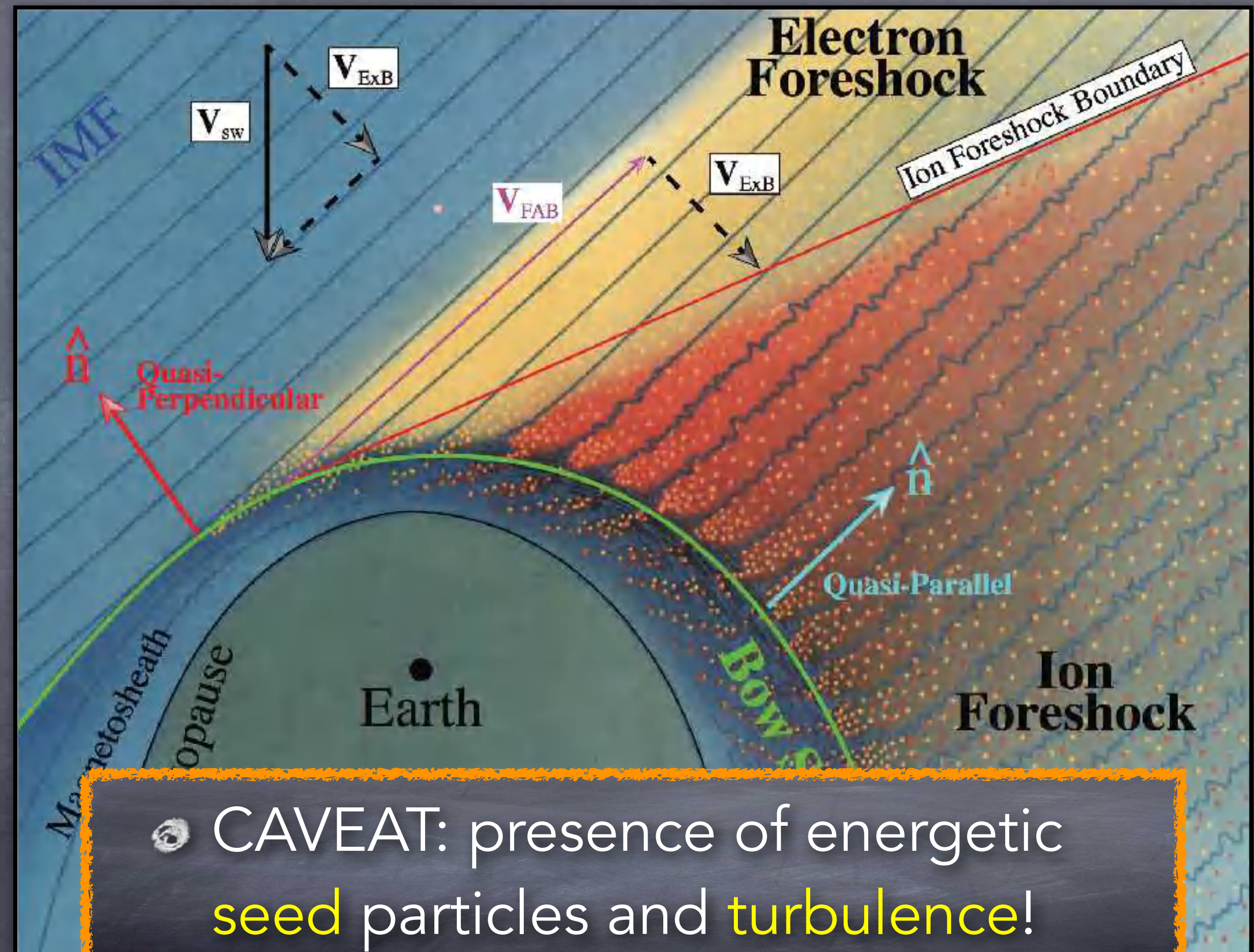


A Bridge with Heliophysics

Evolving Heliophysics System Observatory



- In-situ measurements with spacecraft
- Earth's bow shock (also Venus', Saturn's,...)

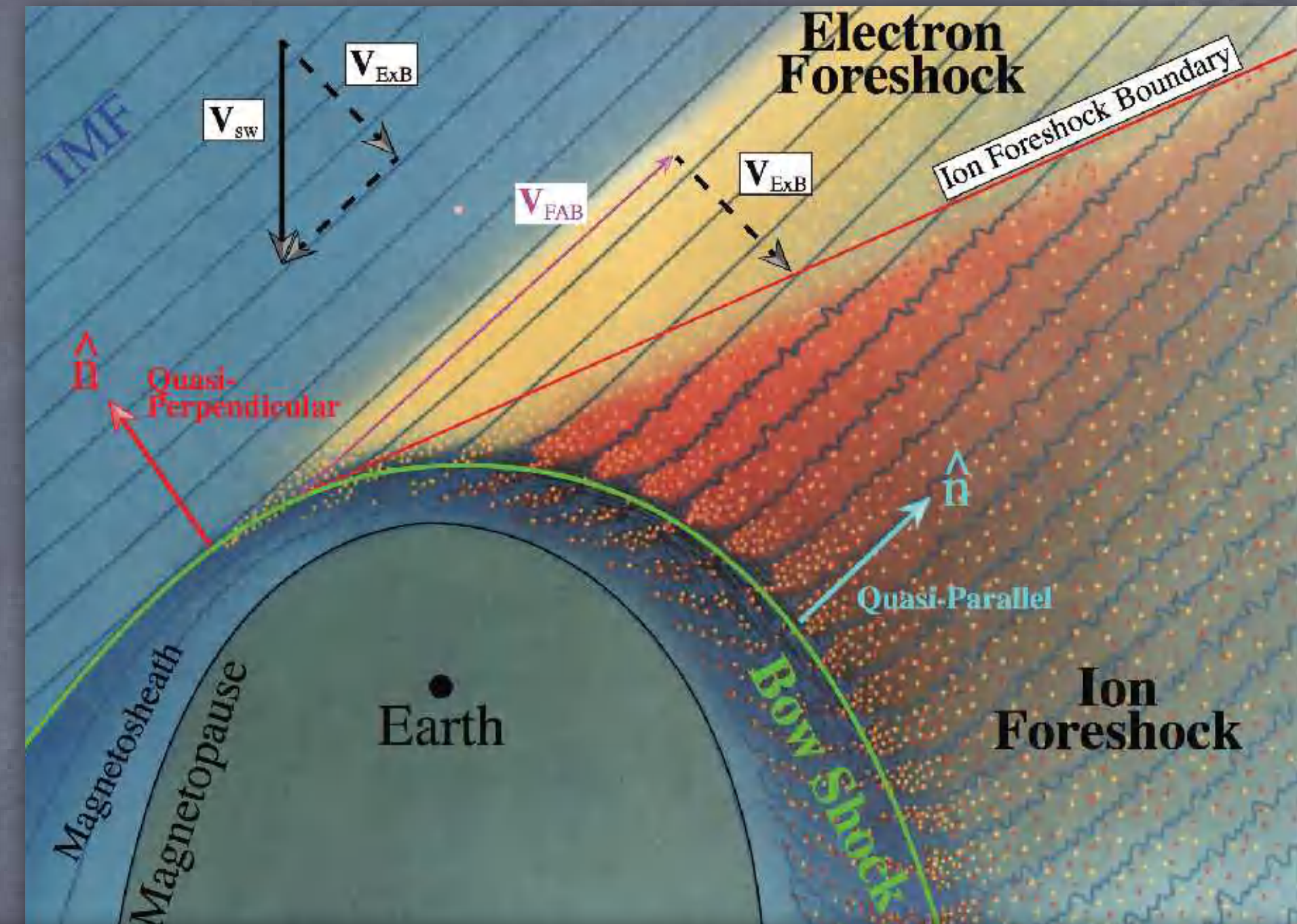


• CAVEAT: presence of energetic seed particles and turbulence!

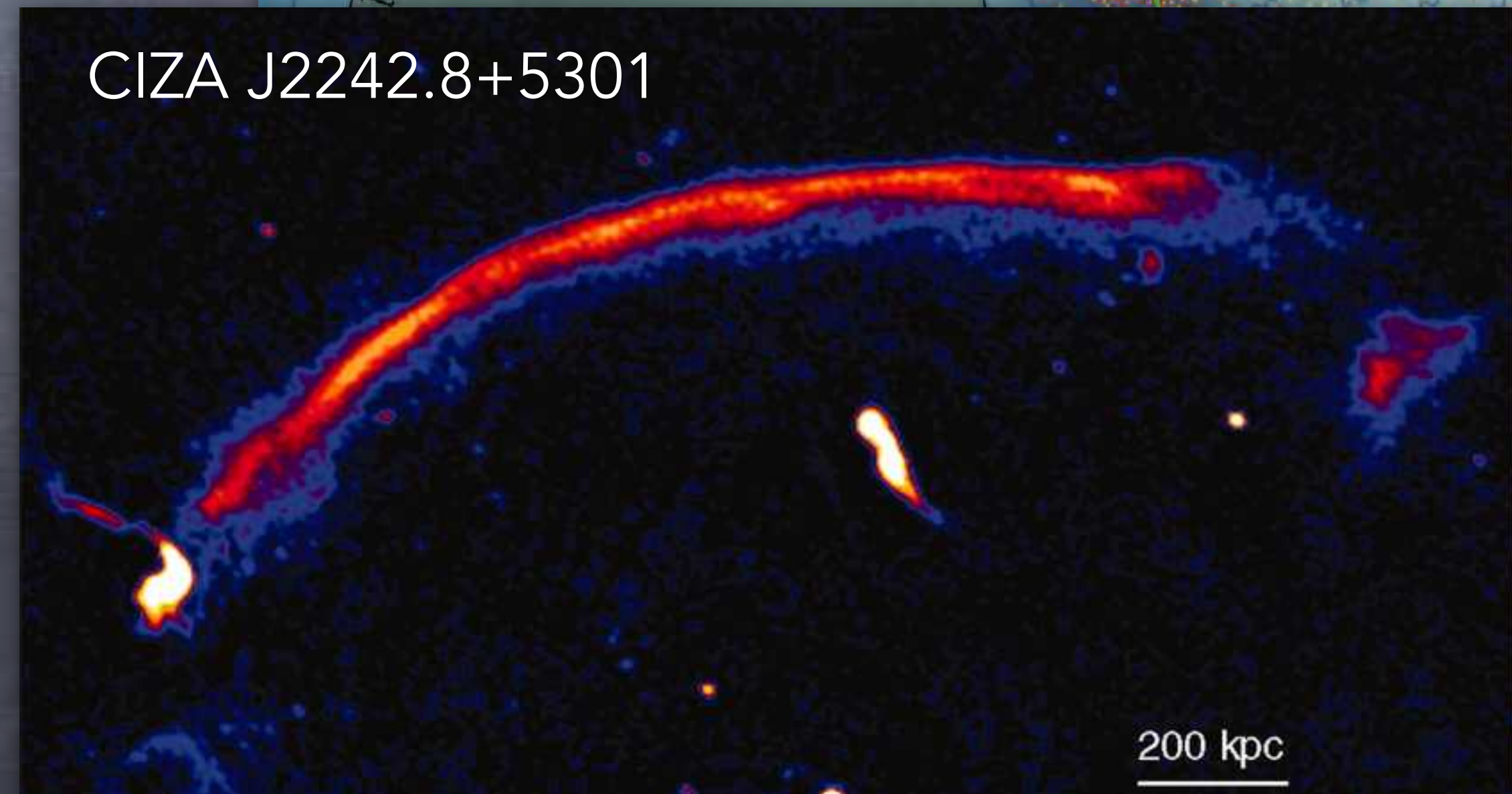
Electron vs Ion acceleration



- Planetary **bow shocks**
- Earth, Venus, Saturn,...
- **In situ** measurements: Geotail, Polar, SoHO, WIND, Cassini, THEMIS, Cluster, STEREO, ACE,...



- **Radio relics** in **galaxy clusters**
- Extended polarized structures
- **Fermi-LAT** limits on γ -ray emission: constraint on **e/p** ratio



NLDSA

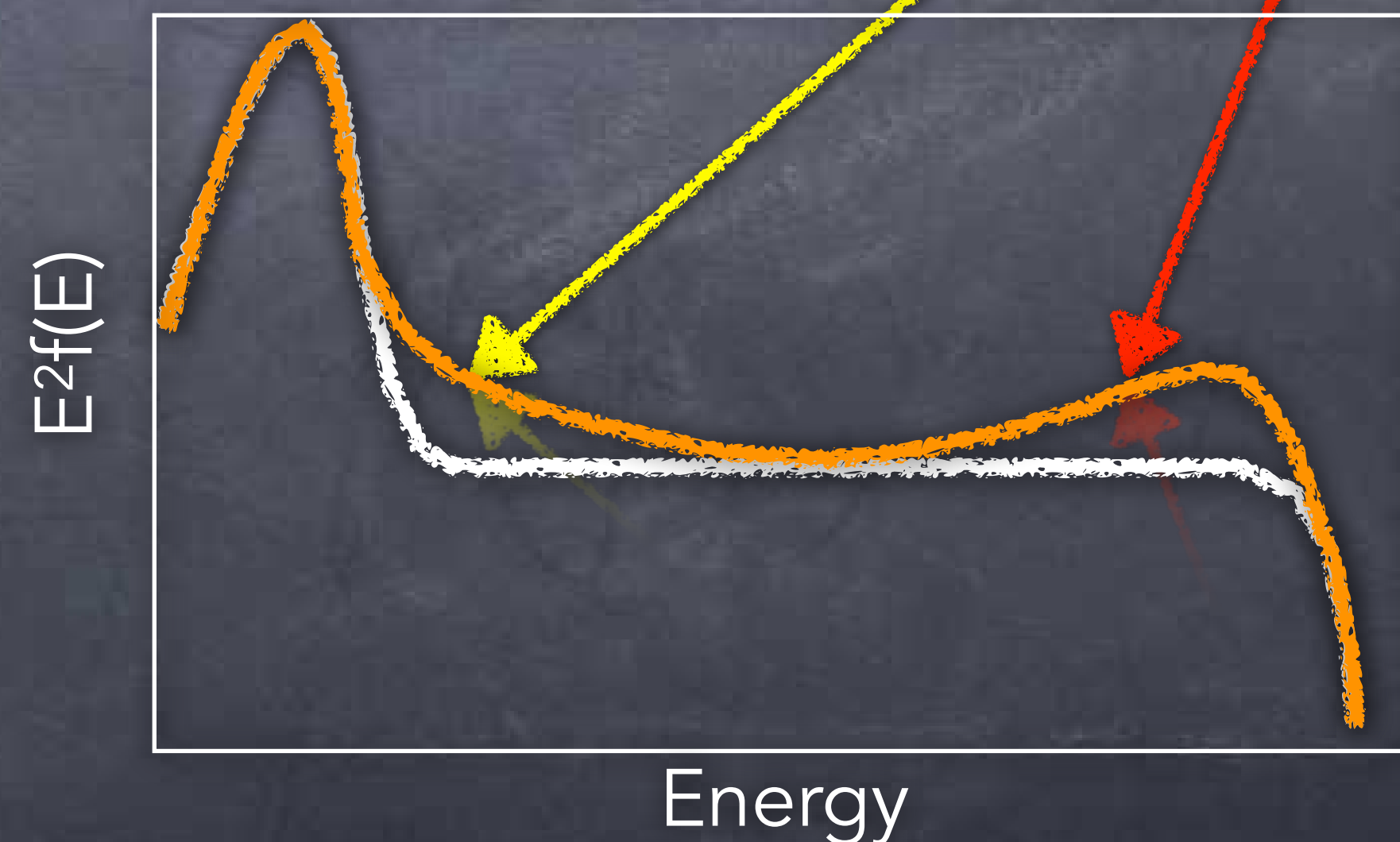
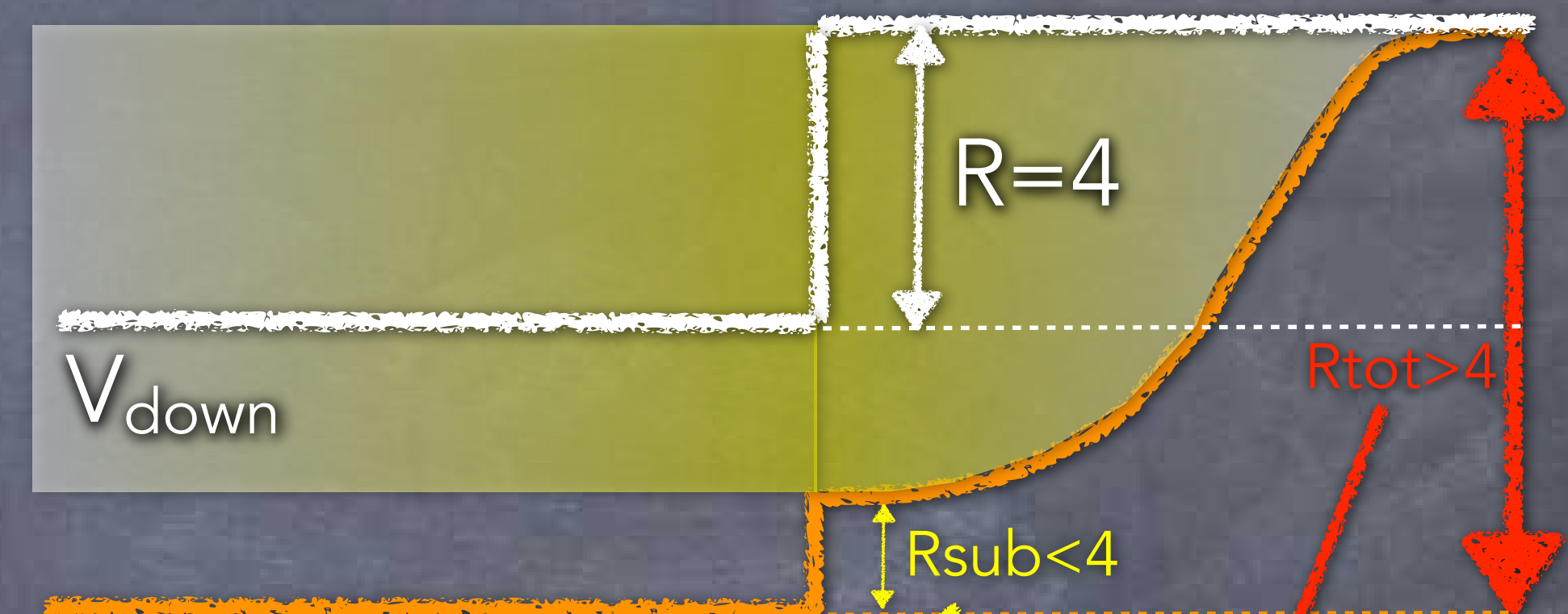
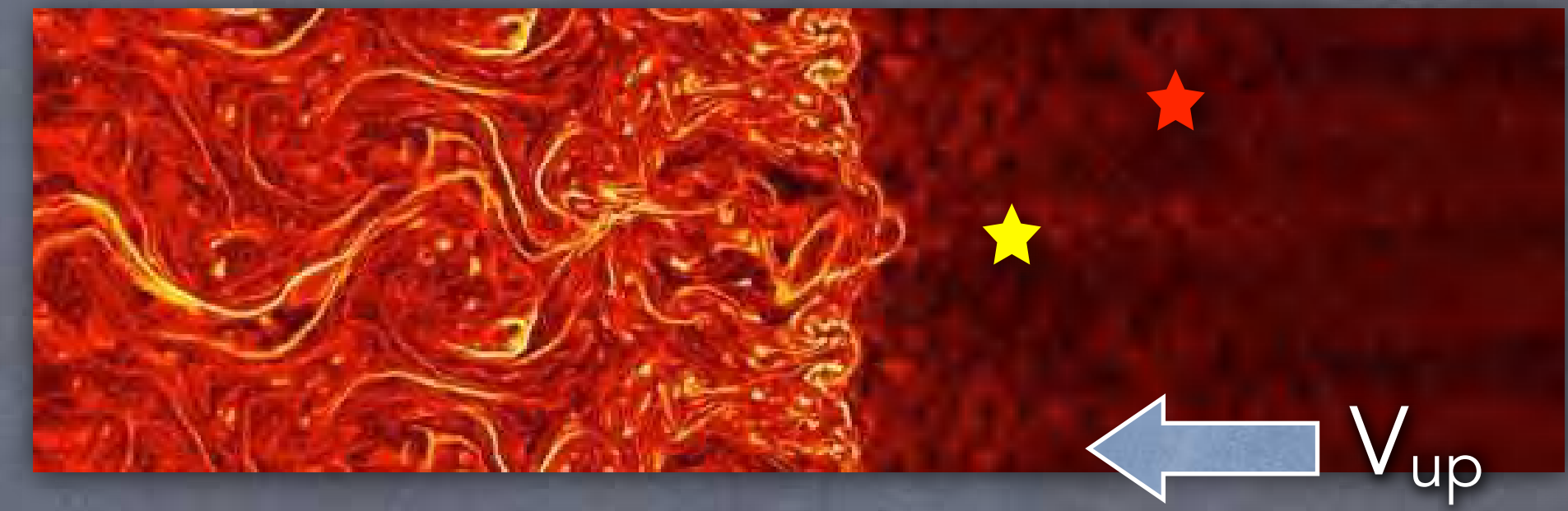
Non-Linear Diffusive Shock Acceleration



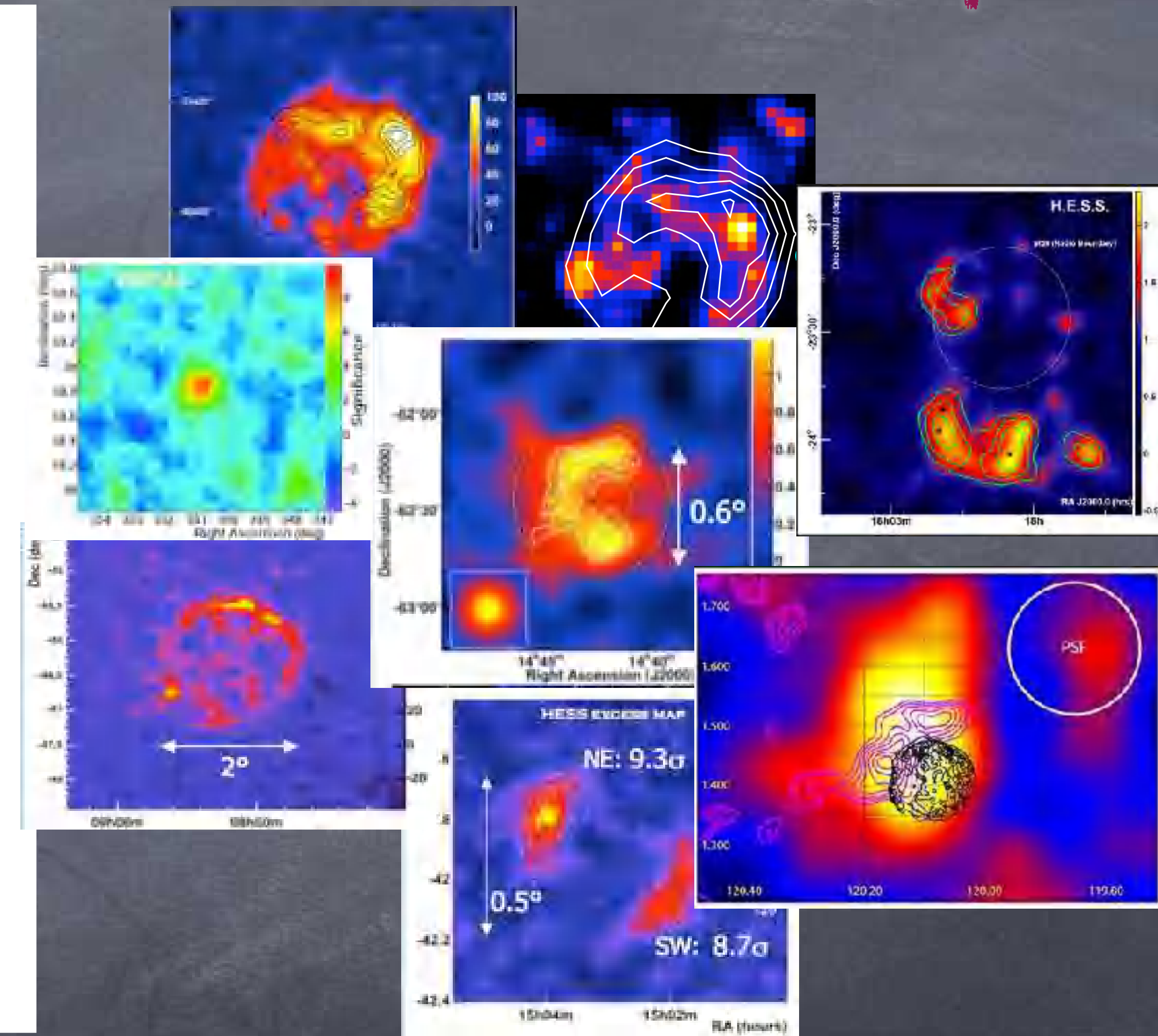
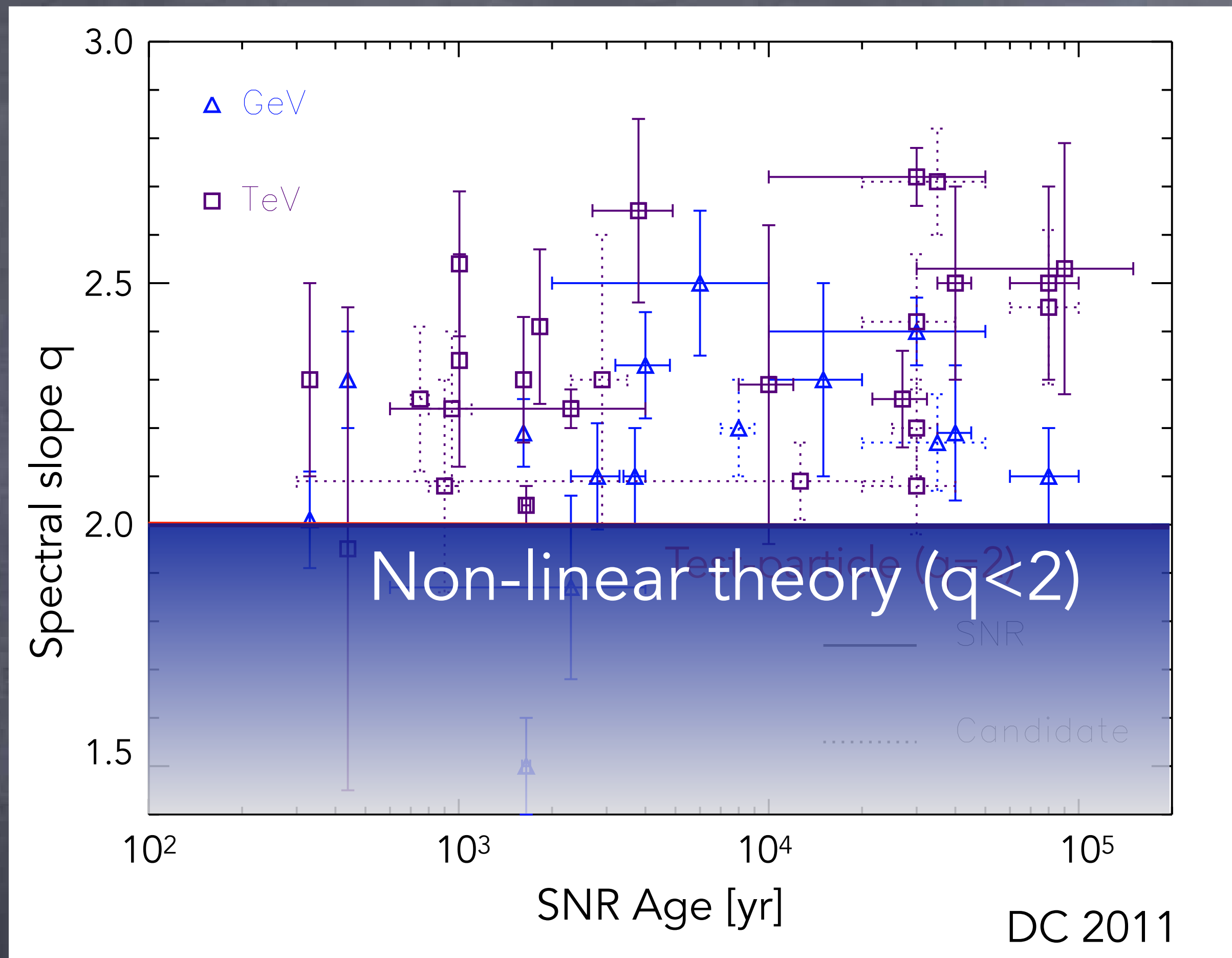
- The **spectral index** depends only on the **compression ratio**

$$q = \frac{R + 2}{R - 1}; \quad R = \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1};$$

- The CR pressure makes the **adiabatic index** smaller (R becomes larger)
- Particles "feel" different compression ratios: spectra become **concave**
- If **acceleration is efficient**, at energies > 1 GeV: $q < 2$ (flat spectra!)



With Fermi, HESS, VERITAS, MAGIC, HAWC,...



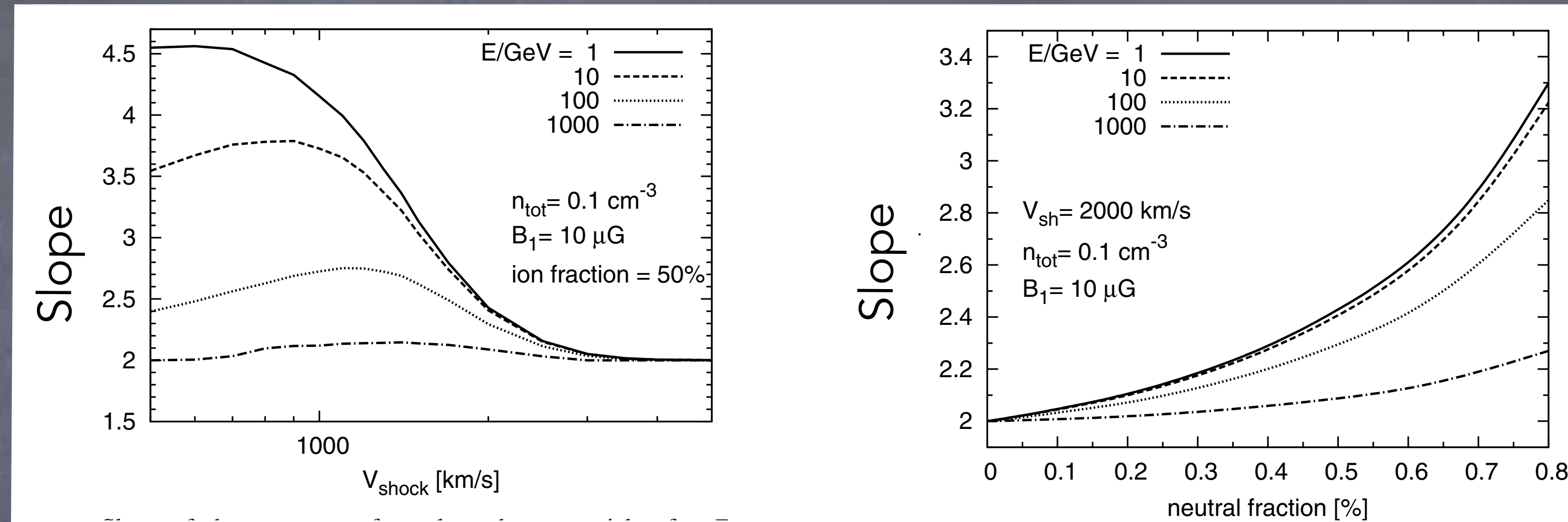
- Evidence of **ion acceleration**: spectra too steep to be leptonic...
- ...and to be consistent with **non-linear DSA theory**:
- Efficient acceleration implies spectra flatter than E^{-2} (Jones & Ellison 1991, Malkov & Drury 2001)



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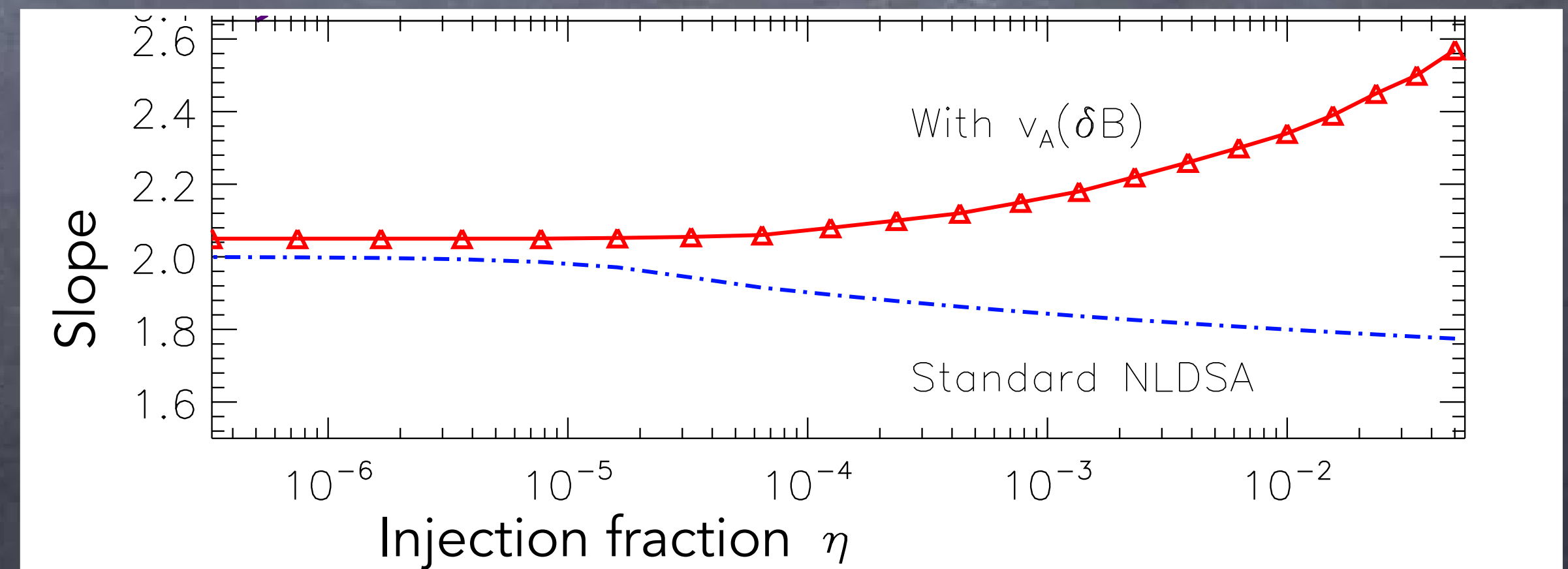
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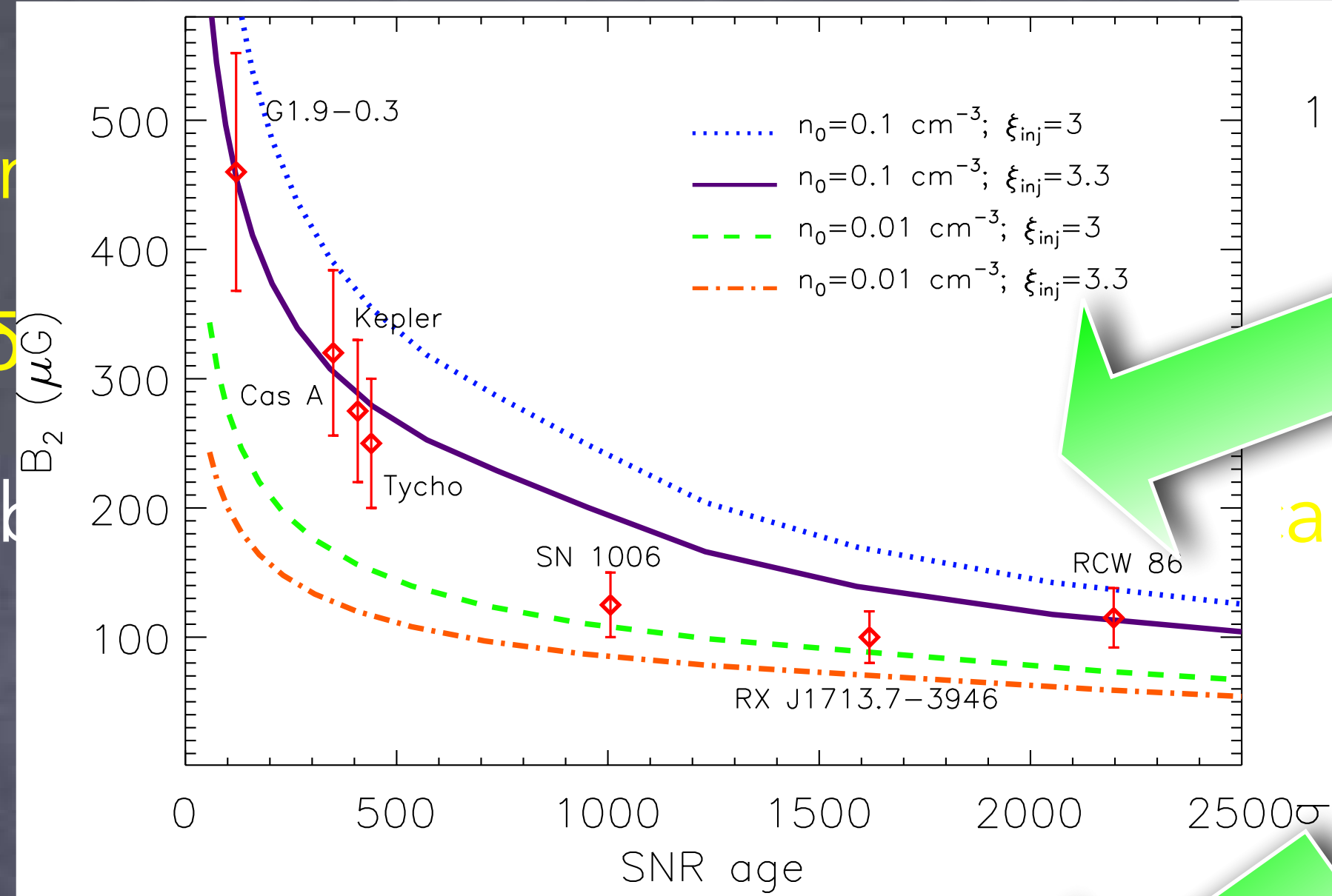


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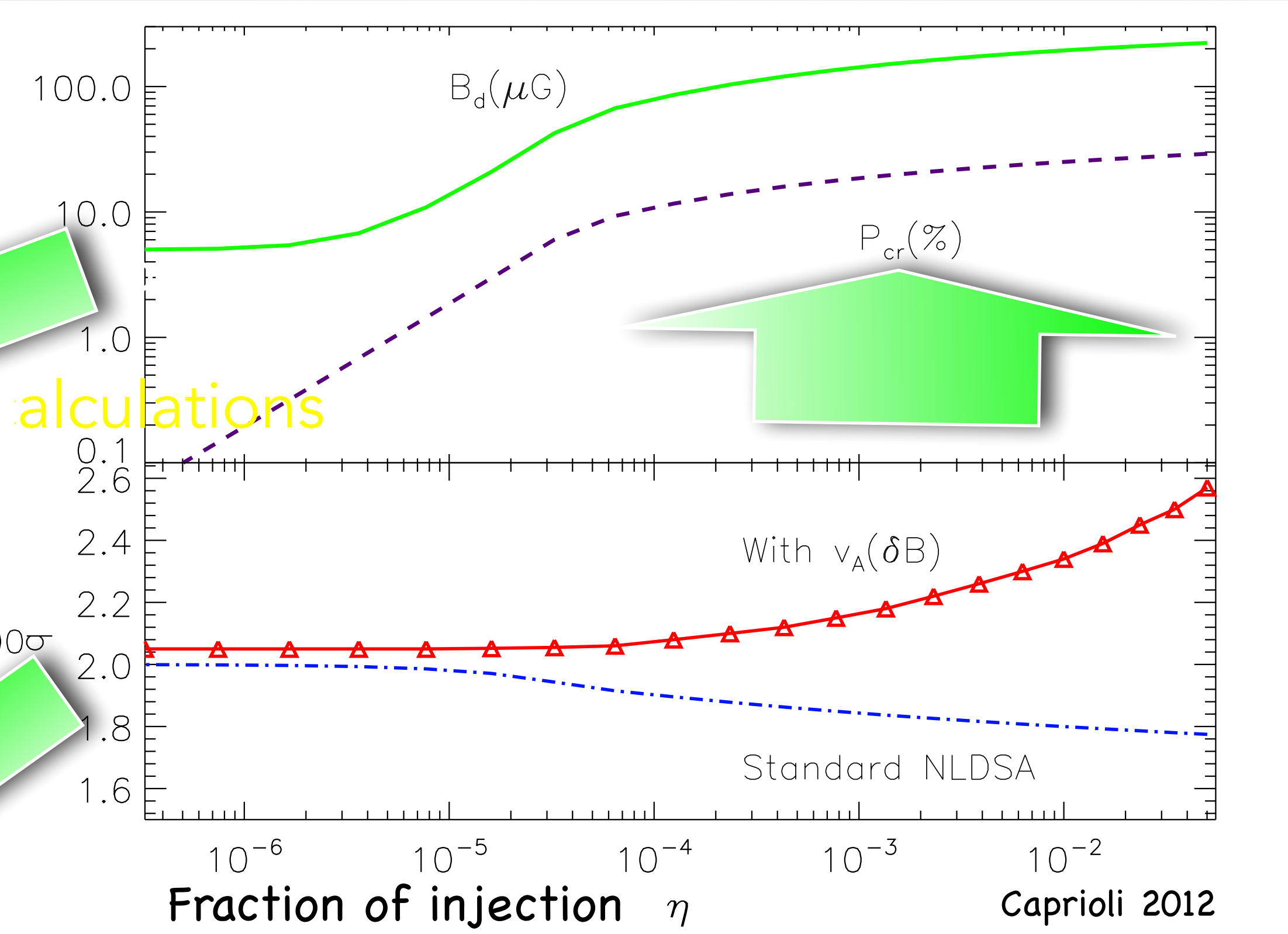
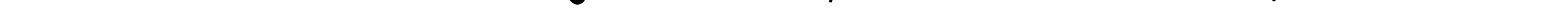
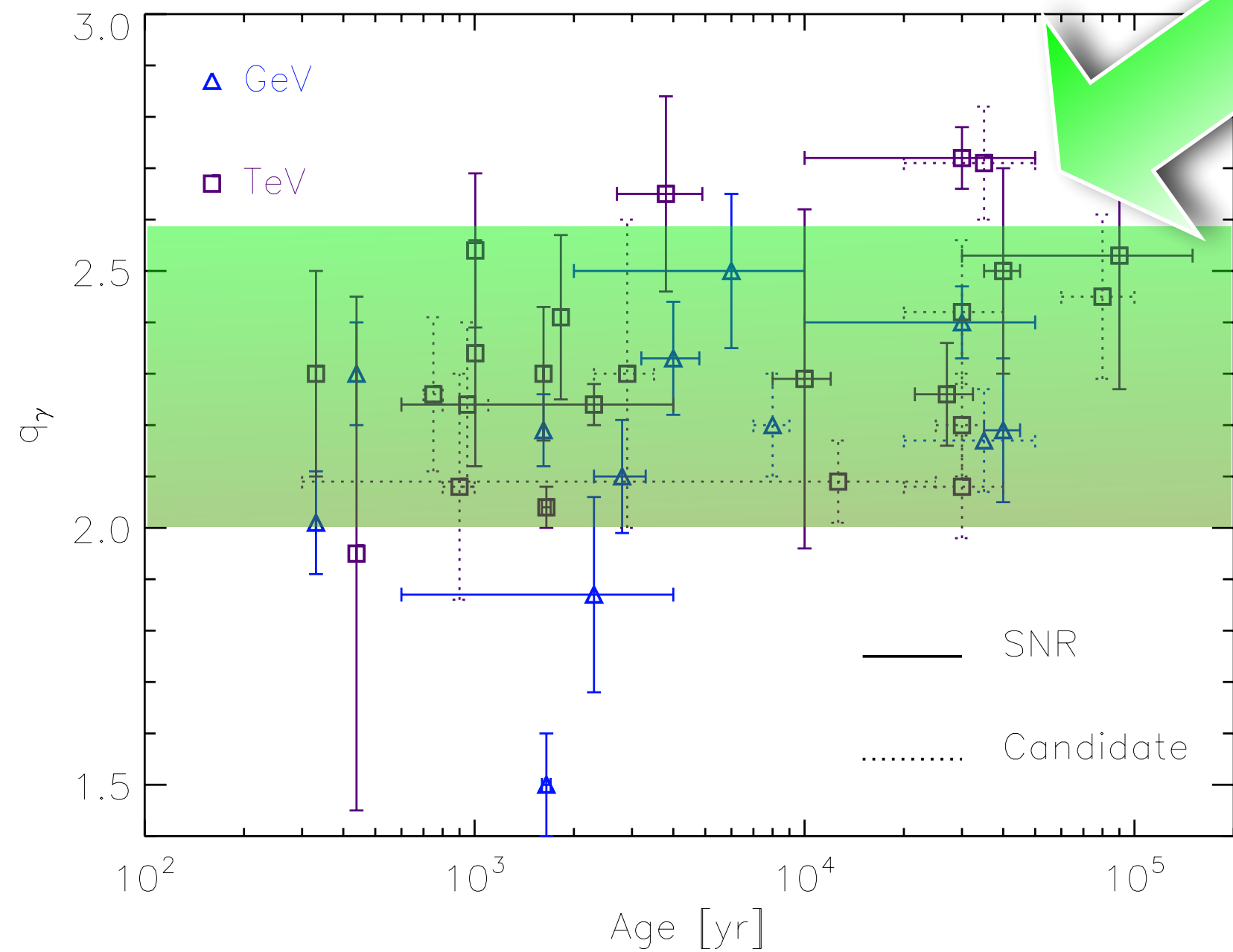
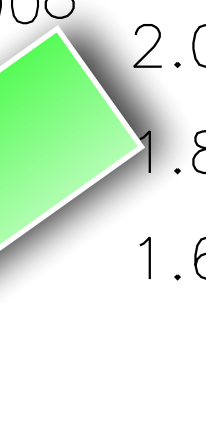


Acceleration Efficiency

- Saturation
- With $v_A(\delta B)$
- Need to know



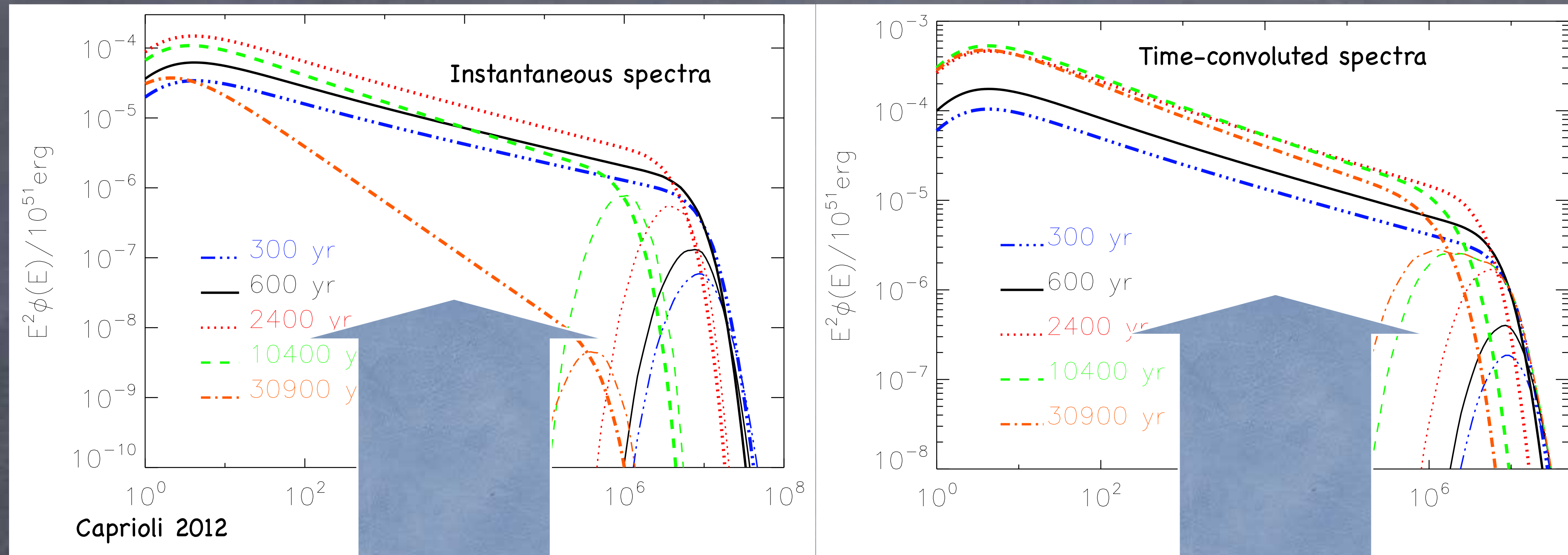
calculations





SNR spectra

- The velocity of the scattering centers in $\delta B/B \gg 1$ leads to steep spectra



Relevant for
gamma-ray emission

Relevant for the
GCR spectrum

The **total CR spectrum** injected by a SNR has roughly the slope of the instantaneous spectrum at **the beginning of the Sedov stage**



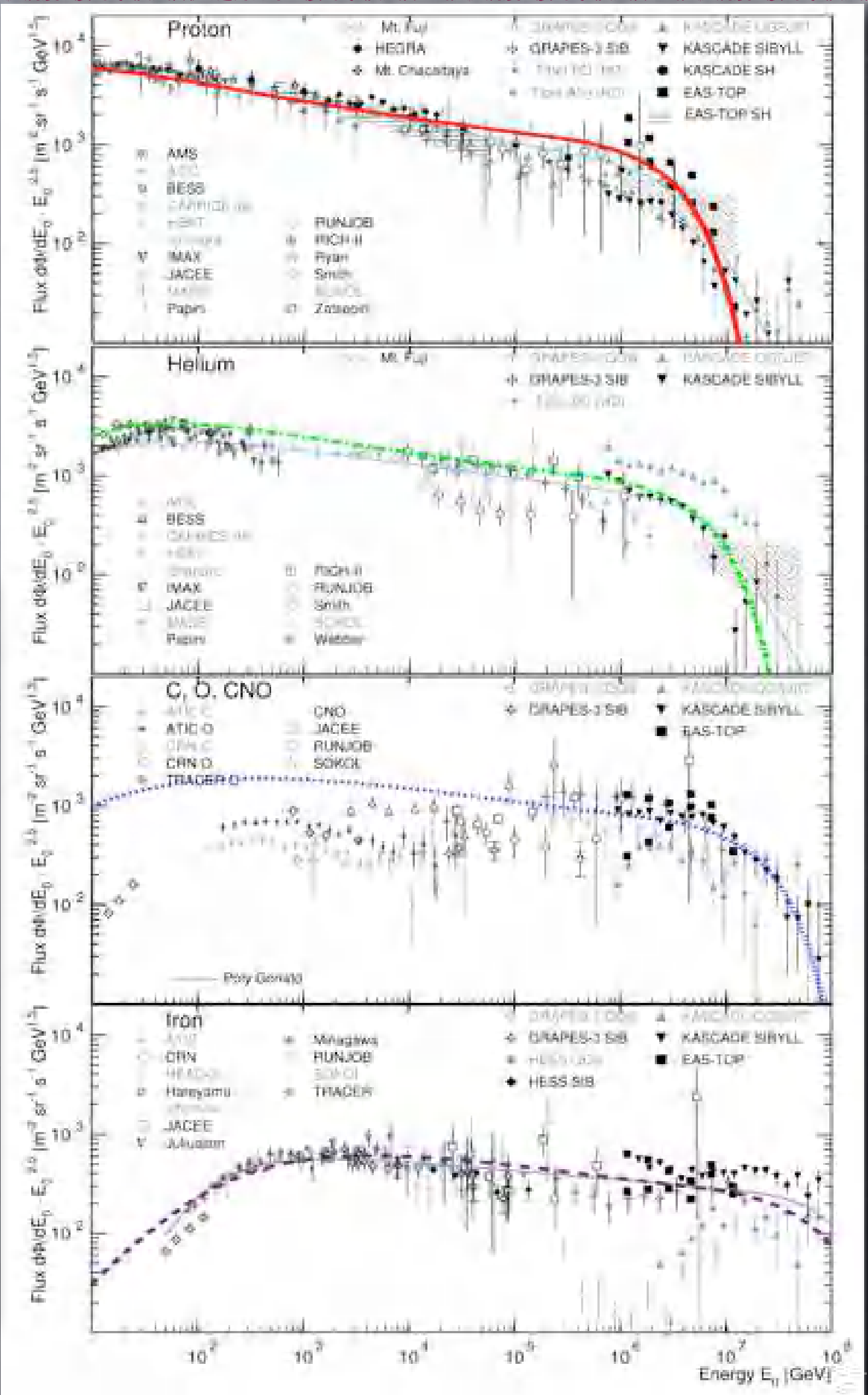
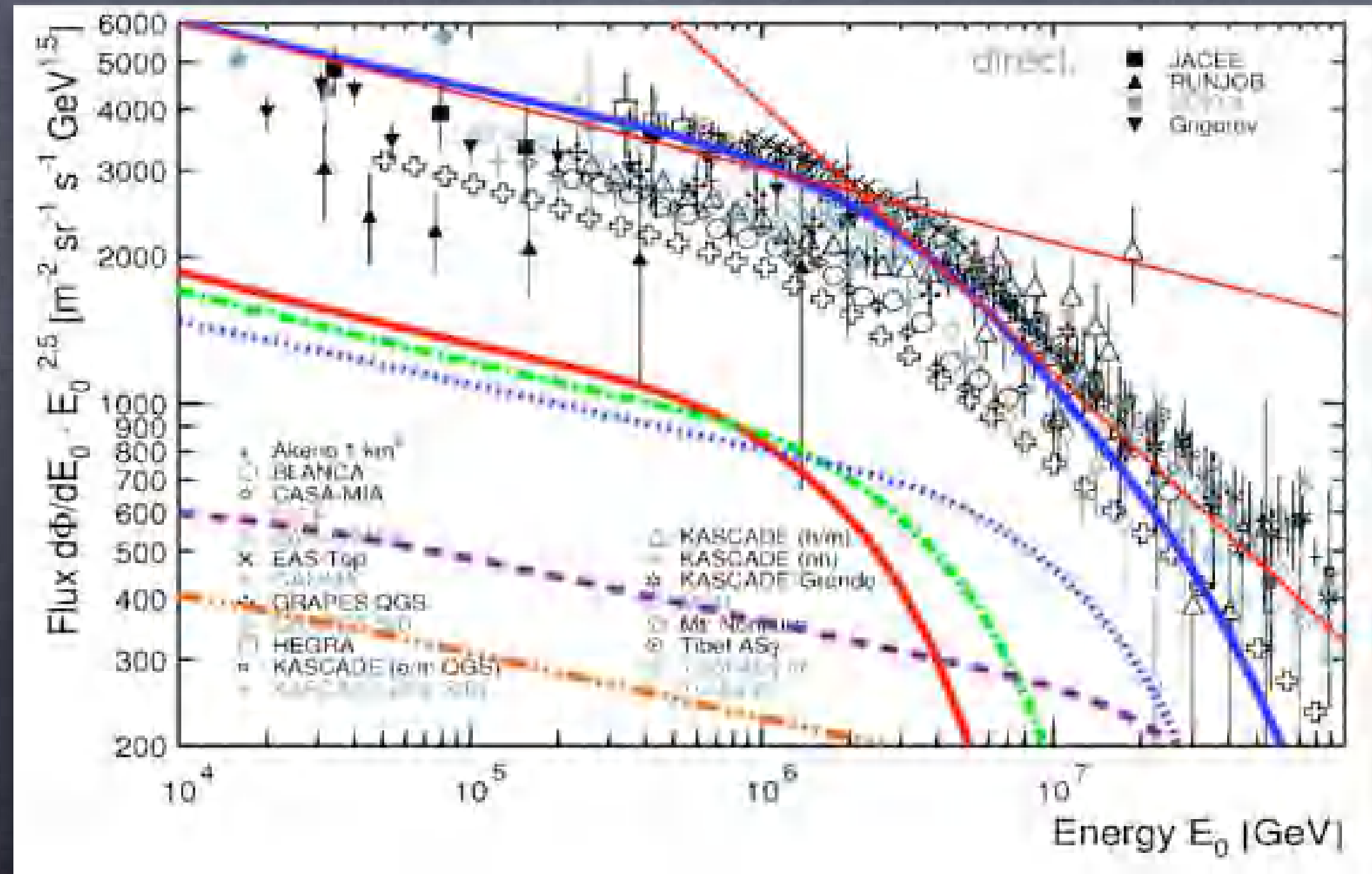
Acceleration of CR nuclei in SNRs

- CR chemical **abundances** at injection tuned to fit the observed ones (Blümer et al. 2009)
- Correction for **propagation** in the Galaxy

$$\phi_{Earth}(E) = \frac{\eta_{SN} N_{SNR}(E) \tau_{esc}(E)}{4\pi R_{Gal}^2}$$

$$\tau_{esc}(E) = 15 \text{ Myr} \left(\frac{1}{Z} \frac{E}{10 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-0.55}; \quad \eta_{SN} = \frac{3}{100 \text{ yr}}$$

- Possible to fit **spectra** and the **knee** feature





From accelerated particles to CRs

- **Ejecta dominated** stage:
 - Magnetic turbulence and E_{\max} increase with time
- **Sedov-Taylor** stage (around 500-1000yr):
 - The shock velocity and the δB decrease
 - particles with $E_{\max}(t)$ cannot be confined any longer and **escape** the system
- Let F_{esc} be the escaping fraction. During the adiabatic Sedov stage $R_{\text{sh}} \sim t^{2/5}$

$$d\varepsilon(t) = F_{\text{esc}}(t) \frac{1}{2} \rho V_{\text{sh}}^3(t) 4\pi R_{\text{sh}}^2 dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad N_{\text{esc}}(E) \propto E^{-2} t^{5\nu-2} F_{\text{esc}}(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad N_{\text{esc}} \propto E^{-2}$$

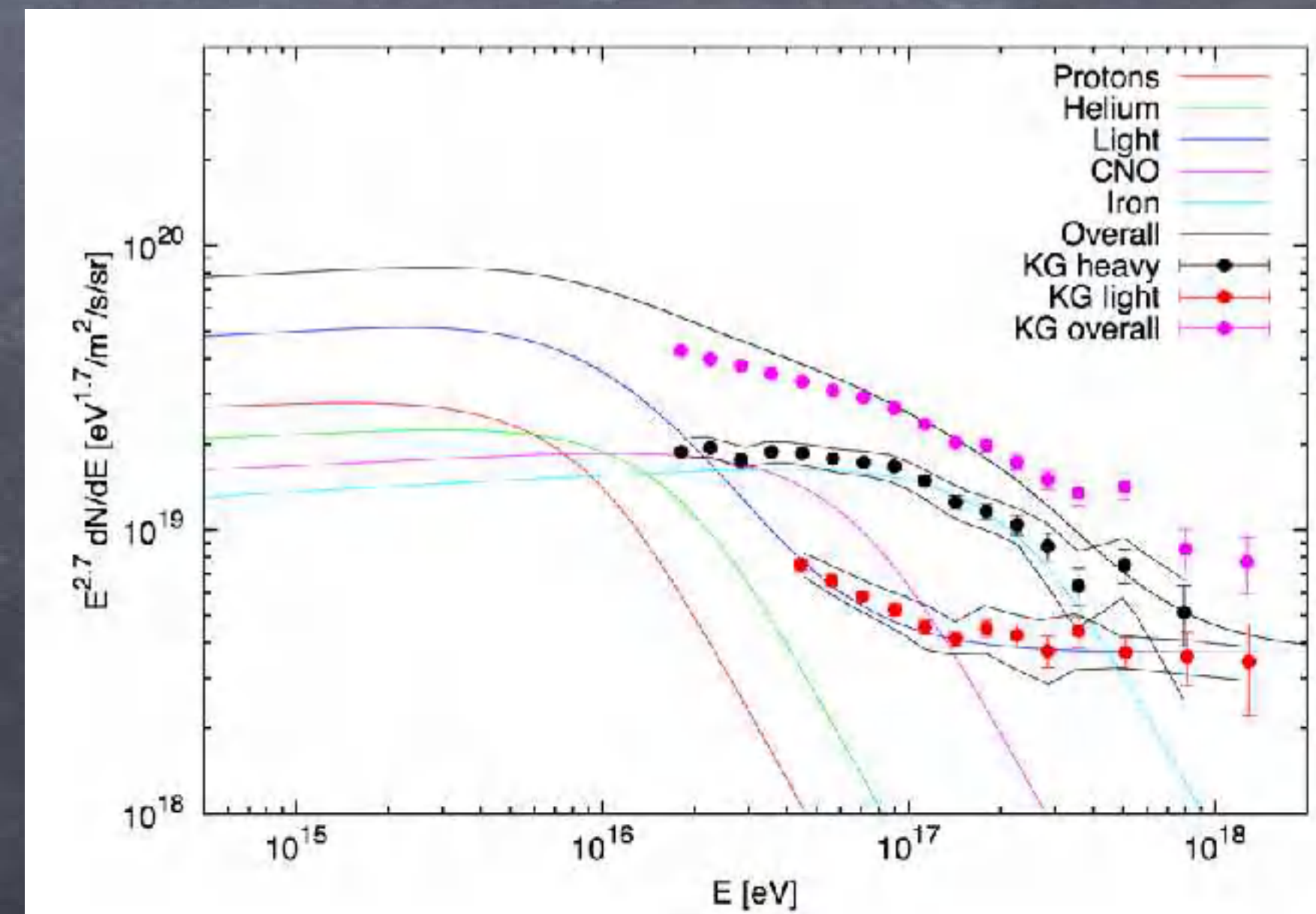
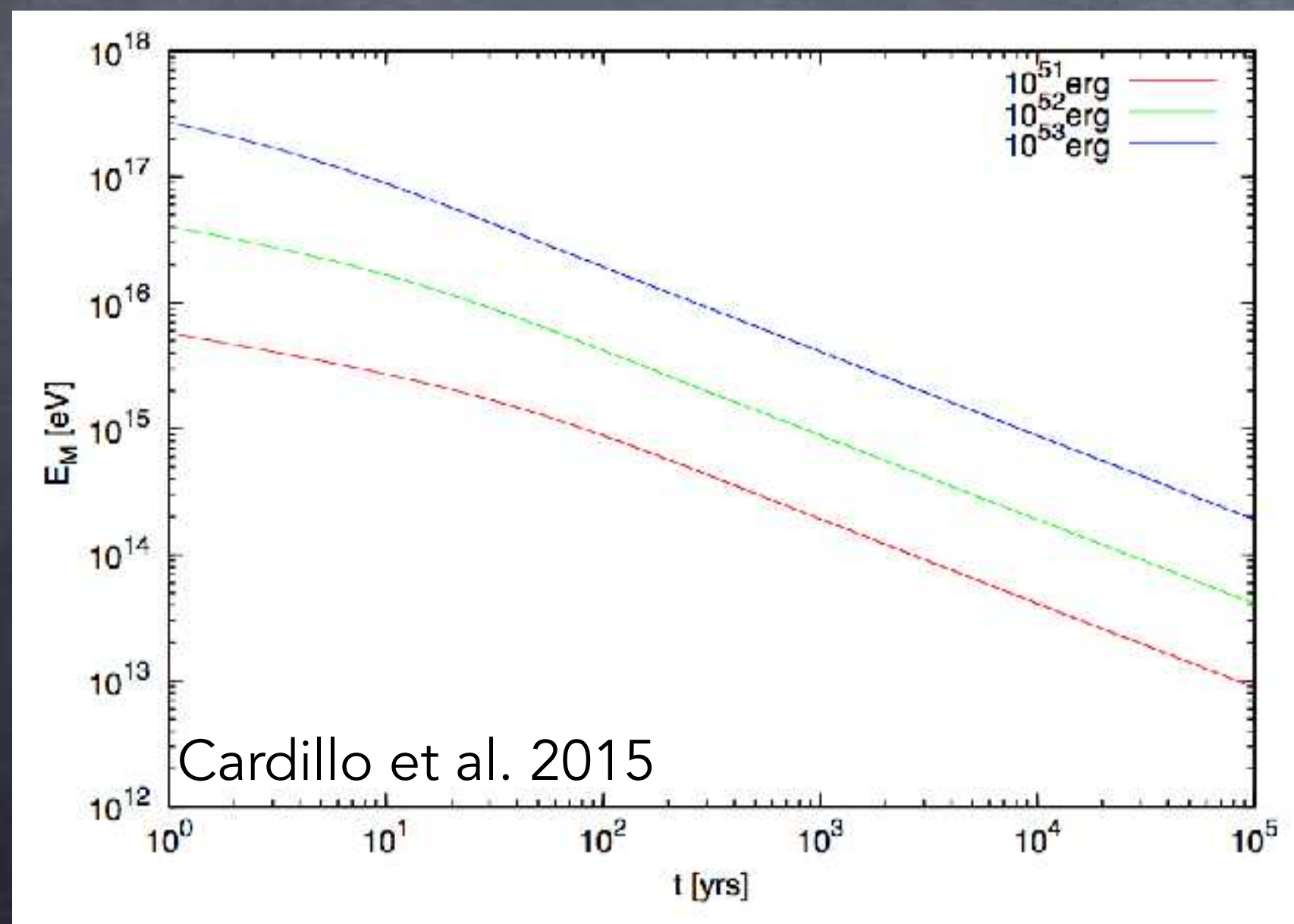
$$d\varepsilon(E) = N_{\text{esc}}(E) E dE \quad \Rightarrow \quad R_{\text{sh}}(t) \propto t^\nu$$

The released spectrum is the **convolution over time** of 2 contributions:
Escape from upstream + **Relic** advected CRs



Escape from PeVatrons

- The **released spectrum** is likely a convolution over instantaneous (monochromatic) spectra (Ptuskin & Zirakashvili 2005; DC et al. 2009, 2010; Bell et al. 2013; Cardillo et al. 2015)
- The CR **power-law** may reflect the self-similar **SNR evolution**, rather than acceleration!
- Escaping CRs **illuminate molecular clouds** (e.g., Gabici et al. 2007,2009; Castro & Slane 2010,...)
- Acceleration rate depends on **B amplification** (via Bell's instability)
- **multi-PeV** achieved for $T_{\text{SNR}} < 100$ yr in type-II SNe (Bell et al. 2013; Schure & Bell 2013; Cardillo et al. 2015)

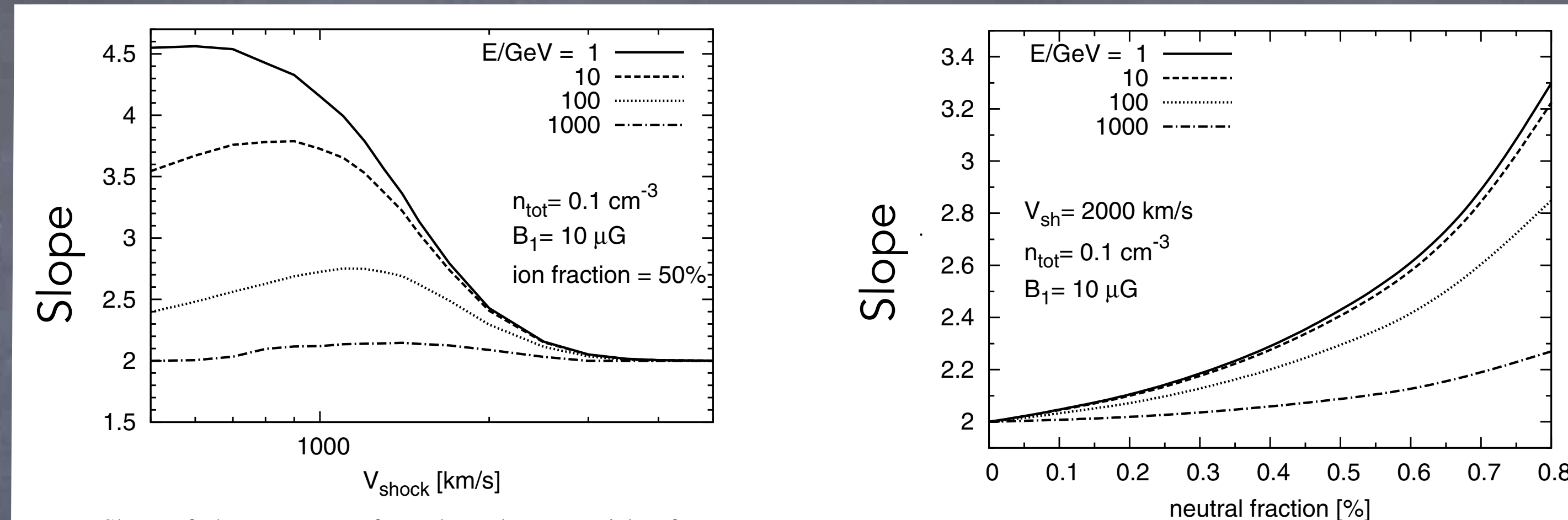




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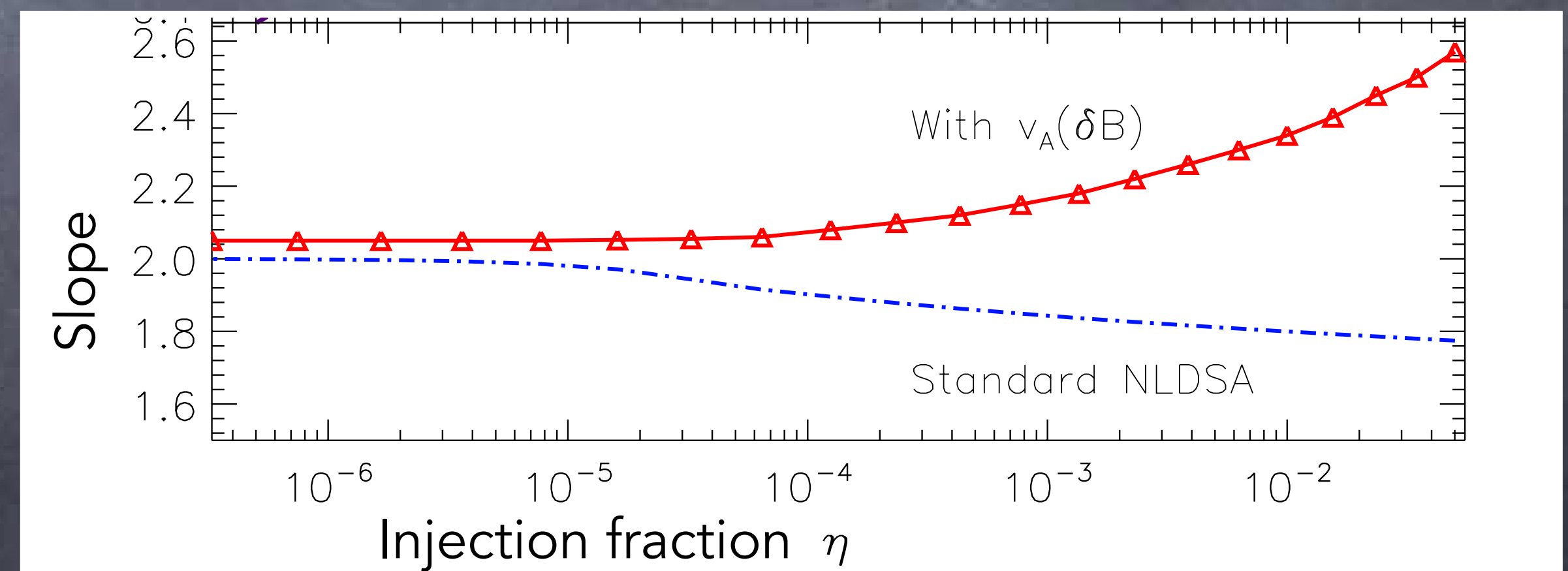
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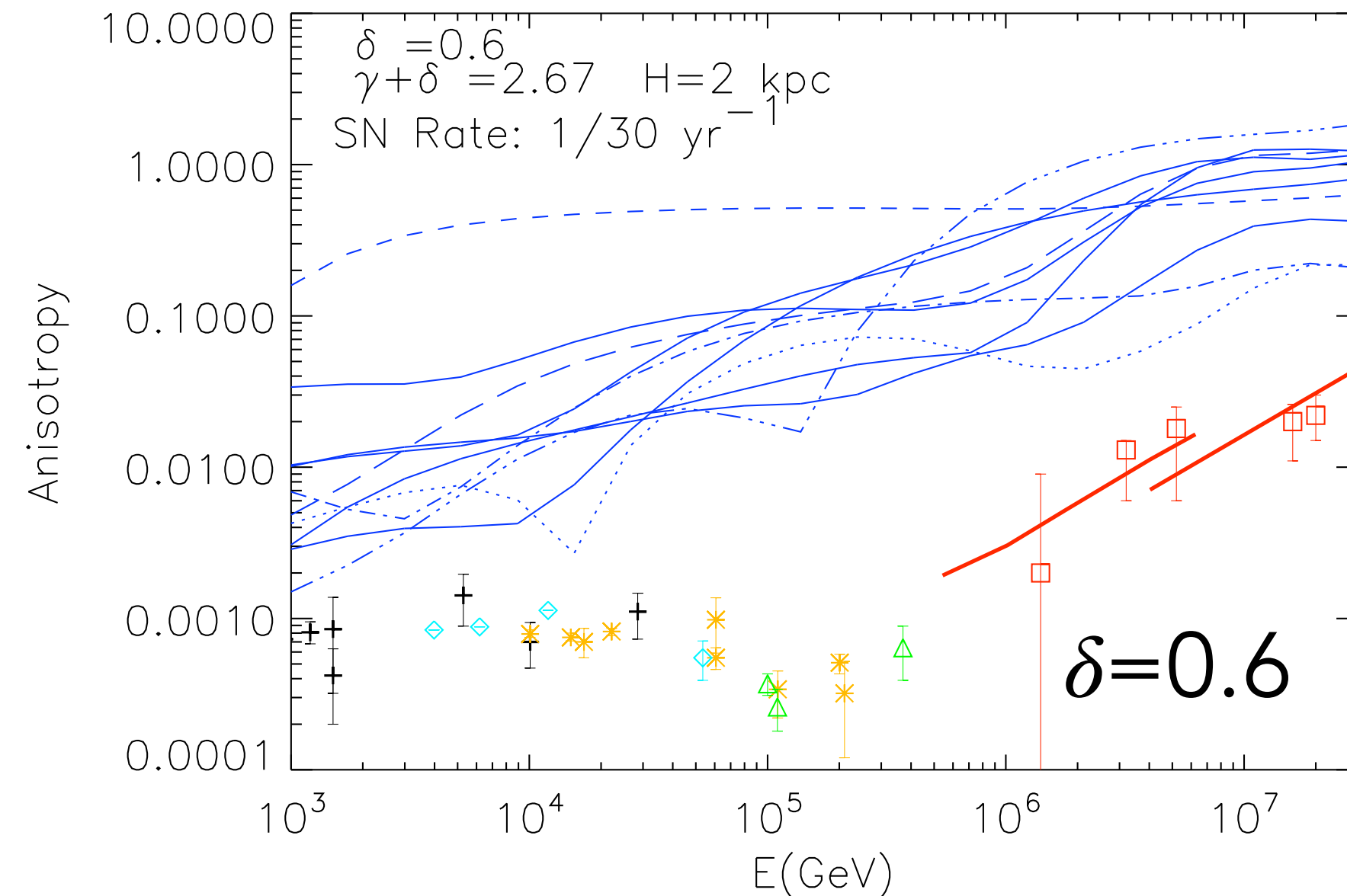
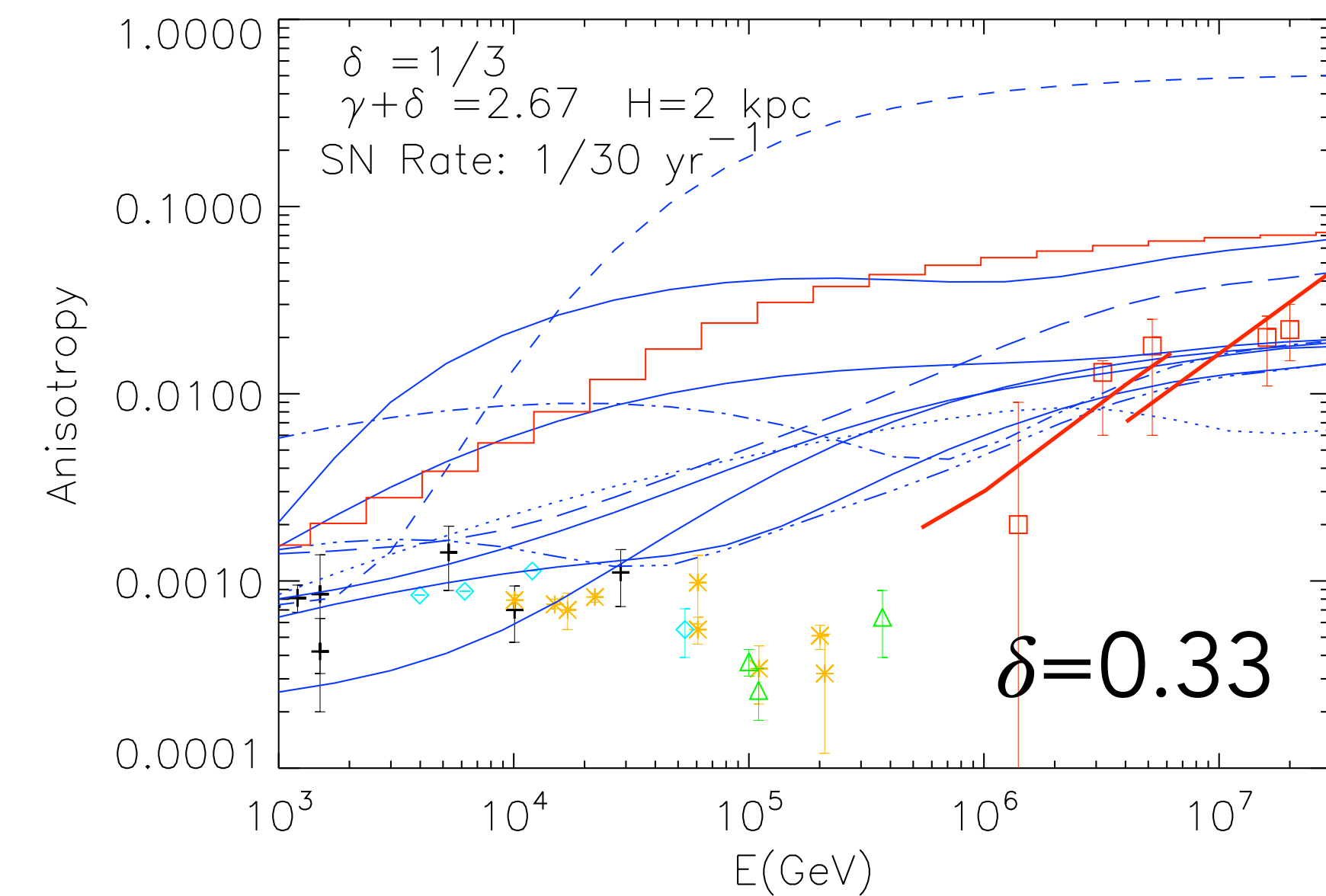
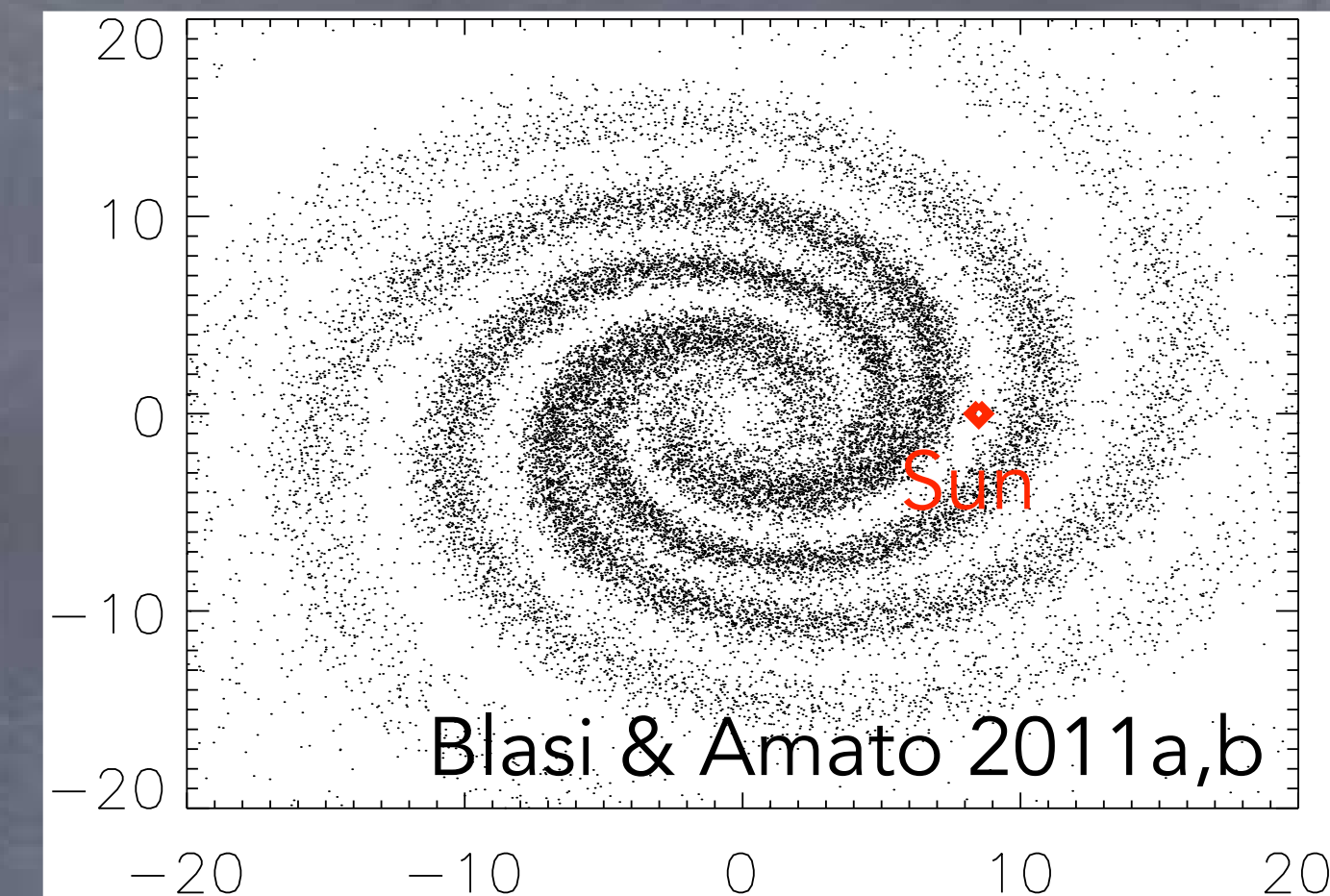


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Steep spectra preferred by propagation, too

- Monte Carlo simulations of **SNRs + CR transport**
- Injection spectrum: $\sim E^{-\gamma}$
- Residence time in the Galaxy: $\sim E^{-\delta}$
- Constraint: $\delta + \gamma \sim 2.7$



- $\delta = 0.33$ is preferred since it returns:
- more universal CR spectra
- less anisotropy

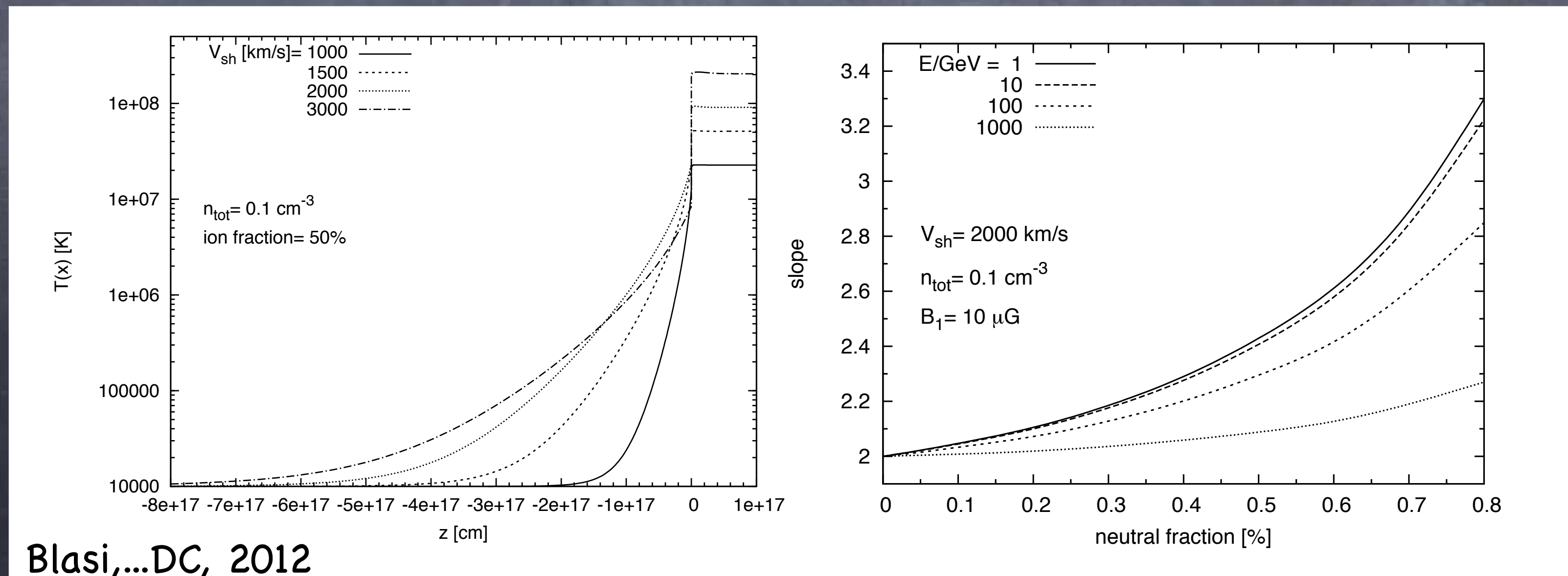
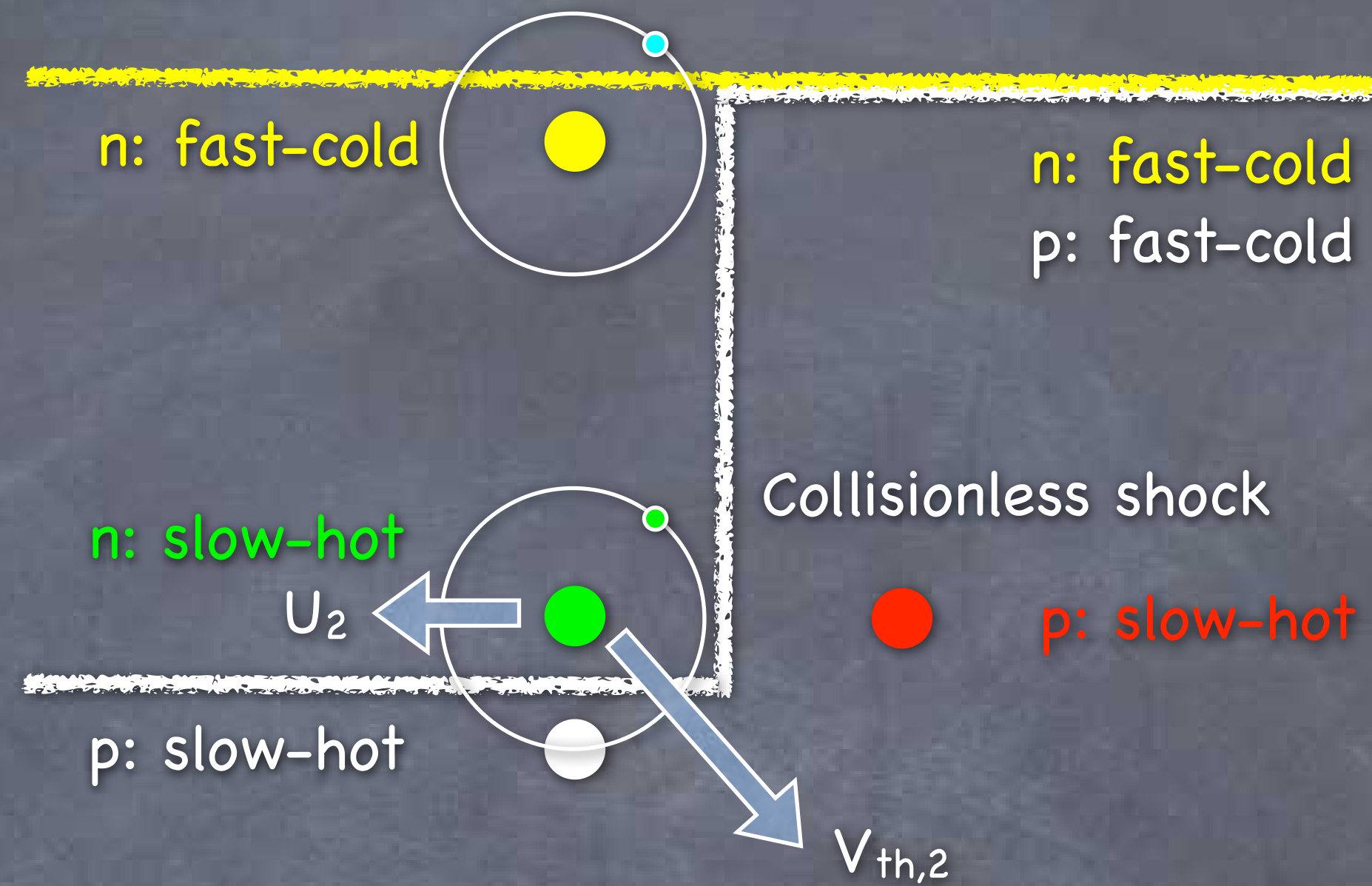
Also in this case, an injection slope of $\gamma = 2.7 - 0.33 \sim 2.35$ is required

NEUTRALS



Shocks into partially ionized media

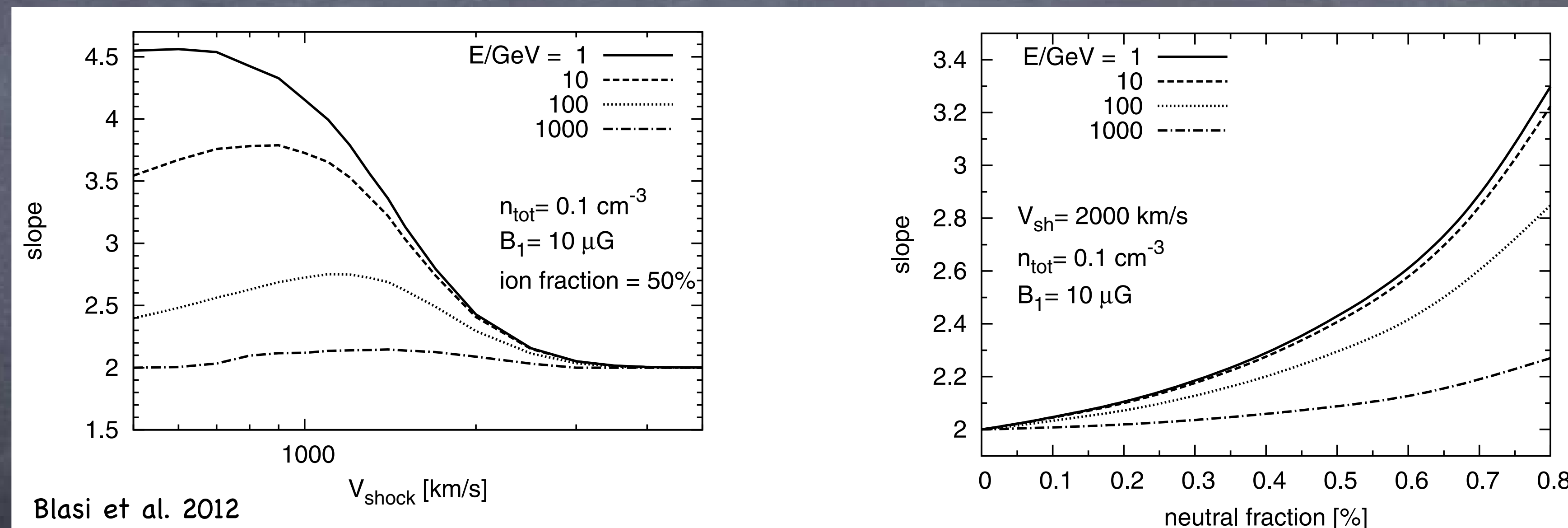
- Charge-exchange between neutrals and ions can transfer energy from downstream to upstream!
- Efficient heating implies smaller Mach numbers





Acceleration at Balmer shocks

- A **neutral-induced precursor** makes the effective compression ratio smaller than 4 (Blasi et al. 2012, Morlino et al. 2012, 2013,...)
- **Steep spectra**, up to what energy?
 - **Charge-exchange** scale vs **CR diffusion** scale



- For $V_{\text{sh}} > 3000 \text{ km/s}$ ionization dominates over CE

MULTI- SCALES

Multi-Scale Approach to Shock Acceleration



Micro

PIC Simulations

electron + ion dynamics

Meso

Hybrid: ion dynamics,

magnetic field amplification

Space-
Physics

Super-Hybrid (MHD+hybrid)

Large/long scales

High-Mach numbers

(Bai et al. 2015)

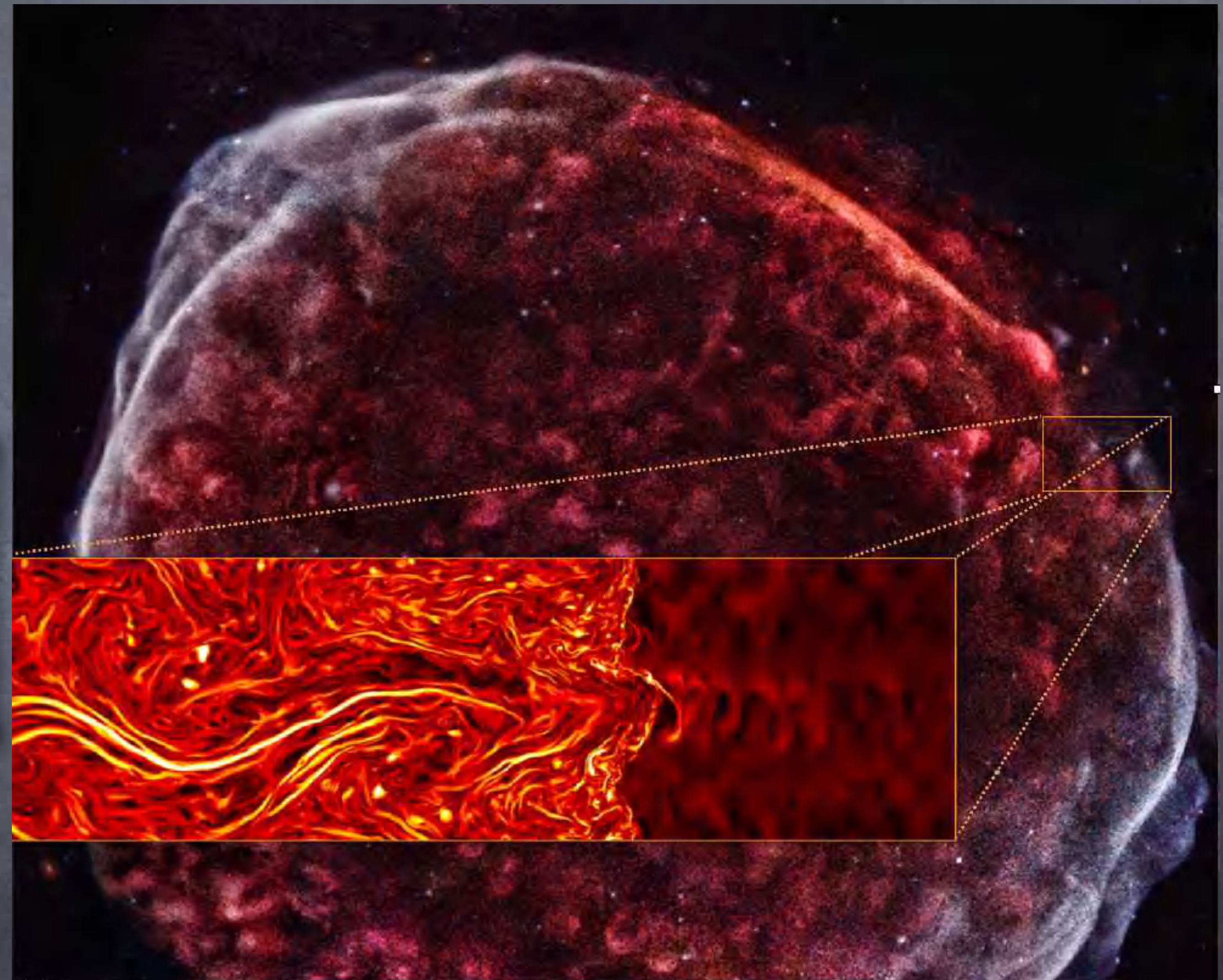
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Semi-Analytical

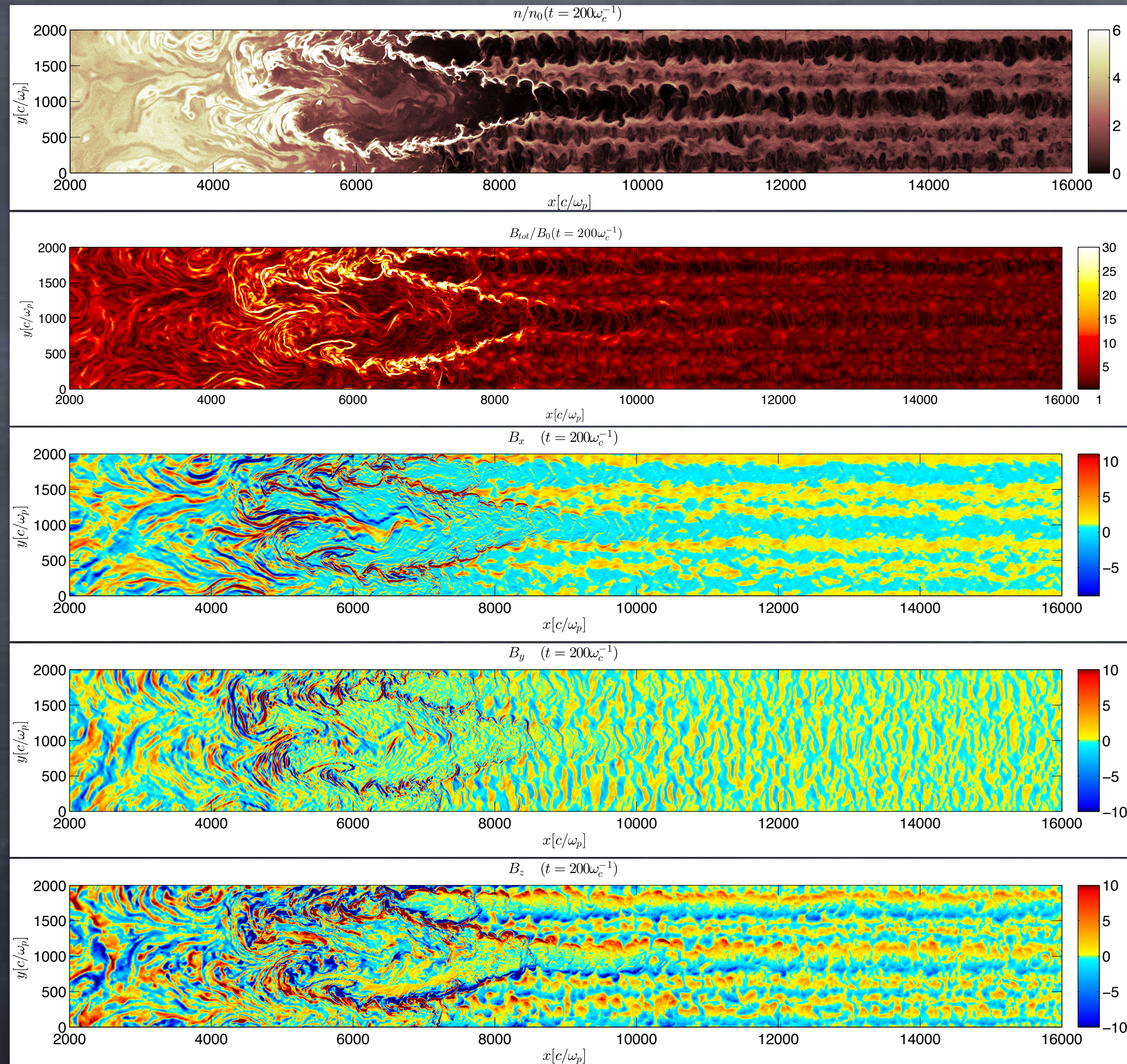
CRAFT = Cosmic Ray

Analytical Fast Tool

(DC et al, in prog.)



From kinetic to fluid scales



- Towards real shocks: going bigger up to space/astrophysical scales
- Embedding microphysics in hydro/MHD simulations
- Super-Hybrid: MHD+hybrid (Bai, DC, Sironi, Spitkovsky 2015)
- CRAFT: CR Analytic Fast Tool (DC et al., in prep)

Hybrid simulations of a $M=100$ parallel shock

A Stairway to New Discoveries...



- First-principles kinetic **plasma simulations**
 - Ion/electron dynamics, particle-wave coupling
 - **Multi-scale** approach beyond PIC/hybrid
- Variety of problems in **laboratory, heliophysics, astrophysics**:
 - Magnetic **reconnection**, turbulence, instabilities
- Active role of non-thermal particles in **galactic dynamics**
 - **2/3** of the **ISM energy** in CRs and B fields!
 - Generation of B fields, ionization, CR-driven winds,...
- Acceleration of **ultra-high-energy CRs** via the “espresso” mechanism

Multi-scale Approach Particle Acceleration

Micro

PIC Simulations
electron dynamics

Meso

Hybrid: ion injection and
acceleration, B amplification

Space

Astro

Über-Hybrid (MHD+hybrid)

Large scales

High-Mach numbers

Long-term evolution

CRAFT

Phenomenology

CRAFT

Large-scale **kinetic** approaches to non-linear DSA



- Solve **CR transport** and shock hydrodynamics self-consistently

1D Diffusion-convection
(Parker) equation

$$\frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}(x) \frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[D(x, p) \frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{p}{3} \frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial p} \frac{d\tilde{u}(x)}{dx}$$

- **FULLY NUMERICAL**: time-dependent
 - Kang & Jones 1997-2008; Berezhko & Völk 1997-2007; Zirakashvili & Aharonian 2009; ...
- **MONTE CARLO**: account for anisotropic distributions $f(p_x, p_y, p_z)$
 - Jones & Ellison 1991; Ellison et al. 1990; 1995; Vladimirov, Ellison, & Bykov 2006; ...
- **SEMI-ANALYTICAL**: versatile, computationally extremely fast
 - Malkov 1997; Blasi 2002; Amato & Blasi 2006, DC et al. 2009; 2010; DC 2012, ...
- Require an **a priori** description of
 - Magnetic field generation, Particle **scattering**, CR injection

This information
can be provided only
by kinetic simulations



CRAFT: a Cosmic-Ray Fast Analytic Tool

(Caprioli et al. 2009-2015, to be publicly released soon)

- Iterative analytical solution of the 1D stationary CR transport equation:

$$\tilde{u}(x) \frac{\partial f(x,p)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[D(x,p) \frac{\partial f(x,p)}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{p}{3} \frac{d\tilde{u}(x)}{dx} \frac{\partial f(x,p)}{\partial p} + Q(x,p)$$

Advection Diffusion Energy change Injection

- Very fast: a few seconds on a laptop (vs days on clusters: DC et al. 2010)
- Can embed microphysics from kinetic simulations into (M)HD

$$f(x,p) = f_2(p) \exp \left[- \int_x^0 dx' \frac{\tilde{u}(x')}{D(x',p)} \right] \left[1 - \frac{W(x,p)}{W_0(p)} \right];$$

$$\Phi_{esc}(p) = -D(x_0,p) \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x_0} = -\frac{u_0 f_2(p)}{W_0(p)};$$

$$W(x,p) = \int_x^0 dx' \frac{u_0}{D(x',p)} \exp \left[\int_{x'}^0 dx'' \frac{\tilde{u}(x'')}{D(x'',p)} \right].$$

$$f_2(p) = \frac{\eta n_0 q_p(p)}{4\pi p_{inj}^3} \exp \left\{ - \int_{p_{inj}}^p \frac{dp'}{p'} q_p(p') \left[U_p(p') + \frac{1}{W_0(p')} \right] \right\}$$

$$U_p(p) = \frac{\tilde{u}_1}{u_0} - \int_{x_0}^0 \frac{dx}{u_0} \left\{ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}(x)}{\partial x} \exp \left[- \int_x^0 dx' \frac{\tilde{u}(x')}{D(x',p)} \right] \left[1 - \frac{W(x,p)}{W_0(p)} \right] \right\}$$

CR distribution function

Mass+momentum conservation eqs. $\frac{p(x)}{\rho(x)^\gamma} = \frac{p_0}{\rho_0^\gamma};$

$\rho(x)u(x) = \rho_0 u_0$
 $\rho(x)u(x)^2 + p(x) + p_{cr}(x) + p_B(x) = \rho_0 u_0^2 + p_{g,0} + p_{B,0}$

$P_B + P_{cr}$

$$2\tilde{u}(x) \frac{dp_B(x)}{dx} = v_A(x) \frac{dp_{cr}(x)}{dx} - 3p_B(x) \frac{d\tilde{u}(x)}{dx}$$

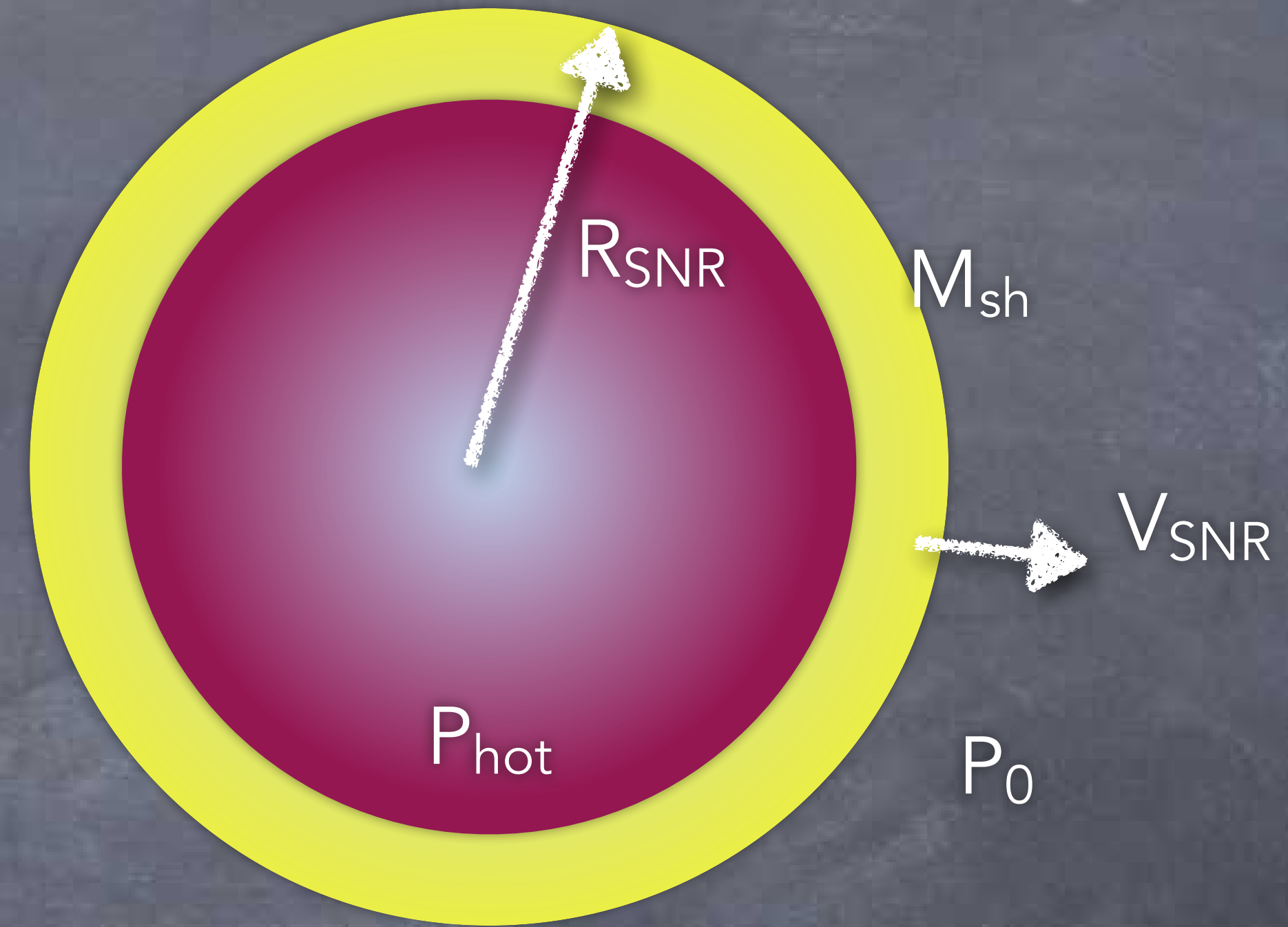
Magnetic turbulence transport eq.

CR FEEDBACK

What is the feedback of
CRs on SNR evolution?
(and eventually in galaxy formation?)

SNR Evolution in a Thin-Shell

- **Ejecta-dominated** stage: $R_{\text{SNR}} \sim V_{\text{SNR}} t$
- **Sedov-Taylor** (adiabatic) stage: $R_{\text{SNR}} \sim t^{2/5}$
- **Radiative stage** ($T_{\text{sh}} < \sim 10^6 \text{K}$)
 - Pressure-driven snowplow ($P_{\text{hot}} > P_0$)
 - Momentum-driven snowplow ($P_{\text{hot}} \sim P_0$)



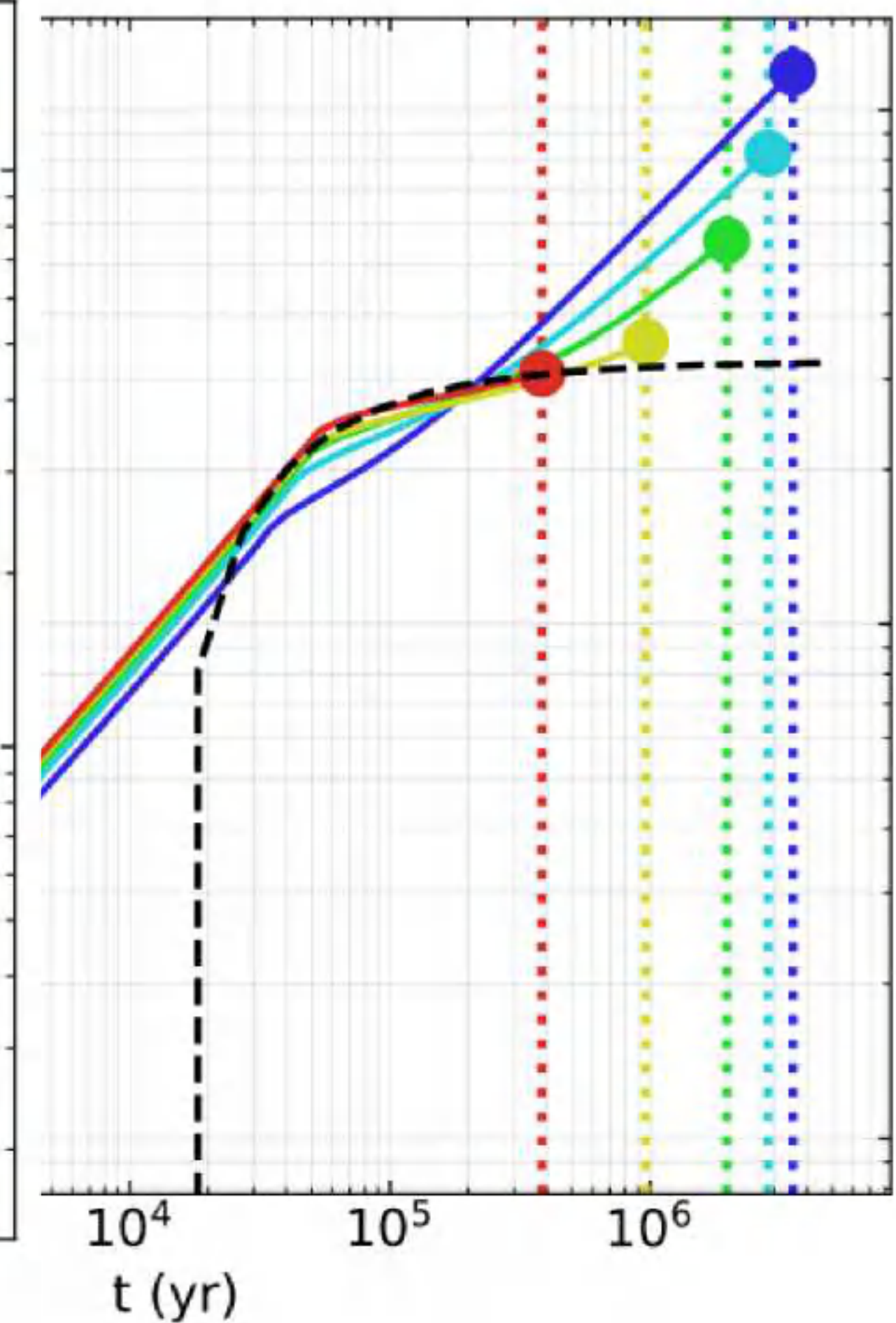
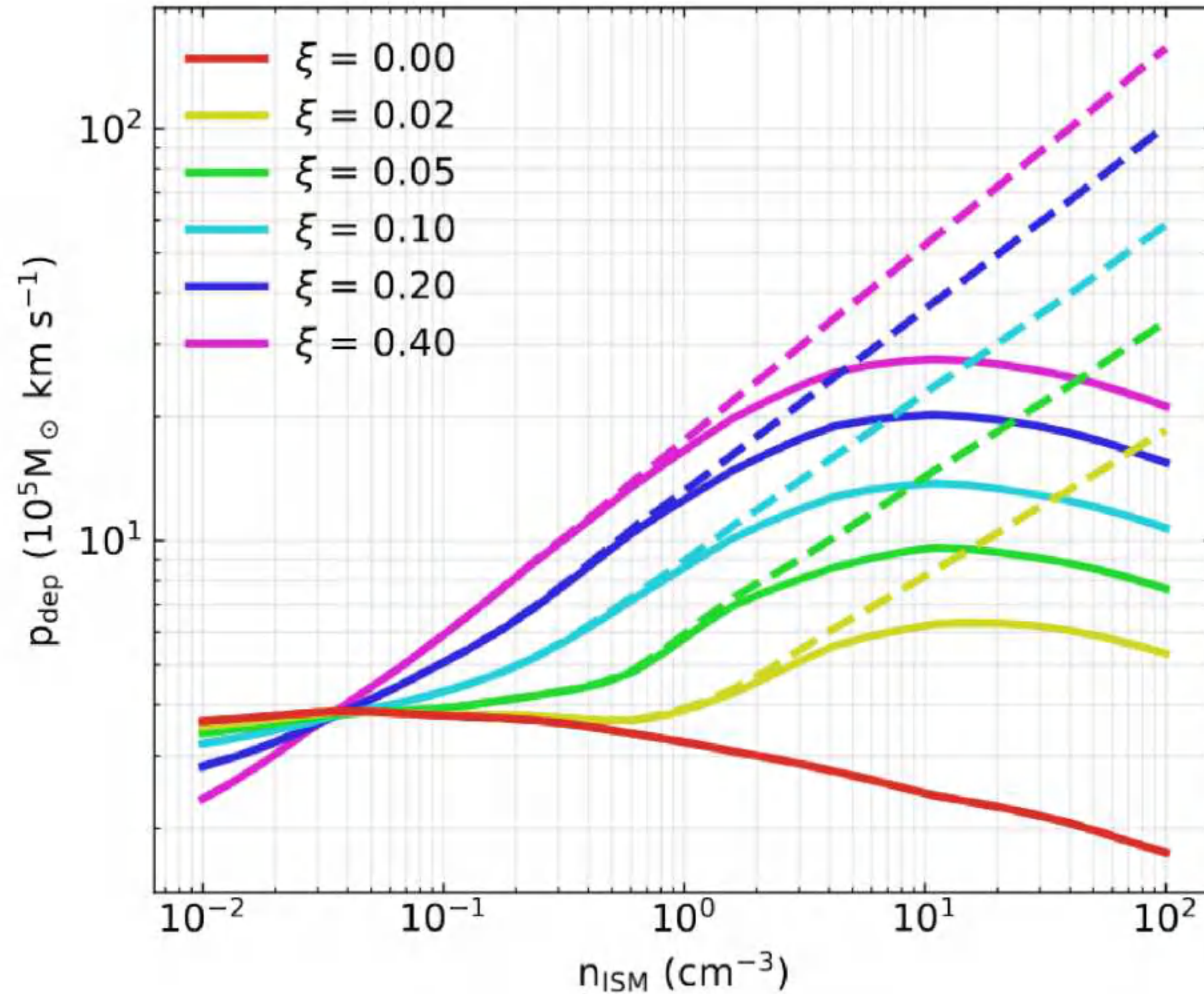
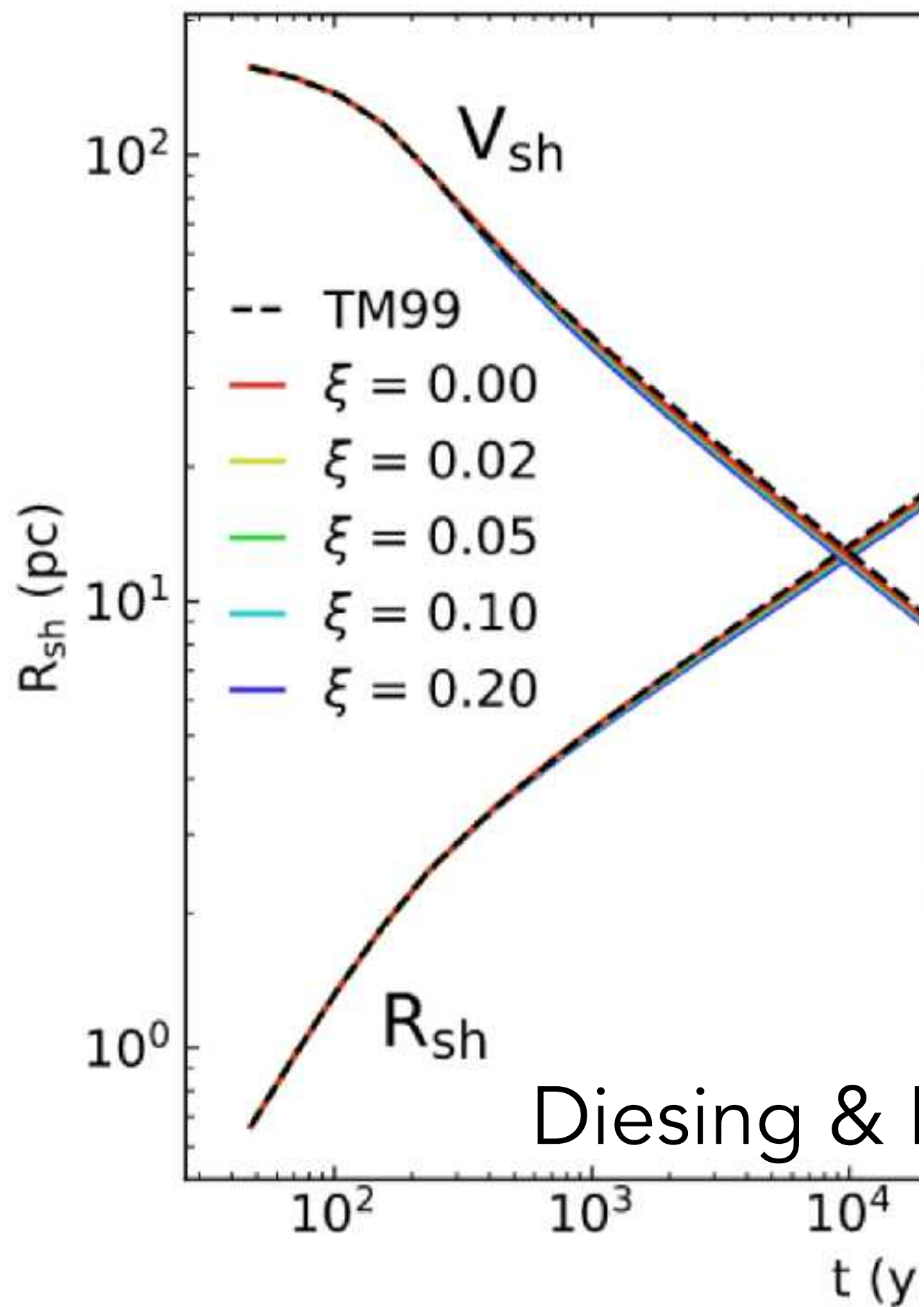
$$\frac{d(M_{\text{sh}} v_{\text{SNR}})}{dt} = 4\pi r_{\text{SNR}}^2 (P_{\text{hot}} - P_0)$$

SNRs deposit **energy** and **momentum** in the ISM
 Crucial for **feedback** that can suppress star formation



Momentum Deposition with Cosmic Rays

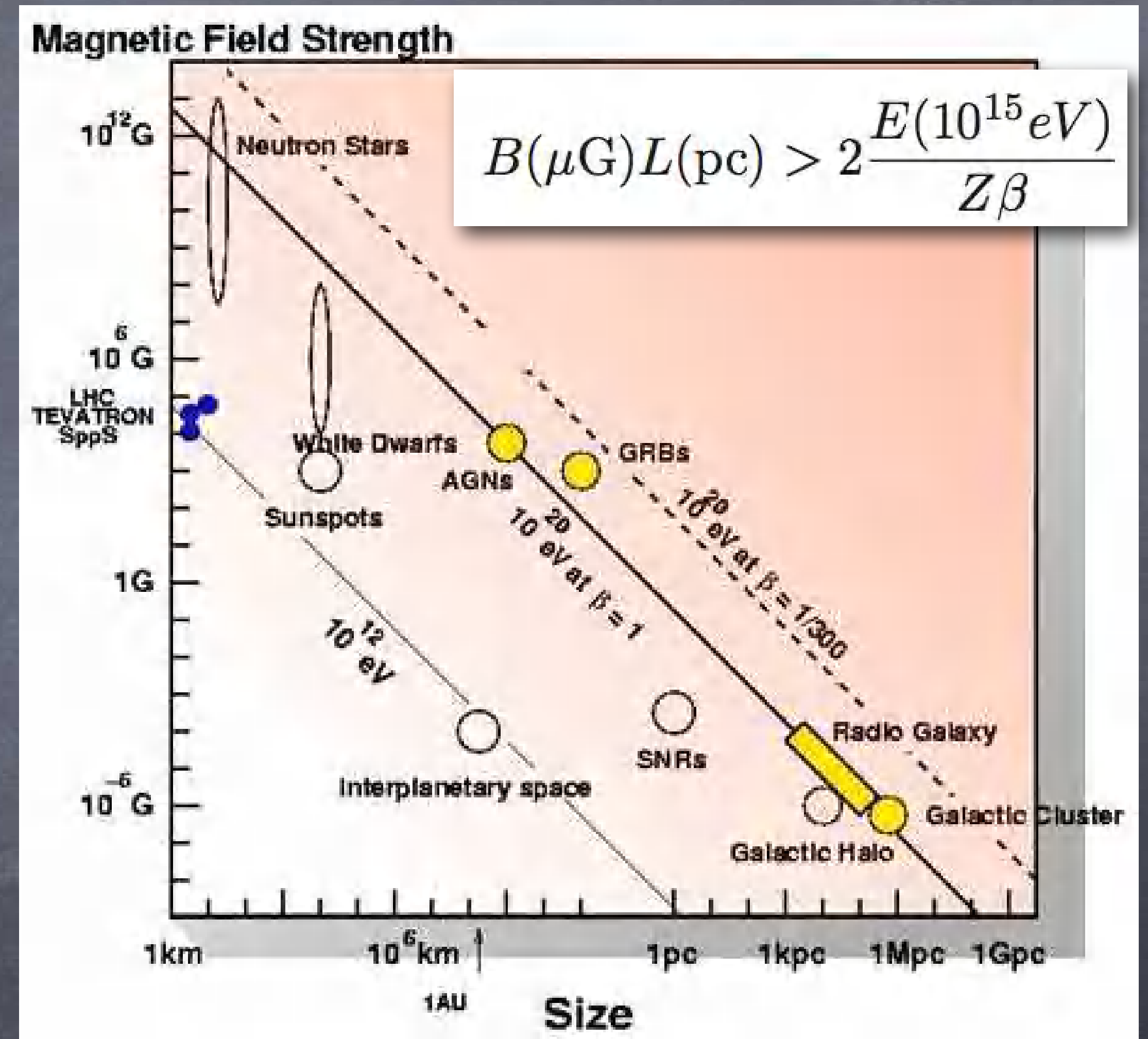
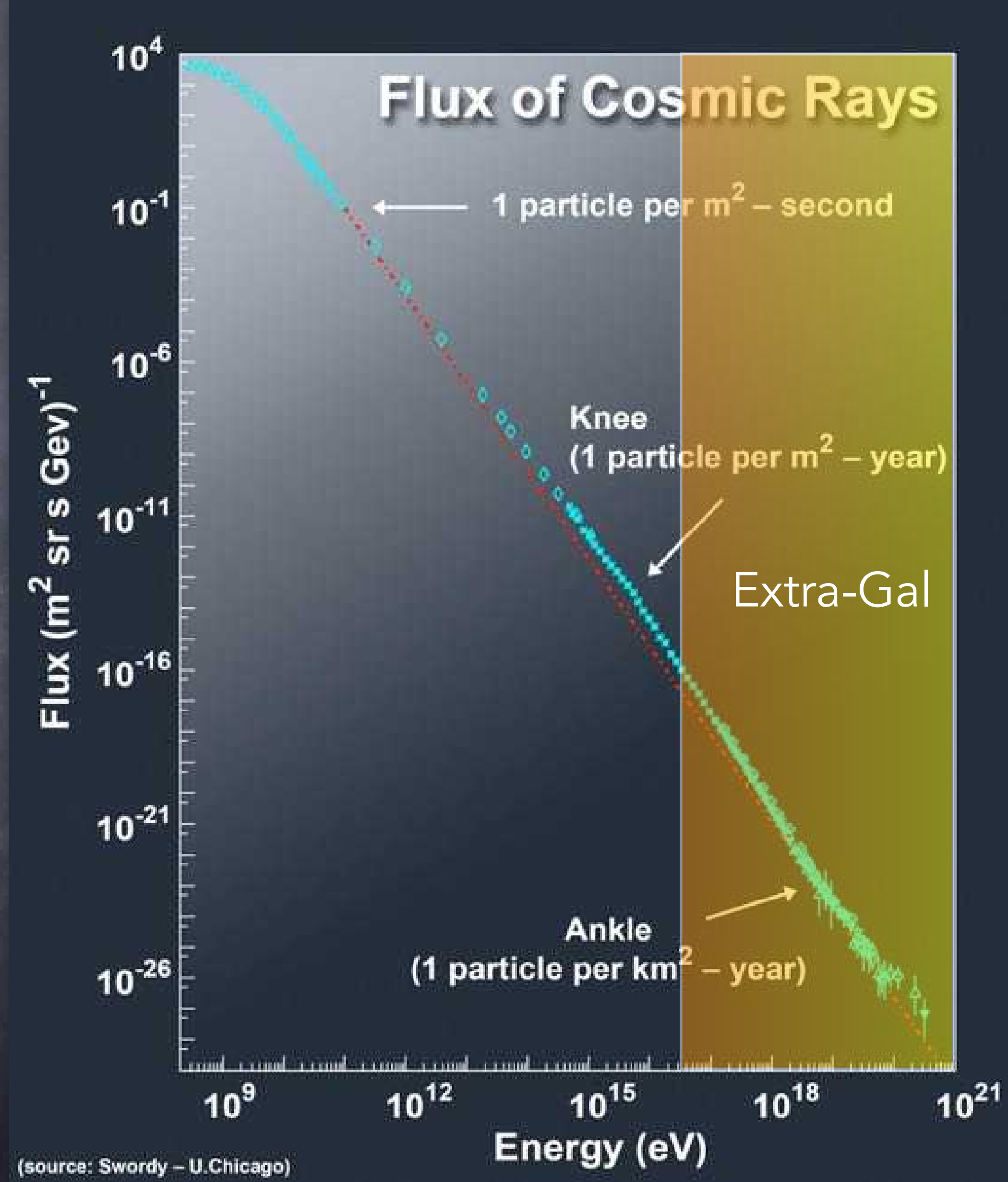
- SNR evolution for CR acceleration efficiency ξ (in energy): CRs do not radiate their energy away: **more effective expansion!**
- Thin-shell approximation reproduces the **Sedov to radiative stage transition** (first semi-analytical solution)
- CRs can **boost** the **momentum** deposition by factors of **2-10** for typical ISM conditions



And now for something
completely different...

ESPRESSO

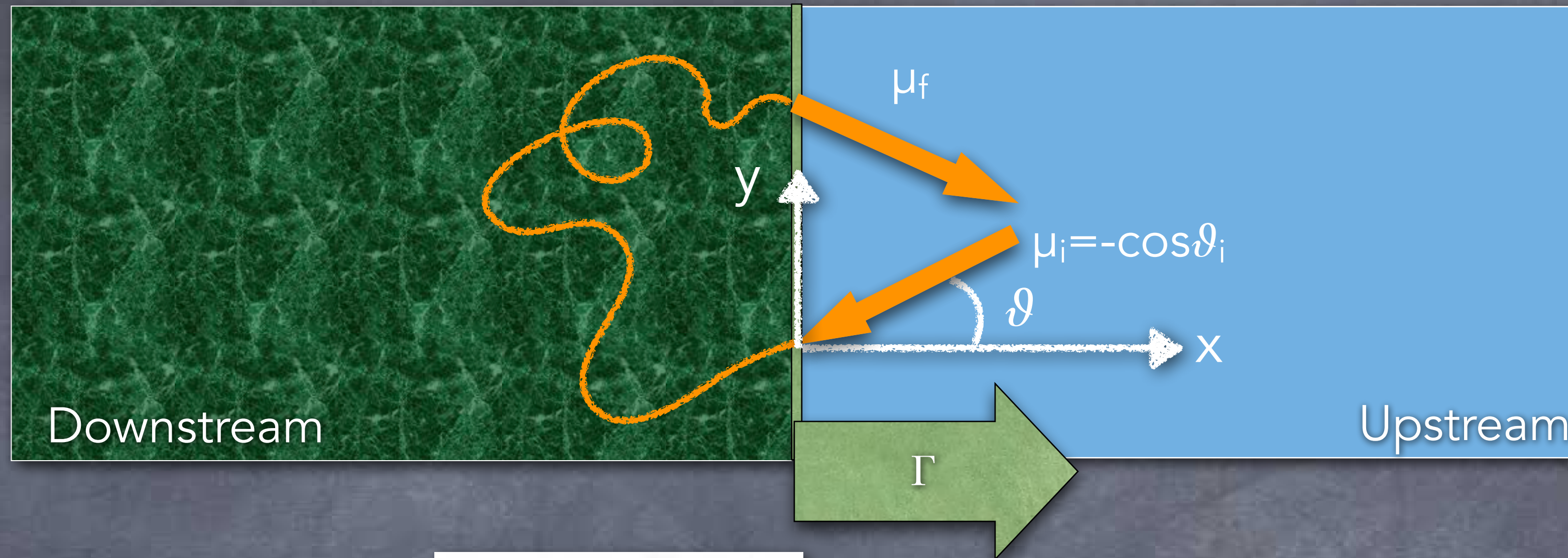
Extra-galactic Cosmic Rays



☉ Sources typically involve relativistic flows



Acceleration at Relativistic Shocks



Encounter with the shock: $\mathbf{p}_i \simeq E_i(\mu_i, \sqrt{1 - \mu_i^2}, 0)$,

in the *downstream* frame:

$$E'_i = \Gamma(E_i - \beta p_{i,x}) = \Gamma E_i(1 - \beta \mu_i),$$

Elastic scattering (e.g., *gyration*):

$$p'_{f,x} \equiv \mu'_f E'_f$$

$$\mu_f = \frac{\mu'_f + \beta}{1 + \beta \mu'_f}$$

Back in the *upstream*:

$$E_f = \Gamma(E'_f + \beta p'_{f,x}) = \Gamma^2 E_i(1 - \beta \mu_i)(1 + \beta \mu'_f),$$

- Energy gain depends on $\mu_f - \mu_i$

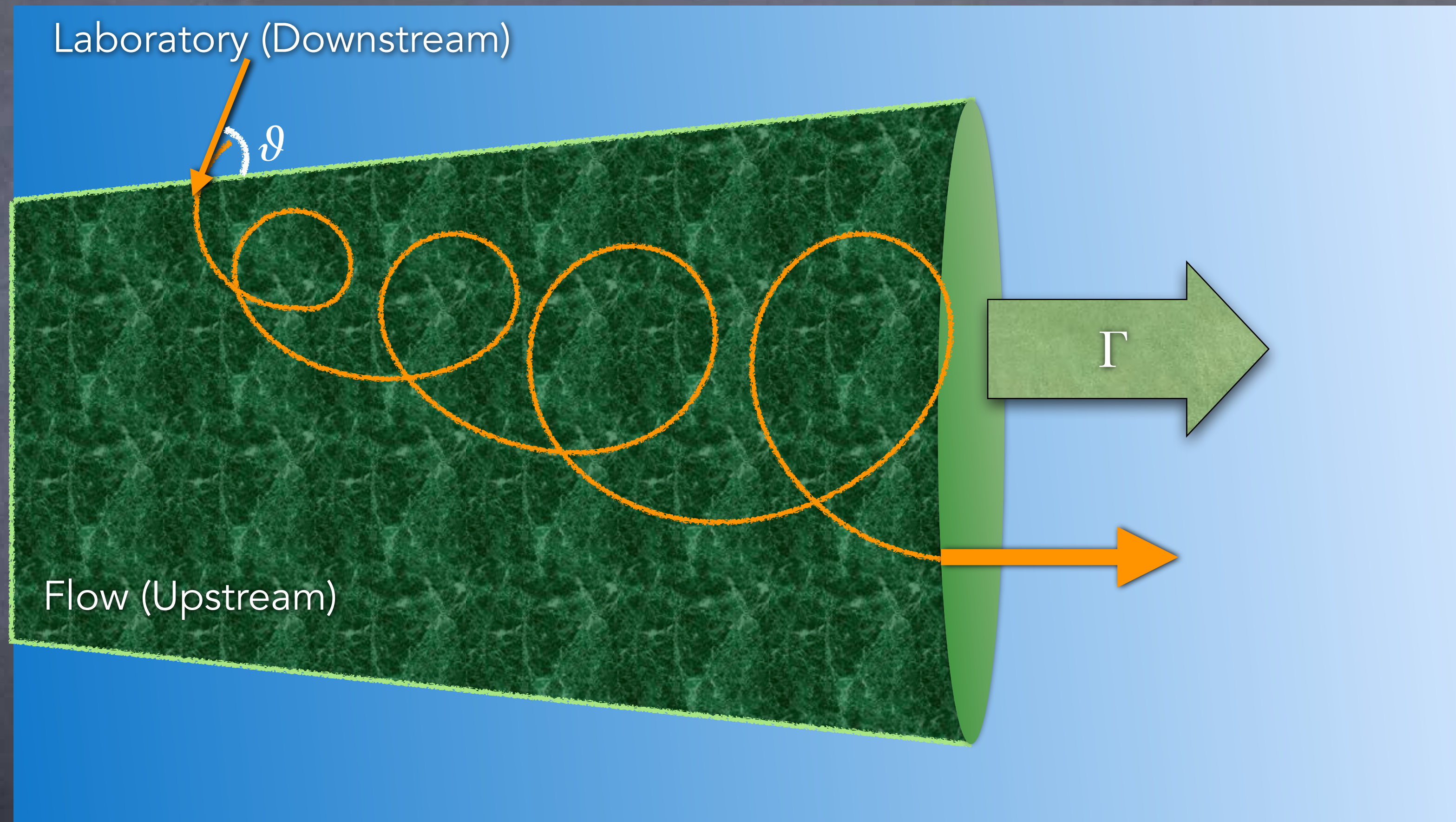
First cycle: $E_f \sim \Gamma^2 E_i$ (~Compton scattering)

- Following cycles: $E_f \sim 2 E_i$

- **CAVEAT:** return not guaranteed!

Acceleration in Relativistic FLOWS

- **Requirement:** interface thickness \ll gyroradius \ll typical flow size

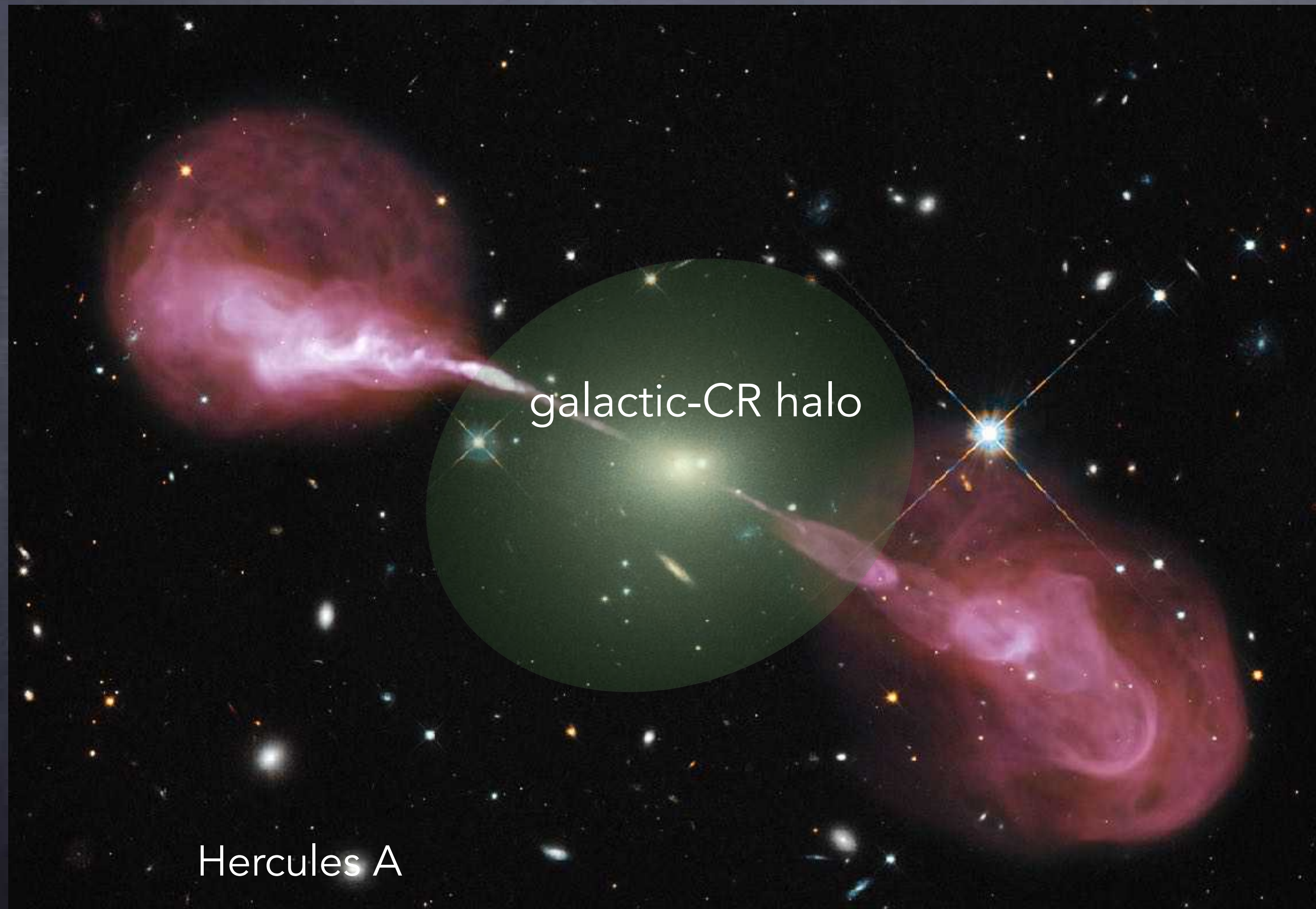


Most trajectories lead to a $\sim \Gamma^2$ energy gain!

Espresso Acceleration of UHECRs



- **SEEDS:** galactic CRs with energies up to $\sim 3Z$ PeV
- **STEAM:** AGN jets with Γ up to 20-30



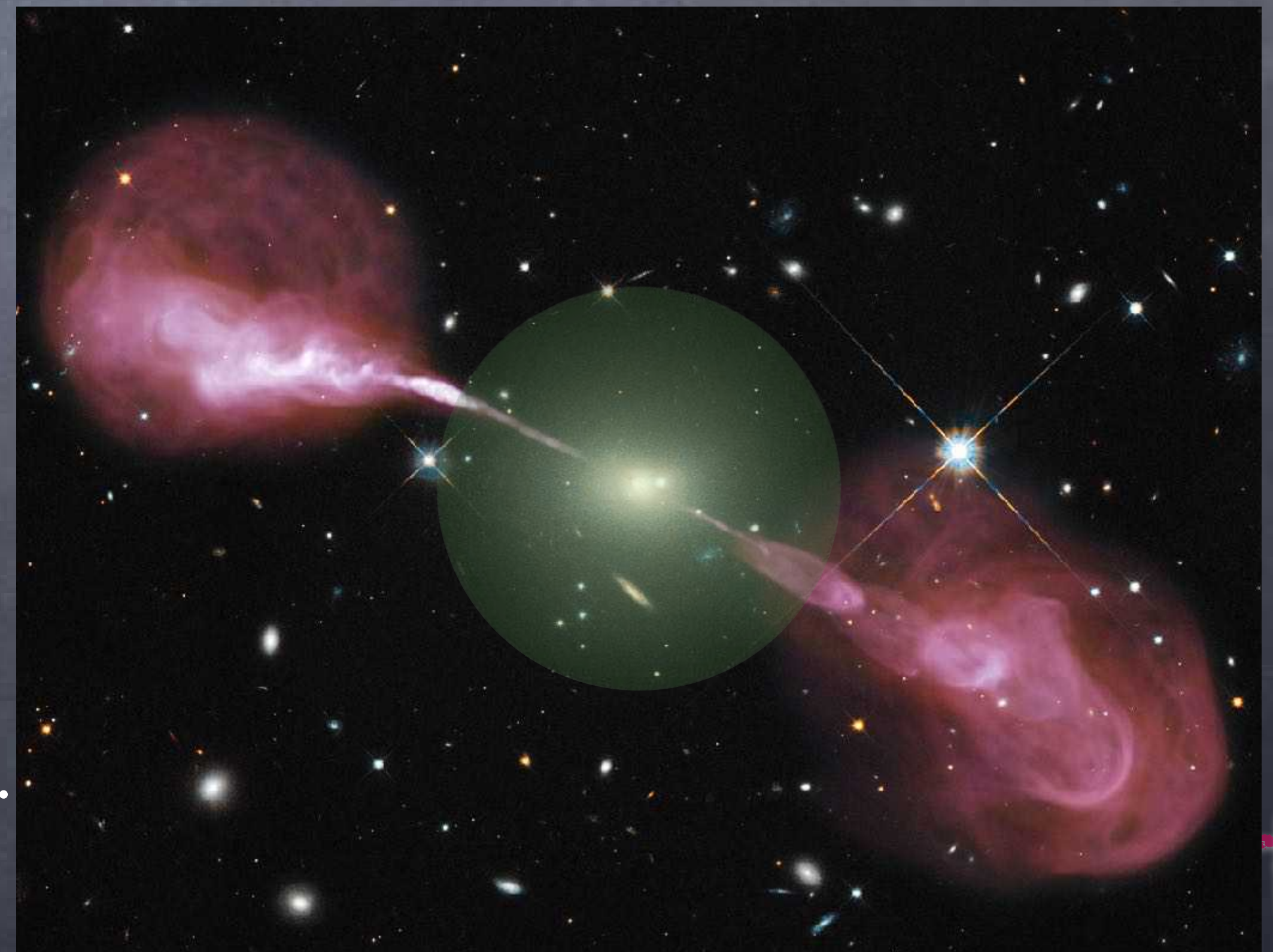
Hercules A

ONE-SHOT
reacceleration can
produce **UHECRs** up to
 $E_{\max} \sim 2\Gamma^2 3Z$ PeV
 $E_{\max} \sim 5Z \times 10^9$ GeV

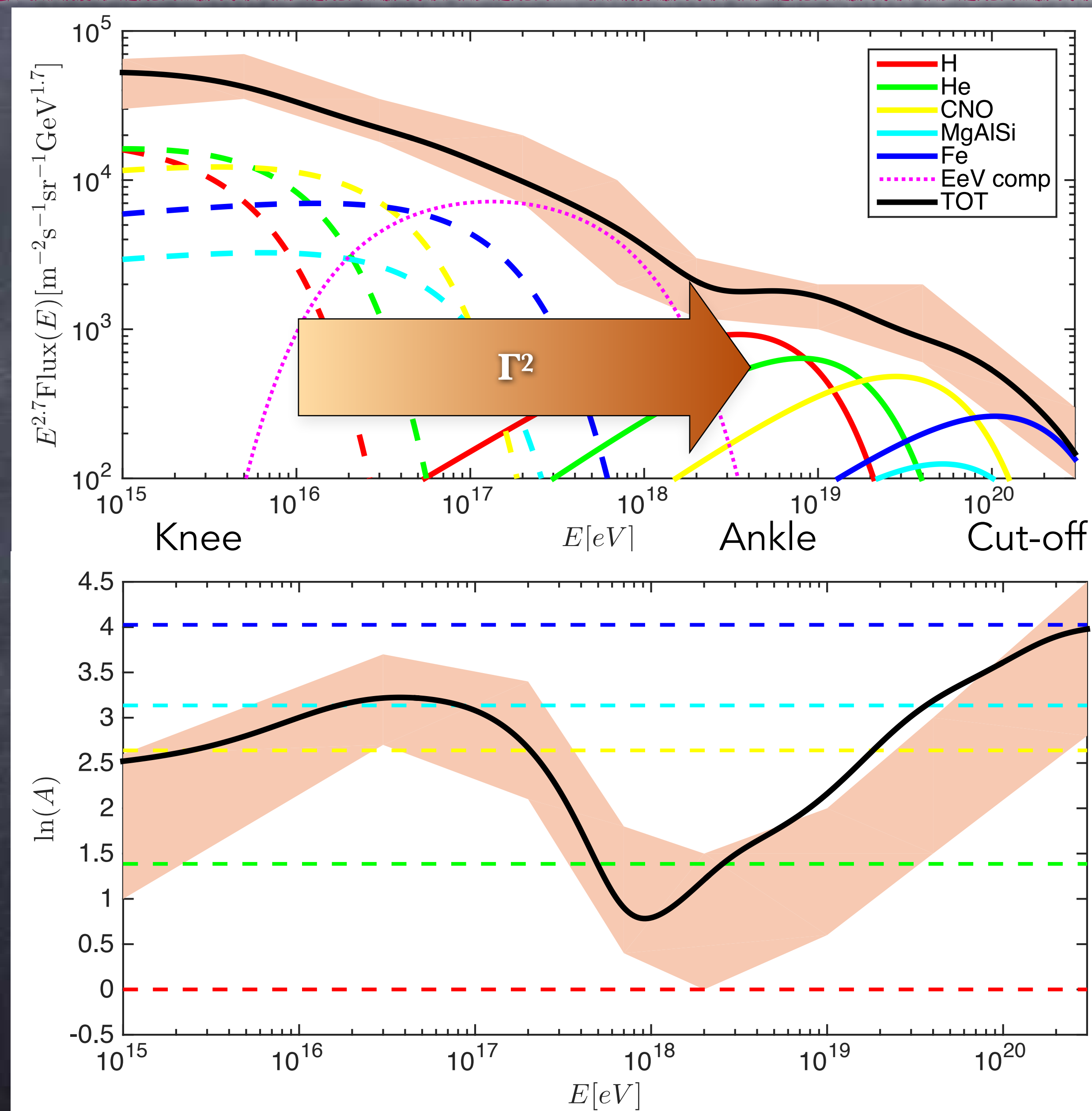


UHECRs from AGN jets: constraints

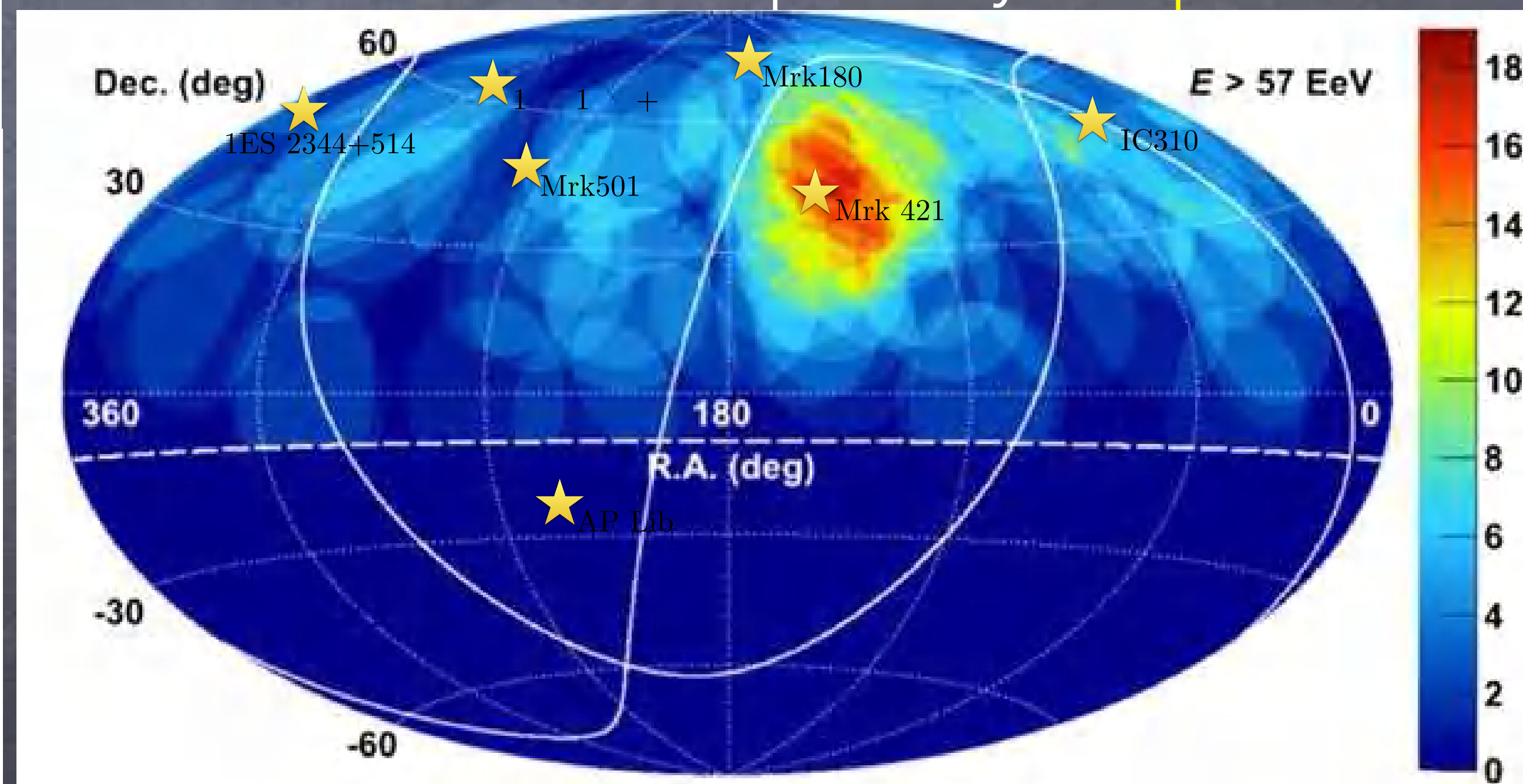
- **Confinement** (Hillas Criterion): $B_{\mu\text{G}} D_{\text{kpc}} \gtrsim \frac{4}{Z_{26}} \frac{E_{\text{max}}}{10^{20} \text{eV}}$ ✓
- **Energetics**: $Q_{\text{UHECR}}(E \gtrsim 10^{18} \text{eV}) \approx 5 \times 10^{45} \text{erg/Mpc}^3/\text{yr}$
 $L_{\text{bol}} \approx 10^{43} - 10^{45} \text{erg/s}$; $N_{\text{AGN}} \approx 10^{-4} / \text{Mpc}^3$
 $Q_{\text{AGN}} \approx \text{a few } 10^{46} - 10^{48} \text{erg/Mpc}^3/\text{yr} \gg Q_{\text{UHECR}}$ ✓
- **Efficiency** depends on:
 - **Reacceleration efficiency** ($\epsilon > \sim 10^{-4}$)
 - **Jet cross section**
(angle of a few degrees: $\epsilon \sim 10^{-1} - 10^{-2}$)
 - **Contributing AGNs**
 - Likely radio-loud quasars, blazars, FR-I, ..



Galactic CR + UHECR spectrum



- Prediction of UHECR **chemical composition!**
- UHECR spectra must be quite **flat**, $\sim E^{-1.5}$ (Aloisio+13, Gaisser+13, Taylor 14,...)
- Different **kinds** of AGNs?
- **Mrk 421** in the Telescope Array **hotspot!**

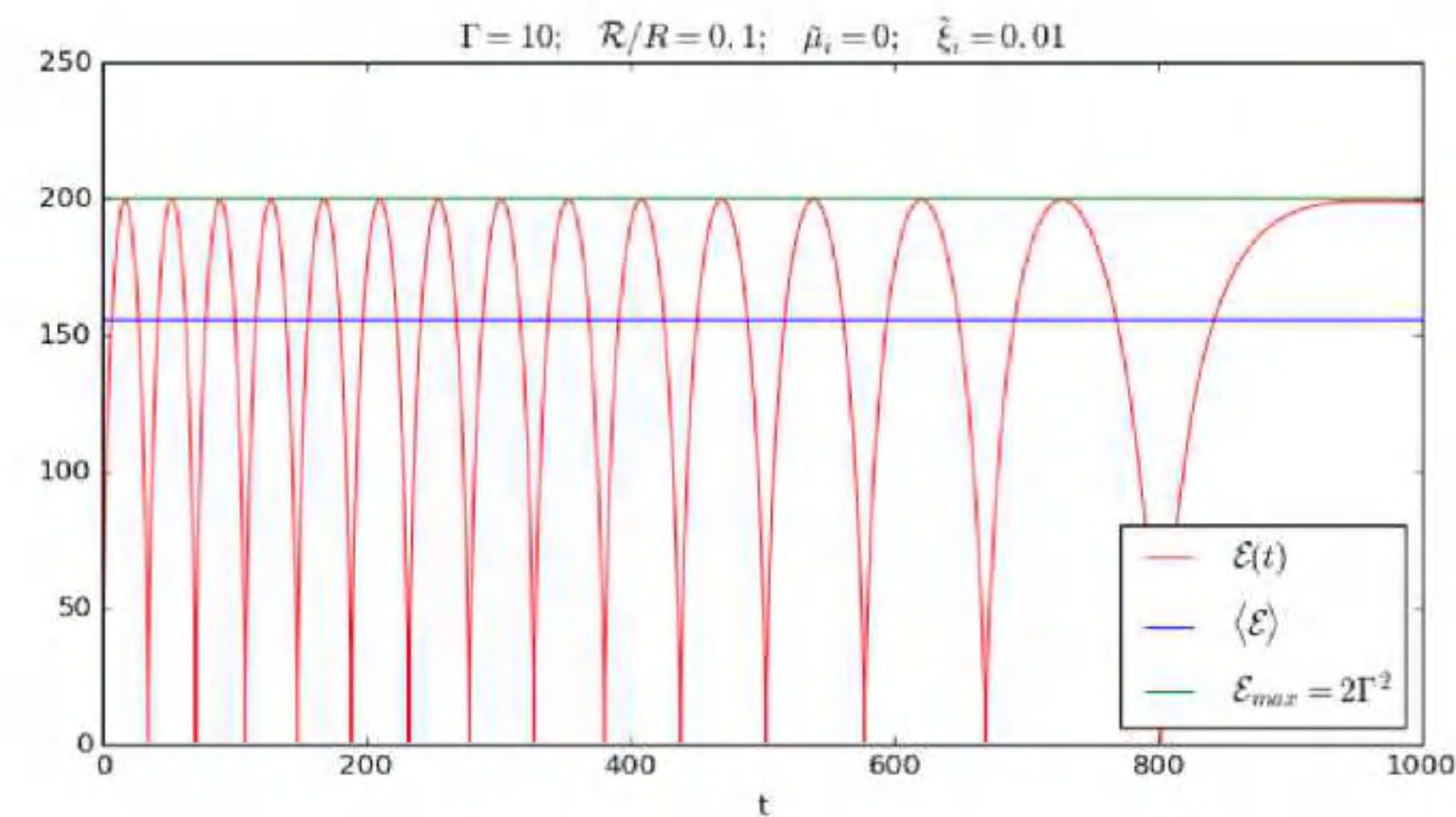
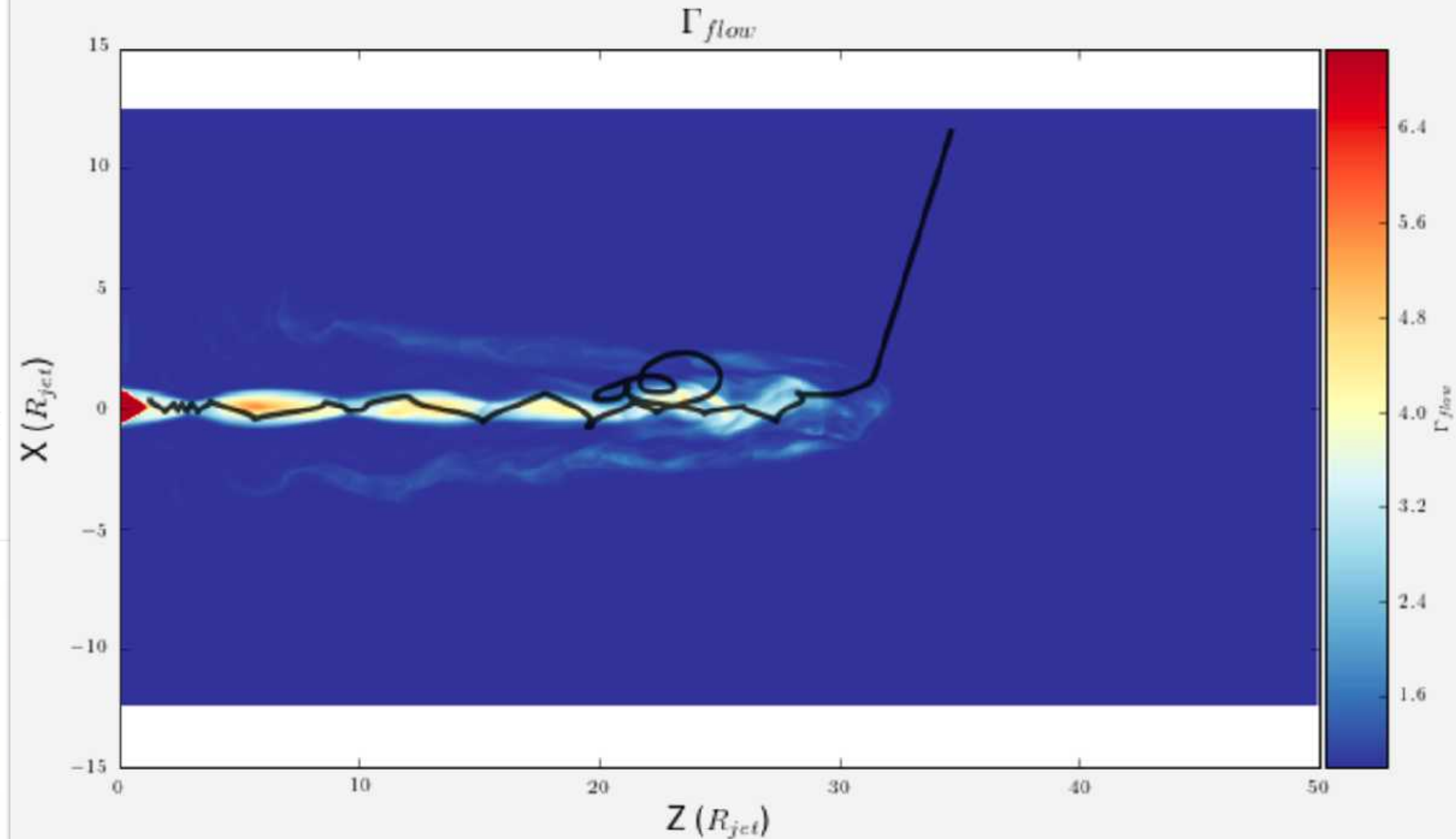
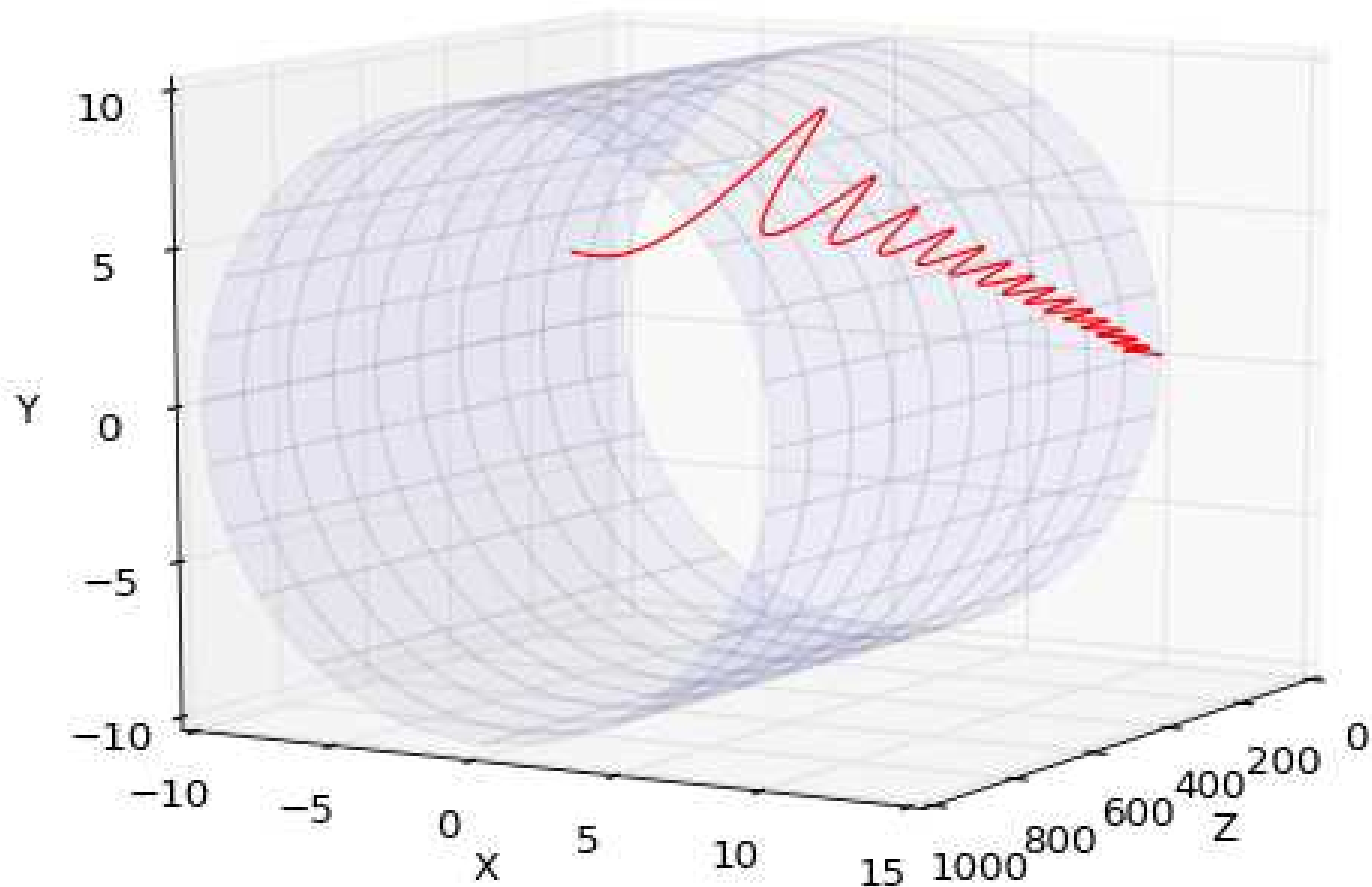


DC, 2015, 2016



Testing Espresso Acceleration

- Propagation in **synthetic jets** and in **3D MHD sims** (DC 2016; DC & Mbarek, in prog)



Espresso works! Even **a few shots**: $E_f/E_i \sim \Gamma^4 - \Gamma^6$!



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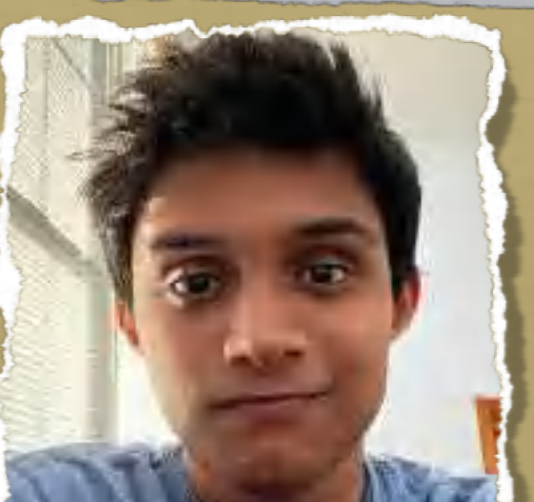
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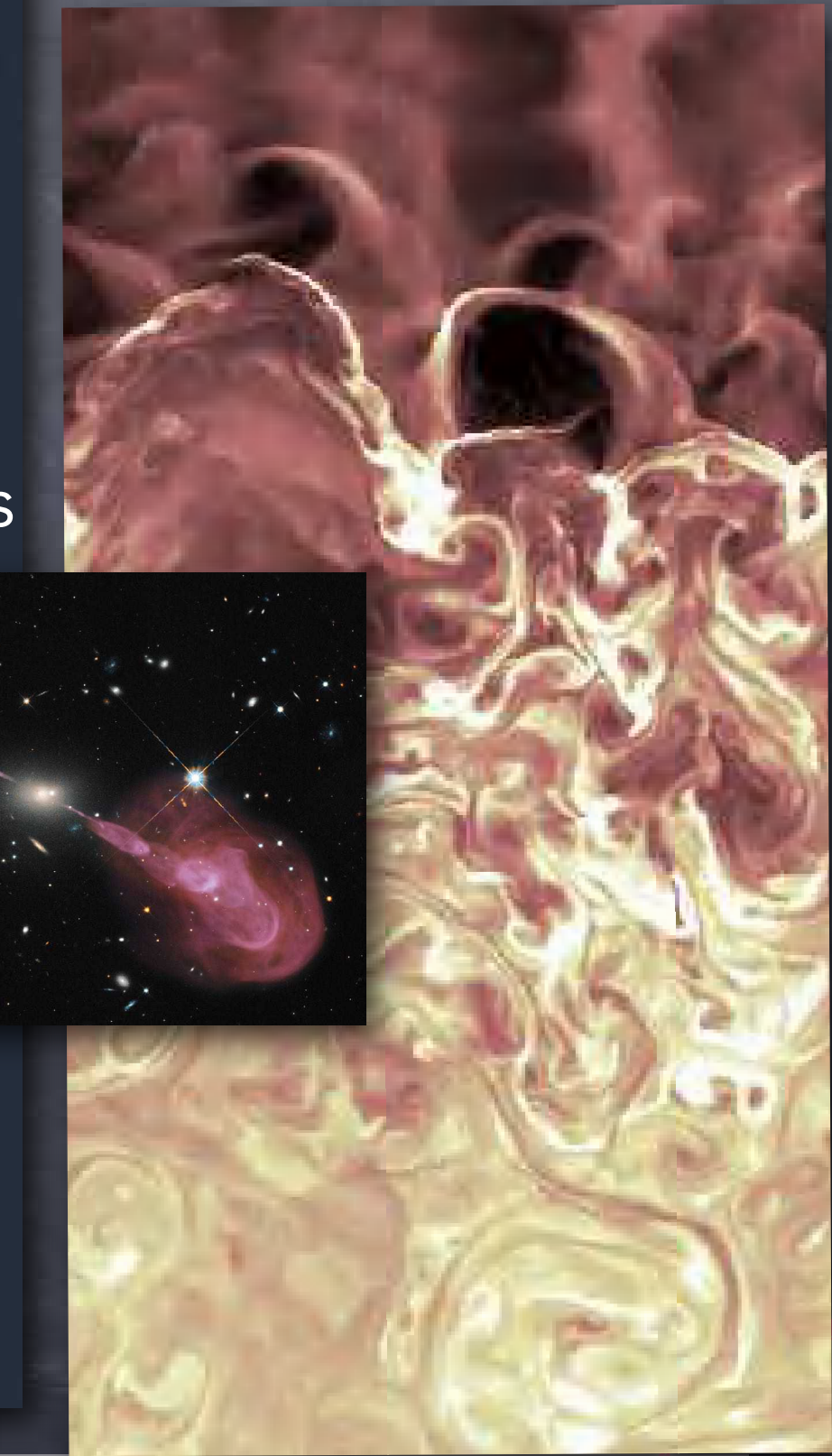
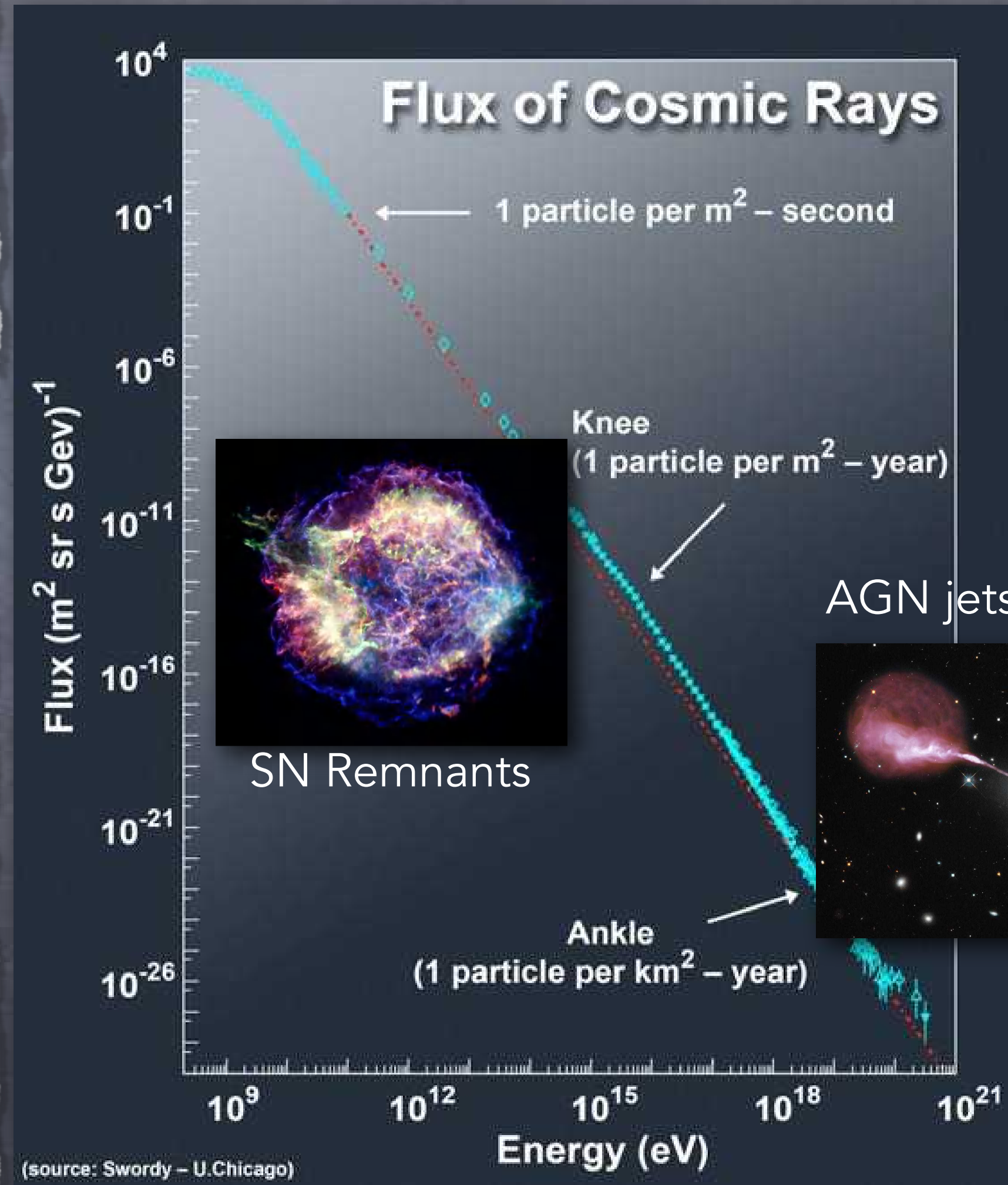
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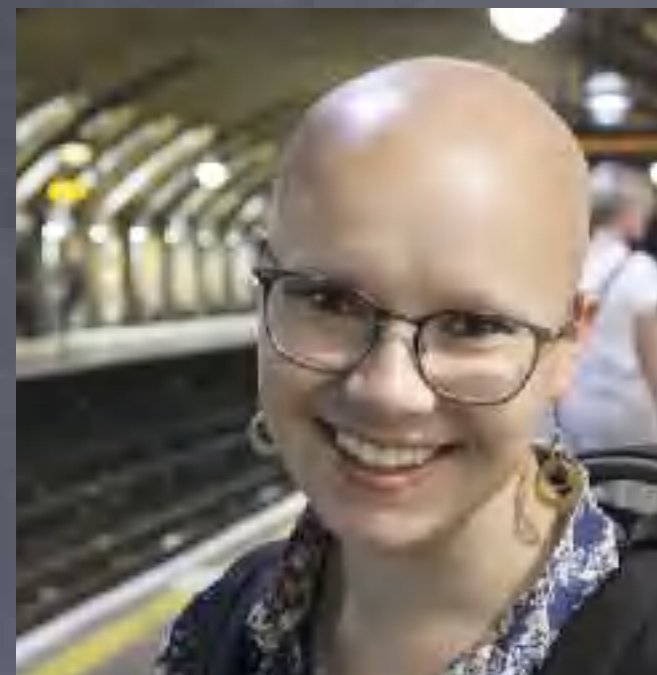
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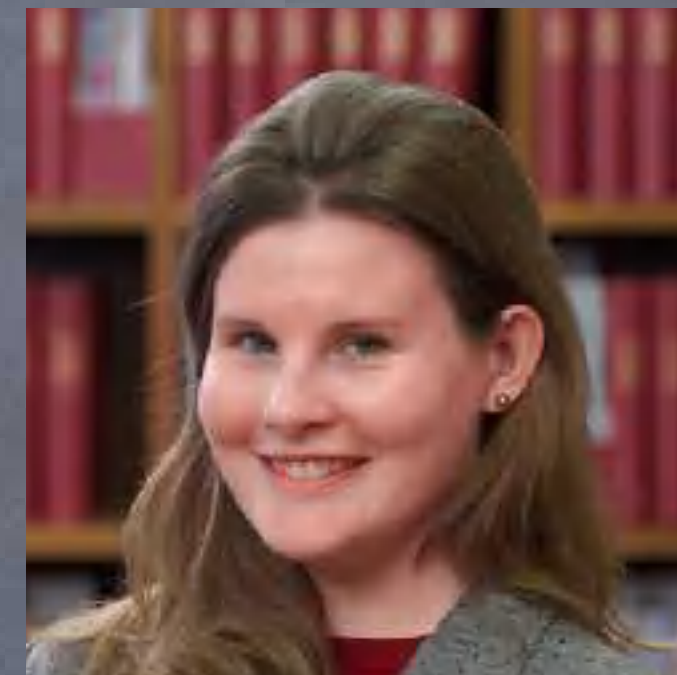
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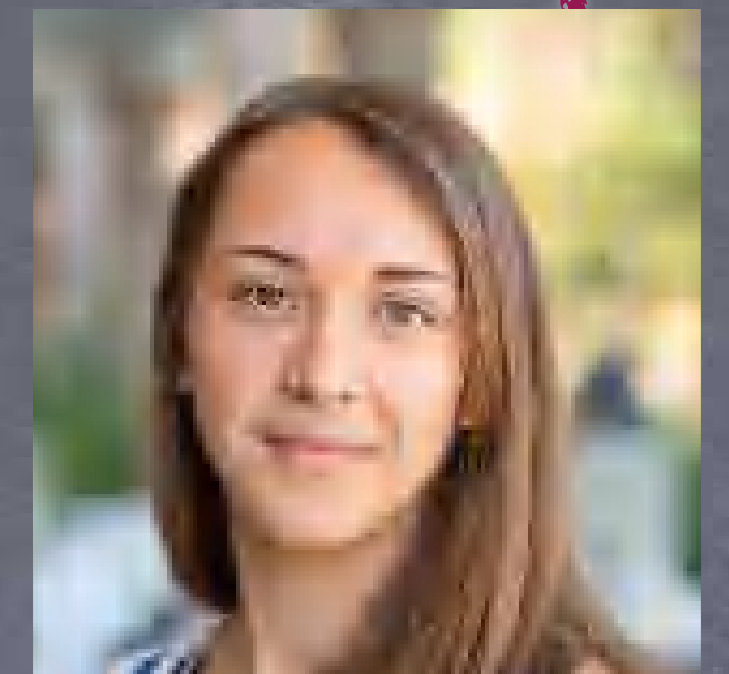
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