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# Are SNRs Cosmic Ray Factories? Yes, but...

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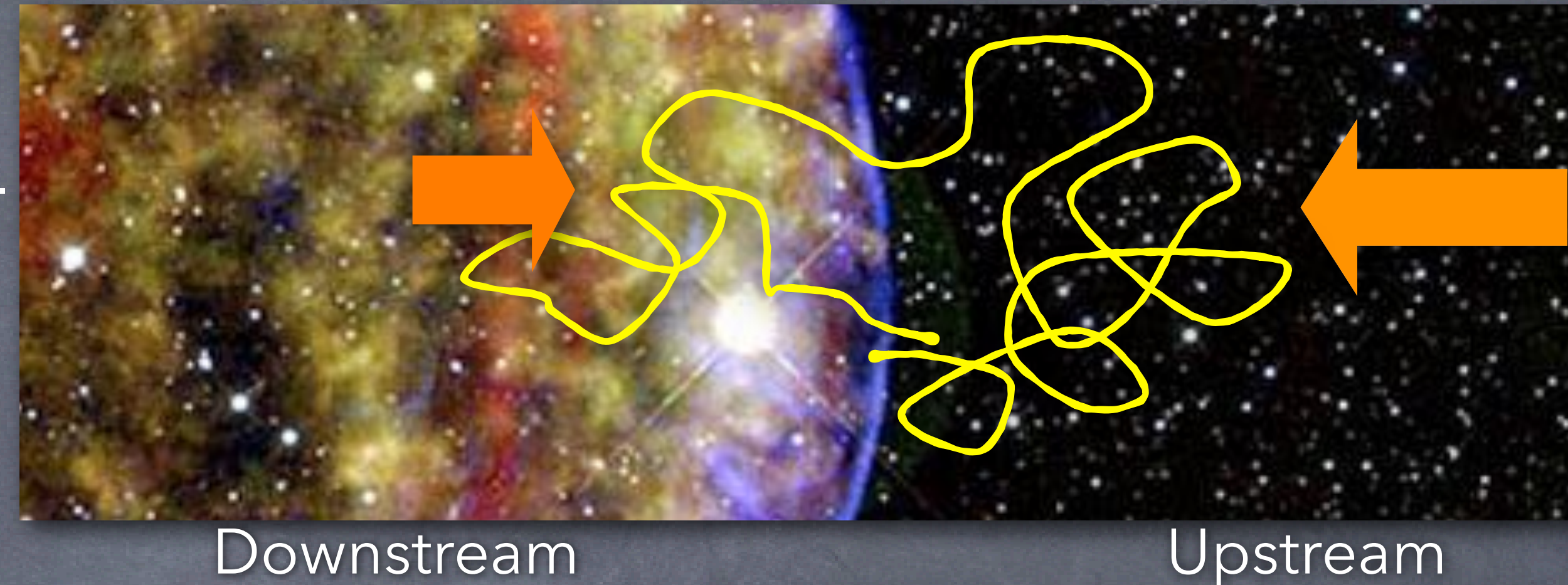
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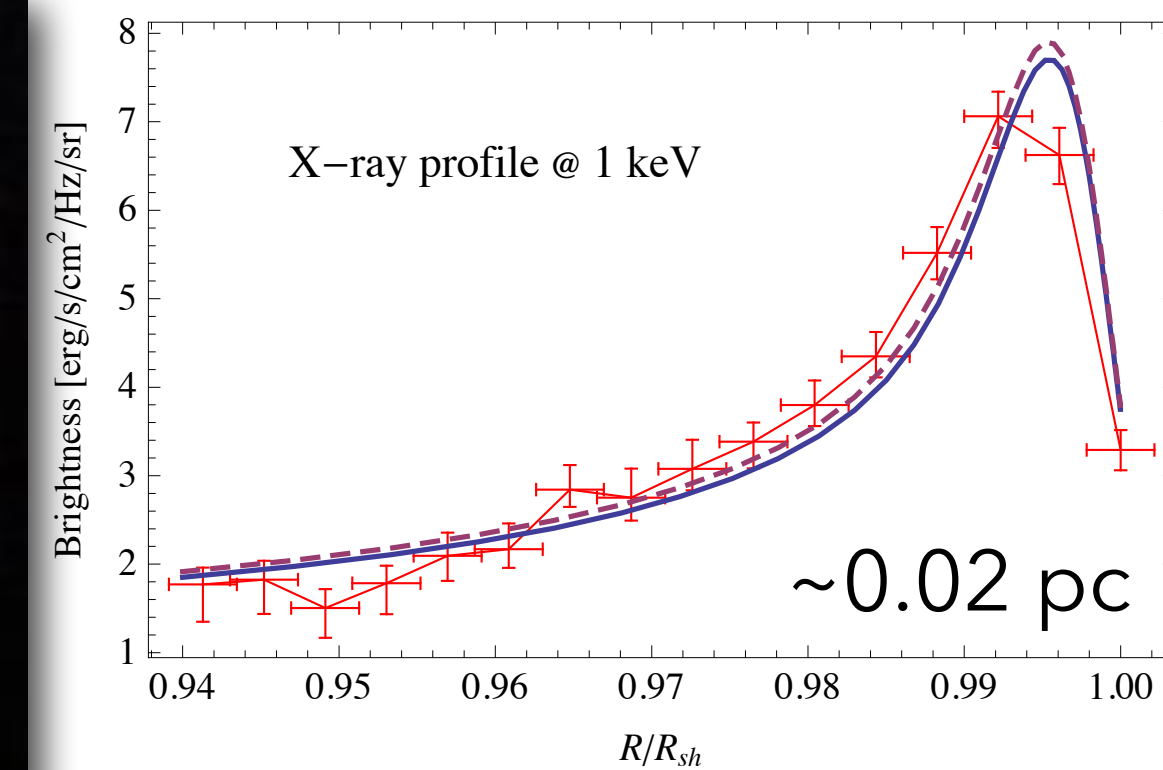
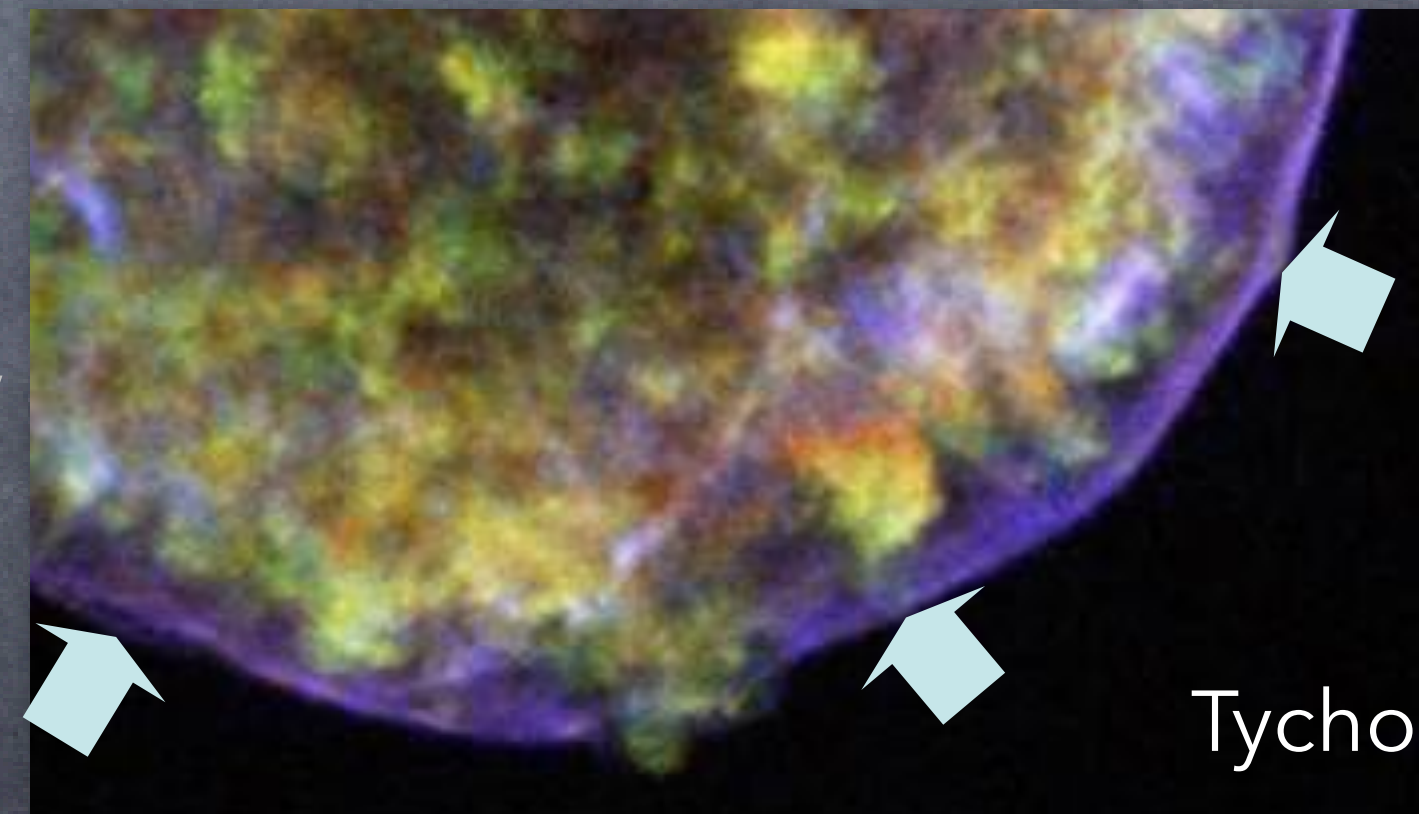
# The SNR paradigm for the origin of CRs



- **Mechanism:** Fermi acceleration at SNR shocks is *first-order* and produces power-laws. **Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA)** (Krimskii77, Axford+78, Bell78, Blandford-Ostriker78)



- Evidence of **B field amplification:** self-generated scattering enhances the energization rate (e.g., Bamba+05, Völk+05, Parizot+06, Morlino+12, Ressler+14, etc)



- Reaching the knee depends on the properties of **CR-driven instabilities** (e.g., Bell+13, Cardillo+15, Cristofari+21,22, ...)

# B-Amplification in Shocks

# A Multi-scale Approach



Micro

**PIC Plasma Simulations**  
electron + ion dynamics

Meso

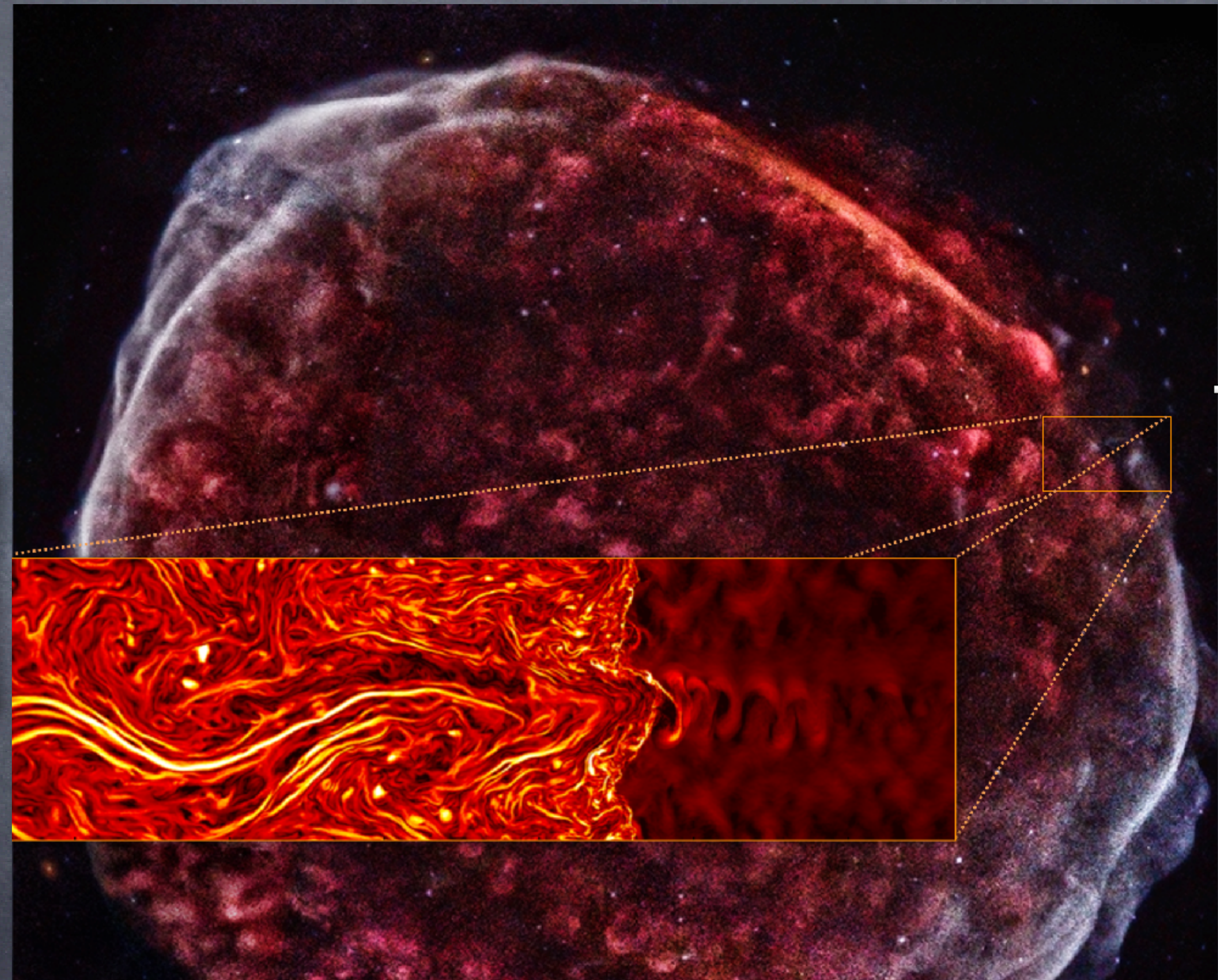
**Hybrid:** ion dynamics,  
magnetic field amplification

Macro

**Super-Hybrid (MHD+hybrid)**  
Large/long scales  
High-Mach numbers

Astro

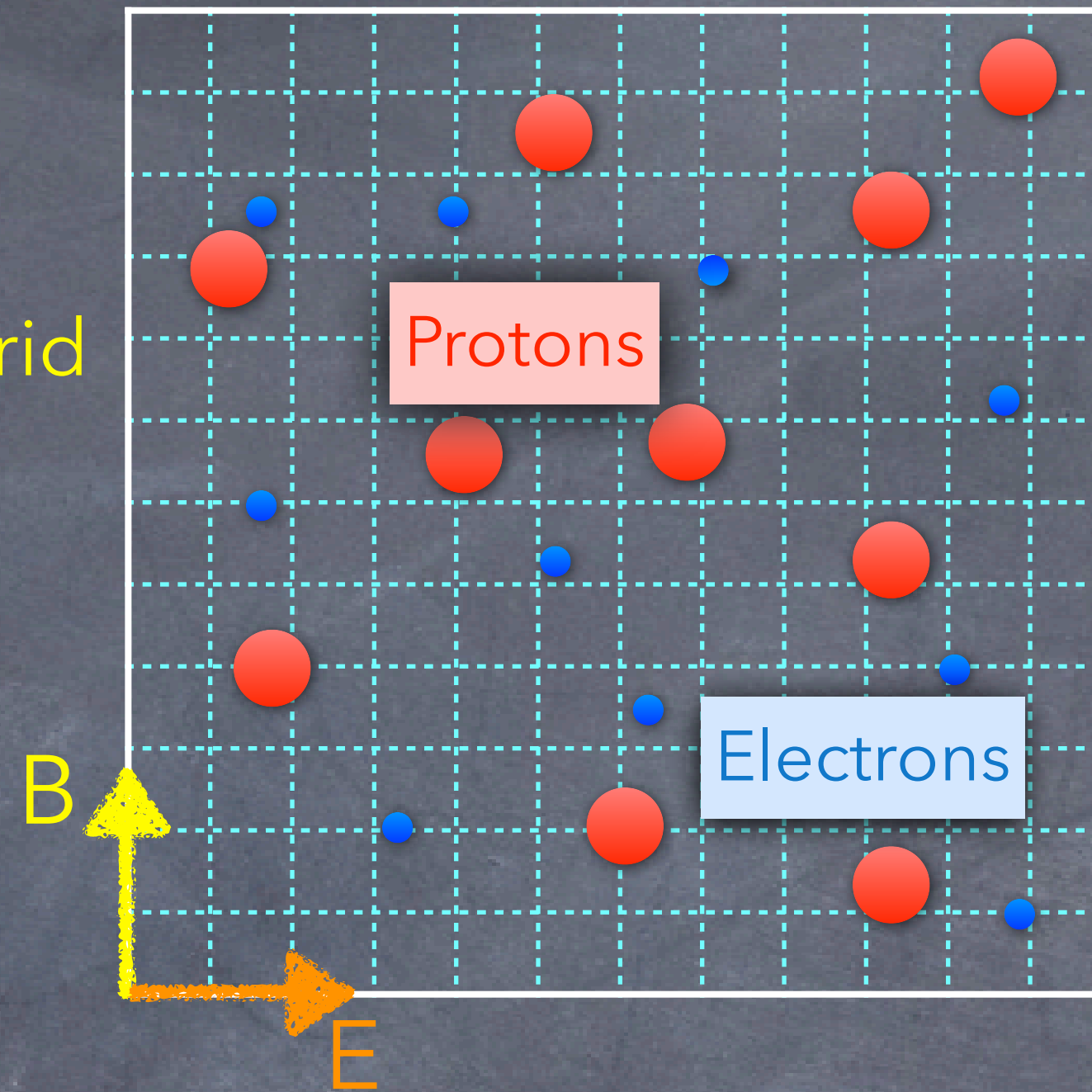
**Semi-Analytical**  
**CRAFT** = *Cosmic Ray*  
*Analytical Fast Tool*



# Astroplasmas from first principles

- Full-PIC approach

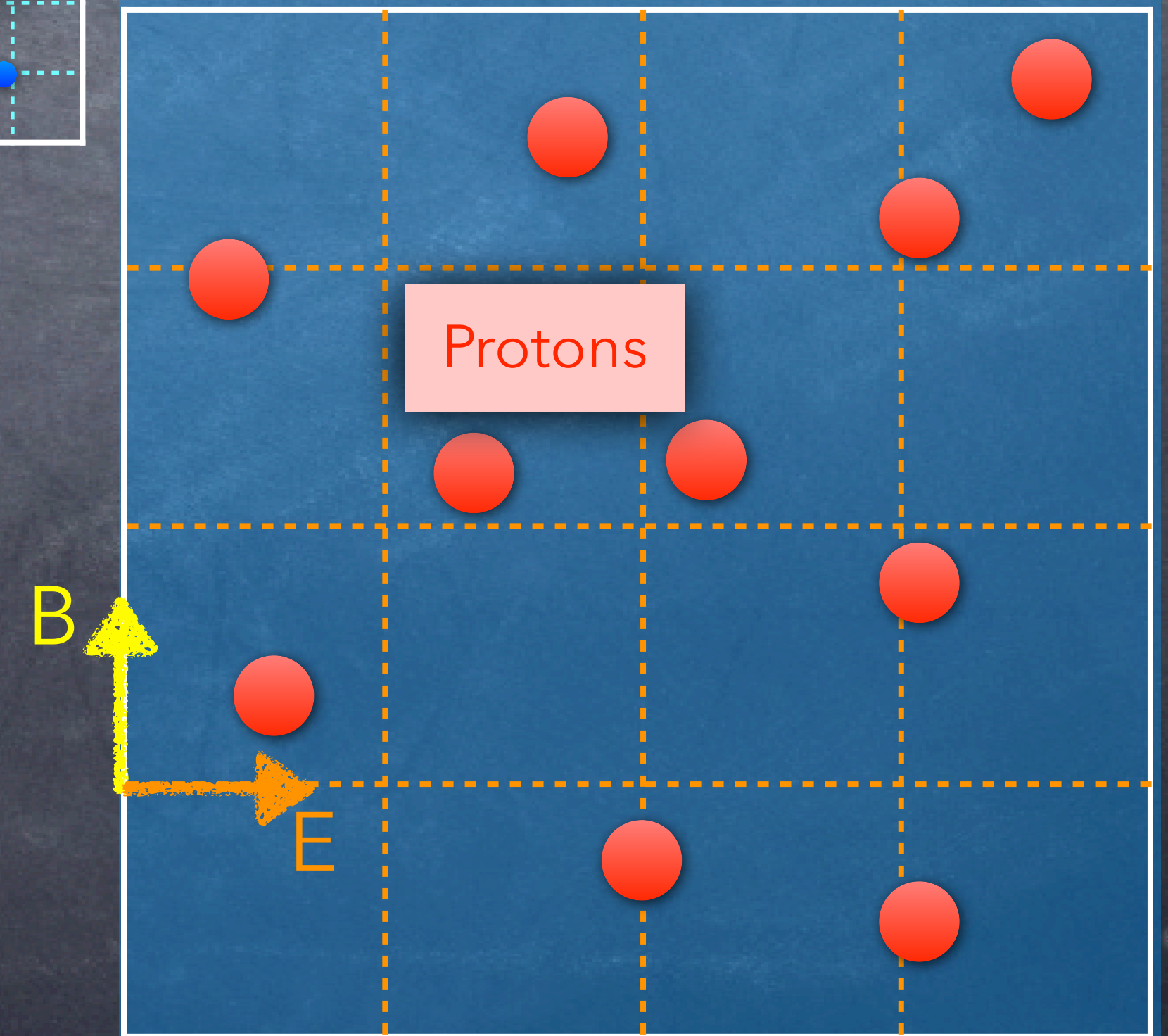
- Define electromagnetic fields on a **grid**
- Move particles via **Lorentz force**
- Evolve fields via **Maxwell equations**
- Computationally very challenging!



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

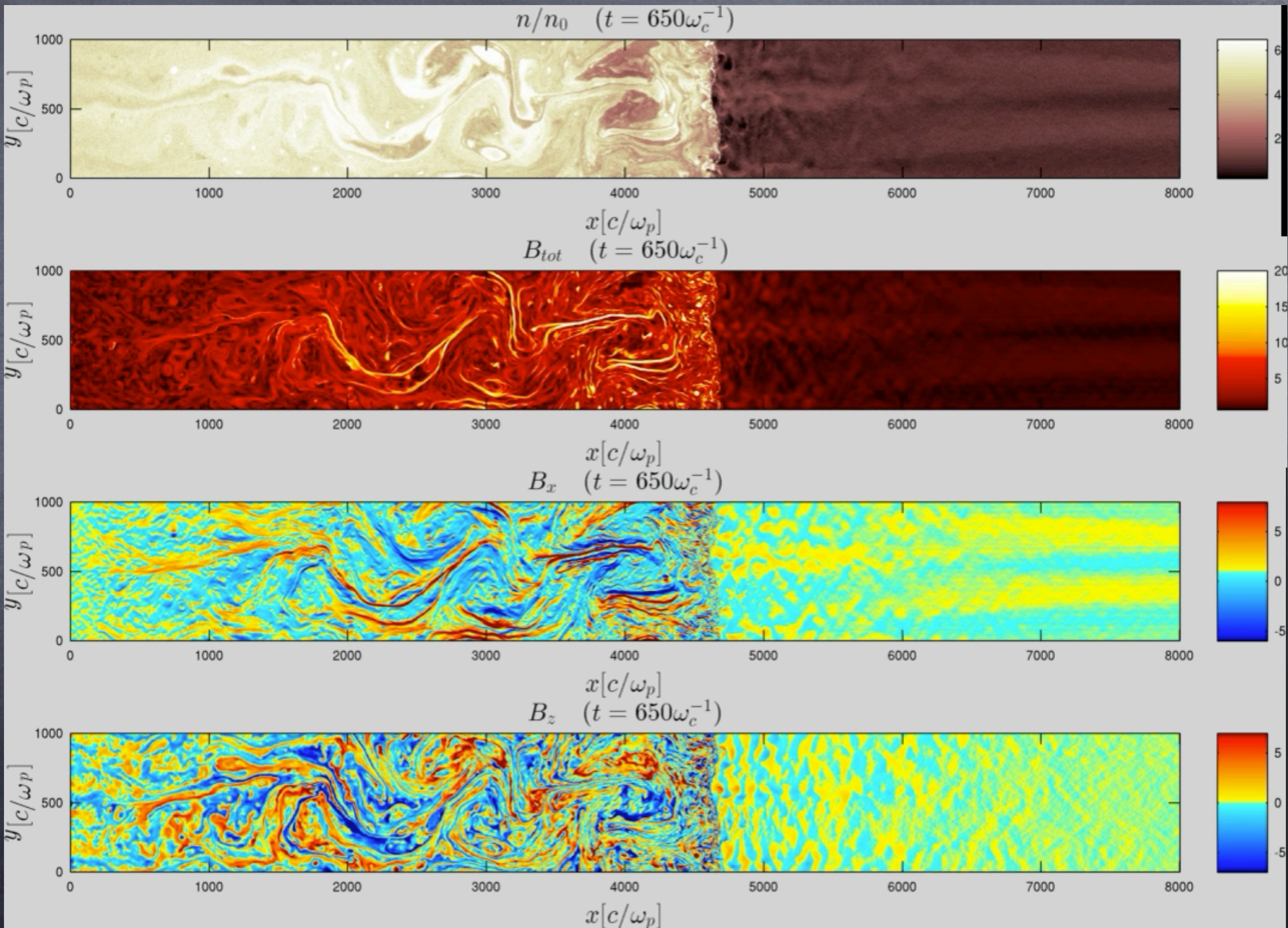
(Winske & Omidi; Burgess et al., Lipatov 2002; Giacalone et al. 1993,1997,2004-2013; DC & Spitkovsky 2013-2015, Haggerty & DC 2019-2022)

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



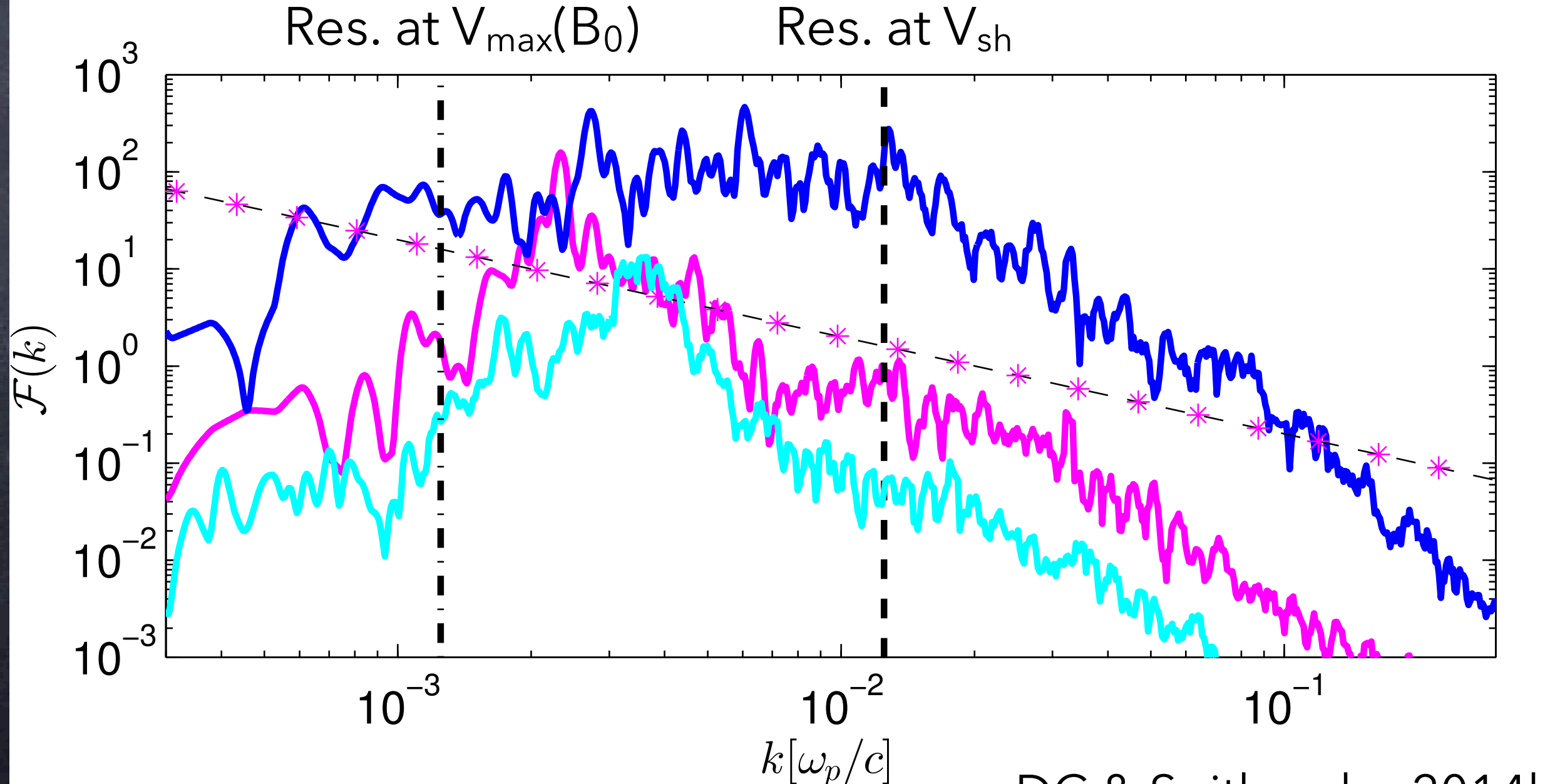
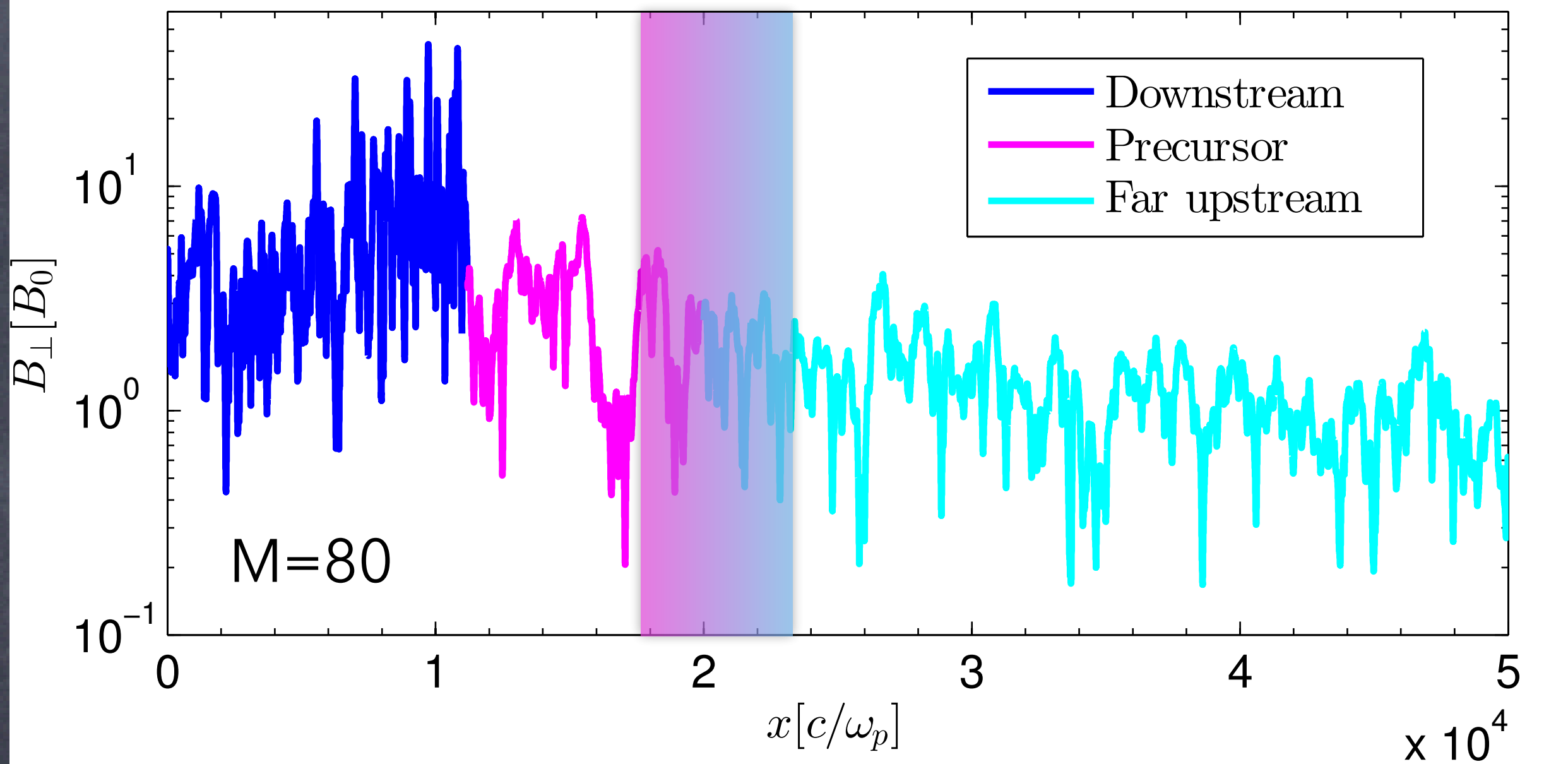
# Magnetic-Field Amplification in Shocks

Initial B field  
 $M_s = M_A = 30$





# Which Instability is at Work?



DC & Spitkovsky, 2014b

B energy density per unit logarithmic band-width,  $\mathcal{F}(k)$

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

Far upstream: Escaping CRs at  $p_{max}$

Free escape boundary

Precursor: Current in diffusing CRs

$E_{max}$  in a SNR depends on

Current in escaping particles

B-field at saturation

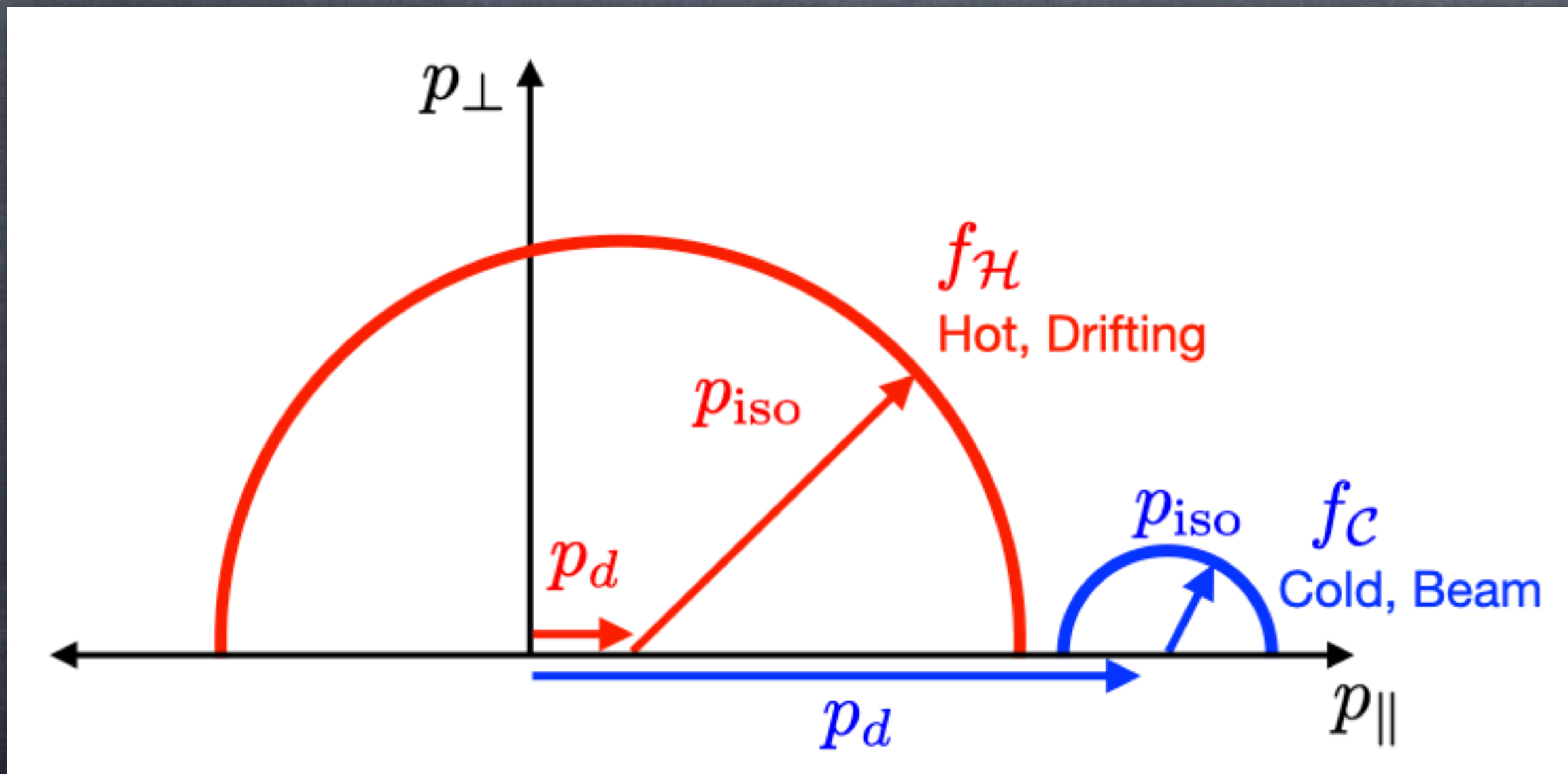
Bell+13: Time needed for saturation may become comparable to the SNR age

$$E_{max} = 230 \eta_{0.03} n_e^{1/2} u_7^2 R_{pc} \text{ TeV}$$

Hard time reaching the CR knee ~ PeV!

# A Simple Question

- “*Thermodynamical*” argument: if  $P_{cr} > P_B$ , CRs must amplify the field.
- Given a generic distribution, e.g.,  $n_{cr}$  CRs of isotropic momentum  $p_{iso}$  drifting with momentum  $p_d$ , **how much B-field can be produced?**



CR current and energy density:

$$J_{cr} = en_{cr}v_d$$

$$\epsilon_{cr} \simeq n_{cr}c \max\{p_{iso}, p_d\}$$

What is the value of  $\delta B/B_0(J_{cr}, \epsilon_{cr})$  at saturation?





# Maybe a *Not-so-simple* Question?

- Depending on the **CR parameters**, the: filamentation, Weibel, (modified) two-stream, Buneman, resonant, "interm-scale", Bell, ... **instability** may grow the fastest (e.g., Bret 2009)
- Caveat: fastest growing doesn't imply most important for saturation!*
- Most important regime for CR acceleration (e.g., SNRs): **Bell instability** (Bell04, Amato+09)

Introducing the parameter

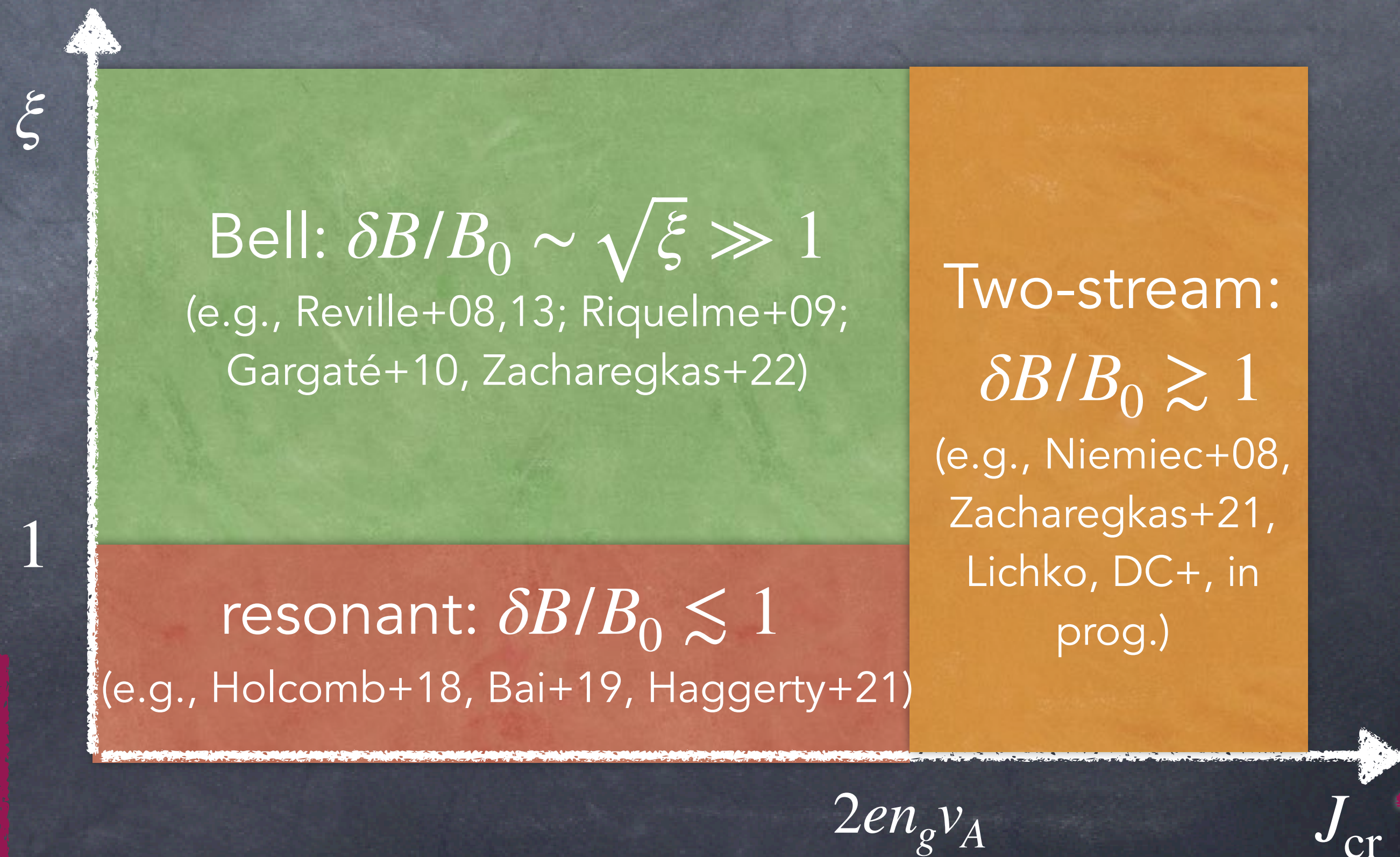
$$\xi \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_{cr}}{\epsilon_B} \frac{v_d}{c}$$

Bell dominates if  $\xi \gg 1$  and:

$$k_{\max} r_L \simeq \xi;$$

$$\gamma_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{J_{cr}}{en_g v_A} \Omega_c$$

$$\text{Bell's ansatz: } [k_{\max} r_L]_{\delta B} \sim 1 \rightarrow \frac{\delta B}{B_0} \sim \sqrt{\xi}$$



# The Saturation of the Bell Instability

# Probing the Ansatz

- Bell's *ansatz* (also see Blasi+15), has **never been validated by self-consistent kinetic simulations** (though see, e.g., Bell 05, Zirakashvili+07, Niemi+08, Ohira+09, Riquelme+09, Gargaté+10, Reville+13, Kobzar+17, Haggerty+19, Marret+21, Gupta+21, Zacharegkas+19,21...)

- What is the **physical meaning** of  $\xi \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{cr}}}{\epsilon_{\text{B}}} \frac{v_{\text{d}}}{c}$ ?

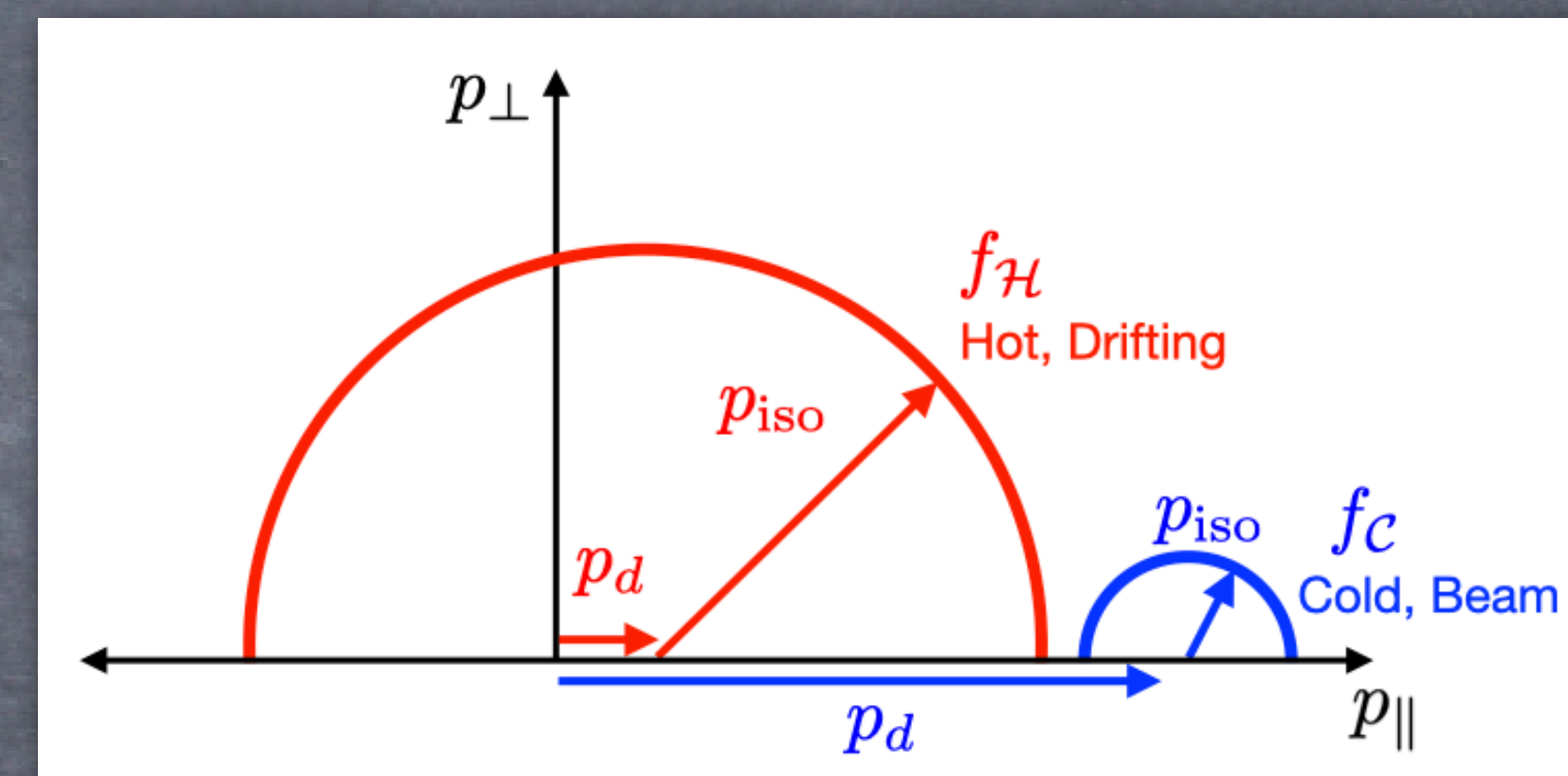
- Only *similar* to a ratio of CR to magnetic **energy fluxes!**

- Derived for a *hot* distribution of *relativistic* CRs

- What is its **general formula?**

- Need to introduce the relativistic stress tensor  $T^{\mu\nu} = (e_{\text{cr}} + p_{\text{cr}})u_d^\mu u_d^\nu + p\eta^{\mu\nu}$

- CRs have a given energy density/pressure in their rest frame ( $e_{\text{cr}}$  and  $p_{\text{cr}}$ , defined by  $n_{\text{cr}}$  and  $p_{\text{iso}}$ ), and then **boosted** with a drift four-velocity  $u_d = (\gamma_d c, p_d/m)$



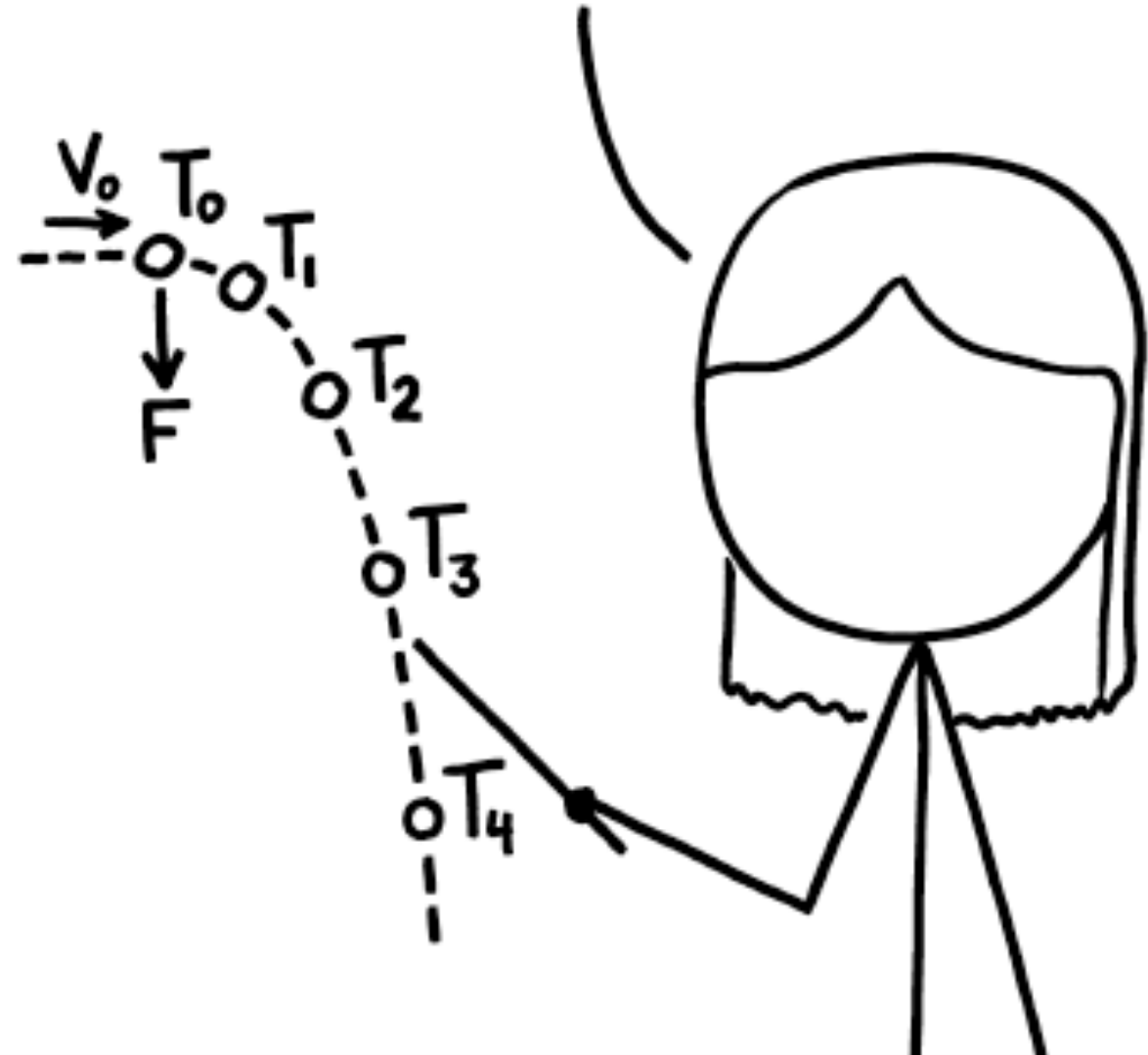
# The Magic of B Saturation



PHYSICS AND MAGIC ARE DIFFERENT IN A VERY DEEP WAY.



PHYSICS WORKS BY DESCRIBING THE FORCES THAT ACT ON A SYSTEM. TO PREDICT OUTCOMES, WE PROGRESSIVELY APPLY THOSE FORCES OVER TIME.



MAGIC SPECIFIES THE OUTCOME, BUT NOT THE INTERMEDIATE EVENTS. "ERE THE CLOCK STRIKES TWELVE, YOU ARE CURSED TO SLAY YOUR BROTHER" IS MAGIC, NOT SCIENCE.



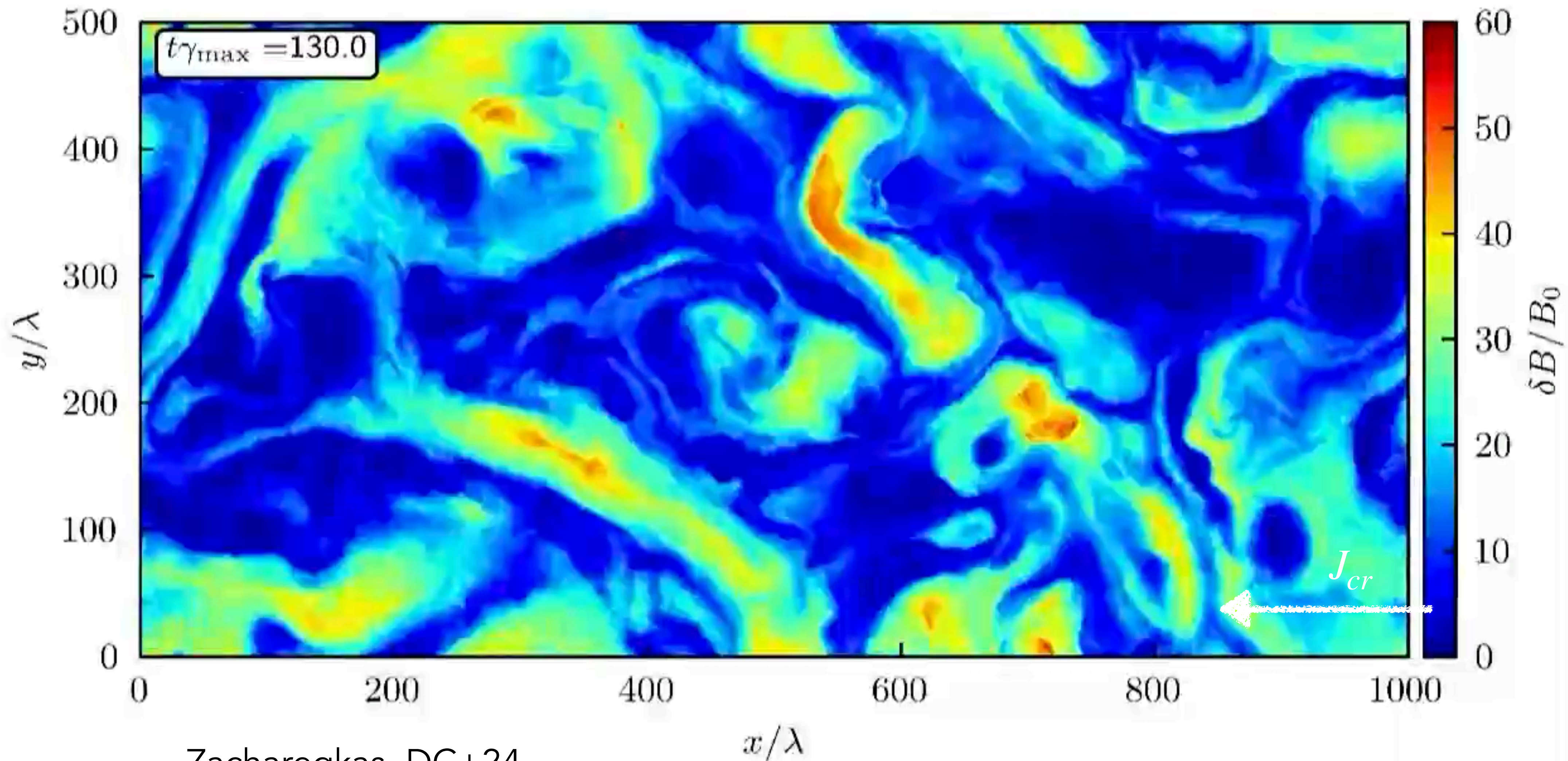
...AND THAT'S HOW WE KNOW THERMODYNAMICS IS MAGIC. CONSERVATION LAWS ARE, TOO. WHAT ABOUT LAGRANGIANS? DEEP MAGIC. SPEAK NOT OF THEM HERE.



# Controlled Simulations of CR-driven Instabilities



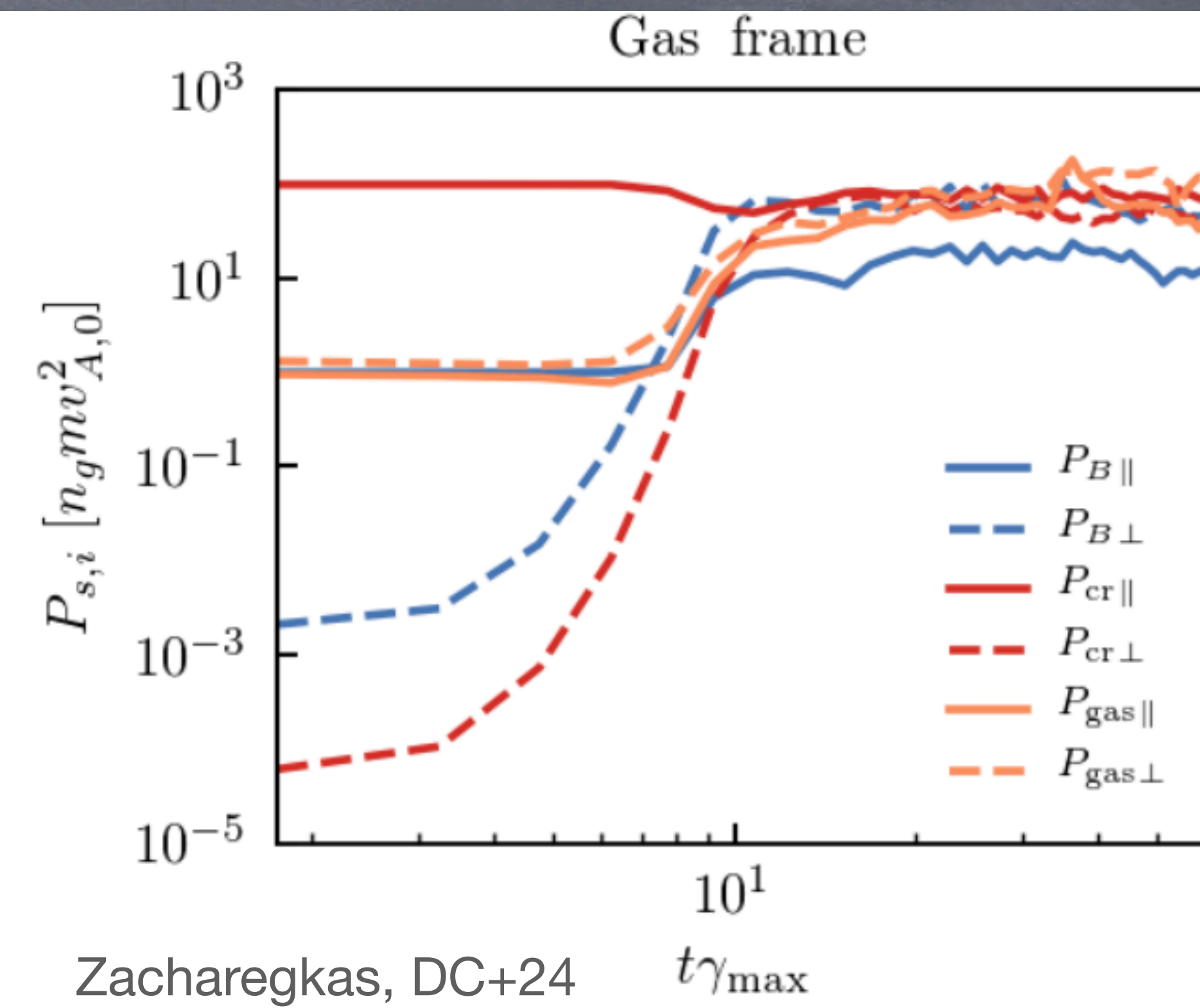
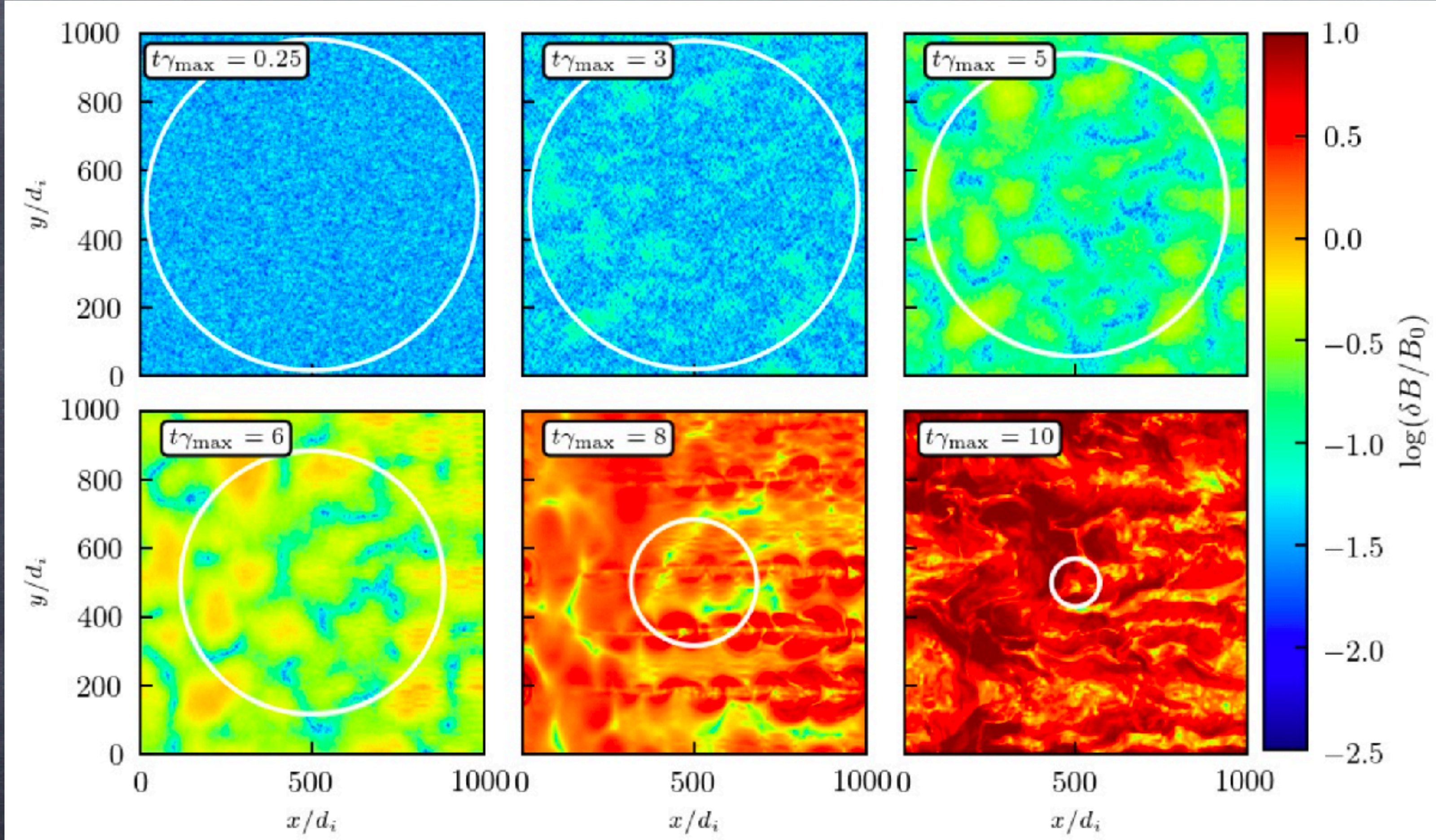
- Hybrid sims in **periodic** boxes in the Bell regime (e.g., Haggerty, Zweibel & Caprioli 2019)



Note the large  $\delta B/B_0$  at saturation

Can also be driven by **leptons!**  
(Gupta, DC & Haggerty 2021)

# The Saturation of the Bell Instability

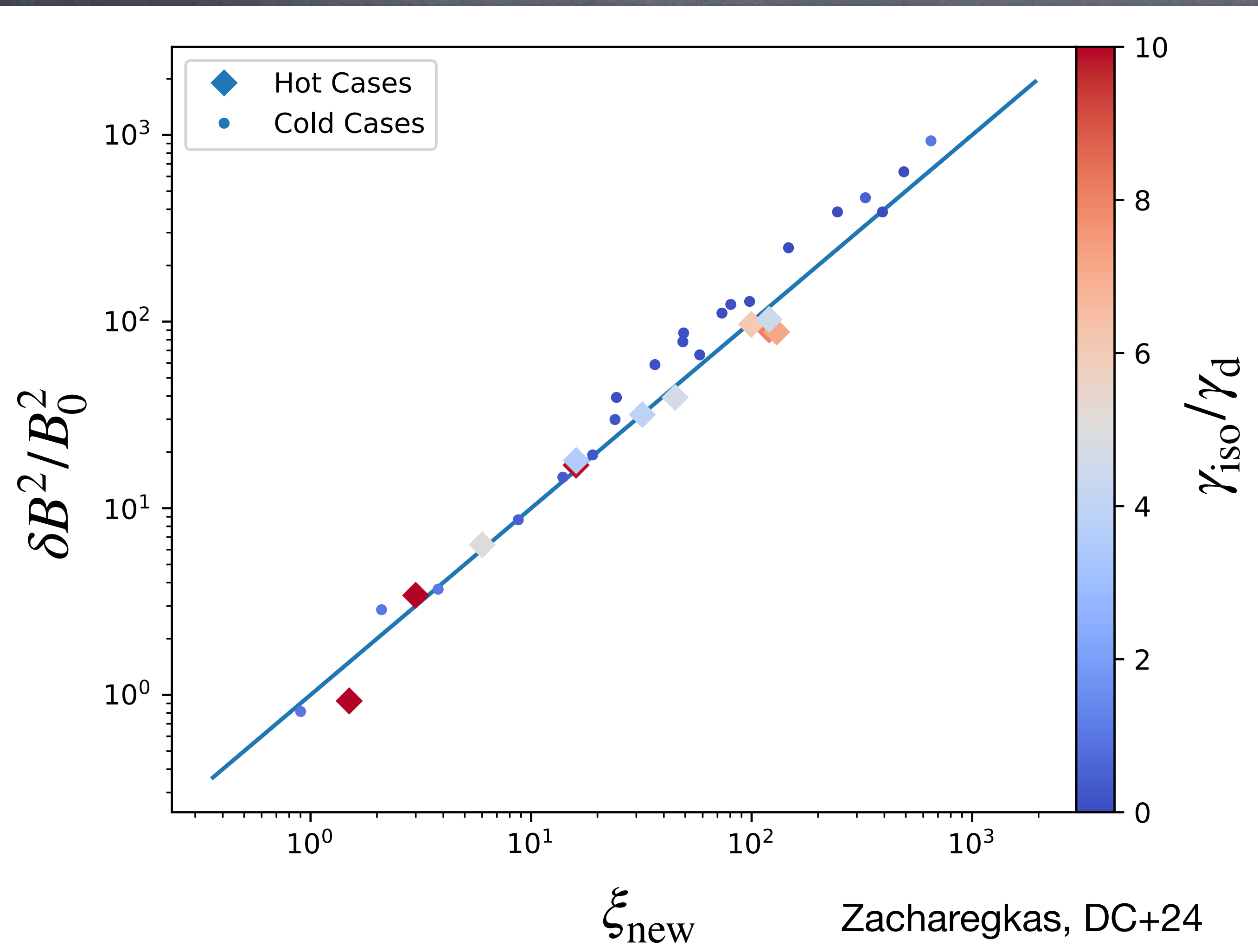


- After the linear stage, power moves at larger and larger scales
- At saturation  $\delta B/B_0 \gg 1$ : magnetic pressure  $\sim$  gas pressure  $\sim$  initial CR pressure



# An Extensive Survey

- Tens of (un-)driven runs exploring hot/cold cases, (non-)relativistic, values of  $\xi$ , ...
- The quantity that best expresses  $B$  at saturation is:



$$\xi_{new} = \frac{T^{00} - \gamma_{iso} \rho_{cr} c^2 / \gamma_d}{P_B} = \frac{T^{0x} v_d}{P_B c} = \frac{T^{xx} - P_{cr}}{P_B}$$

$$\xi_{new} = 2\gamma_{iso} \frac{n_{cr} c^2}{n_g v_A^2} \left( \gamma_d - 1 + \frac{\gamma_d v_d^2 v_{iso}^2}{3 c^2 c^2} \right)$$

$\xi_{new}$  = kinetic energy density, or  
*anisotropic momentum flux*,  
 normalized to the initial B pressure

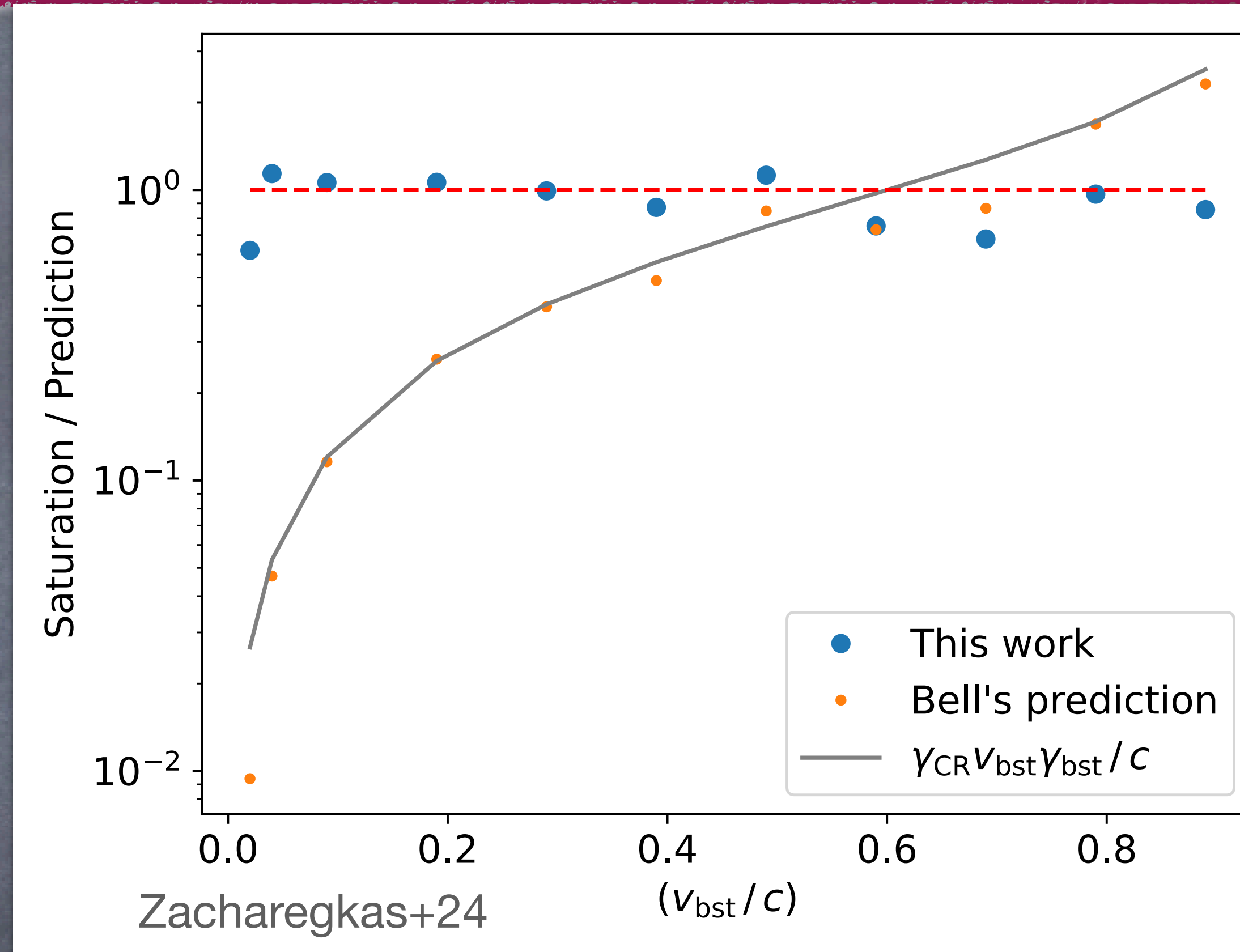
At saturation,  $\frac{\delta B}{B_0} \simeq \frac{\sqrt{\xi}}{2}$

# Comparison with Bell's ansatz

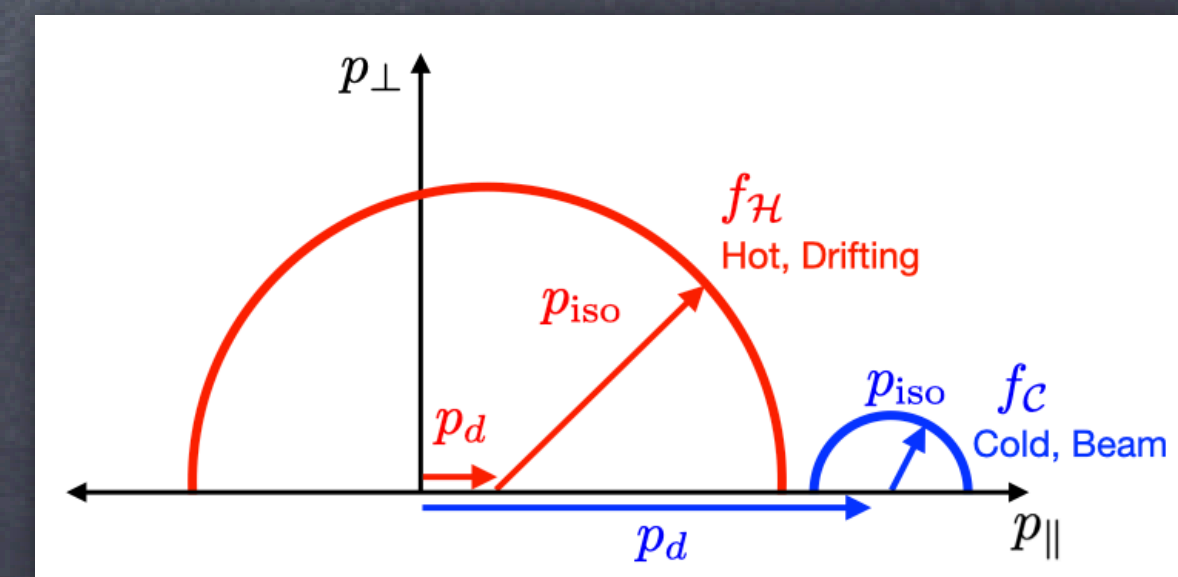
- Simulations suggest that saturation may be *smaller* than the one predicted by Bell, since

$$\frac{\xi_{\text{new}}}{\xi_{\text{Bell}}} \simeq 2 \frac{v_d}{c}$$

- Though *dynamo* effects in the precursor may be important: Beresnyak+09, Drury & Downes 12, Downes & Drury 2014
- Does this make it *harder* for SNRs ( $v_d \sim v_{sh}$ ) to reach the *knee*? (Bell+13, Cardillo+15, Cristofari+20,22,...)
- In shocks, amplification happens



- *far upstream*: because of escaping CRs (cold beam,  $v_d \sim c$ )
- *in the precursor*: because of diffusing CRs (hot distribution)
- Most of the amplification must be driven by *escaping* CRs!





# Bell Instability and CR Transport

# Evidence of CR "Spheres of Influence"

Supernova Remnants (SNRs)

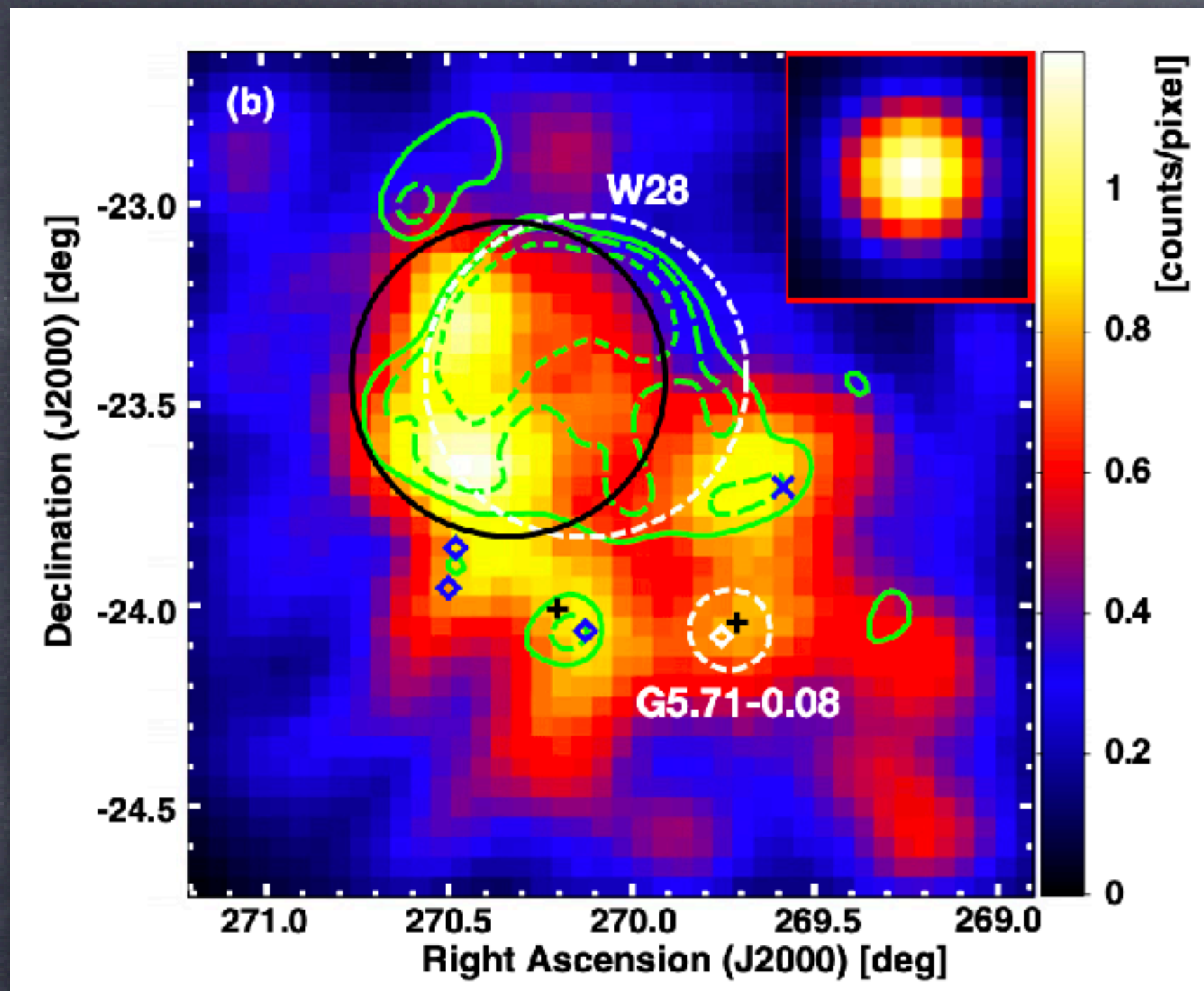
Pulsar Wind Nebulae (PWNe)

Stellar Clusters

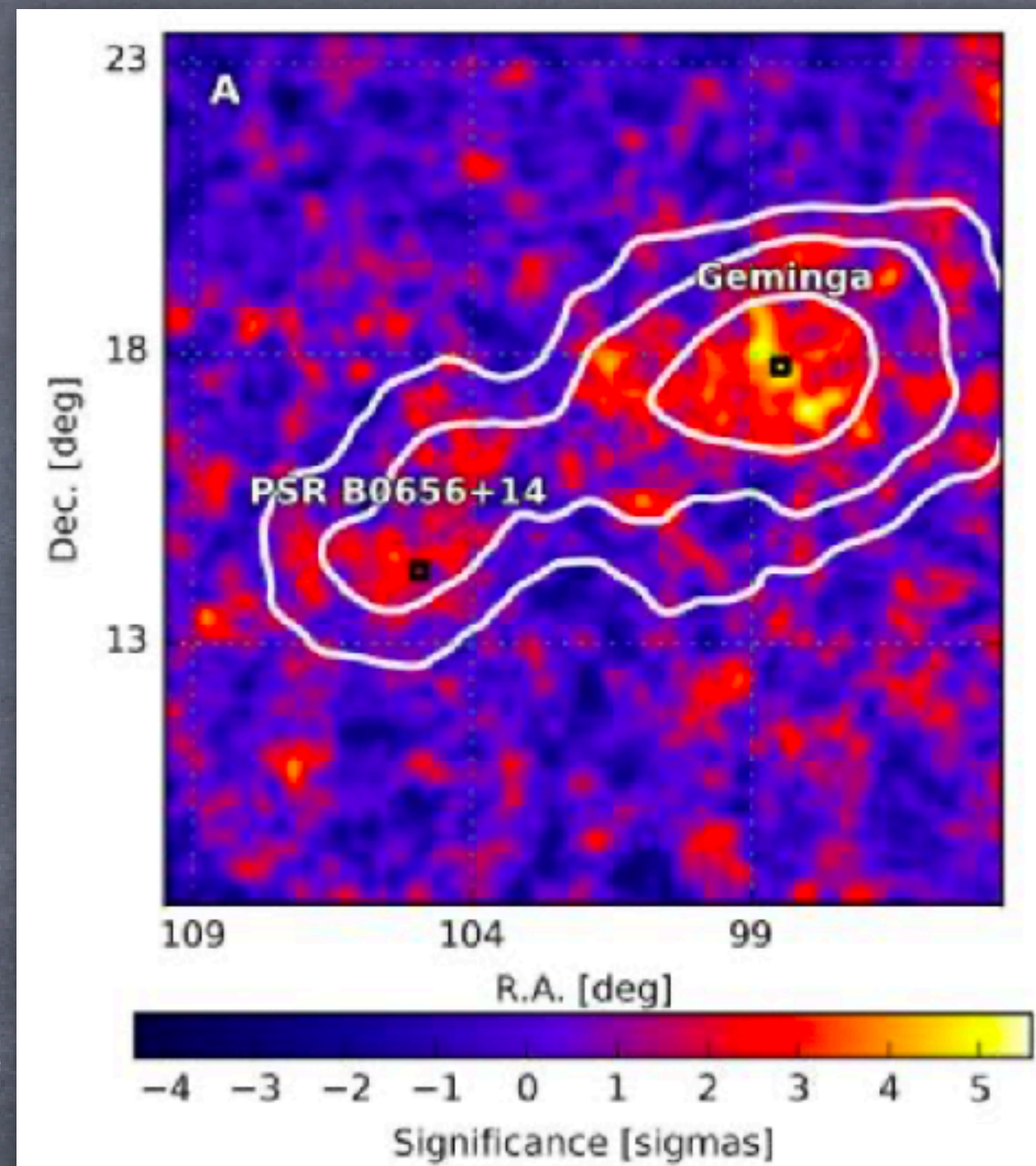
Casanova+10, Hanabata+14, ...

HAWC 18, ...

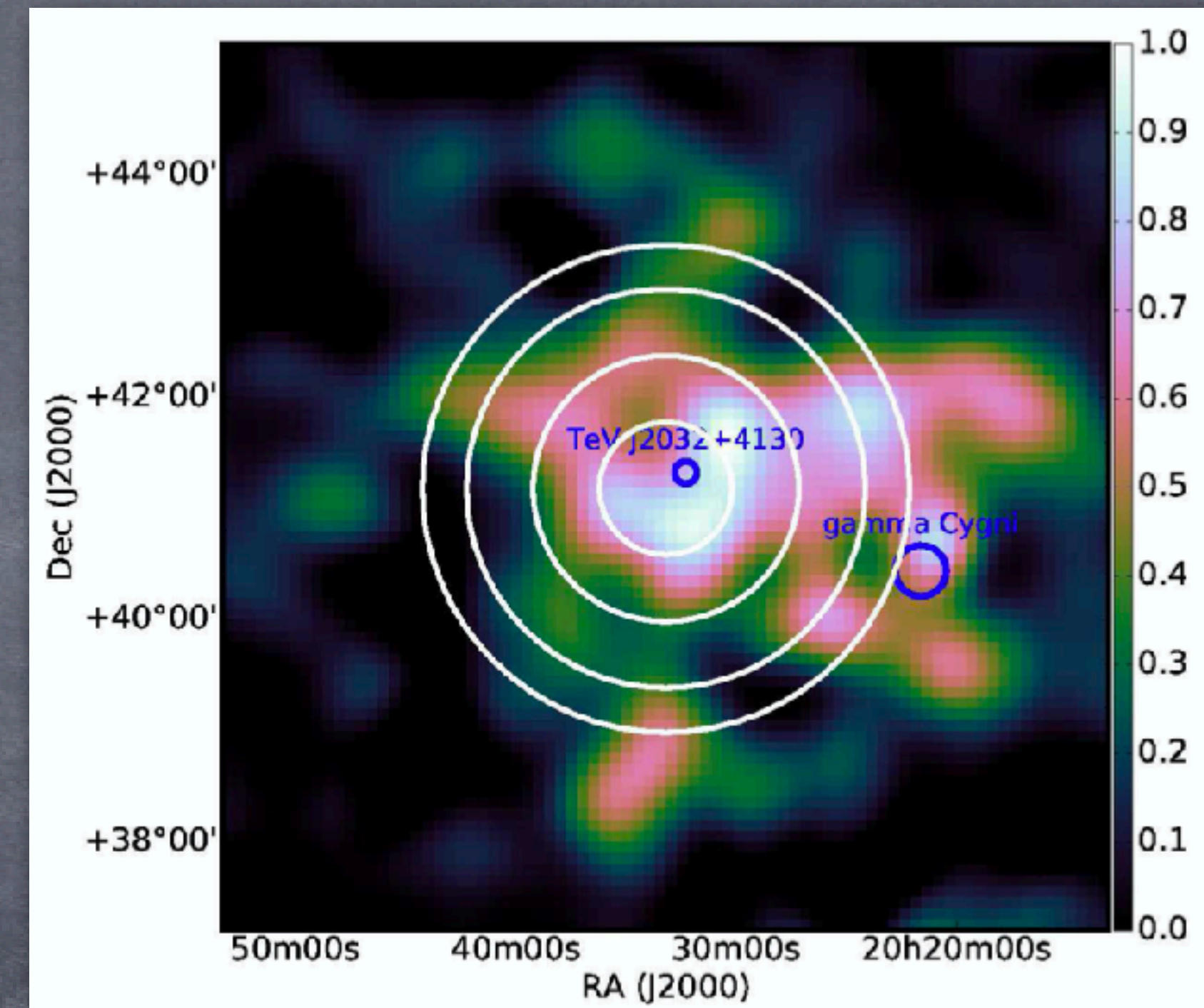
Ohm+13, Aharonian+19, ...



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Geminga

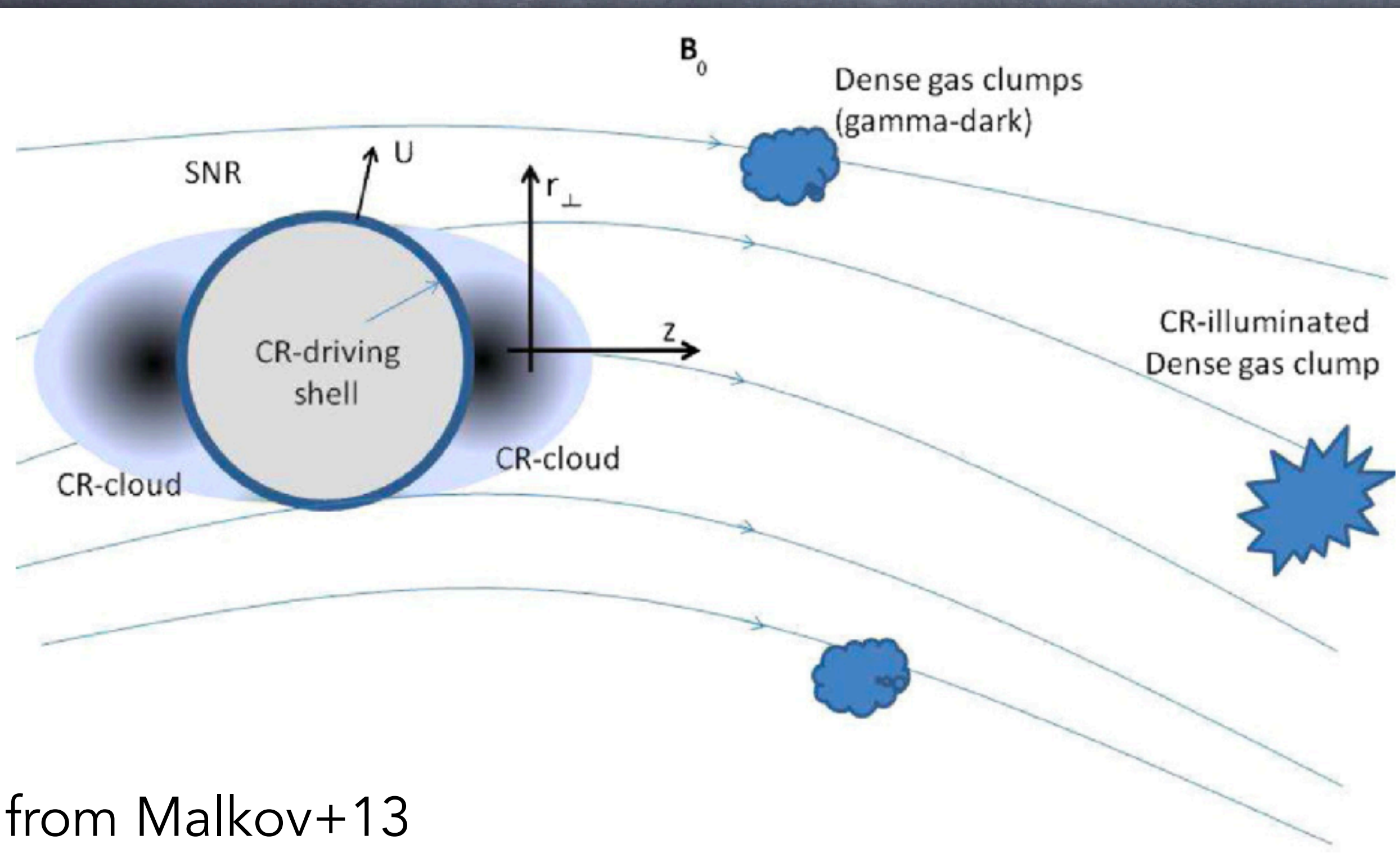


Cygnus Loop

- TeV haloes 50-100 pc wide are ubiquitous around CR sources. Why?
- They require a diffusion coefficient  $\sim 100x$  smaller than the Galactic one

# CR Self-confinement

- **Gradients** in CR distributions generate **currents**, and hence **B** amplification
- Analytical calculations (e.g., Gabici+09, Fujita+11, Malkov+13, Nava+16,19, etc...)
- Assume: *resonant streaming instability* (Kulsrud+69, Zweibel79) balanced by some *damping* (e.g., Brunetti+07, Wiener+13), and 1D escape along a *flux tube*



from Malkov+13

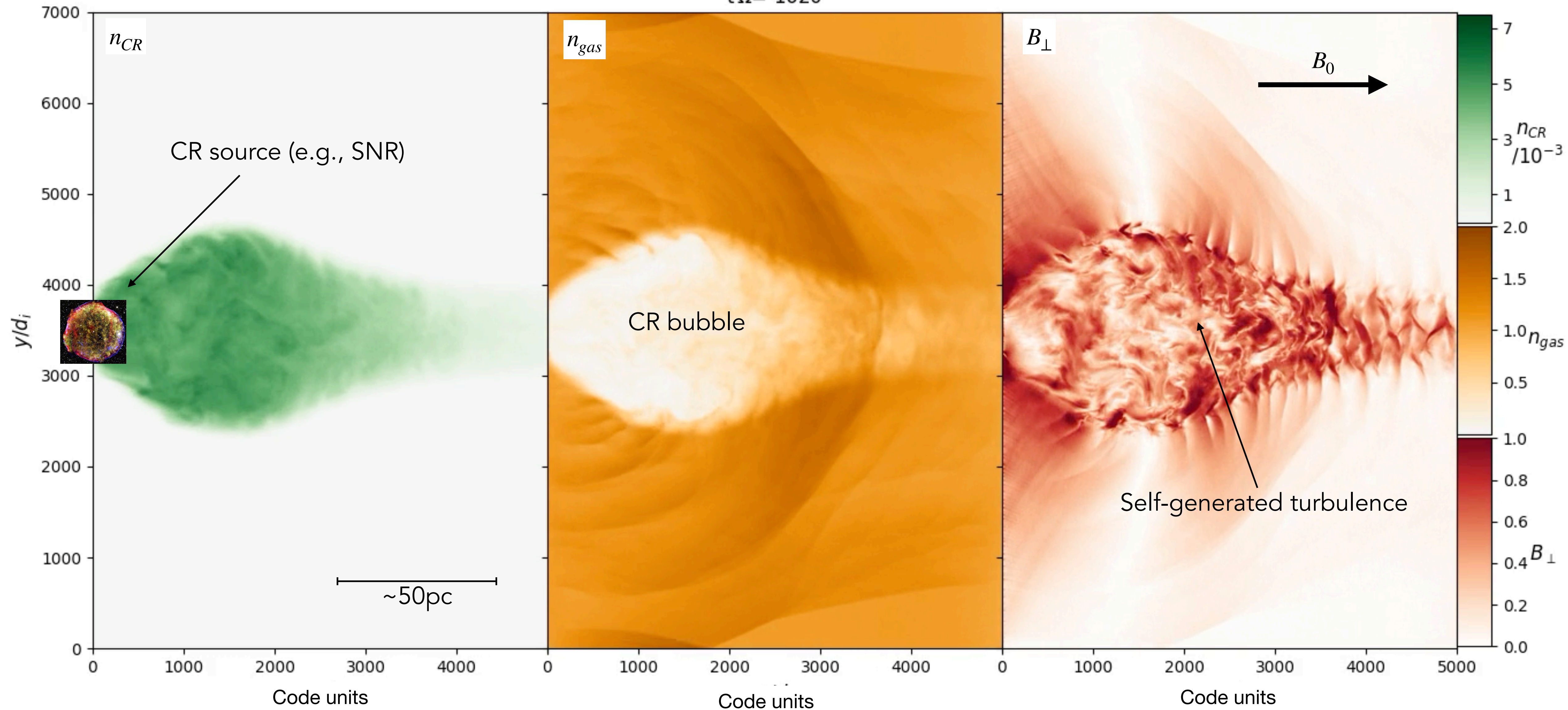
- These *assumptions* may be *violated*
- When  $P_{cr} > P_B$  amplification occurs via **Bell** (Bell04, Amato-Blasi09)
- The flux tube may expand sideways due to the CR overpressure: **bubbles?**

# Global Hybrid Simulations of CR Escape



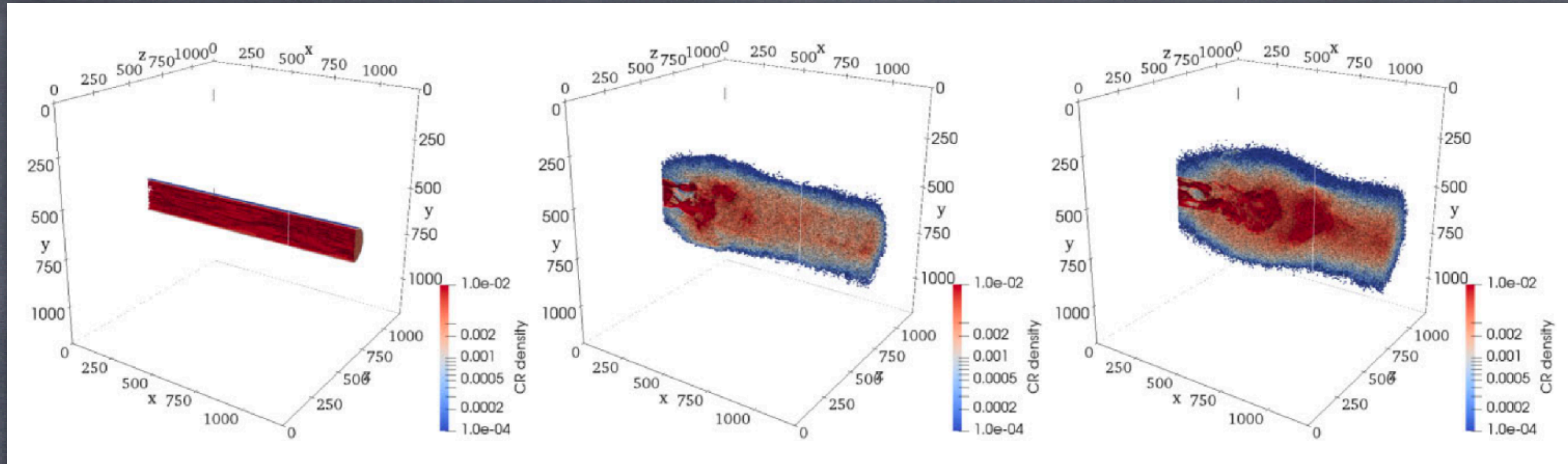
Schroer, DC+2021

$t\Omega = 1620$



# Implications

- Size of "spheres of influence"  $\sim 50\text{-}100\text{pc}$  (Schroer, DC+2021, 2022)



- CR diffusion is reduced in such bubbles
  - A factor of  $\sim 100$  is reasonable and consistent with TeV haloes
  - Possible modifications to secondary/primary yield and spectra (e.g.,  $B/C$ ,  $\bar{p}/p, \dots$ )
- The dynamical role of CRs in galaxy evolution needs to be re-evaluated

# How to Model Astro Sources



# CRAFT: a Cosmic-Ray Fast Analytic Tool

(Malkov01; Blasi02,04; Amato & Blasi05,06; Caprioli+09-12-,... Diesing & Caprioli 2021, 2023)

- Iterative analytical solution of the **CR transport (Parker) 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: Caprioli+2010)
- Can embed **microphysics** from kinetic simulations into (M)HD

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

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

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

$$f_2(p) = \frac{\eta m_0 q_p(p)}{4\pi p_{inj}^3} \exp \left\{ - \int_{p_{inj}}^p \frac{dp'}{p'} q_p(p') \left[ U_p(p') + \frac{1}{W_0(p')} \right] \right\}$$

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

CR distribution function

Mass+momentum conservation eqs.

$$\frac{p(x)}{\rho(x)^\gamma} = \frac{p_0}{\rho_0^\gamma};$$

$$\rho(x)u(x) = \rho_0 u_0$$

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

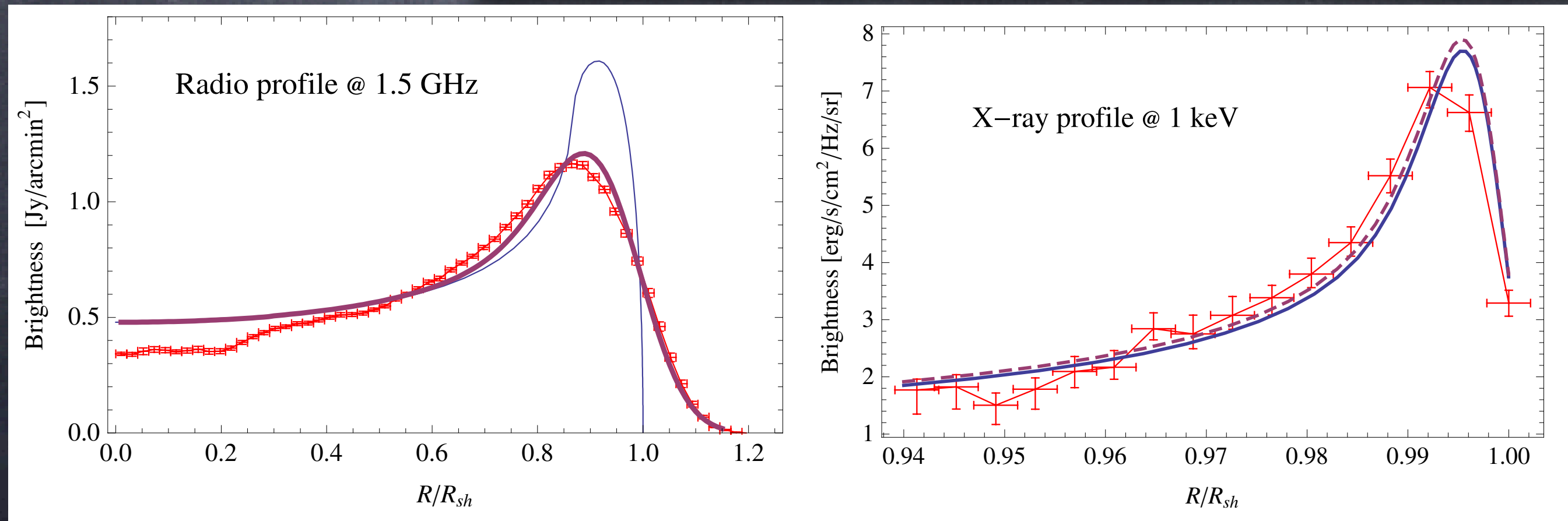
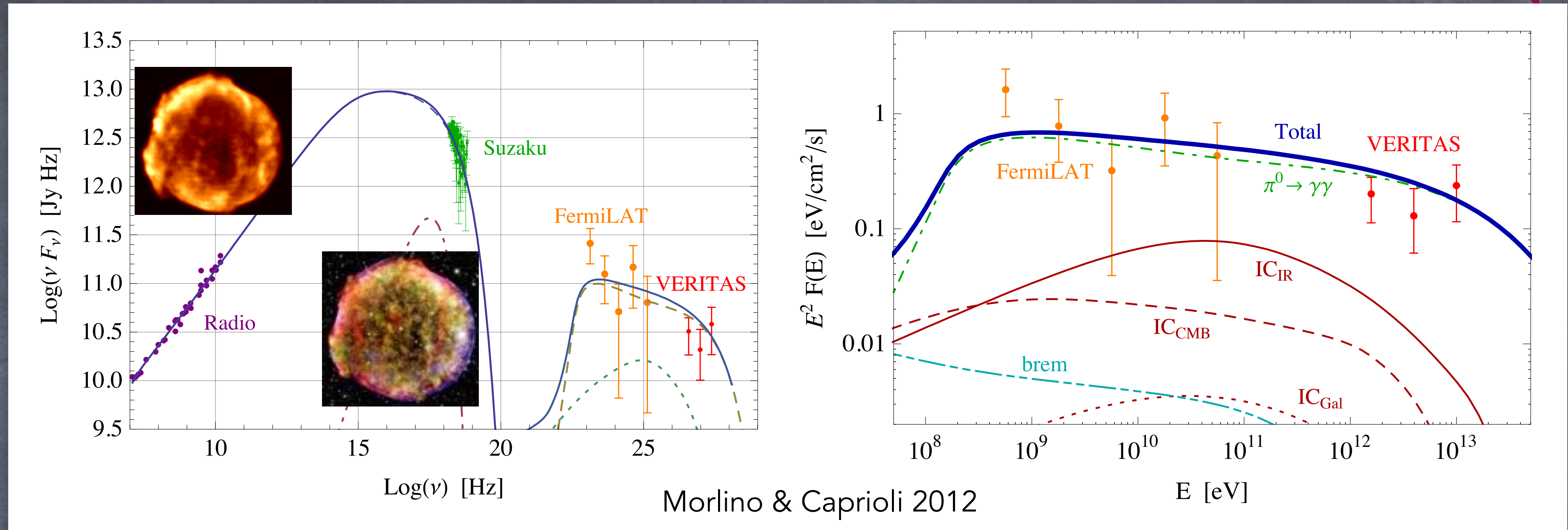
$P_B + P_{cr}$

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

Magnetic turbulence transport equation

# Example 1: Tycho SNR

Type Ia SN  
Age=452yr  
Distance~3kpc



- Acceleration efficiency. **~10%**
- Protons up to **~0.5 PeV**

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



# Example 2: Nova RS-Ophiuchi

- CRAFT**: GeV/TeV peaks achieved at Sedov transition (Diesing, DC+23)

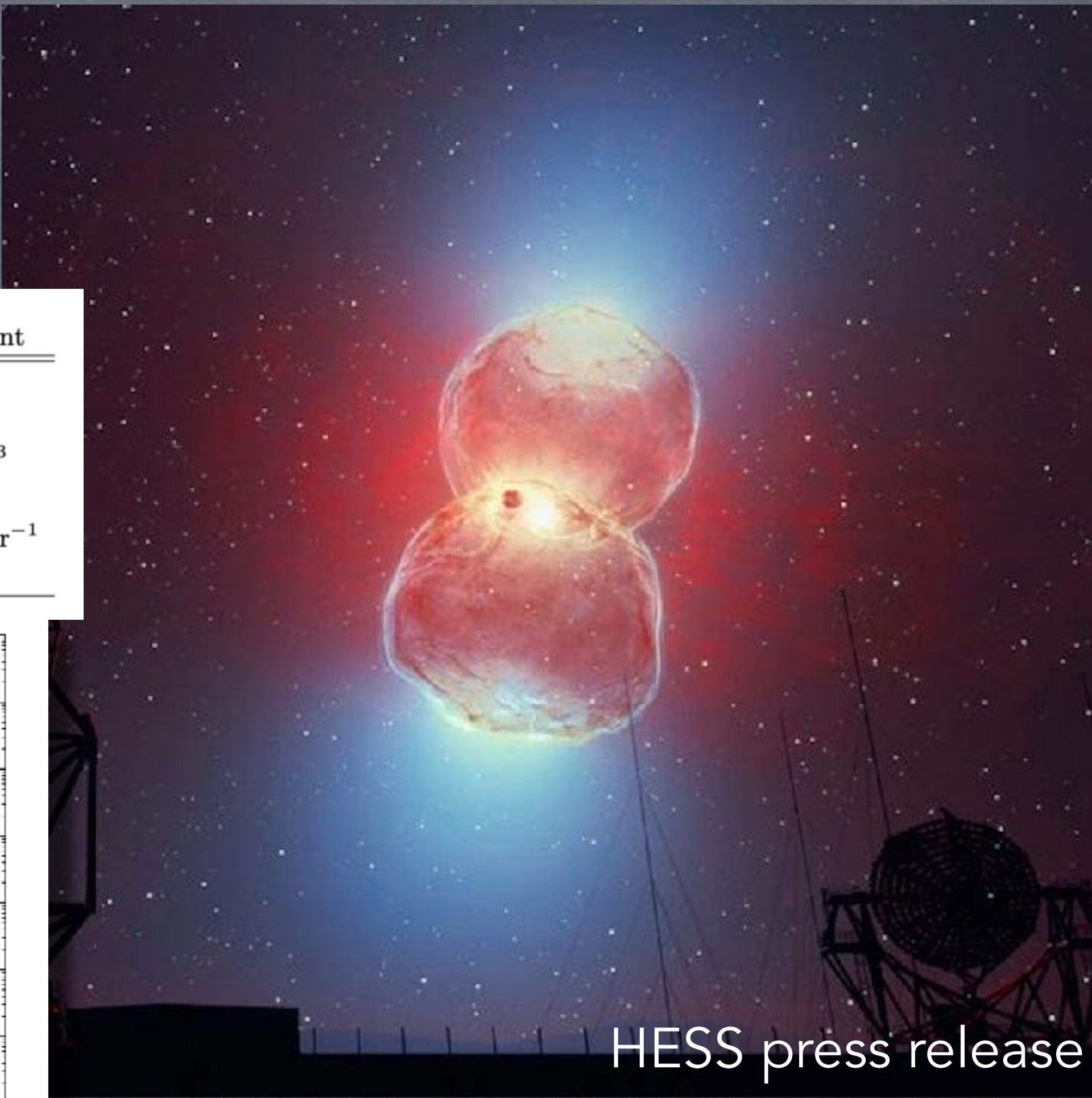
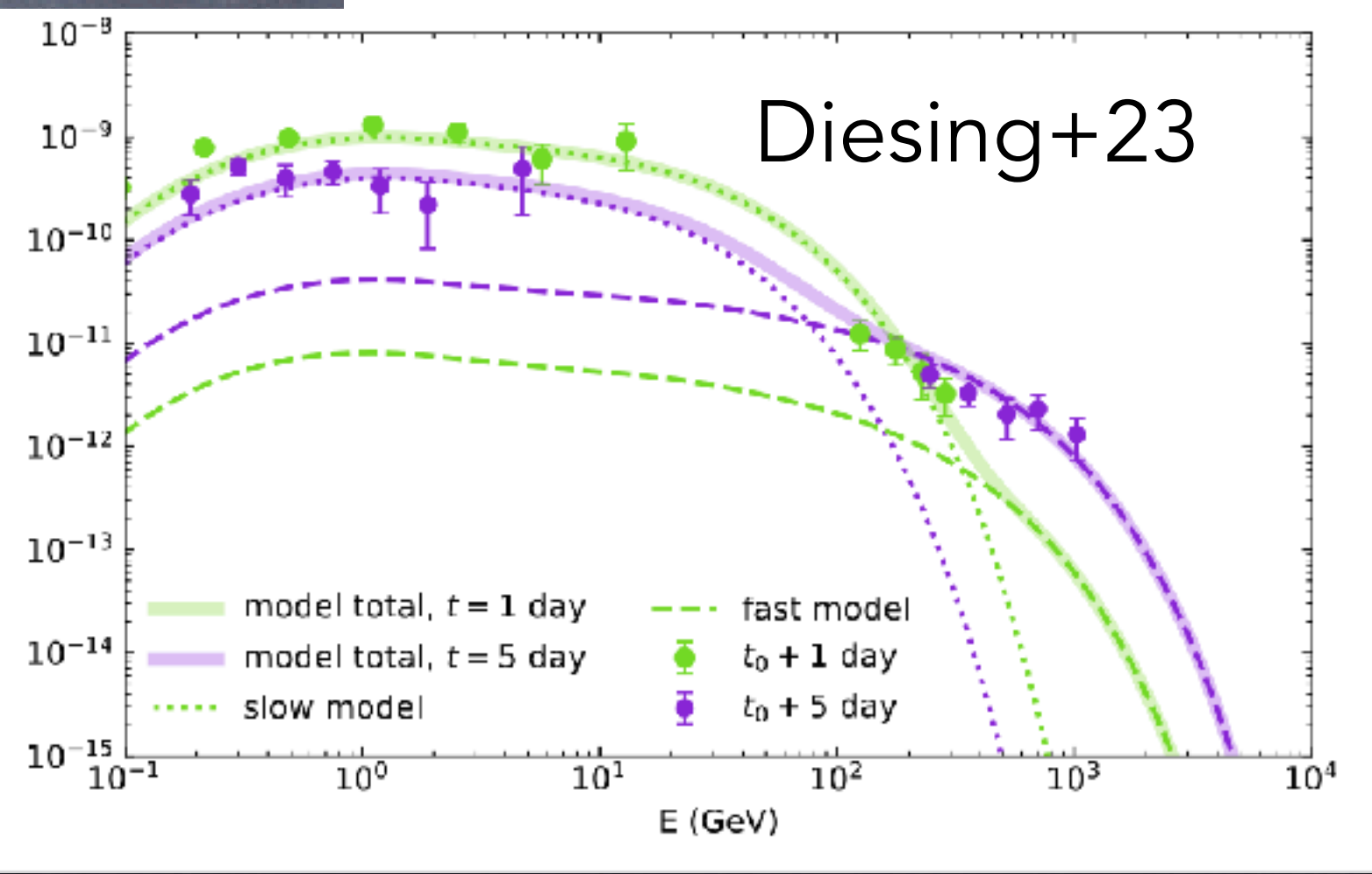
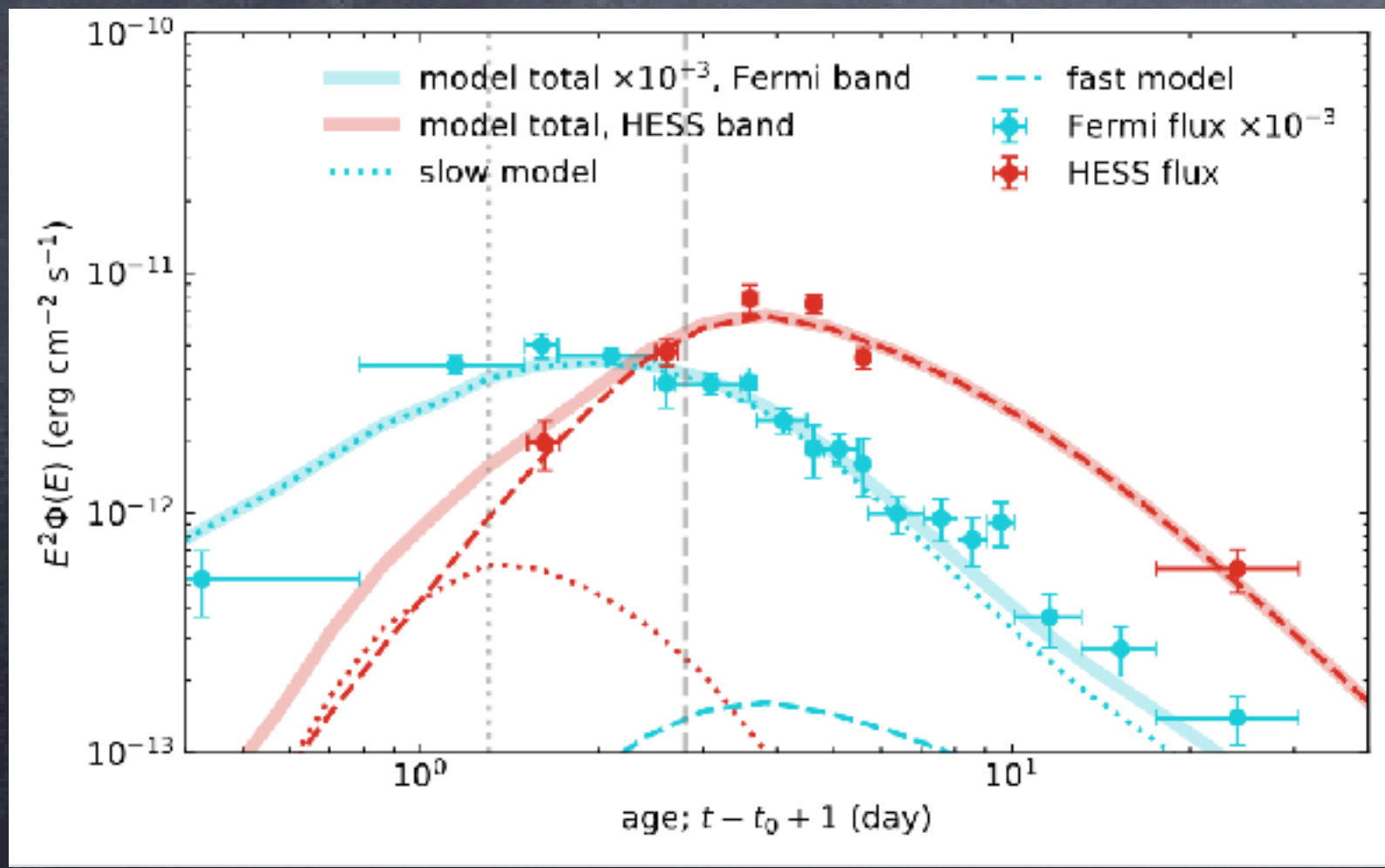
- Incompatible with a single-shock scenario

- Fast/poloidal + slow/equatorial** shocks

- TeV (GeV) from fast (slow) shock

- Also in radio (Munari+22, de Ruiter+23)

Parameter	Slow Component	Fast Component
$M_{ej}$	$1 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot}$	$1 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot}$
$v_{sh,init}$	$1300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	$4500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
$n_{0,init}$	$1.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$5.0 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$r_{crit}$	1.0 AU	6.0 AU
$\dot{M}_{wind}$	$5 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$5 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
$v_{wind}$	$30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	$30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$



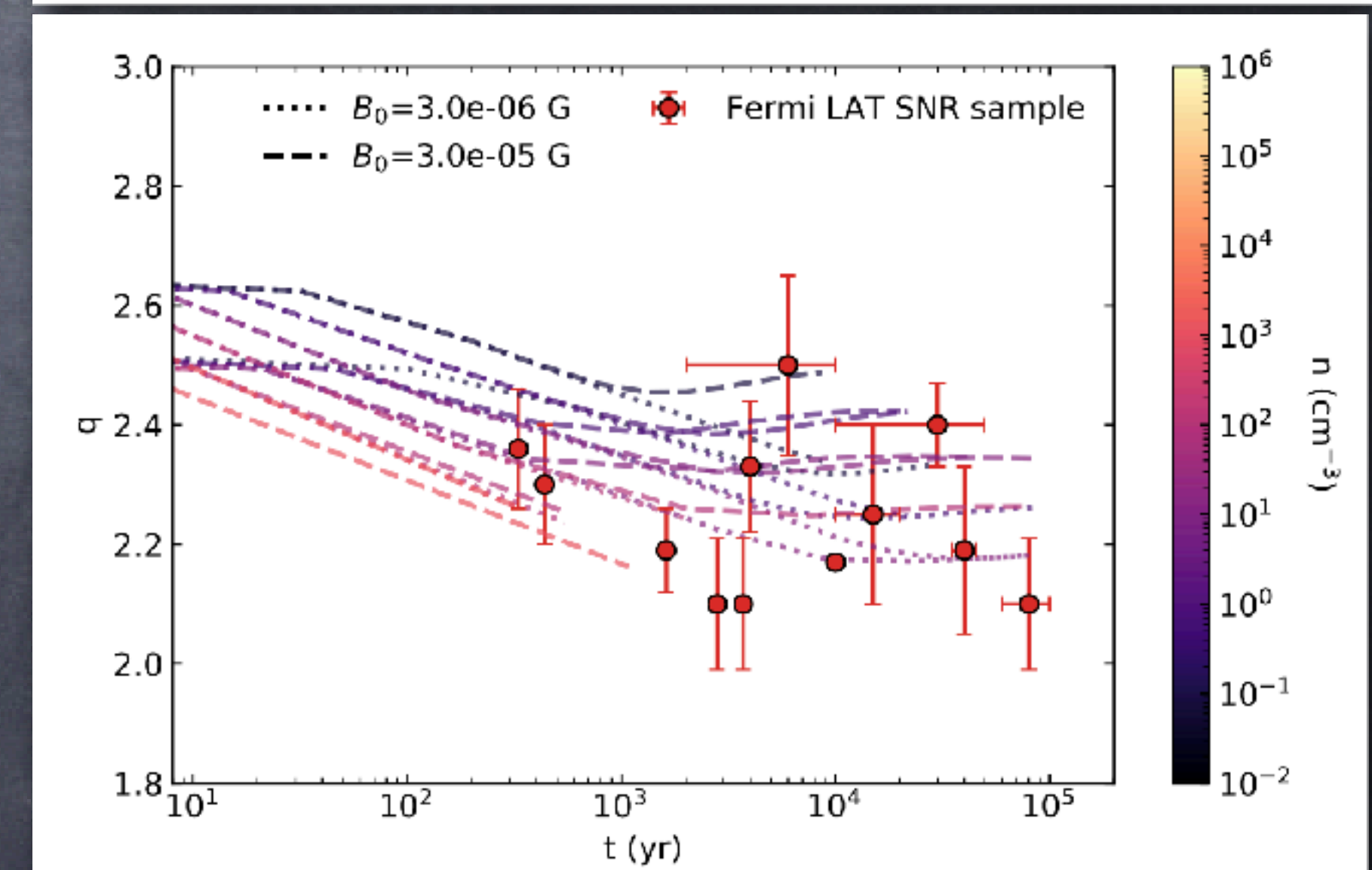
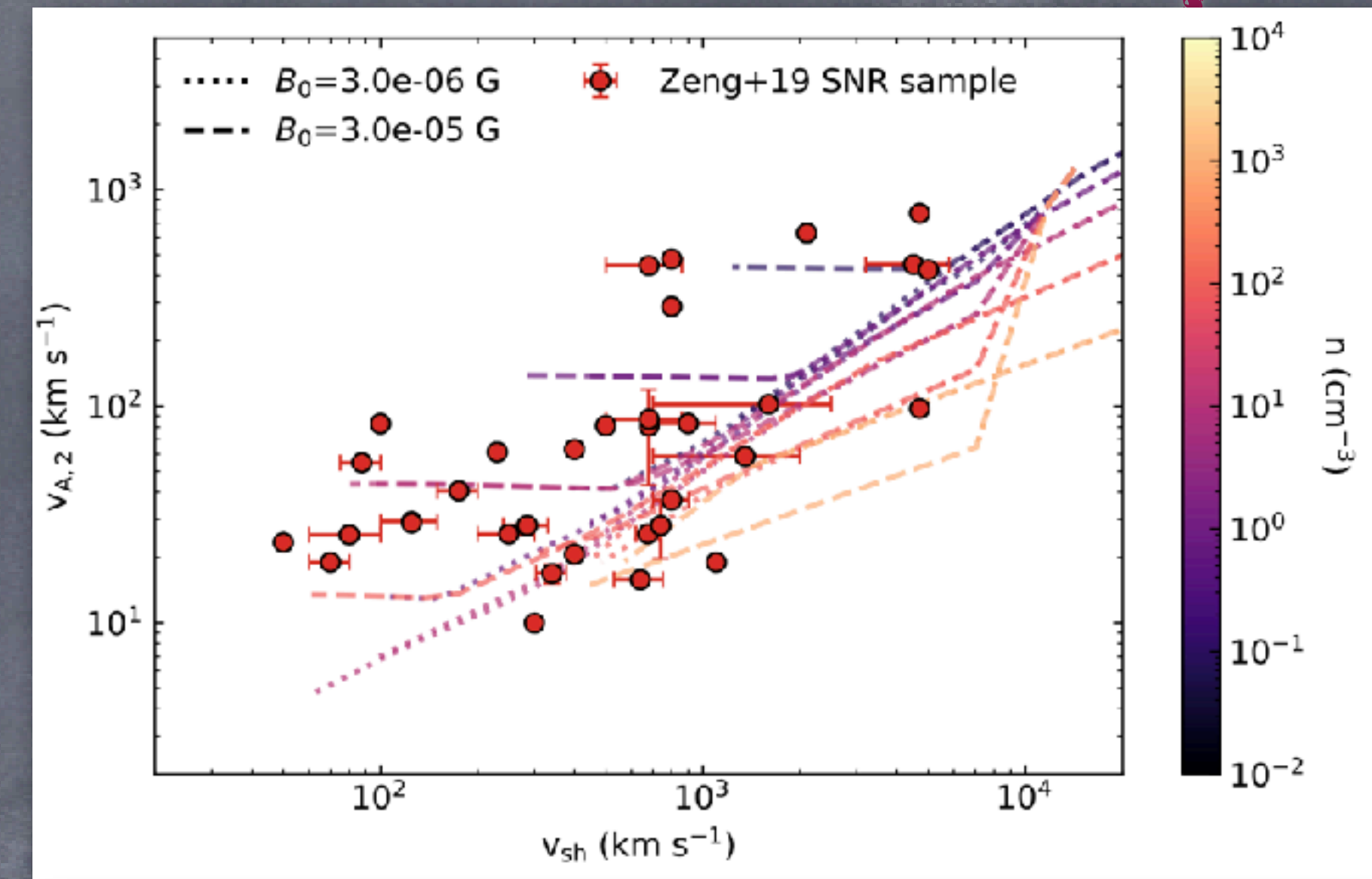
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This is likely a **generic feature** of nova eruptions and maybe even SN explosions!

# Example 3: Spectral Indexes in SNRs and Radio SNe

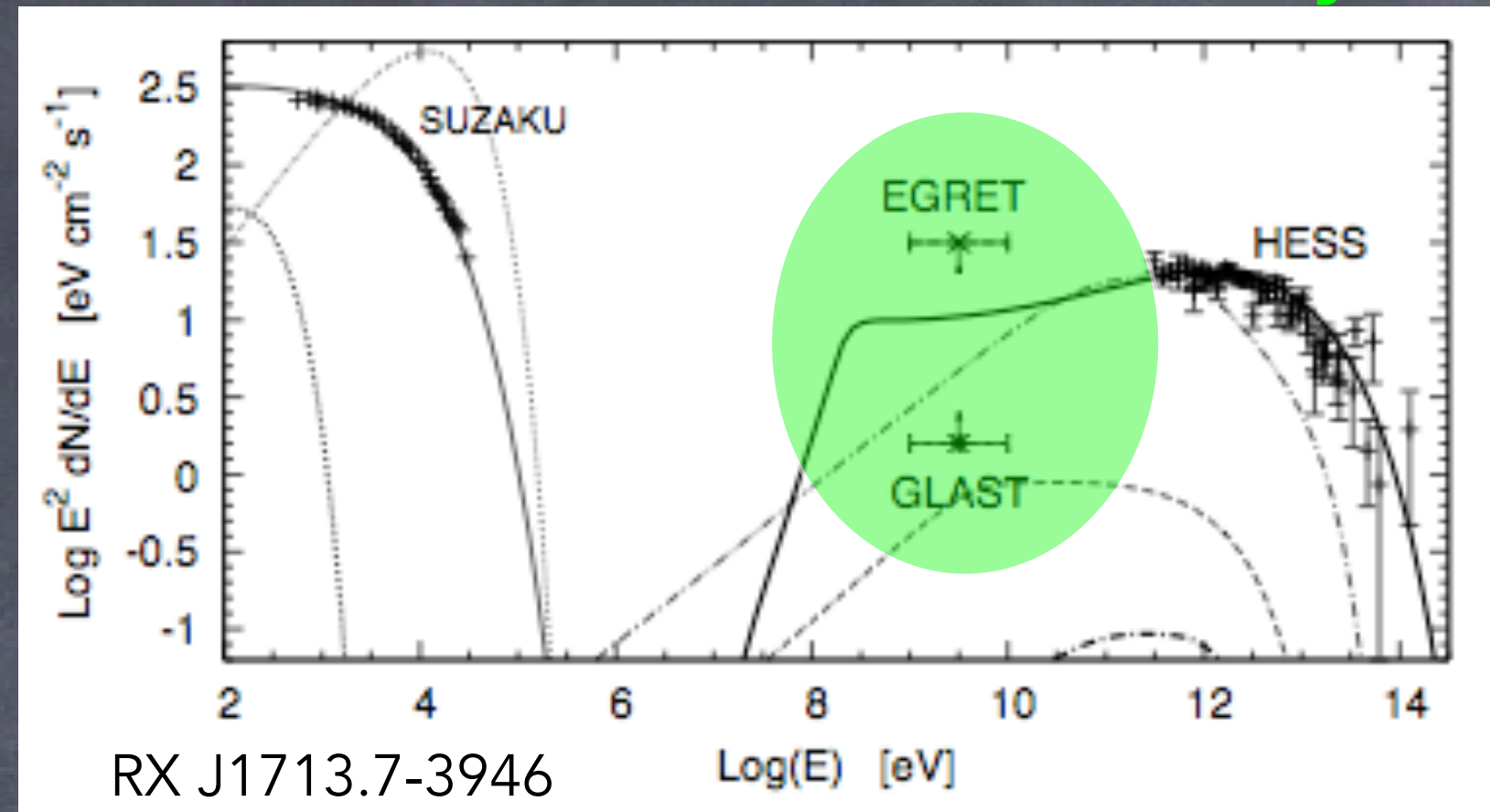


- B amplification controls the **CR spectrum**, making it steeper (Caprioli+21)
- **Young SNe** ( $v_{sh} \sim 10^4$  km/s):  $f(E) \propto E^{-3}$
- **SNRs** ( $v_{sh} \sim 10^3$  km/s):  $f(E) \propto E^{-2.3} - E^{-2.7}$
- The saturation of the **Bell instability** naturally explains both regimes!
  - see also Cristofari, Blasi & Caprioli 2022
- Modeling of **shock-powered transients**, including synchrotron absorption (Diesing+ in prep)
- Radio SNe, kilonovae, COWs/FBOTs, ...

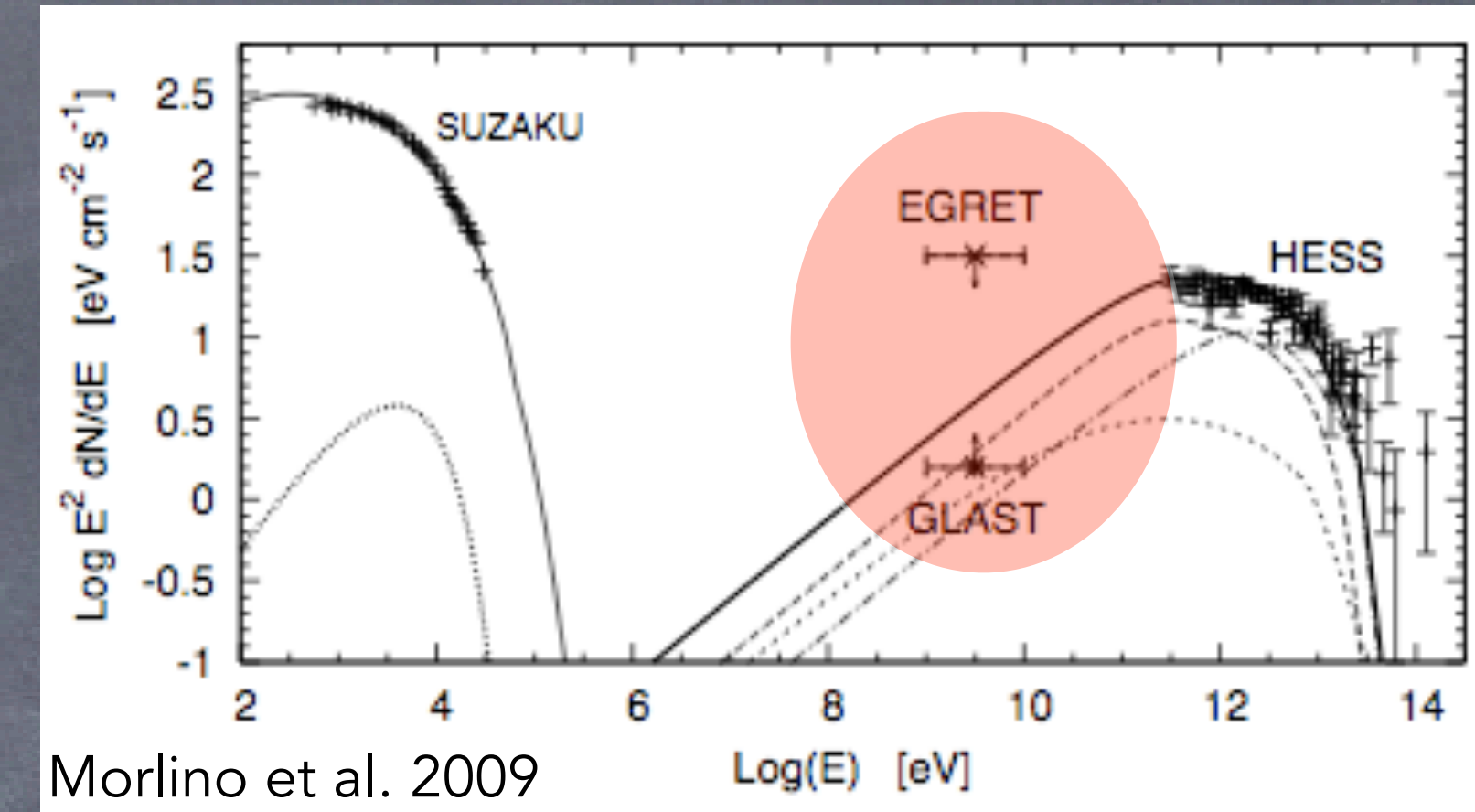


# Hadronic vs Leptonic Scenarios

## HADRONIC ( $\pi_0$ decay)



## LEPTONIC (Inverse Compton)



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

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

- Shock-accelerated spectra are **steeper than  $E^{-2}$**  when acceleration is efficient
  - Studied self-consistently in **PIC simulations** (Haggerty+20, Caprioli+20)
  - Slope depends on **B-field** amplification (Zacharegkas, Caprioli, Haggerty+23)
  - Solves tension between **theory and observations** of SNRs, radio SNe, Galactic CRs (Caprioli11)



# Example 4: SNR Hadronicity

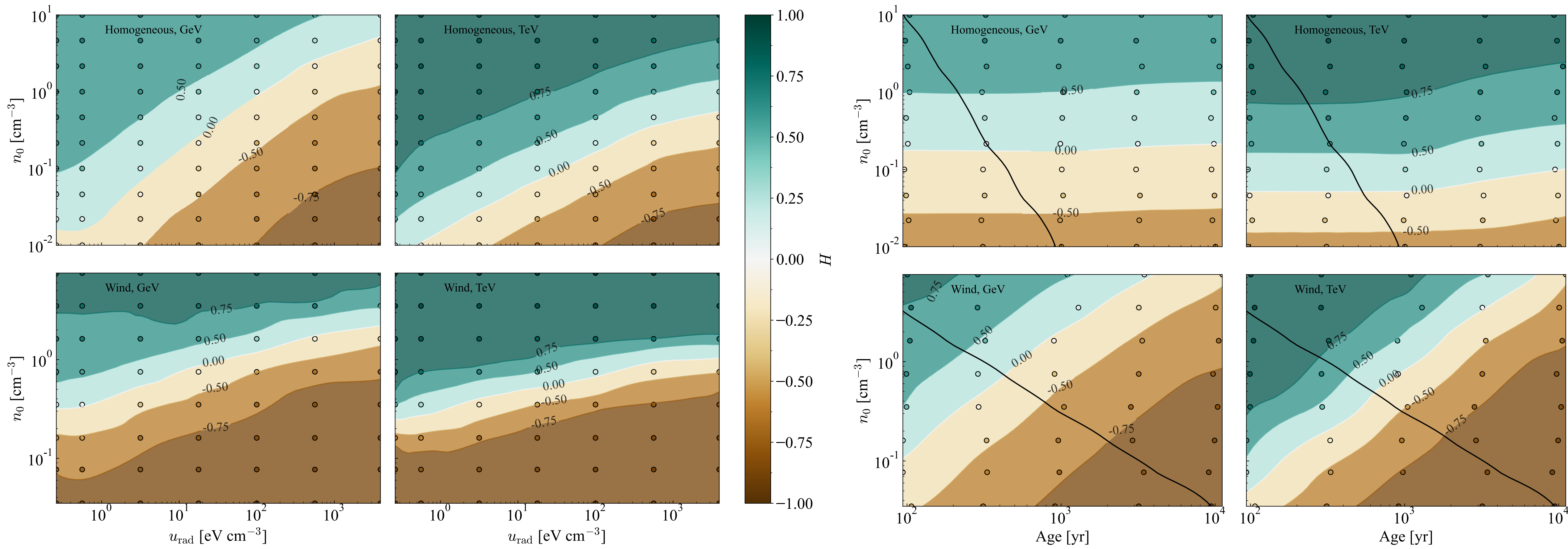
CRAFT: time-resolved, **synthetic spectra** for different SNR environments (Corso, Diesing, DC 23)

The  $\gamma$ -ray nature depends only on the SNR environment!

Crucial to account for **B amplification**

Useful for predicting neutrino fluxes (Simon, Diesing, DC, in prog.)

**Hadronicity:** 
$$H = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \left[ \log \left( \frac{L_{\text{had}}}{L_{\text{lep}}} \right) \right]$$



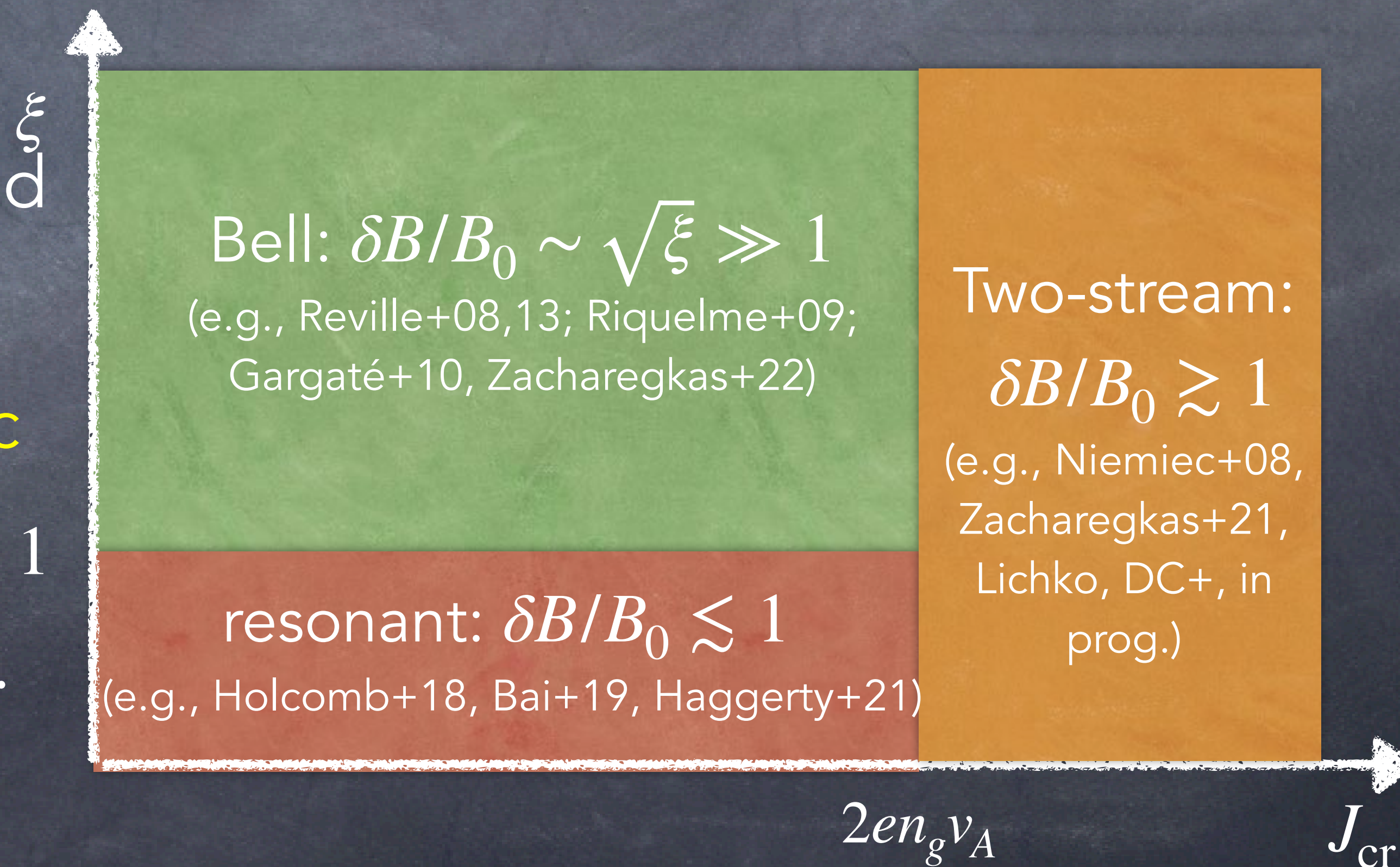
# Resonant Streaming Instability



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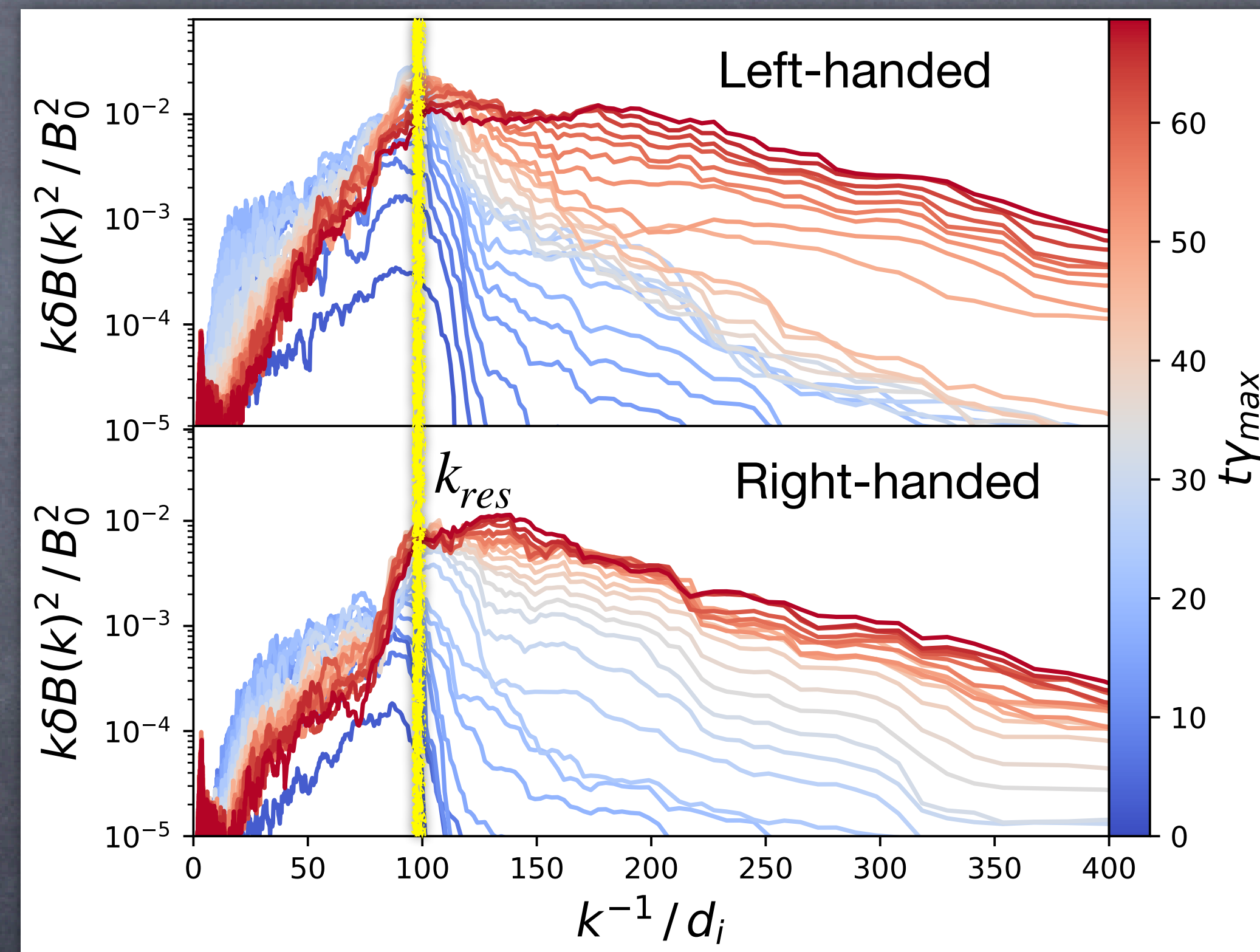
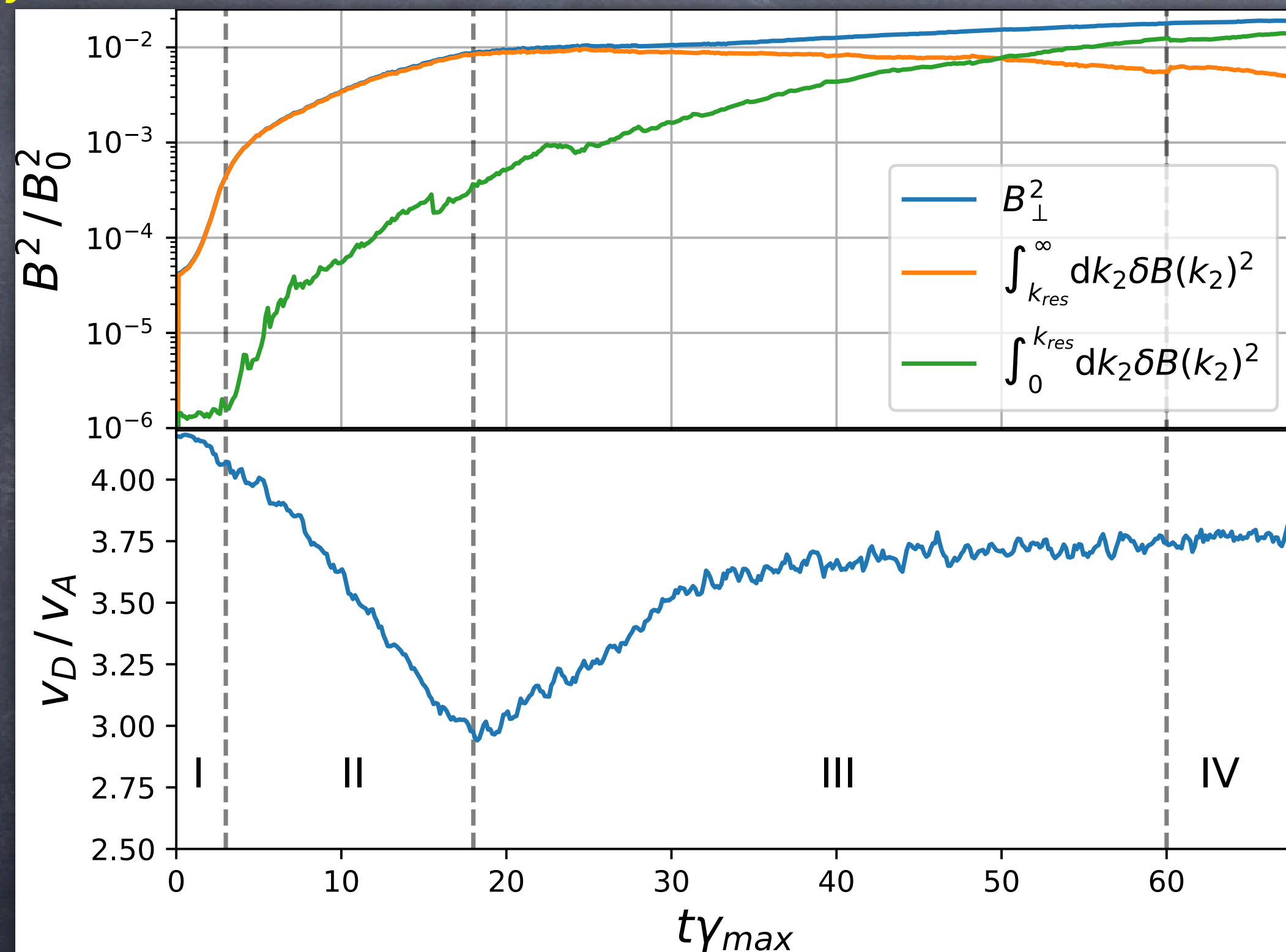
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- Caveat: fastest growing doesn't imply most important for saturation!*
- Most important regime for CR transport in the Galaxy: **resonant instability**

- Likely balance between **growth** and some **damping**
- Transition from **intrinsic to extrinsic** turbulence?
- Need to explain, e.g., B/C, Be...



# Towards Understanding Diffusion in the Galaxy

- Does SI always trap CRs? No: **diffusion** requires a **relic drift speed**  $v_d(p) \sim \frac{D(p)}{f(p)} \frac{df(p)}{dz}$
- Need to balance SI with: ion-neutral, ... **non-linear Landau damping** (NLLD)
- 1D **hybrid** simulations of resonant SI, for Galactic-like conditions (Schroer, DC, Blasi 2024)



- Checks all the *signatures* of NLLD (Lee-Völk 73: modification of Maxwellian, **inverse energy cascade**)
- First evidence of a *relic drift energy*: **self-generated diffusion**

# Summary

## • Non-resonant (Bell) Instability

- A simulation-validated prediction for **saturation** (Zacharegkas+2024)
- Controls **shock dynamics** and CR acceleration (Haggerty & DC20, DC+21, Diesing & DC 2023)
- CR propagation around **sources** (Schroer+2021, 2022)
- Relevant at scales probed by current **galaxy simulations** (Semenov+2021)

## • CRAFT: CR Analytical Fast Tool,

- Fast tool for calculating CR spectra, including important plasma physics
- Applied to SNRs, SNe, novae, expected **hadronicity** (Morlino+12, Diesing+21,23; Corso+23, Simon+ in prog.)

## • Resonant Streaming Instability

- Saturation **unknown**; depends on balance with non-linear **Landau damping** (Schroer+24)
- Responsible for the formation of the **galactic halo** (Schroer+ in prog)
- May control **CR propagation** in the Galaxy and **CR feedback**