

Topics

Preliminaries: Units, coordinates & other useful(?) stuff Gamma ray production by protons Basics Gamma-ray visibility of supernova remnants Seeing molecular clouds in gamma rays Radiation processes involving electrons **Inverse Compton scattering** Synchrotron radiation Radiation cooling Application to real objects Gamma ray propagation - will they reach us? Cosmic particle accelerators Supernova remnant kinematics Supernova remnant shocks Particle propagation and particle acceleration Nonlinear effects, escape, ...

The receiving end: Detecting gamma rays

Tycho's Supernova in X-rays (Chandra)

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Supernova shocks













Supernova shocks: radius vs time

Compressed ejecta

Undisturbed Supernova ejecta

Case A) swept-up ISM mass << M_{ej} : "free expansion" at constant (initial) speed

 $v_{1000\,km/s} \approx 10 E_5^3$

$${}_{51}^{1/2} \left(\frac{M_{sol}}{M_{ej}} \right)^{1/2}$$

ends at

$$R_{pc} \approx 2 \left(\frac{M_{ej}}{\rho_{H/cm^3} M_{sol}} \right)^{1/3}$$



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Case B) swept-up ISM mass >> M_{ej} : expansion slows down "Sedov-Taylor" phase

$$R = f(E_{SN}, \rho, t)$$

find combination which has right dimension:

$$R \approx \left(\frac{E_{SN}}{\rho}\right)^{1/5} t^{2/5}$$

match to free exp. exact calculation

(a)

$$R_{pc} \approx 0.3 \left(\frac{E_{51}}{\rho_{H/cm^3}}\right)^{1/5} t_{yr}^{2/5}$$

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Case C) "Radiative phase" radiation losses of heated gas dominate – the end of the SNR as far as high-energy astrophysics is concerned

slightly lengthy estimate gives

 $t_{yr} \approx 13000 E_{51}^{3/14} \rho_{H/cm^3}^{-4/7}$ $R_{pc} \approx 14 E_{51}^{2/7} \rho_{H/cm^3}^{-3/7}$



place observer in rest frame of shock





What happens at the shock



Crucial number: compression ratio r

What happens at the shock



density
$$\rho_d > \rho_u$$
 $r = \rho_d / \rho_u = v_u / v_d$ density ρ_u
pressure $p_d > p_u$ pressure p_u pressure p_u temperature $t_d > t_u$

Continuity equations:

Mass
$$v_u \rho_u = v_d \rho_d$$

Momentum $p_u + v_u (v_u \rho_u) = p_d + v_d (v_d \rho_d)$
Energy/mass $h_u + \frac{1}{2}v_u^2 = h_d + \frac{1}{2}v_d^2$

Shock compression ratio



Compression rate
$$r = \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1} = 4$$

for strong shocks and monatomic gas with adiabatic index $\gamma = 5/3$ $(pV^{\gamma} = const$ for adiabatic processes)





Basic diffusion picture



Description 1: Diffusion equation

$$J = -D\nabla\rho$$
 and $\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} = \nabla J$ hence $\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} = -D\Delta\rho$

with diffusion coefficient *D* (or in worst case diffusion tensor)

For a Gaussian distribution easily solved by $\sigma = 2Dt$

$$\rho = \frac{C}{\left(16\pi Dt\right)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{4Dt}\right) \text{ with } \left\langle r^2 \right\rangle = 2Dt$$

Description 2: Random walk





'2 a few light years in a century ! in a

 $<\mathbf{r}^{2}> = (\mathbf{r}_{1} + \mathbf{r}_{2} + ... + \mathbf{r}_{n})^{2} = nL^{2} = (t/\tau)L^{2} = Lct \equiv 2Dt$

Diffusion coefficient D=Lc/2

Maximum turbulent magnetic field: $L \approx R_{Gyro}$ "Bohm diffusion"

 \rightarrow D = R_{Gyro}c/2 (or D = R_{Gyro}c/3, if done properly)

with
$$R_{pc} \approx E_{PeV}/B_{\mu G}$$
,
 $<\mathbf{r}_{pc}^{2}>^{1/2} \approx 0.3 (E_{PeV} t_{yr}/B_{\mu G})^{1/2}$

Diffusion & magnetic fields

particles do not "bounce off" fields!

Diffusion depends on scale of turbulence of field in relation to gyro radius



Particle follows field line

Pitch angle scattering

particle ignores turbulence

from R.J. Protheroe, Texas Symp. 2006 Effective diffusion coeff. often much larger than Bohm diffusion







Start with E in downstream rest frame. After crossing shock front:

Particle in medium with speed
$$v_u - v_d = \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)v_{sh} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)c\beta_{sh}$$
.

Energy in upstream restframe:

$$E' = \gamma \left(E + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r} \right) \beta_{sh} p \right) \underset{E > mc^2}{\approx} \left(1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r} \right) \beta_{sh} \right) E$$

Scatters elastically in upstream restframe: keeps E', direction isotropic Returns with E' in downstream region

$$E'' \approx \left(1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)\beta_{sh}\right) \left(1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)\beta_{sh}\right) E \approx \left(1 + 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)\beta_{sh}\right) E$$

Start next cycle with E''. With proper angle averaging: $2 \rightarrow 4/3$





After n cycles:

$$\mathbf{E}_n \approx \left(1 + \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) \beta_{sh}\right)^n E_0 = (1 + k)^n E_0$$



Probability to escape per cycle *P* Probability to reach (at least) $E_n : P_n = (1 - P)^n$ (Integral) spectrum:

$$P(E > E_n) = (1 - P)^{\frac{\log(E_n/E_0)}{\log(1+k)}} = e^{\log(1-P)\frac{\log(E_n/E_0)}{\log(1+k)}} = \left(\frac{E_n}{E_0}\right)^{\frac{\log(1-P)}{\log(1+k)}}$$

Index of (differential) spectrum: $\Gamma = -\frac{\log(1-P)}{\log(1+k)} + 1$



(i.e. lost)

rate Φ_{cross} of particles crossing shock towards upstream region (i.e. doing one more cycle)

Escape probability P: basic idea

$$P \approx \Phi_{escape} / \Phi_{cross}$$



Flux of particles swept downstream:

$$\Phi_{escape} = \rho_{particle,d} v_d$$

Escape probability and spectral index Flux of particles crossing shock towards upstream:





How fast is the acceleration?

i.e. how long does one cycle last?

What determines the maximum energy reached in the process?



rate Φ_{cross} of particles crossing shock towards upstream region (i.e. doing one more cycle)

How long does one cycle last: basic idea

upstream = crossing rate x residence time

help by Luke Drury is gratefully acknowledged!





Number of upstream partices (per shock area)

$$N \approx \rho \lambda \approx \rho D / v_{\mu}$$

Flux through shock: $\Phi = \frac{\rho c}{4}$ particles per time Since $\Phi \tau_u = N$, $\tau_u = \frac{4D}{v_u c} = \frac{4(R_{gyro}c/3)}{V_u c} \approx \frac{R_{gyro}}{v_u}$

+ similar time scale spent downstream




Maximum energy depends on

- Acc. rate x age of remnant
- Losses (electrons)
- Escape (up- or downstream)



Upstream scale length
$$\lambda \approx \frac{D}{v_u} \approx \frac{R_{gyro}c/3}{v_u} = \frac{R_{gyro}}{3\beta_{sh}}$$

Once $\lambda \approx O(R_{SNR})$ particles will obviously escape

Escape:
$$R_{gyro} \approx \frac{E_{PeV}}{B_{\mu G}} pc \approx 3\beta_{sh}R_{SNR}$$

O(1 pc)

the larger the B field, the higher the peak energy as the shock slows down, lower energies escape

So far, "test particle" case

Accelerated particles do not react back onto their environment

but does this make sense for "efficient" acceleration which converts a fair fraction of supernova ejecta energy into cosmic rays ??



Field amplification by streaming CRs



Field amplification by streaming CRs

S.G. Lucek, A.R. Bell, MNRAS 314 (2000) 65



RMS B field amplified by factor up to 30 A.R. Bell, MNRAS 353 (2004) 550

Accelerated particles create B turbulence!→ Provide upstream scattering centers



Tycho's Supernova in X-rays (Chandra)

derived field ~300 μG





For efficient acceleration is the energy density in upstream cosmic rays no longer negligible compared to kinetic energy of instreaming gas.

Two effects:

- Shock precursor
- Increased shock compression ratio

Shock compression ratio for large M:

- for ideal gas with
$$\gamma = 5/3$$
: $r \approx \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1} = 4$ and $\Gamma = \frac{r + 2}{r - 1} = 2$

- for relativistic gas $\gamma = 4/3$: r = 7 and $\Gamma = 1.5$









Particles escaping from remnant



Particles where Gyroradius becomes a fraction of remnant radius will escape





Gamma ray "glow" around remnants?



Probing CR escape

Gabici et al arXiv:0901.4549



The SNR W28



HESS:

Aharonian et al., arXiv:0801.3555

Fermi: Abdo et al., ApJ 718 (2010) 348

AGILE Giuliani et al., arXiv:1005.0784

Models: Gabici et al., arXiv:1009.5291 Li & Chen, arXiv:1009.0894 Ohira et al., arXiv:1007.4869

CRs escaping from 35-150 kyr old SNR interacting with clouds?

The SNR W28 & clouds seen in CO



The SNR W28 @ TeV and GeV



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Characteristics

Energy threshold Effective photon detection area Angular resolution Background rejection Flux sensitivity

Fermi-LAT Cherenkov telescopes

Need to know: Multiple Coulomb scattering









Flux sensitivity

Essentially (instrument-)background-free

Fermi-LAT (few 100 MeV) 1 yr, 2 sr, eff. area 8000 cm² $2 \cdot 10^{-9}$ ph/cm²s ~ 10^{-12} erg/cm²s



Shower development

Particle number doubles after ~each radiation length until ionization losses dominate ("critical energy" ~85 MeV)

$$t_{\text{max}} \approx \frac{\ln(E_0 / E_c)}{\ln 2} \approx 14 \text{ RL at } 1 \text{ TeV}$$

More exact (PDG): $t_{\text{max}} \approx \ln(E_0 / E_c) + 0.5$ $\approx 10 \text{ RL at } 1 \text{ TeV}$



see yesterday afternoon

TeV Gamma ray shower development



Cherenkov light pool size & intensity

Refractive index of air

 $n = 1 + \varepsilon$; $\varepsilon \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-4} e^{-h/8km} \approx 10^{-4}$ at shower maximum

Cherenkov threshold

Cherenkov threshold
$$\beta > \frac{1}{n}$$
; $\beta = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - m^2}}{E} \approx 1 - \frac{m^2}{2E^2} > \frac{1}{n} \approx 1 - \varepsilon$

$$\frac{m^2}{2E^2} < \varepsilon \implies E > \frac{m}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon}} = 35 \text{ MeV} \text{ (at shower maximum); } < E_{crit}!$$

Cherenkov angle

$$\theta = \arccos(\beta n) \approx \sqrt{2\left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta n}\right)} \approx \sqrt{2\varepsilon} \approx 0.8^{\circ} \text{ at shower max.}$$

Light yield

Yield ~
$$500 \sin^2 \theta \frac{\text{ph.}}{\text{cm}} \approx 1000 \varepsilon \frac{\text{ph.}}{\text{cm}} \approx 0.1 \frac{\text{ph.}}{\text{cm}} \approx 10^4 / \text{RL} (\sim 1 \text{ km})$$

Cherenkov light pool size & intensity

Cherenkov threshold (β >1/n) ~35 MeV

Cherenkov angle ~0.8°

Shower ends around critical energy, ~85 MeV

multiple scattering at 85 MeV: >10°

Light pool halo extends to > 1 km

Light pool r ~ 100 m *light pool not a ring, but filled*

multiple scattering: ~1° at 1 GeV

10 km

Cherenkov light pool size & intensity

Cherenkov light from full shower

- A TeV shower contains $E_0 / E_c \approx 10^4$ particles Over 1 rad. lenght (1000 m @ shower max):
- \Rightarrow 10⁴ part. × 1000 m × 0.1 ph./cm \approx 10⁸ ph./TeV
- With mult. scatt. angle at E_{crit} : ~10^o
- \Rightarrow Radius of light pool ~1-2 km; photon density ~few 10 ph./m²

Considering only the higher-energy shower particles

2RL higher up higher up:

For $\theta_{ms} \approx \theta_{Ch.}$: $E \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$; shower contains ~1000 particles

- \Rightarrow 1000 part. \times 1000 m \times 0.1 ph./cm \approx 10⁷ ph./TeV
- \Rightarrow over 110 m radius light pool: ~300 ph./m²



Energy threshold & detection area



Typical image


Angular resolution

governed by

. . .

shower fluctuations and multiple scattering of shower particles (typically 1000 particles @ 1 TeV)

deflection of particles in Earth magn. field

photon statistics in image (typically 100 photons)

reconstruction algorithm

...somewhat oversimplified... Angular resolution Photons within the central 110 m pool scatter within $\sim 1^{\circ}$ from shower axis Measure shower direction with precision $\sim \frac{1^0}{\sqrt{1-1}} \approx 0.1^0$ $|n_{_{ph}}$ Underse (degrees) Undegrees (degre 0.2 H.E.S.S. Model Std Hillas 60 Hillas 200 note: 0.1 no. of detected 0.08 photons does not increase linearly 0.06 with energy, since 0.04 showers eff. area 0.02 increases! n **10**⁻¹ 10 E [TeV]

Sensitivity in a toy model

Ignore threshold; assume some (fixed) detection area A and observation time T



of background events: (dN/d Ω dA dT)_{BG} $\eta_{BG} \pi \theta^2$ T A

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# of signal events:
(dN/dA dT)<sub>Sig</sub> \eta_{Sig} T A
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Significance ≅
#Signal/#Background<sup>1/2</sup>:
~ (T A)<sup>1/2</sup> \eta_{BG}^{-1/2} \theta^{-1}
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Sensitivity in a toy model



Finally

(almost?) made it all the way from the gamma ray source to the detector ...

thanks for your attention

& apologies for all the important things (including possibly "your" work) which I omitted

