

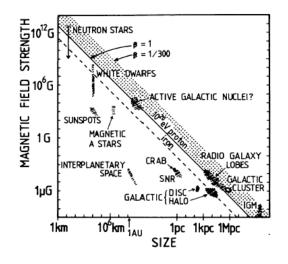
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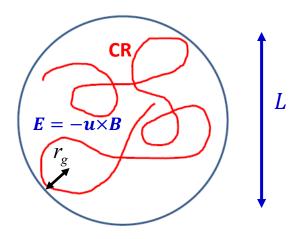
Supernova remnants as cosmic ray laboratories

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SN1006: A supernova remnant 7,000 light years from Earth X-ray (blue): NASA/CXC/Rutgers/G.Cassam-Chenai, J.Hughes et al; Radio (red): NRAO/AUI/GBT/VLA/Dyer, Maddalena & Gornwell; Optical (yellow/orange): Middlebury College/F.Winkler. NOAO/AURA/NSF/CTIO Schmidt & DSS



Physics behind Hillas energy



Please note: I use T for CR energy (E is electric field)

1) Spatial confinement

Larmor radius less than size of accelerating plasma

$$r_g = \frac{T}{cB}$$
 CR energy in eV $T < cBL$

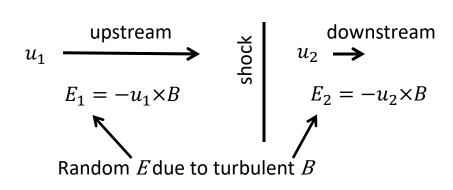
2) All acceleration comes from electric field $E = -u \times B$

velocity of thermal plasma

Maximum energy gain: $L \times$ maximum electric field T < uBL

Where is the electric field in shock acceleration?

Scattering on random magnetic field

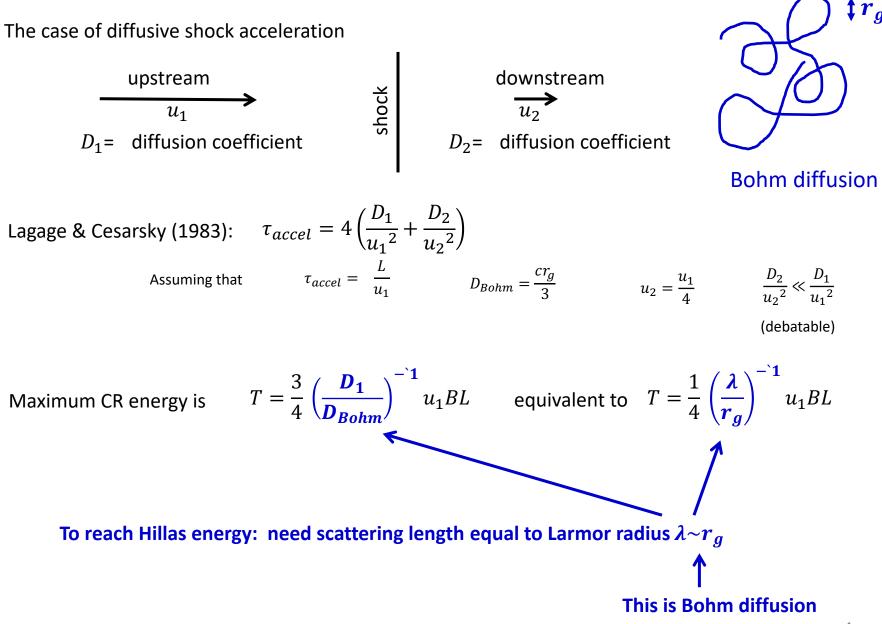


CR energy gain:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \frac{d\langle T \rangle}{dt} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \rangle$$

To get to maximum (Hillas) energy: *v*, *B* optimally correlated

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General considerations: getting to Hillas energy

 $E = -u \times B$ depends on frame

CR to need to move relative to u = 0 frame

T = uBL

CR to need to move distance L parallel to $-\boldsymbol{u} \times \boldsymbol{B}$ electric field

 $T = \int \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E} \, \mathrm{dI}$

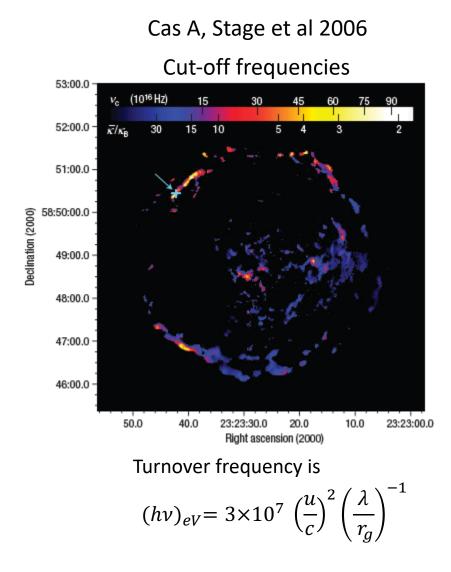
In disordered field need correlation between v and E. Makes Fermi1 better than Fermi2 (usually)

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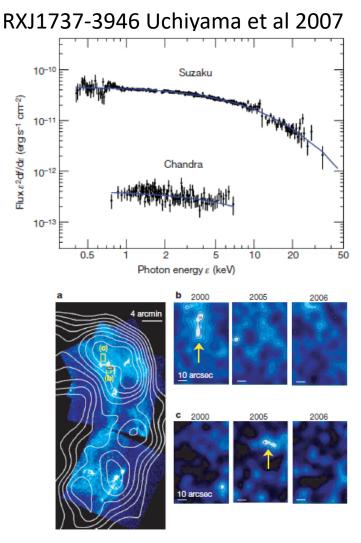
A disordered field needs some structure on Larmor scale of every particle being accelerated (GeV to PeV/EeV). OK for shocks (Fourier components of delta function) OK for broad spectrum turbulence Problematic for magnetic reconnection, shear acceleration

Needs Plasma Physics!

Bohm diffusion indicated by synchrotron spectrum turnover

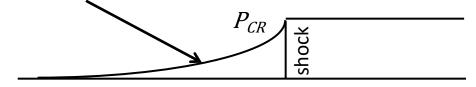


Observed cut-off requires close to Bohm diffusion



Need amplified magnetic field

CR current j_{CR} in rest frame of upstream (moving) plasma



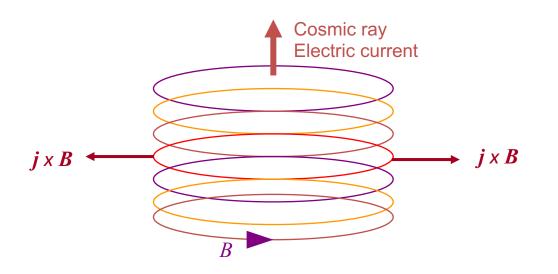
 $j_{CR} \times B$ forces drive non-resonant instability (Bell 2004,2005) produces turbulence

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amplifies magnetic field

Magnetic field amplification increases B to near equipartition (100s μ G in SNR)

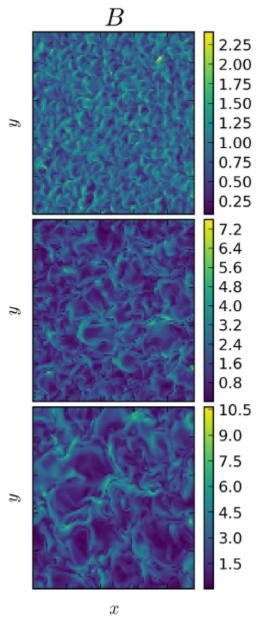
Magnetic field amplification



Instability grows until
1) Tension in field lines opposes *j*x*B*2) CR get tied to field lines: Loop size = *r_g*

Automatically saturates with $\lambda \sim r_g$

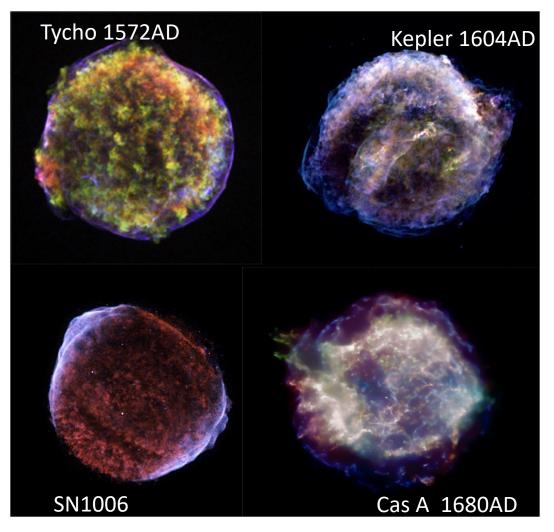
and $\frac{B_{sat}^2}{\mu_0} \sim \frac{\mathbf{v}_s}{\mathbf{c}} U_{cr} \propto \rho \, \mathbf{v}_s^3$



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Historical shell supernova remnants

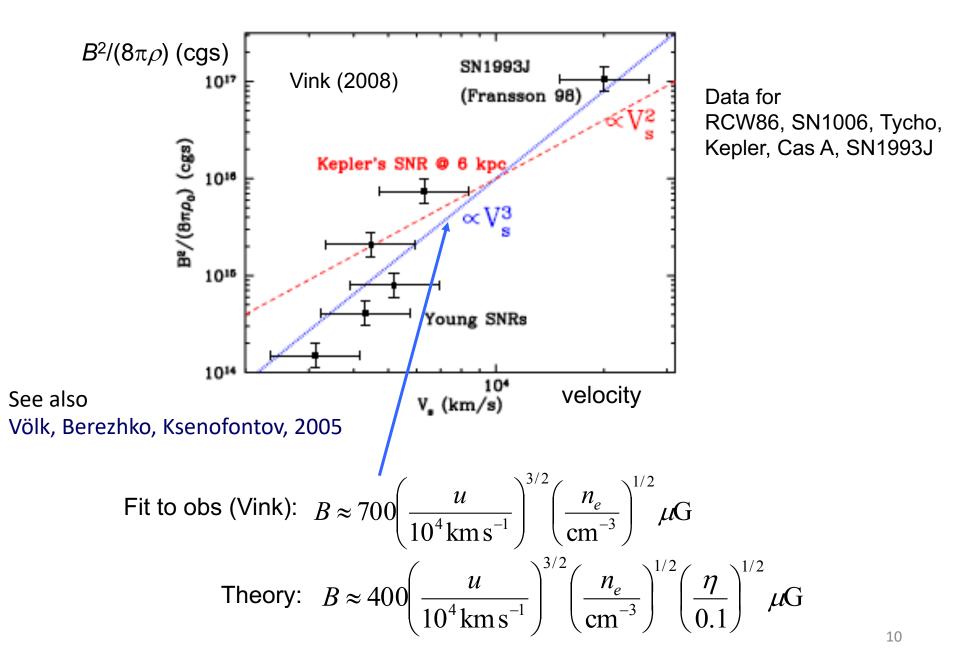
(interpretation: Vink & Laming, 2003; Völk, Berezhko, Ksenofontov, 2005)



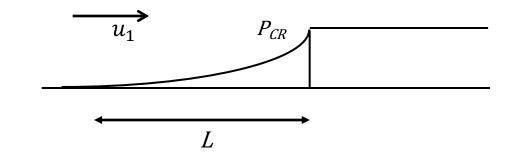
Chandra observations

NASA/CXC/Rutgers/ J.Hughes et al. NASA/CXC/Rutgers/ J.Warren & J.Hughes et al. NASA/CXC/NCSU/ S.Reynolds et al. NASA/CXC/MIT/UMass Amherst/ M.D.Stage et al. 9

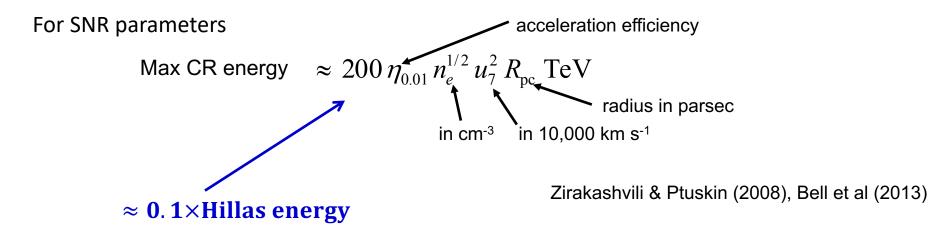
Magnetic field grows to near equipartition: limited by magnetic tension



Difficulty: need time to amplify magnetic field



Need about 5 e-foldings in time L/u_1

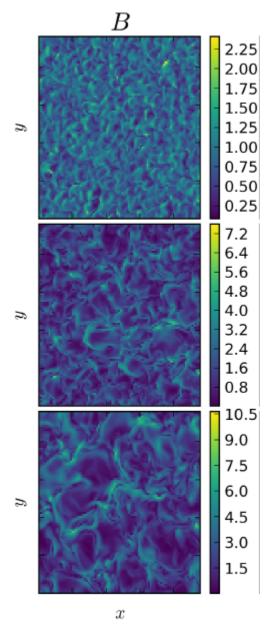


Non-resonant instability is best can do

Instability growth rate
$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{kBj}{\rho}}$$

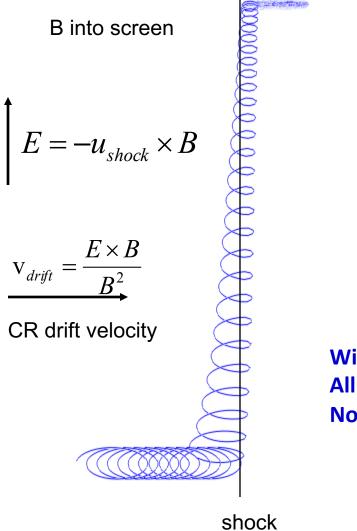
1) Makes optimal use of jxB force
Invert $k^{-1} = \frac{jB}{\rho}\gamma^{-2}$
Compare with $z = \frac{j \times B}{\rho}t^2$

2) Grows rapidly on small scale in initially weak B



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Difficulty with perpendicular shocks (applies to high velocity shocks)

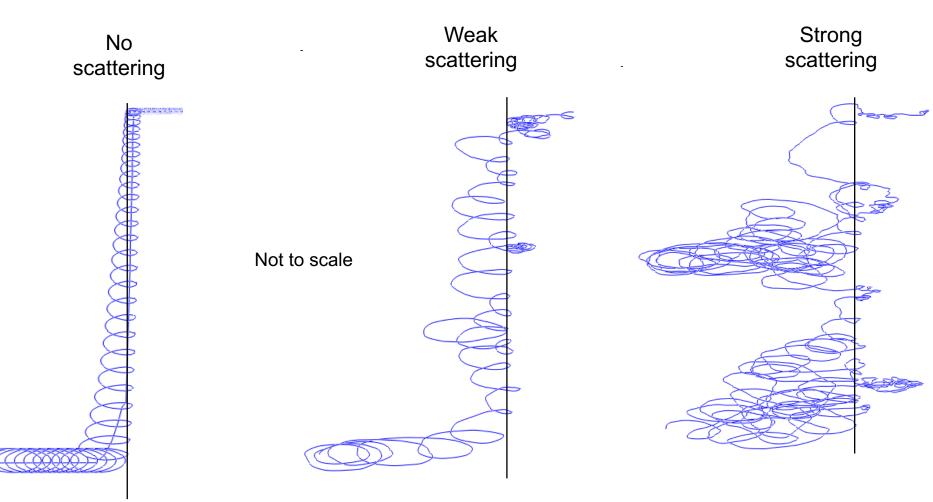


CR gain energy by drifting in E field

Without scattering, All CR get same energy gain No high energy tail

CR acceleration at perpendicular shock

Jokipii 1982,1987

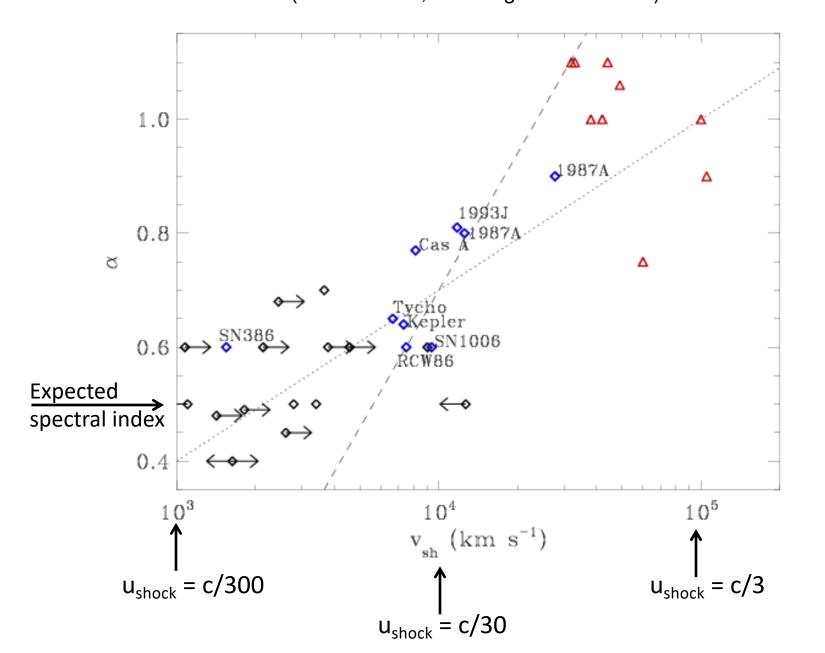


Currents located close to shock Need very rapid magnetic field amplification

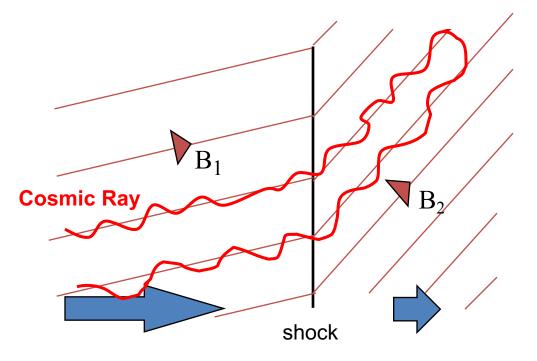
Previous discussions:

Lemoine & Pelettier (2010), Sironi, Spitkovsky & Arons (2013), Reville & Bell (2014) 14

Observed radio spectral index v. mean expansion velocity (Klara Schure, following Glushak 1985)



How particles are accelerated: diffusive shock acceleration



Shock velocity: *u*_{shock}

Cosmic ray density at shock: *n*

At each shock crossing

Fractional CR energy gain

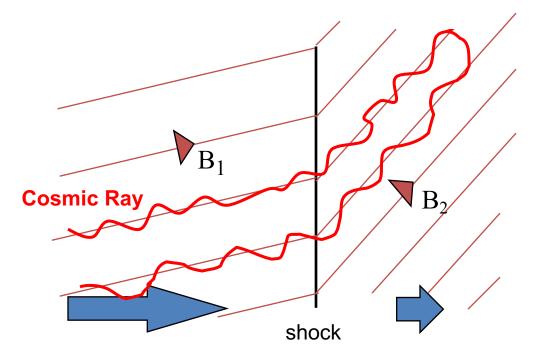
Fraction of cosmic rays lost

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{u_{shock}}{c}$$
$$\frac{\Delta n}{n} = -\frac{u_{shock}}{c}$$

Krimskii 1977, Axford et al 1977, Bell 1978, Blandford & Ostriker 1978 Differential energy spectrum

 $N(E) \propto E^{-2}$

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Now add in energy loss to Magnetic field amplification

At each shock crossing

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Fraction of cosmic rays lost

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{u_{shock}}{c} \left(1 - \frac{U_{mag}}{U_{CR}}\right)$$

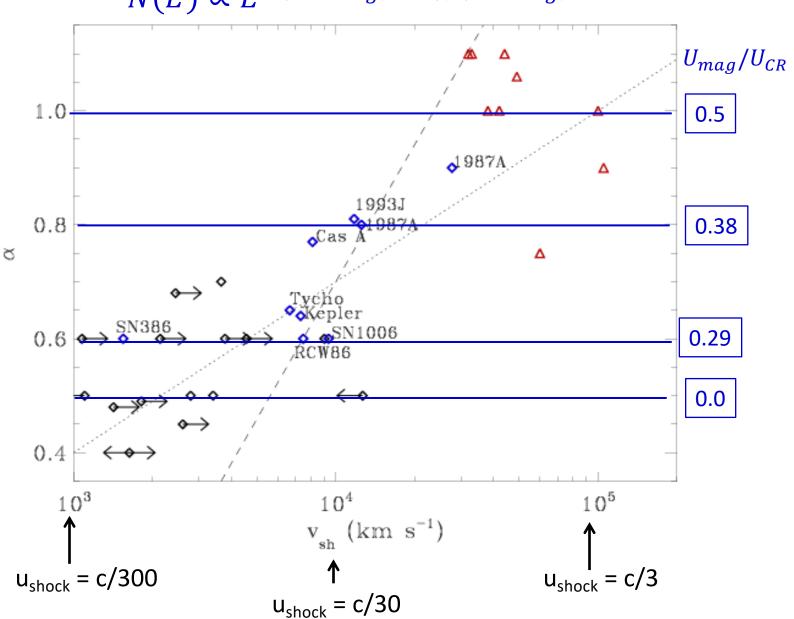
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Differential energy spectrum

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$$N(E) \propto E^{-(2-U_{mag}/U_{CR})/(1-U_{mag}/U_{CR})}$$

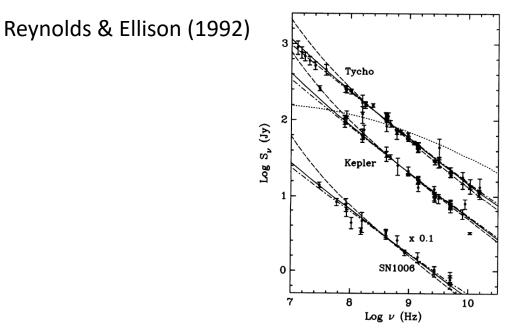
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One thing I have not mentioned – non-linear feedback

(It has to be there, eg Drury & Völk 1981)



From conclusions of Reynolds & Ellison

Third, the observed spectra show a *hint of curvature*, as was in fact noted in the data for Tycho some time ago (Braude et al. 1970; Roger, Bridle, & Costain 1973).

Comment: If the spectrum is steepened by other factors, non-linear curvature confined to low energies/frequencies

General class of interactions producing magnetic field

Three species

- Energetic particles: cosmic rays, fast/hot electrons in laser-plasmas
- Thermal electrons
- Slowly moving thermal ions

Interacting through

- Electric field (to maintain neutrality)
- Collisions (Coulomb, charge-exchange...)
- Large scale magnetic field ('frozen-in')
- (Sub-) Larmor-scale magnetic field (scattering, deflection)

Basic process

- Mutual motion (advection/diffusion/drift)
- Electric field secures neutrality
- Curl(*E*) generates *B*

Magnetic field generated by Biermann battery

Favoured source of primordial field

$$\boldsymbol{E} = \frac{\nabla P}{ne} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{B}}{\partial t} = \frac{\nabla n \times \nabla T}{n}$$

Borghesi et al 1998

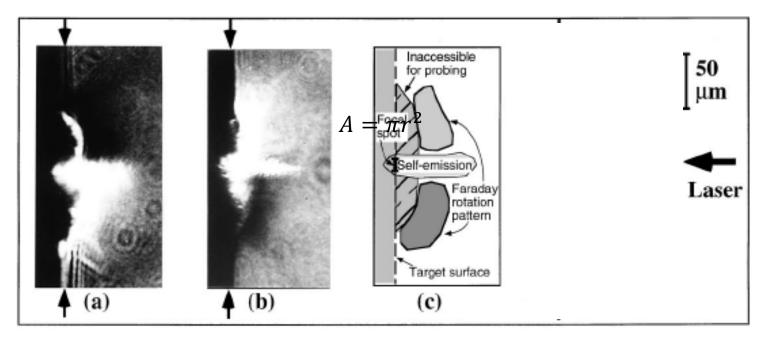
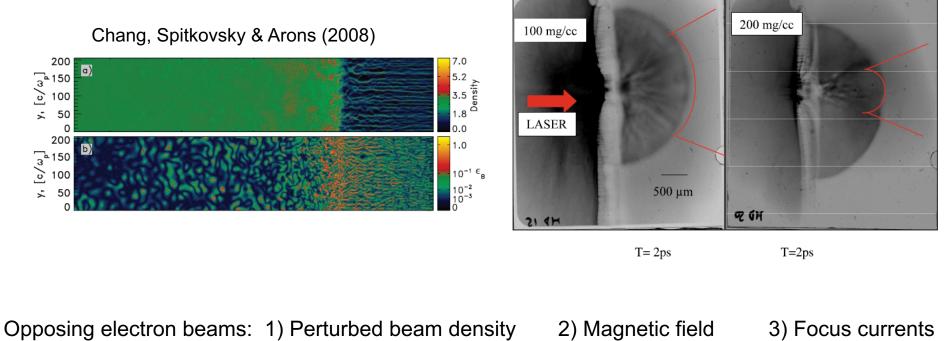


FIG. 1. (a), (b) Polarigrams taken 12 ps after the interaction of a 10 TW, 1.5 ps laser pulse with a solid Al target, with the two polarizers -9° and $+12^{\circ}$ off crossed. The position of the target surface is indicated by the arrows. (c) Schematic showing the main features of the polarigrams. (d) Interferogram recorded 15 ps after the interaction.

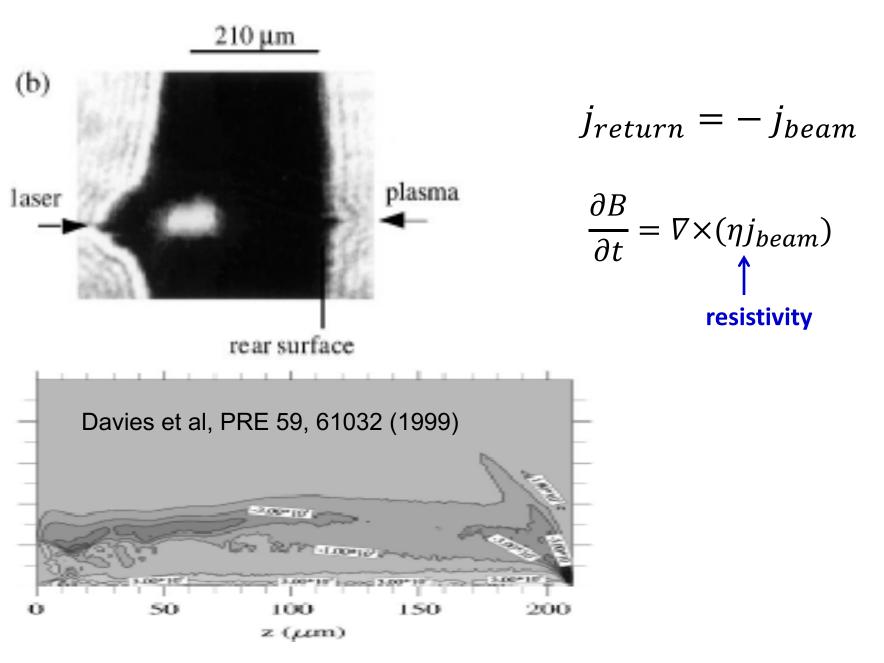
Weibel instability at shocks

Ramakrishna et al (2009)



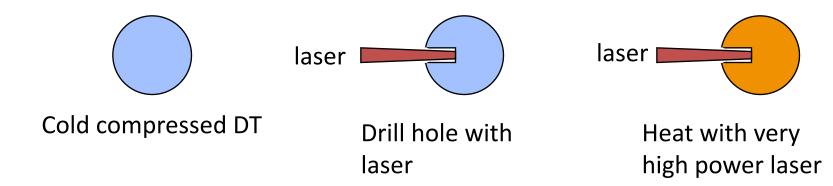
Kinetic instability on scale c/ω_p

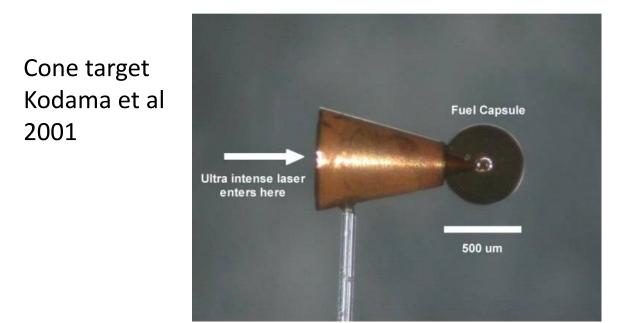
Energetic electron beam focussed by magnetic field

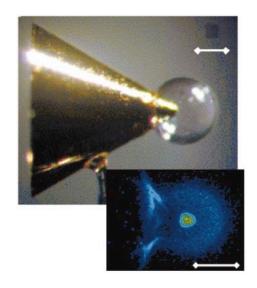


Fast Ignition

As first proposed by Tabak et al (1994)

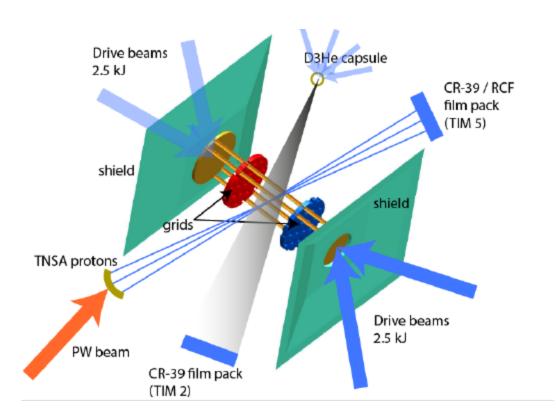






Experiment to test non-resonant instability (next summer)

Builds on series of experiments led by Gianluca Gregori



Experiment next summer on OMEGA laser Experimental lead: Hui Chen (Livermore), Gianluca Gregori (Oxford)

