PULSARS AND PULSAR WIND NEBULAE Lecture 1

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OUTLINE LECTURE 1

- INTEREST FOR ASTROPARTICLE PHYSICS
- PULSAR THEORY:
 - CHARGE EXTRACTION, PAIR PRODUCTION, FORMATION OF A WIND
 - GLOBAL ENERGY LOSSES, GAMMA-RAY EMISSION
 - LATEST ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES
- PULSAR WIND NEBULAE
 - BASIC INFERECES FROM SYNCHROTRON THEORY
 - EVOLUTIONARY ONE-ZONE MODELS
 - CHALLENGES

LECTURE 2

- MHD MODELING OF NEBULAE AND THEIR RADIATION
 - 1-D MHD MODELING
 - 2-D MHD MODELING
 - VARIABILITY
- PARTICLE ACCELERATION AT THE MOST RELATIVISTIC SHOCKS IN NATURE
- OLD NEBULAE, FAST PULSARS AND THE ELECTRON-POSITRON EXCESS IN COSMIC RAYS

INTRODUCTION PULSAR WIND NEBULAE & PULSARS



WHY ARE PULSARS INTERESTING?

- MATTER IN EXTREME CONDITIONS
- ✓ BEST KNOWN COSMIC CLOCKS

- PRIMARY SOURCES OF ANTIMATTER IN THE GALAXY
- ✓ EXCELLENT LABS TO TEST GENERAL RELATIVITY
- ✓ AMONG THE FEW OBJECTS IN THE GALAXY WITH POTENTIAL DROPS IN EXCESS OF 1 PeV

WHY ARE PWNe INTERESTING?

- They enclose most of the pulsar spin-down energy: pulsed emission really is the tip of the iceberg
- Best-suited laboratories for the physics of relativistic astrophysical plasmas: close to c and close to us
- ✓ Particle acceleration at the highest speed shocks in Nature (10^{4} < Γ < 10^{7}): a formidable challenge
- As many positrons as electrons:something to do with Pamela excess?
- Only sources showing direct evidence for PeV particles

THE PERFECT TIME TO STUDY THESE OBJECTS

HESS AND Fermi ERA



ENERGY RANGE: 100 MeV < E_{γ} <300 GeV

ANGULAR RESOLUTION: ~30'





Fermi Pulsar Detections

- New pulsars discovered in a blind search
- Millisecond radio pulsars
- Young radio pulsars
- Pulsars seen by Compton Observatory EGRET instrument

UPDATED....

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THE PULSING GeV SKY



THE NEBULOUS TeV SKY

More than 1/2 of HESS sources associated with PWNe



PULSARS

DISCOVERY



IMPULSE WITH P \approx 1.33S LASTING \approx 1/100 S...

D<cT POINTS TO PLANET

WHITE DWARF? TOO FAST!!!



NEUTRON STARS

PREDICTED IN THE '30s (Baade & Zwicky) AS FINAL PRODUCTS OF STELLAR COLLAPSE

 $R \approx 10 \, km$ $\Omega R^2 = const \Longrightarrow \Omega \approx 10^3 \, Hz$ $BR^2 = const \Longrightarrow B \approx 10^{12} G$

ASSOCIATION PROVEN!!!

CRAB PULSAR PREDICTED 1967 (Pacini)

DETECTED 1968 (Staelin & Reifenstein)



OBLIQUE ROTATING MAGNETIC DIPOLE

 $\vec{\mu} = \frac{B_* R_*^3}{2} \left[\sin \alpha \left(\cos \left(\Omega t \right) \hat{x} + \sin \left(\Omega t \right) \hat{y} \right) + \cos \alpha \hat{z} \right]$



THIS IS ALL IN VACUUM

NO VACUUM PHYSICS...



THE GOLDREICH AND JULIAN MAGNETOSPHERE...

CHARGES EXTRACTED UNTIL E-FIELD CONTINUOUS AT STAR SURFACE (Goldreich & Julian, 1969)

THE PULSAR DEVELOPS A COROTATING MAGNETOSPHERI



THROUGHOUT COROTATION REGION

COROTATION ONLY POSSIBLE UNTIL v<c

LIGHT CYLINDER $R_L = \frac{c}{\Omega} = 5 \times 10^8 P_{100} cm$

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CHARGE DISTRIBUTION

$$\vec{B} = \frac{B_* R_*^3}{r^3} \left[\cos \theta \mathbf{e}_r + \frac{\sin \theta}{2} \mathbf{e}_\theta \right] \qquad \vec{E} = -\frac{\Omega r \sin \theta}{c} \mathbf{e}_\phi \times \vec{B}$$
CHARGE DENSITY? $\rho_{\rm GJ} = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}}{4\pi} = -\frac{\vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{B}}{2\pi c} \frac{1}{\left[1 - \frac{\Omega^2 r^2}{c^2} \sin^2 \theta\right]}$

$$\rho_{\rm GJ} \text{ CHANGES SIGN}$$
WHERE $\vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta_q = \frac{1}{3}$

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$$\frac{dr}{r \ d\theta} = \frac{B_{\theta}}{B_r}$$
$$r(\theta) = R_* \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta_*}$$

$$\theta_{pc} = \sqrt{\frac{R_*}{R_{LC}}}$$

THE WIND ZONE $J_{GJ} = c\rho_{GJ} = \frac{\vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{B}}{2\pi} \text{ ACTS AS SOURCE}$ B_T COMPARABLE TO B_P AT THE LIGHT CYLINDER

AT LARGER DISTANCES FIELD LINES ARE OPEN: B_P MONOPOLE LIKE

 $I_{R_{LC}}$

$B_p = B_r = B_{LC} \left(\frac{R_{LC}}{r}\right)^2$ $B_\phi = \pm B_{LC} \left(\frac{R_{LC}}{r}\right) \sin \theta$	TOROIDAL FIELD BECOMES DOMINANT
$\dot{E} = \frac{c}{4\pi} 4\pi R_{LC}^2 \left(\vec{E} \times \vec{B}\right)_{\vec{E}}$	$= cR_{LC}^2 B_{LC}^2$



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PULSAR SPIN DOWN

$$\dot{E} = -\frac{c}{6}B_*^2 R_*^2 \left(\frac{R_*\Omega}{c}\right)^4 \sin^2 \alpha \qquad \dot{E} = cB_*^2 R_*^2 \left(\frac{R_*^4 \Omega^4}{c^4}\right)$$
$$\dot{E} = I\Omega\dot{\Omega} = -a\Omega^4$$

MORE GENERALLY: $\dot{\Omega} = -a\Omega^n$ $\dot{E} = I\Omega\dot{\Omega} = aI\Omega^{n+1}$

AFTER INTEGRATION
$$\Omega(t) = \frac{\Omega_0}{\left[1 + t/\tau_0\right]^{1/(n-1)}} \qquad \tau_0 = \frac{\Omega_0^{1-n}}{a(n-1)}$$

 $\stackrel{\cdot}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{\cdot}{E} = \frac{aI\Omega_0^{n+1}}{\left[1 + t/\tau_0\right]^{n+1}}$ n=BRAKING INDEX. n=3 FOR A DIPOLE FIELD AND <3 FOR OTHER CASES

DERIVING n IMPLIES MEASURING d²P/dt² MEASURED FOR 4 PSRs ONLY: ALWAYS LESS THAN 3!!!!

$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{P-Pdot}\\ \textbf{DIAGRAM}\\ \textbf{PULSAR}\\ \textbf{CHARACTERISTIC AGE}\\ \tau = \frac{P}{2\dot{P}}\\ \end{array}$

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$\tau = \frac{P_0}{(n-1)\dot{P}_0}$

$$\begin{split} & \text{ALSO} \\ & I\Omega\dot{\Omega} = \frac{B_*^2 R_*^6}{c^3} \Omega^4 \\ & \text{PROVIDES A MEASURE} \\ & \text{OF B}_* \end{split}$$

POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE

$$\theta_{pc} = \sqrt{\frac{R_*}{R_{LC}}} \qquad \vec{B} = \frac{B_* R_*^3}{r^3} \left[\cos \theta \mathbf{e}_r + \frac{\sin \theta}{2} \mathbf{e}_\theta \right] \qquad \vec{E} = -\frac{\Omega r \sin \theta}{c} \mathbf{e}_\phi \times \vec{B}$$
$$\Phi = \int_{cap} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_0^{\theta_0} E_\theta r d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Omega R_*}{c} \right)^2 R_* B_*$$

$$E_{max} = e\Phi = 2 \times 10^{15} \frac{B_{12}}{P_{100}^2} eV$$

UNSCREENED POTENTIAL ⇒ ACCELERATION TO E»"KNEE"

IN CRAB E_{max}≈60 PeV

FOR PSRs Φ IS MEASURED DIRECTLY:

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Omega R_*}{c} \right)^2 R_* B_*$$
$$\Longrightarrow \Phi = \sqrt{\dot{E}/c} \quad \dot{E} = I\Omega \dot{\Omega} = 4\pi I \frac{\dot{P}}{P^3}$$
$$\dot{E} = cB_*^2 R_*^2 \left(\frac{R_*^4 \Omega^4}{c^4} \right)$$

$$P-Pdot$$
$$DIAGRAM$$
$$\dot{E} = I\Omega\dot{\Omega} = 4\pi I \frac{\dot{P}}{P^3}$$

$$\Phi = \sqrt{\dot{E}/c}$$

$$\Phi = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 I}{c} \frac{\dot{P}}{P^3}}$$

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$$e\Phi = 300 \ TeV \ \sqrt{\frac{I_{45}\dot{P}_{-15}}{P_{100}^3}}$$

CHARGE-SEPARATED FLOW?



PAIR PRODUCTION SITES



CLOSE TO STAR POLAR CAPS UNSCREENED E_{//} DUE TO FIELD LINE CURVATURE VACUUM OR SCL

SLOT GAPS

SAME BUT ON POLAR CAP BOUNDARY ⇒ MORE EXTENDED

OUTER GAPS

ALONG LAST CLOSED FIELD LINE AT R_{LC}

PULSAR EMISSION AT DIFFERENT ENERGIES



ORIGIN OF RADIATION AT DIFFERENT ENERGIES

EGRET PULSARS

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RADIO: COHERENT FROM POLAR CAP

FROM OPTICAL TO GAMMA-RAYS: CURVATURE FROM FURTHER OUT



VACUUM GAPS (Ruderman & Sutherland 75, …) |η-η_{GJ}|≈η_{GJ} SPACE-CHARGE LIMITED (Arons & Scharlemann 79,…) |η-



HARD γ -RAY SPECTRA: E^{-1.5/-2} WITH SUPERXP. CUTOFF AT FEW GeV PAIR MULTIPLICITY: $\kappa \approx 10^3$ -10⁴

FERMI RESULTS

THE CRAB PULSAR SPECTRUM

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POLAR CAPS EXCLUDED! EXTENDED EMISSION FROM UP TO A FEW R. REQUIRED

SLOT GAPS VELA LIGHT-CURVE

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ALTITUDE OF PFF VARIES WITH MAGNETIC COLATITUDE (Arons 83):

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 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{E}_{/\!/} \mbox{ DECREASES TOWARDS RIM} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \mbox{ PFF AT LARGER DISTANCE} \end{array}$

SPECIAL RELATIVISTIC EFFECTS LEAD TO CAUSTICS (Dyks & Rudack 03)

CUTOFF IS EXPONENTIAL



OUTER GAPS



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VELA

OUTER GAP

|η-η_{GJ}|≈η_{GJ}

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(Cheng, Ho, Ruderman 86; Hirotani, Romani...) •MULTIPLICITY?

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON PULSAR γ -RAY EMISSION

MAGIC & VERITAS RESULTS ON CRAB FORCE-FREE LIGHT CURVES PARADIGM SHIFT?



(Aliu et al 08, 11; Aleksic et al 11, 12)

•EMISSION MUST
COME FROM
R>30-40R∗
•AND PROBABLY
CANNOT BE
CURVATURE AT ALL



MAGIC & VERITAS

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CURVATURE SPECTRUM
HAS A BREAK
MAXIMUM PARTICLE
ENERGY IS LIMITED BY
LOSSES

CURVATURE RADIATION SPECTRUM MUST BREAK

 $\epsilon_{br} = 5 \ GeV \ \eta_{-2}^{3/4} \sqrt{\xi}$

(Aliu et al 08, 11; Aleksic et al 11, 12)

ICS PROPOSED AS AN ALTERNATIVE (Lyutikov, Otte, McCann 11, Aharonian et al 12)

NEW PROPOSALS REPROCESSING X-RAYS THROUGH ICS

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> (Lyutikov, Otte, McCann 11; Aharonian, Bogovalov, Khangulyan 12)

THE FORCE FREE MAGNETOSPHERE

FIELD LINES IN THE μ Ω PLANE FOR 60° INCLINATION

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INTENSITY OF J

Spitkovsky 08
FROM VACUUM TO FORCE-FREE

MAGNETOSPHERE IS POPULATED WITH PAIRS!!!! MULTIPLICITY κ>10⁴ REQUIRED FROM PWN OBSERVATIONS **PPC**S BECOME LARGER(Bai & Spitkovsky 10)

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WHY SHOULD FORCE-FREE BE BETTER?

BECAUSE WE MEASURE VERY LARGE MULTIPLICITIES

FOLLOW THE ENERGY



 $\gamma\text{-RAYS}$ (AND PULSED EMISSION IN GENERAL) IS NOT WHERE THE ENERGY GOES!!!!! $L_{radio} \leq 10^{-10} \stackrel{\bullet}{E}_R$ $L_{\gamma} \leq 10^{-2} \stackrel{\bullet}{E}_R$

ON THE OTHER HAND...

 $L_{PWN} \ge 0.1 E_R$

THE PWN IS WHERE THE ENERGY GOES!!!!



CONSTRAINTS ON PAIR PRODUCTION

THE PULSAR WIND ENERGY

$$\dot{E}_{R} = \frac{B_{0}^{2} R_{0}^{6} \Omega^{4}}{c^{3}} = \int d\vec{S} \left[\frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} + \Gamma_{wind} \left(n_{\pm} m_{e} + n_{i} m_{i} \right) c^{3} \right]$$

$$\dot{E}_{R} = \kappa \dot{N}_{GJ} m_{\pm} c^{2} \Gamma_{wind} \left(1 + \frac{m_{i}}{\kappa m_{\pm}} \right) (1 + \sigma) \qquad \kappa = \frac{\dot{N}}{\dot{N}_{GJ}}$$

$$\dot{N}_{GJ} \approx \pi R_{0}^{2} \mathcal{G}_{p}^{2} c \left| \frac{\eta_{GJ0}}{e} \right| \approx 3 \times 10^{32} \frac{\mu_{30}}{P_{100}^{2}} s^{-1} \qquad \sigma = \frac{B^{2}}{4 \pi m_{eff} n_{eff} c^{2} \Gamma_{wind}^{2}}$$

AT R_{LC} σ IS VERY LARGE!!!! IN THE NEBULAE WE "OBSERVE"

 κ is very large (e.g. 10⁴< κ <10⁶ in Crab) Γ_{wind} is very large (e.g. 10⁴< κ <10⁶ in Crab))



•WHAT IS σ?
•IS IT IONS WHO CARRY THE RETURN CURRENT?
•WHAT IS Γ_{wind}?

 κ is very large

NOTE: for Γ_{wind} =10⁶ These would be PeV Protons or 30PeV Fe And dominate the energy

DETAILED MODELING OF PWNE REQUIRED FOR QUANTITATIVE ANSWERS

No charge sep.

But

MHD

LEARNING FROM PWNe

FIRST LESSON: A DENSE OUTFLOW

SIMPLEST DESCRIPTION: •FORCE FREE CLOSE TO THE STAR •MHD FURTHER OUT

PULSAR WIND NEBULAE



Plerions:
 Supernova Remnants with a center filled morphology
 Flat radio spectrum (α_R<0.5)
 Very broad non-thermal emission spectrum (from radio to X-ray and even γ-rays) (~15 objects at TeV energies)



Kes 75 (Chandra) Vela X (HESS) ROSAT contours (Gavriil et al., 2008)

"THE" PULSAR WIND NEBULA ONE OF BEST STUDIED OBJECTS IN THE

Chaco Canyon Anasazi Painting

Chinese astronomers and native americans: "a guest star in Taurus, 4 times brighter than Venus at maximum"

visible during the day for 23 days and at night for 2 years



UNIVERSE

D=6000 lyr

BIRTH=1054 A.C.

"THE" PULSAR WIND NEBULA



PRIMARY EMISSION MECHANISM: SYNCHROTRON RADIATION BY RELATIVISTIC PARTICLES IN AN *INTENSE* (>FEW X 100 B_{ISM}) *ORDERED* (HIGH DEGREE OF RADIO POLARIZATION) MAGNETIC FIELD

SOURCE OF BOTH MAGNETIC FIELD AND PARTICLES:

NEUTRON STAR SUGGESTED BEFORE PULSAR DISCOVERY (Pacini 67)



MODELING OF PWNe

- •BASIC ARGUMENTS
- •1-ZONE MODELING
- •1-D MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICAL MODELING
- •2-D AXISYMMETRIC MHD MODELING

SYNCHROTRON RADIATION SPECTRUM



SYNCHROTRON RADIATION SPECTRUM

SINGLE PARTICLE SPECTRUM

$P_{\nu}(\gamma) = a_1 \gamma^2 B^2 \delta(\nu - \nu_s(\gamma))$ $\nu_s(\gamma) = a_2 \gamma^2 B$

POWER-LAW PARTICLE DISTRIBUTION

$$N(\gamma) = k\gamma^{-p}$$

$$S_{\nu}(\nu) = \int_{\gamma_{\min}}^{\gamma_{\max}} N(\gamma) P_{\nu}(\gamma) d\gamma = a_1 B^2 \int_{\gamma_{\min}}^{\gamma_{\max}} \gamma^2 k \gamma^{-p} \delta(\nu - \nu_s(\gamma)) d\gamma$$

$$\delta(\nu - \nu_{s}(\gamma)) = \frac{\delta(\gamma - \gamma_{0})}{\nu_{s}(\gamma_{0})} = \frac{\delta(\gamma - \gamma_{0})}{2a_{2}\gamma_{0}B} = \frac{\delta(\gamma - \gamma_{0})}{2a_{2}^{1/2}B^{1/2}\nu^{1/2}}$$
$$S_{\nu}^{sync}(\nu) = \frac{a_{1}}{2}a_{2}^{(\alpha - 1)}k B^{\alpha + 1}\nu^{-\alpha} \qquad \alpha = \frac{p - 1}{2}$$

IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE K AND γ WE NEED TO KNOW B

ESTIMATES OF B IN NON-THERMAL SOURCES

EQUIPARTITION OR MINIMUM ENERGY

EQUIPARTITION



EQUIPARTITION FIELD

$$w_{part} = \frac{2S_{\nu}mc^{2}}{c_{1}c_{2}^{(\alpha-1)}}B^{-(\alpha+1)}\nu^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\left(\nu_{\max}^{(2-p)/2} - \nu_{\min}^{(2-p)/2}\right)}{2-p}\right)c_{2}^{(p-2)/2}B^{(p-2)/2}$$

$$\frac{\partial W_{tot}}{\partial B} = V \left(\frac{B}{4\pi} - \frac{3}{2} \xi_v B^{-5/2} \right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad B_{\min} = \left(6\pi \xi_v \right)^{2/7}$$

$$W_B = W_{part} \implies B_{eq} = \left(8\pi\xi_v\right)^{2/7}$$

CAVEATS!!!!

CAVEATS ON EQUIPARTITION

SAME VOLUME AND HOMOGENEITY

$$W_{tot} = V\left(\frac{B^2}{8\pi} + \xi_v B^{-3/2}\right)$$

MIN AND MAX FREQ. NOT KNOWN IN GENERAL

$$\xi_{\nu} = \frac{4S_{\nu}mc^{2}}{c_{1}c_{2}^{3/2}}\nu^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\left(\nu_{\min}^{-(2\alpha-1)/2} - \nu_{\max}^{-(2\alpha-1)/2}\right)}{2\alpha-1}\right)$$

RADIO EMITTING PARTICLES MIGHT NOT CARRY MOST OF THE ENERGY

WHY EQUIPARTITION OR MINIMUM ENERGY?

EQUIPARTITION FIELD IN CRAB



THEY CANNOT BE ENERGETICALLY DOMINANT

BUT...

IN ~SAME B, X-RAYS COME FROM PARTICLES CORRESPONDING TO

$$\Gamma_w \approx 10^6 \qquad k \approx 10^4$$

•SYNCHROTRON SOURCES EVOLVE WITH TIME •X-RAY EMITTING PARTICLES HAVE SHORT SYNCHROTRON LIFETIMES

•MIGHT RADIO EMITTING PARTICLES BE FOSSILE????

1-ZONE EVOLUTIONARY EVERYTHING IS SPATIALLY HOMOGENEOUS BUT TIME-DEPENDENT (Pacini & Salvati 73): CHANGING PULSAR INPUT, SYNCHROTRON AND ADIABATIC

LOSSES OF PARTICLES AND FIELD ARE INCLUDED

INJECTION SPECTRUM PER UNIT TIME AND ENERGY INTERVAL:

$$J(E,t) = k(t) E^{-\gamma}$$

$$\mathsf{K}(\mathsf{t}) \leftarrow \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} J(E, t) \ E \ dE = \eta_p L(t)$$

CONSERVATION OF PARTICLE NUMBER

$$dN(E,t) dE = J(E_i,t_i) dt_i dE_i$$

$$N(E,t) = \int_{E}^{E_{\text{max}}} J[E_{i};t_{i}(E_{i},E,t)] \frac{\partial t_{i}}{\partial E} dE_{i}$$

RELATION NEEDED BETWEEN E, E_i , t_i

SINGLE PARTICLE EVOLUTION

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -c_1 B^2(t) E^2 - \frac{E}{3} \frac{1}{V(t)} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

SYNCHROTRON AND ADIABATIC LOSSES

$$\frac{1}{EV^{1/3}(t)} - \frac{1}{E_i V^{1/3}(t_i)} = \int_{t_i}^t c_1 B^2(t') V^{-1/3}(t') dt'$$

CONTAINS SEEKED RELATION BETWEEN E, E_i, t_i

$$\frac{\partial t_i}{\partial E} = \frac{E_i}{E^2} \left(\frac{d \log V_i^{1/3}}{d t_i} \right)^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{E_i}{E_b(t_i)} \right)^{-1}$$

$$E_{b}(t) = \left(c_{1}B^{2}(t)\frac{d\log V^{1/3}}{dt}\right)^{-1}$$

BREAK ENERGY: SYNCHROTROM AND ADIABATIC LOSSES EQUAL

MAGNETIC FIELD EVOLUTION



MAGNETIC FIELD EVOLUTION



•EXPANSION WITH CONSTANT VELOCITY •DECAYING ENERGY SUPPLY: t>> τ $B(t) = \left(\frac{6\eta_B L_0 \tau^2}{(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)v^3}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{t^2}$

$$BACK TO THE PARTICLES$$

$$R(t) = vt$$

$$\frac{1}{EV^{1/3}(t)} - \frac{1}{E_i V^{1/3}(t_i)} = \int_{t_i}^t c_1 B^2(t') V^{-1/3}(t') dt'$$

$$B(t) = \frac{B_0}{t^a}$$

$$\frac{1}{Et} - \frac{1}{E_i t_i} = \frac{c_1}{2a} \left(B^2(t_i) - B^2(t) \right)$$





•BREAK WAS ONCE AT VERY LOW ENERGY •INITIAL RADIO PARTICLES CANNOT

LOW ENERGY LIMIT

$$t_{i} = \frac{Et}{2E_{i}} \left\{ 1 + \left[1 + 4 \frac{E_{i}^{2}}{EE_{b}(t)} \left(1 + \frac{E}{2E_{b}(t)} \right) \right]^{1/2} \right\} \left(1 + \frac{E}{2E_{b}(t)} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial t_i}{\partial E} = \frac{E_i t_i}{E^2} \left(1 + \frac{E_i}{E_b(t_i)} \right)^{-1} = \frac{E_i}{E^2 t_i} \left(1 + \frac{E_i t}{E_b(t) t_i} \right)^{-1} \qquad \qquad E_b(t) = \frac{1}{c_1 B^2(t) t} \propto t$$

$$E << E_{b} \text{ OR } E_{B} \rightarrow \infty: \text{ADIABATIC LOSSES}$$

$$ONLY \qquad t_{i} = \frac{Et}{E_{i}} \qquad \frac{\partial t_{i}}{\partial E} = \frac{E_{i}t_{i}}{E^{2}} = \frac{t}{E}$$

$$N(E,t) = \int_{E}^{E_{\text{max}}} J[E_{i};t_{i}(E_{i},E,t)] \frac{\partial t_{i}}{\partial E} dE_{i} \qquad J(E,t) = k(t) E^{-\gamma}$$

$$N(E,t) = k \frac{t}{E} \int_{E}^{E_{\text{max}}} E_{i}^{-\gamma} dE_{i} \approx kt E^{-\gamma}$$

$$N(E,t) \approx ktE_b E^{-\gamma-1}$$

SPECTRUM STEEPENS BY -1 RADIATION SPECTRUM BY -1/2

SYNCHROTRON BREAK

$$S_{\nu}^{sync}(\nu) = \frac{a_1}{2} a_2^{(\alpha-1)} k B^{\alpha+1} \nu^{-\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{p-1}{2}$$

PARTICLE SPECTRUM

$$N(E,t) \approx kt E^{-\gamma} \quad E < E_b$$
$$N(E,t) \approx kt E_b E^{-\gamma-1} \quad E > E_b$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_b &\approx c_2 B E_b^2 = c_2 B \left(\frac{1}{c_1 B^2 t} \right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \quad v_b &= \frac{c_2}{c_1^2} \frac{1}{B^3 t^2} \end{aligned}$$

RADIATION SPECTRUM $S_{\nu}(\nu,t) \propto \nu^{-(\gamma-1)/2} \quad \nu < \nu_b$

$$S_{\nu}(\nu,t) \propto \nu^{-\gamma/2} \quad \nu > \nu_b$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{a_1}{(mc^2)^2} = \frac{\sigma_T c}{9\pi (mc^2)^2} \\ c_2 = \frac{a_2}{(mc^2)^2} = 0.29 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{3}{2} \frac{ec}{2\pi (mc^2)^3} \end{cases}$$

MAGNETIC FIELD IN A SOURCE OF KNOWN AGE

$$B = \left(\frac{c_2}{c_1^2} \frac{1}{t^2 v_b}\right)^{1/3} = 8 \times 10^{-5} G t^{-2/3} [kyr] v_b^{-1/3} [GHz]$$

THE CRAB NEBULA



ADD ICS

$$P_{v}^{sync}(\gamma) = P_{tot}^{sync}(\gamma)\delta(v - v_{s}(\gamma)) = a_{1}\gamma^{2}B^{2}\delta(v - v_{s}(\gamma))$$
$$v_{s}(\gamma) = a_{2}\gamma^{2}B$$

$$\alpha = \frac{p-1}{2} \qquad S_{\nu}^{sync}(\nu) = \frac{a_1}{2} a_2^{(\alpha-1)} k B^{\alpha+1} \nu^{-\alpha}$$

$$P_{v}^{ICS}(\gamma) = P_{tot}^{ICS}(\gamma)\delta(v - v_{c}(\gamma)) = 8\pi a_{1}\gamma^{2}U_{rad}\delta(v - v_{c}(\gamma))$$
$$v_{c}(\gamma) = 3\gamma^{2}v_{T}$$
$$S_{v}^{ICS}(v) = 4\pi a_{1}(3v_{T})^{(\alpha-1)}U_{rad}k v^{-\alpha}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = \frac{\sigma_T c}{9\pi} \\ a_2 = 0.29 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{3}{2} \frac{e}{2\pi m c} \end{cases}$$



THE CRAB NEBULA AGAIN



1-ZONE MODELS FOR THE PWN EVOLUTION

 $\dot{N}(E,t) = C_o(t)(E/\epsilon_c)^{-\gamma_1} \text{for } \epsilon_c < E < \epsilon_v$ $\dot{N}(E,t) = C_o(t)(E/\epsilon_c)^{-\gamma_2} \text{for } \epsilon_m < E < \epsilon_c$

$$\eta_e L(t) = \int_{\epsilon_m}^{\epsilon_v} \dot{N}(E, t) E dE$$
$$\dot{N}(t) = \int_{\epsilon_m}^{\epsilon_v} \dot{N}(E, t) dE$$



INFERRED MULTIPLICITIES

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GETTING CLOSE TO MAXIMUM AVAILABLE POTENTIAL DROP



THE BIG ONE!

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LOSS-LIMITED ACCELERATION

$$t_{loss} = \frac{E}{\left(\frac{dE}{dt}\right)_{sync}} = \frac{6\pi}{\sigma_T} \frac{mc}{B^2 \gamma}$$

$$t_{acc} = \frac{E}{\left(\frac{dE}{dt}\right)_{acc}} \ge \frac{m\gamma c^2}{e\left|\vec{E}\right|c} = \frac{m\gamma c}{feB} \qquad f \le 1$$

$$t_{acc} = \eta \frac{D_B}{u^2} = \eta \frac{cr_L}{c^2} = \eta \frac{m\gamma c}{eB} \quad \eta \ge 1$$

$$t_{acc} \le t_{loss} \implies \gamma_{max} = \sqrt{f \frac{6\pi e}{B\sigma_T}} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{10} \frac{\sqrt{f}}{\sqrt{B[100\,\mu G]}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\max} = \frac{3h}{2} \frac{eB}{2\pi mc} \gamma_{\max}^2 = f \frac{9h}{2} \frac{e^2}{mc\sigma_T} \approx 230 f MeV$$

NOTE: ALREADY FERMI STEADY IS CHALLENGING!!!! EXOTIC ACCELERATION PHYSICS?

WHAT CAN HELP....

•E-FIELDS LARGER THAN B-FIELD (LIKE IN RECONNECTION LAYERS) •RELATIVISTIC BOOSTING: HELPS WITH CUT-OFF FREQUENCY AND TIME-SCALES

MORE TOMORROW....

•MHD MODELING •PARTICLE ACCELERATION MECHANISMS •SOURCES OF VARIABILITY IN PWNE AND THEIR TIME-SCALES