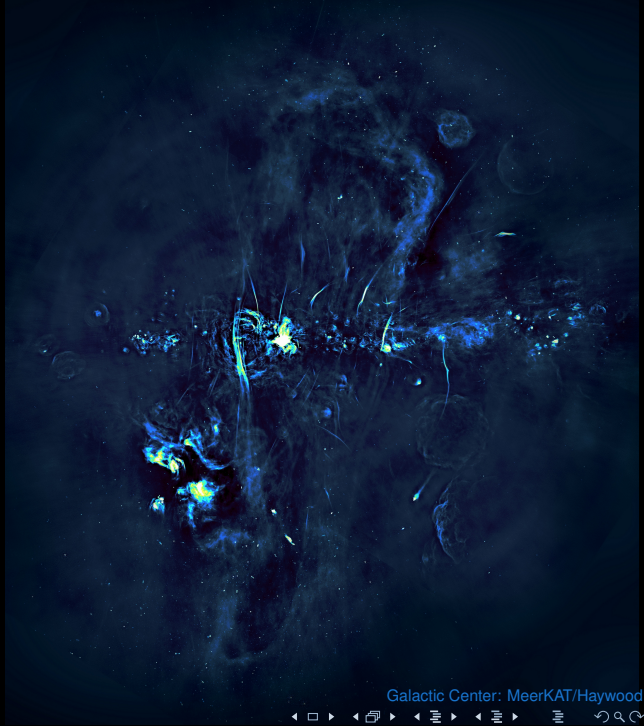
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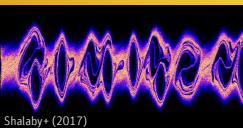
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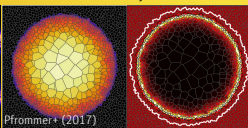
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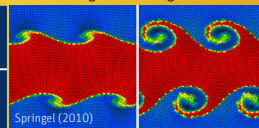
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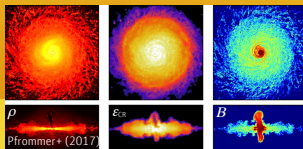


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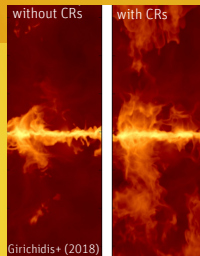


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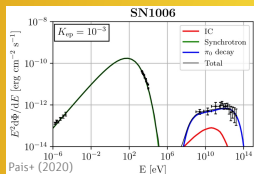
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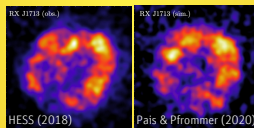
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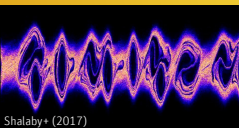
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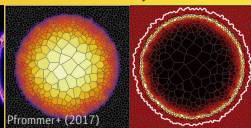
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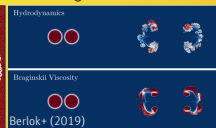
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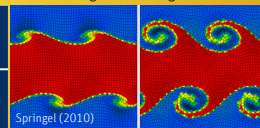
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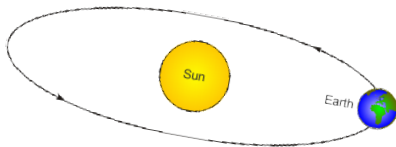


# Cosmic ray transport: an extreme multi-scale problem



Milky Way-like galaxy:

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gyro-orbit of GeV CR:

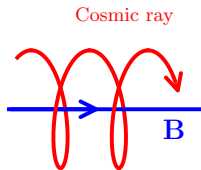
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⇒ need to develop a **fluid theory for a collisionless, non-Maxwellian component!**

Zweibel (2017), Jiang & Oh (2018), Thomas & CP (2019)



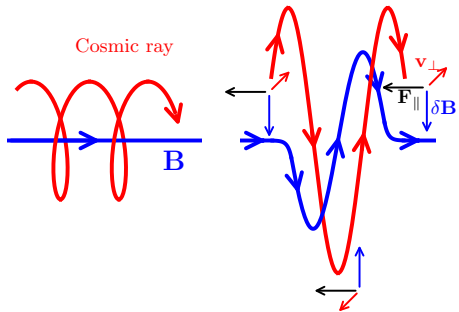
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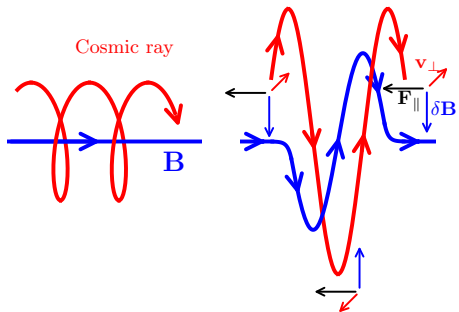


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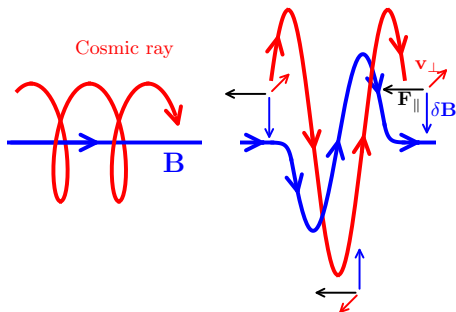
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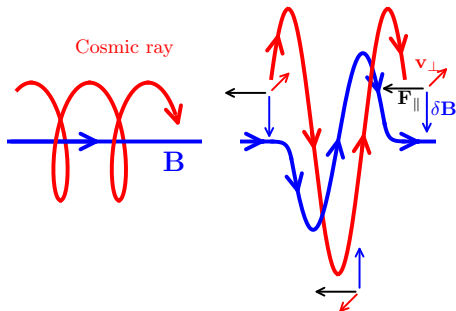
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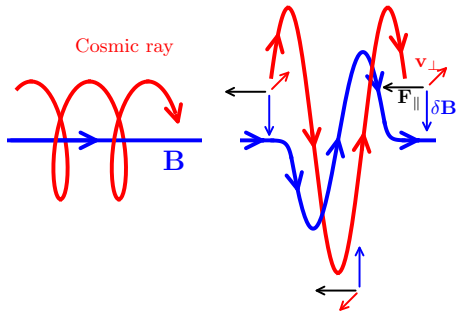


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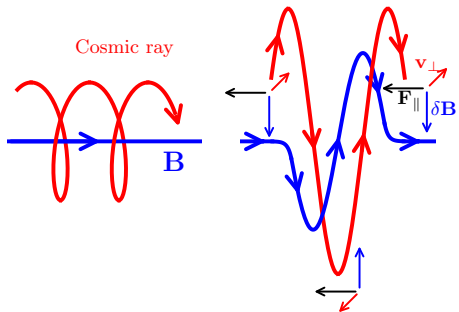
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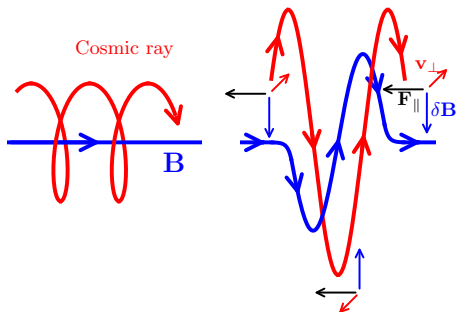
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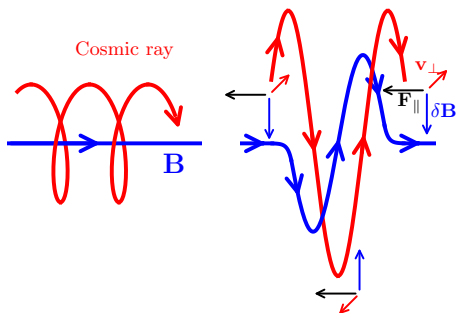
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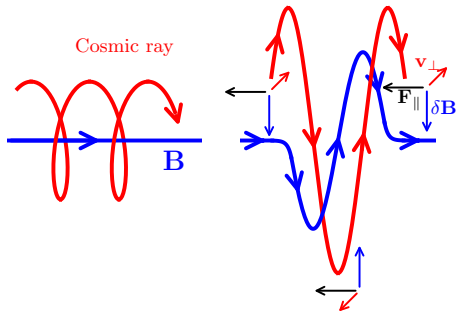


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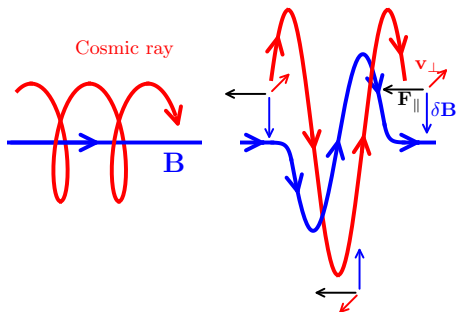
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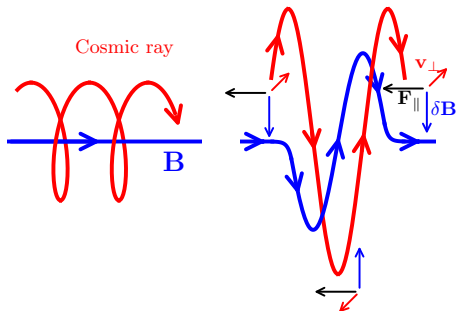


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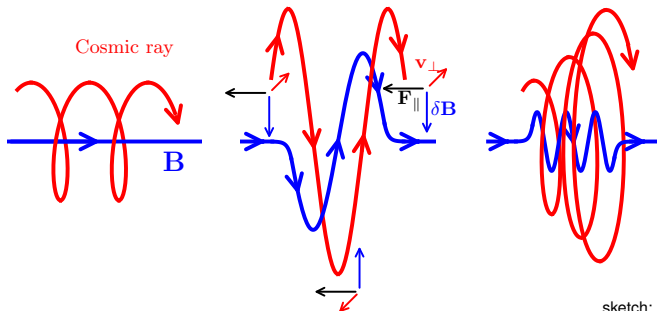
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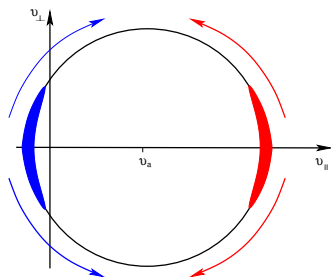
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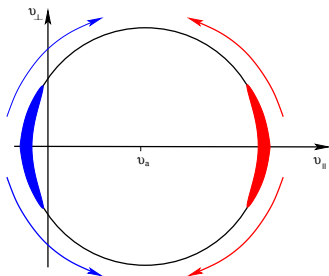


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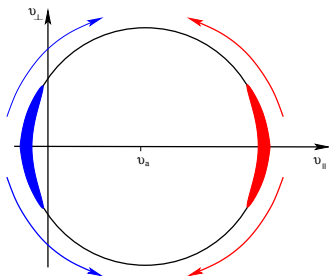
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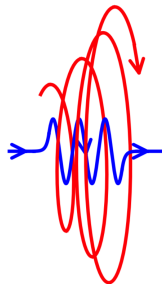


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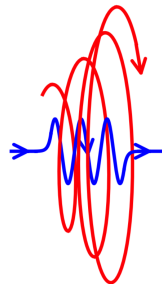
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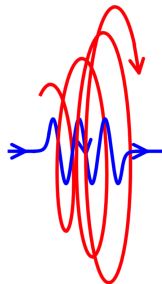
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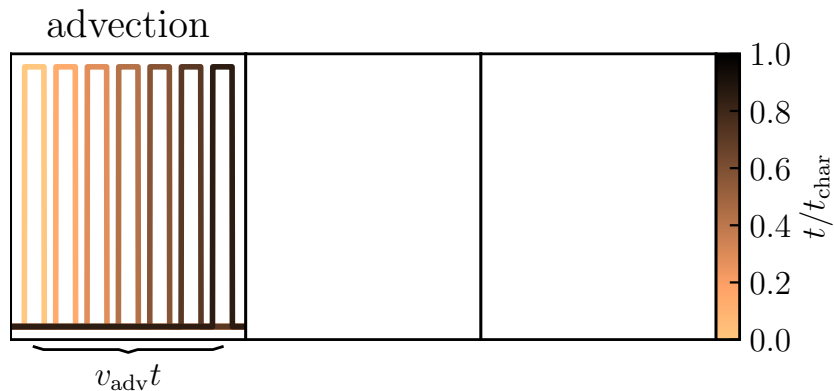


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**weak wave damping:** strong coupling → CR stream with waves

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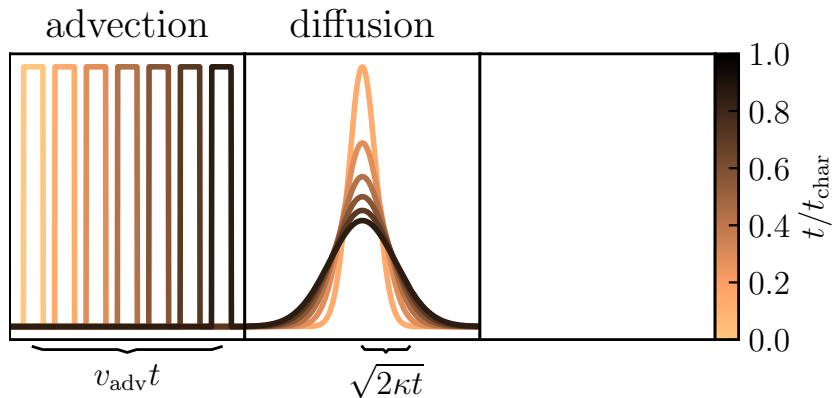
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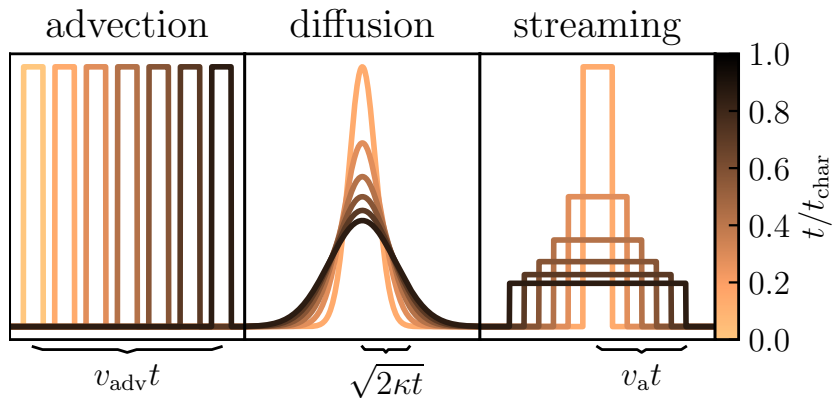
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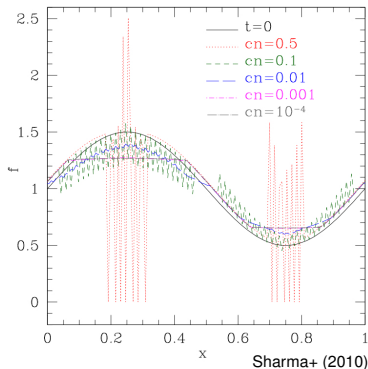
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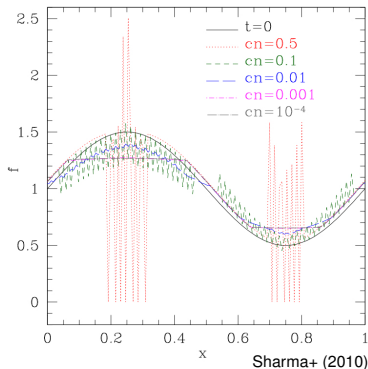
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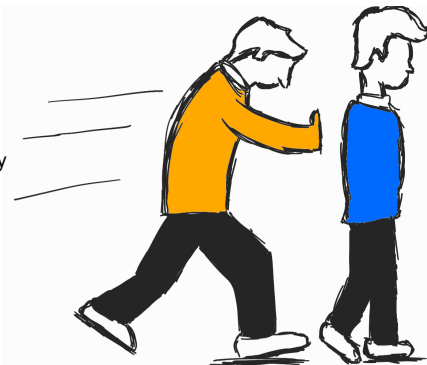
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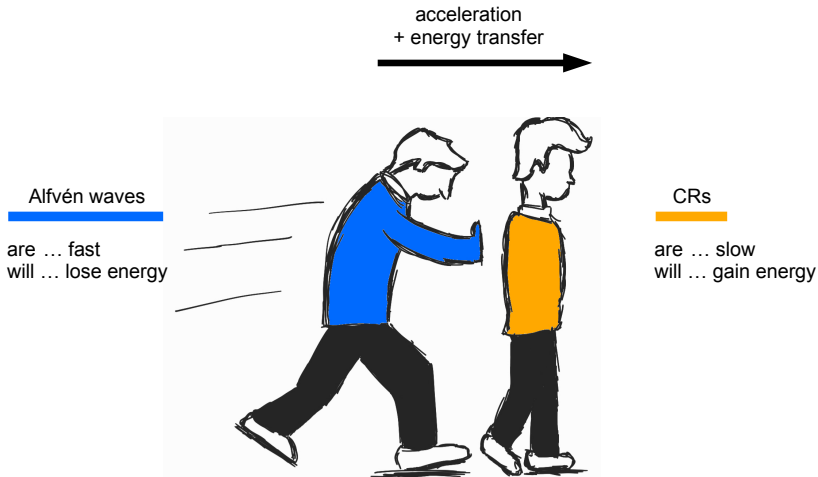


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- **solution:** transform in comoving frame and project out gyrokinetics!



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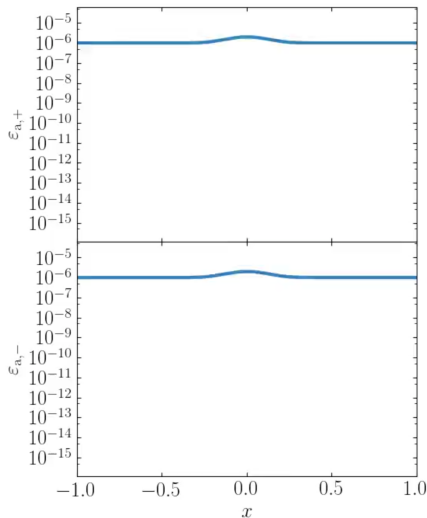
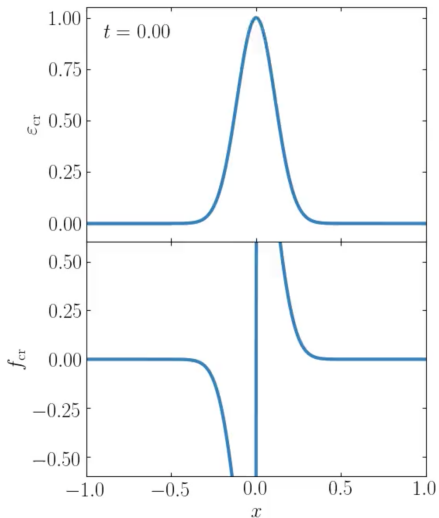
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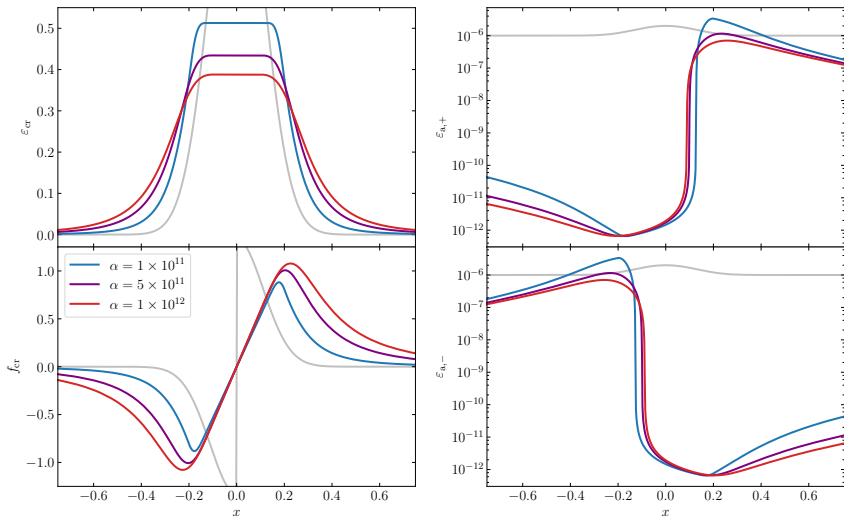


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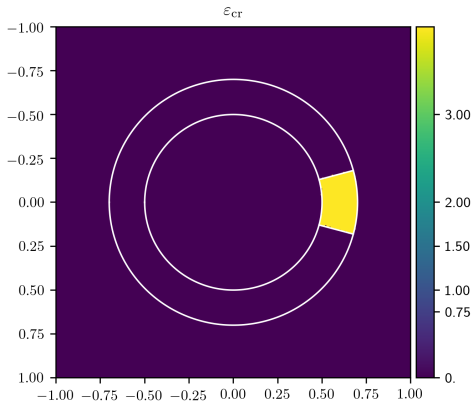
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# Anisotropic CR streaming and diffusion – AREPO

CR transport mediated by Alfvén waves and coupled to magneto-hydrodynamics

- CR streaming and diffusion along magnetic field lines in the self-confinement picture
- moment expansion similar to radiation hydrodynamics
- accounts for kinetic physics: non-linear Landau damping, gyro-resonant instability, ...
- Galilean invariant and causal transport
- energy and momentum conserving

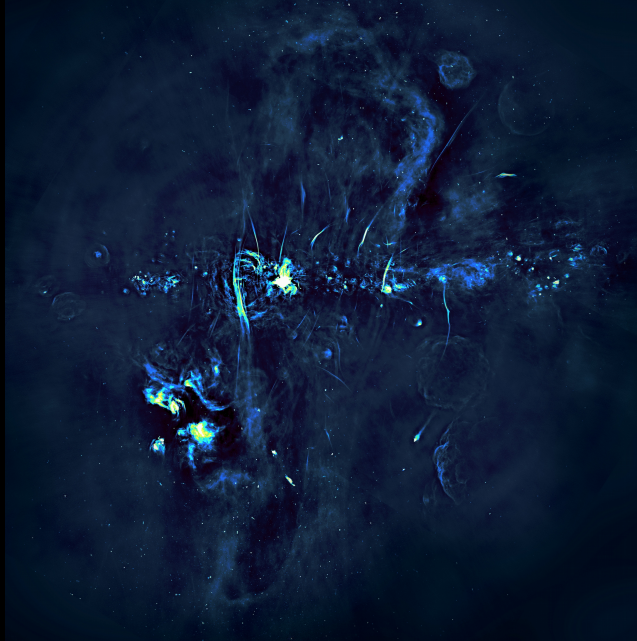


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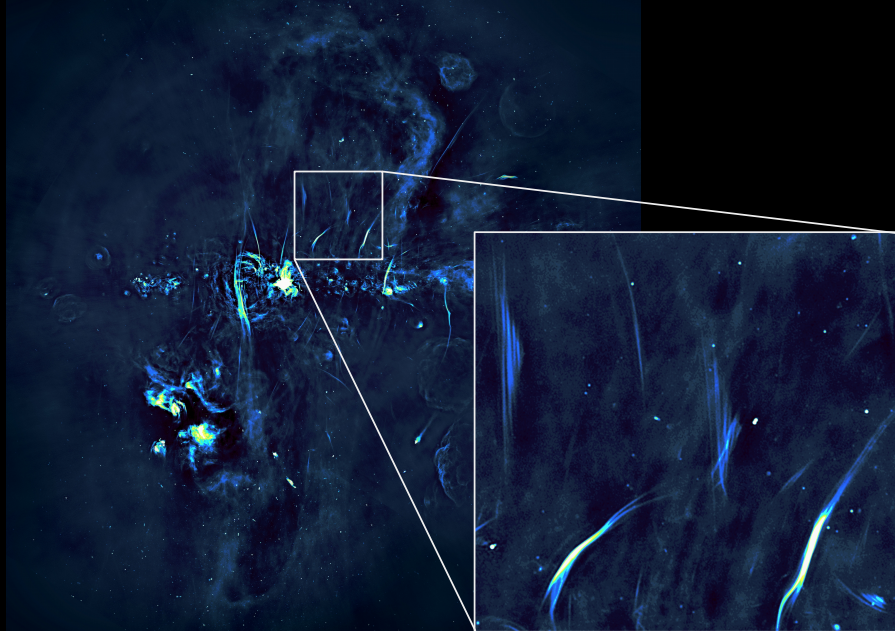
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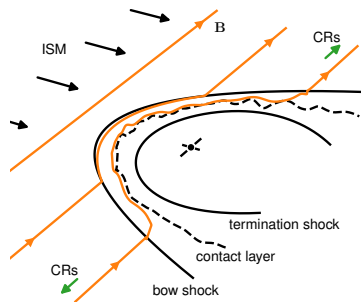
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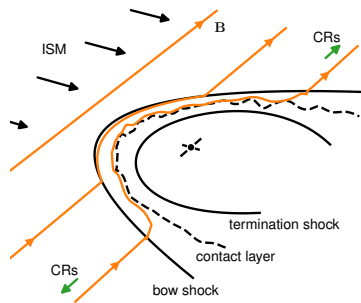
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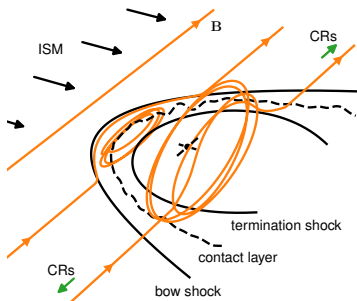
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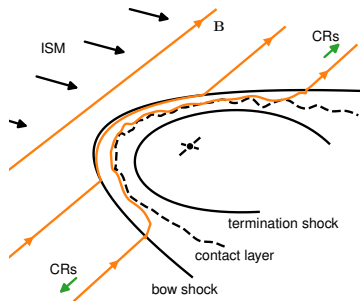
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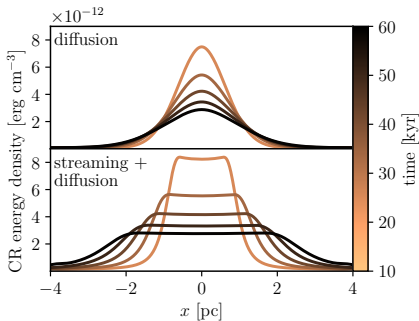
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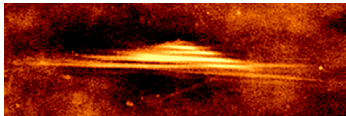
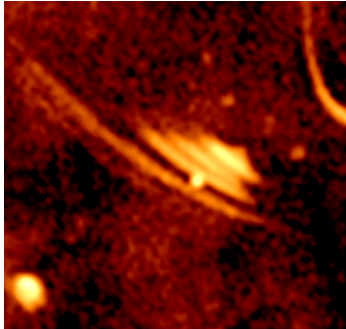


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CR diffusion vs. streaming + diffusion



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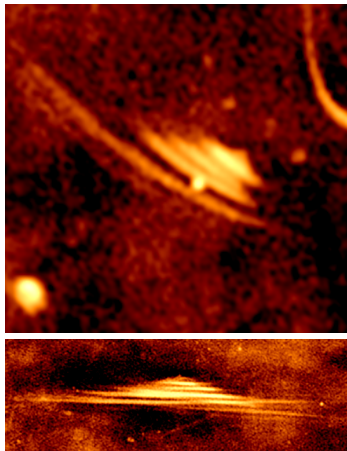


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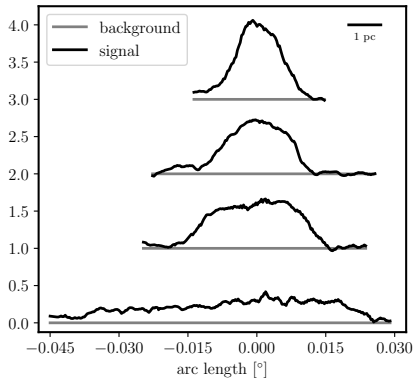
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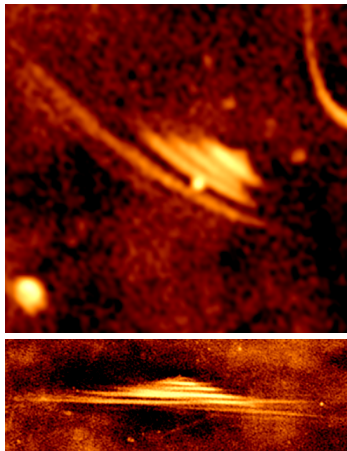
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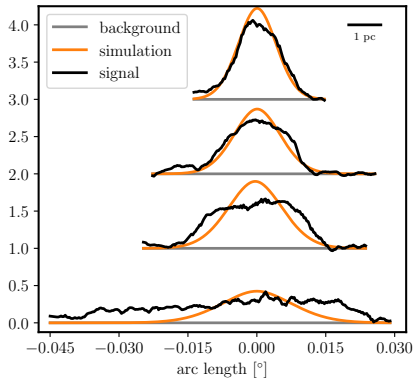
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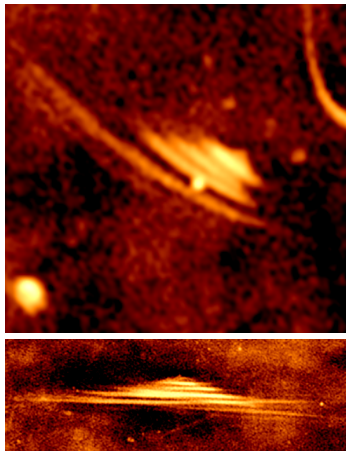
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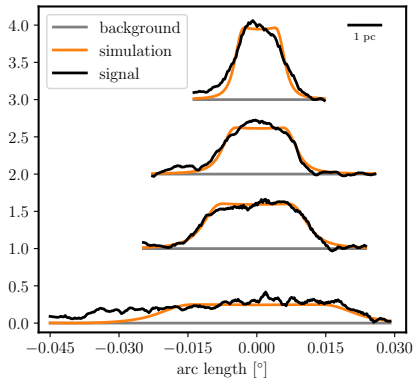
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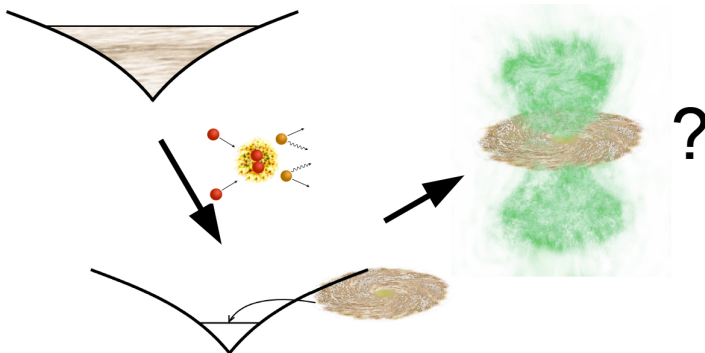
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# 1. Galaxy simulations with cosmic ray feedback



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*Cosmic ray-driven galactic winds: transport modes of cosmic rays and Alfvén-wave dark regions*

**MHD + Alfvén wave regulated (2-moment) CR hydrodynamics:**  
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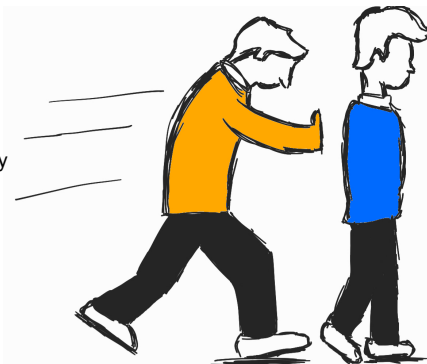
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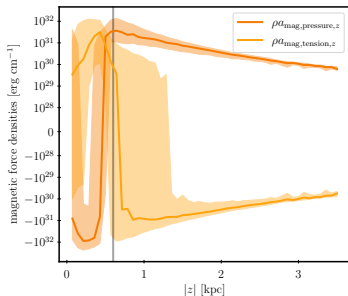
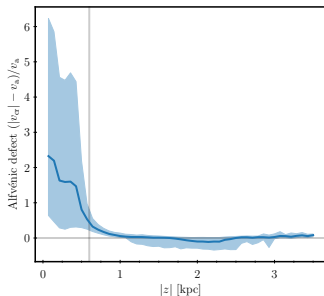
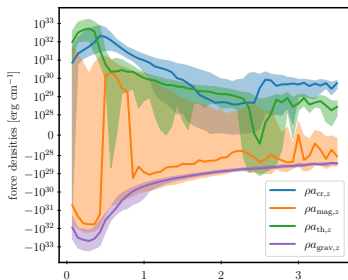
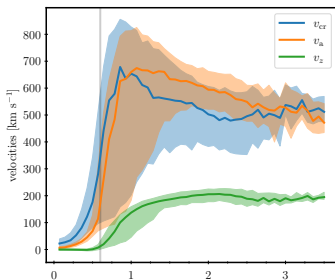
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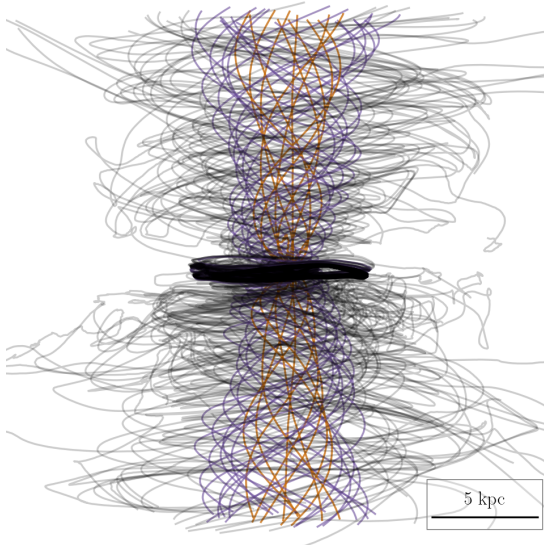


# Wind launching



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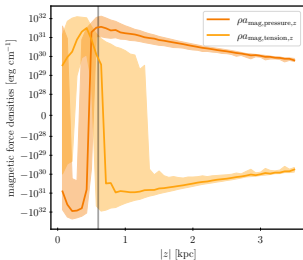
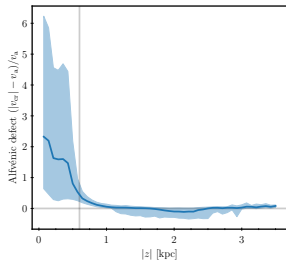
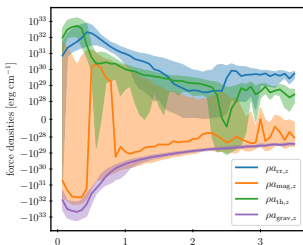
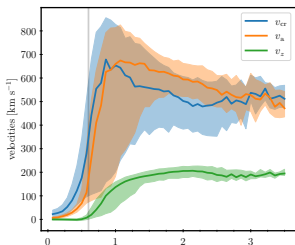


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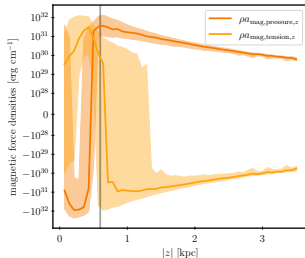
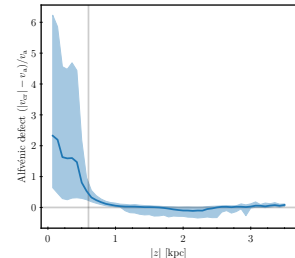
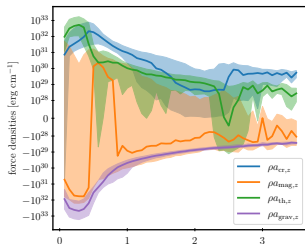
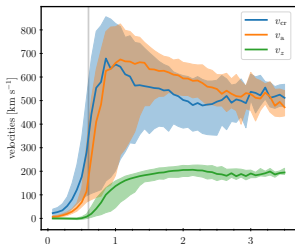


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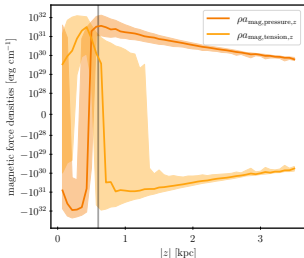
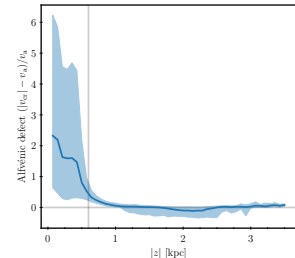
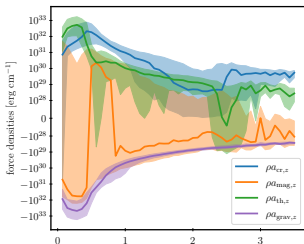
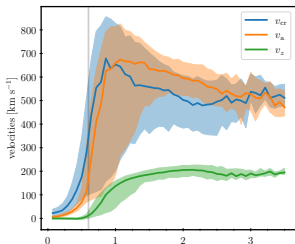
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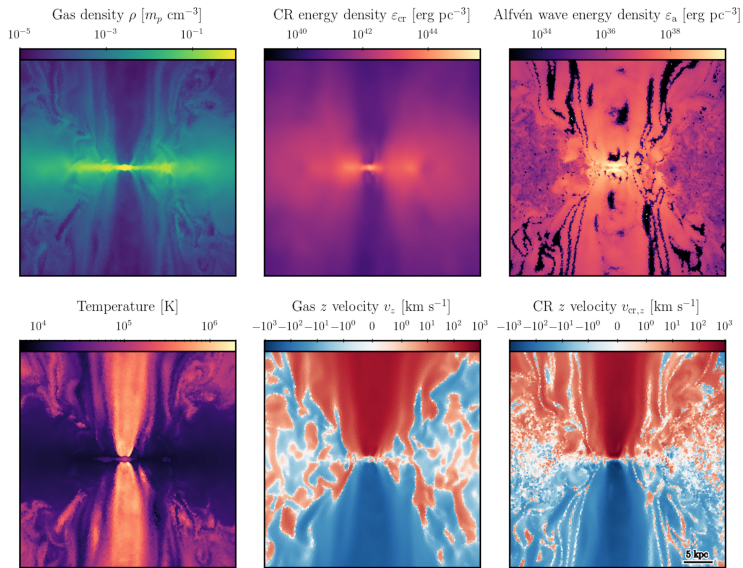
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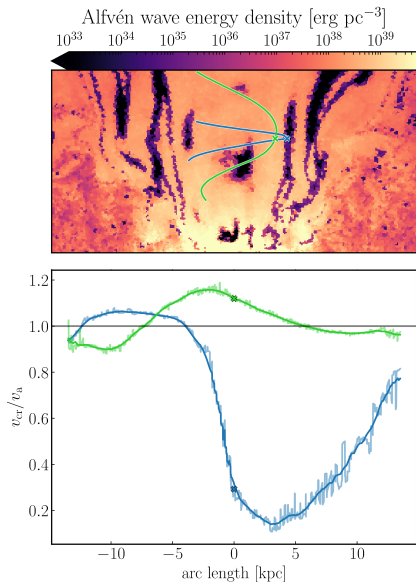
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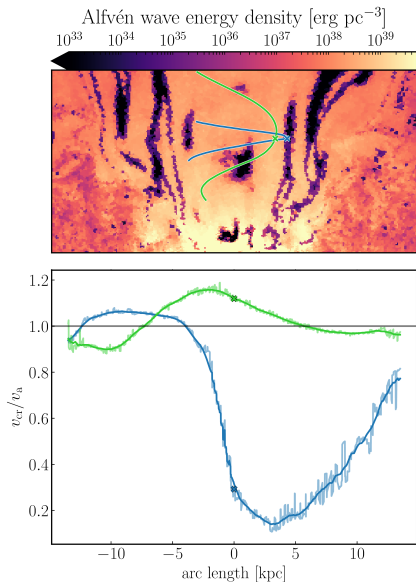


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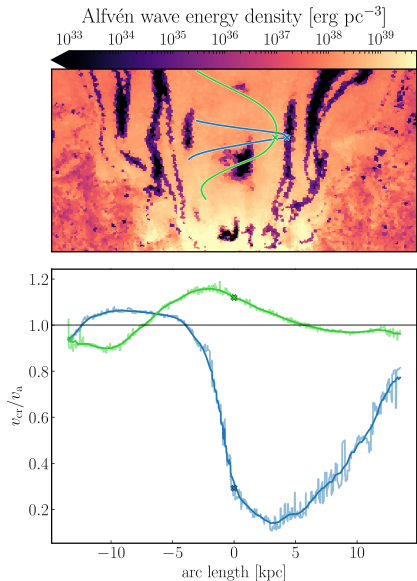


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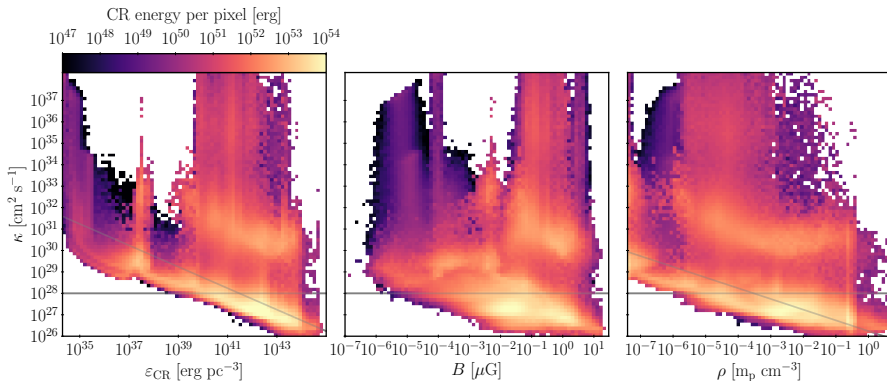


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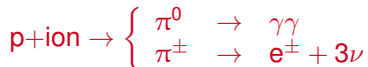
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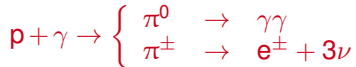
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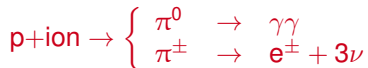


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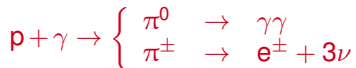
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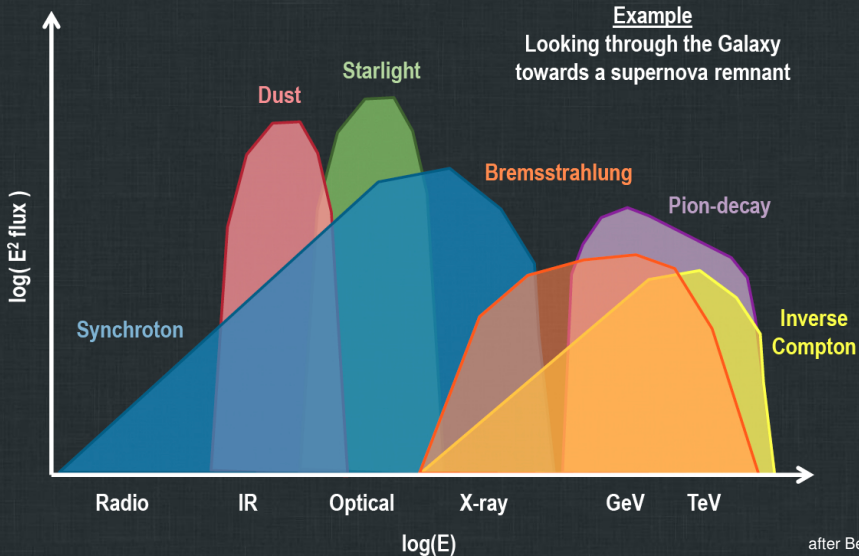


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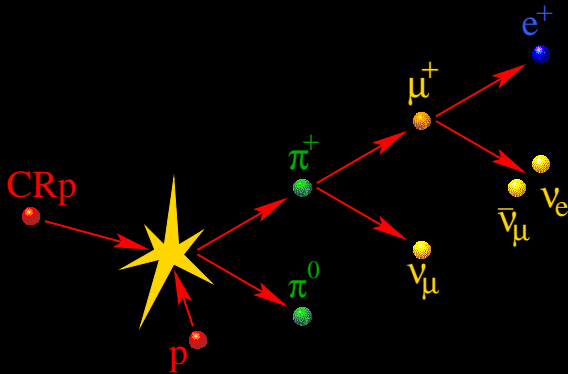
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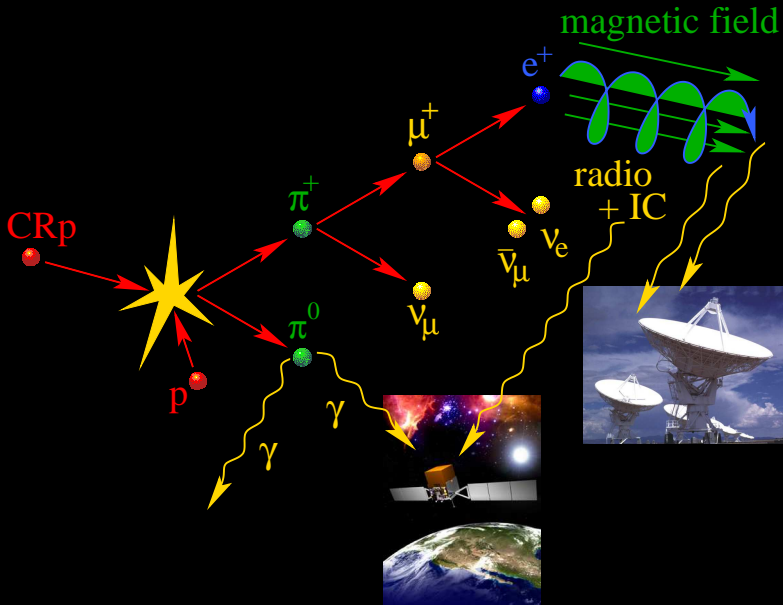




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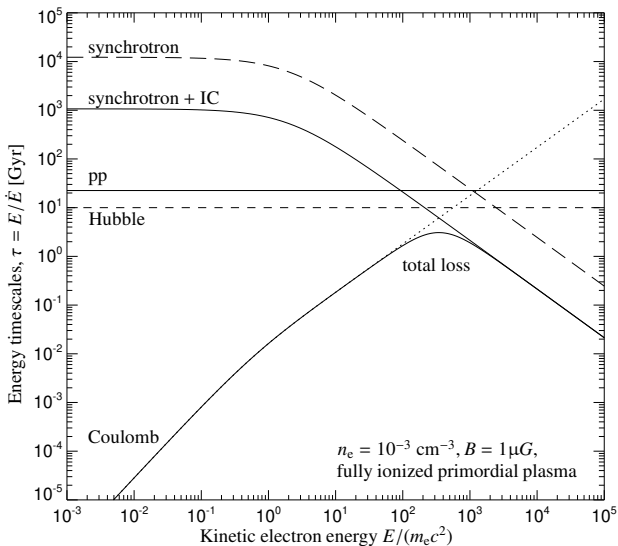
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## ***CRs are accelerated by astrophysical shocks of ...***

- supernovae and stellar winds in the interstellar medium
- pulsar wind nebulae
- jets in active galactic nuclei
- galactic superwinds
- cosmological structure formation shocks



# Cooling time scales of CR electrons



Pfrommer+ (2008)

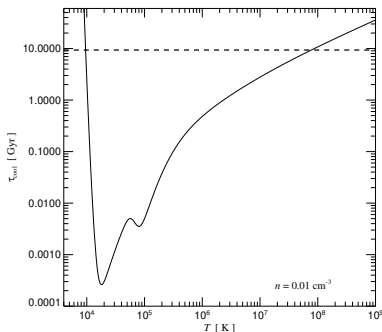


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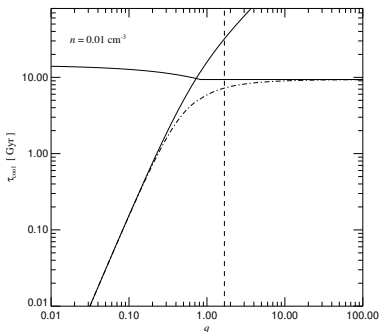


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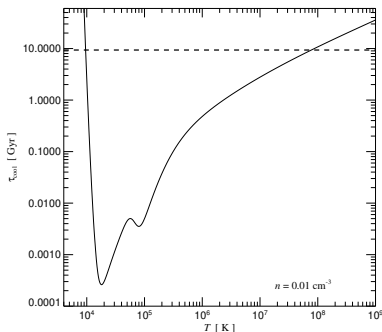
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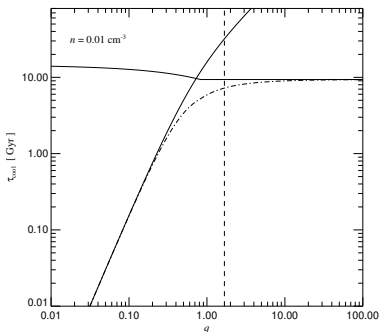
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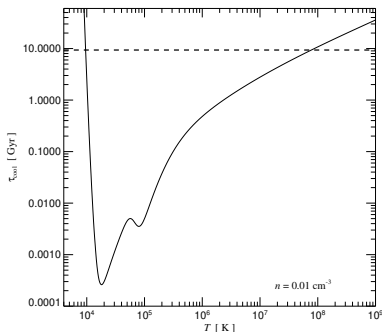
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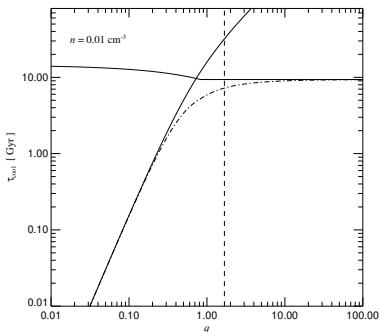


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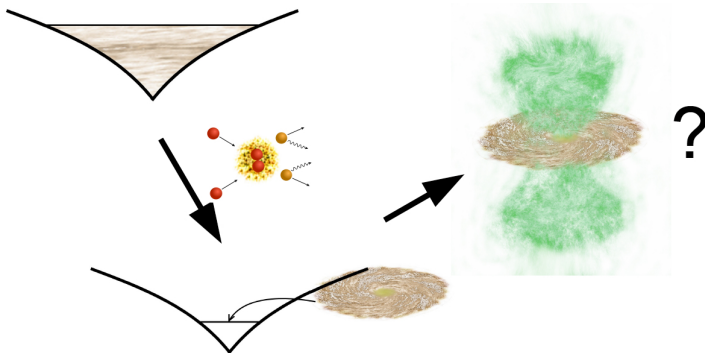
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  - ⇒ CR pressure gradient accelerates gas and drives galactic winds
  - ⇒ CRs excite Alfvén waves that dissipate energy and heat gas in galaxies & galaxy clusters

## 2. Galaxy simulations: CRs and non-thermal emission



Werhahn, CP+ (2021a, b, c)

*Cosmic rays and non-thermal emission in simulated galaxies*

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(van der Kruit 1971, Condon 1992, Yun+ 2001, Bell 2003)

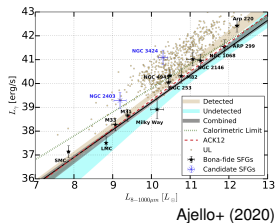
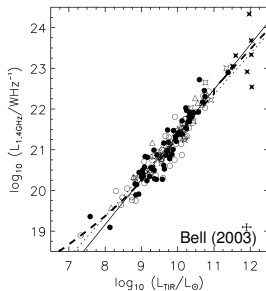
- **local FIR-radio correlation**

(M31: Hoernes+ 1998, M33: Hippelein+ 2003, LMC: Hughes+ 2006)

- **global FIR-gamma-ray correlation**

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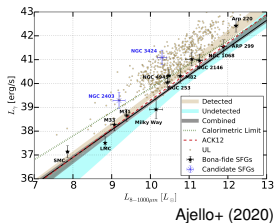
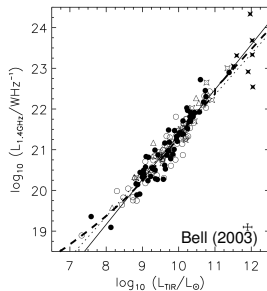
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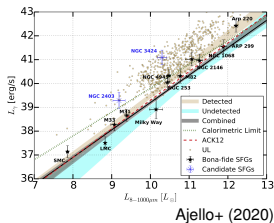
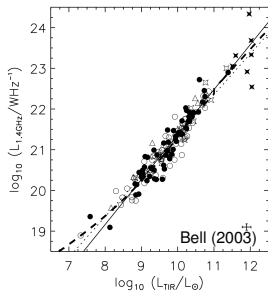
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- **model cosmic rays:** protons, primary and secondary electrons
- **model all radiative processes** from radio to gamma rays
- **gamma rays:** understand pion decay and leptonic inverse Compton emission
- **radio:** understand magnetic dynamo, primary and secondary electrons



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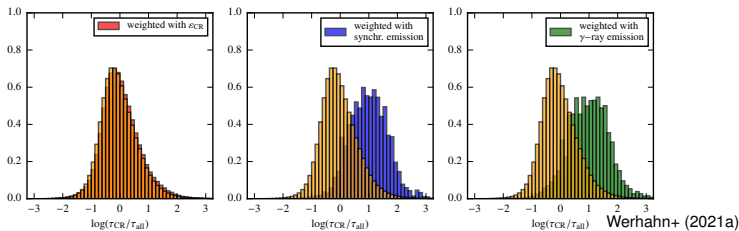


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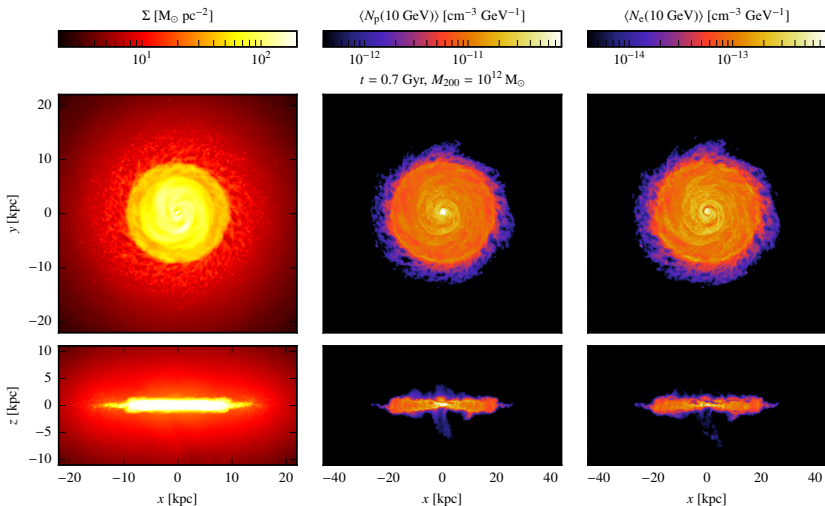
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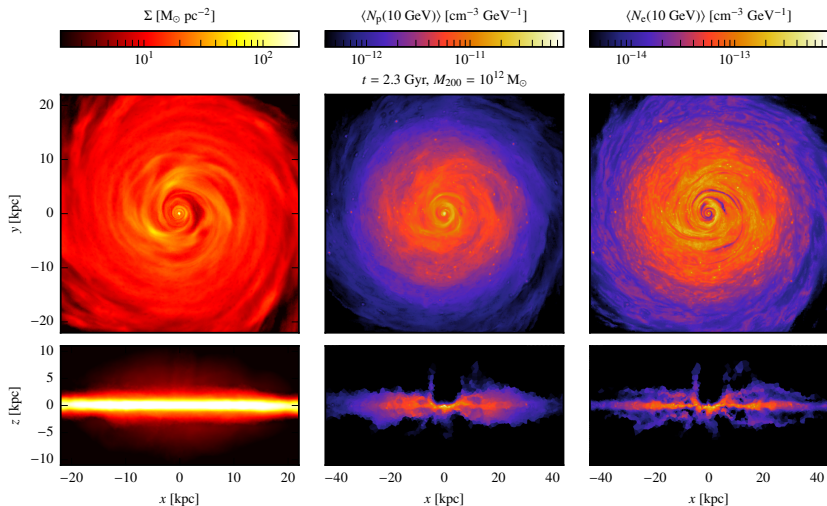


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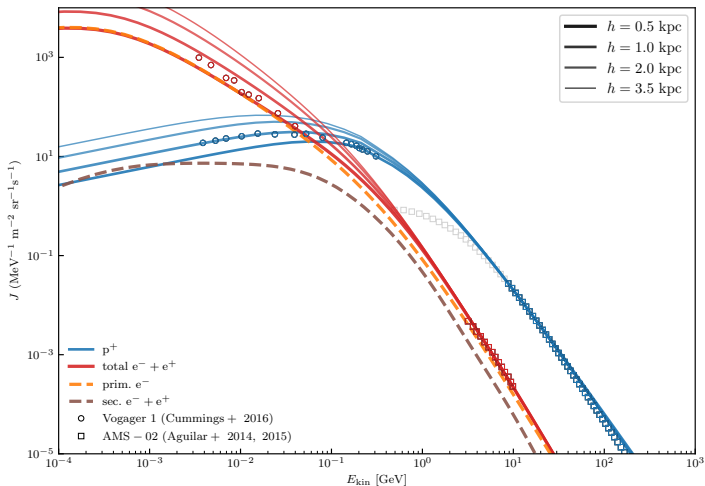


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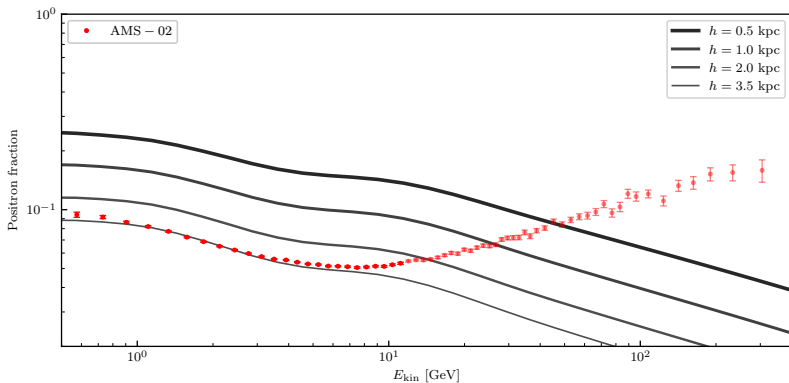
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# Comparing CR spectra to Voyager and AMS-02 data



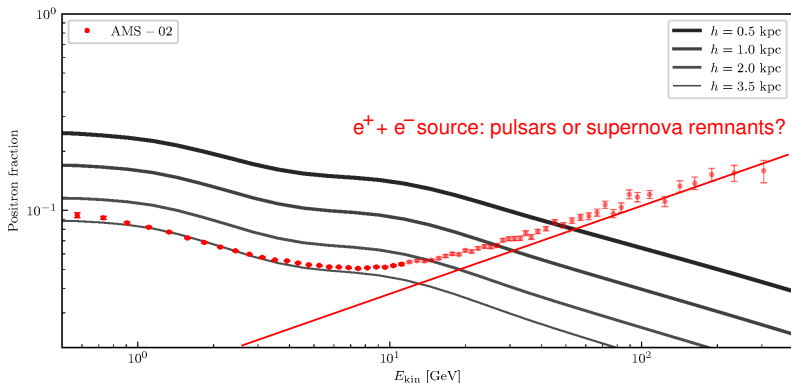
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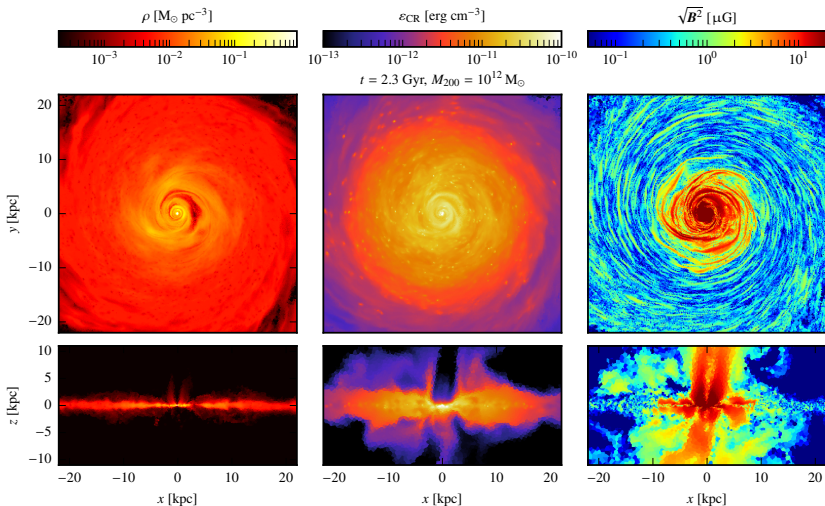
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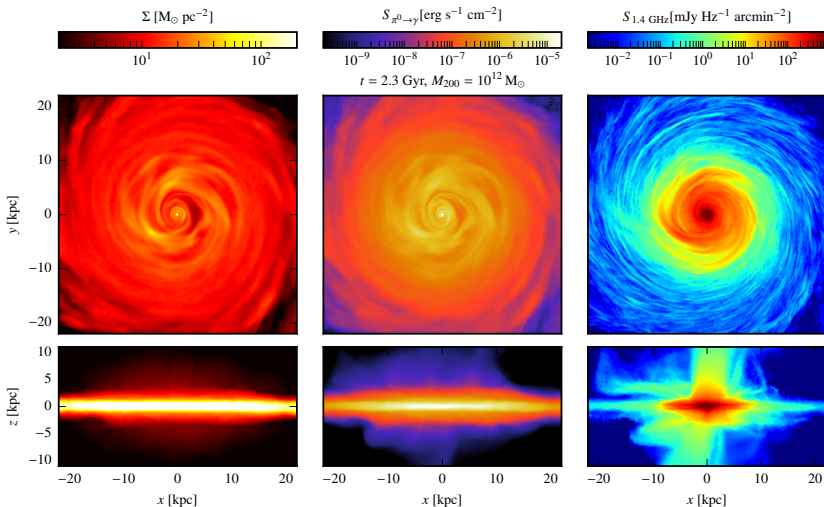


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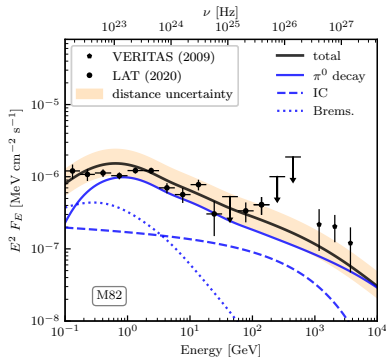
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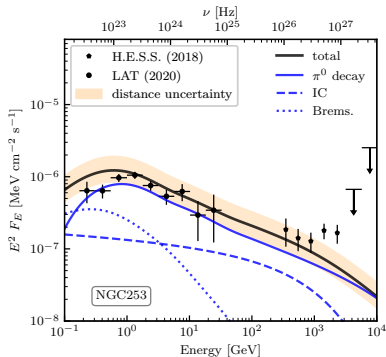
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# Gamma-ray spectra of starburst galaxies

## Messier 82



## NGC 253



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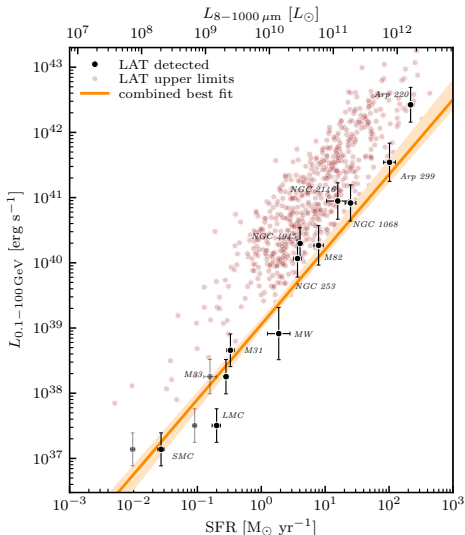
- gamma-ray spectra in starbursts **dominated by pion decay**
- CR protons propagate in **Kolmogorov turbulence**:  $\kappa \propto E^{0.3}$



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# Far infra-red – gamma-ray correlation

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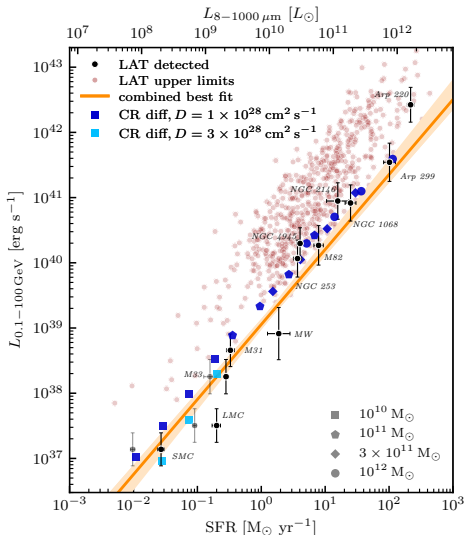
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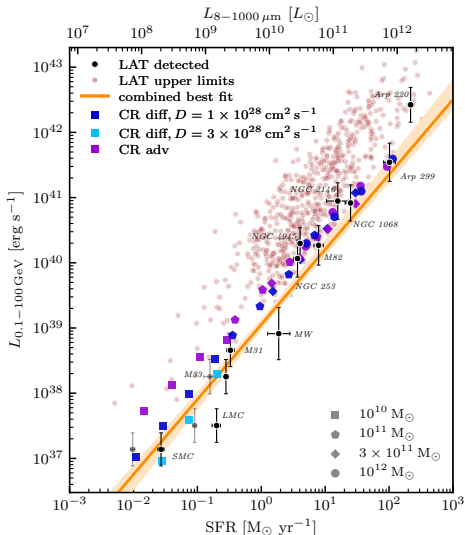
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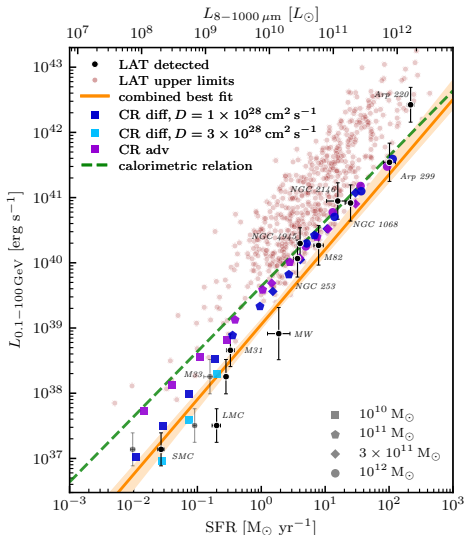
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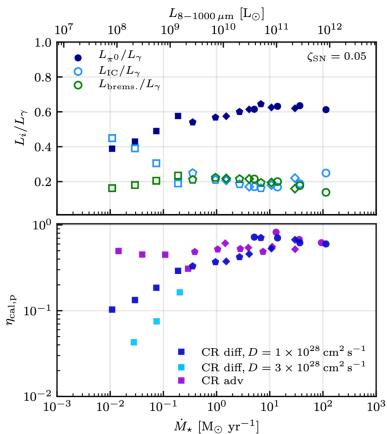
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Hadronic vs. leptonic emission and calorimetric fraction across galaxy scales

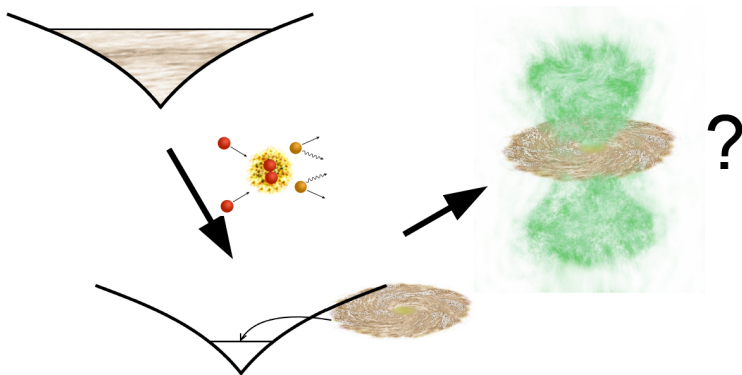


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- pion decay dominates gamma-ray emission in starbursts
- leptonic component (primarily inverse Compton) dominates at low star formation rates
- calorimetric energy fraction in starbursts  $\eta_{\text{cal,p}} \approx 0.5$ : half of the energy available for CR feedback
- faster CR diffusion decreases calorimetric fraction at low star formation rates



### 3. Galaxy simulations: CRs and non-thermal emission

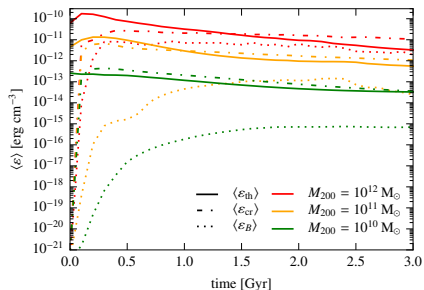
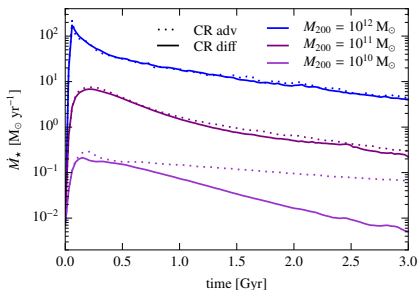


CP, Werhahn, Pakmor, Girichidis, Simpson (2022)

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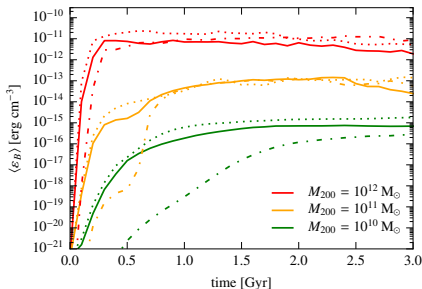
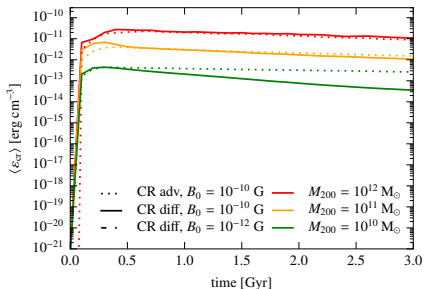
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- CR pressure feedback suppresses star formation rate (SFR) more in smaller galaxies
- energy budget in disks is dominated by CR pressure
- magnetic growth faster in Milky Way galaxies than in dwarfs



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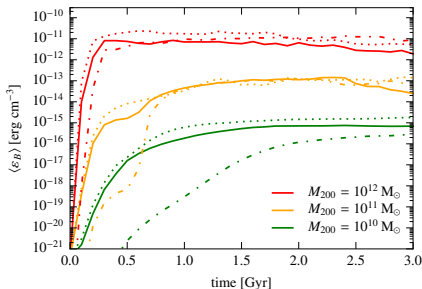
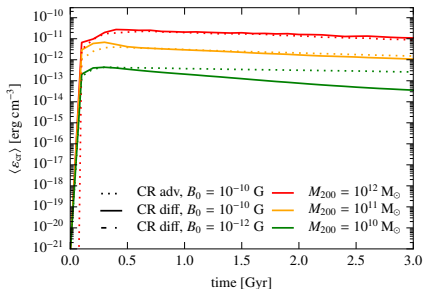
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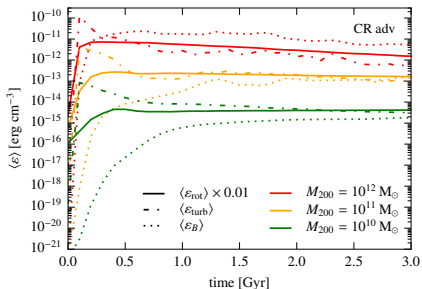
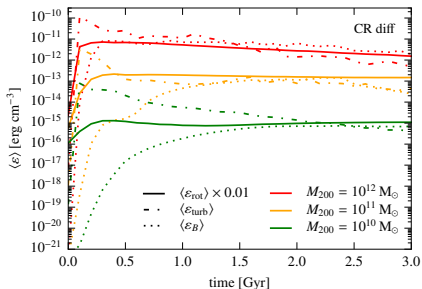
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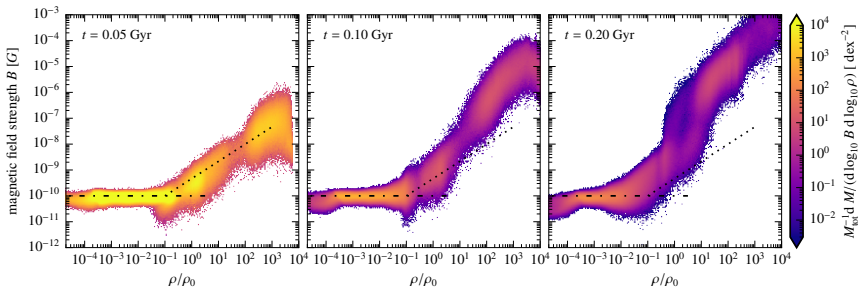


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- magnetic energy saturates at the turbulent energy,  $\varepsilon_B \sim \varepsilon_{\text{turb}} = \rho \delta v^2 / 2$  (averaged over the disk)
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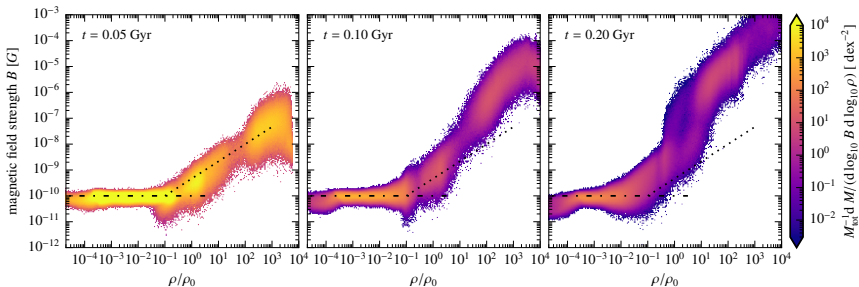
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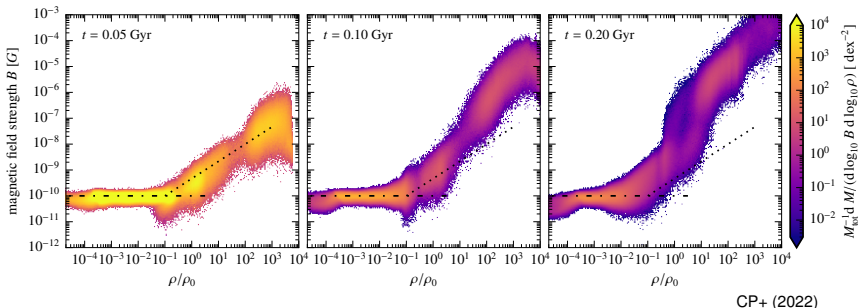
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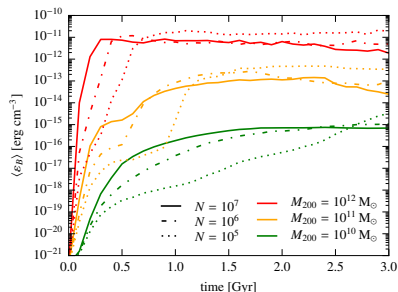
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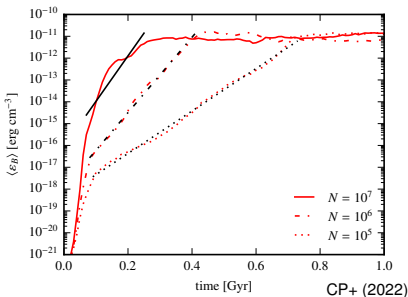
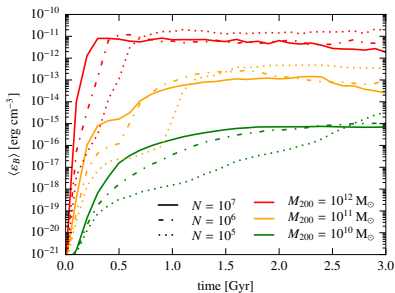
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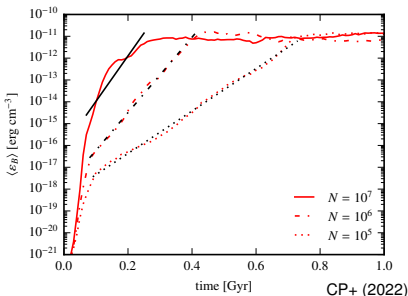
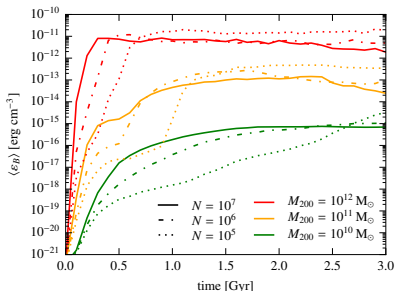
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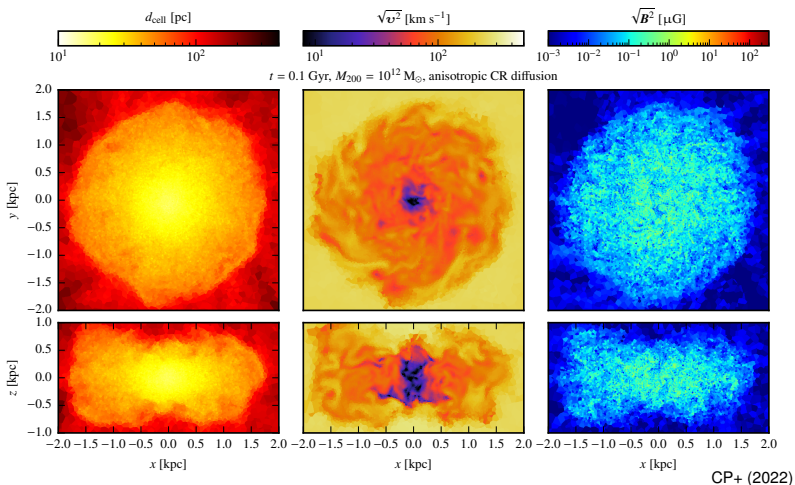
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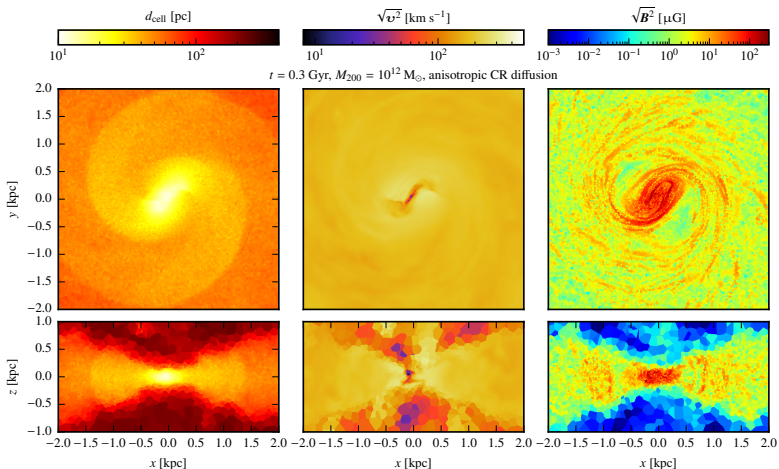
- **corrugated accretion shock** dissipates kinetic energy from gravitational infall, injects vorticity that decays into turbulence, and drives a small-scale dynamo



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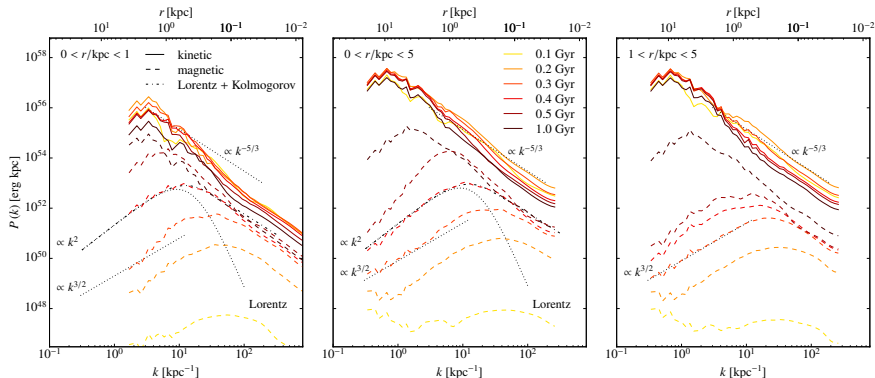
- **supersonic velocity shear** between the rotationally supported cool disk and hotter halo gas: excitation of Kelvin-Helmholtz body modes that interact and drive a small-scale dynamo



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Fluctuating small-scale dynamo in different analysis regions



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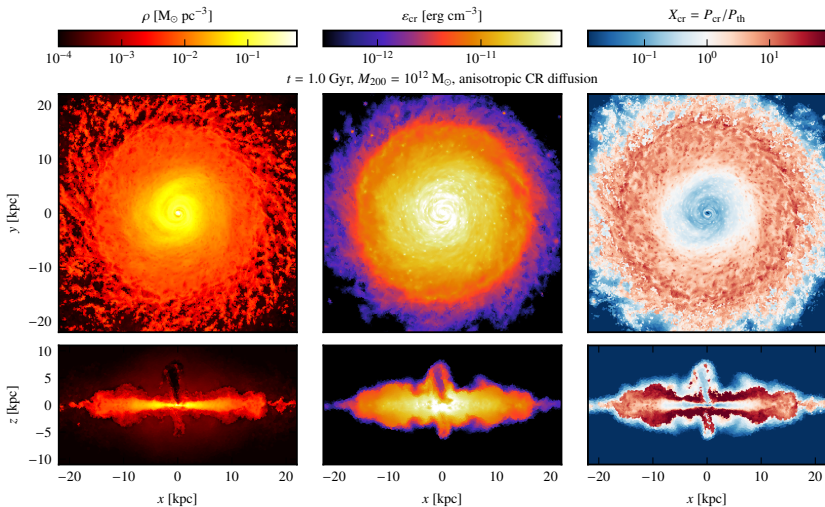
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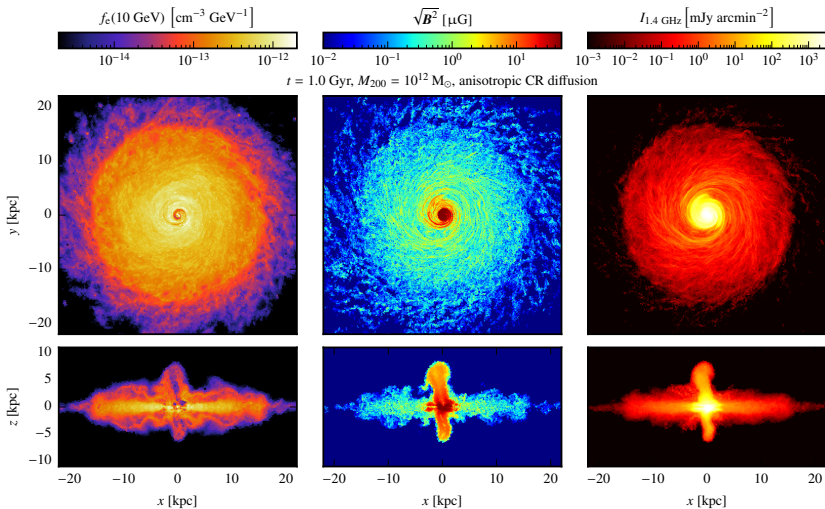


# Galaxy simulation with cosmic ray-driven wind



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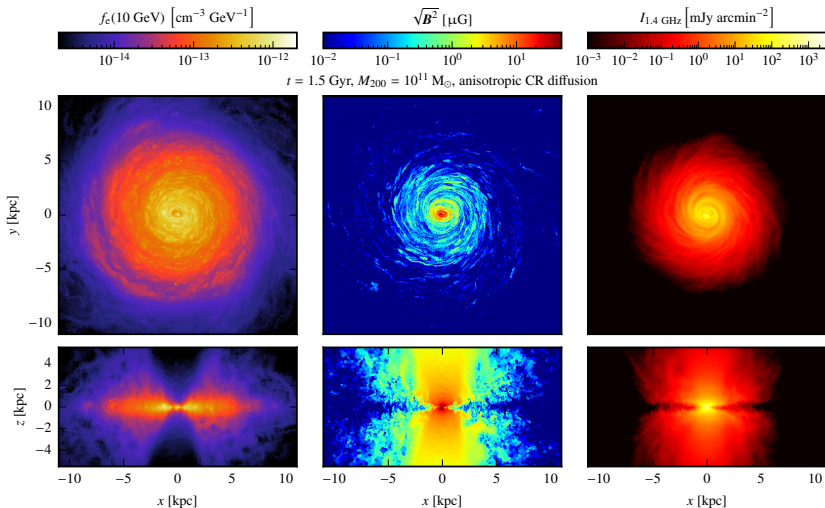
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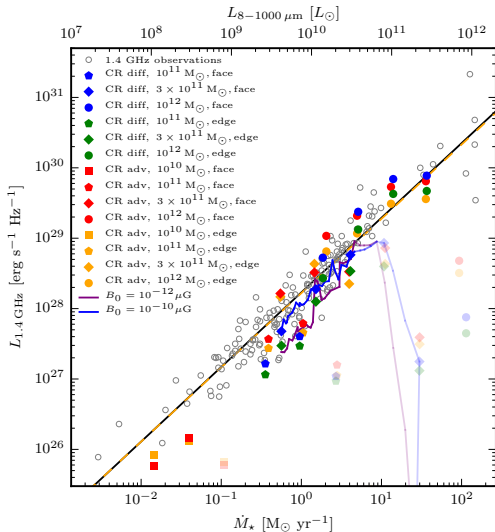
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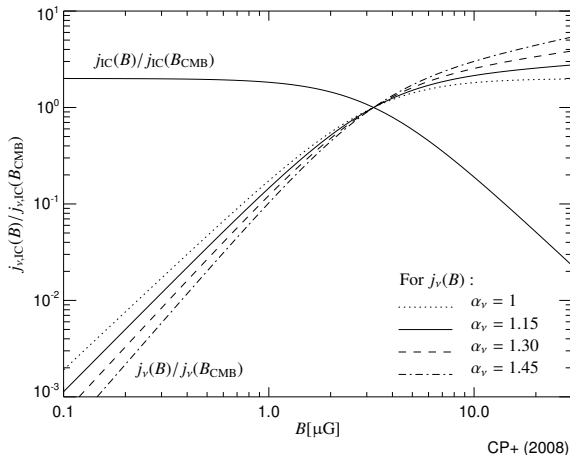
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where we assumed synchrotron/IC loss processes in the last step.



# Synchrotron vs. inverse Compton emissivity

In steady state, the emissivity in the IC/synchrotron regime is nearly independent of  $B$



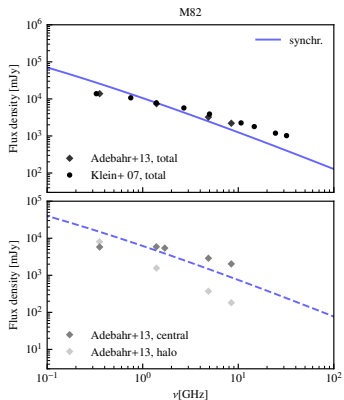
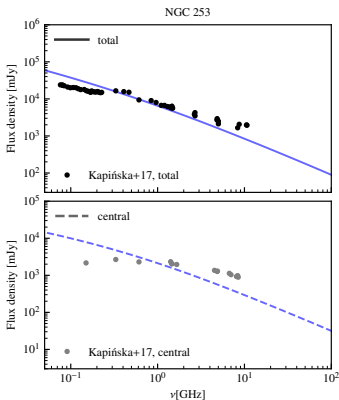
inverse Compton cooling regime:  $B < B_{\text{CMB}} \simeq 3.2(1+z)^2 \mu\text{G}$

synchrotron cooling regime:  $B > B_{\text{CMB}}$



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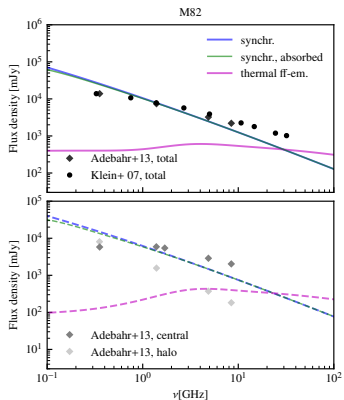
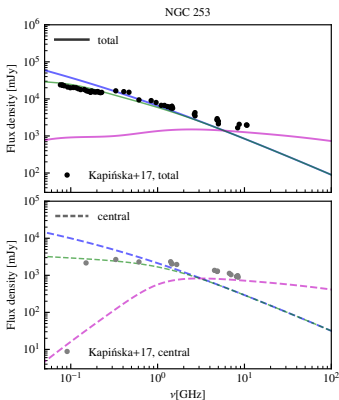
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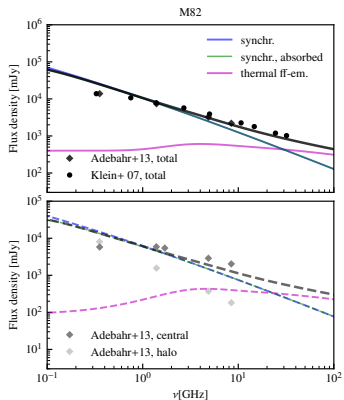
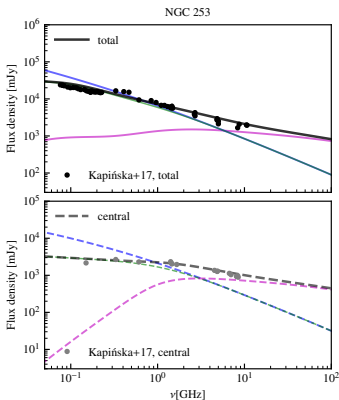


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# Literature for general reading

There are many excellent texts on cosmic ray astrophysics. If I had to select three I would probably pick these ones that range from a basic introduction to numerical modeling to a solid review:

- **This review paper connects the kinetic theory to the classical theory of cosmic ray hydrodynamics:**

*The basis for cosmic ray feedback: Written on the wind*, Zweibel, 2017, PhPI, 24, 5402

<https://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/1.4984017>

- **This review summarizes numerical methods for simulating CR propagation on macroscopic scales:**

*Simulations of cosmic ray propagation*, Hanasz, Strong, Girichidis, 2021, LRCA, 7, 2

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs41115-021-00011-1>

- **Excellent book on the transport theory of gases, plasmas, and photons:**

*Transport Processes in Space Physics and Astrophysics*, Zank,

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If you want to refresh your memory on the derivation of the hydrodynamic equations, of shock waves and hydrodynamic turbulence, I suggest to read Section 3.1 of my

- **Lecture notes that cover many topics in theoretical astrophysics:**

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