

# SHOCKS

SHOCK WAVE : PRESSURE DISTURBANCE FASTER THAN SIGNAL SPEED FOR COMPRESSIVE WAVES

WHERE ?

- STELLAR EXPLOSIONS
- FAST STELLAR (SOLAR) WINDS
- BULLET / PLANE

- PLAN :
- RECAP OF HYDRO EQS
  - WAVE STEEPENING INTO SHOCKS
  - SHOCK JUMP CONDITIONS
  - FUN FACTS ABOUT SHOCKS

## HYDRO EQS

MASS CONSERVATION EQ.  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$

MOMENTUM EQ. (EULER)  $\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} = - \frac{\nabla P}{\rho}$

ASSUME : ISOTROPIC PRESSURE  
NO VISCOSITY (IDEAL FLUID)

ENERGY EQ.  $\rho \frac{d\epsilon}{dt} + P \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = (-\mathcal{L}) = 0$

CAREFUL:  $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla})$

HEAT LOSS RATE PER UNIT VOLUME  $\mathcal{L} = 0 \Rightarrow$  ADIABATIC  
RADIATION  
CONDUCTION

↓  
COMPRESSION / EXPANSION



IN MOM. EQUATION, YOU NEGLECTED  $(\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v}_1$

$\vec{v}_0 = 0$  UNPERTURBED

$\vec{v}_1 \neq 0$  PERTURBED BUT SMALL  $\rightarrow$  NEGLECT 2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER TERMS

WHAT IF  $\vec{v}_1$  IS NOT SMALL?

CONSIDER MOM EQ IN 1d  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$

$\sim \frac{v^2}{L}$   $\sim \frac{c_s^2}{L}$

IF  $v^2 \gg c_s^2$  RHS CAN BE NEGLECTED

$\rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$

NOW CONSIDER  $\frac{dx}{dt} = v$  (CURVE IN  $(x, t)$  PLANE)

ALONG THIS CURVE  $\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dv}{dt} = 0}$

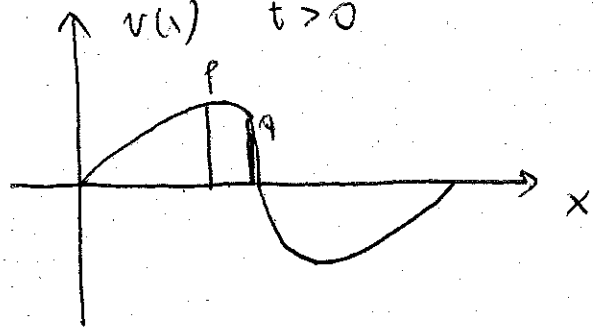
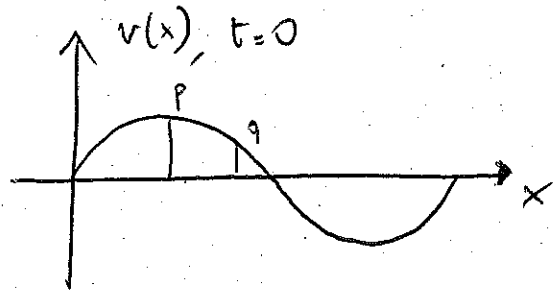
$\downarrow$   
 $\frac{dx}{dt} = v$

FROM PDE TO ODE ON SPECIFIC CURVES (METHOD OF CHARACTERISTICS)

FOR US,  $v = \text{CONST}$  ON CURVE IN  $(x, t)$  PLANE

(CHARACTERISTIC CURVE HERE IS LAGRANGIAN TRACK OF FLUID ELEMENT)

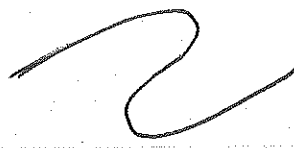
$\Rightarrow v$  OF FLUID ELEMENT DOES NOT CHANGE  $t > 0$



$v(P) > v(Q)$  SO THEY MOVE CLOSER

EVEN WAIVER ...

EVEN WAY OVERTURNS  
 UNPHYSICAL! MULTI-VALUED



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BOTTOM LINE:  $v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  STEEPENS, AT SOME POINT RHS KICKS IN  
 → SHOCK!

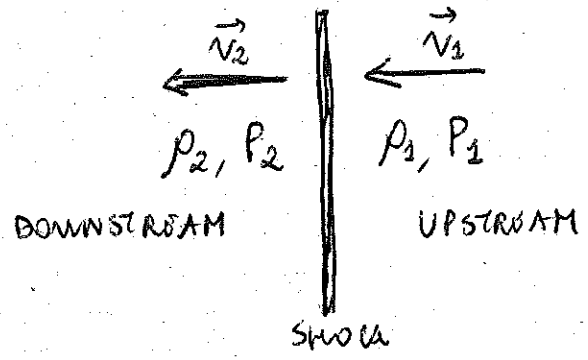


**SHOCKS**

ANY NON-INFINITESIMAL PERTURBATION WITH  $v > c_s$  DEVELOPS A SHOCK!

MATH: DISCONTINUITY OF HYDRO QUANTITIES

PHYSICS: JUMP ON SCALES  $\ll$  SIZE OF SYSTEM



CONSERVATION OF MASS:  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$   
 ↳ FLUX OF Q

IN SHOCK FRAME, STEADY STATE.  $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow J_2 = J_1$

MASS:  $[\rho v_x] = 0$  MEANING:  $\rho_1 v_{1x} = \rho_2 v_{2x}$

MOMENTUM:  $[\rho v_x^2 + P] = 0$   $[\rho v_x v_y] = [\rho v_x v_z] = 0$

ENERGY:  $[\rho v_x (\frac{1}{2} v^2 + w)] = 0$

TWO OPTIONS: (A) ZERO MASS FLUX: TANGENTIAL DISCONTINUITY  
 $v_{1x} = v_{2x} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow P_1 = P_2$

$v_{1y}, v_{2y}$  ARBITRARY (IF ZERO, CONTACT DISCONTINUITY)  
 ↓  
 TANGENTIAL

(B) SHOCK

(5)

$$[\rho v_x] = 0$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2} v^2 + w \right] = 0$$

$$[v_y] = [v_z] = 0 \rightarrow \text{MOVE INTO FRAME WHERE THEY ARE ZERO}$$

$$[P + \rho v_x^2] = 0$$

$$\Downarrow \\ v = v_x$$

LET'S COUNT:  $\rho_2, v_2, P_2, w_2$   
 $b = \epsilon_2 - \frac{P_2}{\rho_2} = \frac{\gamma P_2}{(\gamma - 1)\rho_2}$        $\gamma = \text{ADIABATIC INDEX}$

DEFINE  $M_1 = \frac{v_1}{c_{s,1}} = \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{\gamma \frac{P_1}{\rho_1}}}$       MACH NUMBER, FOR SHOCKS  $> 1$

& SOLVE!

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{\gamma + 1}{2/M_1^2 + (\gamma - 1)} > 1$$

"JUMP" CONDITIONS

FOR  $M_1 \rightarrow \infty$        $\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1}$       ( $= 4$  IF  $\gamma = \frac{5}{3}$ )

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{2\gamma M_1^2 - (\gamma - 1)}{\gamma + 1} \Rightarrow T_{2, M_1 \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{2(\gamma - 1)}{(\gamma + 1)} m v_1^2$$

KINETIC BULK ENERGY TRANSFORMED TO HEAT!

FUN FACTS

1)  $M_1 > 1$ ,  $M_2 = \frac{v_2}{c_{s,2}} < 1$       SUPersonic PLASMAS!

2)  $s_2 > s_1$  (ENTROPY PER PARTICLE)  $\Leftrightarrow M_1 > 1$

3) IF  $M_1 < 1$  & WE TAKE SHOCK JUMP CONDITIONS

$$\rightarrow v_1 < v_2, \quad T_2 < T_1$$

$\rightarrow$  TRANSFORM HEAT INTO ORDERED ENERGY / WORK

$\rightarrow$  VIOLATES 2<sup>nd</sup> LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

# MHD SHOCKS

WE CAN ALSO WRITE MHD EQS IN CONSERVATIVE FORM

MOMENTUM  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho w) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ P \delta_{ij} + \rho w_i v_j - \frac{1}{4\pi} (B_i B_j - \frac{B^2}{2} \delta_{ij}) \right] = 0$

MAXIMUM STRESS TENSOR

MHD SHOCKS NEED TO BE SUPER SONIC & SUPER ALFVENIC  $v_A = \frac{B}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho}}$   
 (SUPER-FAST-MAGNETOSONIC)

IN MOST CASES  $\beta = \frac{P_{gas}}{P_{mag}} \sim \frac{c_s^2}{v_A^2} \gg 1$  SO SUPERSONIC OFTEN IS ENOUGH

JUMP CONDITIONS: - MASS, MOMENTUM, ENERGY CONS.  
 -  $B_n, E_t$  CONTINUOUS  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \\ -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E} \end{array} \right.$

$n \leftrightarrow$  NORMAL  
 $t \leftrightarrow$  TANGENTIAL

$\Rightarrow [B_n] = 0$  (6)  
 $[E_t] = 0$  ;  $\vec{E} = -\frac{\vec{v}}{c} \wedge \vec{B}$   
 $\Rightarrow [B_n v_t - B_t v_n] = 0$  (5)

- IN ADDITION,
- ①  $[\rho v_n] = 0$  MASS
  - ②  $[\rho v_n v_t - \frac{1}{4\pi} B_n B_t] = 0$  MOMENTUM  $\perp$  SHOCK NORMAL
  - ③  $[P + \rho v_n^2 + \frac{1}{8\pi} (B_t^2 - B_n^2)] = 0$  MOMENTUM  $\parallel$
  - ④  $[\rho v_n (\frac{v^2}{2} + w) + \frac{1}{4\pi} (v_n B^2 - B_n (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{B}))] = 0$  ENERGY

TWO SIMPLE CASES (TAKING  $v_t = 0$  BY FRANK TRANSFORM)

(A)  $B_{t1} = 0$  AHEAD  $\rightarrow B_{t2} = 0$  "PARALLEL" SHOCK  
 $B_n$  DECOUPLES, NO ARG BACK TO HYDRO EQS

(B)  $B_{n1} = 0$  "PERPENDICULAR" SHOCK  
 $\frac{B_{t2}}{B_{t1}} = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{v_{1n}}{v_{2n}}$  FLUX FREEZING  
(FROM  $[E_t] = 0$ )

AND THEN  $[Dv] = 0$   $[P + \rho v^2 + \frac{B_t^2}{8\pi}] = 0$  MOM//

$[\frac{1}{2} v^2 + W + \frac{B_t^2}{4\pi v}] = 0$  ENERGY

SO, B FIELD ENTERS IN PRESSURE & ENERGY DENSITY

**SHOCK THICKNESS**

VISCOSITY (NEGLECTED SO FAR) SCALES AS  $\frac{\eta^2}{\partial x^2}$

$\rightarrow$  IMPORTANT IN THE STEEP SHOCK TRANSITION

IF VISCOSITY (COLLISIONS) SETS SHOCK THICKNESS  $\rightarrow \Delta \sim \lambda_{mfp} = \frac{1}{n\sigma}$

EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE  $n \sim 3 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  MEAN FRO PATH

$\sigma \sim (\pi a_B^2)$  (FEW)  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$   
 $\uparrow$   
BOHR RADIUS

$\rightarrow \lambda_{mfp}$  SMALL!  $\sim \frac{1}{3 \times 10^{19} \cdot 3 \times 10^{-15}} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$

FOR SN SHOCK ( STELAR EXPLOSION )

$$n \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\sigma \sim \pi R_N^2 \sim (2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm})^2 \cdot \pi$$

↓ RADIUS OF NUCLEUS (IONIZED)

$$\lambda_{\text{MFP}} \sim 10^{25} \text{ cm}$$

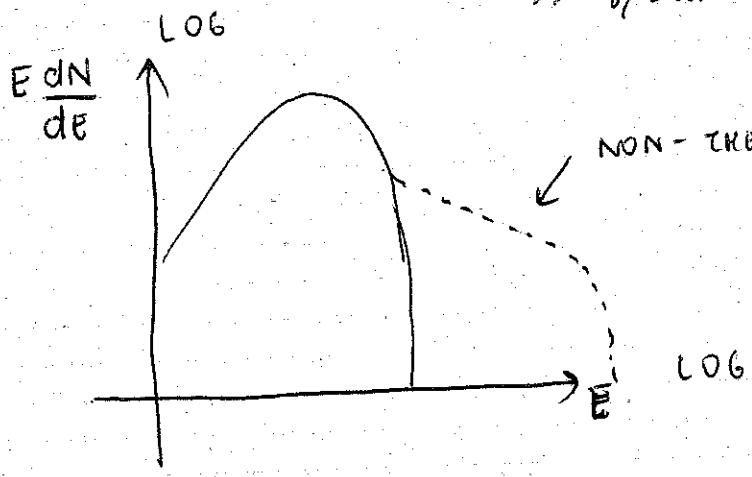
BUT SN RADIUS  $\sim 1 \text{ pc} \sim 3 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}$

SHOCK NOT MEDIATED BY BINARY COLLISIONS, BUT BY EM FIELDS  
→ COLLISION-LESS SHOCKS

$$\text{THICKNESS} \sim \tau_L \sim \frac{m_p v c}{e B} \sim 10^{10} \text{ cm} \quad \frac{v}{10^4 \text{ km/s}} \quad \frac{10^{-6} \text{ G}}{B}$$

FUN FACTS ABOUT COLLISIONLESS SHOCKS

- 1)  $T_e \neq T_i$  ( e - i EQUILIBRATION TIME  $\gg$  SYSTEM EVOLUTION )
- 2) NON-THERMAL PARTICLES ( EQUILIBRATION TIME WITHIN A GIVEN SPECIES  $\gg$  SYSTEM EVOLUTION )



NON-THERMAL TAIL  
 POWER-LAW  $\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-s}$   
 S = POWER-LAW SLOPE



# COSMIC RAYS

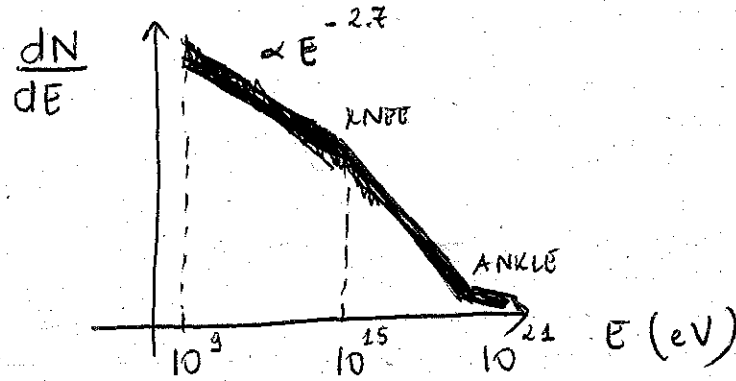
CHARGED PARTICLES ORIGINATING BEYOND EARTH (MOSTLY HADRONS)  
 HIGHEST ENERGIES  $\sim 10^{24}$  eV  $1 \text{ eV} \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg}$   
 $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

COMPARE WITH TENNIS BALL KINETIC ENERGY

$m \sim 100 \text{ g} \sim 0.1 \text{ kg}$   
 $v \sim 100 \text{ km/hr} \sim 30 \text{ m/s}$

$\rightarrow E \sim \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^2 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 30^2 \sim 50 \text{ J} \approx 10^{21} \text{ eV}$   
 CALCULATION IN MKS

WE THINK CRs UP TO THE "KNEE",  $E \sim 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ eV}$ , ARE PRODUCED @ SUPERNOVA REMNANT SHOCKS



TWO QUESTIONS :

- 1) CAN SN SHOCKS ACCELERATE / CONFINE PeV PARTICLES?
- 2) WHAT IS THE SPECTRUM ( $\frac{dN}{dE}$ ) OF ACCELERATED COSMIC RAYS?

1) "HILLAS" CRITERION  $\tau_L < L$  (SIZE OF SYSTEM)

$\tau_L$  FOR 3 PeV PROTONS:  $\tau_L \sim \frac{E}{eB} \sim \frac{3 \cdot 10^{15} \cdot 10^{-12}}{4 \cdot 10^{-20} \cdot 10^{-6}} \sim 10^{19} \text{ cm}$   
 $L \sim 1 \text{ pc} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}$

- SNR BLAST WAVE (EXPLOSION) IS EXPANDING SPHERICALLY
- ENERGY  $E$ , EXPLOSION MASS  $M_{ej}$ , SWEEPS UP MEDIUM WITH MASS DENSITY  $\rho_0$ ;  $E$  IS CONSERVED (ADIABATIC)
- WE LOOK AT THE EXPLOSION WHEN BLAST WAVE HAS SWEEP UP MUCH MORE MASS THAN  $M_{ej}$ .
- WHICH CONSTANTS ENTER?
  - NON-RELATIVISTIC : ~~X~~
  - NON-QUANTUM : ~~X~~
  - NEUTRAL : ~~X~~
  - NON-GRAVITATIONAL : ~~X~~

- RADIUS OF BLAST WAVE WILL NECESSARILY BE (VS TIME)  
 $R \sim (?) \left( \frac{E t^2}{\rho_0} \right)^{1/5}$  FROM DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

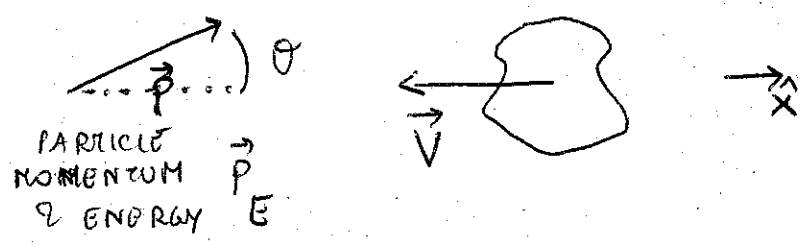
AS LONG AS  $\frac{4\pi}{3} \rho_0 R^3 \gg M_{ej}$

THIS SEEMS INSUFFICIENT, EVEN WHEN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE 4x COMPRESSION OF ISM FIELD!  
 SOLUTION? PLASMA PHYSICS! (BRL 2004, 2005)  
 CRs ACCELERATED AT SHOCKS SPEED A PLASMA INSTABILITY ABLE TO AMPLIFY THE UPSTREAM FIELD EVEN BY 30x!

2) SHOCK ACCELERATION OF PARTICLES

BASIC IDEA (ENRICO FERMI):

- CLOUDS MOVING AT  $V \ll c$  CARRYING MAGNETIC FIELDS
- PARTICLES COLLIDE WITH CLOUDS LIKE WITH RIGID WALLS (REFLECTION IS ELASTIC IN CLOUD FRAME)



PRIMED IN CLOUD FRAME, UNPRIMED IN LAB FRAME

$$E' = \gamma_V (E + V p_x) \quad p_x' = \gamma_V \left( p_x + \frac{V E}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\gamma_V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$p_x = p \cos \theta$$

$$p_x' = p' \cos \theta'$$

AFTER COLLISION, CLOUD FRAME

$$E_2' = E'$$

$$p_{x2}' = -p_x'$$

BACK TO OBSERVER FRAME (LAB)

$$\frac{E_2 - E}{E} = \frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx \frac{2V \cos \theta}{c} + 2 \frac{V^2}{c^2}$$

@ 2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER IN  $\frac{V}{c}$

WE ASSUMED RELATIVISTIC PARTICLES

OVER TIME, MANY COLLISIONS  $\Rightarrow$  NEED TO AVERAGE OVER  $\theta$   
 AVERAGE IS NON ZERO, HEAD-ON COLLISIONS ARE MORE FREQUENT!

PROBABILITY  $f(\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{V \cos \theta}{c} \right) \sin \theta d\theta$   
↑  
FLUX  
FACTOR

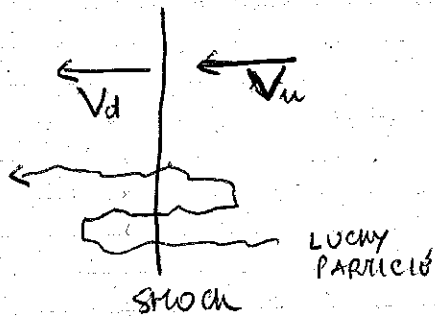
$\Rightarrow \frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{E} = \frac{8}{3} \frac{V^2}{c^2}$  FERMII II (2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER IN  $\frac{V}{c}$ )  $\hookrightarrow$  SO, KIND OF SLOW

ASTRO APPLICATIONS: TURBULENCE - DRIVEN ACCELERATION  
 (TURBULENT EDDIES  $\leftrightarrow$  CLOUDS)

QUESTION: ENERGY IS INCREASING, WHERE DOES THE ENERGY COME FROM?

**SHOCK ACCELERATION (FERMI I)**

SHOCK UPSTREAM & DOWNSTREAM MOVE TOWARDS EACH OTHER,  
 SO THEY ACT AS CONVERGING CLOUDS ALWAYS



$\frac{V_d}{V_u} = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{\rho_u}{\rho_d}$

$\tau$  = DENSITY COMPRESSION

RELATIVE SPEED

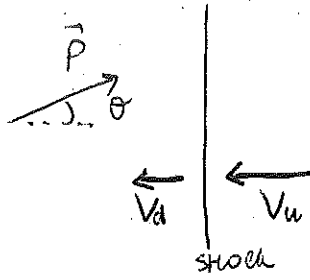
$V = V_u - V_d = \frac{\tau - 1}{\tau} V_u$

IF THE PARTICLES GET EFFICIENTLY ISOTROPIZED

IN ONE REGION, THEY WILL ENCOUNTER THE OTHER AS HEAD-ON COLLISIONS  $\rightarrow$  SYSTEMATIC ENERGY GAIN

(VS FERMII II, WHERE TAIL-ON COLLISIONS LED TO ENERGY LOSS)

PROBABILITY OF CROSSING ?



$$f(\theta) d\theta = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta$$

↓  
FLUX FACTOR

FOR ISOTROPIC PARTICLES

$$\int \cos \theta \geq 0$$

FRAME TRANSFORM

$$D \rightarrow U \rightarrow D$$

ASSUME EFFICIENT ISOTROPIZATION

$$\left. \frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{E} \right|_{D \rightarrow U \rightarrow D} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{V}{c} \quad \text{FIRST ORDER!}$$

HOW DOES THIS LEAD TO A POWER-LAW  $\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-s}$  ?

AFTER  $k$  ACCELERATION CICLES

A)  $E = A^k E_0 \quad A = 1 + \frac{4}{3} \frac{V}{c}$

B) IF  $P$  IS PROBABILITY TO REMAIN IN ACCELERATION REGION  
 $N = N_0 P^k \quad (< N_0)$

$$N(\geq E) = N_0 P^{\frac{\ln(E/E_0)}{\ln A}} = N_0 \left( \frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{\frac{\ln P}{\ln A}}$$

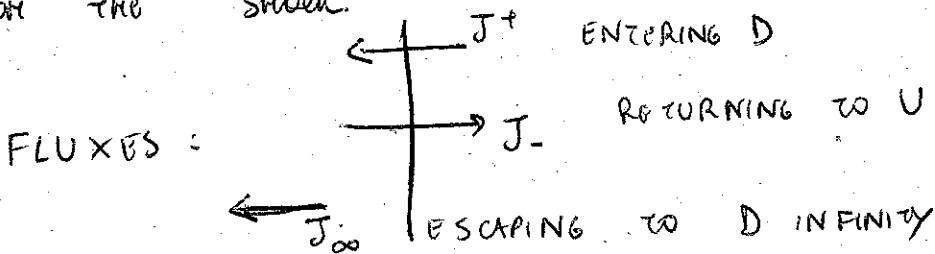
(CUMULATIVE)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-s} \quad s = 1 - \frac{\ln P}{\ln A}$$

(DIFFERENTIAL)

HOW TO COMPUTE  $P$  ?

PARTICLES CAN ESCAPE FROM DOWNSTREAM, WHERE  $v_d$  POINTS AWAY FROM THE SHOCK.



$$J_+ = J_- + J_\infty$$

(STEADY STATE)

$$P = \frac{J_-}{J_+} = \frac{J_-}{J_- + J_\infty}$$

$$J_- = \int_{\cos\theta > 0} \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} n c \cos\theta = \frac{nc}{4}$$

↓  
FLUX

$$J_\infty = n V_d \quad (\text{CARRIED AWAY AT } V_d)$$

$$\Rightarrow P \sim 1 - \frac{4 V_d}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 1 - \frac{\ln P}{\ln A} \approx 1 + 3 \frac{V_d}{V} = 1 + \frac{3}{\tau - 1}$$

STRONG SHELLS HAVE  $\tau = 4 \Rightarrow S = 2$  UNIVERSAL!

FERMI I IS FAST & LEADS TO POWER-LAW PARTICLES WITH  $S = 2$