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CRAFT: the Cosmic Ray Analytical Fast Tool

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Collisionless shocks



Mediated by collective electromagnetic interactions

Sources of non-thermal particles and emission

Reproducible in laboratory





Diffusive Shock Acceleration



- Fermi mechanism (Fermi, 1949): random scattering leads to energy gain
- In shocks particles gain energy at any interaction (Blandford & Ostriker; Bell; Axford et al.; 1978): Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA)



Test-particle squeezed between converging flows

• DSA produces power-laws $N(p) \propto 4\pi p^2 p^{-\alpha}$ in momentum, depending on the compression ratio $R = \rho_d / \rho_u$ only

$$R = \frac{4M_s^2}{M_s^2 + 3} \quad \alpha = \frac{3R}{R - 1}$$

• For strong shocks (Mach number $M_s >>1$): R=4 and $\alpha = 4$

Kinetic simulations of collisionless shocks



With dHybrid (DC & Spitkovsky 2014a,b,c)

Initial B field

DSA efficiency





Non-linear DSA

- Efficient CR acceleration modifies the shock structure (Jones & Ellison 1991, Malkov & Drury 2001, DC 2012,...)
 - Hydrodynamics <---> CR spectra
 - CR-driven plasma instabilities

Hybrid simulation of a strong parallel shock (DC & Spitkovsky 2014a)

Kinetic approaches to non-linear DSA

Solve CR transport and shock hydrodynamics self-consistently

1D Diffusionconvection eq. $\frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}(x)\frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left[D(x, p)\frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial x}\right] + \frac{p}{3}\frac{\partial f(t, x, p)}{\partial p}\frac{d\tilde{u}(x)}{dx}$

FULLY NUMERICAL: time-dependent

Kang & Jones 1997-2008; Berezhko & Völk 1997-2007; Zirakashvili & Aharonian 2009; ...

MONTE CARLO: account for anisotropic distributions f(p_x,p_y,p_z)
Jones & Ellison 1991; Ellison et al. 1990;1995; Vladimirov, Ellison, & Bykov 2006; ...

SEMI-ANALYTICAL: versatile, computationally extremely fast
Malkov 1997; Blasi 2002; Amato & Blasi 2006, DC et al. 2009; 2010; DC 2012, ...

Require an a priori description of
Magnetic field generation
Particle scattering (diffusion)
CR injection

This information can be provided only by kinetic simulations

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(DC et al. 2009-2015, to be publicly released soon)

Iterative solution of the CR transport equation:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{u}(x)\frac{\partial f(x,p)}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[D(x,p)\frac{\partial f(x,p)}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{p}{3}\frac{d\tilde{u}(x)}{dx}\frac{\partial f(x,p)}{\partial p} + Q(x,p) \\ Q(x,p) &= \eta \frac{\rho_1 u_1}{4\pi m_p p_{inj}^2} \delta(p - p_{inj})\delta(x) \\ \text{Injection} \\ \\ H_{acc}(p) &= f_2(p)\exp\left[-\int_x^0 dx'\frac{\tilde{u}(x')}{D(x',p)} \right] \left[1 - \frac{W(x,p)}{W_0(p)} \right] \\ \Phi_{esc}(p) &= -D(x_0,p)\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_0} = -\frac{u_0 f_2(p)}{W_0(p)}; \\ W(x,p) &= \int_x^0 dx'\frac{u_0}{D(x',p)}\exp\left[\int_{x'}^0 dx''\frac{\tilde{u}(x'')}{D(x'',p)} \right] . \\ f_2(p) &= \frac{\eta n_0 q_p(p)}{4\pi p_{inj}^3}\exp\left\{ -\int_{p_{inj}}^p \frac{dp'}{p'}q_p(p') \left[U_p(p') + \frac{1}{W_0(p')} \right] \right\} \\ U_p(p) &= \frac{\tilde{u}_1}{u_0} - \int_x^0 \frac{dx}{u_0} \left\{ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}(x)}{\partial x} \exp\left[-\int_x^0 dx'\frac{\tilde{u}(x')}{D(x',p)} \right] \left[1 - \frac{W(x,p)}{W_0(p)} \right] \right\} \\ CR distribution function \\ \end{array}$$

CR spectrum at the shock + spectrum of escaping CRs

Very fast: a few seconds on a laptop

Microphysics under the hood

- CR injection: minimal model by DC, Pop & Spitkovsky 2015
- **B-field amplification**: resonant and Bell's streaming instabilities (DC & Spitkovsky 2014b)
- Diffusion: Bohm, in the amplified B (DC & Spitkovsky 2014c)
- Electron/proton ratio: from PIC simulations (Park, DC & Spitkovsky 2015, DC et al, in prep.)

Parallel shock with M=100 (DC & Spitkovsky, 2014b)

A example of CRAFTwork: Tycho

Only two free parameters: injection efficiency and electron/proton ratio 4

CRAFT

Currently in beta version (email me if interested in testing)
soon on GitHub with extended manual and references
Will come as:

Stand-alone code for SNR evolution

Subroutine for subgrid CR physics in hydro/MHD simulations
Python interface + visualization suite for particle and photon spectra
Future developments:

Nuclei heavier than hydrogen (DC et al. 2010)

Propagation into partially-ionized media (Blasi et al. 2012, Morlino et al. 2013-2015)

and better and better microphysics from kinetic simulations!

Vs Numerical and Monte Carlo approaches

