

Excitation of Supernova Remnants by Twisting of the Neutron Star Dipole Magnetic Flux

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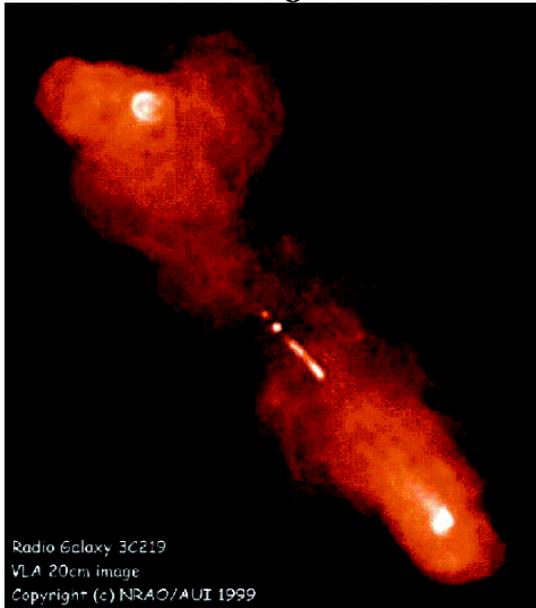
Extra galactic cosmic rays, AGN jets, and Radio Lobes are all possibly produced from the free energy of formation of Super Massive Black Holes. In our view these are the result of the twisting of the magnetic field produced by a large scale dynamo within the accretion disk forming the MBH.

Similarly it is suggested that the relative winding of the magnetic flux attached both to the neutron star and to the ejecta of the supernova will supply free energy comparable to the ejecta and produce similar non-thermal x-rays and gamma rays.

Winding of magnetic flux in a low density conducting medium, produces force free magnetic fields. The magnetic energy is transformed efficiently to particle energy by $\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E}$, $\mathbf{E}(\text{parallel to } \mathbf{B})$ acceleration.

This is the comparison: Will the winding of the NS flux make the nebula?

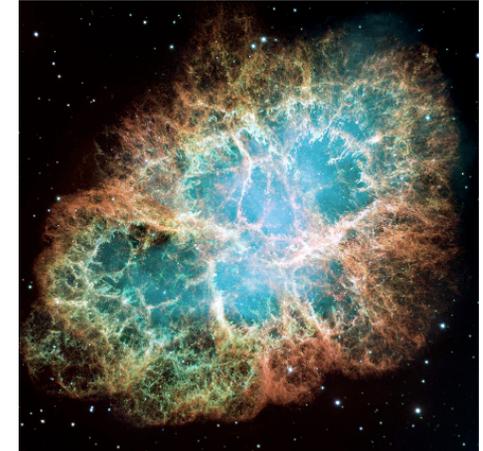
Radio Lobe, $\sim 10^{61}$ ergs,
 $\sim 10\% M_8 c^2$



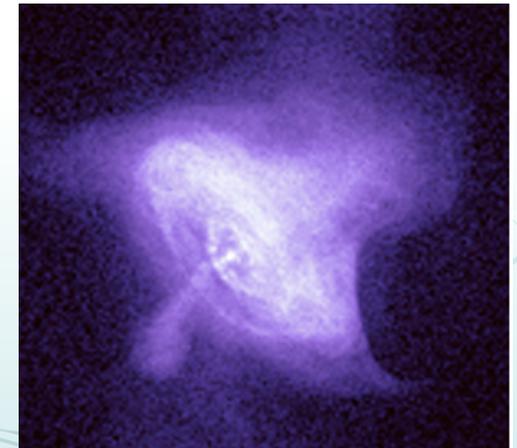
An alpha-omega dynamo in
The accretion disk; the
winding of a force-free
magnetic helix, $\sim 10^{12}$ turns,
reconnection, dissipation,
and acceleration, finally
Synchrotron emission gives
the radio flux.

3c219 Radio Lobe
Synchrotron radiation.
 $B=5 \times 10^{-6}$ G, (Faraday)
Electrons, $E \sim 10^4 mc^2$.
Compton CMB = x-rays

The Crab, $\sim 10^{47}$ ergs



Optical/x-rays



Do twisted fields ³
power the nebula?

Total Energy of Extra Galactic Cosmic Rays, $\sim 10^{60}$ to 10^{61} ergs, $\sim 1\%$ to 10% $M_{\text{MBH}} c^2$

$\Gamma = -2.7$, galaxy

$\Gamma = -2.6$ extra galactic
 Spallation $\sim 10\%$ loss
 per e-fold

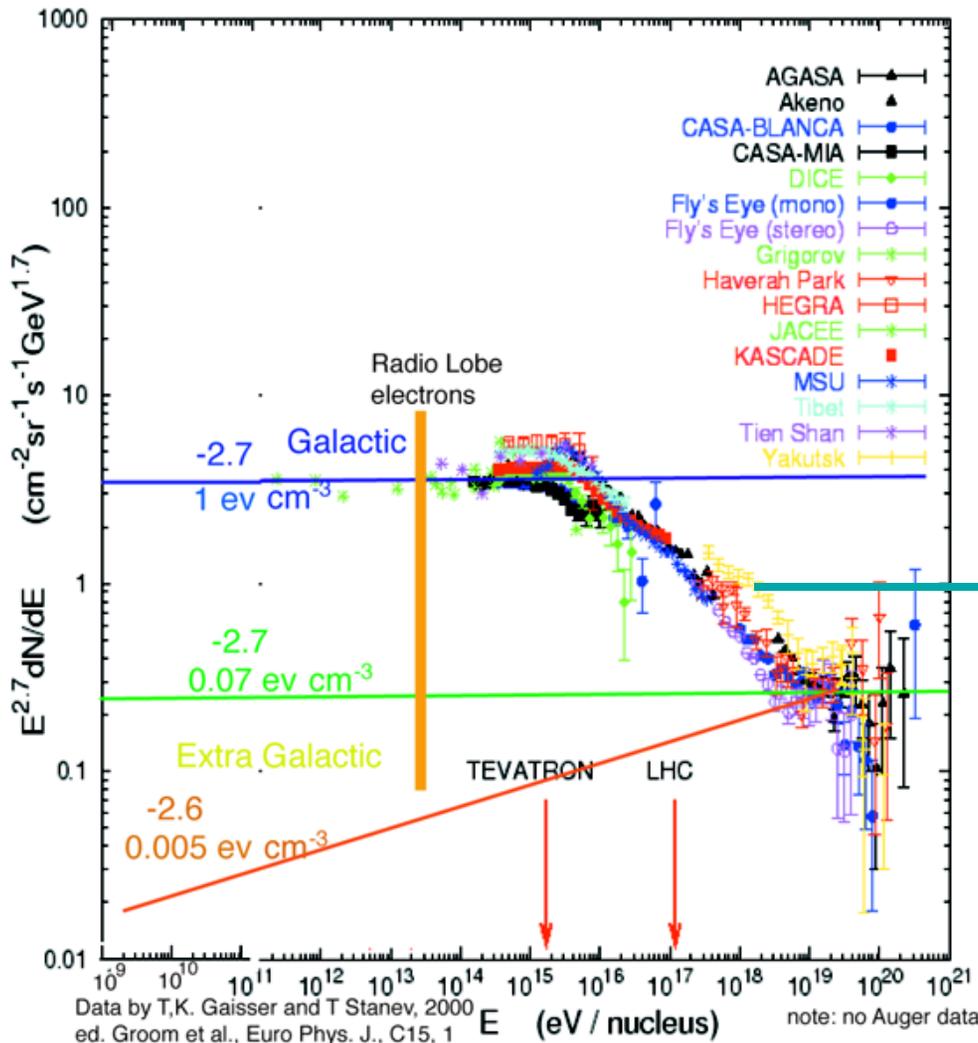
$$W_{\text{CR}} = 8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ ergs cm}^{-3} \\
 * 10^{74} \text{ cm}^3 = 8 \times 10^{59} \text{ ergs}$$

Progressive leakage from
 Galaxy to metagalaxy

Acceleration in force-free fields

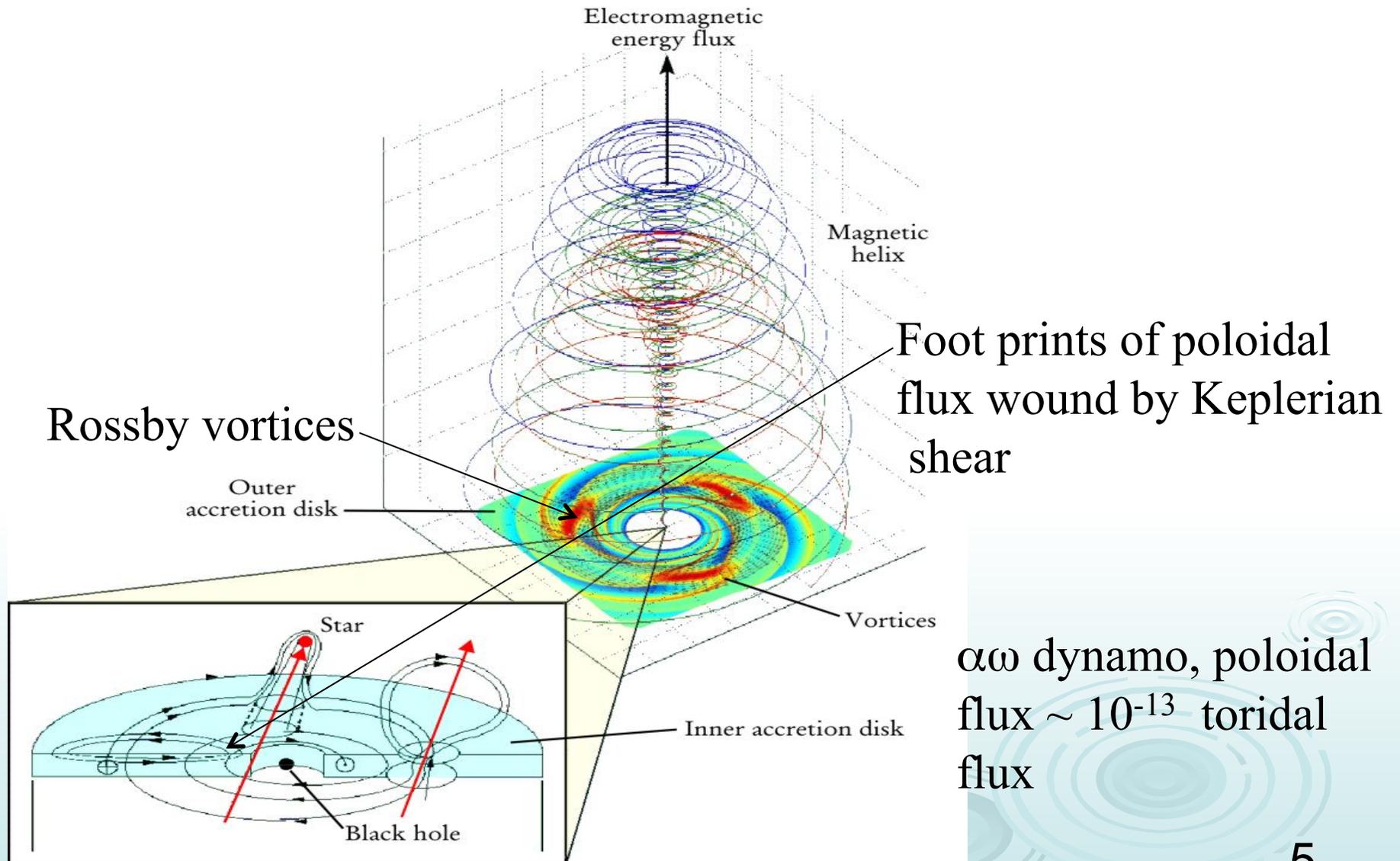
CRs lost to voids in 1/100
 Hubble time. ? GZK cut-off;

$$dN/N = -\Gamma dE/E, \quad N = N_0 E^{-\Gamma}$$



AGN Force-Free Helix; Grad-Schfanov calc.

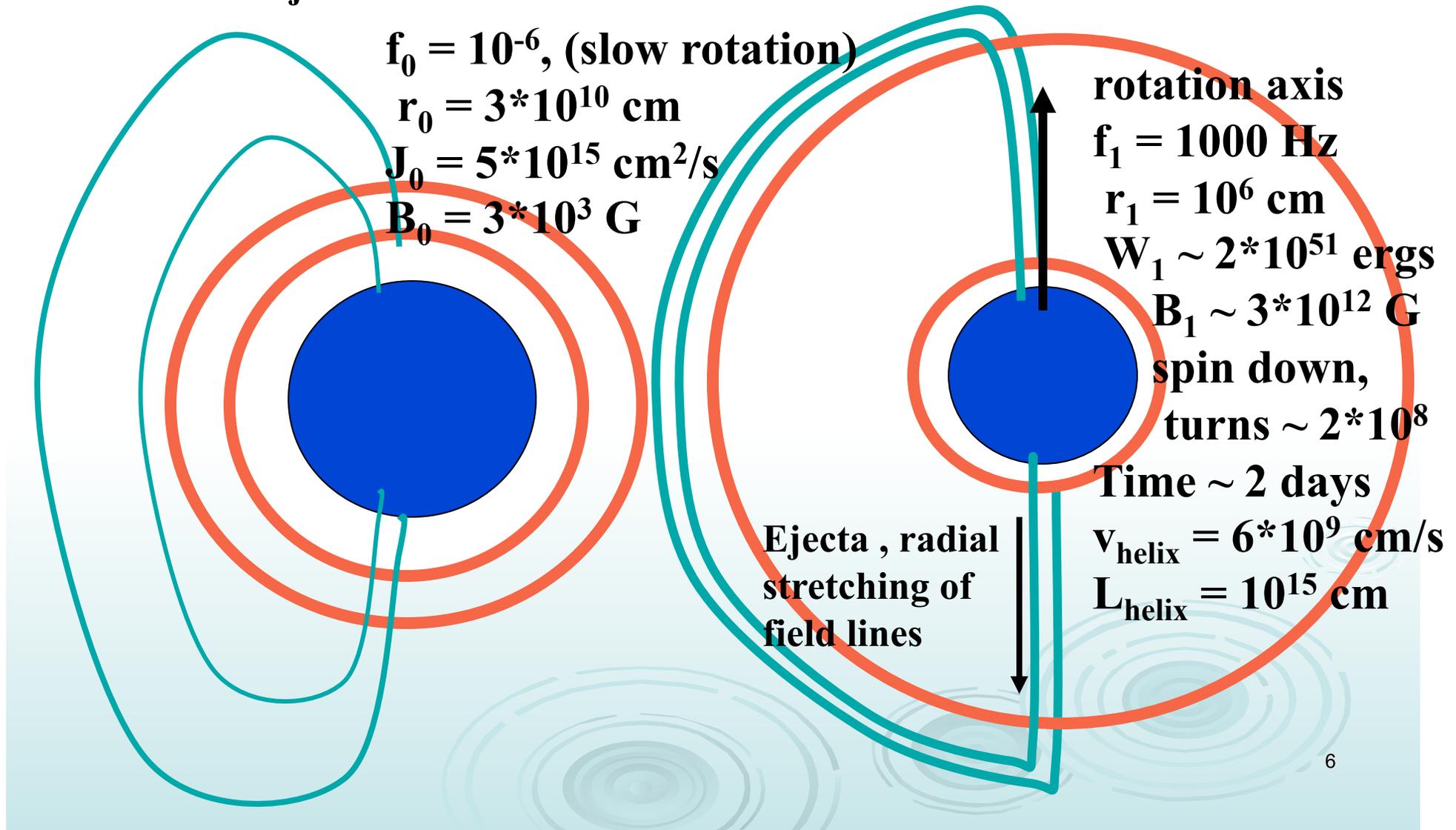
10^{12} turns, $L = 10\text{Mpc}$, $3 \cdot 10^4 \text{ G}$, $r_0 = 10^{14} \text{ cm}$, $r_1 = 10^{18}$



Magnetized Neutron Star and Supernova Ejecta

collapse of supernova with magnetic flux imbedded both in the neutron star and in the ejected mass.

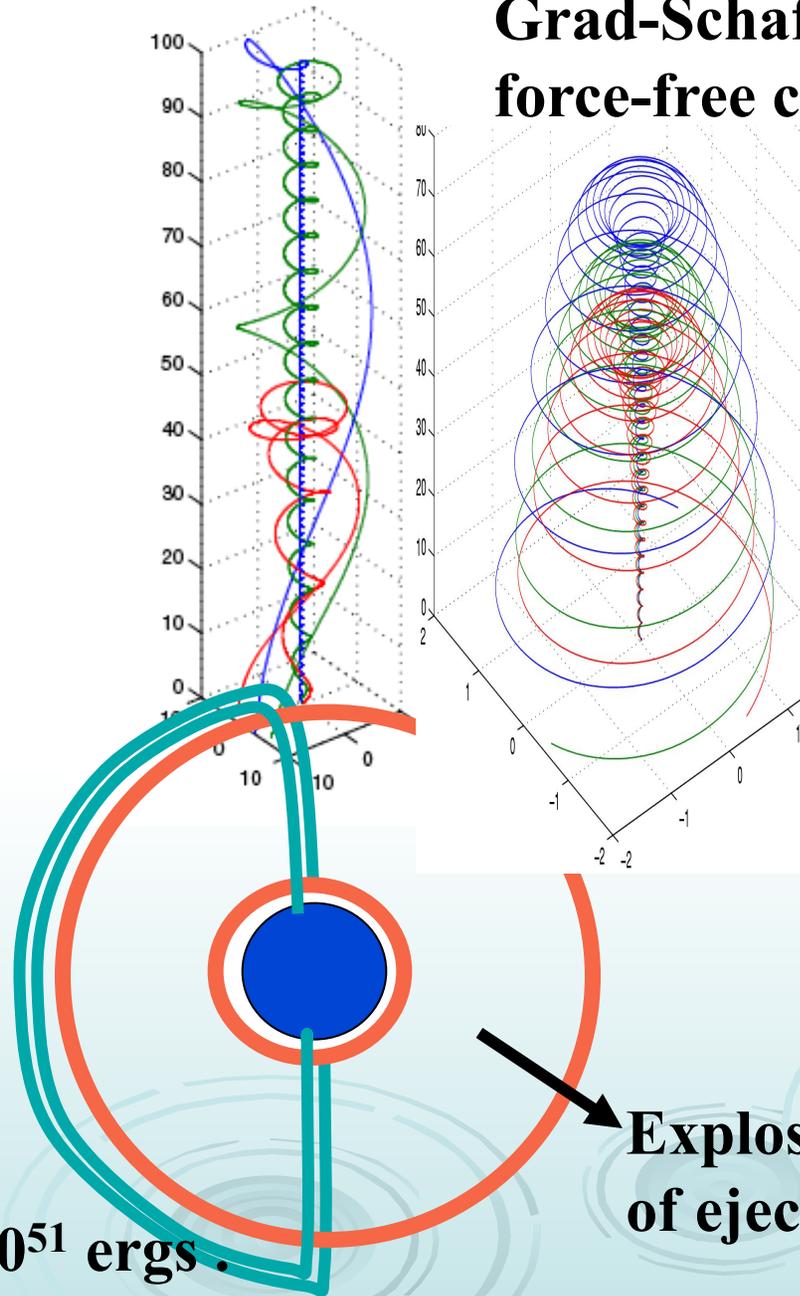
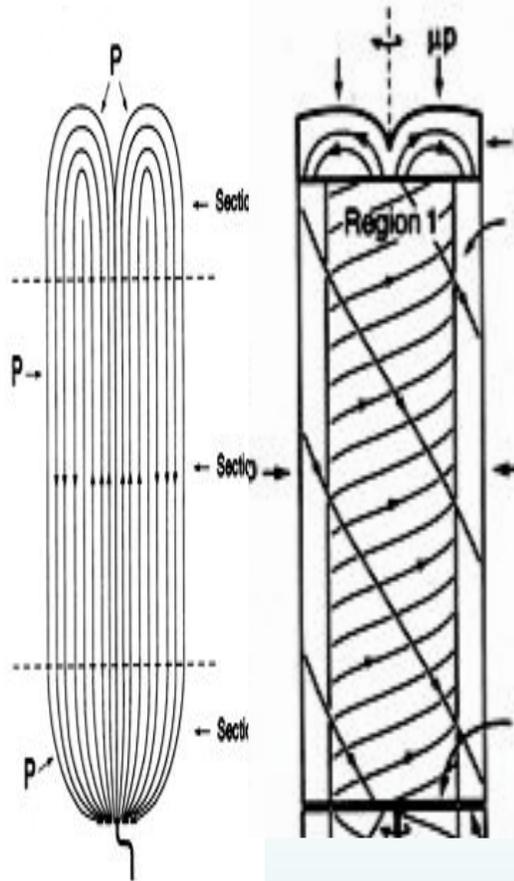
The radial stretching of the flux trapped in the neutron star by the explosion ejecta



Twisting of Flux Column by the Neutron Star

Grad-Schafranov

force-free calculation, Hui Li.



Supernova ejecta stretches the imbedded dipole quadrupole flux.

The neutron star winds its imbedded flux differentially relative to the expanding return flux imbedded in the ejecta.

Vacuum cavity forms by twisting a line-tied pinch

Explosion expansion of ejecta

**Core is neutron star radius, $\sim 10^6$ cm;
energy = 2×10^8 turns
 $\times (B^2/8\pi) 6 \times r^3 = 4 \times 10^{51}$ ergs.**

Properties of force-free helix

Flux conservation: compression of dynamo flux, 10^4G in main-sequence star to neutron star. Collapse from 3×10^{10} cm to 10^6 cm.

Then $B_0 = 3 \times 10^{12}$ gauss (issues with crust strength for dipole $B > \sim 10^{13}\text{G}$. (Ruderman and Flowers, ~ 1963))

No differential rotation or winding during collapse because of convection in nuclear burning.

Magnetic core of helix is radius of NS, $r_0 = 10^6$ cm.

**Diffusion: Bohm diffusion = maximum diffusion at ($T_{e,i} \sim 1$ gev):
 $D = 1.4 \times 10^4$ cm²/s = resistivity = η ; at maximum temperature;**

Then the life time of helix, $t_{\text{helix}} = r^2/D = 2$ years, or greater, but spin-down time = 2 days, 2×10^5 s .

Axial velocity of helix, progression, = $\omega r_0 = 6 \times 10^9$ cm/s.

Properties of force-free helix, cont.

Length, $L_{\text{helix}} = t_{\text{spin}} \omega r_1 = 10^{12}$ cm

Number of turns = $f \times t_{\text{helix}} = 1.8 \times 10^9$

= amplification of Flux generated by helical winding:

The dissipation of this flux is then the luminosity of the Crab nebula.

Power = $\omega_1 (B_1^2 / 8\pi) (\pi r_1^2) = 2 \times 10^{38}$ ergs/s.

Electric field, volts = $\omega_1 r_1 B_1 \times 10^{-8} = 2 \times 10^{14}$ volts/cm.

Particles are accelerated and lost by diffusion : an alternate way to make cosmic rays, electrons and x-ray sources.

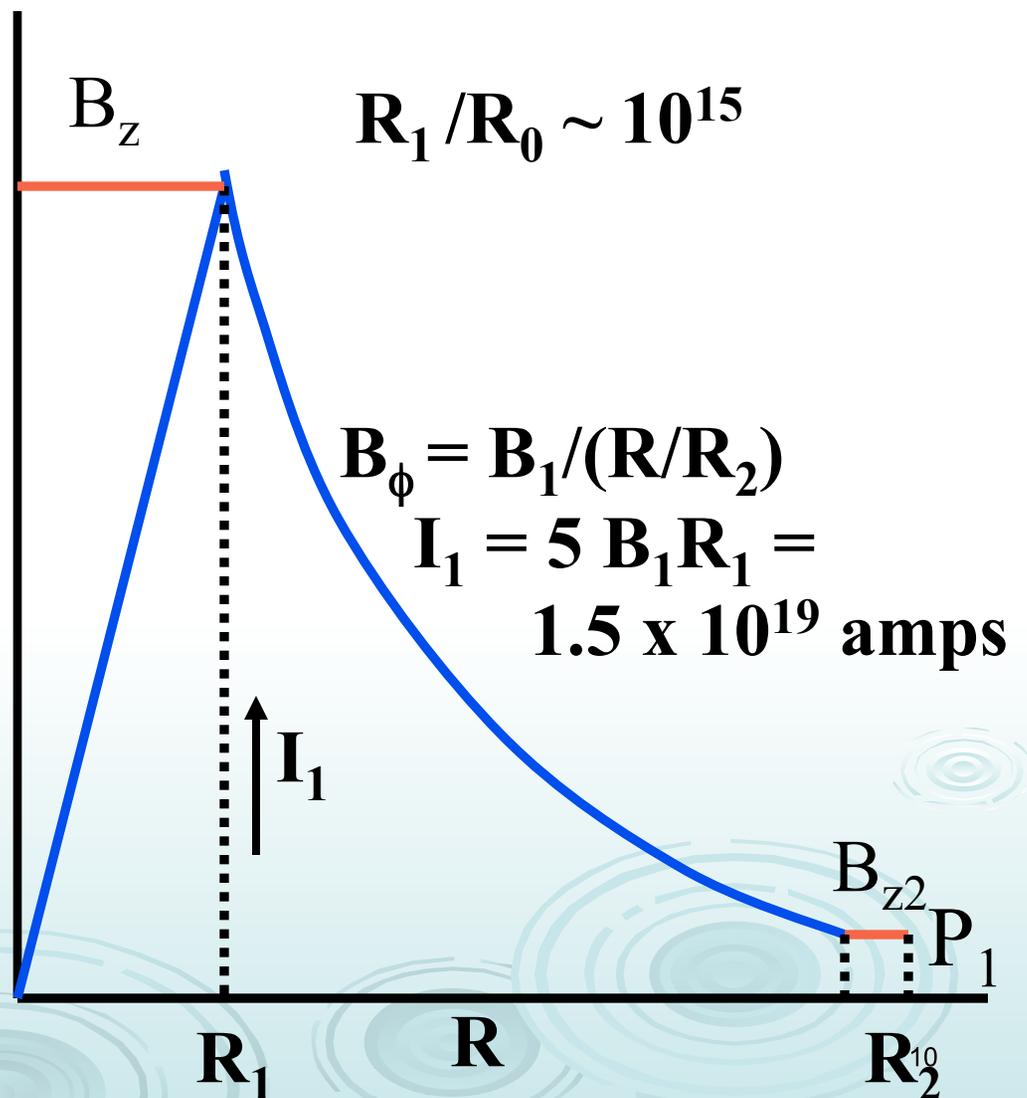
Geometry of Force-free Neutron Star Driven Helix

Winding of radial flux, at the “nose”; end of helix, produces azimuthal flux and a current, $I_1 = 10^{19}$ amps .

Pressure equilibrium in the core, r_0 ,
 $B_z^2 + B_\phi^2 = B_1^2$.

Pressure equilibrium at the outer boundary, r_2 ,
 $P_2 = B_{\phi 2}^2 = B_{z 2}^2$.

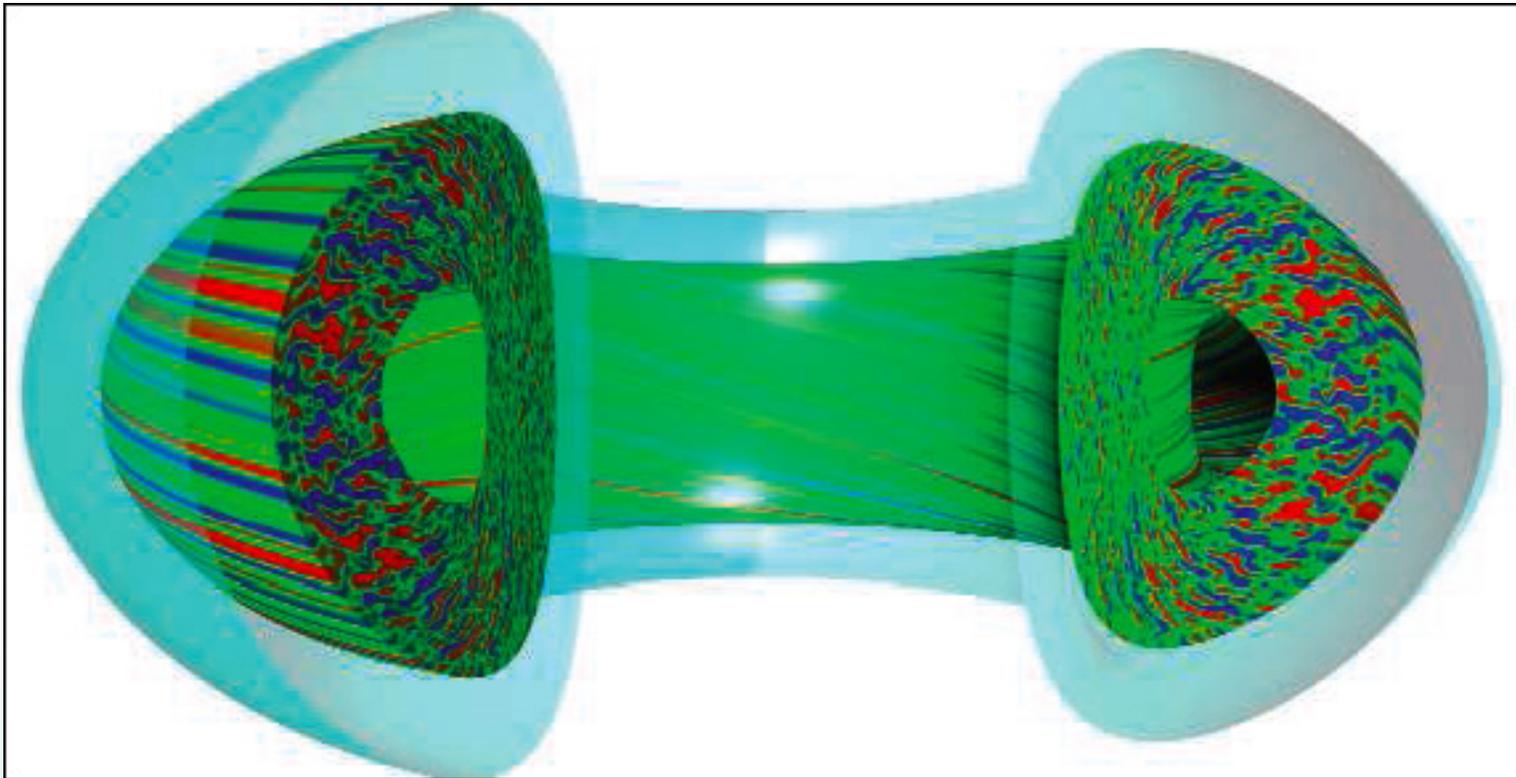
$P_1 =$ expanding nebula pressure.



Tokamak, Tangled field Drift waves

Weakly tangled field allows run-aways to random-walk out of field.

Drift waves too weak for $\beta \sim 10^{-11}$; plasma = current carriers only, $n_e \sim 10^{15}/\text{cc}$



A new twist. Gyro-kinetic simulation of plasma density fluctuations in a shaped tokamak. Image shows a cut-away view of the density fluctuations (red/blue colors indicate positive/negative fluctuations). The blue halo is the last closed magnetic flux surface in the simulated tokamak. Krulsnick & Cowley, 2005,¹¹ Science 309, 1502

The Current-Carrier Starved Helix

A high temperature, 100 Mev, can support a plasma above a NS.

Matter will fall back until an electric field supports it against $g=10^{14}$ cm/s² (Starvation). $E_e = 10^{14} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-24}$; $E = 100$ volts/cm, or 100 Mev, produced by a trivial charge separation.

The inductive electric field due to a diffusion time of 2 years becomes: $E = L (dI/dt)$; $L = \sim 3 \times 10^{-8}$ henries/cm, $I = B 5 r_g = 1.5 \times 10^{19}$ amperes, / $t = 6 \times 10^7$ s, = 7×10^3 volts/cm.

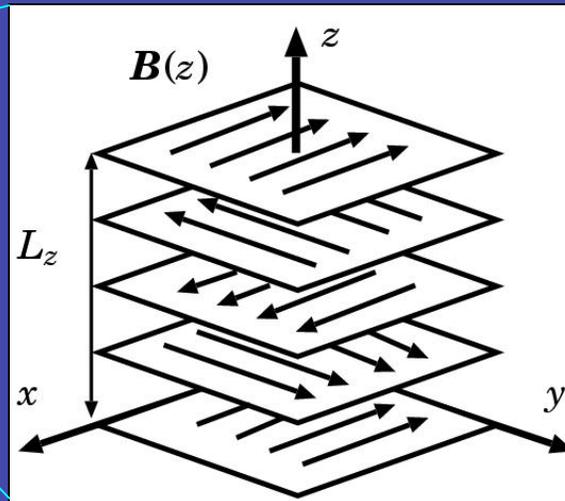
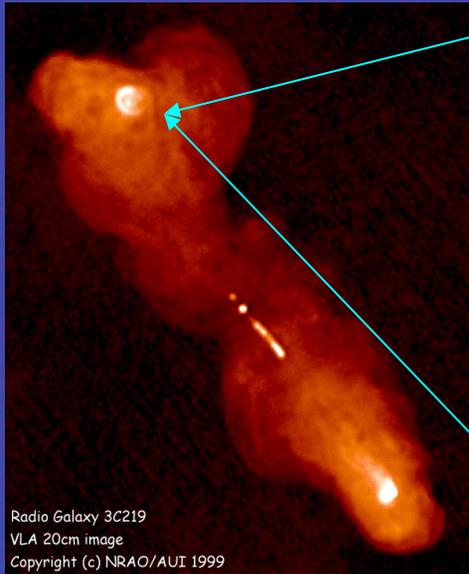
A voltage of $E L = 4.5 \times 10^{18}$ volts, enough for galactic cosmic rays.

Starvation of current carriers leads to drift velocity c .

$$n_{e,i} = (I \times 6 \times 10^{18}) / (\pi r^2 c) = 10^{15} / \text{cc}.$$

How to find such a diffusion coefficient.?

An idealized Problem, helical shear



Sheet Pinch:

$$B_x(z) = B_0 \cos \alpha z$$

$$B_y(z) = B_0 \sin \alpha z$$

$$B_z(z) = 0$$

Sheet-pinch is force-free, with a constant, continuous shear.

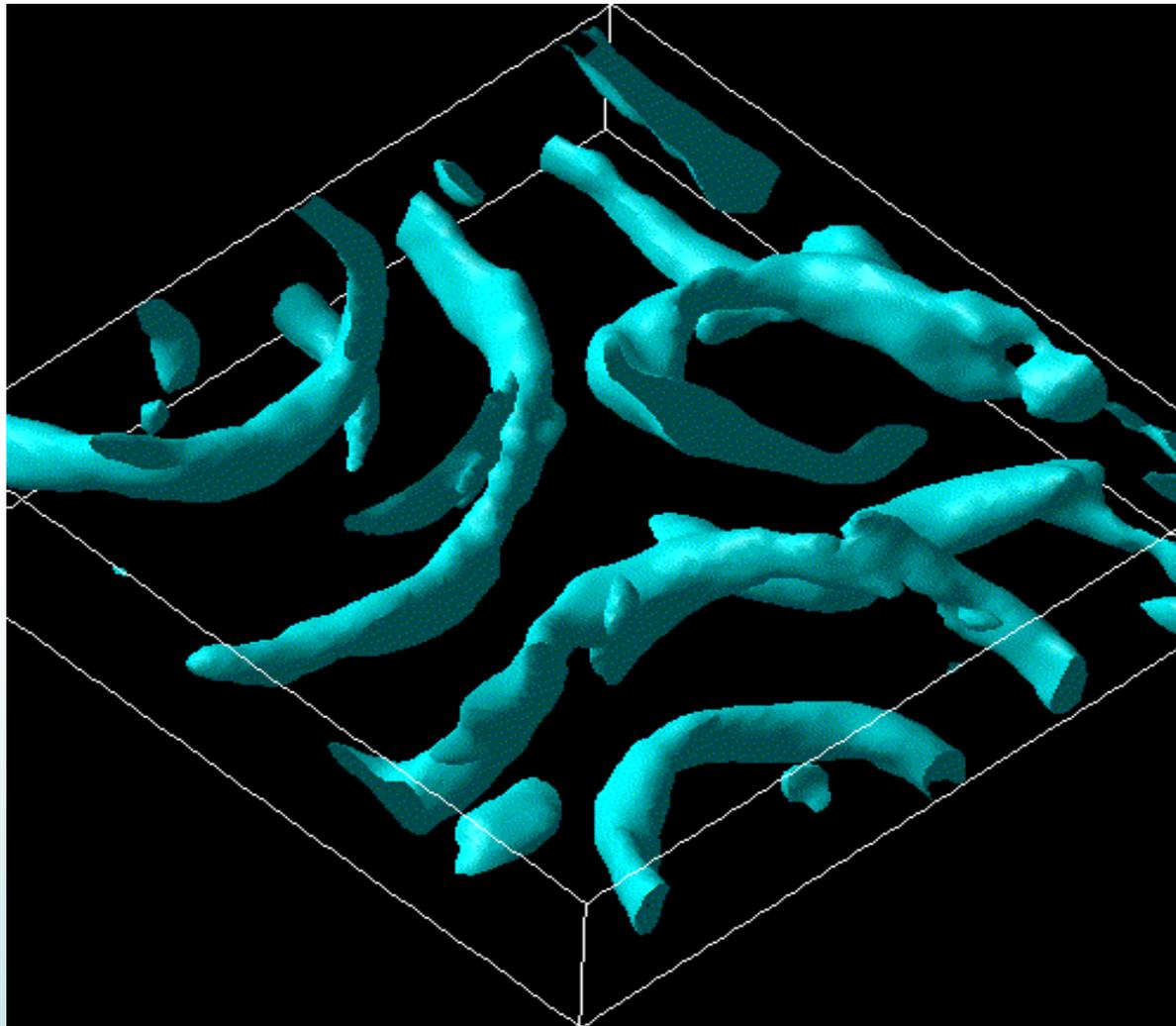
Q: Is this sheet-pinch configuration stable? no

Q: If so, how does it convert B^2 into particle energy?

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Current Filaments on the scale of d_i the ion collisionless skin depth = c/ω_{pi}

$$t \omega_{pi} = 8$$



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Current filament diffusion; at the collisionless skin depth

The current, J , supporting the sheared field is unstable to filamentation at a size $d_i = c/\omega_{pi}$, the ion collisionless skin depth, (distance of separation of electrons from ions in a magnetized plasma).

In the current carrier starved helix, $d_i = c/\omega_{pi} = c/(3 \times 10^{11} \text{ Hz}) = 0.1 \text{ cm}$.

Run-away current carriers at velocity c follow tangled field lines of force out of, (into) the core, or plasma $\sim R_0$.

The random step size $\langle x \rangle = d_i (\Delta B/B)$.

$$\Delta B = J (\pi d_i^2) / d_i = J (\pi d_i) ; \text{ and } B = I / 5R_0 = J (\pi R_0^2) / 5R_0 ;$$

$$\text{Hence } (\Delta B/B) = 5 d_i / R_0 = 5 \times 10^{-7} ;$$

$$\text{And so the random step size } \langle x \rangle = 5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}.$$

$$\text{The Diffusion coefficient } \eta = c \langle x \rangle / 3 = 500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}.$$

$$\text{The diffusion time or energy conversion time becomes } R_0^2 / \eta = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ s} \\ = 6 \text{ years}.$$

Conclusion

Magnetic flux is trapped during the stellar evolution leading to imbedded, compressed flux in the pre supernova star.

During the explosion hydrodynamic forces initially exceed Magnetic forces by many orders of magnitude and stretch this flux radially within and ahead of the SN ejecta.

We consider the result of differential winding, twisting of this trapped flux external to the NS.

We find that the total magnetic flux is increased by $\sim x10^9$ Before spin down limits twist.

The dissipation of this helical flux leads to acceleration through E parallel to J , of electron, ion, run-aways, non-thermal spectra, x-rays, gamma rays, and cosmic rays.