

Anisotropic Cosmic Ray diffusion and γ -ray emission from Molecular Clouds

Nava & Gabici 2013

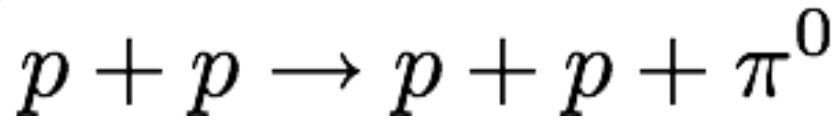
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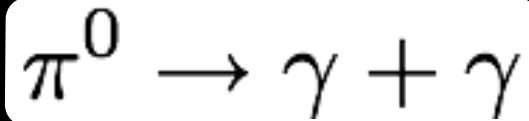
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Gamma-ray astronomy

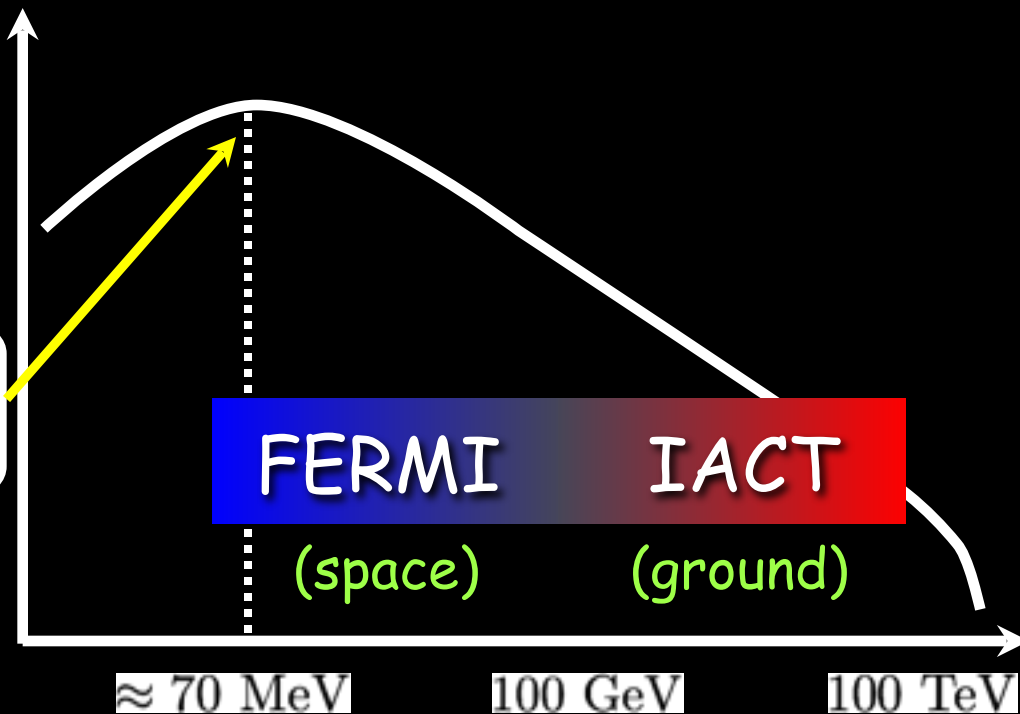


CR ISM



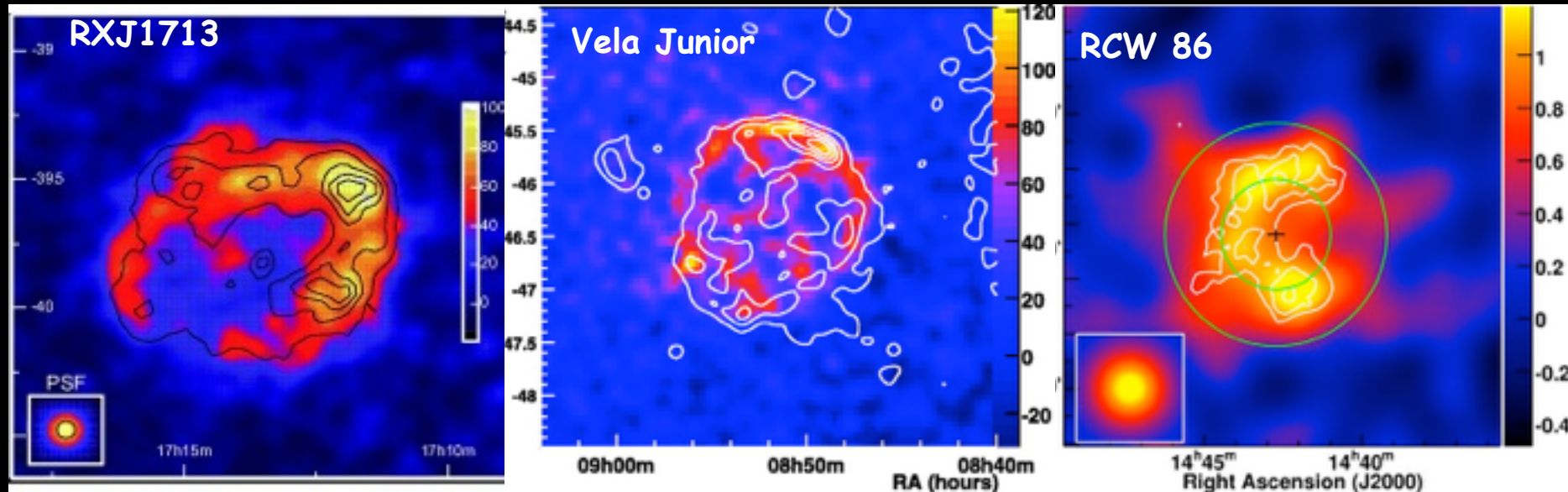
$$\langle E_\gamma \rangle \approx E_{CR}/10$$

$$E_{peak} = \frac{m_{\pi^0}}{2}$$



Gamma rays from SNRs: a test for CR origin

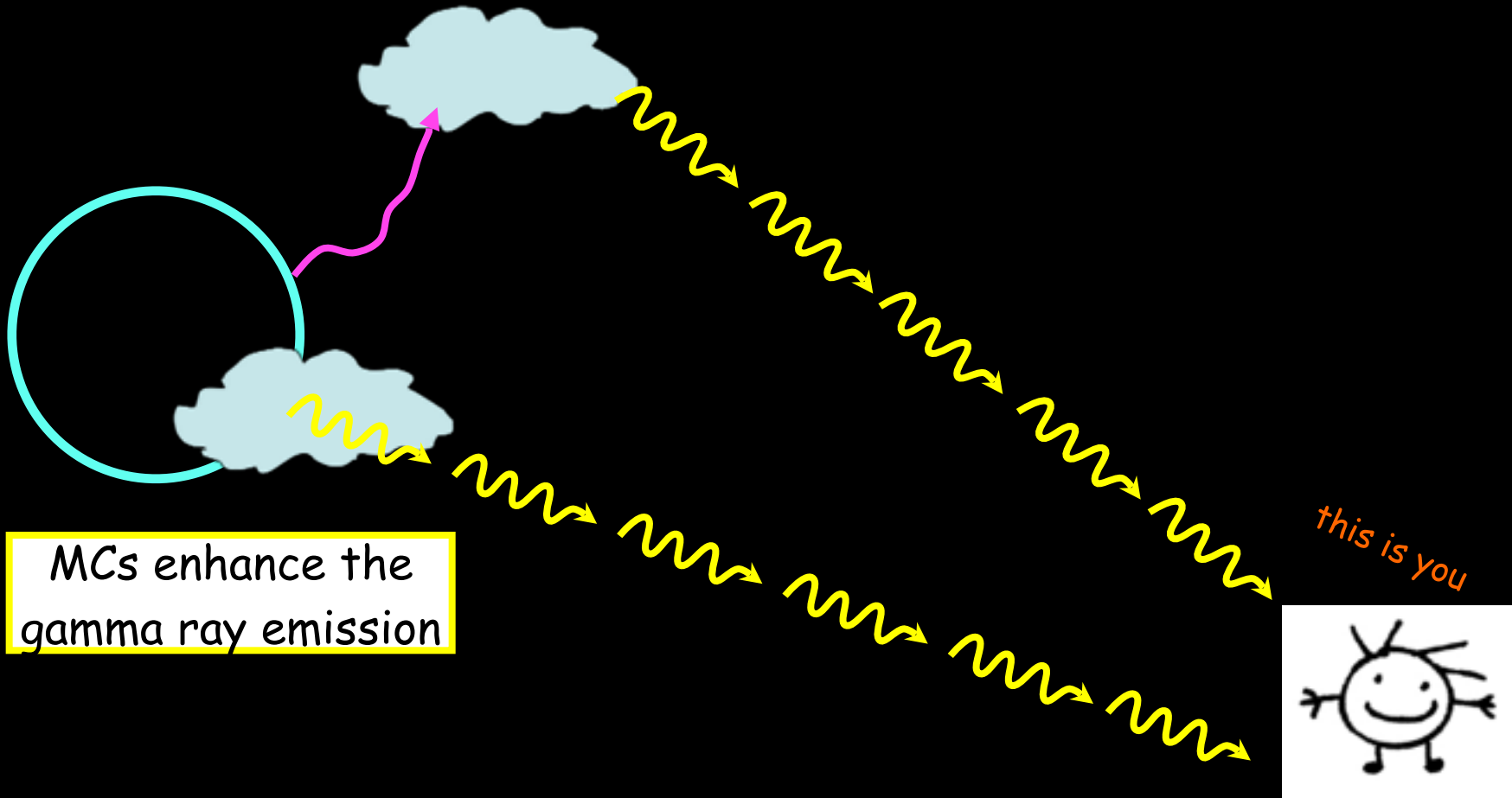
Drury, Aharonian & Volk, 1994



SNRs detected @TeV \rightarrow TEST PASSED!

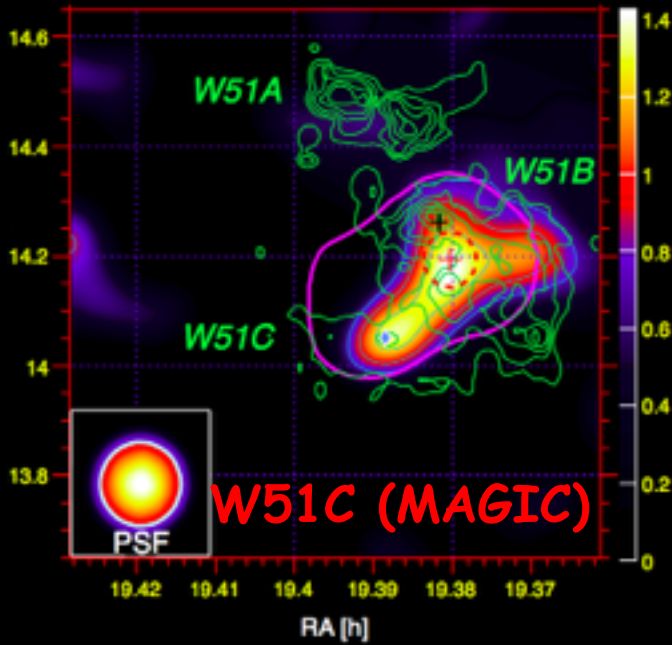
How to use Molecular Clouds to learn about the diffusion...

CRs "somehow"
escape the SNR

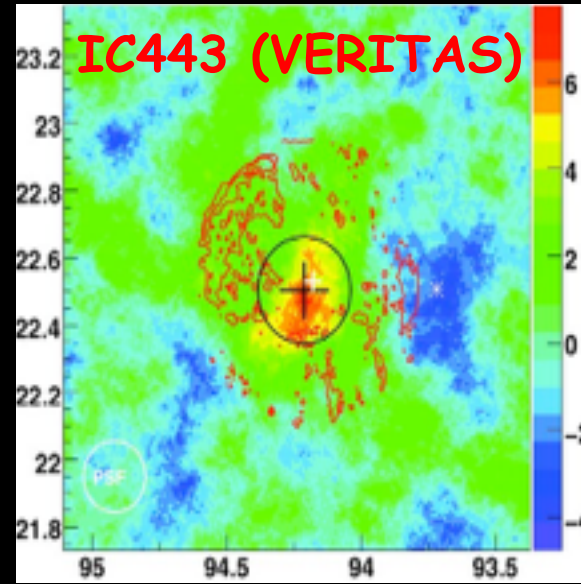


Molecular clouds are gamma ray sources

Magic collab., 2012

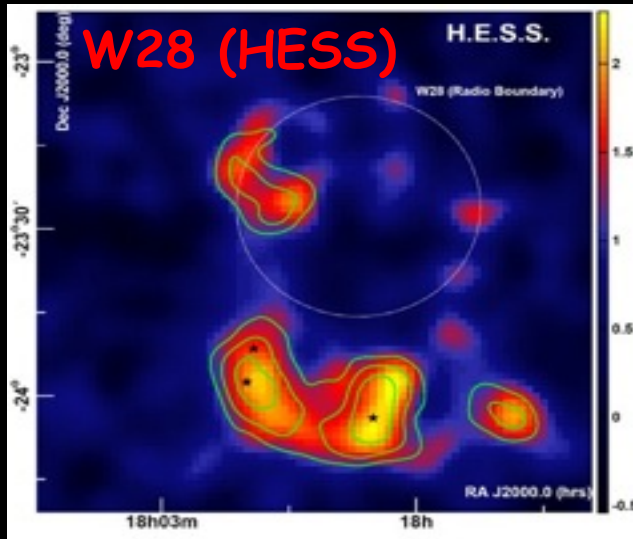


Acciari et al., 2009

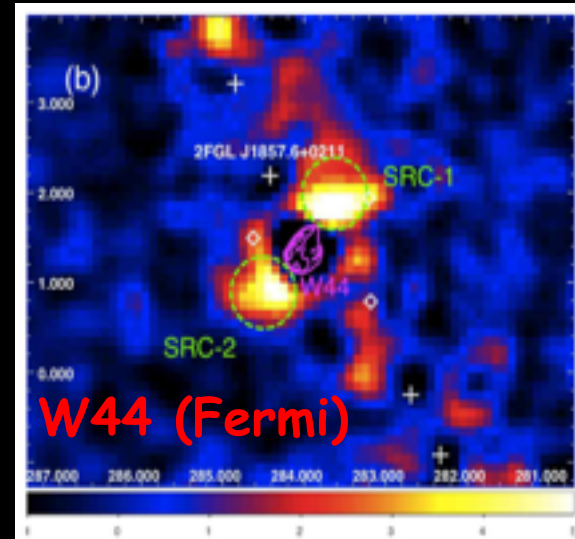


interaction
at the
shock?

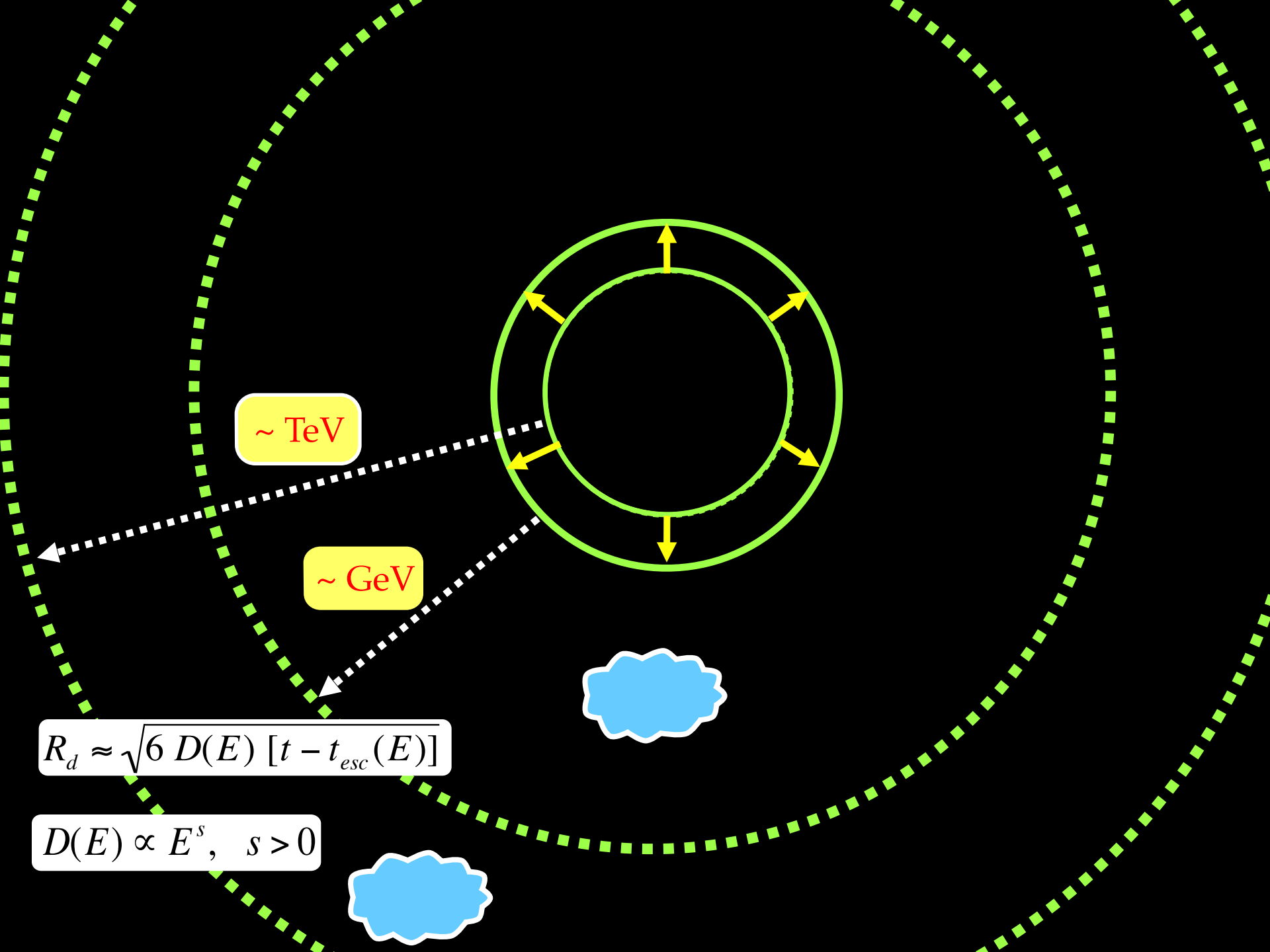
Aharonian et al., 2008



Uchiyama et al., 2012

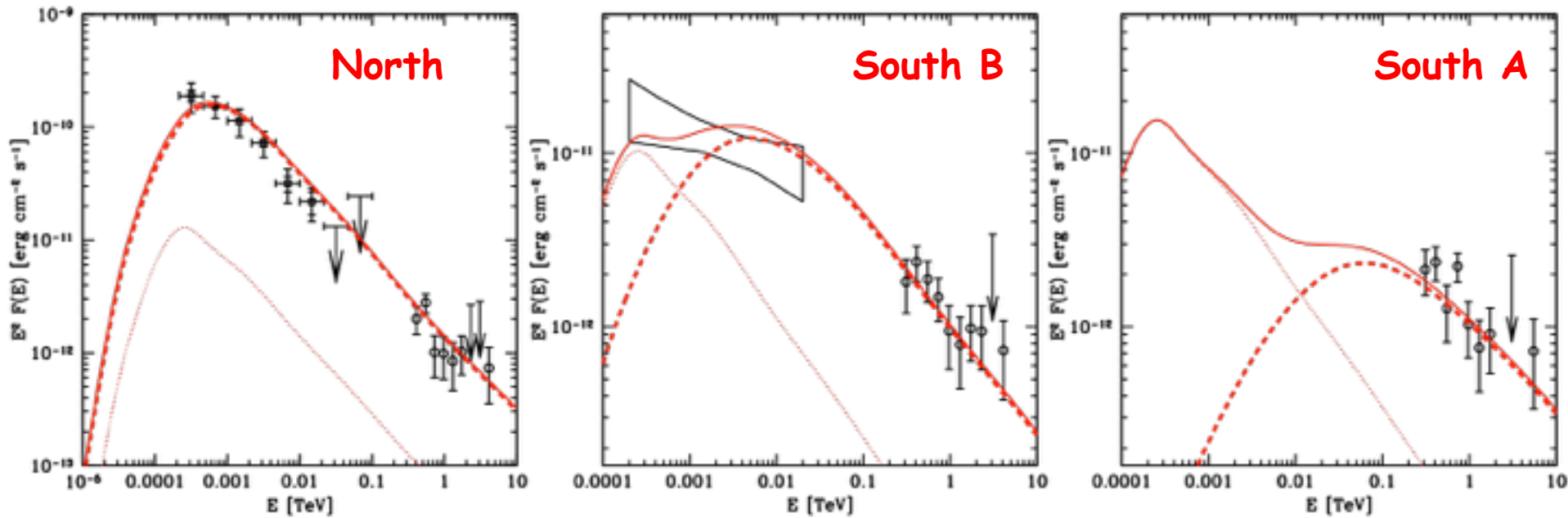


γ -rays
outside
the shell?



W28: gamma-ray emission

Gabici et al., 2010



$$d = 12 \text{ pc}$$

$$d = 32 \text{ pc}$$

$$d = 65 \text{ pc}$$

$$\eta = 30\%$$
$$D = 0.06 D_{\text{gal}}$$

$$D_{\text{gal}} = 10^{28} (E/10 \text{ GeV})^{0.5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Anisotropic diffusion: general considerations

reminder on isotropic D

$$n_{CR} \approx \frac{N_{CR}}{R_d^3}$$

strictly anisotropic D

$$n_{CR} \approx \frac{N_{CR}}{R_d R_{sh}^2}$$

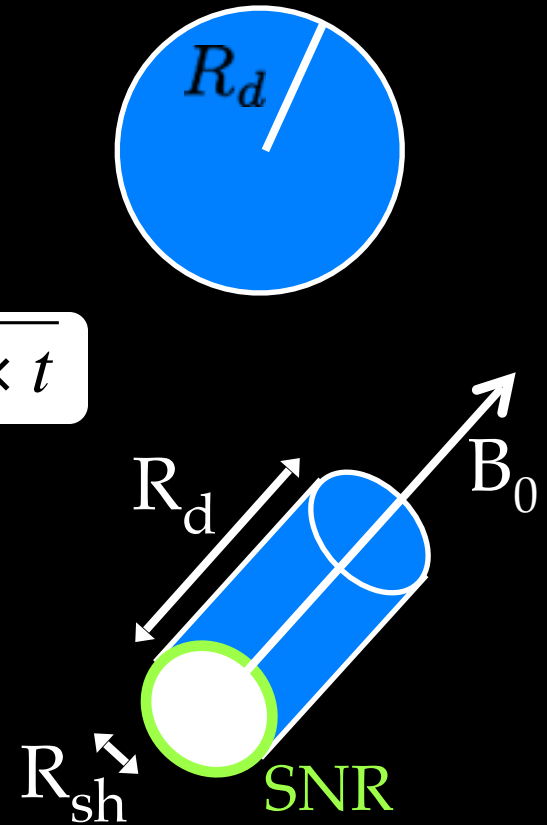
isotropic ~ 100 pc

$$D = D_0 \left(\frac{R_d}{R_{sh}} \right)^{4/3}$$

much larger D for anisotropic diffusion

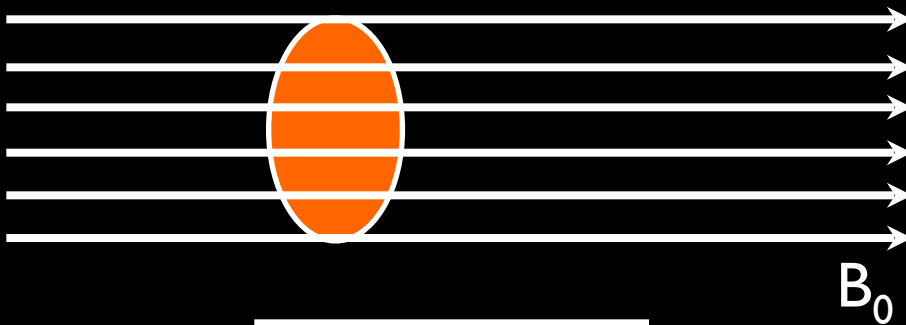
~ 10 pc

$$R_d \approx \sqrt{D \times t}$$



Anisotropic diffusion: field line wandering

Nava and Gabici, 2013, MNRAS, 429, 1643



$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_0 + \delta\mathbf{B}$$

$$b = \frac{\delta B}{B_0} < 1$$

$$L \approx \frac{\lambda_B}{b^2} \quad \text{size of the flux tube}$$

Zero-order assumption:
CRs attached to field lines

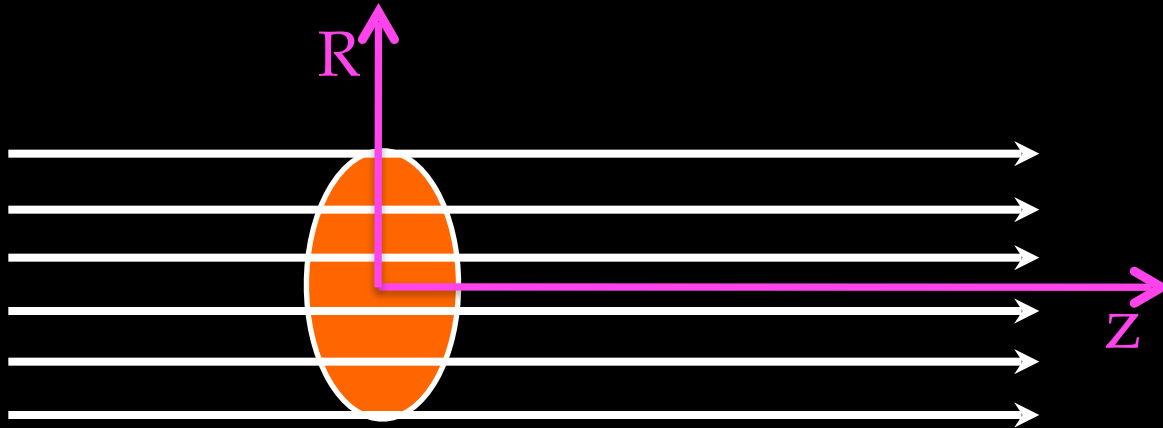
λ_B coherence length



perpendicular transport only due to
B field lines wandering

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diffusion coefficient
of field lines

$$(\Delta z)^2 \approx 2 D \Delta t$$

$$(\Delta R)^2 \approx 2 D_m \Delta z \propto (\Delta t)^{1/2}$$

$$\delta B / B_0 < 1$$

diffusion
coefficient:

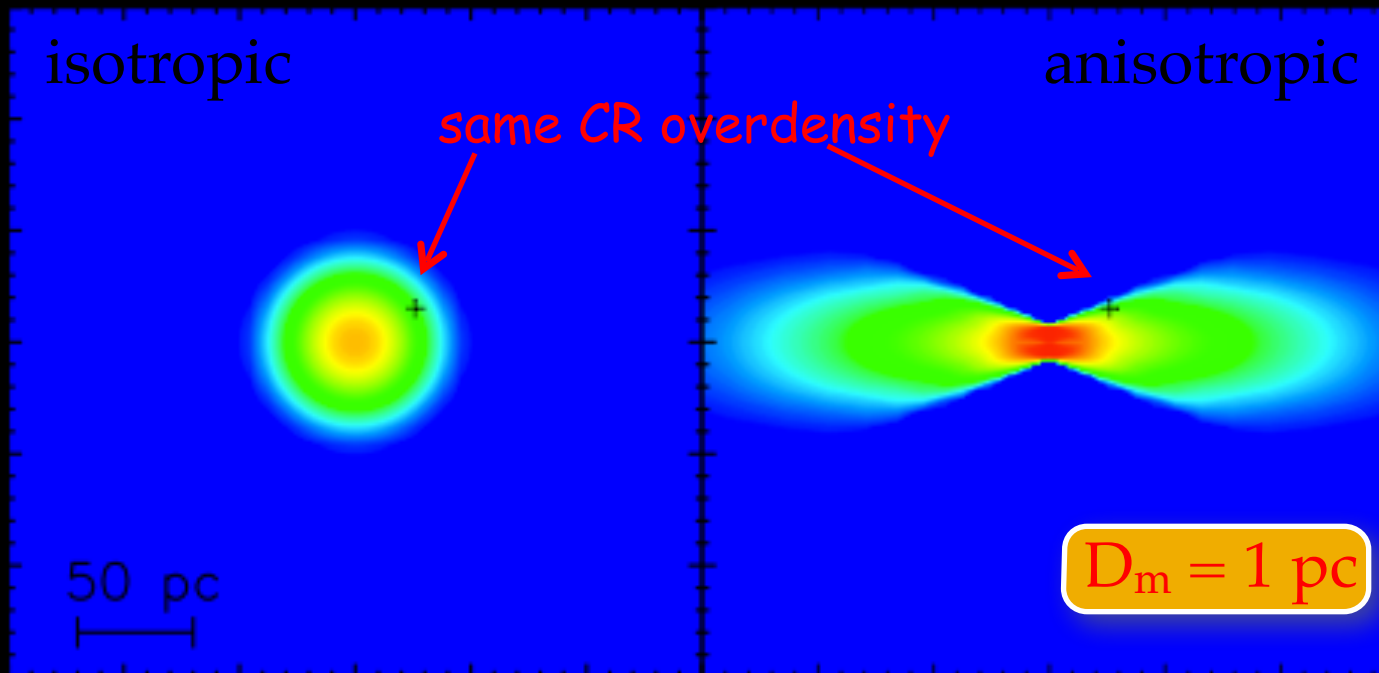
$$D_m = \frac{b^2 \lambda_B}{4}$$

coherence
length

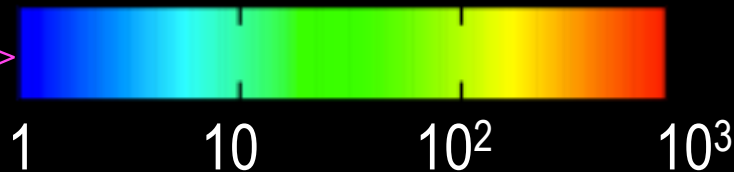
Kadomtsev & Pogutse
1979 Duffy et al 1995
Kirk et al 1996

Isotropic versus Anisotropic

$E = 1 \text{ TeV} ; t = 10 \text{ kyr}$



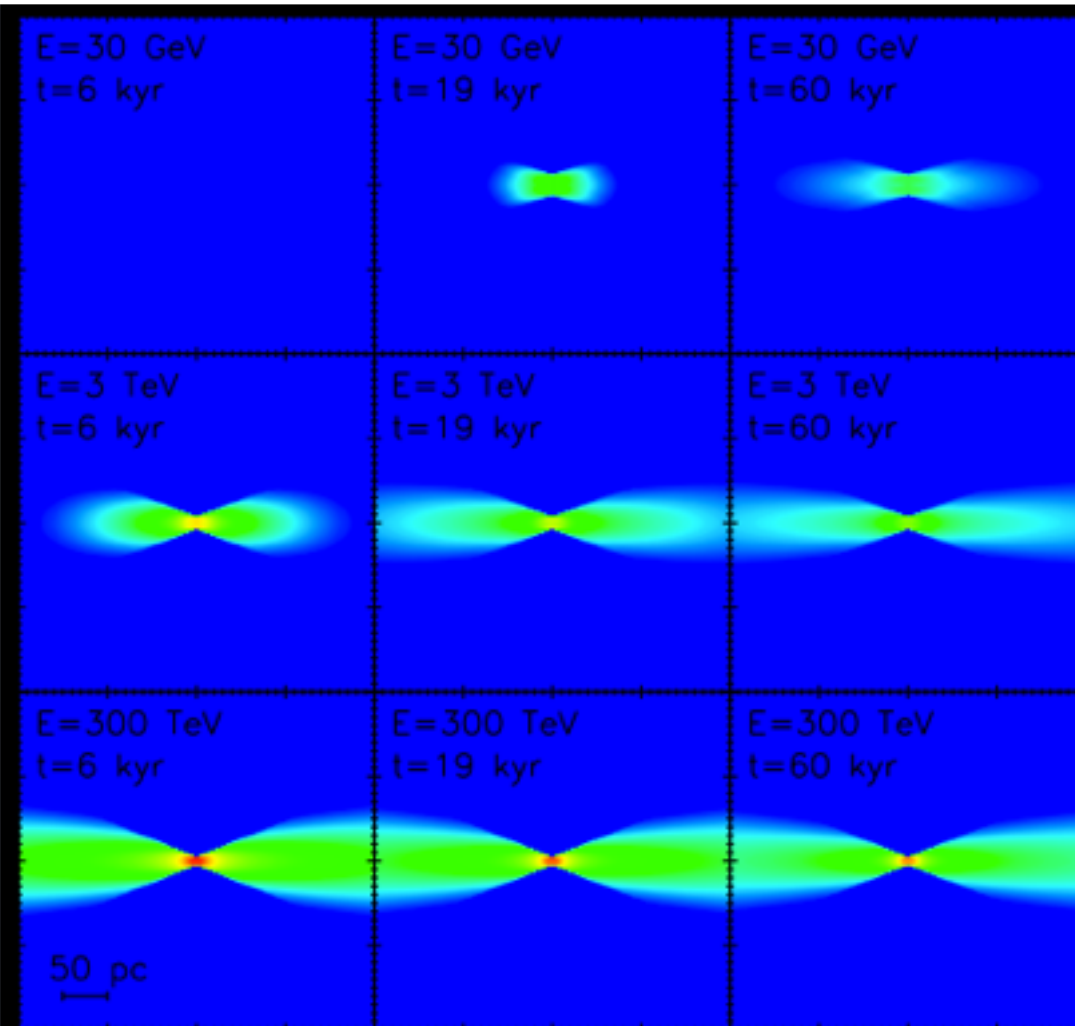
escaping CR / CR sea ->



$$D_{iso}(1 \text{ TeV}) = 5 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$D_{\parallel}(1 \text{ TeV}) = 10^{29} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

Anisotropic diffusion: CR maps



overdensity above
CR background

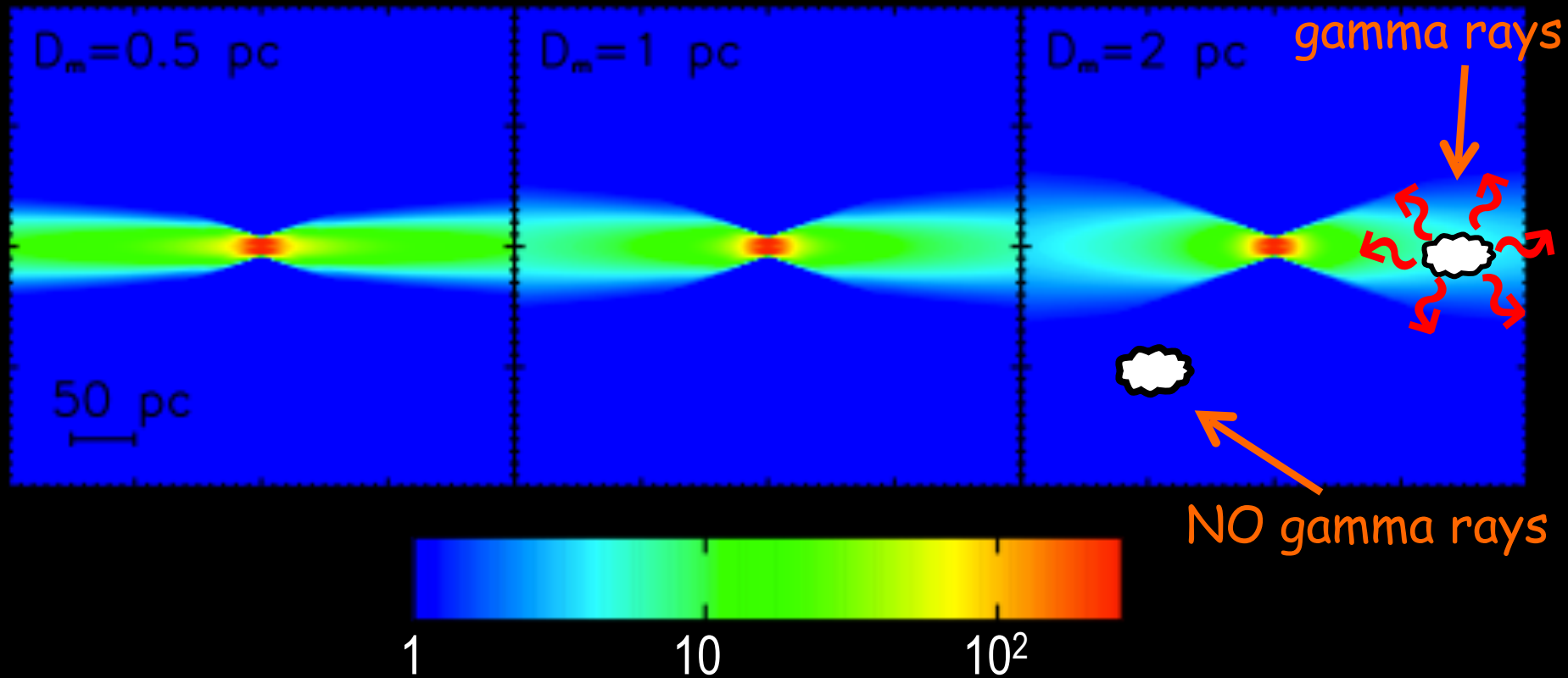
$$E_{\text{CR}} = 10^{50} \text{ erg}$$

$$D \sim 10^{28} (E / 10 \text{ GeV})^{0.5}$$

$$D_m = 1 \text{ pc}$$

$$\text{CR slope} = 2.2$$

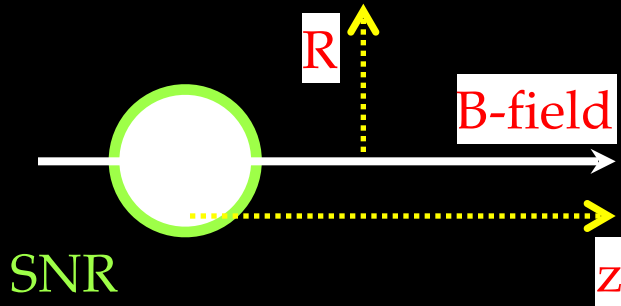
Anisotropic diffusion: CR maps



gamma rays? -> cloud and SNR must be magnetically connected

see also Ptuskin et al 2007 - Giacinti et al 2011, 2013 - Malkov et al 2012

Anisotropic diffusion: spectra

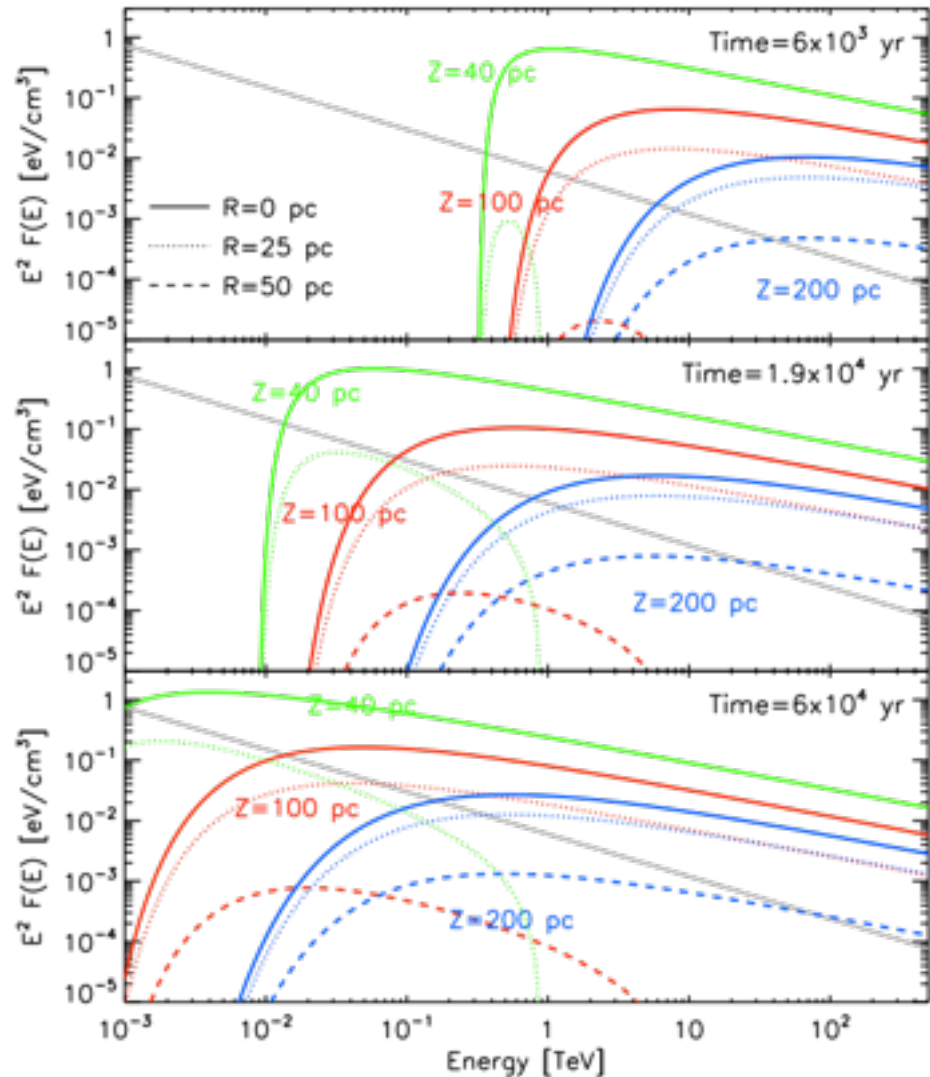


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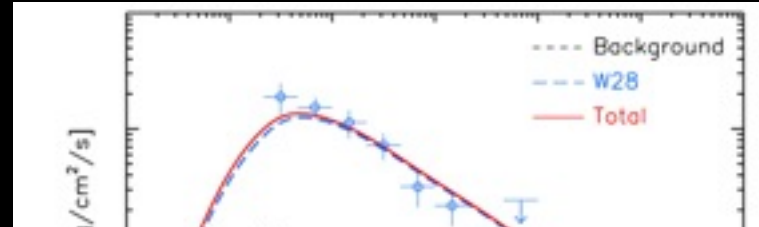
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Constraints on propagation: anisotropic diffusion in the W28 region

R ↑

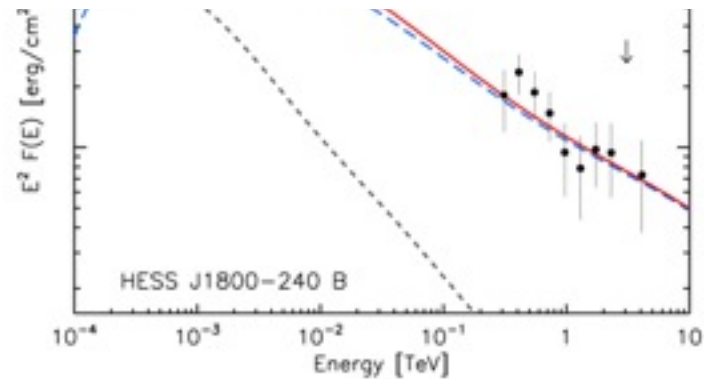
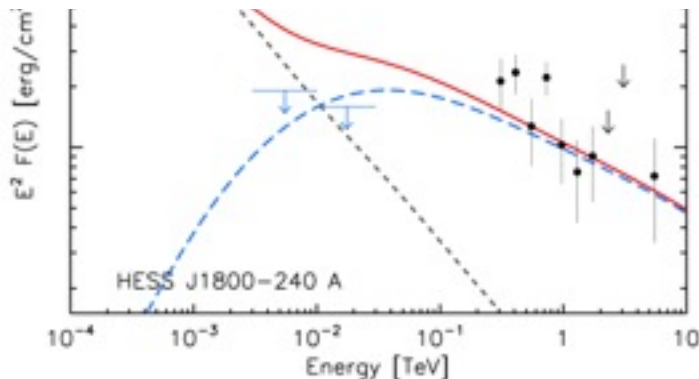


Z=10 pc

if particles are “focused” towards the MCs
a larger D can be used to explain data

$$D \approx 10^{28} \left(\frac{E}{10 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{0.5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

Z=165 pc R



5 pc R=14 pc

A comment about perpendicular diffusion

Quasi-Linear Theory

$$b = \frac{\delta B}{B_0} < 1$$

$$\frac{D_{\perp}}{D_{\parallel}} = \frac{1}{1 + (\lambda_{\parallel}/r_g)^2} = \frac{1}{1 + (D_{\parallel}/D_B)^2} = \frac{1}{1 + 1/b^4} \simeq b^4$$

perpendicular
diffusion is
negligible

Berezinskii et al. 1990; Casse et al., 2001; Duffy et al. 1995

Summary

- ☀ Constraints on the **diffusion coefficient** from γ -ray emission **strongly depend on the model** assumed to describe the diffusion around the sources
- ☀ **Presently**, the vast majority of studies of γ -rays from MC or from extended emissions around sources are based on the assumption of isotropic diffusion
- ☀ Local CR **propagation** within few 100 pc from the source is **affected by the local geometry** of the magnetic field
- ☀ In the **future**, γ -ray observations can be used to provide information on the local magnetic field, as well as on the geometry of field lines