

# Acceleration of cosmic ray secondaries inside old supernova remnants

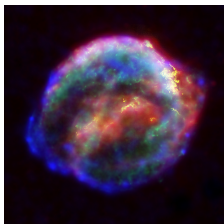
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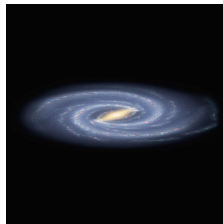
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## Secondaries from the source?

Common belief: secondaries from propagation dominate since the grammage in the ISM is larger than in the source



$$\begin{aligned}\langle \tau_{\text{src}} \rangle &\lesssim \tau_{\text{SNR}} \approx 10^{4 \dots 5} \text{ yr} \\ n_{\text{src}} &\lesssim 10 \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ \Rightarrow X_{\text{src}} &\approx 0.2 \text{ g cm}^{-2}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\langle \tau_{\text{ISM}} \rangle &\sim \tau_{\text{esc}} \approx 10^7 \text{ yr} \\ n_{\text{ISM}} &\approx 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ \Rightarrow X_{\text{ISM}} &\approx \text{few g cm}^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

However, secondaries from source can have a harder spectrum!

# The transport equation

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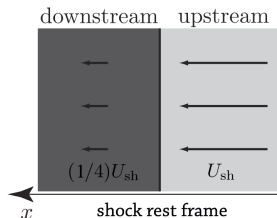
# The transport equation

for shock acceleration

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# Macroscopic approach

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- Consider steady-state transport equation for phase-space density  $f_i$ :

$$u \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \kappa \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x} - \frac{p}{3} \frac{du}{dx} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial p} = 0$$

- For  $x \neq 0$ ,

$$f_i(x, p) = \begin{cases} g_i(p) \exp \left[ \frac{x}{\kappa(p)/u} \right] + Y_i \delta(p - p_{inj}) & \text{for } x < 0 \\ f_{i,0}(p) & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

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- Can derive matching conditions and find for the spectrum at shock,

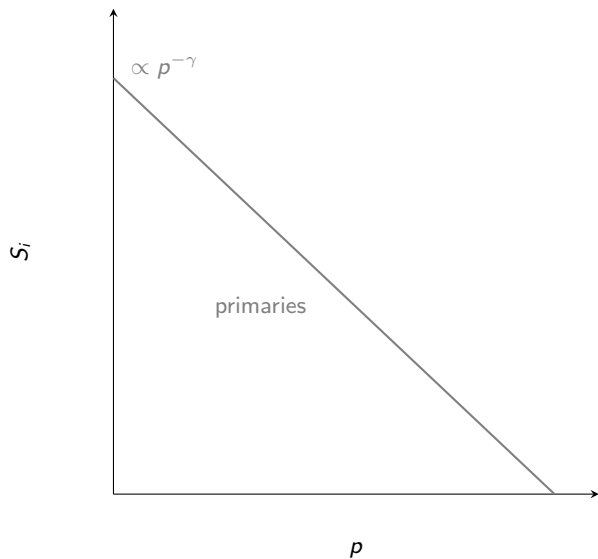
$$f_{i,0}(p) = \gamma p^{-\gamma} \int_0^p dp' p'^{\gamma-1} Y_i \delta(p' - p_{inj}) + \text{const.} \times p^{-\gamma}$$

with spectral index  $\gamma \equiv \frac{3r}{r-1}$

- With  $r \simeq 4$ :  $f_{i,0}(p) \propto p^{-4} \Rightarrow \psi_i(p) = 4\pi p^2 f_{i,0}(p) \propto p^{-2}$

Strong ( $r = 4$ ) shock accelerates CRs to  $p^{-2}$  spectrum!

## Primaries only



# DSA with secondaries

Blasi (2009); Blasi & Serpico (2009); Mertsch & Sarkar (2009); Ahlers *et al.* (2010); Tomassetti & Donato (2012); Cholis & Hooper (2012); Mertsch & Sarkar (2014); Cholis *et al.* (2017); Mertsch, Vittino, Sarkar, *accepted* (2021); Kawanaka & Lee (2021)

- Transport equation

$$u \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \kappa \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x} - \frac{p}{3} \frac{du}{dx} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial p} + \Gamma_i f_i = q_i \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_i = \underbrace{v n_{\text{gas}} \sum_{j < i} \sigma_{i \rightarrow j}}_{\text{spallation loss}}, \quad q_i = \underbrace{v n_{\text{gas}} \sum_{j > i} \sigma_{j \rightarrow i} f_j}_{\text{spallation production}}$$

1 Downstream (+) solution is not const. anymore:

$$f_i^+(x, p) \simeq f_i^0(p) + r \left( \underbrace{q_i^0(p)}_{\propto p^{-\gamma}} - \Gamma_i^+ f_i^0(p) \right) \frac{x}{u_+}$$

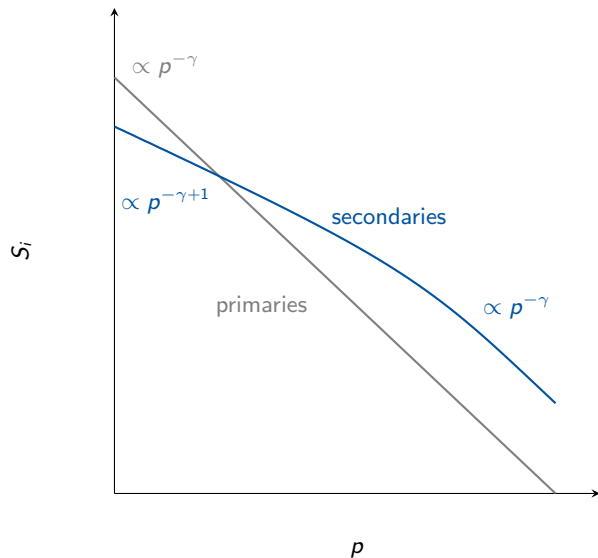
2 Spectrum at shock is not  $\propto p^{-\gamma}$  anymore:

$$f_i^0(p) = \gamma p^{-\gamma} \int_0^p dp' p'^{\gamma-1} \left( \underbrace{Y_i \delta(p' - p_{\text{inj}})}_{\rightarrow p^{-\gamma}} + (1 + r^2) e^{-p'/p_r} \underbrace{\frac{\kappa(p')}{u_-^2}}_{\propto p'} \underbrace{q_i^0(p')}_{\propto p'^{-\gamma}} \right)$$



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for galactic transport

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# Challenges

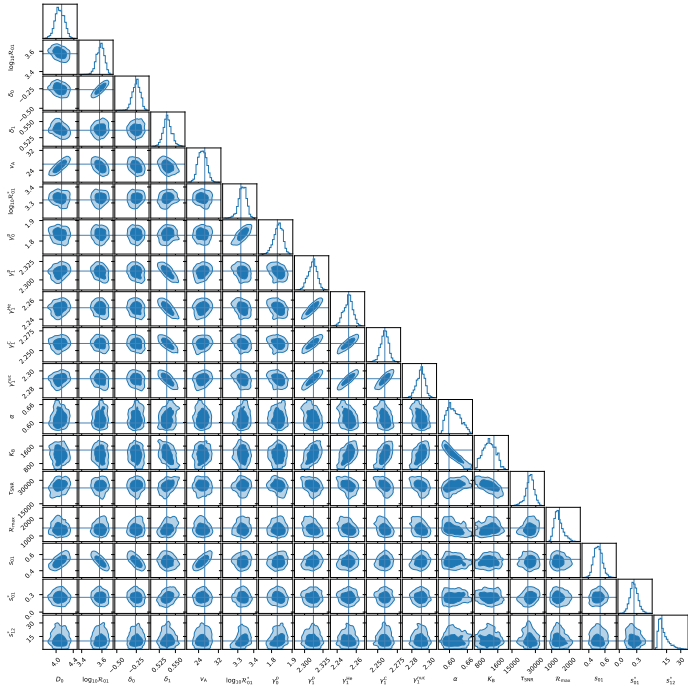
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## Large number of free parameters

- Unknown parameters:
    - source spectrum:  $\gamma_1^p, \gamma_2^p, \mathcal{R}_{br}^p, s_1, \gamma_2^{He}, \gamma_2^C, \gamma_2^{nuc}$
    - gal. transport:  $\kappa_0, \mathcal{R}_{12}, \mathcal{R}_{23}, s_{12}, s_{23}, \delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, v_A$
    - solar modulation:  $\phi_p, \phi_{e^+}, \phi_{\bar{p}}, \phi_{nuc}$
    - accn. of secs.:  $\tau_{SNR}, K_B, \mathcal{R}_{max}, \alpha$
  - Cannot adopt values from other studies
- Need to efficiently scan parameter space
- Used affine-invariant MC sampler **emcee** Foreman-Mackey *et al.* (2012)

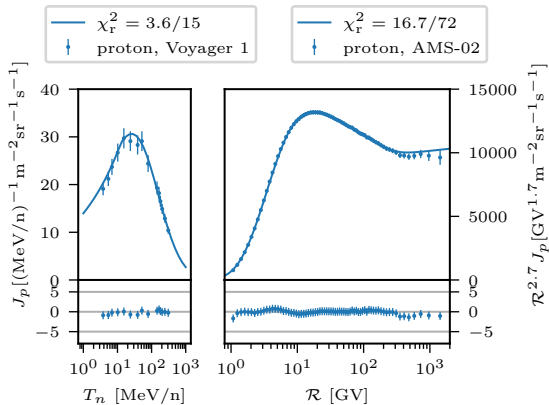
## Cross-section uncertainty

- For  $e^+$ : Dermer; Kamae *et al.*; Huang *et al.*
- For  $\bar{p}$ : Winkler; Feng *et al.*; Kachelriess *et al.*; Tan & Ng
- Some needed to be implemented in **GALPROP** Strong & Moskalenko (1998)



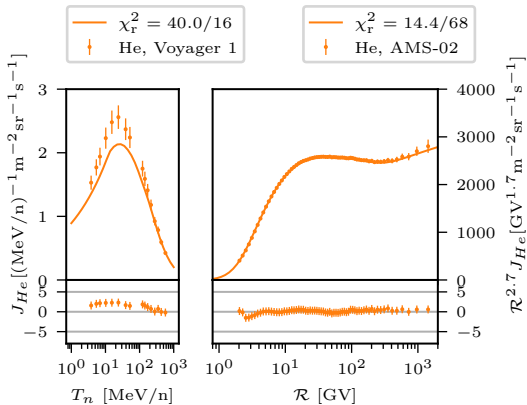
# Results: proton

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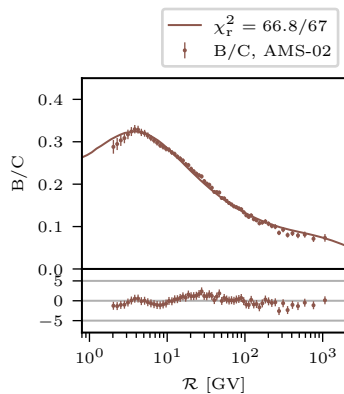
# Results: helium

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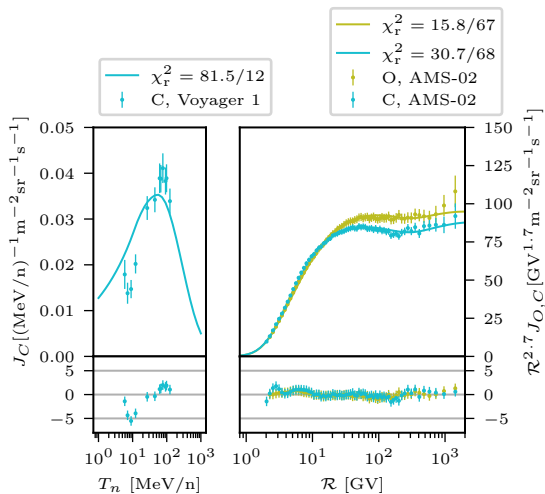
# Results: boron-to-carbon ratio

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# Results: carbon, oxygen

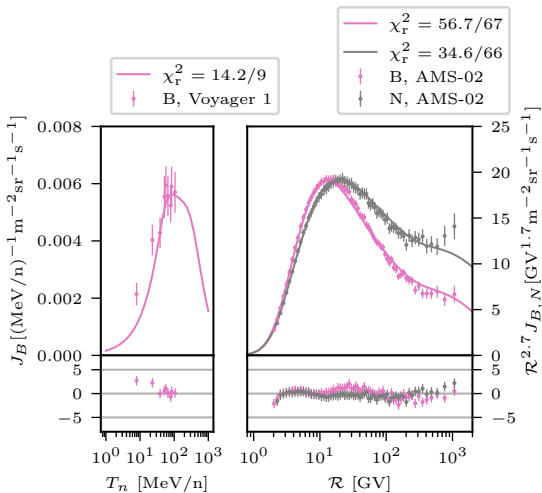
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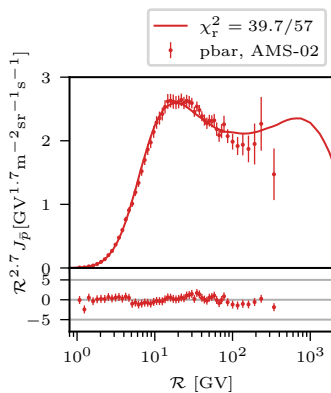
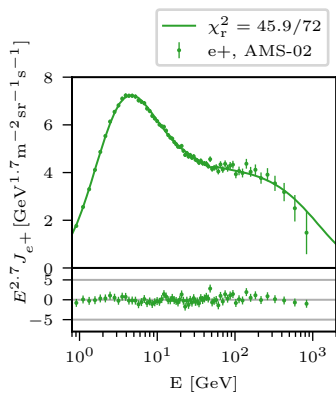
# Results: boron, nitrogen

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# Results: positrons, antiprotons

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## Future improvements

Reminder: steady-state spectrum at shock:

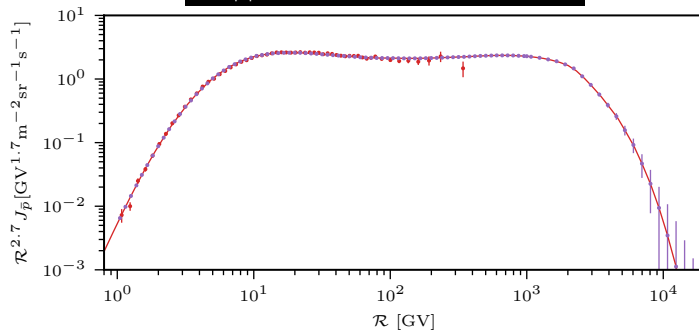
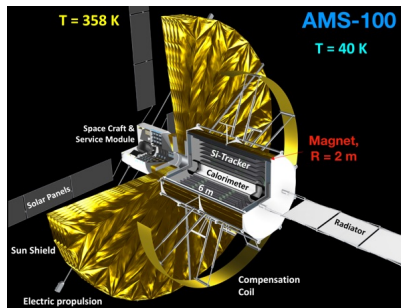
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$\rightarrow p^{-\gamma+1}$

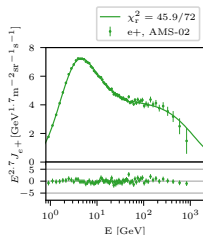
### Additional effects

- Time-dependence, e.g. for shock speed      hydro,  $t_{\text{dyn}}$
- Self-consistent  $\kappa(p)$       kinetic,  $t_{\text{gyro}}$
- Escape      hydro-kinetic, ?

→ A multi-scale problem!



# Summary



- Secondary CRs get shock accelerated inside supernova remnants
- Can explain the  $e^+$  excess, the hard  $\bar{p}$  spectrum, ...
- No need for new class of sources!

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 arXiv:2012.12853

