

Comparison of the Acceleration Mechanisms in Fermi Bubbles

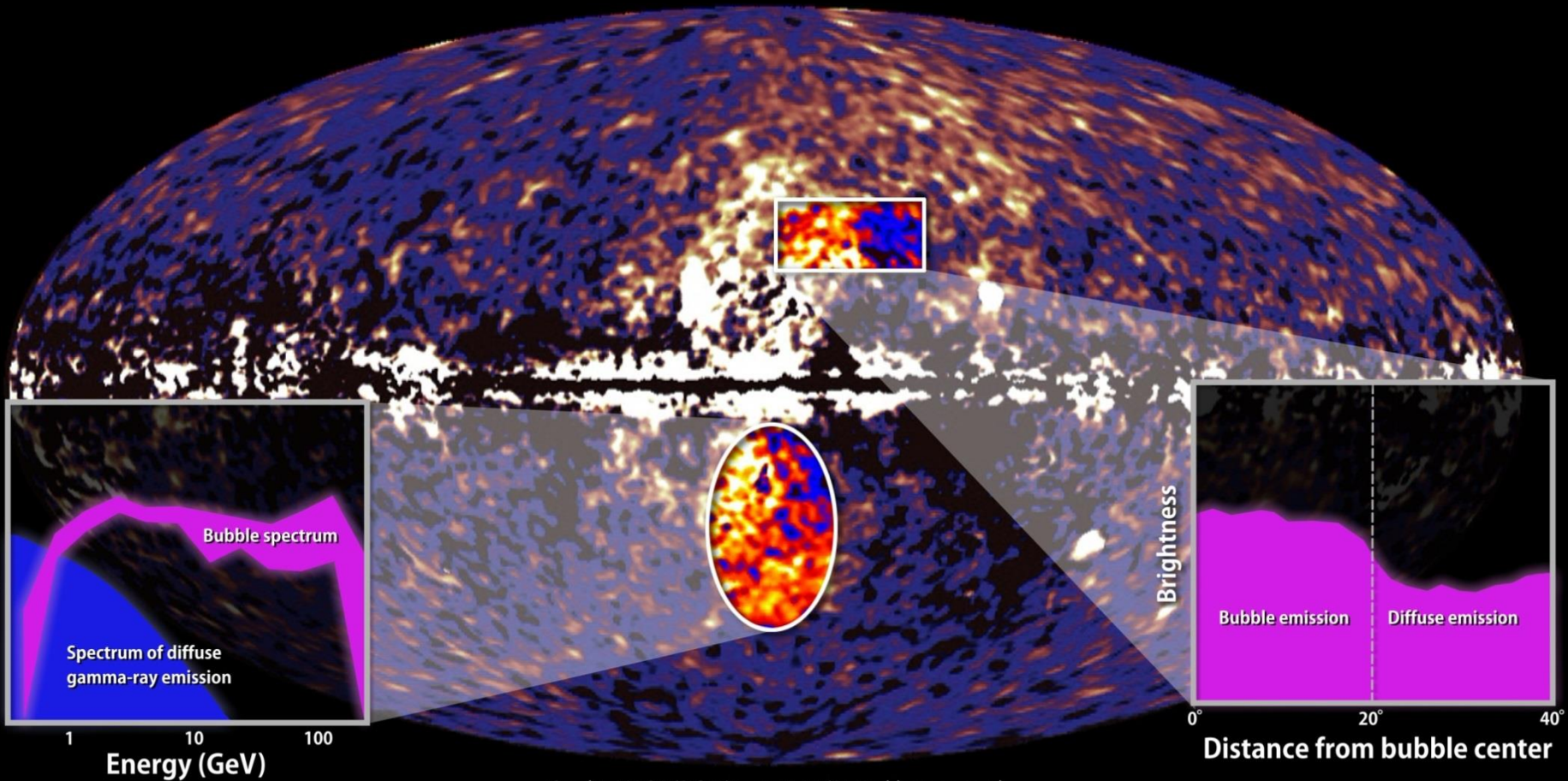
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Fermi Bubbles

Bubbles show energetic spectrum and sharp edges



Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT/D. Finkbeiner et al.

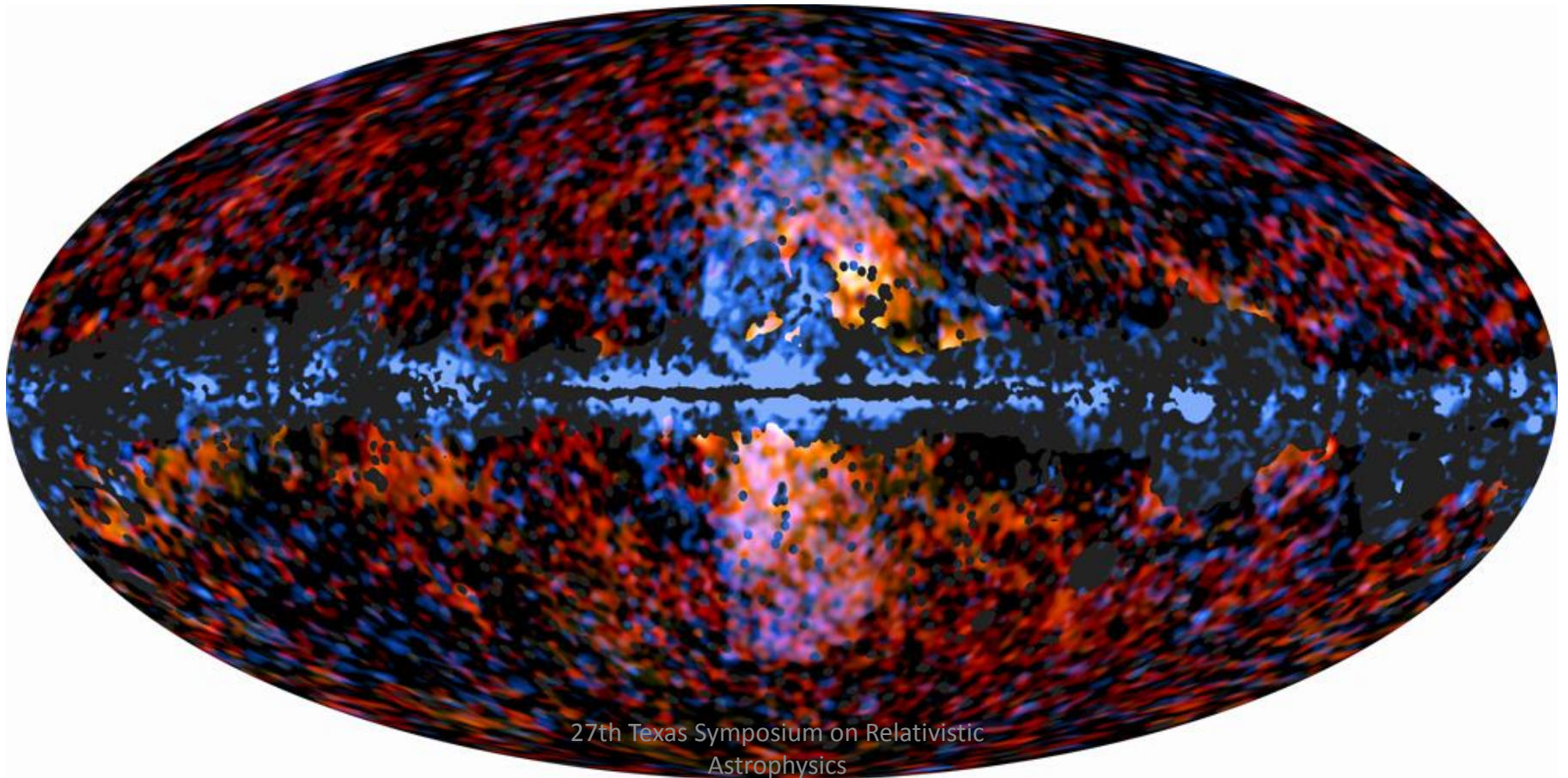
Dobler et al., 2010,

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Su et al., 2010

Counterparts: radio

- Finkbeiner 2004. “WMAP Haze”
- Planck Collab., 2012



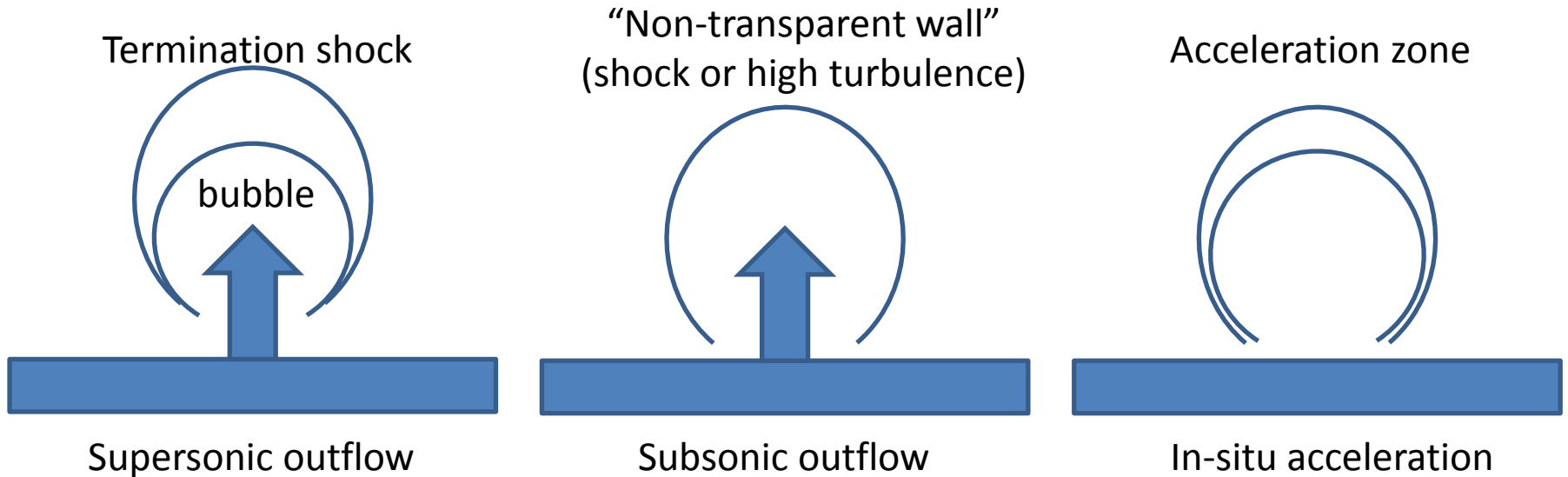
Fermi bubbles: properties

- Hard synchrotron: spectral index -2.1
- Sharp edges: shock? Low diffusion? Magnetic wall?
- Uniform brightness: concentration near the edge?
- Position: central BH-related? Starburst related?
- Probably not unique: apart from Cen A, X-Ray and radio “bubbles” in Markarian 6, Circinus
- Good correlation “radio – gamma-rays” (Dobbler, 2012) + spectral softening to high lat (Dobbler, 2012; or not? Hooper & Slatyer, 2013) – leptons?

Possible models

Hadronic	Leptonic
$p + p \rightarrow 2\gamma + e^{\pm}$	IC + synchrotron
<p>a) Crocker & Aharonian, 2010 Crocker, 2012 SN activity + magnetic walls</p> <p>b) Istomin, 2011 Jet, “ballistic”</p> <p>c) Fujita et al, 2013 Shock</p>	<p>a) Su et al., 2010 Starburst or jet => giant shock</p> <p>b) Guo & Mathews, 2011; Yang et al., 2012 Jet + anisotropic diffusion, “ballistic”</p> <p>c) Mertsch & Sarkar, 2011 Fermi-II acceleration</p> <p>d) Cheng et al., 2011 Stellar captures => series of shocks</p>
<p>Shape – why uniform? X-Ray emission? Synchrotron – secondaries if young? H > 50uG</p>	<p>Should be young or accelerated Synchrotron – young, stochastic or series</p>

Common points



In all cases we expect appearance of an acceleration zone: shockwave should be young (< 1 Myr), turbulence leads to stochastics

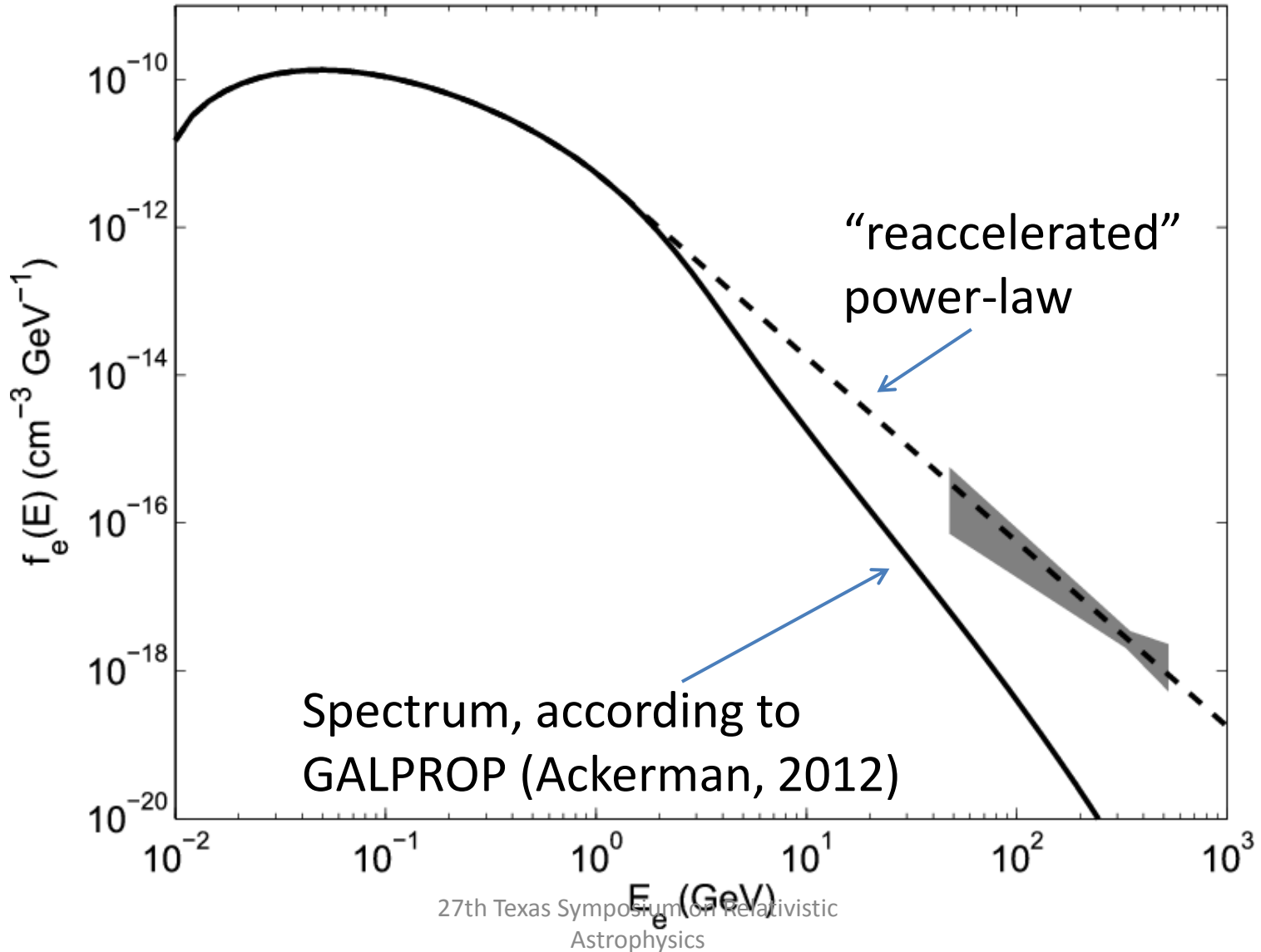
The site is giant: may affect the whole Galaxy!

(See eg. Cheng et al, 2012 – CRs above the knee)

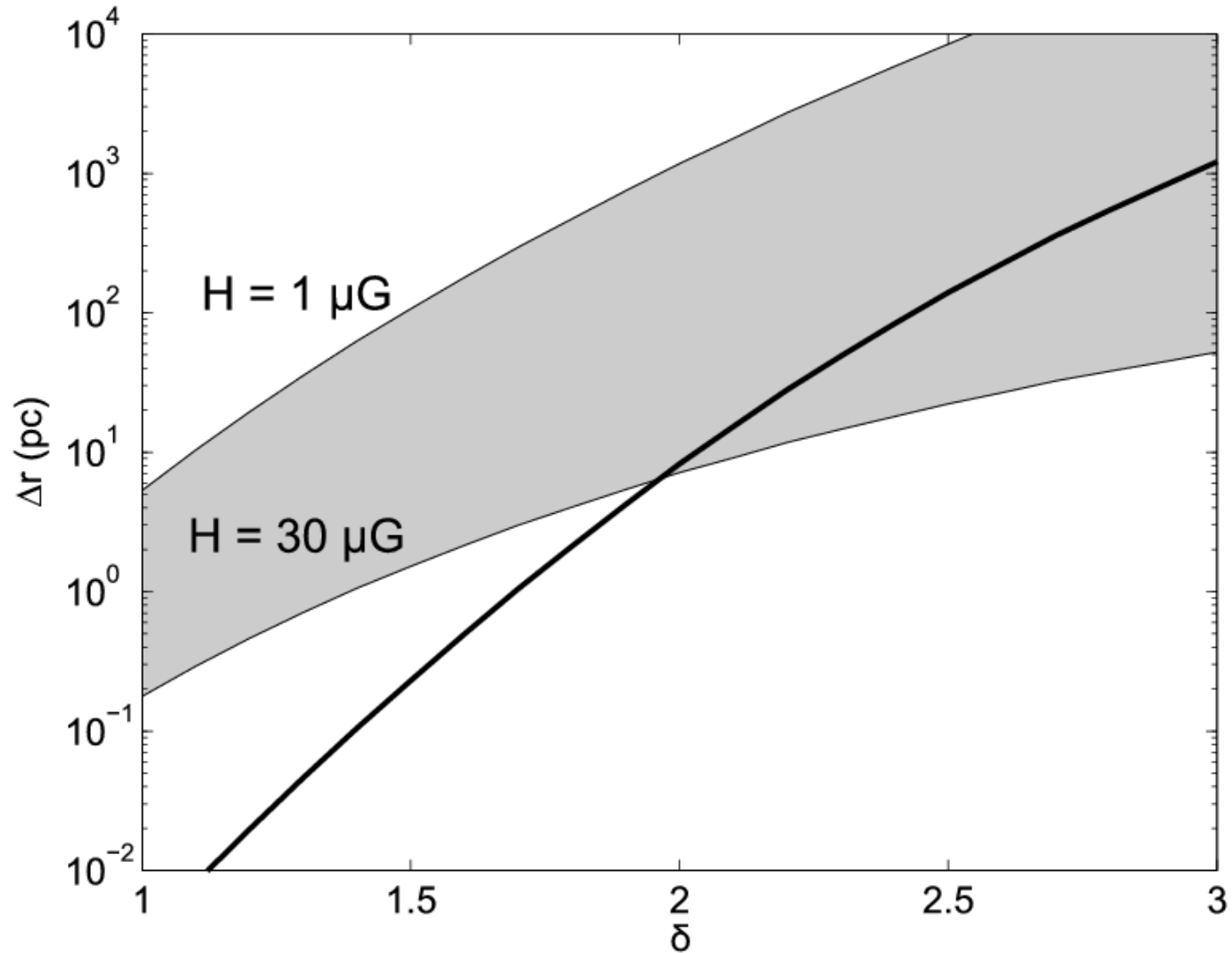
Acceleration

- From background plasma
 - Need to worry about injection
 - Can provide a lot of particles
- From pre-accelerated electrons
 - Electrons are already ‘injected’
 - More solid
 - Need to know spectrum of non-thermal electrons (GALPROP – fitted to radio and gamma-ray bkg.)
 - OR just linear extrapolation of local spectrum

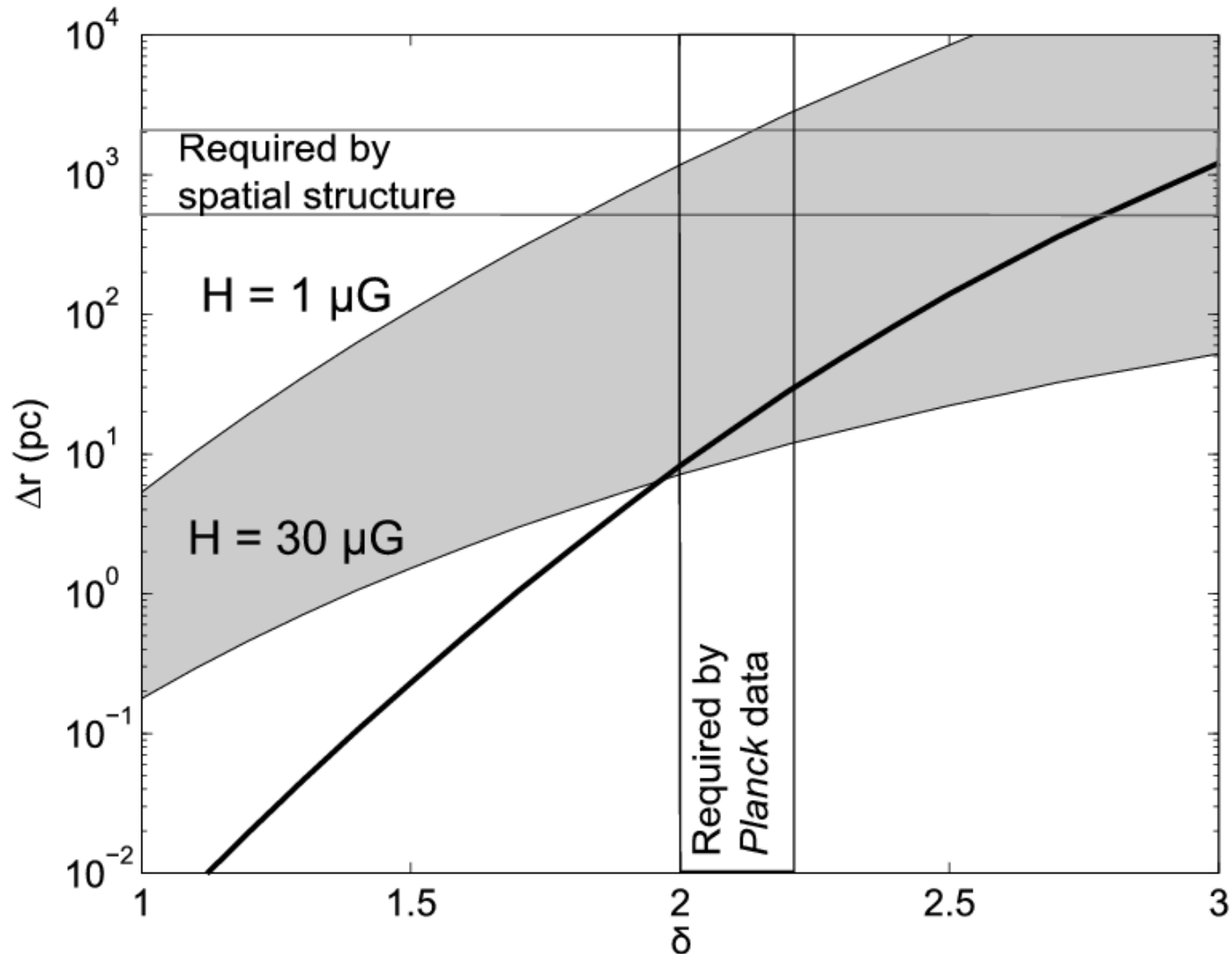
Limitations on acceleration



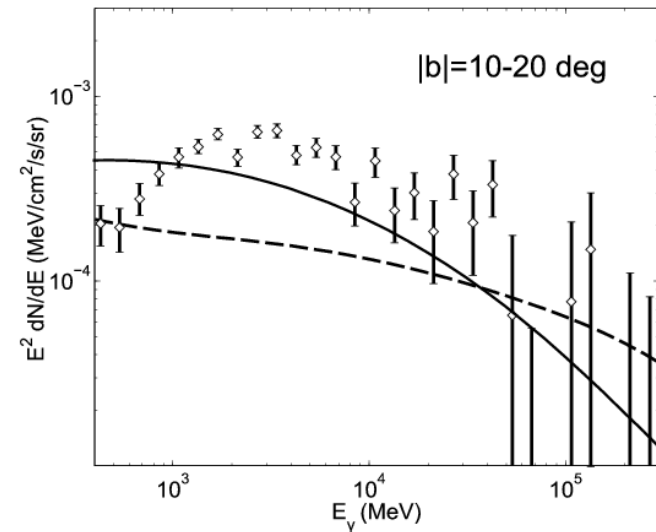
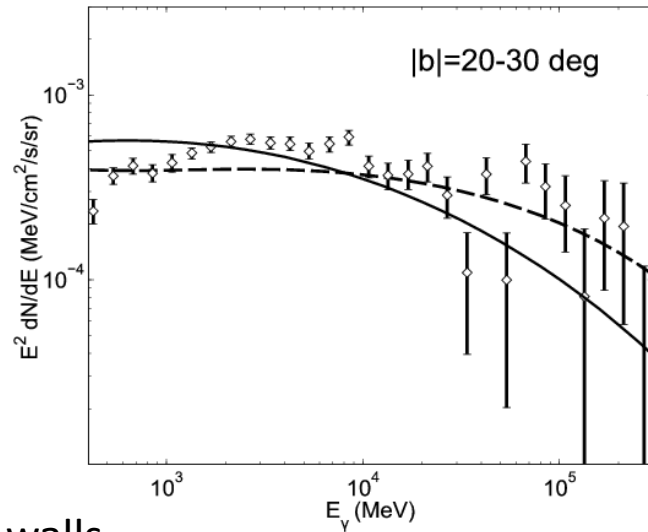
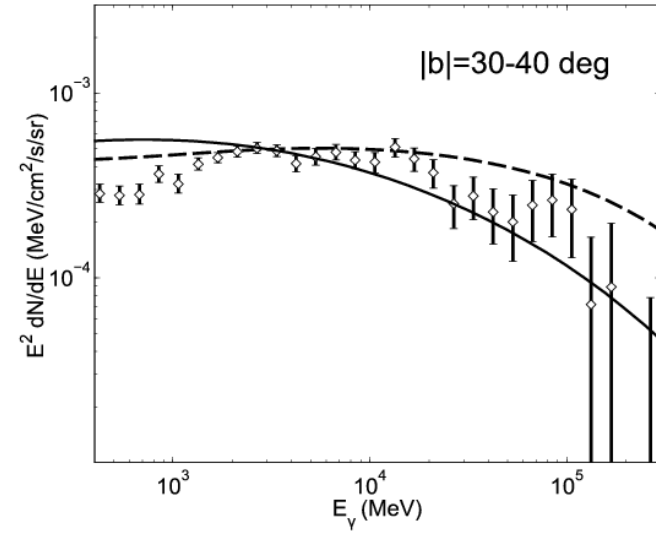
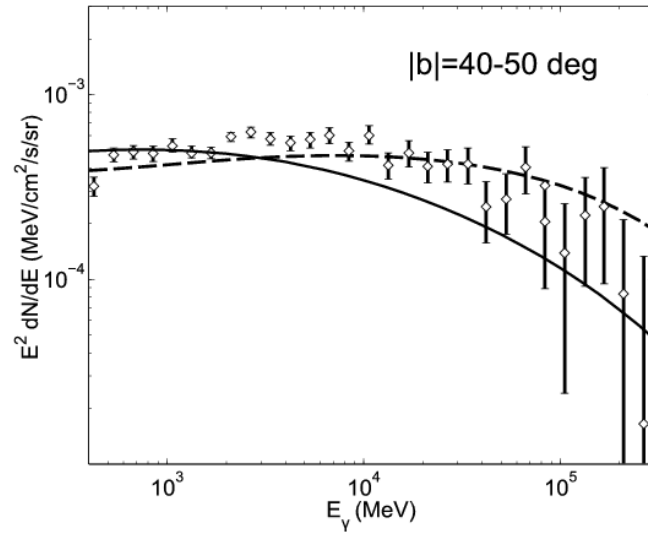
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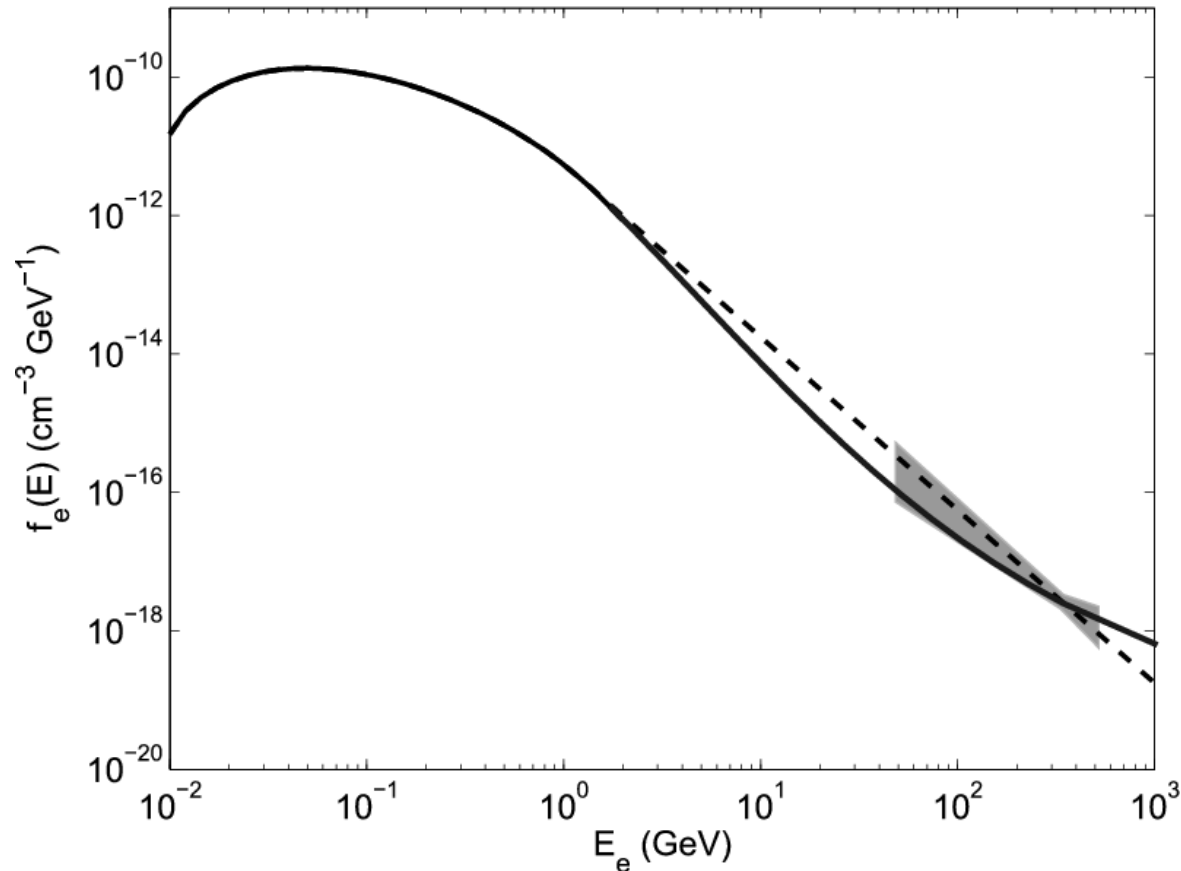


Numerical model. Stochastic acceleration



Solid – thick walls
Dashed – thin walls

“Concave spectrum”



- Expected in CR-modified single or multiple shocks
- Can produce spectra harder than ‘-2’

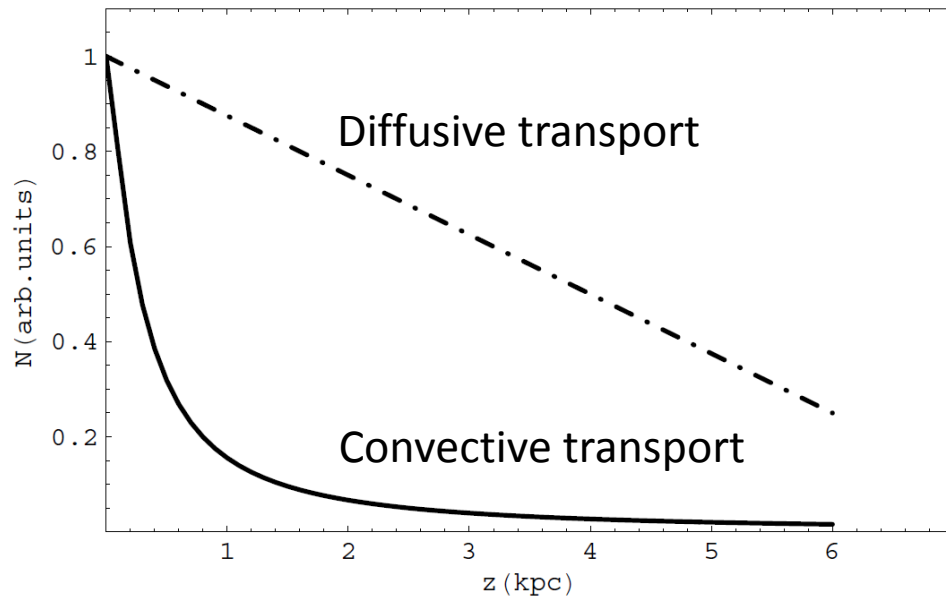
Adiabatic losses

$$-\nabla [D(r, z, p)\nabla f - u(r, z)f] + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^2 \left[\left(\frac{dp}{dt} - \frac{\nabla \mathbf{u}}{3} p \right) f - \kappa(r, z, p) \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right] = Q(p, r)\delta(z)$$

(see e.g. Berezhinskii et al. 1990)

- Bloemen et al. 1993; Breitschwerdt et al. 2002:

$$u(z) = 3vz, \quad v = 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Conclusions

- In giant structures acceleration should be carefully taken into account
- Strong shocks and stochastic acceleration are most likely excluded (diffusive transport)
- ‘Ballistic’ models – what about shocks?
- Series of weak shocks – seems fine, yet correct HD required
- Galactic wind can possibly help