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On the physical foundation of
equipartition in supernova remnants

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Equipartition (eqp) calculation

- The eqp or minimum-energy calculation
- Determination of the magnetic field strength and minimal energy contained in the magnetic field and cosmic ray particles
- Directly from radio-continuum observations – synchrotron emission

Historical review

- Pacholczyk (1970) – integration of the cosmic ray energy spectrum over frequencies – “classical equipartition”
- Revised equipartition – Beck & Krause (2005) – integration of the cosmic ray energy spectrum over energies

Assumptions for our derivation

- Bell's (1978) injection $E_{\text{inj}} \approx 4 \frac{1}{2} m_p v_s^2$
- Shock velocity of an SNR is low enough ($v_s \ll 7000$ km/s – older SNRs) =>
$$E_{\text{inj}} \ll m_e c^2 \quad (p_{\text{inj}}^e \ll m_e c)$$
- Particles are injected into the acceleration process all with the same injection energy
- Plasma is fully ionized and globally electroneutral

Derivation

- Assuming power law momentum distribution ($N=kp^\gamma$), the energy density of one cosmic ray “ingredient” is:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &= \int_{p_{inj}}^{p_\infty} 4\pi kp^{-\gamma} (\sqrt{p^2c^2 + m^2c^4} - mc^2) dp \\ &\approx \int_0^\infty 4\pi kp^{-\gamma} (\sqrt{p^2c^2 + m^2c^4} - mc^2) dp \\ &= 4\pi kc(mc)^{2-\gamma} \int_0^\infty x^{-\gamma} (\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - 1) dx, \quad x = \frac{p}{mc} \\ &= K(mc^2)^{2-\gamma} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)}.\end{aligned}$$

- K is from $N=KE^\gamma$; analytical solutions only for $2 < \gamma < 3$ (the spectral indices of SNRs: $0.5 < a < 1$)

- Total CR energy density (for all ingredients: electrons, protons, heavier ions):

$$\begin{aligned}
\epsilon_{\text{CR}} &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)} \left(K_e(m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} + \sum_i K_i(m_i c^2)^{2-\gamma} \right) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)} \left(K_e(m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} + K_p(m_p c^2)^{2-\gamma} \sum_i \frac{n_i}{n_p} \left(\frac{m_i}{m_p} \right)^{(3-\gamma)/2} \right) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)} K_e(m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{n}{n_e} \left(\frac{m_p}{m_e} \right)^{(3-\gamma)/2} \sum_i \frac{n_i}{n} \left(\frac{m_i}{m_p} \right)^{(3-\gamma)/2} \right) \\
&= K_e(m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)} (1 + \kappa), \tag{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\kappa = \left(\frac{m_p}{m_e} \right)^{(3-\gamma)/2} \frac{\sum_i A_i^{(3-\gamma)/2} \nu_i}{\sum_i Z_i \nu_i}$$

where κ is the energy ratio, ν_i are the ion abundances, A_i and Z_i are masses and charge numbers of elements; we neglected energy losses.

- The synchrotron emissivity:

$$\epsilon_\nu = c_5 K_e (B \sin \Theta)^{(\gamma+1)/2} \left(\frac{\nu}{2c_1} \right)^{(1-\gamma)/2}$$

- The flux density:

$$S_\nu = \frac{L_\nu}{4\pi d^2} = \frac{\frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 f \mathcal{E}_\nu}{4\pi d^2} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \epsilon_\nu f \theta^3 d.$$

- The isotropic distribution for the orientation of pitch angles (radial magnetic field) (Longair 1994) :

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (\sin \Theta)^{(\gamma+3)/2} d\Theta = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\frac{\gamma+5}{4})}{2 \Gamma(\frac{\gamma+7}{4})}$$

- For the total energy we have:

$$E = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 f(\epsilon_{\text{CR}} + \epsilon_B), \quad \epsilon_B = \frac{1}{8\pi} B^2,$$

$$E = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 f \left(K_e (m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)} (1 + \kappa) + \frac{1}{8\pi} B^2 \right)$$

- Looking for the minimum energy with respect to B ,
 $dE/dB=0$:

$$\frac{dK_e}{dB} (m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)} (1 + \kappa) + \frac{1}{4\pi} B = 0$$

- Using eqs. for synchrotron emissivity, flux density and distribution of magnetic field lines:

$$\frac{dK_e}{dB} = -\frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{S_\nu}{f\theta^3 d} \frac{1}{c_5} \left(\frac{\nu}{2c_1}\right)^{-(1-\gamma)/2} \frac{(\gamma+1)\Gamma(\frac{\gamma+7}{4})}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{\gamma+5}{4})} B^{-(\gamma+3)/2}$$

- Finally:
$$B = \left(\frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{(\gamma+1)\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma+7}{4})}{(\gamma-1)\Gamma(\frac{\gamma+5}{4})} \frac{S_\nu}{f d\theta^3} \cdot (m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \frac{(2c_1)^{(1-\gamma)/2}}{c_5} (1+\kappa)\nu^{(\gamma-1)/2} \right)^{2/(\gamma+5)}$$

- For easier calculation:

$$B \text{ [Ga]} \approx \left(6.286 \cdot 10^{(9\gamma-79)/2} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3-\gamma}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma-2}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\gamma+7}{4})}{\Gamma(\frac{\gamma+5}{4})} (m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \right) \cdot (12)$$

$$\cdot \frac{(2c_1)^{(1-\gamma)/2}}{c_5} (1+\kappa) \frac{S_\nu \text{ [Jy]}}{f d \text{ [kpc]} \theta \text{ [arcmin]}^3 \nu \text{ [GHz]}^{(\gamma-1)/2}} \left. \right)^{2/(\gamma+5)},$$

- We also have: $E_B = \frac{\gamma+1}{4} E_{CR}, \quad E_{\min} = \frac{\gamma+5}{\gamma+1} E_B$

Arbutina et al. (2012, 2013)

<http://poincare.matf.bg.ac.rs/~arbo/eqp>

Equipartition calculation for supernova remnants

If you are using this calculator, please cite: B. Arbutina, D. Urošević, M. M. Andjelić, M. Z. Pavlović and B. Vukotić, "Modified equipartition calculation for supernova remnants", 2012, *Astrophys. J.*, **746**, 79 ([arXiv:1111.5465](https://arxiv.org/abs/1111.5465)). See the above paper for the explanation what this programme does. For more information contact: arbo@math.rs.

Spectral index, $\alpha =$ (0.5-1)

Frequency, $\nu =$ [GHz]

Flux density, $S_\nu =$ [Jy]

Distance, $d =$ [kpc]

Angular radius, $\theta =$ [arcmin]

Filling factor, $f =$ (0-1)

Shock velocity, $v_s =$ [km/s] (if unknown leave 0)

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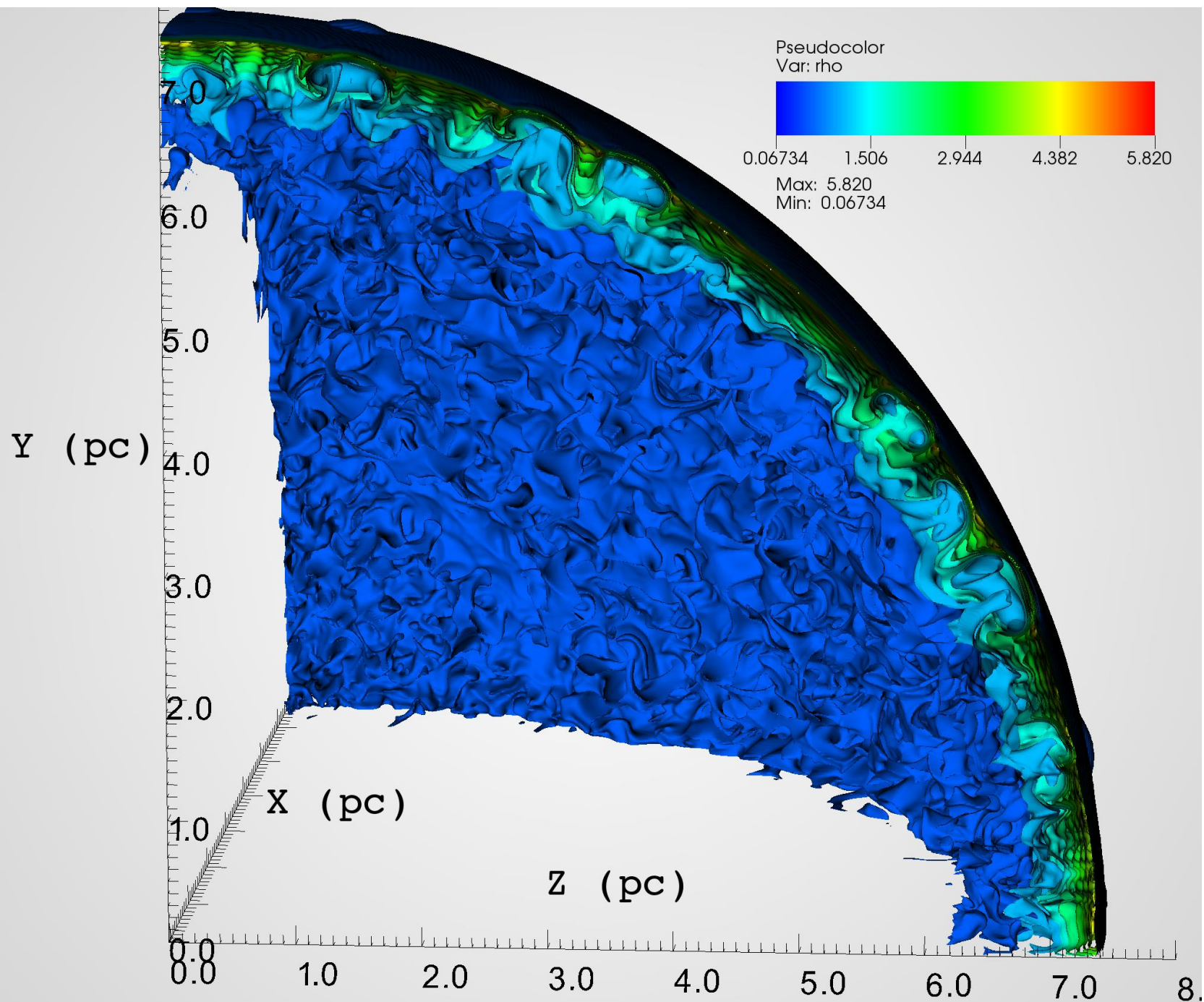
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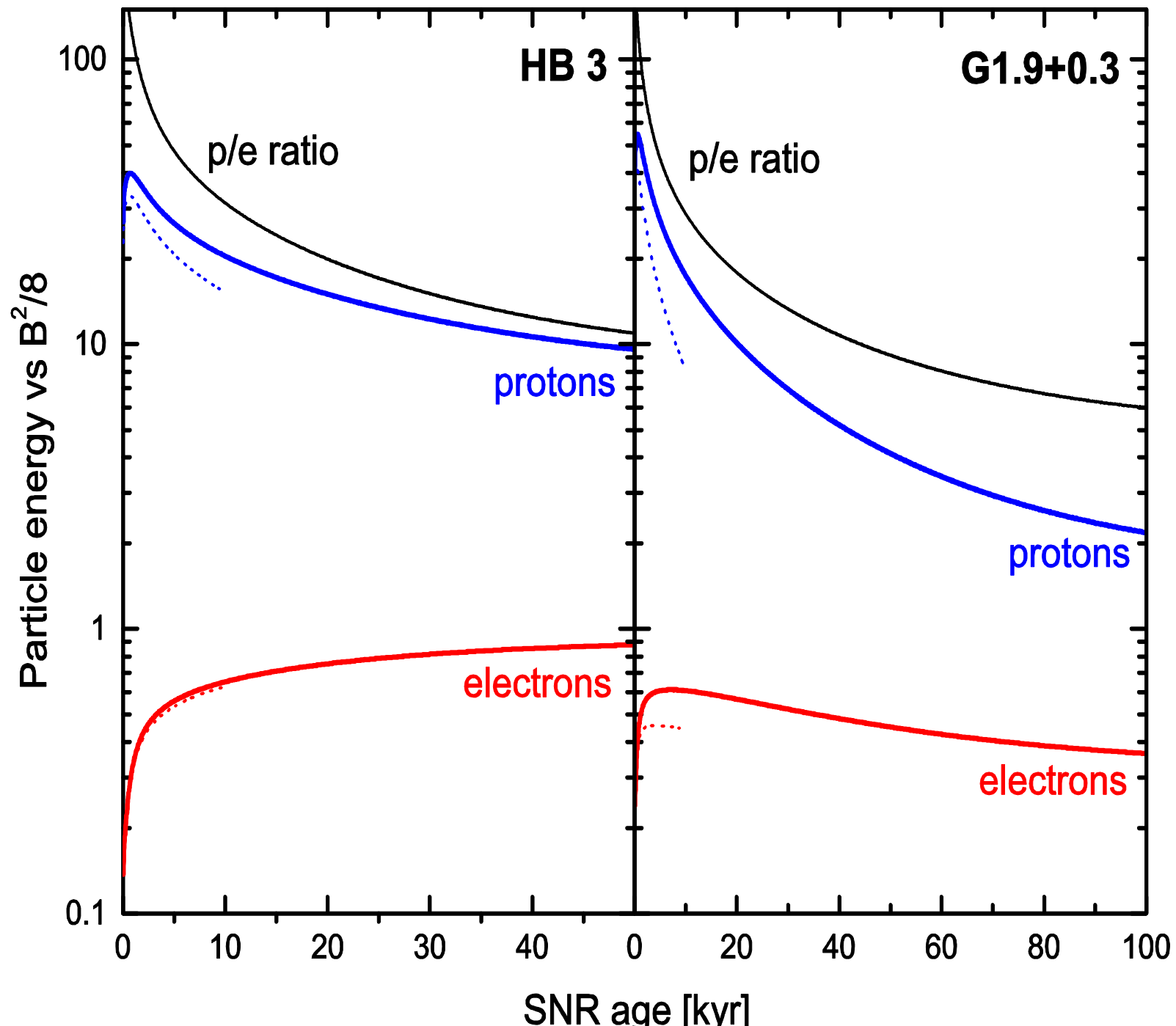
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Physical foundation of eqp in SNRs

Yes or No?





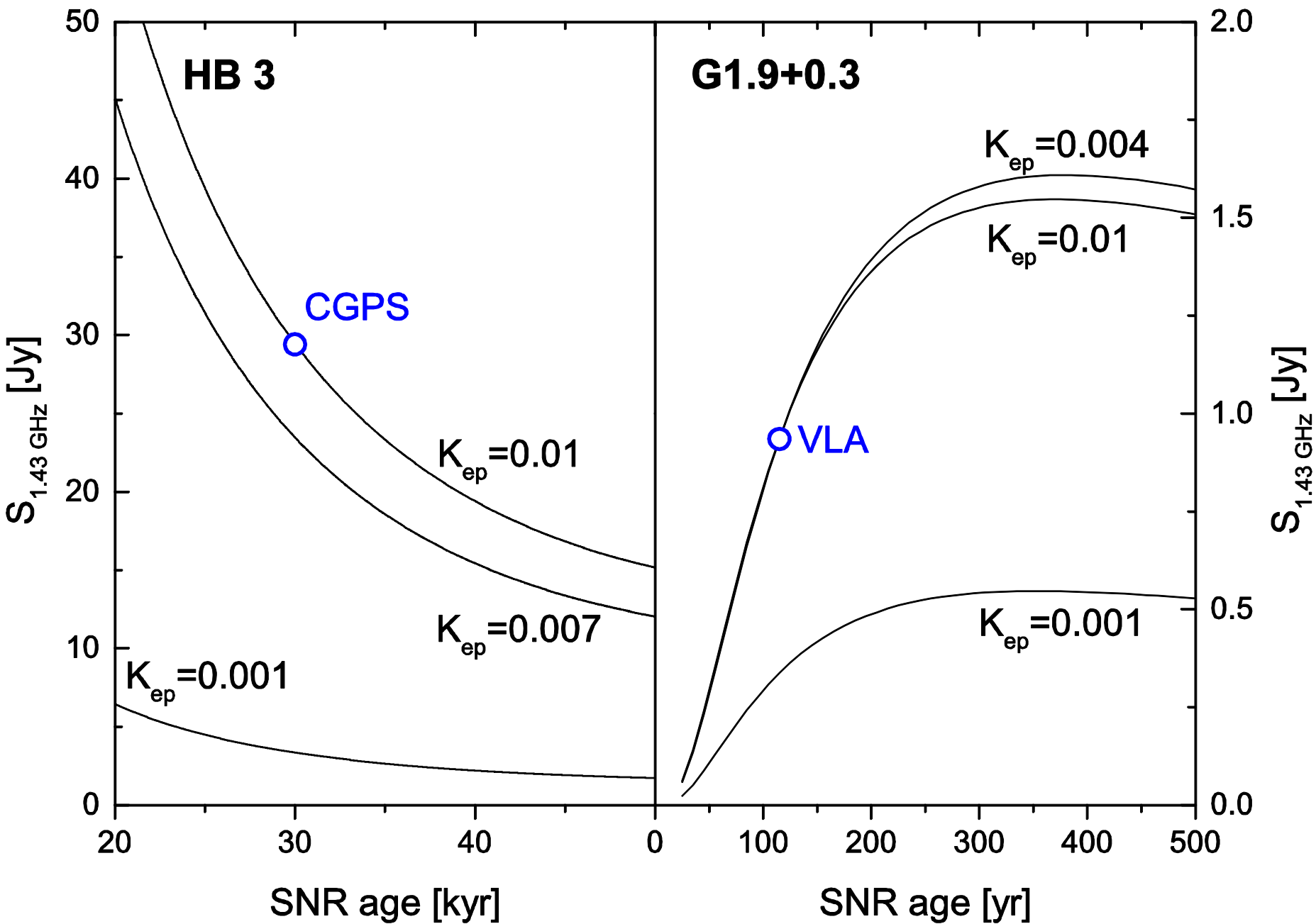
Electron eqp

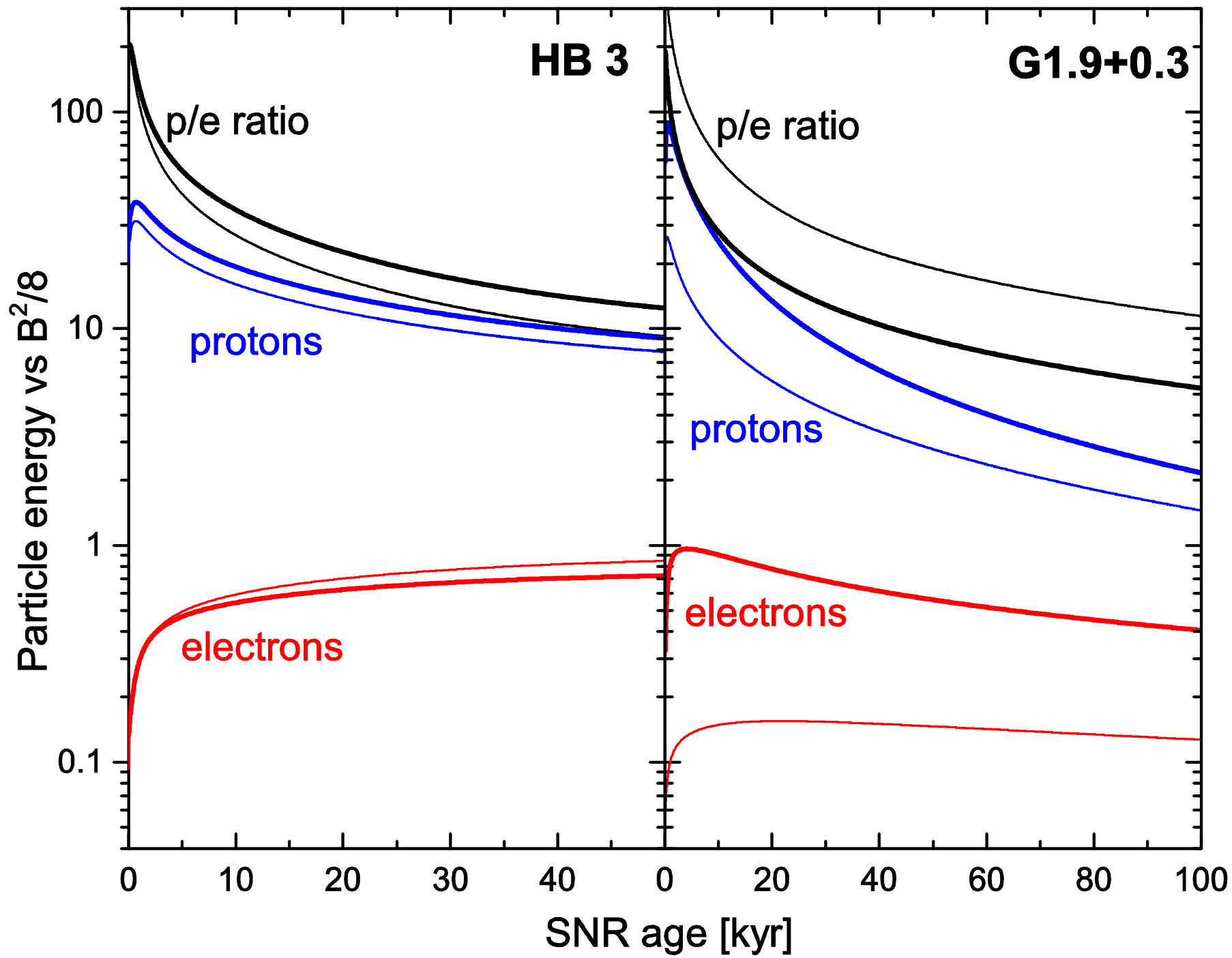
$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{CR}} = K_e (m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3-\gamma}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma-2}{2}\right)}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)} (1 + \kappa)$$

$$\varepsilon_e = K_e (m_e c^2)^{2-\gamma} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3-\gamma}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma-2}{2}\right)}{2\sqrt{\pi}(\gamma-1)}$$

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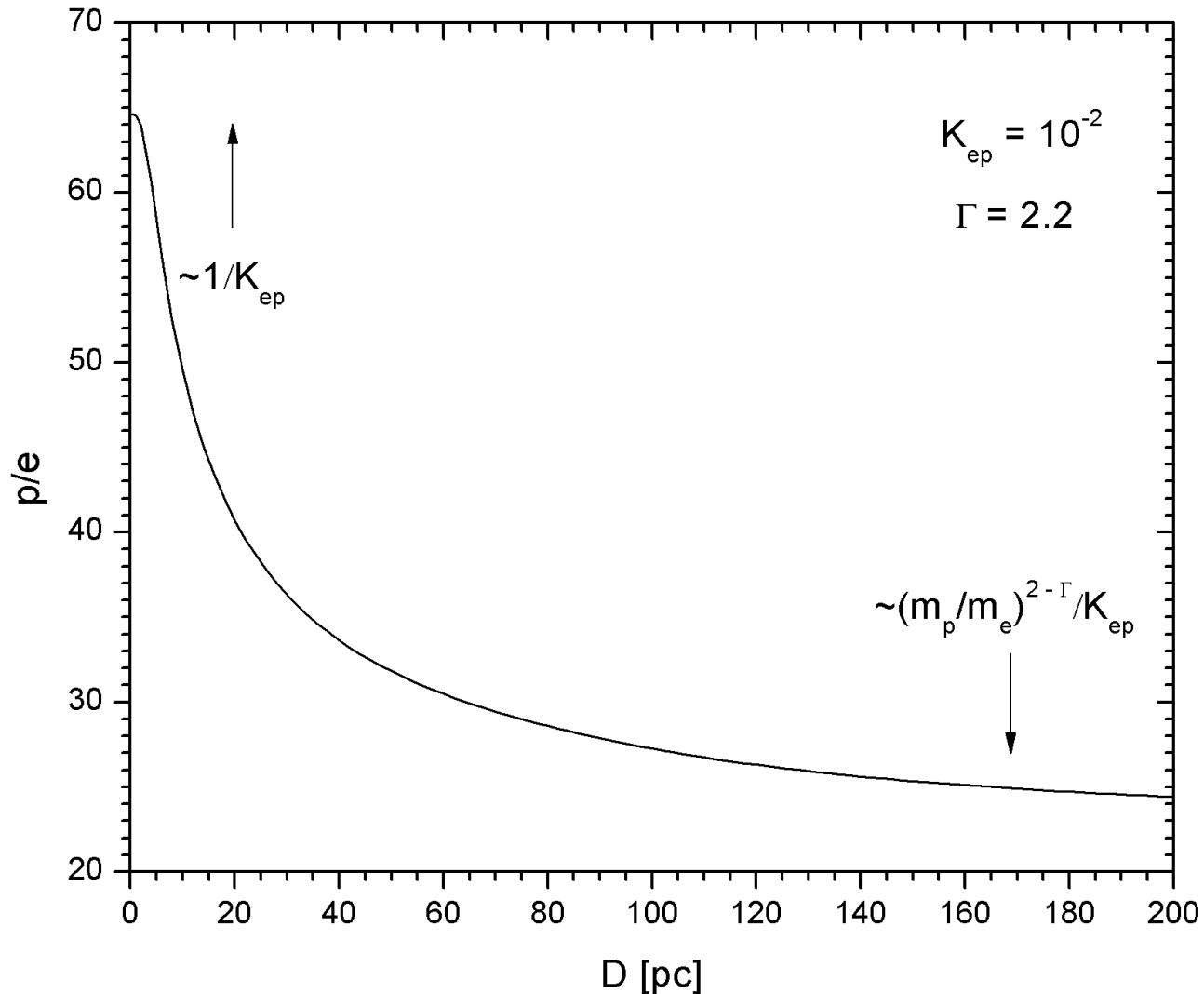
Conclusions

- Eqp is a justified assumption especially between the CR electrons and the magnetic fields in evolved SNRs in the Sedov phase of evolution ($\epsilon_e/\epsilon_B \sim 0.5$)
- We provide evidence suggesting that electron eqp formulae should be used for calculation of the magnetic field strengths in SNRs. The obtained values are approximately 2.5 times lower than those determined in earlier calculations
- Evolved SNRs, especially those embedded in a rarified ambient medium, at the end of the Sedov phase of evolution can reach eqp between CRs and magnetic fields similar to those in the ISM ($\epsilon_{CR}/\epsilon_B \sim 2$)

+ one more result
(may be the most important)

DO WE CATCH ACCELERATION OF
ELECTRONS?

Ratio between the energy densities of protons and electrons



Belgrade SNR group



Better part...



**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!!!**