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Thermal-to-nonthermal element abundances in different Galactic environments

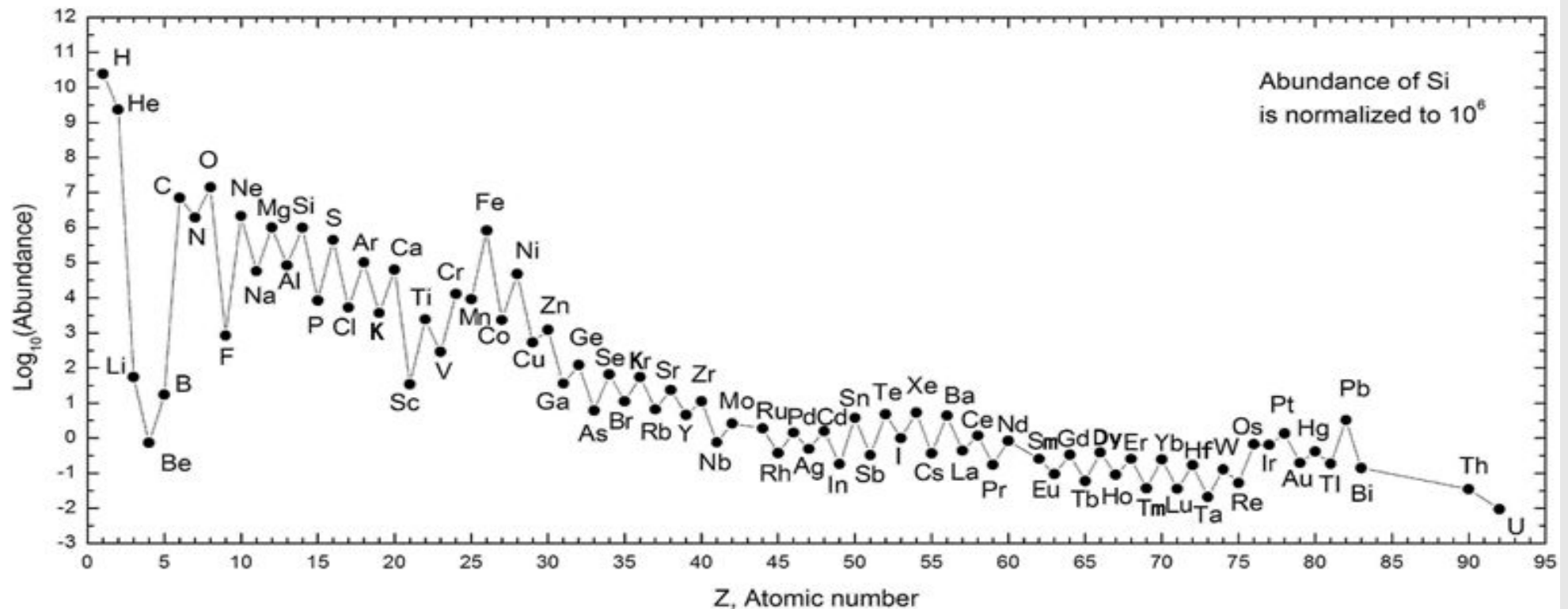
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Introduction

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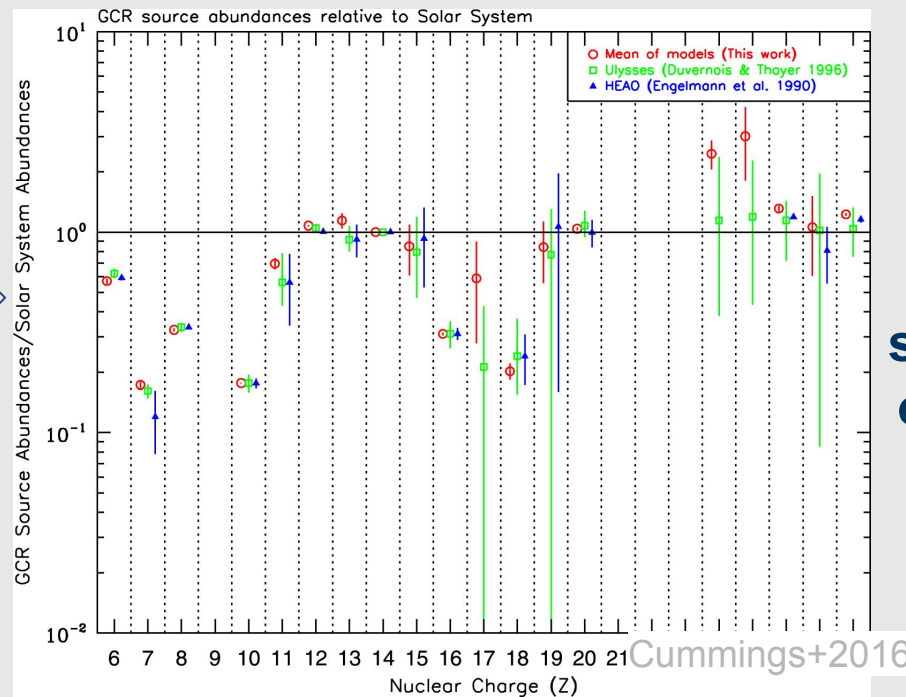
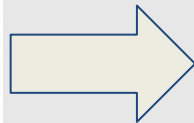
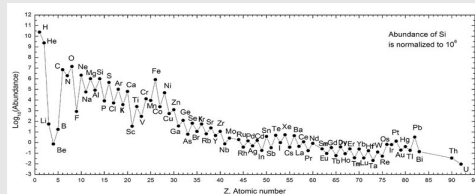
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❖ Thermal-to-nonthermal element abundances...

- **TEA** in the ISM are likely close to the (well-known) solar abund.
- **At an acceleration site** elements (i.e. gas and dust) with a certain p_{inj} enter the acceleration process and **become non-thermal** (CRs).



Observations indicate a **significant change of the nonthermal source abund.**

Cummings+2016

Introduction

❖ ...in different Galactic environments

- **ISM** exhibits three (to five) phases in thermal pressure equilibrium:
 - **Cold Neutral Medium** (1-5%)
 - **Warm Neutral Medium** (10-20%) & **(Dense) Warm Ionized Medium** (20-50%)
 - **Hot Ionized Medium** (30-70%)

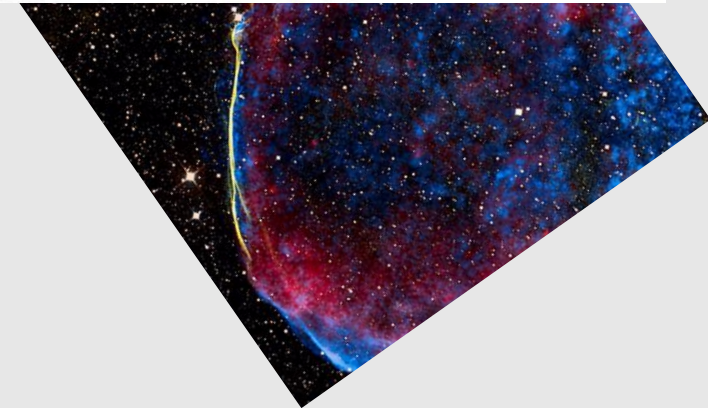
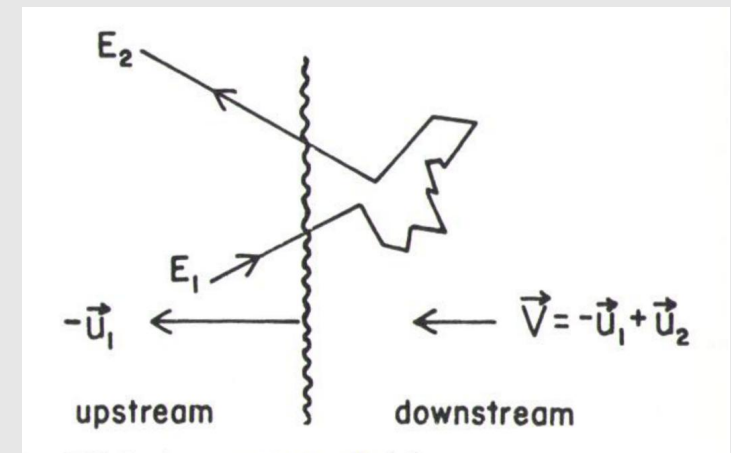
	$T_+^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}$ [K]	$\Delta T_+^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}$ [K]	$n^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}$ [cm ⁻³]	$\Delta n^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}$ [cm ⁻³]	$\Phi_{11}^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}$	$\langle \Phi \rangle^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}$	$n_{\text{ion}}^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}$
CNM	125	75	42	38	3.0×10^{-6}	1.5×10^{-4}	0.010
WNM	5 750	2 750	0.35	0.25	0.011	0.011	0.0096
WIM	8 000	2 000	0.20	0.01	0.997	0.994	0.20
DWIM	20 000	2 000	42	38	0.934	0.879	37
HIM	550 000	450 000	0.0055	0.0045	1.0	1.0	0.0055

- **Wind zones** of progenitor Wolf-Rayet (WR) stars
 - Quite different TEA, e.g. no H but predominantly He and C
 - Can explain the observed HECR flux around the second knee (Thoudam+2016)

Introduction

❖ But who accelerates the LECRs?

- Diffusive shock acceleration (**DSA**);
- Differential number density $dN/dp \propto p^{-\alpha}$, with $\alpha \sim 2$, for all elements;
- **Acceleration efficiency H** - i.e. prop. factor of dN/dp - **depends on A, Q** .
- Galactic supernova remnants (**SNRs**) are the most prominent source class - especially at its early non-radiative phases ($t \lesssim 10^5 \text{yr}$)
- **SNR evolution:** H, α depend on the ambient medium

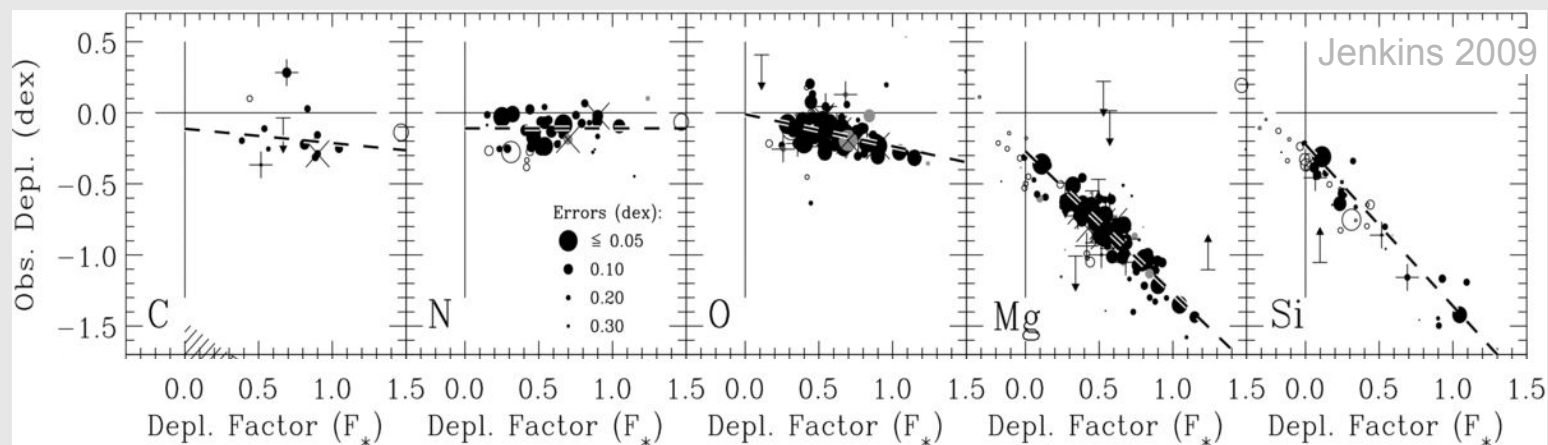


...the model

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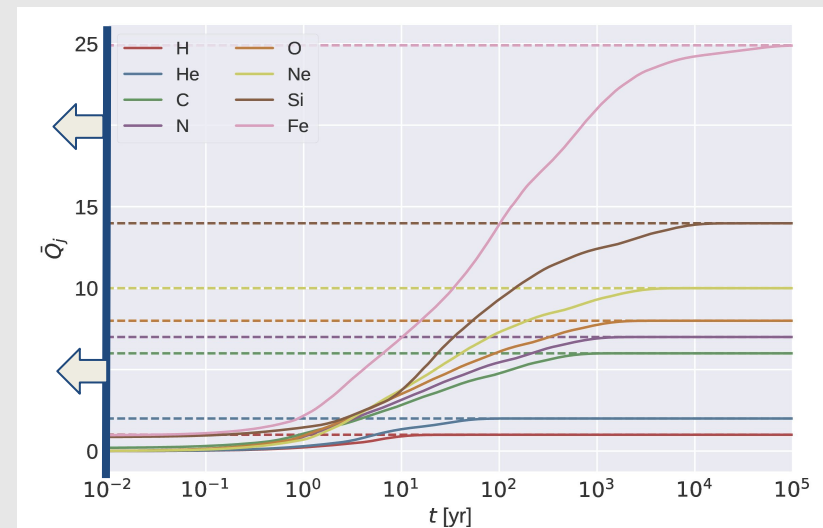
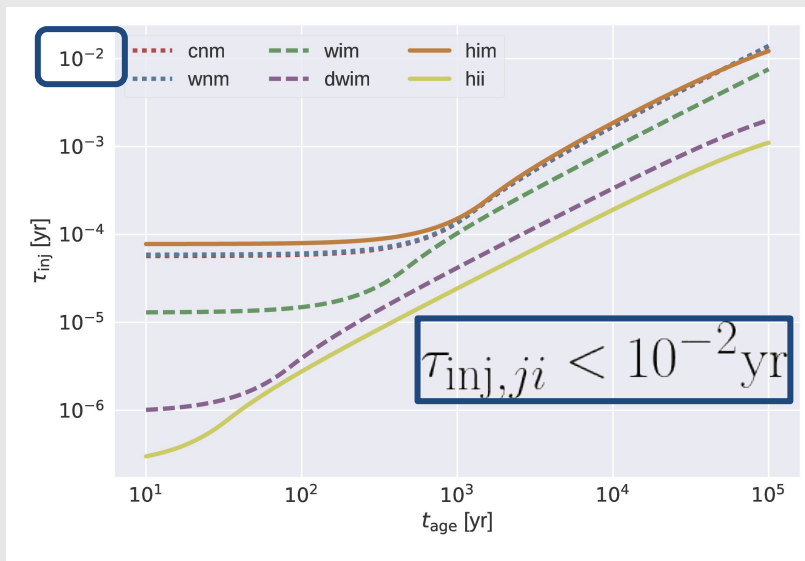
❖ ... to provide the **nonTEA at the source** based on the given TEA dependent on the given shock environment and:

- differentiate between **volatile and refractory** elements;
- **Dust grain behave like ions** of a high mass-to-charge ratio (Epstein 1980, Ellison+1997): **Grain is sputtered during the acceleration process** → element breaks out and receives the same velocity as the parental grain.
- **Dust fraction** depends on the element and the Galactic environment



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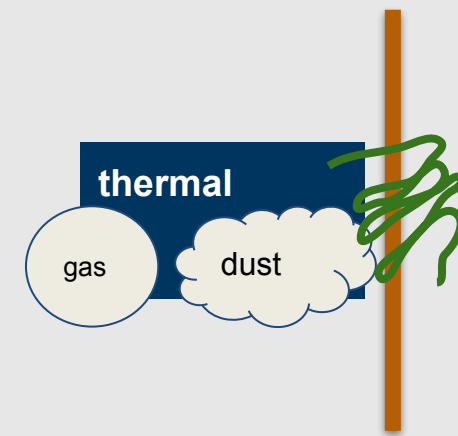
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Temporal evolution of the **mean charge number** of the CNM in a downstream plasma of $T=10^8 K$.

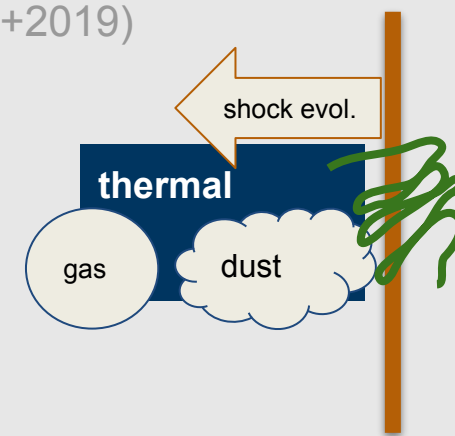
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 - take the recent results from PIC simulations on the **acceleration efficiency** η_{ij} of gas phase elements. (Caprioli+2017; Hanusch+2019)
 - include recent findings on the impact of **non-linear DSA** (Haggerty+2020; Caprioli+2020)
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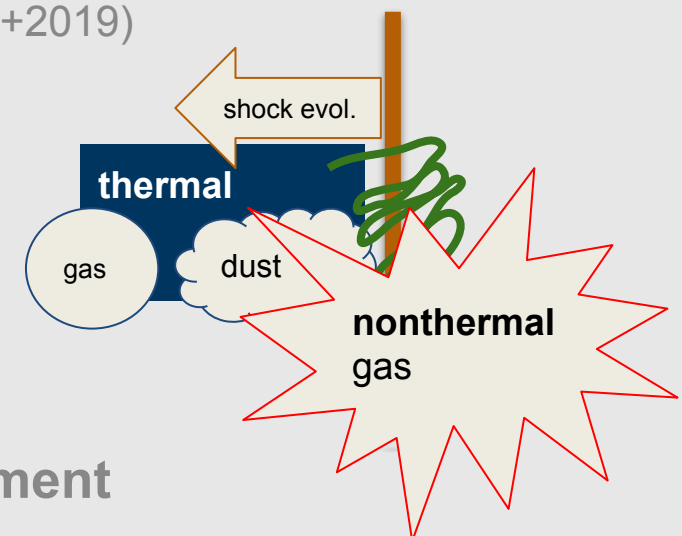
Overall differential (LE)CR number at the end (t_f) of the SNR evolution:

$$N(p, t_f) = \int_0^{t_f} dt \underbrace{n(p, t)}_{\substack{\text{CR particle} \\ \text{density at} \\ \text{an age } t}} A_{\text{sh}}(t) \beta_{\text{sh}}(t) c \underbrace{\Lambda_{\text{ad}}(t, t_f)}_{\substack{\text{adiabatic} \\ \text{losses}}} \quad \text{with} \quad n(p, t) = \frac{(\alpha - 1) \tilde{n}_j^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}}{p_{\text{inj}}} \left(\frac{p}{p_{\text{inj}}} \right)^{-\alpha}$$

and $p_{\text{inj}} = \zeta_{\text{inj}} A m_p c \beta_{\text{sh}}(t) c$

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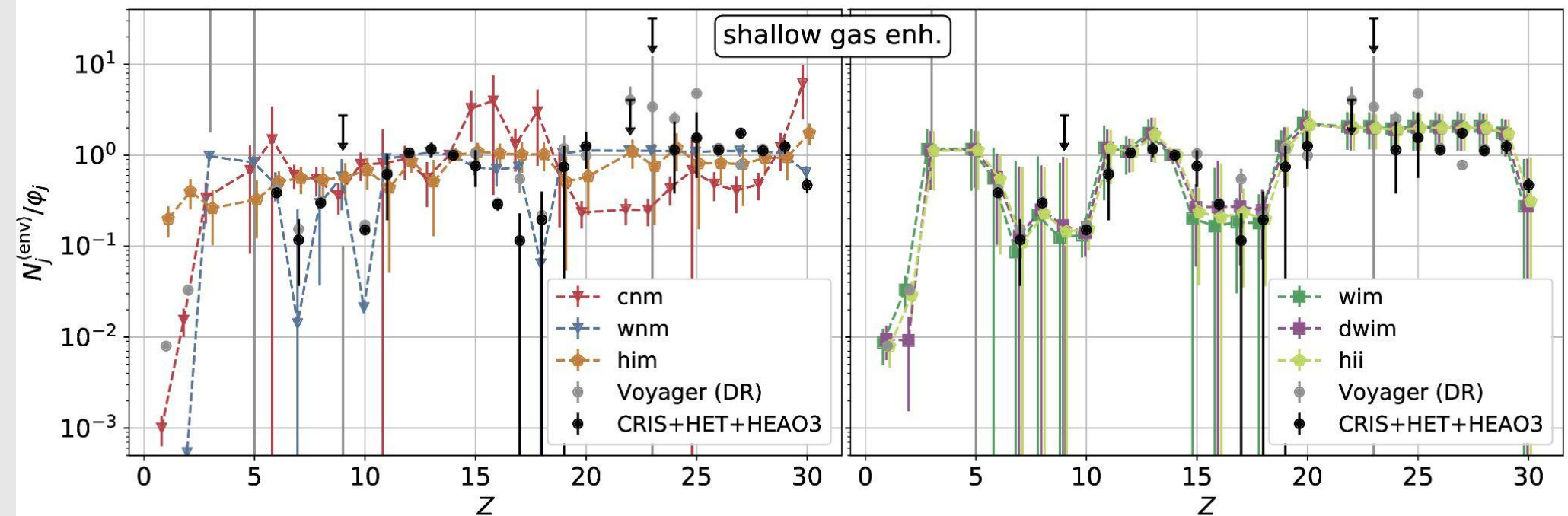
Predicting LECR source abundances

The best fit results

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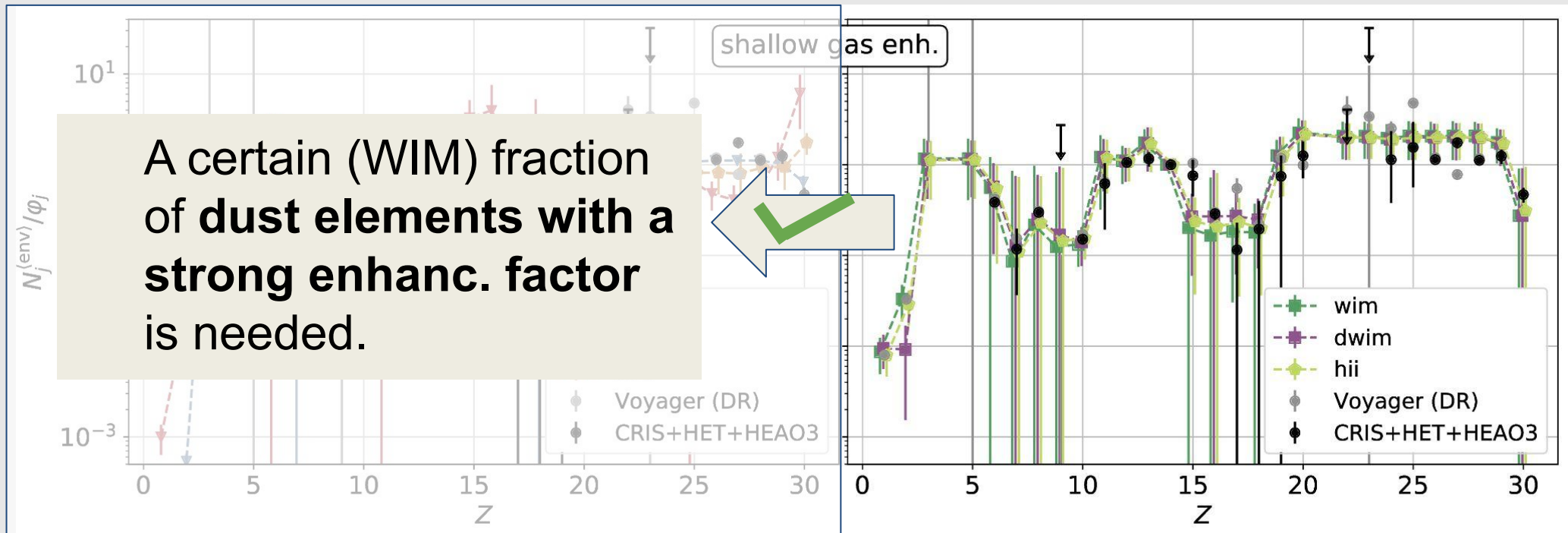
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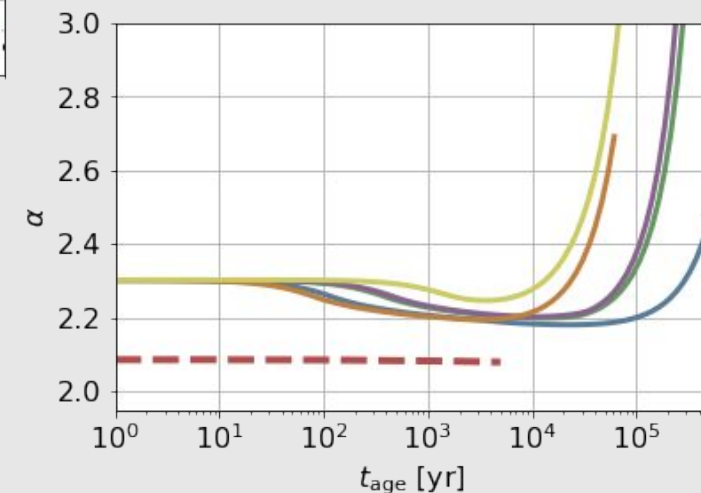
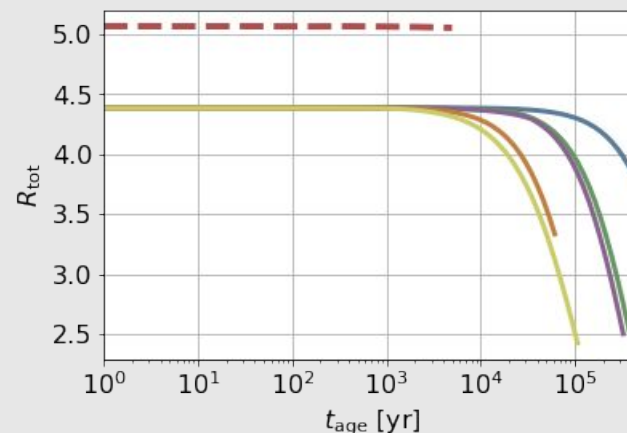
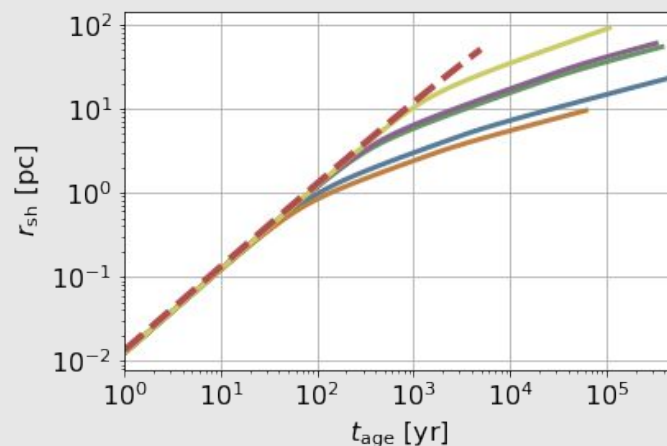
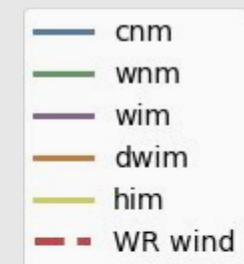
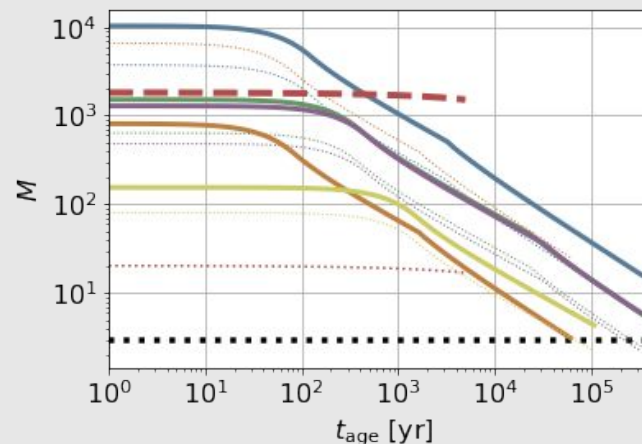
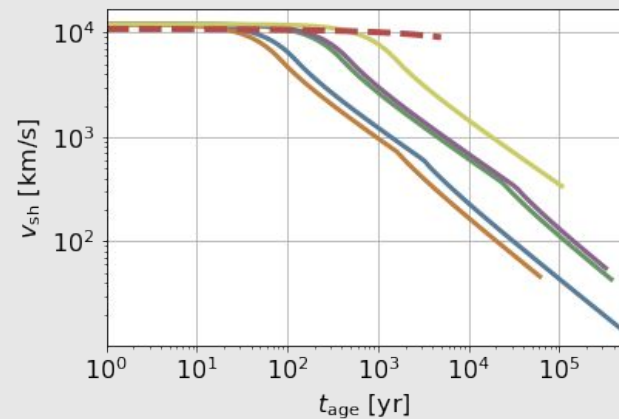
...the results (pt.2)

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...evolves with the SNR age and depends on the ambient medium

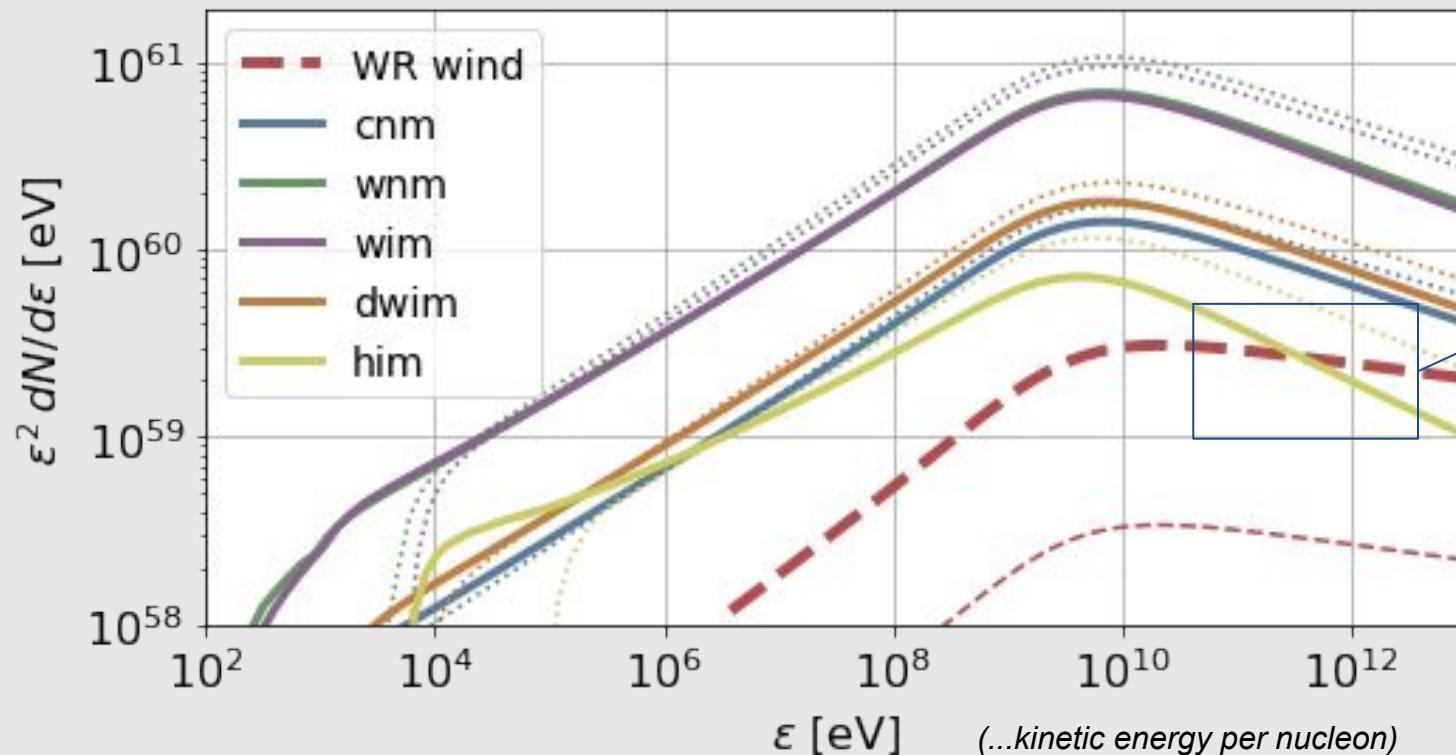
SED $\rightarrow N_j(p, t_f) = (\alpha - 1)c \int_0^{t_f} dt \frac{\tilde{n}_j^{\langle \text{env} \rangle}}{p_{\text{inj}}} \left(\frac{p}{p_{\text{inj}}} \right)^{-\alpha} A_{\text{sh}} \beta_{\text{sh}} \Lambda_{\text{ad}}$



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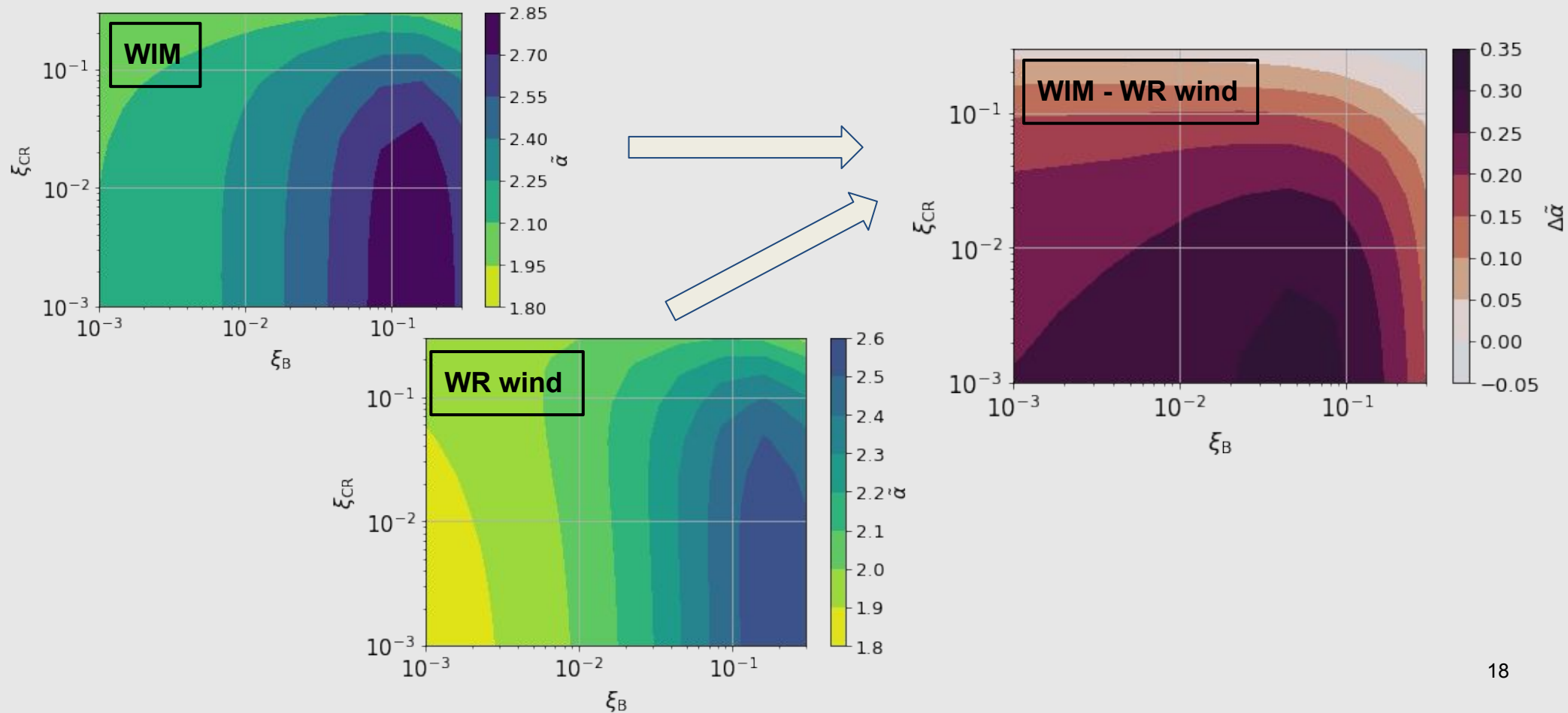
...WR supernova yield a **harder** (overall) spectrum and can exceed SNR contr. from regular ISM environments

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...(overall) spectral behavior **depends on the norm. magnetic and CR pressure**

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...summing up

Conclusions

- ❖ The dominant uniform environment of SNRs in order to explain the LECRs are the **(D)WIM and HII-regions**.

[as expected from observations of M31 and M33]

- ❖ A **strong enhancement of refractory elements** is needed.

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- ❖ **WR wind environments provide a harder spectrum than the uniform ISM**
...possible explanation of the observed LECR anomalies?

See Talk #934 by S.Thoudam for more details

