Possible evidence for shock acceleration at the termination shock

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Classic ACR paradigm



Classic ACR paradigm

- First order Fermi acceleration
- 1D solution spectra:

$$j \propto E^{\frac{-\gamma+2}{2}},$$

$$\gamma \equiv \frac{3s}{s-1},$$

• 1D solution – times:

$$t_{p_0 \to p} = \frac{3}{V_1 - V_2} \int_{p_0}^p \left[\frac{\kappa_1}{V_1} + \frac{\kappa_2}{V_2}\right] \frac{dp}{p},$$



Voyager observations ...





New theories emerge

- Transient event
- Preferred (Fermi I) acceleration
- Stochastic acceleration
- Momentum diffusion (Fermi II)
- Magnetic reconnection

Some of these theories completely abandoned Fermi I!

A high energy power law



... and ACR Oxygen is not singly ionized

Charge states of Q = 1, 2, 3, 8 (Best fit) for Oxygen



Multiple charged ACRs – theory

- PUIs the seed population of ACRs
- PUIs mostly singly ionized
- During acceleration, ACRs spend a lot of time at the TS
- They may become additionally ionized by the interaction

$$O^{+q} + p \to O^{+(q+1)} + H$$

• The higher charge states are accelerated more efficiently, and also faster

$$\Delta E \propto q$$

Our modelling approach ...

- Change the ACR's *average charge* energy dependently
- This is done via the *species* value:

$$\Theta(E) = \frac{A}{Q(E)}$$

- $Q = 1 \Rightarrow \Theta = 16$
- $Q = 4 \Rightarrow \Theta = 4$ (extreme case)
- The resulting distribution is accelerated at the TS by diffusive shock (Fermi I) acceleration





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- Diffusive shock acceleration should (must) thus occur at the TS
- Can Fermi I explain the Voyager observations?
- Maybe through preferred acceleration at some position along the TS.

Energy spectra?



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Increasing intensities?



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Re-acceleration might be needed

