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CLUSTER OUTSKIRTS HAVE HIGH B-FIELDS



- Radio relics trace shocks in cluster outskirts
- Spectral index: shock Mach number
- Spectral ageing: B-field strength ~ muG
- Polarization: B-field orientation

van Weeren et al, 2010

SUPERNOVA THIN RIMS ALSO HAVE HIGH B-FIELDS...

~100 mu G to 1 milliG in thin rims

High B-fields consistent with what's needed to accelerate CRs



Ressler et al 2014

	Mach Number	Initial Magnetic Field	Final Magnetic Field	Postshock Field Line Geometry
Cluster	-3	?	- 5 µG	tangential
SNR	> 100	-μG	- 100 µG	far downstream: radial

WHAT COULD BE RESPONSIBLE?

- Compression (amplifies by factor ~2-4 at most)
- Bell instability from cosmic ray streaming
- Shock cloud turbulent dynamo/RMI instability

All 3 processes could be at play

RICHTMYER-MESHKOV INSTABILITY



Perturbations amplified by baroclinic vorticity



RMI with Magnetic Field

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} &= -\left(\boldsymbol{v}\cdot\nabla\right)\boldsymbol{\omega} + (\boldsymbol{\omega}\cdot\nabla)\boldsymbol{v} - \boldsymbol{\omega}(\nabla\cdot\boldsymbol{v}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\rho^2}\nabla\rho\times\nabla\left(p + \frac{\boldsymbol{B}^2}{8\pi}\right) - \frac{1}{\rho^2}\nabla\rho\times\frac{(\boldsymbol{B}\cdot\nabla)\boldsymbol{B}}{4\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{B}}{\partial t} = -(\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla})\boldsymbol{B} + (\boldsymbol{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla})\boldsymbol{v} - \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{v})$$



MOTIVATIONS FOR NEW WORK

- No simulation work on galaxy cluster/radio relic regime (weaker shocks, higher beta, etc)
- NONE of previous studies are numerically converged! (most do not even carry out convergence tests)
- We want to build and test a simple physical model (can we constrain turbulence, gas clumping, B-fields at cluster outskirts?)



Guo et al 2012

MODEL SETUP

Piston driving a shock; inflow/outflow boundary conditions Mostly 2D sims

Lognormal density distribution

$$\rho(x, y) = \rho_0 \exp(f_0 + \delta f)$$

$$\delta f(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{2\pi k_n C \Delta k_n P(k_n)}$$

$$\times \exp\left[i(k_n \cos\theta_n x + k_n \sin\theta_n y + \phi_n)\right]$$

$$P(k) \propto \frac{1}{1 + (kL)^{8/3}}$$

$$\frac{\langle \rho^2 \rangle}{\langle \rho \rangle^2} \sim 1 - 3$$



Canonical numbers for radio relic





Mach 10



Mach 100

SIMS ARE CONVERGED UPTO M_A~100



B-FIELD EXPONENTIALLY AMPLIFIES AND SATURATES



Grows on timescale of peak vorticity $t_{\rm grow} \sim \Omega_{\rm peak}^{-1} \sim L_{\rm min}/v_{\rm shock}$

VORTICITY JUMPS SHARPLY AND DECAYS



Peak value $\Omega_{\rm peak} \sim v_{\rm shock}/L_{\rm min}$

FIELD GROWTH SCALES WITH ALFVEN MACH NUMBER





COMPRESSION DOMINATES AT LOW M, STRETCHING AT HIGH M



B-FIELDS REACH EQUIPARTITION WITH TURBULENCE AT HIGH MACH NUMBERS



RESULTS FAIRLY INSENSITIVE TO CLUMPING FACTOR





B-FIELDS TANGENTIAL TO SHOCK AT LOW MACH NUMBERS



Becomes isotropic at high Mach numbers

3-D vs. 2-D



* Magnetic fields in 2-D and 3-D converge

3-D Cluster Simulation



BOTTOM LINE

Turbulent dynamo is a nice candidate for supernova, maybe less so for low Mach number radio relics

Can't explain magnetic geometry — compression might be the simplest explanation