

(On modeling of hydrogen line emission from supernova remnant shocks: the effect of Lyman line trapping)

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Summary of this work

- ■We study the hydrogen line emission from SNR shocks including the effects of Lyman line trapping.
- We find that the Hα emission can be mildly absorbed by hydrogen atoms in the 2s state at the realistic SNRs.
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- The collisionless shock is formed by the interaction between charged particles and plasma waves rather than Coulomb collision.
- <u>The neutral particles (e.g.</u> <u>hydrogen atoms) are not</u> <u>affected.</u>

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 $H + p (or e) \rightarrow H^* + p (or e)$ <u>H</u> → <u>H</u> + p (or e) <u>Emits "narrow" comp.</u> The width of <u>"narrow"</u> reflects <u>the</u> <u>upstream temperature of hydrogen</u> <u>atoms.</u>

Collisional Excitation

 The width of "broad" reflects the downstream proton temperature.

The width of narrow is "too broad"

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Sollerman+2003

The width of narrow component is in the 30-50 km/s range (equivalently, 2.5-5.6 eV). *1 eV $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ 21 km/s If these were the ISM equilibrium temperatures, then all of hydrogen atoms would be

<u>completely ionized!</u>

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Kepler D49 & D50	2000-2500	42 ± 3	* $1 \text{ eV} \leftarrow \rightarrow 21 \text{ km/s}$				
 The anomalous width of narrow 							
component implies <u>a pre-shock heating</u>							

of the upstream hydrogen atoms at the

vicinity of the shock (e.g. Smith+94).

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SNR shock Charged particles → shock heating Hydrogen atoms → no dissipation □ Charge Transfer $H + p \rightarrow p + H^*$ A part of downstream hydrogen atoms can be back to the upstream region (e.g. Smith+94).

The leaking hydrogen <u>can</u>
 <u>deposit some energy flux to</u>
 <u>the upstream fluid</u> via
 several atomic/plasma
 processes.

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- Smith+94 doubted that there is enough time for the heating until the fast protons swept up by the shock again.
- The neutral precursor scenario has been studied in the literatures: e.g. Blasi+12;
 Ohira 12, 13, 14, 16; Morlino+12, 13.
- Recent hybrid simulations suggested <u>no</u>
 <u>significant broadening</u> (Ohira 16).

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The CRs accelerating via DSA mechanism can also affect the upstream plasma (or can generate Alfvenic turbulence in the upstream region).

The formation of the anomalous narrow component is similar to the neutral precursor case.

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- Morlino+13 provided the Hα emission model based on this CR-precursor scenario.
- Their model is now accepted as "the standard model" of the Hα emission from the SNR shocks.

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a) A part of hydrogen atoms in n=3 emit $Ly\beta$ due to 3p to 1s transition.

- **b)** The emitted $Ly\beta$ is absorbed by the hydrogen atoms in ground state.
- c) Eventually, $Ly\beta$ is converted to <u>Ha due to 3p to 2s transition</u>.

Optically thin for $Ly\beta$ is "Case A" Optically thick for $Ly\beta$ is "Case B"

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When the SNR shocks are in Case B, <u>the</u> <u>efficient conversion of Ly β to H α yields</u> <u>"2s" hydrogen atoms, which absorb the</u> <u>H α photons.</u>

Optical thickness of $H\alpha$ in the realistic SNR shocks

□ The number density of "2s" hydrogen atoms:

 $n_{\rm H}(2s) \gtrsim n_{\rm H}(1s) \frac{C_{1s,2s}}{A_{2s,1s}} \sim 10^{-8} \cdot 10^{-7} \times n_{\rm H}(1s)$

Spontaneous transition rate: $A_{2s,1s} \approx 8.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Collisional excitation rate: $C_{1s,2s} \sim 10^{-7} - 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$

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The line width of Hα can be broaden with increasing the optical thickness.

for Optically thick case



1. Rate equation for the statistical equilibrium

$$\sum_{k} \left[n_{\rm H}(k) \left(P_{k,j} + C_{k,j} \right) - n_{\rm H}(j) \left(P_{j,k} + C_{j,k} \right) \right] = 0$$

 $n_{
m H}(k)$: the number density of hydrogen atom at the state k

$P_{k,j}$: the radiative transition rate for **k** to **j**

 $C_{k,j}$: the collisional rate for k to j

Here, <u>we only consider the collisional rate</u> <u>from 1s</u> because the mean collision time is very longer than the radiative decay time.

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$$P_{k,j} = A_{k,j} + \frac{g_j}{g_k} \int \frac{4\pi\sigma_{\nu}}{h\nu} J_{\nu} d\nu,$$

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$$J_{\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int I_{\nu} d\Omega$$

In order to evaluate the radiative rate, we need to calculate the mean intensity J_{ν} , that is, the specific intensity I_{ν} .

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- ✓ We assume the axial symmetry.
- Setting the distribution function of particles, then we can derive the population of atomic states for 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 3d, 4s, 4p, 4d and 4f.

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Fully ionized

Inner boundary

distribution functions @ shock rest

<u>upstream</u>: shifted Maxwellian with temperature $T_0 = 1 \text{ eV}$ and bulk velocity $V_{sh} \approx 2000 \text{ km/s}$ with assuming the temperature equilibrium.

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\rm H,0}(\boldsymbol{v}_{\rm H}) &= n_{\rm H,0} \left(\frac{m_{\rm H}}{2\pi k T_0}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[-\frac{m_{\rm H} \left(\boldsymbol{v}_{\rm H} - \boldsymbol{V}_{\rm sh}\right)^2}{2k T_0}\right] \\ f_{\rm p,0}(\boldsymbol{v}_{\rm p}) &= n_{\rm p,0} \left(\frac{m_{\rm p}}{2\pi k T_0}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[-\frac{m_{\rm p} \left(\boldsymbol{v}_{\rm p} - \boldsymbol{V}_{\rm sh}\right)^2}{2k T_0}\right] \\ f_{\rm e,0}(\boldsymbol{v}_{\rm e}) &= n_{\rm e,0} \left(\frac{m_{\rm e}}{2\pi k T_0}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[-\frac{m_{\rm e} \left(\boldsymbol{v}_{\rm e} - \boldsymbol{V}_{\rm sh}\right)^2}{2k T_0}\right] \end{aligned}$$

 $n_{\mathrm{H},0} = n_{\mathrm{p},0}$

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$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{downstream}:} \quad \xi_n &= 0.3, \ \xi_b = 0.7, T_{\text{e},2} = 0.05T_{\text{p},2} \\ f_{\text{H},2}(\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{H}}) &= n_{\text{H},0}\xi_n \left(\frac{m_{\text{H}}}{2\pi k T_0}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[-\frac{m_{\text{H}} \left(\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{H}} - \boldsymbol{V}_{\mathbf{sh}}\right)^2}{2k T_0}\right] \\ &+ n_{\text{H},0}\xi_b \left(\frac{m_{\text{H}}}{2\pi k T_{\text{p},2}}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[-\frac{m_{\text{H}} \left(\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{H}} - \boldsymbol{u}_2\right)^2}{2k T_{\text{p},2}}\right] \\ f_{\text{p},2}(\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{p}}) &= n_{\text{p},2} \left(\frac{m_{\text{p}}}{2\pi k T_{\text{p},2}}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[-\frac{m_{\text{p}} \left(\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{p}} - \boldsymbol{u}_2\right)^2}{2k T_{\text{p},2}}\right] \\ f_{\text{e},2}(\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{e}}) &= n_{\text{e},2} \left(\frac{m_{\text{e}}}{2\pi k T_{\text{e},2}}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left[-\frac{m_{\text{e}} \left(\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{e}} - \boldsymbol{u}_2\right)^2}{2k T_{\text{e},2}}\right] \end{aligned}$$





Observed Spectrum



 $n_{H,0} = 0.025 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $n_{H,0} = 1.500 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $n_{H,0} = 2.500 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $n_{H,0} = 4.500 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

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The anomalous narrow component comes from the atomic processes without CR acceleration!

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