



New insights towards the Galactic center from H.E.S.S.

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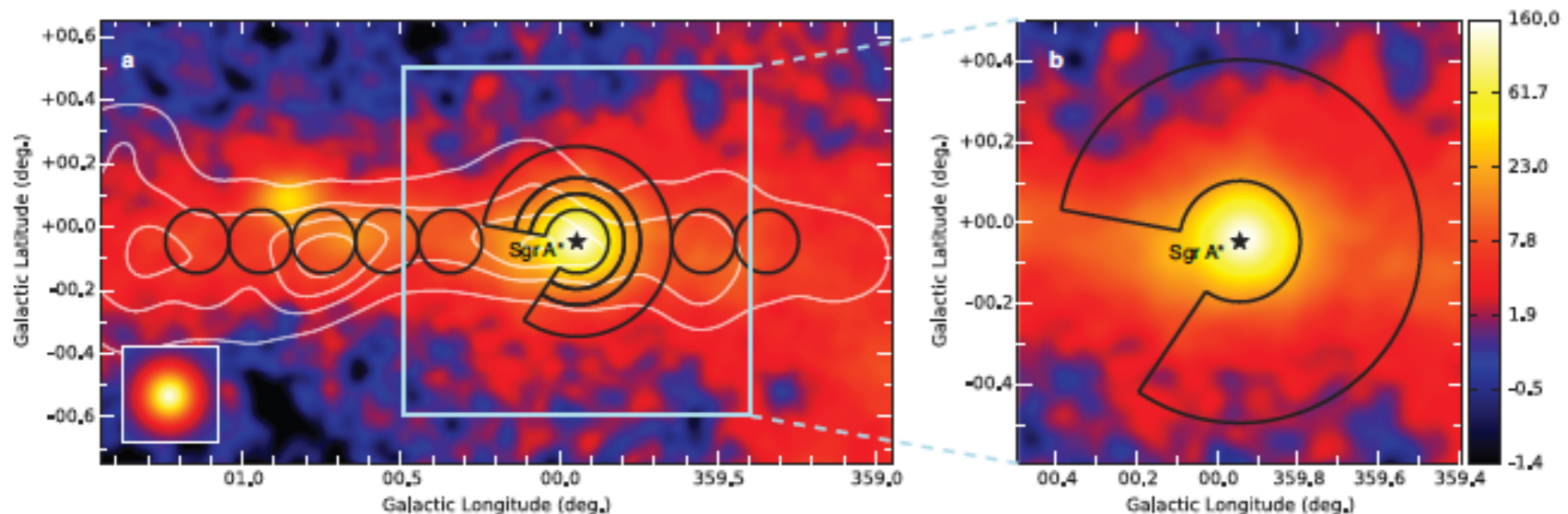
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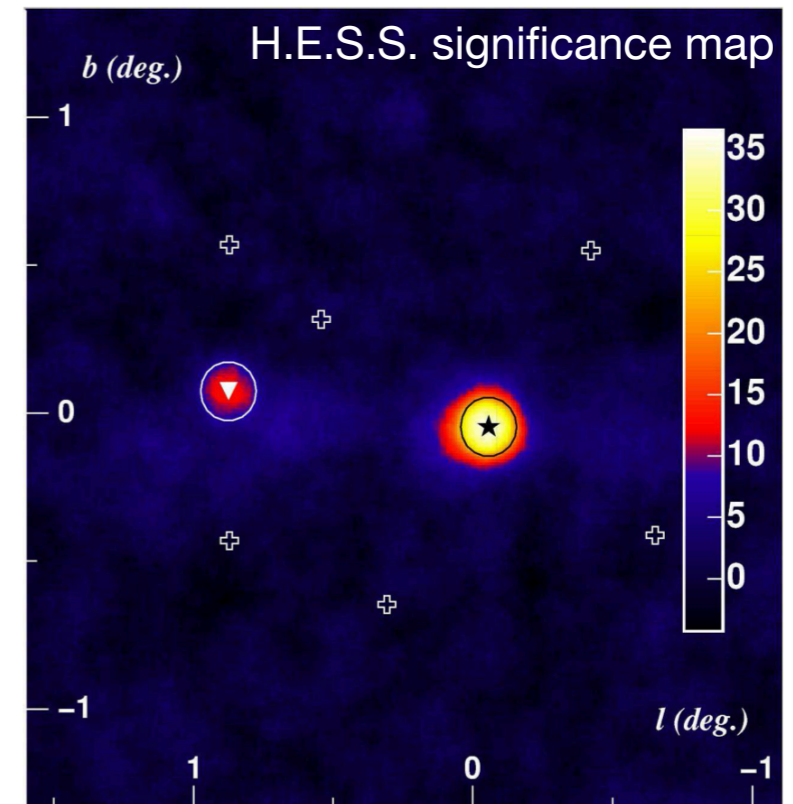
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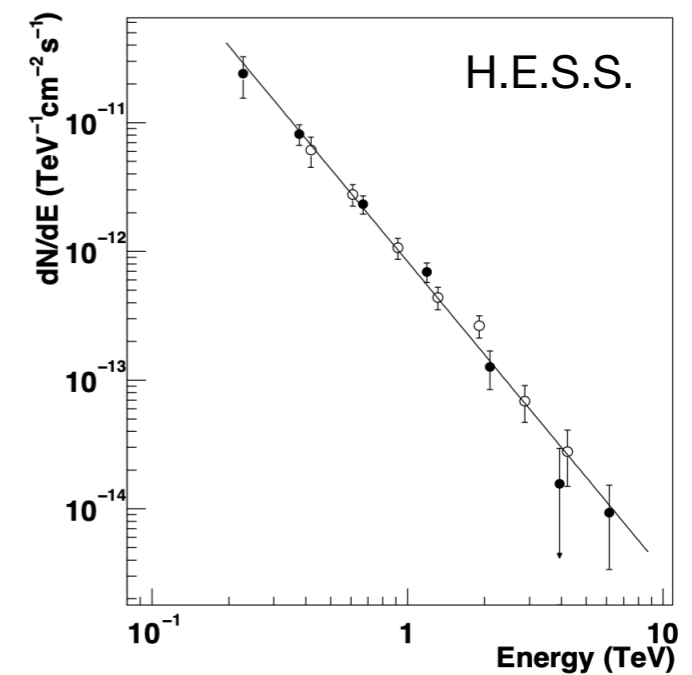


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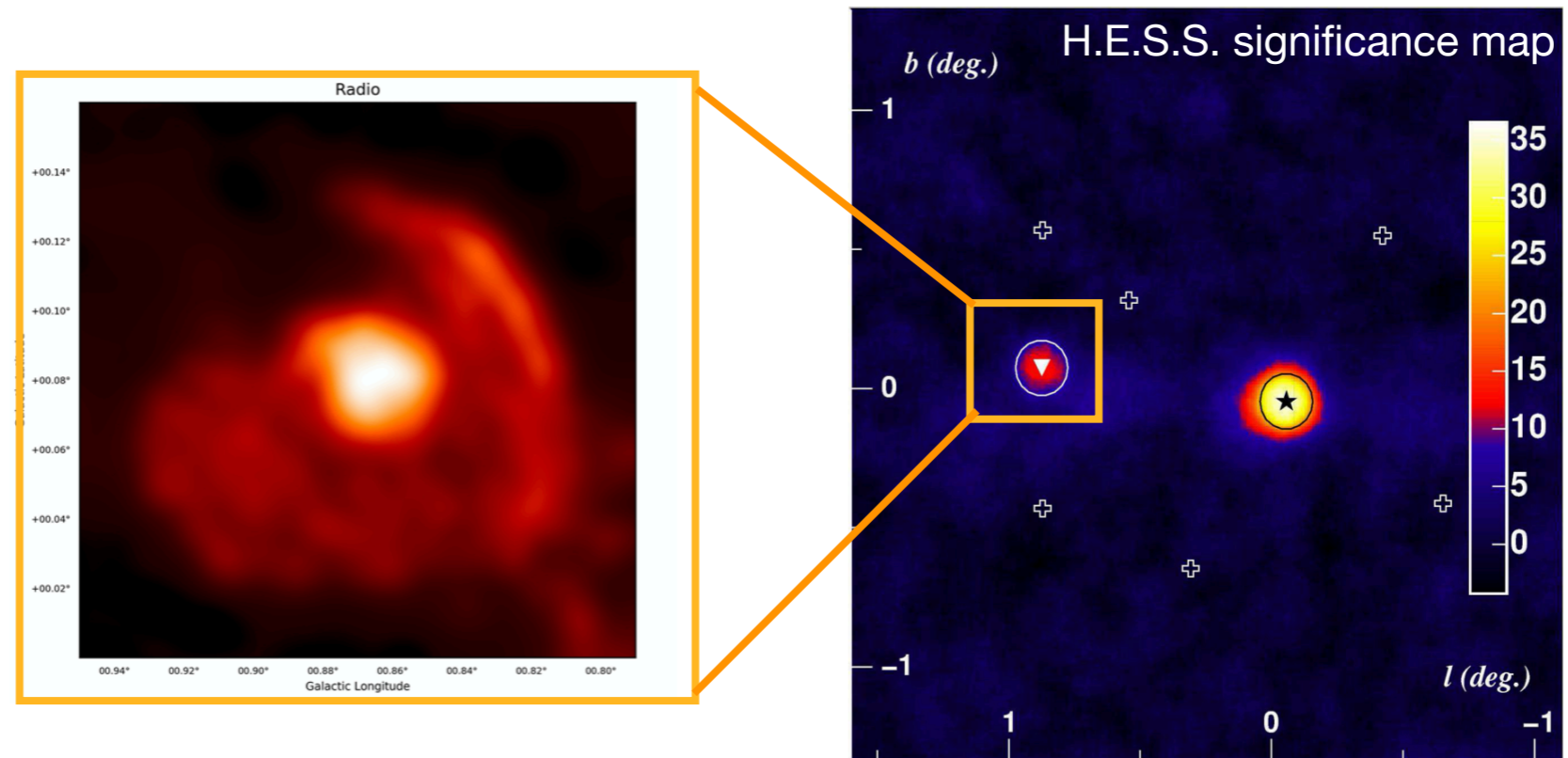


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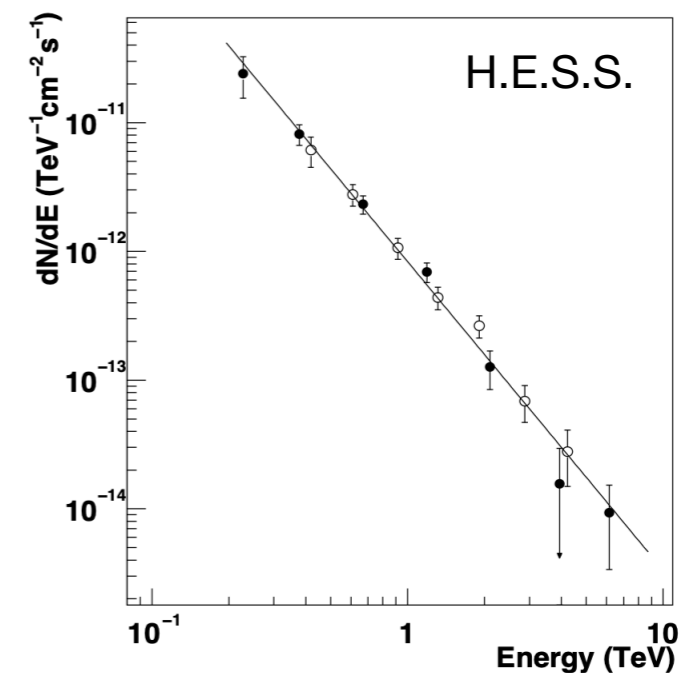
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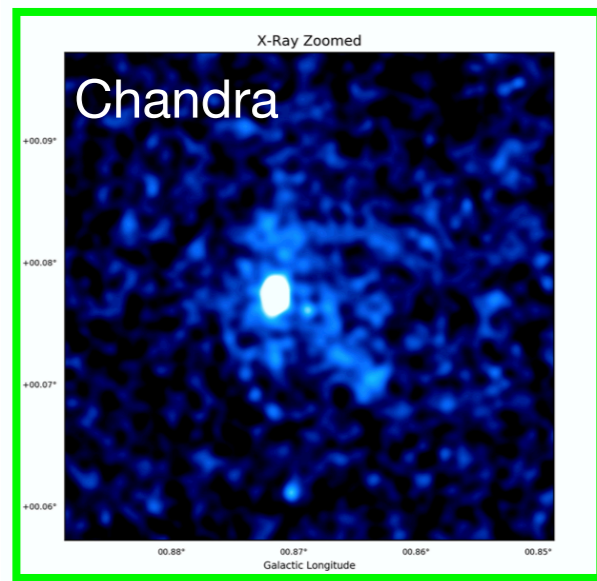
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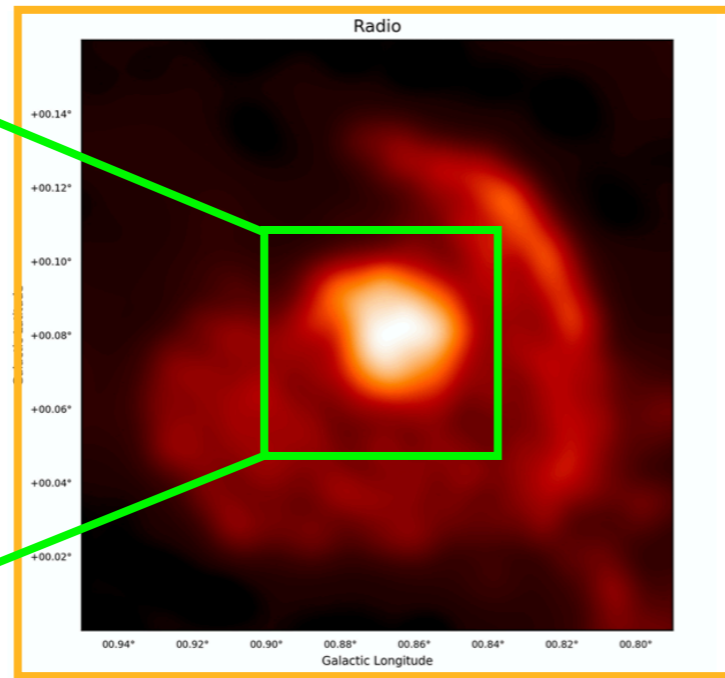


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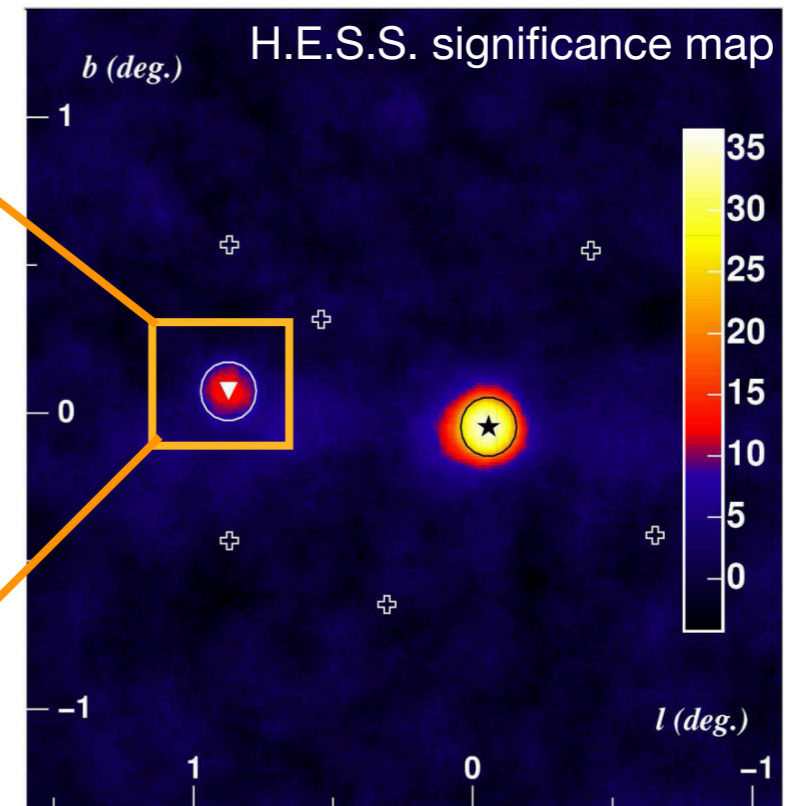
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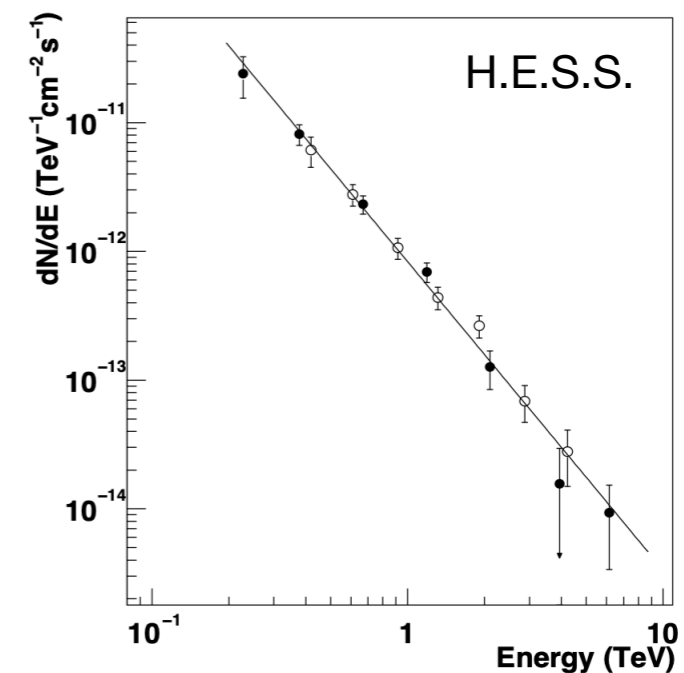
Extended nonthermal X-ray emission
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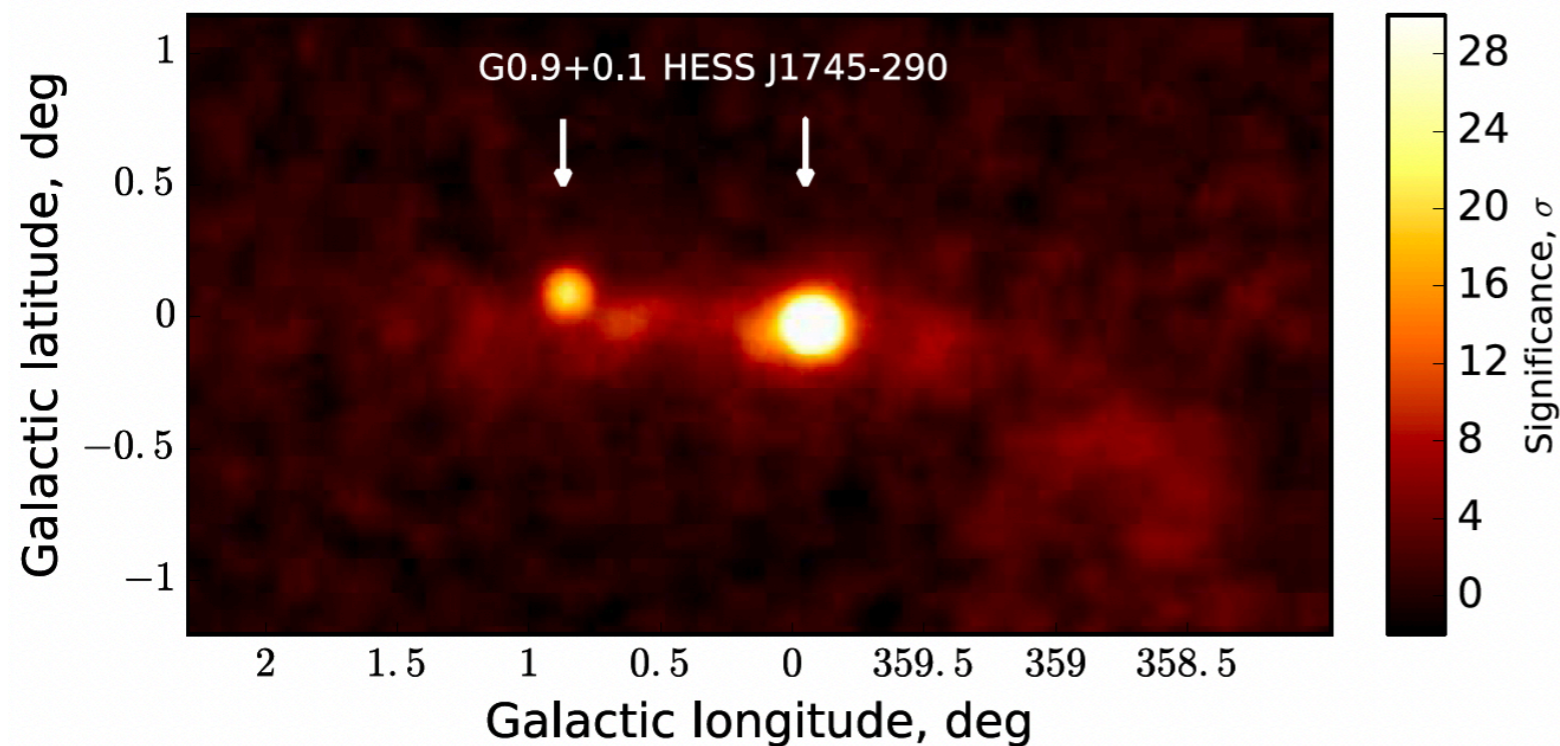
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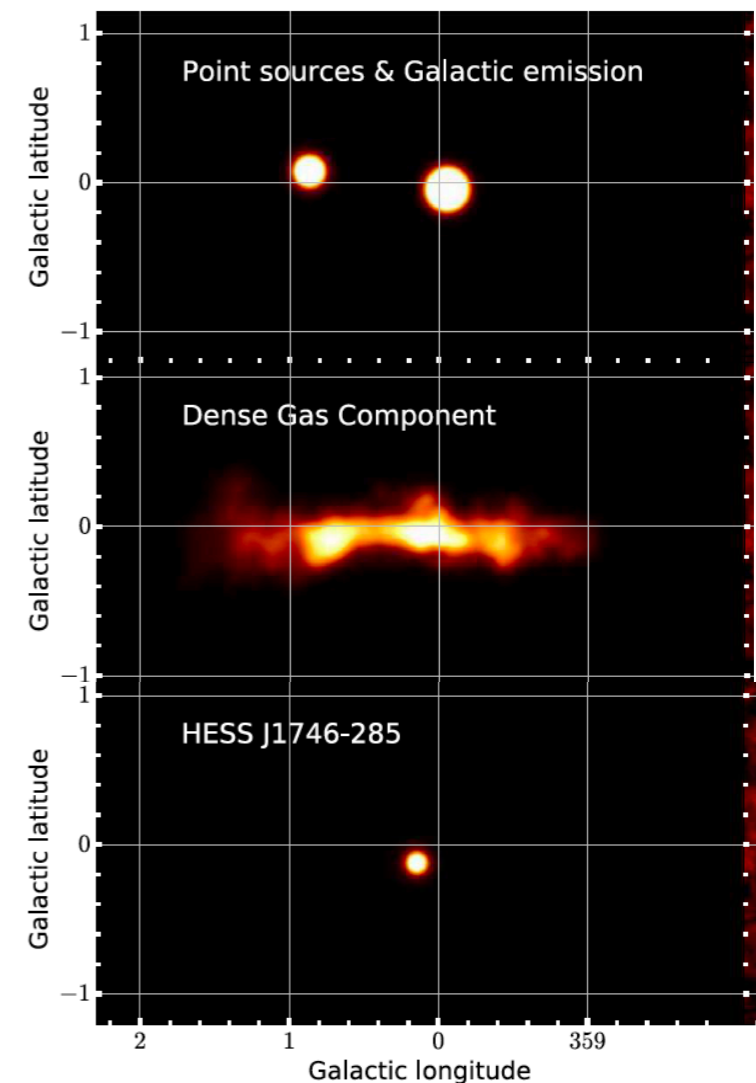
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- Detailed morphological analysis using an iterating fitting procedure and a template-based approach with a total livetime of 259 hours [HESS collaboration 2018]
 - **Detection of HESS J1746–285** spatially coincident with the radio arc and the PWN candidate G0.13–0.11 + **detection of an additional central component**

Example of model components:



[HESS collaboration 2018]



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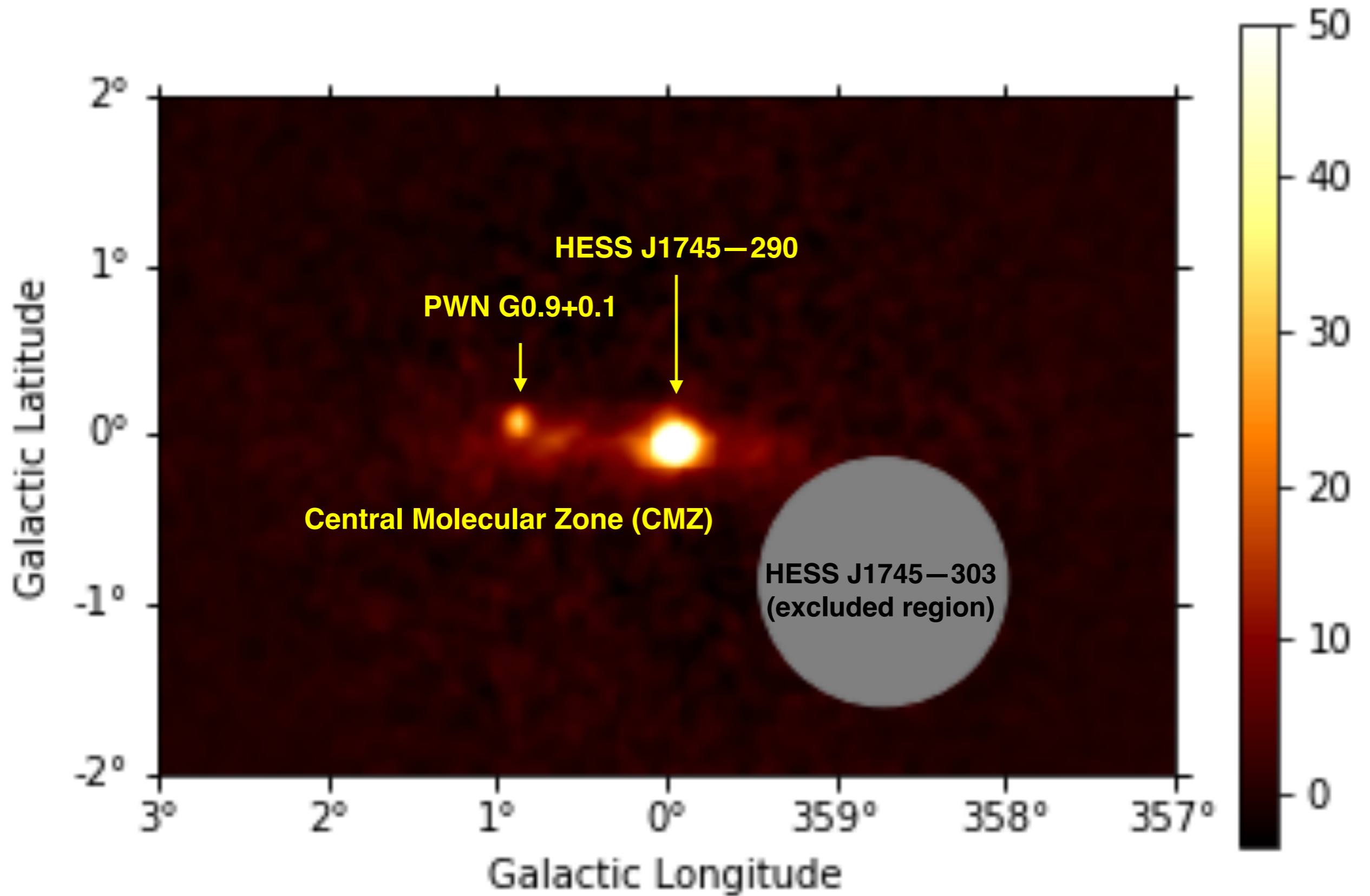
Spectro-morphological analysis using **gammapy**:

→ Model components:

- known H.E.S.S. sources
- diffuse emissions
- residual hadronic background



H.E.S.S. excess map



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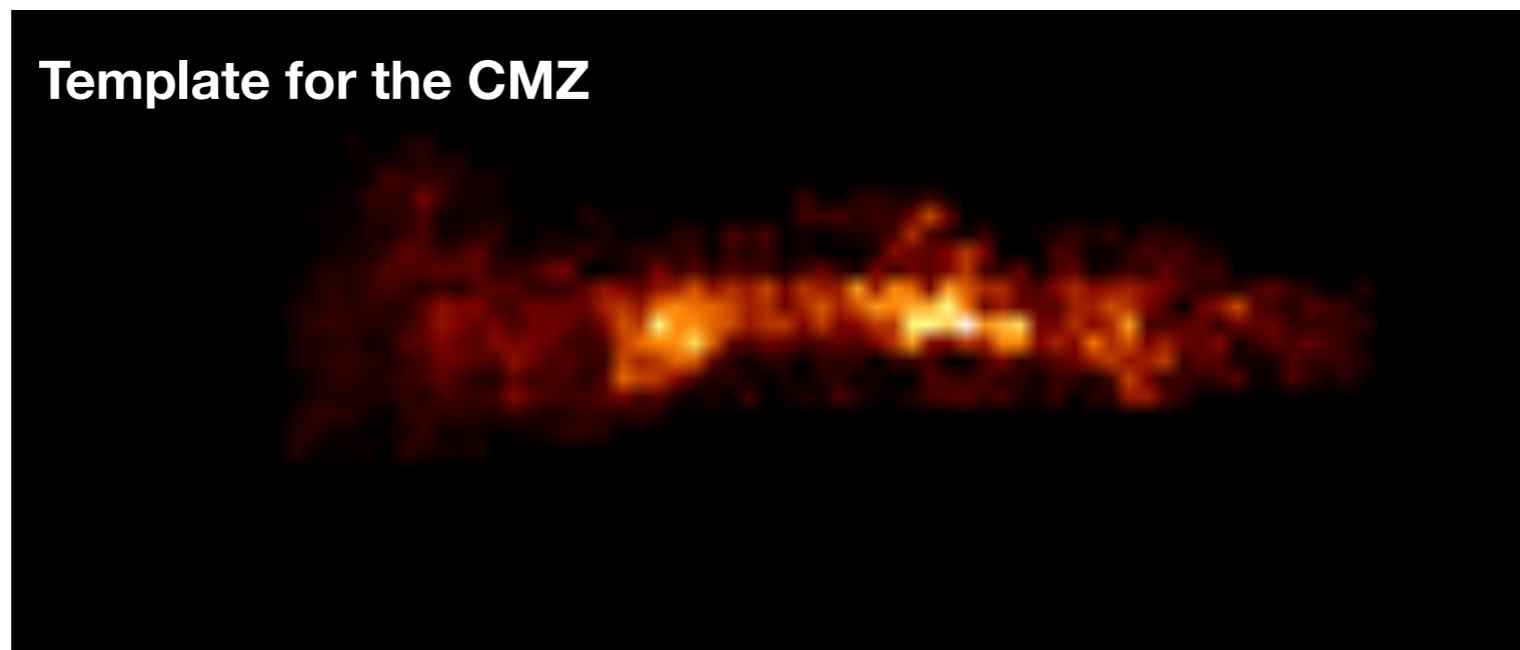
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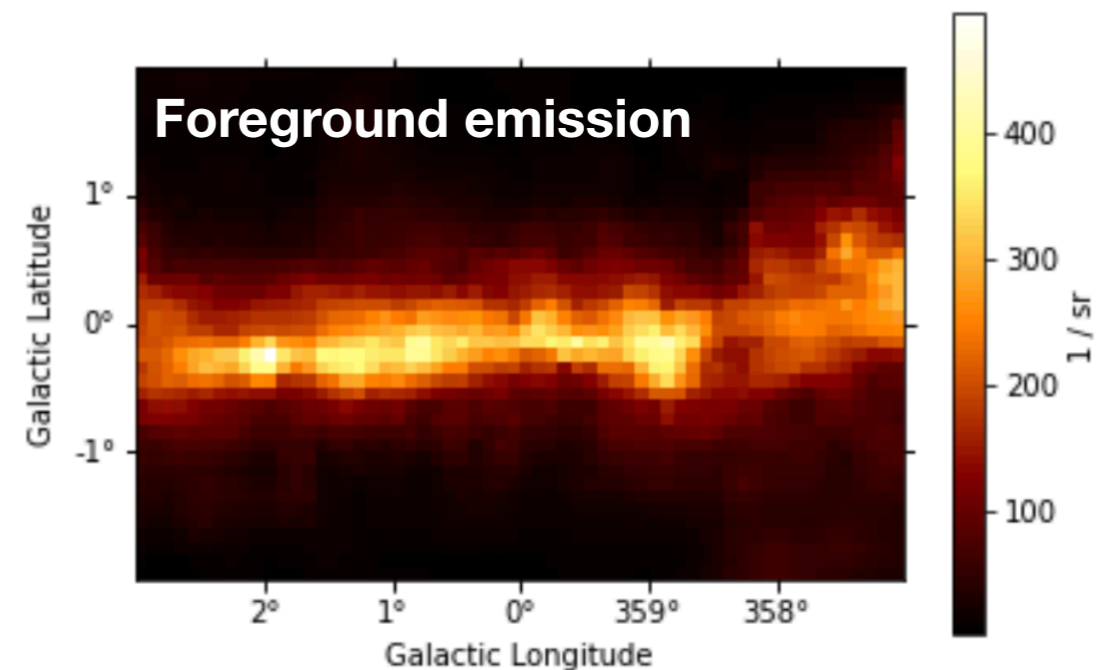
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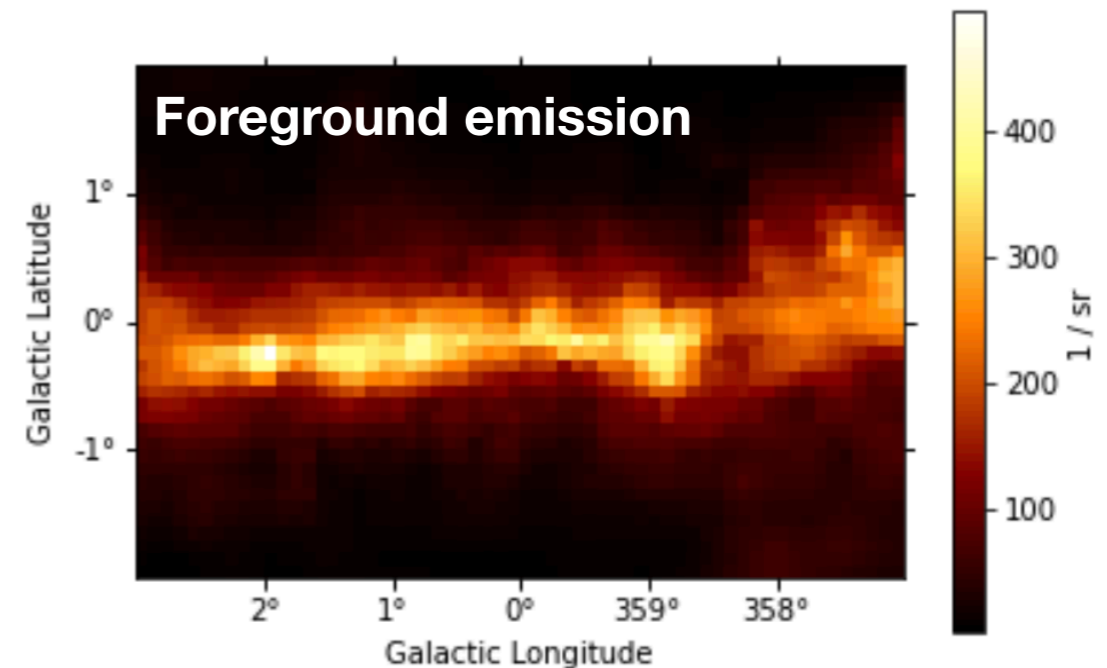
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Large-scale emission model (not a measure of the Galactic diffuse emission) which encompasses also residual emission e.g. from unresolved sources, inverse Compton, etc.

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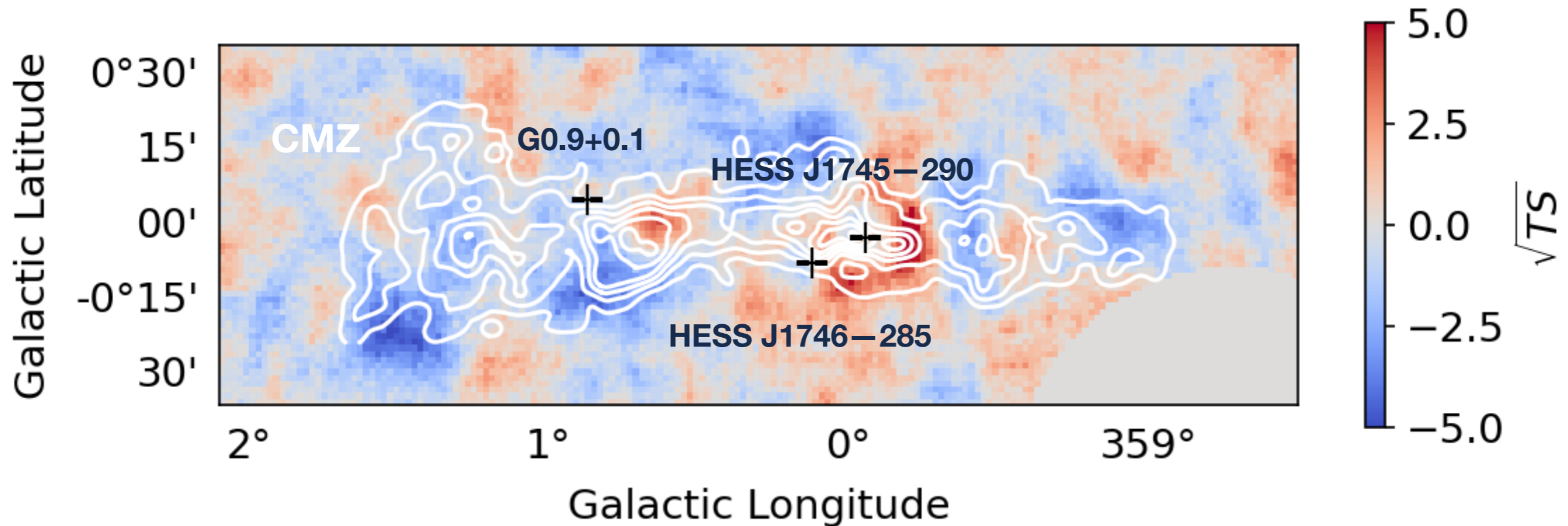
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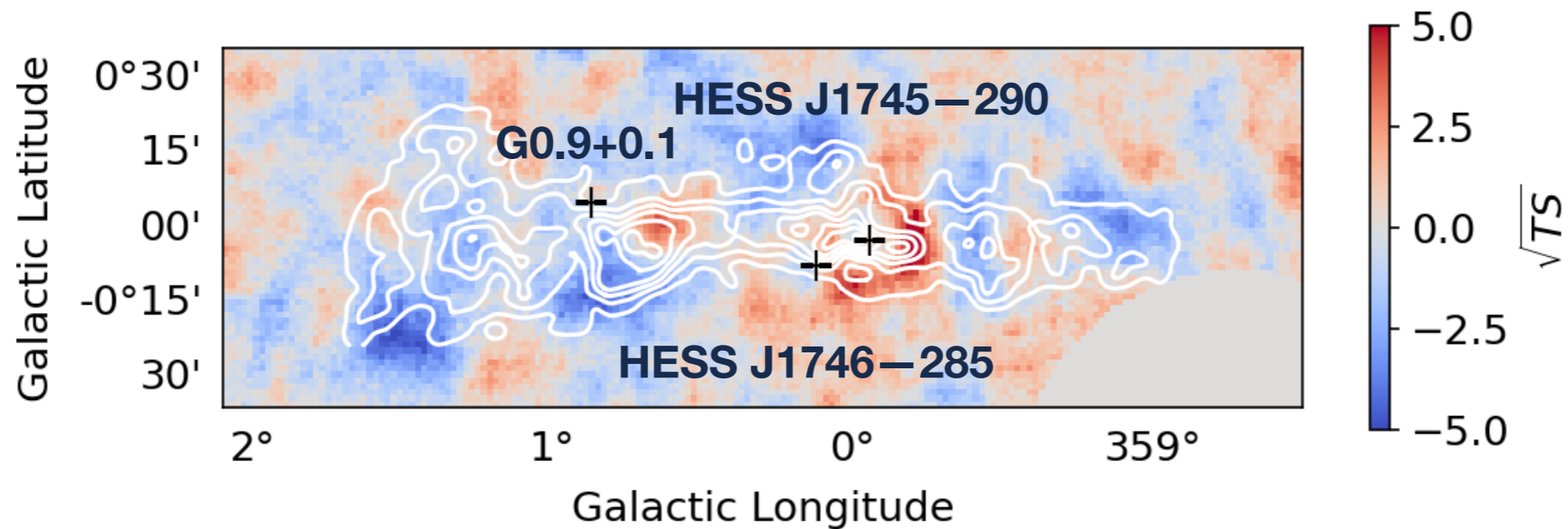
Simultaneous fit of the position and spectrum of the H.E.S.S. sources

Residual Test Statistic (TS) map:



A significant residual excess is seen at the Galactic center

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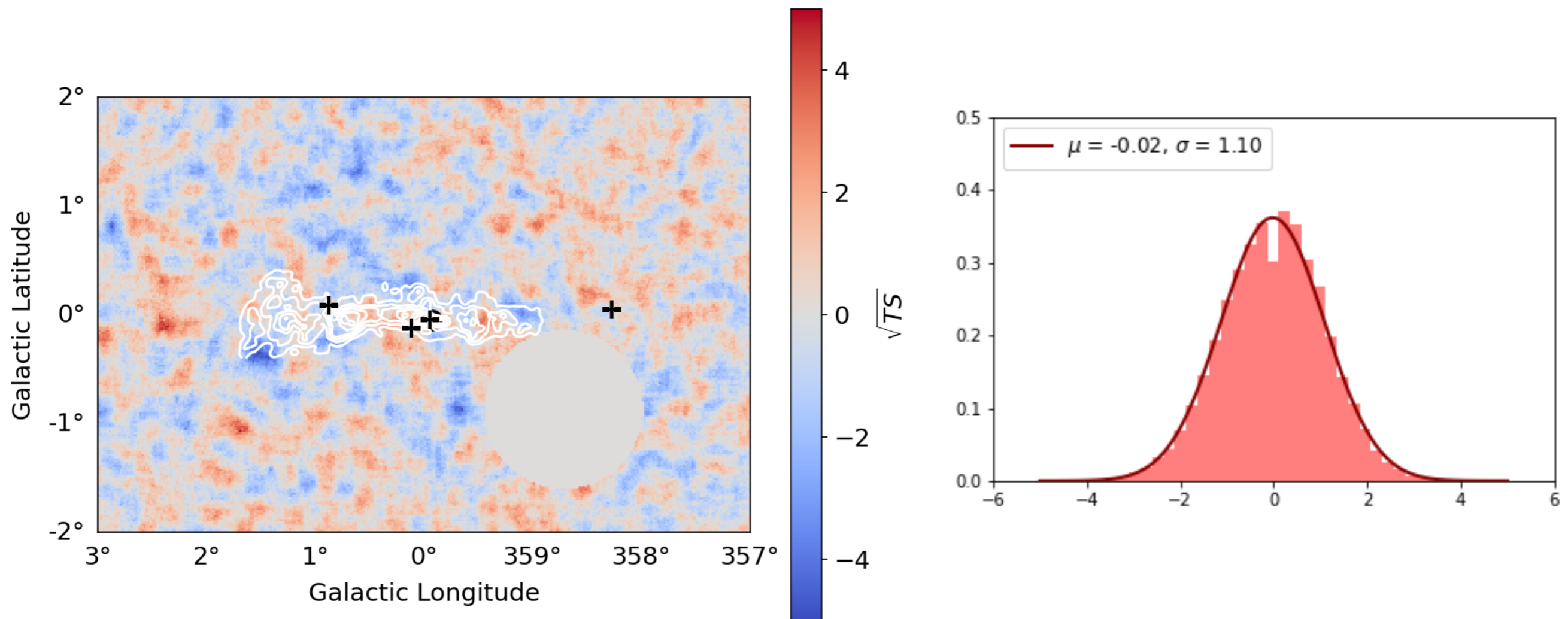
1. **Gaussian model for HESS J1745–290** (spatial and spectral parameters free):
Delta TS = 96.2
2. **Point-source model for HESS J1745–290 + additional Gaussian component with a power-law spectrum** (spatial and spectral parameters free for both sources): **Delta TS = 138.8**

Confirmation of the need of an additional component near the Galactic center

as in [HESS collaboration 2018]

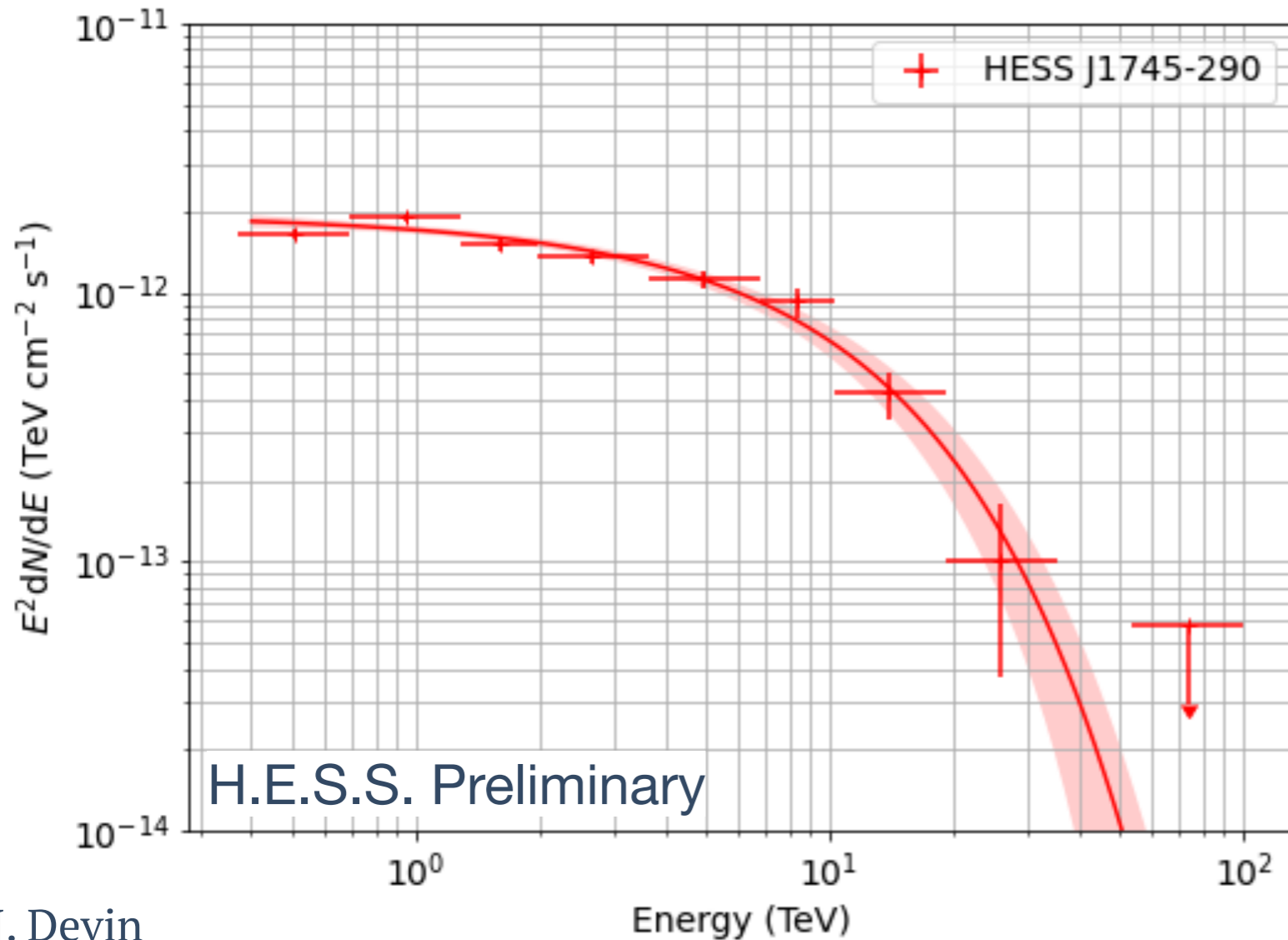
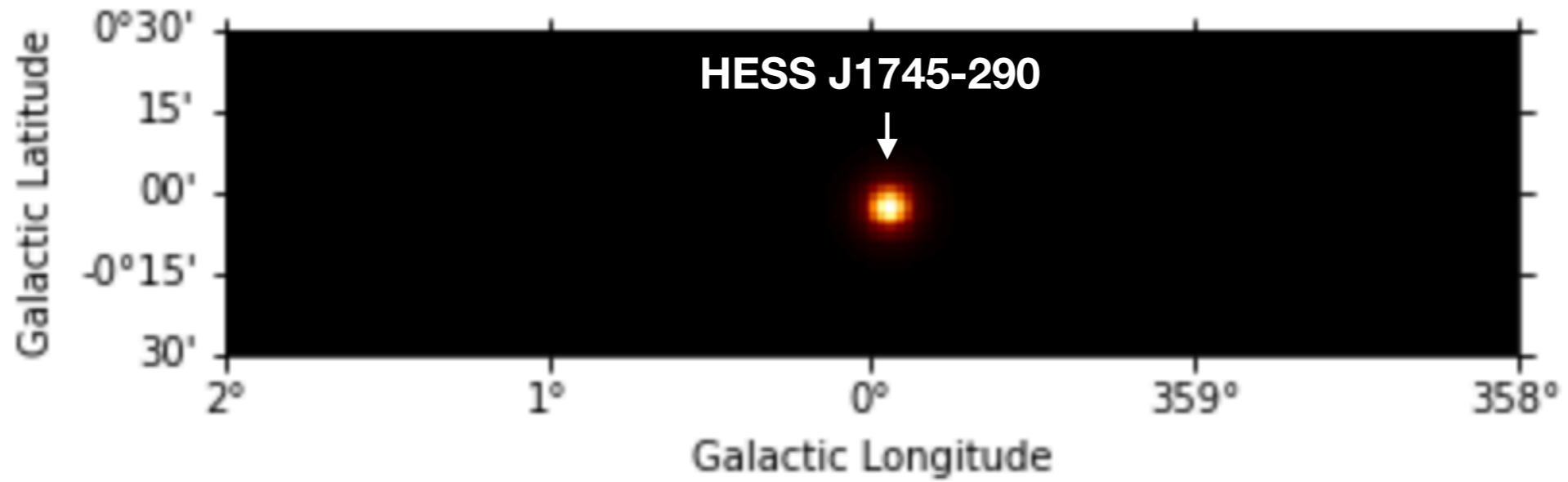
Residual TS map and distribution

Final model includes **4 HESS sources**, **diffuse emissions** (CMZ and foreground) and the **additional extended component near the Galactic center**



➔ The entire region is well modeled

Spectral analysis

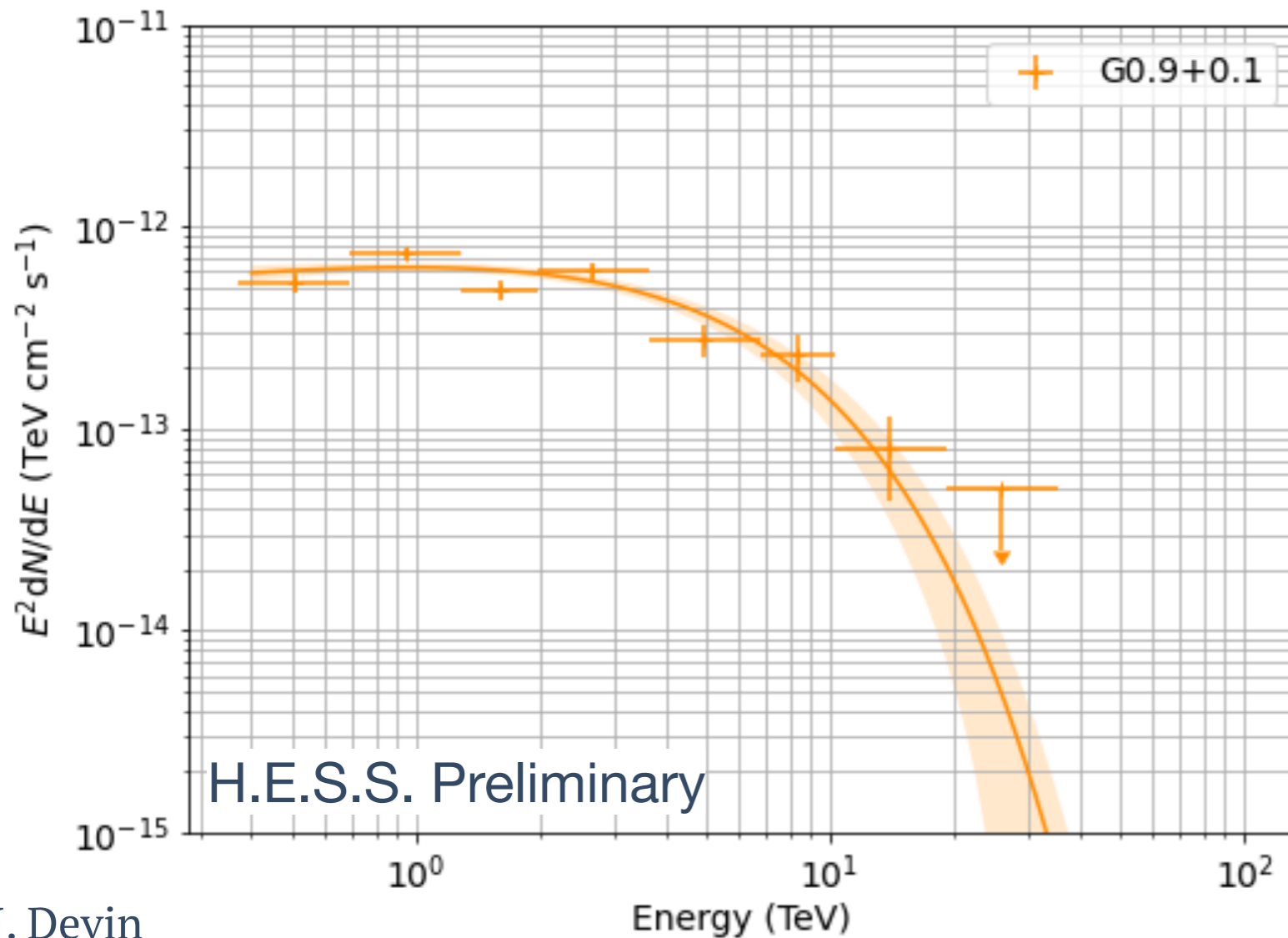
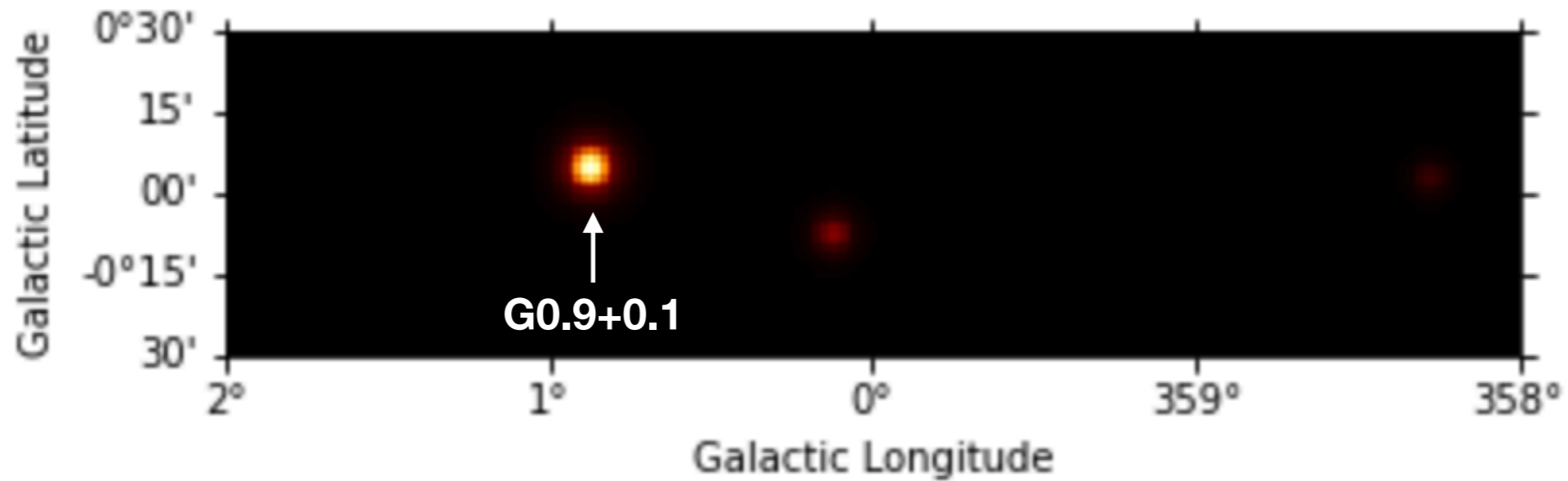


$$N_0(1 \text{ TeV}) = (1.92 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-12} \text{ [TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}]$$

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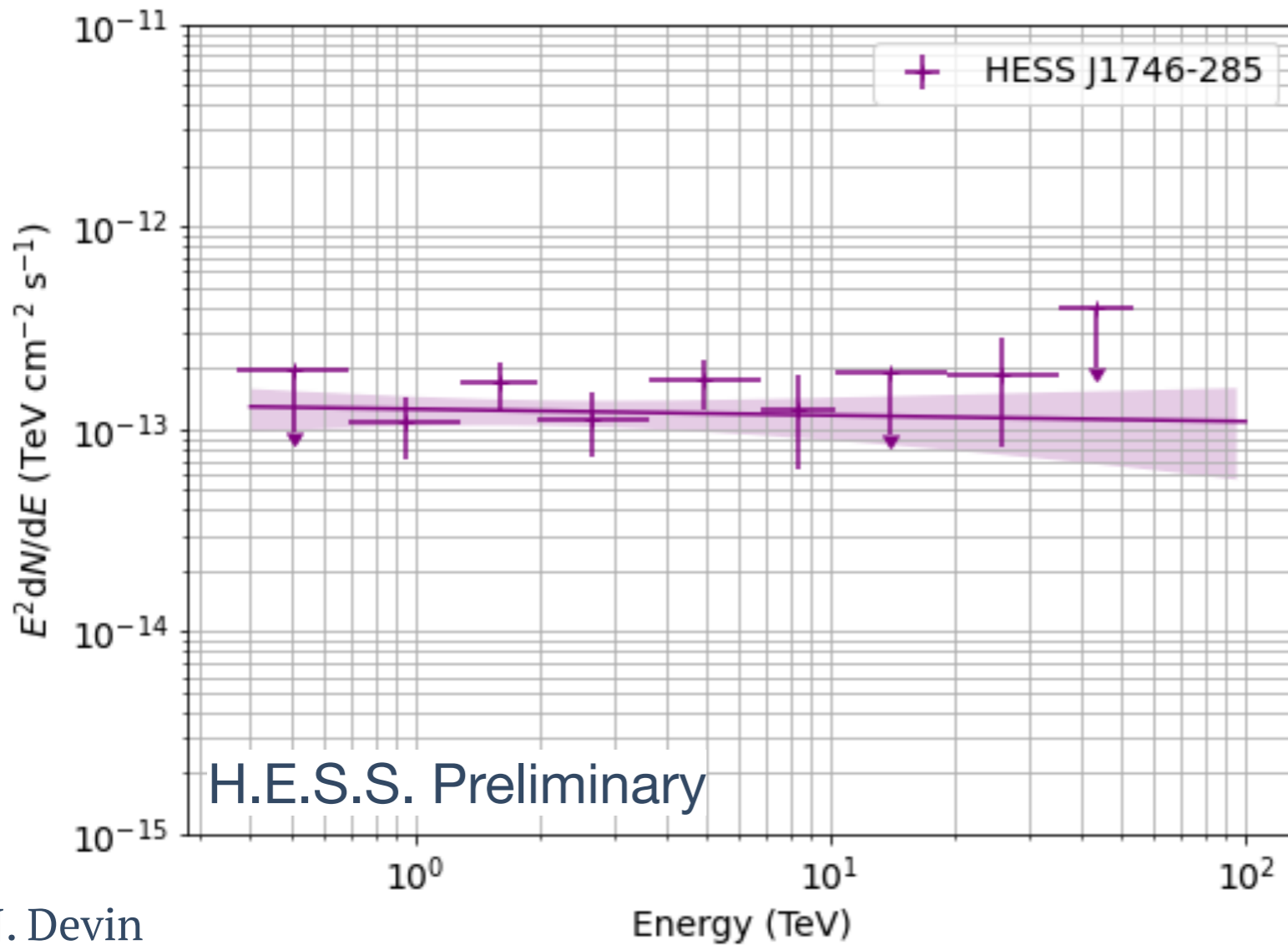
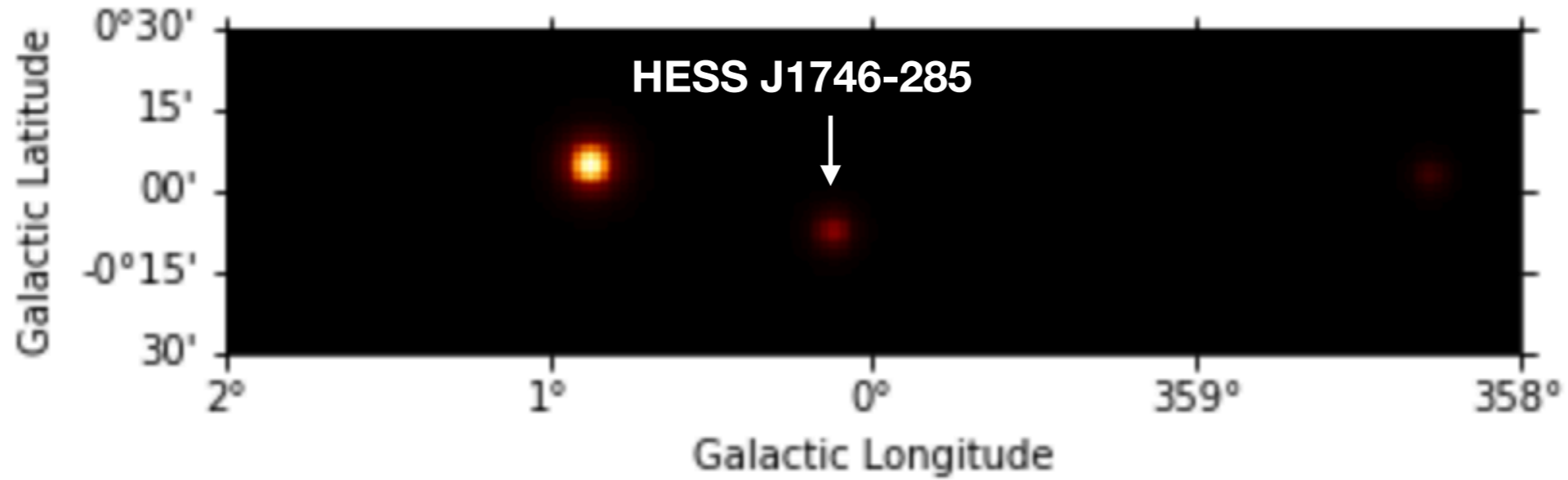
Exponential cutoff power law significantly preferred over a power-law model (> 5 sigma)

$$N_0(1 \text{ TeV}) = (7.85 \pm 0.64) \times 10^{-13} \text{ [TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}]$$

$$\Gamma = 1.79 \pm 0.11$$

$$E_{\text{cut}} = 4.5 \pm 1.1 \text{ TeV}$$

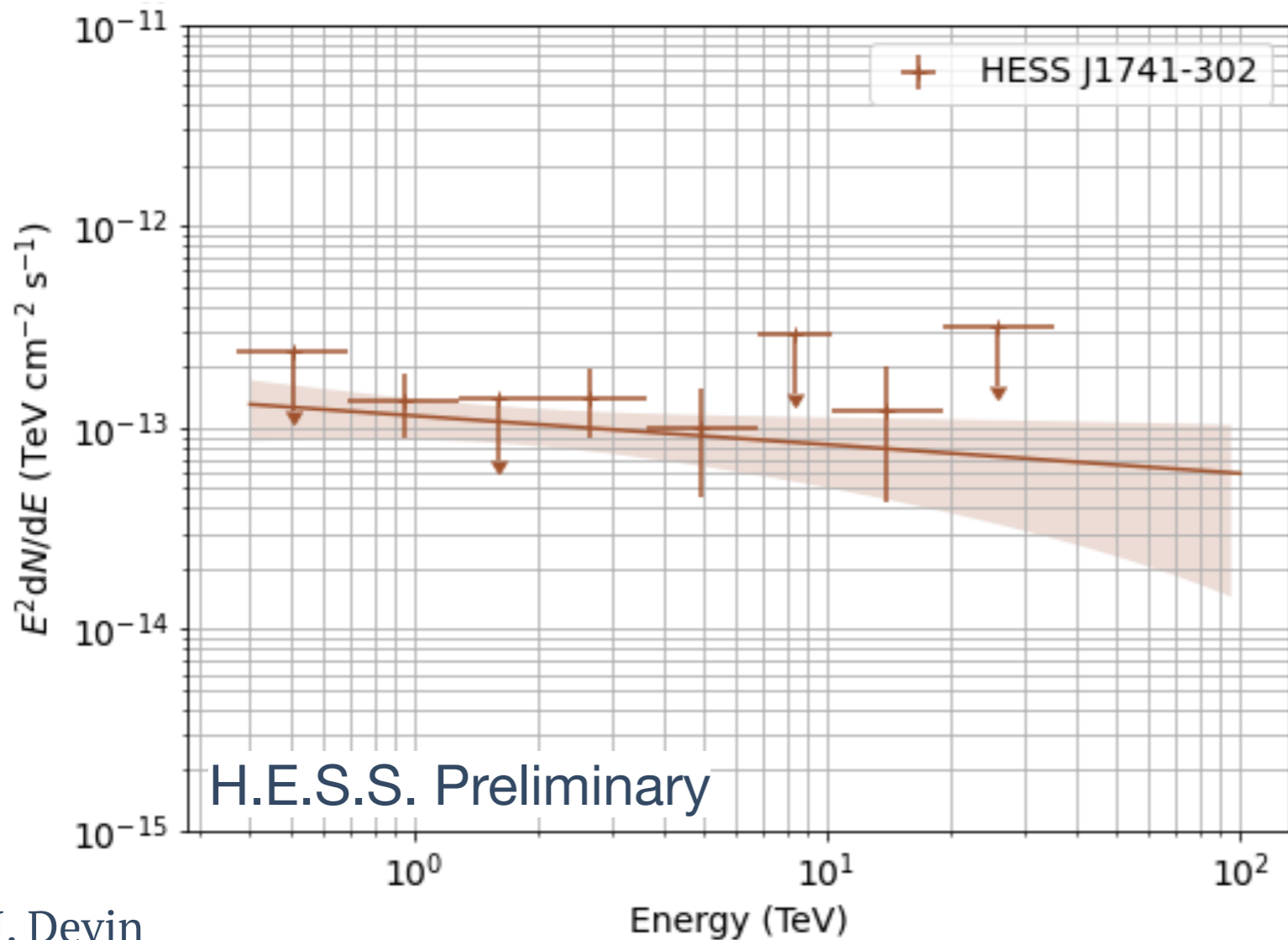
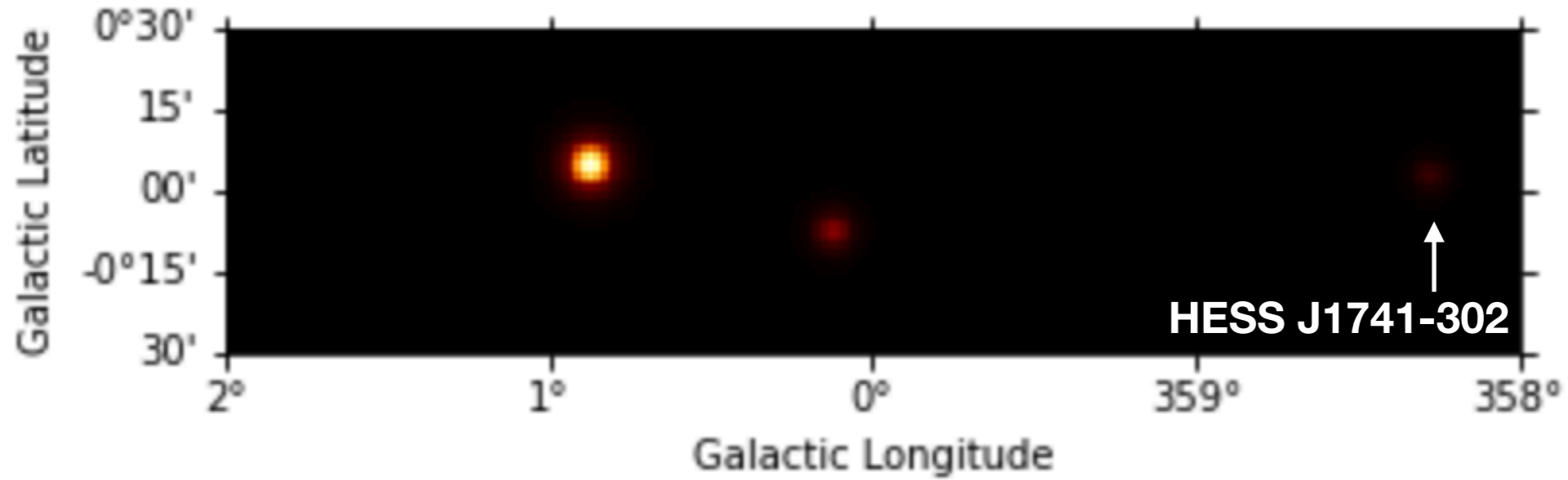
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$$N_0(1 \text{ TeV}) = (1.22 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-13} \text{ [TeV}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{]}$$

$$\Gamma = 2.03 \pm 0.12$$

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$$N_0(1 \text{ TeV}) = (1.14 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-13} \text{ [TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}]$$

$$\Gamma = 2.16 \pm 0.19$$

Conclusions

- **First spectro-morphological analysis** of the Galactic center region using 12 years of H.E.S.S. data
- **Consistent modeling** of the entire region ($6^\circ \times 4^\circ$)
- First spectra of HESS J1745–290, G0.9+0.1, HESS J1746–285 and HESS J1741–302 **taking into account in space and energy the diffuse emissions**
- **Significant curvature** of the spectrum for G0.9+0.1
 - ➔ Analysis ongoing to derive the intrinsic spectrum of the CMZ