

# The Bright and Unknown: Modelling the Cosmic-ray and Gamma-ray Morphology towards HESS J1804-216

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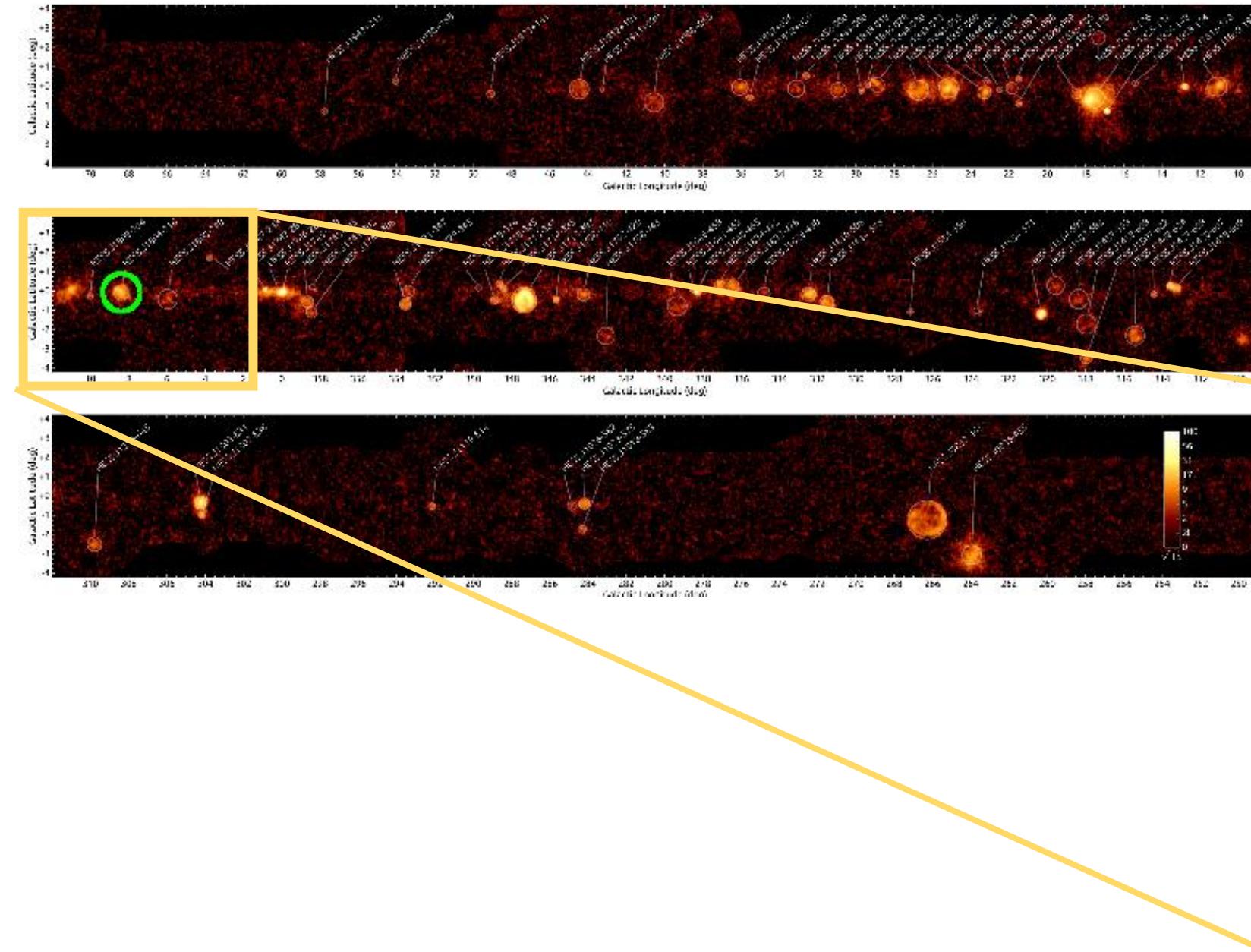
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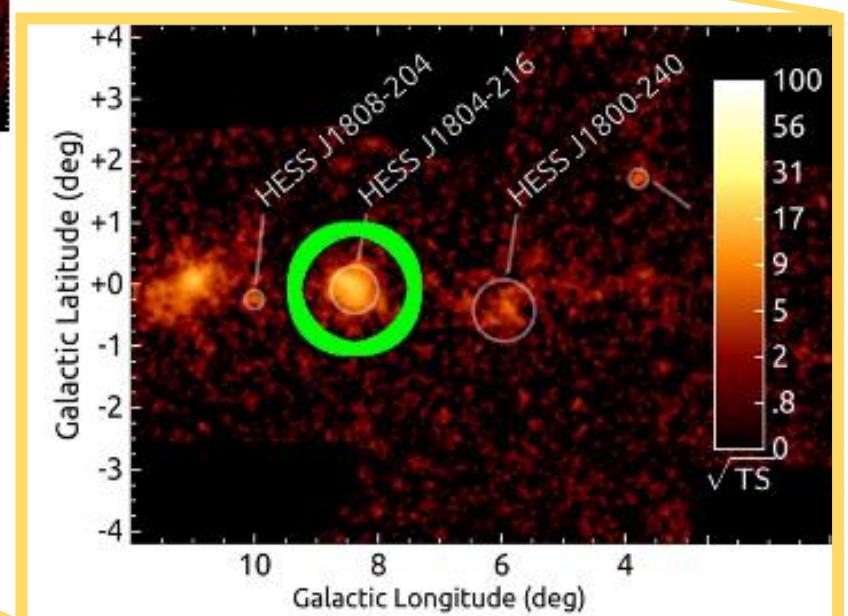
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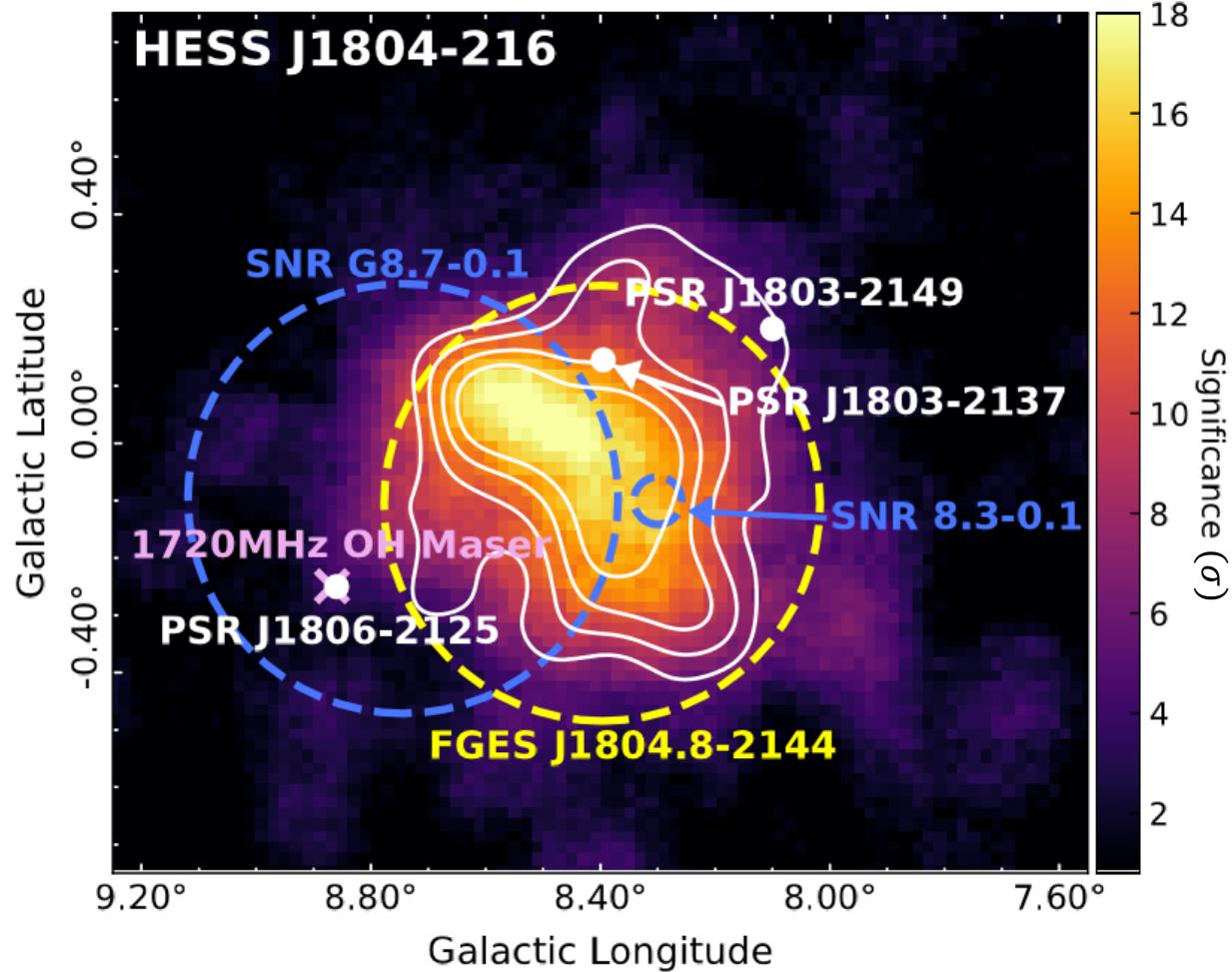
# HESS Galactic Plane Survey - 2018



- 3 Binary
- 8 Composite
- 8 SNR
- 12 PWN
- **36 Unidentified**



# HESS J1804-216 – the bright and unknown



- $L_\gamma \sim 5 \times 10^{33} (d_{kpc})^2 \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
- $\Gamma = 2.69 \pm 0.04$

“Arc-minute-scale studies of the interstellar gas towards HESS J1804–216: Still an unidentified TeV Gamma-ray source”, accepted for PASA

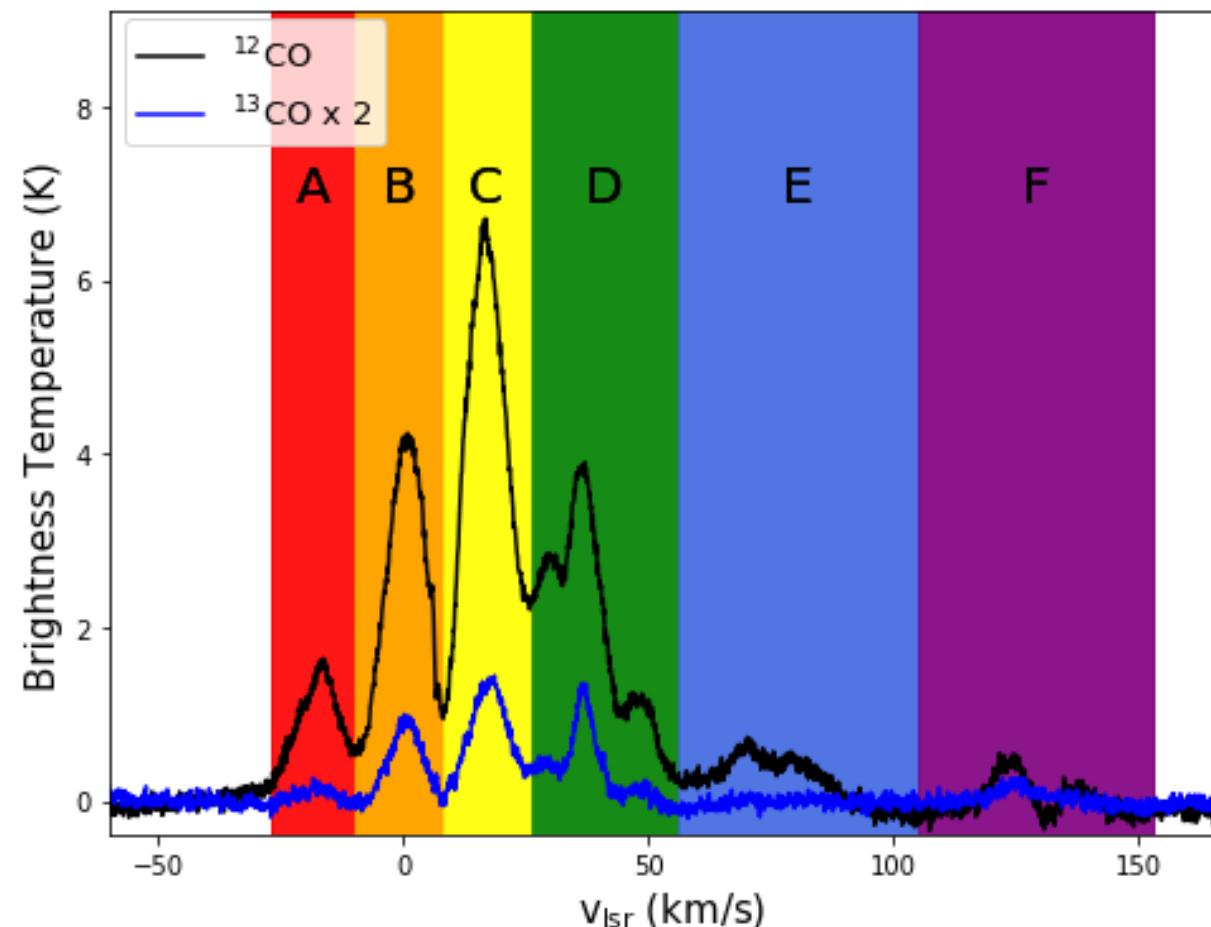
- Detailed ISM study with 3mm, 7mm and 12mm Mopra data
- Most potential accelerators:
  - **SNR G8.7-0.1**
    - Radius:  $0.42^\circ$
    - Distance 4.5 kpc
    - Age: 15 kyr
  - **1720MHz OH Maser**
    - Distance: 4.6 kpc
  - **PSR J1803-2137**
    - Distance: 3.8 kpc
    - Age: 16 kyr
    - Spin down power:  $2.22 \times 10^{36} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
    - TeV gamma-ray efficiency: 3%

FGES = Fermi Galactic Extended Sources → one of the Fermi catalogs

Significance map: HESS Collaboration at <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1804.02432.pdf>

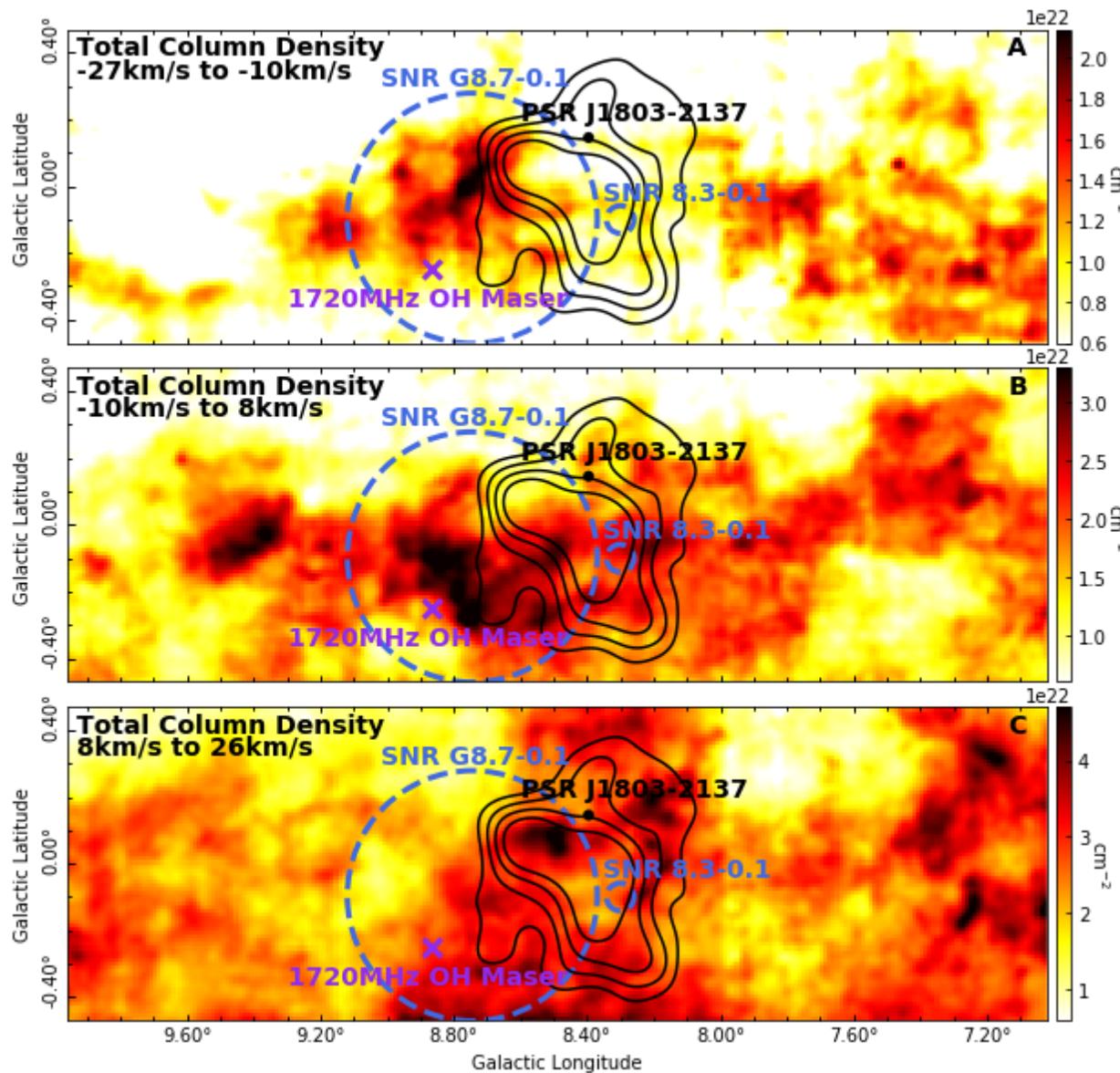
# Mopra CO Survey

- Region taken to encompass the  $5\sigma$  level of HESS J1804-216 on the Mopra  $^{12}\text{CO}$  cube
  - Cube is Doppler-shifted velocity along the z-axis
  - This is used to create a spectrum
- The Mopra Galactic Plane CO survey data:  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $^{13}\text{CO}$



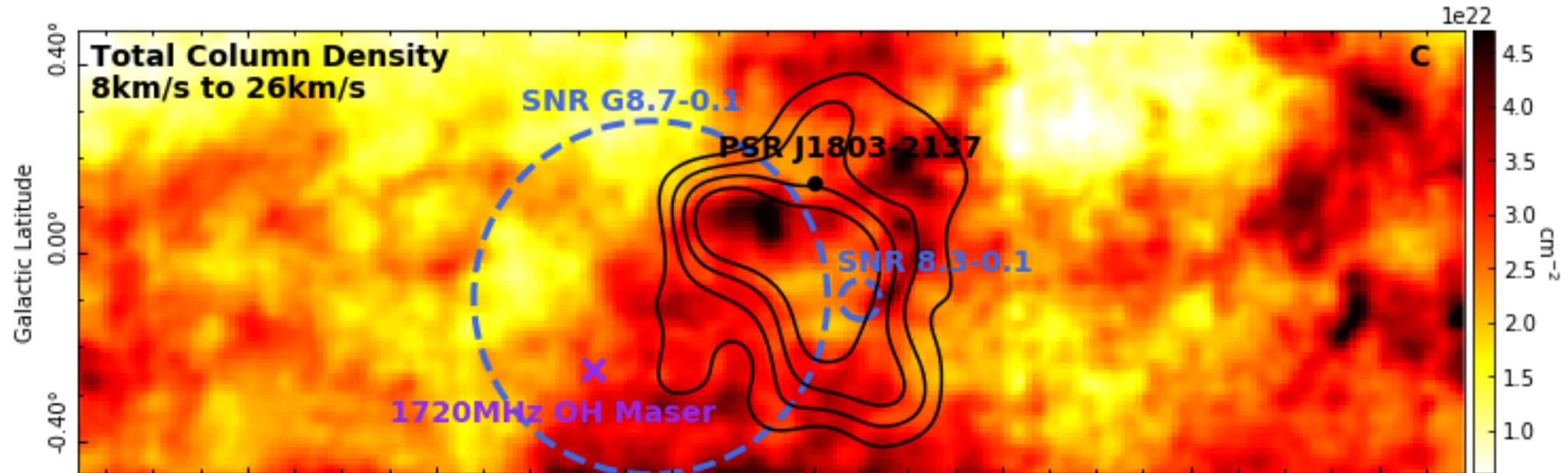
# Total Column Density

$$N(H) = N(HI) + 2N(H_2)$$

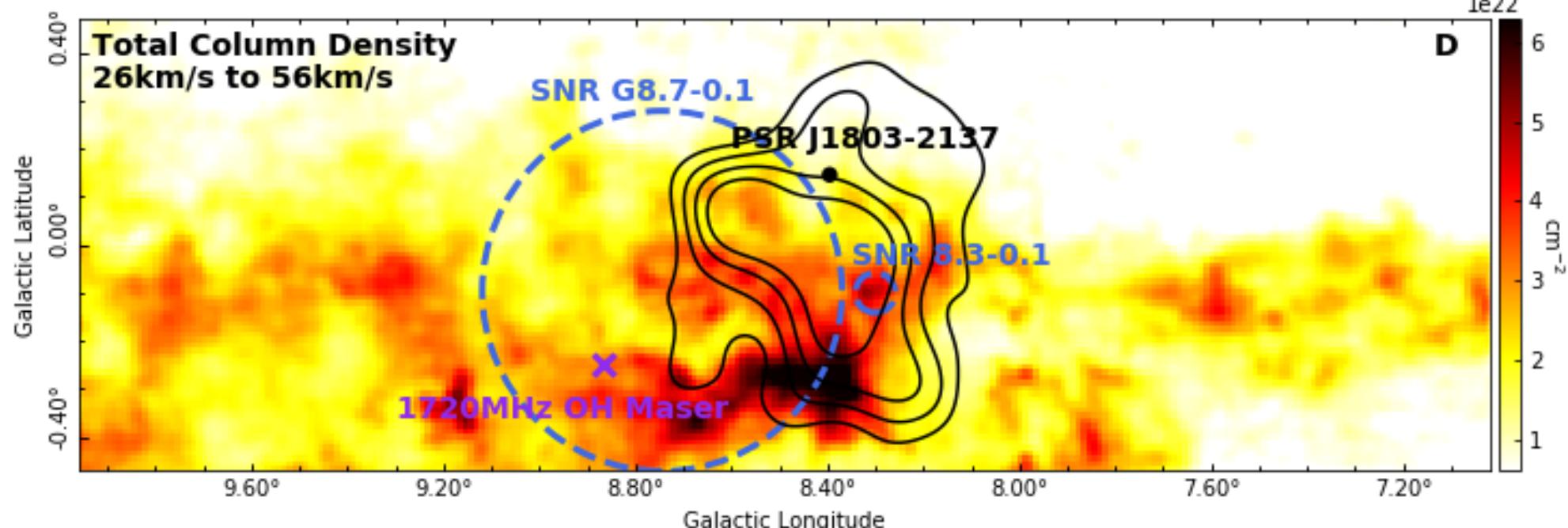


# Components of Most Interest

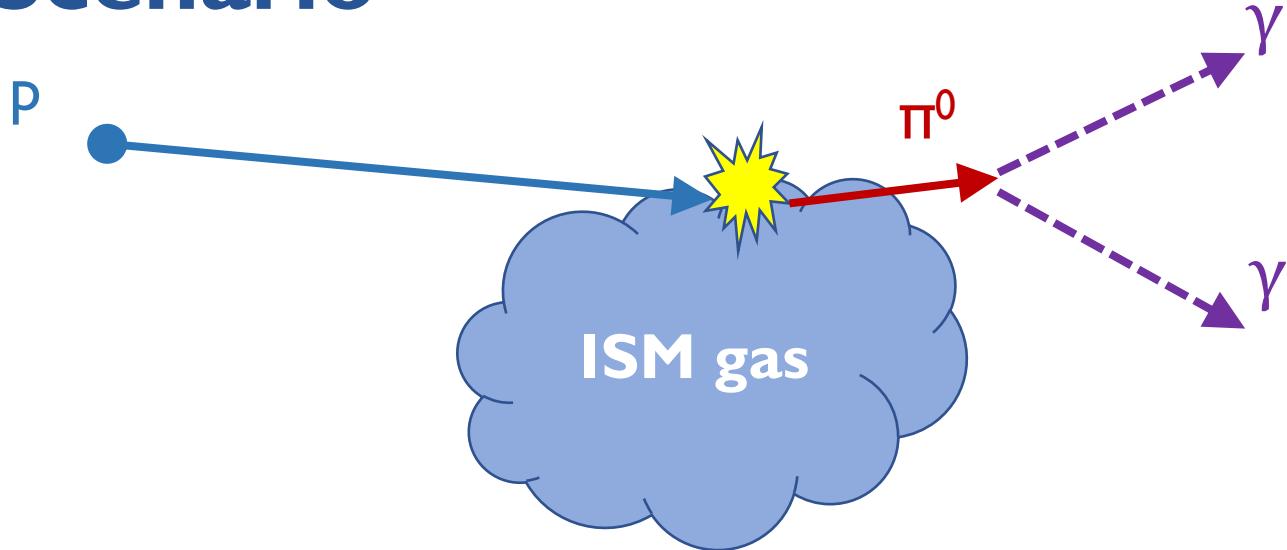
PSR J1803-2137  
at  $\sim 25\text{km/s}$



SNR G8.7-0.1  
at  $\sim 35\text{km/s}$



# Hadronic Scenario



- Older SNRs believed to have large enough hadronic contribution to account for TeV gamma-ray emission
- Two plausible candidates for the acceleration of CRs for the hadronic scenario
  - SNR G8.7-0.1
  - Progenitor SNR of PSR J1803-2137

# Proton model

- Distribution of CR protons assuming time dependent escape of CR protons

$$J_p \equiv f(E, R, t) \approx \frac{N_0 E^{-\alpha}}{\pi^{3/2} R_{dif}^3} \exp\left(-\frac{(R - R_c)^2}{R_{dif}^2}\right) \quad [\text{cm}^{-3} \text{ GeV}^{-1}]$$

- Diffusion radius:

$$R_{dif} = 2 \sqrt{D(E) t' \frac{\exp(t' \delta / \tau_{pp}) - 1}{t' \delta / \tau_{pp}}}$$

- $t' = t - t_{esc}$ ,  $N_0$  is the normalisation factor

- The escape radius of particles with escape time  $t_{esc}$  is:

$$R_c = 0.31 \left(\frac{E_{51}}{n_0}\right)^{1/5} t_{esc}^{2/5} \text{ pc}$$

- Escape time of CR protons:

$$t_{esc} = t_{sedov} \left(\frac{E_p}{E_{p,max}}\right)^{-1/\delta_p} \text{ yr}$$

- The cooling time for proton-proton collisions is  $\tau_{pp} = 6 \times 10^7 (n/\text{cm}^{-3})^{-1}$  yr

- The diffusion coefficient is:

$$D(E) = \chi D_0 \left(\frac{E/\text{GeV}}{B/3\mu\text{G}}\right)^\delta \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- where  $D_0 = 3 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $B \sim 10 \mu\text{G}$  and  $\delta$  &  $\chi$  are varied

$f(E, R, t)$ ,  $R_{dif}$ ,  $\tau_{pp}$ : Aharonian and Atoyan, 1996, <http://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu/pdf/1996A%26A...309..917A>

$R_c$ : Reynolds 2008, <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2008ARA%26A..46..89R/abstract>

$t_{esc}$ : Gabici et al 2009, <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2009MNRAS.396.1629G/abstract>

Diffusion: Gabici et al 2007, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/astro-ph/0610032.pdf>

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- For radii less than the  $R_c$  particles with energy less than  $E_{esc}$  are trapped inside a sphere (called the ‘bubble’)

$$E_{esc} = E_{p,\max\_100} \left(\frac{100 \text{yr}}{t_{SNR}}\right)^{-\delta_p}$$

- The probability density function is the same through the entire bubble
  - Probability of particles within the bubble sphere is given by  $\frac{1}{V_{sphere}} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_{bubble}^3}$
- Therefore the bubble is filled with the following function

$$f_{bubble} = \frac{N_0 E^{-\alpha}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_{bubble}^3}$$

# Gamma-ray flux

- Gamma-ray production rate is computed through:

$$\Phi_\gamma(E_\gamma) = cn_H \int_{E_\gamma}^{\infty} \sigma_{inel}(E_p) J_p(E_p) F_\gamma\left(\frac{E_\gamma}{E_p}, E_p\right) \frac{dE_p}{E_p} \quad [\text{cm}^{-3} \text{TeV}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}]$$

- $n_H$  is the number density of hydrogen gas
- $\sigma_{inel}(E_p)$  is the elastic cross-section of proton-proton interactions
- $F_\gamma$  is the total gamma-ray spectrum

- The differential gamma-ray spectrum is given through:

$$F = \frac{\Phi_\gamma(E_\gamma)}{4\pi} \left( \frac{V}{D^2} \right) \quad [\text{cm}^{-2} \text{TeV}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}]$$

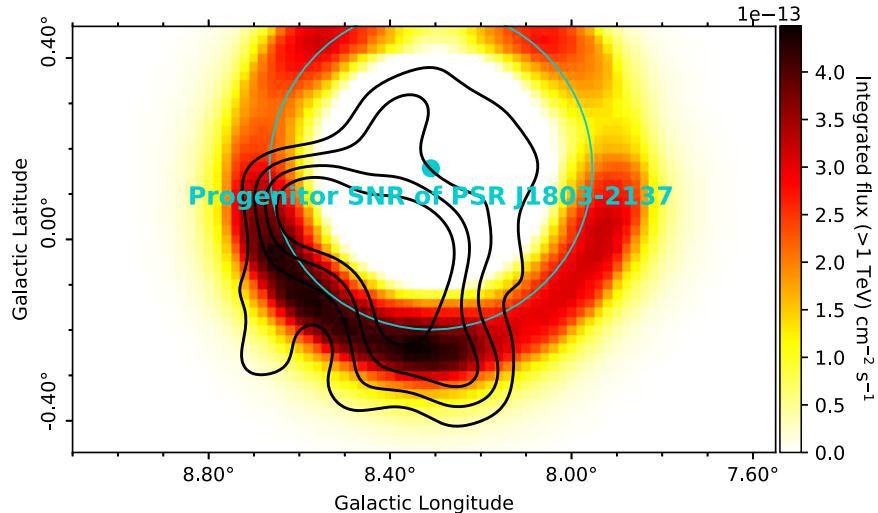
- $D$  is the distance to the source

- Note: the following slides show the preliminary results

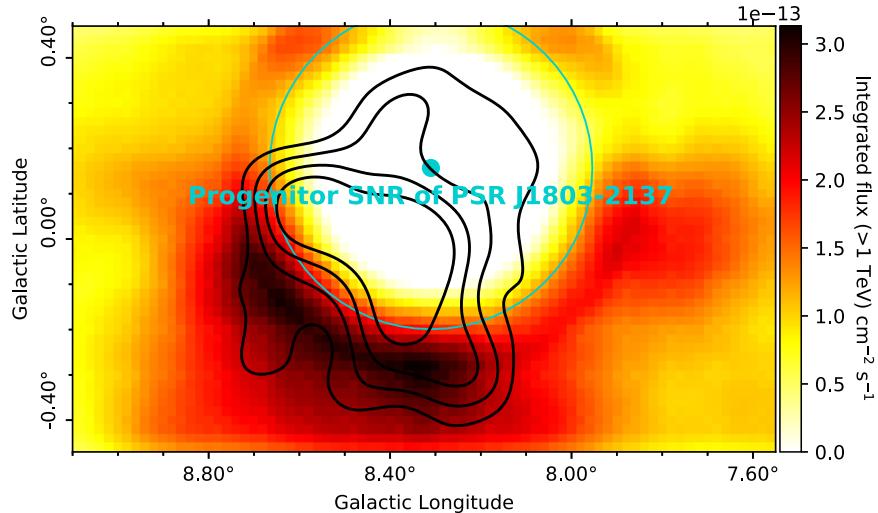
# Parameter influence – $\delta$

Preliminary

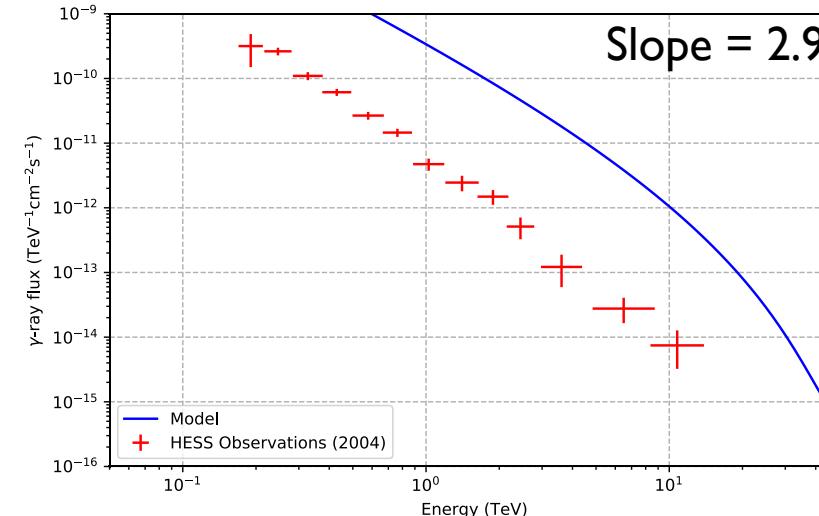
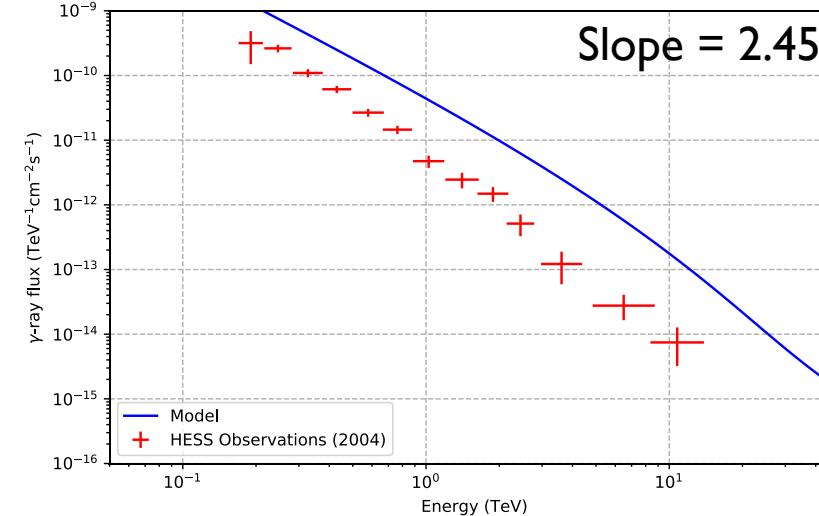
$$\delta = 0.3$$



$$\delta = 0.7$$



$$D(E) = \chi D_0 \left( \frac{E/\text{GeV}}{B/3\mu\text{G}} \right)^\delta \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

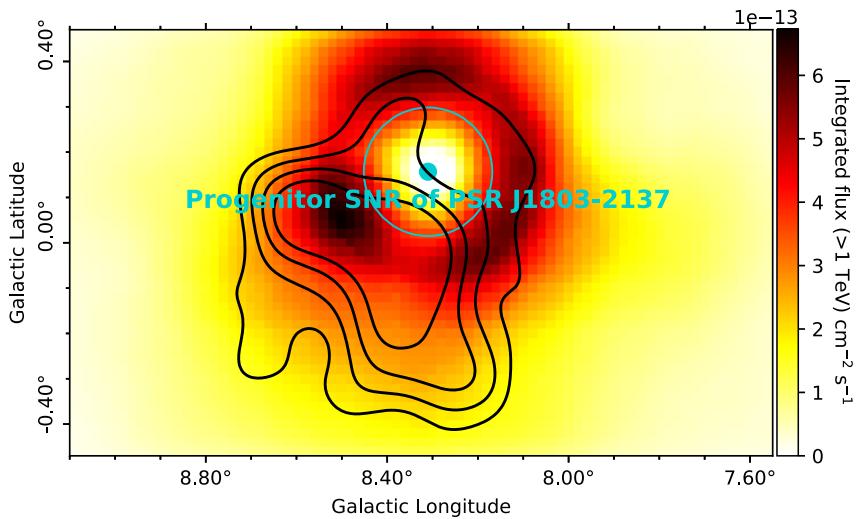


- Changes in morphology: as  $\delta$  increases there is more spread
- Spectral index: increases as  $\delta$  increases

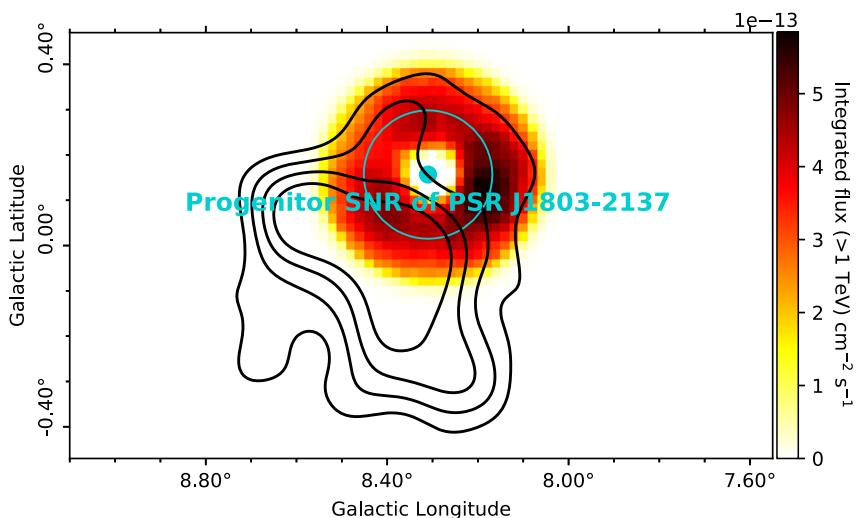
# Parameter influence – $\chi$

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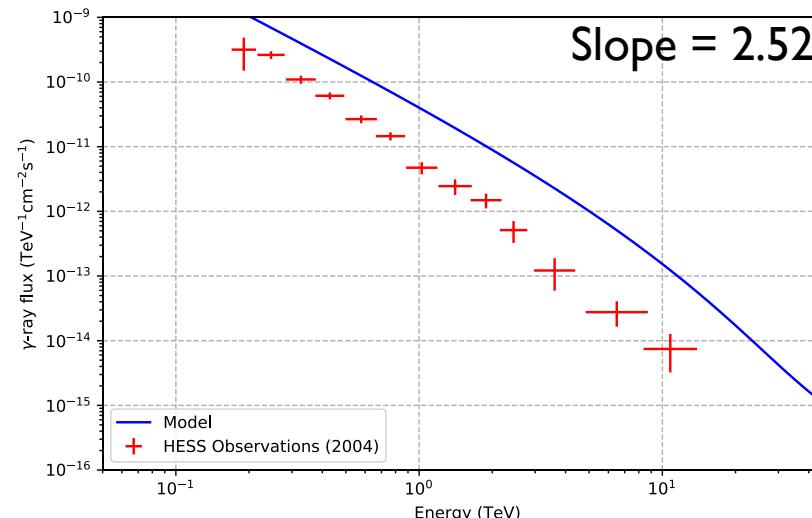
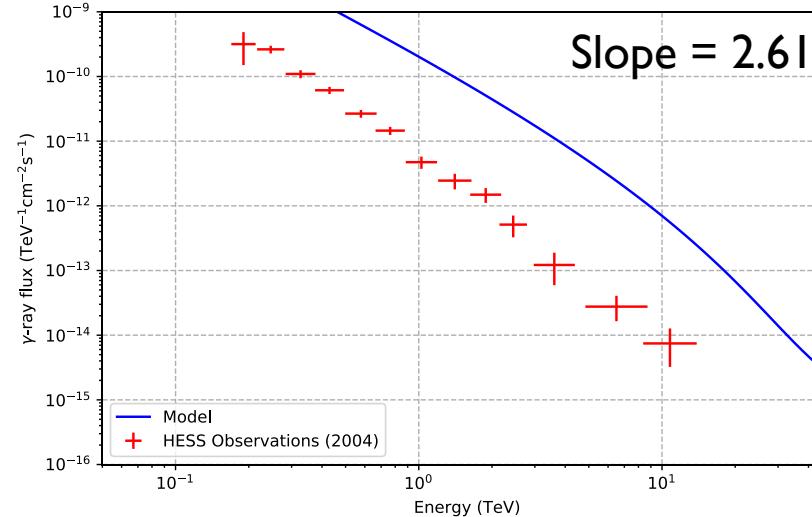
$\chi = 0.1$



$\chi = 0.001$



$$D(E) = \chi D_0 \left( \frac{E/\text{GeV}}{B/3\mu\text{G}} \right)^\delta \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

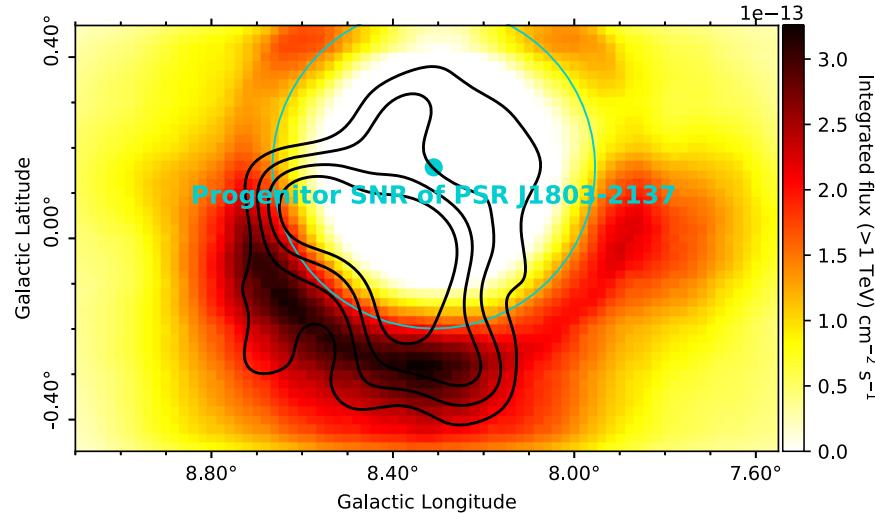


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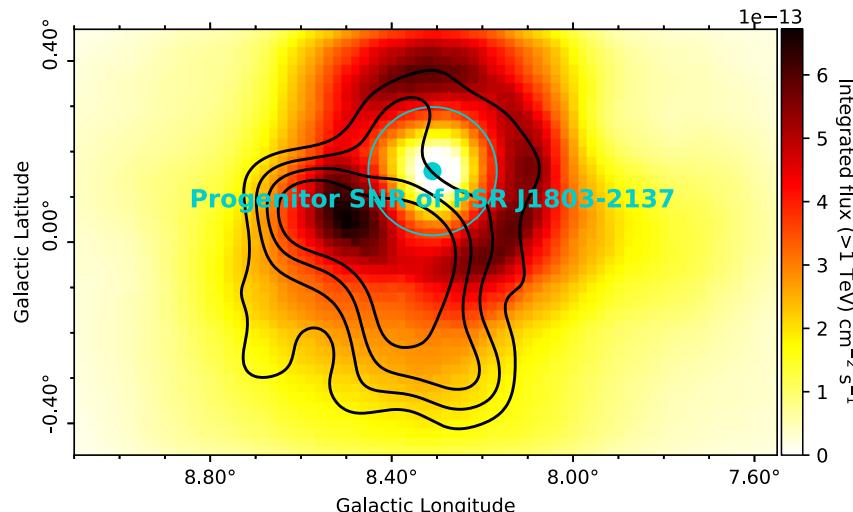
# Parameter influence – $n_0$

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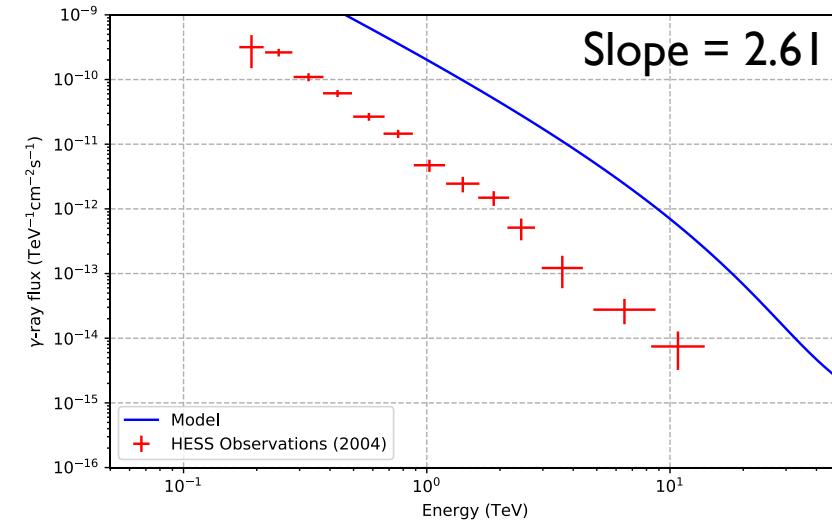
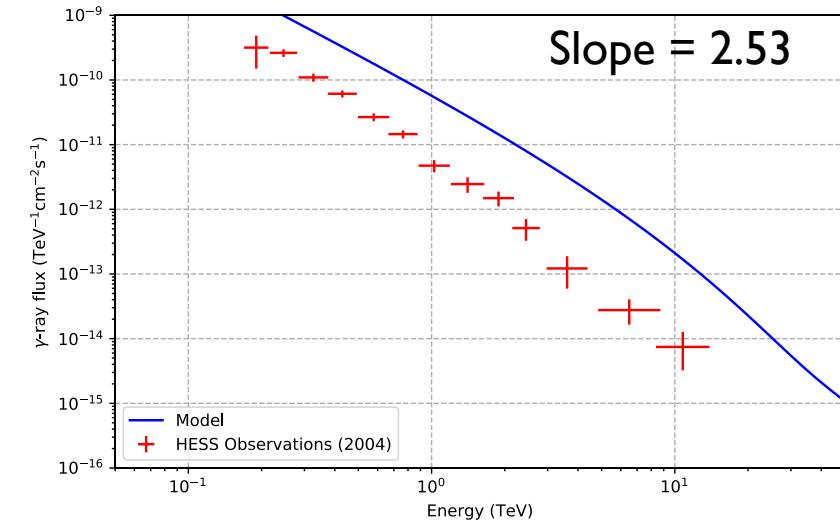
$$n_0 = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



$$n_0 = 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



$$R_c = 0.31 \left( \frac{E_{51}}{n_0} \right)^{1/5} t_{esc}^{2/5} \text{ pc}$$

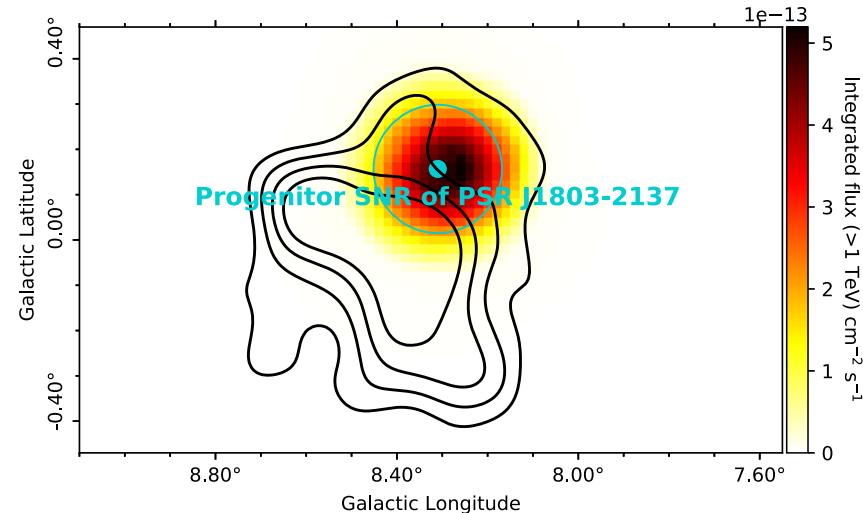


- Changes in morphology: lower value of  $n_0$  shows a larger spread
- Spectral index: changes only slightly

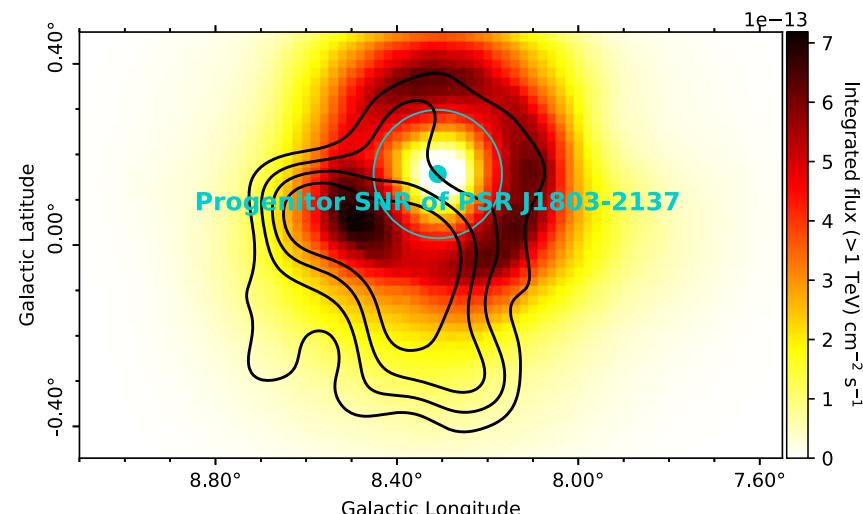
# Parameter influence – $\delta_p$

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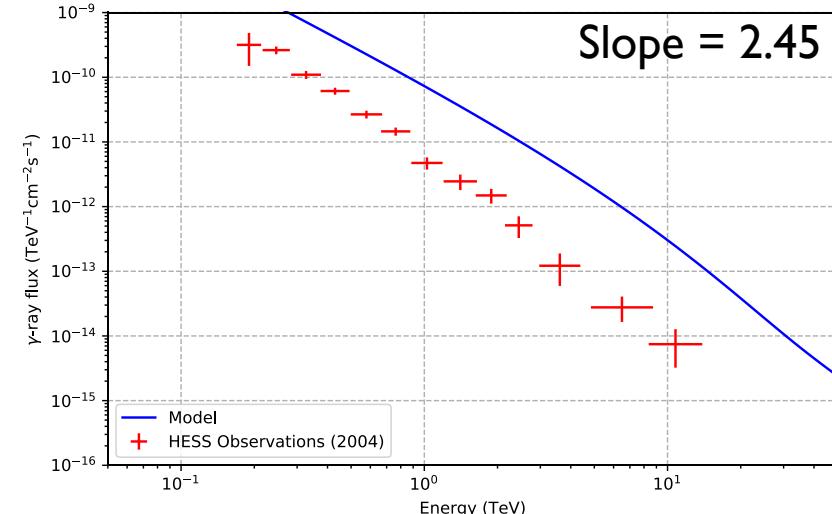
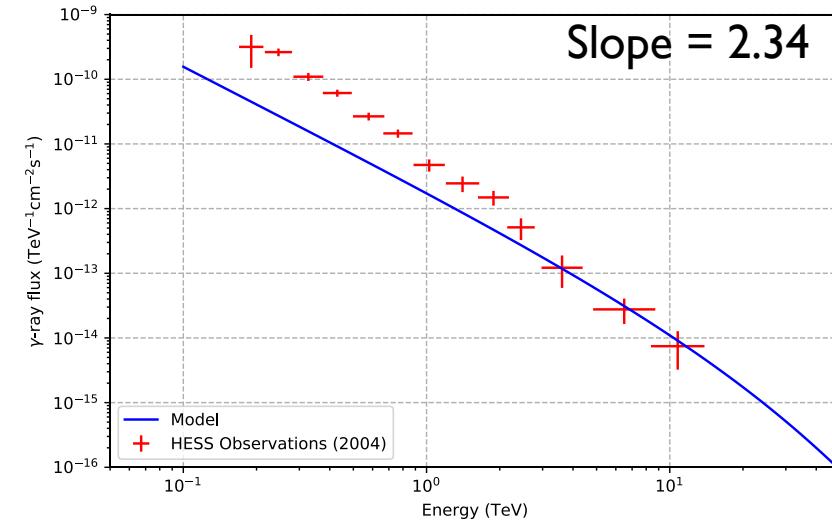
$$E_{p,\max\_snr} = 150 \text{ TeV}$$
$$\delta_p = 0.37$$



$$E_{p,\max\_snr} = 65 \text{ TeV}$$
$$\delta_p = 0.54$$



$$\delta_p = \frac{\ln(E_{p,\max\_SNR}/E_{p,\max\_100})}{\ln(100\text{yr}/t_{SNR})}$$



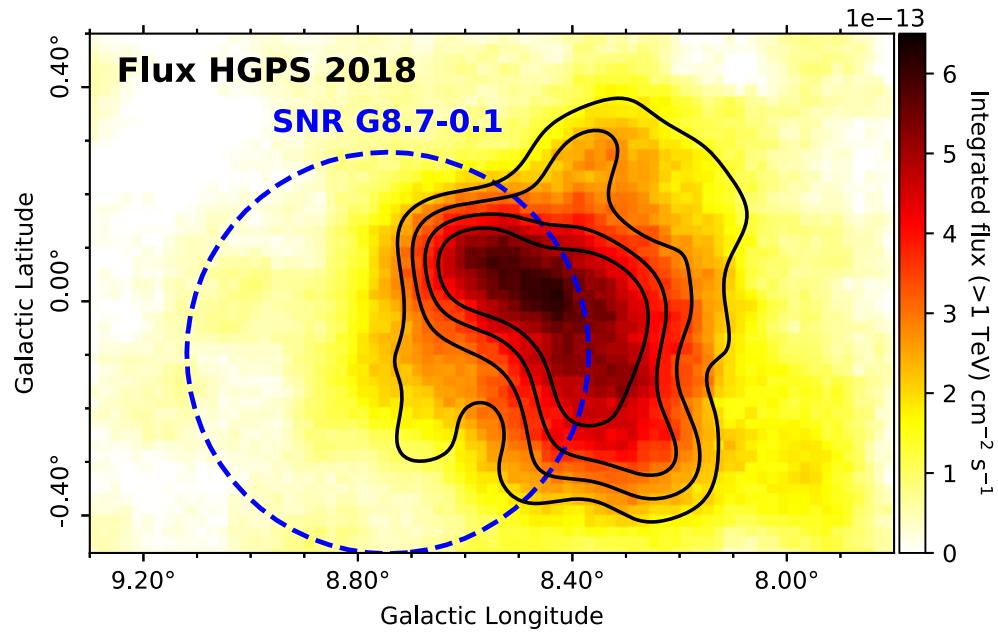
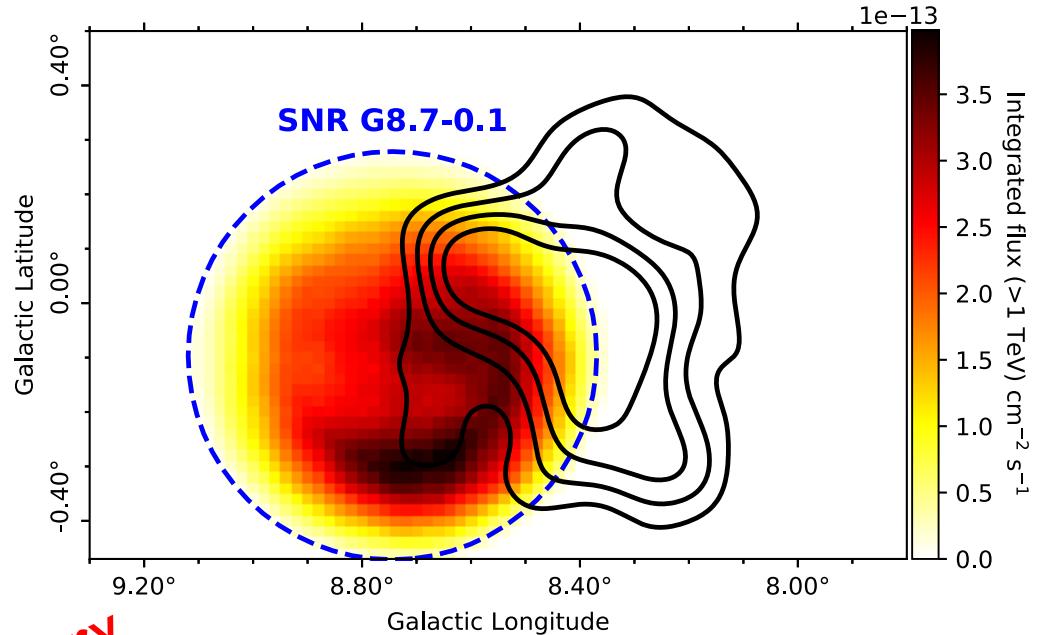
- Changes in morphology:  $\delta_p$  increases the escape radius is different
- Spectral index: increases as  $\delta_p$  increases

# Model choice

- To determine which model best matches the observations, use a residual sum method  
$$\text{RSD} = \sum (\text{observation} - \text{model})$$
- The lowest value of the residual sum means the model is performing well
- Look at the values from observations as well as place some limits
  - HESS J1804-216 observations:  $\Gamma = 2.69$ ,  $F(> 1\text{TeV}) = 5.12 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - Limits for the model
    - $2.5 < \Gamma < 2.8$
    - $E_{\text{budget}} < 5 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg}$
    - $10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} < F(> 1\text{TeV}) < 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

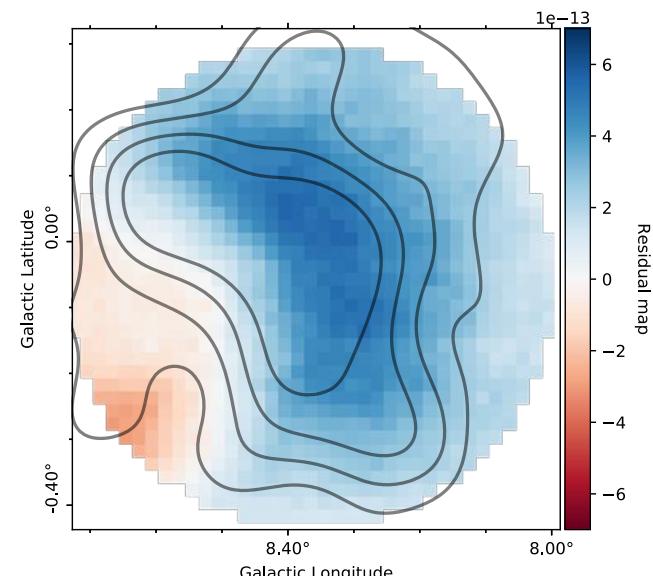
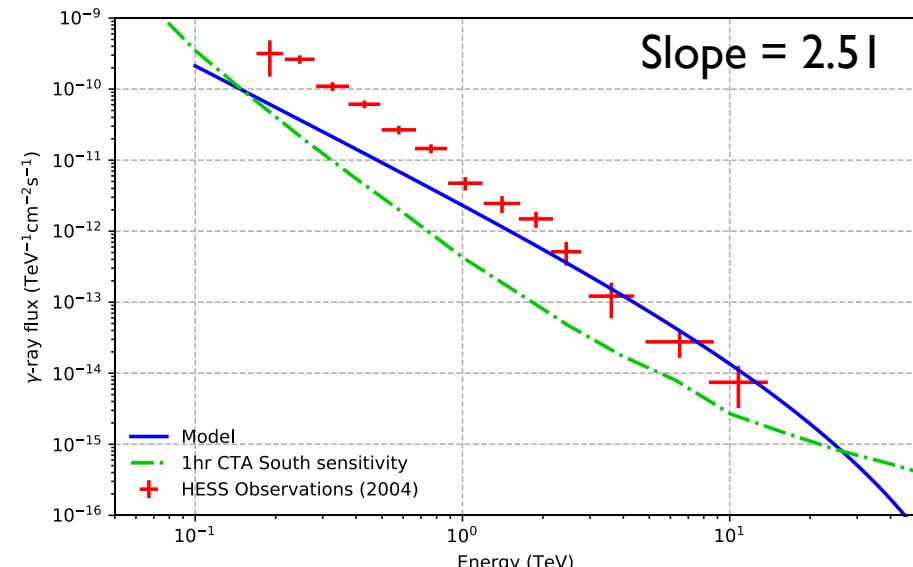
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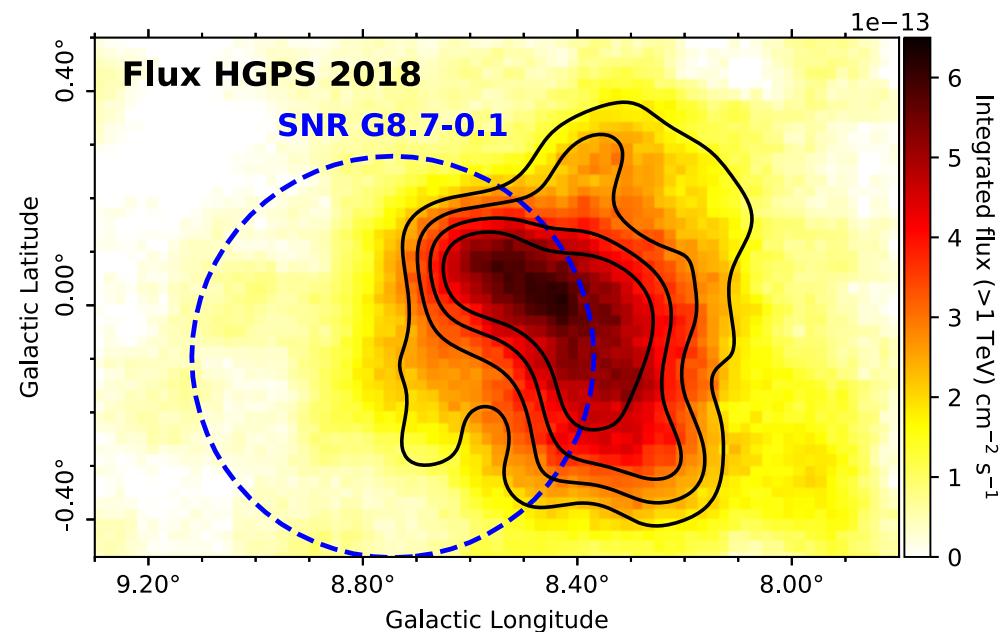
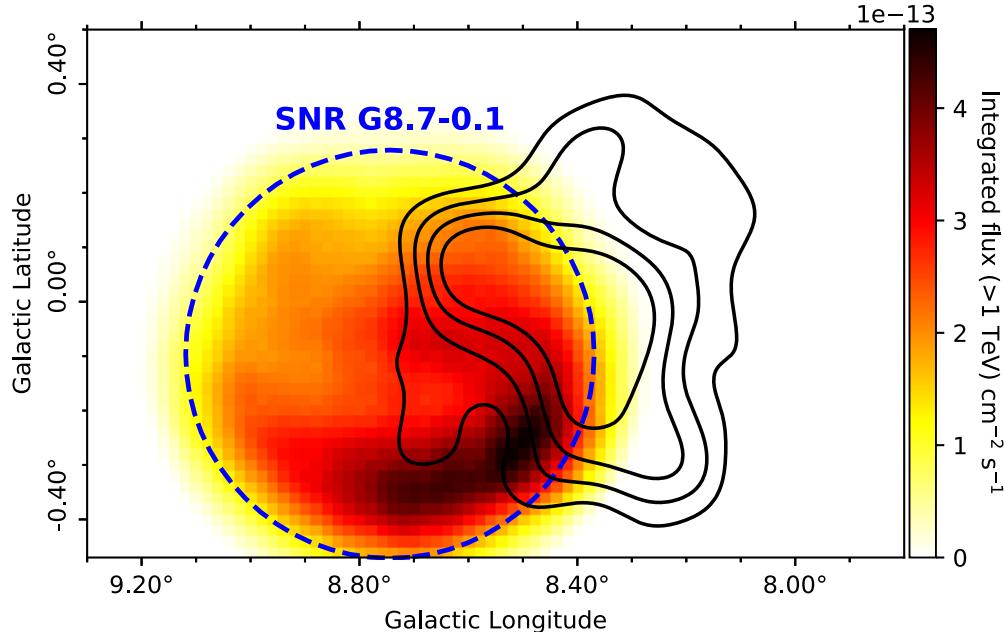
$\chi = 0.001$
$\delta = 0.3$
$n_0 = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$\delta_p = 0.38$
$E_{\text{budget}} = 4.4 \times 10^{48} \text{ erg}$
$n_{\text{avg}} = 160 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



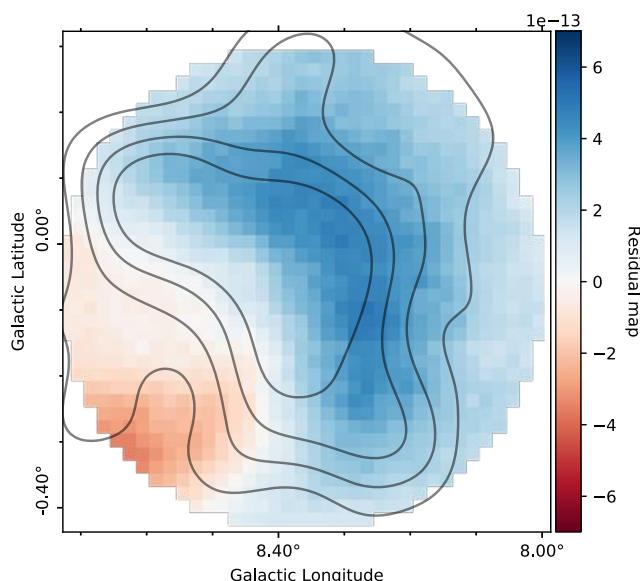
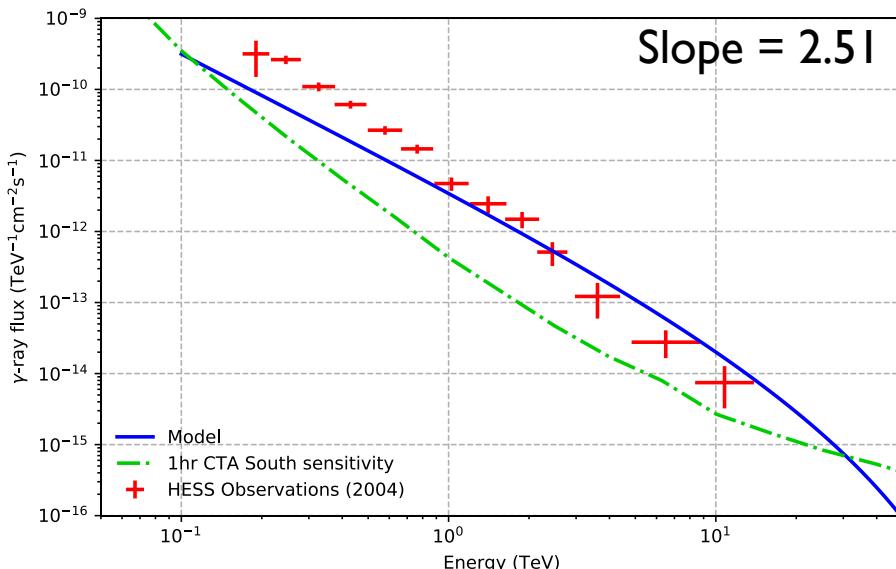
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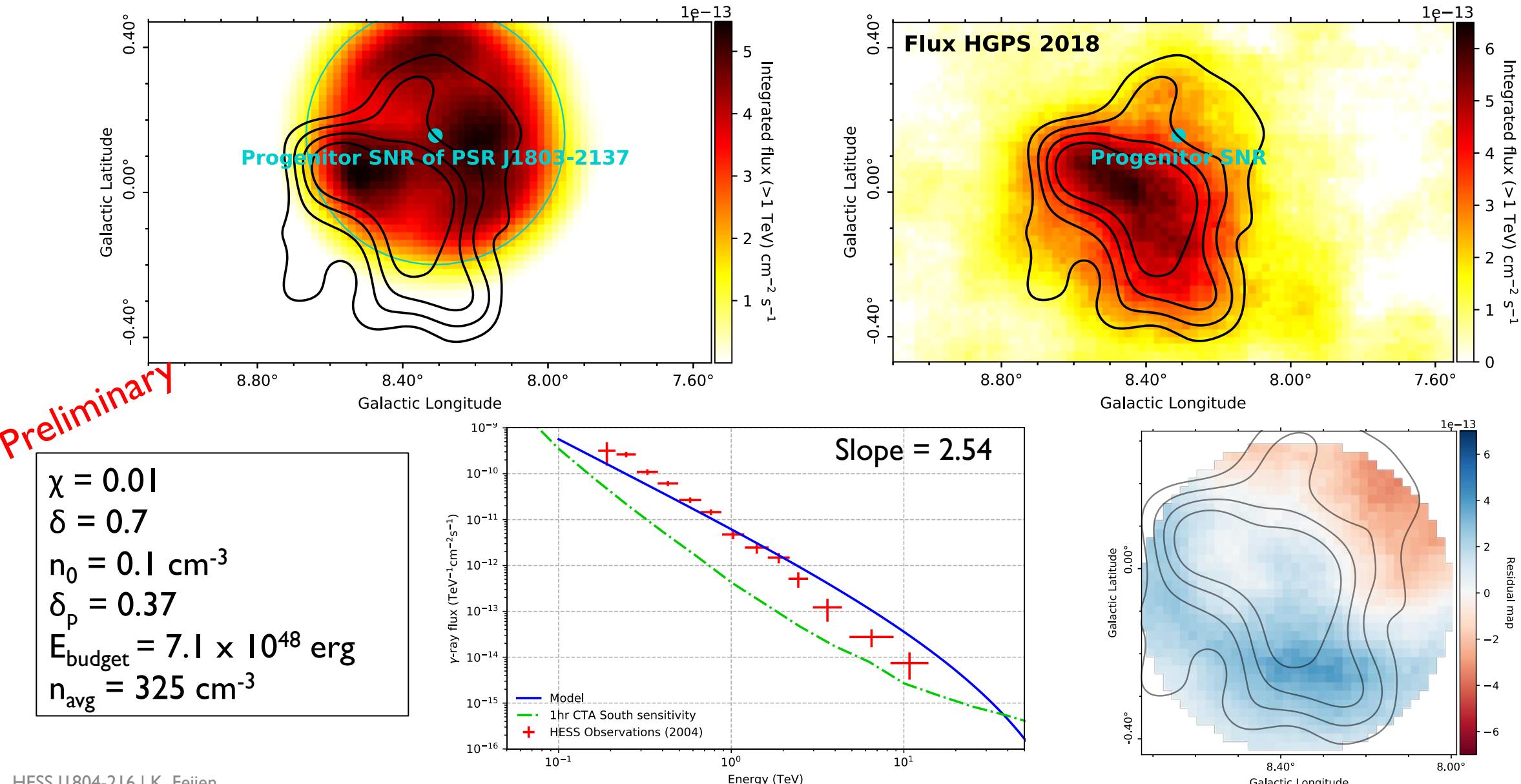


$\chi = 0.001$
$\delta = 0.3$
$n_0 = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$\delta_p = 0.34$
$E_{\text{budget}} = 9.1 \times 10^{48} \text{ erg}$
$n_{\text{avg}} = 160 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



# Model – PSR J1803-2137 progenitor SNR (16kyr)

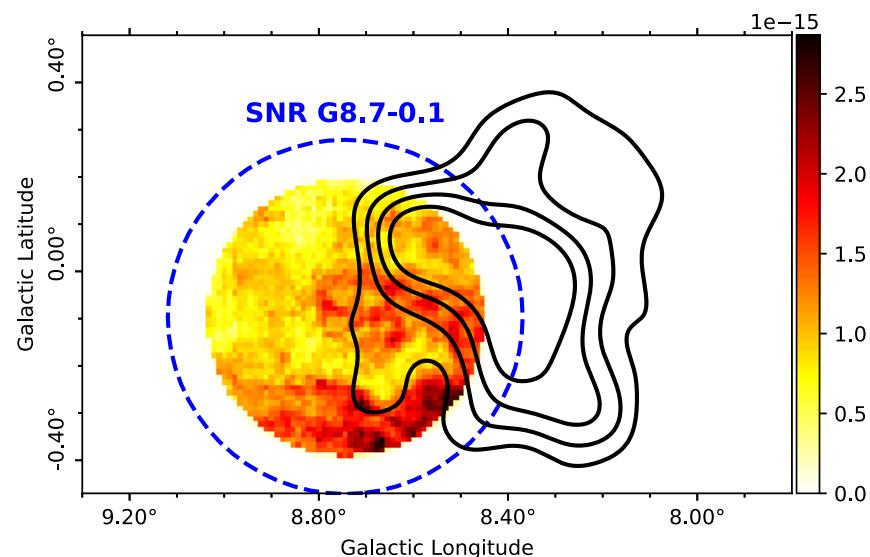
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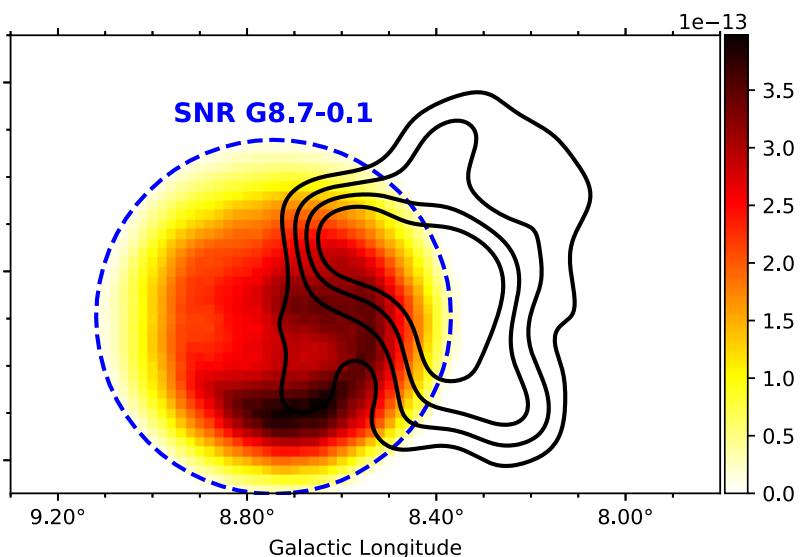
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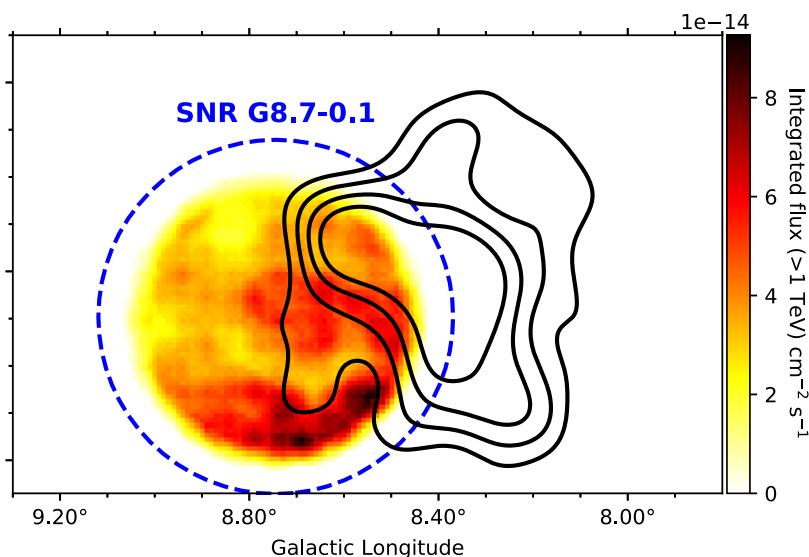
Data straight from  
gas map



HESS oversampled  
■ radius = 0.1°



CTA oversampled  
■ radius = 0.03°



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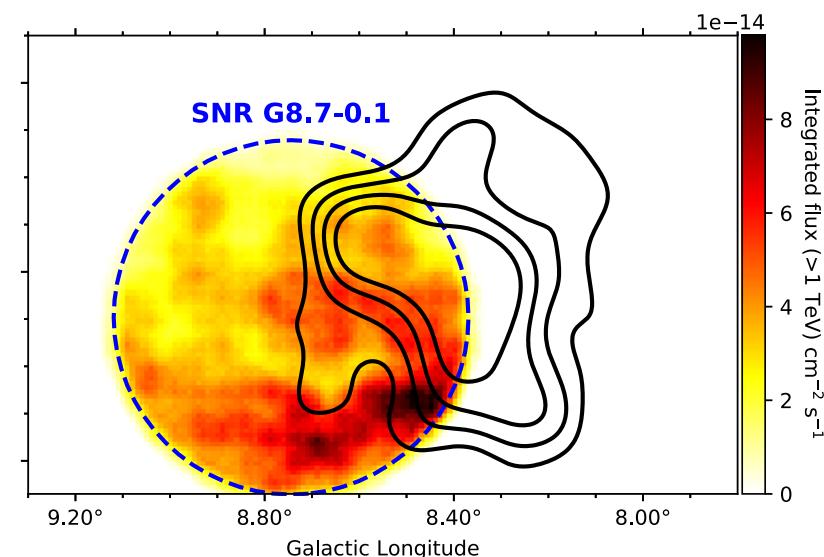
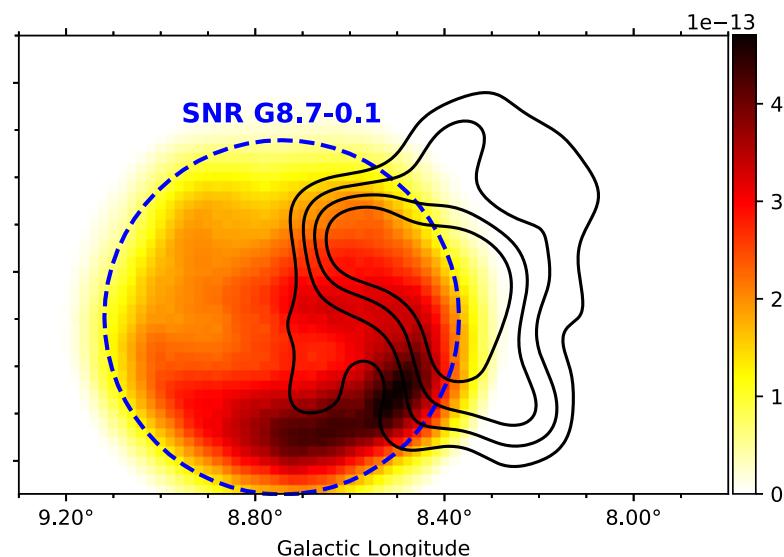
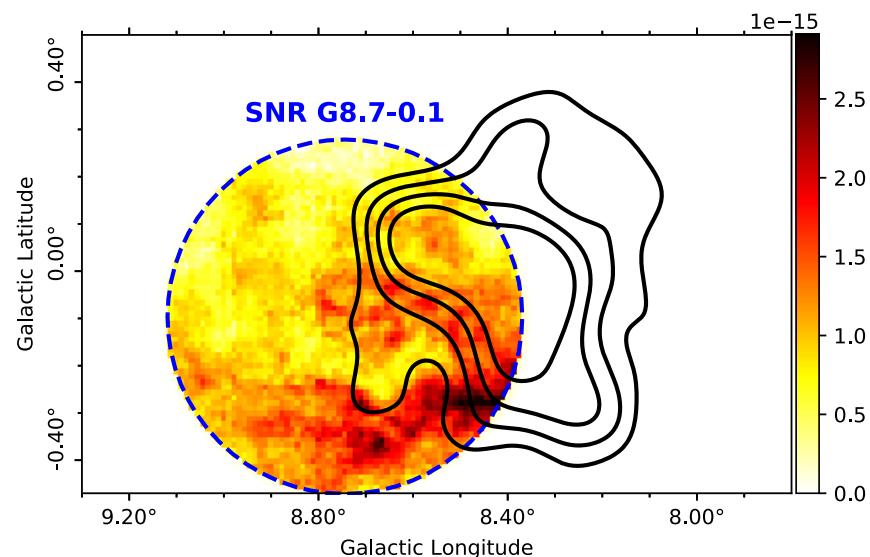
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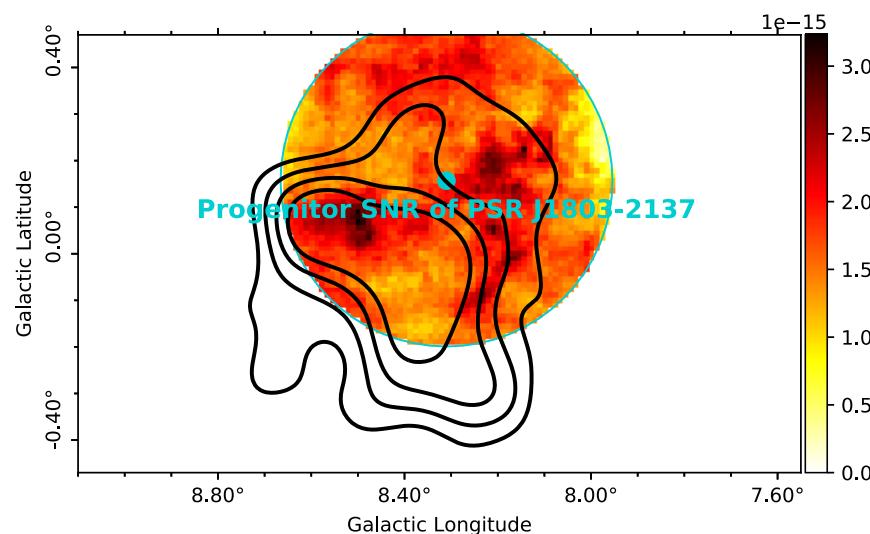
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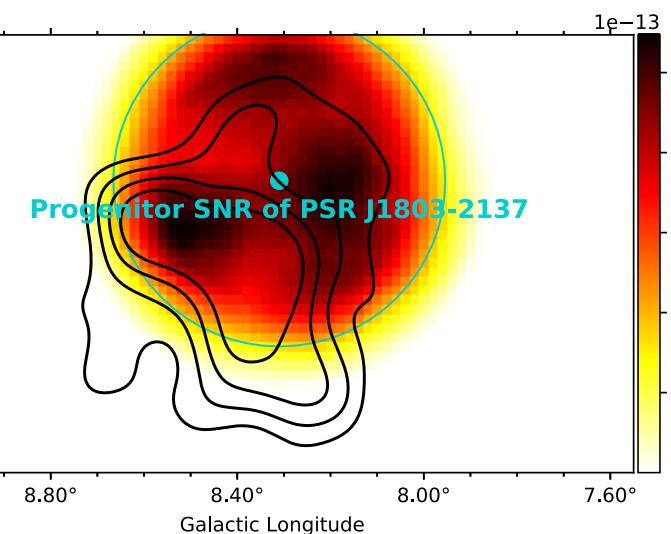
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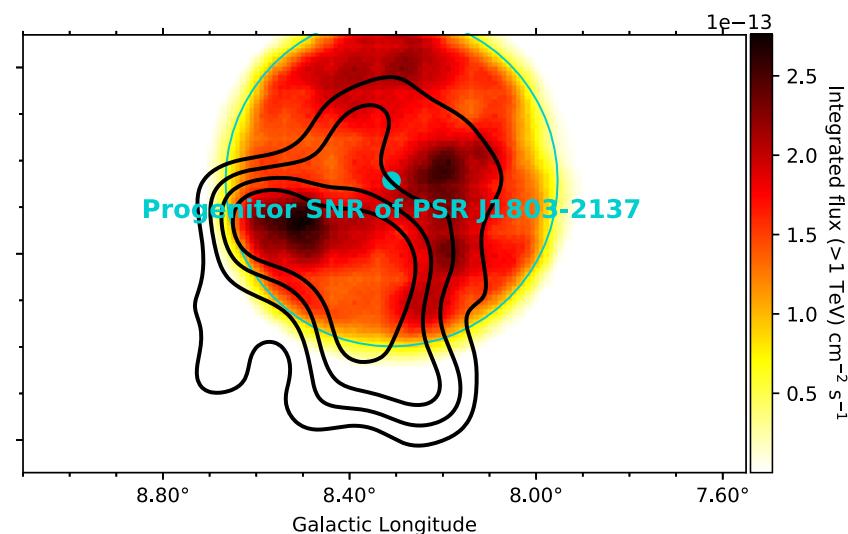
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# Leptonic Scenario



- In addition to protons, SNR are also believed to accelerate electrons at their shock fronts
- Distribution of electrons

$$f(\gamma, R, t) \approx \frac{N_0 \gamma^{-\alpha}}{\pi^{3/2} R_{dif}^3} (1 - \gamma p_2 t)^{\alpha-2} \exp\left(-\frac{R^2}{R_{dif}^2}\right)$$

- Diffusion radius:

$$R_{dif} = 2 \sqrt{D(\gamma) t \frac{1 - (1 - \gamma/\gamma_{cut})^{1-\delta}}{\gamma/\gamma_{cut}(1-\delta)}}$$

- This takes into account the losses due to synchrotron and inverse-Compton ( $p_2$ )

# Electron model

- To convert from electron to gamma rays:

$$\frac{dN_{IC}}{dt d\epsilon_1} = \int \int \frac{3\sigma_T c}{4} \left( \frac{m_e c^2}{E_e} \right)^2 f(\gamma, R, t) \frac{I_{BB}(\epsilon)}{\epsilon} f(q) d\epsilon dE_e$$

- $I_{BB}$  is the blackbody distribution:

$$I_{BB}(\epsilon) = \frac{2\epsilon^3}{h^2 c^2} \frac{1}{\exp(\epsilon/kT) - 1}$$

- $\sigma_T$  is the Thomson cross section and

$$f(q) = 2q \ln q + (1 + 2q)(1 - q) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(4q\epsilon E_e/m_e^2 c^4)^2}{1 + 4q\epsilon E_e/m_e^2 c^4} (1 - q)$$

- where

$$q = \frac{E_\gamma}{4\epsilon E_e/m_e^2 c^4 (1 - E_\gamma/E_e)}$$

- $\epsilon$  is the initial photon energy,  $E_\gamma$  is the gamma-ray energy and  $E_e$  is the electron energy

# Future work – counts model

- The predicted gamma-ray flux maps can be used to produce gamma-ray counts maps for both HESS and CTA
- Use the open-source python package Gammapy
- The simulations require a spectral model for each gamma-ray flux cell

$$\Phi_{\text{PL}}(E) = \phi_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\Gamma}$$
$$\Phi_{\text{LP}}(E) = \phi_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\alpha-\beta \log\left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)}$$

- The spectral model used for each pixel is the one that matches the data closest, which is found through:  
 $\text{RSD\_dof} = \text{RSD}/\text{dof}$

where  $\text{RSD} = \sum \frac{(\text{obs-fit})^2}{\text{obs}}$ , dof=number of fit params

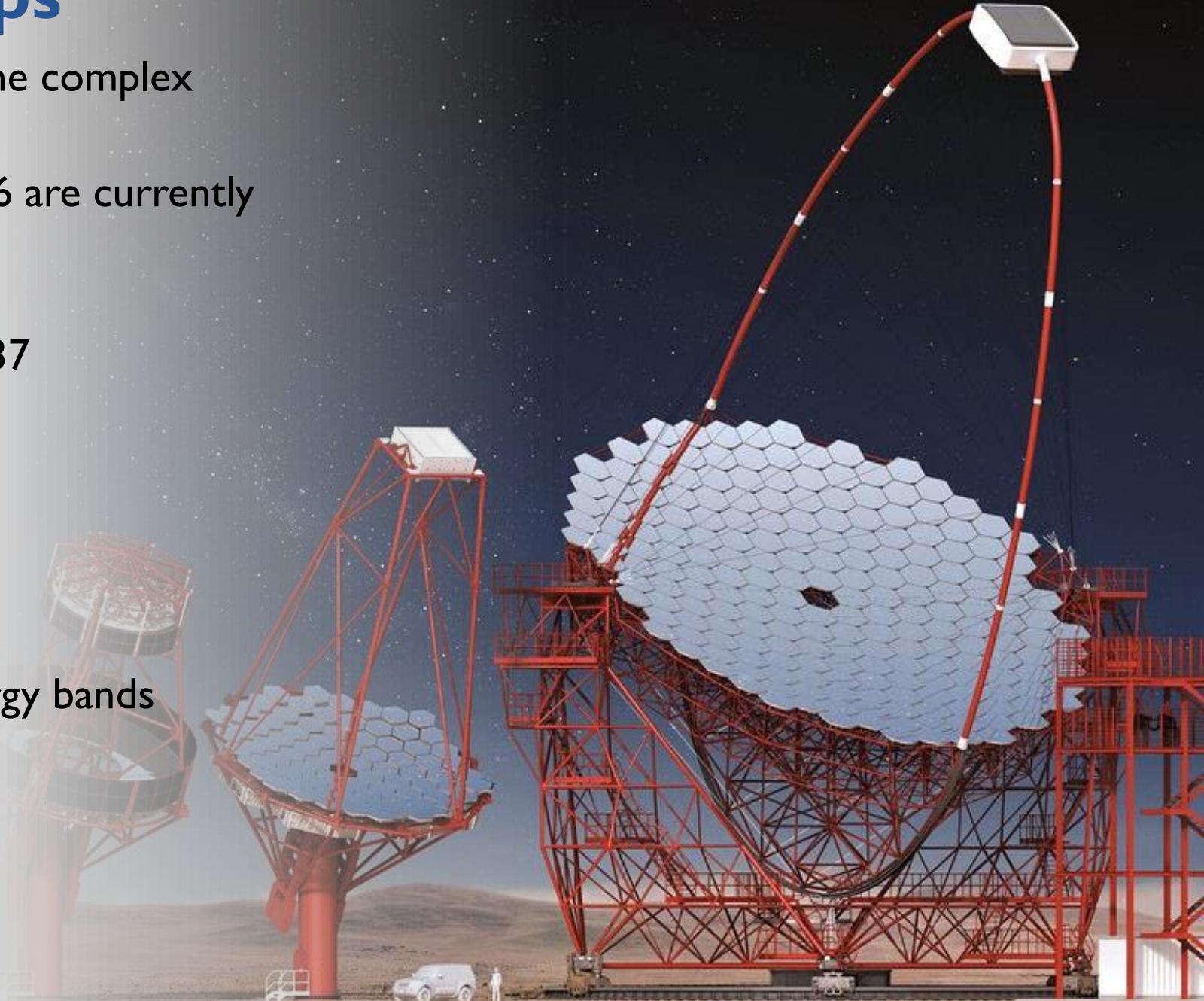
- The fit for each cell is used along with the effective area, energy dispersion of the telescope, the offset and livetime for the observations
- The effective area and energy dispersion can be found through the instrument response functions (IRFs) for various gamma-ray observatories

# Summary / Next Steps

- Molecular clouds provide insight to the complex nature of gamma-ray sources
- Two counterparts for HESS J1804-216 are currently investigated
  - SNR G8.7-0.1
  - Progenitor SNR of PSR J1803-2137
- Optimisation of the hadronic model

## Future steps

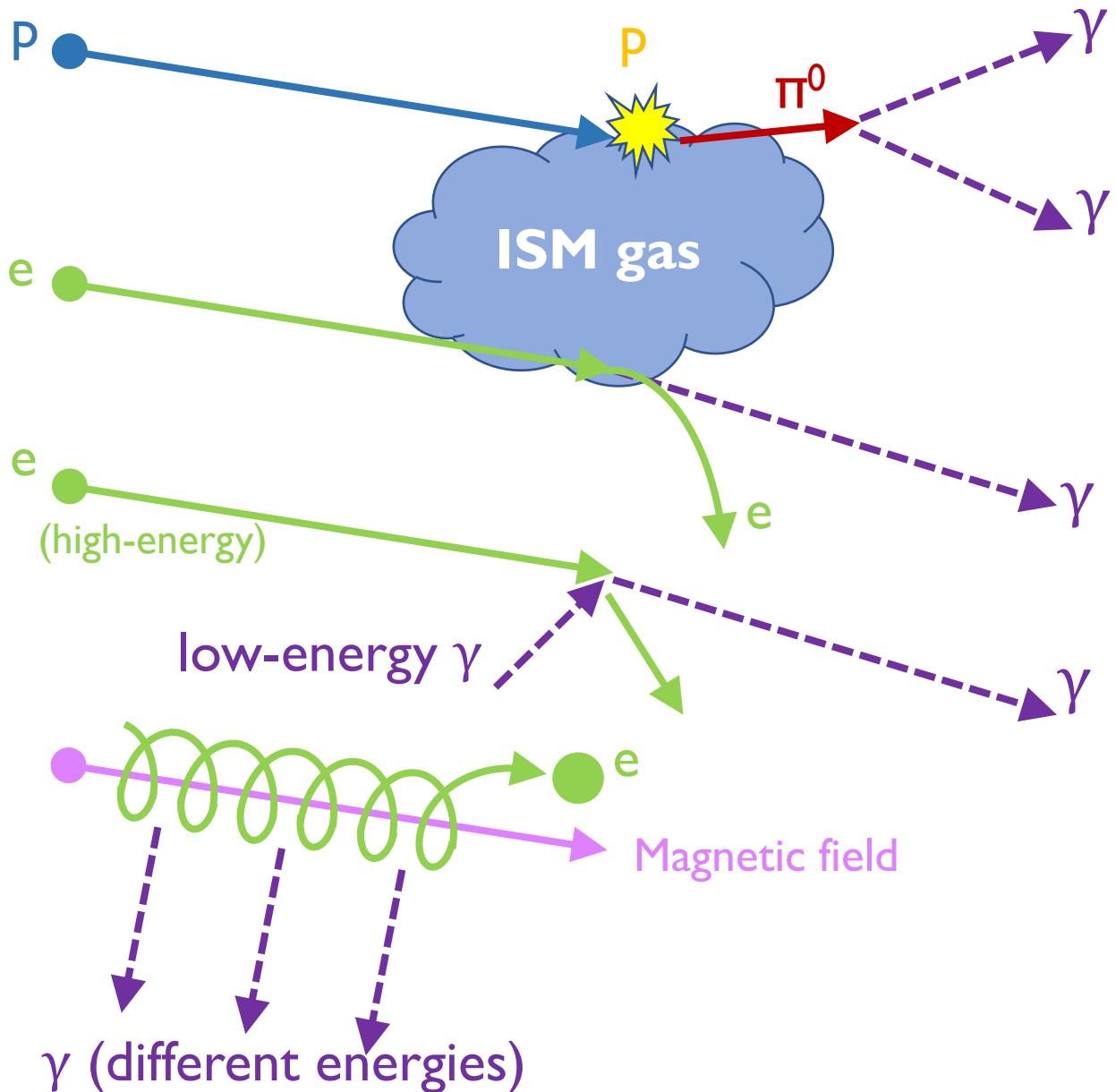
- Implementation of leptonic model
- Comparison of maps in different energy bands
  - Re-analysis of HESS data
- Hybrid model
- **Simulations of CTA counts maps**



# Backup slides

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# Production of gamma-rays



# HADRONIC

- ## ■ $\pi_0$ decay

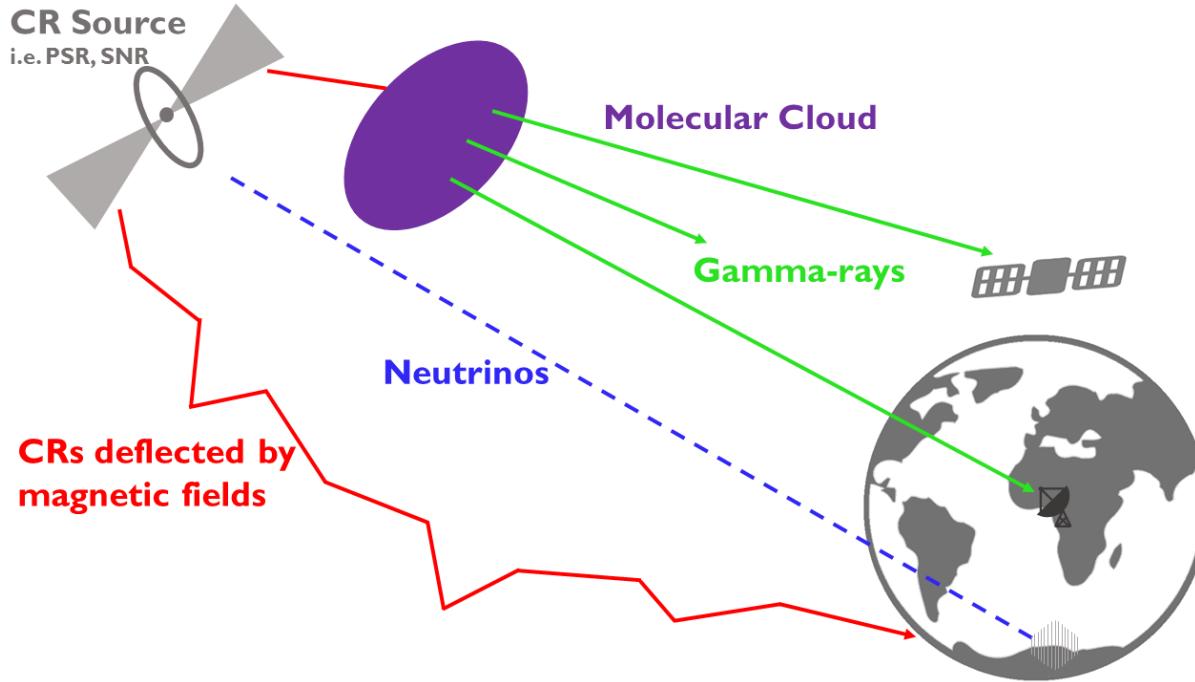
# LEPTONIC

- ## ■ Bremsstrahlung

## ▪ Inverse Compton

## ■ Synchrotron Radiation

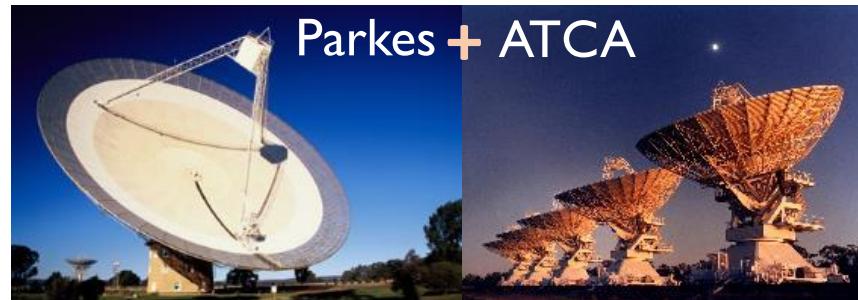
# Molecular Clouds



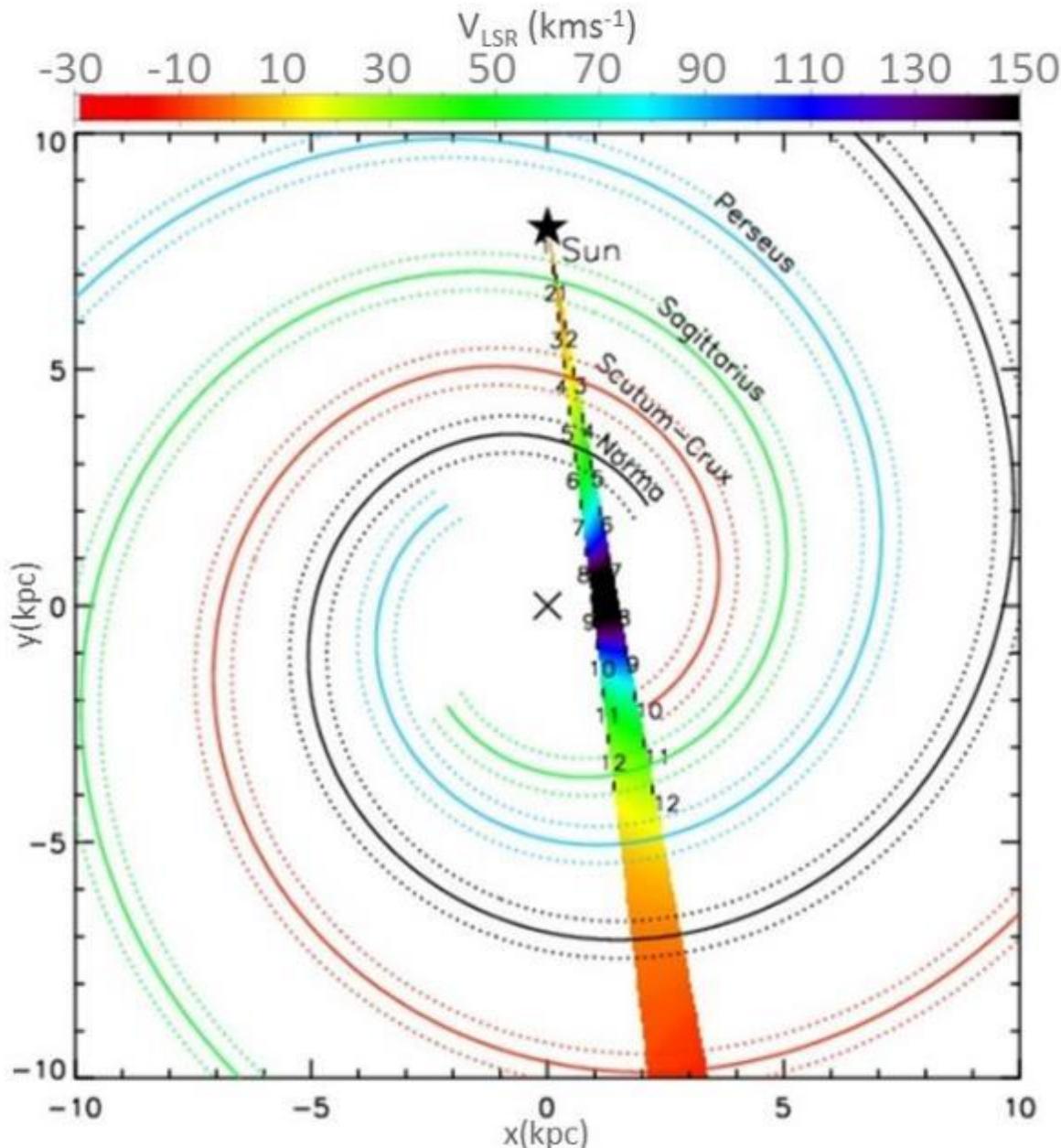
3mm:  $^{12}\text{CO}$ ,  $^{13}\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{C}^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $\text{C}^{17}\text{O}$   
7mm: CS, SiO,  $\text{HC}_3\text{N}$   
12mm:  $\text{NH}_3$

Parkes + ATCA = Southern Galactic  
Plane Survey (SGPS) of HI

- Clouds serve as a target for cosmic ray (CR) collisions
  - Dense regions of gas give information about gamma-ray sources
- Important to understand the interstellar gas surrounding a source
- Different gas tracers include:
  - Carbon monoxide (CO)
  - Atomic hydrogen (HI)



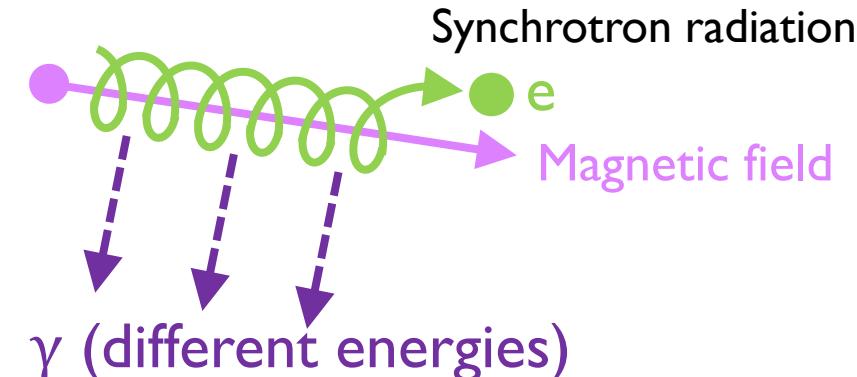
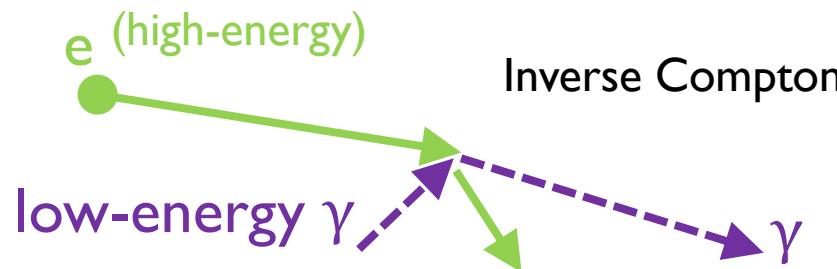
# Galactic Rotation Curve



- Distances to sources not easily resolved
- Doppler shifting of spectral lines allows us to estimate these distances
- The Galactic Rotation curve is used to find the various distances related to objects in the local region of HESS J1804-216

**Left:** Galactic Rotation Curve  
model for HESS J1804-216

# Leptonic Scenario



- Lorentz factor is  $\gamma = E/m_e c^2$  where  $m_e = 511 \text{ keV}/c^2$        $\gamma_{cut} = (p_2 t)^{-1}$ , if  $\gamma > \gamma_{cut}$  then  $f = 0$
- The term due to synchrotron and inverse-Compton losses is

$$p_2 = 5.2 \times 10^{20} \frac{w_0}{\text{eV cm}^3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- where  $w_0 = w_B + w_{MBR} + w_{opt}$ , is energy density due to the magnetic field (at  $B = 5 \mu\text{G}$ ) , microwave background and optical-IR radiation respectively
  - $w_B = 0.5 \text{ eV/cm}^3$ ,  $w_{MBR} = 0.25 \text{ eV/cm}^3$ ,  $w_{opt} = 0.6 \text{ eV/cm}^3$