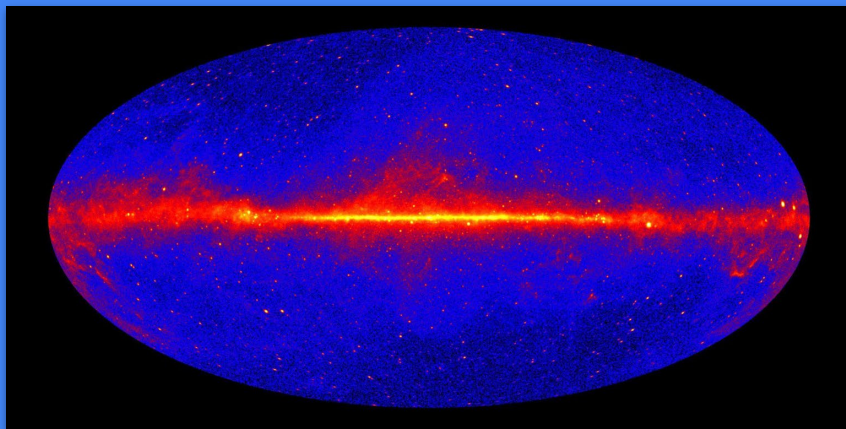




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Search for the GeV Counterpart of PeVatron LHAASO J1912+1014u using Fermi-LAT and FUGIN CO Data

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LHAASO reported 43 ultrahigh-energy (UHE) sources ($>4\sigma$ in >100 TeV) that are either proton or electron PeVatron candidates (Cao+24)

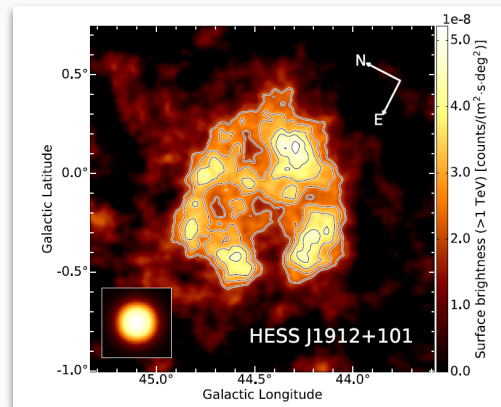
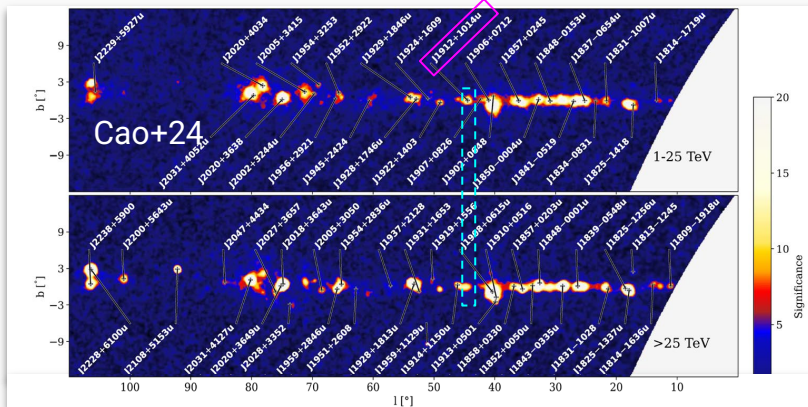
Multiwavelength data is crucial to examine particle type and CR spectrum. Here we search for GeV counterpart of LHAASO J1912+1014u using Fermi-LAT GeV data and high-resolution FUGIN CO data to investigate “proton PeVatron” scenario

TeV Properties of the Target

LHAASO J1912+1014u is an extended UHE source with test statistics above $TS_{100} \sim 70$ and size $r_{39} \sim 0.50$ deg

It coincides in position with an extended H.E.S.S. source, HESS J1912+101 ($r_{\text{sep}} = 0.1$ deg). Hereafter we assume they are the same object

$\Gamma = 3.26$ (KM2A band), 2.68 (WCDA band) and 2.56 (H.E.S.S. band) with $\Delta\Gamma \sim 0.1$; GeV counterpart will have $\Gamma < 2.5$

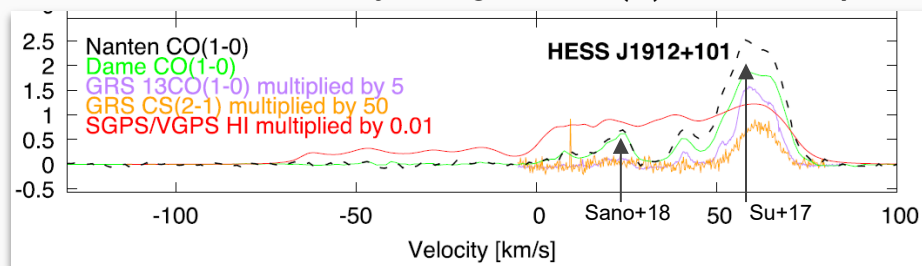


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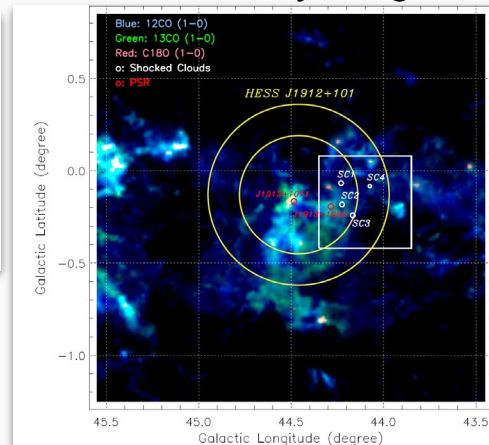
(Some earlier works of LAT data for HESS J1912+101; e.g., Green+19, Li+23)

CO data toward the source show several peaks. Su+17 proposed CO cloud with $v \sim 60$ km/s corresponding to the H.E.S.S. source and high-velocity shells are due to SN expansion. Sano+18 pointed out this may be due to outflow of H_{II} region along LOS and proposed alternative scenario, i.e., CO cloud with $v \sim 25$ km/s is associated

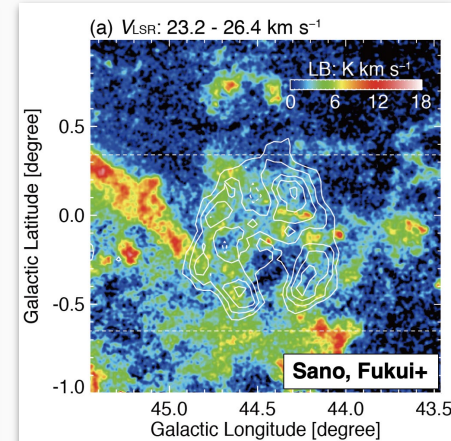
Here we test three models against LAT data, (1) LHAASO WCA Gaussian, (2) ^{12}CO map of Su+17 velocity range, and (3) ^{12}CO map of Sano+18 velocity range



(H.E.S.S. 2018)



(Su+17)



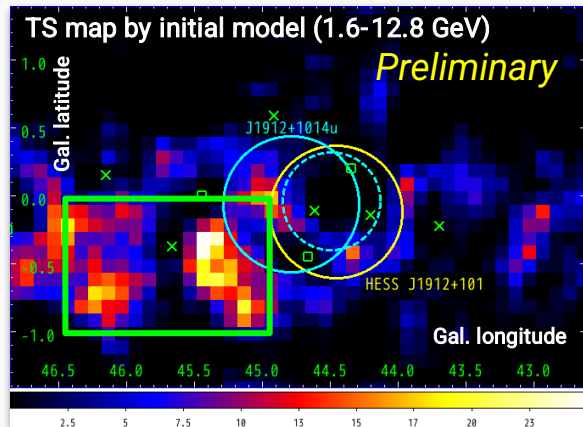
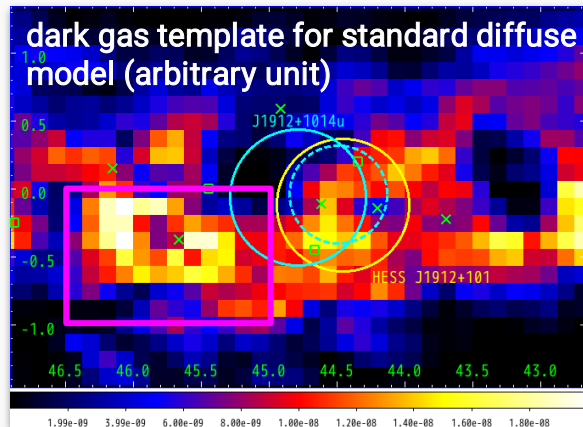
(Sano+18)

Construction of Baseline Model

We first employed standard diffuse model + 4FGL sources, and found large residual in 1-10 GeV, likely because dark gas template is not perfect

(ISM gas not traced well by H_I and CO lines)

We added additional template (**magenta square**) to construct “baseline model”

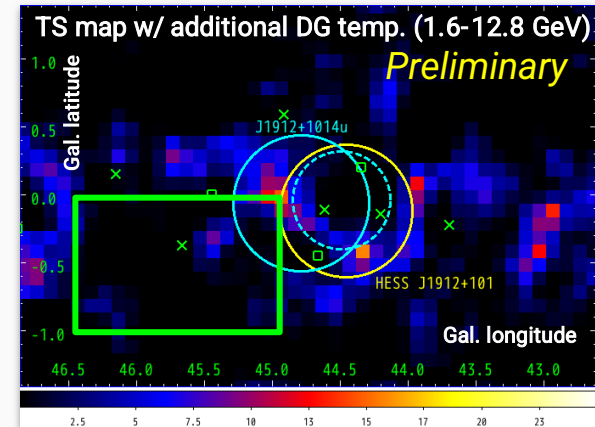


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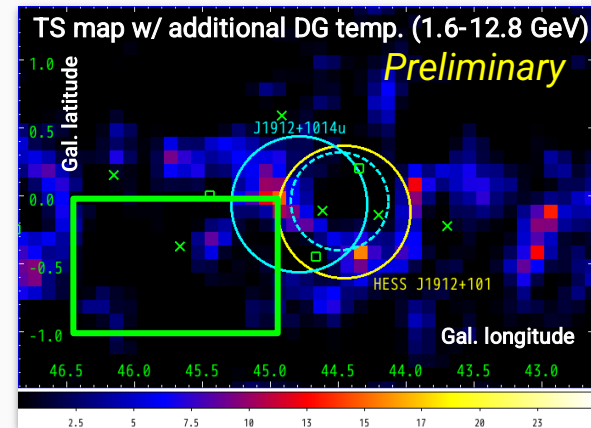


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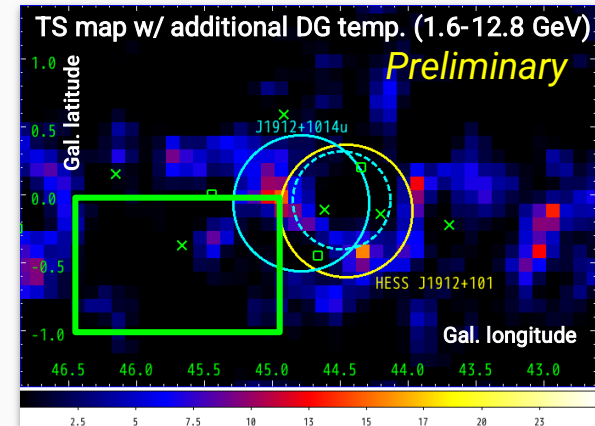
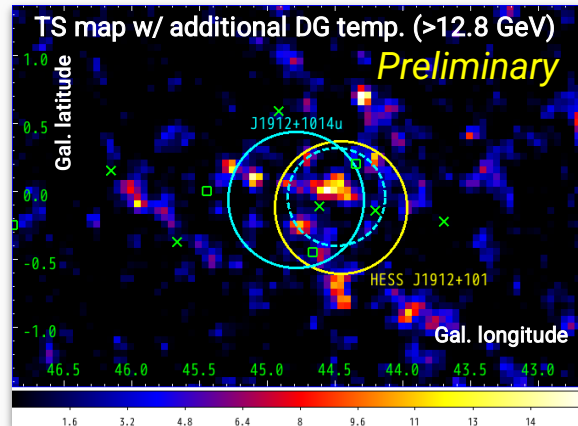


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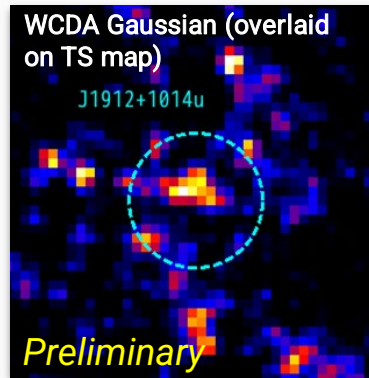
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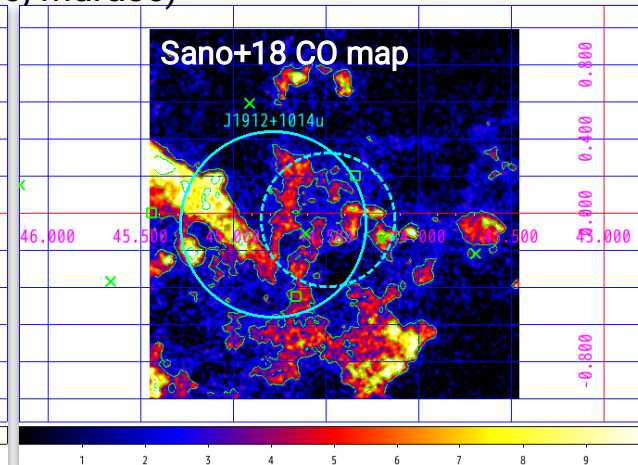
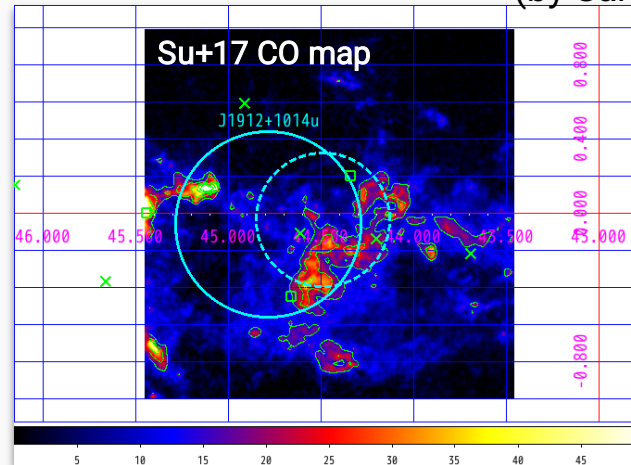
Models for Excess Emission

We prepared three models for the excess:

- 1) LHAASO WCDA Gaussian (dashed circle)
 - 2) Su+17 CO map (58.6-62.2 km/s)
 - 3) Sano+18 CO map (22.3-26.4 km/s)
- } High-resolution FUGIN data



(by Sano, Murase)

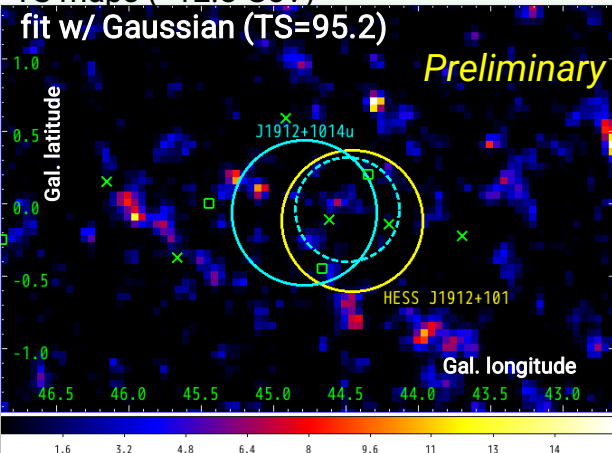


Results with Excess Emission Models

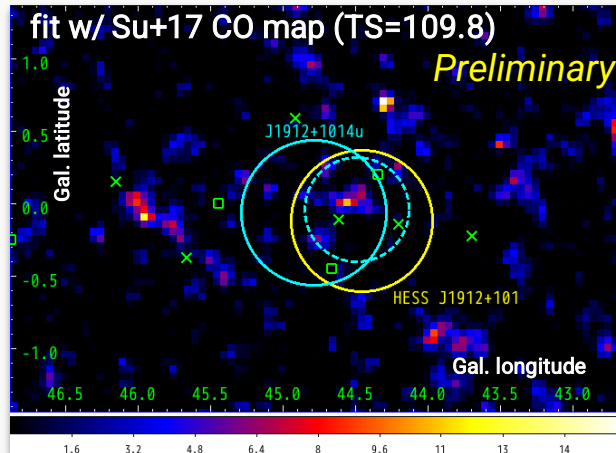
Models: (1) LHAASO WCDA Gaussian, (2) Su+17 CO map, (3) Sano+18 CO map

- (Sano+18 CO map prefers different norm. for inner/outer areas; we allowed them differ)
- (We also tested H.E.S.S. intensity map and KM2A Gaussian; they gave worse fits)
- CO-map-based models are as good as, or better than, LHAASO Gaussian
 - hadronic scenario preferred (leptonic not ruled out)

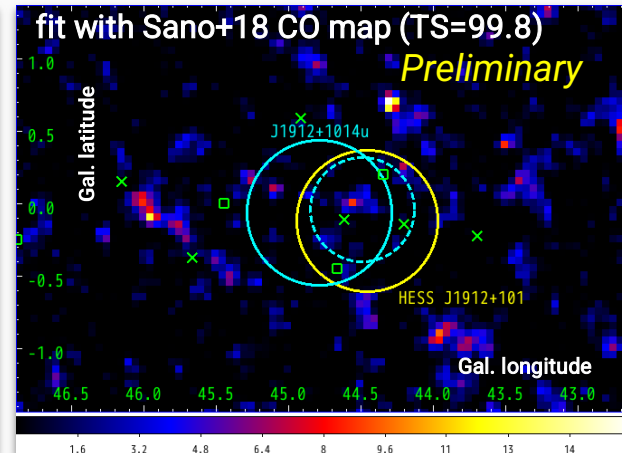
TS maps (>12.8 GeV)



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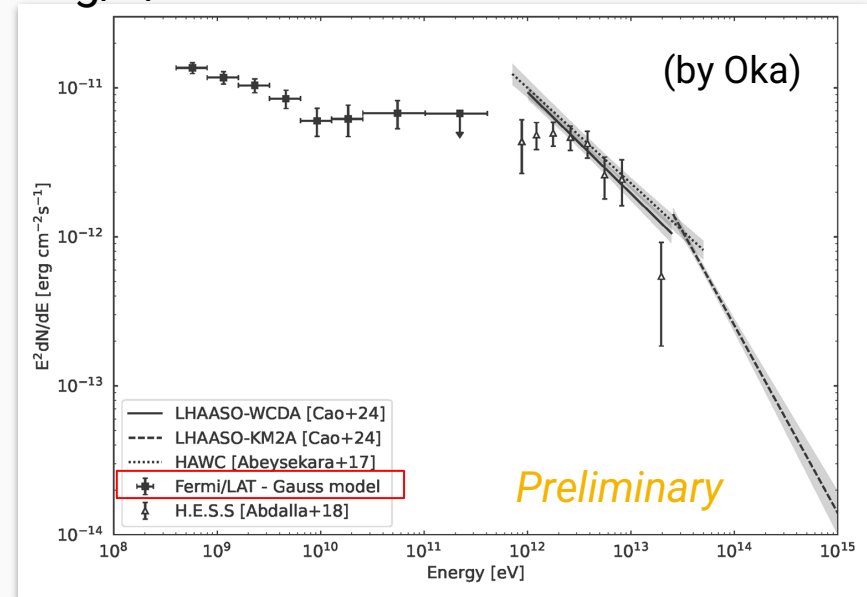
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3 models give similar spectrum that connects to TeV spectrum smoothly;
SED w/ LHAASO WCDA Gaussian as an example

LAT gives $\Gamma \sim 2.2$ and $F(>0.4 \text{ GeV}) \sim 60 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$

- leptonic case (IC): $\alpha_e \sim 3$
- hadronic case: $\alpha_p \sim 2.2$
 - Su+17 CO (d=4.6 kpc):
 $M_{\text{CO,H}_2} \sim 4 \times 10^5 \text{ Msun}$
 $W_p(>4\text{GeV}) \sim 5 \times 10^{49} \text{ erg}$
 - Sano+18 CO (d=1.7 kpc):
 $M_{\text{CO,H}_2} \sim 2 \times 10^4 \text{ Msun}$
 $W_p(>4\text{GeV}) \sim 10^{49} \text{ erg}$

Evaluation of H_1 contribution (e.g., Fukui+17),
X-ray counterpart search, SED fitting in progress



We searched for GeV counterpart of LHAASO J1912+1014u that is a Galactic PeVatron and positionally coincides with HESS J1912+101

We developed a dedicated diffuse model and succeeded in reproducing excess in LAT data

- CO-map-based model are as good as, or better than, gaussian model
 - proton PeVatron scenario is favored
- LAT gives $\Gamma \sim 2.2$ and $F(>0.4 \text{ GeV}) \sim 60 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$
 - If leptonic (IC), $\alpha_e \sim 3$
 - If hadronic, $\alpha_p \sim 2.2$ and $W_p \sim 10^{49} \text{ erg}$ or $5 \times 10^{49} \text{ erg}$ (depends on distance)

Detailed modeling using multiwavelength data in progress; stay tuned

Thank you for your attention

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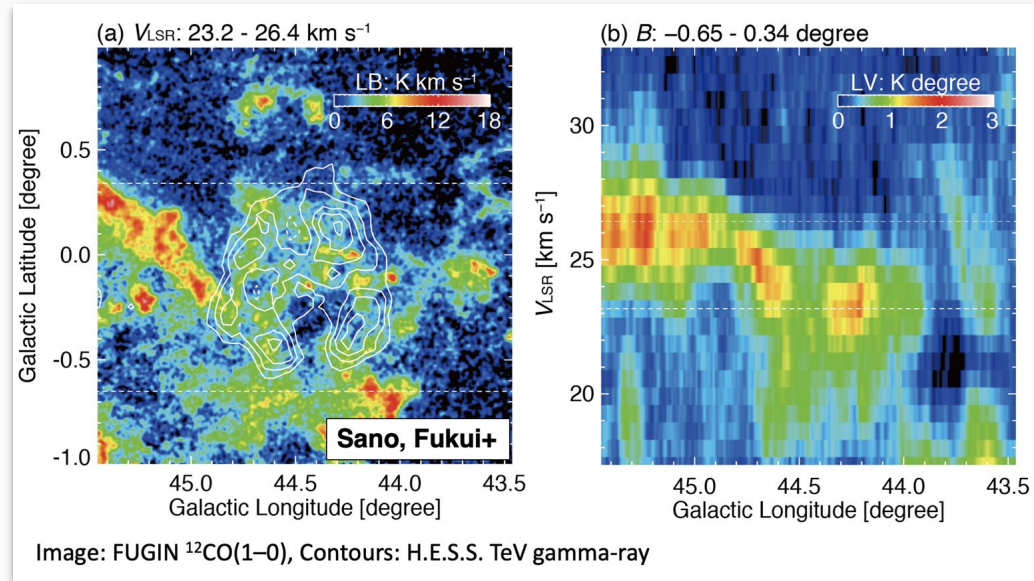
Backup Slides (Appendix)

Alternative Scenario (Sano+18)

Su+17 proposed CO cloud with $v \sim 60$ km/s is associated with HESS J1912+101

Sano+18 proposed alternative scenario (CO cloud with $v \sim 25$ km/s) based on the following:

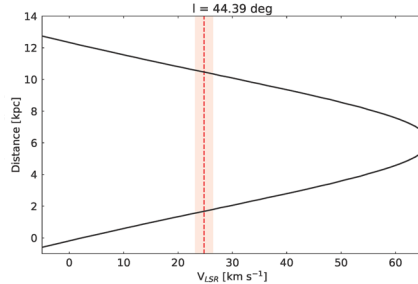
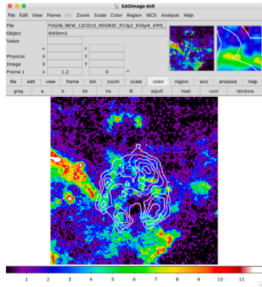
- expanding gas motion is observed
- good spatial correlation with H.E.S.S. source is observed
- (ISM-oriented paper in prep.)



Distance to the Source

We refer to rotation curve by Brand&Blitz 1993 and adopt the distances of near side

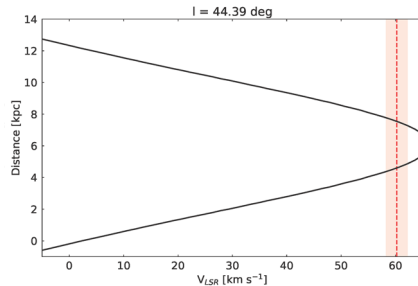
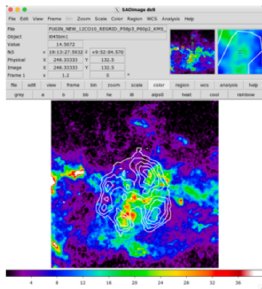
✓ Sano+18 CO model: $V_{\text{LSR}} = +23.2 - 26.4$ [km/s]



$D = 1.7 \pm 0.1$ kpc

$D = 10.5 \pm 0.1$ kpc

✓ Su+17 CO model: $V_{\text{LSR}} = +58.3 - 62.2$ [km/s]



$D = 4.6 \pm 0.2$ kpc

$D = 7.5 \pm 0.2$ kpc

(by Oka)

✓ PSR J1913+1011: $D = 4.6$ kpc

If the LHAASO (and LAT) source is SNR, $D=1$ deg corresponds to

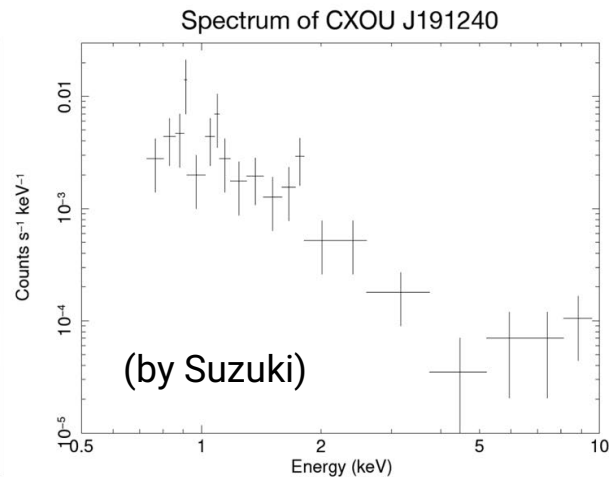
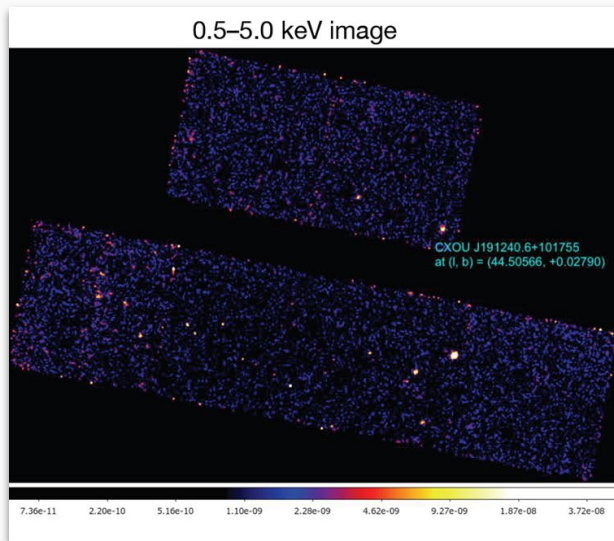
- ~ 30 ps ($t \sim 15$ kyr) for Sano+18
- ~ 80 pc ($t \sim 120$ kyr) for Su+17
($D = 9.5 t^{0.44}$ pc; Ranasinghe&Leahy 23)

X-Ray Observations

Chandra and XMM observed the area several times to study HESS J1912+101 (some affected by stray-light of GRS 1915+105)

Position of GeV residual peak (center of HESS J1912+101) observed by Chandra

- No apparent extended emission (cf. Chang+08); detailed study in progress

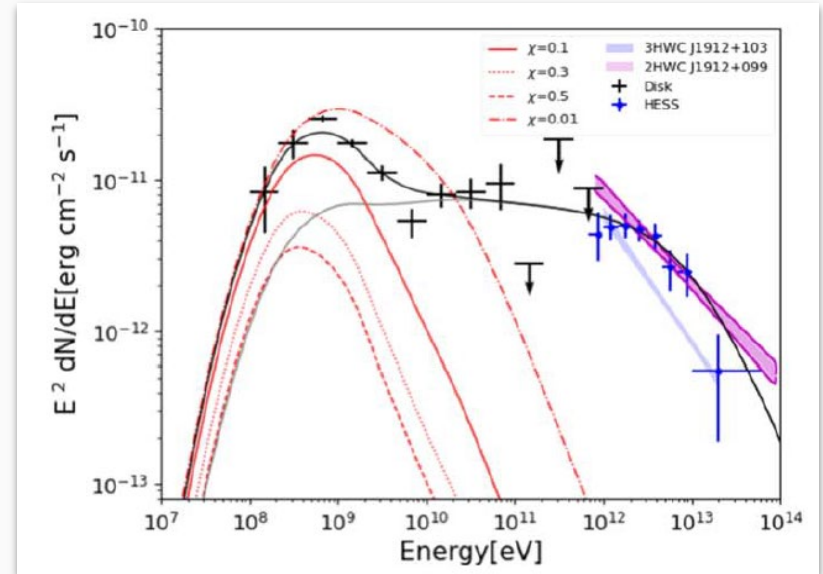


Several past studies of LAT data searching for GeV counterpart of HESS J1912+101

Most of these pioneering work used standard diffuse model and removed “c” flag sources

- They obtained soft spectrum ($\Gamma \sim 2.5$) below 10 GeV and employed two-zone model or discussed only >10 GeV

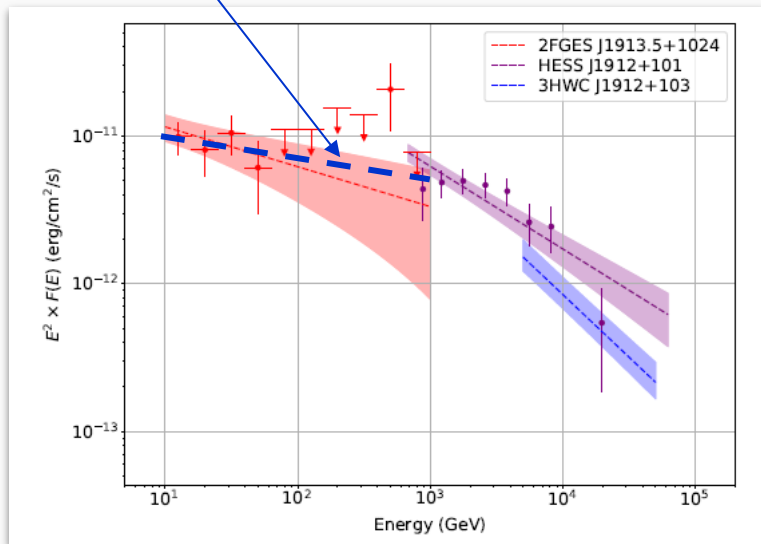
(LI+23)



2FGES Result of the Region

2FGES, led by Soheila and Pierrick, reported extended emission toward the region ($r_{68}=0.77$ deg, $\Gamma=2.27$)

Our spectrum using LHAASO gaussian ($r_{39}=0.50$ deg) is similar to 2FGES result



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