

**The High Altitude Water Cherenkov (HAWC) TeV Gamma Ray Observatory at México,**

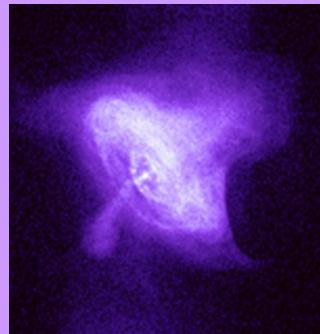
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# Nature's Particle Accelerators are Gamma-Ray Sources

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Extragalactic

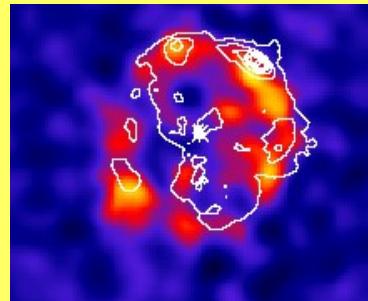
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Nebula



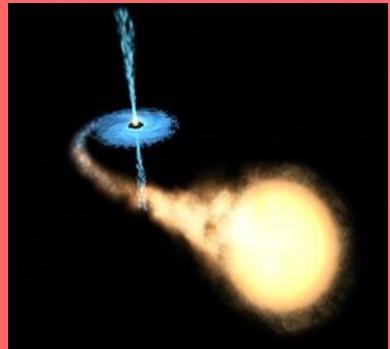
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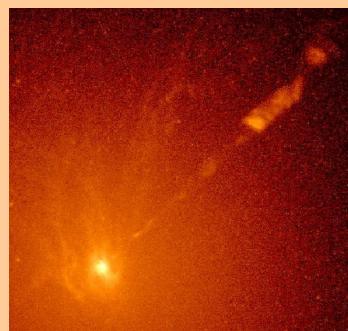
Supernova  
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X-ray  
Binaries



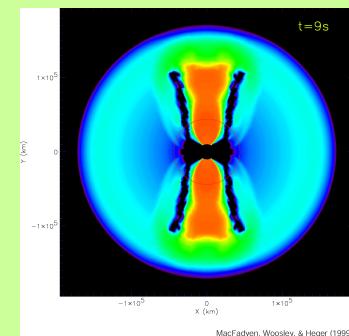
Active Galactic  
Nuclei



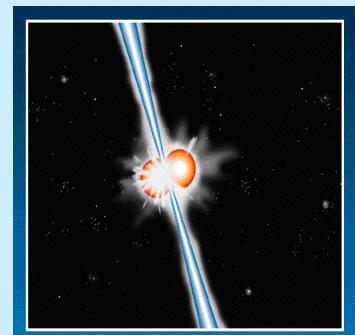
Starburst  
Galaxies



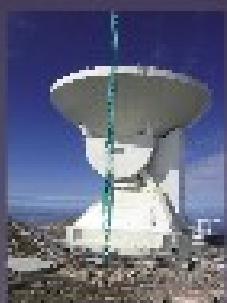
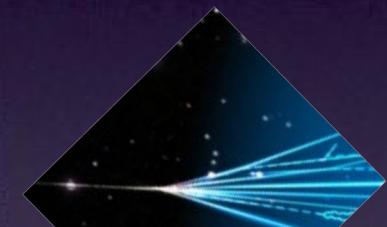
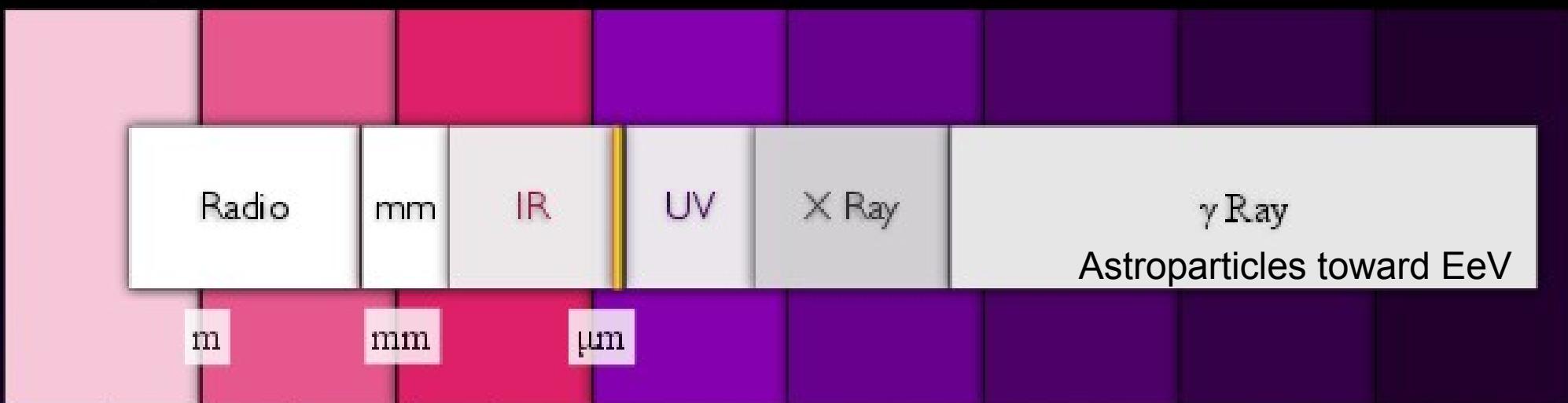
Long Gamma-Ray  
Burst



Short Gamma-  
Ray Burst



neV       $\mu$ eV      meV      eV      keV      MeV      GeV      TeV      PeV



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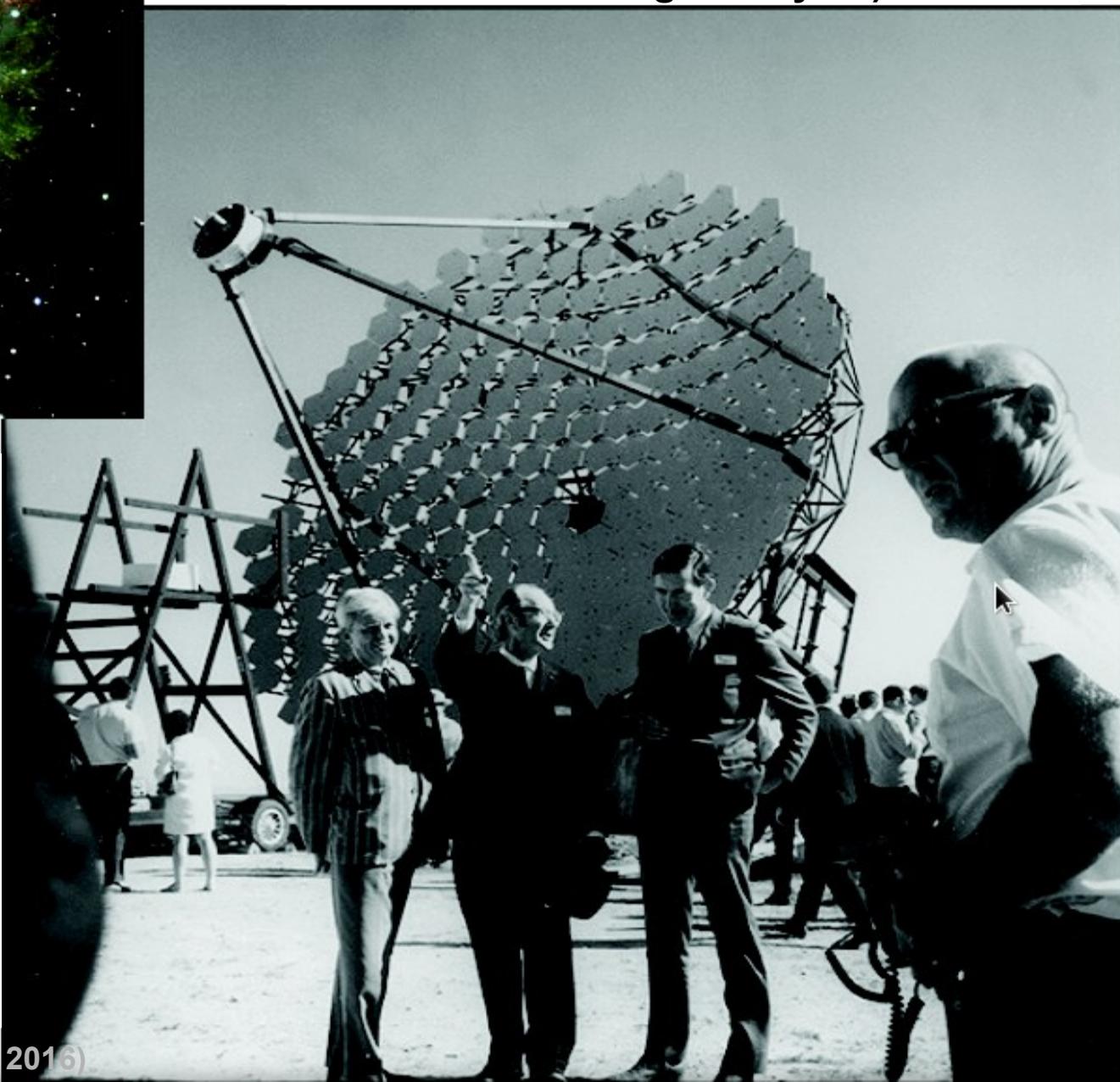
Thermal

No thermal(CRs)

# <sup>1</sup> The Birth of the VHE Gamma Ray Astrophysics



<sup>1</sup> The first success full detection of the gamma-ray emission above 0.7 TeV from the Crab nebula in **1989** by the Whipple collaboration: 5 sigma in 50 hrs (159 pixel camera + Hillas image analysis)



A.E. Chudakov and G.T. Zatsepin  
(1961). Crimea Obs. (1961.1963)

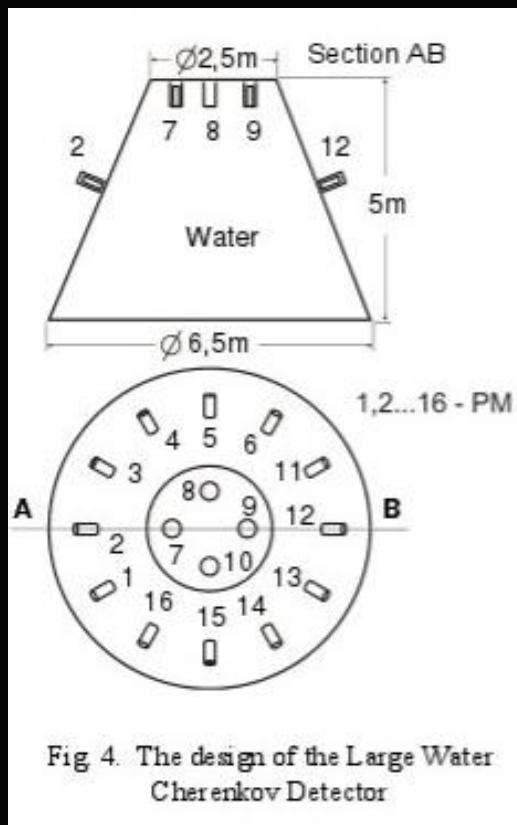
The upper limit obtained by Chudakov was a proof of direct acceleration of electrons in the Crab Nebula (1961)



Eduardo de la Fuente, UdeG. (WAPP 2016)

# WATER VAVILOV-CHERENKOV EFFECT

## First Large Water Cherenkov Detector by Aleksandr Evgenievich Chudakov (1959-1960)



This detector was constructed by Chudakov in 1959. This facility in the form of a truncated cone contained nearly 85 t of cleared water and 16 large PM tubes (the diameter of photocathode 15 cm). This detector was but a short episode in the Chudakov's activity, and, as usual, he did not published anything about it.

A.S Lidvansky

.... Father of the Gamma Ray Astrophysics

1 First generation of WCD

# MILAGRO

- 2600M ASL (NM, USA)
- 2000-2008
- WATER CHERENKOV DETECTOR
- 898 PMTs
  - 450 TOP/273 BOTTOM
  - 175 OUTRIGGERS
- 40,000M<sup>2</sup> AREA
- 1700 HZ TRIGGER RATE
- 0.4°-0.9° RESOLUTION
- 2-40 TeV MEDIAN ENERGY



Photo Credit: Michael Schnider (UCSC - HAWC).

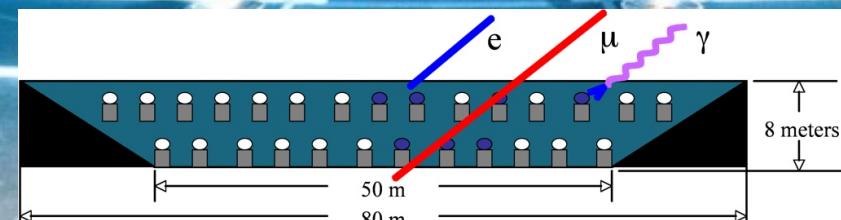
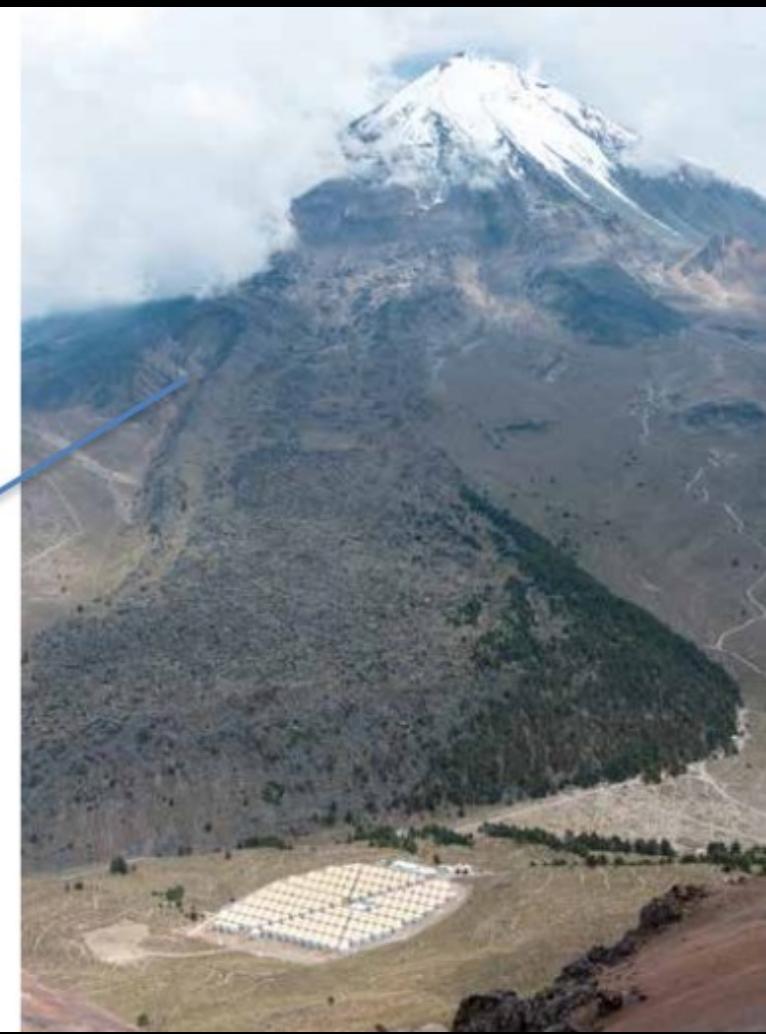


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# HAWC SITE

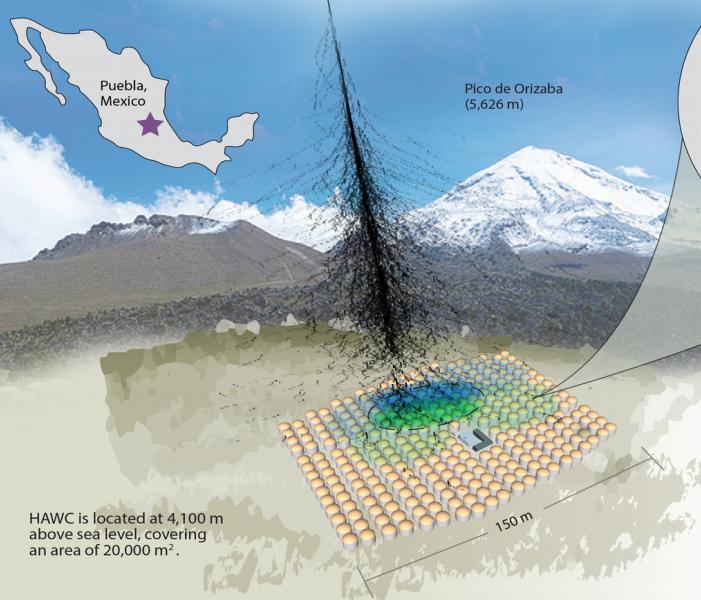




## Mapping the Northern Sky in High-Energy Gamma Rays

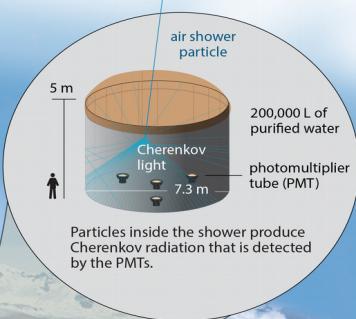
### HAWC Observatory

HAWC operates day and night, providing a large field of view for the observation of the highest energy gamma rays.



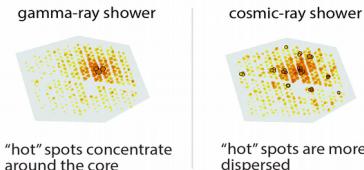
### Water Cherenkov tank

HAWC comprises an array of 300 tanks that record the particles created in gamma-ray and cosmic-ray showers.



### Gamma rays vs cosmic rays

HAWC selects gamma rays from among a much more abundant background of cosmic rays.



LABORATORIO NACIONAL  
HAWC DE RAYOS GAMMA

**HAWC**



	Milagro	HAWC
Detector Area	3500 m <sup>2</sup> / 2100 m <sup>2</sup>	20,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Time to 5 $\sigma$ on the Crab	120 days	5 hrs
Median Energy	4 TeV	1 TeV
Angular Resolution	0.40° – 0.75°	0.25° – 0.50°
Energy Resolution at 5 TeV	140%	72%
Energy Resolution at 50 TeV	85%	35%
Hadron Rejection efficiency at 10 TeV	90%	>99.5%
Q for gamma/hadron rejection	1.6	5
Time to detect 5 Crab flare at 5 $\sigma$	5 days	10 minutes
Eff. Area at 100 GeV	5 m <sup>2</sup>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
Eff. Area at 1 TeV	10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup>	20x10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup>
Eff Area at 10 TeV	20x10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup>	50x10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup>
Eff Area at 50 TeV	70x10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup>	70x10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup>
Volume of Universe where 3x10 <sup>-6</sup> erg/cm <sup>2</sup> GRB is detectable	7 Gpc <sup>3</sup>	47 Gpc <sup>3</sup>
Flux Sensitivity to a Crab-like source (1 year) (5 $\sigma$ detection)	625 mCrab	45 mCrab



# The HAWC Collaboration



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Instituto de Astronomía UNAM

Instituto de Ciencias Nucleares UNAM

Instituto de Física UNAM

Instituto de Geofísica UNAM

Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla

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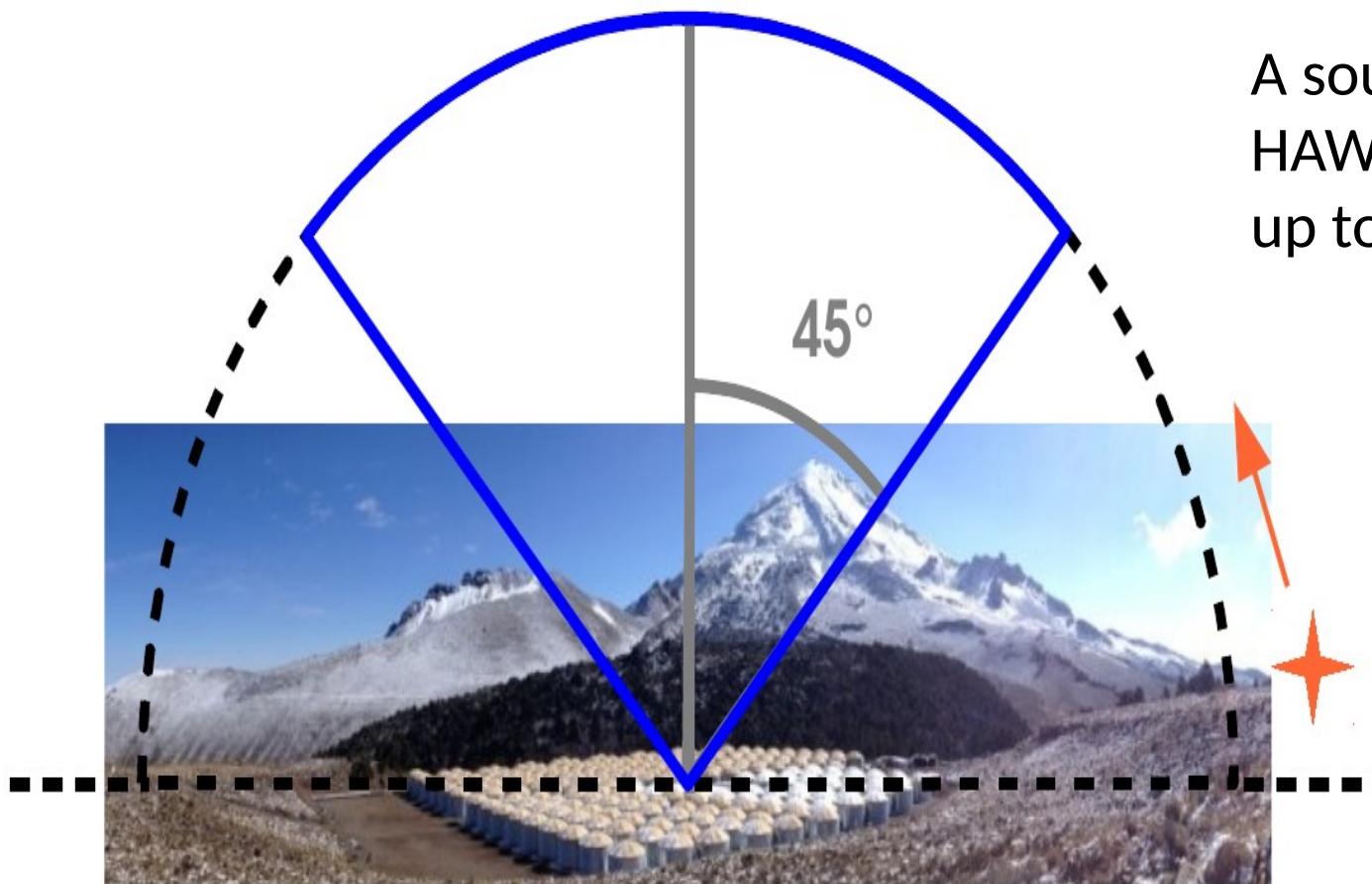
Krakow Nuclear Institute, Poland



# HAWC field of view

Field of view down to  $\sim 45^\circ$  from zenith:

Scanning 2/3 of the sky each day through the rotation of the Earth



A source is visible for  
HAWC  
up to **6 hours per day**

# Differential Sensitivity

## Differential Sensitivity per Quarter Decade of Energy

How to think about HAWC Sensitivity:

Instantaneous sensitivity about 15-20x less than IACTs:

- ~2-3x from Angular Resolution
- ~5x from energy threshold.

Exposure (sr yrs) is 2000-4000x higher.

~1500 hrs/src/yr

For hard or extended sources, HAWC improves relative to IACTs

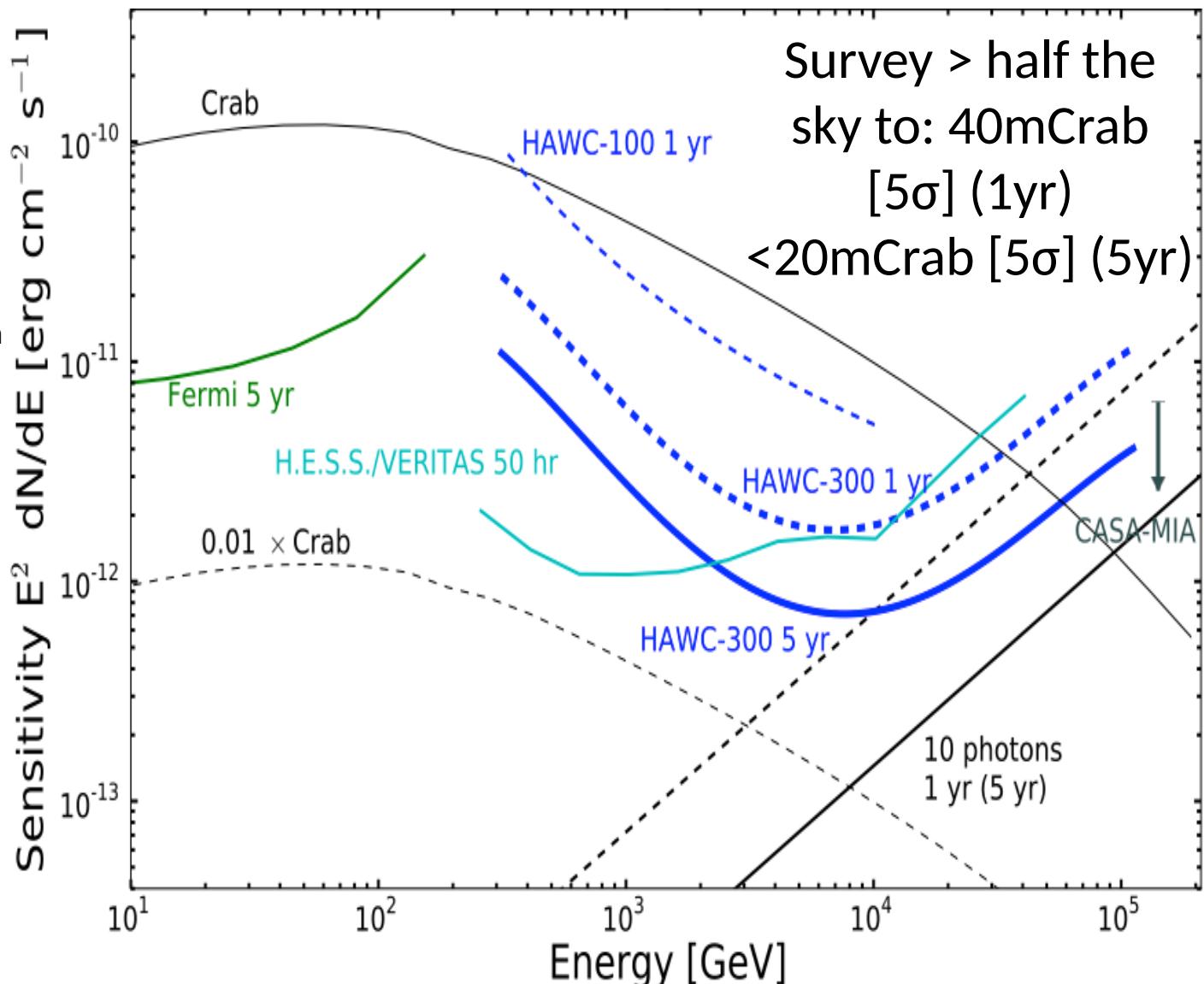
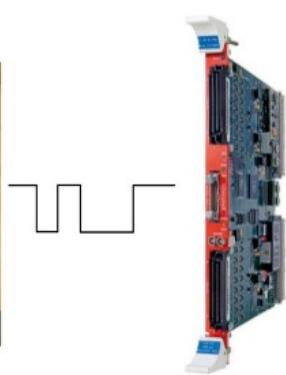




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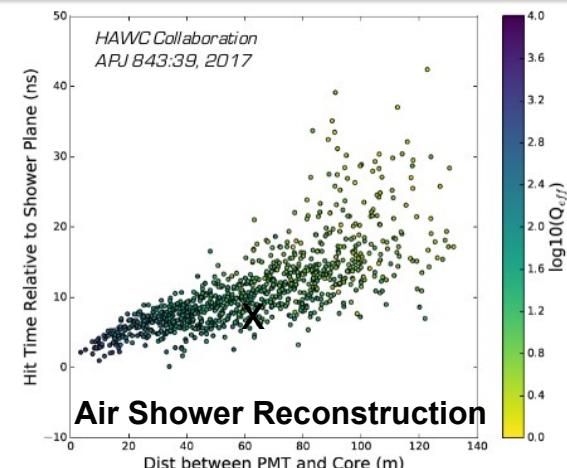


Custom Front-End Electronics  
Pick-off circuits and discriminators.

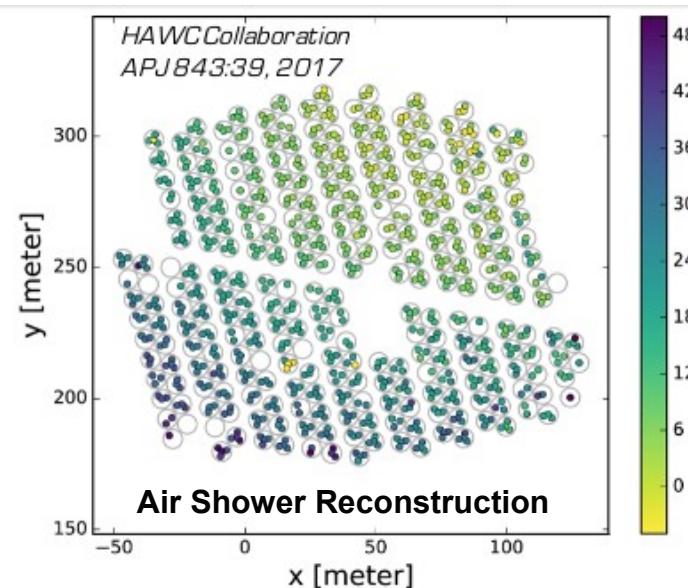
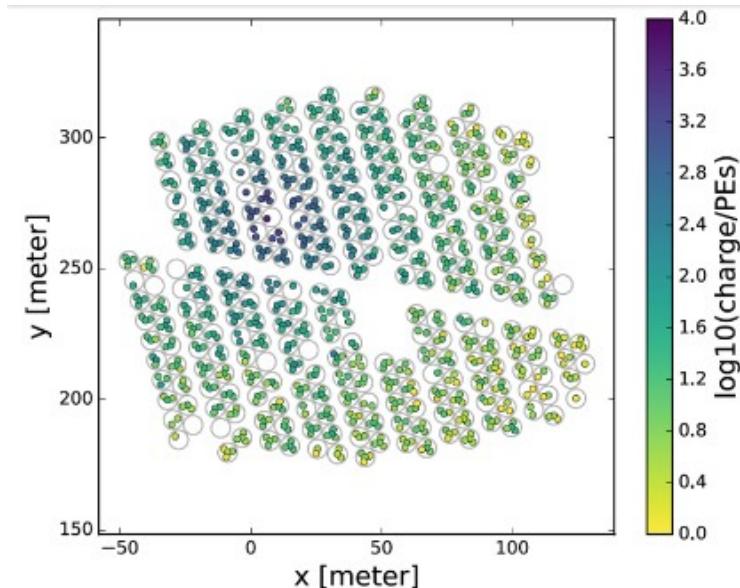


## Data acquisition

- The system is based on measuring the ToT (Time over Threshold)
- HAWC uses the TDCs as continuous recorders of edge timing: the experiment acquires and transmits all of the TDC-digitized edges to a computer farm
- The trigger happens at software level: a PMT multiplicity trigger



- Display of the arrival time distributions of a shower consistent with a gamma-ray from the Crab
- By precisely taking into account the shower curvature it is possible to get an angular resolution of up to  $0.15^\circ$

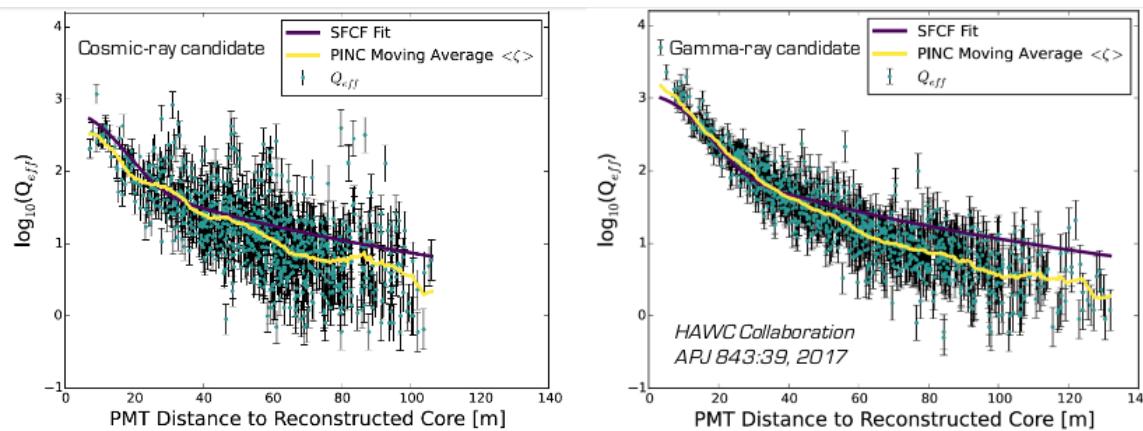


- ✓ Arrival Direction determined by relative timing ( $\sim 1\text{ns}$  precision) of Cherenkov Light Pulses observed in tanks
- ✓ Primary Energy determined by “size” of shower.
- ✓ Lateral distribution and curvature of shower front gives more information about energy
- ✓ Cosmic Ray Background rejection from clumpiness of shower ‘footprint’

Step	Description	Hit selection
1	Calibration	
2	Hit selection	
3	Center of mass core reconstruction	Selected hits
4	SFCF core 1 <sup>st</sup> pass	Selected hits
5	Direction 1 <sup>st</sup> pass	Selected hits

Step	Description	Hit selection
6	SFCF 2 <sup>nd</sup> pass	SH within 50 ns of 1 <sup>st</sup> plane
7	Direction 2 <sup>nd</sup> pass	SH within 50 ns of 1 <sup>st</sup> plane
8	Compactness, C	SH within 20 ns of 2 <sup>nd</sup> plane
9	PINCness, P	SH within 20 ns of 2 <sup>nd</sup> plane

• Credit: H. L. Vargas and W. Springer; The HAWC Collaboration

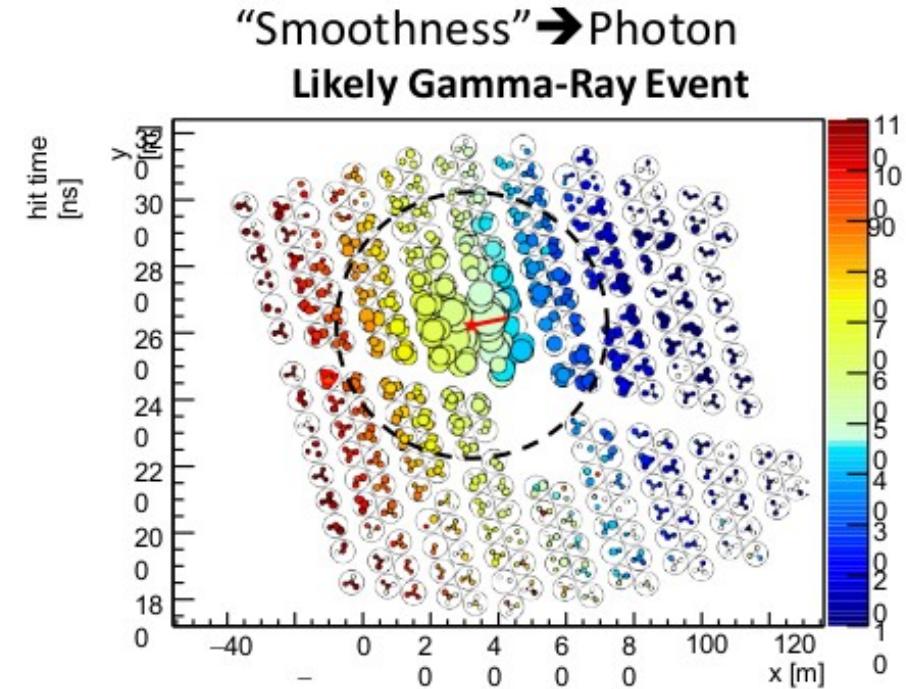


$CxPE_{40}$ : Largest  $Q_{\text{eff}}$  outside a radius of 40 m from the shower core

$N_{\text{hit}}$ : Number of PMT hits during the air shower

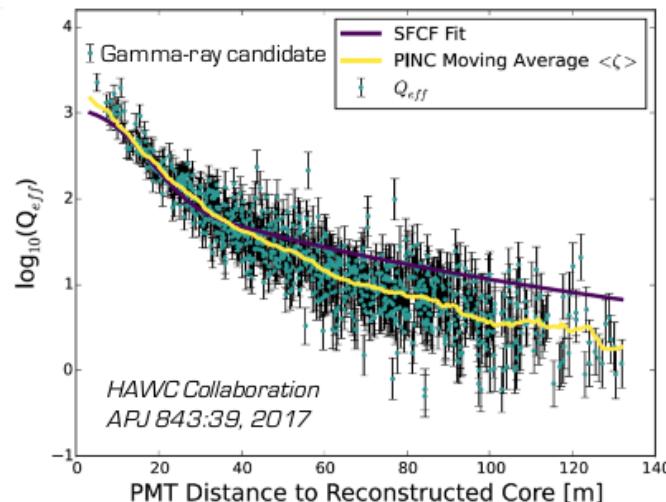
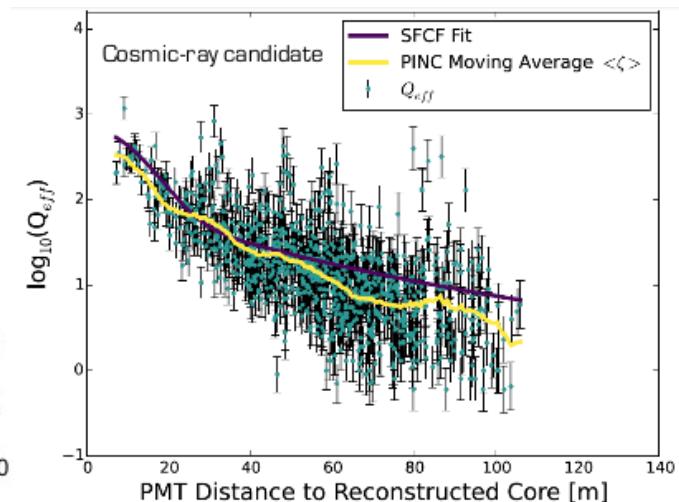
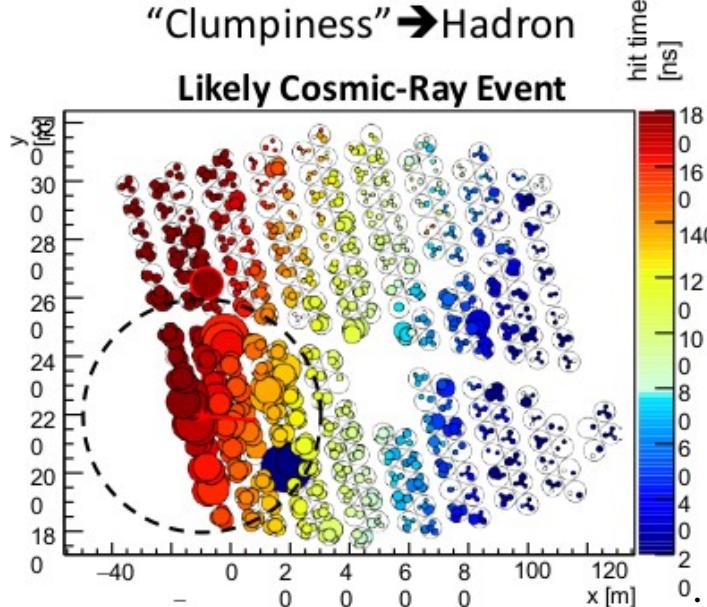
$$C = \frac{N_{\text{hit}}}{CxPE_{40}}$$

For hadronic showers  $C$  is small



## Gamma / Hadron Rejection

“Clumpiness” → Hadron Likely Cosmic-Ray Event



PINChess (Parameter for Identifying Nuclear Cosmic rays)

$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N \frac{(\zeta_i - \langle \zeta_i \rangle)^2}{\sigma_{\zeta_i}^2}$$

$$\langle \zeta_i \rangle : \text{Average of all PMTs contained in an annulus of width 5m containing the hit}$$

$\sigma_{\zeta_i}$  : Obtained from a sample of strong gamma-ray candidates from the Crab

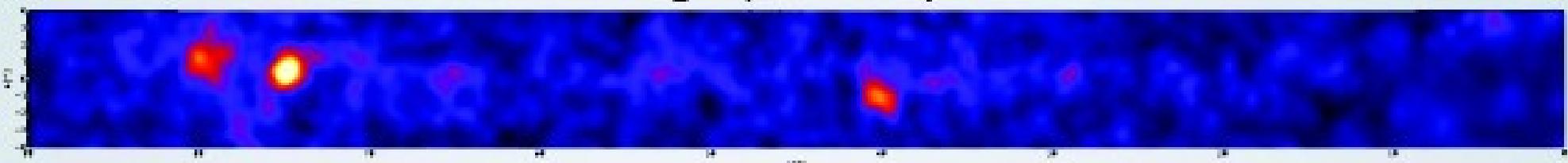
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For hadronic showers  $\mathcal{P}$  is large

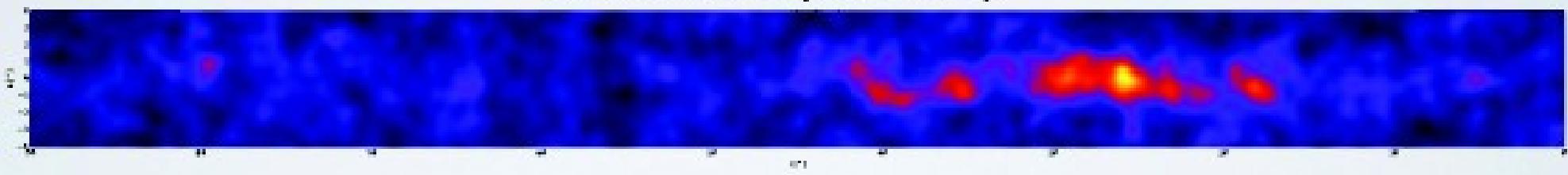


# Galactic Plane

Milagro (2000-2008)

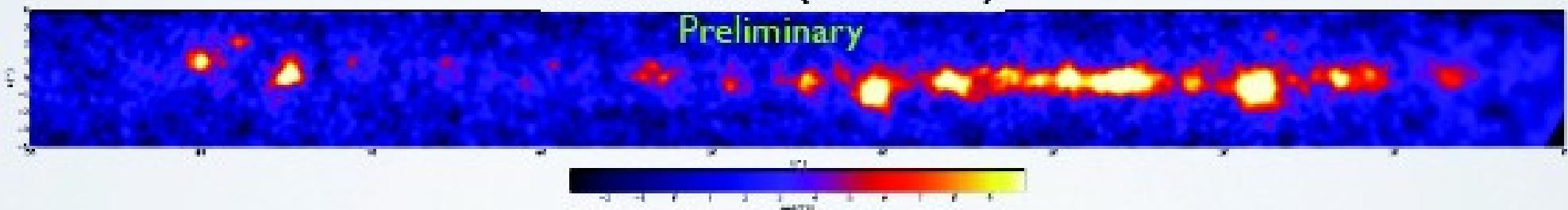


HAWC Pass I (2013-2014)



HAWC Pass 4 (2014-2015)

Preliminary



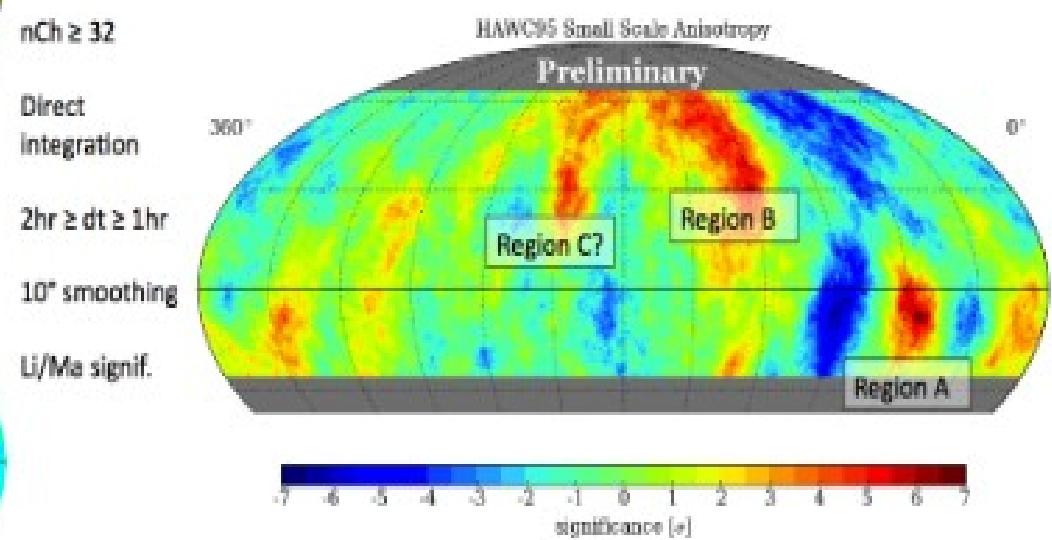
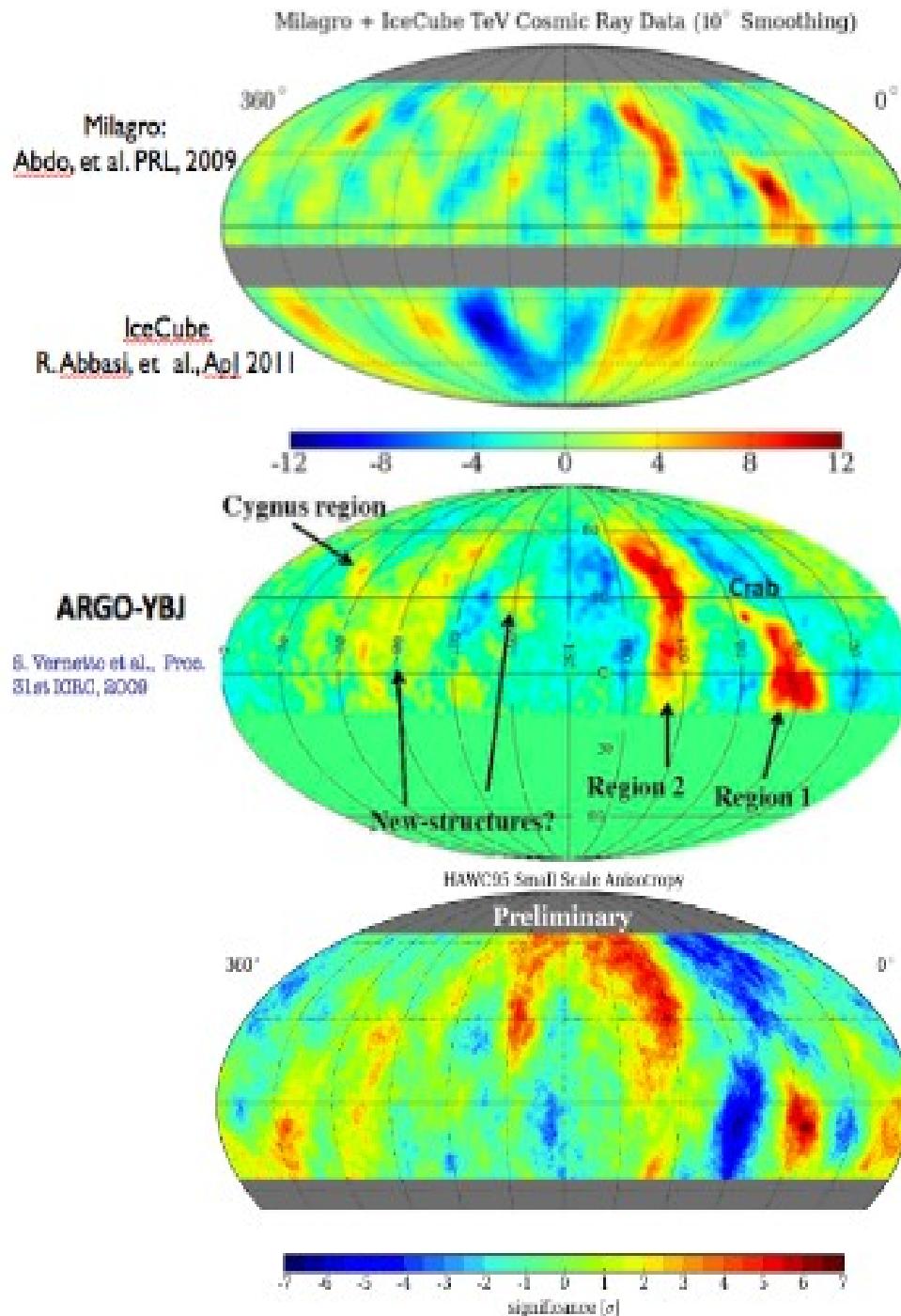
Milagro is located near Los Alamos, New Mexico

- different sensitivity by declination along Galactic plane.

HAWC is ~15x more sensitivity with lower energy threshold, and more sensitive towards Galactic center.

- August 1, 2014, 111 Detectors formal start operations ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of full array)





Region A : 7.0 sigma  
Region B: 5.5 sigma  
Region C: 4.9 sigma

Pre-trial will be greater than 7 with another month of data.

Find post-trial with random data sets.

Abeysekara et al., HAWC Collaboration  
The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 796,  
Issue 2, article id. 108, 11 pp. (2014)



## HAWC 300 Full operations

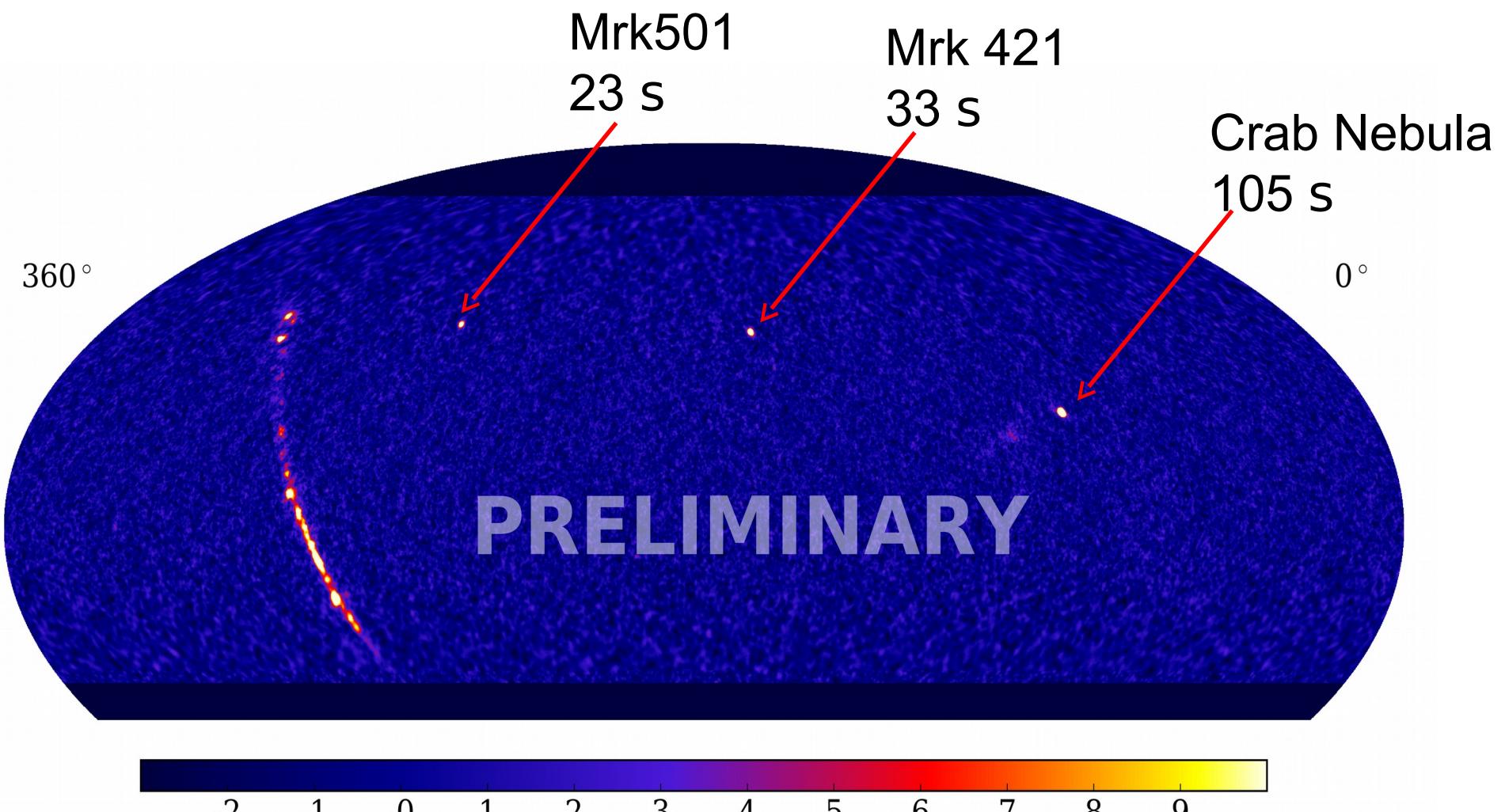
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- Photo Credit: Michael Schnider  
(UCSC - HAWC)



# HAWC's 17 month Sky Map



# Milky Way at Gamma Rays: From Low (FERMI) to high energy (HESS+HAWC)

Actual view of the Galaxy at these energies (2015)

Fermi LAT 0.05 – 2 TeV, >6 years

Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration

HESS >1 TeV, 10 years



HAWC 0.1–100 TeV, 1 year

• Photo Credit:: The HAWC Collaboration

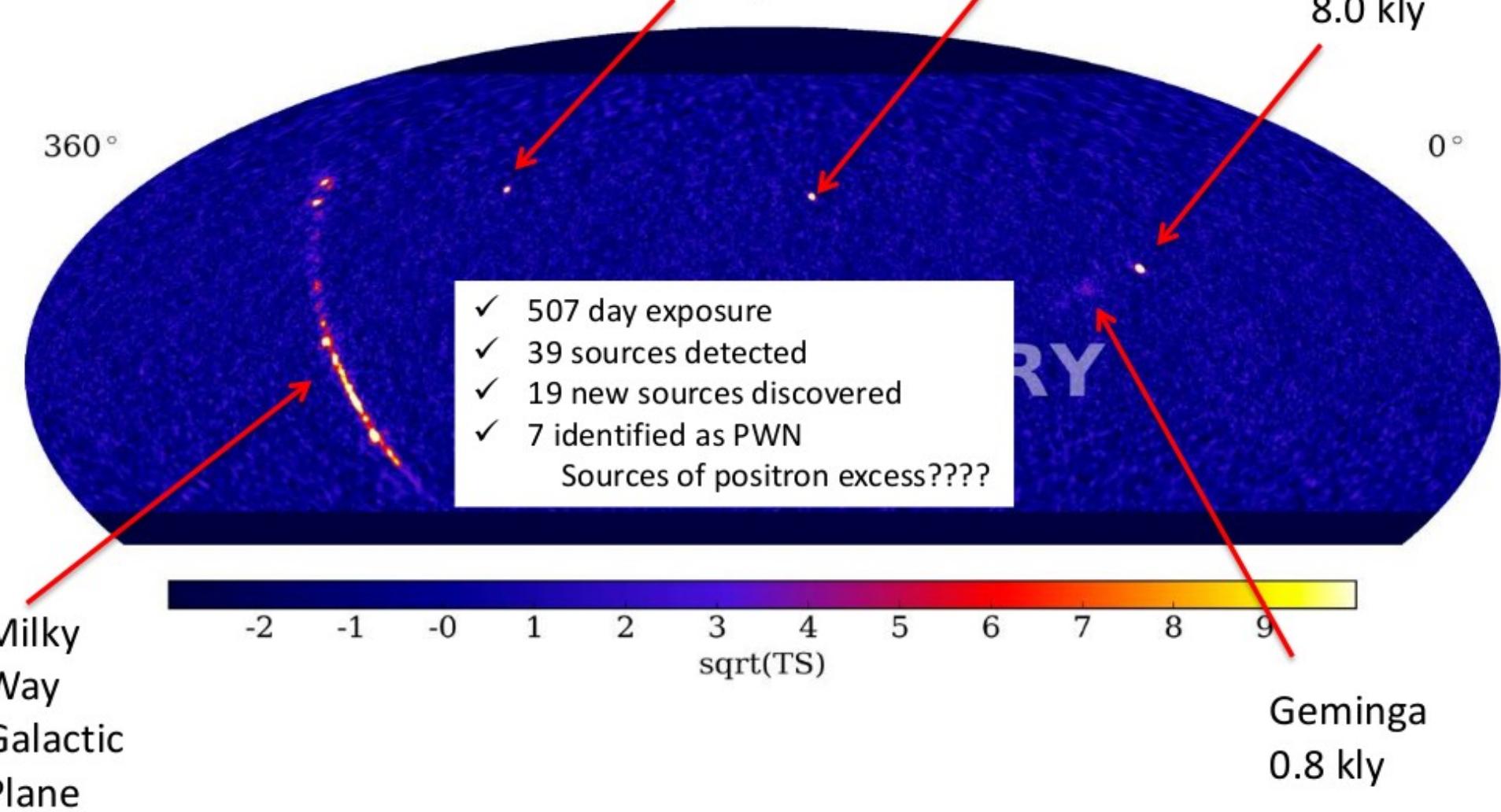
## 2HWC catalog

<http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-4357/aa7556/meta>

Mrk501  
23  $\sigma$   
140 Mpc  
456 Mly

Mrk 421  
33  $\sigma$   
130 Mpc  
430 Mly

Crab Nebula  
105  $\sigma$   
2.2 kpc  
8.0 kly

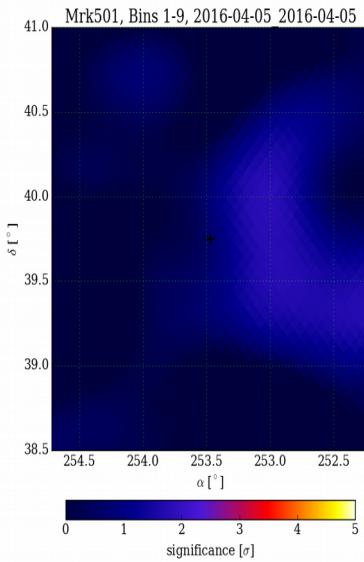


# HAWC detection of increased TeV flux state for Markarian 501

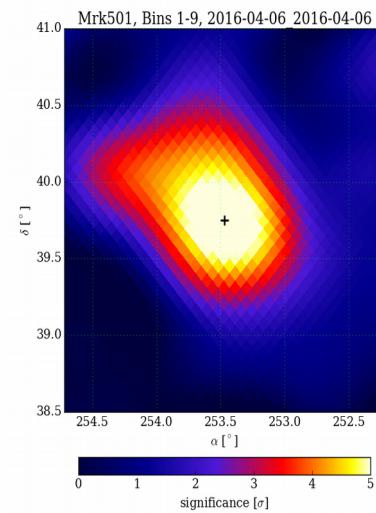


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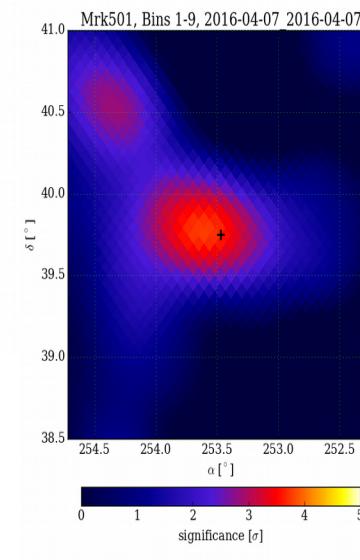
Astronomer's Telegram to immediately alert community of activity.



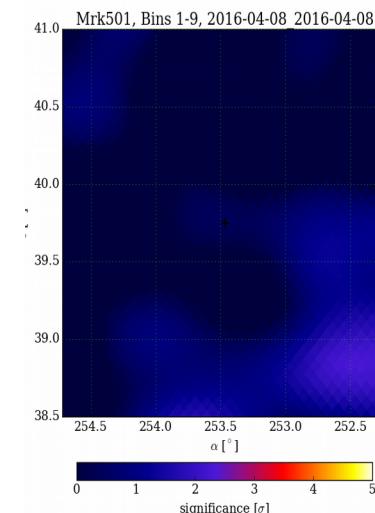
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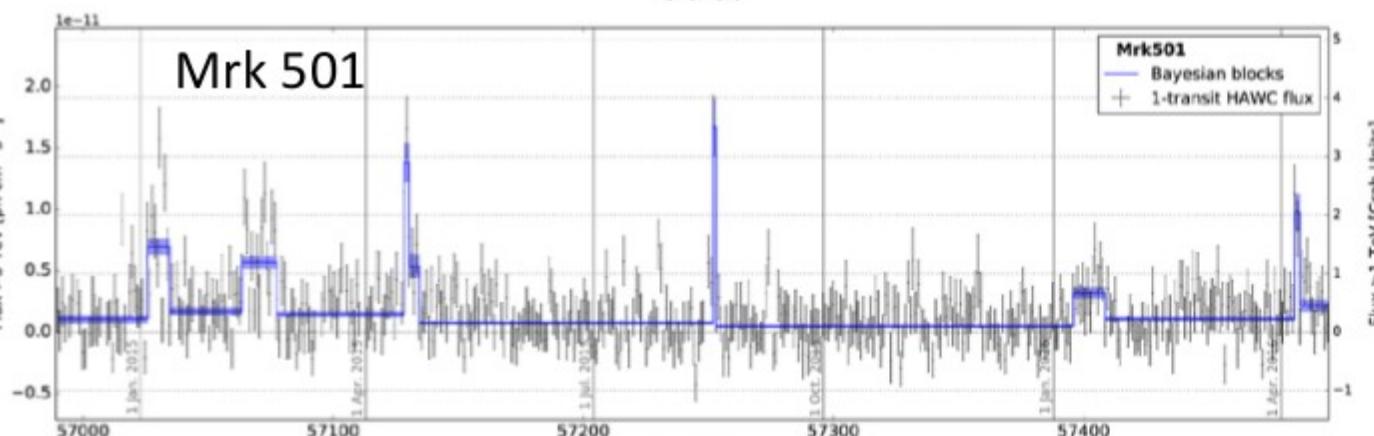
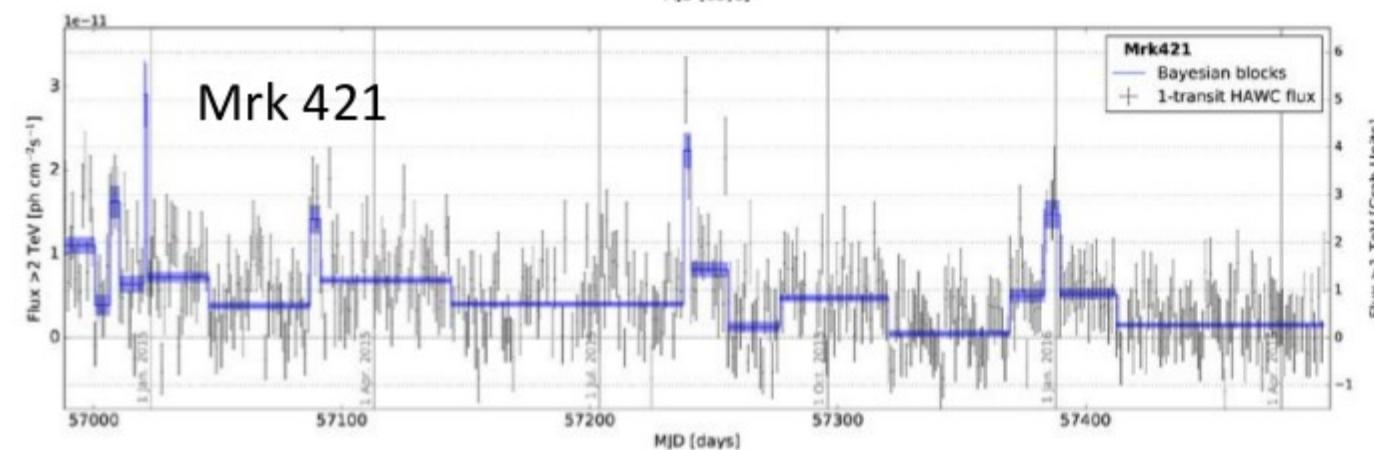
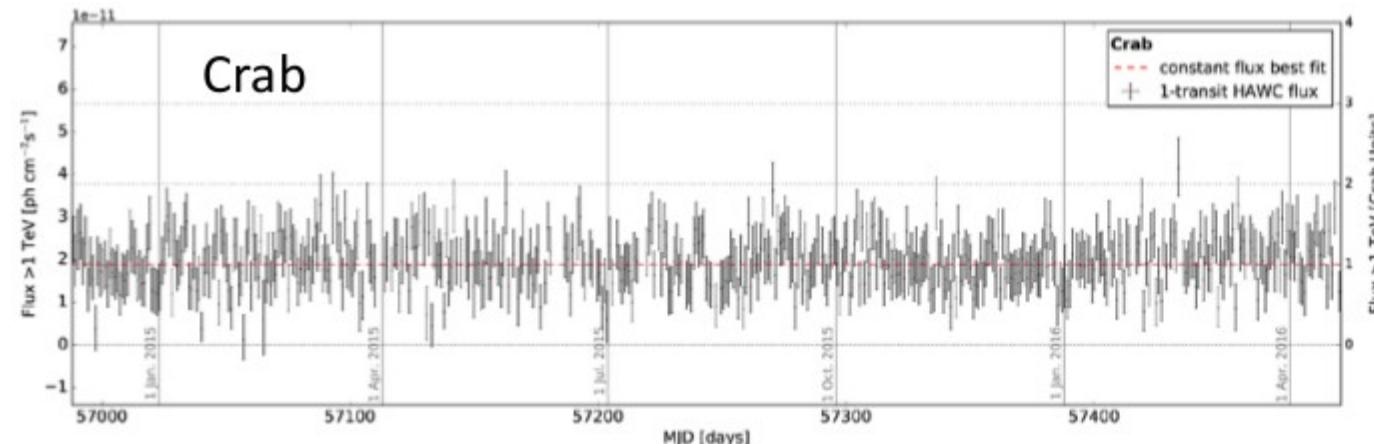
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Monitoring all gamma-ray sources visible to HAWC every day.

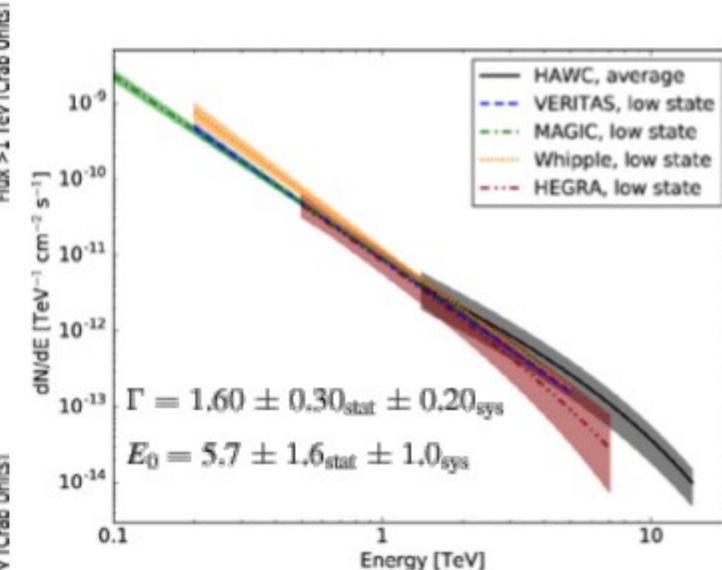
Credit:: The HAWC Collaboration



## Daily Monitoring of TeV Gamma-Ray Emission from Mrk 421, Mrk 501, and the Crab Nebula with HAWC

Abeysekara et al [HAWC] ApJ 841 (2017) 100

- 17 months
- Daily monitoring
- 0.5 TeV – 100 TeV



HAWC spectral fit result for Mrk 501 (black)

<http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-4357/aa729e/meta>

## Journal Articles

**Extended gamma-ray sources around pulsars constrain the origin of the positron flux at Earth**

HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *Science* **6365** (2017), 911-914.

**All-particle cosmic ray energy spectrum measured by the HAWC experiment from 10 to 500 TeV**

HAWC Collaboration: A. Albert et al., accepted for publication in *Phys. Rev. D*.

**Dark Matter Limits from Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies with the HAWC Gamma-Ray Observatory**

HAWC Collaboration: A. Albert et al.

**The HAWC real-time flare monitor for rapid detection of transient events**

HAWC Collaboration: A. Albert et al., *ApJ* **843** (2017), 116.

**Search for very-high-energy emission from Gamma-ray Bursts using the first 18 months of data from the HAWC Gamma-ray Observatory**

HAWC Collaboration: R. Alfaro et al., *ApJ* **843** (2017), 88.

**The 2HWC HAWC Observatory Gamma-Ray Catalog**

HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *ApJ* **843** (2017), 40.

**Observation of the Crab Nebula with the HAWC Gamma-Ray Observatory**

HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *ApJ* **843** (2017), 39.

**Search for Very High Energy Gamma Rays from the Northern Fermi Bubble Region with HAWC**

HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *ApJ* **842** (2017), 85.

**Daily monitoring of TeV gamma-ray emission from Mrk 421, Mrk 501, and the Crab Nebula with HAWC**

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**Multiwavelength follow-up of a rare IceCube neutrino multiplet**

HAWC, IceCube, Fermi-LAT Collaboration: M.G. Aartsen et al., submitted to *A&A*.

**Primordial Black Holes: Observational Characteristics of the Final Evaporation**

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HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *Astrophys. J.* **817** (2016), 3.

**Experimental Constraints on  $\gamma$ -ray Pulsar Gap Models and the Pulsar GeV to Pulsar Wind Nebula TeV Connection**

A.U. Abeysekara and J.T. Linnemann, *Astrophys. J.* **804** (2015), 25.

**GPS Timing and Control System of the HAWC Detector**

A.U. Abeysekara, T. Ukwatta, D. Edmunds, J. Linnemann, A. Imran, G. Kunde, and I. Wisher.

**Search for Gamma Rays from the Unusually Bright GRB 130427A with the HAWC Gamma-Ray Observatory**

HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *Astrophys. J.* **800** (2015), 78.

**Milagro Limits and HAWC Sensitivity for the Rate-Density of Evaporating Primordial Black Holes**

Milagro Collaboration (A.A. Abdo et al.) and HAWC Collaboration (A.U. Abeysekara et al.), *Astropart. Phys.* **64** (2015), 4-12.

**VAMOS: A Pathfinder for the HAWC Gamma-Ray Observatory**

HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *Astropart. Phys.* **62** (2015), 125-133.

**Observation of Small-Scale Anisotropy in the Arrival Direction Distribution of TeV Cosmic Rays with HAWC**

HAWC Collaboration: A.U. Abeysekara et al., *Astrophys. J.* **796** (2014), 108.

**The Sensitivity of HAWC to High-Mass Dark Matter Annihilations**

HAWC Collaboration: A. U. Abeysekara et al., *Phys. Rev. D* **90** (2014), 122002.

**Prospects for the Detection of GRBs with HAWC**

I. Taboada, R.C. Gilmore, *NIM A* **742** (2014), 276-277.

**Sensitivity of the High Altitude Water Cherenkov Detector to Sources of Multi-TeV Gamma Rays**

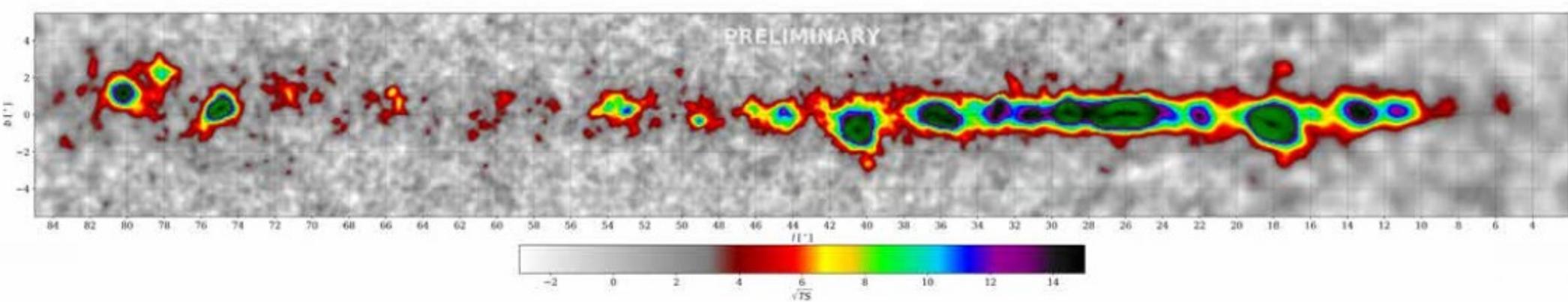
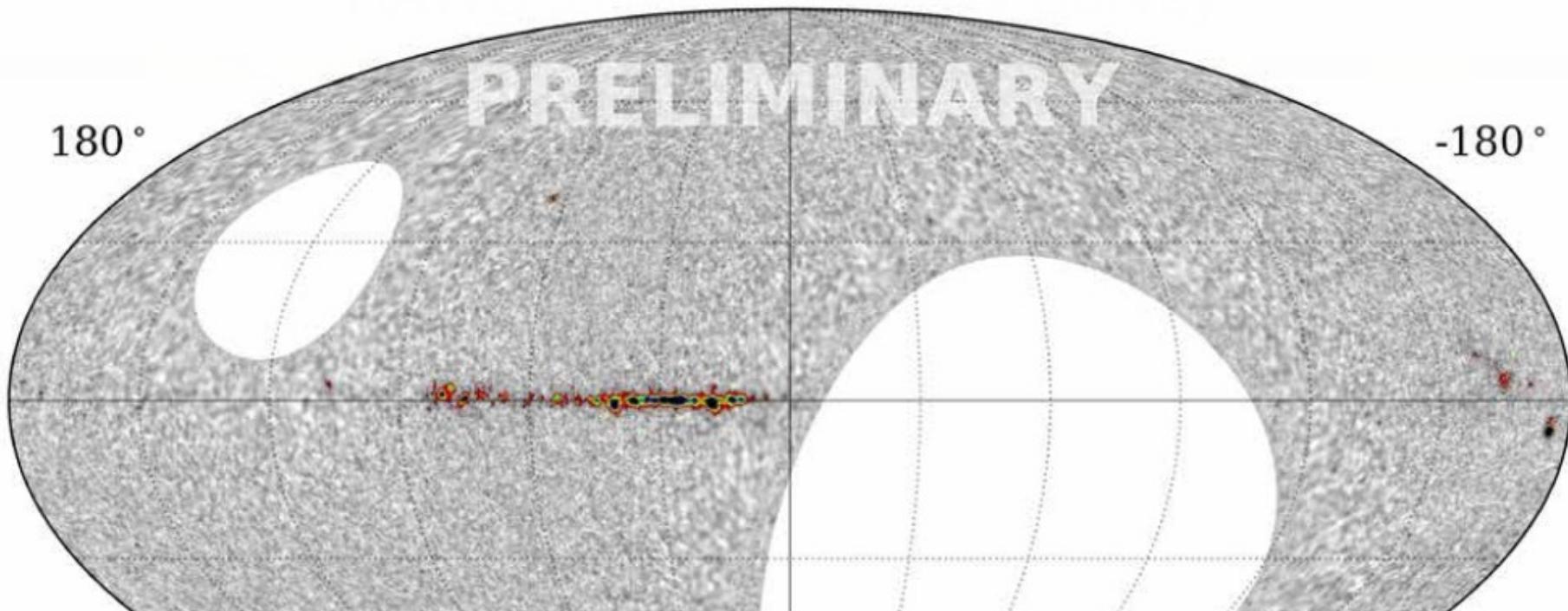
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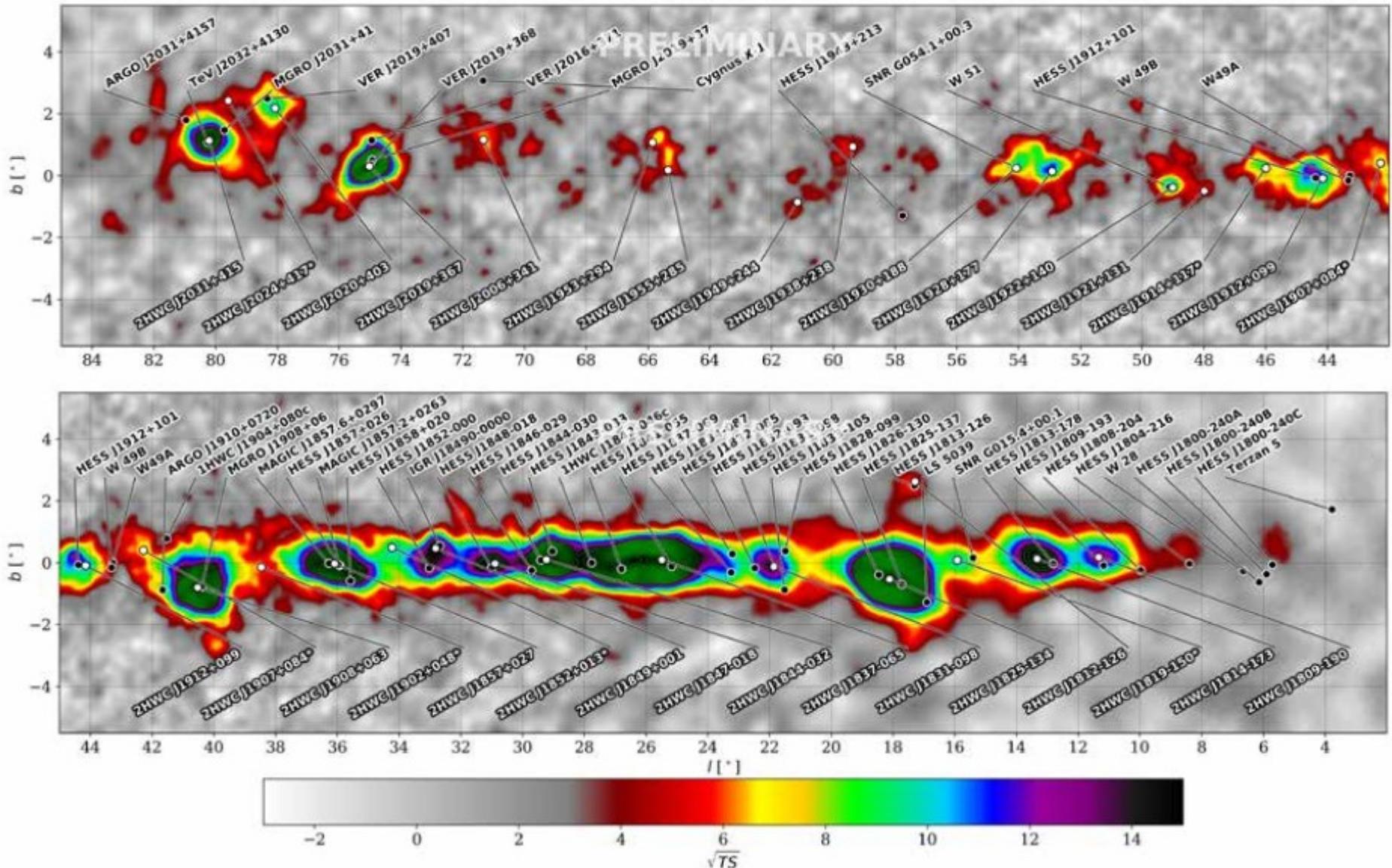
# HAWC Sky Map 1017 Days of Data

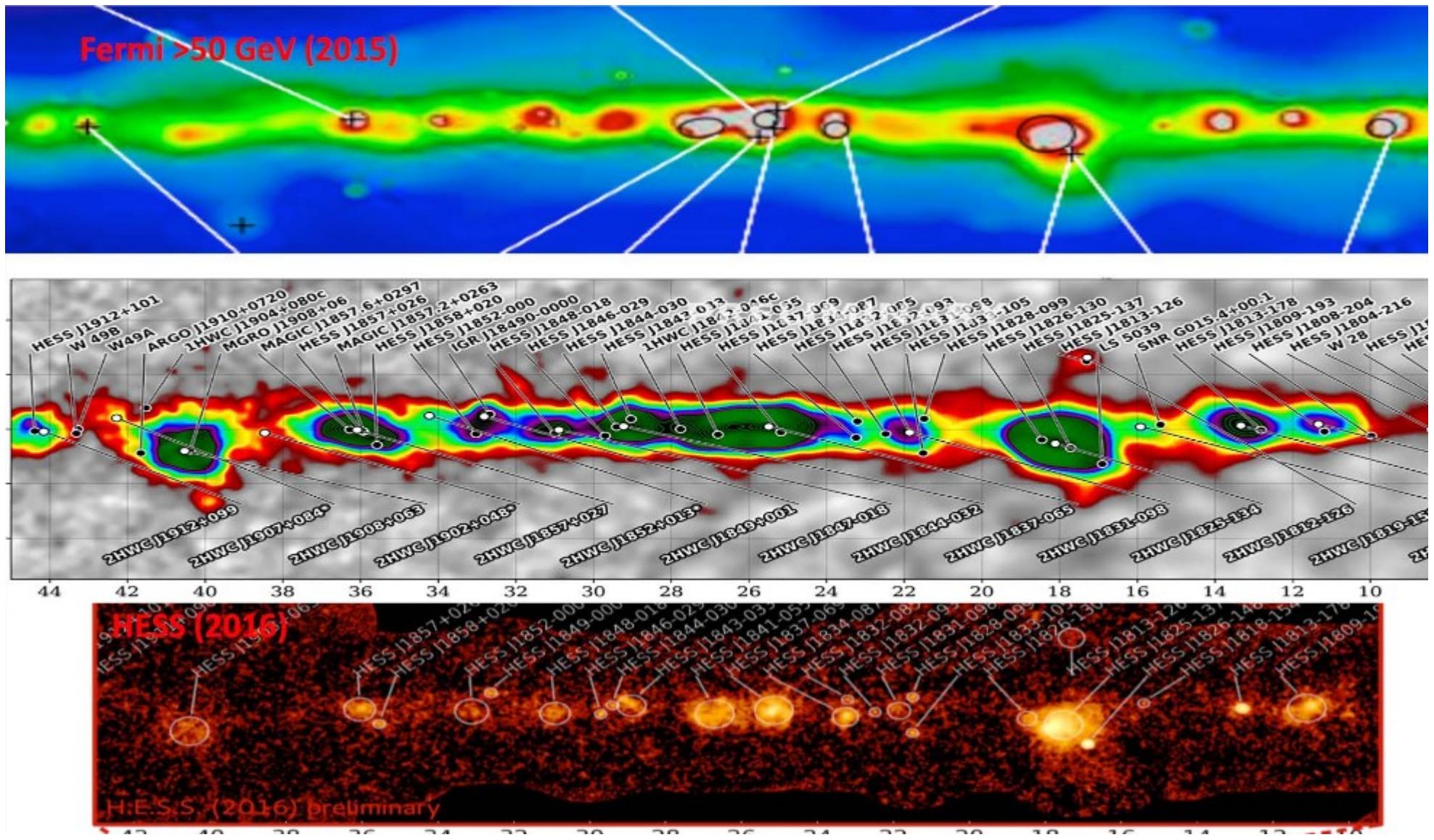
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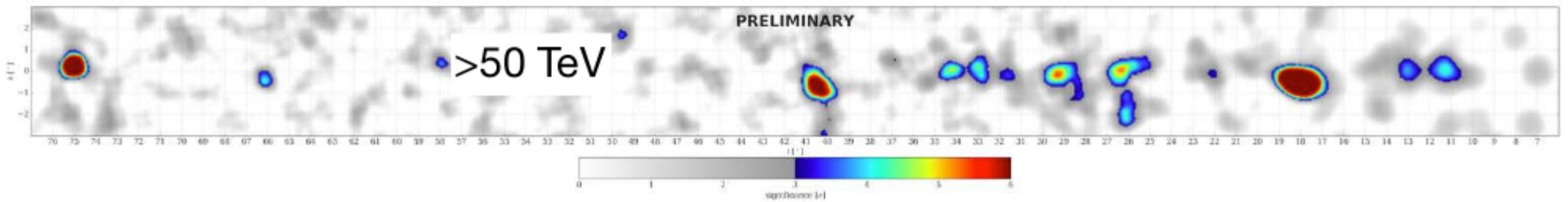
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- By measuring spectra out beyond 30 TeV we can look for hadronic accelerators
- HAWC has produced the first map showing sources above 50 TeV
- Once we measure the spectra we can determine their origin



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La Luna (misma escala)

Geminga



PSR B0656+14



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The unexpected high flux of cosmic-ray positrons detected at Earth may originate from nearby astrophysical sources, dark matter, or unknown processes of cosmic-ray secondary production. We report the detection, using the High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Observatory (HAWC), of extended tera-electron volt gamma-ray emission coincident with the locations of two nearby middle-aged pulsars (Geminga and PSR B0656+14). The HAWC observations demonstrate that these pulsars are indeed local sources of accelerated leptons, but the measured tera-electron volt emission profile constrains the diffusion of particles away from these sources to be much slower than previously assumed. We demonstrate that the leptons emitted by these objects are therefore unlikely to be the origin of the excess positrons, which may have a more exotic origin.

Cosmic rays are high-energy particles from space that have been known for more than a century. The origin of high-energy cosmic rays and how they are accelerated remains unclear. Most cosmic rays are protons or atomic nuclei, but positrons and electrons also

are a small fraction of the total cosmic-ray flux. Positrons are especially puzzling because the PAMELA (Payload for Antimatter Matter Exploration and Light-nuclei Astrophysics) detector observed an unexpected excess of positrons at energies  $>10$  GeV, compared with the predicted

flux that originates from interactions of cosmic-ray protons propagating through the Galaxy (1). Confirmation of these results has come from the Fermi Large Area Telescope (2) and AMS (Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (3)) experiments; the latter also showed that the excess signal extends to hundreds of giga-electron volts.

Energy losses experienced in interstellar magnetic and radiation fields by the highest-energy positrons require that their sources lie within a few hundred parsecs from Earth (4). Nearby potential cosmic-ray accelerators—for example, pulsar wind nebulae (PW Ne)—have been proposed as the sources of these extra positrons (5, 6). A PWN consists of a rapidly spinning neutron star (pulsar) that produces a wind of electrons and positrons that are further accelerated by the surrounding shock with the interstellar medium (ISM). There are a handful of known pulsars that are both close enough to be candidate sources and sufficiently old for the highest-energy positrons to have had time to arrive at Earth (7, 8). Nearby dark matter particle interactions could also produce positrons (9). Both PW Ne and dark matter sources should also produce gamma rays that could potentially be observed coming from the sources, unlike positrons (whose paths are deflected by magnetic fields).

Recently, the High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Observatory (HAWC) collaboration reported the detection of tera-electron volt gamma rays around two nearby pulsars, which are among those proposed to produce the local positrons (10). HAWC is a wide field-of-view, continuously operating detector of extensive air showers initiated by gamma rays and cosmic rays interacting in the atmosphere (11). The angular resolution improves from  $10^\circ$  to  $0.2^\circ$  with the size of the air shower. HAWC is the most sensitive survey detector above 10 TeV and is well suited to detecting nearby sources, which would have a greater angular extent. Operation of the full detector began in March 2015, and the data set presented here includes 507 days, as described in (11).

Tera-electron volt gamma-ray emissions from the pulsars Geminga and PSR B0656+14 were found in a search for extended sources that was performed for the HAWC catalog, in which these two pulsars have the designations 2HWC J0635+180 and 2HWC J0700+143 (10). By fitting to a diffusion model (12), the two sources were detected with a significance at the pulsar location of 13.1 and 8.1 standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ), respectively (Fig. 1A). The tera-electron volt emission region

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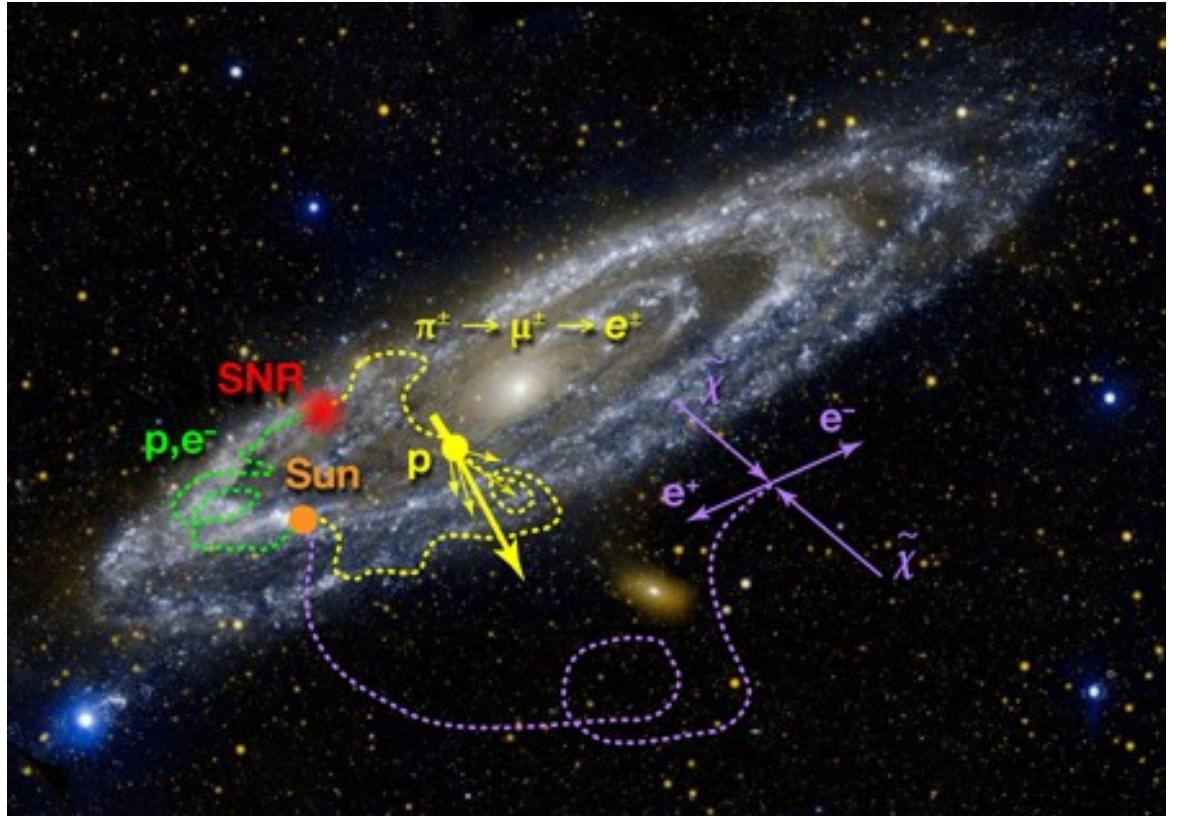
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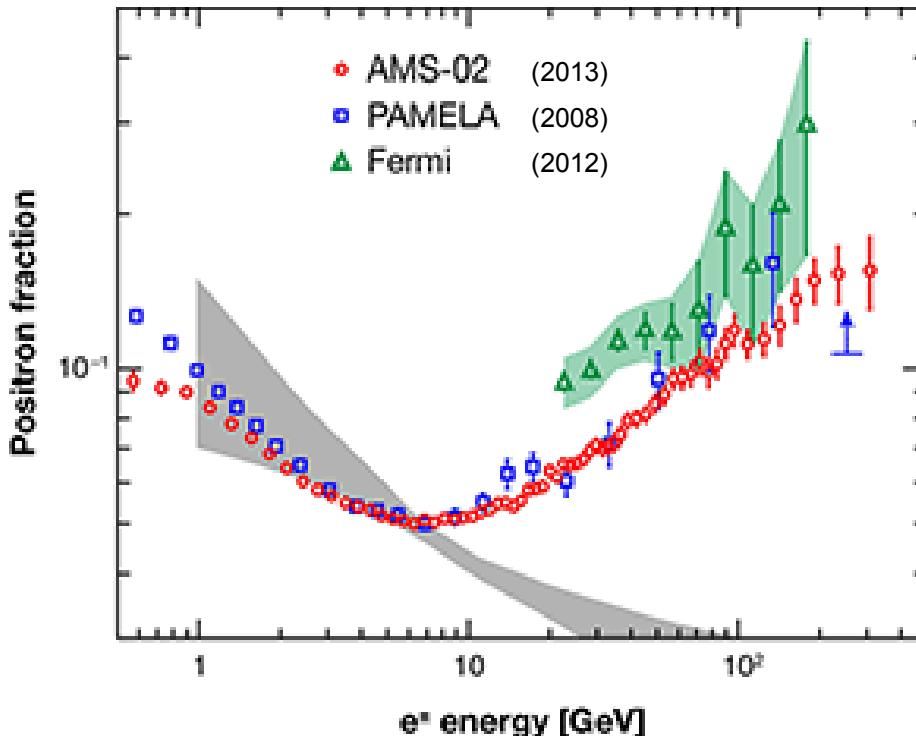
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Flujo de partículas de alta energía cerca de la tierra (rayos cósmicos). Verde: Primarias que vienen de fuentes originales de rayos cósmicos (RSN,PWN). Amarillo: Partículas secundarias que se producen cuando las primarias interactúan con el ISM produciendo piones y muones, estos últimos decayando en positrones y electrones. Morado: Electrones y positrones formados por la aniquilación de materia oscura (WIMP).



25 billones de eventos  
6.8 millones son  $e^+$  y  $e^-$   
400,000  $e^+$  0.5-350 GeVs



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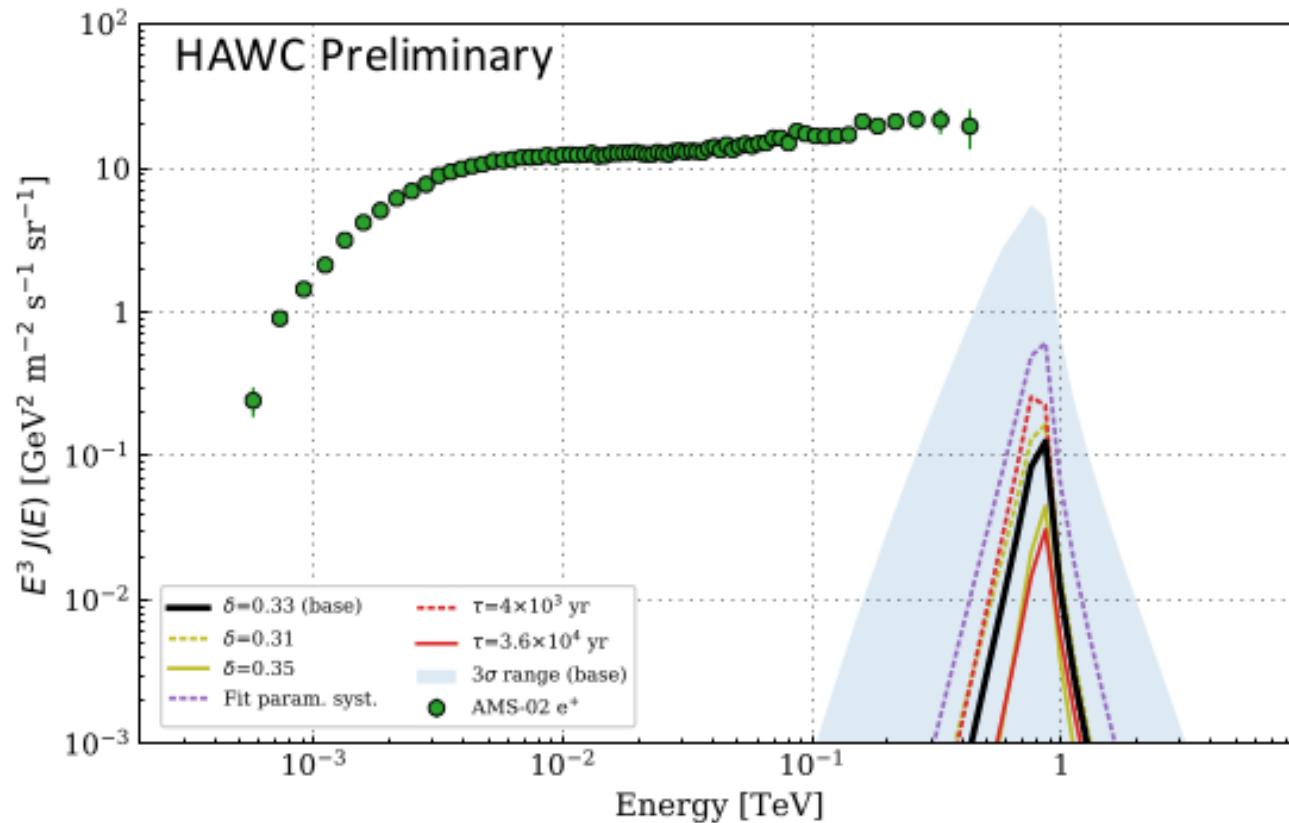


**PAMELA** a Payload for Antimatter Matter Exploration and Light-nuclei Astrophysics

The measured gamma ray emission is produced by the leptons diffusing into the ISM and IC scattering from the CMB

Using the properties measured by HAWC of these sources, we can infer the propagation of the  $e^\pm$  to Earth

Contribution of Geminga, the other source is negligible



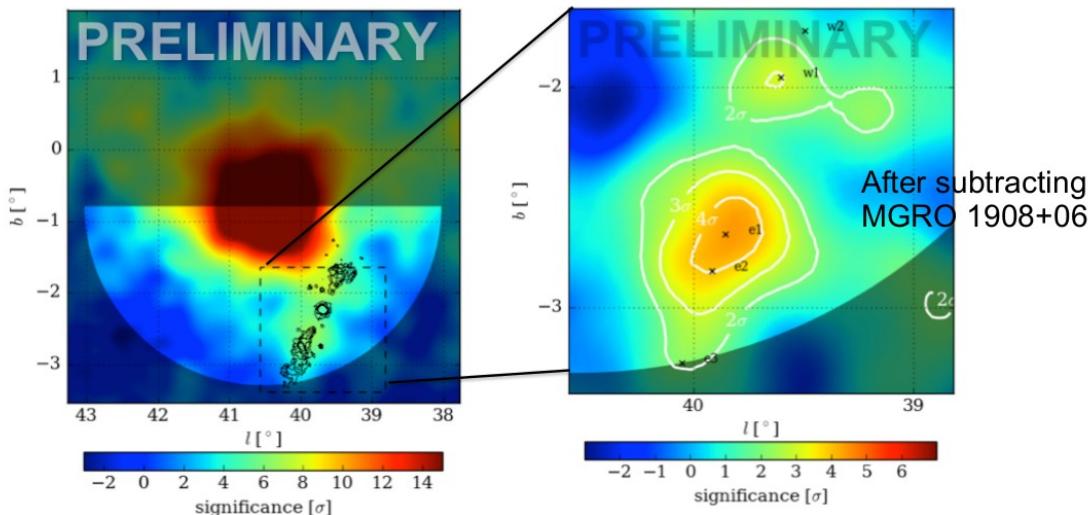
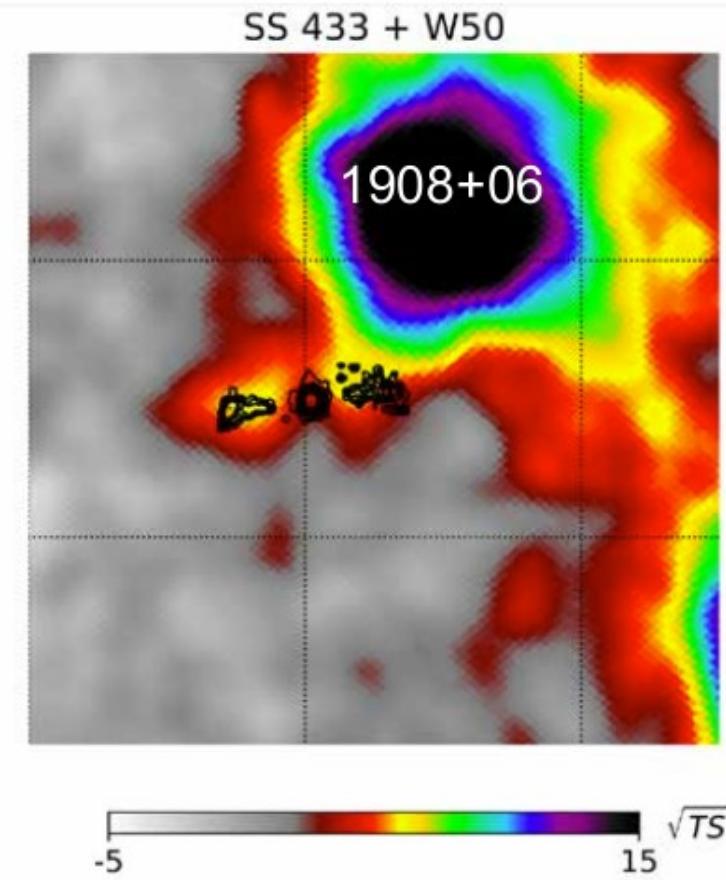
The measured positron flux cannot be explained by the contributions from Geminga and 2HWC J0700+143

**Nearby Pulsar Wind Nebulae do not explain AMS positron observations**

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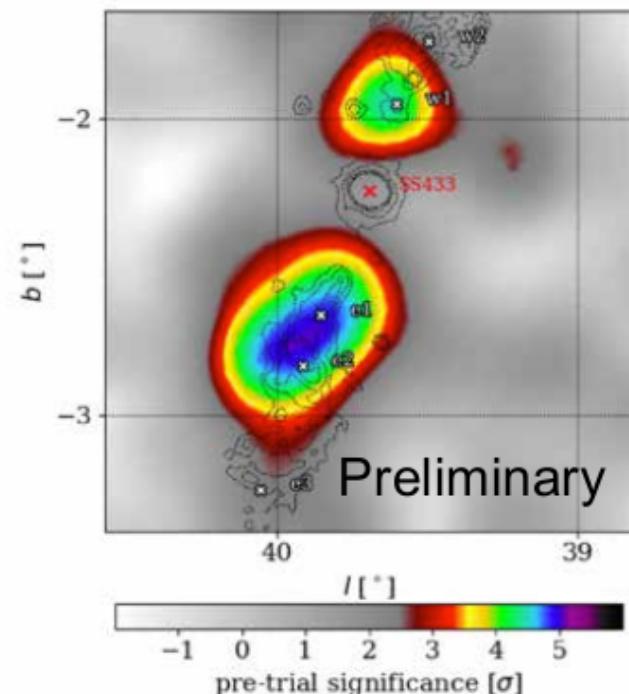
# Detection of $\mu$ -quasar SS433

- SS433 - x-ray binary with black hole
- Imaged jets  $\sim$  perpendicular to line of sight & containing hadrons
- Until now, no jets have been imaged at TeV energies.
- SS 433 has long been a suspected VHE gamma-ray source.
- The observation of TeV lobes provides new information about SS 433, including its luminosity and magnetic field.



Credit: Jordan Goodman and the HAWC Collaboration

- HAWC observation of SS433 is the first direct proof of particle acceleration to  $> 100\text{TeV}$  in jets
  - Jets are observed edge-on so the gamma rays are not Doppler boosted to higher energies or higher luminosities
  - Hadronic acceleration disfavored due to extreme energetics required
  - Electrons radiate synchrotron x-rays and magnetic field is then given by the electron energy determined by HAWC
  - Acceleration does not happen at the black hole because the cooling time of the electrons is too short to make the observed gamma-rays



HAWC significance with the overlay of x-ray contours showing the jet lobes and not the black hole.

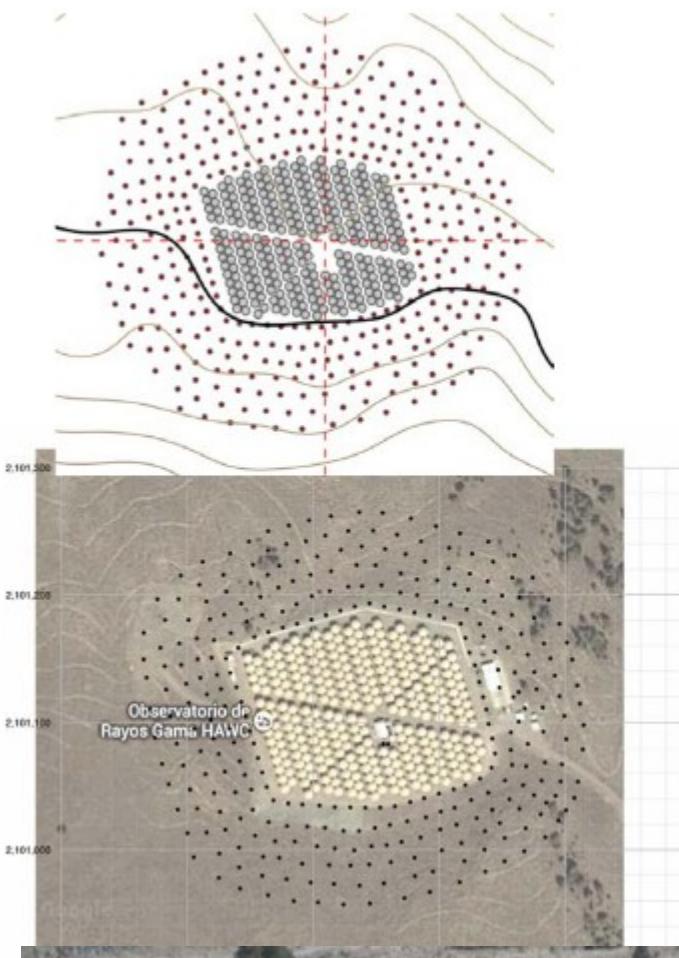
## Possible Detection of $\mu$ -quasar SS433

- We used a diffusion model to fit the extended MGRO J1908+06. We have also tested the Gaussian model and the powerlaw model and their effects on the fitted lobes have been included in the systematics (< 20%).
- For the spectral model, simple power law was used.
- Modeling can indicate whether the gammas are likely of hadronic or leptonic origin and where the acceleration occurs
- (Paper in progress)

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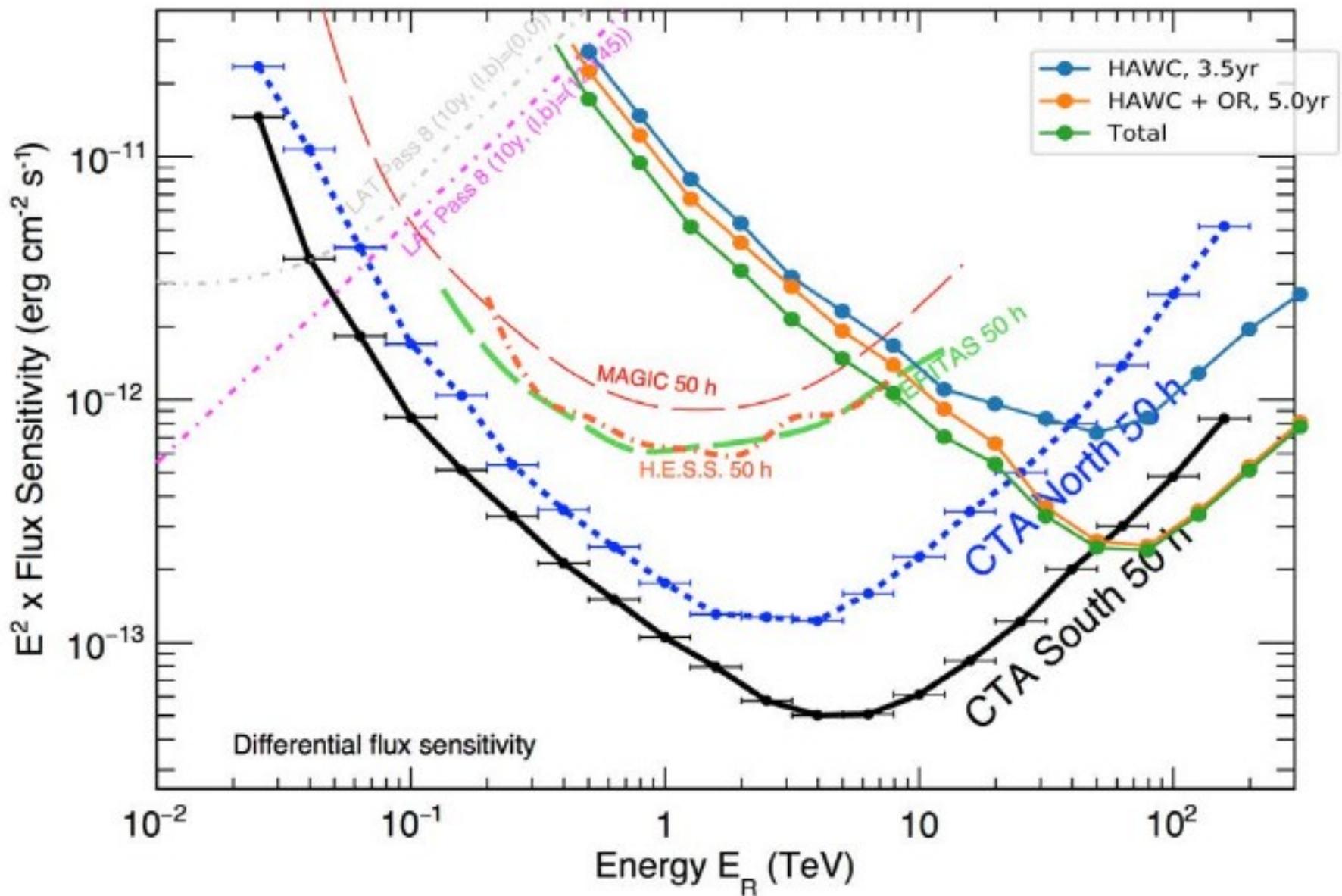
# Outriggers

- HAWC Sparse Outrigger Array being deployed now:  
Enhanced Sensitivity above 10 TeV
  - Accurately determine core position for showers off the main tank array.
  - Increase effective area above 10 TeV by ~4x
- Funded by LANL/MPIK (Heidelberg)/Mexico.
- 2500 liter tanks: 1/80<sup>th</sup> size of HAWC tanks.



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# HAWC with Outriggers





HA WC is a very sucessful experiment, surveying the TeV sky with a wide-field of view, discovering new classes of sources, viewing the highest energy sky (e.g. > 50 TeV sky), and playing an important role in Multi-messenger astrophysics

With the upgrade (outriggers), lots more to come!.....

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