

Highlights from HAWC

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Outline



HAWC Observatory

Selected recent HAWC results

- \checkmark Galactic Plane Survey from TeV to hundred TeV
- ✓ Microquasars
- ✓ Diffuse Emission from the Galactic Plane and Galactic Centre
- ✓ SNRs and closeby MCs : the case of SNR G106.3+2.7
- \checkmark The Sun at TeV energies
- Conclusion and Outlook



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High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Gamma-Ray Observatory

Pico de Orizaba Puebla, Mexico (19°N)

5m tall, 7.3 m diameter ~200,000 L of water

4 PMTs facing upwards collect Cherenkov light produced by secondary particles

22,000 m²

4,100 m.a.s.l.

- Site: Sierra Negra, Mexico, 19° N, 4,100 m altitude.
- Inaugurated March 2015.

rex for scale

300 ×

- Instantaneous FOV 2sr. Daily 8sr (66% of the sky)
- High energy extension: 345 Outrigger array, since summer 2018
- Takes data with >95% of the time
- ~5 trillion triggers to date 7PB of data

Energy range: ~100 GeV - 100TeV

Field of view: **45° from zenith**

Observing time: >95% of the time

Angular resolution: ~0.1° - 1°

HAWC Water Cherenkov Detectors

• The WCDs are filled with 200,000 I of purified water. The particles from the shower induce **Cherenkov** light in **water**, detected by the 4 PMTs.



3900 tanker truck trips needed

Detection Technique





- The particle detectors are tanks full of water.
- Particles from the shower passthrough the water and induceCherenkov light detected byPMTs.
- Measure: time and light level in each PMT.
- Reconstruct: core, direction, energy, and background rejection.

High altitude means closer to the shower maximum

Pass 5 reconstruction



Large Events - Much improved background rejection

Better Angular Resolution - doesn't degrade at high zenith angles

Wider FOV - Previous 45° now 60°

3HWC Catalog



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> √*TS*



(HAWC Coll ApJ 2021)

65 sources of which 56 can be associated to pulsars

The Galaxy above 56 TeV

Source name	RA $(^{o})$	Dec $(^{o})$	Extension >	$F (10^{-14})$	$\sqrt{TS} >$	nearest 2HWC	Distance to)	\sqrt{TS}	
			56 TeV $(^{o})$	$\rm ph \ cm^{-2} \ s^{-1})$	56 TeV	source	2HWC source	(°)	$100 \mathrm{TeV}$	
eHWC J0534+220	83.61 ± 0.02	22.00 ± 0.03	PS	1.2 ± 0.2	12.0	J0534+220	0.02		4.44	
eHWC J1809-193	272.46 ± 0.13	-19.34 ± 0.14	0.34 ± 0.13	$2.4^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$	6.97	J1809-190	0.30		4.82	
eHWC J1825-134	276.40 ± 0.06	-13.37 ± 0.06	0.36 ± 0.05	4.6 ± 0.5	14.5	J1825-134	0.07		7.33	
eHWC J1839-057	279.77 ± 0.12	-5.71 ± 0.10	0.34 ± 0.08	1.5 ± 0.3	7.03	J1837-065	0.96		3.06	
eHWC J1842-035	280.72 ± 0.15	-3.51 ± 0.11	0.39 ± 0.09	1.5 ± 0.3	6.63	J1844-032	0.44		2.70	
eHWC J1850+001	282.59 ± 0.21	0.14 ± 0.12	0.37 ± 0.16	$1.1^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	5.31	J1849+001	0.20		3.04	
eHWC J1907+063	286.91 ± 0.10	6.32 ± 0.09	0.52 ± 0.09	2.8 ± 0.4	10.4	J1908+063	0.16		7.30	
eHWC J2019+368	304.95 ± 0.07	36.78 ± 0.04	0.20 ± 0.05	$1.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	10.2	J2019+367	0.02		4.85	
eHWC J2030+412	307.74 ± 0.09	41.23 ± 0.07	0.18 ± 0.06	0.9 ± 0.2	6.43	J2031+415	0.34		3.07	/

Galactic Plane, > 56 TeV (0.5 degree extended source assumed)



The Galaxy above 100 TeV: Spectra



Source	\sqrt{TS}	Extension $(^{o})$	$\phi_0 \ (10^{-13} \text{ TeV cm}^2 \text{ s})^{-1}$	α	E_{cut} (TeV)	PL diff
eHWC J1825-134	41.1	0.53 ± 0.02	2.12 ± 0.15	2.12 ± 0.06	61 ± 12	7.4
Source	\sqrt{TS}	Extension $(^{o})$	$\phi_0 \ (10^{-13} \text{ TeV cm}^2 \text{ s})^{-1}$	α	β	PL diff
eHWC J1907+063	37.8	0.67 ± 0.03	0.95 ± 0.05	2.46 ± 0.03	0.11 ± 0.02	6.0
eHWC J2019+368	32.2	0.30 ± 0.02	0.45 ± 0.03	2.08 ± 0.06	0.26 ± 0.05	8.2

2800 day maps > 56 TeV

0.5 deg

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pointlike



most sources are extended

2800 day maps > 100 TeV

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0.5 deg



-2 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 significance [σ]

pointlike



most of which extended

2800 day maps > 177 TeV

0.5 deg

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pointlike



4HWC catalogue in preparation

HAWC Observations of Binaries



	Distance	Companion	Compact	Orbital	Orbital axis	Jet axis	
	(kpc)	star mass (M_{\odot})	star mass (M_{\odot})	period (days)	inclination (°)	inclination (°)	
V4641 Sgr	6.2 ± 0.7	2.9 ± 0.4	6.4 ± 0.6	2.817 ± 0.002	72. 3 ± 4.1	<16	
SS433	~ 5.5	>10	8	13.082	79		X. Wang
LS5039	~2.5	22.9 +3.4 -1.3	3.7 +1.3 -1.0	3.90603 ± 0.00017	24.9 ± 2.8		

SS433 Lobes



Binary observed in radio-X-rays

Supergiant > 10 M_{\circ} and 8 M_{\circ} compact object, BH or NS

Accretion believed to be super Eddington

Barion loaded SS433 jet : 10³⁹⁻⁴⁰ erg/s

SS433 jet speed roughly c/4

Most powerful jets in the Galaxy terminate at 40 pc distance in W50 nebula and produce western and eastern X-ray lobes

Particle acceleration & GeV-TeV radiation predicted at the lobes



SS-433 lobes with HAWC

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significance

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SS433 field after subtracting the lobes too

SS 433 field after subtracting MGRO J1908+06

SS-433 lobes with HAWC

Nature, HAWC Coll 2018 -2 -2 -2 -2 -3 -3 -3 -3 -1 -1 0 1 2 -3 -1 -1 0 1 2 3 -3 -1 -1 2 3 -3 -1 -1 2 3 -3 -1 -1 -1 2 3 -3 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 2 3 -3 -1-

Energy Budget :

~0.5% of jet power into electron acceleration

~100% of jet energy over 30000 years lifetime of SS 433 into accelerating protons of at least 250 TeV with spectral index -2. if n=0.1 cm⁻³ But do we really know the ambient gas density ?

- The first micro-quasar HAWC detected
- 1017 days of HAWC observations
- Post-trial 5.4 σ
- Emission coincident with el and wl
- HAWC emission shows that powerful jets accelerate particles beyond 100 TeV

Nature, HAWC Coll 2018

• Combining γ and X-rays B~16 μ G





- 1922 days of data
- **Better Reconstruction**
- Blind search of the region yields results compatible with 2018 analysis
- Increased significance
- Individual analysis
- Spectra of the lobes



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SpectrE Store Islice a follow up of SS 433 (see



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VHE Photons coincident with V4641 Sgr



- 2400 days obs 26.11.2014 till 27.06.2022 on-array events 3 deg ROI
- High zenith angle for HAWC 45° off zenith
- 8.8 σ above I TeV and 5.2 σ above 100 TeV

Spectra and morphology of the lobes

HAWC Collaboration, Nature 2024 E² dN/dE [erg/(cm² s)] 10^{-12} Single Asymmetric Extended Source Northern Source Southern Source Single Asymmetric Extended Source 10-13 Northern Source Southern Source 10^{1} 10^{2} Energy [TeV]

- Morphology: two sources (8,1 σ and 6.8 σ) or a roughly 70 pc extended one
- PL spectra up to 220 TeV
- No time flux variations using selected time intervals
- Similar acceleration location as In SS 433
- Large-scale jets in the Galaxy might be more common than previously thought
- Leptonic scenario challenging due to cooling losses. If hadronic PeV candidate budget $\sim 10^{50} erg$

Source Name	R.A. [°]	Dec. [°]	$N_0 [\times 10^{-16} \mathrm{cm}^{-2} \mathrm{TeV}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}]$	Index (α)	Extension upper limit at 95% CL [°]	Physical distance to the black hole (distance: 6.6 kpc)
Southern	274.82 ± 0.04	-25.87 ± 0.03	$2.4^{+0.6}_{-0.5}(stat.)^{+0.2}_{-0.5}(syst.)$	$-2.2 \pm 0.2(stat.)^{+0.07}_{-0.02}(syst.)$	0.23	$0.46^{\circ}\sim 55~{ m pc}$
Northern	274.82 ± 0.03	-25.18 ± 0.02	$2.6^{+0.5}_{-0.4}(stat.) \pm 0.4(syst.)$	$-2.2 \pm 0.2(stat.)^{+0.07}_{-0.05}(syst.)$	0.17	$0.23^{\circ}\sim 30~{ m pc}$



100 pc persistent structure, HAWC 2022

Arc-sec Radio jet during the outburst of 1999



Arc-sec Radio jet during the outburst of 1999

H.E.S.S. did a follow up of the source (see Laura's talk)

Galactic Diffuse Emission

HAWC, ApJ 2023





l_{min}	l_{max}	b <	$F_7 \times 10^{-12}$	Index	f ₁₀	f_{100}
(°)	(°)	(°)	$(\text{TeV}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1})$		%	%
43	73	2	$8.89 \pm 0.37^{+0.70}_{+0.48}$	$-2.61 \pm 0.03^{+0.04}_{+0.02}$	72.7	71.8
43	73	4	$5.45 \pm 0.25^{+0.44}_{+0.38}$	$-2.60\pm0.03^{-0.04}_{+0.01}$	76.1	75.3
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Source-subtracted map



Emission spectrum ~ 2.7

Emission 2-3 times higher than the diffuse emission from local CR flux and diffusion coefficient from secondary/primary ratio

Diffuse Emission from the CMZ

HAWC Collaboration, ApJL 2024





- •2456 days observations
- \bullet GC at 48° zenith
- •7.0 σ detection in Pass 5
- Best-fit model : point-like source witha simple power law spectrum up to 114 TeV

- HAWC emission after subtracting HESS J1745-290 (Sgr A*) and HESS J1746-285 (Radio Arc)
- 5.7 σ detection
- PL no cutoff until 114 TeV

The origin of the emission from the CMZ



$$w_{\rm p}(\geq 10E_{\gamma}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-2} \left(\frac{\eta_N}{1.5}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{L_{\gamma}(E_{\gamma} \geq 10 \text{ TeV})}{10^{34} \text{ erg/s}}\right) \left(\frac{M}{10^6 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1} \text{ eV/cm}^3 \approx 8.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV/cm}^3$$

~ 10 W_sun

UHE gamma rays are emitted by cosmic rays accelerated up to PeV energies by the local quasi-continuous accelerators within the GC region.

Observations of SNRs

SNR G106.3+2.7 and the Boomerang region

- SNR G106.3+2.7 is a 10kyr comet-shaped radio source at 0.8 kpc
- PSR J2229+6114, seen in radio, X-rays, and gamma rays
- Boomerang Nebula is contained in the remnant
- VERITAS source (energy range 900 GeV 16 TeV)
- HAWC emission pointlike, morphology compatible with VERITAS source and coincident with a region of high gas density

HAWC Collaboration, ApJL 2020



G106.3+2.7 : a Galactic PeVatron?



Gamma PL : 2.29, Lower limit on gamma Ecut = 120 TeV

Proton PL: 2.35, Lower limit on proton Ecut = 800 TeV,

Wp = $10^{48} (n/50)^{-1} erg$

Boomerang region: tail and head



HAWC Collaboration, 2021

Tail Region contains SN ejecta - SNR G106.3+2.7

> 56 TeV photons from MC complex close to SNR G106.3+2.7

- 2565 days Pass 5 data
- Emission > 56 TeV comes from a region between tail and head
- PL spectrum

If hadronic

Morphology best fit with Planck 353 Ghz dust opacity map template

dN/dE [TeV/(cm2 s)]

 10^{-13}

 10^{-12}

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8

 10^{-14}

MAGIC Tail (2022)

Tibet ASy (2021) VERITAS (2009)

LHAASO (2021)

 10^{0}

HAWC Collaboration, A&A 2024

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 10^{2}



 10^{1}

Energy [TeV]





Looking for TeV photons from the Sun

The rise of the TeV Sun.





3 -2 -1 $\frac{N-\langle N\rangle}{\langle N\rangle}\times 10^{-3}$ ∆δ [°] 0 $^{-1}$ -3 --4-2 1 0 -1 -2 -3 -4 4 3 $\Delta \alpha$ [°] 2 1 significance $[\sigma]$



Anticorrelation with solar activity

In HAWC PL index 3.62

6.1 yr of data

6,3 sigmas

Solar Max and Solar Min



HAWC, ApJ 2022







76 SOURCES IN TEVCAT

Extreme accelerators in HAWC sky

Apj 2020-2024



Boomerang SNR-MC Cloud



Geminga

Nat Astr 2021



Cygnus Bubble

ApJ 2023





Microquasars 37



Gal Centre

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Conclusions and Outlook

Since 2013 HAWC has shown that the Galaxy is full of VHE-UHE sources

- Survey of the Galaxy in the TeV- hundred TeV domain
- Monitor and serendipitous discovery of transient sources up to hundred TeVs
- Diffuse emission from the GP and CMZ Confirmation of GC PeVatron
- TeV photons from the Sun
- Star Formation regions
- New source class : TeV halos.
- Boomerang region : SNR as PeVatrons
- Long monitoring of extragalactic sources such as Mrks

Plans for Future

- Analysis of multiple year data from the outrigger array in Pass6
- HAWC plans to continue operation waiting for SWGO

Back-up Slides

The detector and Pass5 reconstruction

Direction reconstruction

The concentration of secondary particles is highest along the trajectory of the original primary particle, termed the air shower core.



Gamma-Hadron Separation



- Main background is hadronic CR, e.g. 400 γ /day from the Crab vs 15k CR/s.
- Gamma/hadron can be discriminated based on the event footprint on the detector: • gamma-ray showers are more compact, cosmic rays showers tend to "break apart"
- Showers appear quite different particularly above several TeV.. •

Shower reconstruction



Reference: Crab paper, ApJ 843 (2017), 39, HAWC Coll 2023

Pass 5 reconstruction



Large Events - Much improved background rejection

Better Angular Resolution - doesn't degrade at high zenith angles

Wider FOV - Previous 45° now 60°

Pass 5 Reconstruction

HAWC Coll 2023



5 times effective area at low energies

3 times better angular resolution at high zeniths

VHE AND UHE Photons from SFRs and the origin of Galactic CRs



First superbubble up to 100 TeV energies

Cosmic Ray Acceleration in SFRs



CRs up to PeV energies accelerated within a region the SFR

CR energy density > 10 TeV higher than local CR energy density

I/r profile - a continous injection. Constant profile - a recent burst event happened less than 0.1 Myr

10000 CygOB2 would be required for CRs Galactic population

HAWE Observations of LS5039



LS5039

- Either microquasar with relativistiv jet formation through matter accretion onto the compact object or acceleration resulting from the interaction between pulsar and star winds
- Distance = 3.5 kpc , O6.5V star and compact object with a mildly eccentric 3.9 day orbit. Mass companion star 23 M_o , mass compact object = 3.7 M_o
- From radio to TeV energies. Flux and spectral modulation as a function of its orbital period.



H.E.S.S. 2007 Astrophys Space Sci (2007) 309: 277–284





(Aharonian et al. 2005)



LS 5039

18

1[°]

4 6

 \sqrt{TS}

LS5039 region with Pass 5



1343 days Pass4



2 -1 -0. [°] d $^{-1}$ S 503 -3 -17 19 18 16 20 1[°] -4 -2 010 12 14 4 6 8 2 \sqrt{TS}

1910 days Pass5

Dezhi Huang, ICRC 2023

LS5039 with HAWC

- 1910 days of data
- Simultaneously likelihood fit performed inside the region of interest
- Model includes diffuse background emission and all background sources
- About 8 σ
- Pure powerlaw preferred

spectrum is located in between of H.E.S.S. Inferior





Dezhi Huang, ICRC 2023

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TeV-PeV pulsar Wind Nebulae and halos

Geminga - PWN

Geminga is one of the brightest GeV sources in the northern sky

It's a middle-aged 340kyr, pulsar T=0.237s

It's close to earth - 250^{+250}_{-62} pc

X-Ray PWN seen to be very small

First seen in TeV by Milagro at 40 TeV in 2009

HAWC also sees energies above 25TeV

Very extended in the TeV - \sim 5 degrees across

Geminga and Monogem, similar in age and distance, were suggested as contributors of the positron fraction (Aharonian+1995). 0.2°





Extended TeV emission around the **pulsars Geminga and Monogem**



Geminga and Monogem : about 5 deg ext

Assuming emission from electrons diffusing in the ISM, then extension is a direct measurement of particle diffusion $\theta(20\text{TeV}) \propto \sqrt{[D(100\text{TeV})]}$

Significance [sigmas]

 $D(100 \text{ TeV}) = (4.5 \pm 1.2) \ 10^{27} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, roughly 100 times smaller than diffusion from B/C ratio



Geminga and Monogem in Pass 5



Source Name	$K(dE/dt \rightarrow e^-e^+)$	$\log_{10} D_0 \; [\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{s}]$	$lpha_e$	TS
Geminga	$(6.3 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-2}$	$(2.602 \pm 0.008) imes 10$	1.11 ± 0.09	834.73
Monogem	$(4.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-2}$	$(2.616 \pm 0.007) imes 10$	1.10 ± 0.11	363.13

PWN Halos - PSR J0359+5414

2321 day map

PSR J0359+5414 - Newly discovered TeV Halo

Outer galaxy, isolated, radio quiet

Age = 75kyr

High Spin-down power: 10³⁶ ergs/s







Observations of SNRs and PeVatron candidates







HAWC J1908+06 as neutrino source?

Some HAWC PeV candidates are promising neutrino sources

Neutrinos seen in coincidence with a PeVatron candidate would unambiguously indicate hadronic origin

J1908+06 one of best p-values in IceCube point source searches, although still consistent with background-only hypothesis



ehve J1842-035



	Complex morphology , 0.3- LHAASO Maximum energy in HAWC	0.4 deg HAWC > 100 TeV	LHAASO
1 °	R.A. 28007990909c3.65°	0.72° Dec3.51°	R.A. 280.75° Dec3.65°



Declination (°)

)³ 10¹

-15



Multiple Sources





Above 177 TeV



10¹ E [TeV] 10²



65

 10^{-13}

HAWC J1825-138 HAWC J1826-128 HAWC J1825-134

100

https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/2041-8213/abd77b/pdf

HAVE 1825-134 and LHAASO J1825-136 above 200 TeV



LHAASO J1826-1256 & J1825-1345(>25 TeV)

LHAASO J1826-1256



TS=214.08

LHAASO J1825-1345



TS=393.73

LHAASO J1826-1256 & J1825-1345 (>100 TeV)





New Source Discovery

LHAASO J0341+5258

WCDA has accumulated data for 16 months KM2A for 12 months LHAASO catalog Ver-I will be published soon with many new VHE/UHE sources discovered

Erec > 100 TeV,S=8.50 53.2 39.0 6 53.5 52.6 38.5 Significance(σ) Dec (deg) Dec.[deg] 4 53 +3749 51.9 GL J0340.4 PSR .10622+3 37.5 2 52.5 51.2 37.0 PSF PSF 0 36.5 50.5 319.6 97.5 97.0 96.5 96.0 95.5 95.0 94.5 94.0 93.5 317.3 316.1 318.5 314.9 54.5 53.5 57 R.A.[deg] R.A. (deg) R.A.(deg) LHAASO-KM2A HAWC LHAASO J2108+5157 Fermi-LAT LHAASO J0341+5258 10 E² dN/dE(TeV cm⁻² s⁻¹) Model E²dN/dE (TeV cm⁻² s⁻¹) 10-12 E²Flux (TeV cm⁻² s⁻¹) 0.01 51-01 51-01 10-13 10-1-0.1 100 10 10 Energy (TeV) E (TeV) 10² Energy(TeV) ApJL 917:L4 (2021) ApJL 919:L22 (2021) PRL 126:241103 (2021)

LHAASO J2108+5157

http://english.ihep.cas.cn/lhaaso/index.html

Halo of PSR J0622 + 3749

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