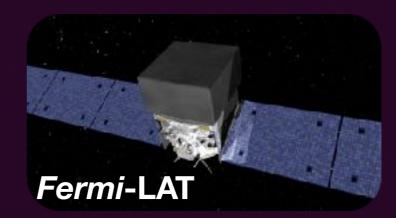
TXS 0506+056

FERMI-LAT analysis of the first source associated to an astrophysical neutrino







Fermi-LAT detection of increased gamma-ray activity of TXS 0506+056, located inside the IceCube-170922A error region.

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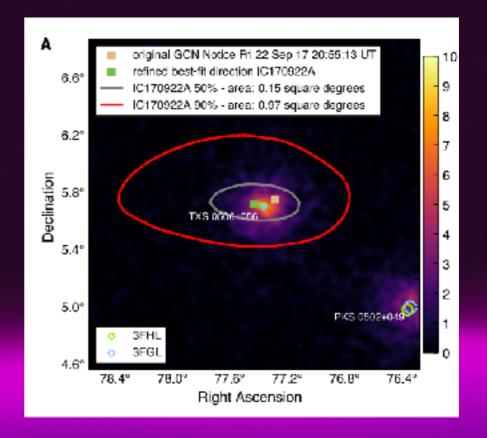
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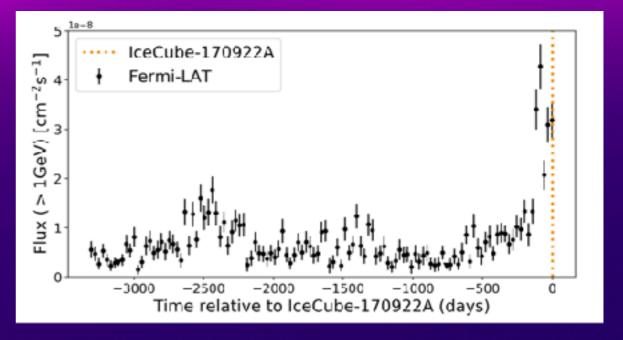
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We searched for Fermi LAT sources inside the extremely high energy (EHE) IceCube 170922A neutrino event error region (https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/gcn3/21916.gcn3, see also ATels 10773, 10787) with all sky survey data from the Large Area Telescope (LAT), on board the Fermi Gamma. ray Space Telescope. We found that one Fermi-LAT source, TXS 0506+056 (3FGL J0509 4+0541 and also included in the 3FHL catalog, Ajello et al., arXiv:1702.00664, as 3FHL J0509.4+0542), is located inside the IceCube error region. The FAVA (Fermi All-sky Variability Analysis) light curve above 800 MeV shows flaring (https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/FAVA/SourceReport.php?week=477&flare=27). Indeed, the LAT 0.1-300 GeV flux during 2018 September 15 to 27 was (3.6+/-0.5)E-7 photons cm-2 s-1 (errors are statistical only), increased by a factor of ~6 compared to the 3FGL flux, with nearly the same power law index of 2.0+/ 0.1. We strongly encourage multiwavelength observations of this source. We also encourage optical spectroscopy for this source, because the redshift is still unknown. According to NED, the R band magnitude is reported as 15.1 (Healey et al. 2008, ApJS 175, 97). Radio observations show that this blazar has had increasing flux during the past year: http://www.astro.caltech.edu/ovroblazars/data.php?page=data_query, http://www.physics.purdue.edu/astro/MOJAVE/sourcepages/0506+056.shtml.

Because Fermi operates in an all-sky scanning mode, regular gamma-ray monitoring of this source region will continue. For this source the Fermi-LAT contact person is Yasuyuki T. Tanaka (ytanaka@astro.hiroshima-u.ac.jp). The Fermi-LAT is a pair conversion telescope designed to cover the energy band from 20 MeV to greater than 300 GeV. It is the product of an international collaboration between NASA and DOE in the U.S. and many scientific institutions across France, Italy, Japan and Sweden.





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