A New Look at the TeV Sky with the HAWC Gamma Ray Observatory

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Talk Overview

- TeV Radiation
 - Sources/ Techniques
 - IACTs/ Air Showers
- HAWC

HAWC

- Design
- Construction
- Performance
- The HAWC Catalog
- Other HAWC results
 - Transients AGN, IceCube Event
 - Dark Matter Limits
 - Anisotropy





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GeV Gamma-Rays from Space



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- Space-based detectors continuous full-sky coverage in GeV
- Ground-based detectors have TeV sensitivity
 - IACTs (pointed) excellent energy and angle resolution
 - HAWC has 24-hour >1/2 sky coverage

Wide-field/Continuous Operation TeV Sensitivity





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Imaging Atmospheric Unerenkov Telescopes



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What can you do with a wide-field instrument?

- Gamma Ray Astrophysics
 - Galactic Gamma-Ray Sources Survey
 - Discovery of Pulsars, PWNs, Binaries especially extended sources
 - Study of high energy behavior source of galactic cosmic rays
 - Morphology of sources
 - Galactic Diffuse and Fermi Bubbles
 - Transients
 - Gamma Ray Bursts high energy behavior
 - AGN Continuous monitoring
 - IceCube LIGO multimessenger observations

- Particle Physics
 - Dark Matter can look for places with no visible signal
 - Primordial Black Holes
 - Violations of Lorentz Invariance
 - Look for sources of positron excess
- Cosmic Roy Anigotropy



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HAWC Science Goals

- Gamma Ray Astrophysics
 - Galactic Gamma-Ray Sources
 - Pulsars, PWNs, Binaries
 - Galactic Diffuse and Fermi Bubbles
 - Extragalactic Gamma-Ray Sources
 - Gamma-ray bursts
 - Active Galactic Nuclei
 - Inter Galactic Magnetic Fields (IGMF)
- Particle Physics
 - Dark Matter
 - Primordial Black Holes
 - Violations of Lorentz Invariance
 - Q-Balls
- Cosmic Ray Anisotropy







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Solar Physics



High Energy View of our Galaxy



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Cosmic Ray Discovery

• Physikalische Zeitschrift: "The results of these observations seem best explained by a radiation of great penetrating power entering our atmosphere from above."

| Elevation | Rate |
|-----------|------|
| Ground | 12 |
| lkm | 10 |
| 2 km | 12 |
| 3.5 km | 15 |
| 5 km | 27 |





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Cosmic Rays

- The flux charged cosmic rays follows nearly a single power law over:
 - 10 decades in energy
 - 30 decades in flux
- Single particles have been observed with energies above 10²⁰eV!
- There are several "kinks" in the spectrum where the exponent changes, steepening at the "knee" and flattening at the "ankle".
- The source of the high-energy cosmic rays remains elusive.

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More than 100 Years Later

- We know a lot about Cosmic Rays
 - We have found sources of high energy photons (gamma rays)
 - We have a number of ideas of how particles can be accelerated to high energies
- But we still don't know the origin of the high energy Cosmic Rays!
 - Gamma-rays (and neutrinos) can point to the sources!



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Why Not Cosmic Ray Astronomy?

- Charged Particles are bent in the magnetic fields of our galaxy and local cluster
- Energy of >10¹⁹eV needed to point back to even galactic sources
- Very high energy photons interact with light when traveling long distances



We need another messenger!

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Candidate accelerators



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Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)

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Hubble AGN M87



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Extensive Air Shower Development











Gamma Shower 2 TeV (movies by Miguel Morales)



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Proton Shower 2 TeV (movies by Miguel Morales)



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Milagro

- In the mountains above Los Alamos at 2650m
- In an existing pond
 - 60m x 80m x 8m
 - 175 outriggers
 - 20,000 m²

HAWC

- Operated from 2000- 2008
- 1st wide-field TeV Observatory



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Milagro







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Background Rejection in Milagro



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Milagro TeV Sources



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VERITAS Observation of 2019+37



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IceCube





IcCube uses Atmospheric muons from the Southern Hemisphere

Milagro & IceCube

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Milagro Results

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Small Scale Anisotropy





Cosmic Ray Anisotropy




HAWC Design builds on Milagro

Milagro "1st Generation" Water Cherenkov gammaray detector

- 2650m (8600') elevation near Los Alamos, NM
- Covered pond of 4000 m²
- Operated 2000-2008
- Detected new Galactic sources, Galactic plane, cosmic ray anisotropy, and put upper limits on prompt emission from gamma-ray bursts

HAWC "2nd Generation" Water Cherenkov gammaray detector

- 4100m (13500') elevation near Puebla, Mexico
- 300 water tanks spread over 20,000 m²
- Construction 2010-14, Operation 2015-2020(25)
- ~15x Milagro's sensitivity with ~10x lower energy threshold



Gamma/Hadron Separation

Rejection factor $\sim e^{-<\mu>}$







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Fermi Observation of GRB 090510











HAWC



- Assume spectrum extends to 125 GeV and attenuation with EBL model of Gilmore
- HAWC: 200 events from GRB 090510 if near zenith
 - ~few background events
- Major Improvements!
 - Low-threshold DAQ
 - 10-inch PMTs
- → HAWC would observe 100s of events for spectrum to only 31 GeV





Milagro/Fermi/HAWC Comparison

•HAWC is ~15x more sensitive (sig/ \sqrt{bg}) than Milagro

•HAWC sees the Crab at ~6 σ in a day - Milagro took 6 months to see 6 σ

•Taking into account the Fermi exposure and signal vs Milagro we find that for galactic sources Fermi is ~15x more sensitive than Milagro.

•HAWC at TeV has approximately the same sensitivity as Fermi has at GeV for galactic sources.





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Tank Construction



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Angle Reconstruction

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Construction Video









HAWC Electronics





HAWC Data

- We read in every PMT hit all the time
 - Raw data rate 500MB/s -10 VME Backplanes
- Trigger in Software
 - Trigger rate requiring ~30 hits in 300ns is ~25kHz
- Process in near real time
- Rate to disk ~24MB/s -> ~2TB/day (everyday)
- Data is moved by portable disk arrays to UNAM
 - About once a week it's driven to Mexico City
 - Moved over Internet II to UMD
- Raw Data plus processed data is stored in Mexico and Maryland
- About a petabyte a year

Currently we have about 4 PB of storage at UMD

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The Data Bus

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HAWC-250 Data





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Gamma - Hadron Separation



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Photon rich sample from the Crab



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Shower Curvature







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Significant Improvement













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Skymap — Milagro, 8 years
















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HAWC view of the Galactic Plane



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Survey Results



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2HWC J1953+294 - 12 months of data



- New analysis by VERITAS, archival plus new data, source confirmed.
- Possible association 3FGL J1951.6+2926 / PWN DA 495?

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2HWC J1953+294 - 17 months of data



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Energy Estimation

True vs. estimated energy





High Energy Sky (>56 TeV) with 1°





Pulsar Wind Nebulae - Geminga







Figure 4: Region around Geminga. Left: TS map for a point source hypothesis with a spectral index of -2.7. Right: TS map for an extended source hypothesis represented by a disk of radius 2.0 degrees with a spectral index of -2.0.



Transient Search - The Crab Nebula

- Crab flares, continue up to TeV?
- No activity in radio, IR, and X-rays.
- •HAWC Pass 4 data from Nov 26 2014 to June 2016.
- •>105 σ in 315 transits.

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- Lightcurve binned in sidereal day.
- Consistent with constant flux.







Transient Search - The Crab Nebula

On October 3rd, 2016, AGILE (GeV) reported enhanced emission from the Crab Nebula (ATEL #9586). The Fermi-LAT *GeV) confirmed the detection in ATEL #9588, with flux up to 1.8 times larger than typical.

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HAWC online monitoring shows the Crab to be fully consistent with its usual expectation over the same time period in the TeV.



x10⁻¹²

Flux vs Time @ Crab



Transient Search - Mrk 421 / Mrk 501





Transient Search - Mrk 501





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Mrk421 January 1-6, 2017

Mrk421 daily lightcurve around ATels #9936 and $\#9946 \times 10^{-11}$



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Multi-wavelength / Multi-messenger

- We have follow-up agreements with:
 - Swift

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- Fermi-LAT
- IACTs
 - FACT
 - HESS
 - MAGIC
 - VERITAS
- AMON
- IceCube
- ANTARES
- LIGO/VIRGO

- HAWC-triggered:
- New source candidates lists.
 - follow-up observations by IACTs such as VERITAS and MAGIC from Pass I release.
- Flares from known gamma-ray sources.
- Externally triggered:
- IceCube alert on high confidence neutrino event (highest energy pointed astrophysical track-like).
 IceCube ATel: #7856 HAWC Follow-up ATel:
- Fermi alerts on flaring activities.
- LIGO/VIRGO gravitation wave event follow-up



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LIGO Events

- Responding to LIGO events
 - Sent Private GCN on first event
 - It was below our horizon
- Developed algorithm to look in a region
 - Analysis searches for excess counts over the steady-state cosmic-ray background using 4 sliding time windows (0.1, 1, 10, and 100 seconds) shifted forward in time by 10% their width over the course of the entire day.



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- HAWC-111 live. Several hours out of HAWC's FOV.
- Searches:
 - Integrated dataset (Steady, Aug 2013-May 2015 dataset)
 - Next Day / Prior Day
 - ±2 and ±5 days around the event.
- All searches consistent with cosmic-ray background.



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Transients: Gamma Ray Bursts







HAWC: Dark Matter

 HAWC has sensitivity to indirect detection of TeV WIMPs in:

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- Satellite galaxies, the Galactic Center, and galaxy clusters
- Cosmological simulations predict more satellite galaxies than observed
 - Higher M/L galaxies have been found by Sloan Deep Survey
 - HAWC will observe all M/L galaxies in half the sky, even if L=0







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Dark Matter - Segue-1

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Dark Matter Limits



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HAWC Data - no gamma ray cut







Fit dipole+quadrupole+octupole to map for 24-hr background estimation Subtracted fit relative intensity from 24-hr map







HAWC IceCube Joint Fit





Large-scale structures e.g. Fermi Bubbles

- Large scale, non-uniform structures extending above and below the Galactic center.
- Edges line up with X-ray features.
- Correlate with microwave excess (WMAP haze)
- Both hadronic and leptonic model fit Fermi LAT data. Leptonic model can explain both gamma ray and microwave excess.
- First limits in TeV, hard spectrum is highly unlikely.





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Diffuse Emission



Fermi Bubbles

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HAWC 90%CL upper limits







Outriggers

- HAWC Sparse Outrigger Array: Enhanced Sensitivity above 10 TeV
 - Accurately determine core position for showers off the main tank array.
- Increase effective area above 10 TeV by 3-4x
- Funded by LANL/Mexico.
- 2500 liter tanks: 1/80th size of HAWC tanks.



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Storm on the 13-14 January 2016

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Storm on the 19th of August

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Outlook

- The HAWC observatory began full-scale operation in March 2015.
- It is now providing a nearly continuous view of the transient TeV sky
- Catalog of first year full operation is in prep (2HWC), with new TeV sources!
- Diverse science results, stay tuned!

 Upgrade to expand the array to enhance effective area >10 TeV by 3-4x is currently under installation.

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Summary

HAWC is now operational It is giving a new wide-field view of the TeV sky It is synergistic with other instruments: MOUs with VERITAS, IceCube, MAGIC, HESS, Fermi It is now providing a nearly contiuous view of the transient TeV sky

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