

Can Local Positrons come from nearby Pulsars?
High Altitude Water Cherenkov (HAWC)
Gamma-Ray Observatory
Constraints from
Observations of Geminga and Monogem



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Mapping the Northern Sky in High-Energy Gamma Rays



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HAWC Observatory

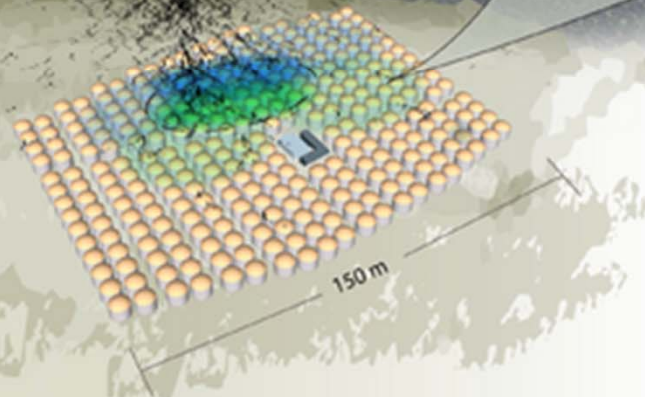
HAWC operates day and night, providing a large field of view for the observation of the highest energy gamma rays.



Pico de Orizaba (5,626 m)

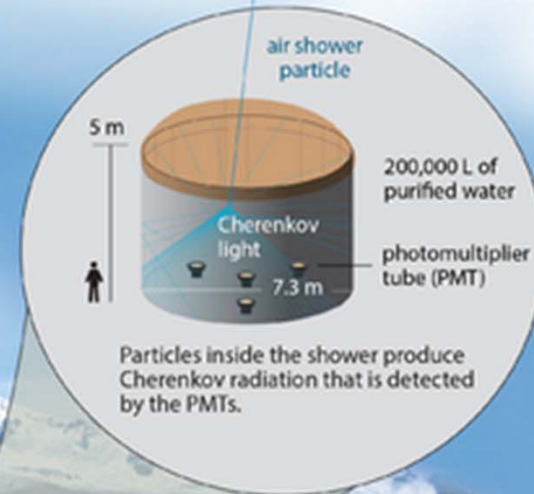
HAWC is located at 4,100 m above sea level, covering an area of 20,000 m².

Latitude 19°



Water Cherenkov tank

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

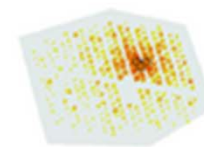


.5-100 TeV
PSF .2-1°

Gamma rays vs cosmic rays

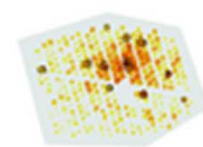
HAWC selects gamma rays from among a much more abundant background of cosmic rays.

gamma-ray shower



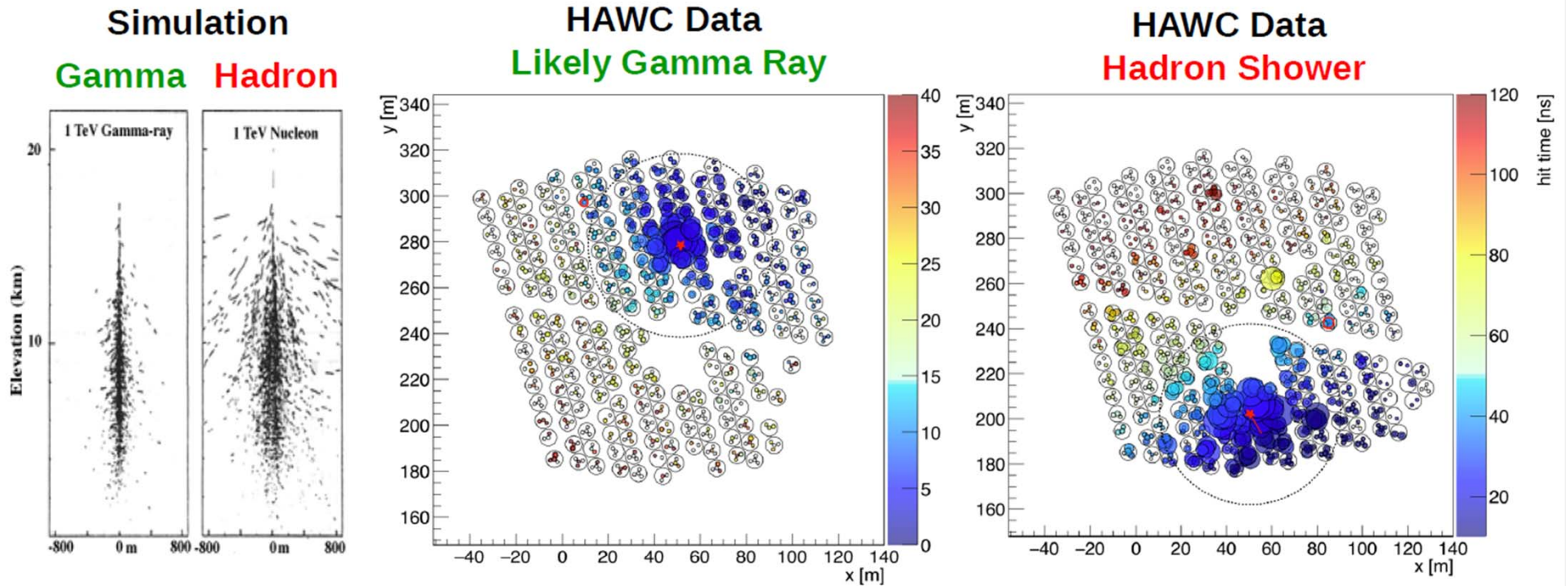
"hot" spots concentrate around the core

cosmic-ray shower



"hot" spots are more dispersed

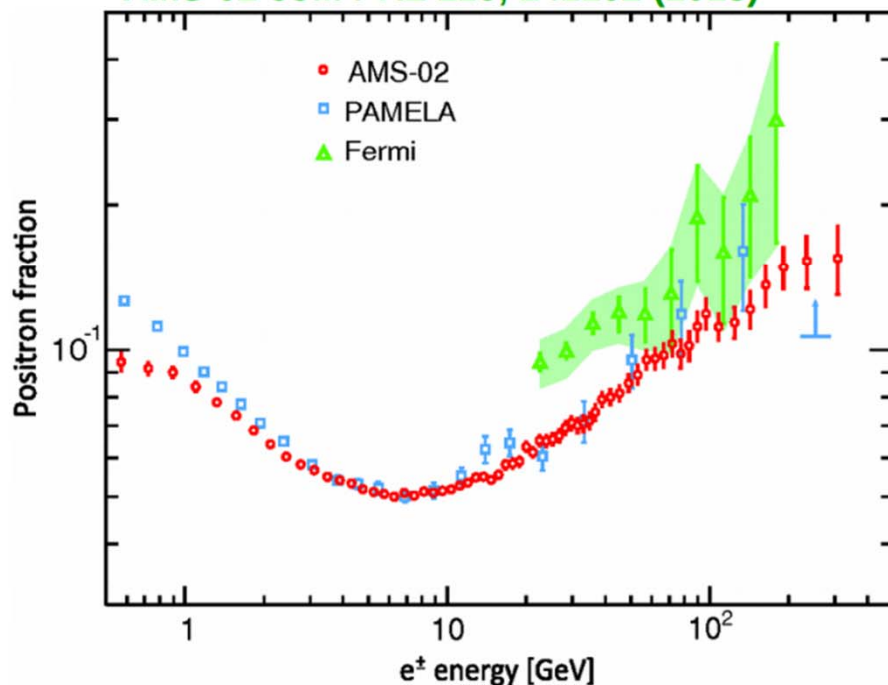
Gamma-Hadron Separation



- 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".

Cosmic-Ray Positron Excess

- In 2009 PAMELA satellite reported an excess of positrons for energies above 10 GeV [[Adriani et al. Nature 458, 607 \(2009\)](#)].
- The excess is unexpected from conventional propagation of CR [[Moskalenko & Strong ApJ 493, 694 \(1998\)](#)].
- The positron excess has been confirmed by Fermi-LAT and AMS-02 (with high-precision). [AMS-02 coll. PRL 110, 141102 \(2013\)](#)



- The origin of the excess is unknown.
- Theorized to be originated by nearby sources, dark matter or new models of CR propagation.
- Near middle-aged **pulsars are good candidates** to be the sources:
 - Close enough so e^+e^- can make it to the Earth.
 - Old enough so e^+e^- had time to reach us.
 - Still energetic to produce high-energy particles.

Nearby Northern Sky Pulsars

ATNF Pulsar Catalogue



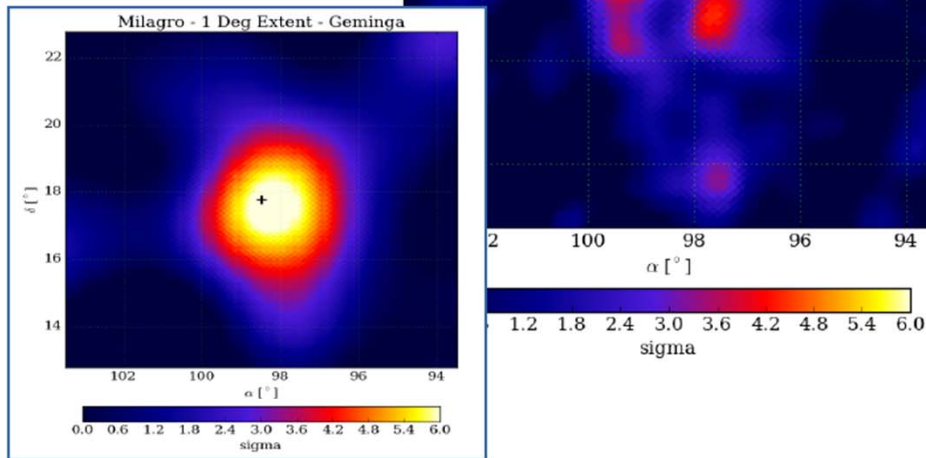
Catalogue Version: 1.56

#	NAME	RAJD (deg)	DECJD (deg)	DIST (kpc)	AGE (Yr)	EDOT (ergs/s)
1	J0633+1746 hh92	98.47564	17.77025	0.25	3.42e+05	3.2e+34
2	B0656+14 mlt+78	104.95056	14.23931	0.29	1.11e+05	3.8e+34
3	J0835-3707 mlc+01	128.76283	-37.13097	0.55	8.77e+05	2.4e+33
4	B0922-52 mlt+78	141.03621	-53.04561	0.51	3.33e+05	3.4e+33
5	B0940-55 wvl69	145.56596	-55.88119	0.30	4.61e+05	3.1e+33
6	B0941-56 mlt+78	145.72692	-56.96207	0.41	3.23e+05	3.0e+33
7	J0954-5430 mlc+01	148.52517	-54.51486	0.43	1.71e+05	1.6e+34
8	B1001-47 mlt+78	150.83992	-47.78389	0.37	2.2e+05	3.0e+34
9	B1055-52 vl72	164.49569	-52.44896	0.09	5.35e+05	3.0e+34
10	J1732-3131 aaa+09c	263.13975	-31.52306	0.64	1.11e+05	1.5e+35
11	J1741-2054 aaa+09c	265.48846	-20.89917	0.30	3.86e+05	9.5e+33
12	B1742-30 kac+73	266.48464	-30.67311	0.20	5.46e+05	8.5e+33
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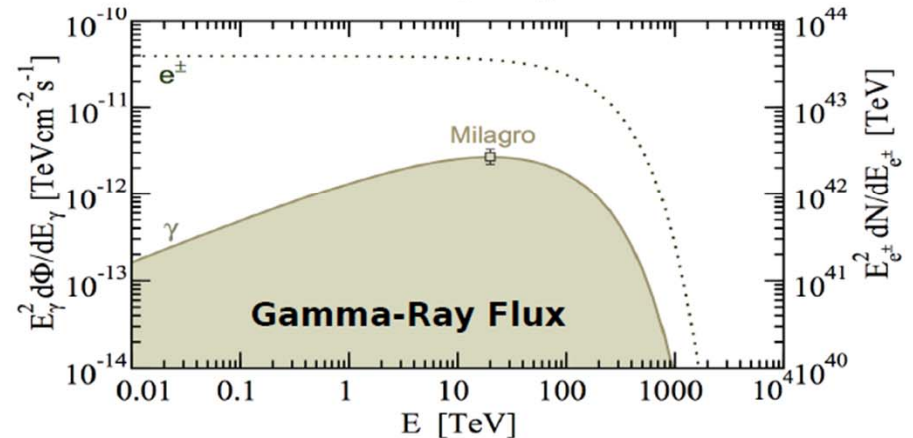
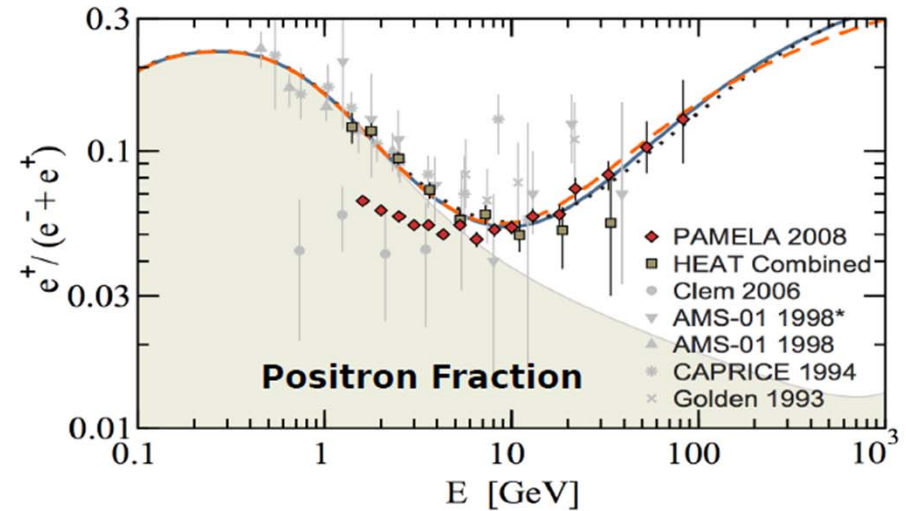
Geminga
"Monogem"

The Geminga Case

8 yrs of
MILAGRO
observations
ApJ 700 L127 (2009)



- Extended TeV emission ($>2^\circ$) discovered by Milagro.
- Much more extended than the X-ray emission.
- Not detected (yet) by IACT.
- Proposed as a main contributor to positron excess.

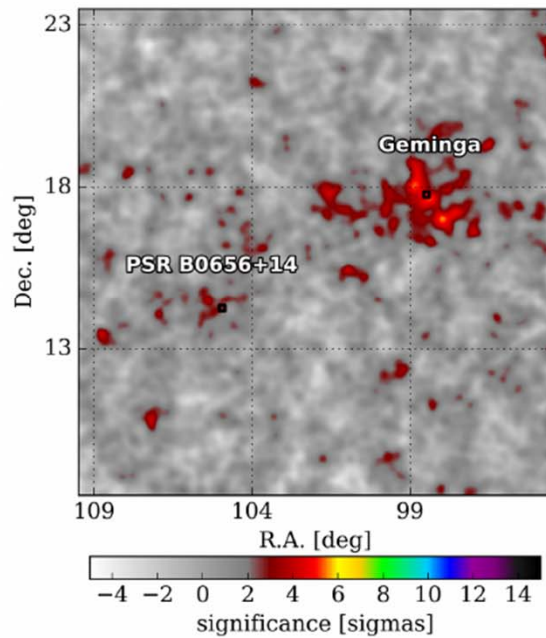


Yuksel et al. PRL 103, 051101 (2009)

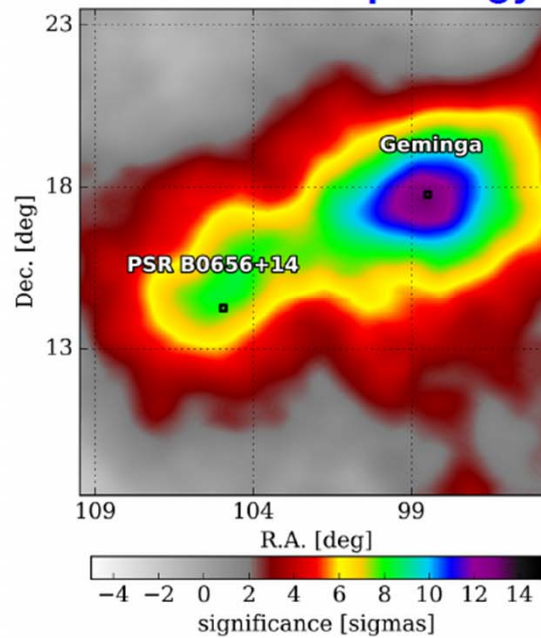
HAWC observations of TeV γ emission near Geminga and Monogem Pulsars

- Gamma-rays sources coincident with **Geminga** and **B0656+14** pulsars were reported in the 2nd HAWC catalog as 2HWC J0635+180 and 2HWC J0700+143 [**HAWC coll. ApJ 843:40 (2017)**].
- Extended TeV gamma-ray emission from PSR B0656+14 is a new discovery by HAWC.
- Both sources show a clear increase in significance for an extended morphology assumption.
- The gamma-ray measurement of both sources can constrain the expected positron flux from them.

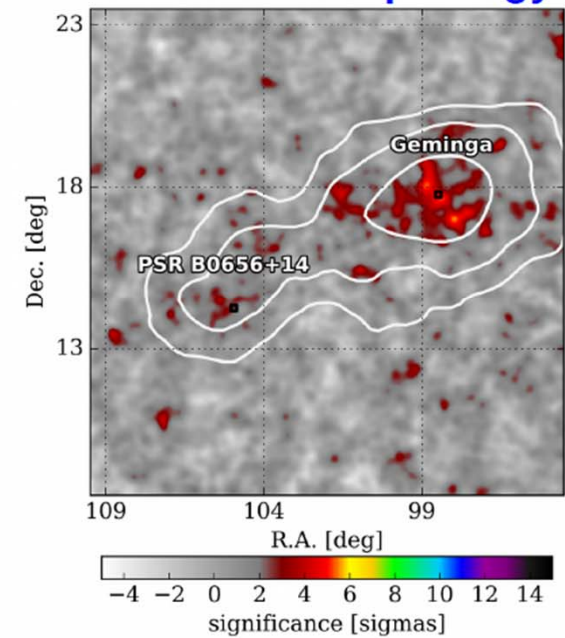
convolved with the PSF



convolved with the diffusion morphology



5, 7, 10 σ contours from diffusion morphology



Electron Diffusion Model

- We assume a model where e^+e^- pairs diffuse into the ISM around the pulsar.
- The **radial distribution of e^+e^-** , at a given time t , distance r from the source is:
[Atoyan et al. Phys. Rev. D52, 3265 (1995)]

$$f(t, r, E_e) = \frac{Q_0 E_e^{-\Gamma}}{4\pi D(E_e) r} \text{erfc}(r/r_d)$$

Continuous injection of e^+e^-

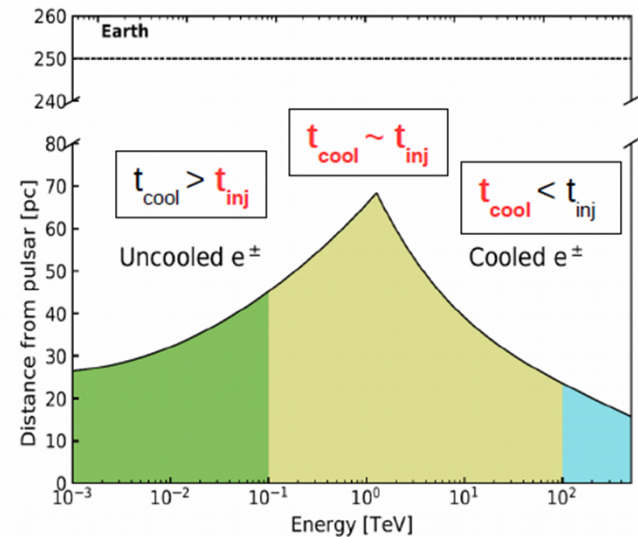
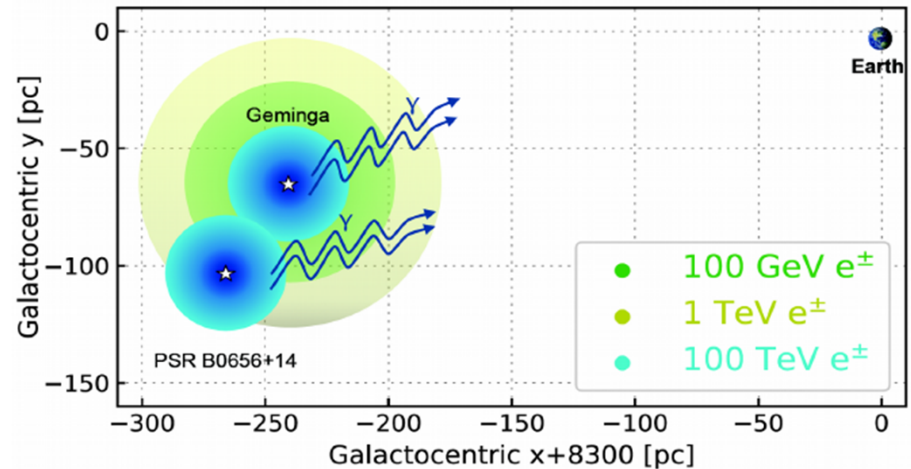
$$D(E_e) = D_0 (E_e/10 \text{ GeV})^\delta \quad \text{Diffusion coefficient}$$

$$r_d = 2\sqrt{D(E_e)t_E} \quad \text{Diffusion radius}$$

$$t_E = \min(t_{\text{cool}}, t_{\text{inj}}), \text{ where } t_{\text{inj}} = t_{\text{age}} \sim 3.4 \times 10^5 \text{ yr}$$

$$t_{\text{cool}} = f(E), \text{ for } E=100\text{TeV}, t_{\text{cool}} \sim 10^4 \text{ yr}$$

- We assume diffusion coefficient index (δ) fixed to 0.33



Erfc gives strong d/r_d dependence:
 e^+ flux very peaked near 1 TeV

TeV Gamma-Ray Profile

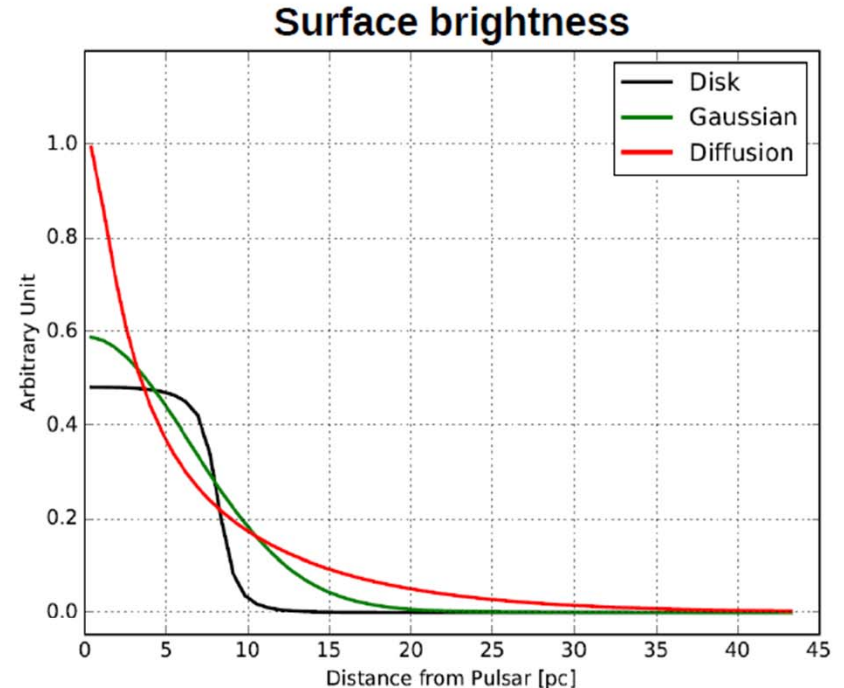
Integrating the **radial distribution** along the observer line-of-sight:

$$f_{\theta} = \frac{1.2154}{\pi^{3/2}\theta_d(\theta + 0.06 \cdot \theta_d)} \exp(-\theta^2/\theta_d^2)$$

$$\theta_d \equiv \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \cdot \frac{r_d}{d_{\text{src}}} \quad \text{Diffusion angle}$$

- The gamma-rays are produced through **inverse Compton scattering** of CMB, IR, and Optical photons.
- The relation between the electron and gamma-ray energy:

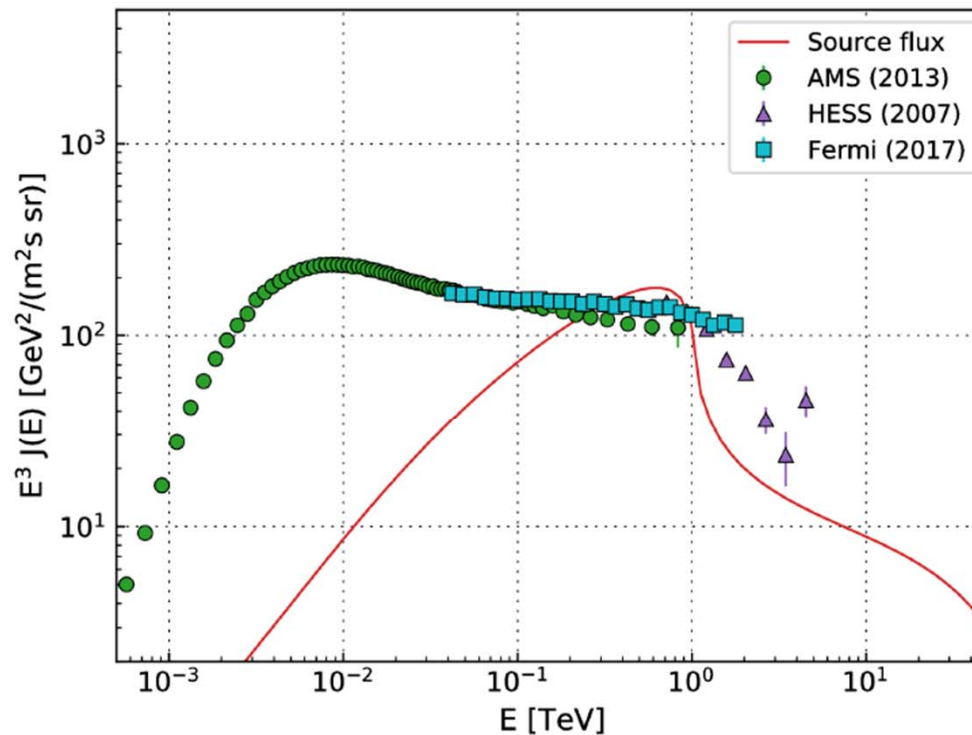
$$\langle E_e \rangle \approx 17 \langle E_{\gamma} \rangle^{0.54+0.046 \log_{10}(\langle E_{\gamma} \rangle / \text{TeV})}$$



- The morphology based on “diffusion propagation model” fits better the HAWC data (using a likelihood analysis) compared to other morphologies tested (Disk and Gaussian).
- We fitted a **power law (N, index)** and a **diffusion morphology (diffusion angle)** to HAWC data.
- Paper under review, the **results of the fit are not public yet**.

Positron Flux Estimation Code

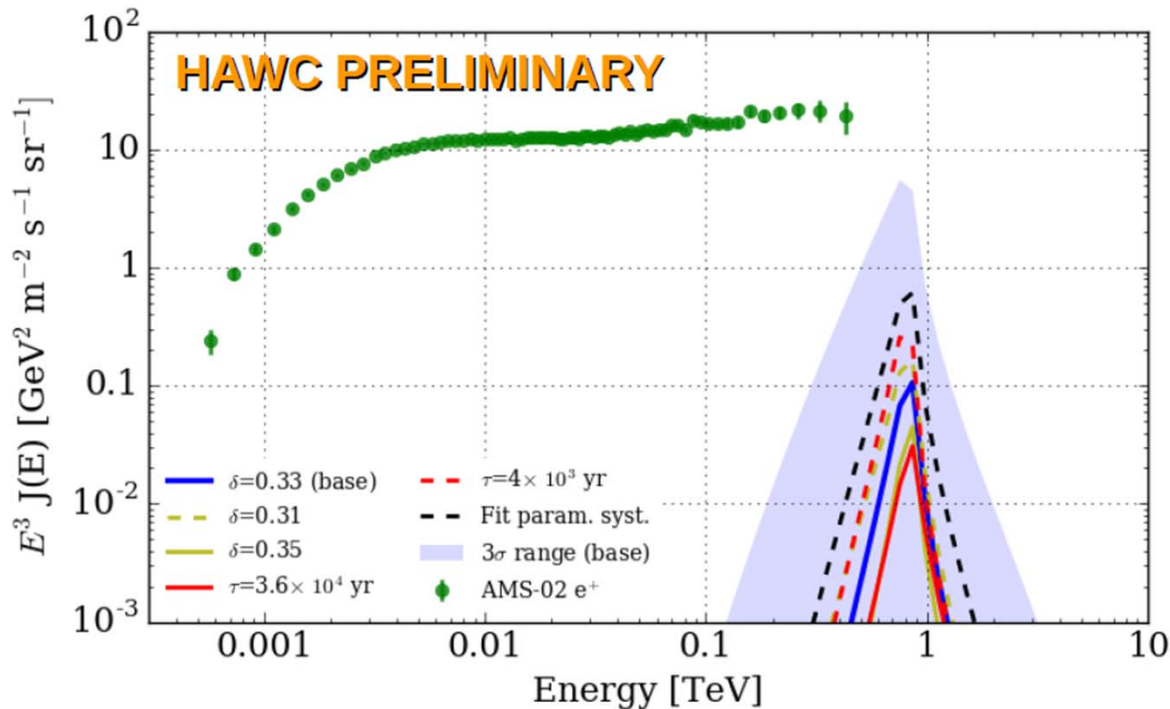
- A flexible code (**EDGE**) with dependencies on the GAMERA package [J.Hahn, ICRC2015] is used to estimate the positron flux produced in the sources.
- The code assumes that the pulsars are pure dipole radiators. The luminosity goes as $L=L_0 (1+t/\tau)^{-2}$.
- The code computes the energy density of electrons for every energy and every point in the space at a time equals to the age of the source.



Total e+ e- flux for a
simulated source using
the EDGE code.

Derived Positron Flux at Earth

- The fitted parameters using HAWC data are used as input to the **EDGE** code allowing the **estimation of the positron flux** from both sources.
- The 3σ range is based on statistical uncertainties from simulations.
- Systematics uncertainties include: systematics in the fit parameters, pulsar characteristic initial spin-down timescale (τ), and spectral index of the diffusion coefficient (δ).
- PSR B0656+14 is several orders of magnitude lower than Geminga and out of scale in the plot.



AMS-02 points from
PRL 113, 121102 (2014)

Monogem: farther
away, younger.
lower total
electron energy
deposit

Summary

Electron Diffusion near Geminga and Monogem:

HAWC has reported an extended TeV gamma-ray emission from Geminga (confirmation of Milagro observations) and B0656+14 (discovery) pulsars.

Under the assumption of isotropic and homogeneous diffusion these two pulsars are **unlikely to be the dominant source of the positron flux excess** above 10 GeV reported by satellites.

Full analysis details will be public soon.

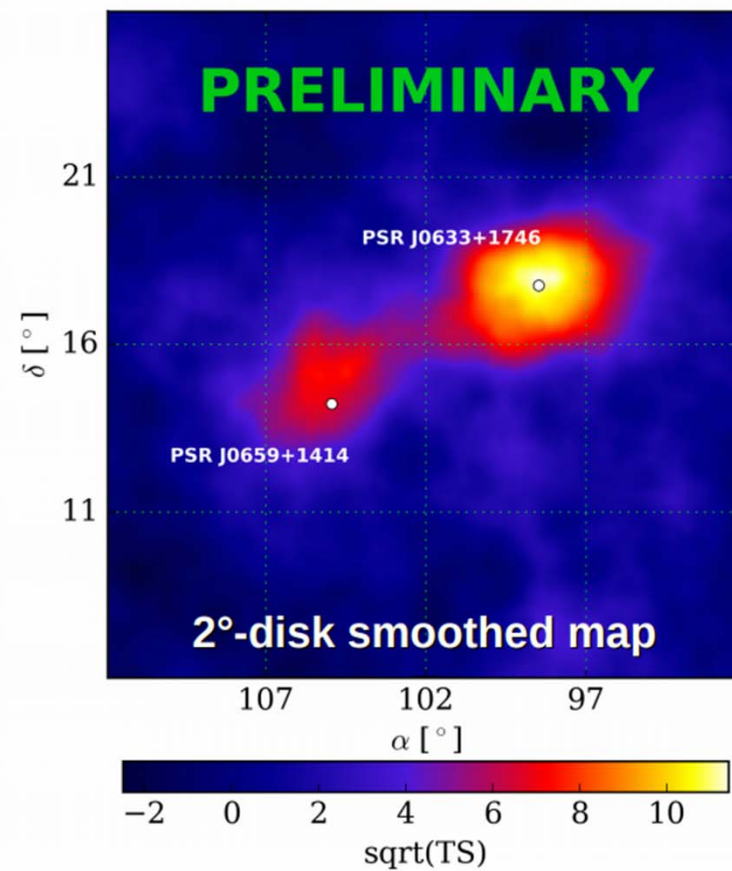
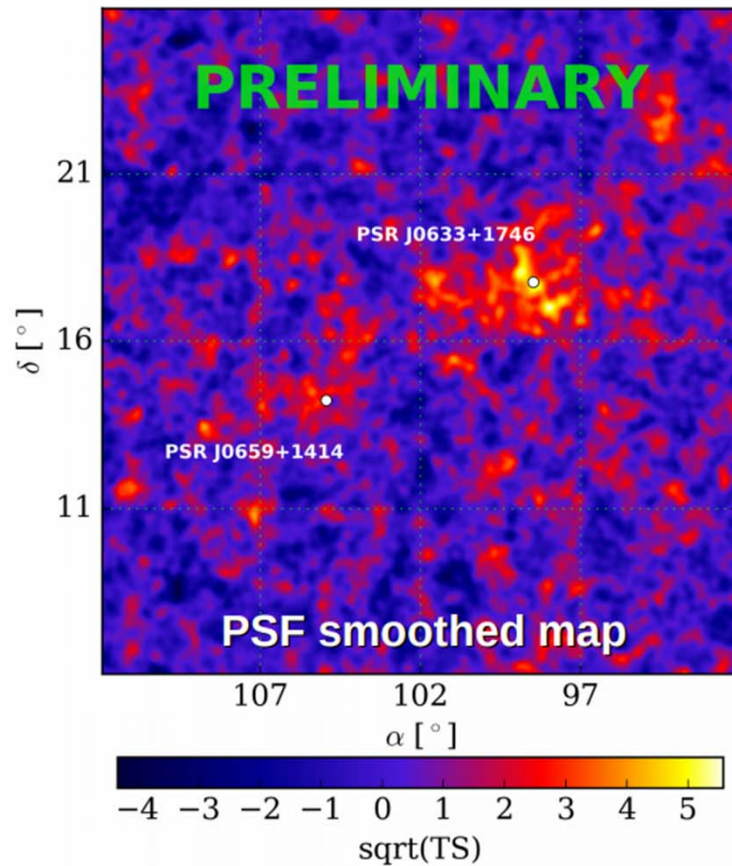
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Extras



Geminga Region (Disk)



Diffusion Comments

Does D change once away from pulsars?

Pulsars 50pc apart; D is compatible

Geminga has moved 70pc since birth (probably outside its snr)

Energy density injected by the pulsar is orders of magnitude lower than ISM \rightarrow little effect on ISM conditions $>$ few pc

direction to Earth perpendicular to the spiral arms

likely lower B correlation length

diffusion coefficient likely depends on height above galactic disk

$D(e^+)$ could well differ from CR average

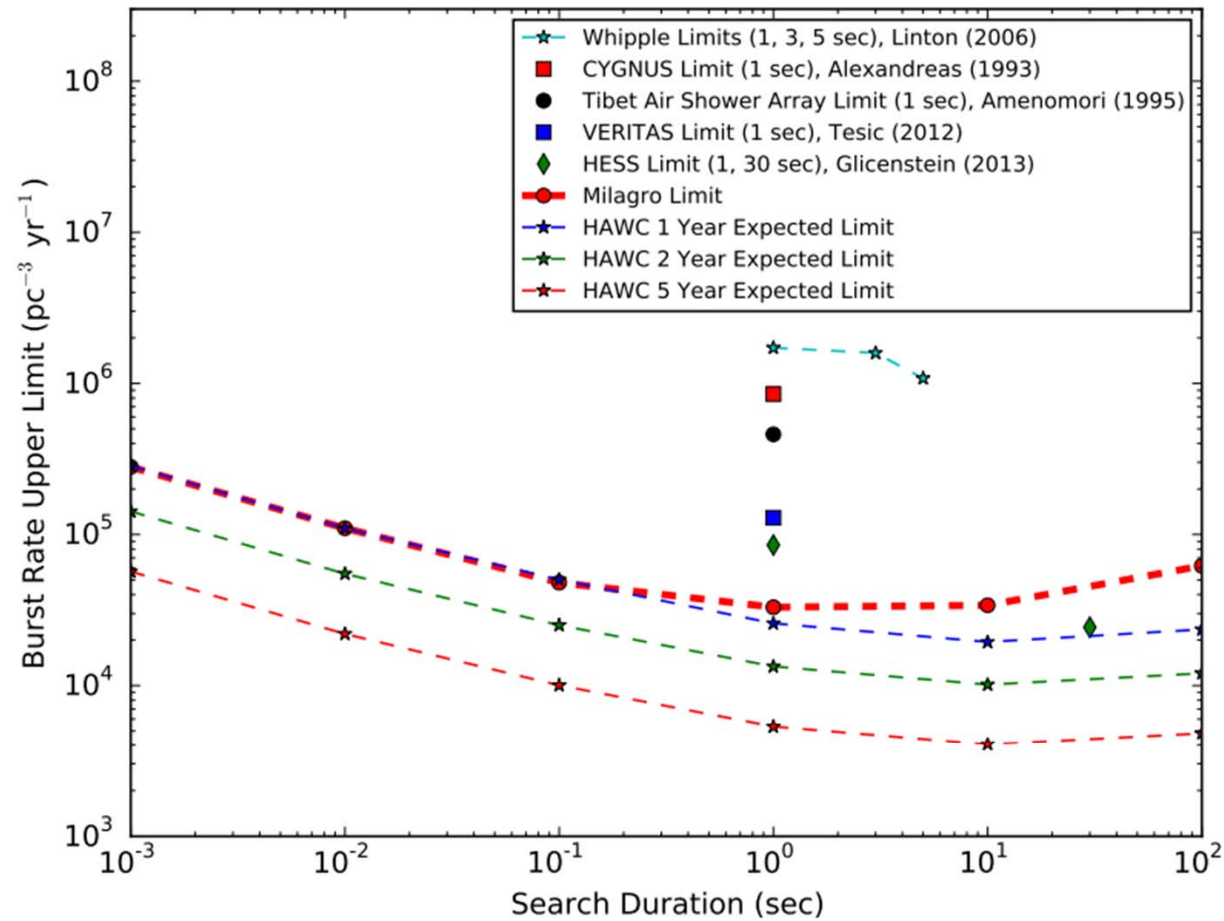
Hard to get many low E e^+ to Earth unless D changes near pulsars

Possible non-uniformity of D :

Both pulsars may be inside Monogem ring?

Local bubble \sim 50pc near earth: .1 ISM density: D higher near Earth?

PBH Limits (HAWC in progress)

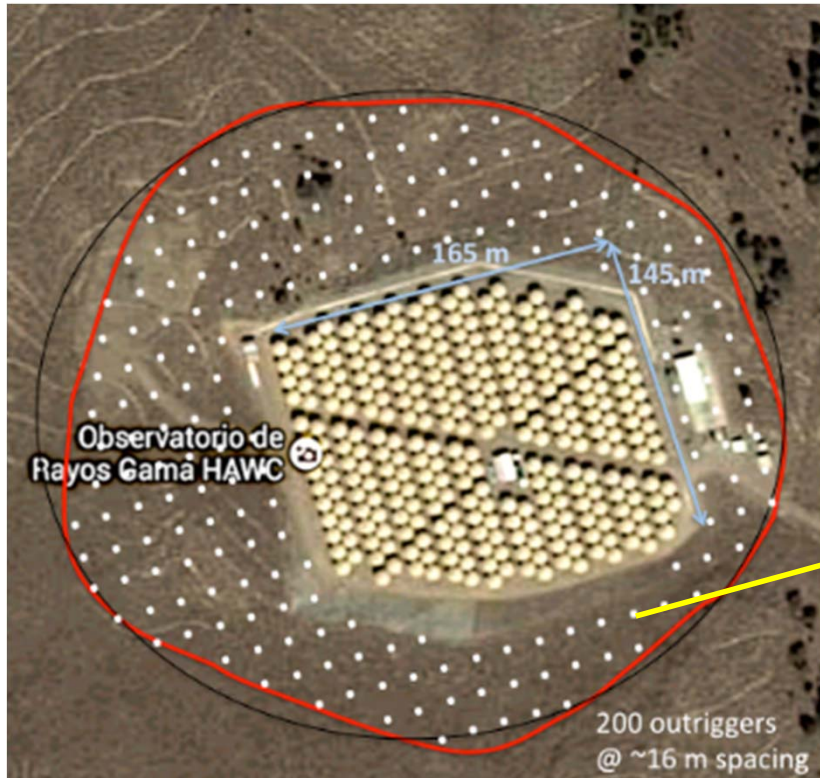


Arxiv 1510.04372

Figure 20: Published PBH burst rate density 99% CL upper limits and sensitivities for various experiments [13; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12]. The upper limits and sensitivities shown are derived using the Standard Emission Model description for the PBH emission spectra.

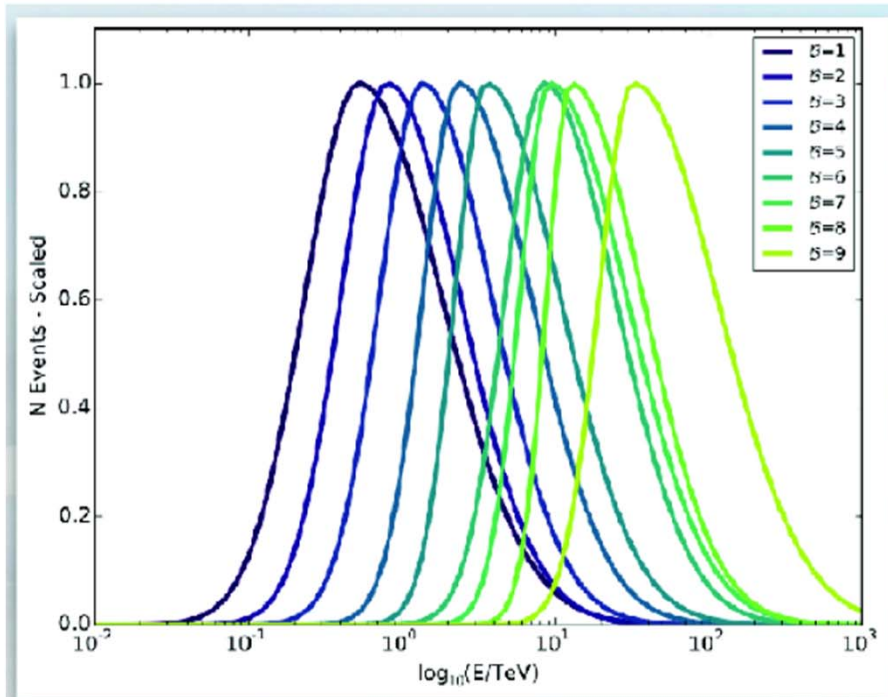
Upgrades and Southern Sky Survey

Enhance sensitivity > 10 TeV with **Outrigger** tanks

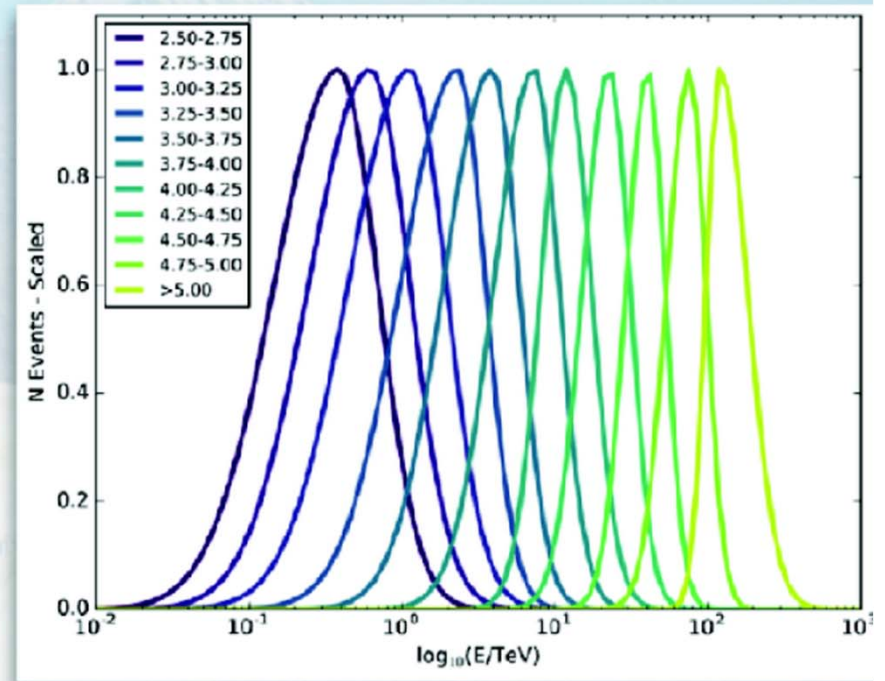


- No TeV Survey of the Southern Sky – **YET!**
- Workshop planned in Puebla, MX for Nov. 10-12. For details see: <http://events.icecube.wisc.edu/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=81>

Bin Energy (current vs EE)



Old method arXiv: 1701.01778v1



New method