

H.E.S.S. Highlights



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The H.E.S.S. collaboration



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The H.E.S.S. experiment



- H.E.S.S. phase I
 - four 12m telescopes
 - FoV 5 deg
 - energy threshold 100 GeV
 - angular resolution < 0.1 deg</p>

H.E.S.S. phase I

H.E.S.S. phase II

H.E.S.S. phase II

- four 12m telescopes
- one 28m telescope (FoV 3.5 deg)
- energy threshold O(30 GeV)
- angular resolution from 0.4 deg to less than 0.1 deg

HESS

The H.E.S.S. experiment



H.E.S.S. phase I

- more than 10000 hours of data
- discovered over 80 new VHE gamma ray sources
- published over 100 scientific papers, plus numerous conference contributions
- H.E.S.S. phase II
 - towards lower threshold and transients

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H.E.S.S. I Highlights: The Galactic Plane Scan

- Pre-trials significance map, correlation radius 0.1°
- Blue-red transition corresponds to ~5σ post trial
- Blue lines: H.E.S.S. horizons for 1% and 10% Crab
- Dots: H.E.S.S. Galactic sources
 - Red: PWNe
 - Yellow: SNRs
 - Black: other sources





H.E.S.S. I Highlights: A selection

- Diffuse emission
 - after subtraction of sources
- Galactic center
 - (Aion Viana ID282)
- Extreme SNR
 - HESS J1640: The brightest (Stefan Ohm, ID115)
 - G349.7+0.2: The farthest
- Population studies
 - Pulsar wind nebulae population
 - AGN limits
- many more





H.E.S.S. II

- Operation of the first mixed system of Cherenkov telescopes
- Trigger
 - all configurations simultaneously









- Analysis
 - CT5 mono: presented here
 - full H.E.S.S. array analysis under study



Single telescope reconstruction

- Template (model) based photon reconstruction
 - Adapted from de Naurois et al APh 32, 231 (2009)
- Standard analysis
 - optimized for source observations
- PSR/GRB analysis
 - optimized for low E detections
- Template (MC) based photon reconstruction
 - ImPACT, Dan Parsons, ID215







Collection area



Systematics at low energies under study



Energy and angular resolution

| | Energy resolution | Angular resolution | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Standard analysis | 30% | 0.2 deg | |
| Pulsar/GRB analysis | 30% - 40% | 0.3 - 0.4 deg | |





Sensitivity

- Standard analysis
 - 5σ in 100 h
 - 5% background systematics
- Pulsar analysis
 - 5σ in 100 h
 - no background systematics





The Crab with CT5





- <zenith> = 48 deg
- Standard analysis
 - photon rate = 12.6 ± 0.1 γ/mn
 - MC expectation = 13 γ/mn



Time [hour]

AGN seen with CT5



| | Live time | Excess | Sign. | Rate |
|--------------|-----------|--------|-------|------------------|
| PKS 2155-304 | 35.7 h | 3669 γ | 29 σ | 1.71 ± 0.06 γ/mn |
| PG 1553+113 | 15.4 h | 2358 γ | 25 σ | 2.55 ± 0.11 γ/mn |



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The Galactic Centre with CT5

- The Galactic Centre is one of the most complicated regions
- Observation and analysis
 - Life time 68.8 h
 - Signal with 25 σ
 - extended emission
- Background needs to be further studied





The Vela pulsar

- Observation
 - lifetime 20 h
 - <zenith angle> 27 deg 35 deg
- PSR analysis
 - optimized cuts for low energies







The Vela pulsar seen with CT5

data sample 2



- a priori significance = 8 σ (data sample 2 data sample 1 (10h))
- N_{excess} = 6059 ± 640



The Vela pulsar seen with CT5



Pulsar physics (not only Vela)

- what is the spectrum above 20 GeV?
- constraining the cut-off?



The Vela pulsar spectrum





The Vela pulsar seen with CT5



For H.E.S.S. II

- calibration source at the threshold in standard observation mode
- well prepared for GRB search



Transients with H.E.S.S. II





Transients with H.E.S.S. II





Summary

- H.E.S.S. II is
 - continuing to contribute to our understanding of the high-energy Universe
 - measuring point sources and extended sources
 - filling the gap between Fermi-LAT and IACTs
- Exciting times ahead

