

Fermi-LAT detection of a flaring blazar  
inside the error region of  
IceCube-170922A

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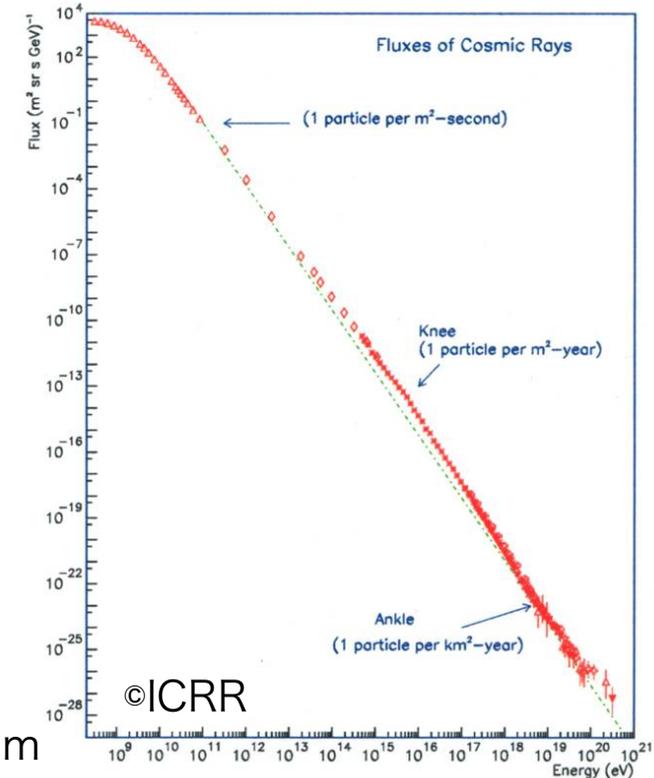
# Outline

- **Motivation: why we perform IceCube follow-up**
- Current status of Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope
- Fermi-LAT detection of a flaring blazar, TXS 0506+056, inside the error region of IceCube-170922A
- Multi-wavelength light curves and SED of TXS 0506+056
- Summary

# Motivation: Understanding the origin of cosmic rays



Radiation measure experiment by Hess



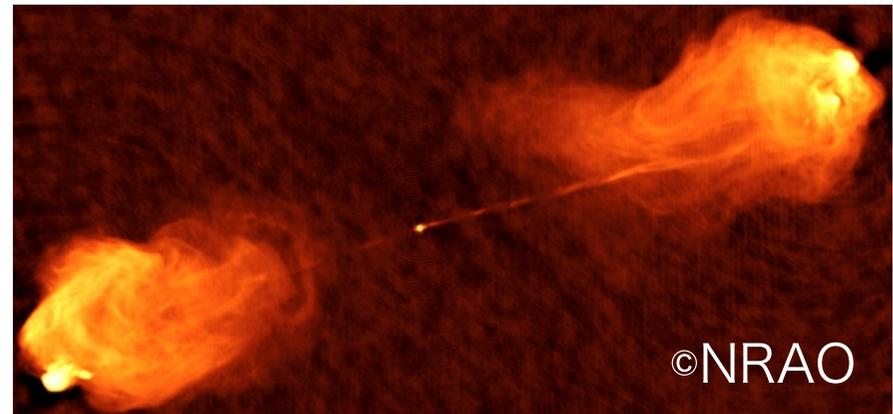
Cosmic-ray spectrum  
measured on the Earth

- Highest-energy cosmic rays reach  $10^{20}$  eV and the spectrum is represented by power-law shape
- Long-standing problem since its first discovery in 1912 is where and how cosmic rays are produced

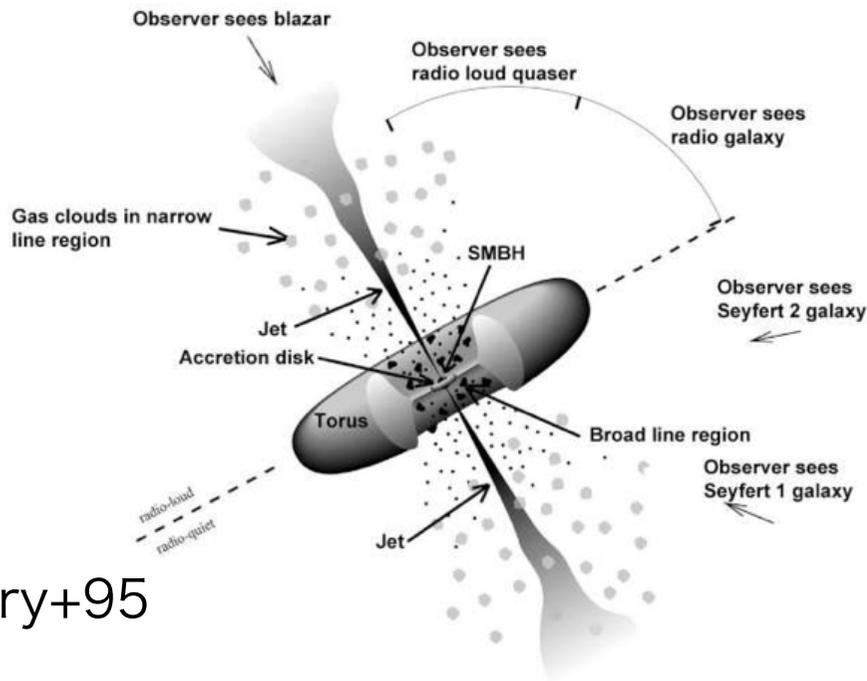
# Active Galactic Nucleus Jets

- Jets are ejected from supermassive ( $10^8$ - $10^{10}M_{\text{sun}}$ ) blackhole and particles are accelerated inside the jets

Radio image of Cygnus A

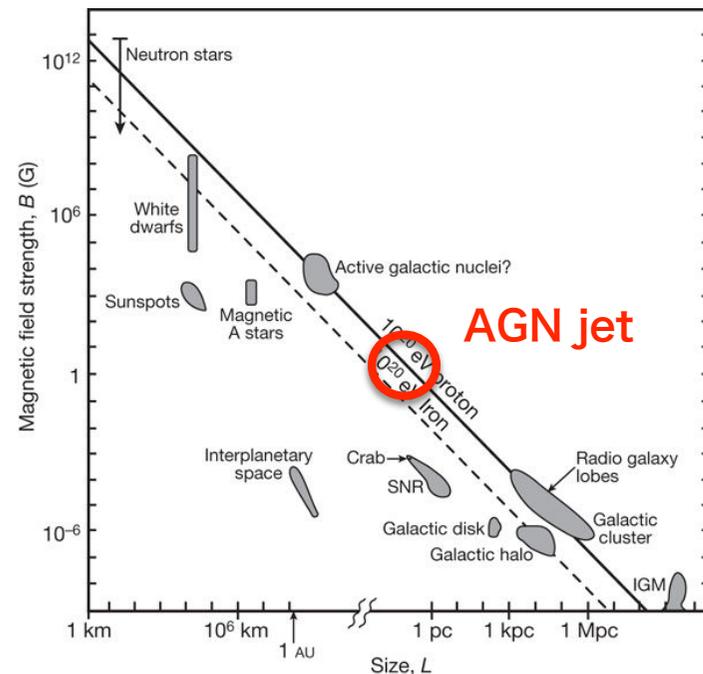


AGN jets are considered to be one of the promising candidates of cosmic-ray source



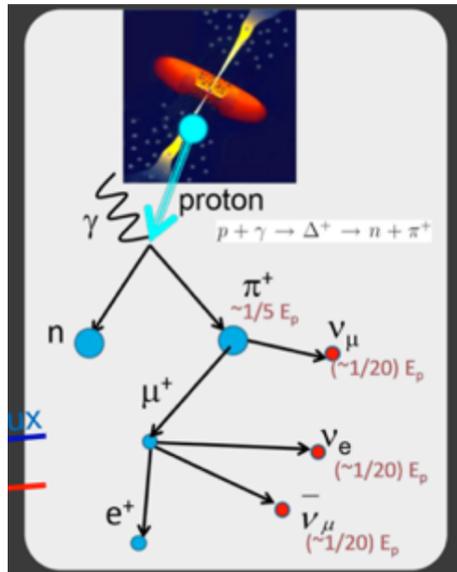
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Particles are accelerated by shocks inside the jet



# Unveiling the source of cosmic rays through Identifying the IceCube neutrino source

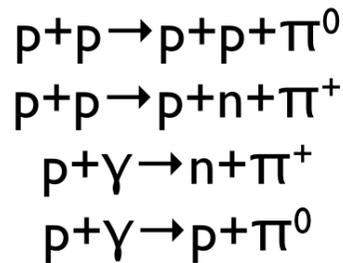
## New era of Multi-messenger astronomy



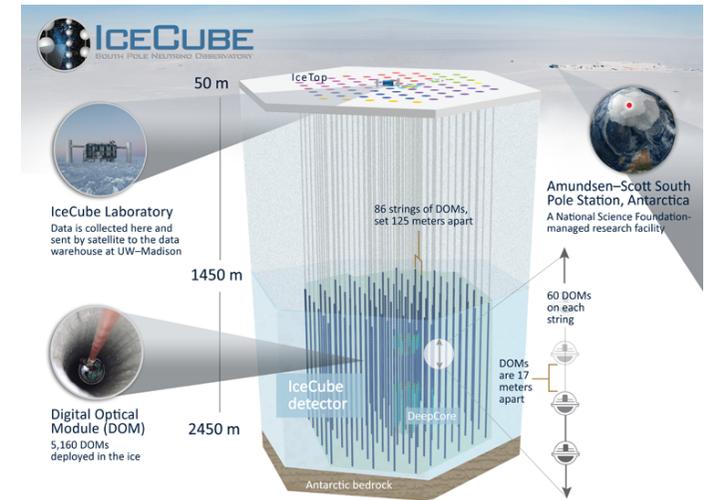
High-energy neutrinos are produced via interaction between cosmic rays and ambient photons ( $p\gamma$ ) or protons ( $pp$ )

**Neutrino source  
= Cosmic-ray source**

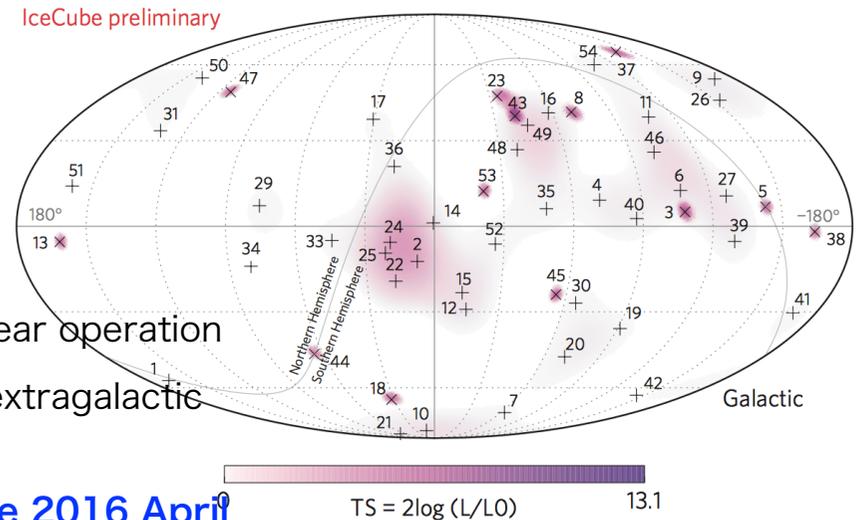
**Neutrino arrival direction  
indicates the direction of  
cosmic-ray sources**



- 54 events during the first 4-year operation
- Isotropic distribution implies extragalactic origin
- **Alert is issued via GCN since 2016 April**



taken from IceCube webpage



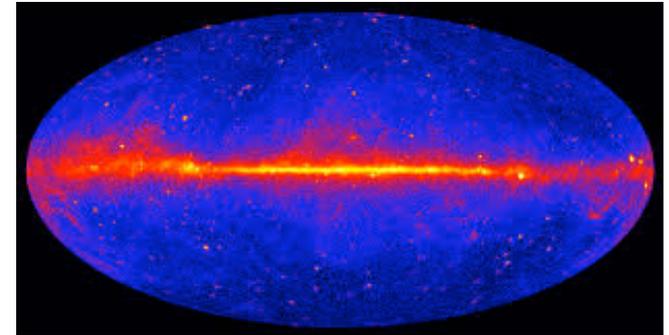
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# Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope

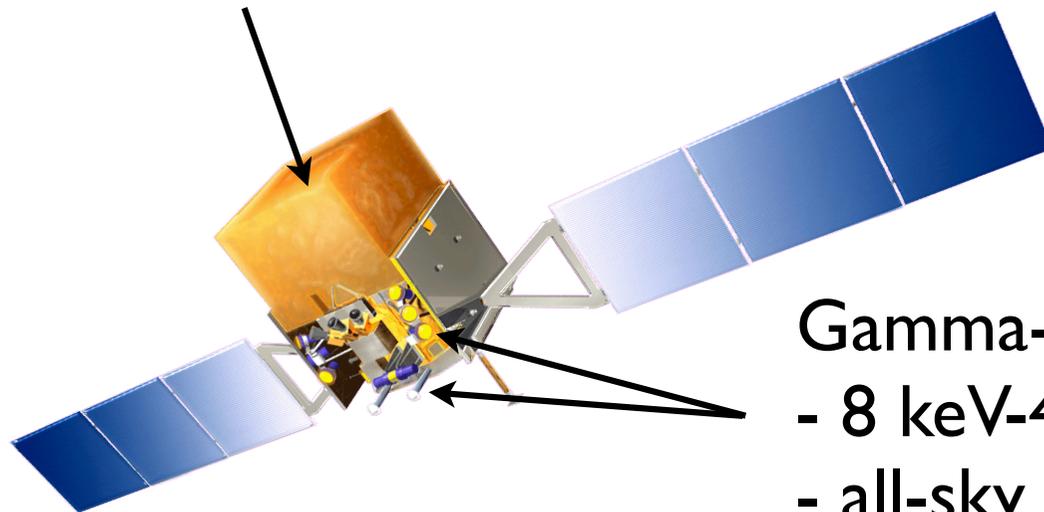
- Launched on 2008 June 11
- Continue to observe without any critical problems
- All sky survey mode



## Large Area Telescope (LAT)

- 20 MeV-300 GeV

- Thanks to the wide FoV of 2.4 str, scan all-sky every 3 hours



## Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM)

- 8 keV-40 MeV

- all-sky

# Large Area Telescope

## *Pair-conversion telescope*

### **Si-strip Tracker with tungsten foil converter:**

Measure the photon direction

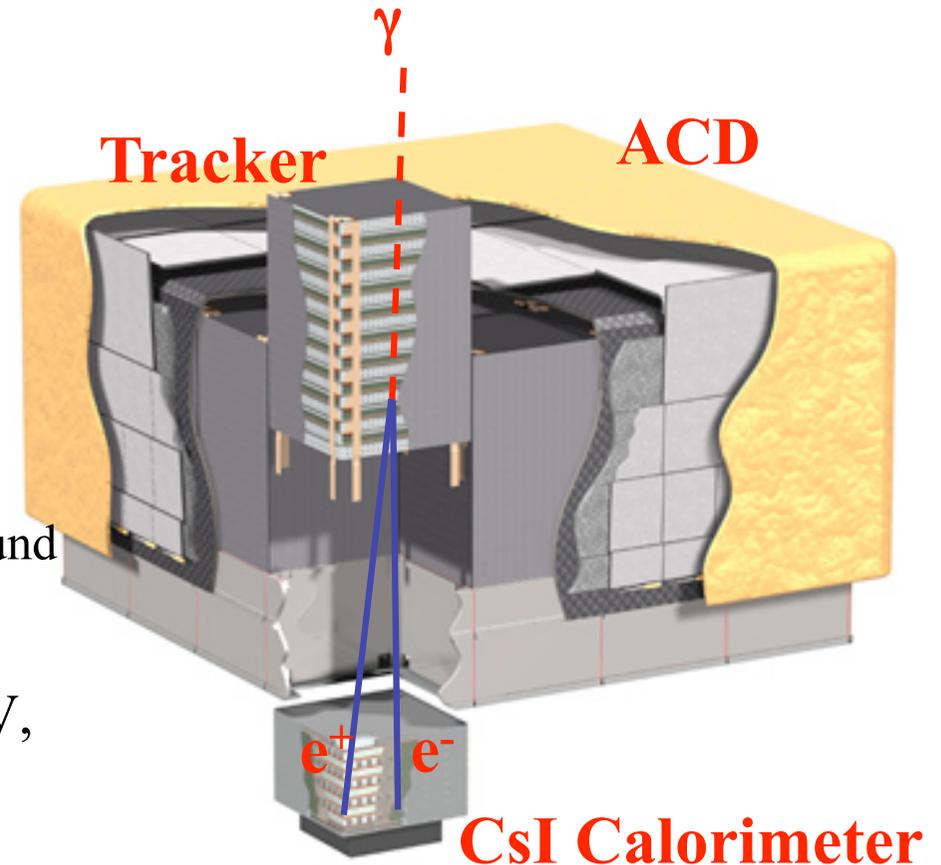
### **CsI Calorimeter:**

Measure the photon energy,  
Image the shower

### **ACD (Plastic scintillator):**

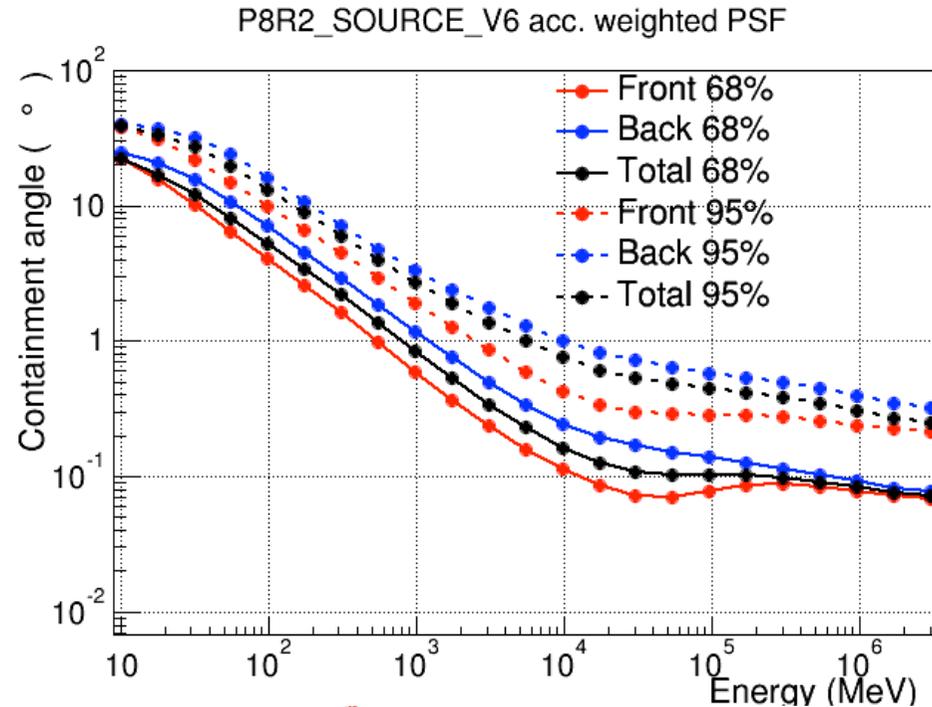
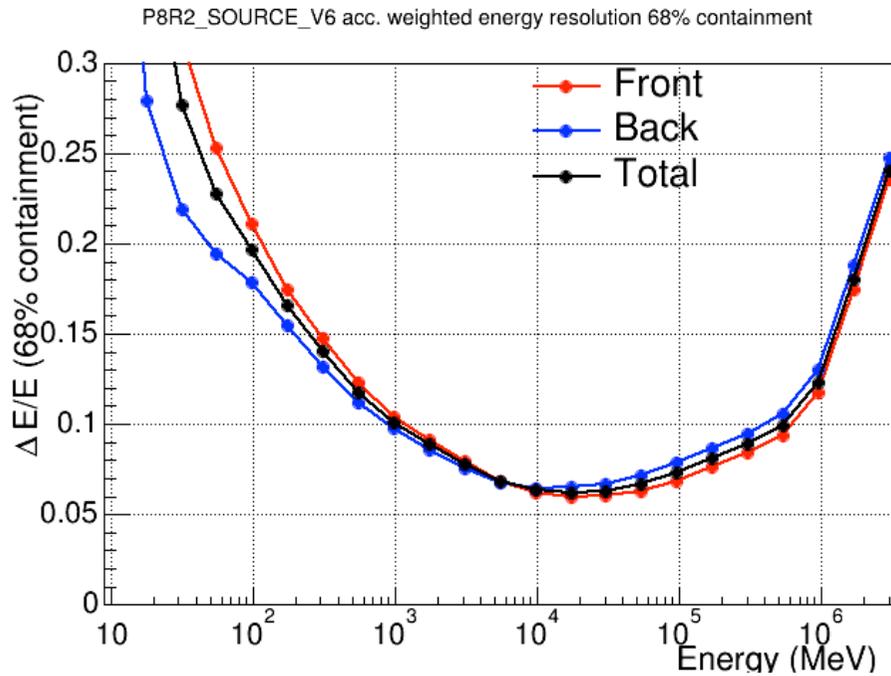
Reject charged-particle background

- Large effective area (9000 cm<sup>2</sup> @ 1 GeV, normal incidence)
- Large field-of-view (2.4 str)
- The entire sky is observed every ~3 hours
- Energy range: 20 MeV – 300 GeV
- Angular resolution (68% contaminant radius): 0.6 deg @ 1 GeV

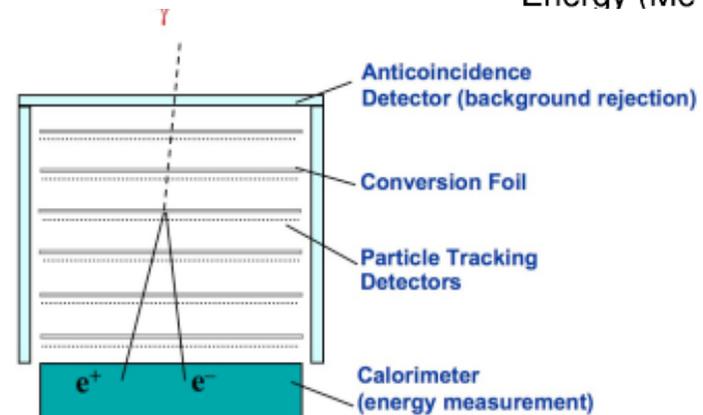


4 x 4 modular array  
3000 kg, 650 W

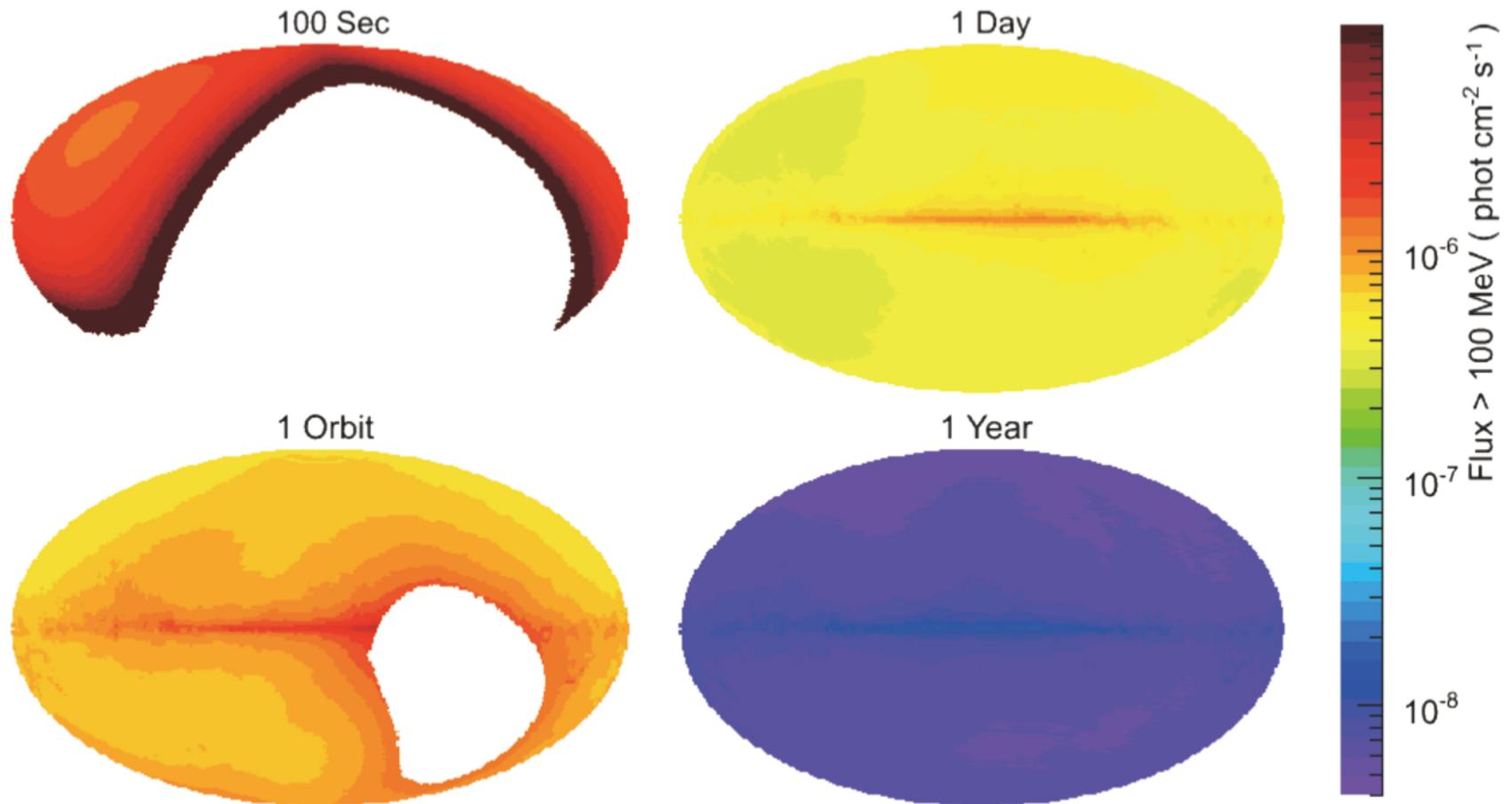
# Energy resolution and PSF



- 12 layer (FRONT)
- 4 layers (BACK)



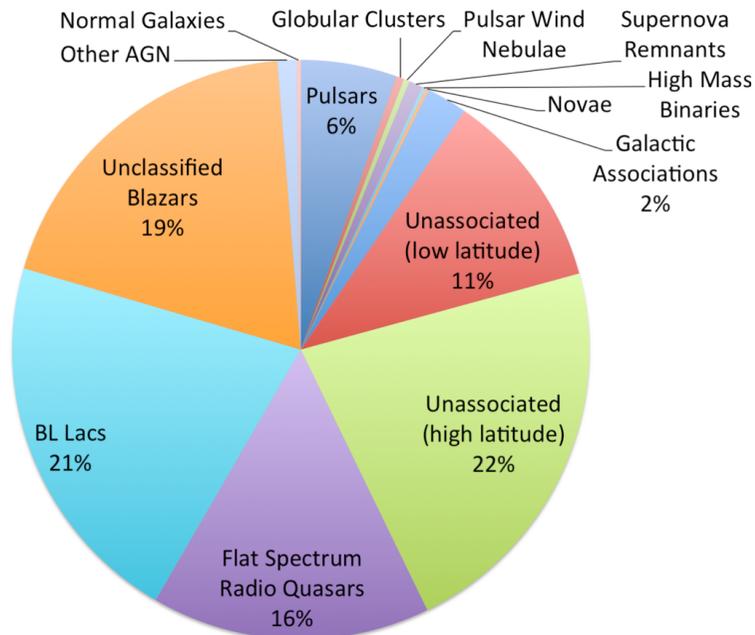
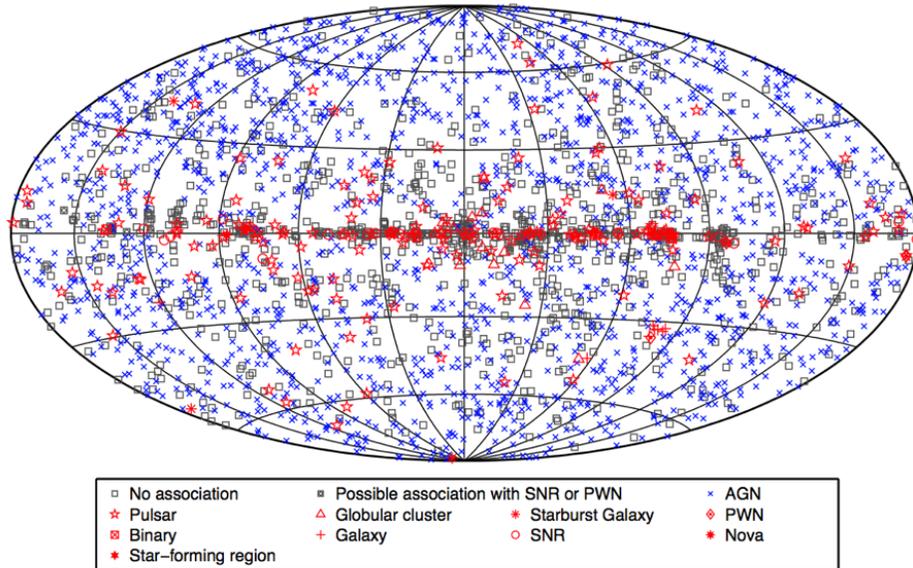
# All-sky survey-mode observation



- Thanks to the large FoV of 2.4 str, LAT scans all-sky every 3 hours (i.e., 2 orbits) and perform unbiased survey

# 3FGL catalog from 4-year data

([http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/4yr\\_catalog/](http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/4yr_catalog/))



- Arxiv: 1501.02003
- 3033 sources with  $TS > 25$  ( $\sim 5$  sigma) detection
- 992 sources are unID
- GeV spectra and 4-year light curves are available for all the sources from webpage

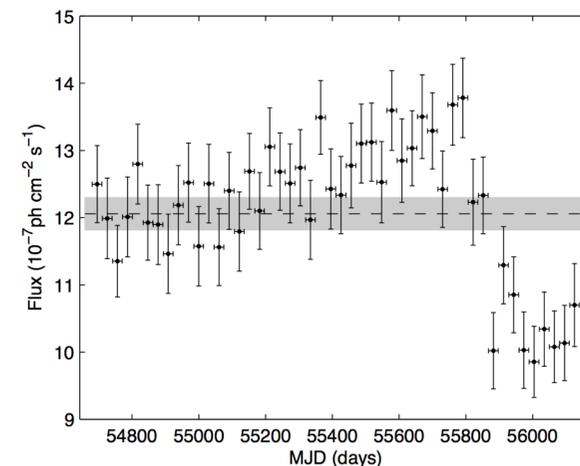
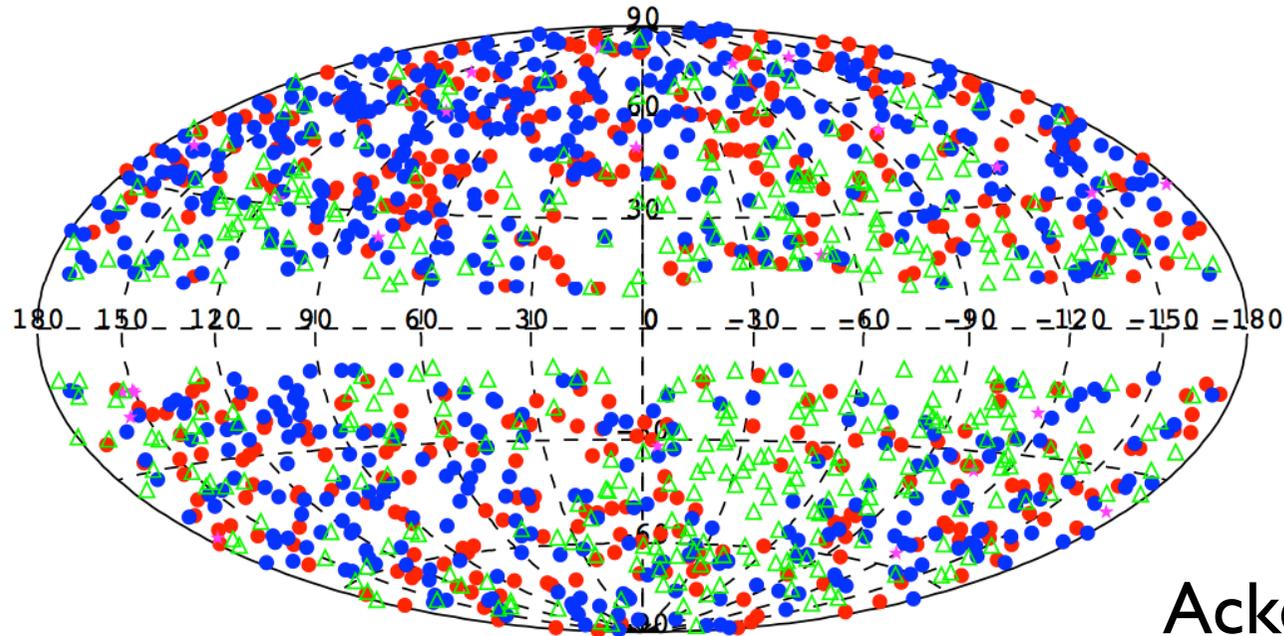


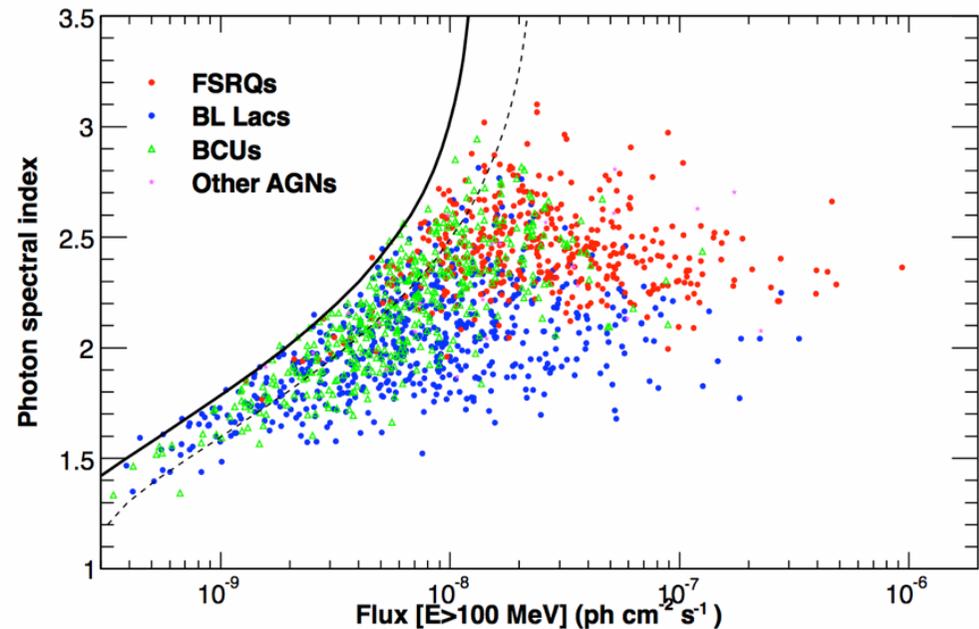
Fig. 12.— Light curve of 3FGL J2021.5+4026 (PSR J2021+4026 in the  $\gamma$  Cygni SNR). The variability of that pulsar is easily detected by the automatic procedure. The vertical scale does not start at 0.

# 3LAC (LAT AGN Catalog)



Ackermann+15

- 467 FSRQs
- 632 BL Lacs
- 460 Uncertain type
- 32 non-blazar AGN



# Confirmation of Blazar sequence

Fossati+98  
Kubo+98

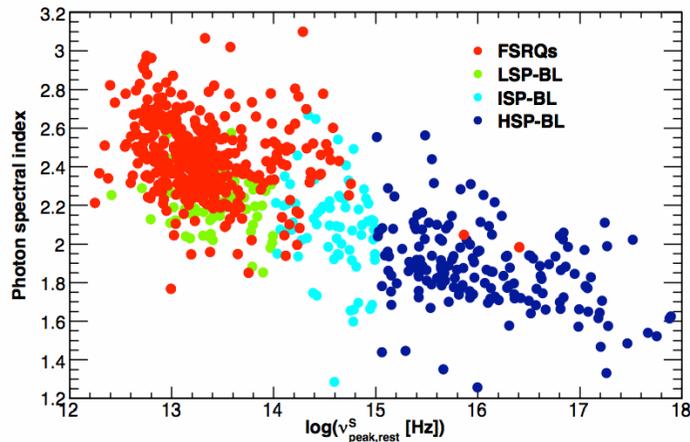
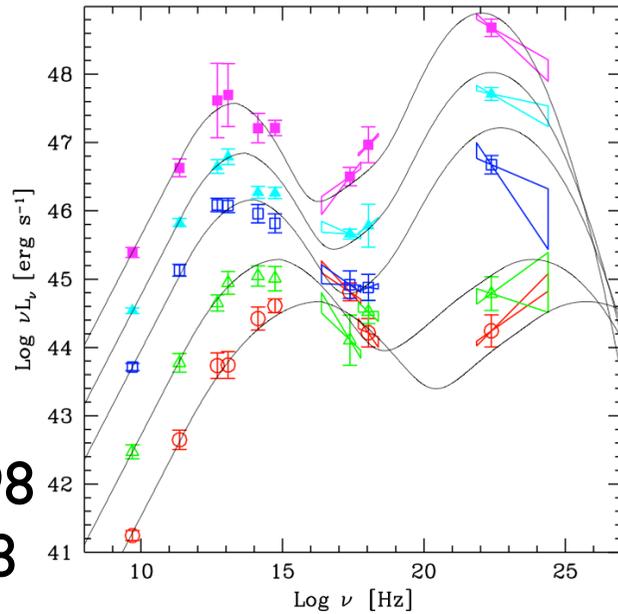


Fig. 10.— Photon index versus frequency of the synchrotron peak  $\nu^S_{peak,rest}$ . Red: FSRQs, green: LSP-BL Lacs, light blue: ISP-BL Lacs, dark blue: HSP-BL Lacs.

- FSRQ: strong optical emission lines due to bright accretion disk
- BL Lac: weak/no lines ( $EW < 5\text{\AA}$ )
- Blazar sequence: Bright/faint blazars have lower/higher sync. peak freq.

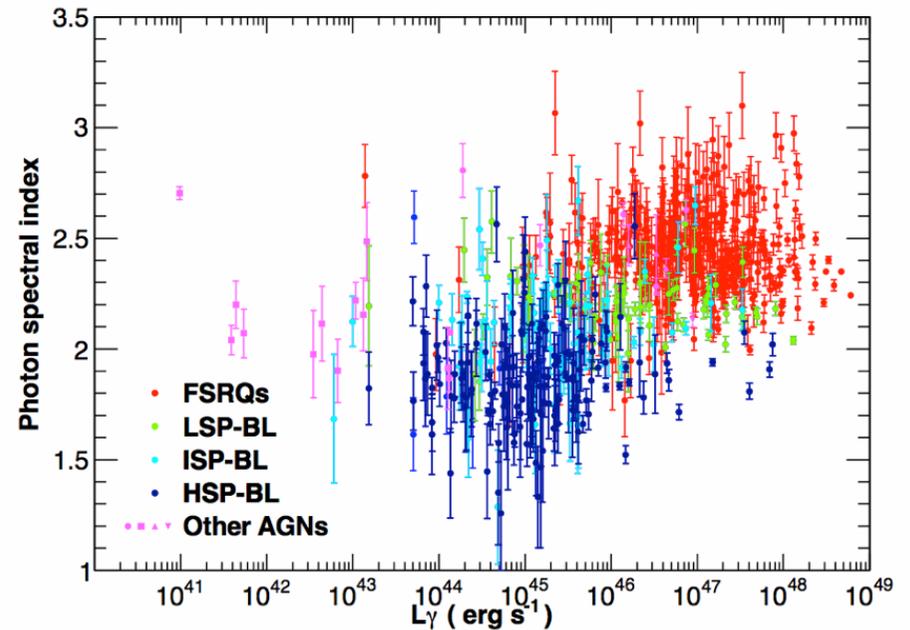


Fig. 14.— Photon index versus gamma-ray luminosity. Red: FSRQs, green: LSP-BL Lacs, light blue: ISP-BL Lacs, dark blue: HSP-BL Lacs, magenta: other AGNs (circles: NLSy1s, squares: radio galaxies, up triangles: SSRQs, down triangles: AGNs of other types).

# Fermi Transient Searches



Pipelines  
Timescale

**Pipeline**  
Method  
Timescale  
Distribution  
Status

**GBM Targeted Searches (GW, neutrino)**  
ground search around external triggers  
ms - s  
GCNs

**GBM Untriggered Search**  
ground search  
ms - s  
GCN Notices  
[http://gammaray.nsstc.nasa.gov/gbm/science/sgrb\\_search.html](http://gammaray.nsstc.nasa.gov/gbm/science/sgrb_search.html)

**LAT Transient Factor (LTF)**  
Likelihood Around GBM/BAT triggers  
seconds to orbits  
LAT Team - Results in GCNs  
Triggered Operating + *Blind Search Coming Soon*

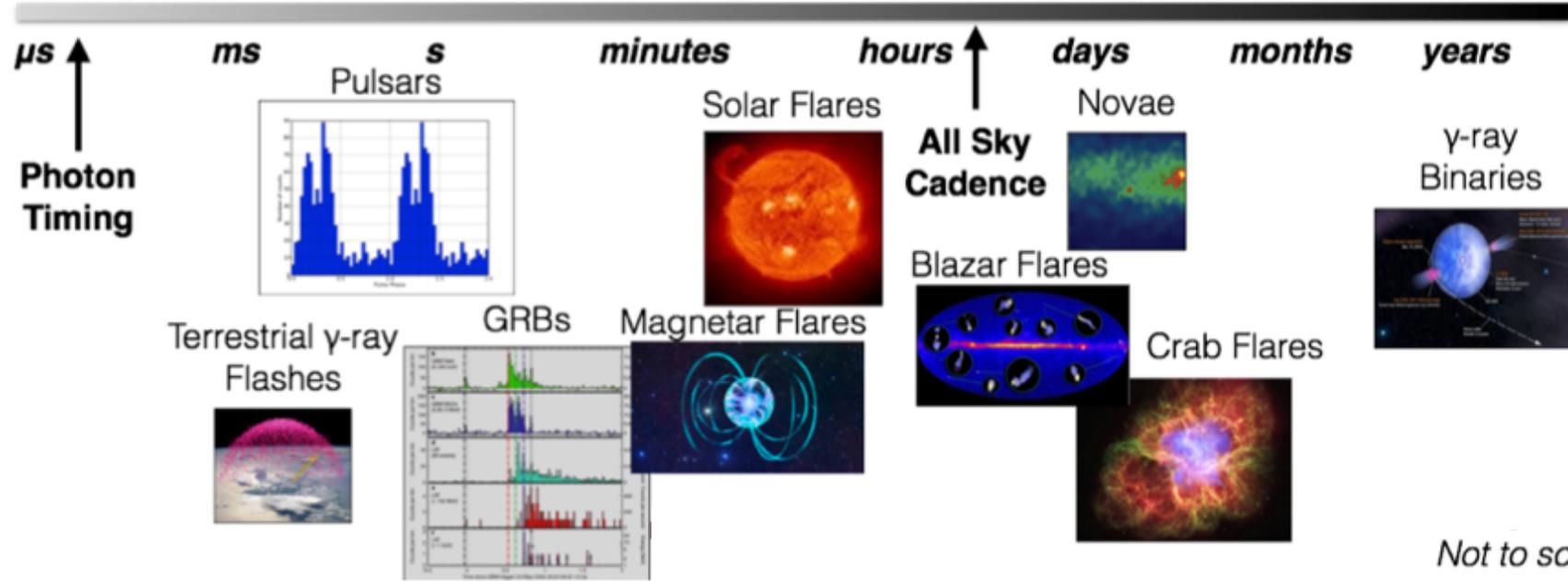
**LAT Burst Advocate Tool**  
Likelihood Around GBM/BAT triggers  
100 s, 1000 s  
LAT Team - Results in GCNs  
Operating

**GBM Onboard Triggers**  
rate triggers  
16 ms - minutes  
GCN Notices  
Operating

**Fermi All-sky Variability Analysis (FAVA)**  
Counts Map Aperture Photometry  
3 day (coming soon), 1 week ATels  
<http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/FAVA/>

**LAT Automated Science Processing (ASP) + Flare Advocates**  
Likelihood  
6 & 24 hour  
ATels, GCN notices (on AGN)  
Operating

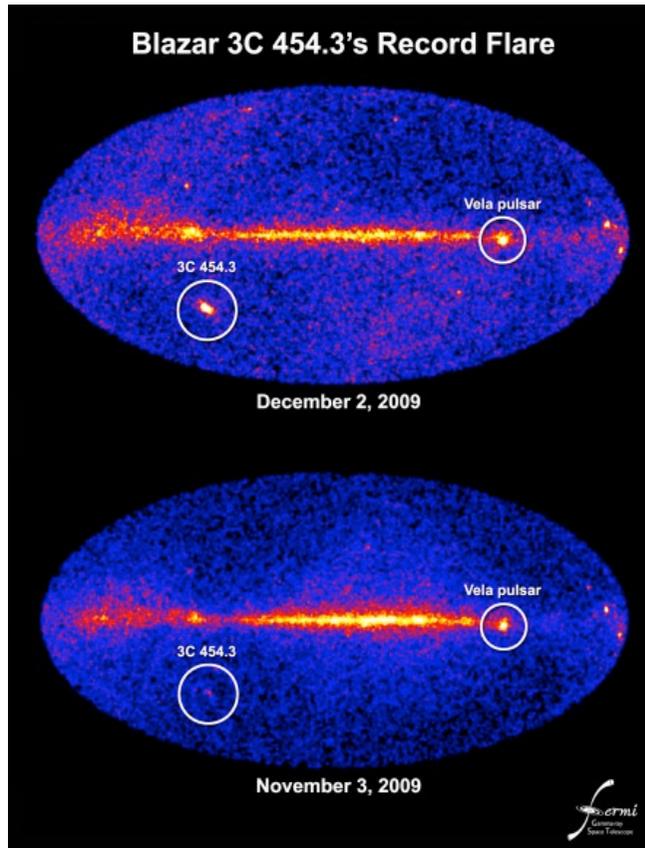
**LAT Catalogs**  
Likelihood, associations  
3 month (0FGL), 1 year (1FGL), 2 years (2FGL), 4 years (3FGL)  
[http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/4FGL\\_in\\_progress](http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/4FGL_in_progress)



Not to scale

# LAT Automated Science Processing (ASP) +Flare advocate

LAT  
1-day  
data



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## GLAST LAT detection of a possible new gamma-ray flaring blazar: PKS 1502+106

ATel # 1650; [S. Ciprini \(Univ./INFN Perugia\) on behalf of the GLAST Large Area Telescope Collaboration on 8 Aug 2008; 00:02 UT](#)  
Credential Certification: [Stefano Ciprini \(stefano.ciprini@pg.infn.it\)](mailto:stefano.ciprini@pg.infn.it)

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, AGN, Quasar

Referred to by ATel #: [1661](#), [1905](#)

The Large Area Telescope (LAT), one of two instruments on the Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope (GLAST) (launched June 11, 2008), which is still in its post-launch commissioning and checkout phase, has been monitoring high flux from a source positionally consistent with the blazar PKS 1502+106 (R.A.:15h04m24.9797s; Dec.:+10d29m39.198s, also known as OR 103 and S3 1502+10) since August 6, 2008.

Preliminary analysis indicates that the source is in a high state with a gamma-ray flux ( $E>100\text{MeV}$ ) well above pre-defined LAT flaring source reporting threshold of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  photons  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ .

This is a well-known radio source classified as a Flat Spectrum Radio Quasar (FSRQ), observed by several X-ray instruments. This is the first time that it has been reported to have gamma-ray emission.

Please note that PKS 1502+106 has two possible redshifts listed in the literature:  $z=0.56$  and  $1.83$ ; the former seems preferred (A.E. Wright et al. 1979 ApJ 229,73; B.J. Wilkes 1986, MNRAS, 218, 331).

Because GLAST has just started its scientific standard operations, regular gamma-ray monitoring of this source will be pursued. In consideration of the ongoing activity of this source we strongly encourage multiwavelength observations of PKS 1502+106.

The GLAST 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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- Flare Advocate run the daily (1-day and 6-hour data) analysis script and check the ASP result
- Once transient objects are found, Astronomers Telegram is issued (typically, flux  $> 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  photons/cm<sup>2</sup>/s for  $E > 100$  MeV)

Flare-Advocate/Gamma-ray Sky-Watcher report: DOY 53 (February 22, 2017)

On duty Flare Advocates:

FA: Sara Cutini <sarac@slac.stanford.edu>

① Highlights

Extragalactic Science

- PKS B1424–418 (TS=174) flux =  $(1.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$ , detected also in 12658 @TS=41, 12660 @TS=28
- S5 1044+71 (TS=164) flux =  $(0.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6}$ , detected also in 12659 @TS=37
- 3C 454.3 (TS=100) flux =  $(1.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-6}$ , detected also in 12657 @TS=30, 12658 @TS=26
- CTA 102 (TS=54) flux =  $(0.8 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-6}$
- PKS 1510–08 (TS=47) flux =  $(0.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$
- 3C 279 (TS=41) flux =  $(0.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$
- 1ES 1959+650 (TS=30) flux =  $(0.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6}$

Galactic Science

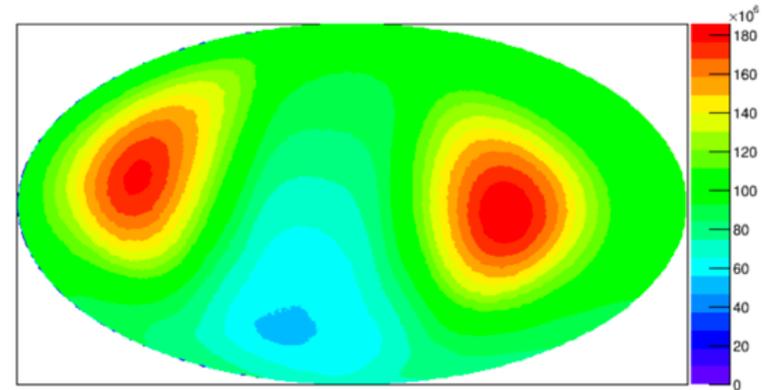
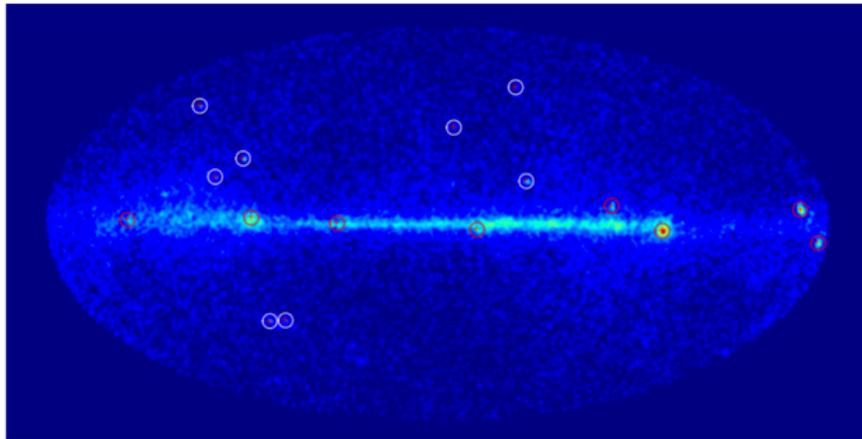
- LAT PSR J1836+5925 (TS=236) flux =  $(0.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6}$ , detected also in 12660 @TS=35
- Gamma Cygni (TS=137) flux =  $(3.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$ , detected also in 12657 @TS=59
- PSR J1709–4429 (TS=121) flux =  $(2.0 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$
- LS I+61 303 (TS=44) flux =  $(0.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$
- PSR J1057–5226 (TS=31) flux =  $(0.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6}$

- LAT daily report is uploaded on the confluence page (collaboration member only)

- 24-hour, 6-hour x4

Likelihood Analysis results:

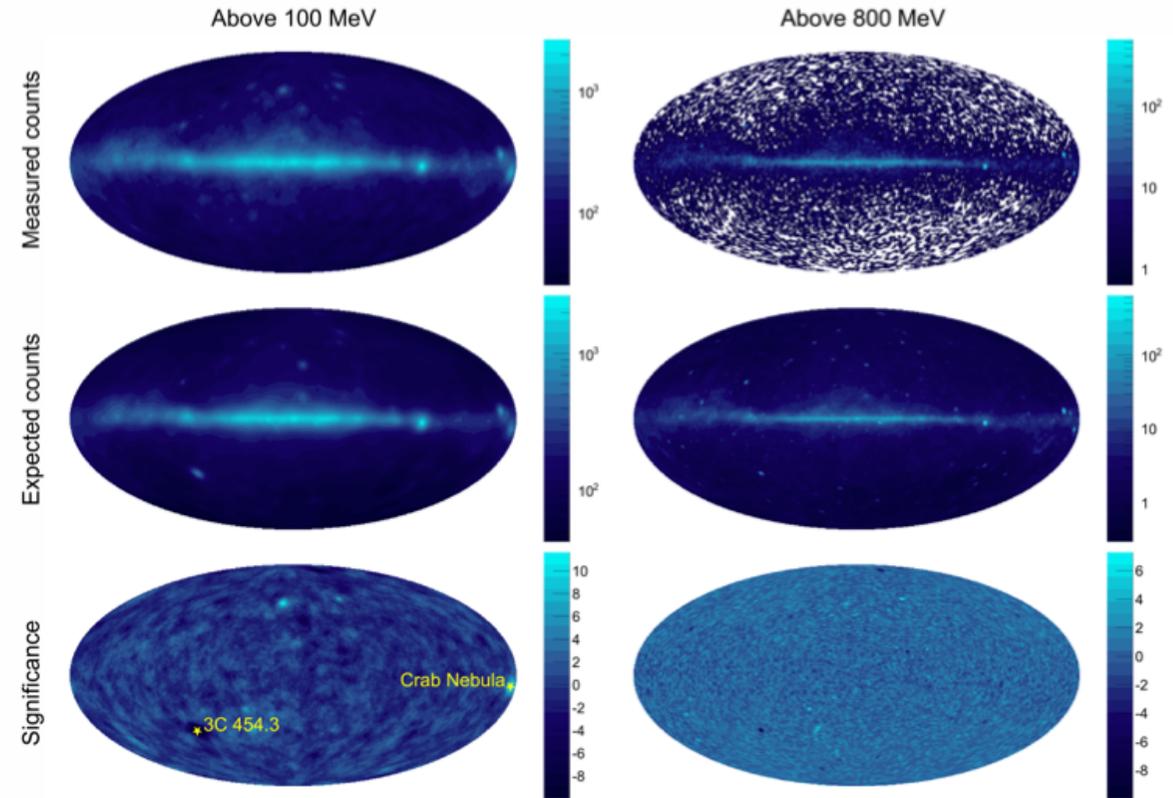
Daily run (n. 03165)



Extragalactic Science	RA(J2000)	DEC(J2000)	L	B	TS	Npred	Flux <sup>a</sup>	index	Delta	Type	3FGL comparison	Associations
ASPJ104816p713958	161.8370	71.6814	135.5759	42.2673	164	55	0.68±0.13	1.86±0.12	0° 6.5' 0° 59.1'	FSRQ bl	9.9: J1048.4+7144 (6.9±0.3)e-8 87: J1047.6+7240 (8±2)e-9	S5 1044+71 GB6 J1047+7238
3C_279	194.4841*	-5.6478*	305.9164*	57.1863*	41	29	0.54±0.16	2.42±0.27	0° 27.8'	FSRQ	1.2: J1256.1–0547 (4.42±0.06)e-7	3C 279
BM_PKS1424m41	216.8707*	-42.2285*	321.3167*	17.1888*	174	83	1.29±0.20	2.16±0.13	0° 8.9'	FSRQ	4.8: J1427.9–4206 (2.68±0.05)e-7	PKS B1424–418
1510m089	228.1895	-9.0594	351.3050	40.1827	47	26	0.53±0.17	2.11±0.23	0° 3.0'	FSRQ	0.6: J1512.8–0906 (9.4±0.1)e-7	PKS 1510–08

# Fermi All sky Variability Analysis (FAVA)

- For Weekly-binned data
- Comparison of observed counts with average (expected) counts
- $E > 100$  MeV,  $E > 800$  MeV
- Crab nebula flare is first detected by this analysis
- By using 47 month Fermi/LAT data, 215 sources in the first flare catalog (FAVA catalog paper)

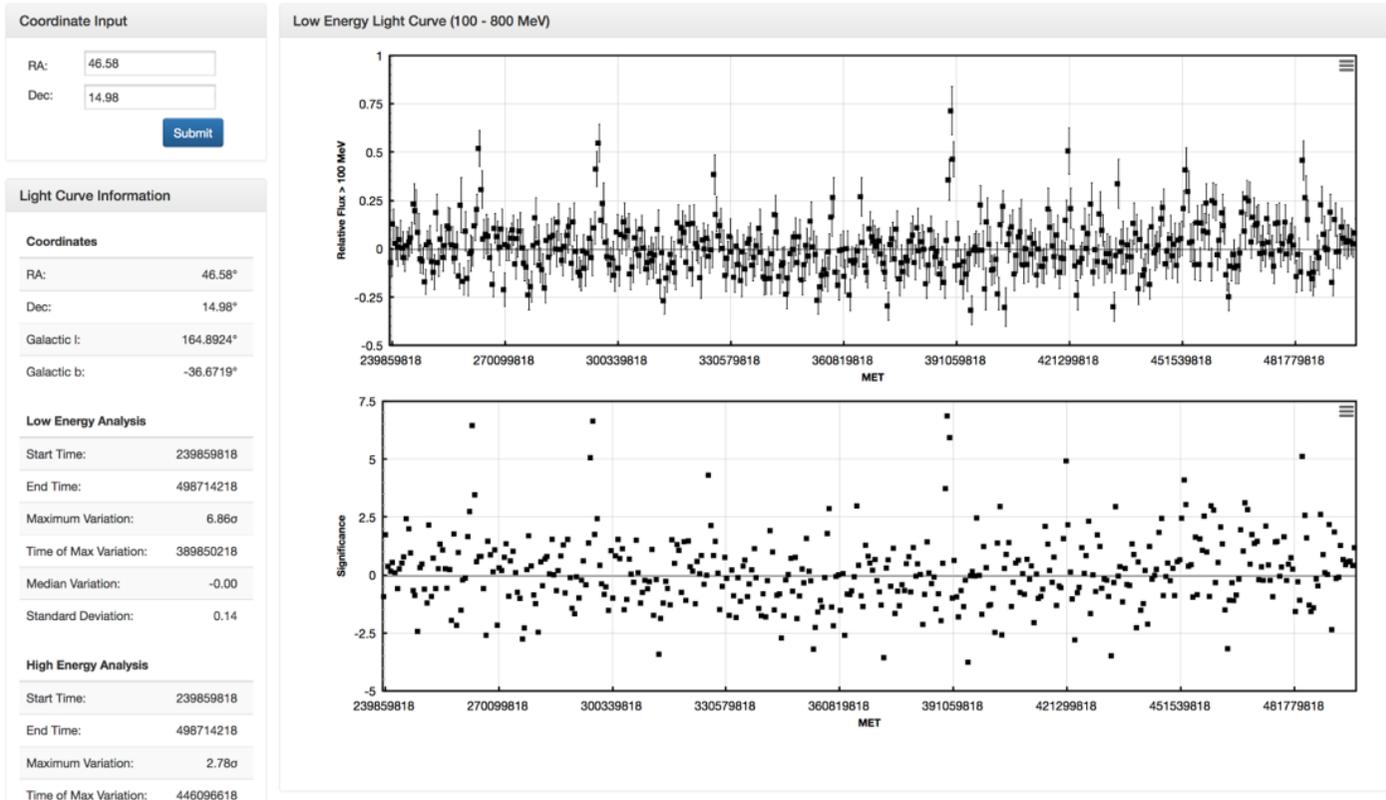


$$N^{exp}(\phi, \theta) = \sum_{E:j=1..12} \sum_{\alpha:i=1..4} N_{i,j}^{tot}(\phi, \theta) \times \frac{\epsilon_{i,j}^{week}(\phi, \theta)}{\epsilon_{i,j}^{tot}(\phi, \theta)},$$

Exposure ratio

# FAVA webpage

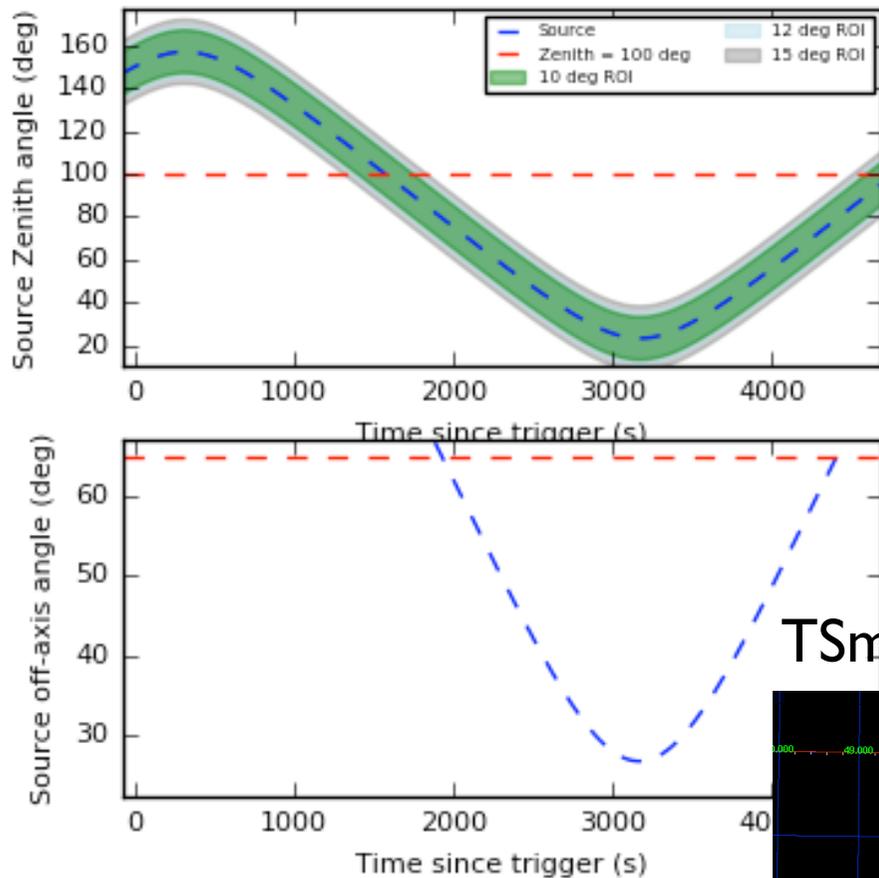
## Fermi All-sky Variability Analysis (FAVA) - Light Curve Generator



- <https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/FAVA/LightCurve.php>
- Automatic production of light curve at any locations (RA, Dec)

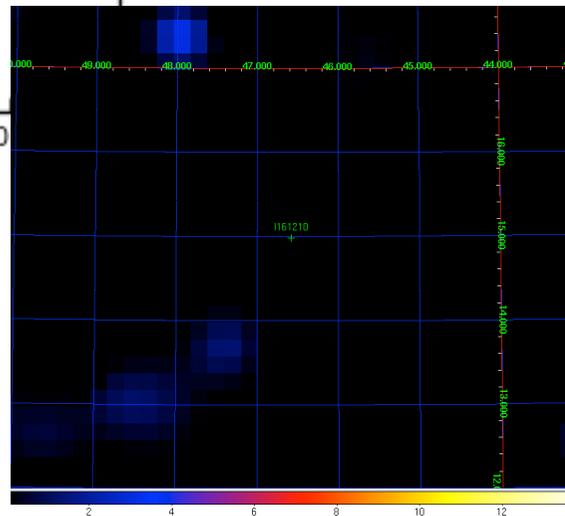
# IceCube-161210

Navigation plots

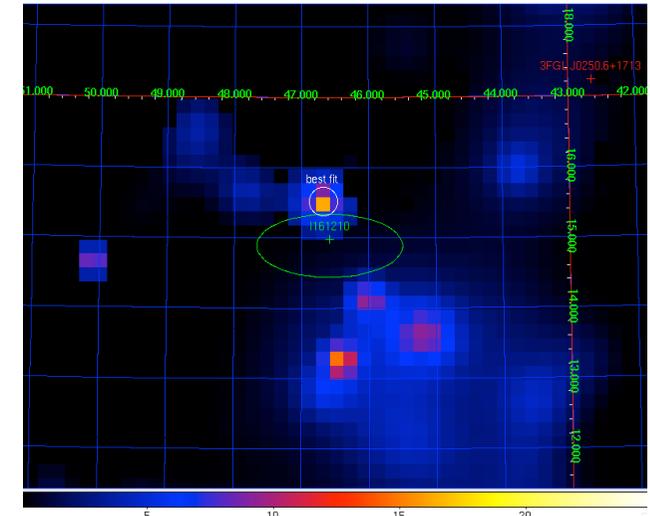


- At the IceCube trigger time, the event position is outside LAT FoV
- No LAT emission by LTF
- TS maps by manual analysis found weak sources at the edge of the IceCube error circle??
- Probably statistical fluctuation

TSmap for T0-24h~T0

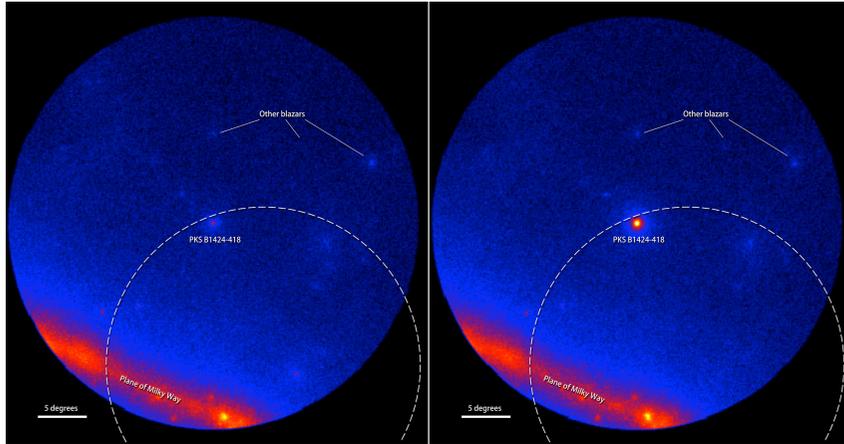


T0~T0+24h

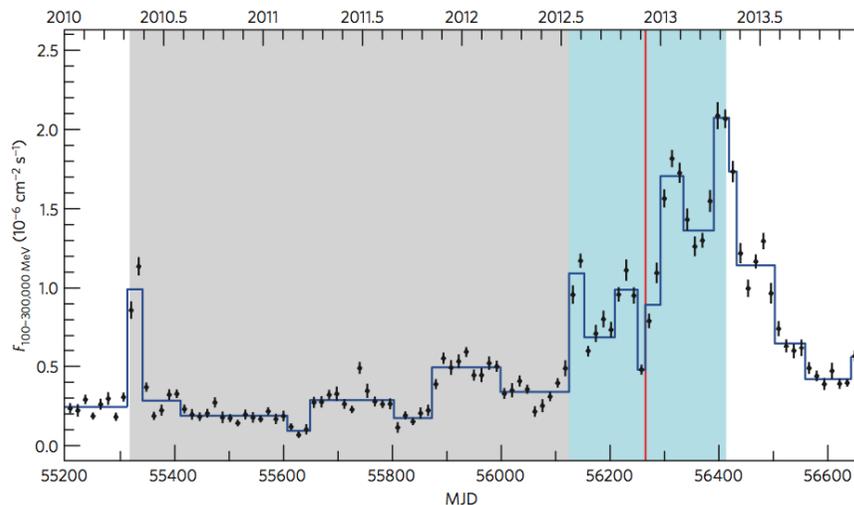


Produced by Burst  
Advocate tool

# Possible association of PeV neutrino with high fluence GeV blazar PKS 1424-418



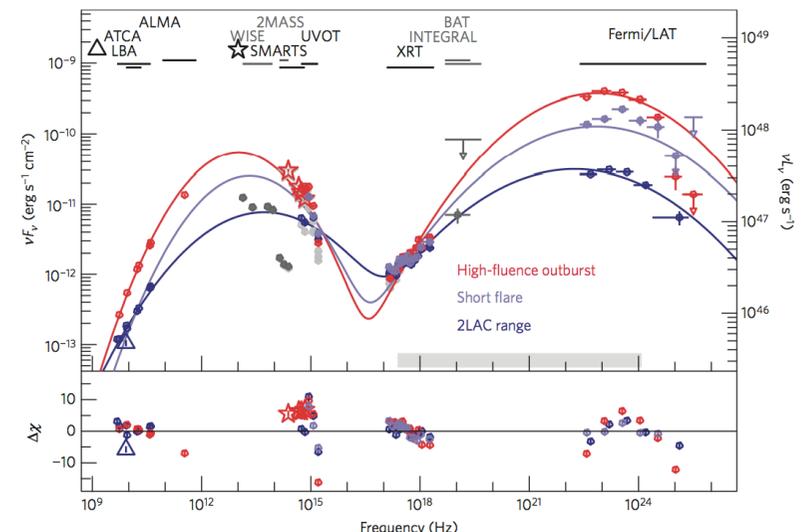
Cascade event of  
error radius of  $\sim 10$  deg  
 $\sim 5\%$  chance probability



**Table 1** | Maximum-possible number of petaelectronvolt-neutrino events in 36 months (988 days live-time) of IceCube data for the 17 2LAC  $\gamma$ -ray blazars in the field of the 2 PeV IceCube event based on 2LAC catalogue  $\gamma$ -ray spectra and contemporaneous X-ray data.

2FGL name	Common name	$F_\gamma$ (erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ )	$N_{\nu, \text{PeV}}^{\text{max}}$
2FGL J1230.2-5258	PMN J1229-5303	$(2.4^{+1.5}_{-1.5}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.14
2FGL J1234.0-5733	PMN J1234-5736	$(1.1^{+0.4}_{-0.4}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.06
2FGL J1303.5-4622	PMN J1303-4621	$(1.9^{+0.6}_{-0.6}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.11
2FGL J1303.8-5537	PMN J1303-5540	$(1.04^{+0.11}_{-0.11}) \times 10^{-10}$	0.38
2FGL J1304.3-4353	1RXS 130421.2-435308	$(2.11^{+0.25}_{-0.25}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.12
2FGL J1307.5-4300	1RXS 130737.8-425940	$(8.4^{+1.7}_{-1.7}) \times 10^{-12}$	0.05
2FGL J1307.6-6704	PKS B 1304-668	$(1.54^{+0.15}_{-0.15}) \times 10^{-10}$	0.89
2FGL J1314.5-5330	PMN J1315-5334	$(8.1^{+0.9}_{-0.9}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.47
2FGL J1326.7-5254	PMN J1326-5256	$(1.04^{+0.21}_{-0.18}) \times 10^{-10}$	0.59
2FGL J1329.2-5608	PMN J1329-5608	$(1.38^{+0.36}_{-0.29}) \times 10^{-10}$	0.93
2FGL J1330.1-7002	PKS B 1326-697	$(1.53^{+0.11}_{-0.11}) \times 10^{-10}$	0.89
2FGL J1352.6-4413	PKS B 1349-439	$(5.4^{+1.0}_{-1.0}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.32
2FGL J1400.6-5601	PMN J1400-5605	$(6.9^{+0.8}_{-0.8}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.40
2FGL J1407.5-4257	CGRaBS J1407-4302	$(1.6^{+0.5}_{-0.5}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.09
2FGL J1428.0-4206*	PKS B1424-418*	$(2.04^{+0.17}_{-0.16}) \times 10^{-10*}$	1.57*
2FGL J1508.5-4957	PMN J1508-4953	$(7.6^{+3.0}_{-2.3}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.55
2FGL J1514.6-4751	PMN J1514-4748	$(5.6^{+0.6}_{-0.6}) \times 10^{-11}$	0.32
Sum (2LAC)			7.9

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# IceCube-170922A

- JST 2017/9/23 5:55AM: GCN notice is issued
- 10:09AM: Offline analysis result is issued (GCN 21916)

## EHE alert

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DATE: 17/09/23 01:09:26 GMT  
FROM: Erik Blaufuss at U. Maryland/IceCube <blaufuss@icecube
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Claudio Kopper (University of Alberta) and Erik Blaufuss (Univer

On 22 Sep, 2017 IceCube detected a track-like, very-high-energy (EHE) track event selection. The IceCube detector was in a normal muon that traverses the detector volume, and have a high light l

After the initial automated alert (<https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/not> sophisticated reconstruction algorithms have been applied offlin

Date: 22 Sep, 2017

Time: 20:54:30.43 UTC

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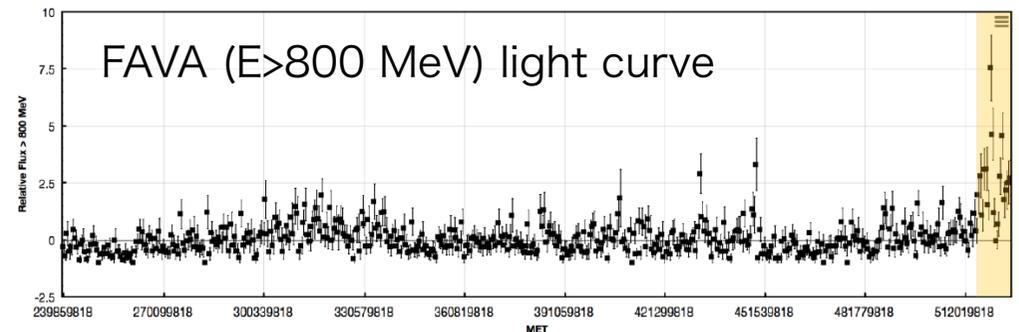
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We encourage follow-up by ground and space-based instruments to

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory is a cubic-kilometer neutrino d  
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# Fermi-LAT detection of a flaring blazar TXS 0506+056 inside the error region of IceCube-170922A

Fermi-LAT count map



Flaring blazar, TXS 0506+056 was detected inside the IceCube-170922A error region  
(Tanaka et al. ATel #10791)

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

ATel #10791; *Yasuyuki T. Tanaka (Hiroshima University), Sara Buson (NASA/GSFC), Daniel Kocevski (NASA/MSFC) on behalf of the Fermi-LAT collaboration*  
on 28 Sep 2017; 10:10 UT

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Subjects: Gamma Ray, Neutrinos, AGN

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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](https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.00664), as 3FHL J0509.4+0542), is located inside the IceCube error region. The FAVA (Fermi All-sky Variability Analysis) light curve at energies above 800 MeV shows a flaring state recently (<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  $(3.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-7}$  photons  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  (errors are statistical only), increased by a factor of  $\sim 6$  compared to the 3FGL flux, with

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# MAGIC sub-TeV gamma-ray detection from TXS 0506+056

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## First-time detection of VHE gamma rays by MAGIC from a direction consistent with the recent EHE neutrino event IceCube-170922A

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Subjects: Optical, Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, UHE, Neutrinos, AGN, Blazar

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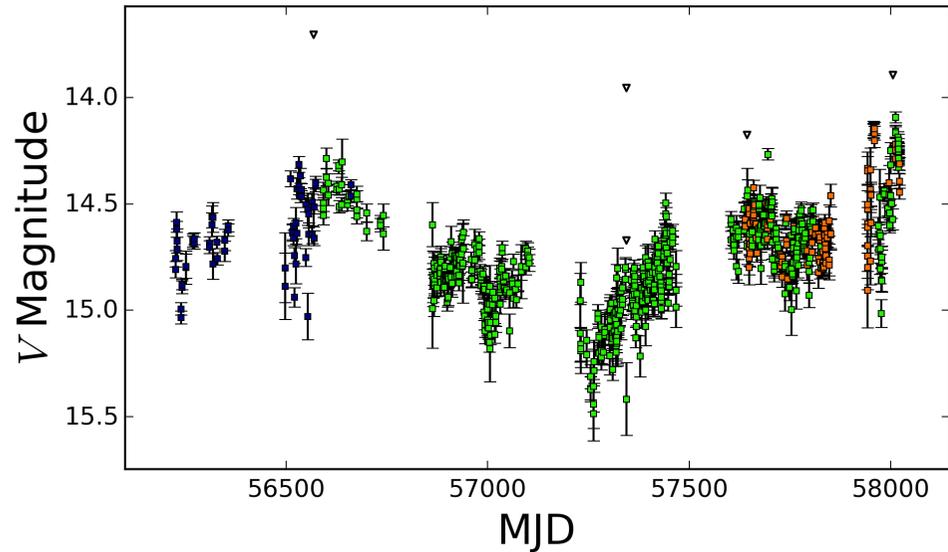
After the IceCube neutrino event EHE 170922A detected on 22/09/2017 (GCN circular #[21916](#)), Fermi-LAT measured enhanced gamma-ray emission from the blazar TXS 0506+056 (05 09 25.96370, +05 41 35.3279 (J2000), [Lani et al., Astron. J., 139, 1695-1712 (2010)]), located 6 arcmin from the EHE 170922A estimated direction (ATel #[10791](#)). MAGIC observed this source under good weather conditions and a 5 sigma detection above 100 GeV was achieved after 12 h of observations from September 28th till October 3rd. This is the first time that VHE gamma rays are measured from a direction consistent with a detected neutrino event. Several follow up observations from other observatories have been reported in ATels: #[10773](#), #[10787](#), #[10791](#), #[10792](#), #[10794](#), #[10799](#), #[10801](#), GCN: #[21941](#), #[21930](#), #[21924](#), #[21923](#), #[21917](#), #[21916](#). The MAGIC contact persons for these observations are R. Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de) E. Bernardini (elisa.bernardini@desy.de), K.Satalecka (konstancja.satalecka@desy.de). MAGIC is a system of two 17m-diameter Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes located at the Observatory Roque de los Muchachos on the Canary island La Palma, Spain, and designed to perform gamma-ray astronomy in the energy range from 50 GeV to greater than 50 TeV.

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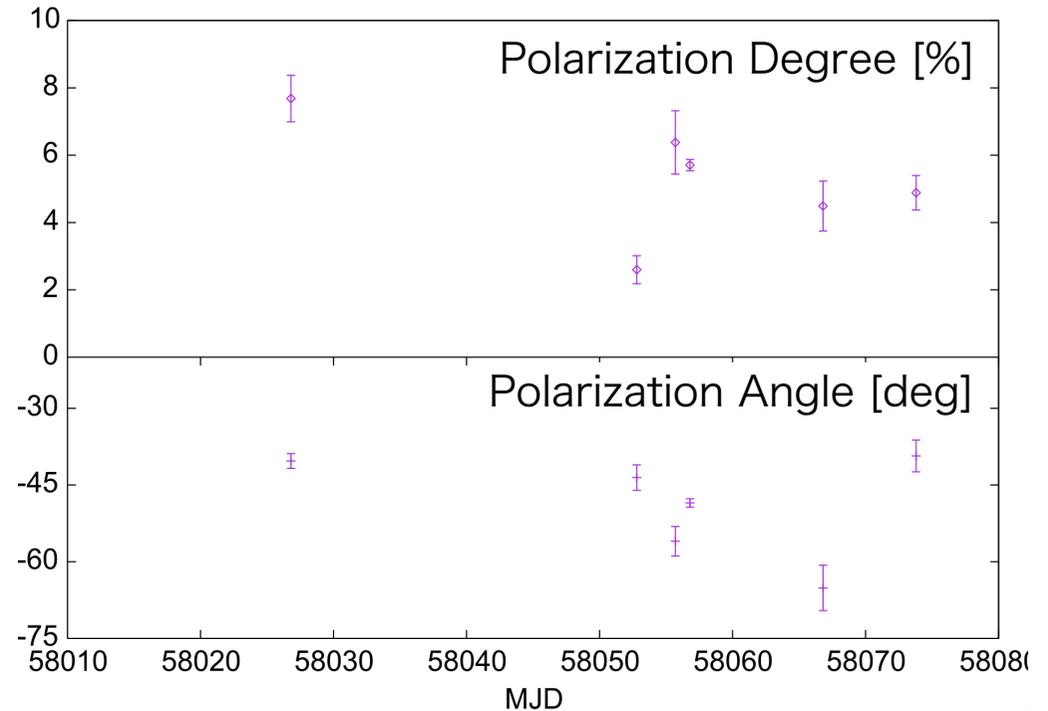
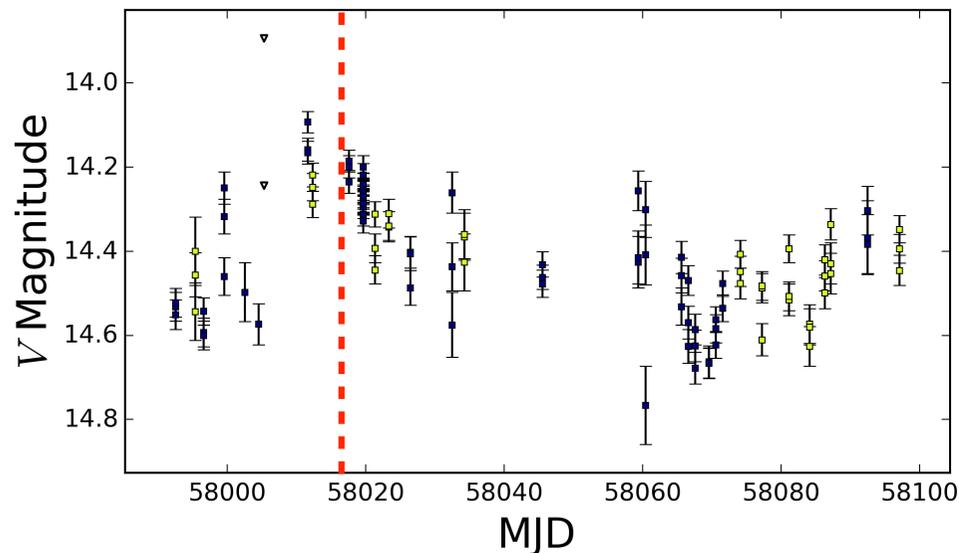
# ASAS-SN optical V-band light curve and polarization measurement by Kanata/HONIR

R.A. = 5:09:25.99 Dec = 5:41:34.8



- IceCube trigger time corresponds to the brightest phase in the optical band, indicating the possible association with IceCube neutrino and this flaring blazar
- Significant polarization (~6% PD) was detected (interstellar polarization is <1%)

**IceCube trigger (MJD 58018.87)**



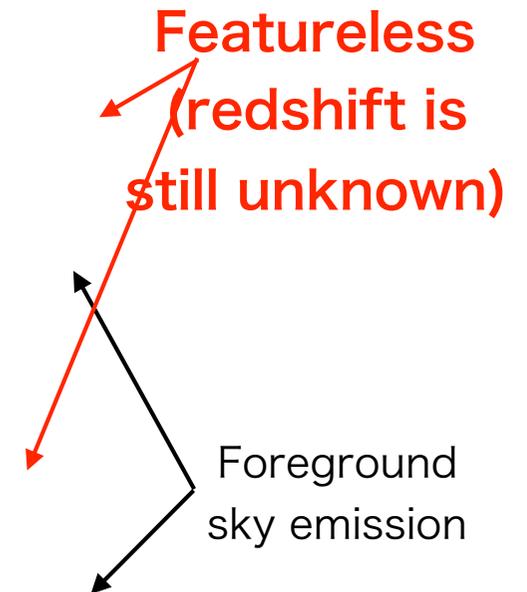


# Subaru/FOCAS spectroscopy (Morokuma+, ATel #10890)

Subaru/FOCAS follow-up to measure the redshift

TXS 0506

Nearby star



# Summary

- Fermi-LAT detected a flaring blazar, TXS 0506+056, inside the error region of IceCube-170922A
- MAGIC also detected sub-TeV emission from TXS 0506+056, supporting the possible association between the IceCube neutrino and the blazar
- The neutrino flux is comparable to GeV-TeV gamma-ray flux, further supporting the association
- Multi-wavelength follow-ups were triggered after the Fermi-LAT detection
- We have also performed optical ToO observation toward this blazar with Kanata/HONIR, Kiso/KWFC, Subaru/HSC, FOCAS etc
- Redshift is still unclear
- CTA-LST follow-up for IceCube alert is definitely important to discover the second blazar association