

# Observation of radio galaxies with HAWC

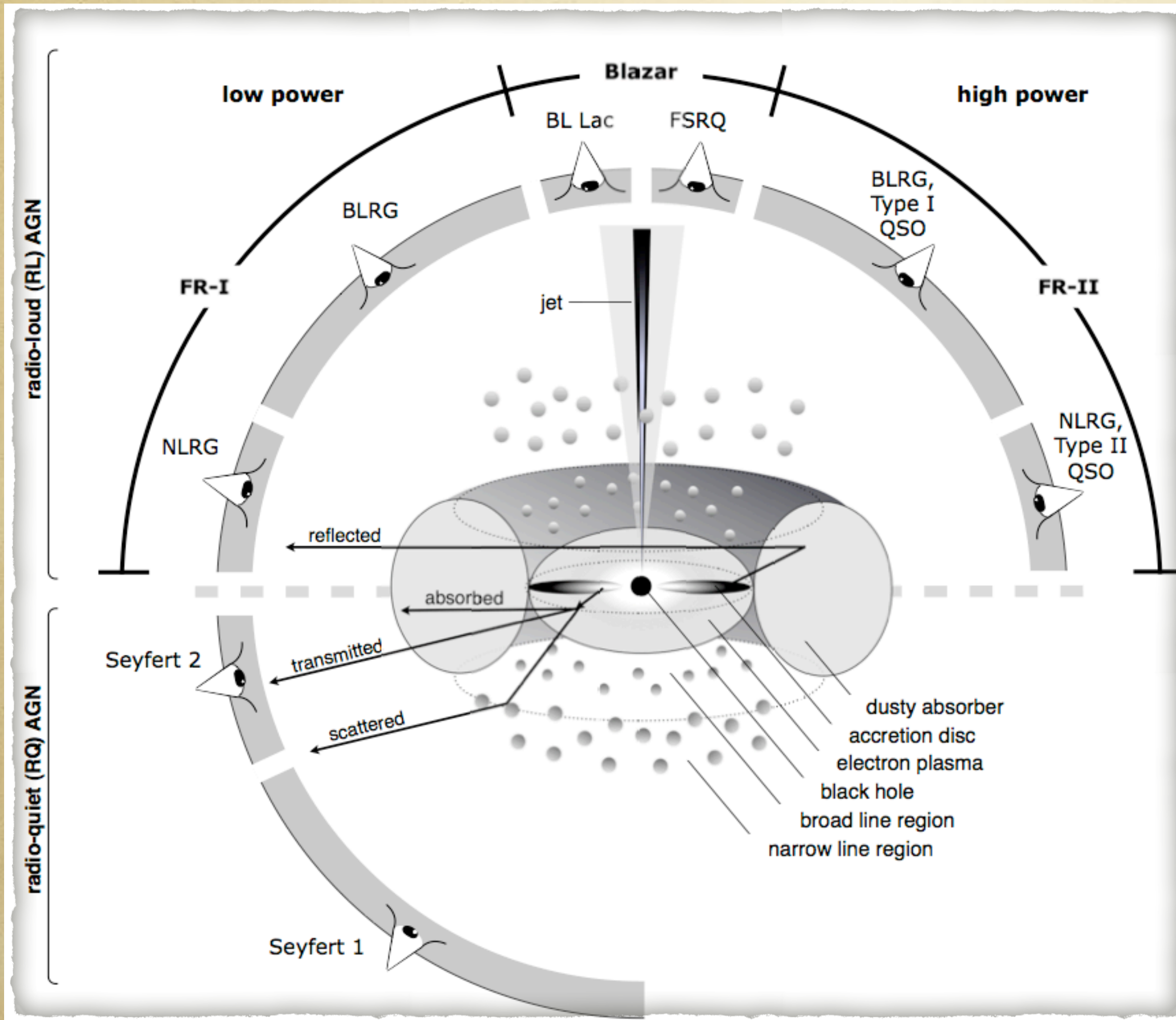


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# Active Galactic Nuclei



AGN are the most popular object

misaligned jet

Blazar

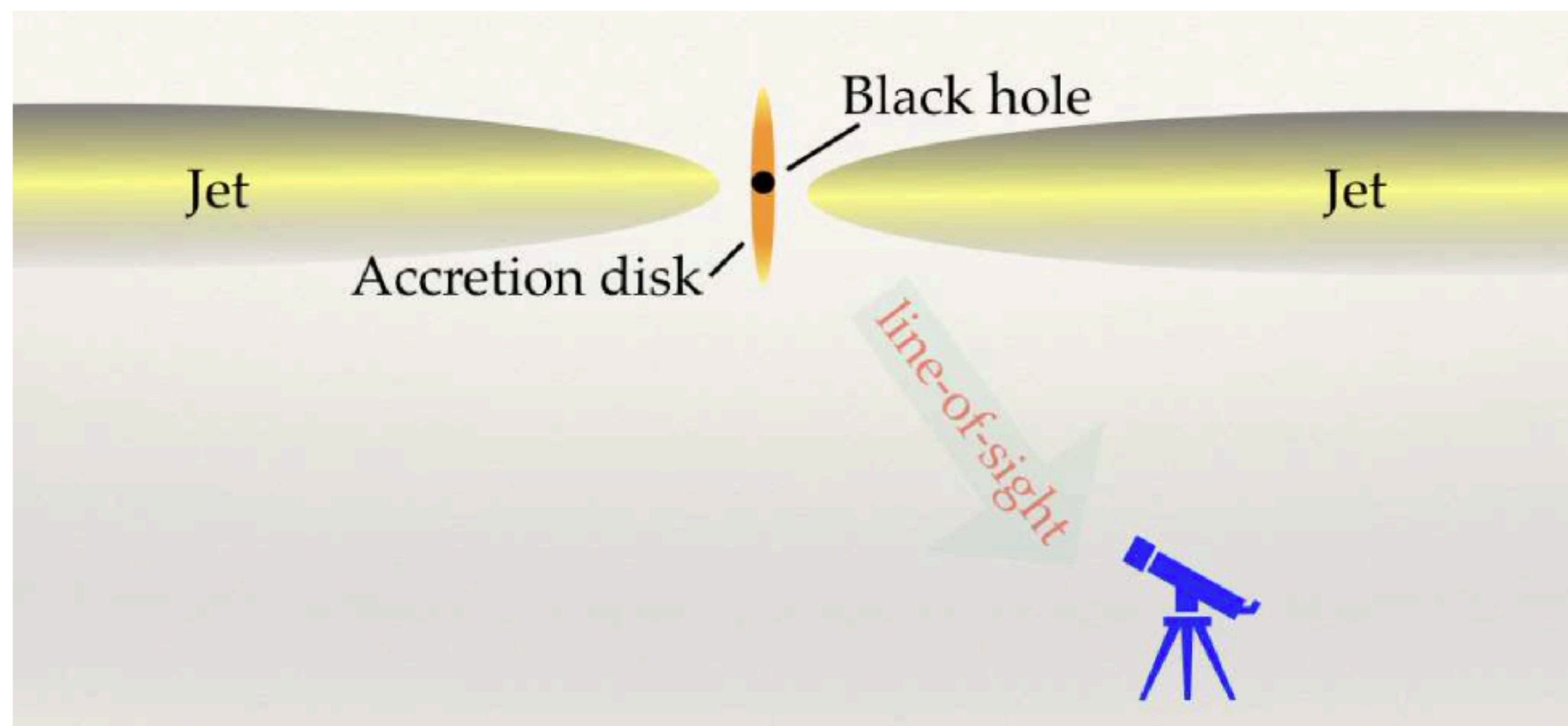
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Radio galaxy

Yes

<http://astromev.in2p3.fr/?q=aboutus/active-galactic-nuclei-mev-domain>

# Radio Galaxy



**Figure 1.** Sketch representing the mis-aligned radio emitting bipolar jets of a radio galaxy (not to scale). Jets typically extend up to a few hundreds of kilo-parsec to mega-parsec scales.

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- RG is a class of Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN).
- Host a relativistic jet misaligned with the line of sight.
- Prove the physics of VHE emission process.

# Radio Galaxy at TeV

Table 1. Radio galaxies detected at TeV energies

Source	Type	Redshift (Distance in Mpc)	$M_{BH}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$L_{VHE}$ ( $\text{erg s}^{-1}$ )
★ Centaurus A	FR1	0.00183 (3.7) [23]	$5 \times 10^7$ [24]	$10^{40}$
M87	FR1	0.0044 (16) [25]	$6 \times 10^9$ [26]	$10^{41}$
3C 84	FR1	0.0177 (71) [27]	$(3-8) \times 10^8$ [28,29]	$10^{45}$
★ IC 310	FR1	0.0189 (80) [30]	$(1-7) \times 10^8$ [24,31]	$10^{44}$
3C 264	FR1	0.0217 (95) [32]	$2.6 \times 10^8$ [33]	$6 \times 10^{43}$
★ PKS 0625-35	FR1/BL Lac	0.05488 (220) [34]	$3 \times 10^9$ [24]	$5 \times 10^{41}$

The RG are:

- The closest Extragalactic objects.
- Harbors a Super Massive Black Hole  $\sim 10^{(8-9)}$  solar masses.
- Luminosities up to  $10^{45}$  ergs  $\text{s}^{-1}$ .
- Classified as Fanaroff and Riley type I (FR1).

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★ HAWC can't see them



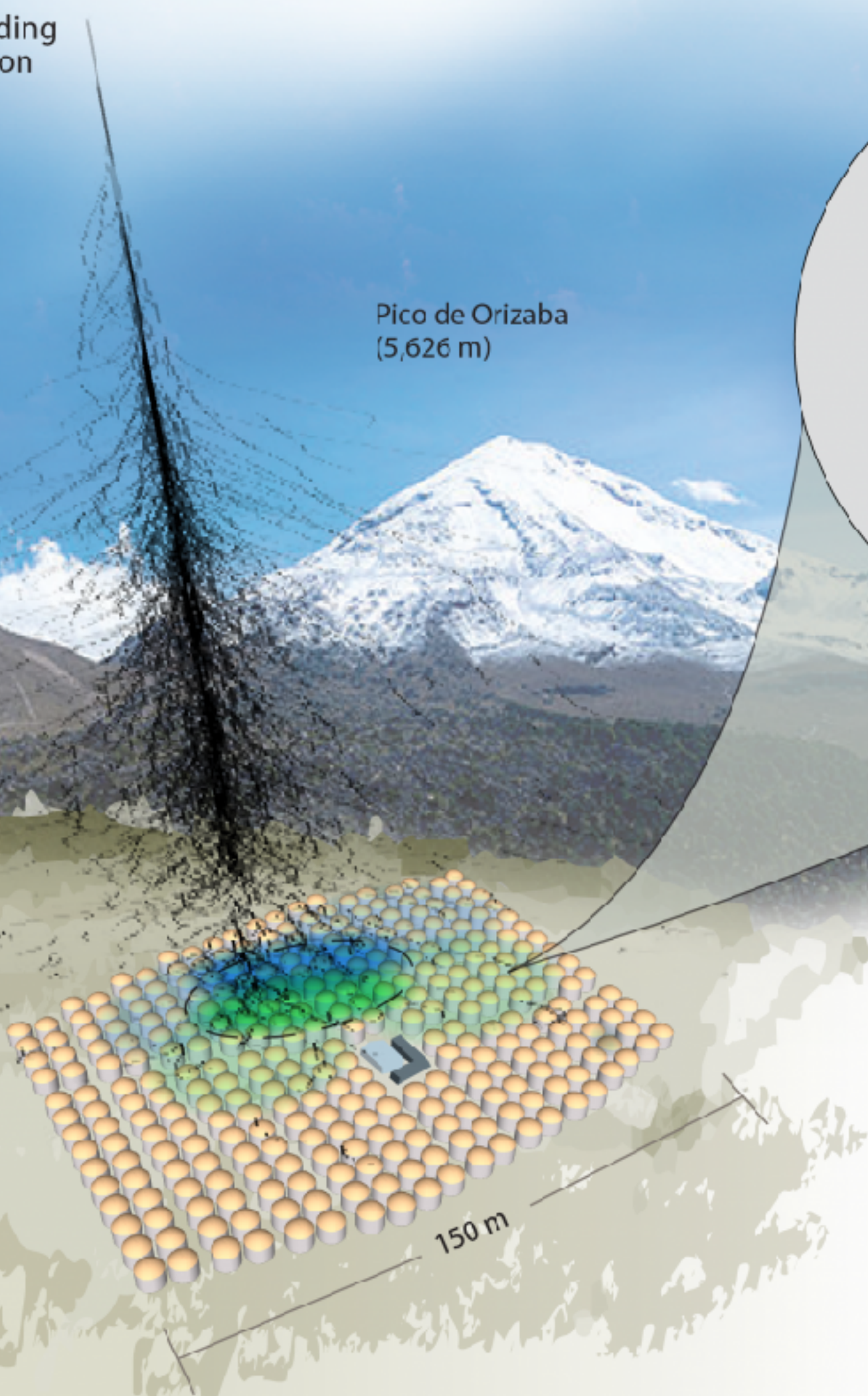
# Mapping the Northern Sky in High-Energy Gamma Rays

## HAWC Observatory

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



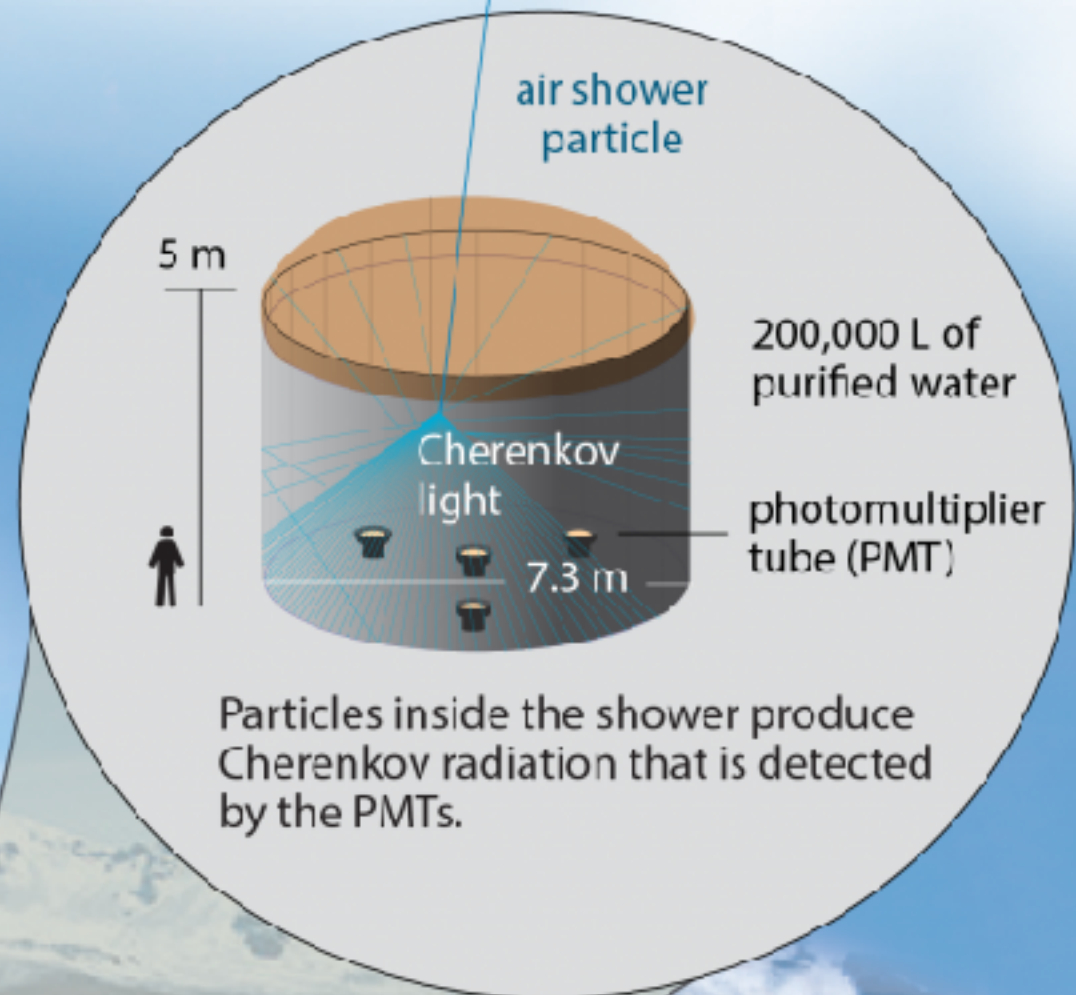
Pico de Orizaba (5,626 m)



HAWC is located at 4,100 m above sea level, covering an area of 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

## Water Cherenkov tank

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

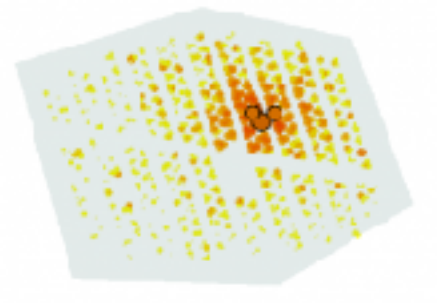


Particles inside the shower produce Cherenkov radiation that is detected by the PMTs.

## Gamma rays vs cosmic rays

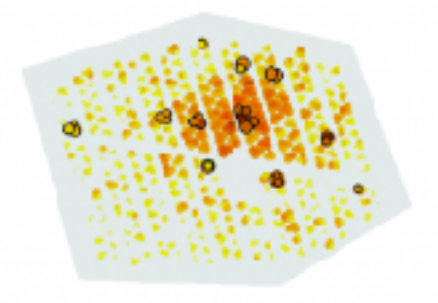
HAWC selects gamma rays from among a much more abundant background of cosmic rays.

gamma-ray shower



"hot" spots concentrate around the core

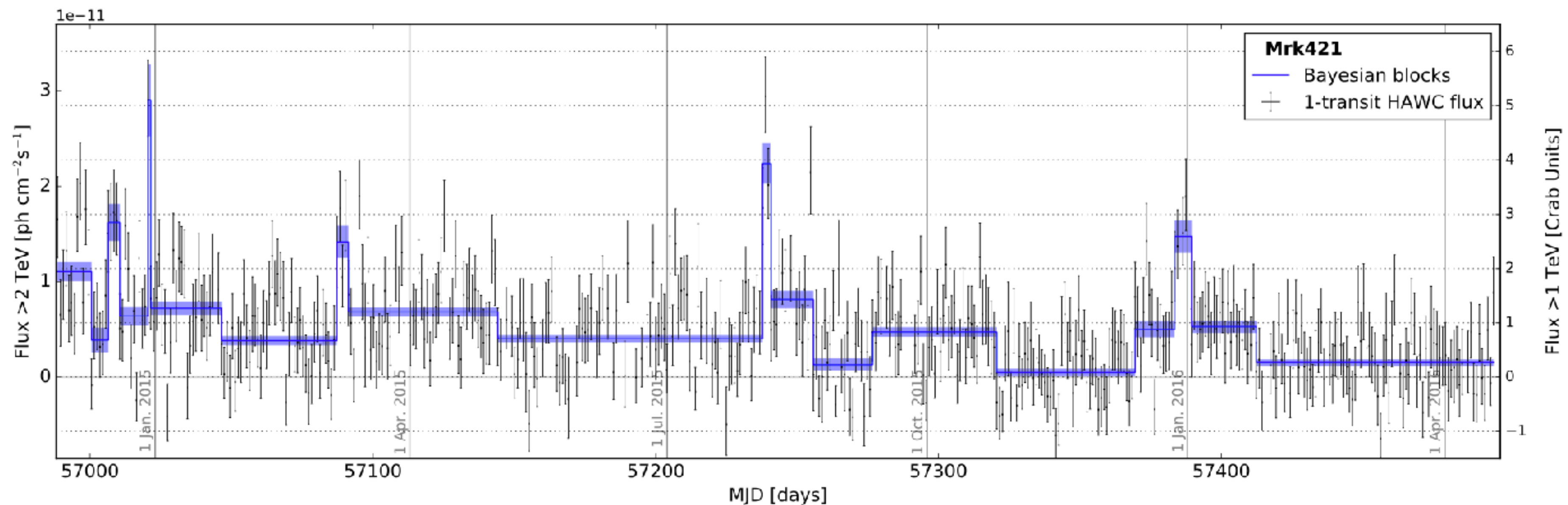
cosmic-ray shower



"hot" spots are more dispersed

- Some characteristics:
- DC > 95%
  - Wide F.O.V
  - 300 GeV - 100 TeV

=> HAWC is a good experiment to source monitoring.



**Figure 4.** Flux light curve for Mrk 421 with sidereal-day sampling for 471 transits between 2014 November 26 and 2016 April 20. The integrated fluxes are derived from fitting  $F_i$  in  $dN/dE = F_i(E/(1 \text{ TeV}))^{-2.2} \exp(-E/(5 \text{ TeV}))$  and converted to Crab Units via dividing by the HAWC measurement of the average Crab Nebula gamma-ray flux. The blue lines show the distinct flux states between change points identified via the Bayesian blocks analysis with a 5% false positive probability.

A. U. Abeysekara (2017) DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/aa729e

# Radio Galaxy at TeV

“Like Blazars, TeV radio galaxies exhibit variability on multiple timescale” B. Rani (2019).

There are two state: flaring and quiescent.

A. M87 was the first TeV detected radio galaxy.

Three active states:

1. 2005 flare is reported by H.E.S.S.
2. 2008 flare is reported by MAGIC
3. 2010 flare is reported by VERITAS

B. NGC1275

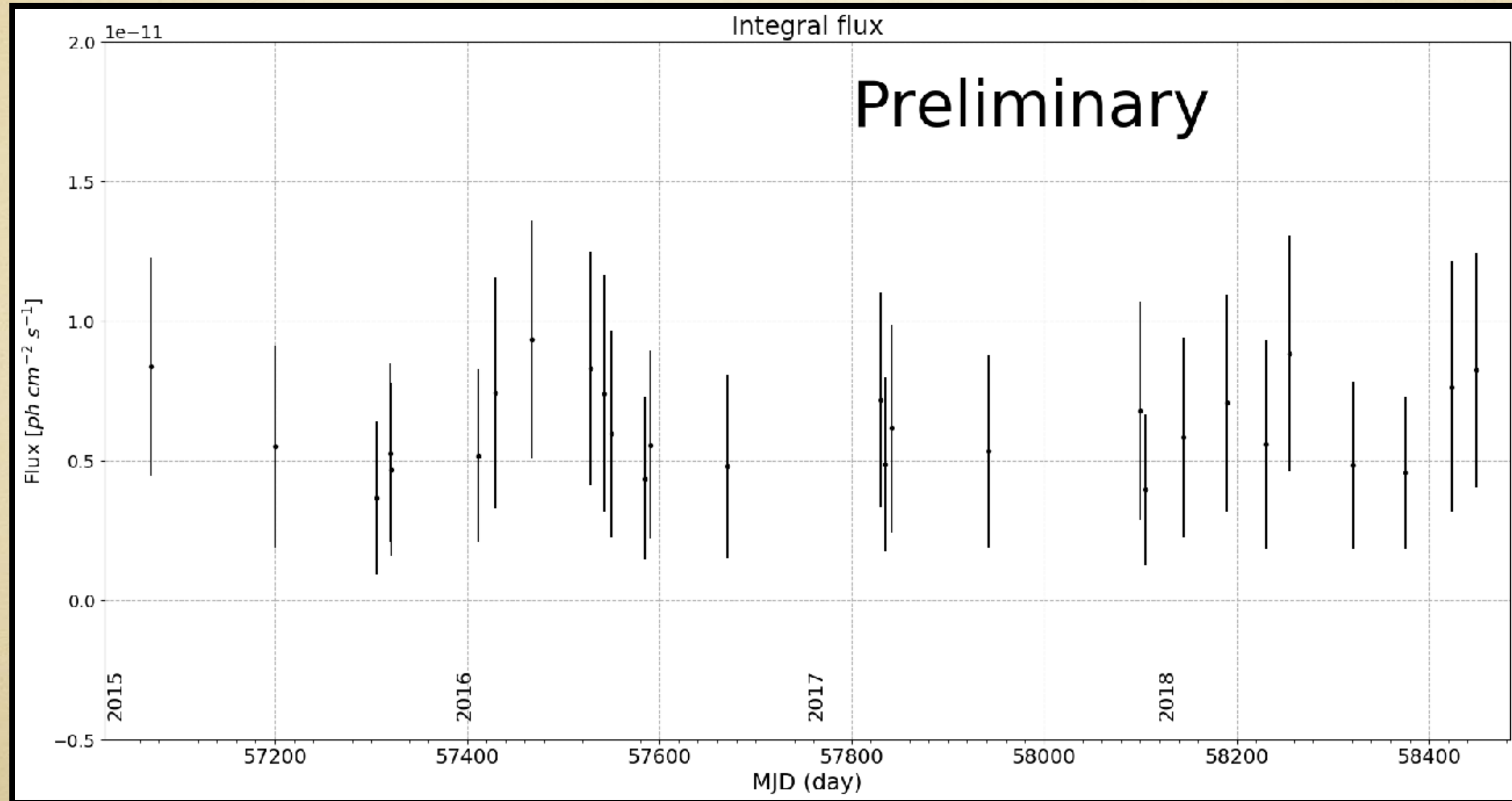
Two active states:

4. October 2015
5. December 2016/January 201

C. 3C 264

M87

# Cumulate data

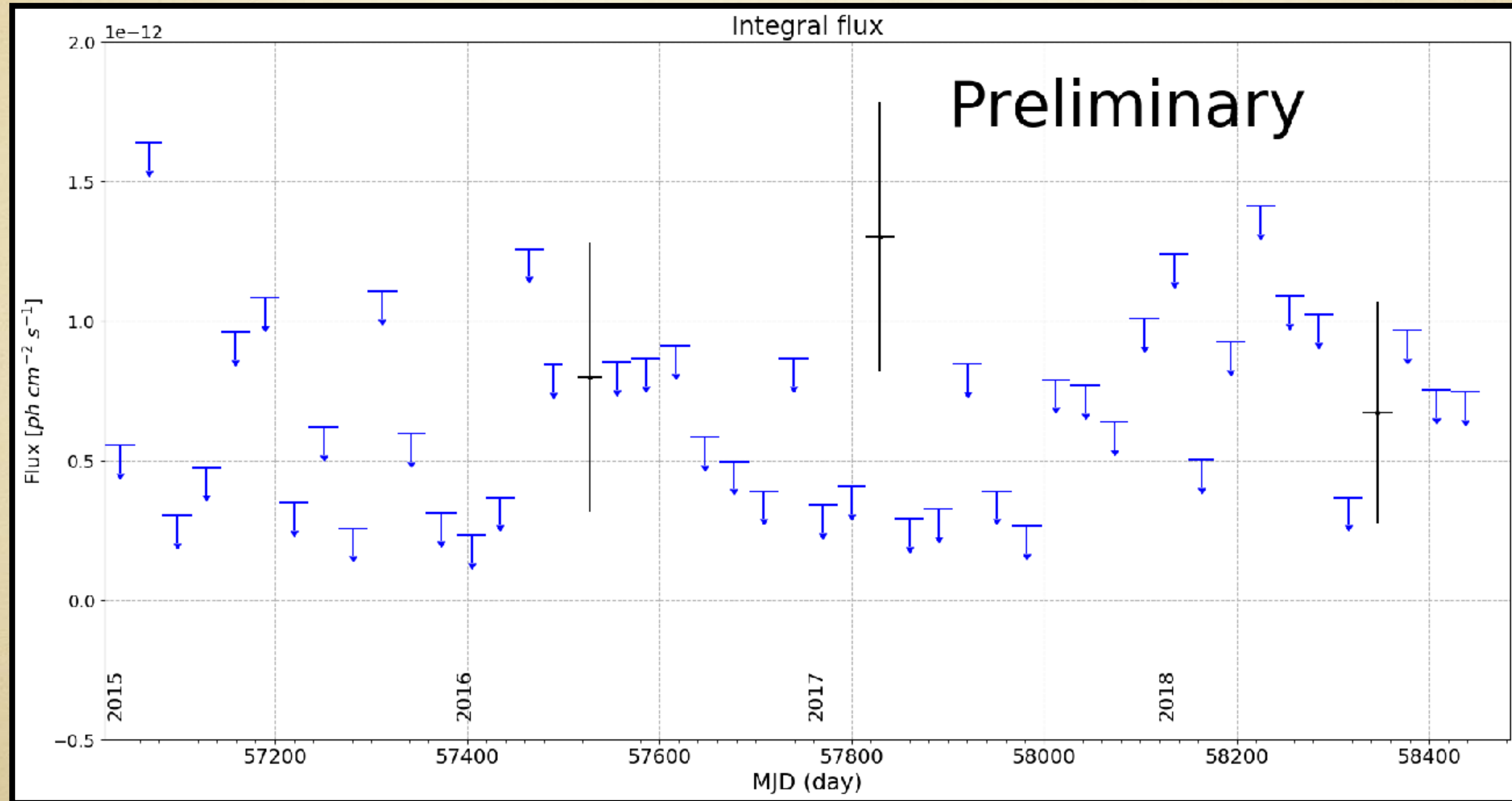


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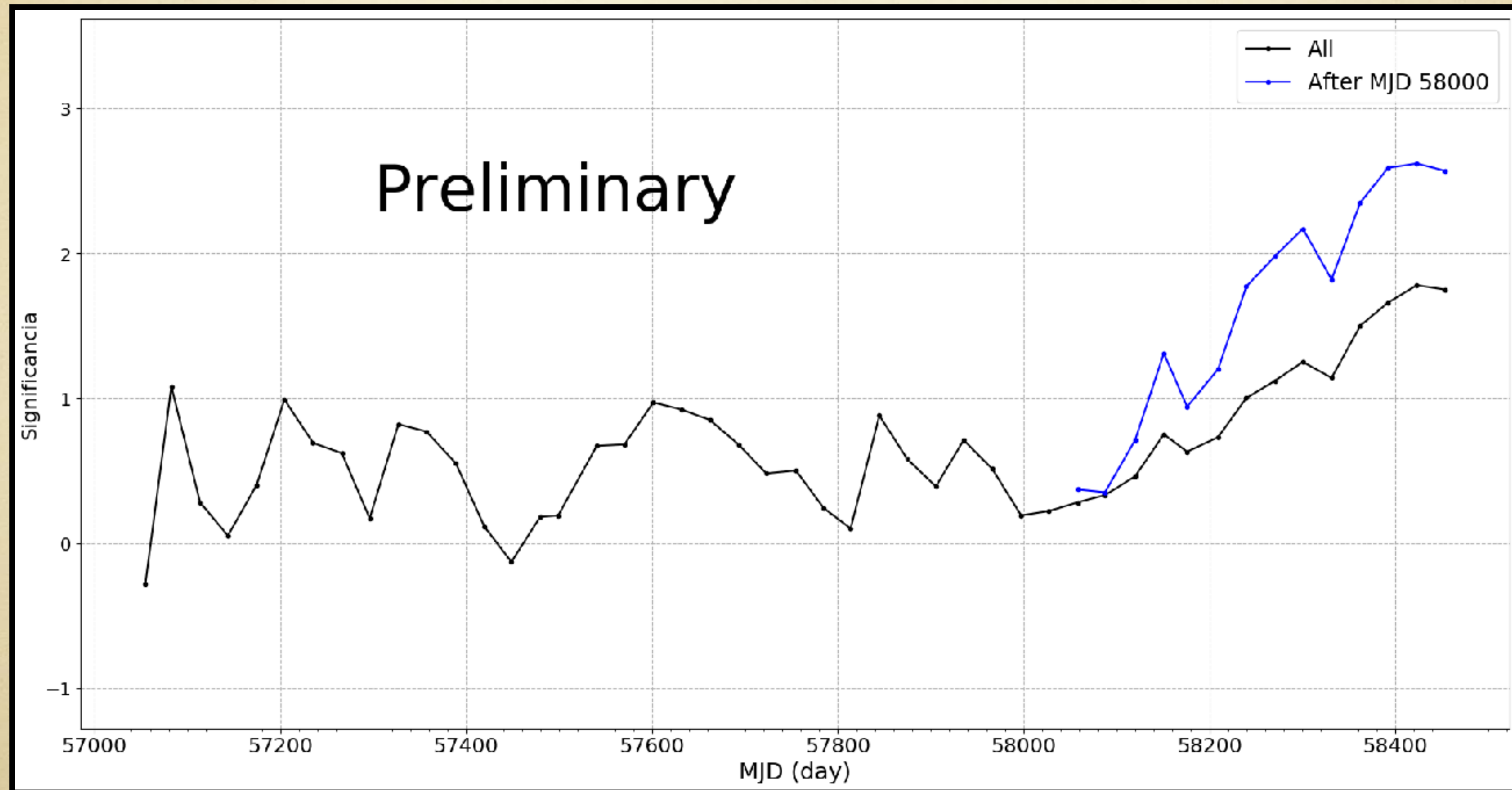
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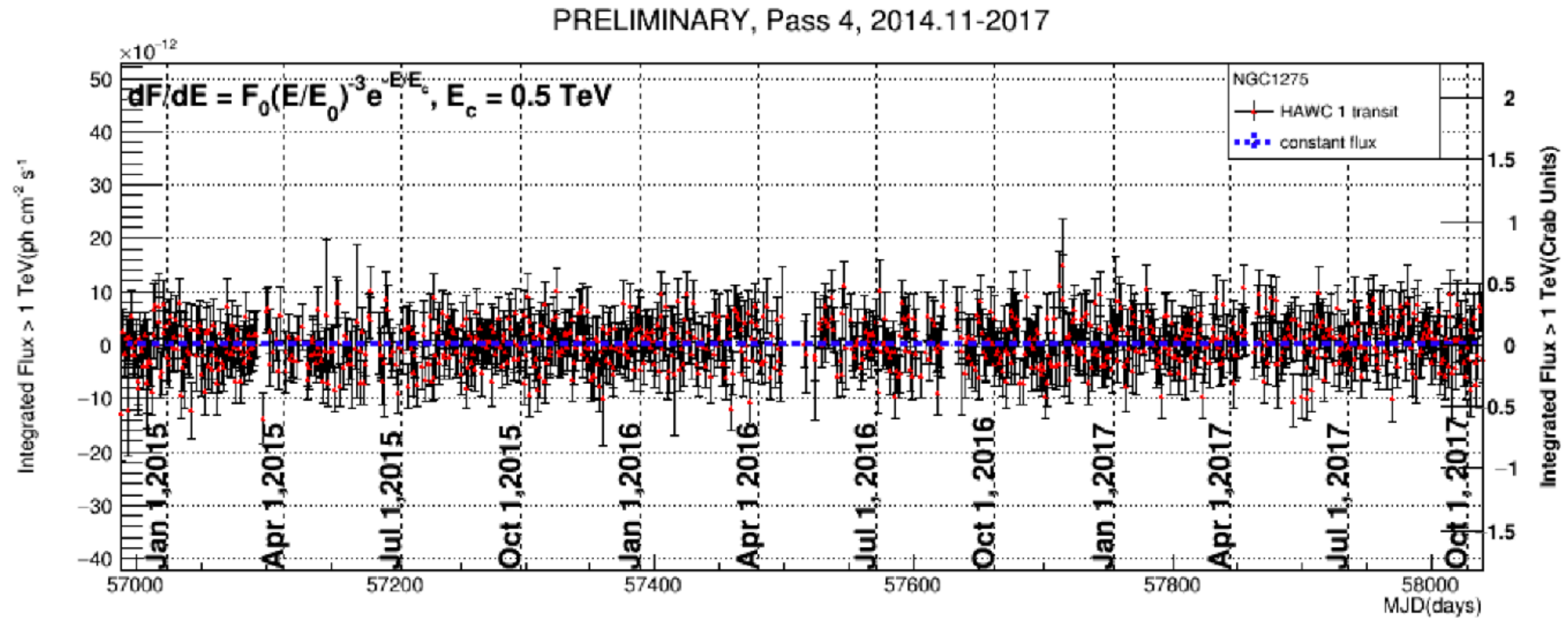
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Hint: a constant emission after September 2017 (MJD 58000)

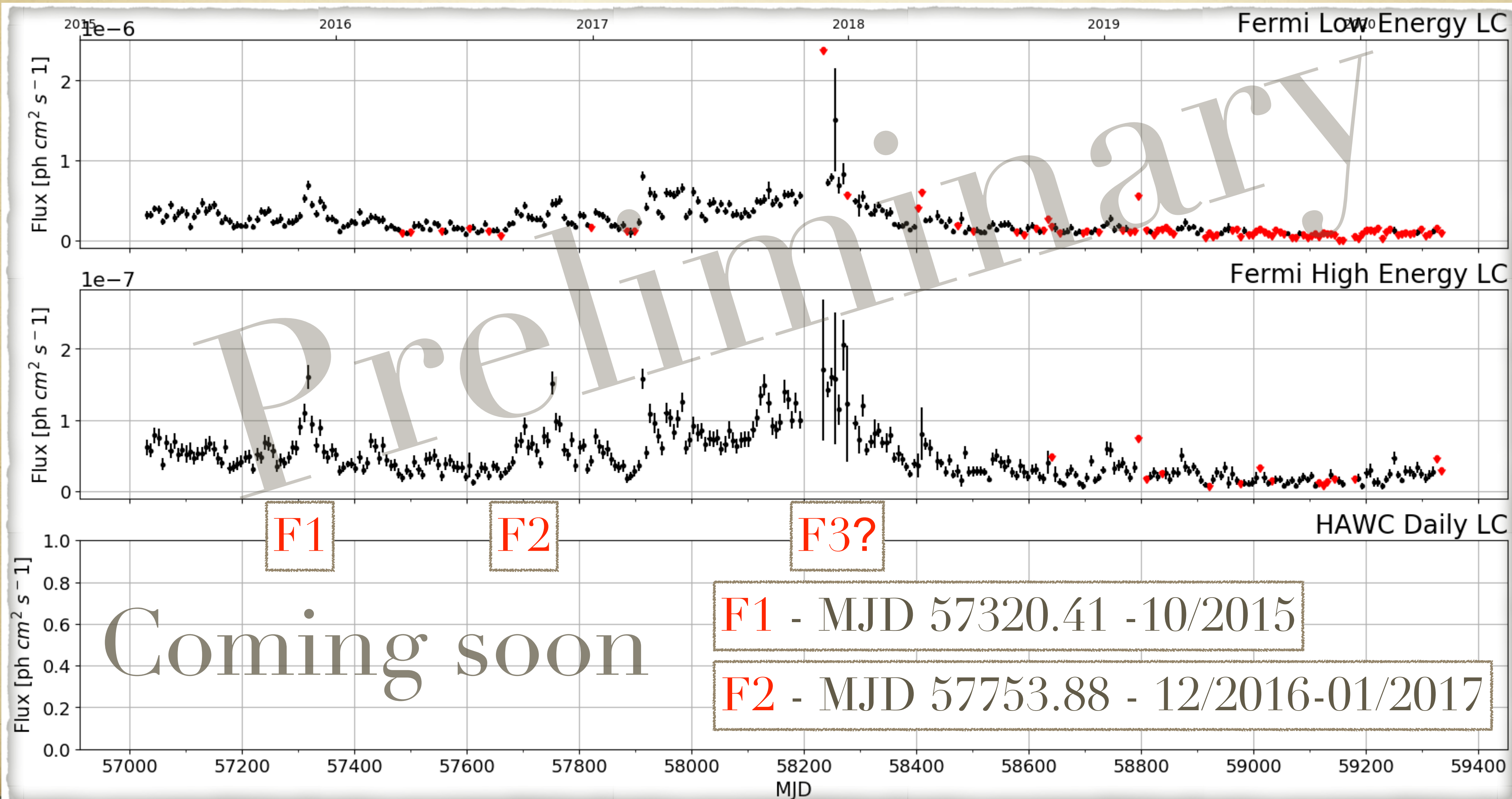
# NGC 1275



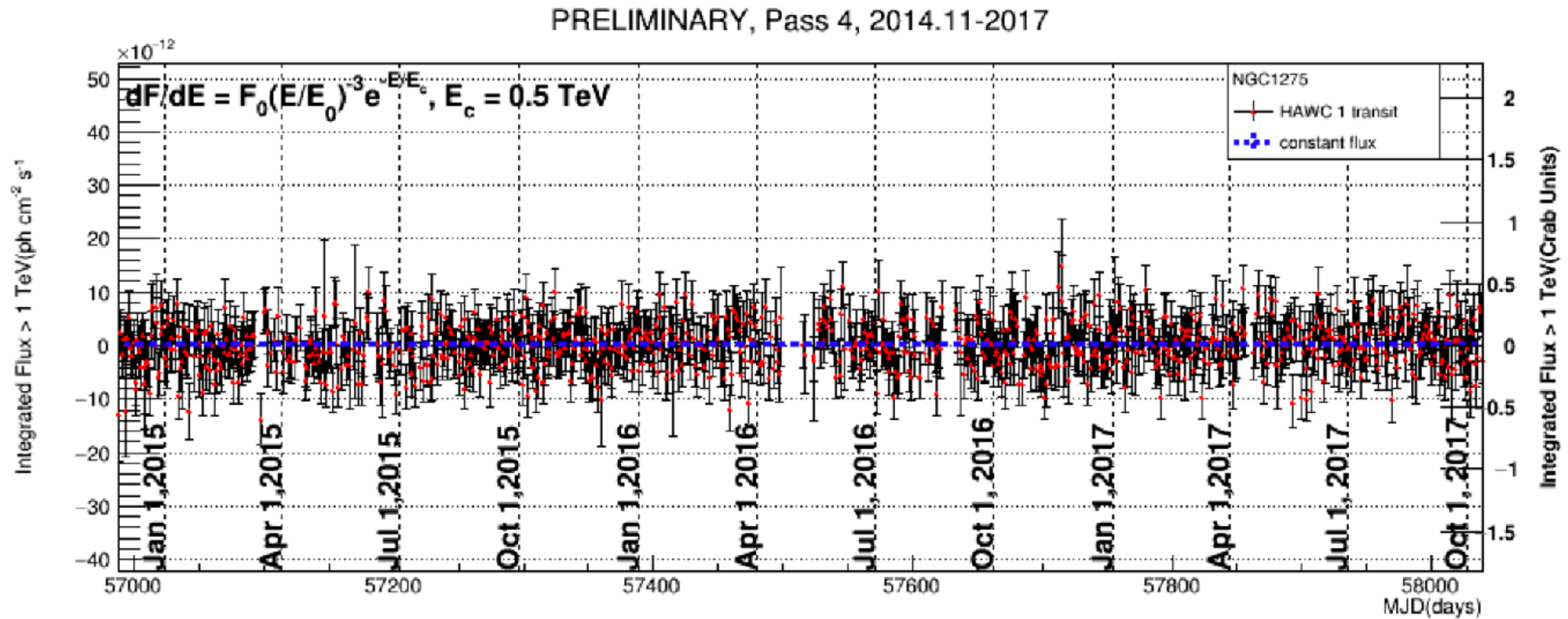
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# NGC 1275 - HAWC & Fermi



# 3C 264



**Figure 2:** Light curve for 1017 days of HAWC data for NGC 1275.

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# Summary

- Monitor 3 RGs with HAWC
- Hint: M87 start a constant emission after  $\sim$ MJD 58000
- Possible flare in NGC1275  $\sim$ MJD 58200