

The H.E.S.S. survey of the inner Galactic plane

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Abstract: The High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.), located in the Khomas Highlands of Namibia, is an array of four imaging atmospheric-Cherenkov telescopes designed to detect γ -rays in the very high energy (VHE; > 100 GeV) domain. Its high sensitivity and large field of view (5°) make it an ideal instrument to perform a survey within the Galactic plane for new VHE sources. Previous observations in 2004/2005 resulted in numerous detections of VHE gamma-ray emitters in the region $1 = 330^{\circ}$ - 30° Galactic longitude. In the recent years the survey was extended, covering the regions $1 = 280^{\circ}$ - 330° and $1 = 30^{\circ}$ - 60° , leading to the discovery of several previously unknown sources with high statistical significance. The current status of the survey will be presented.

Results will be given in the post-conference version of the proceedings