

Recent Highlights from the VERITAS AGN Discovery Program

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VERITAS is one of the world's most sensitive detectors of astrophysical very high energy (VHE; $E > 100$ GeV) gamma rays. This observatory began full-scale operations in 2007, and nearly 8,000 hours of its good-weather observations have been targeted on active galactic nuclei (AGN). Approximately 250 AGN were observed with VERITAS, many of these as part of a comprehensive program to discover new VHE AGN. VERITAS spectral and variability measurements, and accompanying broadband observations, are key probes of the underlying jet-powered processes in AGN. Recent scientific highlights from the VERITAS AGN discovery program are presented.

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