CTA – SETTING THE STAGE

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GROUND-BASED GAMMA RAY ASTRONOMY TODAY



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GROUND-BASED GAMMA RAY ASTRONOMY TODAY

Real Astronomy! showing a different sky

- 200+ sources of TeV gamma rays
- Sky images and sky maps
- Resolution approaches that of the human eye
- Sources like the Crab Nebula are virtually free of cosmicray background
- Dynamic range in gamma-ray flux: 3 orders of magnitude
- Dynamic range in energy: 3 decades
- Light curves on all scales from minutes to years



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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

ATel #10817; Razmik Mirzoyan for the MAGIC Collaboration on 4 Oct 2017; 17:17 UT Credential Certification: Razmik Mirzoyan (Razmik Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)

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

Referred to by ATel #: 10830, 10833, 10838, 10840, 10844, 10845, 10942, 12260

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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.mg.de) E. Bernardini (elisa.bernardini@desyde), K.Satalecka (konstancja.satalecka@desyde). 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.

First time detection of a GRB at sub-TeV energies; MAGIC detects the GRB 190114C

ATel #12390; Razmik Mirzoyan on behalf of the MAGIC Collaboration

on **15 Jan 2019; 01:03 UT** Credential Certification: Razmik Mirzoyan (Razmik Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, Request for Observations, Gamma-Ray Burst

Referred to by ATel #: 12395, 12475

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The MAGIC telescopes performed a rapid follow-up observation of GRB 190114C (Gropp et al., GCN 23688; Tyurina et al., GCN 23690, de Ugarte Postigo et al., GCN 23692, Lipunov et al. GCN 23693, Selsing et al. GCN 23695). This observation was triggered by the Swift-BAT alert; we started observing at about 50s after Swift T0: 20:57:03.19. The MAGIC real-time analysis shows a significance >20 sigma in the first 20 min of observations (starting at T0+50s) for energies >300GeV. The relatively high detection threshold is due to the large zenith angle of observations (>60 degrees) and the presence of partial Moon. Given the brightness of the event, MAGIC will continue the observation of GRB 190114C until it is observable tonight and also in the next days. We strongly encourage follow-up observations by other instruments. The MAGIC contact persons for these observations are R. Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mgp.de) and K. Noda (nodak@icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp). 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.

CHERENKOV TELESCOPES

A bit like a meteor track, but very faint (few photons per m²) very short-lived (some 10⁻⁹ seconds)

Multiple telescopes to provide stereoscopic views of the shower track











Theme 1: Cosmic Particle Acceleration

- How and where are particles accelerated?
- How do they propagate?
- What is their impact on the environment?

Theme 2: Probing Extreme Environments

- Close to neutron stars and black holes?
- Relativistic jets, winds and explosions?
- Cosmic voids

Theme 3: Physics Frontiers

- What is the nature of Dark Matter?
- Is the speed of light a constant?
- Do axion-like particles exist?







Current instruments provide exciting glimpses, but often fall short of providing the full answer

Current Instruments **CTA**

Cosmic particle accelerators in our Galaxy

GENESIS OF CTA

THE 1992 PALAISEAU WORKSHOP



Towards a Major Atmospheric Cerenkov Detector for Tev Astro/particle Physics

> EDITIONS FRONTIERES

edited by

Patrick Fleury Giuseppe Vacanti Following the observation of TeV gamma ray emission from the Crab Nebula, it seems desirable that a major program be set forth by the international community to develop TeV γ -Astronomy.









IN THE UNITED STATES, 2005

Ground-based Gamma-ray Astronomy: Towards the Future October 20–22, 2005; May's Landing & UCLA

Wide field aplanatic two-mirror telescopes for ground-based γ -ray astronomy

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> NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES



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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL





The VHE Milky Way Galactic center VHE source Galactic center ridge First resolved VHE PWN First resolved VHE SNR VHE binaries





EUROPEAN ROADMAPPING



ESFRI

"The European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) was established in 2002, with a mandate from the EU Council to support a coherent and strategy-led approach to policy-making on research infrastructures in Europe..."

2002: ESFRI established

".. in the second semester of 2004, ESFRI was asked to prepare a roadmap for new large-scale RIs needed by the EU scientific community. The ESFRI roadmap on RIs will be the first of this kind in Europe." 2004: ESFRI prepares for roadmapping of RI's

OCTOBER 7, 2005



Dear Manel and Masahiro,

based on input from various sides, I got the impression that rapid input for the ESFRI roadmap committee is required to secure a slot for future Cherenkov instruments. I drafted a letter which could possibly be sent to the chairman of the committee, I attach the draft and was wondering if you would be prepared to join such an initiative? ...

The draft leaves open how exactly the telescope array should look like, and exactly where is should be built. ... I personally would prefer to split the ~100 MEuro which such a system could reasonably cost, and use half of it to built a large number (20 ?) modest-sized (12 m?) telescopes with relatively low-cost, wide-field cameras (7 degr?), arranged on a ~100 m grid with some outrigger telescopes for even larger area at very high energy and LZA, and to spent the other half of the money for a few (3-4?) large telescopes ...

Let me know what you think about some common action towards ESFRI.

Best wishes Werner

NOVEMBER 2005: LETTER TO ESFRI

signed by over 60 group leaders from 15 countries



Letter of Intent for a Large Array of Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes for High-Energy Astrophysics

Interstellar space is filled with populations of high-energy particles. While the energy contained in this component is comparable to the energy density of starlight or galactic magnetic fields, knowledge about this "nonthermal Universe" and about the sources and propagation of the high-energy particles is rather limited. Particles are almost certainly accelerated in collective phenomena such as shock waves emitted by dying stars or are generated in the vicinity of supermassive black holes, but part of this nonthermal population may also result from the decay or annihilation of relic particles left over from the Big Bang, possibly forming the cosmic dark matter. An in-situ study of such particle populations is

... 2 pages ...

This Letter of Intent is supported by the following senior scientists - mostly members of the H.E.S.S. and MAGIC collaborations and of the European part of the VERITAS collaboration - representing their research groups in Armenia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Namibia, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom:

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JANUARY 20, 2006 PROJECT DESCRIPTION TO ESFRI



1. Projev ject's name and descriptive title n advanced facility for ground-based high-energy gamma ray astronomy description of project and main characteristics atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes have proven an extremely successful approach to ray astronomy in the energy range above a few tens of GeV. The proposed facility will of arrays of telescopes, aiming to (a) increase sensitivity by another order of magnitude for observations, (b) boost significantly the detection area and hence the detection rates, cularly important for transient phenomena and at the highest energies, (c) increase the angular esolution and hence the ability to resolve the morphology of extended sources, (d) provide wide and uniform energy coverage from some 10 GeV to beyond 100 TeV, and (e) enhance the all sky survey and monitoring capability. These features will allow the exploration of non-thermal processes in the Universe, in close cooperation with and complementing observatories in other wavelength ranges of electromagnetic radiation, and for other messenger types. Given the wealth of sources in the central region of our Galaxy and the richness of their morphological features, a site in the southern hemisphere is attractive. On the other hand, a complementary northern site has to be considered for the study of AGNs and the cosmological evolution of galaxies and star formation. The ensemble would provide full sky coverage and wider energy range coverage as demonstrated by H.E.S.S. - MAGIC large/small zenith angle simultaneous observations.

3. Science case (scientific justification, including new areas to be opened)

Data from Cherenkov telescopes of the latest generation have revealed a sky rich in features at TeV energies; in the last years, the number of sources has quadrupled. First sky maps show the band of the Milky Way lined with cosmic accelerators, with complex and resolved morphology. Their energy spectra extend beyond 10s of TeV; some of the objects emit most of their energy in the TeV range. Extragalactic sources at unprecedented distances of up to three billion light years have been

MARCH 8, 2006 PRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS







Supported under FP7 and H2020





ESFRI 2018 Roadmap: CTA as ESFRI Landmark



THE CTA CONSORTIUM

31 Countries over 200 Institutes over 1400 Members





CTA CONSORTIUM AND CTA OBSERVATORY





- CTA as open observatory
- Regular AOs
- Proposals evaluated by TAC
- Observations carried out in queue mode
- Fully calibrated photon lists and analysis tools provided to observers
- Data open after proprietary period of 1 year

From: Concept for CTA construction and operation



CTA Resource Board

CTA DECLARATION OF INTENT JULY 18, 2012





"By signing this Declaration of Intent, the signatories – Ministries and Funding Agencies – wish to express their common interest in participating in the construction and operation of CTA. "

JULY 2014: FOUNDING THE CTA OBSERVATORY GMBH

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Interim legal entity, based in Heidelberg

Initially 3 shareholders representing Germany, Italy, Switzerland

Now shareholders from 11 countries, plus ESO

Final legal entity: ERIC, in preparation



DESIGNING CTA

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DESIGN DRIVERS










DESIGN DRIVER: FULL-SKY COVERAGE





OPTIMIZING THE CTA ARRAYS

K. Bernlöhr et al., Astropart. Phys. 43 (2013) 171

T. Hassan et al., Astropart. Phys. 93 (2017) 76

A. Acharyya et al., arXiv 1904.01426 (2019)





Approach

Experience, analytical models & cost models

Square grids of telescopes

Plausible array layouts

Freeze telescope numbers and parameters

> **Optimize and fine-tune** layout (at % level)

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SST-1M INAUGURATION

Warsaw June 2, 2014





ASTRI-SST INAUGURATION

Serra La Nave Observatory Sicily Sept. 24, 2014





GCT SST INAUGURATION

Paris-Meudon Dec. 1, 2015





MST TELESCOPE

Berlin-Adlershof







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La Palma October 10, 2018





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Available observation time:

- ____ Own_weather & cloud monitors
- A decade of satellite cloud data
- A decade of global weather models
- Anecdotal information

CTA CANDIDATE SITES

Gta

5 southern sites, 4 northern sites Characterized: Observation time, sensitivity

INSTRUMENT SENSITIVITY: T. Hassan et al. Astroparticle Physics 93 (2017) 76





NIGHT SKY BRIGHTNESS





Data collected by: L Wasserman Data processed by: D Duriscoe Hammer-Aitoff Equal Area Projection South Centered



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RESOLVING POWER





Example: nearby active galaxy Centaurus A

SENSITIVITY (STEADY SOURCES)









www.cta-observatory.org



USING CTA



CTA OBSERVATORY

During the first decade: ~40% Key Science Projects (CTA Consortium) ~50% User time ~10% Host country time



cherenkov telescope array

Science with the Cherenkov Telescope Array

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Key Science Projects



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KEY SCIENCE PROJECTS

provide legacy data sets and data products

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- 2. Galactic Centre
- 3. Galactic Plane Survey
- 4. Large Magellanic Cloud Survey
- 5. Extragalactic Survey
- 6. Transients
- 7. Cosmic-ray PeVatrons
- 8. Star-forming Systems
- 9. Active Galactic Nuclei
- 10. Cluster of Galaxies
- 11. Beyond Gamma Rays



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DATA CHALLENGE 1 EXPOSURE







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Theme 1: Cosmic Particle Acceleration

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Theme 3: Physics Frontiers



SCIENCE THEMES AND KEY SCIENCE PROJECTS



Theme	Question		Dark Matter Programme	Galactic Centre Survey	Galactic Plane Survey	LMC Survey	Extra- galactic Survey	Transients	Cosmic Ray PeVatrons	Star-forming Systems	Active Galactic Nuclei	Galaxy Clusters
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Probing Extreme Environments	2.2	What are the characteristics of relativistic jets, winds and explosions?		~	r	r	r	~~	~~		~~	
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	3.1	What is the nature of Dark Matter? How is it distributed?	~~	~~		~						•
Exploring Frontiers in Physics	3.2	Are there quantum gravitational effects on photon propagation?						~~	~		~~	
	3.3	Do Axion-like particles exist?					v	~			~~	

A CENSUS OF COSMIC PARTICLE ACCELERATORS





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ACROSS ALL COSMIC SCALES



Hubble Heritage Team





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WHAT IS THE JET MADE OF?

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GAMMA RAYS TRACE ANNIHILATING OR DECAYING RELICS





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CRUCIAL: MULTIWAVELENGTH & MULTIMESSENGER LINKS





CTA SCIENCE



In-depth understanding of known objects and their mechanisms



Expected discoveries of new object classes





The fun part: Things we haven't thought of