# TeV Gamma-Rays and Indirect Dark Matter Searches

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Image Credit: NRAO

# Gamma-rays (~30 GeV to ~500TeV)

Highly effective tracer of high energy particles High impact results ~ 20 Nature, Science, PhysRevLett papers since 2004



Great success with HESS, VERITAS, MAGIC, MILAGRO  $\rightarrow$  HESS-II, MAGIC-II, VERITAS upgrade, CTA, HAWC...

# Gamma-Ray Annihilation Signatures from (WIMP) Dark Matter



#### **Gamma-Ray Flux from Dark Matter Annihilation**



#### **Astrophysics term:**

- assume density profile of DM ρ (NFW, Einasto..)
- peaking at cores of galaxies, clusters, stars....
- $\rightarrow$  constraints on  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$

#### Prefer astrophysically weak or 'understood targets

- $\rightarrow$  Dwarf galaxies  $\rightarrow$  Globular clusters?
- $\rightarrow$  Galactic centre region?
- $\rightarrow$  Galaxy clusters..

TeV emission from ms pulsars, XRBs? GeV-TeV emission.. SMBH, SNRs, pulsars



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# The Cherenkov Telescope Array : A TeV Gamma-Ray Observatory



# The Cherenkov Telescope Array

- Next generation gamma-ray observatory
- Huge improvement in all aspects of performance
  - x10 better sensitivity, better FoV + angular resolution, wider energy coverage, collection area >few km<sup>2</sup>, wider survey capabilities
- User facility / proposal-driven observatory
  - CTA Consortium time (Key Science Projects) to lead off
- An international project ~ €300M capital cost
  - Involves >90% of current TeV gamma-ray scientists + many others
- EU ESFRI ranked project

ESFRI

European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures



#### Large Size Telescope LST (23m)









#### CTA Consortium (CTAC) July 2016



# CTA – Australia

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<u>Funding</u> ARC LIEF 2015 + 2017-21 (hardware/commissioning/labour)

NCRIS/AAL (travel, meetings, CTAO membership)





# Australia contributes funding to the "GCT" SST





SST-2M ASTRI



SST-1M



Australia - LIEF 2015 + 2017-21 support for GCT hardware and commissioning.

#### Other prototypes..... MST (Berlin)





#### SST-2M ASTRI (Sicily)











#### SST-1M (Cracow)

#### SCT-MST (Arizona)

### CTA sites selected 16 July 2015 Ground breaking Oct. 9, 2015

#### San Pedro Mártir, Mexico

#### La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain

Northern Hemisphere

Southern Hemisphere



# Aar, Namibia

Chosen sites Backup sites

13 June 2016 - CTA HQ (Bologna) - CTA Data Management Centre (DESY Berlin)



#### **CTA South : Paranal, Chile**



#### Access agreement with ESO – anticipating early 2017 signoff

# CTA Performance Energy coverage ~20 GeV to >200 TeV



## **Differential Sensitivity**



A factor of 5-10 improvement in sensitivity in the domain of about 100 GeV to some 10 TeV.

Extension of the accessible energy range from well below 100 GeV to above 100 TeV.

Credits: The CTA Consortium

CTA Science Case - on arXiv soon

# **KEY SCIENCE PROJECTS**



Special Issue Vol 43, Pg 1-356 (Mar 2013)



- Galactic Plane Survey
- Galactic Centre Survey
- Large Magellanic Cloud Survey
- Extragalactic Survey
- Transients
- Cosmic-Ray PeVatrons
- Star-Forming Systems
- Active Galactic Nuclei
- Clusters of Galaxies
- Dark Matter
- Non-Gamma-Ray Science

intensity interferometry fast optical transients – milli-magnitude occultations (Kuiper belt population..)

#### <u>Three Themes</u> 1. Cosmic Particle

Acceleration



2. Probing Extreme Environments



3. Physics Frontiers: Beyond Standard Model

# Gamma Rays from multi-TeV particles



Protons: Gamma-rays and gas targets are generally spatially correlated (need to map atomic and molecular ISM  $\rightarrow$  mm radio astronomy)

Electrons: Gamma-ray (IC) + non-thermal X-ray, radio emission (synchrotron) highly coupled



# **CTA Galactic Plane TeV Surveys : Major Issue**



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Funk et al 2012
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 CTA will provide Galactic Plane TeV Gamma-ray maps at ~arc-min scales (sub-arc-min possible – with high quality cuts)

- >3 sources per deg<sup>2</sup>  $|b| < 0.2^{\circ}$   $|I| < 30^{\circ}$  (Dubus etal 2013)
- Diffuse TeV components visible? from CR 'sea' – maybe local CR accelerator enhancements – yes



Confusion guaranteed (same as for Fermi-LAT at GeV energies!)

- Mapping the ISM on arc-min scales over the plane will be essential Mopra (CO, CS), Nanten2 (CO), ASKAP (HI, OH), THz (CI, C+)

### Gamma-ray spectra from local and escaped CRs



#### CTA 50h Observation - CRs escaping accelerators Acero etal 2013



SNR age 2000 yr Cloud mass10<sup>5</sup> M d = 1 kpcD=10<sup>28</sup>(E/10GeV)<sup>0.5</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/s PeV CRs escape first and arrive at the cloud first! Probe for CR PeVatrons But confusion guaranteed in Gal. Plane! Need wide ISM surveys

 $\rightarrow$  Mopra, Nanten2, Nobeyma, ASKAP

#### → Many spectral shapes possible !



#### CR diffusion – not necessarily Isotropic!

Malkov etal 2013 Nava & Gabici 2013

→ Nearby clouds will see different CR densities

 $\rightarrow$  Need detailed maps of ISM gas + B-field direction

B-field Faraday RM Jansson & Fararr et al 2012

#### → ASKAP POSSUM!

#### CR Diffusion Into Molecular Clouds e.g. Gabici etal 2007, Inoue etal 2012 **R** = distance CR travels into molecular cloud core 10 TeV proton 1 TeV proton R ~ sqrt[6 D(E, B) t] $D(E_P, B(r)) = \chi D_0 \left(\frac{E_P/\text{GeV}}{B/3\,\mu\text{G}}\right)^{0.5} \quad [\text{cm}^2\,\text{s}^{-1}],$ Crutcher 2010 $B \sim 10(n / 300 \text{ cm}^{-3})^{0.65} \mu\text{G}$ $\chi$ =diffusion suppression factor $\rightarrow$ Low energy CRs can't reach cloud core. $\rightarrow$ Harder TeV spectra from cores. → Depends on B-turbulence (e.g. Morlino & Gabici 2015) $\rightarrow$ **Don't expect electrons to penetrate!!** mol. cloud core (due to sync. losses)

 $\rightarrow$  Need to map dense cloud cores ~1 arcmin or better

#### Angular Resolution 68% PSF (HESS, CTA..) Acharyara etal 2013



# 130 GeV Dark Matter Line at Fermi-LAT Hotspot? (Weniger 2012) Unfortunately No.





H.E.S.S. Collab Rhys Rev. Lett 2016

# CTA Dark Matter Line Gal.Cen. (r<1°) 500hr $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



CTA Consortium - Science Case (in prep)

# CTA Dark Matter continuum Gal.Cen. (r<1°) 500hr $\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$



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# Summary

- WIMP DM annihilation into broadband and line gamma-ray emission (GC region, dwarf spheroid gals., gal. clusters.)

- DM studies with current gamma-ray telescopes (Fermi-LAT, HESS..) now approaching thermal relic
   depends strongly on DM profile though!
- Next generation (e.g. CTA) to go further
- But lots of particle transport astrophysics (at Galactic Centre especially) to understand  $\rightarrow$  will influence DM searches there

## Thank you..

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TeV (10<sup>12</sup> eV) Gamma-Ray detection:

Stereoscopic Cherenkov Imaging

Huge effective area >  $10^5 \text{ m}^2$ 

(cf. Fermi-LAT 0.1 – 20 GeV - 1m<sup>2</sup>)

Ang. Res. < 0.1°

Energy Res. ∆E/E < 0.15



Air shower

Cherenkov 'image' as viewed by each telescope



>500m

Cherenkov light

- Light pool

Detection by fast cameras in telescopes

# CTA Galactic Science



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## • e.g. Galactic objects

- Newly born pulsars and the supernova remnants
  - have typical brightness such that HESS etc can see only relatively local (typically at a few kpc) objects

CTA will see whole Galaxy

 Survey speed ~300×HESS Current Galactic VHE sources (with distance estimates)

HESS

# LETTER

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# Acceleration of petaelectronvolt protons in the Galactic Centre

HESS Collaboration\*



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Diffuse emission ( $\times$  10)

HESS J1745-290

Model (best fit): diffuse emission
 Model: Diffuse emission E<sup>68%</sup><sub>cut</sub> = 2.9 PeV
 Model: Diffuse emission E<sup>90%</sup><sub>cut</sub> = 0.6 PeV

•• Model: Diffuse emission  $E_{\text{cutp}}^{95\% \text{ CL}} = 0.4 \text{ PeV}$ 

Energy (TeV)

10

- Hard spectrum from diffuse region 70pc
  Cutoff ~ PeV energies
- Continous CR injector over ~few1000yr
- $\rightarrow$  Central BH most likely accelerator
- → Could explain galactic CRs >0.1 PeV if BH more active in past. (SNRs may still contribute some PeV CRs)