# Lecture 2: Gamma-ray Astrophysics

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# **Overview:**

- Cherenkov radiation
- Detection technics
- Present and future experiments
- Galactic gamma-ray sources and diffused background
- Extragalactic sources and backgrounds
- Study of intergalactic magnetic fields
- Indirect detection of Dark Matter
- Conclusions

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# **Cherenkov radiation**

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Discovery 1934 Nobel prize 1958

# **Cherenkov** radiation

 $V > V_m = c / n$ 

*n* is refractive index of medium

n = 1.008 air n = 1.33 waterThe charged particles polarize the molecules, which then turn back rapidly to their ground state, emitting prompt radiation Cherenkov light is emitted under a constant Cherenkov angle with the particle trajectory, given by  $\cos \delta = \frac{V_m}{V} = \frac{c}{nV} = \frac{1}{\beta n}$ 

•Minimal energy of charge particle

$$\gamma_{\min} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}$$

Main processes used in gamma-ray astrophysics  $\gamma + \gamma_R \Longrightarrow e^- + e^+$  $e^{\pm} + \gamma_{R} \Longrightarrow e^{\pm} + \gamma$  $e^{\pm} + B \Longrightarrow e^{\pm} + \gamma_{synch}$  $e^{\pm} + A_{R} \Longrightarrow e^{\pm} + A_{R} + \gamma_{hrems}$  $P + \gamma_{R} \Longrightarrow N + \pi$  $P + P_B \Longrightarrow N + N + \sum \pi$  $\pi^0 \Rightarrow 2\gamma$ 

# **Detection technics**

# Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT)

•ACD

- •scintillator
- •89 tiles

#### •Tracker

- •Si strip detectors
- •Tungsten foil converters
- •pitch = 228 um
- $\bullet 8.8 \times 10^5$  channels
- •18 planes

#### •Calorimeter

- •CsI crystals
- hodoscopic array
- •6.1x10<sup>3</sup> channels
- •8 layers

Large Field of View >2.4 sr Broad Energy Range 20 MeV - >300 GeV

## Cherenkov telescopes Very high energies, above 50 GeV

- Crab nebula: flux( E > 1 TeV ) = 2 x 10<sup>-11</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- Large effective detection areas (>30 000 m<sup>2</sup>) needed
- -> Back to the ground
- Use the atmosphere as a
- huge calorimeter and
- detect γ-ray-induced
- atmospheric showers
- through Cherenkov light
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# **Experimental challenges**

Reduce the energy threshold as much as possible

Try to get some overlap region with space observations

- Increase flux sensitivity
- Remove the huge background of showers induced by charged particles (cosmic ray protons, ions and electrons)

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From W.Hofman

#### MEPHI, Lecture: Gamma-ray astronomy Hardonic rejection

#### Image shape:

Electromagnetic showers:

elongated, quasi-elliptic shape Hadronic showers:

more irregular shape

Image direction:

Electromagnetic showers:

point to the source (the center of the field of view)

Hadronic showers:

randomly oriented in the focal plane

Image light profiles

 (longitudinal and transverse)
 help finding the source position





#### Stereoscopic measurement (e.g. HEGRA, H.E.S.S. VERITAS, MAGIC)

- Direct measurement of the γ-ray origin in the field of view (important for extended sources)
- Direct measurement of the impact on the ground (important for energy measurement)
- Better hadronic rejection
- Much better angular resolution





# Detection Technique of the EAS Arrays





- The particle detectors can be tanks full of water. Particles from the shower pass through the water and induce Cherenkov light detected by PMTs.
- Gamma/hadron can be discriminated based on the event footprint on the detector. Although is one of the challenges of this kind of detectors.

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# **Gamma/Hadron Separation**

- Main background is hadronic CR, e.g. 400  $\gamma$ /day from the Crab vs 15k CR/s.
- In gamma-ray showers, most of the signal at ground level is located near the shower axis.
- In charged cosmic rays tend to "break apart", much messier signals at ground level.



# Pass 4 Preview: Crab Data

• Reconstruction and calibration improvements.



Angular resolution (68% containment): 0.24° for large event, achieving proposed resolution. Gamma/Hadron separation:

Reject >99.9% of hadronic background for large events while retaining >50% of gamma rays.

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# Fermi LAT gamma-rays 20 MeV-300 GeV

# Fermi LAT



Differential sensitivity: P7REP\_SOURCE\_V15, 4 years, min 10 photons per bin



# TeV telescopes 50 GeV-20 TeV

# Cherenkov telescopes today



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•European Collaboration; M.P.I (Heidelberg)•4 x 12 m Telescopes

Completed in Dec. 2003; located in NAMIBIA





#### H.E.S.S. Sensitivity



#### • HEGRA

5% of Crab flux in 100 hours

#### H.E.S.S.

- 5% of Crab in 1 hour
- 0.5% in 100 hours
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## **EAS Detectors**

- Several EAS arrays have been operational using different detection techniques.
- It is time for second generation experiments like HAWC.



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# **HAWC** Inauguration



# **HAWC Designed Sensitivity**



# **Pass 4 Preview: Crab Data**

- Recovers the designed sensitivity.
- Already running online: presently getting  $>5\sigma$  per day on the Crab.



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# Future TeV telescopes

# Wish list

Higher sensitivity at TeV energies (x 10)

□ more sources

Lower threshold (some 10 GeV)

□ pulsars, distant AGN, source mechanisms

- Higher energy reach (PeV and beyond)
   cutoff region of Galactic accelerators
- Wide field of view

□ extended sources, surveys

Improved angular resolution

□ structure of extended sources

Higher detection rates

□ transient phenomena

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## The Next Generation: The Cherenkov Telescope Array

North  $\sim$ 0.4 km<sup>2</sup> 4 LST 15 MST South  $\sim$ 4 km<sup>2</sup> 4 LST 24 MST and 72 SST



#### The LHAASO experiment

- 1 km<sup>2</sup> array, including 4941 scintillator detectors 1 m<sup>2</sup> each, with 15 m spacing.
- An overlapping <u>1 km<sup>2</sup> array</u> of 1146, underground water Cherenkov tanks 36 m<sup>2</sup> each, with 30 m spacing, for <u>muon detection</u> (total sensitive area ≈ <u>42,000</u> m<sup>2</sup>).



- A close-packed, surface water Cherenkov detector facility with a total area of 80,000 m<sup>2</sup>.
- 18 wide field-of-view air Cherenkov (and fluorescence) telescopes.

#### Status of LHAASO

- LHAASO is finally approved and funded for detectors and infrastructures
- Construction of infrastructures started in July 2015.
- Installation of detectors started in September 2015 for tests.
- Spring 2016: Start of construction of the first water pond.
- ★ 2018: commissioning first pond and the first 25% of KM2A.
- ★ 2021: conclusion of installation of main components.



Construction of muon detectors

# Sensitivity future detectors



# Overview of TeV gamma-ray Science

- I. Astronomy and Astrophysics
  - A. Galactic sources



•Shell-type Supernova Remnants



- Pulsar wind nebula
- Binary systems
- Microquasars
- Central black hole
- Galactic Diffuse Emission
- Galactic Cosmic Ray Origin
- Dark sources



## **Overview of gamma-ray Science**

#### B. Extra Galactic sources



**Radio galaxies** 

Blazars



- Extragalactic Background Light
- Gamma Ray Bursts
- Unidentified Sources



Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Ray Origin
### **Overview of gamma-ray Science**

#### Cosmology



- •Extragalactic Background Light
- Primordial magnetic field



• Distant Gamma Ray Bursts (GeV)

#### Particle physics



Dark Matter



Lorentz symmetry violation

# Gamma-ray sky

## The VHE γ ray sky

2005



#### The VHE γ ray sky Dec 2015 176 sources



### **Source Counts**

Source Type*	1995	2005	2015
Pulsar Wind Nebula (e.g. Crab, MSH 15-52 …)	1	5	37
Supernova Remnants (e.g. Cas-A, RXJ 1713)	0	4	15
Binary systems (B1259-63 etc)	0	1	6
X-ray binary Galactic Center	0 0	0 1	4 1
Superbubble	0	1	2
Star clusters	0	0	4
Molecular clouds	0	0	2
BL LACs (e.g. Mkn 421, PKS 2155 …)	2	9	55
FSRQ	0	0	5
AGNs (M87, Cen A	0	1	4
Unidentified	0	6	42
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## Fermi LAT 5 years all sky 1GeV



# Fermi LAT source catalog: 3000 sources



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## Galactic sources

## **Galactic Plane Survey**

•we are here

A. Garlick / space-art.co.uk

### H.E.S.S Galactic Plane Survey



### **HAWC GP Survey**

HAWC-111



10 sources/candidates are  $>3\sigma$  post-trial: 3 firm detections ( $>5\sigma$ ) and 7 candidates ( $<5\sigma$ ). ٠ F. Salesa Greus - HAWC 7-Dec-2015 31

## Geminga





- Detected in HAWC (Pass 3) at  ${\sim}6\sigma$  using a 3 deg search.
- Looks harder than the Crab.
- Analysis in progress.
- F. Salesa Greus HAWC

## Old SNRs & interacting SNRs

Radio/IR image
W28 remnant @ 2-3 kpc
35 – 150 kyr age

•H II regions

•Brogan et al. 2006 •20/90 cm VLA •MSX 8 micron

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#### 1.5 A CTA<sup>1</sup> 0.5 field<sup>0</sup> -0.5 of view<sup>-1</sup> -1.5



- •SNR models •using DAV 9 •n = 1 • $\epsilon$  = 0.1
- •(consistent
- •with HESS
- •plane scan)

•assuming



## •N44 Superbubble in LMC •Gemini Obs., AURA, NSF

#### •No. of SNR detectable in (proton-induced) γ-rays

Max. Age	3 kyr	30 kyr	10 00
Density			100
n = 0.1/cm <sup>3</sup>	5	6	ALL LAN
n = 1/cm <sup>3</sup>	37	370	

#### RCW 49: Stellar Winds as Cosmic Accelerators



### HESS J1023-575



#### **Pulsar Wind Nebulae**



Extended γ-ray sources

#### Morphology of PWN: HESS J1825-137



### **Binaries**





#### "Dark" sources: Objects which only shine in gamma rays !





## •The age of real VHE gamma ray astronomy has started

Extra-galactic gamma-ray sources and extragalactic background light

## 1000 sources in GeV and 60 in TeV



## Diffuse backgrounds



## Extrag. Background Light

Cosmological radiation from star formation and evolution. Spectral signature from gg absorption for Eg ~ 50-2000 GeV. Use measured AGN spectra to constrain EBL.





- The EBL is the accumulated diffuse light produced by star formation processes and accreting black holes over the history of the Univere from the UV to the far-IR.
- It contains fundamental information about galaxy evolution, cosmology, and it is essential for the full energy balance of the Universe.







#### **Cosmic y-ray Horizon: Results**



# Extra-galactic sources and determination of magnetic field

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A.Neronov, D.S., PRD 2009, arXiv:0910.1920

•Magnetic fields might be generated via "battery" effects during phase transitions in the Early Universe.

•In principle, the initial magnetic field energy density might provide non-negligible contribution to the overall energy density of the Universe.

•Magnetic field correlation length could not exceed the size of cosmological horizon; strength of magnetic field averaged over large distance scales could not exceed the "causality" limit

•Damping processes remove small-scale magnetic fields in the course of cosmological evolution.

#### Imaging of cascade: 3-d cascade needed



#### •3-d cascade in turbulent EGMF

•A.Neronov, D.S., M.Kachelriess, S.Ostapchenko and A.Elyev, 2009

#### MEPHI, Lecture: Gamma-ray astronomy •Imaging of cascade: EGMF Øjet Øobs Øext Øobs Øext

•Imaging: cascade component forms an extended emission around initially point source.

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> the telesope PSF and on the scale of angular deflections of e+e- pairs (i.e. on the strength of EGMF)

- detectability depends


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### Search for the time-delayed cascade emission



•The flare occurred during the multiwavelength campaing, including HE and VHE observations.

•Fermi data indicate that the flare lasted 30-50 days, but the VHE observations cover only the first three days of the flare.

•Fermi data indicate a peculiar hardening of the spectrum above ~10 GeV during the flare. One possibility for the explanation of the hard component is the cascade emission suppressed at low energies by too-large time



### EGMF from 1ES 0229+200



# Diffuse gamma-ray background

### Derivation of the isotropic gamma-ray background





- > Sum of the intensities of IGRB and the resolved high-latitude sources.
- > Contribution of high-latitude Galactic sources << 5%.
- > Spectrum can be parametrized by **power-law with exponential cutoff**.
- > Spectral index ~ 2.3, cutoff energy ~ 350 GeV.

# BL Lacs give main contribution to diffuse gamma-ray flux



### A.Neronov, D.S. Astrophys.J. 757 (2012) 61

## BL Lacs give main contribution to high energy part of diffuse gamma-ray flux



•M. Di Mauro et al, arXiv:1311.5708

# Fermi confirmed resolution of BL Lac sources above 50 GeV

cm  $\sim$  s<sup>-</sup>). We employ a one-point photon fluctuation analysis to constrain the behavior of dN/dS below the source detection threshold. Overall the source count distribution is constrained over three decades in flux and found compatible with a broken power law with a break flux,  $S_b$ , in the range  $[8 \times 10^{-12}, 1.5 \times 10^{-11}]$  ph cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and power-law indices below and above the break of  $\alpha_2 \in [1.60, 1.75]$  and  $\alpha_1 = 2.49 \pm 0.12$  respectively. Integration of dN/dS shows that point sources account for at least  $86^{+16}_{-14}\%$  of the total extragalactic  $\gamma$ -ray background. The simple form of the derived source count distribution is consistent with a single population (i.e. blazars) dominating the source counts to the minimum flux explored by this analysis. We estimate the density of sources

### Fermi collaboration, arXiv:1511.00693

# Dark matter signatures

# **Indirect Detection of Dark Matter**

### **Neutrinos**

in the core of the Sun

Gamma Rays from annihilations in the galactic halo, near the

galactic center, in dwarf galaxies, etc.

- **Positrons/Antiprotons** from annihilations throughout the galactic halo
- Synchrotron Radiation from electron/

positron interactions with the magnetic fields of the inner

galaxy

•From Dan Hooper







### Rotation Curves of galaxies





Red Region: X Ray

Blue Region: Gravitational lensing

## Large Scale Structure



The N-body Simulation of Dark Matter Universe Structure: Core, Filament and Cosmic Void.

### What we know about DM particles so

• neutral far ? ELEMENTARY

cold (part of it can be warm



 weak interaction (with itself and with ordinary matter) ? Maybe!

• profile (around us  $\rho_{\chi} \approx 0.3 \text{GeV/cm}^3 \text{ V} \approx 220 \text{ km/s})$ 



### Detection of particle dark matter



# The detection of dark matter

- Direct detection : PandaX, CDEX, Xenon, CDMS, DAMA, COGENT and so on
- Indirect detection : Pamela ,ATIC, Fermi, HESS, AMS02, DAMPE and so on
- Collider: LHC







# Cosmic Ray Propagation





### •Fermi gamma-rays can provide good test of the DM models •Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi collaboration



- Galactic center
- Galactic halo
- Dwarf galaxies

- Clusters
- Extra-galactic diffuse
- Line search

# The gamma ray sky map produced by dark matter annihilation in our Galaxy



•The J-Factor of different dark matter profile models.



•The Galaxy center is the best region to detect dark matter.

### Diffuse Galactic y-ray Emission: Origin



# The GeV Excess



•Daylan et al. 2015

# **The GeV Excess**



### •Fermi collaboration 2015

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# **GeV excess in Fermi Pass 8 data**



### TABLE I: DES2 dSph Candidates and the Estimated J-factors

Name	$(l,b)^{a}$	Distance <sup>b</sup>	log <sub>10</sub> (Est.J) <sup>c</sup>
	(deg)	(kpc)	$\log 10(\text{GeV}^2\text{cm}^{-5})$
DES J2204-4626	(351.15,-51.94)	$53 \pm 5$	18.8
DES J2356-5935	(315.38, -56.19)	$25 \pm 2$	19.5
DES J0531-2801	(231.62,-28.88)	$182 \pm 18$	17.8
DES J0002-6051	(313.29,-55.29)	$48 \pm 4$	18.9
DES J0345-6026	(273.88, -45.65)	$92 \pm 13$	18.3
DES J2337-6316	(316.31,-51.89)	$55 \pm 9$	18.8
DES J2038-4609	(353.99,-37.40)	$214 \pm 16$	17.6
DES J0117-1725	(156.48, -78.53)	$30 \pm 3$	19.3

•Shang Li 1511.09252



## GeV Excess in the Dwarf Galaxies?



•(Li, S. et al. 2016)

#### Evidence for Gamma-ray Emission from the Newly Discovered Dwarf Galaxy Reticulum 2

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Sergey E. Koposov, Vasily Belokurov, Gabriel Torrealba, and N. Wyn Evans Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, CB3 0HA, UK (Dated: March 10, 2015)



Comment on positron and antiproton excess

# Positron to (electron + positron) ratio by PAMELA, Fermi, AMS-2



# Anti-protons by AMS-2



# Dipole anisotropy of cosmic rays



G.Di Sciascio and R. luppa, arXiv: 1407.2144

# Anisotropy and flux from 2 Myr SN



•A=3/2 R/T

• V.Savchenko, M.Kachelriess, and D.Semikoz, arXiv:1505.02720

# Grammage to create secondaries



# Positron to (electron + positron) ratio



# **Positron flux PAMELA/AMS-II**



• M.Kachelriess, A. Neronov and D.Semikoz, arXiv:1504.06472

# Antriprotons


## Nearby SN from Fe60 in ocean crust



•Knie et al. '99, '04, Fry et al. '15

## **Conclusions:**

- Gamma-ray astronomy works
- Will help to understand hadronic component in different kind of astrophysical sources
- helps to establish extragalactic IR/O backgrounds
- Diffuse gamma-ray background dominated by unresolved sources
- Will allow to study magnetic field in the voids of large scale structure: primordial magn. field!
- One more constraint/signature on Dark Matter