U.S. Initiatives for Future VHE Telescopes

Simon Swordy (U. Chicago) Jim Buckley (Washington U.) CTA meet Paris, March 1 2007

Present Status

- MILAGRO Operational (see talk by Gus S.)
- Whipple 10m Operational (still! -> AGN monitoring)
- VERITAS Operational



3 Telescope Crab Data from January 2007 (from Dave Kieda GLAST symposium Feb)



Crab appears at 5 sigma in ~5 minutes at VERITAS

Crab Signal (Scott Wakely Chicago)



Also.....





- VERITAS has ~400 hours of observation through January
- 10 hours gets a sensitivity of a few percent of Crab
- VERITAS expects >800 hours of observation/year
- Sky survey of Cygnus region this spring/summer

VERITAS Phase I - at Kitt Peak Site in 2009



VERITAS Phase II - add 3 ~20m telescopes



- VERITAS Phase II
 - Add 3 ~20m telescopes at Kitt Peak
 - 1000-2000 channels, 4-8 deg FOV
 - At present a proposal in late 2007 is under discussion

Big Scale Astronomy Planning in the U.S.

Support of VHE Astro. is no certainty (because it has perceived low overlap with cosmology?!)

It is not on the high-level DOE roadmap, general interest among particle physics labs is low - but improving (e.g. ANL, SLAC). However, both DOE and NSF have been supportive for VERITAS.

Increasing interest among astronomers, but VHE is still tiny compared to other subfields, e.g. x-ray astronomy

GLAST will undoubtedly help us gain visibility -> very important

National Academy "Decadel Survey" used as an Astronomy Roadmap



"Astronomy and Astronomy in the New Millenium"

Last one in 2000 -> Next one ~2010

We need to be in the next one.....

Last time.....

Science Goal	Initiativea		
	Primary ^b	Secondary ^b	
Determining large-scale properties of the universe	NGST, GSMT, LSST (MAP, Planck, SIM)	Con-X	
Studying the dawn of the modern universe	NGST, SKA, LOFAR (ALMA)	Con-X, EVLA, SAFIR, GLAST, LISA, EXIST, SPST	
Understanding black holes	Con-X, GLAST, LISA, EXIST, ARISE	EVLA, LSST, VERITAS, SAFIR	
Studying star formation and planets	NGST, GSMT, EVLA, LSST, TPF, SAFIR, TSIP, CARMA, SPST (ALMA, SIM, SIRTF, SOFIA)	AST, SDO, Con-X, EXIST	
Understanding the effects of the astronomical environment on Earth	LSST, AST, SDO, FASR	GLAST	

TABLE 2.1 Science Goals for the New Initiatives

NOTE: Acronyms are defined in the appendix.

^aMissions and facilities listed in parentheses are those that were recommended previously but have not yet begun operation.

^bProjects or missions listed in the "primary" category are expected to make major contributions toward addressing the stated goal, while "secondary" projects or missions would have capabilities that address the goal to a lesser degree.

Costs (Don't forget 2 dollars ~ 1 euro in funding world)

Ground-based ^a	Cost ^b (\$M)	Space-based ^c	Cost ^b (\$M)
Major Initiatives			
Giant Segmented Mirror Telescope (GSMT) ^d	350	Next Generation Space Telescope (NGST) ^d	1,000
Expanded Very Large Array (EVLA) ^d	140	Constellation-X Observatory (Con-X)	800
Large-aperture Synoptic Survey Telescope	170	Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF) ^e	200
(LSST)		Single Aperture Far Infrared (SAFIR) Observatory ^e	100
Subtotal ground-based	660	Subtotal space-based	2,100
Moderate Initiatives			
Telescope System Instrumentation Program (TSIP)	50	Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope (GLAST) ^d	300
Advanced Solar Telescope (AST) ^d	60	Laser Interferometer Space Antenna	250
Square Kilometer Array (SKA) technology	22	$(LISA)^d$	
development		Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO)	300
Combined Array for Research in Millimeter- wave Astronomy (CARMA) ^d	11	Energetic X-ray Imaging Survey Telescope (EXIST)	150
Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS)	35	Advanced Radio Interferometry between Space and Earth (ARISE)	350
Frequency Agile Solar Radio telescope (FASR)	26		
South Pole Submillimeter-wave Telescope (SPST)	50		
Subtotal ground-based	254	Subtotal space-based	1,350
Small Initiatives			
National Virtual Observatory (NVO)	15	National Virtual Observatory (NVO)	45
Laboratory Astrophysics Program	5	Advanced Cosmic-ray Composition	100
Low Frequency Array (LOFAR)	8	Experiment for the Space Station (ACCESS)	
National Astrophysical Theory Postdoctoral Program	6	Augmentation of the Astrophysics Theory Program	30
Synoptic Optical Long-term Investigation	8	Laboratory Astrophysics Program	40
of the Sun (SOLIS) expansion		National Astrophysical Theory Postdoctoral Program	14
		Ultralong-Duration Balloon Program	35
Subtotal ground-based	42	Subtotal space-based	264
Total ground-based	956	Total space-based	3,714
DECADE TOTAL			4 670

TABLE 1.1 Prioritized Initiatives and Estimated Federal Costs for the Decade 2000 to 2010

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U.S. Gamma-Ray Community







VERITAS group just begining operations (with similar sensitivity to HESS) but years late - need results before we can move forward

Not just IACTs: MILAGRO group is moving forward with HAWC proposal

GLAST will be launched around Jan 2008

New groups, not traditionally part of the ACT community (e.g., Stanford) making major push



- Future Gamma-Ray Working Group: There is a loosely affiliated, primarily U.S.funded group working to define the science drivers and technological approach for a large new experiment, in time for the next NRC decadal review (as Simon described).
- The activities of this group include a number of meetings, efforts to reach out to a broader community, and now a more focused effort on putting together a White Paper for an APS DAP study
- We (I) suspect that the answer will be that we need an order of magnitude improvement in sensitivity above 100 GeV, and a reduction in threshold to around 30-40 GeV.
- We have guessed that at least 100-200M\$ will be required (note 100M\$ total ≈ 50M\$ equipment ≈ 35M€)

Meetings

"Towards the Future"



"Ground-based Gamma-ray Astronomy: Towards the Future", October 20-21, 2005, UCLA, Mays' landing, Malibu, CA <u>http://gamma3.astro.ucla.edu/future_cherenkov/</u>



 "Ground Based Gamma Ray Astronomy: Towards the Future", May 11-12, 2006, LANL, SantaFe, NM, <u>http://www.lanl.gov/orgs/p/g_a_d/p-</u> 23/gammaworkshop

APS Whitepaper

Following the Sante Fe meeting, we worked to initiate a study to determine the scientific case for a new ground-based gamma-ray instrument.

Working with James Ryan, chair of the APS DAP division, we prompted the APS to solicit a White Paper with the following official charge:

"The Division of Astrophysics of the American Physical Society invites you to prepare a review or white paper on the status and future of ground based TeV gamma-ray astronomy. With the upcoming commissioning of VERITAS and the success of HESS and other is this emerging field, a review of the science accomplishments and potential would be welcome. Furthermore, given the long lead time for designing, developing and deploying new instruments, we need a clear path for proceeding beyond the near term."

WP Editorial Board

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- Galactic Diffuse Emission, SNR and Origin of Cosmic Rays Martin Pohl (lowa State U.)
- Galactic Compact Objects Phil Kaaret (U. Iowa)
- Technology Karen Byrum (ANL)

APS White Paper

- Increase interest and involvement of broader scientific community.
- Observe the science goals and instrument requirements for a future experiment. Build a strong science case to justify the project budget.
- Obscribe relevant performance specifications and identify areas of most important technology development.
- Stimate the timeframe and budget required to complete the project.

Example: DM Group

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Meeting at the GLAST Symposium

The future of ground-based gamma-ray

astronomy

APS White Paper

The Status and Future of Ground Based Gamma-Ray Astronomy

In the last two years ground-based gamma-ray observatories have made a number of stunning astrophysical discoveries which have attracted the attention of the wider scientific community. The high discovery rate is expected to increase during the forthcoming years, as the VERITAS observatory and the upgraded MAGIC and HESS observatories commence scientific observations and the spacebased gamma-ray telescope, GLAST, is launched. The continuation of these achievements into the next decade will require a new generation of ground-based observatories. In view of the long lead time for developing and installing new instruments, the Division of Astrophysics of the American Physical Society has requested the preparation of a White Paper on the status and future of ground-based gamma-ray astronomy. Scientists from the entire spectrum of astrophysics are invited to contribute to the concepts and ideas presented in the White Paper. We wish to stress that international participation is encouraged.



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WORKING GROUPS

Extragalactic Astrophysics Galactic compact objects SNR and cosmic rays Dark matter Gamma-ray bursts Technology

http://cherenkov.physics.iastate.edu/wp/

A number of science working groups have formed to explore the scientific questions that may be addressed with a future observatory. Drafts and other documents produced by these working groups can be found by following the links above.

For additional information please contact one of the members of the editorial board: Brenda Dingus, Francis Halzen, Werner Hofmann, Henric Krawczynski, Martin Pohl, Steve Ritz, Vladimir Vassiliev, Trevor Weekes

WP Document Status

Scientific Motivation for Future VHE Observations:

Galactic diffuse emission, Supernova remnants, and the Origin of Cosmic Rays

Why are they important?

The origin of cosmic rays and the mechanisms of their acceleration are among the most challenging problems in astroparticle physics and also among the oldest. Cosmic rays are energetically important in our understanding of the interstellar medium (ISM) because they contain at least as much energy as the other phases of the ISM. Yet, the origin of cosmic rays remains uncertain 93 years after their discovery by Victor Hess in 1912 (for a recent review, see [1]). Improving our knowledge of the interaction between highly energetic particles and the other elements of the ISM α

understand other systems, such as infant galaxies where there are strong outflows of high particles from the active galactic nuclei (AGN) which appear to directly affect the form properties of the host galaxy as evidenced by the relation between nuclear black hole i stellar velocity dispersion [2, 3].

In this context, observations of high-energy emission from shell-type supernova remnant are highly beneficial because

- the acceleration of relativistic charged particles is one of the main unsolved, yet fund problems in modern astrophysics. It appears that efficient particle acceleration presystems with outflow phenomena, such as Active Galactic Nuclei, Gamma-ray Bu SNR. Only in the case of SNR do we have an opportunity to perform spatially resolve in systems with known geometry.
- The acceleration of particles at SNR shock fronts is intimately linked to the in between energetic particles, plasma and turbulence, so the question of cosmic-ray acc is in fact one of the generation, interaction, and damping of turbulence in a non-eq plasma. The physics of the coupled system of turbulence, energetic particles, and plasma flows can be ideally studied in young supernova remnants, for which observ X-rays [4] and TeV-scale gamma-rays [5] indicate a very efficient particle accelerat least 100 TeV and the existence of a turbulent magnetic field that is much stronge typical shock-compressed interstellar magnetic field.
- SNR are the most likely candidate for the sources of cosmic rays. An understanding o acceleration in SNR may not only solve the more than ninety years old question of t of cosmic rays, it may also shed light on a possible connection between some aspect the standard model of particle physics and the origin of very high-energy gamma cosmic rays, that have been advanced in top-down scenarios of cosmic-ray origin.
- SNR are a major source of heat and turbulence in the interstellar medium of galax having impact on the evolution of the galactic ecosystem. In particular when ou are extended to shocks from other sources, e.g. the winds of massive stars, they advancing our understanding of the energy balance and evolution of the interstellar in galaxies.





Scientific Motivation for Future VHE Observatories: Dark Matter

0.1 Dark Matter



Figure 1: Appearance of the gamma-ray sky from neutralino annihilation, plotted as the intensity in galactic coordinates [Baltz (2006)]. The galactic center appears as the bright object at the center of the field of view. If the sensitivity were high enough, a number of other galactic substructures could become visible.

The gravitational effects of Dark Matter have been observed in the Universe on all spatial scales, ranging from the size of the inner parsec of our own Galaxy to the Hubble radius. The Dark Matter (DM) paradigm was first introduced by Zwicky [2] to explain anomalous velocity dispersion in galaxy clusters. In ??? Vera Rubin and ??? found dramatic evidence for dark matter in the rotation curves of nearby galaxies. The latest compelling evidence for DM,

which severely limits explanation based on modifications of gravitational force at large scale, has been demonstrated in a unique cluster merger event 1E0657-558 [3]. In this system X-ray emitting plasma, which dominates the mass of the visible matter, appears to be spatially segregated from the DM mass component acting as the main source of gravitation producing weak lensing effect. Ample astrophysical evidence derived from observations of the large scale structure formation in the Universe, gravitational lensing, primordial nucleosynthesis, observations of CMB temperature fluctuations, luminosities of distant supernovae, etc. all indicate that the critical density composed of the DM is 0.238 ± 0.019 , the second largest contribution to the energy density of the Universe [4].

In spite of the overwhelming astrophysical evidence for DM, its nature has remained elusive for three quarters of a century. It is remarkably coincident, however, that if DM is composed of a hypothetical elementary particle with an approximate mass on the scale of the weak bosons (~ 100 GeV), one could naturally produce the required cosmological density through thermal decoupling of the DM component from the baryons, leptons, and radiation during the early phase of expansion of the Universe if its characteristic interaction cross section, $\langle \sigma v \rangle$, is on the same scale of as that of the weak interactions. The decay of such a particle must be forbidden by some conservation number associated with an, as yet, undiscovered symmetry of Nature so that the lifetime of the particle is longer than the Hubble time. The only non-trivial extension of space-time symmetry known to date is supersymmetry (SUSY), a theory which provides the mathematical foundation for the potential resolution of several outstanding problems of quantum field theories. SUSY offers

Reports of Working Groups

1 Extragalactic VHE Astrophysics

Observations of extragalactic objects cover four major science topics: (i) exploring astrophysical black holes, (ii) the study of Gamma Ray Bursts, (iii) exploring cosmic rays in extragalactic systems, (iv) the search for dark matter in extragalactic systems, and (v) measuring extragalactic radiation fields and extragalactic magnetic fields.

1.1 Gamma-ray observations of astrophysical black holes

There are two types of extragalactic back holes that are emitters of GeV/TeV gamma-ray emission: supermassive black holes (SMBH) with masses between a million and several billion solar masses, and stellar mass black holes with masses between 3 and several 10 solar masses.

SMBH linger at the centers of galaxies. Some supermassive black holes are active and are called active tic nuclei (AGN): they accrete matter. Powered either by the gravitational energy of the accreting er, or, by the rotational energy of the black hole, the accretion systems are among the brightest objects e Universe. Blazars, AGN with fast, collimated outflows (jets) along the line of sight, are very bright a-ray sources. The brightness can in part be explained by relativistic motion of the emitting plasma, thus beaming of its emission. Blazars are the largest population of identified sources discovered as /GeV emitters with the satellite borne instrument EGRET (Hardmann et al. 1999). Blazars were irst extragalactic sources detected in the TeV energy range with ground-based Cherenkov telescopes ich et al. 1992). While today a dozen blazars have been detected in the TeV energy range (Krawczynski only a single extragalactic non-blazar source has been detected in the GeV/TeV regime at the time ting this document, the radio galaxy M87 (Aharonian et al. 2003). The observation of blazars in mma-ray band has had a major impact on our understanding of these sources. The observation of flux variability together with high gamma-ray and optical fluxes (Gaidos et al. 1996) implies that the ing black hole gives rise to an extremely relativistic jet-outflow with a bulk Lorentz factor exceeding 10, ikely even in the range between 10 and 50. Gamma-ray observations thus enable us to study plasma moves with 0.9998Simultaneous broadband multiwavelength observations of blazars have revealed a unced correlation of the X-ray and TeV gamma-ray fluxes (Buckley et al. 1996, Takahashi et al. 1996, zvnski et al. 2001). The X/TeV flux correlation suggests that the emitting particles are electrons ing synchrotron emission in the radio to X-ray band and inverse Compton emission in the gammaand. The broadband observations allow us to conduct time dependent studies of the acceleration of ons to energies of many TeV. Blazars are expected to be the most copious extragalactic sources detected und based IACT arrays like VERITAS and by the satellite borne gamma-ray telescope GLAST. For adful of extremely strong sources, IACT arrays will be able to track GeV/TeV fluxes on minute time and GeV/TeV energy spectra on time scales of 15 min. Resolving the spectral variability during dual strong flares (of typical durations between 15 min and 10 hrs) in the X-ray and gamma-ray bands ake it possible to unambiguously identify the emission mechanism. The GLAST gamma-ray telescope letect a very large sample of blazars. The source sample will make it possible to study the redshift dent luminosity function of blazars, although the identification of sources with optical counterparts be difficult for the weaker sources of the sample, owing to GLAST's limited angular resolution. The at generation of IACTs will be able to track spectral variations only for a very small number of sources nly during extreme flares. The next generation gamma-ray experiment will be able to do such studies a large number of sources on a routine basis. Sampling the temporal variation of broadband energy tra from a few tens of GeV to several TeV will allow us to use blazars as precision laboratories to study le acceleration and turbulence in astrophysical plasmas, and to determine the physical parameters ribing a range of different AGN. Another important task for the next-generation instrument will be to ve on the GLAST localization accuracies, and thus to identify a large number of the weaker GLAST

The observations of blazars will reveal details about the inner workings of AGN jets. Obtaining realistic imates of the power in the jet, and the jet medium will furthermore constrain the origin of the jet and

WP Meetings/Timetable

Future Gamma-Ray Observatories APS White Paper Meeting Thurs. 8 Feb 2007 in McGaw Hall 1:30-5:00

Bring a 1-viewgraph idea to share or just come and listen. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate now or in the future.

Organizing Committee: Brenda Dingus, Henric Krawczynski, Martin Pohl, Vladimir Vassiliev Additional Members of Editorial Board: Francis Halzen, Werner Hofmann, Steve Ritz, Trevor Weekes

8 Feb 2007 AGENDA:

1:30-1:45 Motivation & Organization 1:45-2:10 Extragalactic Working Group 2:10-2:35 Gamma Ray Burst Working Group 2:35-3:00 Dark Matter Working Group 3:00-3:15 Break 3:15-3:40 Galactic Compact Sources Working Group 3:40-4:05 Galactic Diffuse Working Group 4:05-4:30 Technology Working Group 4:30-5:00 General Discussion



Town-Hall style meeting, satellite meeting at end of GLAST Symposium (8 Feb 2007)

- APS special session with reports from each working group (14-17 April 2007)
- A third ``Towards the Future" Workshop in Chicago (13-14 May 2007) contact Karen Byrum, see <u>http://www.hep.anl.gov:80/</u> <u>byrum/next-iact/index.html</u>
- Appendices should be close to final drafts (July 2007)
- Editorial committee will draw on appendices to produce the first complete draft of the WP, Oct. 2007

Best Performance Estimate



In addition to determining required sensitivities from science drivers, we attempt to put a bound on the best possible performance

Assume 1 km² (about 3 times a current instrument), no energy threshold, 0.1 deg angular resolution, various irreducible backgrounds

 ✓ difficult to achieve better than 10⁻¹³ erg cm⁻¹sec⁻¹/√km²

(Steven Fegan and Vladimir Vassiliev)

Water Cherenkov Perf.



Differential sensitivity per quarter decade. The lines depict the 5 sigma detection flux level with at least 25 gamma rays. Data for GLAST, VERITAS, Whipple and the 1km² ACT courtesy of S. Fegan. For the 1km² ACT array, the 4 lines refer to 4 different background models.

(Andy Smith points from GLAST workshop added to Vassiliev and Fegan Figure)

Technological Approach



Ideal Array Performance



Simulations of 3 20m telescopes, perfect optical system, no NSB optimize quality factor based on Aeff and PSF

Large FOV increases FOV, improves perf. at TeV energies

 0.3 km² A_{eff}, 0.1deg resolution over 50 GeV-1TeV)

(Slava Bugaev, Wash. U.)

Rough Cost Estimate

VERITAS

camera cost: Current FADCs cost about \$2M for 2300 channels, crates and chiller add about \$300k, total cost of FADCs including engineering is about \$1000/channel, equipment cost of boards was about \$500/channel. Total camera cost is hard to estimate - perhaps \$1.5k/channel (equip.)

telescope cost: was about \$1M/telescope (\$2M with personel support)

HESS-I

- a camera cost: 670k€=\$1.0k/channel
- telescope cost: 770k€=\$1.1M/telescope

HESS-II

camera cost: \$1.35k/channel

♂ telescope cost: 7.25keur=\$10.1M/telescope

Cost of 3 Telescope Array



Scale from VERITAS and HESS-I/II, assume 3 telescope with 8deg FOV, 4400 0.12 deg pixels, \$500 electronic channels, \$300 for 1" PMTs

Solution Need >3 such arrays to reach 1 km²

Many Small vs. one Large?



Can make a 30m telescope with one large dish, or many small dishes - may be advantage for angular and energy resolution (Hofmann, Paris Cherenkov05)

Optimum when camera cost ≈ telescope cost ⇒ 5-10 telescopes with diameter of 9-13m diameter

Technological Approach?







Ritchey-Chretien Optics?



Lunar GLASTx30?

Refractive/Fresnel Optics?

Technological Approach?





















































Summary and Outlook

Outluck in the U.S. is not that bright, and fraught with uncertainty

Sut U.S. Gamma-ray astronomy is not quite dead yet - not quite time to neatly stack our bones under the city to make room for new construction!

Next experiment may just be too big to justify more than one international collaboration