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# The restless y-ray universe

Non-Thermal plasma:  $T_{ion} \neq T_{electron}$ f(v) of either species non-Maxwell Boltzmann

# **Particle Acceleration**



## Radiation mechanisms 1.







**Inverse Compton** 



# Radiation mechanisms 2.





- Background photons:
  - CMB, IR (UV heating), soft thermal X-rays
  - Acceleration @ shocks:
    - In relativistic winds (pulsars, young stars)
    - Shell-type SNRs
    - Pulsar magnetosphere
  - Variability:
    - Fast in compact sources

### Transparency of atmosphere – Detection techniques



#### 10 Flux (m<sup>2</sup> sr s GeV)<sup>-1</sup> **Spectral Flux of Cosmic Rays** Fluxes of Cosmic Rays 10 (1 particle per m<sup>2</sup>-second) 10 10 10 10-10 Knee (1 particle per m<sup>2</sup>-year) 10-13 10-10 10 19 10-22 Rockets and satellites ~400.400 km Hot-air balloons Ankle ~40 40 km 10-25 (1 particle per km<sup>2</sup>-year) Aircrafts ~ 10 10 km Mountaintop observatories 10-28 (Swordy -U.Chicago) 10<sup>9</sup> 10<sup>10</sup> 10<sup>11</sup> 10<sup>12</sup> 10<sup>13</sup> 10<sup>14</sup> 10<sup>15</sup> 10<sup>16</sup> 10<sup>17</sup> 11100 CO. 11100 1.1.1000 Sea leve 1018 10<sup>19</sup> 10<sup>20</sup> 1021 A UV X-rays Gamma-rays Microwaves Infrared Radio Energy (eV)

Optical window (visible light)

1 keV

1 MeV

1 GeV

1 TeV

1 eV

1 meV

1 µeV

# Cherenkov Observational Technique.1



# Cherenkov Observational Technique.2







# Systems of Cherenkov telescopes



### Current-generation IACTs

reduced threshold  $\Leftrightarrow$  larger telescopes improved sensitivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  better  $\gamma$ /h separation wide-field camera  $\Leftrightarrow$  surveys, serendipities isochronous mirror, fast digitization  $\Leftrightarrow$ 

Cherenkov- $\gamma$  arrival times for improved  $\gamma$ /h separation light structure  $\iff$  fast repositioning (GRB follow-up)



IACTs established as astronomical tools (experiments → telescopes) Big step within last few years:

- quantitative (x5 detected sources)
- qualitative (unprecedented high quality)

#### CANGAROO-III (2004)





La Palma, IAC 28° North, 18° West

Telescopio Nazionale Galileo







# The MAGIC telescopes



2220 m a.s.l

La Palma

- \* Cherenkov Imaging Telescopes
  - Recording Air Showers from γ-rays
  - Phase I: Monoscopic, since 2004
  - Phase II: Stereoscopic, since 2009
- \* Low energy optimized:
  - Analysis > 60 GeV (I), > 50 GeV (II)
     for pulsars: > 25 GeV (M-I "sum" trigger)
  - huge 17 m diameter mirror dishes
  - fast, high-efficiency PMTs & readout
  - 20 40 s repositioning for GRBs





# **Performance: Resolution**



# Performance: MAGIC & Fermi



### Next: ... a review of important VHE γ-ray results highlighting particle acceleration ...

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



First breakthrough

Galactic Longitude (°)

... estimating the TeV luminosity of GP sources ...

Assume:

- SN-accelerated CRp, downstream particles  $n \propto p^{-\alpha}$  with  $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}(\gamma+1)\frac{M^2}{M^2+1}$ , strong shock (M>>1)  $\rightarrow \alpha = 4 \rightarrow \phi(\epsilon) \propto \epsilon^{-2}$ 

- pp interaction with ambient gas,  $\pi^{\circ} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
- Emissivity:  $j_{\geq E} = 10^{-17} \left(\frac{E}{TeV}\right)^{-1.1} s^{-1} (erg/cm^3)^{-1} (H atom)^{-1}$  (Drury+ 1994)
- $L_{\geq E} = \int_{U} j_{\geq E} n U_{CR} dV$
- Giant molecular cloud (massive-SF site):  $L_{>0.2TeV} \approx 5 \times 10^{35} \, ph/s$ with  $M_{H_2} \approx 10^4 M_{\oplus}, R \approx 10 R_{\oplus}, n_{H_2} \approx 50 \, cm^{-3}$  ( $\rightarrow$  HESS Galactic-plane survey)

- Hadron illumination of ISM:  $L_{\geq E}^{gas} \approx 2 \times 10^{37} (E/TeV)^{-1.1} (U_{CR}/eV) (M^{gas}/10^9 M_{\oplus})$  phot/s

### SNR RX J1713.7-3946

SNR shell  $\rightarrow$  particle acceleration Resolved shell in VHE- $\gamma$ -rays  $\gamma$ -rays from leptonic or hadronic channels?





... but: is SN statistics enough to fit CR energy density?



- index  $\Gamma$ ~2–2.2 (strong shock)
- little variation across SNR





# IC 443 MAGIC J0616+225

- Asymmetric shell-type SNR (45"), seen at radio, x-rays, and  $\gamma$ -rays.
- New source discovered by MAGIC.
- F(>150 GeV) = 0.06 c.u.
- Soft 0.1-1 TeV spectrum ( $\Gamma = -3.1 \pm 0.3_{stat} \pm 0.2_{sys}$ ), no break.
- Extension below MAGIC angular resolution (~0.1°).
- MAGIC source displaced w.r.t. center of EGRET source.
- MAGIC source displaced to south of SNR center correlated w. a molecular cloud and maser emission.
- Hadronic origin of VHE emission favored.



## Microquasar vs Binary Pulsar?

## Competing scenarios for VHE $\gamma$ -ray emission



# LS I +61 303

X-Ray binary system with radio jet  $\rightarrow \mu$ QSO?? (other known  $\gamma$ -ray binaries: LS 5039, PRS B1259-63, by HESS Cygnus X-1, by MAGIC) Orbit: high eccentricity ( $\epsilon$ ~0.7), P=26.5 d Normal star: B0 main sequence star, ~18M $_{\otimes}$ , a Be star with circumstellar disc Compact star: BH / NS < 4M $_{\otimes}$ Distance ~2 kpc



D = 2 kpcBinary: Be + compact, P = 26.5 d Compact: NS or BH Periodic radio bursts X-ray bursts at f=0.4-0.6 (Rosat, RXTE) Radio jets (precessing):  $\rightarrow \mu QSO$ ? >100 MeV mesured by COS B  $\rightarrow$  correlation w. radio bursts GeV emission (EGRET) variable, max. at  $\phi=0.5 \rightarrow$  correl. with X-ray variability TeV emiss. & variability (MAGIC) X-ray vs TeV correlation jets longer than binary separation → leptonic channel favored

#### MAGIC observation: 54hrs total





- X-ray binary system: Be star orbiting unknown object (P<sub>orb</sub> = 26<sup>d</sup>.4950)
- VHE flux variable in the phases 0.5-0.9
- Point-like TeV peak @ φ=0.65 (quiet @ periastron)
- Constant slope: Γ (E > 400 GeV) = -2.6±0.2 (ΔΓ<sub>sys</sub> = 0.2)
- Maximum of ~ 16% Crab flux.



Ten points at equal phase intervals from  $\Phi = 0$  to  $\Phi = 0.9$ , with MAGIC observations (where available) on the right. The periastron is at  $\Phi = 0.2$ .







Variability averaged over several orbits

### $\rightarrow$ ... conclusions on LS I +61 303

- periodic (26.8 ± 0.2 d<sup>-1</sup>) VHE γ-ray emitter
- spectrum compatible w. PL for all obs's (  $\Gamma$  = 2.6)
- No <u>radio / VHE γ-ray</u> correlation found
- <u>X-ray / VHE  $\gamma$ -ray correlation found</u>
- Leptonic production of both emission (SSC) favored

- BH binary:  $(21\pm8) M_{\oplus}$  BH and  $(40\pm10) M_{\oplus}$  O9.7 *lab*, *P*=5.6 d, *i*=25<sup>o</sup>-65<sup>o</sup>.
- High/soft, low/hard x-ray spectral states: function of dM/dt?
- Steady VHE flux, <~0.01 c.u. .
- Strong evidence (4.1σ post-trial significance) of intense short-lived [1h-24h] flaring episode discovered by MAGIC on 24-09-2006.
- VHE flare coincident w. x-ray flares (*Swift*/BAT, *R*XTE/ASM and INTEGRAL).
- Soft 0.1-1 TeV spectrum ( $\Gamma$  = 3.2 ± 0.6<sub>stat</sub> ± 0.2<sub>sys</sub>), no break.
- Extension below MAGIC angular resolution (~0.1°).
- Radio-nebula produced by the jet (Gallo '05) interaction with the interstellar medium excluded.







• These flares happen near the max of a ~326d super-orbital modulation (Rico'08), thought to be caused by precession of accretion disk.











- TeV blazars: highly variable, NT emission
- All but one are HBL (high-peaked BL Lacs)
- Emission: leptonic (mainstream)

#### Spectral Energy Distribution



**SSC model parameters**: <u>Plasma blob</u>: R, B,  $\delta_j$ <u>Electron pop</u>:  $n_0$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $E_{br}$ ,  $E_{min}$ ,  $E_{max}$ <u>EBL</u>:  $U_{EBL}(z)$ 

# **Active Galactic Nuclei**











# Particle acceleration in AGNs: where?

# Radio Imaging of the Very-High-Energy γ-Ray Emission Region in the Central Engine of a Radio Galaxy

The VERITAS Collaboration, the VLBA 43 GHz M87 Monitoring Team, the H.E.S.S. Collaboration, the MAGIC Collaboration\*

The accretion of matter onto a massive black hole is believed to feed the relativistic plasma jets found in many active galactic nuclei (AGN). Although some AGN accelerate particles to energies exceeding 10<sup>12</sup> electron volts and are bright sources of very-high-energy (VHE) γ-ray emission, it is not yet known where the VHE emission originates. Here we report on radio and VHE observations of the radio galaxy Messier 87, revealing a period of extremely strong VHE γ-ray flares accompanied by a strong increase of the radio flux from its nucleus. These results imply that charged particles are accelerated to very high energies in the immediate vicinity of the black hole.



# M87: VHE γ-rays, X-rays, radio

 $\delta t_{var} \sim days \ (\leftarrow MAGIC)$ 

# M87: Conclusion

Temporal correlation of nuclear radio/x-ray and VHE emission.
Brightening of M87 nucleus within 50 R<sub>s</sub>.
Region of particle acceleration in proximity to BH.
VHE obs'd first (no strong intrinsic γγ asorption), peak radio flux delayed because of synchro self-absorption.

Importance of high-frequency, high-resol. radio obs's.





Mankuzhiyil, Ansoldi, MP, & Tavecchio 2011, ApJ, accepted



Mrk421's jet activity correlates only w.  $\gamma_{break}$ , B,  $\delta$ 

IC peak in Thomson regime

#### ... different variability pattern $\rightarrow$





#### Conclusion on Mrk 421 variability

# Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs)

- Most energetic explosions since Big Bang (10<sup>54</sup> erg if isotropic)
- Astrophysical setting unknown (hypernova?)
- Emission mechanism unknown (hadronic vs leptonic, beaming, size of emitting region, role of environment, ... ... )
- Cosmological distances (z >> 1) but ... missed naked-eye GRB 080319B (z=0.937)

HE+VHE data crucial to constrain/unveil emission mechanism(s)



#### 080319B → missed obs of "naked-eye" GRB

# GRBs



# Quantum gravity effects (involving GRBs)

Stecker 2003

Search for dispersion of light from GRBs  $\delta v \sim E/E_{QG}$ QG effect induced by deformed dispersion relation  $e^2p^2 = E^2[1 + f(E/E_{QG})]$  $f(E_{QG})$ : model-dependent function of effective QG scale  $E_{QP} \sim E_{PR} = 10^{19}$  GeV If Hamiltonian eq. of motion:  $\dot{x}_i = \partial H/\partial p_i$ 

 $\rightarrow$  energy-dependent velocities for massless particles  $c + \delta v$ 

→ implications for EM signals from distant astrophysical sources

At  $E \le E_{QG}$ :  $c^2 p^2 = E^2 \left[ 1 + \xi E / E_{QG} + O(E^2 / E_{QG}^2) \right]$ , with  $\xi = \pm 1$  dependent on dynamical framework

Energy-dependent velocity  $v = \frac{\partial E}{\partial p} \sim c \left(1 - \xi \frac{E}{E_{OC}}\right)$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Vacuum responds differently to propagation of patricles of different  $E \rightarrow$  cf. ordinary plasma

→ 'QG medium' to fluctuate on scale  $\lambda \sim L_{P} \approx 10^{-33}$  cm on timescale  $t_{P} \approx h/E_{P} \rightarrow cf$ . thermal fluct's in plasma,  $t \approx 1/T$ Time delay (w.r.t. ordinary case of v=c):  $\Delta t \sim \xi \frac{E}{E_{QG} c}$ max. when E, L large and time structure  $\delta t$  small  $\Rightarrow$  sensitivity factor  $\eta \equiv |\Delta t^{*}|/\delta t$  (being  $\Delta t^{*} \sim \pm E L/(cE_{P})$  and  $\delta t$  the time structure of the signal) GRBs:  $\delta t \sim 0.001$  s,  $L \sim 5000$  Mpc,  $E \sim 20$  MeV  $\Rightarrow \eta \sim 1$ 100 s 2 TeV pulsars:  $\delta t \sim \mu s$ ,  $L \sim 3$  kpc,  $E \sim eV \Rightarrow \eta \sim 10^{-11}$ 

SN Ia: δt~ms, L~5000 Mpc, E~eV → η~10<sup>-7</sup>

# Probing Quantum Gravity

**Short Wavelenth** 

$$E_{Pl} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c^5}{G}} \approx 1.22 \times 10^{19} GeV$$

If Gravity is a Quantum theory, at a very short distance it may show a very complex "foamy" structure due to quantum fluctuation.

Use gamma ray beam from AGNs/GRBs to study the space-time structure

Energy 1000GeV ~  $10^{-16}E_{Pl}$ Distance 100~1000Mpc ( $10^{16-17}$ sec)

Visible time delay ~ 1 - 10 sec

#### Linear deviation:

$$\xi_1 < 0; \ v = c(1 - \frac{E}{M_{QG1}}); \ n(E) = 1 + \frac{E}{M_{QG1}}$$

Quadratic deviation:

$$\xi_1 = 0; \ \xi_2 < 0; \ v = c(1 - \frac{E^2}{M_{QG2}^2}); \ n(E) = 1 + \frac{E^2}{M_{QG2}^2}$$



 $V = c [1 + \xi (E/E_{QG}) + \xi_2 (E/E_{QG})^2 + ...]$ **1**<sup>st</sup> order  $\Delta t \sim \xi \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \frac{z}{H_0} = \xi \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \frac{L}{c}$ MAGIC Mkn 501  $E_{OG} \sim 0.03 M_p$  $E_{QG} > 0.02 M_{p}$ HESS PKS 2155  $E_{QG} > 0.04 M_{p}$ Whipple 1999, PRL 83(1999)2108 E<sub>QG</sub> > 0.005 M<sub>p</sub> GRB X-ray limits:  $E_{og} > 0.001...0.01 M_p$ ... but in most scenarios  $\Delta t \sim (E/E_{OG})^{\alpha}, \alpha > 1$ VHE gamma rays even better Mrk 501: E<sub>og</sub> > 3·10<sup>-9</sup> M<sub>p</sub>, α=2



MP, Rephaeli & Arieli 2008, A&A, 486, 143 Rephaeli, Arieli & MP 2010, MNRAS, 401, 473 MP & Rephaeli 2010, MNRAS, 403, 1569

 $N_{e}(\gamma) = N_{e,0} \gamma^{-q} \quad \gamma_1 \leq \gamma \leq \gamma_2 \quad \dots \quad \gamma_1 = 100$  $F_v = 5.67 \times 10^{-22} (r_s^3/d^2) N_{e,0} a(q) B^{(q+1)/2} (v/4 \times 10^{+6})^{-(q-1)/2}$  $erg/(s cm^2 Hz)$ synchrotron  $\psi \equiv \left(\frac{r_{\rm s}}{0.1\,{\rm kpc}}\right)^{-3} \left(\frac{d}{{\rm Mpc}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{f_{1\,{\rm GHz}}}{{\rm Jv}}\right)$  $N_{\rm e,0} = 5.72 \times 10^{-15} \psi \ a(q)^{-1} B^{-\frac{q+1}{2}} 250^{\frac{q-1}{2}}$  $U_{\rm e} = N_{\rm e,0} m_{\rm e} c^2 \int_{\gamma_1}^{\gamma_2} \gamma^{1-q} \mathrm{d}\gamma = 2.96 \times 10^{-22} \, 250^{\frac{q}{2}} \, \psi \, \frac{\gamma_1^{-q+2}}{(q-2) \, a(q)} \, B^{-\frac{q+1}{2}}$  $U_{\rm p} + U_{\rm e} \simeq \frac{B^2}{8\,\pi}$  $\kappa \equiv \frac{U_{\rm p}}{U_{\rm e}} = \frac{\int_{T_0}^{\infty} N_{\rm p}(T) T \, \mathrm{d}T}{\int_{T}^{\infty} N_{\rm e}(T) T \, \mathrm{d}T}$  $B_{\rm eq} = \left[ 7.46 \times 10^{-17} \, \frac{(2.5 \times 10^{-2})^{q/2}}{a-2} \, \psi \, \frac{1+\kappa(q)}{a(a)} \right]^{\frac{2}{5+q}}$ 

$$\begin{split} \kappa \ \equiv \ \frac{U_{\rm p}}{U_{\rm e}} \ = \ \frac{\int_{T_0}^{\infty} N_{\rm p}(T) \ T \ \mathrm{d}T}{\int_{T_0}^{\infty} N_{\rm e}(T) \ T \ \mathrm{d}T} \ = \ T_0 \text{-few keV} \\ = \ \frac{\left[\frac{T_0^2}{c^2} + 2T_0 m_{\rm p}\right]^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \int_{T_0}^{\infty} T(T + m_{\rm p}c^2) \left[\frac{T^2}{c^2} + 2T m_{\rm p}\right]^{-\frac{q+1}{2}} \mathrm{d}T}{\left[\frac{T_0^2}{c^2} + 2T_0 m_{\rm e}\right]^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \int_{T_0}^{\infty} T(T + m_{\rm e}c^2) \left[\frac{T^2}{c^2} + 2T m_{\rm e}\right]^{-\frac{q+1}{2}} \mathrm{d}T} \end{split}$$

$$\frac{N_{\rm p}(T)}{N_{\rm e}(T)} \simeq \left(\frac{m_{\rm p}}{m_{\rm e}}\right)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \left(\frac{T+m_{\rm p}c^2}{T+m_{\rm e}c^2}\right) \left(\frac{T+2m_{\rm p}c^2}{T+2m_{\rm e}c^2}\right)^{-\frac{q+1}{2}} \\ \simeq \begin{cases} 1 & T << m_{\rm e}c^2 ; \\ [T/(m_{\rm e}c^2)]^{\frac{q-1}{2}} & m_{\rm e}c^2 << T << m_{\rm p}c^2 \\ (\frac{m_{\rm p}}{m_{\rm e}})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} & m_{\rm p}c^2 << T . \end{cases}$$

q=2.3  $\rightarrow$   $\kappa = U_p/U_e \approx 15$   $N_p/N_e \gg 1.3 \times 10^2$ 



$$\begin{array}{ll} B \ \simeq \ 95 \mu {\rm G} \\ N_{\rm e,0} \ \simeq \ 10^{-4} \ {\rm cm^{-3}} \\ U_{\rm e} \ \simeq \ 20 \ {\rm eV} \ {\rm cm^{-3}} \\ U_{\rm p} \ \simeq \ 200 \ {\rm eV} \ {\rm cm^{-3}} \end{array}$$



 $L(8-1000\mu m) = 2.2 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  SFR ~10 M<sub> $\otimes$ </sub>yr<sup>-1</sup>

 $v_{SN}$  ~ 0.3 yr<sup>-1</sup>



 $L_{>100GeV} = 1.5 \times 10^{40} \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow F_{>100GeV} = 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

#### $\rightarrow$ Total flux from M82: $F_{>100GeV} = 1.1 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

numerical treatment

... same structure parameters, mag. flux frozen in ionized gas  $(B \propto n_{HII}^{-3/2})$ 

1. Radio synchro em.  $\rightarrow B \oplus N_e$ 

2. Particles vs Field Equip. Energy

injection part. spectrum: q=2 ... interactively  $\rightarrow$  $N_e \sim 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  $N_p/N_e$  (>>1 GeV)  $\sim$  100,  $B_0 \sim 300 \ \mu\text{G}$ 







(2009)



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Figure 1. Radio measurements of the SB and entire disc regions of NGC 253. The solid line is our fit to the emission from the SB region; the dashed line is a fit to the emission from the entire disc. Data are from Klein et al. (1983, black dots), Carilli (1996, blue squares) and Heesen et al. (2008, green circles).





Figure 2. Steady-state primary proton (dashed line), primary electron (solid line) and secondary electron (dash-dotted line) spectral density distributions in the central SB region of NGC 253.



Figure 3. Spectra of HE emission processes in the disc region of NGC 253. Radiative yields are from electron Compton scattering off the FIR radiation field (dotted line), electron bremsstrahlung off ambient protons (dashed line),  $\pi^0$  decay (dash-dotted line) and their sum (solid line).

Figure 4. Integrated high-energy emission from the disc region of NGC 253. The total integrated emission from the disc region of NGC 253 is shown in the grey region, reflecting uncertainties in the observationally deduced parameters.



## Cosmic Rays and Star Formation

### CR - SN relation (Ginzburg & Syrovatskii 1964)

- ✤ Fermi-I mechanism  $\rightarrow$  SNRs
- SN rates, massive star formation





$$\bigvee U_{\rm p} = 85 \frac{\nu_{\rm SN}}{0.3 \,{\rm yr}^{-1}} \frac{\tau_{-}}{3 \times 10^4 \,{\rm yr}} \frac{\eta}{0.05} \frac{E_{\rm ej}}{10^{51} \,{\rm erg}} \left(\frac{r_{\rm s}}{0.3 \,{\rm kpc}}\right)^{-3} {\rm eV \ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (0.1 - 0.2) \,{\rm yr}^{-1} \\ (0.2 - 0.3) \,{\rm yr}^{-1} \\ (4 \pm 2) \,{\rm yr}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\rm NGC \ 253}{\rm M \ 82} \qquad 0.20 \,{\rm kpc} \\ 0.26 \,{\rm kpc} \\ 0.25 \,{\rm kpc} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bigvee_{\rm SN} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{r_s}$$

### $\mathsf{CRs} \leftrightarrow \mathsf{SF} \text{: conclusion}$

Strong CR production:
\*universal acceleration efficiency of SN
\* Fermi acceleration at work (NR strong shock)
\*particles/field equipartition

> use radio data to study CRs in distant SF'ing gal.s
\* γ-ray emission (isotropic ..)

# Thanks!