10 years with H.E.S.S. Highlights and perspectives

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Outline

- 1. Very high energy gamma ray astronomy and the H.E.S.S. experiment
- 2. The Galactic plane survey
- 3. The extragalactic sky
- 4. H.E.S.S. phase II
- 5. CTA

- Gamma-rays :
 - Cosmic photons with energy $E > 10^5 eV$
 - Very high energies : E > 100 GeV



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- Search for the sources of cosmic rays
- Study the processes at play in AGNs or binary systems
- Study extragalactic background light
- Search for dark matter, LIV, axions...

Detection

< 100 GeV : detection from satellite (Fermi) > 100 GeV : detection from ground (H.E.S.S.) : Jmaging atmospheric Cherenkov technique



- γ interacts in the atmosphere
- Development of a particle shower
- Emission of a brief (~ few ns) and weak flash of Cherenkov light
- Image of the shower with cameras at the focal plane of telescopes : stereoscopy



- The technique works best with :
 - Large mirrors
 - Fast and finely pixelated cameras
 - Stereoscopy



H.E.S.S. combines these advantages, inherited from the previous generations of instruments



First detection of a TeV gamma-ray source (1989) : The Crab nebula 5σ detection in 50h



Opening of a new astronomical window !





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« Real » astronomy in a new energy band

- A sensitive instrument (1 % « Crab ») ...
 - ... on more than 2 orders of magnitude in energy
- Morphology studies
- Survey capabilities
- Detailed light-curves

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Instruments currently in operation



A southern hemisphere observatory



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 - ~ 2800 hours of observation
 - -120° to +80° in longitude
 - -5° to +5° in latitude





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Significance map (pretrials), correlation radius : 0.1° blue-red transition ~ 50 post-trials





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Supernova remnants at high energies

- «Young » remnants : 1st shells resolved at TeV with H.E.S.S.
 - RXJ 1713-3946, Vela Jr, RCW 86, SN 1006, RXJ 1731-347
 - Particles accelerated at more than 100 TeV in the shell
 - Nature of the particles not clear



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Bringing to light the hadronic processes

Several objects detected in GeV and TeV

• W28, CTB 37A, W51C, G359.1-0.5, IC 443, W49B (F. Brun et al., 2011)











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Population studies

The Galactic plane survey

- **Goal** : Map the inner regions of the Galaxy to discover new TeV sources
 - Since Population studies on-going in the - ~2 collaboration are based on the latest Galactic plane survey maps
 - -5° to +5° in latitude

- Since the first H.E.S.S. Galactic plane survey publication (2005) : • x10 observation time
- x5 observation area

New publication in preparation (corresponding author) :

• Maps and sources catalog will be available outside of H.E.S.S.!

Optimal H.E.S.S. visibility

- Maps :
 - New tools for the background substraction
 - Adaptive ring background method
 - Automated alogorithm to find exclusion regions
- Available soon :
 - Significance, sensitivity, flux (+errors) and upper limits maps





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- Catalog :
 - Uniform analysis of all the Galactic plane sources
 - Maximum likelihood fit of the photons maps, taking exposure, PSF and background model into account
 - Spectral analysis of the obtained sources

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TeV map after sources substraction



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Cosmic ray interacting with molecular material



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HESS Collaboration, published in December 2014



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The extragalactic sky



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- ~ 50 % observation time
- ~ 30 sources
 - Mainly active galactic nuclei
 - Starburst galaxy
 - Measurement of extragalactic background light, LIV, axions



- Active Galactic Nuclei (z < 0.5)
 - Supermassive black hole, jets
 - Blazar : observer looking into the jet



- Active Galactic Nuclei (z < 0.5)
- Particularly variable objects





Analysis methods to search for transient/variable sources

- Development of analysis methods based on the time intervals between individual events (F. Brun, PhD thesis)
 - Source detection and characterization
 - Production of variability maps : allowing for blind searches



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Collaborations HESS+Fermi, **published** in

• On-going analysis for the whole H.E.S.S. dataset

Identification of a flare in the active galactic nucleus PG 1553+113



Developpement of new methods to :

- Estimate the redshift of the source
- Constrain a potential Lorentz
 invariance violation

H.E.S.S. Phase II



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- H.E.S.S. II : additionnal 5th telescope at the center
 - 28 m in diameter, 600 m²
 - Energy threshold lowered to ~ 50 GeV
 - Improved sensitivity and angular resolution

H.E.S.S. II


H.E.S.S. II : Central trigger

Cameras trigger independently
Decision to record (or not) the event taken by the Central trigger (if temporal coincidence)
Send the readout signal to the cameras



Responsible for the system from December 2011 to June 2014

H.E.S.S. II : Central trigger

- Tests, implementation and on-site installation for H.E.S.S. II
- Hardware upgrade

New electronic boards / firmware modifications

→ Coordination of MPIK's electronicians

Optical Fibers converter boards

Delay boards

Central Trigger board



Monitoring boards

Scaler board

+ possibility to take data no matter the location of the camera (dish/shelter)

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Management of the new pieces of hardware

Communication and data streams from/to the central data acquisition software

New capabilities :

Different event types : Mono, Hybride, HESS I

- Possibility to split HESS II and HESS I observations (subarrays)
- Documentation

H.E.S.S. II : Camera

- A better camera (IN2P3)
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Event seen by the 5 telescopes in coincidence



First « hybrid » array of Cherenkov telescopes !

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Upgrade of the H.E.S.S. I cameras planned in 2015

Science with H.E.S.S. II

- Lower energy threshold :
 - Pulsars (MAGIC & VERITAS detection of the pulsed emission of the Crab)
 - Supernova remnants
 - Dark matter ?
 - AGN less absorbed by EBL
 - → More objects
 - Part of the energy range common with Fermi
- Faster structure : re-pointing < 2 minutes
 - GRB detection ?
 - Increased sensitivity to variable/transient sources



First H.E.S.S. II results (Conferences, summer 2014)





Right Ascension (J2000)

Cherenkov Telescope Array



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- CTA (Cherenkov Telescope Array) : several number of telescopes (~2020)
 - 10 GeV 100 TeV
 - Better sensitivity on the whole energy range (x10 at 1 TeV)
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A few H.E.S.S. II -like : low énergies Several H.E.S.S. I-like telescopes : sensitivity and energy reconstruction Field of small telescopes (~6 m) : collection area + very high energies

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 - Sensitive to transient events
 - → Alerts !



The Galactic plane survey with CTA

• ~ 75% unresolved sources



- Extragalactic sky survey capabilities :
 - 1/4 sky at 30 mCrab in ~ 370 h. (G. Dubus et al. 2012)

The Galactic plane survey with CTA



Study sources with (intrinsic) spectral breaks

Population studies, Detailed analysis of interesting sources

Highest energy limit of cosmic accelerators

The Galactic plane survey with CTA



Summary

- Gamma ray sources are cosmic particle accelerators
- Accelerating particles at multi-TeV energies is easy (for Nature)
- H.E.S.S. first 10 years of operation
 - 10 times increase in number of known TeV sources (same as at GeV)
 - Real astronomy : detailed sky maps, detailed spectra and light curves
- Large variety of acceleration mechanism, often related to life cycle of massive stars
- Qualitative understanding of some mechanisms but still many open issues
- Near to addressing fundamental issues in cosmology, DM, axion searches, LIV...
 - → Stay tuned for the upcoming H.E.S.S. II results !

Thanks for your attention !



Imaging atmospheric Cherenkov technique

- ~ 1 γ for 1000 hadrons
 - EM Showers : smooth, symetrical
 - hadronic showers : irregular + isolated
- Fast and finely pixelated cameras
- Large mirors and stereoscopy
- Analysis :

Image shape -> discrimination Images orientation -> direction Intensity -> energy



Analyse des données : reconstruction & discrimination gamma/hadron

- « **Model** » analysis :
 - Comparison (pixel per pixel) of detected images to precalaculated images, computed from a semi-analytical model
- Maximum likelihood fit to reconstruct the shower parameters :
 - Energy
 - Direction
 - Impact parameter (P)
 - First interaxtion depth
- Goodness of fit allows for the **gamma/hadron** discrimination



H.E.S.S. II : Performances



A southern hemisphere observatory

→ Access to a large part of the Galactic plane



W49B – SNR/MC interaction

Composite image (Reach et al. 2006)



2.12 µm (IR) : Shocked molecular hydrogen (Palomar)

~ 1 − 3 x 10³ cm⁻³ ~ 14 − 550 M









Shock wave

Shock in interaction with the overdensity

W49B – Models (Abdo et al. 2011)



 TABLE 1

 PARAMETERS OF MULTIWAVELENGTH MODELS

| | Parameters | | | | | | Energetics | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Model | a_e/a_p | Δs | $p_{\rm br}$ (GeV c^{-1}) | Β (μG) | $n_{\rm H}$ (cm ⁻³) | f | (a) W_p or (b) W_e (10 ⁵⁰ erg) | (a) U_p or (b) U_e (eV cm ⁻³) | U_B (eV cm ⁻³) |
| (Case a1) π^0 -decay | 0.01 | 0.7 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 0.6 | 11 | 1.1×10^{5} | 5.6 |
| (Case a2) π^0 -decay | 0.01 | 0.7 | 4 | 60 | 100 | 0.06 | 1.1 | 1.1×10^{5} | 90 |
| (Case a3) π^0 -decay | 0.01 | 0.7 | 4 | 240 | 1000 | 0.006 | 0.10 | 1.0×10^{5} | 1400 |
| (Case b1) Bremsstrahlung | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 2.6×10^{4} | 0.62 |
| (Case b2) Bremsstrahlung | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4 | 20 | 100 | 0.06 | 0.23 | $2.3 	imes 10^4$ | 10 |
| (Case b3) Bremsstrahlung | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4 | 80 | 1000 | 0.006 | 0.016 | $1.6 	imes 10^4$ | 160 |

NOTE. — Seed photons for IC include infrared ($kT_{IR} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$, $U_{IR} = 1 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$), optical ($kT_{opt} = 0.25 \text{ eV}$, $U_{opt} = 1 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$), and the CMB. The total energy, $W_{e,p}$ and energy density $U_{e,p}$ of radiating particles are calculated for $n > 10 \text{ MeV c}^{-1}$

Correction of the temporal acceptance variations

- Acceptance evolves with observation conditions (Zenith angle, \bullet atmospheric conditions...)
 - Higher acceptance induces lower time intervals



- observations <
- Correction of the temporal acceptance variations and • normalization (mean rate = 1) \checkmark

Implemented tests

- Once acceptance estimation and correction is performed, any kind of test can be applied
 - Exp-test, Inter-events test (Prahl, 1999)
 - Running Exp-test
 - Bayesian blocs (Scargle 1998)
 - Cumulative sum
 - ON/OFF



Production of variability maps possible



Significance map of the Exp-test

Extragalactic Background Light (EBL)





Absorption by pair creation TeV + O/IR -> e⁺ e⁻





Extragalactic Background Light (EBL)



EBL detected by H.E.S.S. at ~ 8.8σ taking into account the absorption directly at the spectrum reconstruction step



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10 λ [μm] Collaboration H.E.S.S., 2013 PG 1553+113



Bayesian approach : Introduction

 Aim : derive an UL on the redshift of PG 1553+113 using a bayesian approach. We assume that the source spectrum is a power-law from 300 MeV to TeV energies absorbed by the EBL.

$$\phi = \mathbf{N} \times (\mathbf{E}/\mathbf{E}_0)^{-\Gamma} \times \mathbf{e}^{-\tau}$$

- bayesian approach \Rightarrow need to specify:
 - Data : H.E.S.S. data
 - Model parameters : N, Γ , z
 - writing the Bayes Theorem, the posterior probability is : $P(heta|Y) \propto P(heta) P(Y| heta)$
 - All the normalization factors have been dropped in the following

Likelihood and Prior

- $P(Y \mid \Theta)$ is the likelihood and is estimated using the H.E.S.S. data
 - Likelihood that the H.E.S.S. soft minimizes is mapped
 - The parameters of the likelihood -> models parameters : N, Γ , z
- $P(\Theta)$ is the prior
 - Assume a PL in the whole energy range
 - intrinsic parameters: Fermi data
- We assume that all the parameters are independents

$$P(\theta) = P(z)P(N)P(\Gamma)$$

P(N) = cst $P(\Gamma) \propto N(\Gamma, \Gamma_{\text{Fermi}}, \sigma_{\Gamma}) \text{ if } \Gamma < \Gamma_{\text{Fermi}} \text{ or } P(\Gamma) = \text{cst}$ $P(z) \propto exp(-\tau(z))$

- Fermi and H.E.S.S. uncertainties included in σ

PG 1553+113



The extragalactic sky with H.E.S.S.

- ~ 50 % observation time
- ~ 30 sources
 - Mainly active galactic nuclei
 - Starburst galaxy

- Information on CR acceleration : associated with massive stars or their remnants
- Measurement of extragalactic background light, LIV, axions





GeV/TeV Emission from Starburst Galaxies

- Unresolved source consistent with NGC 253 starburst region
 - Compact starburst region (100 pc)
 - enhanced SN rate (0.3 yr-1)
 - → high CR density
 - enhanced gas density ~ 600 cm⁻³
- Detected flux (0.3% Crab Nebula) close to model predictions





GeV/TeV Emission from Starburst Galaxies

- VERITAS detection of TeV g-ray emission from the starburst galaxy M82
- FERMI detection of GeV g-ray emission from NGC 253 and M82
- CRs + ISM gas
 - hadronic interactions
- g-ray luminosity $\propto n_{CR}$. M_{gas}
 - Consistent with $n_{CR} \propto SN$ rate
 - Suggests association of CR production with massive stars or their remnants


Check runs

• Runs taken with the calibrated delay value :

