

n Etna Volcano to Andes: activities and plans for t implementation of ASTRI SST telescopes in the Cherenkov Telescope Array

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## A few remarks on Ground Based Gamma Ray Astronomy & CTA

The ASTRI project

The ASTRI Telescope prototype

ASTRI mini-array: early science with CTA

## ospheric renkov ys

Cherenkov light po ~250 m diameter few ns duration

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MAGIC Canary Islands 2200 m asl 2 x 17m telescopes. Magic I in operation since 2003, Magic II first light shown at ICRC09





HESS Namibia 1800 m asl HESS I: 4 telescopes of 12m diameter HESS II: 28 m diameter



HESS



Detailed equipering the provide the second list (NA)A/I

- re events
- 1ore photons = better spectra, mages, fainter sources
- Larger collection area for gamma-rays
- ter events
- lore precise measurements f atmospheric cascades and ence primary gammas
- Improved angular resolution
- Improved background rejection power
- ore telescopes!



## CLE cherenkov telescope array

Light pool radius R ≈ 100-150m ≈ typical telescope Spacing

Sweet spot for best triggering & reconstruction... most showers miss it!

✓ Large detection Area
 ✓ More Images per shower
 ✓ Lower trigger threshold

*coverage* o 20 GeV *ery domain:* Dark Matter) Energy cover up to 300 TeV (Pevatrons, ha acceleration)

energy tion, ~10-15%: cutoffs)

Rapid Slew (20 s) to catch flares: (Transients)

10x Sensitivity &

Large Field of view (Surveys, extended sources, flares)

Angular resolution above most of E ra (Source morpholog ted as on open Observatory

or of 10 more sensitive w.r.t. the current IACTs

## Telescope /

v large telescopes ver the range 200 GeV

~km<sup>2</sup> array of mediumsized telescopes for the 100 GeV to 10 TeV domair

~4km<sup>2</sup> array of s size telescopes, sensitive above TeV up to 300 Te

4 LSTs [N & S]

15 MSTs [N] 25 MSTs [S] (+ 24 SCTs)

70 SSTs [S

	LST "large"	MST "medium"	SCT "medium 2- M"	SST "small"
Number	4 (S) 4 (N)	25 (S) I 5 (N)	≤ 36 (S and N)	<b>70 (S)</b>
Energy range	20 GeV to 200 GeV	100 GeV to 10 TeV	200 GeV to I0 TeV	5 TeV – 300 TeV
Effective mirror area	370 m <sup>2</sup>	<b>90</b> m <sup>2</sup>	40 m <sup>2</sup>	> 5 m <sup>2</sup>
Field of view	> 4.5°	> 7°	<b>&gt; 8</b> °	> 9°
Pixel size ~PSF θ <sub>80</sub>	< 0.  °	< 0.18°	< 0.07°	< <b>0.25</b> °
Positioning time	50 s, 20 s goal	90 s, 60 s goal	90 s, 60 s goal	90 s, 60 s goal
Target capital cost	7.4 M€	I.6 M€	< 2.0 M€	600 k€

## ow energies

ergy threshold 20-30 GeV 23 m diameter 4 telescopes

(LSTs)

## Medium energies

100 GeV – 10 TeV 9.5 to 12 m diameter

25 single-mirror telescopes

> 24 (up to 36) dual-mirror telescopes

(MSTs/SCTs)



10 km<sup>2</sup> area at

4 m d 70 te





edits: The CTA Consortium



## Differential Sensitivity



A factor of 5-1 improvement sensitivity in th domain of abo 100 GeV to so 10 TeV.

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

The CTA Consortium



 $A_{coll} \sim 10^7 \text{ m}^2$  above 10 TeV (*importance of SSTs*)

- Crucial for:
- High-energy spectra, discovery of Pevatrons  $\rightarrow$  Origin of CRs







## End-to-end SST-2M prototype

- Validation and commissioning of the prototype via Cherenkov astronomical observations

## End-to-end implementation of a mini-array

- $\ge 9$  SST-2M (pre-production) at the CTA southern s
- Validation and commissioning of the ASTRI miniarray of pre-production CTA telescopes (including trigger and SW) via Cherenkov astronomical observations, first pre-production scientific data

## Aiming at the construction of > 50 out of the 70 Second struction of the CTA southern array



## Before ASTRI

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## nical Aspects

- Jse of "new" SiPM sensors (→ small pixels)
- Telescope design with inherent small late scale & compact structure →
- Replication technology for mirrors
- Monolithic Secondary mirror
- ully compliant to the most demanding equirements (wind conditions.

## **Programmatic Aspects**

- E2E prototype (including ACTL, DA Calibration subsystems) in a real astronomical site
- Design full compliant to the requirer
- Update of the design after the proto test and qualification and final site se
- Industrial involvement
- Array of a significant number of prec before the large final production



## l elescope costs versus diameter

An advanced facility for ground-based high-energy gamma ray astronomy

- unless new mera technology available ...
- nted image
- tensifiers??



## Camera field of view: Optics

An advanced facility for ground-based high-energy gamma ray astronomy

- Optics for wide fov
  - very large f/d

CTA

- mechanically non-trivial
- Dual-mirror optics with (large) secondary
  - cost, alignment, large effective focal length?
- Frensnel corrector plate in front of camera
  - cost, transmission





## ninking ASTRI



## focusing mirrors

*Coma*: off-axis abberation caused by a different magnification of reflected rays, depending on the hitting position at the mirror surface



Typical blu a focal sp

Coma free mirrors must satisfy the Abbe

he surface defined by the intersection of each input ray with its esponding output ray (<u>principal or Abbe surface</u>) must be a sphe around the image, i.e.:



$$\frac{h_1}{\sin\theta_1} = \frac{h_2}{\sin\theta_2} = const$$

## adimir Vassiliev recovered the configuration for Cherenkov telescopes. Thanks!





Focal length **F** is fixed by geometrical and angular pixel sizes of Si

and **q** parameters are optmized for maximal light collectng area nal PSF at the edge of **FoV**;

iameter of the primary is determined by **F**,  $\alpha$ , **q** with second rative being zero at the edge;

iameter of the secondary is determined by tolerable vignetting;

cal plane is curved to minimize astigmtism.

## Vassiliev, S. J. Fegan, P. F. Brousseau Astropart.Phys. 0-27,2007

## STRI - Astrofisica con Specchi a Tecnologia Replicante Iliana

## trophysics with Mirro



(a great scientist.... but a als great "inventor" for succes acronyms, e.g. GEMINGA

### Astrofísica con Specchi cnologia Replicante Italiana

Glass Cold-Shaping technology







## e expect to detect **1 Crab** x level sources at 5-sigma a few hours at E > 1 TeV

## e information:

cellone et al., 2015, arXiv:1508.00799

### ASTRI SST-2M innovative solution

## **Dual-mirror optical layout**

first time for VHE IACTs;

reduces the plate-scale;



 $\overleftarrow{\mathbf{X}}$  optimal PSF across the entire Fo

## **SiPMs photo-detectors**

small pixel-size;

 $\overleftrightarrow$  can work during moonlight;

fast front-end and control electro

## Wide field-of view (9.6°)

excellent for:



extended sources, surveys;

allows to extend the energy ra



**Energy threshold** 

- 1 TeV

## **Telescope characteristics**

- Primary mirror =  $\emptyset$  4.3m
- Optical design = Schwarzschild-Cou
- M1 type = Segmented (18, 3 corona
- Secondary mirror =  $\emptyset$  1.8m (2.2m R
- M2 type = Monolithic
- M1-M2 distance = 3m
- Optical effective area =  $6m^2$
- F/D1 = 0.5, F = 2.15m

## **Camera characteristics**

- Number of logical pixels = 1984
- Pixel = 0.17° (plate scale = 37.5mm
- Field of View =  $9.6^{\circ}$
- Sensors type = SiPMs



at 1725 meters Etna volcano @ F - C a t a n i a tain station in











ain a calibration of the kinematic model of the actuators 5 images of a eac It for five fixed number of step displacements have been obtained. about 1.4 arcsec/step has been calibrated.



## **M1 segments**



## **M2** mirror



## Acqusition of PSF for different elevations have been obatined. The PSF shows stability both in



I = 37 deg

 $EI = 60 \deg$ 

El = 75 deg

#### optical validation of a Schwarzschild Couder telescope: the RI SST-2M Cherenkov telescope

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#### ABSTRACT

The optical qualification of the ASTRI SST-2M telescope in the full field of view is presented. The telescope has been developed as a demonstrator in the context of the upcoming Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA). Its main innovation consists in the optical layout which, for the first time, implements the Schwarzschild–Couder configuration for a real working telescope. Moreover, ASTRI SST-2M also represents the first qualified example of a two mirrors telescope for Cherenkov Astronomy. This configuration permits to (i) maintain a high optical quality across a large FoV (about 10°), (ii) de-magnify the plate scale, (iii) exploit new technological solutions for focal plane sensors. We report the results of the first–light optical qualification. Test results validate the design specifications, opening a new scenario for Cherenkov Gamma ray Astronomy and, in particular, for the detection of high energy (1 -300 TeV) gamma rays and wide-field observations with CTA.

#### Key words:

Geometric optics - Mirror system design - dual mirror telescope - Cherenkov - IACT

#### DUCTION

e German astrophysicist Karl Schwarzschild proposed r a two-mirror telescope eliminating much of the option across the Field of View (FoV) (Schwarzschild his paper he proposed a method to design an opn free of both spherical and coma aberrations by wo aspherical mirrors described by radial polynomignition of Schwarzschild's contribution to optics dethe analytical solutions for two-mirror telescopes are Schwarzschild aplanats". In 1926 Couder enhanced ild's solution adding a curved focal plane to reduce atism (Couder 1926), and this kind of configuration me of Schwarzschild-Couder (hereafter SC). More recently, Lynden-Bell (Lynden-Bell 2002), starting from this pioneering work, proposed a solutions for an exact optics aplanatic telescopes operating in the visible.

In order to limit the coma aberration effects in X-ray microscopy, Wolter was the first who applied the Schwarzschild's approach to get aplanatic grazing incidence optics for X-rays (Wolter 1952*a* and 1952*b*). Wolter's approach has been later on adopted for the design of X-ray astronomical telescopes based on grazing incidence optics and a number of X-ray telescopes were realized (Aschenbach 1985 and 2009). Following the approach initially suggested by Burrows, Burgh and Giacconi (Burrows et al. 1992), Conconi (Conconi et al. 2010) showed that different Wolter–like designs could be obtained expanding as a power series the primary and secondary mirrors' profiles in order to increase the angular resolution at large off-axis positions, at the expenses of the on-axis performances. Also the



## Submitted to A & A



# Reflecting Telescope Optics I Second Edition





## polaris\_EI37.868\_Az0.568



#### 2.93×104 1.28×10<sup>4</sup> <sup>®</sup>March 2017 October 2016 2.44×10<sup>4</sup> 1.07×10<sup>4</sup> 5 5 1.95×10<sup>4</sup> 8.56×10<sup>3</sup> Υmm ШШ 0 0 1.47×10<sup>4</sup> 6.42×10<sup>3</sup> 9,77×10<sup>3</sup> -5 -5 4.28×10<sup>3</sup> 4.89×10<sup>3</sup> 2,14×10<sup>3</sup> -10-10-5 0 5 -5 Û 5 X mm X mm R80 = 3.40 mm, EE=83.86%

Right image is acquired with double exposure time because of the weather partially cloudy



## I spare)

- Contract assigned to Media Lario
  - KOM 27<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - PPR 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Beginning of Qualification phase 5<sup>th</sup> May
  - End of Qualification phase 30<sup>th</sup> July
- Complementary activities: procurement of 2 complete sets of MST mirrors and I set SCT econdary mirror (Markus and Markus and Markus







### Courtesy of Media Lario

## TRI CORI



MST optical







pSCT S2



## Modularity: Unit, PDM, Focal Plane



560×560mm

#### WODIL WINDOW



Photon Detection Module

Thermal Control System



**Lids** 

## Assembling in lab

**Focal Plane** Support Structure

Back-End

Voltage

Distributi

on Board









### **PDM: CITIROC ASIC**



## The first batch of CITIROC ASICs is ready

INAF has the Intellectual Property of the design

CITIROC is available as:

- LQFP160 case
- Naked die 4.1 x 4.1 mm<sup>2</sup>

e camera has been moved and ccessfully integrated at the escope before Easter (from 3<sup>rd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> April) for a run of gineering tests.







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### Camera settin

- 3 dataset with 4 and 8 PDM in us
  - trigger enabled one PDM only
- Topological trigg contiguous pix with at least 7 pixel.
  - Data readou through softwa very slow trigg rate



		35	36	37		
	30	31	32	33	34	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
16	17	18	19	X	21	22
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	4	5	6	7	8	
		1	2	3		







### improvements

- IHz read out rate
- Remote programming
- PMMA window replaced by multila filters
- Partial debug of voltage distribution board
- Replacement of back end electron Debug of ancillary systems (LIDs, Thermal Control)













- - **Camera settings**
- Dataset with I4 PD in use and trigger enabled for all PDM
- Topological trigger: contiguous pixels w
  - at least 7 pe/pixel.
- Data readout: | Hz rate
  - **Observational Pla**
- Pointed observation on sky
- Muons coming from volcano
- Tracking observation
  on selected sources
  - MRK 421











## A reduced array



## ASKAP – Austraulia (SKA precursosr)

KAT7 – South Africa (SKA precursor)

cal is the deployment and the operation ini-array composed of a few 2M telescopes at the final CTA ern site.







t concept...



by martin moonaboration with

250-300

Universidade de São Paulo & FAPESP, Brazil North-West University, South Africa INFN (trigger facility and SW)

- aim is to **test both the SST-2M technological and scienti** ormance at energies above a few TeV by means of prolon Itings.
- **a-galactic science**  $\rightarrow$  select a few promising targets.
- damental Physics → nearby blazars, GC, and dSphs.
- ergies with facilities dedicated to transient follow-ups are of mount importance.

**te Carlo** activities cover (at least) the following topics: nvestigation of the mini-array performance optimisation of the SST array layout production of the IRFs for the scientific simulations







RI SST pre-production CTA telescopes will have a bette sitivity at E >10 TeV for extended sources with respect to nd extended sources, and which makes use of the IRFs computed by the e Carlo code.

alogue of Cherenkov sources has been compiled, which is used as a star for the ASTRIsim tool.

ASTRIsim output is fully compliant with the standard CTA analysis tools of the standard CTA analysis tools (spectra, significance,...) have also been loped and integrated in the ASTRIsim SW suite.







## eleration of petaelectronvolt protons in the actic Centre

ollaboration\*







# Westerlund 2 <u>Arm - 270 hr</u>

## **Deep observations of Galactic Arms** Simulation based on the current performant the ASTRI mini-array of pre-production CTA telescopes (by means of a dedicated SW).

## **RCW 86**

- young SNR (2000 yrs)
- in Radio, X, GeV (*Fermi*), H.E.S.S.)
- ted origin:
- eracting source with
- cular clouds or
- J1713-like source ?
- RI mini-array (blue points, nulated data) can criminate between dronic and leptonic enario and (if hadronic) look VHE(~5x10<sup>14</sup> eV) CRs



- **ved** SNR interacting with a giant molecular cloud (MC), very bright a energies
- S.S. resolved this source in almost 4 point-like sources near the MC
- RI mini-array can better resolve the source and study the diffusion ar from the SNR shell (blue circle)







E-HBLs are characterized by:

- extremely low radio luminosity;
- Iuminous and hard X-ray emission;
- synchrotron peak above 10 keV;
- low variability at TeV energies.

**1ES 0229+200** E-HBL SED can be fit a both the **gamma-ray-induced cascad** and **proton-induced cascade** emission

pher energies, however, UHECR-induced cascade emission become or than gamma-ray-induced cascade emission.

ection of >25 TeV gamma-rays is consistent with an hadronic na-ray emission

**e ASTRI SST-2M prototype**, commisioning phase E2E almost mpleted.

**e ASTRI mini-array** will constitute one of the *pre-production* set of escopes for the whole CTA array, allowing us to investigate innovative chnological solutions.

**A early science** performed by means of ASTRI mini-array observat a few selected sky regions will allow us to obtain several solid detect ring the first year.

**cellent synergies** with other pre-production CTA telescopes (SSTs, STs, STs, LSTs) and with several observing facilities from 2017 and beyor

## ptical stability of the PSF tested in different seaso conditions. No need for realignment after about 6 months

## herenkov Camera @ SLN -> Next week run with s observations

**SB filter for the camera at the telescope. PSF insispecification and shift about 2 mm in the focal plan position as foreseen by simulations.** 

## SW: next release of the control software in a mon

## uxiliaries: UVScope & Illuminator under test and to





#### unt Etna showing satisfaction for the car