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VERITAS Status and Recent Results

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VERITAS, an array of four 12 m-diameter imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes, located at the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory in southern Arizona, is one of the most sensitive instruments currently in operation for gamma-ray astronomy in the 85 GeV to 30 TeV energy range. The VERITAS collaboration conducts a multi-faceted science program which includes studies of Galactic and extragalactic particle accelerators, deriving constraints on cosmological fields and fundamental physics, indirect searches for dark matter and measurements of cosmic rays. Target-of-opportunity observations have high priority and VERITAS operates an extensive follow-up program of both self-generated triggers and multi-messenger alerts received from other instruments. In this talk I will discuss the operational status of VERITAS and present an overview of our scientific program with select recent results highlighted.

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