# Indirect Dark Matter search with H.E.S.S.

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HESS - High Energy Stereoscopic System in Namibia



- Introduction:
  - Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescope system (e.g. H.E.S.S.)
  - Dark Matter
- Indirect search for Dark Matter and the  $\gamma$  messengers
- Reviewing the H.E.S.S. results
- Conclusions





#### Major VHE IACT systems

- Proven and highly performing detection technology



- A large spectrum of results and more than 100 gamma-ray astrophysics sources: toward "VHE  $\gamma$ -astronomy"







#### Fermi (MeV-GeV) sky



Straight line propagation:

# $\rightarrow$ exploration of the non-thermal Universe $\rightarrow$ origin and propagation of Cosmic Rays



#### HESS (and IACTs) (GeV-TeV) sky



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# H.E.S.S.: High Energy Stereoscopic System

A system of 4 telescopes in Namibia (1800 m) (since 2004):

- 13 m diameter dish (107 m<sup>2</sup>)
- 15 m focal distance
- 960 pixels (0.16°) camera
- Sensitivity 100 GeV 100 TeV (detecting Crab in 30 s )
- 15% energy resolution
- 4' to 6' angular resolution

HESS 2 (5<sup>th</sup> telescope) in construction: - 2048 pixels (0.07°) - 30 m diameter *dish* - Lower energy threshold and higher sensitivity







#### ... and CTA : "First TeV γ-ray Observatory"



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# Concordance Cosmological Standard Model fitting all measurements.



VHE γ-ray telescopes may contribute in subjects such as:



#### **Origin of Dark Matter**



Cosmological γ-Ray Horizon



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# Cosmology and γ-ray Astronomy





#### DM candidates and indirect search





#### Indirect search for Dark Matter



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# Indirect search for DM: where to look for...



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# The Galactic Center region



#### + Proximity (~8 kpc) and possibly high DM concentration - Extreme environment:

Totally obscured in the Optical; Visible from Radio to IR and high energies

#### **Galactic Center:**

10 % of galactic interstellar medium [giant molecular clouds] Host the nearest [hypothetical] super-massive BH Variety of VHE emitters: SNRs, Molecular Clouds, non-thermal arcs...

#### Galactic Center Ridge seen by HESS



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# The Galactic Center gamma-ray spectrum

- Point like source HESS J1745-290 with little extension (similar to NFW halo profile).
- A massive WIMP hypothesis (nonnatural !?)
- A power law spectrum ( $\Gamma$ =2.3) et *cut-off* @ 7-9 TeV : astrophysics accelerator
- Under the hypothesis of DM spectrum + power-law spectrum : upper limit





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#### The Galactic Center Halo

- IDM search towards a region of projected distance 45-150 pc (0.3 -1.0 deg radial dist.) from the GC (limited differences between NFW and Einasto), excluding the galactic ridge.

- Isotropic TeV emission from uniform residual cosmicrays flux background .



- No DM signature from galactic center halo.
- Stringent upper limits on the velocity-weighted annihilation cross-section :  $<\sigma v > ~ 10^{-25} 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$





# DM search in our neighborhood: Sagittarius Dwarf

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#### Limits for a list of targets from different observatories (HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS, Whipple, Fermi)



<J> of dSph derived from velocity dispersion measurements of their stellar population and luminosity profile. In case of lack of available observational data -> NFW (and tidal radius when applicable) 95 % limits obtained from **Fermi** observations on a list of selected dwarfs and preliminary **stacked analysis** (best limit !).





- Hypothesis: Globular clusters formed in a dark matter minihalos in the primordial formation.
- DM content modeled considering: adiabatic contraction of DM by baryons; adiabatic growth of black hole in the halo; DM kinetic heating by stars.
- M15 is metal poor -> cosmological origin;
- NGC 6388 not metal poor but hosts > 10<sup>3</sup> solar masse black hole -> primordial origin.
- DM pulled in the center by baryons during evolution.







# DM search in cluster of galaxies

**The radio galaxy M87**: central galaxy of Virgo cluster hosting a central black hole of 3-10<sup>9</sup> M<sub>Sol</sub>

- Point like source (89h)
- Variability of  $\gamma$ -ray flux: from year to year, on a time scale of ~ 2 days
- The core of the Virgo cluster as emitting zone is excluded
- Compact emission: Dark Matter γ-ray production is excluded



- Coma (ACO 1656) (8.2h),
- **Abell 496** (14.6 h)
- Abell 85 (32.5h)
- → No signal
- $\rightarrow$  Constraints on non-DM models derived.

	VERITAS	MAGIC	Whipple	Fermi
Cluster of Galaxies	Coma (19 h)	Perseus (24 h)	Perseus (14 h) Abel 2029 (7h )	AWM 7 Fornax M49 NGC 4636 Centaurus Coma







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Stringent limits









#### Astroparticle Physics and high energy gamma-ray astronomy are quickly developing domains.

- learning about our Galaxy.

- valuable contributions to Fundamental issues in Cosmology: Dark and Relic components of the Universe.

Till now, no solid discovery with HESS but constraining theory:

Uncertainties on the DM distribution and DM models

HESS2 and CTA for future perspectives with  $\gamma$ -rays: higher sensitivities and larger exposures.

Although solving Dark Matter enigma needs:

- astrophysical detection,
- direct and indirect searches;
- study of its properties in laboratory (LHC)
- making connection among these complementary approaches.





# DM density profiles

The « core » profile:

 $\rho_{\text{CORE}}(r) = \frac{v_a^2}{4\pi G} \frac{3r_s^2 + r^2}{(r_s^2 + r^2)^2} \quad \text{(for Sagittarius)} \\ \text{PRD 69, 123501, 2004} \end{cases}$ 

$$\rho_{\text{CORE}}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^2}$$

ApJ 361, 408, 1990

$$\rho_{\rm NFW}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right) \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^2}$$

The NFW profile:

ApJ 490, 493, 1997



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