













## The ASTRI Mini-Array at the Teide Observatory

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### Telescopio Nazionale Galileo: 25 years of Astronomy in La Palma, 20 October 2021



### ASTRI - Astrofisica con Specchi a Tecnologia Replicante Italiana



## (No mirrors, no party!)



### Name given by Nanni Bignami

## **ASTRI: Astrophysics with Italian Replicating Technology Mirrors**



Mini-Array

### **ASTRI-Horn Prototype**

INAF-led Project funded by Italian Ministry of Research

End-to-end prototype installed and operational on Mount Etna volcano (Sicily, Italy)

First detection of a gamma-ray source (Crab Nebula) above  $5\sigma$  with a dual-mirror, Schwarzschild-Couder Chrenkov telescope (Lombardi et al., 2020)



INAF-led Project with international partners: Univ. of Sao Paulo/FPESP (Brazil), North-West Univ. (S. Africa), IAC (Spain), FGG, ASI/SSDC, Univ. of Padova, Perugia and INFN

**Being deployed at the** *Observatorio del Teide* (Spain) in collaboration with IAC and FGG-INAF.

**First 4 years**  $\rightarrow$  *Core Science*, following  $4 \rightarrow$  *Observatory Science*. Science operation  $\rightarrow$  2024





## **Segmented reflecting surface**



**Mini-Array** 



Credits: NASA

### JWST, reflecting surface cost: a few of Meuros/m<sup>2</sup>



ASTRI, reflecting surface cost: → 2 KEuros/m<sup>2</sup> (see Canestrari et al., SPIE, 2014)

## **The ASTRI-Horn Prototype**







### **ASTRI-Horn Timeline**

- September 2014: Inauguration of the prototype @ INAF-Catania mountain station in Serra La Nave placed at 1725 meters on the Etna volcano (Sicily)
- October 2016: Validation of the Schwarzschild-Couder concept
- May 2017: First Cherenkov light with the ASTRI camera
- November 2018: Dedication of ASTRI prototype telescope to Guido Horn D'Arturo a precursor of the technique of segmented astronomical mirrors
- December 2018: Detection of Crab Nebula
- September 2019: Telescope stopped for maintenance/refurbishment
  COVID-19
- October 2021: Telescope is resuming the
- operations



## **ASTRI-Horn end to end approach**







Data Analysis & Archiving

The end-to-end approach includes the telescope, internal and external calibration systems, control acquisition hardware and software, data reduction and analysis software, and the data archiving system







## **ASTRI -Horn & the environment**



The prototype is placed at 1725 meters on the Etna volcano @ INAF-Catania mountain station in Serra La Nave











# The Schwarzschild Aplanatic Telescope

1905: Karl Schwarzschild solved the Seidel 's equations for **spherical** aberration and **coma** finding a relation between parameters capable to make a telescope aplanatic. (Couder 1926 -> also correction of astigmatism with curved focal plane) Vladimir Vassiliev, UCLA

"For any geometry, 2 aspheric mirrors allow the correction of SI and SII to give an aplanatic telescope"

Schwarzschild telescope





**Technological challenge: Aspherical Optics manufacturing + large secondary mirror** 







Citterio, Ghigo et al., 1999

## **The ASTRI-Horn results**

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# The mini-array @Teide





# ASTRI: a new pathfinder of the arrays of Cherenkov telescopes

On June 12nd 2019, in La Laguna (Tenerife, Spain) Prof. Nichi D'Amico, President of the Italian National Institute for Astrophysics (INAF), and Prof. Rafael Rebolo Lopez, Director of the Instituto de Astrofisica de Canaries, signed a Record of Understanding to enter a detailed negotiation on a technical and programmatic basis aimed to install and operate the ASTRI Mini-Array at the Observatorio del Teide



INAF and IAC Representatives on the Teide Observatory site

# The ASTRI Mini-Array – Performance



See also Talk by S. Lombardi

- We extend the differential sensitivity up to several tens of TeV and beyond
- Investigate possible spectral features at VHE, such as the presence of spectral cut-offs or the detection of emission at several tens of TeV expected from Galactic PeVatrons



## The ASTRI Mini-Array – Performance



**Mini-Array** 

INARY	ASTRI Mini-Array	MAGIC	VERITAS	H.E.S.S.	HAWC	LHAASO
Location	28° 18′ 04″ N	28° 45′ 22″ N	31° 40′ 30″ N	23° 16′ 18″ S	18° 59′ 41″ N	29° 21′ 31″ N
	16° 30′ 38″ W	17° 53′ 30″ W	110° 57′ 7.8″ W	16° 30′ 00″ E	97° 18′ 27″ W	100° 08′ 15″ E
Altitude [m]	2,390	2,396	1,268	1,800	4,100	4,410
FoV	~ 10°	~ 3.5°	~ 3.5°	~ 5°	2 sr	2 sr
Angular Res.	0.05° (30 TeV)	(.07° (1 TeV)	0.07° (1 TeV)	0.06° (1 TeV)	0.15° <sup>(a)</sup> (10 TeV)	$(0.24-0.32)^{\circ(b)}$ (100 TeV)
Energy Res.	12% (10 TeV)	16% (1 TeV)	17% (1 TeV)	15% (1 TeV)	30% (10 TeV)	$(13-36)\% (100 \text{ TeV})^{(b)}$
Energy Range	e (0.3-200) TeV	(0.05-20) TeV	(0.08-30) TeV	(0.02-30) TeV <sup>(c)</sup>	(0.1-100) TeV	(0.1-1,000) TeV

### Sensitivity: better than current IACTs (E $\gtrsim$ 3 TeV)

Extended spectrum and cut-off constraints

### Energy/Angular resolution: ~10% / ~0.05° (E =10 TeV)

Identify and characterize extended sources morphology

### **10° field of view with homogeneous off-axis performance**

Multi-target fields, surveys, and extended sources Enhanced chance for serendipitous discoveries



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## Angular resolution and large field of view



295.000

**Mini-Array** 



ASTRI Mini-Array 200 hr simulation (up to E~200 TeV) of the region of the Galactic source 2HWC J1908+063. The light green circle marks the  $\sim 0.52^{\circ}$  HAWC error-box for *E* > 56 TeV

ASTRI Mini-Array 200 hr simulation of the Cygnus **Region**. Green crosses mark the positions of the 3HWC sources in a  $10^{\circ} \times 10^{\circ}$  field of view

300.000

3HWC J2023+324

PRELIMINARY

305.000

## The Pillars' concept



### First four years specific science topics → robust answers to a few well-determined open questions

**10° field of view** → simultaneously **investigate more than one source** during the same pointing

### Pillar 1 – The origin of cosmic rays

The quest for PeVatrons Particle escape and propagation High energy emission from Pulsar Wind Nebulae Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays from Starburst Galaxies

### **Pillar 2 – Cosmology and Fundamental Physics**

TeV observations and constraints on the IR EBL Probing intergalactic magnetic fields Blazars as probes for hadron beams Tests on the existence of axion-like particles Lorentz Invariance violation studies Indirect dark matter searches



## The LHAASO PeVatrons

#### Cao et al., 2021, Nature

LHAASO Source	Possible Origin	Туре	Distance (kpc)	Age $(kyr)^a$	$L_s  (\text{erg/s})^b$	Potential TeV Counterpart <sup>c</sup>
LHAASO J0534+2202	PSR J0534+2200	PSR	2.0	1.26	$4.5 \times 10^{38}$	Crab, Crab Nebula
LHAASO J1825-1326	PSR J1826-1334	PSR	$3.1\pm0.2^d$	21.4	$2.8 \times 10^{36}$	HESS J1825-137, HESS J1826-130,
	PSR J1826-1256	PSR	1.6	14.4	$3.6  imes 10^{36}$	2HWC J1825-134
LHAASO J1839-0545	PSR J1837-0604	PSR	4.8	33.8	$2.0 \times 10^{36}$	2HWC J1837-065, HESS J1837-069,
	PSR J1838-0537	PSR	$1.3^{e}$	4.9	$6.0  imes 10^{36}$	HESS J1841-055
LHAASO J1843-0338	SNR G28.6-0.1	SNR	$9.6\pm0.3^{f}$	$< 2^{f}$		HESS J1843-033, HESS J1844-030,
						2HWC J1844-032
LHAASO J1849-0003	PSR J1849-0001	PSR	$7^g$	43.1	$9.8 \times 10^{36}$	HESS J1849-000, 2HWC J1849+001
	W43	YMC	$5.5^h$	_	_	
LHAASO J1908+0621	SNR G40.5-0.5	SNR	$3.4^i$	$\sim 10 - 20^j$		MGRO J1908+06, HESS J1908+063,
	PSR 1907+0602	PSR	2.4	19.5	$2.8  imes 10^{36}$	ARGO J1907+0627, VER J1907+062,
	PSR 1907+0631	PSR	3.4	11.3	$5.3  imes 10^{35}$	2HWC 1908+063
LHAASO J1929+1745	PSR J1928+1746	PSR	4.6	82.6	$1.6  imes 10^{36}$	2HWC J1928+177, 2HWC J1930+188,
	PSR J1930+1852	PSR	6.2	2.9	$1.2 \times 10^{37}$	HESS J1930+188, VER J1930+188
	SNR G54.1+0.3	SNR	$6.3^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$ d	$1.8 - 3.3^k$	_	
LHAASO J1956+2845	PSR J1958+2846	PSR	2.0	21.7	$3.4 \times 10^{35}$	2HWC J1955+285
	SNR G66.0-0.0	SNR	$2.3\pm0.2^d$		_	
LHAASO J2018+3651	PSR J2021+3651	PSR	$1.8^{+1.7 l}_{-1.4}$	17.2	$3.4 \times 10^{36}$	MGRO J2019+37, VER J2019+368,
	Sh 2-104	H II/YMC	$3.3\pm 0.3^m/4.0\pm 0.5^n$	_	_	VER J2016+371
LHAASO J2032+4102	Cygnus OB2	YMC	$1.40\pm0.08^o$		_	TeV J2032+4130, ARGO J2031+4157,
	PSR 2032+4127	PSR	$1.40\pm0.08^o$	201	$1.5  imes 10^{35}$	MGRO J2031+41, 2HWC J2031+415,
	SNR G79.8+1.2	SNR candidate	_	_	_	VER J2032+414
LHAASO J2108+5157	_	_	_	_	_	_
LHAASO J2226+6057	SNR G106.3+2.7	SNR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	_	VER J2227+608, Boomerang Nebula
	PSR J2229+6114	PSR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	$2.2\times10^{37}$	

The **ASTRI Mini-Array** will investigate these and future PeVatron sources providing important **information on their identification and morphology**  Discovery of **12 sources emitting at several hundreds of TeV**, up to 1.4 PeV

Crab apart, the majority of remaining sources represent **diffuse** γ**-ray structures with angular extensions up to 1°**, and all of them are located along the Galactic plane

The actual sources responsible for the ultra high-energy  $\gamma$ -rays have not yet been firmly localized and identified (except for the Crab Nebula), leaving open the origin of these extreme accelerators



Mini-Array

## The Galactic Center – a challenge in a challenge



It can be observed by the ASTRI Mini-Array only at high zenith angles

Current IACTs detected non-variable emission with no significant cut-off up to a few tens of TeV

### **ASTRI Mini-Array assets**

- the large FoV will allow us to map the whole GC region in a single observation
- the excellent angular resolution could help to identify any HE source among several candidates



Spatial and spectral characterization of the inner Galactic Ridge emission  $\rightarrow$  (HESS Collab., 2018)

HESS, MAGIC and ASTRI spectra fitted with a proton population with a best fit cut-off at 120  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PeV}}$ 

# Exclude a cut-off in proton pop. below 3.5 PeV, 2.0 PeV, and 1.7 PeV at 68%, 90%, and 95% C.L.



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#### ASKAP

36 antenne (12 m) Max baseline: 6 km Risoluzione angolare= 10 arcs Frequency coverage: 0.7- 1.8 GHz Bandpass: 300 MHz Sensitivity: 25  $\mu$ Jy/hr @ 1.4 GHz FOV (PAF)= 30 deg<sup>2</sup>

Large surveys, ToO, DDT EMU: copertura Piano Galattico Dati disponibili tra 2 anni



### Dati di Piano Galattico con i precursori SKA: **ASKAP**: copertura Piano Galattico (EMU)

**MeerKAT**: copertura Piano Galattico MGPS



#### MeerKAT

64 antenne (13.5m) Max baseline: 8 km Risoluzione angolare=10 arcs Frequency coverage:0.6- 1.75GHz Bandpass: 750 MHz Sensitivity: 4-5 μJy/hr @ 1.4 GHz

Large surveys, 1 call/yr, ToO, DDT

MGPS: release dati, Q1 2022

### **CREDTS:** Grazia Umana





Stellar Intensity Interferometry with the ASTRI Mini-Array: Imaging (aperture synthesis) with unprecedented angular resolution



The more baselines used, the more model independent an image will be (CHARA has 6 telescopes, ASTRI MA has 9 telescopes)

CHARA/MIRC IR (H band) synthetized images of eps Aur (A9I) Long partial eclipse of the star eps Aur produced by an absorber with a disc-like geometry

ASTRI SI<sup>3</sup> can image many A/B-type stars in visible light, extending the sample collected with CHARA in the IR CREDITS: L. Zampieri

### ASTRI SI<sup>3</sup> can observe systems of this type with unprecedented angular resolution $\rightarrow$ 50 microarcsec!



### Stellar Intensity Interferometry with the ASTRI Mini-Array

ASTRI Stellar Intensity Interferometry Instrument

The ASTRI Stellar Intensity Interferometry Instrument (SI<sup>3</sup>) is conceived to *measure the 2nd order discrete degree of spatial and temporal coherence (g2) of a star* 

To this end, accurate measurements (~1 ns) of single photon arrival times in a narrow optical wavelength range (~5 nm) are needed



Stars with magnitude V < 3 are observable with the ASTRI SSTs in < 24 hours with a S/N > 5

# **ASTRI Mini-Array @ Teide Observatory**



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VISTAS DE LA ZONA ASTRIS, DESDE LA TERRAZA DEL THEMIS (5º PLANTA)



# **The ASTRI Mini-Array Architecture**



### The ASTRI Mini-Array in Tenerife

- Telescope Array & auxiliaries (Observatorio del Teide OT)
- Local Control Room @ THEMIS building (OT)
- On site Data Centre @ IAC Teide Residencia (OT)
- Array operation center @IAC in La Laguna

### The ASTRI Mini-Array in Italy

- Data Centre in Rome
- Remote Array operation centers



# **ASTRI Mini-Array @ Teide Observatory**





# **Status of production: Telescope**







# Status of production: AMC system



- Each mirror mounted on a triangle with three preloaded passive actuators with locking device.
- Triangles layout with radial symmetry (only three types: one for type of mirror)
- To align mirrors on each triangle 3 motorized actuators can be mounted (54 total for the entire mirror)
- Tip, Tilt, Piston









- Actuator stroke range: ±5 mm
- Actuator stroke accuracy: 0.1 mm
- Mirror inclination range: 1.5 degrees
- Mirror inclination accuracy: 30 arcsec
- Removable actuators completely independent

# Status of production: mirrors & camera











**SiPM** matrices

### **Mirrors Production**

### M1 mirrors (Media Lario Srl)

- Segments of primary mirrors ready
- First batch delivered for integration on the telescope

### M2 mirrors (Flabeg GmbH, ZAOT, Media Lario)

- 2 mirrors delivered for telescope integration
- 7 mirrors under recoating process

### **Camera production**

New ASICs CITIROC-1A (Weeroc) → Delivered New SiPM detectors (Hamamatsu photonics)

- Qualification batch (37 matrices) delivered and accepted
- First production batch (200 matrices) in September 2021
- Second & final batch March 2022

### **Cherenkov Cameras (CAEN/EIE)**

- KOM for production activities 13th of July
- First camera at the site end of summer 2022

# **Site Implementation**

- 9 telescopes each placed in a dedicated area.
- A control room hosted at Themis observatory building.
- A data centre hosted at the OT Residencia building.
- A LIDAR placed in a dedicated dome
- Two meteorological towers
- Access roads to telescopes.
- Trenches, cable ducts, cable pits for power, data, timing and safety and security networks including electrical cables and optical fibres.
- Medium to low voltage transformer station
- UPS and diesel generator for power backup placed close to transformer station.
- Illuminator: a device to calibrate the telescopes no permanently mounted at the site.





# **Site Implementation**





- Tender for construction in Aug 2021
- Construction started in October 2021!

- Geotechnical survey completed
- Access roads completed
- Location data centre defined
- Location of Local control room defined
- Overall design of the site completed
- Approval by local authorities obtained



## Infrastructure – Works formally started on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### ACTA DE REPLANTEO Y COMIENZO DE OBRA

Tipo de obra: Infraestructuras para los telescopios Astri Mini-Array

Emplazamiento: Observatorio del Teide. Izaña. Tenerife

Nº de licencia de obra: Decreto 2021-2752 (Excmo. Ayuntamiento de Güímar)

Redactor del Proyecto: Juan José Saavedra Gallo

En Observatorio del Teide, Izaña (Tenerife), a 4 de octubre de 2021

#### REUNIDOS

D. Ennio Poretti, con NIE Y6058191M, gerente y representante de la Fundación Galileo Galilei-INAF, Fundación Canaria (CIF ES G-38783312) como promotor

D. David Aguilar Casanova, con DNI 78608264Z, gerente y representante de VVO Construcciones y Proyectos SA (CIF: A-35091057) como empresa constructora

D. Juan José Saavedra Gallo, con DNI 42.933.155K, como director de obra y coordinador de seguridad y salud

#### MANIFIESTAN

 Que todos los agentes que lo firman, disponen del proyecto de ejecución redactado para la construcción de la obra y en base a la cual se ha otorgado la licencia municipal de obra.

2.- Que habiendo procedido el constructor al replanteo de la obra proyectada, el director de la obra a la comprobación de dicho replanteo y a su verificación con relación a la documentación incluida en el proyecto, no aprecian ningún impedimento que impida el comienzo y desarrollo de la obra.

3.- Que el plan de seguridad y salud en el trabajo ha sido aprobado por el coordinador de seguridad y salud durante la ejecución de la obra.

4.- Que el constructor declara encontrarse en condiciones de iniciar los trabajos contratados.

5.- Que todos los agentes acuerdan el comienzo de la obra con fecha 4 de octubre de 2021.

Y para que conste y sirva como justificante del inicio de la obra en los términos establecidos en la Ley de Ordenación de la Edificación, todos ellos firman de común acuerdo el presente acta, por triplicado ejemplar, en el lugar y fecha indicados.

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## WP5000 – Foundations ongoing works





**ASTRI-1** 





## **Trenches**





## **Excavation for foundation ASTRI#1**





## **THEMIS – October 4, 2021**





## WP10300 – Illuminator



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### **Better if**

- Wi-Fi connected
- Battery powered









- The first telescope is being integrated in Italy at EIE GROUP (Venezia) and it will be shipped to Tenerife by the Christmas 2021 and the installed in Jan/Feb 2022
- Other 2 telescopes to implemented (Inauguration event will be organized in September 2022)

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