LATTES Science Case

Surveying Unexplored Energy Domains

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All-sky Cartesian projection of the Fermi/LAT gamma-ray observations above 1 GeV in photon energy, achieved after 5 years of monitoring. This is, to date, the **deepest published view** of the High-energy sky.



Distribution of the Fermi/LAT detected **pulsars**. They are the strongest Galactic point-like sources and they cluster close to the Galactic plane. Vela is the brightest in this family. 5



Map of the Fermi/LAT detected **BLAZARs**. These represent a specific class of Active Galactic Nuclei and they are the strongest long-lived Extragalactic sources, distributed in a nearly isotropic population.



More general **Active Galaxies**, though intrinsically more frequent than BLAZARs, are under-represented in the gammaray sky. This is connected to the (not yet completely understood) gamma-ray production mechanism.⁷



Super-nova Remnants are the most luminous known extended sources (putting aside the diffuse ISM glow). They are exclusively located in the Galactic Plane and, cosmologically speaking, represent a class of short-lived objects



High-mass binaries, typically found in star forming regions and in Globular Clusters, are a probe of the formation and evolution of multiple stellar systems, whose role is becoming more and more relevant in Cosmology.

• M82

M31



NGC 253

Aaaellanic

Small Magellanic Cloud

The era of multi-messenger observations



- Simultaneous observation of a Gravitational Wave + electromagnetic counterparts
- First detection of a VHE neutrino from a blazar flaring in gamma rays
- Study of transient phenomena **in all energy windows** is one of the main ingredients

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The Galactic Centre



A view of the Galactic Centre in the TeV domain, produced by a scan performed with HESS.

The Galactic Centre is an extremely complex region, expected site of the highest Dark Matter density in our vicinity, but also populated by stellar evolution remnants (neutron stars), the Sgr A* black hole, and dense clouds of gas, interacting with cosmic rays. It is identified as the site of a Pevatron (accelerator of particles up to the PeV domain). ¹³

The Fermi Bubbles

Fermi data reveal giant gamma-ray bubbles

Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT/D. Finkbeiner et al.

Fermi-LAT detected a glow of gamma-ray diffuse emission extending ~55° above and below the Milky Way centre. The spectrum is hard and the brightness nearly constant. ¹⁴

With its location in the Southern Hemisphere, LATTES is ideal to survey the Galactic Plane and the Galactic Centre regions







Origin of the gamma-ray emission is still unclear. The most likely spectra are log-parabola or hard cut-off power-law.

Cut-off may reside at **few 100 GeV.** Spectrum is critical to discriminate **hadronic / leptonic** model.

The Fermi Bubbles: comparison with HAWC



The Fermi Bubbles: perspectives



Acceleration of Cosmic Rays



A full understanding of the acceleration sites of cosmic rays and their connection with the production of gamma rays is also related to the observed spectral features and to the possibility to extensively monitor the Galactic Plane and the Galactic Centre. ¹⁸

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Jets from Active Galactic Nuclei



The **helical structure** of the magnetic field *B* in the jet of 3C 273, as detected by the variation of the **Faraday Rotation Measure** (RM, grey scale), super-imposed to the jet radio intensity map. The RM profile is extracted along the line of sight and across the jet, showing a twisted structure that takes part to the confinement of the jet plasma.

Jets from Active Galactic Nuclei



The relativistic jet is directly observed in hundreds of AGNs. It is the production site of most of the radio, Xray and gamma-ray emission. It is a prominent feature of QUASARs and Radio Galaxies and, when seen along the axis, results in the form of a BLAZAR.



Jet Physics is not a proprietary field of BLAZARs: misaligned sources, such as Radio Galaxies, are fundamental to understand how the jet radiates. A monitoring instrument is necessary for this.



Gamma-ray Bursts are flashes of radiation occurring randomly in the sky. They last from less than 1s up to some hours. There is, on average, more than 1 event per day and their energy peak is typically in the sub-MeV domain. 23



Some Gamma-ray Bursts have been shown to produce a glow of highenergy emission, typically tens to hundreds seconds after the main event trigger. This is likely due to the GRB blast wave interactions.

Gamma Ray Bursts

SED of GRB 130427A in different time bins. (Ackermann et al. 2013, Science, 343, 42)

We are currently lacking a large FoV instrument that may assess the existence of spectral breaks, which, for events of known redshift, are directly connected with the Universe's gamma-ray opacity.



Gamma Ray Bursts



The sub-TeV energy domain is crucial to discriminate among the different models of Extragalactic Background Light that predict the Universe gamma-ray opacity. Such models are a fundamental cosmological constraint. (Fig. from Primack et al. 2011; DOI: 10.1063/1.3635825)

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Monitoring the spectrum is a priority!



- No wide FoV instrument working in the Southern Hemisphere
- Gap between satellite and ground-based observations



- Sensitivity to steady sources in one year of operation
- The ability to reach the lowest energies is critical to most of the science discussed so far 29

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Concluding remarks

- There is a wide population of Galactic and Extragalactic sources that should be monitored and investigated in high-energy gammas (*E* > 100 GeV)
- LATTES is ideal to monitor the Galactic Plane and Centre
- LATTES has very good possibilities to address questions as cosmic ray acceleration, AGN jet physics and Universe gamma-ray opacity
- Many of the scientific goals above are best pursued by including the sub-TeV domain in the instrument capability

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Backup slides

"Fermi didn't see it ..."

does not imply IT is not there!

E.g. 2HWC J2006+341

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We should also remember that Hubble Deep Field was obtained by

pointing HST exactly where nothing had been seen before.





The relativistic Doppler factor:
$$\delta = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \beta_{\Gamma}\mu^{obs})}$$
 \longrightarrow Approaching sources are **boosted**, receding ones are **dimmed**.
Relativistic boosting: $F_{\nu^{obs}}^{obs} = F_{\nu^{em}}^{em}\delta^3$ and, in the case of power-law spectra: $F_{\nu^{obs}}^{obs} = F_{\nu^{obs}}^{em}\delta^{3+\alpha}$

Super-luminal motions (predicted by Special Relativity for sources approaching close to the line of sight):

$$v_{\perp,app} = \frac{s}{\triangle t_{obs}} = \frac{v \sin \vartheta}{(1 - \beta_{\Gamma} \cos \vartheta)}$$

The maximum apparent velocity is achieved under the condition:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\cos\vartheta}\left(v_{\perp,app}\right) = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \cos\vartheta_{sl} = \beta_{\Gamma}$$

which defines a direction of maximal boosting:

$$\sin \vartheta_{sl} = \sqrt{1-\cos^2 \vartheta_{sl}} = \sqrt{1-\beta_{\Gamma}^2} = \frac{1}{\Gamma}$$

Finally it results that: $v_{\perp,app}(\vartheta_{sl}) = \frac{\frac{v}{\Gamma}}{1 - \beta_{\Gamma}^2} = \Gamma v = c\beta_{\Gamma}\Gamma = c\sqrt{\Gamma^2 - 1}$









As it is predicted for relativistic charged particles in a **magnetic field B**, we detect synchrotron spectrum radiation from the **radio frequencies** all the way up to **x-ray energies**.

The jets of nearby AGNs, like M87, can be resolved in their structure and they show a **knotty, multi-component** morphology.

The **high frequency** jet turns out to be composed by **distinct plasma blobs**, ejected by the nucleus at different epochs, rather than by a continuous stream. The **low frequency** jet appears **smoother**, with a rather complicated **spine-sheath structure** that reveals different kinematics.

