# VERITAS Results on Galactic Sources in Cygnus











# OUTLINE

- VHE γ-rays as probes of Galactic CR origin
- The VERITAS Observatory
- The Cygnus region and VERITAS Sky Survey
  - New results on:
    - VER J2019+407 (γ-Cygni)
    - TeV J2032+4130 (first Un-ID TeV source)
    - Cisne Region (MGRO J2019+37)
    - (Cygnus X-3, MGRO 1908+06)

## Summary

# Rich Variety of VHE Sources $\rightarrow$ CR's

### Pulsars Pulsar Wind Nebulae



NS dynamo Winds

### **Star Forming Regions**



OB Assoc., WR stars, molecular clouds, etc.

#### **Supernova Remnants**



Shocks Fermi mechanism Origin of CRs ?

#### **Binary systems**



Accretion-powered jets, Colliding winds, or ...?

### **Un-Identifieds**



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#### **VERITAS Sources in Cygnus**

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#### **Support from:**

U.S. DOE U.S. NSF Smithsonian NSERC (Canada) STFC (UK) SFI (Ireland) Energy Range: Energy Resolution: Angular Resolution: Sensitivity:

85 GeV – 30 TeV 15-25% < 0.1 deg (68%) < 25 hr (1% Crab)

(Summer 2012) VERITAS Upgrade High QE PMTs New Tel Trigger

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# **VERITAS Cygnus Sky Survey**



## HE/VHE Sky Surveys:

- HEGRA: North, ~25% Crab
- **HESS:** South, ~3% Crab, extended
- Milagro (01-07): North, ~35% Crab at E > 10 TeV
- EGRET/Fermi-LAT: GeV band

## Cygnus Region:

- Rich in star forming activity
- Many potential VHE accelerators

## VERITAS Sky Survey (07-09):

- N. Hemisphere Cygnus arm.
- 115h + 55h follow-up; done before improvements to sensitivity.
- ~3% Crab (99%) for E > 200 GeV.

## Note bright MGRO J2019+37





# VER J2019+407 (γ-Cygni)



## VERITAS Sky Survey (2007-09) (plus follow-up on VER J2019+407)



### Discovery of VER J2019+407

- 21.4 hr follow-up observations,  $7.5\sigma$  post-trials
- Extension of  $0.23 \pm 0.03_{\text{stat}} (^{+0.04}_{-0.02})_{\text{sys}} \text{ deg}$
- Source at NW rim of G78.2+2.1 (γ-Cygni) in region of enhanced radio emission
- Pulsar and *Fermi*-LAT emission displaced from VERITAS source

### E. Aliu et al., ApJ 770, 93 (2013)

## **VERITAS Follow-up (2009)**



CGPS 1420 MHz (white contours)

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# VER J2019+407 (γ-Cygni)







- $\Gamma = 2.37 \pm 0.14_{stat} \pm 0.20_{sys}$
- 3.7% Crab E>320 GeV



## **Interpretation**

**PWN ?** Pulsar offset

### SNR ?

Shock interaction of ejecta with dense HI shell Required density (p) ~1.0-5.5 cm<sup>-3</sup> (similar to/less than inferred from optical)

- ASCA 1-3 keV, enhanced emission, fitted by Raymond-Smith model
- No evidence for non-thermal X-ray emission

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# TeV J2032+4130

### TeV J2032+4130

- First un-identified TeV source (HEGRA)
- Confirmed by MAGIC, Whipple source extension of ~ 6 arc-mins
- MGRO J2031+41: bright emission over a much larger area
- No clear picture of its nature

### **VERITAS Observations**

- Detected in the Sky Survey (2007-09)
- Follow-up of 48.2 hr,  $8.7\sigma$  significance
- Position consistent with previous ones
- <u>Asymmetric extension</u>

major axis:  $0.16 \pm 0.02$  degs (NW) minor axis:  $0.066 \pm 0.009$  degs No evidence for E dependent morphology

**VERITAS Sources in Cygnus** 

• Hard spectrum, single power-law form  $\Gamma = 2.05 \pm 0.16_{stat} \pm 0.21_{sys}$  $N_0 = 9.3 \pm 1.6_{stat} \pm 2.2_{sys} \times 10^{-13} \text{ TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 





# TeV J2032+4130 → VER J2032+415



### E. Aliu et al. (in preparation, 2013)



24 μm (Spitzer MIPS)



### **MWL Picture**

- Fermi-LAT pulsar (blind search)
  PSR J2032+4127, P=142 ms
  → relatively old and weak.
- No un-pulsed *Fermi*-LAT emission seen (our analysis).
- MGRO source has softer spectrum, but integrates over larger size

### Interpretation: PWN

- TeV source is in void of generally bright emission at longer wavelengths.
- No SNR shell detected, but VHE emission consistent with pulsar wind powered by *Fermi*-LAT pulsar.
- Characteristics of PSR J2032+4127 are consistent with TeV PWN population.

# TeV J2032+4130



E. Aliu et al. (in preparation, 2013)



MSX 8µm survey VERITAS = white line Milagro = Black line



### Characteristics of PSR J2032+4127

# Cisne Region (MGRO J2019+37)

### MGRO J2019+37

- One of three bright sources detected by Milagro, broad (1.2 ° x 0.7°), not resolved
- Excellent angular resolution of VERITAS allows for a sharper image

### **VERITAS Observations (2010)**

- 71 hr  $\rightarrow$  complex sky map, with multiple sources
- VER J2016+371: point source, consistent with CTB 87
- VER J2019+368: extended emission, possibly multiple sources covering ~1 deg



# **Spectra and CTB 87**



## **CTB 87 Region** E. Aliu et al. (in preparation, 2013)

**VERITAS Spectra** 



- VER J2016+371 (CTB 87) is weaker & softer
- VER J2019+368 is compatible with MGRO



- VER J2016+371 point source emission at location of CTB 87.
- X-ray/radio suggest PWN, no pulsar yet detected
- 2FGL source probably not related

# Sharper View of MGRO J2019+37



- VHE emission appears to follow ridge of diffuse radio emission
- Signif. fraction (~50%) VHE could derive from PWN powered by PSR J2021+3651
- Remainder of VHE is still unattributed (unknown nebula? winds in HII region?)

# The VERITAS view of Cygnus





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Cygnus is a rich, complex region in VHE  $\gamma$ -rays.

VERITAS has taken ~250 hr of data in Cygnus over 2007-2012, leading to:

- discovery of new sources
- a sharper view, compared to previous surveys

## 2013 Results:

- VER J2019+407: (SNR interaction)
- TeV J2032+4130: (PWN)
- Cisne: CTB 87 (PWN)
  MGRO J2019+37 (complex, not understood)
- Cyg X-3: not yet detected

## Extending knowledge of TeV Galactic sources $\rightarrow$ origin of CR's