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The CTA + Project

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CTAO and CTA+

CTAO "Alpha" configuration





European Southern Observatory's (ESO's) Paranal Observatory in the Atacama Desert (Chile)









CTAO southern array layout

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CTAO "Alpha" configuration + CTA+





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• CTA+ is a (~71M€) INAF-lead Italian program funded by the Programma Nazionale di Resistenza e Resilienza (PNRR) to enhance the ESFRI CTA infrastructure in the south site in Chile

Main targets:

- Enhance low (< 100 GeV) and high (>10s TeV) energy sensitivity of CTAO southern array
- Improve multi-messenger facilities for better synergy with CTAO
- R&D activities for future Cherenkov instruments
- Science and outreach connected with CTAO









INAF leadership with co-participation of INFN and Universities

INAF (PI: M.Cappi) 13 operative units

INFN (PI: C.Aramo)7 INFN sections: Bari, Catania, Napoli, Padova, Pisa, Roma2, Torino

Universities UniBO, UniBA, UniPA, UniSI, PoliBA

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Improve multi-messenger facilities for better synergy with CTAO

- Optimization of muti-wavelength follow-up instruments in the Optical/IR/radio band enhancing the INAF instruments:
 - VST polarimeter (PI: Schipani)
 - TNG fast photometer (PI: Ambrosino)
 - 3 fast radio VLBI (PI: Giroletti)
 - Realization of a end-to-end prototype for Intensity Interferometry (PI: Zampieri)

WP1400: Enhancement of INAF Observatories for optical/IR/radio follow-up

Impact on follow-up of transient objects (GRBs, GWs, Neutrinos) in a multi-wavelength and multimessenger view











R&D activities for future Cherenkov instruments

• R&D studies for future detectors for Cherenkov telescopes

WP1500: R&D for future technologies for CTA: (Water Cherenkov, RPC, SiPM)

- 1. WP1510-R&D Project Office: G. Marsella (Uni. Palermo/INFN)
- 2. WP1520-R&D Water Cherenkov + RPC: A. Chiavassa (Uni.Torino/INFN)
- 3. WP1530-R&D R&D SiPM: F. Giordano (Uni. Bari/INFN)

Explore future technologies available for CTA and ancillary instrumentation











Science and outreach connected with CTAO

- Support for science activities for CTA+ project
- Support to outreach activities and CTAO HQs in Bologna

WP1600: *Science*: (Science with CTA+, outreach and communication, enhancement of HQ of CTA+) (R.Zanin)

Education program for general public and training of early-career scientists









The CTA+ project is now!

Proposal approved in June 2022 \rightarrow Activities started 01/01/2023 \rightarrow 21 months to the end End 30/06/2025

