The CTA Observatory and the Future of High Energy Gamma-ray Astronomy

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Abstract: High energy gamma ray astronomy has undergone a large development in the last few years. The results from Cherenkov telescopes like HESS, MAGIC and VERITAS observatories have open new horizons and showed multiple new sources. I will review the very high energy sky, and present the status of the preparations for Cherenkov Telescope Array – the next generation Cherenkov observatory.

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