

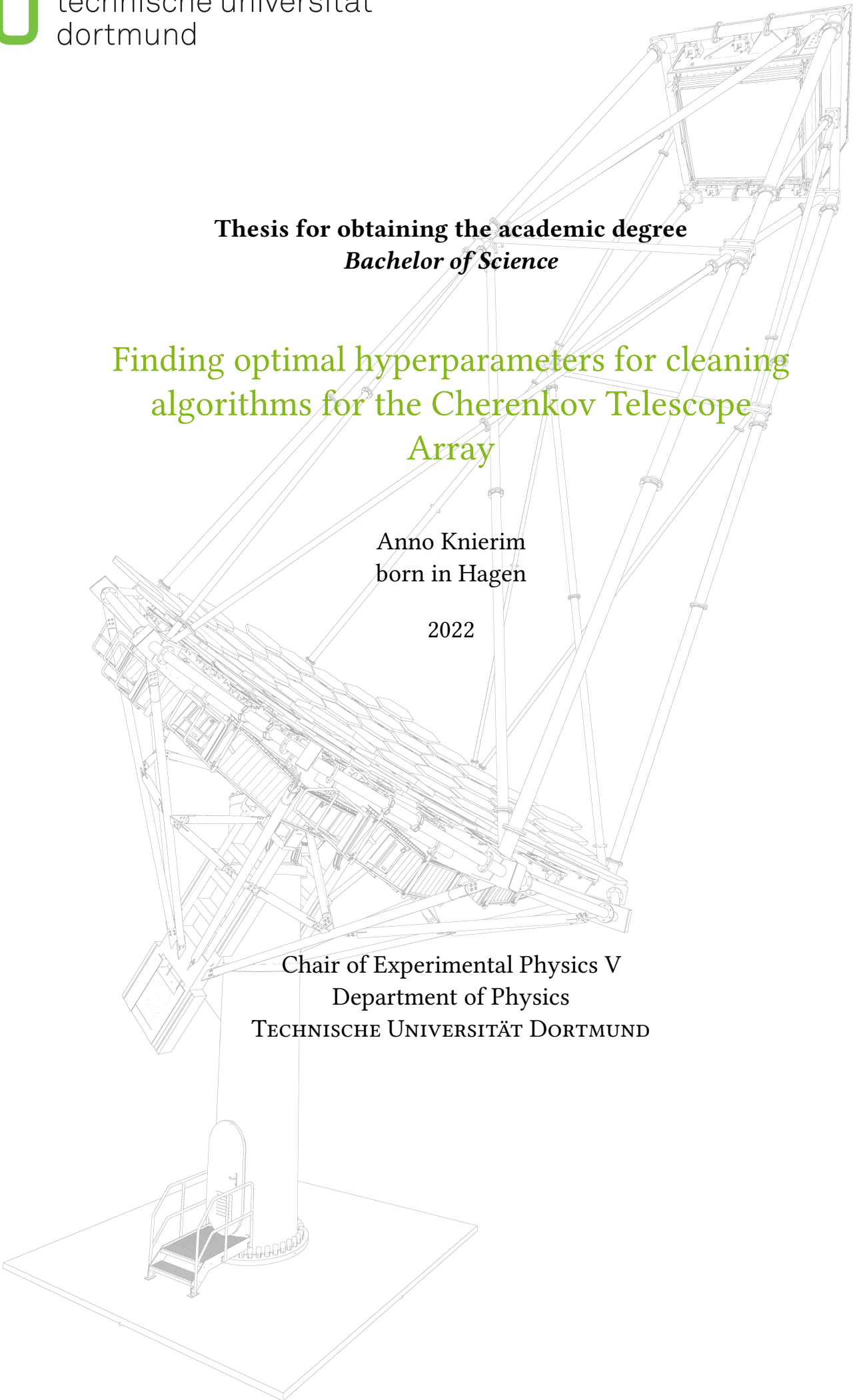
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algorithms for the Cherenkov Telescope
Array**

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Kurzfassung

Hier steht eine Kurzfassung der Arbeit in deutscher Sprache inklusive der Zusammenfassung der Ergebnisse. Zusammen mit der englischen Zusammenfassung muss sie auf diese Seite passen.

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Gamma-Ray Astronomy

1

In recent years, gamma-ray astronomy has become an important research field in astroparticle physics. The term gamma-rays is generally denoted as photons with energies above 100 keV [7]. Due to this high-energy nature, gamma rays pose some of the most powerful cosmic rays (CR) in the universe and since they travel in straight lines, it is possible to pinpoint their sources accurately.

For the past two decades, ground-based Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescope (IACT) experiments like the Major Atmospheric Gamma-Ray Imaging Cherenkov (MAGIC) telescopes, the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) and the High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.) have been monitoring these very-high-energy gamma rays (VHE gamma rays) to gain an understanding of their production.

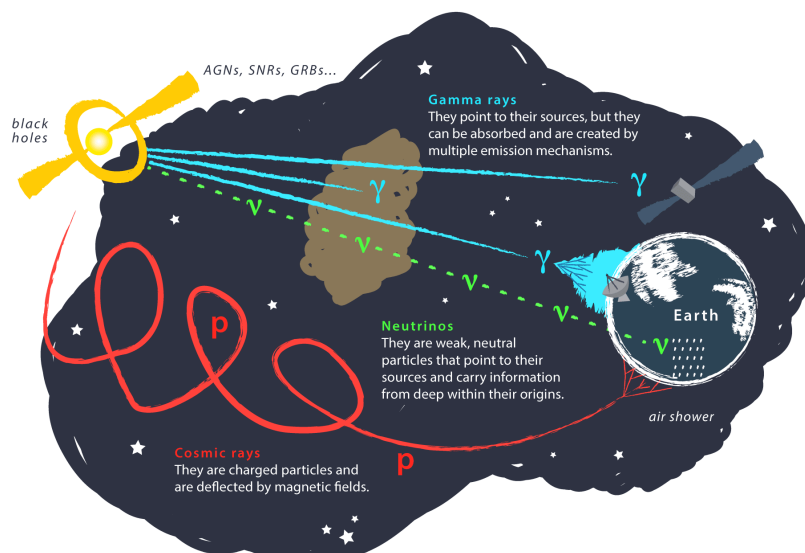


Figure 1.1: Different types of cosmic rays on their way to Earth. Charged particles like protons and electrons are deflected by magnetic fields and therefore making it hard to pinpoint the source. Only the origin of photons and neutrinos can be reconstructed directly since they are uncharged particles and therefore travel in straight lines. However, photons can be absorbed or created in multiple mechanisms. Since neutrinos only rarely interact with matter via the weak force, their detection is significantly harder than for photons [3].

IACTs and the Cherenkov Telescope Array

2

Most modern gamma-ray observations are performed with IACTs, which are ground-based telescopes or arrays of telescopes that use the Cherenkov light emitted by Extensive Air Shower (EAS) in the atmosphere. Since they are ground-based, IACTs are taking advantage of the Earth's atmosphere to get a larger effective area than space-based instruments. This is especially true for energies above 100 GeV, where the gamma-ray flux is low compared to lower energies. The cosmic ray flux is shown in Figure 2.1.

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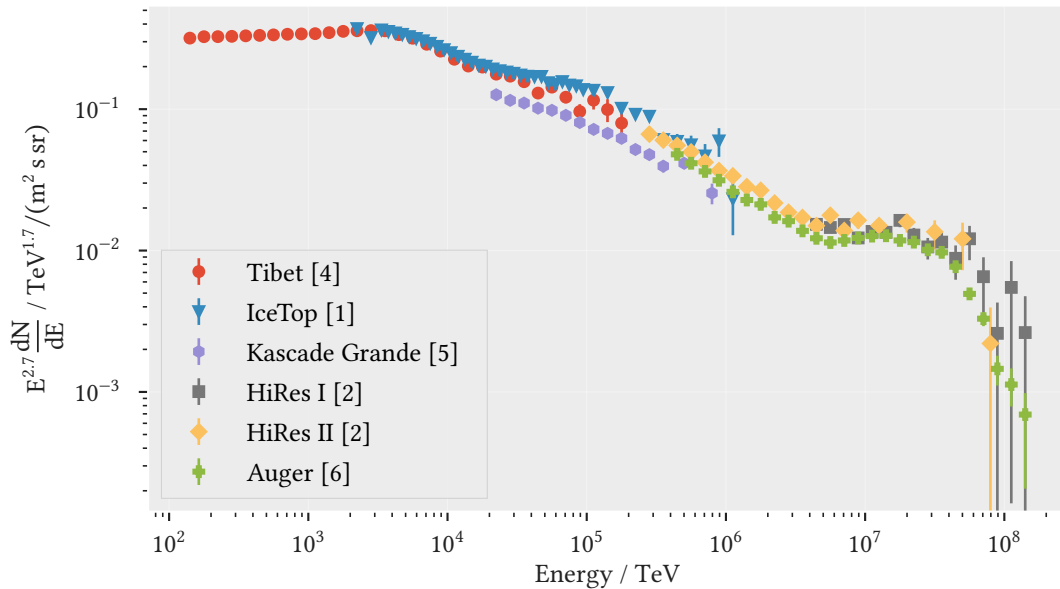


Figure 2.1: The cosmic ray flux as a function of energy. The flux is given in $1/(\text{s m}^2 \text{ sr})$.

The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) is a new generation of IACTs that will consist of two sites, one of which will be built at the Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos (ORM) on the Canarian island of La Palma while the other site will be built in the southern hemisphere at the European Southern Observatorys (ESO) Paranal Observatory in the Atacama desert of northern Chile.

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Data Preprocessing

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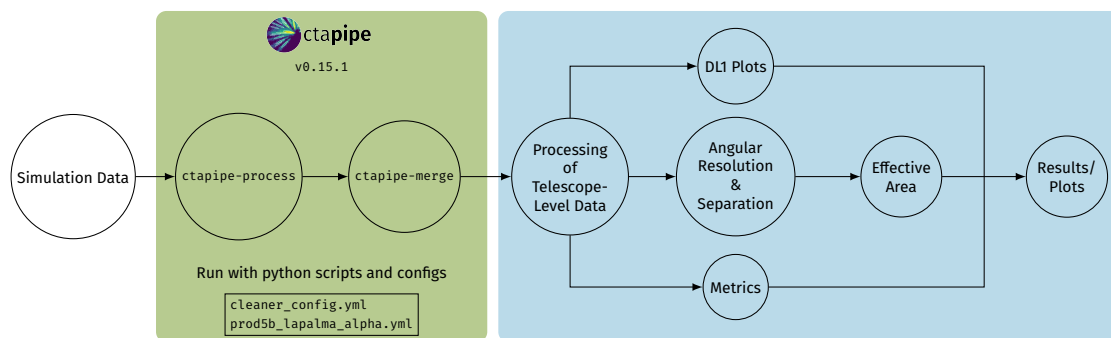


Figure 3.1: Data Preprocessing

```
def metrics(events, output_file_metrics, unique_file_id):
    """Calculates the metrics for the given telescope type.

    Parameters:
    -----
    events: astropy.table.Table
        The events table. Must contain the following columns:
        - true_image: The true image of the event.
        - image: The event image containing background noise.
    output_file_metrics: pathlib.Path
        The path to the output file for the metrics.
    unique_file_id: int
        The unique file id for the input file.
    """

    # initialize the metrics calculator
    metrics_calc = TprFprCalculator(
        true_image=events["true_image"],
        image=events["image"],
        clean_mask=events["image_mask"]
    )

    # calculate the metrics
    metrics_data = metrics_calc.tpr_fpr()

    # write metrics data to DataFrame and then to a file
    metrics = pd.DataFrame(data=metrics_data)
    metrics.insert(loc=0, column='unique_file_id', value=unique_file_id)
    metrics.to_csv(
        output_file_metrics,
        index=False,
        mode='a',
        header=not output_file_metrics.exists()
    )
```


Finding Optimal Hyperparameters for the Cleaning Algorithms

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4.1 Cleaning Algorithms

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4.2 Hyperparameters

Write about the hyperparameters

Results

5

Conclusions and Outlook

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Glossary

CR cosmic rays. 1

CTA Cherenkov Telescope Array. 2

EAS Extensive Air Shower. 2

ESO European Southern Observatory. 2

H. E. S. S. High Energy Stereoscopic System. 1

IACT Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescope. 1, 2

MAGIC Major Atmospheric Gamma-Ray Imaging Cherenkov. 1

ORM Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos. 2

VERITAS Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System. 1

VHE gamma rays very-high-energy gamma rays. 1

Appendix

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