



Wide Field of View Experiments: from Gamma-Ray Astronomy to Cosmic Ray Physics

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Ground-based Gamma-Ray Astronomy

Detecting Extensive Air Showers



Very low energy threshold: (\approx tens GeV) Excellent bkg rejection (> 99%) Excellent angular resolution (< 0.05 deg) Very good energy resolution (\approx 10% - 20%) High sensitivity (<0.01 Crab) Low duty cycle (\approx 10%) Small field of view (\approx 5 - 8 deg) Limited energy range: 20 GeV \rightarrow tens TeV



Higher energy threshold: $\approx 300 \text{ GeV}$ Moderate bkg rejection ($\approx 50 \rightarrow 99 \%$) Modest angular resolution ($\approx 0.8 \rightarrow 0.1 \text{ deg}$) Modest energy resolution ($\approx 80\% \rightarrow 40\%$) Good sensitivity ($\approx 0.1 - 0.2 \text{ Crab/year}$) High duty-cycle (> 90%) Large field of view ($\approx 2 \text{ sr}$) Wide energy range: 100 GeV \rightarrow PeV

Pointed and Survey Instruments



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Wide FOV Detectors = Cosmic Ray Experiments

"Classical" Cosmic Ray Physics can be studied only with wide FOV experiments

- CR energy spectrum
- Elemental composition
- Anisotropy





3 fragments of a *"Rosetta stone"* crucial for understanding origin, acceleration and propagation of the radiation

Gamma-Ray Astronomy & Cosmic Ray Physics complementary to investigate the open problems in CR physics

The 'Cosmic Ray connection'

CRs, photons and neutrinos strongly correlated: the 'cosmic ray connection'

ONLY charged CRs observed at $E > 10^{14}$ eV so far !

Recent observations of PeV neutrinos by Icecube

\bigstar Leptonic emission (Inverse Compton): $e + \gamma \Rightarrow e' + \gamma'$

scattering of electrons on low energy photons:

- ✓ Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)
- ✓ Infrared, optical photons
- ✓ Synchrotron photons

SSC model: photons radiated by high energy (10¹⁵ eV) electrons boosted by the same electrons

Gammas (and neutrinos) point back to their sources (SNR, PWN, BS, AGN ..)

Galactic CRs: main open problems

Cosmic Ray Sources: "PeVatrons"

accelerators ?

"astronomy" (gamma, neutrino) but also anisotropy !

old nearby sources: no more photons but CRs \rightarrow anisotropy !

Acceleration limit in Cosmic Ray sources: "proton knee"

acceleration mechanisms, different source populations ?





$$p (p, \gamma) \longrightarrow \pi^0 + rest$$
$$\hookrightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

Gammas from Galactic Cosmic Rays: $E_{\gamma} \sim E_{CR}/10$

TeV Cosmic Rays Photons > 100 GeV !







But smoking gun still missing... leptonic ? hadronic ?

Complex scenario: each source is individual and has a unique behaviour. In general one expects a combination of leptonic and hadronic emission !

PeVatron Sky

PeV Cosmic Rays Photons > 100 TeV !







★ A power law spectrum reaching 100 TeV without a cutoff is a very strong indication of the hadronic origin of the emission

The 'proton knee'



The origin of the *knee* in the all-particle spectrum of CRs is *inextricably connected* with the issue of the end of the Galactic CR spectrum and the transition to extragalactic CRs.

Status of wide FOV experiments

Northern Hemisphere

Tibet ASy: 4300 m asl in Tibet (China + Japan) - multicomponent

HAWC: 4100 m asl in Mexico (USA + Mexico) - water Cherenkov

LHAASO: 4400 m asl under installation in China (China) - multicomponent

HiSCORE: project with prototype at Tunka (Russia) - Cherenkov wide FOV

Southern Hemisphere ?

different ideas:

HAWC-South LATTES: RPCs + water Cherenkov STACEX: layers of RPCs ALPACA: Tibet ASγ - like + water pond

Tibet ASγ experiment

The Tibet AS γ experiment started in 1990 at Yangbajing in Tibet at an altitude of 4300 m asl

After several upgrades, the Tibet AS γ array now consists of

- 761 fast-timing (FT) scintillation counters and
- 28 density (D) counters

covering an effective area of 36,900 m².

All of the FT counters are equipped with an 2" PMTs 249 FT counters and all of the D counters are equipped with a wide dynamic range 1.5" PMT.



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Gamma-Ray Astronomy with Tibet ASy

Mainly devoted to Cosmic Ray Physics: energy spectrum, composition, anisotropy up to 10¹⁶ eV

Low sensitivity in gamma-ray astronomy, energy threshold: few TeV



Table 1 Summary of the Tibet-III Array Observations of the Fermi Sources								
Fermi LAT Source	Class	R.A. (deg)	Decl. (deg)	Tibet-III Signi.	Milagro ^a Signi.	Source Associations		
(010L)	DCD	7 (00	4.040	(0)	(0)			
JU30.3+0450	PSR	7.600	4.848	1./	-1./			
J357.5+3205	PSR ^o	59.388	32.084		-0.1	0.1		
)534.6+2201	PSR	83.653	22.022	6.9	17.2	Crab		
0617.4+2234	SNR	94.356	22.568	0.2	3.0	IC 443		
0631.8+1034	PSR	97.955	10.570	0.3	3.7			
0633.5+0634	PSR ^o	98.387	6.578	2.4	1.4	a .		
0634.0+1745	PSR	98.503	17.760	2.2	3.5	Geminga		
0643.2+0858		100.823	8.983	-1.2	0.3			
1830.3+0617	nanh	277.583	6.287	-0.2	0.2			
1836.2+5924	PSR ⁶	279.056	59.406	-0.3	-0.9			
1855.9+0126	SNR	283.985	1.435	0.7	2.2	W44		
1900.0+0356	,	285.009	3.946	1.0	3.6			
1907.5+0602	PSR ^b	286.894	6.034	2.4	7.4	MGRO J1908+06 HESS J1908+063		
1911.0+0905	SNR	287.761	9.087	1.7	1.5	G43.3 - 0.2		
1923.0+1411	SNR	290.768	14.191	-0.3	3.4	W51		
						HESS J1923+141		
1953.2+3249	PSR	298.325	32.818	-0.0	0.0			
1954.4+2838	SNR	298.614	28.649	0.6	4.3	G65.1+0.6		
1958.1+2848	PSR ^b	299.531	28.803	0.1	4.0			
2001.0+4352		300.272	43.871	-0.5	-0.9			
2020.8+3649	PSR	305.223	36.830	2.2	12.4	MGRO J2019+37		
2021.5+4026	PSR ^b	305.398	40.439	2.2	4.2			
2027.5+3334		306.882	33.574	-0.3	-0.2			
2032.2+4122	PSR ^b	308.058	41.376	2.4	7.6	TeV J2032+4130		
						MGRO J2031+41		
2055.5+2540		313.895	25.673	-0.0	-0.0			
2110.8+4608		317.702	46.137	0.3	1.1			
2214.8+3002		333.705	30.049	-1.0	0.6			
2302.9+4443		345.746	44.723	-0.0	-0.6			
AT PSR J2238+59 ^c	PSR ^b	339.561	59.080	2.5	4.7			

Tibet ASy upgrades

Goal: energy spectrum & composition in the knee energy region through the mesurement of the high energy air shower cores.

 $50 \text{ TeV} - 10^{16} \text{ eV}$

The currently planned full-scale MD array is made up of 12 pools, set up under a 2.6 m thick layer of soil for a total effective area of approximately $10,000 \text{ m}^2$



Each pool consists of 16 MDs.

Each MD is a waterproof concrete cell, 7.15 m wide \times 7.15 m long \times 1.5 m deep in size, equipped with 2 downward-facing 20" PMTs (HAMAMATSU R3600. Energy threshold \approx 1 GeV.





Observation of shower electron size under lead plate (burst size N_b) induced by high energy e.m. particles in shower core region.

Results from a 100 m² prototype

4500 m² muon detector funded and installed.

A 100 m² muon detector prototype has been operated in Tibet. First results in ApJ 813 (2015) 98:

"Search for gamma rays above 100 TeV from the Crab Nebula with the Tibet air shower array and the 100 m² Muon Detector".











The **H**igh **A**ltitude **W**ater **C**herenkov Gamma-ray Observatory (HAWC) is up and running Goals: observe gamma rays and cosmic rays from half the sky each day between 100 GeV and 100 TeV

- 4100 meters above sea level
- 19°N latitude (Galactic Center at 48° zenith)
- 300 water tanks, 1200 large photocathode area PMTs 1/6th of sky in instantaneous field of view

- Instrumented Area: 22,000 m² ≈140 X 140 m²
- Coverage factor: ≈60 %
- 10 kHz event rate



Water Cherenkov Method

- Robust and cost-effective surface detection technique
- Water tanks: 7.3 m radius, 5 m height, 185 kL purified water
- Tanks contain three 8" R5912 PMTs and one 10" R7081-HQE PMT looking up to capture Cherenkov light from shower front

Final tank deployed: December 15, 2014





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Background rejection

Hadronic showers typically deposit large amounts of energy in distinct clumps far from the shower core (>40 m) → CR rejection using topological cut in hit pattern Hadron Repetiemof energy deposition in the detector)



Requires sufficient number of triggered channels (>70) to work well. Q-value max ($\epsilon_v/\sqrt{\epsilon_{CR}}$) is estimated ~5 for point sources. 13

The LHAASO experiment

- <u>1 km² array</u>, including 4941 <u>scintillator</u> detectors 1 m² each, with 15 m spacing.
- An overlapping <u>1 km² array</u> of 1146, underground water Cherenkov tanks 36 m² each, with 30 m spacing, for <u>muon detection</u> (total sensitive area ≈ <u>42,000</u> m²).



- A close-packed, surface water Cherenkov detector facility with a total area of 80,000 m².
- 18 wide field-of-view air Cherenkov (and fluorescence) telescopes.

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The LHAASO site

Under installation at 4400 m asl (600 g/cm²) in the Haizishan (Lakes' Mountain) site, Sichuan province

Coordinates: 29° 21' 31'' N, 100° 08' 15'' E

700 km to Chengdu50 km to Daocheng City (3700 m asl, guest house)10 km to the highest airport in the world







LHAASO installation









HiSCORE project: opening the PeVatron range

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Hundred*i Square-km Cosmic ORigin Explorer

Concept: non-imaging air Cherenkov array

Large area: array up to few 100 km² **Large Field of view**: ~ 0.6 sr

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The HiSCORE concept for gamma-ray and cosmic-ray astrophysics beyond 10 TeV

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Energy threshold: ≈50 TeV

Prototype-array at **Tunka-133**:

- 9 stations, 300 m \times 300 m since October 2013
- 150 m inter-station distance



Table 1

Basic design characteristics of the HiSCORE (highlighted in bold face) detector in comparison with other experiments. The total instrumented area A, the light collection area a of an individual station, the field of view FoV, the inter-station distance *d* and the number of detector stations *N* are listed.

Parameter: Unit	A [km ²]	a [m ²]	FoV [sr]	<i>d</i> [m]	Ν
HISCORE	100	0.5	0.60-0.85	150 ^a	4489
Tunka-133	1 ^b	0.031	1.8	85	133
Blanca	0.2	0.1	0.12	35	144
AIROBICC	0.04	0.13	1	15–30	49
Themistocle	0.08	0.5	0.008	50-100	18

^a Inter-station spacing used for the simulation results presented in the present paper are not optimized vet.

^b In 2011, the effective area for high energy events was increased to 3 km^2 by extending the array with additional 42 optical detectors, placed at a distance of 1 km from the array center [6].

Sensitivity to gamma point sources



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Southern Hemisphere ?

- Galactic Center
- Survery of the Inner Galaxy
- TeV Source finder for CTA south

Started discussions about different ideas for new experiment at higher altitude. The goal is to lower the energy threshold in the 100 GeV range:



Southern sites

Chacaltaya 5200 m asl, with long cosmic ray history









South: LATTES

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An array of hybrid detectors constituted by

- 1. one Water Cherenkov Detector (WCD) with a rectangular horizontal surface of 3 m × 1.5 m and a depth of 0.5 m, with signals read by PMTs at both ends of the smallest vertical face of the block.
- 2. On top of the WCD there are two MARTA RPCs, each with a surface of (1.5×1.5) m² and with 16 charge collecting pads. Each RPC is covered with a thin (5.6 mm) layer of lead.



Figure 2: Basic detector station, with one WCD covered with RPCs and a thin slab of lead. The green lines show the tracks of the Cherenkov photons produced by the electron and positron from the conversion of a photon in the lead slab.



LATTES performance

Preliminary calculations





Figure 9: Differential sensitivity. We compute the flux of the source in a given energy range for which $N_{\text{excess}}/\sqrt{N_{\text{bkg}}} = 5$, $N_{\text{excess}} > 10$, after 1 year of time (a 25% duty cycle has been assumed). 4 bins per decade in estimated energy are used. For comparison, fractions of the Crab Nebula spectrum are plotted with the thin dashed gray lines.



Chacaltaya, South hemisphere site ?

Japan will finance the construction of a \$5 million laboratory in Bolivia for the study of cosmic rays, Japanese Nobel laureate Takaaki Kajita said here Monday.

The new lab is to be built at an altitude of more than 4,750 meters (15,573 feet) on Mount Chacaltaya, a peak near La Paz where the Bolivian university already has a scientific facility.

Construction is expected to be completed in three years.

A score of Japanese and Bolivia researchers will work at the lab under the supervision of Masato Takita, an associate professor at Tokyo University's Institute for Cosmic Ray Research.

La Paz, Press Release May 2, 2016

In the coming 3 years the commissioning of the first 25% of LHAASO is expected. Therefore, the Chinese group is expected to stop activity in Tibet AS experiment to join LHAASO.

Japan will start activity for ALPACA soon: : scintillator array + high coverage core (water pond ?) → LHAASO - like ?

Conclusions

Open problems in cosmic ray physics push the construction of new generation EAS arrays in the 10¹¹ - 10¹⁸ eV energy range.

In the next decade CTA-North and LHAASO are expected to be the most sensitive instruments to study Gamma-Ray Astronomy in the Northern hemisphere from 20 GeV up to PeV.

To maximize the scientific return for Galactic sources, a future instrument should be located at sufficiently Southern latitude to continuously monitor the Galactic Center and the Inner Galaxy.

To maximize the sensitivity at hundreds GeV such an instrument would require very high altitude location (≈ 5000 m asl !), a full coverage approach and an effective area $\geq 10^5$ m².

The study of high energy tail of PeVatron emission require very large effective areas ($\approx 1 \text{ km}^2$) at a moderate altitude ($\approx 3500 \text{ m asl}$).

The LHAASO sensitivity should be a reference for new wide FoV experiments

Different ideas to lower the energy threshold at 100 GeV level.

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The strong case for all sky survey instruments

The all-sky survey provides un unbiased map of the sky useful to



- blind search for annihilation in Dark Matter subhalos of the Galaxy, without any a priori association with an astrophysical object (dwarf galaxy, Galactic Center, etc)
- search for new, unexpected classes of VHE sources ('dark accelerator') useful to constrain the density in the Galactic halo of cloudlets: cold and dense clumps of material that may constitute a sizeble fraction of baryonic matter mostly invisible but not for their gamma-ray emission for CR interaction

Energy(TeV)

Sensitivity

$$\mathbf{n}_{\sigma} = \frac{\Delta Signal}{\sqrt{Backgr}} = \frac{\Phi_{\gamma}(>E) \cdot A_{eff}^{\gamma}(>E) \cdot T_{eff} \cdot \epsilon(\Delta\Omega)}{\sqrt{\Phi_{B}(>E) \cdot A_{eff}^{B}(>E) \cdot T_{eff} \cdot \Delta\Omega}}$$
$$= \frac{\Phi_{\gamma}}{\sqrt{\Phi_{B}}} \cdot \sqrt{A_{eff}^{\gamma}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{T \cdot f}{\pi}} \cdot \sqrt{(d.c.)} \cdot \frac{\epsilon(\Delta\theta)}{\Delta\theta} \cdot R \cdot Q_{f}$$

 $T_{eff} = (d.c.) \cdot T \cdot f$

 $\Delta \Omega = 2\pi (1 - \cos\Delta\theta) \simeq \pi (\Delta\theta)^2 \qquad \qquad Q_f = \frac{\text{fraction of surviving photons}}{\sqrt{\text{fraction of surviving hadrons}}}$ $\Delta \theta = 1.58 \ \sigma_\theta \qquad \frac{\epsilon(\Delta\Omega)}{\Delta\Omega} \simeq \frac{0.72}{1.6\sigma_\theta} = \frac{0.45}{\sigma_\theta}$

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{\gamma}^{MDF} &= n_{\sigma} \cdot \sqrt{\Phi_B} \cdot \frac{1}{R \cdot \sqrt{A_{eff}^{\gamma}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{T \cdot f}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{(d.c.)}} \cdot \frac{\psi_{70}}{\epsilon(\Delta\theta)} \cdot \frac{1}{Q_f} \\ &= 5 \cdot \sqrt{\Phi_B} \cdot \frac{1}{R \cdot \sqrt{A_{eff}^{\gamma}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3.15 \cdot 10^7 \cdot 0.25}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.9}} \cdot \frac{\psi_{70}}{0.72} \cdot \frac{1}{Q_f} \\ &= 4.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \sqrt{\Phi_B} \cdot \frac{1}{R \cdot \sqrt{A_{eff}^{\gamma}}} \cdot \psi_{70} \cdot \frac{1}{Q_f} \end{split}$$

 $\Phi_{\rm B}$ (>E) = 1.30 • (E_{GeV})^{-1.66} particles cm⁻² s⁻¹ sr⁻¹ (Horandel)

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Minimum Detectable Flux

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Characteristics of different EAS-arrays

Experiment	Altitude (m)	e.m. Sensitive Area	Instrumented Area	Coverage
		(m^2)	(m^2)	
LHAASO	4410	5.2×10^{3}	1.3×10^{6}	4×10^{-3}
TIBET AS γ	4300	380	3.7×10^4	10^{-2}
IceTop	2835	4.2×10^2	10^{6}	4×10^{-4}
ARGO-YBJ	4300	6700	11,000	0.93 (central carpet)
KASCADE	110	5×10^{2}	4×10^{4}	1.2×10^{-2}
KASCADE-Grande	110	370	5×10^{5}	7×10^{-4}
CASA-MIA	1450	1.6×10^{3}	2.3×10^{5}	7×10^{-3}
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LHAASO sensitivity to gamma point sources



Extrapolation of TeV spectra assuming no cutoff

