ALPACA

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The ALPACA Experiment

Andes Large area PArticle detector for Cosmic ray physics and Astronomy

Mostly members from BASJE, GRAPES-3, Tibet AS γ

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Outline of the ALPACA experiment

- 1)Experimental site: 4740m above sea level, near La Paz in Bolivia Expected budget -> ~ 5 M (AS+MD) USD
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- 2) Target physics and astrophysics (AS + MD)

10-1000 TeV γ astronomy

(point & extended sources, PeVatron search, origin of CR)

CR rejection power: ~ 99.9 %@100TeV

Advantage to extended sources!

CR anisotropy, Sun shadow, Chemical composition of CR around Knee, etc

Costs & Construction plan of ALPACA

- Year 1: Preparation
- Year 2 : Construction of MD
- Year 3: Construction of AS
- Year 4: Start data-taking
- Observation will continue (5 10 years)
- Cf: Detectors (Japan) + Infrastructure(Bolivia)





Main purpose of ALPACA

- 100 TeV γ -ray astronomy in South
- Locating origin of comic rays

by detecting cosmic 100 TeV gamma rays from cosmic ray accelerator in our galaxy: PeVatrons!

γ -ray sensitivity to point sources



Target γ Sources

- Young SNRs
- Galactic Center
- Dark accelerators (signal only >TeV region)
- Other sources: Diffuse γ on galactic plane, Fermi bubbles, solar disk γ, DM, etc

γ -ray observation: Origin of CR



extending > 100TeV

Where, how, and up to what energy are cosmic rays accelerated in our galaxy?

Origin of Cosmic Rays at the Knee

 5×10^{-2} CFF Grigorov Tibet-III(ICRC2003) 2×10^{-2} This work(QGSJET+HD This work(QGSJET+PD) This work(SIBYLL+HD) 10^{-2} KASCADE(QGSJET 5×10⁻ KASCADE(SIBYLL) **BASJE-MAS** CASA-MIA 2×10^{-3} AKENO(1992)(Array1) AKENO(1992)(Array20) - AKENO(1984) 10 1.1.1.1111 10⁹ 10¹⁰ 10¹¹ Energy (GeV) 10⁵ 10^{6} 10^{7} 10^{8} \checkmark CR acceleration up to several PeV is possible by shock wave acceleration mechanism at SNR

✓Knee-4PeV: of galactic origin!?

 $x^{2}F_{j}(x,E_{p})$ Kelner et al., PRD 74, 034018 (2006)



PeVatron = CR accelerator up to PeV region Should be in our galaxy or very nearby extragalaxy, due to photon absorption! γ -ray observation: proton accelerating objects

SNR observation by Fermi-LAT \rightarrow W44, IC443, W51 – Evidence for π^0 decays



Ackermann, et al (Fermi-LAT), Science (2013) "Detection of the Characteristic Pion-Decay Signature in Supernova Remnants"



γ -Ray Observation : SNR (1 Example)



γ -Ray Observation : Galactic Center (GC)



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Very High Energy v observation



Other Targets > 10TeV



- 🗸 Fermi Bubbles
 - Wide FoV observation,
 - Hard spectral index (~-2) around GC
- ✓ Galactic diffuse gamma
 Wide FoV, Very bright in southern sky
- \checkmark Solar disk gamma rays
 - Day time observation needed
 - ?CR origin? hard spectral index (~-2)
- ✓ Nearby AGN
 - >10TeV γ Wide FoV monitoring
 - Hard–spectral AGN at high z existing
- ✓ Very heavy dark-matter search
 - >10TeV GC, dwarf galaxies, SUN
 - Spherically extended γ -ray distibution

Wide FoV • Continuous Observation by ALPACA

Other research themes

- CR anisotropy @ >TeV region in south (Complementary to IceCube)
- The Sun's shadow in south
- Chemical composition of VHE CR (Knee) (AS+MD cf: Other AS experiments &LHC-f)

CR anisotropy: Tibet AS γ (Northern sky)



CR anisotropy: Southern sky



Auger dipole distribution

→ Consistent with the direction in flux-weighted dipole of of 2MRS galaxy catalogue sources, considering deflection by galactic magnetic field



CR anistropy : Energy dependence



CR anisotropy around Galactic Center

Energy spectrum of γ and v of CR origin CR anisotropy





✓ ALPACA: Observation of Sun shadow possible for almost all the year (Complete 1-yr coverage possible, together with Tibet observation)



- Prototype array with ~100 SDs
- and ~1000m²MD
 - ~20% of ALPACA AS in 2019
 - ~20% of ALPACA MD in 2020
- Establishing procedures in Bolivia
 - Construction
 - Import/Export
 - Infrastructure
- Expected sciences
 - Sun shadow
 - CR Anisotropy (TeV region)
 - Bright sub-PeV gamma-ray sources

ALPAQUITA



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