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Studies of High-Energy Cosmic Rays with the newly upgraded Tibet ASgamma experiment

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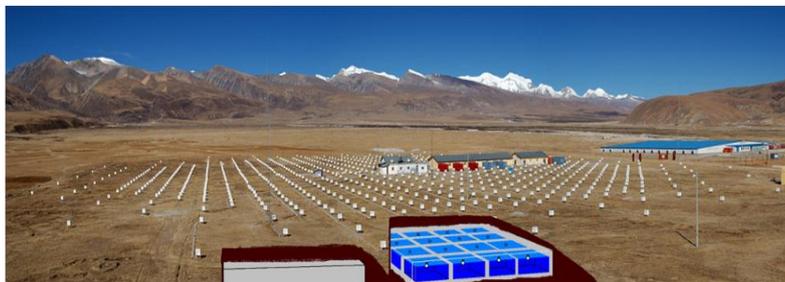


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Abstract

The Tibet AS γ experiment is an extensive air shower experiment that operated at Yangbajing (4300 m above sea level) in Tibet, China, since 1996. We have upgraded the new Tibet AS γ experiment



in 2013. This new hybrid experiment consist of a low threshold burst-detector-grid (YAC-II, Yangbajing Air shower Core array, 124 units, $\sim 500 \text{ m}^2$), the Tibet air-shower array (Tibet-III, 789 units, $\sim 50000 \text{ m}^2$) and a large underground water Cherenkov muon detector array (MD, 80 units, $\sim 4500 \text{ m}^2$), and data taking started from February 26, 2014. This multi-detector system is used to observe air showers of high energy celestial gamma-ray origin and that of nuclear-component origin. Now, Tibet-III+MD array has the sensitivity to gamma rays in the 100 TeV region by an order of magnitude better than any other previous detectors existing in the world. We may then have a chance to discover a dozen new point-like gamma-ray source and also diffuse gamma rays from the Galactic plane with extremely low background level in the northern sky. In addition, the YAC+Tibet-III+MD array enables us to measure the differential energy spectra of primary cosmic-ray components such as protons, helium nuclei, medium nuclei and irons separately in the energy region covering the knee. This work is indispensable to deepen our understanding on the origin and acceleration mechanism of very high energy cosmic rays. In this talk, the project status including some first results from the ongoing analysis and future plans are presented.

All are welcome! Tea, coffee, biscuits will be served at 2:15 P.M.