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## LHAASO Prospects: Spectra of Cosmic Ray Species

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#### LHAASO at Mt. Haizi, Sichuan, China N29°21'27.6", E100 ° 08'19.6", 4400 m a.s.l.





#### **LHAASO** Layout

Main Array: 5242 scintillator detectors every 15 m

1146  $\mu$ -detectors every 30 m

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Water Cherenkov Detector 80,000 m<sup>2</sup>

**CR Detectors:** 18 Wide field View Cherenkov telescopes & Large Dynamic WCDA++:

## Physics of LHAASO

- VHE gamma sky survey (100 GeV-1 PeV):
  - Galactic sources;
  - Extragalactic sources & flares;
  - VHE emission from Gamma Ray Bursts;
  - Diffused Gamma rays.



- Nature of the acceleration: leptonic or hadronic;
- Origin of cosmic rays 100 years' mystery.
- Cosmic rays
  - Spectra of CR Species;
  - Anisotropy of VHE cosmic rays;
  - Cosmic electrons / positrons;
- Miscellaneous:
  - Gamma rays from dark matter;
  - Sun storm & IMF.











## Outline

- Absolute Energy Scale at 10TeV
- Cross-Calibration with Space-borne Measurements
- Separation between Species (0.1-10 PeV)
- The Knees at 0.7, 1.4, ~3 PeV .....
- Composition above 10 PeV & the Knee at ~18 PeV
- The second Knee of All Particle Spectrum
- Status of the project
- Summary

#### Aperture of LHAASO for CR events



#### Water Cherenkov **Detector Array**

- 3 water ponds:
  - 78,000 m<sup>2</sup> in total;
  - 4 m effective depth;
  - 3120 cells, with an 8"/9" PMT in each cell;
  - Cells are partitioned with black curtains.



WCDA++: 1"PMTs enhance Dynamic Range



50 m, 30 cells

10 m, 22 cells





#### **ARGO-YBJ** : Moon Shadow displacement





#### The energy scale uncertainty: smaller than 13%:

- the assumed primary CR chemical composition (7%)
- the uncertainties of different hadronic models (6%)

#### For LHAASO 1/4:

- Sensitivity: same after p+He selection
- Angular Resolution:  $0.3^{\circ}$
- Pure Proton+Helium: 90% purity
- Hadronic Model: 5% (estimated)
- Overall: <10% within 1 year

#### Vertical events ( $\theta$ <30°). The composition uncertainty is greatly suppressed.



# cross-calibration between the experiments

- Aim: To bridge between space borne and ground based experiments
- CREAM: energy spectrum of single element up to 100TeV
- > ARGO-YBJ (H&He): 7TeV-200TeV
- AMS02 confirmed the energy scale



#### Selection for Individual Species (0.1-10 PeV)

• Multi-parameter measurement of Air Showers

#### Water Cherenkov Detector 22,500 m<sup>2</sup>, WCDA++

#### WFCTA show @ Tibet

WFCTA01( 97 tube trigger ) WFCTA02( 155 tube trigger ) core 104.3 m -62.1 m; the 36.28 deg; phi 269.10 deg; ener: 799.513 TeV









	Item	Value
Muon Detector	Area	<b>36 m<sup>2</sup></b>
Water Cherenkov detector	Detection efficiency	>95%
underneath soil, E <sub>th</sub> ~ 1 GeV	Purity of N <sub>µ</sub>	>95%
ø13.9m ø9m soil iron plate	Time resolutio n	<10 ns
	Dynamic range	1-10,000 particles
Ø6.8m concrete tar	Particle counting resolutio n	25% @ 1 particle 5% @ 10,000 particles
	Aging (<20%)	>10 years
	Spacing	30 m
*	number	1221

#### Parameters and performance

- Multi-parameter measurement of Air Showers
  - Shower energy: Air Cherenkov Telescopes
  - Shower Image Shape (p<sub>3</sub>): Air Cherenkov Telescopes
  - Energy flux near AS core (p<sub>1</sub>): WCDA++
  - Muon content  $(p_2)$ : Muon Detector Array
  - Remaining AS Energy (p<sub>4</sub>): WCDA & WCDA++
- Shower Core Resolution: 3m (WCDA++)
- Shower Direction Resolution:  $0.3^{\circ}$  (WCDA)



#### Multi-parameter Analysis





p2 = log10(totalMuon)+0.00085\*R -0.86\*Npe  $R=\sqrt{(recx + 15)^2 + (recy - 75)^2}$ 

p3 = L/W-0.018\*Rp+0.287\*Npe







CutA: for p+He p1>-1.28 or p2<-1.70 aperture: 12 tels contamination :Horandel model







CutA: for p p1>-1. or p2<-1.85 aperture: 12 tels

contamination :Horandel model



#### The other example: Cherenkov image shape vs. E-flux near the core



0.5

0

3.5

4.5

1 p3=L/W-0.018\*Rp+0.287\*N

experiment with 1/40 aperture

#### RPC array (ARGO-YBJ) & Cherenkov Telescope (LHAASO)

$$p_L = \log_{10} N_{max} - 1.44 \log_{10} N_0^{pe}$$
$$p_C = L/W - R_p/109.9m - 0.1 \log_{10} N_0^{pe}$$







J.R. Hörandel, Modern Physics Letter A, 22, 1533 (2007)

> A simple geometrical calculation gives an aperture of 163 m<sup>2</sup> sr

➤The aperture of H&He: ~120 m<sup>2</sup> sr above 300 TeV;

➤ The purity of H&He showers: ~93% below 700 TeV;

> The contamination of heavy nuclei increases with energy: 13% @ 1 PeV, gradually increases to 27% @ 3 PeV;

> The contamination of heavy nuclei is model dependent

#### **E-reconstruction**

- Systematic
  bias: <3%</li>
- Constant resolution: 25%
- Gaussian



300 TeV





 $\succ$  The knee of H&He spectrum at (700  $\pm$  230) TeV is clearly measured

- Broken power law fits data well with indices
- -2.62  $\pm$  0.05 and -3.58  $\pm$  0.50 below and above the knee

(with heavy contamination subtracted J.R. Hörandel, Modern Physics Letter A, 22, 1533 (2007)

-2.56  $\pm$  0.05 and -3.24  $\pm$  0.36 below and above the knee

(without heavy contamination subtracted)

• Below the knee, consistent with ARGO-YBJ, which is consistent with CREAM

#### Prospects for knees at <10 PeV

- With a factor of 40 of the aperture and at least two more parameters, LHAASO will analysis the data using neural network technique & measure
  - Pure proton spectrum with purity > 90%
  - P+He spectrum with purity > 95%

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- Fe spectrum with purity > 70% (estimated)
- Energy Scale can be cross checked at lower energy end by the space borne experiments



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#### The Scintillation + MD Array + WFCTA for CRs above 10 PeV

- 5195 EDs, 1 m<sup>2</sup> each, 15m spacing
- 1146 MDs, 36 m<sup>2</sup> each, 30m spacing
- 18 Telescopes



### **Electromagnetic Particle Detector (ED) using sacintillator plat/WS fiber/PMT**

μ<sup>±</sup> e<sup>±</sup> ζγ Lead (0.5 cm) SC Tiles (2.5 cm) Steel Case

- Non-uniformity <10%
  - tiles: <5%
  - fibers: 11%/ $\sqrt{32}$
  - PMT gains: adjustable
    HV



#### The lateral distribution



#### Prospects

- AS core resolution: <3 m (EDA)
- AS arrival direction resolution: ≤0.2° (EDA)
- Trigger efficiency for E>7 PeV: >80% up to 350 m
- Energy resolution for clean Fe samples: ~15% (CT)
- E-scale: overlap with the

combined experiment of WFCTA + WCDA++



#### **X**<sub>max</sub> Reconstruction

- D: angular distance between the shower
  direction and the gravity center of the image <sup>250</sup>
- **D** is R<sub>p</sub> dependent
- For events with  $R_p$  smaller than 300m, D ~ 0.4868\* $R_p$  (0< $R_p$ <300)







### Unbiased measurement to species

- Aperture: ~0.45X10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>sr
- Iron selection:
  - $\mu$ -content and  $X_{max}$  with a resolution about 50 g/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Expected Fe event rate: 0.2M/yr with a duty cycle of 5%
- The goal: the spectrum of pure Fe or mixed heavy components and their knees





# Status: Civil Construction Schedule

- Conceptual design and feasibility are approved two weeks ago
- Environment impact review is passed.
- Electrical power line construction in bidding procedure
  - 35kV power line for 29km and a transferring station 35 kV to 10 kV at site
  - 4 months to finish construction work after the company being selected in bidding
- Water cannels construction is also under bidding
- The road connecting to the main transportation high way is already built
- Sites of 1200 MD's are surveyed. The field preparation is actually started
- The deep geo-survey for WCDA pools is planned to be done in summer
  - The construction of the No.1 pool and tanks will start in **2017**

Construction and installation of muondetectors & environment protection facility

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## Summary

- Absolute Energy Scale at 10TeV could be established by using moon shadow technique
- Great opportunity for cross-calibration with spaceborne Measurements
- Separation between species can be done at energy of 0.1-10 PeV
- The Knees at 0.7, 1.4, ~3 PeV ... and 18 PeV are expected to be fixed on the individual spectra
- The schedule is fixed:
  - Civil construction is finished by April, 2017
  - Construction of No.1 pool & tanks: start around April, 2017
  - Detector installation starts by the end of 2017
  - Physics data taking in 2018 with ¼ LHAASO array



# Still Energy Scale

- Calibration between C-tele and F-tele
- Calibration between TUNKA and F-tele
- Calibration between LHAASO/F-tele and other F-tele arrays?
- But not only..... muon-content is

also problematic.

Matic. Re-Configuration Tower CT: 16 µ: 1200x40m<sup>2</sup> Side Trigger CT: 2



