TAIGA - Tunka Advanced Instrument for cosmic ray physics and Gamma Astronomy – present status and perspectives.



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April 17, 1912: In a balloon at an altitude of 5000 meters, Victor Hess discovered"penetrating radiation" coming from space

Even very well isolated gold-leaf electroscopes are discharged at a slow rate.





The bird's eye view on a CR energy spectrum



Decays of super massive particles or topological defects?????



CR Flux (E) x E 3

An extensive air shower (EAS) discovered by P. Auger (1938)



Atmosphere as a huge calorimeter



2006-2012 year **Tunka-133 array**: 175 optical detectors on 3 km² area





50 km from Lake Baikal

51° 48' 35" N 103° 04' 02" E 675 m a.s.l.



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Advantage of the Tunka-133 array:

- 1. Good accuracy positioning EAS core (5 -10 m)
- 2. Good energy resolution (~15%, in principal up to 5%)
- 2. Good accuracy of primary particle mass identification (accuracy of X_{max} measurement ~ 20 -25 g/cm²
- 3. Good angular resolution $\sim 0.1 0.3 \text{ deg}$
- 4. Low cost: the Tunka-133 3 km² array ~ 10⁶ Euro

Disadvantage:

Short time of operation (moonless, cloudless nights) -5-10%



Angular sensitivity

Optical detector of Tunka-133







Fig. 4. The schematic drawing of the optical module: 1 – PMT Thorn EMI9350KB; 2- LED driver; 3 – temperature controller; 4 – DC-DC converter and heater driver; 5 preamplifier; 6 – active voltage divider; 7 – heater of acrylic cover; 8 – lid driver; 9 – lid.

PMT EMI 9350 Ø 20 cm







Cluster electronics

Cherenkov light pulses of two detectors of a cluster located at a distance 700 m from EAS core.



Three seasons of array operation

2009 - 2010 :286 hours of good weather . 2010 - 2011: 305 hours of good weather. 2011 - 2012: 380 hours of good weather > $6\cdot10^{-6}$ events with an energy $\geq 10^{15}$ \Rightarrow B > 1900 events with an energy $\geq 10^{17}$ \Rightarrow B.



Trigger counting rate during one night.

>10 events during every night with number of hit detectors more than 100.

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in an event.

Example of event: EAS energy 2.10¹⁹ eV





An event characteristics



The all particles energy spectrum $I(E) \cdot E^3$



Agreement with KASCADE-Grande
Agreement with old Fly's Eye, HiRes and TA spectra.

Mean Depth of EAS maximum X_{max} g·cm⁻²

Mean logarithm of primary mass.



The primary CR mass composition changes from light (He) to heavy up to energy ~ 30 PeV A lightening of the mass composition take place for starting from an energy 100 PeV

Tunka CR energy spectrum



Primitive composition analysis in the knee (following A.Erlykin & A.Wolfendale): p - 14%He - 41%Fe - 12%Unknown – 21% **Conclusion:** 1. **He** dominates in the knee. 2. Unknown component can not be galactic or it's spectrum is different. 3. Fe domination is not close to 100% at $8 \cdot 10^{16} \, \text{eV}$.



<u>Towards High Energy Gamma-Ray</u> <u>Astronomy array at Tunka Valley</u>

For recent years gamma-astronomy became the most dynamically developing direction of high energy astro- physics.



Advantages of gamma-astronomy - gamma-quanta preserve the direction to the source and in comparison with neutrino – relative simplicity of their detection.

IACT - Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes

HESS MAGIC VERITAS AIROBIC Fermi Argo-YbJ Tibet-III Future Projects CTA – 2017-18 HAWC -2014 LHAASO – 2017-18

An IAST is narrow-angle Telescope (3-5° FOV) consisting of a mirror of 4 -24 m diameter which reflects EAS Cherenkov light into a camera where EAS image is formed



To detect Ultra-High energy gamma-rays effective area of array must be 10 km² at least. An Imaging ACT must have >10000 channels / km². **Cost of the IACT** more than 100 millons \$/ km²





Pevatron sky

Gamma-radiation with energy 1 - 50 TeV from approximately 100 local sources has been detected, but no one with higher energy



From Tunka-Collaboration to TAIGA-Collaboration

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Array design concept







Net of 3-4 m class imaging telescopes



Net of scintillation detectors (including underground muon detectors) 10² → 2 10³ m² area.

Gamma-ray Astronomy

Search for the PeVatrons. VHE spectra of known sources: where do they stop? Absorption in IRF and CMB. Diffuse emission: Galactic plane, Local supercluster.

Charged cosmic ray physics

Energy spectrum and mass composition anisotropies from 10¹⁴ to10¹⁸ eV. 10⁸ events (in 1 km² array) with energy > 10¹⁴ eV

Particle physics

Axion/photon conversion. Hidden photon/photon oscillations. Lorentz invariance violation. pp cross-section measurement. Quark-gluon plasma.

Main Topics for TAIGA



Tunka - HiSCORE (Hundred*i Squarekm Cosmic Origin Explorer).



Ways to decrease a detector threshold

- $E_{th} \sim (S_{det.} \eta)^{-1/2} (T_{signal})^{1/2}$
- 1. Winston cones PMT area increase in 4 times ($K = 1/sin^2$ (tet) tet=30° - K = 4)
- 2. Analog summation of signals in one station
- 3. Decreasing of T_{signal} to 7-10 ns
- 4. QE max = 35-40% for PMT HAMAMATSU **R7081-100**
- 5. Using of wavelength shifter





Winston cone



Tunka-HiSCORE Cherenkov detector







In October 2012 first setup of 3 Tunka-HiSCORE Cherenkov detectors were put in operation with Tunka-133



Signal from Tunka -HiSCORE

New Tunka -HiSCORE

October 2013 Prototype of Tunka-HiSCORE 9 Cherenkov stations

36 PMT R5912 (8") New readout system. New DAG based DRS-4 bord







DRS-4 board (0.5 ns step)

Accuracy of EAS axis direction reconstruction



-200

-250 250-200-150-100-50

0

50

100

provides an accuracy of an γ and CR arrival direction about 0.1 degree

150 200 250 Distance, m



KASCADE-Grande scintillation counters

scintillator plate (800x800x40)

pyramid



380 KASCADE-Grande scintillation counters arrived at the Tunka site



KASCADE-Grande scintillation counters in TAIGA



We intend to deploy 228 counters inside the surface detectors

We intend to deploy 152 counters inside underground muons detectors (total area 100 m²)





Scintillation counters for 2000 m² underground muon detectors (~ 0.1% of array area)



IHEP +Mephi

Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACT) in TAIGA

A system of ~ Ø 3-4m class IACT operating in conincidence with TUNKA-133 Tunka-HiSCORE and scintillation detectors.

Number of IACT – 16 (4 x 4) Spacing ~330m Covering an area of 1 km x 1 km An energy range - TeV-EeV Threshold energy ~ 2-3 TeV Field of imaging cameras view of 8° x 8° Pixel size -0.4°, Number of cameras pixels – 400 Low cost

Stage 2 (2014-2016 years): 111 wide angle Tunka-HiSCORE Cherenkov detectors

Stage 3 (2015-2018 years): net of wide angle Cherenkov detectors + **16 imaging telescopes (IACT) + 1000m² muon detectors**

Stage 4 (2016-2020 years): toward to 10 km² gamma – observatory TAIGA

Summary and outlook

- 1. Cherenkov technique is very suitable way to study high energy cosmic rays as well gamma-rays, Tunka valley is one of the best place for construction of large Cherenkov arrays.
- 2. The structure of CR energy spectrum in the energy range of 10¹⁵ to 10¹⁸ eV were measured with high resolution. The second "knee" at energy ~3·10¹⁷ eV point out on transition from Galactic to extragalactic sources of CR.
- **3.** The new gamma observatory TAIGA will allow:
- To perform search for local Galactic sources of gamma-quanta with energies more than 20-30 TeV (search for PeV-trons) and study gamma-radiation fluxes in the energy region higher than 20-30 TeV at the record level of sensitivity.
- To study energy spectrum and mass composition of cosmic rays in the energy range of 5.10¹³ - 10¹⁸ eV at so far unprecedented level of statistics.
- To study high energy part of gamma-rays energy spectrum form the most bright balzars (absorption of gamma-quanta by intergalactic phone, search for axion-photon transition).
- **Etc....**

Thank you!