

LHCf, connecting collider with astroparticle physics

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E³x(Flux) from AGASA, HiRes, PAO, TA summarized by the TA group

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Spectral cutoff is confirmed by 3 last experiments at 10²⁰eV What is indicated?

What is the origin of cut off and UHECR? -- Standard Models --

Hillas Diagram



1) Hilas diagram; maximum rigidity E/z determined by LxB 2) GZK mechanism; interaction between CR and CMB (Δ -resonance in case of proton) opens channel at E_{CR}~ 10²⁰eV

Both scenarios are sensitive to the particle type (proton, light/heavy nuclei)

Key observation in UHECR



Pierre Auger Observatory (PAO)



What should be measured at colliders

multiplicity and energy flux at LHC 14TeV collisions pseudo-rapidity; $\eta = -\ln(\tan(\theta/2))$

Multiplicity



Most of the energy flows into very forward

The LHC forward experiment



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LHCf Detectors

✓ Imaging sampling shower calorimeters
 ✓ Two independent calorimeters in each detector (Tungsten 44r.l., 1.6λ, sample with plastic scintillators)



Arm#2 Detector 25mmx25mm+32mmx32mm 4 XY Silicon strip detectors Arm#1 Detector 20mmx20mm+40mmx40mm 4 XY SciFi+MAPMT

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Event category of LHCf



Expected Results at 14 TeV Collisions (MC assuming 0.1nb⁻¹ statistics)





Pseudo-rapidity range. $\eta > 8.7$ @ zero crossing angle $\eta > 8.4$ @ 1400rad





Operation 2009-2010

With Stable Beam at $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$ Total of 42 hours for physics

About 10⁵ shower events in Arm1+Arm2

With Stable Beam at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

Total of 150 hours for physics with different setups

- Different vertical position to increase the accessible kinematical range
- Runs with or without beam crossing angle
- ~ 4.10⁸ shower events in Arm1+Arm2
- \sim **10**⁶ π° events in Arm1 and Arm2

Status

- Completed program for 900 GeV and 7 TeV
 - Removed detectors from tunnel in July 2010
 - Post-calibration beam test in October 2010
- Upgrade to more rad-hard detectors for 14 TeV in 2014

EM shower and π^o identification



Particle Identification

✓ PID (EM shower selection)

- Select events <L_{90%} threshold and multiply P/ε
 ε (photon detection efficiency) and P (photon purity)
- By normalizing MC template $L_{90\%}$ to data, ϵ and P for certain $L_{90\%}$ threshold are determined.



Photon spectra at

+ Spectra of Arm1&2 at common η



Detail in the poster by H.Menjo

+ $\sigma_{ine} = 71.5$ mb assumed; consistent with the other LHC experiments



Comparison with Models

Adriani et al., PLB, 2011



DPMJET 3.04 QGSJET II-03 SIBYLL 2.1 EPOS 1.99 PYTHIA 8.145

Comment from a modelist...

... To some extent, I was even surprised that models behave not so bad overall, taking the fact that forward photon spectra are terra-incognita even at fixed target energies...

*terra incognita: Land that has never been explored or mapped; uncharted territory. (by Wiktionary)

Next Step of LHCf

+ Analysis

- + Impact on air shower calculation / CR physics
- + Photon spectra at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$ TeV in analysis
- + π° spectra in analysis
- P_T spectra
- + Hadron spectra (photon/hadron ratio)
- Test for LPM effect
- Correlation with central production (joint analysis with ATLAS)

+ Measurements

- + LHC √s = 14 TeV pp
- + LHC p-Pb in study
- + Possibility in the other colliders
- + Dream : N-p, N-N, N-Fe (N; Nitrogen) in future

In progress/assured In consideration

Summary



- Cosmic-ray observation has driven particle physics in 100-50 years ago
- + Now, collider physics drive astroparticle physics
- Combining the knowledge from modern UHECR observations and collider physics, particle astronomy will open new window in astronomy





Thank you