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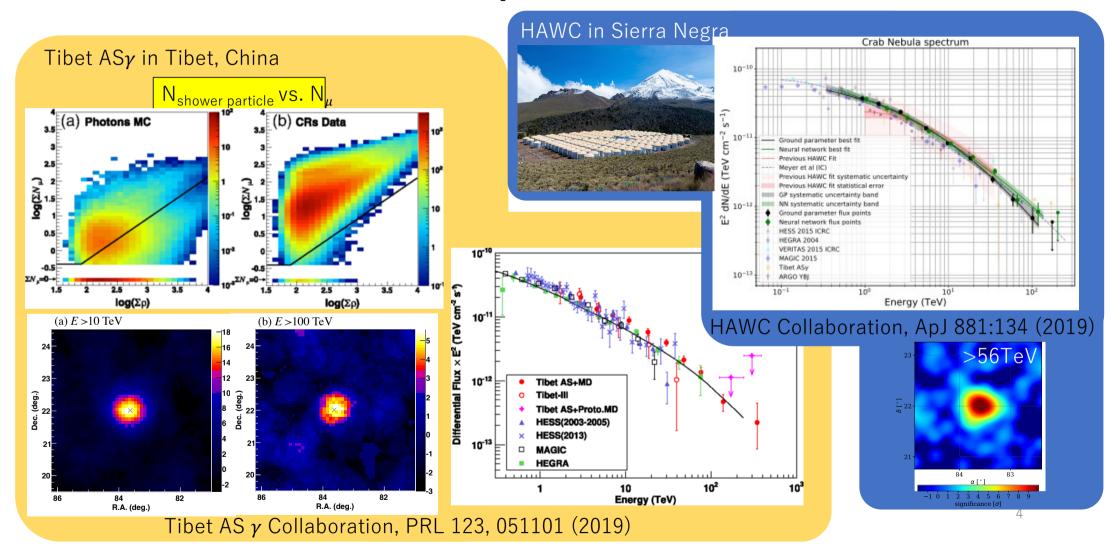
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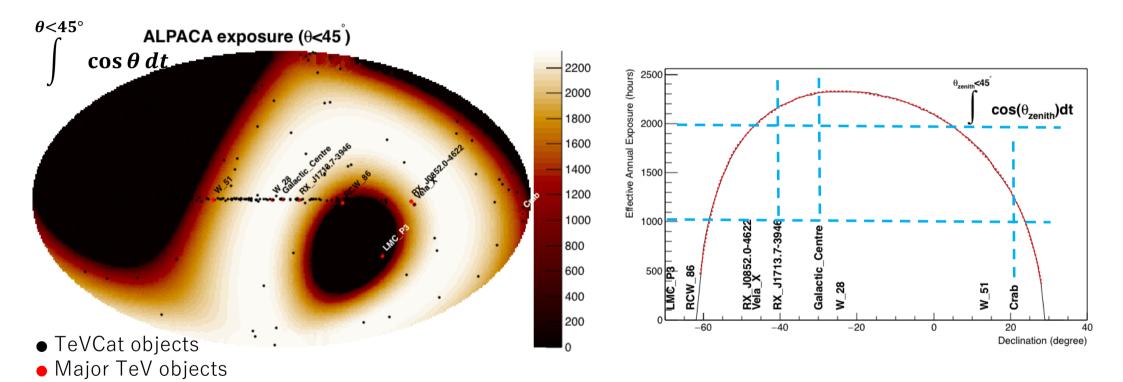
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100TeV γ fever in 2019



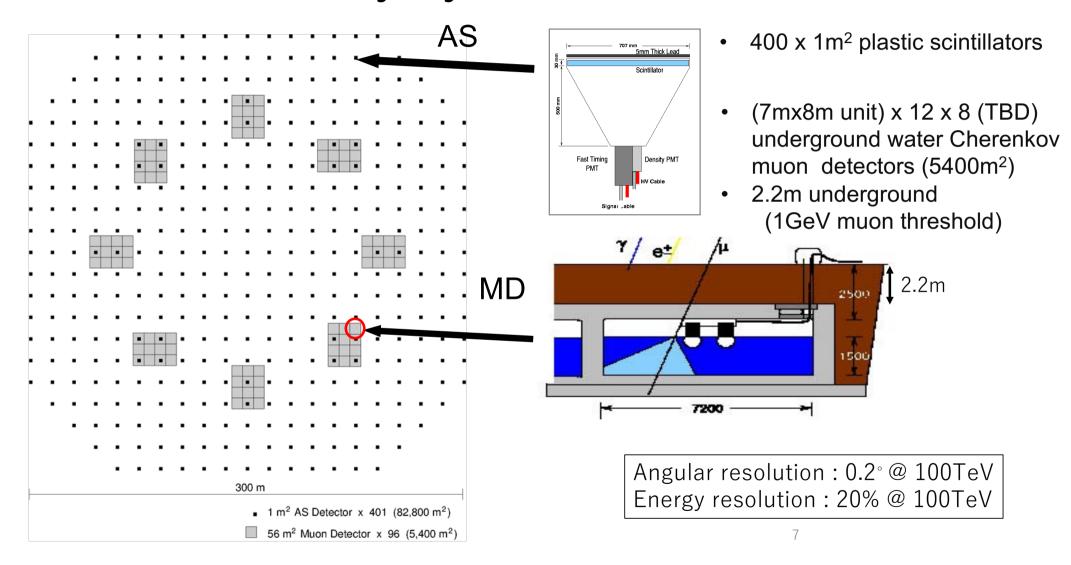


ALPACA exposure (hours/year)

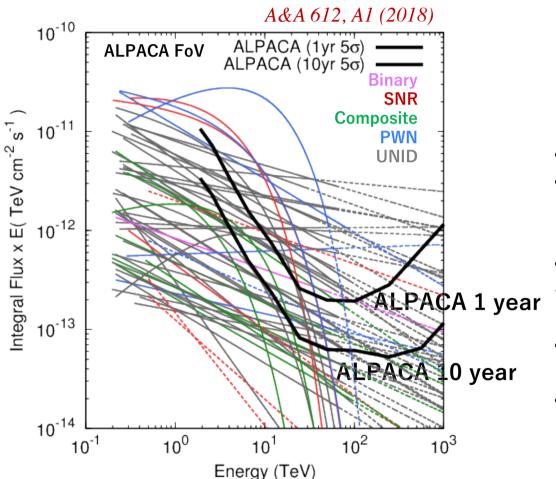


- Observation time (hour/year) with zenith angle θ <45°
- >2000 hours/year observations for major objects including Galactic center

Array layout of ALPACA



ALPACA sensitivity to the H.E.S.S. sources



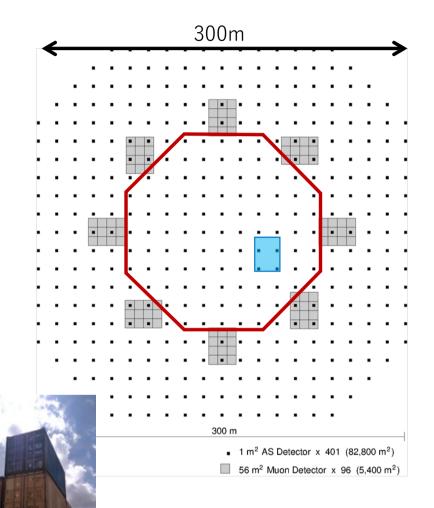
- Solid lines: observed results by H.E.S.S.
- Dashed lines: extrapolation from the H.E.S.S. results
- Many 10TeV objects with hard spectra
- → Possible PeVatrons
- Variety of categories, not only SNRs
- Even no-detection determines the maximum energy

current status - ALPAQUITA (little ALPACA, ALPACA-chan)

- Prototype array of ALPACA
 - 20% area of full ALPACA with 97 surface detectors
 - 1 underground muon detector (700-1000m²) to be constructed in 2020 (position TBD)
- Purpose
 - Detection of bright gamma-ray sources
 - Cosmic-ray anisotropy in the Southern hemisphere, space weather study







Detector material arrived at Bolivia early 2019

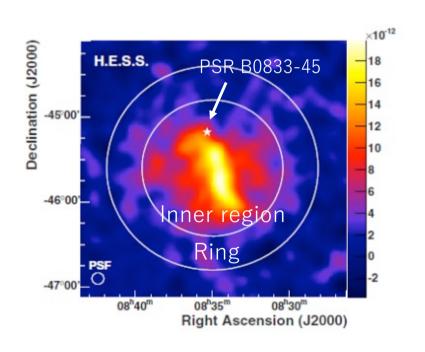
Sensitivity to Vela X ($(\alpha, \delta) = (08^h 35^m 00^s, -45^\circ 36' 00'')$)

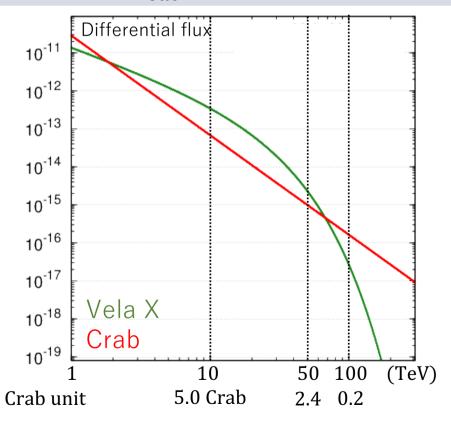
Differential flux from inner region + ring:

(H.E.S.S A&A 548, A38, 2012)

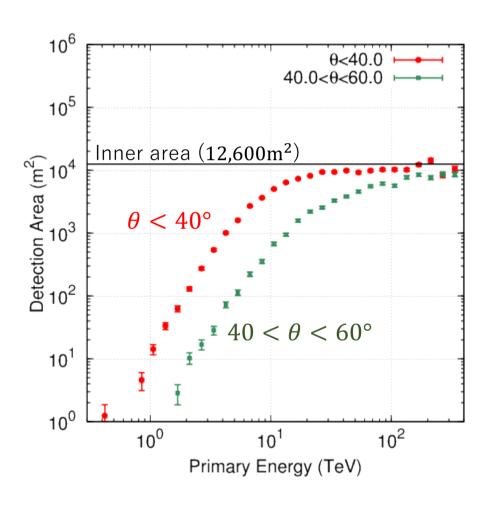
$$dN/dE = N_0 E^{-\Gamma} \exp(-E/E_{\text{cut}}) \text{ (TeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1})$$

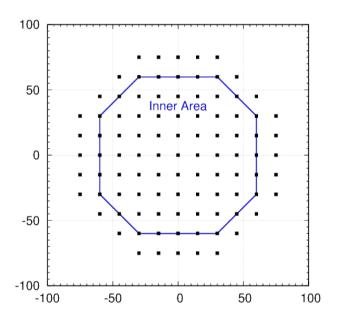
$$N_0 = 2.1 \times 10^{-11} (\text{TeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}), E_{cut} = 14.0 \text{TeV}, \Gamma = 1.32$$





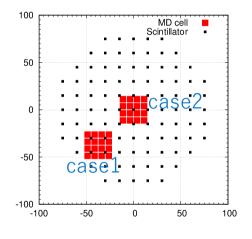
Effective area for Vela X trajectory



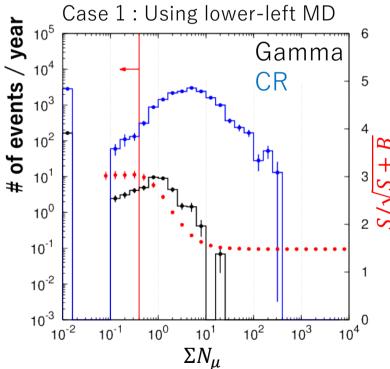


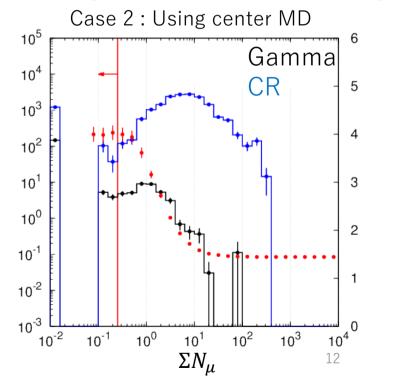
Optimization of MD location (study on going)

- case1 : optimized for full ALPACA array
- case2 : optimized for ALPAQUITA only



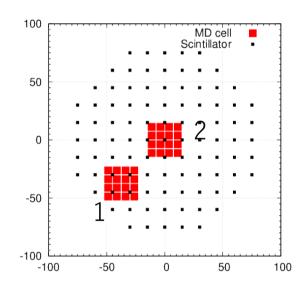
 ΣN_{μ} : Total number of detected muons in one shower event $\Sigma \rho$: Total number of particles [In 39.8 $\leq \Sigma \rho <$ 63.1 (\sim 12 TeV)]





Bin-by-bin yearly detection significances (Vela X)

| | Case 1 : Using lower-left MD | Case 2 : Using center MD |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| \sim 8 TeV (25.1 \leq Σ ρ $<$ 39.8) | 2.52 ± 0.05 | 3.30 ± 0.08 |
| $\sim 12 \text{ TeV}$ (39.8 $\leq \Sigma \rho <$ 63.1) | 3.03 ± 0.08 | 3.98 ± 0.14 |
| \sim 18 TeV (63.1 \leq Σ ρ $<$ 100) | 3.83 ± 0.18 | 4.73 ± 0.28 |
| $\sim 30 \text{ TeV}$ (100 $\leq \Sigma \rho <$ 158) | 2.81 ± 0.06 | 3.80 ± 0.09 |



ALPAQUITA in October 2019



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- All 97 basements placed
- Assembly of 20 detectors completed
- Cable channels finalized soon
- Assembly of all detectors, cabling, first data taking as soon as possible in 2020
- First muon detector in design, to be constructed in 2020

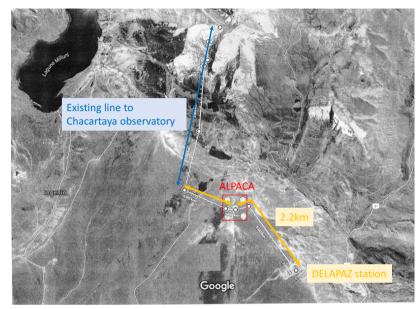
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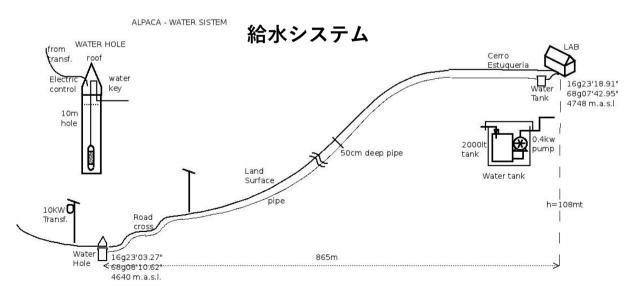
- ALPACA is a new air shower array project to explore 100TeV sky in the Southern hemisphere
- Many H.E.S.S. sources can be studied at >10TeV
 - Systematic search of 100TeV emission and cutoff below 100TeV
- Prototype array ALPAQUITA under construction
 - surface array construction to be completed and operation starts early 2020
 - first muon detector construction in 2020

Backup

Power and water

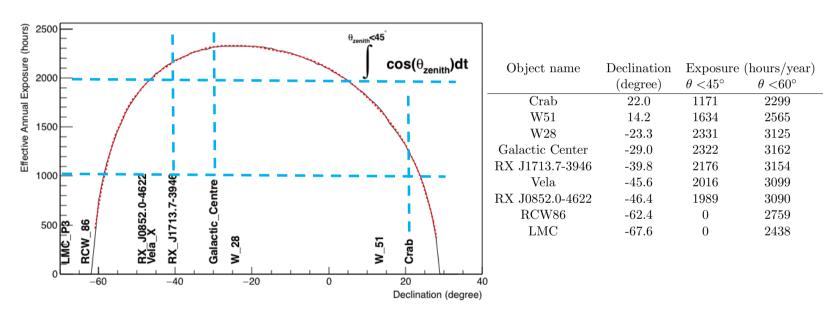
- アレイ周りの柵の設置
- エレキ・作業用ハットの建設
- GPS測量による設置位置の最終確認
- 電力線の移動(これまでのチャカル タヤ観測所までのラインを移動)
- 取水用ポンプ、排水設備の設置







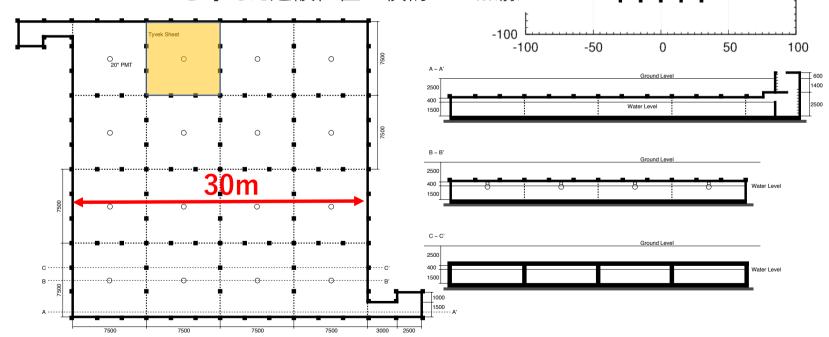
ALPACA exposure (hours/year)



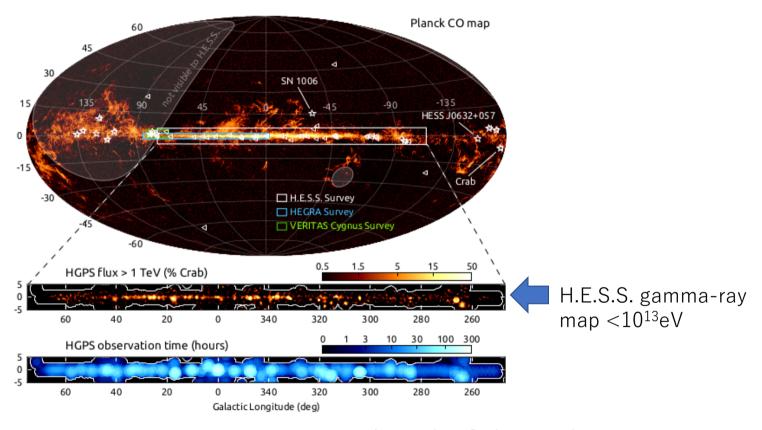
- Galactic Center, RX J1713 : >2,000 hours/year (θ <45°)
- >1,000 hours/year for Crab
- θ <60° allows 3000 hours/year
 - Effects on threshold energy, resolution must be studied

ミューオン検出器

- ・ 2020年度に建設予定
- 土盛り+コンクリート天井 2.5m(E_u>1GeV)
- 7.5m×7.5mのユニットを16基
- 1ユニットあたりPMT 1本
- 内壁をタイベックシートで覆い集光
- 25 p.e./1 MIP (Tibet実績)
- Full ALPACAを考えた建設位置の検討 => 加藤



H.E.S.S. TeV Galactic Plane Survey

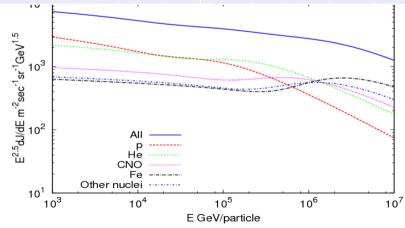


- Many gamma-ray sources along the Galactic plane
- Any source beyond 10¹⁴eV?

Air shower simulation

Corsika7.6400 is used in a MC simulation

| Simulation condition | γ-ray | Background CR |
|---|---|--|
| Total # of events | 5.0×10 ⁷ (27 yr for Vela X) | ① $300 \text{GeV} < E < 10 \text{PeV} : 1.1 \times 10^9$ (0.6 yr for Vela X) ② $10 \text{TeV} < E < 10 \text{PeV} : 1.0 \times 10^8$ (18 yr for Vela X) |
| Energy range | 300 GeV < E < 10 PeV | 300 GeV < E < 10 PeV |
| Spectrum | $\propto E^{-2.0}$ | See the figure below |
| Injected range (from the center of the array) | 300m radius | 300m radius |



Cosmic-ray spectrum

(M.Shibata et al. ApJ, 716: 1076-1083, 2010)