



The GAMMA-400 mission

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The GAMMA-400 project



- Mission is approved by ROSCOSMOS (launch currently scheduled by 2020)
- GAMMA-400:
 - Scientific payload mass:
 - Power budget:
 - Telemetry downlink capability:
 - Lifetime:
 - Orbit (initial parameters): apogee 300000 km, perigee 500 km, orb. period 7 days, inclination 51.8 °

4100 kg

2000 W

> 7 years

100 GB/day

 – GAMMA-400 will be installed onboard the platform "Navigator" manufactured by Lavochkin

GAMMA-400 SCIENTIFIC COMPLEX ON THE NAVIGATOR SERVICE MODULE



ORBIT EVOLUTION AND OBSERVATION MODES

Observation modes:

- continuous long-duration (~100 days) observation of specific regions of celestial sphere, including point and extended gamma-ray sources, without Earth occultation;
- monitoring of the celestial sphere.

Initial orbit parameters:

- apogee: 300,000 km:
- perigee: 500 km;
- inclination: 51.8°

After ~ 5 months the orbit will become more circular with a radius of ~200,000 km.

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GAMMA-400

- Original Russian design focused on:
 - High Energy Gamma-rays (~ 10 GeV 3 TeV)
 - High energy electrons (e⁺ and e⁻) up to TeV
- Scientific objectives (from Russian proposal):
 - "To study the nature and features of weakly interacting massive particles, from which the Dark Matter consists"
 - "To study the nature and features of variable gamma-ray activity of astrophysical objects, from stars to galactic clusters"
 - "To study the mechanisms of generation, acceleration, propagation and interaction of cosmic rays in galactic and intergalactic spaces"

Improvements in the GAMMA-400 design and performance

- During the last years, the collaboration between Italian and Russian groups has resulted in a new version of the apparatus. Guideline:
 - to develop a jointly defined dual instrument that, taking into account the currently available financial resources, optimizes the scientific performance and improves them with respect to the original version: this new version has been agreed upon by both (Russian and Italian) sides during a collaboration meeting held in Moscow in February 2013.

GAMMA-400 evolution



The GAMMA-400 apparatus



B2 over B1 improvements:

- Introduction of a highly segmented homogeneous calorimeter with CsI cubes ⇒ improved energy resolution, extended GF with lateral particle impingement, nuclei capability
- Increase of the planar dimensions of the calorimeter (from 80 cm x 80 cm to 100 cm x 100 cm) ⇒ larger A_{eff}
- Si strip detector pitch of the 2 CC1 layers decreased from 0.5 mm to 0.08 mm

GAMMA-400 characteristics:

- a dual instrument for photons

 (100 MeV ÷ 1 TeV) and cosmic
 rays (electrons ~ 10 TeV and high
 energy cosmic-ray nuclei, p and He
 spectra at the "knee" (10¹⁴ 10¹⁵ eV);
- State of the art Si-W converter/tracker with analogue read-out;
 - 3-D, deep, homogeneous calorimeter with excellent resolution and large acceptance.

Converter/Tracker



- 10 x-y layers (20 views):
 - 8 layers W $0.08X_0$ + 8 planes Si (x,y)
 - 2 layers of Si (x,y), no W

Converter/Tracker

- Homogeneous Si-W Tracker
- 4 towers (~ 50 cm x 50 cm each);
- 8 W/Si-x/Si-y planes + 2 Si-x/Si-y planes (no W)
- Thickness of each plane 0.1 X₀
- Each sensor ~ 9.7 cm x 9.7 cm from 6" wafers;
- Sensors arranged in ladders (5 detectors/ladder), 1 ladder ~ 50 cm;
- Implant pitch 80 µm (fine segmentation)
- Read-out pitch 240 μm (capacitive charge division, one strip every 3 is read-out), 384 read-out strips/ladder;
- 2000 silicon detectors;
- 153600 readout channels, 2400 front-end ASICs (64 channels/ASIC)
- Power consumption (FE only): ~ 80 W



CC2 Calorimeter

- 28 x 28 x 12 CsI(TI) cubes
- $L_{cubes} = 3.6 \text{ cm}$
- CC2 dimensions: $1 \times 1 \times 0.47 \text{ m}^3$
- X₀: 54.6 x 54.6 x 23.4
- λ₁: 2.5 x 2.5 x 1.1
- Mass = 1980 kg
- Planar GF: 9.5 m²sr
- GF_{eff, el.}^{0.1-1 TeV}~ 3.4 m²sr
- $GF_{eff, prot.} {}^{1 \text{ TeV}} \sim 3.9 \text{ m}^2 \text{sr}$



Angular resolution



Energy resolution for γ



Calorimeter prototype

- 14 Layers
- 9 crystals in each layer (crystals 3.6 x 3.6 x 3.6 cm³)
- 126 Crystals in total
- 126 Photodiodes
- 50.4 cm of CsI(Tl)
- 27 Χ_{ο,} 1.44 λ_ι
- Photodiodes readout by 9 CASIS1.2A 16-channel ASICs)





Mechanics: INFN Pisa

Front-end electronics: INFN Trieste

Crystals, photodiodes, DAQ, assembly: INFN Florence





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Prototype test beam results - 1

CERN SPS H8 Ion Beam: Z/A = 1/2, 12.8 GV/c and 30 GV/c (February 2013) Notice: charge information from a precise silicon Z-measuring system located in front of the prototype



Prototype test beam results - 2



Prototype test beam results - 3

Energy Deposit Vs Beam Energy (D,He,B,C,O,Mg,Si,S,Ti,Fe)



Physics with GAMMA-400

- GAMMA-400 is focused on the detection of the three main component of cosmic radiation:
 - γ-rays from 100 MeV up to TeV energies, to be studied with substantial improvements concerning the angular resolution at high energies and the continuous exposure to sources without Earth occultation
 - electrons/positrons up to ~ 10 TeV, to be measured with much improved sensitivity compared with current space, balloon-borne, and ground measurements
 - cosmic-ray nuclei up to the "knee", whose spectrum and composition is to be studied with unprecedented detail up to ~ few PeV/nucleon

Photons

- Detection of possible Dark Matter signal
 - Gamma-ray lines
 - Satellites
 - Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies
 - Galactic Center
- Measurement of the high-energy γ -ray spectrum
 - SNR
 - Pulsars and PWN
 - Massive star clusters
 - AGN
 - GRB

Increasing the energy resolution



The γ-ray differential energy results for a 135 GeV right-handed neutrino dark matter candidate. **L. Bergström, Phys. Rev. D 86 (2012) 103514, arXiv:1208.6082**

Electrons can tell us about local GCR sources

• High energy electrons have a high energy loss rate $\propto E^2$

- Lifetime of $\sim 10^5$ years for > 1 TeV electrons

- Transport of GCR through interstellar space is a diffusive process
 - Implies that source of high energy electrons are < 1 kpc away

Only a handful of SNR meet the lifetime & distance criteria *Kobayashi et al., ApJ 601* (2004) 340-351: calculations show structure in electron spectrum at high energy

 J. P. Wefel, TevPA 2011, Stockholm (2011)

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Electron Spectrum



Nuclei



- Study the acceleration mechanism (or mechanisms)
- Study the limit of the acceleration phenomena
- Understand the kind of sources in the Galaxy
- Answer the question: is there the same mechanism (or source) for different nuclei?
- Study the distribution of the sources
- Study the propagation process in the Galaxy

Conclusions

- The GAMMA-400 mission represents a unique opportunity to perform simultaneous measurements of photons, electrons and nuclei with unprecedented accuracy.
- GAMMA-400 will provide in-depth investigations on some of the most challenging physics items, such as:
 - DM search in γ and high-energy electron spectra
 - CR origin, production and acceleration to the highest energies
 - Flux and elemental composition of nuclei at the knee
- Synergy with ground-based Cerenkov arrays (CTA) and other wavelength instruments.