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Search for very high energy gamma rays from possible ultra-high energy cosmic sources with MAGIC telescop

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Abstract content

The origin of the ultra-high energy cosmic rays (UHECRs; several times 10^{19} eV and higher) is an open question in the astroparticle physics. So far no astrophysical object has been still identified as UHECR sources within a limited source distance of several tens of Mpc by the Grisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin effect. In acceleration of such particles, the very high energy (VHE) gamma-ray emission is expected as well. In order to search for such VHE gamma-rays, we observed nearby galaxies using the the MAGIC Telescope. Three possible sources had been selected from the catalogue in the direction close to the UHECR event triplet-cluster found by the AGASA experiment. In the present paper, we will report the result of our observation and discuss the possible interpretaion of the UHECR origin models.

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