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Very high energy gamma-ray emission of close metagalactic sources Mkn421, Mkn 501 and NGC 1275.

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Abstract content

Exploration of the galactic and metagalactic objects in which the acceleration of protons and nuclei is accompanying with generation of gamma-quanta and neutrinos is of great current interest for astroparticle physics because the gammas and neutrinos do not dissipate energy after propagation through the magnetic fields of the Universe providing a unique probe into these cosmic accelerators. These gamma-astronomical researches are carrying out with SHALON mirror telescope at the Tien-Shan high-mountain observatory. During the period 1992 – 2007, SHALON has been used for observations of the metagalactic sources Mkn421, Mkn501, NGC1275, 3c454.3, 1739+522 and galactic sources Crab Nebula, Cygnus X-3, Tycho's SNR, Geminga, 2129+47XR. The observation results of two type of metagalactic sources: BLLacs Mkn 421 ($z = 0.031$), Mkn 501 ($z = 0.034$) and Seyfert galaxy NGC 1275 ($z=0.0179$) are presented. The integral average gamma-ray fluxes of Mkn 421 and Mkn 501 were estimated as $(0.63 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ and $(0.86 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ respectively. NGC 1275 is being intensively studied by SHALON and gamma-ray flux are found to be $(0.78 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$. The integral spectra of events from source - k_{on} and background events, observing simultaneously with source's events - k_{off} , and source image are presented. The increase of the flux over the average value was detected in 1997 and 2004 observations of Mkn 421 by SHALON and estimated to be $(1.01 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ and $(0.96 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$, respectively. The significant increase of Mkn501 flux was detected in 1997 with the VHE ground telescopes all over the world. The flux by SHALON telescope was estimated as $(1.21 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ that is comparable with flux of powerful galactic source Crab Nebula. The research of extragalactic and galactic sources of very-high energy gamma-quanta by methods, including ones using mirror Cherenkov telescopes concerns, rather than delicate problem of the cosmic ray nature and the role of our Galaxy and Extragalaxy in their generation.

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