

20th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Pierre Auger Observatory

Highlights from the Telescope Array experiment

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Pierre Auger Observatory and Telescope Array



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Joint efforts of Auger and TA



Next generation FD by FAST @ BRM station





GHz band radio detector w ELS

Auger SD prototypes with AGASA



AGASA

(<u>Akeno Giant Alr Shower Array</u>) Akeno, Yamanashi, JAPAN PI: Prof. M. Nagano (1987)1990-2004 2.2m² SD x 111, total coverage is 100km² Plastic scintillators

ATB45 ANBANB44 TB46 ATB43 NB46 NB40 TB47 TB36 NB27 01842NB41 0TB35 TB41 TB15TB1 NB25 NB11 TB3 TB21 TB1 NB31 NB13 TB24 NB33 NB23 T27824 SB42 NB1 NB15







Map of the TA site



Status of 11 years of operations Efficiency:(#SDxTime)/(AllSDx1Day

SD array 94.5% of 507 SDs are in operation

FD (BRM, LR)

Duty factors

11.0% for BRM station,

9.0% for LR station



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TALE FD

Located just beside TA MD station 10 FDs in the TALE station Elevation: 30°-57° (higher elevation than MD) Azimuthal: 114°

Refurbished HiRes telescopes & electronics Mirror: same as TA FD (MD) Elec.: 10 MHz 8bit FADC







Installed in Nov. 2012 Operation since Sep. 2013 Hybrid trigger: Sep. 2018



Event reconstruction: FD hybrid



Event reconstruction: SD array





Event reconstruction: SD array



Energy spectrum

TA SD spectrum from 11 years of data



Energy spectrum from 11 years of TA SD data, from May 11, 2008 to May 11, 2019 $y = -3.28 \pm 0.02$

ankle @ logE = 18.69 ± 0.01

cutoff @ $logE = 19.81 \pm 0.03$

 $\gamma = -4.84 \pm 0.48$

 $\gamma = -2.68 \pm 0.02$

 $logE1/2 = 19.79 \pm 0.04$ Significance of suppression is 8.4 σ



D. Ivanov

Expanding the zenith angle range for logE > 18.8 (100 % efficiency)

$$\gamma = -2.67 \pm 0.02$$

 $cutoff @ logE = 19.81 \pm 0.03$

$$\gamma = -5.3 \pm 0.5$$

 $logE1/2 = 19.97 \pm 0.04$ Significance of suppression is 12.0 σ



Energy resolution = 18 % logE > 19.0 Energy scale systematic uncertainty = 21 %

TA SD spectrum from 11 years of data

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Chemical composition



TA BRM+LR+SD hybrid: <Xmax> and σ_{Xmax}





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18.2

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W. Hanlon

< Xmax > along with predictions of QGSJET II-04 p, He, N and Fe

10 years data 10^{18.2} to 10^{19.1} eV 3560 events after the quality cuts

Systematic uncertainty on <Xmax> is 17 g/cm² Xmax bias < 1 g/cm² Xmax resolution = 17.2 g/cm² Energy resolution = 5.7 %

 σ_{Xmax} along with predictions of QGSJET II-04 p, He, N and Fe The measured data are compatible with the protons below 10¹⁹ eV.

Quality cuts:

19 19 log₁₀(E/eV)

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D_{border}>100m, FD track length > 10°, # FD good PMT > 11, SDP angle < 130°, FD track > 7us, Θ < 55°, Xmax in FOV, Good weather

TA BRM+LR+SD hybrid: single element model



from CLF [km] 0 0

-10 Distance 10 -15

Ap. J., 858, 76(2018) arXiv: 1801.09784

W. Hanlon

Test the agreement of data and single element models by comparing data and MC Xmax distributions including a systematic shift of data.

Proton MC agrees with the data especially in the tail of distributions, whereas N and Fe do not resemble the data.

(Xmax systematic uncertainty = 17 g/cm^2)

Plot of p-values indicating the compatibility:

Data is compatible with QGSJET II-04 proton from 10^{18.2} to 10^{19.9} eV with systematic shifting ^{*} about 20 g/cm². ^(g/cm²) Other components are not compatible

in $E < 10^{19} eV$ All 4 single components are compatible in the highest energy bin. \leftarrow low statistics (19 events)

Fe requires a shift of $\sim 50 \text{ g/cm}^2$

TA BRM+LR+SD hybrid: 4 element model



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TALE FD monocular reconstruction



Xmax measured by TALE FD with monocular reconstruction 4 years of data (Jun. 2014 - Nov. 2018)

Change in Xmax elongation rate at an energy of ~10¹⁷ eV (It is likely correlated with 2nd knee in the energy spectrum)

Smooth connection of the low(TALE) and the high(BR/LR hybrid) energy rails.



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TALE FD monocular spectrum (2 years)



Anisotropy study

"Hotspot" update from 11 years of data



Hotspot from 11 years of TA SD data, from May 11, 2008 to May 11, 2019

E > 57 EeV, in total 168 events 38 events fall in Hotspot (α =144.3°, δ =40.3°, 25° radius, 22° from SGP), expected=14.2 events local significance = 5.1 σ , chance probability \rightarrow 2.9 σ 25° over-sampling radius shows the highest local the 5° step)

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Hardwares for sky condition monitoring and calibrations



flying "Opt-copter" in operation

CCD cloud monitoring system: hardwares

K. Yamazaki



Cloud monitoring system: scoring

K. Yamazaki

Searching the listed stars on SAO star catalog (> 3.5 mag.) in each picture \rightarrow Score = number of matched stars / total expected # of stars in FOV



Nov. 20, 2014, 1:40 - 12:00 UTC



Dividing the sky into 9 regions (by zenith and azimuth)

→ Scoring for each region



Listed star (3.5 mag.) at the SAO catalog

- matched star
- > not seen, expected position

"Opt-copter" (drone + light source + hi-res GPS)

T. Tomida



Opt-copter in operation



Main target of the calibration with "Opt-copter": Precise measurement of FD optics and geometry

Location by GPS is matched very well with the image center, however ...

search time:06:42:10.90000000 piksi time:06:42:28.899962000





T. Tomoda

Current status of extension projects TALE hybrid NICHE TAx4

TALE hybrid



TALE hybrid =

low energy extension of TA hybrid sensitivity down to 10¹⁶ eV, with FDs observing higher elevation and Densely-arrayed SDs **Precise measurement of the composition** :

FD + SD hybrid measurement

TALE-FD : 10 telescopes (Sep. 2013 ~) elevation : 30°~57°, azimuthal : 114° TALE-SD array : 80 SDs (Feb. 2018 ~) TALE-hybrid started running from Sep. 2018

Expected specifications of TALE hybrid Threshold energy E : logE=16.0 Event rate : ~5,000 events/year $\Delta \theta = 1.0^{\circ}$ (FD mono : 5.3°) $\Delta Xmax = 20 \text{ g/cm}^2$ (FD mono : 40 g/cm²)

TALE Hybrid: real event sample



TALE future plan: lower energy



Additionally install **50 SDs with 200m spacing** near the TALE FD station (< 2km), to archive lower the threshold energy: **for SD**, E_{mode} = 10^{15.5} eV **for FD-SD hybrid**, E_{mode} =10^{16.3} eV

1.5M\$ for 5yrs approved by JSPS in 2019



Non Imaging CHErenkov array (NICHE)



NICHE is a low energy extension of TALE sensitivity in order to measure D the chemical composition of cosmic rays in the energy from 1 to 100 PeV. γ

D. Bergman Y. Omura



14 Cherenkov light detectors (3 inch PMT + 45° Winston corn), ~ 800 m from TALE FD, 100 m spacing. Deployment started Sep. 2017, commissioning until Feb. 2019.



A coincidence event detected by NICHE and by TALE-FD at Sep. 21, 2017. And a hybrid geometry reconstruction from NICHE and TALE-FD data.

TA×4

In order to increase the event statistics@UHE ↓ To increase the coverage from TA = 700 km² ↓ TAx4 = 3,000 km²

SD array of ~3000 km² by TA + additional **500** SDs with **2 km** spacing

+

2 FD stations (12 HiRes-II telescopes)

4 FDs at the northern station 8 FDs at the southern station





TA×4





Feb. 19 - Mar. 12, 2019

257 SDs 6 communication towers

were installed in the site









TA×4







TAx4 hybrid: real event sample

Real hybrid event samples in May, 2019





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 25.14 ± 0.2488

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 169.3 ± 1.054

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Summary(1/3)

- Telescope Array is UHECR observatory in the northern hemisphere.
- Hybrid = Fluorescence Detectors + 700 km² Surface Detector array
- Energy spectrum from 11 year observations by TA SD array
 - Indication of the declination dependence
- TA Low Energy Extension (TALE) FD have measured energy spectrum.
- TA FD stereo and hybrid Xmax measurements
 - Below 10^{19.1} eV TA hybrid data is found to be compatible with mixtures composed of predominantly light elements such as protons and helium.
- Hot spot from 11 years of data, it is seen in the direction of Ursa Major (post trial 3σ significance). It now appears larger(extended) than we originally thought.
- NICHE is in operation since Sep. 2017.
- We need much more data at high energy end > TAx4 is in operation!
- Full TALE SD is now on-line! Hybrid observations since Sep. 2018.
 - Hybrid measurement has extended the energy reach below ~10¹⁶ eV
- TA site is a platform for FUTURE!

Summary(2/3)

10th anniversary of Telescope Array operation

symposium and ceremony at Dec. 19, 2018

in ICRR, University of Tokyo

Thank you very much for your continuous support!

Congratulations!



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BACKUP