## 最高エネルギー宇宙線でみる宇宙

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## **Indirect Cosmic Ray Measurement**

- Cosmic ray flux
  - Power law feature
    - **Flux(E)**  $\propto E^{-\gamma}$
  - Spectral features
    - "Knee" @ E ~ 10<sup>15.6</sup> eV
    - "2nd Knee" @ E ~ 10<sup>17</sup> eV
    - "Ankle" @ E ~ 10<sup>18.7</sup> eV
    - "Cutoff" @ E ~ 10<sup>19.8</sup> eV
- UHECRs
  - $E > 10^{18} \text{ eV}$
  - Event rate: 1 particle/km<sup>2</sup>/year
  - extra-galactic origin



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## Indirect Cosmic Ray Measurement

- We can investigate the cosmic ray properties by detecting the EAS particles or photons instead of direct measurements
- Particle detection
  - Scintillation detector
  - Water Cherenkov detector
  - Muon detector
- Photon detection
  - Imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes (IACTs)
  - Non-Imaging Cherenkov detector array
  - Fluorescence Detector
- Radio detection
- $E \sim 10^{12}$  eV: Air shower array, IACT
- $E \sim 10^{15}$  eV: Air shower array, Cherenkov, Radio
- $E \sim 10^{18}$  eV: Air shower array, FD, or both

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## How to measure CR energy

- Air shower phenomena
  - Lateral spread:
    - Perpendicular to an arrival direction
    - Particle density  $\propto$  CR energy
      - $\rightarrow$  sampling by Air Shower Array
  - Shower profile:
    - Cascade continues up to limitation of particle production
    - Atmosphere act as calorimeter
    - Light flux 

       energy deposition
       by EAS charged particles
      - $\rightarrow$  detection by Fluorescence Detector



## How to measure CR charge

#### Direct measurement



https://calet.jp/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/COSPAR22\_akaike\_pub.pdf

- Indirect measurement
  - mass sensitive parameter
    - depth of shower maximum,  $X_{max}$
    - $\mu$  component





https://ams02.space/advances-data-analysis/improvements-charge-resolution



800

900

700

Slant Depth [g/cm<sup>2</sup>]

1000 1100

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1000

600 700 800 900

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      (large uncertainty...)



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## **UHECR** detection



## **Pierre Auger Observatory**



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## **Telescope Array Detectors**





## TA Low energy Extension(TALE)



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• Low energy target: E > 10<sup>16</sup> eV

- Same concept as TA detector
  - 10 Fluorescence Telescopes
  - 80 Surface Detectors, 20 km<sup>2</sup>

SD since Nov. 2017

• Operation: FD since Sep. 2013

**60**F elevation angle [degree] 20 **10**<sup>⊢</sup> 0 100 180 200 220 120 160 140 azimuth angle [degree] -2



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# **Energy Spectrum**

### New feature in energy spectrum



Auger found a new feature in  $10^{19} - 10^{19.5}$  eV range

- 2-step softening after the ankle Combining HiRes, TA SD, and TA FD, a two-step softening exists in the northern hemisphere data.
- 5.3σ deficit above 10<sup>19.25</sup> eV from an assumption of no breaks before the high-energy steepening

Parameter	Auger	TA
$\gamma_1$	$3.29 \pm 0.02$	$3.23\pm0.01$
$\gamma_2$	$2.51 \pm 0.03$	$2.63 \pm 0.02$
$\gamma_3$	$3.05\pm0.05$	$2.92\pm0.06$
$\gamma_4$	$5.1 \pm 0.3$	$5.0 \pm 0.4$
$E_{\rm ankle}/{\rm EeV}$	$5.0 \pm 0.1$	$5.4 \pm 0.1$
$E_{\rm instep}/{\rm EeV}$	$13 \pm 1$	$18 \pm 1$
$E_{\rm cut}/{\rm EeV}$	$46 \pm 3$	$71 \pm 3$

Y. Tsunesada et al. (Auger+TA Spectrum WG) PoS ICRC2021 (2021) 337

### Auger + TA energy spectrum



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#### Auger + TA energy spectrum Energy ±4.5% rescaled



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#### Common declination band spectrum Energy ±4.5% rescaled



## **Declination dependence**



#### Auger energy spectrum All energy range



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#### TA energy spectrum All energy range



### Auger + TA energy spectrum All energy range



# Anisotropy



TA & PAO see no excess in the direction of Virgo.

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### New excess of events with E $\geq 10^{19.5} \text{ eV}^{-24}$



- 685 events with  $E \ge 10^{19.5} \text{ eV}$  (14yrs TA SD data)
- Maximum local significance:  $3.8\sigma$  at (19.0°, 35.1°)

Observed: 66 events

Expected from isotropy: 39 events

- post trial :  $3.2\sigma$ 

## Large Scale Anisotropy (E>8EeV)

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# **Mass Composition**

## Auger/TA X<sub>max</sub> measurement



## TALE X<sub>max</sub> measurement

Measured reconstructed (X<sub>max</sub>)/σ(X<sub>max</sub>) vs. shower energy
 Nov. 2017 - May. 2022 (4 yrs, 1880 hours)



 $D_{10}^{before} = 16 \pm 5 \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{decade}$   $D_{10}^{after} = 97 \pm 4 \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{decade}$  $\log_{10}(E_{break}/\text{eV}) = 17.1$ 

MC elongation rate [g/cm<sup>2</sup>/decade]

	proton	iron
$D_{10}^{MC}$	68 ± 2	62 ± 2



## Suggest light to heavy below 10<sup>17</sup> eV, then getting lighter above

## **Mass Composition**

#### <In A> vs log(E/eV)

