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## Cosmic Ray Spectrum Exhibits significant Structure

# Structure reflects cosmic Ray origin and propagation 

GZK cutoff restricts max Energy of cosmic rays On earth

Controversy over its existence


- Predicted in 1966 by K. Greisen, G. Zatsepin, and V. Kuzmin.
- Photons of CMBR interact with cosmic ray protons of extragalactic origin.
- Photoproduction of pions; $\Delta$ resonance is near threshold. for $6 \times 10^{19} \mathrm{eV}$ protons.
- Pion carries away $20 \%$ of proton's energy $\rightarrow$ strong energy-loss mechanism for protons that travel $>50 \mathrm{Mpc}$.
- Causes a strong break in the spectrum if sources are distant.
- Should occur at about $6 \times 10^{19} \mathrm{eV}$ (10J) if


## AGASA spectrum

Sources ~ universally distributed

## Contributions to Extra-galactic spectrum

The extra-gatactic cosmic ray spectrum fractionates with source red shift
Additional e+ e- energy loss mechanism produces Ankle


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\begin{aligned}
\pi^{ \pm} \rightarrow \mu^{ \pm}+ & v_{\mu} \\
& \mu^{ \pm} \rightarrow e^{ \pm}+v_{e}+v_{\mu}
\end{aligned}
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Ankle
GZK Cutoff

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Until recently, HiRes was located on the U.S. Army's Dugway Proving Ground, $\sim 2$ hours south-west of the University of Utah



- HiRes1: @ Five Mile Hill (aka Little Granite Mountain)
- 21 mirrors, 1 ring $\left(3^{\circ}<\right.$ altitude $\left.<17^{\circ}\right)$
- Sample-and-hold electronics (pulse height and trigger time)

- HiRes2: @ Camel’s Back Ridge 12.6 km south-west of HiRes1.
- 42 mirrors, 2 rings ( $3^{\circ}<$ altitude $<31^{\circ}$ )
- FADC electronics (100 ns period)


## Detector Design



- UV-filter (300-400 nm band pass) to reduce sky+ambient background light
- Steel housing (2 mirrors each) with motorized garage doors



## Typical HiRes Stereo Event



- $\sim 2 \times 10^{19} \mathrm{eV}$ event
- ( $3 \times$ vertical scale)



## Measured Shower Profile




## Measured shower parameters.

Event by event:

- $X_{\max }$ in $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$;
- Total energy of the primary particle:
- Arrival direction

Statistically:

- Mass composition
- p-air inelastic cross-section


## HiRes Spectrum

- Monocular spectra - HiRes I and II
- HiRes I - largest statistics, limited elevation angle viewing = high threshold energy
- HiRes II - best low energy response
- Stereo spectrum - best geometrical and energy resolution


## Monocular and Stereo Aperture



## Data/MC Comparison(mono)




## Stereo Geometrical Resolution




FIG. 5: Resolution functions of geometrical parameters. Left panel is the arrival direction resolution presented as the space angle between the reconstructed and known shower directions. The vertical dashed line indicates the median value of the distribution. Right panel is the $R_{p}$ resolution showing a reconstruction accuracy of about $1.2 \%$.

## Stereo Energy Resolution

With Stereo Measurements, you have redundant measurements of Xmax and Energy

HR2 Energy
Resolution 15\%
Systematic
17\%


## Mono versus Stereo Energy Measurements



The HiRes monocular energy is in excellent agreement with stereoscopic measurements !

## $5 \sigma$ Observation of the GZK Suppression (mono)

- Broken Power Law Fits (independent data)
- No Break Point
$\square \chi^{2} /$ DOF $=162 / 39$
- One BP
$\chi^{2} / \mathrm{DOF}=63.0 / 37$
- $\mathrm{BP}=18.63$
- Two BP's
$\square \chi^{2} / \mathrm{DOF}=35.1 / 35$
- 1st BP $=18.65+/-.05$
- 2nd BP = 19.75 +/- . 04
- BP with Extension
- Expect 43.2 events
- Observe 13 events
- Poisson
probability: $\mathrm{P}(15 ; 51.1)=$ $7 \times 10^{-8}(5.3 \sigma)$


## First Observation of the Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin Suppression

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## Stereo spectrum shows 3.8 sigma GZK cutoff in good agreement with mono result



## HiRes and Other Experiments



HiRes, Fly's Eye Stereo, and HiRes/MIA


PAO Experiment

## Composition

- Simulate p, CNO, Fe interactions using:

Hadronic models QGS-Jet, Sybill, etc..
Generate simulated data - Corsika + detector simulator
Assume a mass compostion
Compare simulated data to real data
Xmax distribution, mean and fluctuations
All carry composition information

## How is Xmax defined?

- Generate CORSIKA showers in atmosphere
- Define Xmax numerically or by fitting
- "spline" numerical fit - previously used
- Gaisser-Hillas functional form - fit to simulation and data
- Gaussian-in-age functional form
- We now use Gaussian-in-age(GIA ) for both real and simulated showers


Gaus-in-age fit

## Xmax resolution



Figure 14: Left; $X_{\text {max }}$ resolution in the present analysis. A histogram is fonmed of reconstructed minus generated $X_{\text {max }}$ for all events. Resolution is defined as the width from an untruncated Gaussian fit to the histogram. Right; Resolution as a finntion of log $E$ ).



Figure 17: $X_{\text {maxr }}$ versus energy distribation for the CORSIKA/QGSJETO1 iron MC. No energy range restrictions or acceptance corretions have been applied to the samples. Superimposed (crosses) is the mean value of $X_{\text {mox }}$ in each energy bin, with uncertainty given by $R M S / \sqrt{n}$.
Proton and iron rails are taken from Gaussian-in-age fits to showe library. (See also Figure 2.)


Figure 15: $X_{\text {max }}$ versus enagy distribution for the Hi Res stereo data. No energy range restrictions or acceptance corrections have been applied to the samples. Superimposed (crosses) is the mean value of $X_{\text {max }}$ in each energy bin, with uncertainty given by $R M S / \sqrt{\pi}$. Proton and iron rails are taken from Gaussian-in-age fits to shower library. (See also Figure 2.)

## Data

## Comparison of proton and Fe Xmax distributions, CORSIKA QGSJET-I

 Showers "as detected" by HiRes. Minimal cuts
## Reconstruction vs Acceptance Biases

- After Energy, Rp and zenith angle cuts, no significant reconstruction biases persist.
- Acceptance bias for protons shifts mean Xmax by ~ 10 gm/cm2 shallower in atmosphere. Correct this using Corsika proton MC.




## $\downarrow$ Protons

$\triangleleft \mathrm{Fe}$

Figure 45: Comparison of present $\left\langle X_{\operatorname{mas}}\right\rangle$ data with HiRes-MIA result [19]. Note on interpretation: HiRes-MIA mentions only Gatiser-Hillas in the PRL. If ondeed profiles were fit to GH, direct comparison of the resudts is not possible. See Figure 2.

Comparison with PAO data, without and with acceptance correction



## Is the Width of the Xmax Consistent with protons?

- Proton intrinsic shower fluctuations are larger than for heavy nuclei
- Fe is superposition of sub-showers - intrinsic + detector resolution fluctuations in Xmax $\sim 45 \mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{cm} 2$
- Proton showers intrinsic + detector resolution fluctuations $\sim 70 \mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{cm} 2$


(Xmax-Xmax2/Xmax-av) - data vs MC



## Xmax Resolution

## Xmax fluctuations as function of enery

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Xmax fluctuations are consistent with protons

## Conclusions

- A cut off at the expected energy has now been clearly observed by two experiments in the North and in the South at the 5 sigma level.
- The composition is consistent with a light, mostly protonic flux.
- The cut-off is consistent with the GZK prediction.
- GZK neutrino's need to be found to completely confirm the effect.
- A recent claim of correlation of cosmic ray events just below the GZK cutoff with nearby AGN's, if confirmed, would also require a proton flux.


## Anisotropy

- No significant large scale anisotropies found by HiRes at any energy.
- AGASA claim of clustering is not supported by HiRes data
- However, one AGASA triplet becomes a quartet - significance still not strong.
- Search for correlations with AGN's and BL-Lacs


## HiRes AGN Correlation Study Takehome message:

- Apply PAO cuts - no significant correlation
- Split data in half and search for most significant cuts in $z$, theta, and Emin
- Apply cuts to second half of data - no signigicant correlation
- Use total data set using method proposed by Finley and Westerhoff (penalty for scanning over entire data set taken into account) - no significant correlation


## HiRes with PAO cuts

- PAO has maximum significance for < 3.1 deg., Emin=. 56 EeV , Zmax=. 018
- 8 pairings from 13 events in confirming set.
- Expect 2.7 chance pairings
- PAO chance prob. $=0.0017$
- HiRes with PAO cuts ( $10 \%$ shift)
- 2 pairings from 13 events
- Expect 3.2 chance pairings
- HiRes chace prob. $=.82$

Pao spectrum, $10 \%$ energy shift

## Independent HiRes search

- First data set scan
- Strongest correlation 1.7 deg., 15.8 EeV , zmax $=0.02$. (chance prob $=0.005$ )
- Apply to second data set
- 14 correlations out of 101 events
- Chance probability . 15


## Finley-Westerhoff Method

- Use entire data set
- Estimate penalty for scanning from simulated data sets
- Best correlation at 2.0 deg., 15.8 EeV, zmax=0.016.
- 36 correlated events out of 198
- Chance probability = . 24

HiRes correlation with Veron AGN catalogue in North Black - AGN's
Blue - HiRes data
Red - correlated events (from scan in z, theta and Emin)


## THE TELESCOPE ARRAY ANDITS LOWENERGY EXTENSION (TA/TALE)



US, Japan, Korea, Russia, China Collaboration led by Utah/Rutgers, Univ. of Tokyo, IHEP, INR Moscow and Ewha U.


## TA/TALE Objectives and Motivation

- Hybrid Detector: Combine ground array (AGASA) and Fluorescence (HiRes) technique to resolve the different results from the two techniques
- Ground Array : Plastic scintillator (same as AGASA): Less sensitive to the hadronic interaction model. Trigger efficiency is $100 \%$ above $10^{18.7} \mathrm{eV}$. Standalone energy determination.
- Fluorescence Telescopes: 2 new telescopes and 1 HiRes telescope. 3rd TA-FD station is a $2 / 3$ transfer of HiRes-1. Direct comparison of TA/TALE energy spectrum to HiRes.
- Create the largest cosmic ray detector in the Northern Hemisphere:
- observe the same region of the seen by AGASA and HiRes:
- Autocorrelation @ $>4 \times 10^{19} \mathrm{eV}$.
- AGASA doublets and triplets
- Investigate possible low z AGN correlation seen by AUGER Technique- and site-independent answer to these issues


## TA/TALE Objectives and Motivation

- To assemble an array of detectors with overlapping hybrid and stereo coverage over the widest possible range of energy:
- Include all three features in the UHE cosmic ray energy spectrum:

1. The GZK Suppression $\sim \mathbf{1 0}^{19.8} \mathbf{e V}$
2. The Ankle
$\sim 10^{18.5} \mathrm{eV}$
3. The Second Knee

- Extend stereo fluorescence energy spectrum measurement to below $10^{18} \mathrm{eV}$
+ Extend (to lower energies) fluorescence/hybrid measurements down to $\sim 10^{16.5} \mathrm{eV}$ :
- Stereo and spectrum composition in the $10^{18}-10^{19} \mathrm{eV}$ decade
- Xmax and muon-based composition measurements through galactic/extra-galactic transition region and the second knee with long lever arm


## Telescope Array Experiment

- TA is located just west of the city of Delta, UT
~200 km southwest of Salt Lake City




## Ground Array



[^1]
## 'Ground Array : Plastic Scintillators




E optical fiber $\rightarrow$ wireless LAN
AGASA: $5 \mathrm{~cm} 1,2.2 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \rightarrow$ IA: 1 cm th. $\times 2,3 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$

## 1 km grid

$\rightarrow 1.2 \mathrm{~km}$ grid
analog shaping $\quad+40 \mathrm{~ns} 12$ bit FADC


Arrival Time ( $\mu \mathrm{sec}$ )



HiRes-1 system ( Middle Drum station )
14 refurbished telescopes


## TALE 6km Stereo Detector

- TALE will deploy a 2-ring, 24 mirror detector (using HiRes FADC detectors) on Long Ridge, 6 km from TA-FD1.
- Site separation of $\sim 6 \mathrm{~km}$ : State trust land (SITLA) site available at the location shown (more flexibility in land-use than BLM land)

$10^{4} \mathrm{~F}$
angles of the TALE telescopes
- The TALE Tower FD consists of 15 telescopes in


## Tower FD

 its top three "rings":- 6 (3) at $31-45^{\circ}$
- 5 (3) at $45-59^{\circ}$
- 4 (4) at 59-73
\# in parenthesis shows the number of mirrors in the HiRes tower prototype at the same elevation
- The 6km telescopes also provide 16 telescopes directly below the top three rings compared to only in the HiRes-prototype
- Stereo overlap with TA-FD1 at Long Ridge for direct validation of MC resolutions

Jui, Feb 02, 2009
Top view projection of the viewing solid angles of the

- The increased mirror size will improve substantially the sensitivity of TALE in the $10^{16.5}-10^{17.5} \mathrm{eV}$ energy decade
- Note the gain in sensitivity comes from the improvement in signal.
- The HiRes trigger scheme is not $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{N}$ limited, but limited by having enough signal to reconstruct a reliable shower profile.


## Improved Sensitivity



- Will place 111 additional surface array counters overlapping with main ground array: $4 \mathbf{k m} \times 4 \mathrm{~km}$
- 16 of the counters in the main ground array will form part of the infill array


## Infill Array



## Muon Array

- One of the goals of TALE is to find where the (heavy) Galactic flux gives way to the (light) extra-galactic flux
- An orthogonal composition measurement (in addition to shower profile) will be a valuable addition to TALE
- Measure the e/ $\mu$ ratio.
- Propose a 25 detector array placed in the "inner corner" of the infill array.
- The current plan is to bury the counters under 3 m of packed soil
- Negotiations under way with BLM to collaborate as part of a land-reclamation experiment Jui, Feb 02, 2009

TALE Infill Array


This $2.5 \mathrm{~km} \times 2.5 \mathrm{~km}$ graded array is designed to work at $10^{16.5}-10^{18} \mathrm{eV} 51$

## Summary

- TA/TALE will bring together four different detector systems with overlapping energy ranges to give continuous coverage from $10^{16.5} \mathrm{eV}$ to the highest energies.
- The cost will be shared between U.S., Japan, South Korea, and Russia.
- TA/TALE will be able to study all three spectral features in the UHE regime and measure the composition in each energy range.
- In the energy region of the Second Knee where we suspect Galactic/Extragalactic transition to occur, we will have two orthogonal composition



## Thank you!



## TA Specifications

- Surface Array:
- time-averaged aperture $\sim 8 \times$ AGASA, $\sim 1.4 \times$ HiRes.
$-\sim 1^{\circ}$ angular resolution: $\sim 40 \%$ better than AGASA
- Fluorescence detector:
- Time averaged aperture $\sim 4 \times$ AGASA, $\sim 2 / 3 \times$ HiRes
$-\sim 0.6^{\circ}$ angular resolution: equivalent to HiRes
- Combined total aperture: $\sim 2 \times$ HiRes, $\sim 10 \times$ AGASA

|  | Time-Averaged <br> Aperture at <br> $10^{20} \mathrm{eV}\left(\mathrm{km}^{2} \mathrm{sr}\right)$ | Angular <br> Resolution |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| HiRes | 1000 | $0.6^{\circ}$ |
| AGASA | 160 | $1.6^{\circ}$ |
| TA Ground Array | 1300 | $1.0^{\circ}$ |
| TA Fluorescence | 670 | $0.6^{\circ}$ |
| Jut, TeAOMgbrid | 130 | $0.4^{\circ}$ |

Air Fluorescence wavelength dependence


## Data/MC Comparison - Stereo

$x^{2}-124$ 群a and Proton Monte Carlo (Points)

$x^{3}=48 / 5 \circ$ ata and Proton Monte Carlo (Points)

$x^{3}={ }^{101}$ Qata and Proton Monte Carlo (Points)



$x^{3}$ - ${ }^{31 / \text { Dabta and Proton Monte Carlo (Points) }}$

$x^{2}=19 / 47$ ata and Proton Wonte Carlo (Points)

$x^{3}=88 /{ }^{86}$ ªta and Proton Monte Carlo (Points)


## Excellent agreement between Simulation and observables

## Stereo aperture - total and geometrically constrained (fully Efficient).




Minimum energy for stereo is logE 18.2



Figure 9: Same as previous plot, with HiRes stereo data (passing all cuts except those on energy and $R P_{2}$ ) superimposed as a red box plot.


Figure 13: Same as previous plot, with HiRes stereo data (passing all cuts except those on energy and zenith angle) superimposed as a red box plot.


Figure 18: Left; Profile plot showing the mean value of $X_{\text {max }}$ (reconstructed) versus $X_{\text {maxr }}$ (generated) for proton MC events, as a function of energy. Right; Similar plot for iron.

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Figure 19: Left; Overlay of $\left\langle X_{\text {maxr }}\right\rangle$ reconstruction bias (Figure 18 , blue) with the net shift in $\left\langle X_{\text {max }}\right\rangle$ from the proton rail (black) and the net shift minus the reconstruction bias (red). Right; Similar plot for iron.


Figure 21: $\left\langle X_{\text {man }}\right\rangle$ for HiRes stereo data, superimposed on QGSJET01 protons and iron, along with rails. Data is not corrected for acceptance biases, but energy cuts have been applied.


Figure 36: The acceptance bias in $\left\langle X_{\text {max }}\right\rangle$ for proton Monte Carlo (see also Figure 19). Also shown is a smooth curve fit to the points. This data and curve are used to perform a bin-by-bin correction to the $\left\langle X_{\operatorname{man}}\right\rangle$ data of Figure 37.


Figure 39: Bias-corrected $<X_{\max }>$ in HiRes stereo data, after energy cuts. The $X^{2}$ shown is not the result of a fit, but of a direct comparison with the QGSJET01 proton rail for the Gaussian-in-age parametrization.

## Acceptance corrected data compared to input QGSJET p and Fe

QGSJETO1 Rails, HiRes and PAO



Figure 42: Comparison of present $\left\langle X_{\text {man }}\right\rangle$ points with previous HiRes result [8].


Figure 43: Comparison of present $\left\langle X_{\text {maz }}\right\rangle$ data with $Y$. Fedorova analysis [18]

Comparison with previously published HiRes data and Y. Fedorova analysis using G-H fits















Good Agreement with proton fluctuations independent of fitting function

# Comparison of predicted elongation rates using different Xmax definitions 



Figure 2: Evolution of the mean $X_{\text {max }}$ for a set of CORSIKA [4] (QGSJETO1 high-energy hadronic model) simulated proton (upper rail) and iron (lower rail) showers, under four different $X_{\text {maxr }}$ definitions. Red - "spline" fit to extract peak of longitudinal distribution. Blue - fit to Gaisser-Hillas function [5] with $X_{0}$ and $\Lambda$ fixed. Green - Gaisser-Hillas fit, all parameters floating. Black - Gaussian-in-age fit.

--> high ZA obs!
ASCA
0.7-10
keV
Slane 2001

## RX J1713 - H.E.S.S \& ASCA





## Galactic and ExtraGalactic I

The Galactic CR spectrum ends in the energy range $10^{17} \mathrm{eV}, 10^{18} \mathrm{eV}$.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Knee appears naturally in the extragalactic proton spectrum as the steepening energy corresponding to the transition from adiabatic energy losses to pair production energy losses. This energy is universal for all propagation modes (rectilinear or diffusive): $\mathrm{E}_{2 \mathrm{~K}} \approx 10^{18} \mathrm{eV}$.


Stereo Spectrum


Significance of GZK cutoff is 3.8 sigma in stereo Data.


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    The High Resolution Fly's Eye (HiRes) experiment has observed the Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin suppression (called the GZK cutoff) with a statistical significance of five standard deviations. HiRes' measurement of the flux of ultrahigh energy (UHE) cosmic rays shows a sharp suppression at an energy of $6 \times 10^{19} \mathrm{eV}$, consistent with the expected cutoff energy. We observe the "ankle" of the cosmic-ray energy spectrum as well, at an energy of $4 \times 10^{18} \mathrm{eV}$. We describe the experiment, data collection, analysis, and estimate the systematic uncertainties. The results are presented and the calculation of the statistical significance of our observation is described.

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