

[10-01] Construction of Telescope Array Ultra High Energy Cosmic Ray Experiment

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A ground-based ultra high energy cosmic ray experiment, named Telescope Array (TA), has been constructed in Millard county, Utah, USA by an international collaboration of Japan, Korea, and USA. It is designed to observe cosmic rays of energy above $10^{18.5}$ eV upto $10^{20.5}$ eV. The TA includes 512 plastic scintillator detectors of 3 m² surface area, each spaced by 1.2 km, which cover 800 km², and three atmospheric fluorescence telescopes at 1,400 m above sea level. The entire construction will be completed by the end of this year. We report the status of the construction, testing, and data management plan.

[10-02] Silicon Charge Detector for the CREAM Experiment

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By measuring the charge and energy of incident particles, CREAM (Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass) experiment is aimed to investigate the acceleration and propagation mechanism of high energy cosmic rays up to 10¹⁵ eV where the characteristic kink, referred as "knee", appeared in the all particle spectrum. Silicon charge detector is designed to provide the charge information of charged particles from proton to iron for the CREAM experiment. As a part of balloon payload, it is designed to function in a relatively wide temperature variation with an atmospheric pressure near 5 Torr. To avoid the charge miss-identification by the backscattered secondary particles produced in the calorimeter located below the SCD, it is comprised of finely segmented silicon pixel sensors covering ~ 0.62 cm² without dead area. The design, construction, tests of the silicon charge detector will be presented as well as the preliminary results from the previous CREAM flights and preparation for the next flight.