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Fluorescence Detection of Cosmic Ray Air Showers Between $10^{16.5}$ eV and $10^{18.5}$ eV with the Telescope Array Low Energy Extension (TALE)

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Abstract:

The TA Collaboration has completed construction of a low-energy extension to its Middle Drum telescope station. Ten new telescopes were added observing 31-59 degrees in elevation above the original telescopes. A graded array of scintillators with spacing 400-600-1200m is being installed in the space in front of the telescope station. With these upgrades, the physics threshold will be lowered below $10^{16.5}$ eV. The TA Low Energy Extension (TALE) will explore the regime corresponding to the LHC center-of-mass energy. This is also where the transition from galactic to extra-galactic cosmic ray flux is suspected to occur. A brief overview of the physics will be presented as well as a report on the progress toward measuring the cosmic ray spectrum between $10^{16.5}$ eV and $10^{18.5}$ eV.

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