## CHAOS IN COSMIC-RAY AIR SHOWERS: A FRACTAL WAVE MODEL

- S. Ohara (1), T. Konishi (2), Y.Kato (2), M.Chikawa (2), K.Tsuji (2), N.Ochi (3), T.Wada (3), I.Yamamoto (4), N.Takahashi (5), T.Kitamura (2) and W.Unno (2)
- (1) Nara University of Industry, Nara 636-8503 Japan, (2) Kinki University, Osaka 577-8502 Japan, (3) Okayama University, Okayama 700-8530 Japan, (4) Okayama University of Science, Okayama 700-0005 Japan, (5) Hirosaki University, Hirosaki 036-8561 Japan.

ohara@nara-su.ac.jp/Fax: +81-745-72-0822

Continuous observations of cosmic ray air showers with average primary energy of  $3 \times 10^{14} \mathrm{eV}$  have been made in five different stations in Japan since five years ago. The time sequence of air shower arrival time intervals (ASATIs) containing several hundreds events during about 10 hours were analysed for finding some fractal dimension as the chaos signature. Nearly 100 candidates of the chaotic ASATIs were found and around each of them the time variation of the chaotic feature had a quasi periodic behaviour. This results are explained by the periodic observation, with the rotation of the earth, of the chaotic cosmic rays that have fractal wave structure arriving from the Galactic plane.