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**Measurement of Relative Abundances of Ultra-Heavy Cosmic Rays with CALET on the ISS<sup>1</sup>** BRIAN RAUCH, Department of Physics and McDonnell Center for the Space Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, FOR THE CALET COLLABORATION — The CALorimetric Electron Telescope (CALET) is a Japanese-Italian-US astroparticle observatory that was launched from the Tanegashima Space Center on the H-IIB Launch Vehicle No.5 (H-IIB F5) aboard the KOUNOTORI5 (HTV5 cargo transfer vehicle) to the International Space Station (ISS) on August 19, 2015. The HTV5 arrived at the ISS on August 24, and CALET was installed on port 9 of the Japanese Experiment Module “Kibo” Exposed Facility (JEM-EF), where CALET underwent the planned turn on and checkout procedures. CALET has completed its commissioning phase and its main calorimeter (CAL) is observing the highest energy cosmic electrons from 1 GeV to 20 TeV, along with cosmic ray nuclei through iron up to 1,000 TeV and gamma-rays above 10 GeV. In a five-year mission CALET will also have the exposure to measure the relative abundances of the ultra-heavy (UH) cosmic rays with  $\sim 4\times$  the statistics of the TIGER instrument for the full CAL acceptance. Rigidity cutoffs based on the earth’s geomagnetic field in the  $51.6^\circ$  inclination ISS orbit can provide an energy independent UH measurement with expanded acceptance with  $\sim 10\times$  the TIGER statistics. An overview of the anticipated performance and preliminary CALET UH analysis data will be presented.

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