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The origin of cosmic rays has been one of the motivating questions of the astrophysics field for over a century, an open and exciting topic since then. To help answer this question, the Pierre Auger Observatory investigates the anisotropies of the ultra-high-energy cosmic rays (UHECRs) —with energies above \sim 32 PeV —at small, intermediate, and large angular scales. The Observatory has been collecting data for over 19 years, reaching more than 135 000 km² yr sr of accumulated exposure, with the surface detectors spread over 3000 km². So far, the most significant discovery is a large-scale dipole structure with a total amplitude of approximately 7%. This results from the observed modulation in right ascension in the inclusive energy bin above 8 EeV, where the computed dipole equatorial component has a statistical significance of over 5 σ . In this contribution, we present the latest updates on anisotropy searches. In addition to the limits on modulation in right ascension constrained from \sim 32 PeV to \geq 32 EeV, the results outlined in this presentation include catalog-based and overdensity searches, with a reported excess around the Centaurus region. Finally, we discuss the prospects of anisotropy searches in light of mass-composition information of Phase II of the Pierre Auger Observatory, AugerPrime.

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