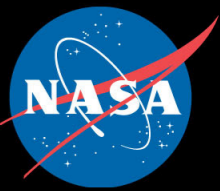




**Joint Experiment Missions for the  
Extreme Universe Space Observatory**

# **POEMMA: The PrObe of Extreme Multi-Messenger Astrophysics**

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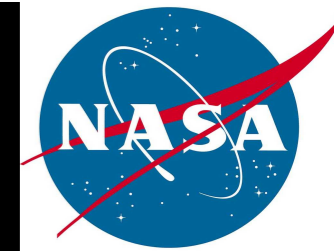
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# NASA Probe Studies for 2020 Decadal Survey



- NASA funding 10 Probe Class (below 1B\$) Mission (18 mos) Studies in Preparation for the 2020 Decadal Survey
- PI responsible for the final report (due NLT Dec 2018)
- NASA will submit these studies to the Decadal Survey
- Decadal Survey Committee will have the option to prioritize any of these mission concepts, or recommend a competed line of Probes (similar to Explorers)
- Selection based on Science Merit (cost, schedule)

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Danchi, W.	GSFC	Cosmic Evolution through UV spectroscopy	IDC/PCOS-COR
Glenn, J.	Univ. of Colorado	Galaxy Evolution Probe	TeamX/ExEP
Hanany, S.	Univ. of Minnesota	Inflation Probe Mission Concept Study	TeamX/ExEP
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**POEMMA**

# Astroparticle Physics Questions:

What are the sources of the **Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECRs)**?

Measure Spectrum, Composition, Anisotropies  $E > 10^{19}$  eV = 10 EeV

What are the sources of **Astrophysical Neutrinos**?

Multi-Messenger coincidence gamma-ray, gravitational waves, and neutrinos  
with  $E > 10^{16}$  eV = 10 PeV

What is the physics and astrophysics at energies  $\gg$  “ground-based” accelerators?

Are there Extra-Dimensions, Supermassive Dark Matter, Topological Defects?

Astro2020 Science White Paper

Astrophysics Uniquely Enabled  
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Cosmic Neutrinos

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What is the Nature and Origin  
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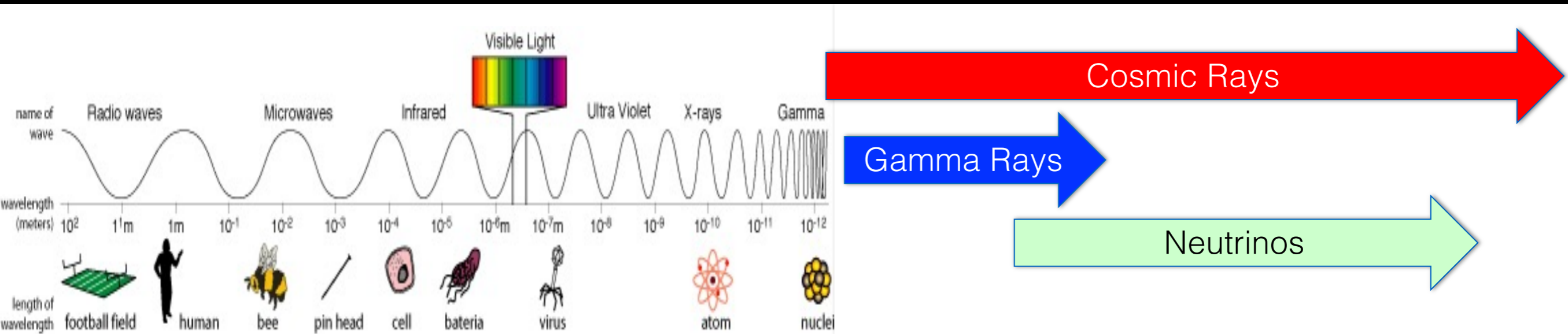
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# Cosmic Particles

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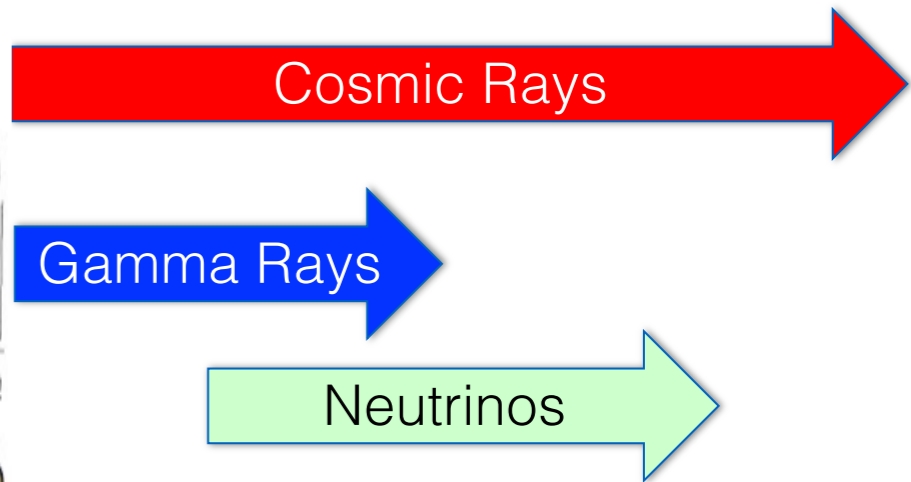
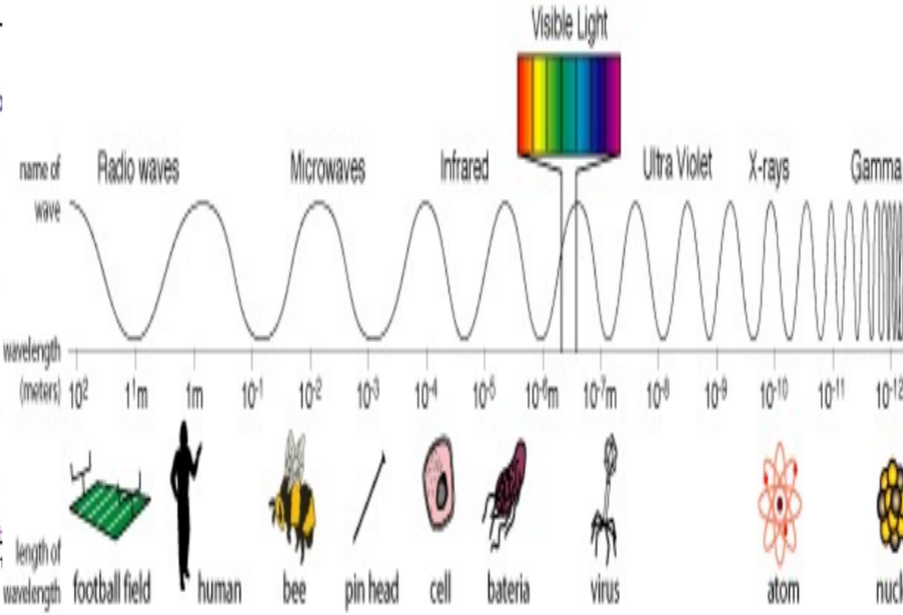
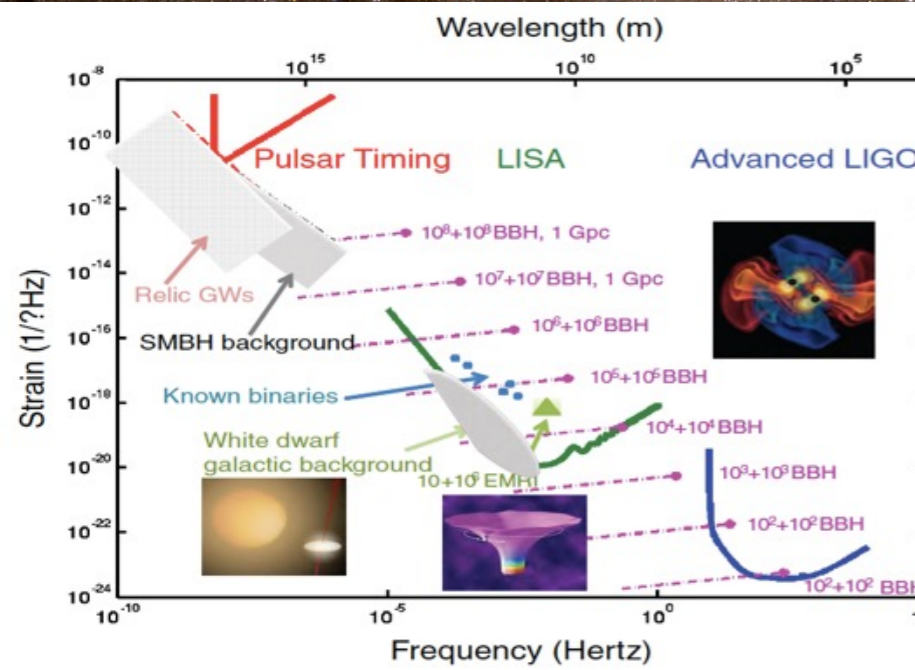
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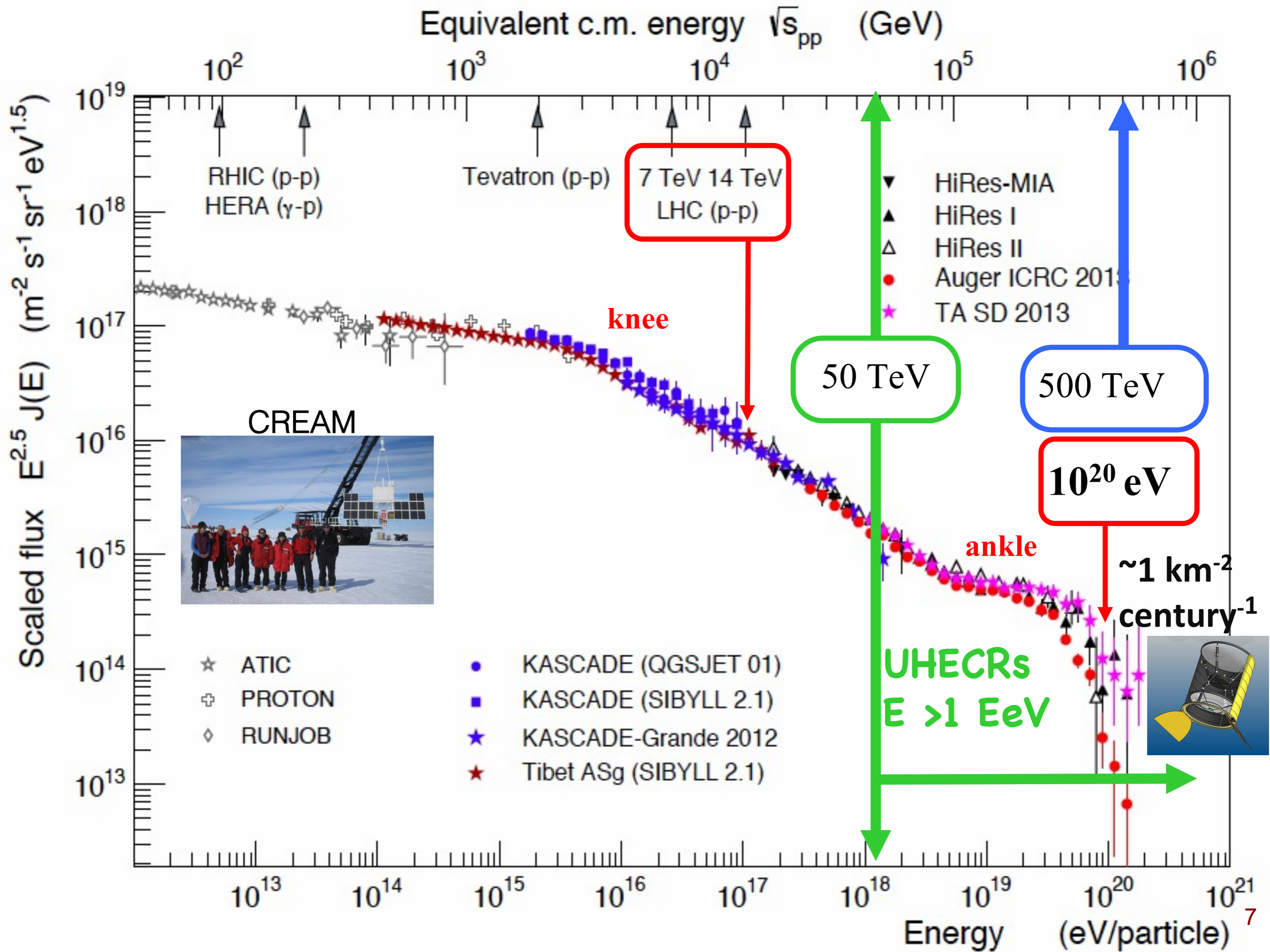


# MULTI-MESSENGERS



~ TRIPLE THE ENERGY RANGE FOR ASTROPHYSICS : 40 ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE

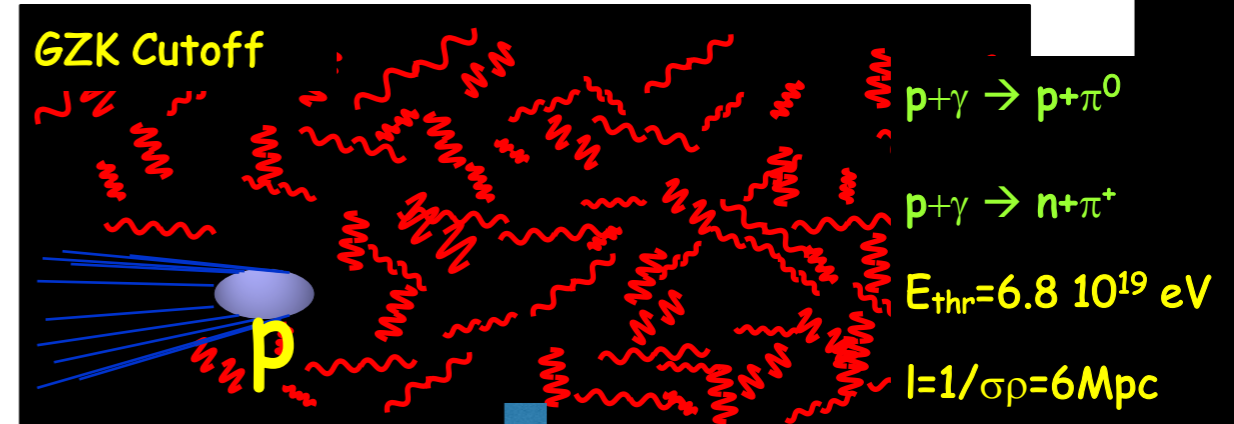




Protons of  $6 \times 10^{18}$  eV



NOT POSSIBLE TO TRACK BACK THE SOURCES

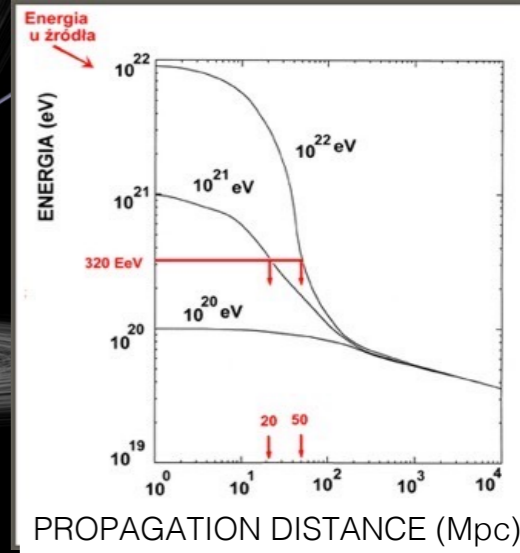
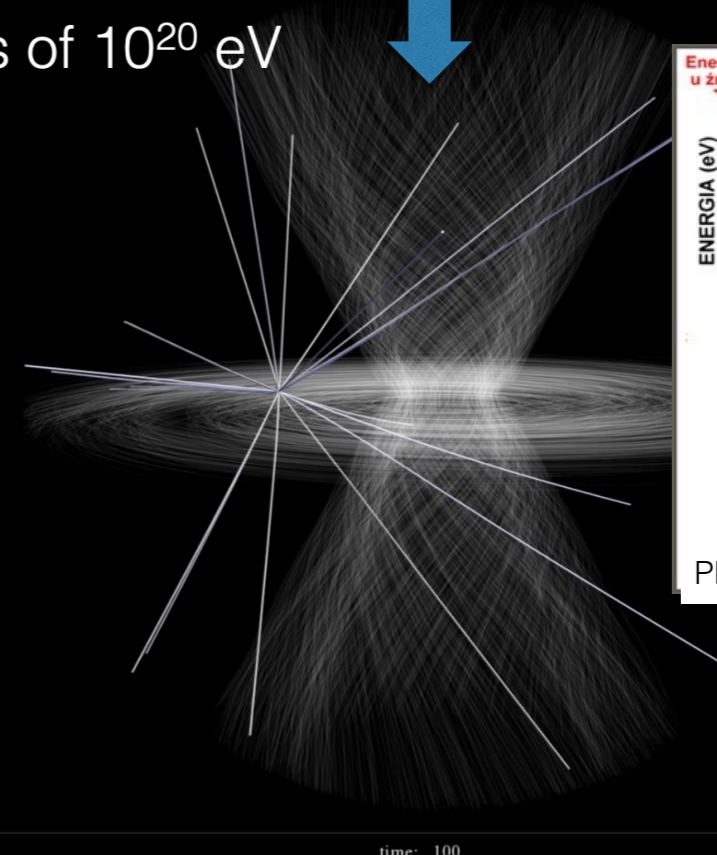


(G. Farrar & J. Sandstrom, NASA)

POSSIBLE TO TRACK BACK THE SOURCES



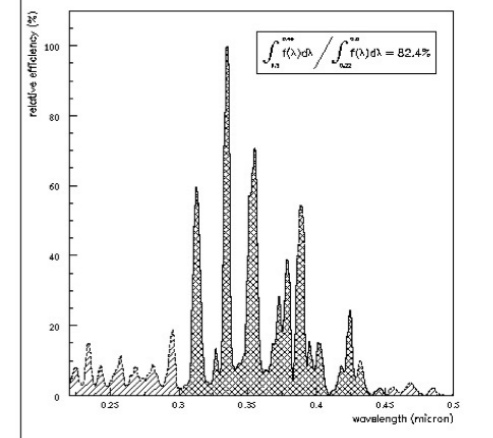
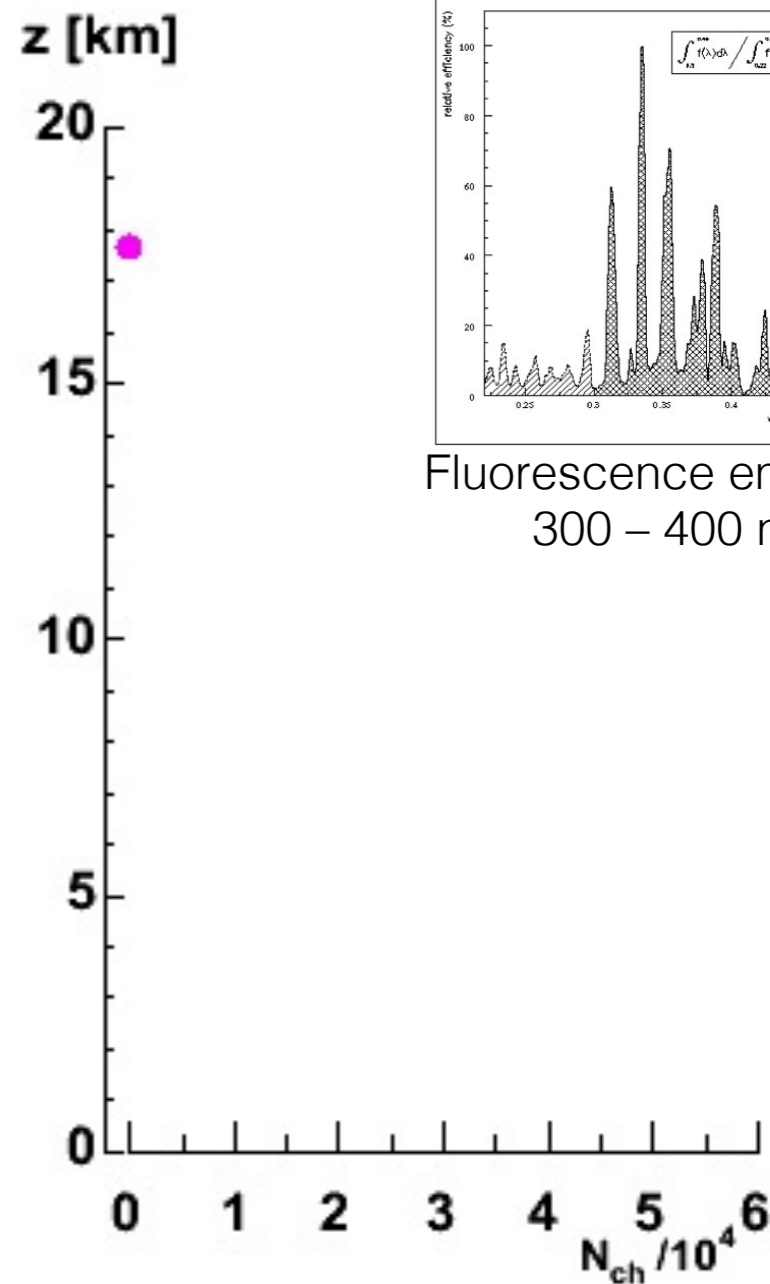
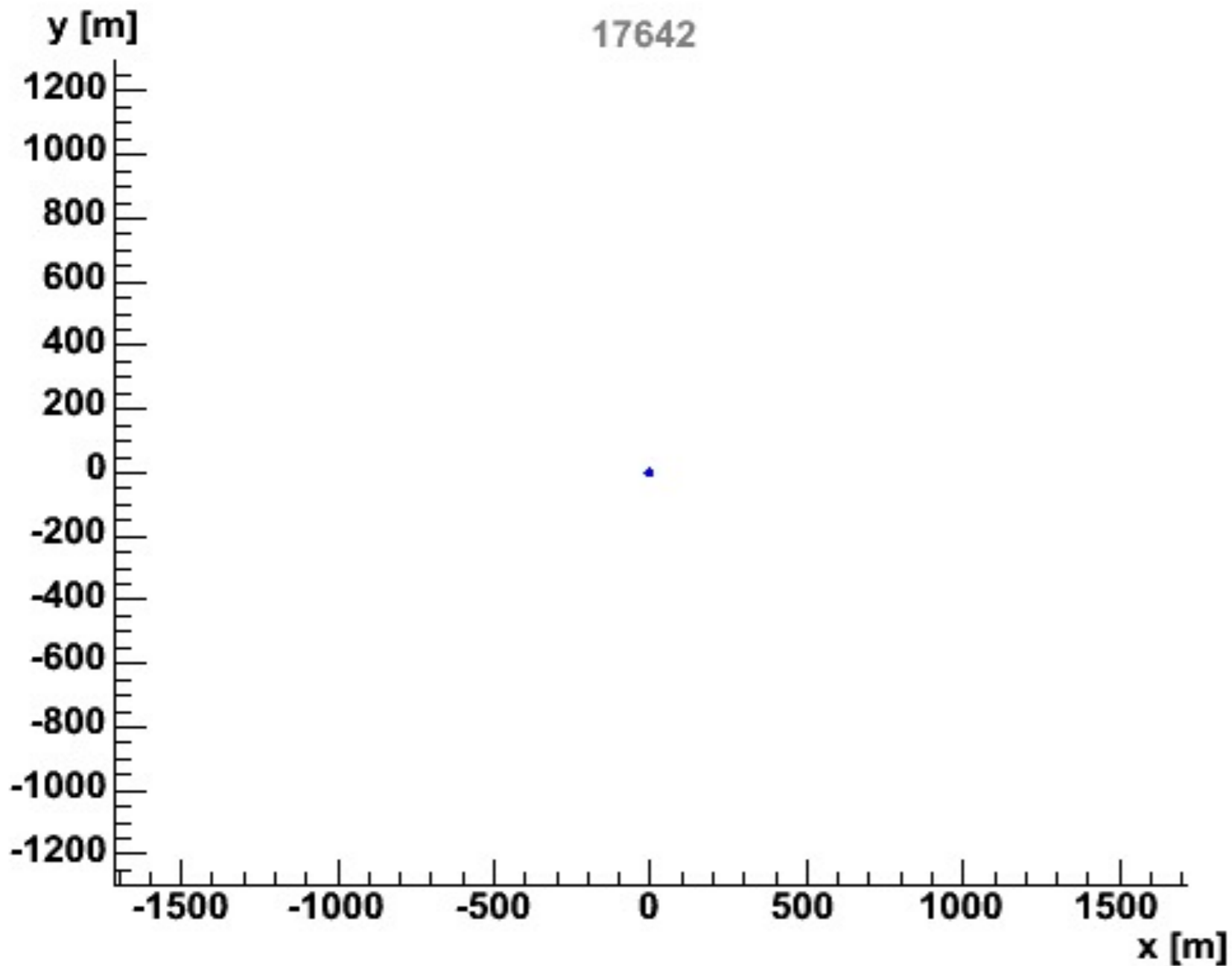
Protons of  $10^{20}$  eV



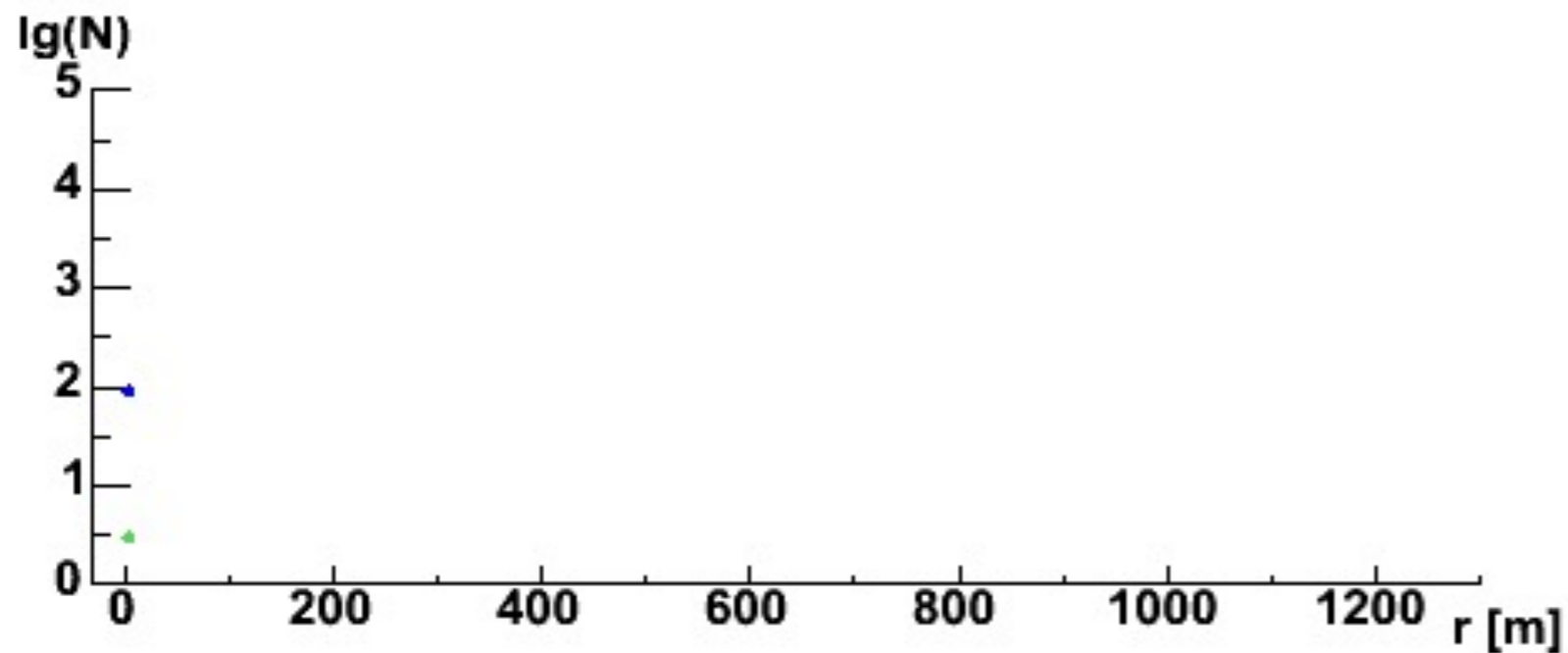
Cosmic rays with energy  $E > 7 \cdot 10^{19}$  eV must have their sources within 50Mpc



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Fluorescence emission  
300 – 400 nm



**Proton  $10^{14}$  eV**

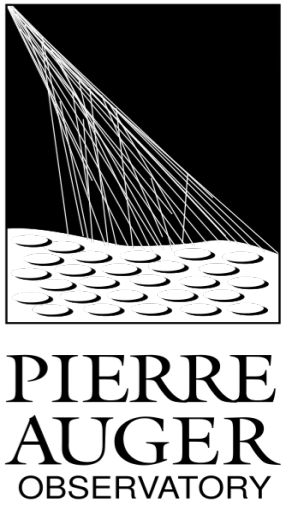
$h^{1st} = 17642$  m

**hadrons**      muons

**neutrons**    **electrs**



# Leading Observatories of Ultrahigh Energy Cosmic Rays



## Telescope Array

Utah, US

(5 country collaboration)

700 km<sup>2</sup> array

3 fluorescence telescopes



## Pierre Auger Observatory

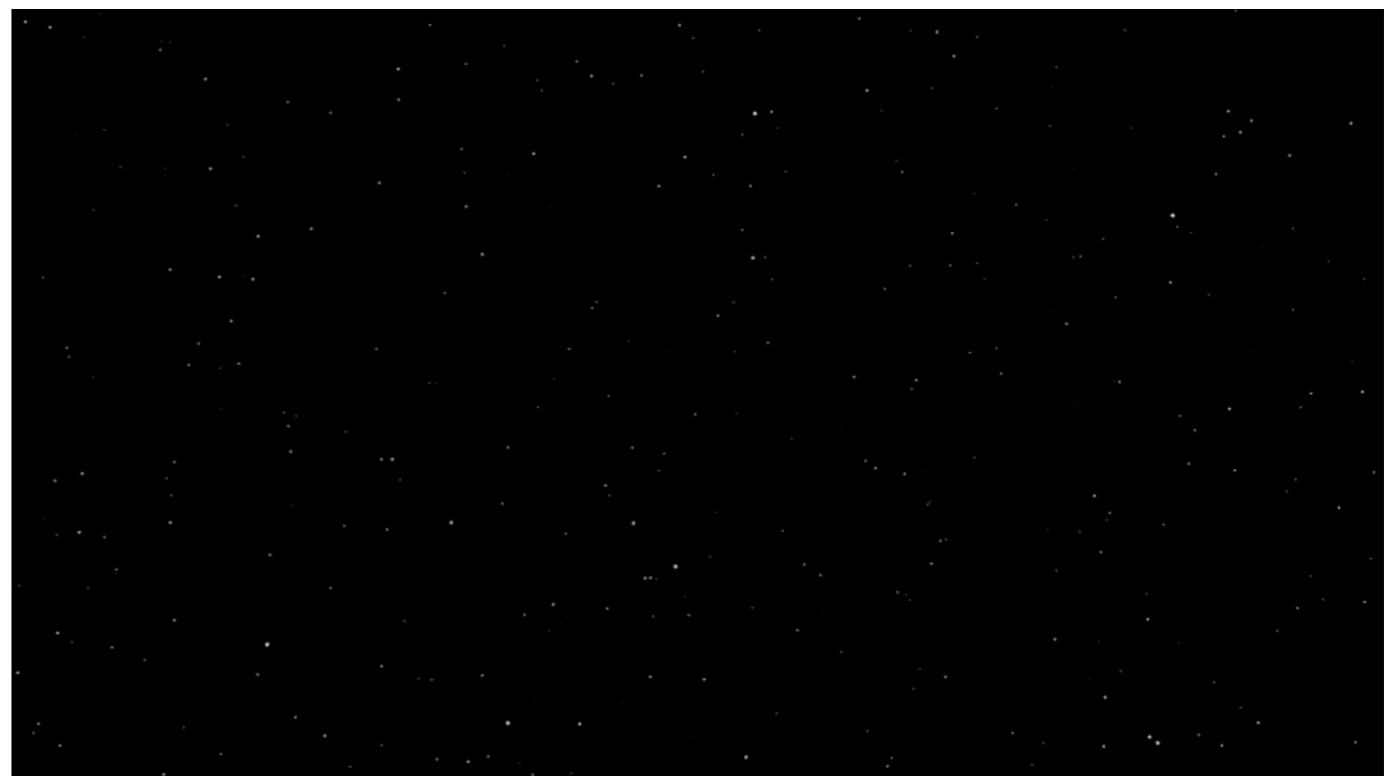
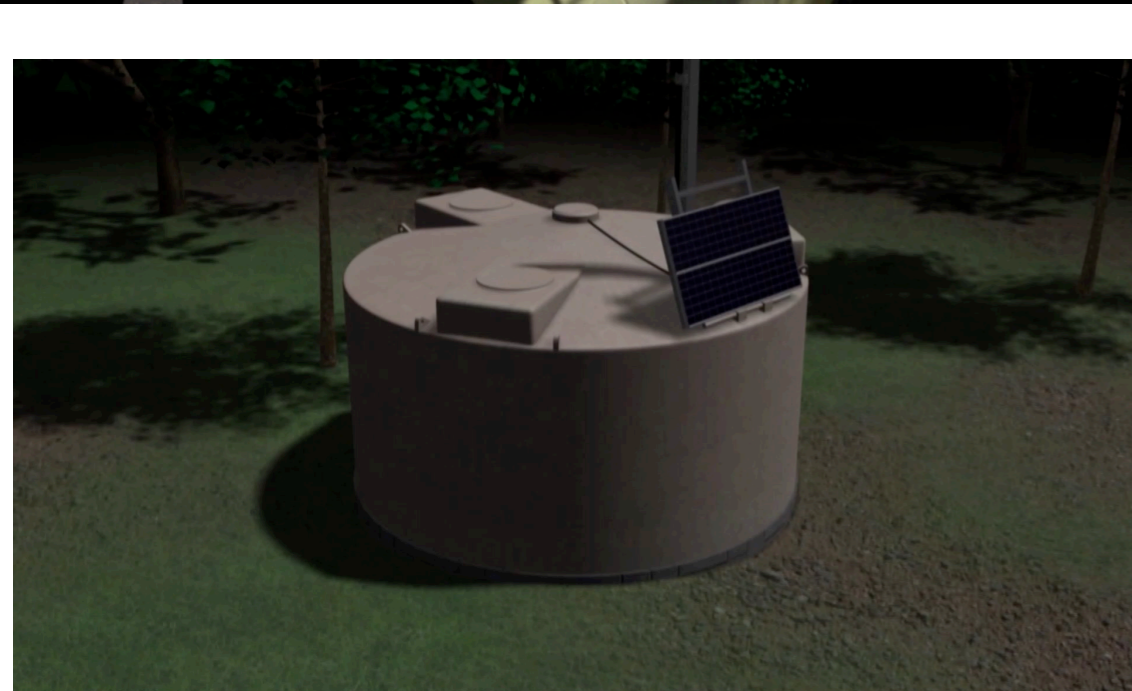
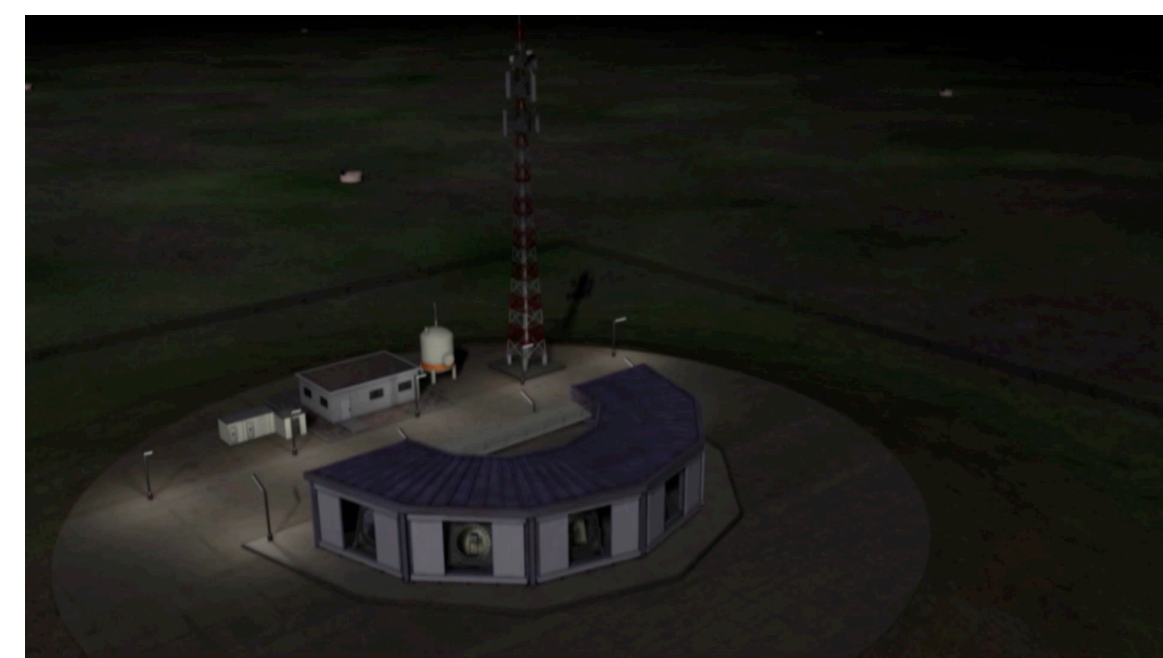
Mendoza, Argentina

(19 country collaboration)

3,000 km<sup>2</sup> array

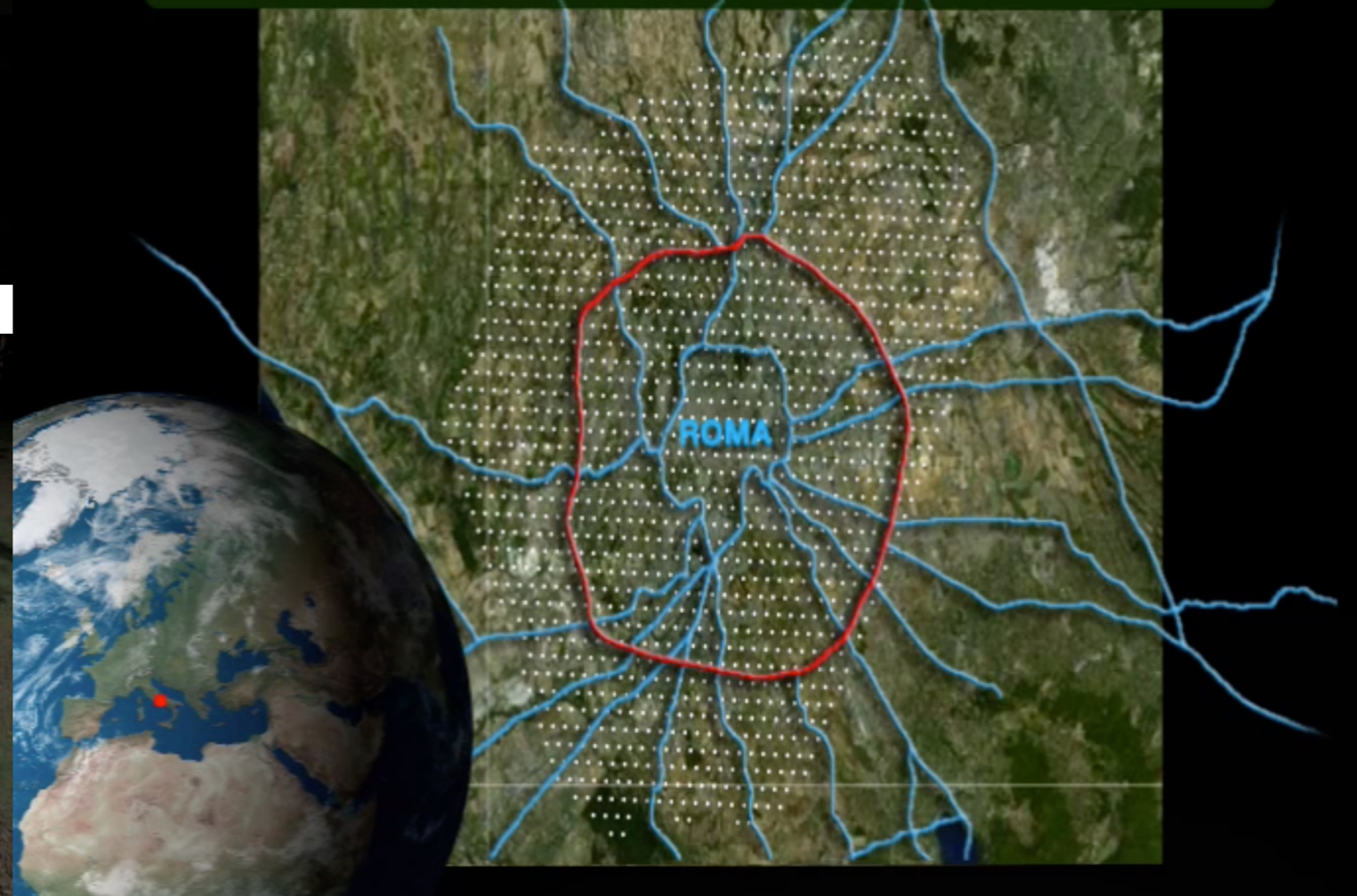
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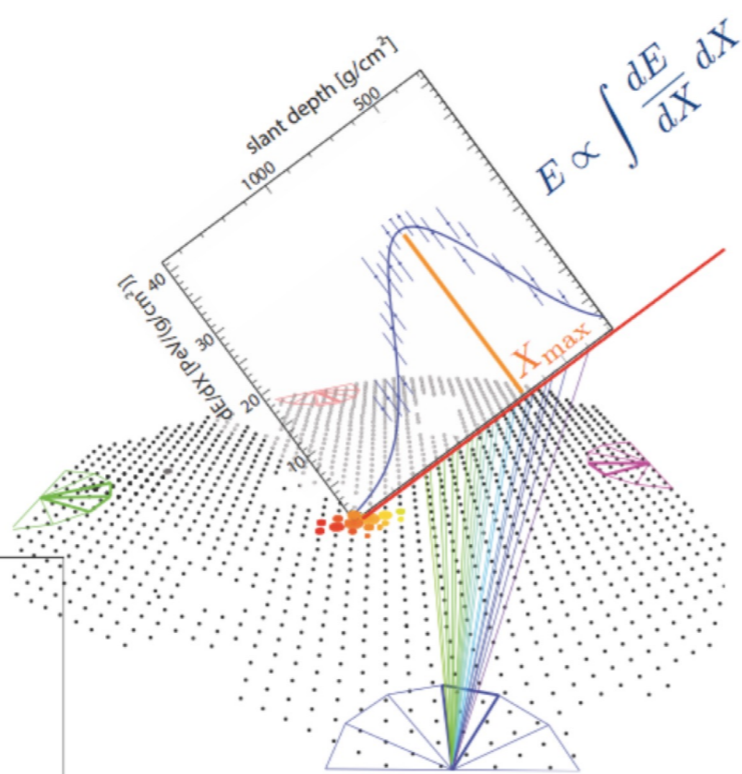
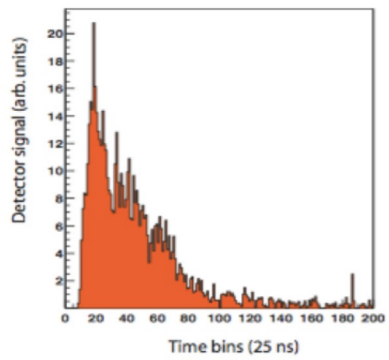




Per dare un'idea delle sue dimensioni possiamo sovrapporlo alla città di Roma

*To give an idea of its dimensions, it is more or less the size of Rome.*



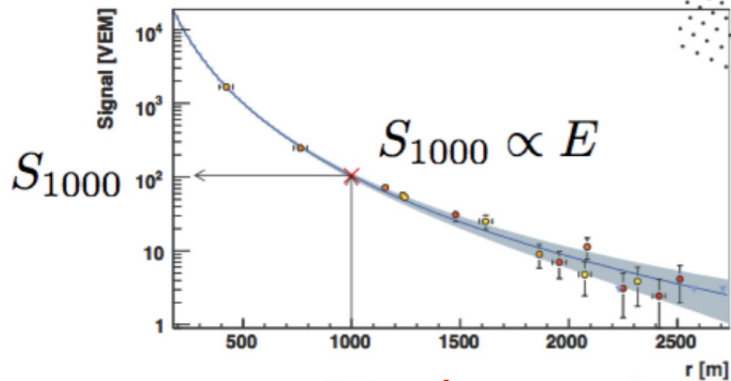


FD: calorimetric energy measurement  
(13% duty cycle)

$$E_{Cal} = \int_0^{\infty} dX \frac{dE}{dX}$$

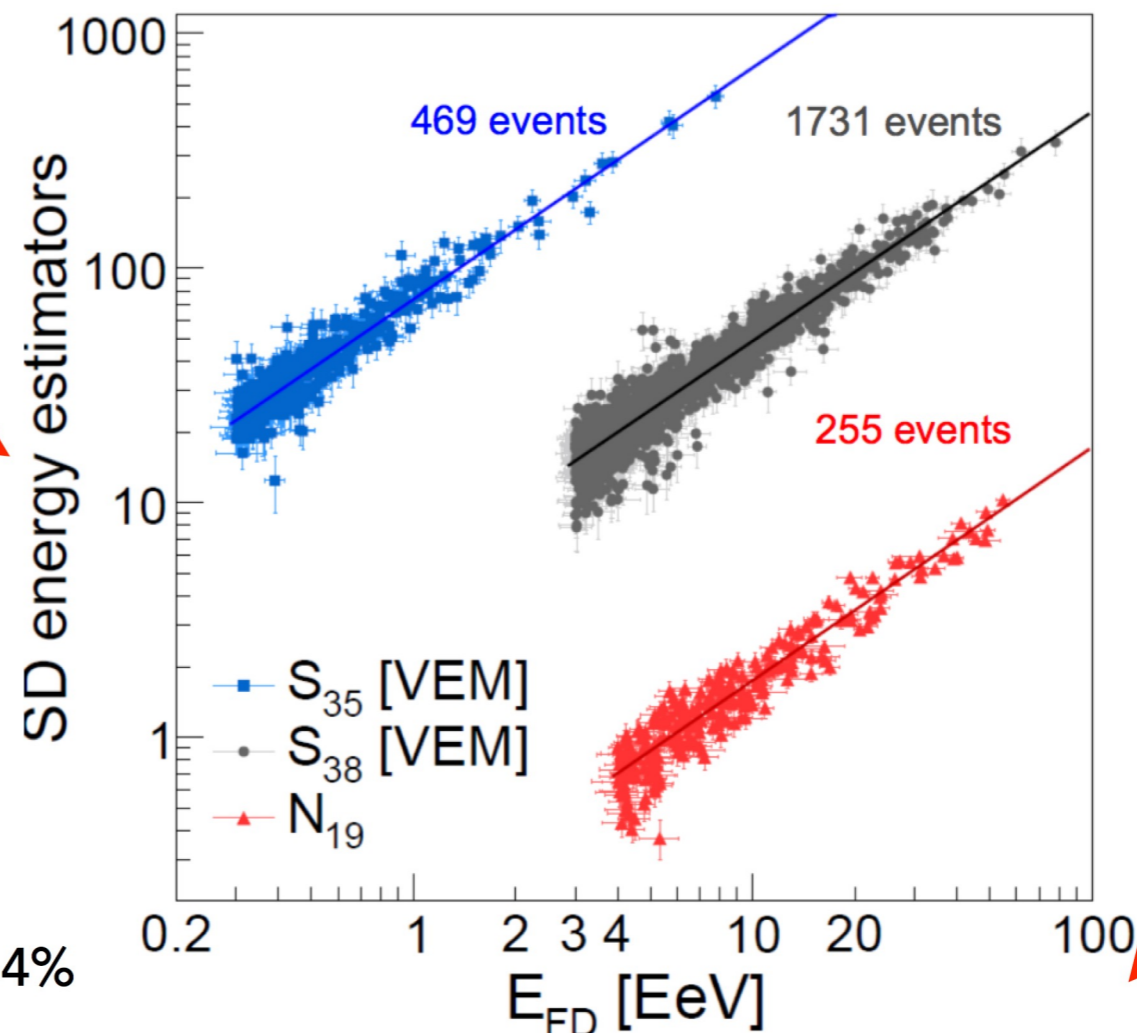
$$E_{Tot} = E_{Cal} + \underbrace{E_{Inv}}_{\uparrow}$$

(evaluated from data, as  $E_{Inv} \propto N_{\mu}$ )



SD: shower size at ground as  
energy estimator.

Hybrid events: absolute  
calibration of the full SD sample

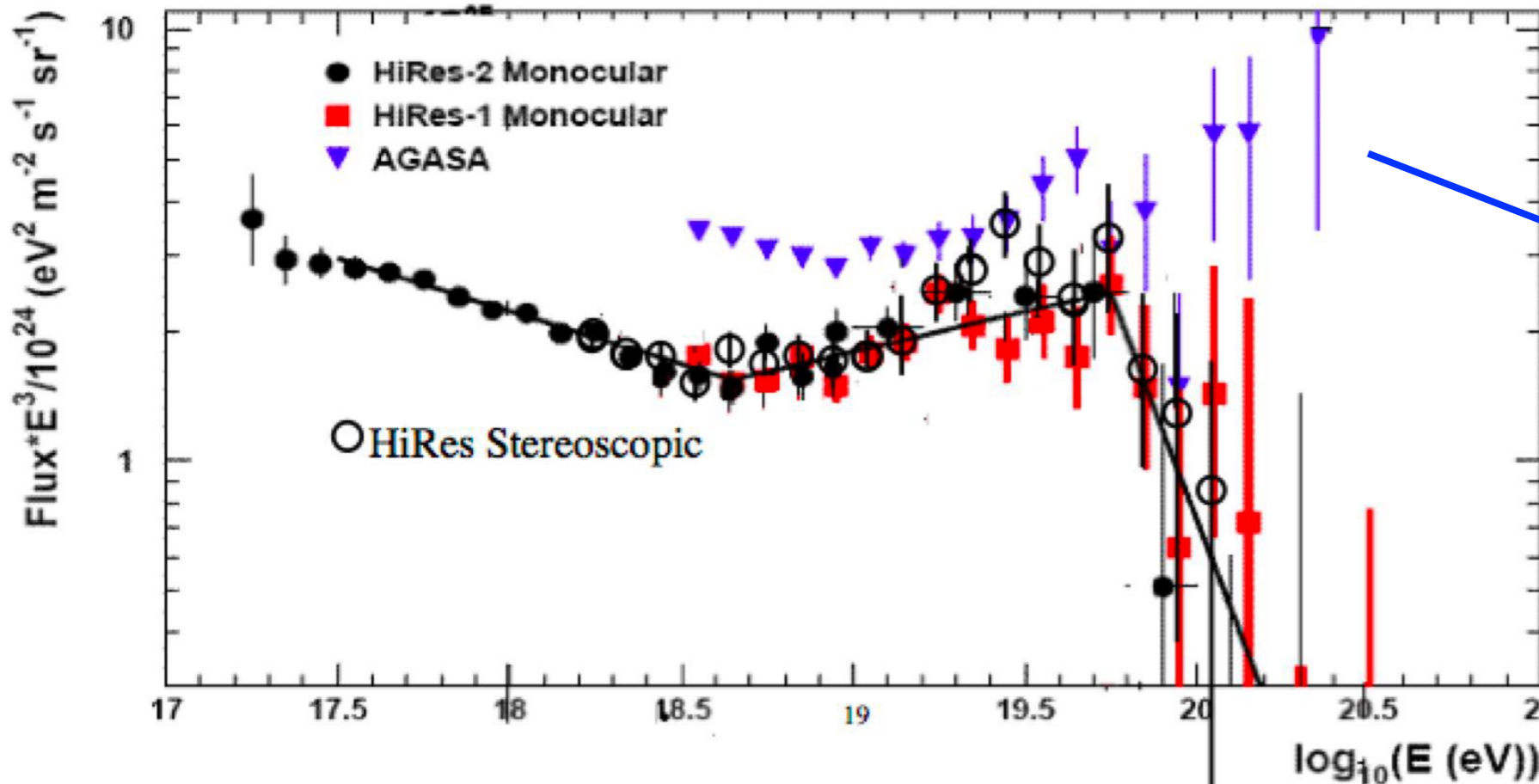


In the Pierre Auger Observatory:  
Energy resolution: 15% for vertical events  
Energy systematic uncertainty: FD energy scale 14%

# THE IMPORTANCE OF AN HYBRID DETECTOR

Experimental situation in early 2000s

## AGASA: continuing spectrum

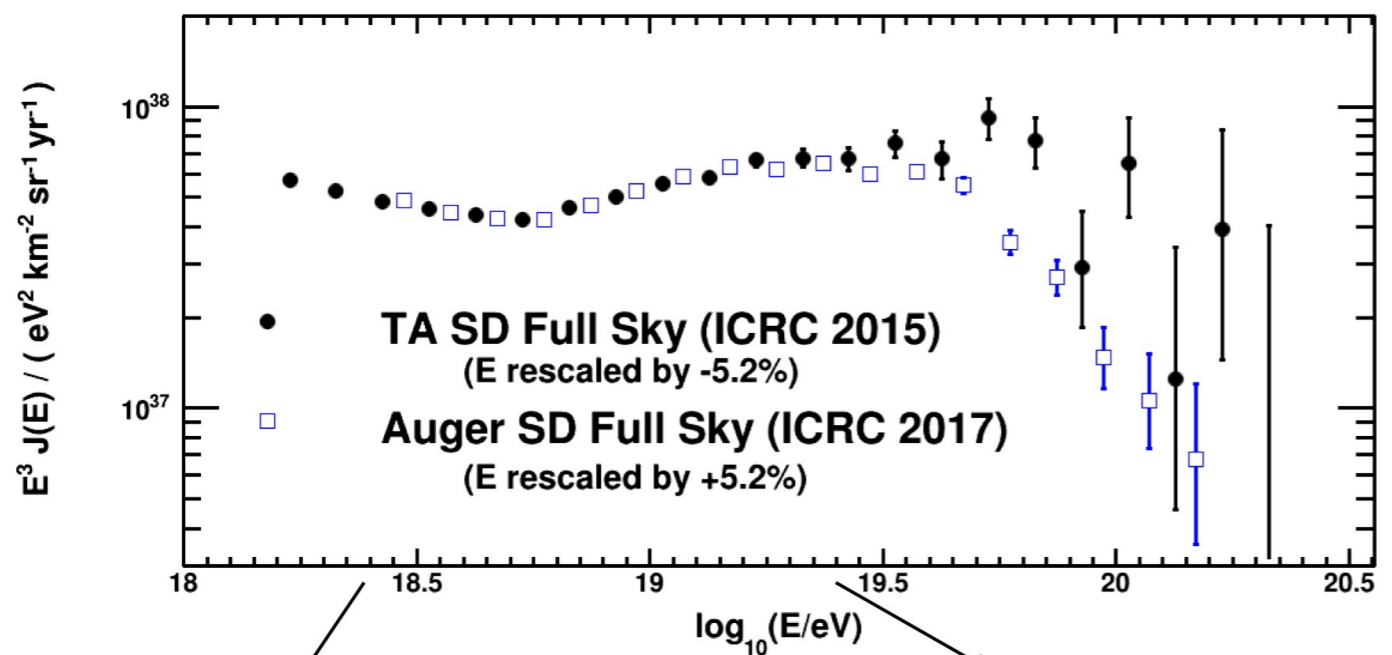


Many hypotheses have been offered, suggesting UHE CRs are due to:

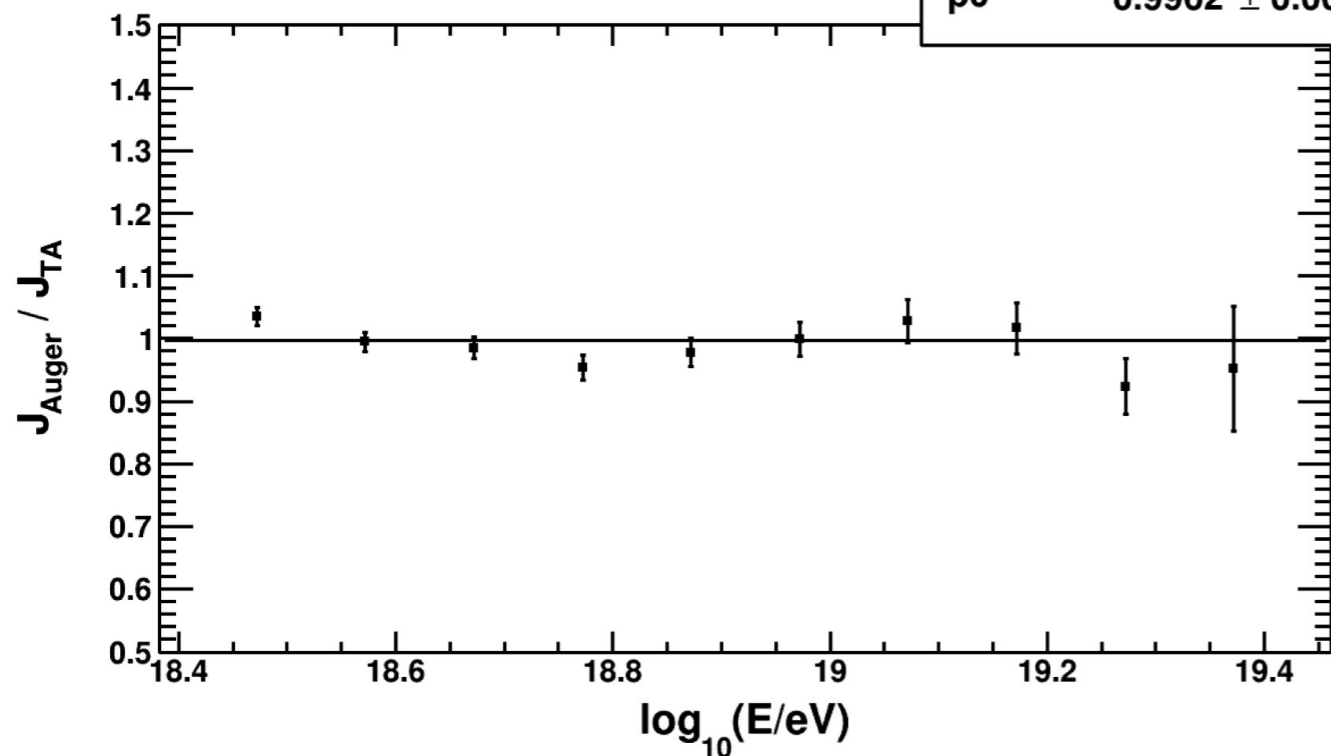
- Bottom-up models: some variant of the same mechanism valid for lower energies
- Top-down models: created at UHE - due to decay of a very heavy parent particle (GUT or supersymmetry models), or perhaps due to topological defects in the Universe
- Neutrino interactions in intergalactic space
- Exotic astrophysics: AGNs, jets, GRBs - little is known about gamma ray bursters or UHE CRs, so maybe there is a connection!
- Magnetic field models: maybe intergalactic space has a larger magnetic field than expected, so charged particles do not point back to sources even at UHE
- Violation of Lorentz invariance - would solve the GZK puzzle

HiRes: GZK suppression @  $5\sigma$  level

# Rescale Auger and TA energies



$p_0 \quad 0.9962 \pm 0.006947$

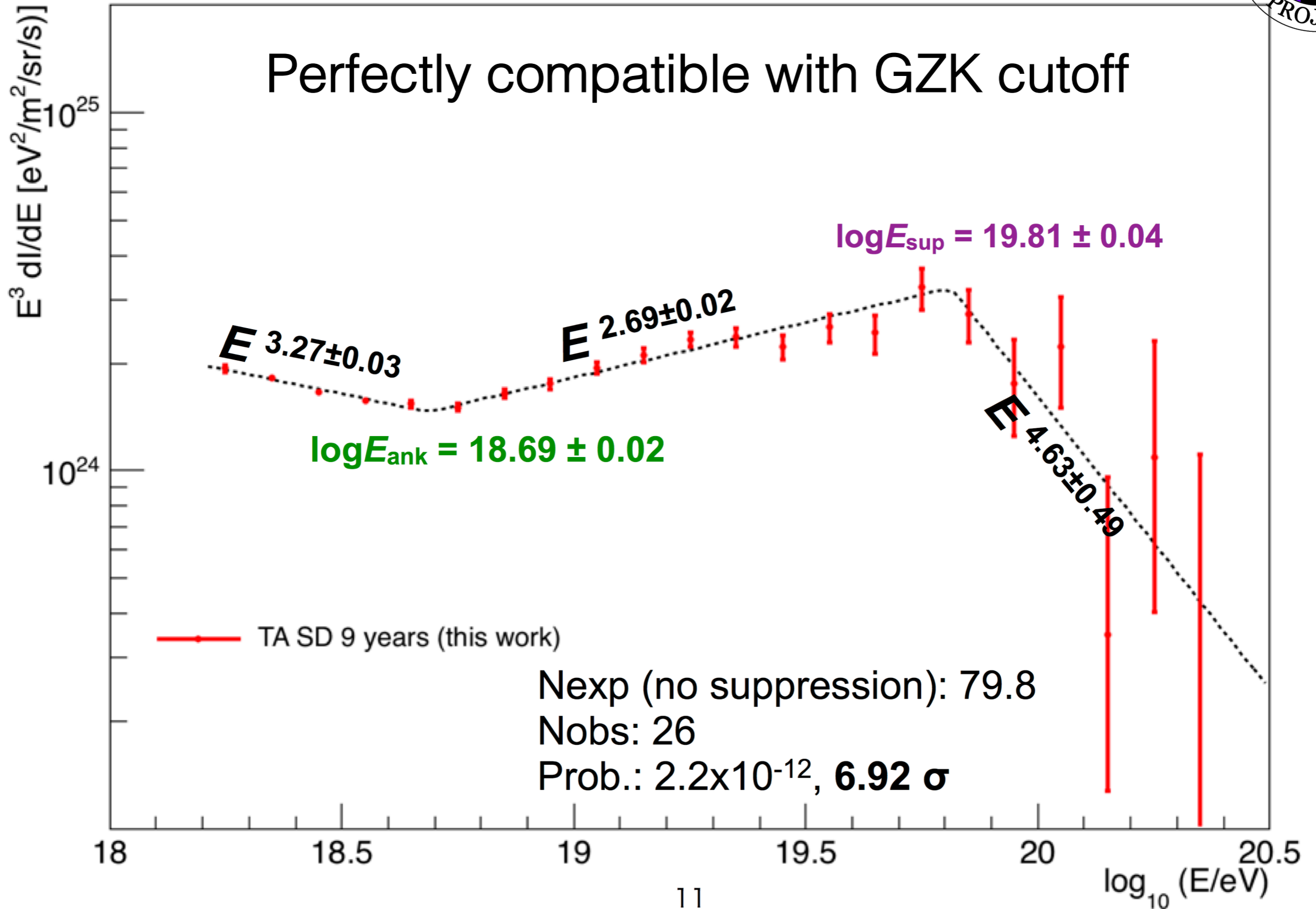


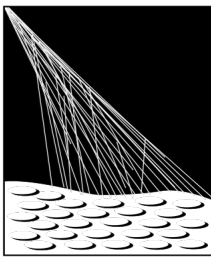
- Constant rescaling factor of 5.2%
- From fitting ratio of fluxes Auger/TA into a unity in the ankle region
- Auger energies *raised* by 5.2%
- TA energies *lowered* by 5.2%
- Agree in the ankle region  $10^{18.4} \text{ eV} < E < 10^{19.4} \text{ eV}$  after rescaling
- **Difference above  $10^{19.4} \text{ eV}$  persists after locking energy scales of experiments**

# Power-Law Fit



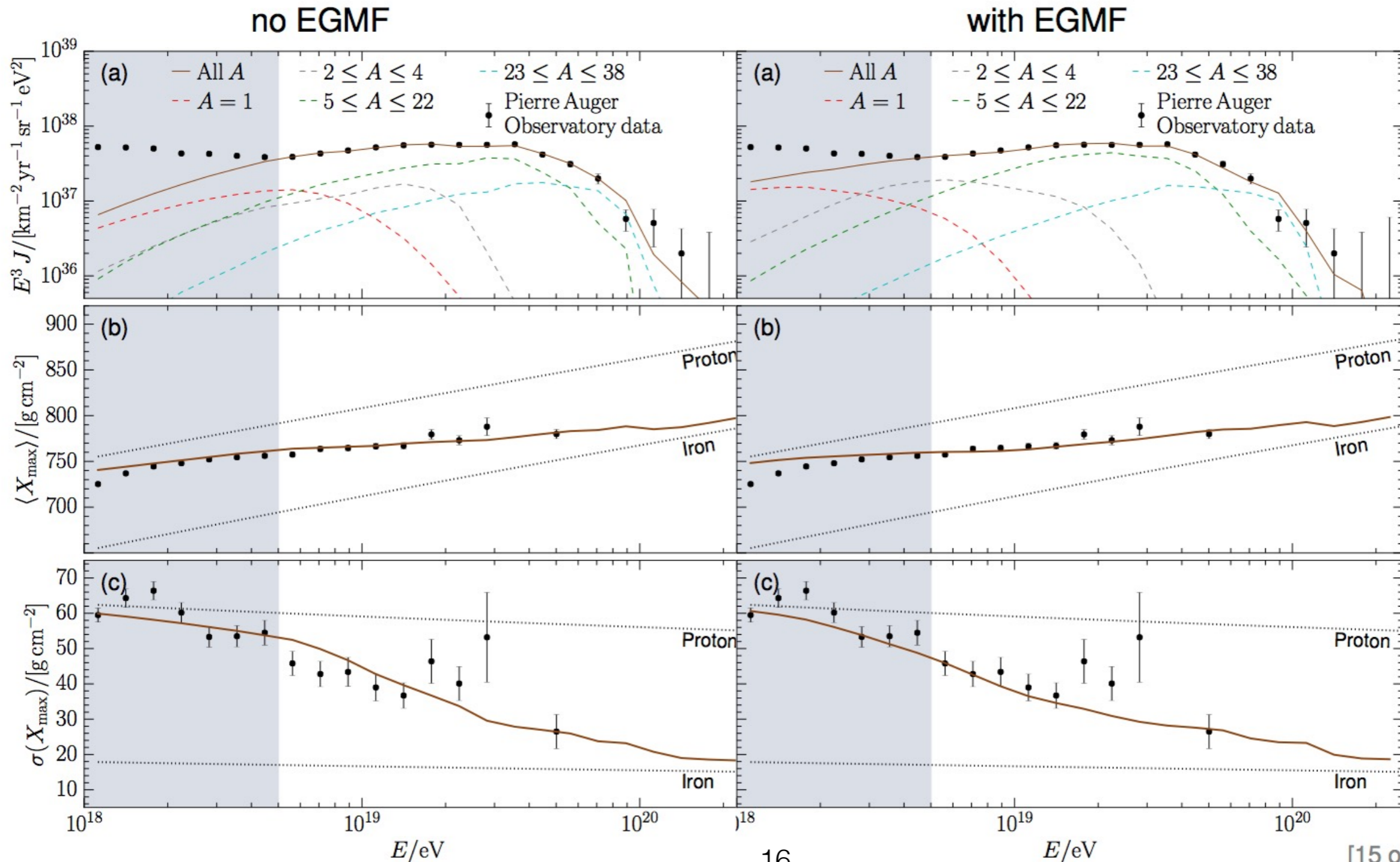
Perfectly compatible with GZK cutoff





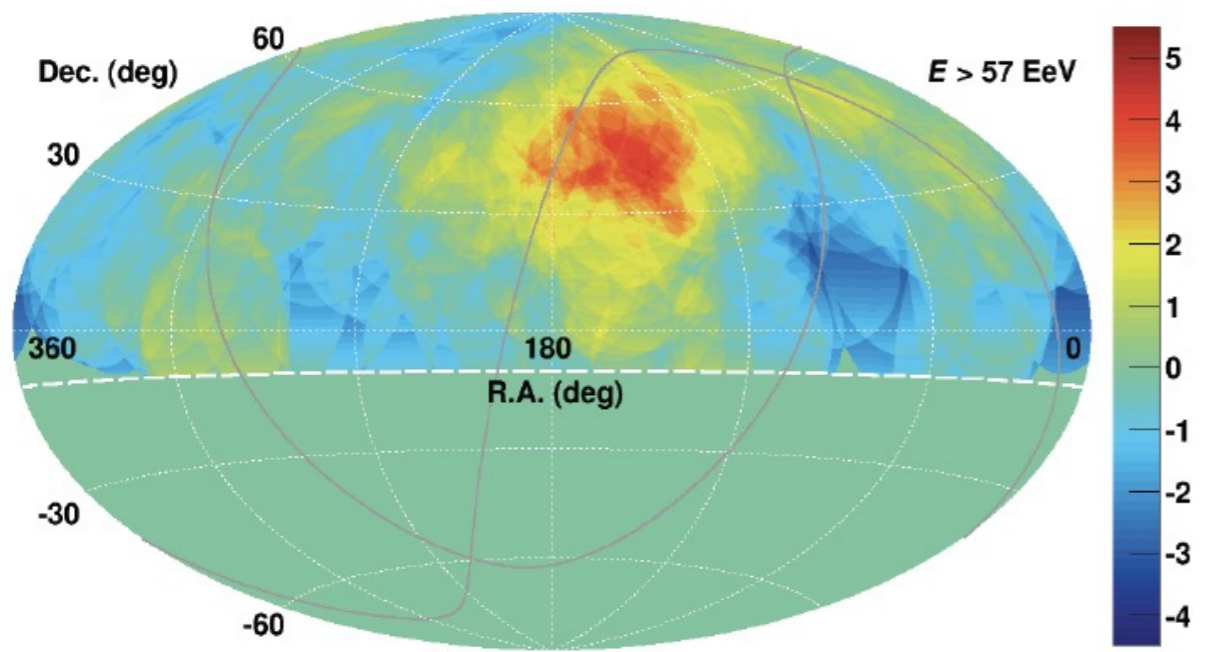
# Combined Fit of Spectrum and $X_{\max}$ Distributions

rigidity-dependent cutoff at source:  $E_{\max} = R_{\text{cut}} Z$ , power law injection  $E^{-\gamma}$ , propagation with CRPropa3, Gilmore12 EBL, Dolag12 LSS





TA "Hot Spot" 2017 ( $E > 57 \text{ EeV}$ ,  $\sim 3 \sigma$ )

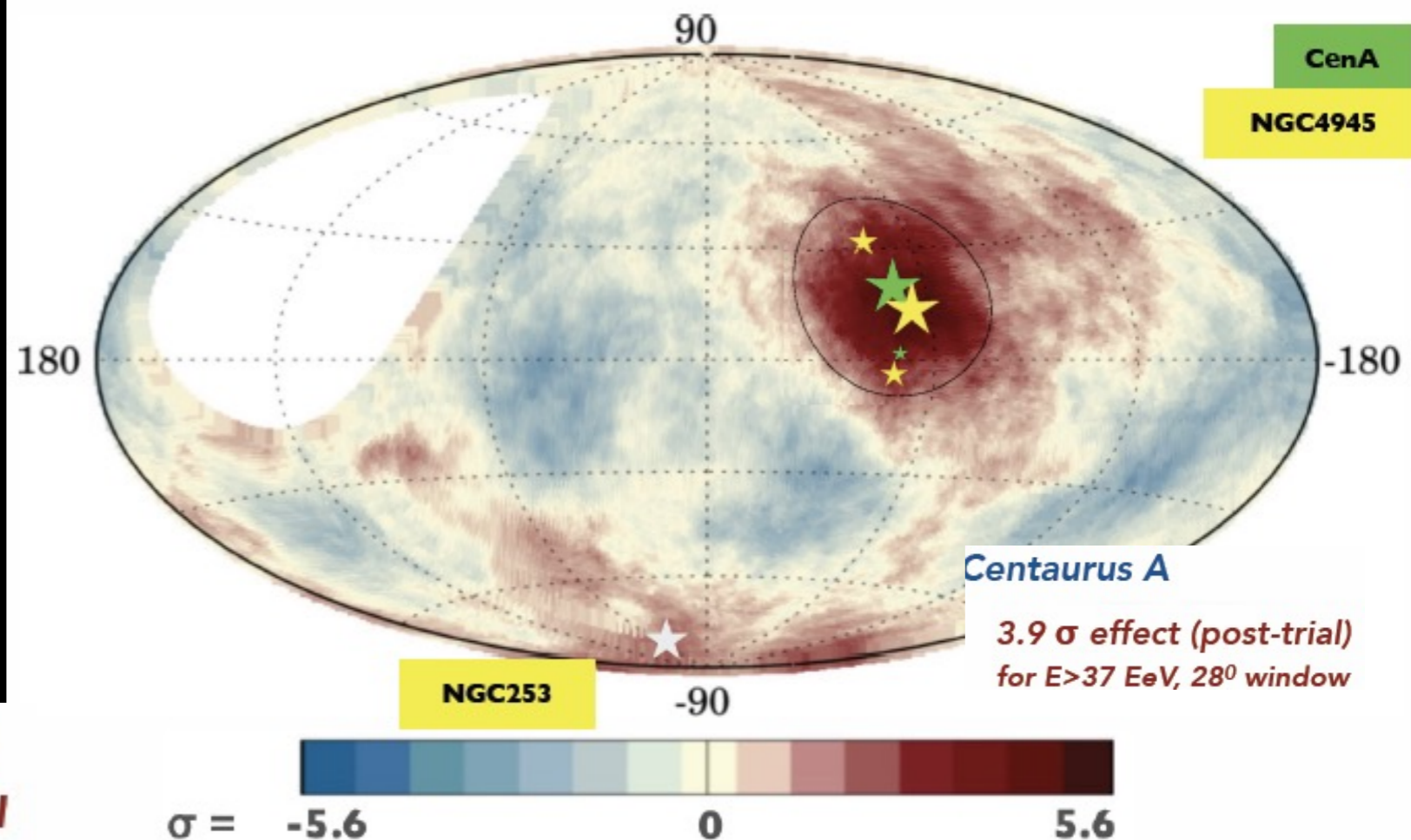


TA

Anisotropy hints  
@  $E > 40 \text{ EeV}$

Auger

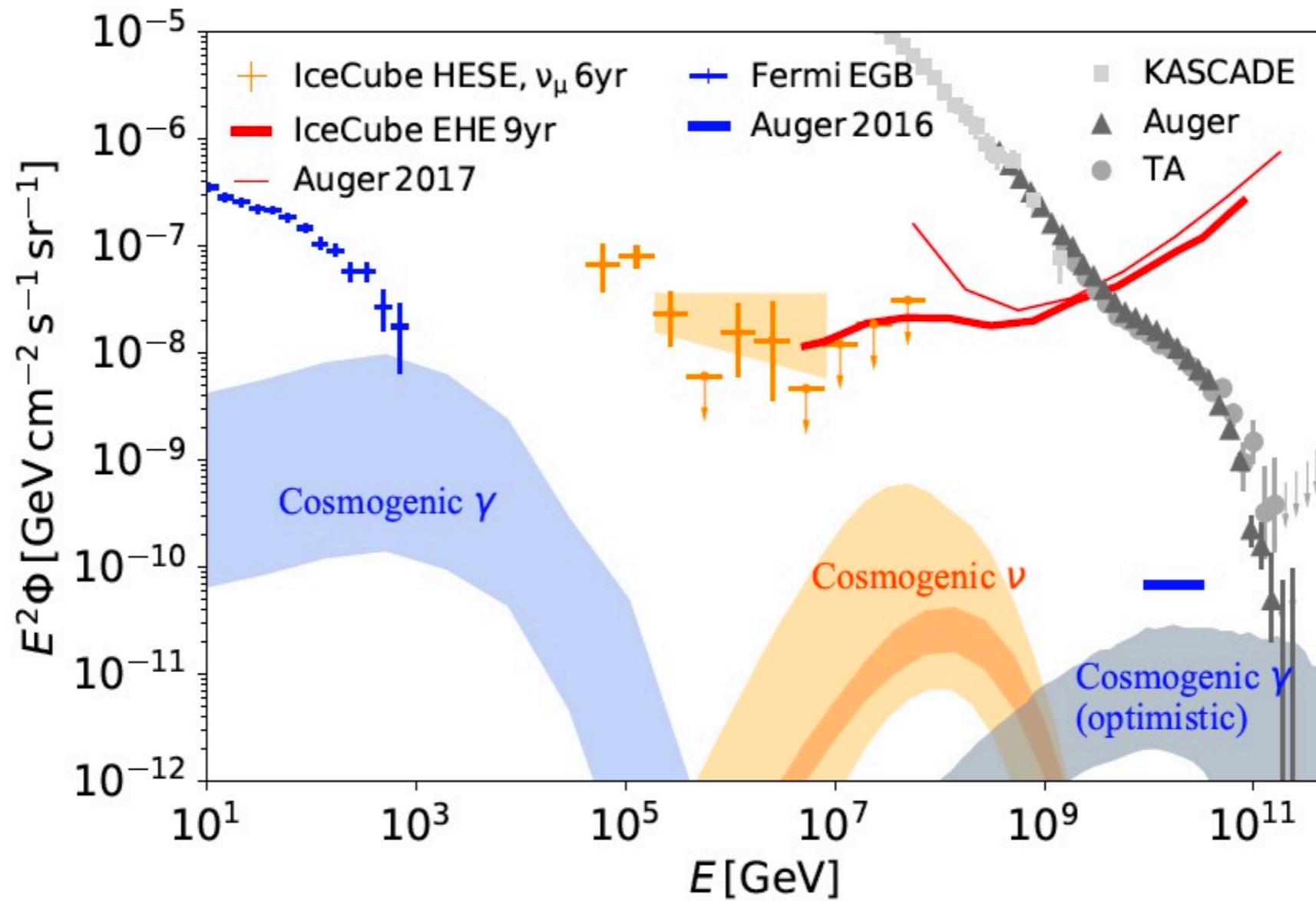
Total SD events with  $E > 32 \text{ EeV}$  : 2157  
Total exposure  $101,400 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$



ICRC2019  
[Jan 2004-Aug 2018]

$4.5 \sigma$  for SBGs  
 $3.1 \sigma$  for  $\gamma$ -AGN

# Cosmogenic Messengers

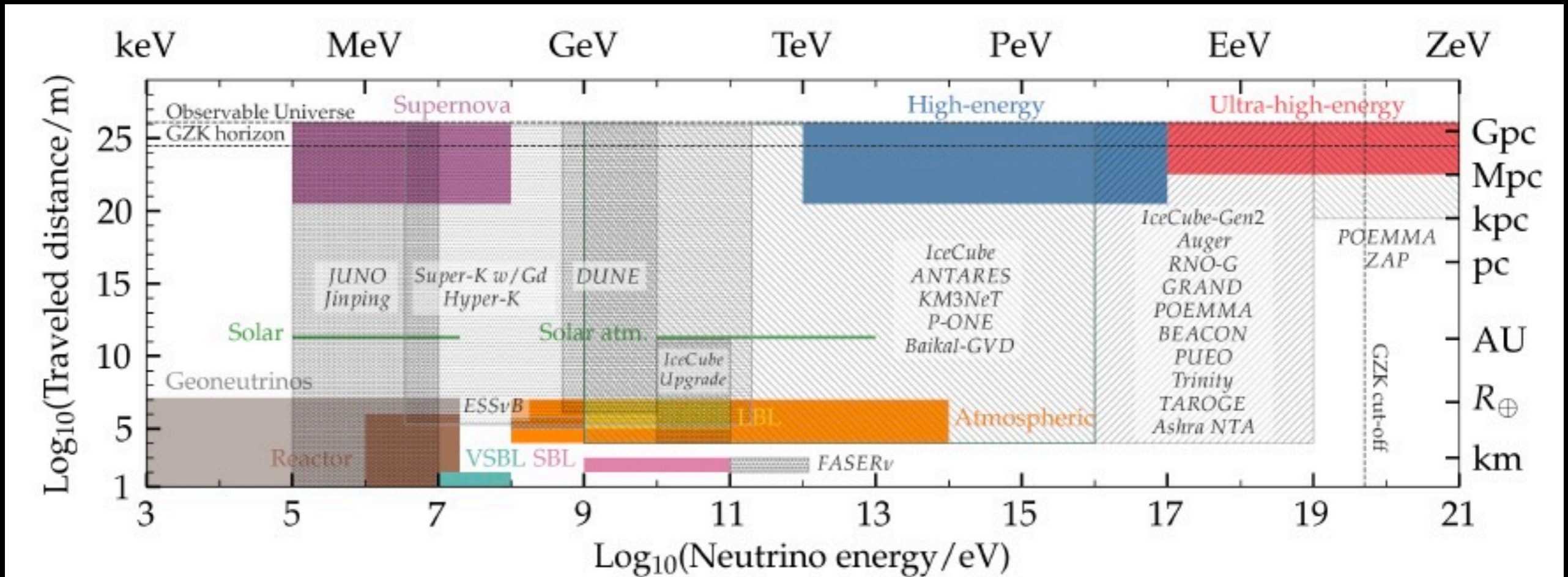


# What makes high-energy cosmic $\nu$ exciting?

- 1** They have the **highest energies** (TeV–ZeV)  
*Particle:* Probe physics at new energy scales  
*Astro:* Probe the highest-energy non-thermal astrophysical sources
- 2** They have the **longest baselines** (kpc–Gpc)  
*Particle:* Tiny new-physics effects can accumulate and become observable  
*Astro:* Bring information from high redshifts ( $z > 1$ )
- 3** Neutrinos are **weakly interacting**  
*Particle:* New-physics effects may stand out more clearly  
*Astro:* Bring untainted information from distant sources
- 4** Neutrinos have a unique quantum number: **flavor**  
*Particle:* Versatile probe of flavor-sensitive new physics  
*Astro:* Can reveal the neutrino production mechanism

# Energy Threshold and Range

## UHE Neutrinos

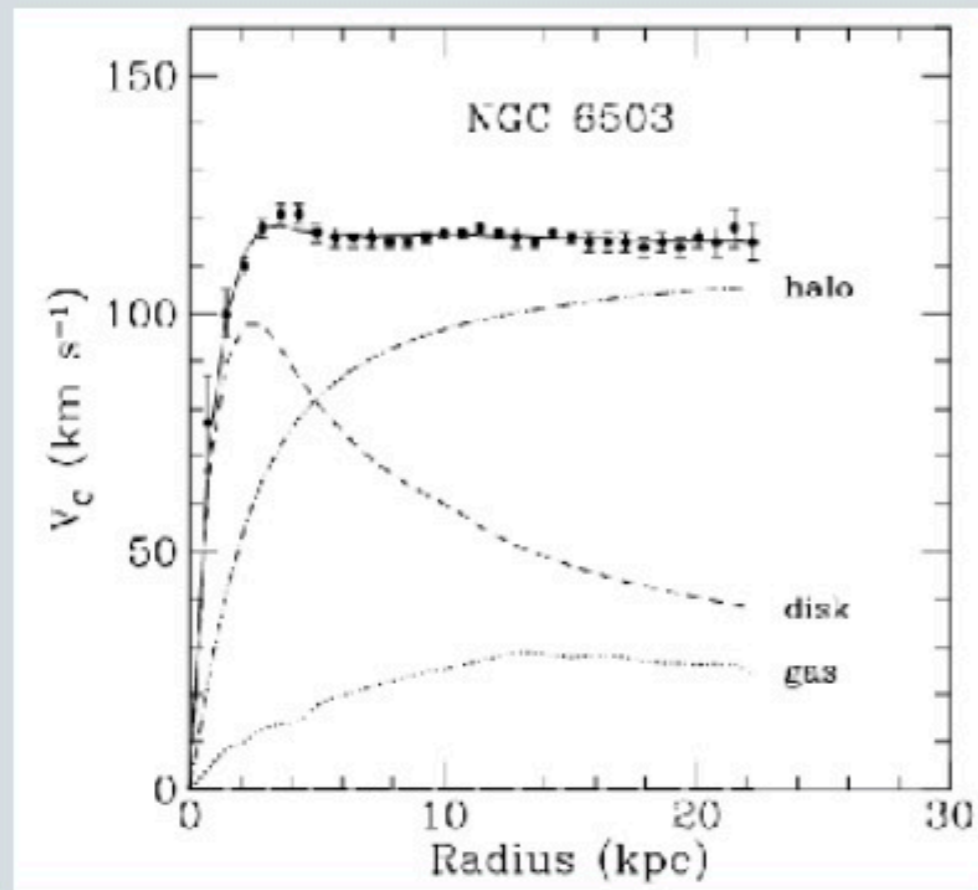


Ackermann, et al, arXiv:1903.04333

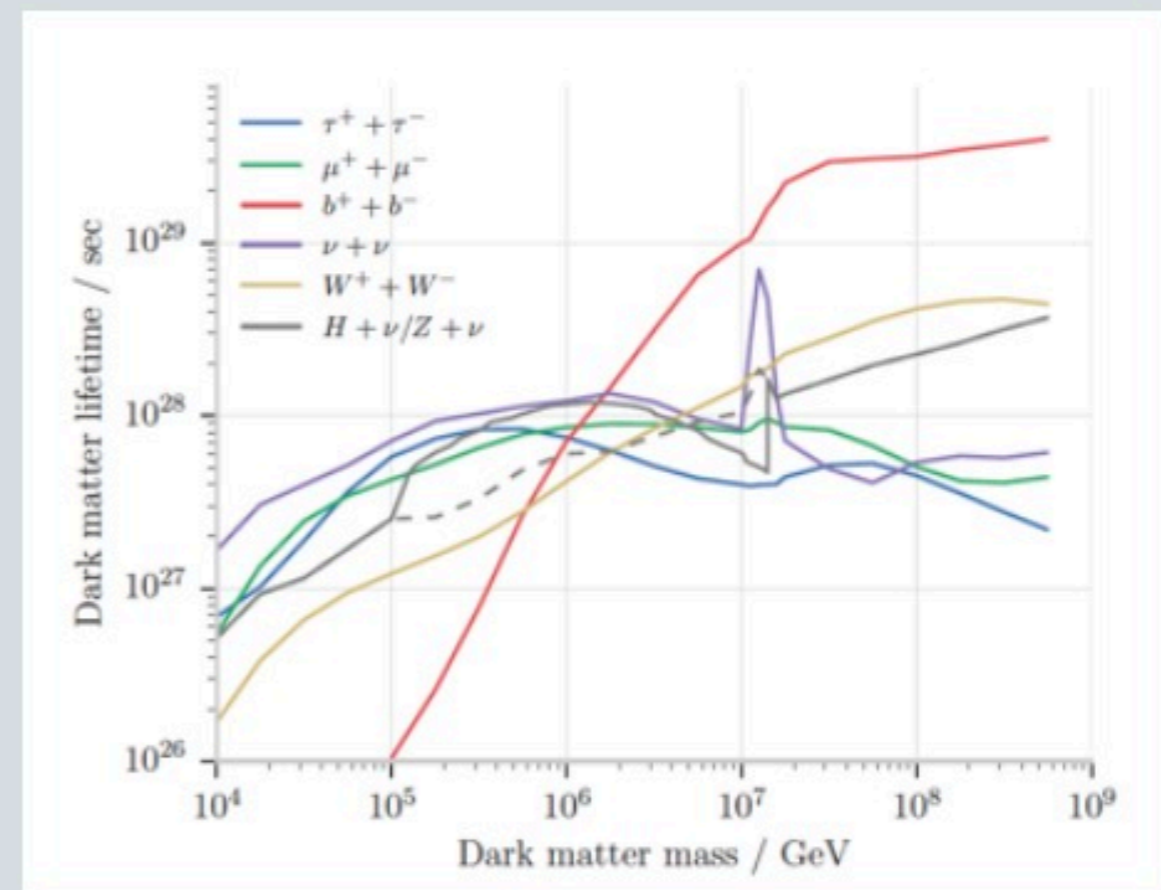
Agarwalla et al, Snowmass2021, LOI, (M. Bustamante)

## The dark matter problem

- existence firmly established by variety of probes
- but nature still elusive
- various candidates proposed, such as axions, WIMPs, SHDM
- decay or annihilation to cosmic-rays, photons, neutrinos; indirect detection
- at the highest energies, various constraints from IceCube, Auger, Anita

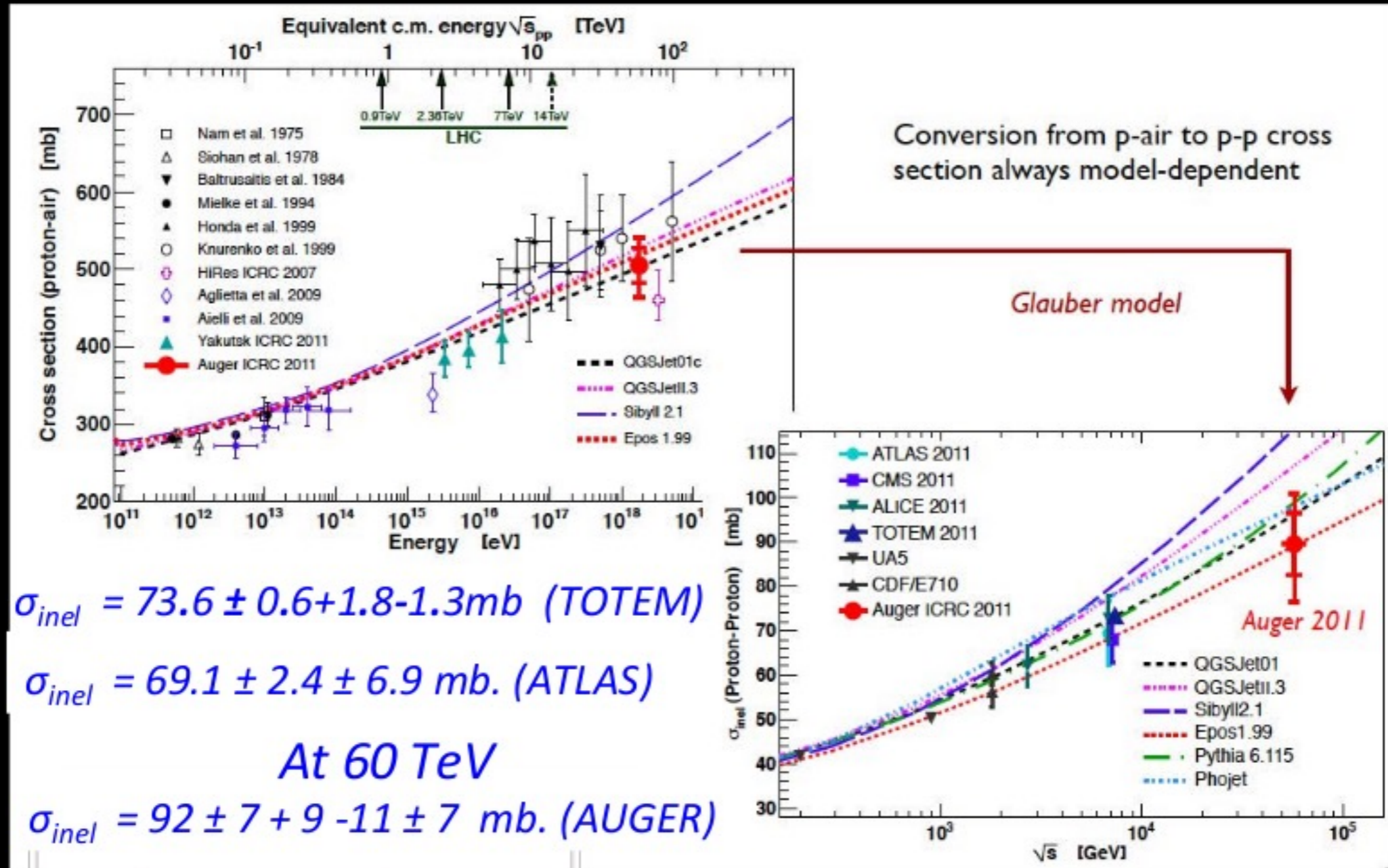


K. Begeman, A. Broeils and R. Sanders, 1991,  
MNRAS, 249, 523



IceCube Collaboration (2018)

# The Inelastic Cross-section Results



- ATLAS & CMS  $\sigma$ -section slightly lower than TOTEM's & ALICE's
- The EPOS1.99 model describes the rise in the cross-section out to 60 TeV (Auger)

# How many UHECRs $> 60$ EeV?

- Auger w/  $3,000 \text{ km}^2$
- $\sim 25$  events  $> 60$  EeV/ yr
- Telescope Array w/  $700 \text{ km}^2$
- $\sim 5$  events  $> 60$  EeV/ yr
- Auger + TA  $\sim 30$  events/yr
- Earth - surface  $\sim 5 \cdot 10^8 \text{ km}^2$   
 $\sim 3.4 \cdot 10^6$  events/yr

50.0.m to go!



**Go to SPACE!**

**To look down on the**

**Atmosphere!**



# How many UHECRs $> 60 \text{ EeV}$ ?

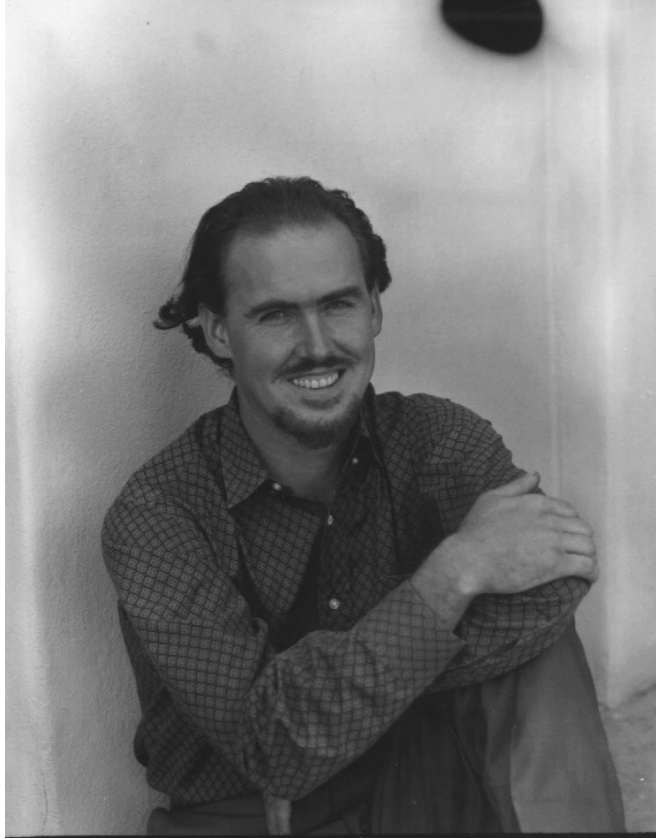
- Auger + TA  $\sim 30 \text{ events/yr}$
- **POEMMA**
- $\sim 300 \text{ events } > 60 \text{ EeV/yr}$
- Earth - surface  $\sim 5 \cdot 10^8 \text{ km}^2$

*40.0.m to go!*



$\sim 3.4 \cdot 10^6 \text{ events/yr}$

# 1979, An idea\* of John Linsley



John Linsley in 1979 in the Field Committee Report of NASA “Call for Projects and Ideas in High Energy Astrophysics for the 1980s”

The concept to observe, by means of Space Based devices looking at Nadir during the night, the fluorescence light produced by an EAS proceeding in the atmosphere



Y. Takahashi (1995):  
MASS: Maximum Energy  
Auger (Air Shower  
Satellite Italian Mission)

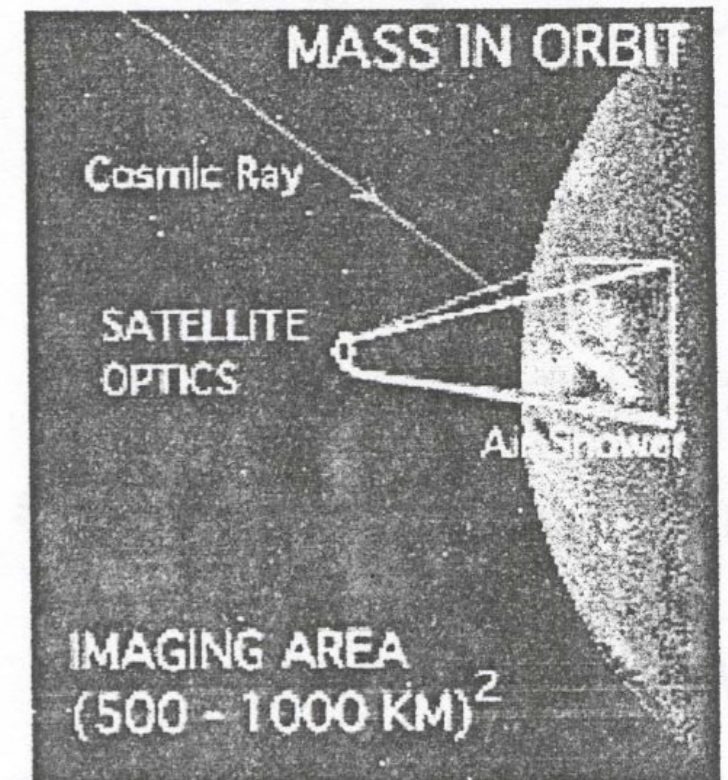
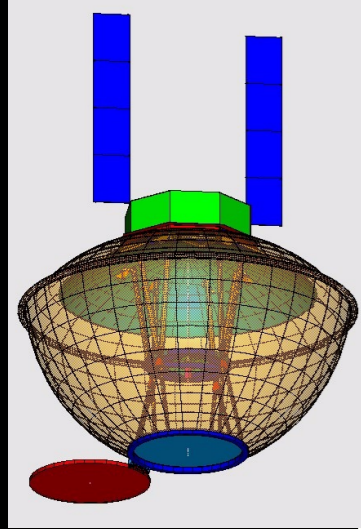


Fig. 3 Artist view of the MASS on orbit.

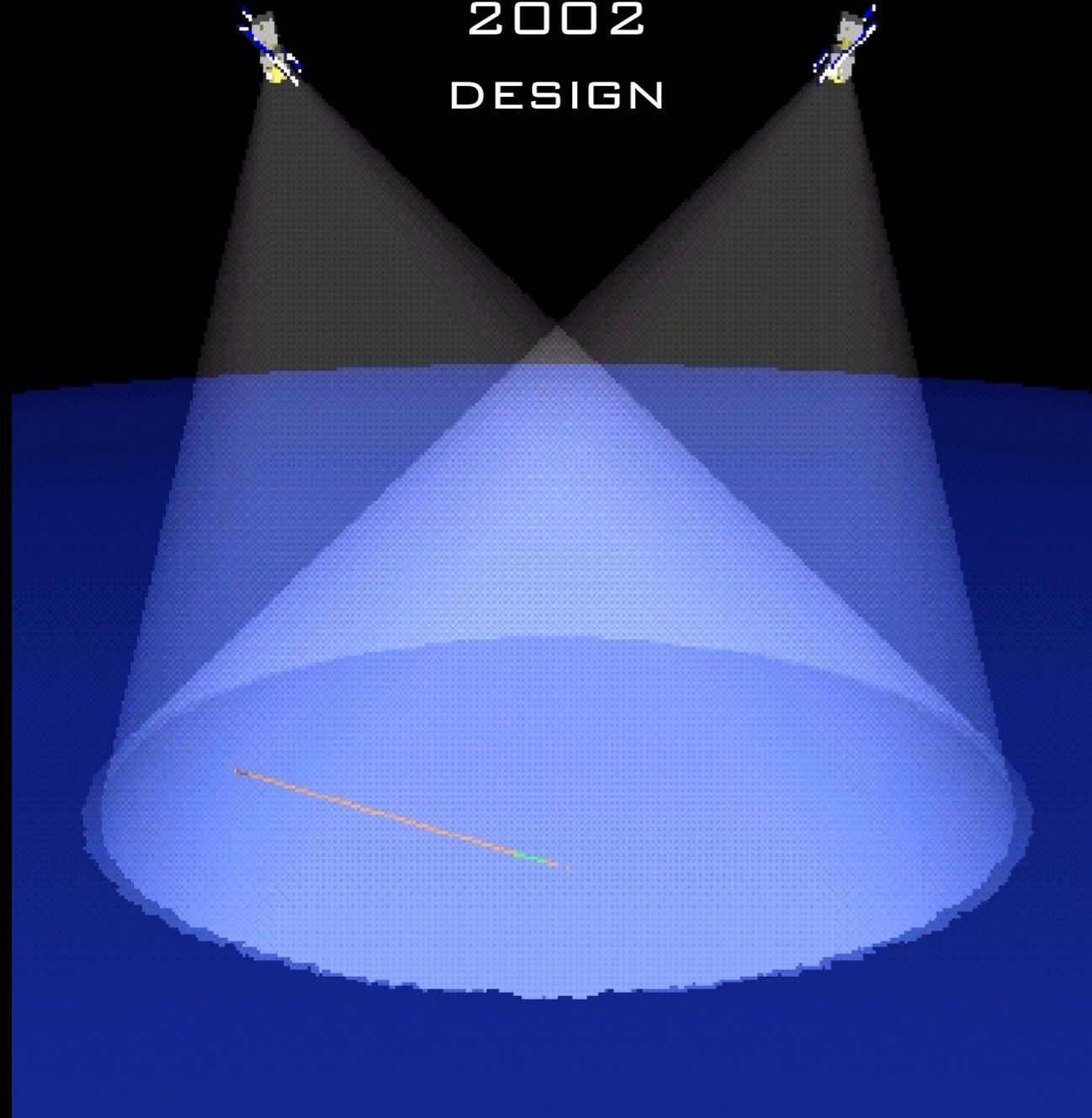
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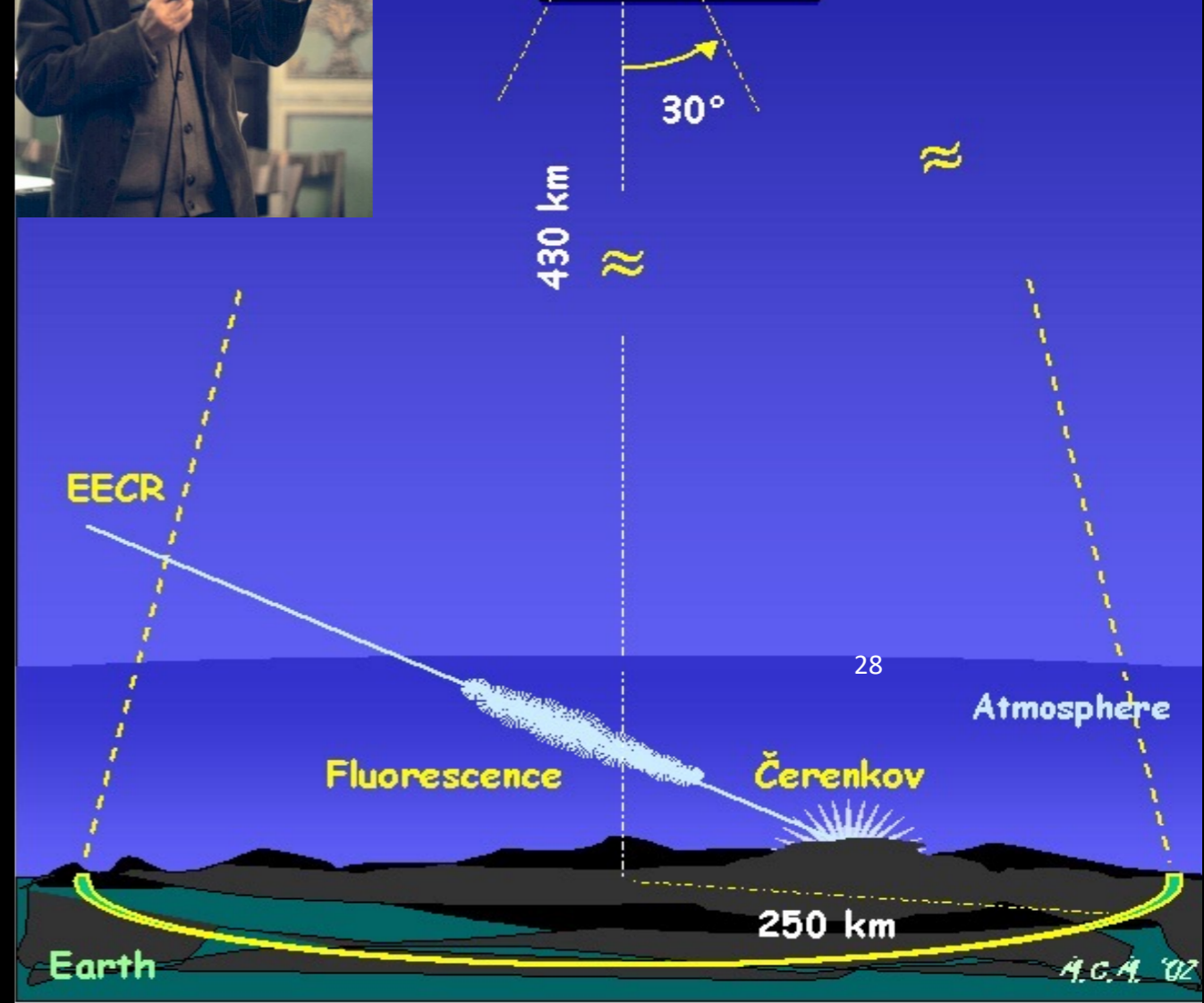


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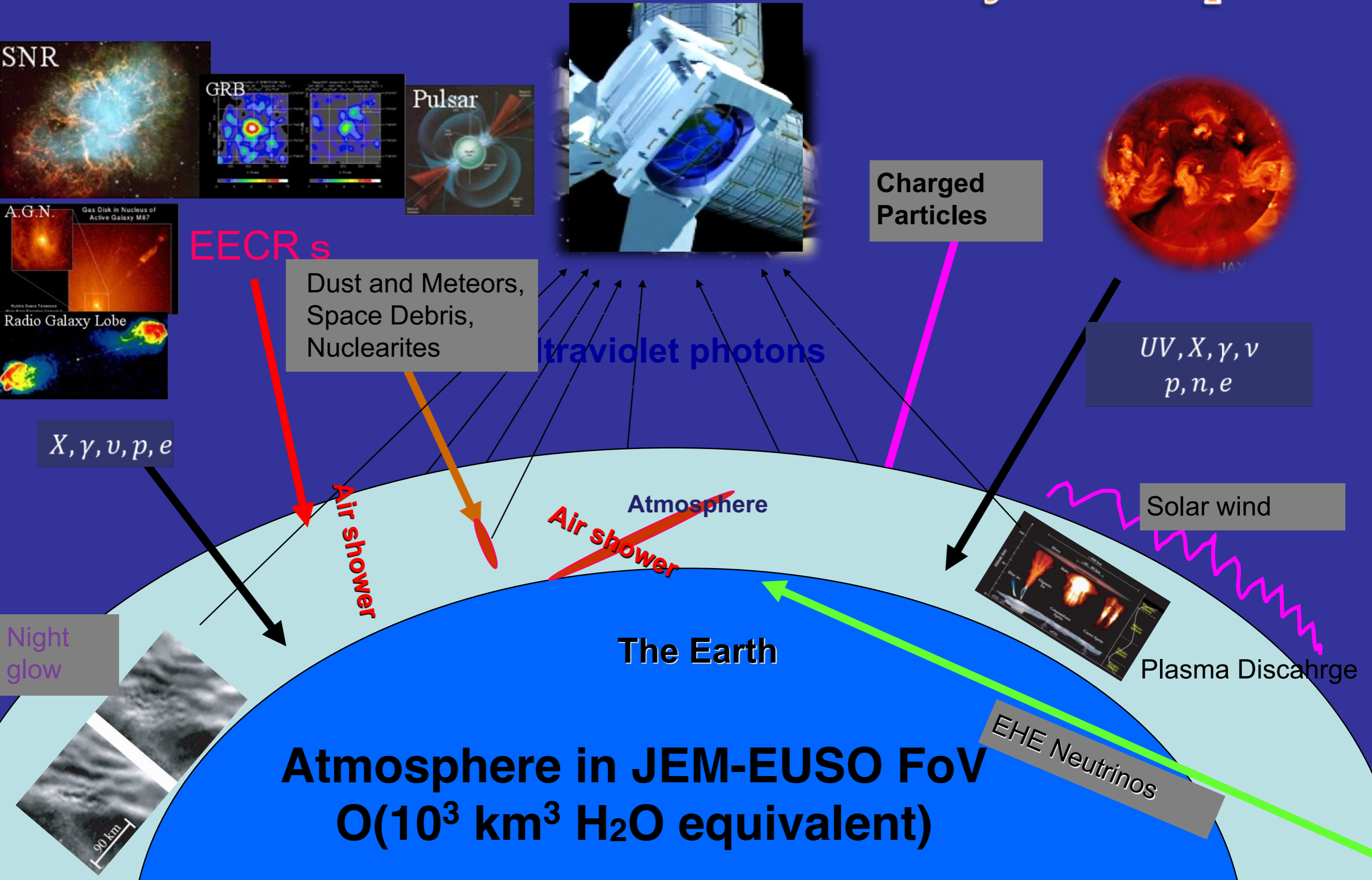


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DESIGN



# JEM-EUSO is an Astronomical Earth Observatory from Space

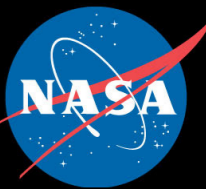




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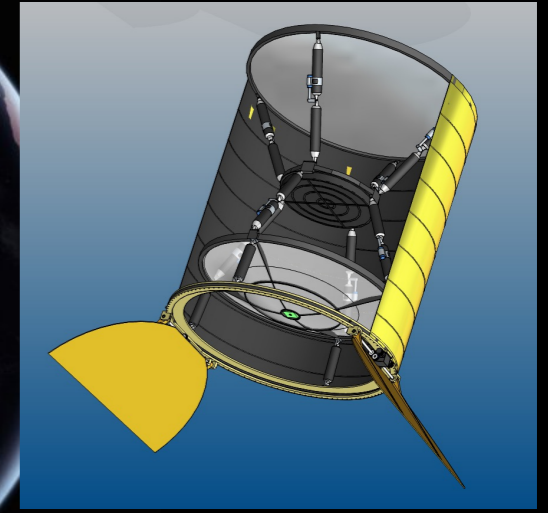
**UHECRs AND COSMIC NEUTRINOS**

# POEMMA: PROBE OF EXTREME MULTI-MESSENGER ASTROPHYSICS

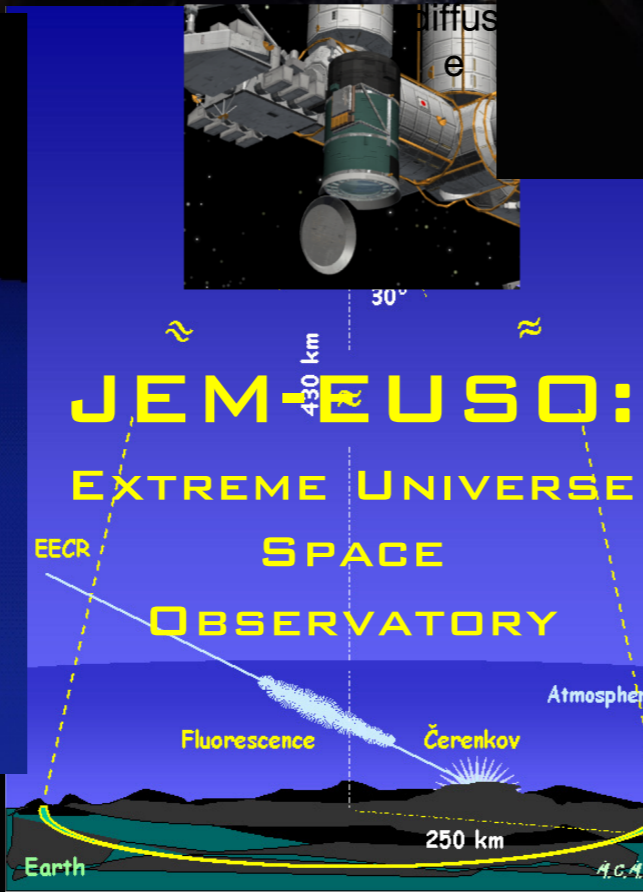


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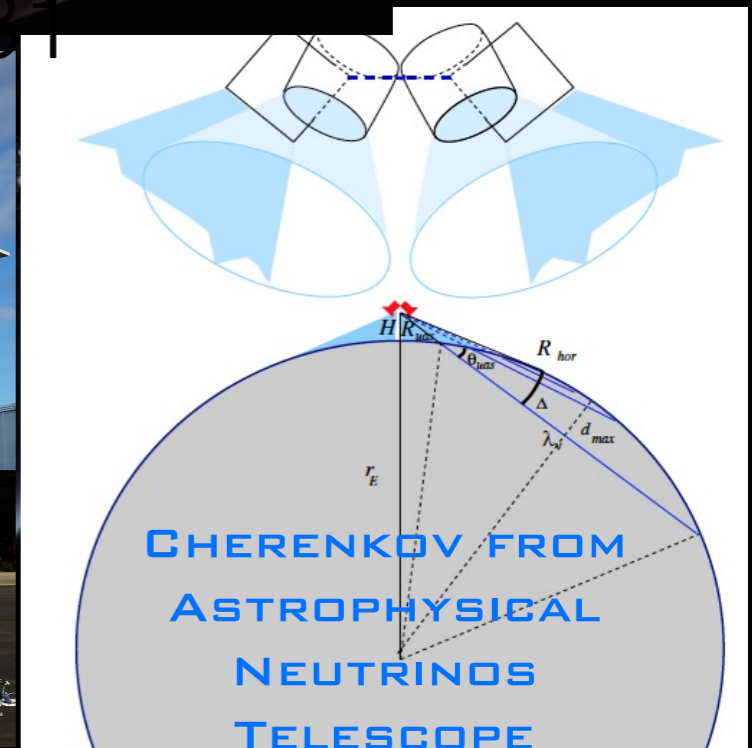
POEMMA DESIGN BASED ON:  
 OWL AND JEM-EUSO STUDIES,  
 EUSO BALLOON EXPERIENCE,  
 & CHANT CONCEPT  
 + LEGACY IN FLUORESCENCE  
 FROM GROUND



**OWL**  
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 DESIGN



**CHANT**



# JEM-EUSO PROGRAM

## PROGRAM

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EUSO-Balloon (2014)

TUS (2016)

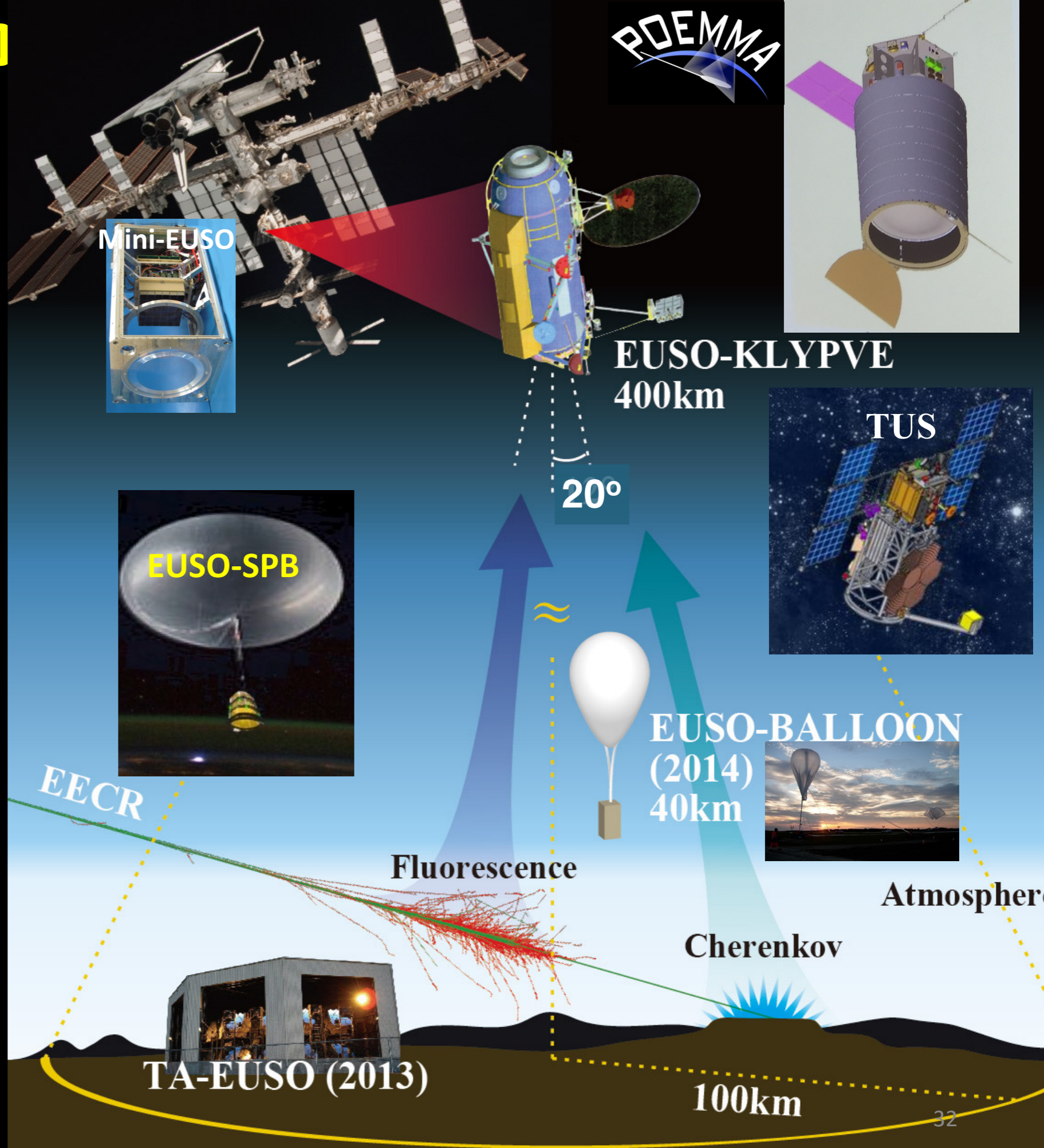
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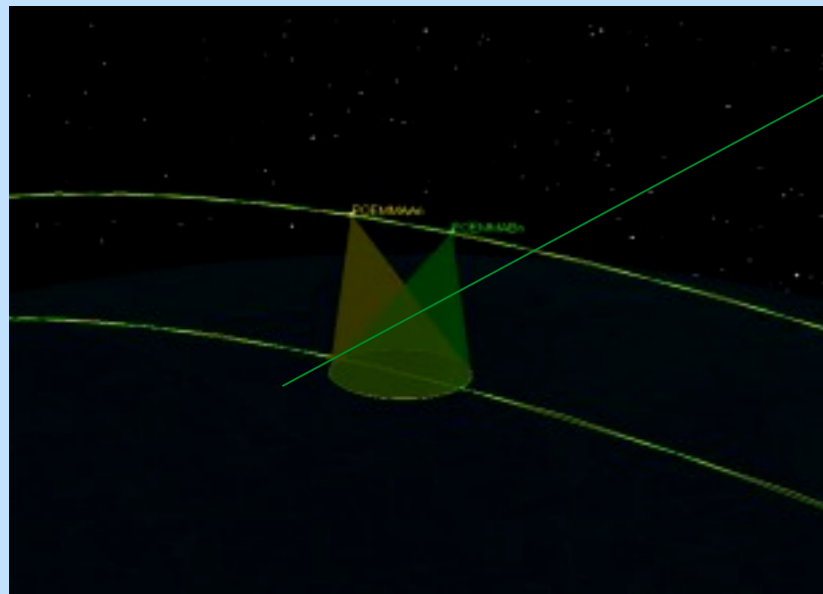
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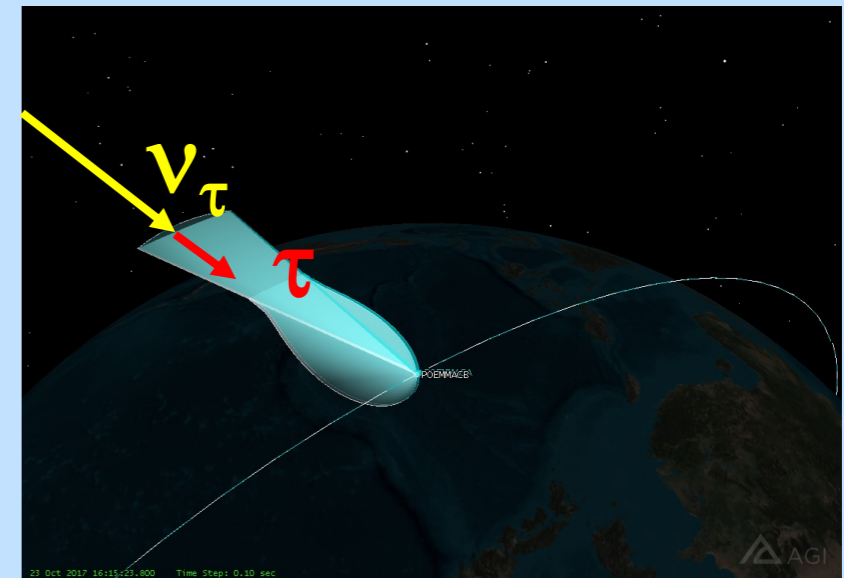
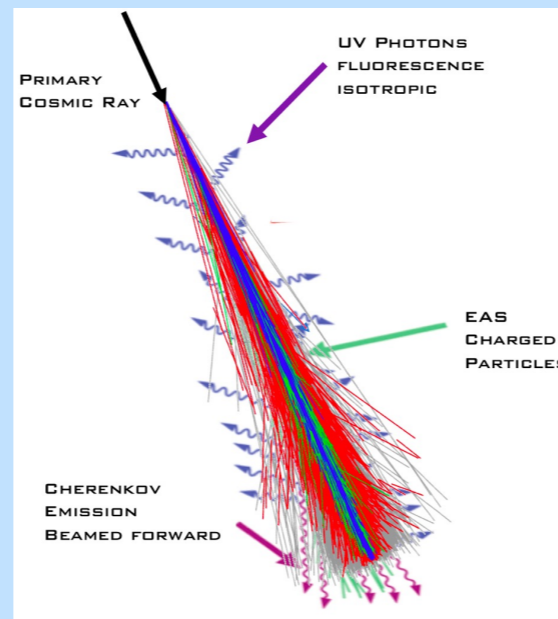
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# Mission Concept



Stereo Viewing of UHECRs  $E \gtrsim 20$  EeV  
via Fluorescence: 10's of  $\mu$ sec timescale



Upward  $\tau$ -lepton EAS  $E \gtrsim 20$  PeV  
via Cherenkov:  $\sim 10$  nsec timescale

## POEMMA & Mission Description:

*Summary of results presented in arXiv:2012.07945*

POEMMA UHECR & *UHE Neutrino Performance via air fluorescence* measurements.

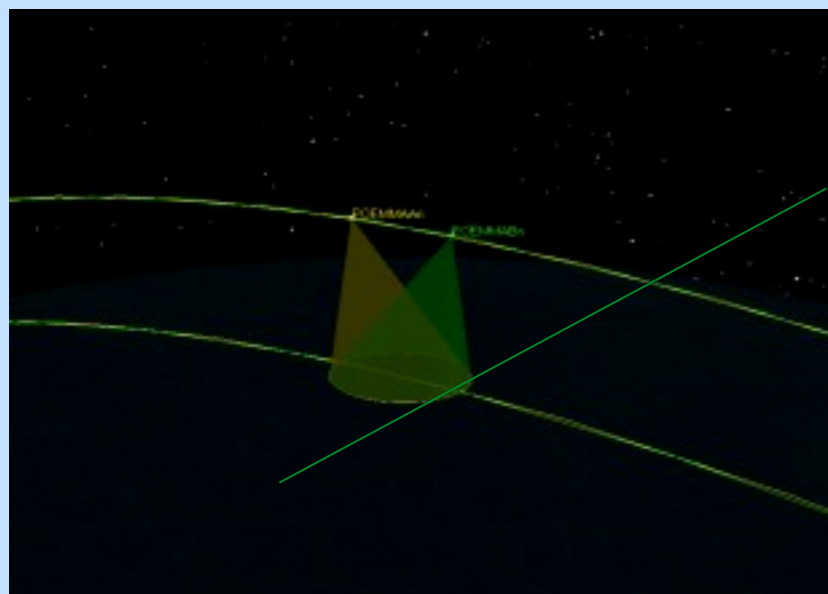
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POEMMA *VHE Neutrino Performance via optical Cherenkov measurements.*

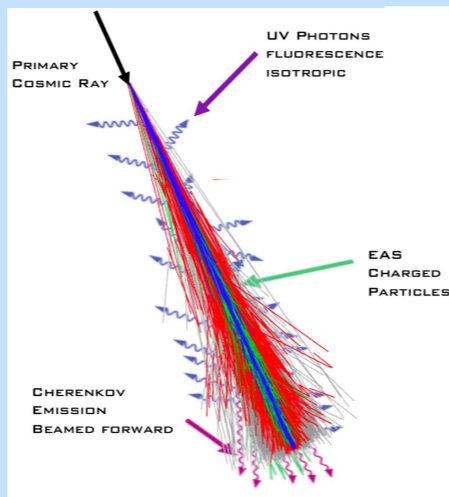
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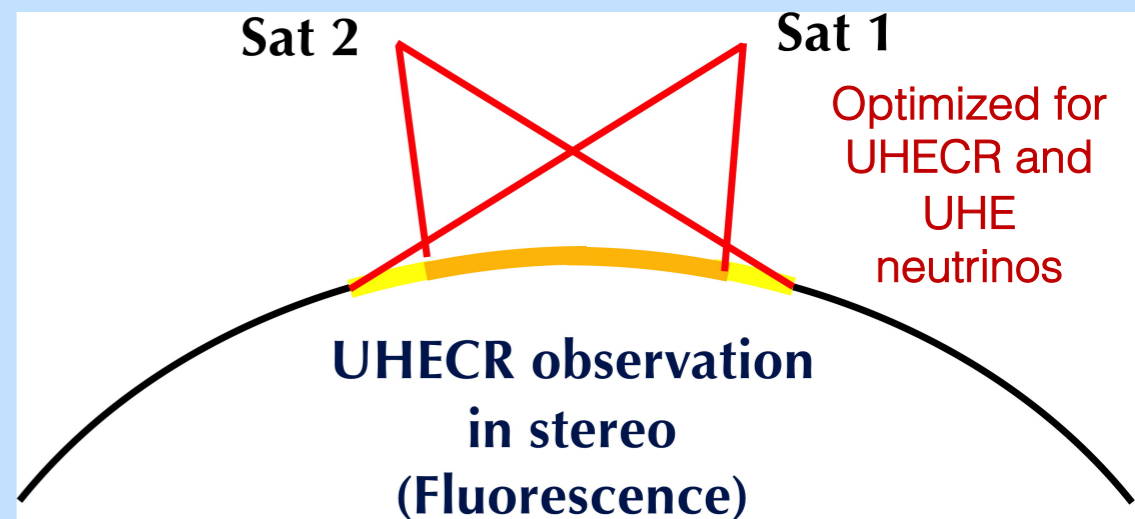
# POEMMA Operational Modes: UHECR Stereo versus Limb-viewing Neutrino



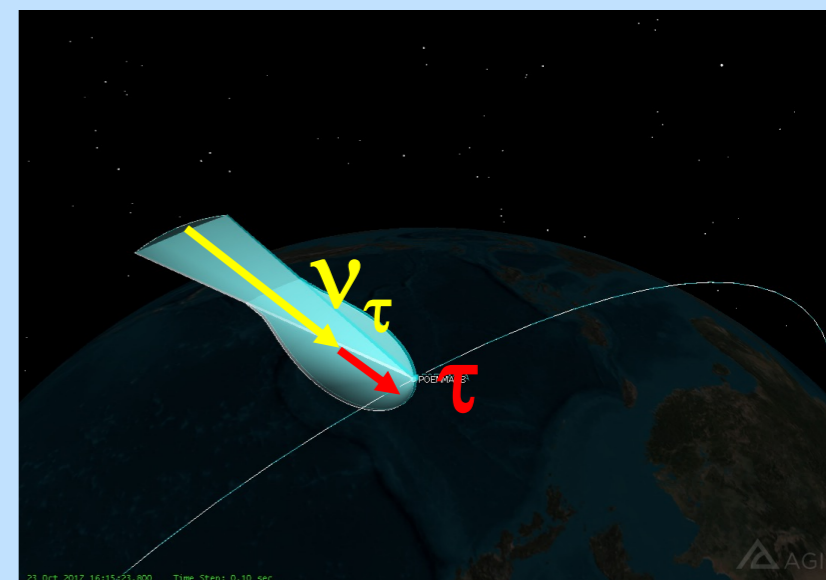
Stereo Viewing of UHECRs  $E \gtrsim 20$  EeV via Fluorescence: 10's of  $\mu$ sec timescale



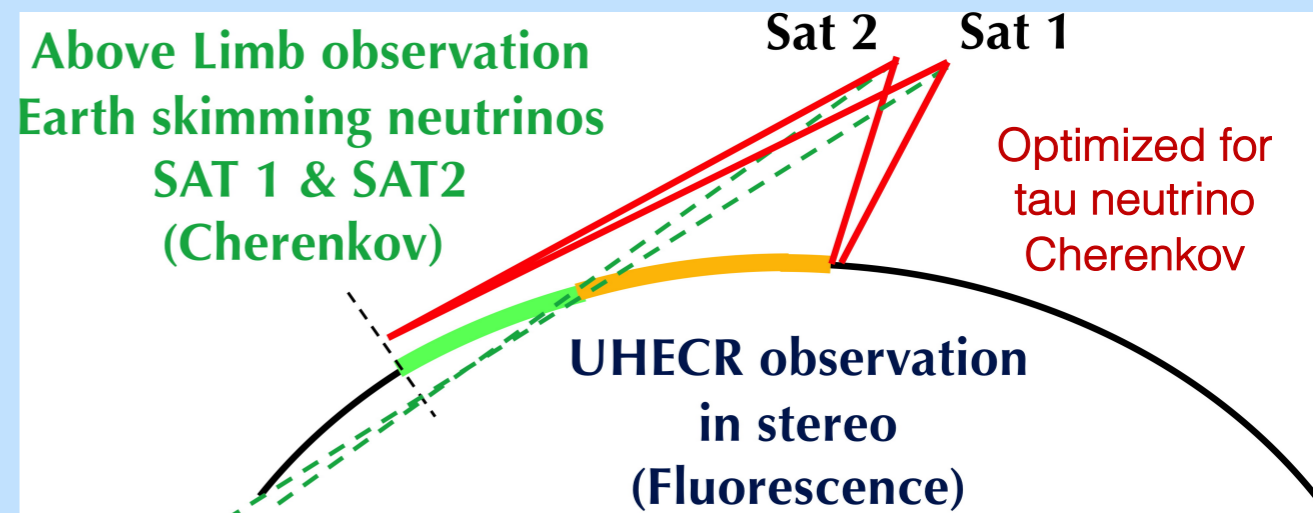
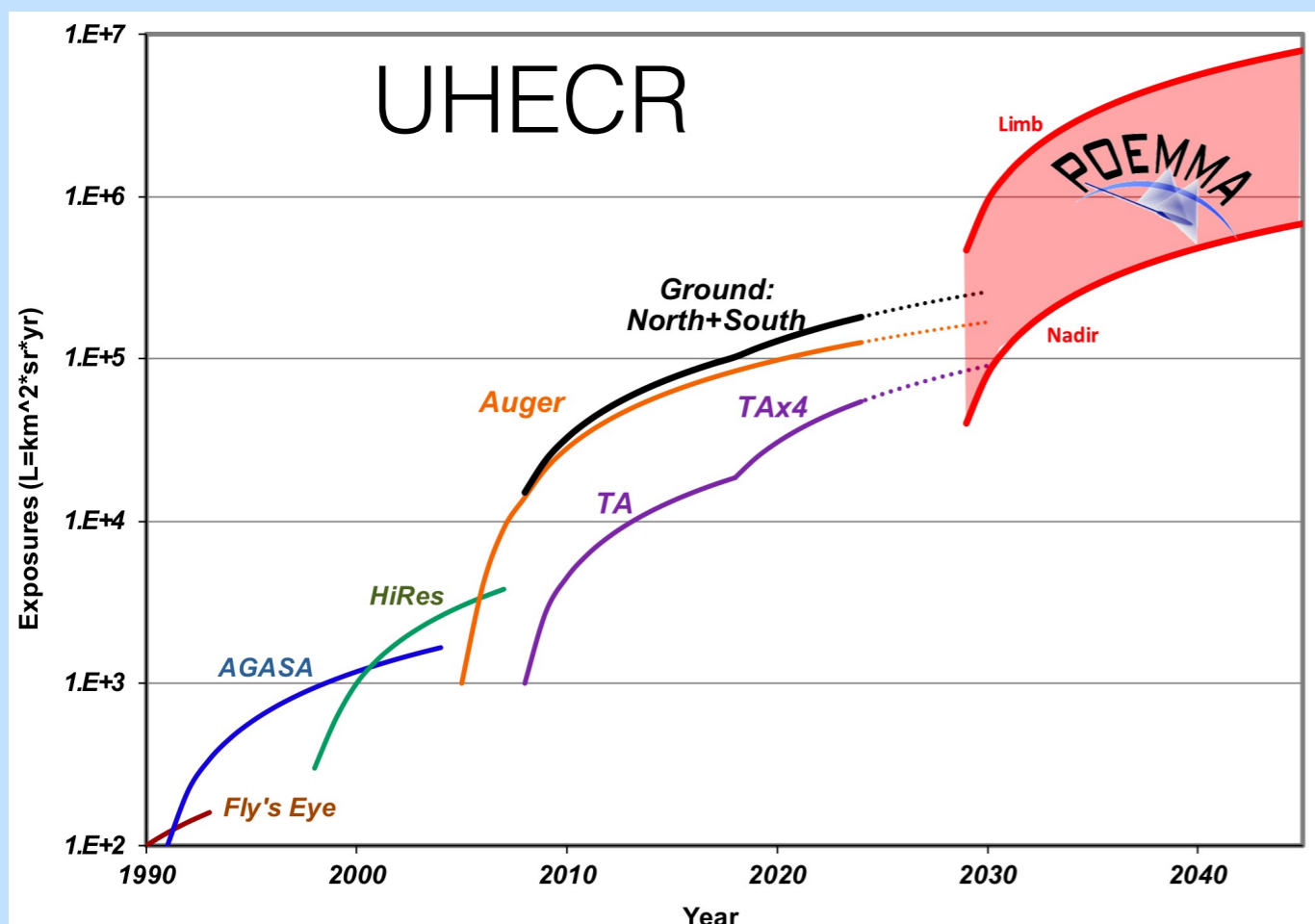
Dark, quasi-moon less nights:  
Fluorescence Duty Cycle: 11%  
Cherenkov Duty Cycle: 20%



UHECR observation in stereo (Fluorescence)



Upward  $\tau$ -lepton EAS  $E \gtrsim 20$  PeV via Cherenkov:  $\sim 10$  nsec timescale



Above Limb observation Earth skimming neutrinos SAT 1 & SAT2 (Cherenkov)

UHECR observation in stereo (Fluorescence)

Optimized for tau neutrino Cherenkov



# POEMMA: Instruments defined by weeklong IDL run at GSFC

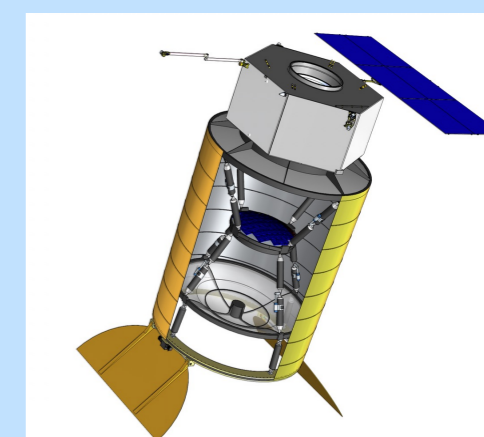
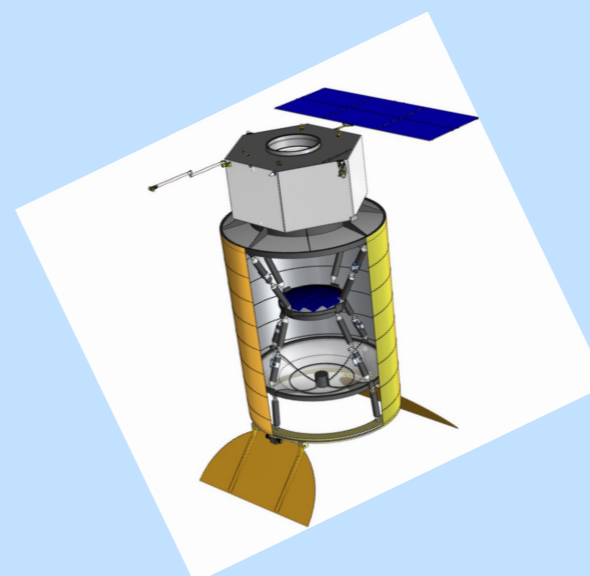
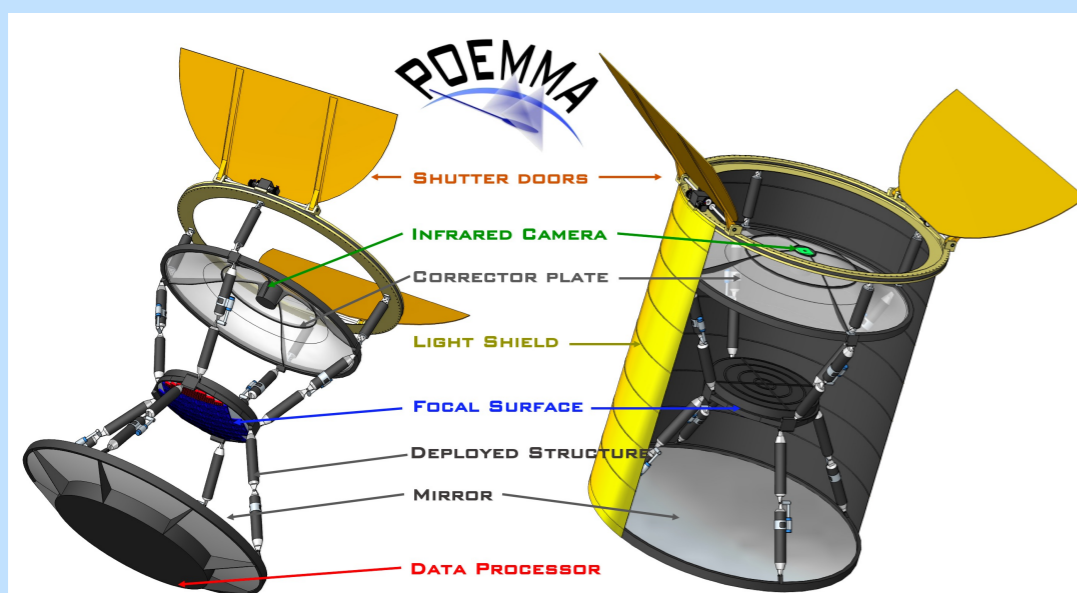
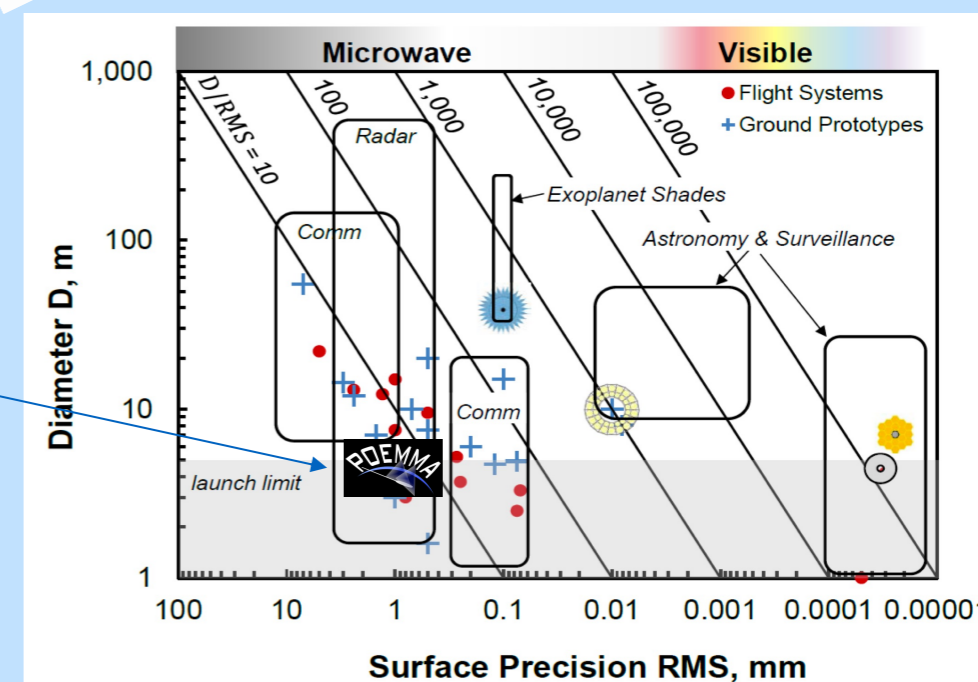


TABLE I: POEMMA Specifications:

Photometer Components		Spacecraft	
Optics	Schmidt	45° full FoV	Slew rate 90° in 8 min
	Primary Mirror	4 m diam.	Pointing Res. 0.1°
	Corrector Lens	3.3 m diam.	Pointing Know. 0.01°
	Focal Surface	1.6 m diam.	Clock synch. 10 nsec
	Pixel Size	3 × 3 mm <sup>2</sup>	Data Storage 7 days
	Pixel FoV	0.084°	Communication S-band
PFC	MAPMT (1μs)	126,720 pixels	Wet Mass 3,450 kg
PCC	SiPM (20 ns)	15,360 pixels	Power (w/cont) 550 W
Photometer (One)		Mission (2 Observatories)	
	Mass	1,550 kg	Lifetime 3 year (5 year goal)
	Power (w/cont)	700 W	Orbit 525 km, 28.5° Inc
	Data	< 1 GB/day	Orbit Period 95 min
		Observatory Sep. ~25 - 1000+ km	

Each Observatory = Photometer + Spacecraft; POEMMA Mission = 2 Observatories



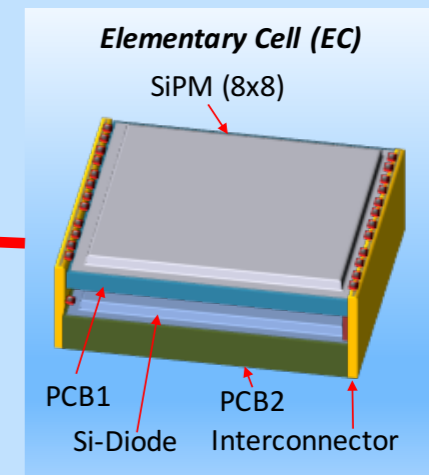
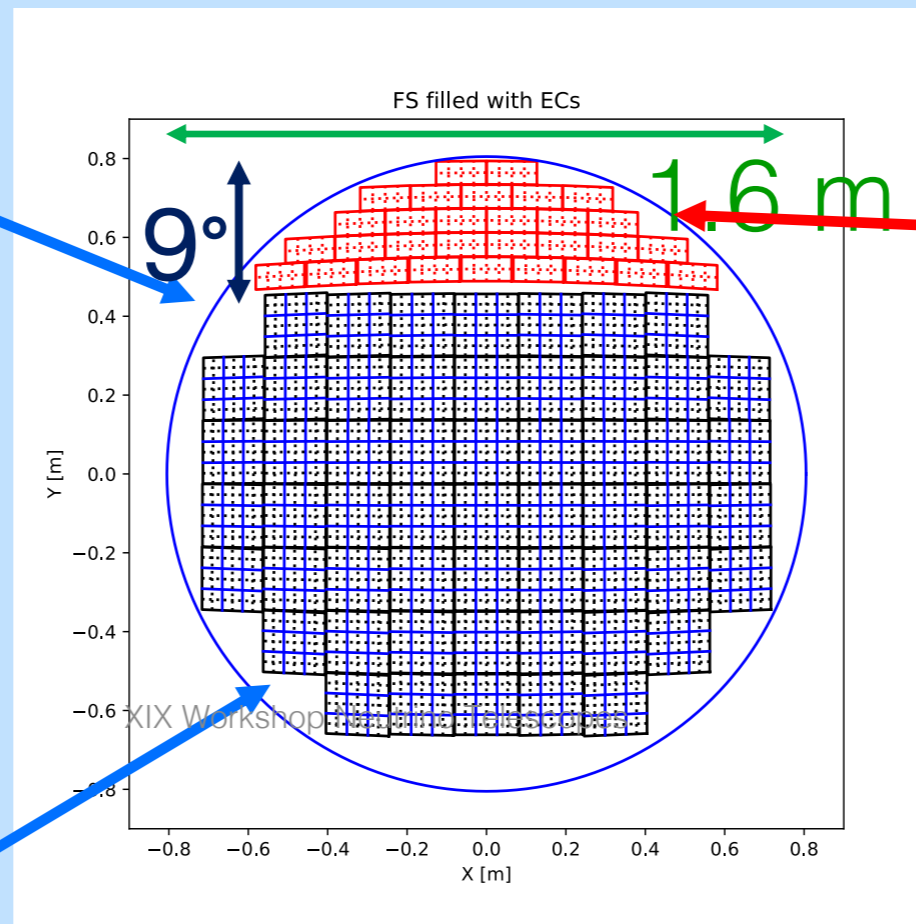
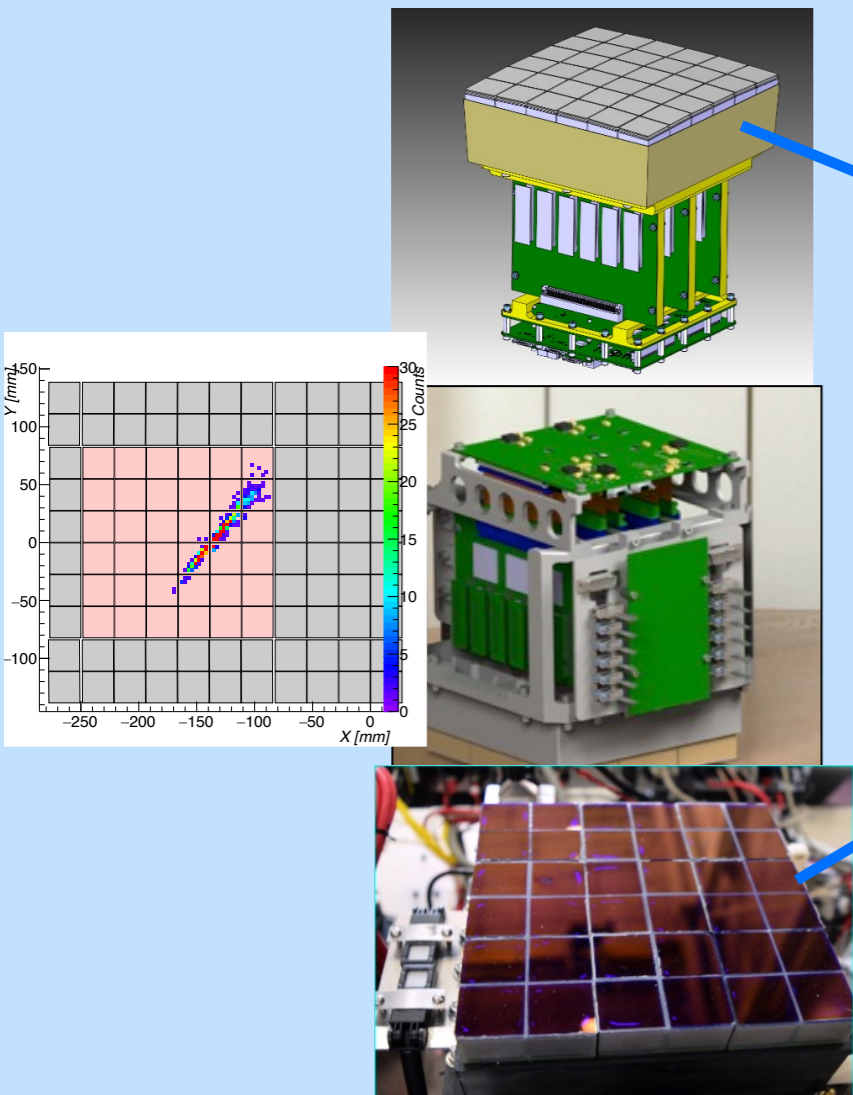
Imaging  $\sim 10^4$  away from diffraction limit

# POEMMA: Hybrid Focal Plane



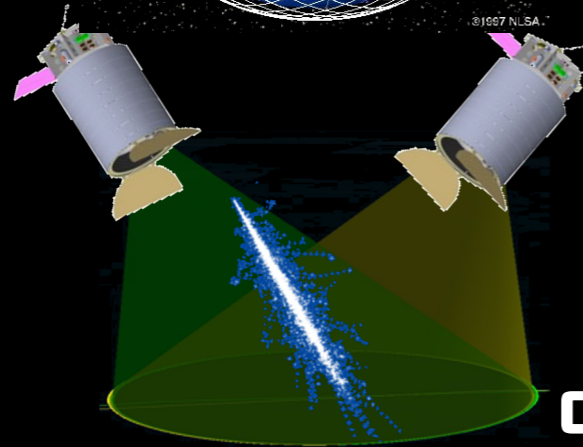
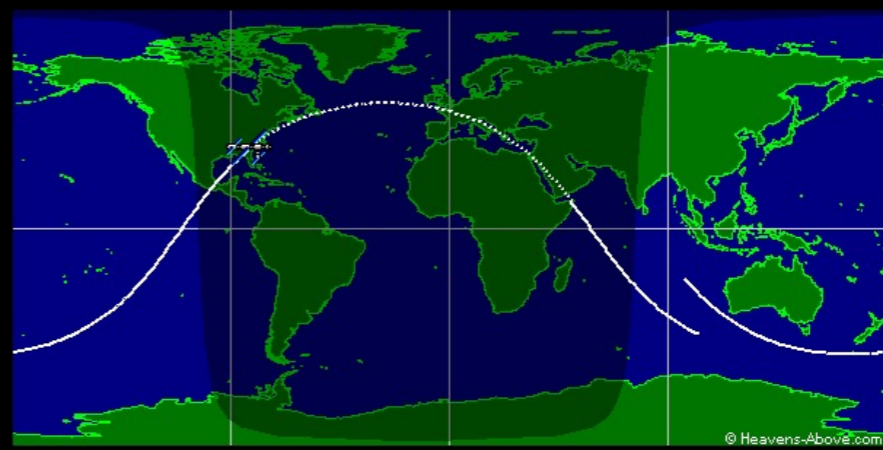
**UV FLUORESCENCE DETECTION  
USING MAPMTs WITH BG3 FILTER  
(300 - 500 NM) DEVELOPED BY  
JEM-EUSO: 1 USEC SAMPLING**

**CHERENKOV DETECTION  
WITH SIPMs (300 - 1000 NM):  
20 NSEC SAMPLING**

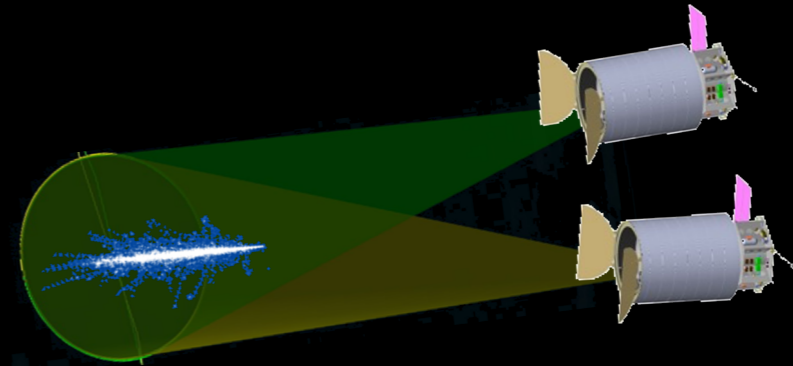


**30 SIPM FOCAL  
SURFACE UNITS  
TOTAL 15,360 PIXELS  
512 PIXELS PER FSU  
(64x4x2)<sup>36</sup>  
SI-DIODE FOR LEO  
RADIATION  
BACKGROUNDS  
REJECTION**

**55 PHOTO DETECTOR MODULES  
(PDMs) = 126,720 PIXELS  
1 PDM = 36 MAPMTs = 2,304 PIXELS**



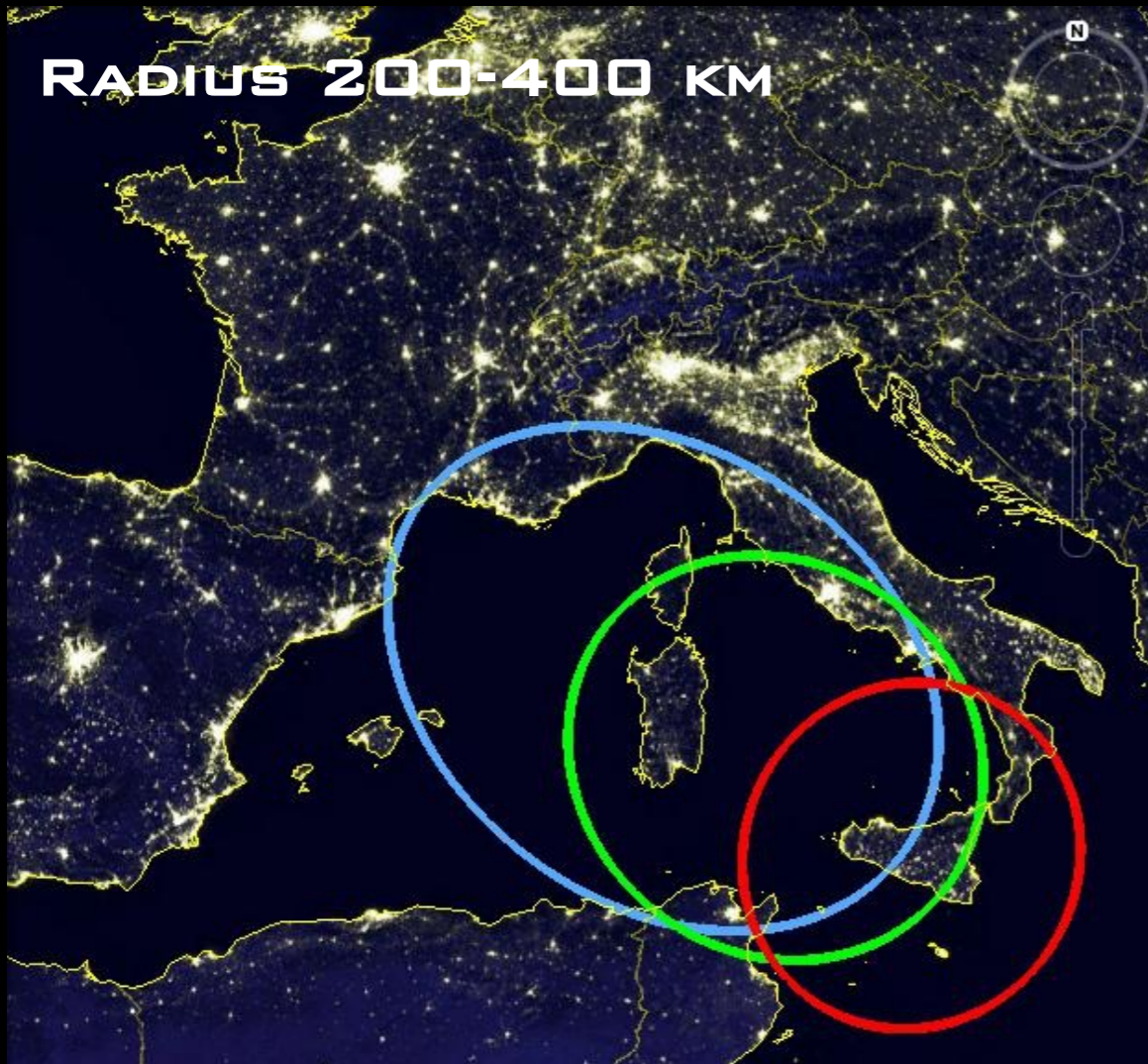
**POEMMA**



**OBSERVING MODES**

**NADIR FOR UHECR:  
RADIUS 200-400 KM**

**LIMB FOR NEUTRINOS & UHECRs  
RADIUS  $2.6-3.7 \cdot 10^3$  KM**



# Scientific challenges:

- » Energy threshold below GZK cutoff (a factor of 2 higher energies means very few statistics and no inter calibration with ground experiments).
- » Light conditions continuously varying (ISS speed 7.5 km/s → night/day change every 45 minutes).
- » Atmospheric conditions (clear sky, clouds, lightning, cities and anthropic light) continuously changing.
- » We need to test the capability of the instrument to adapt its working conditions to the different situations.
- » We need to record and recognise the different atmospheric and anthropogenic conditions.

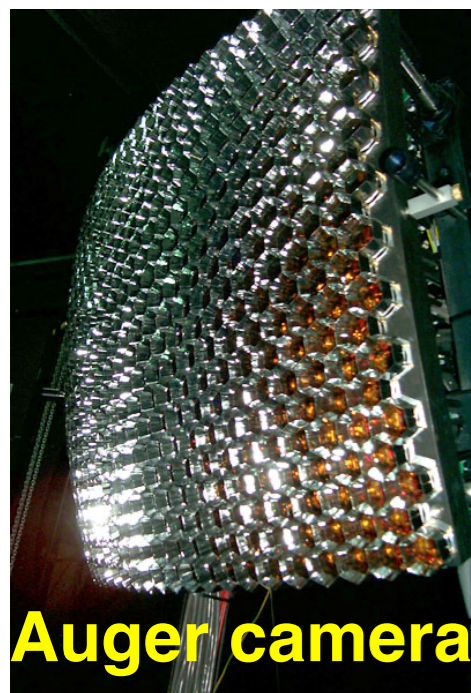
# Technological challenges:

- » Low power consumption (<1kW for POEMMA single tel. - >10<sup>5</sup> pixels)
- » Low mass (~1.5 tons for POEMMA single tel.)
- » Low telemetry (1 GB/day for POEMMA single tel.)
- » Radiation hard instrumentation
- » Space-qualified instrumentation (need to increase TRL)

# Comparing Auger FD and POEMMA telescopes

	Auger (1 FD site)	EUSO-Balloons/TA	JEM-EUSO
mirror size	6 x 11 m <sup>2</sup>	1 m <sup>2</sup> lens	8.5 m <sup>2</sup>
FoV	6 x (30 x 30) deg <sup>2</sup>	11 x 11 deg <sup>2</sup>	4 x 4 deg <sup>2</sup> /PDM
Ang. resolution	1.5 deg/pixel	0.2 deg/pixel	0.084 deg/pixel
Pixel size	5x5 cm <sup>2</sup>	3x3 mm <sup>2</sup>	3x3 mm <sup>2</sup>
Camera size	6 x 440 pixels	2304 pixel	2304 pixel/PDM
EAS distance	40 km	1- 30 km	525 km
light intensity (@40km=1)	1	>1	0.006
time resolution	100 ns	2.5 μs	1 μs
signal acquisition	charge integration	photon counting	photon counting

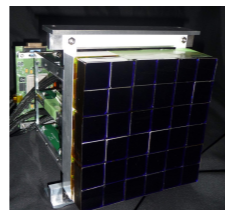
~1.2 m<sup>2</sup>



~1.0 m<sup>2</sup>



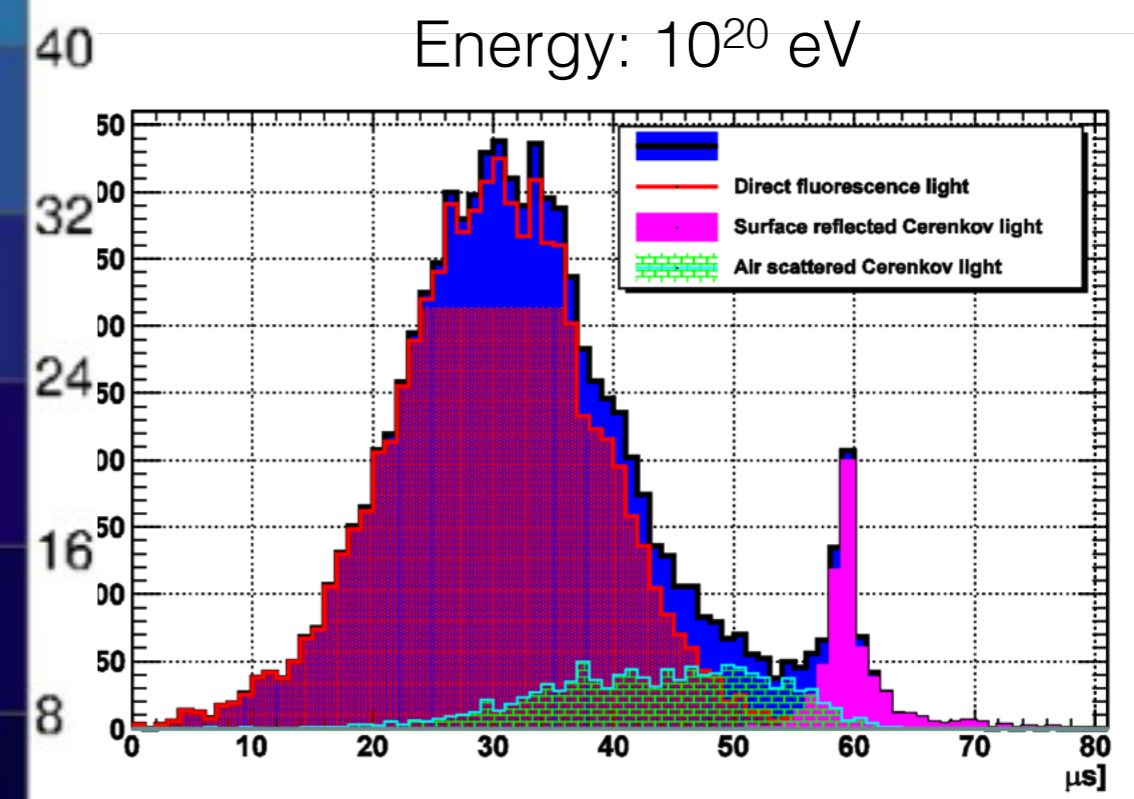
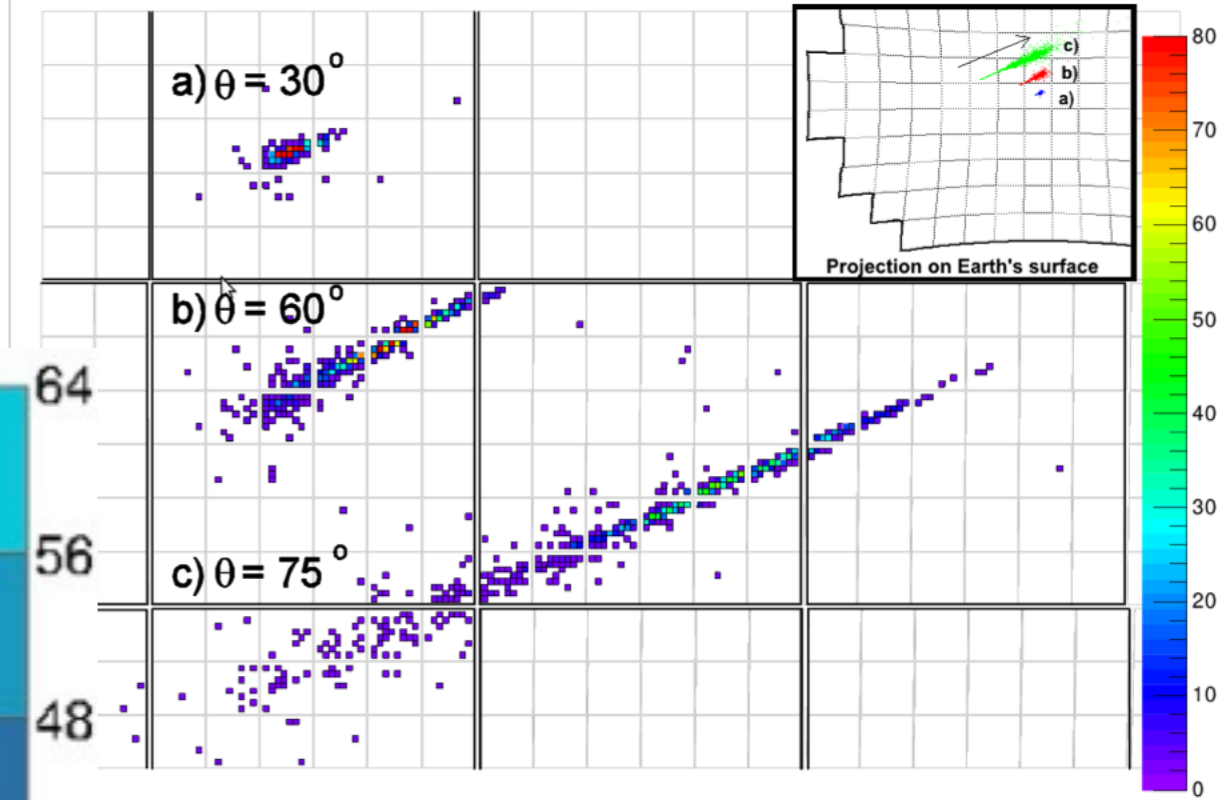
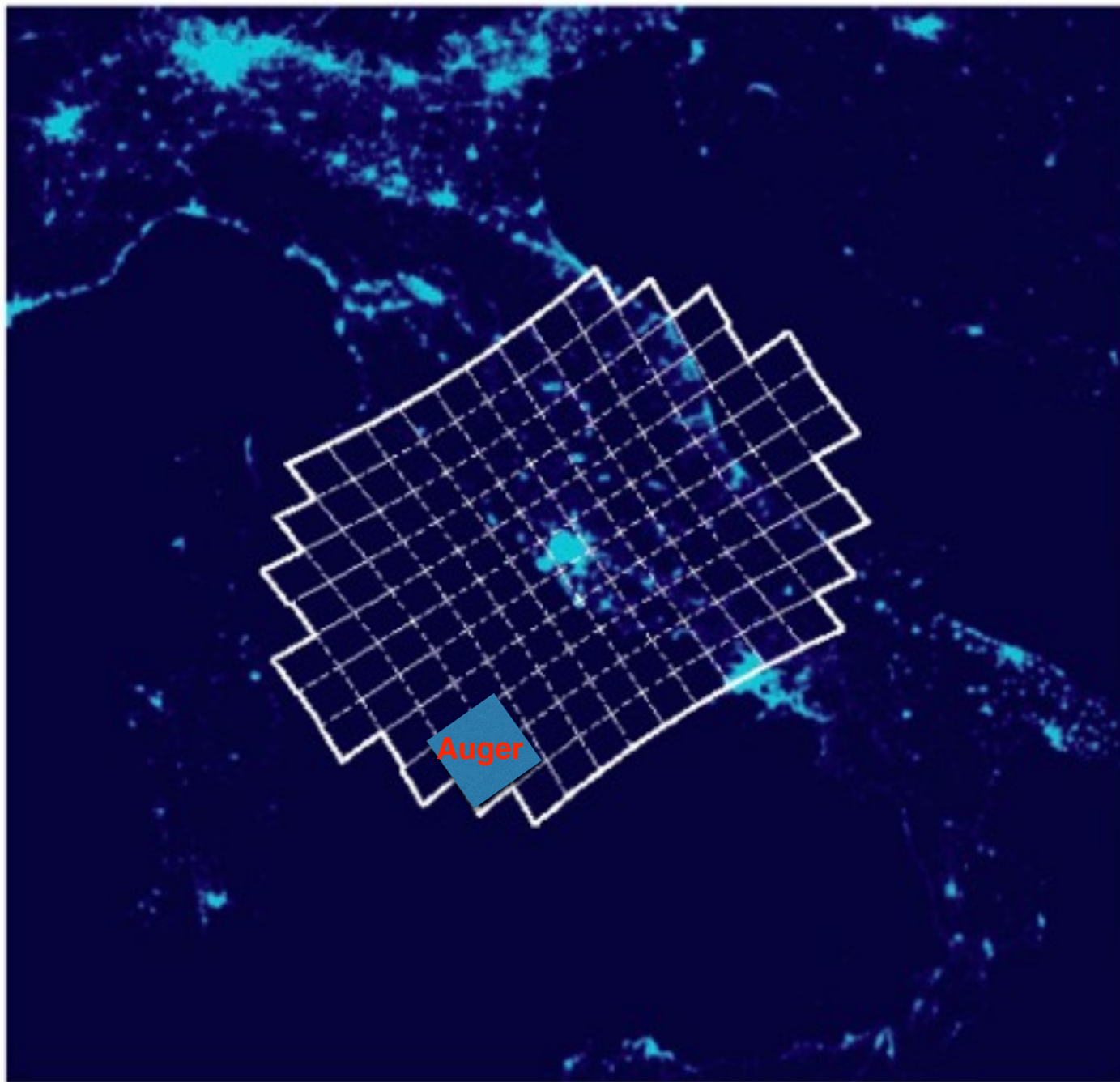
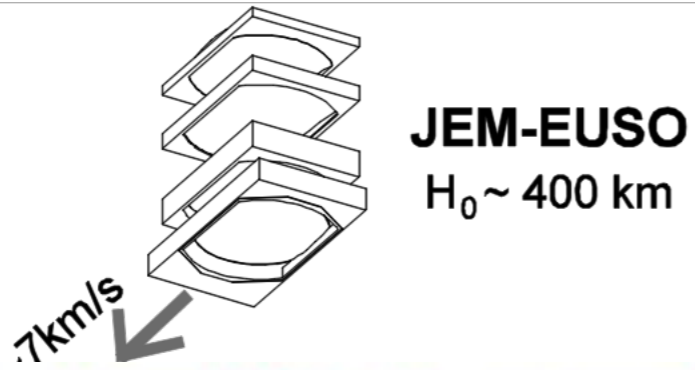
~0.03 m<sup>2</sup>



**EUSO-SPB camera has ~100 times higher density of pixels**

**A significant difference in detectors, a technological challenge...**

# JEM-EUSO Observation Principle

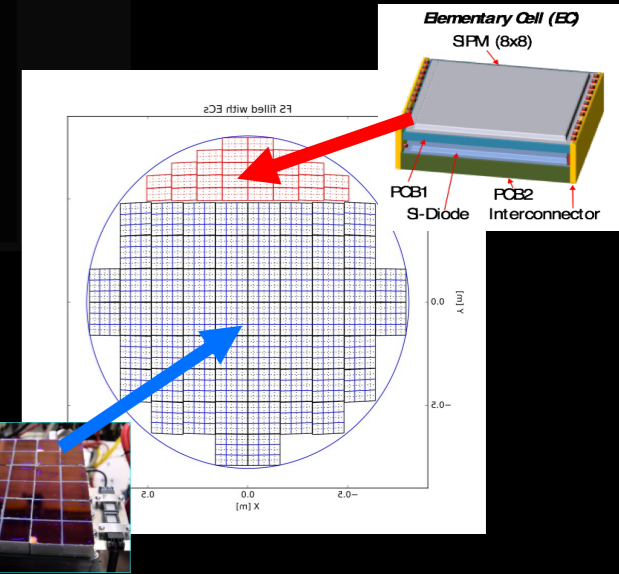
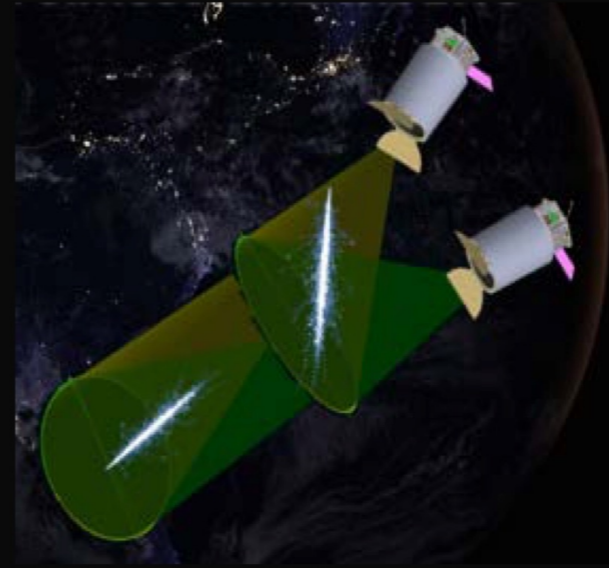


$\Delta t \sim 50 - 150 \mu\text{s}$

# POEMMA UHECRs & VS



POEMMA



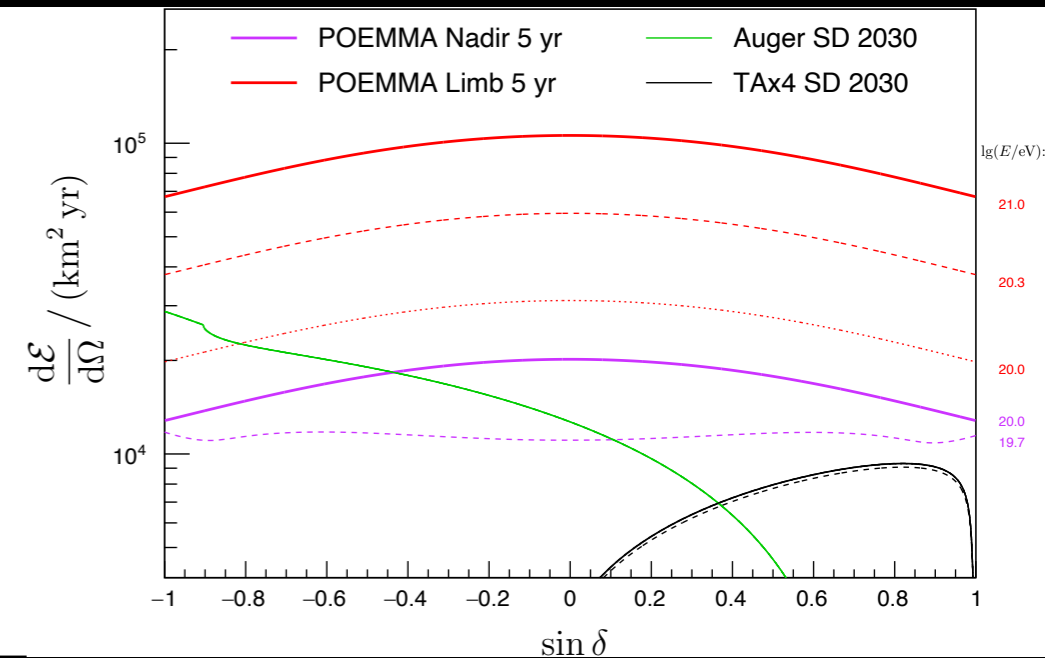
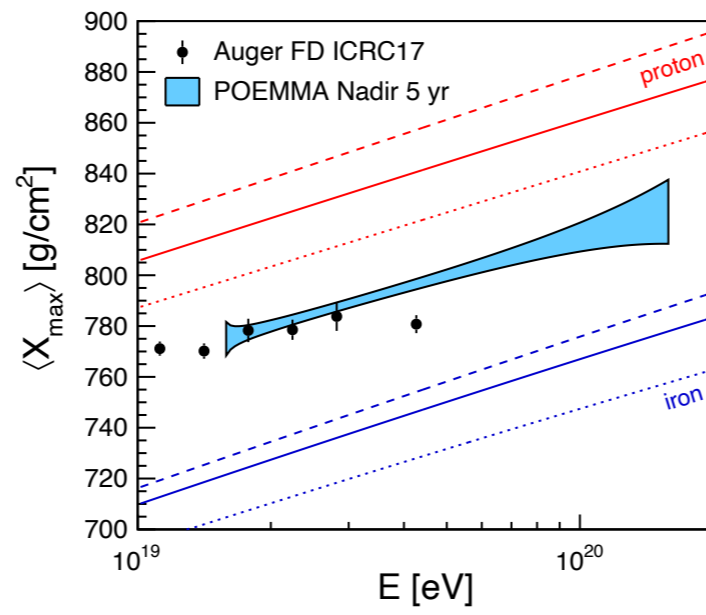
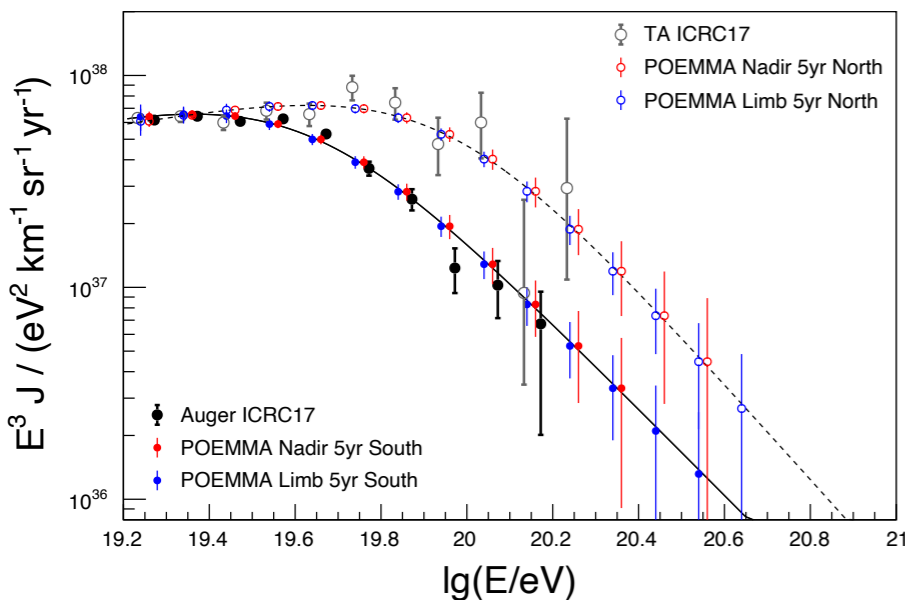
SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN EXPOSURE

GOOD ENERGY, ANGULAR, AND SHOWER MAXIMUM RESOLUTIONS,

UNIFORM SKY COVERAGE

TO GUARANTEE THE DISCOVERY OF UHECR SOURCES

SPECTRUM, COMPOSITION, ANISOTROPY  $E > 50 \text{ EeV}$

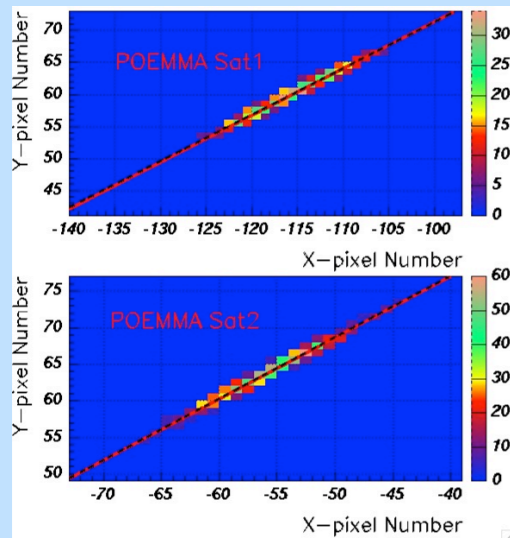
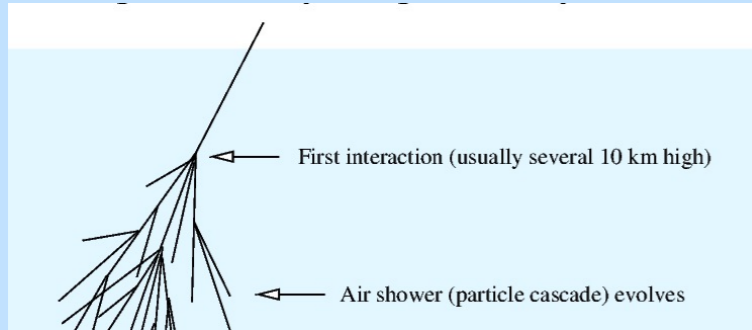




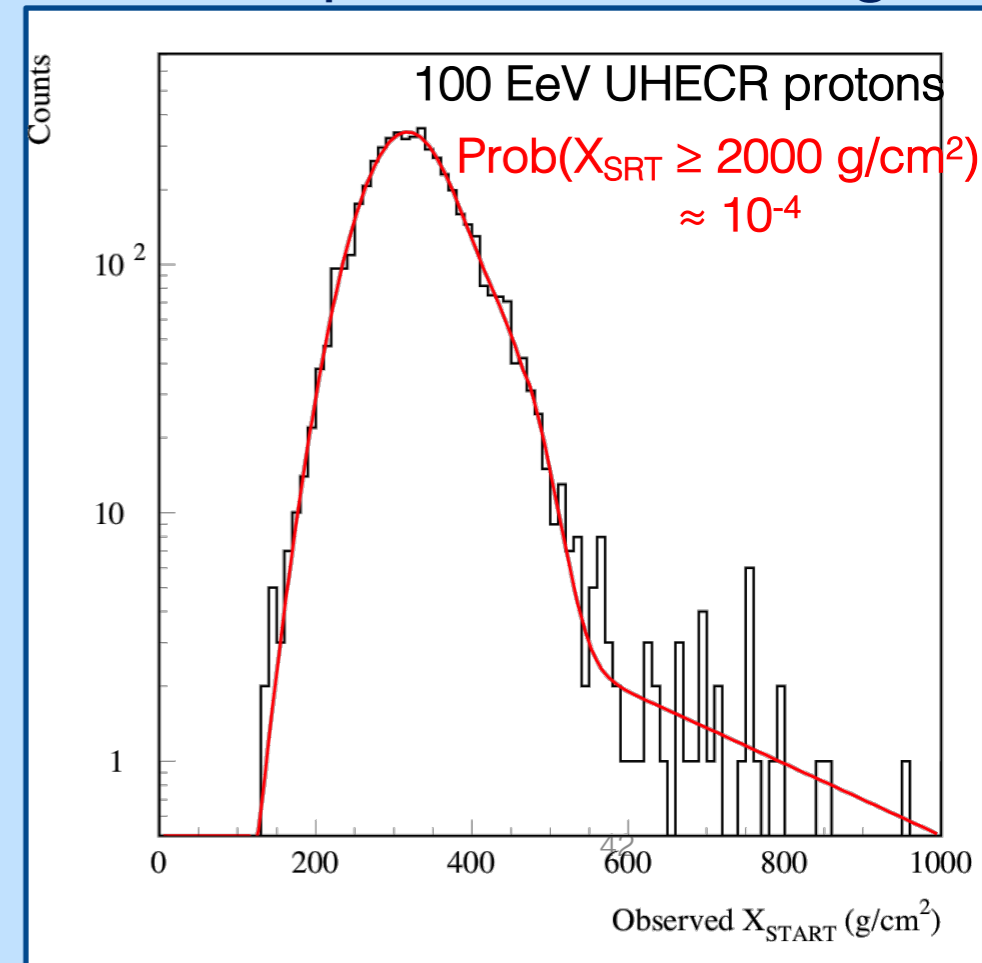
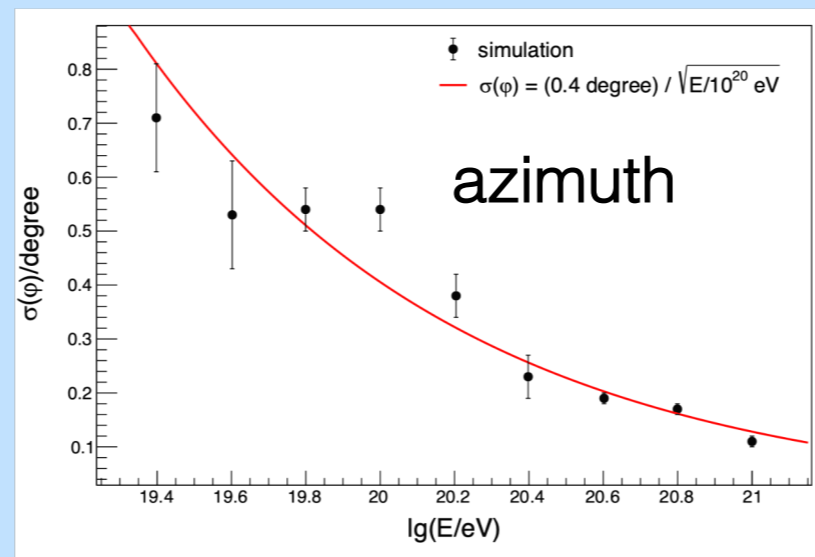
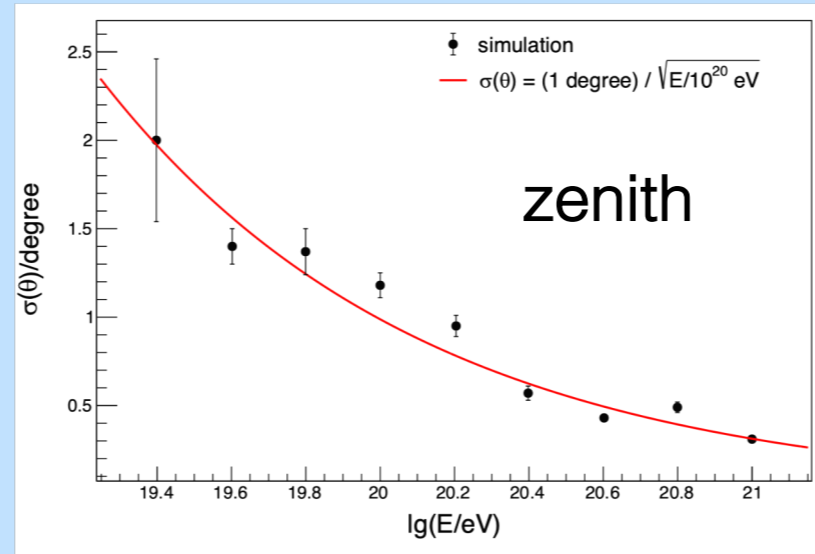
# POEMMA: stereo reconstructed angular resolution: *see PhysRevD.101.023012*

Excellent angular resolution → accurate determination of slant depth of EAS starting

<https://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/CosmicRay/ShowerDetection.html>

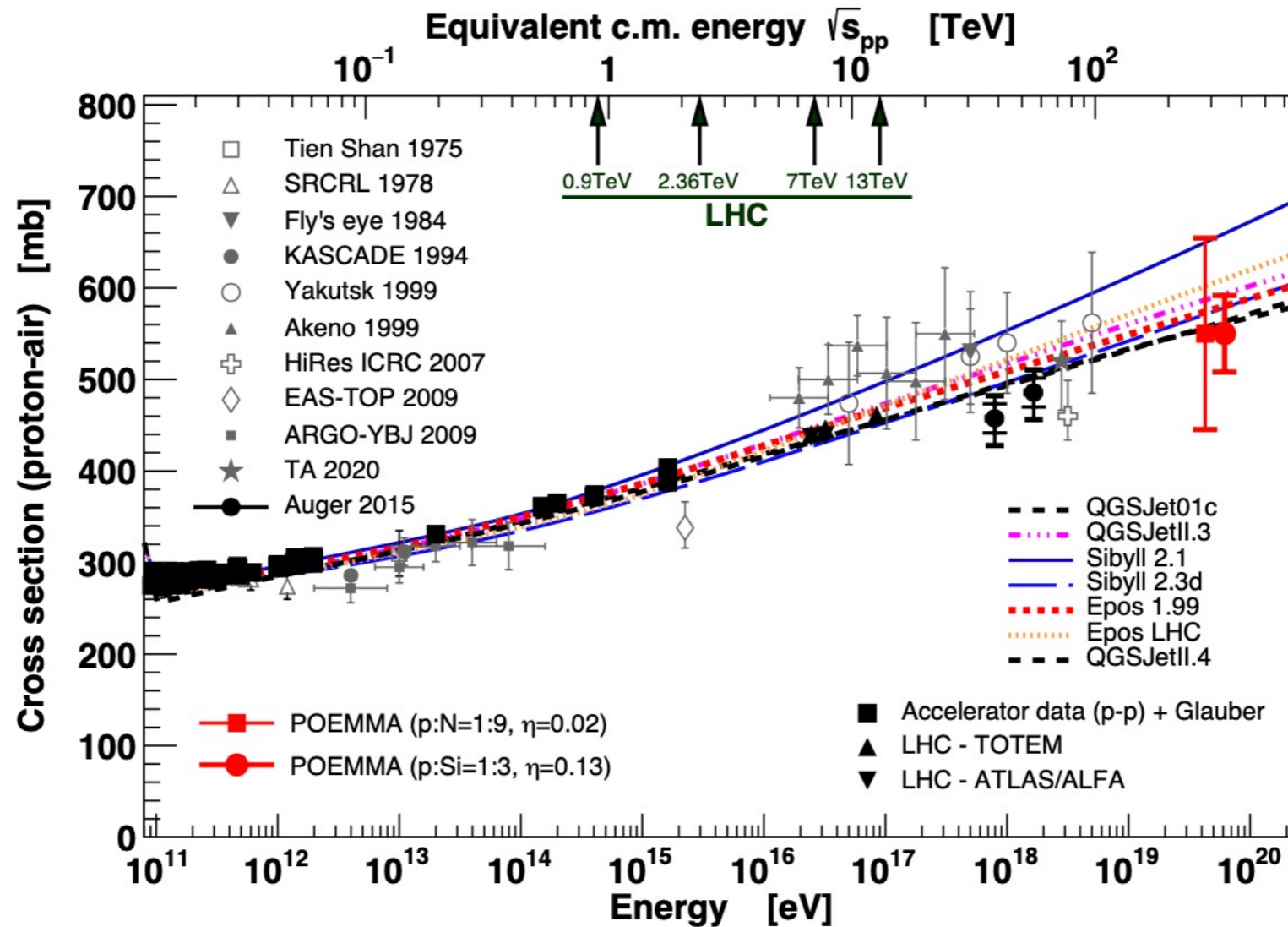


50 EeV simulated event



UHECR 100% proton assumption most conservative

# Inelastic cross-section p - air

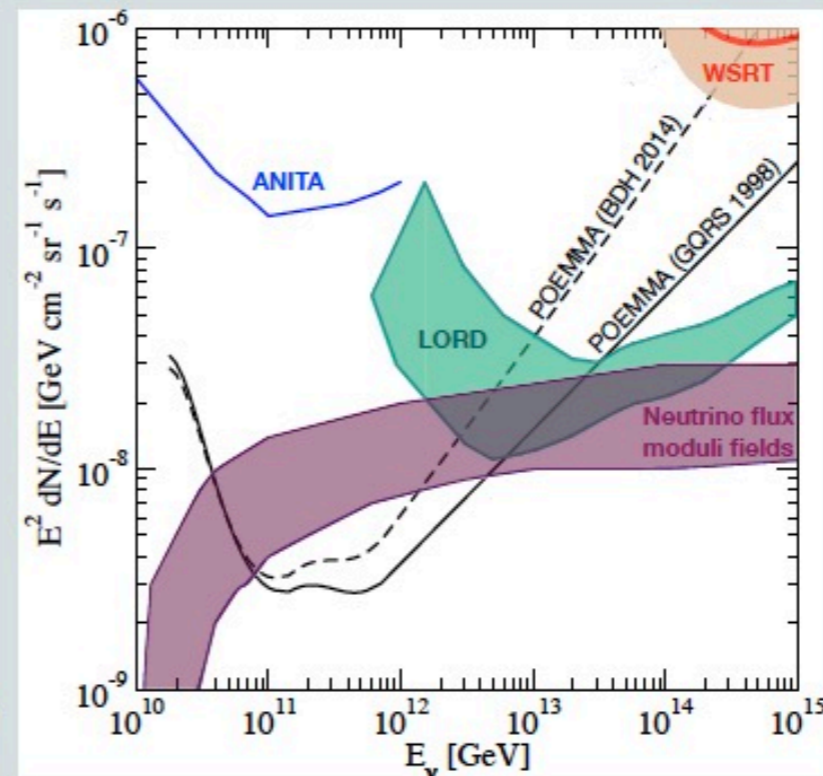
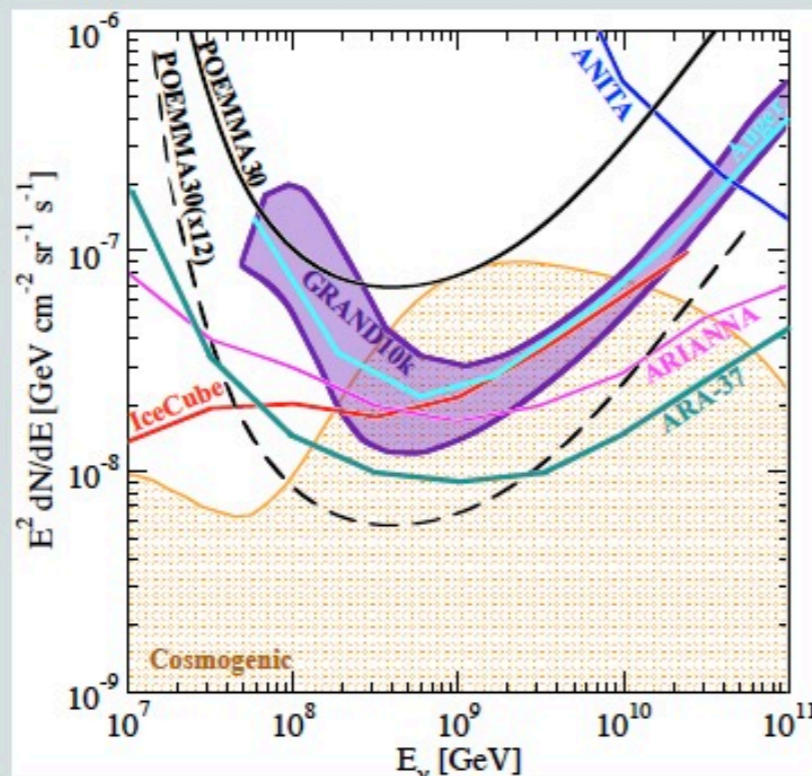


**Figure 9.** The UHE proton-air cross section as a function of proton energy and the projected UHE proton-air cross section measurement with POEMMA for two simplified UHECR composition scenarios (left  $p:N=1:9$  and  $\eta = 0.1 \times 0.2 = 0.02$ , right  $p:Si=1:3$  and  $\eta = 0.25 \times 0.5 = 0.13$ ) shown by red markers, including error bars. The two points are displaced for clarity. Also shown is a compilation of accelerator data converted to a proton-air cross section using the Glauber formalism and measurements [61–69], including the Telescope Array [70] and Pierre Auger Observatory [54] results. The proton-air cross sections for the QGSJet [71, 72], Sibyll [73, 74], and EPOS [75] Monte Carlo programs are also shown.

# Diffuse neutrino performance & SHDM

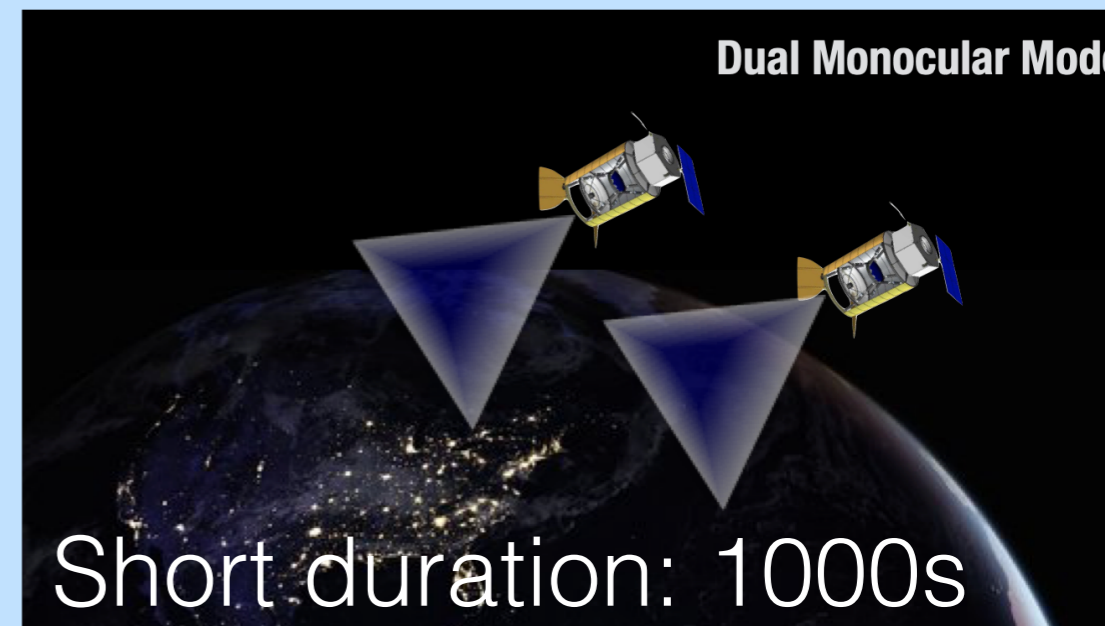
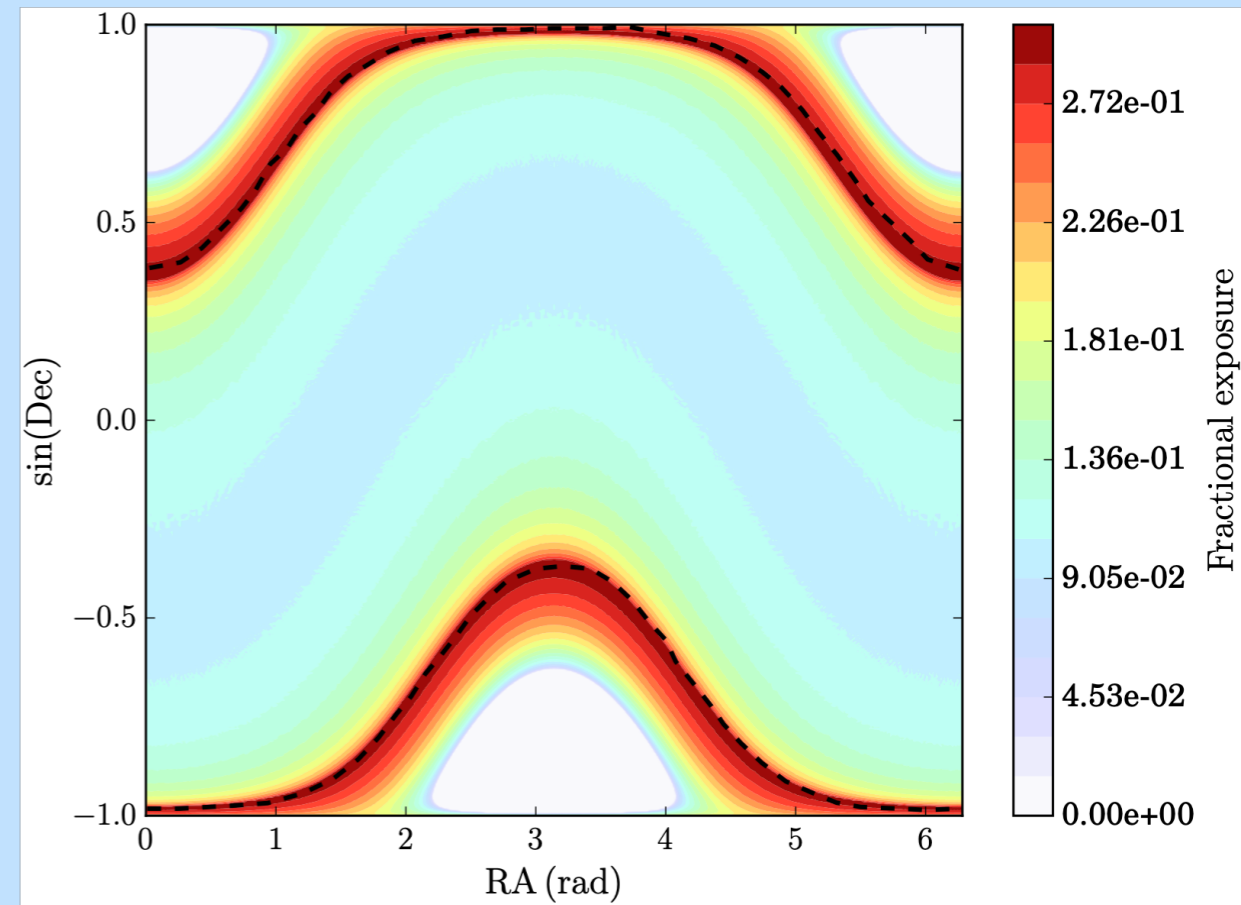
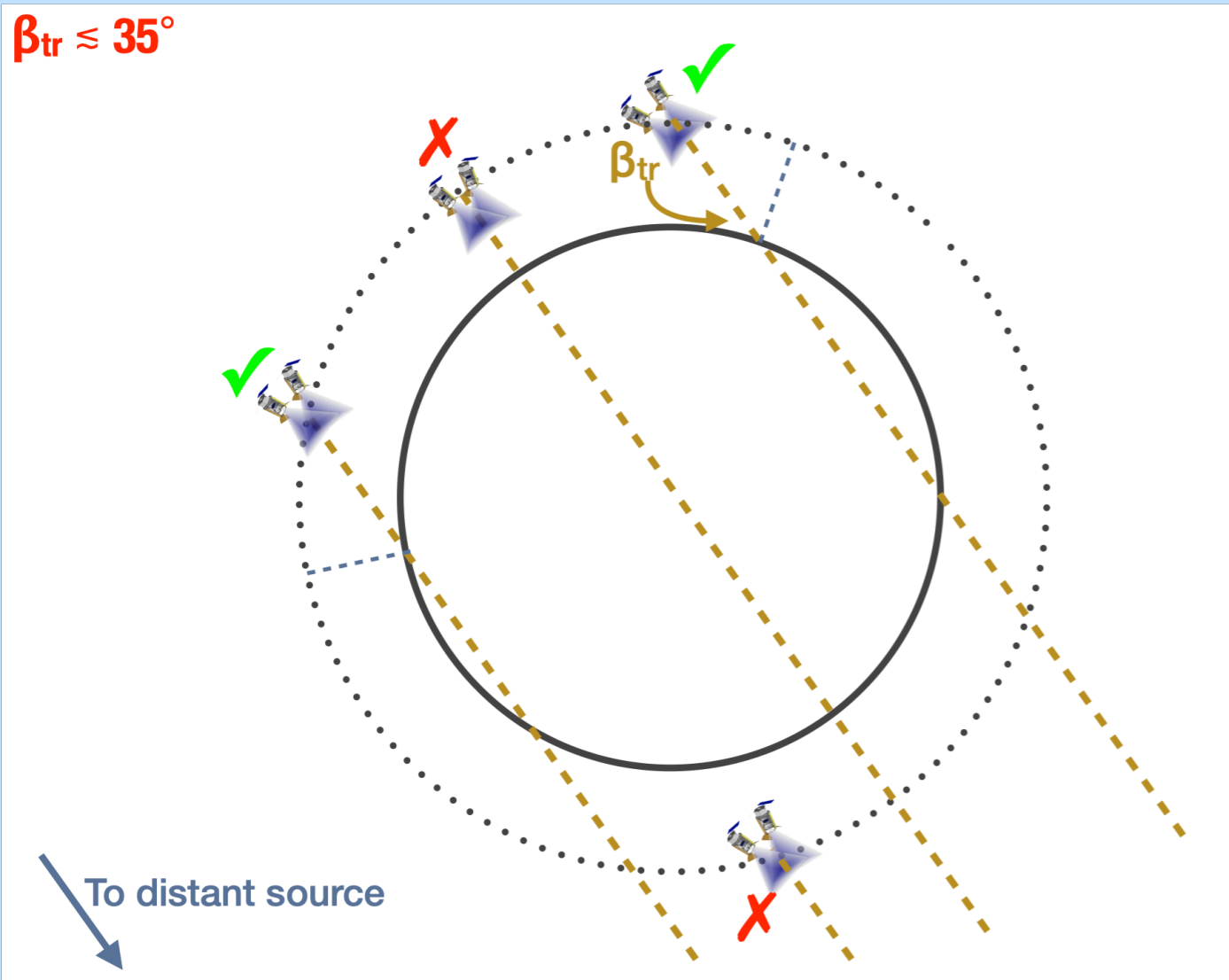
## Unprecedented prospective constraints from very-high energy neutrino detectors

- specific channel: **direct** decay and annihilation to neutrinos
- unique contribution of neutrino detectors
- focus: POEMMA detection capability, above  $\sim 10^{16}$  eV
- Cherenkov and Fluorescence observation modes
- for Cherenkov observation mode, two observation strategies: full sky coverage, or strategy optimized for dark matter detection

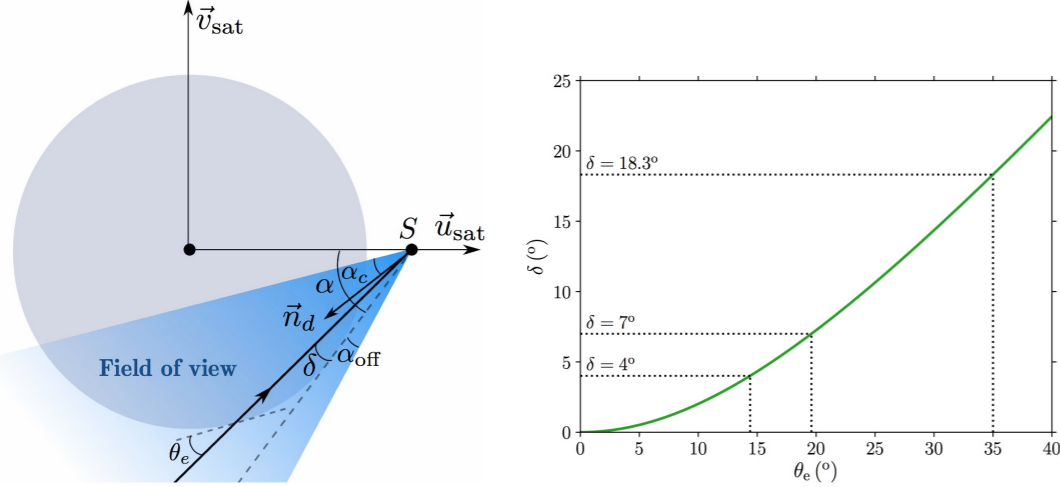


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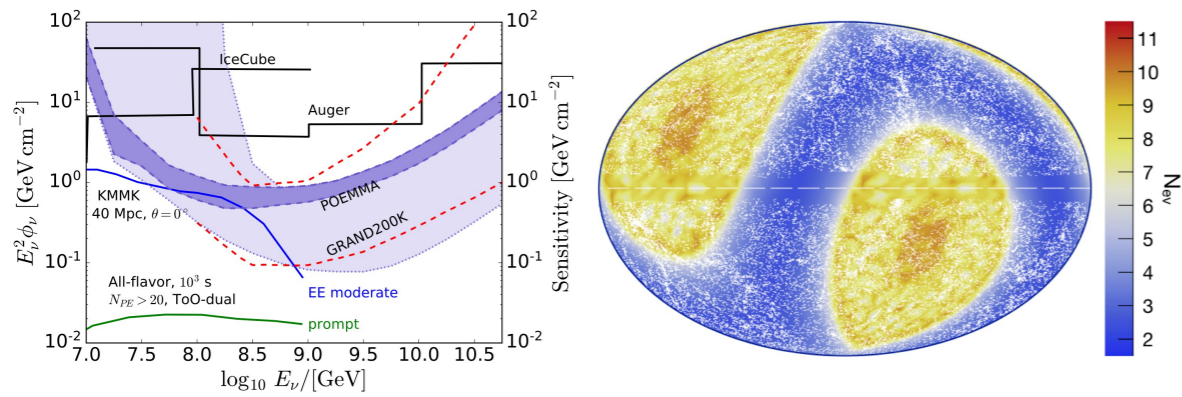
# Exposure for ToO Observations



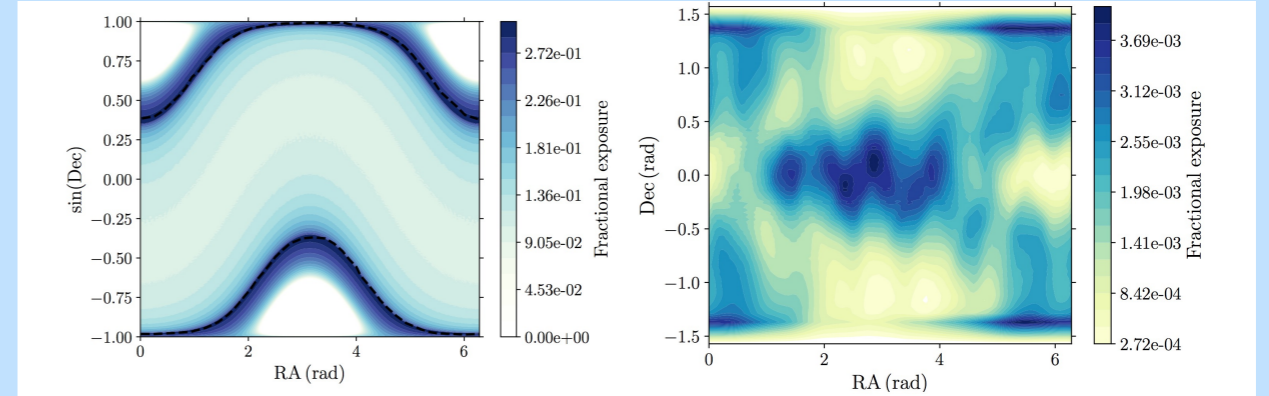
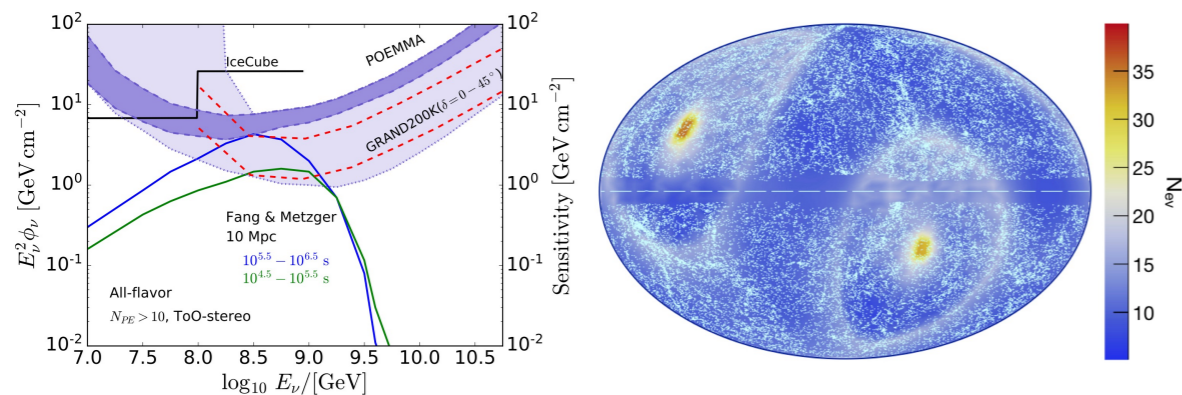
# NEUTRINO: Target of Opportunity (ToO)



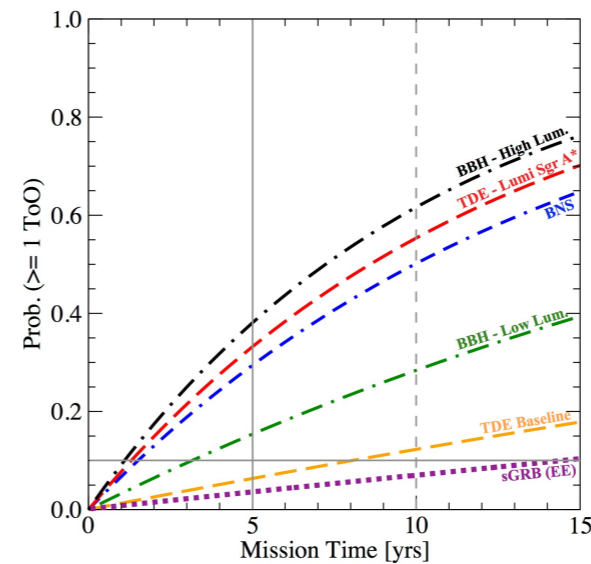
**Figure 14.** Left: Illustration of the geometrical configuration in the orbital plane (satellite position,  $\vec{u}_{\text{sat}}$ , versus satellite velocity  $\vec{v}_{\text{sat}}$ ). The satellite is located at point S. The arrival direction of an EAS generated by a  $\nu_\tau$  is characterized by its Earth emergence angle  $\theta_e$  and the corresponding angle away from the limb  $\delta$  in the point of view of the satellite. The detector has a conical FoV of opening angle  $\alpha_c$ , with an offset angle  $\alpha_{\text{off}}$  (away from the Earth limb) and pointing direction  $\vec{n}_d$ . Right: Cherenkov viewing angle  $\delta$  below the limb versus Earth emergence angle  $\theta_e$  [77].



**Figure 19.** Left: POEMMA ToO sensitivity to a short, 1000 s burst shown by the blue band, where the dark blue band corresponds to source locations between the dashed curves in the sky coverage Figure 18. Also shown are all-flavor upper limits from IceCube and Auger (solid histograms) for neutrino searches within  $\pm 500$  s around the binary neutron star merger GW170817 [145], the projected sensitivity of GRAND200k at zenith angles  $90^\circ$  and  $94^\circ$  [28], and models taken from Kimura et al. [95] of the all-flavor neutrino fluence from a short gamma-ray burst during the prompt and extended emission (EE) phases, assuming on-axis viewing ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ) and a source at  $D = 40$  Mpc. Right: Sky plot of the expected number of neutrino events with POEMMA as a function of galactic coordinates for the Kimura et al. [95] short gamma-ray burst with moderate EE model, placing the source at 40 Mpc. Point sources are galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [146]



**Figure 18.** POEMMA cosmic neutrino sky coverage Left: Sky coverage for sources at a given orbital position in the sine of the declination and right ascension, without including the effect of the Sun, at a given time of the year for viewing angles to  $\delta = 18.3^\circ$  below the limb [2]. Right: The fractional neutrino sky exposure for one year in declination versus right ascension, assuming a defined variation in the POEMMA limb-pointing directions over the year to achieve full-sky coverage. The calculation takes into account the effects of the sun and moon on the duty cycle for observations [77].



Source Class	$\nu$ Horizon Distance	Mission Time for 10% Prob.	Model Reference
TDE $M_{\text{SMBH}} = 5 \times 10^6 M_\odot$ Lumi Scaling	128 Mpc	1.5 yrs.	[98]
TDE Base Scenario	69 Mpc	8 yrs.	[98]
BH-BH merger Low Fluence	43 Mpc	3 yrs.	[92]
BH-BH merger High Fluence	137 Mpc	1 yr.	[92]
NS-NS merger	16 Mpc	1.5 yrs.	[93]
sGRB Moderate Extended Emission	90 Mpc	14.5 yrs.	[95]

**Table 2.** Figure at left: Poisson probability of POEMMA detecting at least one ToO versus mission time for several modeled source classes. Table at right: Promising source classes for detecting at least one ToO event with POEMMA based on a Poisson probability of  $\geq 10\%$ . Also included are the horizon distance for detecting one neutrino per ToO event, the mission time for 10% chance of detecting  $geq1$  ToO event, and the model reference.

T. M. Venters, et al.,  
POEMMA's target of opportunity sensitivity to cosmic neutrino transient sources  
[arXiv:1906.07209 [astro-ph.HE]].

# Prospects for macroscopic dark matter detection: macro/nuclearites

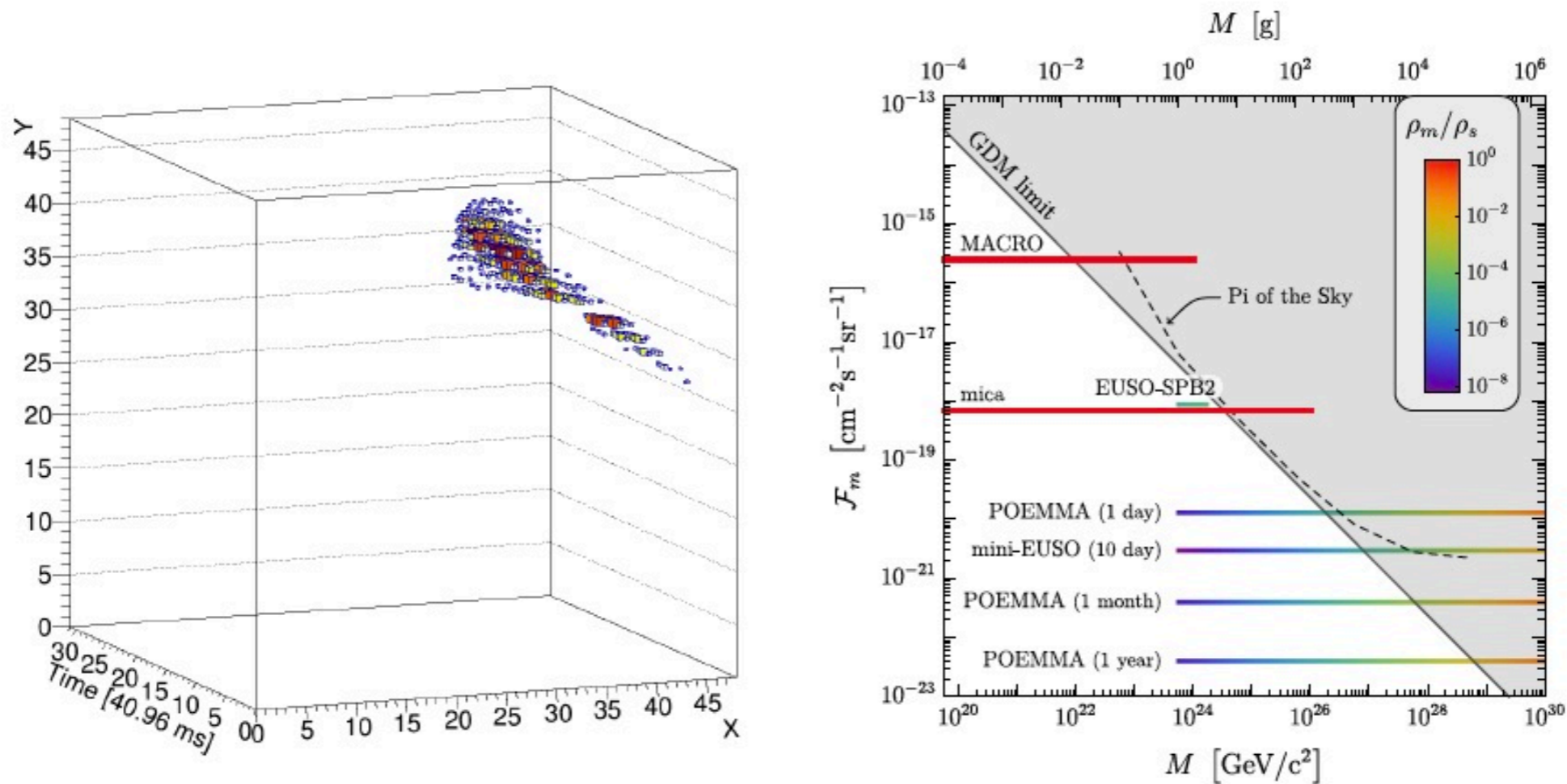


Figure 1: *Left:* A meteor track as observed by Mini-EUSO at a 40.96 ms sampling rate. The X and Y axis represent the pixels of the focal surface plotted versus time. The color scale and the size of boxes correspond to the number of counts deposited in a pixel. *Right:* The projected POEMMA 90% confidence level upper limit on the macro flux  $\mathcal{F}_m$  (as a function of the macro mass  $M$ ) resulting from null detection over different time spans of acquired data compared to EUSO-SPB2 [3], Mini-EUSO, and other experiments [4, 5, 6, 7]. The Galactic dark matter (GDM) limit is indicated for comparison.

# JEM-EUSO

## PROGRAM

EUSO-TA (2013- )

EUSO-Balloon (2014)

TUS (2016)

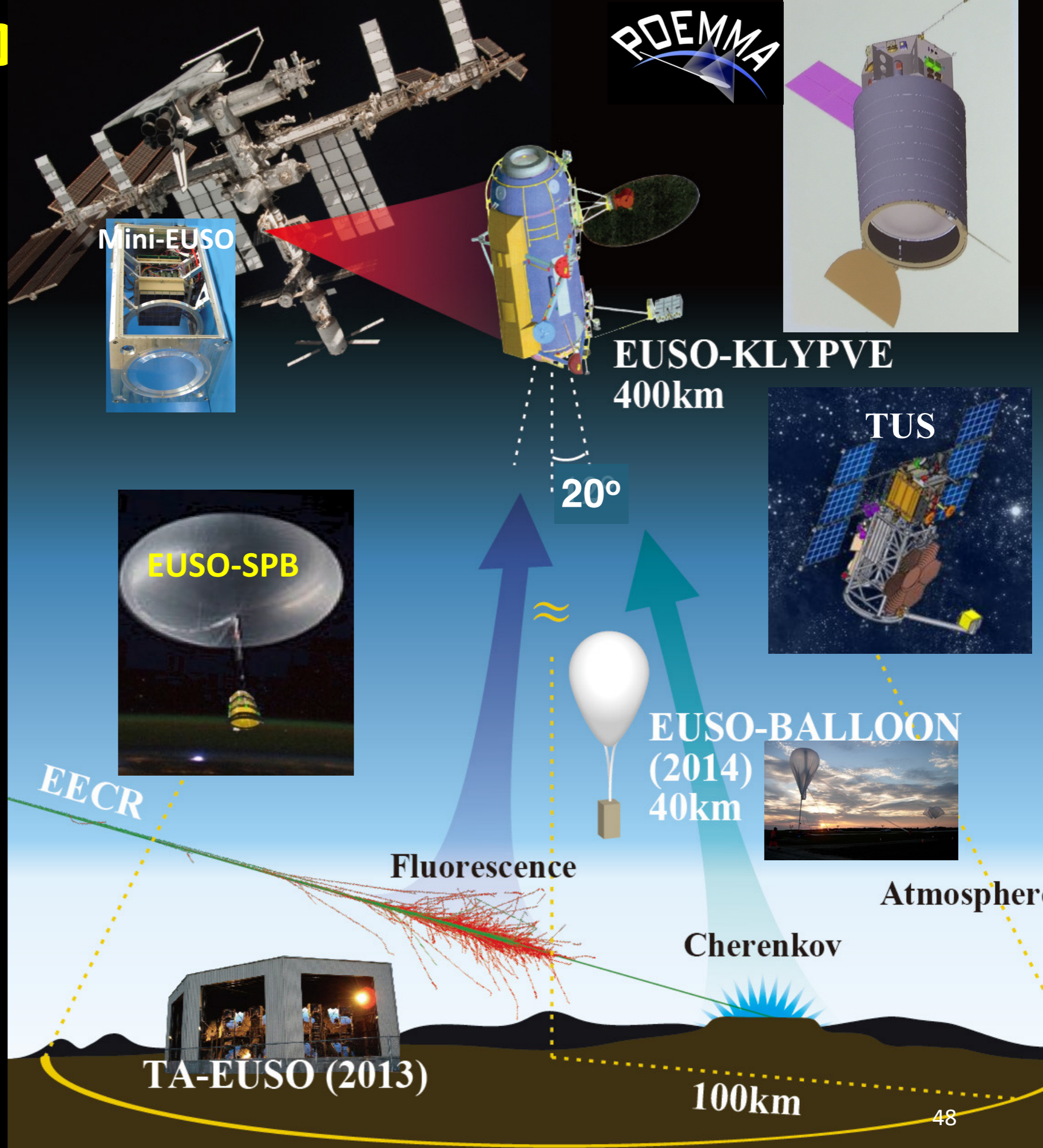
EUSO-SPB1 (2017)

Mini-EUSO (2019)

EUSO-SPB2 (2023)

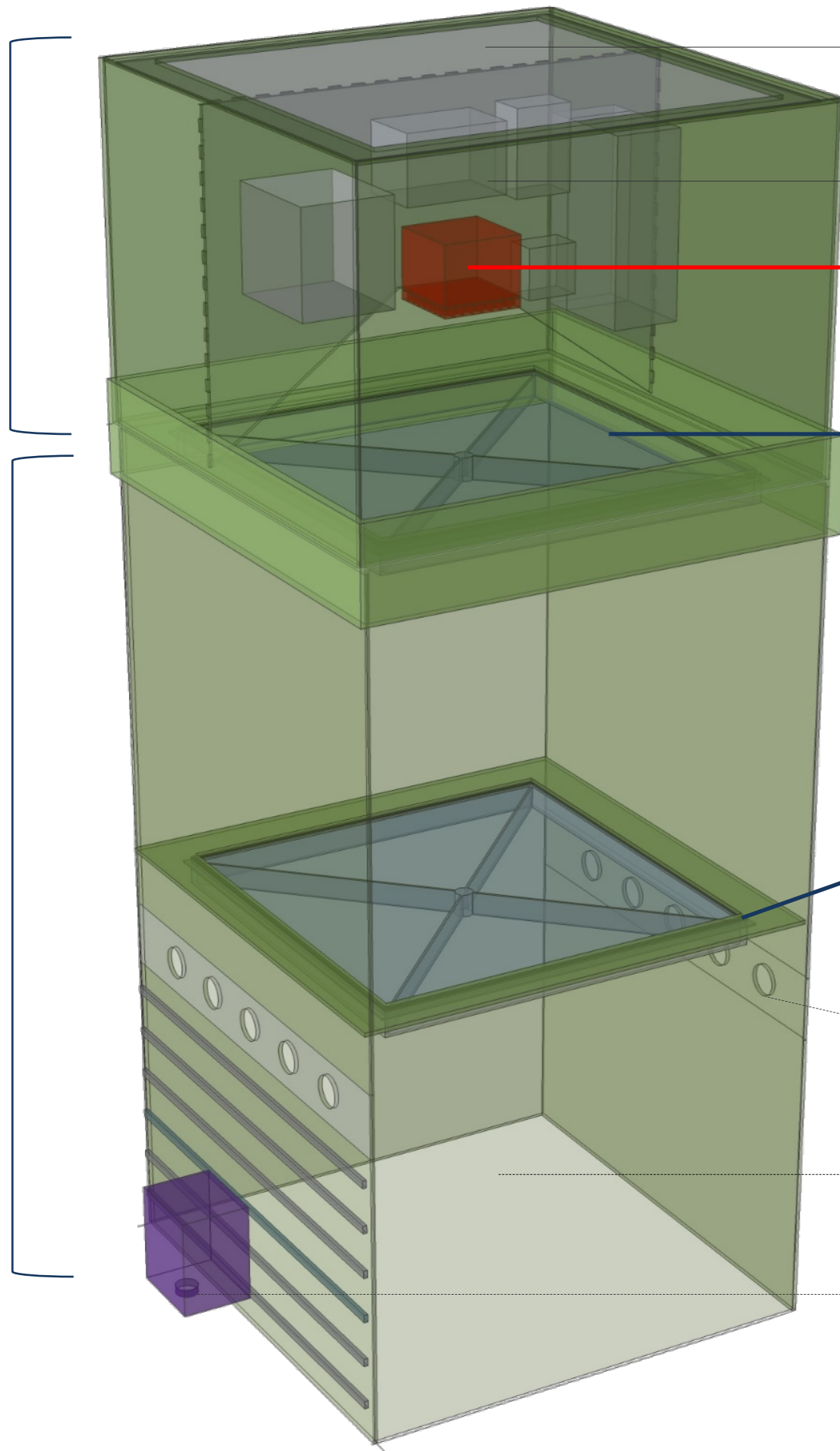
K-EUSO (2024+)

POEMMA (2028+)



instrument booth

optical bench



radiator

electronics (DP)  
on "dry shelf"

PDM

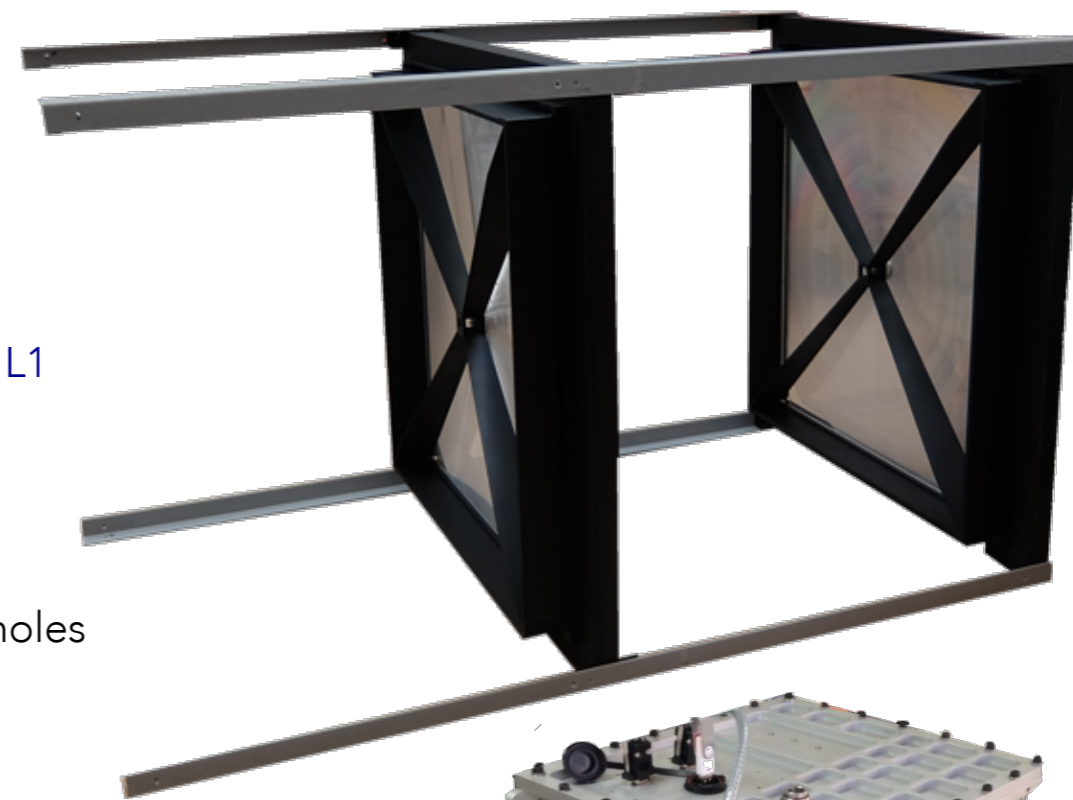
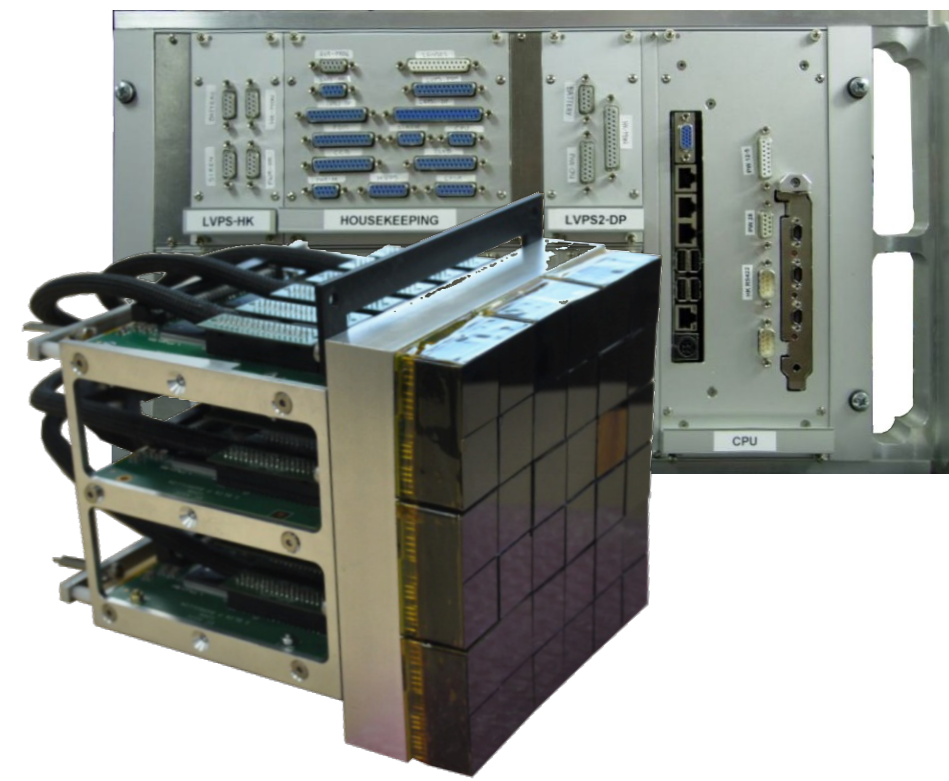
Fresnel lens L3  
fixed/tight

Fresnel lens L1  
adjustable

evacuation holes

Baffle &  
"deceleration cylinder"

IR Camera





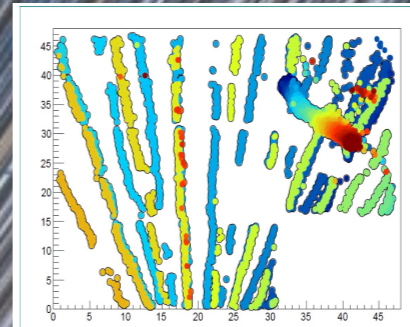
# EUSO-TA

Instrument on its own  
 + test platform for other pathfinders  
 Currently under upgrade with  
 Zynq board and self trigger

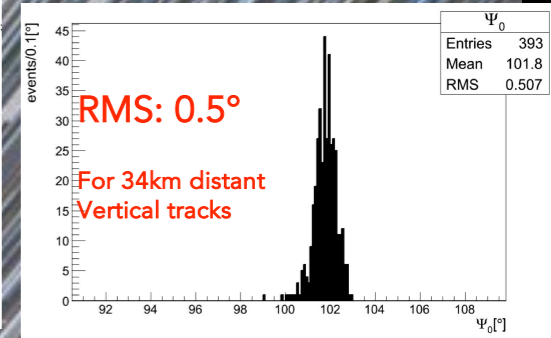


GLS laser  
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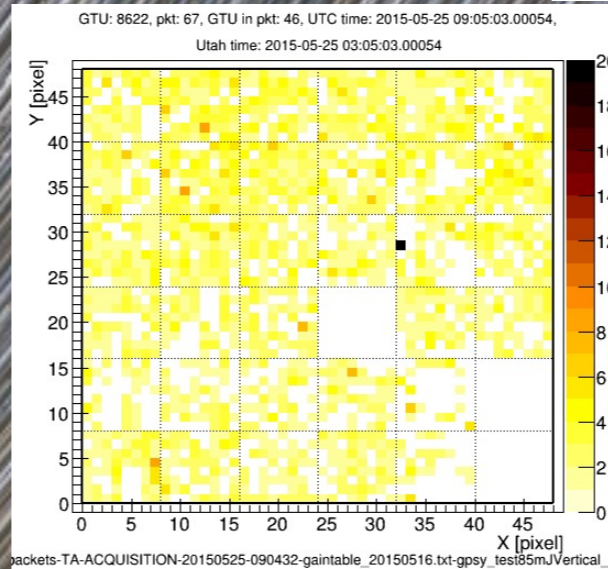
UHECRs



- 34km away from the detector
- Energy: 23mJ
- Sweep in azimuth with 2 different zenith angle (130°/140°)

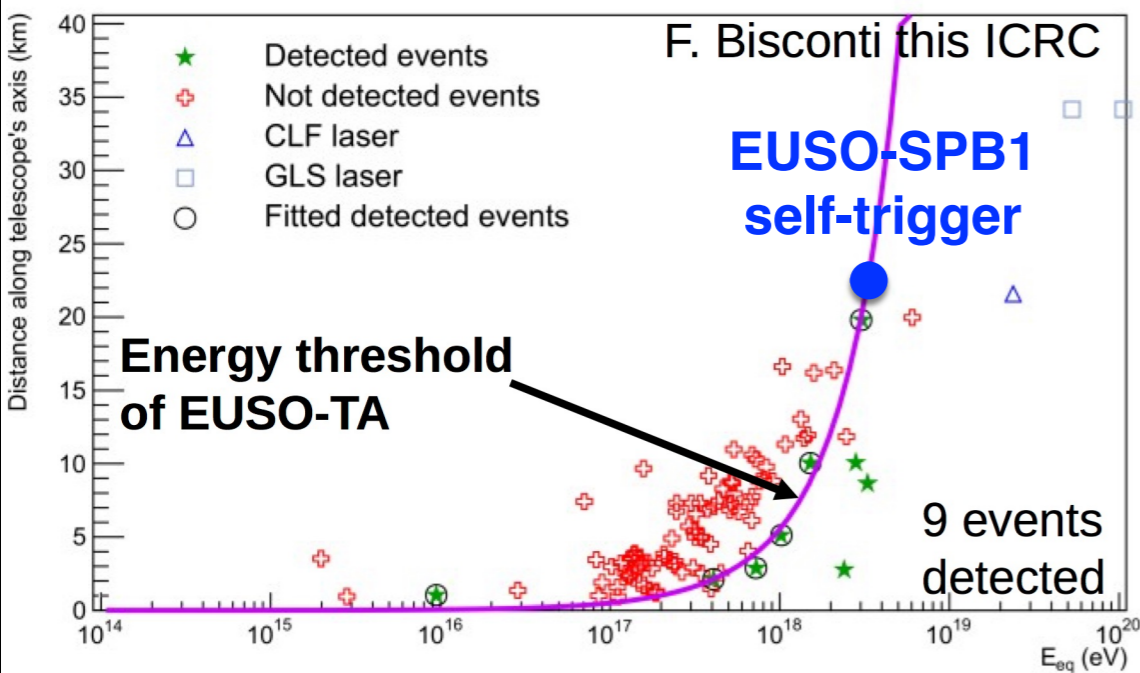


d = 100 km  
 E = 85 mJ

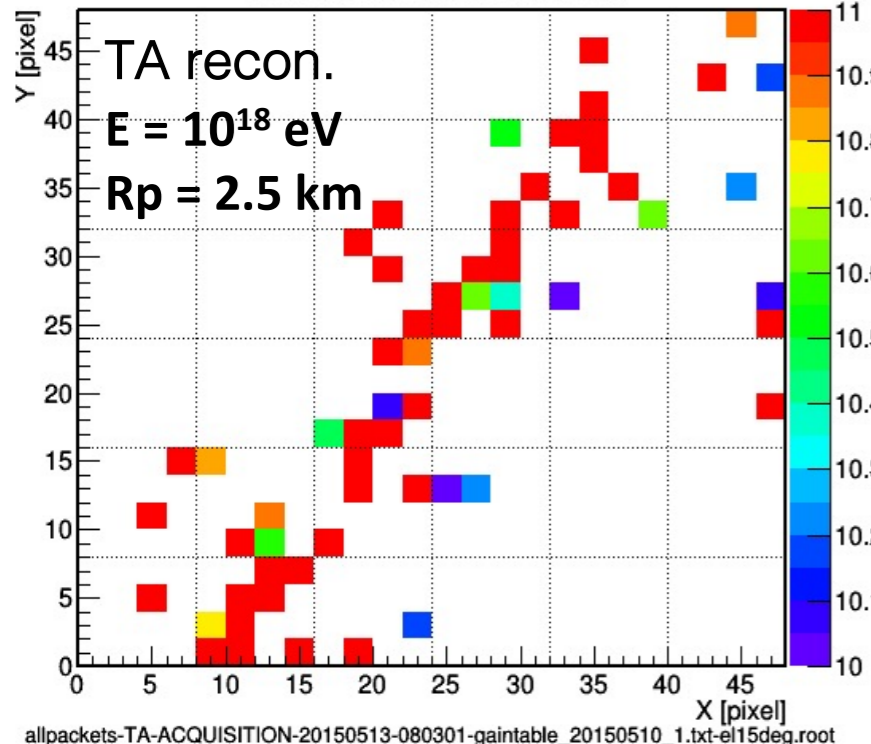


F. Bisconti this ICRC

EUSO-SPB1  
 self-trigger



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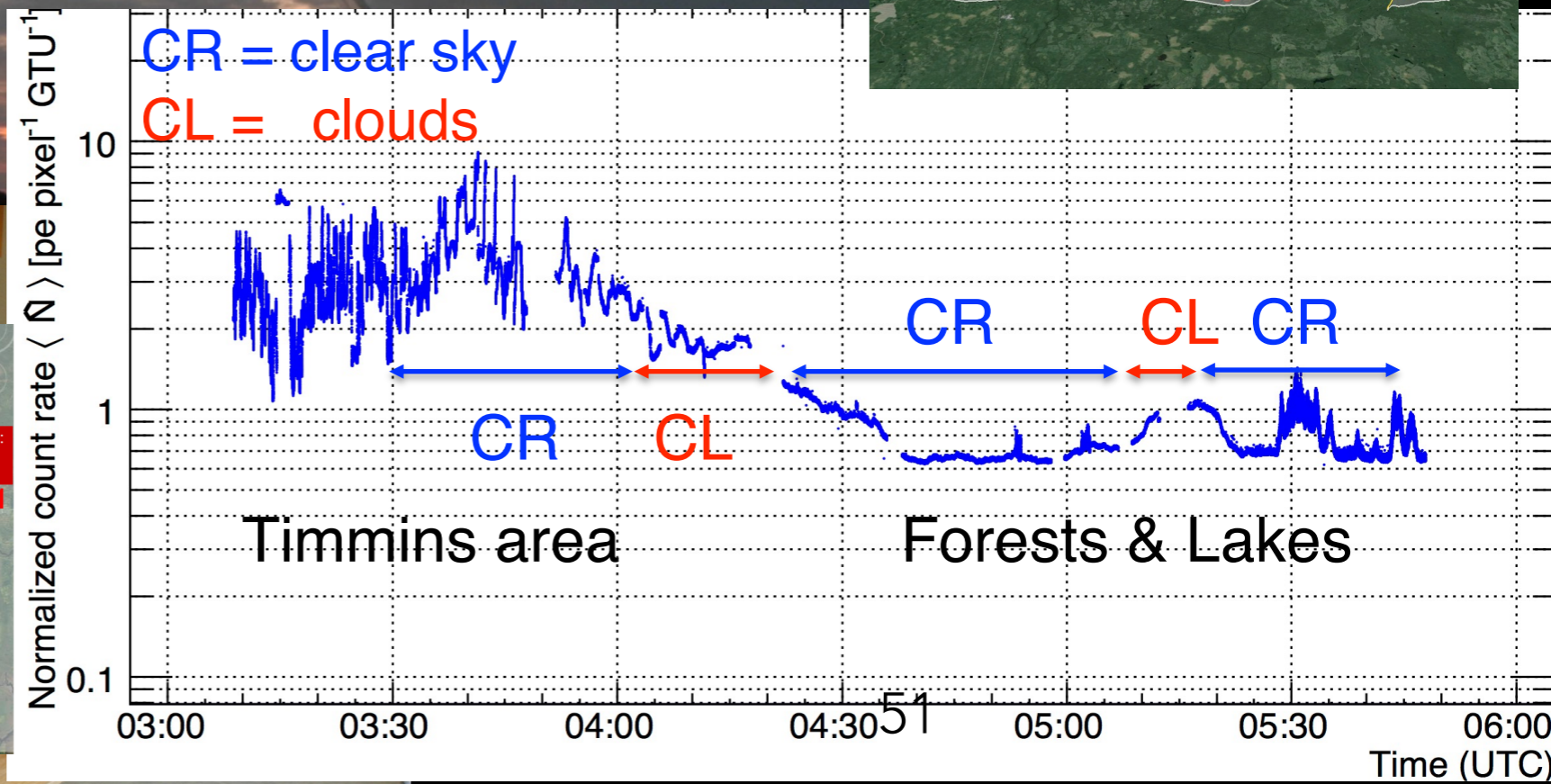
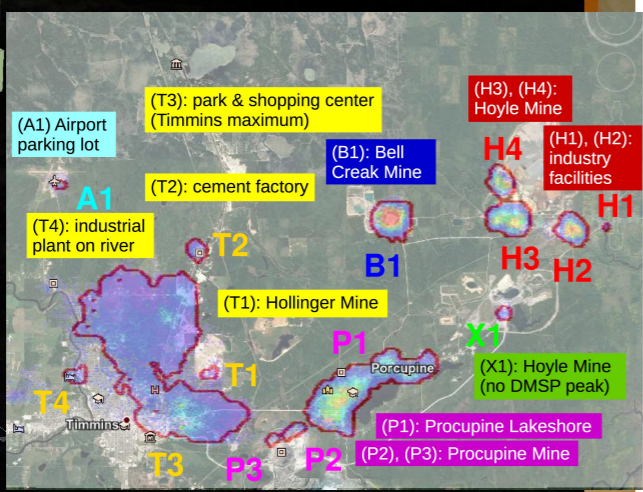
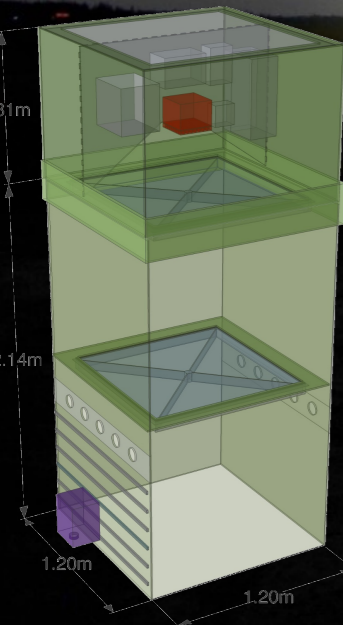
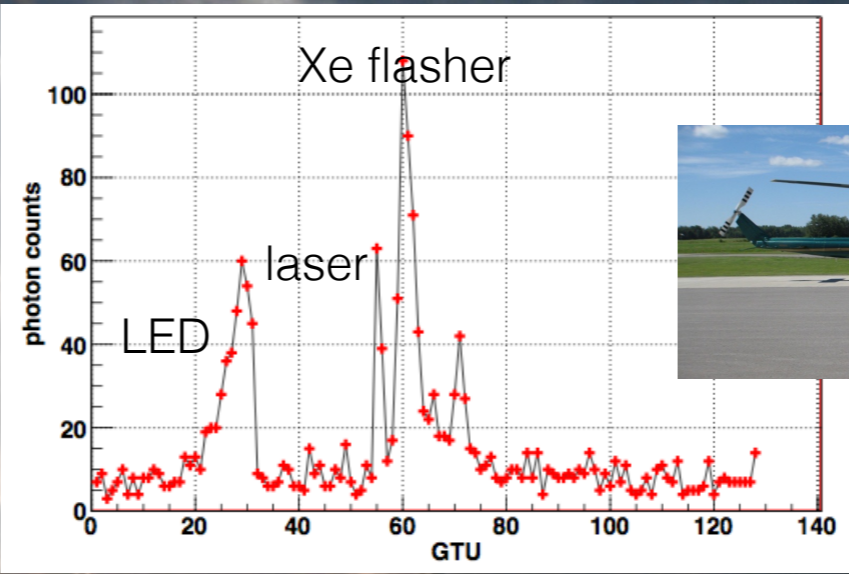
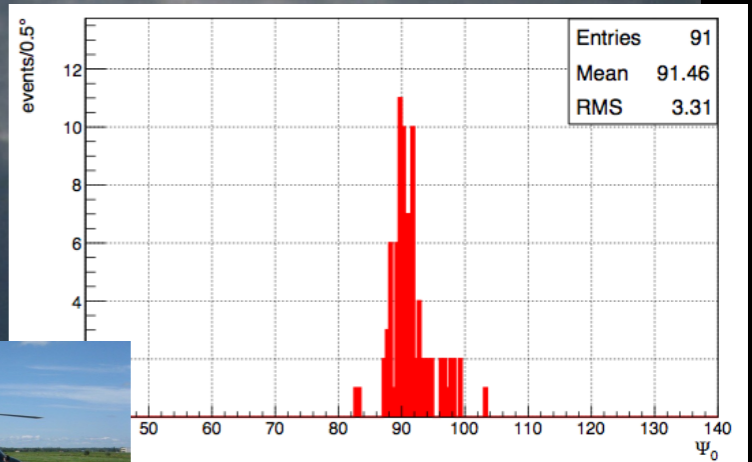
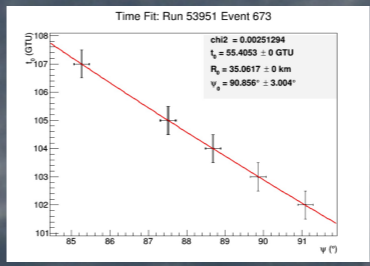
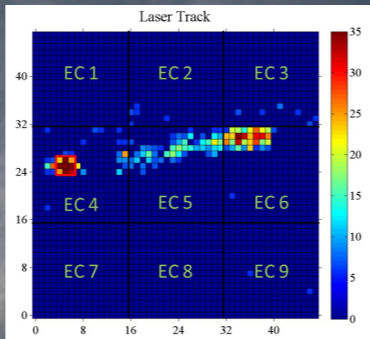
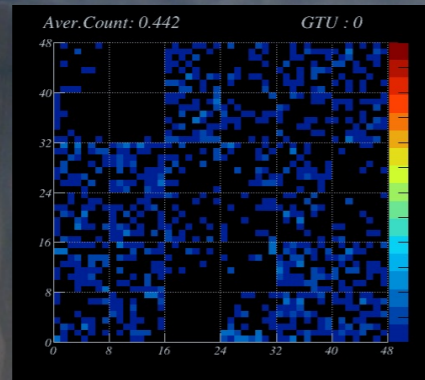


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# EUSO Balloon

August 2014 Timmins, Canada

1 night flight @ 38 km a.s.l.  
data: 256,000 events

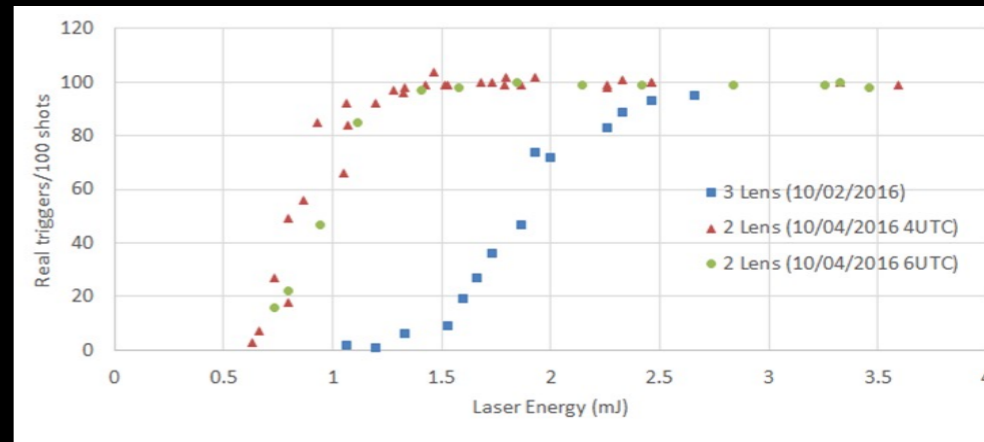
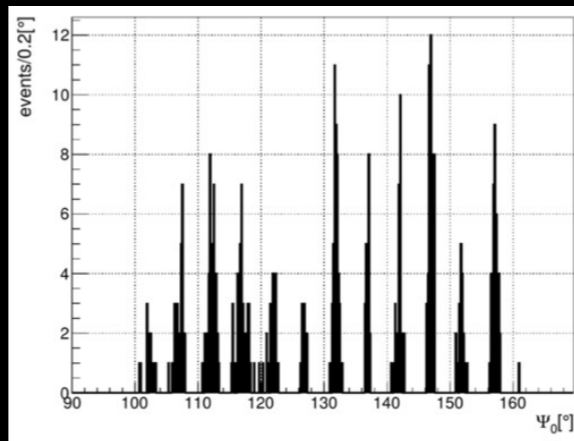


# EUSO-SPB1

(2017)

Angular resolution better than  $1^\circ$

Energy-equivalent threshold measurement

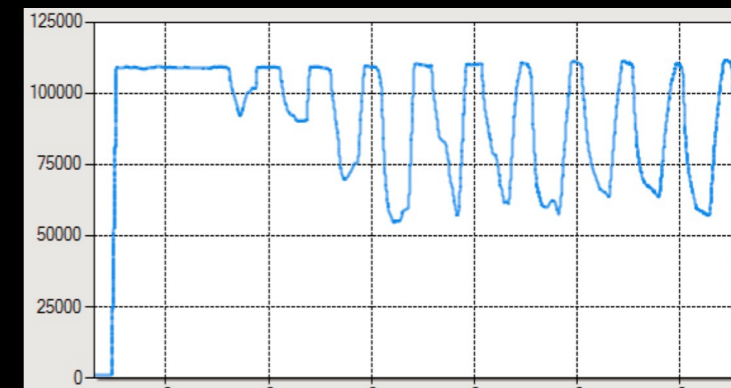


Would-be showers

$E_{th} \sim 2 \text{ Eev} \Rightarrow \sim 1-2$  showers expected per month

Nominally working instrument

(unfortunately... leaking balloon!)



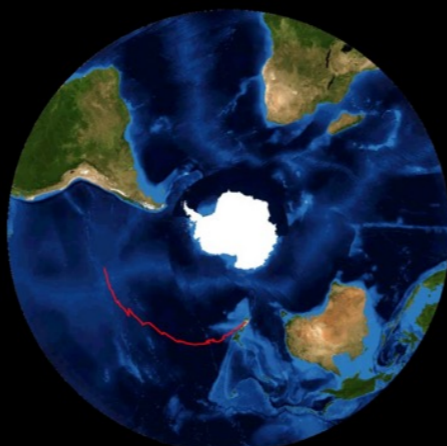
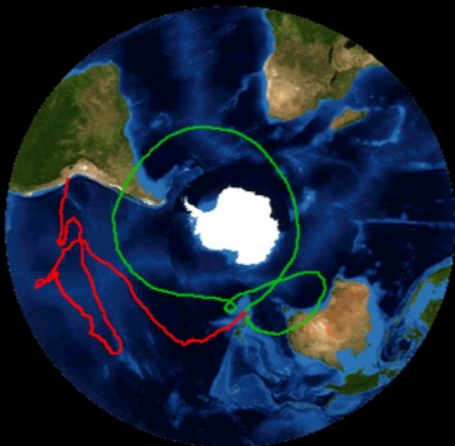
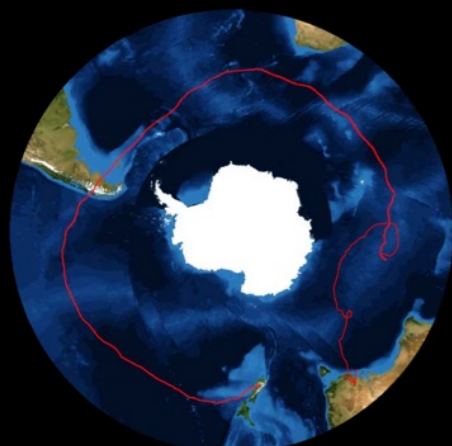
Main improvements:

- Upgraded electronics: SPACIROC 3
- Complete autonomous scheme with trigger
- Solar panels for long duration flight
- Optics performance + stability

2015: 32 d 5 h

2016: 46 d 20 h

2017: 12 d 4 h



NASA Engineering Flight

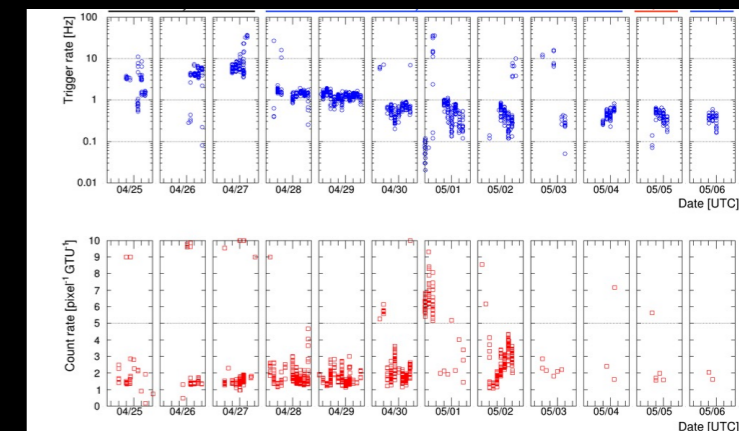
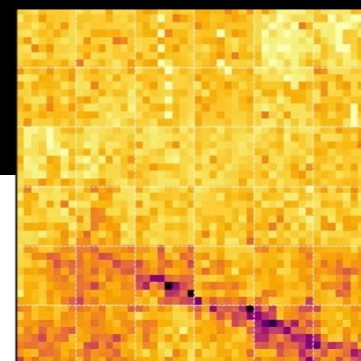
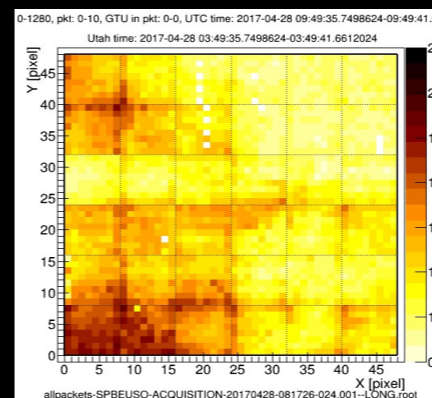
COSI

EUSO

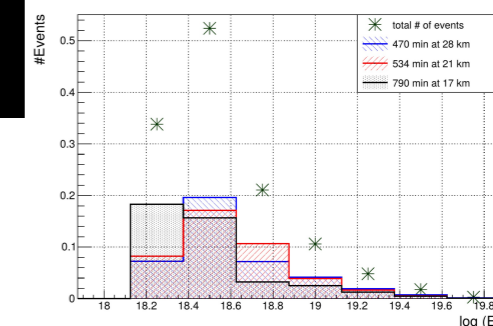
$6.3 \pm 0.9$

$10.6 \pm 2.3$

$\sim 1$

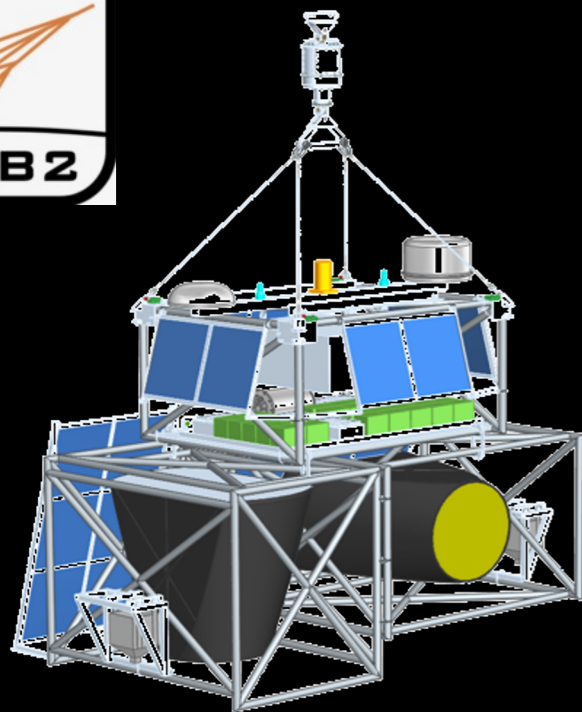


EUSO-SPB1 event rate

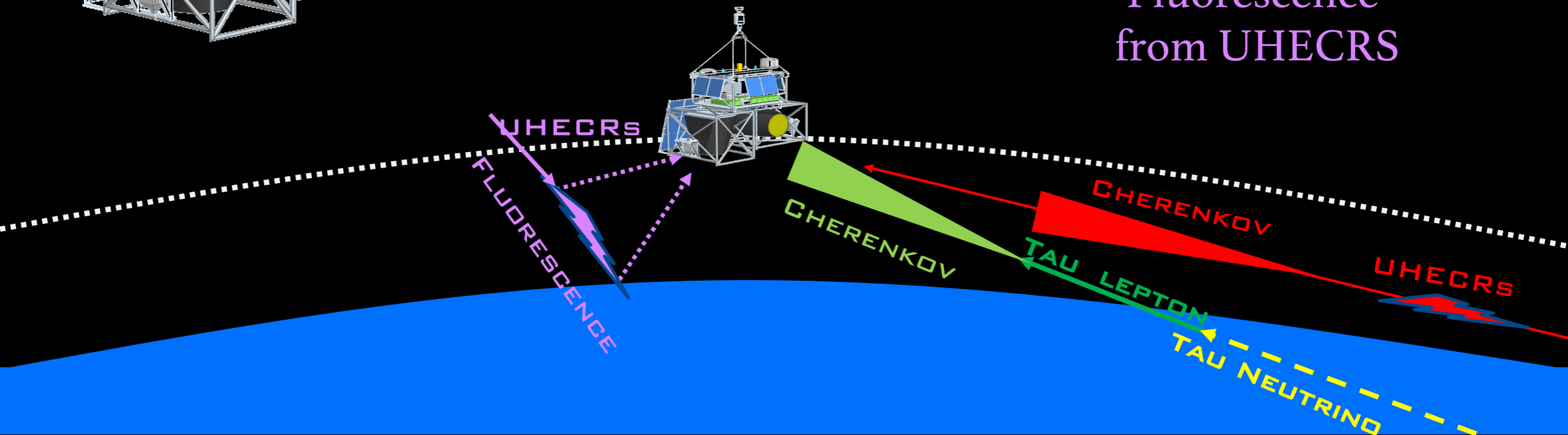


Upper limit on event rate (no cloud cover included):  $1.26 \pm 0.44$  Events during the flight, assuming 9ECs

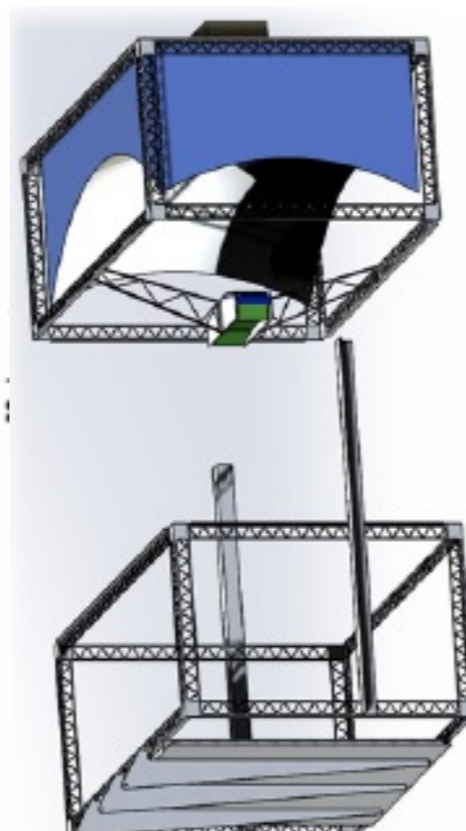
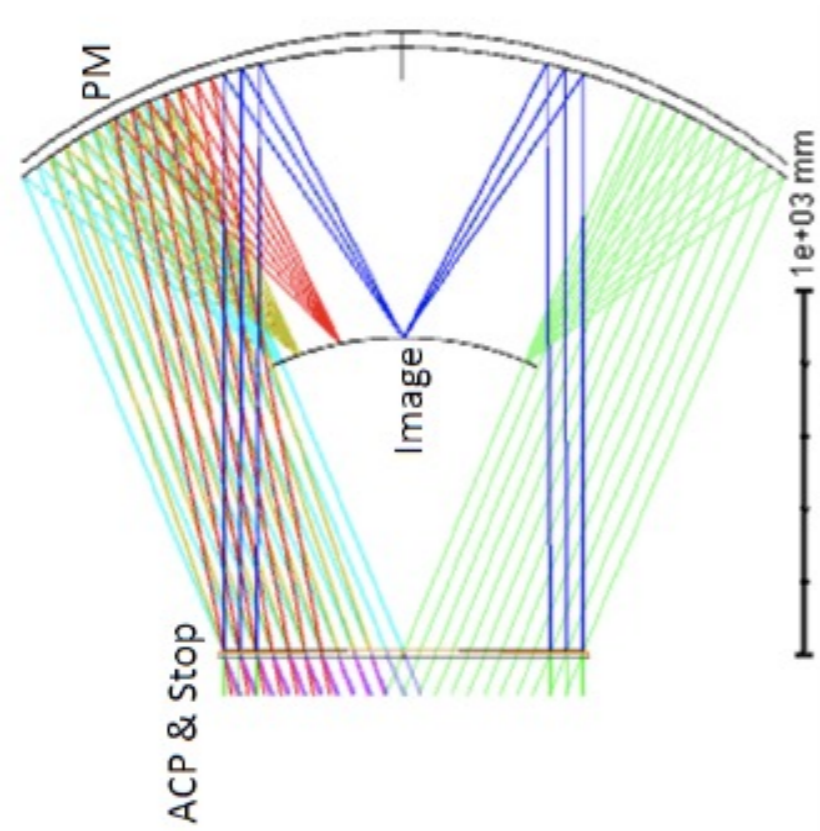
# EUSO-SPB2 (2023)



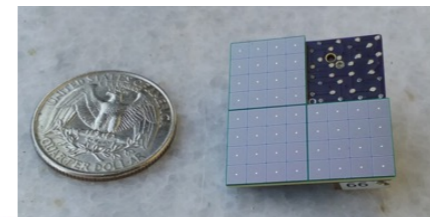
Cherenkov Emission  
from UHECRs  
Tau Neutrino  
Background  
Fluorescence  
from UHECRS



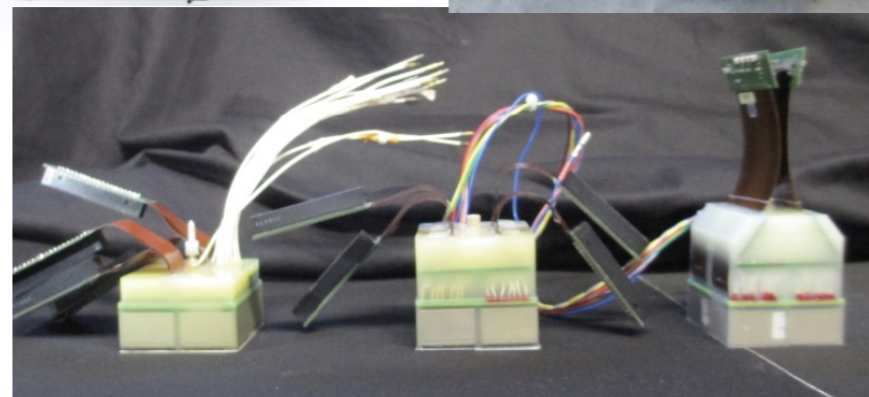
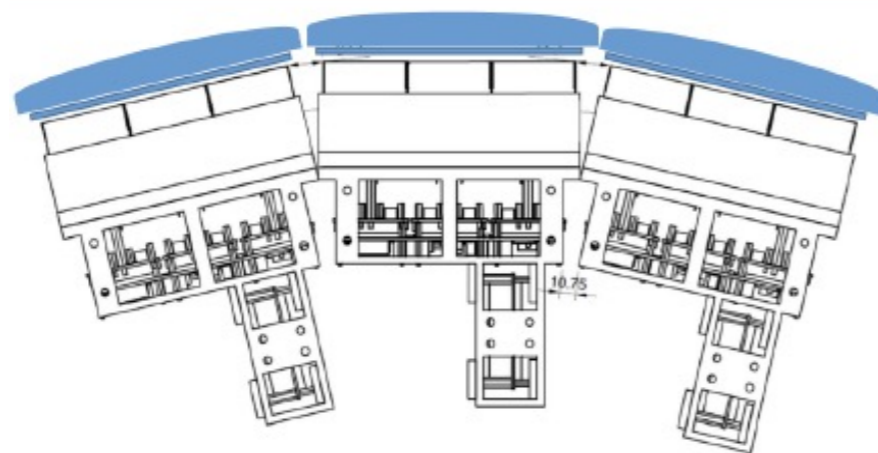
# EUSO-SPB2



Mirror Element



Cherenkov camera SiPMs



2014 4PMT

2016 4PMT + CW board

2018 4PMT + CW board + ASIC boards

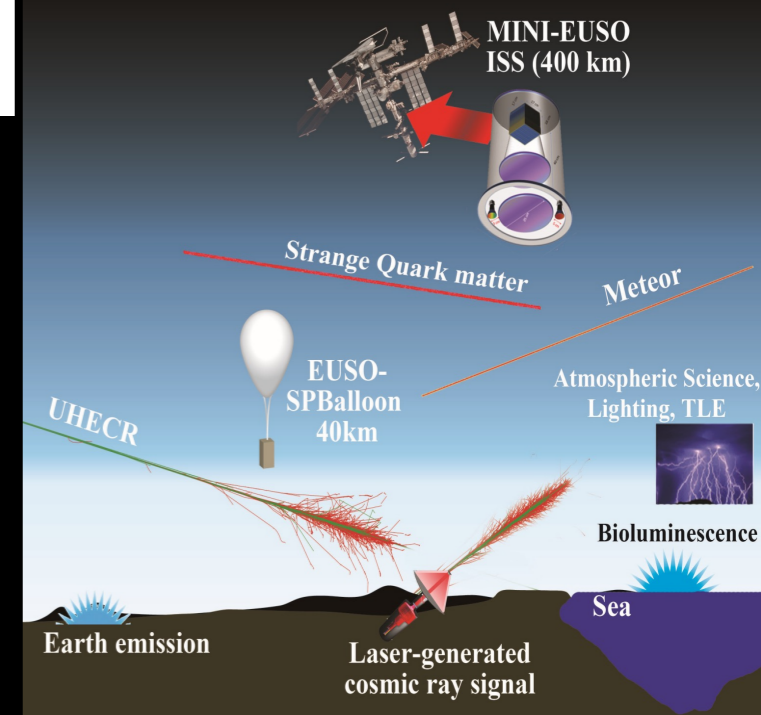
Fluorescence<sup>54</sup> camera MAPMs

# Mini-EUSO/UV-ATMOSPHERE

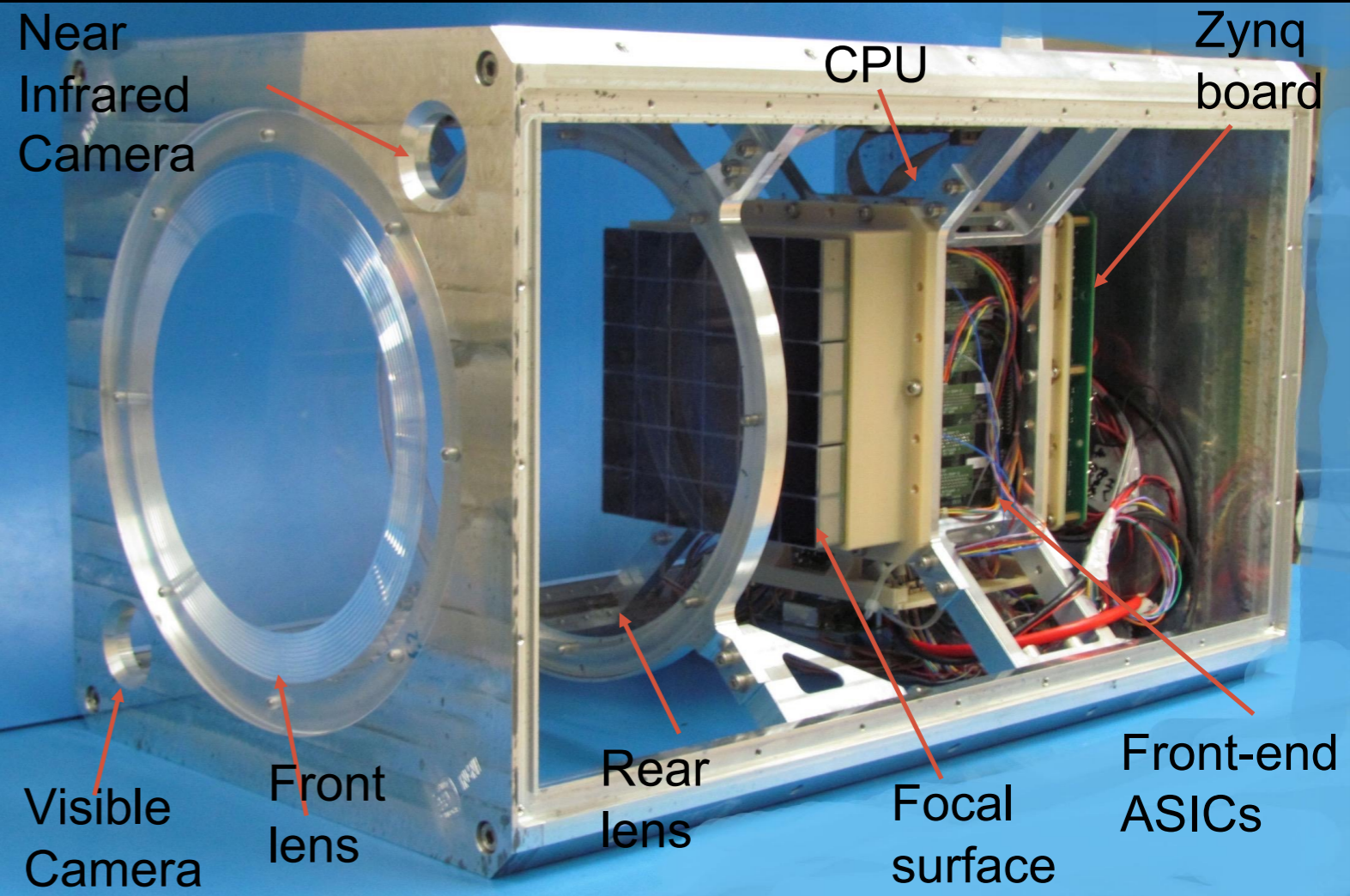
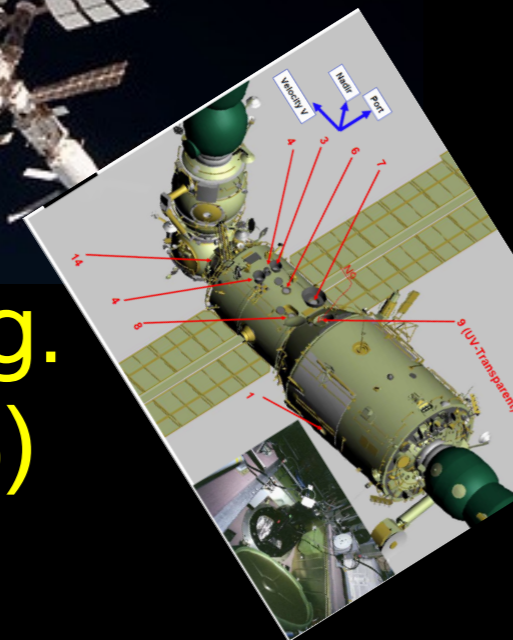
(flew to ISS on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019)



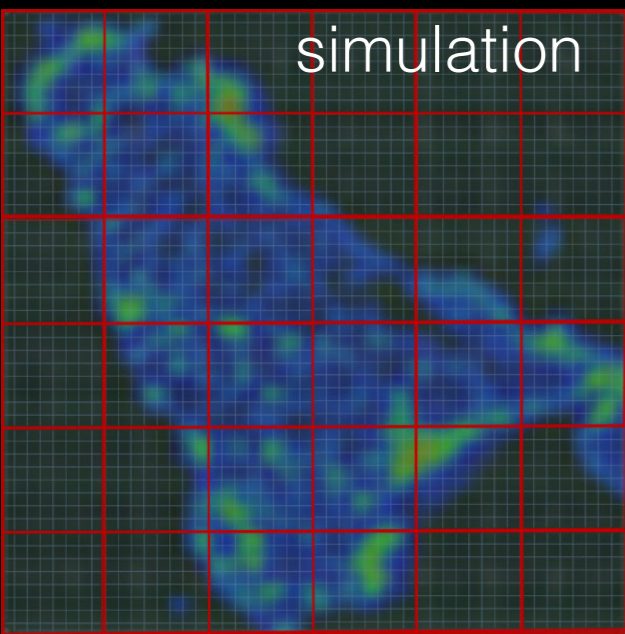
DATA with self trigger:  
D1 : 2.5  $\mu$ s res. (128 L1GTUs)  
D2: 320  $\mu$ s res. (128 L2GTUs)  
D3: 40.96 ms res. (full movie)



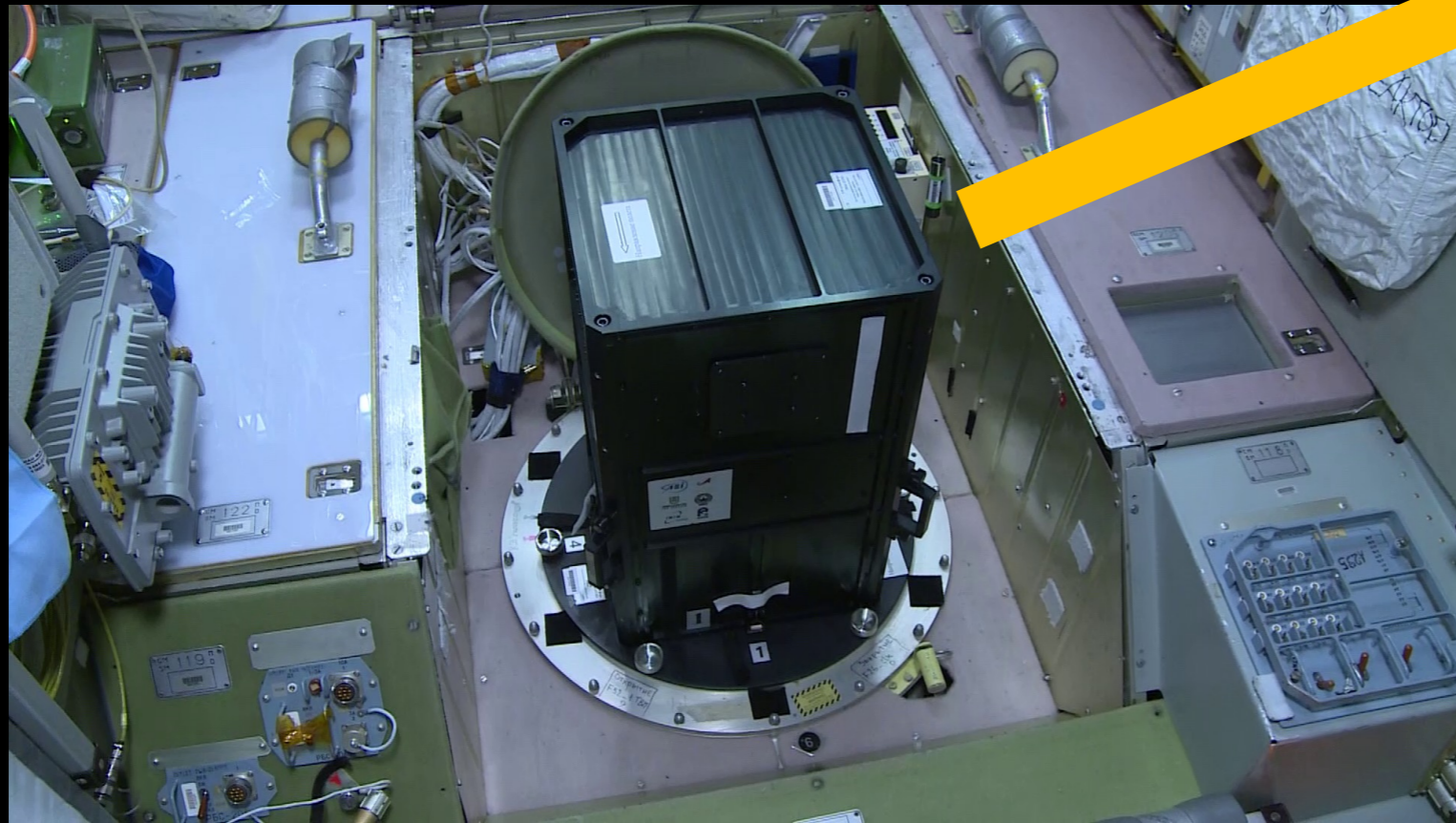
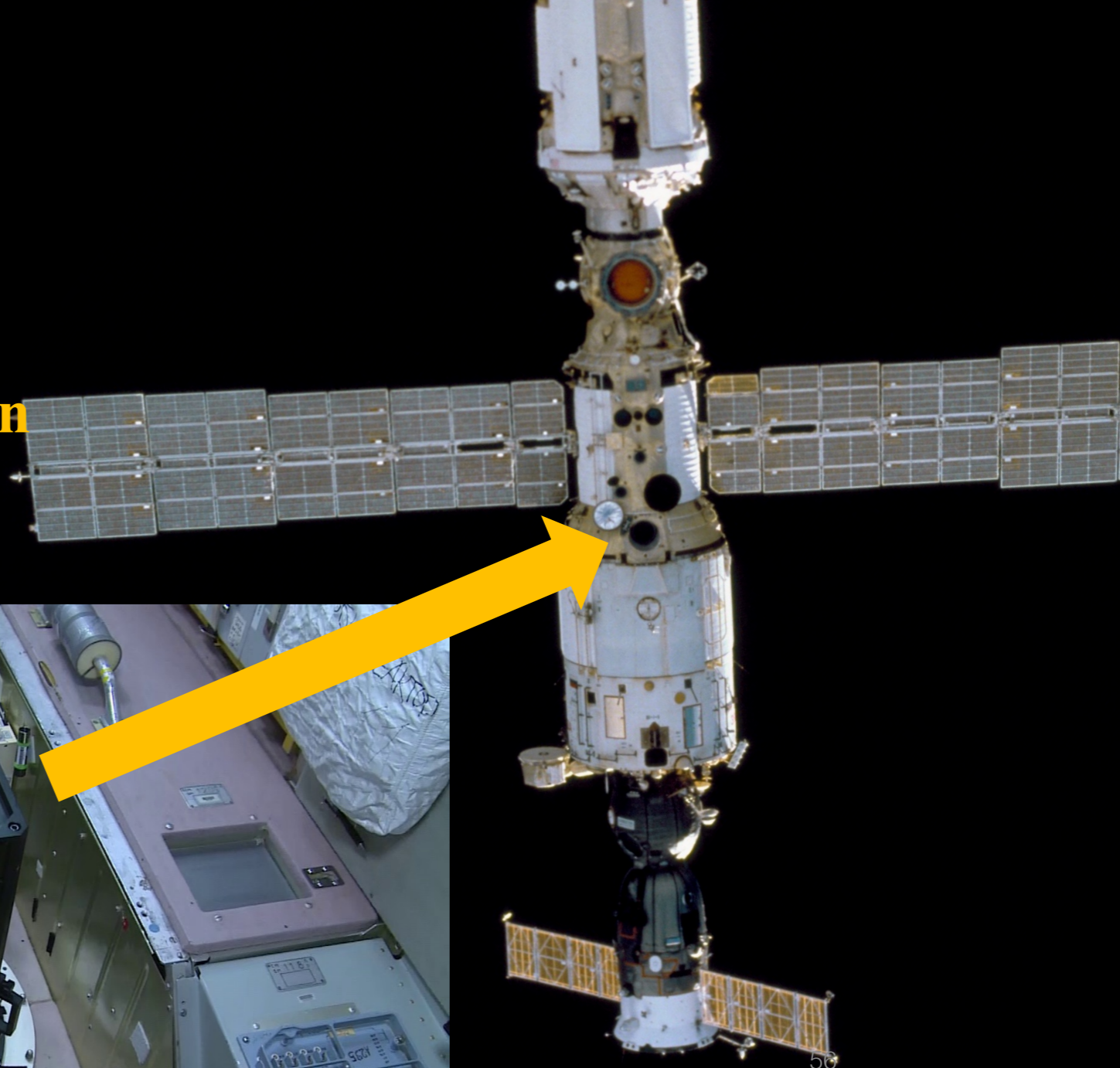
FoV:  $\pm 22$  deg.  
(9 times TUS)



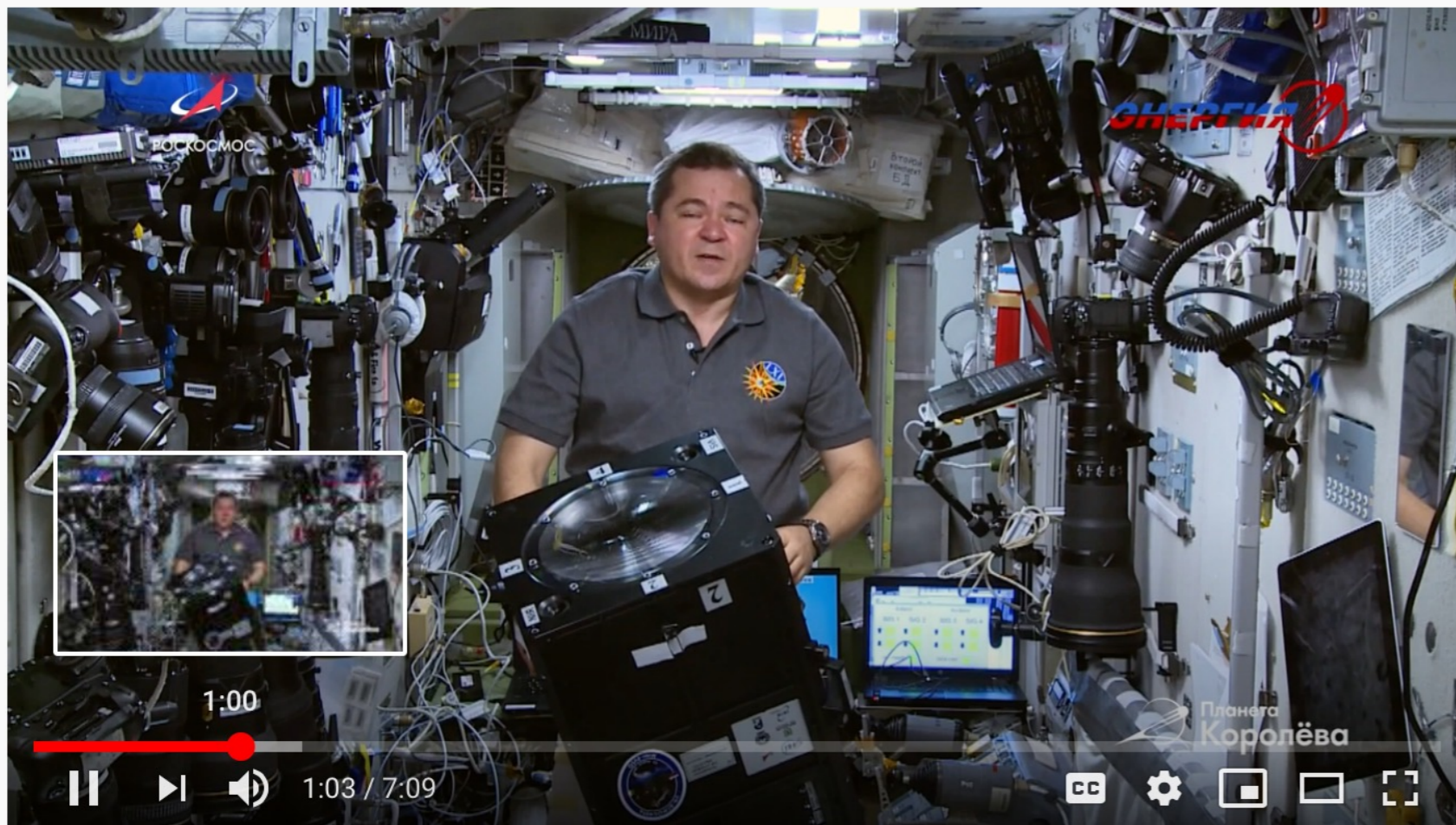
simulation



**Uv transparent window,  
Zvezda module,  
International Space Station**



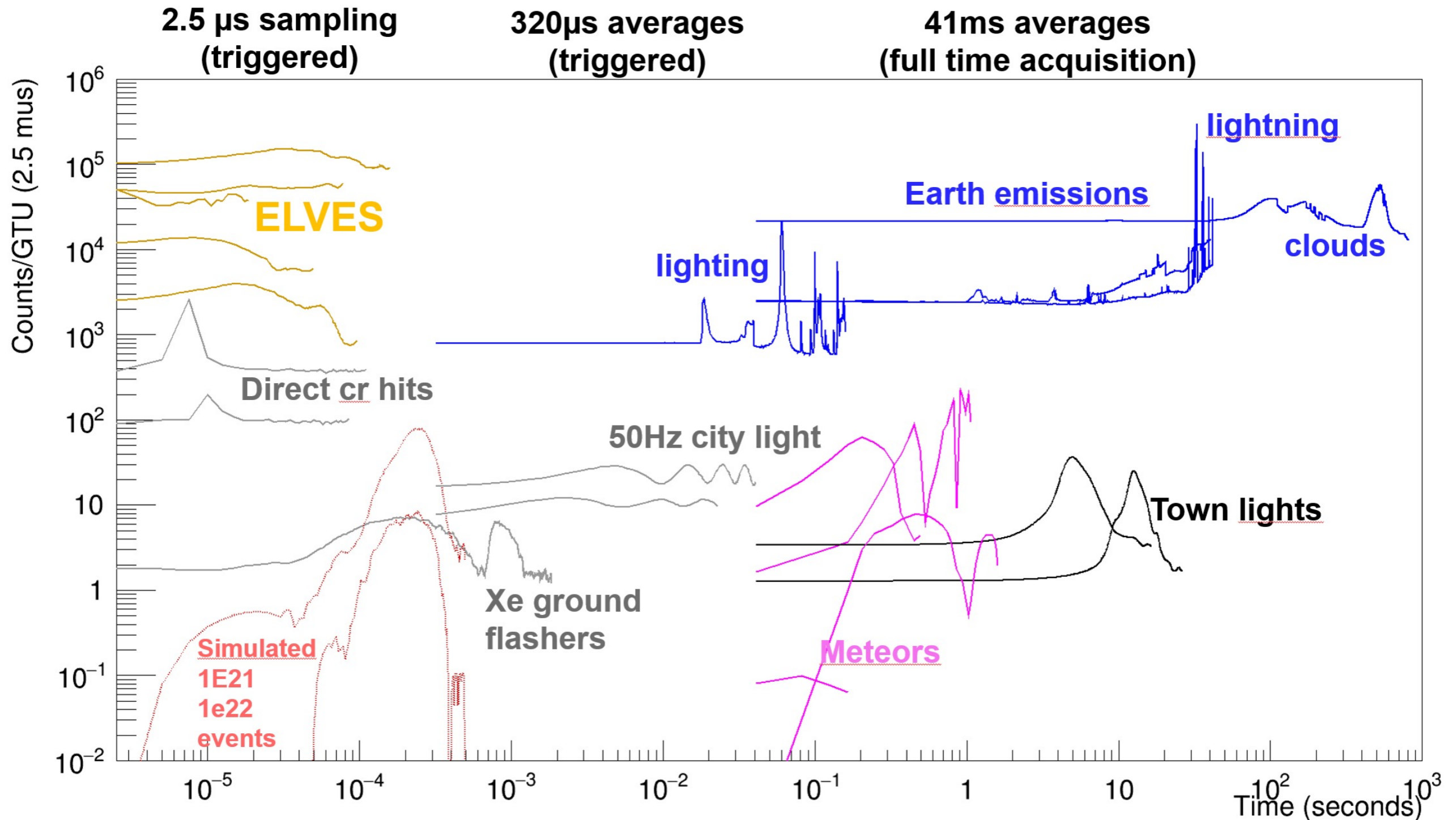
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXedBGVHc4o&t=62s>





# Sampling rate: $\mu\text{s}$ , $100\mu\text{s}$ AND ms scale

S. Bacholle et al., "Mini-EUSO Mission to Study Earth UV Emissions on board the ISS", The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series, Vol. 253, pag. 36 (2021), <https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4365/abd93d>  
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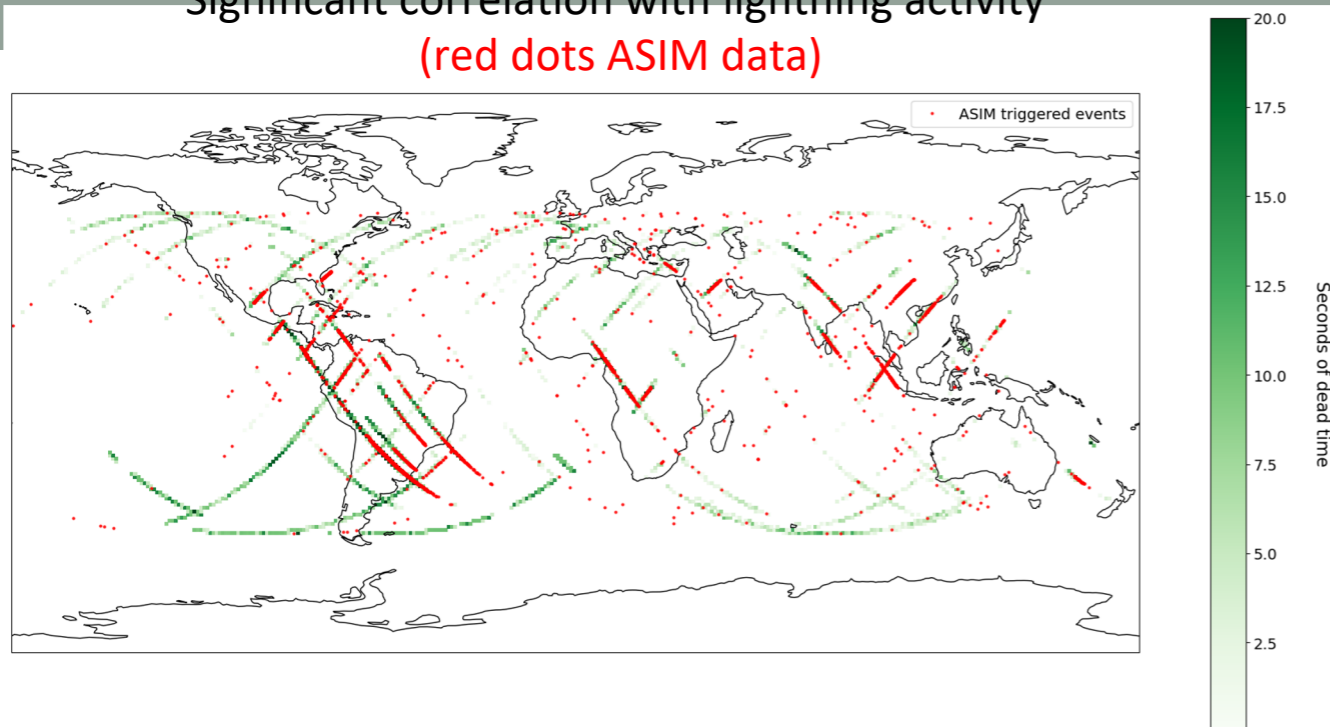


# Mini-EUSO - $\mu$ s timescale trigger performances

Dead time (20-30%)

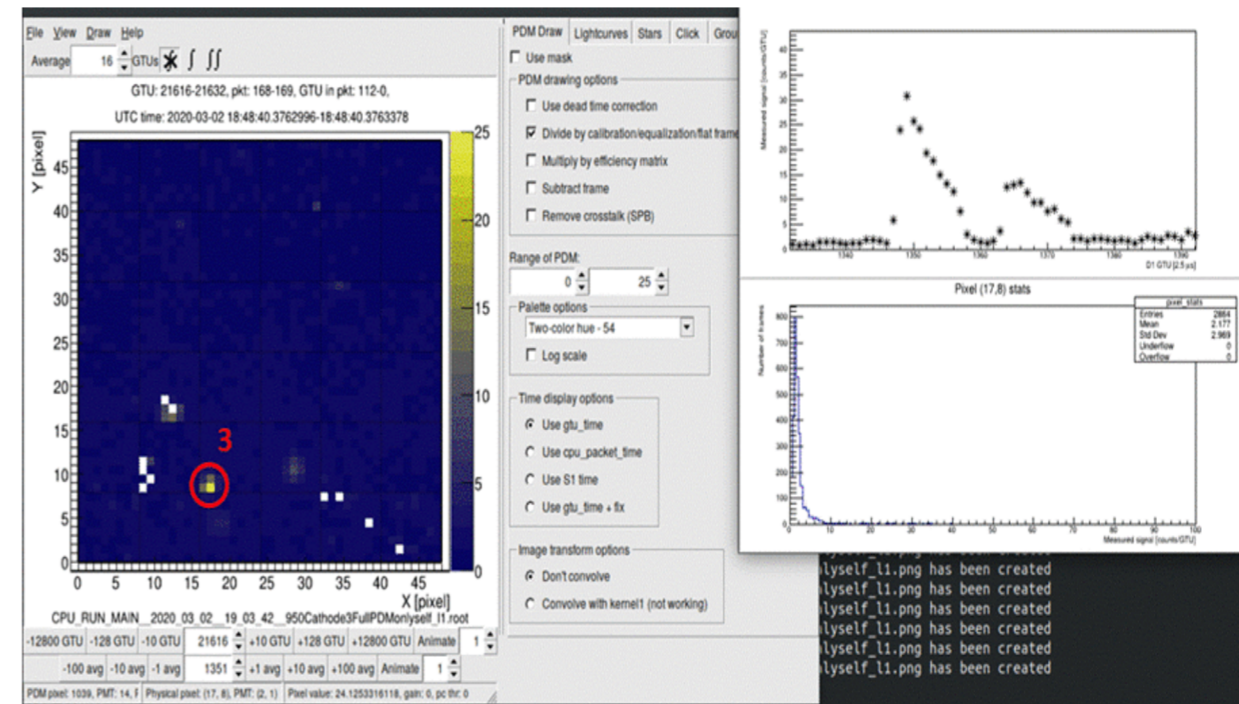
Significant correlation with lightning activity

(red dots ASIM data)



The same flasher triggered three different time. The event was located in a mountain region in China

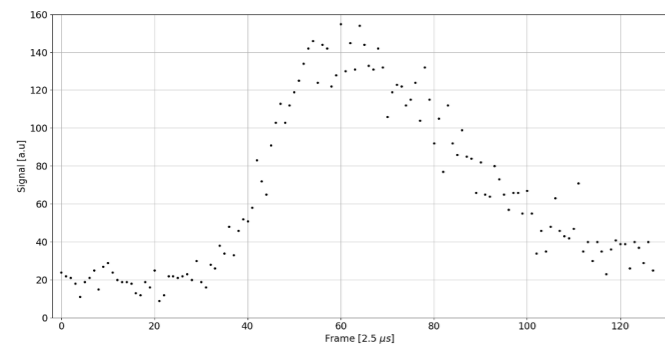
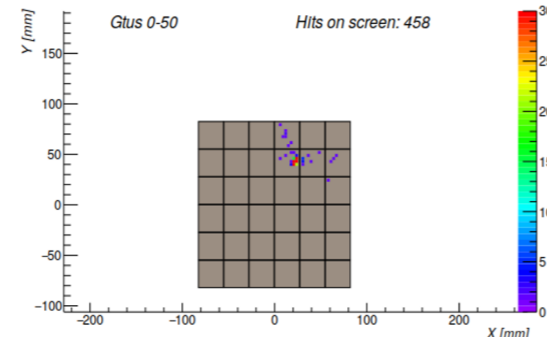
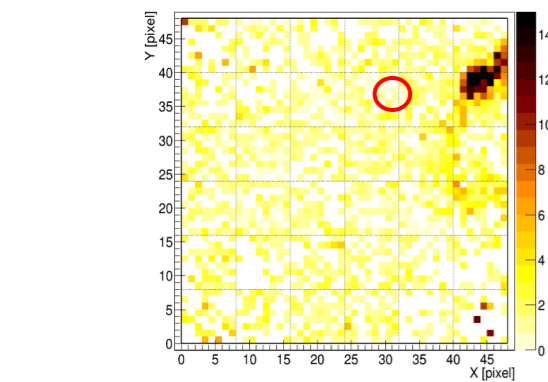
Left: flat fielded focal plane view. Right: lightcurve of the most luminous pixel



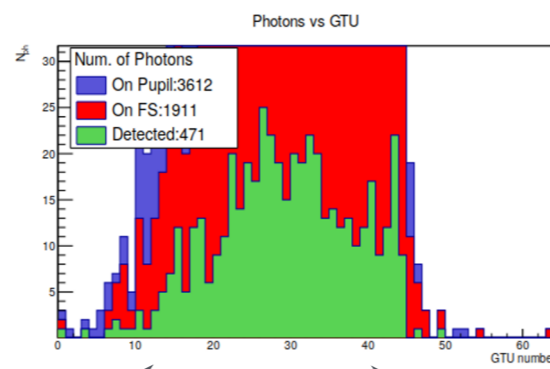
M. Battisti, F. Bisconti, P. Klimov, F. Fenu, A. Golzio

## Mini-EUSO

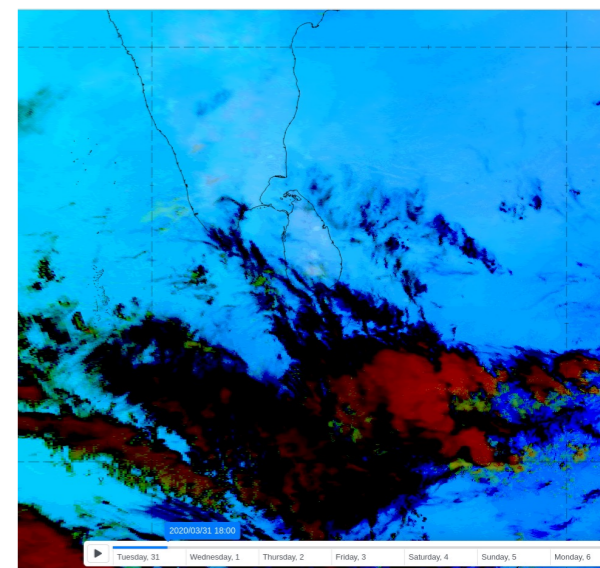
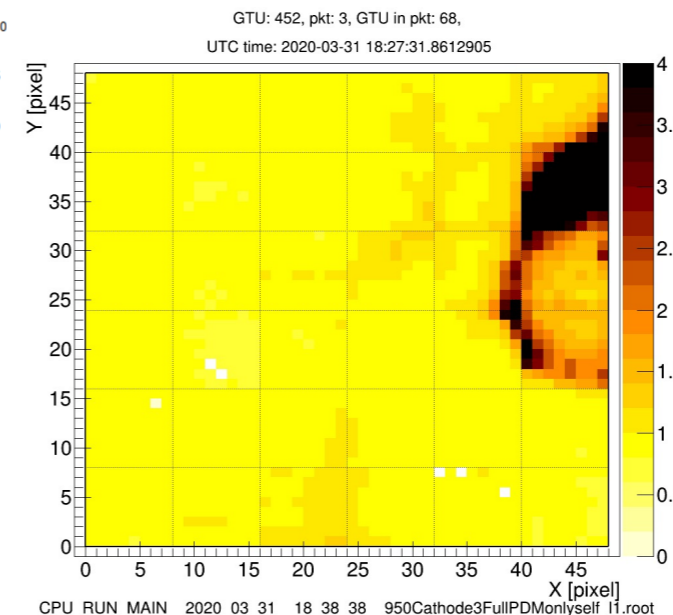
$2 \times 10^{22}$  eV p simulation



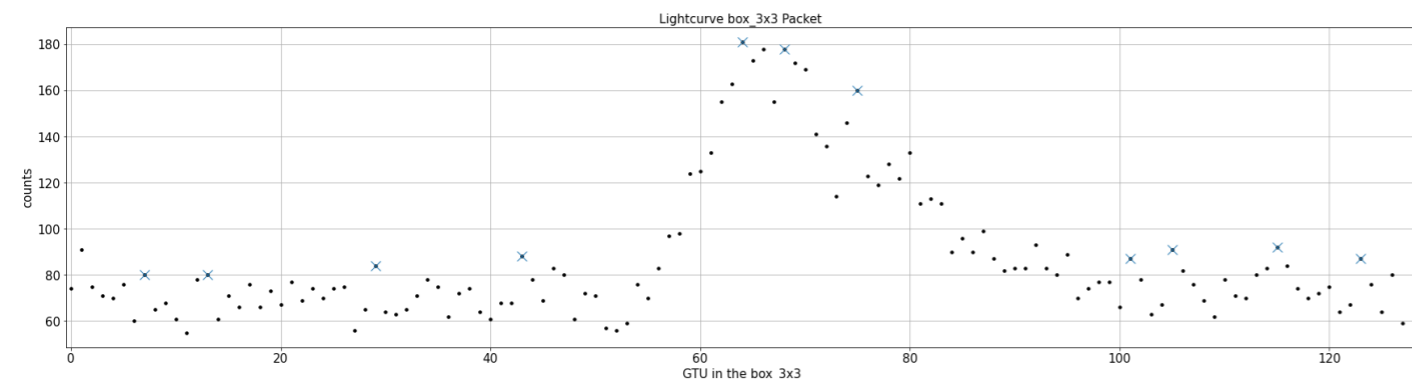
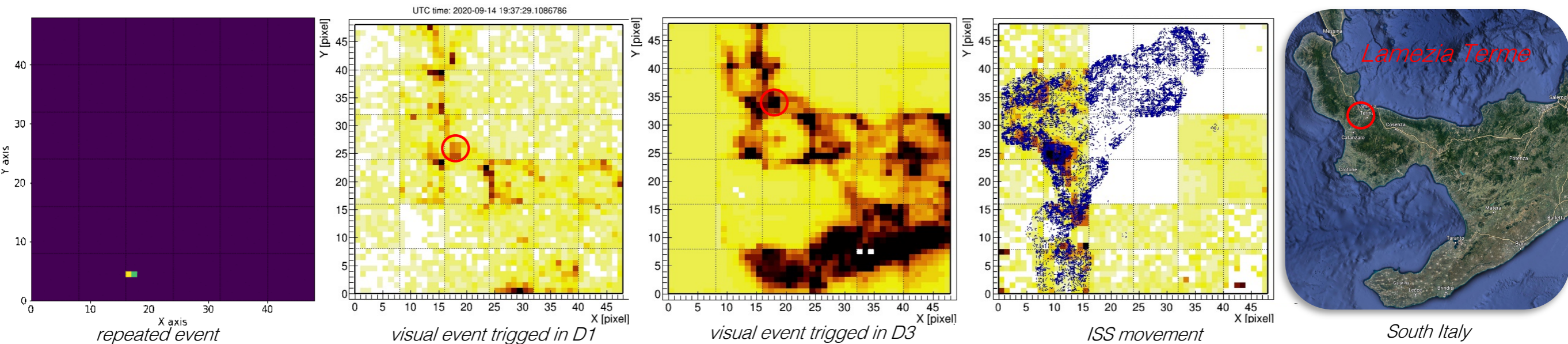
80 frames



30 frames - too short

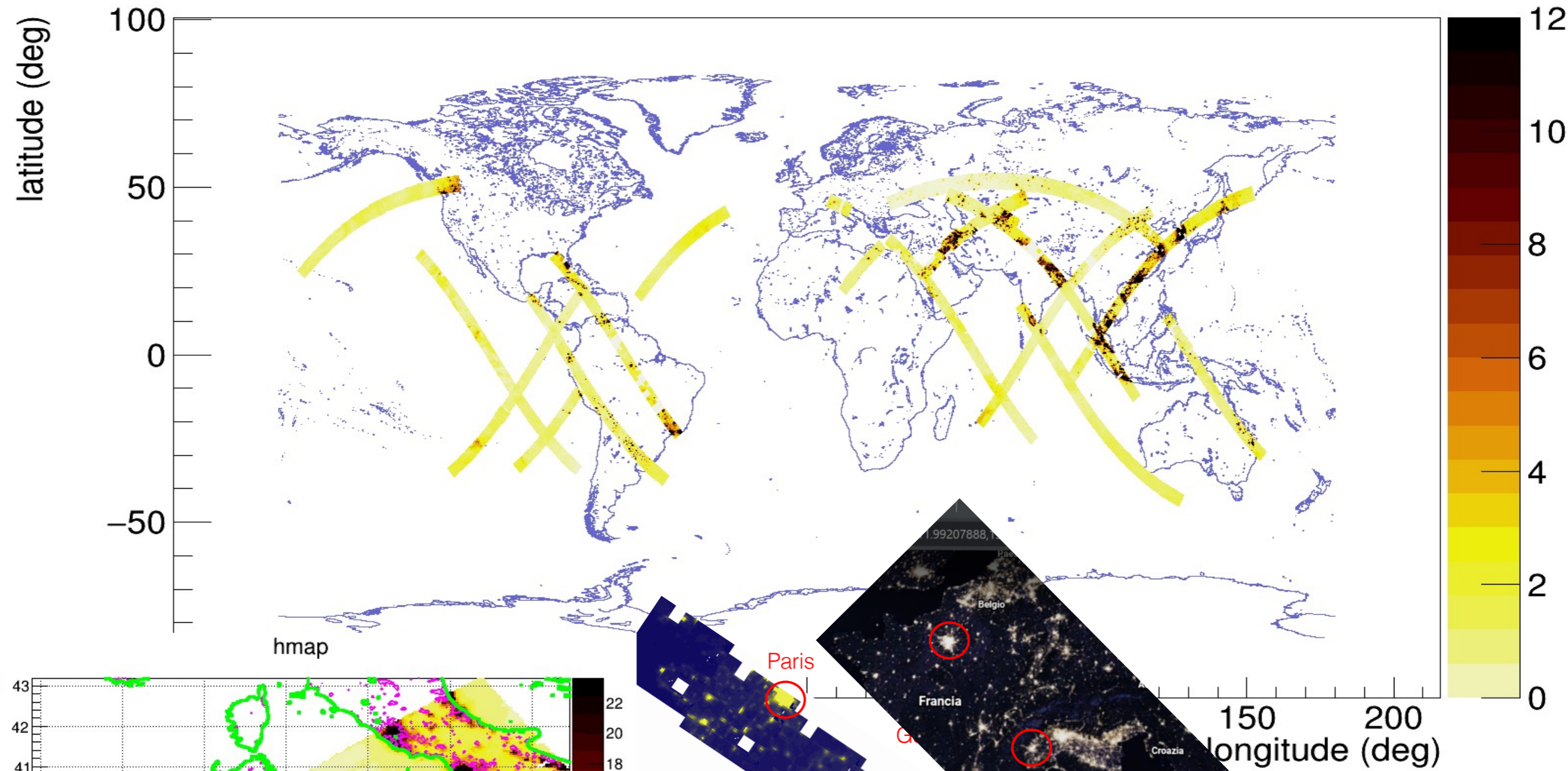


# Lamezia Terme Event – Italy

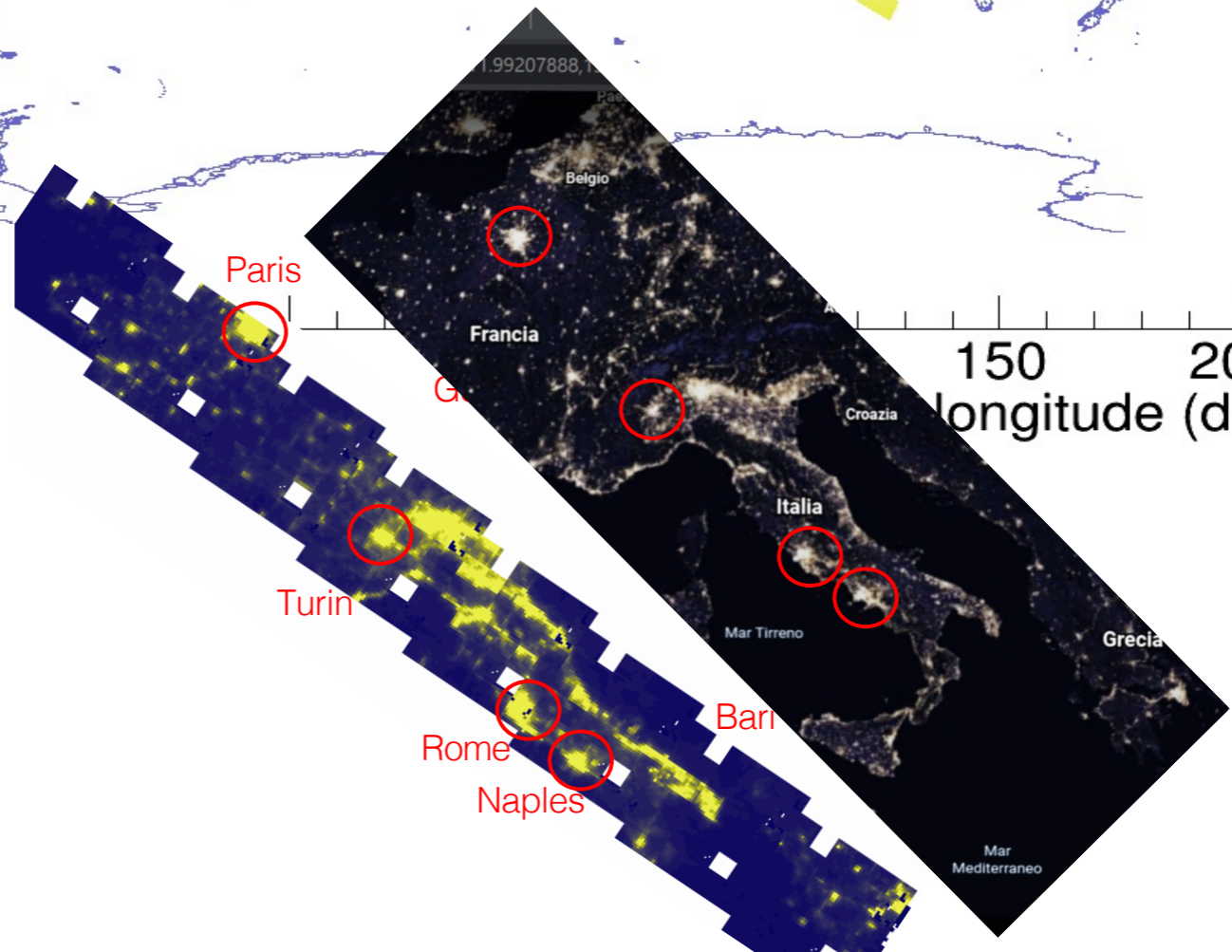
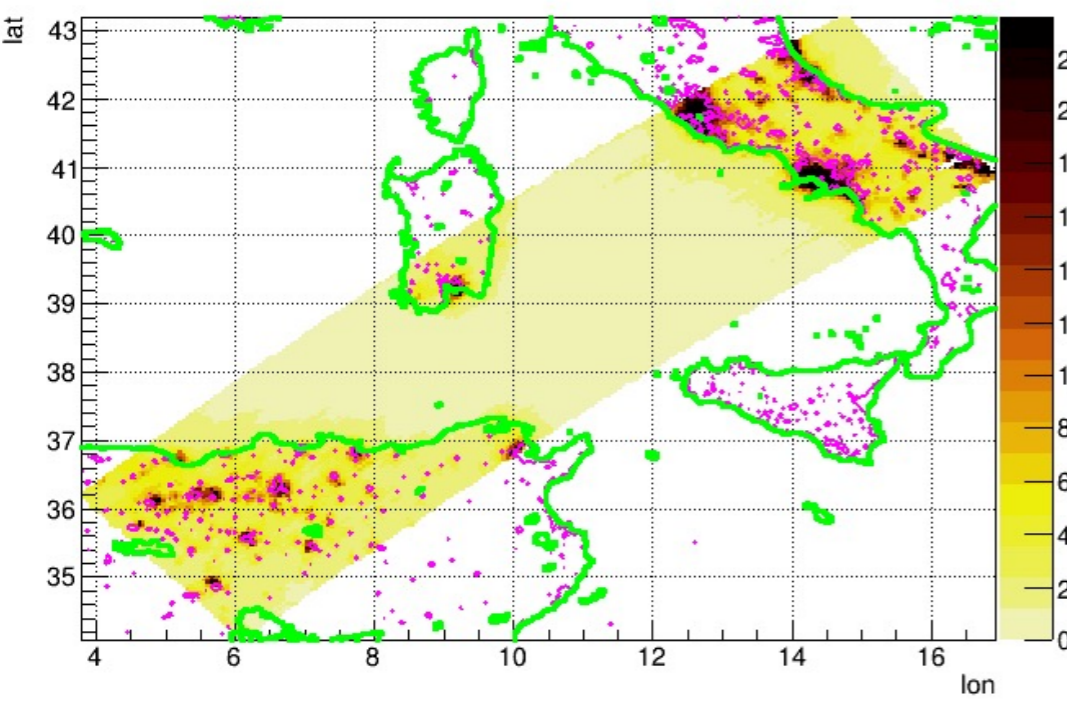


- These events have not been seen only over North America.
- A particular example is this event repeated several times with the same light curve on *September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020*.
- With an in-depth analysis and the location of the *ISS*, it was possible to find the approximate geographic location of the event.
- The event with *ETOS* software and the *DMSP* map were superimposed and it was possible to see that it's clearly displayed around *Lamezia Terme International Airport (Calabria)* in Italy.

# UV Maps



hmap

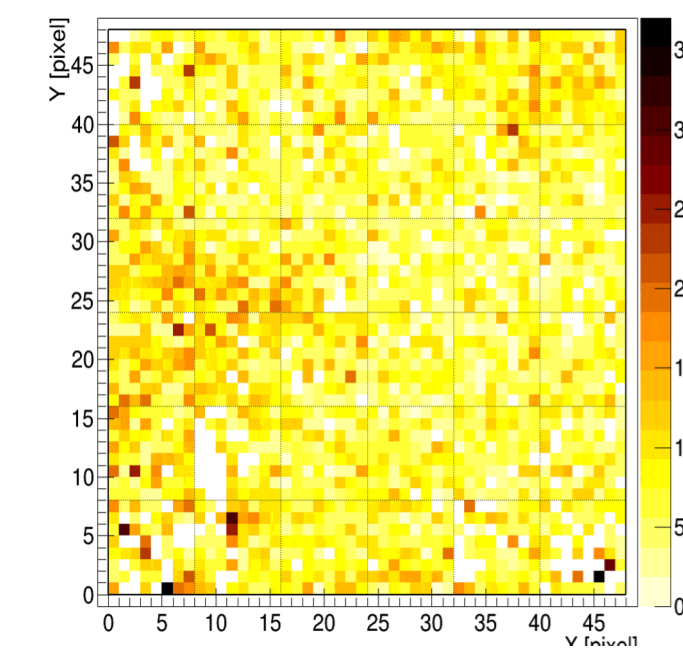
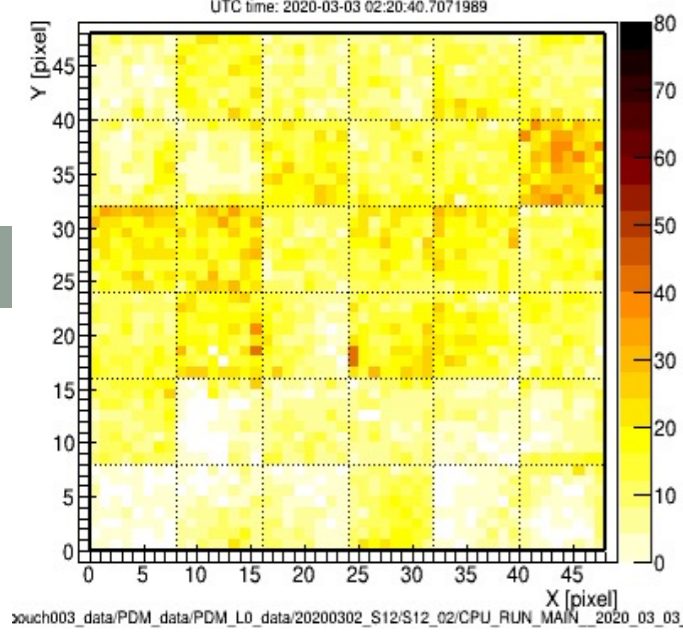
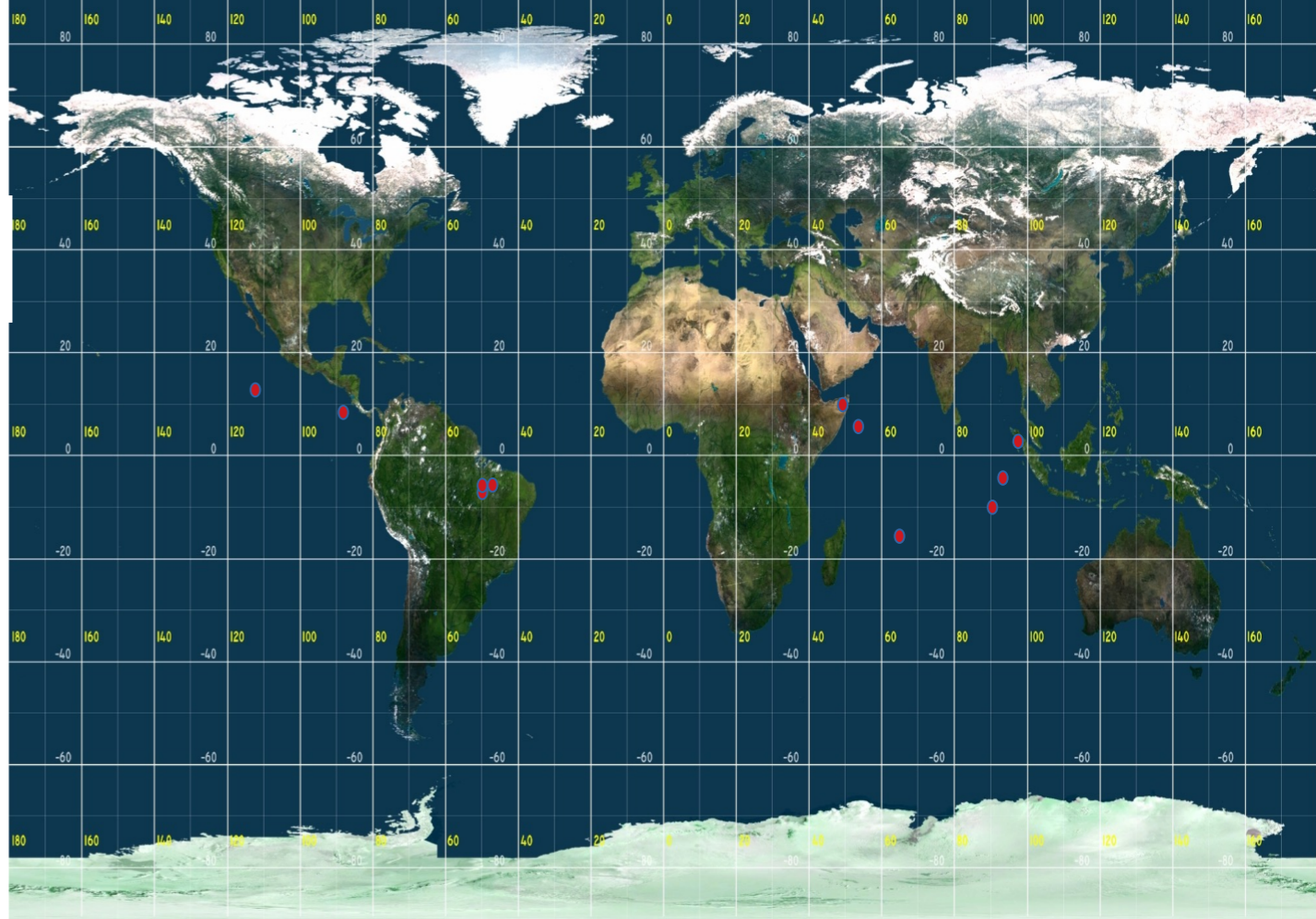


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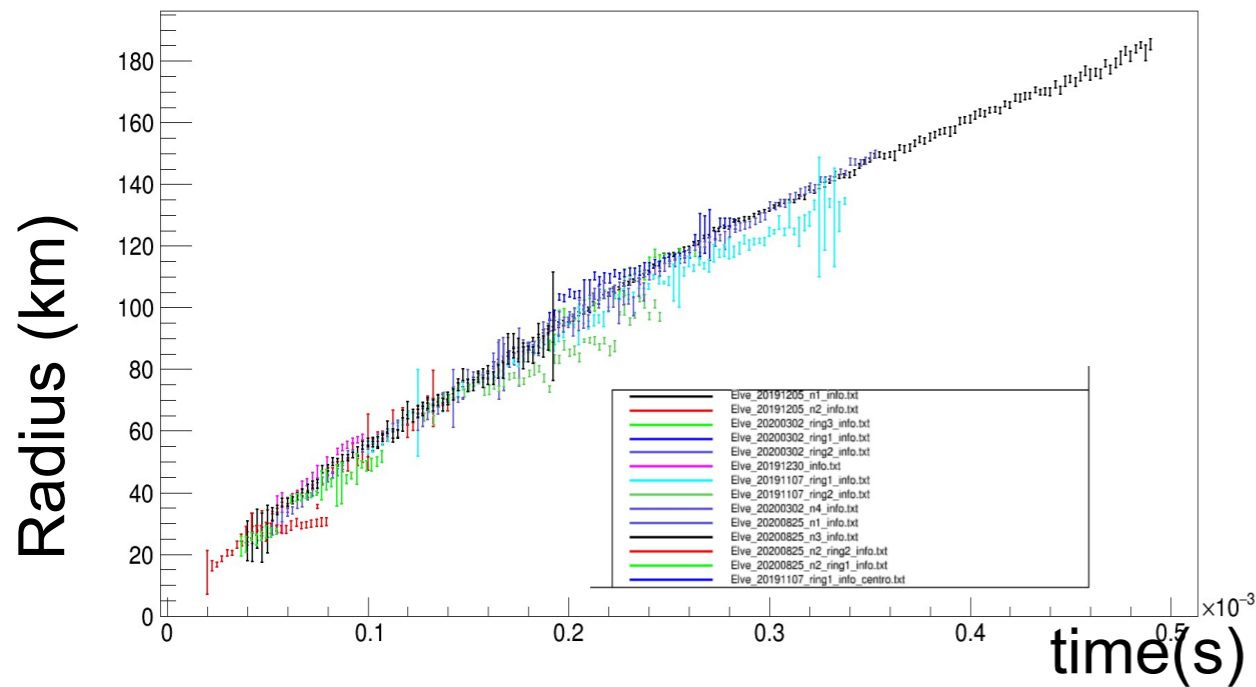
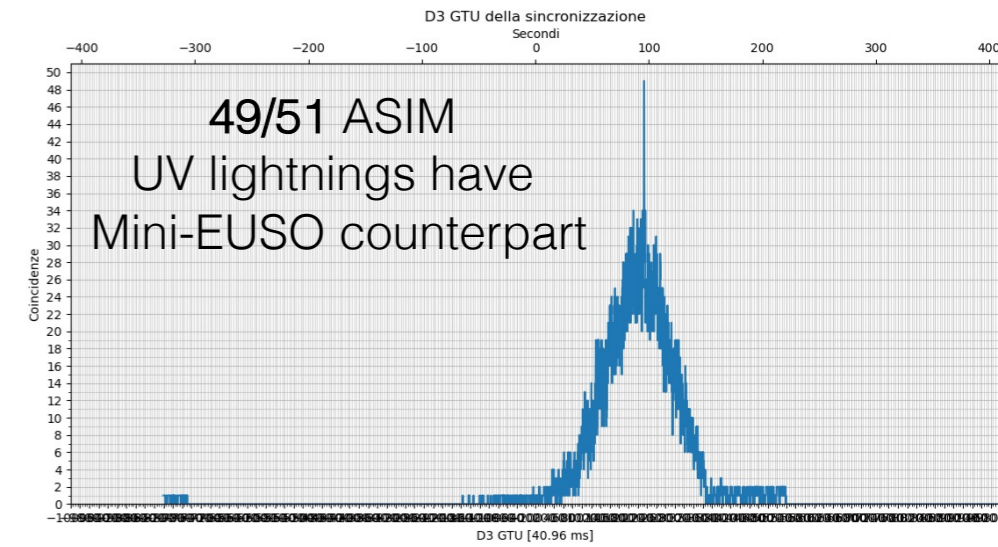
# TLEs

## ELVES:

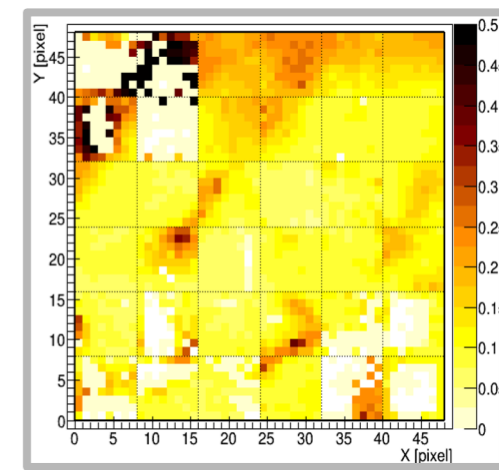
- 1) 2019, Nov 7
- 2) 2019, Dec 5 – n1
- 3) 2019, Dec 5 – n2
- 4) 2019, Dec 30
- 5) 2020, Mar 2 – n1
- 6) 2020, Mar 2 – n2
- 7) 2020, March 2 – n3
- 8) 2020, Mar 2 – n4
- 9) 2020, Aug 25 - n1
- 10) 2020, Aug 25 - n2
- 11) 2020, Aug 25 - n3



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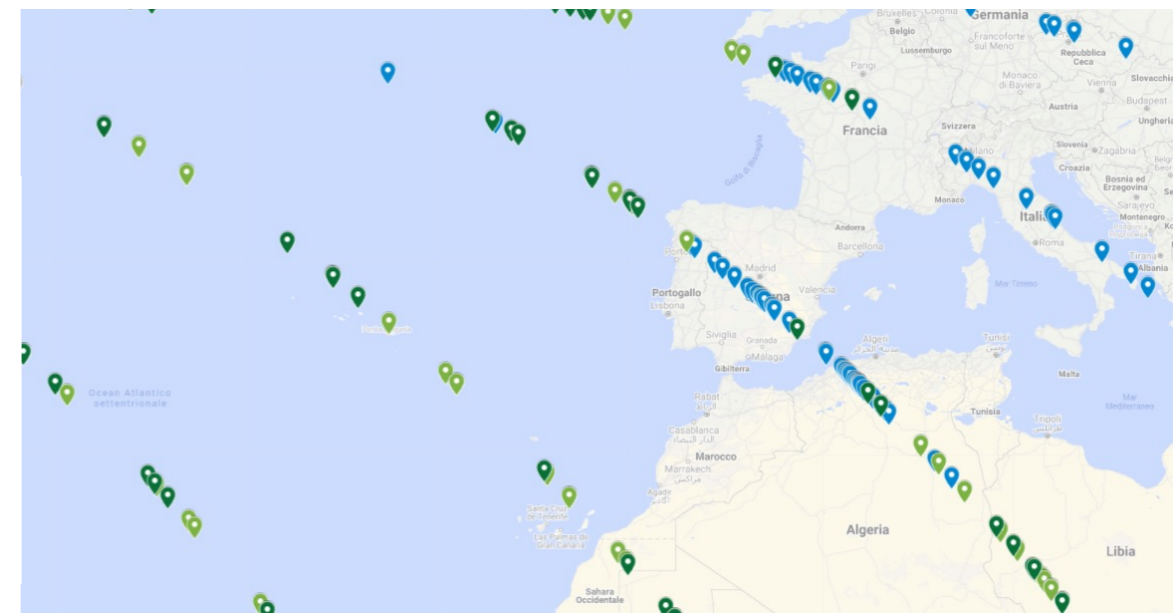


## 2 Elves - simultaneous detection with ASIM



# Meteors

- Most of the meteors are detected where the background is lower
- The false positives rate is higher over continents



- Meteors
- Meteor candidates
- Noise
- Unidentified events

Detail from session 06

A. Cellino

Abs. mag	U-band flux (erg/s/cm <sup>2</sup> /Å)	mass (g)	event rate (Mini)
+7	$6.7 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.4/s
+5	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$10^{-2}$	2.4/min
0	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-9}$	1	0.11/orbit
-5	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-7}$	100	2.5/year

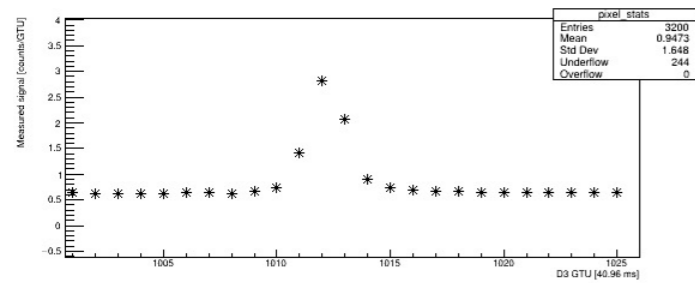
G. Abdellaoui et al., "Meteor studies in the framework of the JEM-EUSO program", *Planet. Space Sci.*, 143, 245 (2017)

Considering S06 and S11 (moon 2%):

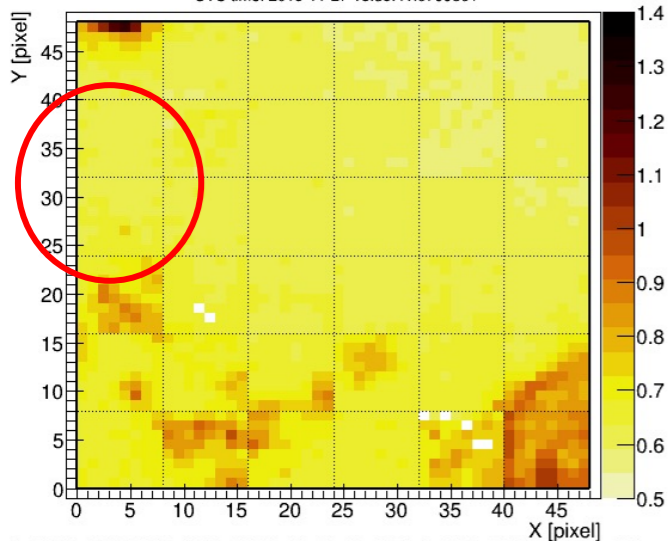
- Total number of observed meteors:  
 $356 + 343 = 699$
- Total number of meteor candidates:  
 $201 + 109 = 310$
- Total sessions duration:  
 $282 + 168 = 450 \text{ min}$

Events rate:

- 1.5 events/min (only M)
- 2.3 events/min (M+M?)



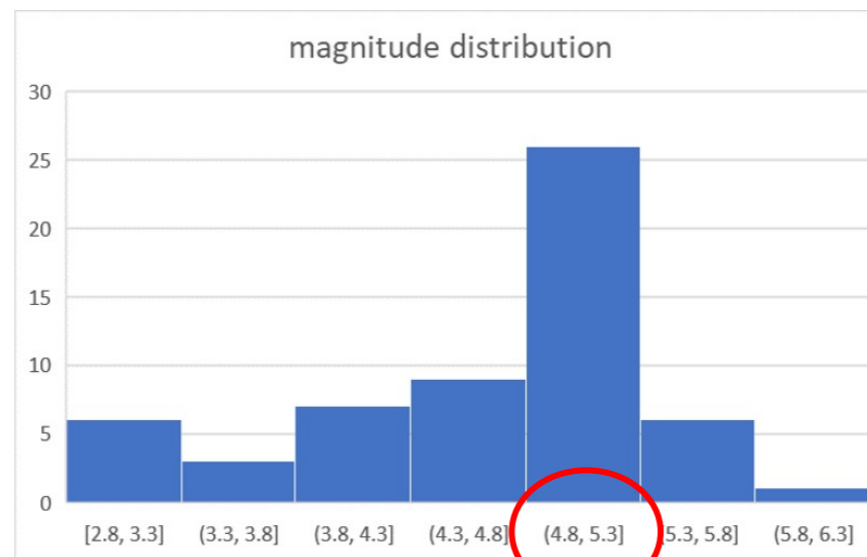
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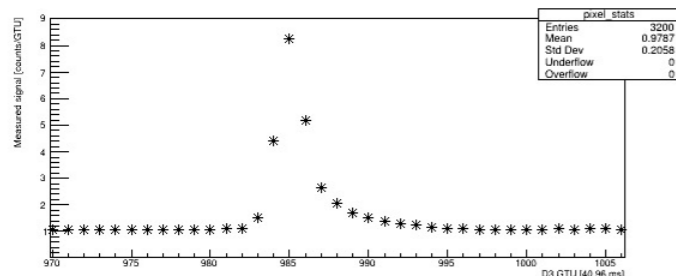
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Current findings:

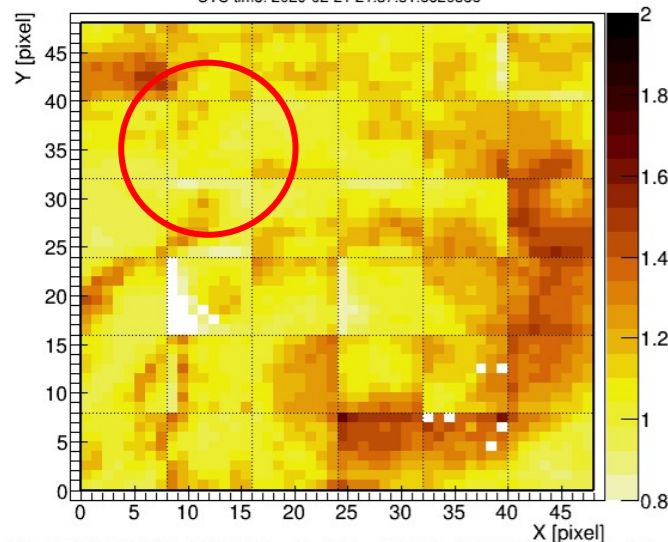
- ~1500 meteors
- ~1300 meteor cand.
- in ~1900 min



With an efficiency of 8% the distribution peak is in a range of magnitude values of [+4.8,+5.3]



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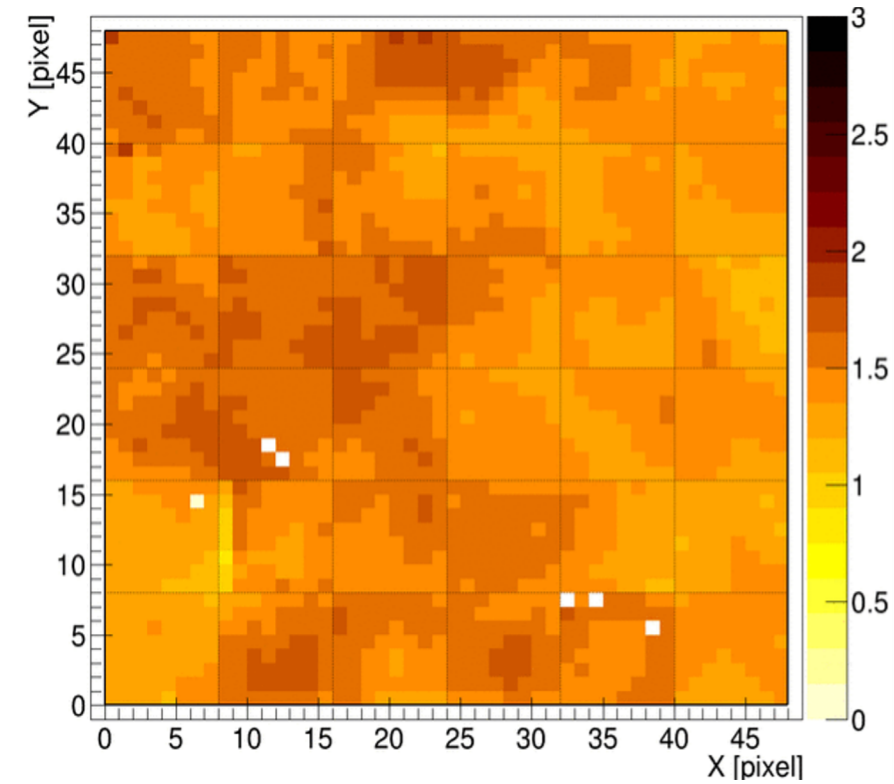
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# Clouds

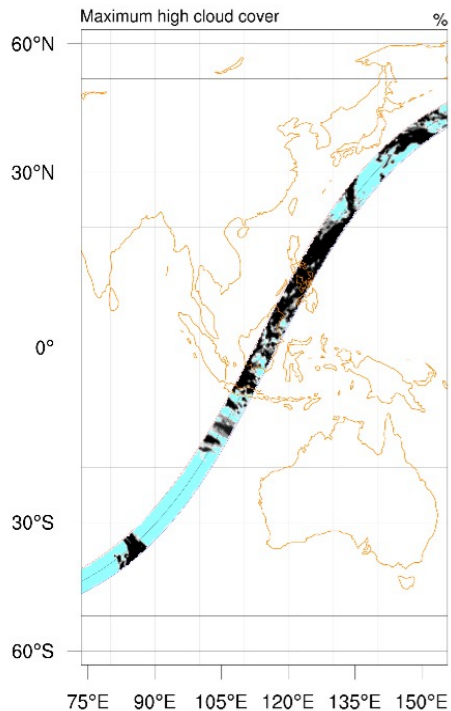
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We see clouds:  
which ones?

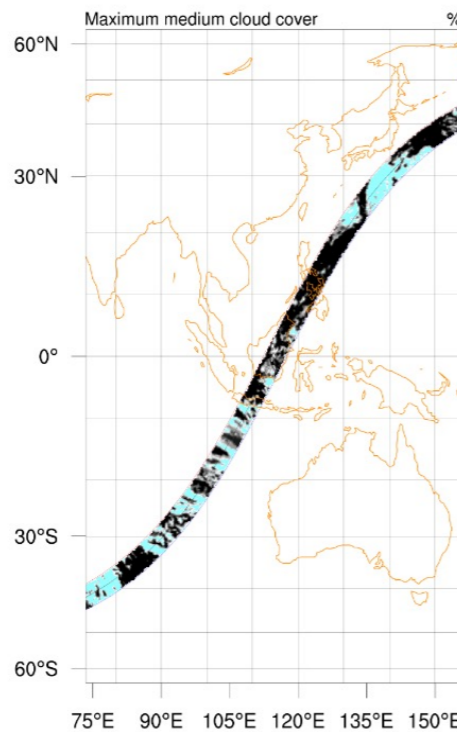
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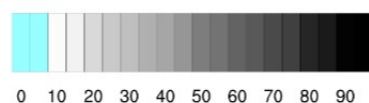
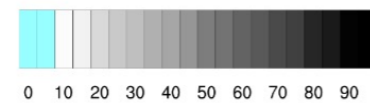
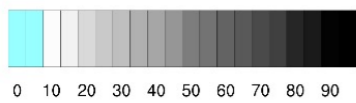
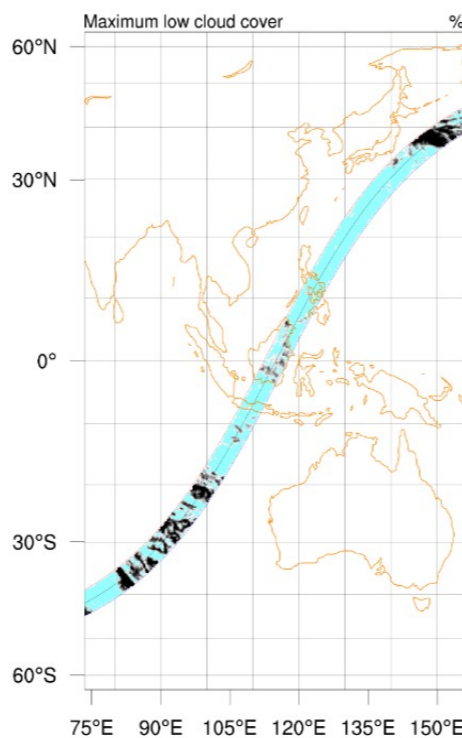
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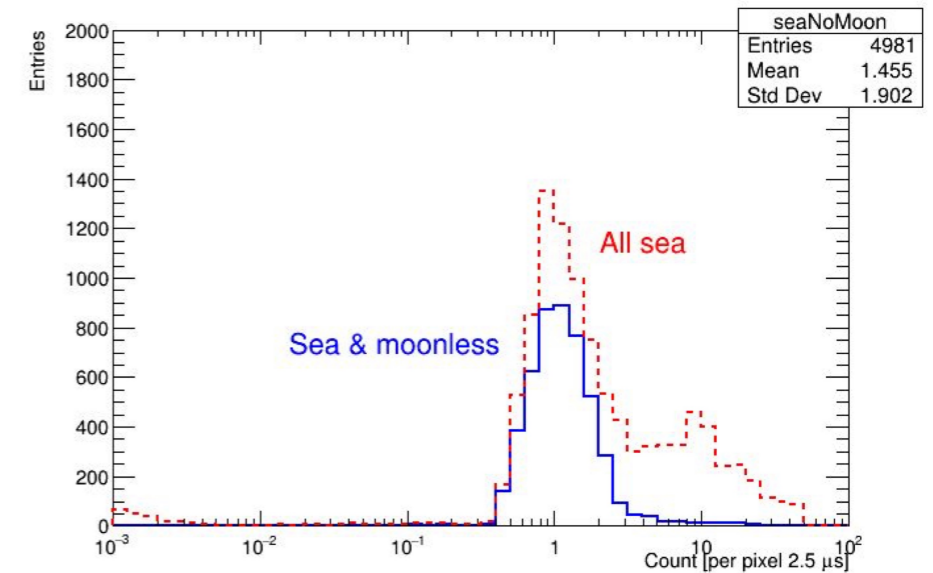
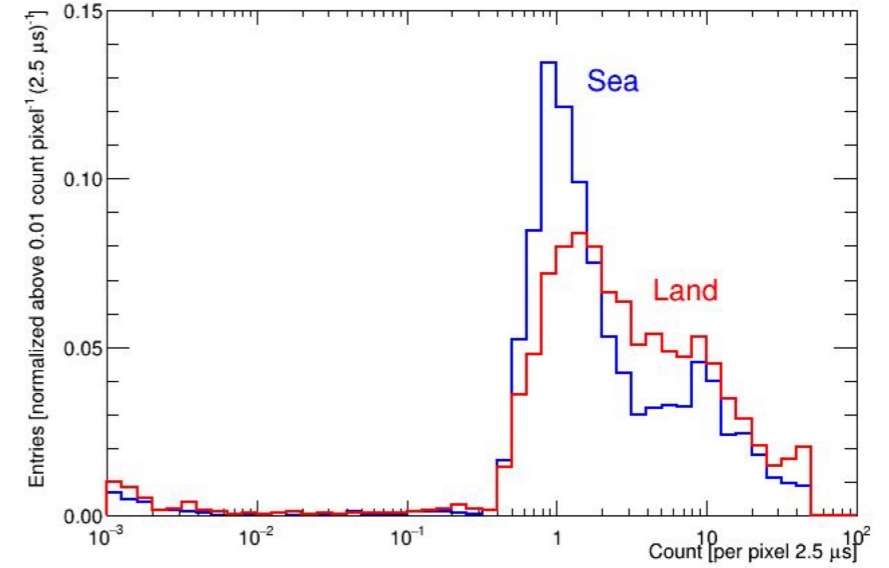
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low clouds



# Diffuse light



**PRELIMINARY**

(using same approach as EUSO-Balloon)

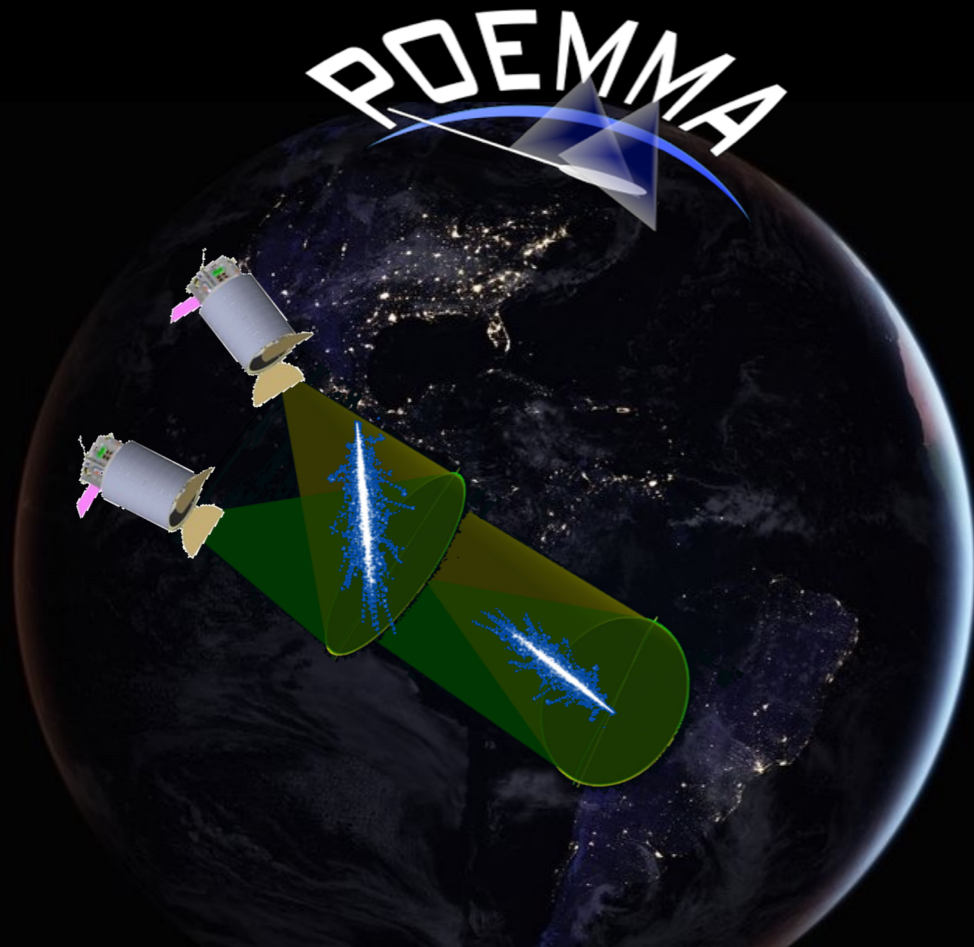
	Observation time [h]	Average rate [count / (pixel 2.5 μs)]
All data	25.9	5.2
Sea data	14.6 (56%)	4.5
Sea & no moon	7.0 (27%)	<b>1.5</b>

- For this condition, the average of 1.5 counts per pixel<sup>-1</sup> 2.5 μs<sup>-1</sup> is consistent with ~550 photons m<sup>-2</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> ns<sup>-1</sup> for 250–500 nm

# POEMMA + Mini-EUSO & EUSO-SPB2

EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE = PARTICLE OBSERVATORY :

- DISCOVER THE ORIGIN OF THE HIGHEST ENERGY COSMIC RAYS ( $E > 10^{19}$  eV)
- AND
- DISCOVER HIGH ENERGY NEUTRINO EMISSION ( $E > 10^{16}$  eV) FROM ASTROPHYSICAL EVENTS
- STUDY NEW ASTRO/PHYSICS

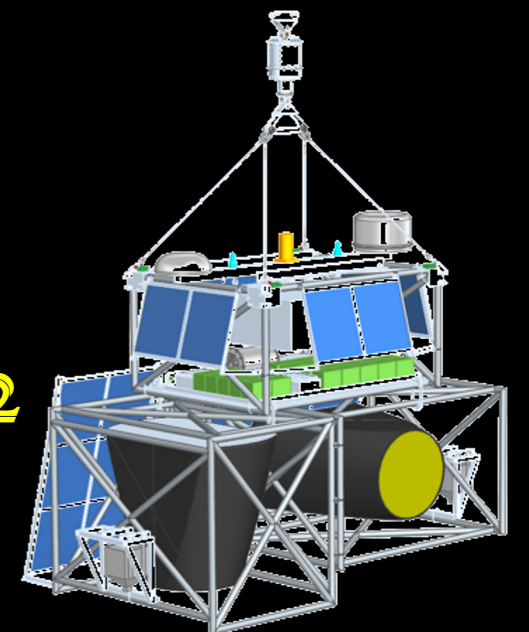


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**THANK YOU**