



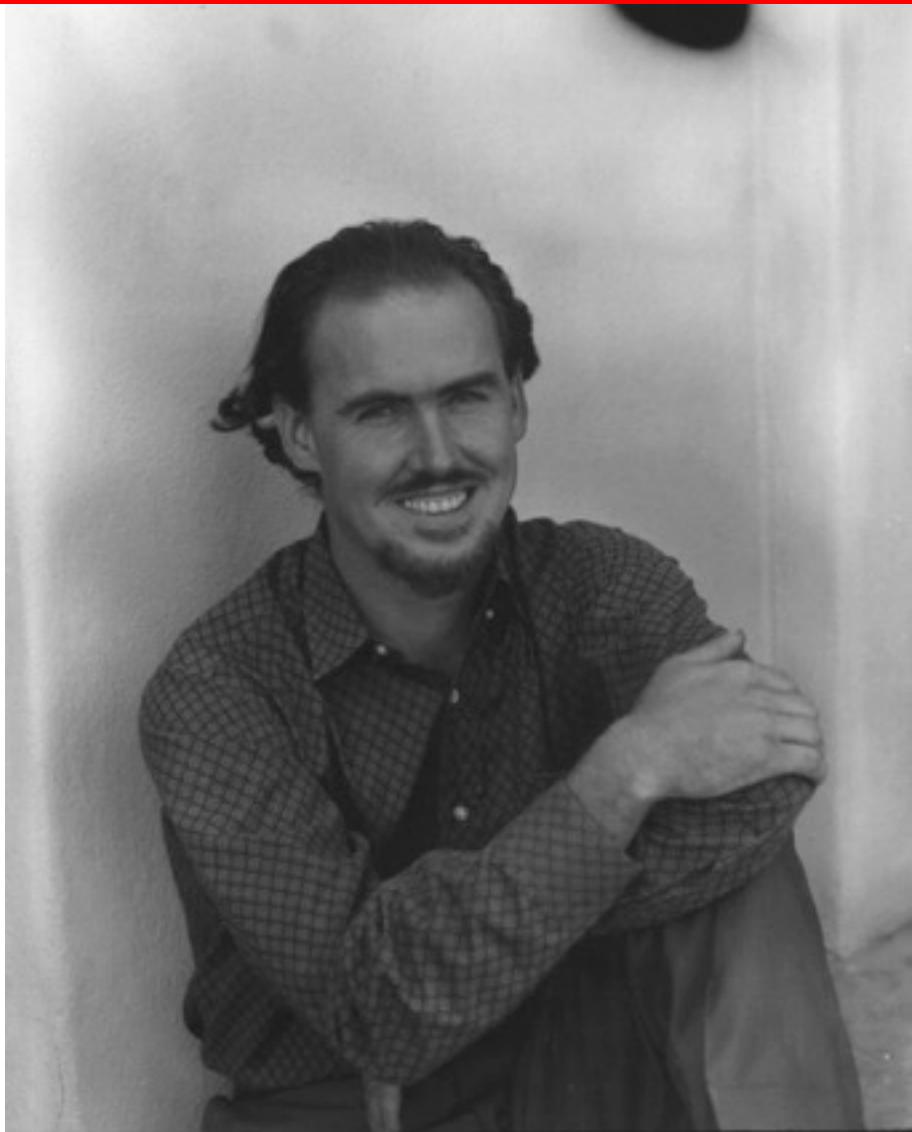
**Extreme Universe Space Observatory**

# The JEM-EUSO mission: UHECRs observation from space

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# 1979, An idea\* of John Linsley

## SOCRAS: Satellite Observatory of Cosmic Ray Showers



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

In Early 1990s John had moved to Palermo to work on the PLASTEX experiment with his old friend Livio Scarsi, and Osvaldo Catalano

*John Linsley, "search for the End of the Cosmic Ray Spectrum",  
AIP CP433, 21, 1977.*

## FOURTH BREAKTHROUGH?

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# MASS: Maximum Energy Auger (Air) Shower Satellite Italian Mission

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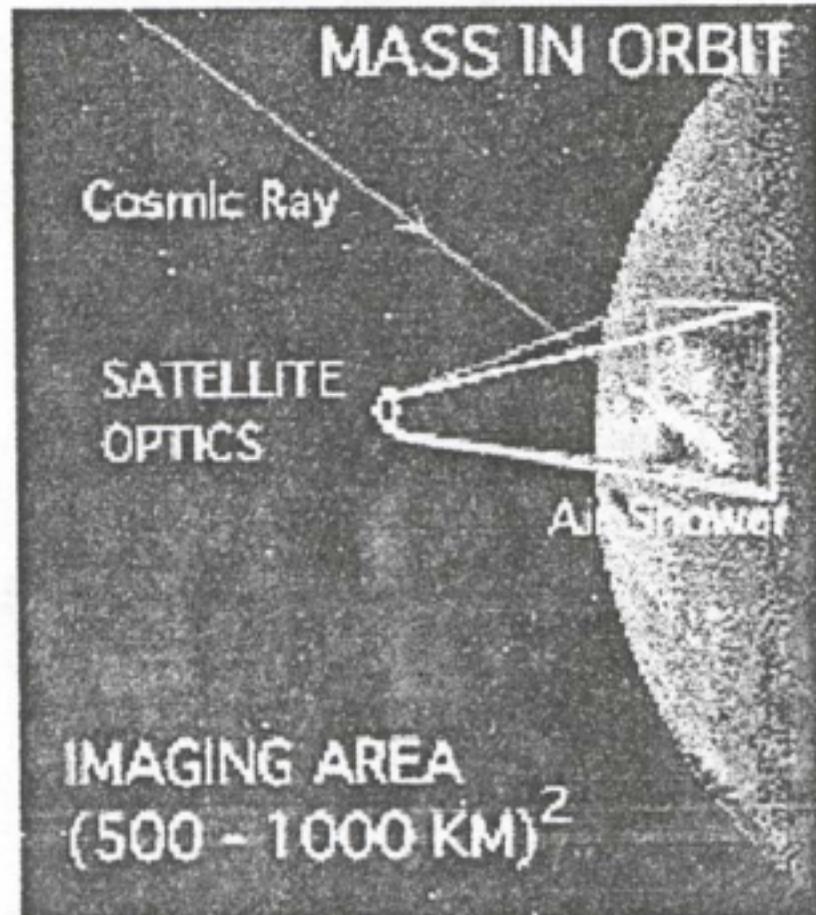


Fig. 3 Artist view of the MASS on orbit.



# The OWL Concept

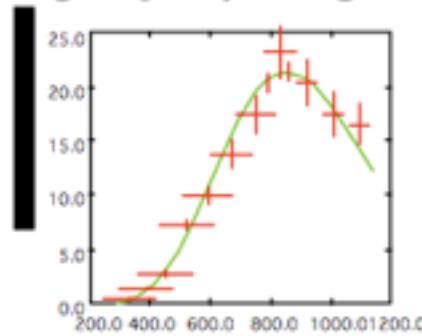
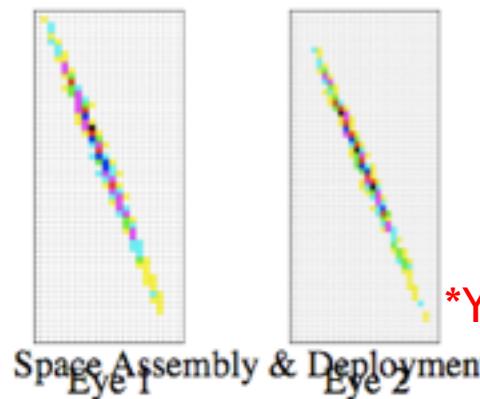
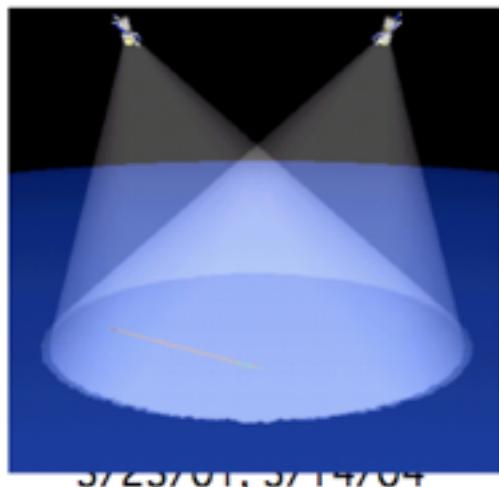
Use air fluorescence technique to image  $300 \sim 400$  nm photons in  $\sim 0.1^\circ$  pixels (with  $10\text{ ns} \sim \mu\text{s}$  timing), from low Earth orbit, airshowers induced by  $E > 10^{19}$  eV cosmic rays

Wide angle ( $\sim 60^\circ$  full, FOV) optics at a 600 - 1200 km orbit in a stereo configuration  $\approx$  an asymptotic, *instantaneous* aperture  
 $\sim 3 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2\text{-ster}$  (640 km orbit,  $60^\circ$  full, FOV, 'Original' Baseline)

10% duty cycle  $\sim$  *effective* aperture  $\sim 3 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2\text{-sr}$

Assuming  $F_{\text{CR}}(E) \sim E^{-2.75}$ , the asymptotic OWL stereo aperture leads to  $\sim 3000$  events/year with  $E \geq 10^{20}$  eV

**Multi-OWL could evolve to viewing majority of night side atmosphere**



\*Y. Takahashi's presentation in Paris at College de France in 2004

# EUSO



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AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION



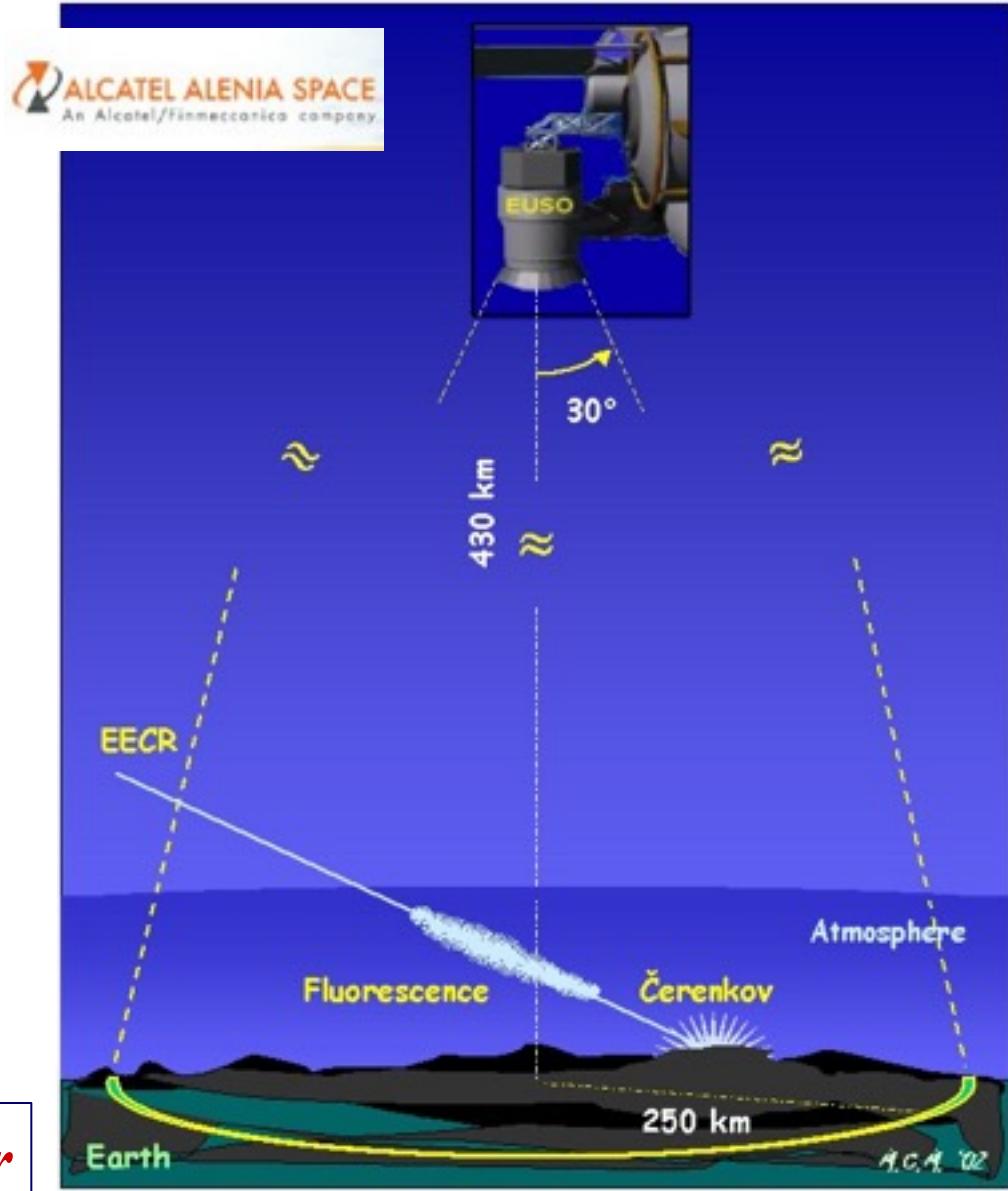
- Large distance  $> 400$  km
- Large FOV  $\gamma \geq 30^\circ$
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$$A^{geo} \approx 6 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2 \cdot \text{sr}$$

$$\eta_{cycle} \approx 10 \div 25 \%$$

$$A_{Euso}^{eff} \approx (6 \div 9) \times 10^4 \text{ km}^2 \cdot \text{sr}$$

$$\approx \text{few} \times 10^{12} \text{ tons}$$

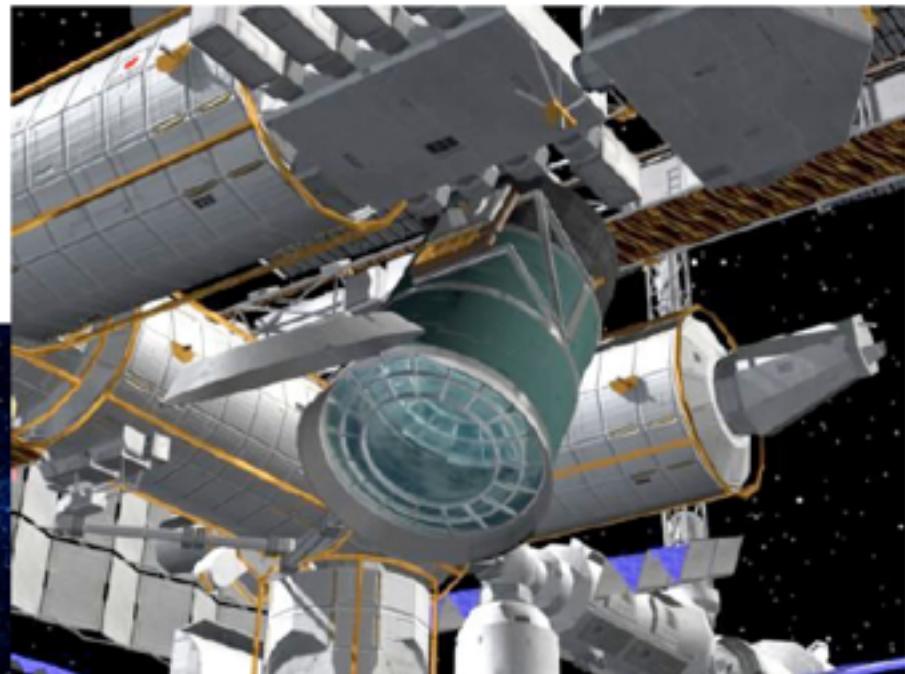
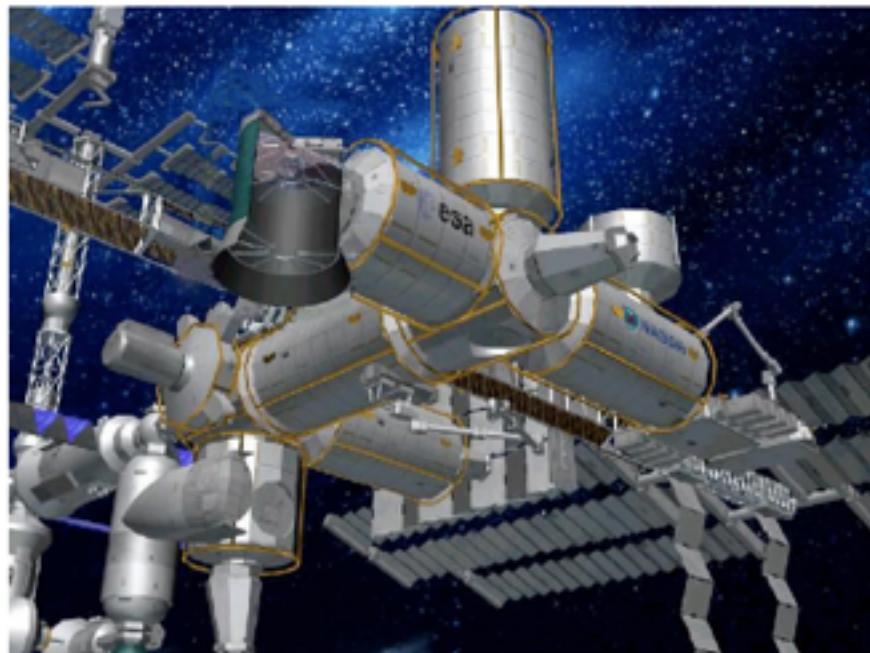


mass ( $\lesssim 1.5$  ton), volume ( $\lesssim 2.5 \times 2.5 \times 4.5 \text{ m}^3$ ), power ( $\lesssim 1 \text{ kW}$ ) and telemetry ( $\lesssim 180 \text{ Mbit/orbit}$ ).

# EUSO and JEM-EUSO: A Mission to Explore the Extremes of the Universe using the Highest Energy Cosmic Rays and Neutrinos by observing Earth

ESA CEPF case

Launch by STS (2000-4)



JEM EF case  
JEM-EUSO launch by HTV

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# *“Cosmic Ray Observatory on the ISS”*

View from NASA: “Cosmic Ray Observatory on the ISS”



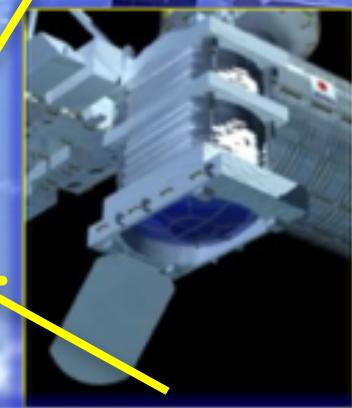
AMS Launch  
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ISS-CREAM  
Sp-X Launch 2014



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HTV Launch 2014

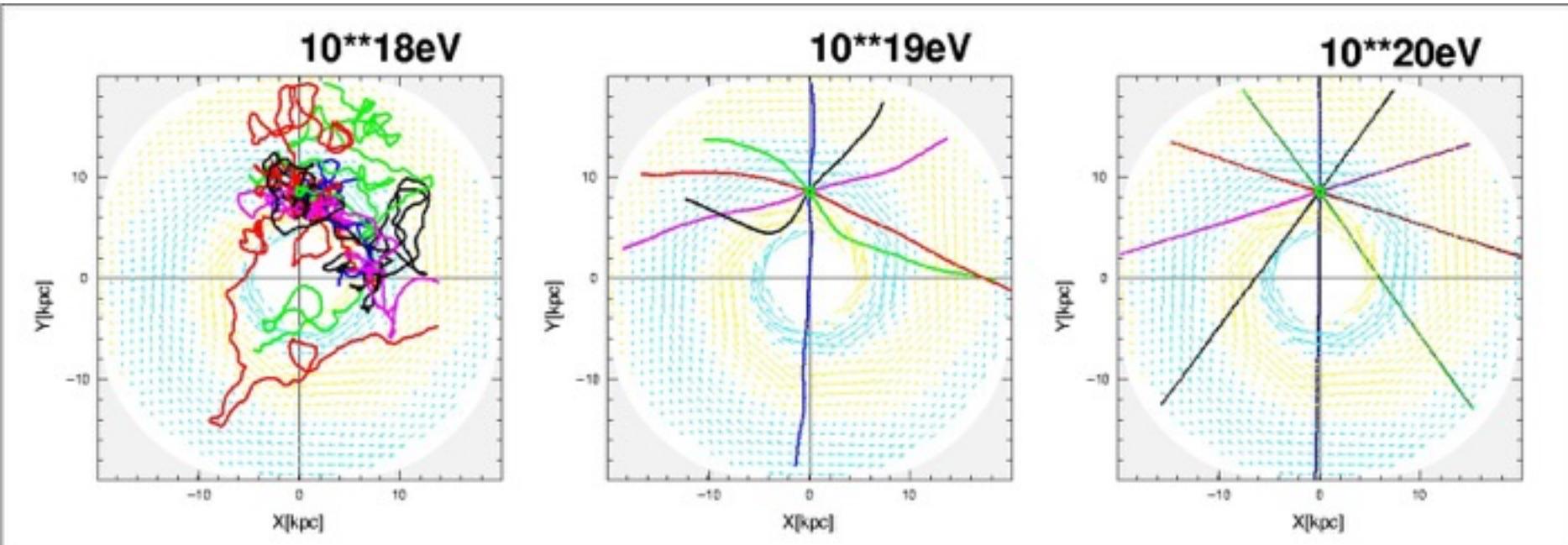


JEM-EUSO  
Launch Tentatively  
planned for 2017



# Cosmic Ray Propagation in our Galaxy

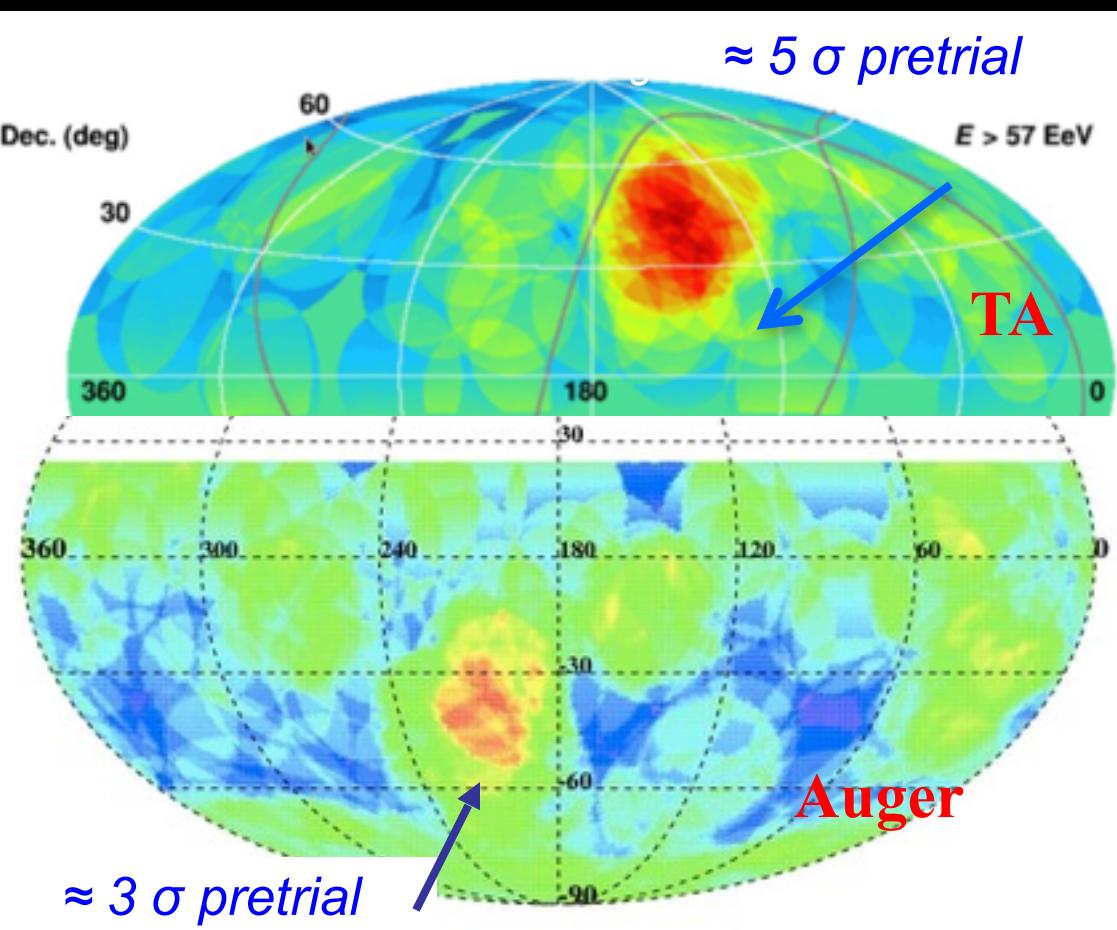
- Deflection angle < 1 degree at  $10^{20}\text{eV}$



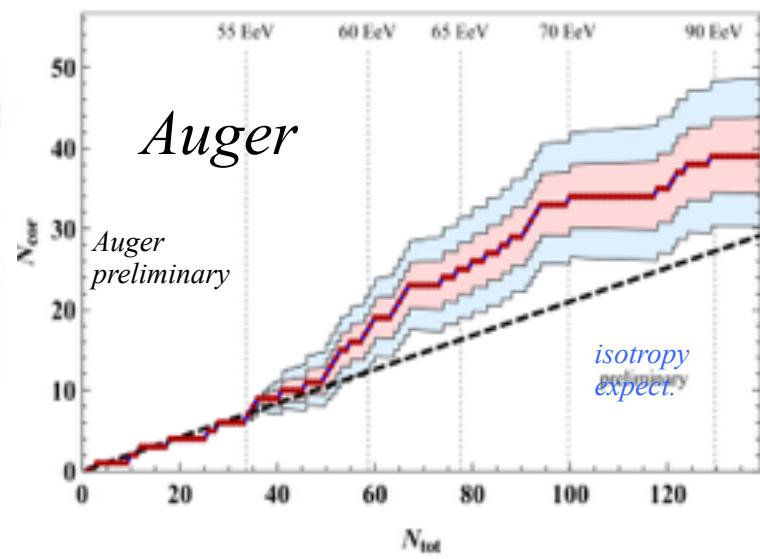
Proton simulations (Takeda, 2003)

# Anisotropy Hints >60 EeV

*Statistically limited evidence for Cosmic Ray Anisotropy above  $5.7 \times 10^{19}$  eV in the North and South*



# of events correlating with AGN,  
ordered in energy (integral plot)

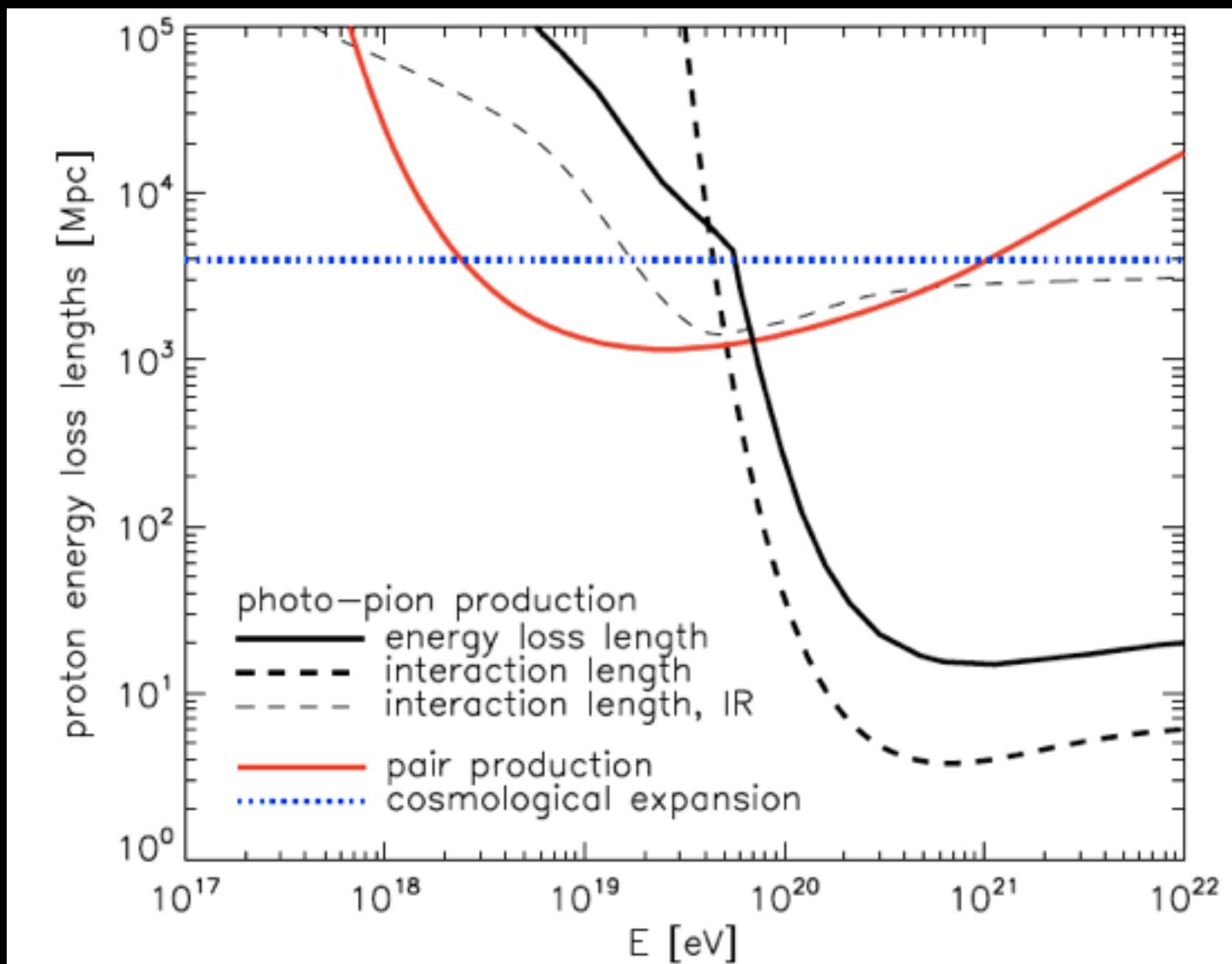


# JEM-EUSO Main Science Goal

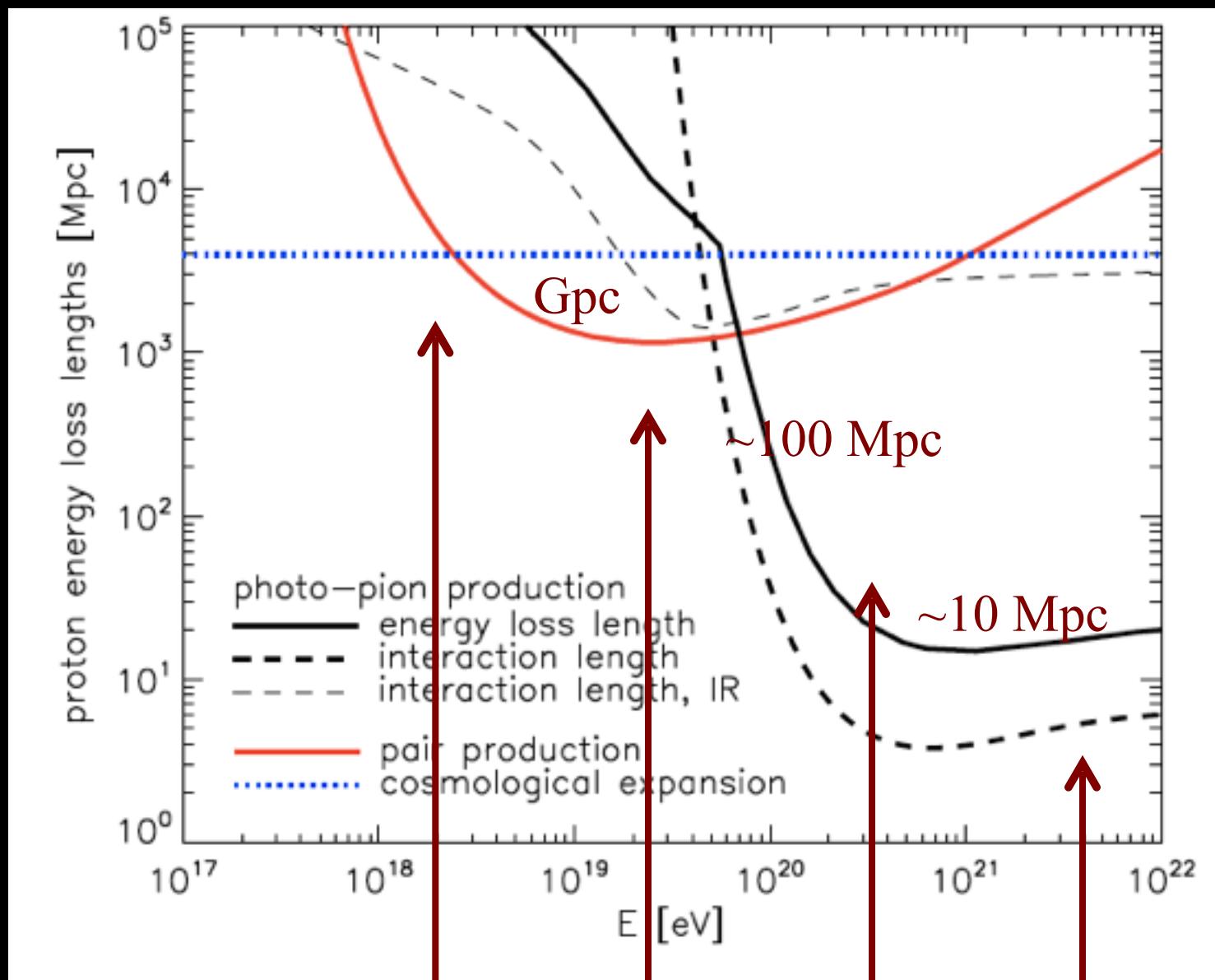
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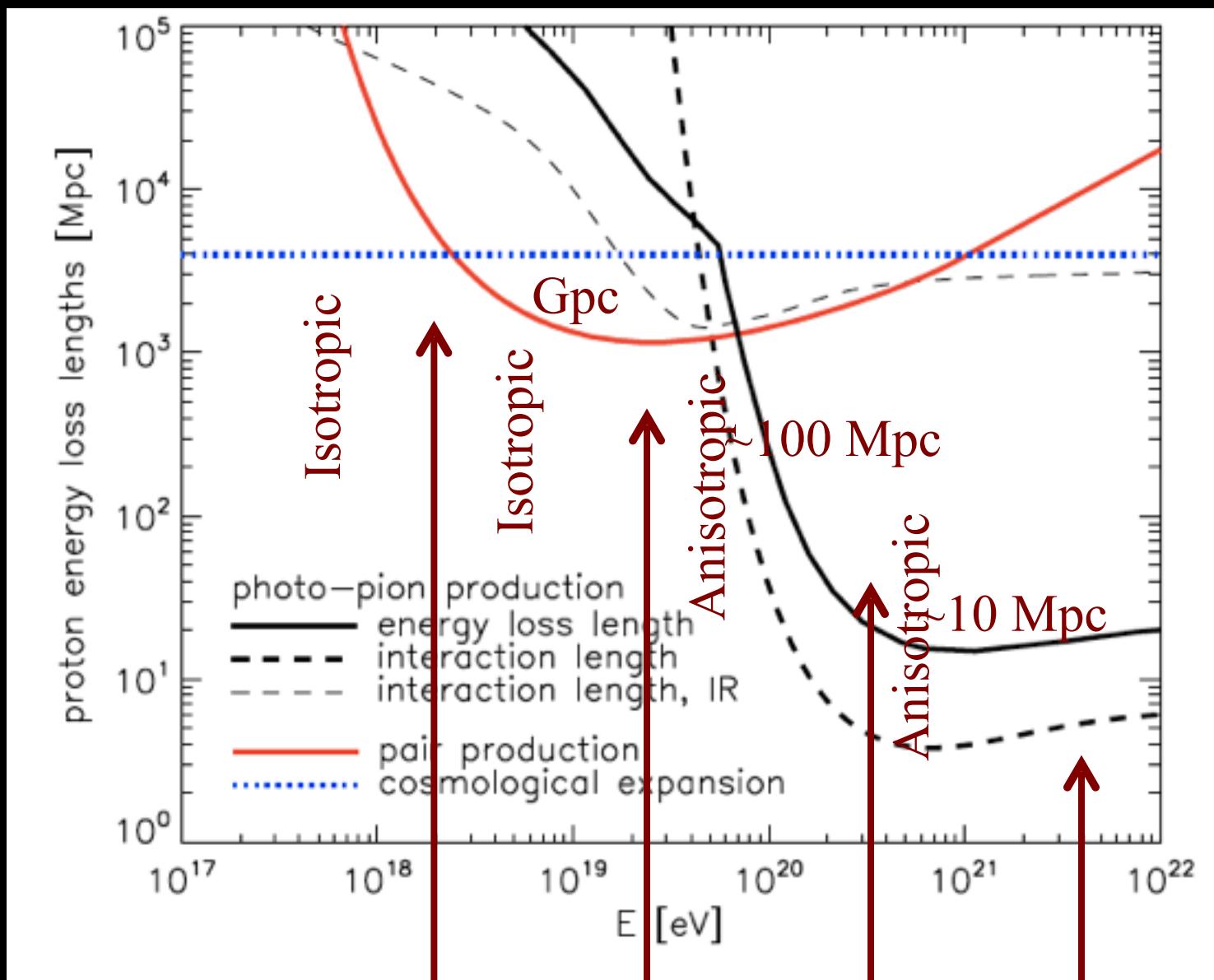
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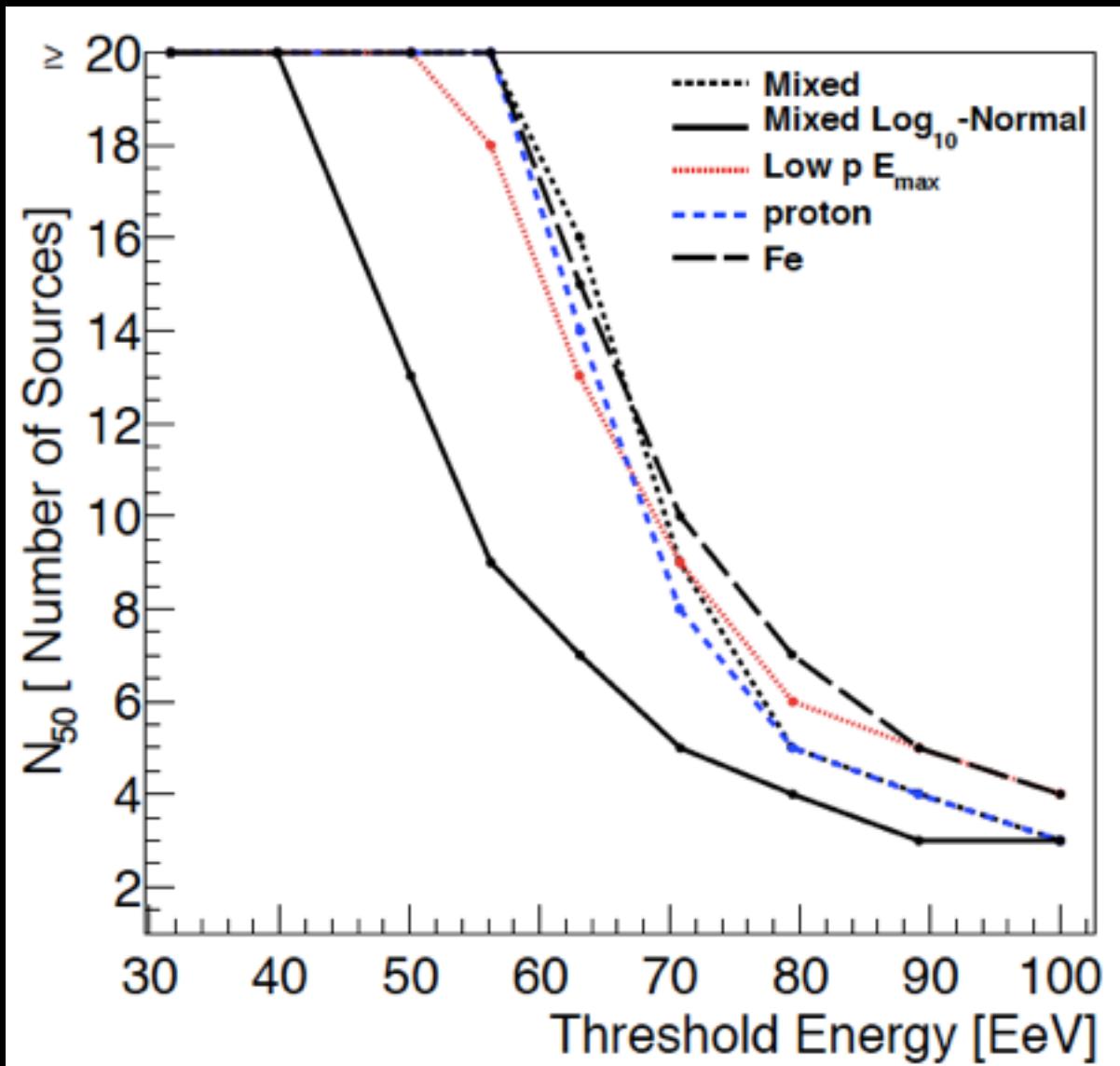


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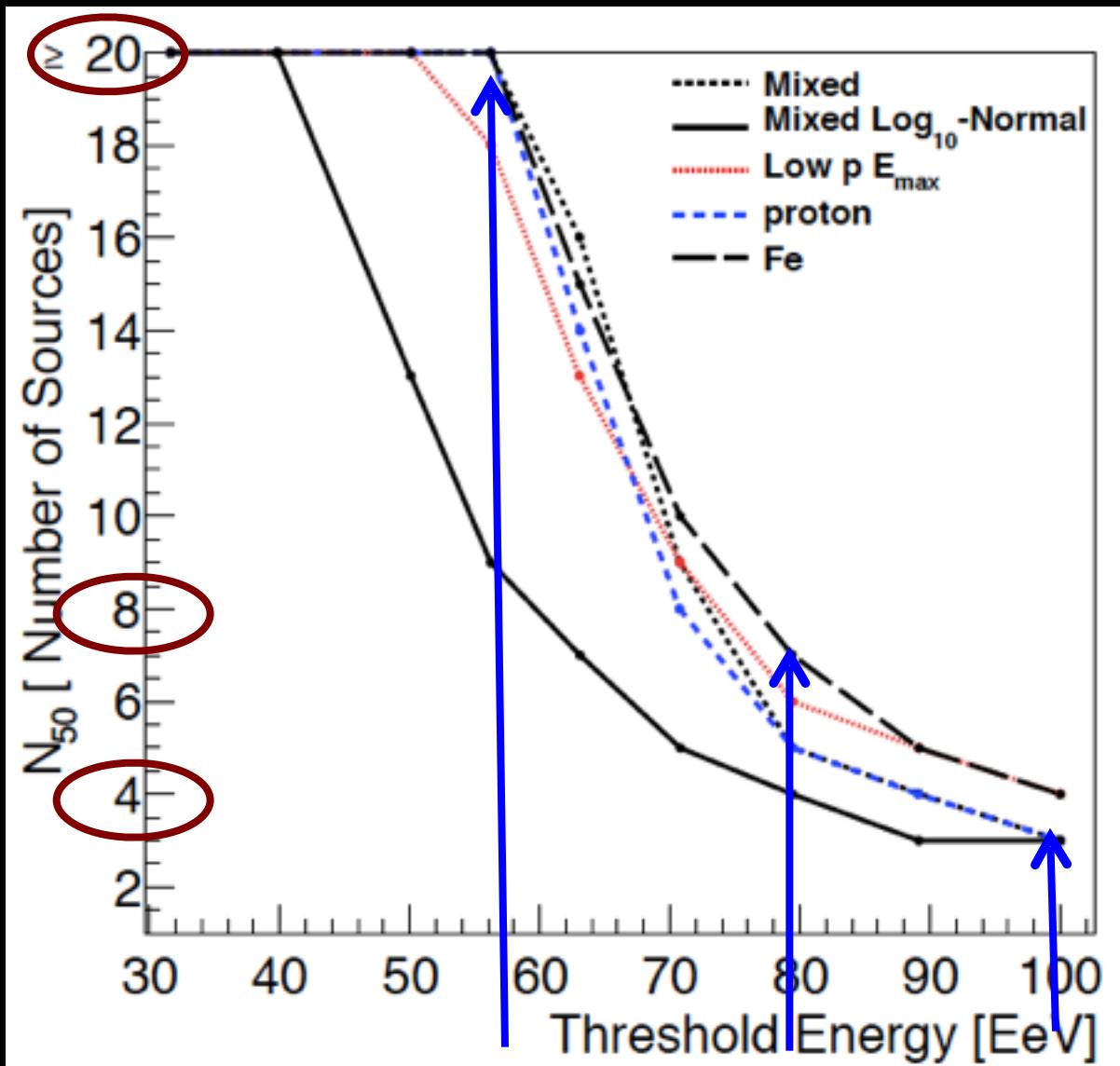
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# How to find the Sources?

- GET A LOT MORE DATA above 60 EeV!!!!
- GET ~ 1,000 events above 60 EeV!!!!
- OVER THE WHOLE SKY !!!!

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**Go to SPACE!**

**To look down on the**

**Atmosphere!**

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- **JEM-EUSO**

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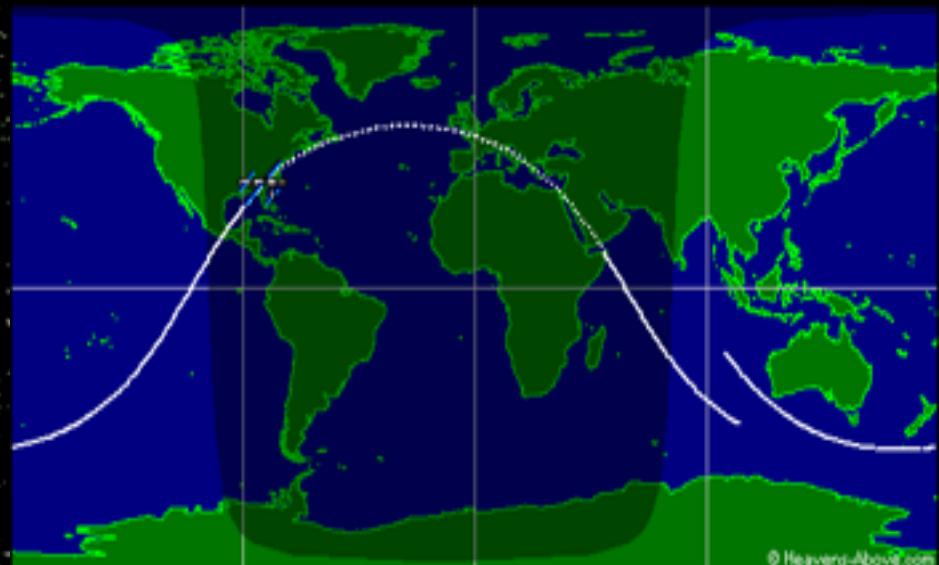
# Why Looking Down?

1. Huge Exposure Area
2. Well Confined Distance toward showers
3. Dust (Cloud)-free atmosphere in the above half troposphere
4. Uniform Exposure across the both hemispheres

# Full Sky Coverage with nearly uniform exposure



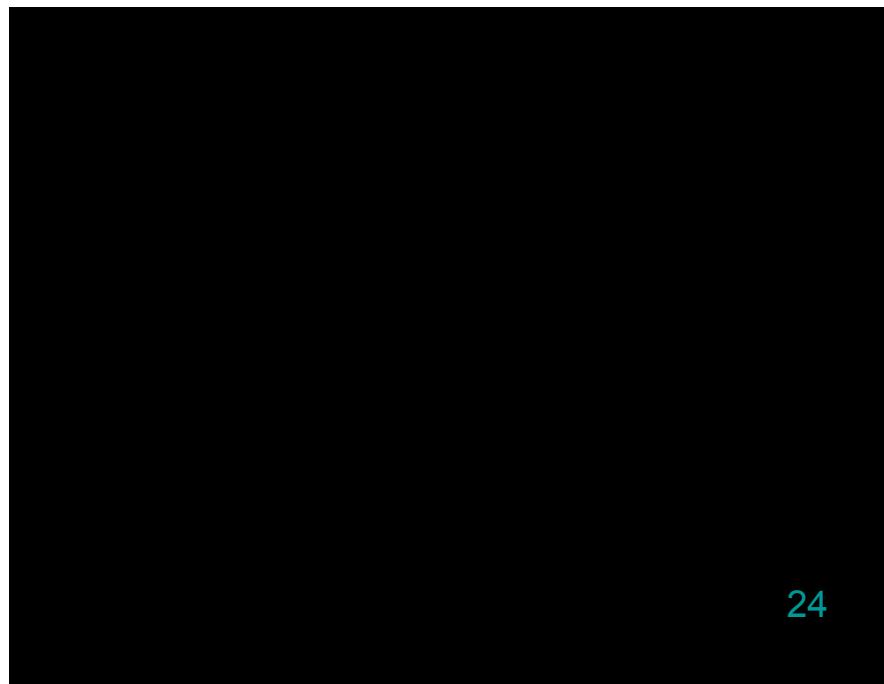
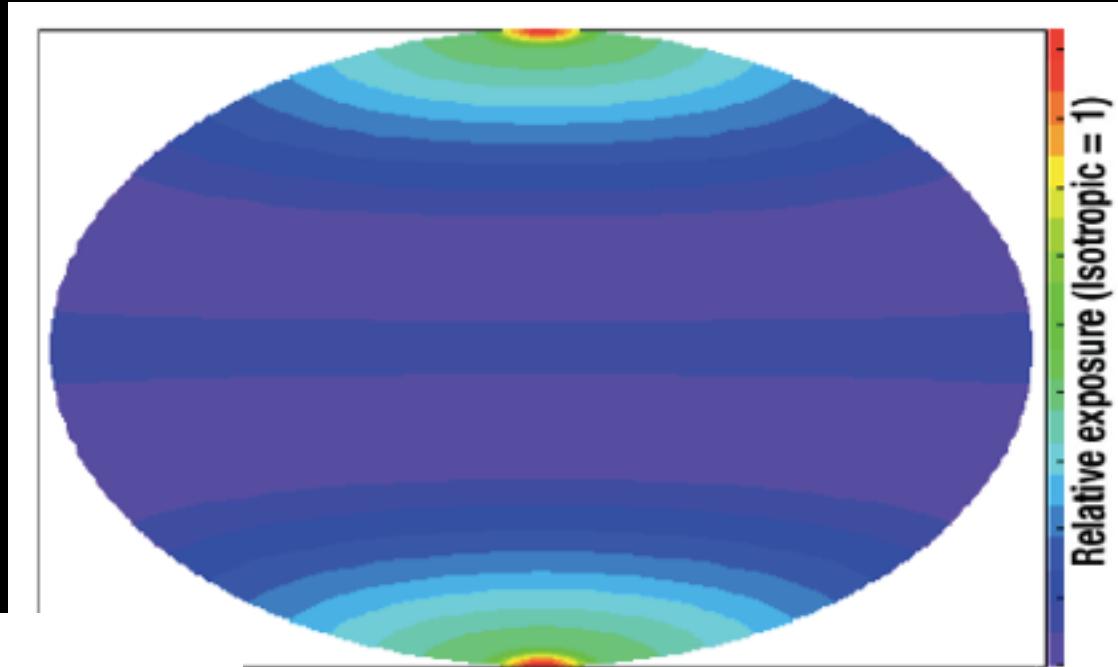
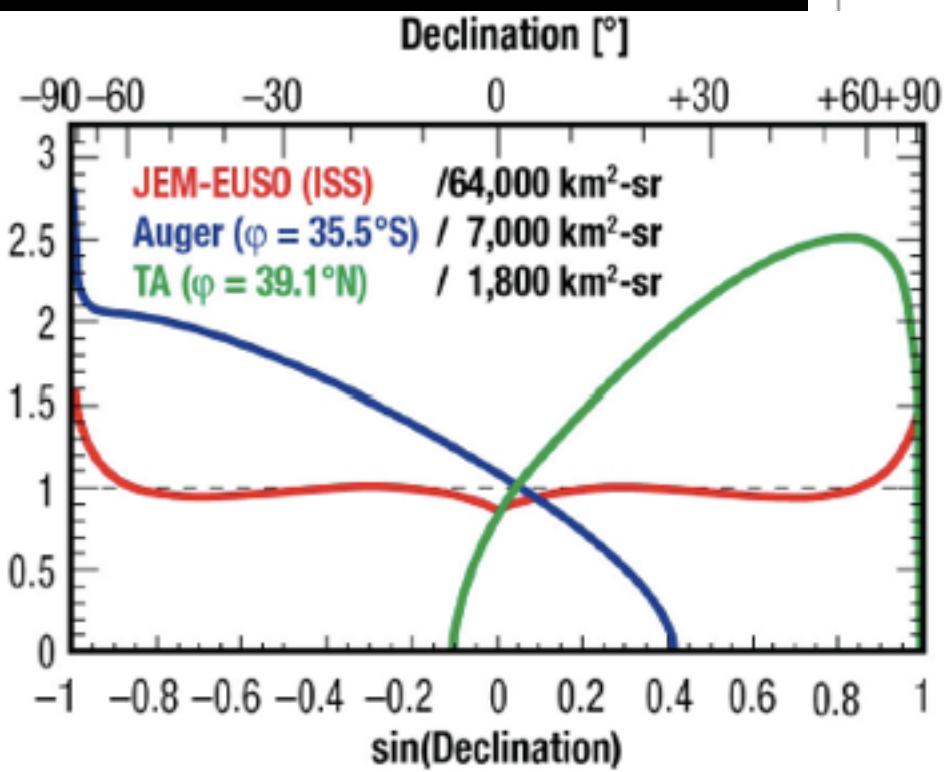
The ISS ORBIT



Inclination: 51.6°

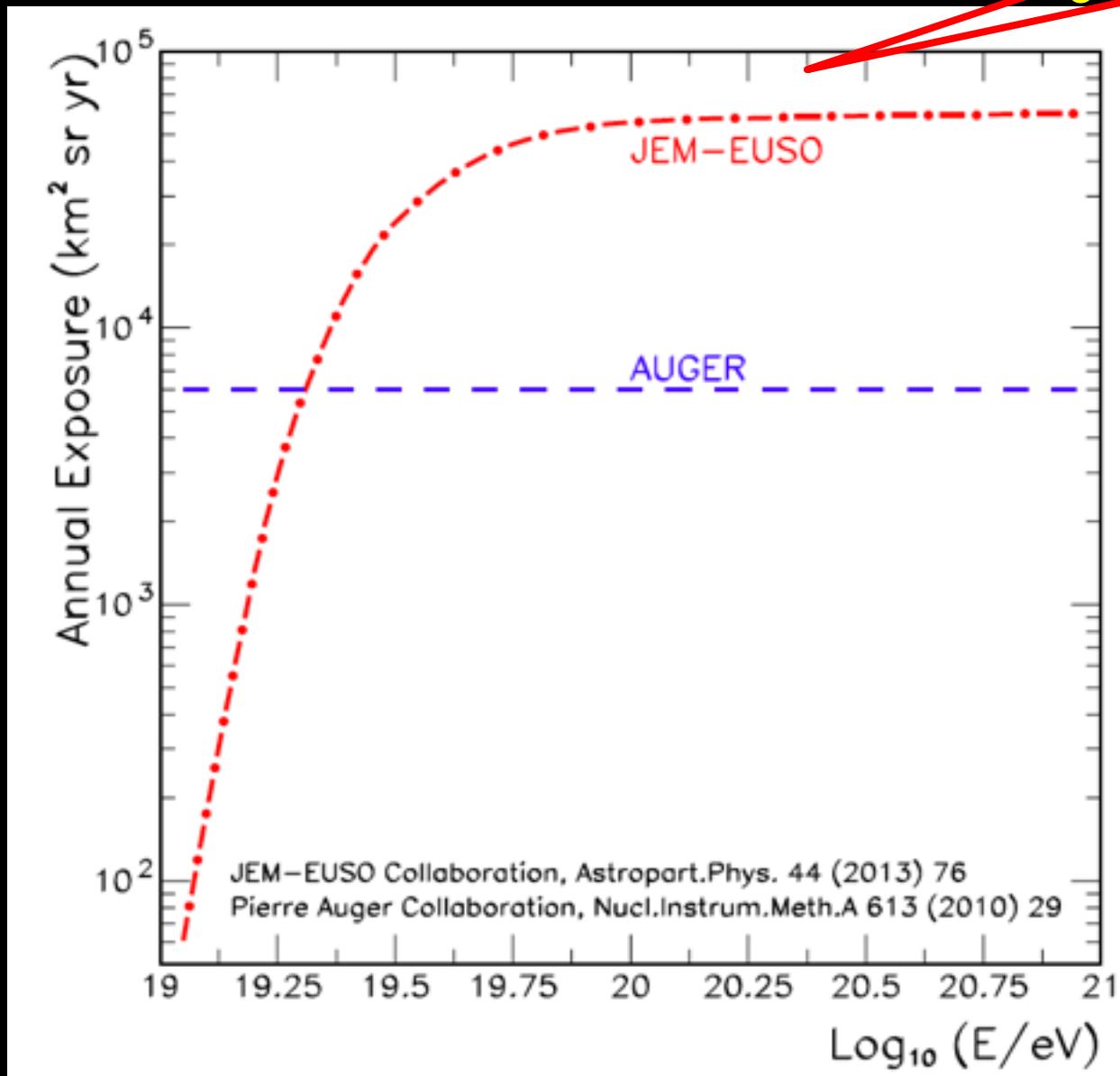
Height: ~400km

# JEM-EUSO Sky Coverage



# JEM-EUSO

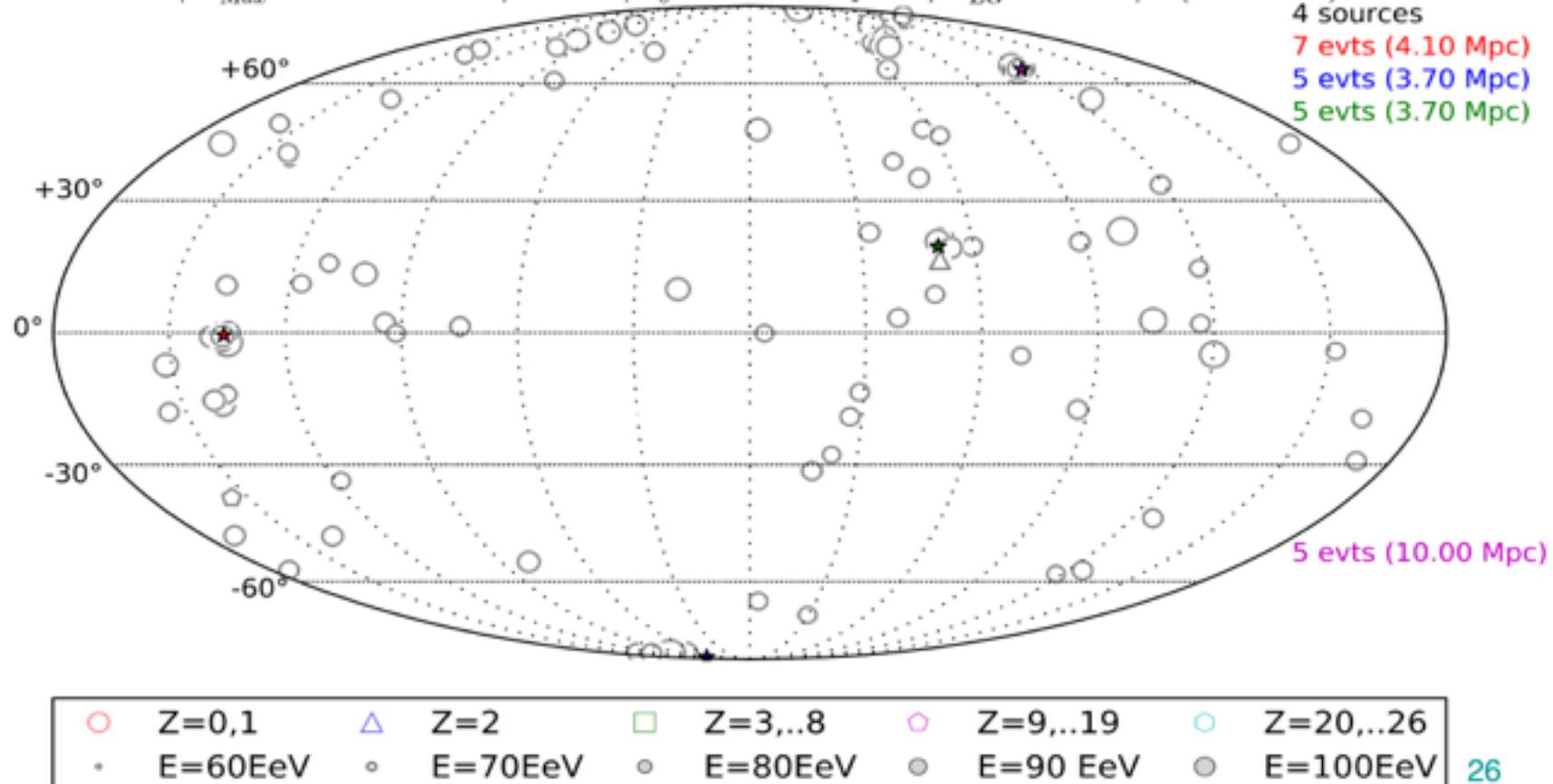
annual exposure =  
10 x Auger  
 $6 \times 10^4 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$



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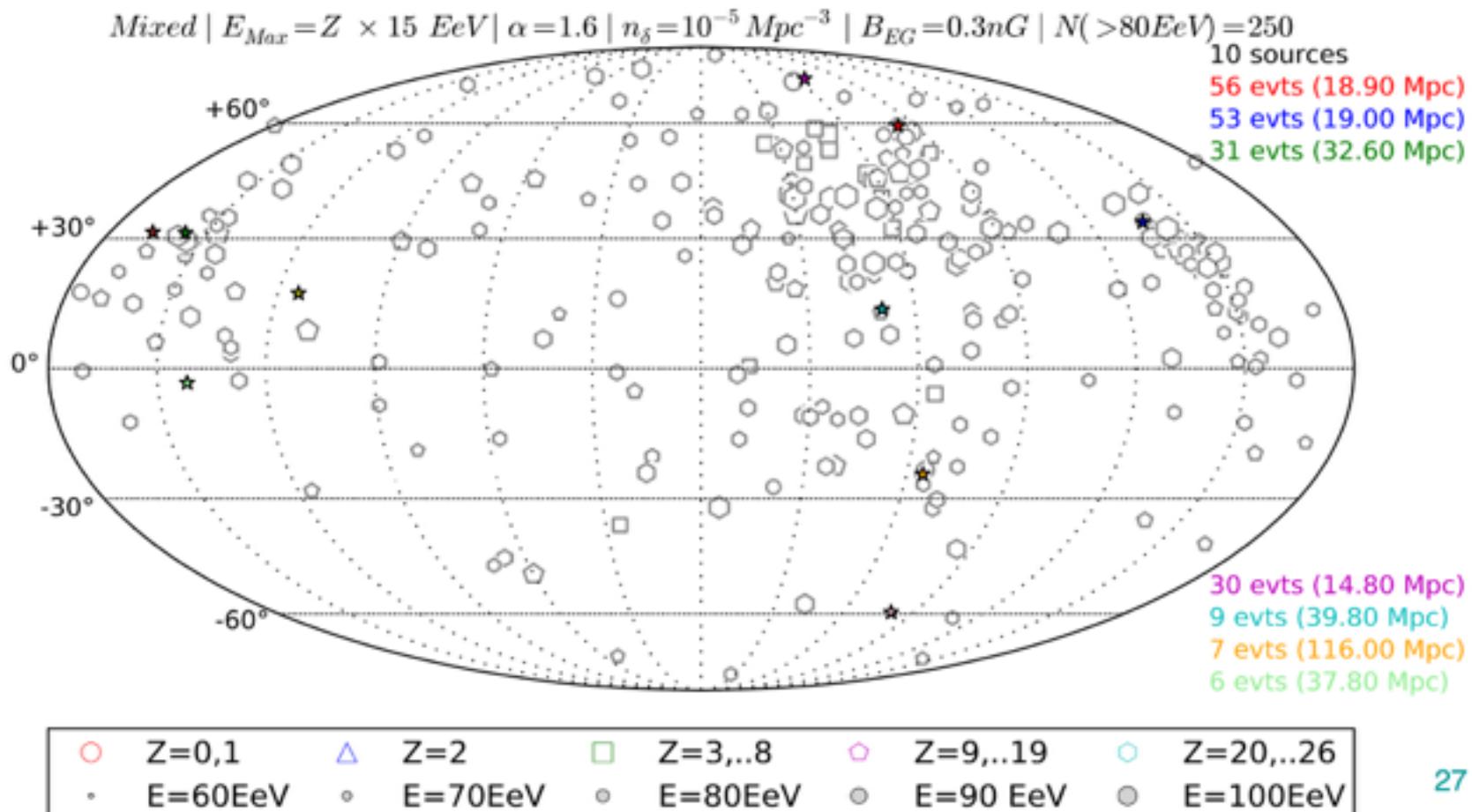
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- ~100 events > 100 EeV

Mixed |  $E_{Max} = Z \times 316 \text{ EeV}$  |  $\alpha = 2.3$  |  $n_\delta = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$  |  $B_{EG} = 0.3nG$  |  $N(>100\text{EeV}) = 100$



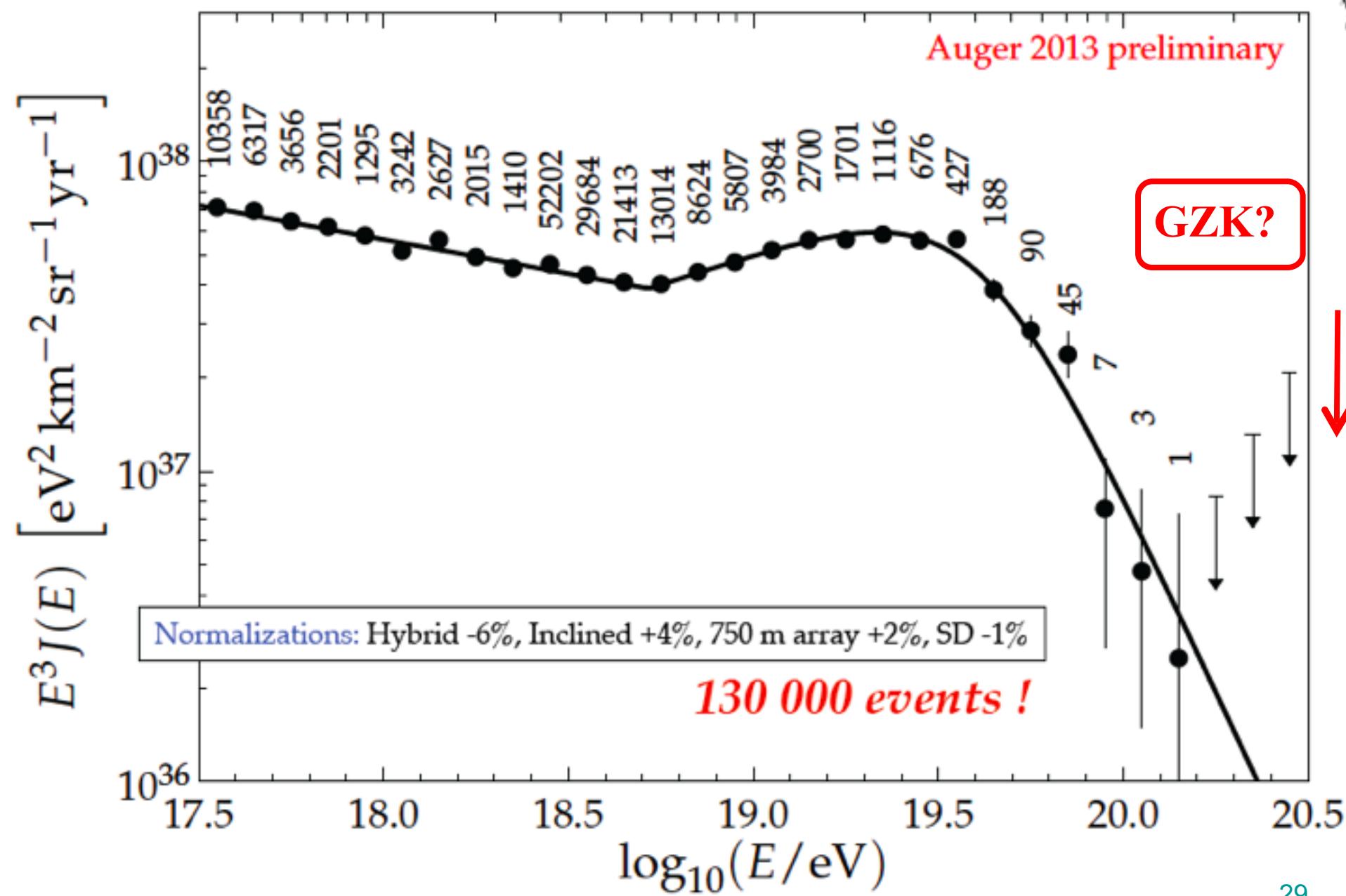
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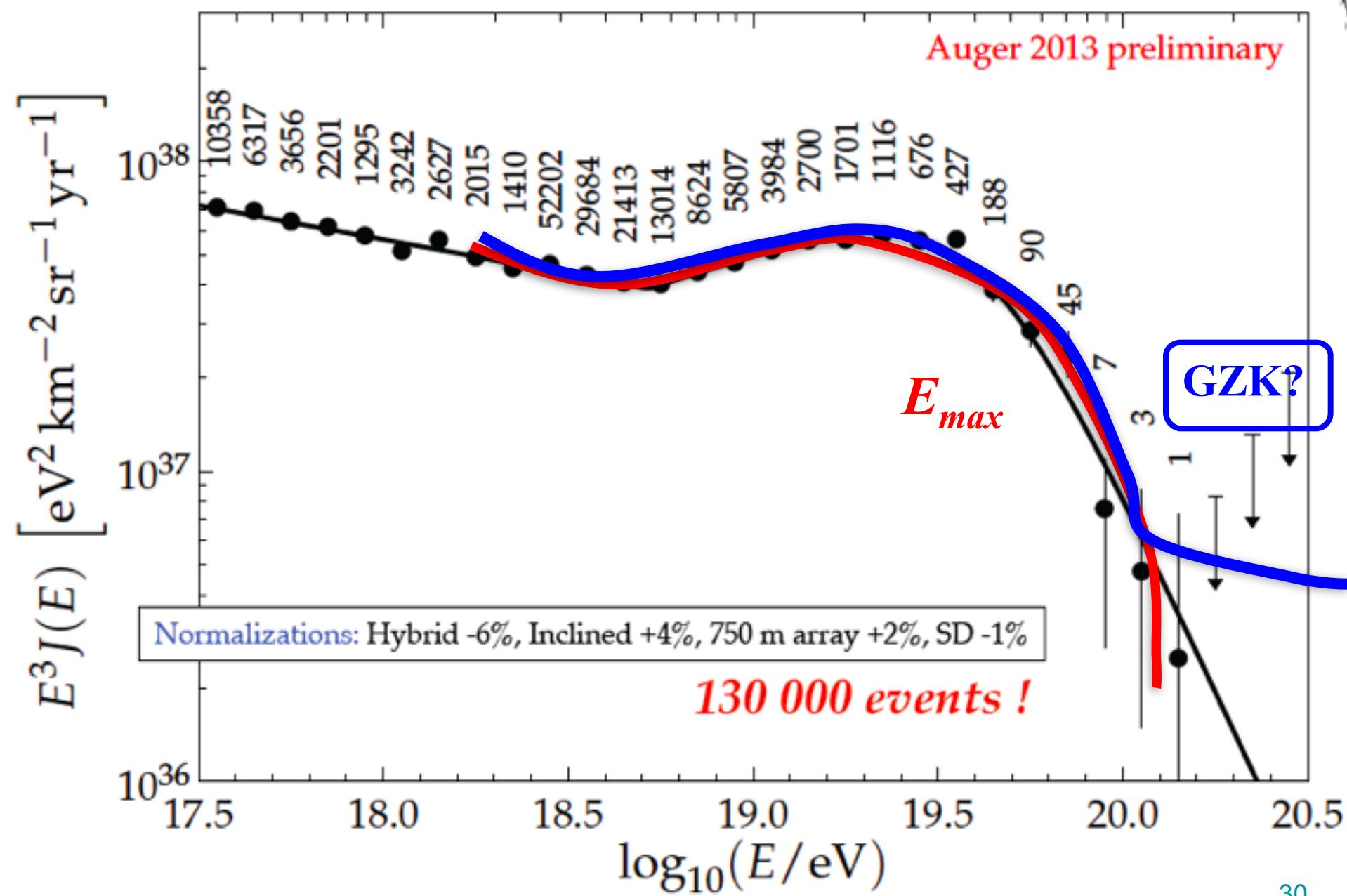
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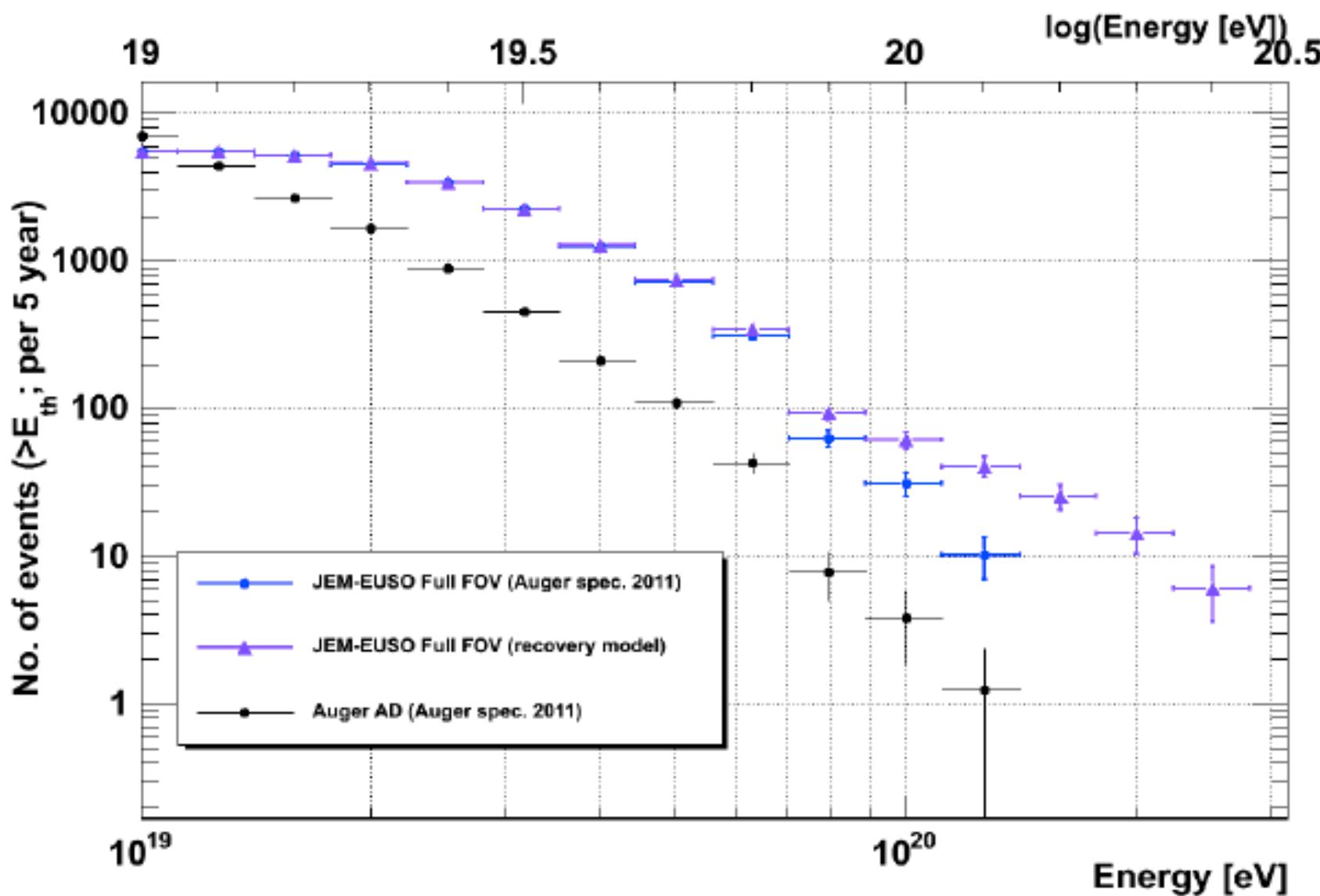


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- Increase Statistics of Extreme Energies Cosmic Rays ( $E > 60$  EeV) by one order of magnitude compared to ground observatories to
- **Identify EECR sources**
  - discover source locations in the sky
  - Anisotropy studies on small (sources), intermediate (composition multiplets or correlations with local galaxy distribution structures), and large scales (dipole, quadrupole)
  - test the spectral recovery if GZK is causing the decline and  $E_{\max} \gg E_{\text{GZK}}$







# Science Objectives

## Main Objective :

Astronomy and astrophysics through particle channel with extreme energies ( $E > 5 \times 10^{19} eV$ )

Identification of **sources** by the high statistics arrival direction analysis

Measurement of the **energy spectra** from individual sources to constrain acceleration or emission mechanisms

## Exploratory objectives :

Detection of extreme energy **gamma-rays**

Measurement of extreme energy **neutrinos**

Study of the Galactic **magnetic field**

Verification of the **relativity** and the **quantum gravity** effect in extreme energy & Dark Matter searches

Global observation of **atmospheric** phenomena:  
nightglows, lightning (TLE), meteors

M. Bertaina & E. Parizot:

'The JEM-EUSO mission:  
a space observatory to study  
the origin of UHECRs'

Nuclear Physics B (Proc. Suppl.)

NUPHBP15148

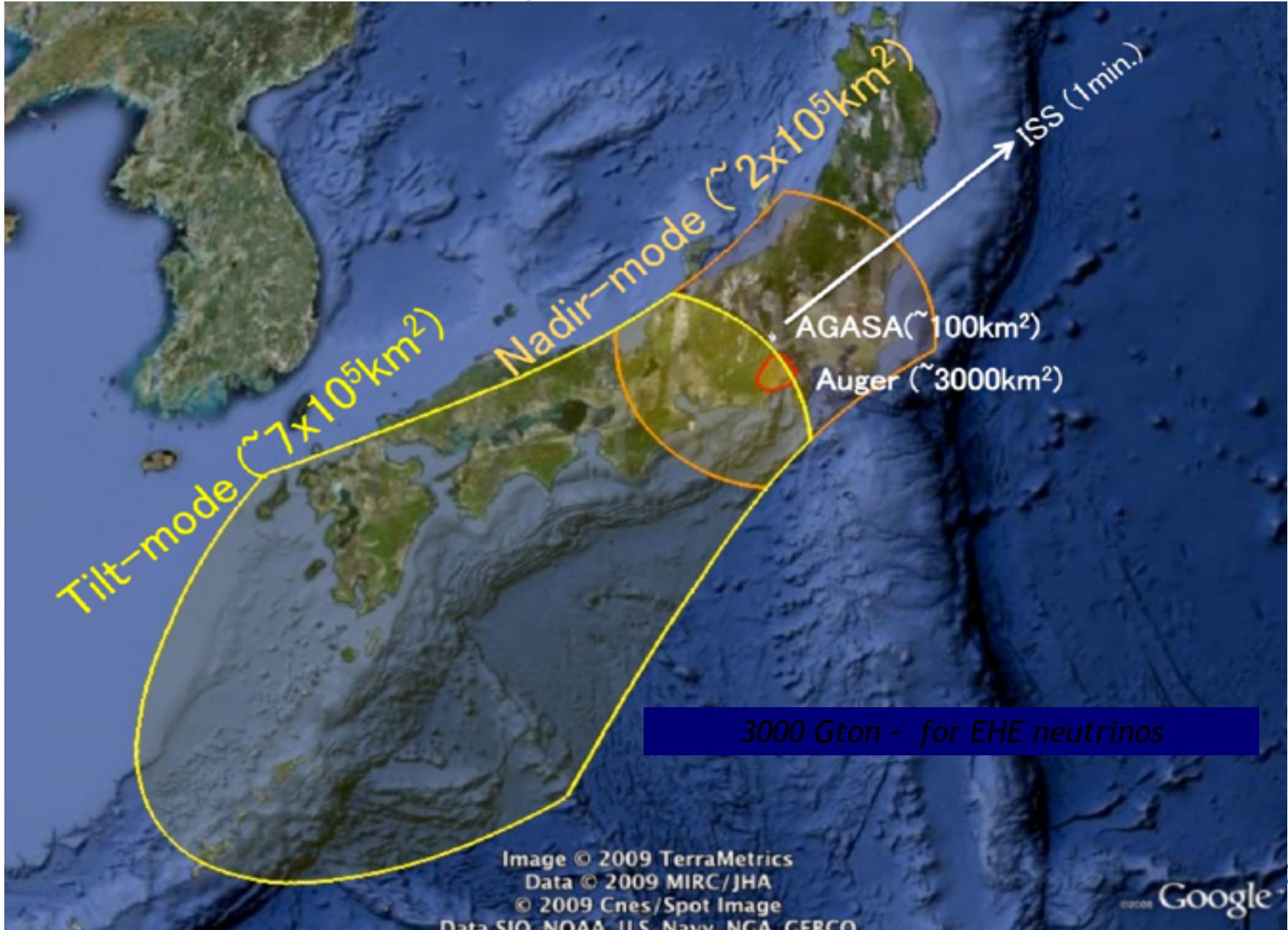
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# JEM-EUSO Mission



# Huge Aperture



# The UV Telescope Parameters

Parameter	Value
Field of View	$\pm 30^\circ$
Monitored Area	$>1.3 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2$
Telescope aperture	$\geq 2.5 \text{ m}$
Operational wavelength	300-400 nm
Resolution in angle	$0.075^\circ$
Focal Plane Area	$4.5 \text{ m}^2$
Pixel Size	<3 mm
Number of Pixels	$\approx 3 \times 10^5$
Pixel size on ground	$\approx 560 \text{ m}$
Time Resolution	$2.5 \mu\text{s}$
Dead Time	<3%
Photo-detector Efficiency	$\geq 20\%$

# Payload

DAQ Electronics



Support Structure



Focal Surface Detector



Housekeeping



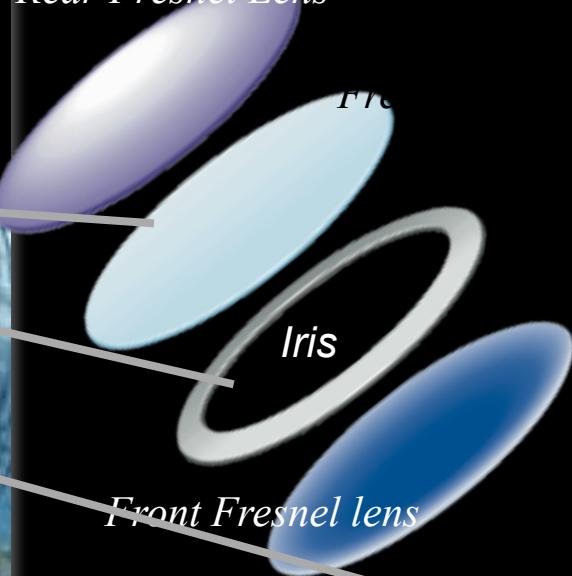
Simulation : Worldwide



Optics



Rear Fresnel Lens



Telescope Structure



BUS System : JAXA



Atmospheric Monitoring



On-board Calibration



Ground Based Calibration



Ground Support Equipment

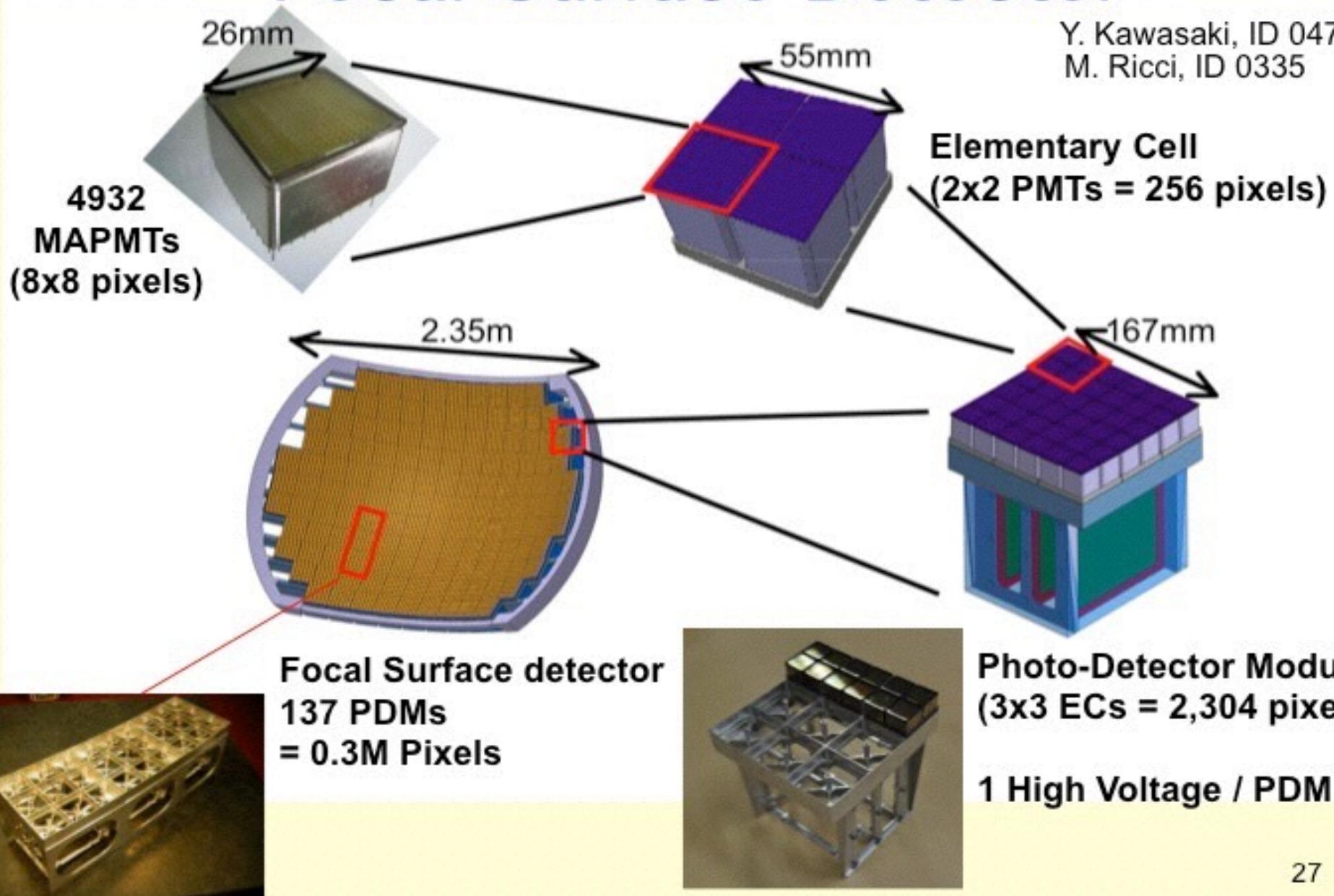


# Science Instrument

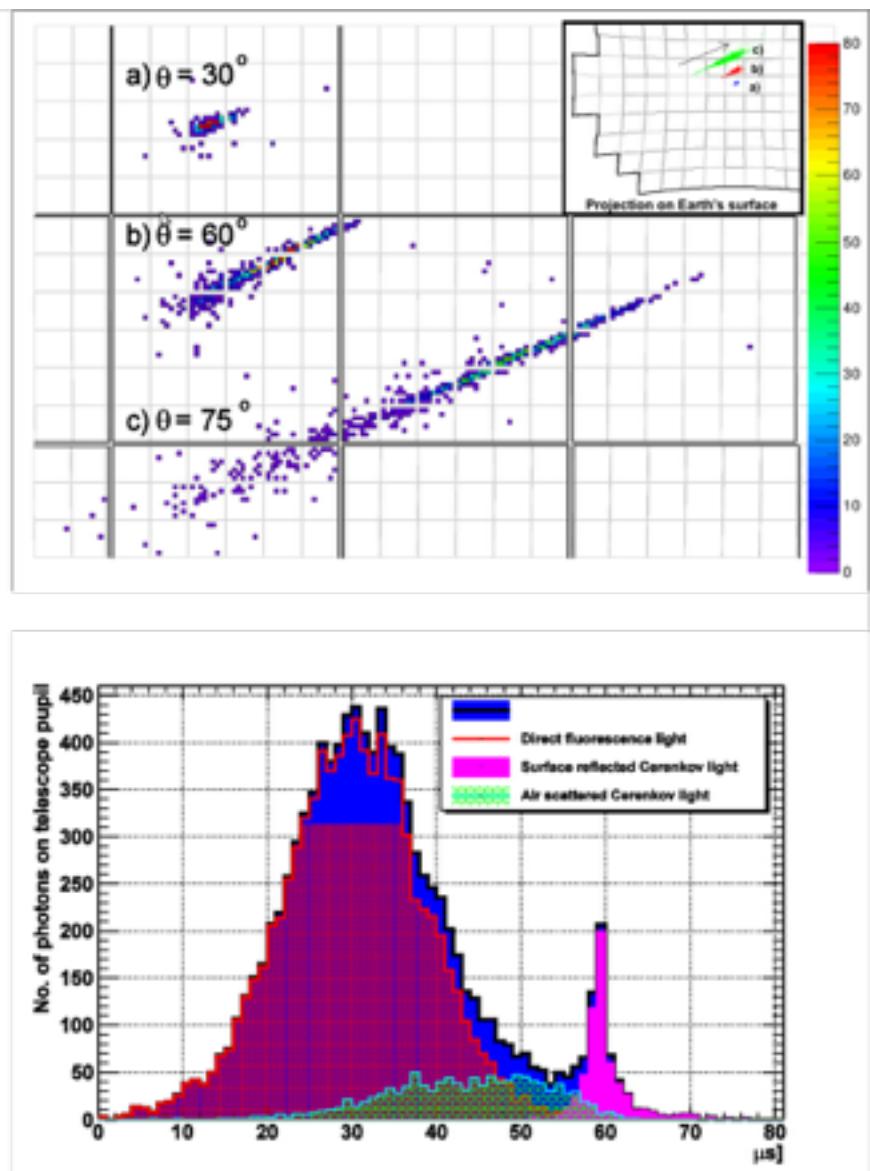
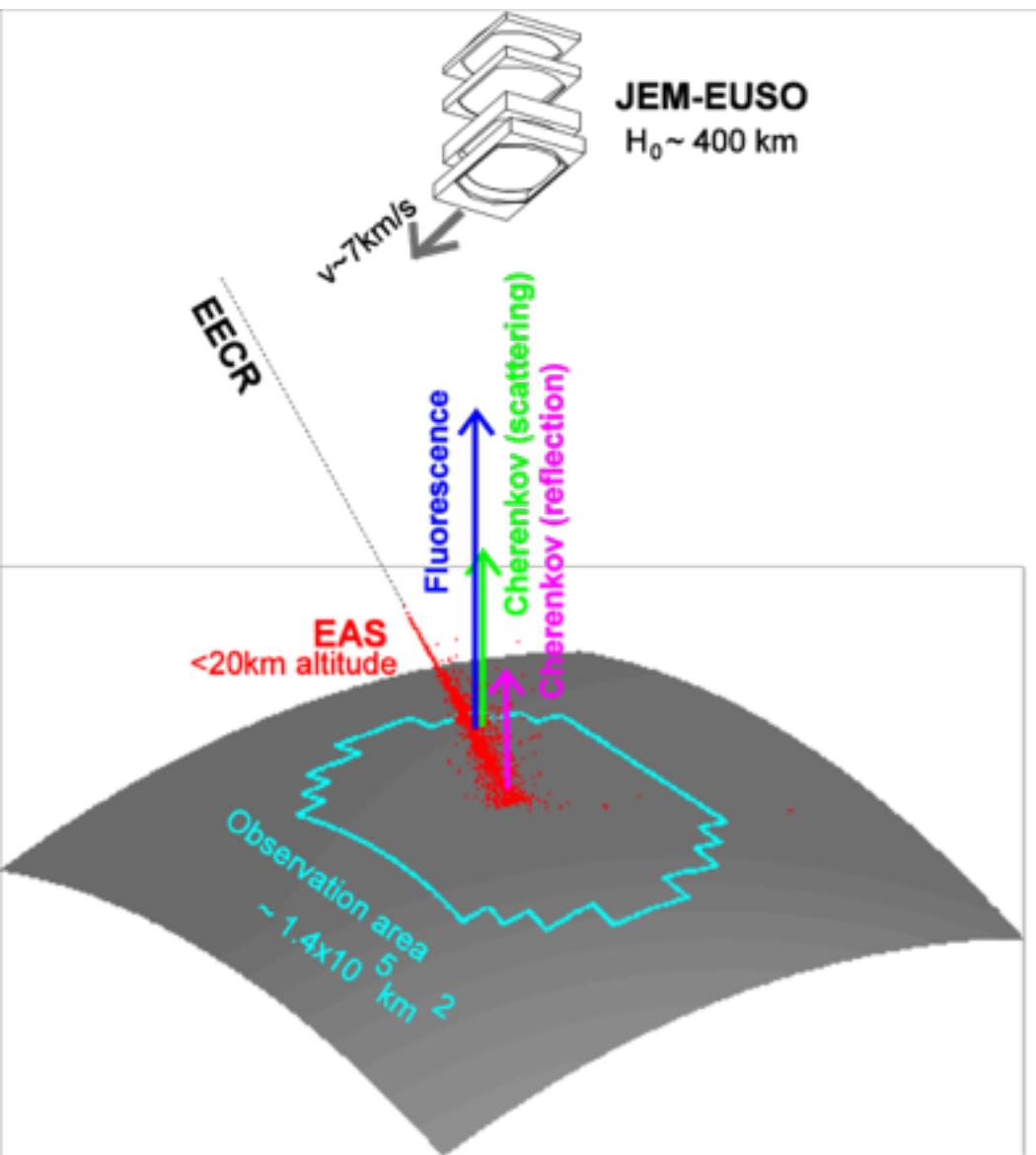


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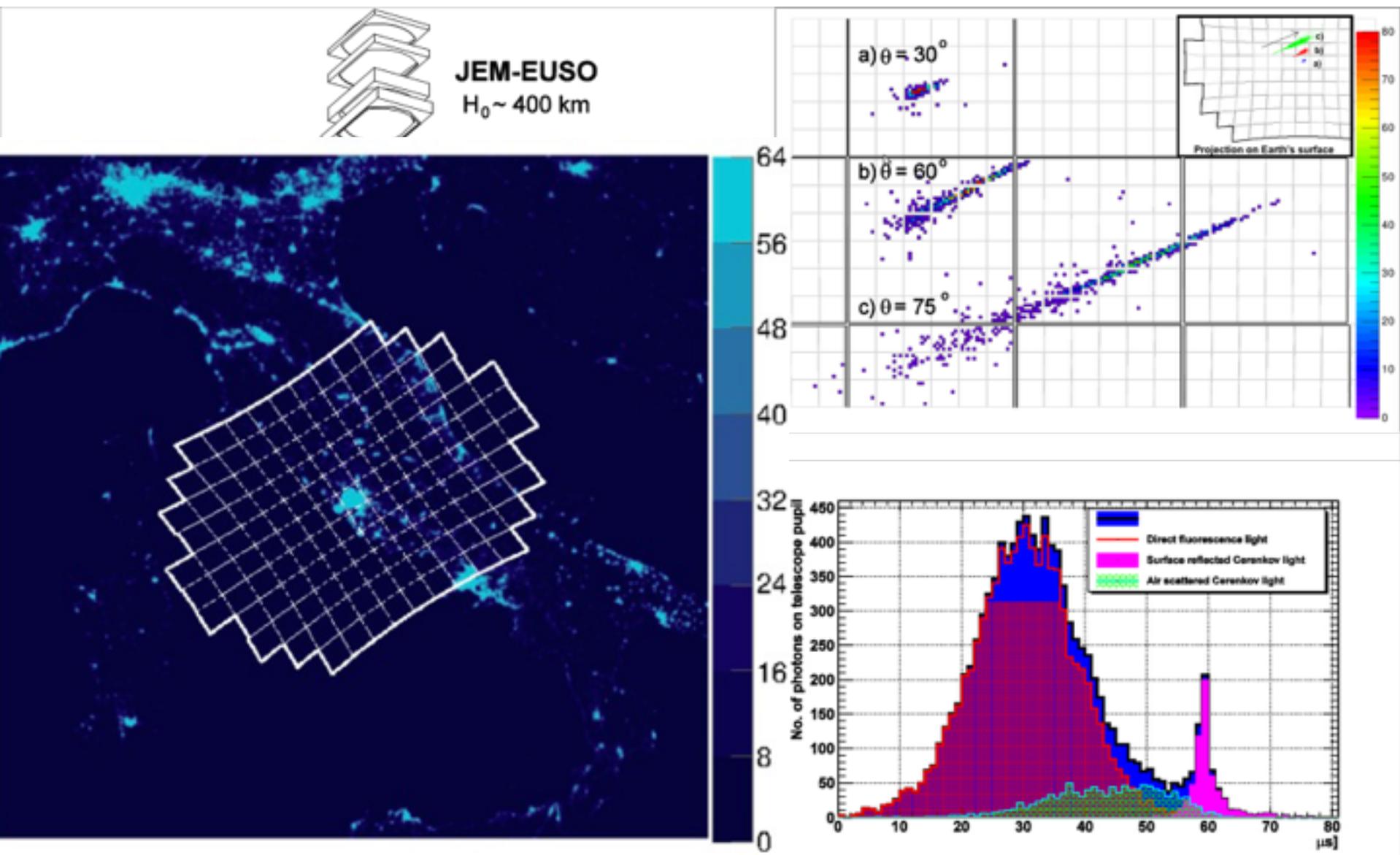
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# JEM-EUSO Observation Principle



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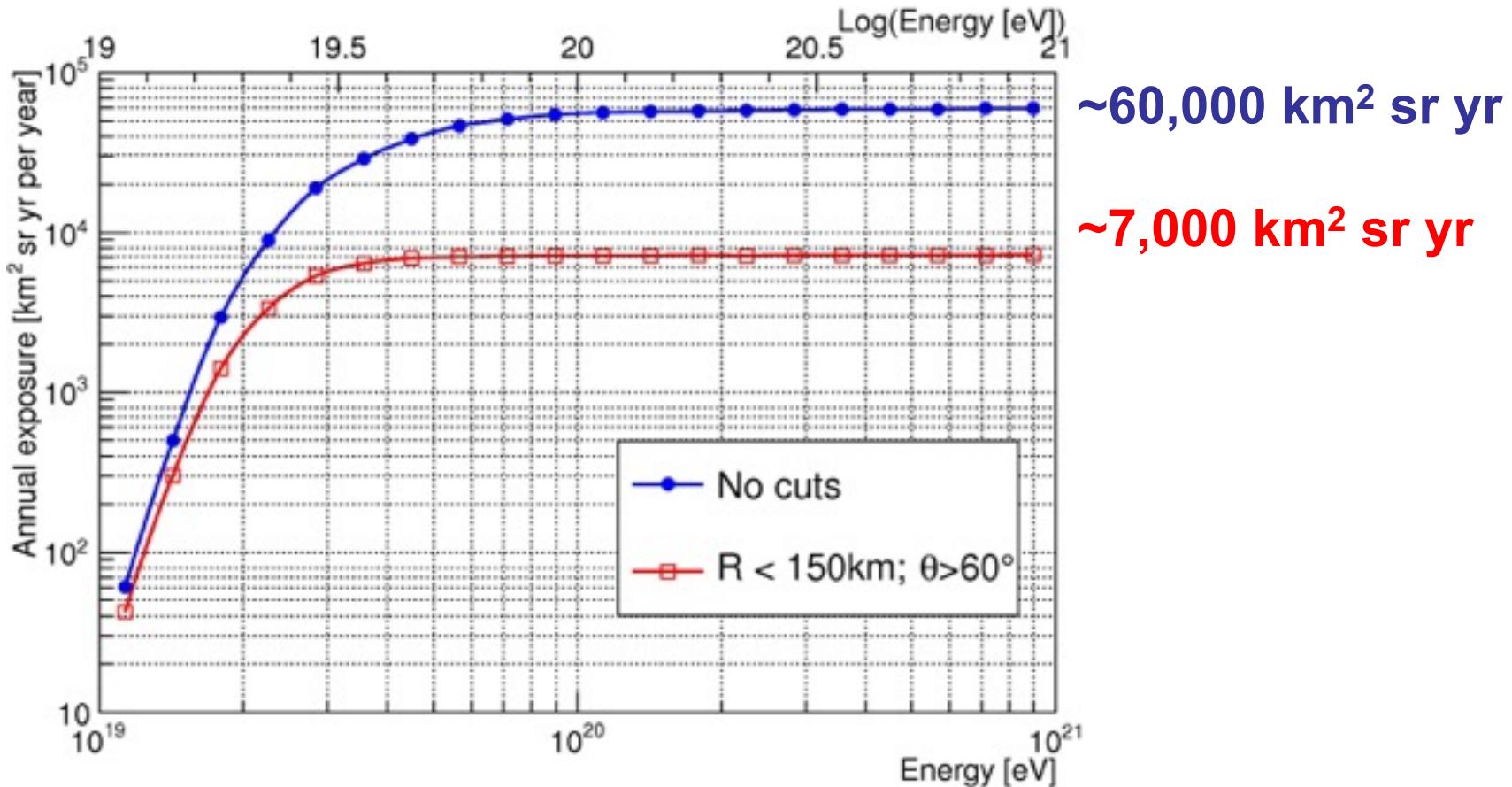
# Peculiarities from space

- *Far and almost constant distance* of the shower (no proximity effect)
- Shower is contained in the FOV: *observation of the entire profile*
- Possibility of *observing in cloudy conditions* (in most cases  $X_{max}$  above the cloud-top)
- *Less contamination* by Cherenkov
- *Efficient gamma/hadron separation* using different geographical areas
- Measurement of neutrino showers at high altitude  
*with less LPM effect*

# Summary of Results on Exposure:

- Observational duty cycle (brightness of the sky does not hamper UHECR measurements): ~20%
  - Role of clouds: ~72%
  - City lights inefficiency: ~7%
  - Lightning ineff.: ~ 2%
  - Aurorae ineff.: ~1%
- ↓
- Conversion factor between Aperture and Exposure: ~13%

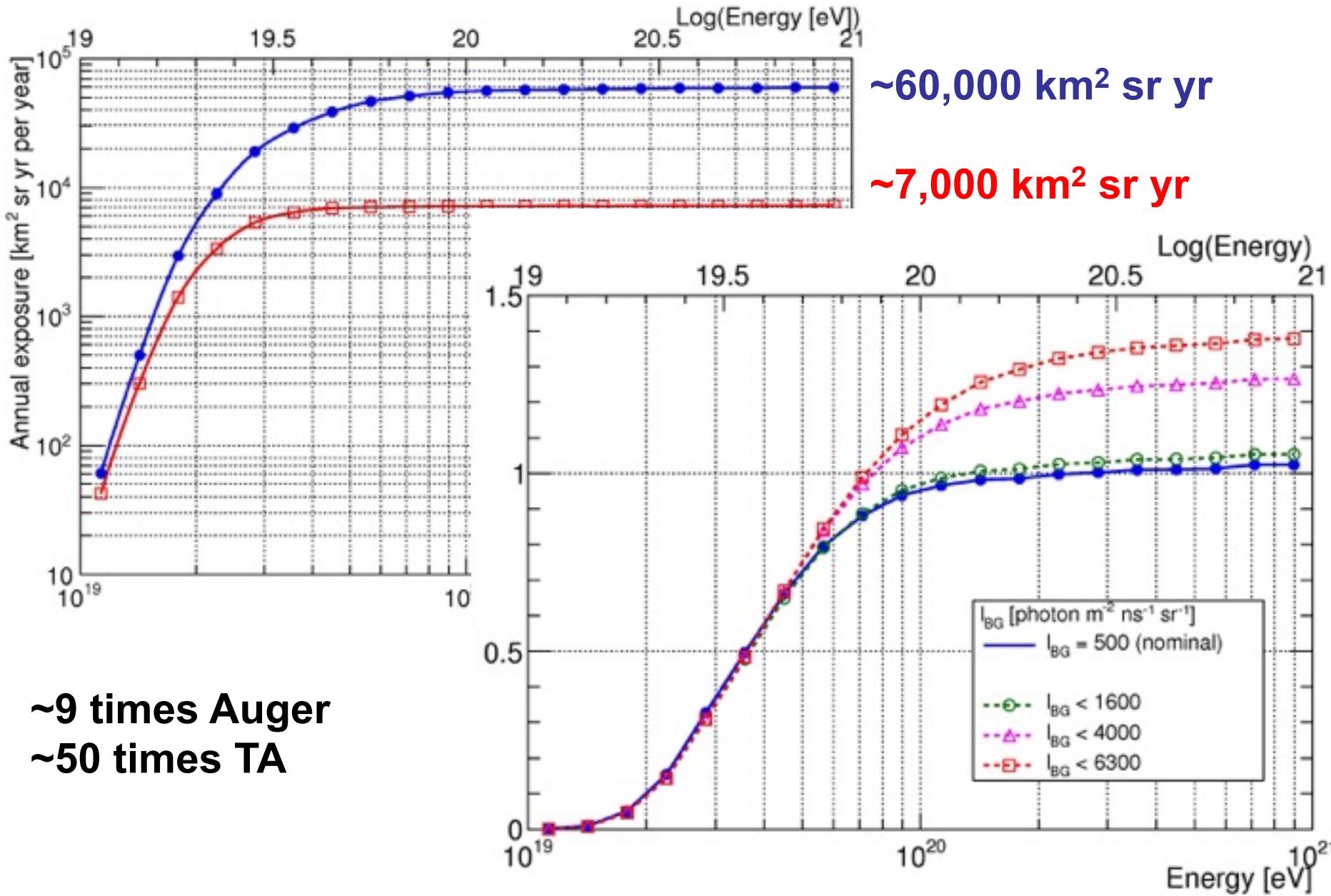
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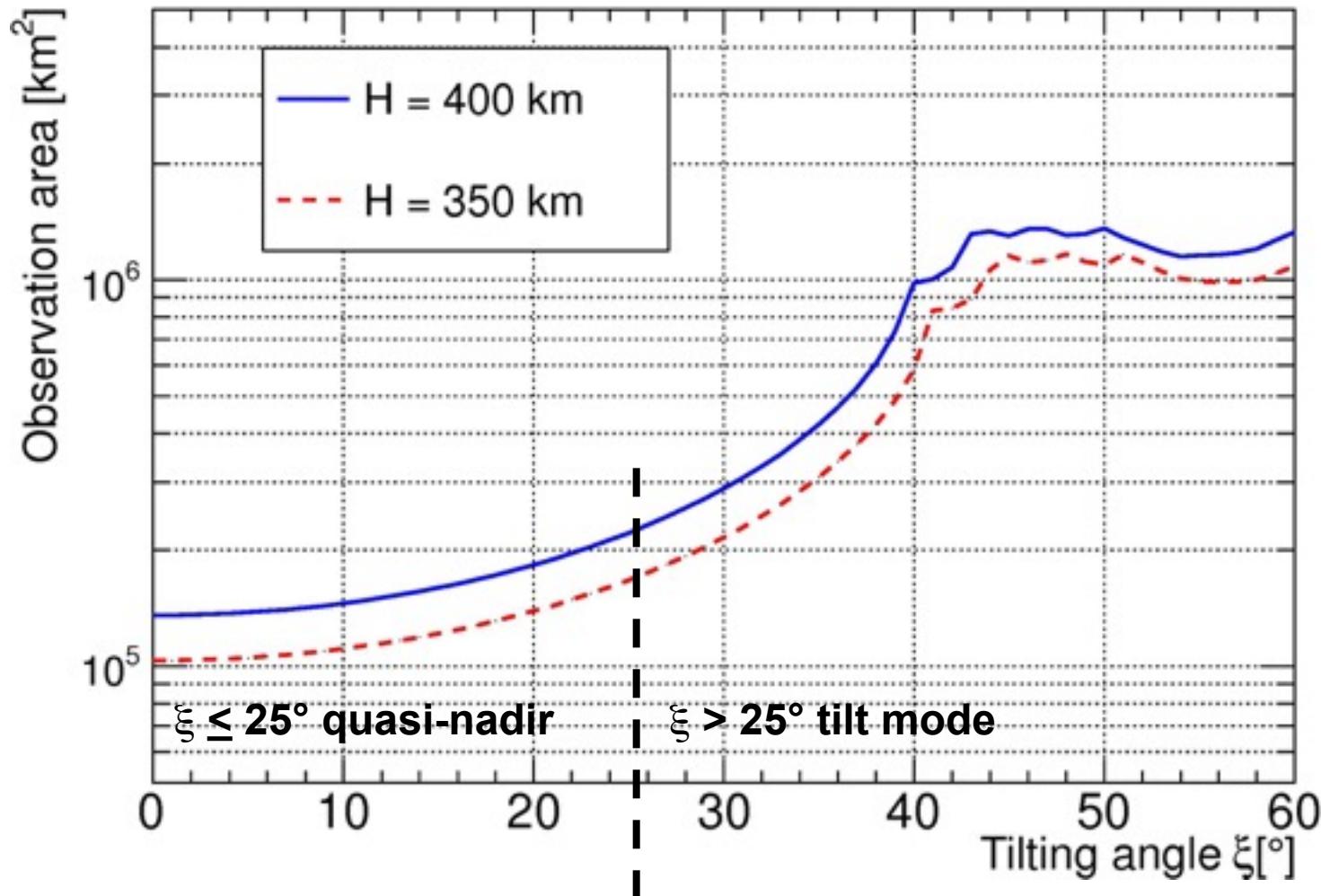
~9 times Auger

~50 times TA

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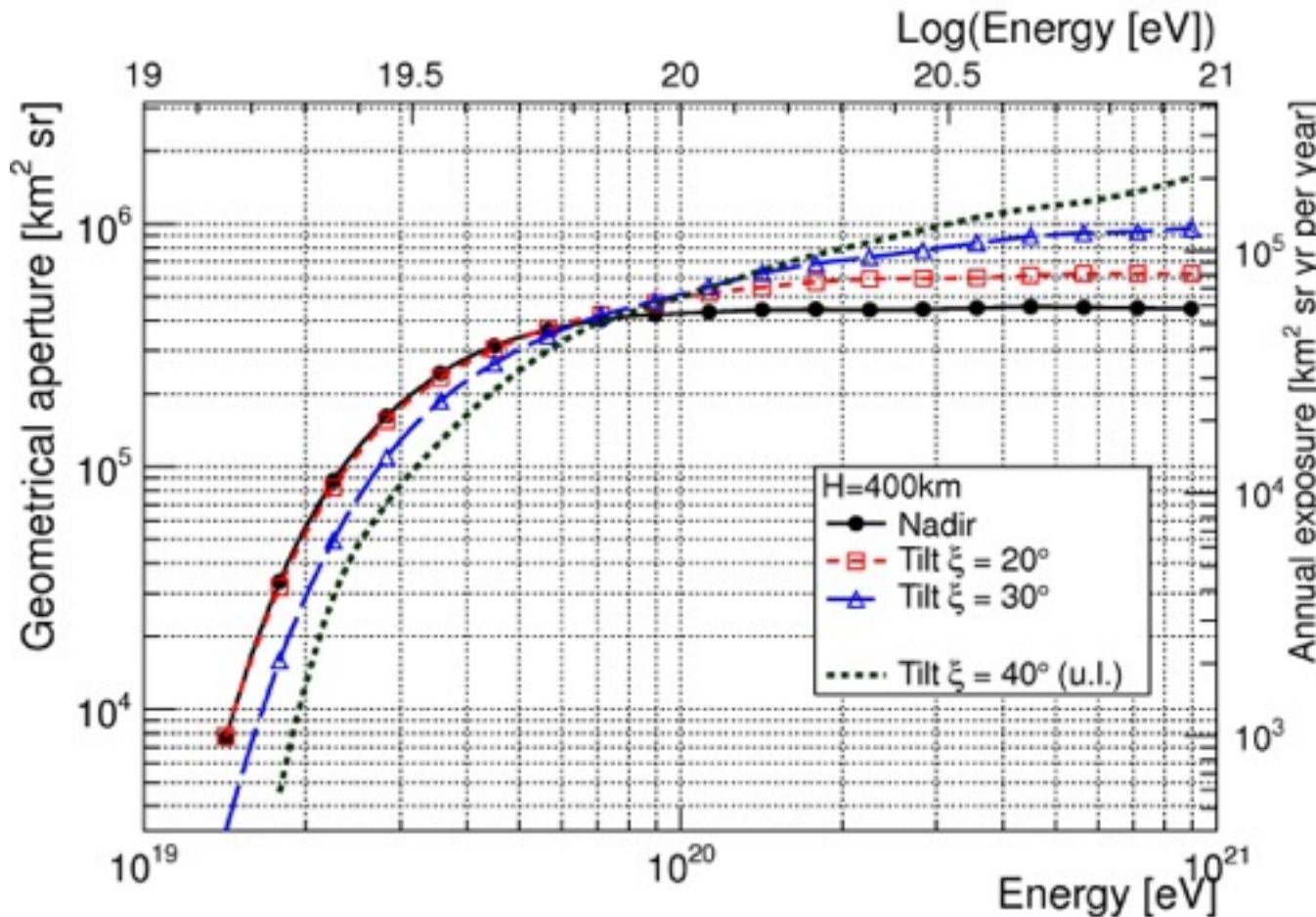
# Observation area



$$A = k (\cos \xi)^{-3}$$

PERFORMANCE:  $\xi \leq 30^\circ$  easy to extrapolate from nadir  
 $\xi > 30^\circ$  special simulation needed

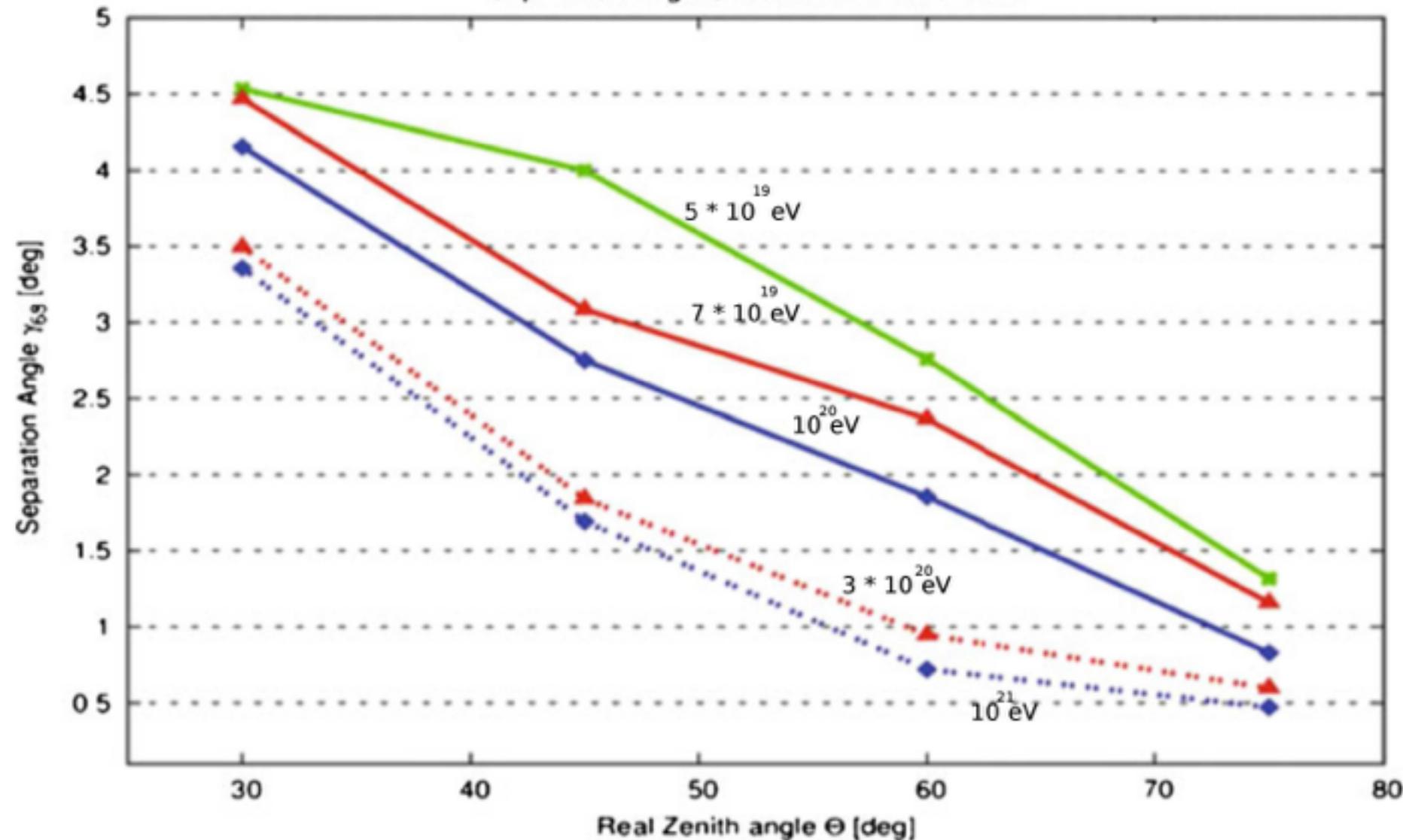
# Aperture & Exposure for tilt modes

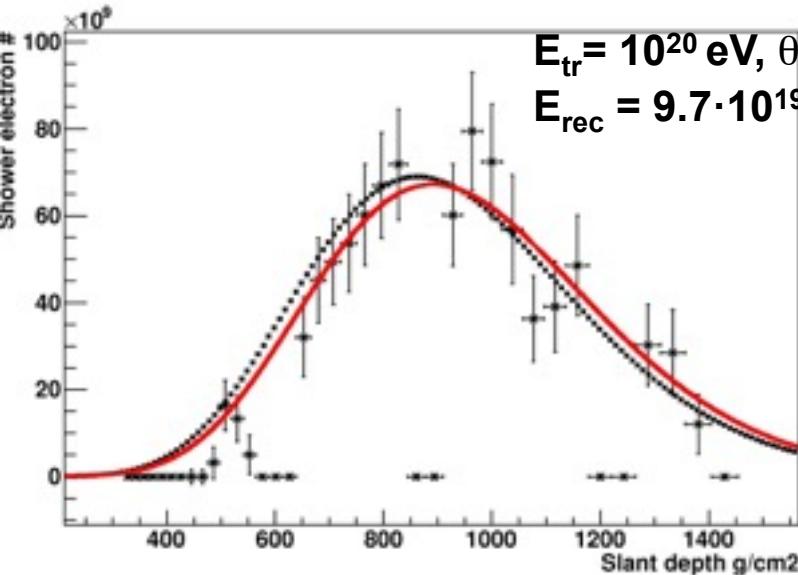


$\xi = 20^\circ$  : exposure 10-20% higher than nadir mode at  $E \sim 10^{20}\text{eV}$   
 $\xi = 30^\circ$ : exposure ~1.8 higher than nadir mode at  $E > 5 \times 10^{20}\text{eV}$

# Angular resolution

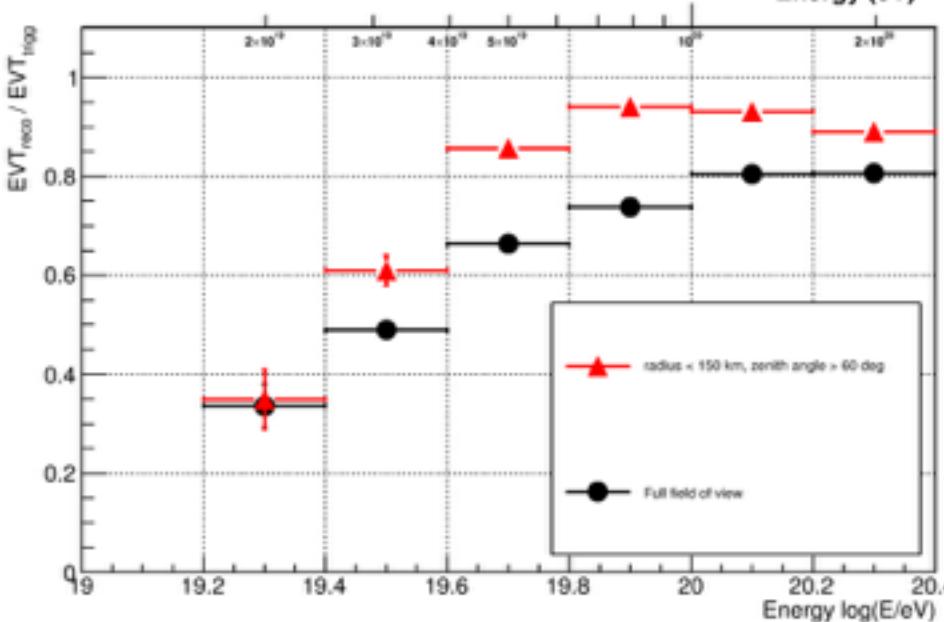
Separation Angle at 68% confidence limit



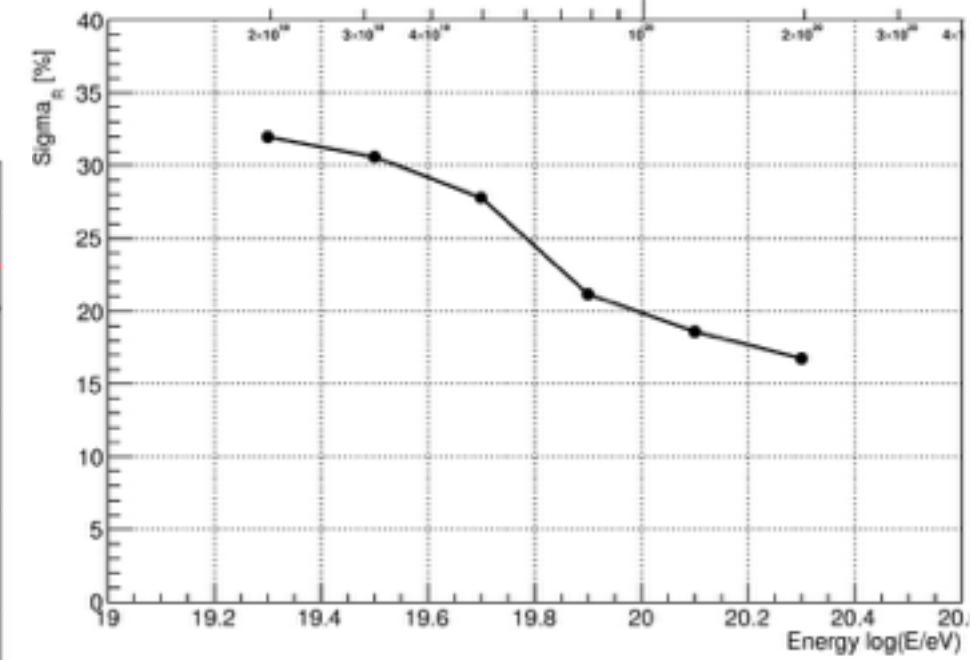


# Energy Reconstruction

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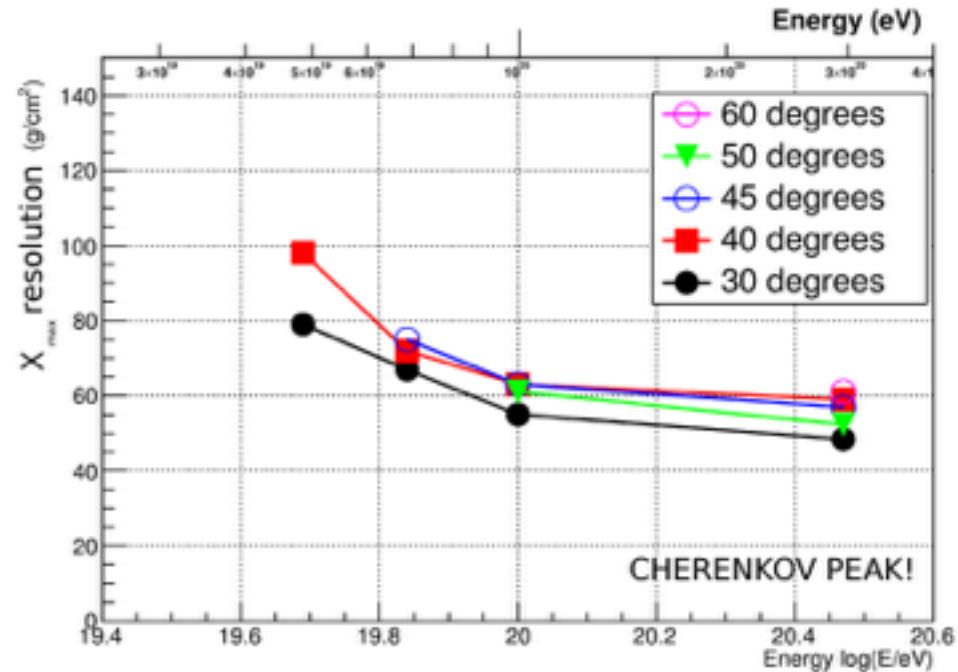
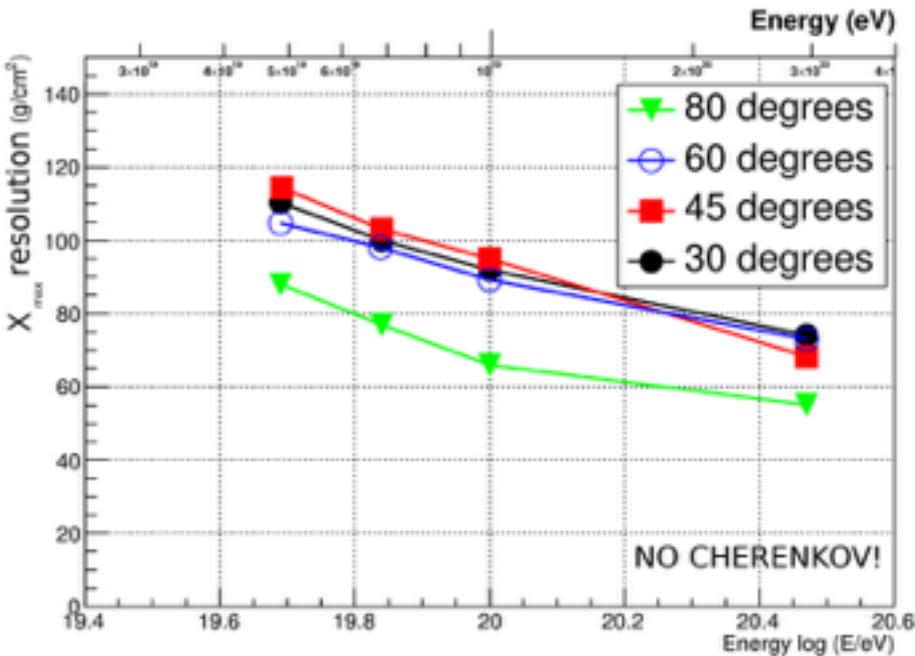


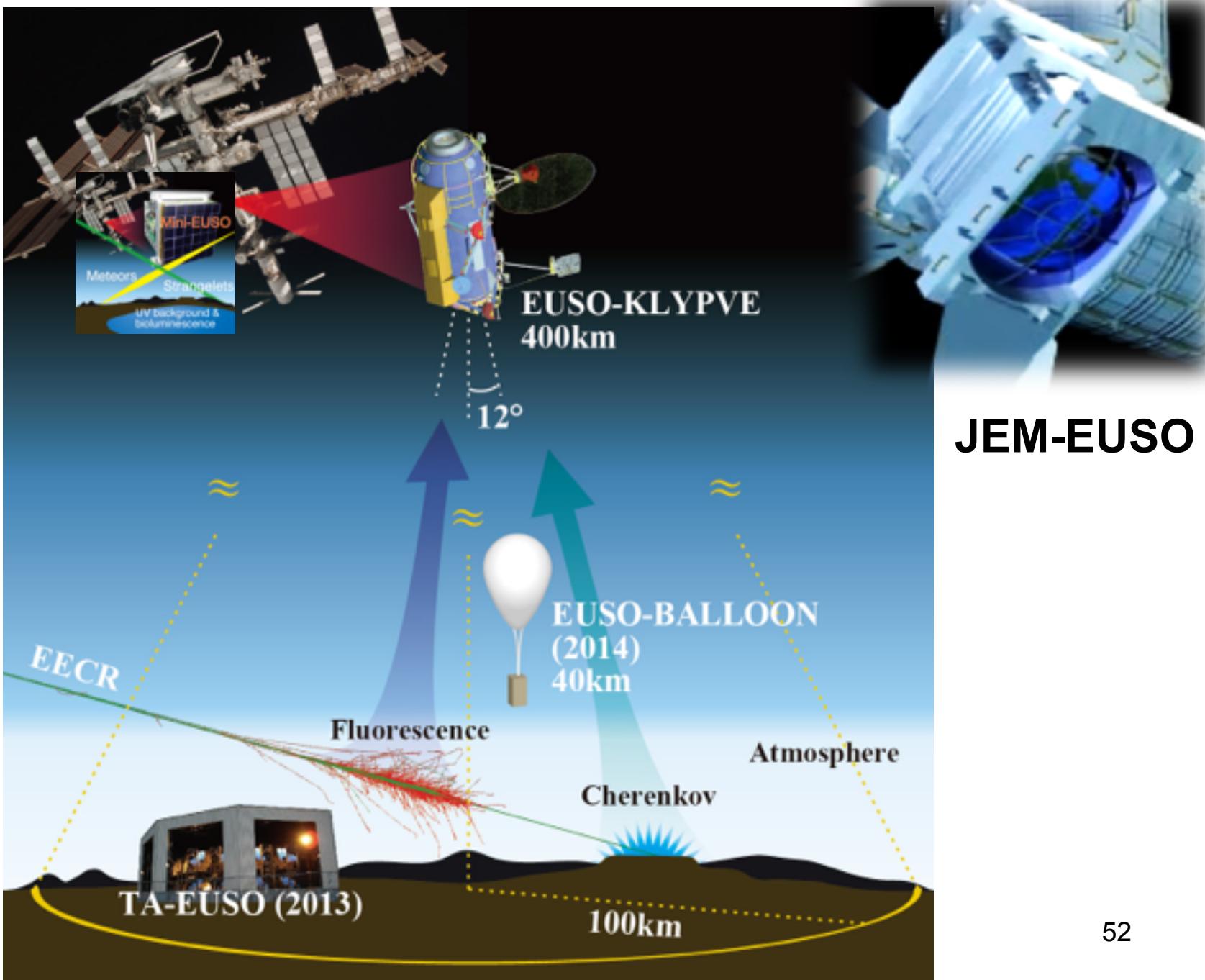
## ENERGY RESOLUTION



F. Fenu, A. Santangelo, D. Naumov, Exp. Astron.,  
 JEM-EUSO special issue (2014)

# $X_{\max}$ reconstruction (center FoV)





# The path to JEM-EUSO .....

- EUSO Balloon Flights to test the technique in space and increase the TRL
- TA-EUSO at Telescope Array in Utah (US) ‘Endurance’ Test & cross-checks with standard EAS experiments
- MINI-EUSO to understand precisely the duty cycle, night glow background level, energy threshold
- KLYPVE/K-EUSO to prove the EAS observation from space (annual exposure per hemisphere comparable to Auger/TA)

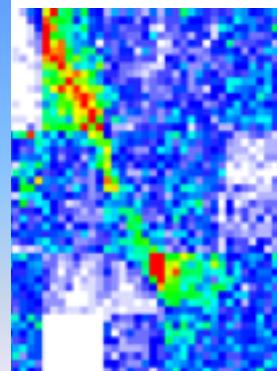
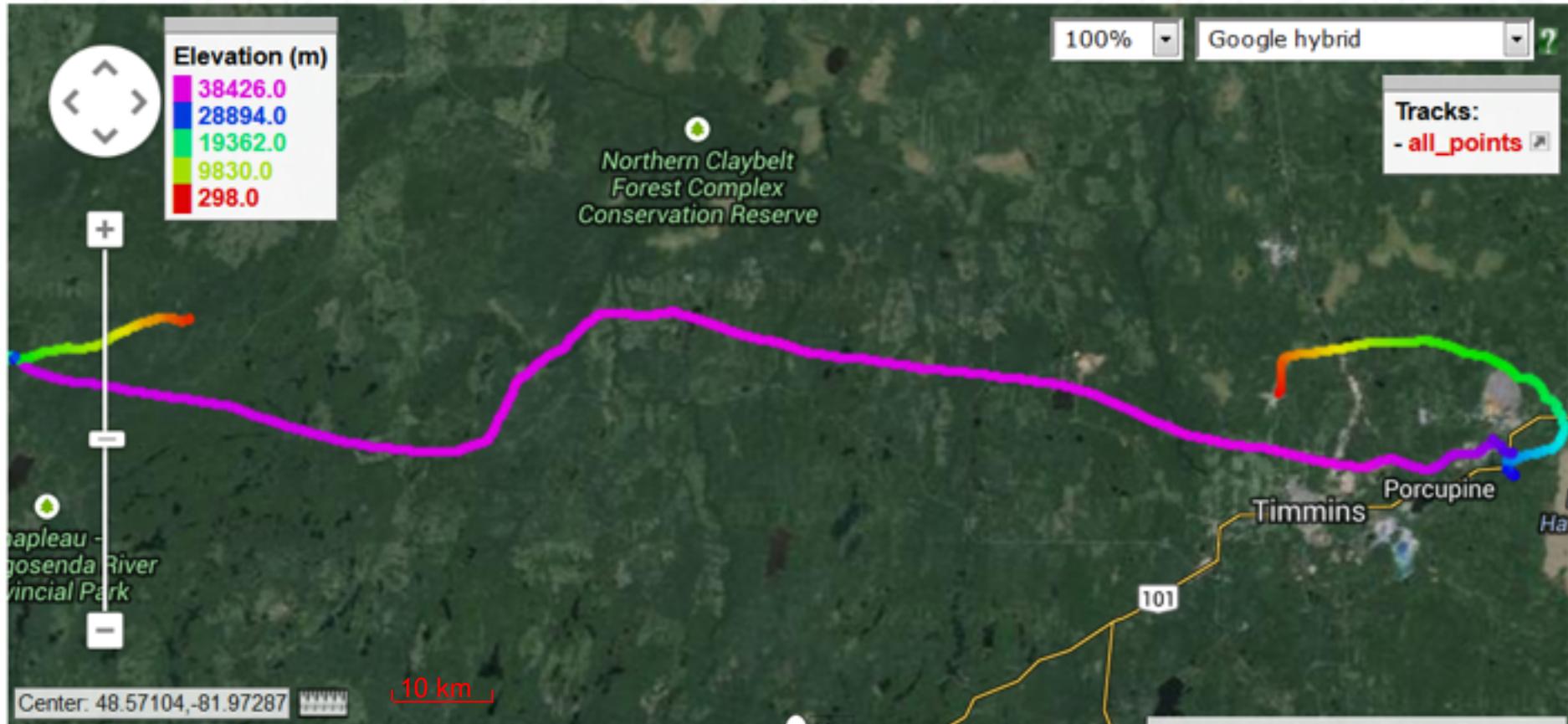
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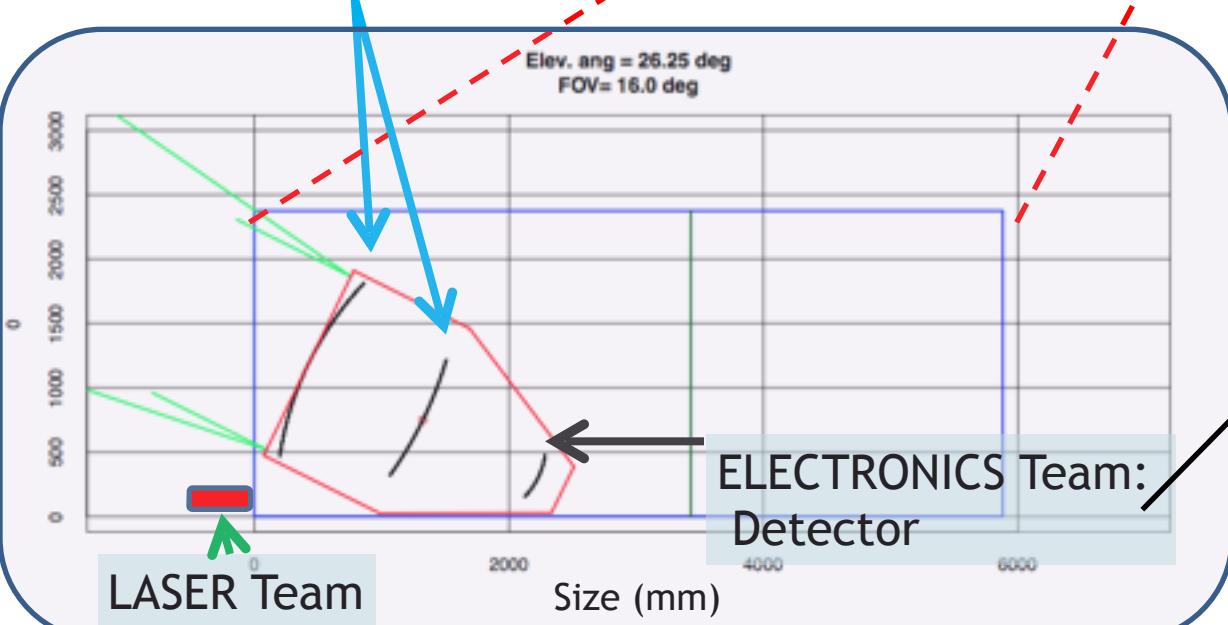
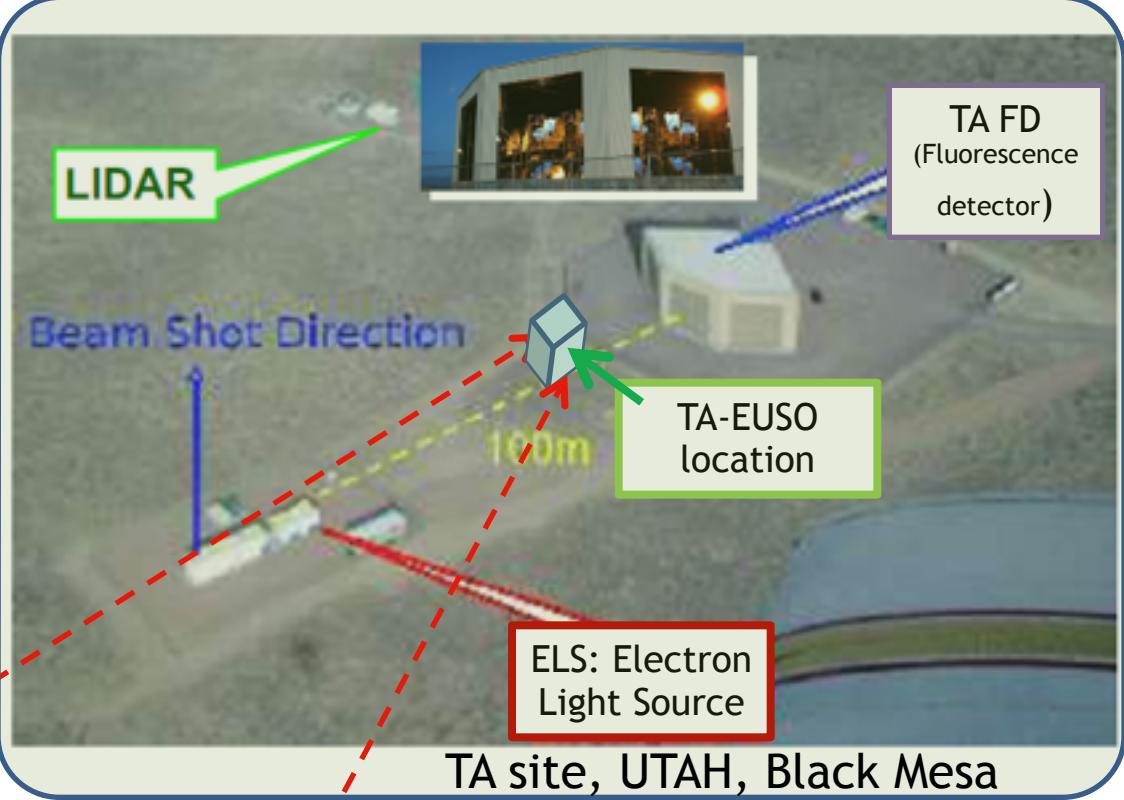
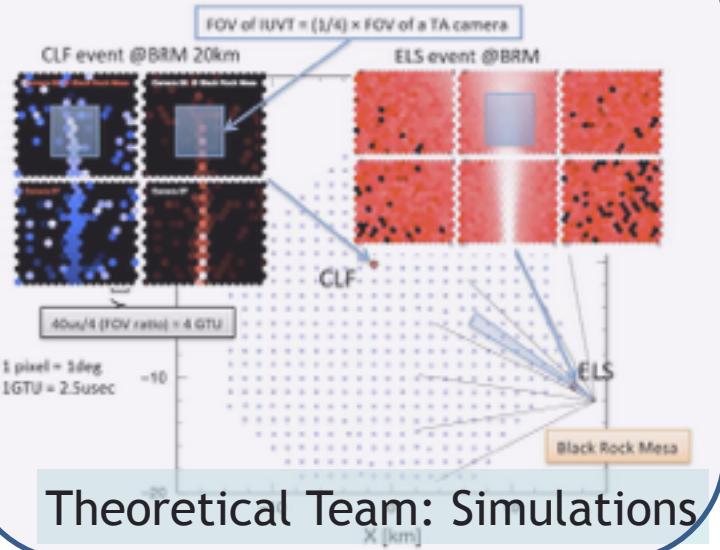


# Integration @Timmis 11-24 Aug 2014



# Balloon trajectory





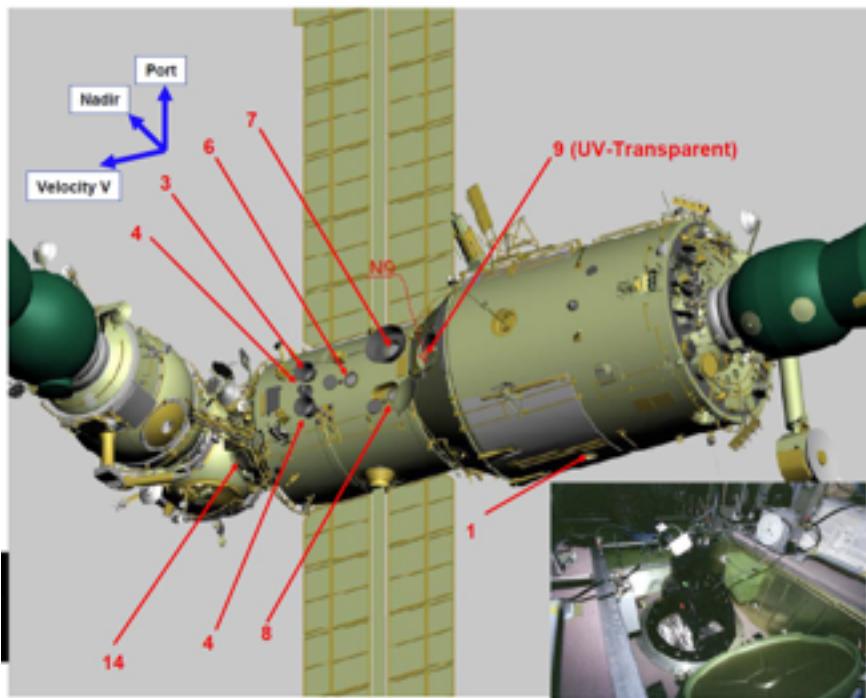
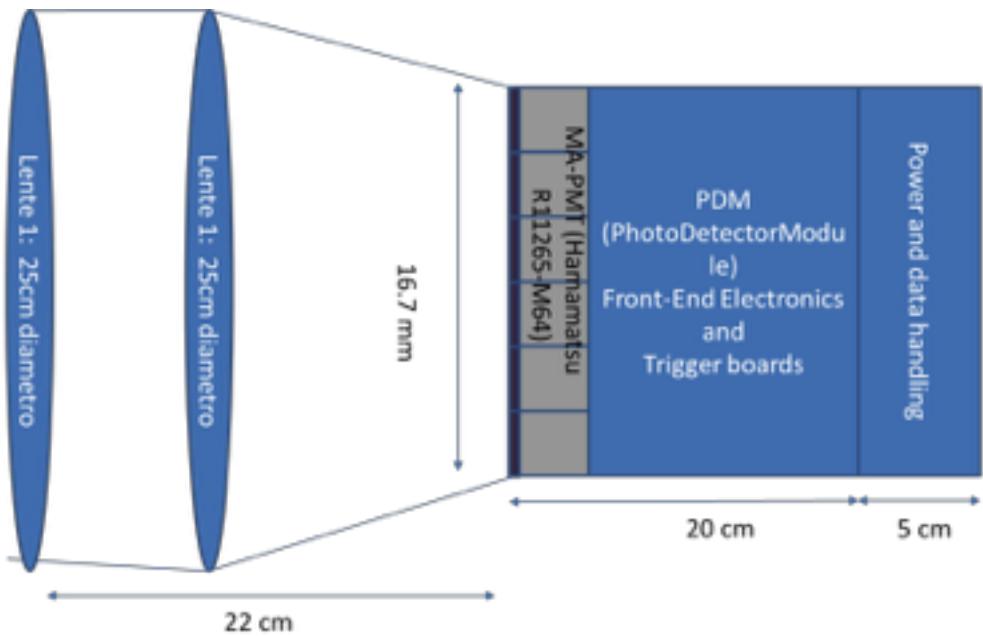
# TA-EUSO



JEM-EUSO on ISS explores the origin of the highest energy particles in the Universe



# MINI-EUSO on ISS Russian module Zvezda

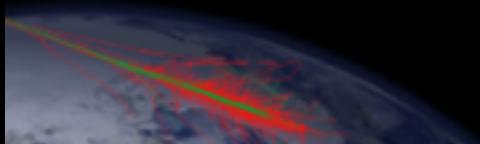


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# Scientific Objectives approved by ROSCOSMOS & ASI

- *a) Scientific objectives*
- a.1) UV emissions from night-Earth
  - 6.5 km resolution, from 2.5μs and above +/- 51°*
  - Noise from different lightning conditions, moon phase*
  - Noise from different inclinations*
- a.2) *Map of the Earth in UV*
- a.3) *Study of atmospheric phenomena*
- a.4) Bioluminescence of Animal and vegetal organisms
- a.4) *Study of meteors*
  - *Search for Strange quark matter*
  - *Space Debris assessment*



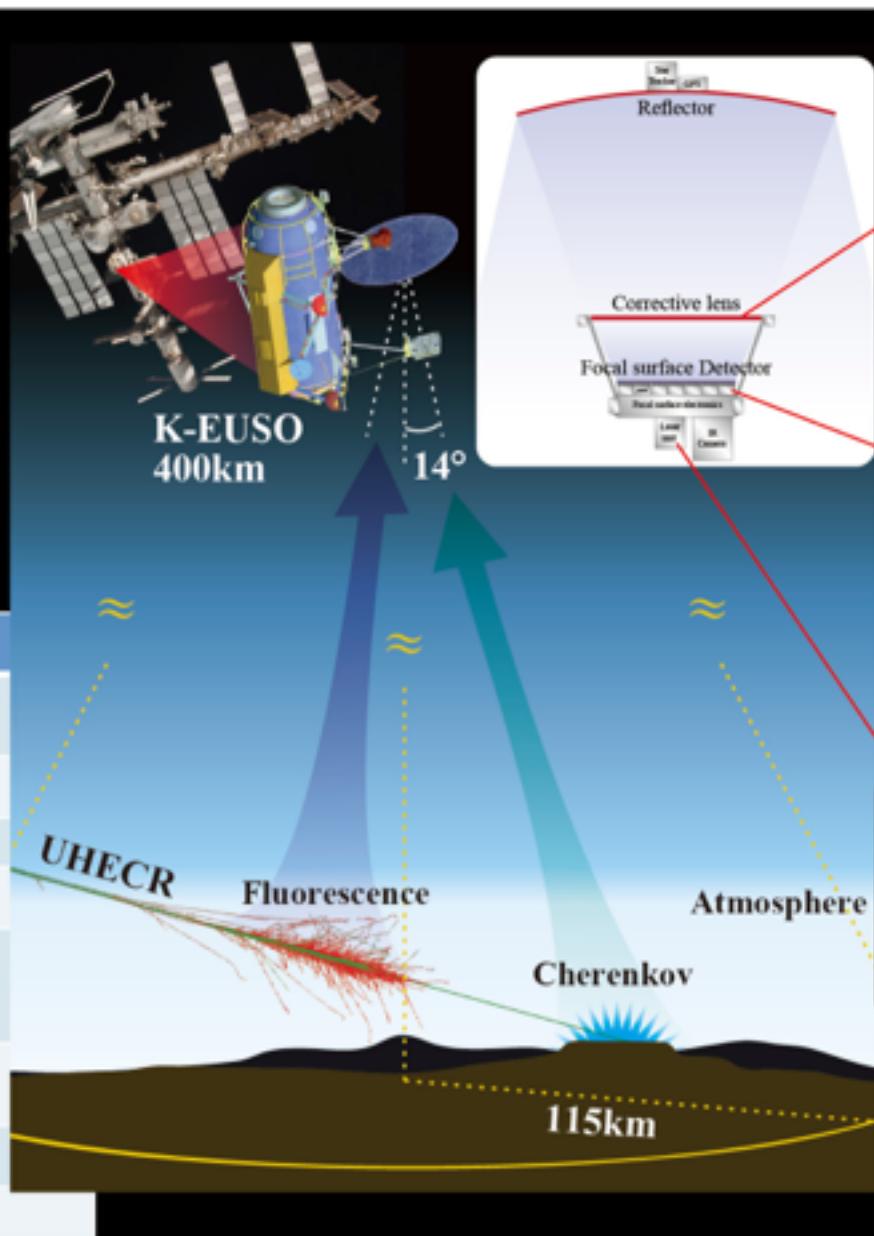
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# K-Euso

Mirror based design  
Collaboration with Russia  
Upgrade of KLYPVE  
Russian detector on ISS

Total mass	< 650 kg (delivery requirement)
Total power consumption	< 600 W (RS ISS limit)
Mirror diameter	3600 mm (< 4000 mm)
Focal distance	4000 mm
Parts size (mirror segments, photo detector clusters)	1200×700 mm (airlock requirement)
Scientific information	>4 TB/year hard disk to ground
Telemetry information	50 Mbytes per day
Focal Surface	1200 mm diameter



**.... and then ....**

# S-EUSO



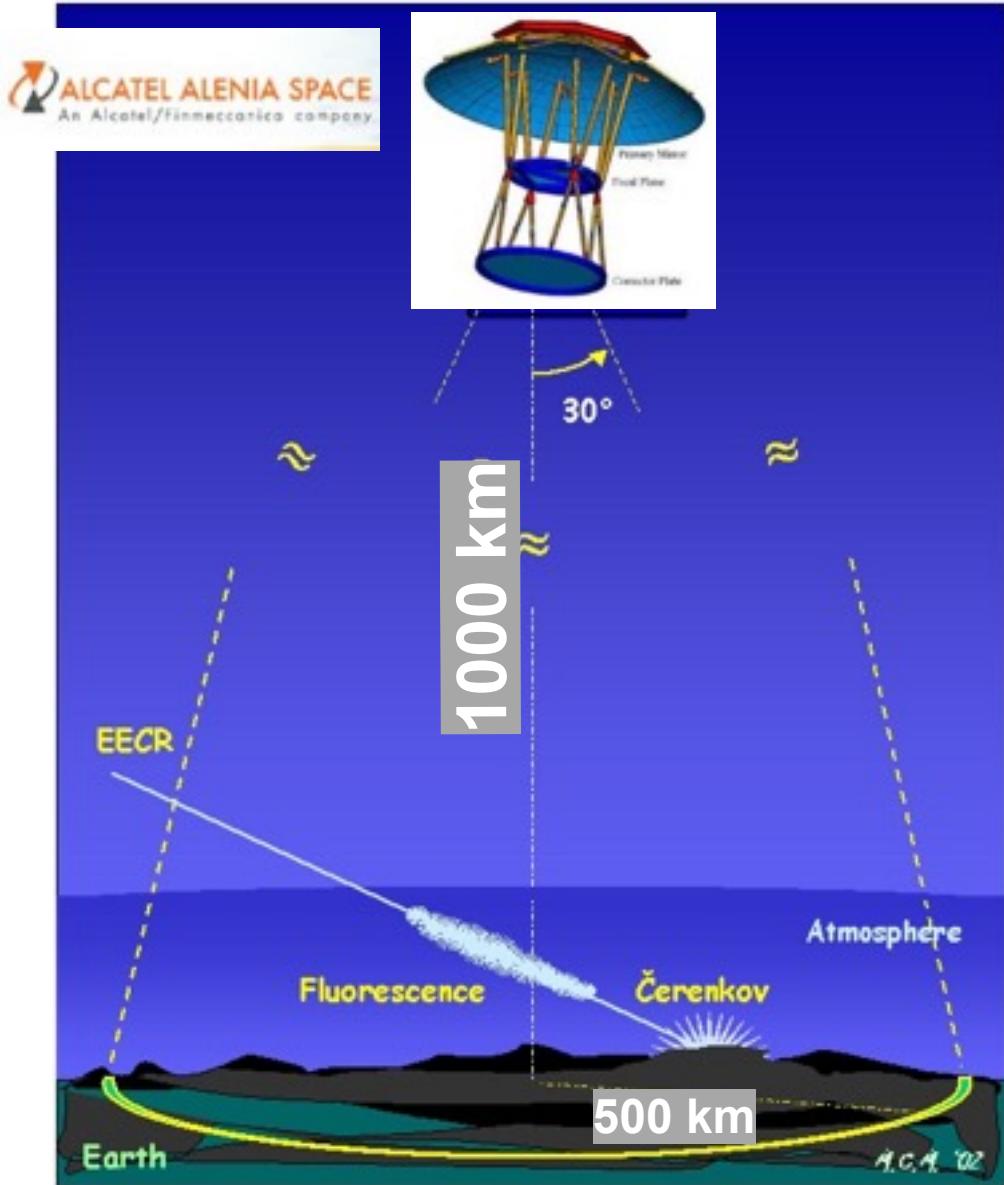
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS  
AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION



- Variable orbit 1000 km
- Large FOV  $\gamma \geq 30^\circ$
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$$\text{A}_{\text{exp}} \sim (1.2 - 2.4) \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2 \text{sr}$$

$$\eta_{\text{cycle}} \approx 10 \div 25 \%$$

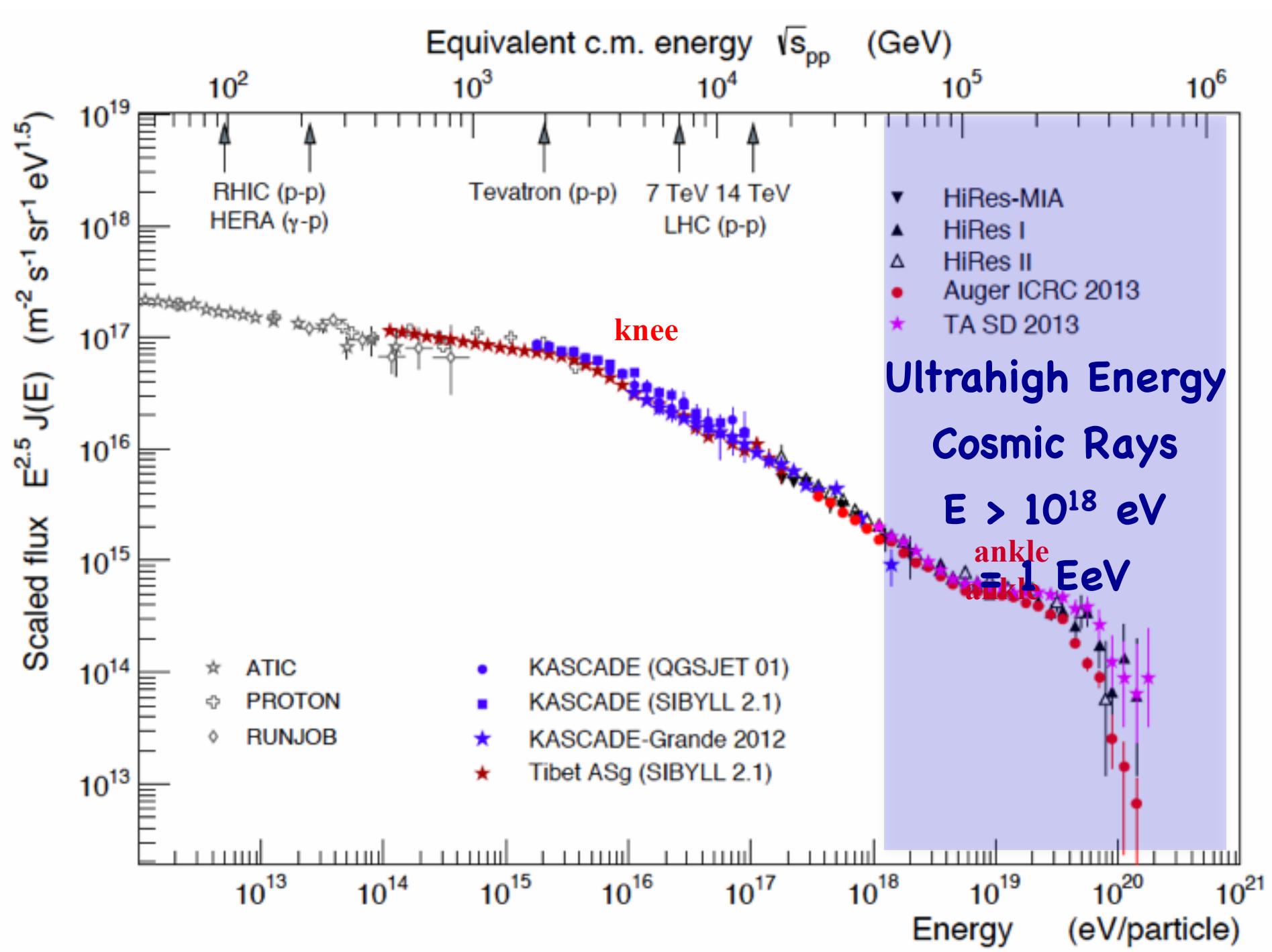


mass ( $\lesssim 1.5$  ton), volume ( $\lesssim 2.5 \times 2.5 \times 4.5 \text{ m}^3$ ),  
power ( $\lesssim 1 \text{ kW}$ ) and telemetry ( $\lesssim 180 \text{ Mbit/orbit}$ ).

# S-EUSO requirements

- Effective Aperture:  $A_{\text{eff}} > 5 \times 10^6 \text{ km sr yr}$
- Low Energy Threshold:  $\sim 100\% @ 1-2 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}$
- Average Angular Resolution:  $1-2^\circ @ 10^{20} \text{ eV}$
- Energy Resolution:  $\sim 10\% @ 1-2 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}$
- EAS Xmax determination:  $\Delta X_{\text{max}}: 20-50 \text{ gr/cm}^2$
- Orbit height: variable,  $500 - 1000 \text{ km}$
- Operational Life:  $5 - 10 \text{ yr on orbit}$

# **THANK YOU**



# Current Observatories of Ultrahigh Energy Cosmic Rays

Telescope Array

Utah, USA

(5 country  
collaboration)

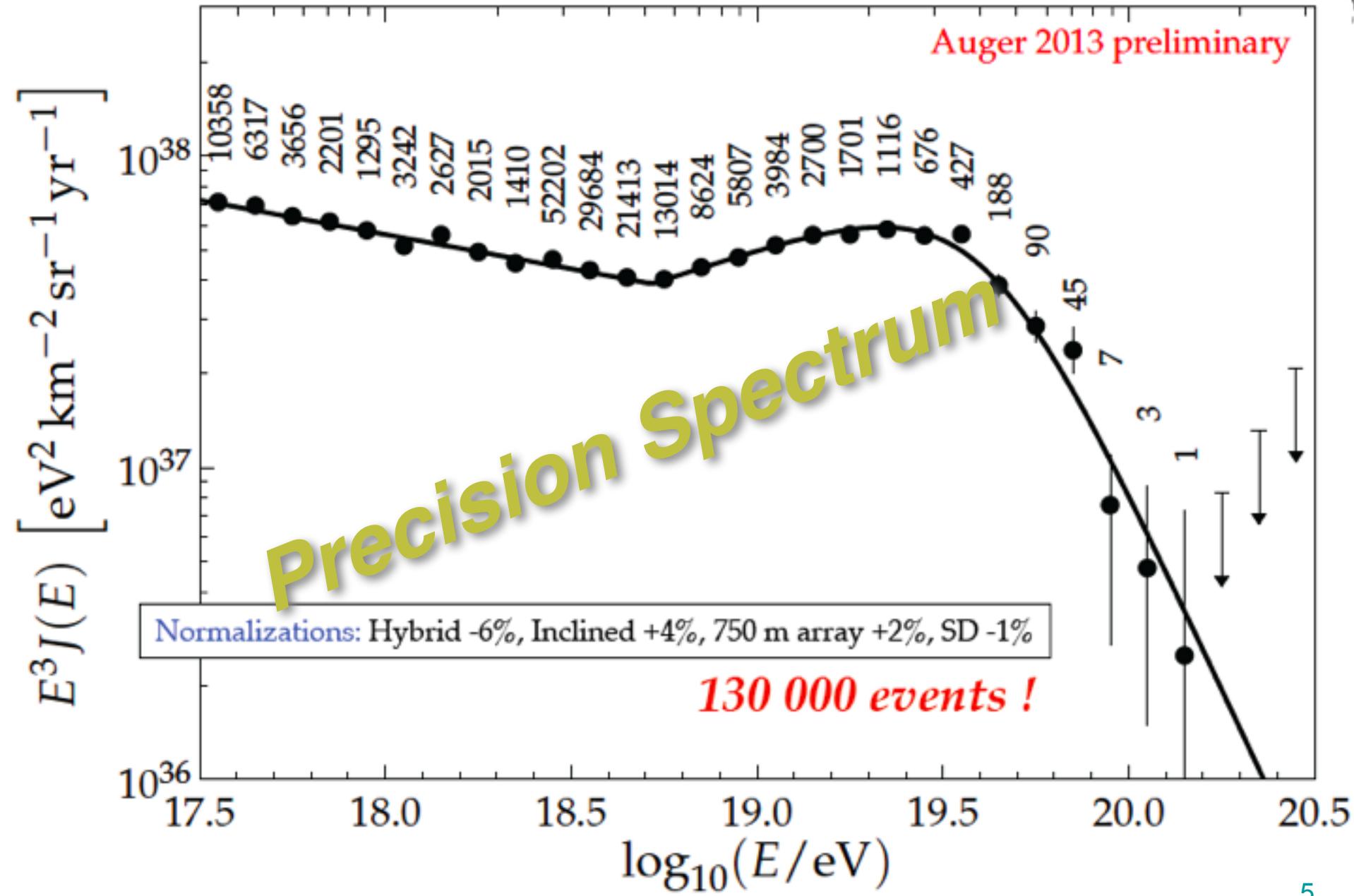
700 km<sup>2</sup> array  
3 fluorescence  
telescopes



Pierre Auger  
Observatory

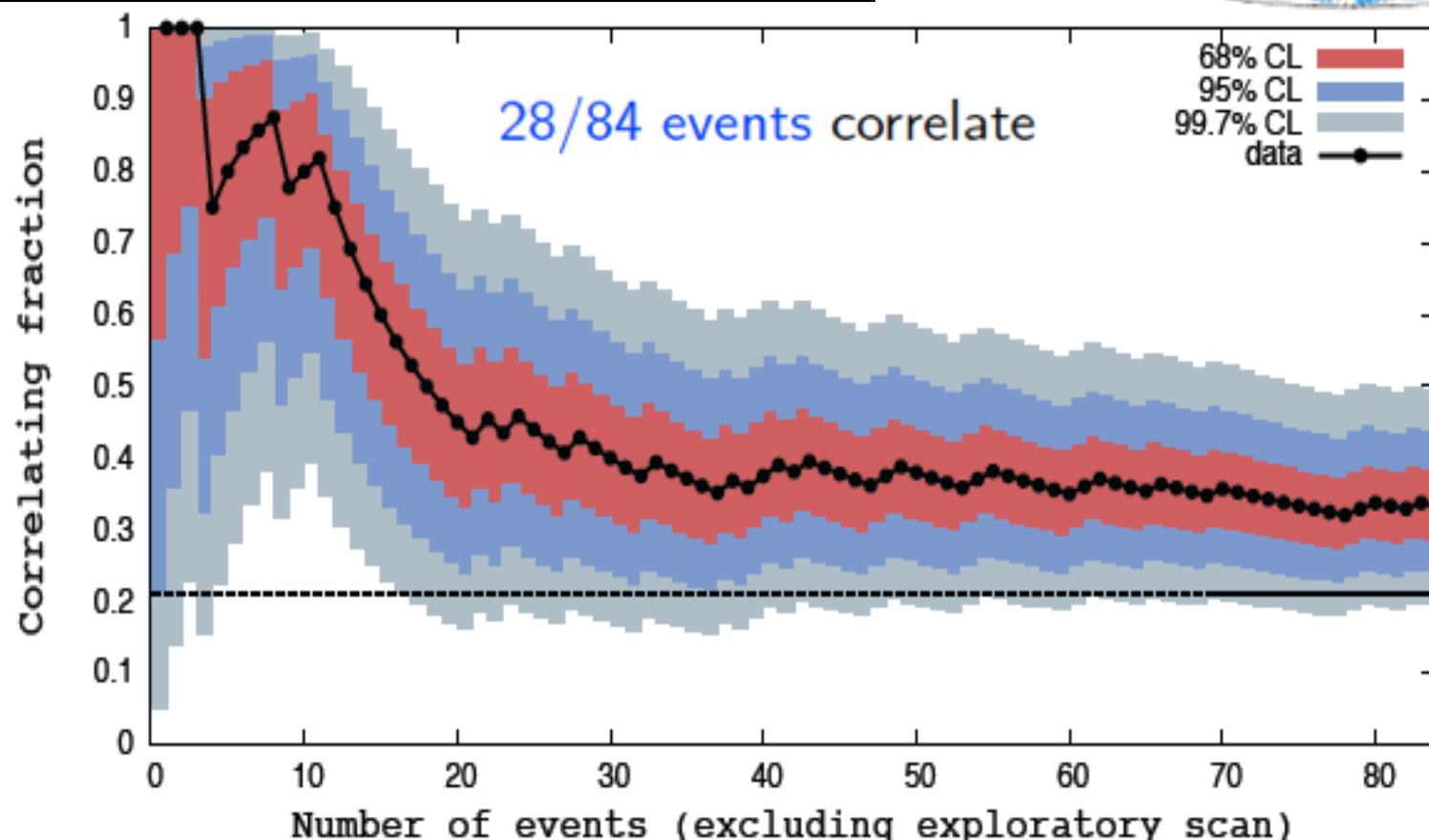
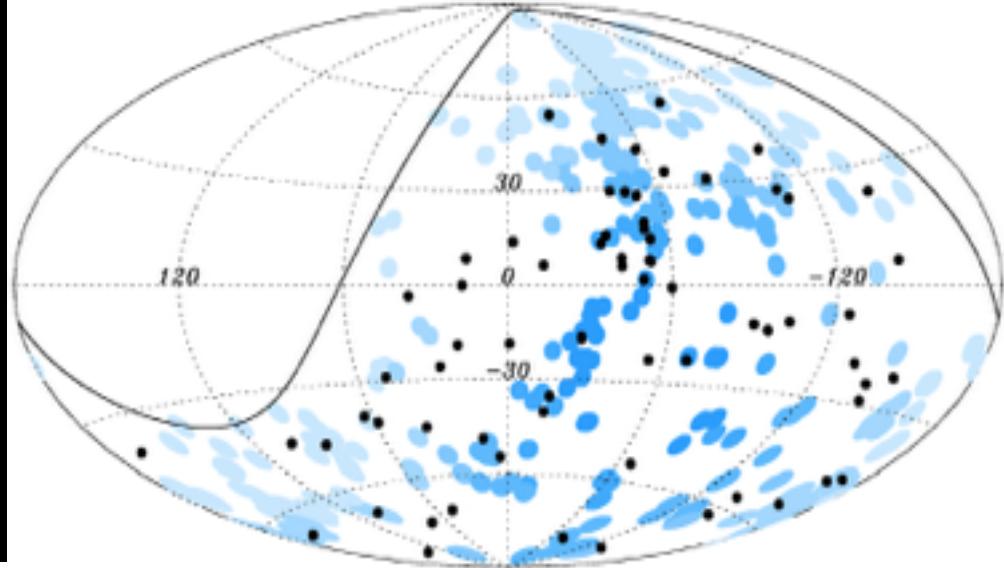
Mendoza, Argentina  
(19 country collaboration)

3,000 km<sup>2</sup> array  
4 fluorescence telescopes



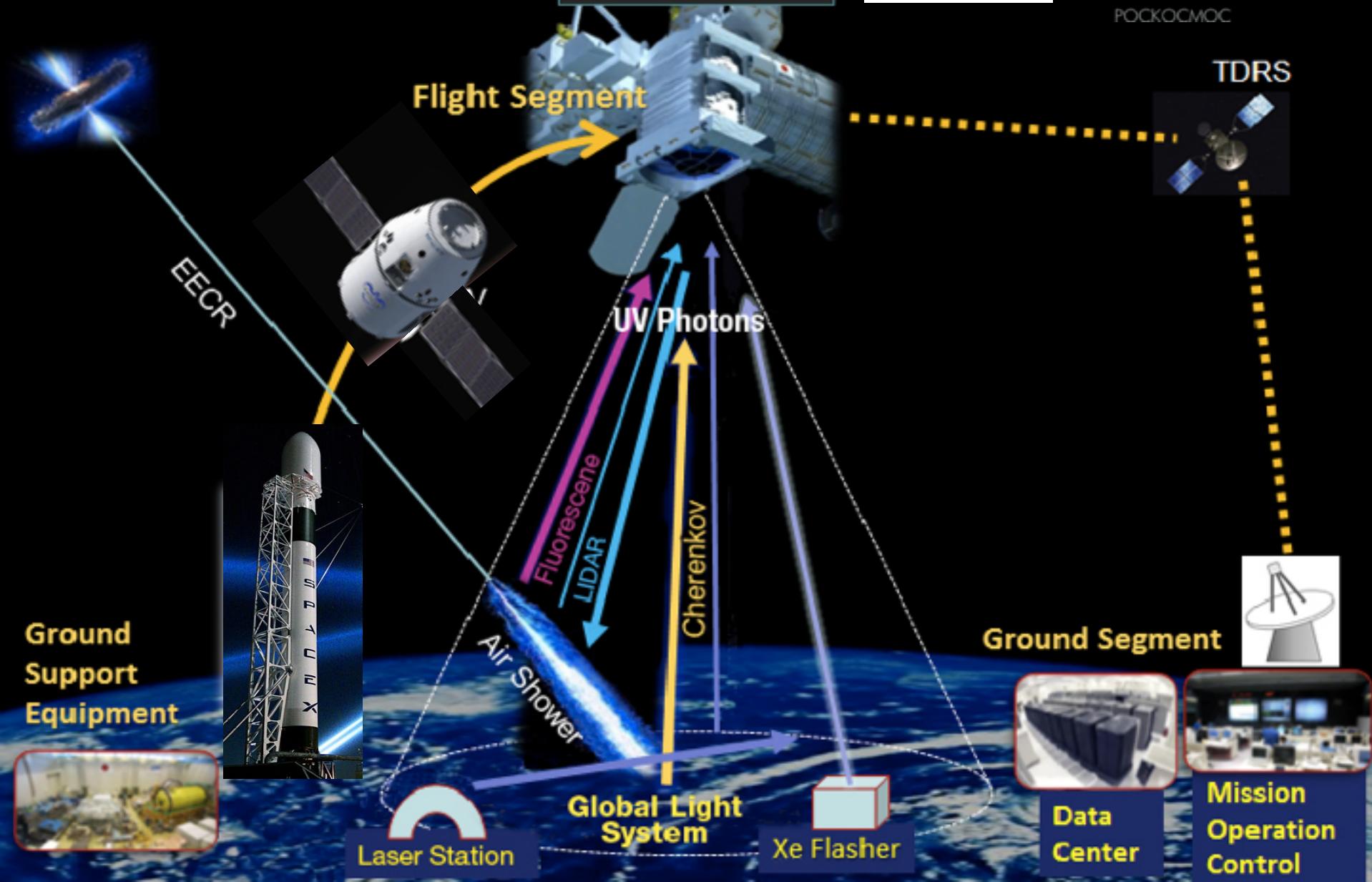
# Auger: consistent with Anisotropy above 60 EeV

## AGN catalog test



# JEM-EUSO Mission

Parameter	Value
Launch date	2017
Mission Lifetime	3+2 years
Rocket	H2B (or Falcon9)
Transport Vehicle	HTV (or Dragon)
Accommodation on JEM	EF#9
Mass	1938 kg
Power	926 W (op.) 352 W (non op.)
Data rate	285 kbps (+ on board storage)
Orbit	400 km
Inclination of the Orbit	51.6°
Operation Temperature	-10° to +50°

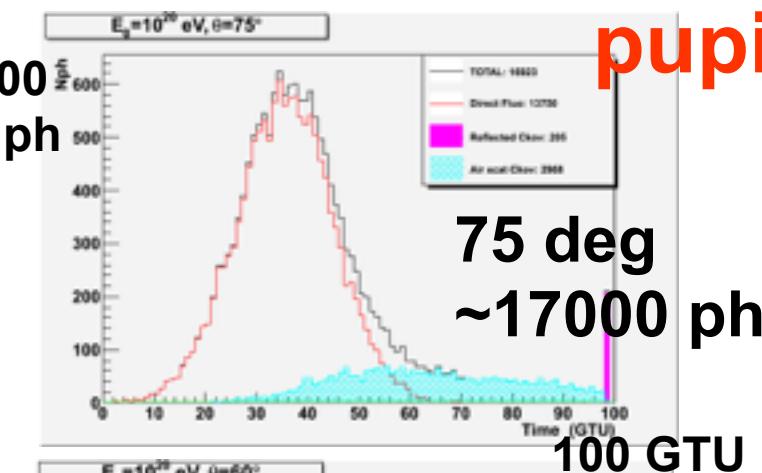
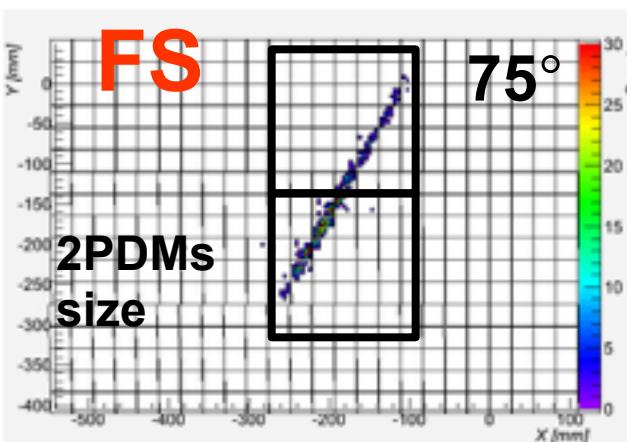




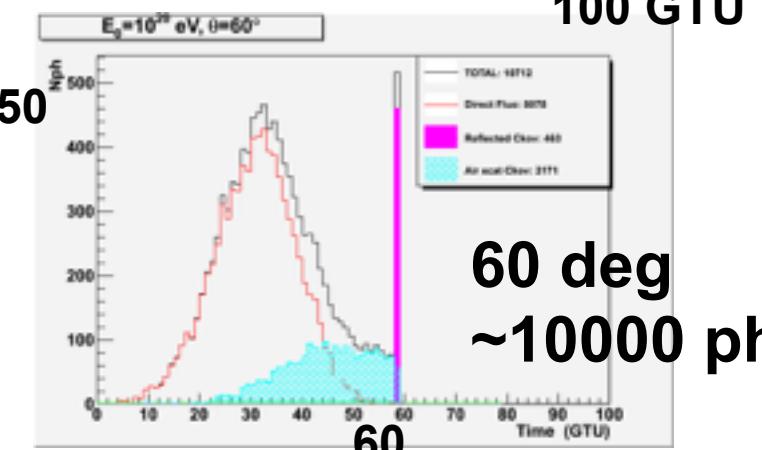
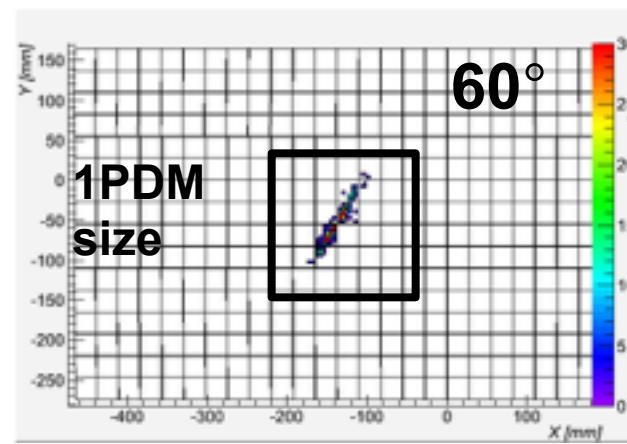
SpaceX  
Dragon



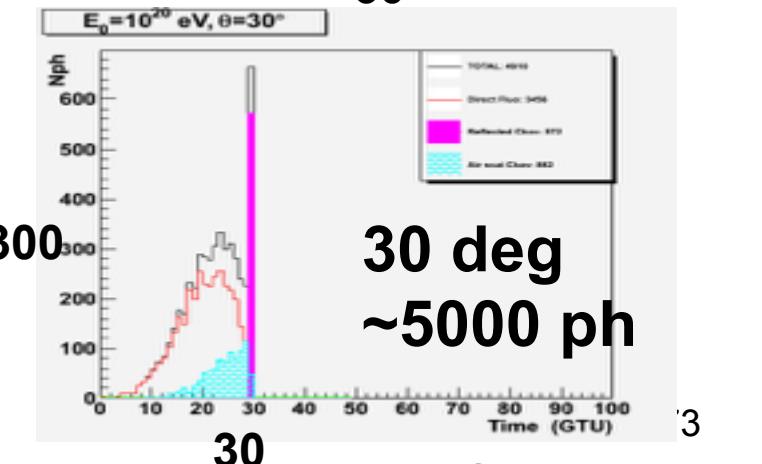
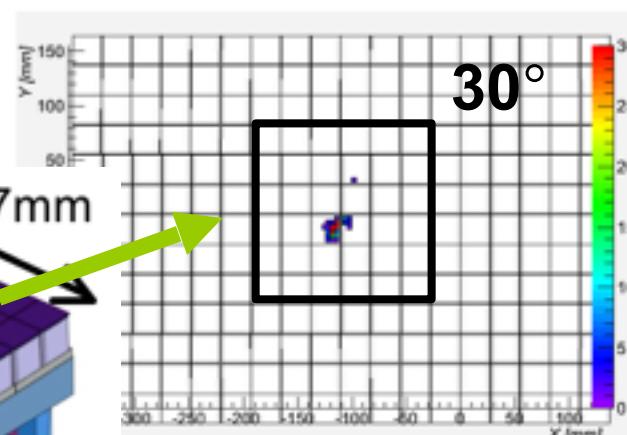
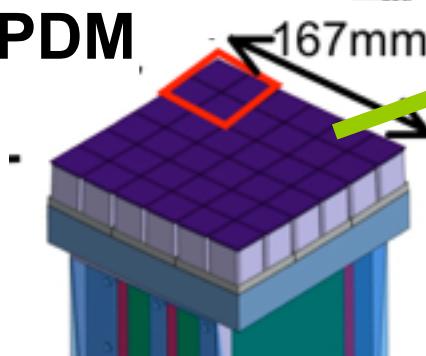
Proton  
 $E=10^{20}$ eV



1 PDM FoV:  
~ 27 km x 27 km  
~1/4 Auger  
~ 1 TA



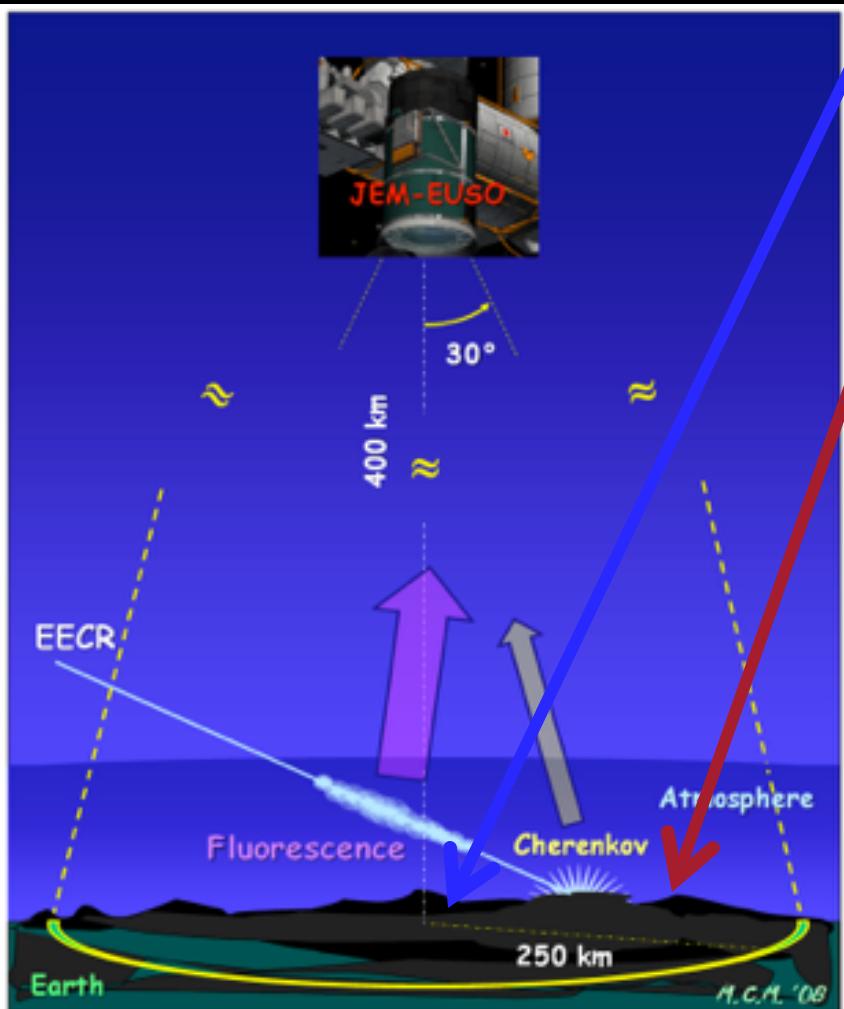
137 PDMs on FS



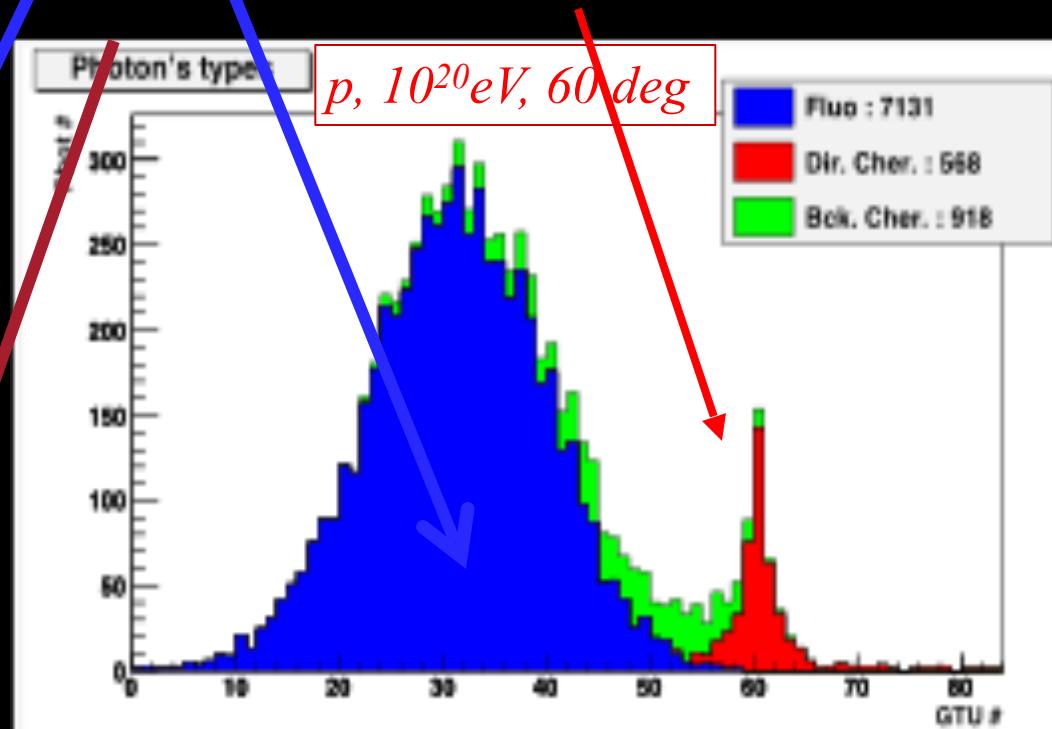
1GTU = 2.5  $\mu$ s

# FAST SIGNAL

duration 50 -150  $\mu\text{s}$



- a) Fluorescence
- b) Scattered Cherenkov
- c) Direct (diffusively reflected Cherenkov)

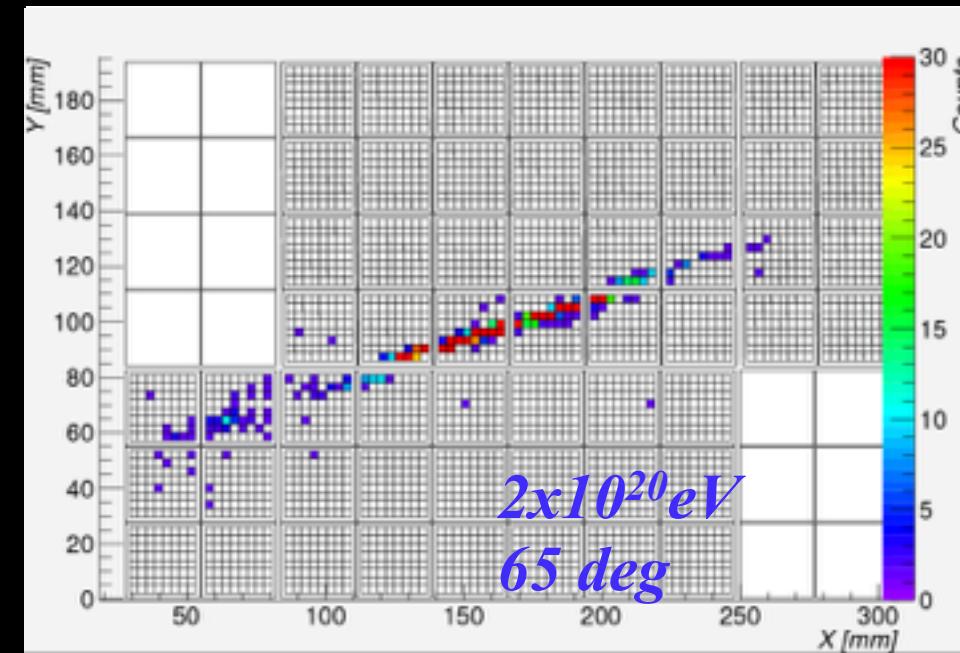


1 GTU gate time units = 2.5  $\mu\text{s}$

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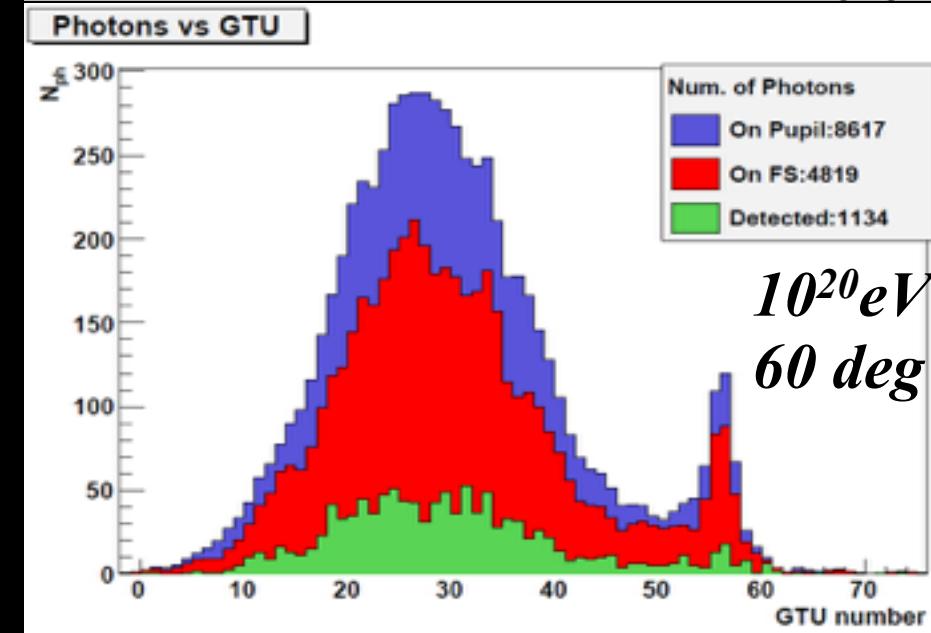
Background: 500 / $\text{m}^2 \text{ sr ns}$

# Result of end-to-end simulation



Simulated air shower image on the focal surface detector.

$3 \times 10^5$  pixels



Detected photoelectrons are recorded every Gate Time Unit (GTU) of  $2.5\mu\text{s}$  continuously.

**Large tilting case (eg 45 deg)**

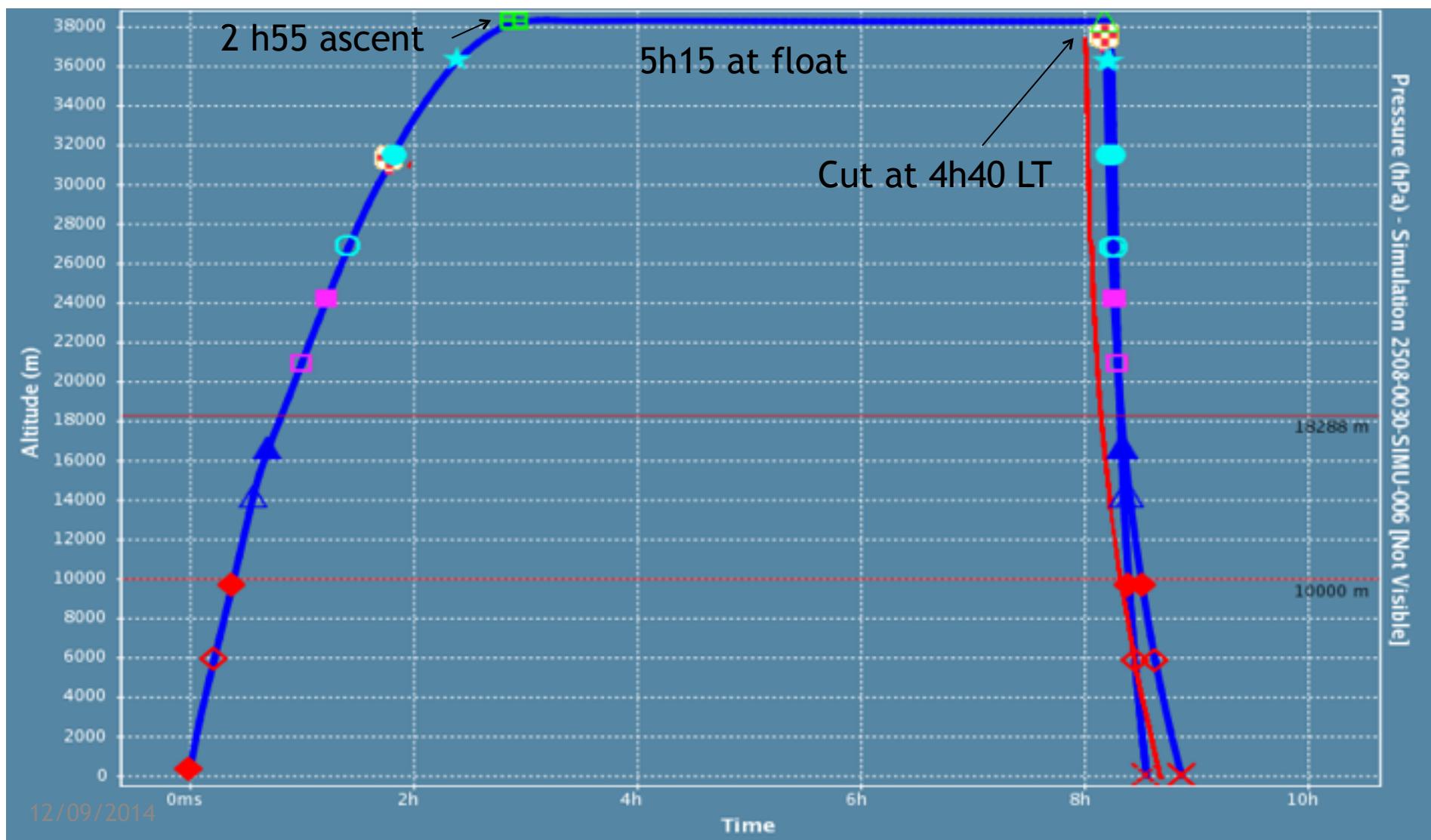
**Range: 450—2150 km; Area  $\sim 9 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2$**

**Duty cycle reduced**

**(both FOV & ISS should be in umbra)**



# Euso flight profile



# Current Status

- Leading Observatories:
  - Pierre Auger Observatory: 3,000 km<sup>2</sup> Argentina
  - Telescope Array: 700 km<sup>2</sup> Utah, USA
- Agreement on the shape of the spectrum
- Energy scale: 10% difference bet. Auger and TA
- Composition: controversial(?)
- Anisotropies: hints above 60 EeV – no >5 $\sigma$  signal
- Need significant **INCREASE** in **STATISTICS**  $E > 60$  EeV = EECR (extreme energy cosmic rays)

# JEM-EUSO Aperture in nadir mode (standard configuration)

