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# The use of ESAF software to simulate the performance of the future missions of the JEM-EUSO program

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High-energy particles arriving from outer space.

**UHECRs energy:**  $E_{CR} \geq 10^{18} \text{ eV}$

UHECRs flux:  $\sim 1 \frac{\text{particle}}{\text{km}^2 \text{ month}}$

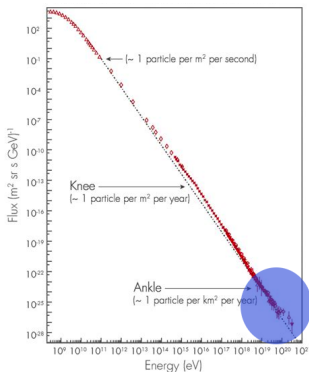
**EECRs energy:**  $E_{CR} \geq 5 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ eV}$

EECRs flux:  $\sim 1 \frac{\text{particle}}{\text{km}^2 \text{ century}}$

(on Earth:  $\sim 1$  EECR/5seconds)

**GZK limit:** energy limit of protons with  $E \gtrsim 5 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ eV}$  due to the interaction with the  $\gamma$  of the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB):

- $p + \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow n + \pi^+$ ;
- $p + \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow p + \pi^0$ .

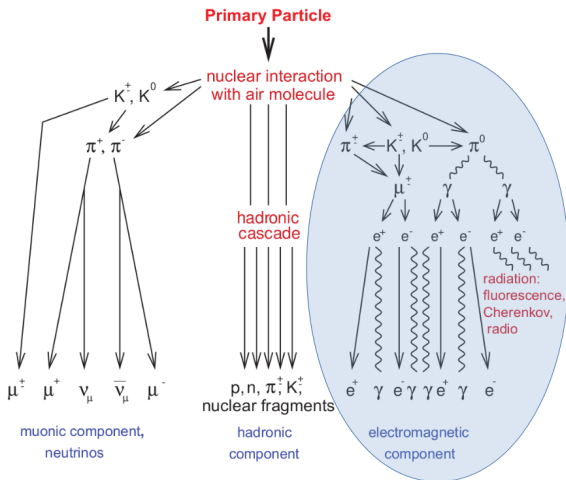


**Figure:** Fluxes of cosmic rays; UHECRs and EECRs in blue.



# Extended Air Shower (EAS)

Primary cosmic rays interact with Earth's atmosphere → EAS.



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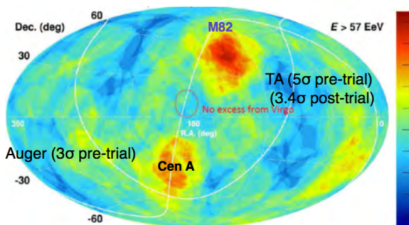
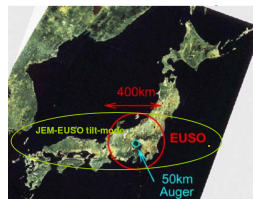
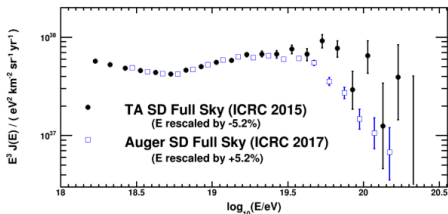
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Auger+TA  $\approx 3000 + 700 \text{ km}^2 \rightarrow \sim 30 \text{ events/yr}$ ;

... we need more statistic!  $\Rightarrow$  **JEM-EUSO**.



# Let's go to space!

A super-wide-field telescope:

- **research of EECRs;**
- study of TLEs, lightning, meteors, ... ;
- UV emissions from Earth;
- search for strange quark matter.

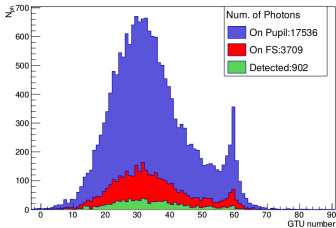


Figure: An EAS curve of light.

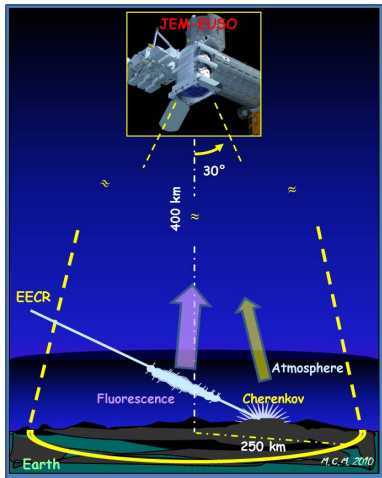


Figure: JEM-EUSO; a quick look.



# Telescopes main features

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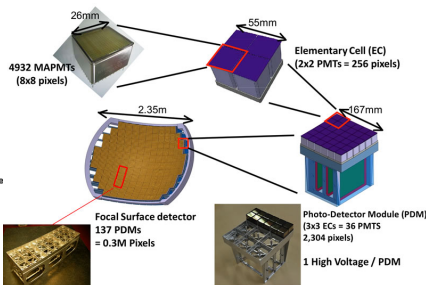
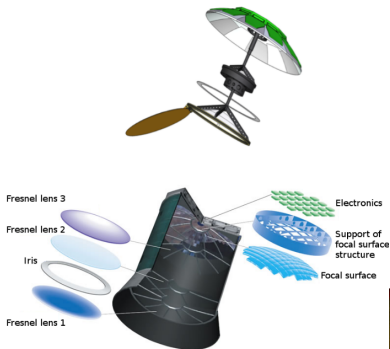
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Parameter	Value
FoV	$\pm 30^\circ$
Resolution in angle	0.075 $^\circ$
Time resolution	2.5 $\mu$ s (1 GTU - <i>GateTimeUnit</i> -)

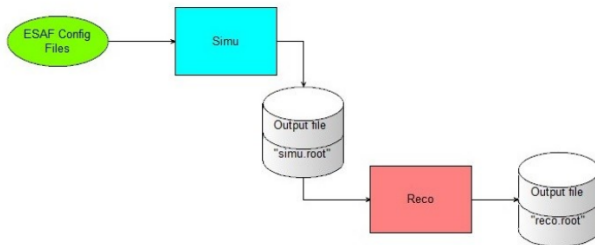




# EUSO Simulation & Analysis Framework

## ESAF: EUSO Simulation and Analysis Framework.

- Developed in the framework of EUSO missions ( $\sim 10^5$  lines).
- Based on ROOT (CERN) realized with C++ object oriented.



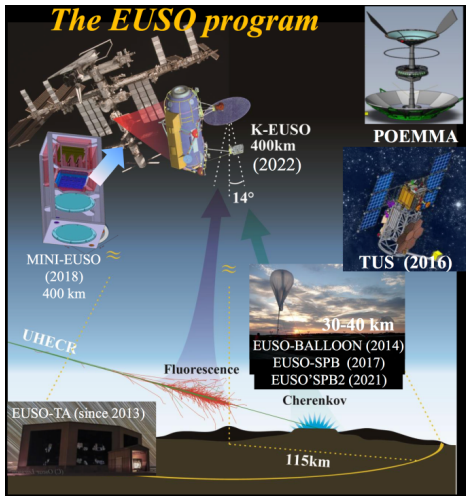
**Simu:** Event generation, photons production and their transport to the detector, optics and electronics response.

**Reco:** reconstruction of air shower parameters (energy,  $X_{max}$ , direction, etc. . . )





# Joint Experiments Mission: Extreme Universe Space Observatory (JEM-EUSO)



Several pathfinder have been performed, others are now at work and a lot of them will be carried out.

Studied in my Thesis:

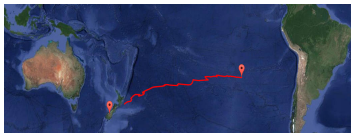
- Mini-EUSO (2018);
- **EUSO-SPB2** (2021);
- **POEMMA** (> 2025).

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# EUSO-SPB1 (launched in 2017)

- From Wanaka (New Zealand);
- 100 days → 12 days flight;
- Altitude: 30 km.



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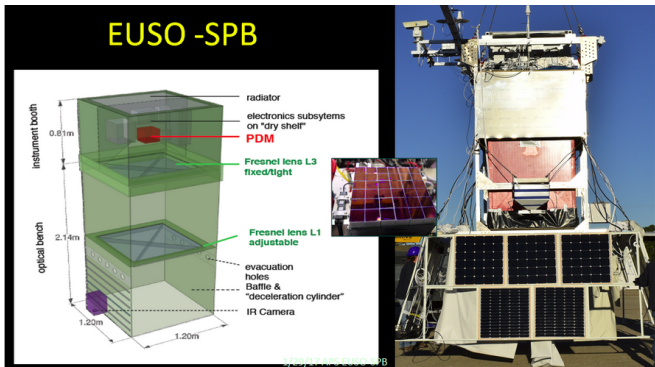
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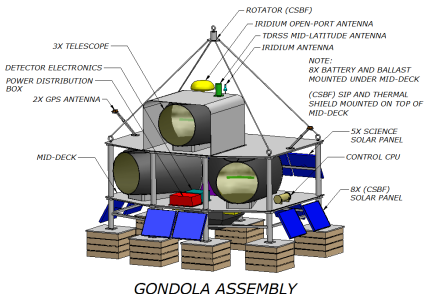




# EUSO-SPB2 (will be launched in 2021)

- EAS fluorescence and Cherenkov photons.
- Possible to look nadir **or tilted** → neutrino events! ( $\nu_\tau$ )
- Just the EUSO-SPB1 features are implemented in ESAF.

Features	Value
Mirror area	1 m <sup>2</sup>
FoV	±6°
Altitude	30 km



Efficiency	Value
Optics	50%
Focal surface	10 – 40%
<i>Total</i>	5 – 20%

## STEP 1

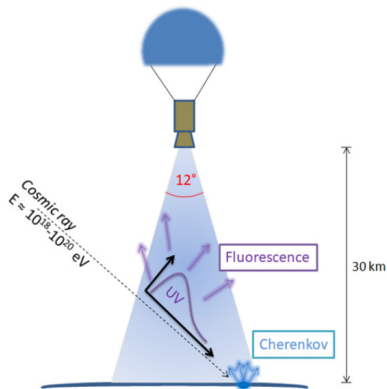
### Vertical configuration:

- Altitude Detector = 30 km;
- Mirror area = 1 m<sup>2</sup>;
- FoV =  $\pm 6^\circ$ ;
- **Tilt Detector:** (x, y, z) = (0°, 0°, 0°).

- CR energy [eV] =  $1 \cdot 10^{19}$ ;
- CR <sub>$\theta$</sub>  = 85°;
- CR <sub>$\phi$</sub>  = 150°.

- Optical Efficiency: 50%;
- Quantum Efficiency: 10%;
- **Total Efficiency: 5%.**

- **Background:** 0.25 counts/ $\mu$ s.





# Trigger area for $1 \cdot 10^{19}$ eV

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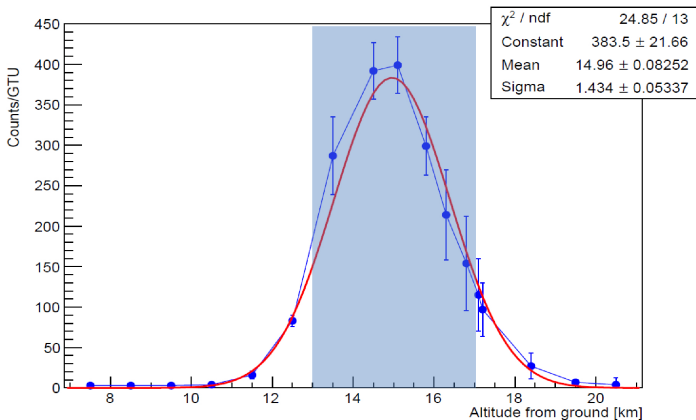
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## STEP 2

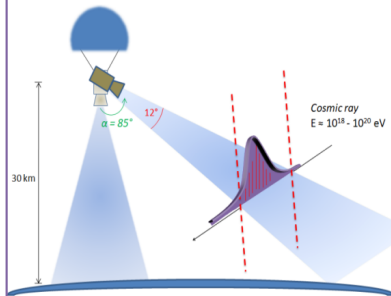
### Horizontal configuration:

- Altitude Detector = 30 km;
- Mirror area = 1 m<sup>2</sup>;
- FoV =  $\pm 6^\circ$ ;
- **Tilt Detector:**  $(x, y, z) = (85^\circ \div 65^\circ, 0^\circ, 0^\circ)$ .

- CR energy [eV] =  $1 \cdot 10^{18} \div 1 \cdot 10^{20}$ ;
- $CR_\theta = 85^\circ$ ;
- $CR_\phi = 180^\circ$ .

- Optical Efficiency: 50%;
- Quantum Efficiency: 10%;
- **Total Efficiency: 5%**.

- **Background: 0.25 counts/ $\mu$ s.**





# Counts/GTU and Trigger

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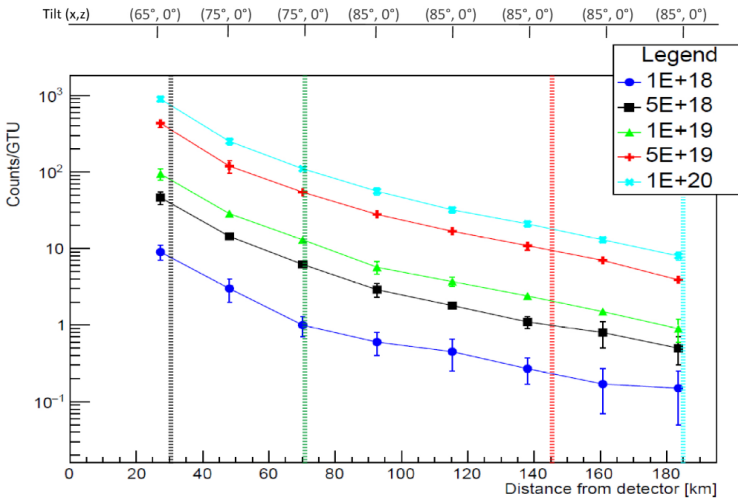
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# Second, Third, Fourth Horizontal configuration

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Main features:

- Altitude detector: 30 km;
- Mirror area: 1 m<sup>2</sup>;
- FoV:  $\pm 6^\circ$ ;
- Optical efficiency: 50%;
- Tilt detector (x, y, z): ( $85^\circ \div 55^\circ, 0^\circ, 0^\circ \div 10^\circ$ );
- CR energy [eV] =  $1 \cdot 10^{18} \div 1 \cdot 10^{20}$ ;
- $CR_\theta = 85^\circ$ .

Config.	$CR_\phi$	Quantum eff.	Tot. eff.	BG [ $(\mu\text{s})^{-1}$ ]
First	$180^\circ$	10%	5%	0.25
Second	$180^\circ$	40%	20%	1
Third	$180^\circ$	40%	20%	2.5
Fourth	$180^\circ \div 120^\circ$	40%	20%	2.5

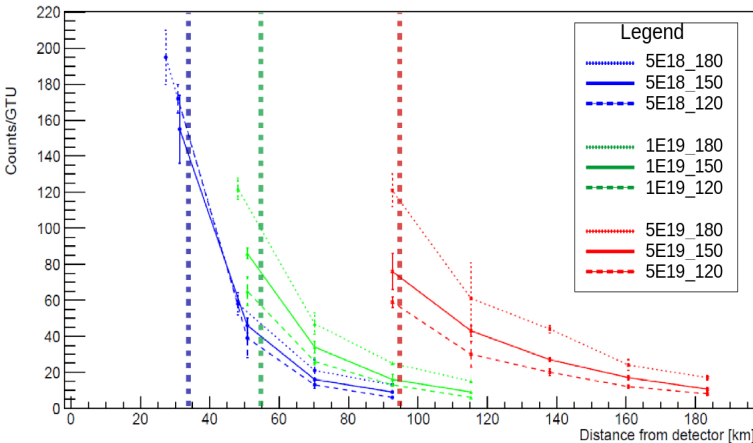
Table: Main features for each configuration.





# Trigger vs distance from detector

$(\varphi = 180^\circ)$ Tilt (x,z)	(65°, 0°)	(75°, 0°)	(75°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)
$(\varphi = 150^\circ, 120^\circ)$ Tilt (x,z)	(55°, 10°)	(75°, 5°)	(75°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)



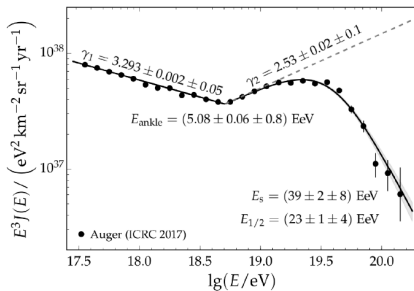


# So... how many "trajectories" of cosmic rays?

- I would estimate how many "trajectories" of UHECRs cross above a given energy  $E$  within a given distance  $R_{max}$  per unit "observation time".
- Cosmic ray fluxes may be referred to Auger ICRC proceedings (Fenu et al. 2017).

**Integral flux above given energy  $E$ :**

$$J(> E) = -\frac{J_0 E_a}{1+\gamma} \left(\frac{E}{E_a}\right)^{1+\gamma}$$

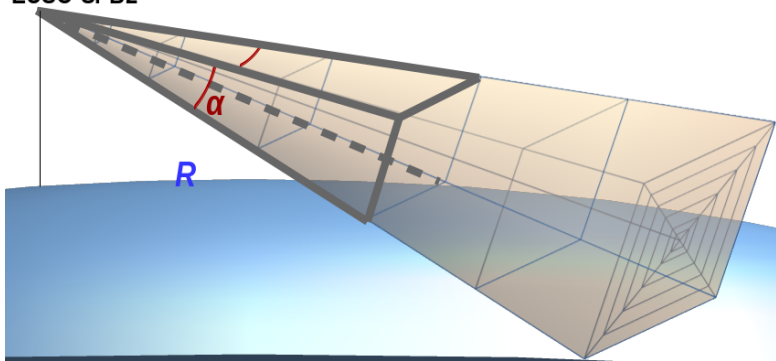




# So... how many "trajectories" of cosmic rays?

Instantaneous aperture can be calculated in an approximate way. We have to consider the geometry:

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We obtain that the instantaneous aperture is equal to:

$$0.41R^2 [\text{km}^2\text{sr}] \quad (\text{for } \alpha = 15^\circ).$$



# So... how many "trajectories" of cosmic rays?

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So, in the end, we have:

$E$ [eV]	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{18}$	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{19}$	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{19}$
$R$ [km]	$\sim 35$	$\sim 55$	$\sim 95$
<b>CRs/hour</b>	0.04	0.03	0.009

For a 100 days flight:  $\sim 24 \text{ hours} \cdot 100 \text{ days} \cdot 20\%_{DC} \rightarrow 480 \text{ hours}$ ;

$E$ [eV]	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{18}$	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{19}$	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{19}$
<b>CRs</b>	$\leq 20$	$\leq 15$	$\leq 5$

$\Rightarrow$  we expect to detect about 20 events with  $E > 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$ .



# POEMMA (after 2025)

- **Probe Of Extreme Multi-Messenger Astrophysics (POEMMA)** is a "long-term project" (born in 2017).
- POEMMA consists of **two telescopes**; in ESAF just one telescope → no stereoscopic view.
- Parametric optics (Schmidt optics).

Parameter	Value
Altitude	400 km and 525 km
FoV	$\pm 22.5^\circ$ ( $\approx 0.08^\circ$ per pixel)
Number of PDM	$\sim 80$
Focal surface radius	830 mm
Pixels side	3 mm
Quantum efficiency	0.27
Time resolution	$2.5 \mu\text{s}$
Optics Radius	1650 mm
Background (per pixel)	$1.54 \text{ counts}/\mu\text{s}$



# Results by 20000 simulations

## Ranges

20.000 events simulations with the following ranges:

- Energy:  $5 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV} \leq E \leq 5 \times 10^{20} \text{ eV}$ ;
- Zenith angle:  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ ;
- Azimuth angle:  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$ ;

... and with: *Duty cycle* =  $20\% \cdot 72\% \text{ clouds} \approx 14\%$ .

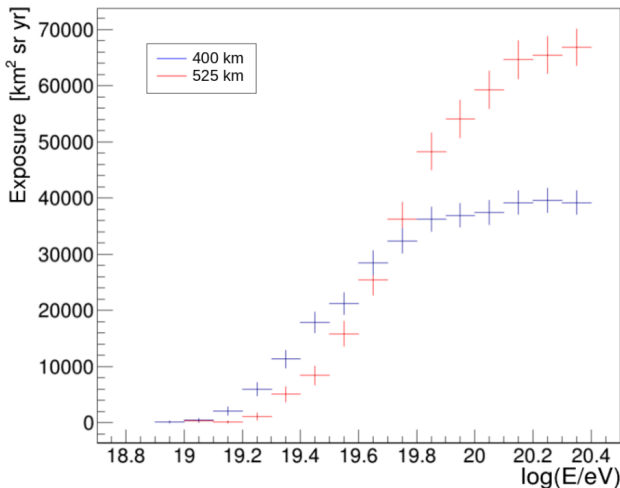
The simulated and field of view surfaces are:

$h[\text{km}]$	$S_{\text{sim}}[\text{km}^2]$	$S_{\text{FoV}}[\text{km}^2]$
400	160000	85530
525	271127	144935



# Exposure (altitude: 400 km and 525 km)

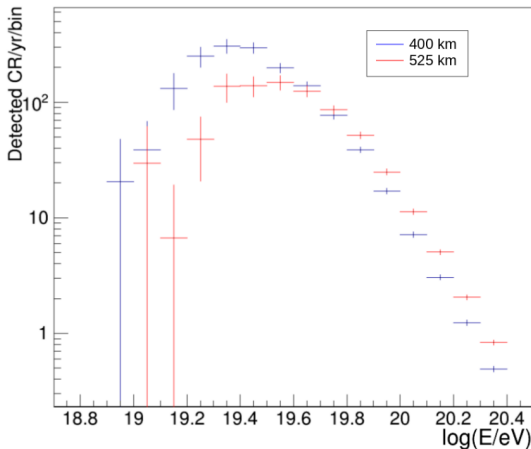
$$\Psi(E) = A(E) \cdot t \cdot DC \quad (t = 1\text{year}; DC = 14\%)$$





# Triggered spectrum at different altitude

$$\Phi(E) = \int \phi \cdot S_{FoV} \cdot \epsilon \cdot \pi \cdot t \cdot DC \quad (t = 1\text{year}; DC = 14\%)$$

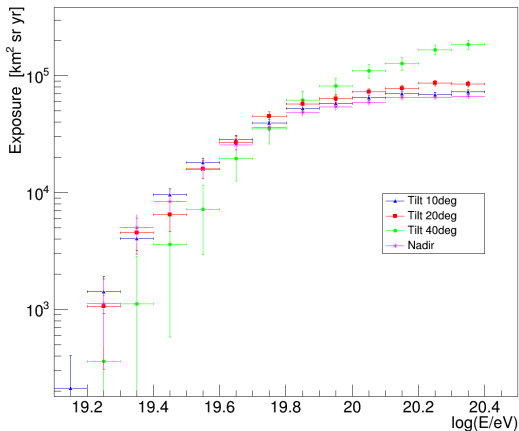






# Tilted configurations: Exposure (altitude: 525 km)

The background increases with the tilted angle  $\vartheta$ .





# Tilted configurations: Triggered spectrum (altitude: 525 km)

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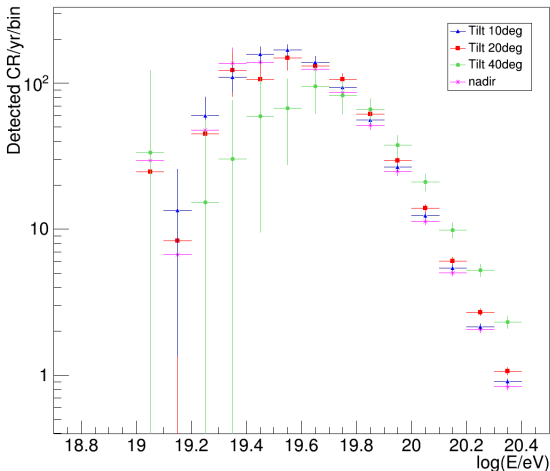
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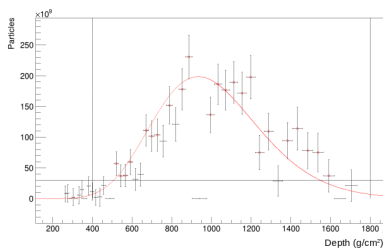
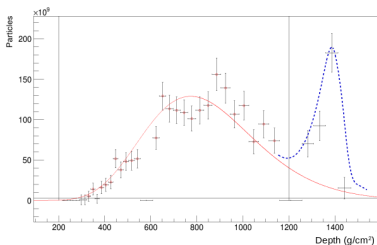
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I used the reconstruction chain developed for JEM-EUSO program to reconstruct the parameters of the primary particle.

Cherenkov method vs Slant depth method



Reconstruct energy,  $X_{max}$ , direction.



# Automatic reconstruction

The set of conditions that must be satisfy to start a reconstruction are:

- $DOF > 4$ ;
- $0.1 < \chi^2 < 3$ ;
- for Cherenkov method  $\rightarrow$  Cherenkov peak.

	<i>Cherenkov method</i>	<i>Slant depth method</i>
<b>Events</b>	11200	11200
<b>Triggered</b>	3879	3879
<b>Reconstructed</b>	<b>1472</b>	<b>3253</b>
	<b>(38%)</b>	<b>(84%)</b>



# EAS maximum altitude ( $H$ )

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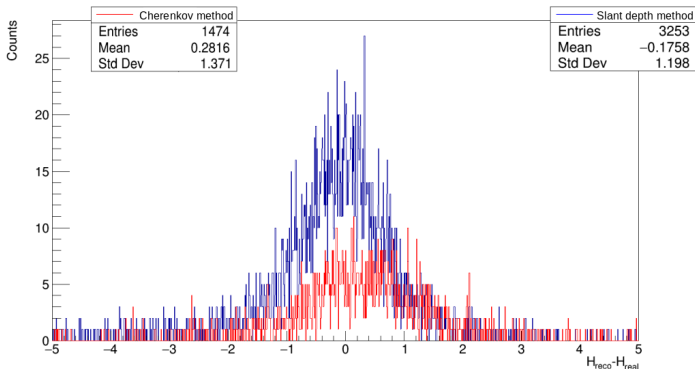
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	<i>Cherenkov method</i>	<i>Slant depth method</i>
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$(H_{reco} - H_{real})$	0.28 km	-0.18 km
<i>Resolution</i>	1.4 km	1.2 km





# $(x, y)$ position of EAS maximum

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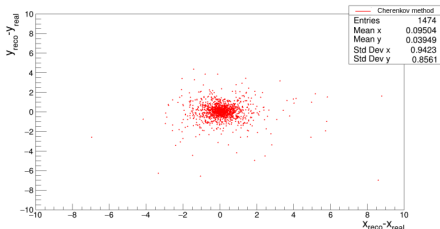
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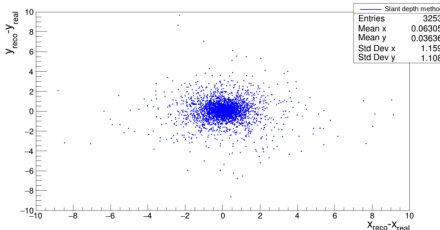
**Cherenkov  
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$$(x_{reco} - x_{real}) \quad 0.09 \text{ km}$$

$$(y_{reco} - y_{real}) \quad 0.04 \text{ km}$$

$$Resolution_x \quad 0.9 \text{ km}$$

$$Resolution_y \quad 0.9 \text{ km}$$



**Slant depth  
method**

$$(x_{reco} - x_{real}) \quad 0.06 \text{ km}$$

$$(y_{reco} - y_{real}) \quad 0.04 \text{ km}$$

$$Resolution_x \quad 1.2 \text{ km}$$

$$Resolution_y \quad 1.1 \text{ km}$$



# Energy resolutions $\left[ \frac{E_{reco} - E_{real}}{E_{real}} \right]$

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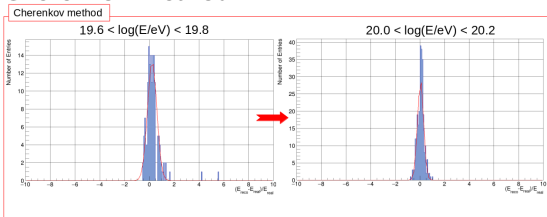
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## Cherenkov method



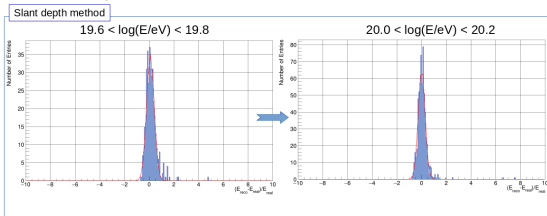
*Lower E*

Bias	21%
Resolution	37%

*Higher E*

Bias	4%
Resolution	20%

## Slant depth method



*Lower E*

Bias	9%
Resolution	30%

*Higher E*

Bias	0.5%
Resolution	27%

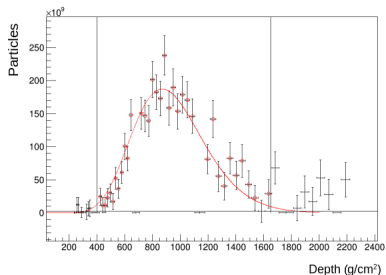
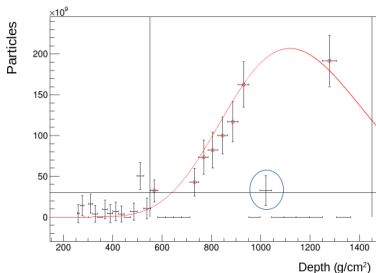


# Manual reconstruction

Manual reconstruction to compare with the automatic ones.

Procedure:

- $DOF > 4$ ;
- $0.1 < \chi^2 < 3$ ;
- background and fit interval;
- points exclusion.







# Manual vs Automatic reconstruction

Results from the automatic and manual  $E$  and  $X_{max}$  reconstruction:

$X_{max}$ Cherenkov method [g/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	12	128
<b>Manual</b>	-22	204
$E$ Cherenkov method (%)	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	-10	25
<b>Manual</b>	-11	25
$X_{max}$ Slant depth method [g/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	37	100
<b>Manual</b>	34	110
$E$ Slant depth method (%)	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	8	21
<b>Manual</b>	11	21



# Focal plane observation

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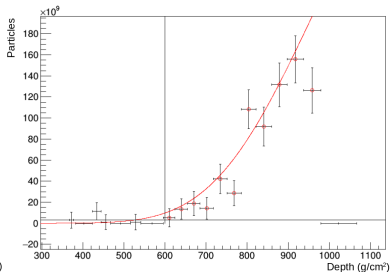
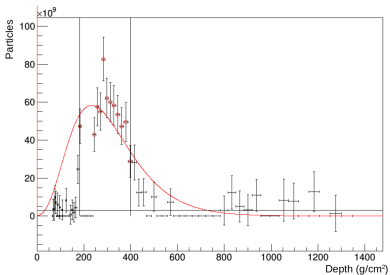
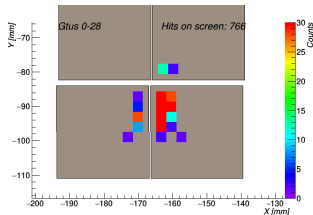
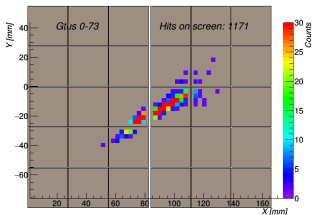
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# After focal plane observation (removed 4 events)

New results from the automatic and manual reconstruction:

$X_{max}$ Cherenkov method [g/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	12	128
<b>Manual</b>	-13	107
$E$ Cherenkov method (%)	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	-10	25
<b>Manual</b>	-11	25
$X_{max}$ Slant depth method [g/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	37	100
<b>Manual</b>	34	110
$E$ Slant depth method (%)	Bias	$\sigma$
<b>Automatic</b>	8	21
<b>Manual</b>	11	21



# Manual vs Automatic reconstruction

Comparing these preliminary results of reconstruction, it is possible to conclude that what is obtained from the automatic reconstruction algorithms is consistent with what would be expected to be obtained with the manually one.

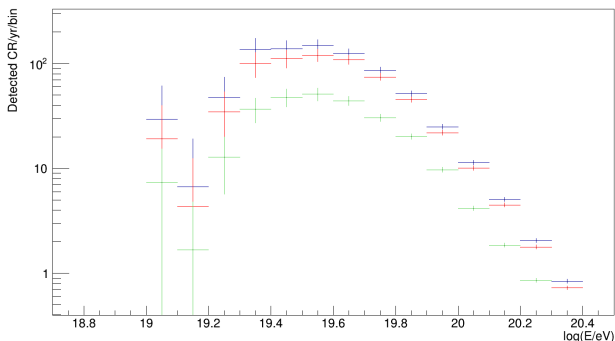
	Cherenkov method	Slant depth method
Both	31	58
Just Manual	3	4
Just Automatic	7	12
Neither	4	11

Triggered: 91  $\rightarrow$   $(31 + 7)/91 = 41\%$ ;  $(58 + 12)/91 = 77\%$ .

It is possible to manually reconstruct each event during the real data acquisition.



# Reconstructed trigger spectrum



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$[\log(E/eV) > 19.6]$     **Cherenkov method**    **Slant depth method**

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<b>Trigg.</b> (per year)	305	305
Reconstr. (per year)	110 (36%)	<b>267 (88%)</b>

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# Conclusions

## ● Mini-EUSO

- Optimization of the second level of trigger parameters to the study of TLEs events.

## ● EUSO-SPB2

- Trigger distances for horizontal CRs in tilted configuration  
→  $R(1 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}) \approx 55 \text{ km}; R(5 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}) \approx 95 \text{ km}$ .
- For a 100 days mission (altitude: 30 km)  
→ 20 events with energy above  $5 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$ .

## ● POEMMA

- Triggered events above  $E = 4 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}$  for one year data taking at an altitude of 525 km →  $Events(> E) = 305$ .
- Triggered events in tilted simulations  
→  $Events(> E, 10^\circ) = 330; Events(> E, 20^\circ) = 350$ .
- Reconstructed → 267 (slant depth); 110 (Cherenkov).

*Thanks for your attentions!*



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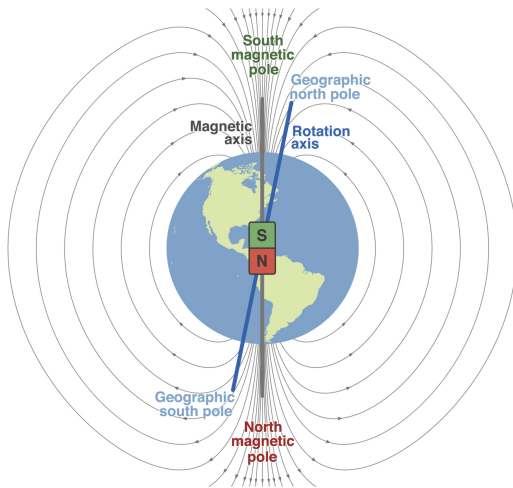
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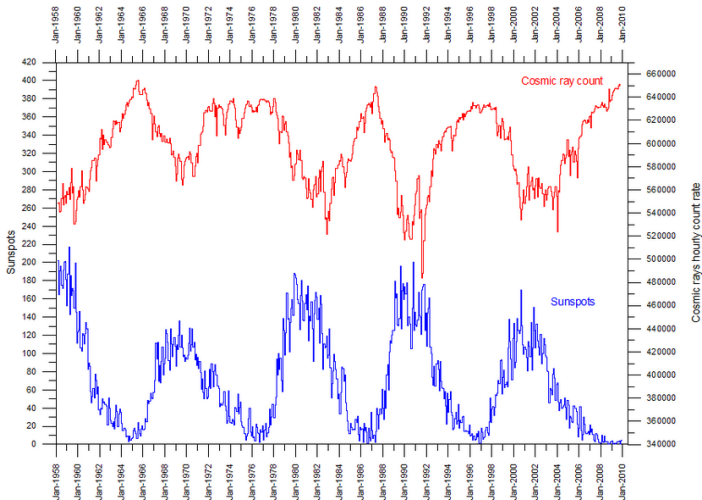
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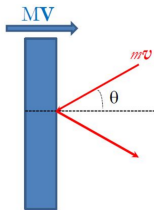
# Backup Slides - Fermi mechanism ( $2^{nd}$ order)

## Second order Fermi acceleration (1949)

Fermi proposed that charged particles were reflected by "magnetic mirrors" associated to galactic magnetic field irregularities. It is possible to find that the variation of particles energy, for each collision, is equal to:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \sim \frac{2V}{c} \cos \theta$$

If we consider all kinds of collisions ("Head on":  $\theta < \pi/2 \rightarrow \Delta E/E > 0$  and "Following":  $\theta > \pi/2 \rightarrow \Delta E/E < 0$ ) it is possible to find that, in the end, we have a positive  $\Delta E/E$ :



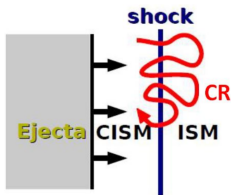
$$\left\langle \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right\rangle = \frac{8}{3} \left( \frac{V}{c} \right)^2$$

...so there is an acceleration; but there are some problems! For example, this process is too *slow*.

## First order Fermi acceleration (1979)

Similar to the second order but, this time, the idea is that for each collision the energy increase (i.e. no difference between *head on* and *following* collisions). Is possible demonstrate that this mechanism is possible with *strong shock waves* with  $v \gg v_{\text{sound}}$  (e.g. shock waves from Supernovae  $\rightarrow$  Super Novae Remnants (SNR)).

After a full tour around the shock waves, the increment of the particle energy is:



$$\left\langle \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right\rangle = \frac{4}{3} \frac{V}{c}$$

...this process is faster than the previous one; is better!

There are other models that consider also the magnetic field that the particle generate during his accelerations.



# Backup Slides - JEM-EUSO vs other experiments

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Experiment	Aperture km <sup>2</sup> sr	Status	Start	Lifetime (years)	Duty cycle (incl. clouds)	Exposure (km <sup>2</sup> sr y)	Relative to Auger
Auger	7,000	Operations	2006	4 (16)	1.0	27,370 (110,000)	1
TA	1,200	Operations	2008	2 (14)	1.0	2400 (16.000)	0.1
TUS	30,000	developed	2012	5	0.14	18,750	0.2
JEM-EUSO (E~100 EeV) Nadir-Mode	470,000 (10xAuger including DC)	proposed	2017	5	0.14	330000 (5 years Nadir)	3
JEM-EUSO (highest Energies) Tilted-Mode	1,300,000 (26xAuger including DC)	proposed	2017	5	0.14	910000 (5 years tilted)	8



# Backup Slides - JEM-EUSO: spatial exposure

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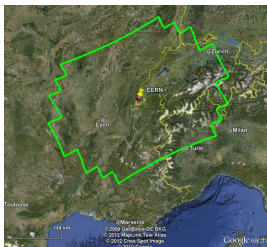
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Figure: Vertical mode.



Figure: Tilted mode.





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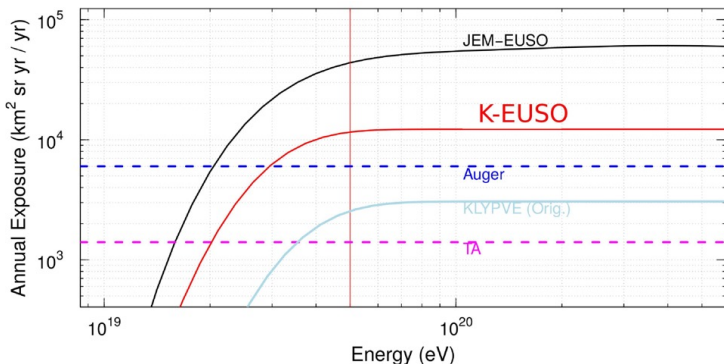
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Larger exposure  $\rightarrow$  higher statistic.

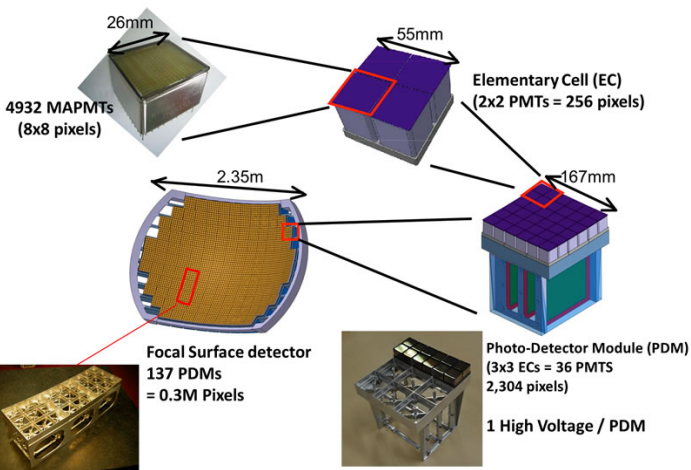




# JEM-EUSO Focal Surface (FS)

Pixel size:  $2.9 \times 2.9 \text{ mm}^2$ .

UV filter for light in band  $290 \div 430 \text{ nm}$ .



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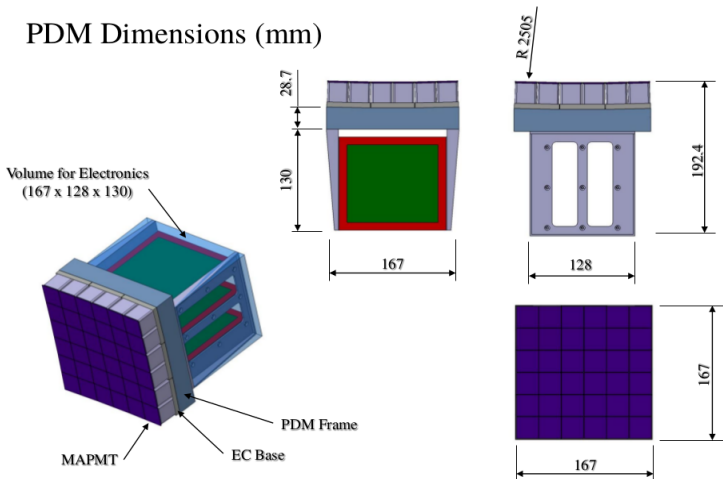
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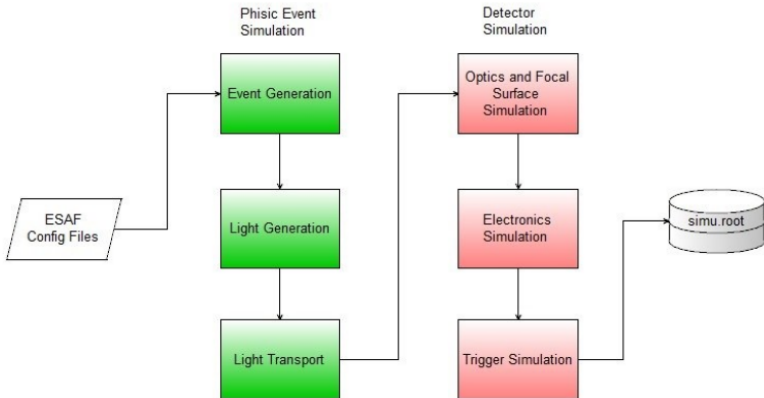
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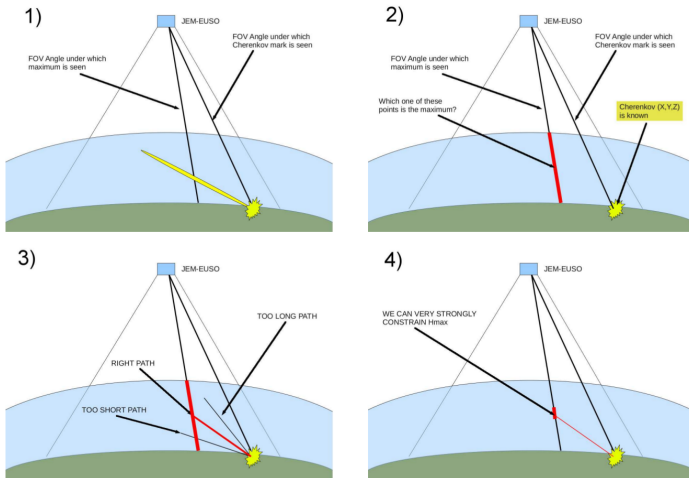
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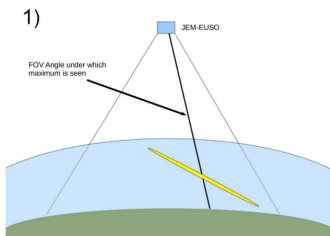
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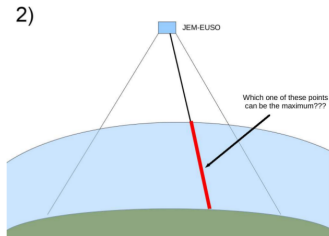
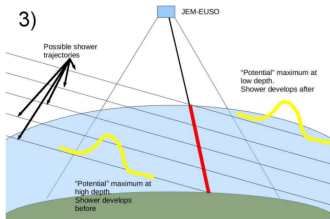
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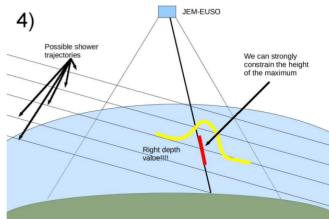
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the shower direction...



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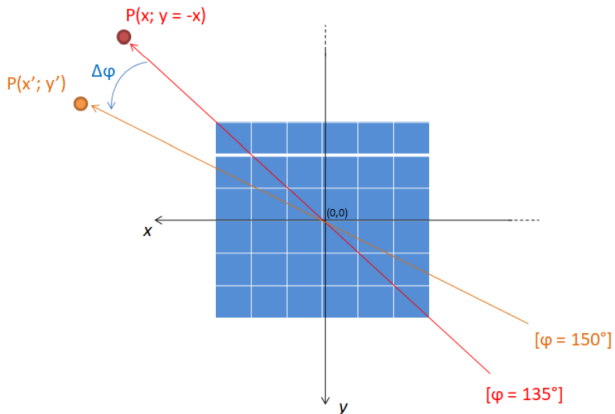
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P = impact point





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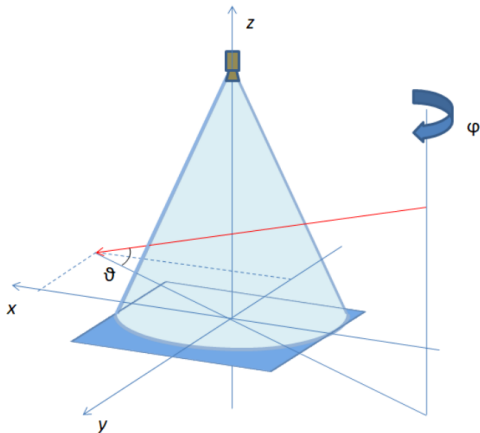
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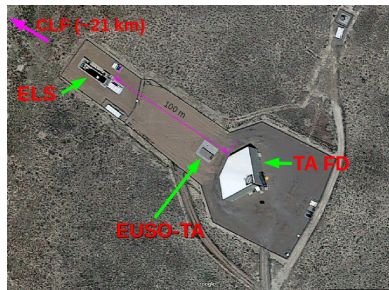


EUSO-TA is a pathfinder experiment for the space based JEM-EUSO mission for the detection of ultra-high energy cosmic rays; is an high-resolution fluorescence telescope installed Located in front of one of TA experiment, in Utah (USA). EUSO-TA points in the direction of the Electron Light Source and Central Laser Facility.

Main features:

- Two  $1\text{ m}^2$  Fresnel lenses
- FoV:  $\sim 10.5^\circ$
- 1 Photo Detector Module (PDM)

Up to now 5 observation campaigns have been performed (for a total of 48 observation nights).

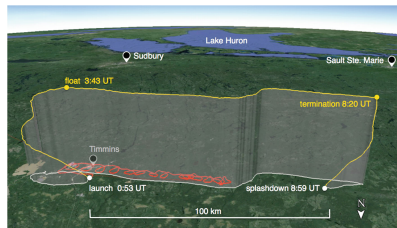
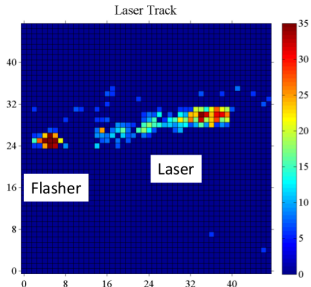




# EUSO-Balloon (launched in 2014)

- 1 PDM (2304 pixels);
- optical system:  
two Fresnel lenses  
(side of 1 m);
- field of view:  $\pm 6^\circ$ .

- Night of August 25, 2014  
(Ontario, Canada).
- Altitude of 38 km
- More than 5 hours before  
descending to ground.





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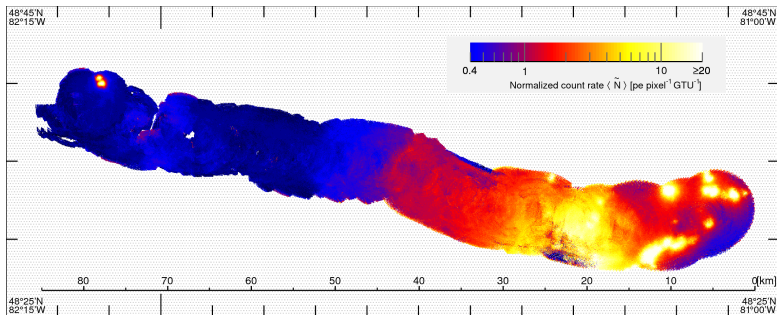
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- 5 hours of flight
- All sub-systems successfully tested
- UV background map





# Mini-EUSO (will be launched in 2018)

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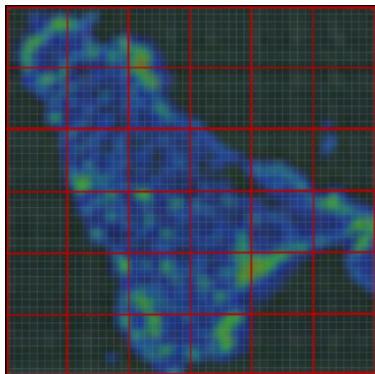
Onboard of the ISS, Mini-EUSO will look nadir in the near UV range: 290 – 430 nm.

## Main features

- FoV:  $\pm 19^\circ$
- Spatial resolution:  $\sim 6.5$  km
- Temporal resolution:  $2.5 \mu\text{s}$
- Multi-levels of trigger
- 2 Fresnel lens
- 1 PDM

## Main scientific goals

- Study of UHECRs
- UV emissions from night-Earth
- Study of meteors





# Mini-EUSO structure

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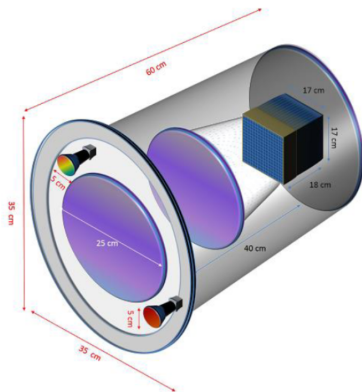
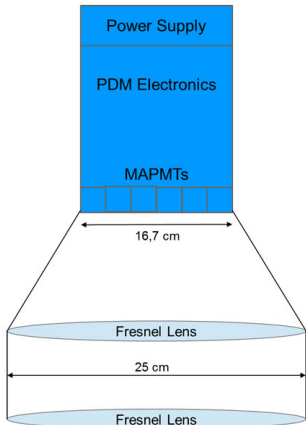
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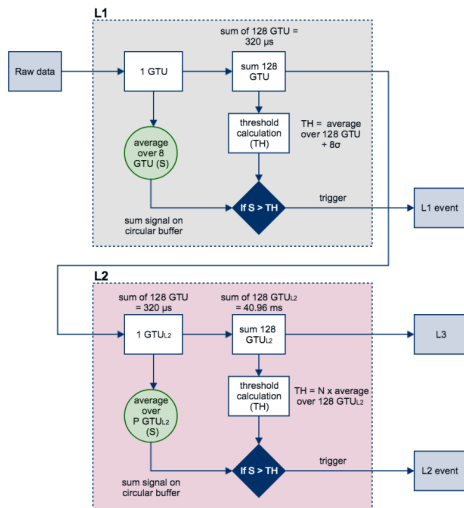
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# Levels of trigger -L1 and L2-

- In **L1**, pixel signal are integrated over 8 consecutive GTU.
- Threshold independent for every pixel ( $8\sigma$  above the average of 128 GTU).
- If signal  $>$  threshold I have a trigger.
- The data integrated over 128 GTU ( $320 \mu s$ ) is also passed to the **L2** trigger  $\rightarrow 1 GTU_{L2}$ .





# EECRs with Mini-EUSO

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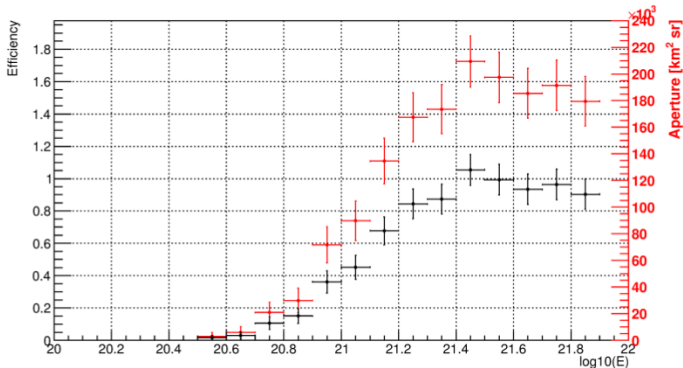
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(Plot carried out by Francesco Fenu)



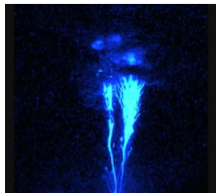
⇒ go to the second level of trigger! → TLEs  
(Traineeship at Royal Institute of Technology; Stockholm, Sweden).



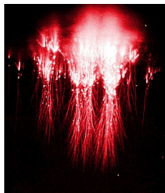
# TLEs with Mini-EUSO

The Transient Luminous Events (TLEs) are short-lived phenomena that occur well above the altitudes of normal lightning and storm clouds. There are several types of TLEs. We'll consider 3 kinds of TLEs:

**Blue Jet**



**Sprite**



**Elves**



Typical duration:  $\sim 1 \div 40$  ms.



# Blue Jet

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## Example of one Blue Jet simulation result:

Coordinates:  $(x; y; h[\text{km}]) = (16; -20; 80)$

Direction: vertical  $\rightarrow (0, 0, 1)$

Time step [s]:  $0.0000025 \equiv 1 \text{ GTU}$

TLE step size [km]: 0.05

Jet speed [km/s]: 200

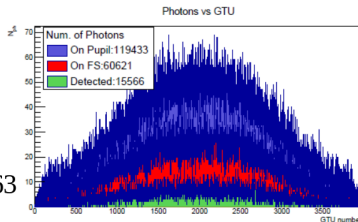
Absolute magnitude: +1

Jet angle:  $15^\circ$

Jet extension [km]: 2

Max Event Radius\* [km]: 0.263

Event Duration\*\* [ms]: 10



\* Max Event Radius = "Jet extension"  $\tan(("Jet \text{ angle}"/2) \pi/180)$

\*\* Event Duration = "Jet extension" / "Jet speed"



# Sprite

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## Example of one Sprite simulation result:

Coordinates:  $(x; y; h[\text{km}]) = (16; -20; 80)$

Direction: vertical  $\rightarrow (0, 0, 1)$

Time step [s]:  $0.0000025 \equiv 1 \text{ GTU}$

TLE step size [km]: 0.02

Absolute magnitude: +1

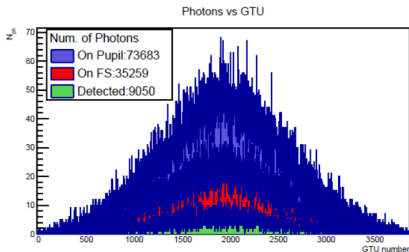
TLE Radius [km]: 1

Event Duration [ms]: 10

Extension\* [km]: 2



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\* Extension = 2 "TLE Radius"



## Example of one Elves simulation result:

Coordinates:  $(x; y; h[\text{km}]) = (16; -20; 80)$

Direction: vertical  $\rightarrow (0, 0, 1)$

Time step [s]:  $0.0000025 \equiv 1 \text{ GTU}$

TLE step size [km]: 0.005

Absolute magnitude: -1

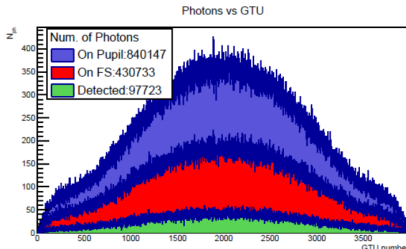
TLE Radius [km]: 25

Elves height [km]: 1

Event Duration [ms]: 10



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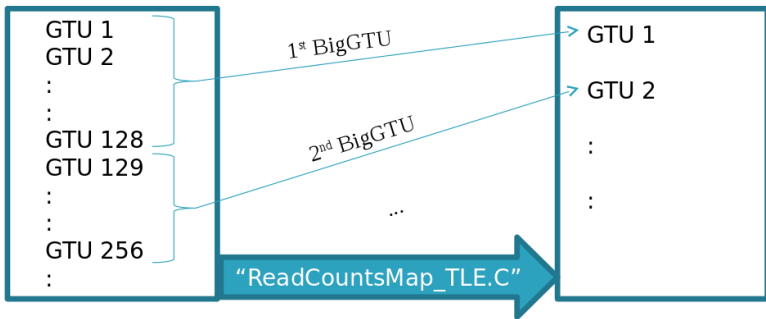






# Second level of trigger

Esaf give me a map of pixels GTU by GTU. But I need a sequence of BigGTU → ROOT macros to sum 128 single GTU to create a sequence of "BigGTU".



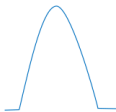


# Events + Background

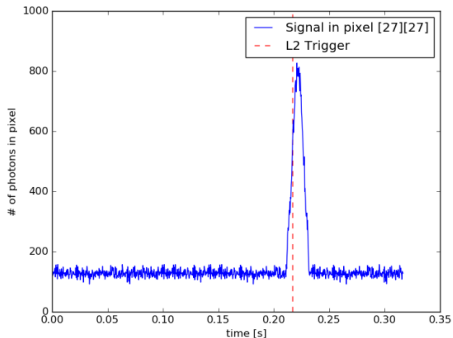
For each GTU, I added a poissonian background (with an expected value = 1). I made a macro to put different files of "events + background" and "just background" in one bigger file. If we put these kinds of file in the L2 trigger algorithm file we obtain (changing "p" and "n" parameters in the best possible way):

## Blue Jet

speed: 200 km/s  
 extension: 4 km  
 duration: 20 ms  
 abs. magnitude: 1  
 jet angle: 17°



Curve of light:





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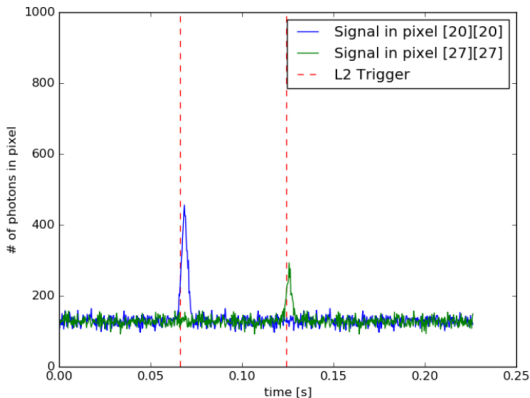
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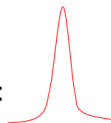
## Sprite1

extension: 0.5 km  
duration: 10 ms  
abs. magnitude: 2

## Sprite2

extension: 0.5 km  
duration: 10 ms  
abs. magnitude: 1

Curve of light:





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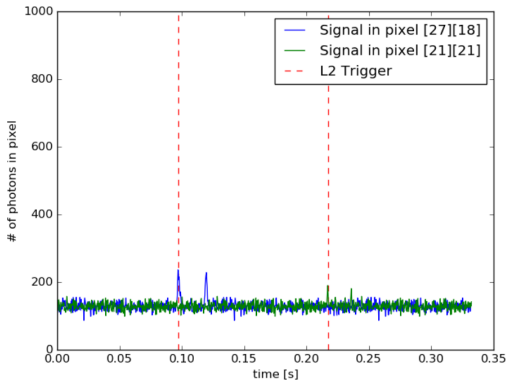
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## Elves1

radius: 25 km  
 duration: 25 ms  
 abs. magnitude: 1

## Elves2

radius: 50 km  
 duration: 20 ms  
 abs. magnitude: 1

Curve of light:





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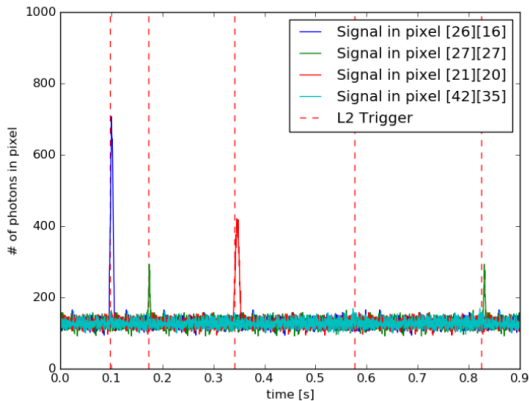
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Best values for  $(p, n)$  parameters:

- $(p, n) = (10, 5)$ ;
- $(p, n) = (8, 4)$ .



**5 Events**

↓  
**5 Triggers**

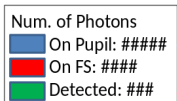
...final choices:

$$p = 8;$$
$$n = 4.$$



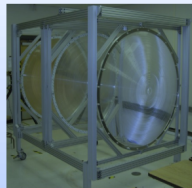
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We'll see some ESAF simulation results with these kind of informations:



### 3 Fresnel lenses

focuses incoming photons onto the pixelated focal surface consisting of an array of MAPMTs (multi anode photomultipliers → 8x8 pixels).

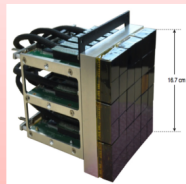


The "detected photons" are the photons that hit the PDM after crossing *pupil* and *focal surface*.

**Quantum efficiency:**  
Before: 10%  
After: 40%

### 1 Photon Detection Module (PDM):

- 1 PDM = 36 MAPMTs (4 MAPMTs form an elementary cell «EC»);
- 48x48 = 2304 pixels;
- 2.5 μs (≅ 1 GTU) time bins.





# Example of histograms and FS views ( $1 \cdot 10^{19}$ eV)

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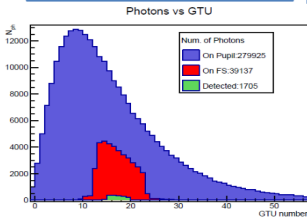
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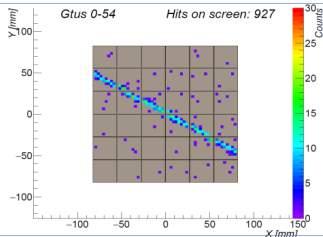
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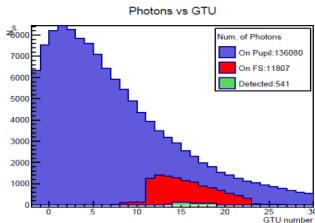
Altitude  $\approx$  13 km (Trigger: YES)



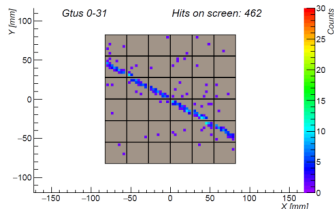
$E = 1 \cdot 10^{19}$  eV;  $\phi = 150^\circ$ ;  $\vartheta = 85^\circ$ ;  $P_{x,y} = (133.5; -77.1)$



Altitude  $\approx$  12 km (Trigger: YES)



$E = 1 \cdot 10^{19}$  eV;  $\phi = 150^\circ$ ;  $\vartheta = 85^\circ$ ;  $P_{x,y} = (123.7; -71.4)$





# Counts and GTUs with distance

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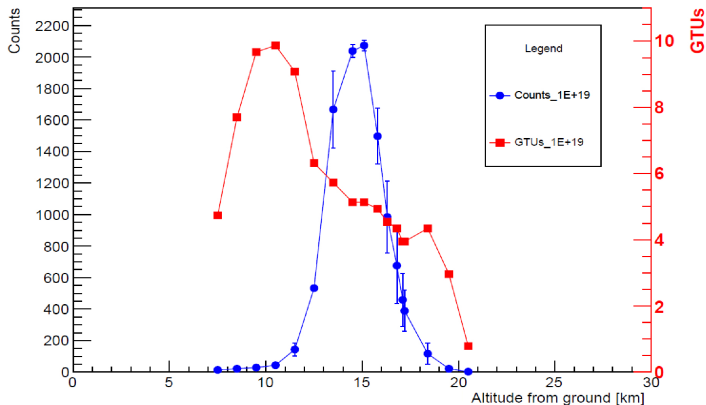
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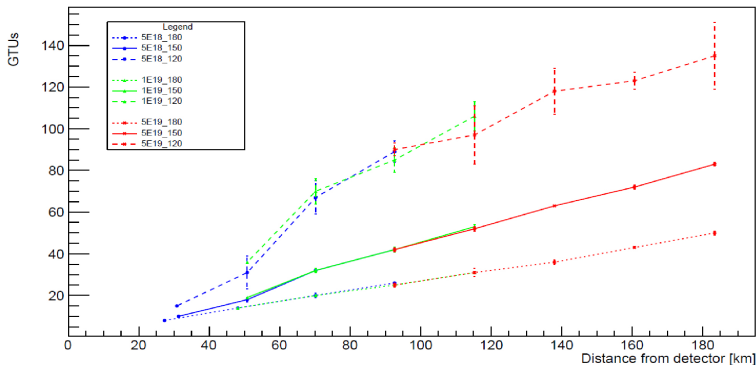
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$[\varphi = 180^\circ]$ Tilt (x,z)	(65°, 0°)	(75°, 0°)	(75°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)
$[\varphi = 150^\circ, 120^\circ]$ Tilt (x,z)	(55°, 10°)	(75°, 5°)	(75°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)	(85°, 0°)





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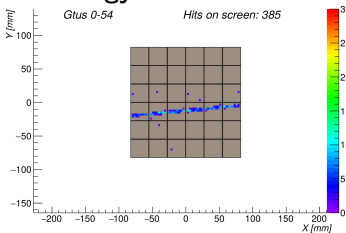
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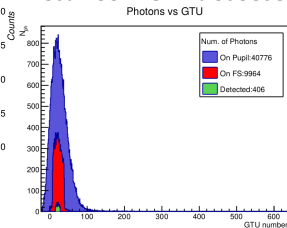
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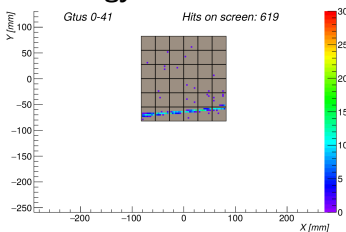
CR energy:  $1 \cdot 10^{19}$  eV



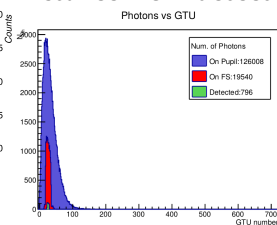
Distance from detector:  $\sim 46$  km



CR energy:  $1 \cdot 10^{19}$  eV



Distance from detector:  $\sim 23$  km





# Energy spectrum

From Auger spectrum (ICRC2017):

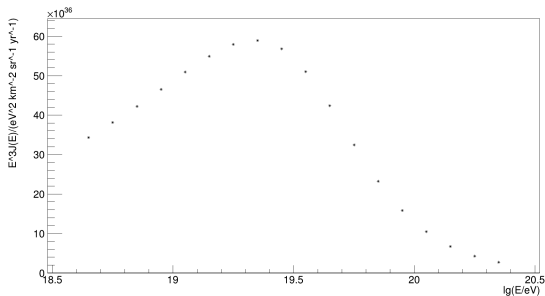
$$J(E) = J_0 \left( \frac{E}{E_{ankle}} \right)^{-\gamma_2} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{E_{ankle}}{E_s} \right)^{\Delta\gamma} \right] \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{E}{E_s} \right)^{\Delta\gamma} \right]^{-1} \quad (E > E_{ankle})$$

... where:  $\gamma_2 = 2.53 \pm 0.02$

$$\Delta\gamma = 2.5 \pm 0.1$$

$$E_{ankle} = (5.08 \pm 0.06) \text{ EeV}$$

$$E_s = (39 \pm 2) \text{ EeV}$$

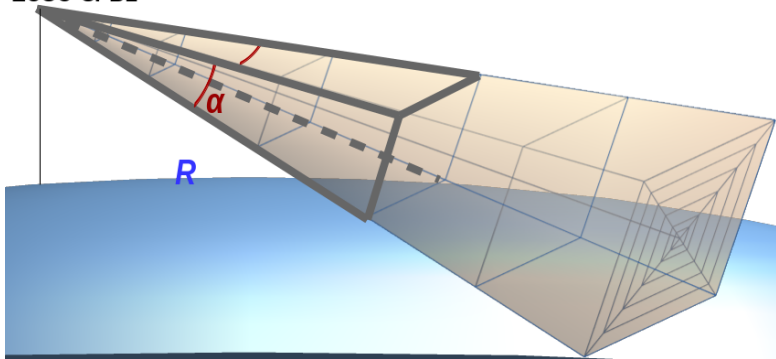




# So... how many "trajectories" of cosmic rays?

Instantaneous aperture can be calculated in an approximate way. We have to consider the geometry:

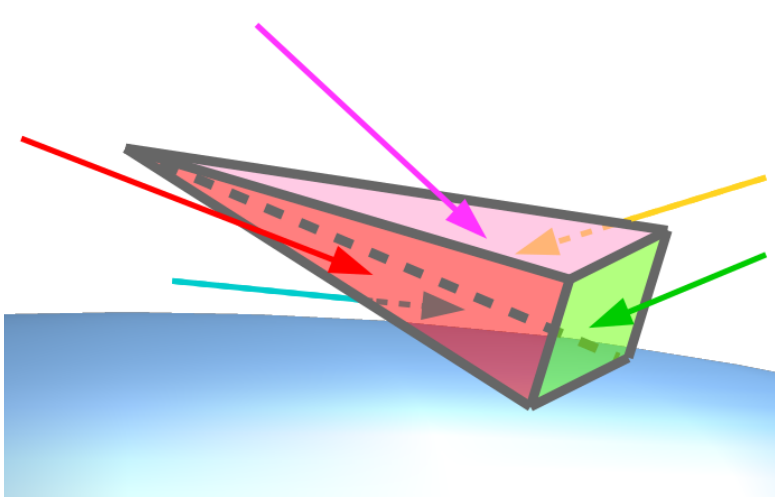
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Five faces of entrances in to FOV:





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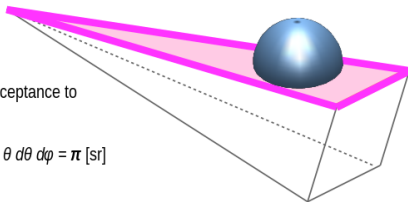
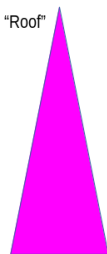
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$$S_R = \frac{1}{2} \alpha R^2$$

$$\Omega_R \sim \pi \text{ [sr]}$$



In general, solid angle acceptance to  
1 hemisphere sky is

$$\Omega_{1/2} = \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi = \pi \text{ [sr]}$$

In practice, ~ hemisphere of sky is observable



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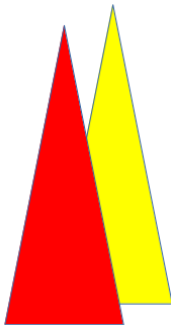
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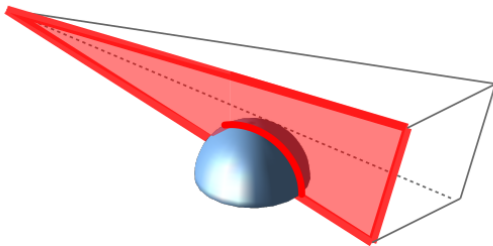
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$$SR = \frac{1}{2} \alpha R^2$$

"Wall"



$$\Omega_w \sim \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{1/2} \sim \frac{1}{2} \pi \text{ [sr]}$$



Roughly  $\sim \frac{1}{2}$  hemisphere of sky is observable



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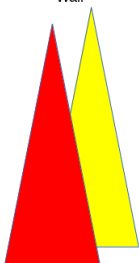
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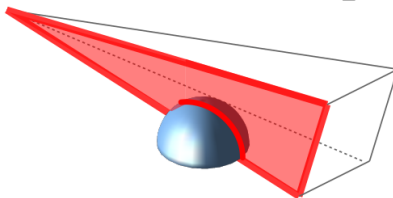
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$$S_R = \frac{1}{2} \alpha R^2$$

"Wall"



$$\Omega_w \sim \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{1/2} \sim \frac{1}{2} \pi \text{ [sr]}$$



Roughly  $\sim \frac{1}{2}$  hemisphere of sky is observable

**In case of 1 PDM:**

$$2S_{Rw} \Omega_w = \frac{1}{2} \pi \alpha R^2 = \boxed{0.41 R^2 \text{ [km}^2 \text{sr]}} \text{ (for } \alpha = 15^\circ \text{)}$$





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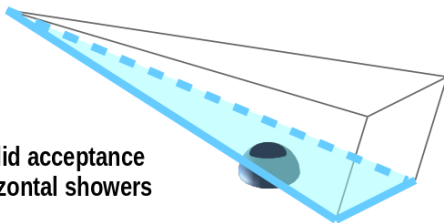
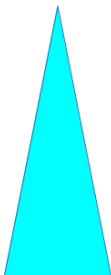
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$$SF = \frac{1}{2} \alpha R^2$$



**Floor has solid acceptance  
for near-horizontal showers**

**Floor entrance to proposed to be neglected  
as "roof" solid acceptance overestimated**



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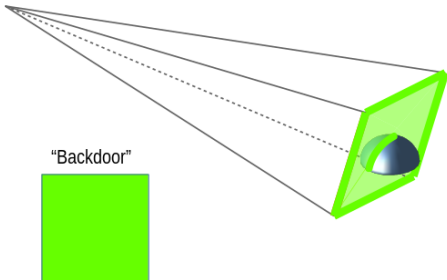
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$$S_D = \alpha^2 R^2$$

$$\Omega_D < \frac{1}{2} \pi \text{ [sr]}$$

**This time, it is proposed to omit the contribution from backdoor events**

**This contribution is irrelevant unless tiling angle large**





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- **In case of 1 PDM:**

$$S_R\Omega_R + 2S_{Rw}\Omega_w = \pi\alpha R^2 = 0.82R^2 \text{ [km}^2\text{sr]} \text{ (for } \alpha = 15^\circ\text{)}$$

- **In case of 2 PDMs horizontally aligned ("roof" must be two times larger):**

$$2S_R\Omega_R + 2S_{Rw}\Omega_w = 1.5\pi\alpha R^2 = 1.23R^2 \text{ [km}^2\text{sr]} \text{ (for } \alpha = 15^\circ\text{)}$$

- **Note:**

the contribution from the "backdoor"  $S_D\Omega_D$  in case of 1 PDM:

$$< \frac{1}{2}\pi\alpha^2 R^2 = 0.1R^2 \text{ [km}^2\text{sr]} \text{ for } \alpha = 15^\circ \text{ (}\equiv 0.26 \text{ rad)}$$

... so it is not comparable with  $S_R\Omega_R$  &  $S_{Rw}\Omega_w$ .



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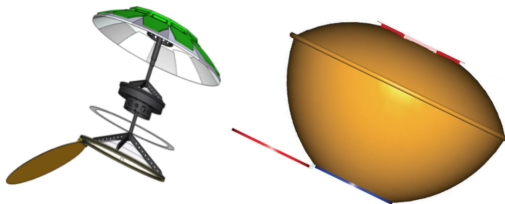
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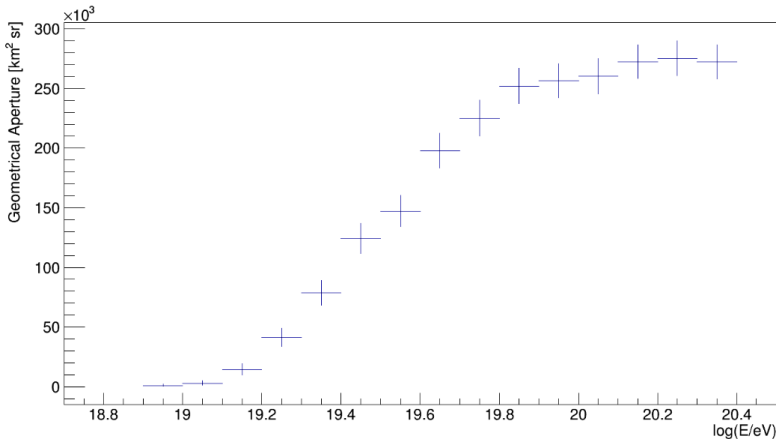
- **Probe Of Extreme Multi-Messenger Astrophysics (POEMMA)** is a "long-term project" selected by NASA in early 2017.
- It is a re-examination of the JEM-EUSO telescope but that, instead of being a single telescope on the International Space Station, consists of **two telescopes** in flight formation at an altitude of about 525 km above sea level.





# Aperture $A(E)$ (Altitude: 400 km)

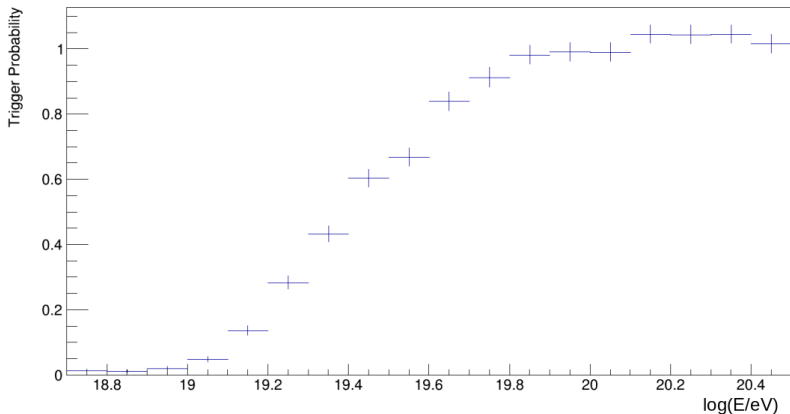
$$A(E) = \int_{S_{sim}} dS \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \cos\theta \cdot \sin\theta \cdot \epsilon$$





# Efficiency (Altitude: 400 km)

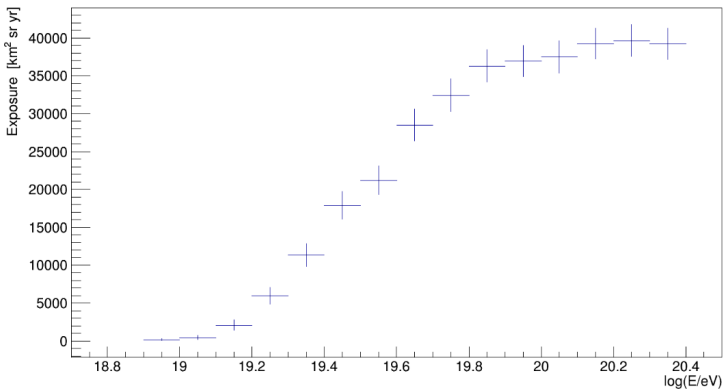
$$\epsilon(E) = \frac{N_{trigg}}{N_{sim}} \frac{S_{sim}}{S_{FoV}}$$





# Exposure $\Psi(E)$ (Altitude: 400 km)

$$\Psi(E) = A(E) \cdot t \cdot DC \quad (t = 1\text{year}; DC = 20\% \cdot 72\% \text{ clouds})$$





# Exposure: JEM-EUSO (400 km) vs POEMMA (400 km)

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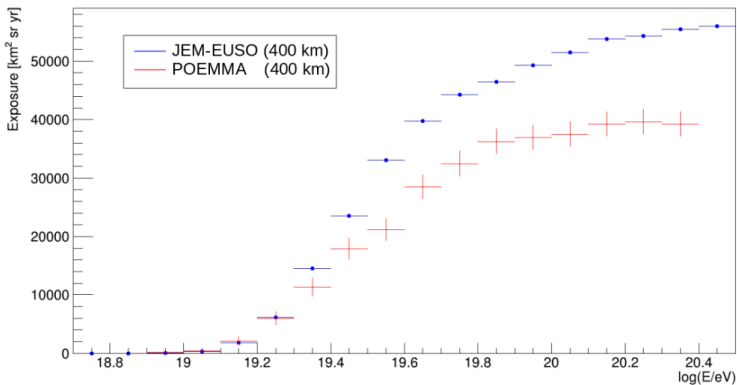
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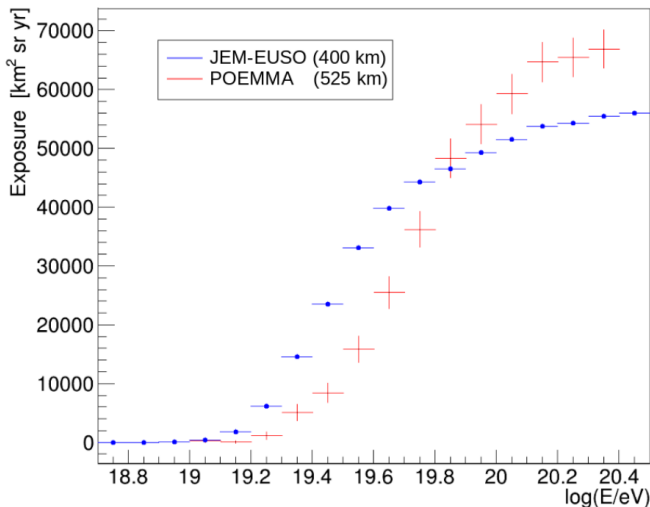
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# Different spot size (JFKx2) -Exposure-

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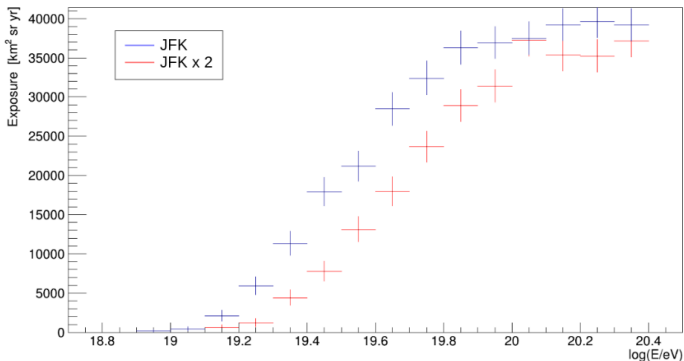
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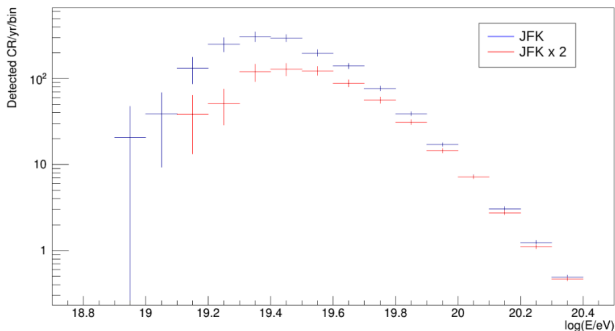
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$$\Psi(E) = A(E) \cdot t \cdot DC \quad (t = 1\text{year}; DC = 20\% \cdot 72\% \text{ clouds})$$



$$\Phi(E) = \int \phi \cdot S_{FoV} \cdot \epsilon \cdot \pi \cdot t \cdot DC \quad (t = 1\text{year}; DC = 20\% \cdot 72\% \text{ clouds})$$



**Above  $\log(E/eV)=19.6$ :**  $\frac{\text{Integral counts (JFK} \times 2)}{\text{Integral counts (JFK)}} \approx \frac{200}{280} \approx -28\%.$



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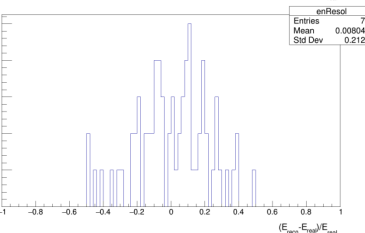
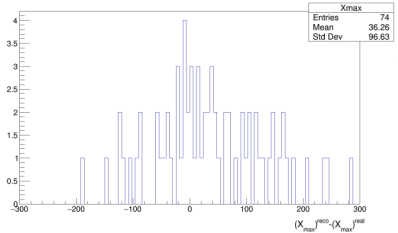
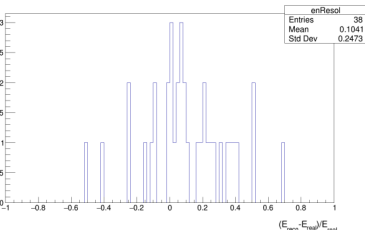
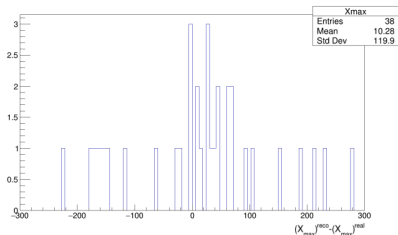
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## Results from automatic reconstruction:

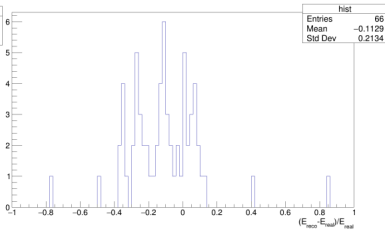
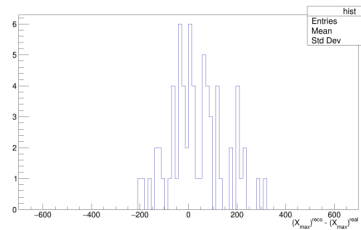
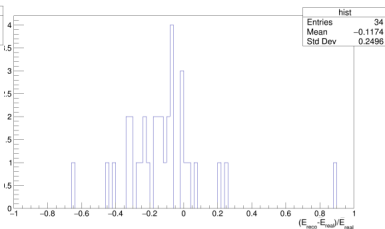
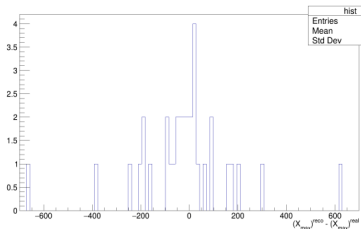


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