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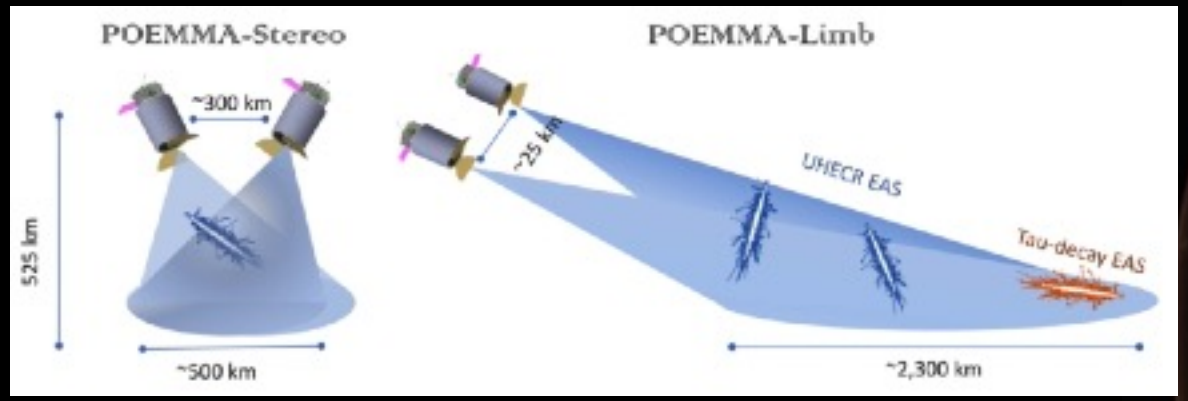

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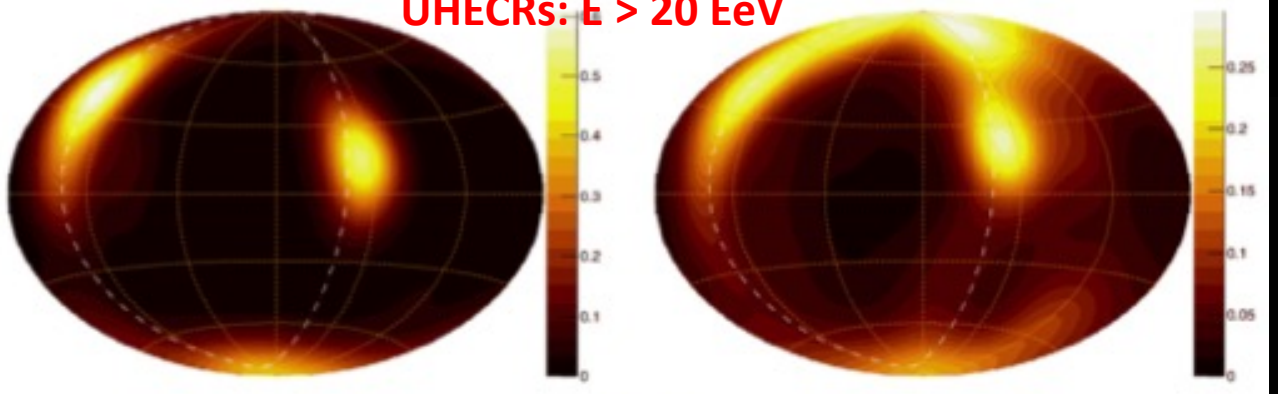

FIG. 23. Left: Skymap of nearby starburst galaxies from Refs. [35,103] weighted by radio flux at 1.4 GHz, the attenuation factor accounting for energy losses incurred by UHECRs through propagation, and the exposure of POEMMA. The map has been smoothed using a von Miser-Fisher distribution with concentration parameter corresponding to a search radius of 15.0° as found in Ref. [35]. The color scale indicates $\mathcal{F}_{sc}$, the probability density of the source sky map, as a function of position on the sky. The white dot-dashed line indicates the supergalactic plane. Right: Same as at left for nearby galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [105] and weighting by K-band flux corrected for Galactic extinction.

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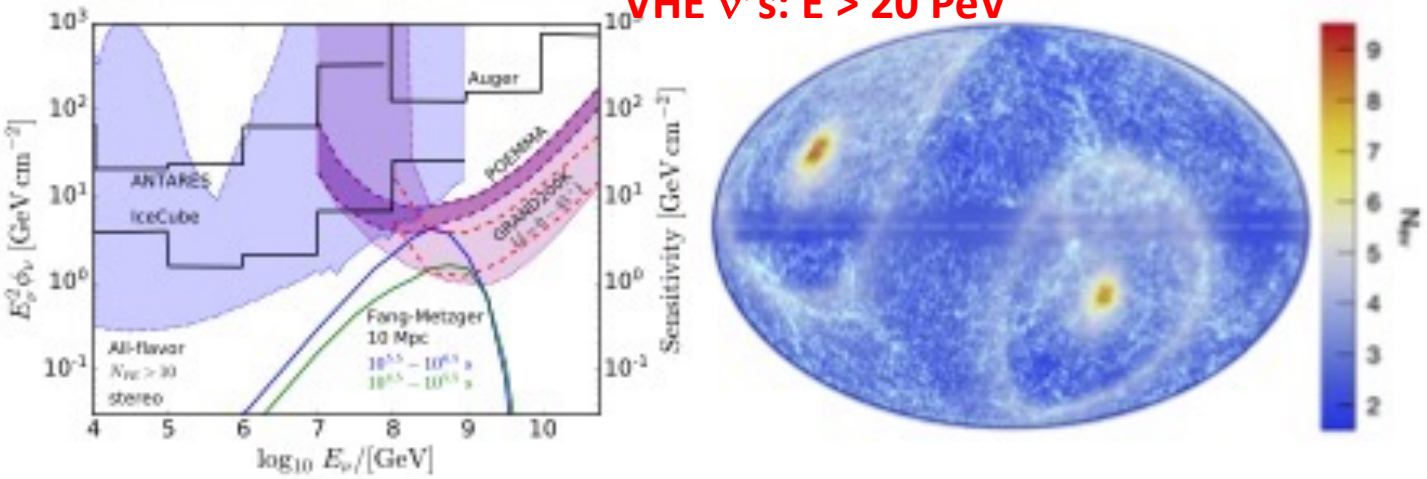

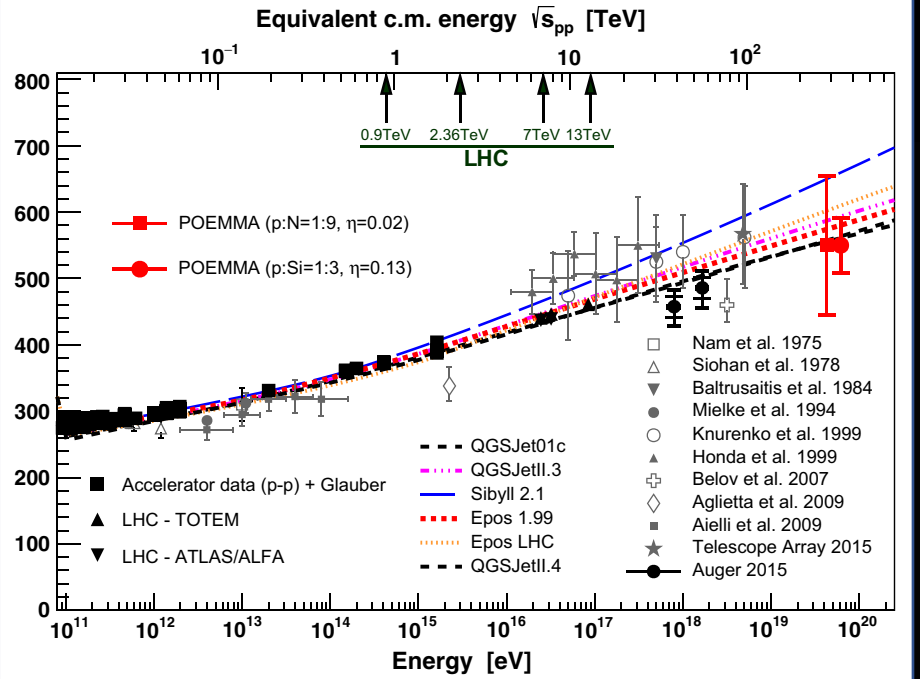

Proton-air cross section measurement at √s ≈ 300 TeV

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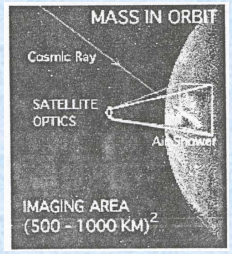
POEMMA Heritage and POEMMA-fueled developments

Based on OWL 2002 study, JEM-EUSO, EUSO balloon experience, CHANT & nueBACH concepts, TUS experience …



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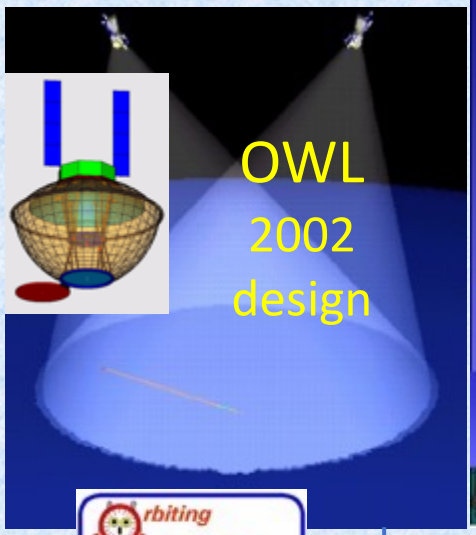

Orbiting Wide-angle Light-collectors

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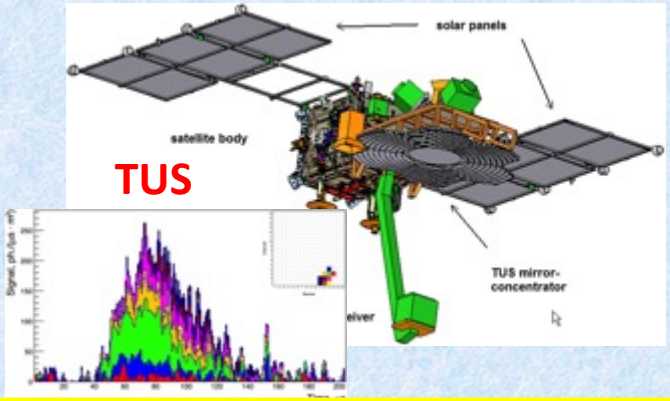

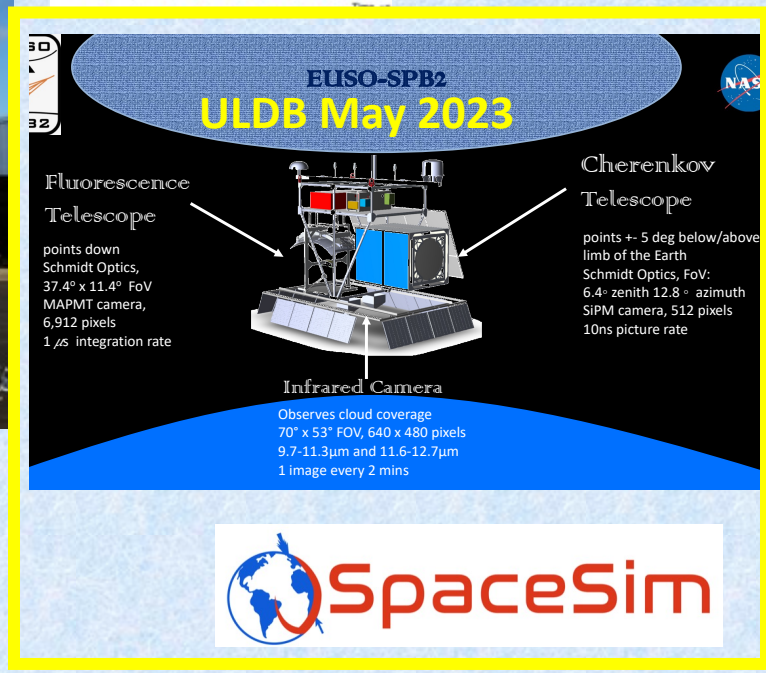

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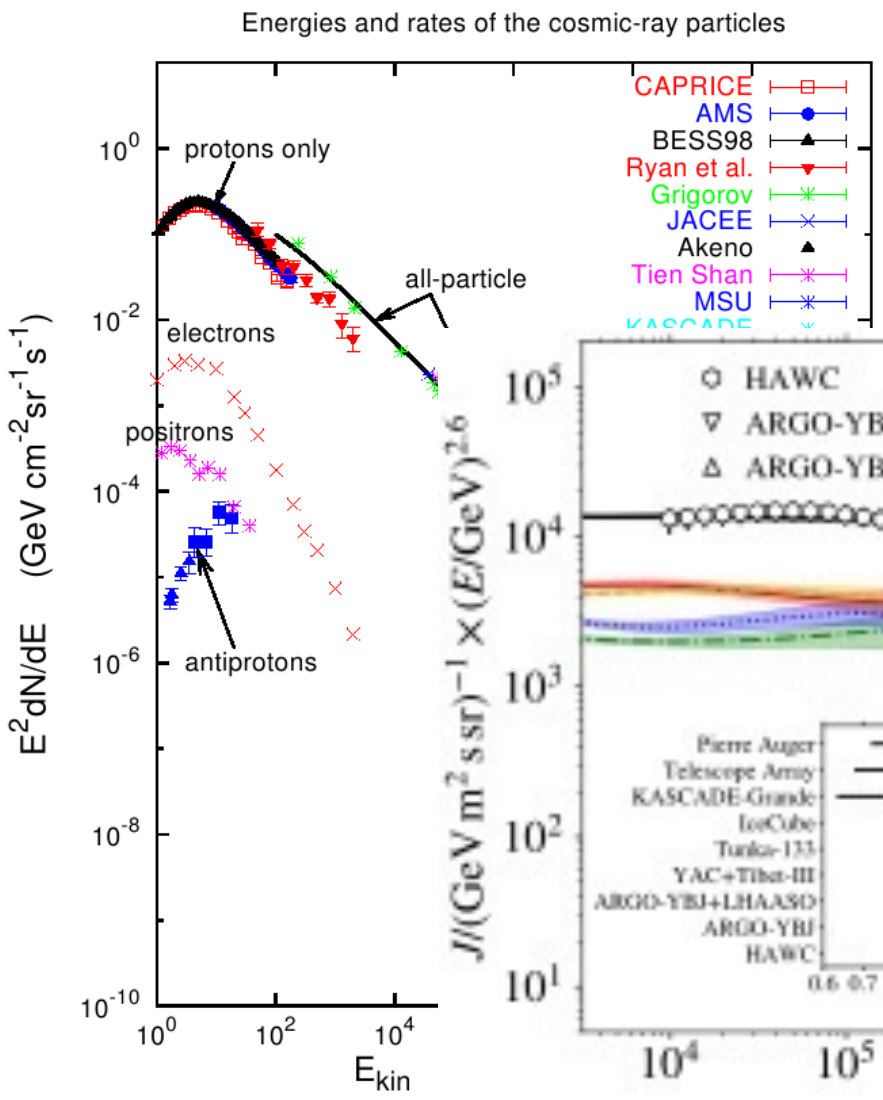

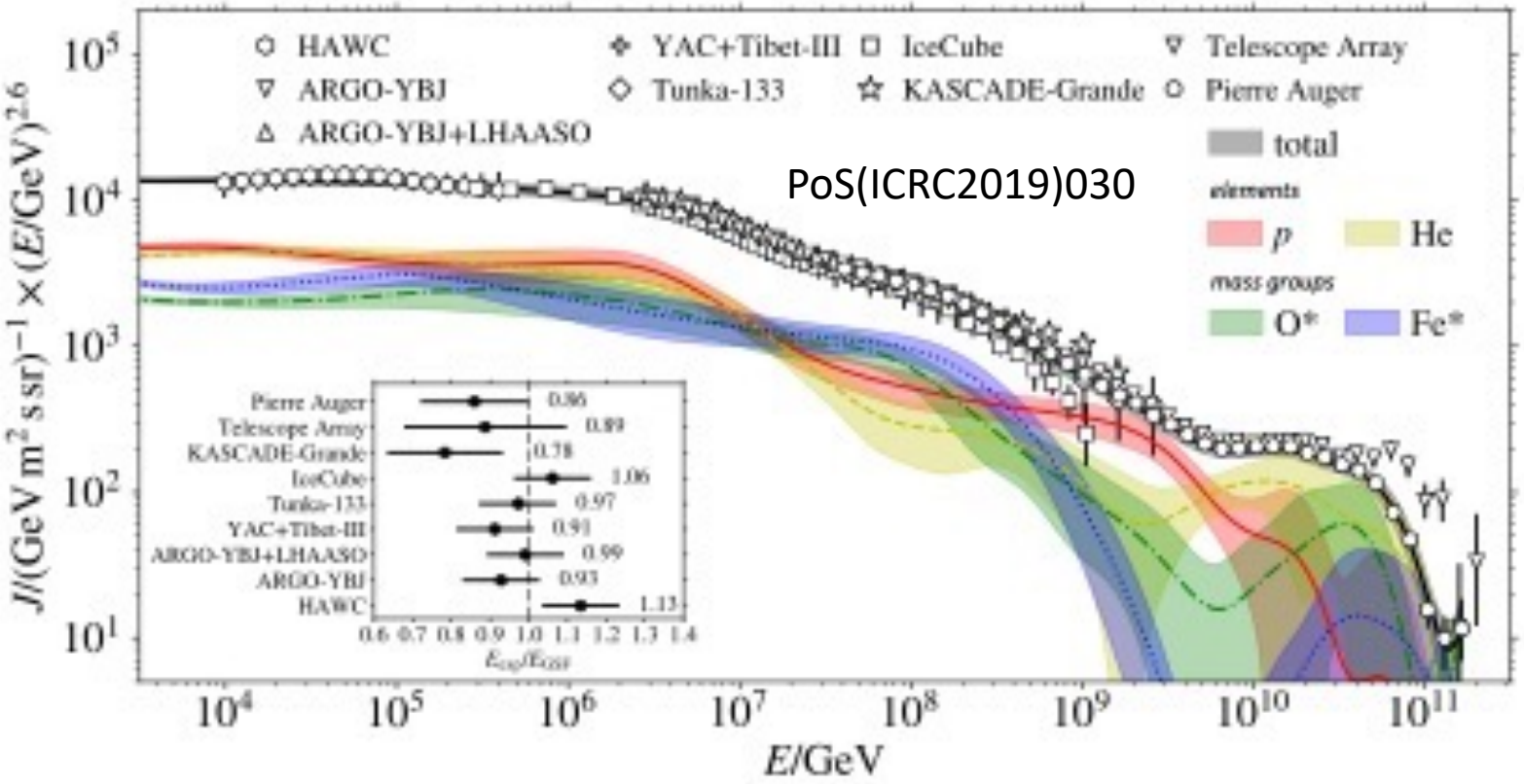

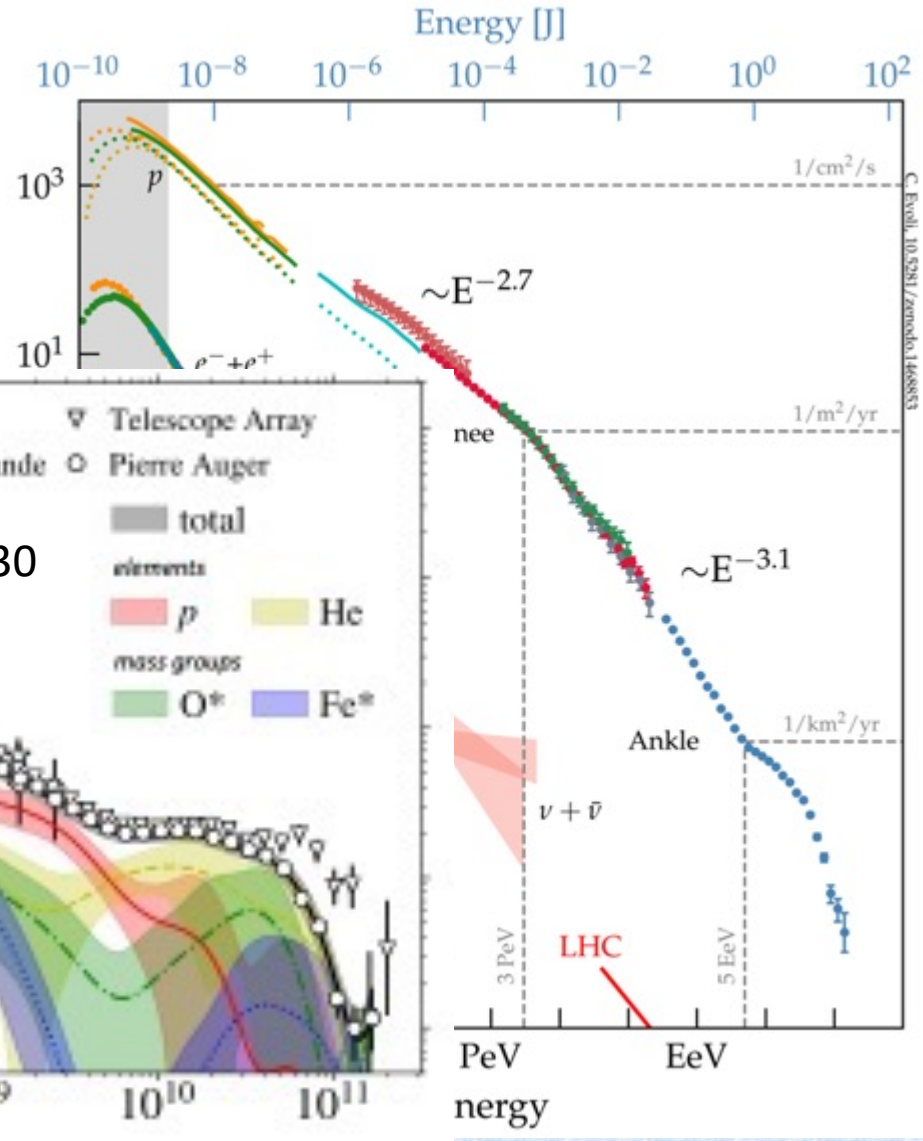

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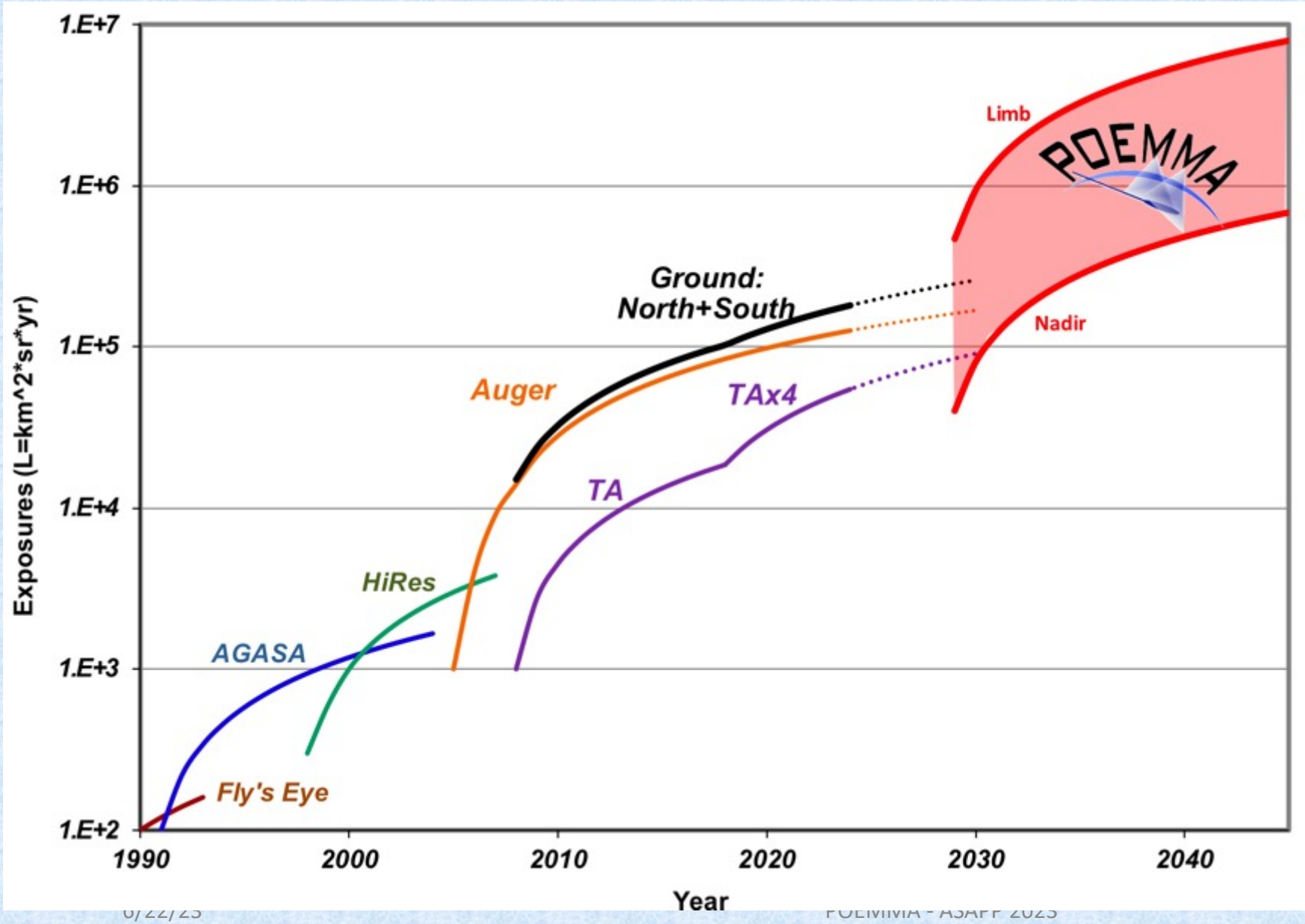

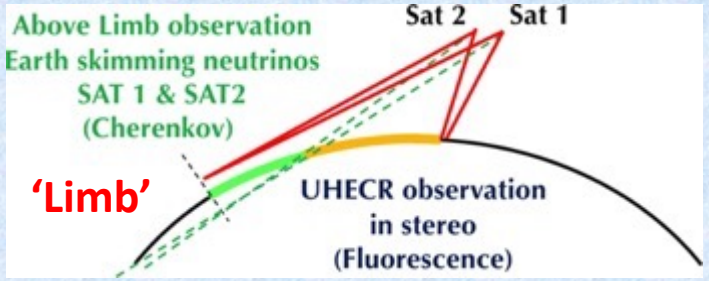

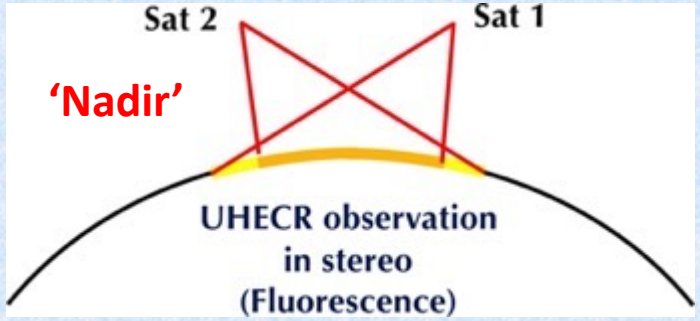

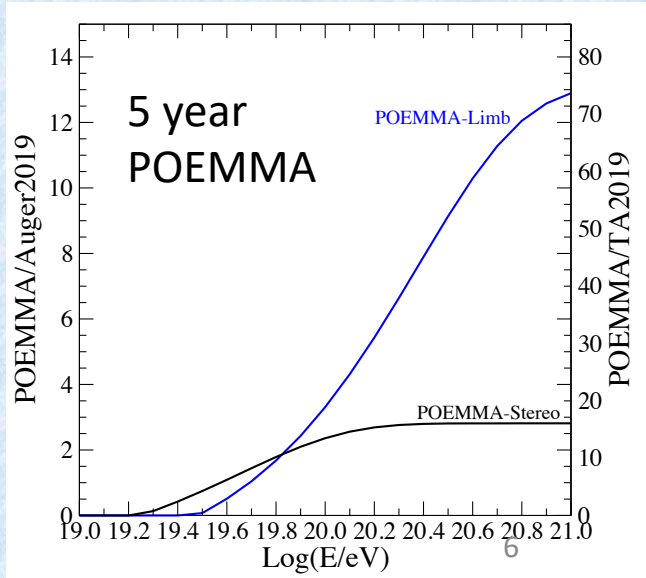

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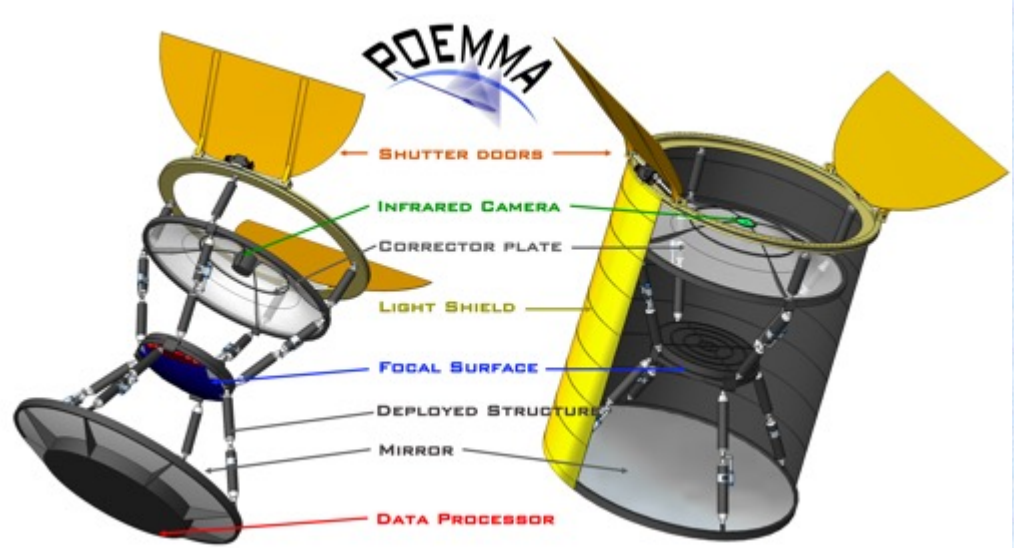


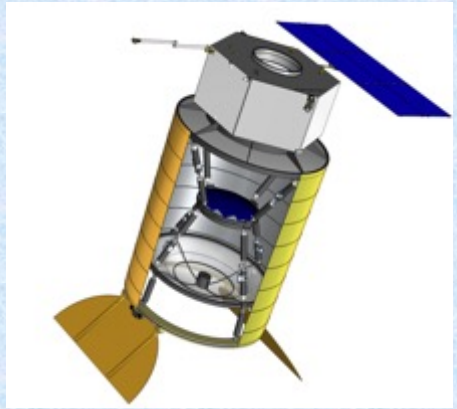
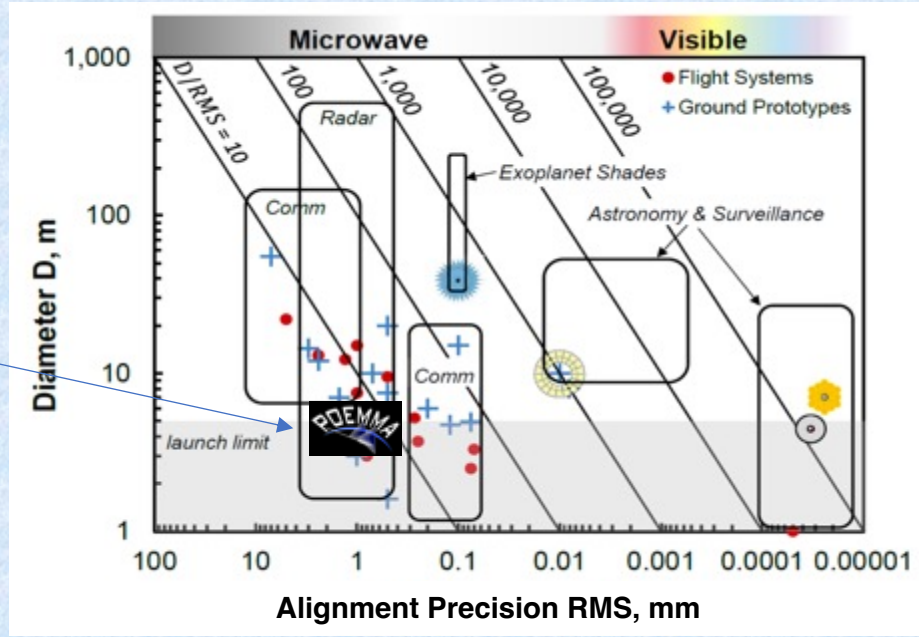


TABLE I: POEMMA Specifications:

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^2	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

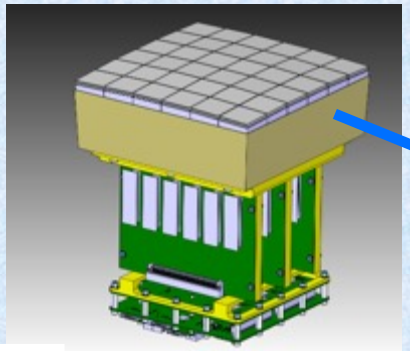
Each Observatory = Photometer + Spacecraft; POEMMA Mission = 2 Observatories

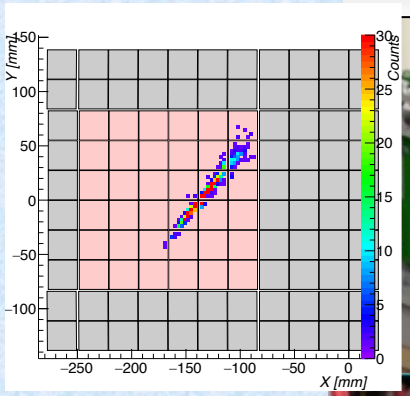


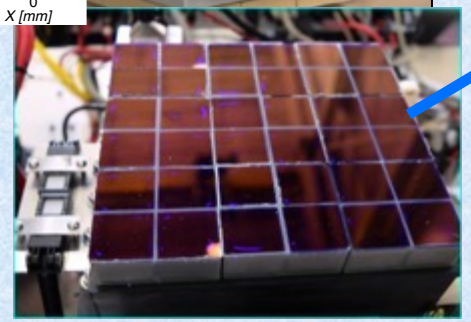
Imaging ~10^4 away from diffraction limit

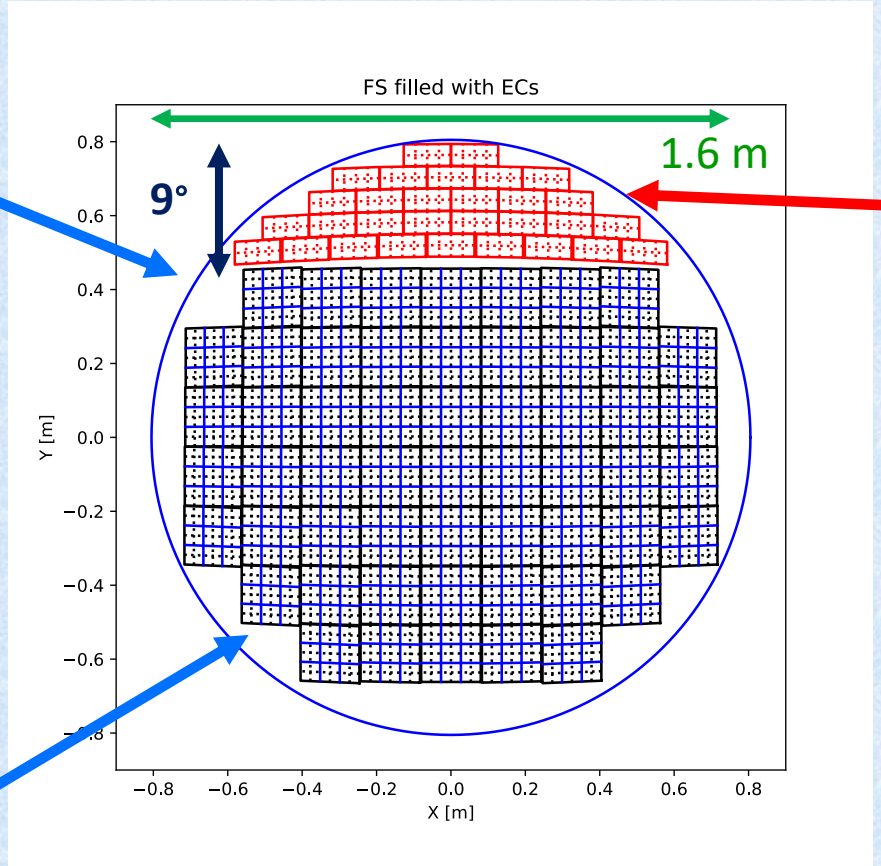
POEMMA: Hybrid Focal Plane

UV Fluorescence Detection using MAPMTs with BG3 filter (300 – 500 nm) developed by JEM-EUSO: 1 usec sampling, 3 mm pixel size





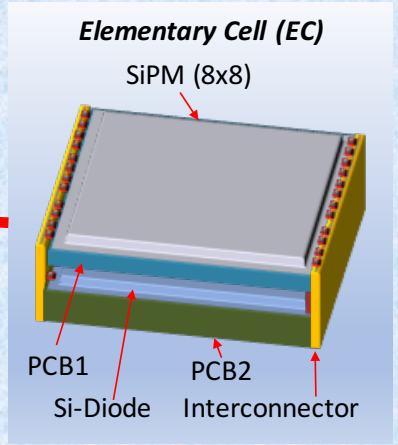




55 Photo Detector Modules (PDMs)= 126,720 pixels

1 PDM = 36 MAPMTs = 2,304 pixels

Cherenkov Detection with SiPMs (300 – 1000 nm): 10 nsec sampling



30 SiPM focal surface units
Total 15,360 pixels
512 pixels per FSU (64x4x2)
3 mm pixel size

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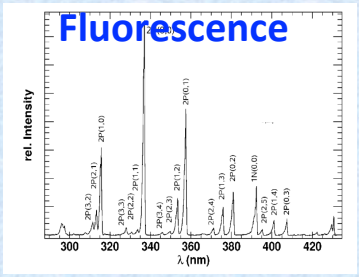

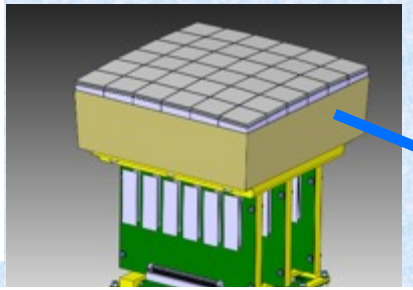

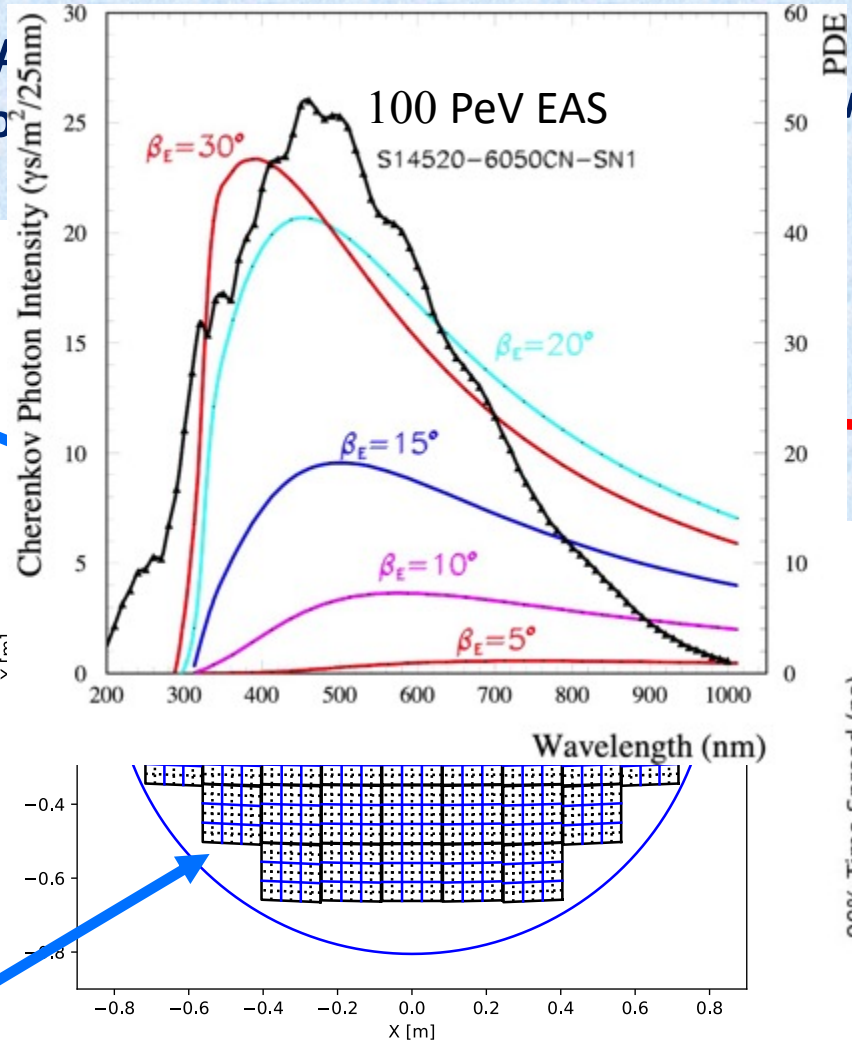

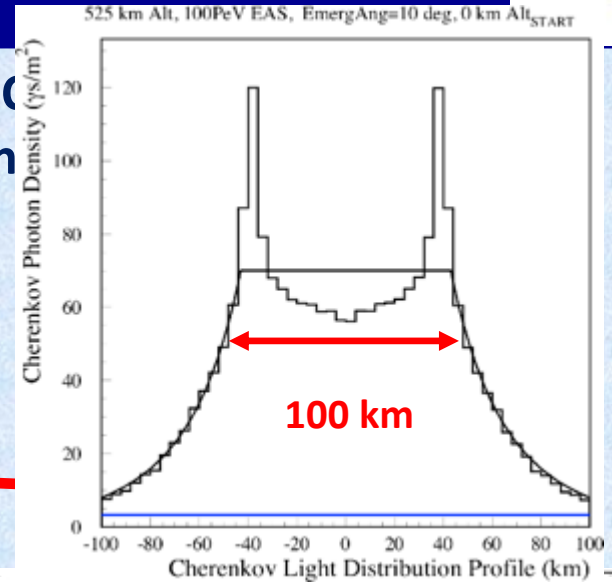

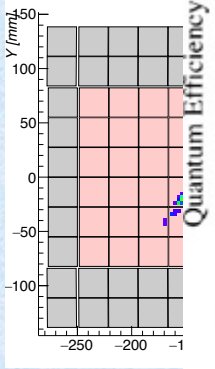

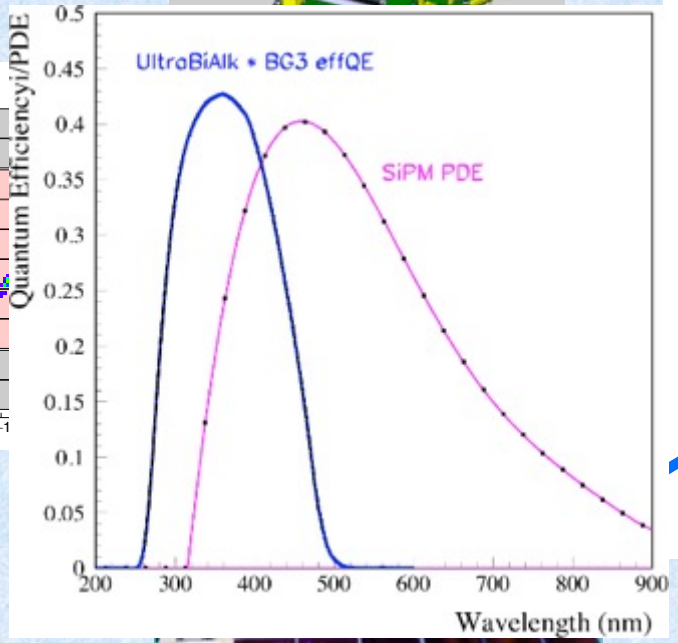

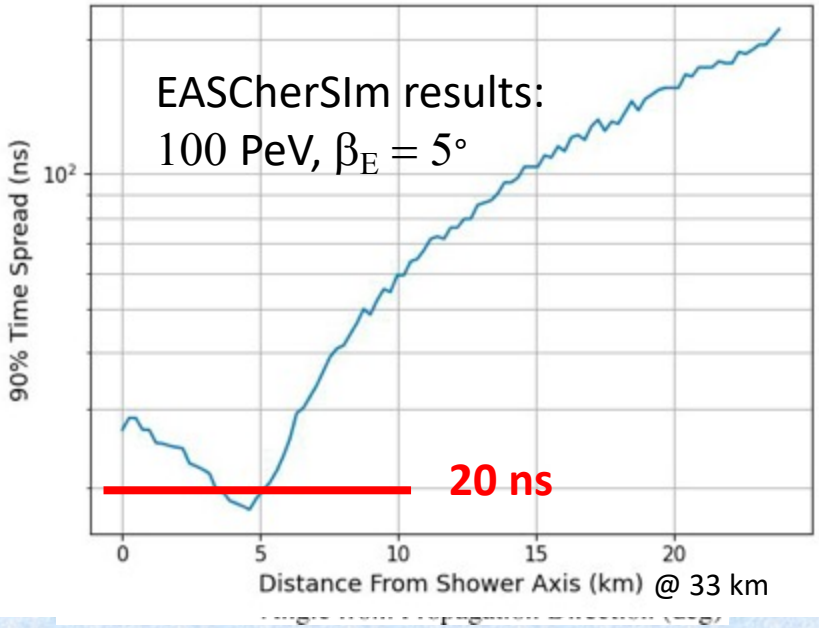

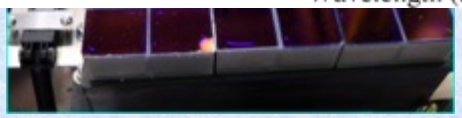

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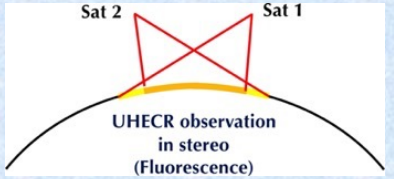
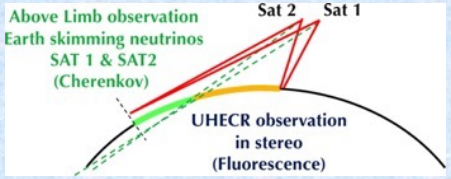
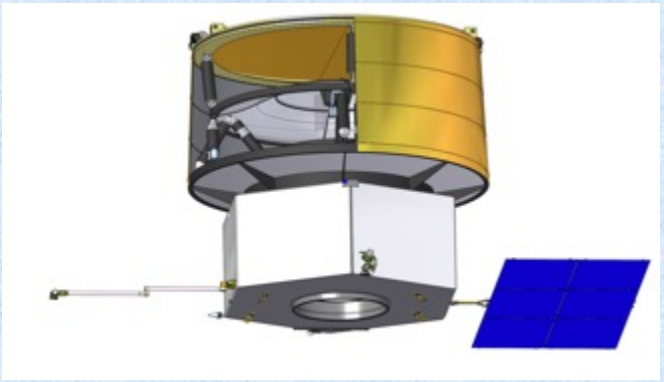
Mission Lifetime:	3 years (5 year goal)
Orbits:	525 km, 28.5° Inc
Orbit Period:	95 min
Satellite Separation:	~25 km – 1000+ km
Satellite Position:	1 m (knowledge)
Pointing Resolution:	**0.1°**
Pointing Knowledge:	**0.01°**
Slew Rate:	**8 min for 90°**
Satellite Wet Mass:	3860 kg
Power:	1250 W (w/contig)
Data:	< 1 GB/day
Data Storage:	7 days
Communication:	S-band
Clock synch (timing):	10 nsec

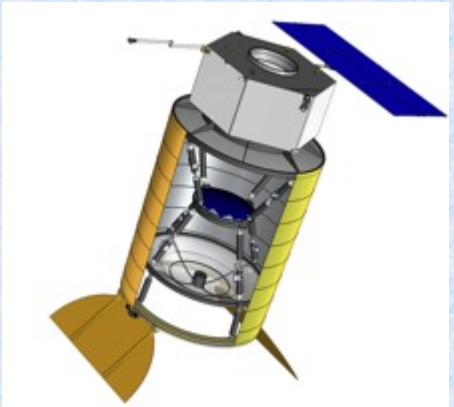
Flight Dynamics/Propulsion:

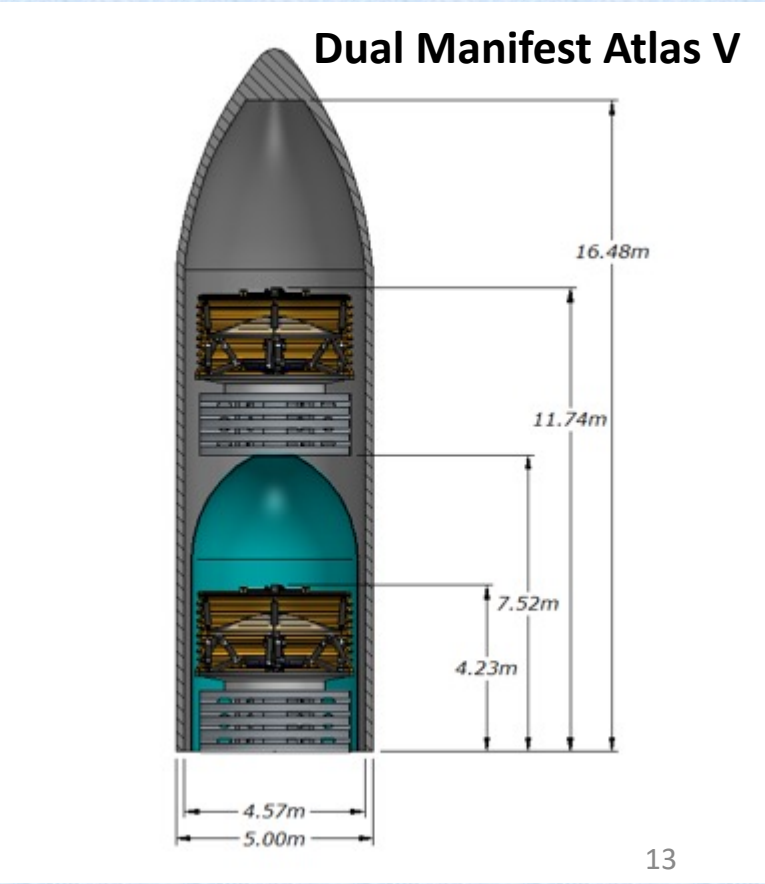
- 300 km ⟹ 25 km SatSep
  - Puts both in CherLight Pool
- Δt = 3 hr: 8 – 15 times
- Δt = 24 hr: 90 times







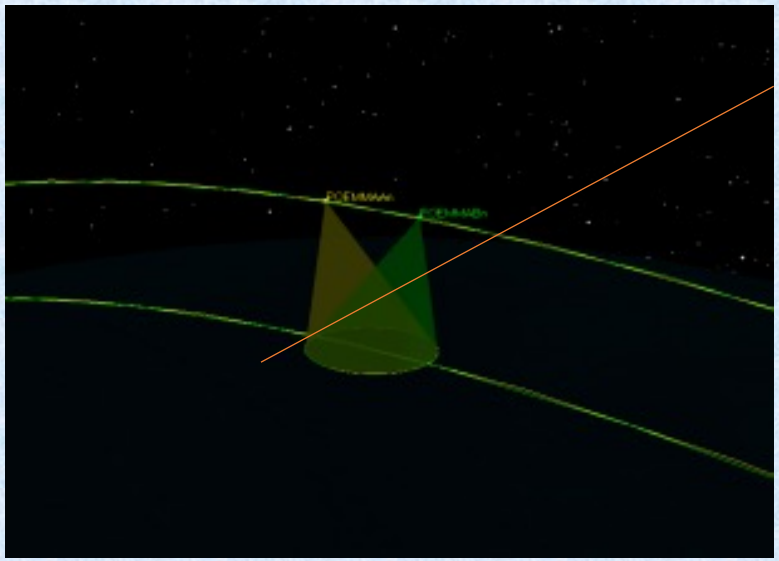




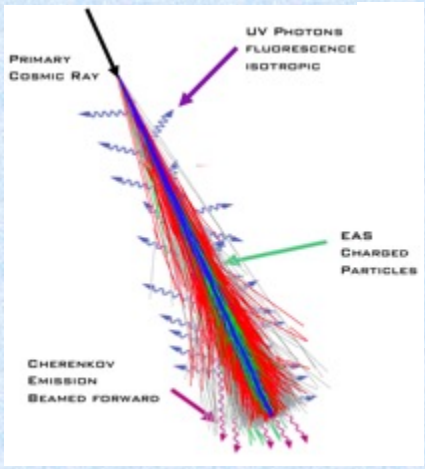
Operations:

- Each satellite collects data autonomously
- Coincidences analyzed on the ground
- View the Earth at near-moonless nights, charge in day and telemeter data to ground
- ToO Mode: dedicated com uplink to re-orient satellites if desired

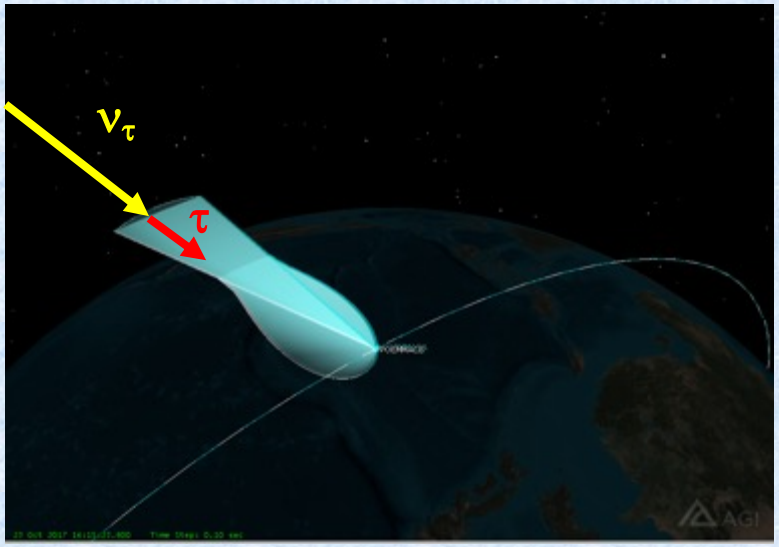
POEMMA Operational Modes: UHECR Stereo versus Limb-viewing Neutrino



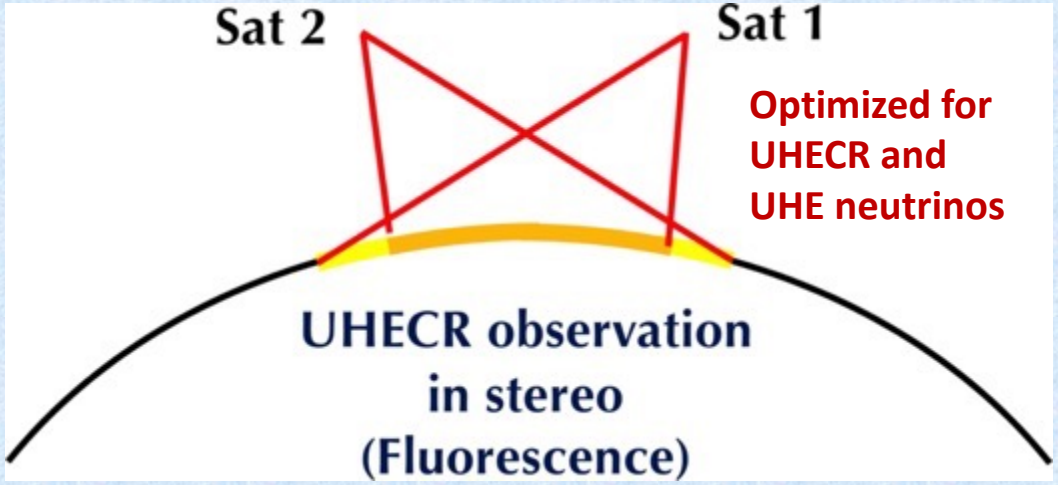
Stereo Viewing of UHECRs E ≳ 20 EeV
via Fluoresence: 10's of μsec timescale



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



Upward τ-lepton EAS E ≳ 20 PeV
via Cherenkov: ~10 nsec timescale



Optimized for
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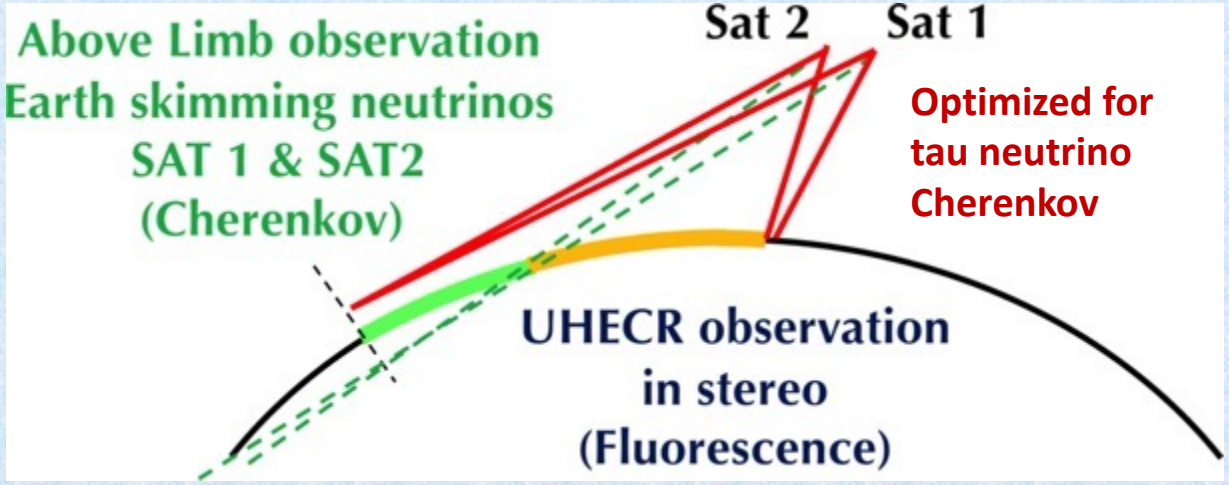

Optimized for
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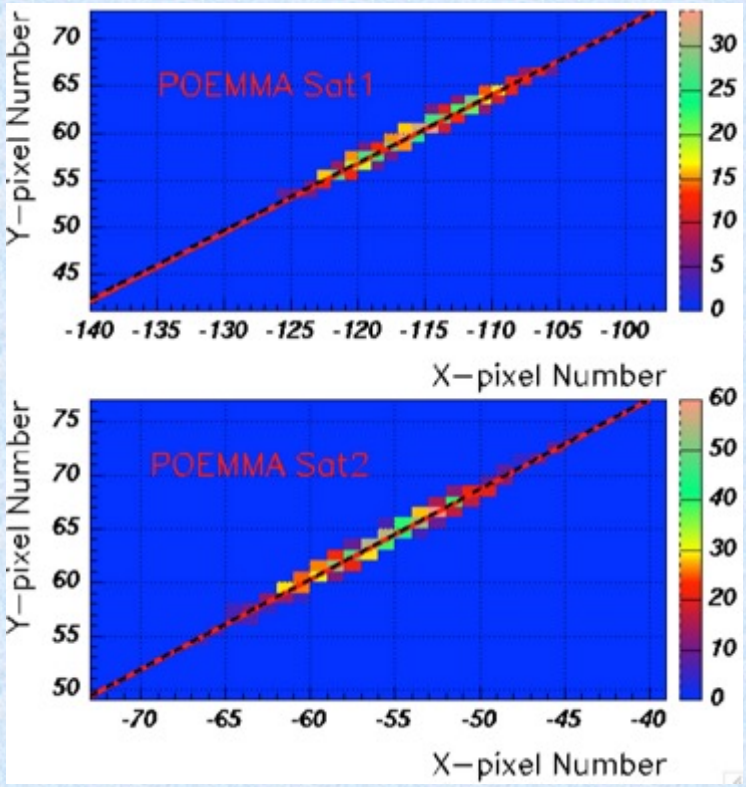
Cherenkov

POEMMA UHECR Performance: Stereo Reconstructed Angular Resolution



50 EeV simulated event

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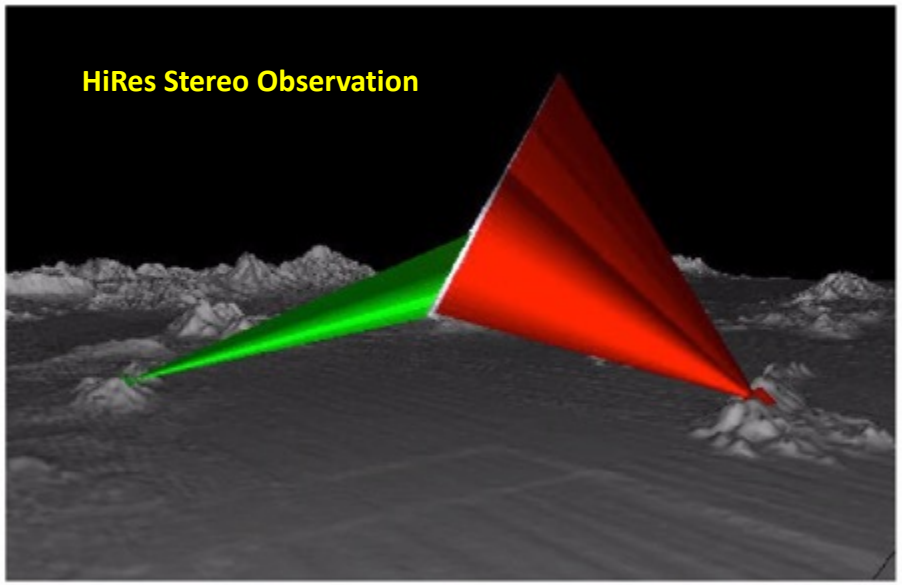
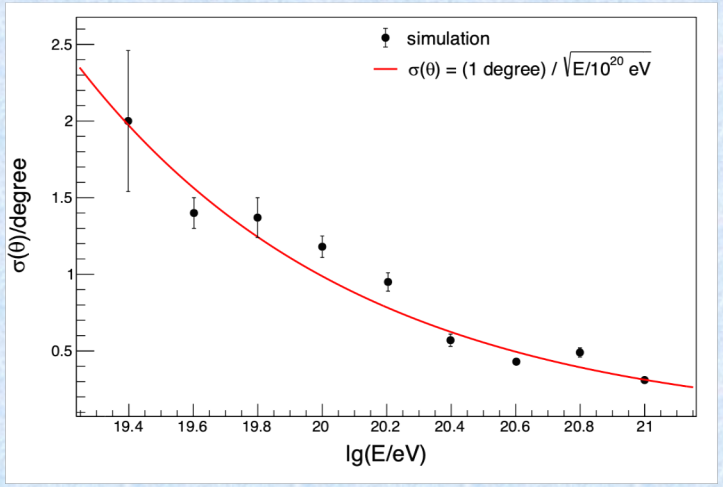
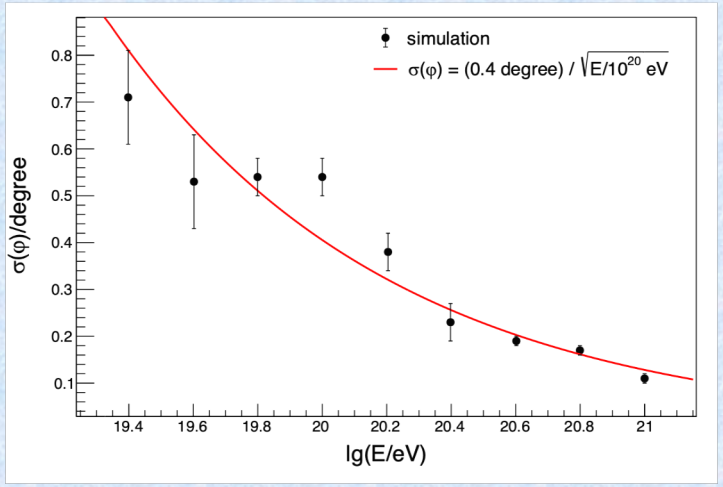


Stereo Geometric Reconstruction

- Intersection of EAS-detector planes defines the EAS trajectory
- Requires minimum opening angle between planes $\gtrsim 5°$
- With track selection → 80% reconstruction efficiency
- $FoV_{PIX} = 0.084°$ coupled with small RMS spot size allows for precise determination



Stereo Reconstructed Zenith Angle Resolution



Stereo Reconstructed Azimuth Angle Resolution

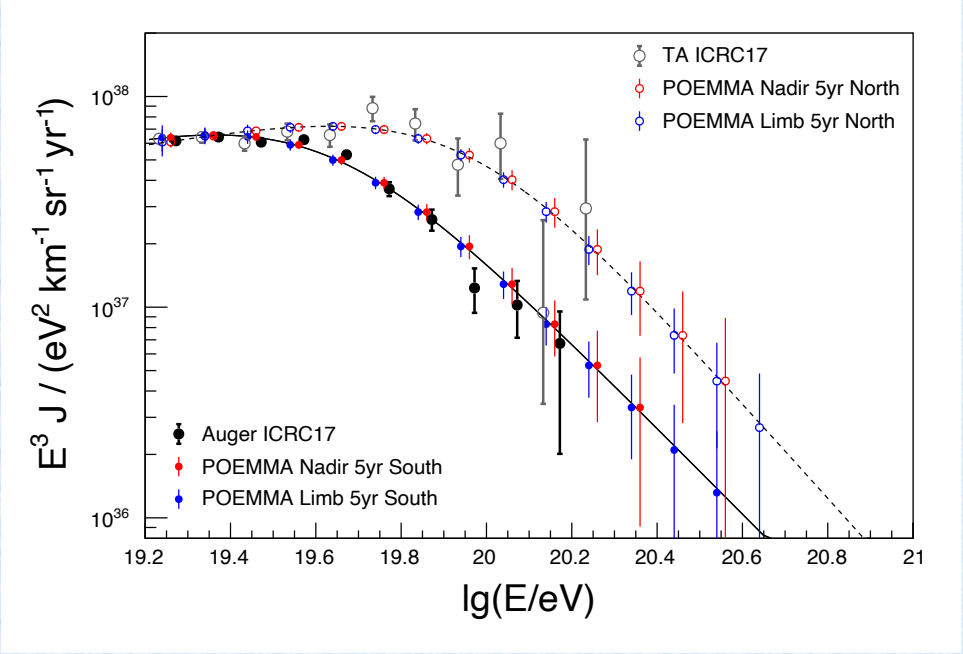
POEMMA: UHECR Performance: *see PhysRevD.101.023012*

Significant increase in exposure with all-sky coverage

Uniform sky coverage to *guarantee the discovery of UHECR sources*

Spectrum, Composition, Anisotropy: **E_{CR} > 20 EeV**

Very good energy (< 20%), angular ($\lesssim 1.2^\circ$), and composition ($\sigma_{Xmax} \lesssim 30$ g/cm^2) resolutions



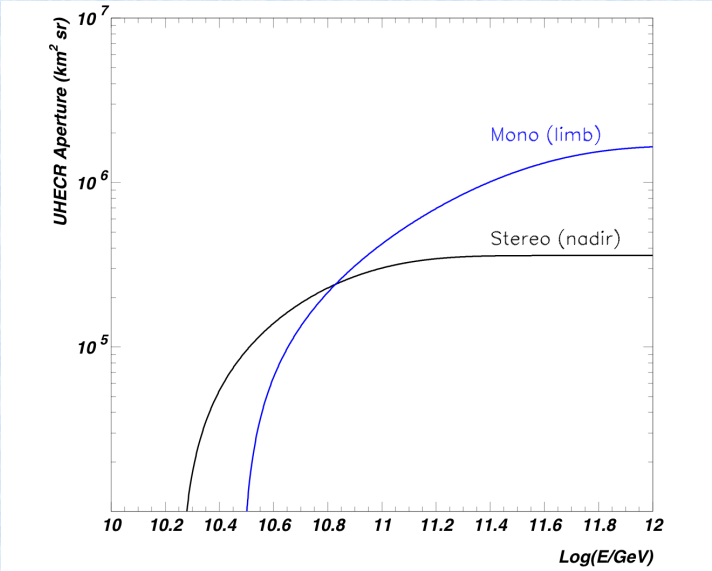
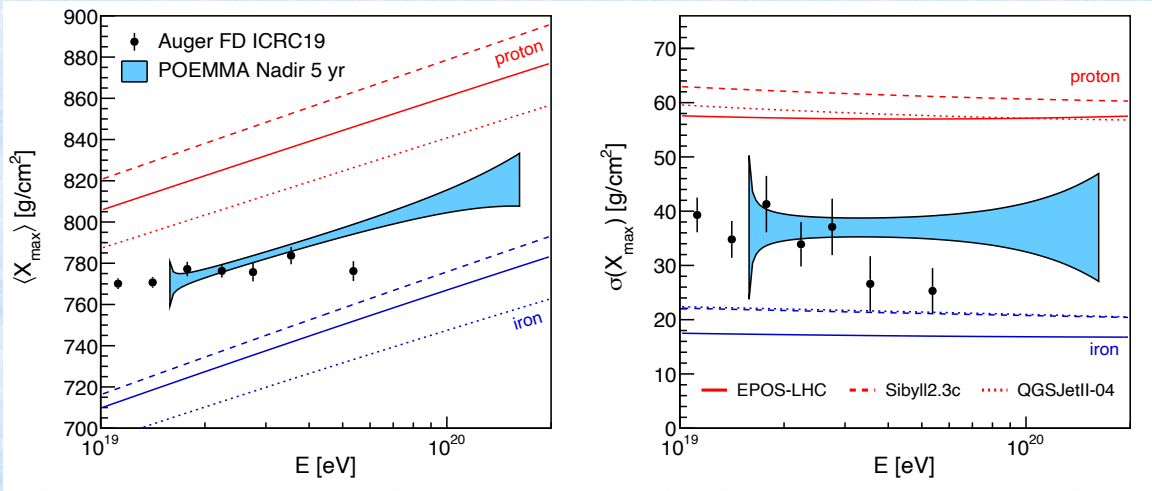


FIG. 10: The simulated UHECR aperture after event reconstruction for POEMMA for stereo mode and tilted mode.

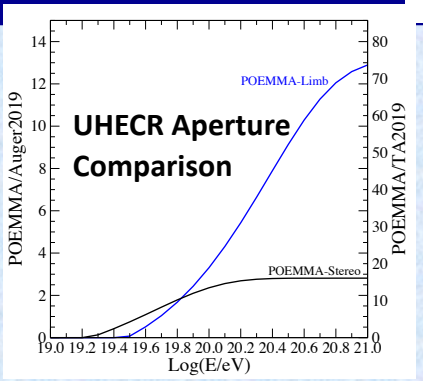


Auger-inspired Composition Evolution Model

POEMMA: UHECR Sky Coverage (isotropic UHECR flux)

Significant increase in exposure with all-sky coverage

Uniform sky coverage to *guarantee the discovery of UHECR sources*



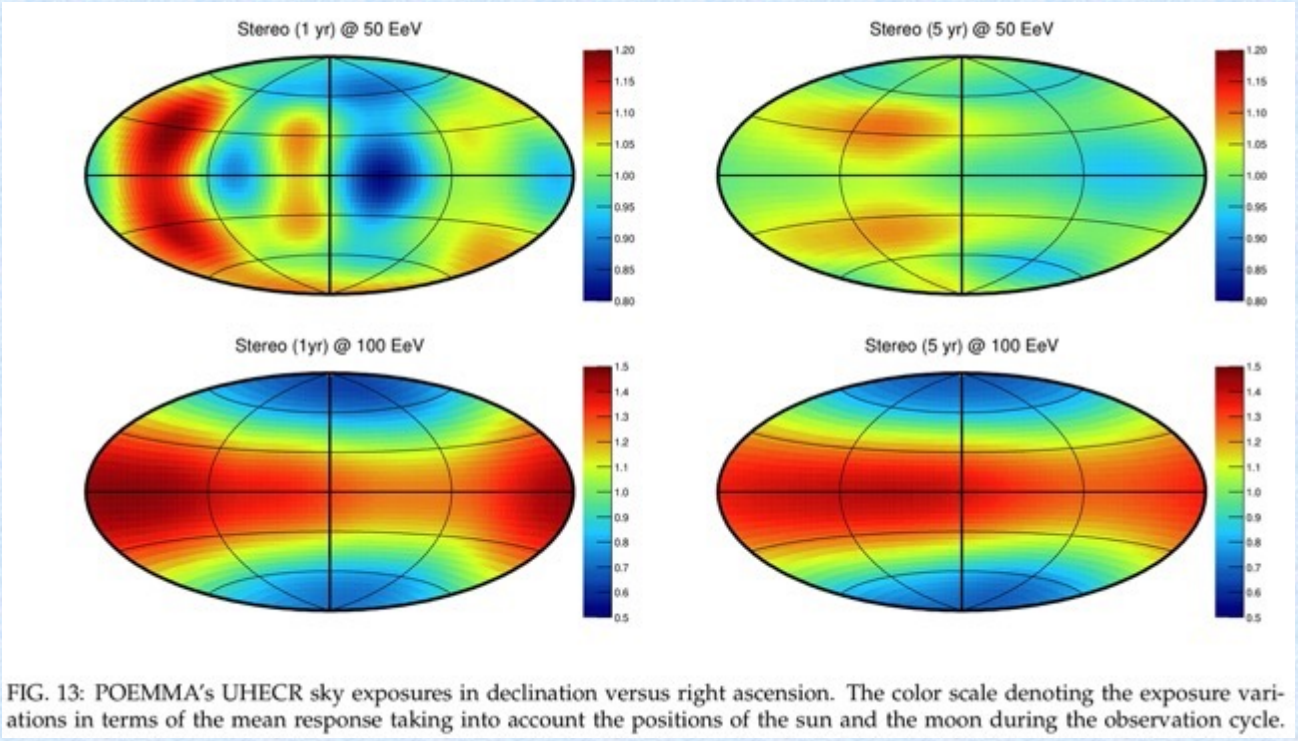
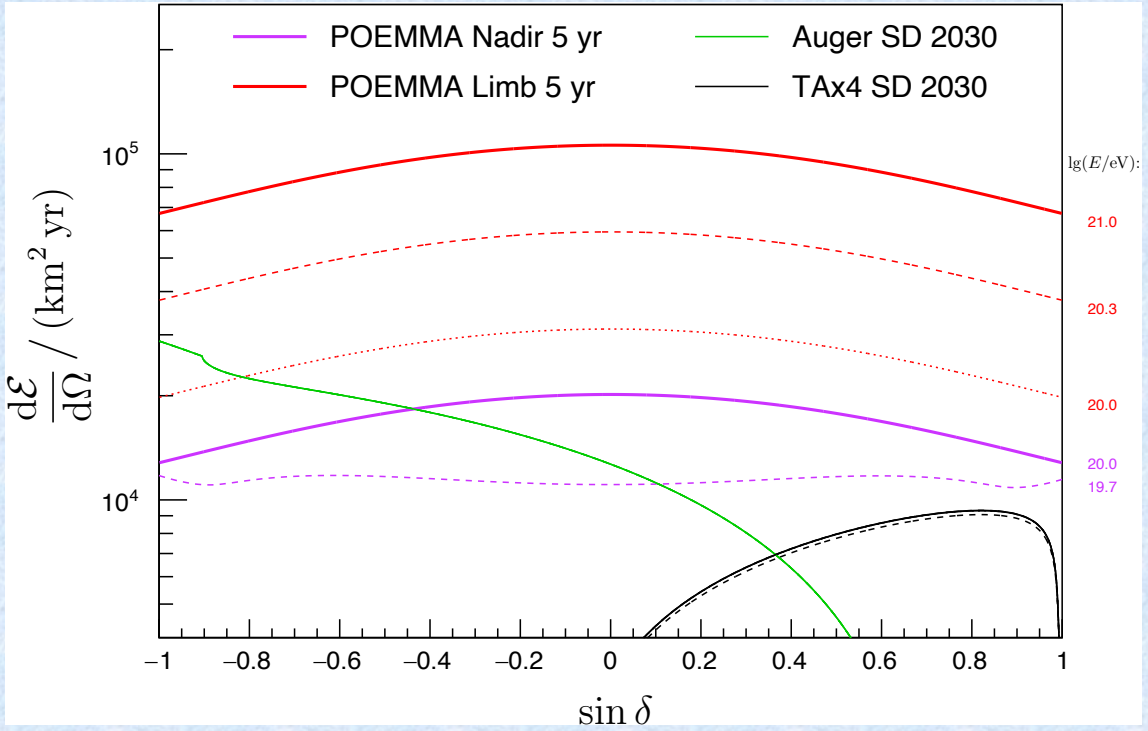
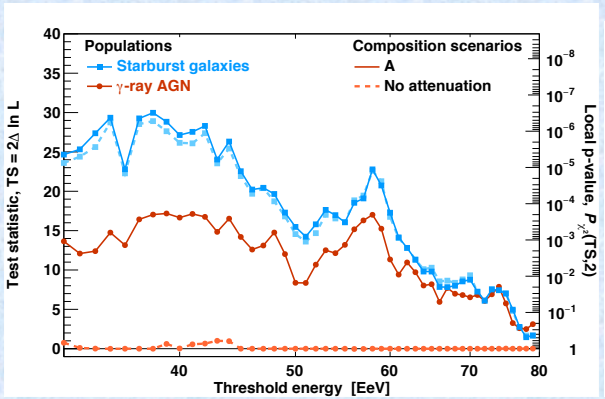


FIG. 13: POEMMA's UHECR sky exposures in declination versus right ascension. The color scale denoting the exposure variations in terms of the mean response taking into account the positions of the sun and the moon during the observation cycle.



POEMMA: UHECR Anisotropy Analysis *see PhysRevD.101.023012*

15° Angular Spread, 10% StarBurst Fraction



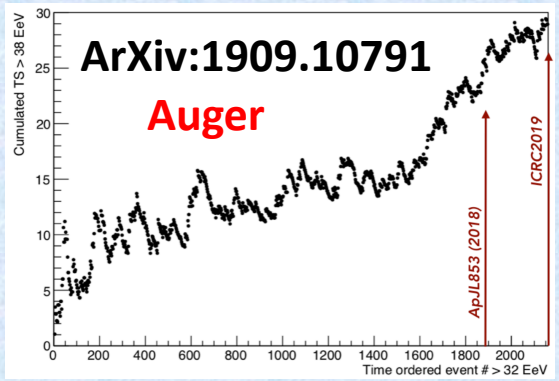


Figure 11: Left: Maximum likelihood-ratio as a function of energy threshold for the models based on SBGs and γAGNs. The results are shown in the attenuation (full line) and no-attenuation (dashed line) scenarios. Right: Cumulated test statistics for $E_{\rm thr} = 38$ EeV as a function of the time ordered number of events (for the SBG-only model). The number of events at the time of [39] and of this conference are indicated by the red arrows.

TABLE II. TS values for scenarios with $\Theta = 15°$.

Catalog	$f_{\rm sig}$	TS	σ
SBG	5%	6.2	2.0
	10%	24.7	4.6
	15%	54.2	7.1
	20%	92.9	9.4
2MRS	5%	2.4	1.0
	10%	8.7	2.5
	15%	20.0	4.1
	20%	35.2	5.6
Swift-BAT AGN	5%	10.4	2.8
	10%	39.6	6.0
	15%	82.4	8.8
	20%	139.3	11.6

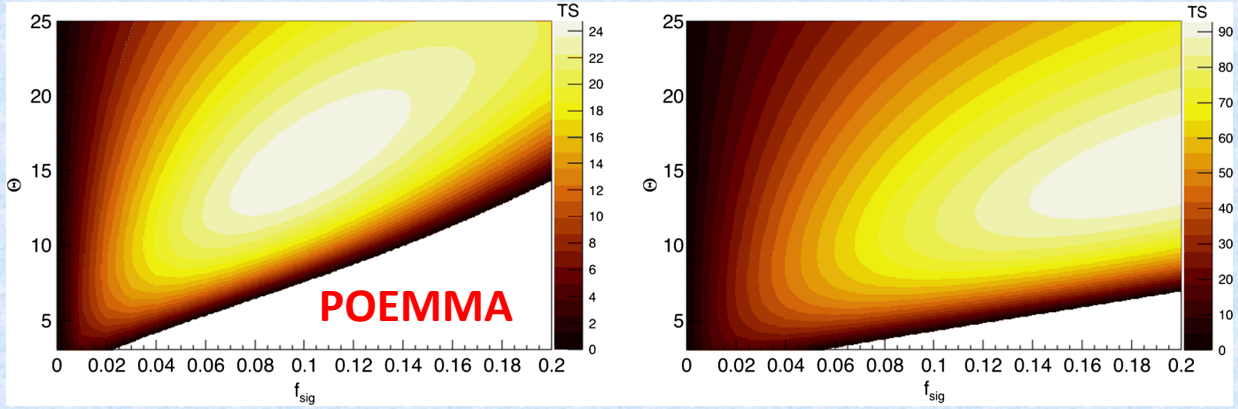


FIG. 24. TS profile for 1400 events for a particular scenario using the starburst source sky map in Fig. 23. In the scenario pictured here, the fraction of events drawn from the source sky map is $f = 10\%$ (left) and 20% (right), and the angular spread is $\Theta = 15°$.

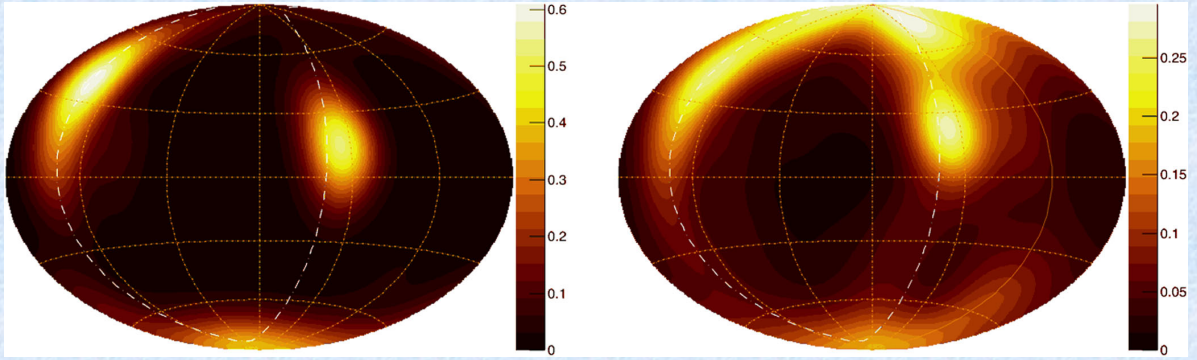


FIG. 23. Left: Skymap of nearby starburst galaxies from Refs. [35,103] weighted by radio flux at 1.4 GHz, the attenuation factor accounting for energy losses incurred by UHECRs through propagation, and the exposure of POEMMA. The map has been smoothed using a von Miser-Fisher distribution with concentration parameter corresponding to a search radius of 15.0° as found in Ref. [35]. The color scale indicates $\mathcal{F}_{\rm src}$, the probability density of the source sky map, as a function of position on the sky. The white dot-dashed line indicates the supergalactic plane. Right: Same as at left for nearby galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [105] and weighting by K-band flux corrected for Galactic extinction.

POEMMA: Air fluorescence Neutrino Sensitivity: *see PhysRevD.101.023012*

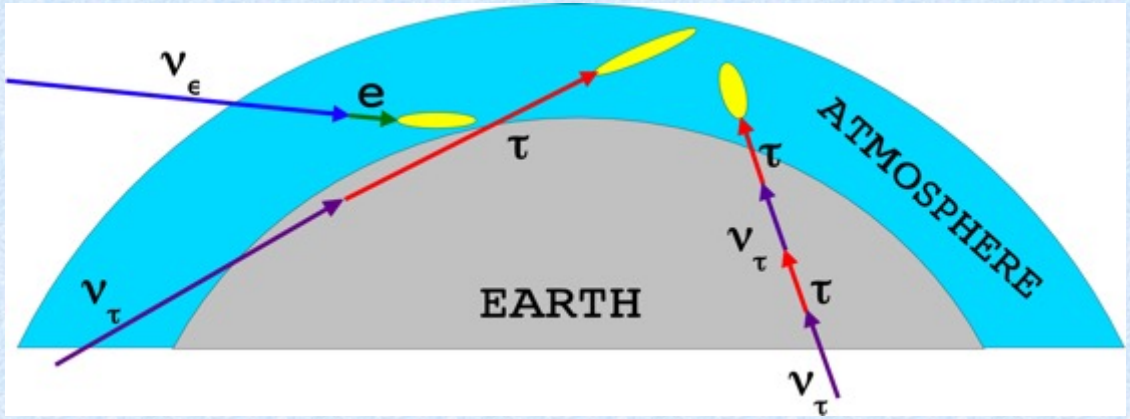
Effectively comes for free in stereo UHECR mode

Assumptions:

- CC ν_e : 100% E_ν in EAS
- CC ν_μ & ν_τ : 20% E_ν in EAS ($\gamma c\tau_\tau \approx 5000$ km)
- NC ν_e & ν_μ & ν_τ : 20% E_ν in EAS

UHECR Background Probabilities (1 event in 5 years):

- Auger Spectrum (100% H): < 1%
- TA Spectrum (100% H): ≈ 4%



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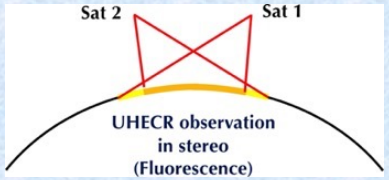
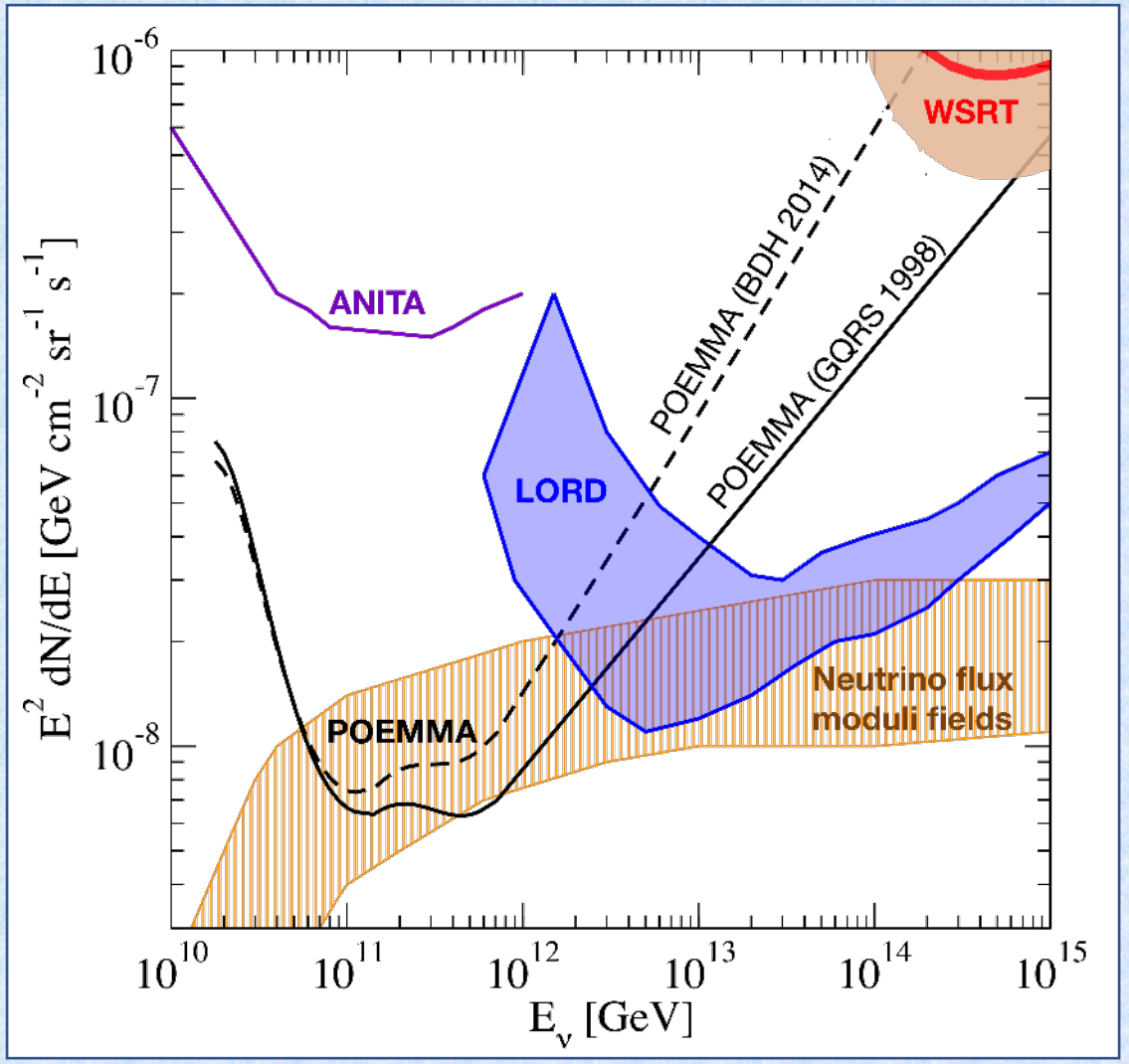


For $E_\nu \gtrsim$ 1 PeV, σ_{CC} & σ_{NC} virtually identical for ν & νbar



POEMMA: Air fluorescence Neutrino Sensitivity: *see PhysRevD.101.023012*

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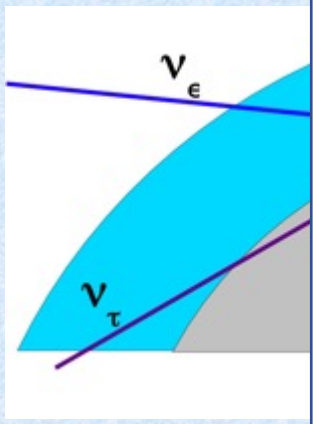

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Indirect dark matter searches at ultrahigh energy neutrino detectors

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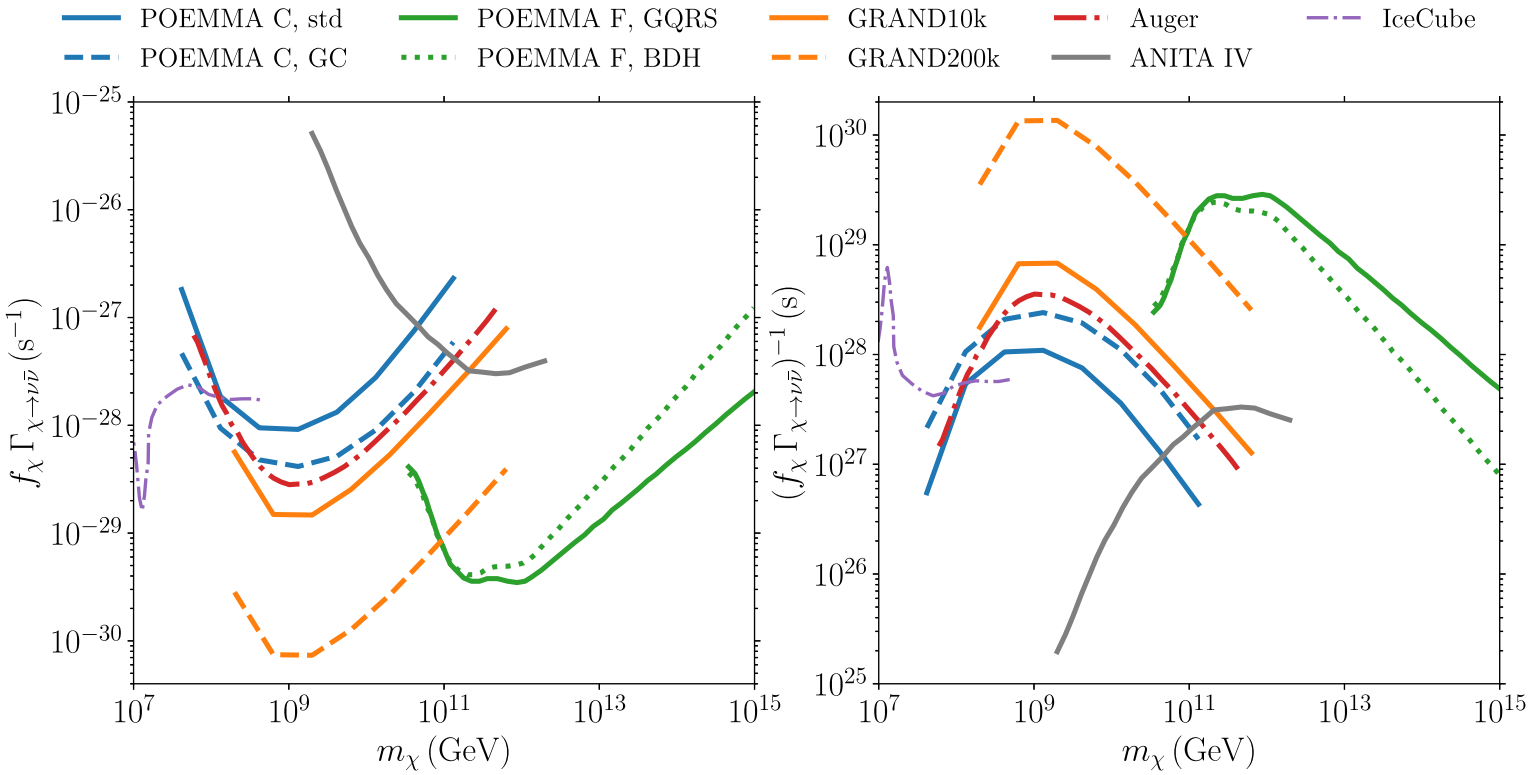
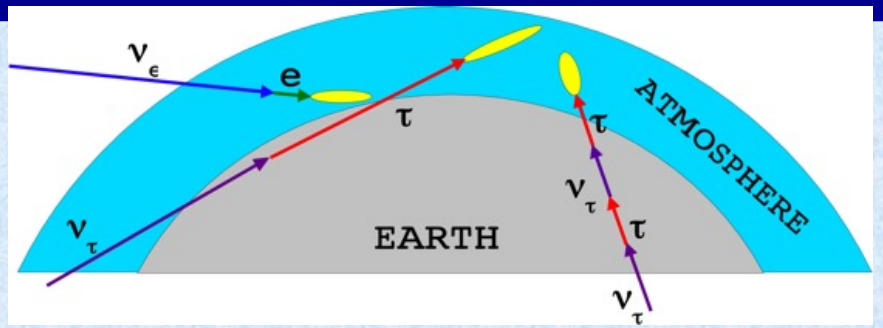
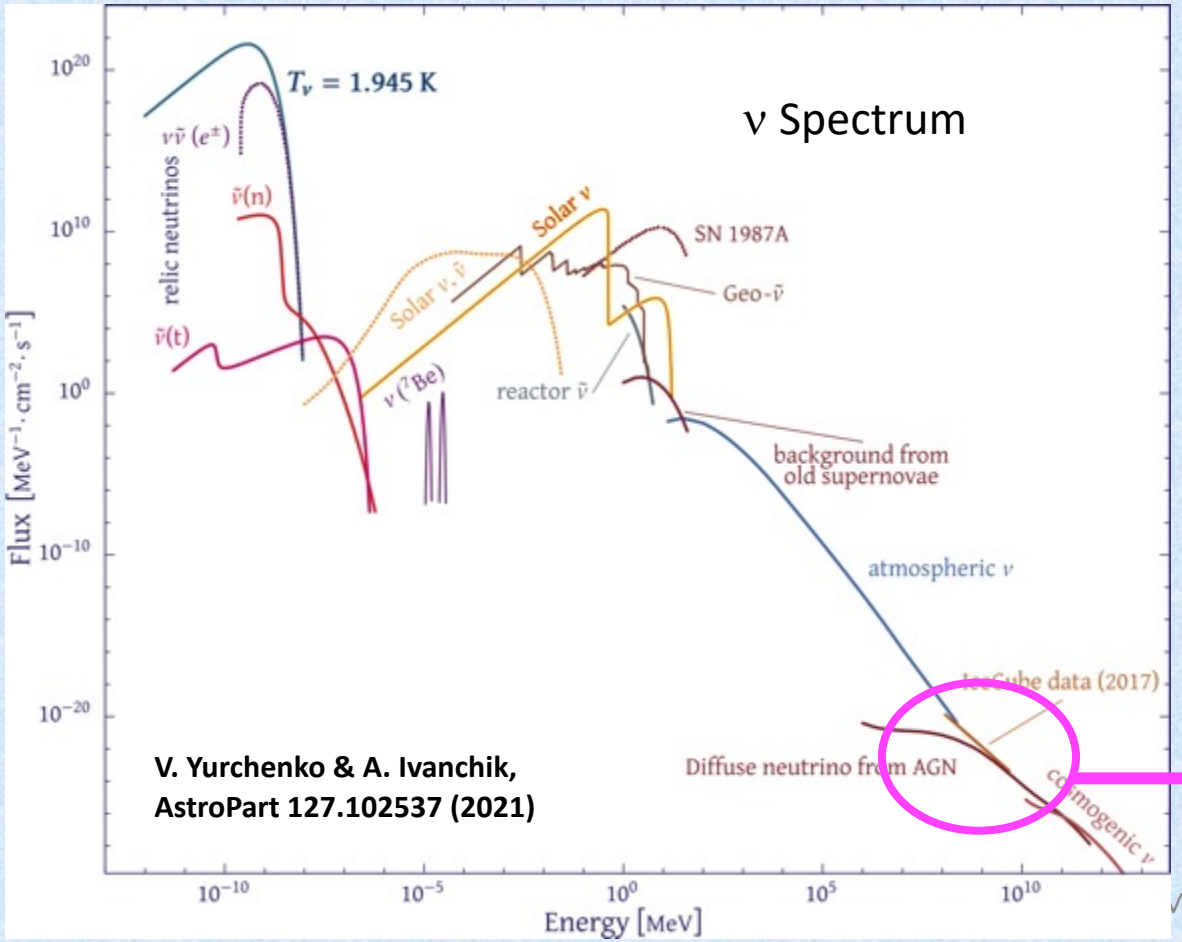


FIG. 4. Sensitivities to dark matter decay width (left) and inverse of the decay width (right), $\nu\bar{\nu}$ channel. Five-year sensitivities of POEMMA for the Cherenkov standard [(std), solid blue] and Galactic Center [(GC), dashed blue], and the fluorescence (green) observation modes, GRAND10k (solid orange), and GRAND200k (dashed orange). Sensitivities of ANITA IV (gray), Auger (dot-dashed red), and the IceCube [84] (dot-dashed purple). Allowed regions are below (above) the curves in the left (right) figure.

Cosmic Neutrino Sources and Optical Cherenkov EAS Detection





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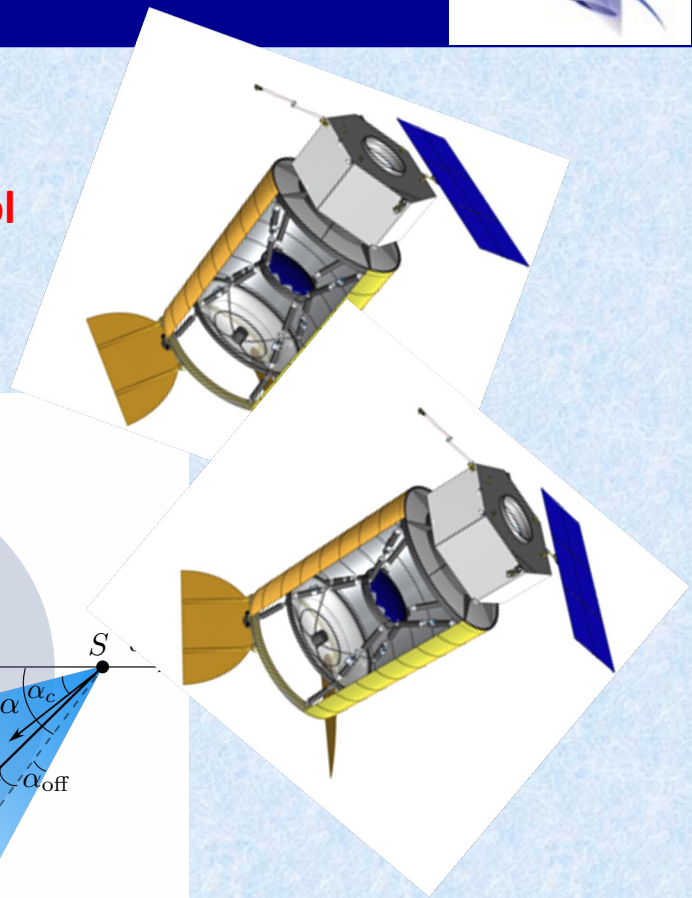
Flight Dynamics/Propulsion:

- 300 km ⟹ 25 km SatSep
  - Puts both in CherLight Pool
- Δt = 3 hr: 8 – 15 times
- Δt = 24 hr: 90 times



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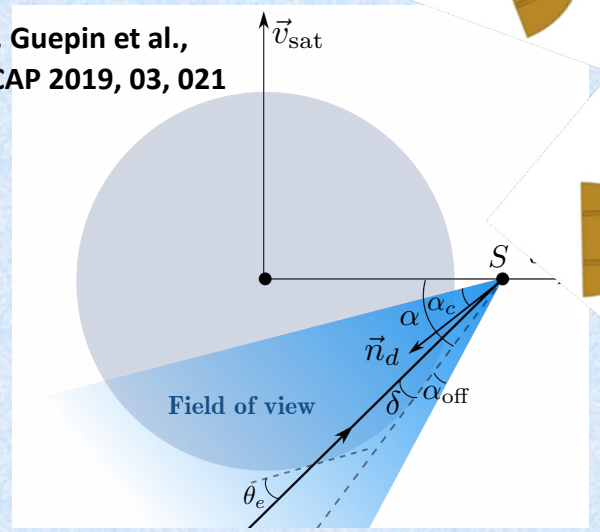


Avionics on each POEMMA satellite allow for slewing : 90° in 500 sec

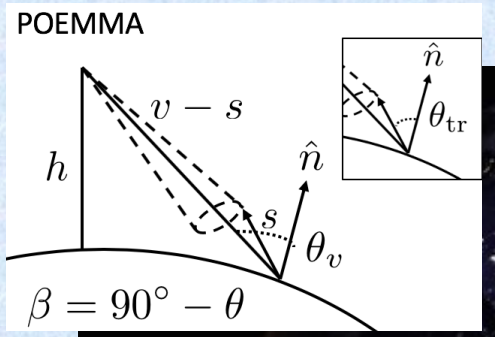
Cosmic ν flux dominates over ATM background ~100 TeV

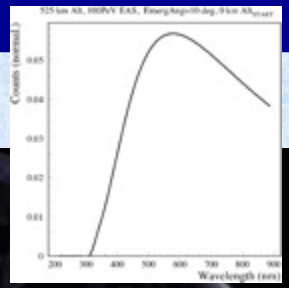
Note: ATM ν flux has a minimal tau neutrino component at high energies.

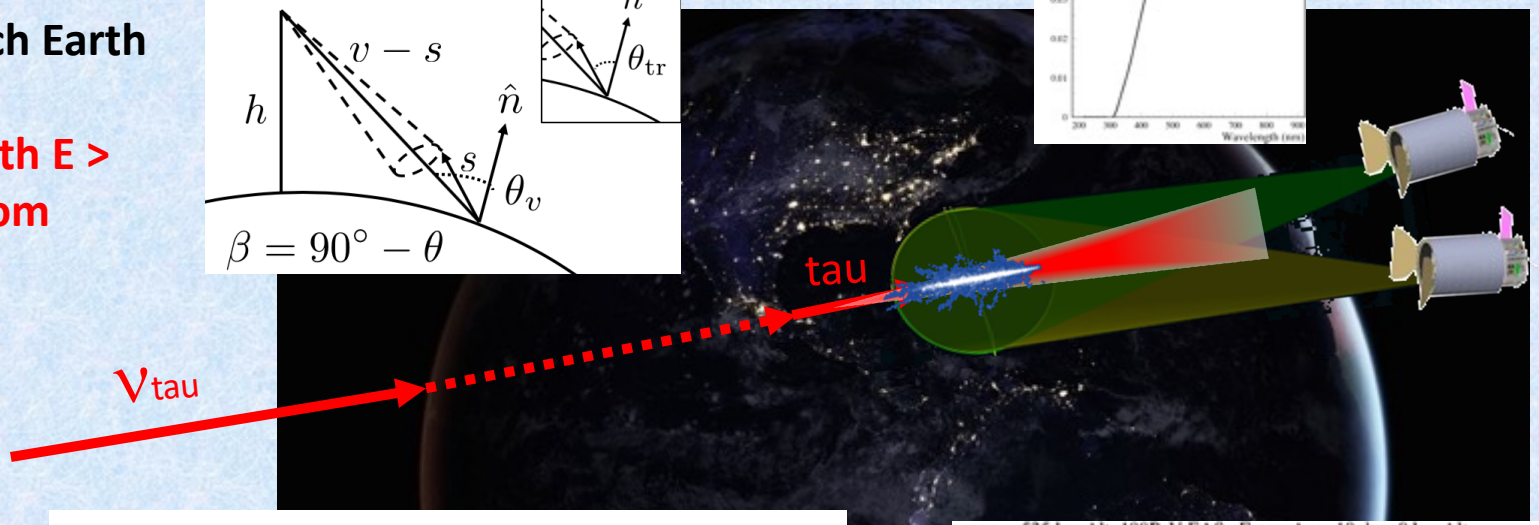
POEMMA Tau Neutrino Detection: *see PhysRevD.100.063010*

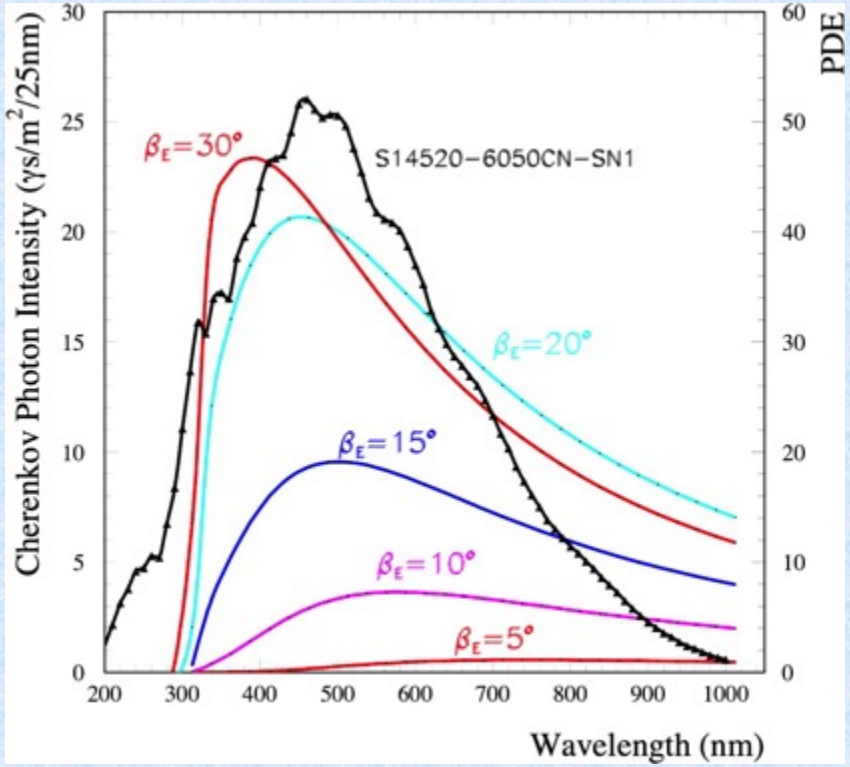
High-Energy Astrophysical Events generates neutrinos (ν_e,ν_μ) and 3 neutrino flavors reach Earth via neutrino oscillations.

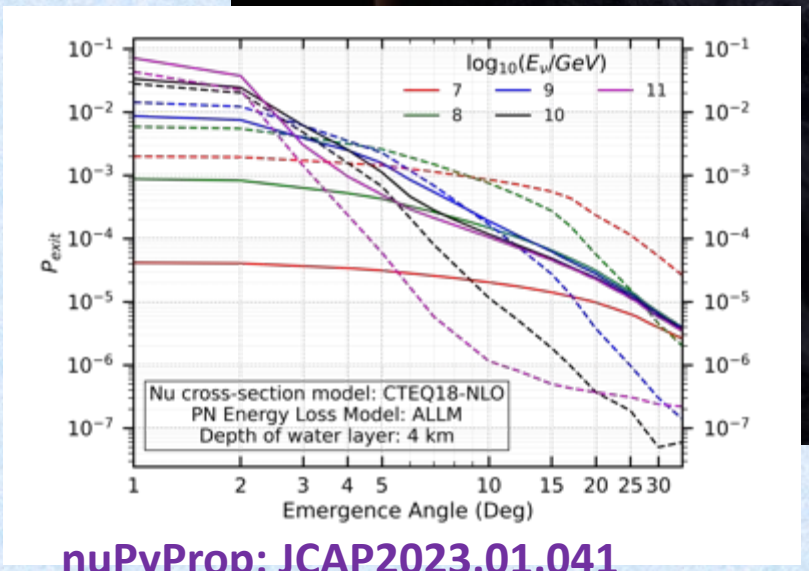
POEMMA designed to observe neutrinos with E > 20 PeV through Cherenkov signal of EASs from Earth-emerging tau decays.











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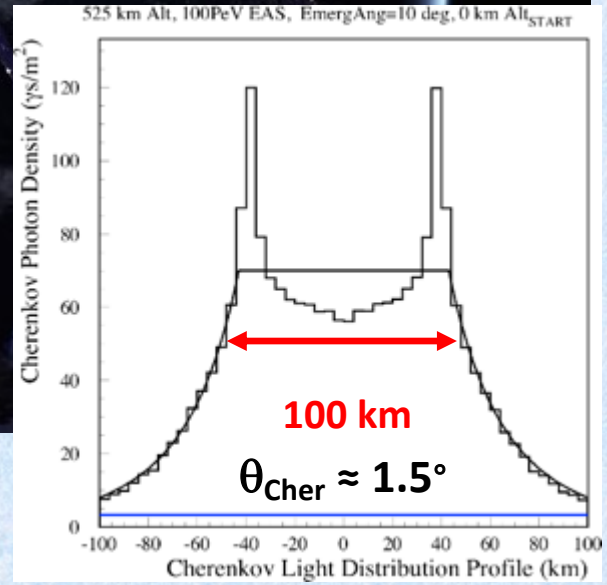
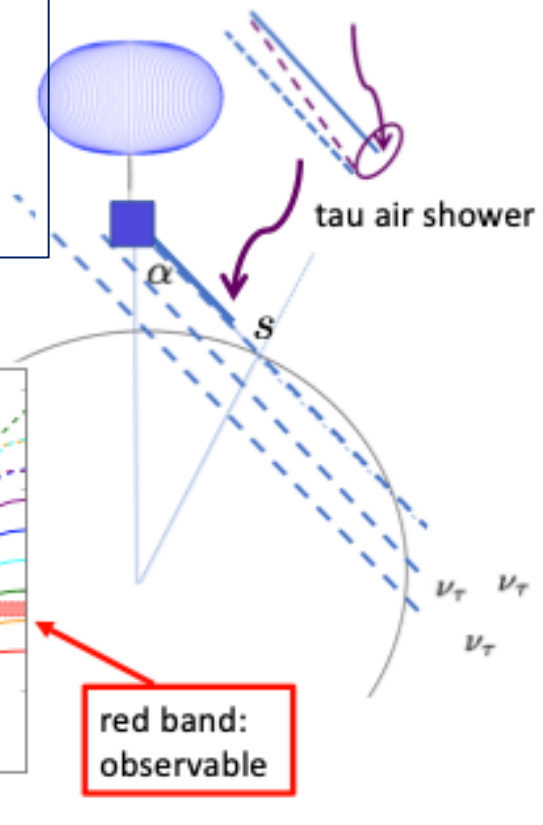


POEMMA Transient Neutrino Detection via external alert

Avionics on each POEMMA satellite slewing (90° in 500 sec) allows to follow source.

$$A_{\rm Ch} = \pi\theta_{\rm Ch}^2 (v-s)^2$$



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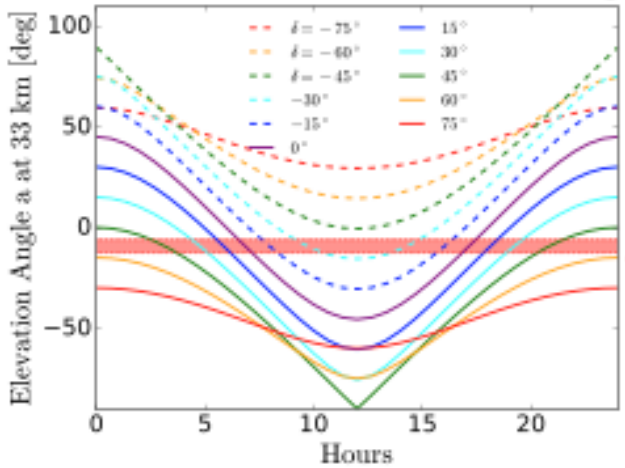

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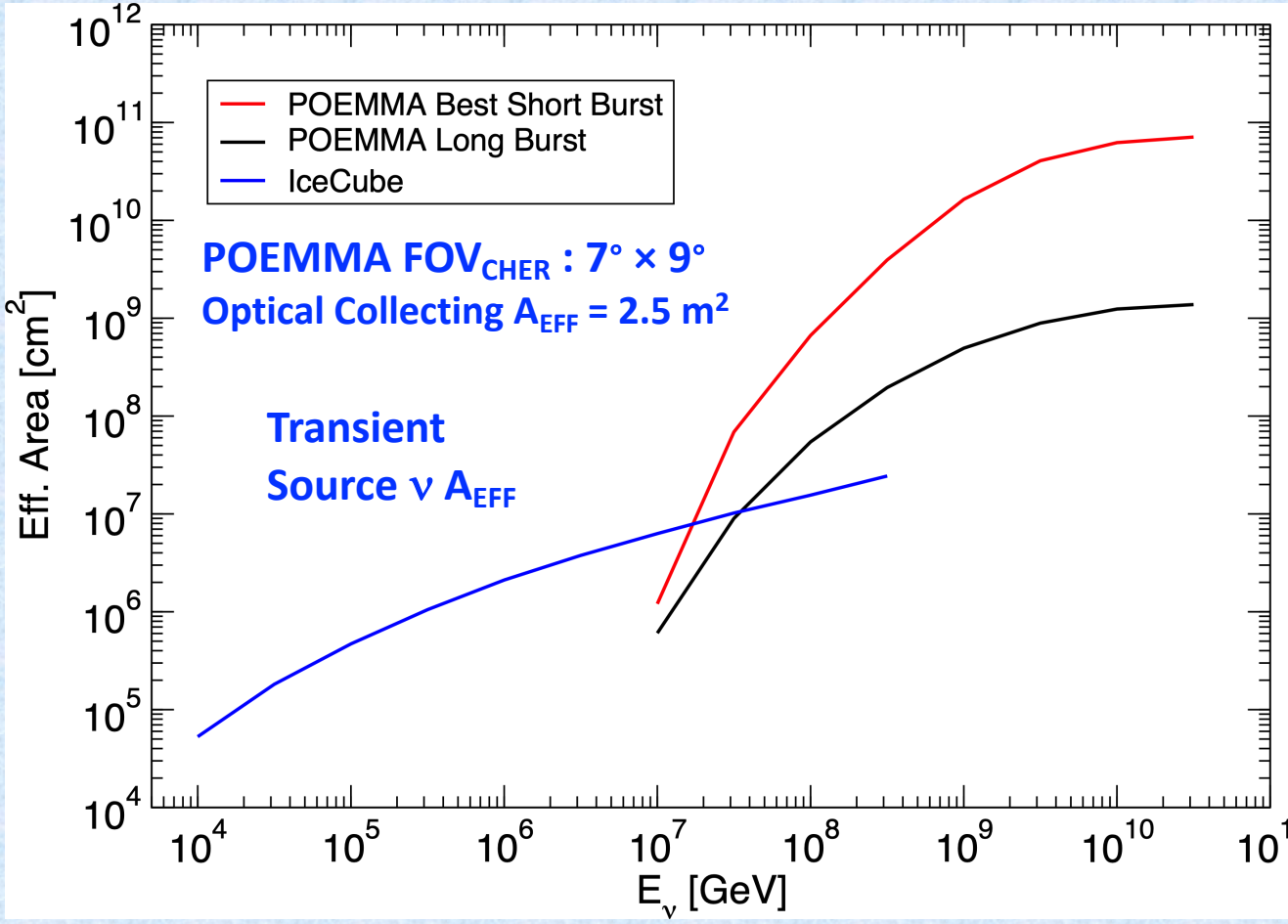


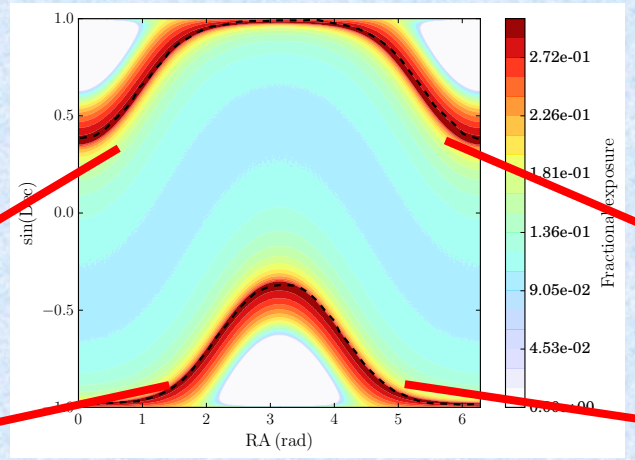
POEMMA ToO Neutrino Sensitivity: *see PhysRevD.102.123013*

17% hit for ignoring $\tau \rightarrow \mu$ channel

Short Bursts:

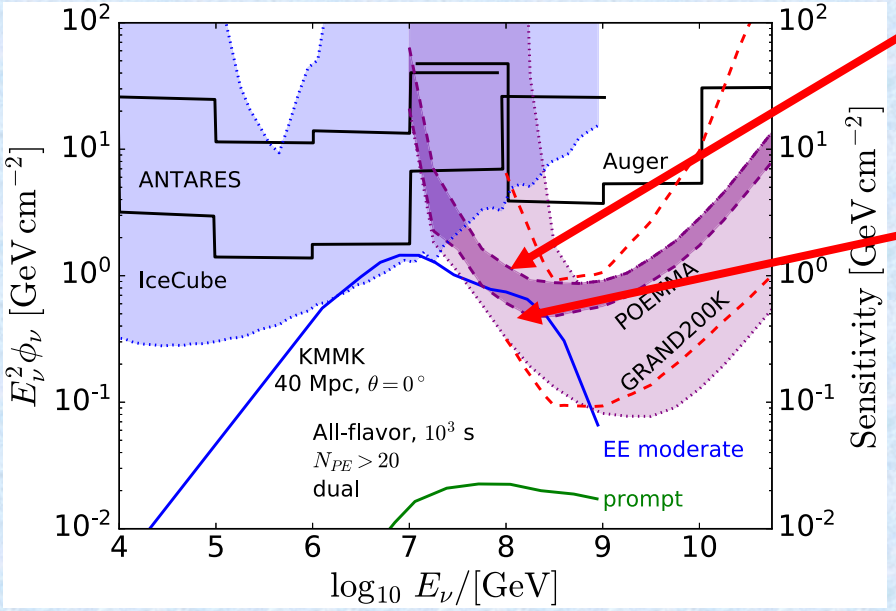
- 500 s to slew to source after alert
- 1000 s burst duration
- Source celestial location optimal
- Two independent Cher measurements
  - 300 km SatSep
- 20 PE threshold:
  - AirGlowBack < 10^{-3}/year

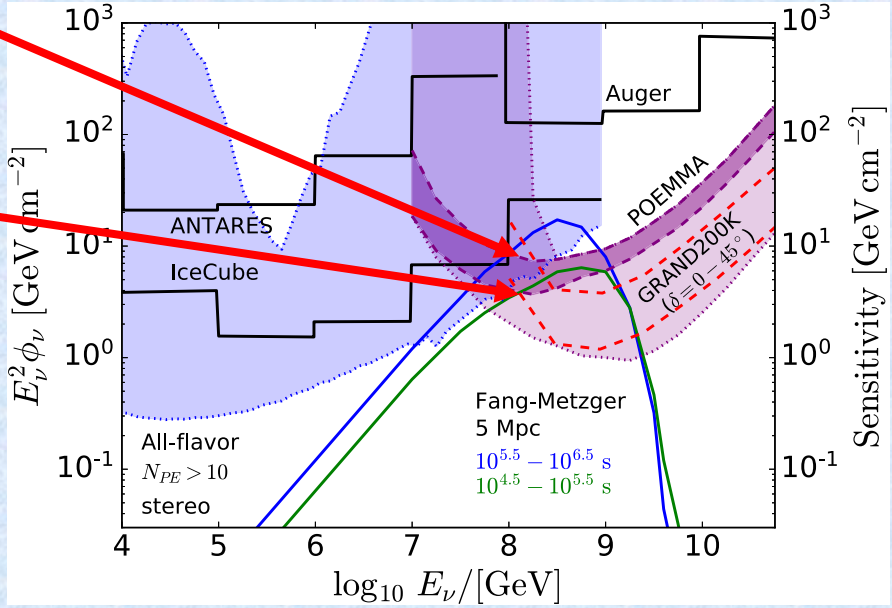
One orbit sky exposure assuming slewing to source position



Long Bursts:

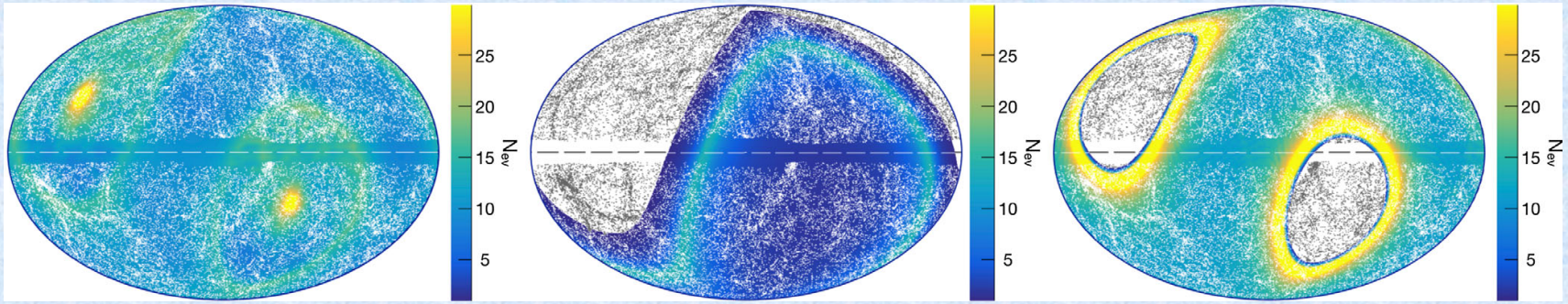
- 3 to 24+hr to move SatSep to 50 km
- Burst duration $\gtrsim 10^5$ s (models in plot)
- Average Sun and moon effects
- Simultaneous Cher measurements
  - 50 km SatSep
- 10 PE threshold (time coincidence):
  - AirGlowBack < 10^{-3}/year





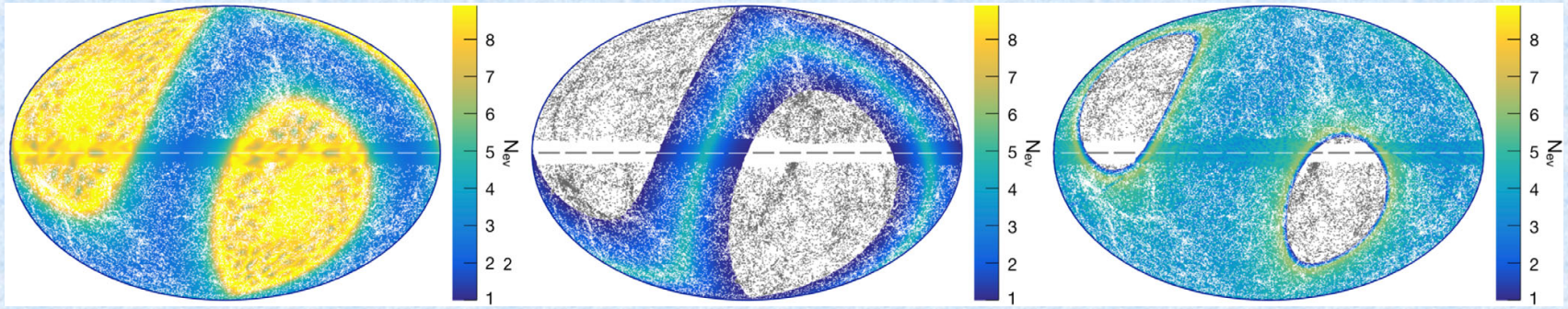
IceCube, ANTARES, Auger Limits for NS-NS merger GW170817

POEMMA ToO Neutrino Sensitivity: *see PhysRevD.102.123013*



BNS Merger at 5 Mpc

FIG. 7. Left: sky plot of the expected number of neutrino events as a function of galactic coordinates for POEMMA in the long-burst scenario of a BNS merger, as in the Fang and Metzger model [22], and placing the source at 5 Mpc. Point sources are galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [78]. Middle: same as at left for IceCube for muon neutrinos. Right: same as at left for GRAND200k. Areas with gray point sources are regions for which the experiment is expected to detect less than one neutrino.



sGRB at 40 Mpc

FIG. 8. Left: sky plot of the expected number of neutrino events as a function of galactic coordinates for POEMMA in the best-case short-burst scenario of an sGRB with moderate EE, as in the KMMK model [17], and placing the source at 40 Mpc. Point sources are galaxies from the 2MRS catalog [78]. Middle: same as at left for IceCube for muon neutrinos. Right: same as at left for GRAND200k. Areas with gray point sources are regions for which the experiment is expected to detect less than one neutrino.

POEMMA ToO Rate of Detection: *see PhysRevD.102.123013*

TABLE IV. Average expected numbers of neutrino events above $E_\nu > 10^7$ GeV detectable by POEMMA for several models of transient source classes assuming source locations at the GC and at 3 Mpc. The horizon distance for detecting 1.0 neutrino per ToO event is also provided. Source classes with observed durations $>10^3$ s are classified as long bursts. Those with observed durations $\lesssim 10^3$ s are classified as short bursts. Models in boldface type are those models for which POEMMA has $\gtrsim$10% chance of observing a ToO during the proposed mission lifetime of 3–5 years. Models in italics are the same but for a mission lifetime of 10 years.

Long bursts

Source class	No. of ν's at GC	No. of ν's at 3 Mpc	Largest distance for 1.0ν per event	Model reference
TDEs	1.4×10^5	0.9	3 Mpc	Dai and Fang [18] average
TDEs	6.8×10^5	4.7	7 Mpc	Dai and Fang [18] bright
TDEs	**2.7×10^8**	**1.7×10^3**	**128 Mpc**	**Lunardini and Winter [19] $M_{\rm SMBH} = 5 \times 10^6\ M_\odot$ Lumi scaling model**
TDEs	*7.7×10^7*	*489*	*69 Mpc*	*Lunardini and Winter [19] Base scenario*
Blazar flares	NA[a]	NA[a]	47 Mpc	RFGBW [20]—FSRQ proton-dominated advective escape model
lGRB reverse shock (ISM)	1.2×10^5	0.8	3 Mpc	Murase [16]
lGRB reverse shock (wind)	2.5×10^7	174	41 Mpc	Murase [16]
BBH merger	**2.8×10^7**	**195**	**43 Mpc**	**Kotera and Silk [21] (rescaled) Low fluence**
BBH merger	**2.9×10^8**	**2.0×10^3**	**137 Mpc**	**Kotera and Silk [21] (rescaled) High fluence**
BNS merger	**4.3×10^6**	**30**	**16 Mpc**	**Fang and Metzger [22]**
BWD merger	25	0	38 kpc	XMMD [23]
Newly born Crablike pulsars (p)	190	0	109 kpc	Fang [24]
Newly born magnetars (p)	2.5×10^4	0.2	1 Mpc	Fang [24]
Newly born magnetars (Fe)	5.0×10^4	0.3	2 Mpc	Fang [24]

Short bursts

Source class	No. of ν's at GC	No. of ν's at 3 Mpc	Largest distance for 1.0ν per event	Model reference
sGRB extended emission (moderate)	1.1×10^8	800	90 Mpc	KMMK [17]

[a]Not applicable due to a lack of known blazars within 100 Mpc.

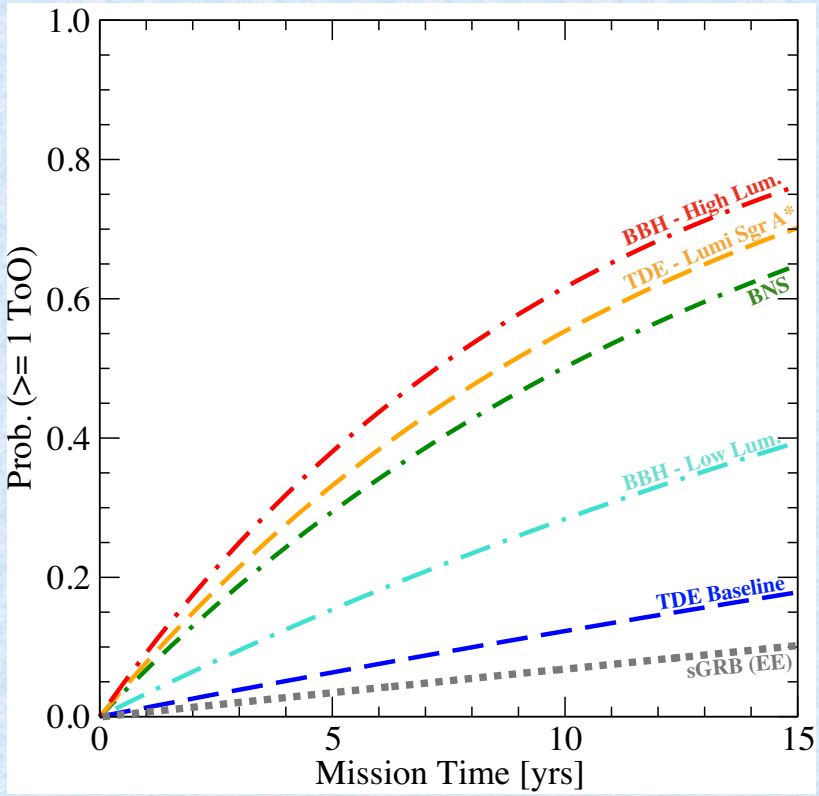
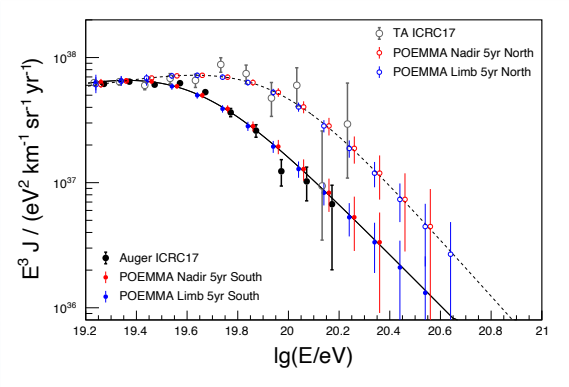


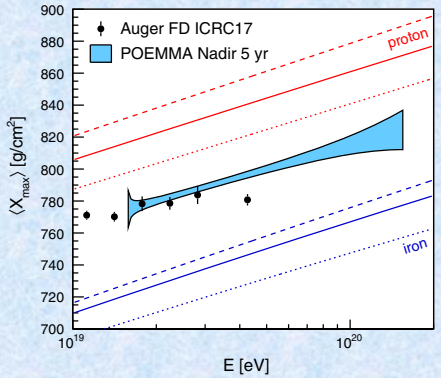
FIG. 9. The Poisson probability of POEMMA observing at least one ToO versus mission operation time for several modeled source classes. Featured source models are TDEs from Lunardini and Winter [19], BNS mergers from Fang and Metzger [22], BBH mergers from Kotera and Silk [21], and sGRBs with moderate EE from KMMK [17].

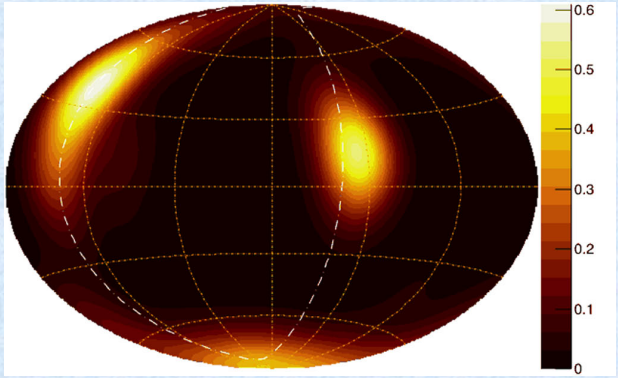
Summary

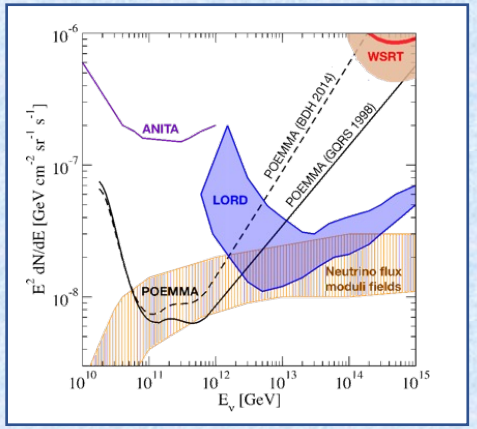
POEMMA will make high-statistics UHECRs above 20 EeV with the goal of discovering the source(s) of UHECRs

- **POEMMA stereo fluorescence measurements provides excellent Angular, Energy, and Composition (x_{Max}) resolutions over the full sky.**
- **Ability to tilt POEMMA telescopes increases UHECR aperture at the highest energies, albeit with reduced EAS measurement performance.**
- **POEMMA Stereo fluorescence also provides exceptional UHE all-flavor UHE neutrino sensitivity**



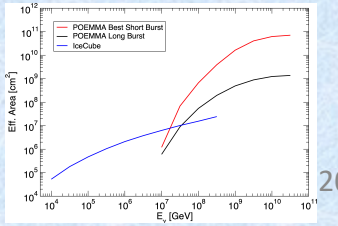


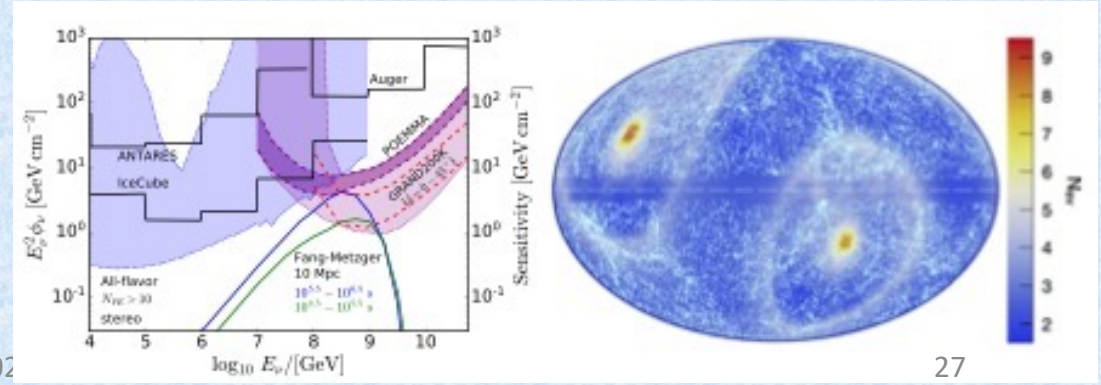




POEMMA will have unique VHE tau-neutrino sensitivity above 20 PeV to transient neutrino sources using EAS optical Cherenkov:

- **The ability to quickly slew to a neutrino ToO provides remarkable sensitivity above 20 PeV**

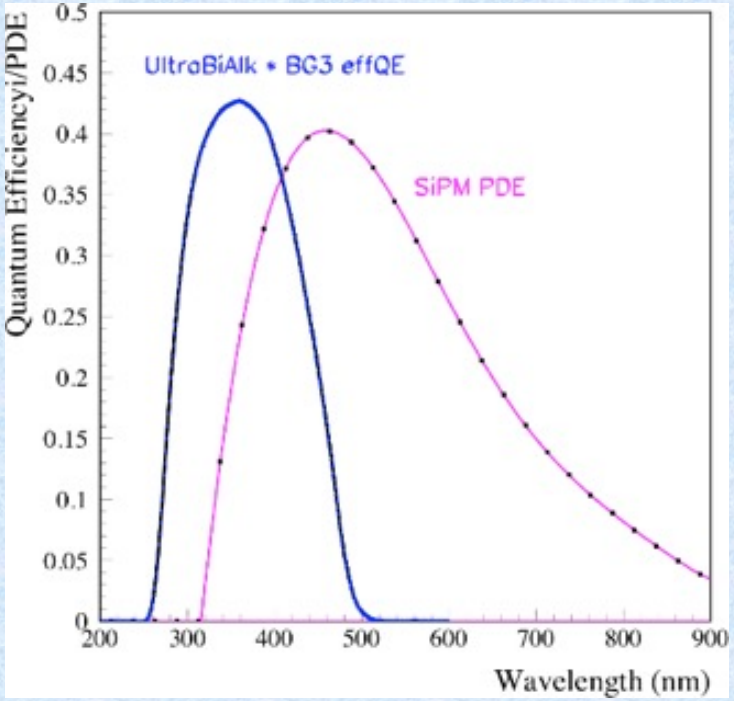


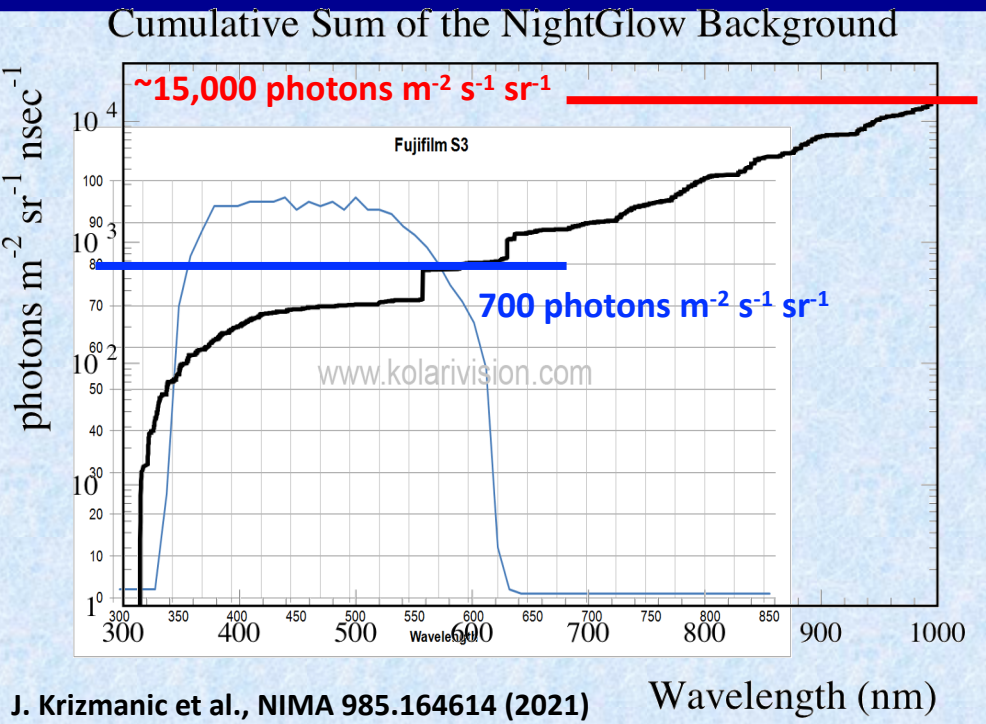


Frontier Technology Development for the future …

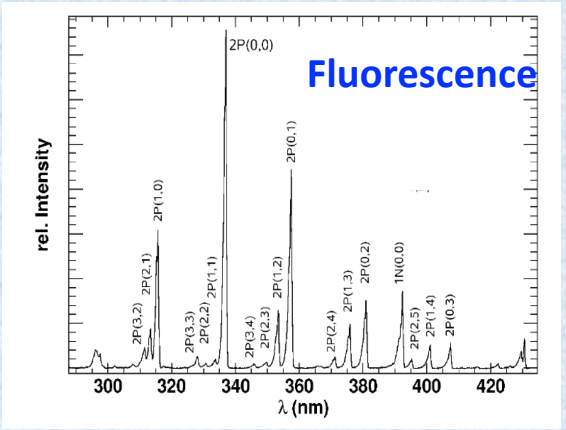
1. Combination of optical Cherenkov and geomagnetic radio EAS measurement techniques.
2. Lightweight, deployable optics
3. Low power (< 1 mW) FEE for SiPM readout : needed for neutrino surveyor (~ Mpixel) mission.
4. **SiPM use in fluorescence telescopes.**
5. **Cosmic Ray EAS measurements in rarified atmosphere using 'over-the-Earth-limb' viewed cosmic rays via Cherenkov (and other?) as well as ToO neutrino measurements.**

SiPM for EAS Air Fluorescence Measurements





J. Krizmanic et al., NIMA 985.164614 (2021)



Air fluorescence yield dominated by lines below 500 nm.

- **Need to constrain wavelength to minimize dark-sky background via near-UV passing only filters (Fujifilm S3 filter shown).**
- **As with Cherenkov EAS SiPM operation, dark-sky background rejection leads to high PE thresholds (> 10) even with 10 μs time-over-threshold requirement with 1 μs sampling.**
- **SiPM use allows for significant reduction of mass for meter-size focal planes as compared to that needed for MAPMTs.**

Cosmic Ray Measurements in Rarified Atmosphere (seen over-the-limb)

CUMMINGS, ALOISIO, ESER, and KRIZMANIC

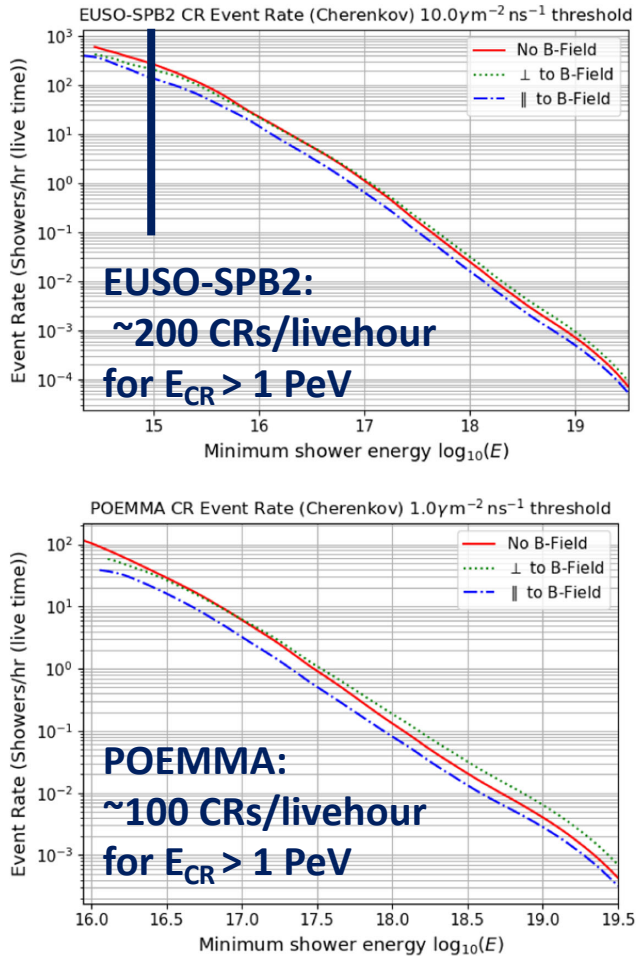


FIG. 15. Integrated expected event rate (events measured above given energy E) for above-the-limb UHECR events for the EUSO-SPB2 [upper panel] and POEMMA [lower panel] instruments. Event rate is given per hour of live time (instrument duty cycle for each not taken into account).

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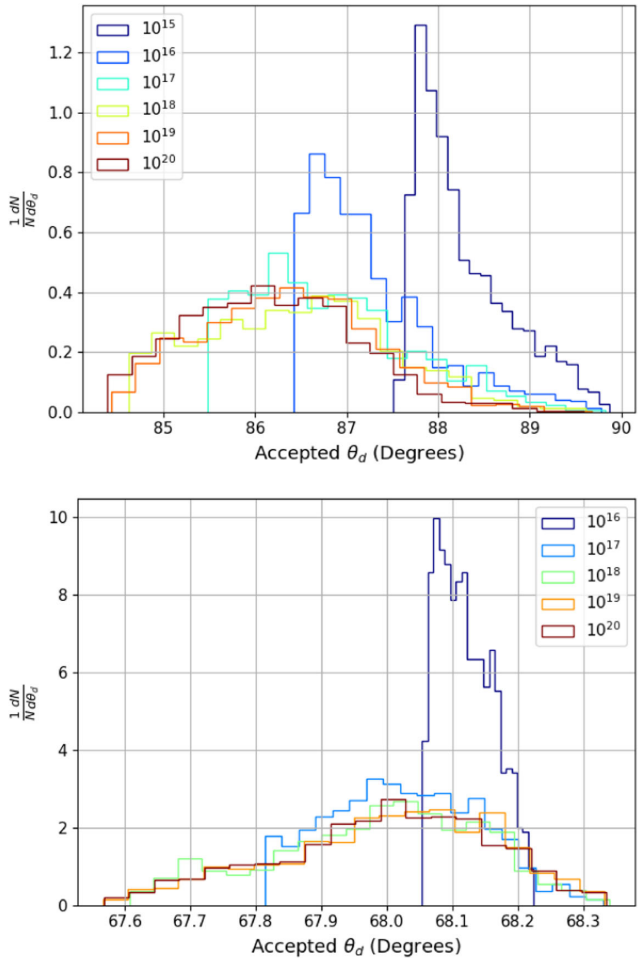

FIG. 14. Normalized distribution of arrival angle θ_d for accepted above-the-limb cosmic rays for different primary energies as measured with the EUSO-SPB2 instrument [upper panel] and POEMMA instrument [lower panel].

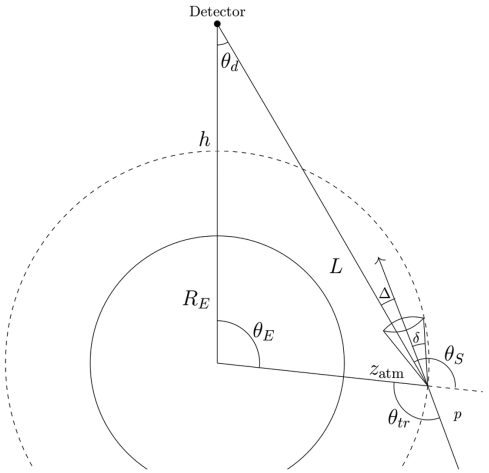

FIG. 1. Geometry of measuring the Cherenkov signal from cosmic rays arriving from above the Earth horizon in the case of a space based instrument.

Multiple Measurements of CLD with constellation of SmallSats?
See Terzina talk for one SmallSat.

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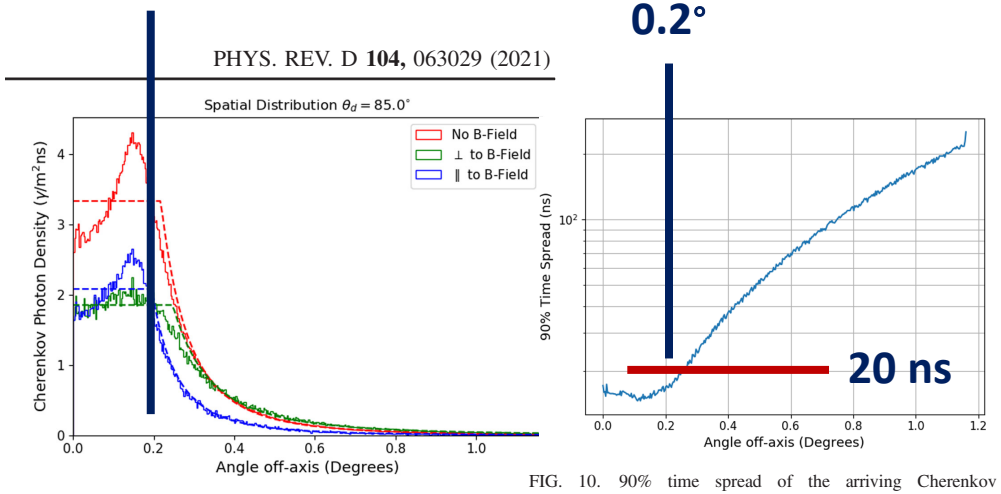
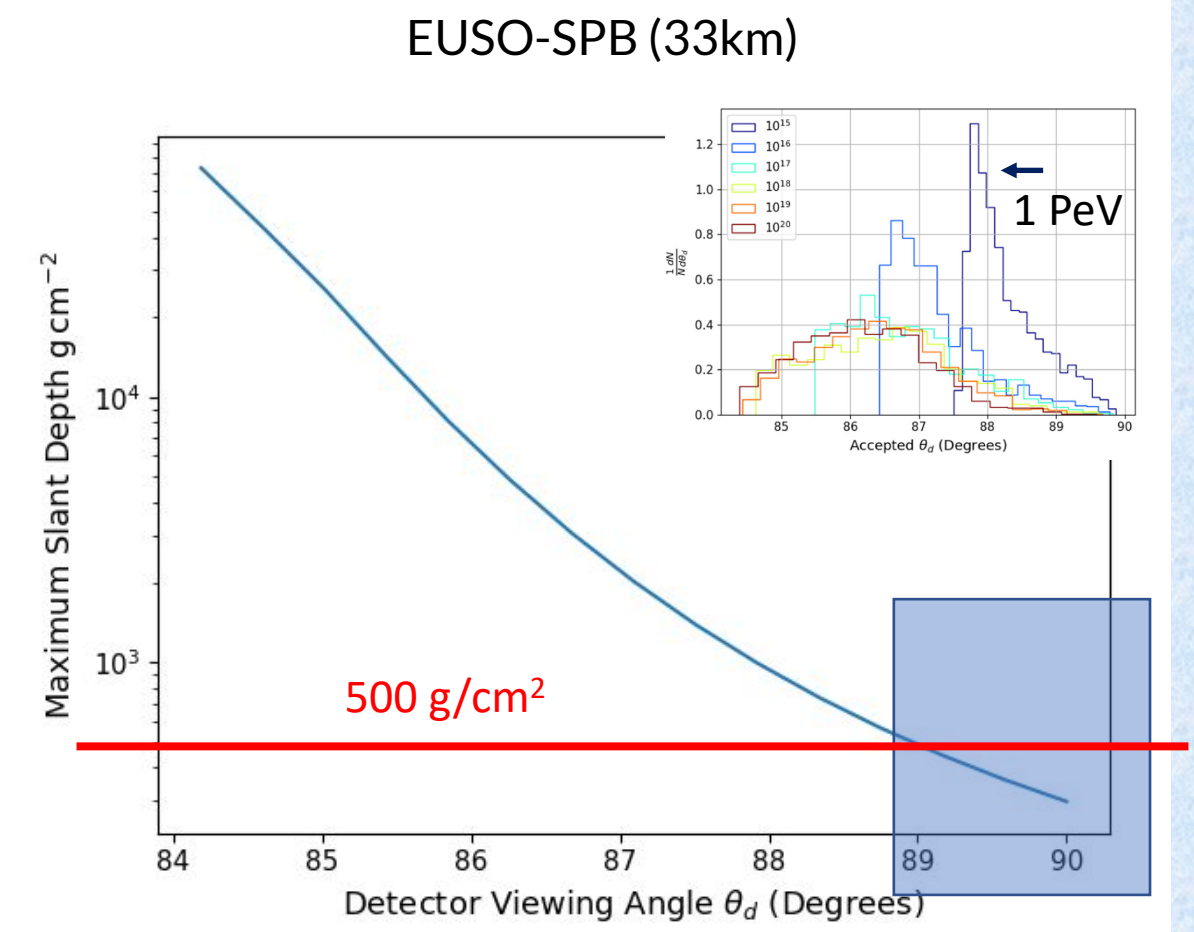
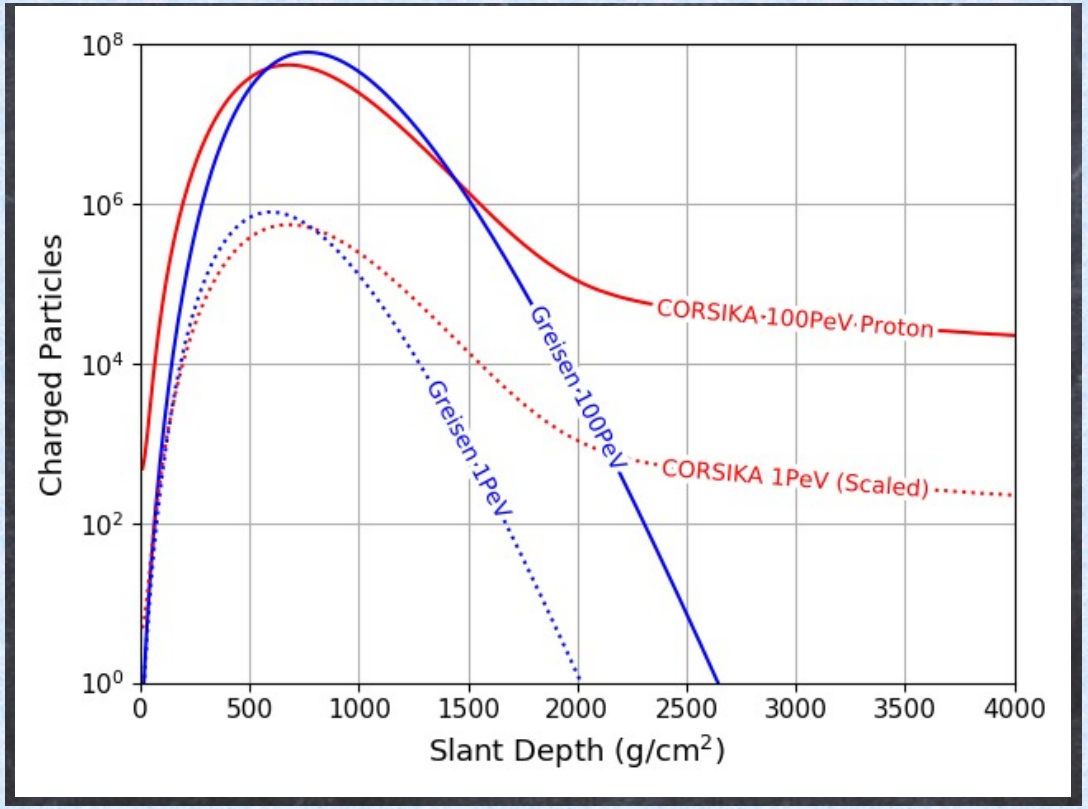


FIG. 10. 90% time spread of the arriving Cherenkov photons from a 100 PeV proton shower as observed from 33 km with $\theta_d = 85°$.

Cosmic Ray Measurements in Rarified Atmosphere





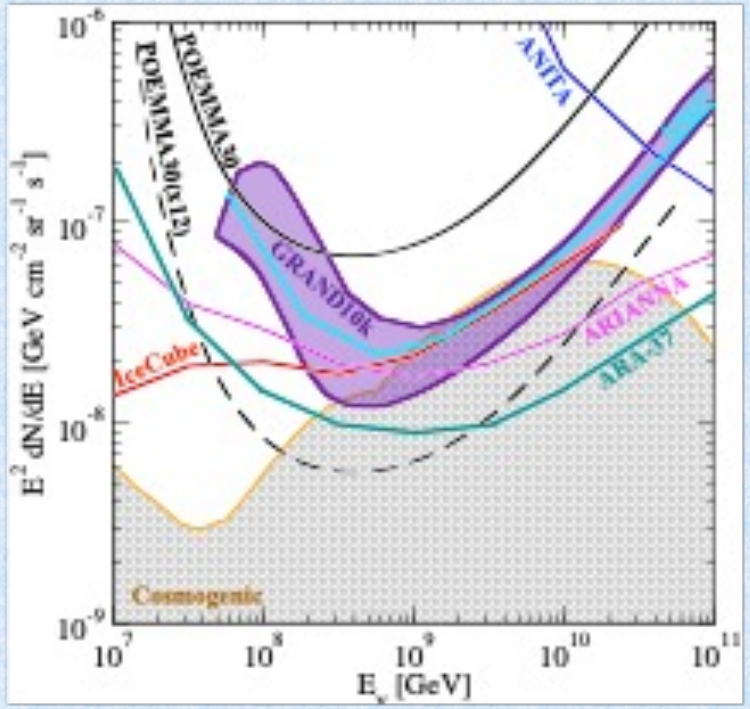
Plots by Austin Cummings (PennState)

Over-the-limb CR measurements (optical Cherenkov, radio) can be also done in the bulk of the EAS and muon tail!

Conclusion and future …

POEMMA Benefited from being a NASA POEMMA Probe study:

- review determined *No new technology needed*, could benefit from technology developments.
- **NASA Probe implementation *may* allow POEMMA proposal in 2nd NASA Probe AO (2025+)**
- **SnowMass CF7 UHECR whitepaper (arXiv:2205.05845) recommends proceeding with the development of POEMMA as one of the next generation UHECR experiments (along with GCOS and GRAND).**
- Rich portfolio of POEMMA science papers helped perception (at least within NASA community) that a mission like POEMMA, using UHECR, UHE & VHE neutrinos, probes unique and interesting high-energy astrophysics phenomena.



SpaceSim https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/nuSpaceSim/ end-to-end space-based neutrino detection simulation of optical and radio EAS signals *allows for the development of* ***combined radio and optical Cherenkov*** *neutrino instruments that leverage the advantage of each method*

- *Optical Cherenkov is sensitive to neutrinos 2 – 3 orders of magnitude lower in energy than the radio*
- *Radio has 100% duty cycle*
- *Two combined would allow for lower background events*

Tool to develop the space-based cosmic neutrino missions:

- ***Space-based Neutrino Surveyor (POEMMA360) using near limb-viewing Cherenkov telescope with $\Delta\phi = 360°$, and would be self-triggering for neutrino transients events while having significant sky coverage to follow-up external ToO alerts.***
- ***Space-based ToO Cherenkov Telescope(s) with modest, few degree FoV, $A_{Eff} \gtrsim 1$ m, and ability to quickly slew to follow-up external ToO alerts, could be a SmallSat format.***

Backup

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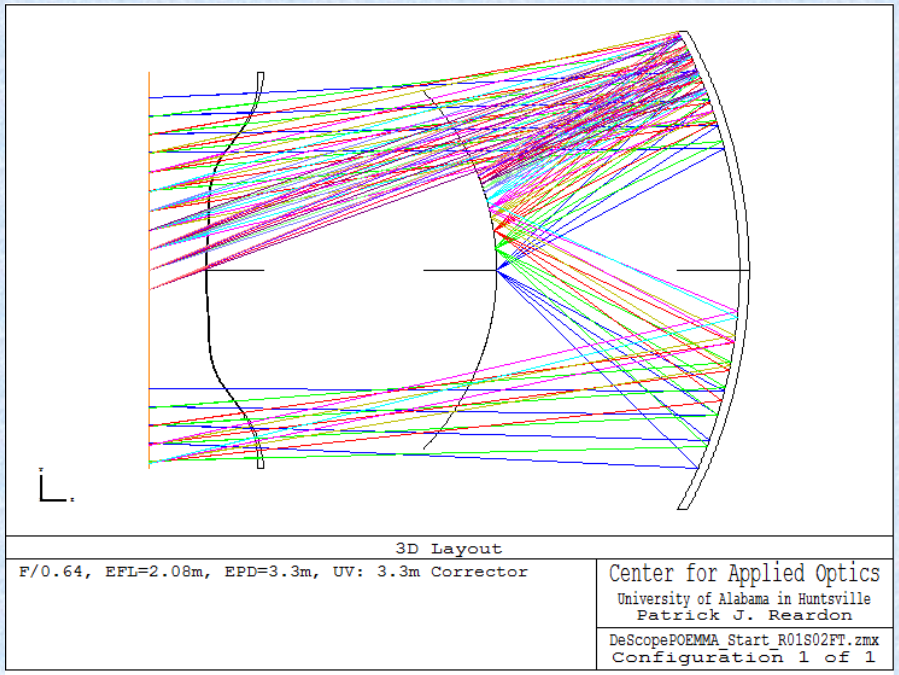
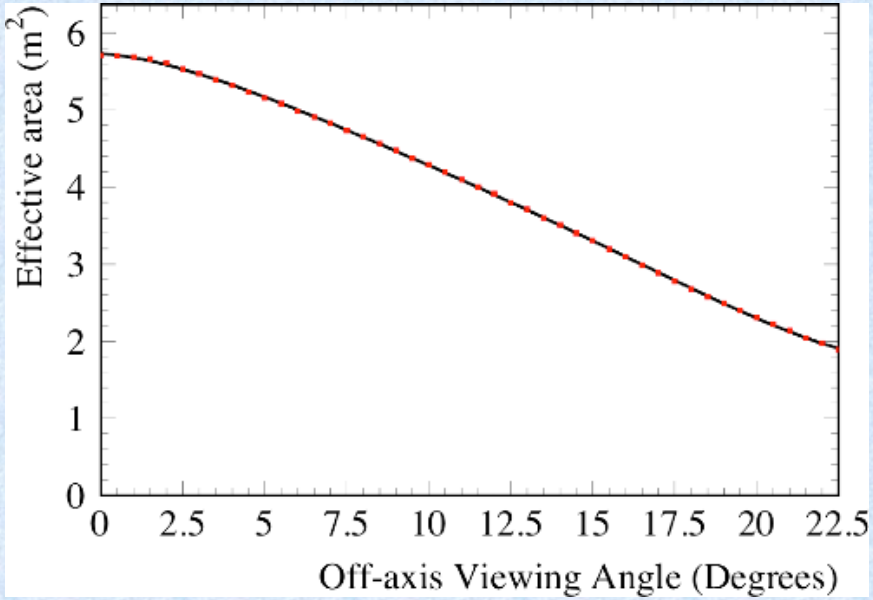
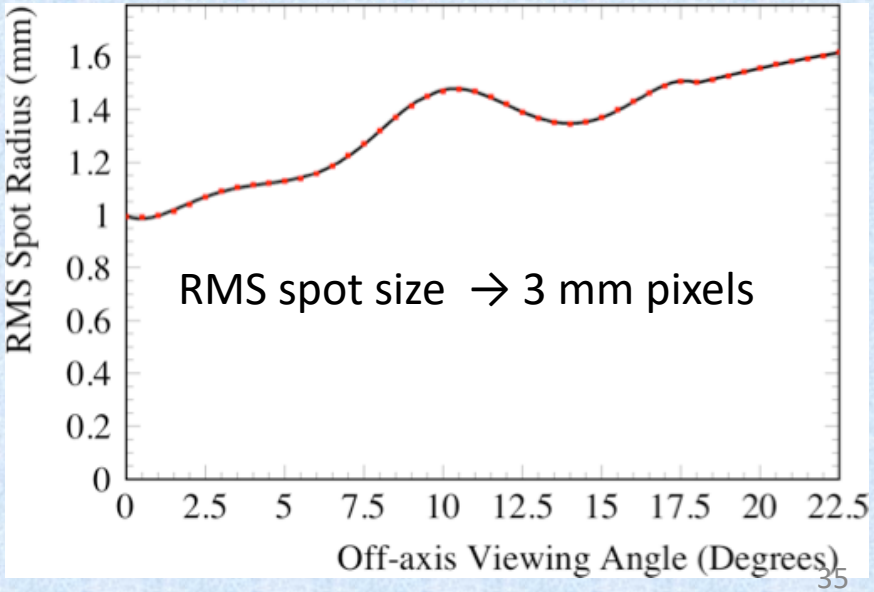
POEMMA: Schmidt Telescope details







Two 4 meter F/0.64 Schmidt telescopes: 45° FoV

Primary Mirror: 4 meter diameter

Corrector Lens: 3.3 meter diameter

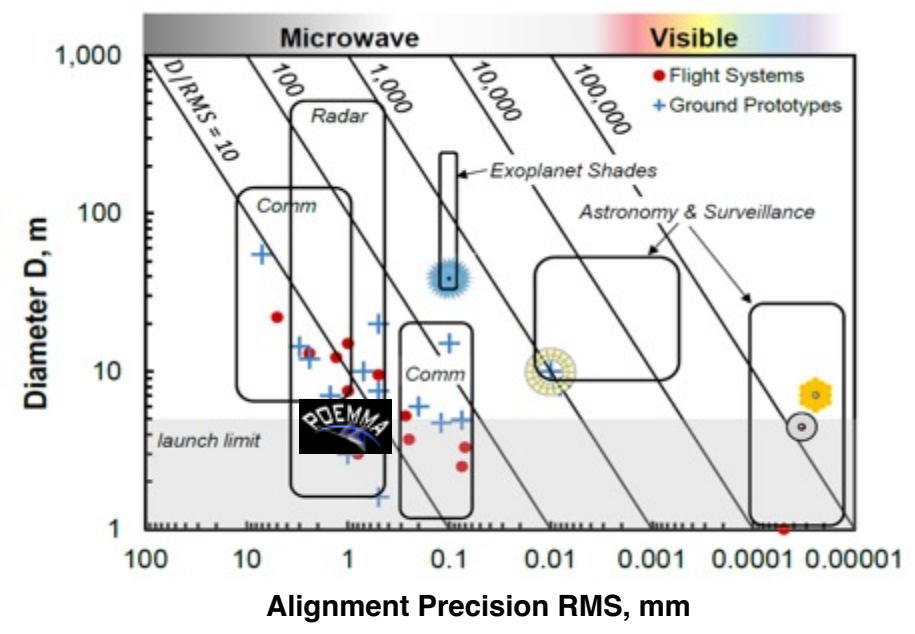
Focal Surface: 1.6 meter diameter

Optical Area$_{EFF}$: ~6 to 2 m^2

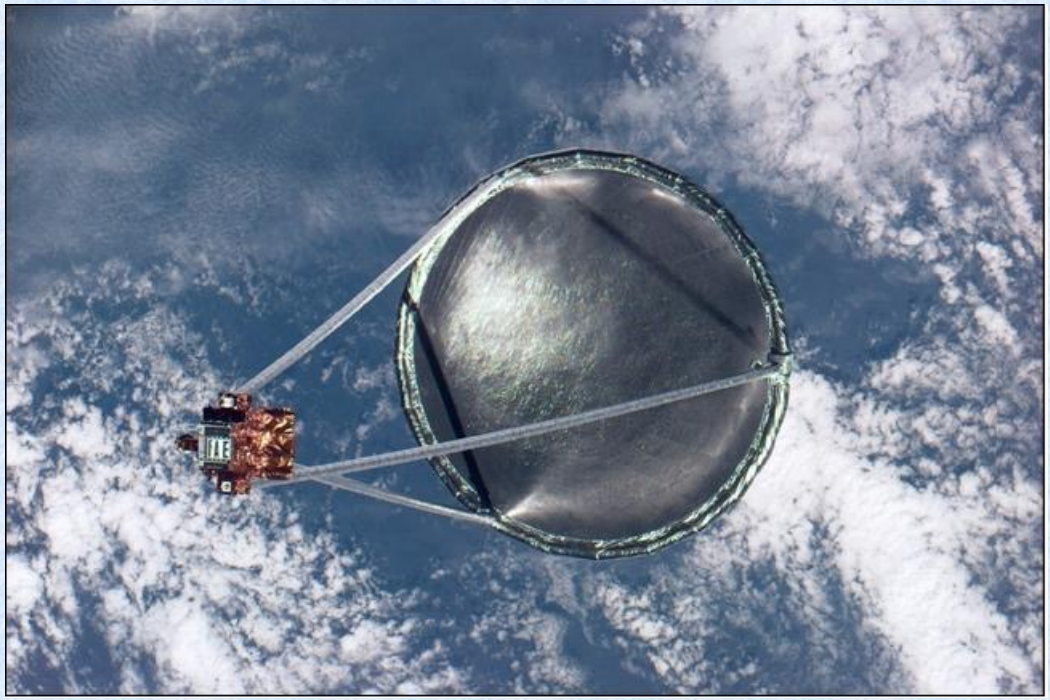
Hybrid focal surface (MAPMTs and SiPM)

3 mm linear pixel size: 0.084° FoV

Lightweight Deployable Optics



Imaging ~10^4 away from diffraction limit

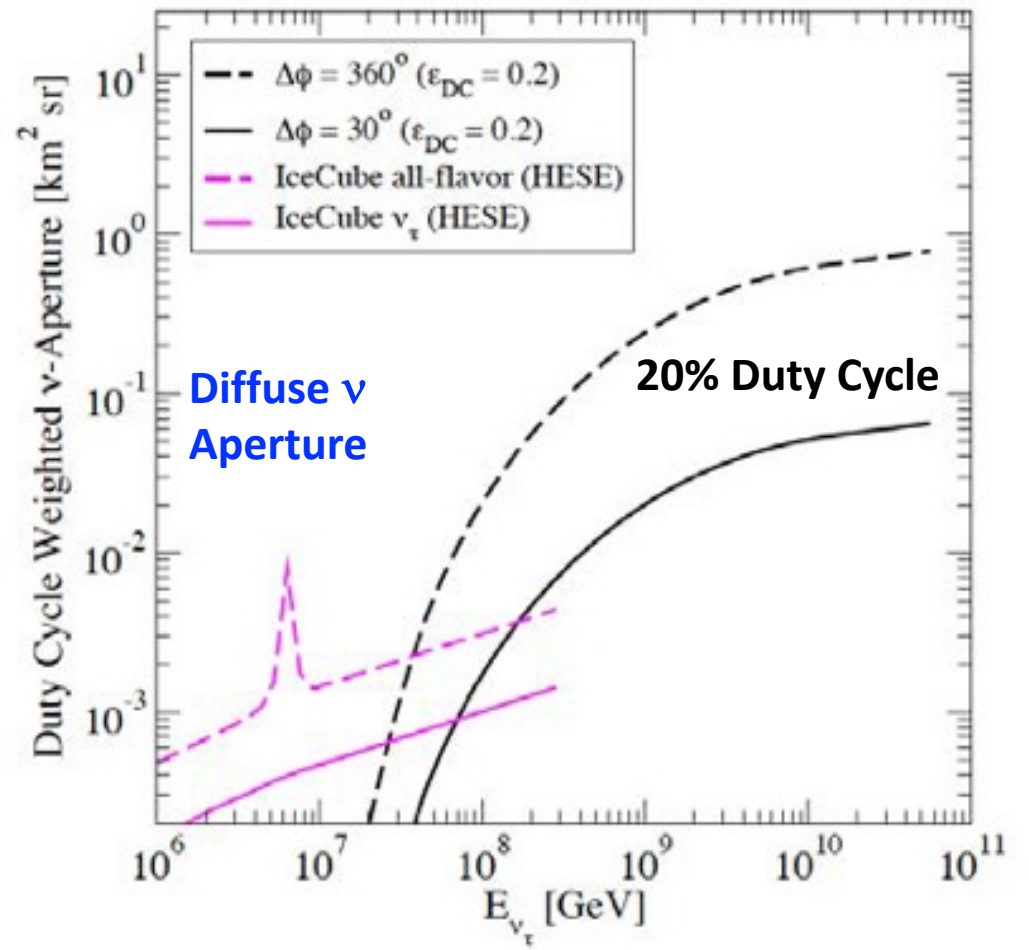


1996: Spartan 207: 14-m diameter 'inflatable' antenna

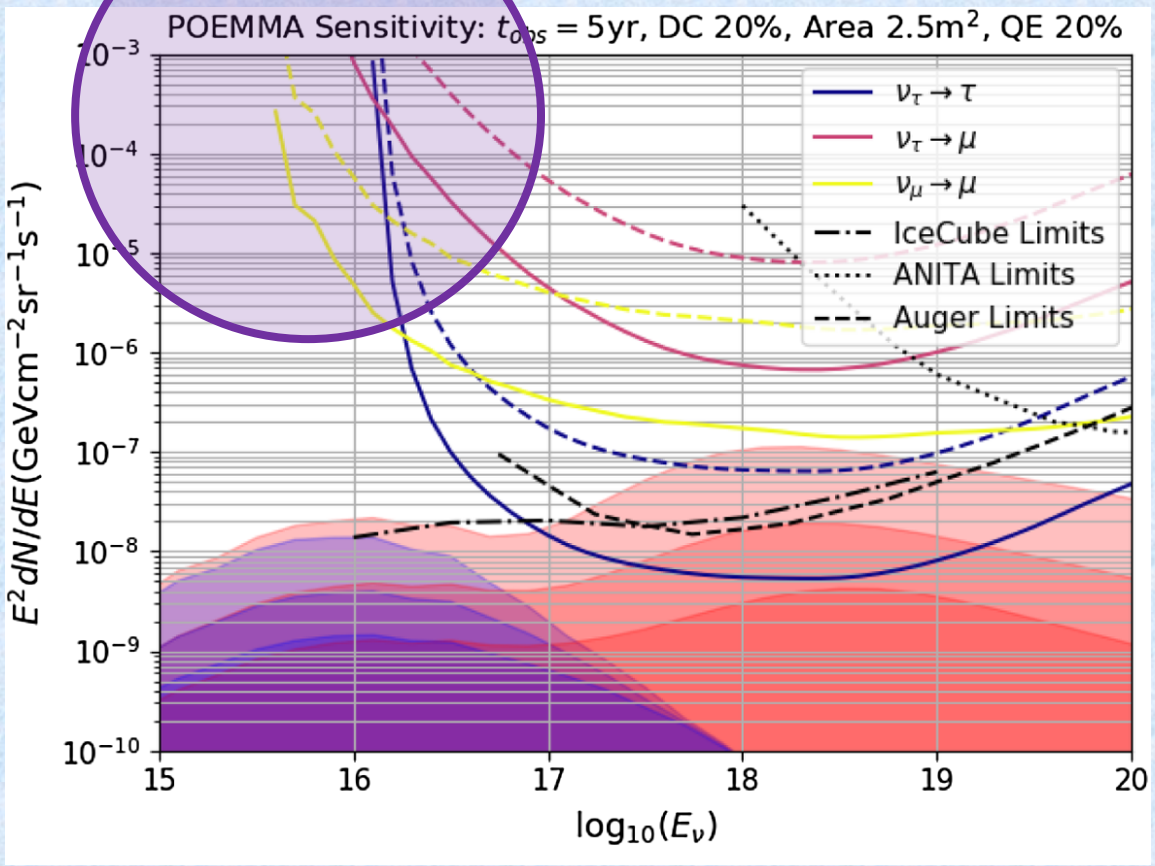
Larger optical collecting area for fluorescence and optical Cherenkov translates to lower energy threshold for detecting EAS and/or increasing geometry factor or azimuthal coverage.

POEMMA VHE Diffuse Neutrino Sensitivity: see PhysRevD.103.043017

High-Energy Astrophysical Events generates neutrinos (ν_e,ν_μ) and 3 neutrino flavors reach Earth via neutrino oscillations.



EAS from Earth-emergent muons dominant below 10 PeV



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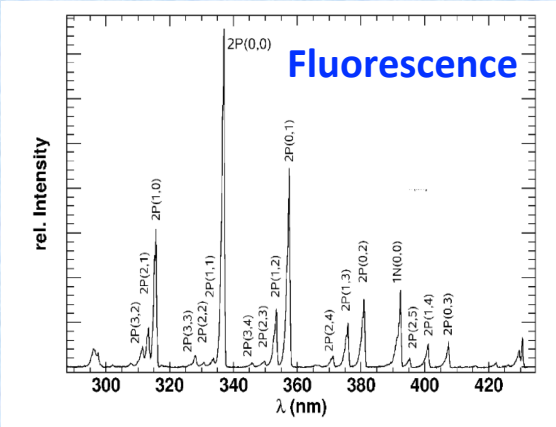
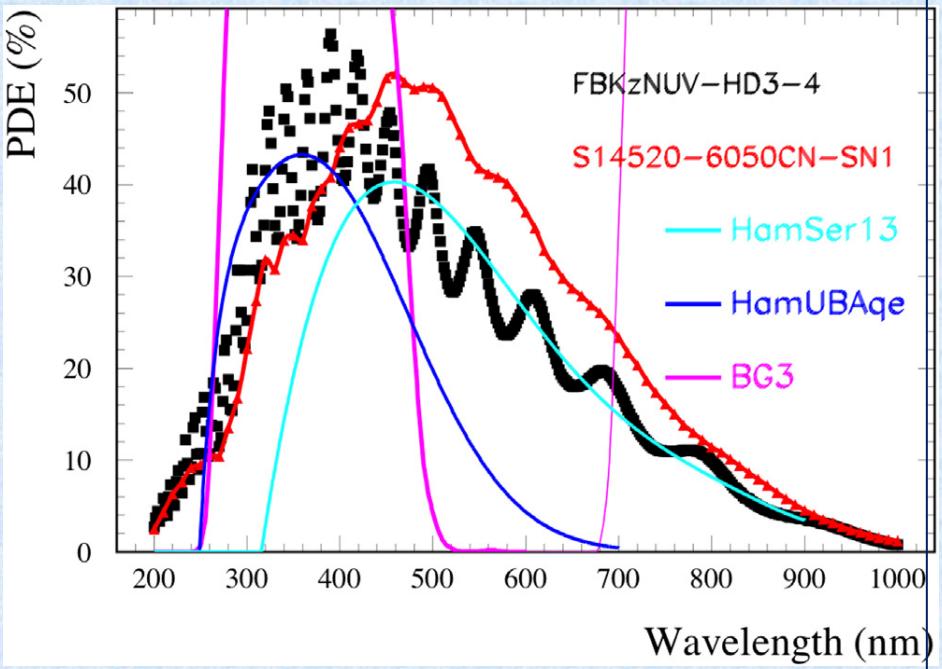
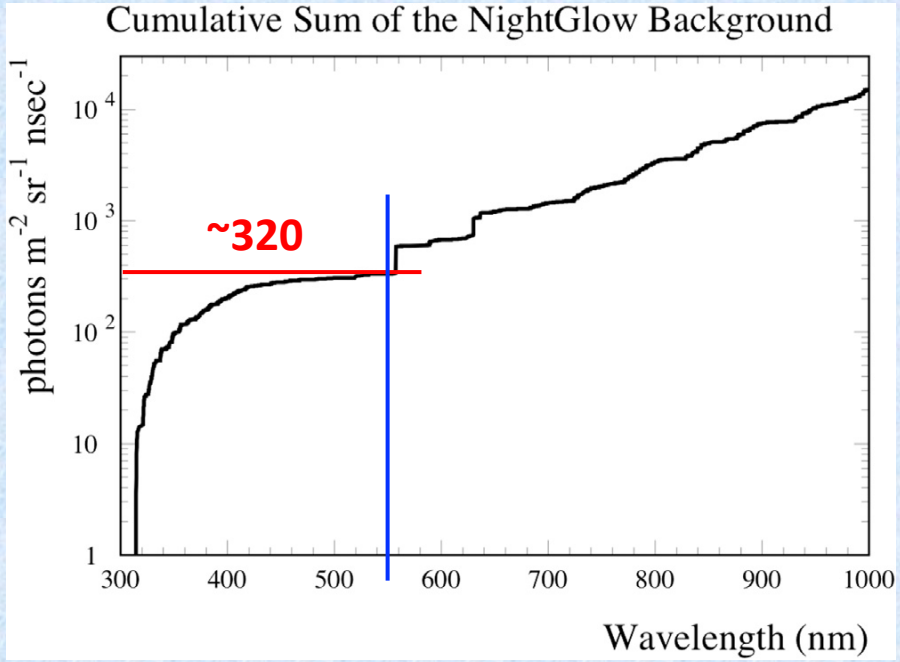






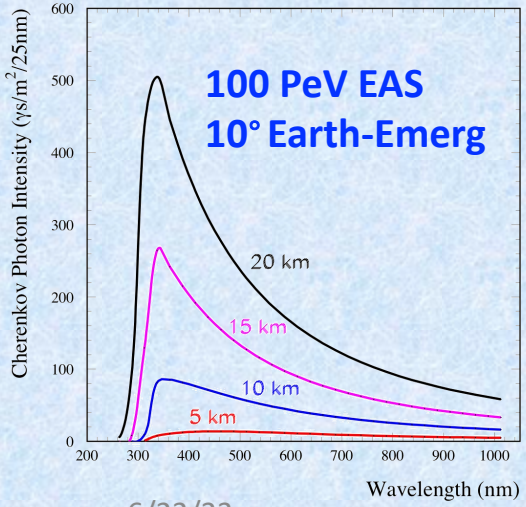


Fig. 4. Comparison of PDE response versus wavelength for various devices included the QE for a Hamamatsu ultra bialkali PMT. The bandpass of a Schott BG3 filter is also shown, the thicker magenta line highlighting the transmission for $\lambda \leq 600$ nm and the thinner line for $\lambda > 600$ nm.

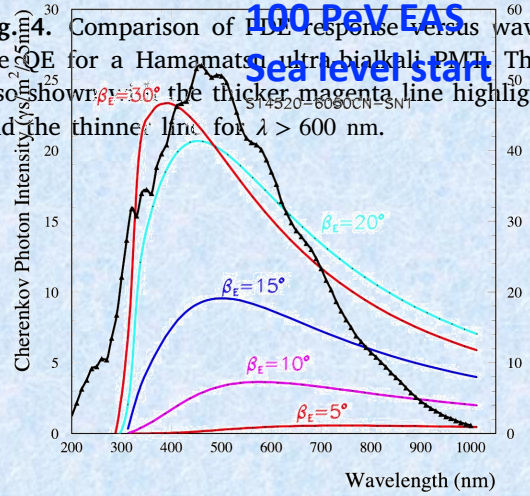
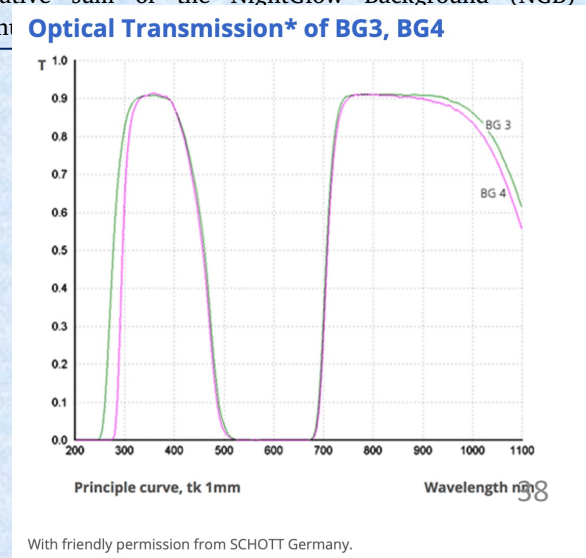


Fig. 8. The cumulative sum of the NightGlow Background (NGB) using the measurements of Han

Recovery of transmission above 700 nm for BG3 is problematic for use with SiPMs for fluorescence light detection



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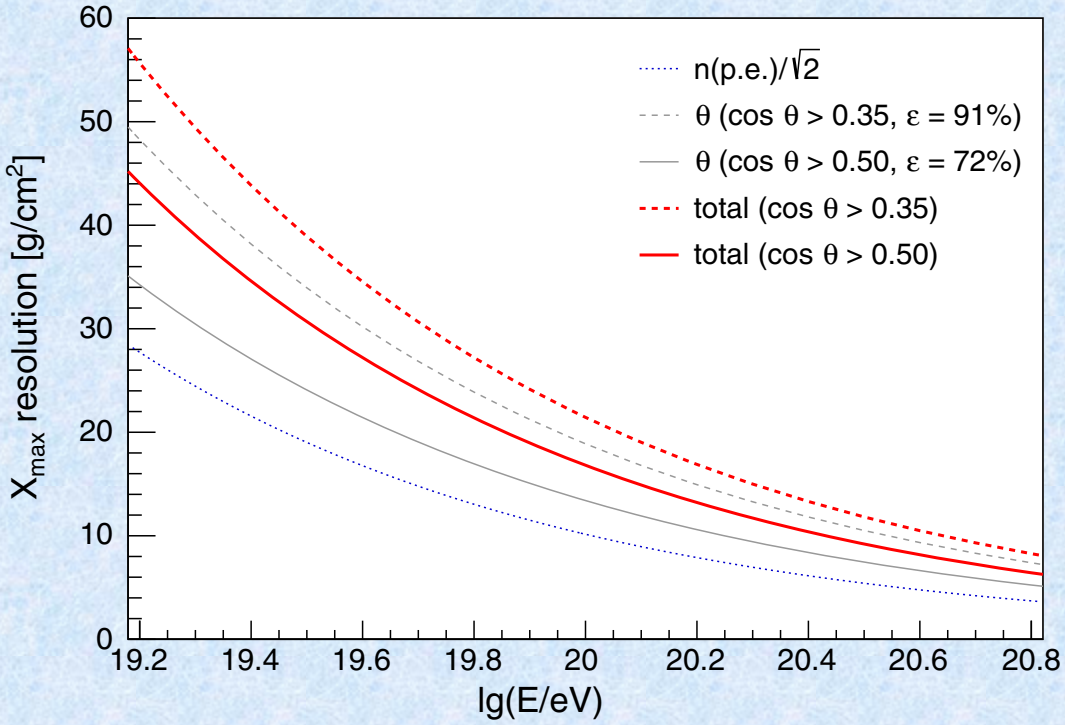

FIG. 17. Preliminary estimate of the X_{max} resolution of POEMMA in stereo mode. The contributions from the photoelectron statistics and angular resolution are shown in blue and gray, respectively. The total resolution, obtained by adding both contributions in quadrature, is shown in red for two cuts on the maximum zenith angle.