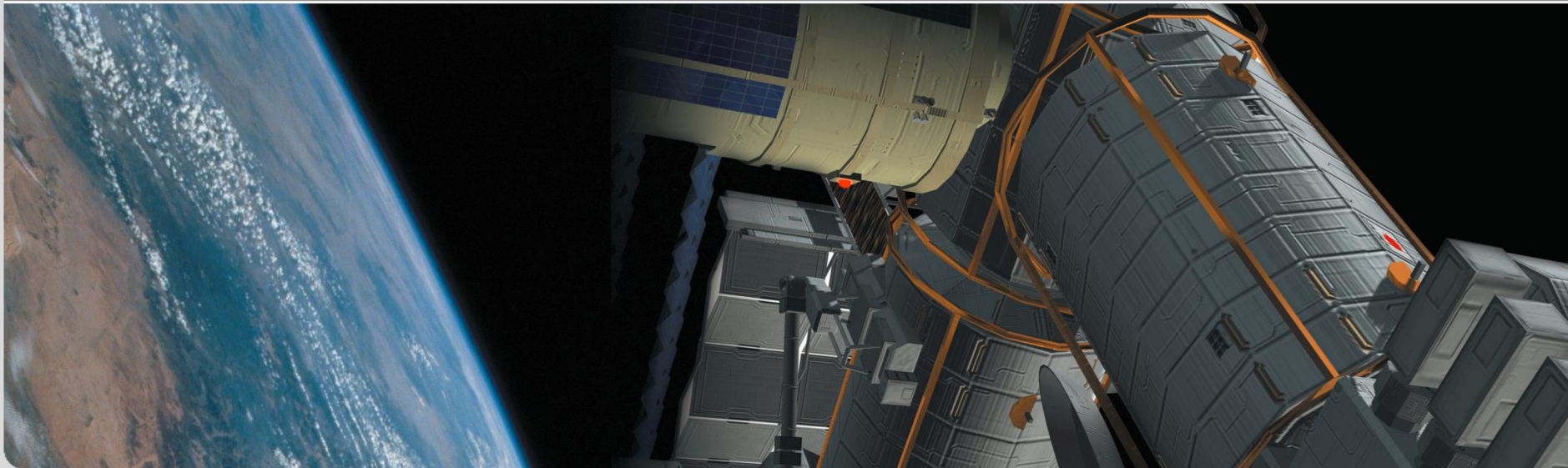


Cosmic Ray Science on the International Space Station (ISS)

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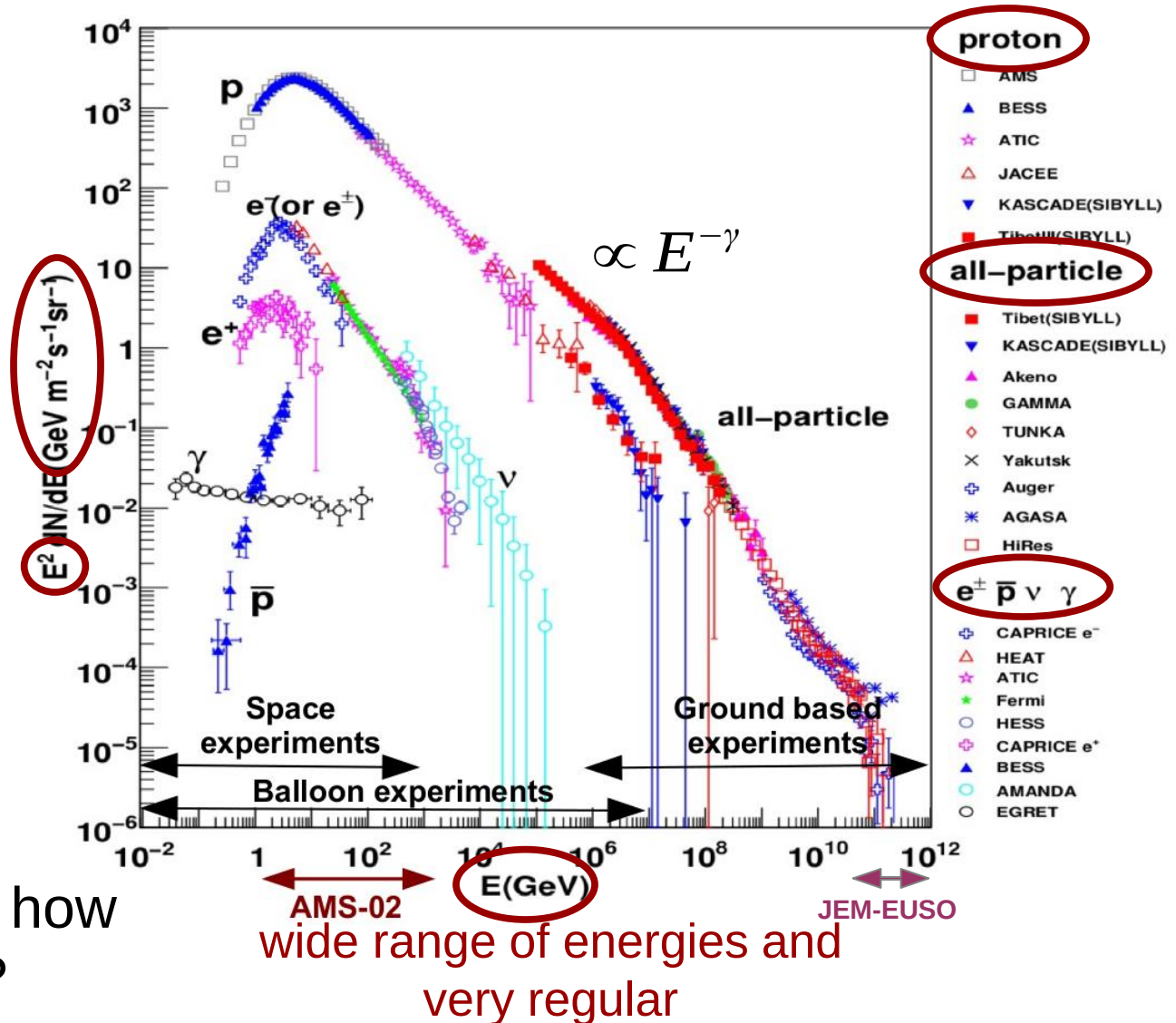
Cosmic Particles Spectra

Particle with energy
per area, time and
incoming angle

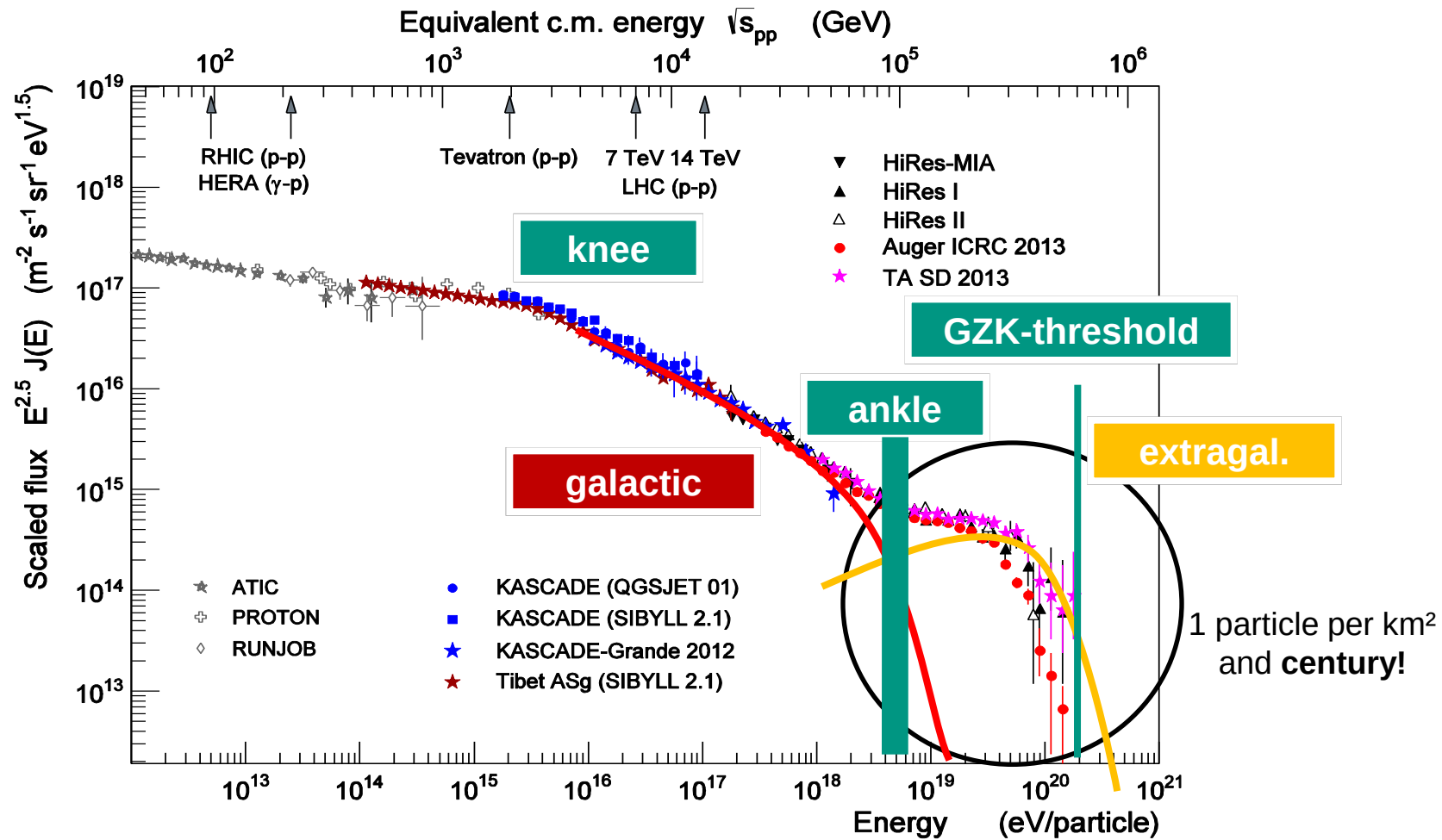
Flattened with
energy squared

In this tutorial:

What is a flux and how
do we measure it?



Cosmic Ray Spectrum



Measurement Methods I

Direct Detection

Low energy regime:

- ✓ Rather high flux
- ✗ Particles get absorbed in the atmosphere

Bring **particle detectors** to the top of the atmosphere or to space:

- Balloons
- Satellites
- Space Station

CREAM VI



DK-1 with PAMELA

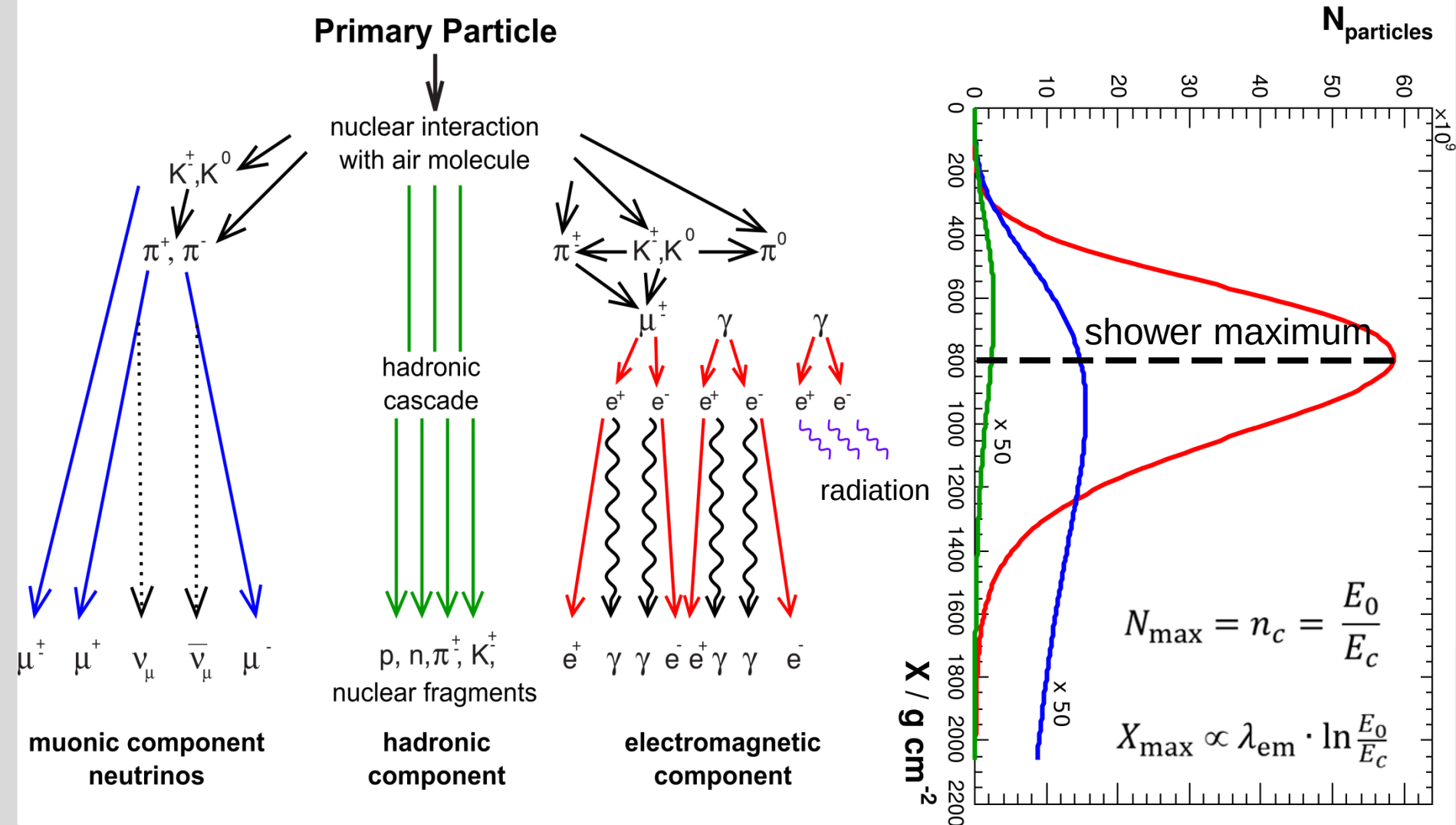


AMS-02 on ISS



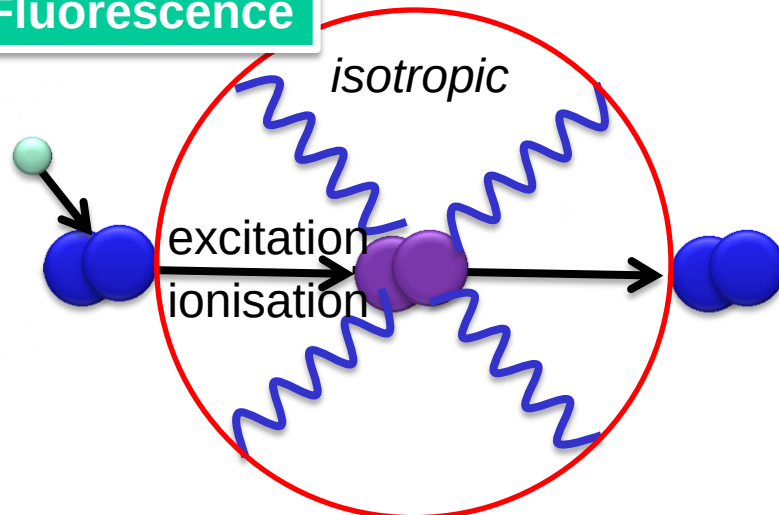
Measurement Methodes II

Extensive Air Shower (EAS)



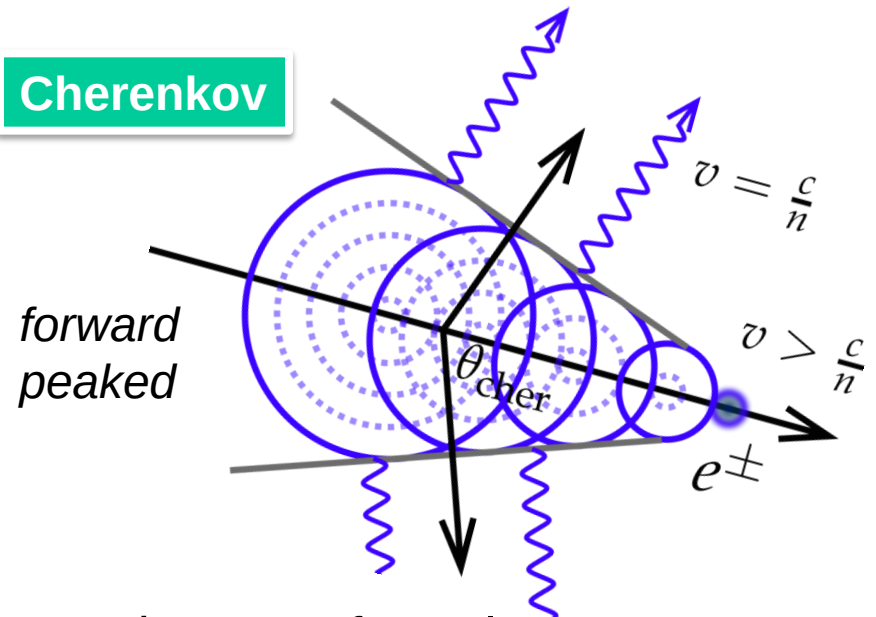
Light Emission

Fluorescence



Fluorescence yield

Cherenkov



Frank-Tamm formula (1 particle yield)

Goals of...

AMS-02

- Cosmic rays composition and fluxes
 - Propagation models
 - Origin of cosmic rays
 - Search for dark matter
- Low energy particles
 - exposure to manned space flights
- Anti matter
- Exotic matter (Strangelets)

“The most exciting objective of AMS is to probe the unknown; to search for phenomena which exist in nature that we have not yet imagined nor had the tools to discover”

S.C.C. Ting

JEM-EUSO

- Detection of EECR particles ($E > 5 \cdot 10^{19}$ eV)
 - Source identification
 - Reason for flux suppression
 - Recovery of the spectrum
- Explorative potential
 - Multi messenger
 - UHE gamma rays
 - UHE neutrinos
 - Galactic magnetic fields
 - Relativity and quantum gravity
 - Atmospheric science
 - Nightglow
 - Lightning, Plasma discharges
 - Meteors, meteoroids

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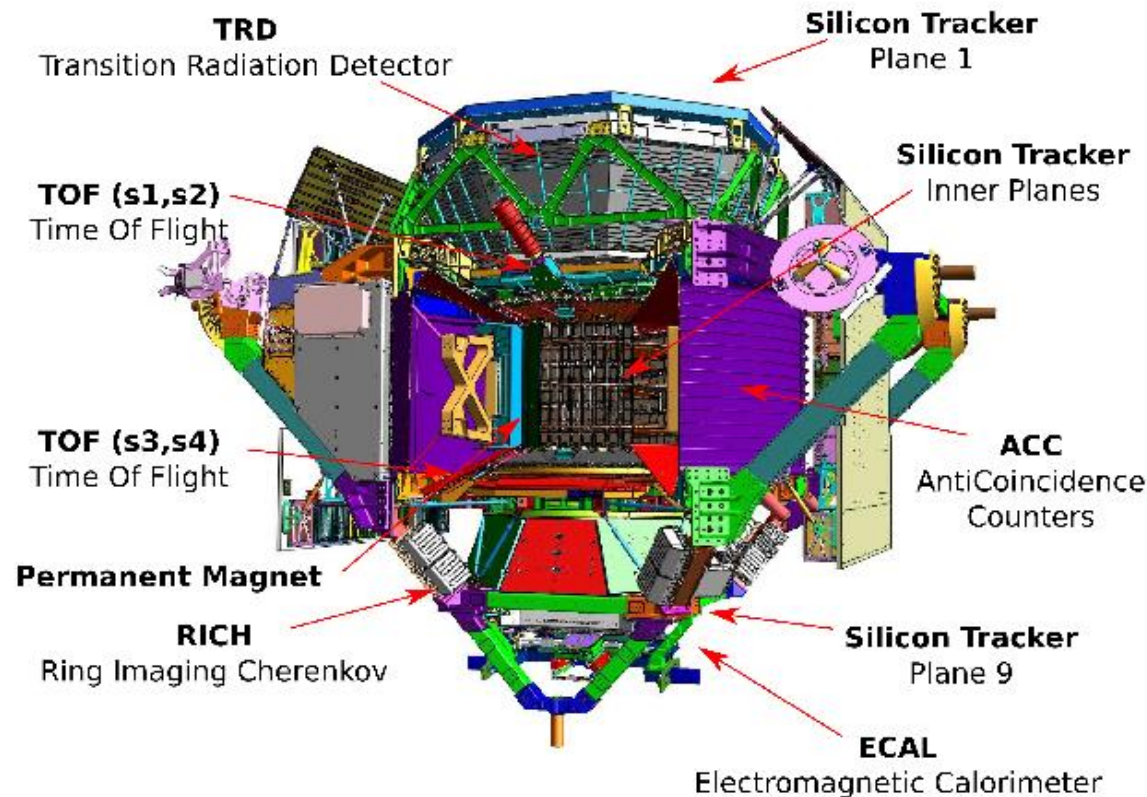
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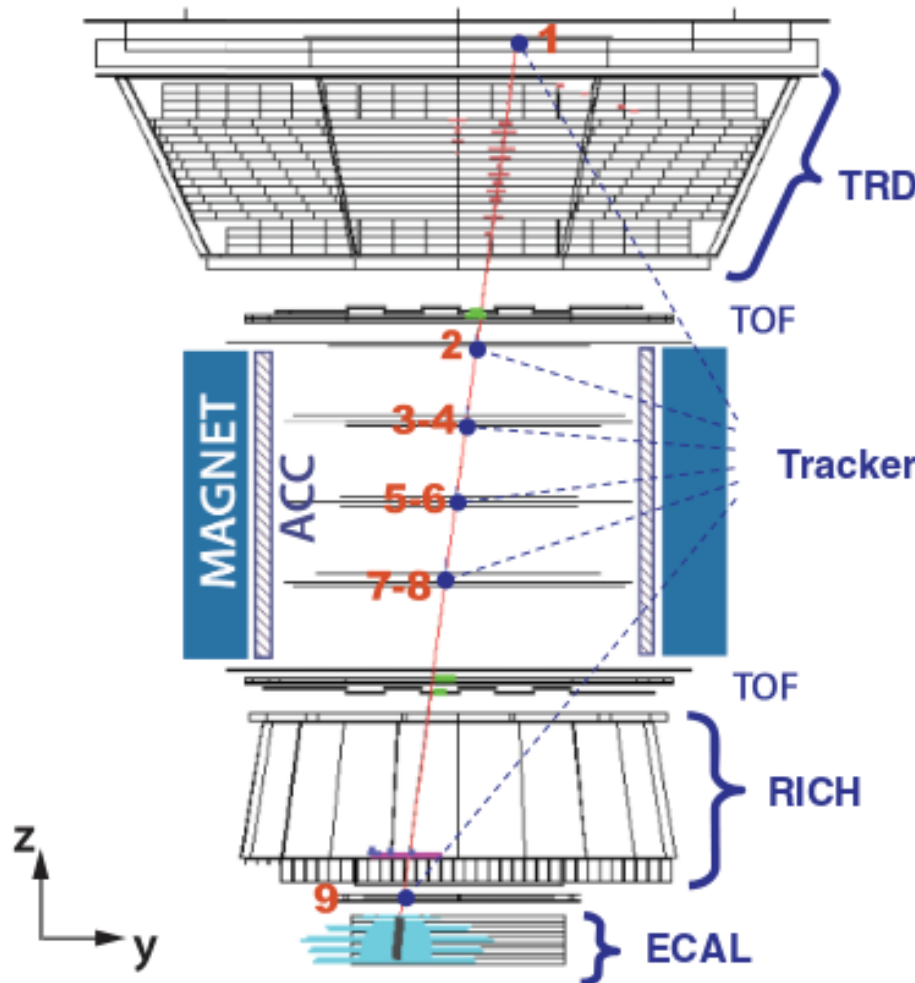
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The AMS-02 Detector



- Weight 8500 kg
- Volume 64 cubic meters
- Power 2500 watts
- Data downlink 9 Mbps (average)

The AMS-02 Detector



- TRD:**
- Tracking
 - Charge by dE/dx
 - Gamma factor
→ Lepton Identification
- TOF:**
- Relative velocity
 - Charge by dE/dx
 - Trigger and veto counter
- Tracker:**
- Particle trajectory
 - Charge by dE/dx
 - Rigidity → Charge sign
- RICH:**
- Relative velocity
 - Mass
- ECAL:**
- Energy of Leptons
 - 3D shower reconstruction
→ Lepton identification

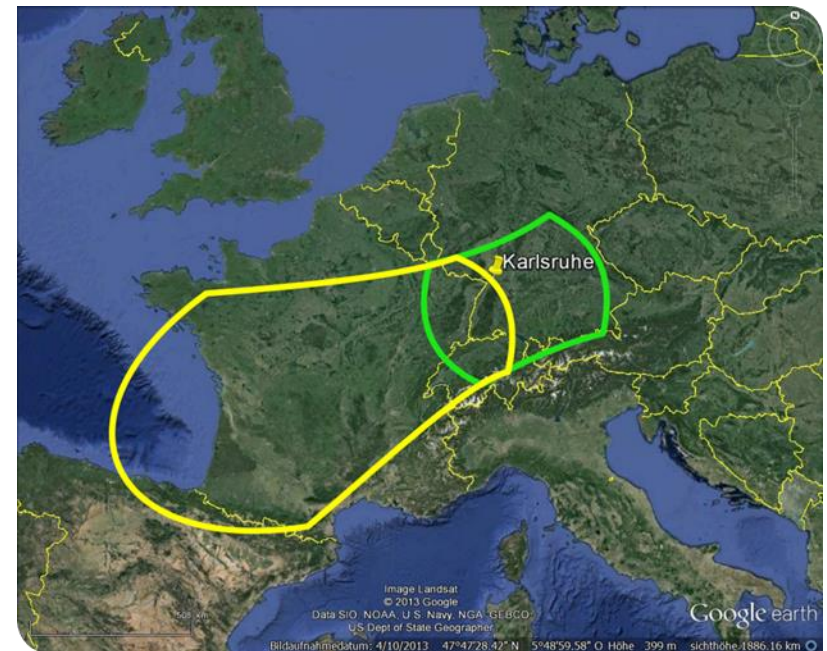
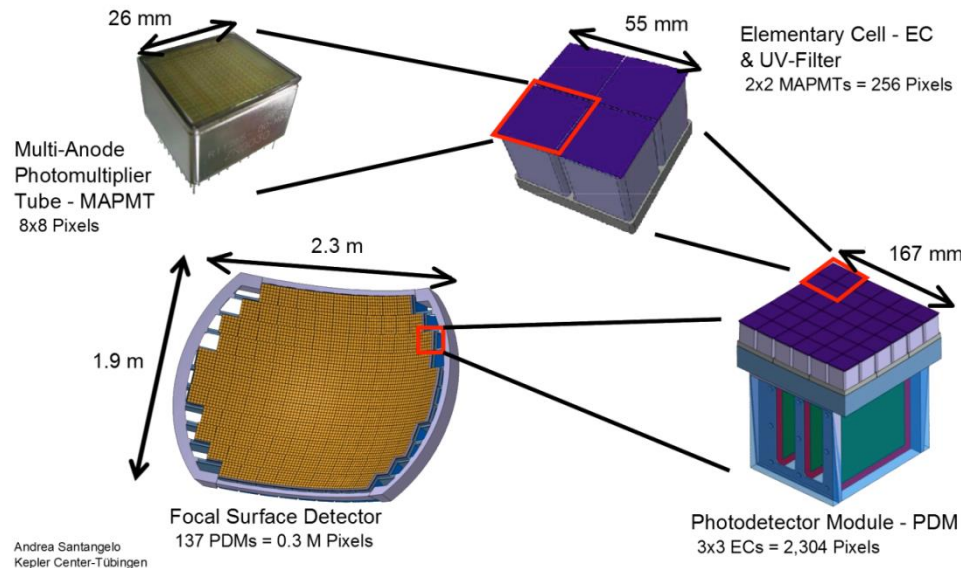
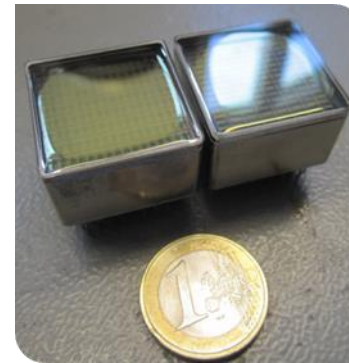
JEM-EUSO



Nadir mode



Tilt mode



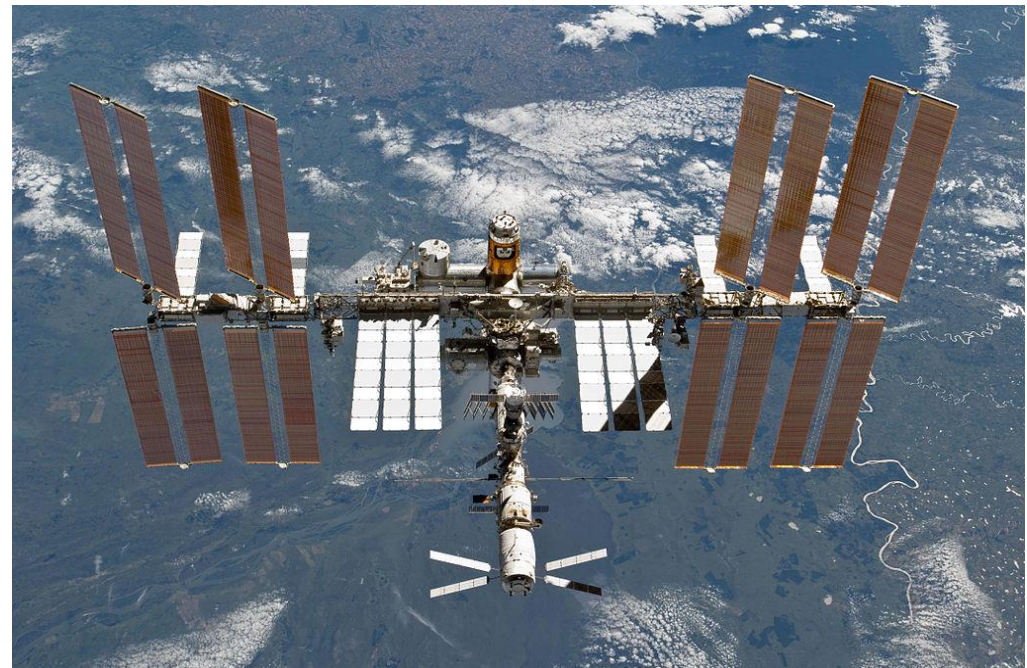
Science on the ISS

Why do astroparticle physics on the International Space Station (ISS)?

ISS Provides:

- Power
- Data up- and down-link
- High mass possible
- Long term measurement (at least till 2020)
- Maneuvering

→ Focus on the detector,
not space flight!

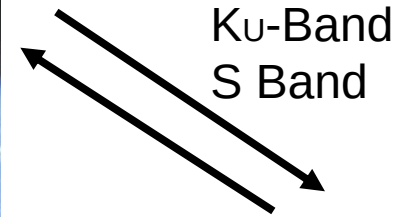


Data Flow

AMS Laptop at ISS



TDRS Satellites



White Sands Stations



AMS POCC at CERN



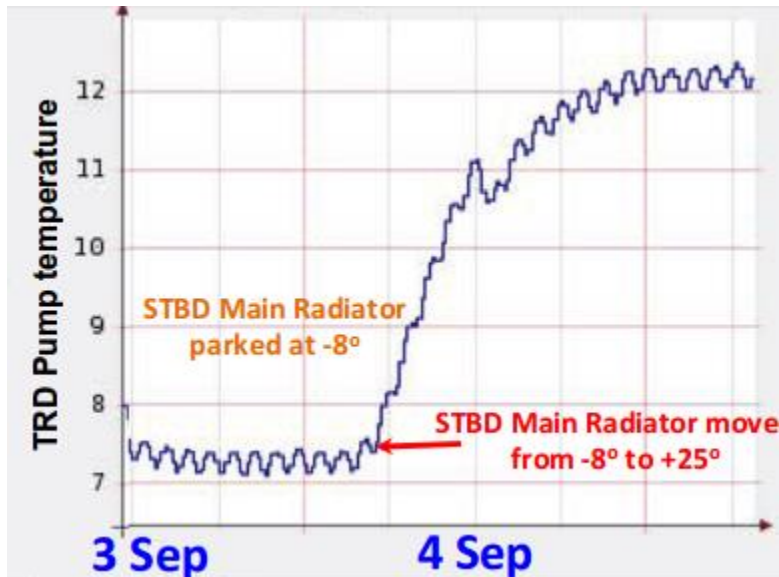
MSC → JSC



Detector Monitoring

Detector is monitored in 5 shift positions 24/7 at the Payload Operation Control Center (**POCC**) at CERN and a backup POCC in Taiwan:

- Temperatures
- Data stream/acquisition
- Data quality
- Detector status



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Particle Fluxes

Describes the number of particles with certain energy per measurement area, time and incoming angle independent from detector.

$$\Phi(E) = \frac{N(E)}{Acc(E) \varepsilon_{Trig} \varepsilon_{Sel} T_{exp} \Delta E}$$

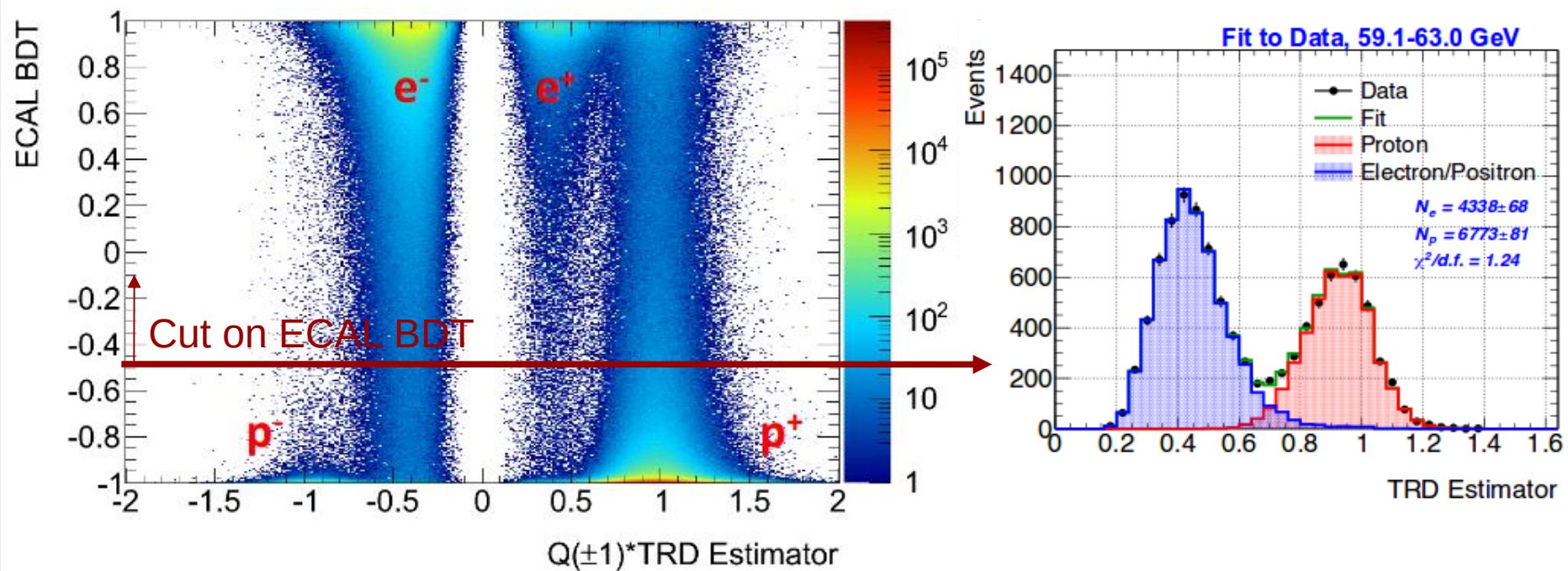
Ingredients for the flux:

- N: Number of particles found
- Acc: Acceptance [m² sr] is the effective detection area
- ε_{Trig} : Efficiency of Trigger
- ε_{Sel} : Efficiency in event selection
- T_{exp} : Exposure Time [s]
- ΔE : Energy bin width [eV]

AMS-02 Electron Flux

Particle identification

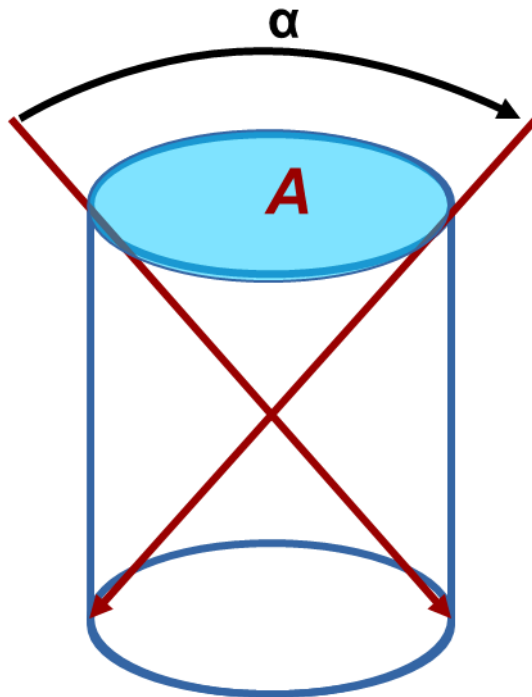
1.) Cut on ECAL BDT estimator to reduce proton background



2.) Total number of electrons is obtained by a fit using TRD estimator

AMS-02 Electron Flux Acceptance

Geometric:

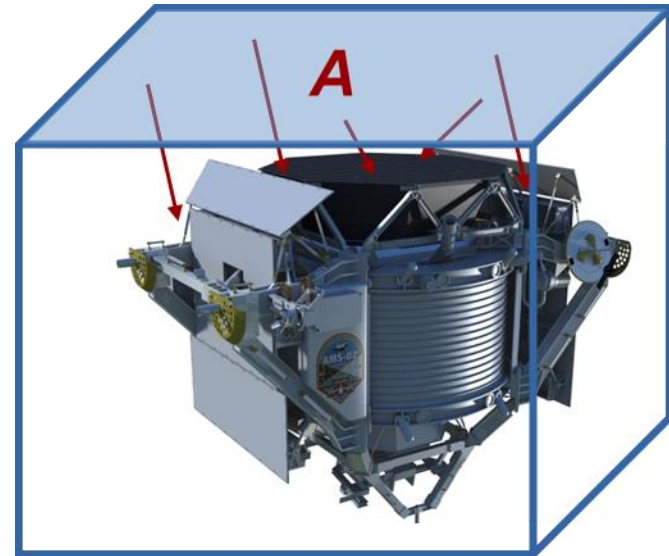


$$Acc = A \times \alpha$$

- Not easy for more complicated geometries
- Does not include inefficiencies

Simulation:

Shot MC electrons from plane A within incoming angle α .



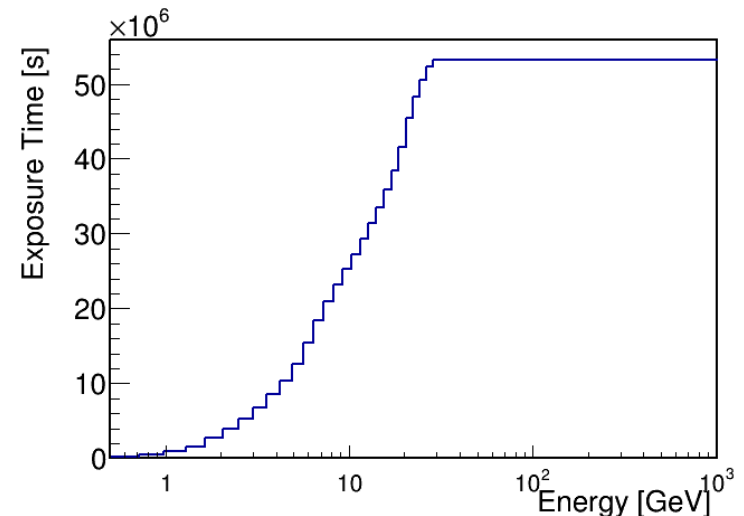
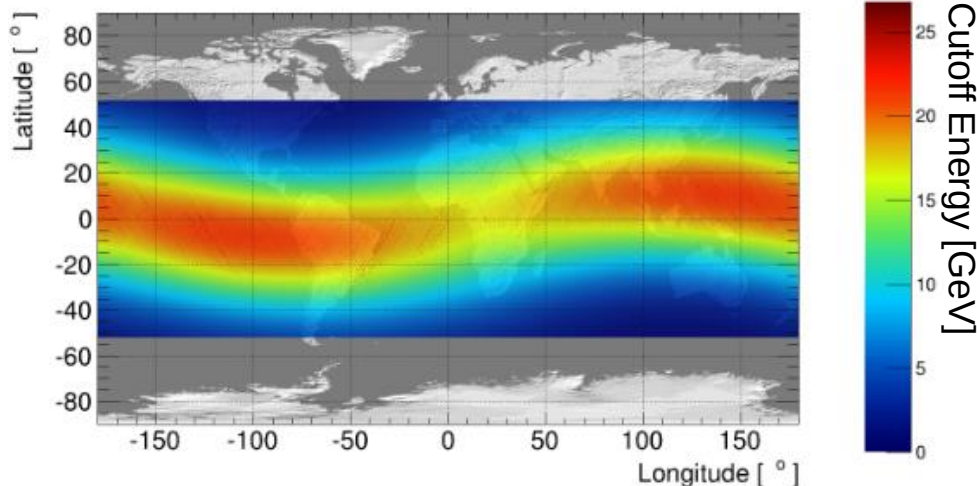
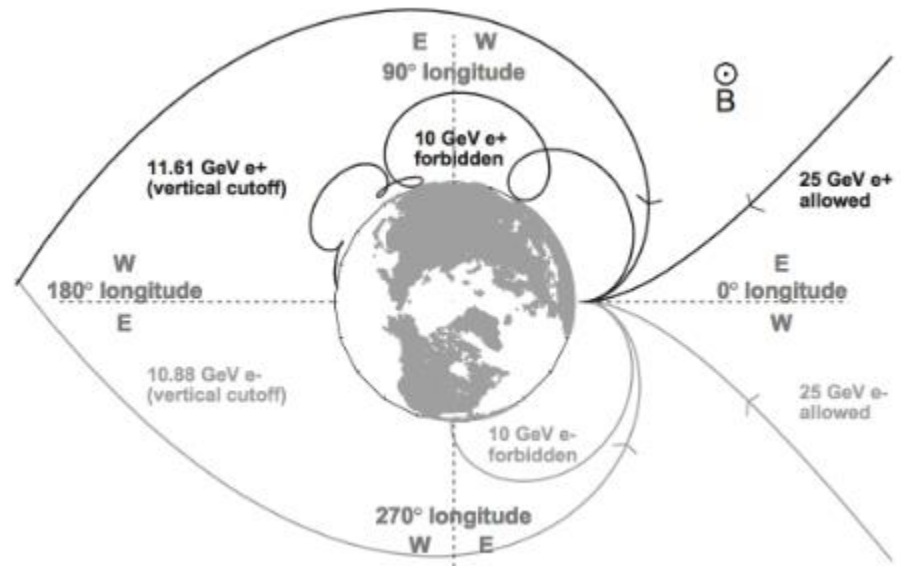
$$Acc = A \times \alpha \times \frac{N_{Triggered}}{N_{Generated}}$$

AMS-02 Electron Flux

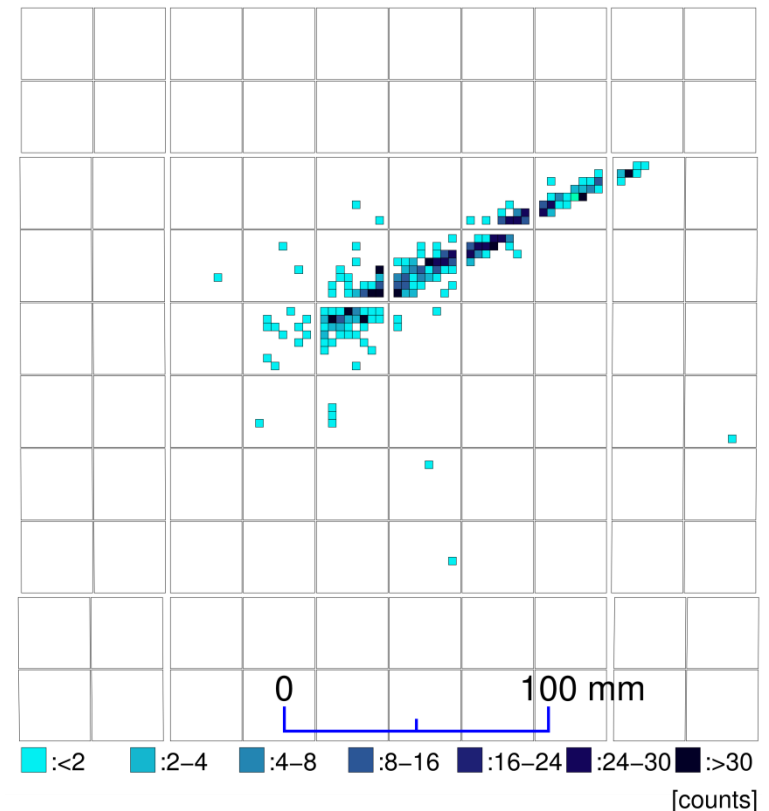
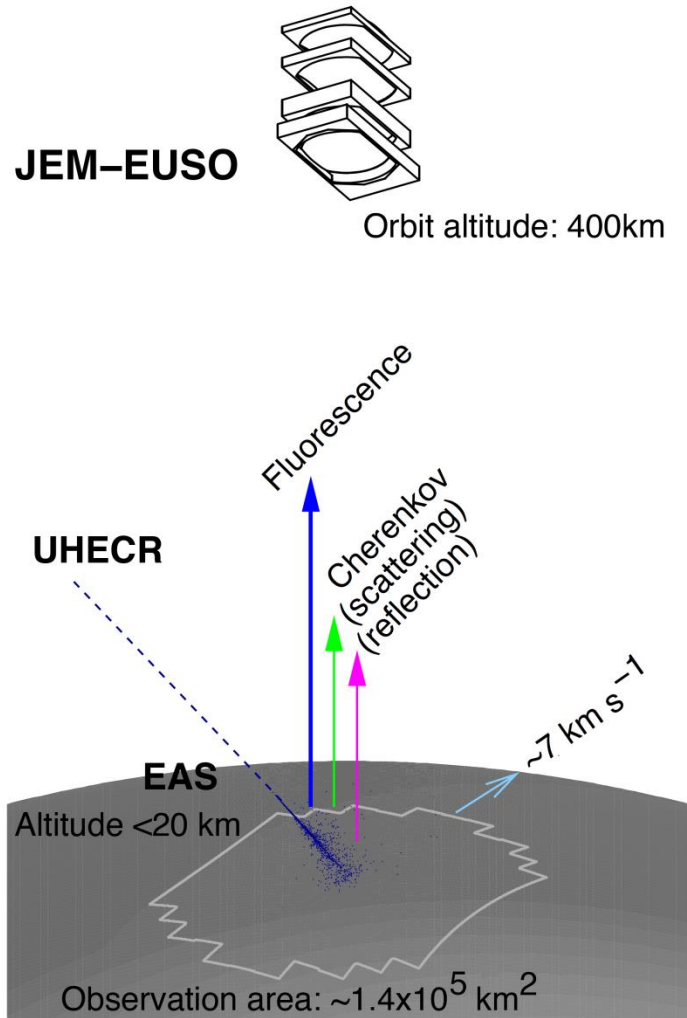
Exposure Time

Earth magnetic field bends low energy particles trajectory.

Geomagnetic cutoff leads to energy dependance in exposure time.



JEM-EUSO Measurements



JEM-EUSO Measurements

UV light emission by EAS

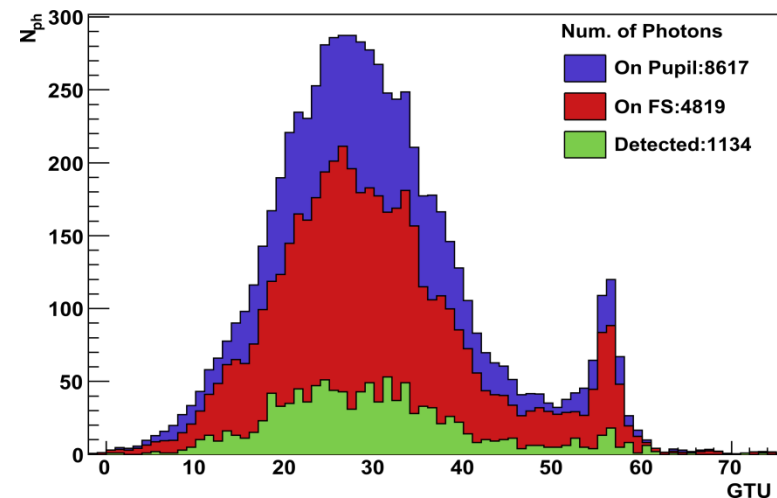
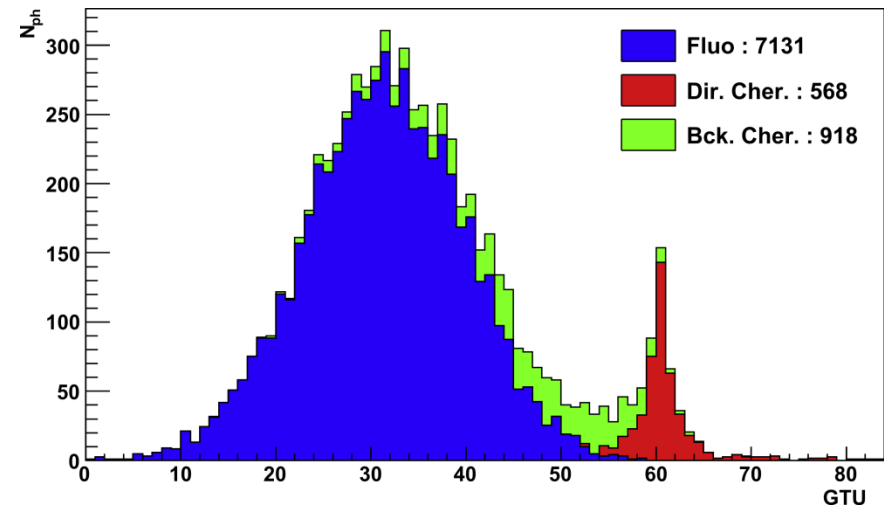
- Fluorescence (Isotropic)
- Cherenkov (forward beamed)

Detection of

- Direct fluorescence light
- Scattered light
- Ground reflected light

Detection influenced by

- Transmission in atmosphere
- Optics transmission
- Quantum efficiency of MAPMT



JEM-EUSO Aperture and Exposure

Key effects

- a) EAS development in the atmosphere
- b) Detector properties (FOV, orbit, etc.)
 - $\eta_0 = 20\%$
- c) Steady background light (nightglow, moonlight, etc.)
 - 500 photons/(m² sr ns)
- d) Atmospheric transmittance (especially clouds)
 - $\kappa_C = 72\%$
- e) Variant background light (anthropogenic light, lightning, etc.)
 - $f_{loc} = 10\%$



JEM-EUSO Aperture and Exposure

Geometrical aperture

$$A(E) = \frac{N_{\text{trig}}}{N_{\text{inject}}} \cdot S_{\text{inject}} \cdot \Omega_0$$

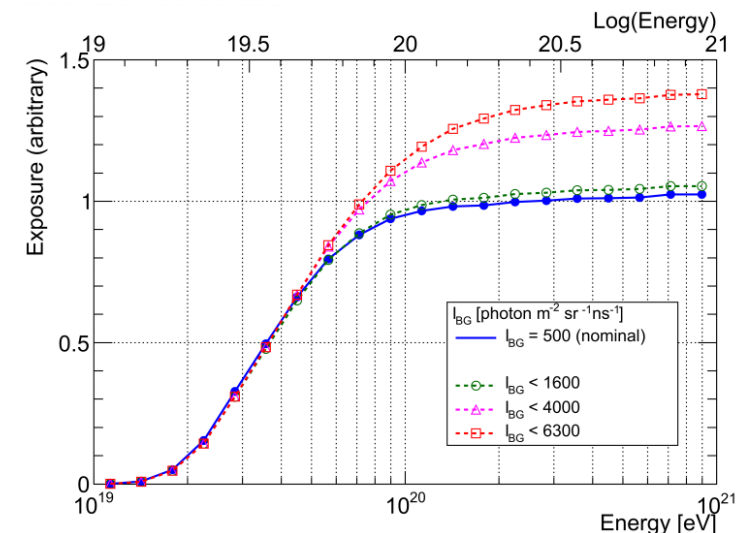
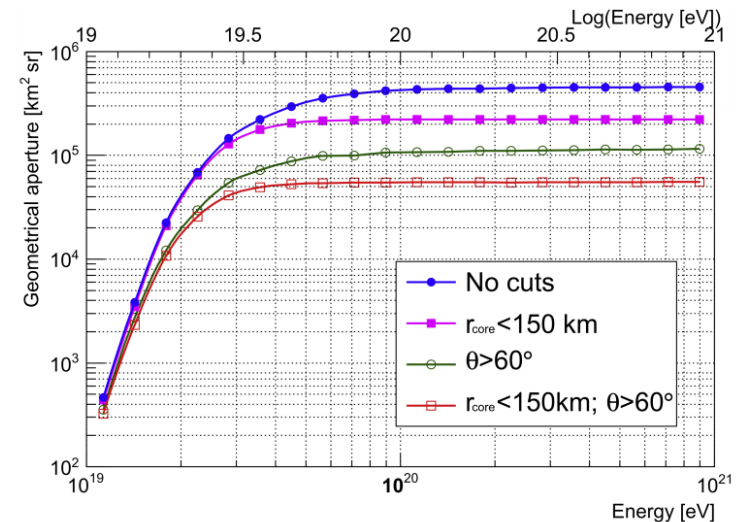
Annual Exposure

$$:= A(E) \cdot \underbrace{\kappa_C \cdot \eta_0 \cdot (1 - f_{\text{loc}})}_{0.13} \cdot (1[\text{yr}])$$

Overall Exposure

$$\propto \int_0^{I^{\text{thr}}} A \left(\sqrt{\frac{\langle I_{\text{BG}} \rangle}{I_{\text{BG}}}} \cdot E \right) \cdot p(I_{\text{BG}}) dI_{\text{BG}}$$

→ Exposure 9 x 7000 km² yr sr



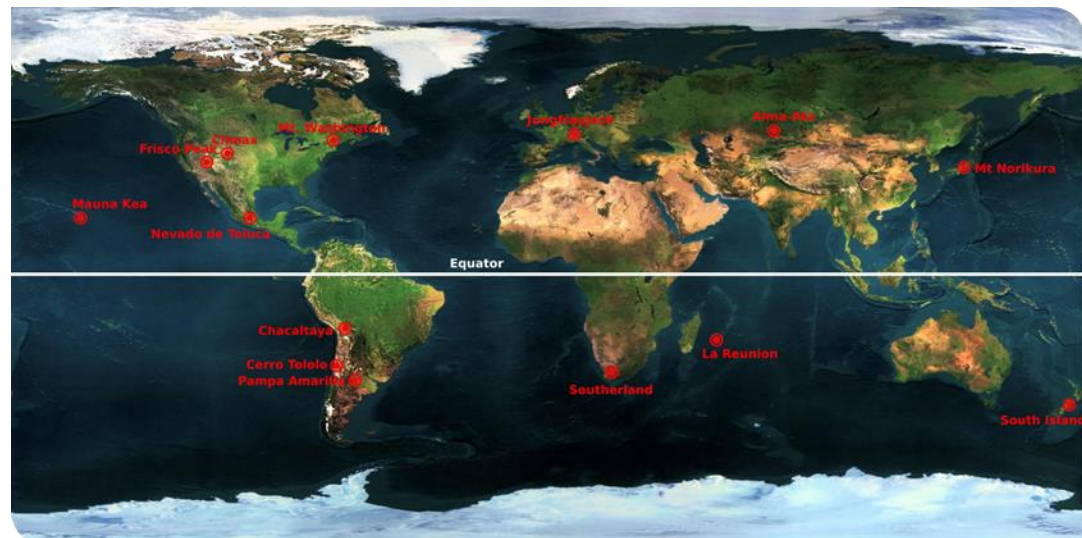
JEM-EUSO Calibration

Main issues

- a) Atmospheric conditions → IR camera, LIDAR + GDAS data
- b) Background light levels → Slow acquisition mode
- c) Timing uncertainties
- d) Tilt angle
- e) Pointing errors ($H_{ISS}(t)$) → Altitude monitoring
- f) Temperature variation
- g) Age of the instrument

⇒ Global Light System (GLS)

- World wide network of ground-based stations
- Airborne stations
- Xenon flasher lamps
- Steerable laser



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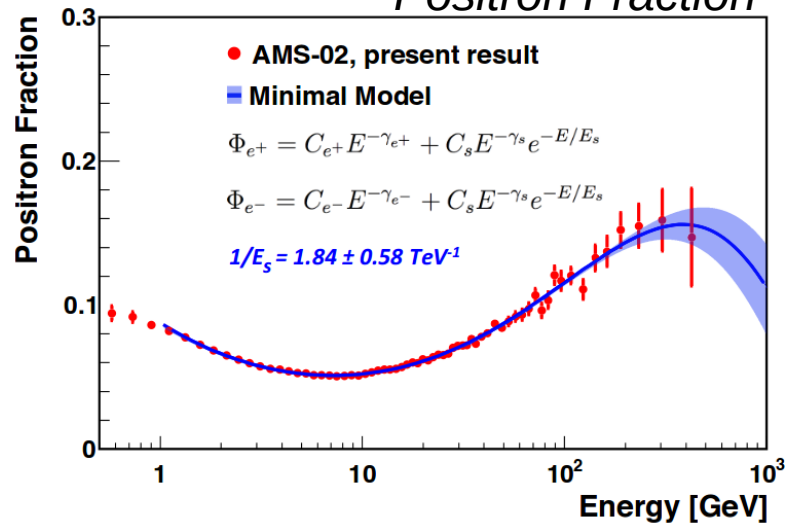
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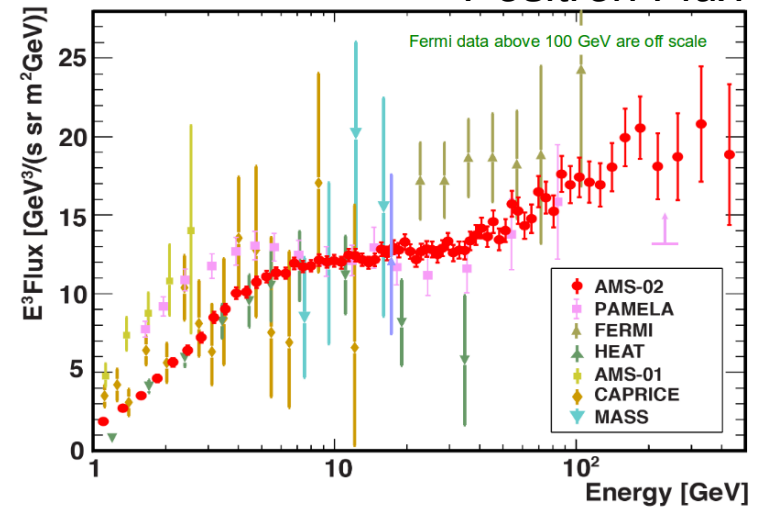
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First Results of AMS-02

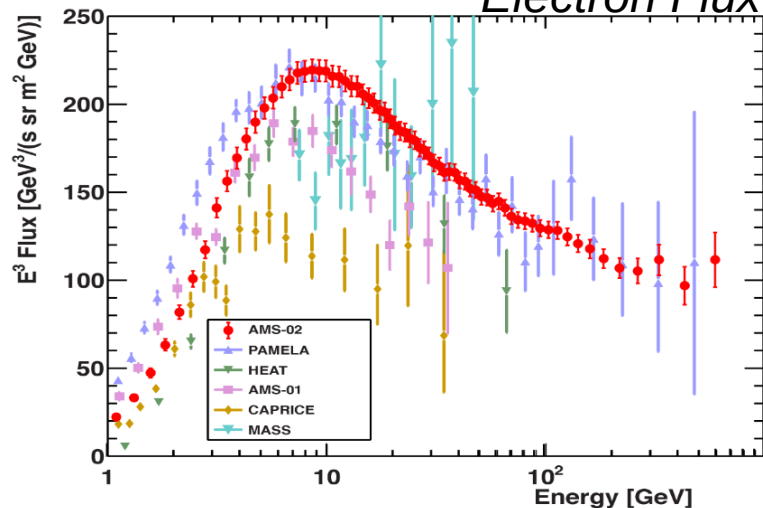
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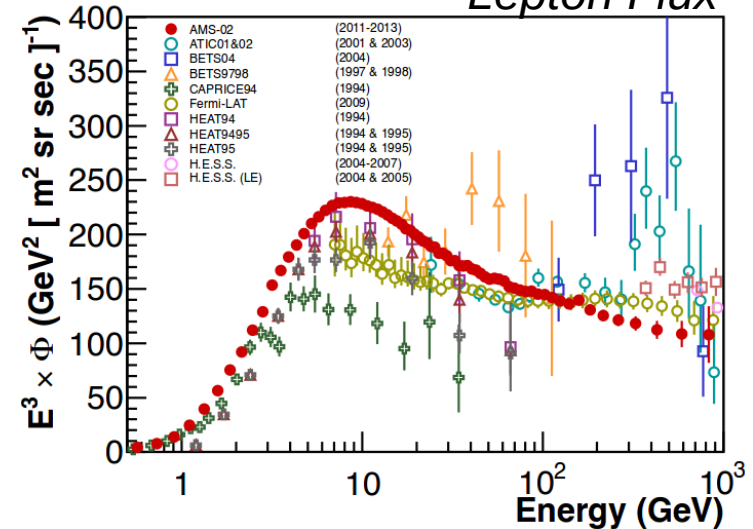
Positron Flux



Electron Flux



Lepton Flux



Z. Weng & V. Vagelli at ICHEP2014

JEM-EUSO Prototypes



EUSO-TA

- Telescope Area, Utah (USA)
- Calibration using CLF and ELS
- Cross calibration with TA
- External trigger for EAS

⇒ First data expected end of July

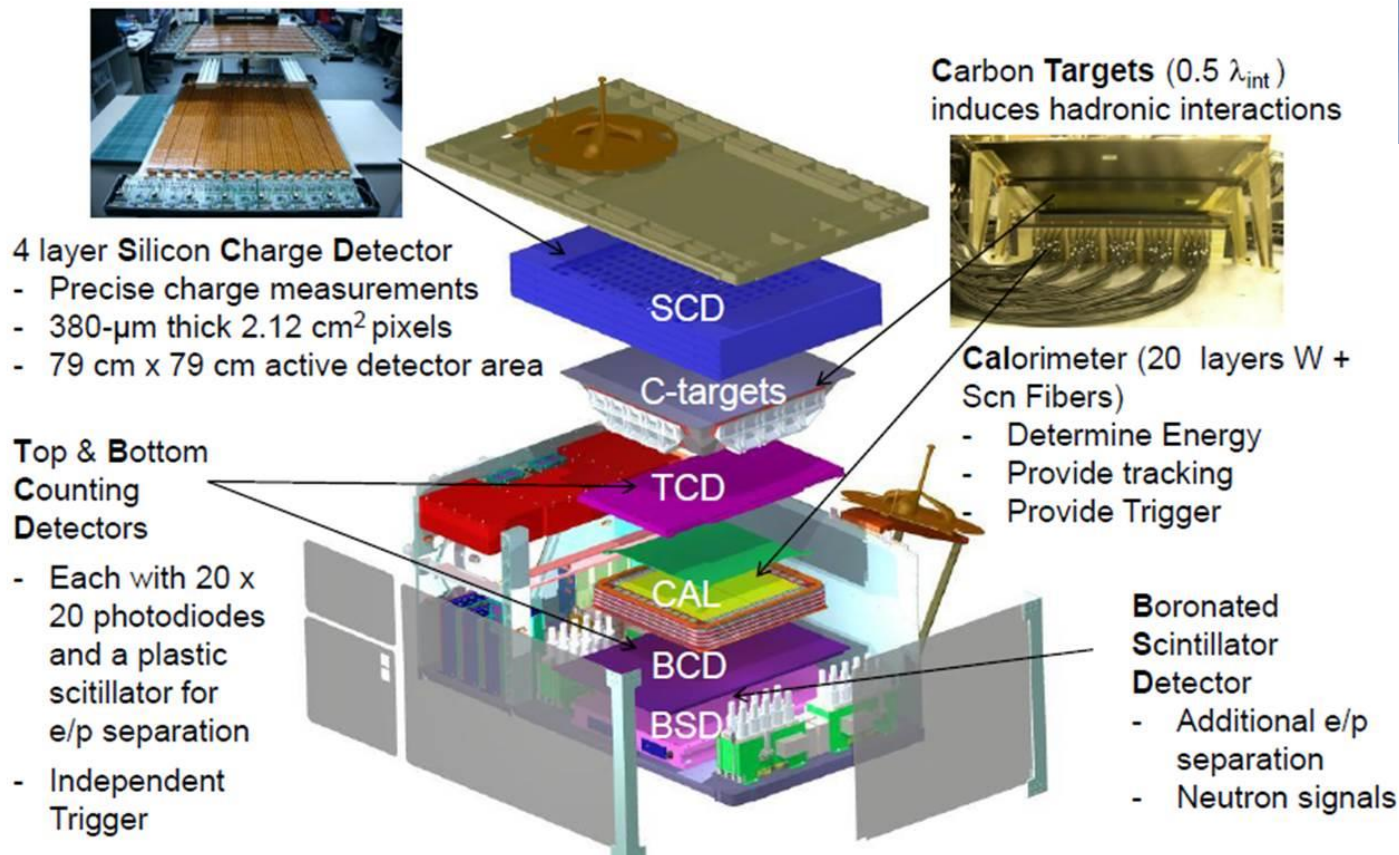
EUSO-Balloon

- Scheduled for CNES balloon flight in Timmins, Ontario (Canada) in August
- Background measurement
- Near space environment



ISS-CREAM

- Direct measurement of cosmic rays with energies up to 100 TeV onboard ISS (former balloon experiment).
- Start Planed in **Dec 2014** with SpaceX-6 flight.



Summary

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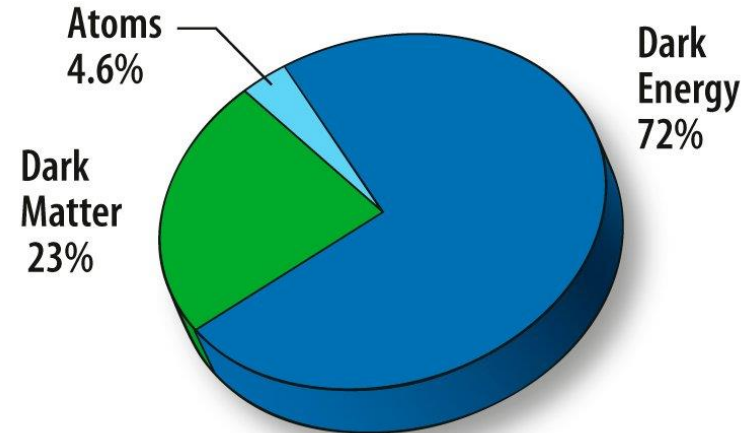
- The **flux** disentangles the measurement from the detector
- The International Space Station (ISS) is a perfect host for cosmic ray experiments
- **AMS-02** is measuring cosmic particles on the ISS since May 2011 without mayor interruptions
- **JEM-EUSO** will use the **air fluorescence** method for the first time in a space environment and measure the cosmic ray particle flux to energies beyond 10^{20} eV

Thank you for your attention!

Goals of Astroparticle Physics

Use methods of particle physics to study astrophysical problems

- What does our universe look like (structure formation)?
- What is happening in our universe (origin of cosmic rays)?
- What did the early universe look like (Big Bang)?
- Where does Matter come from or where did the anti-matter go?
- What is Dark Matter?
- What is Dark Energy?



NASA/WMAP Science Team

“Never in the history of science we were so aware of our ignorance: We know that we do not know anything about what makes 95% of our universe”

R.Battiston

JEM-EUSO Specification

- Optics
 - Aperture 4.5 m²
 - Band width (UV) 300 – 430 nm
 - Field of view 0.85 sr ($\pm 30^\circ$)
 - Observation area 1.4×10^5 km²
- FS detector and electronics
 - Sampling time 2.5 μ s
 - Spatial angular resolution 0.074°
 - Pixel size at ground 0.51 km
 - Number of pixels 3.2×10^5
- Atmospheric Monitoring
 - IR camera
 - LIDAR
- Calibration system
 - Global Light System (GLS)
 - In flight