JEM-EUSO and its test experiments: TA-EUSO and EUSO-Balloon

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JEM-EUSO main features

Method: fluorescence (full calorimetric)

Large field of view: ± 30° thanks to double sided spherical Fresnel lenses

At 400 km (ISS): 2 10⁵ km² (nadir mode) up to 10⁶ km² (tilted mode)

No need for stereo: 400 km >> shower length (TPC with a drift velocity = c)





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JEM-EUSO telescope







Lenses:

- produced in Japan + tested in US
- PSF = 3 mm (PMT pixel = 2.88 x 2.88 mm)

Mechanics:

- extendable system developed by Russia





- FoV of 1 PDM = 27 x 27 km²



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JEM-EUSO: the full machine



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Main Physics Program Main scientific objectives

- Measurement of Ultra-high energy Cosmic Rays
- → Astronomy and Astrophysics through the particle channel = Physics and Astrophysics at E > 5.×10¹⁹eV

Exploratory scientific objectives

- Exploratory Objectives: new messengers
 - Discovery of UHE neutrinos
 - discrimination and identification via X₀ and X_{max}
 - Discovery of UHE Gammas

discrimination of \mathbf{X}_{\max} due to geomagnetic and LPM effect

- Exploratory Objectives: magnetic fields
- Exploratory Objectives: Atmospheric science
 - Nightglow
 - Transient luminous events
 - Space-atmosphere interactions
 - climate change
 - with the fast UV monitoring of the Atmosphere



(Elaboration of figure by Lyous et al. 2000)

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The observation technique



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JEM-EUSO Performance: Annual Exposure

Depends on zenith angle and energy ... and is determined by four factors:

$TA \rightarrow Trigger Aperture$ Determined by the trigger efficiency

 $TA \times \eta \times k \times l$

 $\eta \rightarrow duty \ cycle$ Determined by the background (and operation)

 $K \rightarrow cloud \ impact$ Determined by the cloud coverage

 $l \rightarrow citylights \& lightnings$

Local effects which limit the aperture



JEM-EUSO Performance: Efficiency





JEM-EUSO Performance: duty cycle



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JEM-EUSO Performance: city lights & lightnings



- **CITY LIGHTS:**
- ~ 7% (DMSP data)
- LIGHTNINGS:
- ~ 2% (Tatiana data)
- **→** *l* = 91%

$l \rightarrow citylights \& lightnings$



JEM-EUSO Performance: cloud impact



➔ Most EAS relevant for JEM-EUSO reach maximum above the typical cloud altitudes!

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JEM-EUSO Performance: reconstruction with clouds



- shower profiles are attenuated for optically thin clouds (eg. cirri).
- optically thick clouds (eg. strati) block photons emitted below cloud
- cloud reflected Cherenkov light improves the reconstruction



JEM-EUSO Performance: cloud coverage

Clear sky ~ 31% Green band ~ 60%

Cloud top

Optical Depth		<3.2 km	3.2-6.5 km	6.5-10 km	>10 km
	OD>2	16	5.9	8.6	5.0
	OD:1-2	6.0	3.0	4.2	2.5
	OD:0.1-1	6.5	2.0	3.2	5.0
	OD<0.1	31	<0.1	<0.1	1.2

 Occurrence of clouds (in %) between 50° N and 50° S on TOVS database (Confirmed by ISCCP,CACOLO & MERIS database)

 \rightarrow In ~72% of the cases the UV track including X_{max} is observable





JEM-EUSO Exposure (...Nadir mode)



- With tight geometrical cuts a direct comparison with ground-based observatories possible
- full FOV provides about one order higher exposure than Auger at higher energies
- When accepting higher BG level improvements possible





JEM-EUSO: aperture



Uniform coverage of both hemispheres!





JEM-EUSO: status funding agencies

- ESA: JEM-EUSO is being studied (since 2010) as a project of the ELIPS program. ESA acts toward a coordinated interagency effort.
- ROSCOSOMOS: Tsniimash (Roscosmos ISS) has expressed a clear interest in pursuing a wider participation of Russia in JEM-EUSO; now with endorsement of the Scientific Committee.
- NASA: US proposal to SALMON AO (2011) was not selected. ISS resources are the key item. New proposal to the APRA program has been accepted, for both, resources for the EUSO Balloon and for the main mission.
- JAXA: They encourage the participation of ROSCOSMOS but still consider NASA an essential partner. (Japan manages its participation to the ISS via NASA.) Collaboration with TA is very important.
- In the countries different level of funds: EUSO Balloon and TA-EUSO running at full speed, in parallel phase A study of the main mission.







TA-EUSO

Cross-calibration tests at Telescope Array site, Utah

- Main purpose: calibration using existing FD telescope
- Few showers in coincidence with TA
- Later repeat also at the Pierre Auger Observatory

Operation early 2013!







TA-EUSO

Cross-calibration tests at Telescope Array site, Utah

- 2 (squared 1 m²) Fresnel Lenses \rightarrow FoV = 8 degree
- focal surface: 1 PDM (36 MAPMT, 2304 pixels)







Simulation of UV photons of TA ELS Squares: FoV of the EUSO-Ground telescope.



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EUSO-Balloon JEM-EUSO prototype at 40km altitude

Main purpose: Background measurements and engineering tests

- Engineering test
- UV-Background measurement
- Air shower observations from 40 km altitude First flight: 2014!







Summary EUSO-Balloon

Study of EECR from

- Ground (Utah) → early 2013
- Balloon (40 km) → 2014-15
- − Space (ISS) → launch 2017
 - TUS/KLYPVE on Lomonosov satellite launch 2012/13
 - technical pathfinder of EUSO
 - survey of UV-background









