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Description and preliminary test results of a detector prototype for the TUS space fluorescence observatory

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Abstract content

We discuss a general scheme of the optics and electronics read out as well as preliminary test results of a detector prototype for the space fluorescence telescope TUS (FD-TUS). The mirror of this prototype is coupled to an 8 by 8 pixel camera. Each of the 64 pixels is read by one PMT of 13 mm diameter (Hamamatsu model R1463) . The optics design is a multi-hexagonal segmented telescope with focal distance of 1.5m and 2 square meter area. The optics design is optimized to have a light collection efficiency greater than 50% for all the pixel positions. The fluorescence detector is being tested at the high mountain site Sierra La Negra near Puebla City in Mexico (600g/cm²). The FD-TUS will observe EAS tracks at energies of about 1 EeV at distances 25-50km, and zenith angles greater than 45 degree with direction tracks perpendicular to the FD axis.

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