



The Crystal Eye X and gamma ray detector for space missions



THE MEDIUM/LOW ENERGY GAMMA RANGE

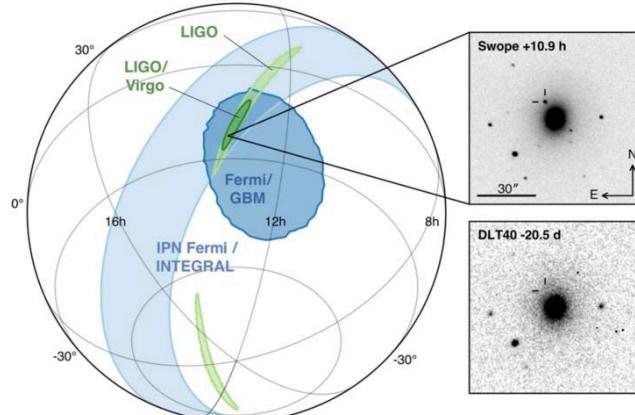
Wonderful experiments and results in the hard X-ray/low energy gamma ray range ($E \sim 10\text{-}200 \text{ keV}$) and high energy gamma rays range ($E > 1\text{GeV}$)

Medium energies still under-explored ($E \sim \text{MeV}$)

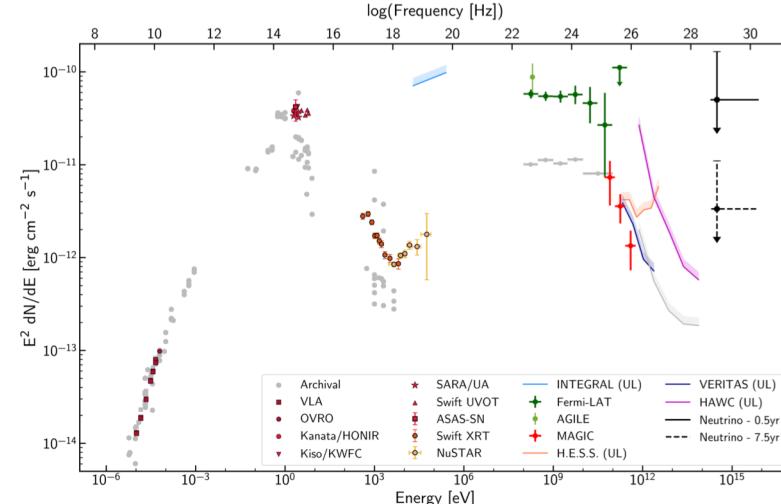


Powerful probes for the extreme Universe

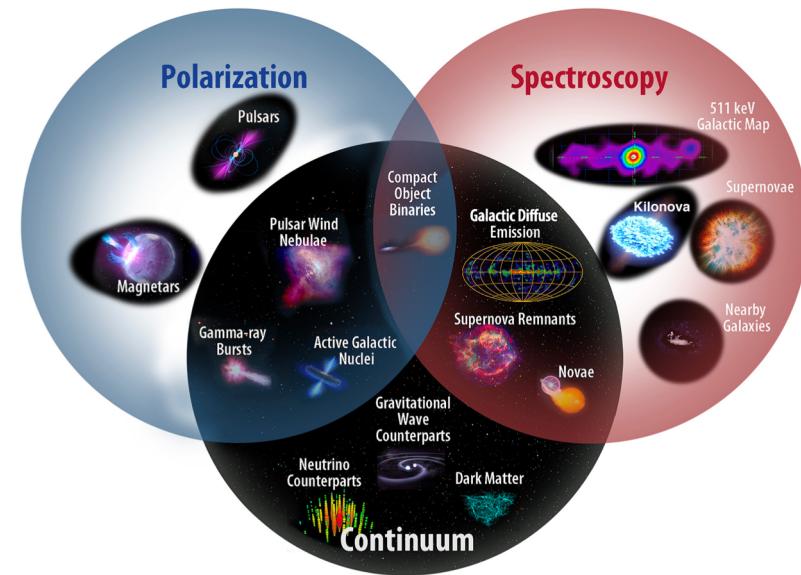
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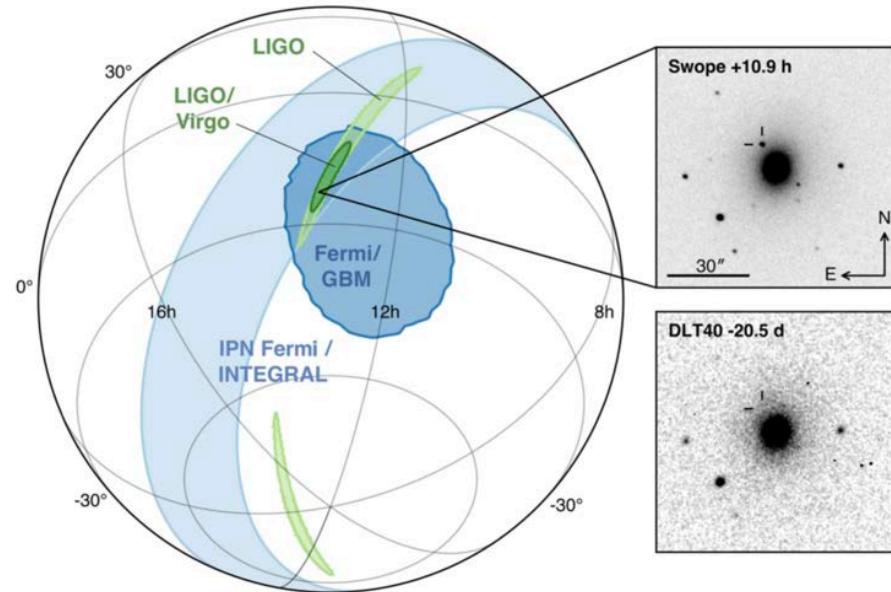
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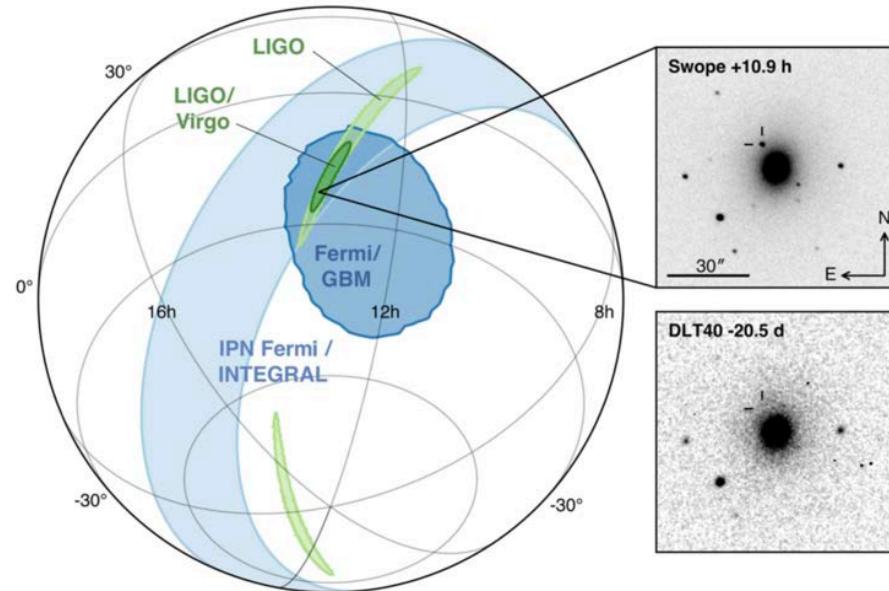
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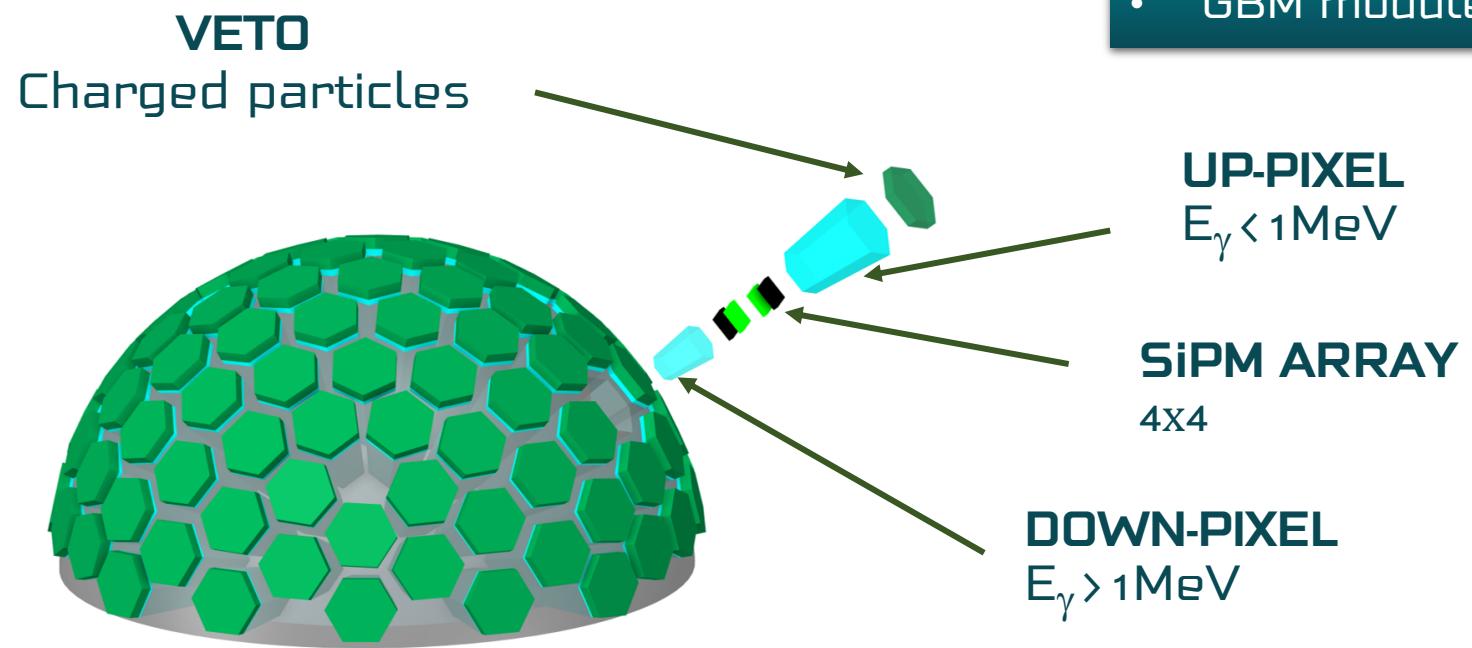
Exploit a constellation of satellites

Change the detection method

THE CRYSTAL EYE METHOD



Compact to be portable by human flights
LYSO crystals read by SiPM-array



Radius: 17 cm

Energy range: 10keV -30MeV

Material: LYSO

Photodetectors: 4x4 Hamamatsu MPPC 3x3mm² 50μm

FOV: 6sr

Effective area: ~ 600 cm² @ 1MeV

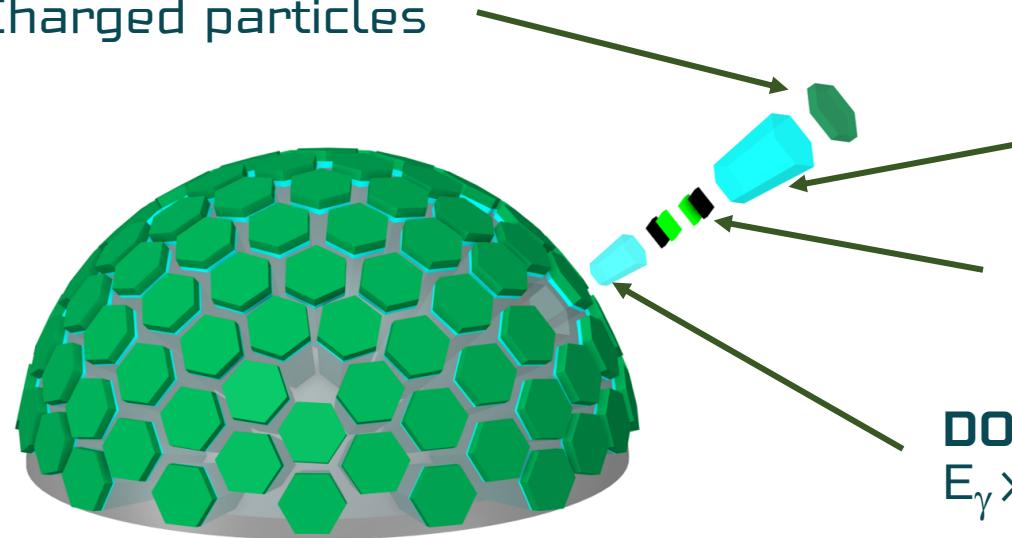
BORN TO BE:

- Free-flyer
- Onboard of space stations
- GBM module of larger satellites



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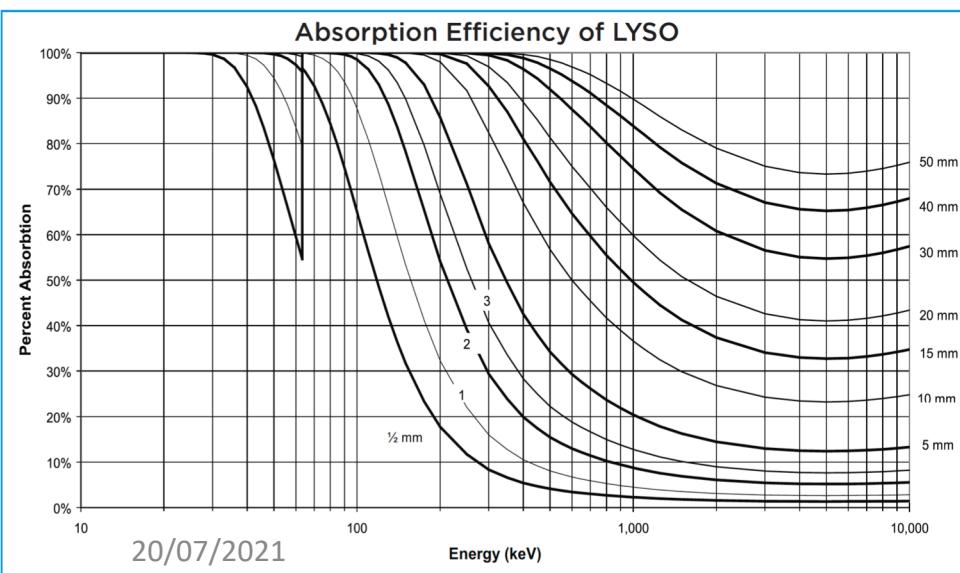
VETO
Charged particles



UP-PIXEL
 $E_{\gamma} < 1 \text{ MeV}$

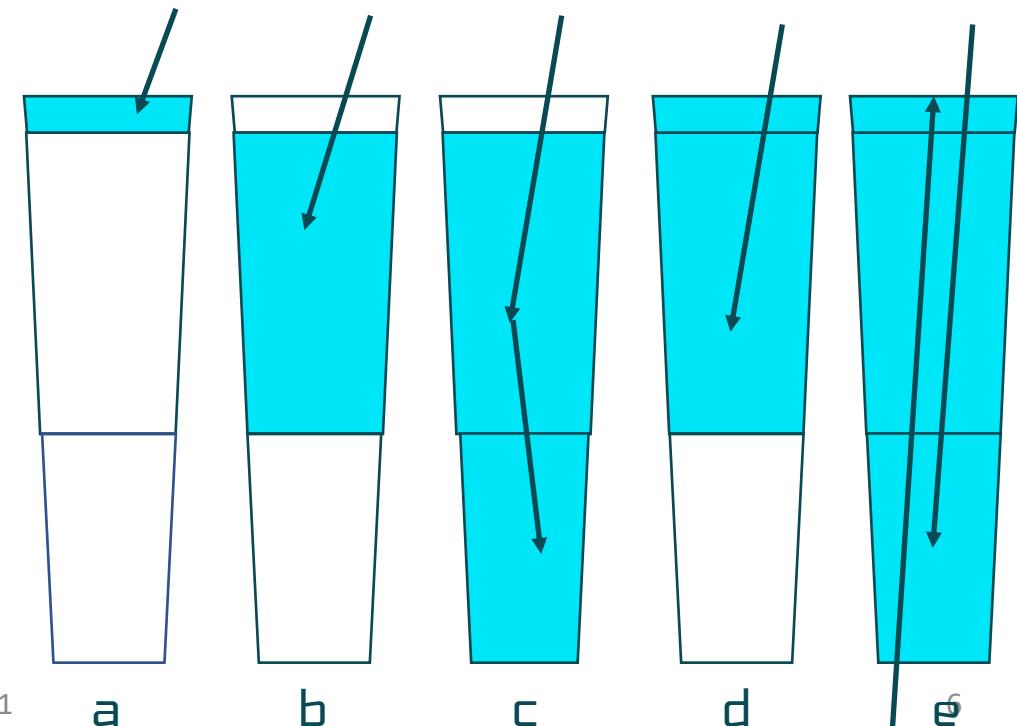
SiPM ARRAY
4x4

DOWN-PIXEL
 $E_{\gamma} > 1 \text{ MeV}$



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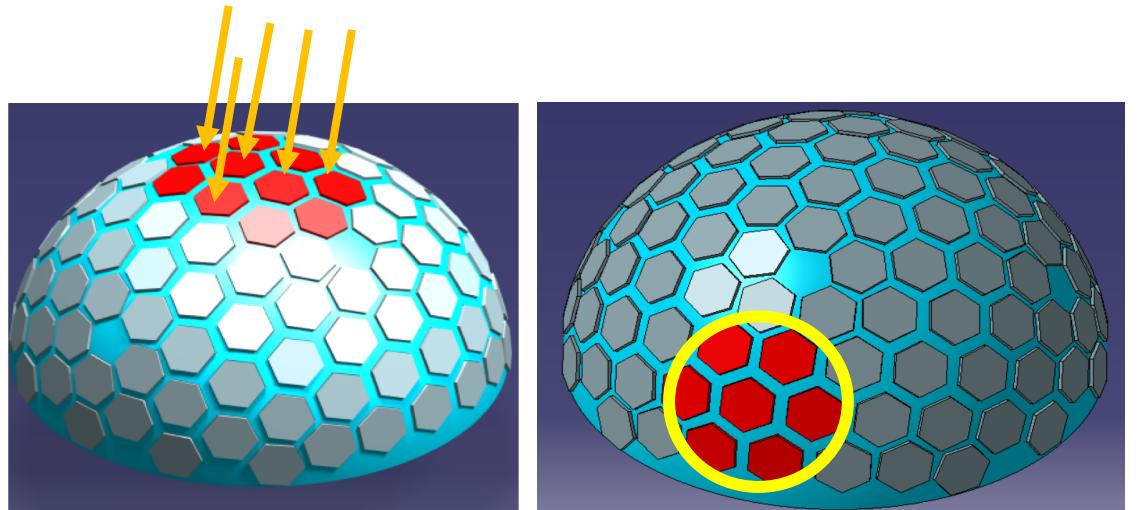
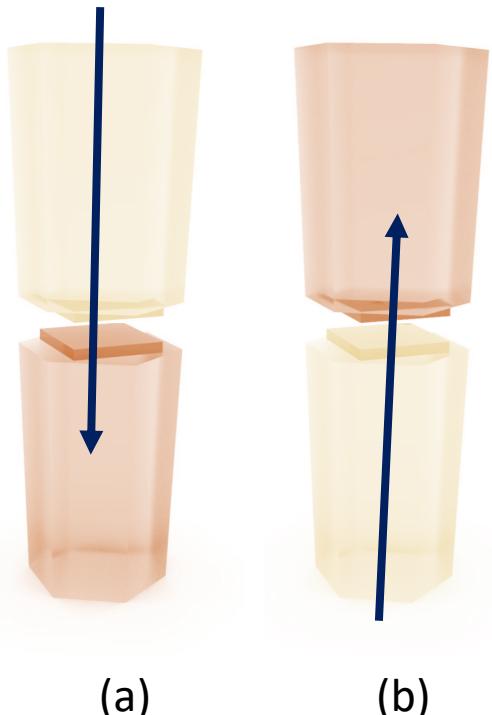
- a - Down-going hard X-ray
- b - Down-going LE γ -ray
- c - Down-going ME γ -ray
- d - Down-going LE charged particle
- e - HE charged particle



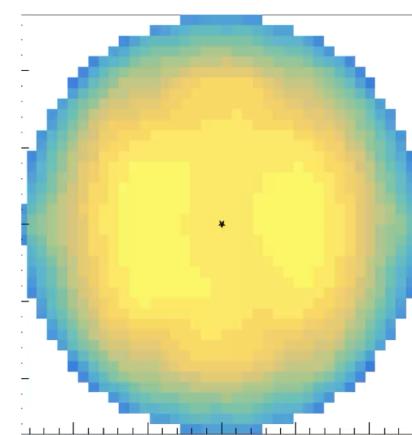


THE CHARGE DISTRIBUTION

Different charge deposit in up-going or down-going events

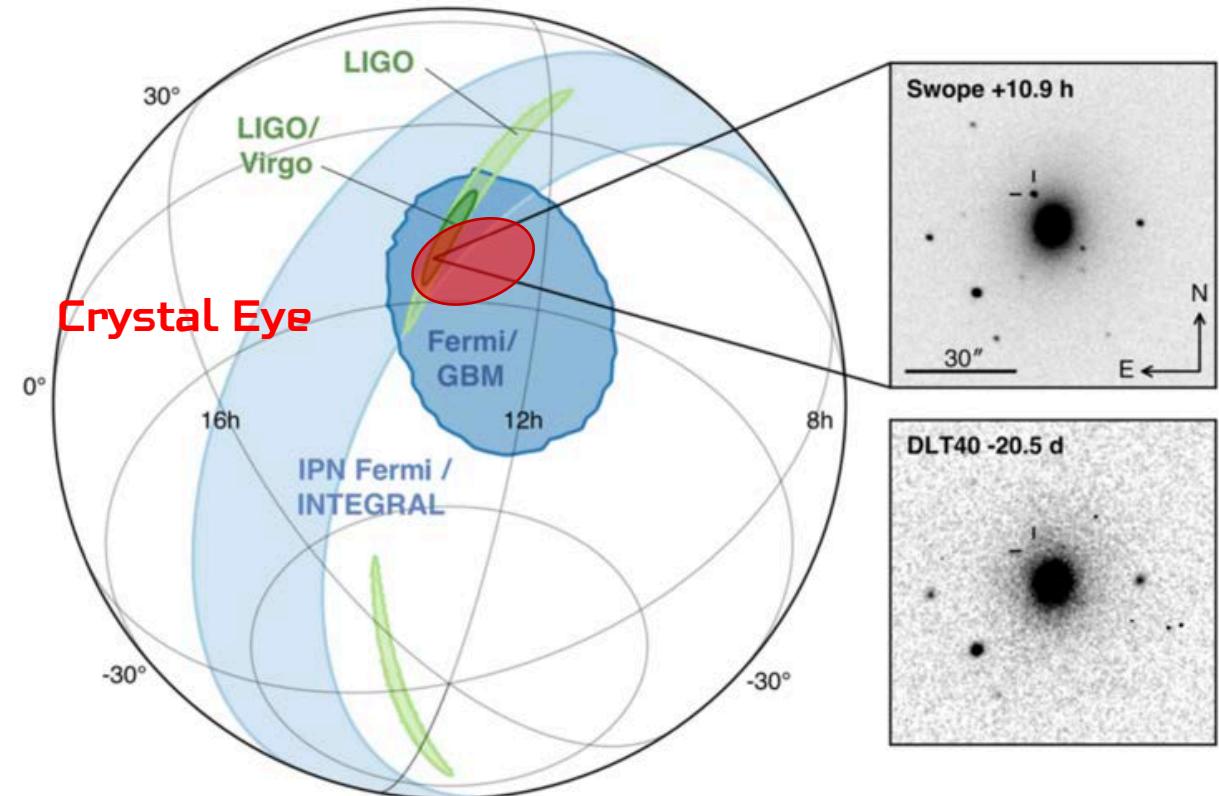


The localization is possible by following the charge distribution on the detector



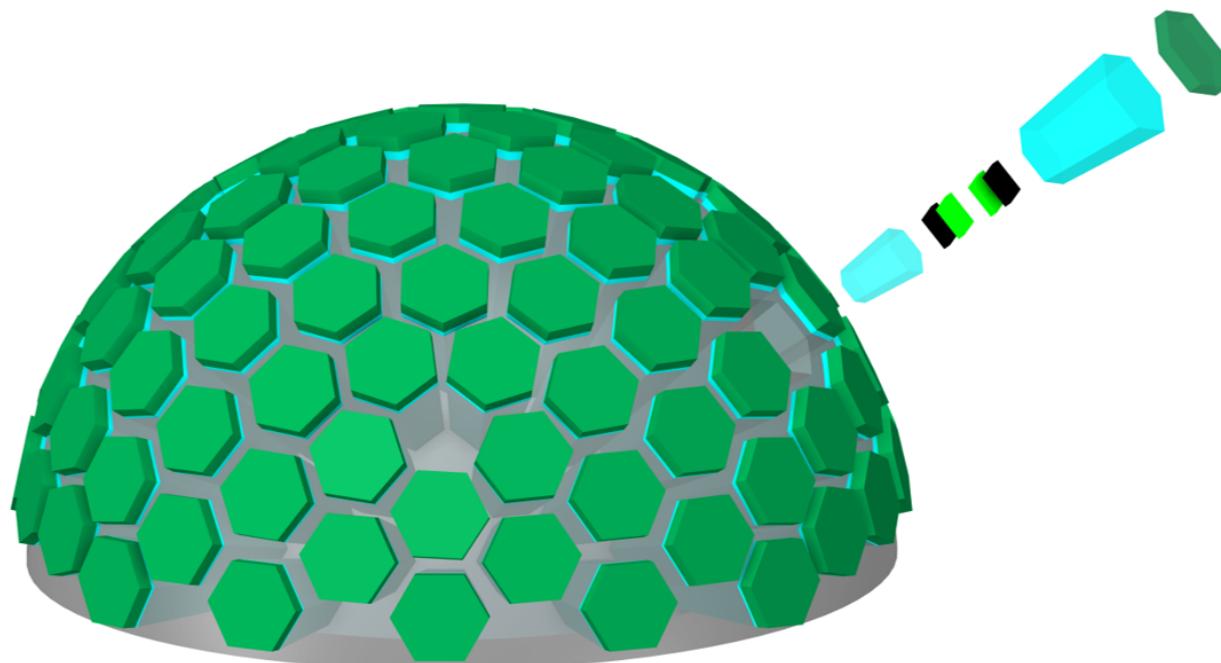


Localization capability more than 4 times better than Fermi-GBM with only **ONE** Crystal Eye



... Further improvements expected by triangulation of 3 Crystal Eyes

A SMART CONFIGURATION

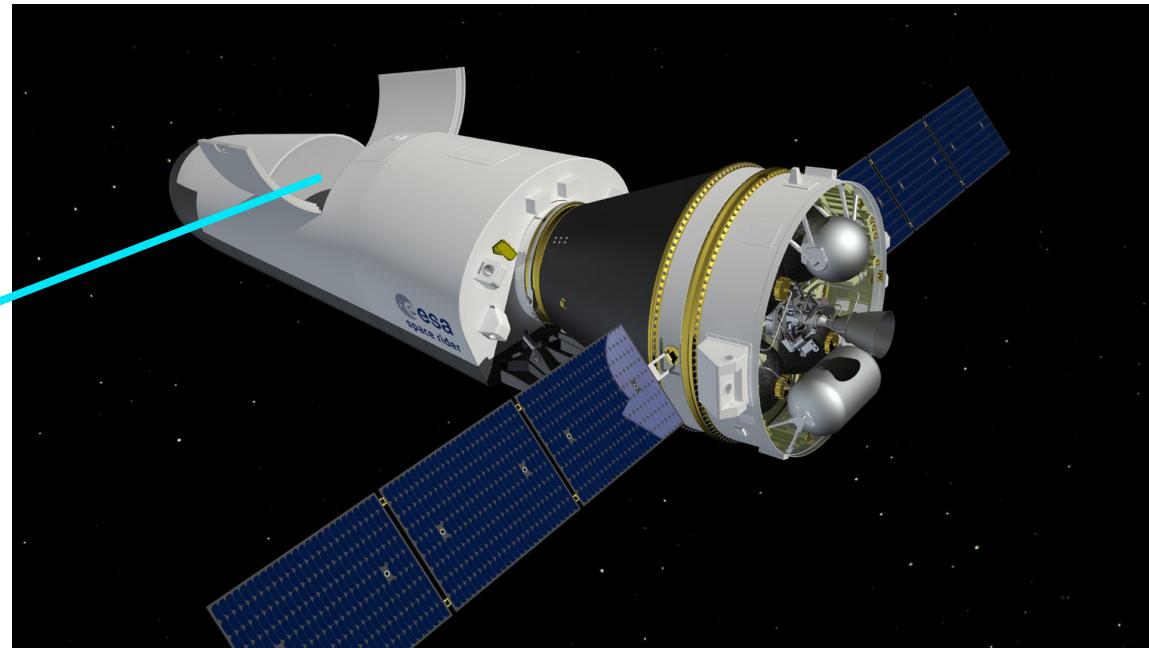


The hemispherical double layer represents a smart configuration from several point of view



- Compactness
- Symmetry
- Thermal protection of the SiPMs
- Radioprotection of the SiPMs

FIRST GSSI SPACE MISSION: THE SPACE RIDER FLIGHT



Technological pathfinder eligible
for the Space RIDER launch by
ESA in 2023



SCIENTIFIC GOAL : Background
characterization

Number of pixels: 4

Material: LYSO/BGO

Photodetectors: 4x4 Hamamatsu MPPC $3 \times 3 \text{mm}^2$ $50 \mu\text{m}$

Weight: 1.5kg

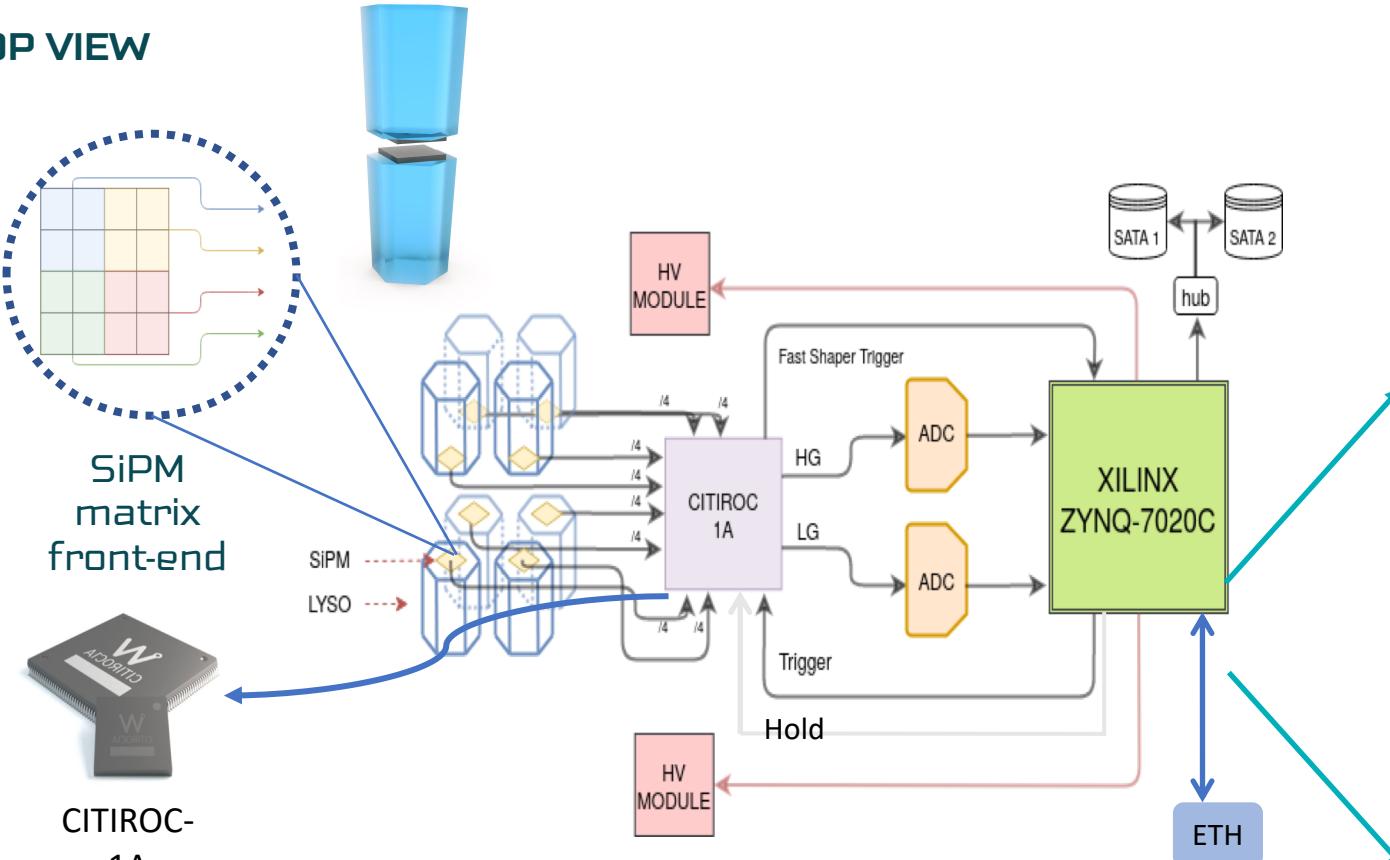
Power consumption: < 10 W



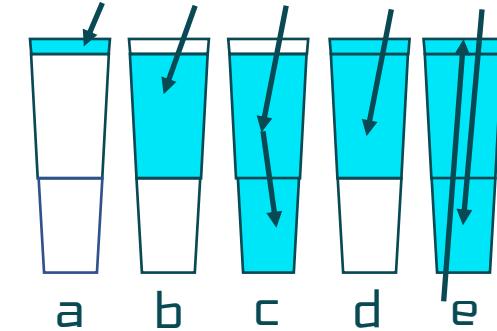
TOP VIEW



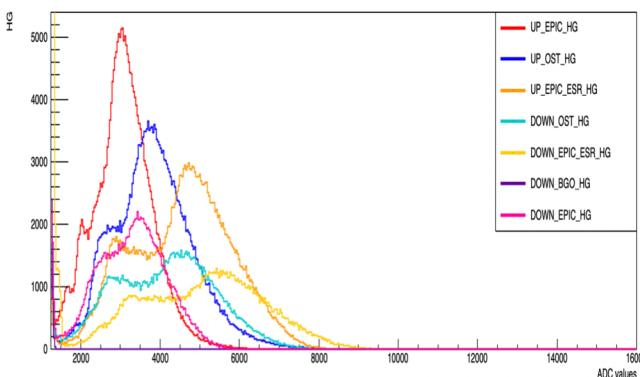
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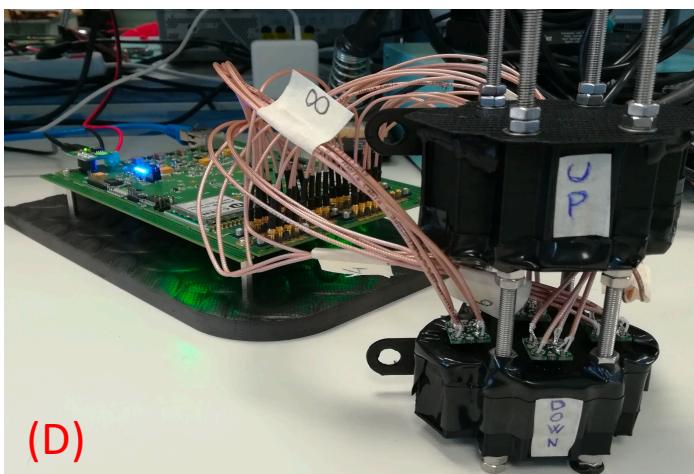
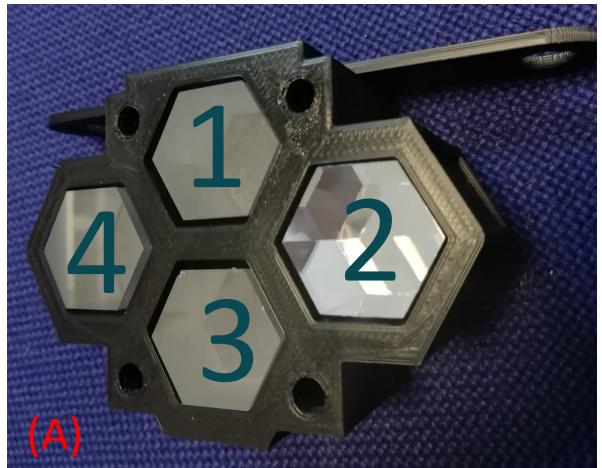
DATA MODE



CALIBRATION MODE



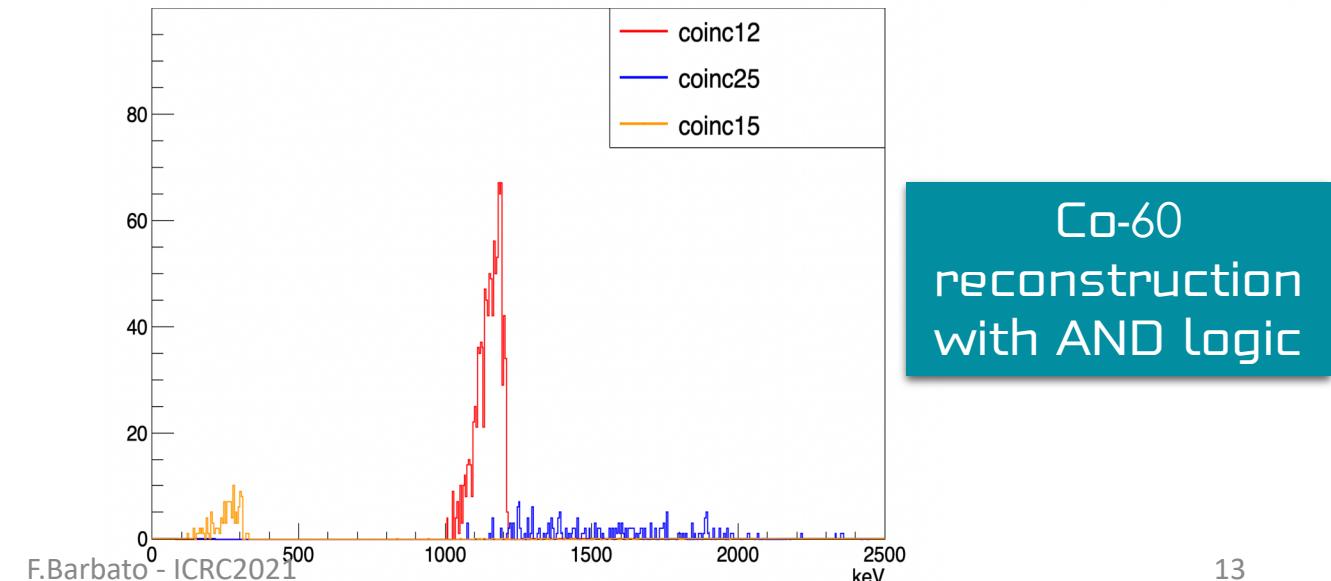
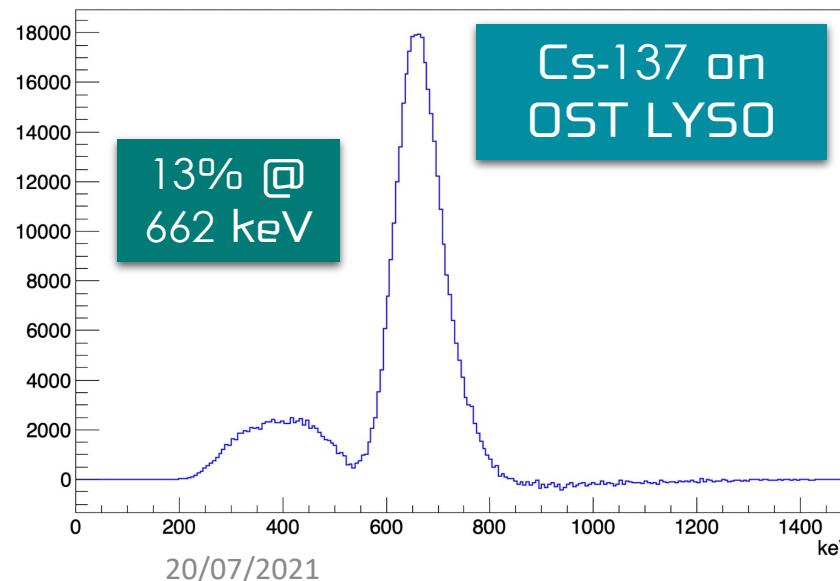
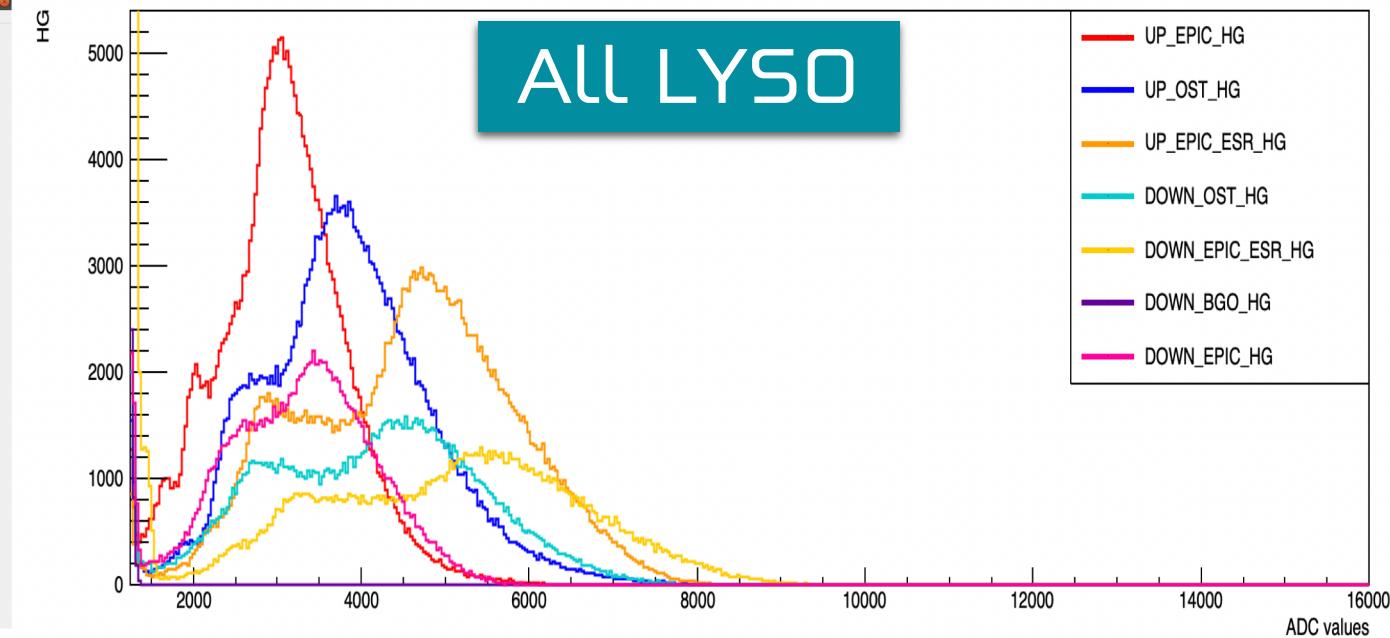
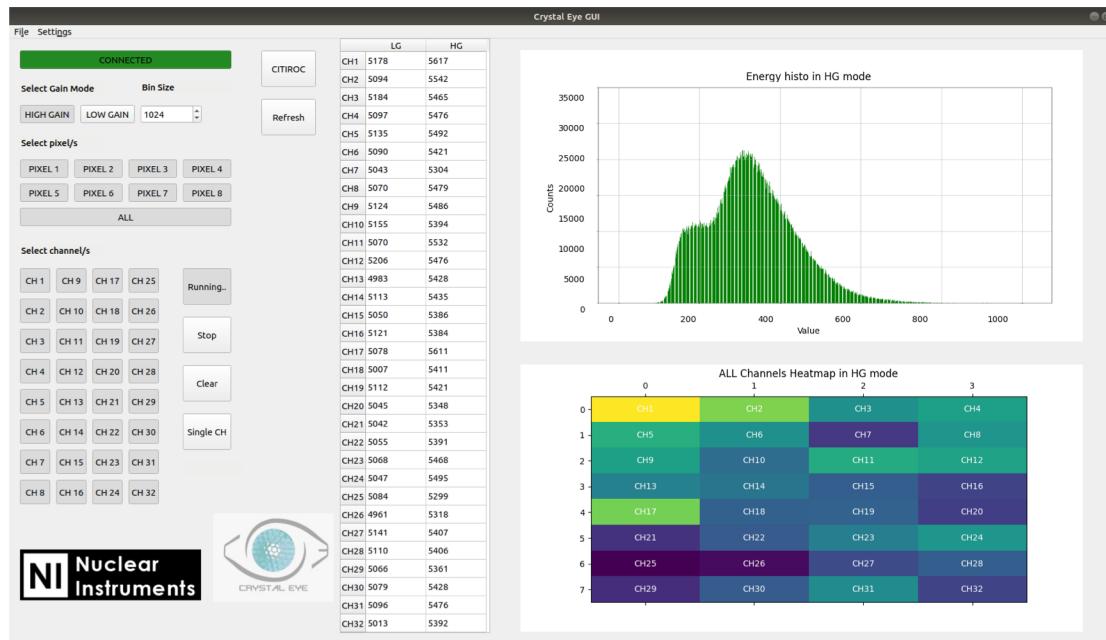
The prototype assembly



- 1 - LYSO by OST (ground surface)
- 2 - LYSO by EPIC Crystals (polished surfaces with ESR)
- 3 - BGO by OST (ground surfaces)
- 4 - LYSO by EPIC Crystals (ground surfaces)



PRELIMINARY CHARACTERIZATION TESTS



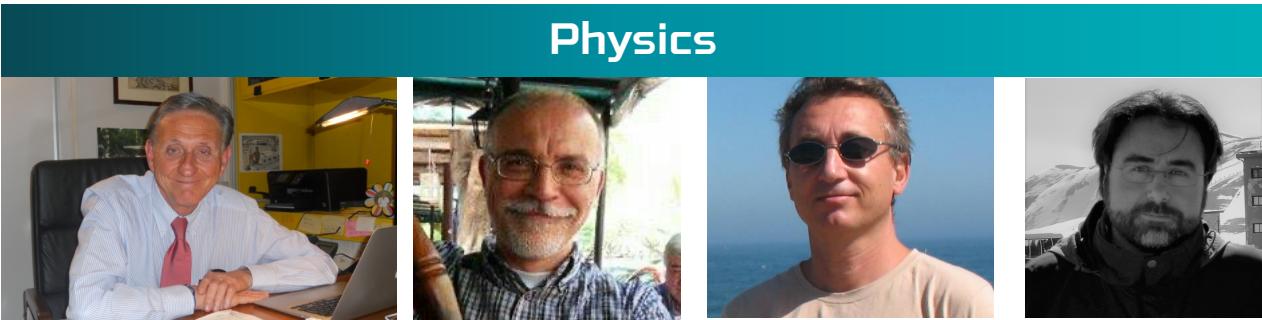


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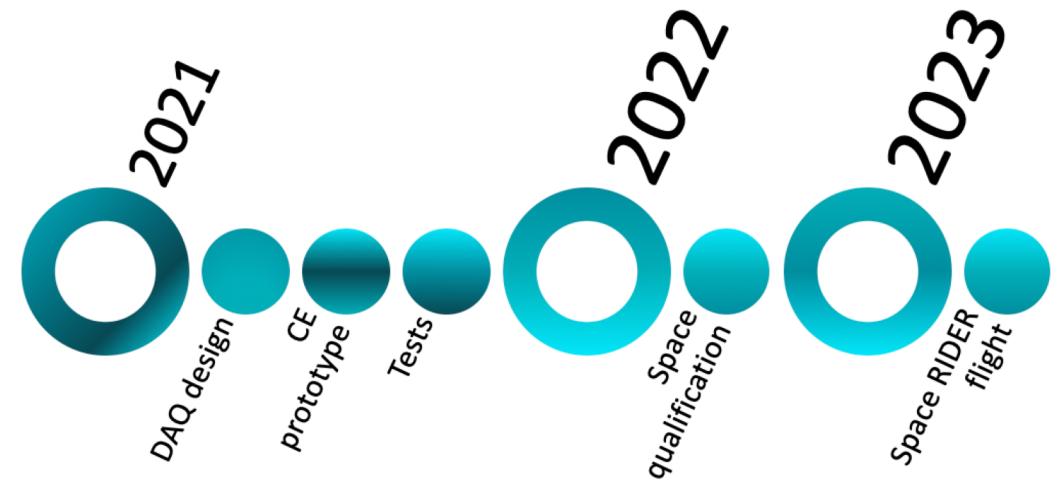


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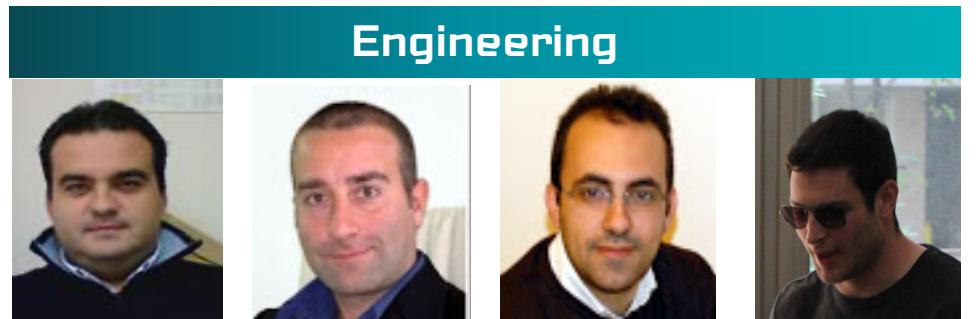
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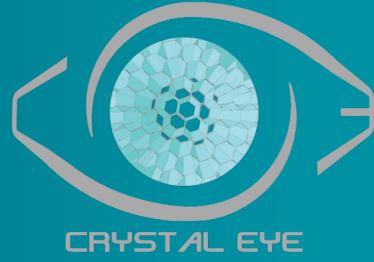


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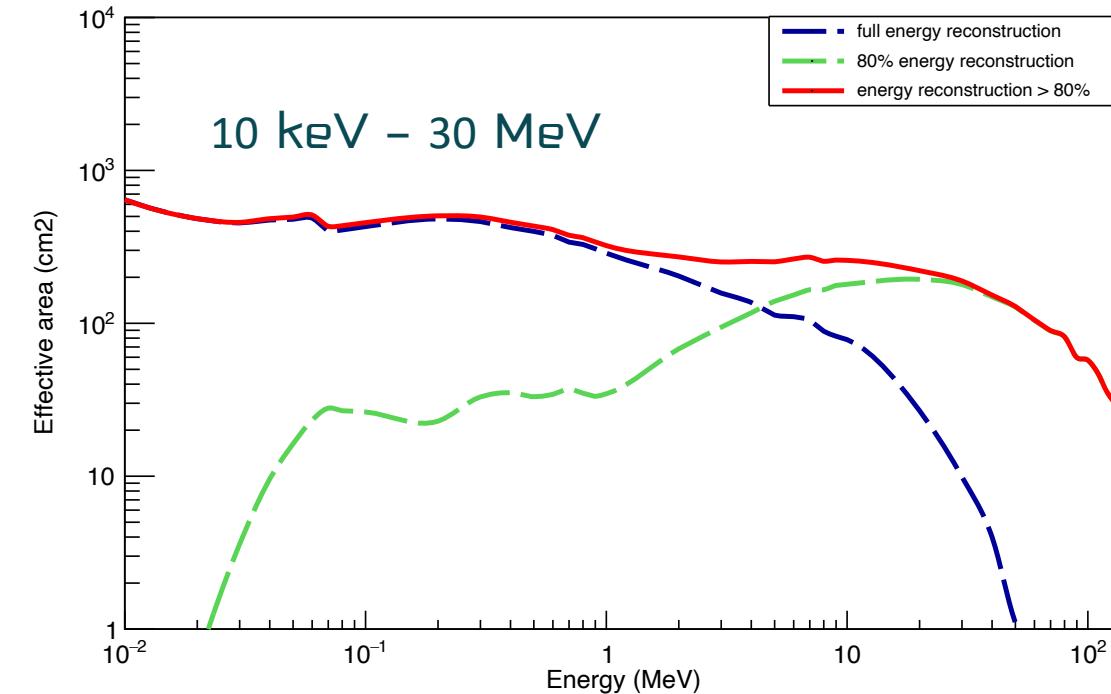
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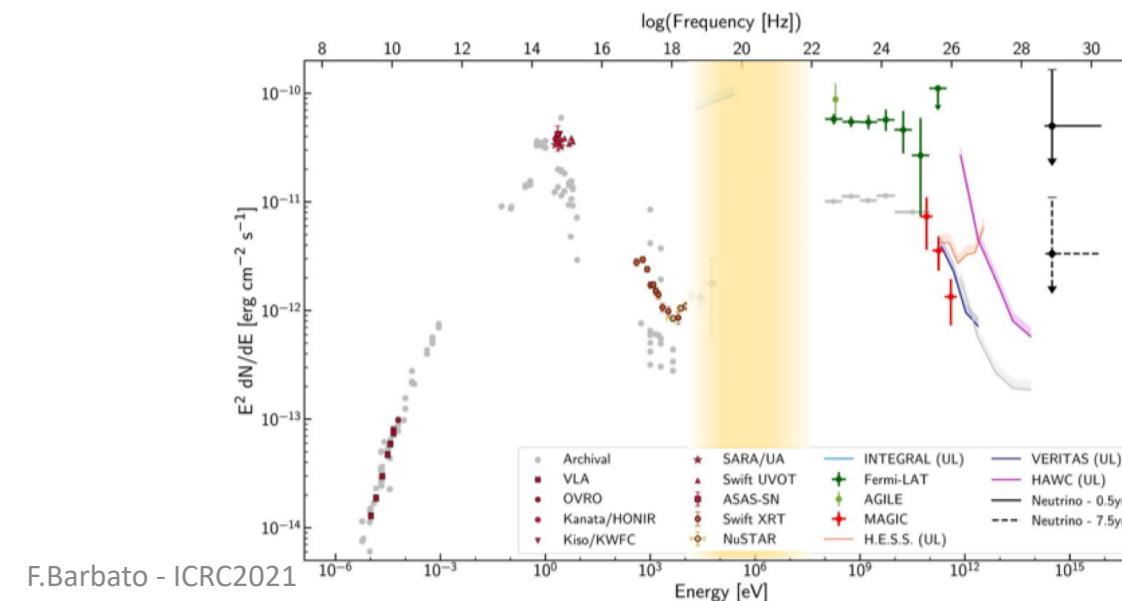
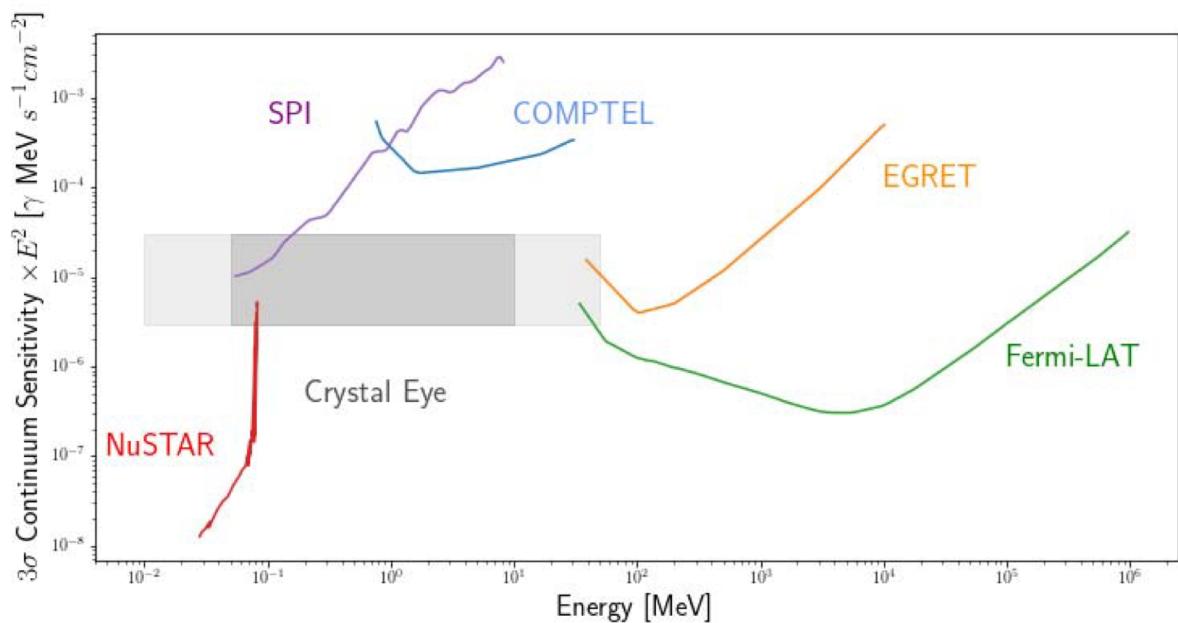
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SOME NUMBERS ABOUT CRYSTAL EYE

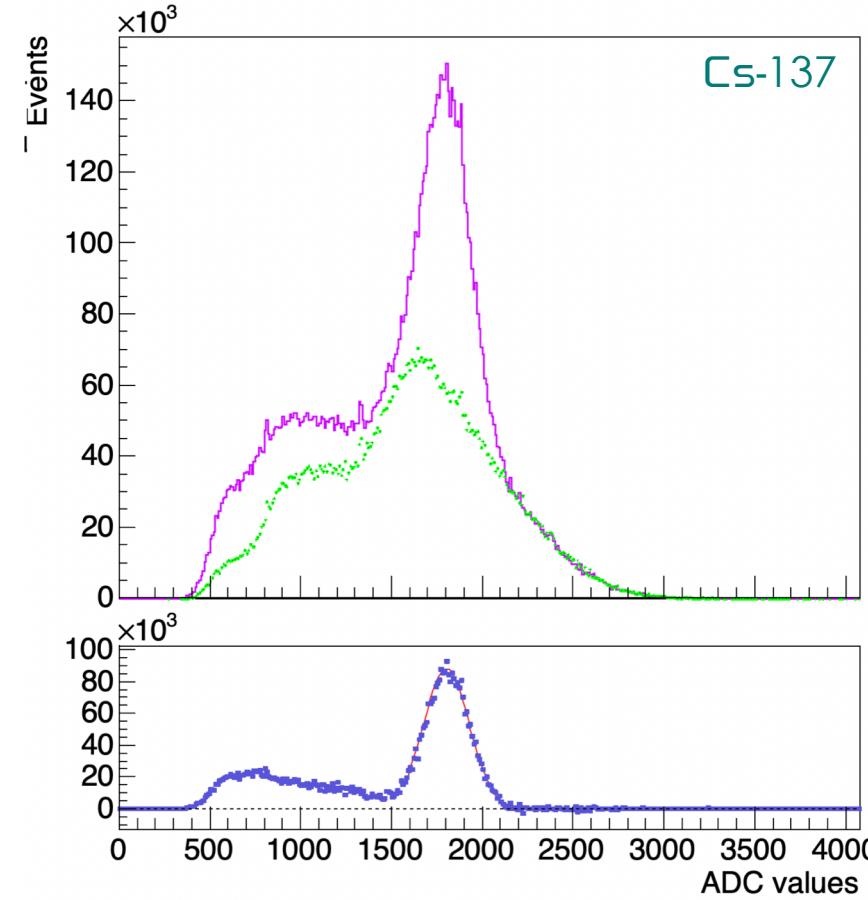
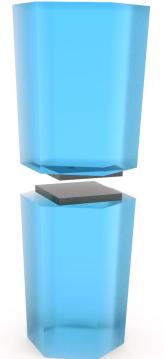
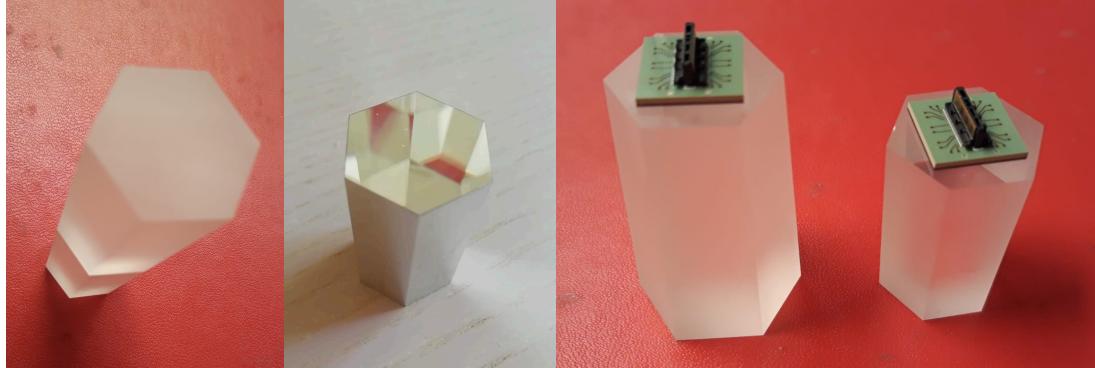


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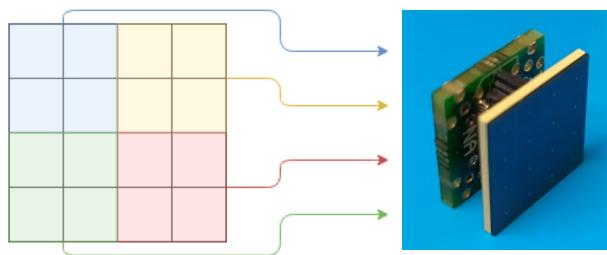


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Array-Sum



Temporary DAQ
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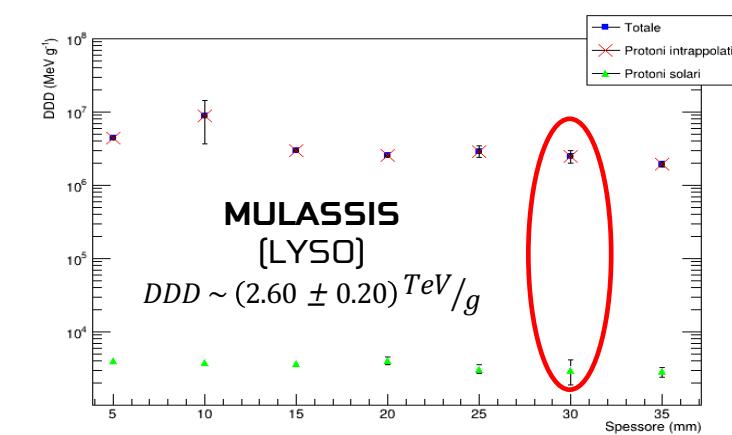
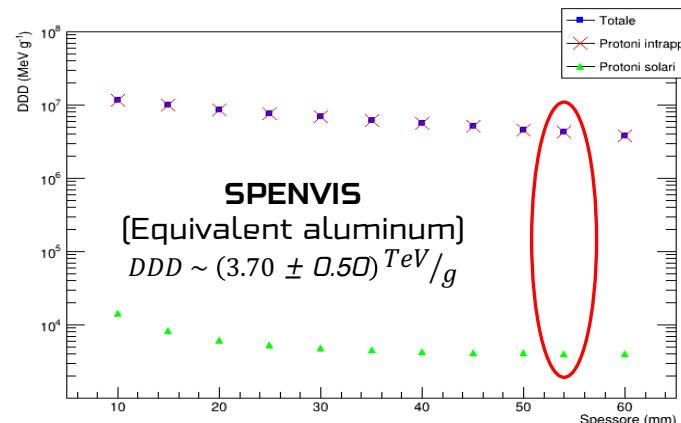
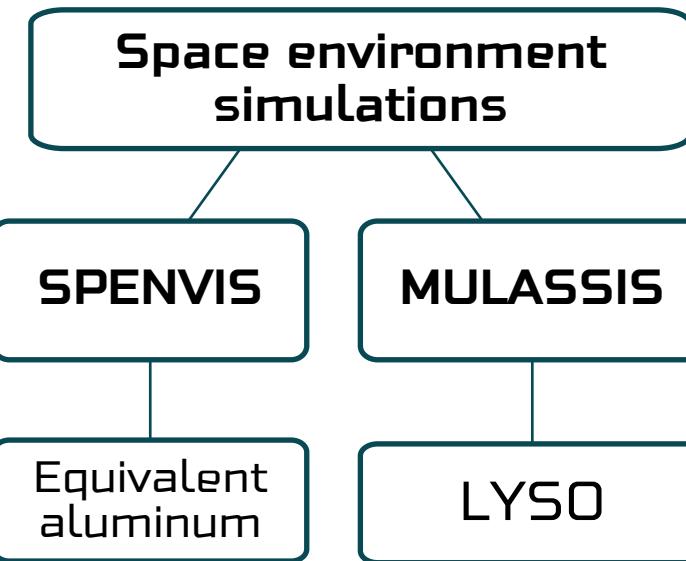
- Very High Light Yield ($40 \text{ } \gamma/\text{keV}$)
- Fast response (36 ns)
- Self Calibration



SPENVIS

The Space Environment Information System

Mission duration: 10 years
Mission start time: 01/01/2022
Orbits/dd: ~15
Low Earth Orbit: ~400 km



RADIATION HARDNESS



Neutron Beamline ChiPIR

@ Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

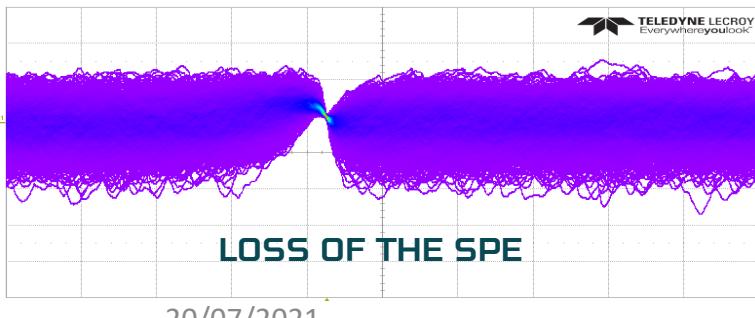
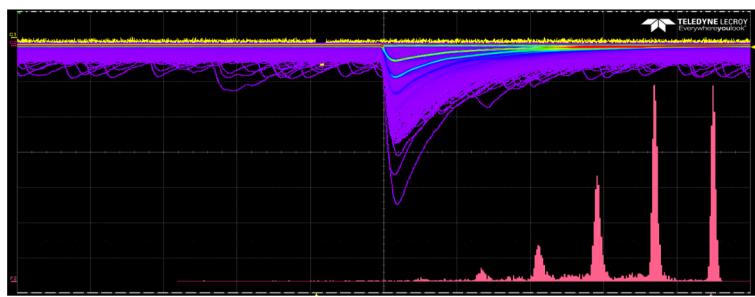
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Test duration: 876 s

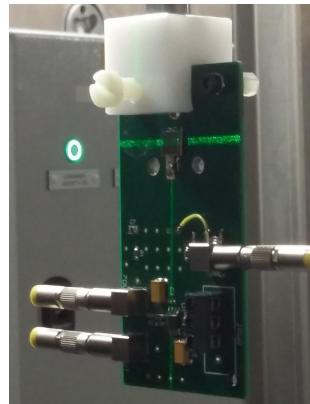
Fluence: $3.71 \cdot 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

$$\text{DDD} = 9.7 \frac{\text{TeV}}{\text{g}}$$

37 years equivalent



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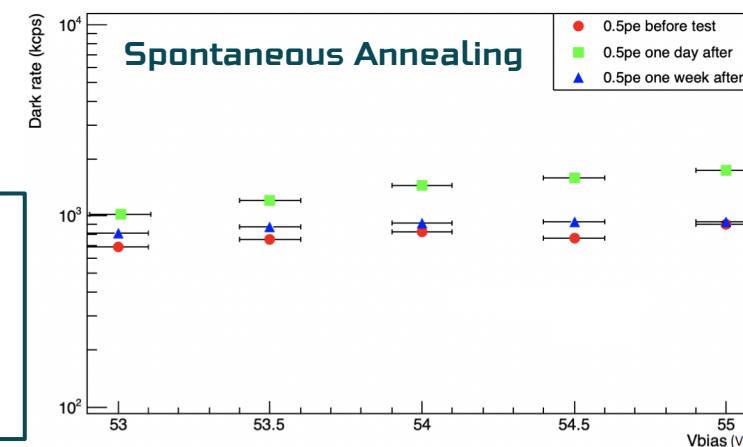
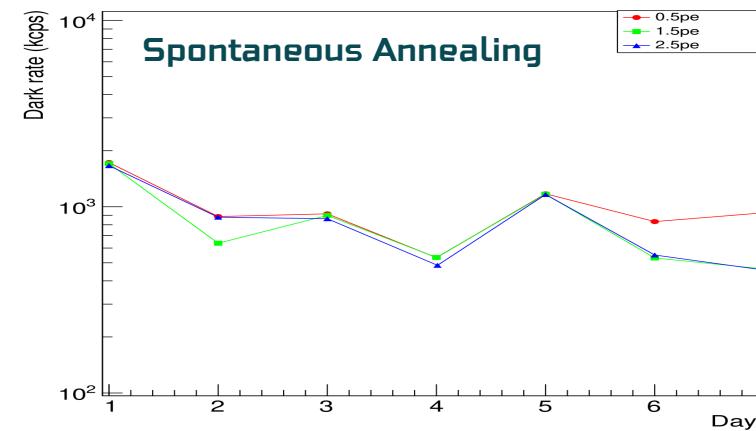
RESULTS

- Increment of DCR
- SPE loss
- LYSO Spectrum preserved

In 37 years each SiPM will loose only ~1% of the pixels



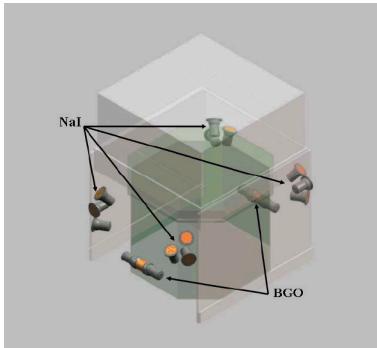
Shielding effect of the LYSO crystals



OUR PROPOSAL: FROM FERMI-GBM TO CRYSTAL EYE



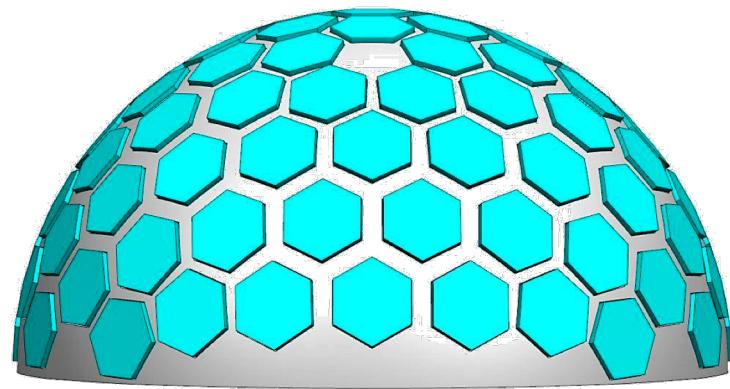
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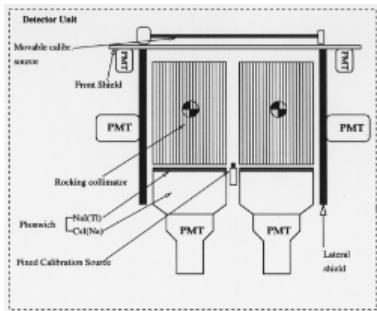
- Triangulation over 12 pixel (\varnothing 12.7 cm)
- One module



Crystal Eye



Beppo-Sax



- Phoswich technique with collimators
- One module

- Charge distribution over 112 pixel ($\varnothing \sim 5\text{cm}$)
- Three modules in orbit for a full time coverage

TIME IS NOW!