

# Extreme Energy Events: requests for the INFN station

47 telescopes in  
**High Schools**

+ 2 telescopes at CERN  
+ 4 telescopes in INFN Units  
[Bologna (2), Catania, Pisa]

Total: **53 telescopes**

Mostly distributed  
in clusters over the whole  
Italian territory  
(+ Geneva)

... 49 Italian High Schools  
participating without  
telescopes  
+ 1 in Korçë, Albania



- Telescopes in operation in High Schools
- Telescopes in operation in Research Labs
- High Schools without telescopes

Telescopes are arranged in clusters with typical distances 100 m to 6 km.

Each cluster size shows different energy thresholds:  
i.e. 3 station - 1 km clusters

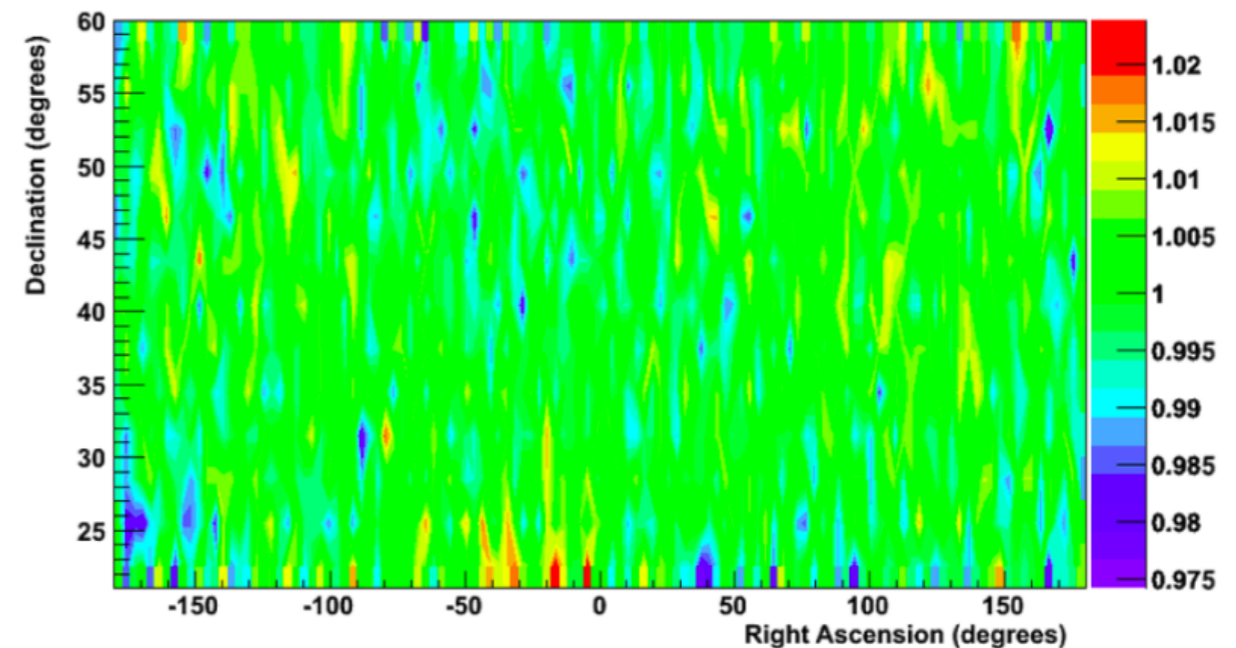
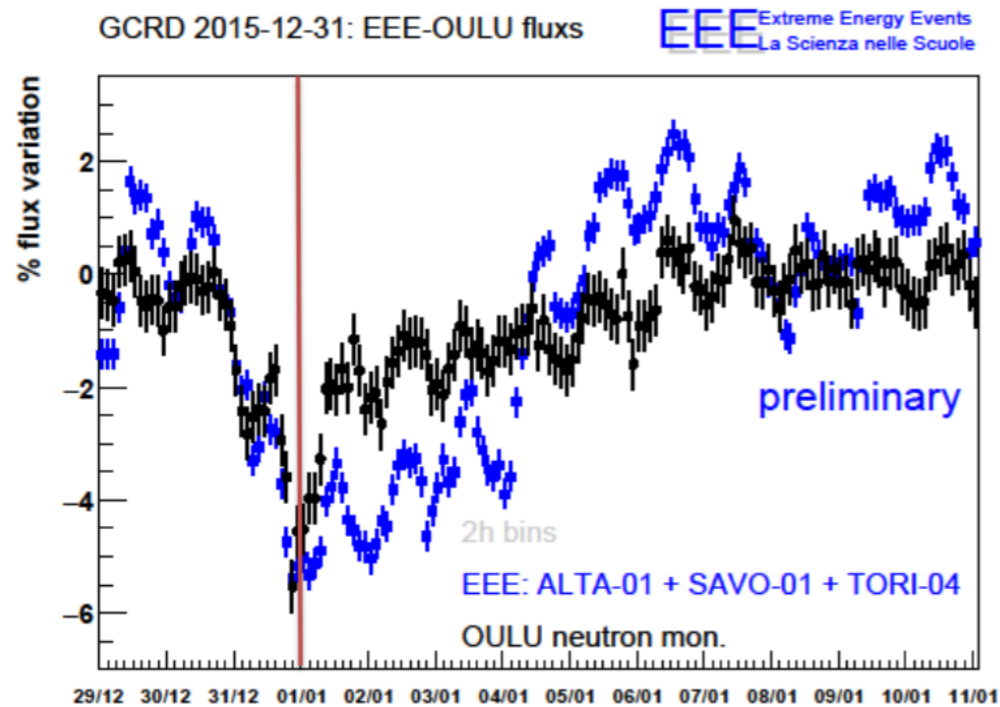
$$E_{th} \sim 10^{17} \text{ eV.}$$

Clusters are 30 - 1000 km far away.

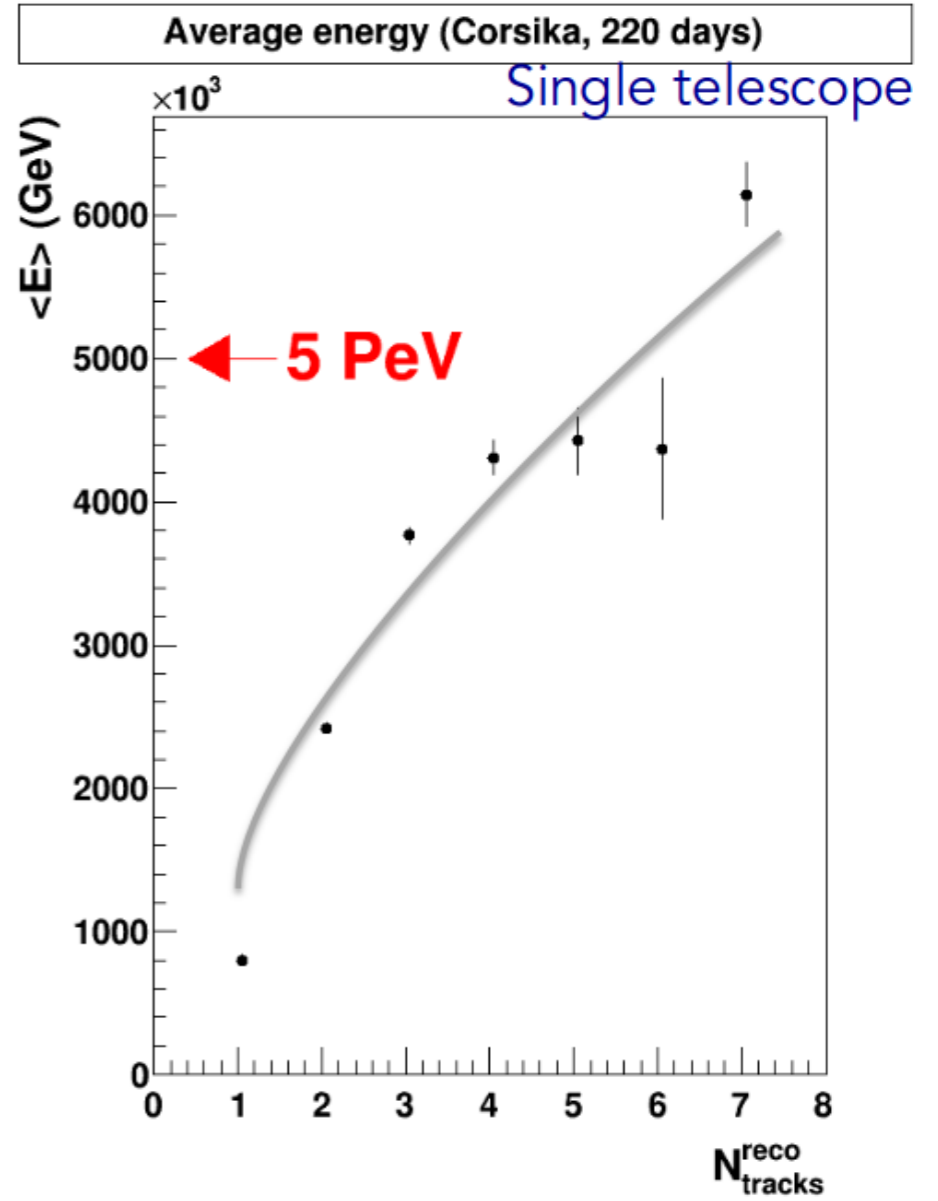
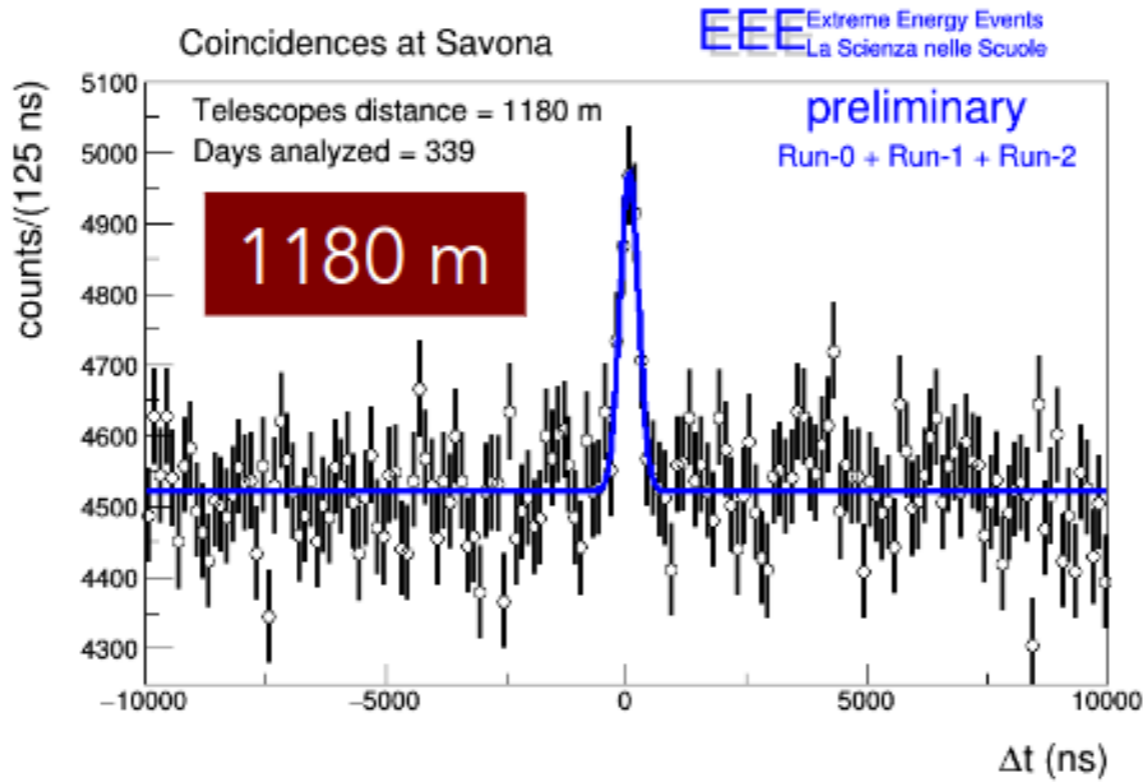


## Solar activity Survey

## CR anisotropies

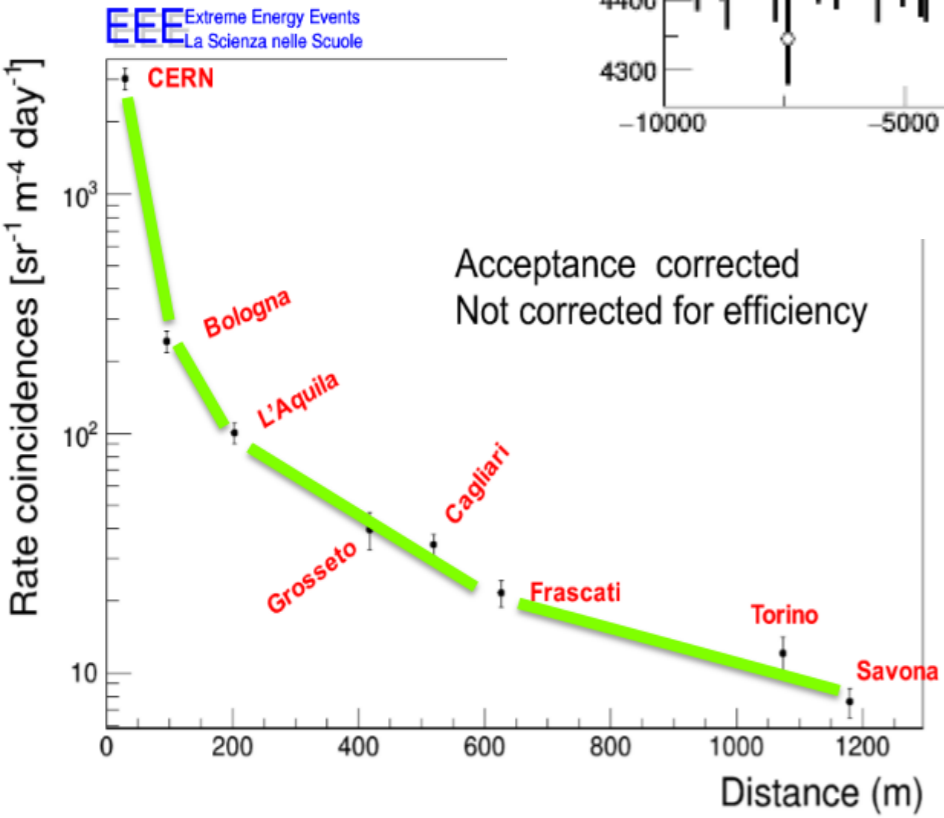


# EAS



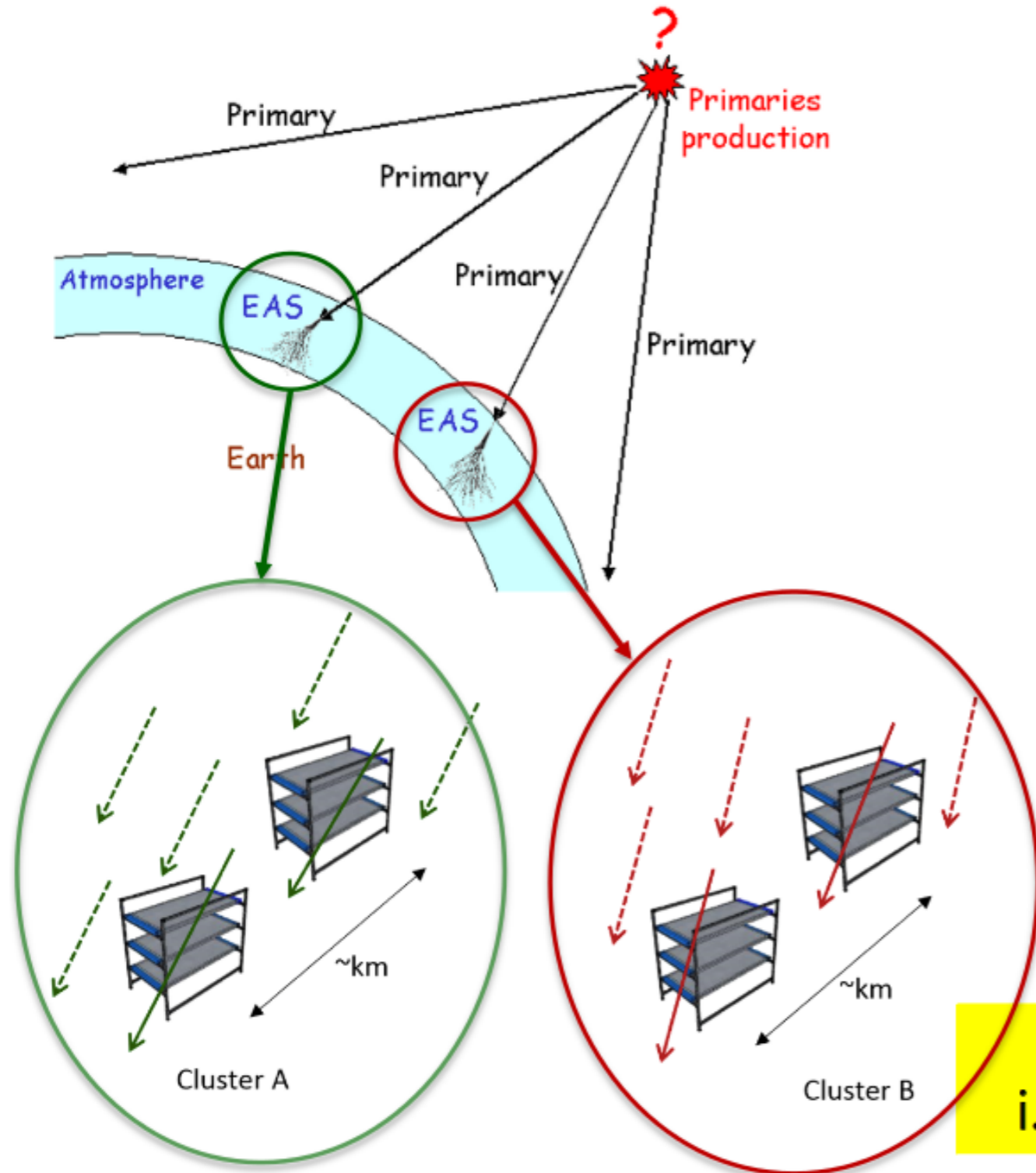
EAS coincidence peaks at different distances

First trials in primary energy estimation



# Large distance shower correlations

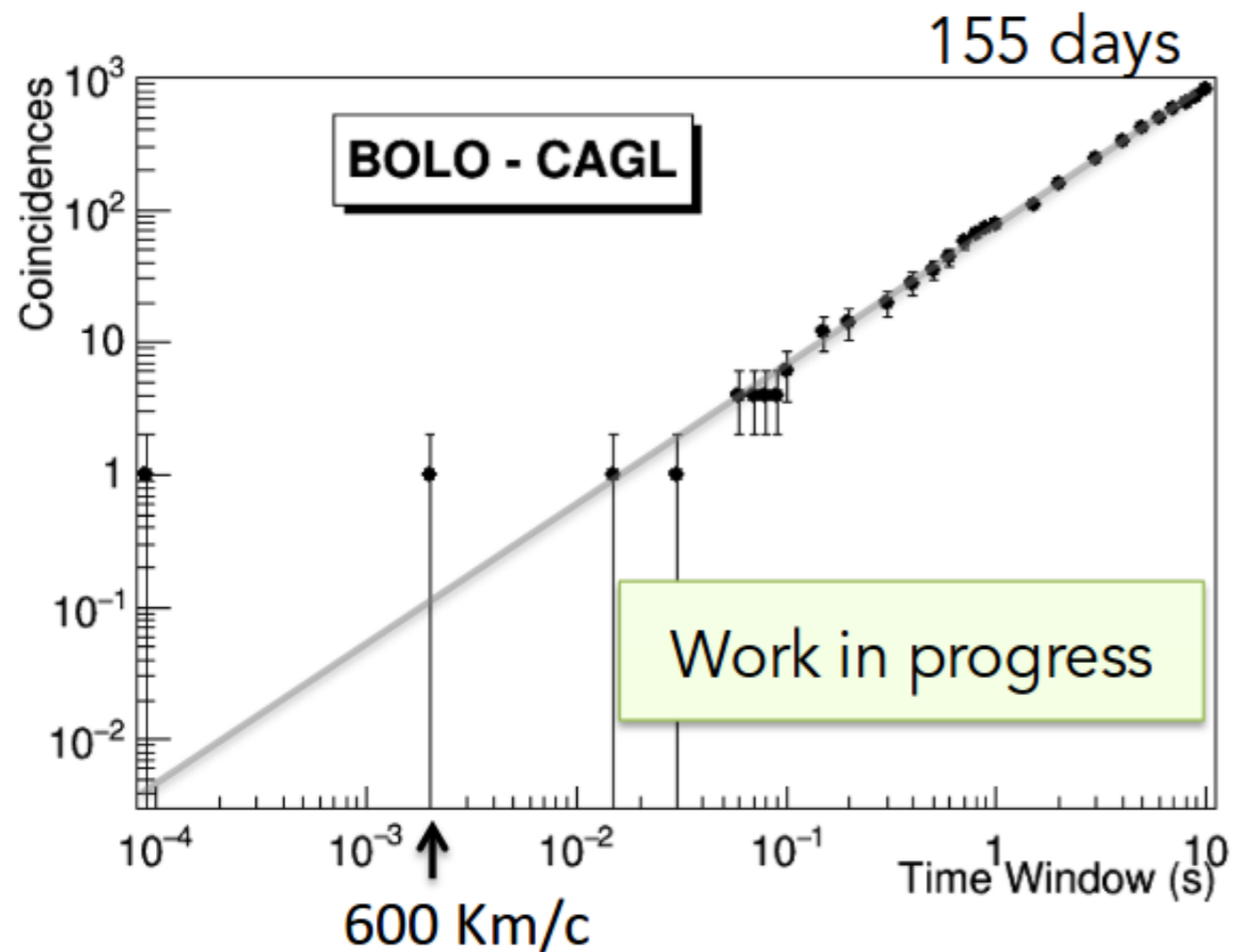
Extensive Air Showers (EAS) reconstructed via clusters (2-telescope coincidences)



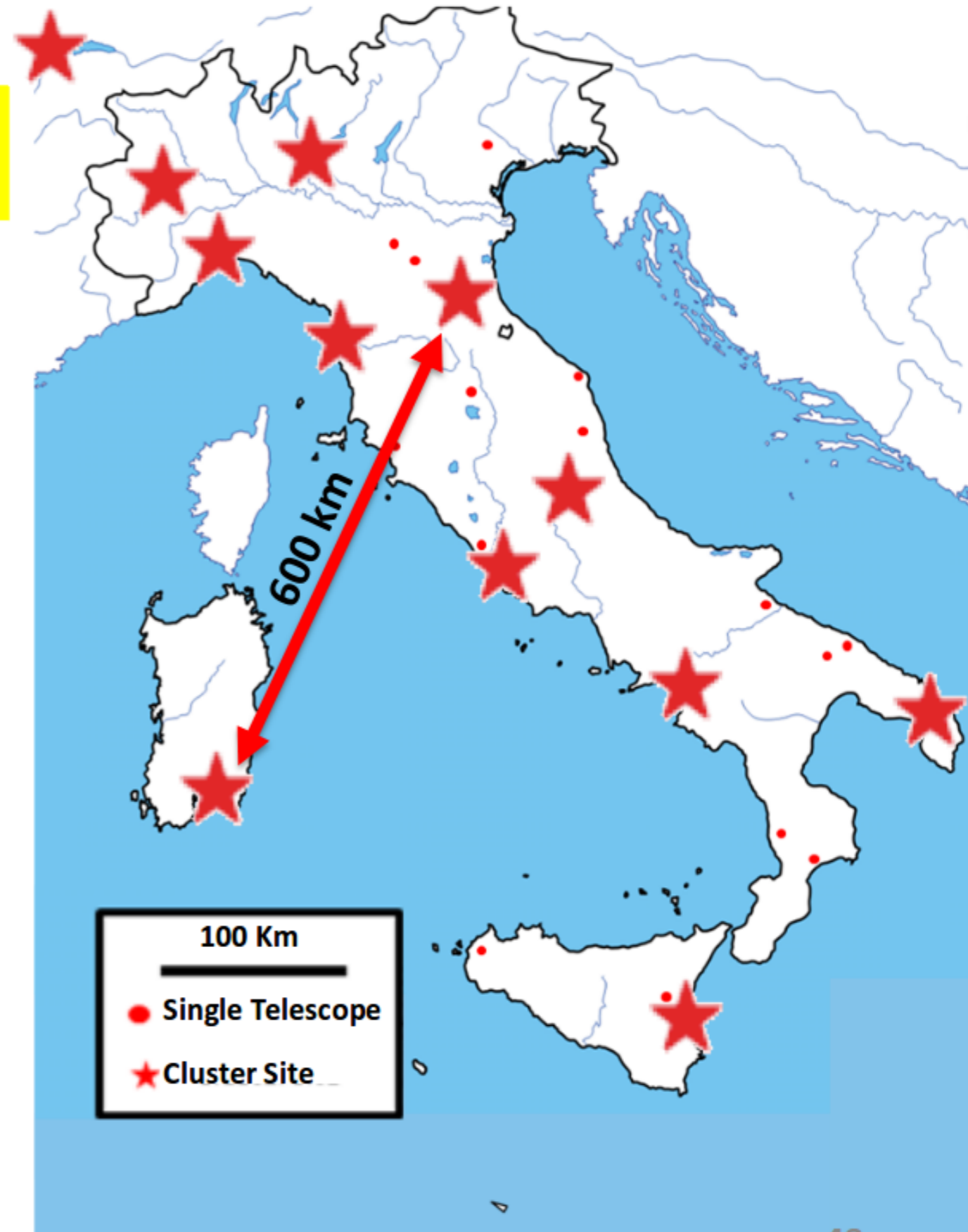
Search for coincidences of 2 showers  
i.e. 2 clusters = 2 x (2-telescope coincidences)

# Large distance shower correlations

2-cluster coincidence for decreasing time window



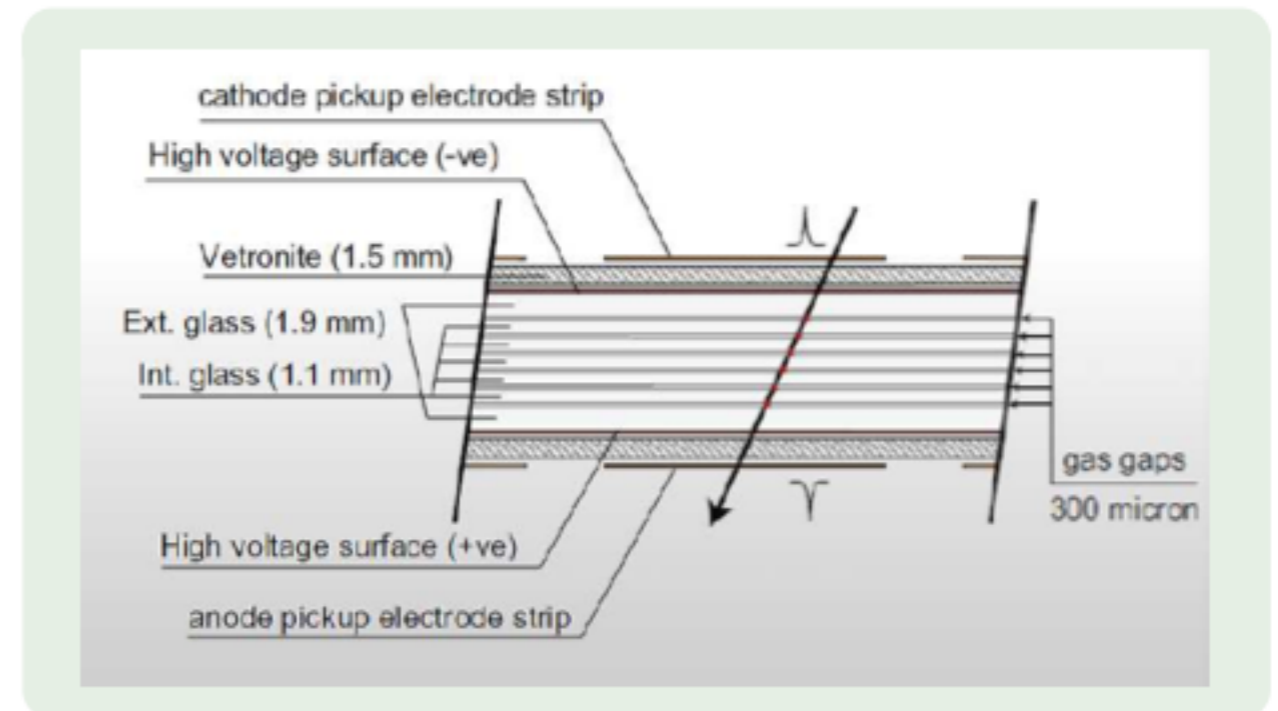
No direction correlation between clusters  
(latitude correction needed  $\approx 7^\circ$  North-South)



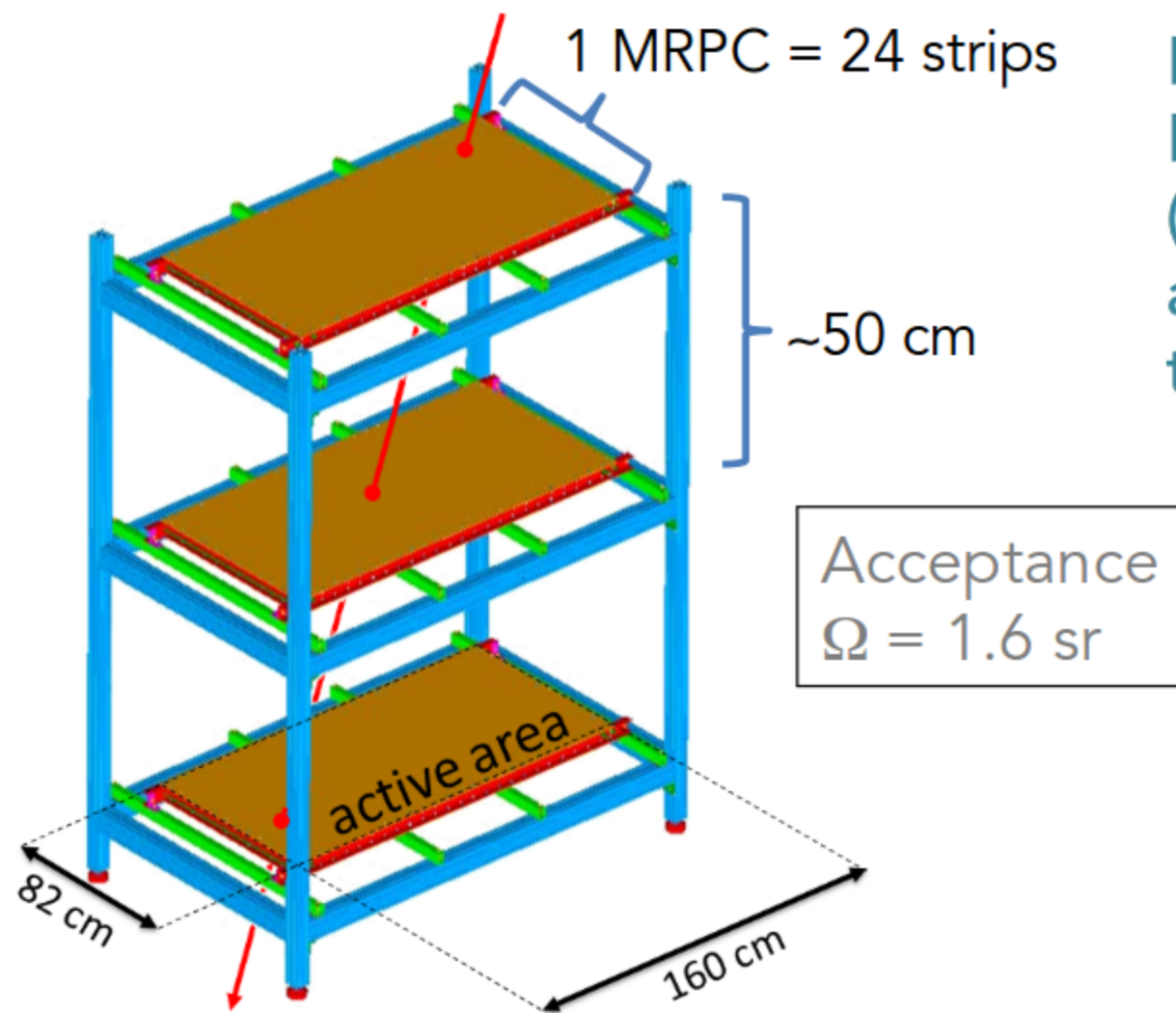
## The Multigap Resistive Plate Chambers

EEE chamber is an extended version of ALICE TimeOfFlight modules

- 6 gas gaps: 2 glass plates with their external surfaces painted with resistive paint; 5 floating glass plates (spaced by  $300\ \mu\text{m}$ )
- $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4$  (98%) and  $\text{SF}_6$  (2%) continuously fluxed by (3l/h)

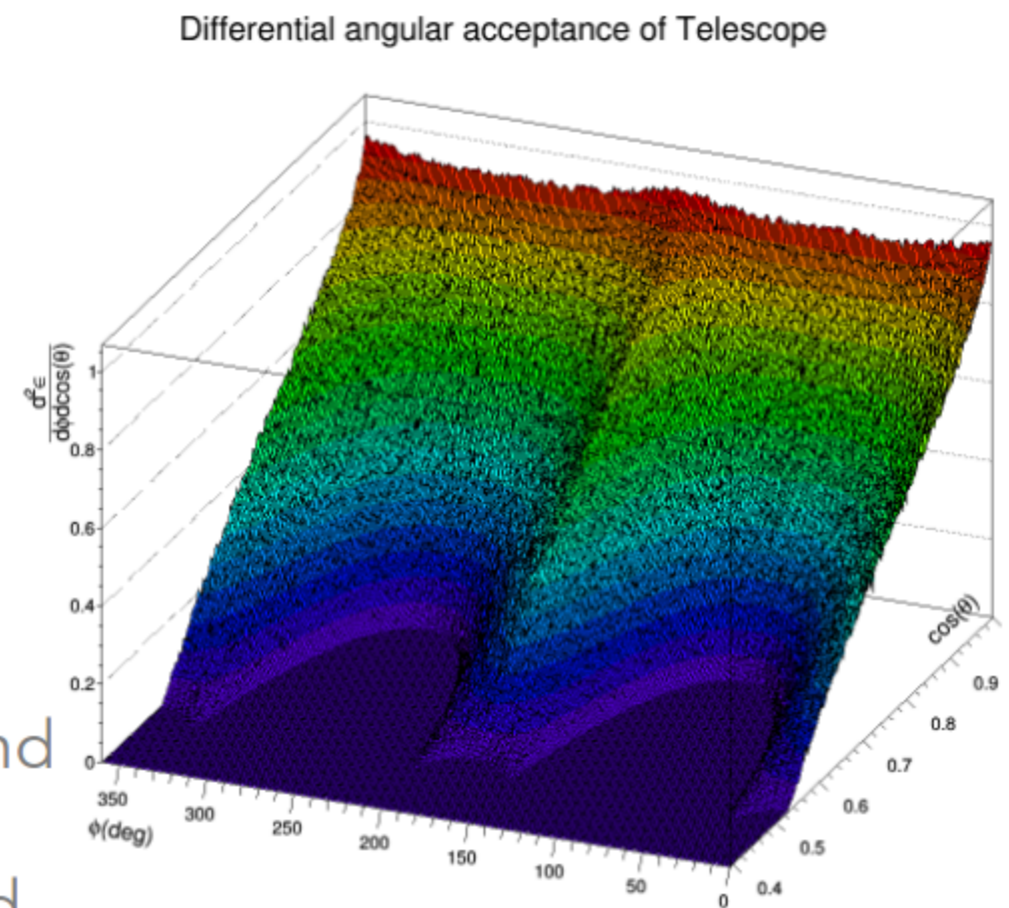


# The EEE telescope



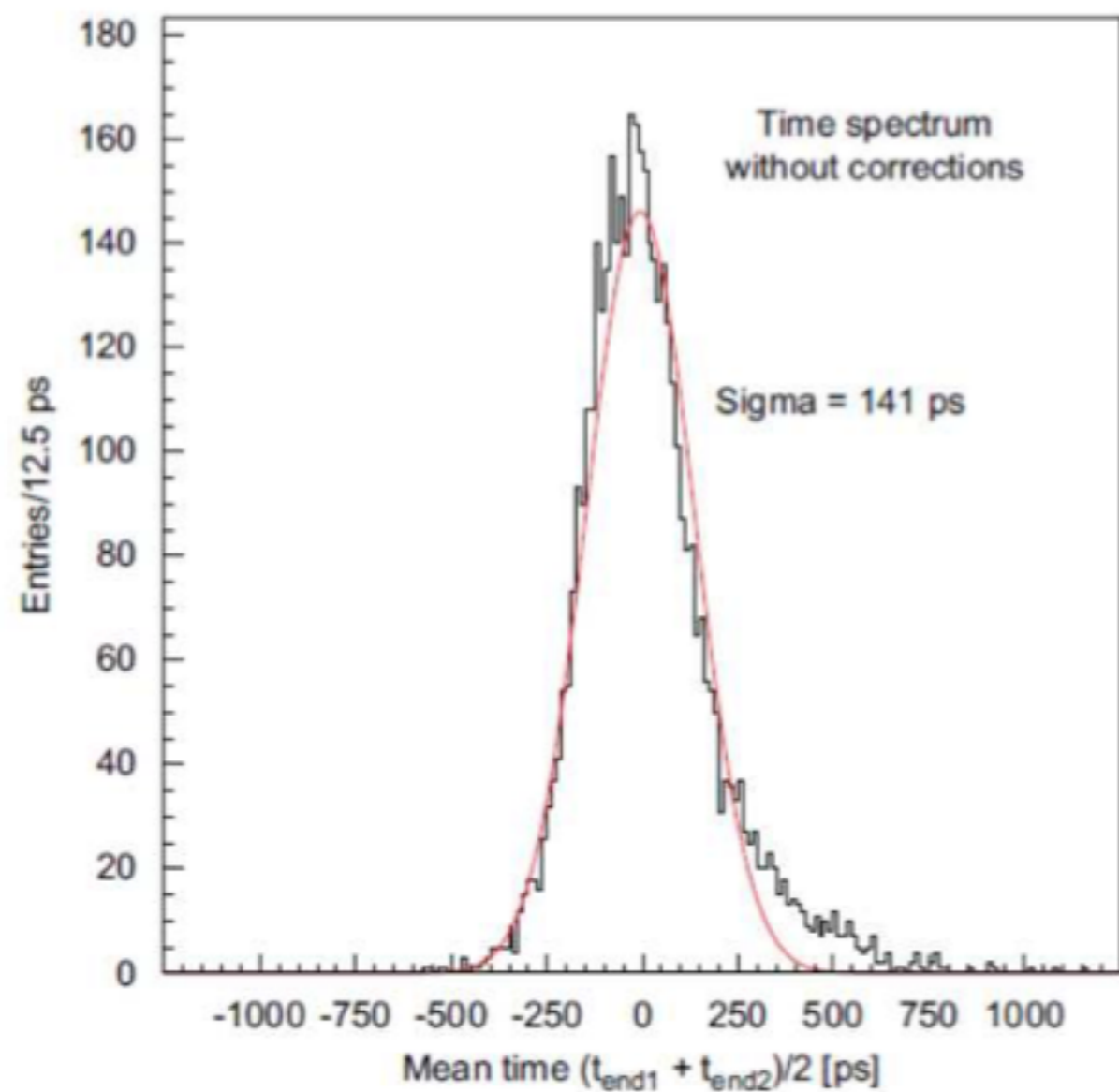
MRPC chambers are built by High School students at CERN (starting from 2004) and maintained by them under the supervision of EEE researchers

- 3 MRPC planes with 24 strips each read at both ends  $\rightarrow$  144 readout channels
- The trigger requires a hit signal on each end of the 3 MRPCs within a  $\pm 500$  ns window
  - Cosmic muons are tracked & reconstructed



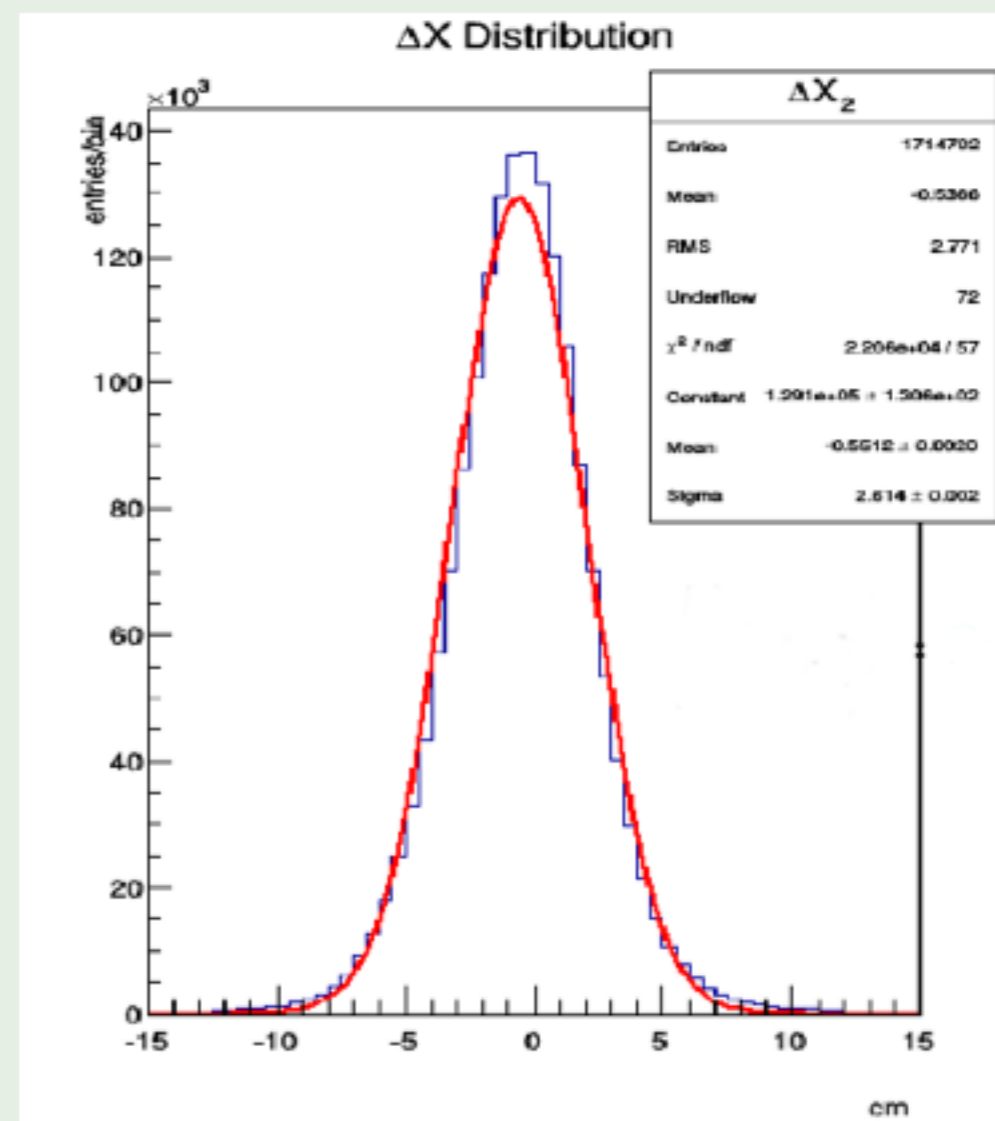
## Time Resolution

@ CERN Test Beam



$$\sigma_X \sim 141 \text{ ps}$$

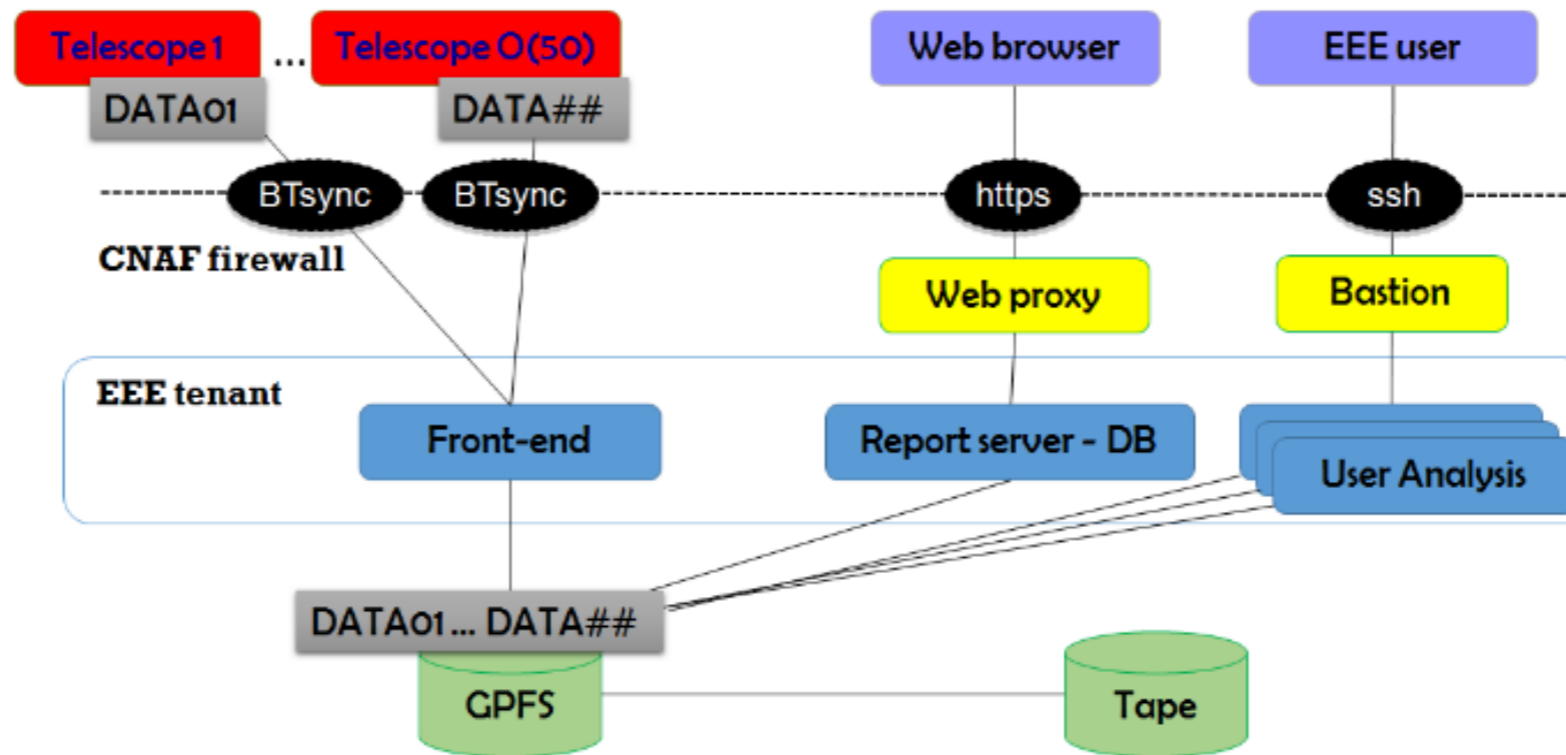
with Cosmic Rays



$$\frac{2}{3}\sigma_X \sim 210 \text{ ps}$$



# The computing and data infrastructure to interconnect EEE telescopes



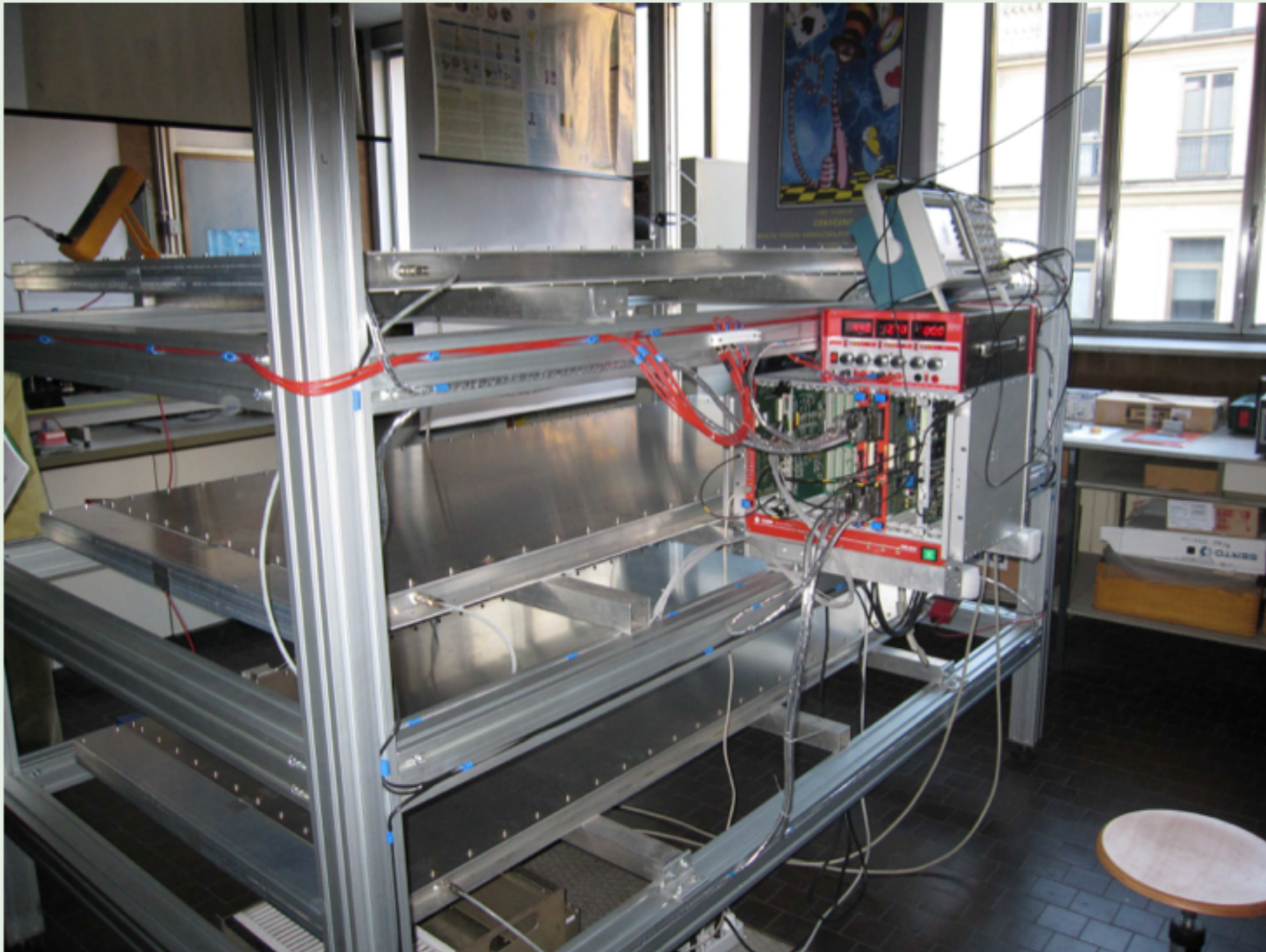
The **Extreme Energy Event (EEE)** experiment is devoted to the search of high-energy cosmic rays through a network of telescopes installed in **about fifty High Schools** distributed throughout the Italian territory.

One of the main goals of the project is to involve **young students** in a **high-level scientific enterprise**.

Therefore the experiment is very peculiar and requires **new solutions for the data management**.

Data are collected (all Schools → CNAF) and automatically reconstructed

## The telescope equipment



# The new station at INFN. The first EEE 4-cluster



The 4<sup>th</sup> telescope would allow

- first estimate trials of EAS primary energy

And for EAS correlations

- background reduction

  - 4 triplets

  - 6 doublets

at present EEE got

- 50 2telescope-cluster pairs

- 1200 telescope pairs

The new station will be installed at the IV floor N.E.

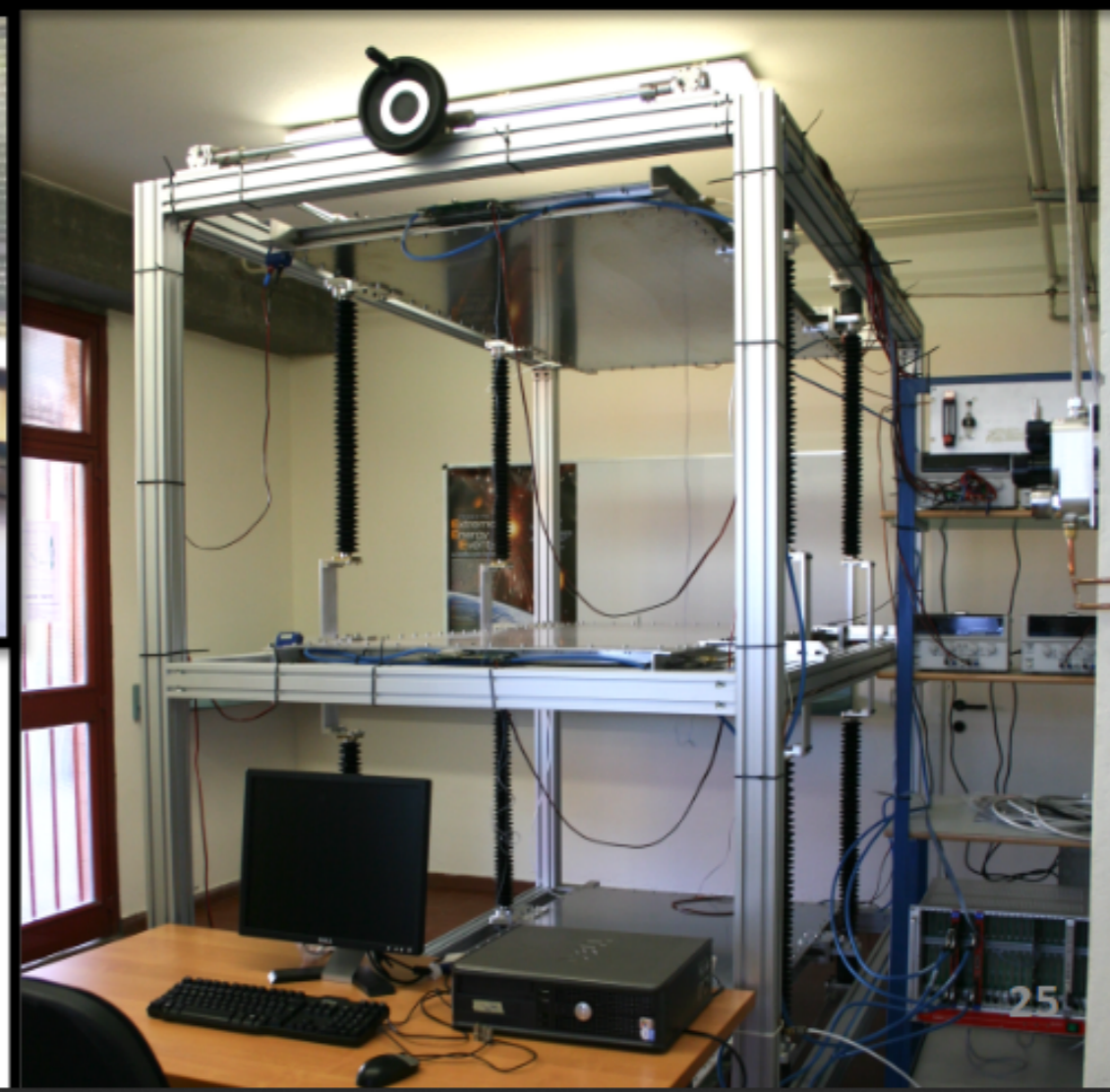


Requests:

1 MU for the telescope frame design and construction  
(metal frame 2X1 m X 1.5 height)

1 MU for

- cabling (HV, LV, data, GPS)
- installation of electronics
- gas system pipes and safety



# PolarQuEEEst

Extreme Energy Events

@

Extreme Weather Conditions !



# POLARQUEST

1928  
2018

EXTREME.....

EXPLORATION

A complete circumnavigation of the Svalbard islands investigating on heroes of the past

SCIENCE

An international team of researchers looking for great enigmas, from climate changes and human footprint, paleoclimate and cosmic rays

A MESSAGE FOR THE PLANET

A Voyage to the last wilderness on the Earth, looking for our Planet fate



## PolarQuEEEst

3 portable  
CR detectors,  
1 onboard + other 2  
in italian and  
norwegian schools  
Studying Cosmic Rays  
at extreme Latitudes  
and their connection  
with climate  
and environment,  
EEE extends  
to POLE!



## Nanuq Mantanet

The first study of  
Microplastics  
pollution  
above 78°  
to understand  
The effects and size  
of plastic  
accumulating  
at Poles  
harming  
Earth environment

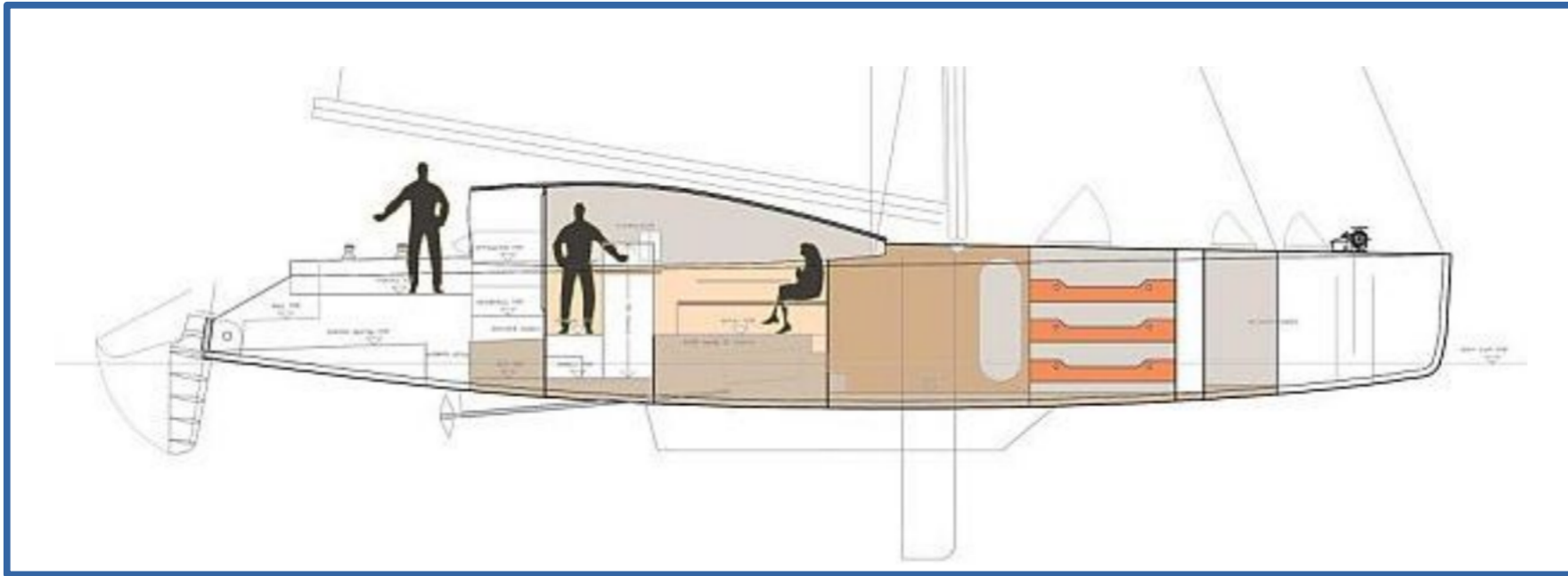
## ARARAT Arctic Research Aerial Reconnaissance and Transport

The first test of the use of drones  
for gathering samples of waters, ice, air and pollution  
for climate related scientific research





The  
BOAT  
and the  
IGLOO



- 2 double cabins with bunk for extra crew plus cabin with 6 berths
- Engine: inboard Diesel 85cv
  - Fresh water tank: 800l
  - Diesel tank: 1200l

- Type: Integral 60
- Launched 2014
- Length: 17.80 m
  - Beam: 4m70
- Sail area: 165m<sup>2</sup> jib, main and mizzen
- Displacement: 18t



## The PolarQuEEEst Detector

The detector case:

- Size 55X55X25 cm<sup>3</sup>

- Weight: 7 kg

- Shielding container:

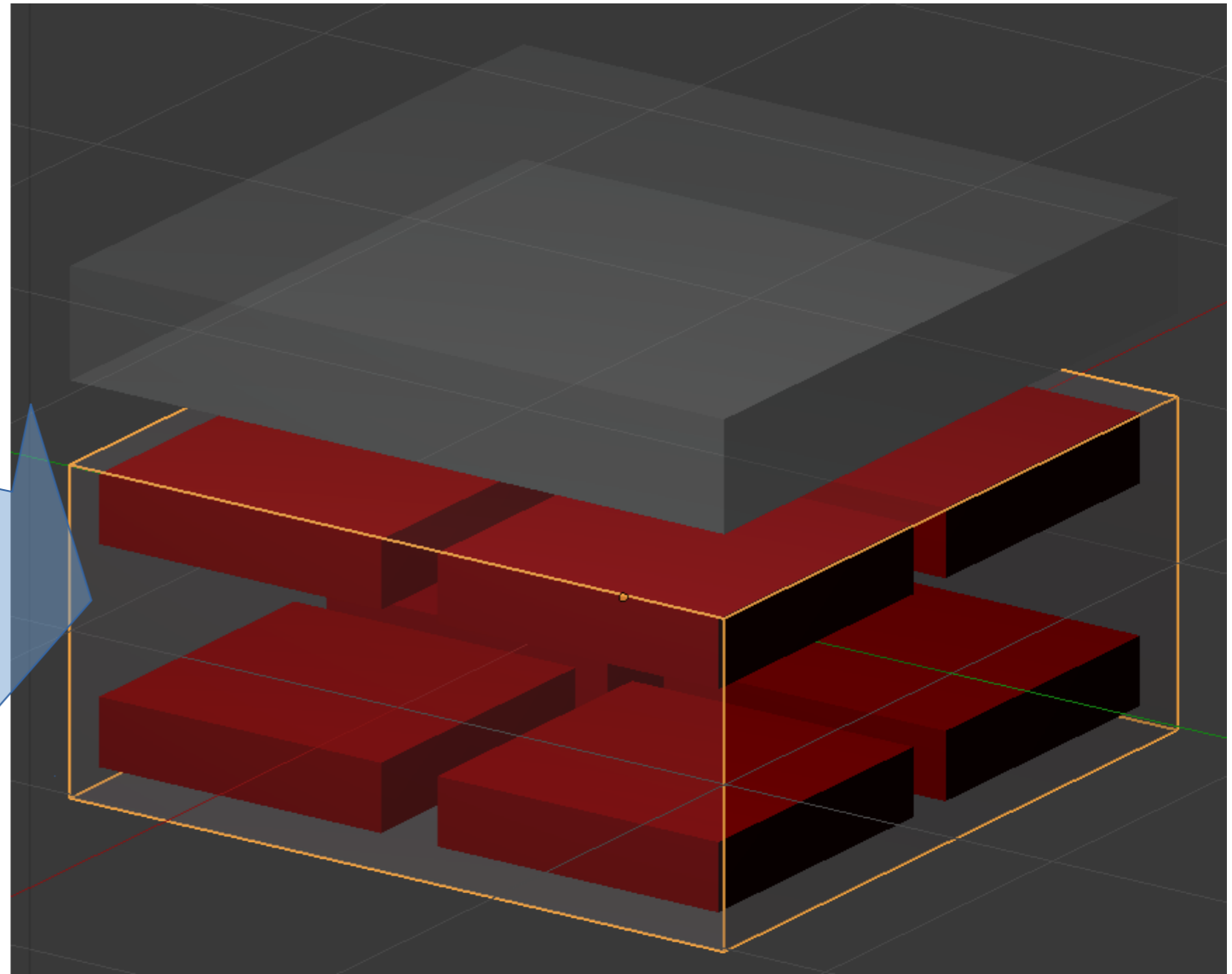
- Water tight / Air tight

- Plexiglass or plastic + glass fiber

- Atmosphere: Nitrogen

- Light tight (black)

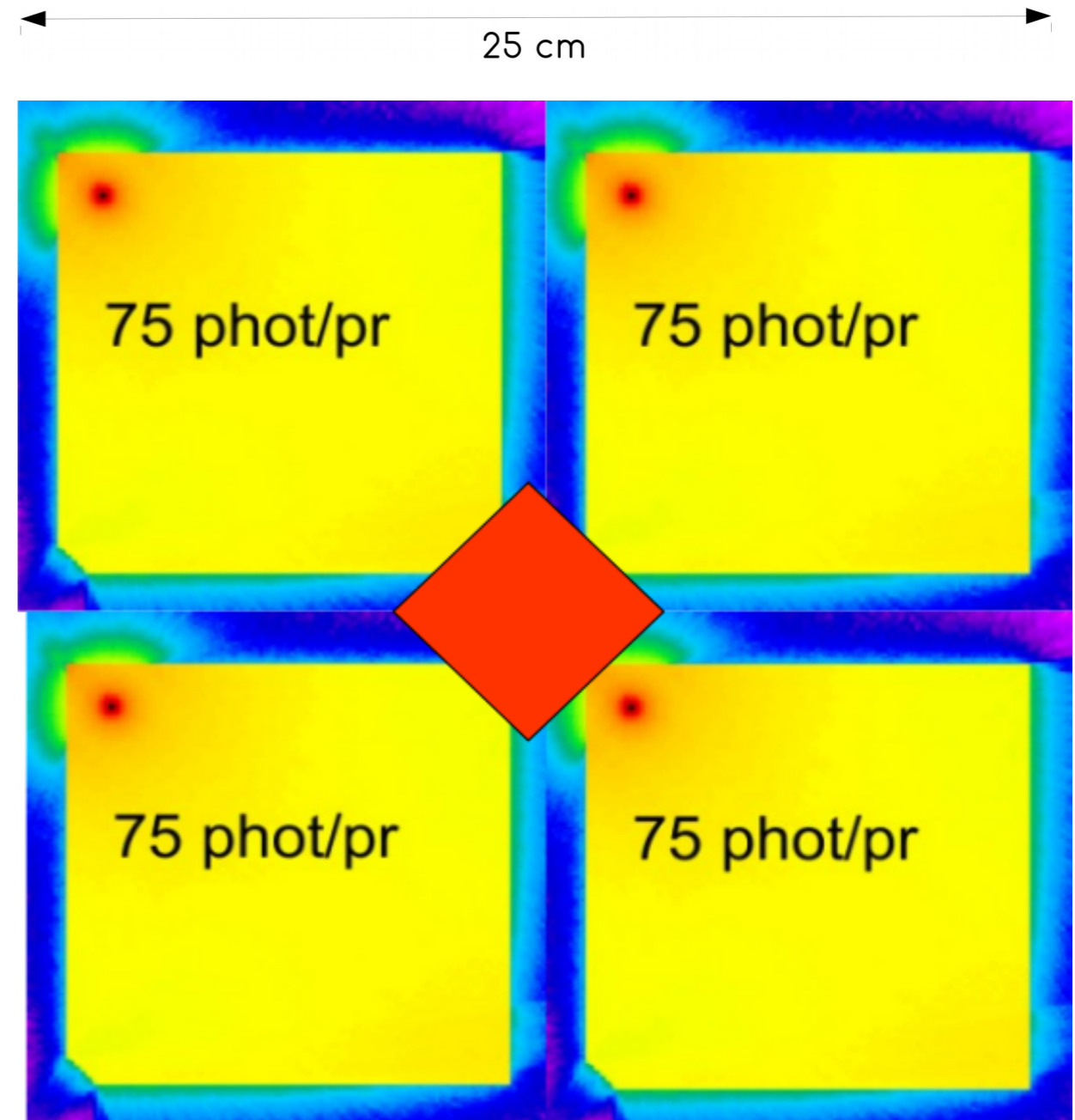
- Very low transmittance ( $<0.1$  W/m<sup>2</sup>K) or transmittance adapted to electronics power absorption

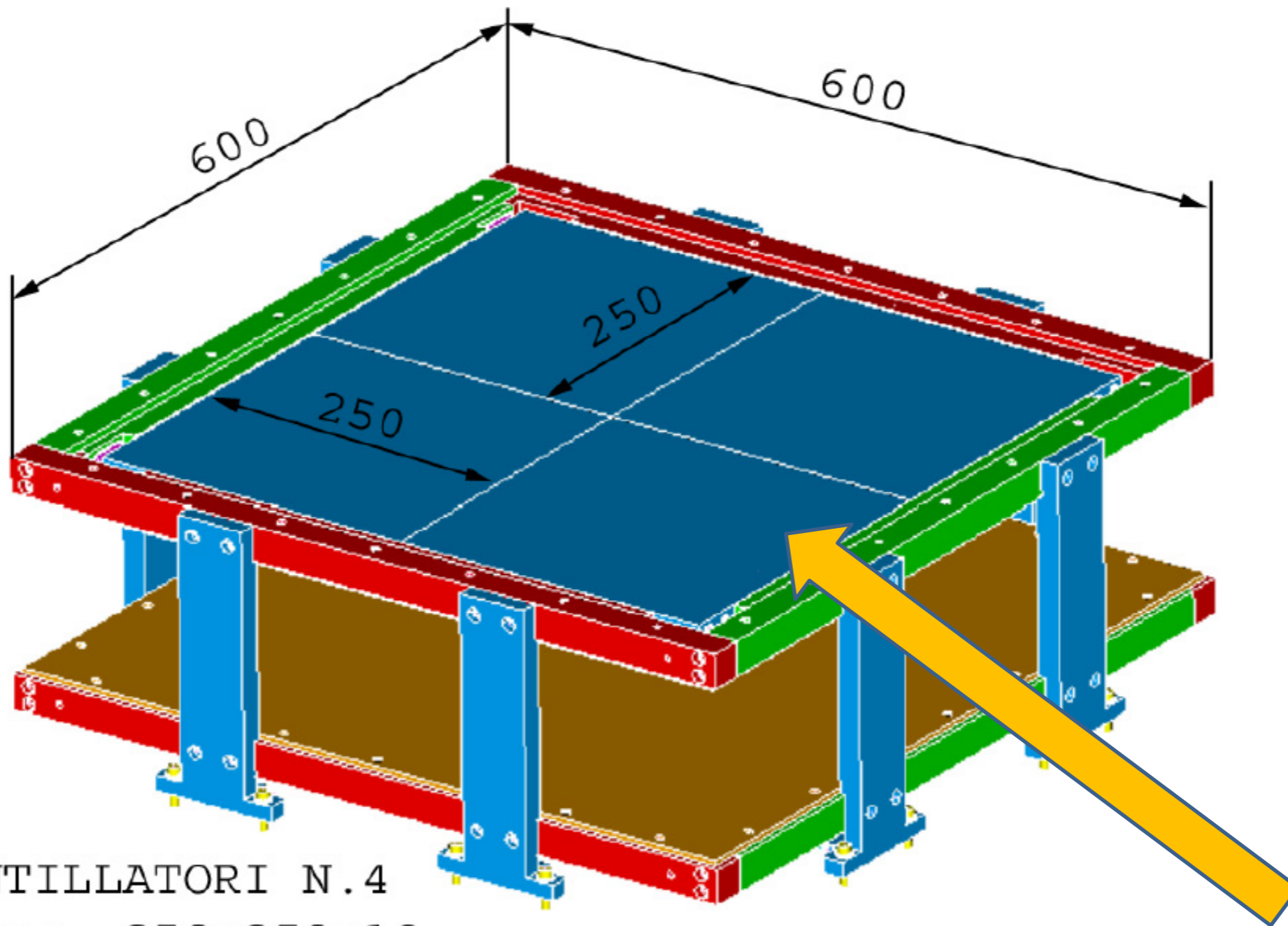


## The PolarQuEEEst Detector

### The detector

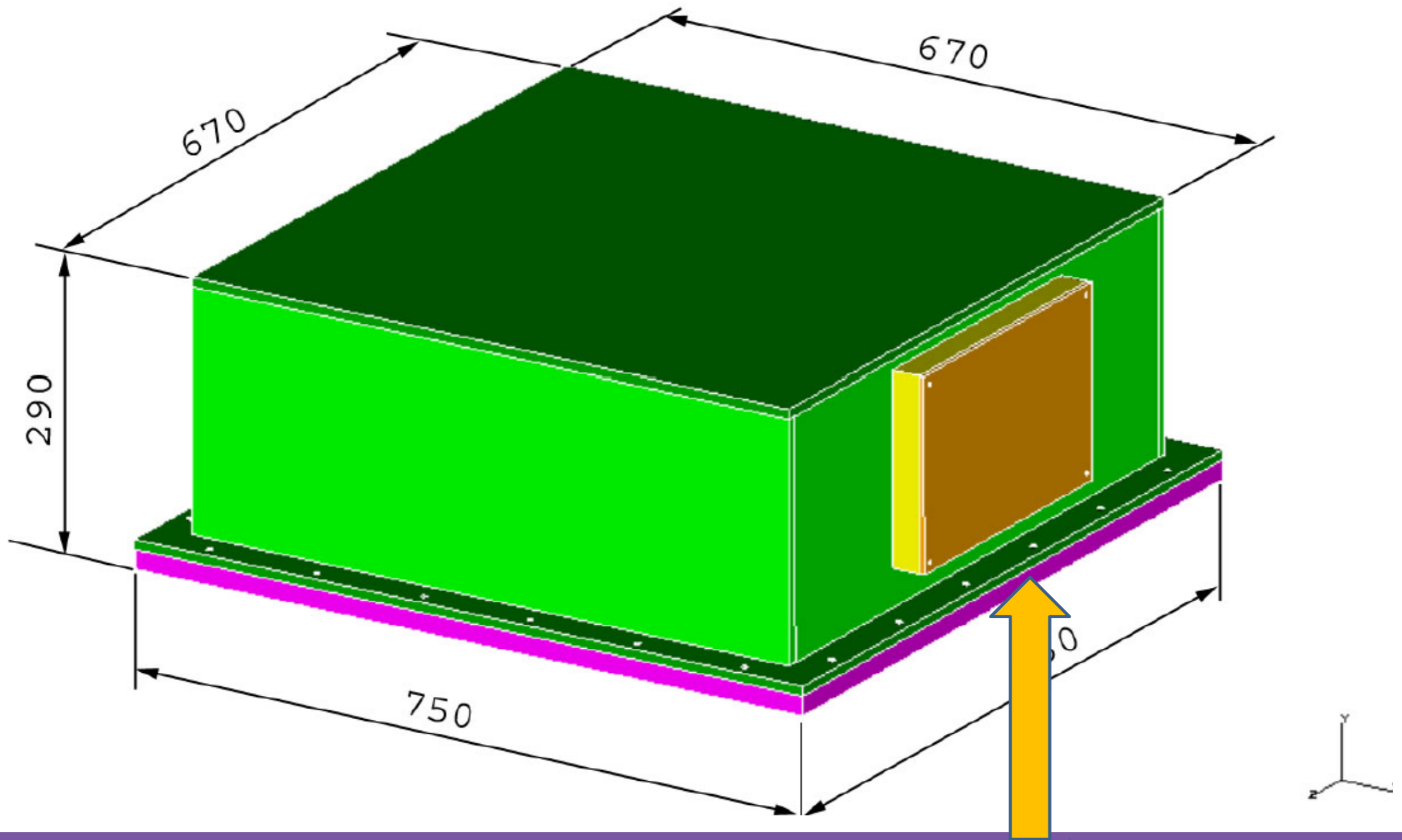
- 2 Detector Surface 50X50 cm
- Distance between planes: 22 cm
- 4 tiles per plane
- Each tile 2 SiPM
- Efficiency > 96% (overall)
- Trigger: AND among 2 planes
- Each plane: OR among 4 tiles
- Muon rate: 10-15 Hz
- Dark rate per 3 plane (4 tiles):  $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$  Hz
- S/N ~  $5 \cdot 10^4$



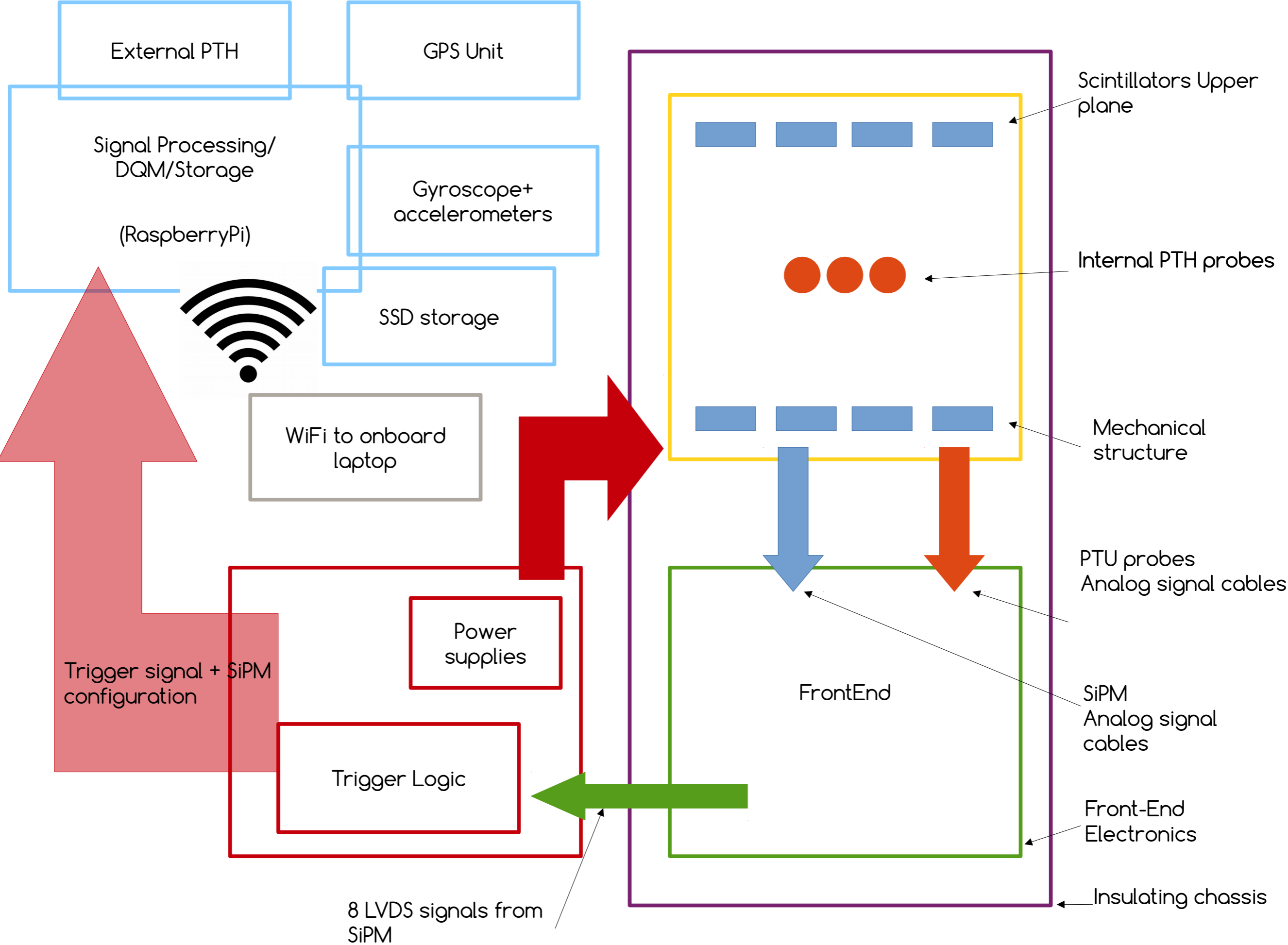


SCINTILLATORI N.4  
misure: 250x250x10  
DISTANZA TRA I PIANI: 150 mm

- 4+4 Scintillatori on two planes
- Each Scintillatore is read by 2 Photodiodes



- Readout box (The box named Detector-dedicated electronics)
- The electronics is outside the box thus does not contribute to the internal heating
- Other possible electronics case displacement: on top of chassis



External PTH

GPS Unit

Signal Processing/  
DQM/Storage  
(RaspberryPi)

Gyroscope+  
accelerometers

SSD storage



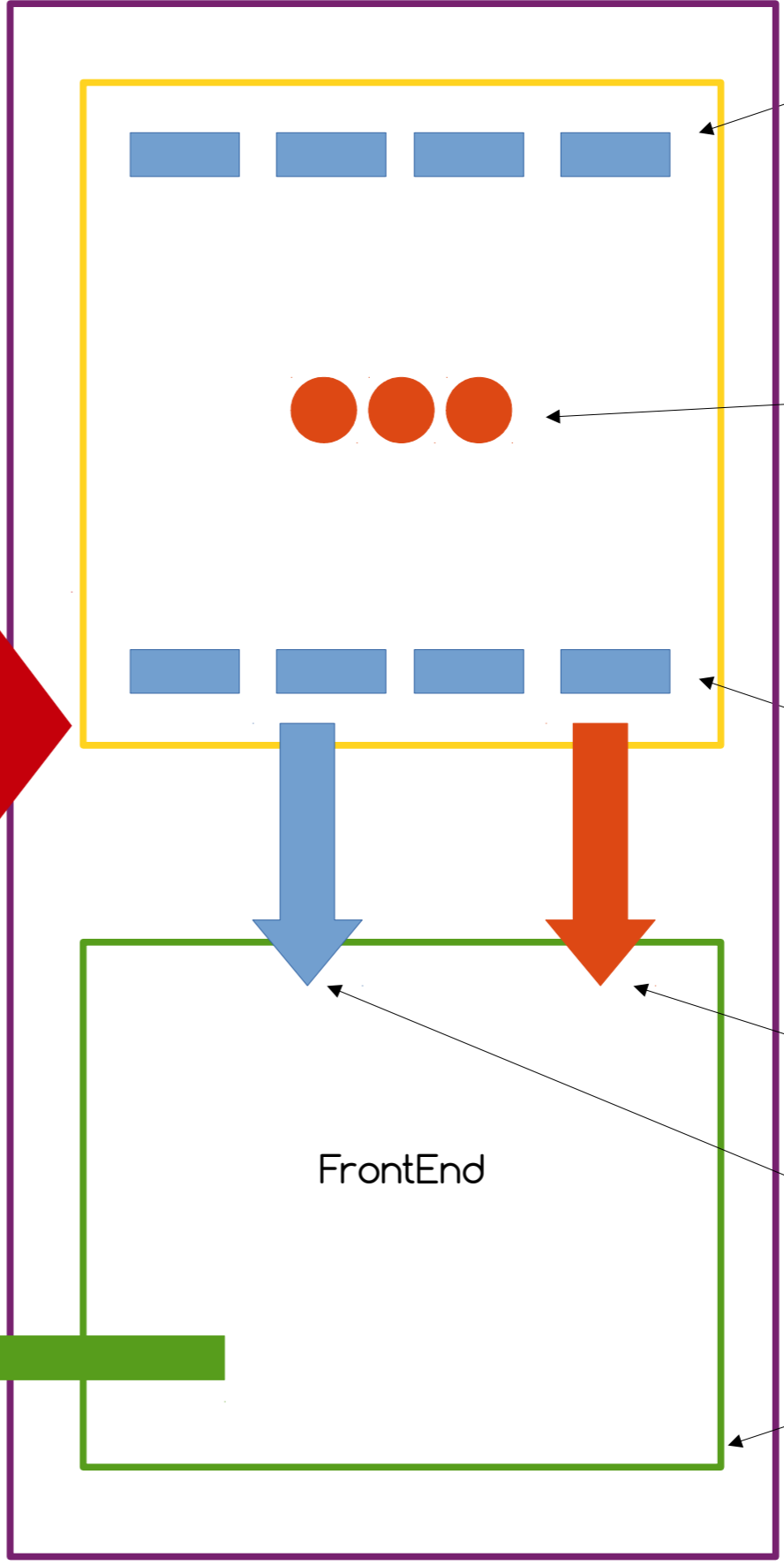
WiFi to onboard  
laptop

Trigger signal + SiPM  
configuration

Power  
supplies

Trigger Logic

8 LVDS signals from  
SiPM



Scintillators Upper  
plane

Internal PTH probes

Mechanical  
structure

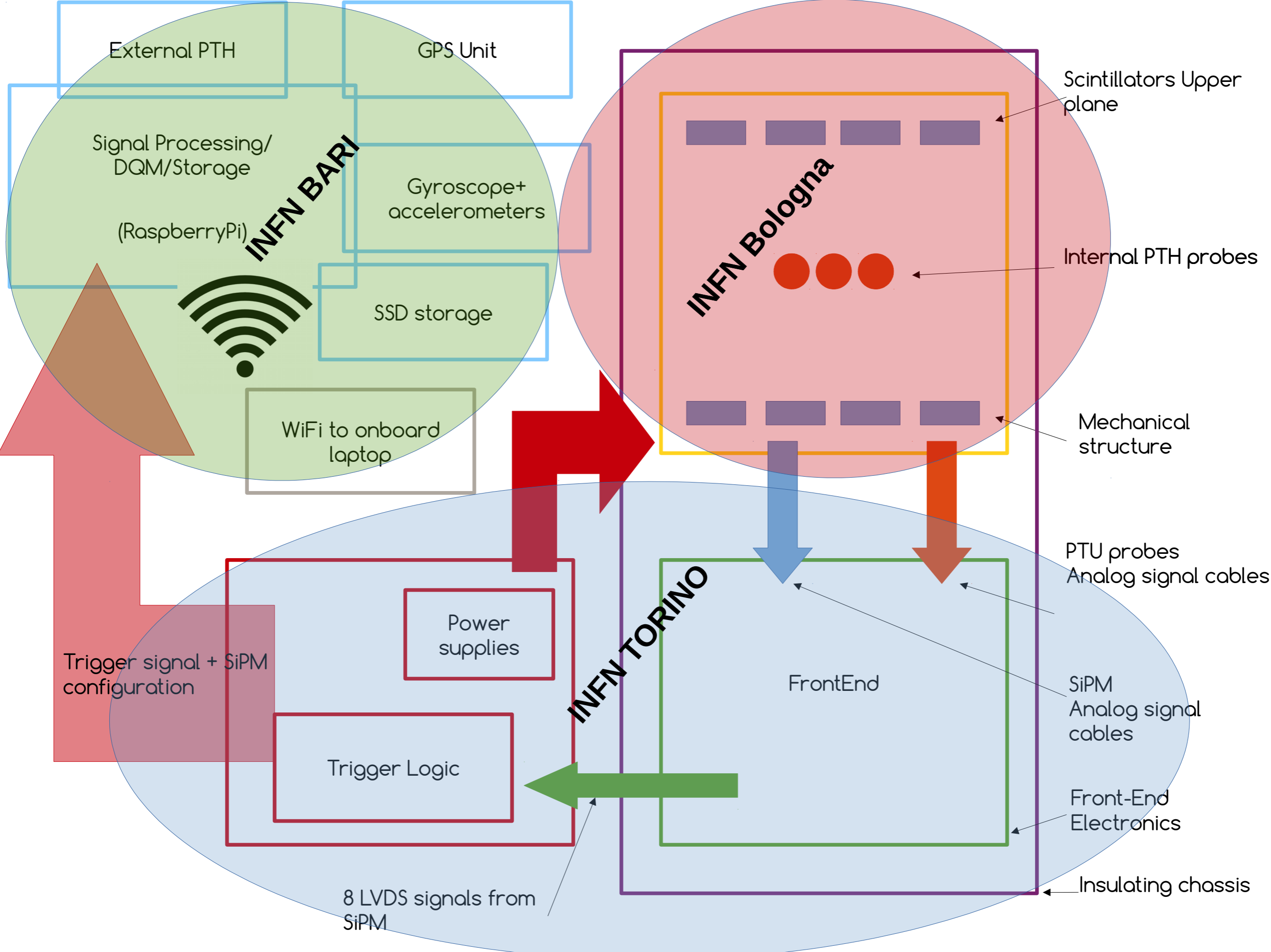
PTU probes  
Analog signal cables

FrontEnd

SiPM  
Analog signal  
cables

Front-End  
Electronics

Insulating chassis





# Requests for The PolarQuEEEst Detector

1.5 MU electr. Lab

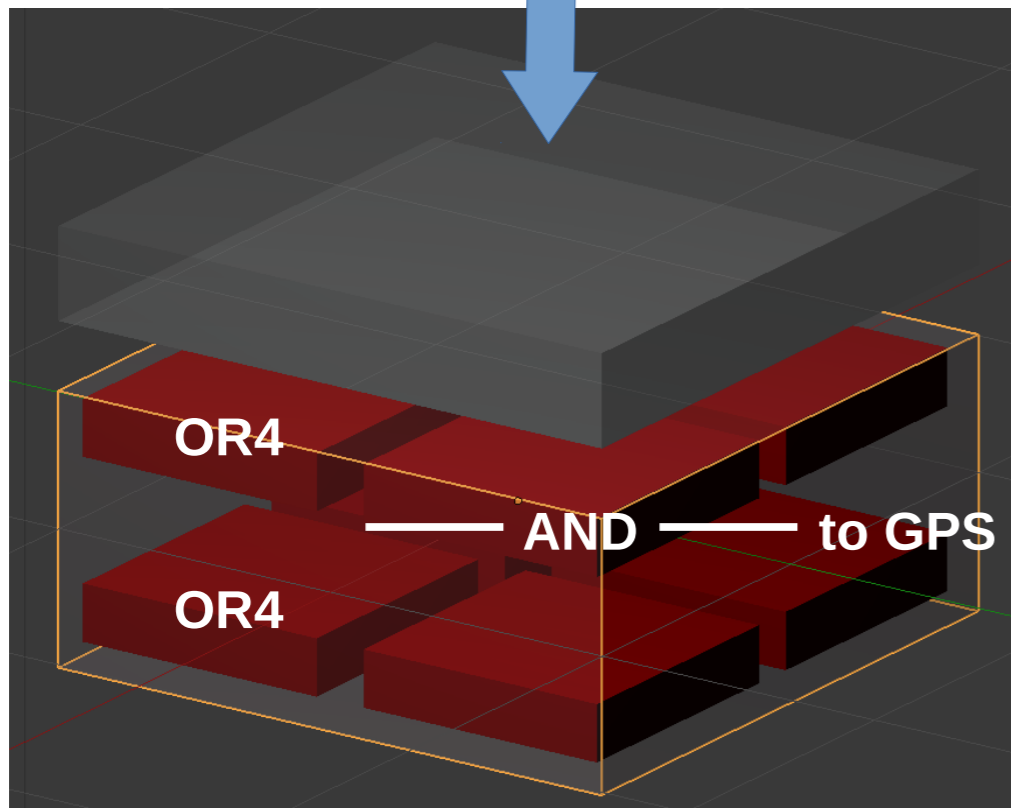
for the modifications to the already existing FE for 2 SiPM readout

- Adding TOT measurements

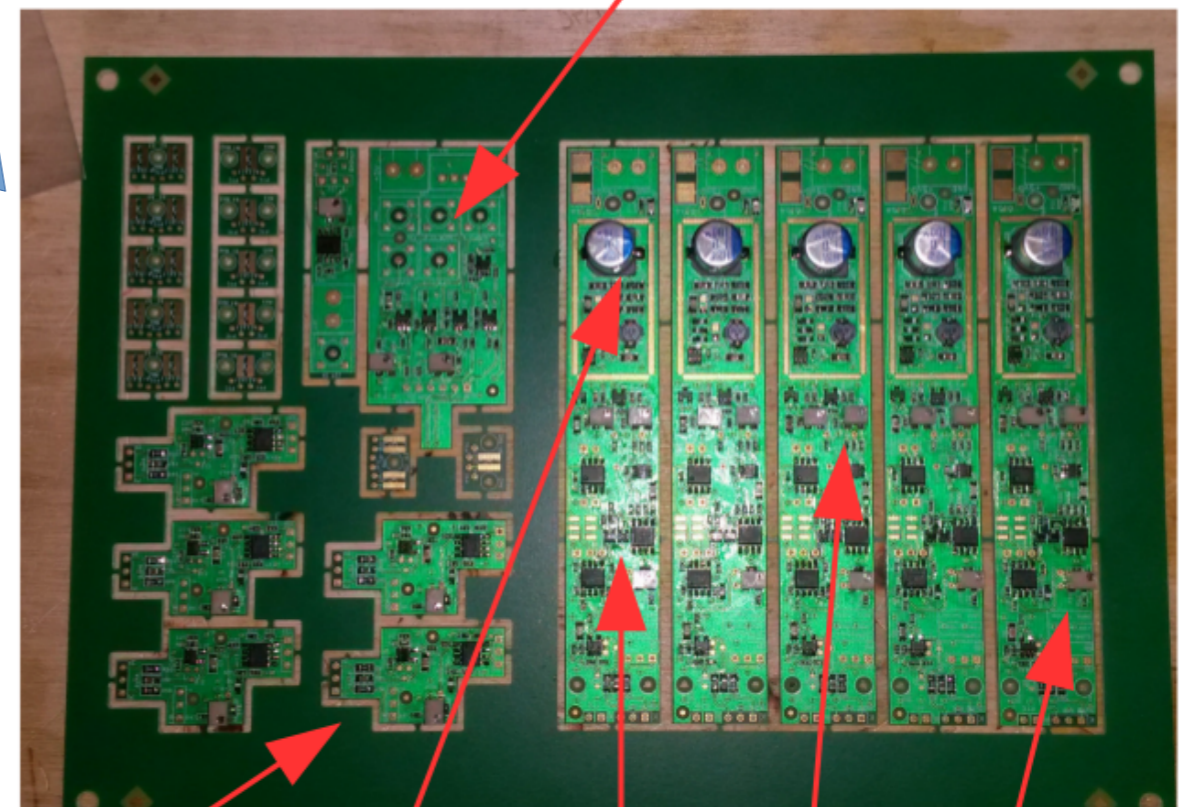
For the design of the trigger card

- Simple OR4 AND OR4 card for triggering the GPS

—



Calibration and monitor  
(to be used only one time,  
During the set-up phase)



IIInd SiPM plug-in

Ist SiPM

DC-DC converter

Temperature compensation

SiPM coincidence