

Sebbene il programma della Collaborazione Internazionale JEM-EUSO prosegua sulle linee appena descritte, la Commissione Scientifica Nazionale II INFN a Settembre 2017 ha deciso, a maggioranza dopo votazione, di chiudere la sigla JEM-EUSO-RD a partire dal 2019.

Tuttavia, le attività, finanziate da ASI e INFN, relative alla missione Mini-EUSO, il cui lancio è previsto nell'Estate del 2019, hanno potuto essere regolarmente svolte nel corso di quest'anno, con un supporto INFN approvato in Commissione II.



## **Aggiornamento Mini-EUSO**





# Mini-EUSO Scientific objectives

- UV emissions from night-Earth

- Produce a high-resolution map of the Earth in the UV range (300 – 400) nm

key measurement for next larger missions FoV 44°x44°
6.5 km resolution, from 2.5µs and above multilevel trigger Noise from different lightning conditions, moon phase Noise from different inclinations

- Transient Luminous Events (TLE's)
- Meteors and Strange Quark Matter
- Bioluminescence
- Space Debris Tracking

# The Mission: Mini-EUSO/UV-atmosphere on the International Space Station

- Approved & funded by Italian Space Agency and INFN: "Mini-EUSO"
- Approved & funded by Russian Space Agency Roscosmos: "UV-atmosphere". Included in the long-term program of space experiments on the ISS
- To be placed in the Russian segment of the ISS at the Nadir looking, UV transparent window
- Launch: 22 August 2019 (Baikonur)









# **MINI-EUSO detector**



### Integration of Flight Model (FM) in INFN Laboratories of Frascati May 2019







# FM closed and integrated



# Tests of SiPM in Mini-EUSO



Single SiPm module Hamamatsu C13365

MPPC C14047-3050EA-08 8×8 ch array

Read independently (asynchronous) Used in day-night assessment



### Xenon flashers as a calibration light source for Mini-EUSO (in collaborazione con l'esperimento GLARE-X di Gr. V)

# LAMP 20 W XENON FLASH LAMP

#### OVERVIEW

This 20 W xenon flash lamp provides optimal specification as a light source for medical / environmental analysis. Applied electrodes to this lamp gives highly stable operation even under high voltage input. As a result, exhaustion of electrodes is reduced and high output, stability and long life is provided.



▲L11937



20 W xenon flash lamp + trigger socket + power supply

#### FEATURES

High stability: 1.0 % CV Typ.
Long life: 1 × 10<sup>8</sup> flashes
High energy input: 0.5 J (maximum input energy per flash)
Mirror integrated high output type: 1.4 times







Proposta di partecipazione italiana alla missione NASA SPB2 Super Pressure Balloon-2



Il contesto scientifico e la strategia (USA-NASA)

 Obiettivo finale: realizzare una missione spaziale congiunta per lo studio dei neutrini cosmogenici e degli UHECR – EECR (E > 10<sup>19</sup>-10<sup>20</sup> eV)
 (→ Progetto POEMMA/Decadal survey)

2. Con un volo di pallone di lunga durata (SPB) di seconda generazione e a breve termine, verificare gli obiettivi scientifici e collaudare e validare le opzioni tecnologiche e strumentali.

#### **Astronomy and Astrophysics Decadal Survey**



#### Astro2020 Science White Paper

#### Astrophysics Uniquely Enabled by Observations of High-Energy Cosmic Neutrinos

Thematic Area: Multi-Messenger Astronomy and Astrophysics

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#### Astro2020 Science White Paper

#### Fundamental Physics with High-Energy Cosmic Neutrinos

Thematic Area: Cosmology and Fundamental Physics

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### NASA's long duration balloon program from New Zealand



Goal: fly a "Ton of science" with a target flight duration of 100 days



Stable wind pattern around South Pole (March – July)

3 flights since 2015 (including SPB1/2017)





### **Science Goals of SPB2**



- Detect Cherenkov from UHECRs from near space
- Detect Fluorescence emission from UHECRs from near space
- Measure the background for up-going  $\tau$  decays from cosmogenic neutrinos
- Observe Fluorescence from High Altitude Horizontal Air showers (HAHAs)



# SPB2 Two Telescope Horizontal Mount





Nov 27, 2018

### Proposta alla Commissione II di Apertura di nuova sigla SPB2

### Il Gruppo Italiano proponente

Torino Univ. e INFN (M. Bertaina) Roma Tor Vergata Univ. e INFN (M. Casolino) INFN Laboratori Nazionali Frascati (M. Ricci, Resp. Naz.) Napoli Univ. e INFN (G. Osteria) Bari Univ. e INFN (F. Cafagna) Catania Univ. e INFN + gruppo assoc. INAF Palermo (R. Caruso)

### La Collaborazione Internazionale

USA e NASA (MSFC) Francia Giappone Polonia Russia Svezia Slovacchia



### Ruolo e Responsabilità del gruppo italiano in SPB2

- Progetto Architettura di sistema per entrambi i telescopi
  - Data Processor/CPU
  - Housekeeping
  - Sistema di basse tensioni
  - Clock-board/Sincronizzazione
  - Telemetria
  - Interfacce tra i sottosistemi
- Trigger di vari livelli
- Simulazioni, Test di laboratorio (TurLab)
- Software di volo e del DAQ
- Possibile centro controllo e raccolta dati (ASI-SSDC)



# SPB2 Possibili Sinergie – Spin-off tecnologico



ASI – Thales Alenia Space

FBK Trento - Test e qualifica SiPM per lo spazio in condizioni reali e operative. Possibilità di inserire (come per Mini-EUSO) un layer di SiPM nel piano focale del Telescopio Cherenkov con chip (ASIC) dedicato.

Laboratori elettronica nelle Sezioni INFN e Dipartimenti (Torino, Napoli, Catania)

→ Innalzamento del Technological Readiness Level (TRL) dei rivelatori (qualifica spaziale)

# SPB2 Tempistica – Milestones



2020 - Costruzione dei due telescopi (assemblaggio e test)

- 2021 Integrazione (Prima metà)/Consegna a NASA Payload Integrato
- 2021 Ottobre-Novembre: Mission Ready
- 2022 Lancio a Primavera (Marzo-Aprile) dalla Nuova Zelanda (Wanaka): durata nominale almeno 30 giorni (da 60 a 100 gg. in condizioni ideali)

# SPB2 Costi – Impegno finanziario per l'INFN

- Circa 3-400 kEuro ripartiti tre anni (2020-22)
- Supporto e contributo ASI da definire (contratti esterni → Thales Alenia)
- Costi complessivi missione per USA-NASA ~ 20 M\$ (inclusi overhead)

#### **Gruppo LNF:**

M. Ricci (Resp. Naz. e locale)
F. Ronga
2 ricercatori/tecnologi dell'Università UniNettuno Roma (accordi in corso)

#### TOT 1.9-2 FTE

Attività 2020: telemetria e controlli; simulazioni e software di volo; interfacce Data Processor (in collaborazione con il gruppo di Napoli); supporto alle fasi di test e integrazione del Payload

Richieste finanziarie specifiche in corso di preparazione



# **CSES-LIMADOU MISSION**









# **CSES-LIMADOU** Chinese Seismo-Electromagnetic Satellite

ASI INFN INGV project Chinese National Space Age China Earthquake Administra

#### Main Scientific Objectives:

- Measurement from space of magnetospheric perturbations and correlations with seismic phenomena

- Interactions between Magnetosphere, Ionosphere and Earth

#### Instruments on board CSES Satellite:

- Magnetic Spectrometer
- Electric Field Detector
- High Energy Particle Detector
- Magnetic Field Detector
- Low-frequency e.m. wave detector

#### Launched 2 February, 2018 Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, Gansu (Inner Mongolia)

#### Bologna

LNF Perugia Roma Tor Vergata Trento UniNettuno Roma INGV INAF/IAPS IFAC-CNR Firenze







HEPD-FM on CSES Satellite

Parameter	Value		
-	Electron: 3-100 MeV		
Energy range	Proton: 30-200 MeV		
Angular resolution	<8°@ 5 MeV		
Energy resolution	<10% @ 5 MeV		
Particle Identification	>90%		
Maximum Omni-directional Flux	10 <sup>7</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> (accepted by trigger before pre-scaling)		
Operatingtemperature	-10 °C - + 35 °C		
Mass (including electronics)	< 43 kg		
Power Consumption	< 43 W		
Scientific Data Bus	RS-422		
Data Handling Bus	CAN 2.0		
Operation mode	Event by Event		
Life span	> 5 Years		

Main parameters of HEPD

#### CSES- LIMADOU High Energy Particle Detector (HEPD) Flight Model Electron Beam Test @ BTF, Frascati, 3-5 October 2016

#### →Energy: 30 MeV, 45 MeV, 60 MeV, 120 MeV



#### 23 MARZO 2019



Al gruppo italiano è stata affidata la piena responsbilità su:

HEPD-02 (High Energy Paticle Detector) EFD-02 (Electric Field Detector)

#### **Gruppo LNF**:

M.Ricci (Resp.loc.)

B. Spataro

S. Bini (tecnologo)

2 ricercatori/tecnologi dell'Università UniNettuno Roma (accordi in corso)

TOT 1.7-1.8 FTE

#### Iniziativa di sviluppo attività nei LNF

Nell'ambito del programma CSES-02: Attività sul Work Package per HEPD-02 per il sistema generale di alimentazione LVPS del rivelatore. Progettazione, realizzazione e test nei LNF (Servizio Progettazione Elettronica, Resp. G. Corradi): accordi in corso

Richieste finanziarie specifiche in corso di preparazione

# **Backup Slides**

# Uv transparent window, Zvezda module









Field of view from window

# **Mini-EUSO Operations**

#### START

- Connect 27V power supply
- Connect grounding cable
- Insert empty USB stick
- Turn on switch

#### STOP

- Turn off switch
- Remove and store USB stick
- Periodically copy selected files on station computer for later downlink



Mini-EUSO control panel Unmarked connectors are not used in flight

Additional ops include latch/unlatch of instrument In case of Sunday science, possibility to analyze data

# Sensors

#### East Japan and Tokyo bay

UV main camera 48\*48 pixels 40 deg 243km 5km/pix 2.5mus and above

RGB camera 1280\*960 pixels 33.2\*24.8 degrees 231\*174 km 180 m/pixel 1s

NIR camera (BW with phosphor coating) 1280\*960 pixels 33.2\*24.8 degrees 231\*174 km 180 m/pixel 4s



















# TLE and atmospheric effects $\mu$ s-ms range



# **Meteors and Strange Quark Matter**

Meteors: Slow events (few tens of km/s), Solar system speed

Strange Quark matter (very dense): longer signal, interstellar origin and speed (faster then meteors, but well below c)







# **Bioluminescence**

Bioluminescence of animal and vegetal organisms

"White" or "Milky" sea phenomenon due to bioluminescent bacteria activity

Plankton



Fig. 1. Study areas (Top) corresponding to unfiltered (A-C) and filtered (D-C) statilite imagery on the night of the S5 Lima observations, (A and D) Jan. 25, 1995. 1936 (6ML (B and D) Jan. 25 (1995), 1904 (6ML (C and P) Jan. 27, 1995, 1725 (6ML Arrowhead in Findicate low signal-to-noise ratio artifacts. Shown in D are the ship track (dashed line) and positions at time of first sighting on the horizon (point a) and exit from the glowing waters (point b), based on details of the ship report.



Fig. 1. The distribution of bioluminescence emission maxima varies by marine environment and organism type. Bioluminescent emissions extend over the full visible range and beyond. [Photo credits: ]. Cohen for the photograph of S. crassicornus; P. Herring, P. bifrons; and P. Batson (DeepSeaPhotography.com), C. faurei]

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N. Otte, J. Kuznetsov Cherenkov Focal Surface Option

# Focal Plane Layout (2 x 16 SiPM Sensors Option) Stack of 4 Stack of 4 AsAd Boards AsAd Boards in

SPB2 Meeting Nov 2,3 2018 Colorado School of Mines





SPB2 Fluorescence Telescope: first MAPMT next generation Elementary Cell Unit, with integrated digitization

Sylvie Blin (OMEGA, IN2P3), (France) Guillaume Prévôt (APC, IN2P3) (France)



BGA packaged Spaciroc 3 ASIC



# SPB2 FLUORESCENCE TELESCOPE ARCHITECTURE



# **DP FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**DP Main tasks:** 

- Main interface with Flight Computer (SIP) telemetry system
- Define Telescope operation mode (Day, Night, D-N-D transitions)
- Power ON/OFF (power cycling) the whole instrument by CPU commands.
- Configure the FE electronics
- Start/Stop of the data acquisition and calibration procedures
- Synchronization of the data acquisition
- Tag events with GPS time and GPS position
- Manage trigger signals (L1, external, GPS, by CPU command etc)
- Data selection/compression and transmission to Flight Computer (SIP)
- Monitor/Control/DAQ of some Ancillary Devices
- Monitor Voltages, Current and Temperatures (LVPSs, boards, FPGA's)
- Most of the DP architecture of the Florescence Telescope will be duplicated in the Cherenkov Telescope.

# **CPU MAIN INTERFACES**



# Studies/Simulations for the SPB2 Cherenkov Telescope detector Torino Group (M. Bertaina)

- Work done to design an ASIC board for the detection of Cherenkov photons from upward going showers induced by  $\tau$  (presumably from  $v_{\tau}$ )
- → Main interest in the time information of the signal (not yet in the energy information)
- Simulation of **Cherenkov photons from upward going τ**
- Generation of **background photons** with given background rates
- Simulation of a SiPM response  $\rightarrow$  Analog signal
- Sampling and digitization of the analog signal

### Il Futuro?



#### **POEMMA: Probe of Extreme Multi-Messenger Astrophysics**

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# NASA Probe Studies for 2020 Decadal Survey

- NASA funding 10 Probe Class (below 1B\$) Mission (18 mos) Studies in Preparation for the 2020 Decadal Survey
- PI responsible for the final report (due NLT Dec 2018)
- NASA will submit these studies to the Decadal Survey
- Decadal Survey Committee will have the option to prioritize any of these mission concepts, or recommend a competed line of Probes (similar to Explorers)
- Selection based on Science Merit (cost, schedule)

POEMM

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Cooray, A.	Univ. California, Irvine	Cosmic Dawn Intensity Mapper	TeamX/ExEP
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Plavchan, P.	Missouri State Univ.	Precise Radial Velocity Observatory	No design lab funded/HQ grant
Ray, P.	Naval Research Lab	X-ray Timing and Spectroscopy	IDC/PCOS-COR
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# **POEMMA Neutrinos**



POEMMA designed to observe neutrinos with E > 10s PeV through Cherenkov signal of tau decays.

3 flavors of Astrophysical and Cosmogenic neutrinos reach Earth. Tau neutrinos generate tau leptons on their way out of the Earth's surface which decay producing up-going showers, which POEMMA can detect.



# **POEMMA INSTRUMENT**



Two 4 meter F/0.64 Schmidt telescopes: 45 deg FoVHybrid focal surface (MAPMTs and SiPM)3 mm linear pixel size: 0.084 deg pixel FoVInstrument Mass: 1,547 kgPrimary Mirror:4 meter diameterCorrector Lens:3.3 meter diameterFocal Surface:1.6 meter diameterOptical Area<sub>EFF</sub>:~6 to 2 m2Power:550 WData:1.GB/day

2018 APS April Meeting

**Stowed Configuration Launch** 



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Class B Mission 3-year Prime Mission, 5-year Mission Goal LEO 525 km, 28.5° inclination ~1500 km to 25 km separation Controlled re-entry/decommission Phase A start 10/2023 (NASA HQ guidance) Launch 11/2029 (MDL forecast)



# POEMMA MISSION

Spacecraft have ability to slew for transient event follow-up observations



2018 APS April Meeting



Dual Manifest

### Optical specification



- Modified Schmidt design reflecting telescope
- Mirror size common to all 2 telescopes (see caveat in next slide)
- Pixel size: 3mm x 3mm
- Instantaneous Field of View: IFoV = 0.2° = 3.5mrad (per pixel full width)
- Effective Focal Length: EFL= 860mm
- Entrance Pupil Diameter: EPD = 970mm
- Collection area =  $0.71 \text{m}^2$

Bi-focal mirror concept for the Cherenkov telescopes

- τ-decay induced showers are expected to be (very) rare. How to distinguish a real Cherenkov event from background (e.g. CR interacting directly in Focal Surface) with high confidence level?
- Bi-focal mirror concept to be tested in SPB2 as a possible way to reject background



### Bi-focal mirror concept for the Cherenkov telescopes



SPB2 fluorescence telescope – focal surface

- Technology: Multi-Anode PMTs (Hamamatsu)
- Elementary cell (EC): 4 MAPMTs (8x8 pixels each / total: 256 pixels)
- Photo Detector Module (PDM): 9 ECs. Total: 2304 pixels
- Planned SPB2 focal surface: 3 PDMs. Total: 6912 pixels



PDM + elect. integration (SPB1)



PDM + elect. planned tighter implementation (SPB2)



### SPBZ

### **Technical Goals:**

Test instrumentation and methods for POEMMA

Two Telescopes

- 1 Cherenkov ~10 ns PeV Scale
- 1 Fluorescence 1 µs EeV Scale

Schmidt Optics, same for all telescopes Bi-Focal alignment for Cherenkov

Tilting, perhaps to NADIR (fluorescence)

SiPMs qualification for POEMMA Ancillary Devices (IR camera, AMON) In flight calibration with Stars (in POEMMA mission design) Preflight field tests - US: Desert, Mountain

Long Stratospheric Flight 100 day target





#### **Conclusioni e Prospettive**

- Con il lancio di Mini-EUSO previsto per quest'anno, si porta a compimento una fase importante pluriennale di attività (legate al programma della Collaborazione Internazionale JEM-EUSO) con la prima missione spaziale sulla ISS.
I risultati, scientifici e tecnologici, potranno dare un contributo concreto a future missioni dedicate allo studio dei Raggi Cosmici dallo spazio, allo Space Weather e alle modalità di tracciamento e rimozione degli Space Debris.

- L'opportunità offerta dal volo di pallone SPB2 risiede in molteplici aspetti, scientifici e tecnologici:

- effettuare, per la prima volta, misure di air-showers per mezzo di luce Cherenkov osservata dall'alto (top dell'atmosfera) e misurare, per mezzo della Fluorescenza, lo sviluppo degli air-shower orizzontali;
- verificare la possibilità di rivelazione di neutrini tau per mezzo di luce Cherenkov diretta;
- la misura del background nell'osservazione di leptoni tau up-going dal decadimento di neutrini cosmogenici contribuirà significativamente a indirizzare future missioni spaziali (vedi POEMMA);
- potenziale ricaduta in campo tecnologico avanzato con sviluppo e qualifica per lo spazio di rivelatori come i SiPM (e relativo FE), Data Processor e sistemi di lettura e trasmissione dati;
- sinergie con ASI e coinvolgimento Ditte Aerospaziali Italiane;
- ruolo rilevante del gruppo italiano in tutte le fasi della missione.