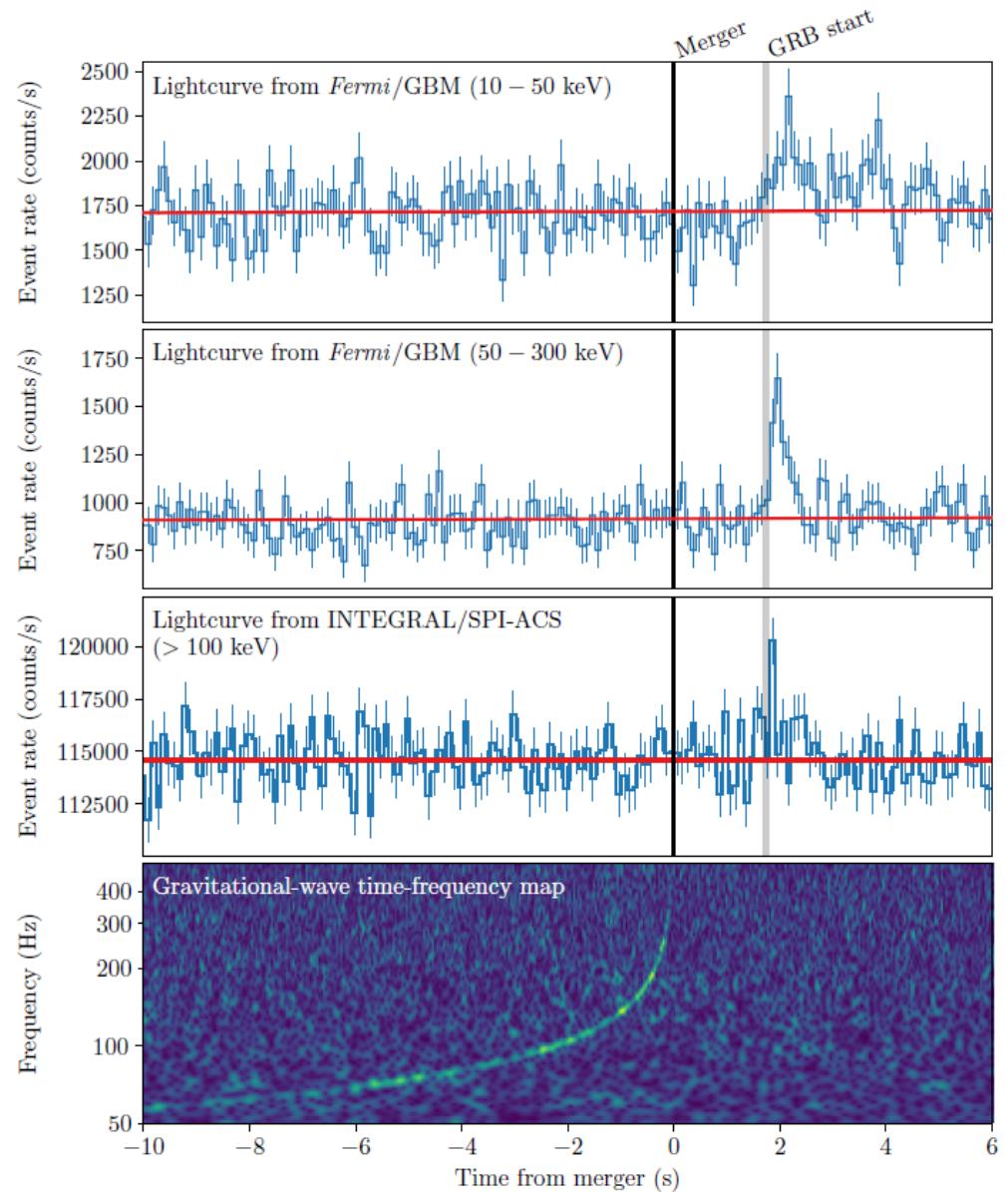


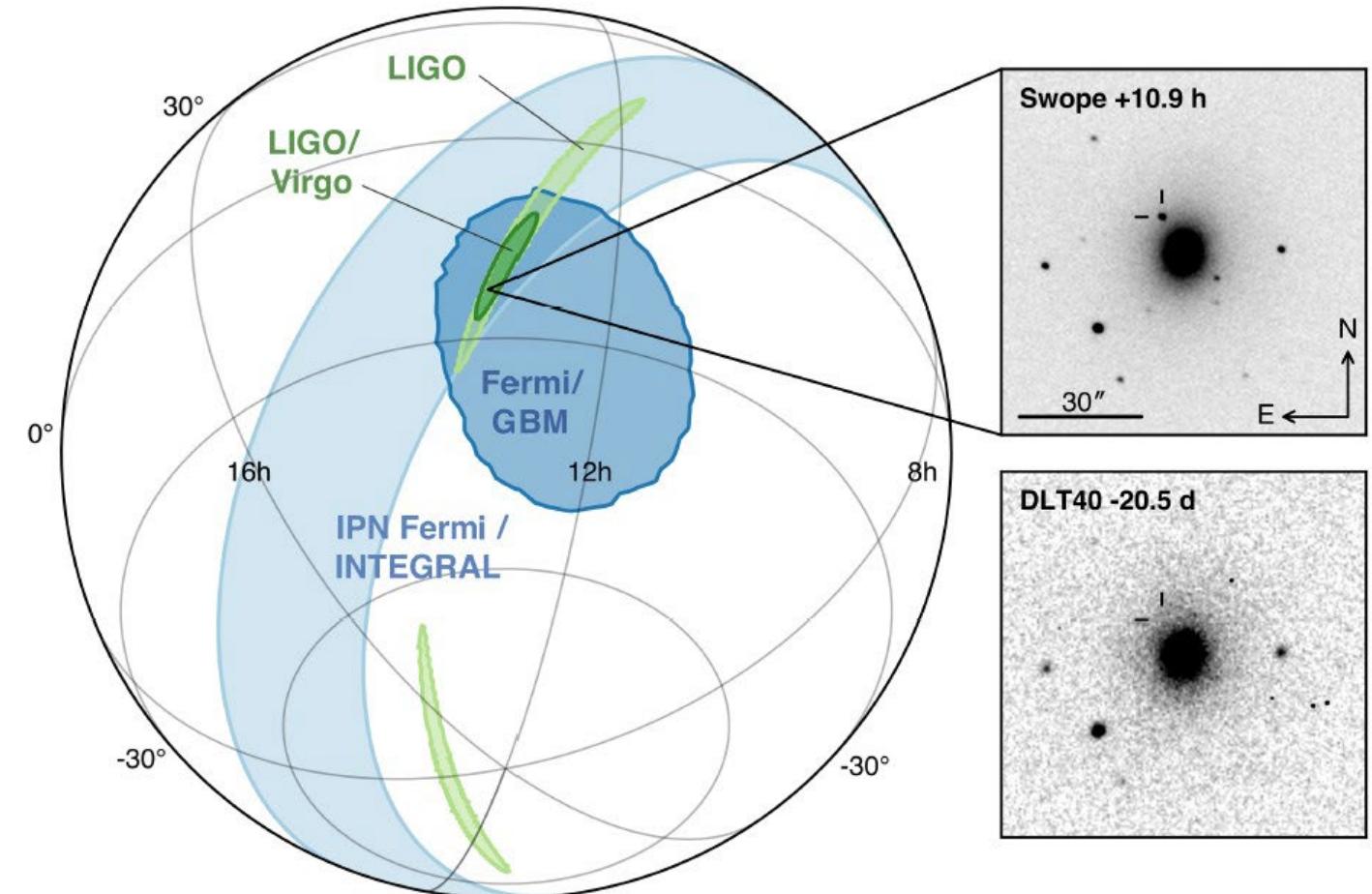


The Crystal Eye X and gamma ray detector for space missions

WHY AND FROM WHERE WE STARTED



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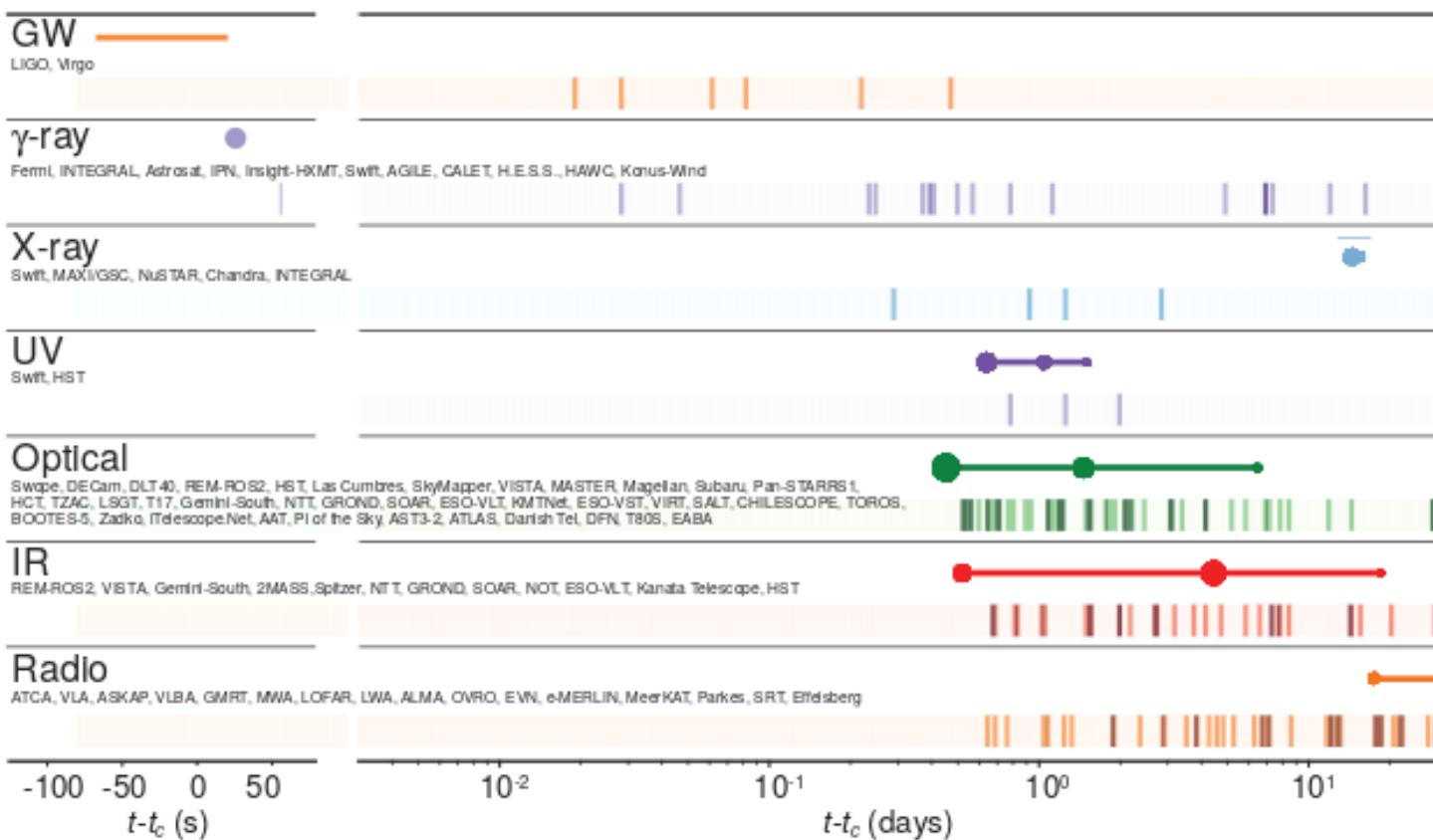


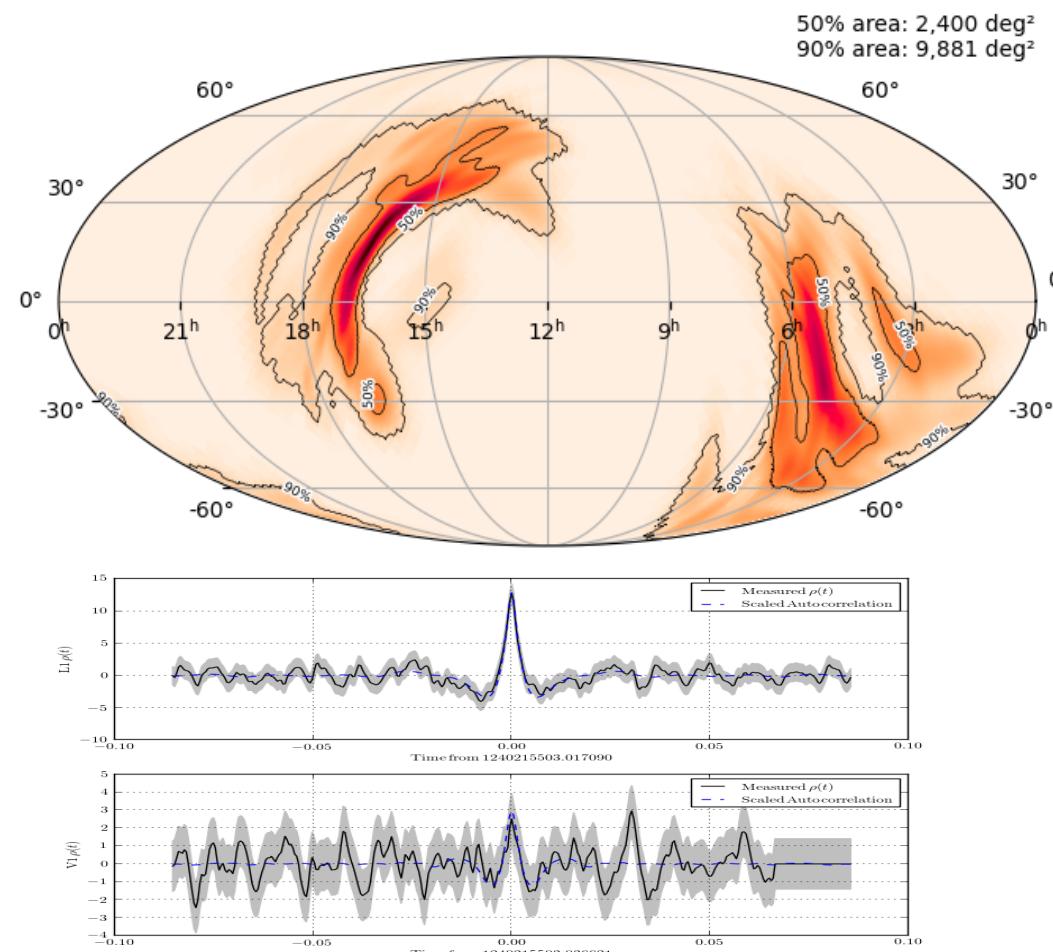


Optical, UV, IR, Radio, X



- Several other observatories followed the source evolution for many days. Apparently it is a kilonova.
- It is the first time an astronomical object is studied with so many information from different messengers
- The multi-messenger GW astronomy has born.





Single LHO event (SNR 12.8 in L1, 2.52 in V1 – consistent with sensitivity difference), faint localization.

TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR

NUMBER: 24170

SUBJECT: LIGO/Virgo S190425z: INTEGRAL SPI-ACS prompt observation

DATE: 19/04/25 10:27:09 GMT

[...]

After trigger time of S190425z (G330561) we found two pulses with time since trigger, duration, significance and fluence (in counts) above a background as following

+0.5 s, 0.4 s, 3.6 sigma, 900 +/- 250

+6 s, 1 s, 4 sigma, 1620 +/- 400

GCN CIRCULAR NUMBER: 24185

SUBJECT: LIGO/Virgo S190425z: Fermi GBM Observations

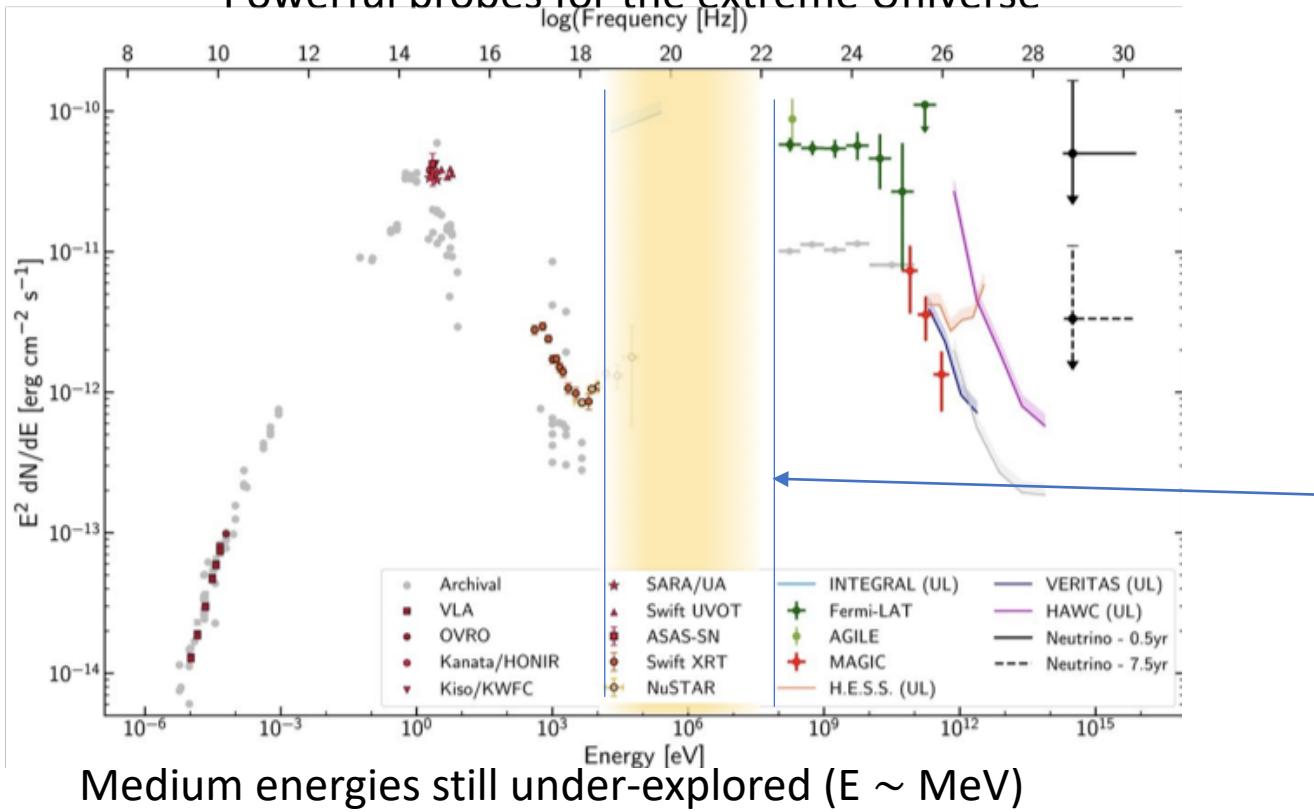
[...]

There was no Fermi-GBM onboard trigger around the event time of the LIGO/Virgo detection of GW trigger S190425z (GCN 24168).

THE MEDIUM/LOW ENERGY GAMMA RANGE



Powerful probes for the extreme Universe



There is a «hole» in the
10keV – 100MeV range

Primary Scientific Goal: Monitoring the electromagnetic counterpart of gravitational waves

Exploit a constellation of satellites

Improve the detection method



Primary scientific goals

Technological requirements

1) Monitoring/prompt triggering the electromagnetic counterpart of gravitational waves

2) Multimessenger observations with GW and Neutrinos

Progress in understanding mechanism that power jets (like GRBs, AGNs)

3) Observation of gamma ray lines from supernovae

Progress in understanding the mechanism of element formation in extreme environment

4) Searching for magnetars

Understanding possible correlation with FRB

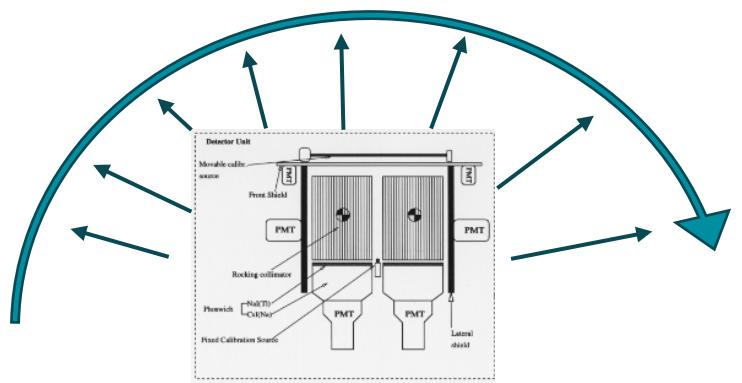
5) TGF, space weather

- Wide FOV
- Good sensitivity
- Localization capability
- Fast response

- Wide FOV in X-rays
- Good sensitivity in X-rays

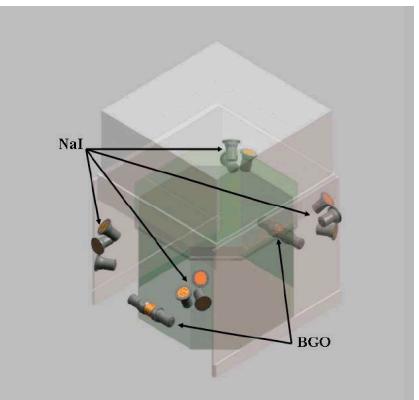


Beppo-Sax



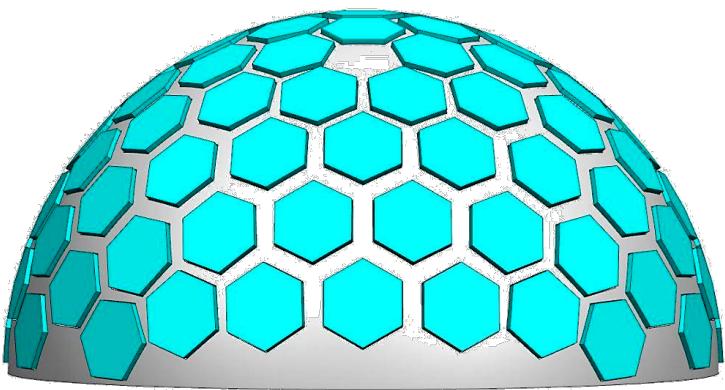
- Phoswich technique with collimators
- Orientable mechanics
- One module

Fermi-GBM



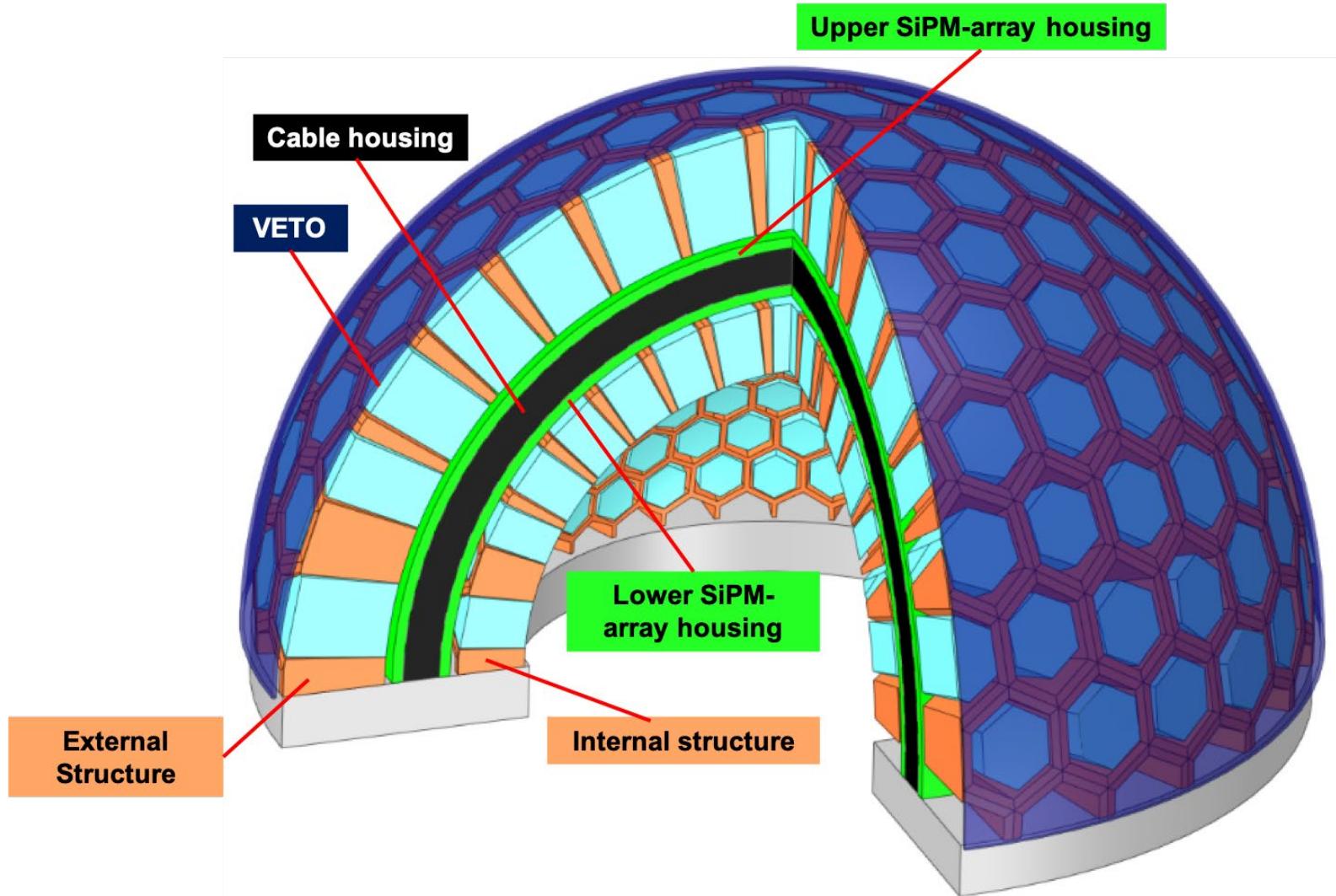
- Triangulation over 12 pixel ($\phi \sim 12.7$ cm)
- Different orientation
- One module

Crystal Eye

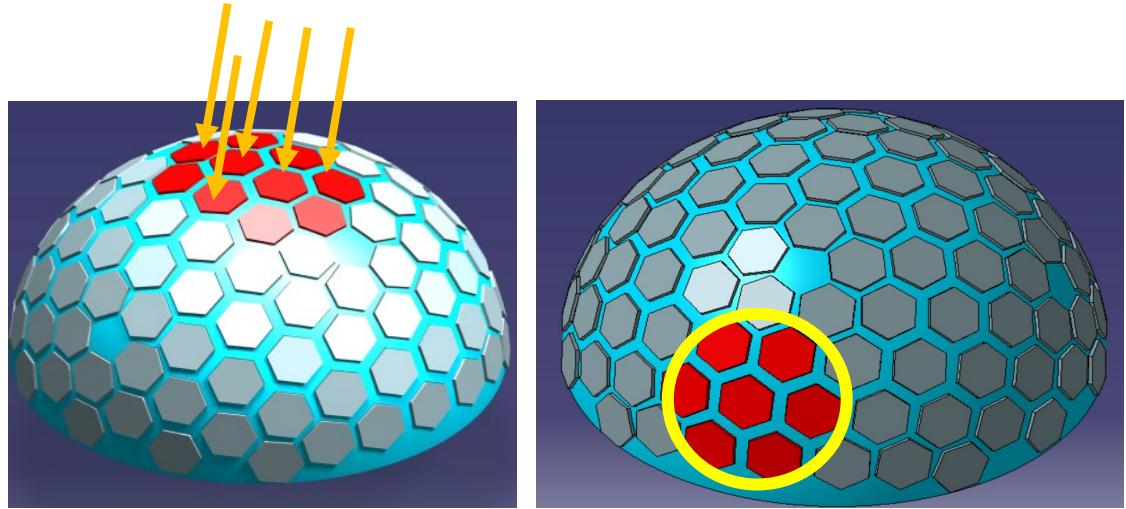


- Charge distribution over 112 pixel ($\phi \sim 5$ cm)
- Compact photosensors (simplified phoswich)
- Compact hemispherical design (no need for orientable mechanics)
- 3-4 modules in orbit for a full time coverage

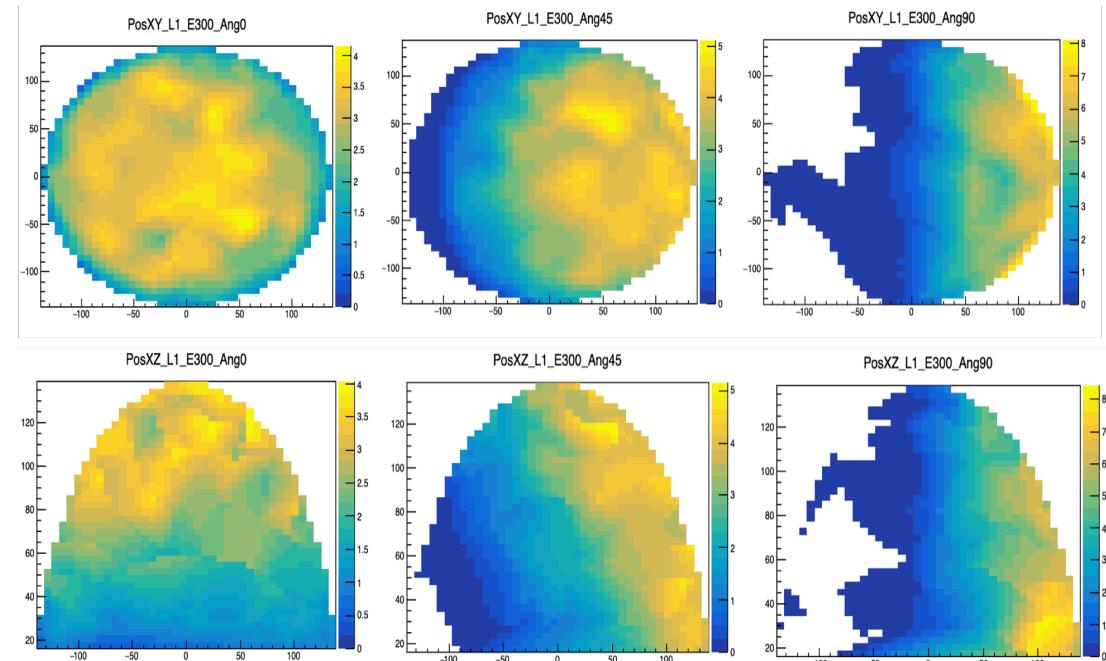
TIME IS NOW!



THE CHARGE DISTRIBUTION



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



PRELIMINARY SIMULATIONS

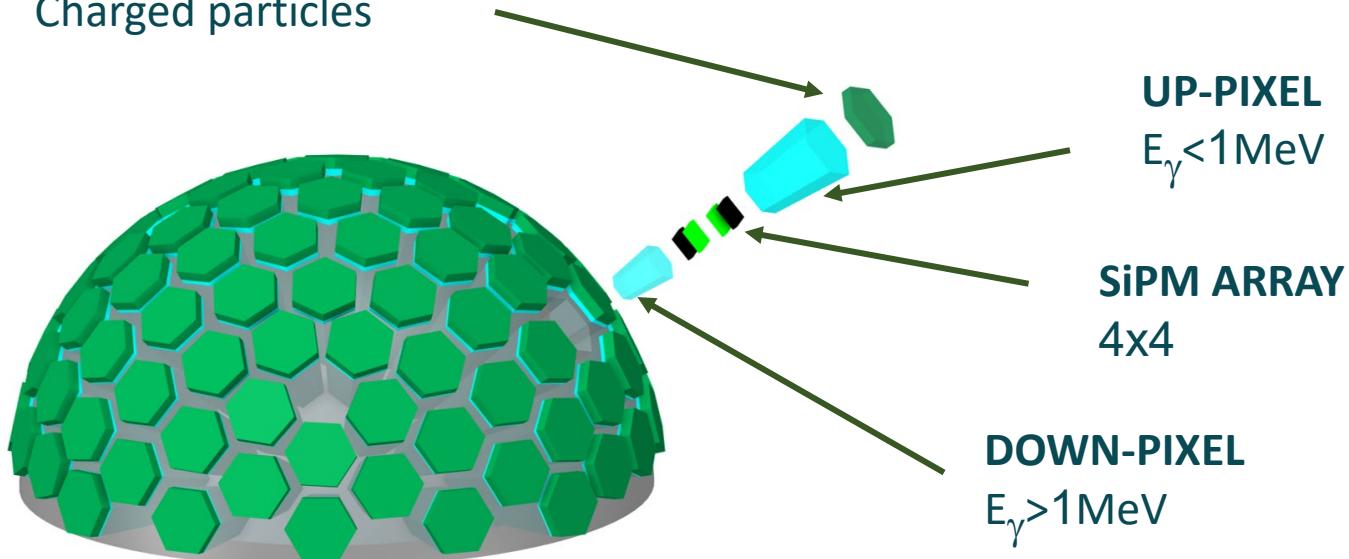


Angular resolution ~ 1 deg

THE CRYSTAL EYE METHOD



VETO (PLASTIC)
Charged particles



Radius: ~20 cm

Mass: <50 kg

Energy range: 10keV - 30MeV

Material: LYSO

Photodetectors: SiPM-array

FOV: 2π

COMPACT SIZE:

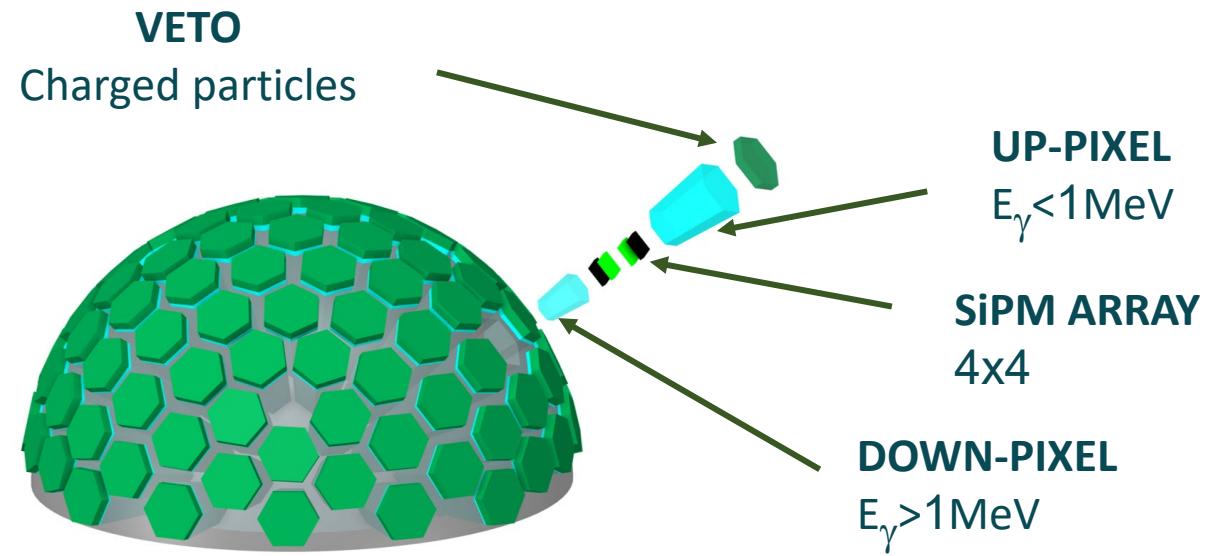
- Free-flyer
- Onboard of space stations
- GBM module of larger satellites

A smart configuration

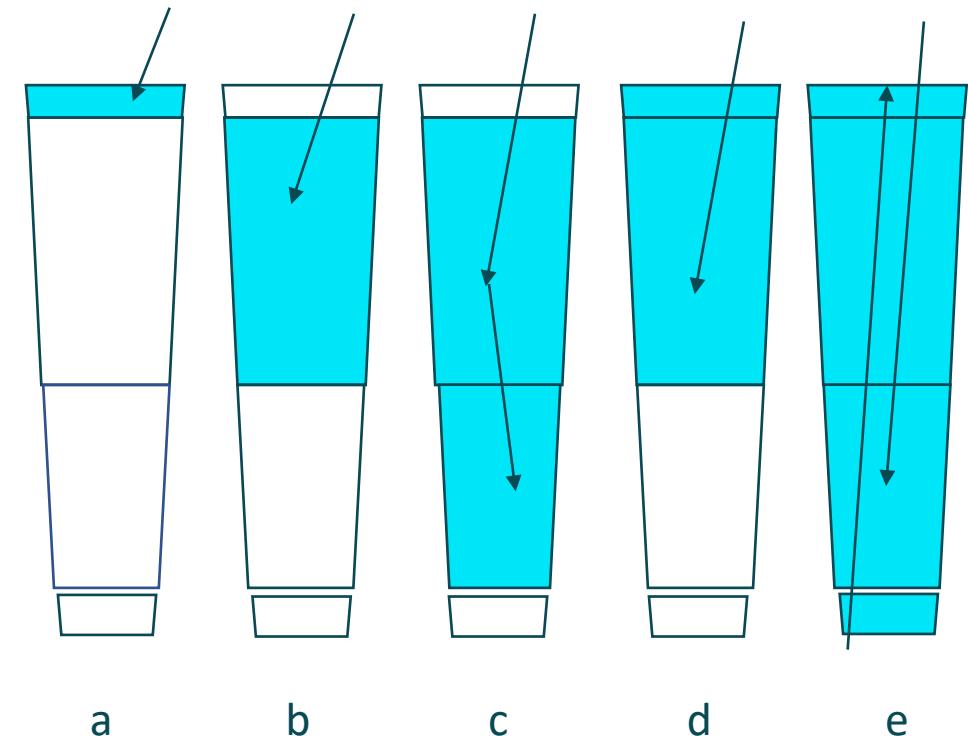
- Compactness
- Symmetry
- Thermal protection of the SiPMs
- Radioprotection of the SiPMs



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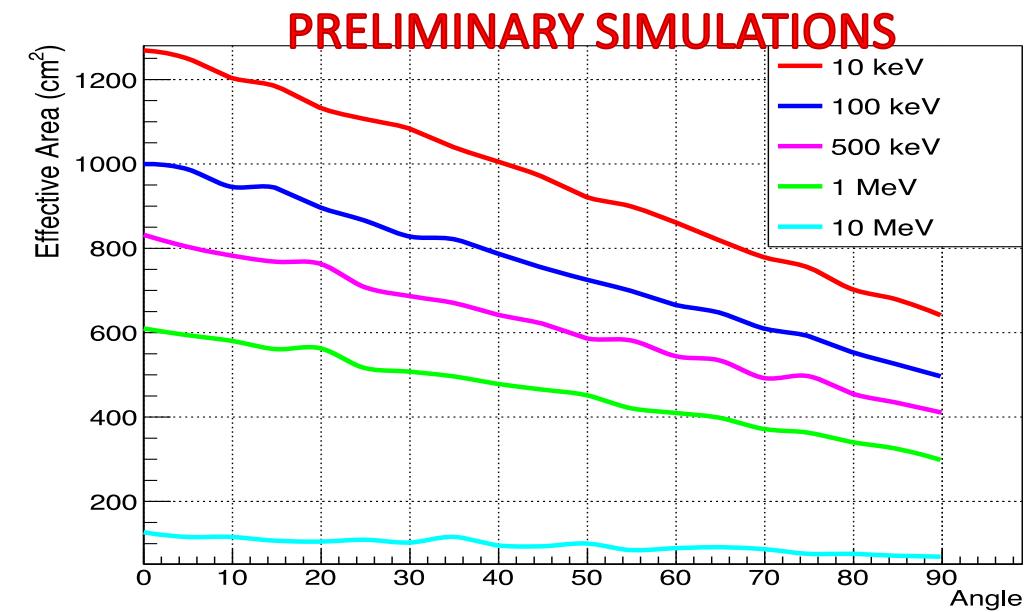
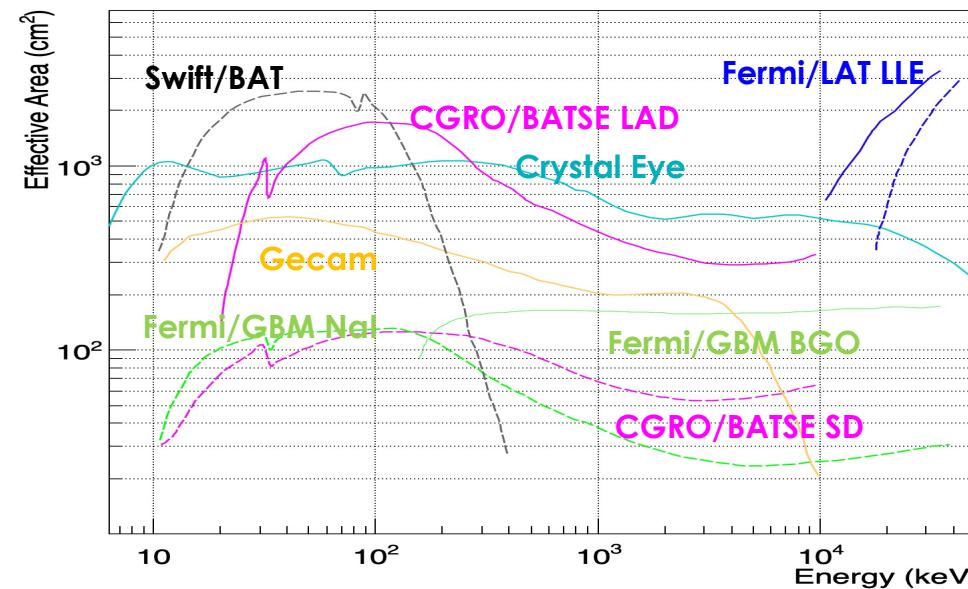


- a – Down-going hard X-ray ($E < 30 \text{ keV}$)
- b – Down-going LE γ -ray ($30 \text{ keV} < E < 1 \text{ MeV}$)
- c – Down-going ME γ -ray ($E > 1 \text{ MeV}$)
- d – Down-going LE charged particle
- e – HE charged particle

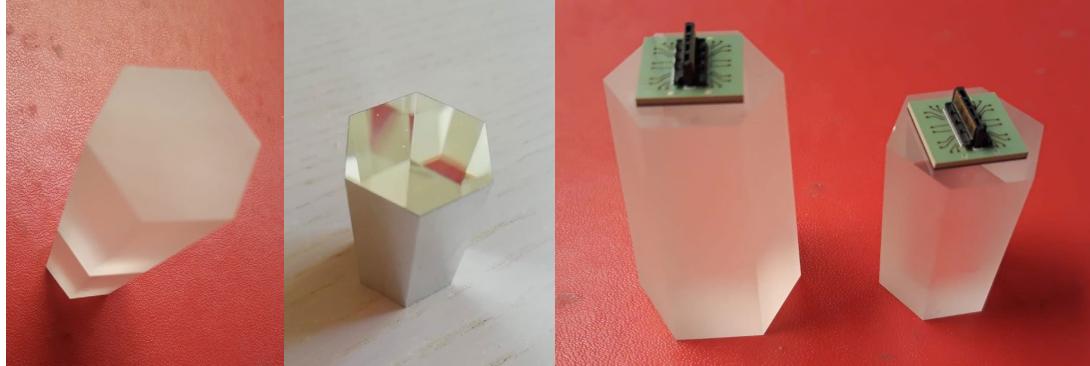




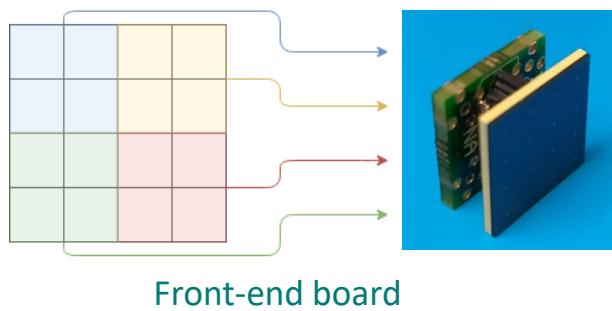
Effective area and sensitivity (preliminary)



Larger effective area than competitors in the 300keV-10MeV range

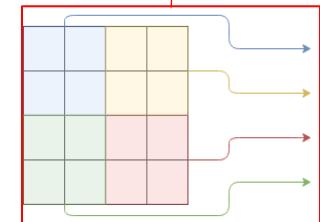
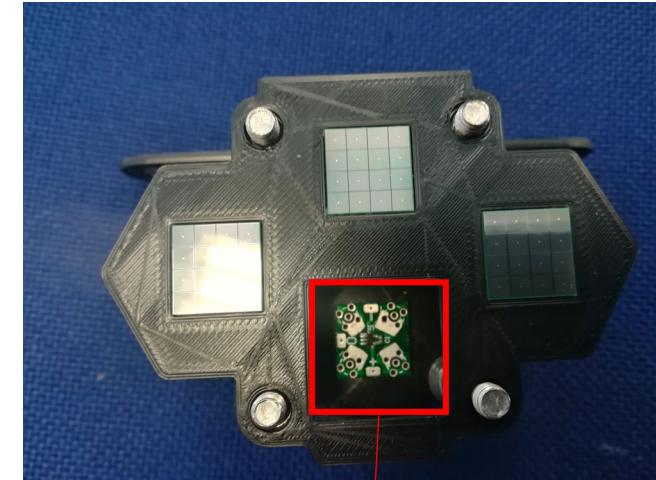
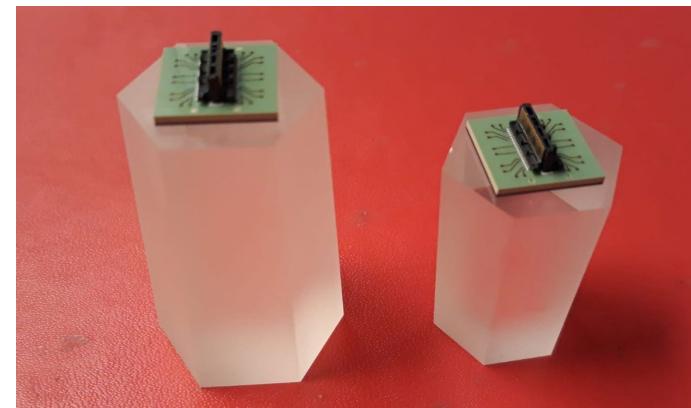
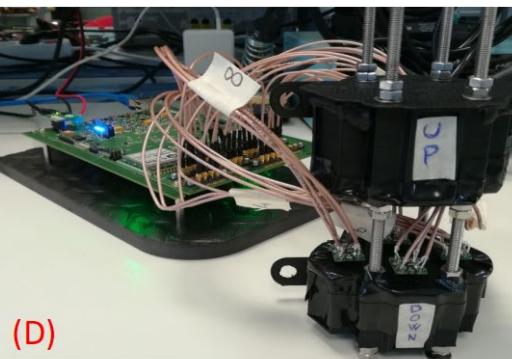
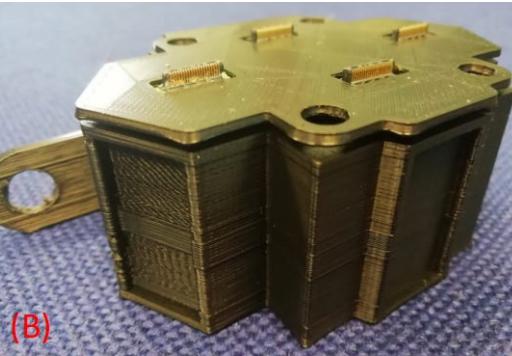


Array-Sum



Properties Mechanical	Units	Value
Density	g/cm ³	7.15
Atomic Number (Effective)		65
Melting Point	°K	2070
Thermal Expansion Coeff.	C ⁻¹	7.0 x 10 ⁻⁶
Crystal Structure		Mono
Hardness	Moh	5.8
Hygroscopic		No
Solubility	g/100gH ₂ O	N/A

THE PROTOTYPE

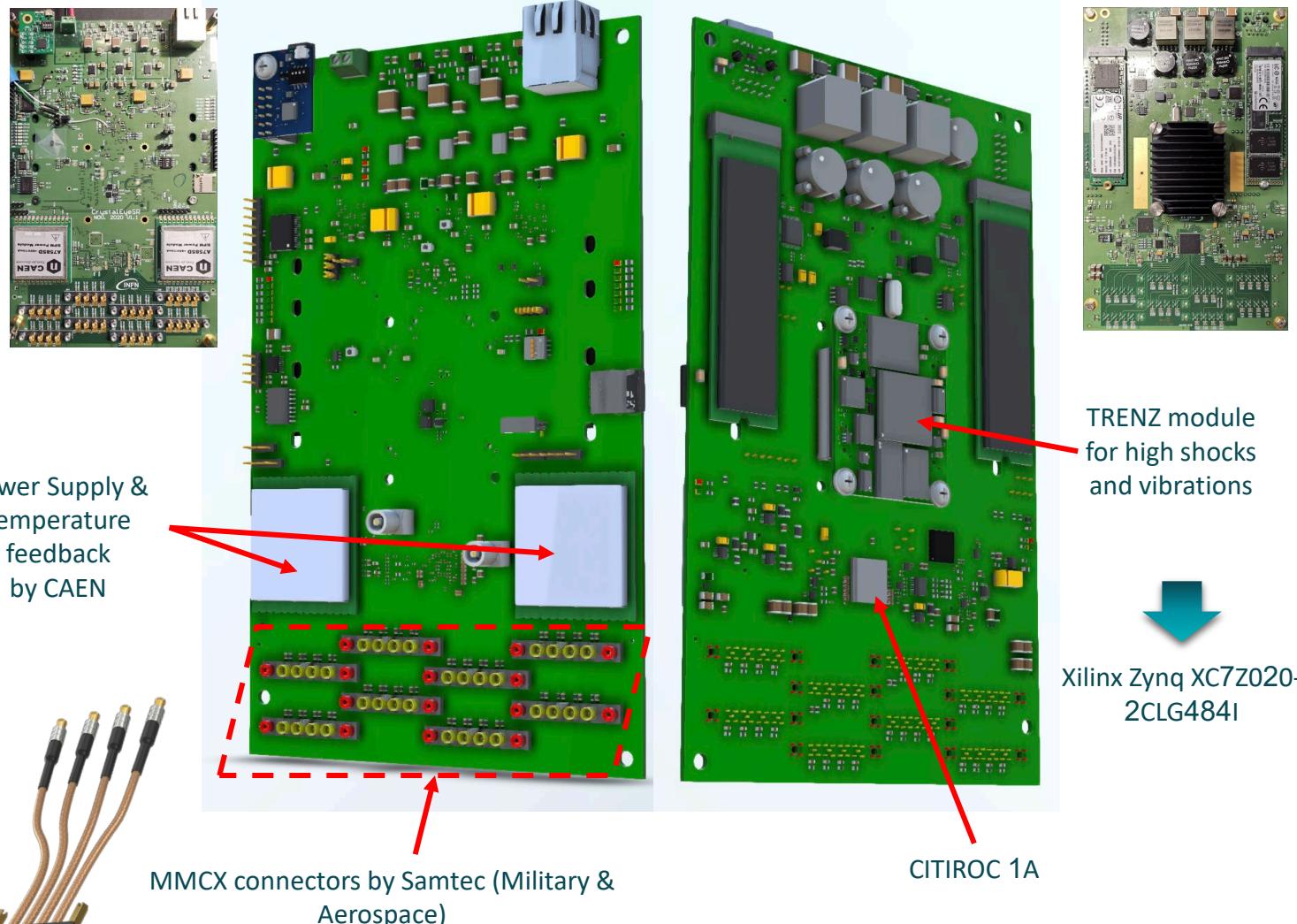


- 1 – LYSO by OST (ground surface)
- 2 – LYSO by EPIC Crystals (polished surfaces with ESR)
- 3 – BGO by OST (ground surfaces)
- 4 – LYSO by EPIC Crystals (ground surfaces)

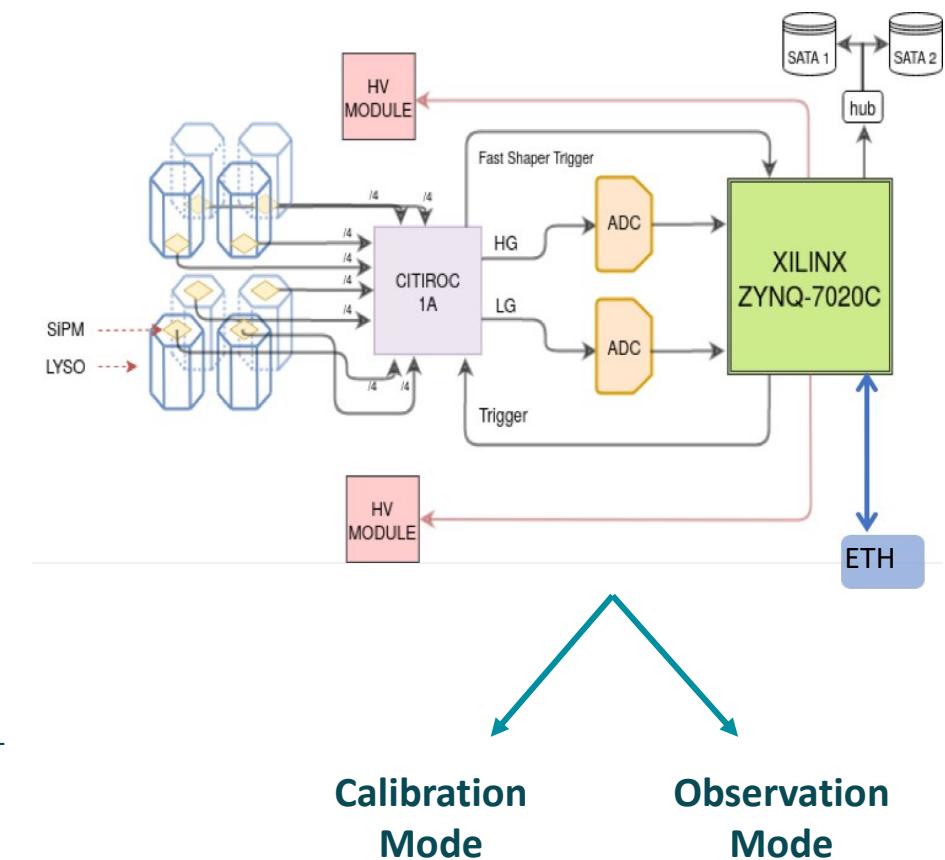


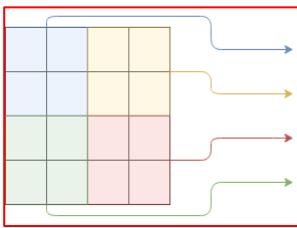
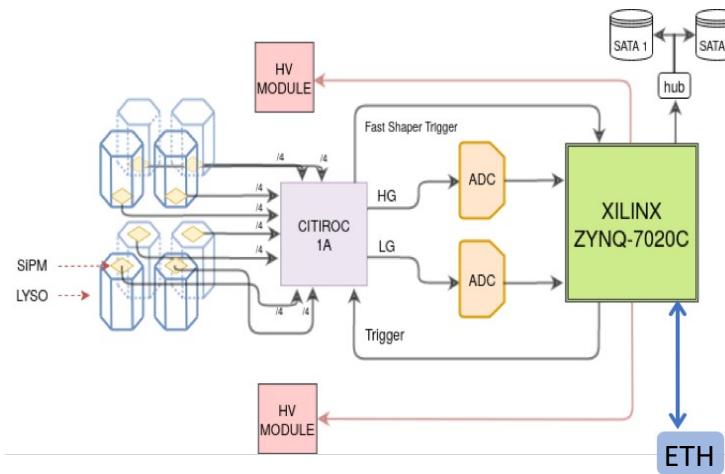
THE CUSTOM ELECTRONICS

Custom DAQ developed with INFN-Na and Nuclear Instruments



DAQ modes





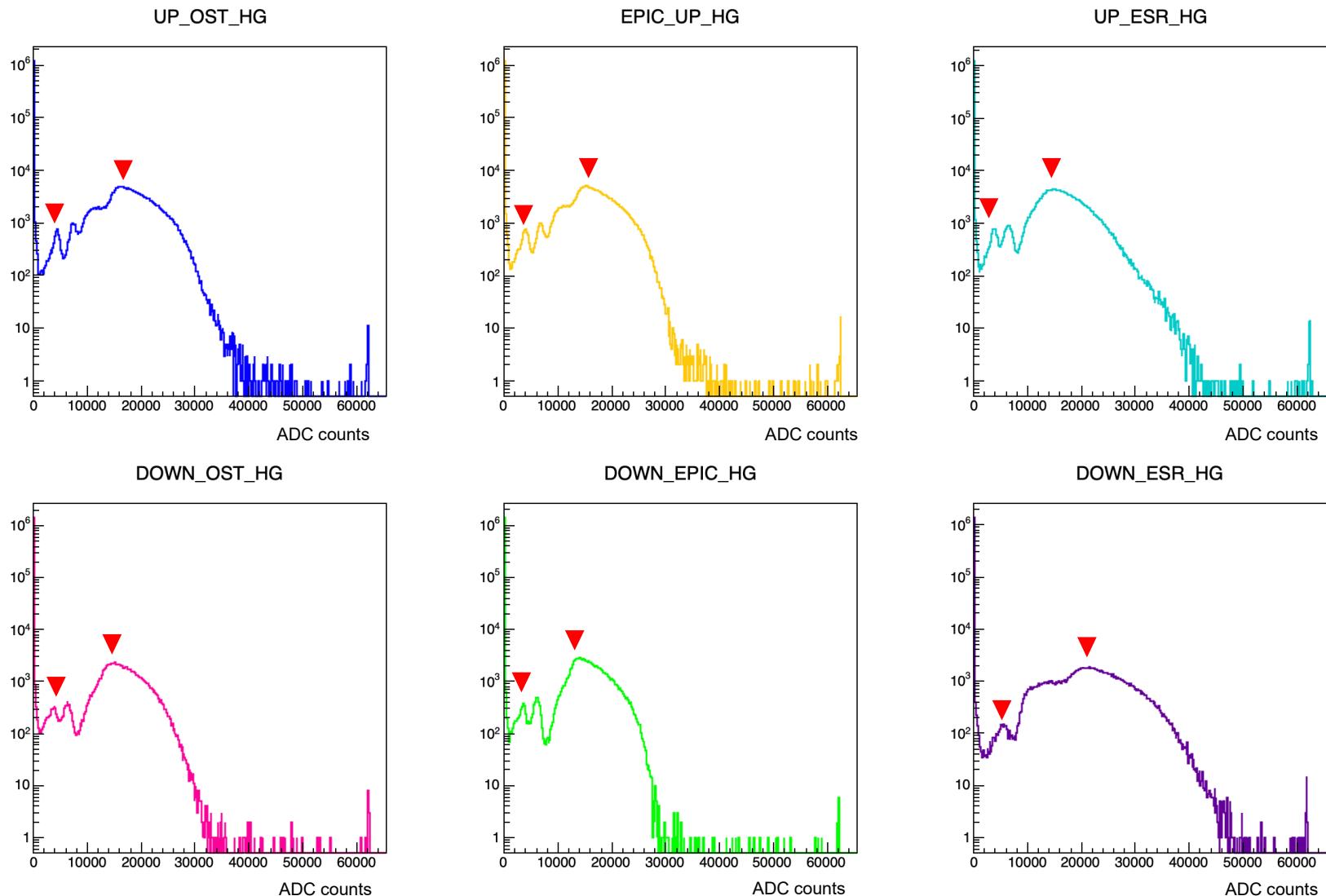
Trigger options:

- Majority (>3 quadrants)
- OR of the crystals

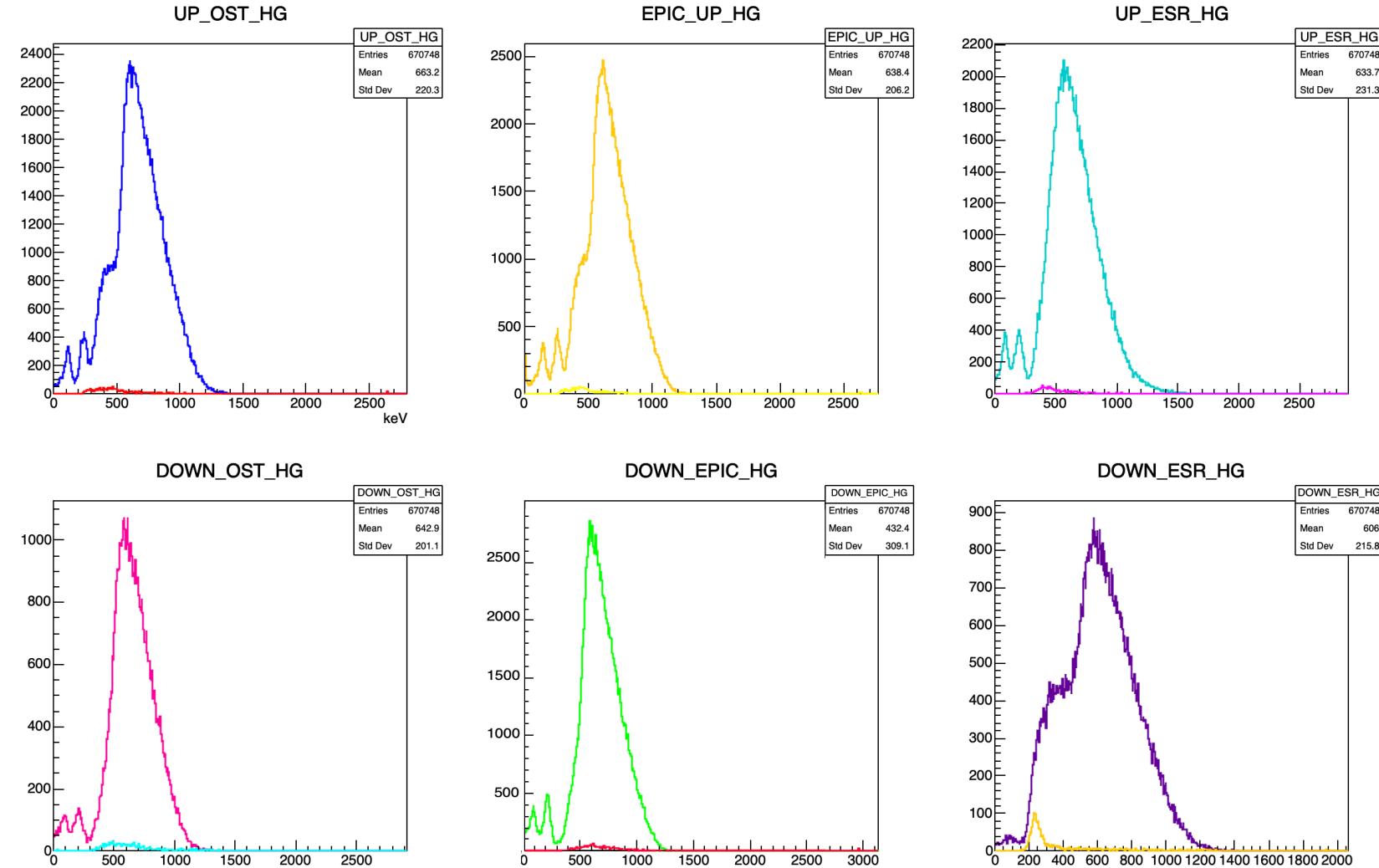
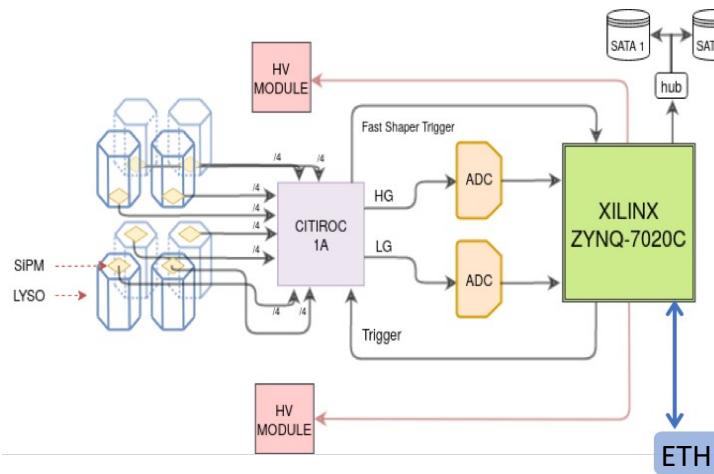
Calibration from LYSO Spectrum 88, 597 keV after each good event



Calibration from LYSO Spectrum 88, 597 keV 3 times in the orbit



FROM CALIBRATION TO OBSERVATION MODE



100 s

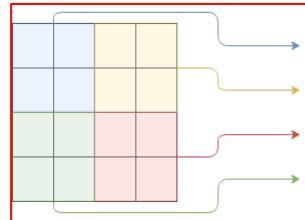
CALIBRATION MODE 670748 triggers
OBSERVATION MODE 6281 triggers

OBSERVATION MODE (Na-22 on OST UP)

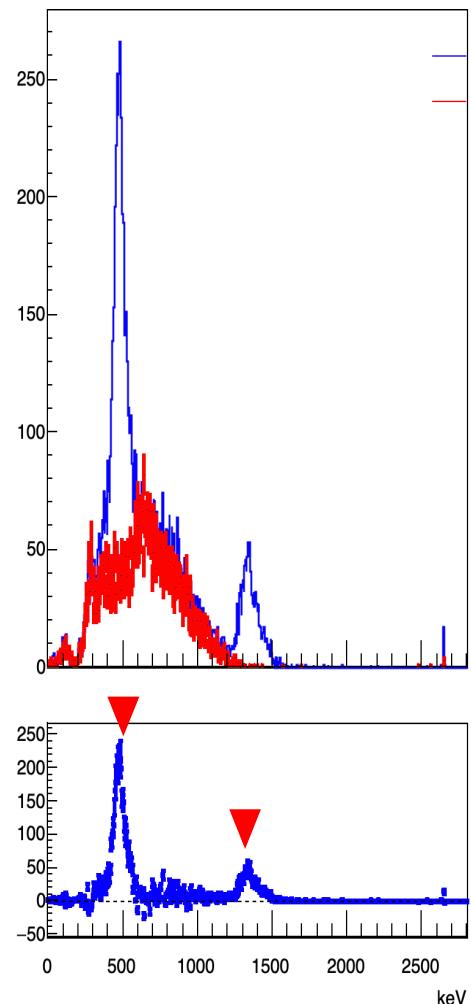


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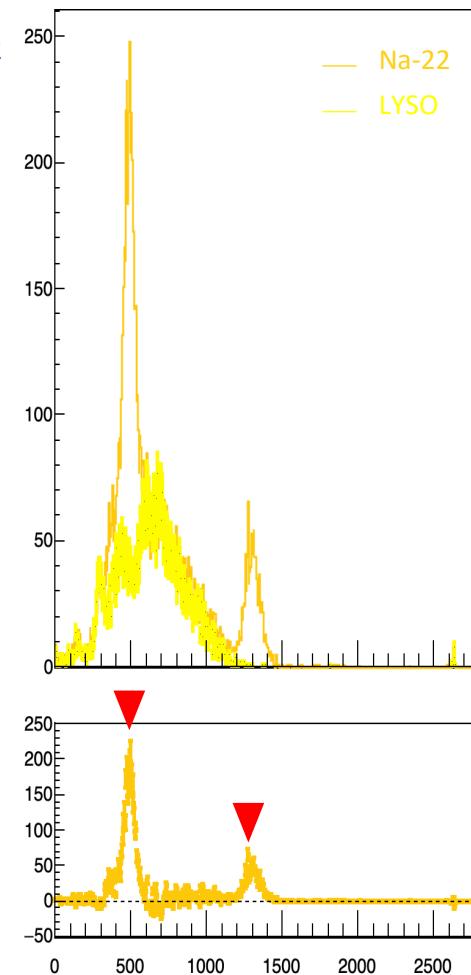
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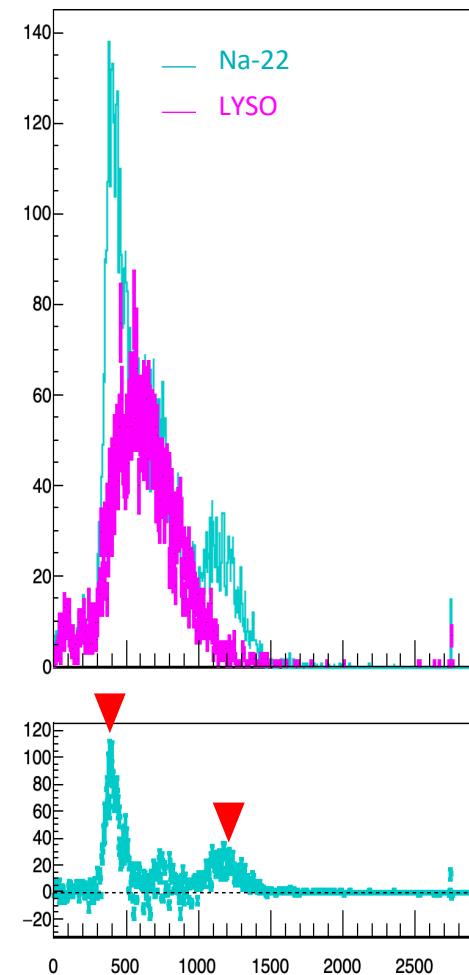
UP_OST_HG



EPIC_UP_HG

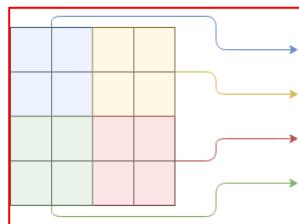


UP_ESR_HG



Reconstruction
 $\gamma_{511\text{keV}}$ 6.2%
 $\gamma_{1275\text{keV}}$ 5.3%

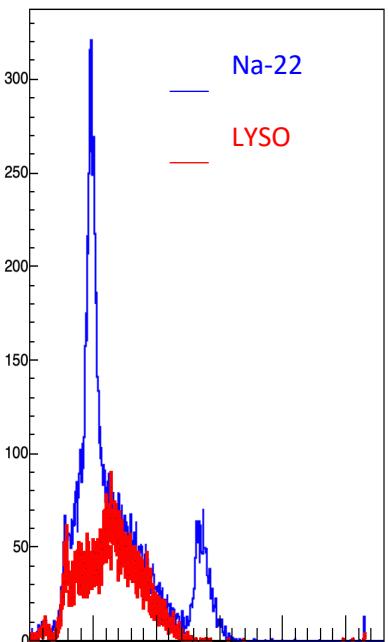
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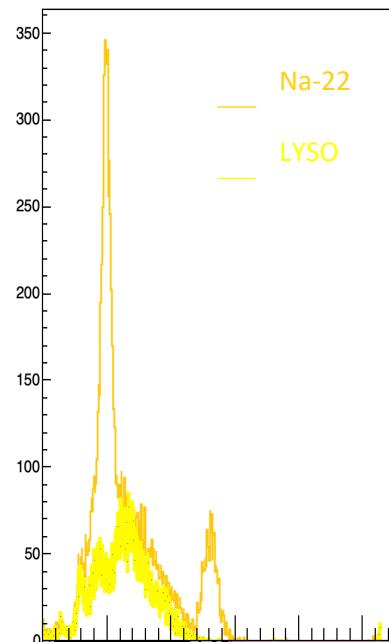
Trigger options:

- Majority (>3 quadrants)
- AND of the crystals

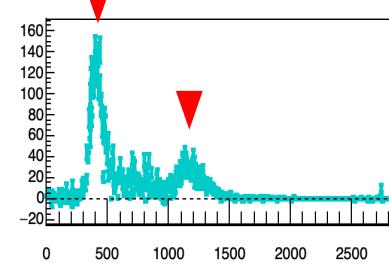
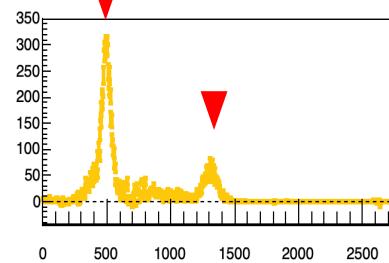
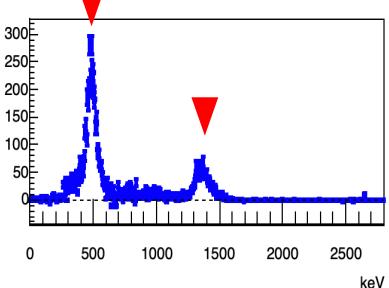
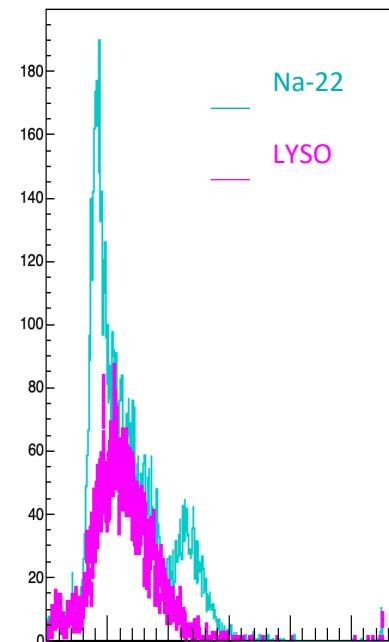
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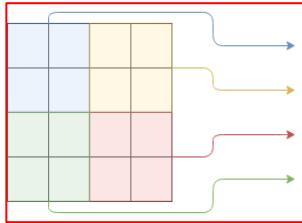
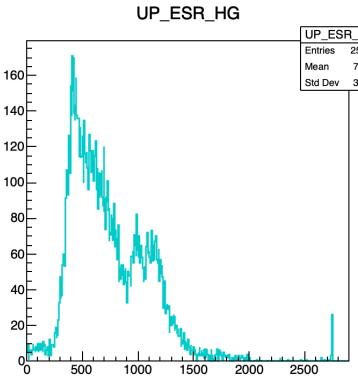
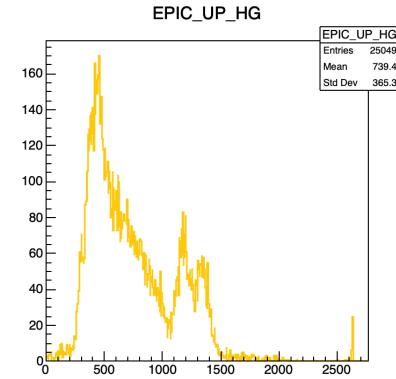
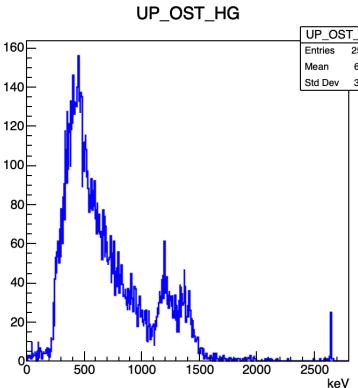


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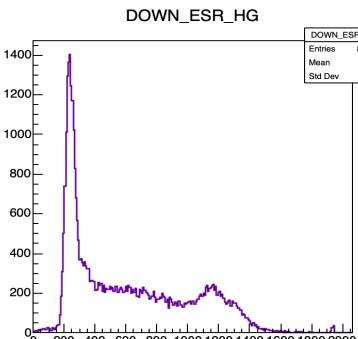
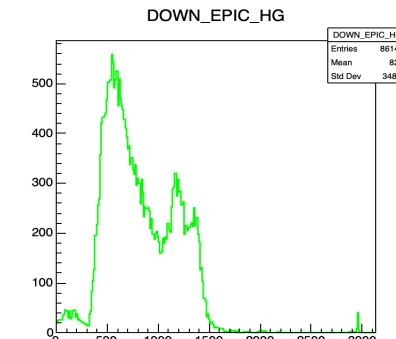
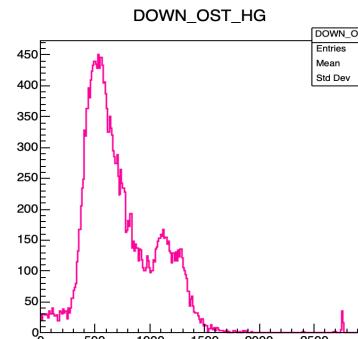
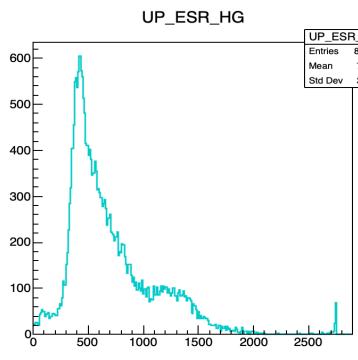
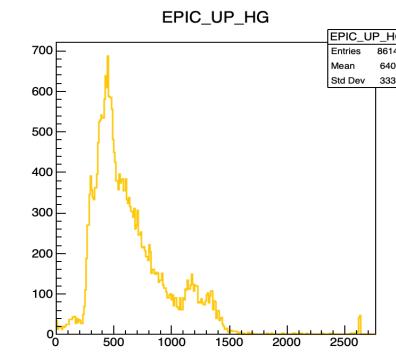
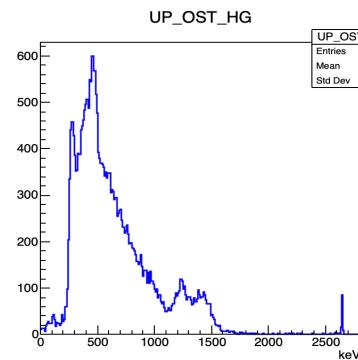
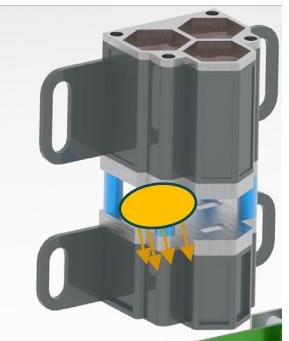
Reconstruction
 $\gamma_{511\text{keV}}$ 3.9%
 $\gamma_{1275\text{keV}}$ 2.6%

OBSERVATION MODE (Co-60)



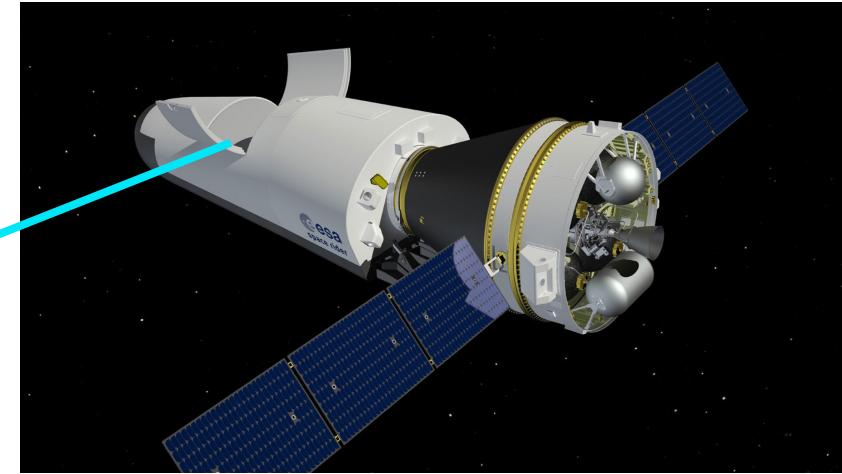
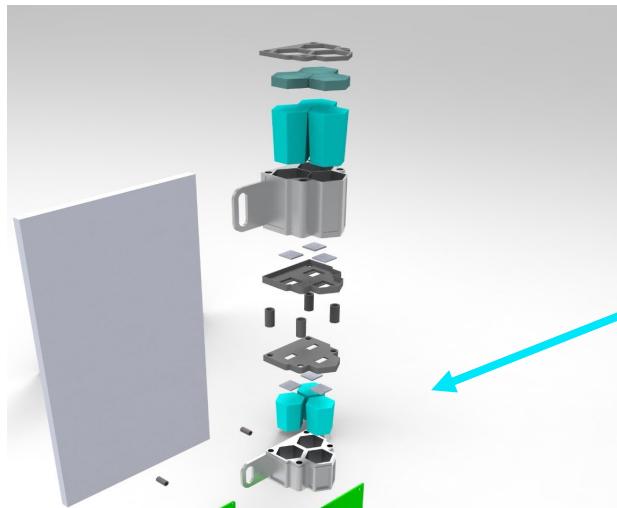
Trigger options:

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- AND of the crystals



Reconstruction
 γ 1.17MeV ~1%
 γ 1.33MeV ~1%

THE SPACE RIDER FLIGHT



Number of pixels: 3

Material: LYSO

Photodetectors: SiPM-array

Weight: 1.5kg

Power consumption: <6 W

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Technological pathfinder for maiden flight of the Space RIDER by ESA in 2024



GOAL:

- Background characterization
- TGF detection
- Technology test



Collaboration today consists of:
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Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI)

Submitted a PRIN

Looking for collaborations

Applying to various financing calls

...the best is yet to come...