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# Advancements in GRB science with HEPD on CSES Satellites: current status and prospects

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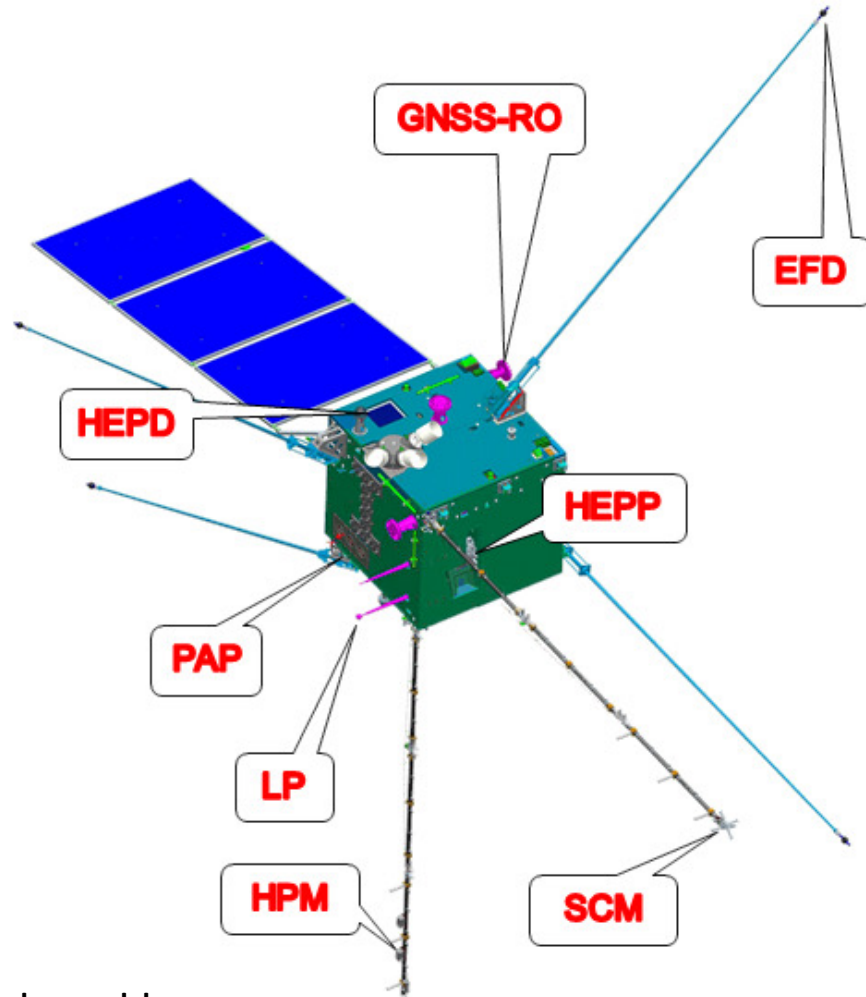
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# The CSES-01 satellite



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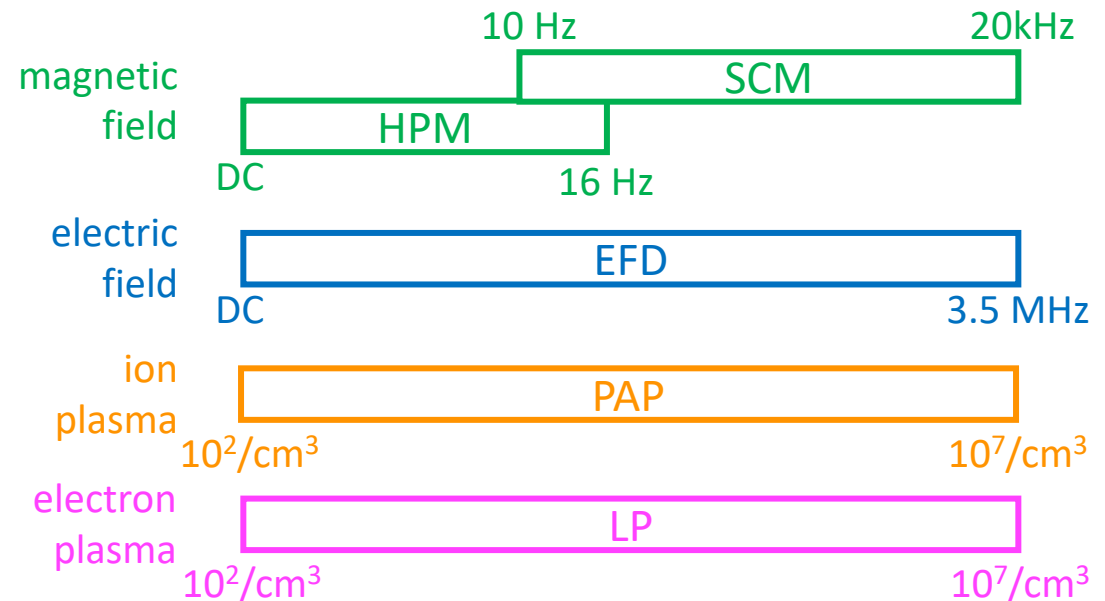
- China Earthquake Administration (CEA)
- Italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN)
- Chinese and Italian Universities

CSES: China Seismo-Electromagnetic Satellite

Launched into a sun-synchronous circular orbit (97.4°) on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at an altitude of 507 km in the upper ionosphere

Details about the satellite and the orbital parameters will be provided in the section about CSES-02

Payload working zone: -65° / +65° latitude



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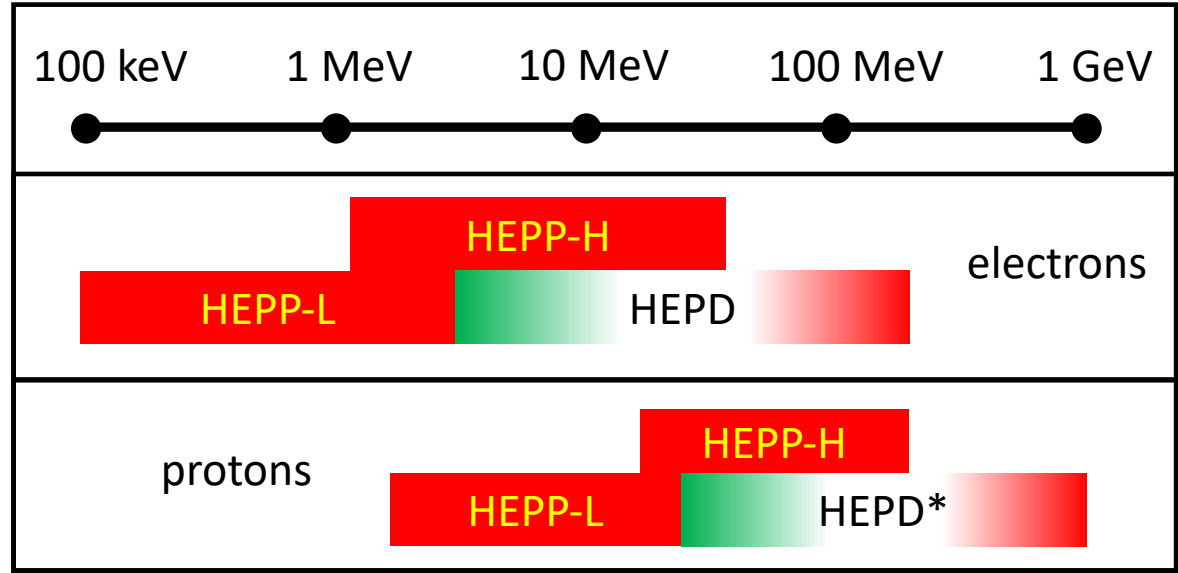
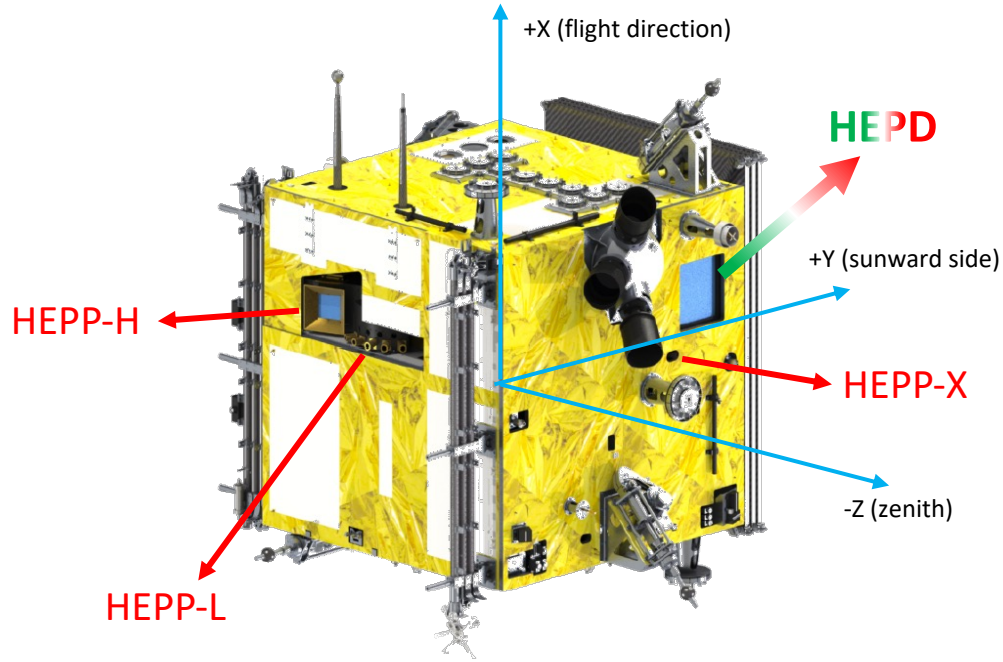
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# Particle/Photon detection onboard CSES-01

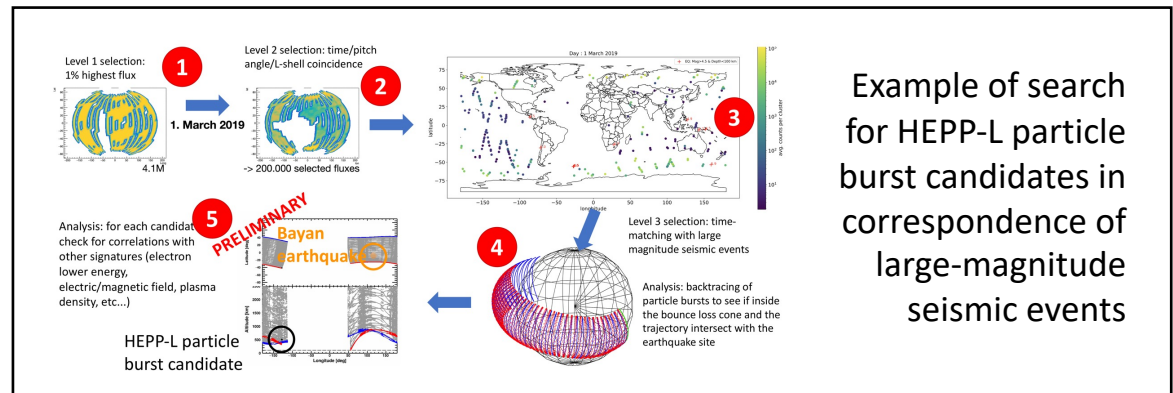


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\*HEPD is also sensitive to light-nuclei, calibration with flight-data ongoing

- Four instruments detect particles onboard CSES-01, allowing accurate measurements over four orders of magnitude in energy for each particle species.
- As for all CSES payloads, calibrated data from particle detectors are publicly available at <https://leos.ac.cn>



Example of search for HEPP-L particle burst candidates in correspondence of large-magnitude seismic events

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# Many results important results from HEPD-01

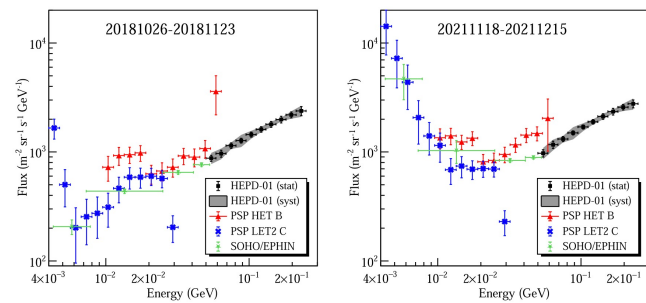


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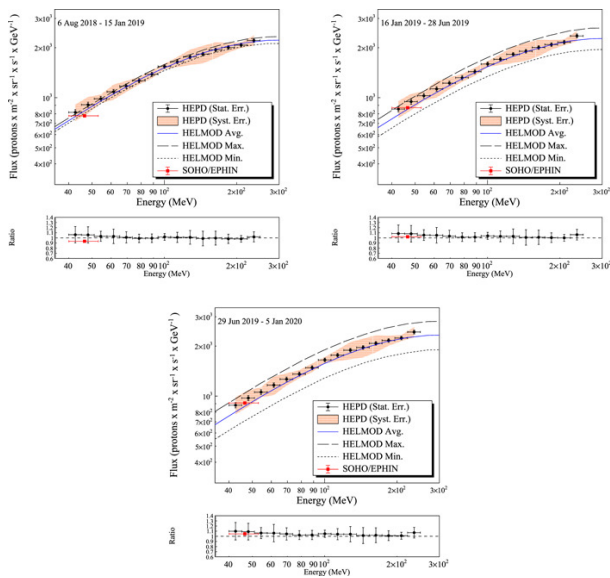
## sub-GeV galactic CRs

[The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 945:L39 \(8pp\), 2023](#)



Time Dependence of 50–250 MeV gal. CR protons.

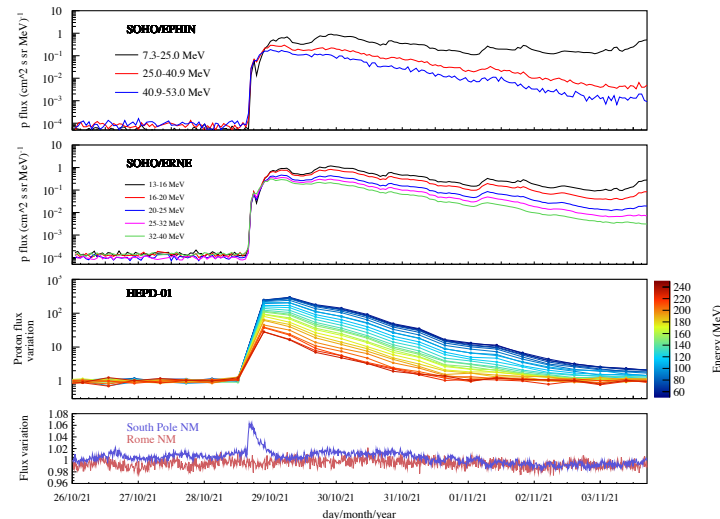
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50-250 MeV proton spectra measurable vs time

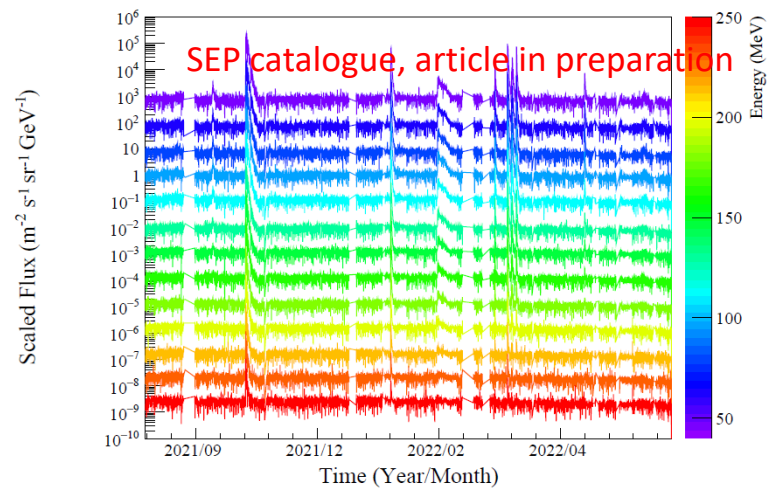
## solar physics

[Space Weather 21, 1 \(2023\)](#)



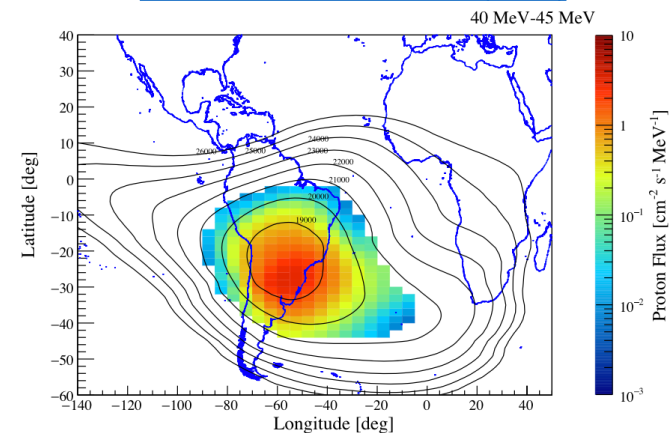
SEP event of cycle 25

SEP catalogue, article in preparation



## trapped/reentrant particles

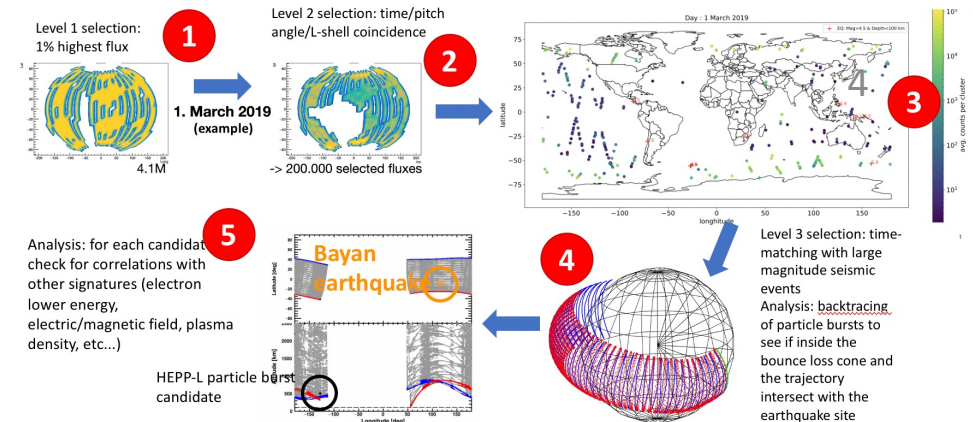
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## particle bursts around earthquakes

Search for correlations with large magnitude seismic events (particle data from 3 experiments, data from 8 payloads)

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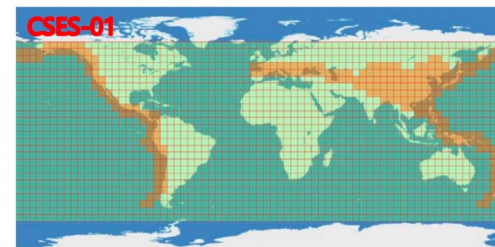
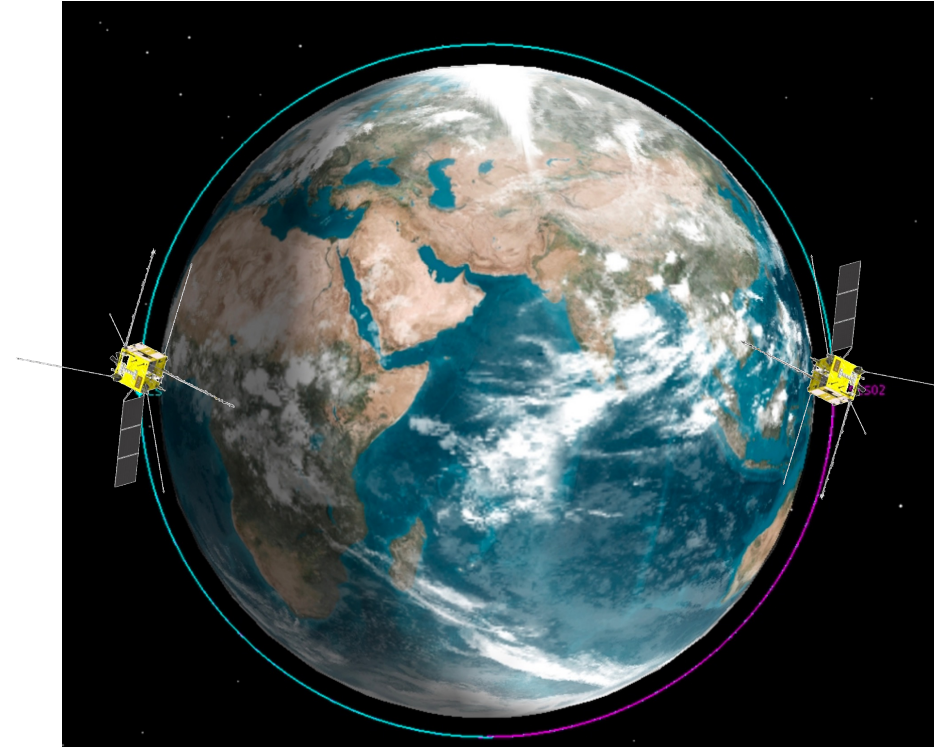
Status of the analysis: no single-event correlation evidence. Looking at the full-stack EQ catalogue

# CSES-02

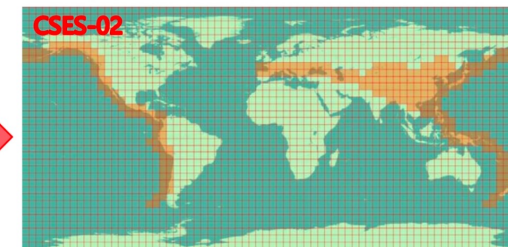
- Launch scheduled by december 2024
- Same DFH CAST-2000 platform of CSES-01 with some upgrades
  - Earth oriented 3-axis stabilization system with orbit manoeuvre capability
  - X-Band Data Transmission 120Mbps → 150Mbps
  - Storage 160Gb → 512Gb
  - Total Mass: 730kg → 900kg
  - Peak Power Consumption: ~900W
  - Design Life-span: 5 years → 6 years
- Complementary Ground Track wrt CSES-01
  - Identical Orbit Plane
  - 180° Phase Difference
  - Track interval: 5° → 2.5°
  - Return cycle: 5 days → 2.5 days
- Operation mode: Full time operational

Limadou collaboration committed to design and construct the EFD-02 and HEPD-02 payloads.

*a multi-satellite approach to the study and monitoring of ionosphere and magnetosphere*



**Confined Areas Observation**



**Global Wide Observation**

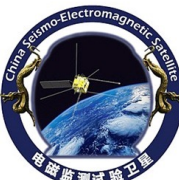


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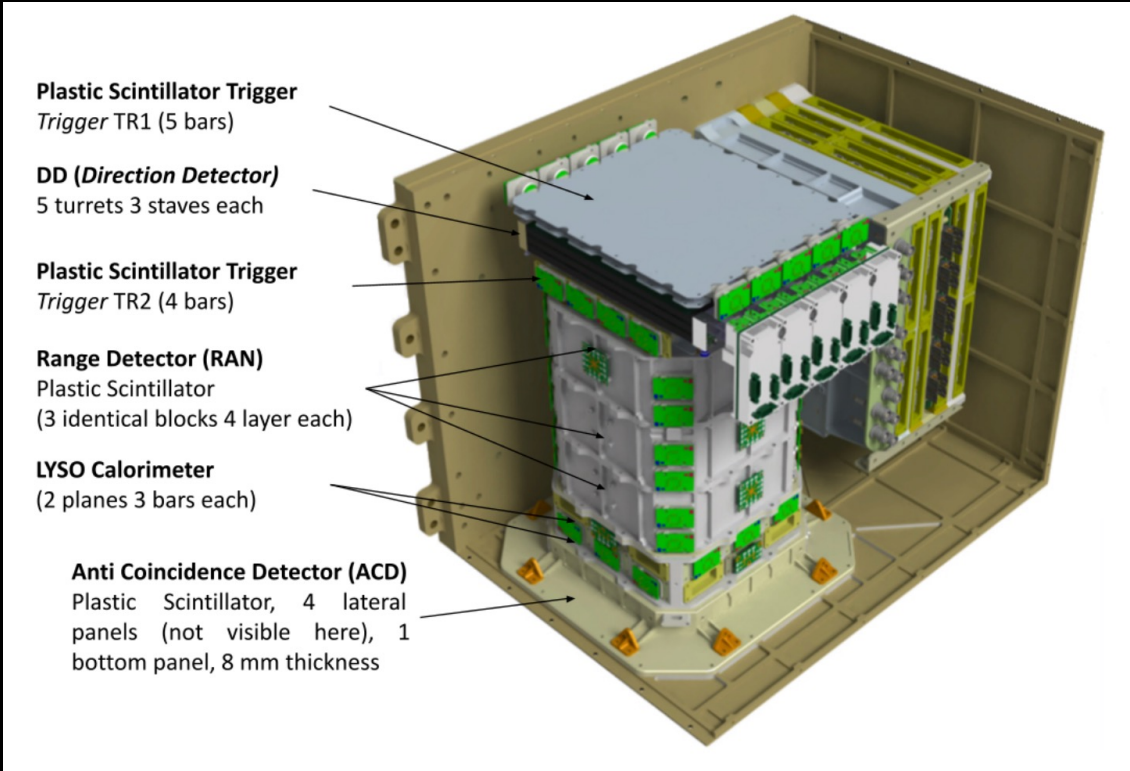
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# The HEPD-02 payload



## Requirements similar to HEPD-01

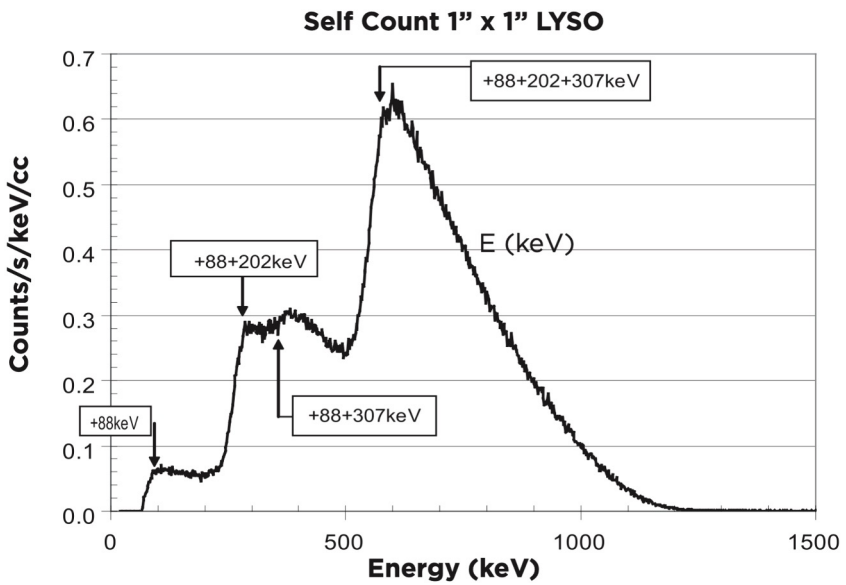
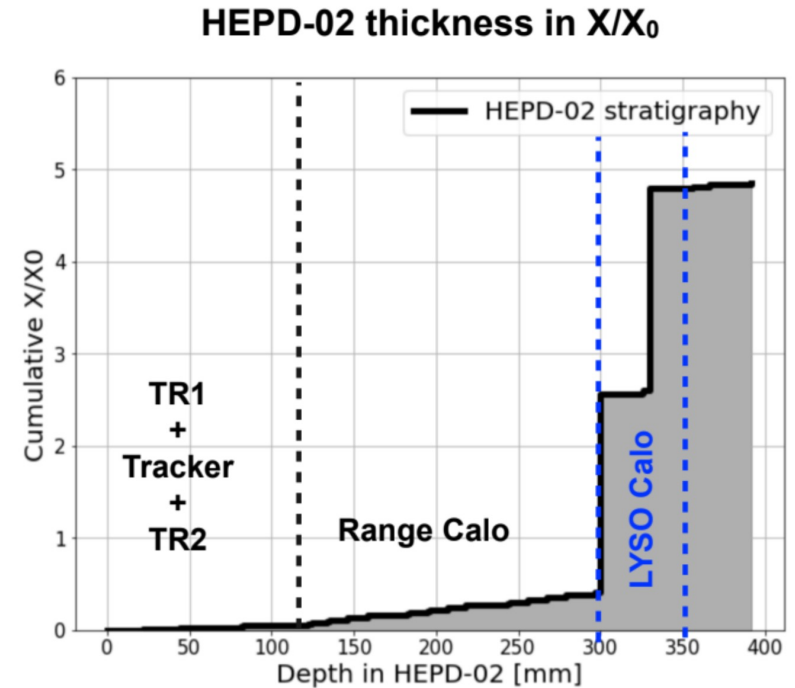
- Energy range
  - Electron: 3-100 MeV (contained)
  - Proton: 30-200 MeV (contained)
- Angular resolution <math>< 8^\circ</math> @ 5 MeV
- Energy resolution <math>< 10\%</math> @ 5 MeV
- Particle Identification efficiency > 90%
- Maximum Omni-directional Flux:  $10^3 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}$  (accepted by trigger before prescaling)
- Operating temperature:  $-10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \sim + 35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Mass (including electronics)  $\leq 50 \text{ kg}$
- Power Consumption  $\leq 45\text{W}$
- Data budget  $\leq 100 \text{ Gbit/day}$
- Life span:  $\geq 6 \text{ Years}$

## Major improvements wrt HEPD-01

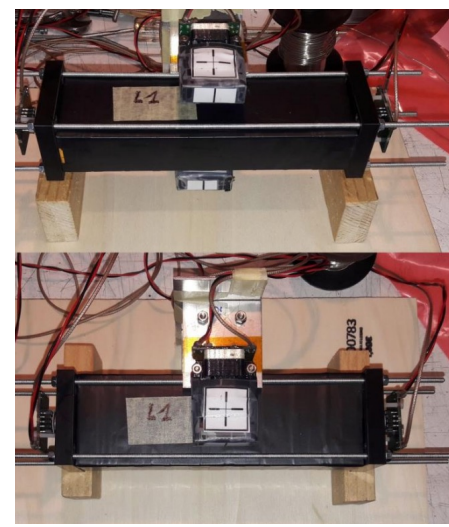
- **first silicon-pixel tracker** ever designed for space
  - increased tracking capability
- double trigger system guaranteeing hermeticity
- ~biggest LYSO scintillators ever produced for space
  - increased energy resolution
- **concurrent trigger system** allowing for lower energy measurements over the poles and on the SAA
- **sensitivity to gamma-rays**

# LYSO chosen for timing purposes, but radioactive

Table comparing principal properties	LYSO	BGO	LSO
Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	7.1	7.1	7.4
Attenuation length for 511 keV (cm)	1.2	1.0	1.15
Decay time [ns]	36	300	40
Energy resolution @ 662 keV	8.0	12.0	10.0
Light output, photons per keV	33	9	26
Average temperature coefficient 25 to 50°C (%/°C)	-0.28	-1.2	-1.3



Among the largest LYSO crystals ever grown. 150×50×25 mm<sup>3</sup> readout by two 8-mm PMTs on the farthest sides of the bar



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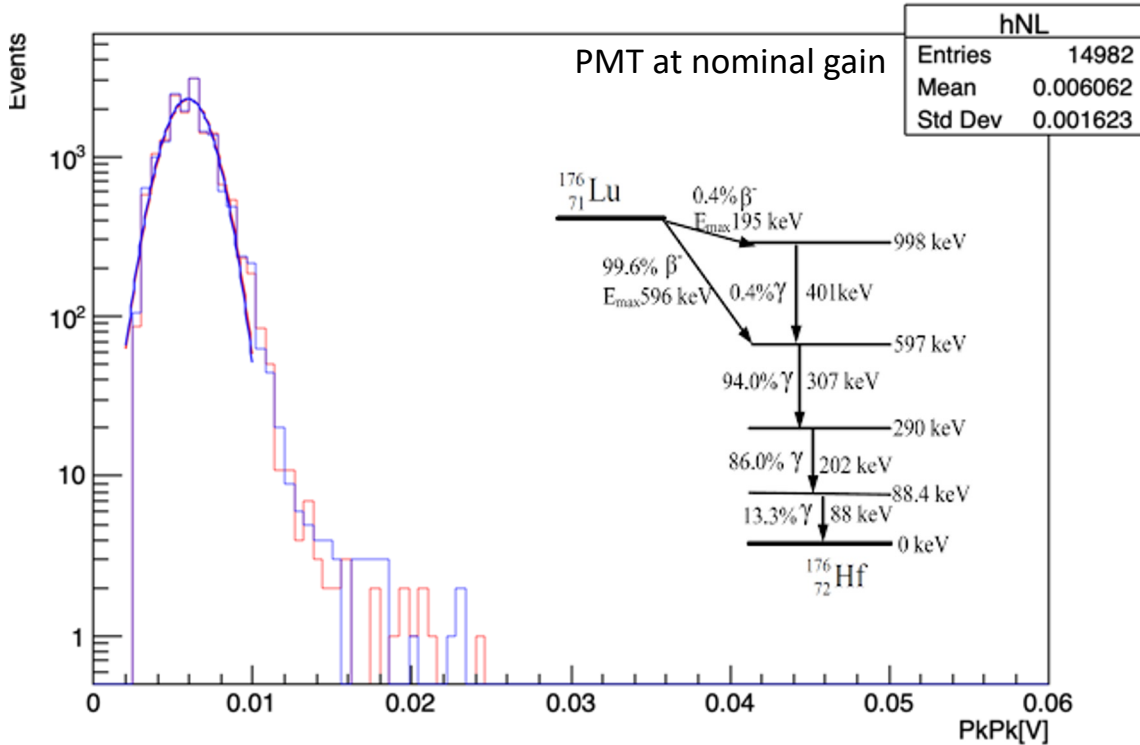
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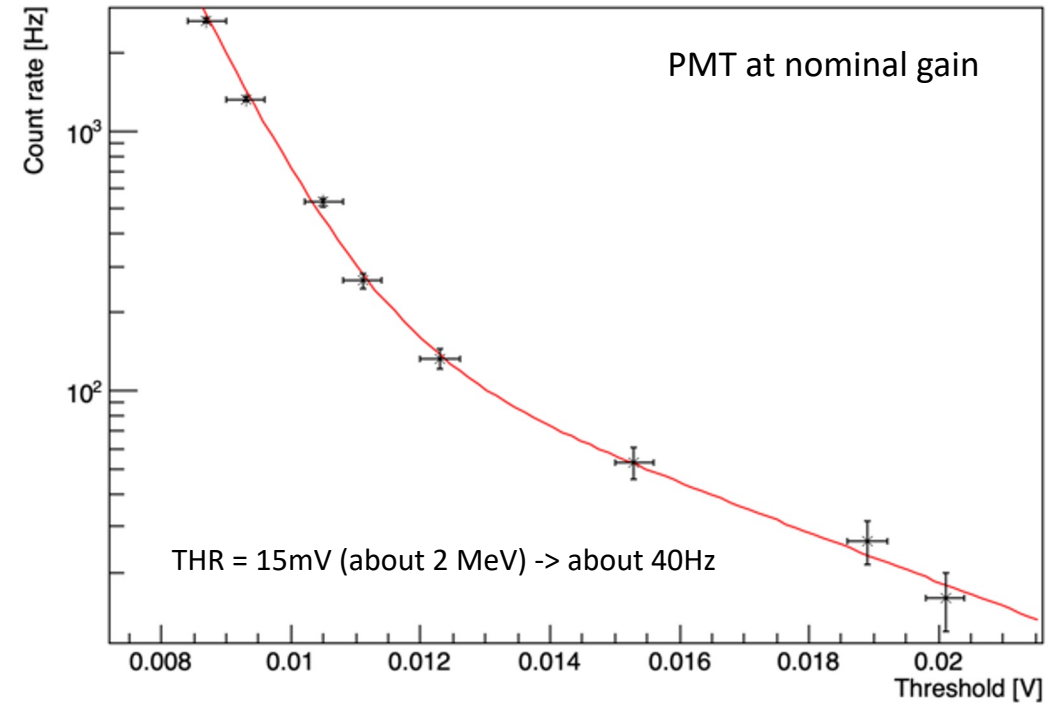
# LYSO intrinsic background

Left PMT



39kBq/kg  $\rightarrow$  a set of crystals of 8kg would produce 320kBq

LEFT: Natural radioactivity count rate study



A. Lega, F. Nozzoli, R. Iuppa (2021)

Result: with a threshold of 2-3 MeV on LYSO (necessary for energy resolution requirement on electrons and protons), the background due to LYSO activity on HEPD-02 is expected (and measured) as large as 300 Hz



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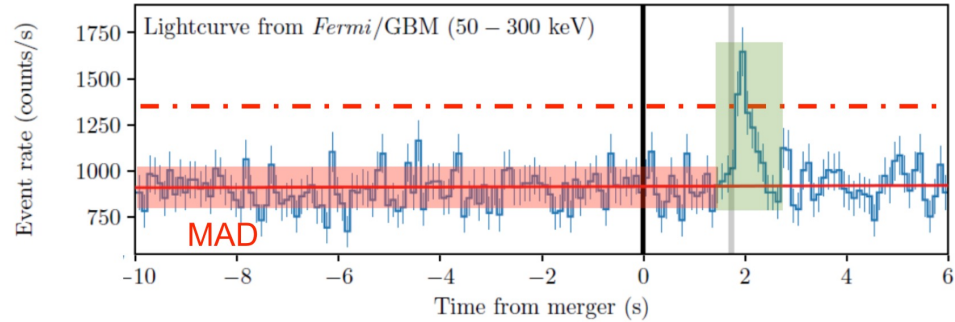
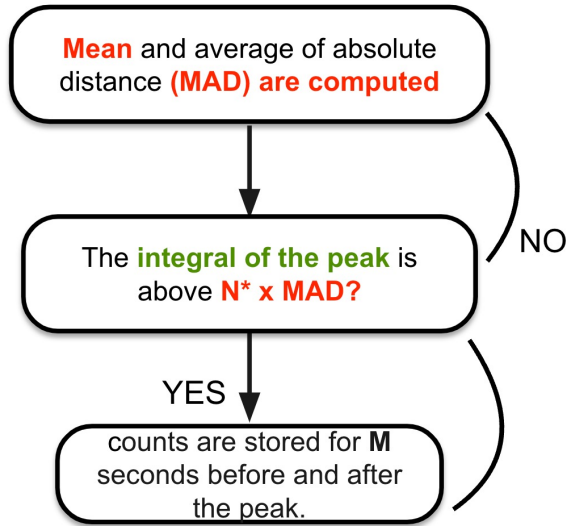


# Trigger algorithm

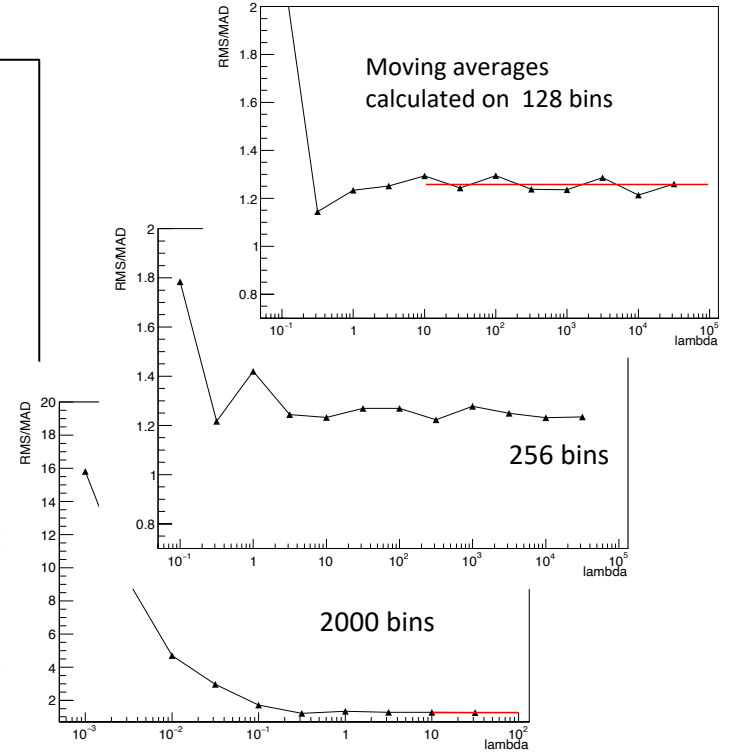


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## Simplified HEPD-02 GRB algorithm scheme



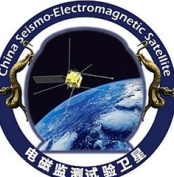
Low energy and high energy GRB mask combined + excellent time resolution



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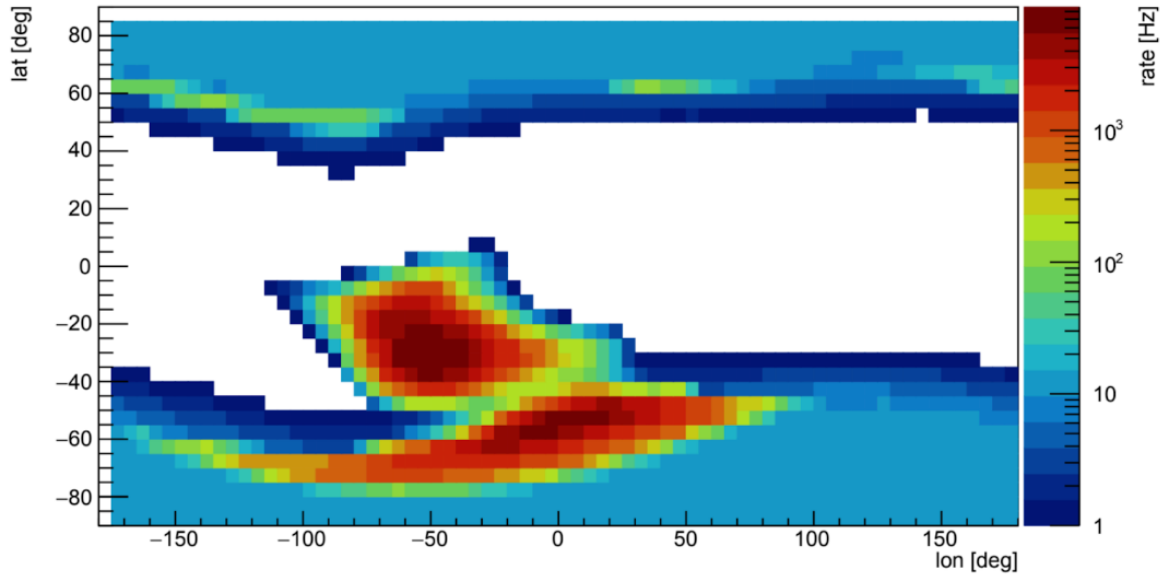
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# GRB sensitivity with HEPD-02

PROBLEM: Sun-synchronous quasi-polar orbit

GAL+TRAP prot+ele GRBLYSO\_new



estimated false triggers at *(the boundaries of)* SAA and polar regions



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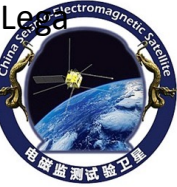
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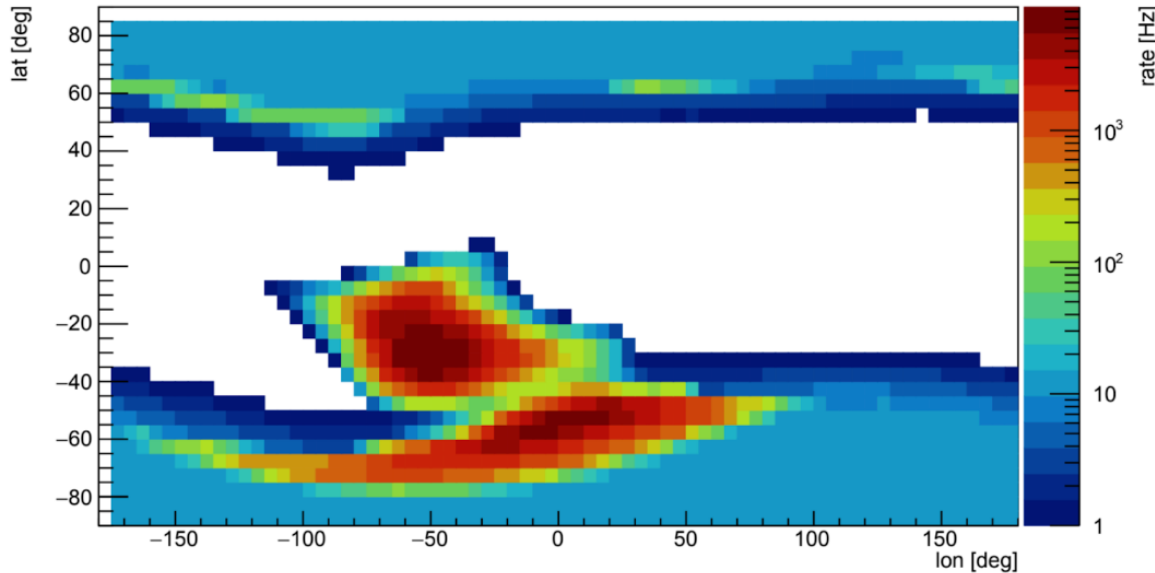
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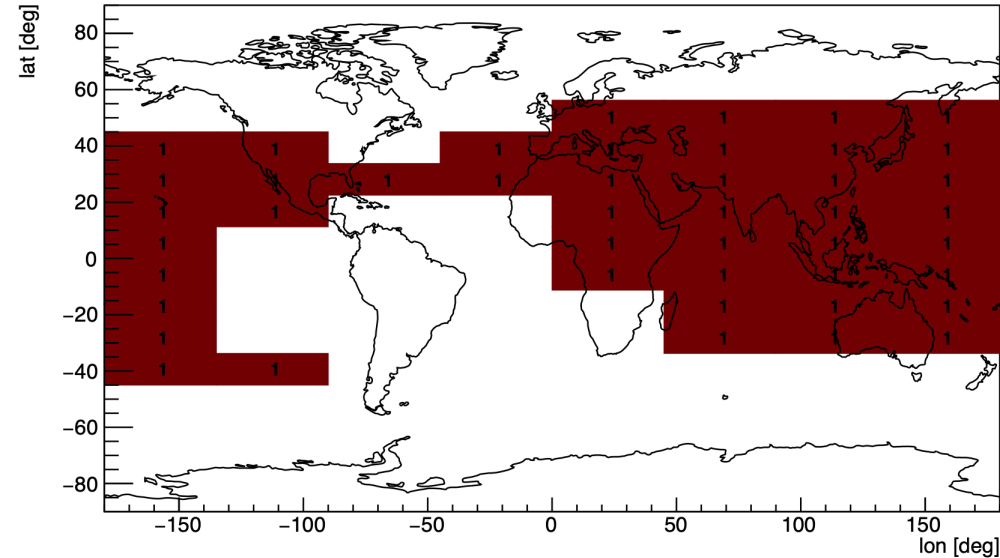
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- A GRB trigger mask (coincidence of plastic scint. or LYSO crystals) in many orbital zones



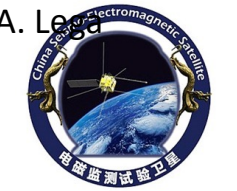
- Trigger configuration dedicated to  $\gamma$ -rays tracked on a time basis of 5 ms
- 2<sup>nd</sup> level trigger introduced to consider veto
- Moving average and MAD calculated in the DP/CU for GRB trigger rates on different time intervals (10, 40, 160, 360 ms)



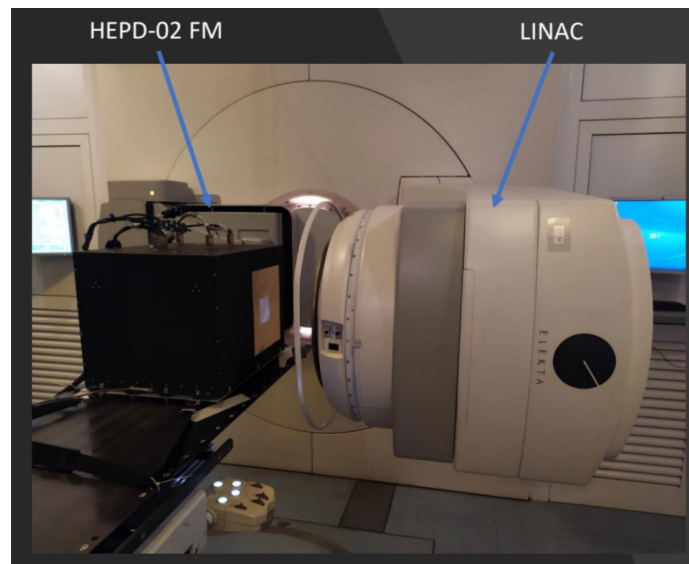
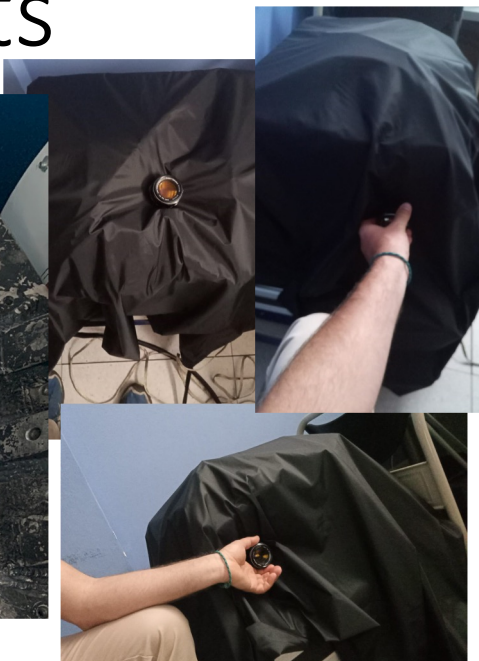
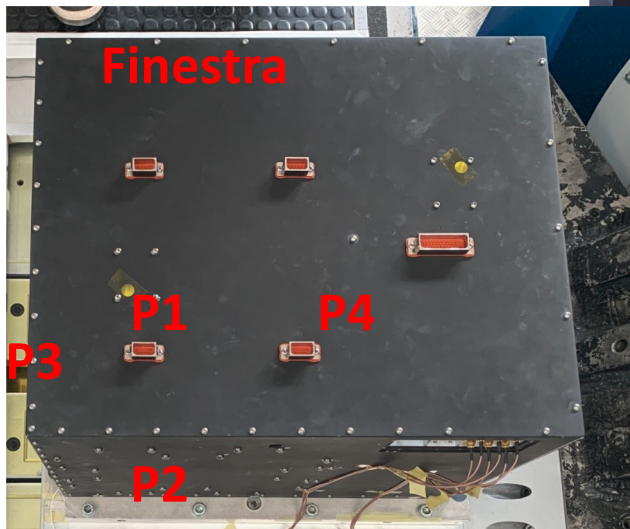
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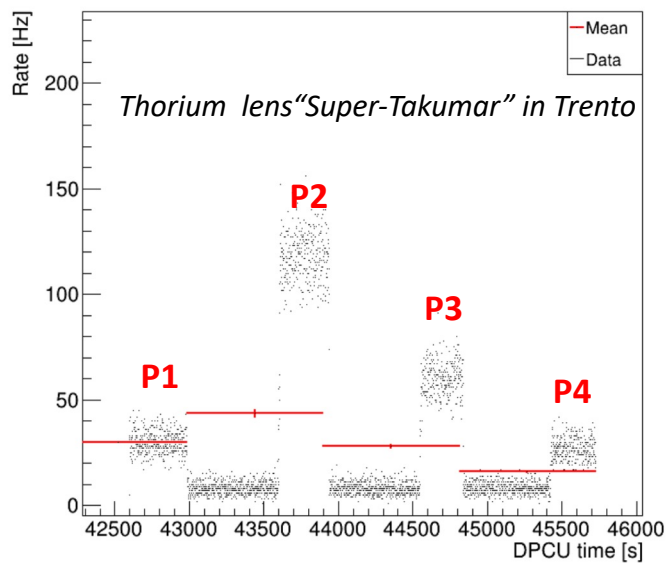
# GRB mode tests



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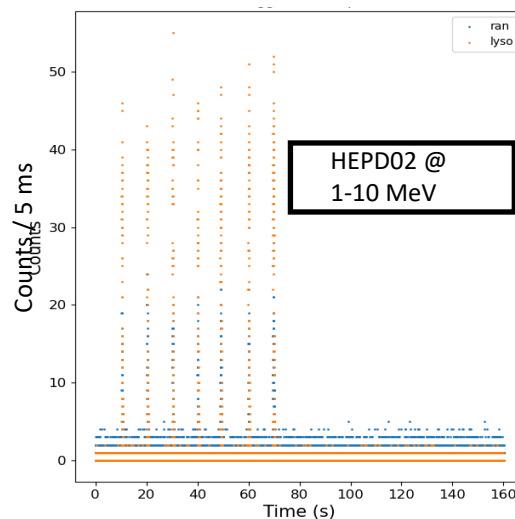
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Rate meter vs DPCU time - GRB\_LYSO

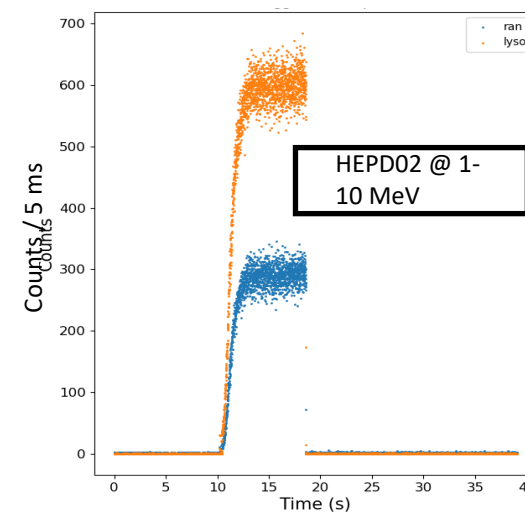


Tests of the GRB triggers carried out @ LINAC - Trento

7 consecutive ~ 1 sec gamma pulses



single ~10 sec pulse



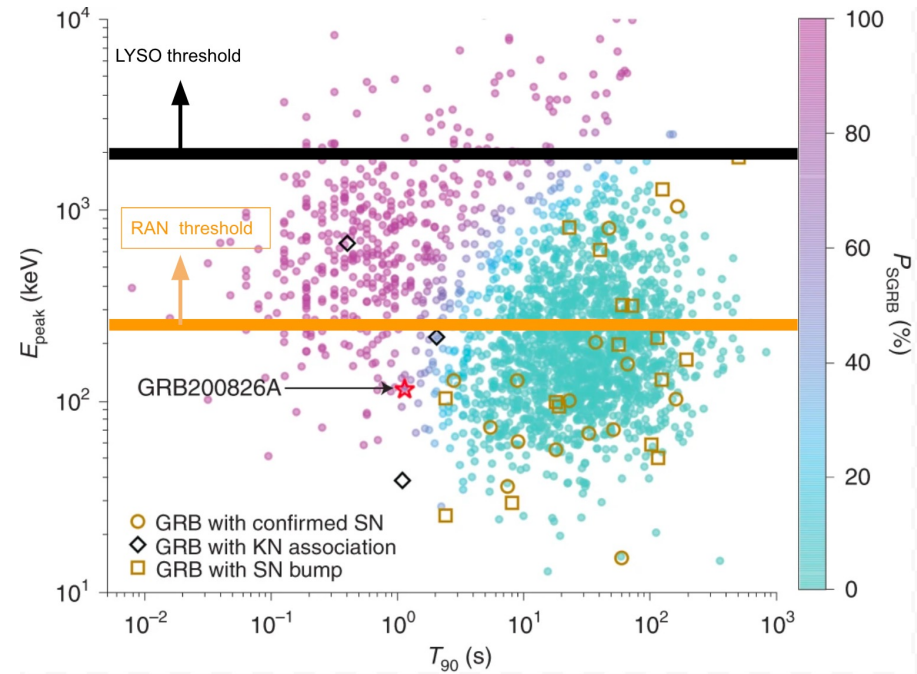
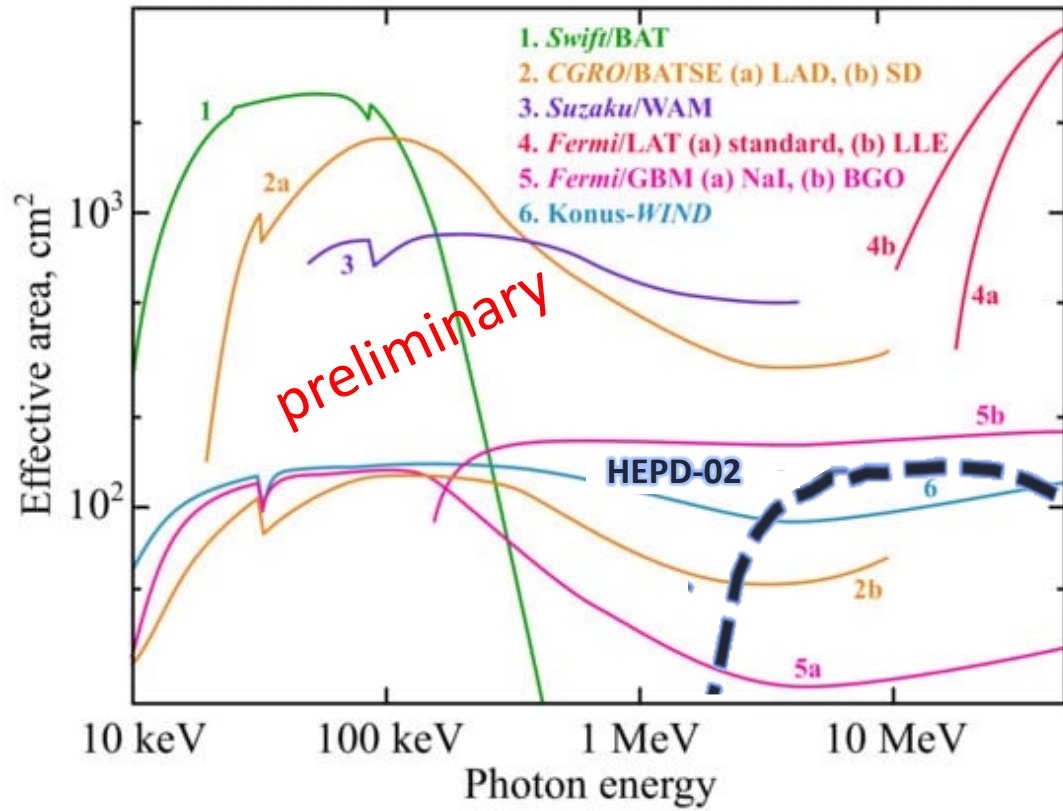
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# HEPD-02 GRB sensitivity

very good grasp at 3-30 MeV

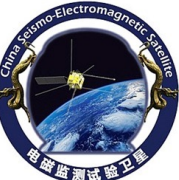


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# Setting up the machinery: GRBs with HEPD-01



# GRB221009 and the others...



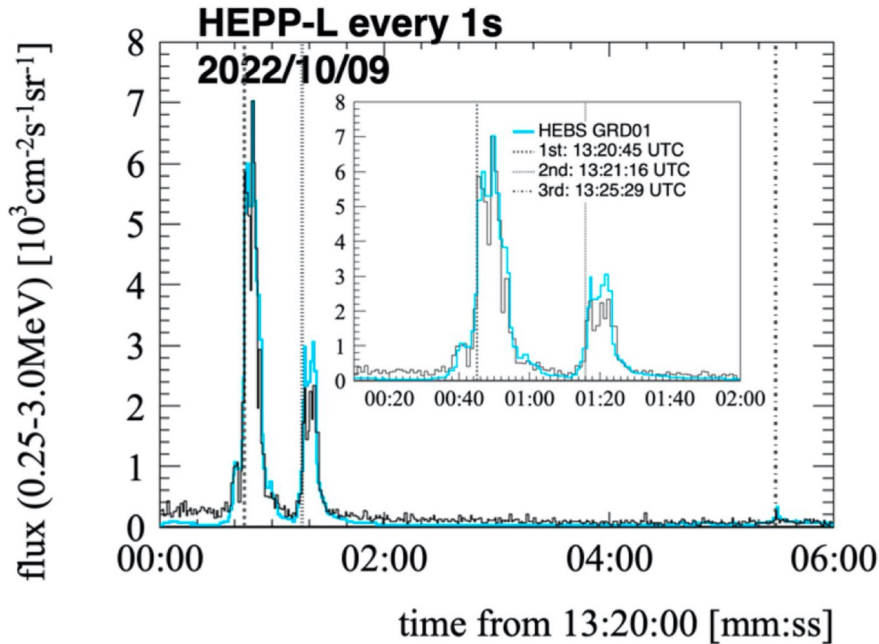
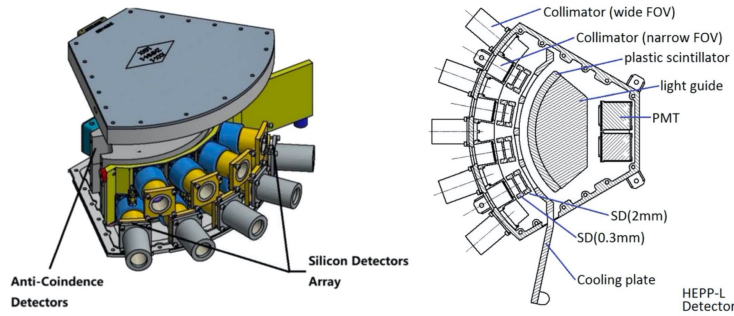
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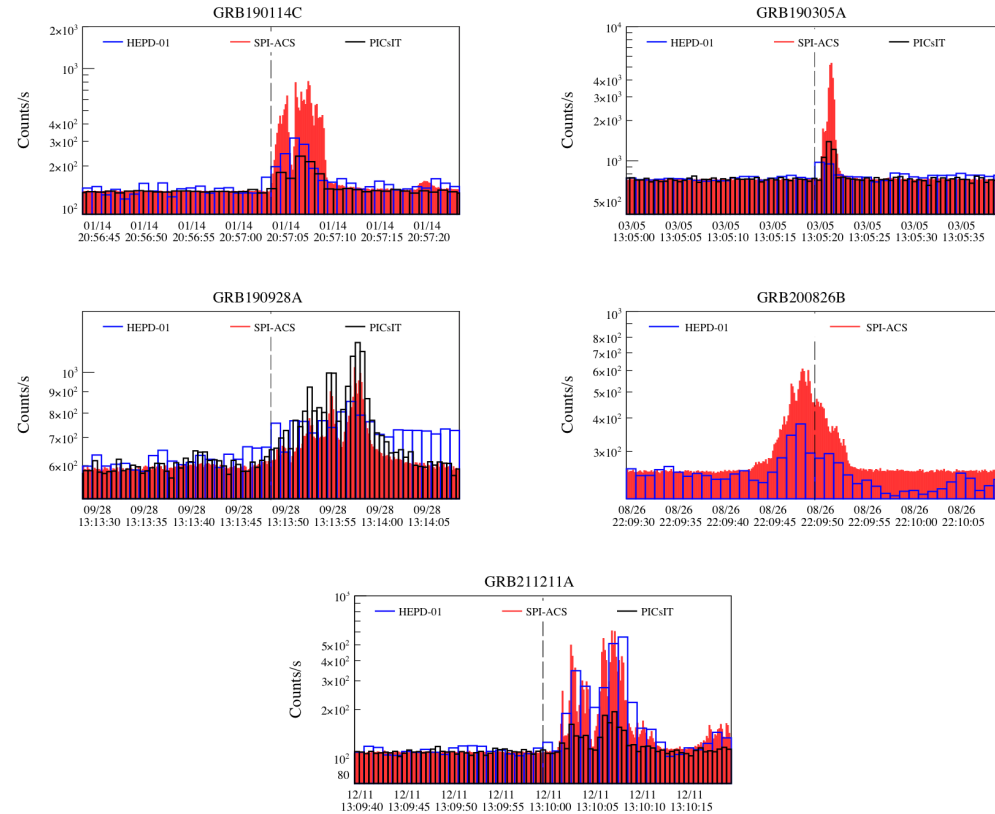


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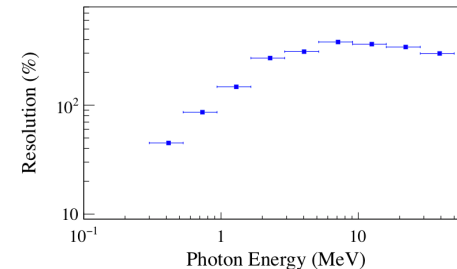
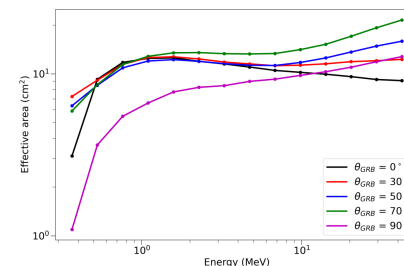
The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 946:L29 (6pp), 2023 March 20



The time structure of the observed electron flux closely matches the very distinctive time dependence of the photon flux associated with the main part of the emission at around 13:20 UTC on 2022 October 9



eff. area as large as few cm<sup>2</sup>



see figures for HEPP-02 in a while...

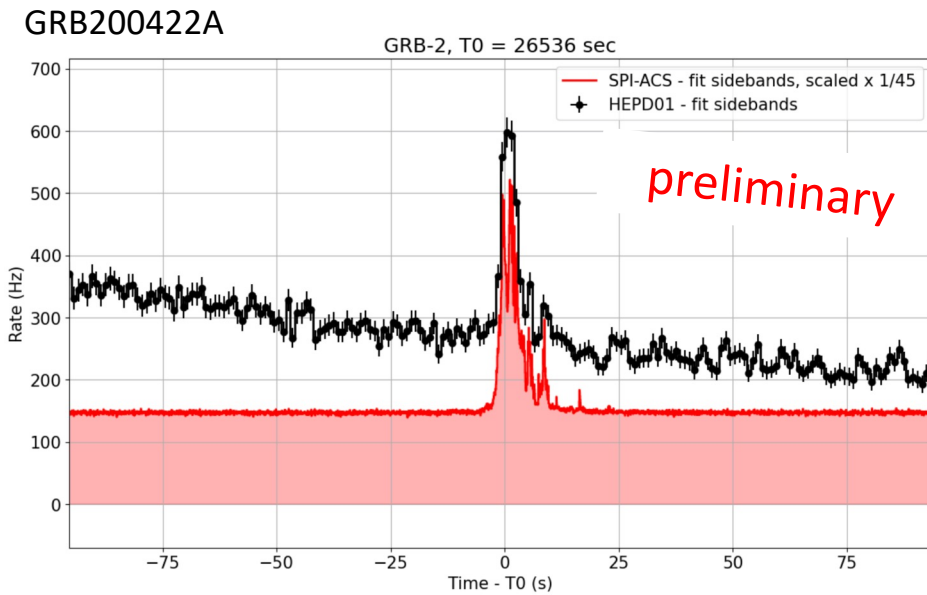
# Build-up of of the pipeline for automatic GRB detection

Machinery set up for HEPD-01 data analysis. Automatic anomaly detection and alarm system set up.

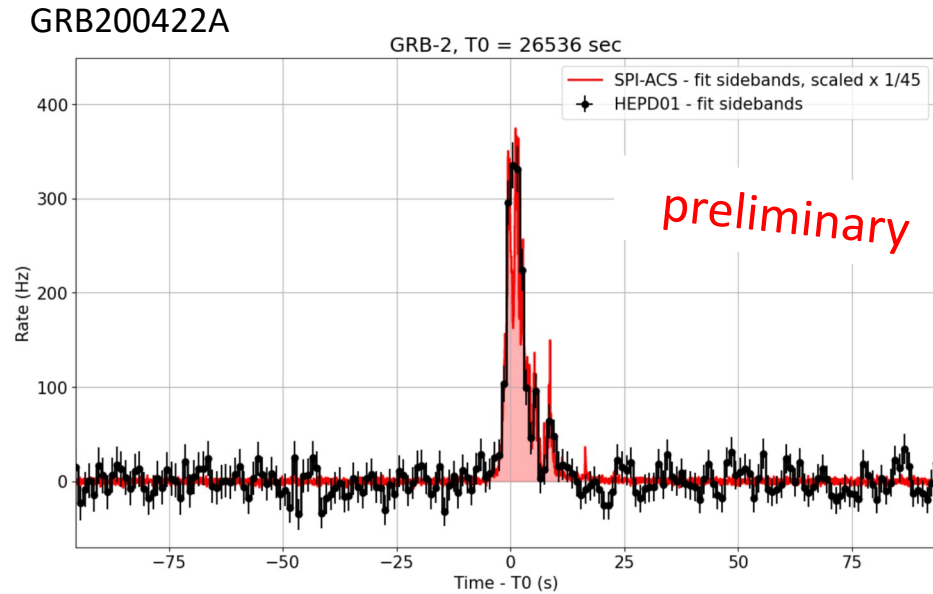
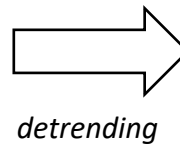
Further work needed to join the international networks of multimessenger astrophysics.

System fully validated with HEPD-01 offline data analysis. Cross-check with other GRB detectors, like Integral and Fermi.

System ready for HEPD-02 online (\*) GRB detection!



HEPD-01 and SPI-ACS data (scaled)



(\*) few hours expected latency

SPI-ACS data: <http://isdc.unige.ch/~savchenk/spiacs-online/spiacs.pl>

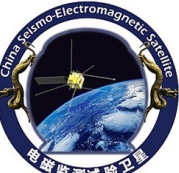


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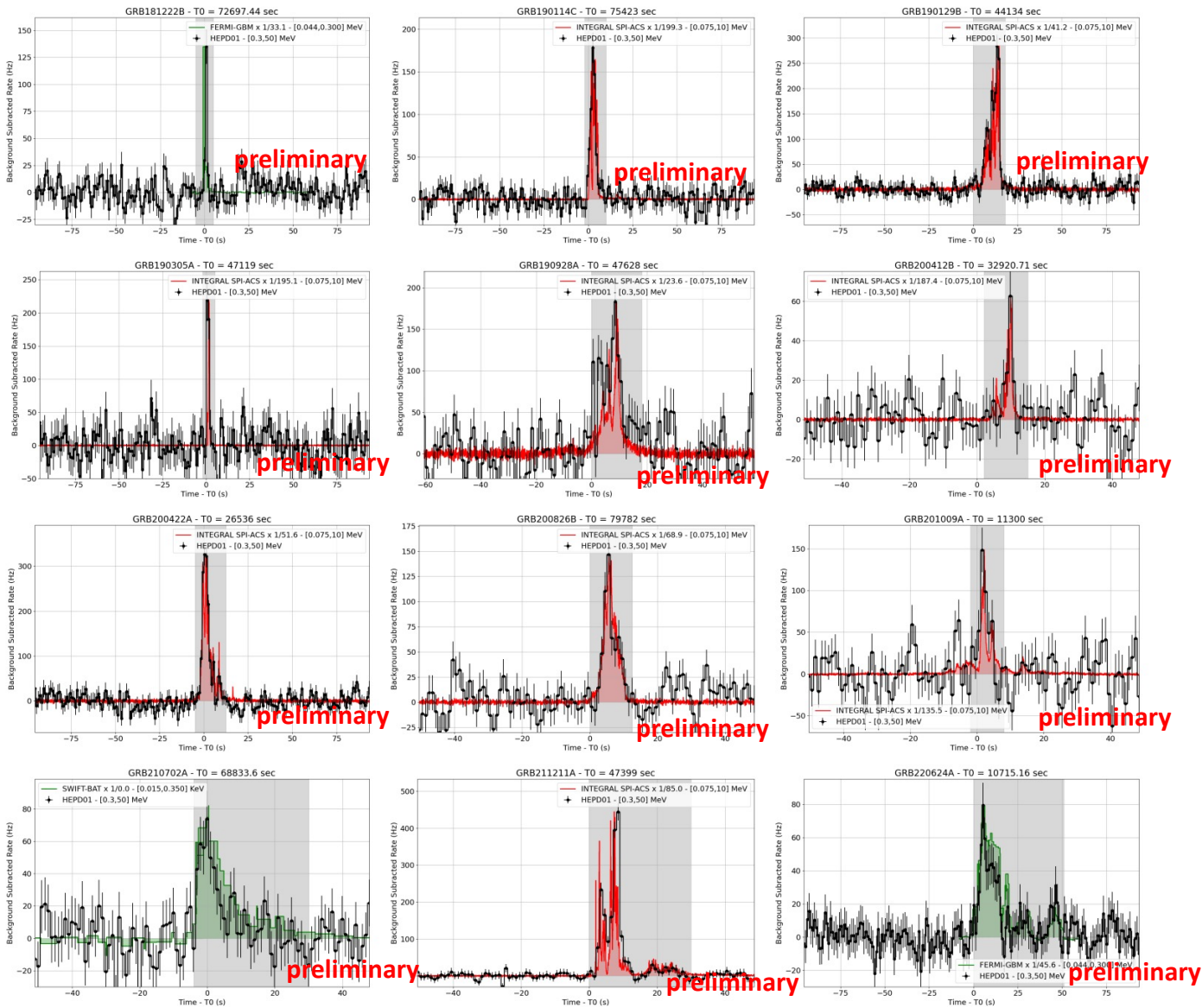




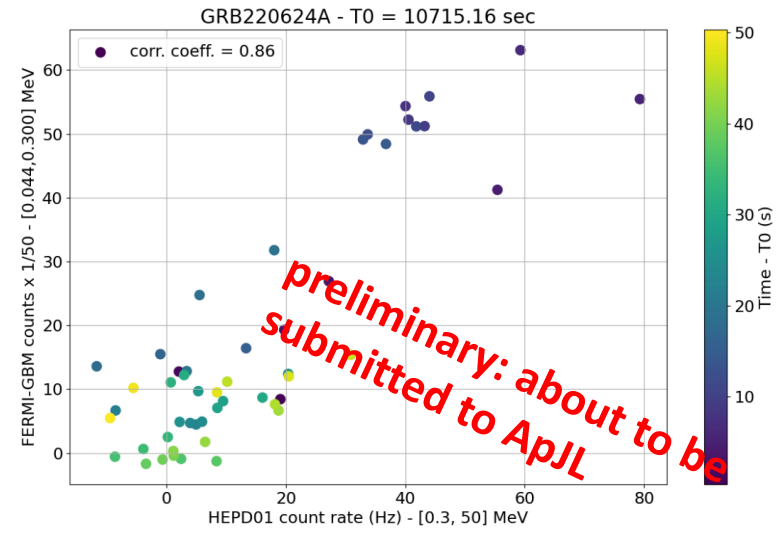
# MeV GRB observation with the HEPD



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0.3-50 MeV measurement of duration, fluence and time-profile for 12 GRBs observed by INTEGRAL-SPI, Fermi-Lat and Konus Wind.



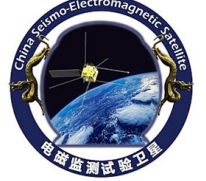
Important information retrieved from time-profile: comparison of tens of keV / tens of MeV emissions available for modelling

- HEPD-02:**
- x200 improvement in time resolution**
- x10 improvement in energy resolution**
- x40 improvement in effective area**

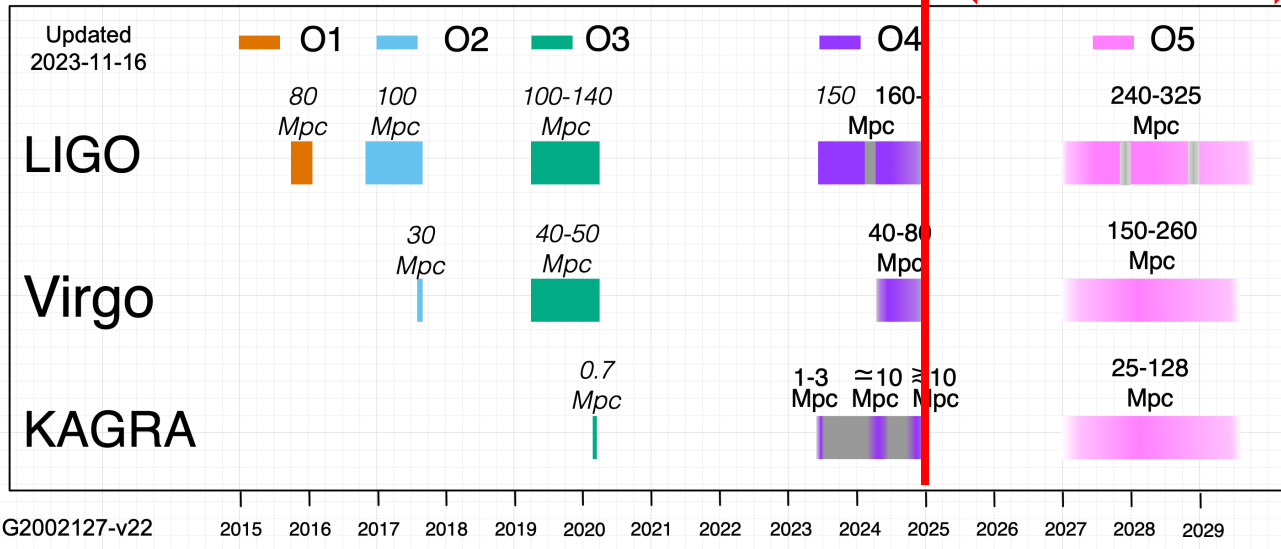
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# HEPD-02 GRB opportunity

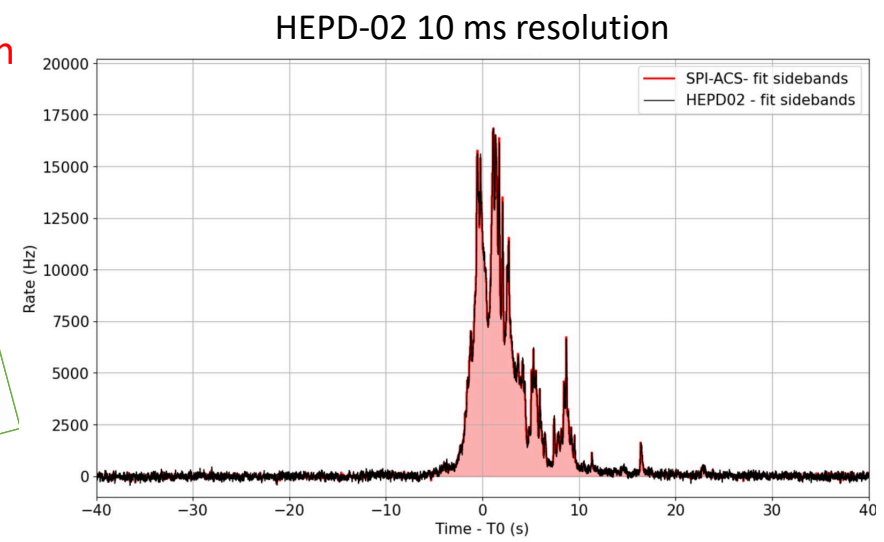
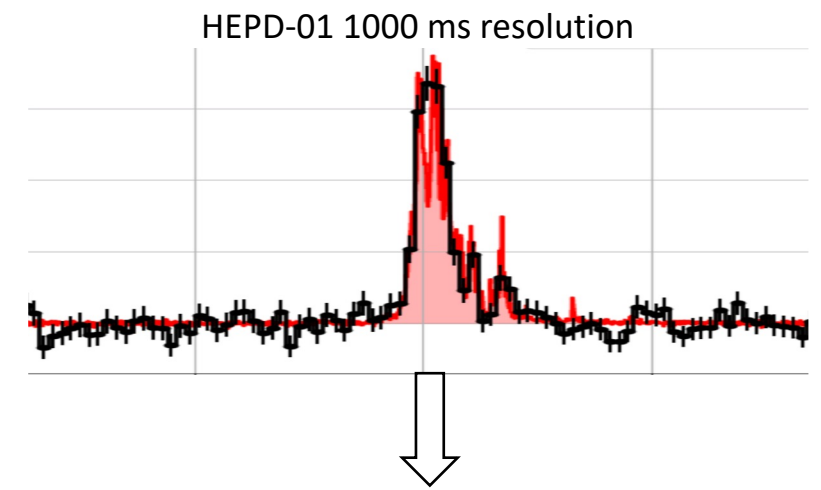


HEPD-02 observation campaign

Pointing accuracy  $\sim 15^\circ$

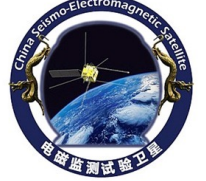
HEPD-02 will detect GRBs with good sensitivity in the 1-100 MeV range. Ready to join the international network for multimessenger observations. Ongoing activity for agreements of joint observation campaigns for calibration purposes.

Access to INTEGRAL DATA on GRBs detected with CSES to unveil the high energy extension up to 100 MeV  
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 Co-PIs: A. Bazzano, F.M. Follega, M. Martucci, F. Palma, J.C. Rodi, P. Ubertini, M. Piersanti (Universita' di L'Aquila)



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# Conclusions

- CSES is a constellation of satellites designed as a multi-site fleet of multi-messenger observatories of ionosphere and magnetosphere.
- Successful operation of CSES-01 since 2018, showcasing consistent performance and data acquisition reliability.
- Among the payloads, the High-Energy Particle Detectors are designed, assembled, integrated and tested by the Italian team Limadou-HEPD.
- The HEPD-02 detector is a major upgrade of HEPD-01. Among novelties, a GRB mode has been introduced, targeting the efficient measurement of 3-30 MeV photons from GRBs
  - Dedicated trigger algorithm, 5 ms time resolution, 20%-30% energy resolution
  - intense campaign of test and characterization: LYSO intrinsic radioactivity, sources, LINAC beams
- Data from trigger-rate counters of HEPD-01 have been used to validate the GRB search algorithm and offline tools for data analysis: successful test which also provided useful scientific information: in spite of poor trigger acceptance and low time resolution, important information about 12 GRBs in 2018-2022 were obtained and are going to be published.
- CSES-02 is going to be launched in December 2024, allowing the Limadou-HEPD team to contribute to multi-messenger observations in the period 2025-2030+

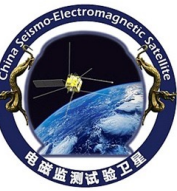


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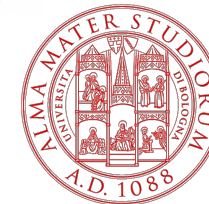
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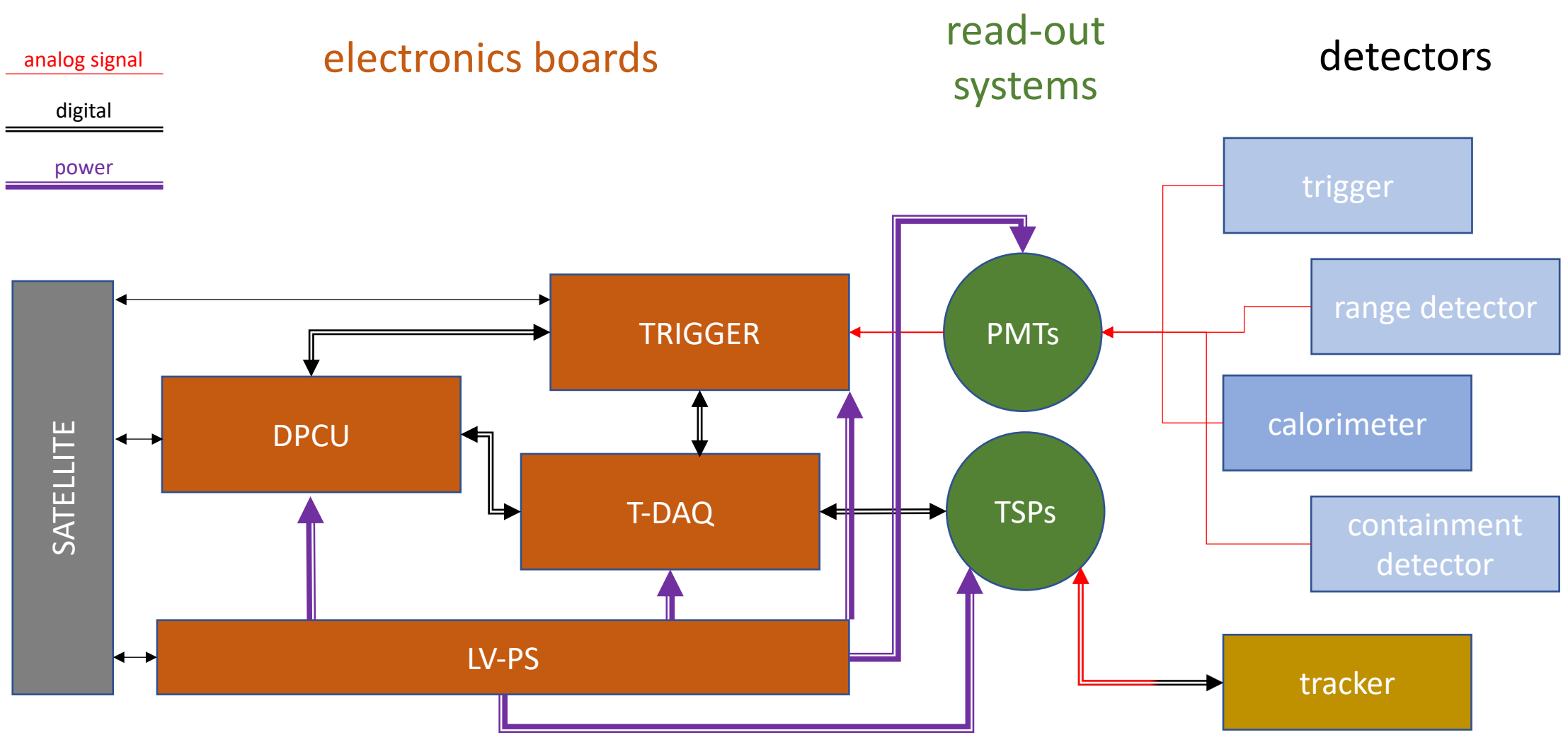
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# LYSO characterization in Trento



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First tests in Trento with LYSO chip from HEPD-01

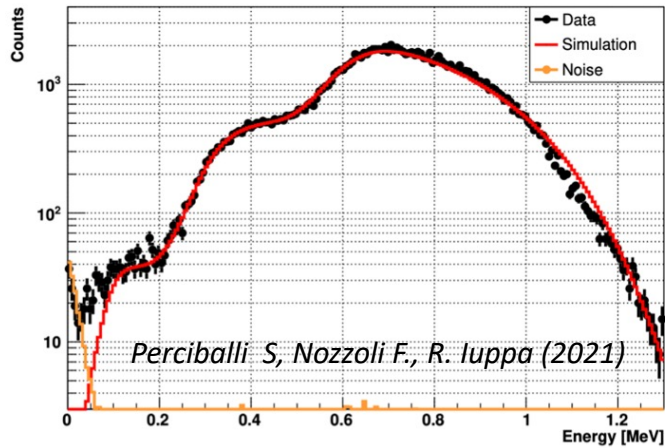
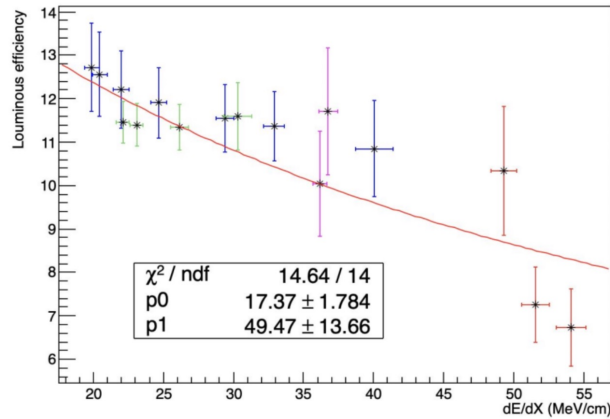
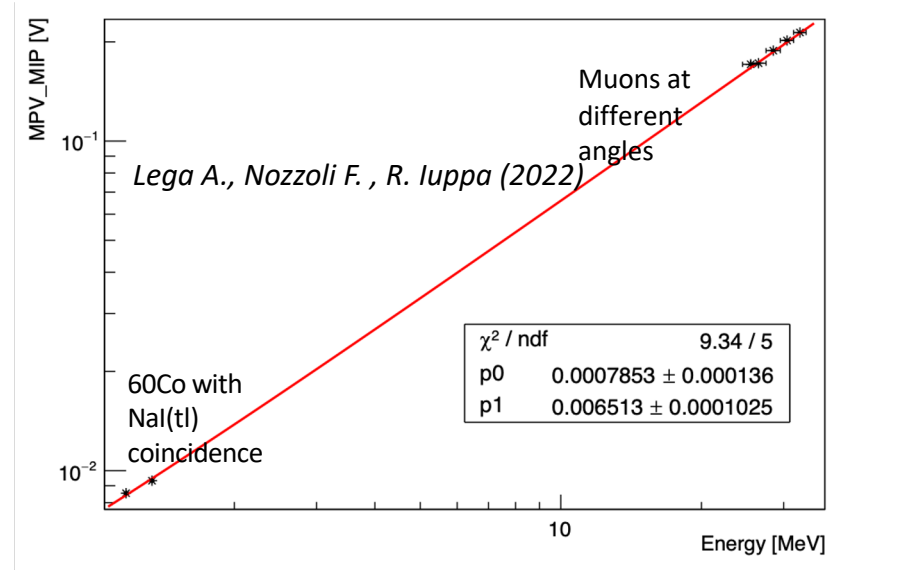


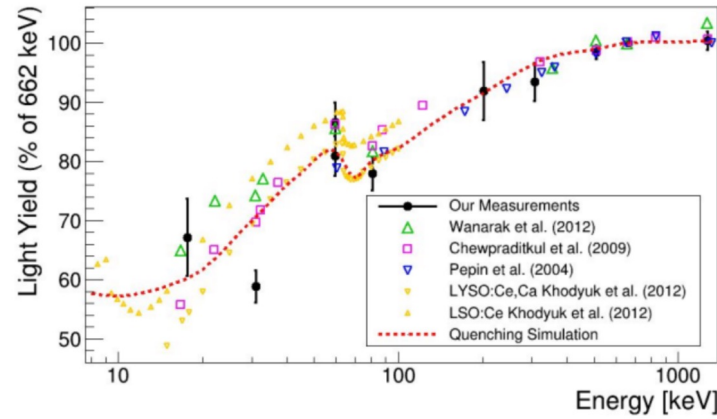
Figure 25: LYSO background spectrum as compared with Geant4 simulation. A residual noise component was identified below 50 keV and fitted with the noise template obtained by rejected data.

First tests in Trento with LYSO crystals for HEPD-02



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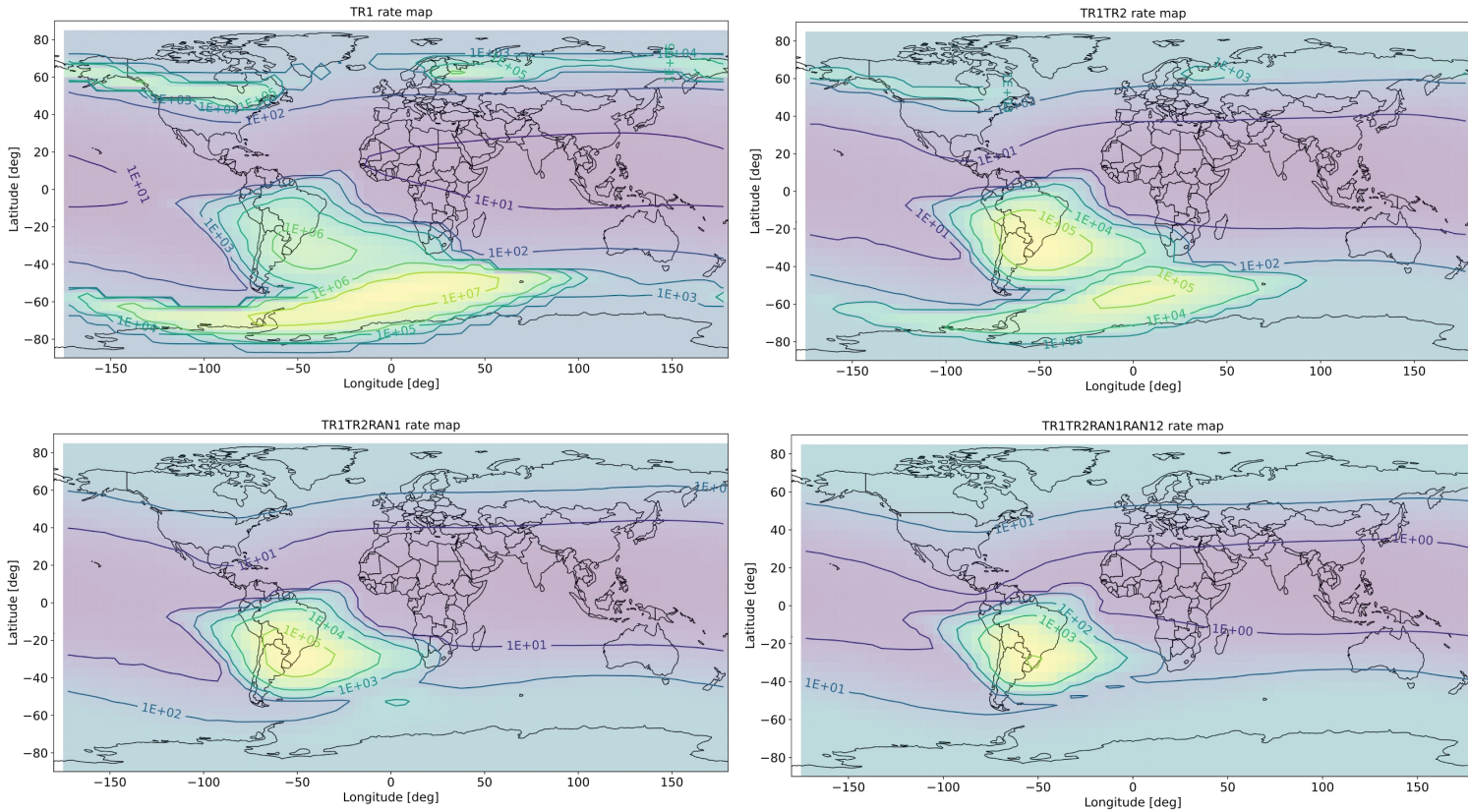
Full characterization of HEPD-02 crystals in Trento: measurement of Birks quenching



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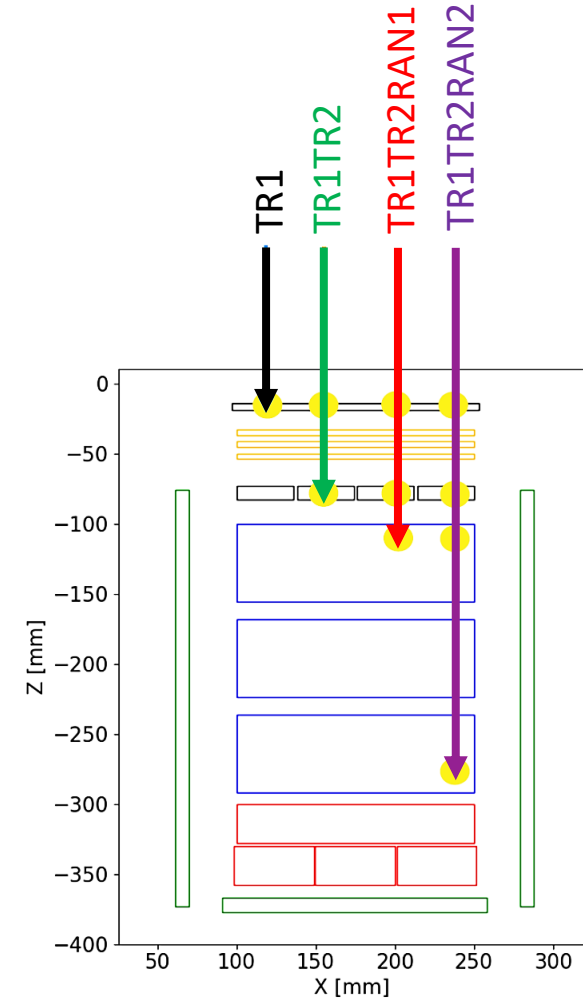
# prescaled concurrent triggers

expected trigger rates obtained summing up contributions from all particle species  
(cross-checked with measurements from HEPD-01)



expected rates up to 10 MHz (SAA), not compatible with data budget nor with event acquisition dead time. Low-energy triggers would determine the saturation of HEPD-02

trigger patterns for different particle penetration  
(i.e. different energy thresholds)



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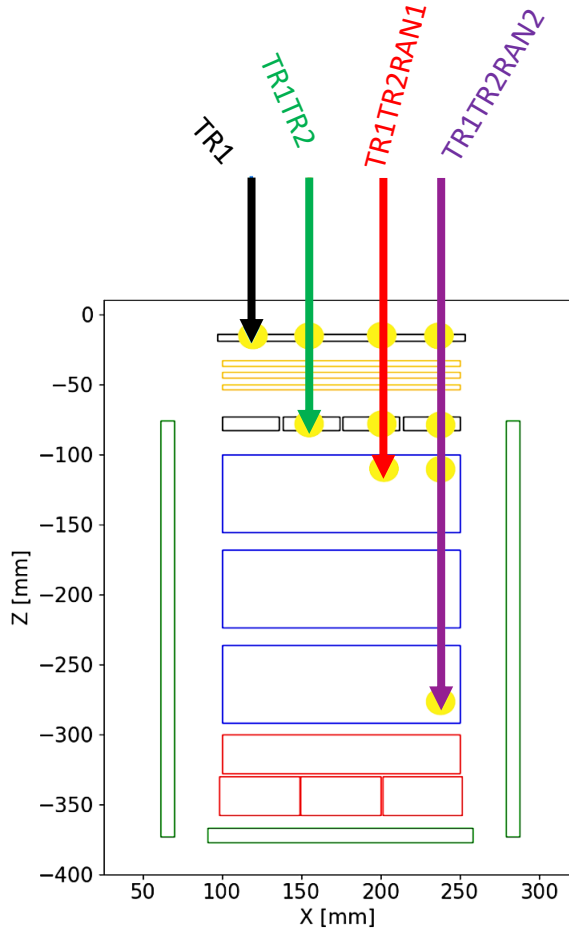
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# prescaled concurrent triggers

maximum HEPD-02 acquisition rate (e.g. 600 Hz)

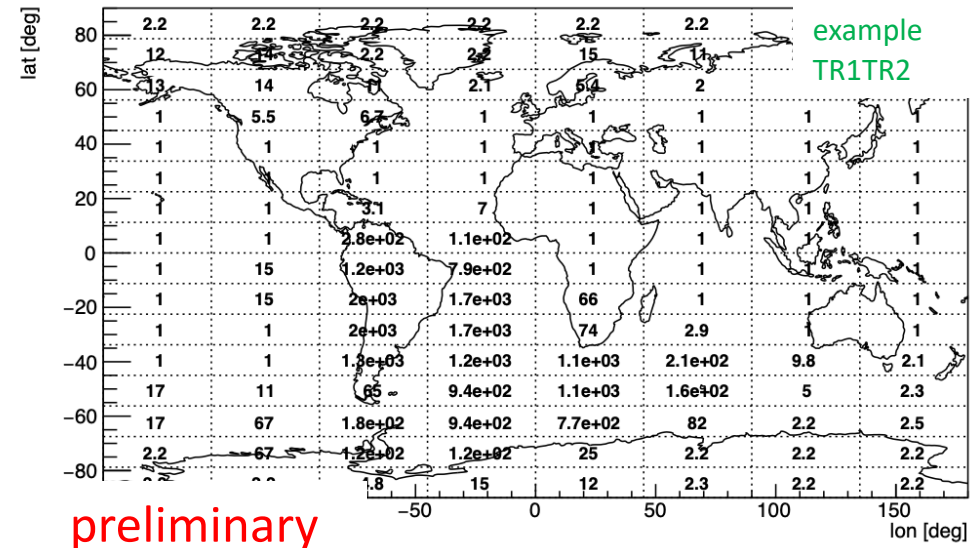


trigger patterns for different particle penetration (i.e. different energy thresholds) and for different purposes (e.g. calibration)

Scale factors are adjusted for each trigger pattern to share data-throughput among different physics cases, optimized after scientific requirements about FoV and kind of particle

Concurrent trigger configurations are prescaled to match the amount of data the instrument can process and send to the ground

Lon/lat map segmented into 128 orbit zones (8x16 lon/lat zones); ascending and descending orbits are treated differently; 10 predefined trigger masks.



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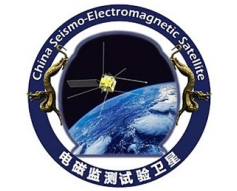


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# Summary of TB runs used for calibration

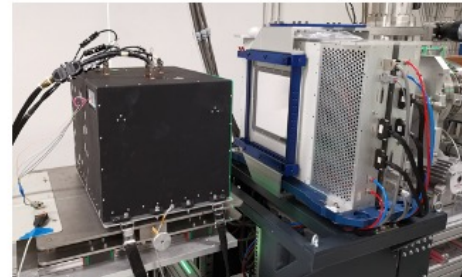


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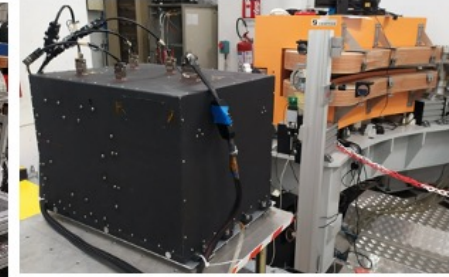
Facility name	Particle type(s)	Energy ranges
LINAC of Santa Chiara Hospital, Trento	low-energy electrons	6, 9, 12 MeV
APSS Protontherapy center, Trento	Protons	30-200 MeV
Beam Test Facility, Frascati	electrons	30-120 MeV
CNAO, Pavia	Carbon nuclei	115 - 398 MeV/amu

## Test beam runs after final tuning of the HEPD-02 HV/thr

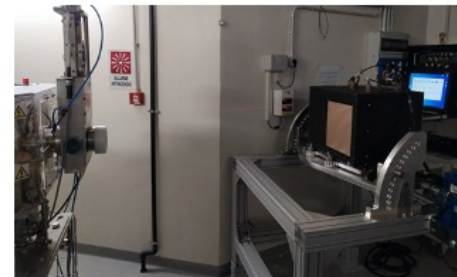
Carbon/proton @ CNAO July 2023



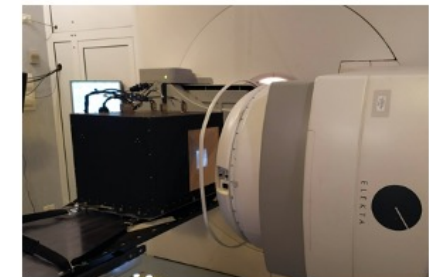
e<sup>-</sup> (>30 MeV) @ BTF June 2023



Proton @ APSS (Trento) June 2023



e<sup>-</sup> (6-12 MeV) @ (Trento) June 2023



**Electrons/GAMMA**  
**Linac**  
 6 MeV, 9 MeV,  
 12 MeV  
**BTF**  
 30 MeV, 60 MeV,  
 90 MeV, 120 MeV,  
 450 MeV

**Protons  
 Degraded**  
 37 MeV, 46 MeV,  
 51 MeV, 58 MeV,  
 64 MeV  
**Protons**  
 70-228 MeV  
 (~ 15 MeV step)

**CNAO**  
 115 - 398 MeV/amu  
 (~ 30 MeV/amu step)

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# DL event reconstruction for energy reconstruction and PID



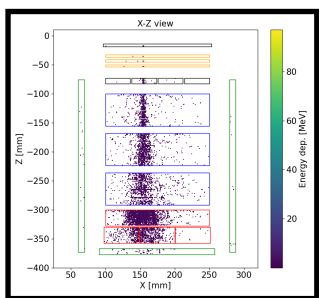
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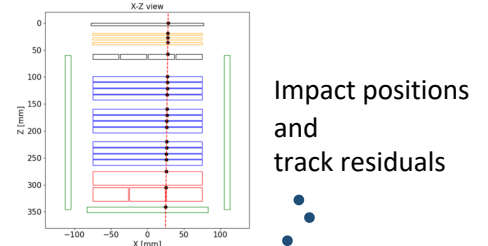
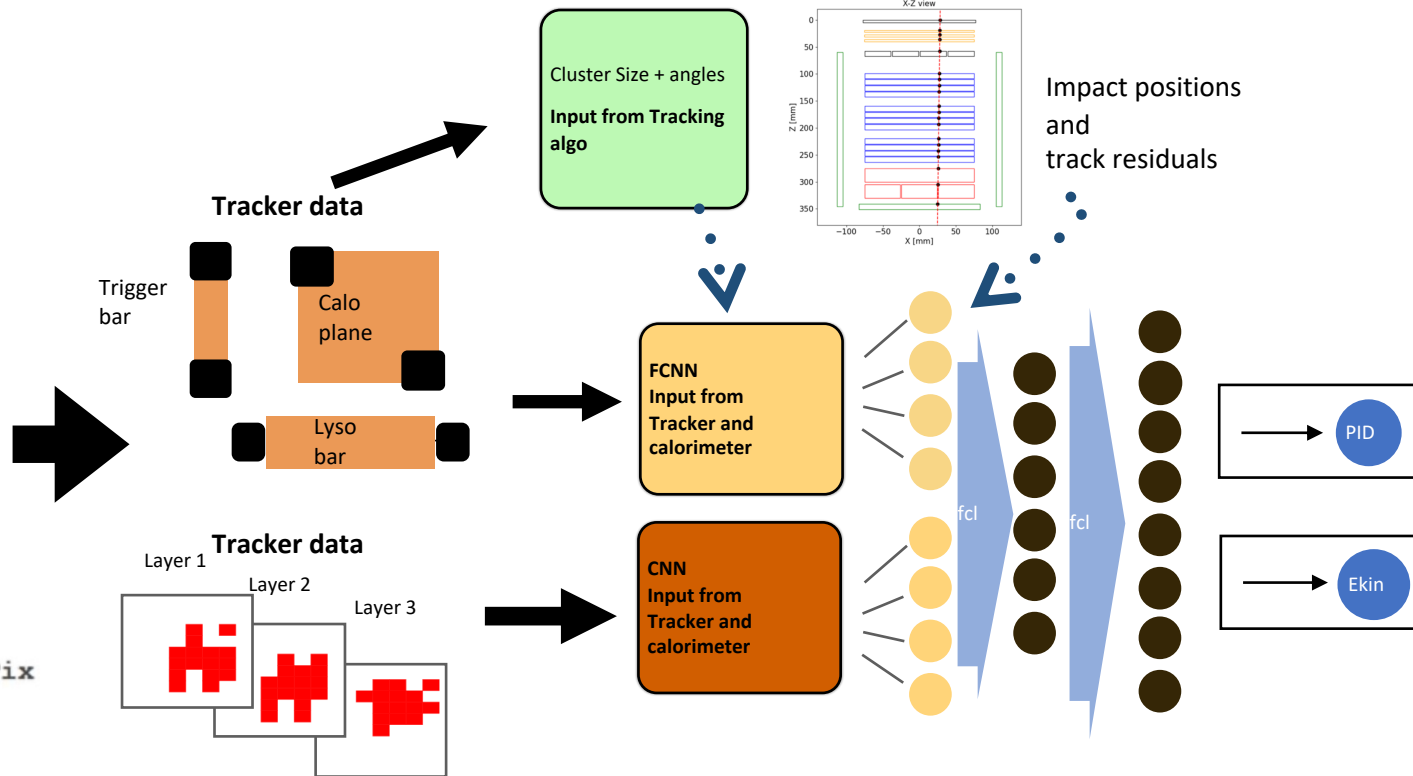
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Simulation @CNAF



ADC digitization



DNN training



Trained on HEPD-02  
Digitized/Tuned Simulation

