

# THE GAMMA-400 SPACE EXPERIMENT

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# The GAMMA-400 project

- Mission is approved by ROSCOSMOS (launch currently scheduled by beginning of 2020s)
- GAMMA-400:
  - Scientific payload mass: 4100 kg
  - Power budget: 2000 W
  - Telemetry downlink capability: 100 GB/day
  - Lifetime: > 7 years
  - Orbit (initial parameters): apogee 300000 km, perigee 500 km, orb. period 7 days, inclination 51.8 °
  - GAMMA-400 will be installed onboard the platform “Navigator” manufactured by Lavochkin



## Cooperation in the design and production of scientific equipment

### Russian scientific organizations

### Foreign scientific organizations

LPI RAS — main collaborator

INFN (Italy) — stripped detector and calorimeter

NRNU MEPhI — detectors

INAF (Italy) — stripped detector

NIIEM — design,  
temperature control system

Taras Schevchenko National University  
(Ukraine) — Ukrainian main collaborator

NIISI RAS — electronics

CrAO (Ukraine) — ground-based observations

Ioffe Institute —  
Konus-FG burst monitor

IKI (Ukraine) — magnetometer

IKI — star sensor

ISM (Ukraine) — scintillators

IHEP — calorimeters, scintillators

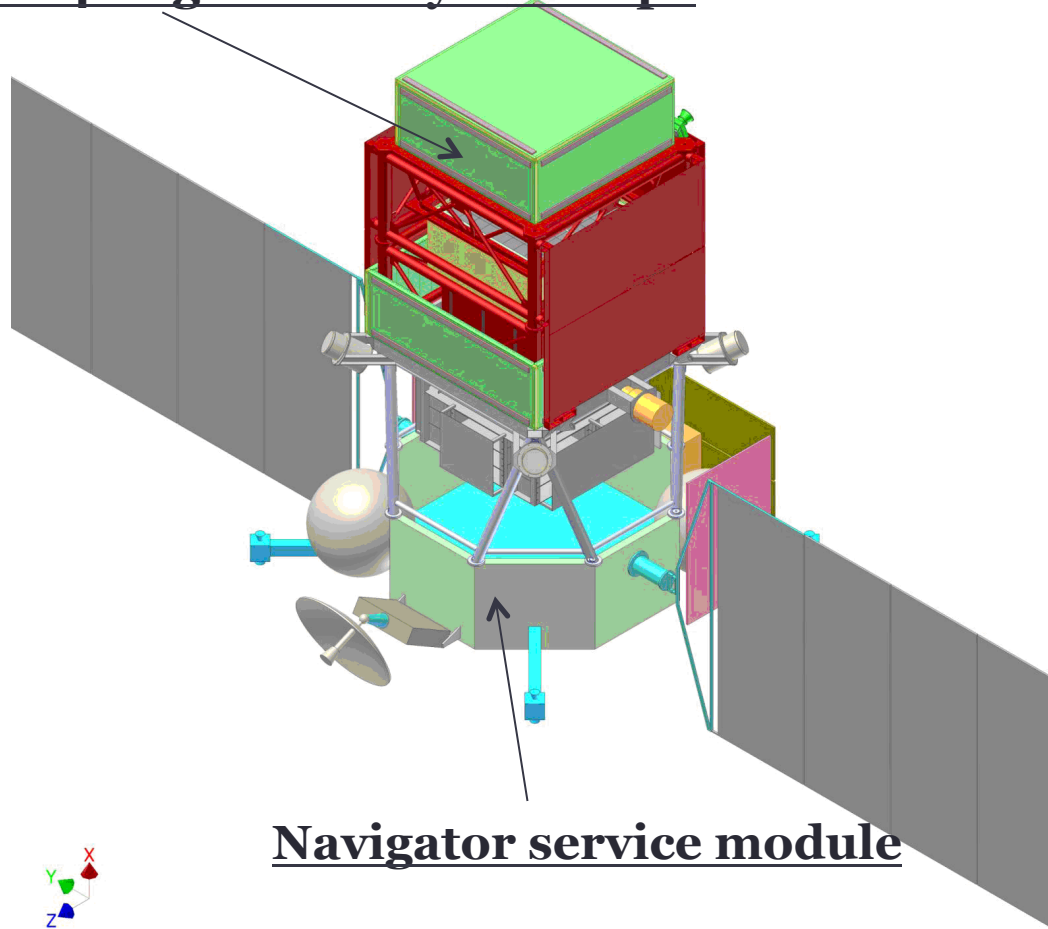
KTH (Sweden) — anticoincidence

TsNIIMASH — space qualification

**IFAE (Spain) - Calorimeter**

# GAMMA-400 SCIENTIFIC COMPLEX ON THE NAVIGATOR

GAMMA-400 gamma-ray telescope



Navigator service module

Star sensors (2) with  
accuracy of  $\approx 5''$   
(Space Research  
Institute)

Gamma-ray burst monitor  
“Konus-FG” (6)  
(Ioffe Physical Technical  
Institute, St. Petersburg)

4 direction detectors  
on telescopic booms

2 spectrometric  
detectors

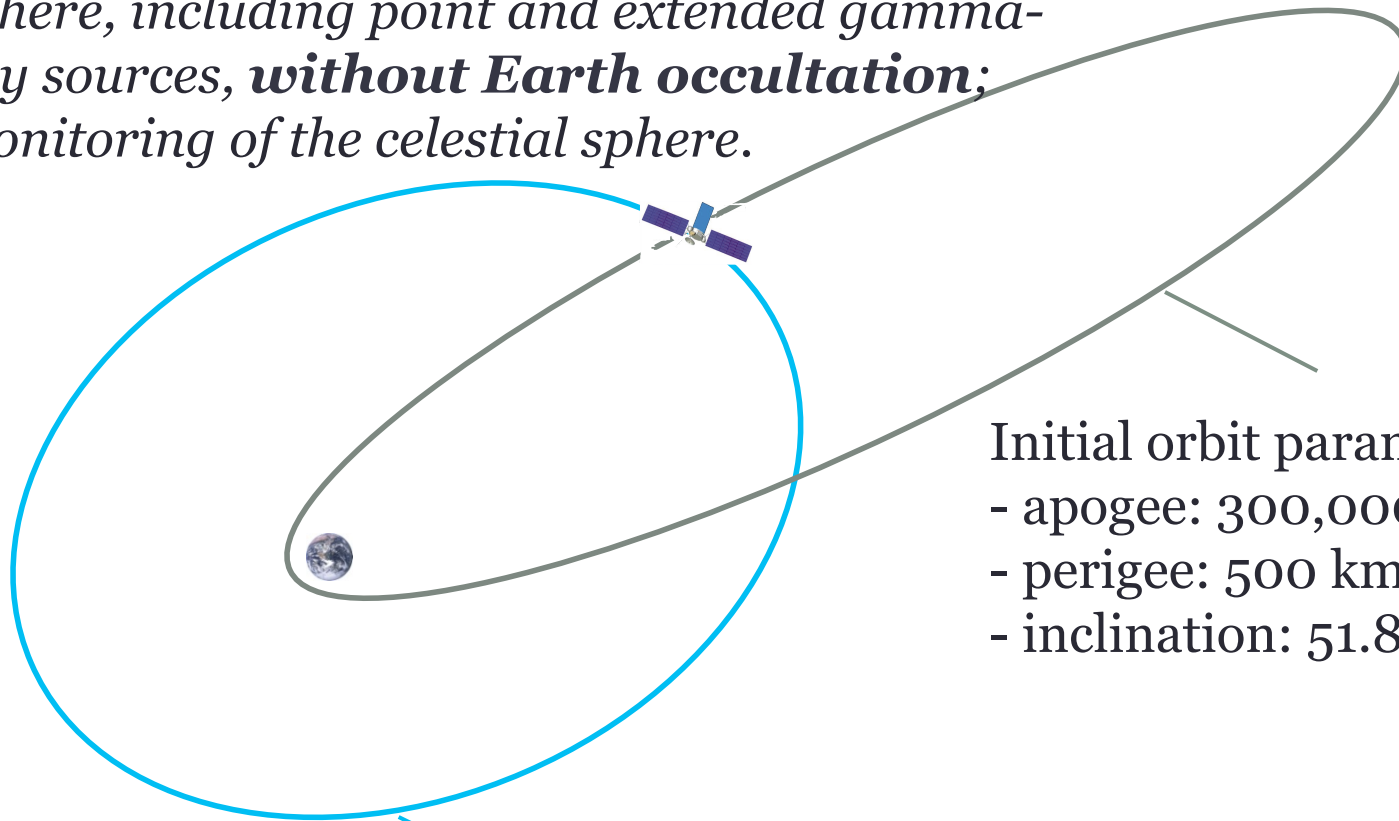
Magnetometer (2)  
(Ukraine, Lviv)  
on telescopic boom



# ORBIT EVOLUTION AND OBSERVATION MODES

## Observation modes:

- *continuous long-duration (~ 100 days) observation of specific regions of celestial sphere, including point and extended gamma-ray sources, **without Earth occultation**;*
- *monitoring of the celestial sphere.*



Initial orbit parameters:  
- apogee: 300,000 km;  
- perigee: 500 km;  
- inclination:  $51.8^\circ$

After ~ 5 months the orbit will become more circular with a radius of ~200,000 km.

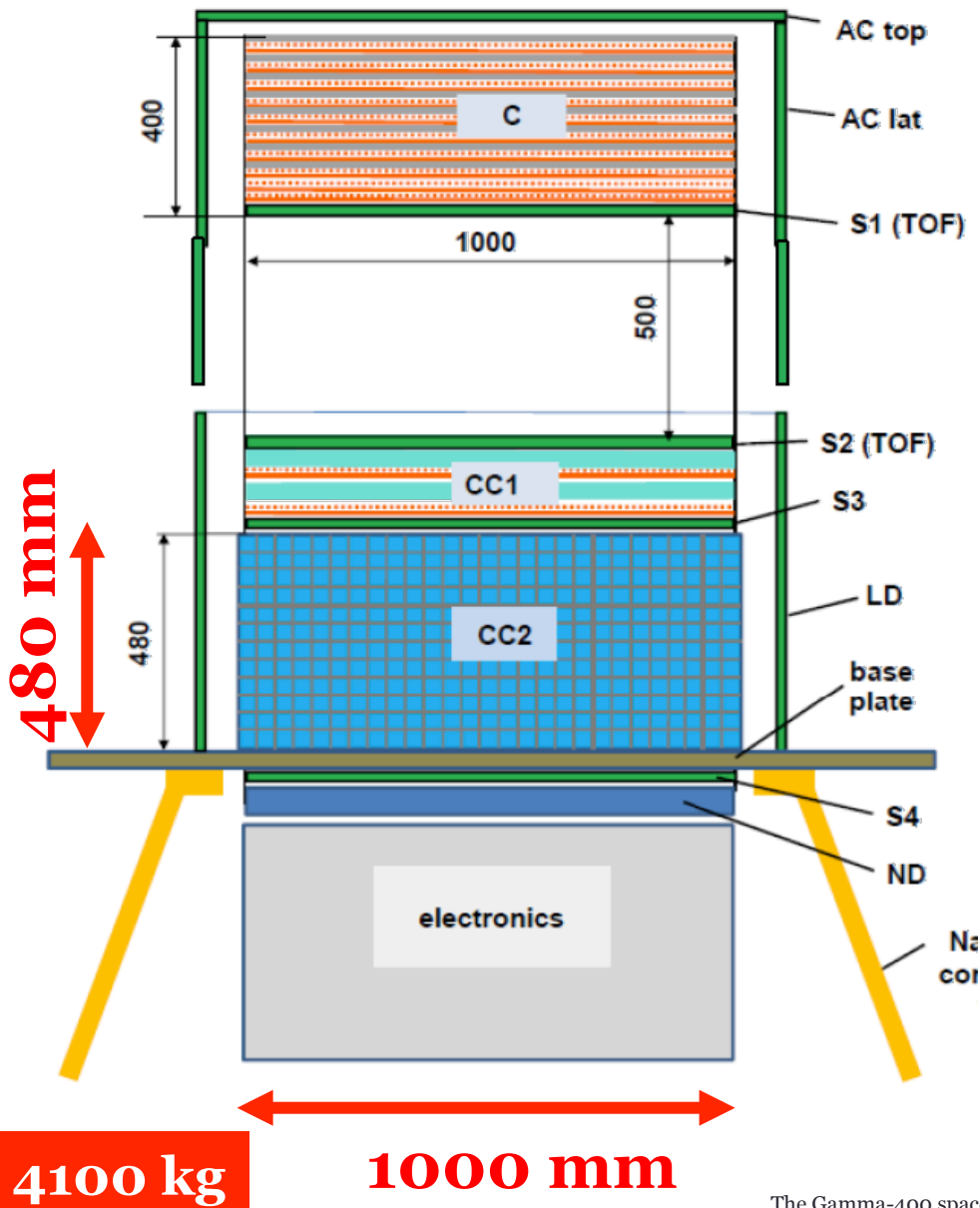
# GAMMA-400

- Original Russian design focused on:
  - High Energy Gamma-rays ( $\sim 10$  GeV – 3 TeV)
  - High energy electrons ( $e^+$  and  $e^-$ ) up to TeV
- Scientific objectives (from Russian proposal):
  - “To study the nature and features of weakly interacting massive particles, from which the Dark Matter consists”
  - “To study the nature and features of variable gamma-ray activity of astrophysical objects, from stars to galactic clusters”
  - “To study the mechanisms of generation, acceleration, propagation and interaction of cosmic rays in galactic and intergalactic spaces”

# Improvements in the GAMMA-400 design and performance

- During the last years, the collaboration between Italian and Russian groups has resulted in a new version of the apparatus. Guideline:
  - to develop a jointly defined **dual instrument** that, **taking into account the currently available financial resources, optimizes the scientific performance and improves them with respect to the original version**: this new version **has been agreed upon by both (Russian and Italian) sides during a collaboration meeting held in Moscow in February 2013.**

# The GAMMA-400 apparatus



## B2 over B1 improvements:

- Introduction of a highly segmented homogeneous calorimeter with CsI cubes  $\Rightarrow$  improved energy resolution, extended GF with lateral particle impingement, high energy protons and nuclei capability
- Increase of the planar dimensions of the calorimeter (from 80 cm x 80 cm to 100 cm x 100 cm)  $\Rightarrow$  larger  $A_{\text{eff}}$
- Si strip detector pitch of the 2 CC1 layers decreased from 0.5 mm to 0.08 mm

## GAMMA-400 characteristics:

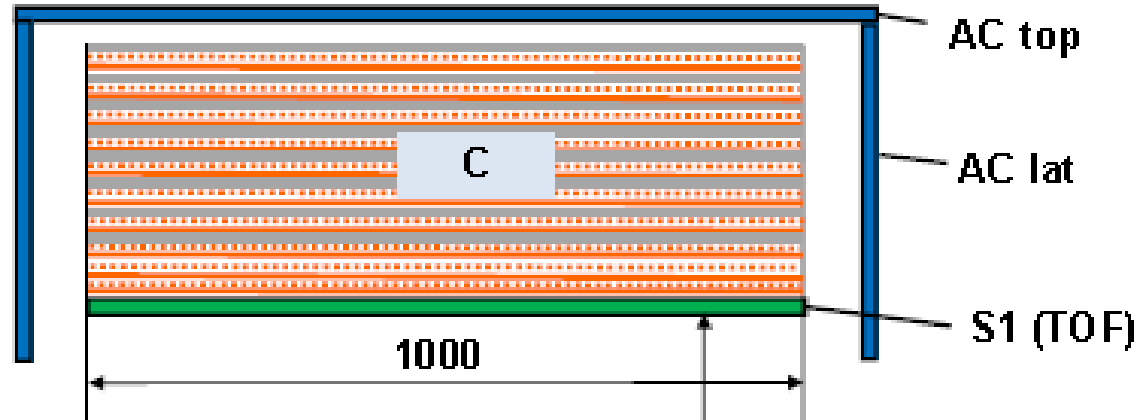
- **a dual instrument** for **photons** (100 MeV  $\div$  1 TeV) and **cosmic rays** (electrons  $\sim$  10 TeV and high energy cosmic-ray nuclei, p and He spectra at the “knee” ( $10^{14} - 10^{15}$  eV);
- **State of the art Si-W converter/tracker with analogue read-out;**
- **3-D, deep, homogeneous calorimeter with excellent resolution and large acceptance.**



# Converter/Tracker

## INFN Responsibility

Contract btw Roskosmos/  
Lebedev and INFN is being  
signed for the design and  
production of the Converter/  
Tracker

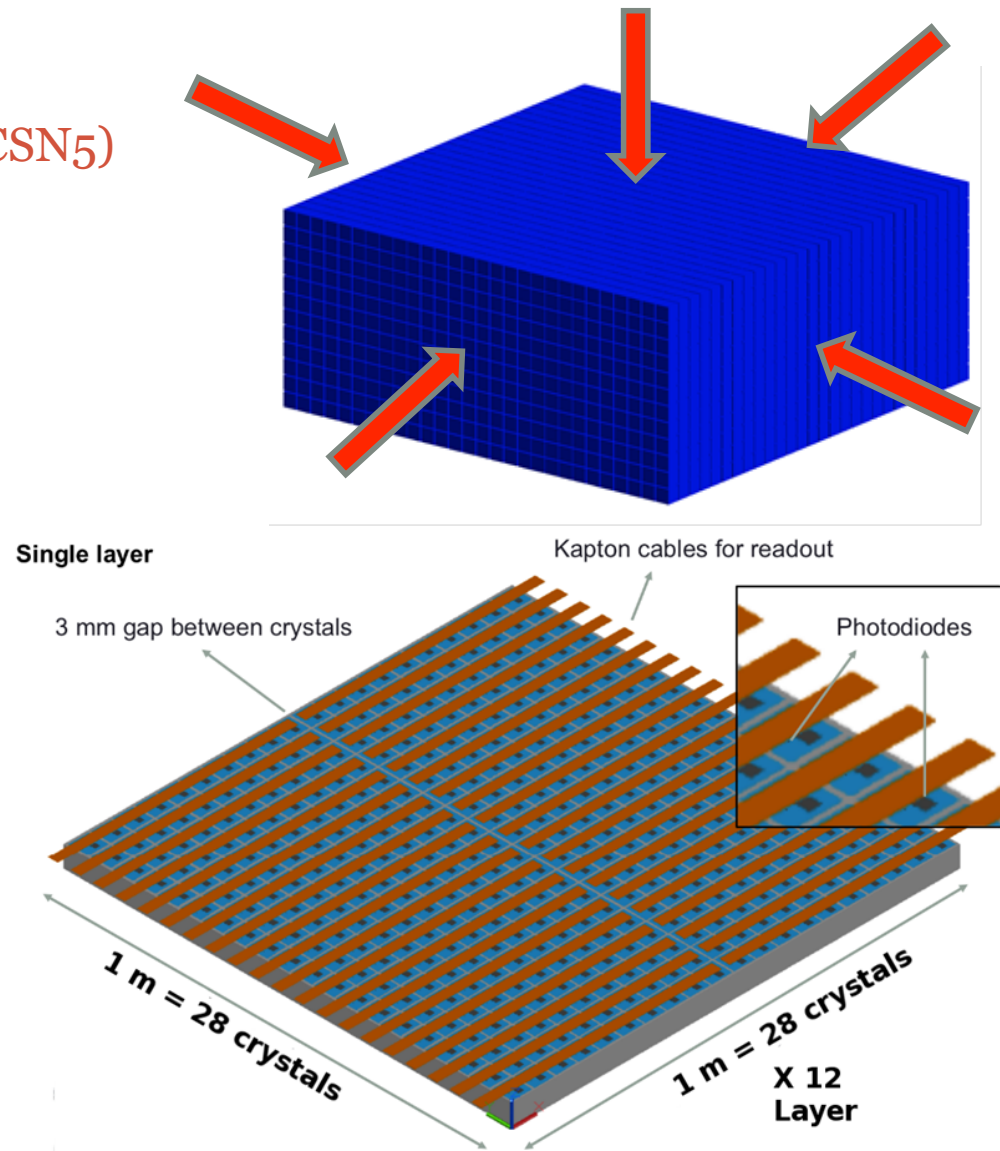


- Si-W Tracker
- 8 W/Si-x/Si-y planes + 2 Si-x/Si-y planes (no W)
- Thickness of each plane  $0.1 X_0$
- Sensors arranged in ladders (5 detectors/ladder), 1 ladder  $\sim 50$  cm;
- Each sensor  $\sim 9.7$  cm x  $9.7$  cm from 6" wafers;
- Implant pitch  $80 \mu\text{m}$ , Read-out pitch  $240 \mu\text{m}$  (fine segmentation)
- 2000 silicon detectors;
- 153600 readout channels, 2400 front-end ASICs (64 channels/ASIC)
- Power consumption (FE only):  $\sim 80$  W

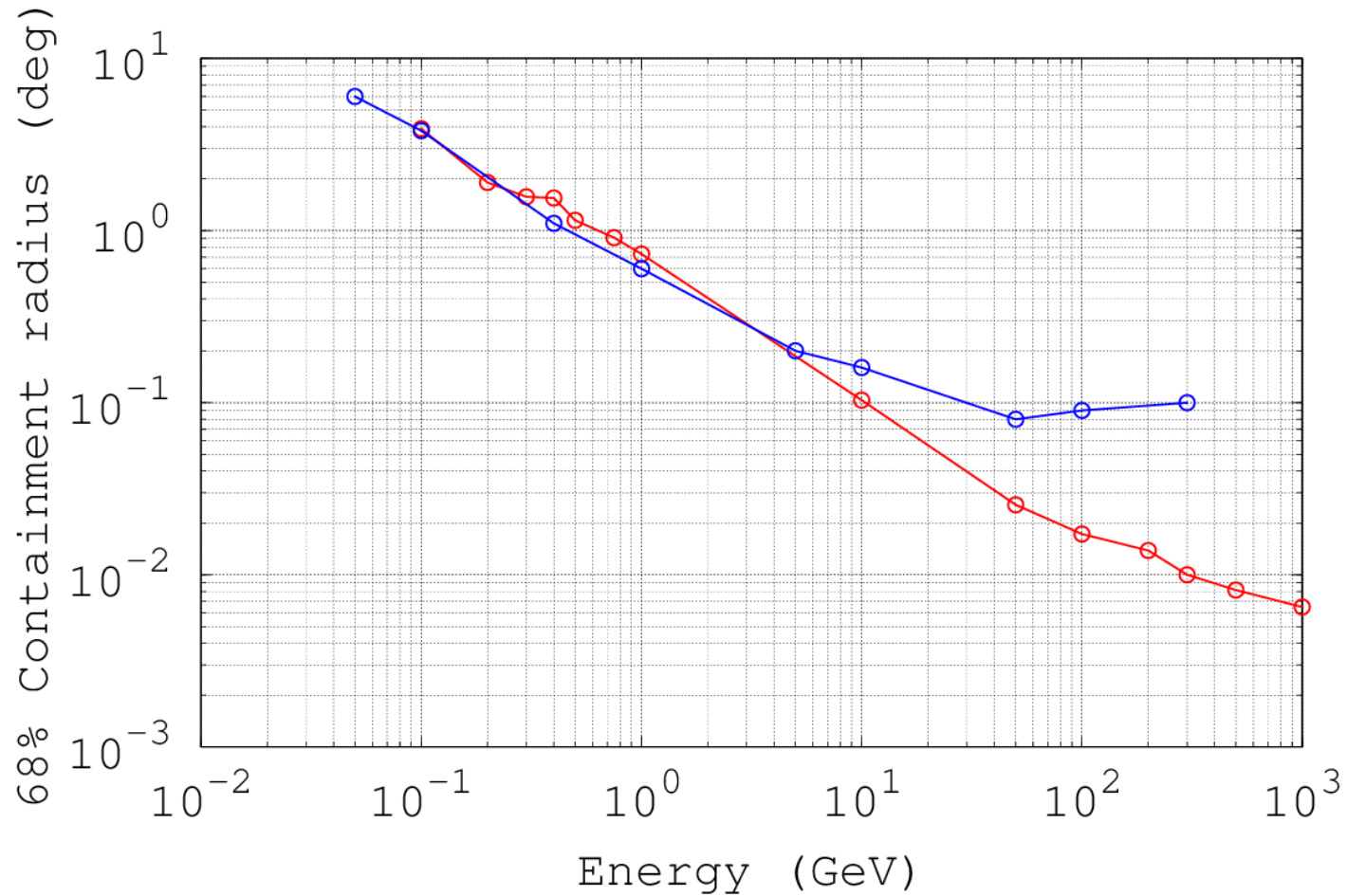
# CC2 Calorimeter

INFN conceptual idea (CaloCube call in CSN5)

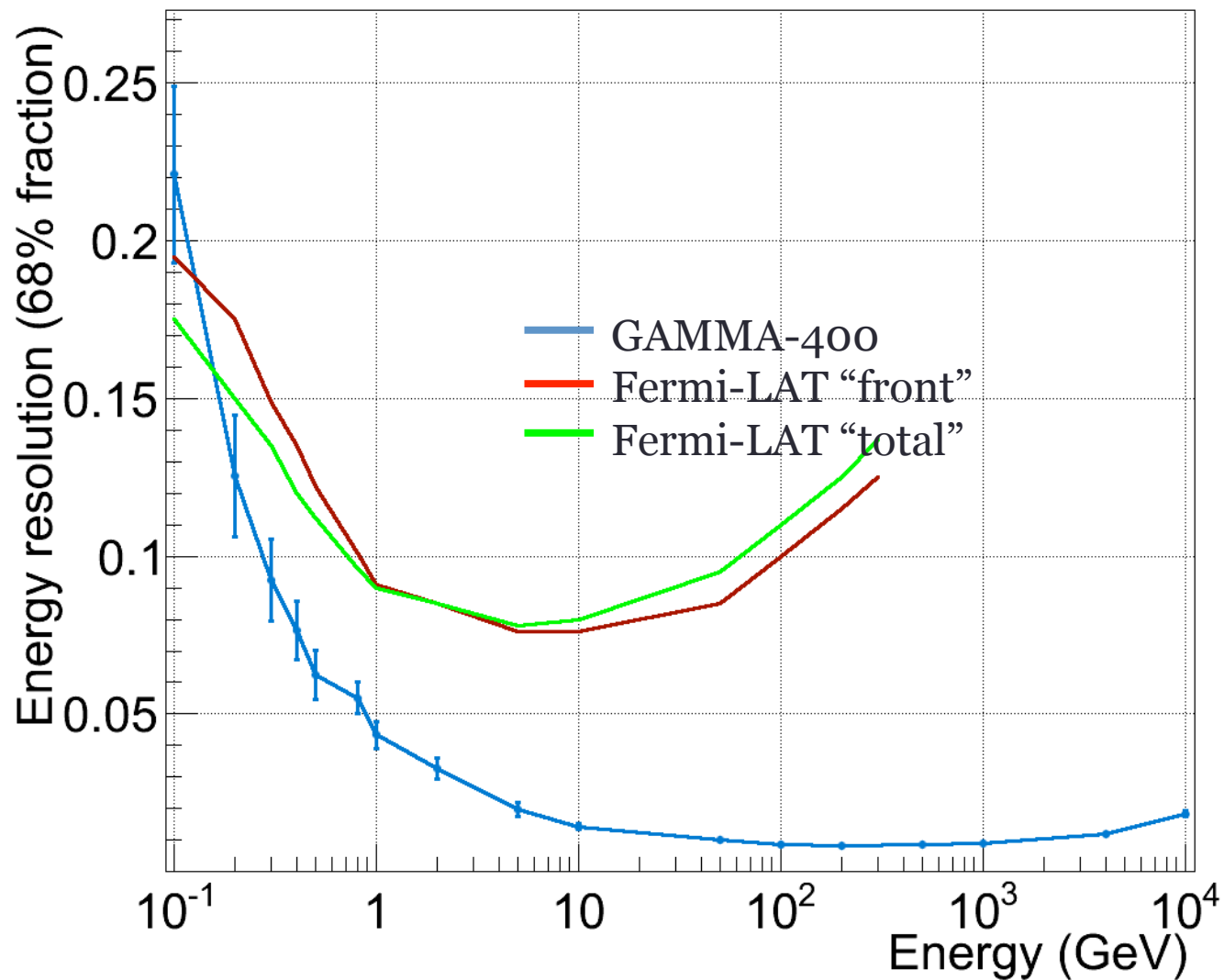
- 28 x 28 x 12 CsI(Tl) cubes
- $L_{\text{cubes}} = 3.6 \text{ cm}$
- CC2 dimensions: 1 x 1 x 0.47 m<sup>3</sup>
- $X_0: 54.6 \times 54.6 \times 23.4$
- $\lambda_I: 2.5 \times 2.5 \times 1.1$
- Mass = 1980 kg
- Planar GF: 9.5 m<sup>2</sup>sr
- $GF_{\text{eff, el.}}^{0.1-1 \text{ TeV}} \sim 3.4 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$
- $GF_{\text{eff, prot.}}^{1 \text{ TeV}} \sim 4 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$
- Slightly staggered planes to avoid dead regions



# Angular resolution for $\gamma$



# Energy resolution for $\gamma$



# Expected number of high energy charged cosmic rays events

Some assumptions:

- 10 years exposure
- e/p rejection factor  $\sim 10^5$

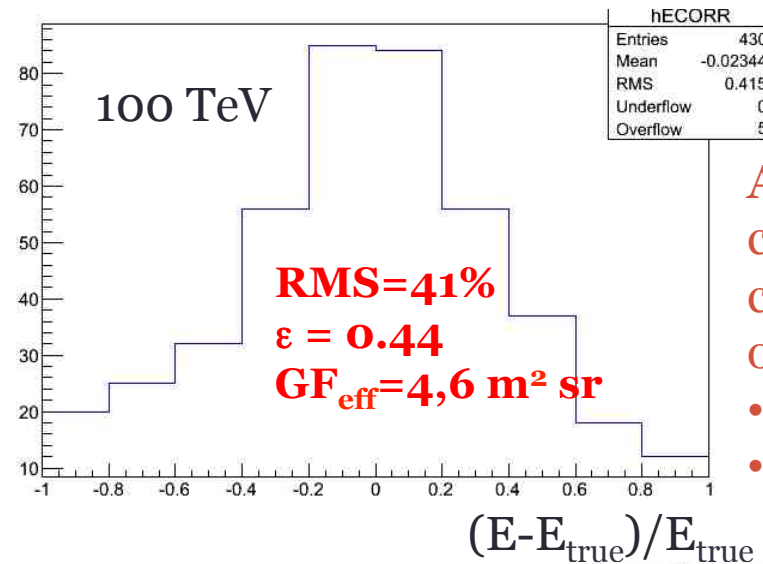
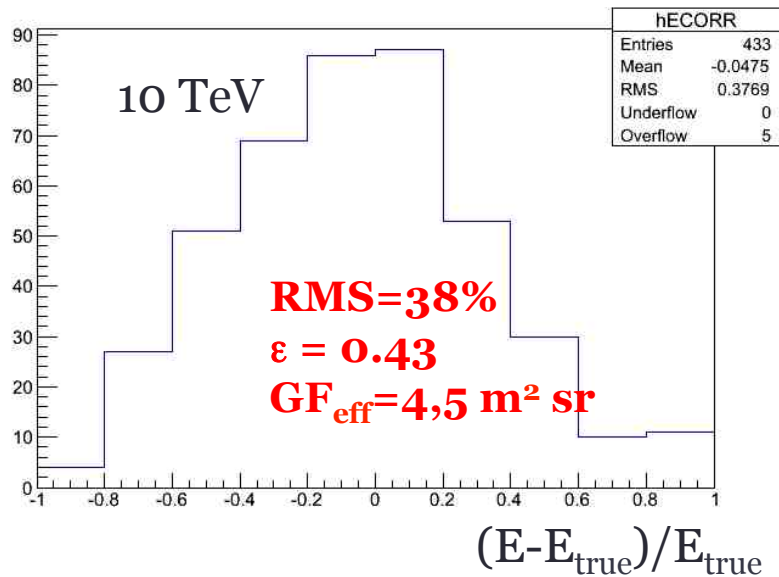
## Protons and Helium (Polygonato model)

Effective GF (m <sup>2</sup> sr)	$\sigma(E)/E$	E > 0.1 PeV		E > 0.5 PeV		E > 1 PeV		E > 2 PeV		E > 4 PeV	
		p	He	p	He	p	He	p	He	p	He
<b>~4.0</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>7.8.10<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>7.4.10<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4.6.10<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5.1.10<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1.2.10<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1.5.10<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>28</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

## Electrons (no nearby sources)

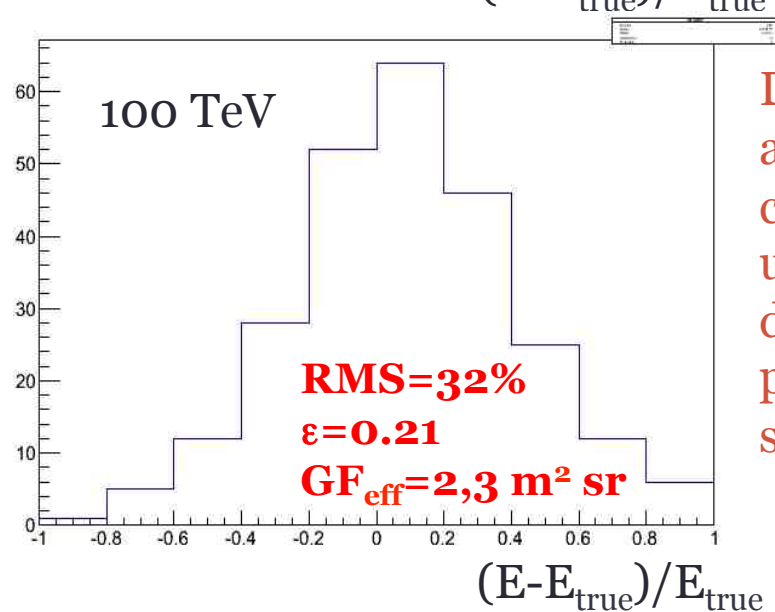
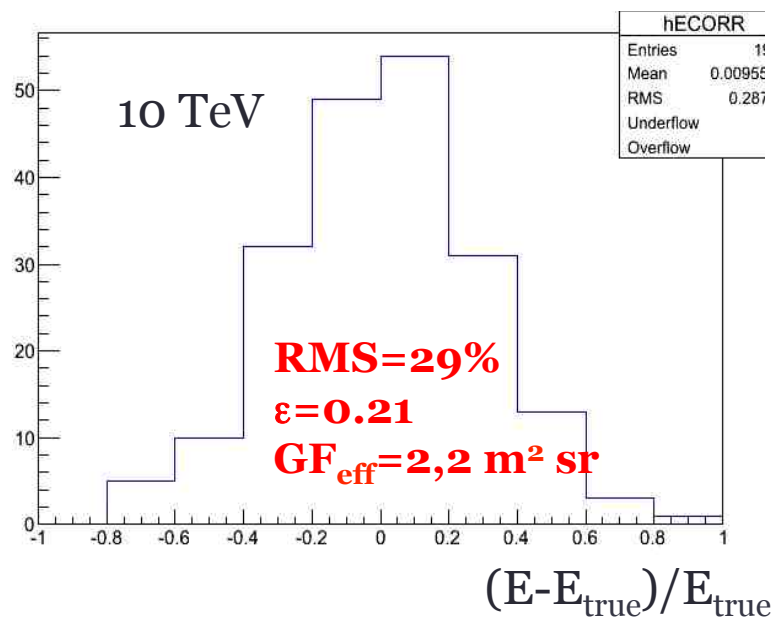
Effective GF (m <sup>2</sup> sr)	$\sigma(E)/E$	E > 0.5 TeV	E > 1 TeV	E > 2 TeV	E > 4 TeV
<b>3.4</b>	<b>~1%</b>	<b>181.10<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>35.10<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>5.10<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6.10<sup>2</sup></b>

# Protons: energy resolution



Analysis criteria can be changed to optimize:

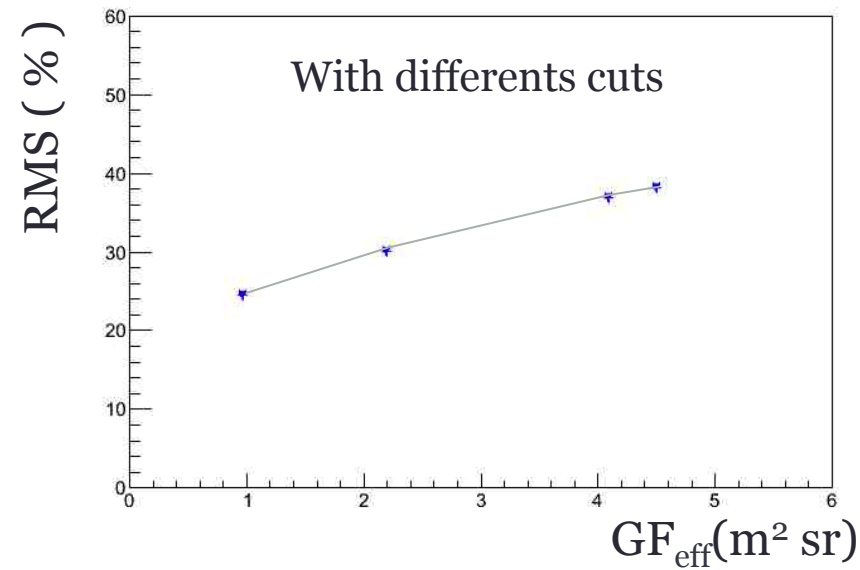
- Acceptance
- Energy resolution



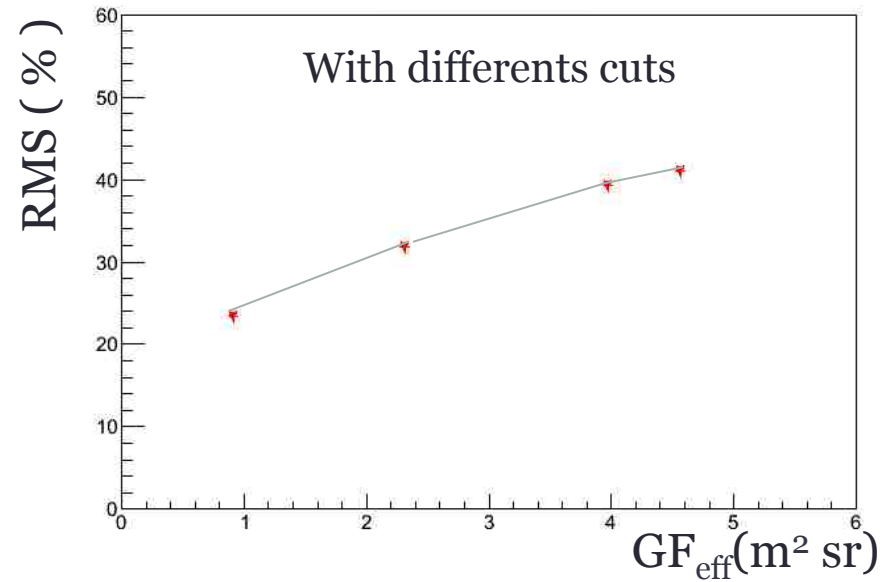
Different analysis criteria can be used for different portions of the spectrum

# Protons: energy resolution

10 TeV



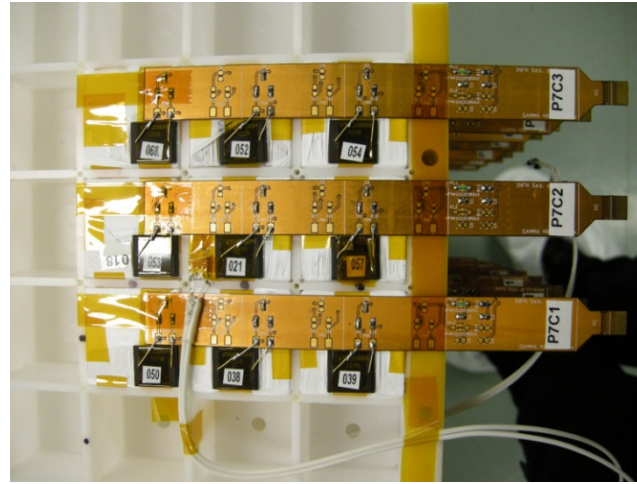
100 TeV





# Calorimeter prototype

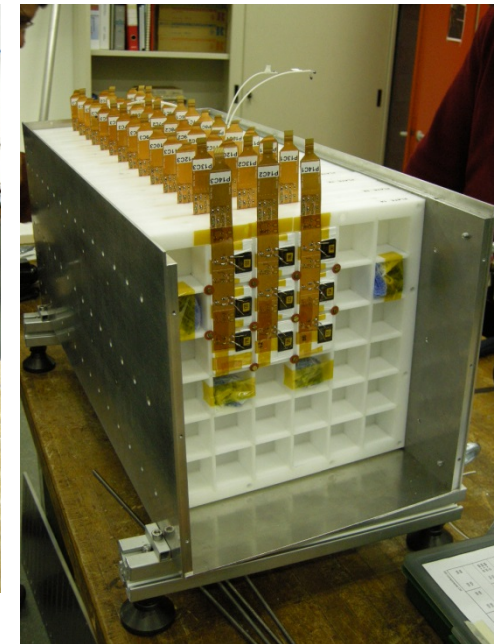
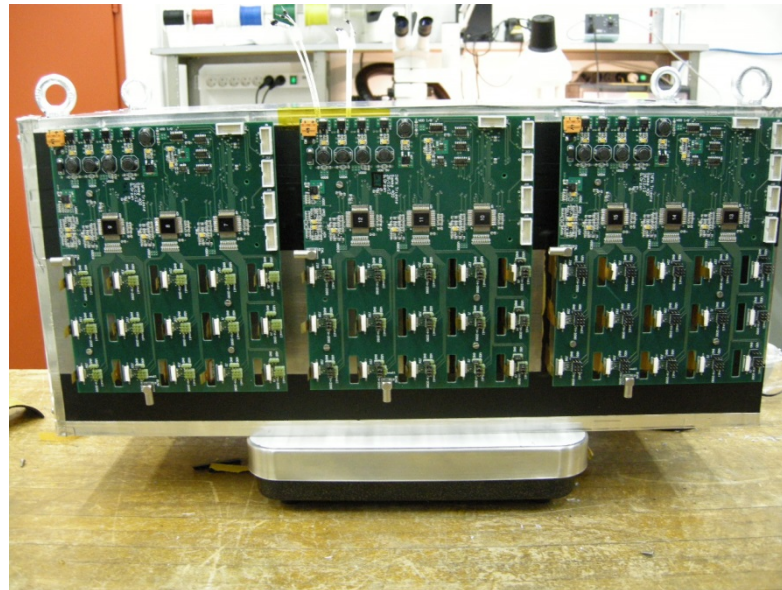
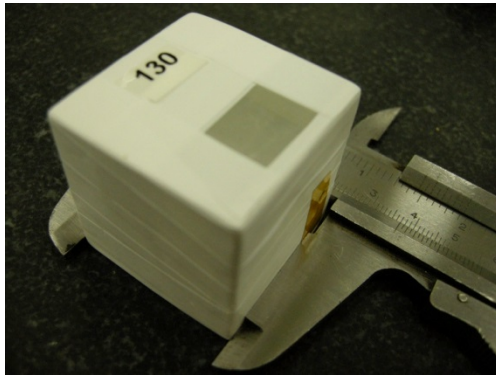
- 14 Layers
- 9 crystals in each layer  
(crystals  $3.6 \times 3.6 \times 3.6 \text{ cm}^3$ )
- 126 Crystals in total
- 126 Photodiodes
- 50.4 cm of CsI(Tl)
- $27 X_0$ ,  $1.44 \lambda_I$
- Photodiodes read-out by 9 CASIS1.2A 16-channel ASICs)



Mechanics:  
INFN Pisa

Front-end electronics:  
INFN Trieste

Crystals, photodiodes,  
DAQ, assembly:  
INFN Florence





# Space qualification

- Proton launcher will be used to put in orbit the instrument
- Expensive and complex space qualification procedures are necessary since the beginning of any space project
  - Radiation tests on single components and at board level
    - Hardware protections against failures
    - Hot/Cold redundancy
    - Software protections in the design of VHDL codes
  - Vibrations tests
    - On single parts in the prototype/design phase
    - On the Mass Model
    - On the Flight models (at reduced levels)
  - Thermo/Vacuum tests
    - Outgassing
    - Thermal model/Cooling
  - EMI/EMC tests
- A possible support from INFN-LNF will be extremely useful to save money and time, and to design a more reliable instrument
  - Expertise and consulting during the design phase
  - Facilities to carry on space qualification tests

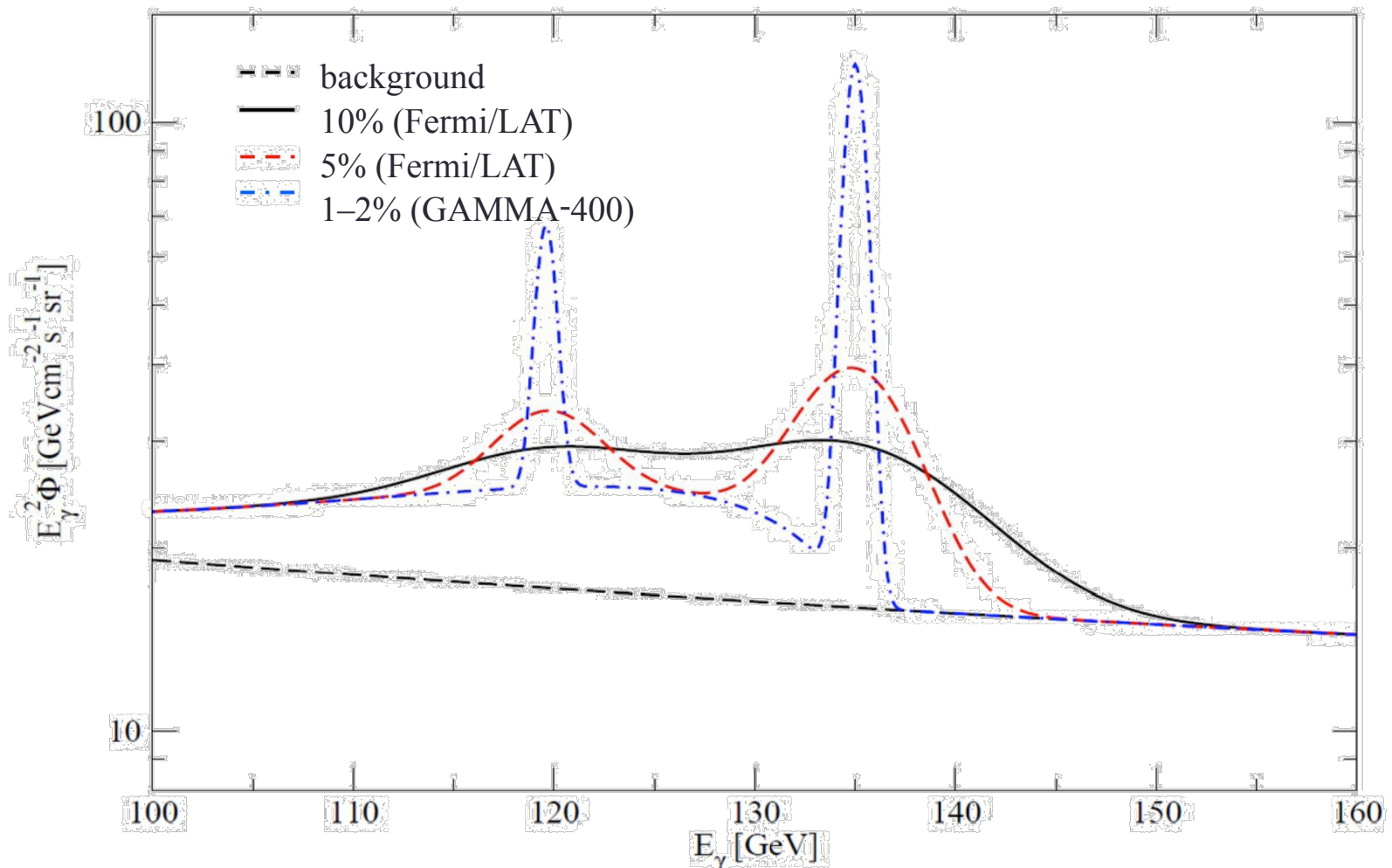
# Physics with GAMMA-400

- GAMMA-400 is focused on the detection of the three main component of cosmic radiation:
  - **$\gamma$ -rays from 100 MeV up to TeV energies**, to be studied with substantial improvements concerning the angular resolution at high energies and the continuous exposure to sources without Earth occultation
  - **electrons/positrons up to  $\sim 10$  TeV**, to be measured with much improved sensitivity compared with current space, balloon-borne, and ground measurements
  - **cosmic-ray nuclei up to the "knee"**, whose spectrum and composition is to be studied with unprecedented detail up to  $\sim$  few PeV/nucleon

# Photons

- Detection of possible Dark Matter signal
  - Gamma-ray lines
  - Satellite galaxies
  - Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies
  - Galactic Center
- Measurement of the  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum with excellent angular and energy resolution
  - SNR
  - Pulsars
  - Massive star clusters
  - AGN
  - GRB

# Increasing the energy resolution



The  $\gamma$ -ray differential energy results for a 135 GeV right-handed neutrino dark matter candidate.

L. Bergström, Phys. Rev. D 86 (2012) 103514, arXiv:1208.6082

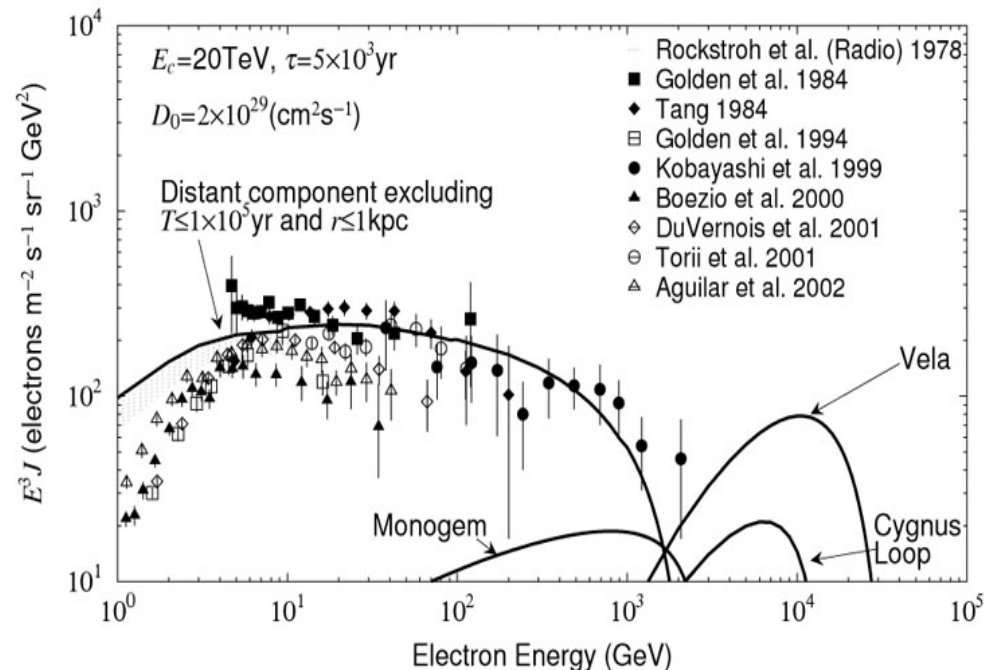
# Electrons can tell us about local GCR sources

- High energy electrons have a high energy loss rate  $\propto E^2$ 
  - Lifetime of  $\sim 10^5$  years for  $> 1$  TeV electrons
- Transport of GCR through interstellar space is a diffusive process
  - Implies that source of high energy electrons are  $< 1$  kpc away

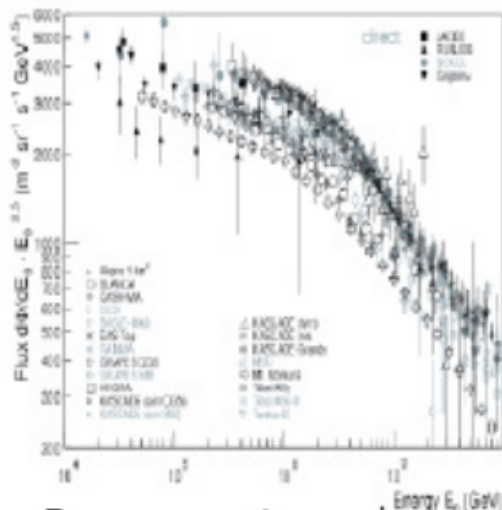
Only a handful of SNR meet the lifetime & distance criteria

*Kobayashi et al., ApJ 601 (2004) 340-351:* calculations show structure in electron spectrum at high energy

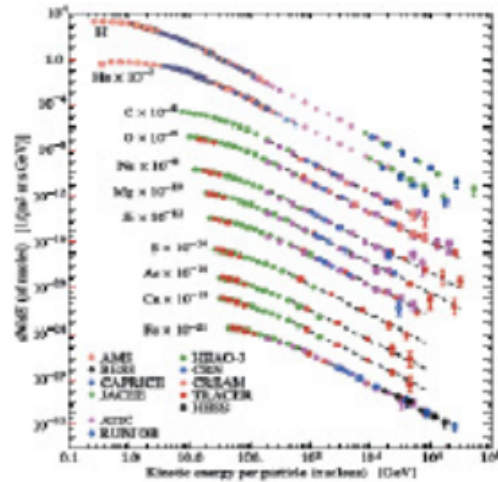
J. P. Wefel, TevPA 2011, Stockholm (2011)



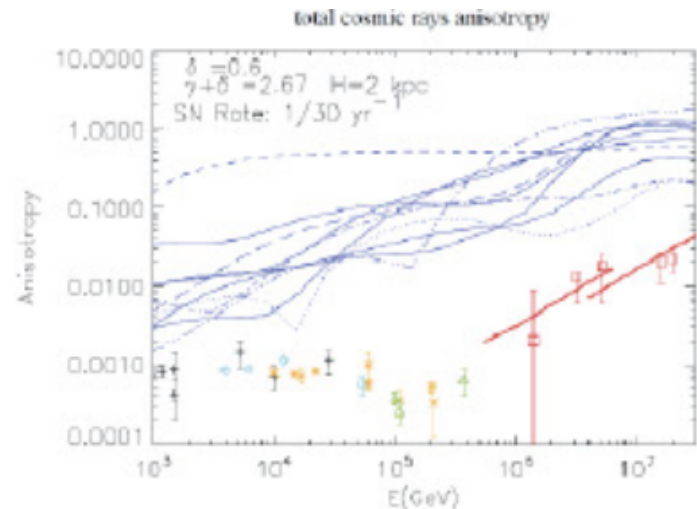
# Nuclei up to the Knee



Energy spectrum shape



Composition



Anisotropy



- Study the acceleration mechanism (or mechanisms)
- Study the limit of the acceleration phenomena
- Understand the kind of sources in the Galaxy
- Answer the question: is there the same mechanism (or source) for different nuclei?
- Study the distribution of the sources
- Study the propagation process in the Galaxy

# Conclusions

- The GAMMA-400 mission represents a unique opportunity to perform **simultaneous measurements of photons, electrons and nuclei** with unprecedented accuracy.
- GAMMA-400 will provide in-depth investigations on some of the most challenging physics items, such as:
  - DM search in  $\gamma$  and high-energy electron spectra
  - CR origin, production and acceleration to the highest energies
  - Flux and elemental composition of nuclei at the knee
- Synergy with ground-based Cerenkov arrays (CTA) and other wavelength instruments.
- A possible design and technical support from INFN-LNF will be very appreciated!

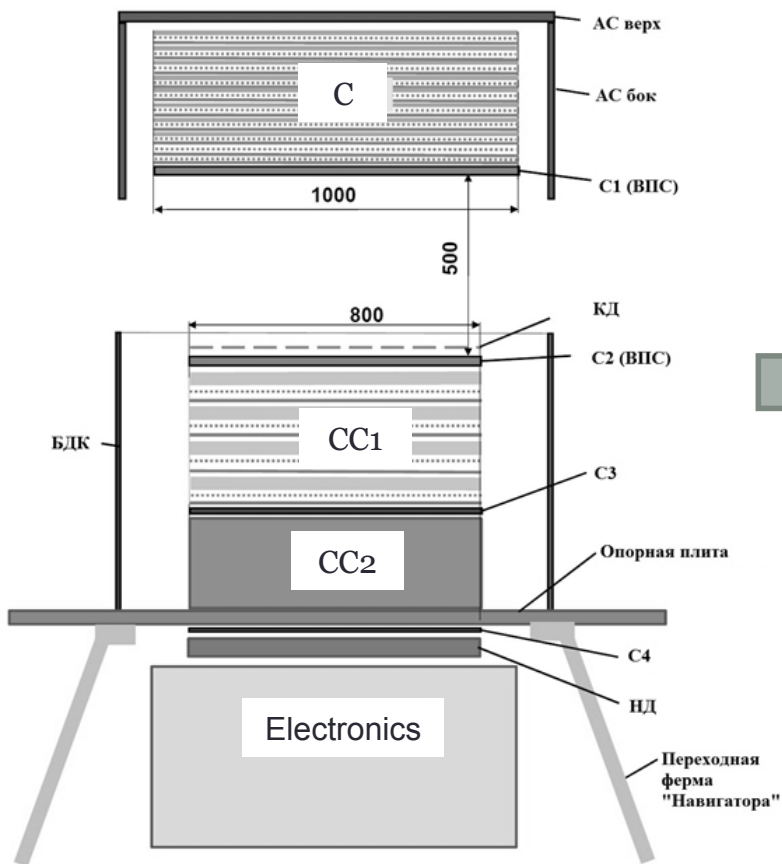
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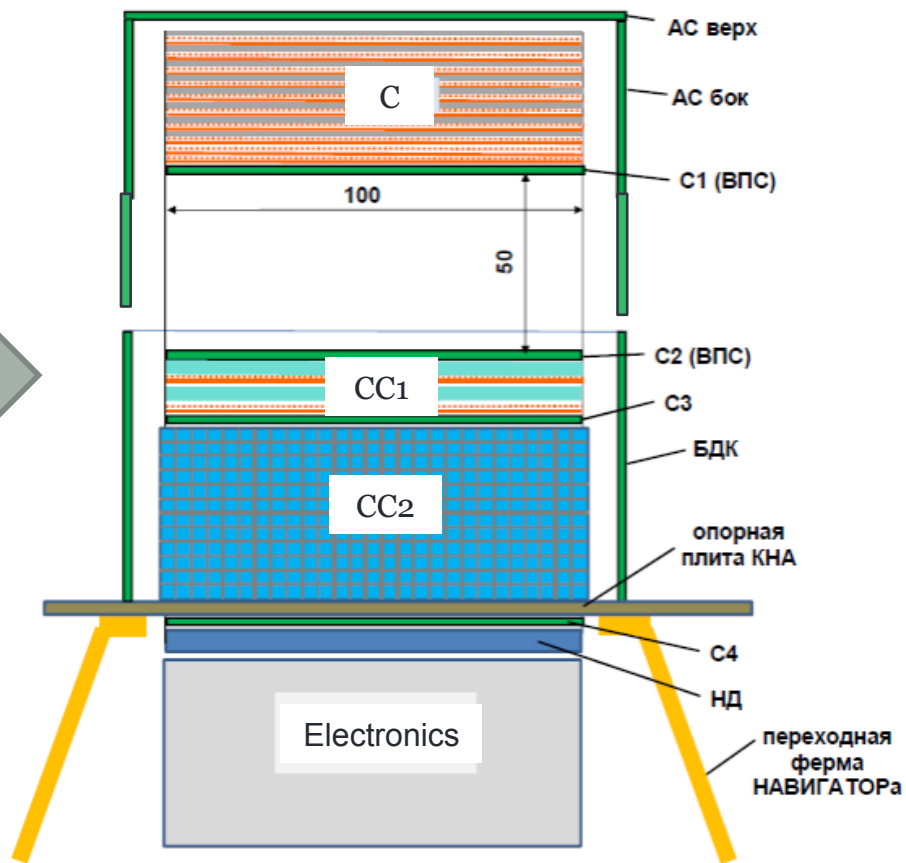
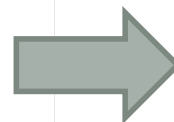
# Outline

- Origin and evolution of the project
- The apparatus
  - The converter/tracker
  - The calorimeter
- Space Requirements
- Physics with GAMMA-400
  - Photons
  - Electrons
  - Nuclei
- Conclusions

# GAMMA-400 evolution

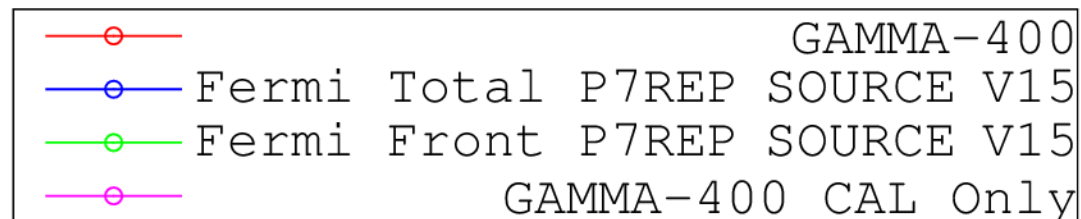
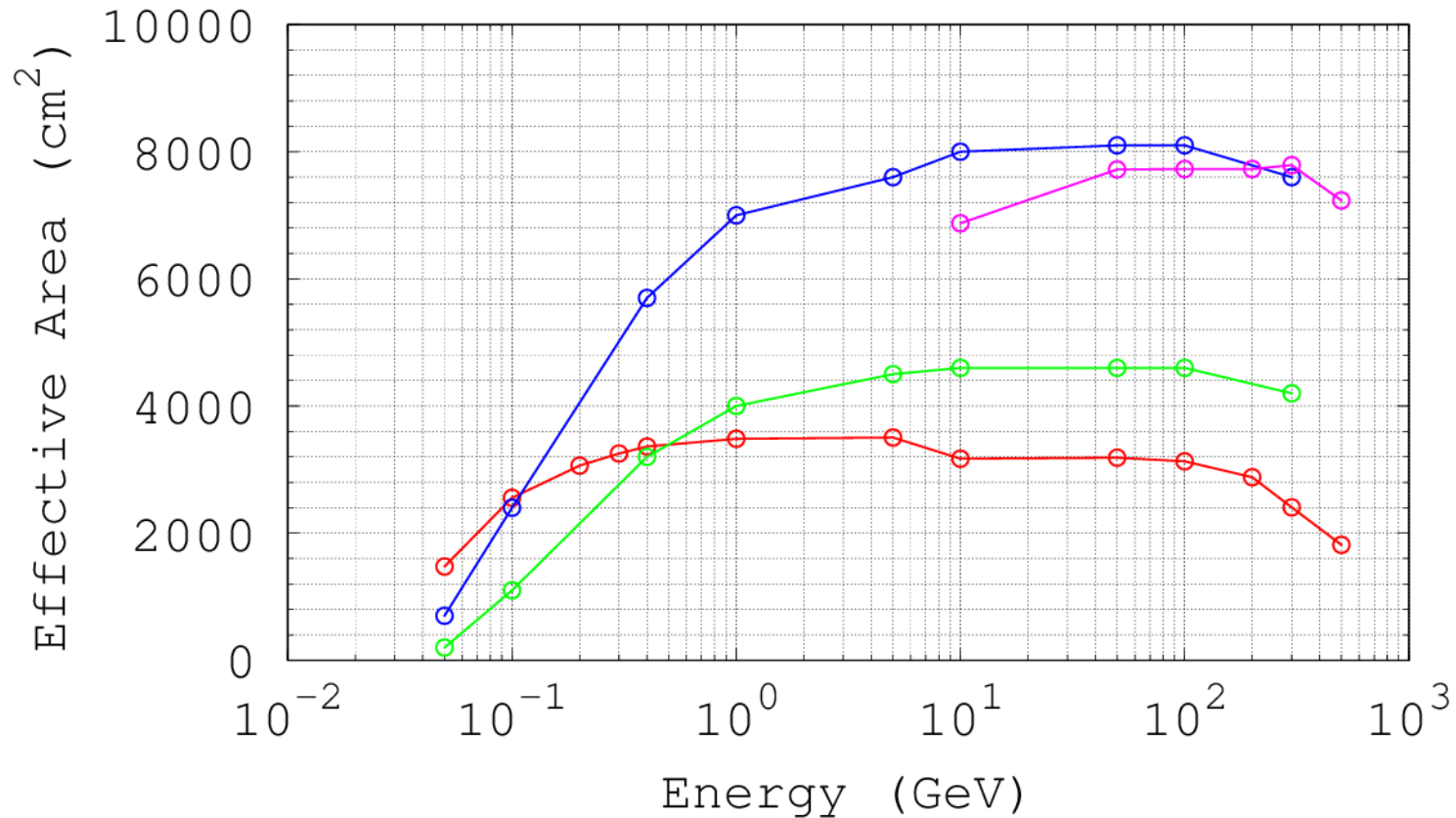


Original Russian proposal (2011)



Jointly agreed Russian-Italian proposal (2013)

# Effective area



# Fermi LAT

- Starting from the front of the instrument, the LAT tracker (TKR) has 12 layers of 3% radiation length tungsten converters (THIN or FRONT section), followed by 4 layers of 18% r.l. tungsten converters (THICK or BACK section). These sections have intrinsically different PSF due to multiple scattering, and the performance plots are presented for both of these sections.

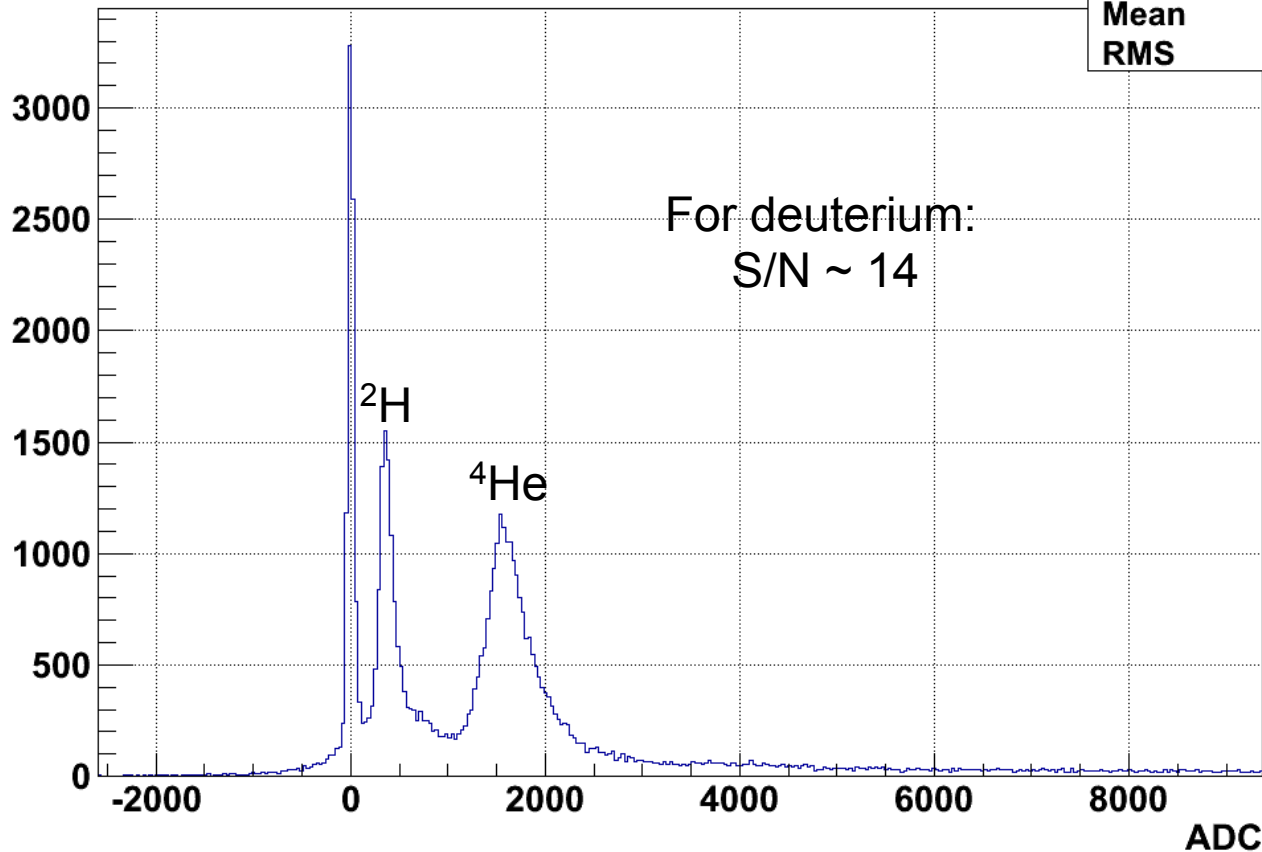
# Prototype test beam results

**CERN SPS H8 Ion Beam:  $Z/A = 1/2$ ,  
12.8 GV/c and 30 GV/c (February  
2013)**

Notice: charge information from a precise silicon Z-measuring system located in front of the prototype

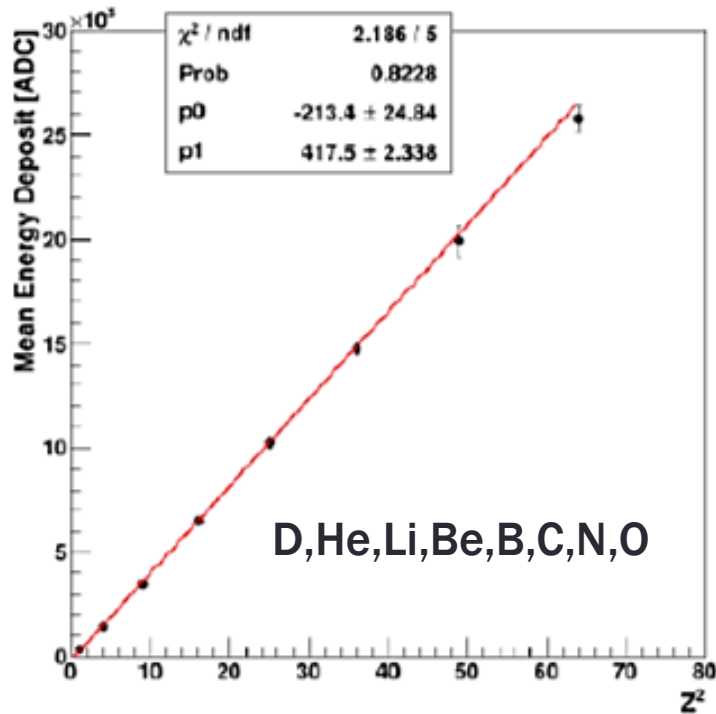
Layer 1, central cube

htemp	
Entries	65664
Mean	1561
RMS	1835

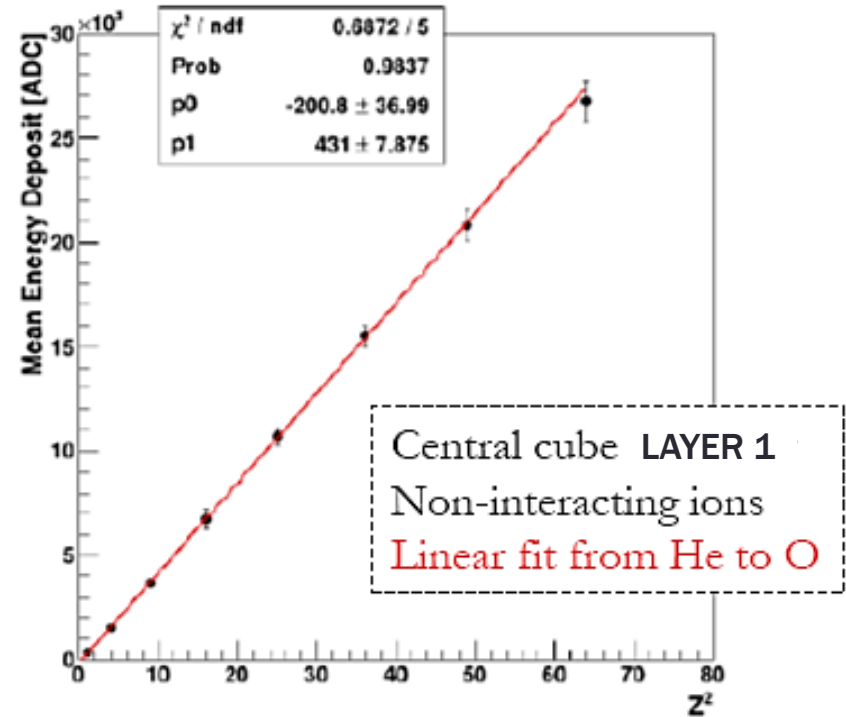


# Non interacting ions: charge linearity

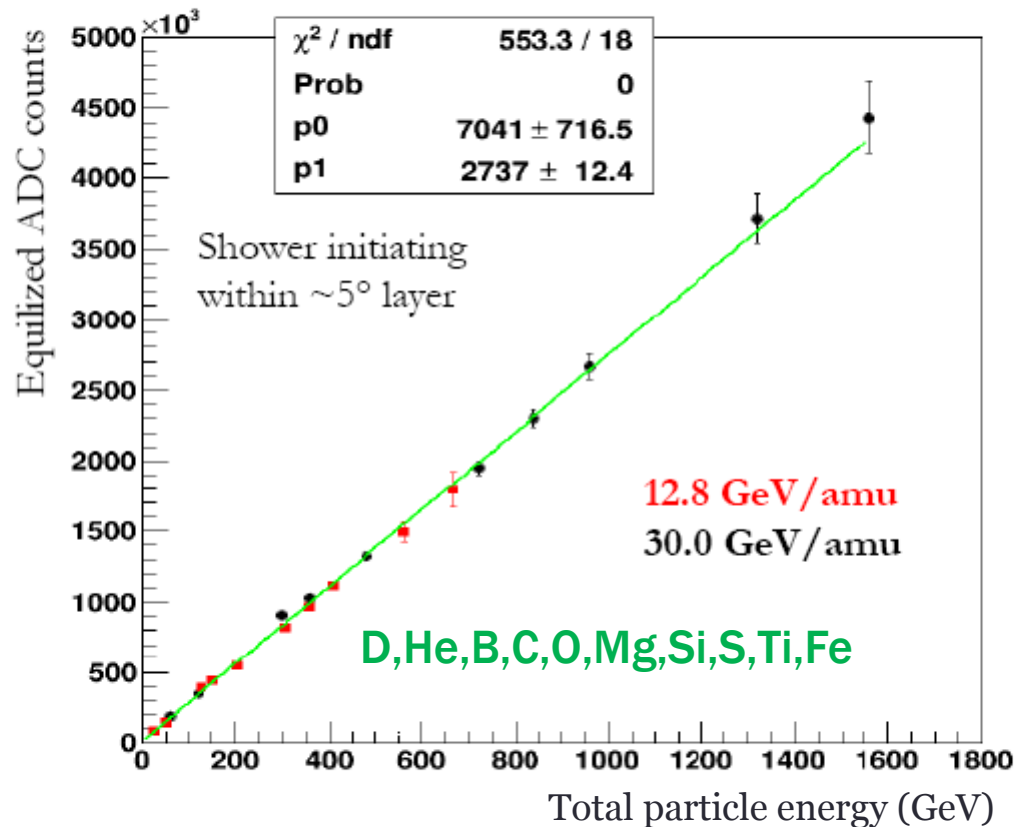
12.8 GeV/amu



30.0 GeV/amu



# Interacting ions: charge linearity



- × Charge is selected by Beam Tracker in front of the calorimeter
- × Good linearity even with just the large-area photodiode

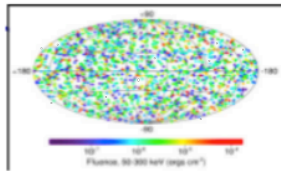
# Space qualification (I)

- Proton launcher will be used to put in orbit the instrument
- Space qualification requirements:
  - Radiation resistance
    - Total dose
    - Single Event Effects
  - Mechanical stresses
    - Static linear acceleration
    - Resonance frequencies/Sinusoidal vibrations
    - Random vibration with Spectral Power Density
    - Shocks
  - Thermal environment
  - Electromagnetic compatibility
    - EMC
    - EMI

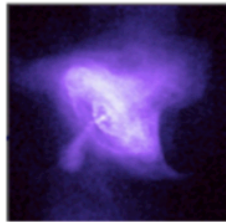


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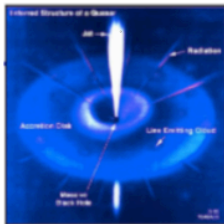
Galactic/  
Extragalactic  
gamma-ray  
sources



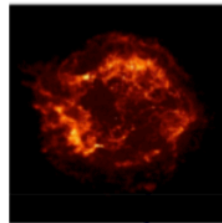
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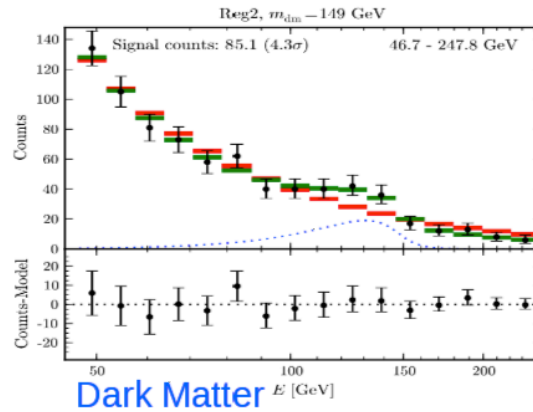
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AGNs

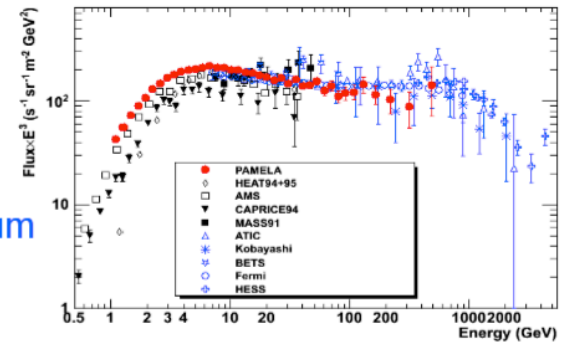


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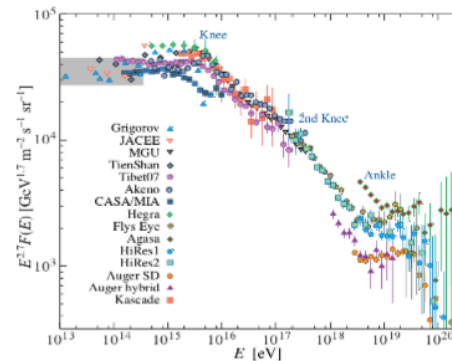
Dark Matter

CR propagation



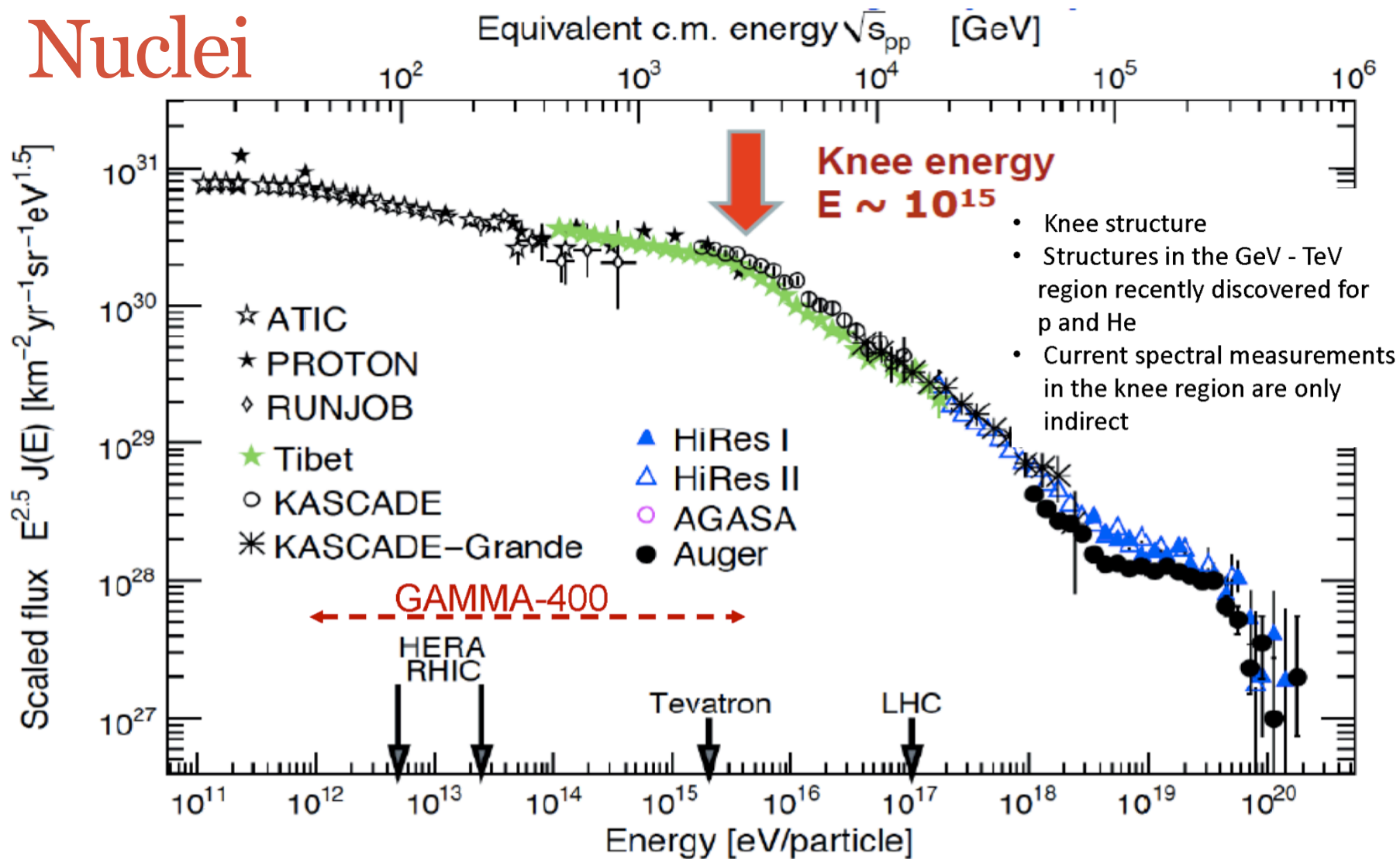
Electron spectrum

Knee origin



CR origin and  
acceleration  
mechanisms

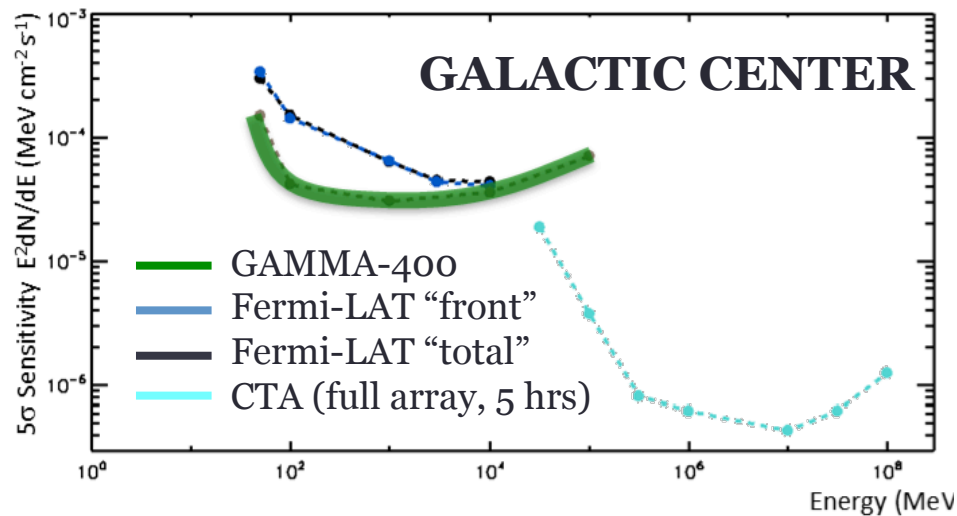
# Nuclei



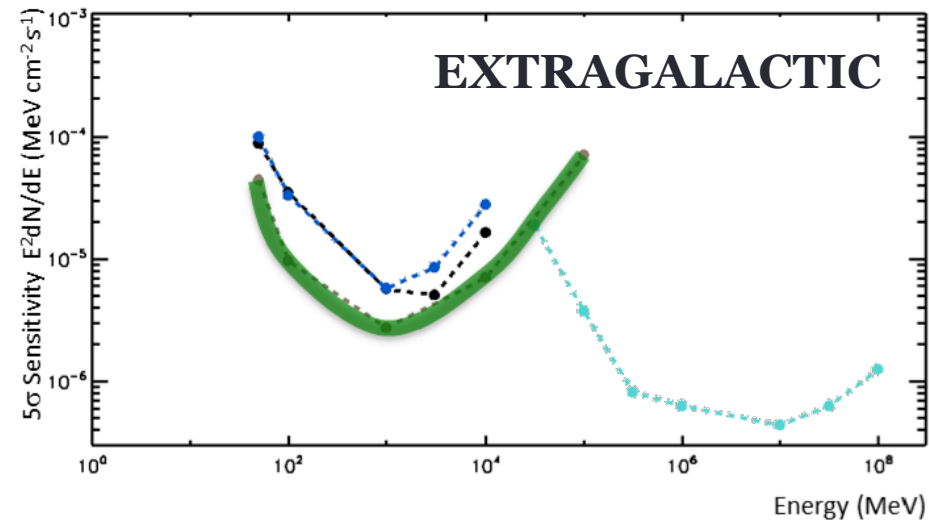
# GAMMA-400 performances: sensitivity

*Simulated point source sensitivity ( $5\sigma$ ) for different background conditions (30 days integration time, 30 degrees off-axis)*

30 days – ( $\text{Eff}_G=1, \text{Eff}_F=1/6$ ) \_ Gal Centre Sensitivity



30 days – ( $\text{Eff}_G=1, \text{Eff}_F=1/6$ ) \_ Extra-Gal Sensitivity



- Gamma-ray sensitivity better than Fermi-LAT for point sources (pointing w/o Earth occultation)
- Space instrument complementary to next generation TeV ground detectors (CTA, HAWC) for the next decade

## Comparison of the main parameters for GAMMA-400 and Fermi-LAT

	<b>Fermi-LAT</b>	<b>GAMMA-400</b>
Orbit	circular, 565 km	1. Elliptical, 500-300,000 km 2. Semi-circular, 200,000 km
Energy range	20 MeV - 300 GeV	100 MeV – 3 TeV
Effective area ( $E_\gamma > 1$ GeV)	~ 8000 cm <sup>2</sup> (Fermi total) ~ 4300 cm <sup>2</sup> (Fermi front)	~ 3800 cm <sup>2</sup>
Coordinate detectors	Digital Si strips (pitch 0.23 mm)	Analog Si strips (pitch 0.08 mm)
Angular resolution ( $E_\gamma \geq 100$ GeV)	~ 0.1°	~ 0.01°
Calorimeter - thickness	CsI ~ 8.5X <sub>0</sub>	CsI(Tl)+Si strips ~ 25X <sub>0</sub>
Energy resolution ( $E_\gamma \geq 100$ GeV)	~ 10%	~ 1%
Proton rejection coefficient	~ 10 <sup>4</sup>	~ 10 <sup>5</sup>
Mass	2800 kg	4100 kg
Downlink capability	15 GB/day	100 GB/day

# COMPARISON OF BASIC PARAMETERS OF OPERATED, EXISTING, AND PLANNED SPACE-BASED AND GROUND-BASED INSTRUMENTS

	SPACE-BASED INSTRUMENTS					GROUND-BASED GAMMA-RAY FACILITIES			
	EGRET	AGILE	Fermi-LAT	CALET	GAMMA-400	H.E.S.S.-II	MAGIC	VERITAS	CTA
Operation period	1991-2000	2007-	2008-	2014	2019	2012-	2009-	2007-	2018
Energy range, GeV	0.03-30	0.03-50	0.02-300	10-10000	0.1-10000	> 30	> 50	> 100	> 20
Angular resolution ( $E_\gamma > 100$ GeV)	0.2° ( $E_\gamma \sim 0.5$ GeV)	0.1° ( $E_\gamma \sim 1$ GeV)	0.1°	0.1°	~0.01°	0.07°	0.07° ( $E_\gamma = 300$ GeV)	0.1°	0.1° ( $E_\gamma = 100$ GeV) 0.03° ( $E_\gamma = 10$ TeV)
Energy resolution ( $E_\gamma > 100$ GeV)	15% ( $E_\gamma \sim 0.5$ GeV)	50% ( $E_\gamma \sim 1$ GeV)	10%	2%	~1%	15%	20% ( $E_\gamma = 100$ GeV) 15% ( $E_\gamma = 1$ TeV)	15%	20% ( $E_\gamma = 100$ GeV) 5% ( $E_\gamma = 10$ TeV)

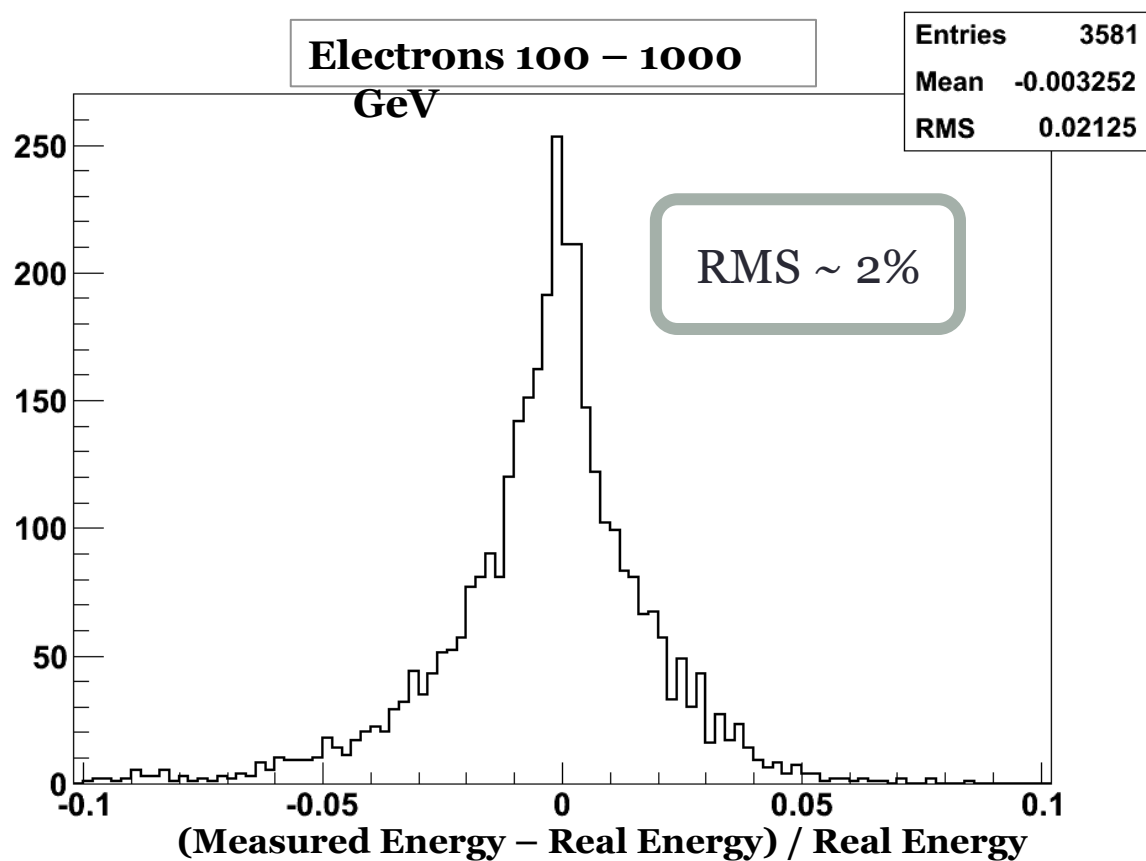
# B2: Electron count estimation

Experiment	Duration	GF (m <sup>2</sup> sr)	Calo $\sigma(E)/E$	Calo depth	e/p rejection factor	E>0.5 TeV	E>1 TeV	E>2 TeV	E>4 TeV
CALET	5 y	0.12	~2%	30 X <sub>0</sub>	10 <sup>5</sup>	7982	1527	238	25
AMS02	10 y	0.5	~2%	16 X <sub>0</sub>	10 <sup>3</sup>	66515	12726	1986	211
ATIC	30 d	0.25	~2%	18 X <sub>0</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup>	273	52	8	1
FERMI	10 y	1.6 @ 300 GeV 0.6 @ 800 GeV	~15%	8.6 X <sub>0</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup>	59864	6362	NA	NA
G400	10 y	3.9	~ 1%	25.4 X <sub>0</sub>	10 <sup>5</sup>	518819	99266	15488	1647

# Readout sensors and front-end chip

- At least **2 Photo Diodes** are necessary on each crystal to cover the whole huge dynamic range from 1 MIP to  $10^7$  MIP (in a single crystal  $E_{\max} \sim 0.1 E_{\text{tot}}$ ):
  - large-area PD  **$9.2 \times 9.2 \text{ mm}^2$**  for small signals (Excelitas **VTH2090**)
  - small-area PD  **$0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^2$**  for large signals
- Front-End electronics: a big challenge
- The **CASIS chip**, developed in Italy by INFN-Trieste, is very well suited for this purpose
  - IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 57, NO. 5, OCTOBER 2010
- 16 channels, Charge Sensitive Amplifier + Correlated Double Sampling filter and shaper
- Automatic real-time switching between low- and high-gain mode
- 2.8 mW/channel
- $3 \cdot 10^3 e^-$  noise for 100 pF input capacitance
- 53 pC maximum input charge

# Electrons: ENERGY RESOLUTION



Selection efficiency:

$$\varepsilon \sim 36\%$$

length of the shower  
at least 40 cm ( $\sim 22 X_0$ )

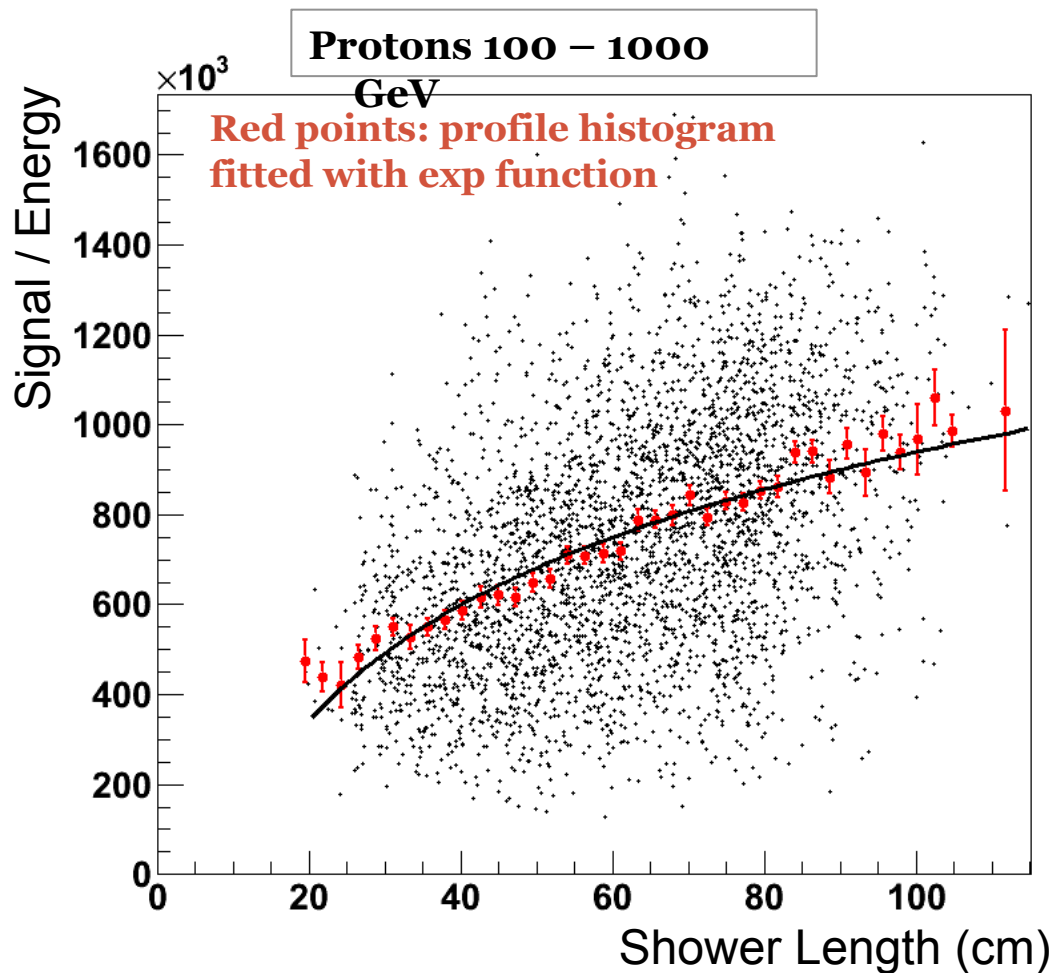
$$GF_{\text{eff}} \sim 3.4 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$$

Non-gaussian tails due to  
leakage and to energy losses in  
passive material (carbon fiber  
structure)

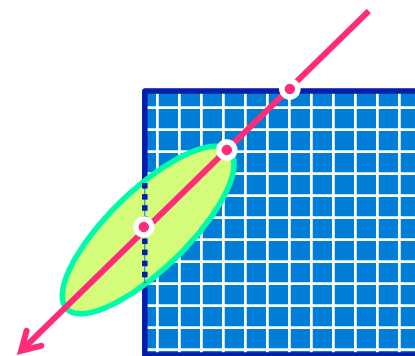
Effect of direct ionization on PD:  
 $\sim 1.7\%$  on the average value,  
negligible on the RMS



# PROTONS

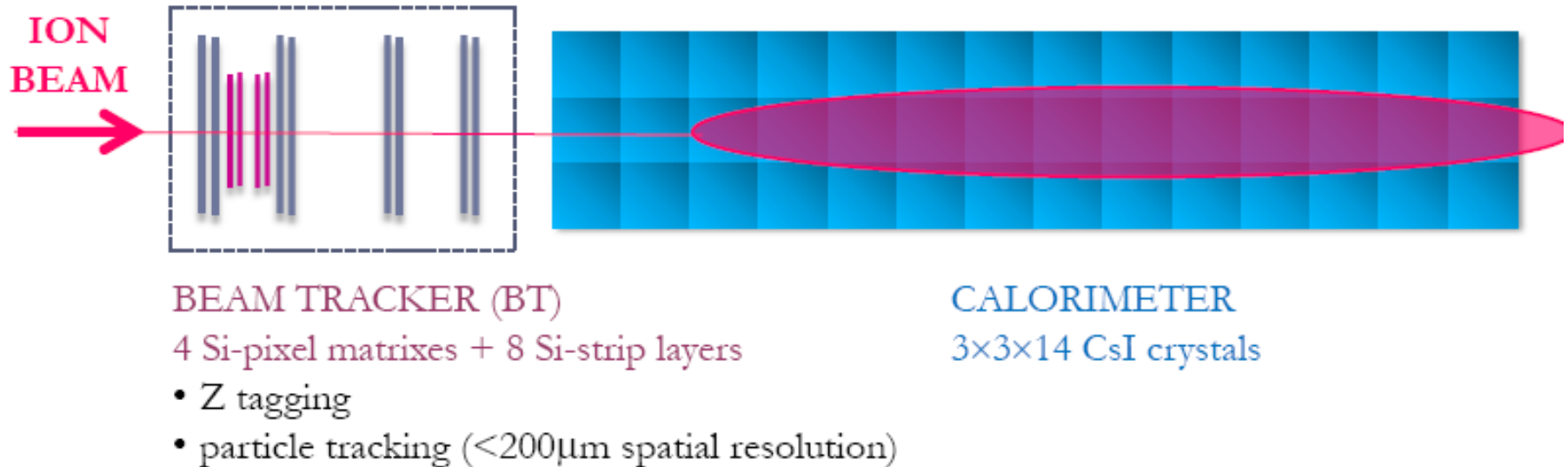


- × Shower length can be used to reconstruct energy
- × First hadronic interaction is easily accessible due to high granularity of the design



# SETUP of the test beam, Feb. 2013

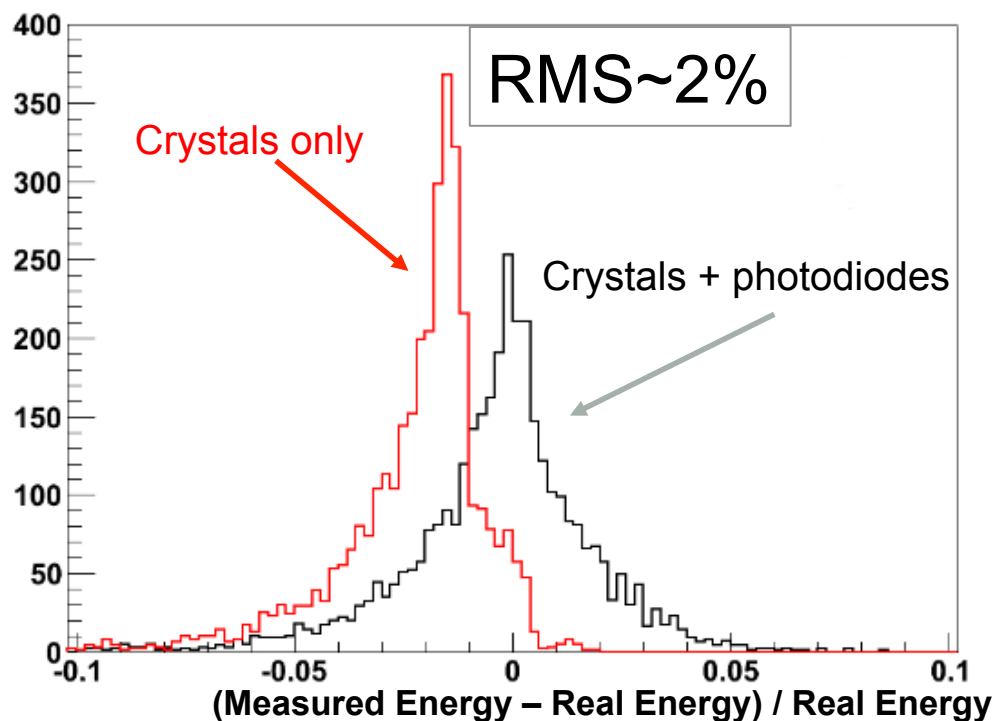
- ▶ Ion beam extracted from CERN SPS H8 line
- ▶ Primary Pb beam on Be target
- ▶ Nuclear fragments  $A/Z=2$ , from Deuterium to Iron
- ▶ Energy: **12.8** and **30.0 GeV/amu**



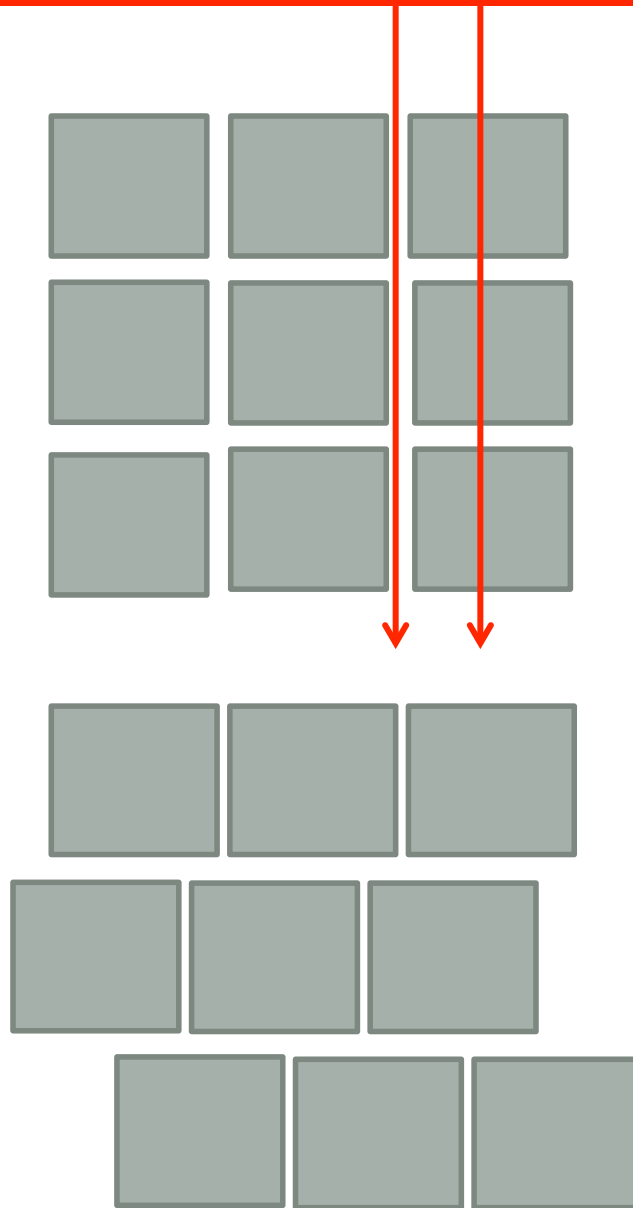
# ELECTRONS: PD DIRECT IONIZATION

Electrons 100 – 1000 GeV

Ionization effect on PD:  
1.7%

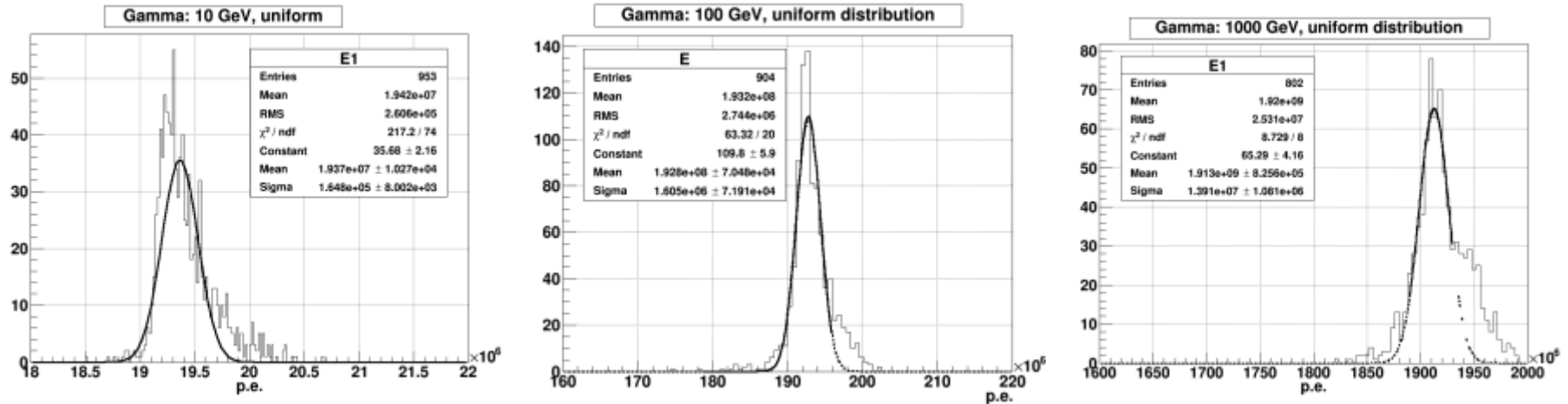


# OPTIMIZATION FOR VERTICAL GAMMAS



# VERTICAL GAMMA RAYS

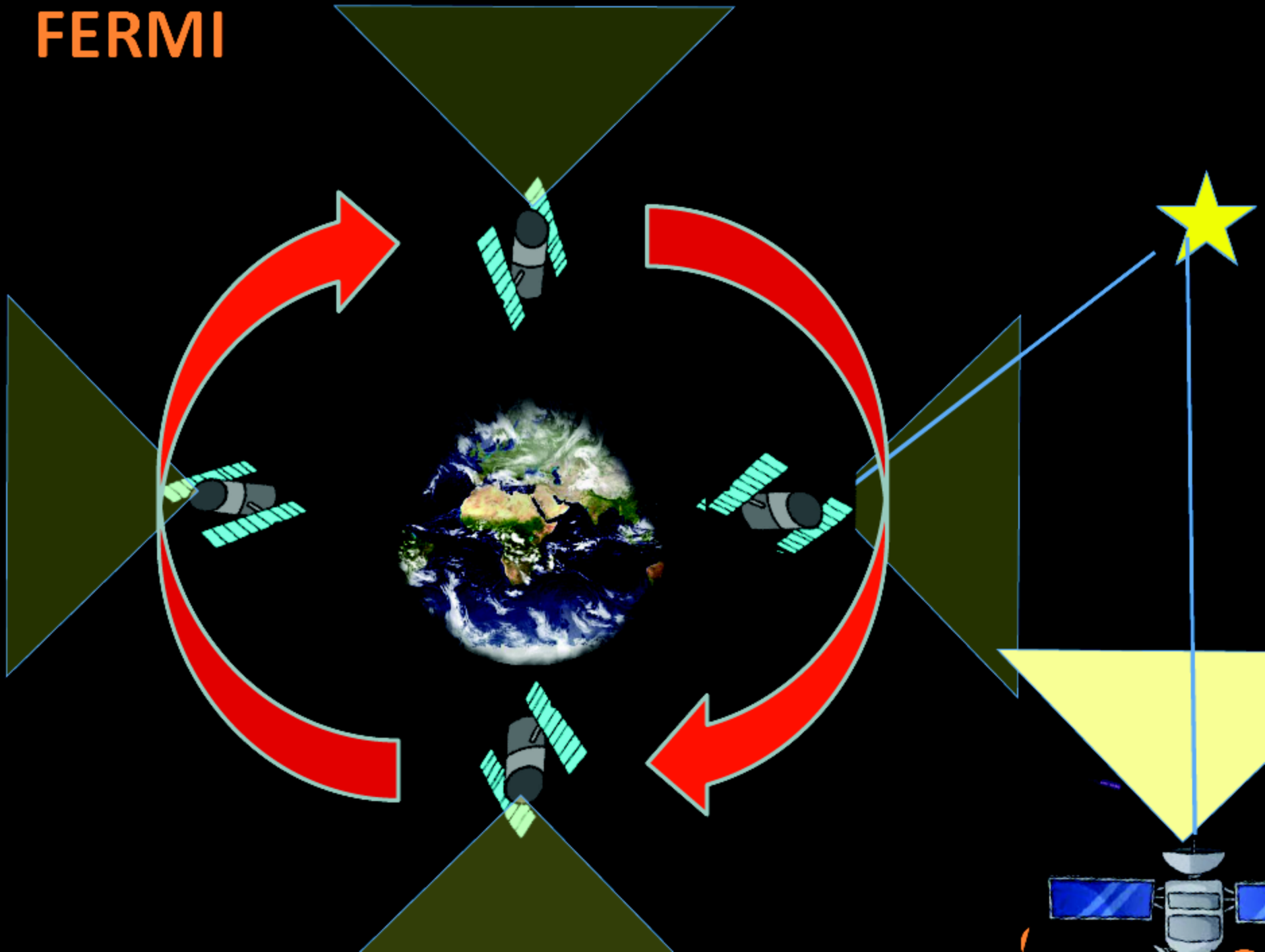
**Detector optimized for vertical gammas: 27 X 27 X 14 CRYSTALS;**  
**1 mm vertical gaps; horizontal planes shifted in x-y to avoid alignment**



*Gamma rays total signal distribution for energies: 10 GeV, 100 GeV and 1 TeV. The incident position is uniform on the top of the calorimeter.*

Gamma rays energy	Selection efficiency	Energy resolution
10 GeV	95%	0.86%
100 GeV	90%	0.83%
1 TeV	80%	0.73%

FERMI



G-400

