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Space Instrumentation for Astroparticle Physics Experiments

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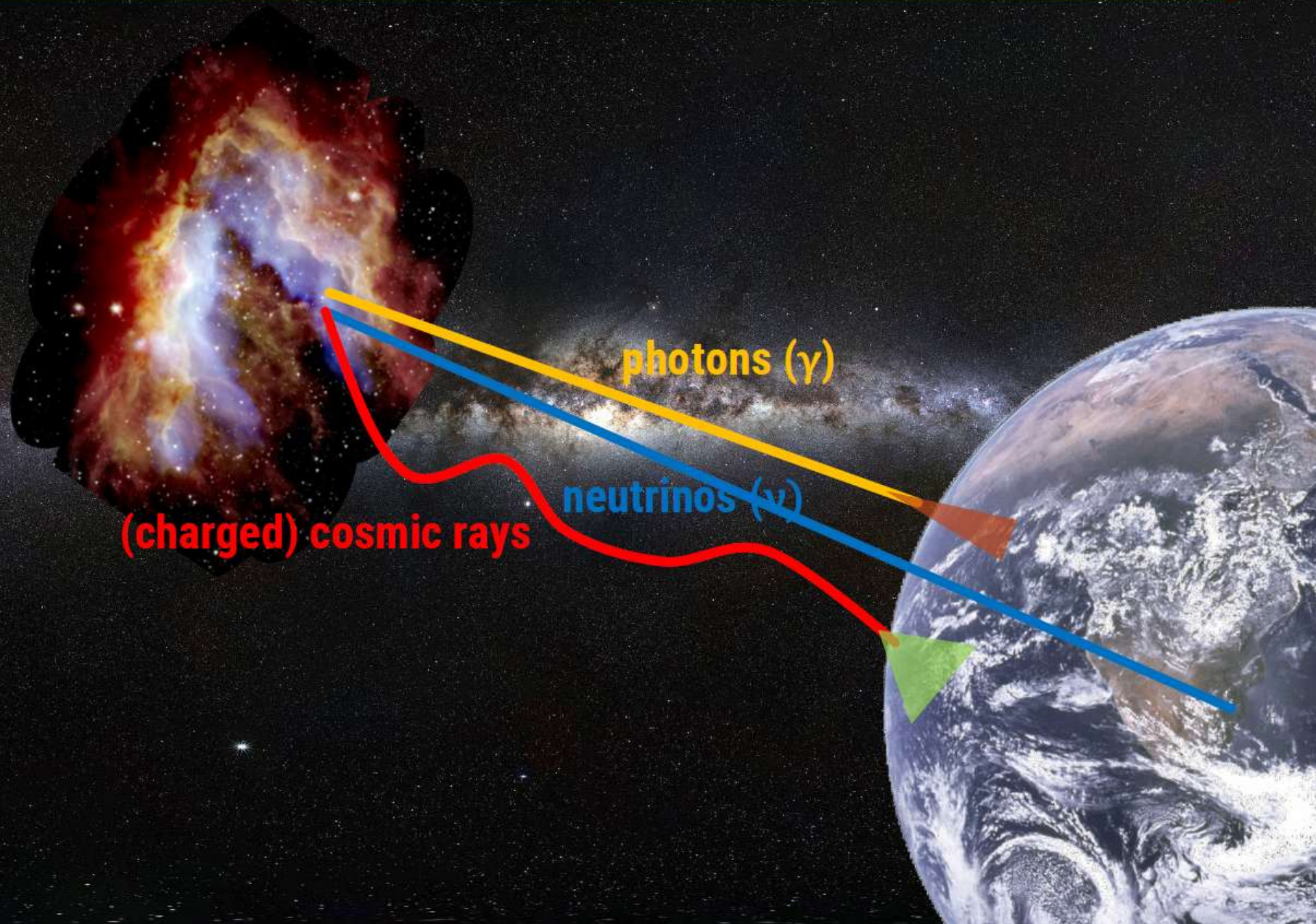


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ON INSTRUMENTATION
AND DETECTORS

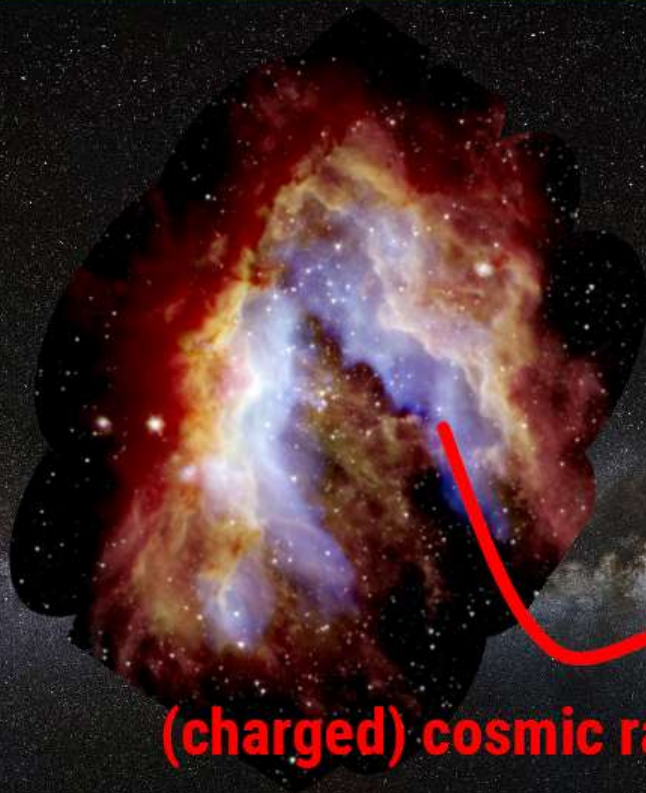


TIDPAN 2026 - Taller de Instrumentación y Detectores en Física de Partículas. Astropartículas y Nuclear

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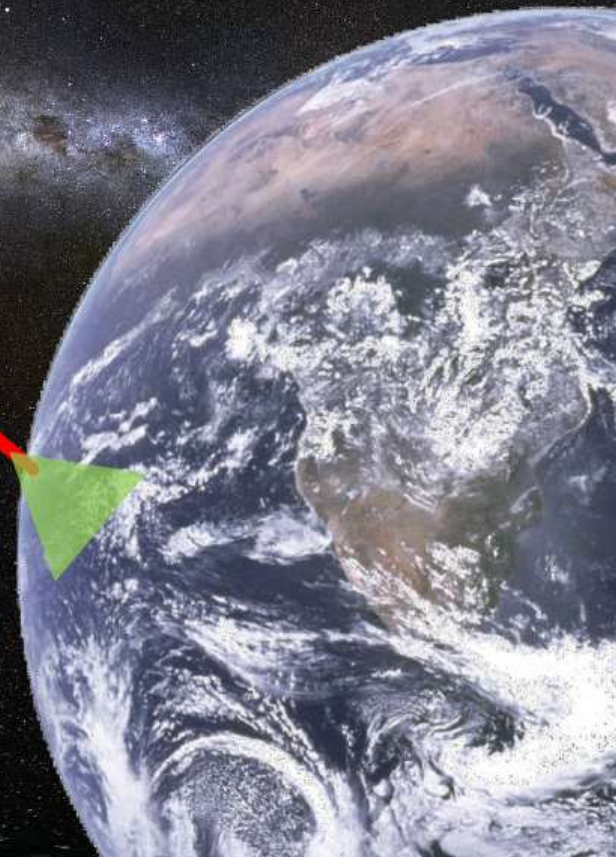


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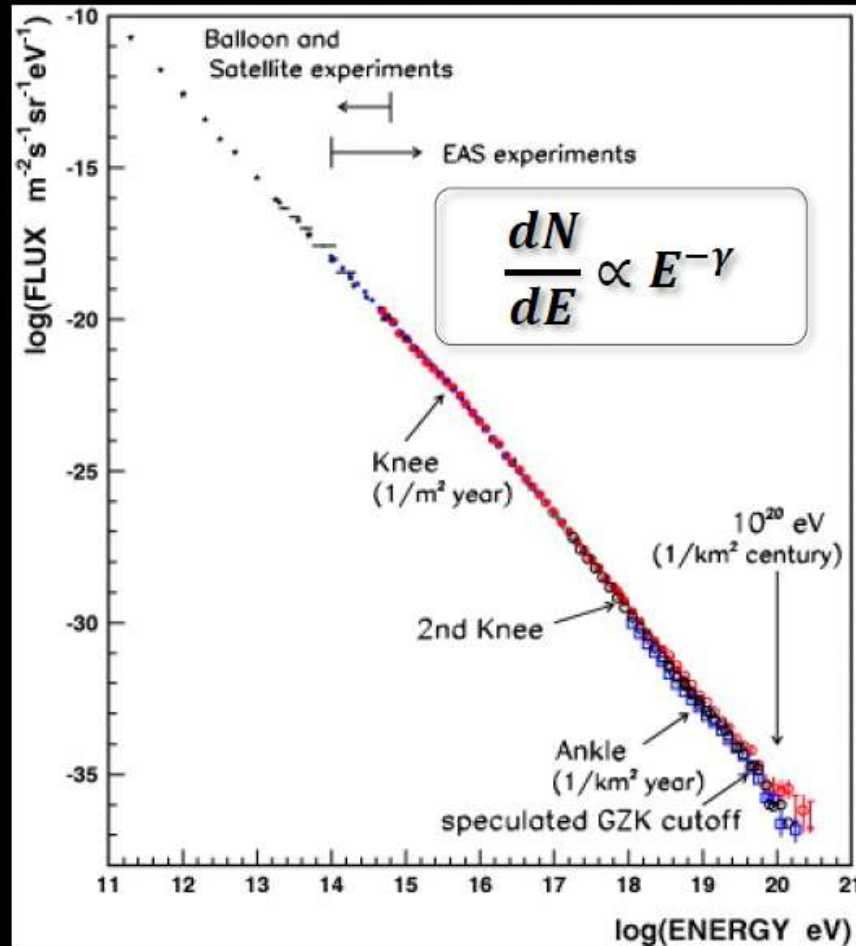


(charged) cosmic rays

- Ionized nuclei (~98%)
 - Protons (~87%)
 - Helium (~12%)
 - Heavier nuclei (~1%)
- Electrons (~2%)
- Small fraction of antimatter (e^+ , $\bar{p}$)



COSMIC RAY ENERGY SPECTRUM



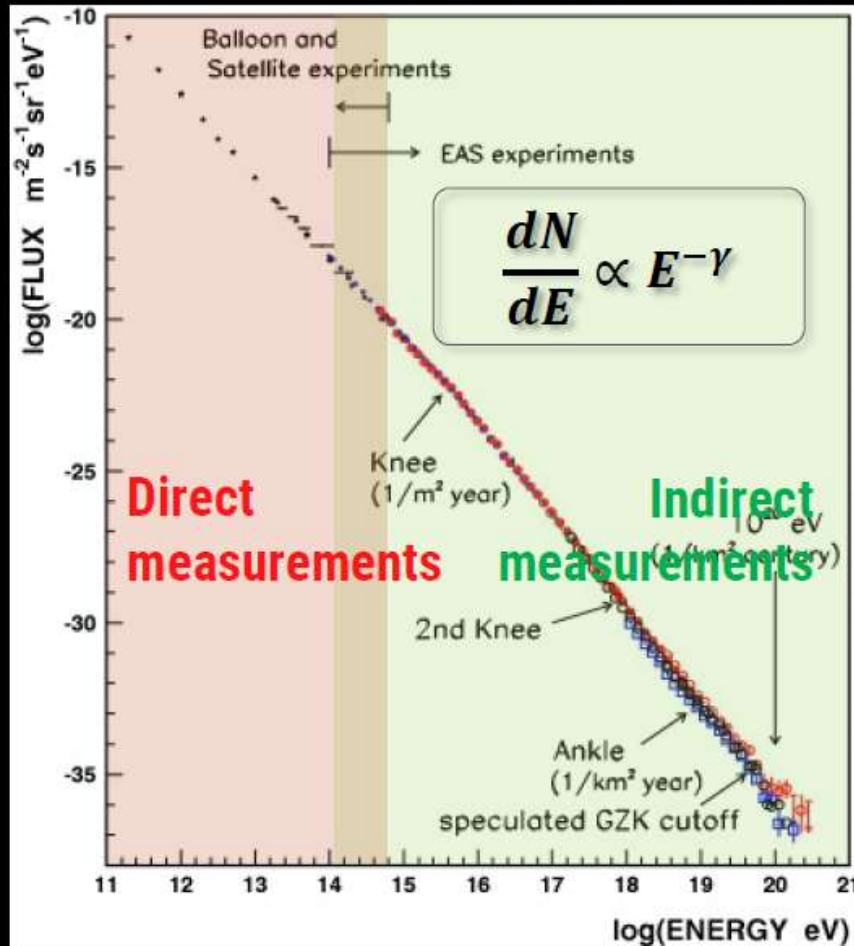
[M. Nagano, New J. Phys. 11 065012 (2009)]

- 32 orders of magnitude in **intensity**
- 14 orders of magnitude in **energy**

Changes of the spectral index:

- **Knee:** @ $\sim 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ eV/nucleon}$
 $\Rightarrow \gamma: \sim 2.7 \text{ to } \sim 3.1$
- **2nd knee:** @ $\sim 4 \times 10^{17} \text{ eV/nucleon}$
 $\Rightarrow \gamma: \sim 3.1 \text{ to } \sim 3.3$
- **Ankle:** @ $\sim 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV/nucleon}$
 $\Rightarrow \gamma: \sim 3.3 \text{ to } \sim 2.7$
- **Suppression:** @ $\sim 5 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV/nucleon}$

COSMIC RAY ENERGY SPECTRUM



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Direct measurements (space-based/balloon-borne)

- ☺ Particle identification
- ☹ Weight/size constraints: limits in the energy range

Indirect measurements (ground-based)

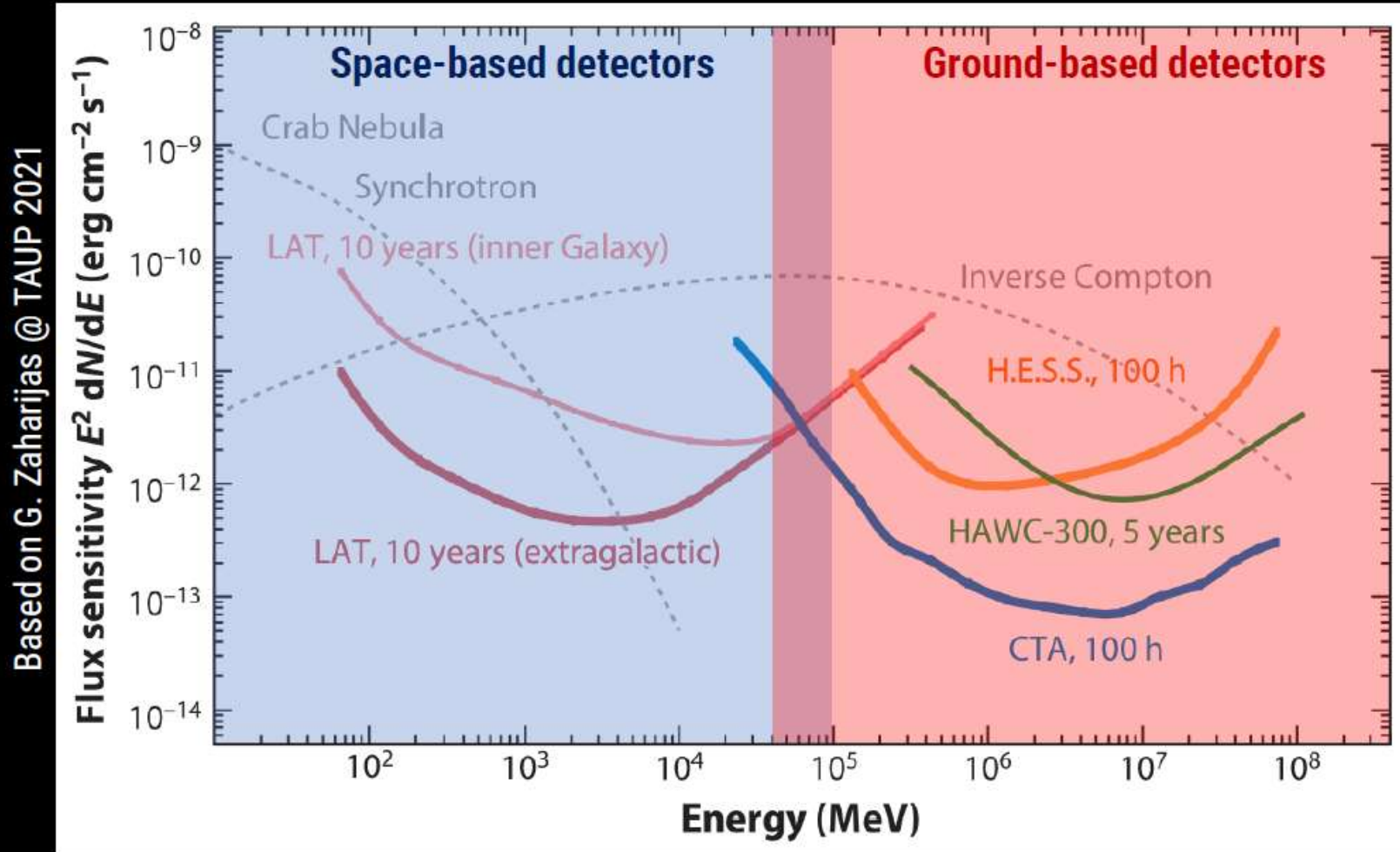
- ☺ Extended energy range
- ☹ Particle identification: dependence on models about atmospheric interactions

**DIRECT & INDIRECT MEASUREMENTS
PROVIDE COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

EXPLORING GAMMA RAYS

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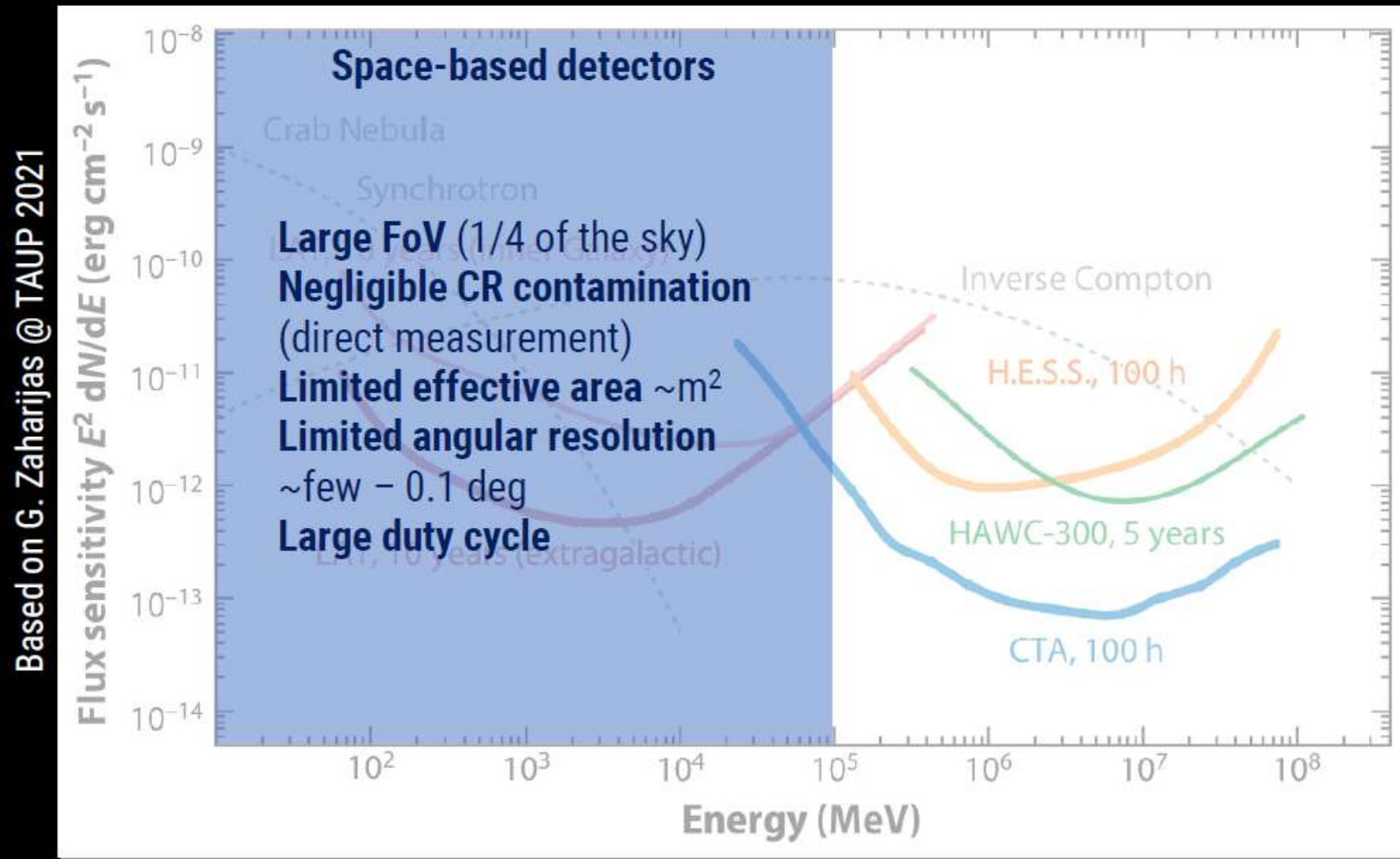
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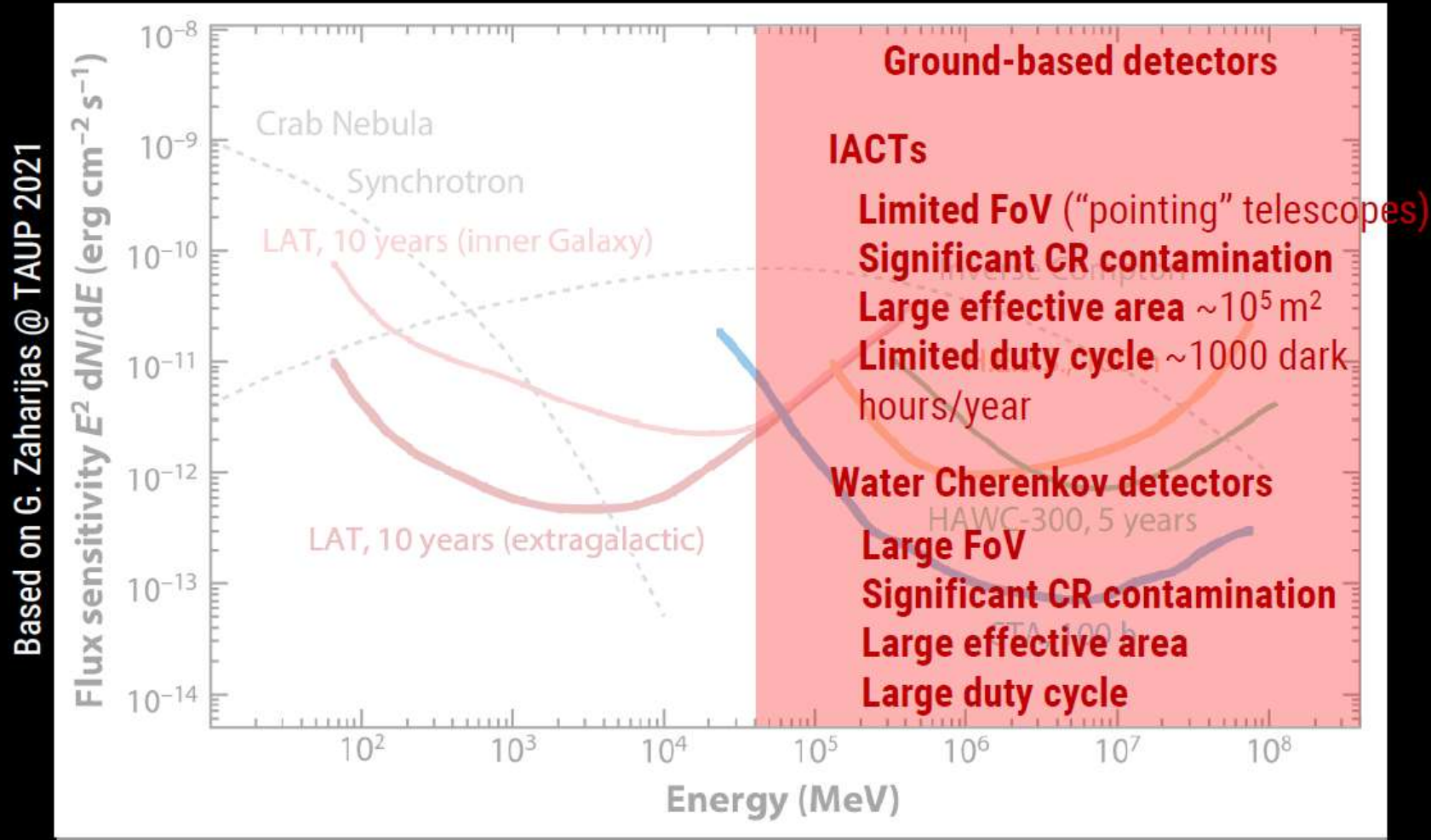
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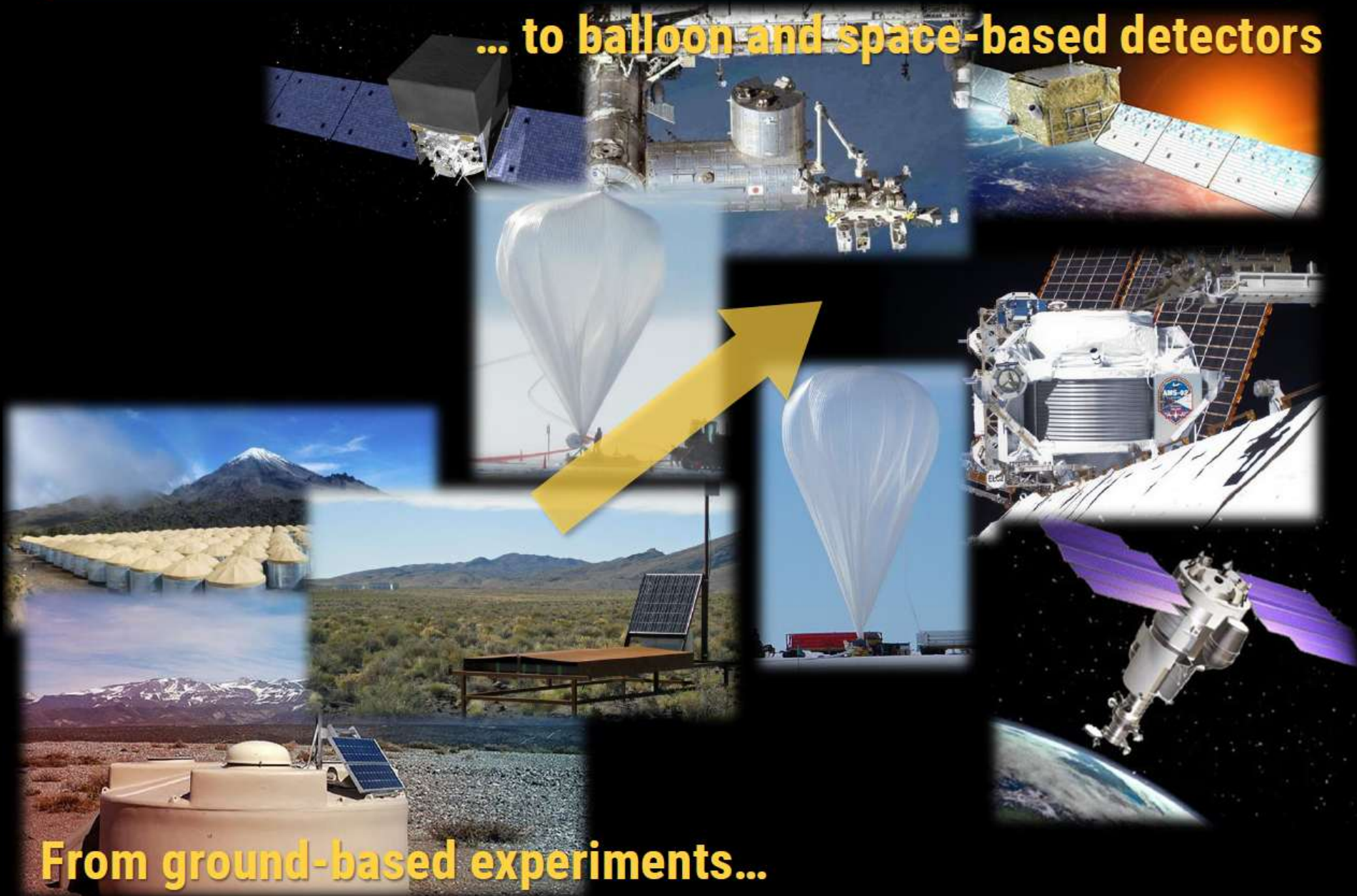
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OUTLINE: FROM GROUND... TO SPACE!

... to balloon and space-based detectors

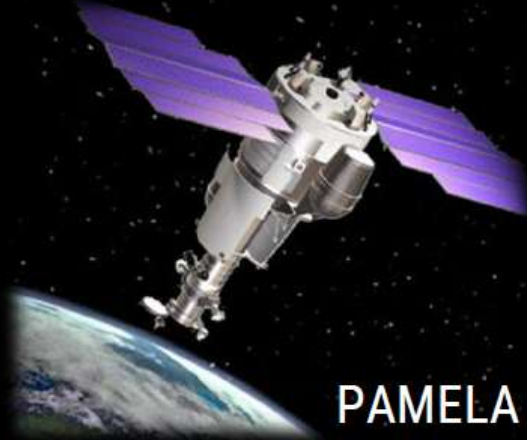


From ground-based experiments...

SPACE-BASED DETECTORS

Detection techniques

• Magnetic spectrometers



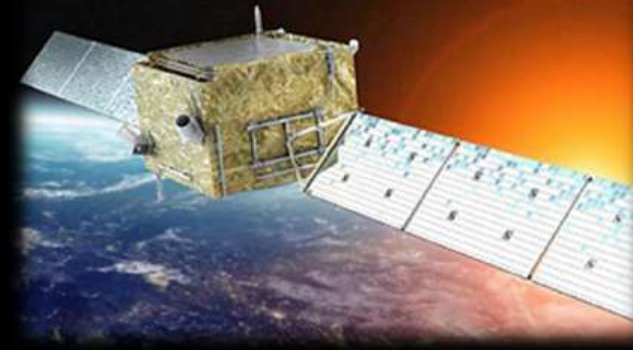
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• Calorimeters



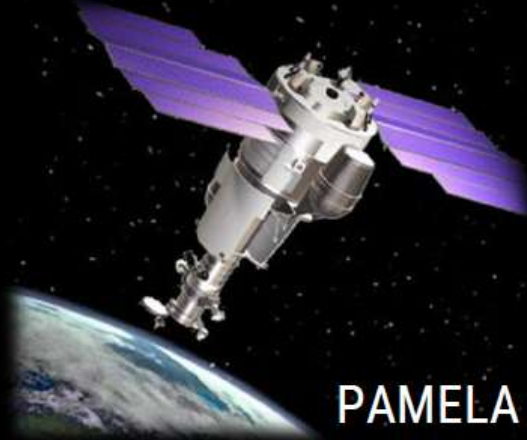
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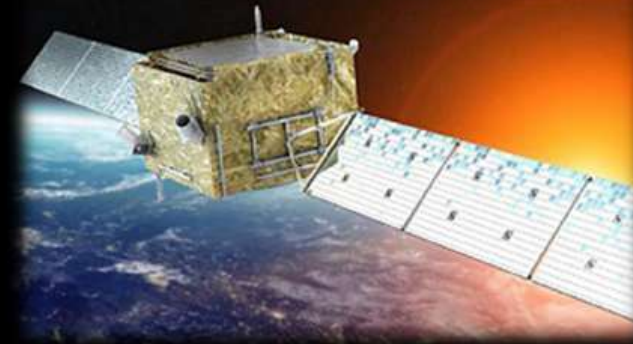
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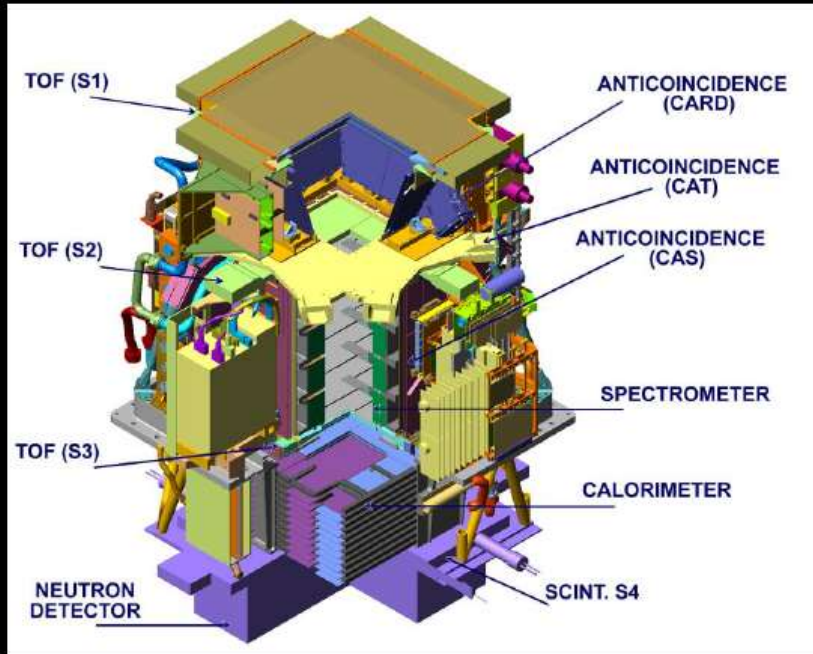
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SPACE-BASED DETECTORS

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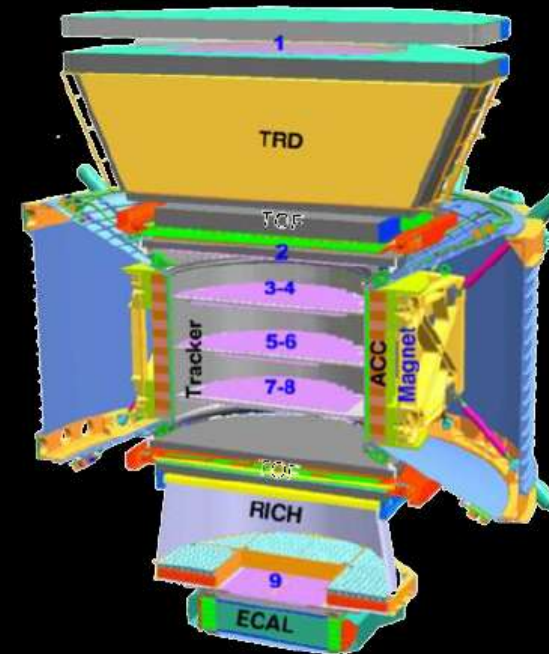
(Payload for Antimatter Matter Exploration
and Light-nuclei Astrophysics)



- Data taking: from 2006 to 2016
- Geom. Factor: $\sim 0.002 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$
- Magnetic spectrometer + Electr. Calorimeter ($16.3 X_0$)
- Energy range: up to few hundred GeV

AMS-02

(Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer)

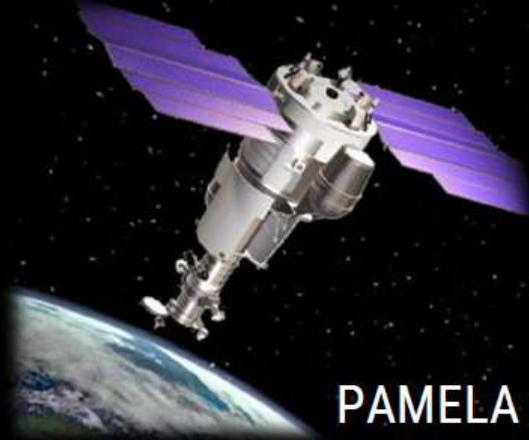


- Data taking: from 2011 (up to 2028)
- Geom. Factor: $\sim 0.5 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ (Inner)
 $\sim 0.04 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ (ECAL)
- Magnetic spectrometer + Electr. Calorimeter ($17X_0$)
- Energy range: up to few TeV

SPACE-BASED DETECTORS

Detection techniques

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PAMELA

AMS-02

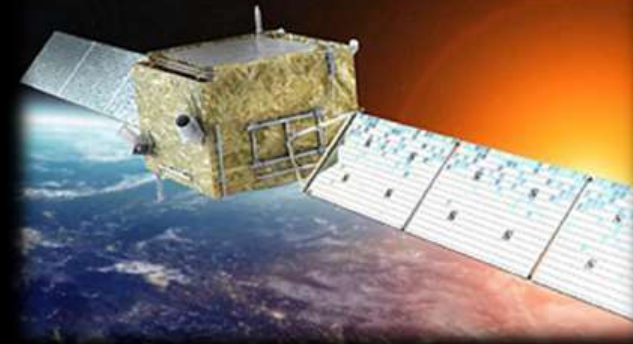


• Calorimeters •



CALET

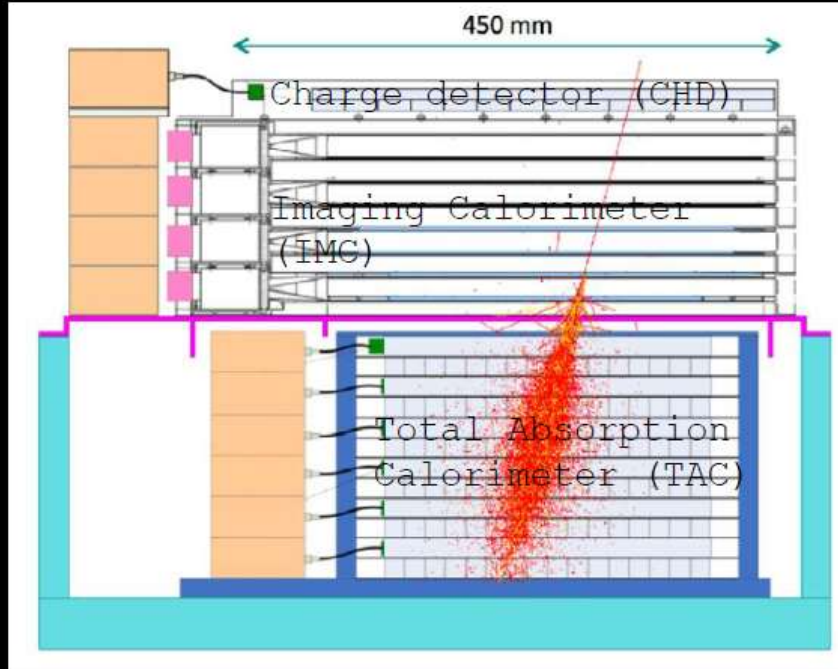
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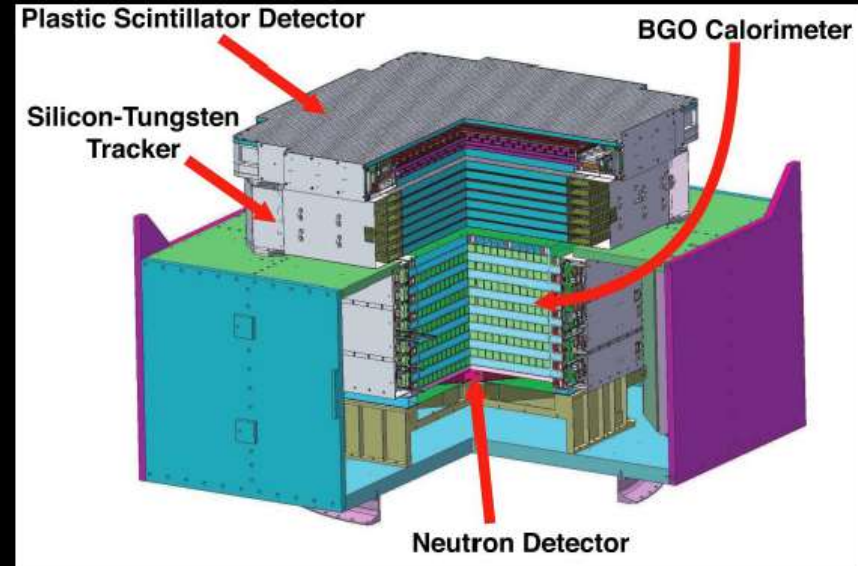
(CALorimetric Electron Telescope)



- Data taking: from 2015
- Geom. Factor: $\sim 0.1 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$
- Calorimeter ($30 X_0$)
- Energy range: up to few tens of TeV

DAMPE

(DARK Matter Particle Explorer)



- Data taking: from 2015
- Geom. Factor: $\sim 0.3 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ (e-)
- Calorimeter ($32 X_0$)
- Energy range: up to 10 TeV (e-)
up to 100 TeV (nuclei)

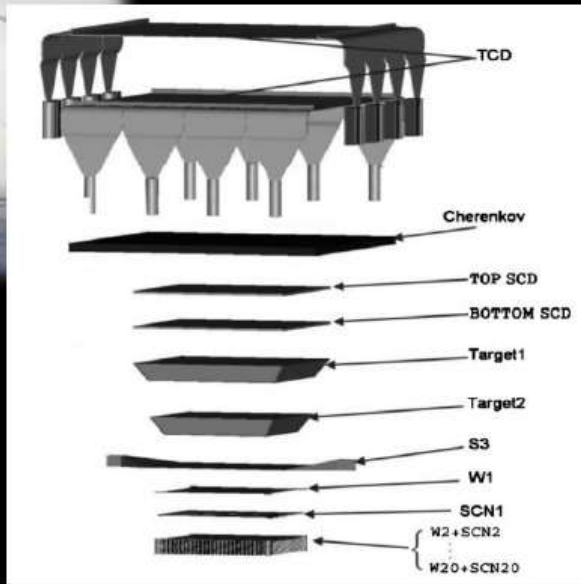
BALLOON-BORNE DETECTORS

CREAM

(Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass)



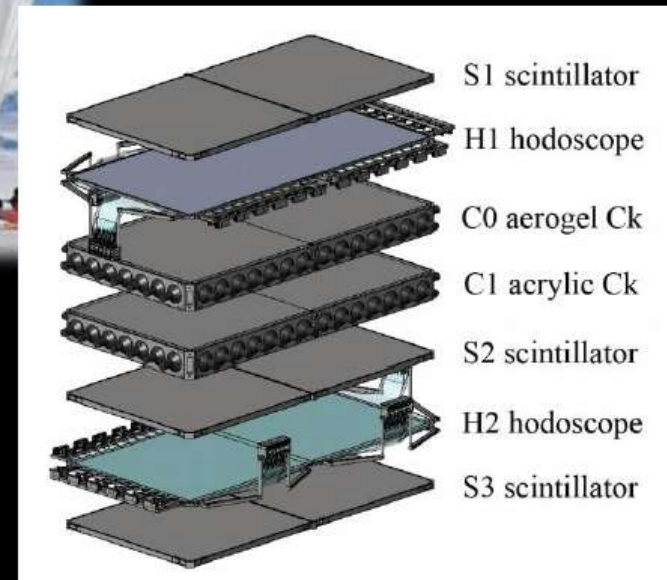
CREAM-II



- Six flights from 2004 to 2010
- Geom. Factor: $2 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ (p, He)
- Calorimeter ($20 X_0$) / TRD
- Energy range: up to 100 TeV
- Mass composition up to $Z = 28$

Super-TIGER

(Super Trans-Iron Galactic Element Recorder)



- Flight: 2012-2013 (55 days)
- Geom. Factor: $4 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$
- Energy range: $\sim 0.8 - 10 \text{ GeV/nucleon}$
- Mass composition: $10 \leq Z \leq 40$ (60)

THE NEAR FUTURE: DIRECT MEASUREMENTS

AMS-02, CALET and **DAMPE** will continue providing precise measurements on cosmic rays.
Efforts to extend the energy range of current results

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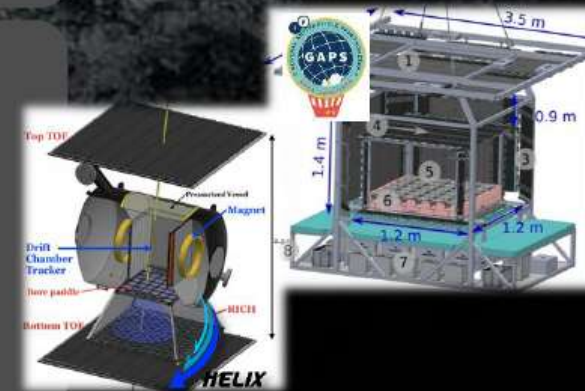
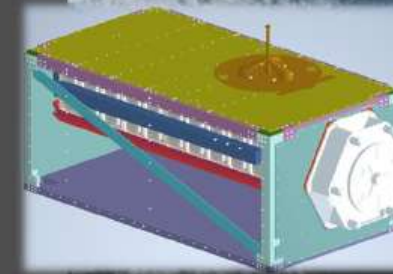
- 3D LYSO Calorimeter ($55 X_0$) + Silicon Tracker
- Energy range: up to 10 TeV ($e^\pm$) and 3 PeV (p)
- Geom. Factor : $3 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ ($e^\pm$) ; $2 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ (p)

TIGERISS at the JEM of the ISS

- Improvement of the SuperTIGER experiment
- Measurement of the charge of all GCR from ${}^5\text{B}$ to ${}_{82}\text{Pb}$ with energies greater than $\sim 0.2 \text{ GeV/nucleon}$
- Geom. Factor : $1.1 - 1.7 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$

HELIX and GAPS long duration balloon flights

- Expected in 2022
- **HELIX**: superconducting spectrometer to measure the isotopic composition up to 10 GeV/n
- **GAPS**: search for low-energy ($< 0.25 \text{ GeV/n}$) CR antinuclei using an exotic atom technique to identify antiparticles



PROJECT TIMELINE: PHASES & MILESTONES

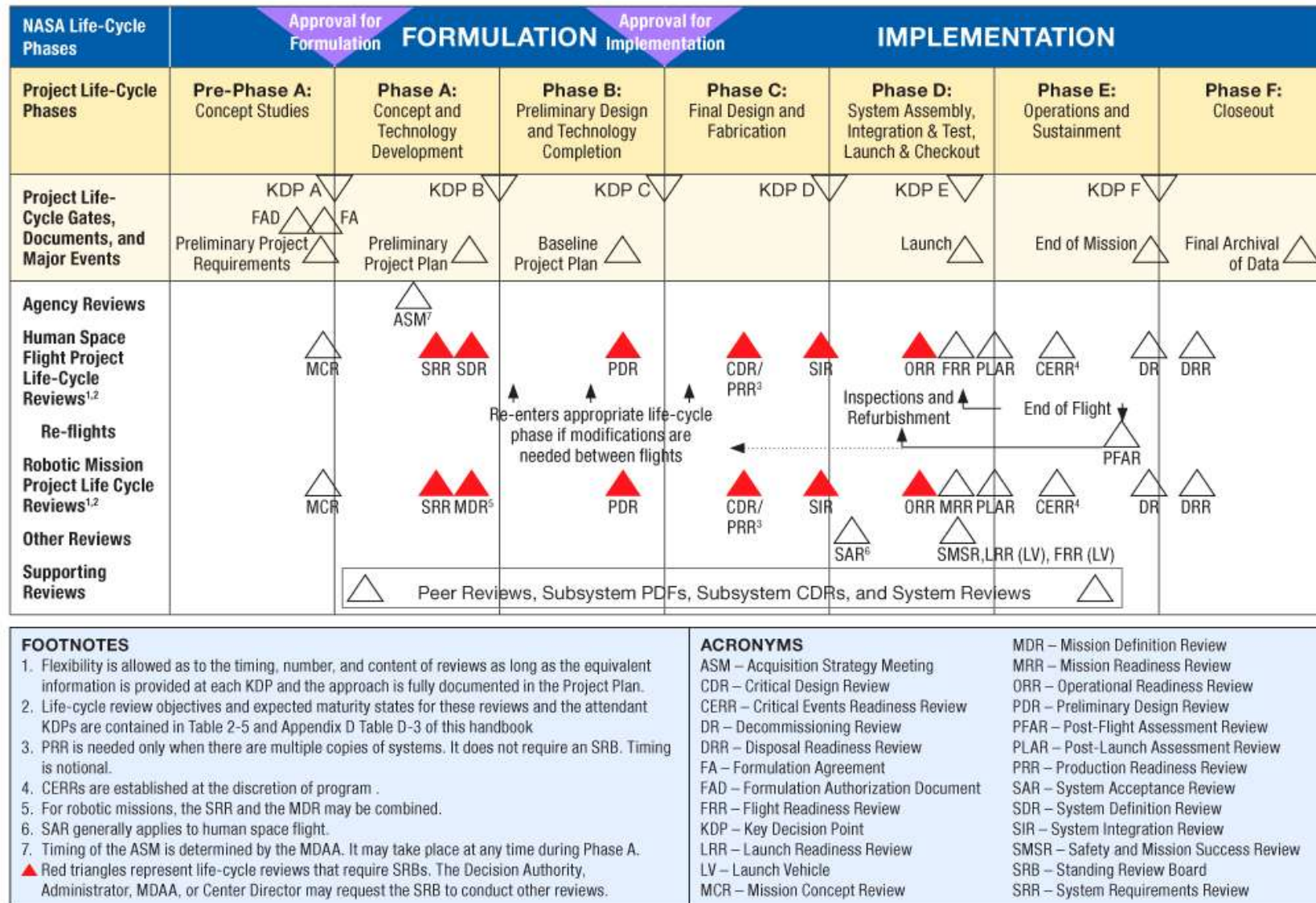


FIGURE 3.0-1 NASA Space Flight Project Life Cycle from NPR 7120.5E

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	CK SiPM Readout & Carrier Bd EDU (@ PSU)	[Gantt bar from 9/13/23 to 6/29/27]																															
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	DCB Development (@WUSTL)	[Gantt bar from 9/13/23 to 6/29/27]																															
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Funded Schedule Margin

↑ Milestones





HELIX Flight 2024

Total flight time: 6 days 8 hrs 27 min

- 125 M triggers
- Relatively smooth operation for most of the flight



HELIX Recovery

Completed in July, 2024

- Most of detectors were recovered without any damage



HELIX Upgrade (for 2028 flight)

Aiming for an Antarctic flight

Adding a single layer of silicon strip detector outrigger

- Will be installed on top of DCT with active area of $\sim 90 \times 90 \text{ cm}^2$
 - Baseline design: readout pitch of $100 \mu\text{m}$ to achieve $\sim 30 \mu\text{m}$ spatial resolution
- Expect to provide a boost to MDR
- Pathfinder/prototype for stage2 tracker (all-silicon)

Several updates on the payload from lessons learned from the previous flight

- Updates on power/HSK system

First NASA Scientific Balloon Launches from Antarctica



The GAPS experiment prepares to launch from Antarctica Rubilotta

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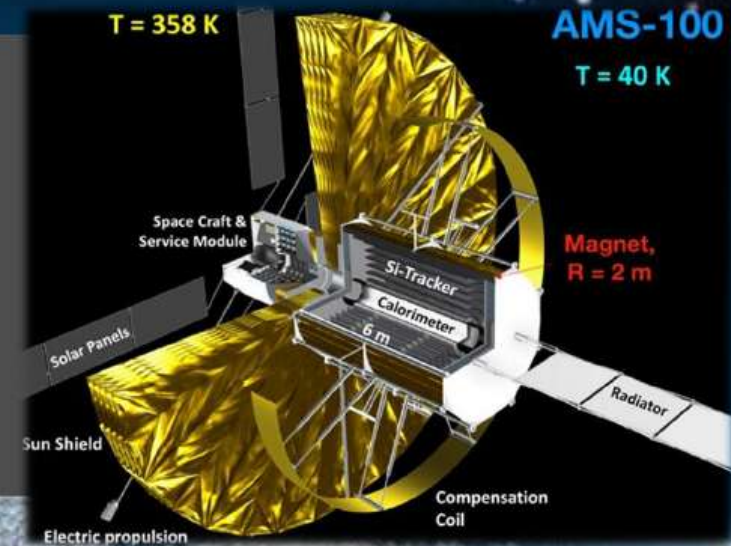
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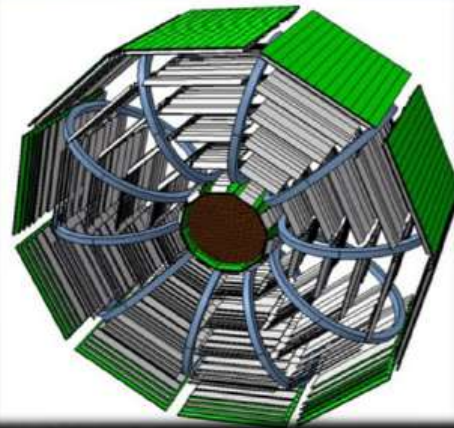
AMS-100

- Placed at the Lagrange point 2
- Geometrical acceptance $100 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$
- 1 Tesla magnetic solenoid
- Tracker, MDR = 100 TV
- Central calorimeter (reverse-collider layout) ($70 X_0$)
- Goals: e^+ , e^- , nuclei (beyond the knee), antinuclei

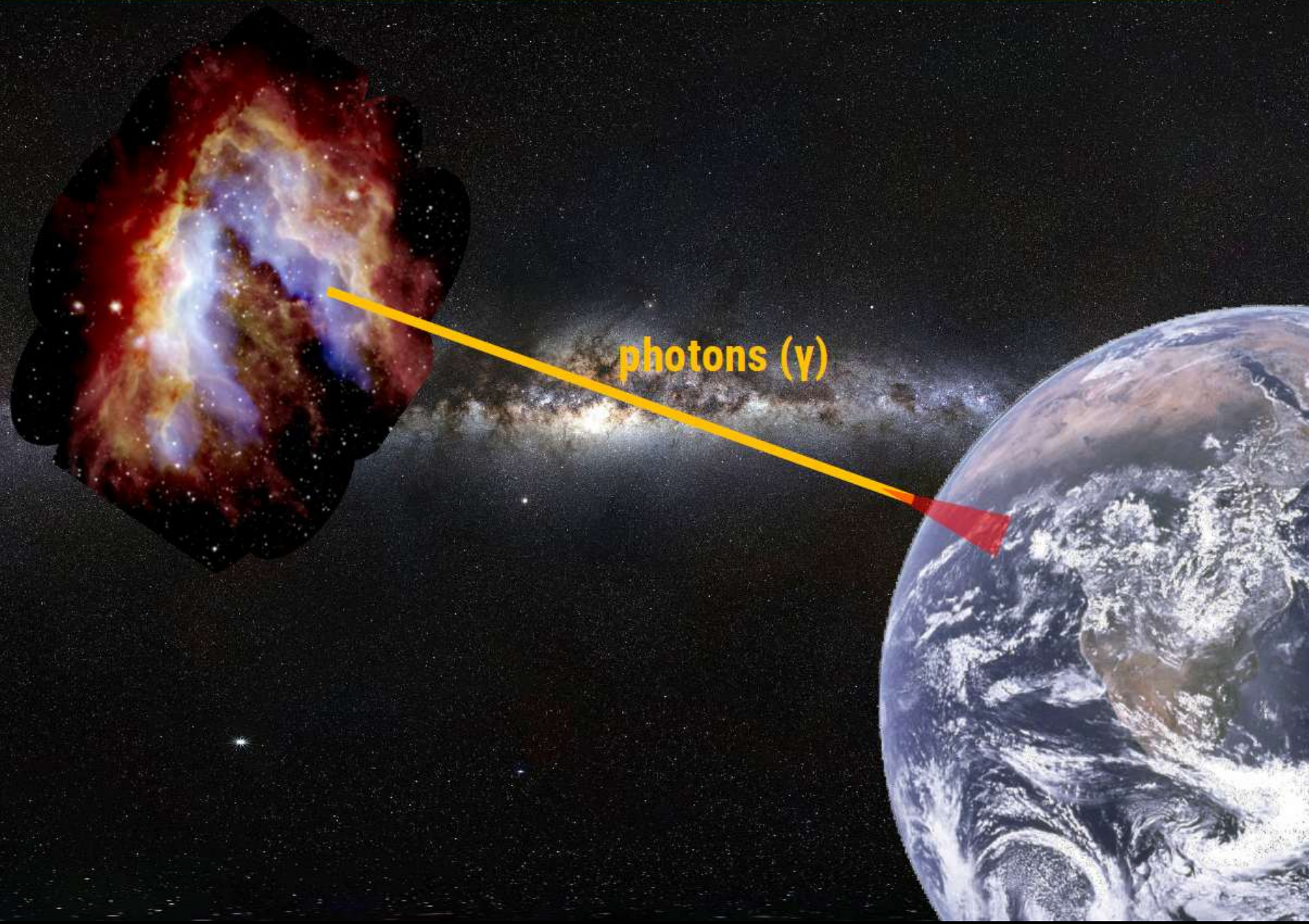


ALADInO

- Placed at the Lagrange point 2
- High Temperature Superconducting Spectrometer: MDR = 20 TV
- Hexagonal-prism 3D calorimeter
- Goals: e^+ , e^- , nuclei, antinuclei



MESSENGERS



SPACE-BASED DETECTORS

Detection techniques

Compton detectors

- Based on the **Compton scattering** of a photon inside a scintillator
- The **trajectory deviation** is then measured to reconstruct its original **direction**
- Suitable for the measurement of γ -rays in the **MeV range**, where the Compton scattering dominates

COMPTEL detector of the NASA's CGRO experiment



IBIS detector of the ESA's INTEGRAL experiment



SPACE-BASED DETECTORS

Detection techniques

Pair production detectors

- A photon passing near a nucleus has a probability to **produce an electron-positron pair** if its energy is at least twice the rest mass of the electron
- A pair production detector consists of a **tracker** with several layers to promote the **conversion** and measure the **incoming direction** of the photon
- Suitable for the measurement of photons with energies **above few tens of MeV**

EGRET detector of the NASA's CGRO experiment



AGILE's ASI experiment



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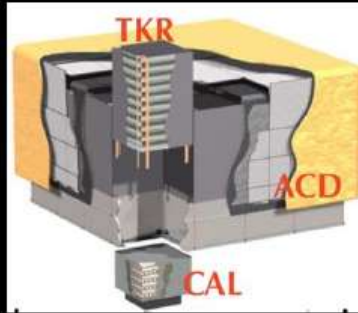
Detection techniques

Pair production detectors: Fermi

Fermi Gamma Ray Space Telescope (NASA)



Large Area Telescope (LAT)



- Geom. acceptance: $\sim 0.95 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$
- Pair conversion telescope
- Calorimeter ($8.6 X_0$)
- Energy range: up to few TeV

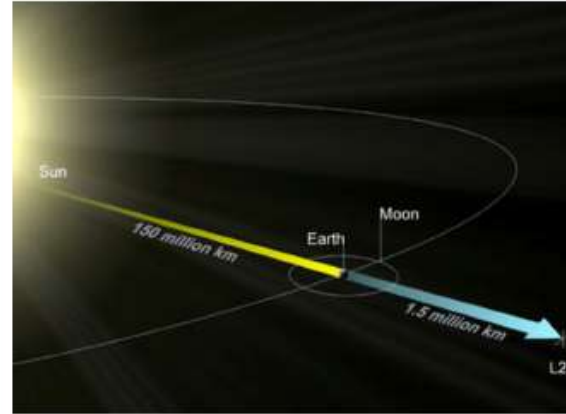
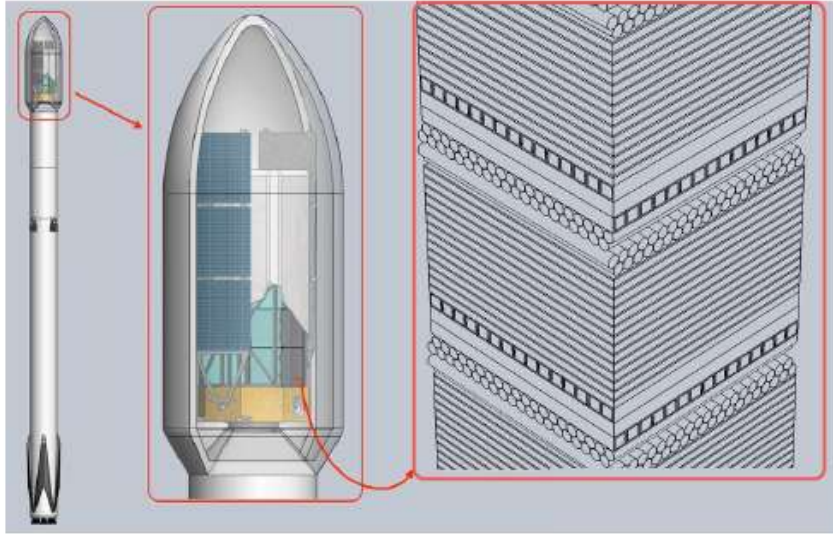
Gamma-Ray Burst Monitor (GBM)



- Detection and quick alert of GRBs
- 12 NaI and 2 BGO scintillator detectors
- Energy range: 8 keV to 40 MeV

~~THE NEAR FUTURE~~: DIRECT MEASUREMENTS

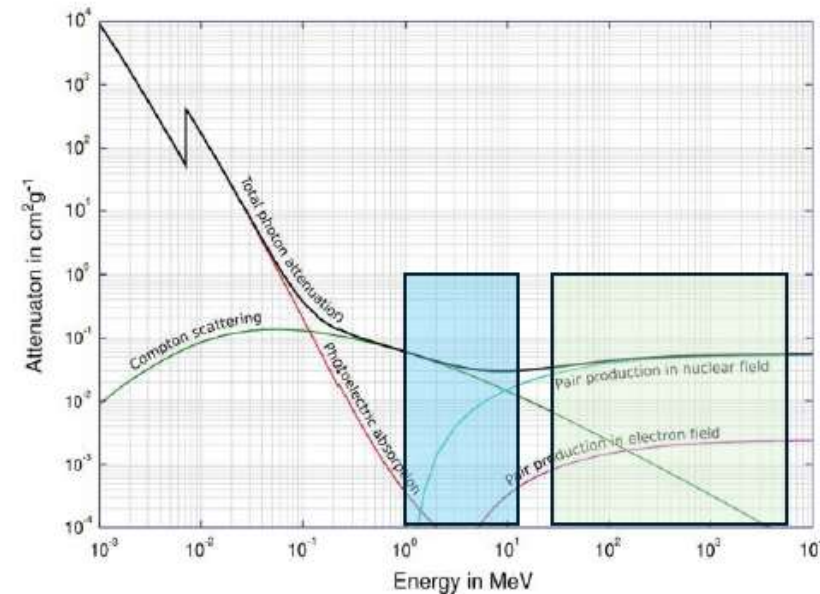
The Advanced Particle-astrophysics Telescope (APT) mission concept



L2 orbit

- Minimize Earth obscuration
- Challenging prompt notification to ground base observatory
- One 4h contact per day: On-board real time reconstruction to reduce the data load

Compton telescope (few MeV – 10 MeV)
Pair Telescope (50MeV - 50GeV)

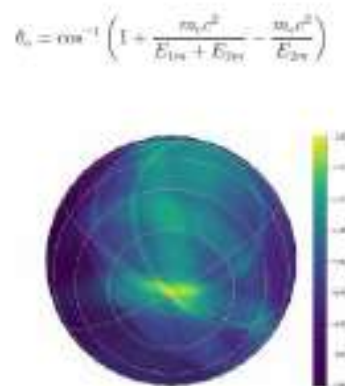
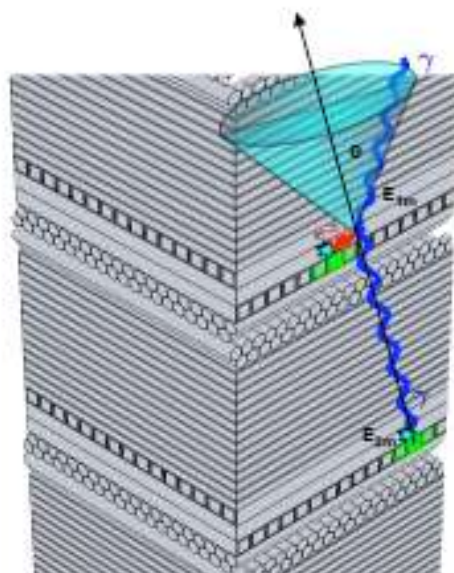
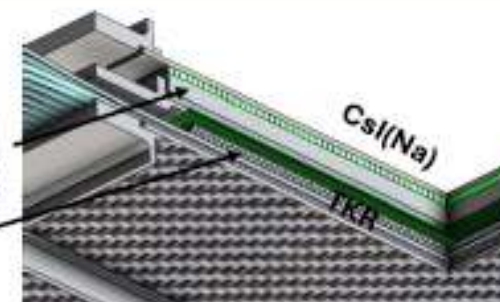


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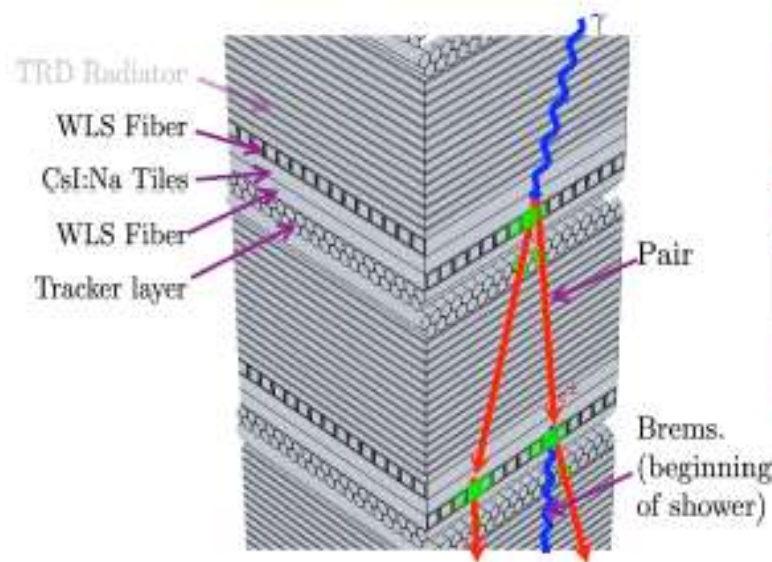
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- 3m x 3m x 2.5m single module detector
- 20 X-Y tracker and active converter layers
 - Active pair converter layers composed by 20 layers of CsI:Na detectors (5mm)
 - Green squared WLS fibers (2mm) convert and guide the photons to SiPM
 - The tracker layers are formed from 2 close-packed, staggered layers of 1.5mm diameter round scintillating fibers
- An ACD made of plastic scintillating tiles surround the whole detector module

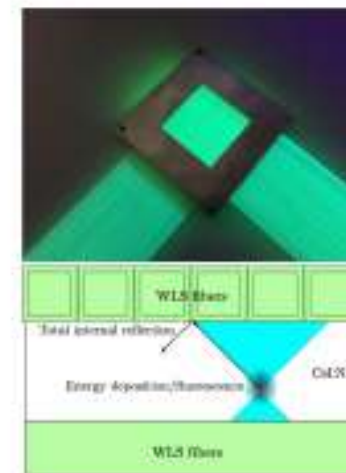


Compton Scattering

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Pair Production



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The Antarctic Demonstrator for APT

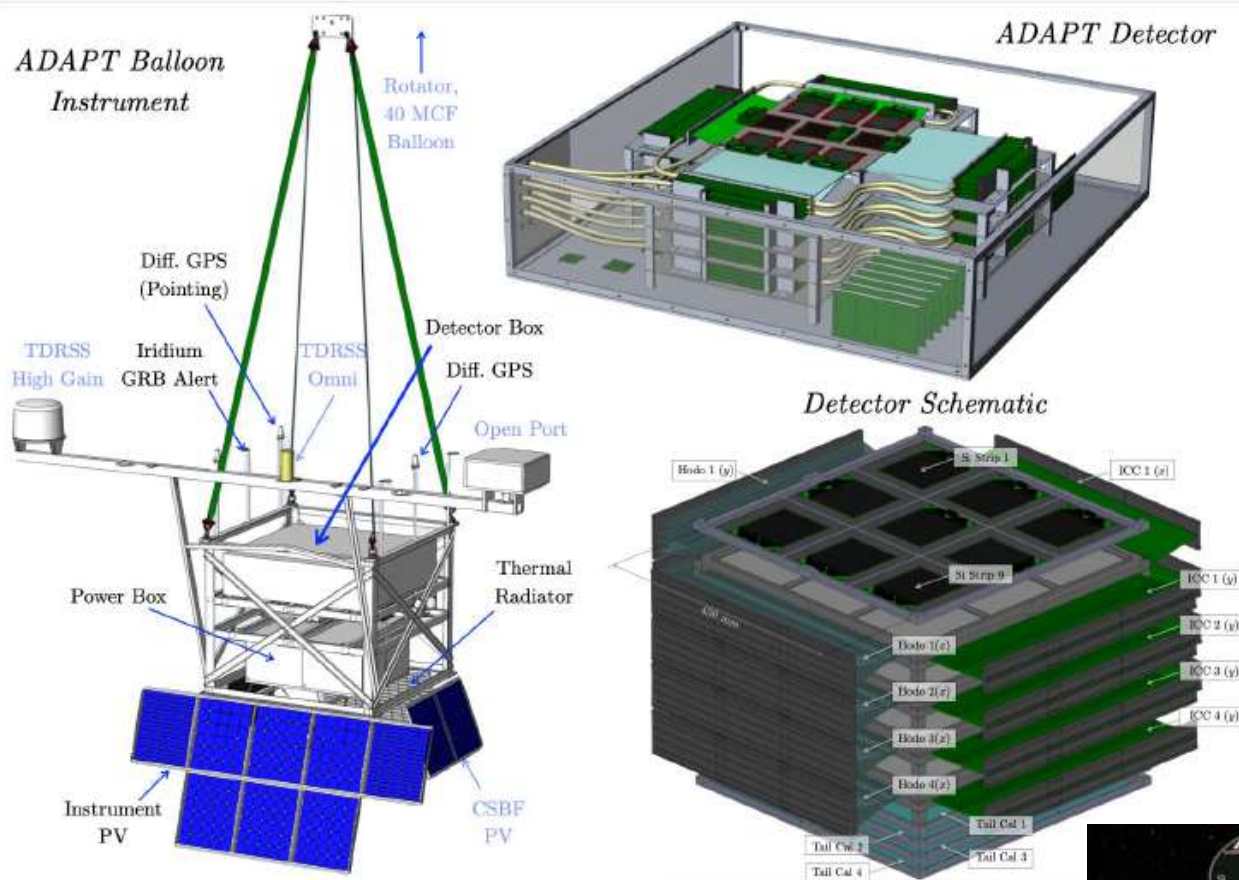
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NASA APRA grant to develop a full suborbital mission

Long-duration flight on a 60 millicubic-foot balloon flight from Antarctica in the FY25 FY26 –FY27 season

Why?

The goal is to demonstrate APT's Compton and pair detection capabilities, **validate the Compton reconstruction mechanism**, and **provide real-time positional alerts for transient astrophysical phenomena** such as gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) few expected in 36 days of flight



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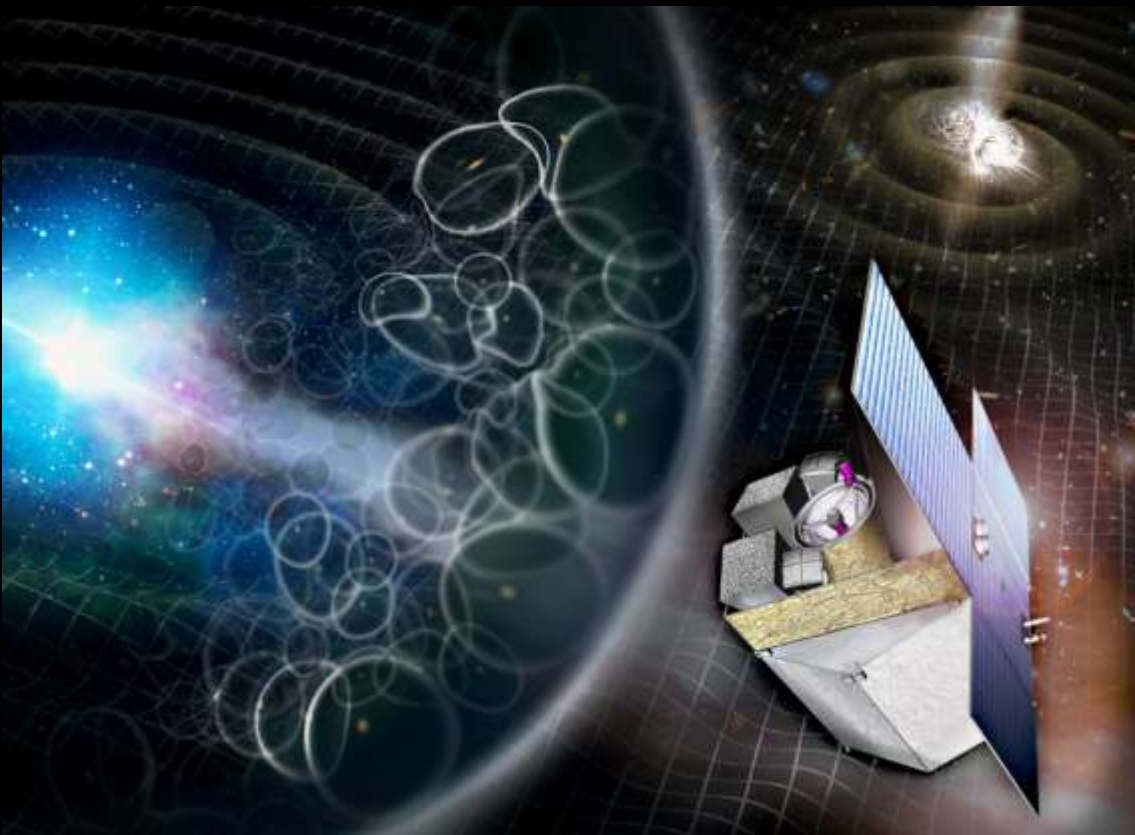
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TRANSIENT HIGH ENERGY SKY AND EARLY UNIVERSE SURVEYOR

Under study by ESA since 2018 as candidate for a medium-size mission



❑ **Soft X-ray Imager (SXI, 0.3 – 5 keV):**

2 lobster-eye telescopes units, with a total FOV of ~ 0.5 sr with source location accuracy $< 1-2'$

❑ **InfraRed Telescope (IRT, 0.7 – 1.8 μm):**

a 0.7m class IR telescope with $15' \times 15'$ FOV, for fast response, with imaging and spectroscopy capabilities

❑ **X-Gamma ray Imaging Spectrometer (XGIS, 2–20 MeV):**

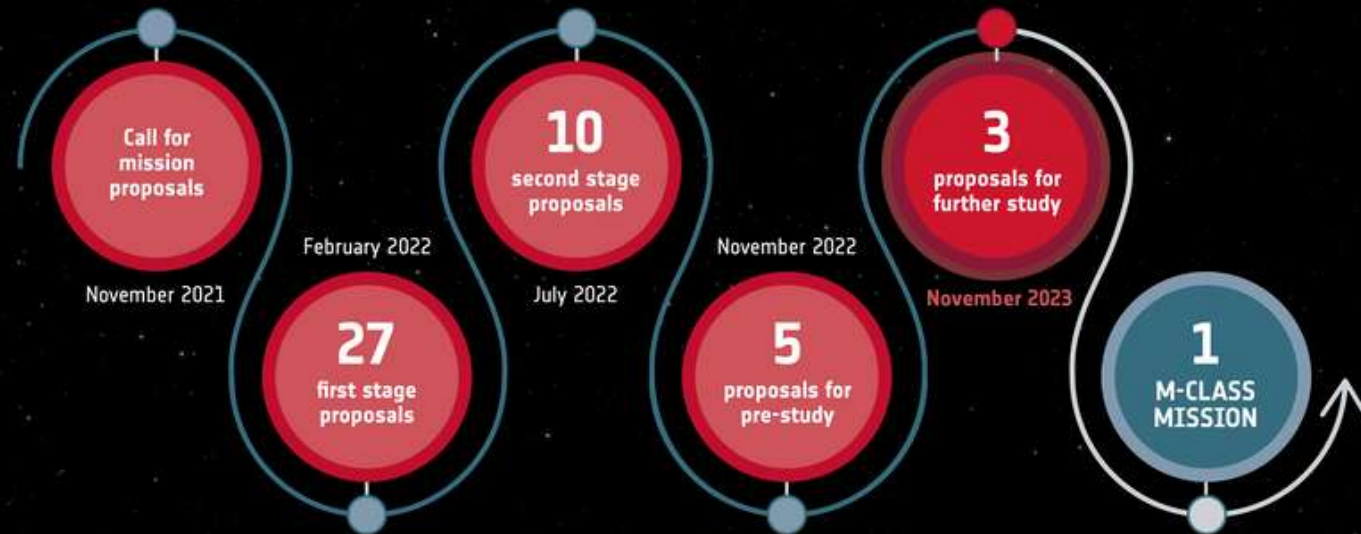
2 coded-mask cameras of monolithic X-gamma rays detectors based on bars of Silicon diodes coupled with CsI scintillator, with ~ 2 sr FOV and source location of $\sim 10'$ in the 2-150 keV range and > 4 sr for $E > 150$ keV



Selected by ESA in 2023 in the shortlist of candidates for the M7 call



HOW ARE WE SELECTING OUR NEXT MEDIUM SCIENCE MISSION?



5 keV):
a total FOV of
-2'

- 1.8 μm):
5' FOV, for fast
by capabilities

Spectrometer

X-gamma rays
les coupled with
ource location of
r $E > 150 \text{ keV}$



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At its meeting on June 10 and 11, 2026, at the Instituto Astrofísico de Canarias in Tenerife, [the ESA Science Program Committee recommended the selection of Plasma Observatory](#)  as the agency's next medium-class (M7) mission under its science program.

Plasma Observatory was among three finalists—along with THESEUS and M-MATISSE—selected by ESA in 2023. It would thus be the first medium-class mission to join Voyage 2050, ESA's future science program, with a launch scheduled for the mid-2030s.

~10' in the 2-150 keV range and >4sr for E >150 keV

1. Large Missions (L-class)

- Description:** Flagship European-led missions with large-scale international collaboration
- Cost at Completion:** 1.5-2 Billion EUR
- Calendar:** Long development cycles (up to 12-15+ years). Launched at a rate of one per decade.
(JUICE, NewAthena, LISA)

2. Medium Missions (M-class)

Description: ESA-led medium-scale missions or primary contributions to international missions

Cost at Completion: capped at 700 Million EUR

Calendar: Nominal development duration of 10 to 12 years. Aiming for 1 mission every ~3 to 4 years.
(SolarOrbiter, Euclid, Plato, ARIEL, EnVision)

3. Fast Missions (F-class)

Description: ESA-led missions that are smaller in scale and designed with a faster implementation phase

Cost at Completion: Capped between 150-175 Million EUR

Calendar: Short development duration of less than 8 years from selection to launch
(Comet Interceptor, ARAKIHS)

4. Mini-Fast Missions (mini-F)

Description: Exploratory mission class targeting innovative space science utilizing fully available technology

Cost at Completion: $\leq$ 50 Million EUR (ESA Exploratory Call)

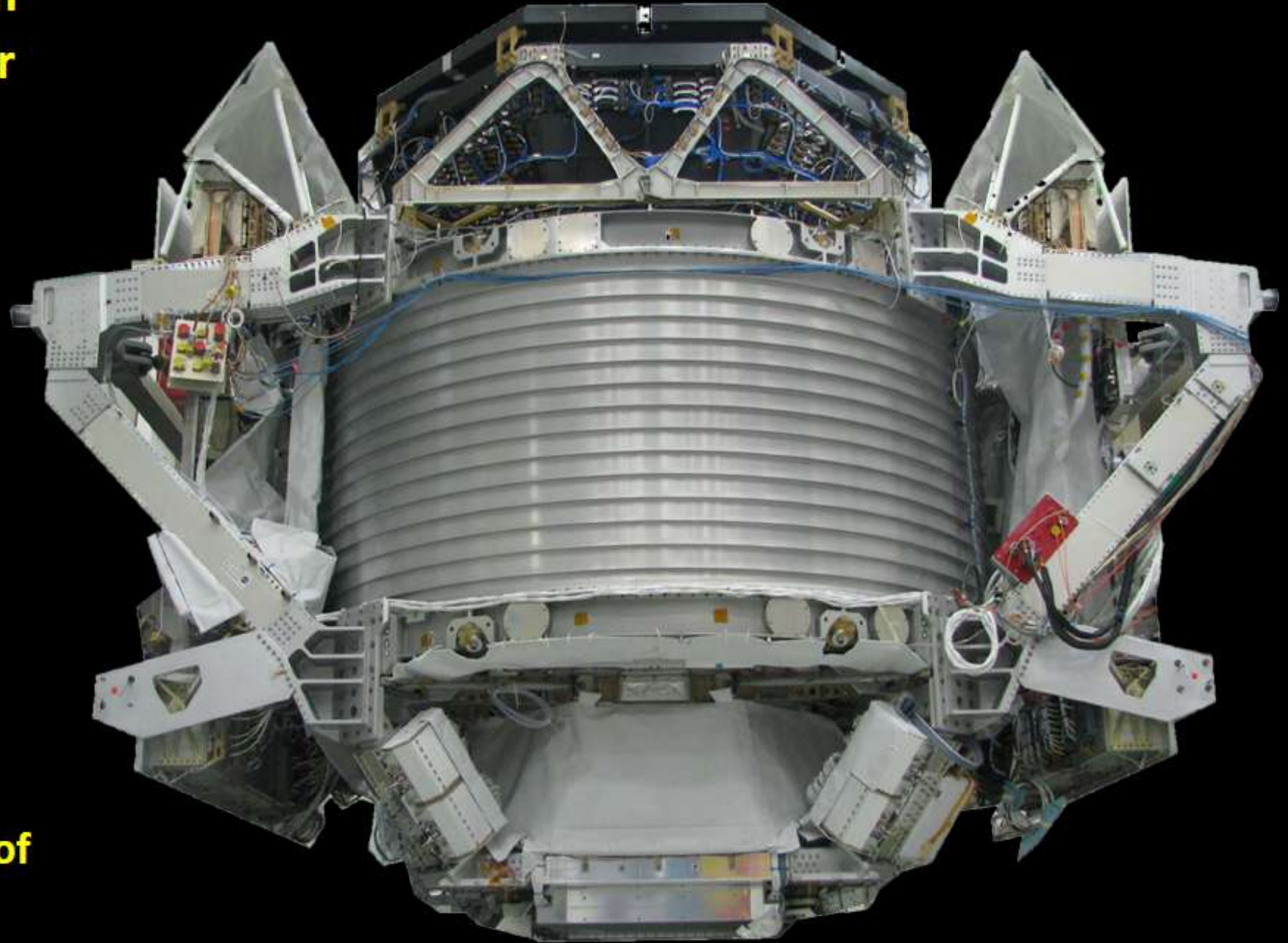
Calendar: Compressed calendar from selection to launch in less than 5 years

**AMS is a space version
of a precision detector
used in accelerators**

**It was constructed in
Europe and Asia,
assembled and tested at
CERN with strong
support from
MIT-DOE and NASA**

5m x 4m x 3m, 7.5 tons

**The detectors provide
independent information of
cosmic rays**



AMS is a TeV precision magnetic spectrometer in space

Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)

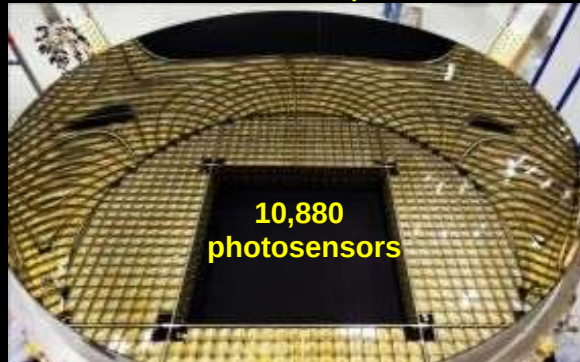
identify e^+ , e^-



Silicon Tracker
measure Z , P



Ring Imaging Cerenkov (RICH)
measure Z , E



Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)
measure E of e^+ , e^-



Upper TOF measure Z , E



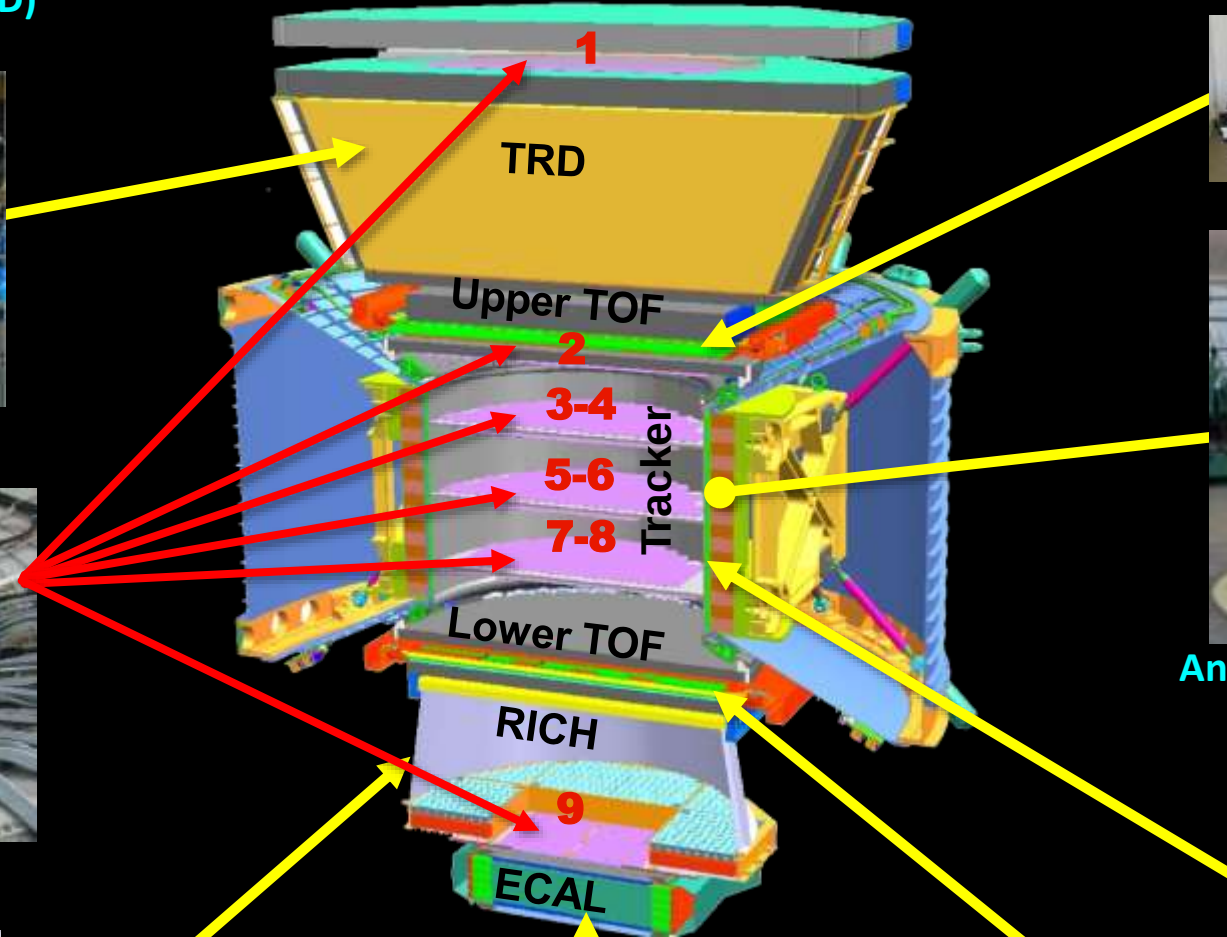
Magnet identify $\pm Z$, P



Anticoincidence Counters (ACC)
reject particles from the side

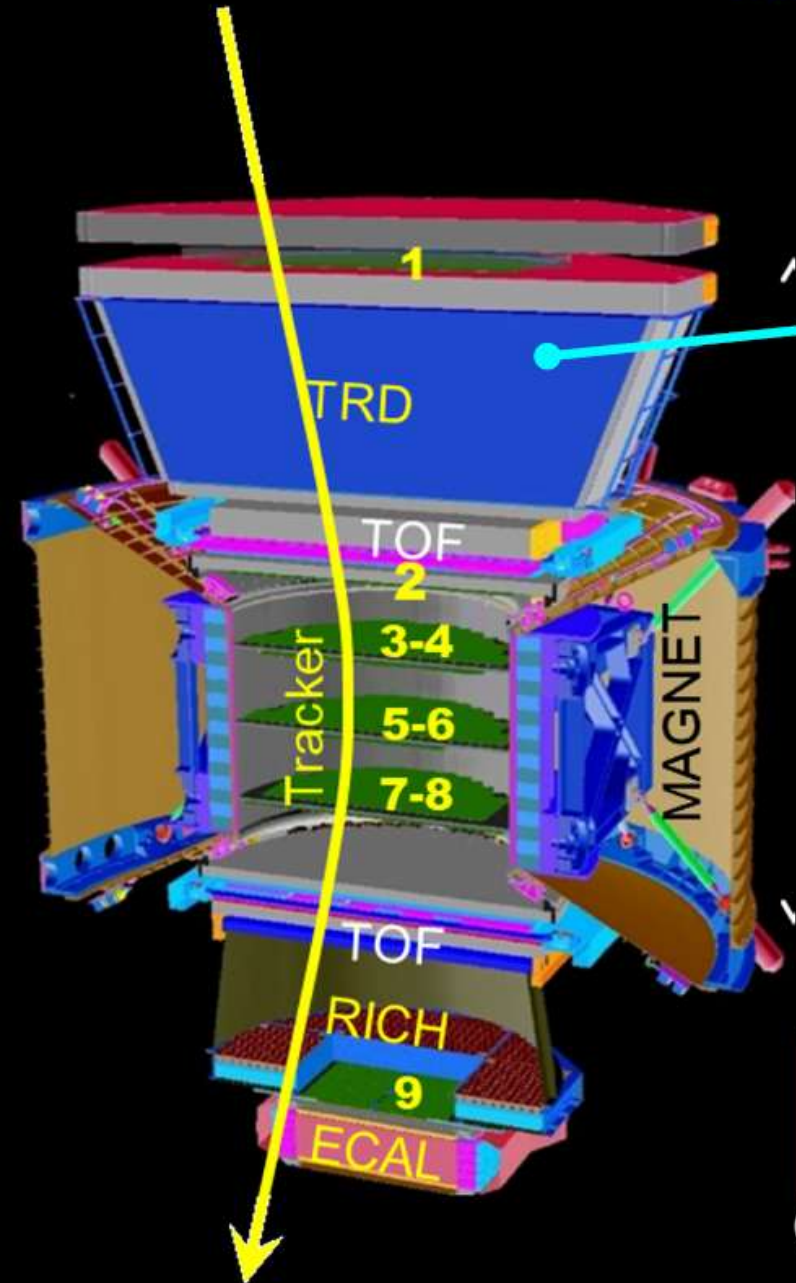


Lower TOF measure Z , E



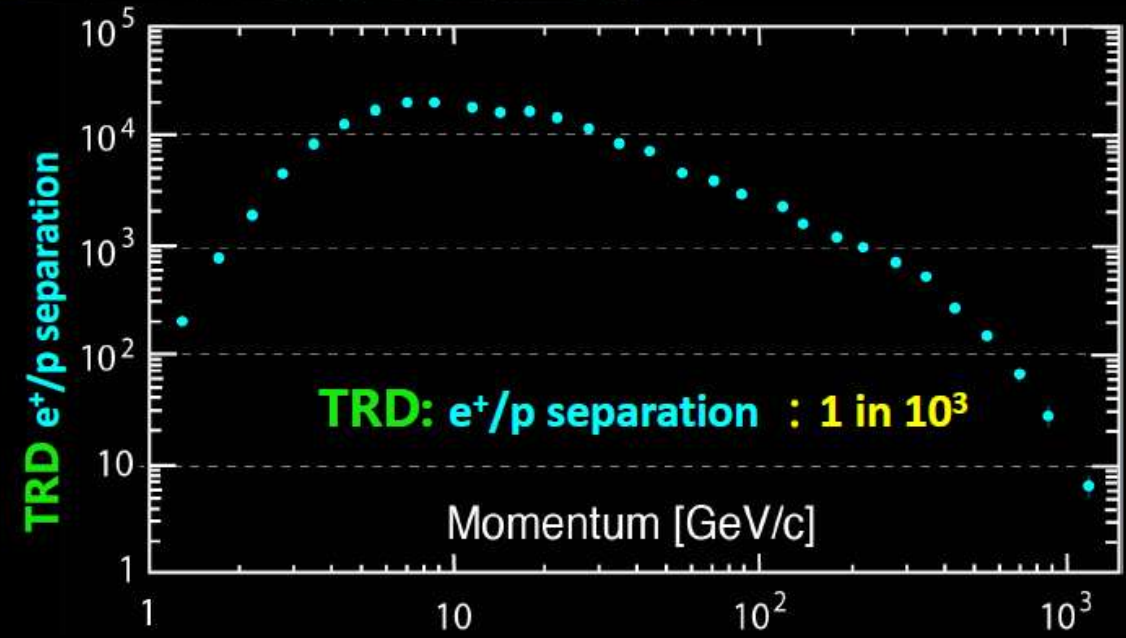
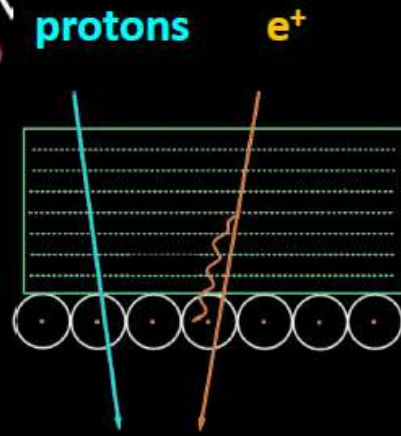
Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)

identifies Positrons and Electrons



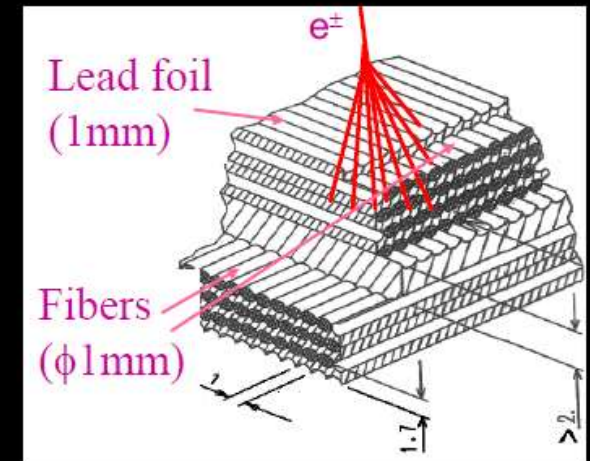
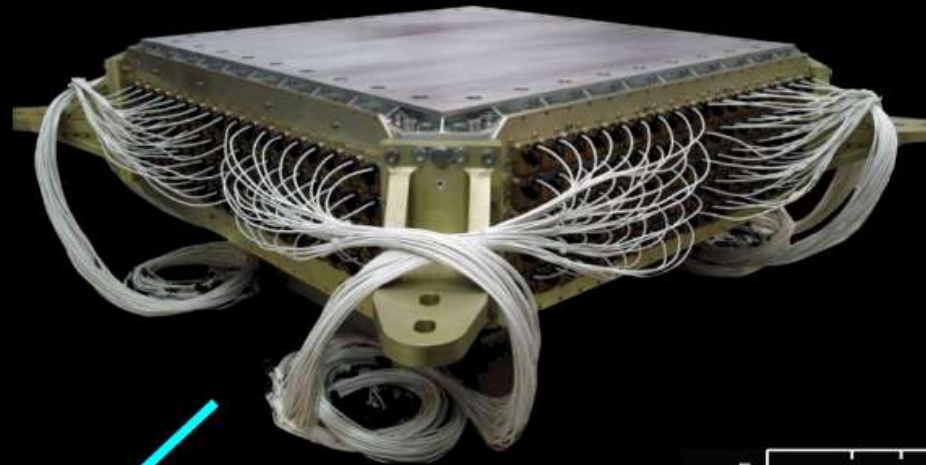
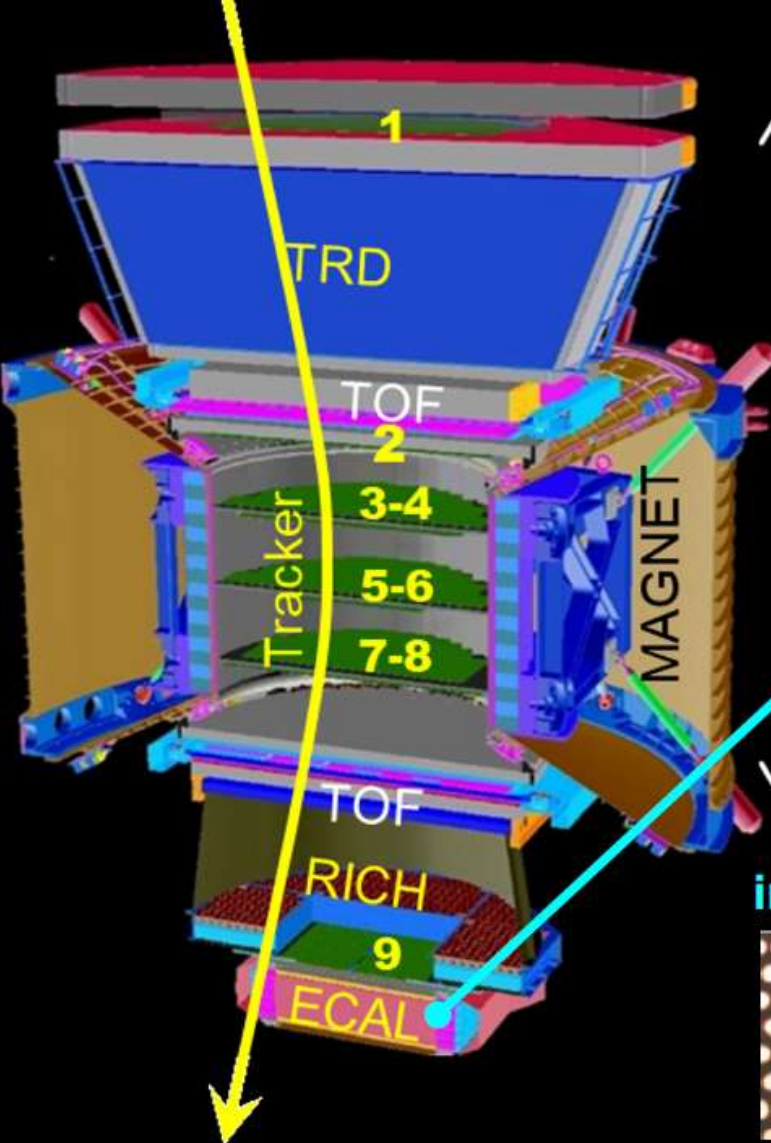
5248 proportional tubes

90:10 Xe:CO₂ gas

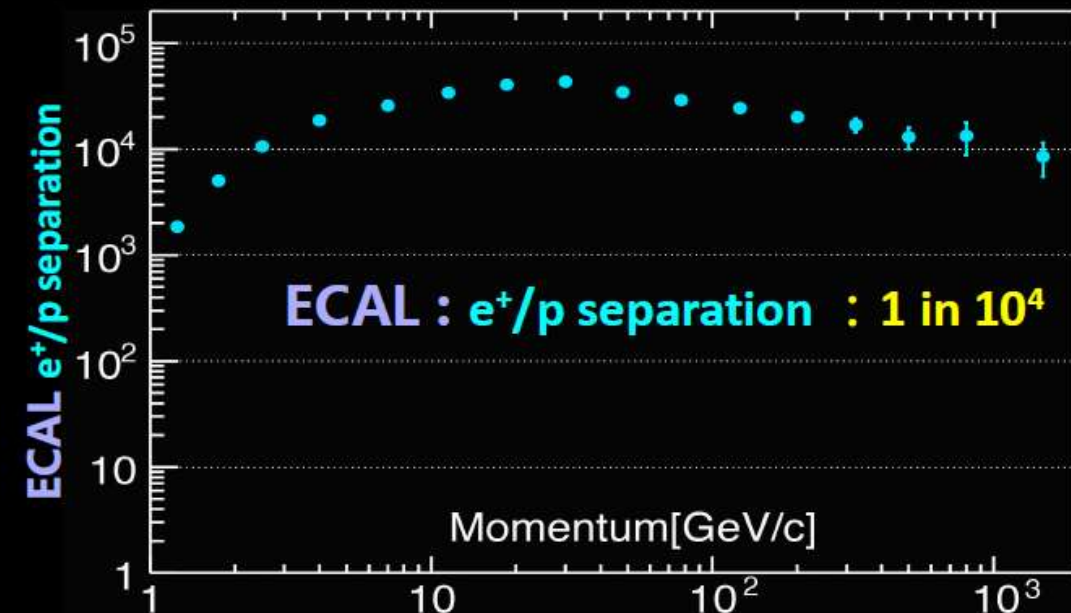


Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)

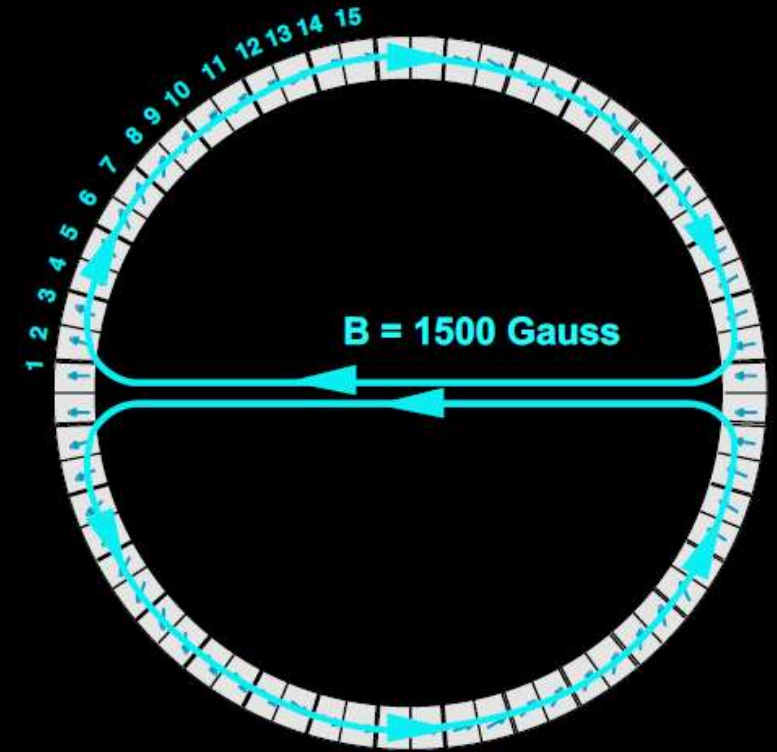
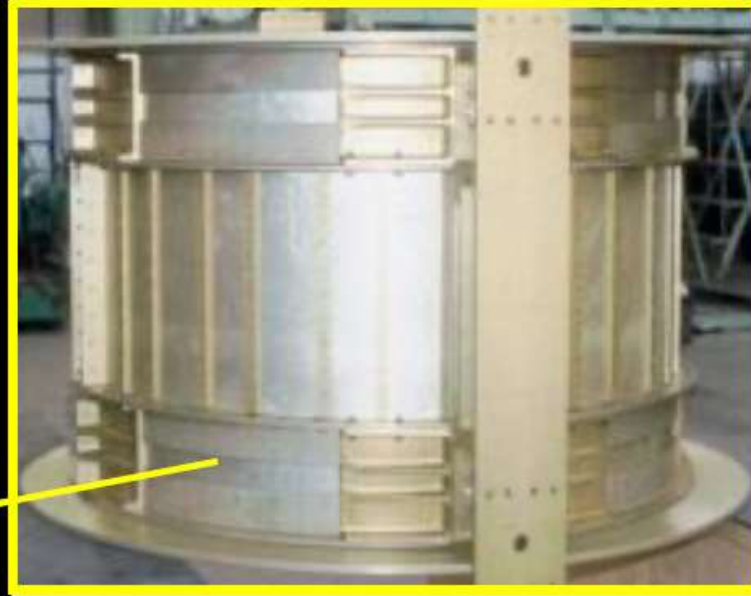
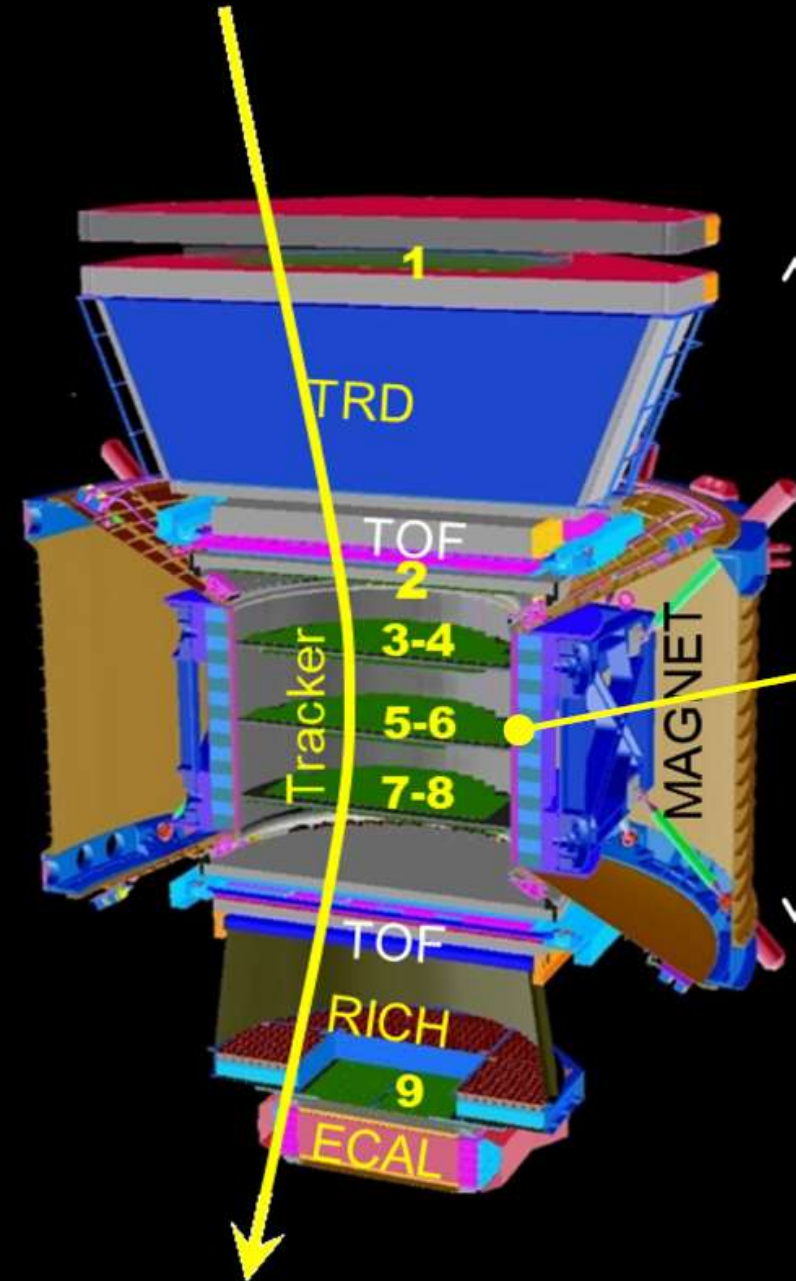
ECAL measures the 3-D shower development of electrons and positrons up to multi-TeV.



50,000 fibers($\phi=1\text{mm}$)
distributed uniformly
inside 600 kg of lead ($17 X_0$)



The Magnet Identify $\pm Z$, P

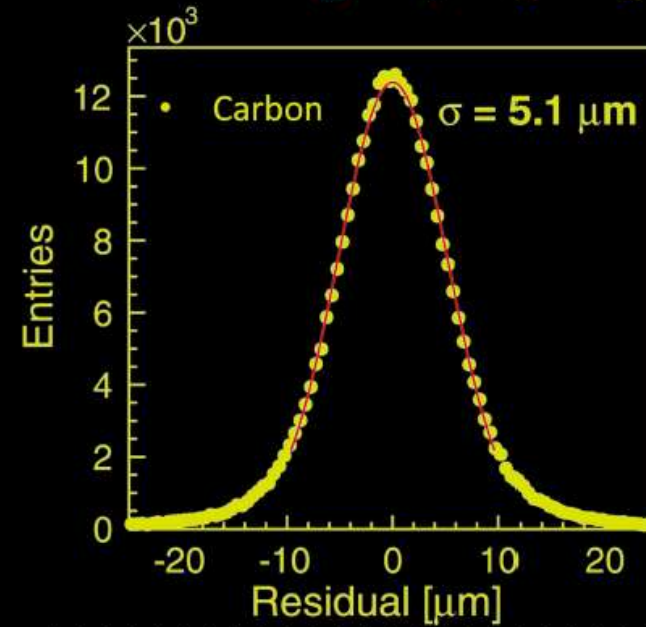
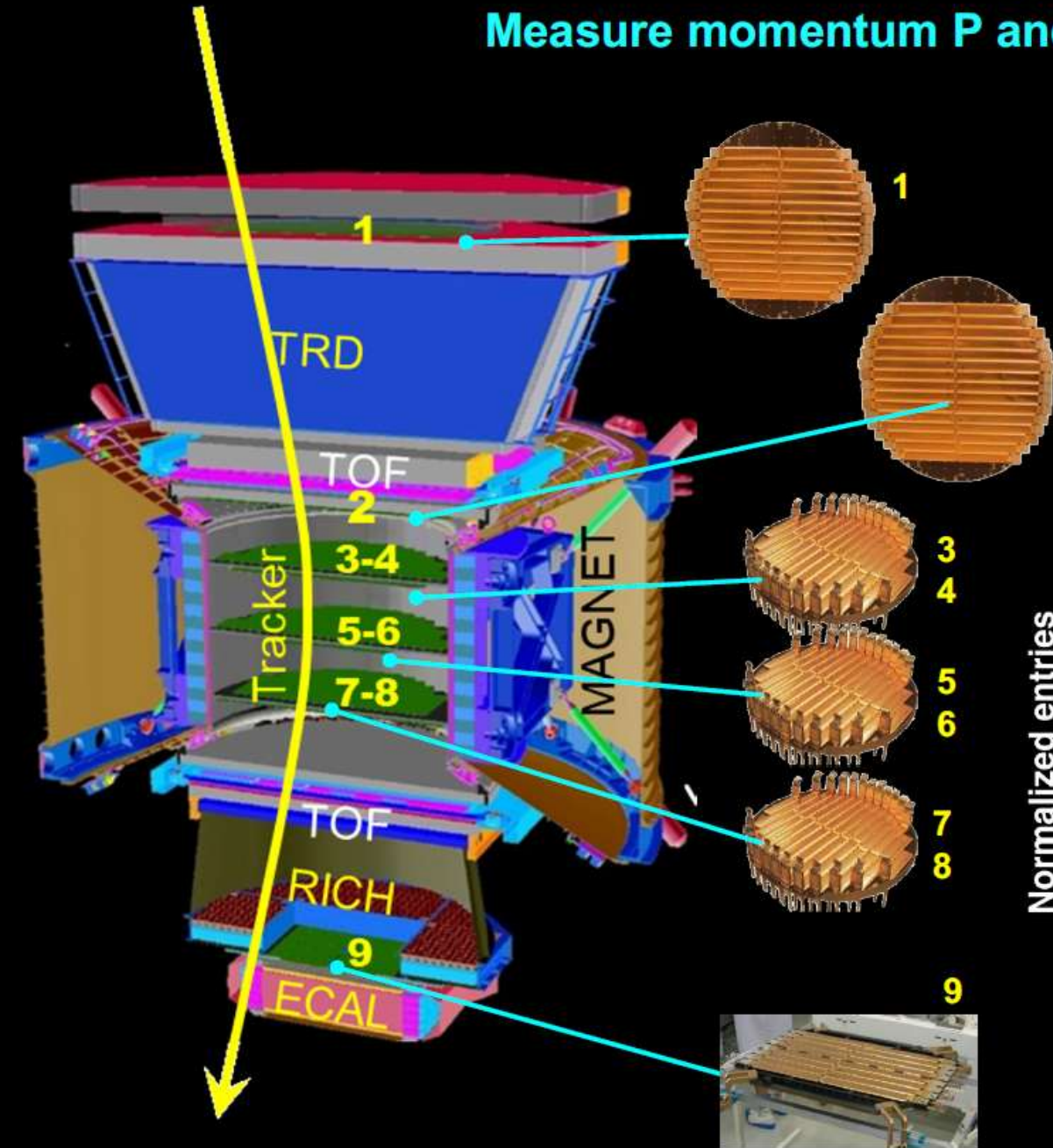


Low energy $e^\pm$ produced in TRD are swept away by the magnet
and do not enter into ECAL:

Independent rejection of TRD and ECAL: e^+/p separation : $> 10^6$

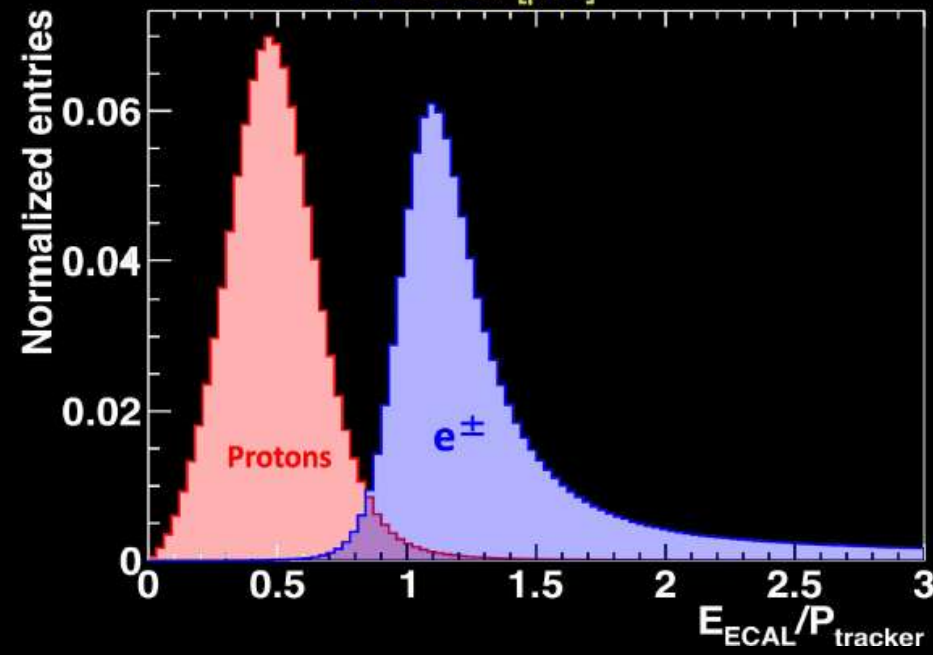
Silicon Tracker

Measure momentum P and nuclear charge Z , Rigidity: P/Z



Spatial resolution: 5-10 μm in bending plane.

Maximum Detectable Rigidity:
~2TV for protons,
~3.7 TV for heavy nuclei



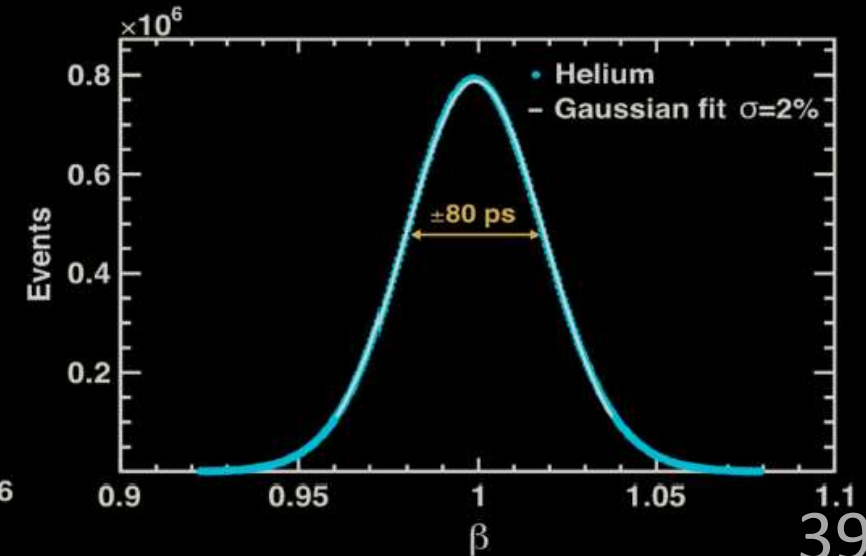
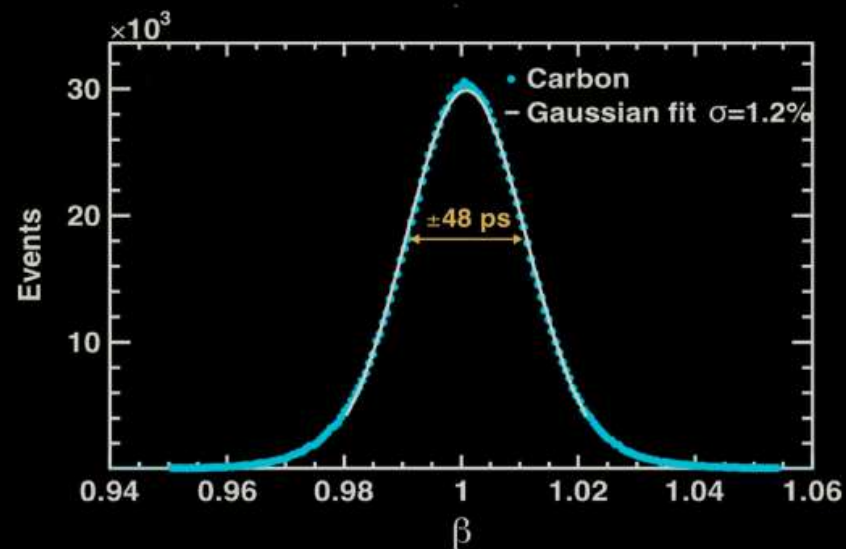
Independent
Momentum and
Energy
measurement.
For electron and
positron
require: $E=P$

Time of Flight (TOF)

Measure velocity β , charge Z

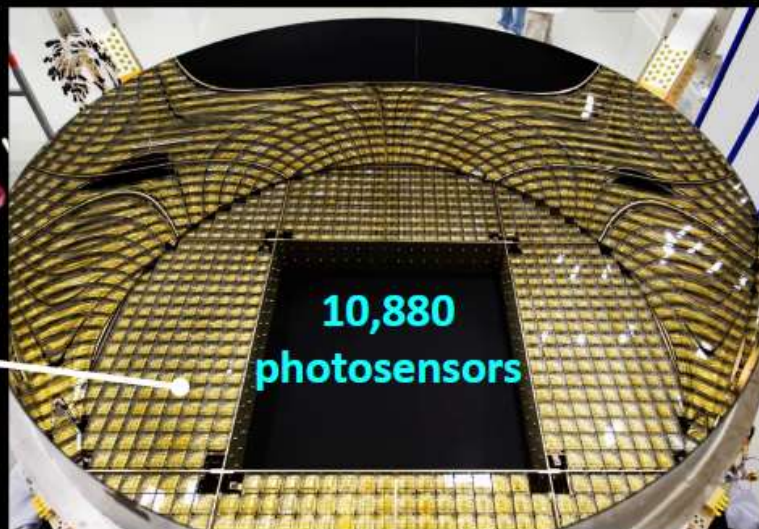
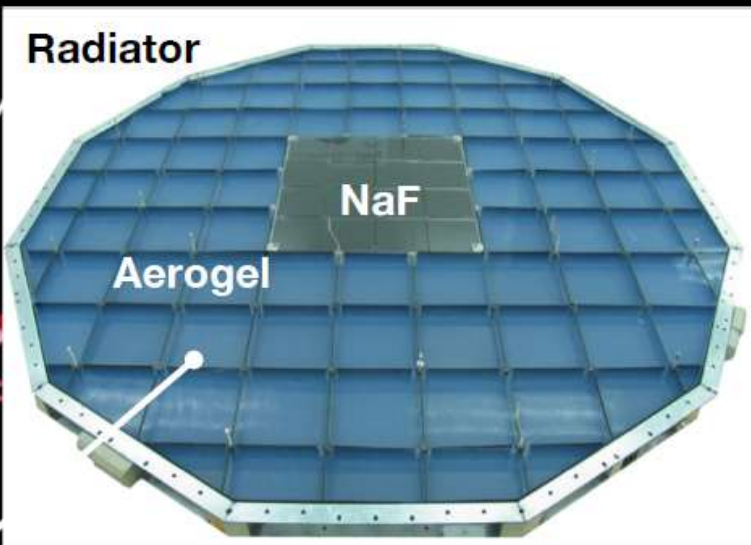
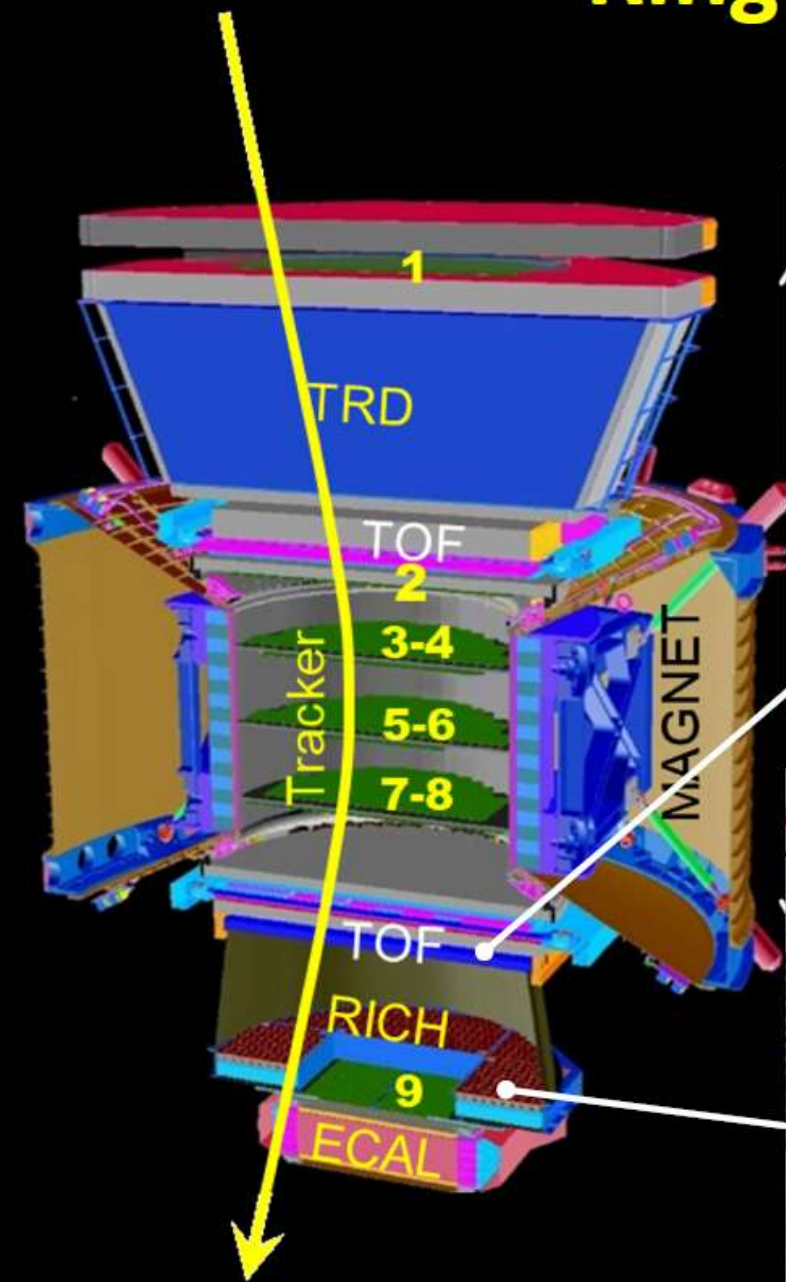
Measures velocity, charge, direction, and trigger.

Time resolution:
~50-160 ps
Velocity resolution:
1% ($Z > 6$) to 4% ($Z = 1$)

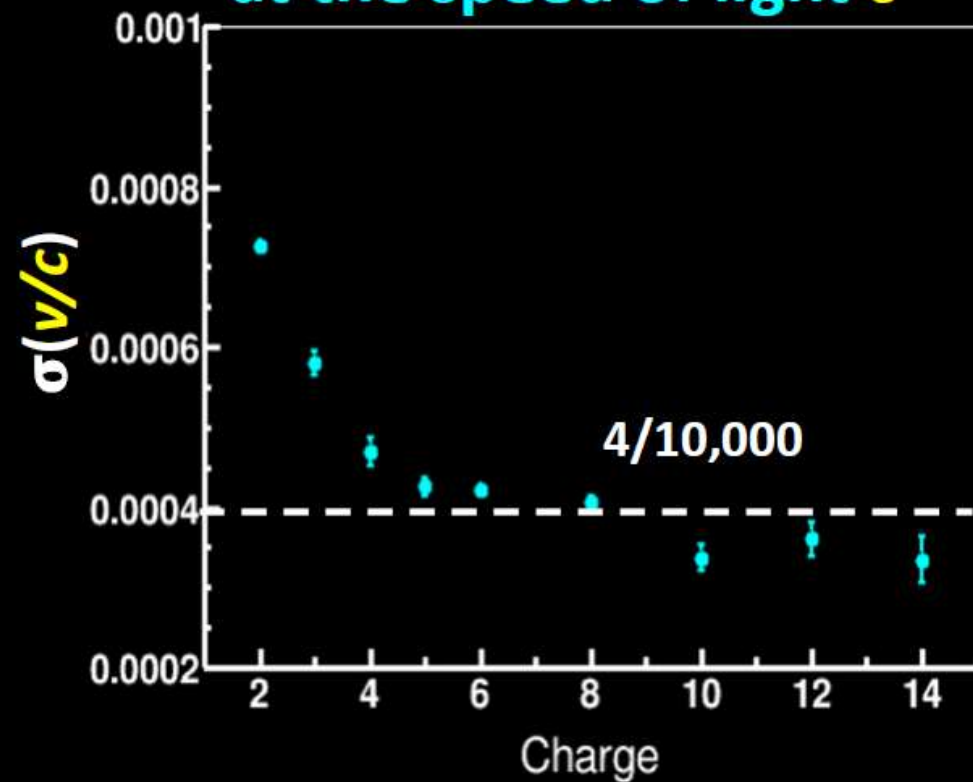


Ring Imaging CHerenkov (RICH)

Measure velocity β , charge Z



RICH velocity v resolution
at the speed of light c



Flight Electronics for DAQ

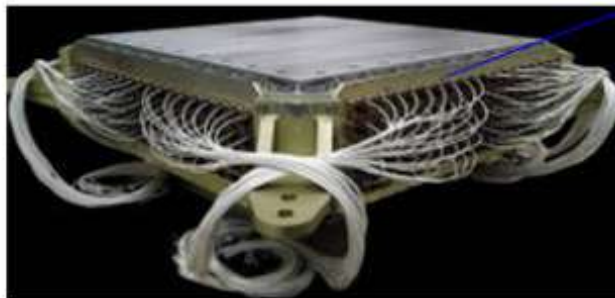
TRD, 30 Computers
5248 Pulse Heights



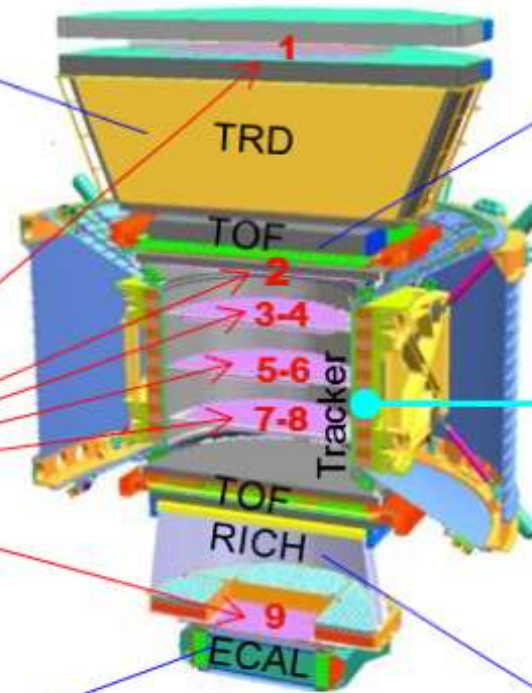
Silicon Tracker, 212 Computers
196,608 Pulse Heights



ECAL, 32 Computers
2,916 Pulse Heights



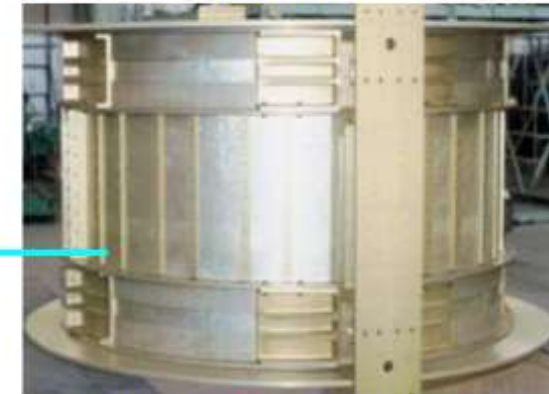
300,000 channels
producing 3.7 Mbit/event
at rates up to 2 kHz.



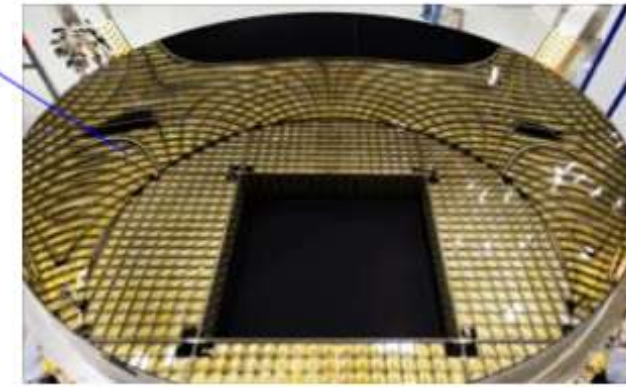
TOF & ACC, 48 Computers
84 Signals



Magnet



RICH, 28 Computers
21,760 Pulse Heights



7 Gbit/s processed by
650 computers
to <10 Mbit/s>.

**AMS has no control of ISS orbits and
movements of Solar Panels and
Radiators.**

TRD
24 Heaters
482 Temperature Sensors



TOF & ACC
16 Heaters
64 Temperature Sensors



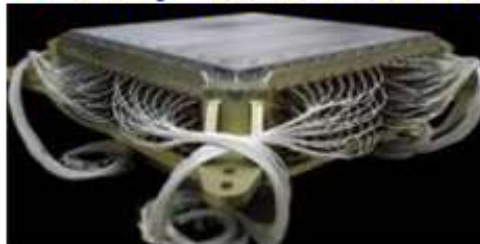
Magnet
68 Temperature Sensors



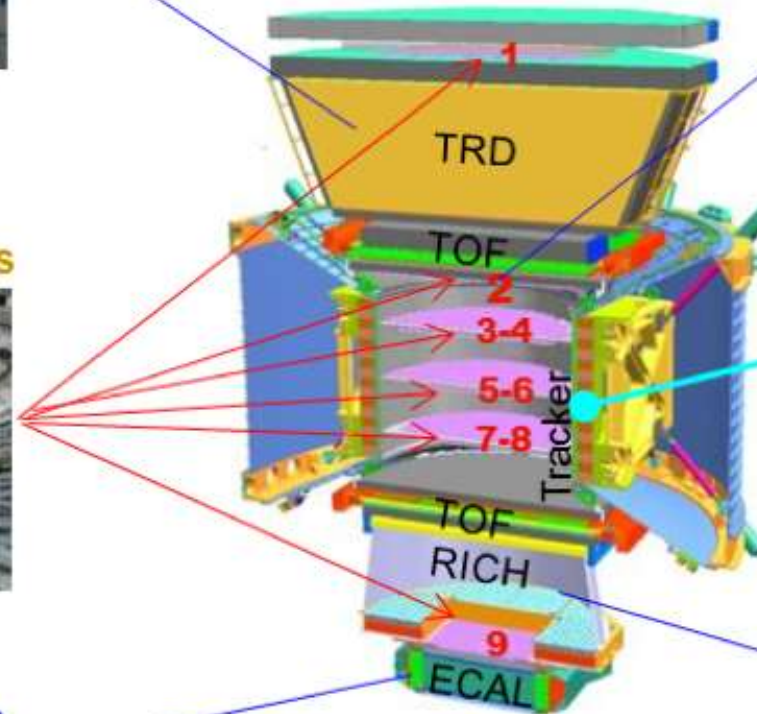
Silicon Tracker
32 Heaters
142 Temperature Sensors



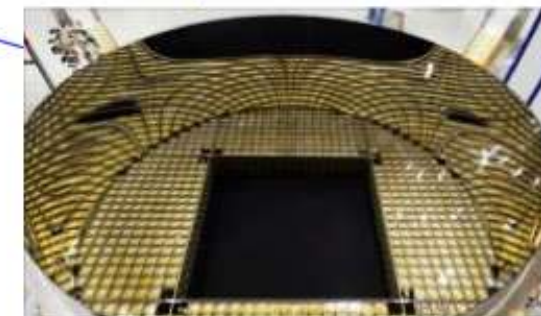
ECAL
16 Heaters
80 Temperature Sensors



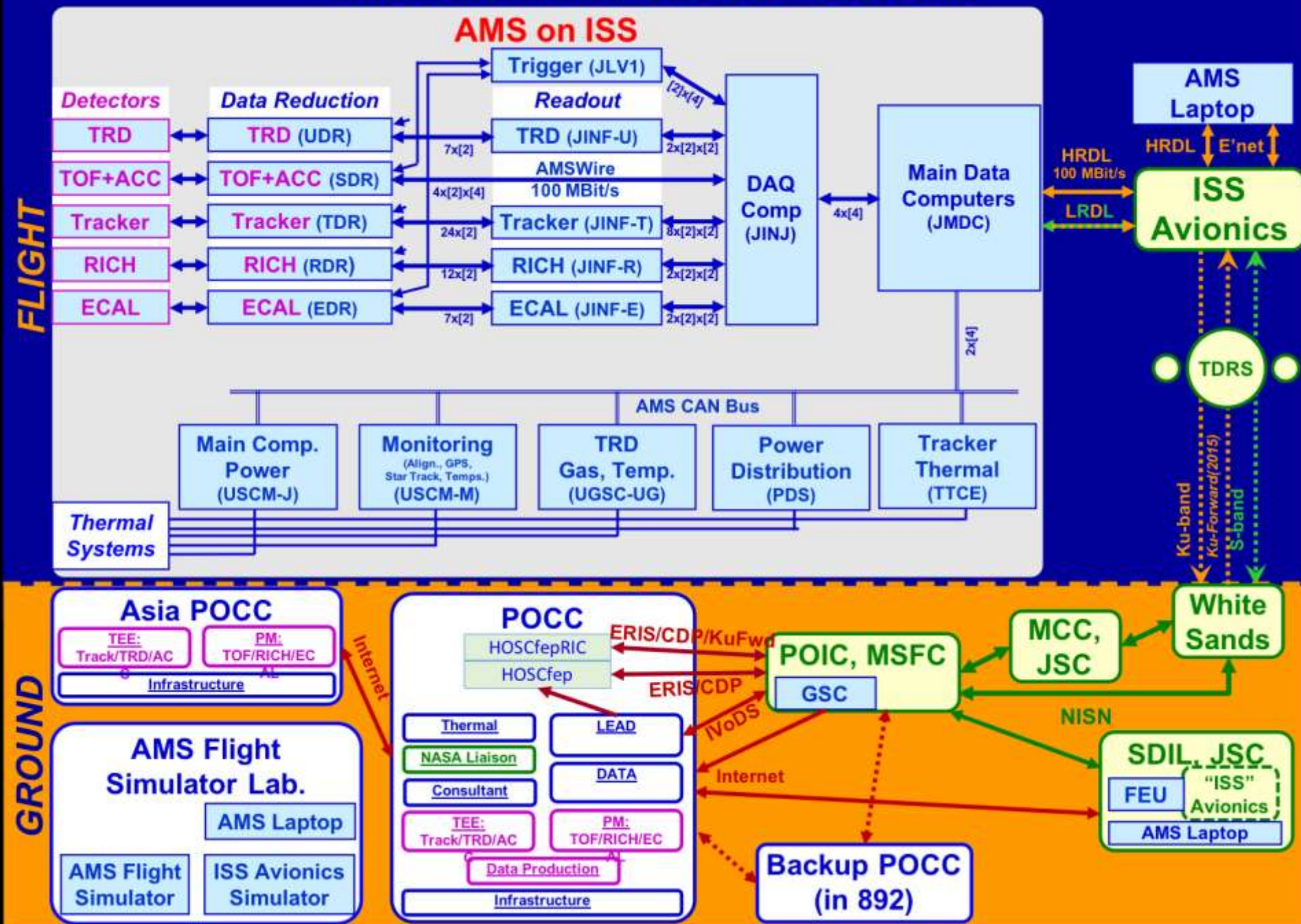
**Temperatures must be kept within limits. There
are 1118 temperature sensors and 298 heaters**



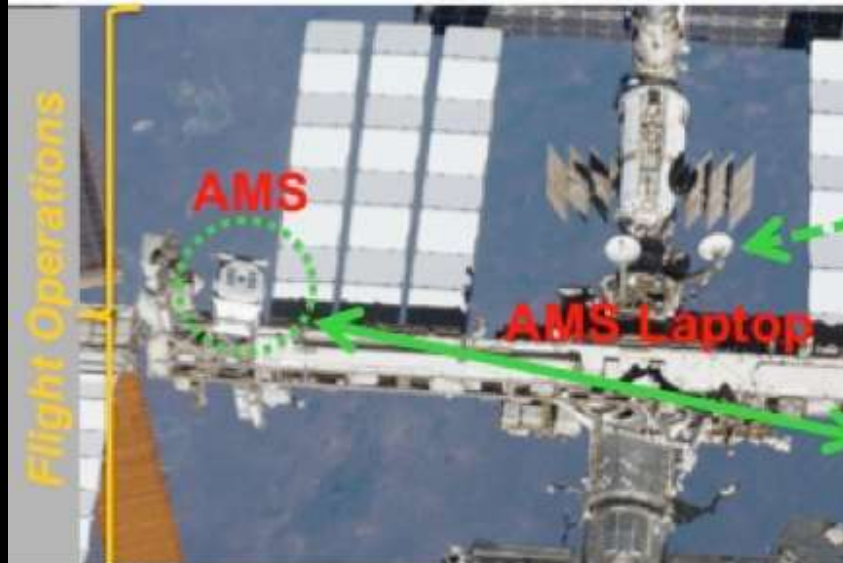
RICH
16 Heaters
96 Temperature Sensors



AMS FLIGHT and GROUND SYSTEMS



Flight and Ground Operations



ISS Astronaut with AMS Laptop



Ku-band High Rate (down):

Events <10Mbit/s>

Monitoring: 30 Kbit/s

S-band Low Rate:

Commanding: 1 Kbit/s (up)

No Ku: 10 bits/s (down)



Payload Operations Control Centers
(POCC) at CERN, JSC, Asia



AMS Computers
at MSFC, AL



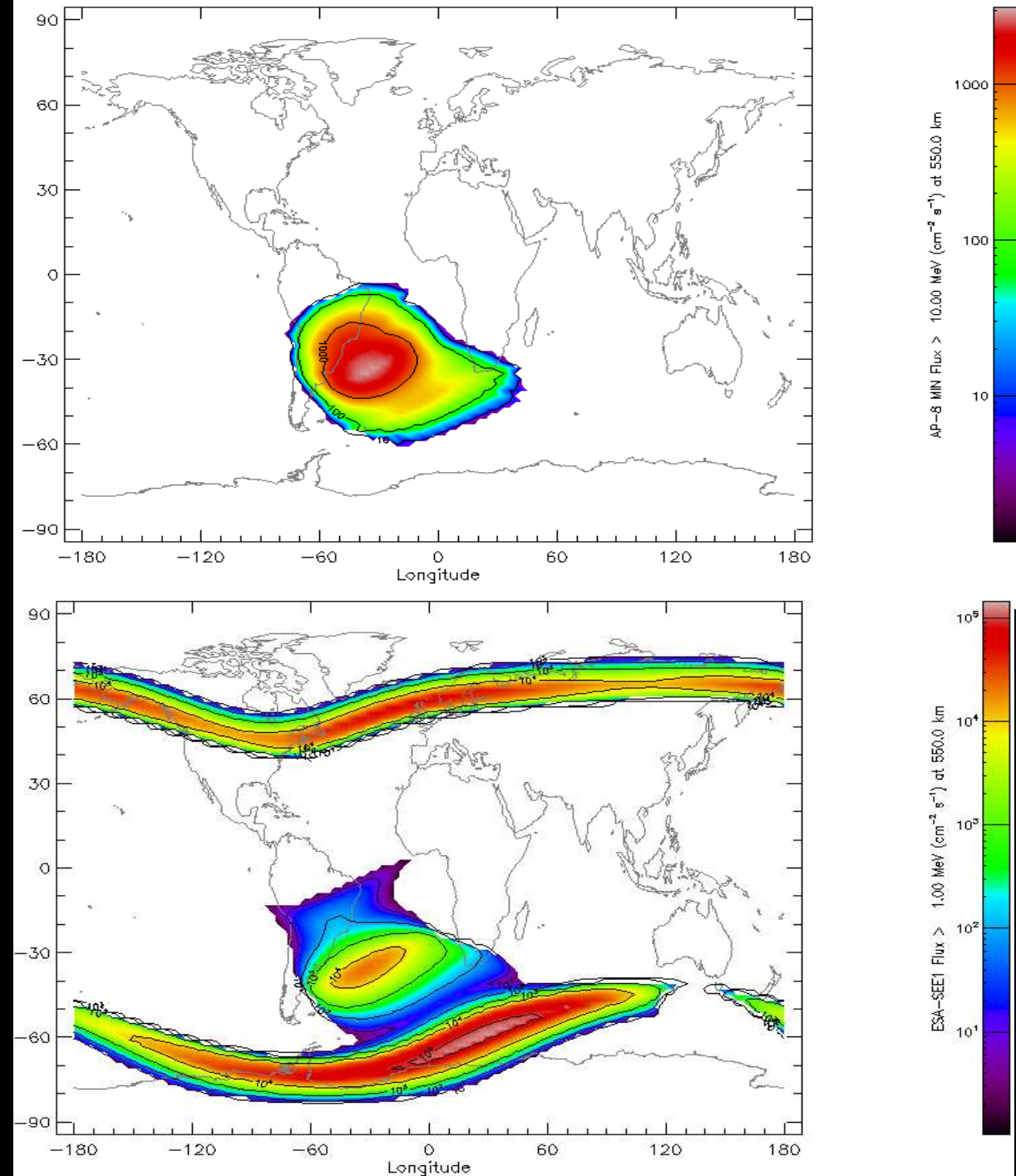
White Sands Ground
Terminal, NM

Maps of fluxes of high energy **trapped protons and electrons at 550 km** have been obtained with **SPENVIS** (AP-8, AE-8 models).

Protons with energies below 10 MeV are not considered, as they are shielded by the MLI cover of the instrument. Electrons with energies below 1 MeV are not considered, as they are effectively below the veto threshold

Protons ($E > 10$ MeV) are mainly present in the **inner radiation belt**, which is crossed at the South Atlantic Anomaly.

Electrons ($E > 1$ MeV) are also present at relatively high latitudes, i.e. in the crossing of the **outer radiation belt**.

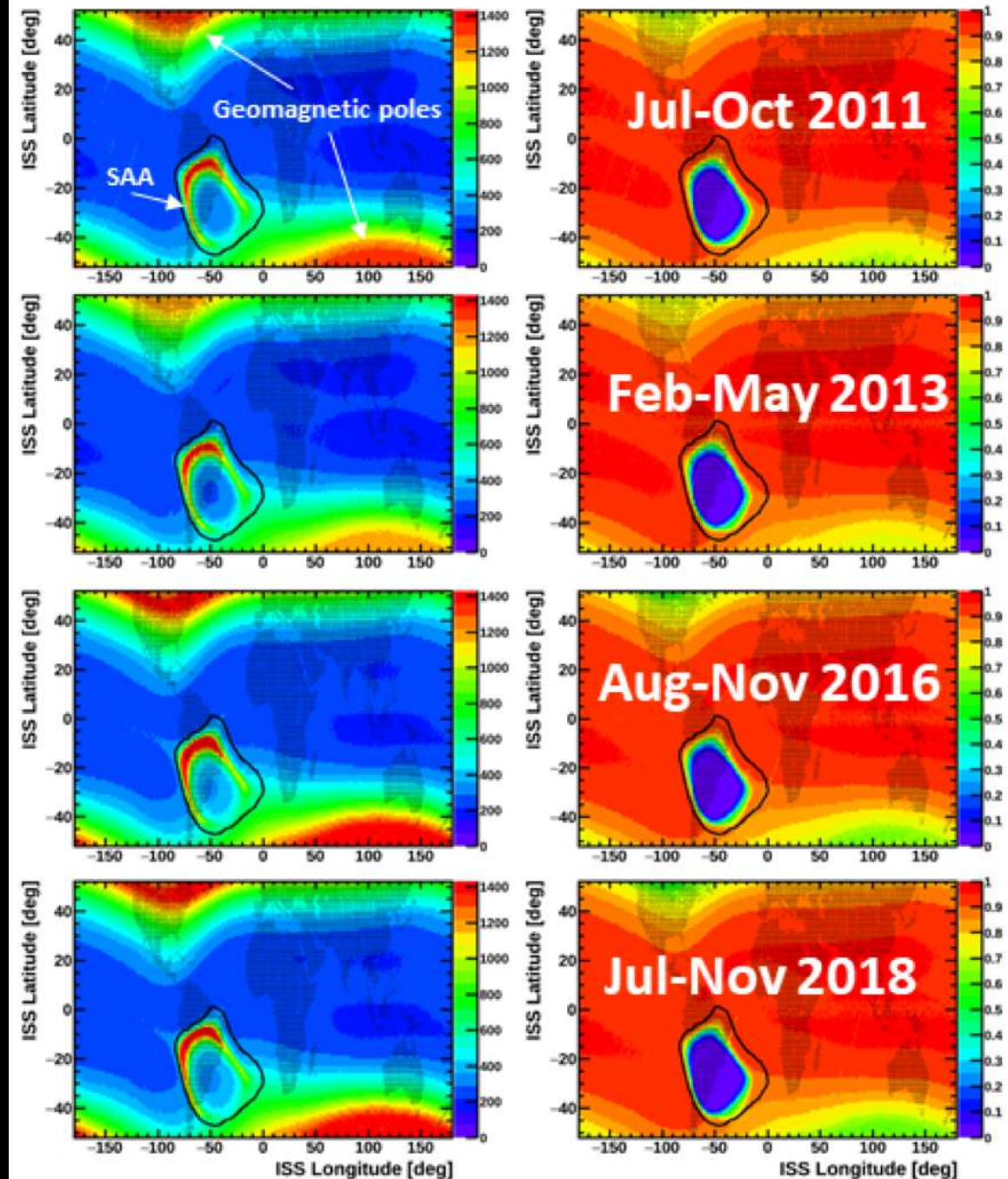


AMS ON THE ISS:

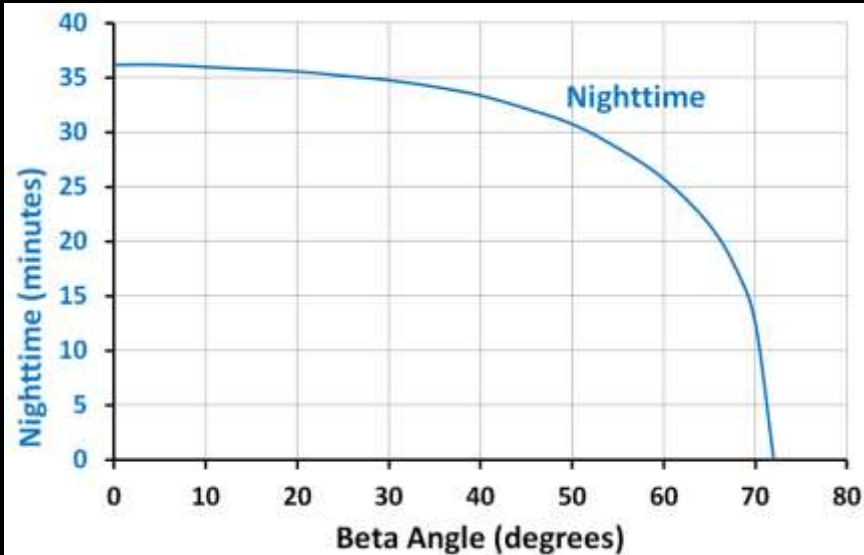
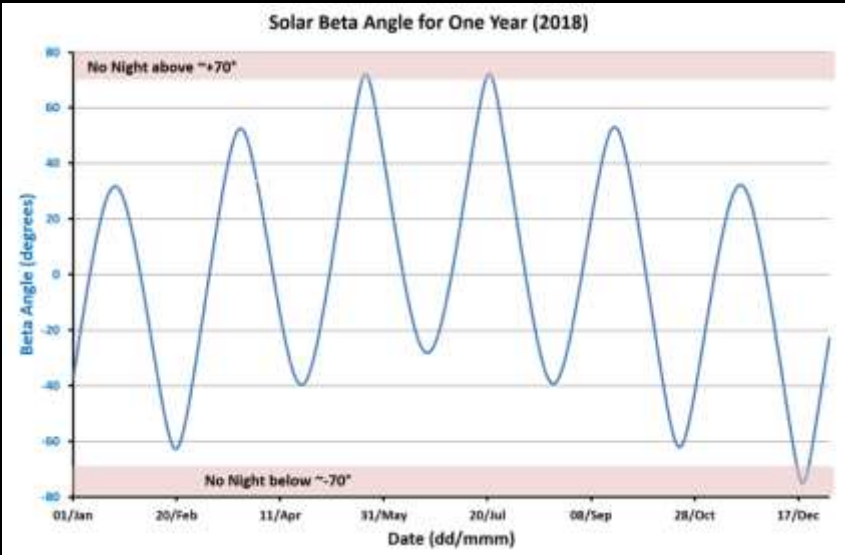
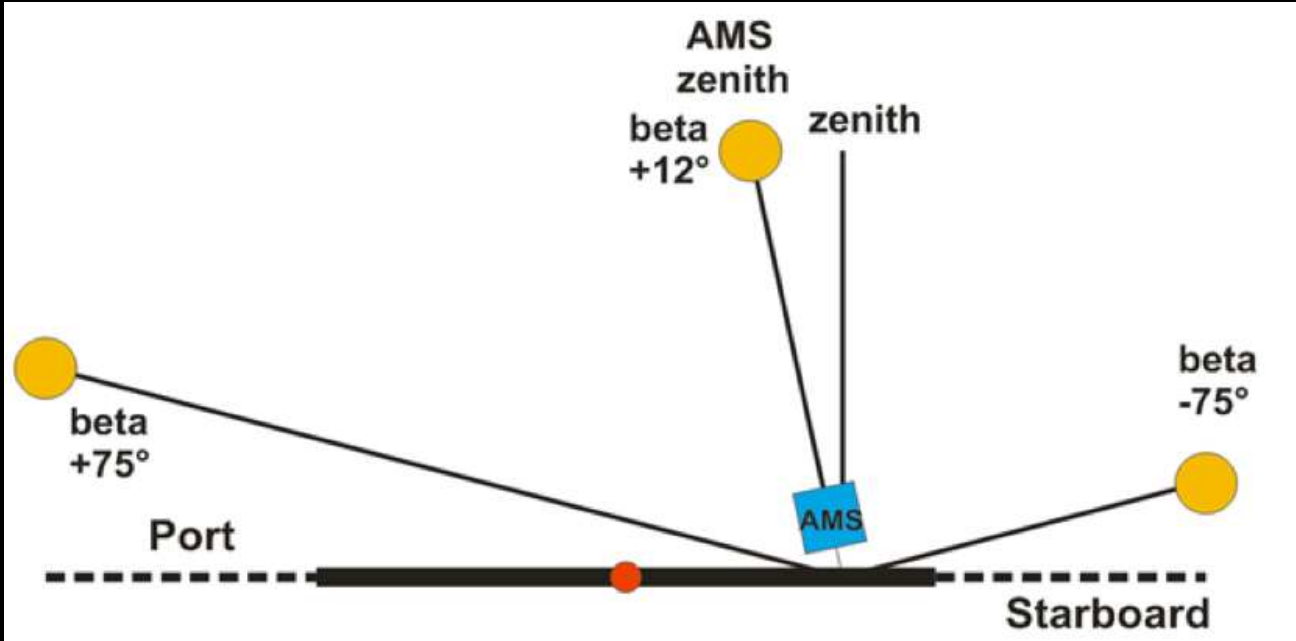
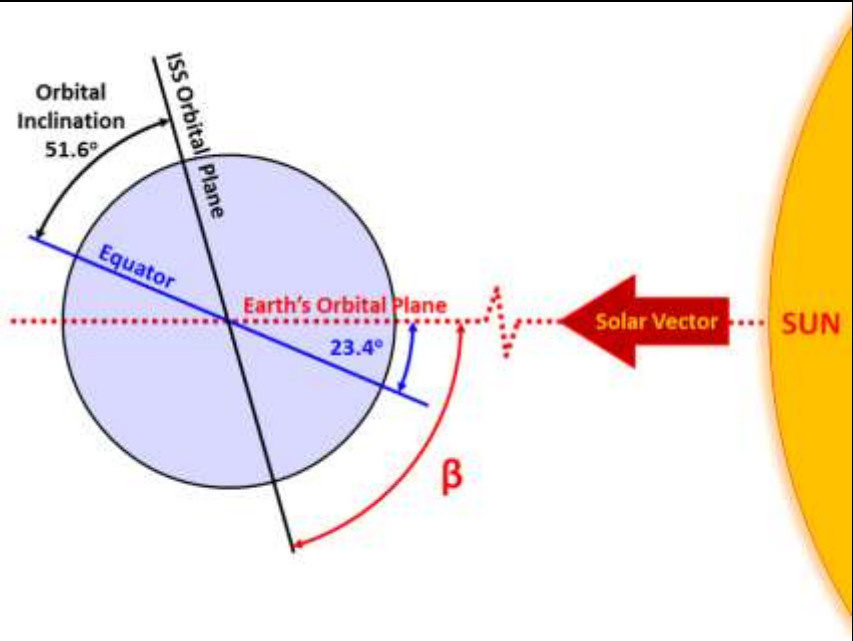
Orbital DAQ parameters for different running periods as a function of latitude vs. longitude:

(Left) Event acquisition rate. Outside of the South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA, indicated by the black curve), the rate of cosmic rays varies between 200 and 1400 Hz with an average of ~ 700 Hz.

(Right) Data acquisition efficiency (live-time). The average efficiency is 85% including the SAA.

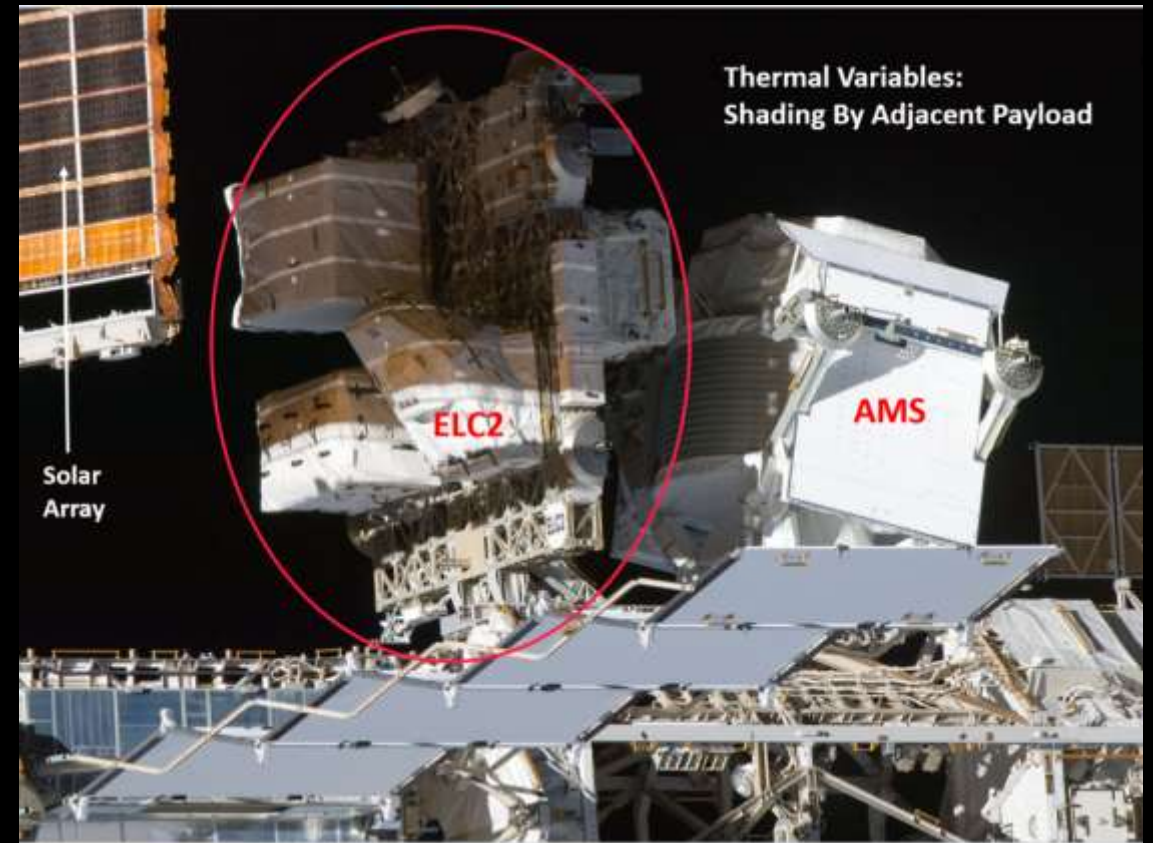
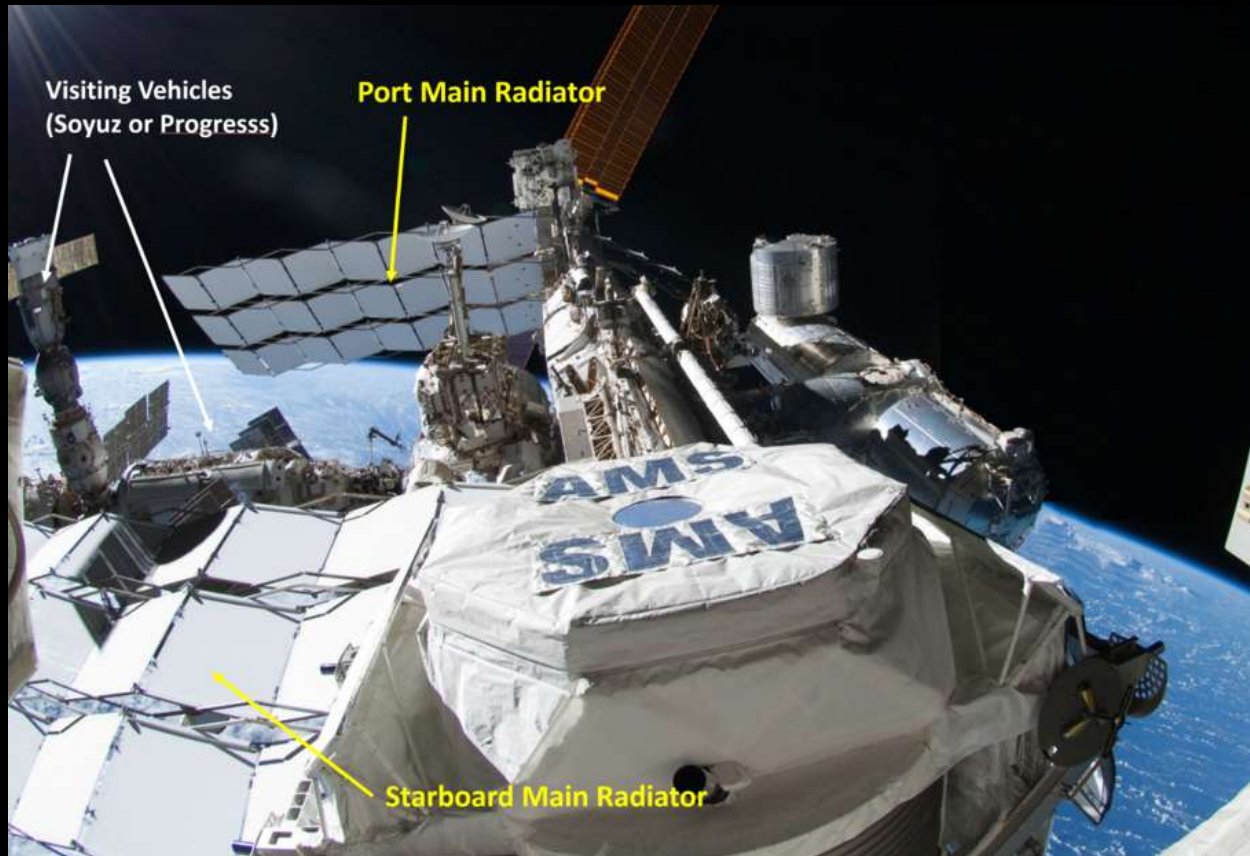


THERMAL ENVIRONMENT AT LOW EARTH ORBIT: BETA ANGLE



THERMAL ENVIRONMENT AT ISS: OPERATIONS & PAYLOADS

- ❑ The ISS starboard radiator can be rotated, blocking the view of the payload structure and radiators to deep space and reflecting differing amounts of radiation and reflecting differing amounts of radiation to the payload

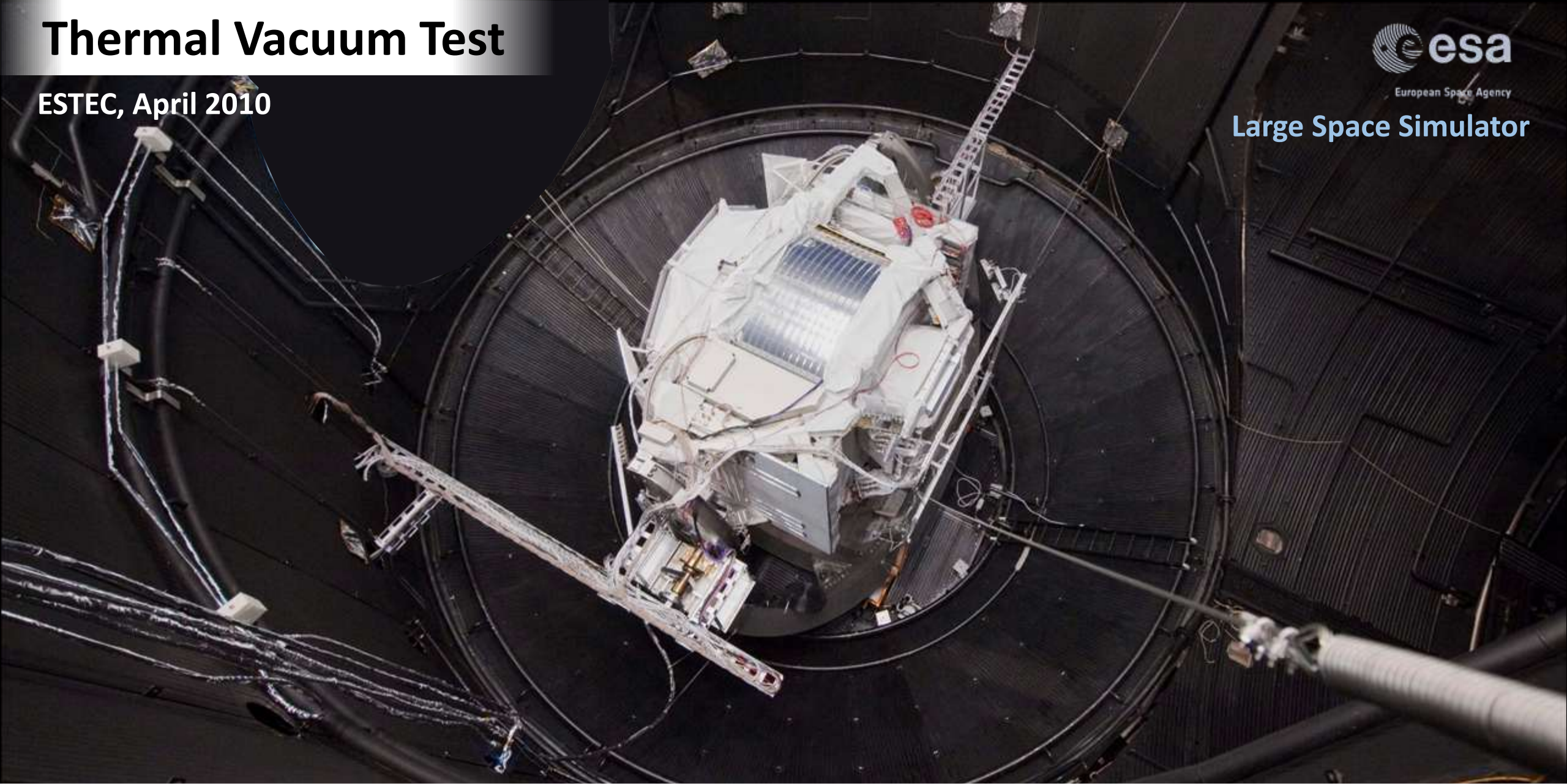


- ❑ The solar arrays usually track the sun but are occasionally parked in a fixed position that shades the payload.
- ❑ The ISS attitude can change due to the docking/undocking of vehicles (e.g. Soyuz, Progress...).
- ❑ The adjacent payload (Express Logistics Carrier 2) may also shade during periods of large negative beta angle

Thermal Vacuum Test

ESTEC, April 2010

Large Space Simulator

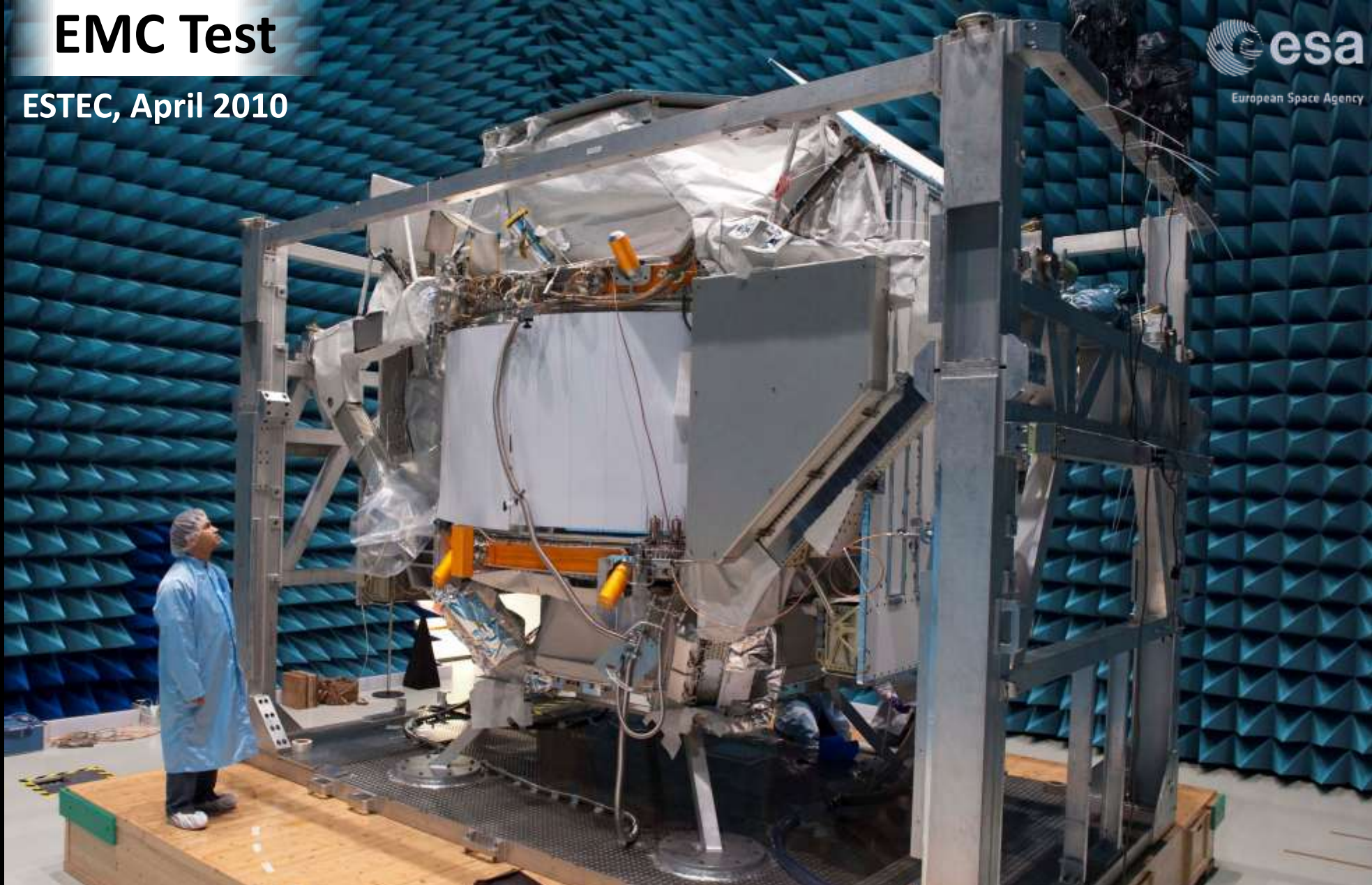


AMS-02 Thermal Vacuum test at ESTEC

CERN engineer team in charge for interface with ESA for AMS-02 Thermal Vacuum and EMC tests setup

EMC Test

ESTEC, April 2010



Electro Magnetic Compatibility at ESTEC

CERN engineer team in charge for interface with ESA for AMS-02 Thermal Vacuum and EMI tests

Test Beam at CERN

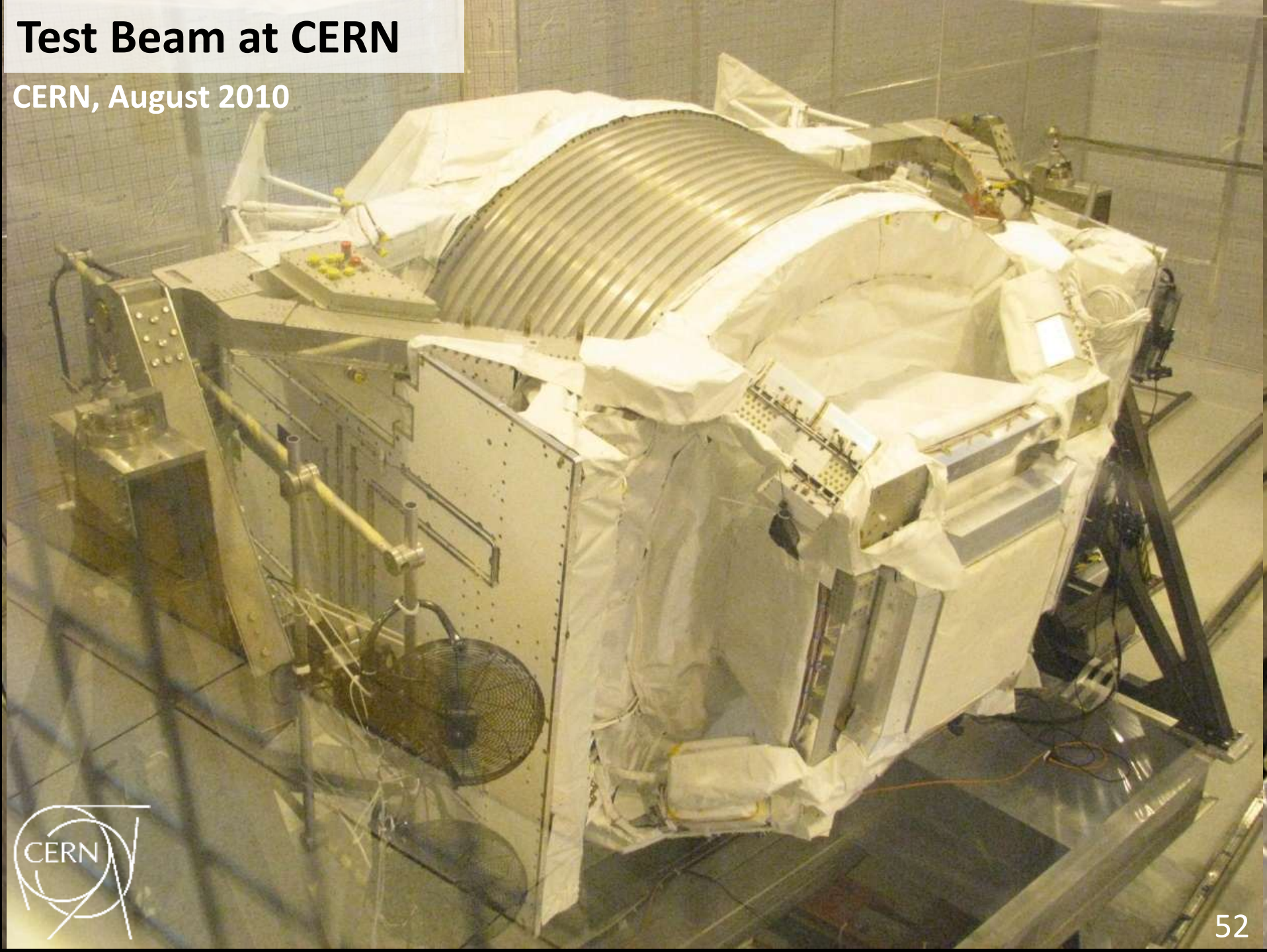
CERN, August 2010



Final Detector Calibration

Test Beam at CERN

CERN, August 2010



AMS-02 in the KSC

Florida, 26 Aug 2010



CERN engineering team in charge for interface with NASA KSC for AMS-02 flight readiness

Launch Pad 39
May, 2011



ISS
May 2011



AMS was installed on the International Space Station in May 2011

Near Earth Orbit:

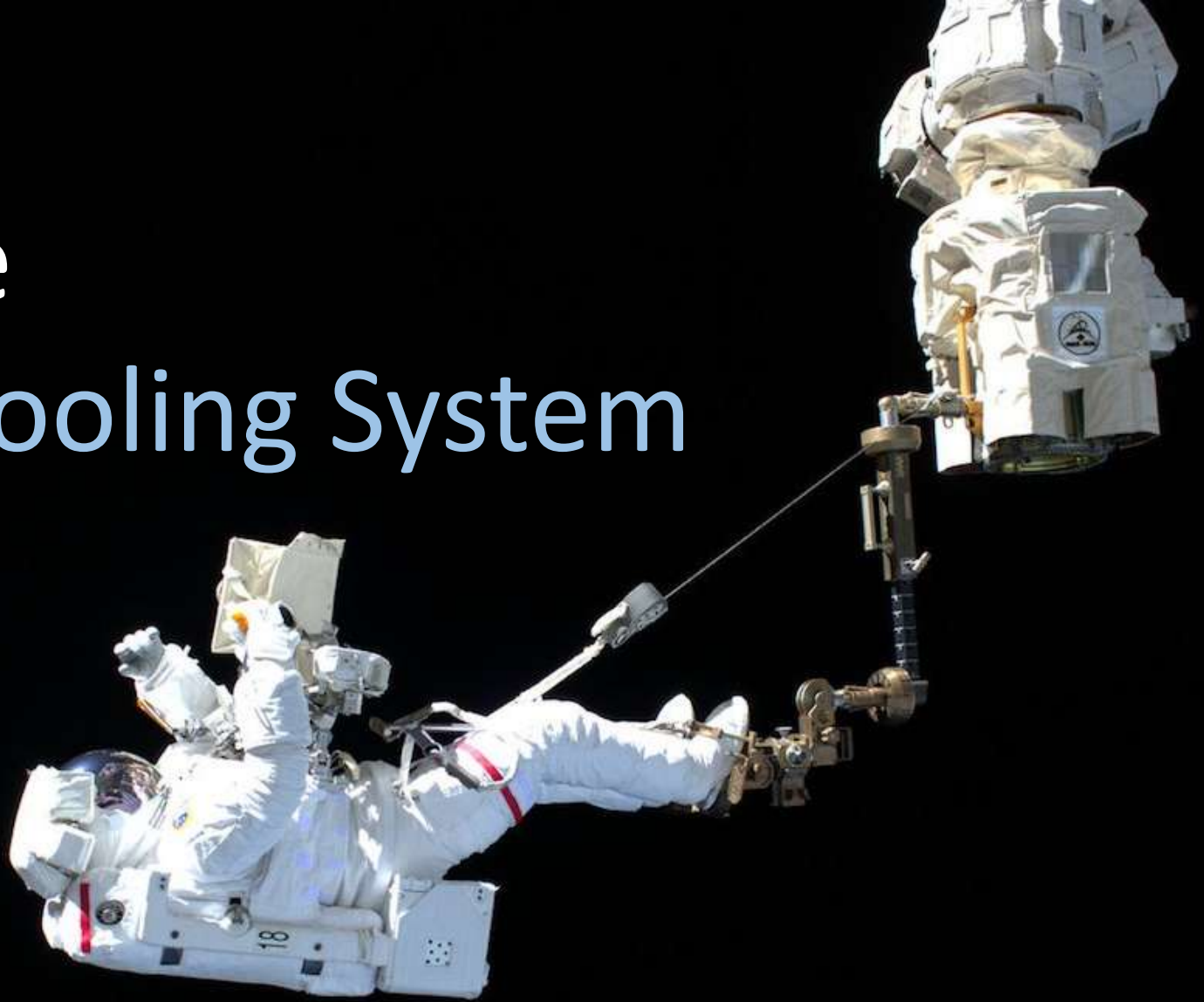
- altitude 400 km
- inclination 52 deg
- period 92 min

In 15 years, AMS has collected over 265×10^9 events of elementary particles and nuclei up to multiple TeV

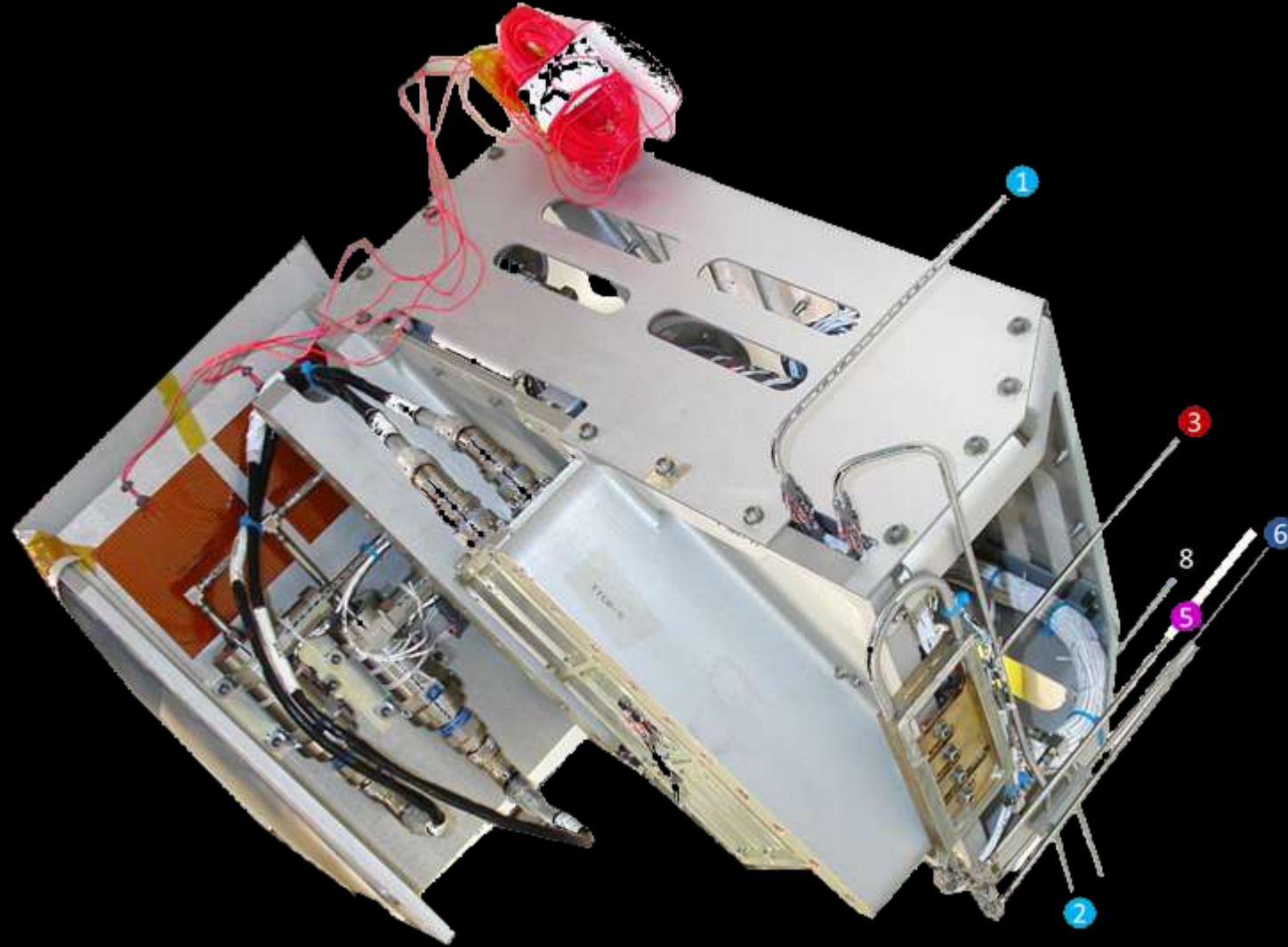
AMS-02

First Upgrade

New Pump Cooling System



After several years of operation, the tracker cooling pump system begins to show anomalies



AMS was not designed to be serviced by astronauts



Tracker Cooling
Pump System



New Pump System
was built by AMS for
EVA installation



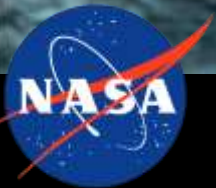
Box replacement
requires cut of 8 steel
high pressure lines
and reconnection



4 Exceptional EVAs: intensive astronauts training



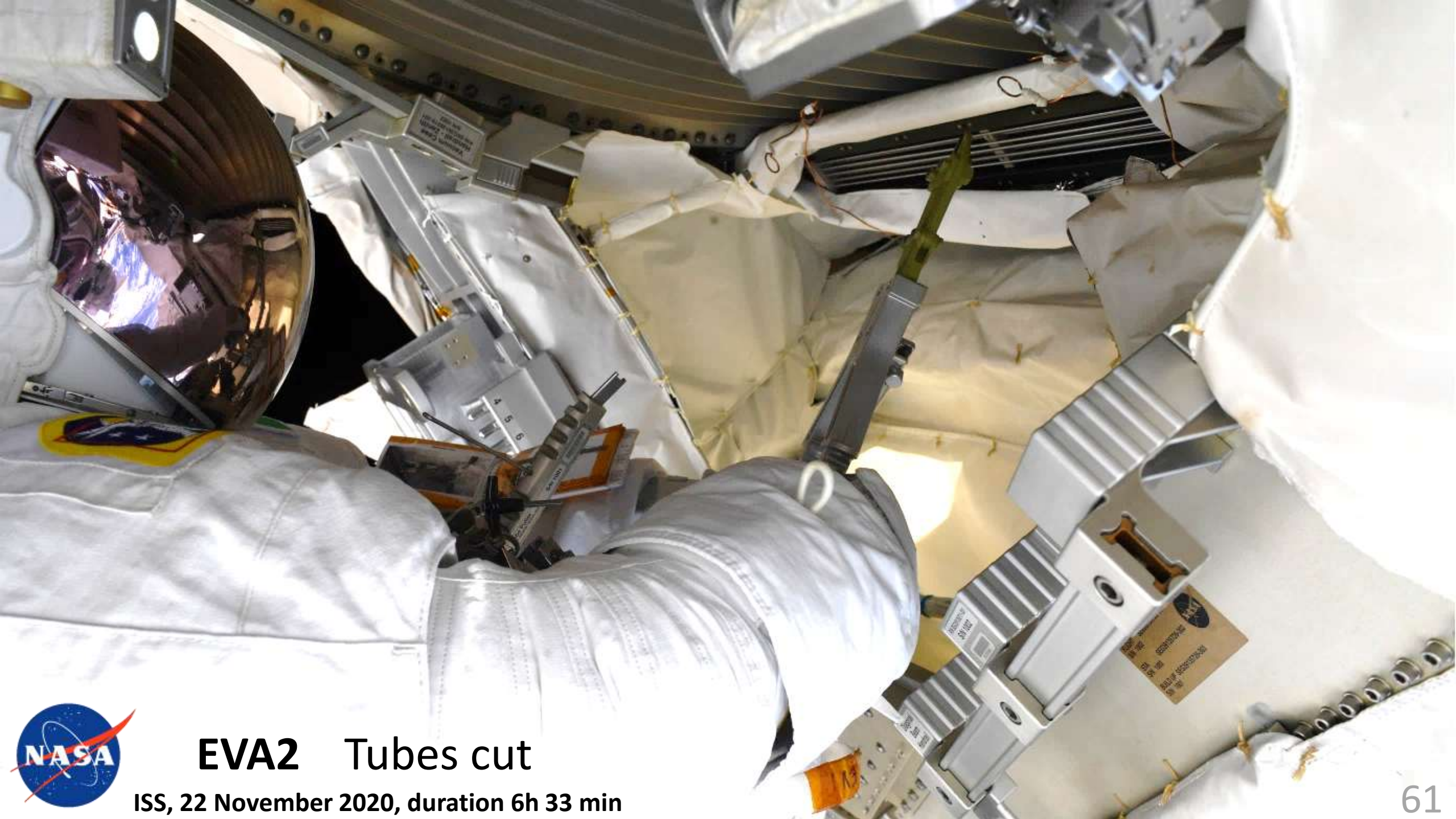
Active Response Gravity Offload System
Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory



EVA1 Debris shield removal

ISS, 13 November 2019, duration 6h 36 min





EVA2 Tubes cut

ISS, 22 November 2020, duration 6h 33 min

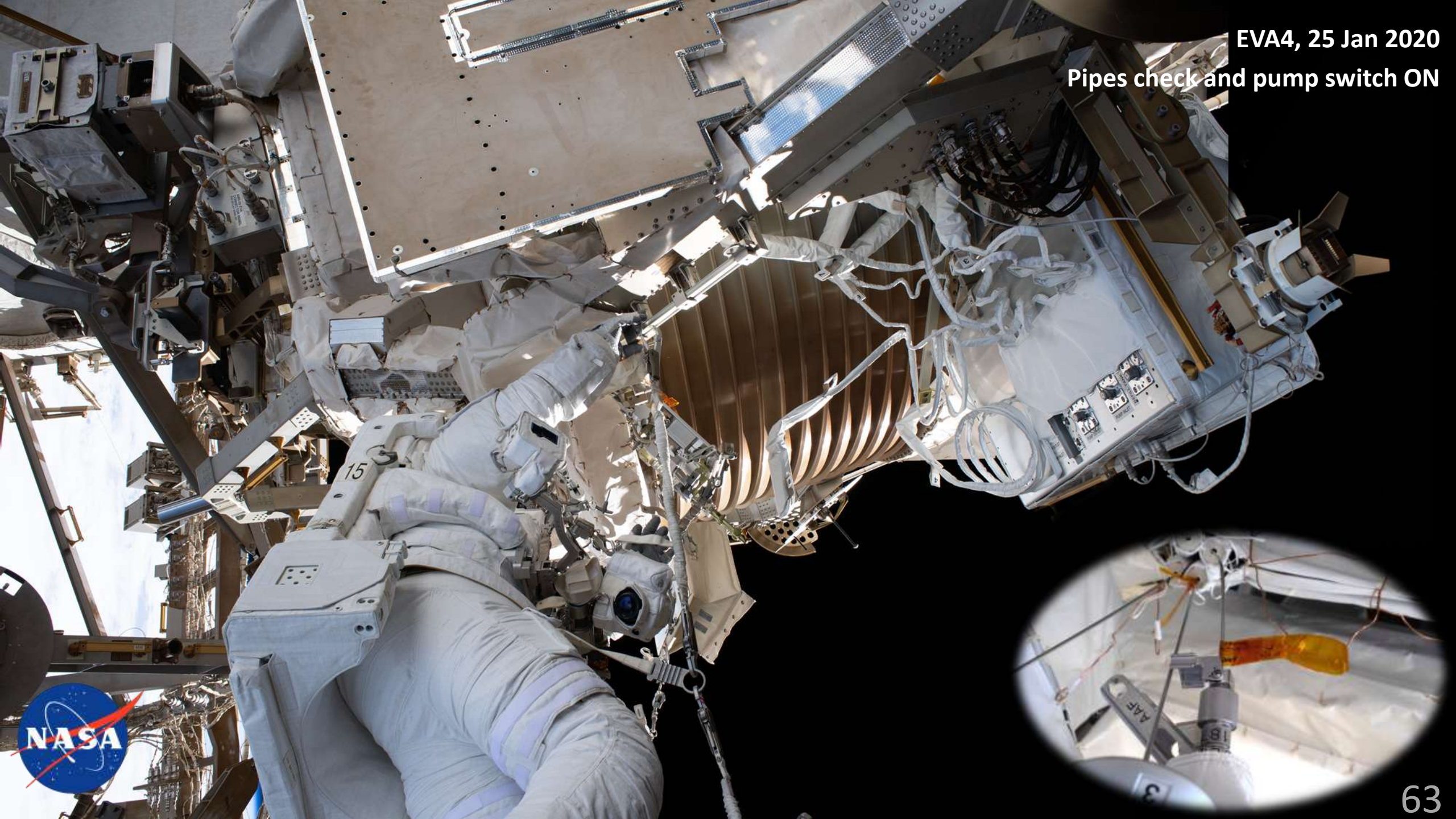
EVA3 New Pump System installation

ISS, EVA3, 2 December 2019, duration 6h 03 min



EVA4, 25 Jan 2020

Pipes check and pump switch ON

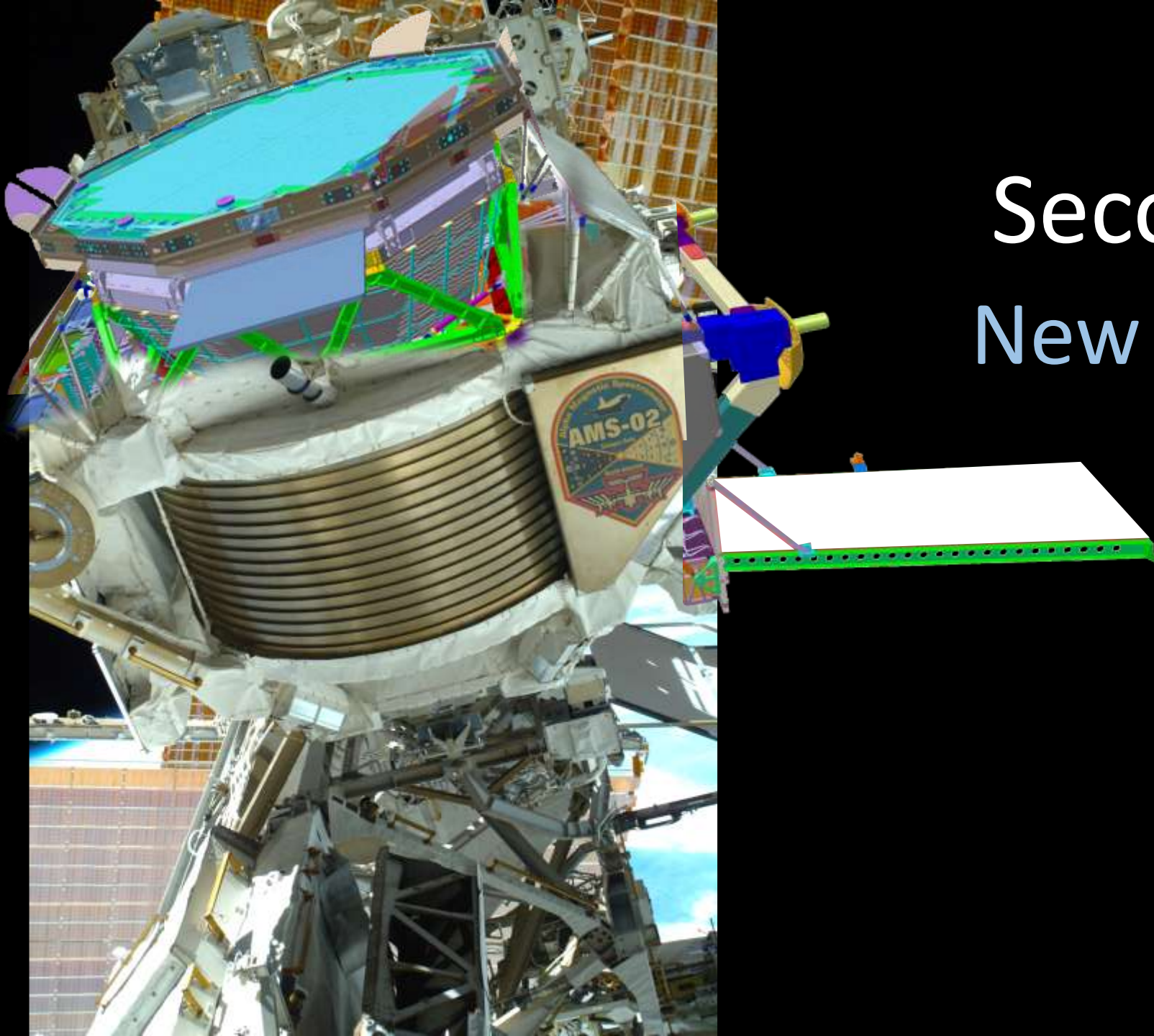


AMS-02

Second Upgrade

New Detector Layer

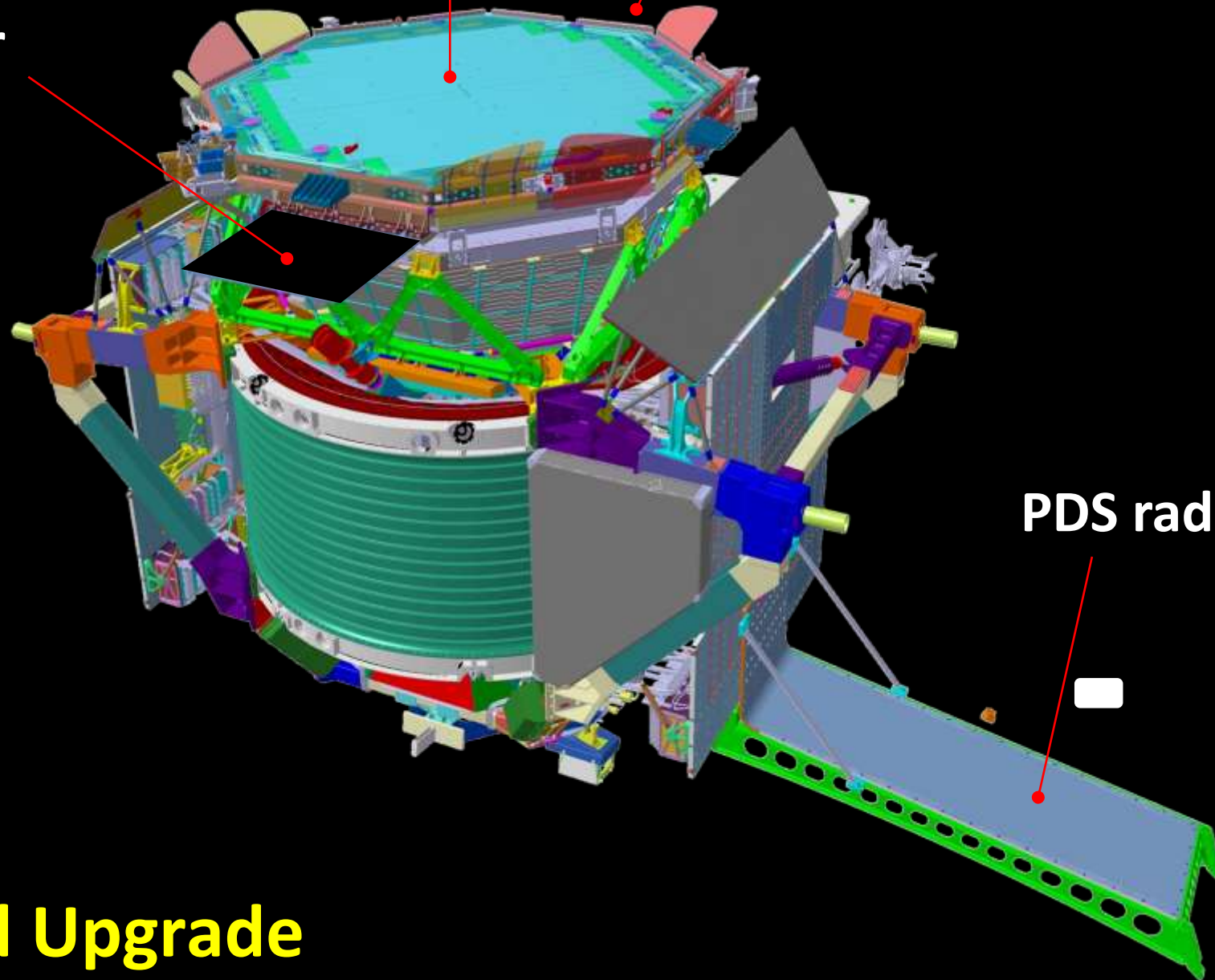
New Radiators



(Layer-0)

Layer-1 radiator

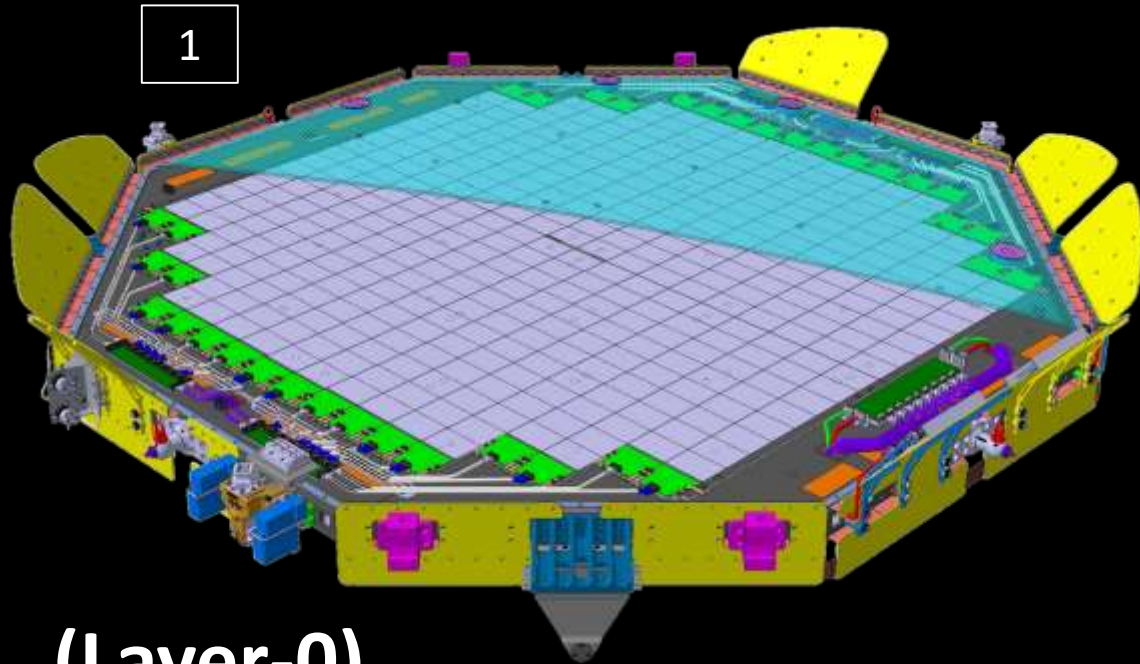
Layer-1 radiator



PDS radiator

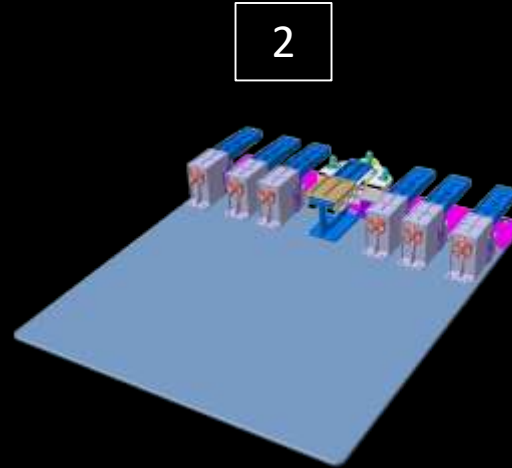
AMS Second Upgrade

AMS parts to send to space



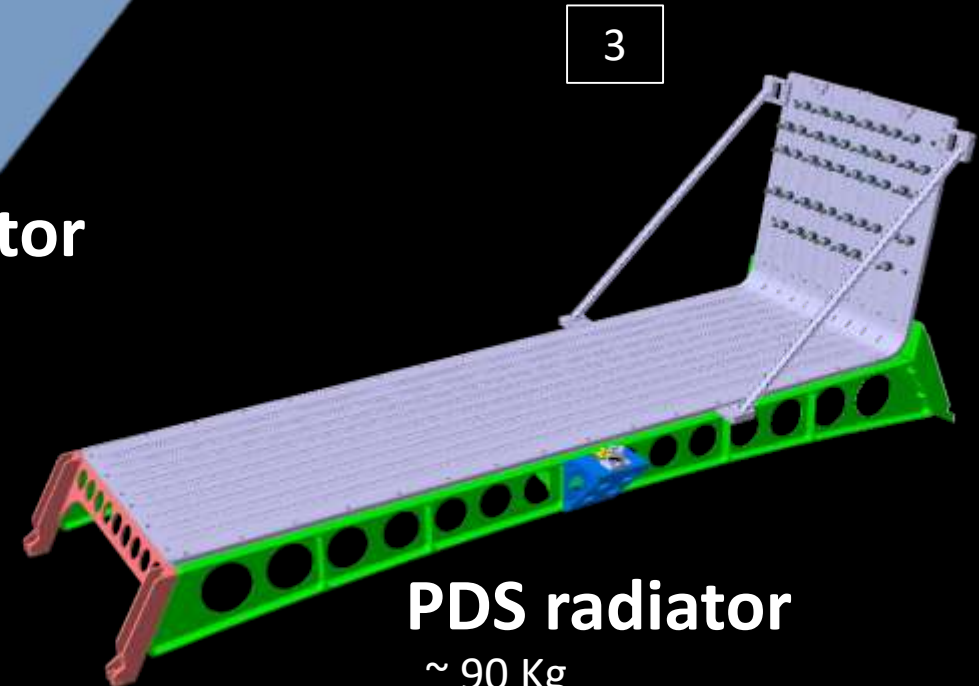
(Layer-0)

~350 Kg (includes SpX hardware 57 kg)
~ 2.8m x 2.8m x 0.45m



2x (Layer-1) radiator

2x
~ 30 kg
~ 0.96 m x 0.84 m x 0.18 m

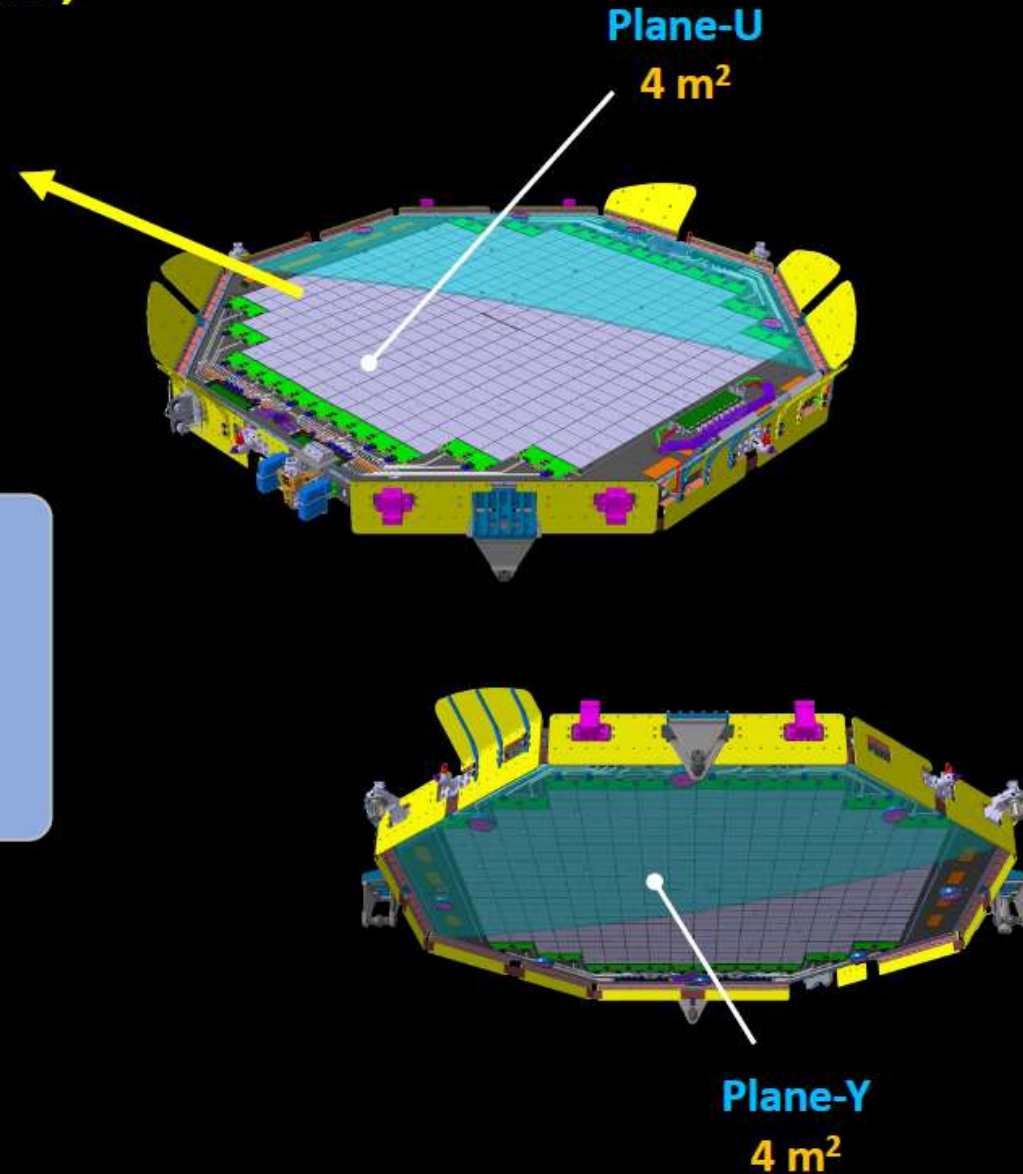
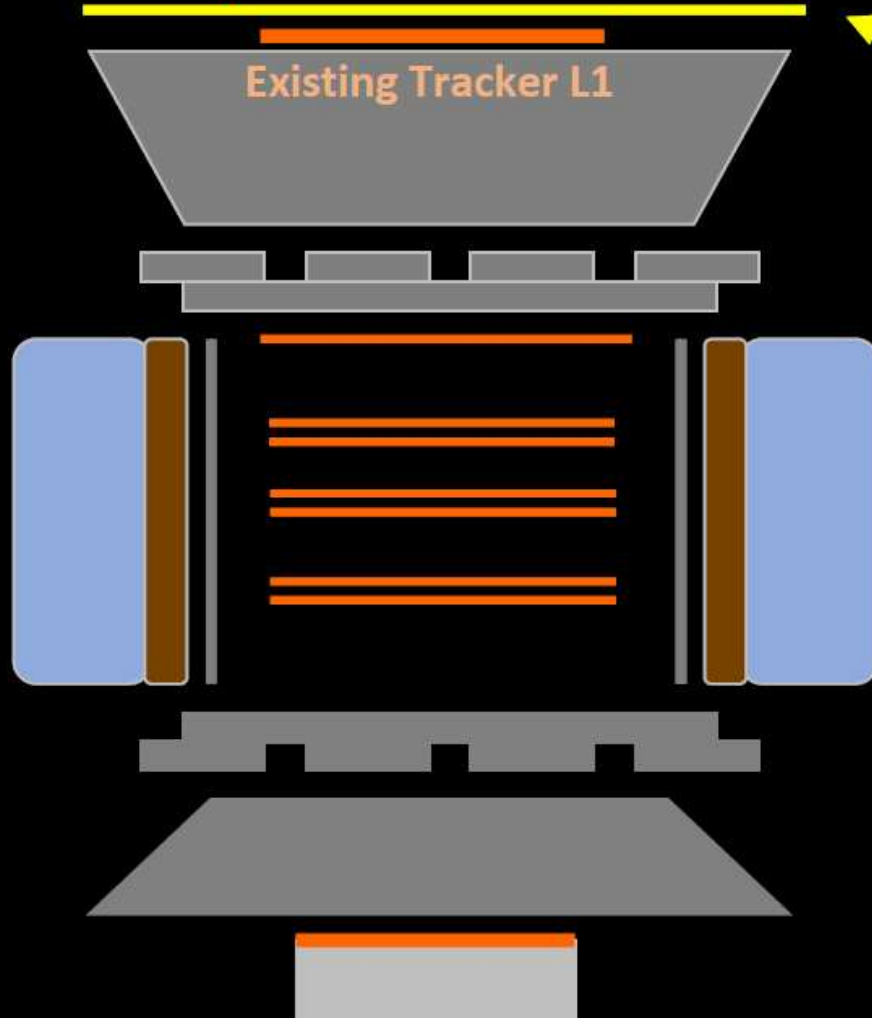


PDS radiator

~ 90 Kg
~ 2.8 m x 1 m x 1 m

AMS on ISS: 2027-2030+

New 4+4m² Silicon Tracker Planes,
+74k Channels
Acceptance increased to 300%



Qualification Model: Vibration test

Payload must remain structurally unchanged and functional, after random vibration at levels enveloping the launch



AMS L0 Flight Hardware Integration & Metrology @CERN



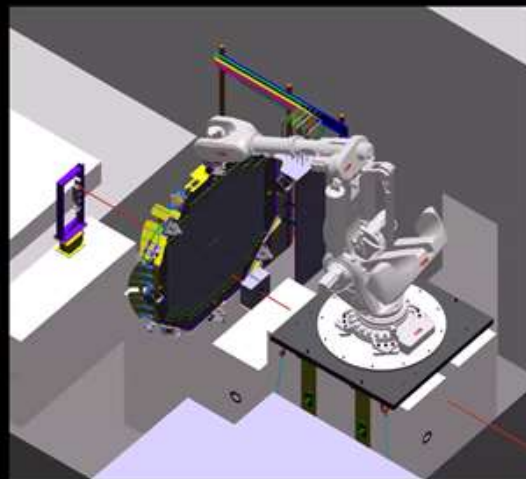
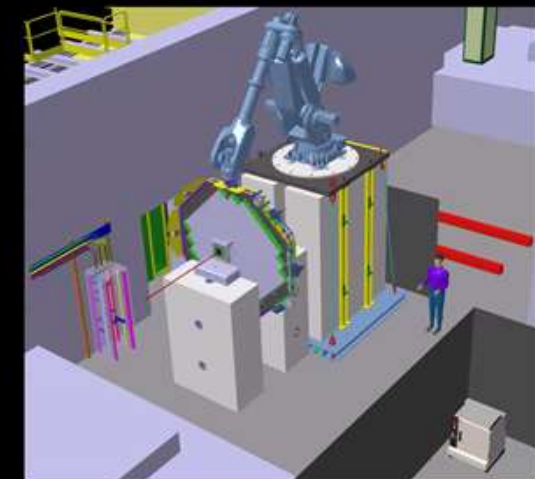
North Area Installation



Detector mapping performed at several steps during integration and a final one after all tests and before test beam



Virtual Environment



April 20th, 2026: Vibration test
May 11th, 2026: Thermal Vacuum Test
June 8th, 2026: EMI Test
June 26th, 2026: NASA/DOE visit
July 20th, 2026: Test Beam @SPS

08/2026: Ready for Delivery to NASA KSC
03/2027: Launch on SpaceX-36

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- ❑ ... and get your mission selected by your Space Agency!