

# Astrofisica e particelle elementari

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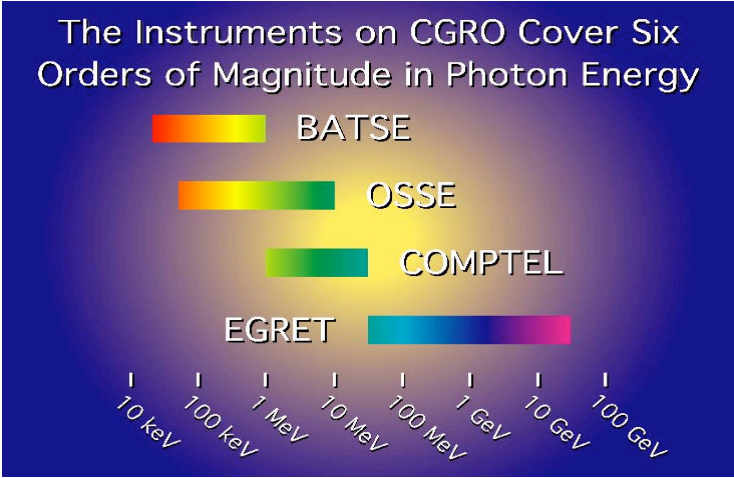
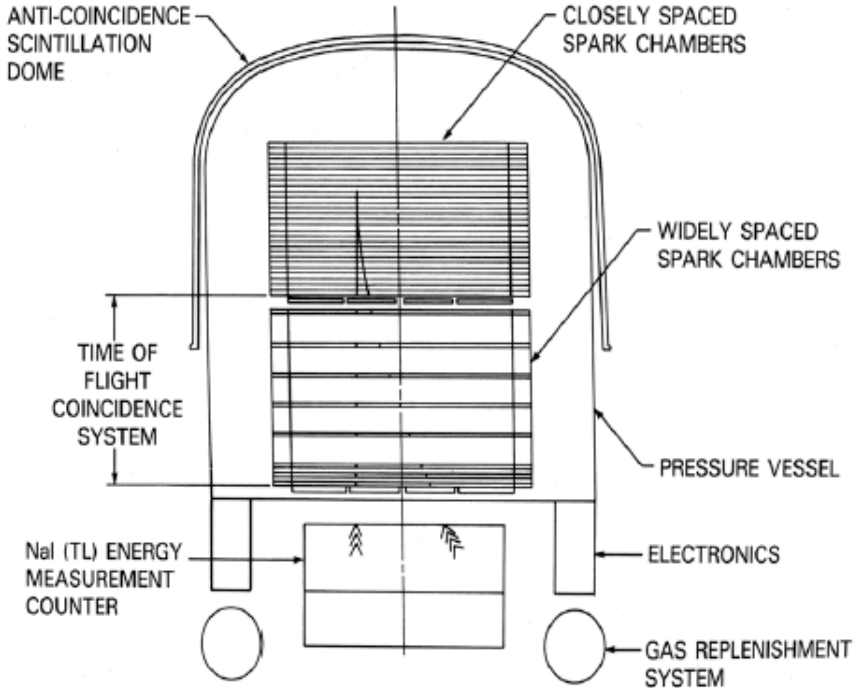
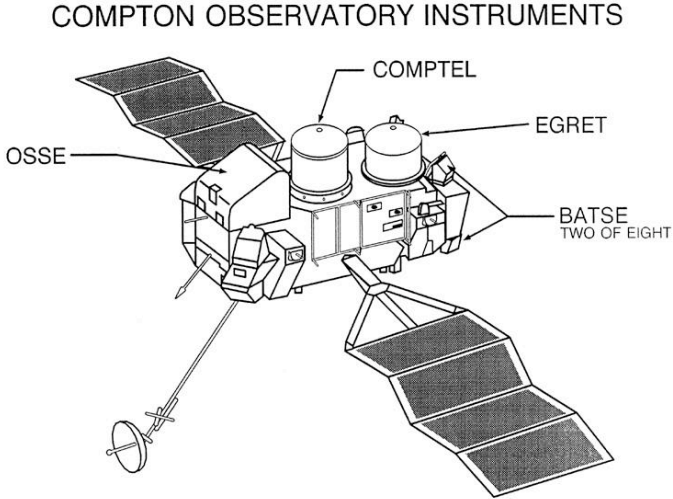
- Esperimenti su satellite per radiazione gamma
- Esperimenti Cerenkov in atmosfera

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# Esperimenti nello spazio



# EGRET



**EGRET**

- 1991-2000
- 30 MeV - 30 GeV
- AGN, GRB, Unidentified Sources, Diffuse Bkg

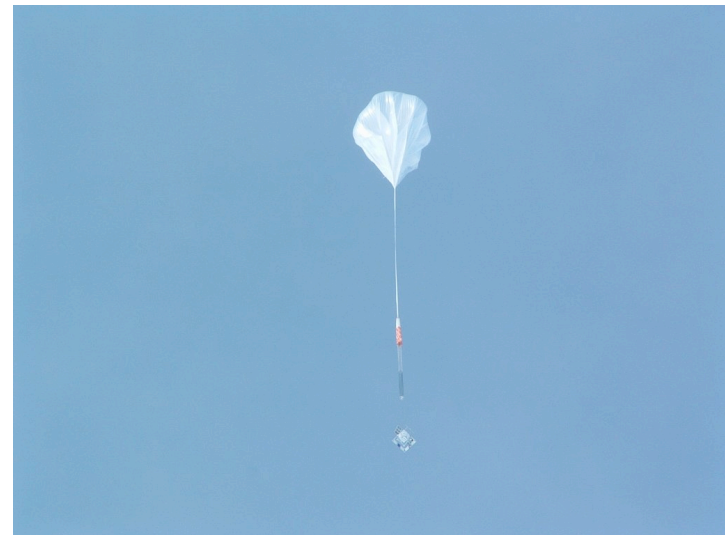
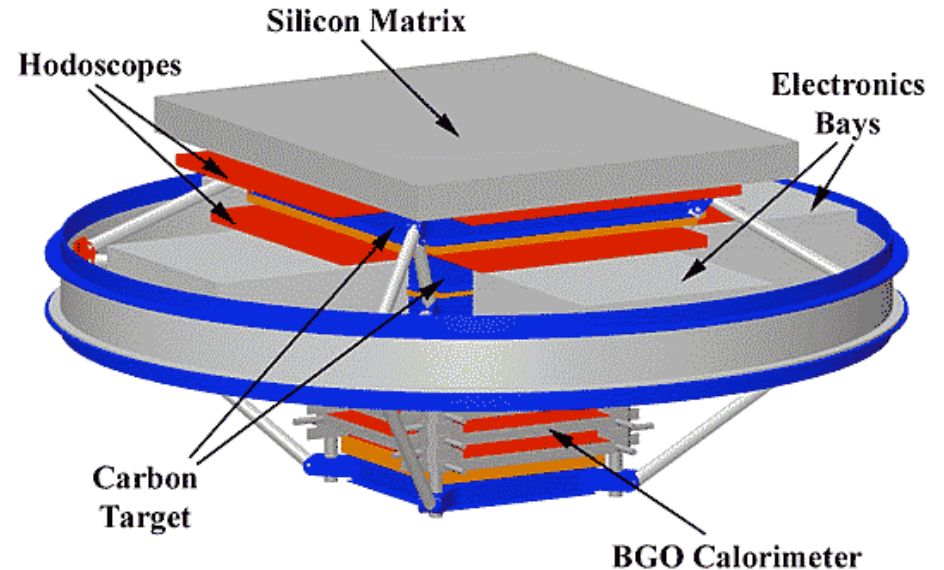
# ATIC

4 lanci dal 2000

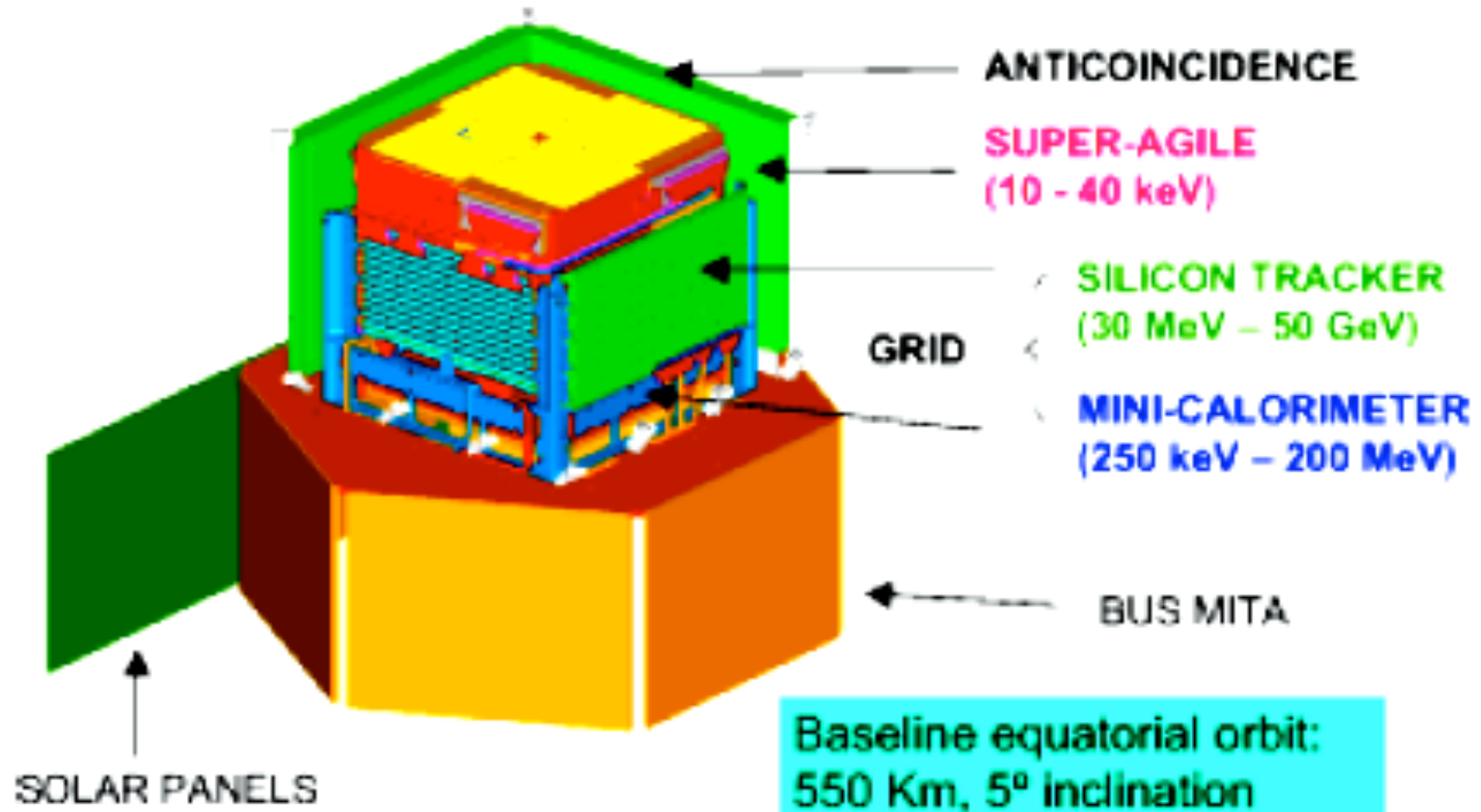
ATIC must be capable of measuring the incident cosmic ray charge and energy over an energy range of 50 GeV to >100 TeV.

The fully active ATIC calorimeter is composed of 10 layers of Bismuth Germanate (BGO) scintillating crystals and is located on the bottom of the instrument. Above the calorimeter is the target section consisting of three plastic scintillator strip hodoscopes to define the instrument aperture and provide redundant charge and trajectory measurements, as well as layers of inert carbon (between hodoscopes) to provide a volume for the incident particles to interact.

On the top of the detector stack is the highly segmented silicon matrix detector that provides an accurate measure of the incident particle charge. Surrounding the detector stack, electronics bays hold the flight computers, readout electronics, power system boards and other instrument electronics. The total weight of ATIC is about 1,500 kg (3,300 lbs), the total power consumed is less than 350 Watts.

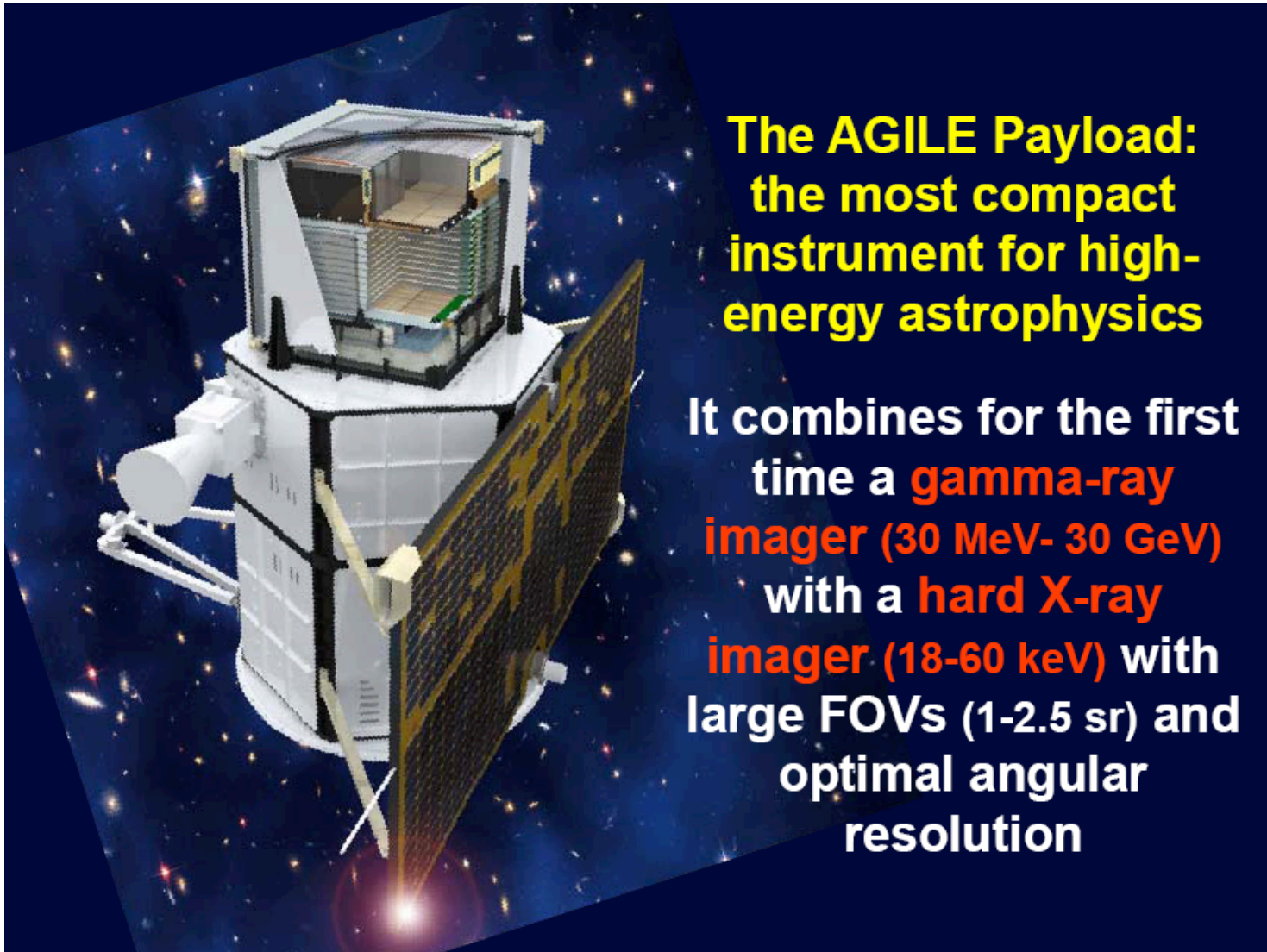


# AGILE



# AGILE

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**The AGILE Payload:  
the most compact  
instrument for high-  
energy astrophysics**

**It combines for the first  
time a **gamma-ray  
imager (30 MeV- 30 GeV)**  
with a **hard X-ray  
imager (18-60 keV)** with  
large FOVs (1-2.5 sr) and  
optimal angular  
resolution**



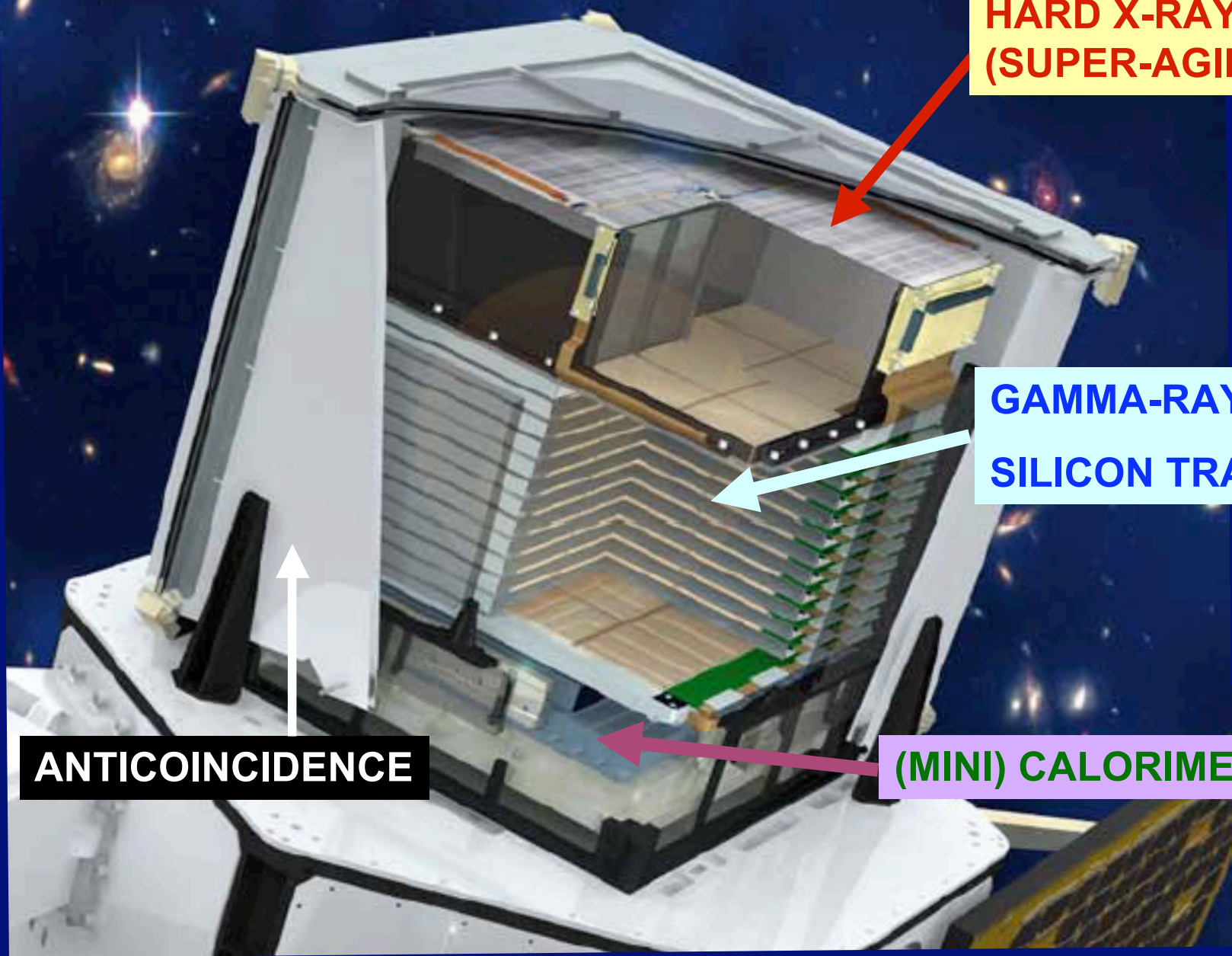
# AGILE: inside the cube...

HARD X-RAY IMAGER  
(SUPER-AGILE)

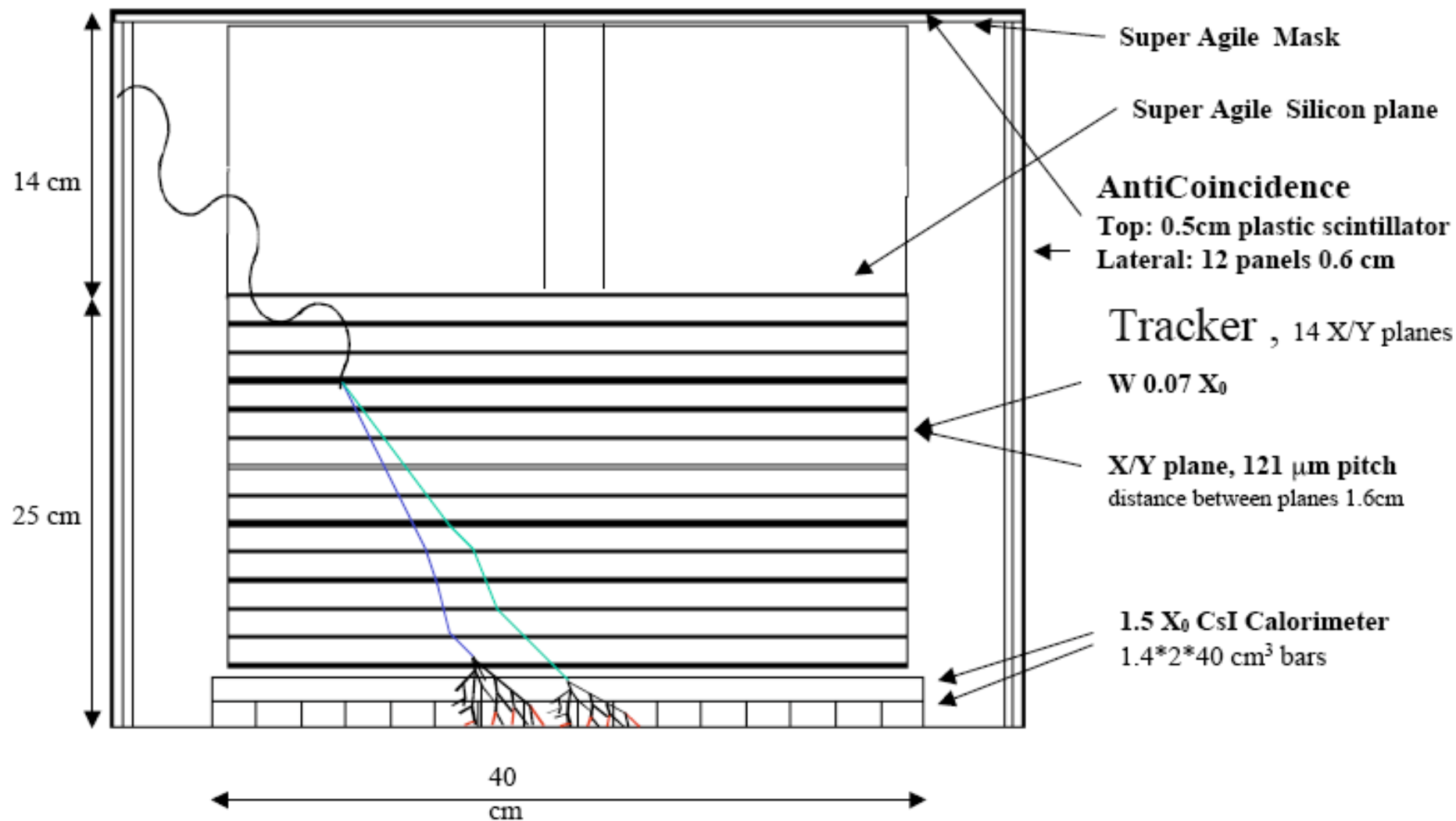
GAMMA-RAY IMAGER  
SILICON TRACKER

ANTICOINCIDENCE

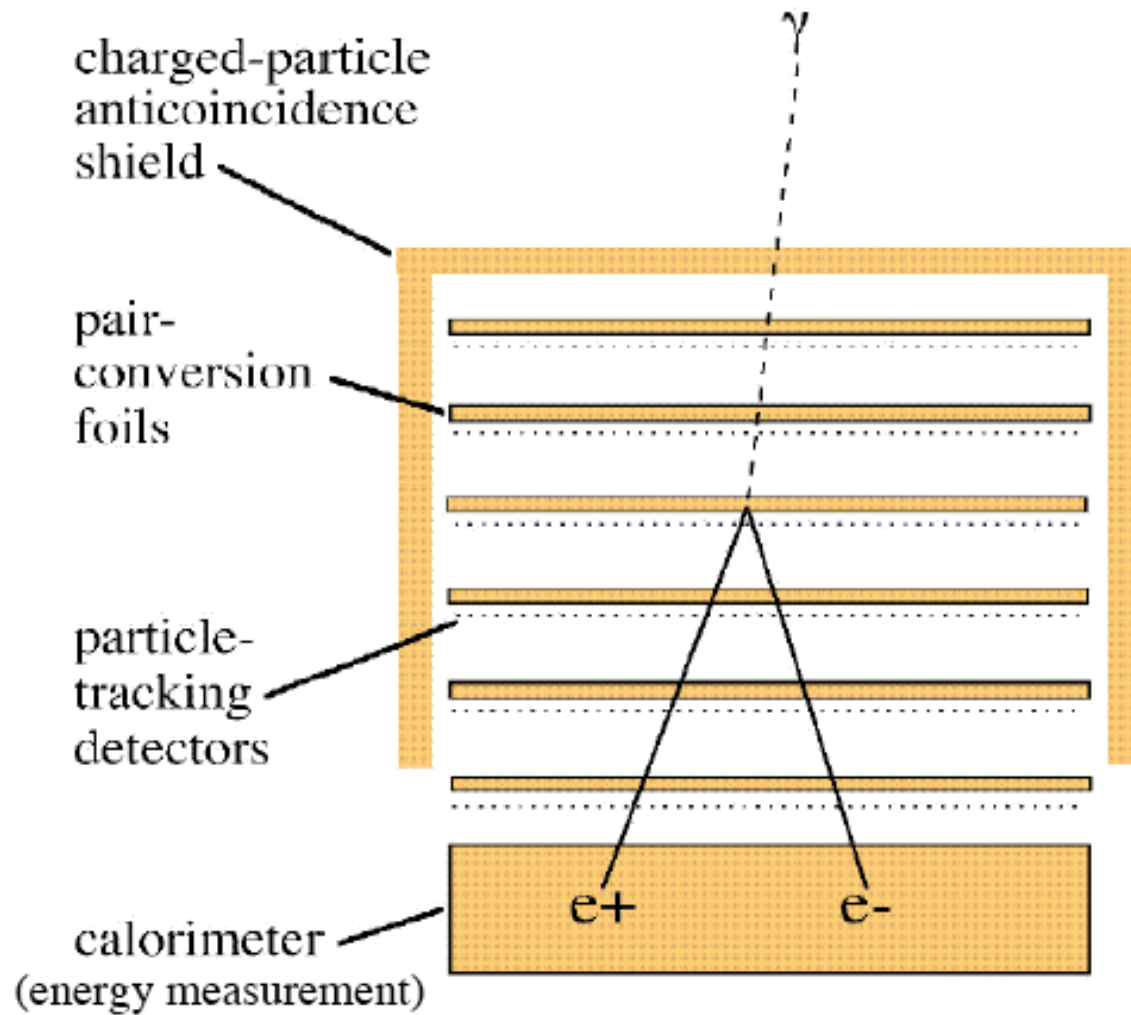
(MINI) CALORIMETER: CsI



# AGILE



# CONVERSIONE $\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$



- photons materialize into matter-antimatter pairs:  
$$E_\gamma \rightarrow m_{e^+}c^2 + m_{e^-}c^2$$
- electron and positron carry information about the direction, energy and polarization of the  $\gamma$ -ray

$$\gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

High-energy  $\gamma$ -ray telescopes work on the principle of pair production. A photon passing through matter may convert into an electron-positron pair.

$$\gamma + \text{nucleus} \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + \text{nucleus}$$

The probability of such a conversion taking place is roughly independent of the energy of the incident photon above 1 GeV, and falls off at lower energies. While the full pair-production differential cross section is a complex function of incident  $\gamma$ -ray energy, electron and positron energy, nuclear recoil energy, opening angle, azimuthal angle, and recoil angle [1], several simplifying assumptions give simple estimates of bulk behavior [2]. For a homogeneous material the intensity of the incident  $\gamma$ -ray beam falls off like

$$I = I_0 \exp\left(-\frac{7}{9}t/X_0\right), \quad (1)$$

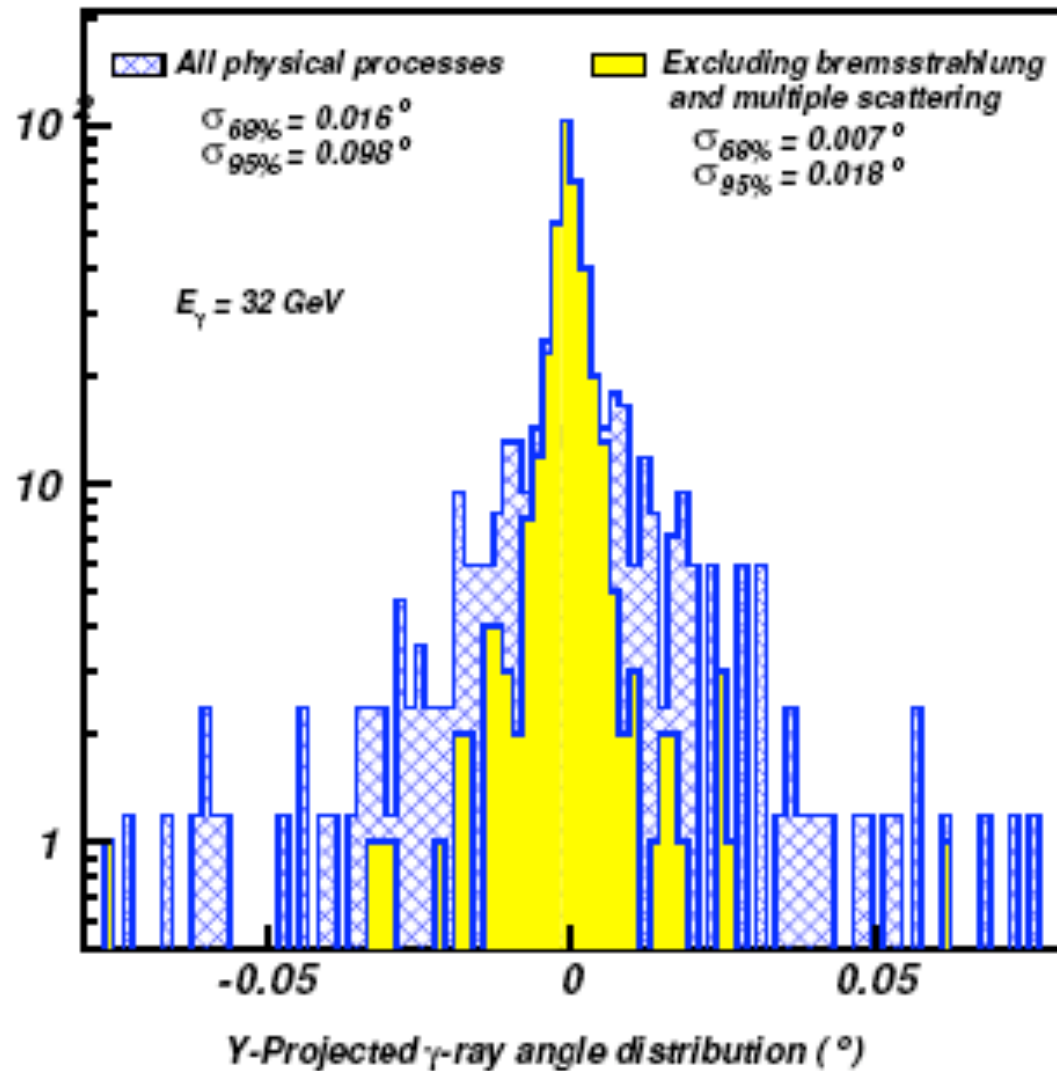
due to all interactions, where  $t$  is the thickness of material and  $X_0$  is the radiation length of the material. Therefore, the probability of a particular  $\gamma$ -ray to interact in the material is

$$P(t) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{7}{9}t/X_0\right). \quad (2)$$

Pair production offers an opportunity for photons detection. In fact we can estimate the incident  $\gamma$ -ray energy and direction by tracking the resulting  $e^+e^-$  pair. The reconstructed energy will be the sum of the  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  energies, corrected for energy loss in the instrument, and the incident direction of the  $\gamma$ -ray can be obtained by the momentum-weighted average of the  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  directions.

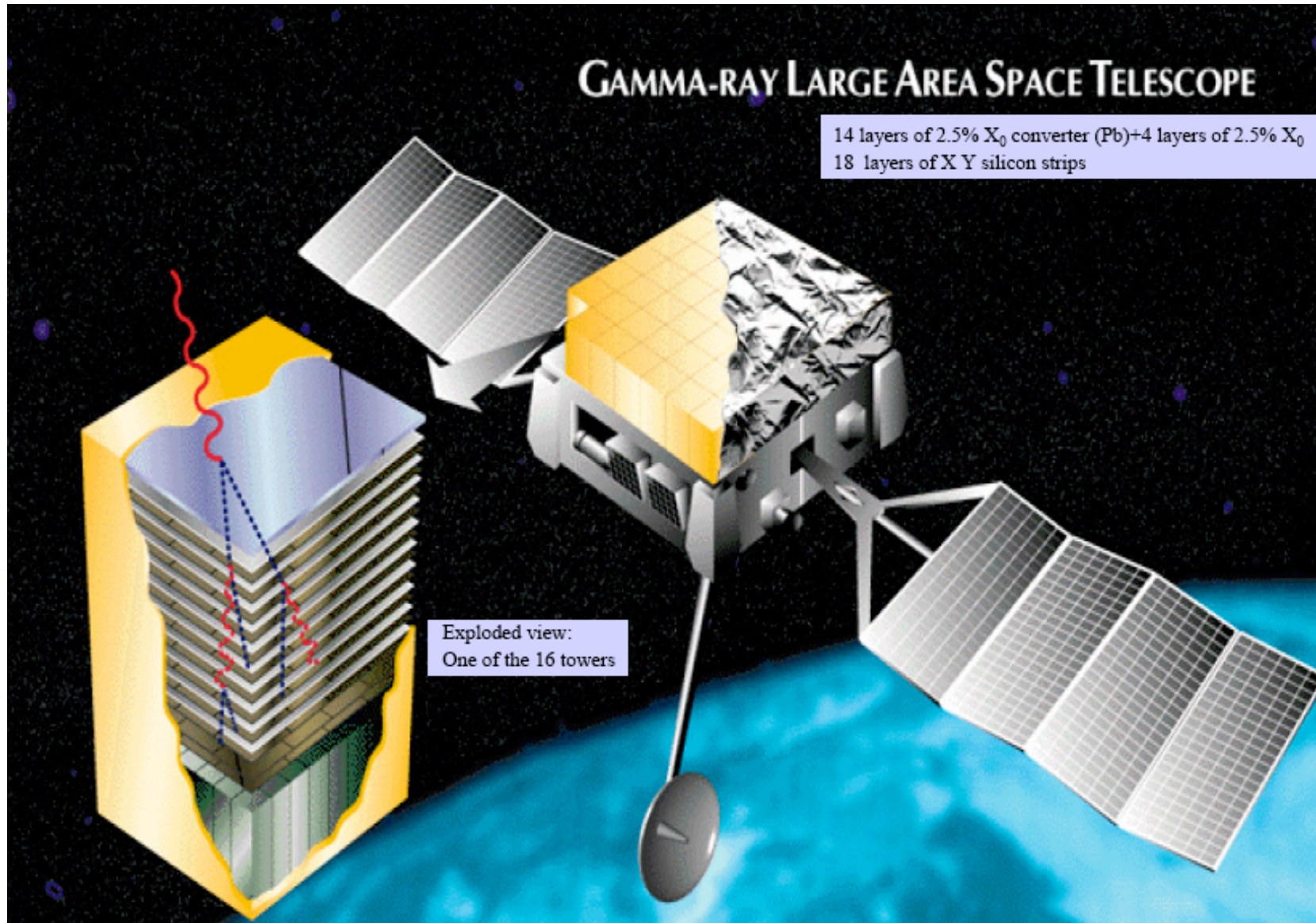


# DISTRIBUZIONE $\theta_p$

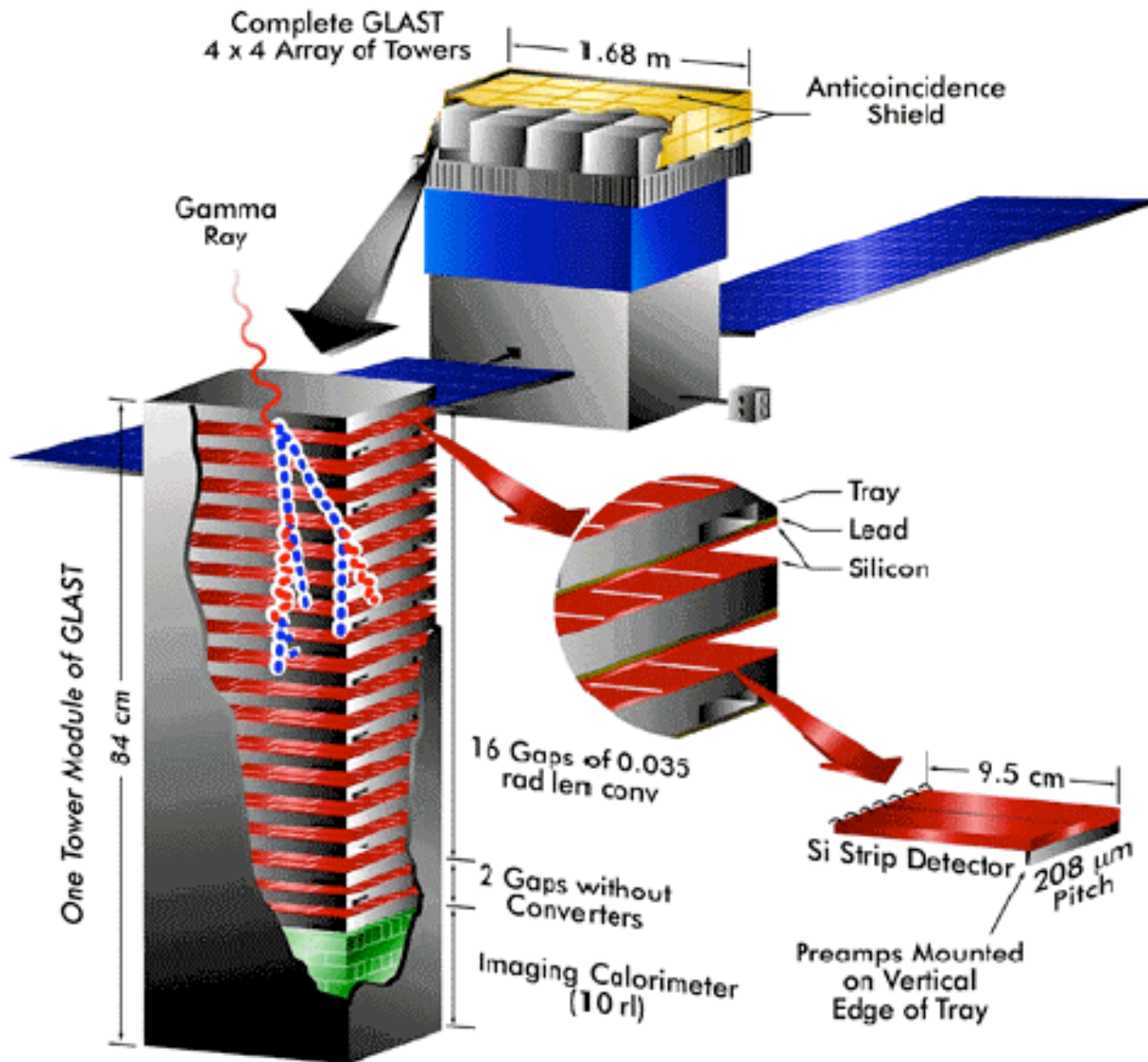


# GLAST/FERMI

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# GLAST





# GLAST Large Area Telescope

## Instrument

Pair-conversion telescope

16 towers  $\Rightarrow$  modularity

height/width = 0.4  $\Rightarrow$  large field-of-view

## Calorimeter Modules

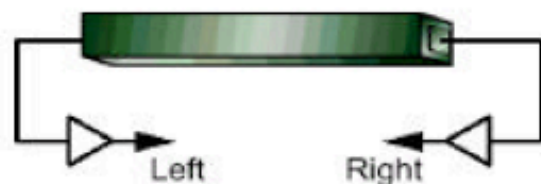
Hodoscopic Imaging Array of CsI crystals:

~ 8.5 ri depth

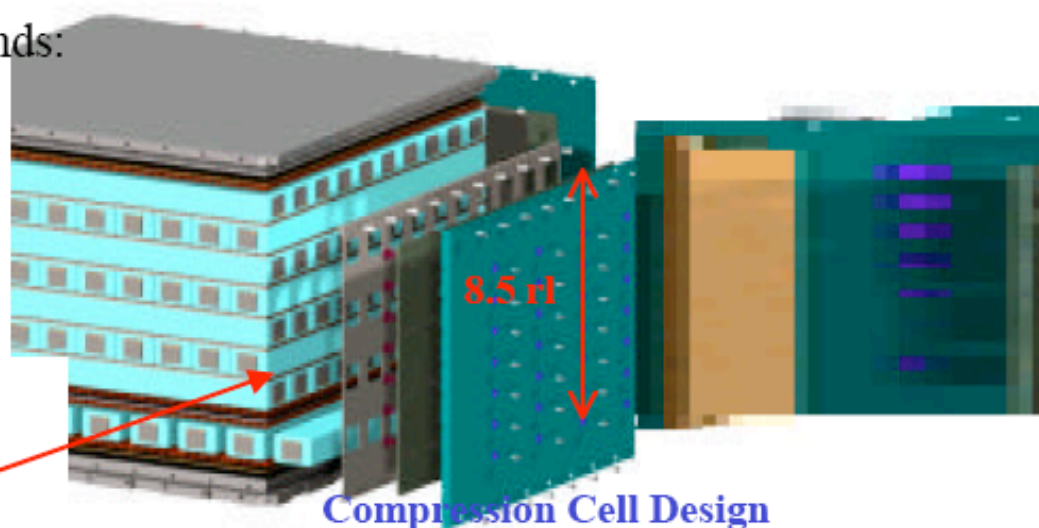
PIN photodiode readout from both ends:

2 ch/xtal x 80 xtals/mod = 2,560 ch

segmentation allows pattern recognition (“imaging”) and leakage correction

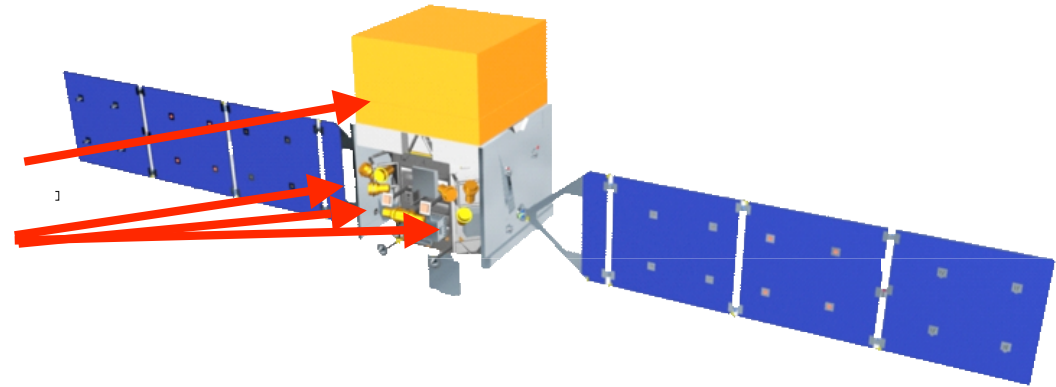


Mechanical Prototype of Carbon Cell Design



# GLAST Key-Features

- Two GLAST instruments:
  - LAT: 20 MeV - >300 GeV
  - GBM: 10 keV - 25 MeV
  - Launch: 11 June 2008.
  - 565 km, circular orbit
  - 5-year mission (10-year goal)
  - International Collaboration
- Huge field of view:
  - LAT: 20% of the sky at any instant; in sky survey mode, expose all parts of sky for ~30 minutes every 3 hours.
  - GBM: whole unoccluded sky at any time.
- Huge energy range, including largely unexplored band 10 GeV- 100 GeV
- *LAT: Large Area Telescope*
- *GBM: Gamma ray Burst Monitor*



# The GLAST Large Area Telescope

- **Precision Si-strip Tracker (TKR)**

18 XY tracking planes. 228 mm pitch). High efficiency. Good position resolution (ang. resolution at high energy) 12 x 0.03  $X_0$  front end => reduce multiple scattering. 4 x 0.18  $X_0$  back-end => increase sensitivity >1GeV . Tot t  $\approx$  1 $X_0$

- **CsI Calorimeter(CAL)**

Array of 1536 CsI(Tl) crystals in 8 layers. Hodoscopic => Cosmic ray rejection.

=> shower leakage correction.

8.5  $X_0$  => Shower max contained <100 GeV

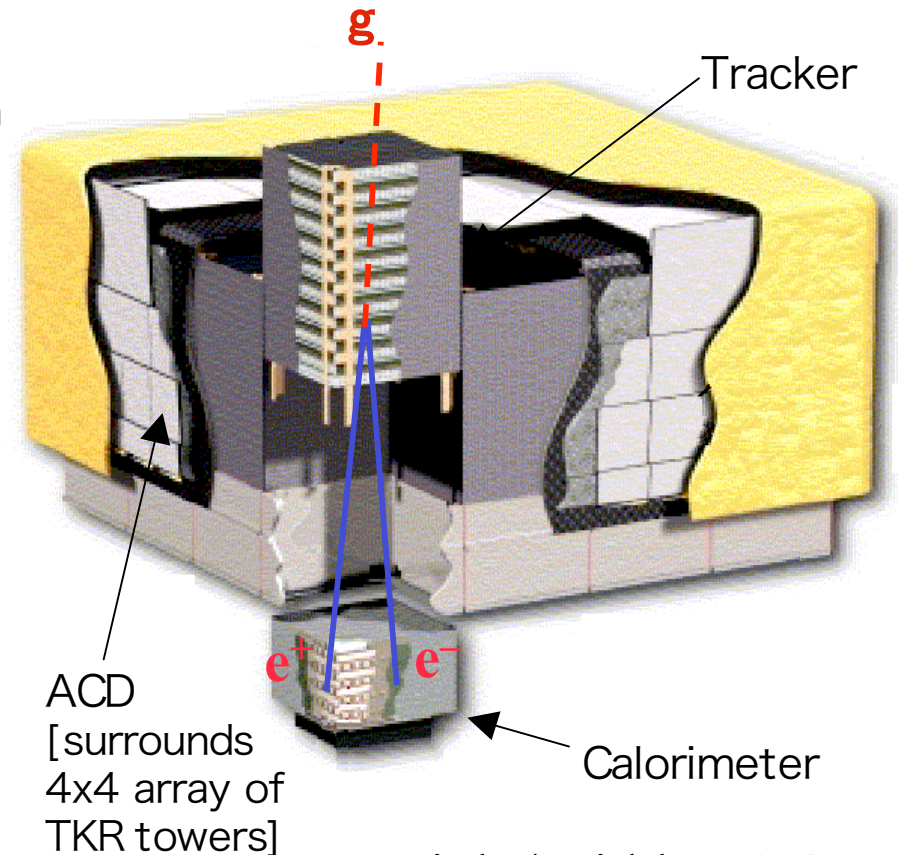
- **Anticoincidence Detector (ACD)**

Segmented (89 plastic scintillator tiles)

=> minimize self veto,

Reject background of charged cosmic rays;

- **Electronics System** Includes flexible, robust hardware trigger and software filters.

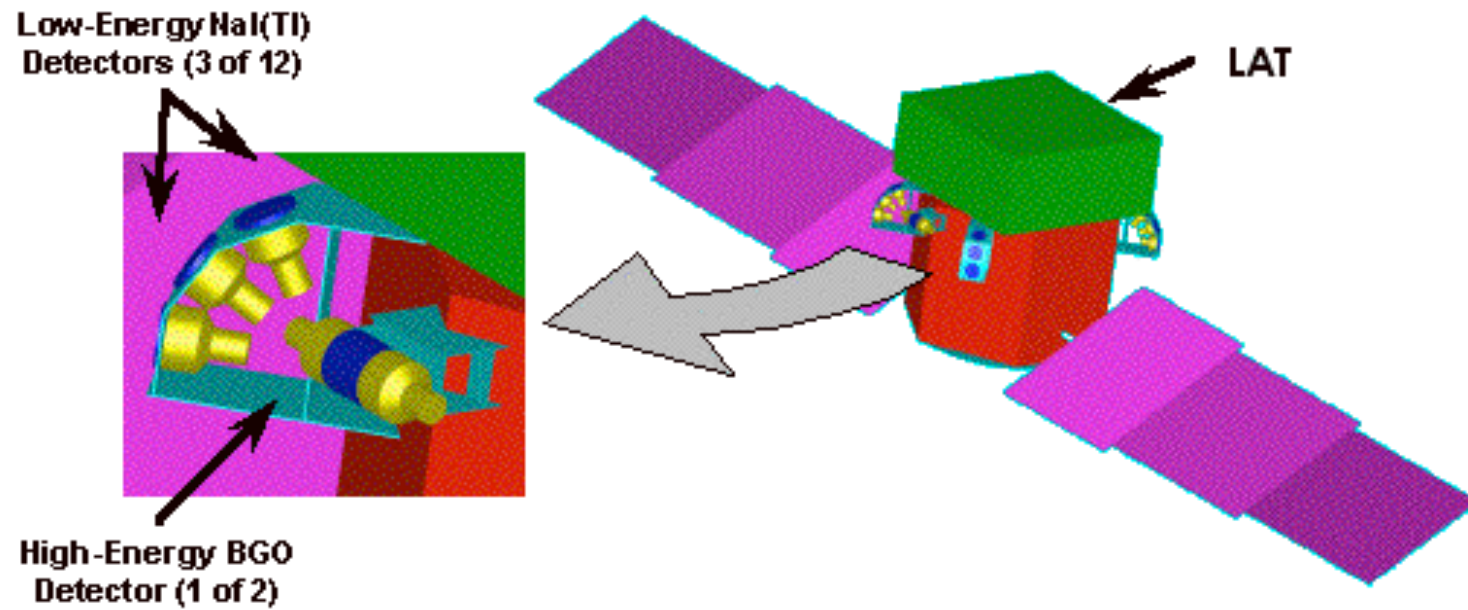


Height/Width = 0.4

=> Large field of view

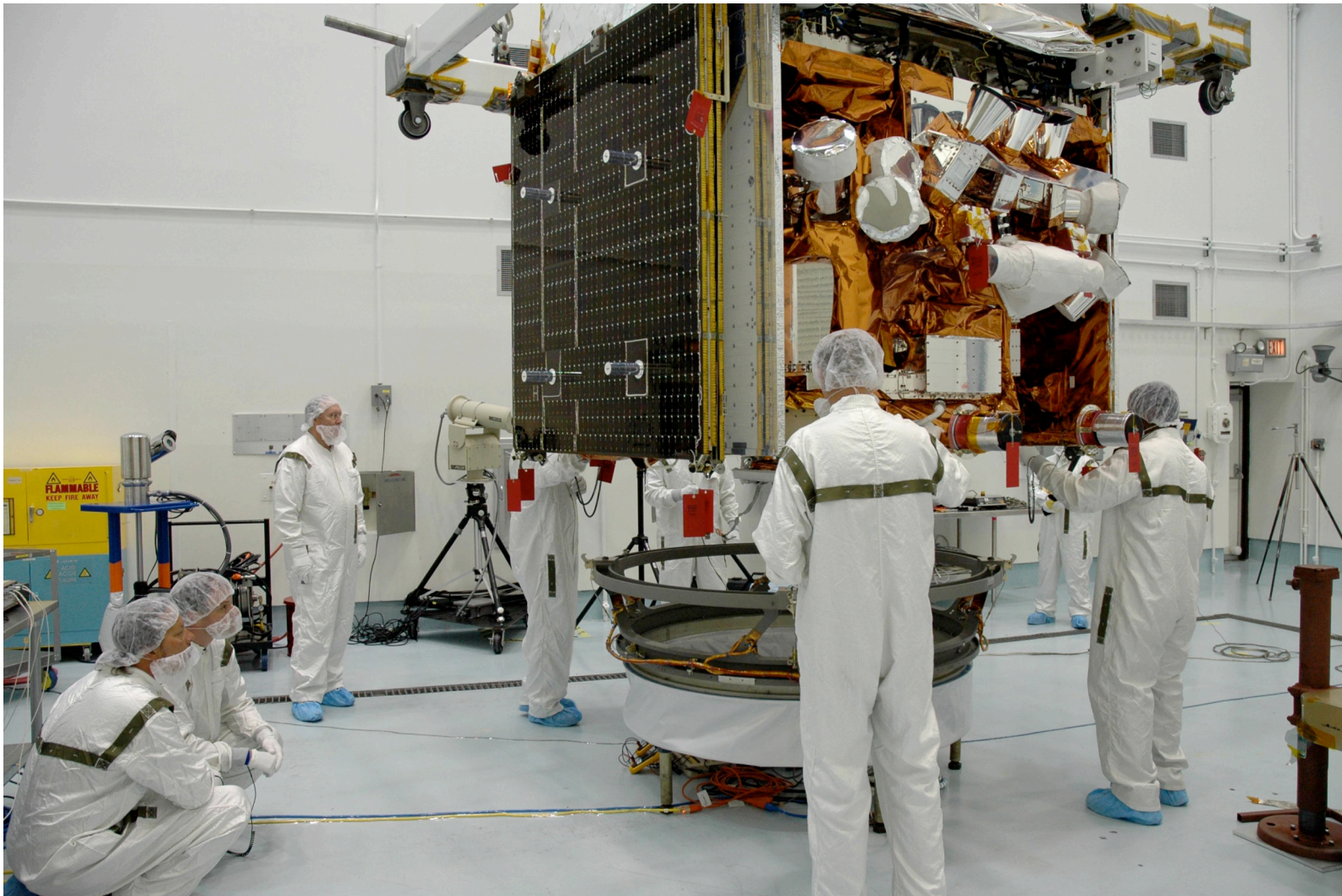
Systems work together to identify and measure the flux of cosmic gamma rays with energy 20 MeV - >300 GeV.

# GBM



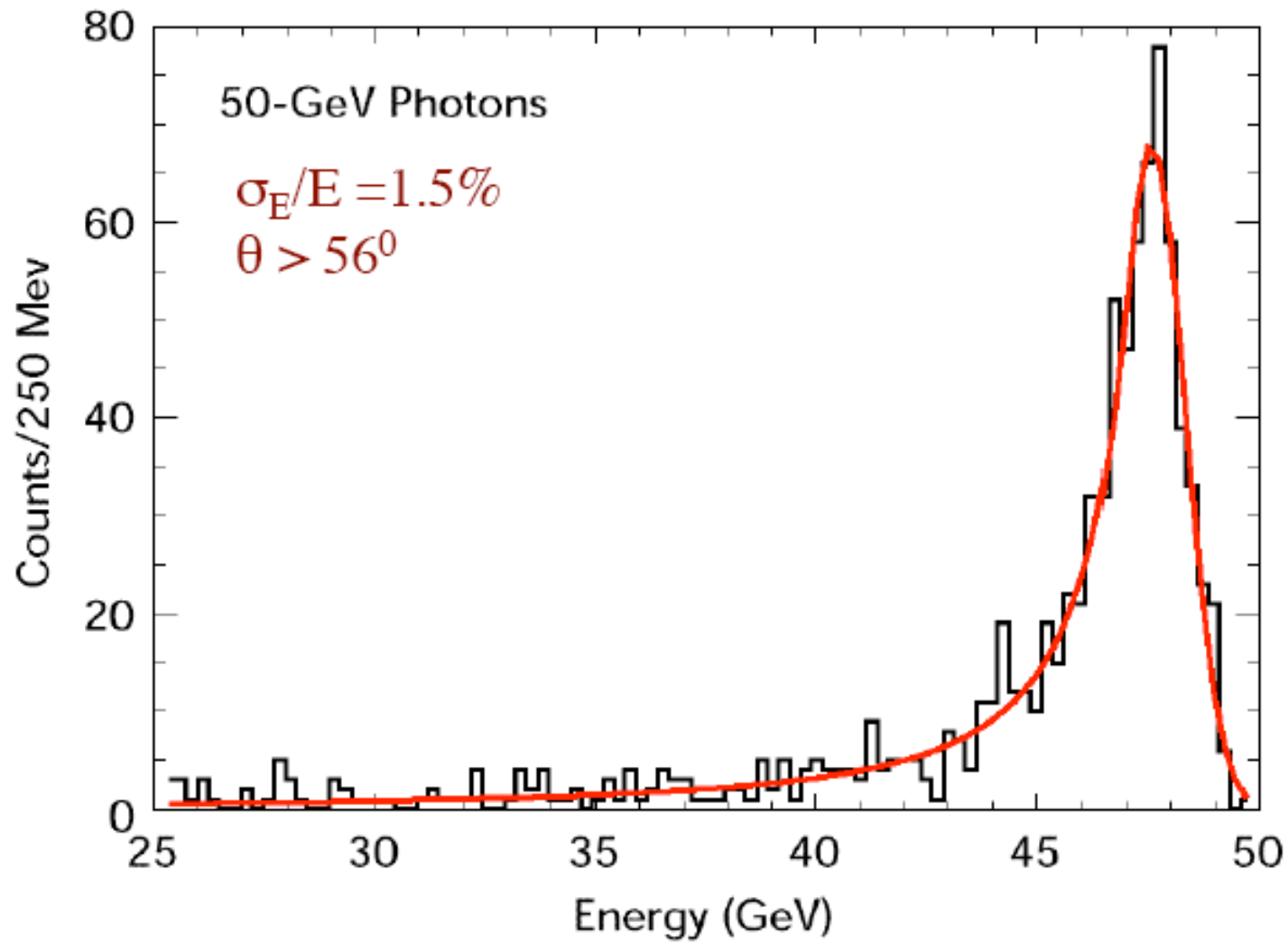


# GLAST/FERMI





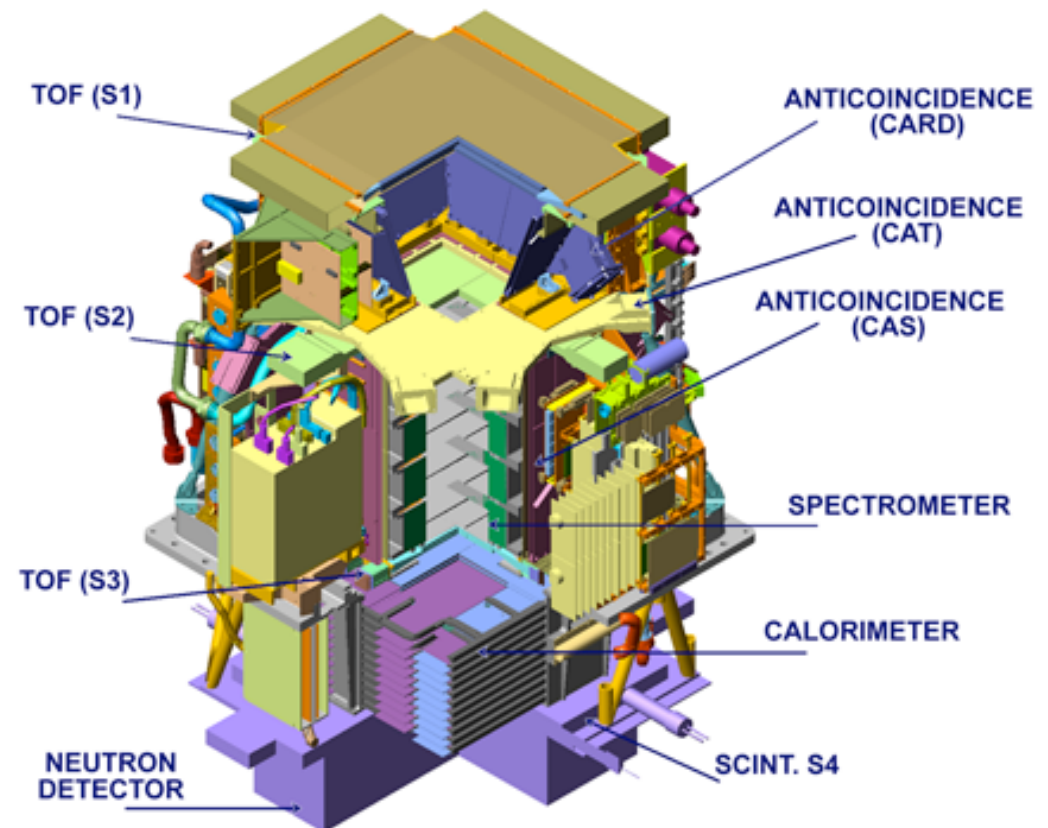
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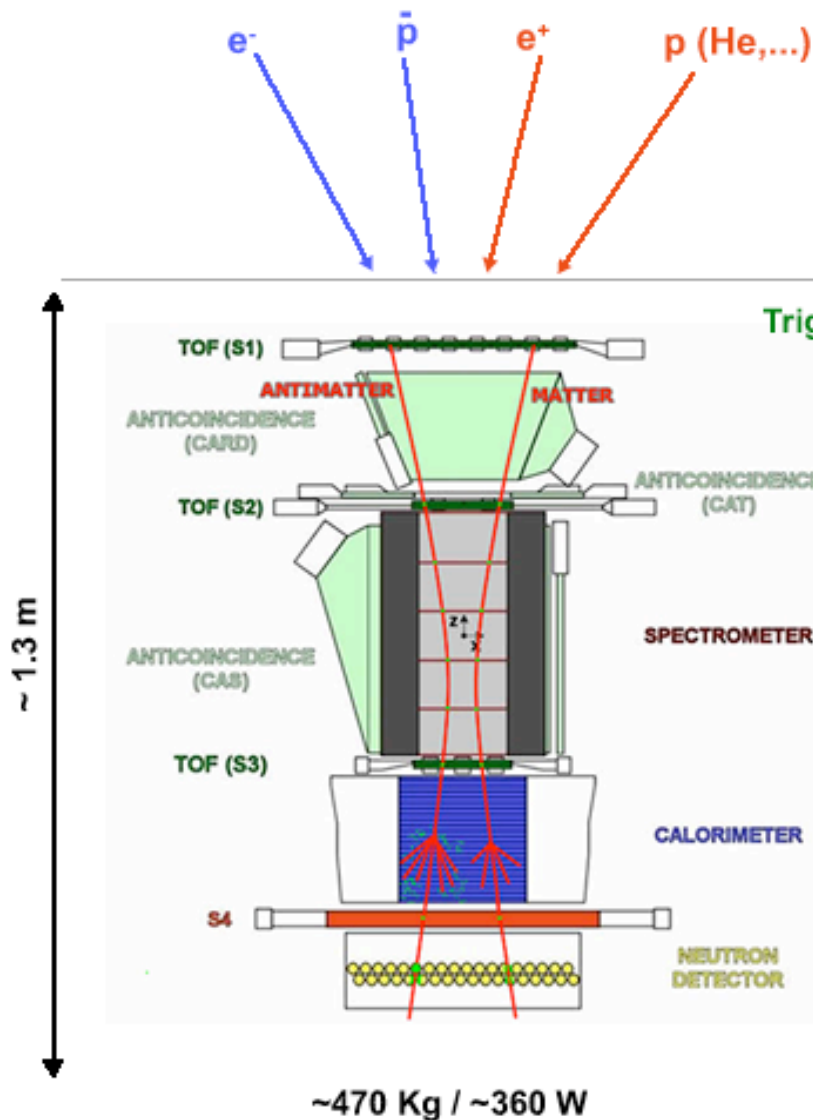
# PAMELA

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- Costruito in gran parte in Italia
- Lanciato nel 2006 con un razzo russo



# PAMELA



Trigger, ToF, dE/dx

- S1, S2, S3; double layers, x-y
- plastic scintillator (8mm)
- ToF resolution  $\sim 300$  ps (S1-3 ToF  $> 3$  ns)
- lepton-hadron separation  $< 1$  GeV/c
- S1.S2.S3 (low rate) / S2.S3 (high rate)

Sign of charge, rigidity, dE/dx

- Permanent magnet, 0.43 T
- $21.5 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$
- 6 planes double-sided silicon strip detectors ( $300 \mu\text{m}$ )
- $3 \mu\text{m}$  resolution in bending view  $\rightarrow$  MDR
- $\sim 800$  GV (6 plane)  $\sim 500$  GV (5 plane)

Electron energy, dE/dx, lepton-hadron separation

- 44 Si-x / W / Si-y planes (380)
- $16.3 \text{ X0} / 0.6 \text{ L}$
- $dE/E \sim 5.5 \%$  (10 - 300 GeV)
- Self trigger  $> 300$  GeV /  $600 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$

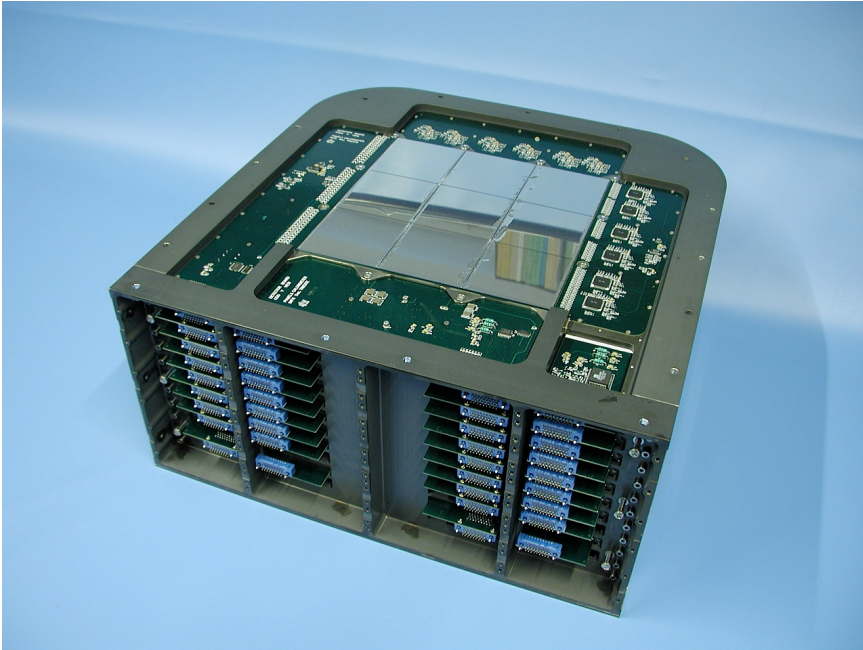
- 36  $^3\text{He}$  counters
- $^3\text{He}(n,p)\text{T}$ ;  $E_p = 780 \text{ keV}$
- 1 cm thick poly + Cd moderator
- $200 \mu\text{s}$  collection

# PAMELA-MAGNETE



- The magnetic material used is the sintered Nd-Fe-B with a large residual magnetic induction (1.3T). The average field inside the magnet is 0.4 T, with a good homogeneity.
- The combined characteristics of the magnet and of the Si tracker will allow a Maximum Detectable Rigidity (MDR) greater than 740 GV/c.

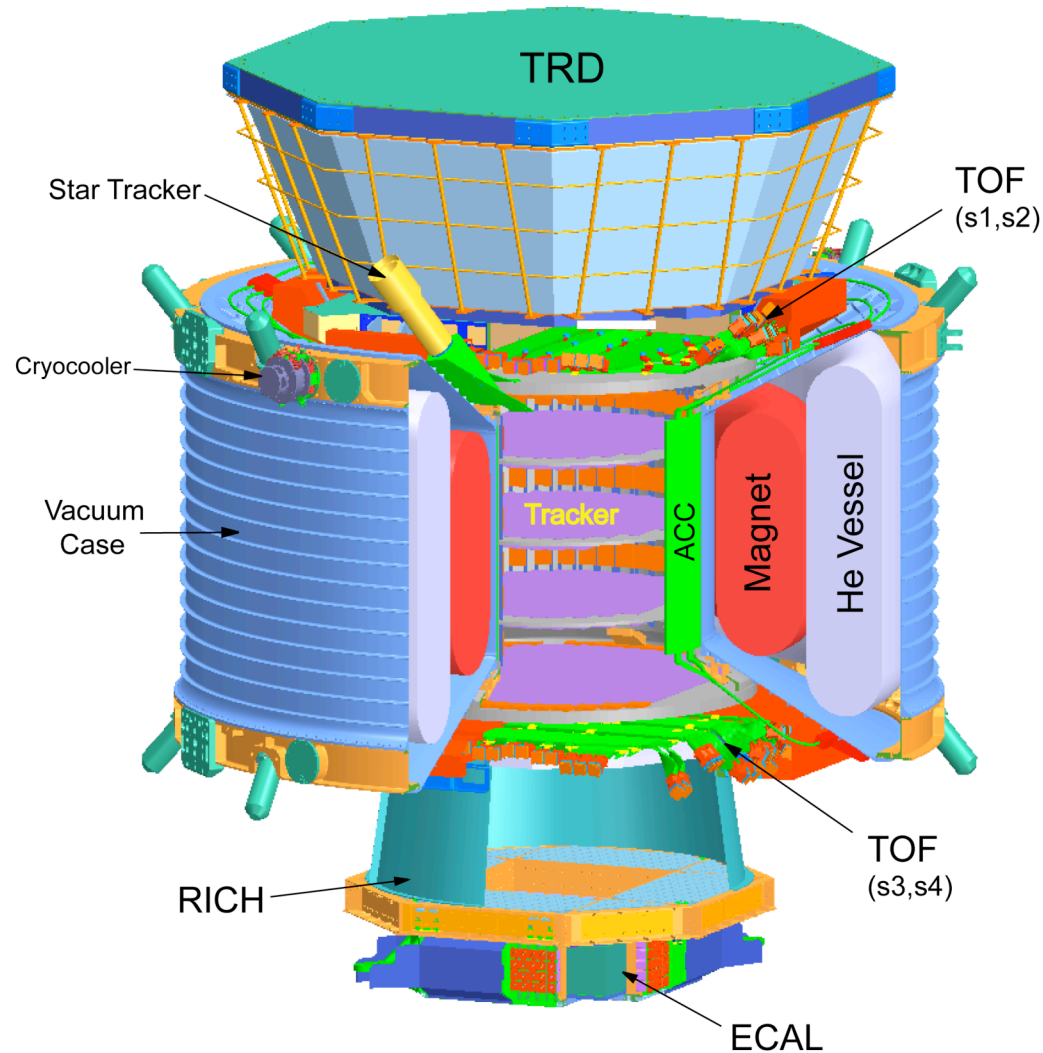
# PAMELA- CALORIMETRO EM



- The total thickness corresponds to 0.9 interaction lengths and 16 radiation lengths.
- The energy resolution for high energy electrons is better than 10% .

# AMS con magnete superconduttore

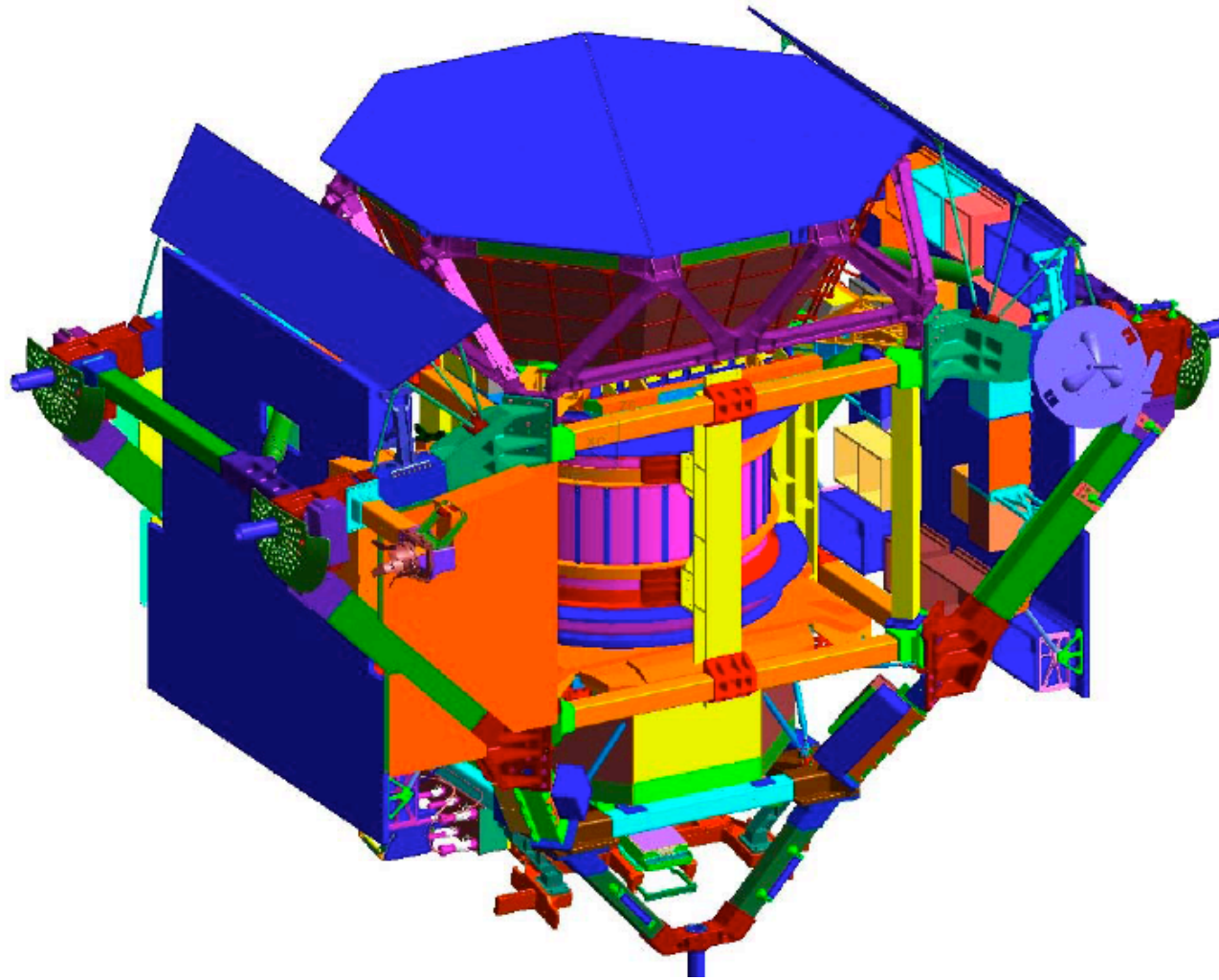
$BL^2=0.8 \text{ Tm}^2$



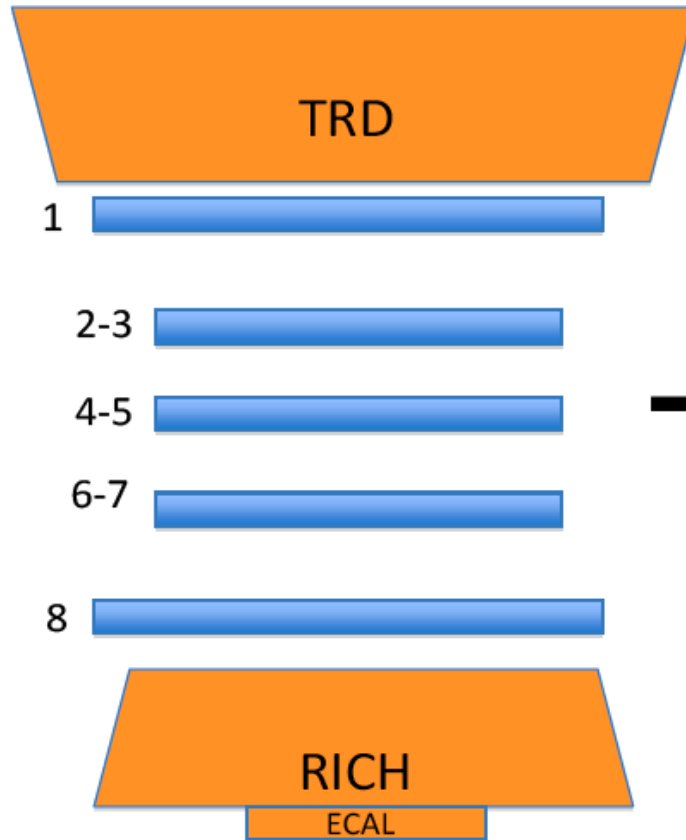


# AMS con magnete permanente

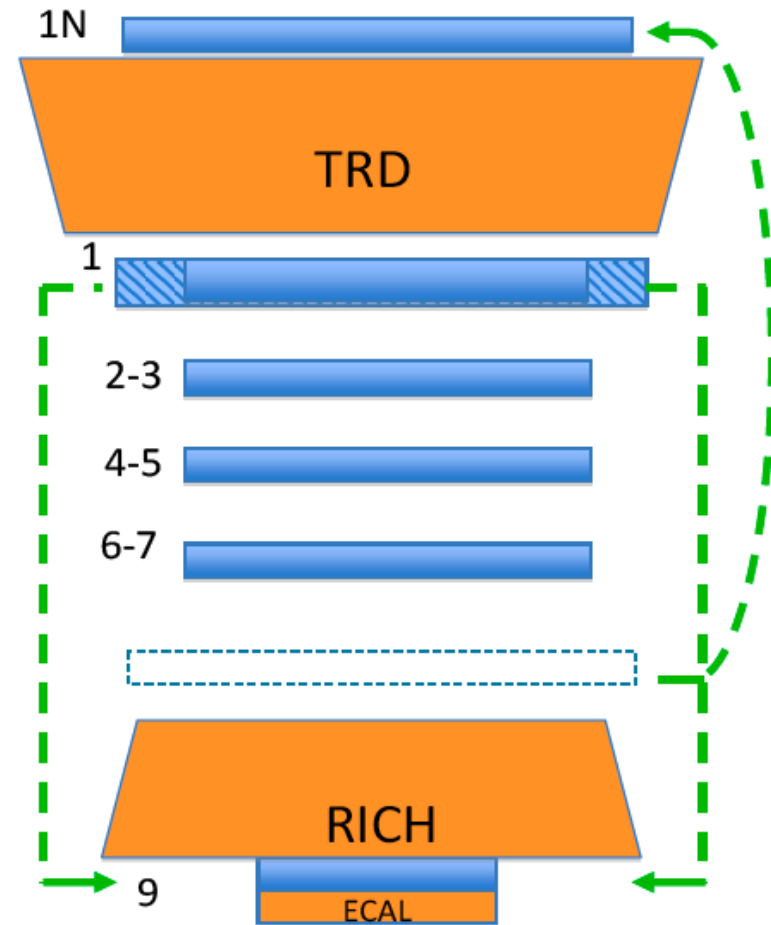
$BL^2=0.14 \text{ Tm}^2$



### AMS-02 Superconducting Magnet Silicon Tracker Layers



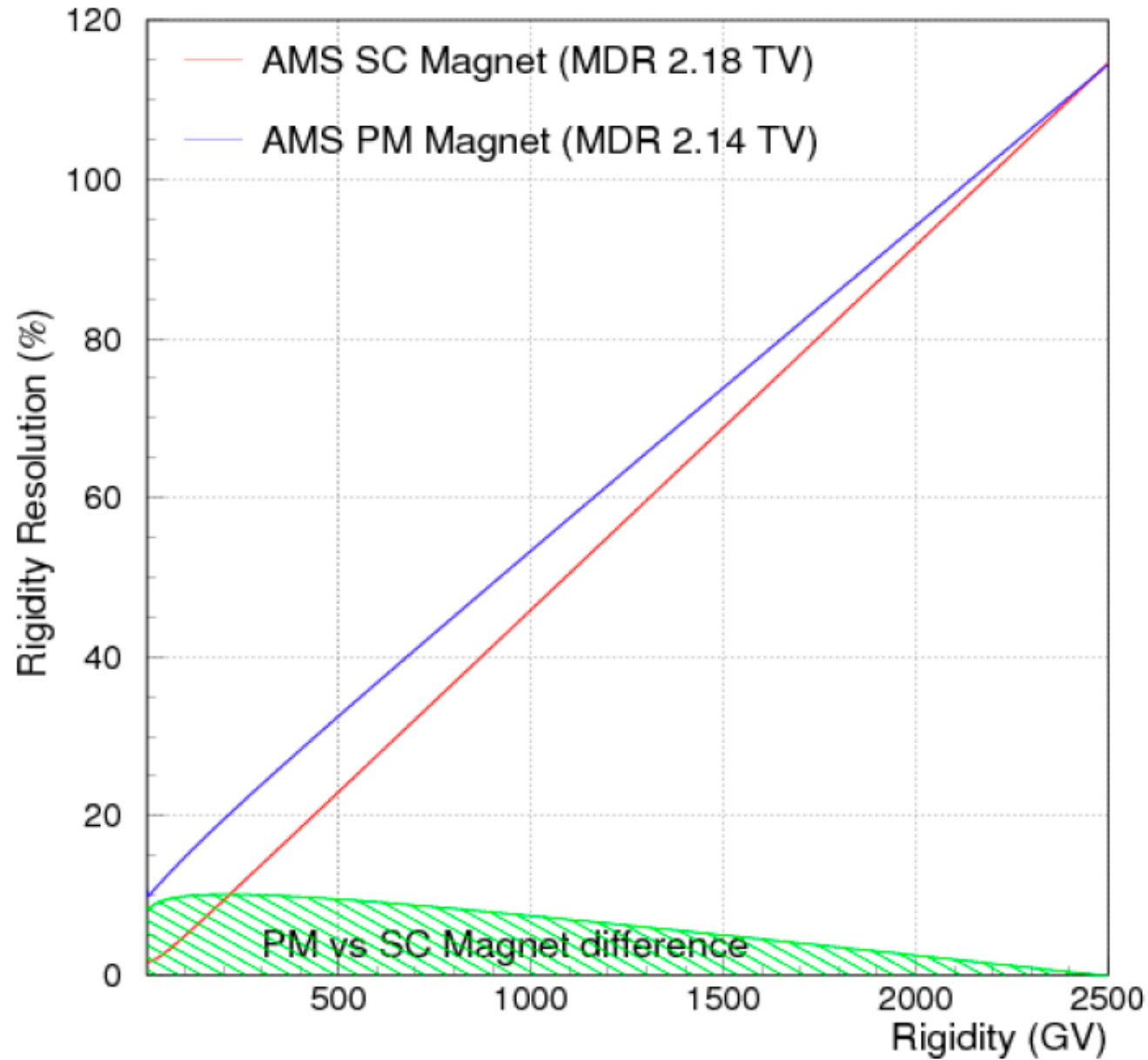
### AMS-02 Permanent Magnet Silicon Tracker Layers



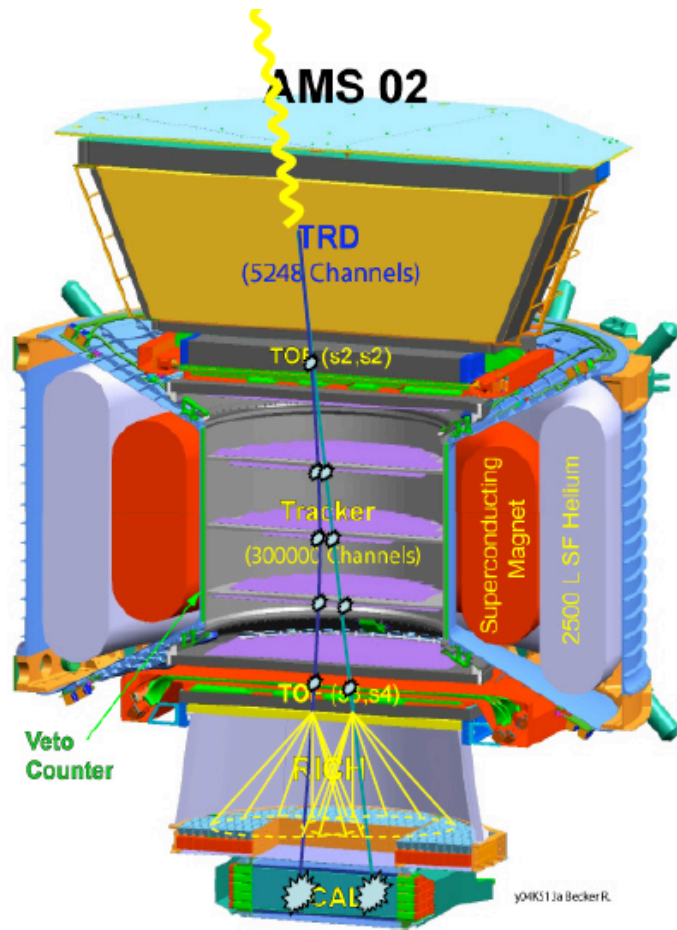
Layer 9 comes from moving the ladders at the edge of the acceptance from layer 1. The layer 8 is moved on top of the TRD to become 1N.



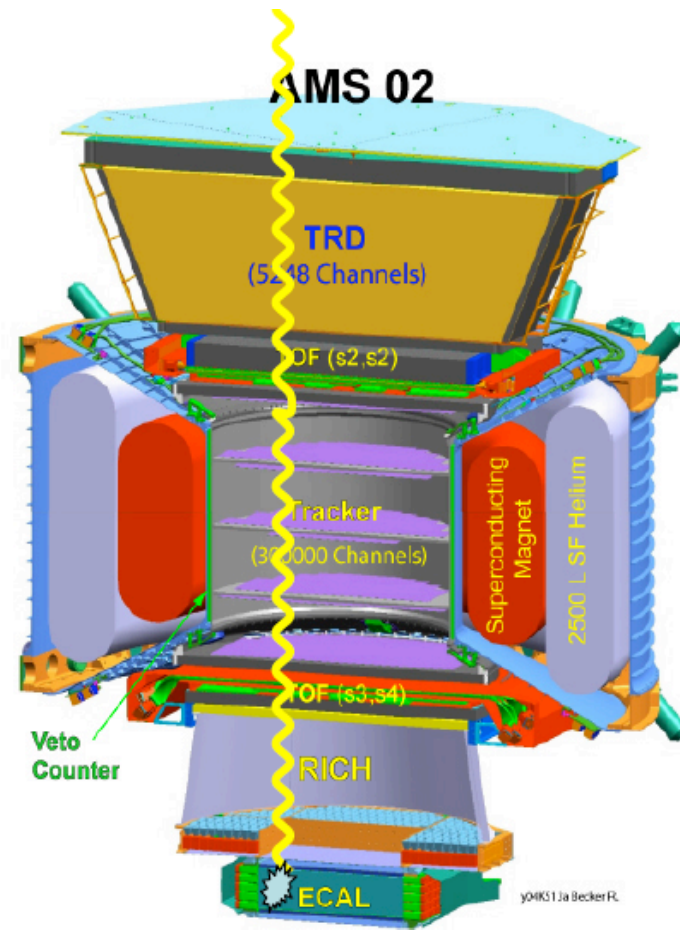
# Risoluzione dello spettrometro



# AMS2

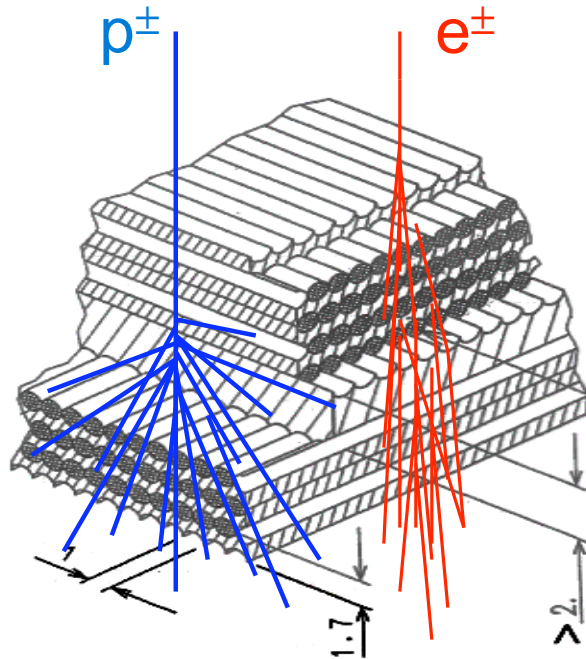


Photon conversion



Direct Photon detection

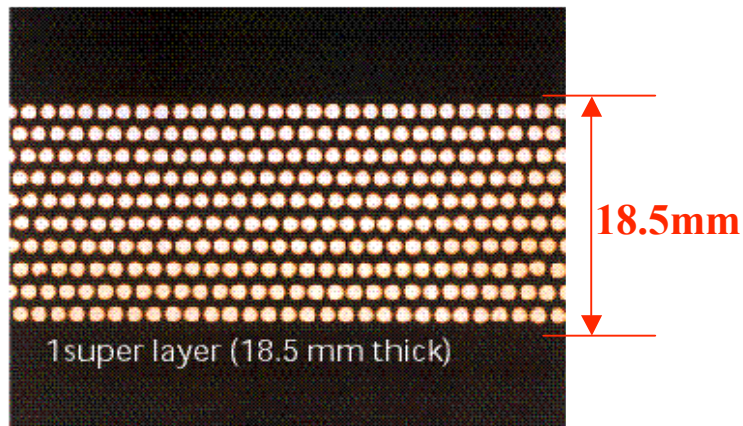
# EM sampling calorimeter



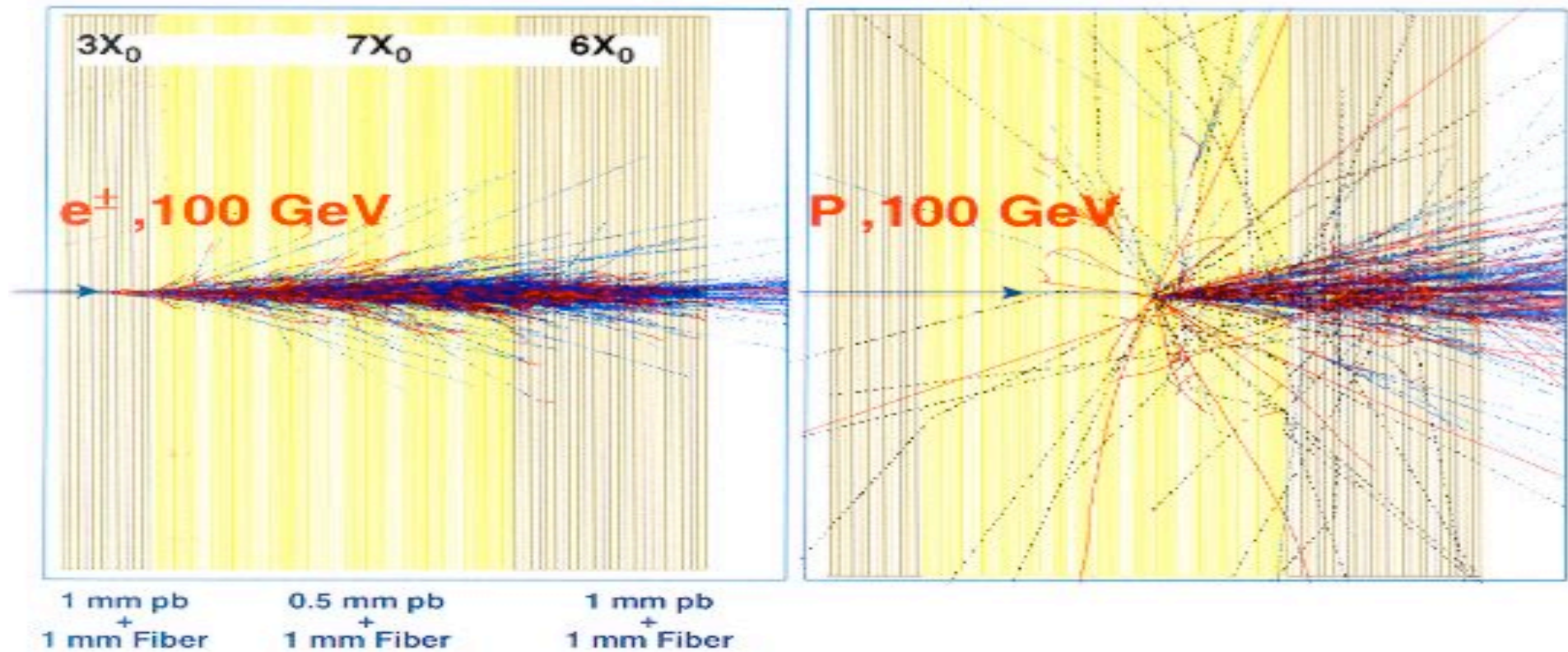
- ⇒ High granularity :
  - 0.5 Molière radius in X-Y
  - 18 samplings,  $0.9 X_0$  in depth

*why spaghetti?*

- ⇒ best longitudinal & lateral shower reconstruction
  - ⇒ energy correction
  - ⇒ p/e separation
- ⇒ best  $\gamma$  angular resolution



# Calorimetro Elettromagnetico



$1X_0$ : probabilità  $1/e$  di emettere  $1\gamma$  o  $e^+e^-$

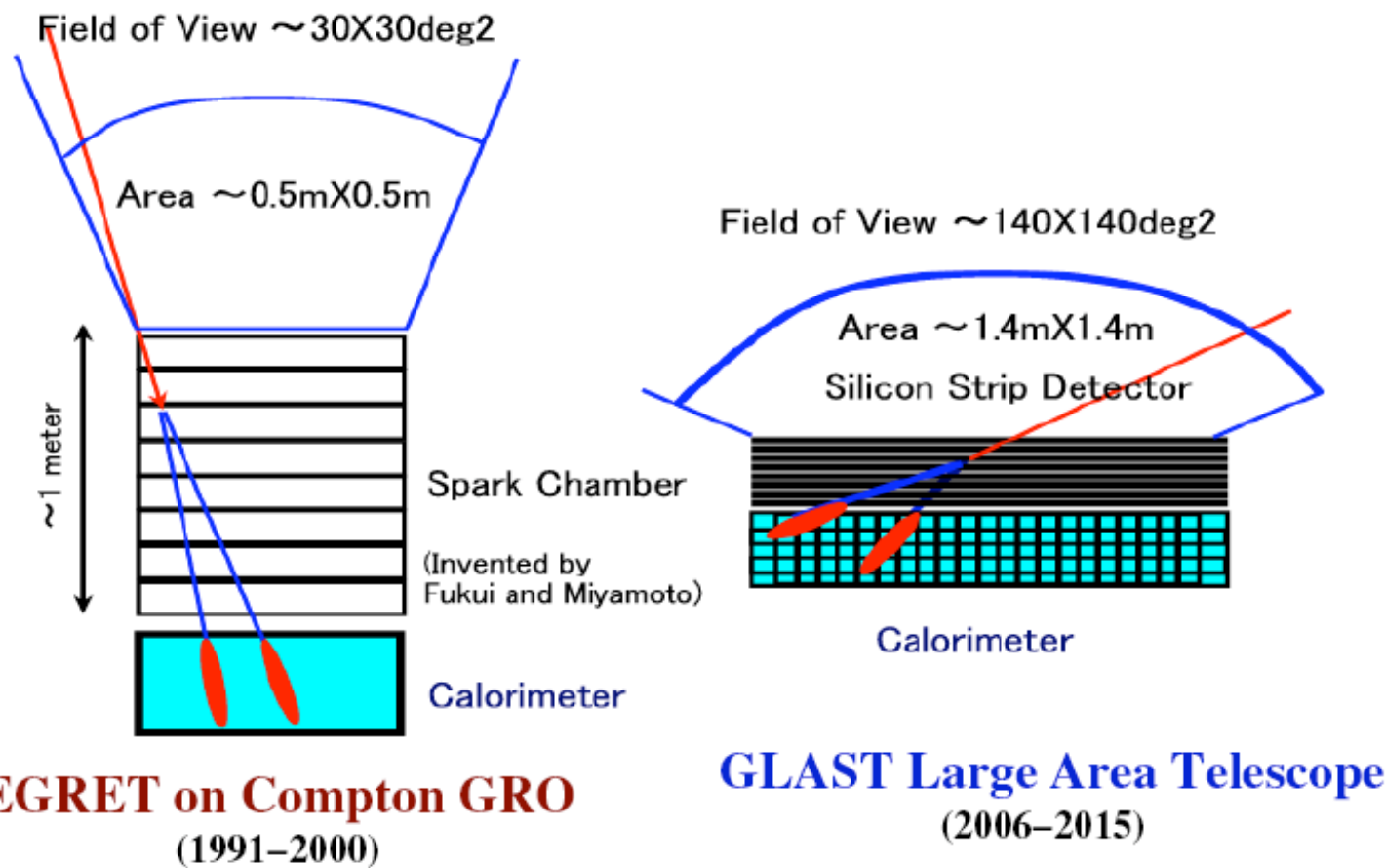
$$\# \text{ fotoni} \propto E \quad \Delta E/E = (a/\sqrt{E}) + b$$

# Alcune prestazioni degli esperimenti

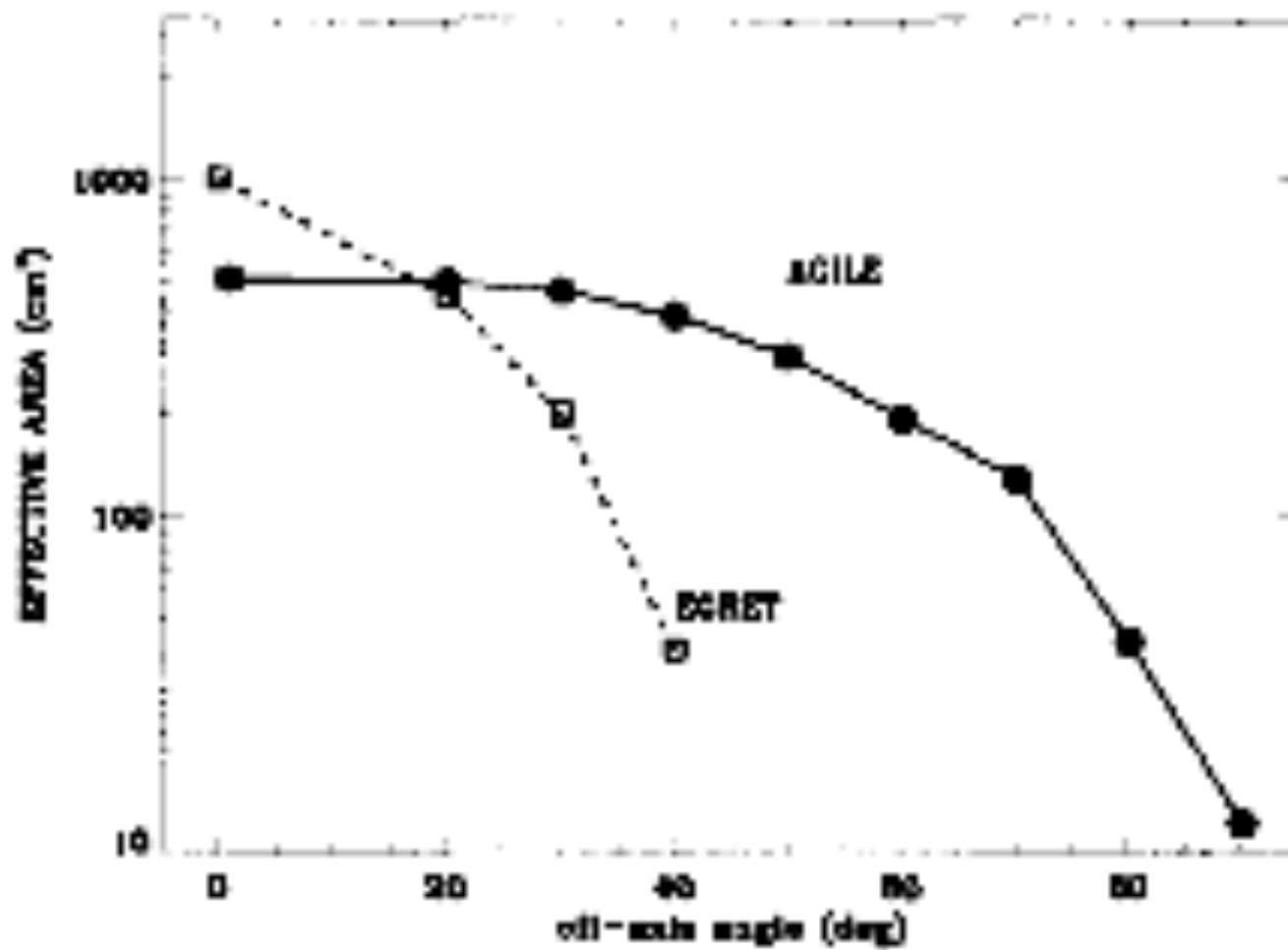


# SENSIBILITA`

## EGRET(Spark Chamber) VS. GLAST(Silicon Strip Detector)

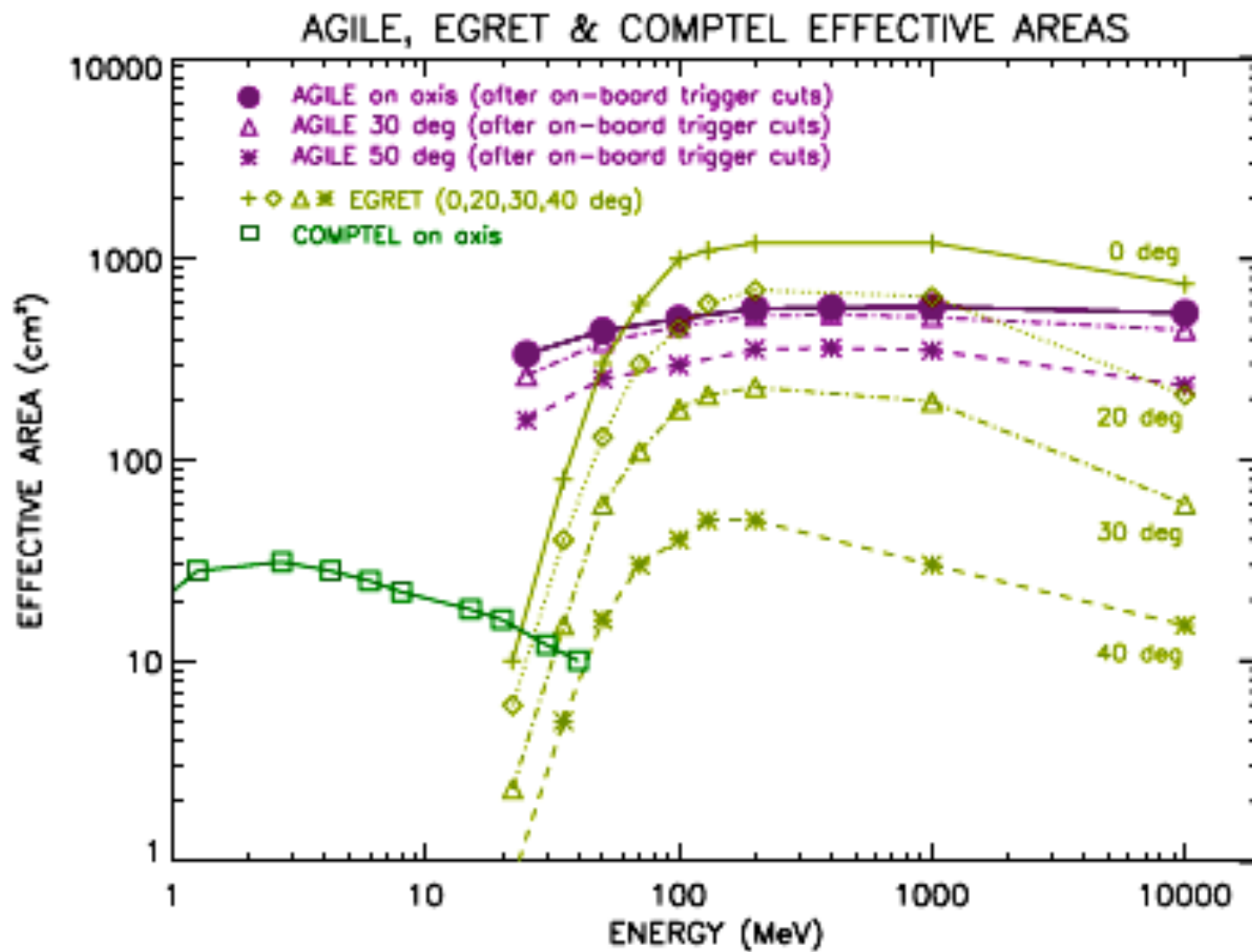


# AGILE



Area effettiva di AGILE a 100 MeV confrontata con EGRET in funzione della direzione di incidenza del fotone.

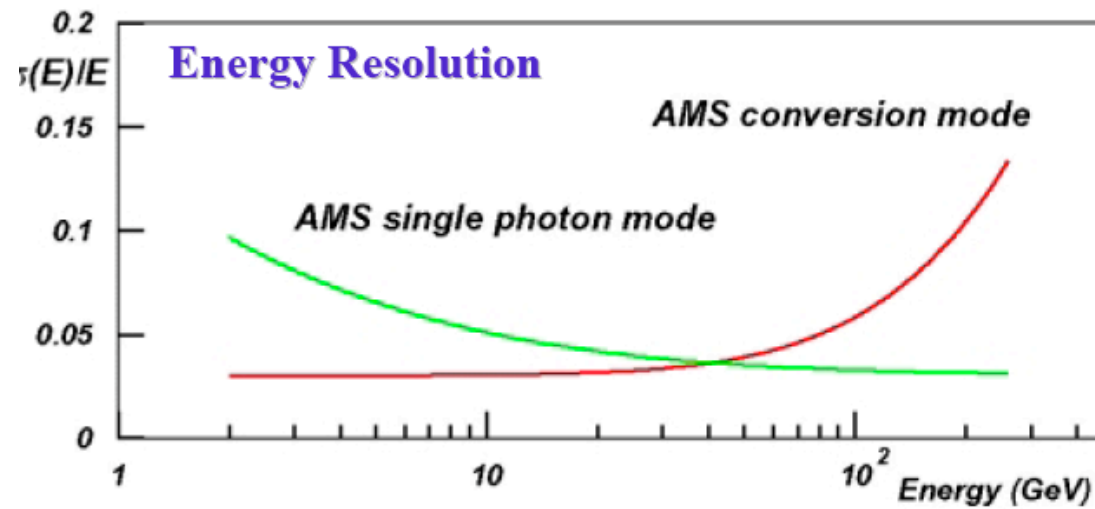
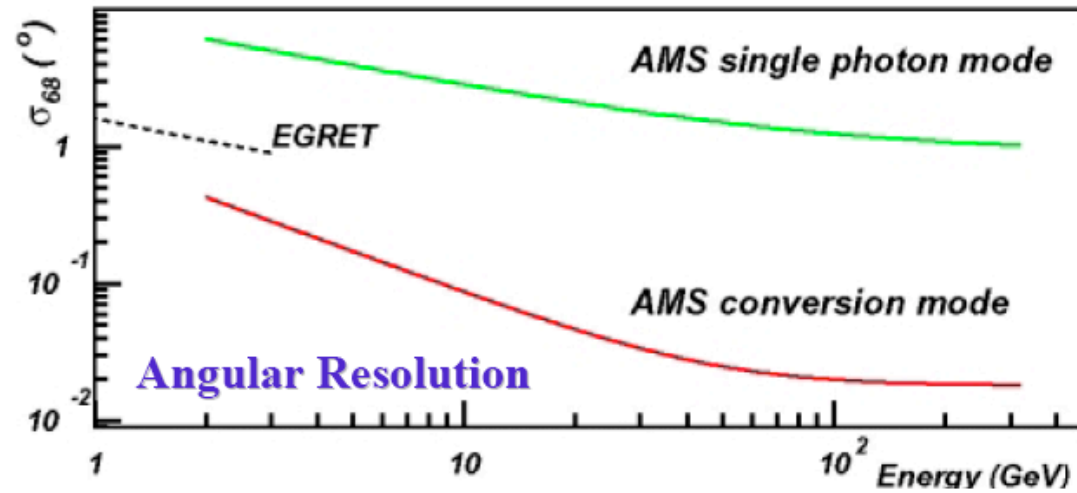
# AGILE



Area effettiva in funzione dell'energia del fotone per diversi angoli di incidenza



# AMS risoluzione $\gamma$



# AMS02 Gamma

## *Unidentified Sources with AMS*

### AMS

- **Source localization:**  
( $E > 10$  GeV)  $< 2'$

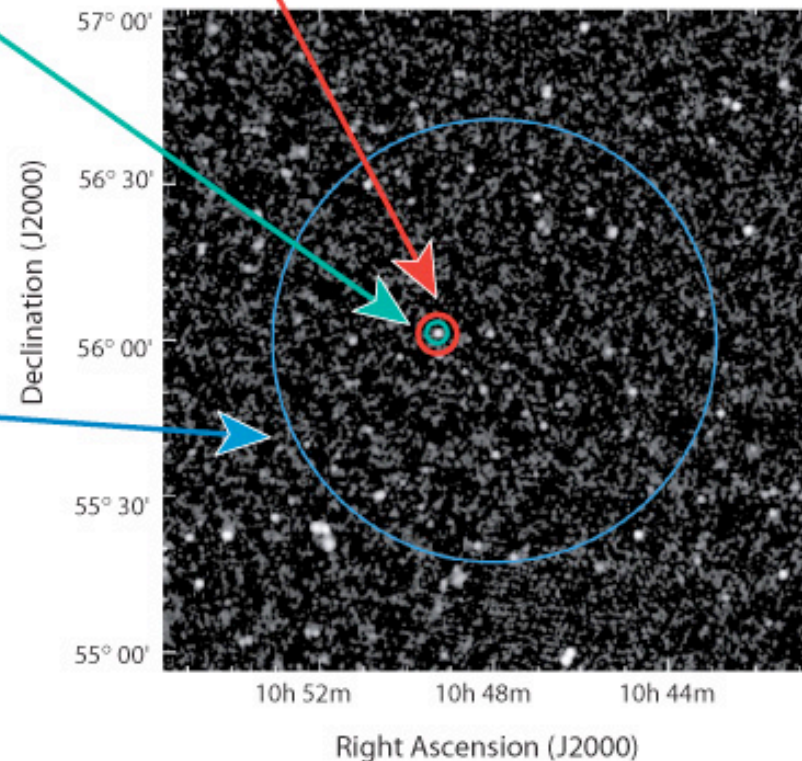
In 1 Year and for source of strength:  
 $5. \times 10^{-8}$  ph  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  ( $E = 1$  GeV)

### GLAST

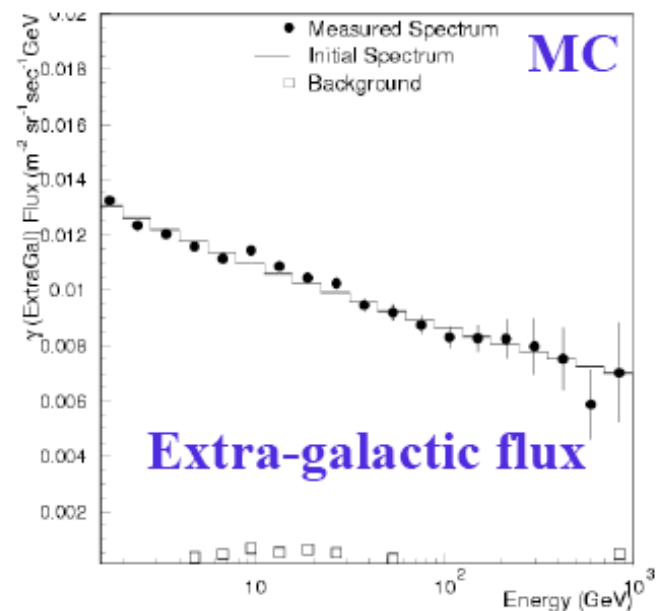
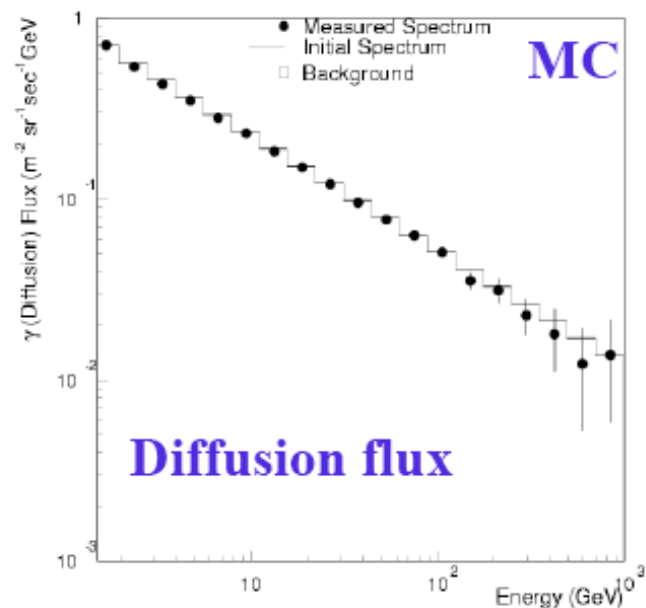
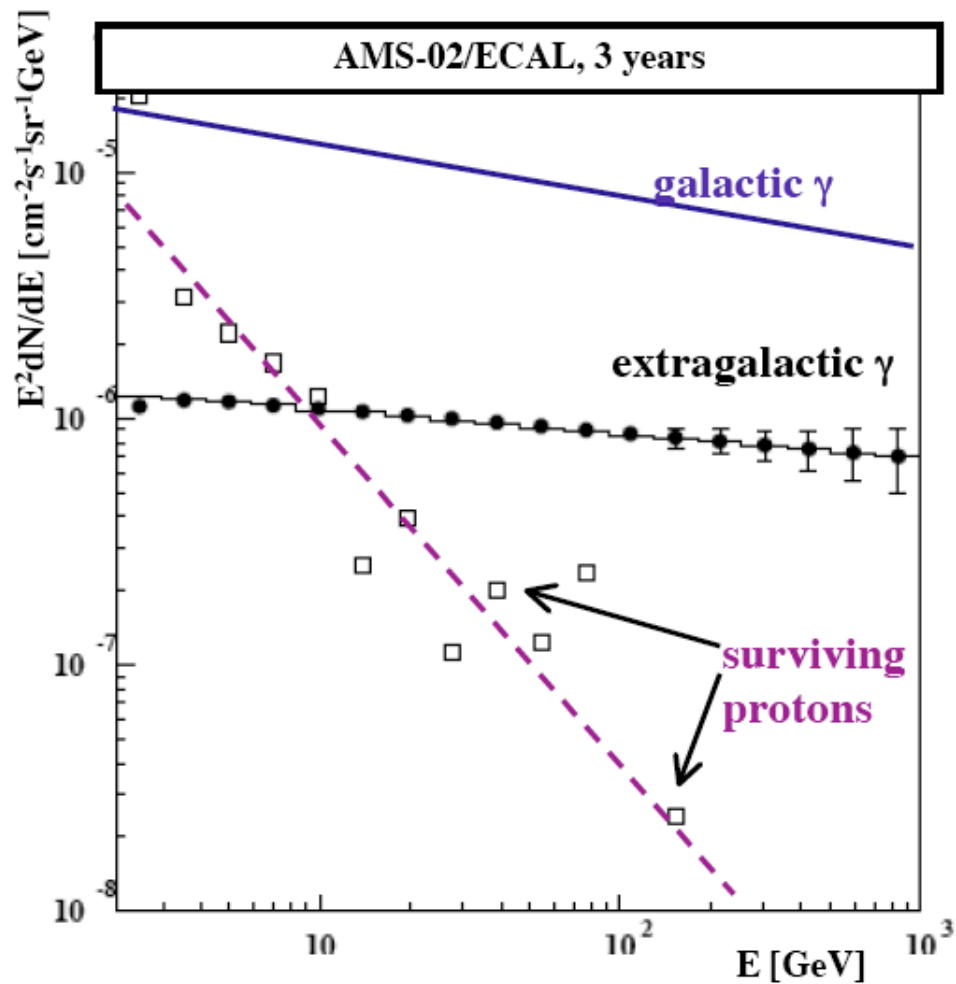
- **Source localization:**  
 $< 5'$  and high sensitivity

### EGRET

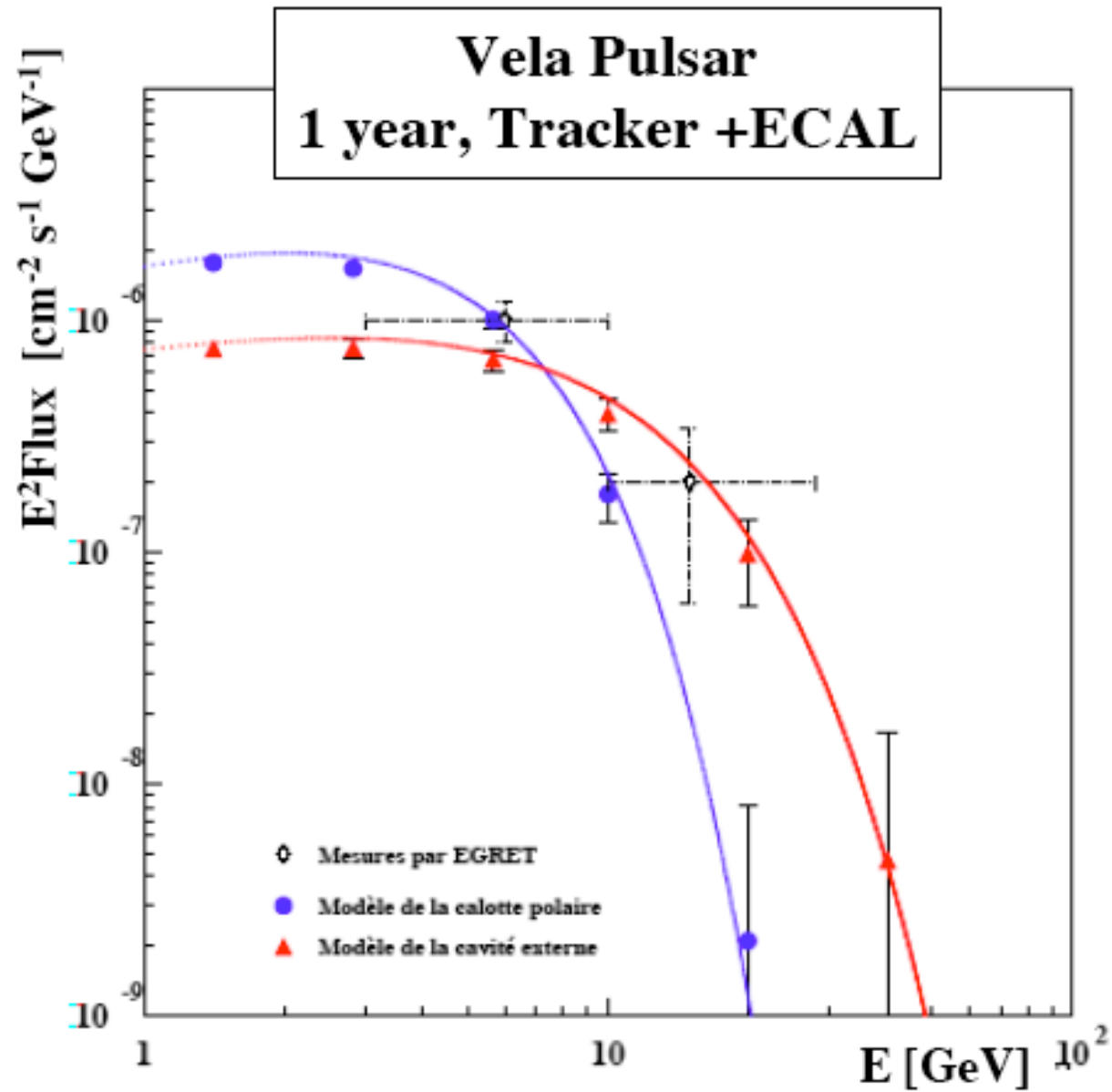
- **Source localization:**  
 $< 30'$   
for source of strength  
 $10^{-8}$  ph  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- **Limited sensitivity**  
above 1 GeV



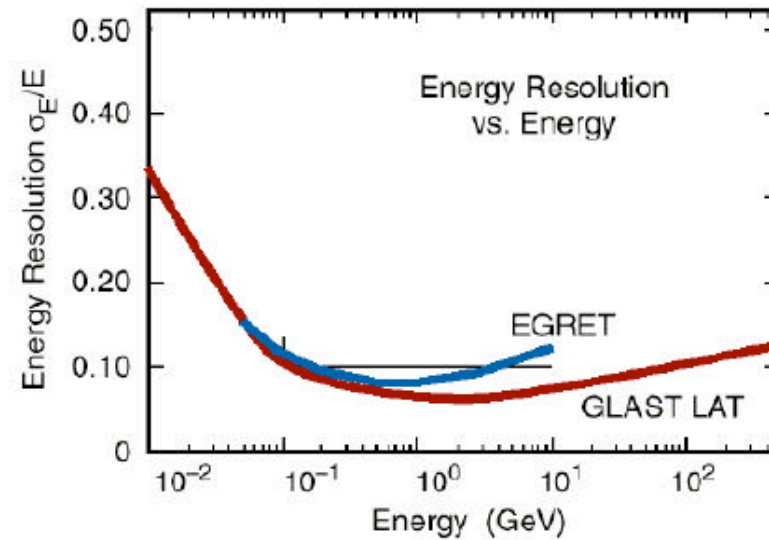
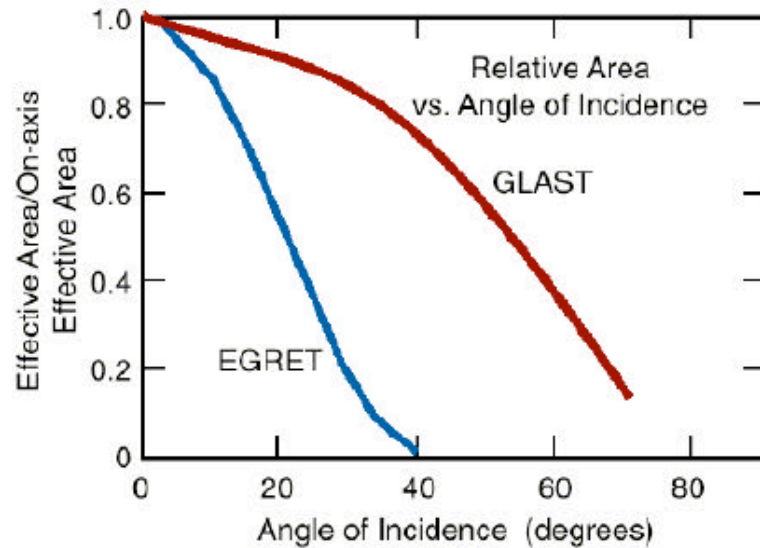
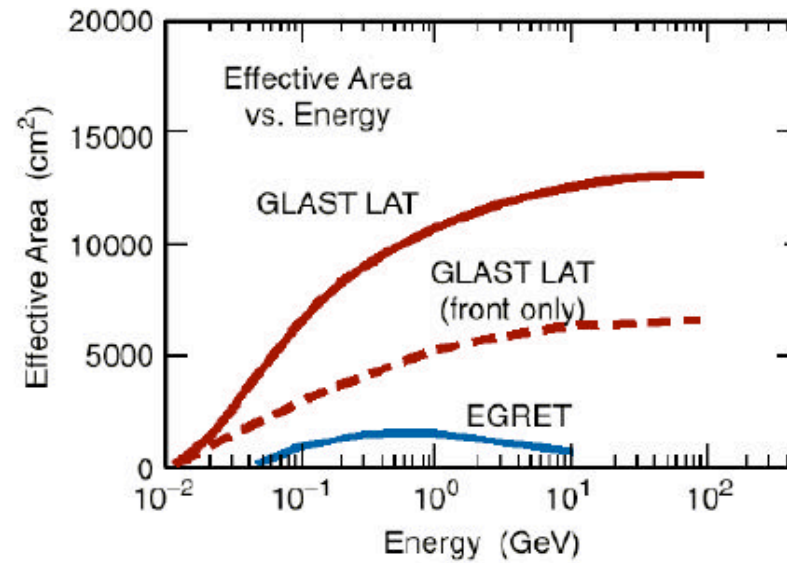
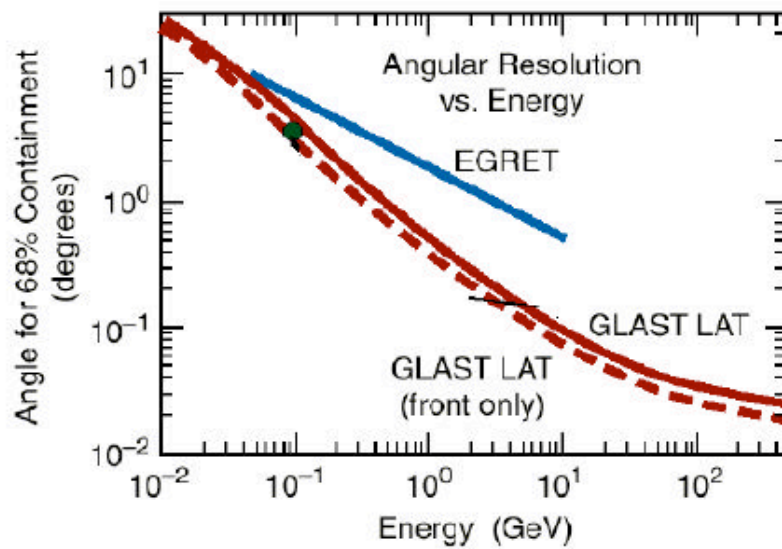
# AMS: GAMMA G, EG



# AMS: MODELLI PULSAR



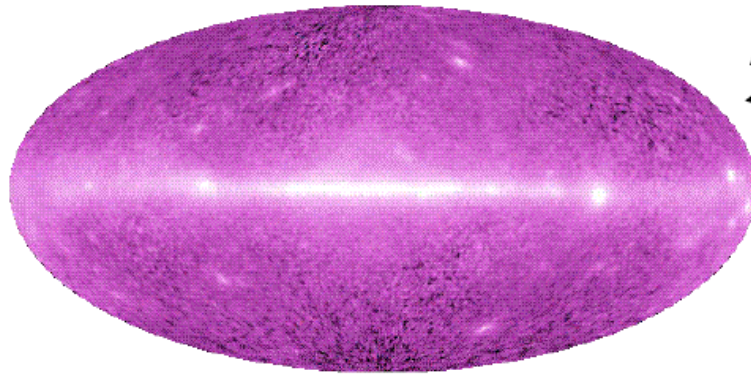
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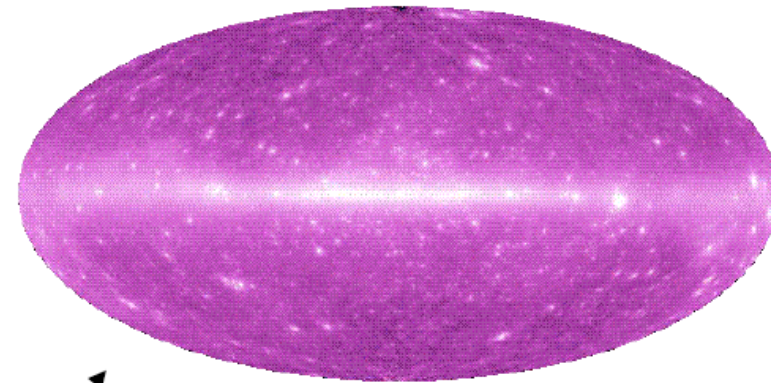


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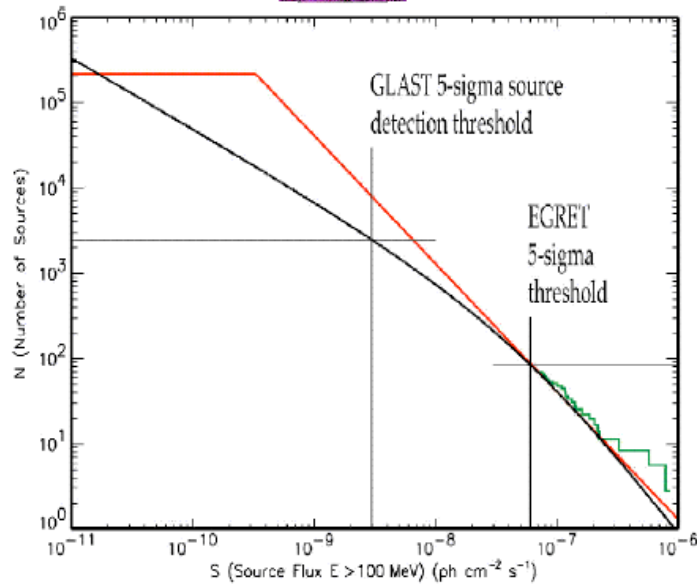
## One year All-Sky Survey Simulation, $E_\gamma > 100$ MeV



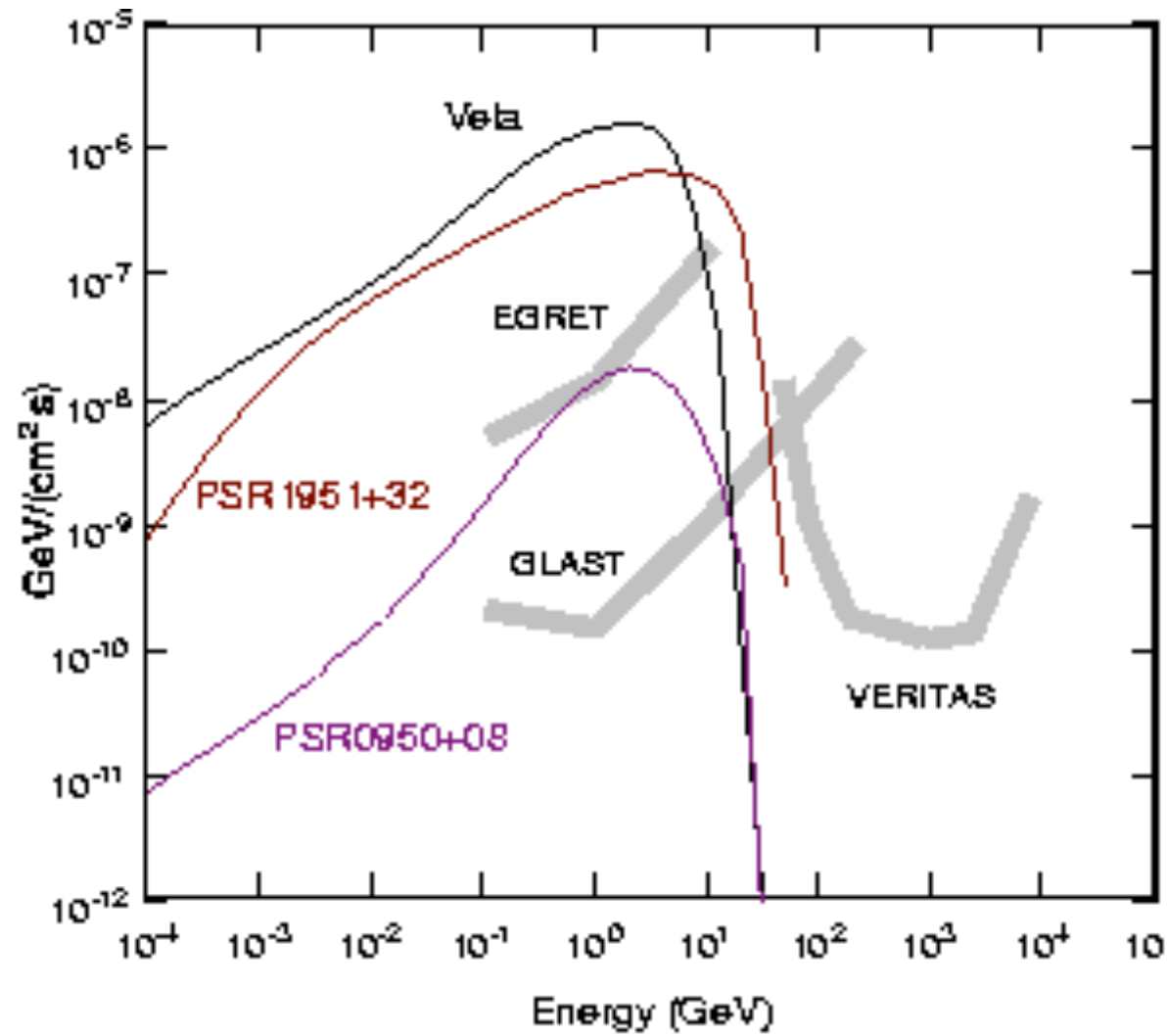
All-sky intensity map based on five years EGRET data.



All-sky intensity map from a GLAST one year survey, based on the extrapolation of the number of sources versus sensitivity of EGRET



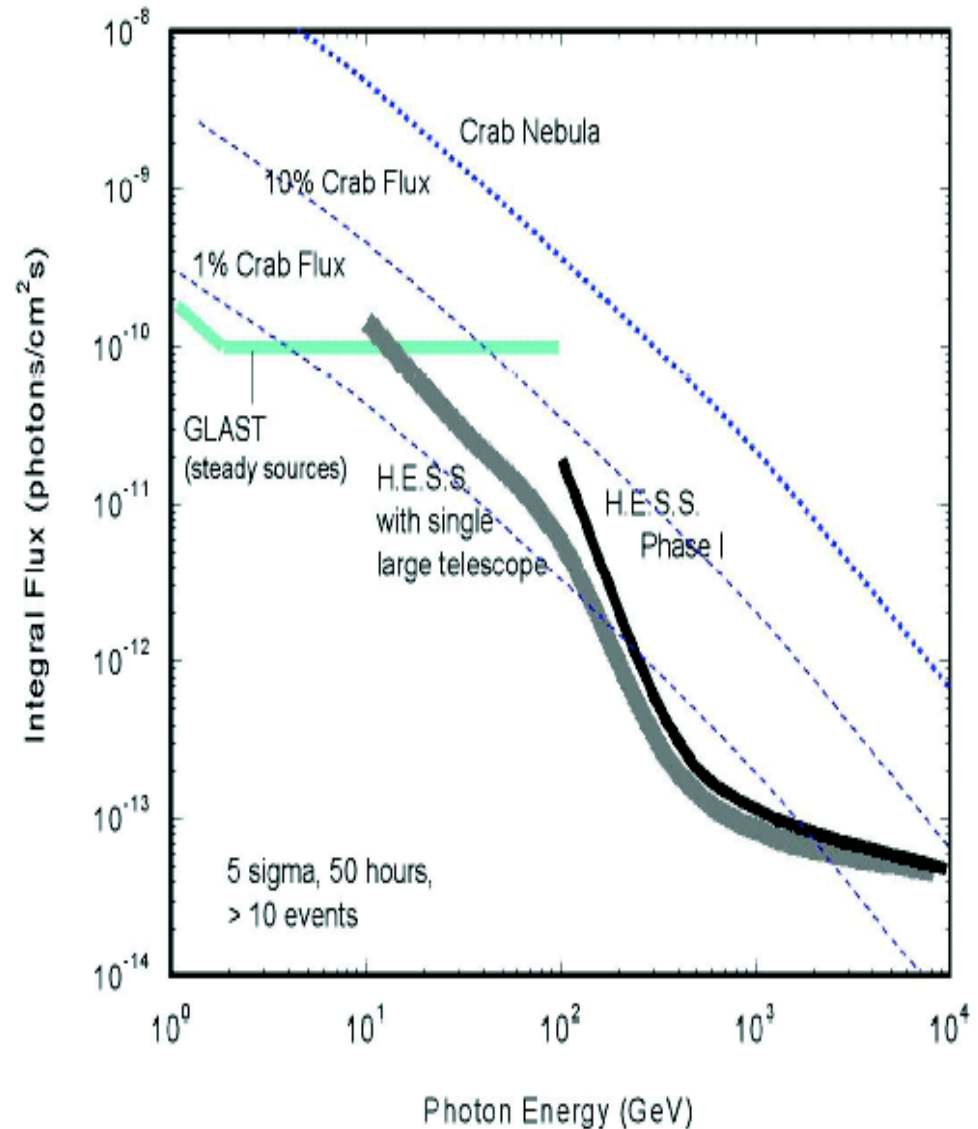
# PULSAR: POLAR CAP



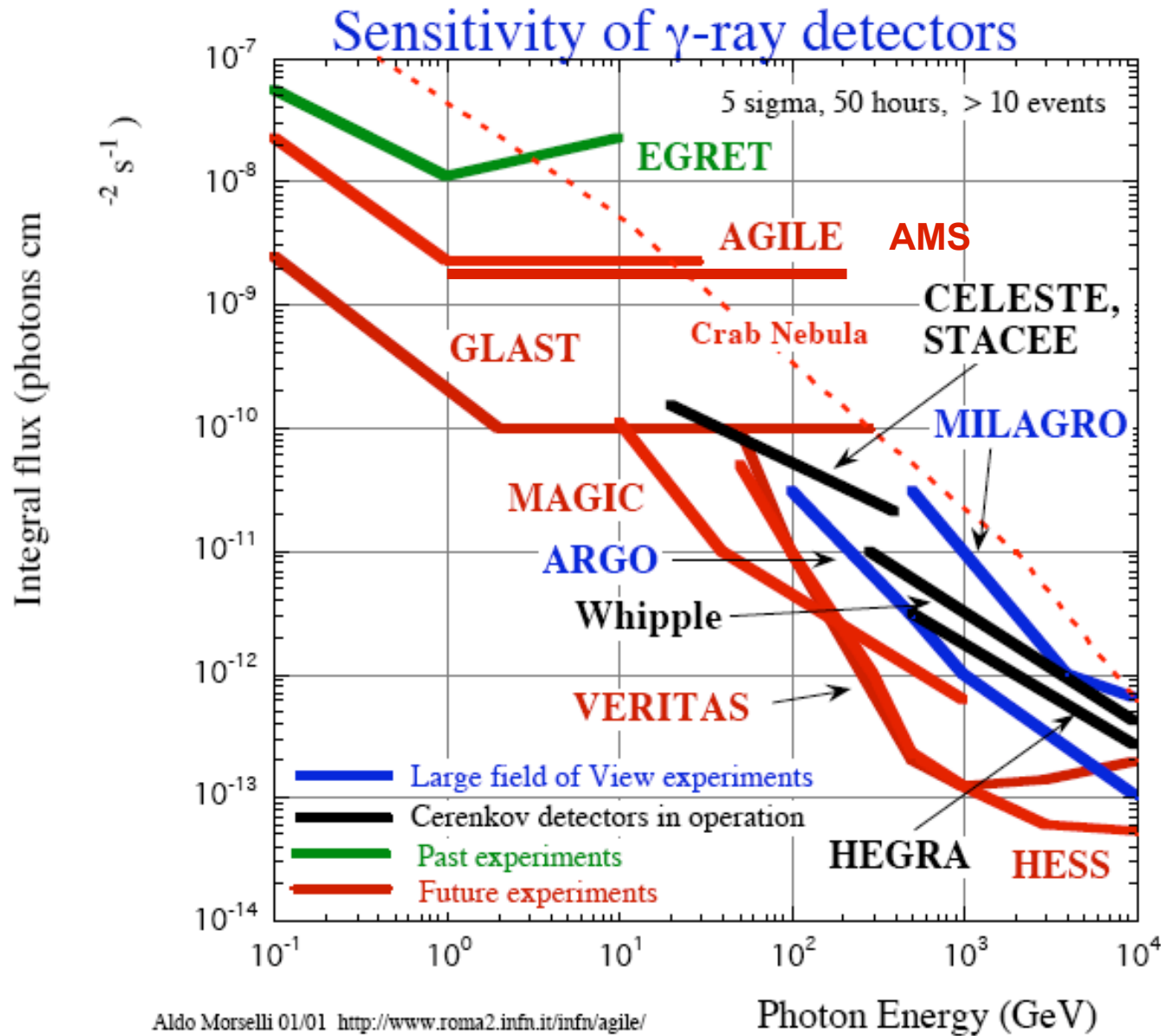


# OSSERVAZIONE SPAZIO-TERRA

- Gli esperimenti nello spazio e a Terra sono complementari fra di loro. Nella figura è mostrata la sensibilità al flusso di gamma vs l'energia di GLAST e di HESS. Le linee blu rappresentano rispettivamente il flusso di fotoni dalla Crab Nebula e lo stesso flusso ridotto per un fattore 10 e 100.



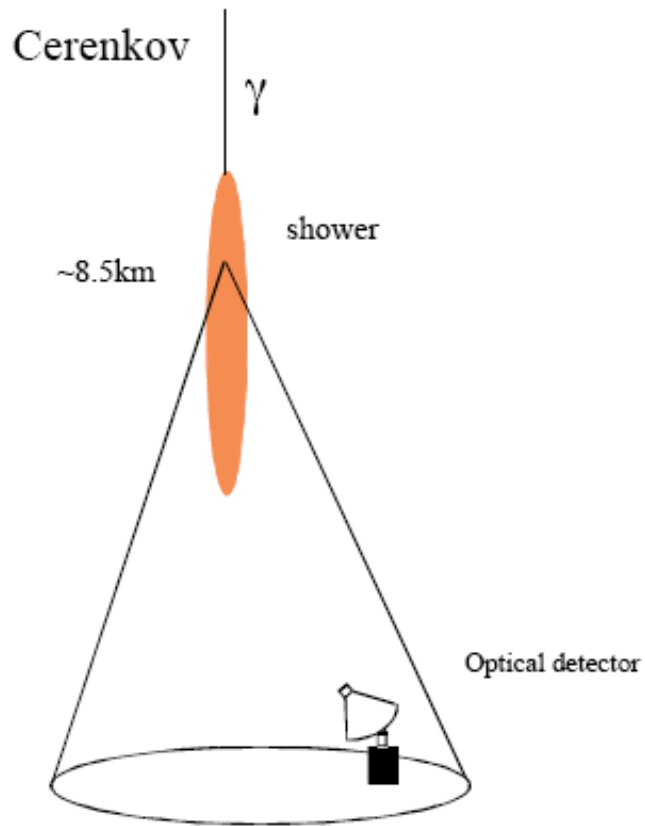
# RIVELATORI GAMMA



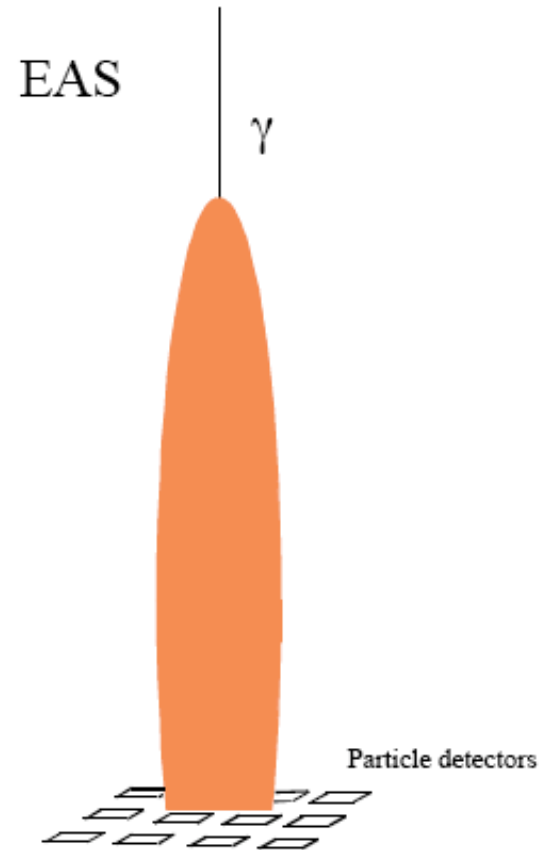
# Esperimenti Telescopi Cerenkov

# SCIAMI IN ATMOSFERA

Cerenkov and Extensive air shower (EAS) gamma ray telescope concepts



$\sim 40.000\text{ m}^2$  , but no anticoincidence shield !



# CERENKOV IN ATMOSFERA

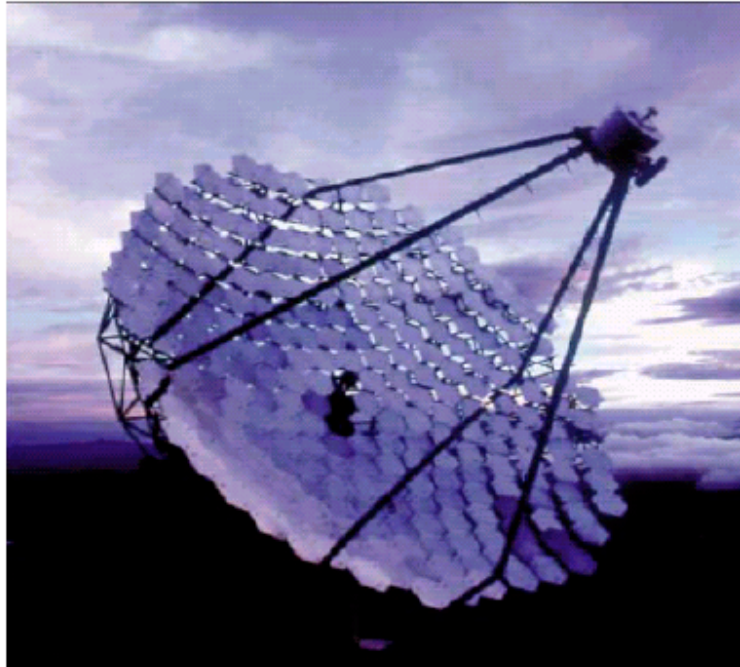
- A livello del mare  $(n - 1) = \varepsilon \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ .
- Per  $v \approx c$ ,  $\cos\theta = 1/\beta n \approx 23 \text{ mrad} \approx 1.3^\circ$
- Energia di soglia per l'effetto Cerenkov:  $\cos\theta = 1 = 1/\beta n$  ;  $\beta > 1/n$ 

$$E = \gamma mc^2 = mc^2 / (1 - \beta^2)^{1/2} ; (1 - \beta^2)^{1/2} = (1 - 1/n^2)^{1/2} = [(n^2 - 1)/n^2]^{1/2}$$

$$E = mc^2 / \sqrt{2\varepsilon} \qquad 1/\sqrt{2\varepsilon} \approx 41$$
- La soglia per
  - elettroni:  $E \approx 21 \text{ MeV}$
  - muoni:  $E \approx 4.4 \text{ GeV}$
- Il massimo di produzione di particelle si ha a 10 km di quota (massimo di produzione Cerenkov).
- L'area illuminata a terra è un ellisse, o un cerchio di raggio  $r = h \cdot \theta = 10^4 \cdot 23 \cdot 10^{-3} = 230 \text{ m}$  con una superficie di  $1.6 \cdot 10^5 \text{ m}^2$ .
- Il numero di fotoni prodotti nel visibile, 350—500 nm, da un gamma di 1 TeV è
 
$$N_\gamma \approx 8.2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ fotoni}/\lambda$$

pari a circa 30—50 fotoni/m<sup>2</sup> in un'area entro  $\approx 100 \text{ m}$  dall'asse dello sciame.

# CERENKOV



**Whipple: diametro=10m,  $E > 350$  GeV**

The Whipple collaboration, which pioneered the Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Technique for the detection of very high energy (VHE) gamma rays, is based at the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory in Southern Arizona, in the United States. **The primary emphasis of the collaboration's research effort is the search for and study of celestial sources of gamma-rays in the energy range of 100 GeV - 10 TeV.**

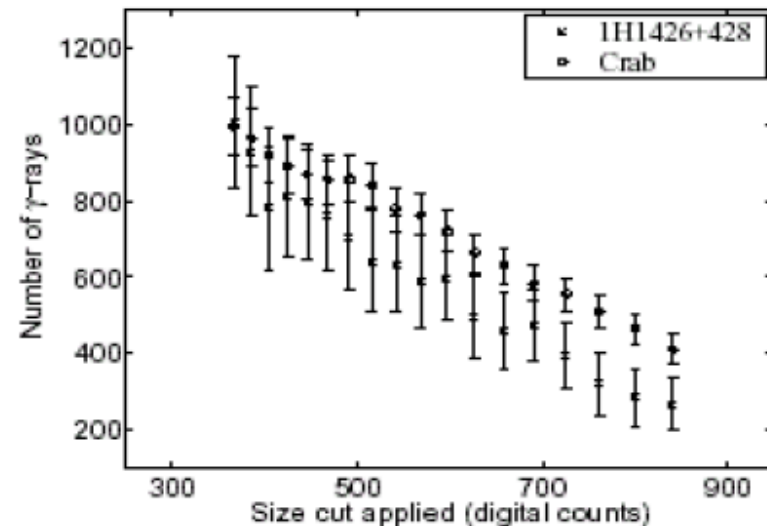
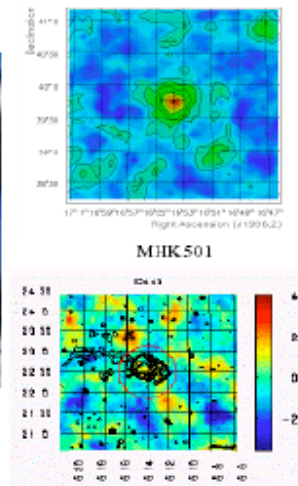
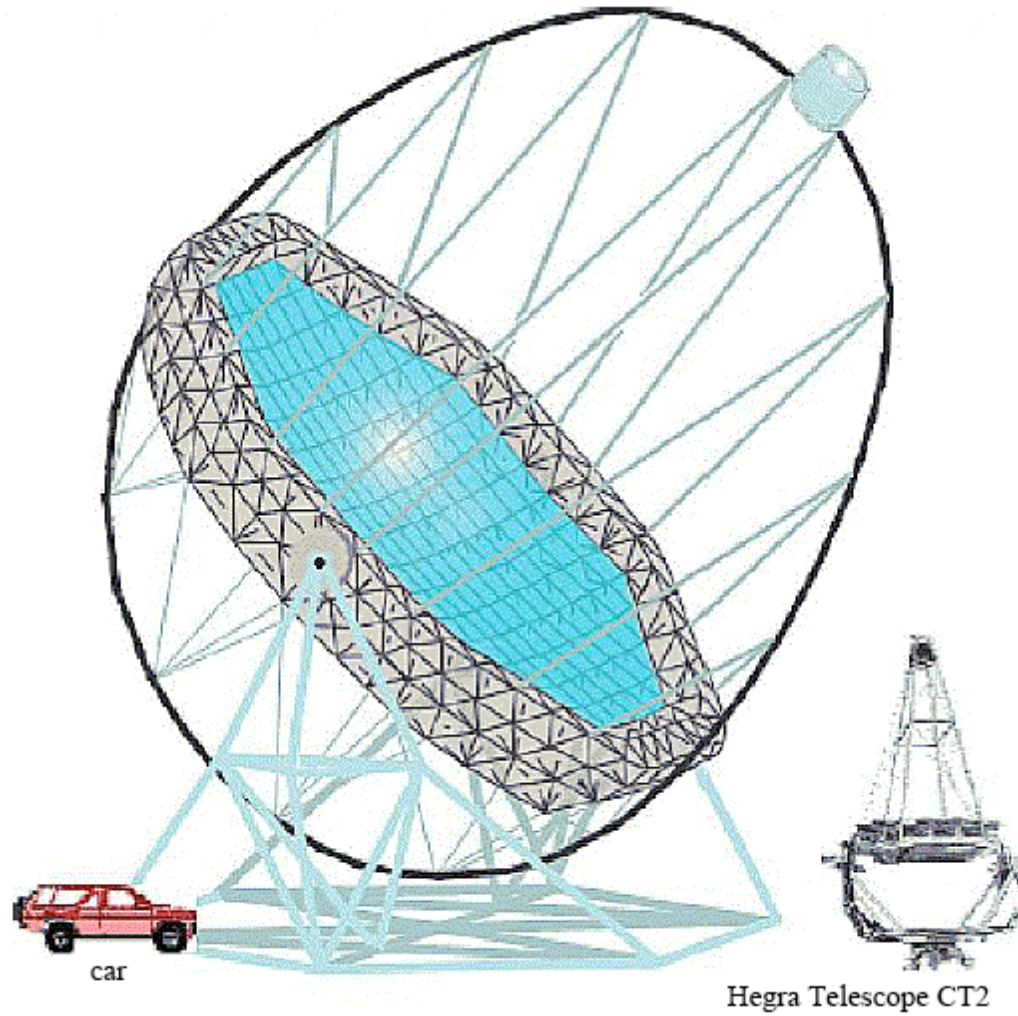


Fig. 4.— Integral excess events observed by the Whipple telescope from the directions of 1H1426+428 (crosses) and the Crab Nebula (open circles) during 2001 as a function of integrated Cherenkov light in the shower image. Exposure on the Crab Nebula was adjusted to match the total excess of 1H1426+428 at the lowest size cut applied, 366 digital counts. One photoelectron corresponds to  $\sim 3.6$  digital counts.

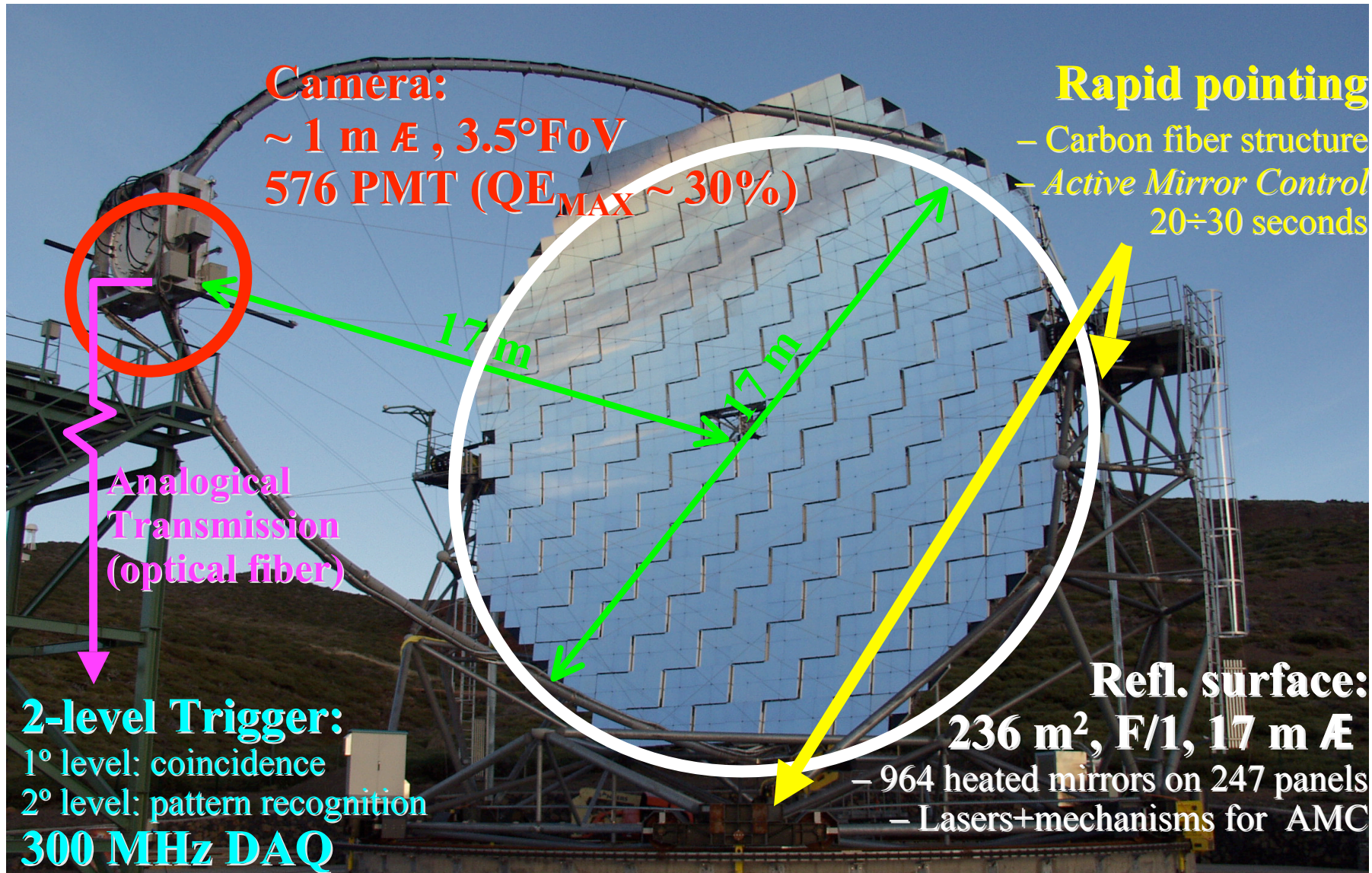
# MAGIC

220 m<sup>2</sup>  
E: 10-300 GeV  
La Palma





# MAGIC





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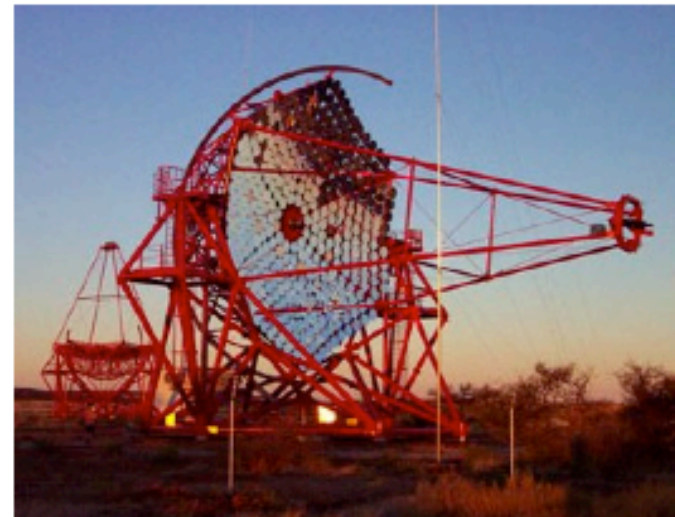
## HESS

H.E.S.S. is a next-generation system of Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes for the investigation of cosmic gamma rays in the 100 GeV energy range. The name H.E.S.S. stands for **High Energy Stereoscopic System**, and should also remind of **Victor Hess**, who received in 1936 the **Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of cosmic radiation**. The acronym also emphasizes two main features of the proposed installation, namely the **simultaneous observation of air showers with several (3 to 4) telescopes, under different viewing angles, and the combination of multiple (up to 16) telescopes to a large system to increase the effective detection area for gamma rays**. With telescopes of over 100 m<sup>2</sup> mirror area, the proposed system provides a

- **detection threshold of about 40 GeV,**
- **full spectroscopic capability above 100 GeV, an**
- **angular resolution for individual showers of 0.1 degrees**
- **energy resolution of about 20%.**

It will allow to explore gamma-ray sources with intensities at a level of a few thousandth parts of the flux of the Crab nebula. H.E.S.S. is located in Namibia, near the Gamsberg, an area well known for its excellent optical quality. The first four H.E.S.S. telescopes (Phase I of the H.E.S.S. project) are under construction and are expected to successively go into operation between early 2002 and 2003

I quattro telescopi della Fase I sono stati completati nel dicembre 2003





# The H.E.S.S. technology



Christopher van Eldik from Germany and Eben Tjingaete from Namibia checking mirror facets



Just like big optical telescopes, the H.E.S.S. Cherenkov telescopes consist of a mirror which focuses the incident light, and a light detector (the 'camera') to record the images. A mount allows the telescope to rotate and to track celestial objects as they move across the sky.

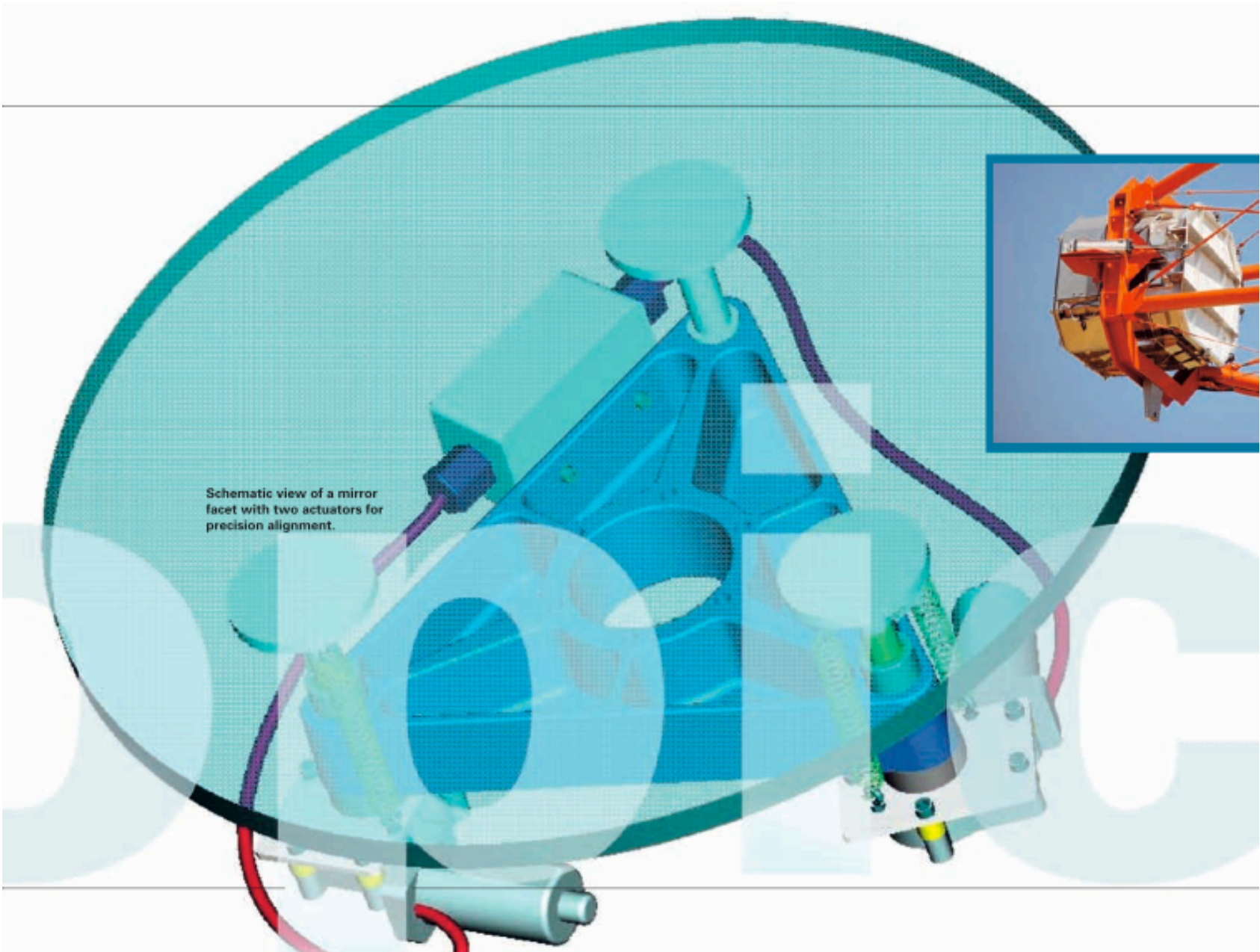
## **Mount and mirror dish**

Mount and dish are sturdy steel structures, designed for high rigidity. The steel structure weighs 60 tons; it was designed in Germany and fabricated in Namibia. Computer-controlled drive systems steer the telescopes with high precision.

## **Mirrors**

The diameter of the dish is more than 12 m, and the mirror area 107 m<sup>2</sup>. Mainly for cost reasons, the mirror is composed of 380 individual facets, made of ground glass and aluminised for best reflectivity. Each facet can be aligned under remote control using two motor-driven actuators, with a precision of a few thousandth of a millimeter.

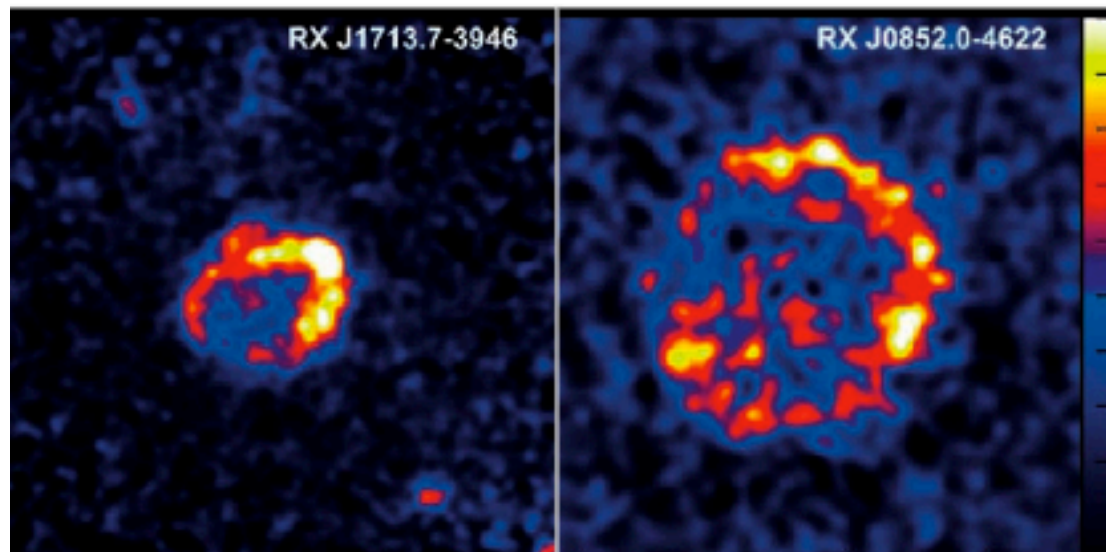
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## Supernova explosions ...



Le immagini di HESS mostrano chiaramente la shell delle supernove dove hanno origine i gamma

If supernova explosion waves are cosmic accelerators - as long suspected by scientists - they should be clearly visible in gamma rays. Indeed, H.E.S.S. images resolve the ring-like shock fronts for the first time and show them glowing in high-energy gamma rays.

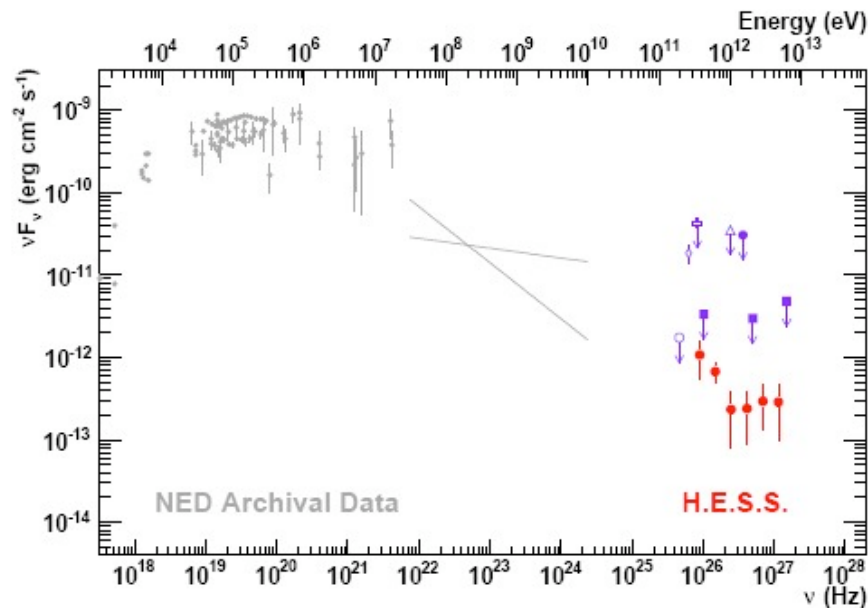
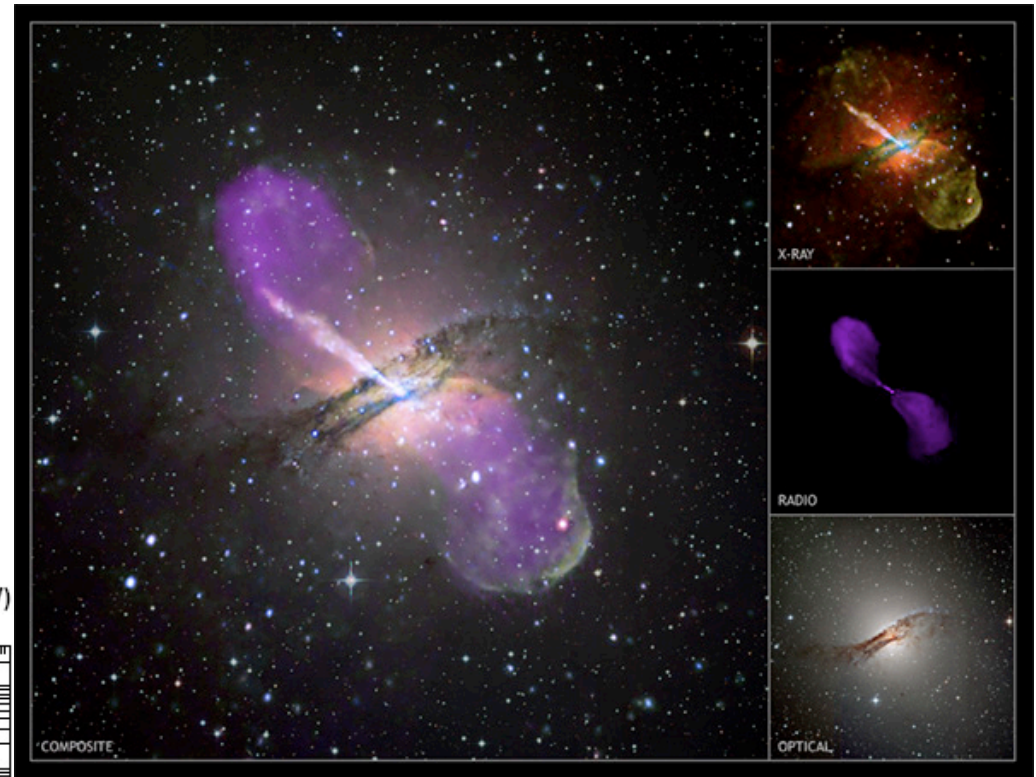
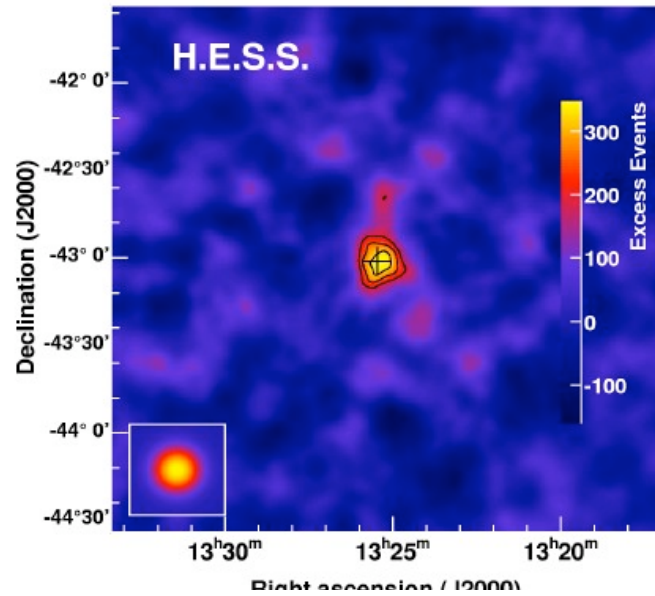
One of the first highlights of the H.E.S.S. observations was the discovery of high-energy gamma rays from two supernova explosion shells, whose 'names' RX J1713.7-3946 and RX J0852.0-4622 refer to their celestial coordinates and the fact that they were first seen as X-ray sources. The H.E.S.S. telescopes were able to resolve the spatial structure of the gamma-ray source; as predicted, gamma rays were found to exactly trace the supernova shell. This discovery proves conclusively that supernova explosion waves work as cosmic accelerators, at least up to energies of 100 million million electron volts ('electron volt' is a unit characterising the energies of particles and radiation; visible light has 2 to 4 electron volts).

### Background

Our entire Galaxy is permeated by cosmic rays - atomic nuclei accelerated to very high energies. The existence of cosmic rays was discovered by Victor Hess in 1912, almost 100 years ago. Throughout this time, the origin of cosmic rays was heavily debated: Somewhere in our Galaxy must be cosmic particle accelerators capable of creating particle energies many orders of magnitude beyond the biggest man-made accelerators on Earth.



# HESS: CENTAUROS A



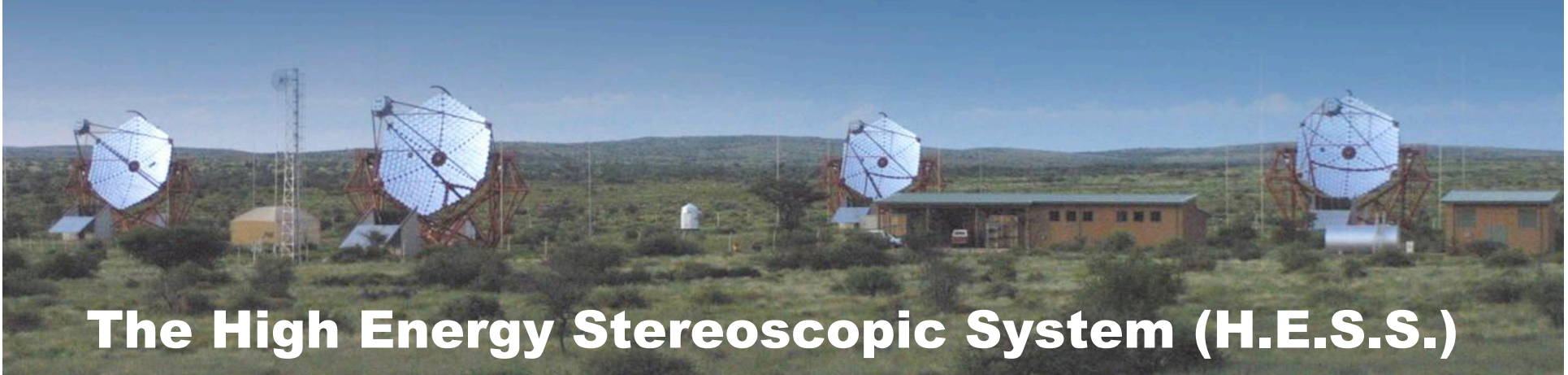
Spectral distribution of the emission from Centaurus A, from X-rays to the VHE gamma-ray energy band. Archival X-ray and EGRET gamma-ray data are shown in grey, previous VHE upper limits and the tentative early detection in purple.



**VERITAS**



**The High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.)**

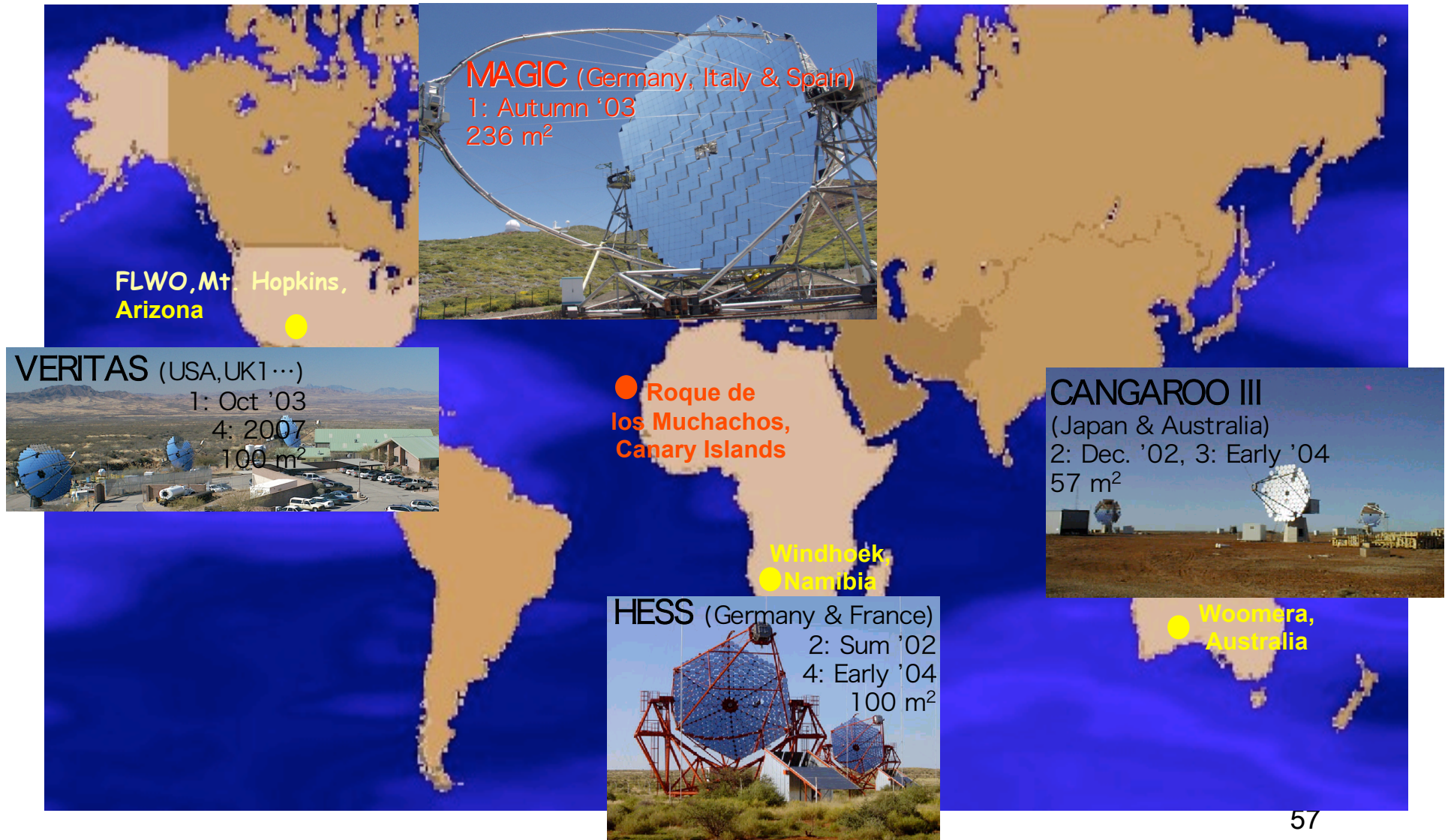


**CANGAROO**





# The “Big Four”



# TELESCOPI CERENKOV

| Group/<br>Instrument                    | Location           | Reflector(s)<br>Number × Aperture | Camera<br>Pixels | Threshold<br>(GeV) | Epoch<br>Beginning |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Operating Telescopes<sup>a</sup></i> |                    |                                   |                  |                    |                    |
| Whipple                                 | Arizona, USA       | 10 m                              | 331              | 250                | 1984               |
| Crimea                                  | Crimea, Ukraine    | 6×2.4 m                           | 6×37             | 1000               | 1985               |
| SHALON                                  | Tien Shen, Russia  | 4 m                               | 244              | 1000               | 1994               |
| CANGAROO                                | Woomera, Aust.     | 3.8 m                             | 256              | 500                | 1994               |
| HEGRA                                   | La Palma, Sp.      | 5 × 3 m                           | 5 × 271          | 500                | 1994               |
| CAT                                     | Pyrenées           | 3m                                | 600              | 250                | 1996               |
| Durham/ Mark 6                          | Narrabri, Aust.    | 3× 7 m                            | 1× 109           | 250                | 1996               |
| TACTIC                                  | Mt. Abu, India     | 4× 3.5 m                          | 1×225            | 300                | 1997               |
| Seven TA                                | Utah, USA          | 7×2 m                             | 7×256            | 500                | 1998               |
| STACEE                                  | Sandia, New Mexico | 32 ×7 m                           | 32× 1            | 75                 | 1998               |
| CELESTE                                 | Pyrenées, France   | 40×7 m                            | 40×1             | 50                 | 1998               |
| <i>Future Telescopes</i>                |                    |                                   |                  |                    |                    |
| CANGAROO II                             | Woomera, Aust.     | 7 m                               | 1×512            | 250                | 1999               |
| GRAAL/CESA-1                            | Almeria, Sp.       | 63×7.1 m                          | 4                | 100                | 1999               |
| Solar II                                | Barstow, CA        | 96×7.1 m                          | 96× 1            | 20                 | 2002               |
| MAGIC                                   | La Palma, Sp.      | 17 m                              | 1×800            | 30                 | 2001               |
| HESS                                    | Namibia            | 4×10 m                            | 4×700            | 50                 | 2002               |
| CANGAROO III                            | Woomera, Aust.     | 4× 10 m                           | 4×512            | 75??               | 2003               |
| VERITAS                                 | Arizona, USA       | 7×10 m                            | 7×499            | 75                 | 2004               |

<sup>a</sup> From Catanese & Weekes 1999

# Cerenkov Telescope Array (CTA)

CTA stands for an initiative to build the next generation ground-based gamma-ray instrument, which is supposed to serve as an open observatory to a wide astrophysics community and which will provide the deepest ever insight into the non-thermal high-energy universe. It foresees a factor of 5-10 improvement in sensitivity in the current energy domain of about 100 GeV to some 10 TeV and an extension of the accessible energy range well below 100 GeV and to above 100 TeV. The observatory will consist of two arrays: a southern hemisphere array, which covers the full energy range from some 10 GeV to about 100 TeV to allow for a deep investigation of galactic sources, and of the central part of our Galaxy, but also for the observation of extragalactic objects. A northern hemisphere array, consisting of the low energy instrumentation (from some 10 GeV to  $\sim 1$  TeV) complements the observatory and is dedicated mainly to northern extragalactic objects. The design of CTA is based on currently available technology, and therefore allows for reliable predictions of the performance parameters of the observatory. At the same time, the option for future upgrades with new technology is kept open. Implementation of first prototype telescope(s) of the system could start in 2010 after a period of a detailed design study and optimization, site evaluation and production of industrial prototypes of components.