

# In-Flight performances of the PAMELA satellite experiment

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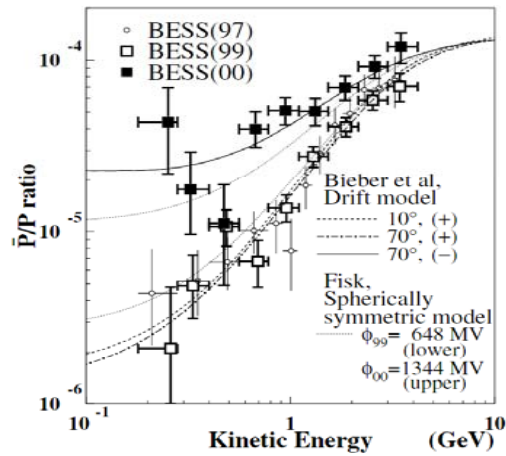
# PAMELA science

- Search for antimatter
- Search for dark matter
- Study of cosmic-ray propagation
- Study solar physics and solar modulation
- Study of electron spectrum (local sources?)
- Study terrestrial magnetosphere



## Charge-dependent solar modulation

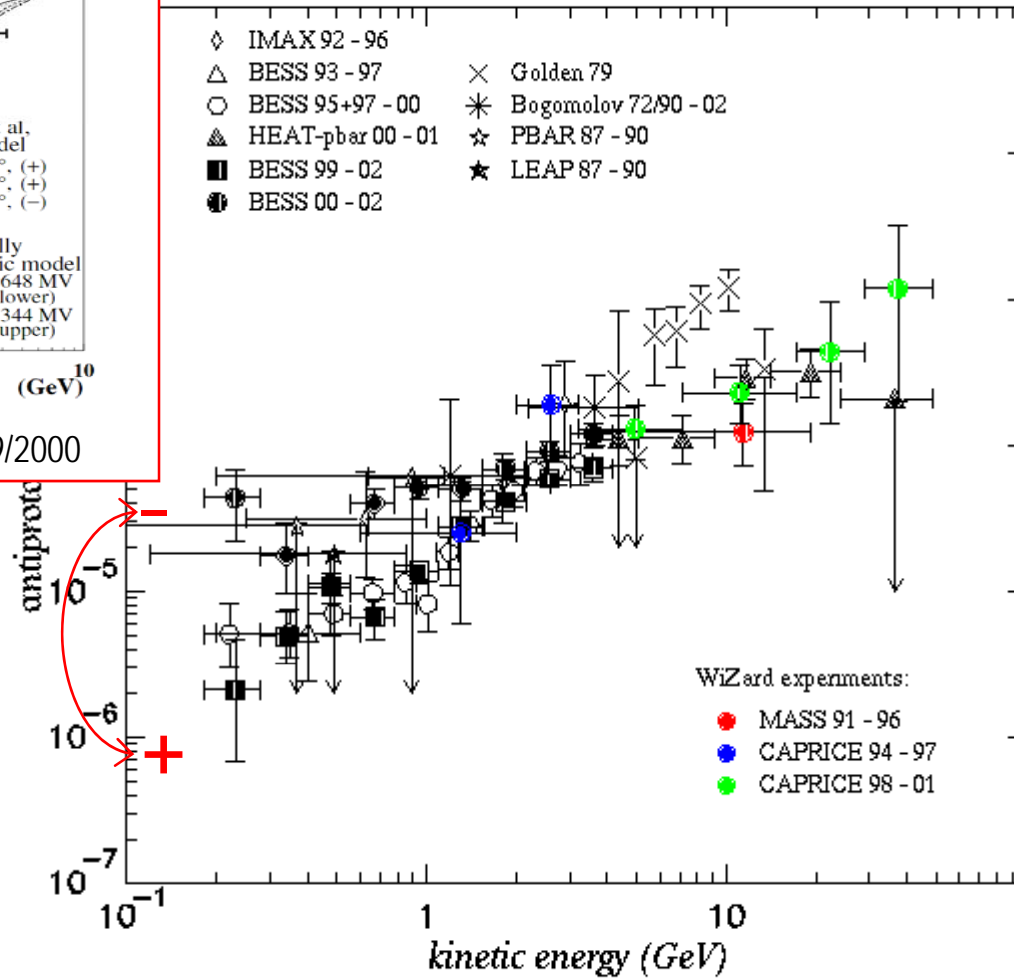
Asaoka Y. Et al. 2002



Solar polarity reversal 1999/2000

# Antiprotons

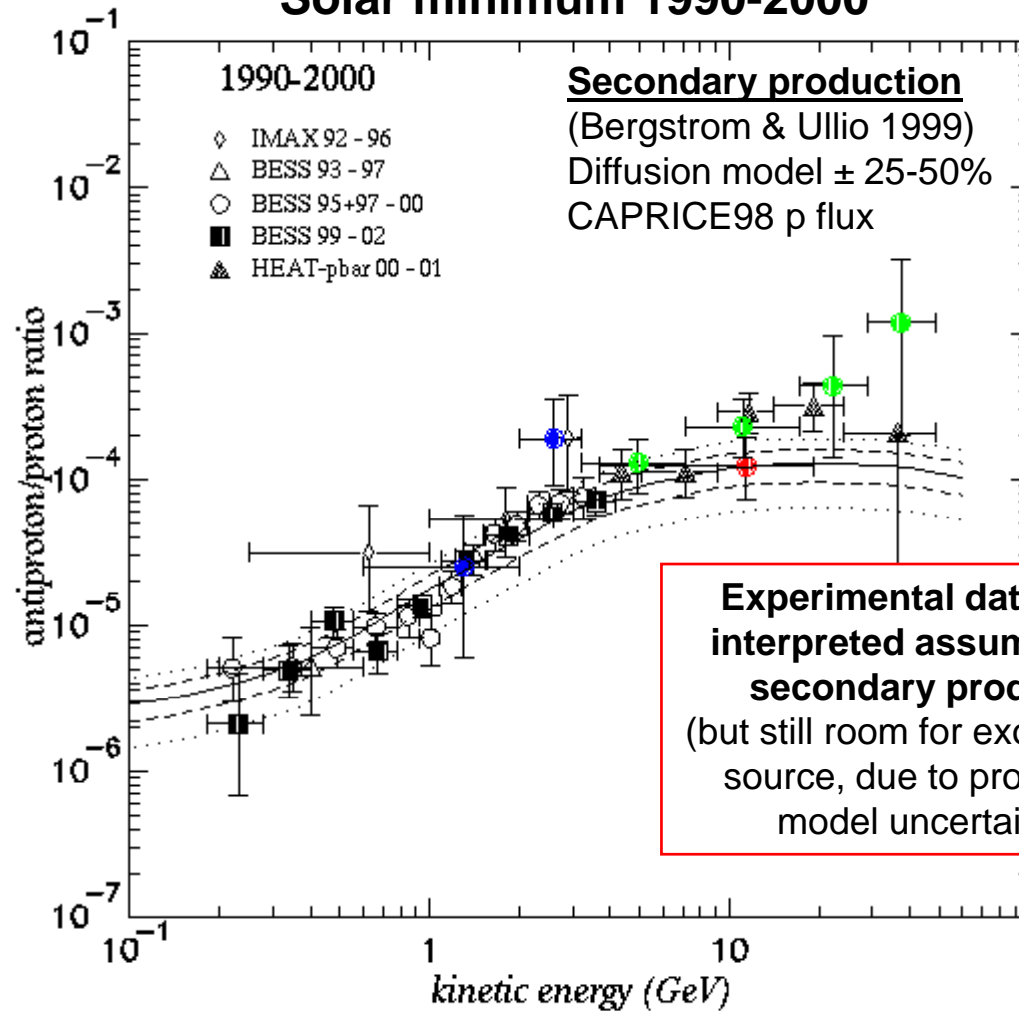
## Experimental scenario during 90s





# Antiprotons

## Solar minimum 1990-2000

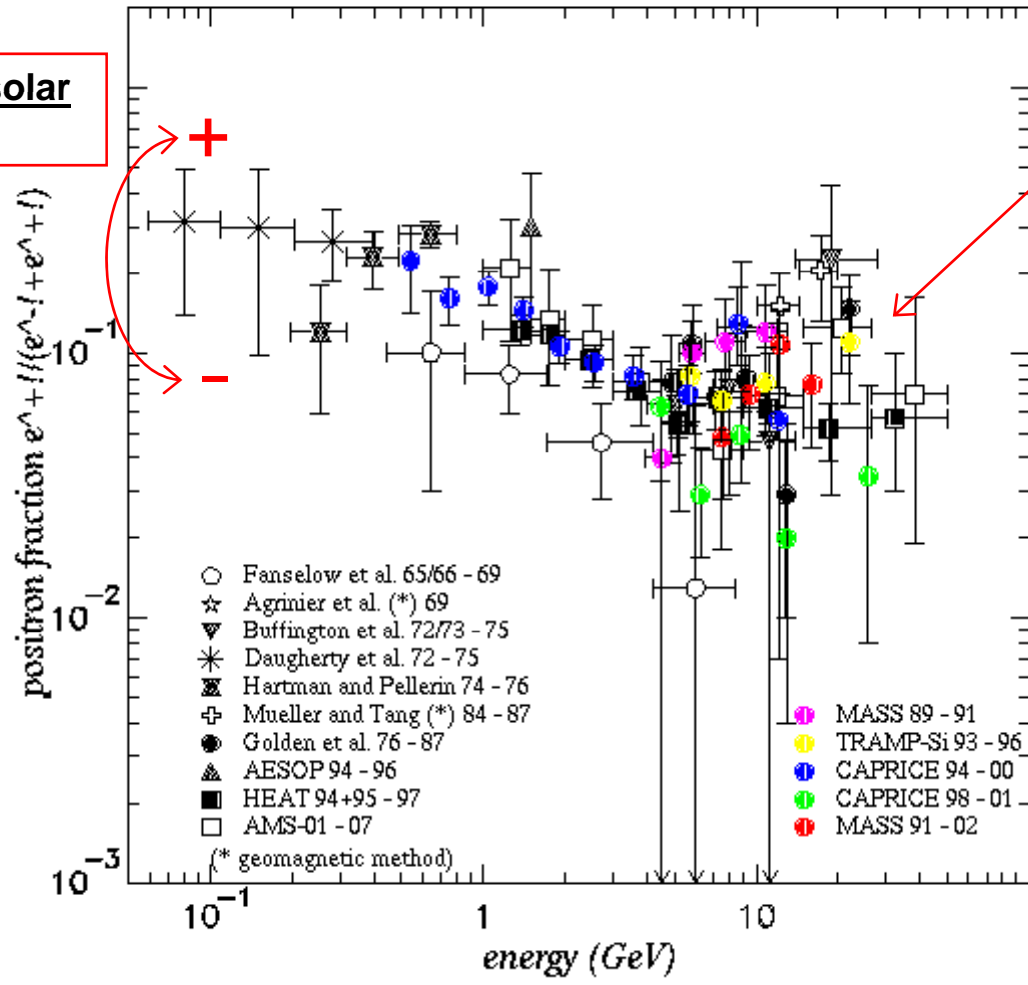




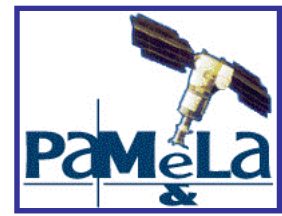
# Positrons

## Experimental scenario until 90s

**Charge-dependent solar modulation**

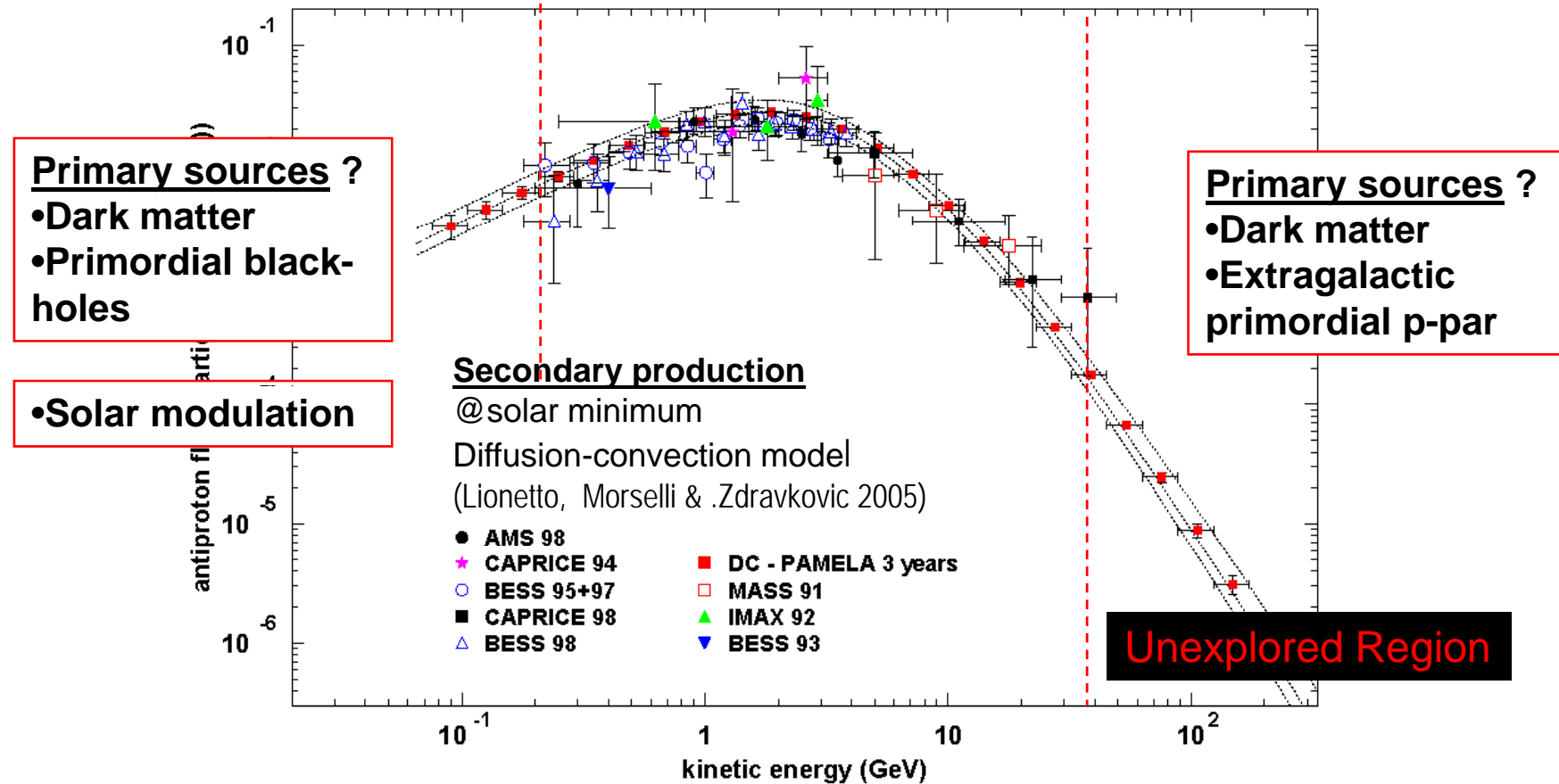


**... ? ...**  
**Difficult interpretation due to large uncertainties in propagation models**



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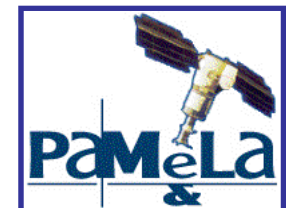
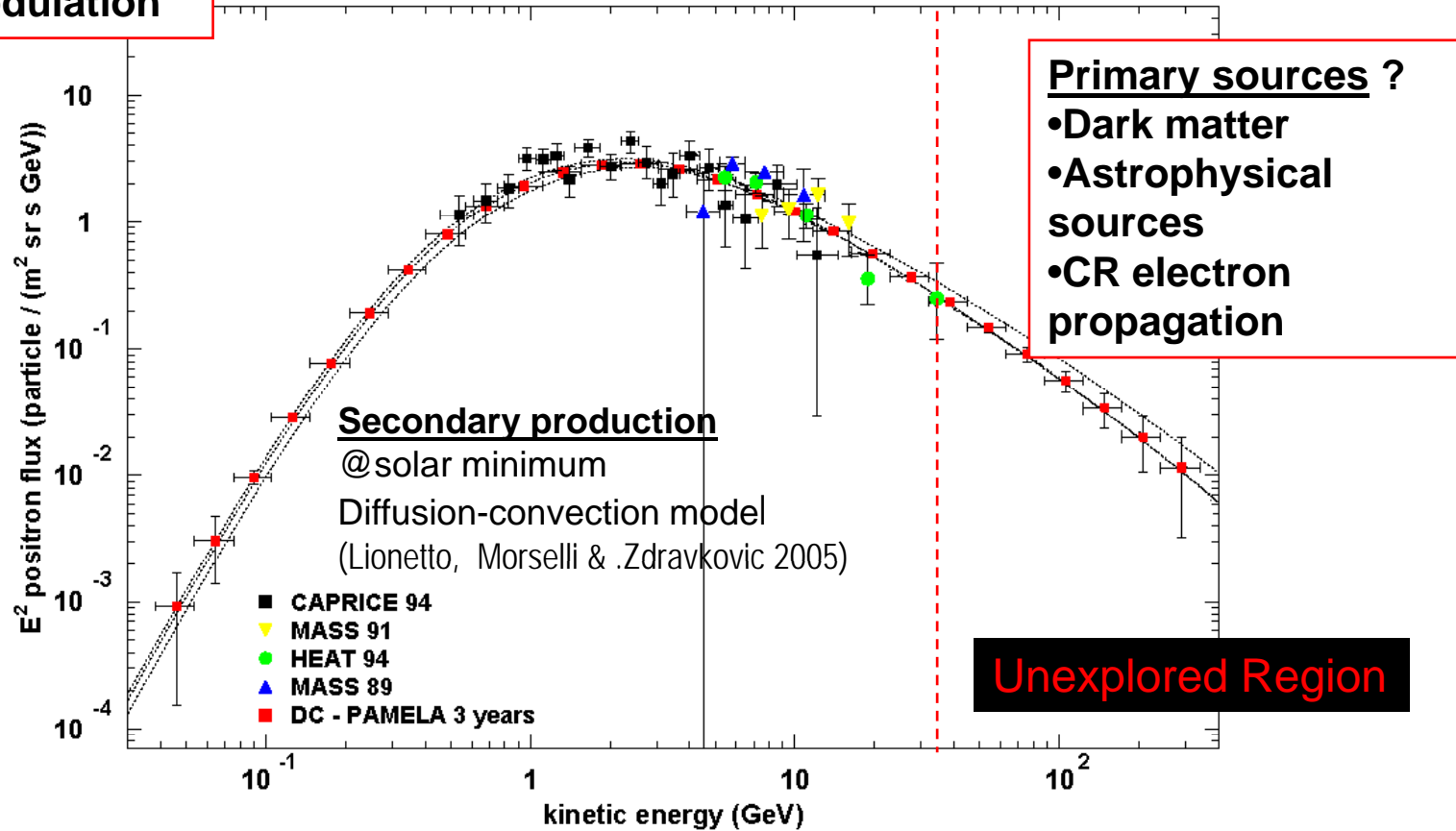
## PAMELA expectation in 3 years



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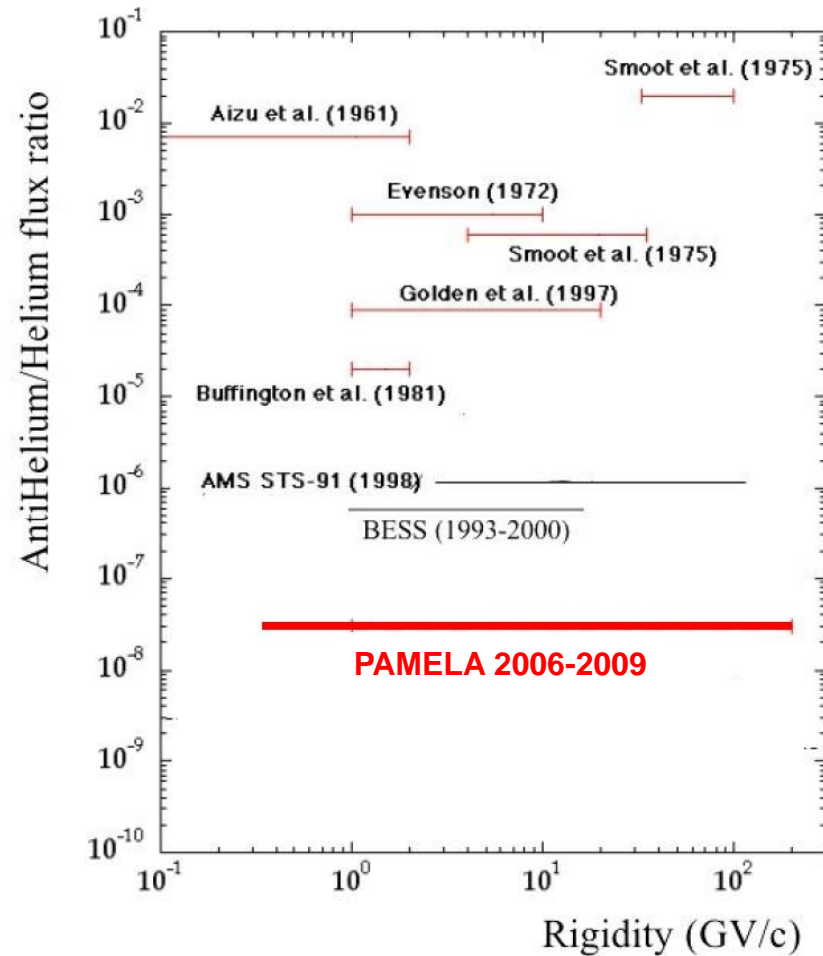
- Solar modulation





# Extragalactic Cosmic-ray Antimatter Search

Unequivocal signature  
of large-scale antimatter  
structures



# Cosmic-ray Antimatter from Dark Matter annihilation

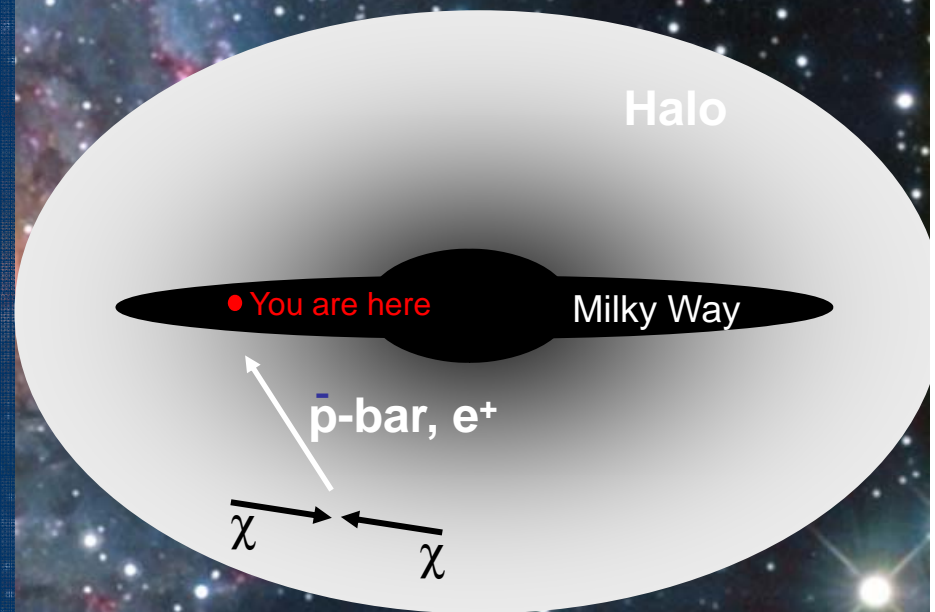
A plausible dark matter candidate is neutralino ( $\chi$ ), the lightest SUSY particle.

Annihilation of relic  $\chi$  gravitationally confined in the galactic halo

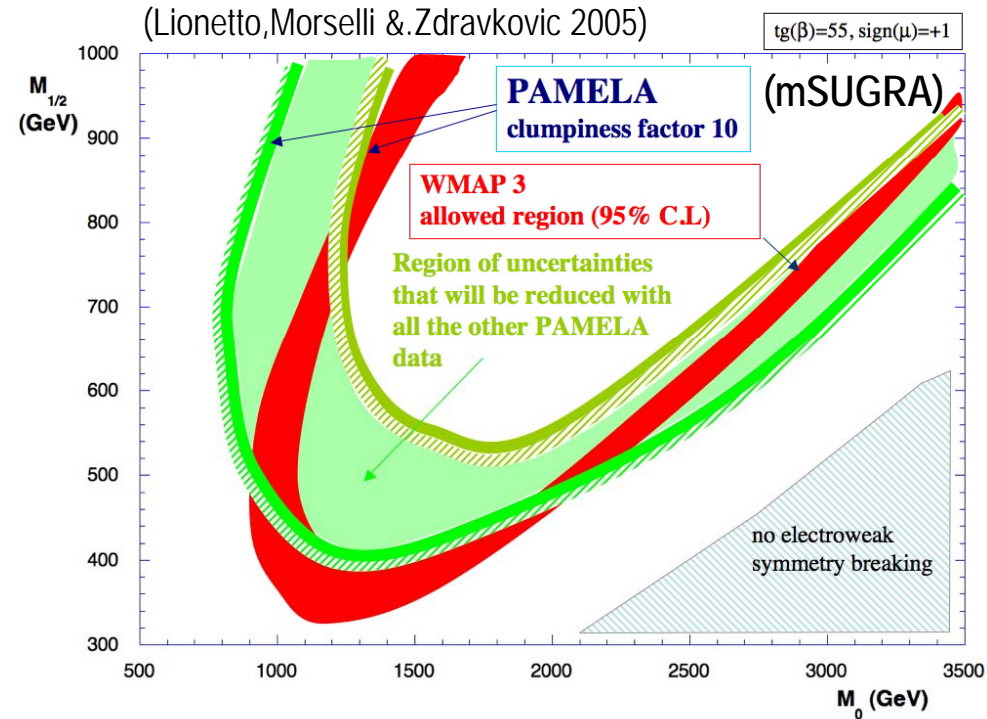
→ Distortion of antiproton and positron spectra from purely secondary production

Most likely processes:

- $\chi\chi \rightarrow qq \rightarrow \text{hadrons} \rightarrow \text{anti-p, } e^+, \dots$
- $\chi\chi \rightarrow W^+W^-, Z^0Z^0, \dots \rightarrow e^+, \dots$   
direct decay  $\Rightarrow$  positron peak  $E_{e^+} \sim M\chi/2$   
other processes  $\Rightarrow$  positron continuum  $E_{e^+} \sim M\chi/20$



# Antiprotons

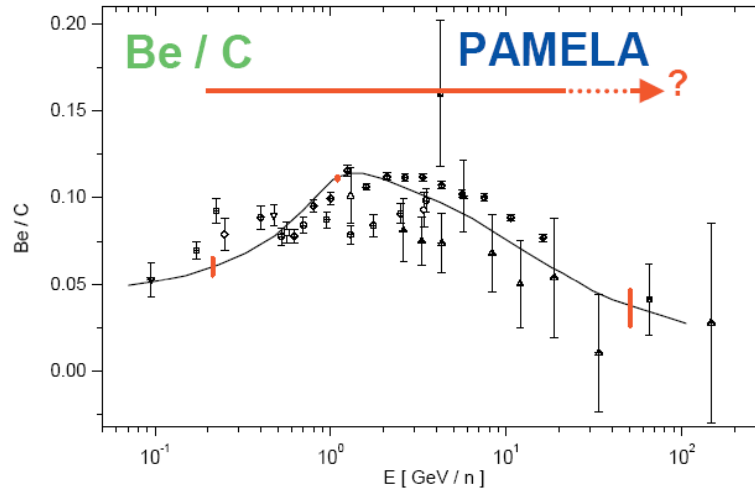
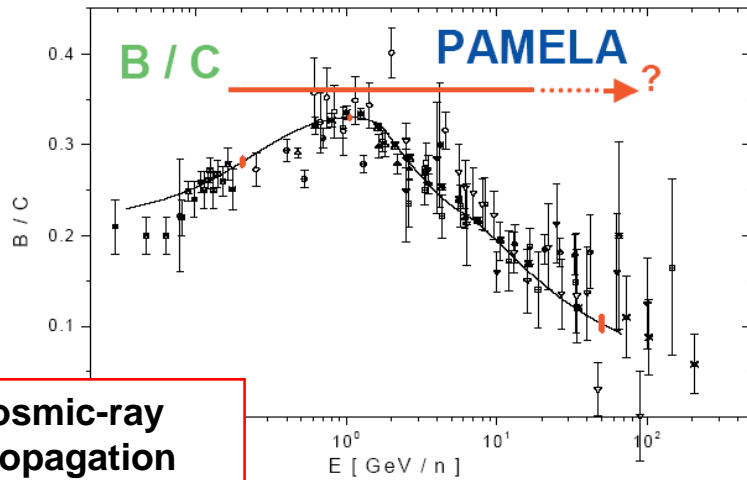


Unambiguous interpretation of exotic matter signature requires a clear understanding of the secondary spectra and their sources.

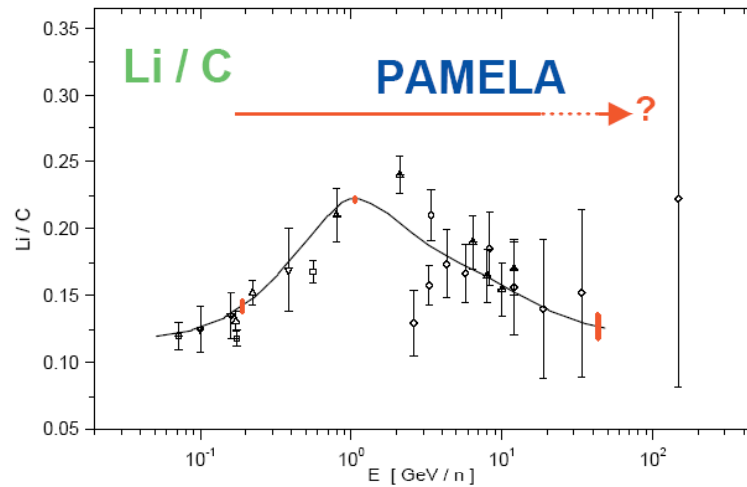




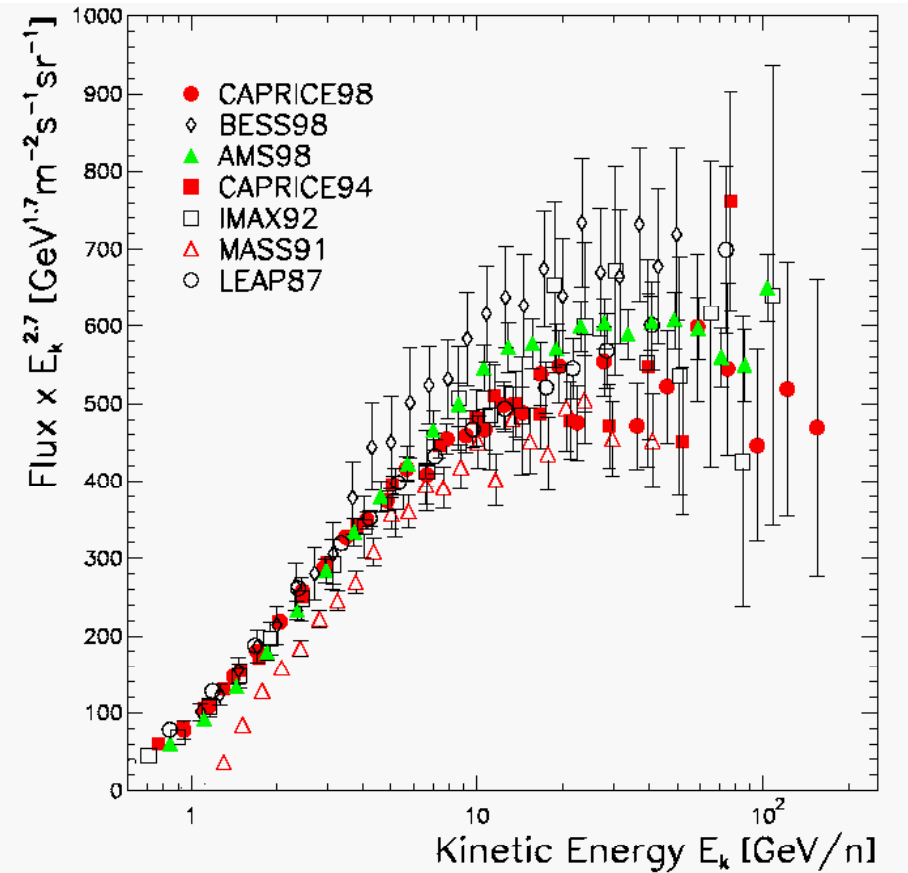
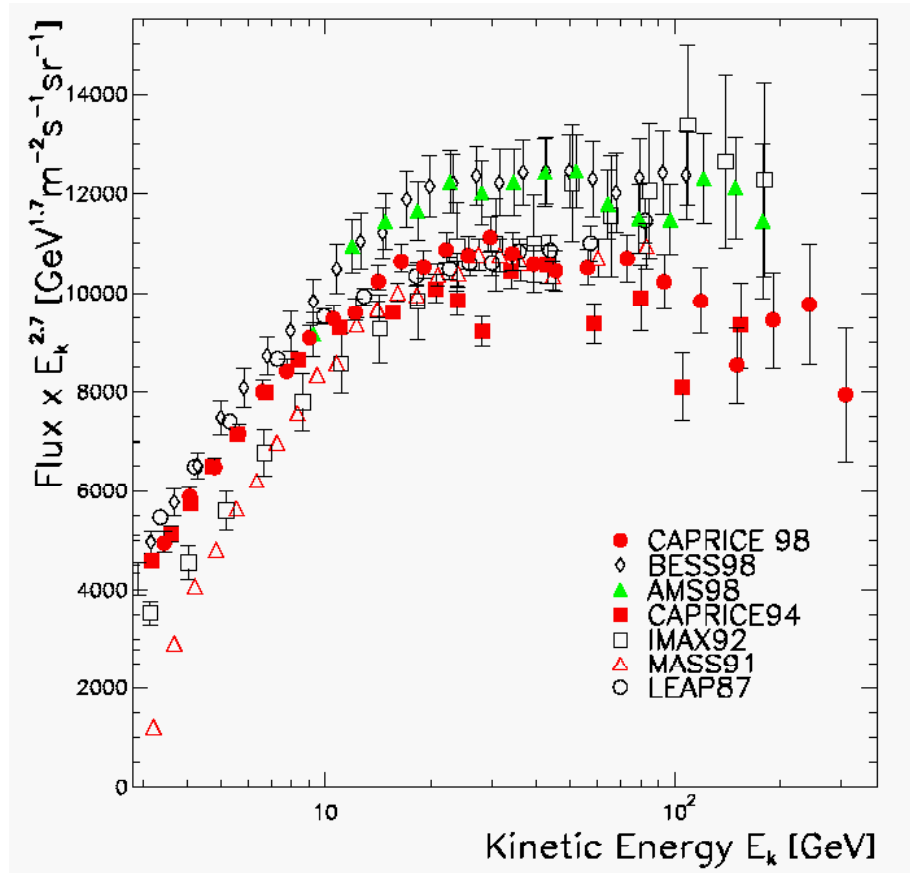
# Secondary-to-primary ratio



Cosmic-ray propagation parameters often tuned on B/C data



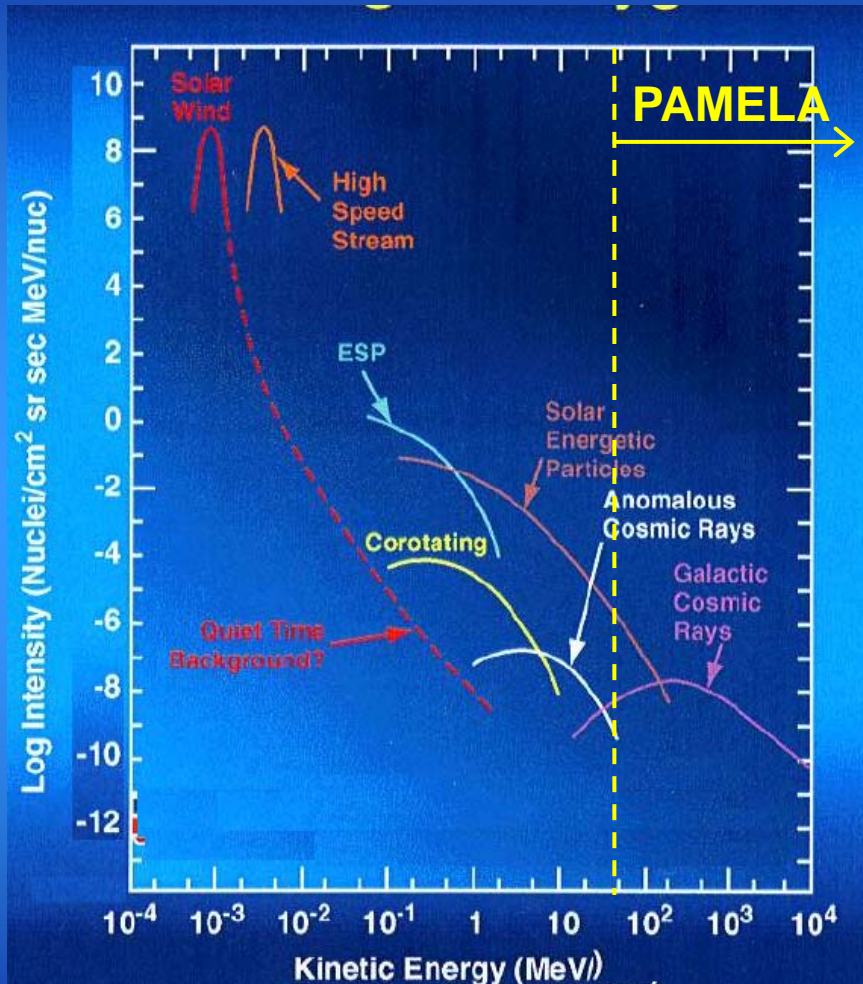
# Primary spectra: H and He



Cosmic-ray propagation calculations affected by uncertainty on primary flux.



# Solar physics



- Solar Modulation effects
- High energy component of Solar Proton Events
  - Proton (>80MeV)
  - Electrons and positrons (>50MeV)
- Nuclear composition of Gradual and Impulsive events
- $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$  isotopic composition in Impulsive events
- Electrons of Jovian origin
- Anomalous cosmic-rays

(3 Solar events between 6/12/2006 and 18/12/2006; see “Solar and heliospheric cosmic ray observations with PAMELA experiment” – Marco Casolino)





# PAMELA nominal capabilities

	<u>energy range</u>	<u>particles in 3 years</u>
• Antiproton flux	80 MeV - 190 GeV	$\sim 10^4$
• Positron flux	50 MeV – 270 GeV	$\sim 10^5$
• Electron flux	up to 400 GeV	$\sim 10^6$
• Proton flux	up to 700 GeV	$\sim 10^8$
• Electron/positron flux	up to 2 TeV (from calorimeter)	
• Light Nuclei	up to 200 GeV/n	He/Be/C: $\sim 10^{7/4/5}$
• AntiNuclei search	sensitivity of $3 \times 10^{-8}$ in He/He	

→ Simultaneous measurement of many cosmic-ray species

→ New energy range

→ Unprecedented statistics

Taking into account live time and geometrical factor:

**1 HEAT-PBAR flight ~ 22.4 days PAMELA data**

**1 CAPRICE98 flight ~ 3.9 days PAMELA data**



# Overview of the PAMELA experiment





# PAMELA collaboration

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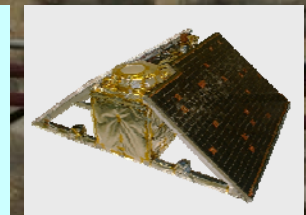
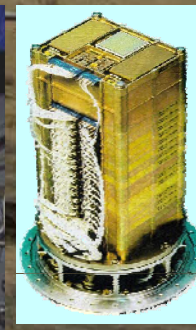
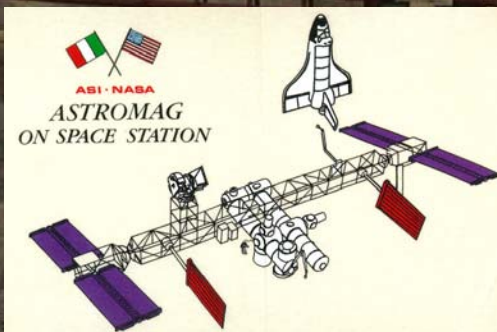
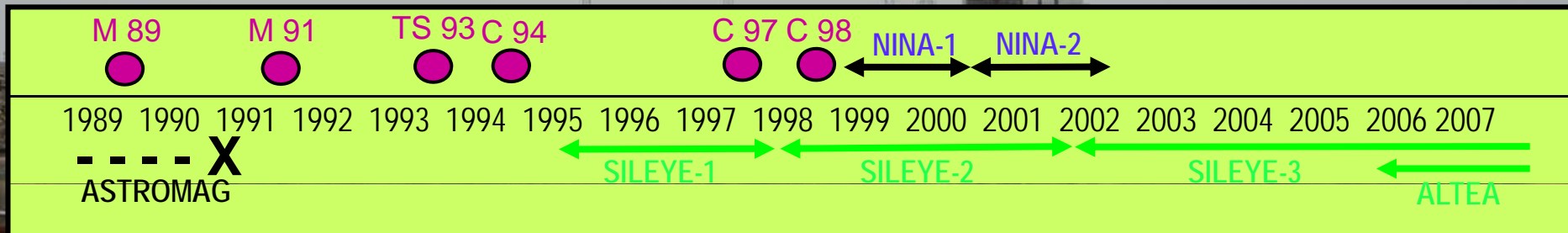
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# PAMELA prehistory

- **Astromag/WiZard** project (PAMELA precursor) on board of the Space Station Freedom → **CANCELED**
- Balloon-borne experiments: **MASS-89,91 TS-93 CAPRICE-94,97,98**
- Space experiments\*: **NINA-1,2 SILEYE-1,2,3 ALTEA**  
(\*study of low energy nuclei and space radiation environment)





# PAMELA history

- **1996**: PAMELA proposal
- **22.12.1998**: agreement between RSA (Russian Space Agency) and INFN to build and launch PAMELA.

Three models required by the RSA:

- Mass-Dimensional and Thermal Model (MDTM)
- Technological Model (TM)
- Flight Model (FM)

→ **Starts PAMELA construction**

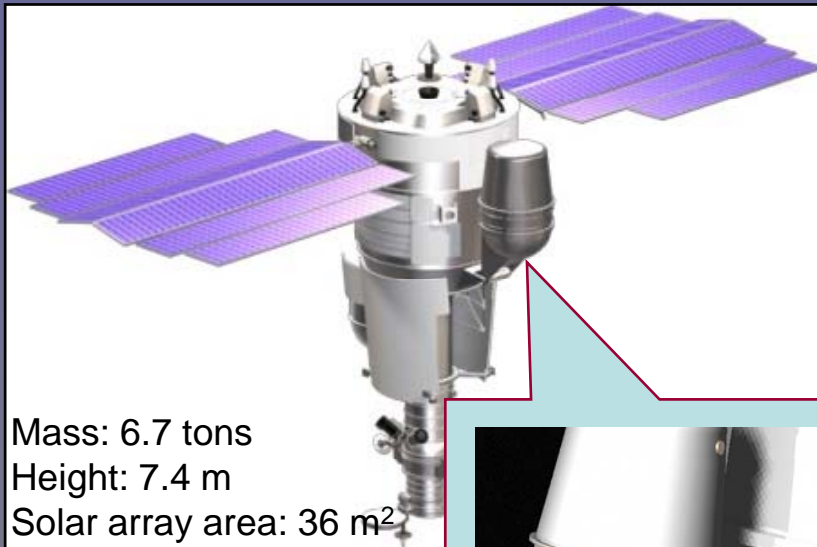
- **2001**: change of the satellite → **complete redefinition of mechanics**
- **2006**: flight!!!



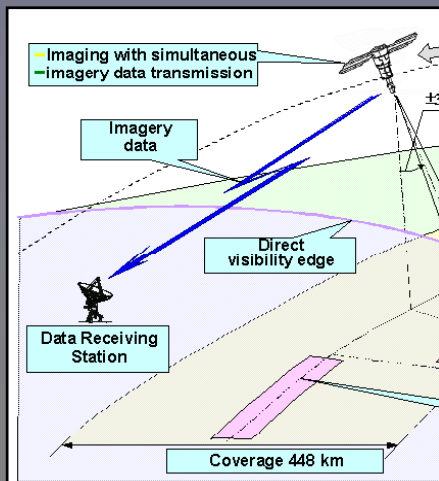
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# The Resurs DK-1 spacecraft



Mass: 6.7 tons  
Height: 7.4 m  
Solar array area: 36 m<sup>2</sup>



- PAMELA mounted inside a pressurized container
- moved from parking to data-taking position few times/year

- Multi-spectral remote sensing of earth's surface
  - near-real-time high-quality images
- Built by the Space factory TsSKB Progress in Samara (Russia)

## Operational orbit parameters:

- inclination ~70°
- altitude ~ 360-600 km (elliptical)

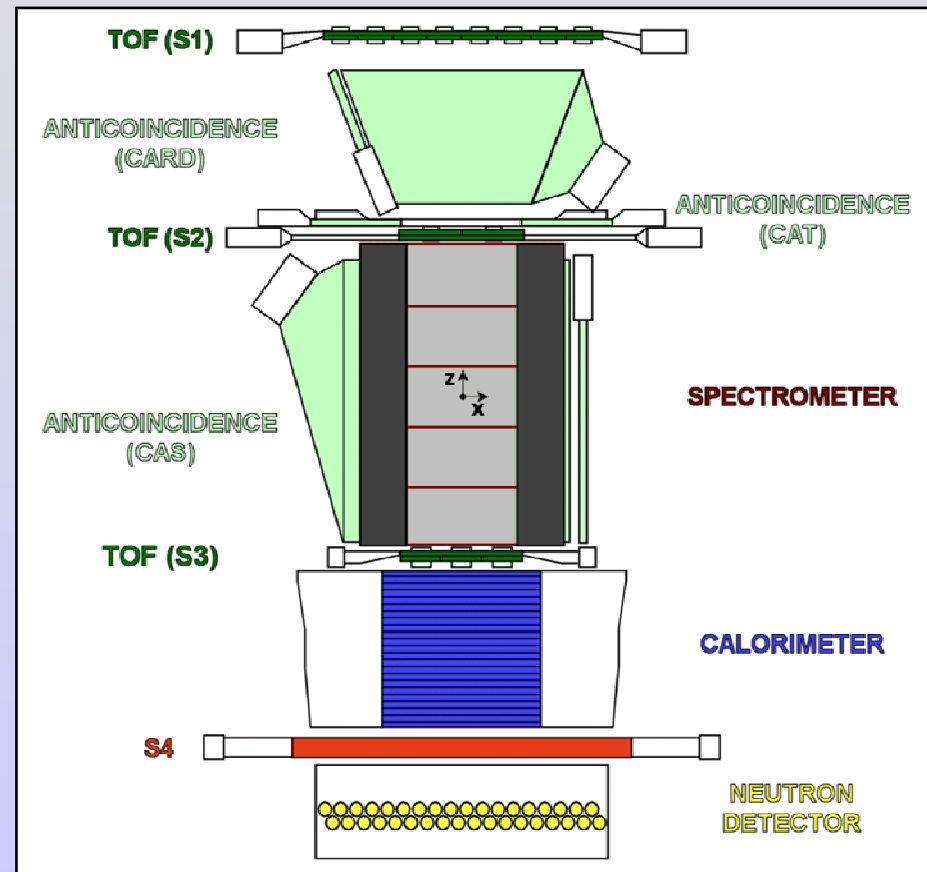
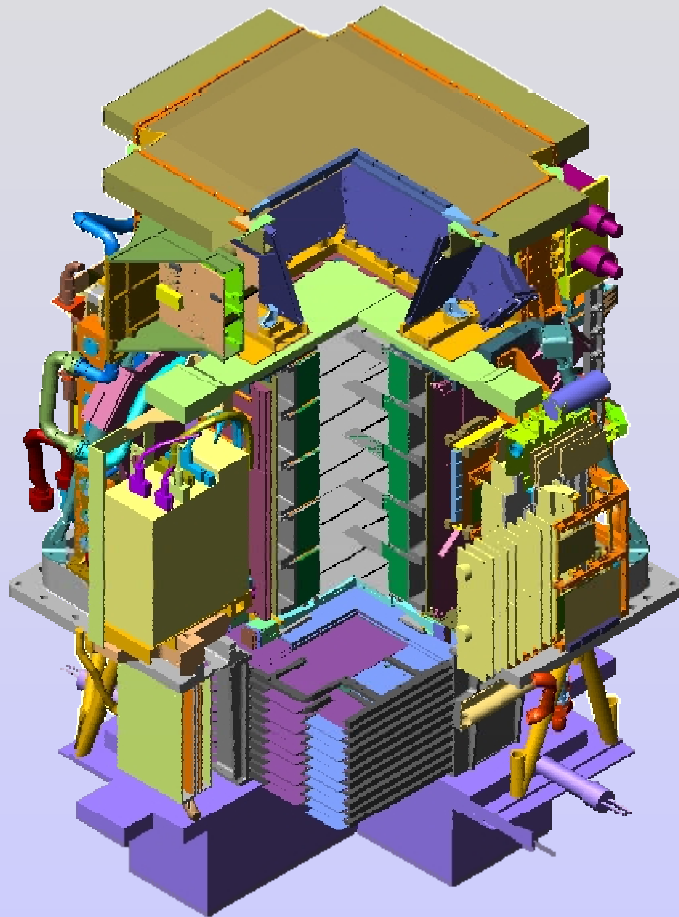
## Active life >3 years

Data transmitted via Very high-speed Radio Link (VRL)





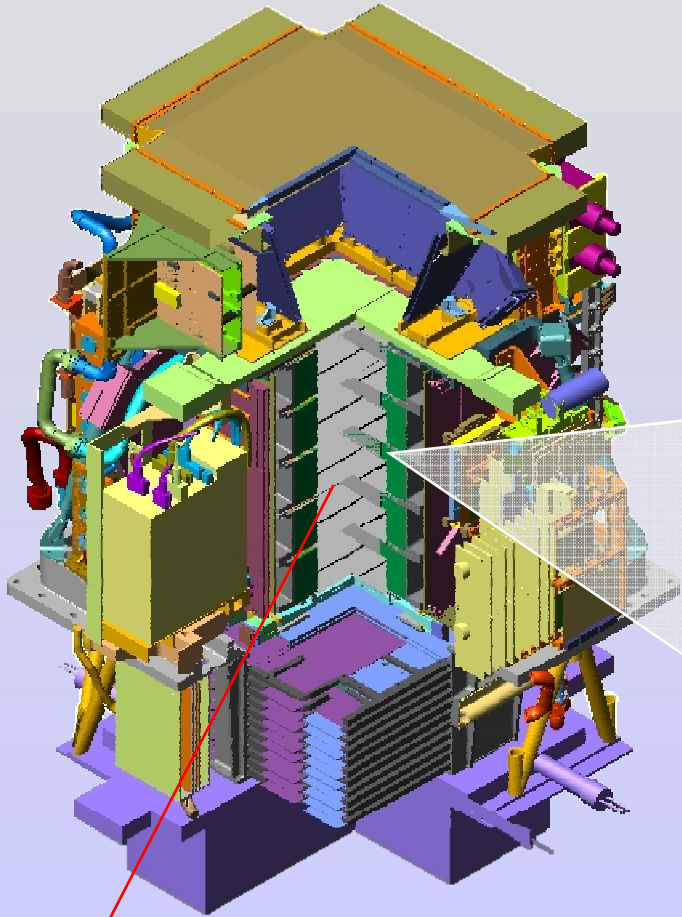
# PAMELA apparatus



GF: 21.5 cm<sup>2</sup> sr  
Mass: 470 kg  
Size: 130x70x70 cm<sup>3</sup>  
Power Budget: 360W

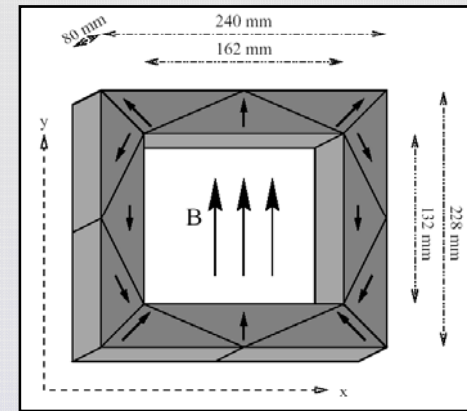
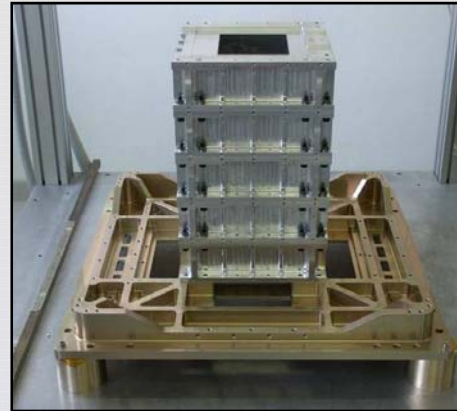






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## The magnet



### Characteristics:

- 5 modules of permanent magnet (Nd-B-Fe alloy) in aluminum mechanics
- Cavity dimensions 162x132x445 cm<sup>3</sup>  
→ GF 21.5 cm<sup>2</sup>sr
- Magnetic shields
- 5mm-step field-map
- B=0.43 T (average along axis), B=0.48 T (@center)



## The tracking system

### Main tasks:

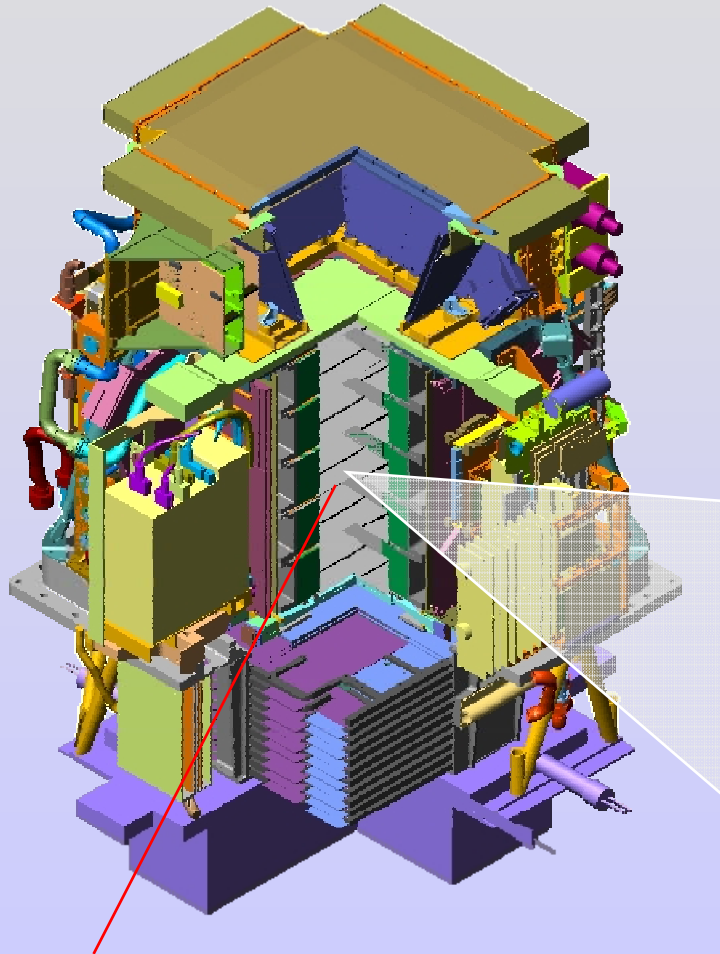
- Rigidity measurement
- Sign of electric charge
- $dE/dx$

### Characteristics:

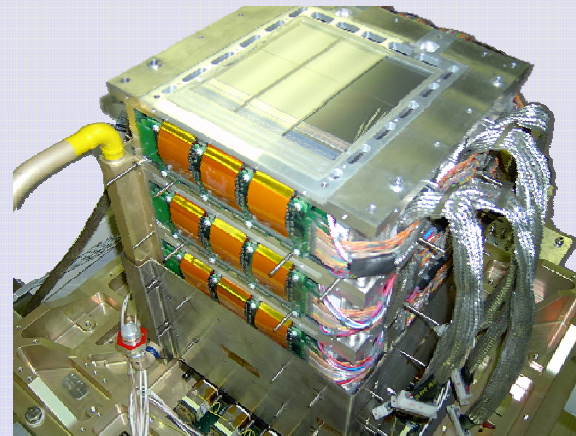
- 6 planes double-side (x&y view) microstrip Si sensors
- 36864 channels
- Dynamic range 10 MIP

### Performances:

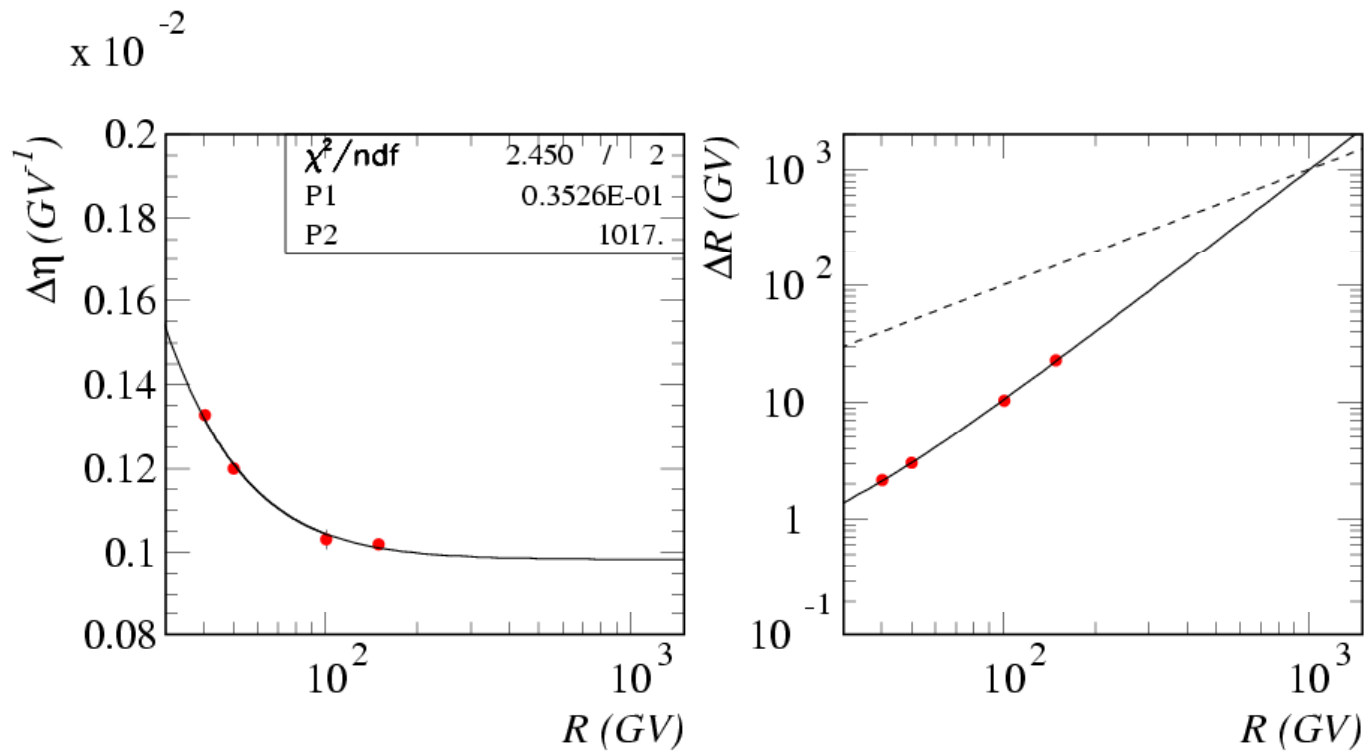
- Spatial resolution: 3-4 $\mu$ m
- MDR  $\sim$ 1T (from test beam data)



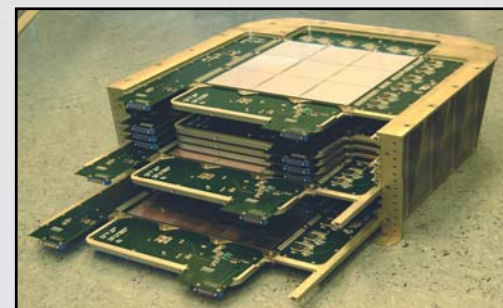
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# Maximum detectable rigidity



## The electromagnetic calorimeter



### Main tasks:

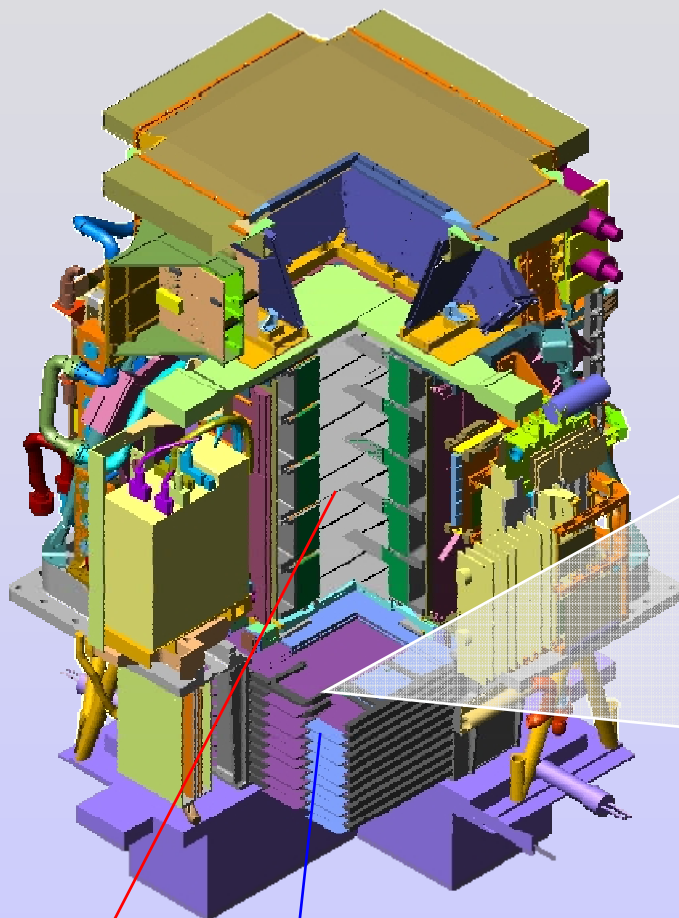
- e/h discrimination
- e<sup>+/-</sup> energy measurement

### Characteristics:

- 44 Si layers (X/Y) +22 W planes
- 16.3 X<sub>0</sub> / 0.6 I<sub>0</sub>
- 4224 channels
- Dynamic range 1400 mip
- Self-trigger mode (> 300 GeV GF~600 cm<sup>2</sup> sr)

### Performances:

- p-bar and e<sup>+</sup> selection efficiency ~ 90%
- p rejection factor >10<sup>5</sup>
- e<sup>-</sup> rejection factor > 10<sup>4</sup>
- Energy resolution ~5% @200GeV



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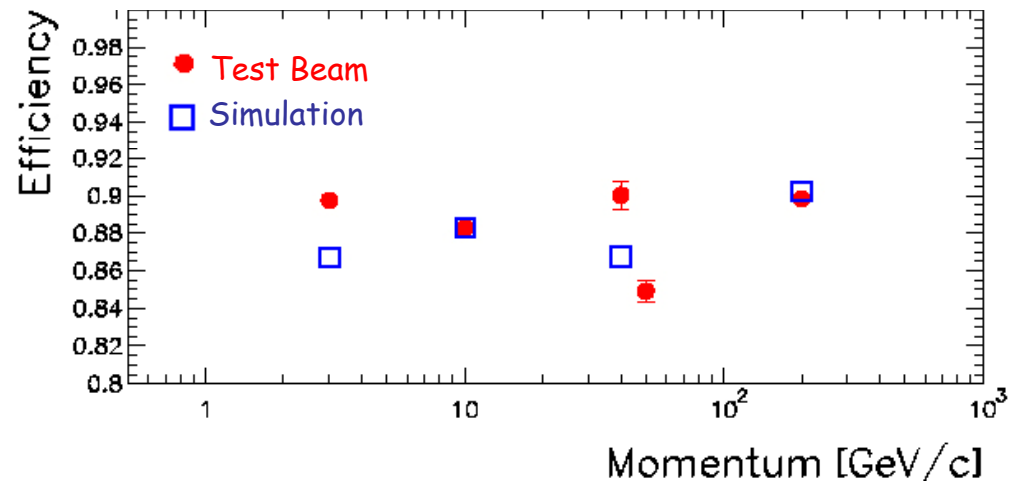
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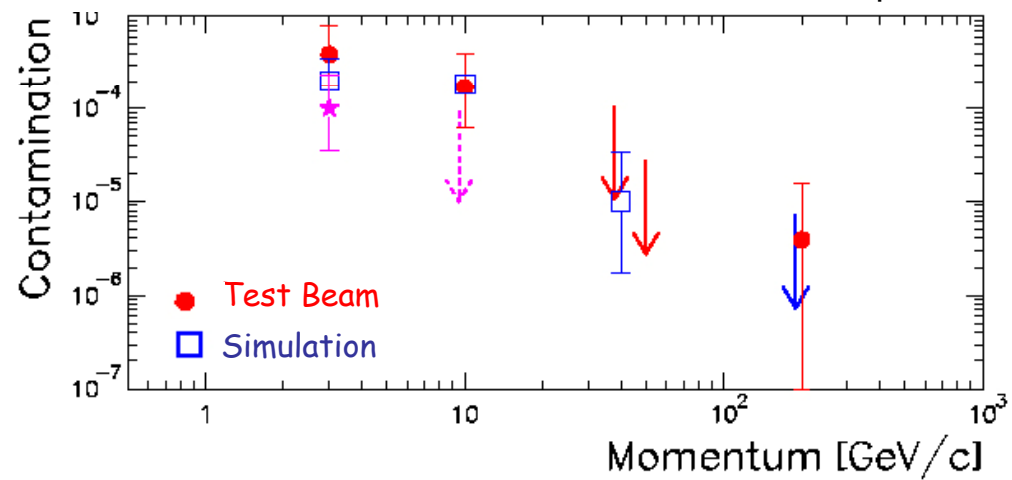


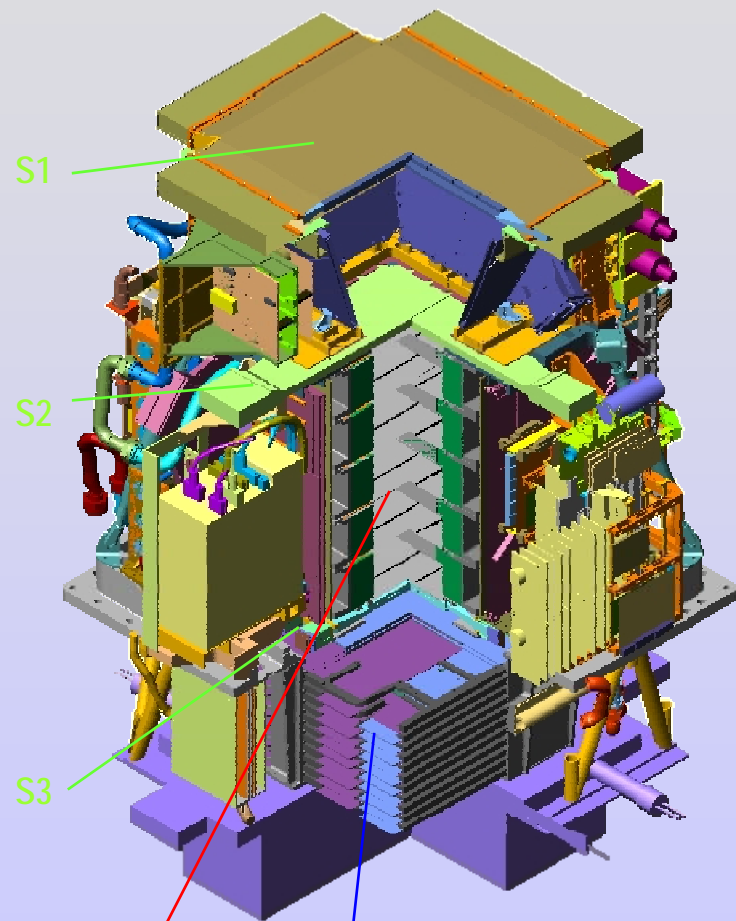
# Electron identification

## Electron identification efficiency



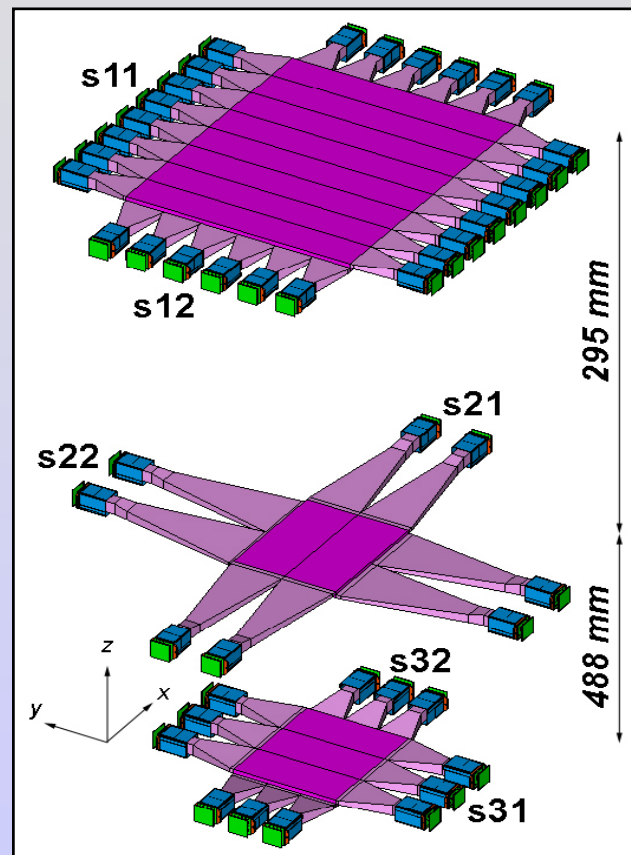
## Proton contamination in the electron sample



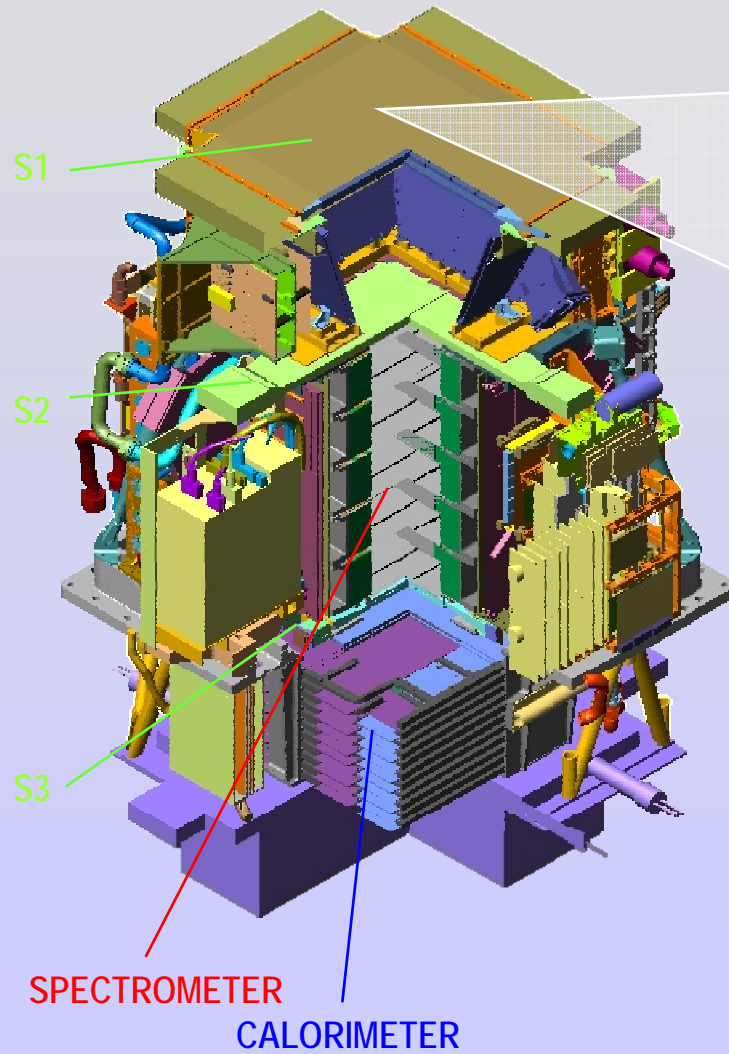


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## The time-of-flight system



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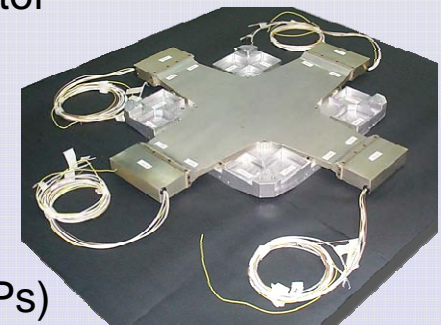
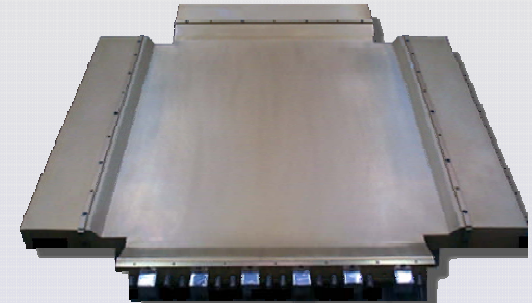
- First-level trigger
- Albedo rejection
- $dE/dx$
- Particle identification ( $<1\text{GeV}/c$ )

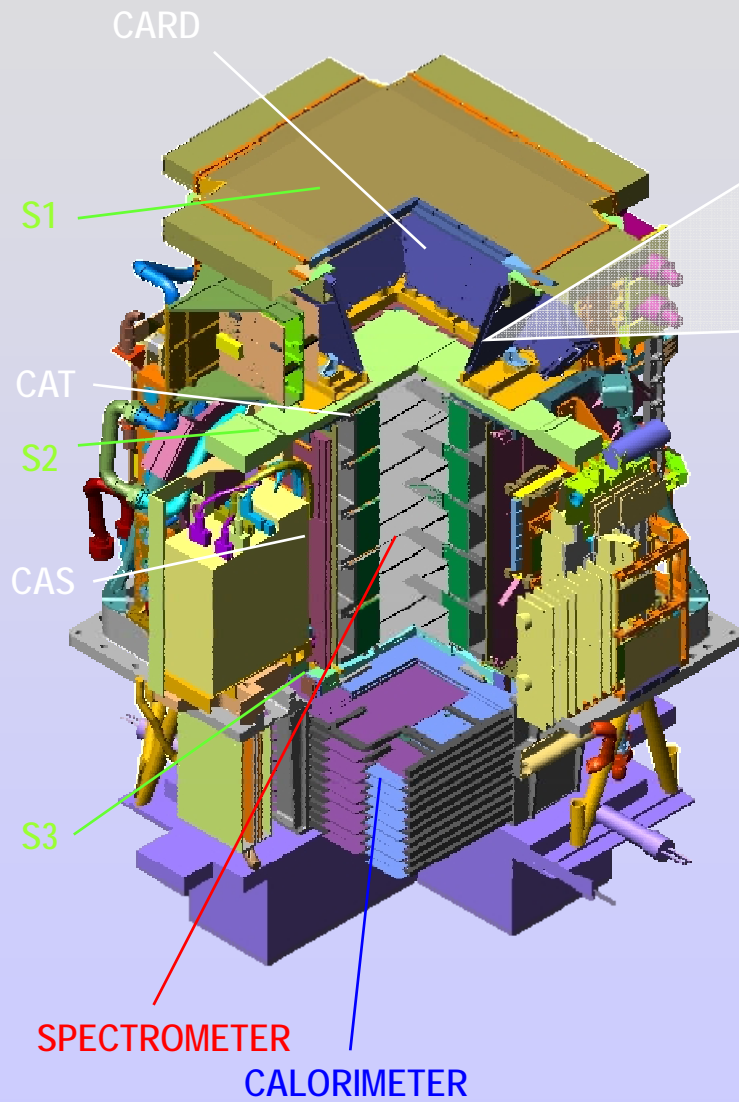
### Characteristics:

- 3 double-layer scintillator paddles
- X/Y segmentation
- Total: 48 Channels

### Performances:

- $\sigma_{\text{paddle}} \sim 110\text{ps}$
- $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} \sim 330\text{ps}$  (for MIPs)





## The anticounter shields

### Main tasks:

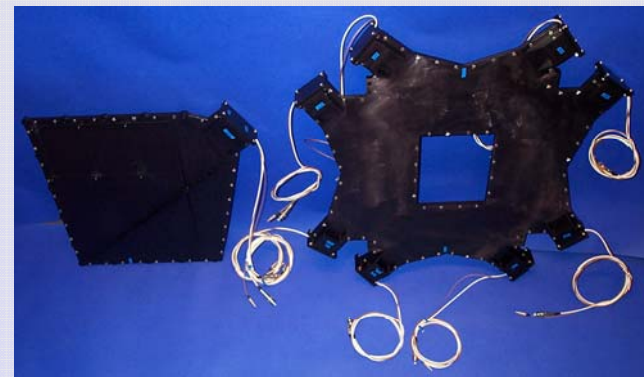
- Rejection of events with particles interacting with the apparatus (off-line and second-level trigger)

### Characteristics:

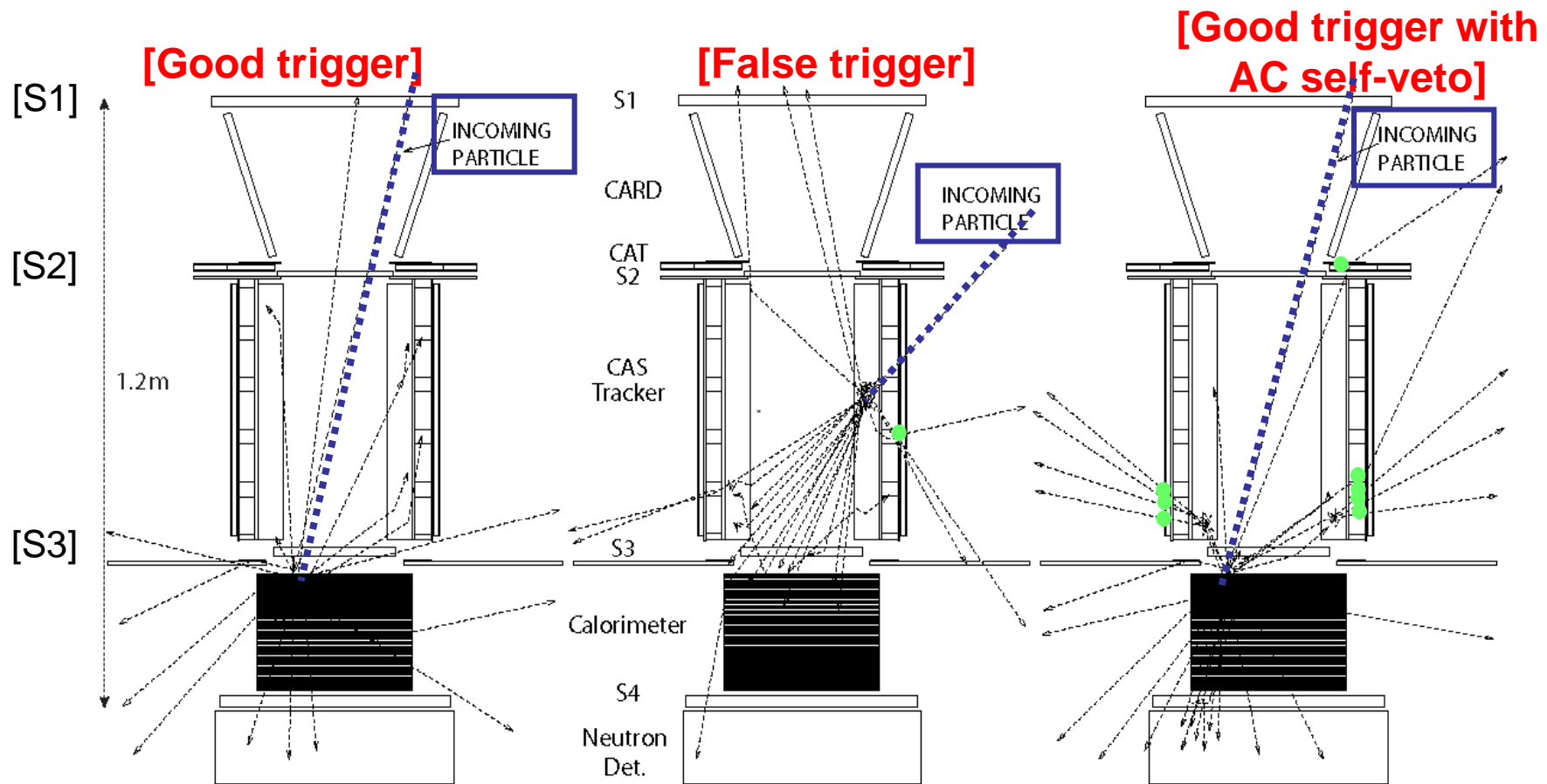
- scintillator paddles 10mm thick
- 4 up (CARD), 1 top (CAT), 4 side (CAS)

### Performances:

- Efficiency > 99.9%



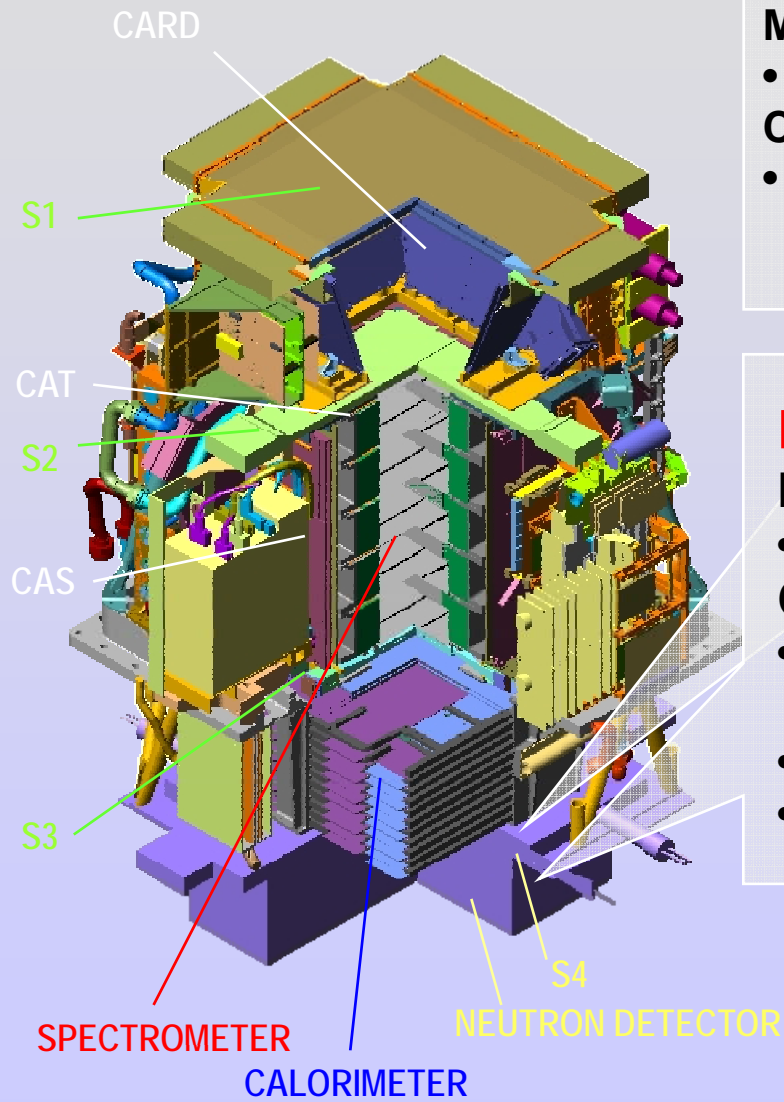




Main trigger = S1 AND S2 AND S3

Use AC offline or in L2 trigger to reduce false triggers





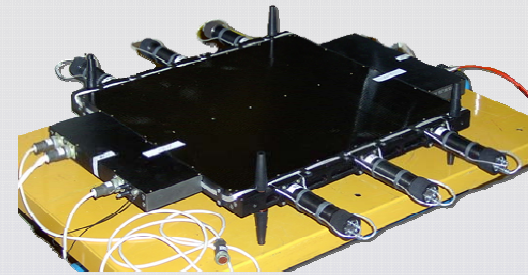
### Shower-tail catcher (S4)

#### Main tasks:

- ND trigger

#### Characteristics:

- 1 scintillator paddle  
10mm thick



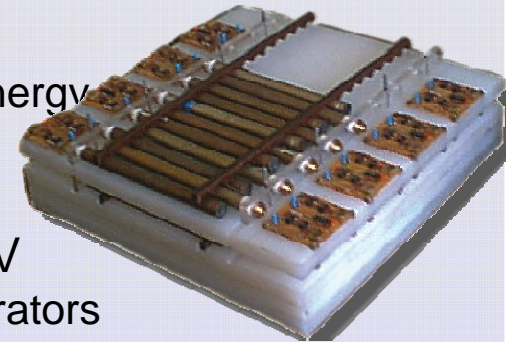
### Neutron detector

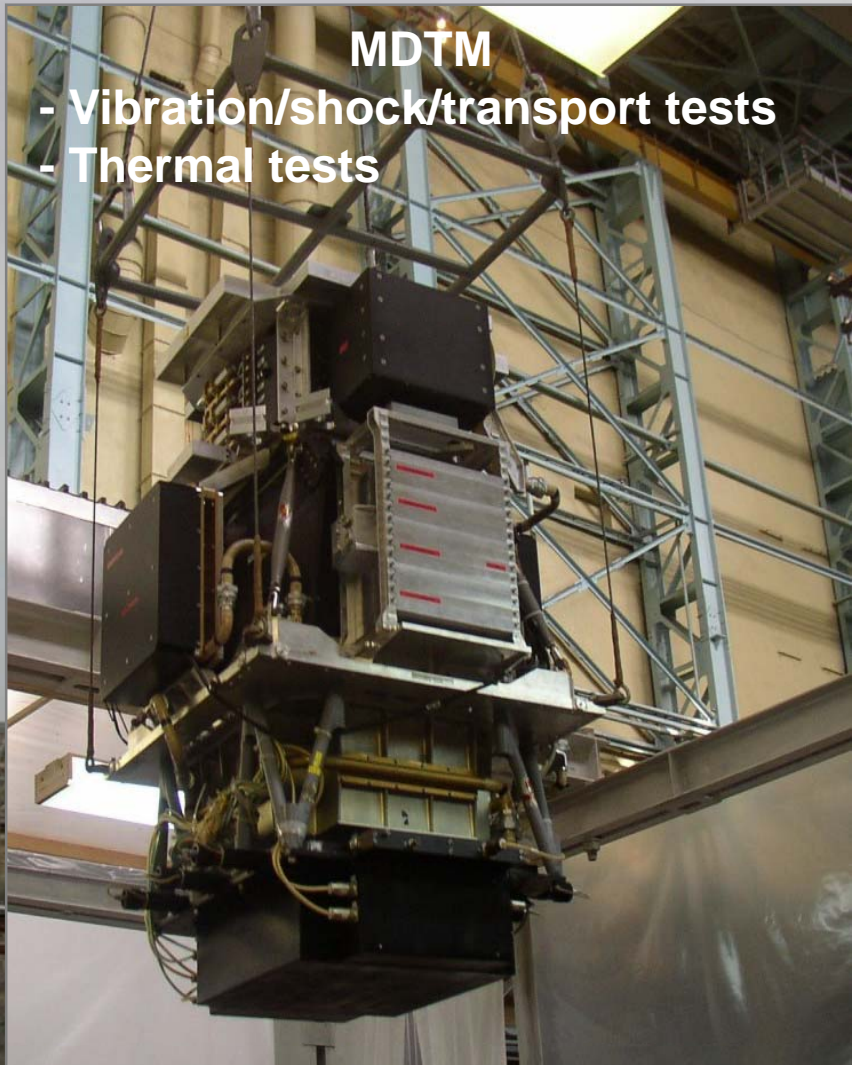
#### Main tasks:

- e/h discrimination @high-energy

#### Characteristics:

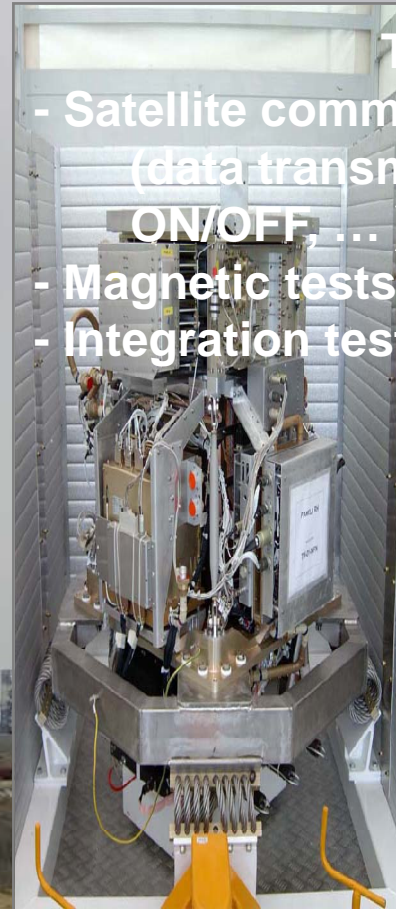
- 36  $^3\text{He}$  counters:  
 $^3\text{He}(n,p)\text{T} \rightarrow E_p=780 \text{ keV}$
- 1cm thick polyethylene moderators
- n collected within 200  $\mu\text{s}$  time-window





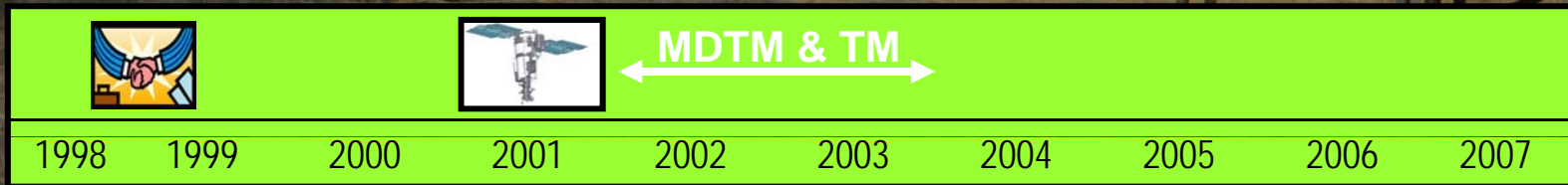
### MDTM

- Vibration/shock/transport tests
- Thermal tests



### TM

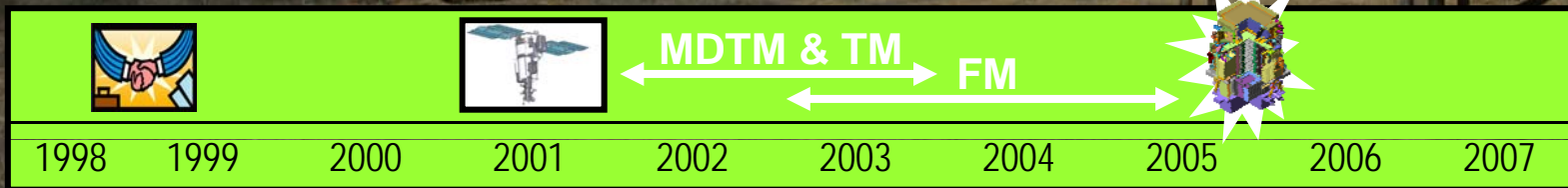
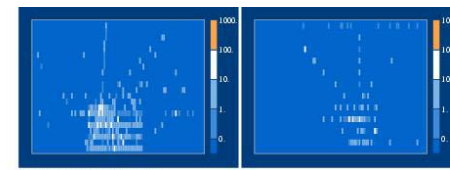
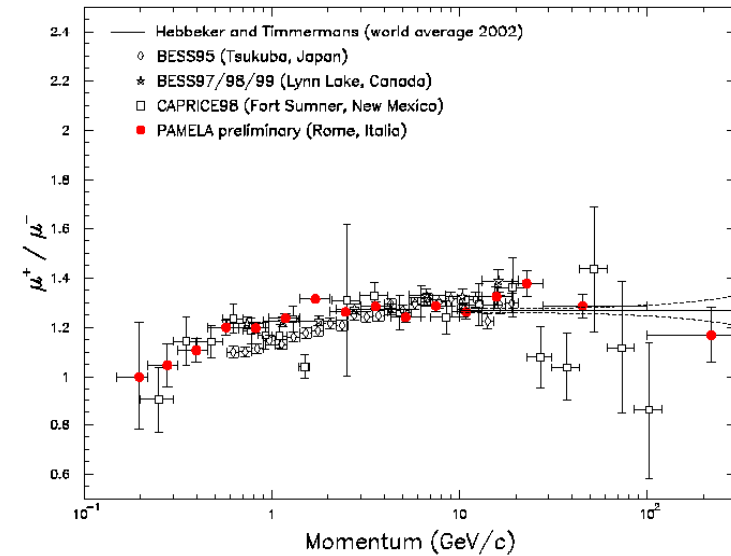
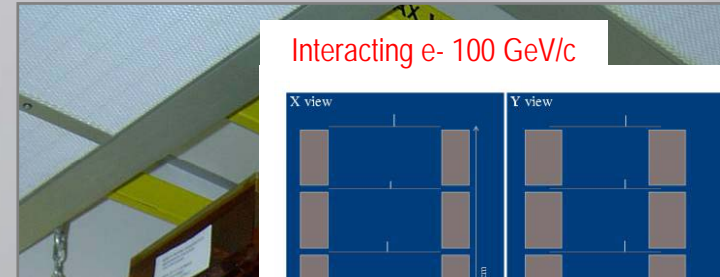
- Satellite communication tests  
(data transmission, power ON/OFF, ...)
- Magnetic tests
- Integration tests





# FM

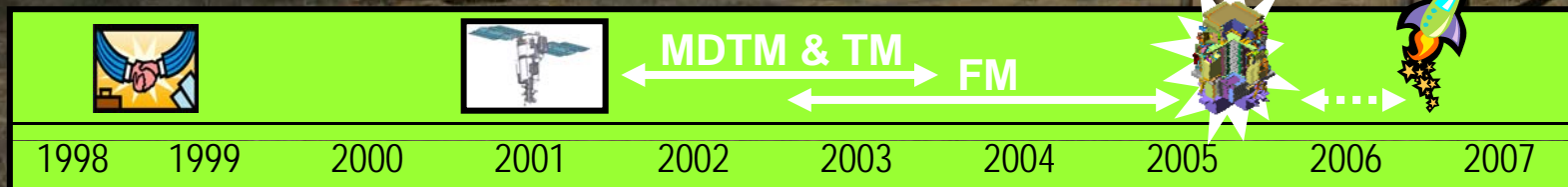
- End 2002: start FM integration!
- Bean tests:
  - Jun 2002 @ SPS  
Test of preliminary setup with p (200-300GeV) e (40-300GeV)
  - Sep 2003 @ SPS  
Test with p (50-150GeV)
- Jan 2005 @ IABG
  - Full vibration/shock test at minimal load
- Feb-Mar 2005 @ INFN Rome
  - Test with atmospheric cosmic rays
- Apr 2005 → shipping to TsSKB-Progress Factory





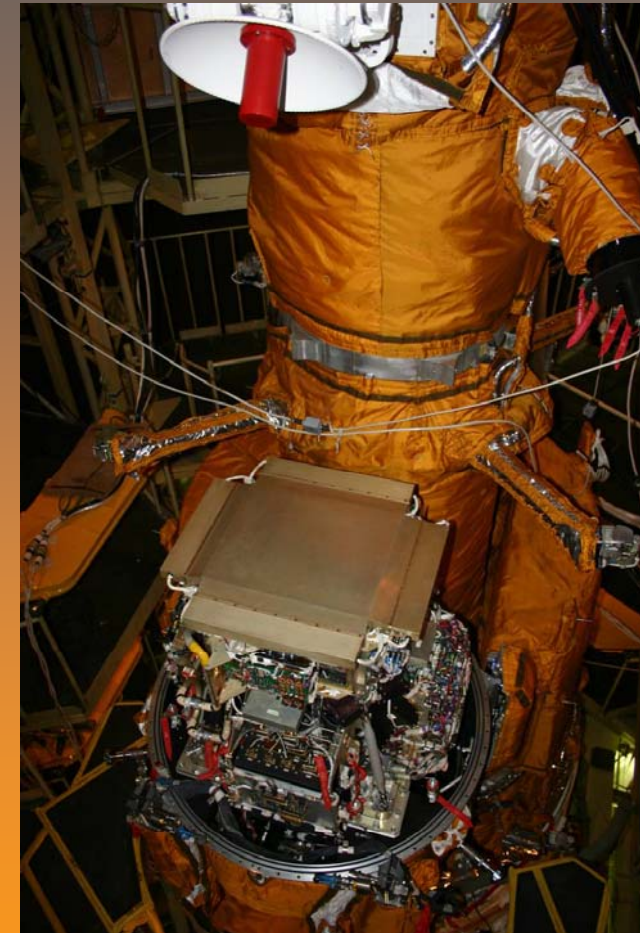
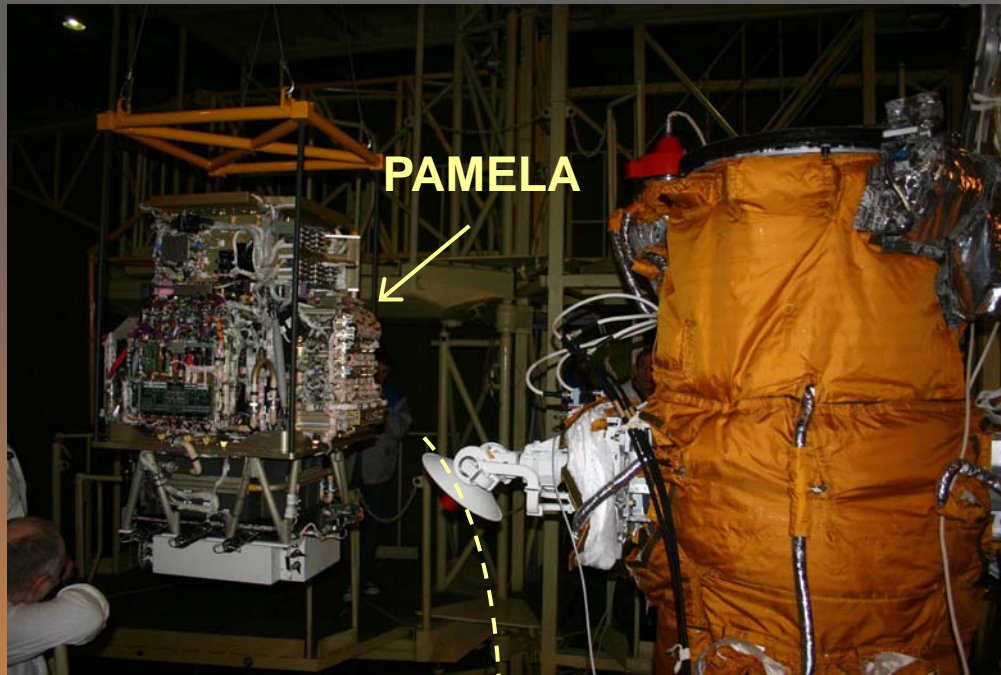
# Launch preparation

- May 2005 – March 2006 @TsSKB-Progress Factory
  - Full qualification tests
    - Mechanical interfaces
    - Cooling loop
    - Power supply tests
    - Interface with VRL
    - Electrical tests
- March 2006 @ Baykonur
  - 60 days work before launch
    - Standalone tests
    - Insertion into pressurized container
    - Electrical tests with satellite
    - Test of the downlink





March 2006 @Baykonur  
Integration with satellite





May 2006  
Ready for flight



# The Launch: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006



# PAMELA status

First switch-on on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2006

- Detectors in nominal conditions (no problems due to the launch)
- Tested different trigger and hardware configurations
- Commissioning phase successfully ended on **September 15<sup>th</sup> 2006**

→ PAMELA in continuous data-taking mode

At April 30<sup>th</sup> 2007:

- PAMELA ON for **291 days**
- 34251 acquisition runs
- 4.7 TB of raw data
- **~570 millions of triggers recorded**
- 23341009 s (~ **270 days**) of total acquisition time





# Data acquisition

- Trigger configurations

High-radiation environment

→ (S21 AND S22) AND (S31 AND S32) OR CALORIMETER

Low-radiation environment

→ (S11 OR S12) AND (S21 OR S22) AND (S31 OR S32) OR CALORIMETER

- Trigger rate\* ~25Hz

- Fraction of live time\* ~ 75%

- Event size (compressed mode) ~ 5kB

→ 25 Hz x 5 kB/ev ~ 10 GB/day

(\*outside radiation belts)



# Data transmission

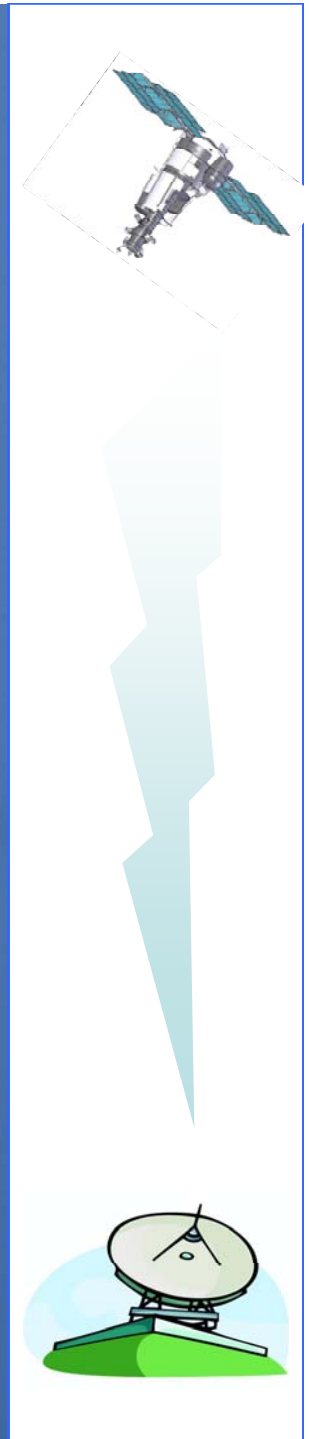
- Collected data stored in PAMELA mass-memory (2GB)
- Download (PAMELA → satellite )  
7-8 per day → **14-16 GB**
- Downlink (satellite → ground)  
2-3 sessions per day
- Error rate  $<10^{-9}$

## Main downlink station:

Research Centre for Earth  
operative monitoring "NtsOMZ"  
(Moscow, Russia)

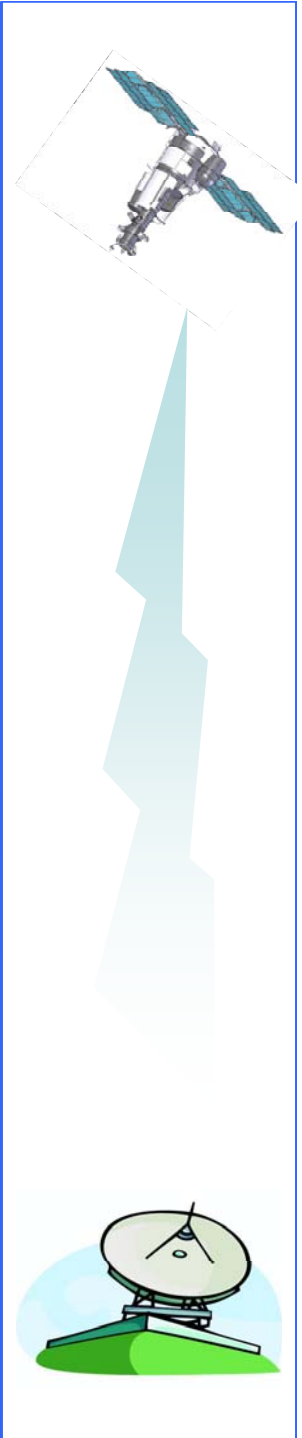
## Spare downlink station:

Khanty-Mansiysk West Siberia



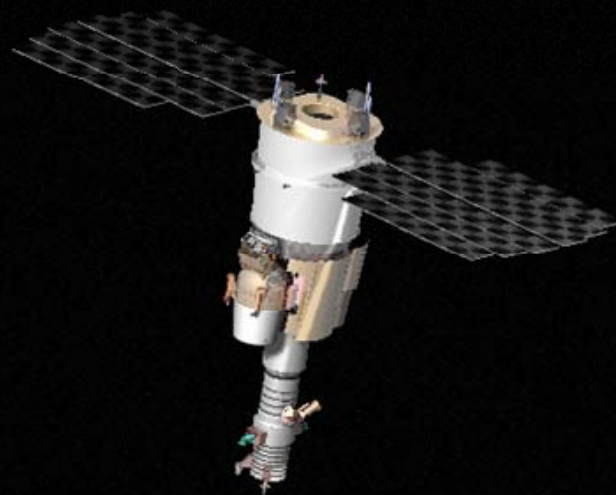
# Remote control

- Macrocommands: commands to PAMELA cpu
    - System configuration (hundreds of modifiable parameters):
    - Calibration (ascending node)
    - Download to satellite mass memory
    - ...
  - Telecommands: hardware lines to handle power modules
- Extremely flexible system, designed to be easily adapted to space (unknown) conditions.

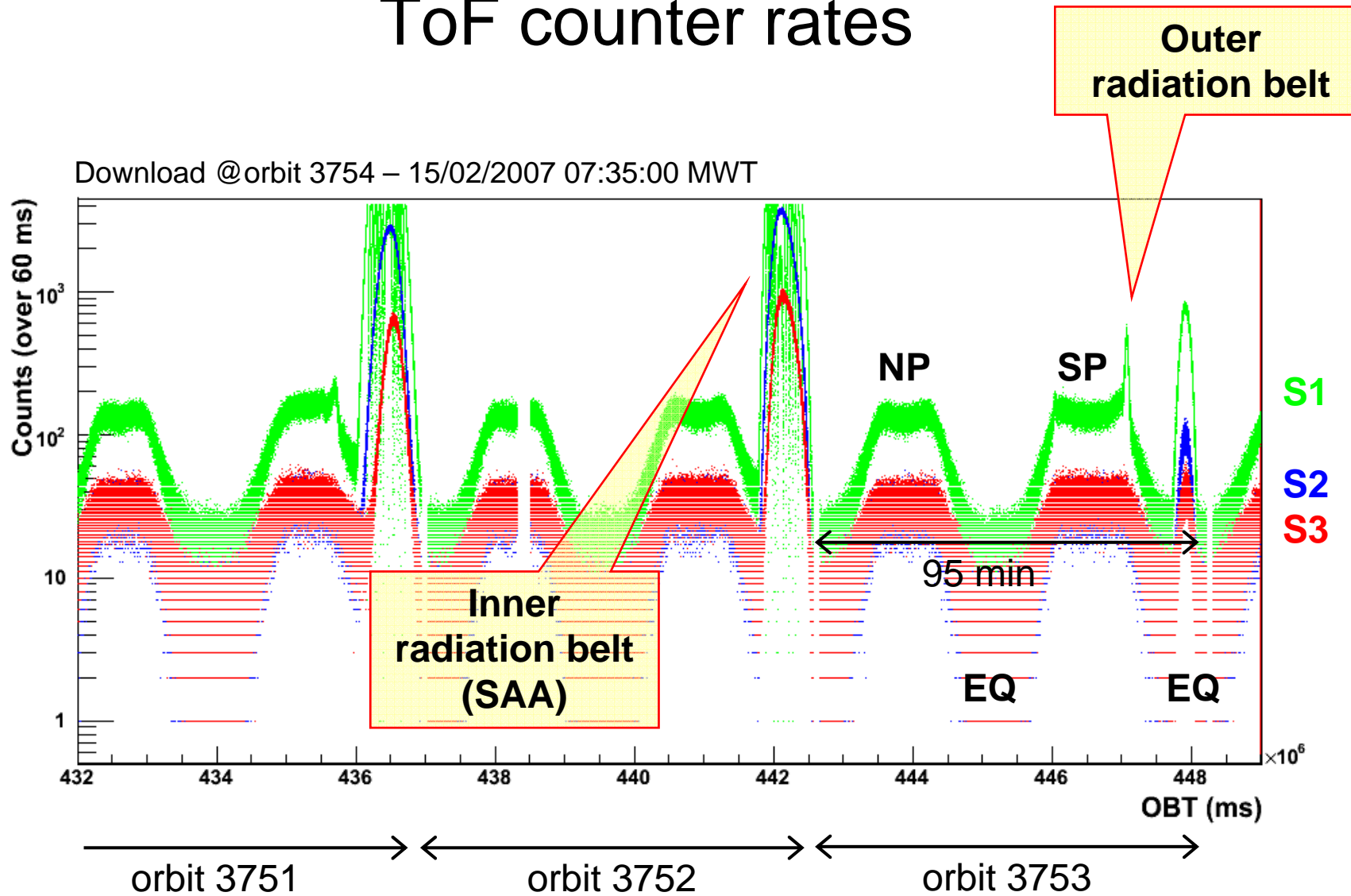




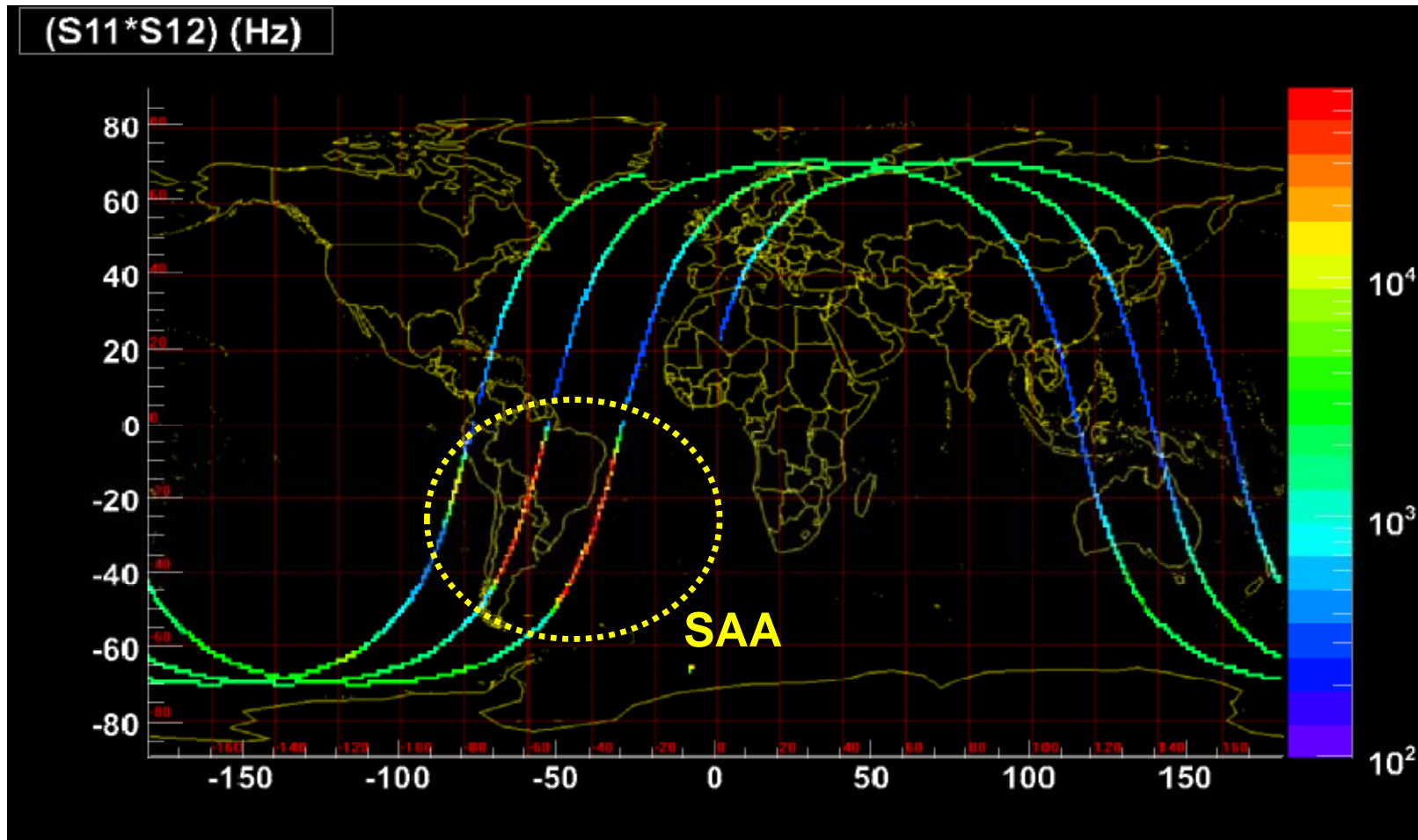
# Orbital environment



# ToF counter rates

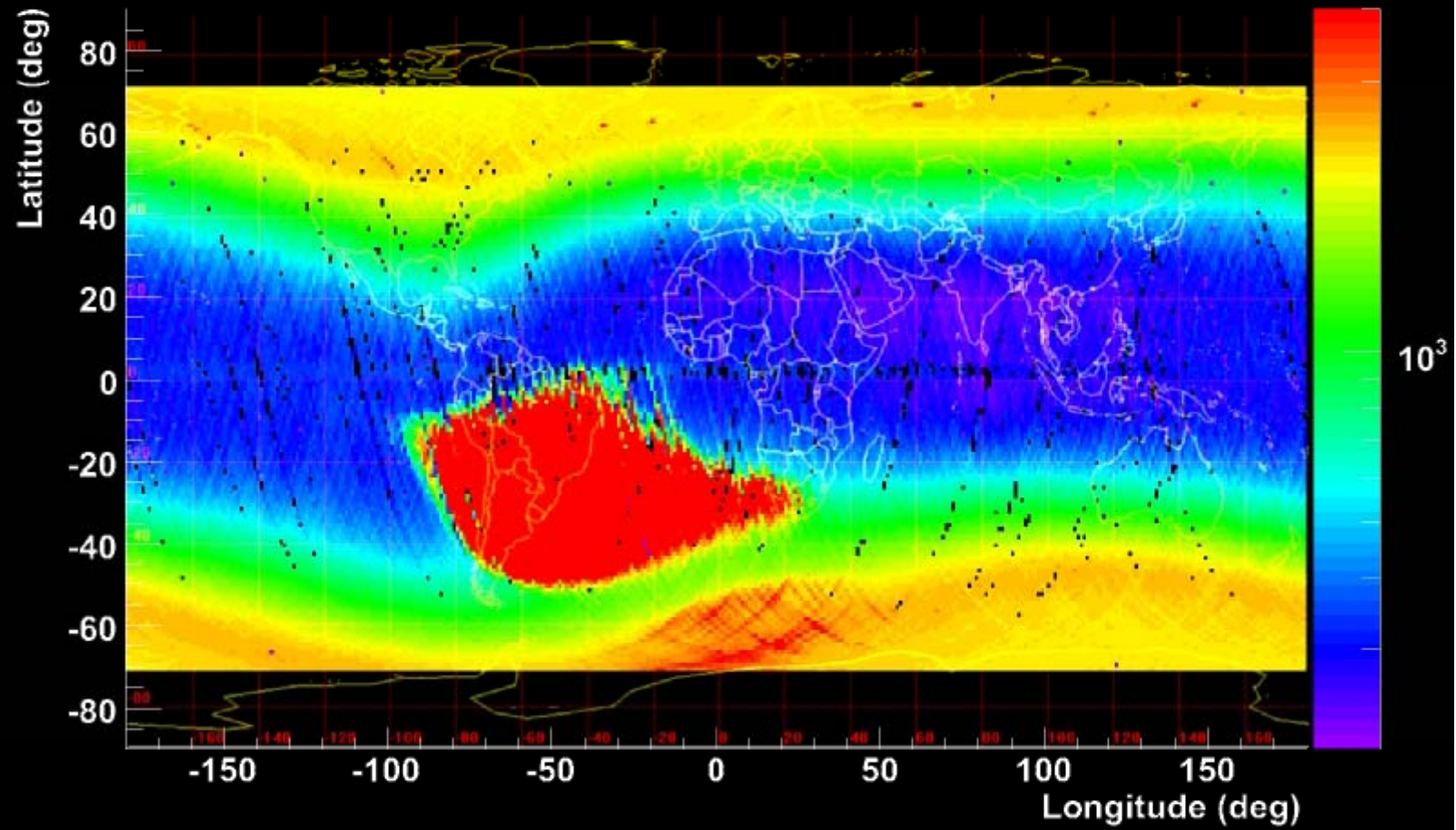


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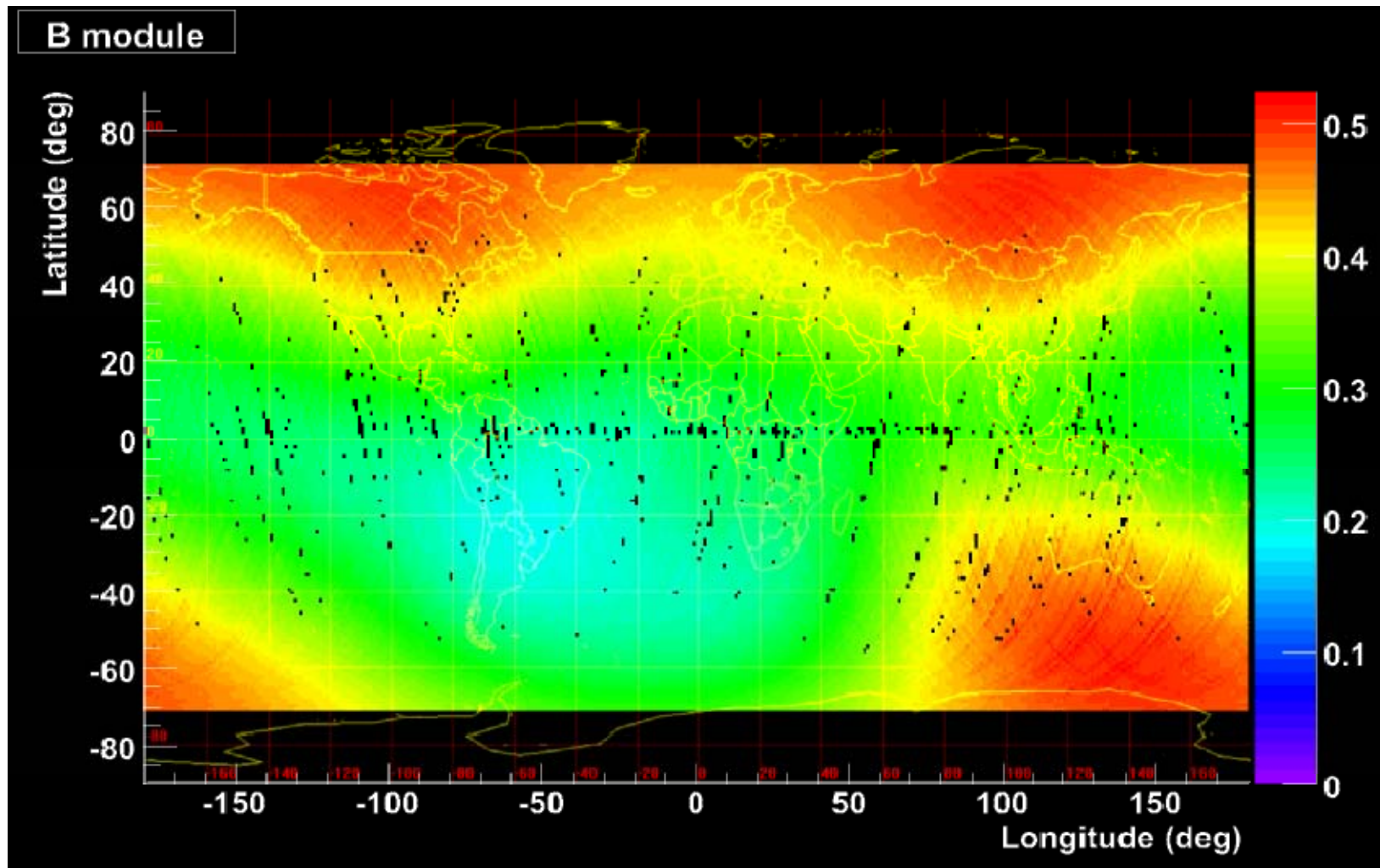




(S11\*S12) [hit/time]

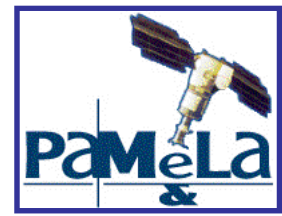
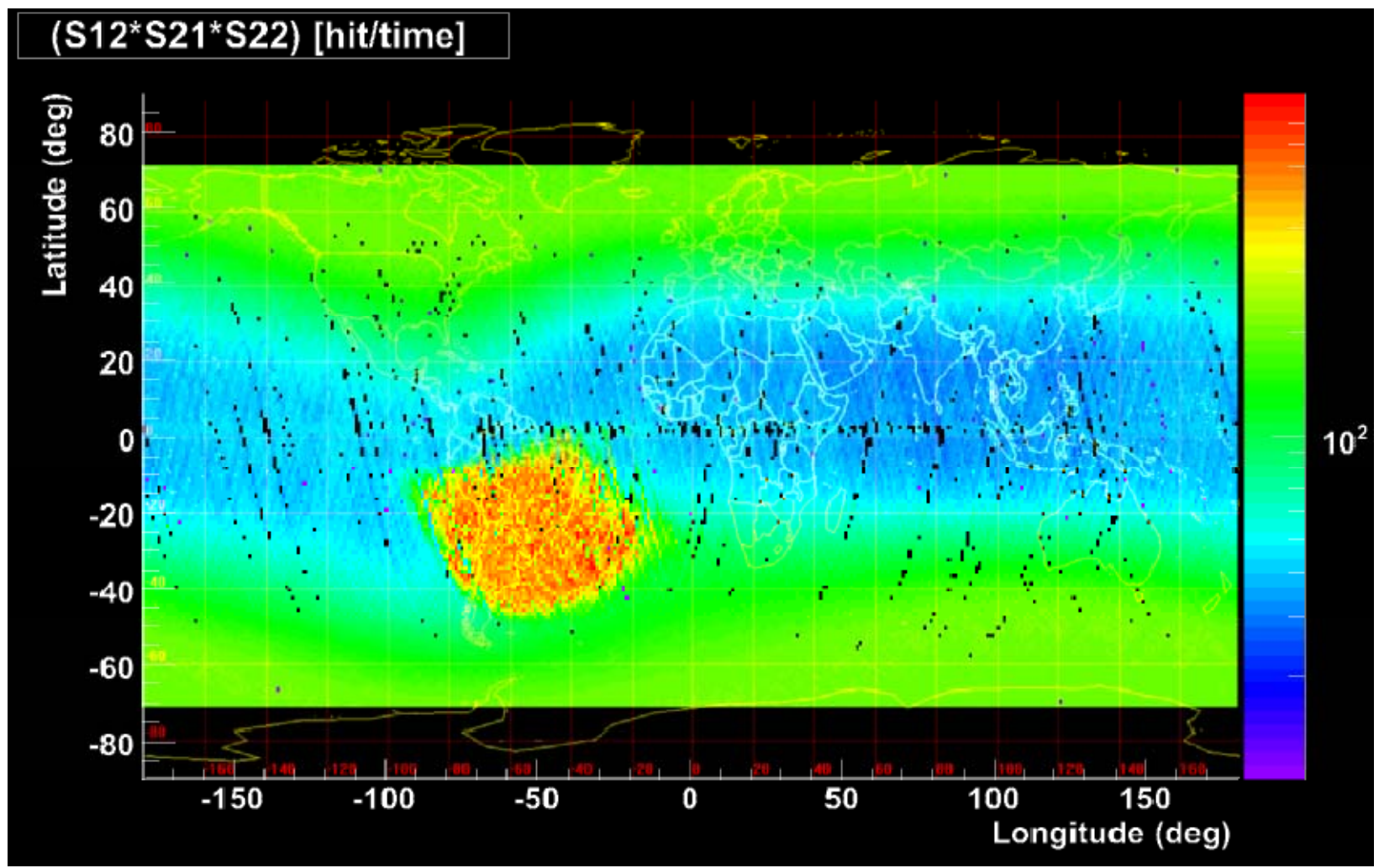


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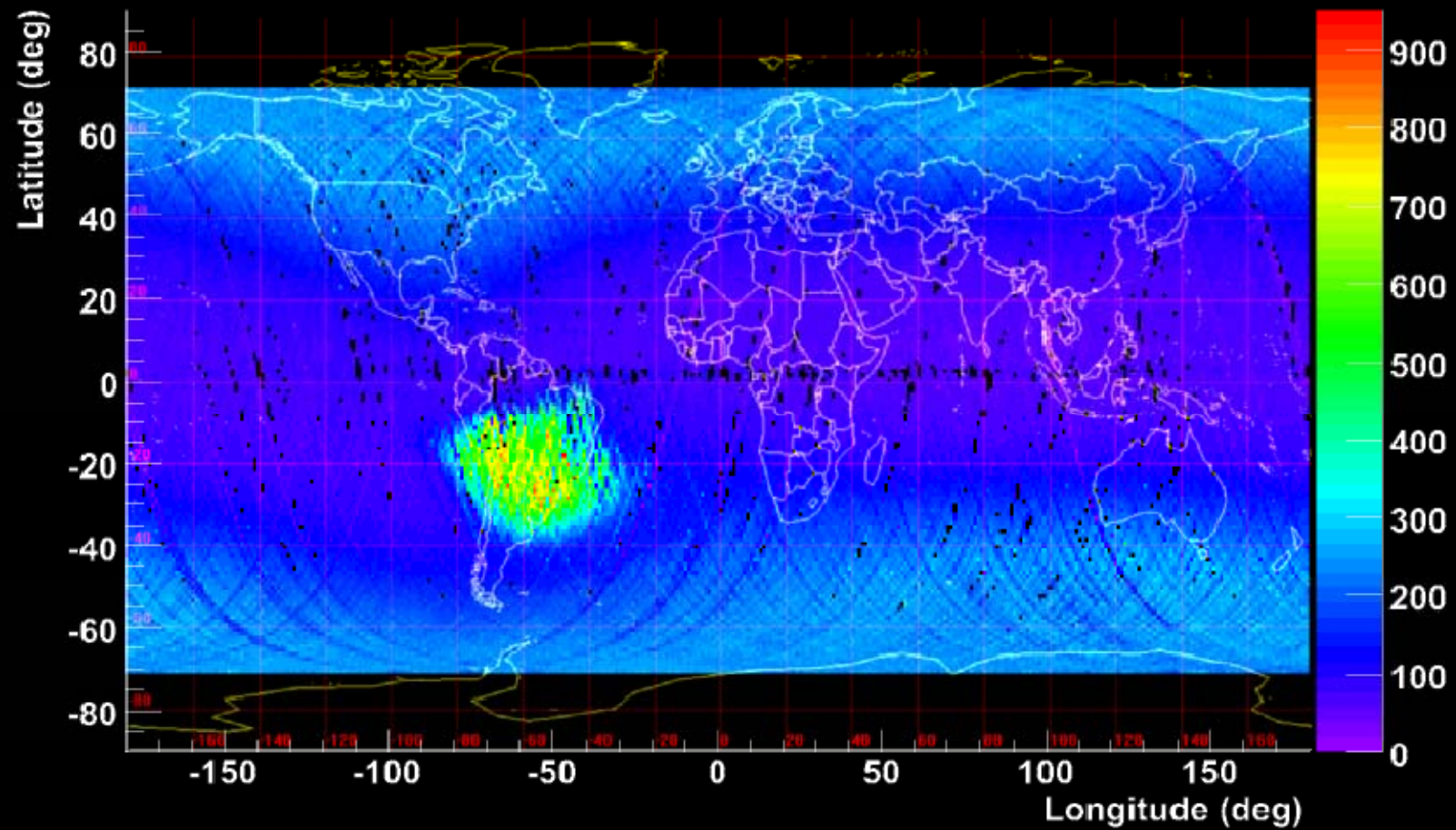
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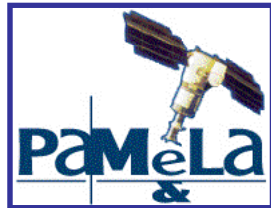
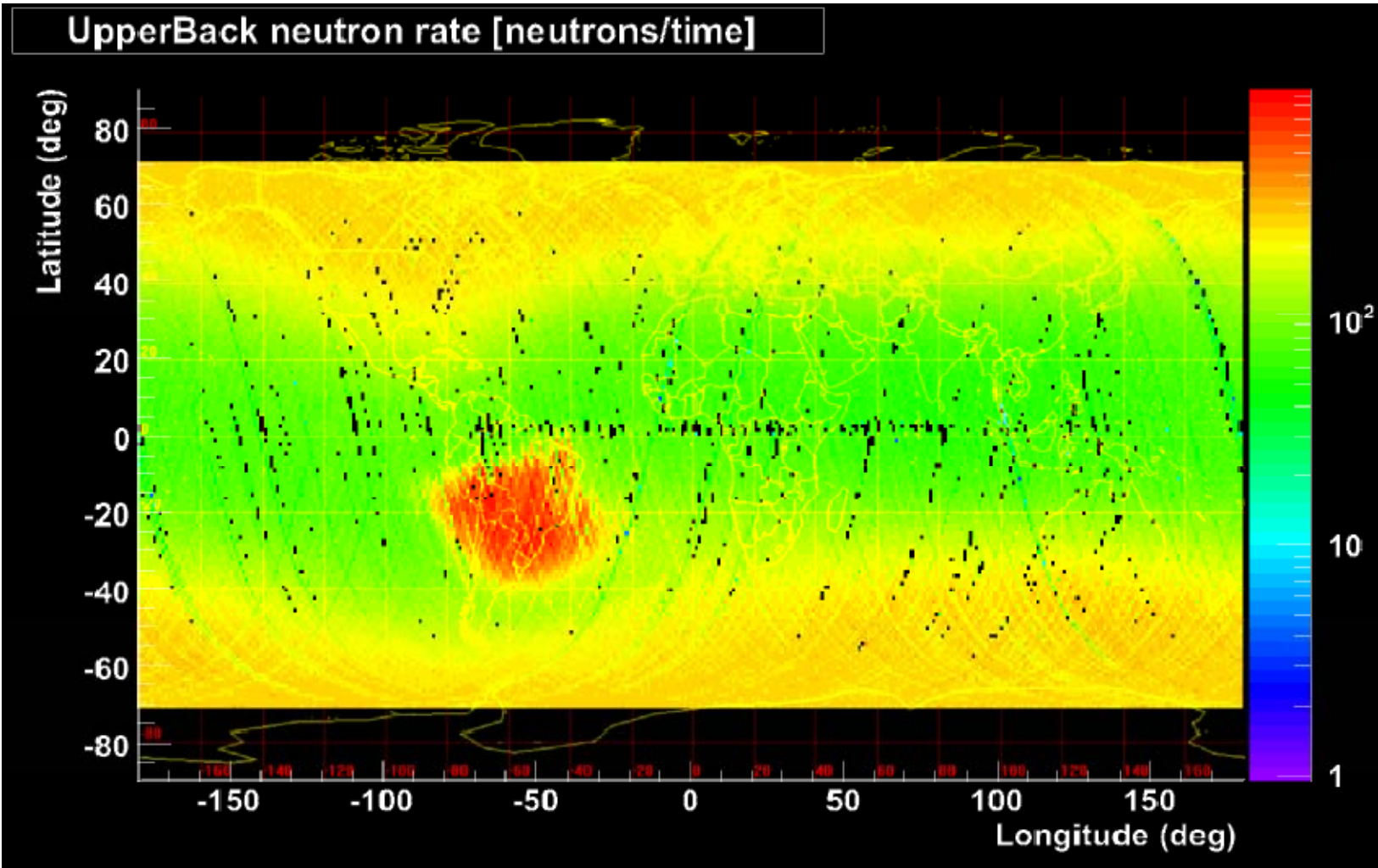




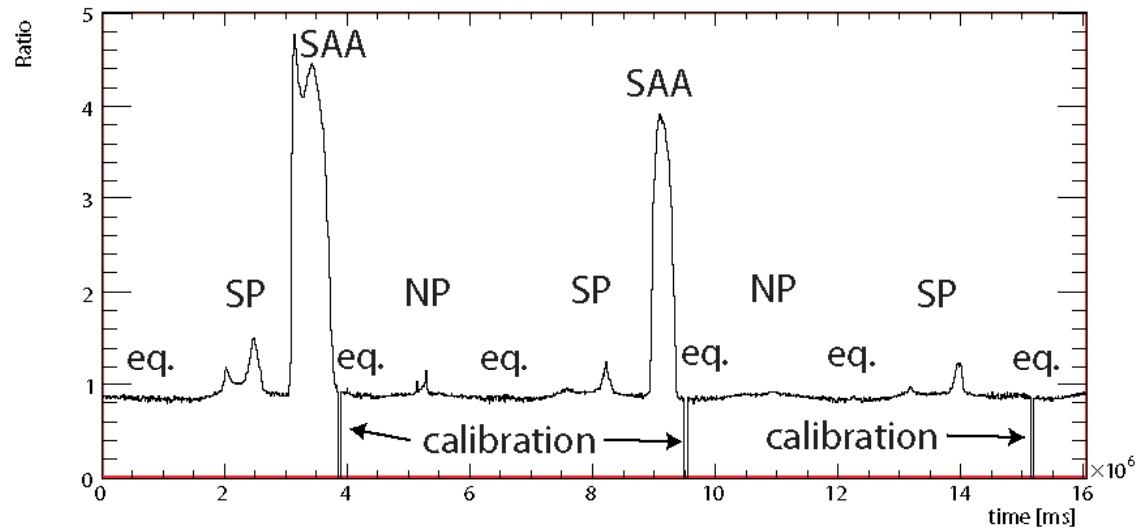
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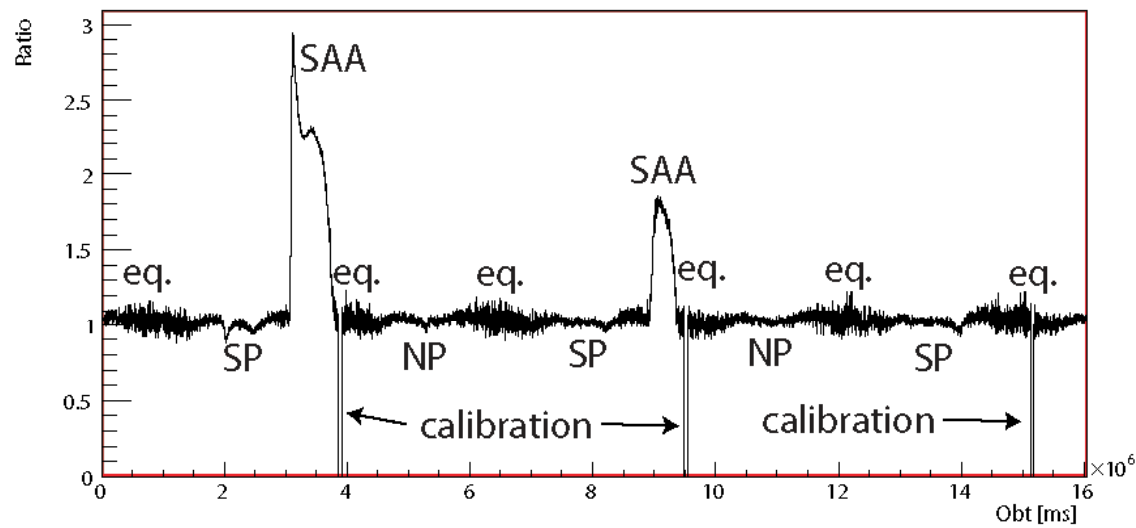




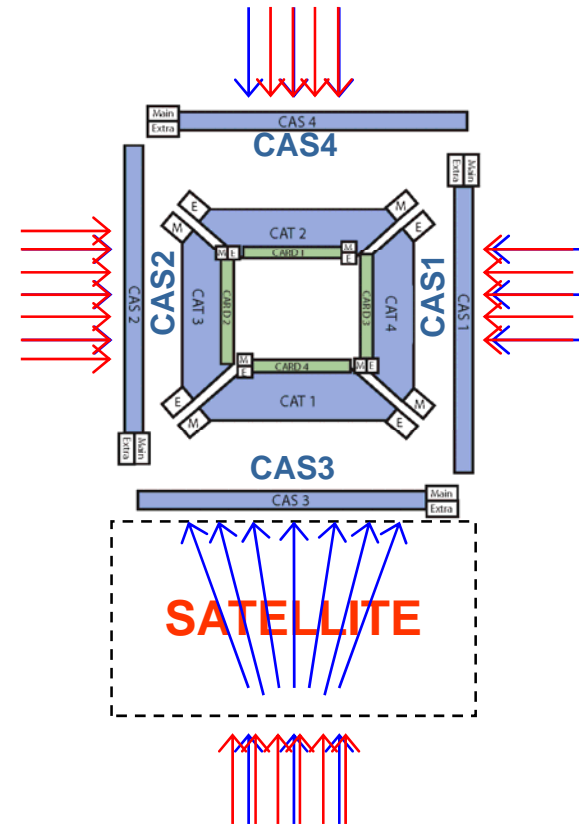
Ratio singles rates CAS4/CAS3



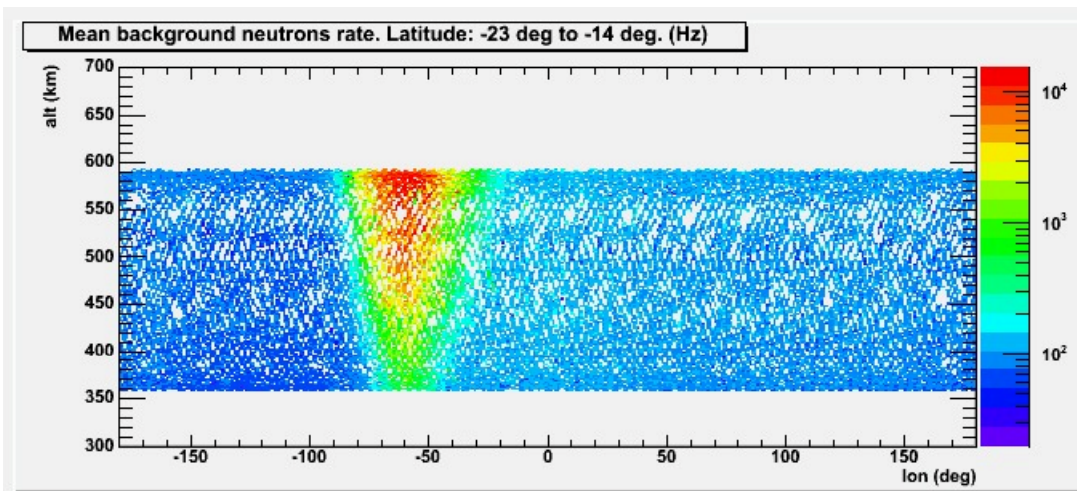
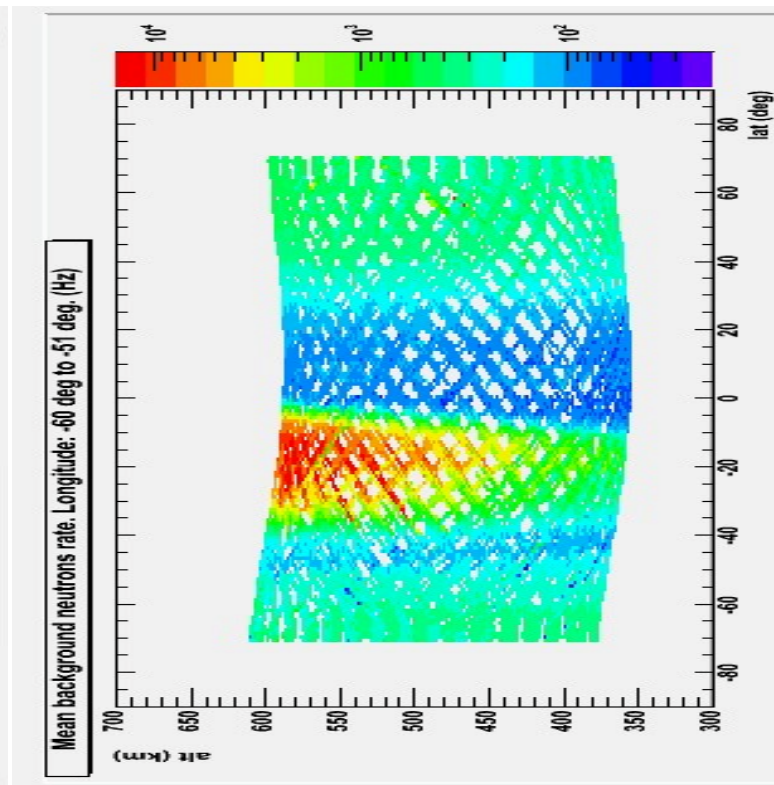
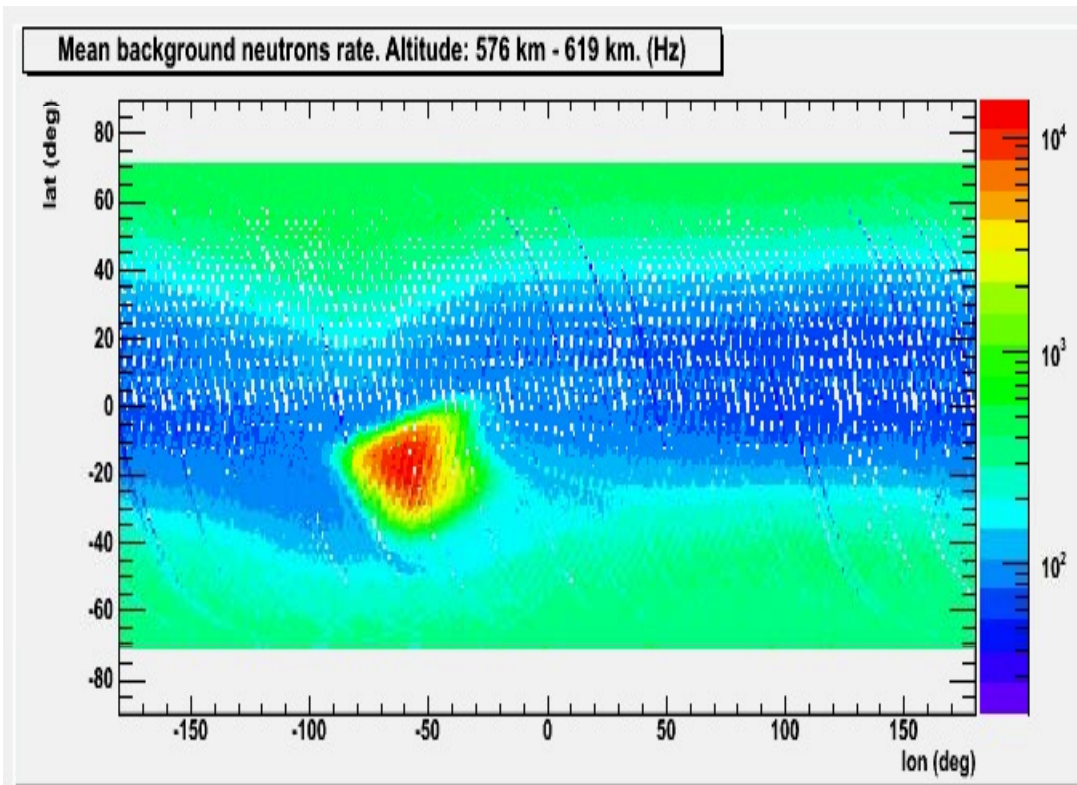
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## Inside the Radiation belts

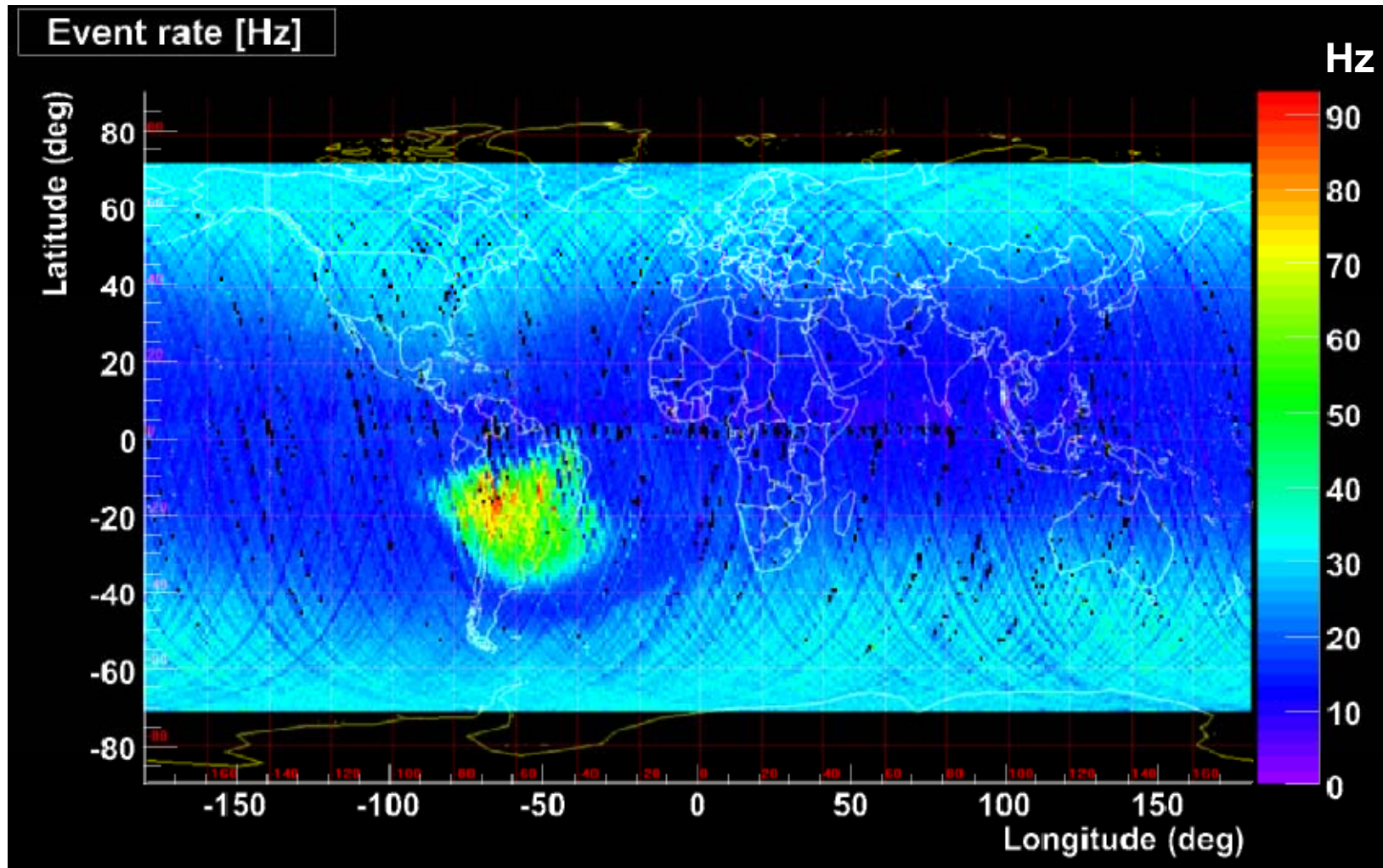


# Neutron Tomography. Orthogonal projections



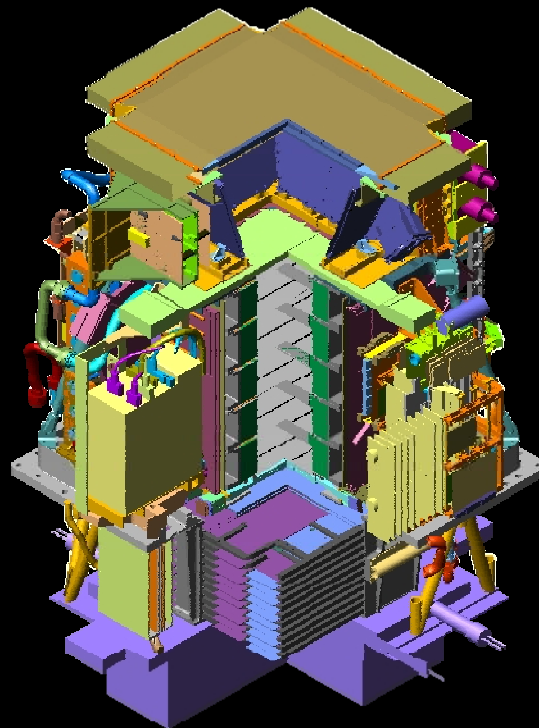


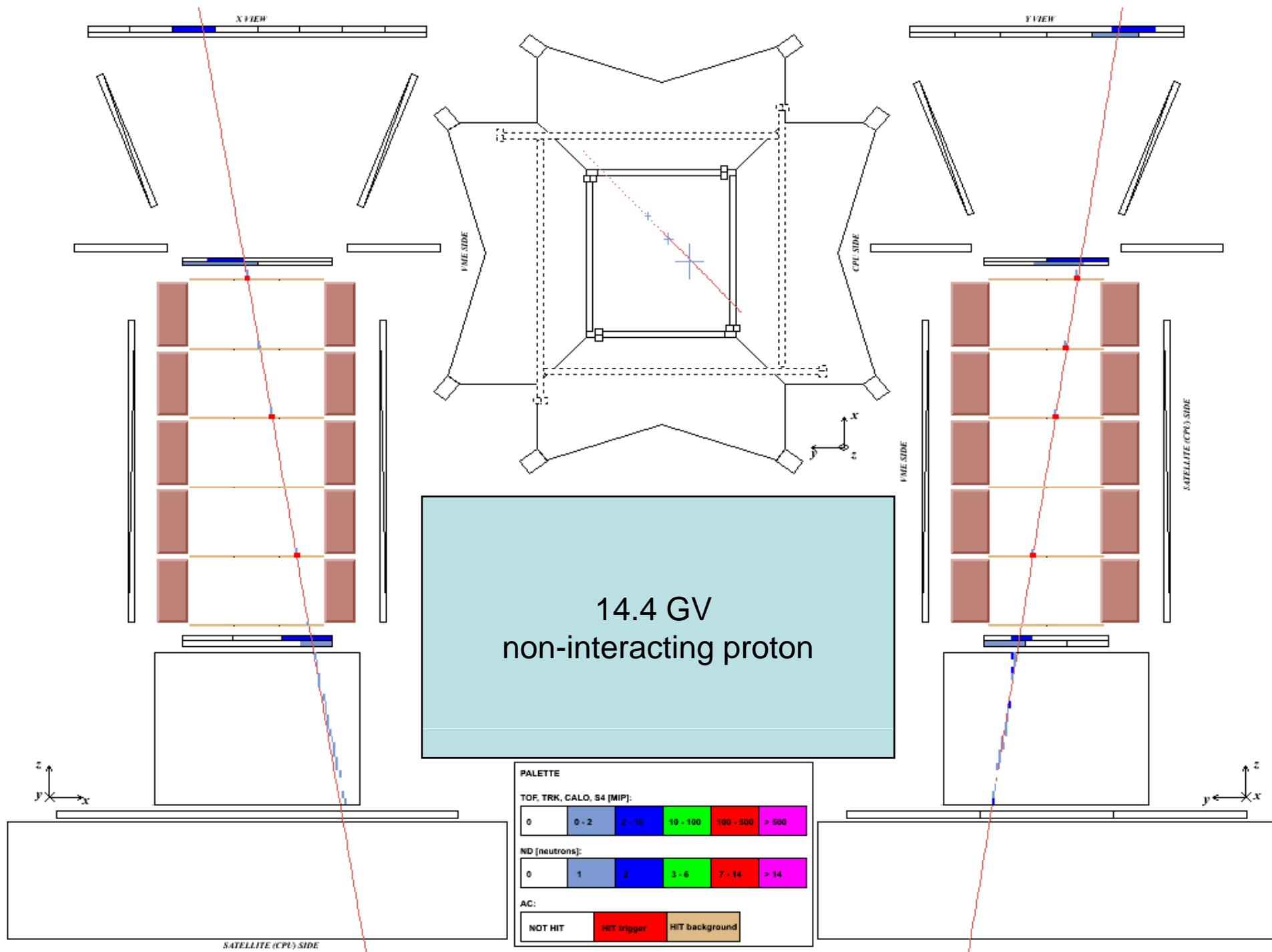
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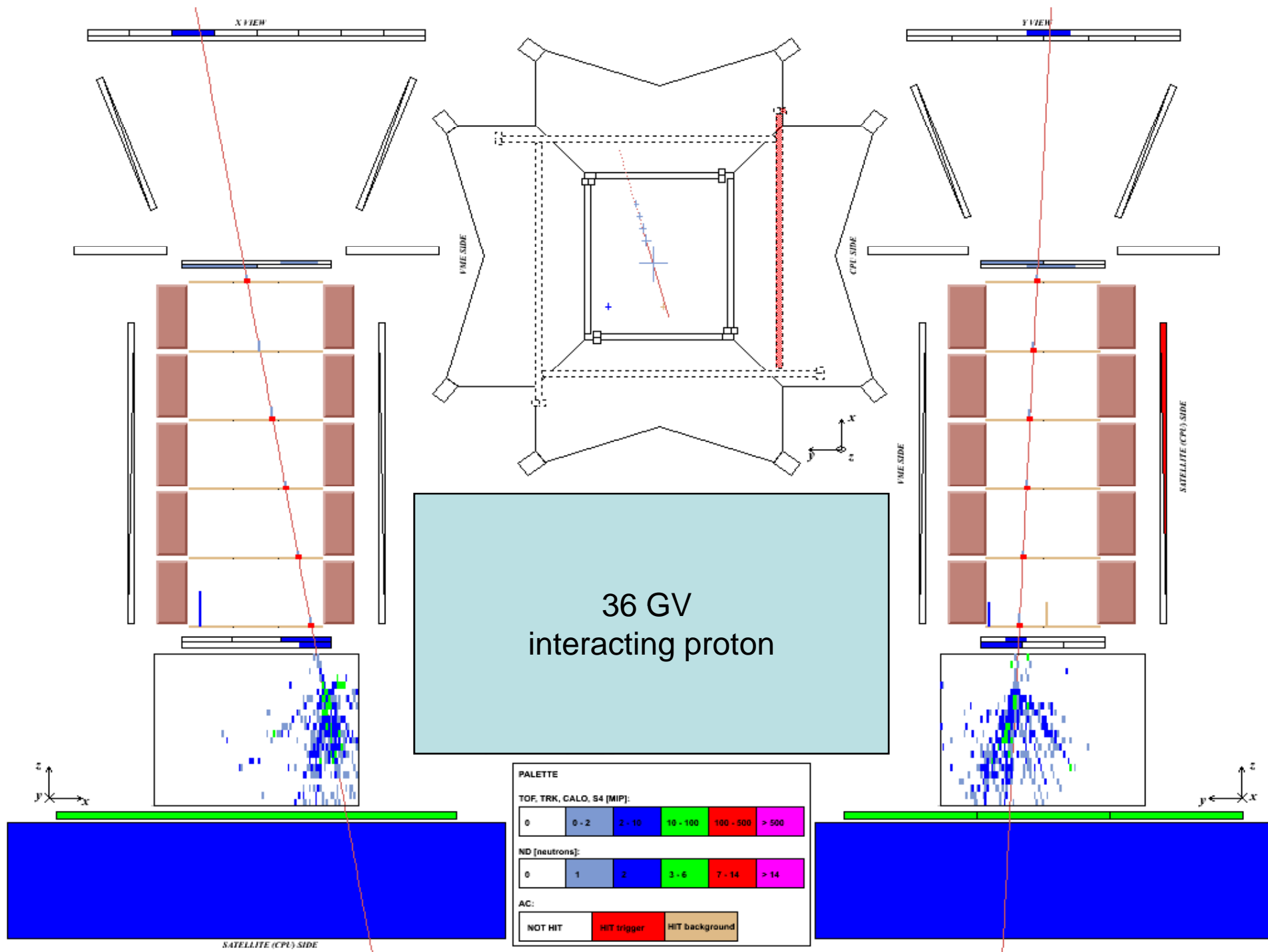




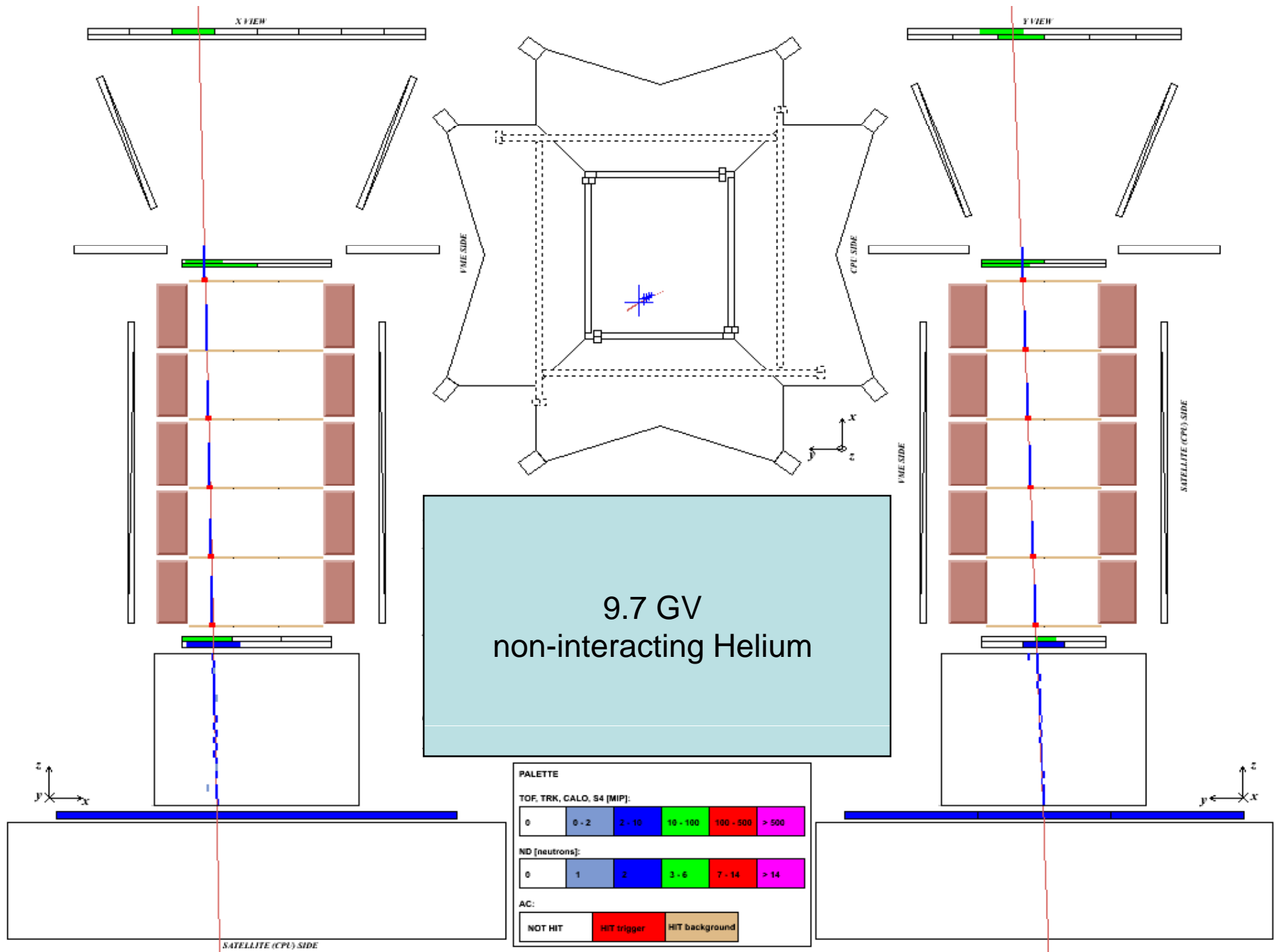
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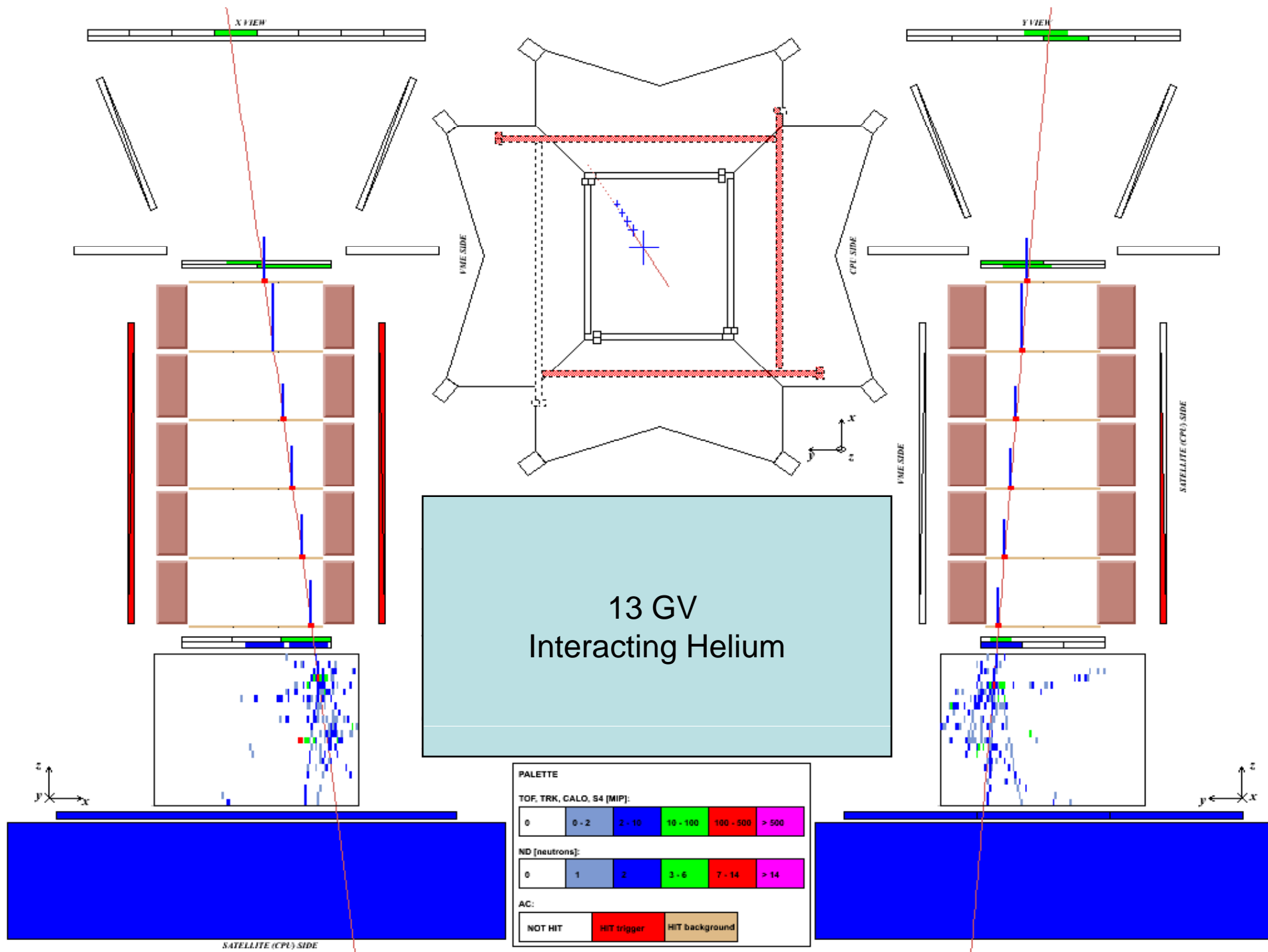




SATELLITE (CPU) SIDE







13 GV  
Interacting Helium

PALETTE

TOF, TRK, CALO, S4 [MIP]:

0	0 - 2	2 - 10	10 - 100	100 - 500	> 500
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ND [neutrons]:

0	1	2	3 - 6	7 - 14	> 14
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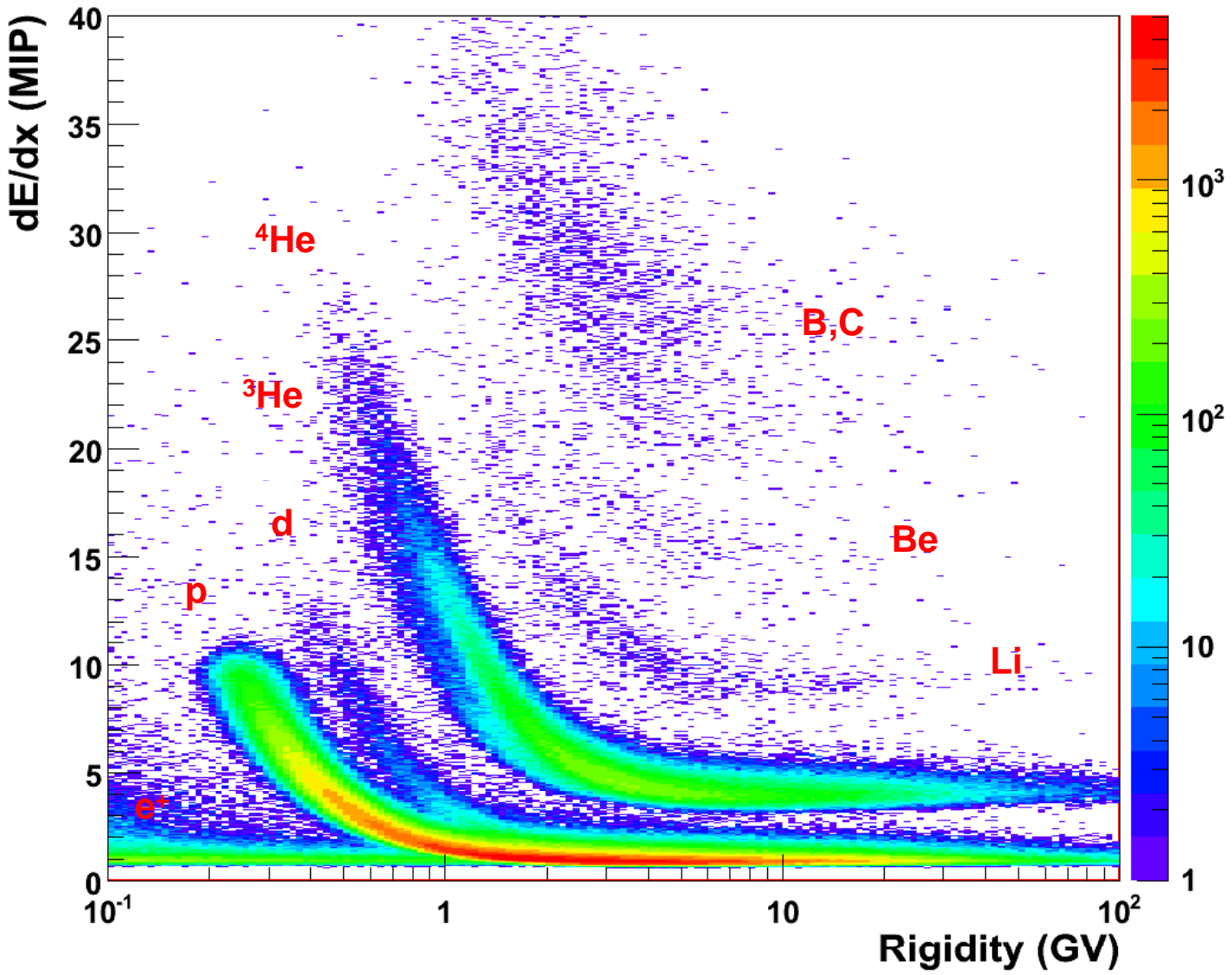
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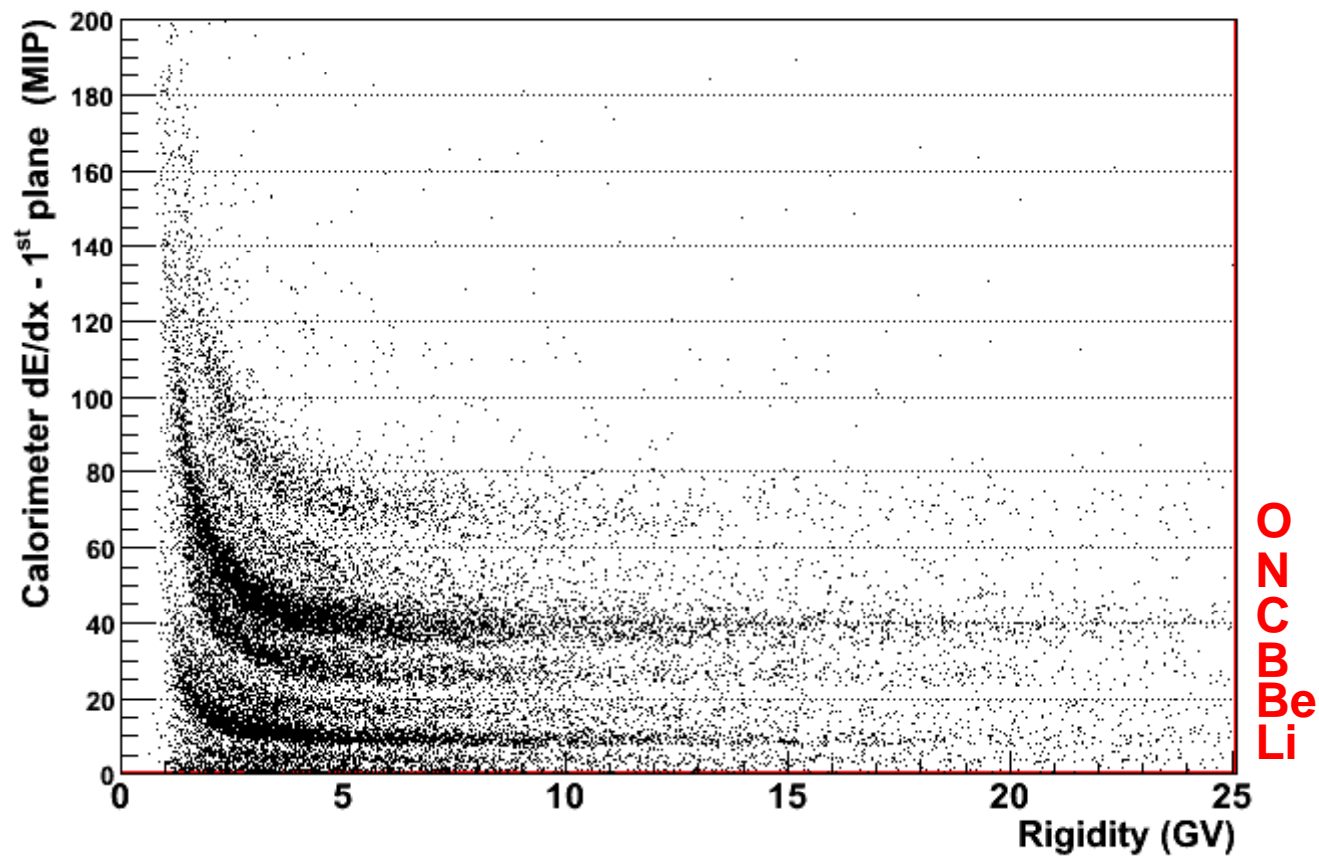
# Tracker dE/dx

Preliminary !!!

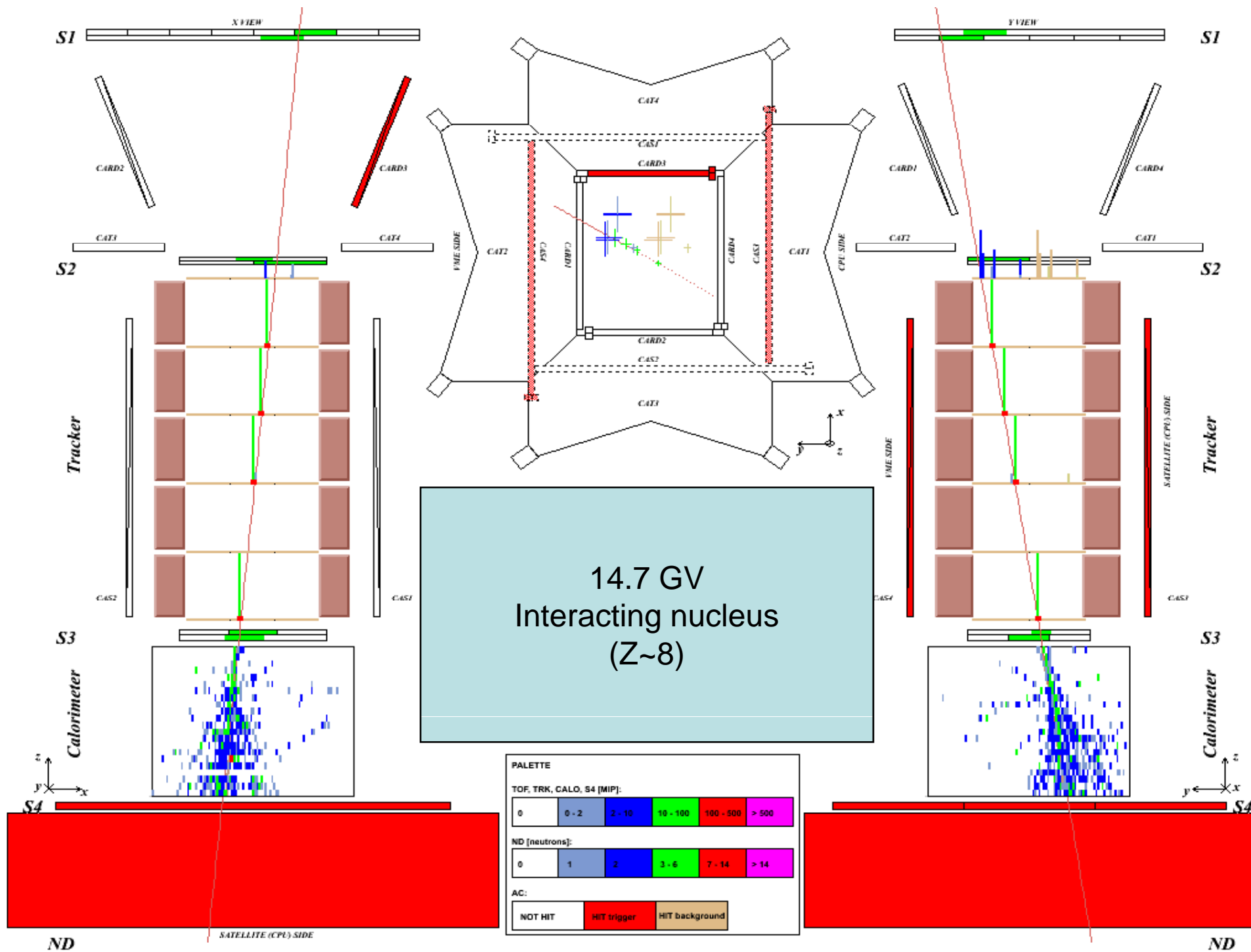


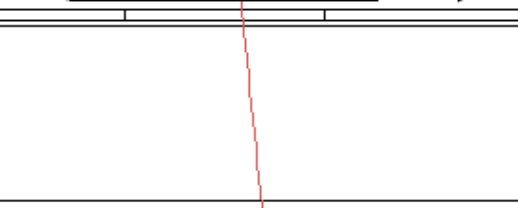
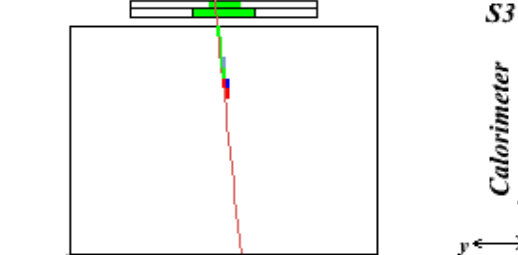
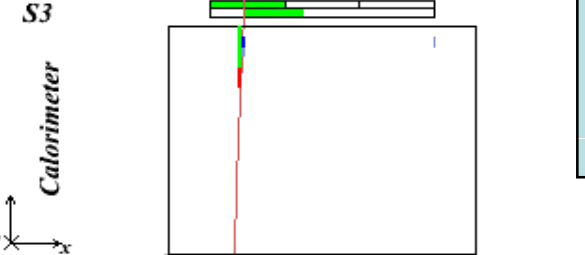
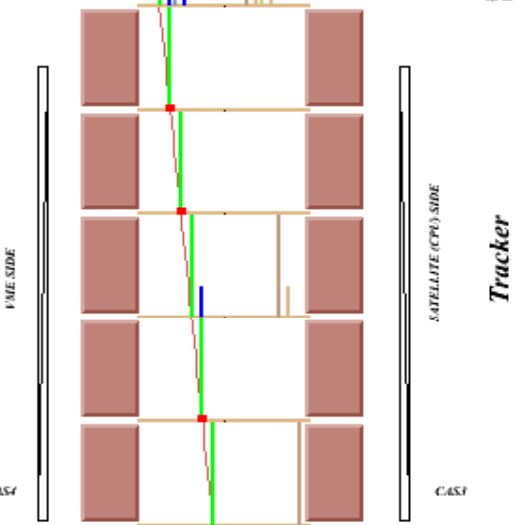
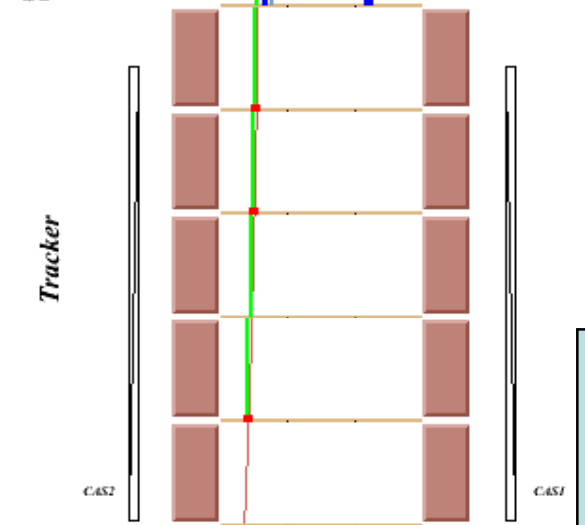
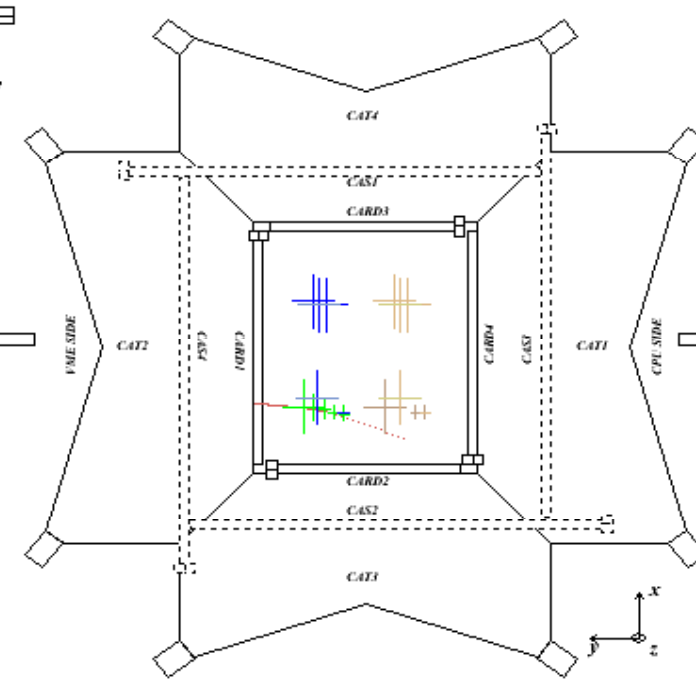
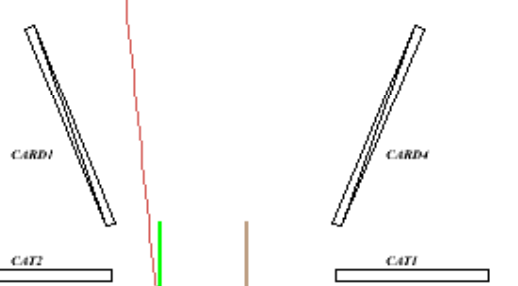
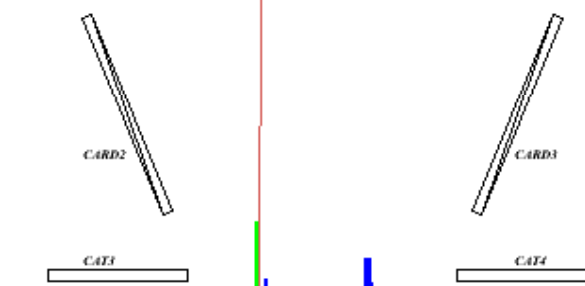
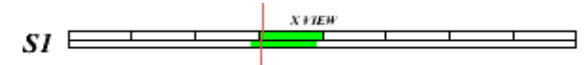
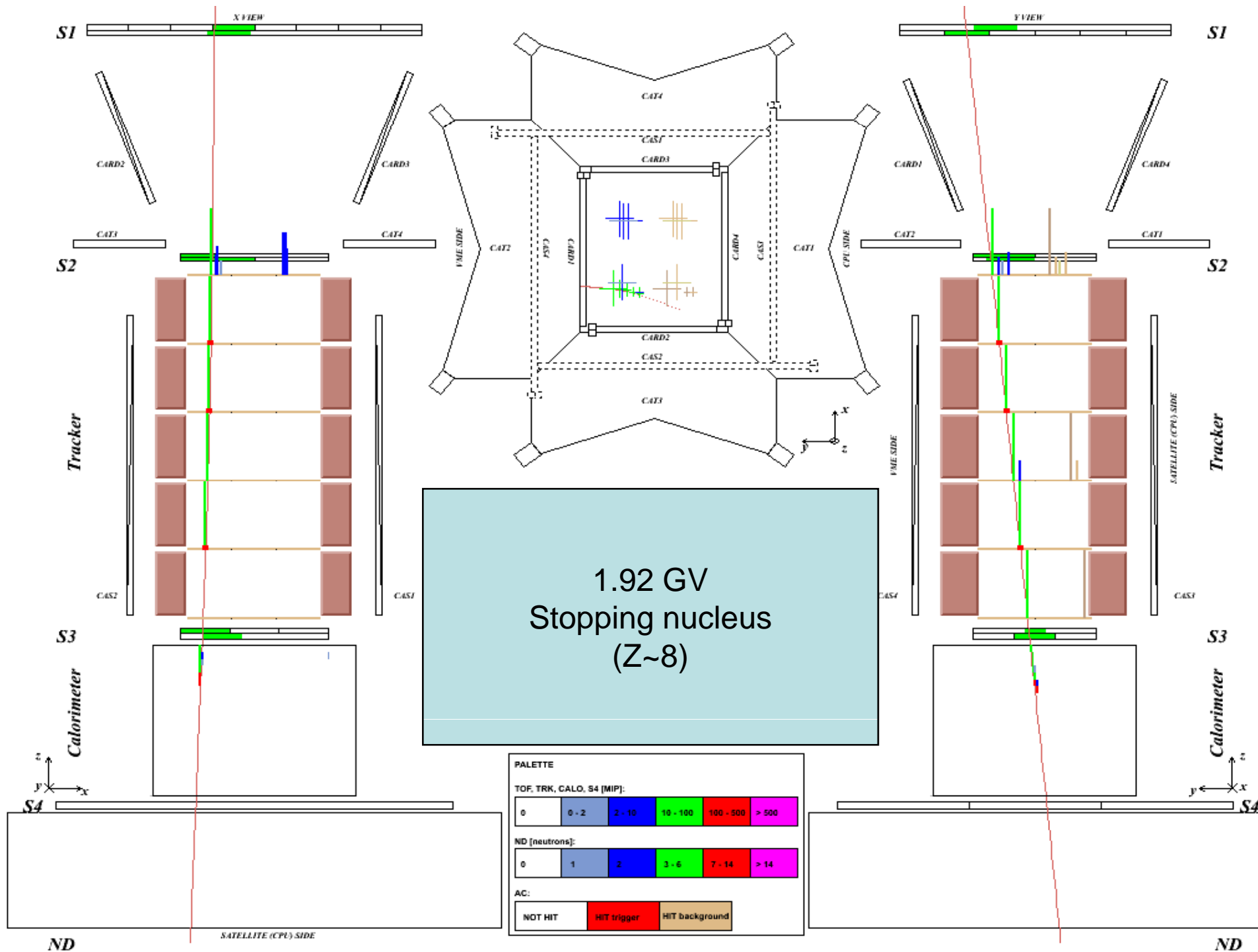
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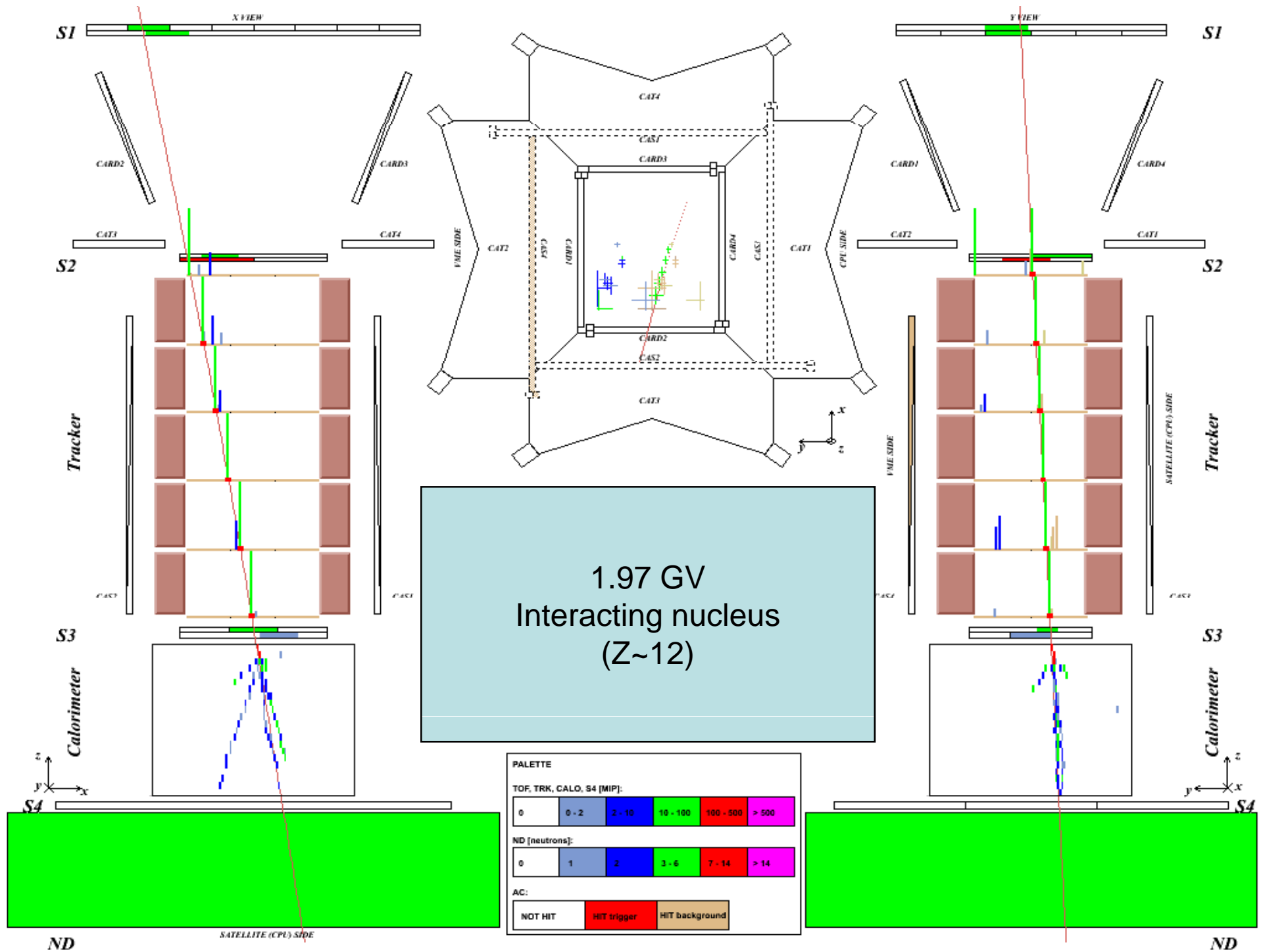
## Calorimeter dE/dx (first Si-layer)

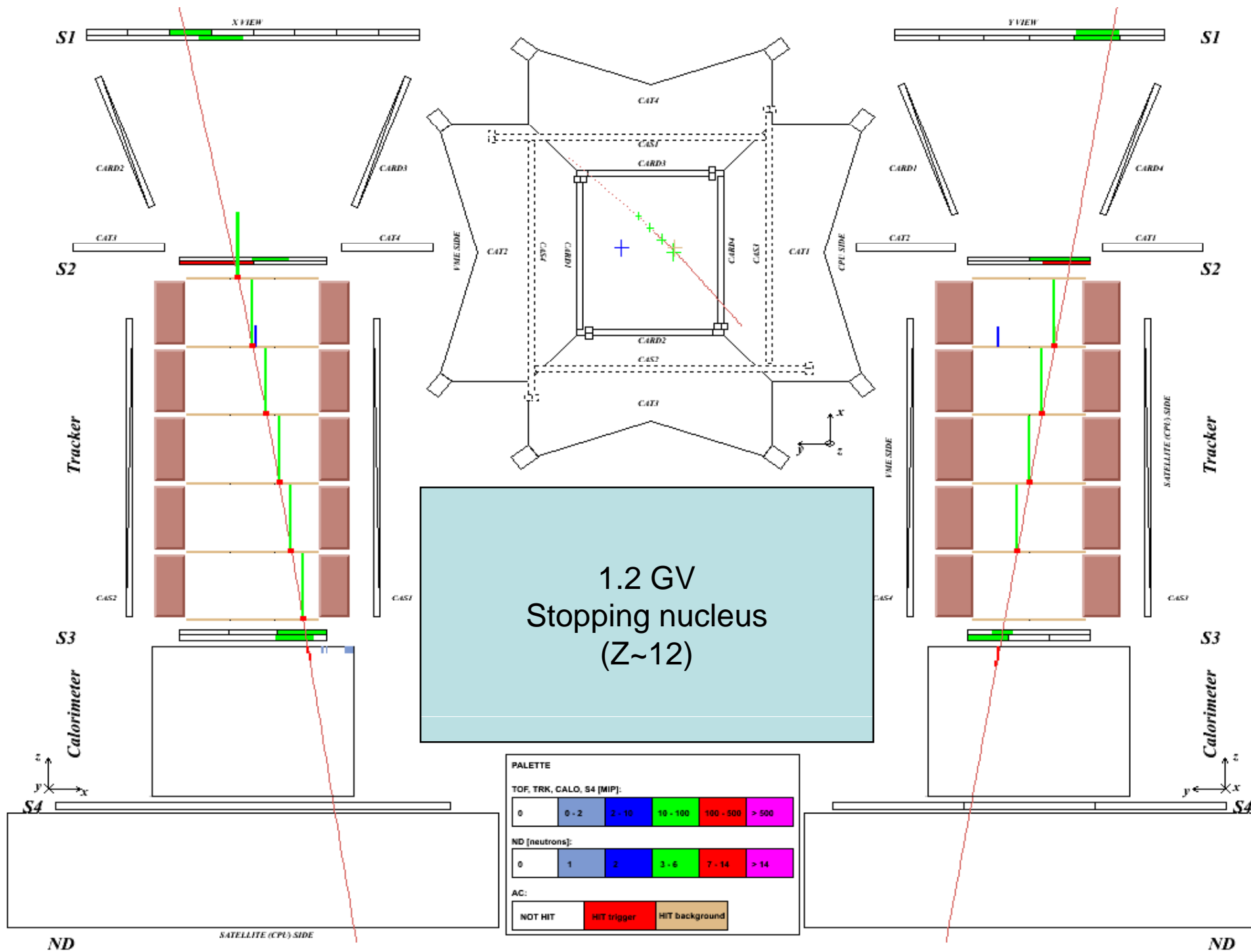








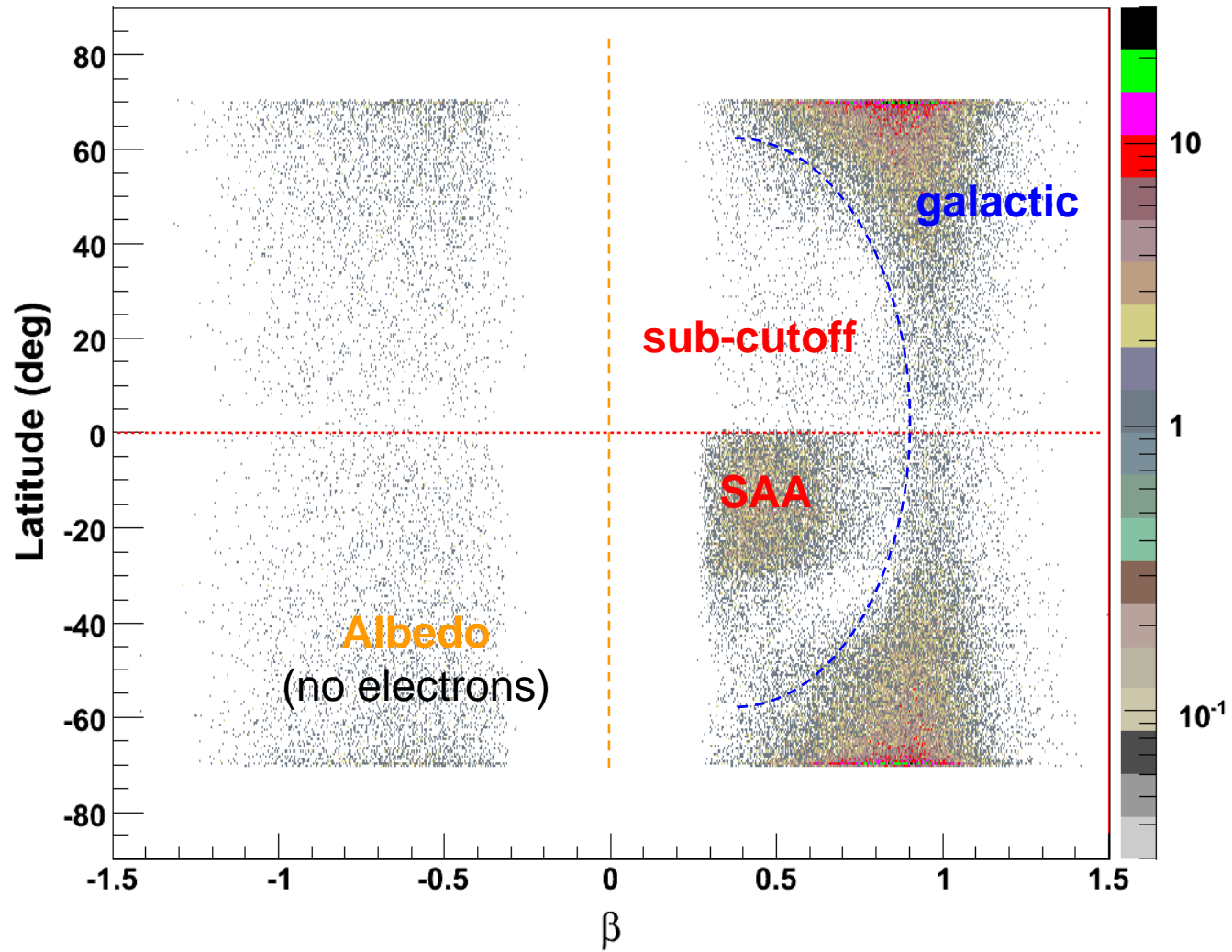






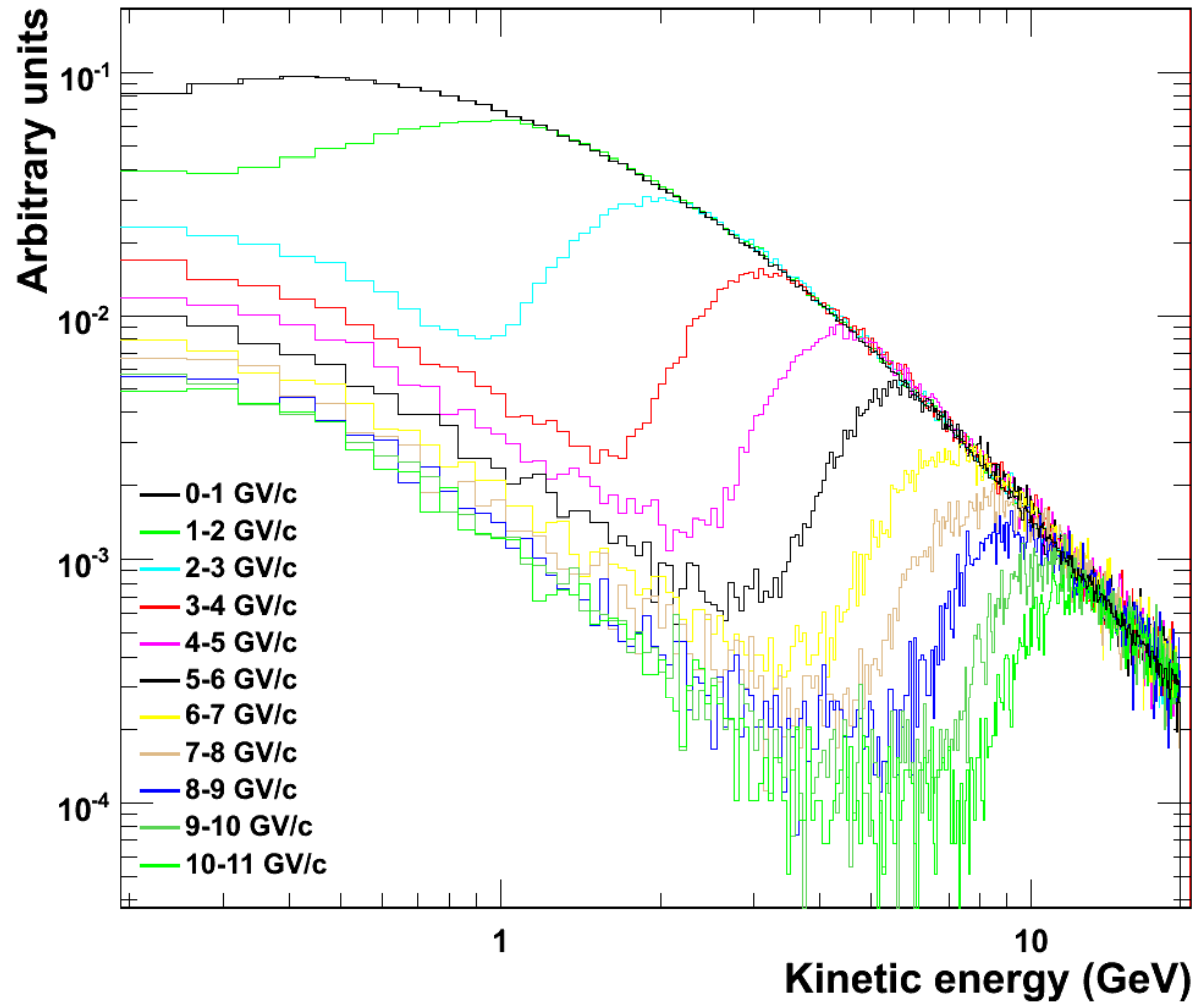
Preliminary !!!

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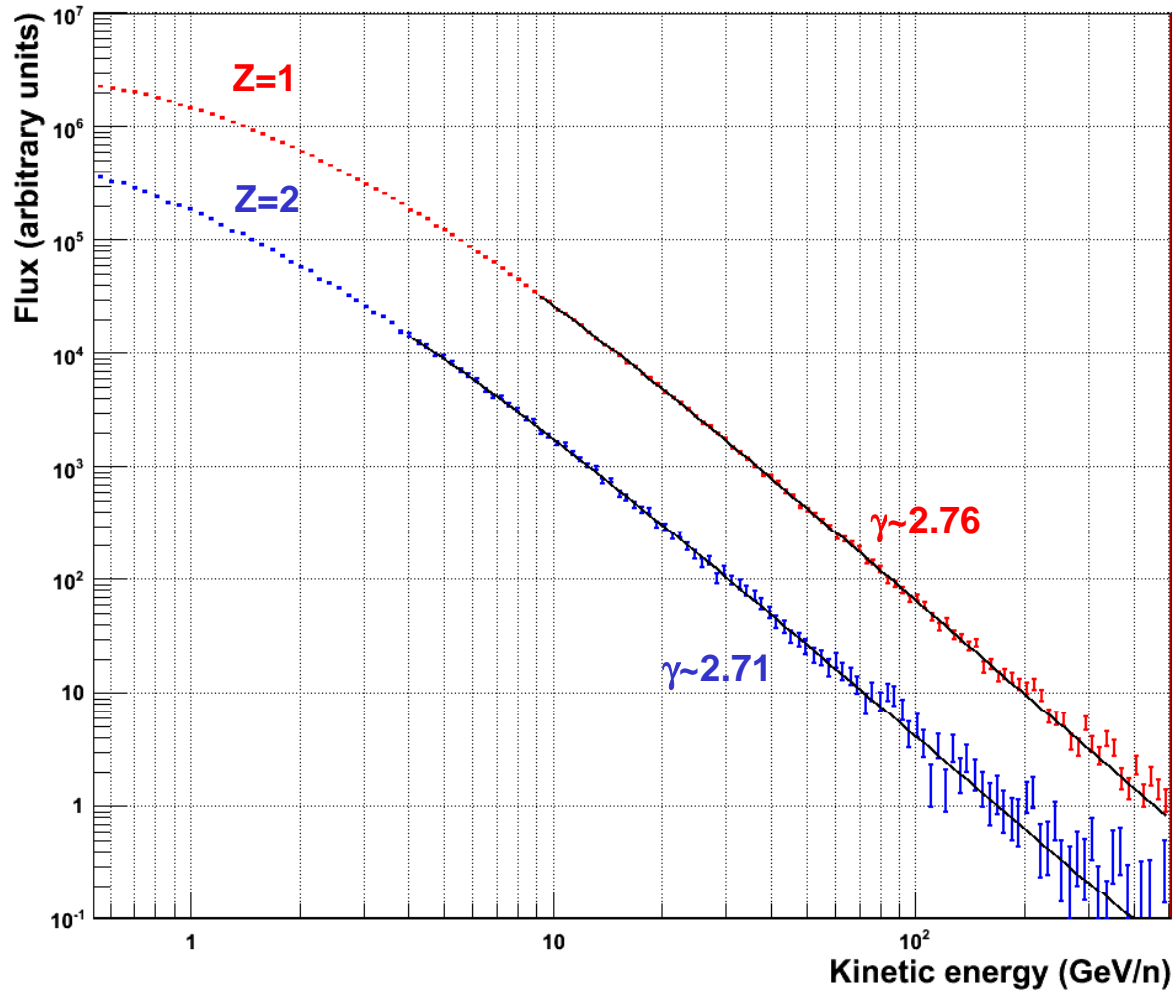
Preliminary !!!

## H spectra @ different cutoff rigidities

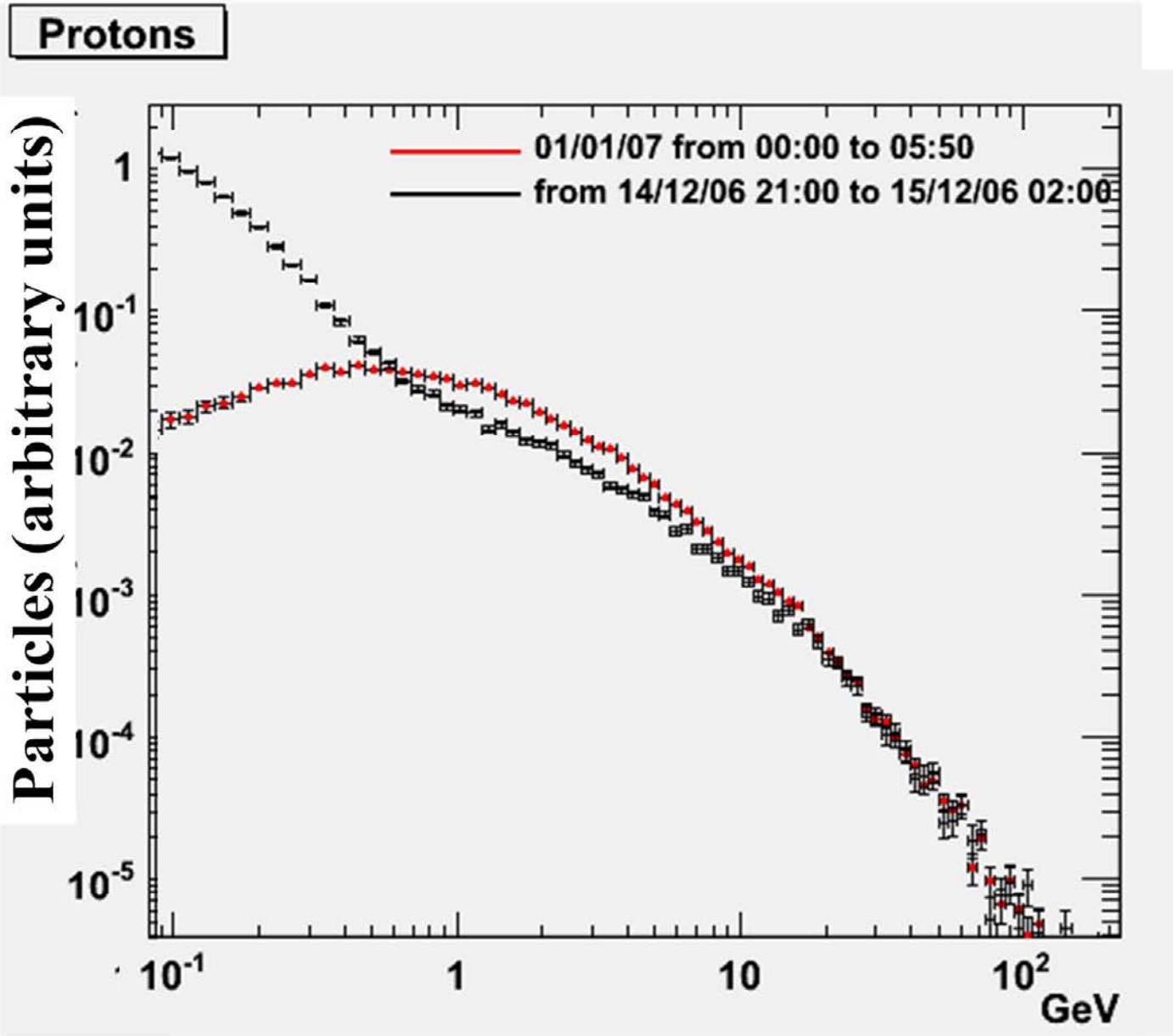


# Galactic H and He spectra

Preliminary !!!

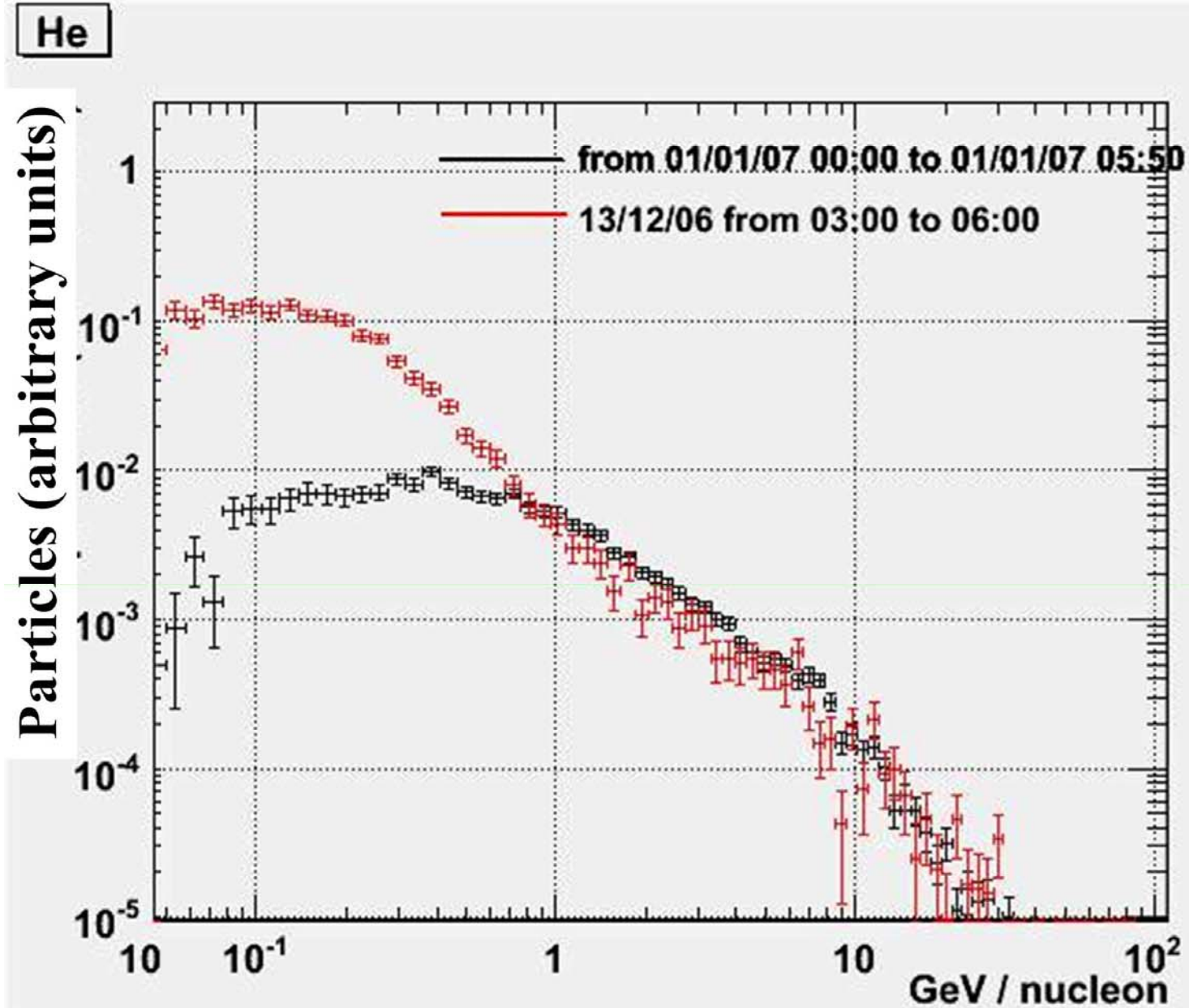


# Solar flare





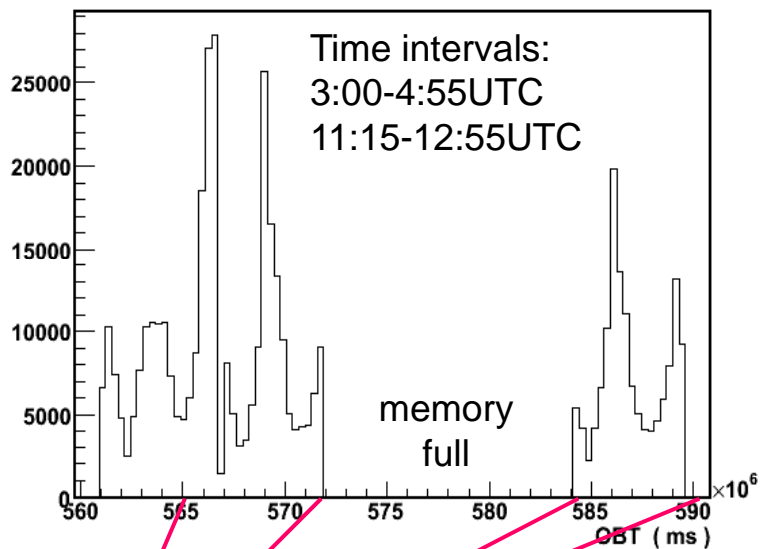
# Solar flare



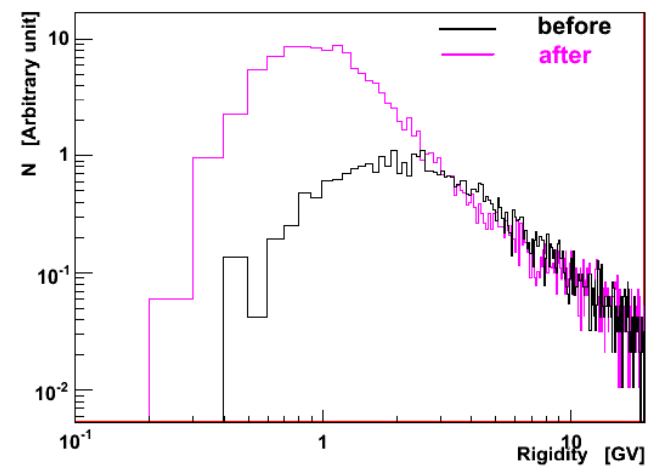
Preliminary !!!

# Solar Impulsive event 13/12/2006 (CME already on 6/12)

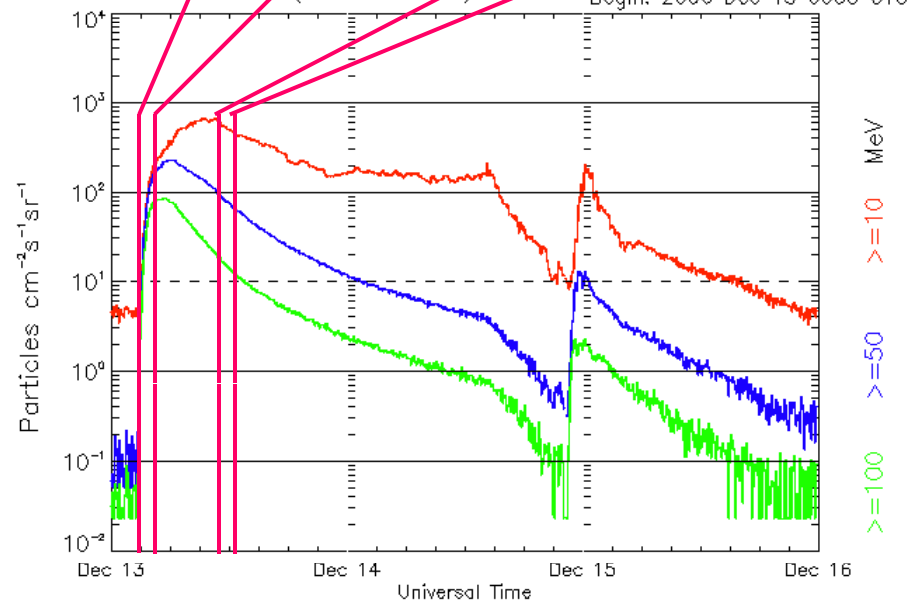
OBT - Flare 13 Dec



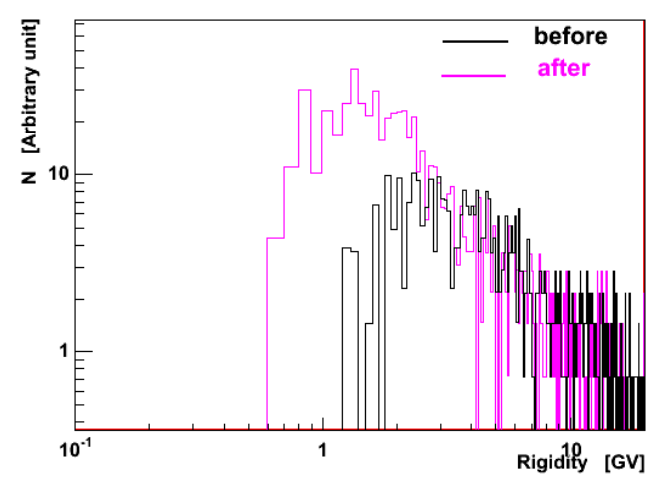
H differential spectrum - Flare 13 Dec



GOES11 Proton Flux (5 minute data) Begin: 2006 Dec 13 0000 UTC

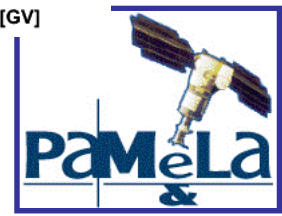


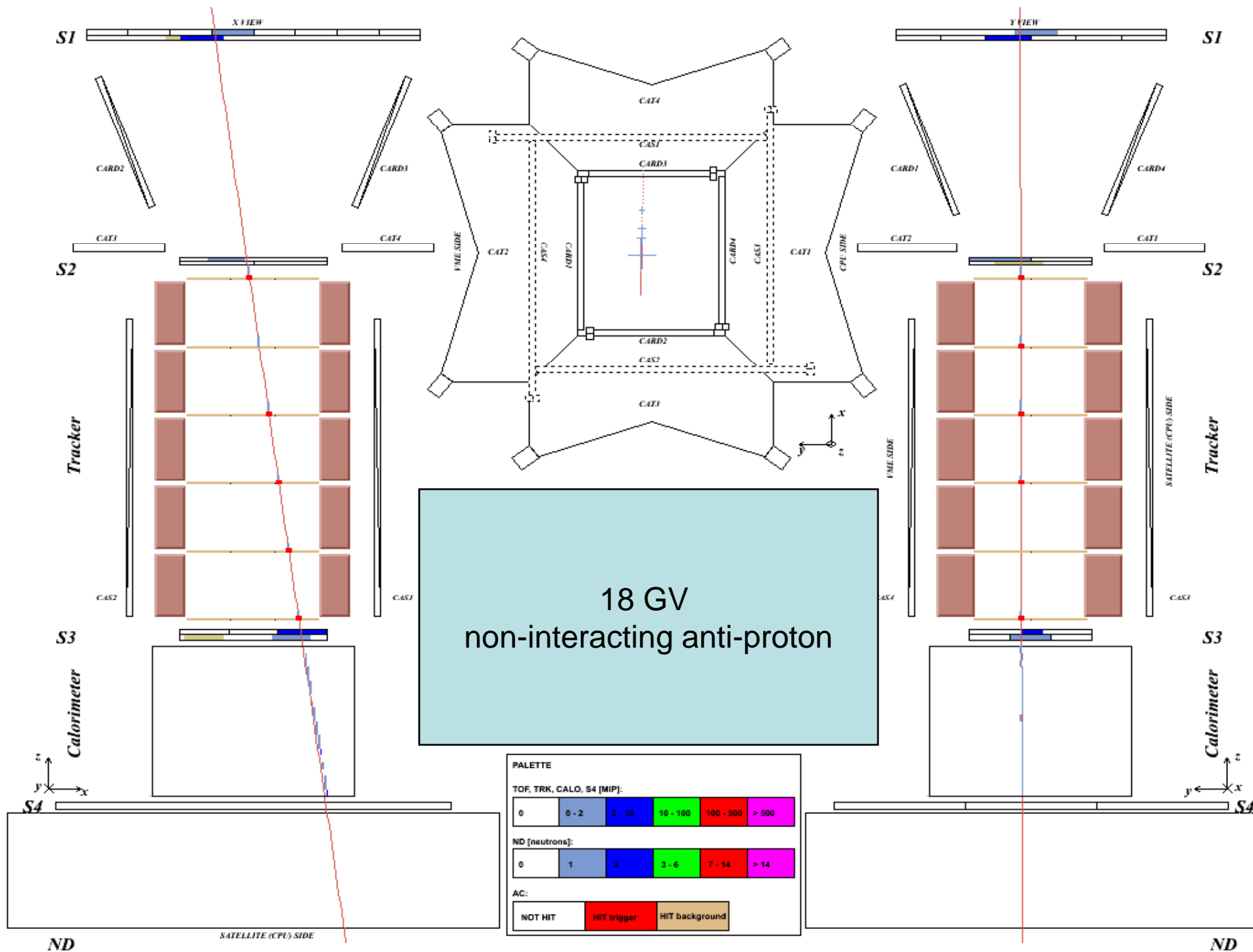
He differential spectrum - Flare 13 Dec

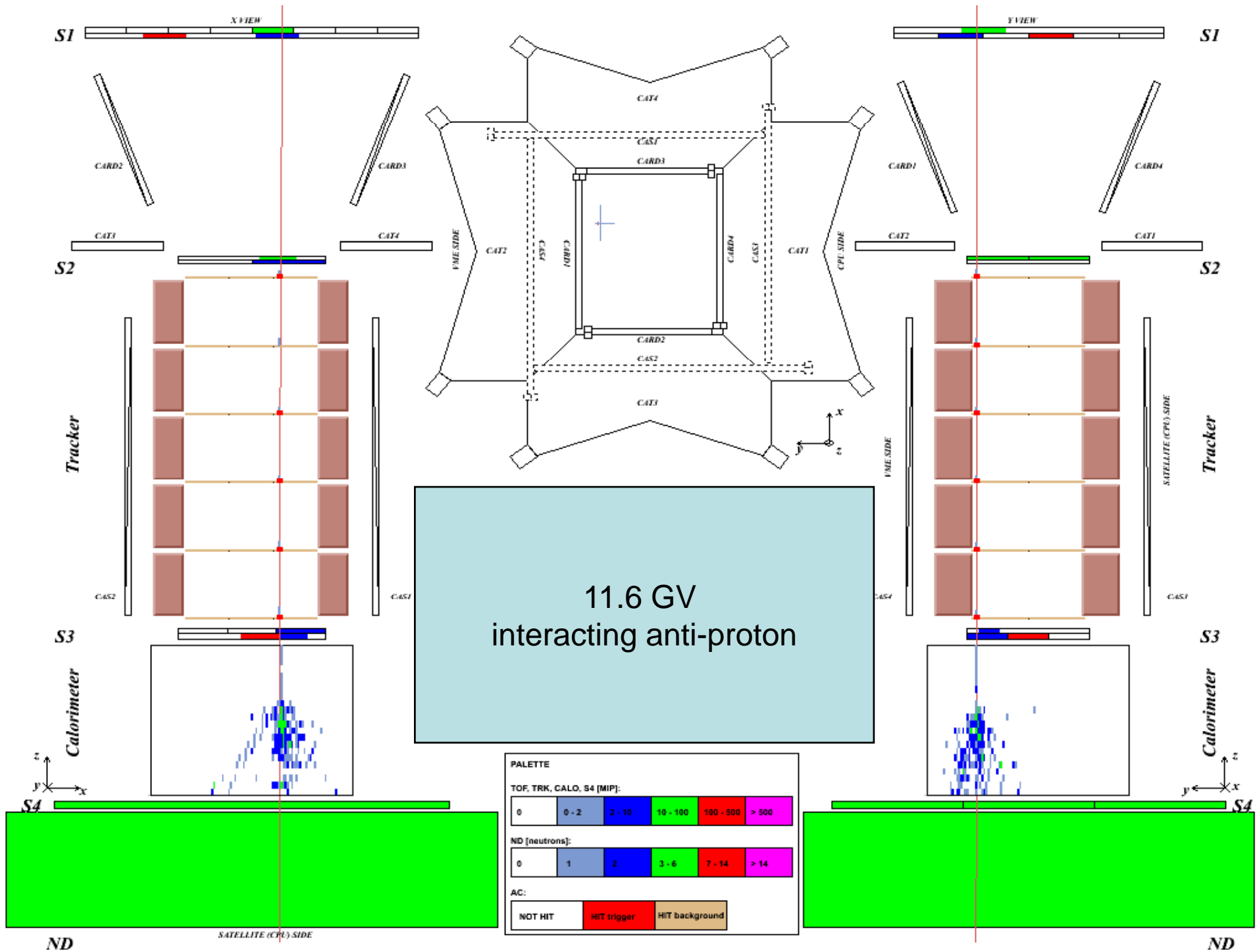


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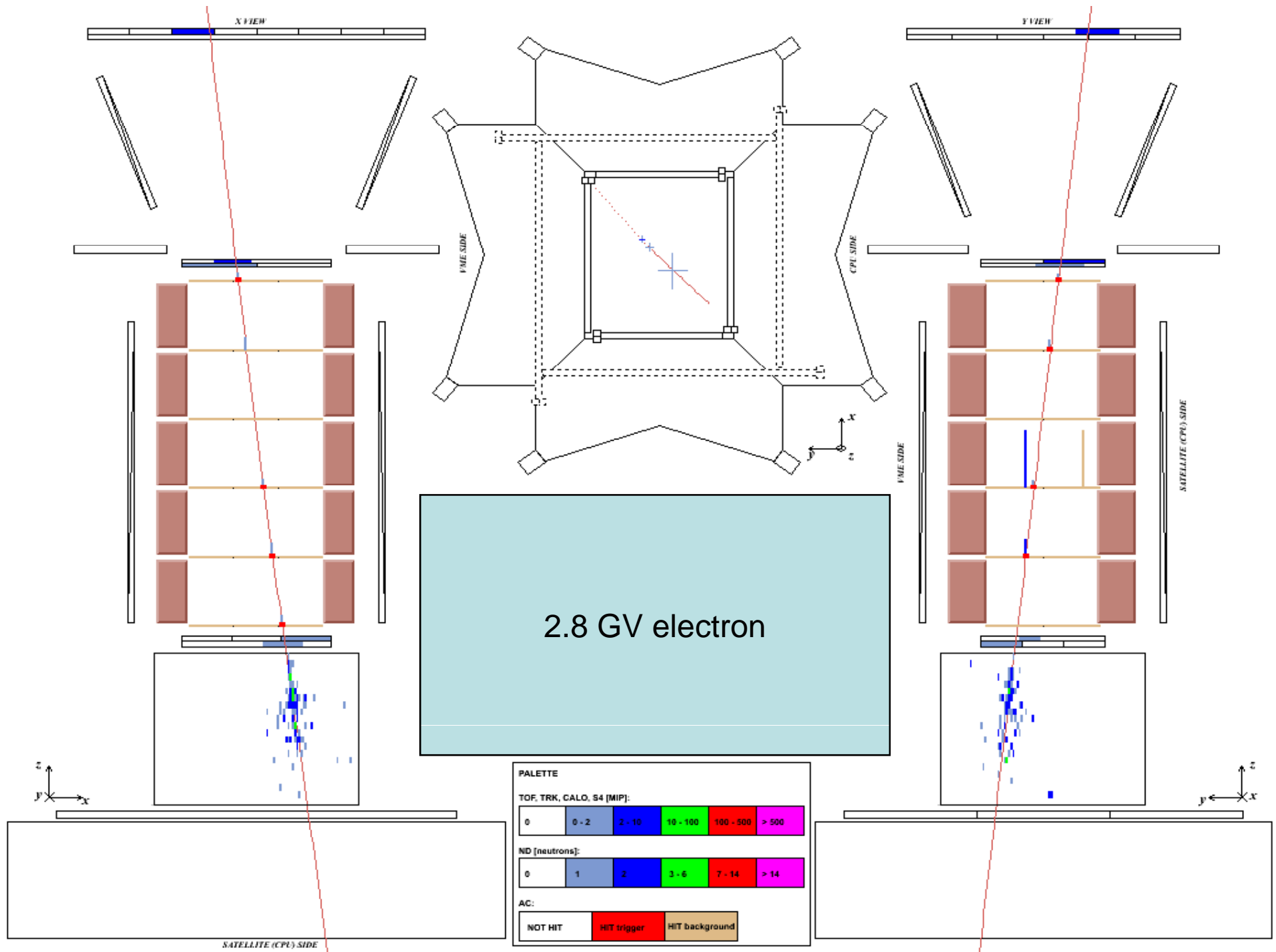
NOAA/SEC Boulder, CO USA



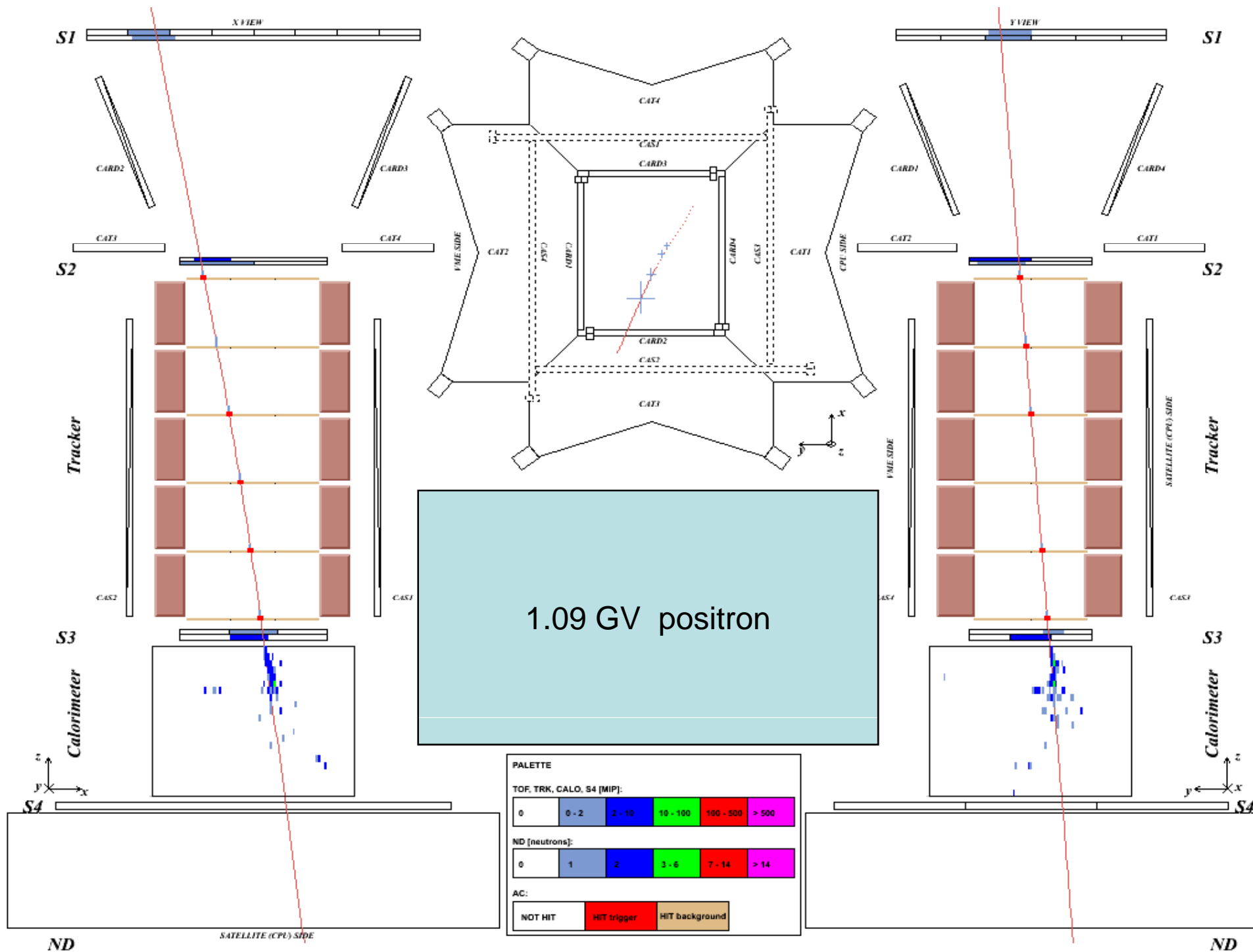








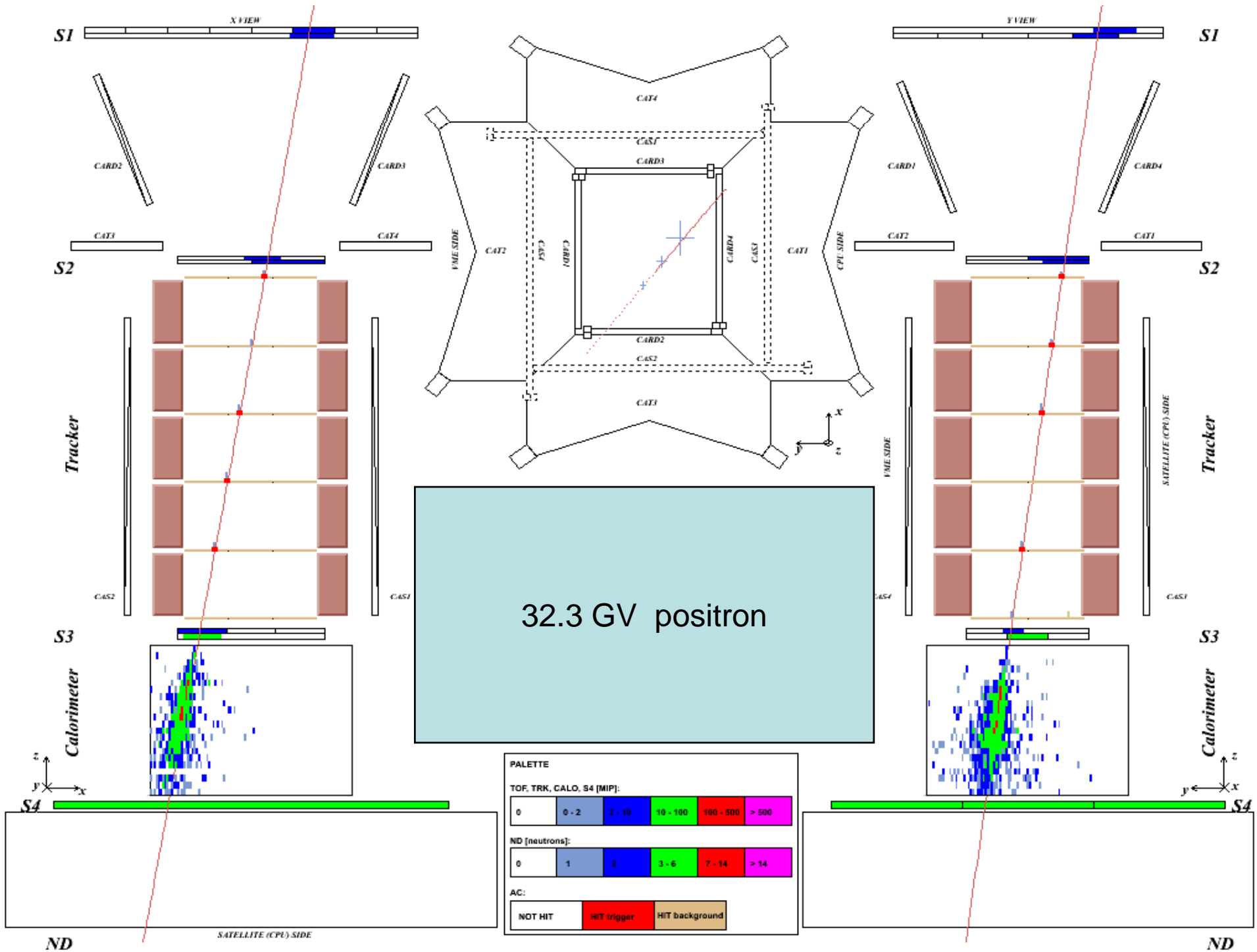
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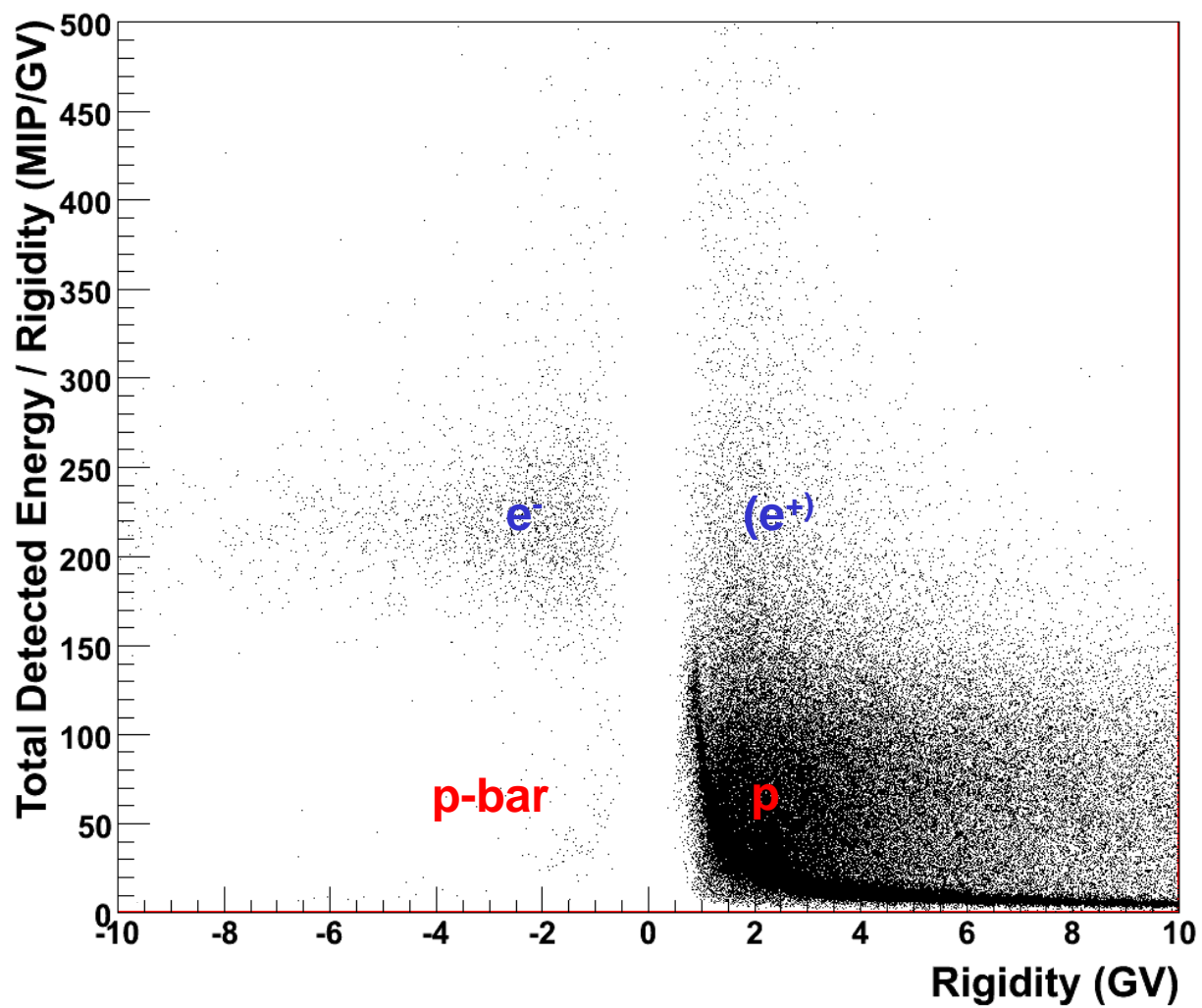
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SATELLITE (CPU) SIDE

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Preliminary !!!

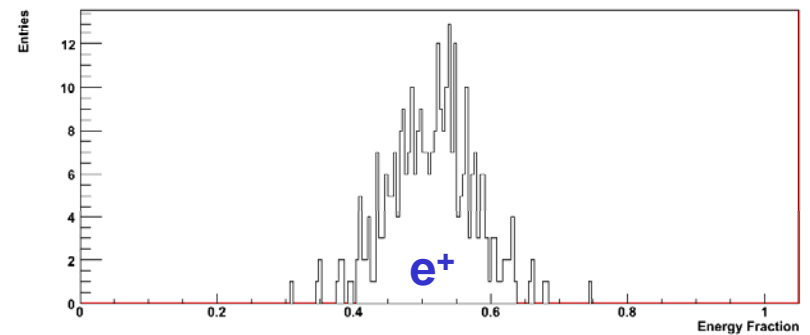
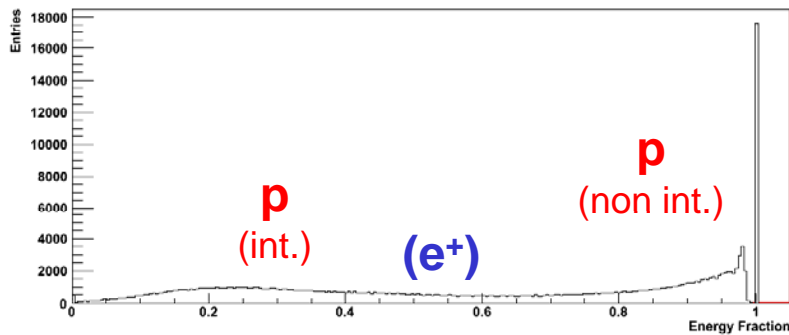
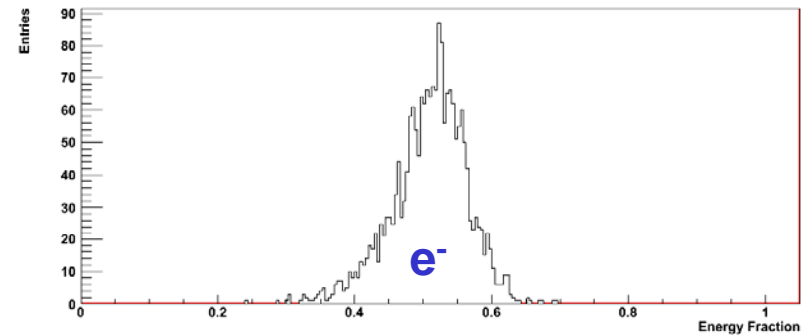
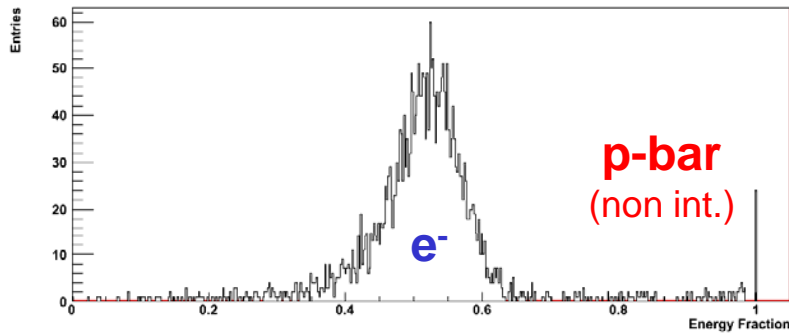




Preliminary !!!

# Positron selection

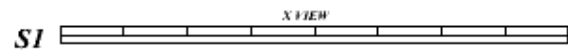
Fraction of charge released along the track



Many selection criteria provided by the calorimeter:

- total energy release
- longitudinal and later shower development
- shower topology
- ...





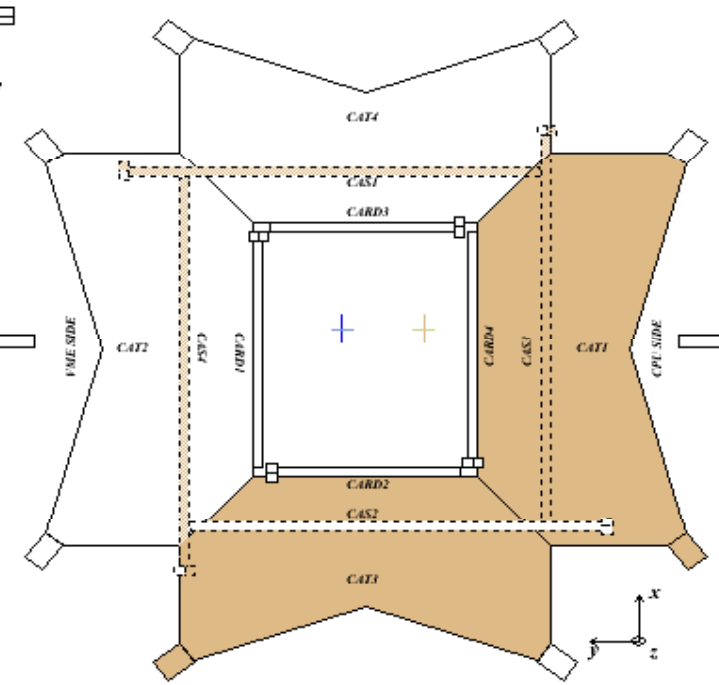
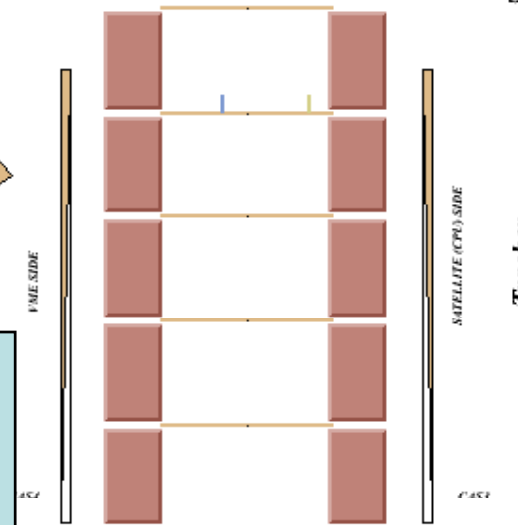
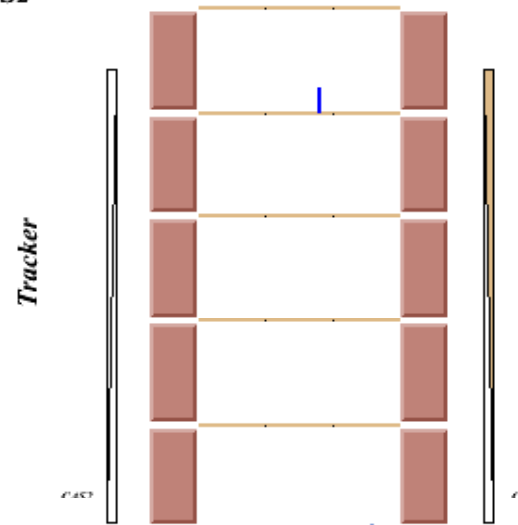
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S1



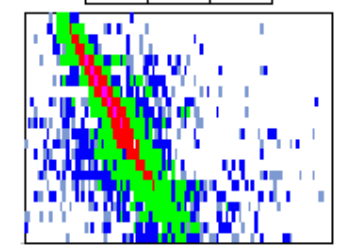
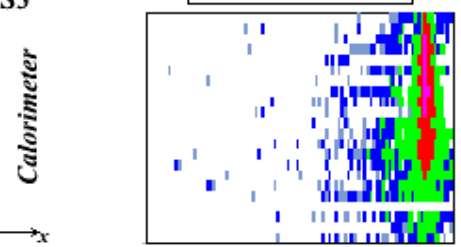
S2

S2



S3

S3



calorimeter self-trigger  
(m.p. electron)  
**GF: 21.5 ---> ~600 cm<sup>2</sup> sr**

S4

S4



PALETTE

TOF, TRK, CALO, S4 [MIP]:

0	0 - 2	2 - 10	10 - 100	100 - 500	> 500
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ND [neutrons]:

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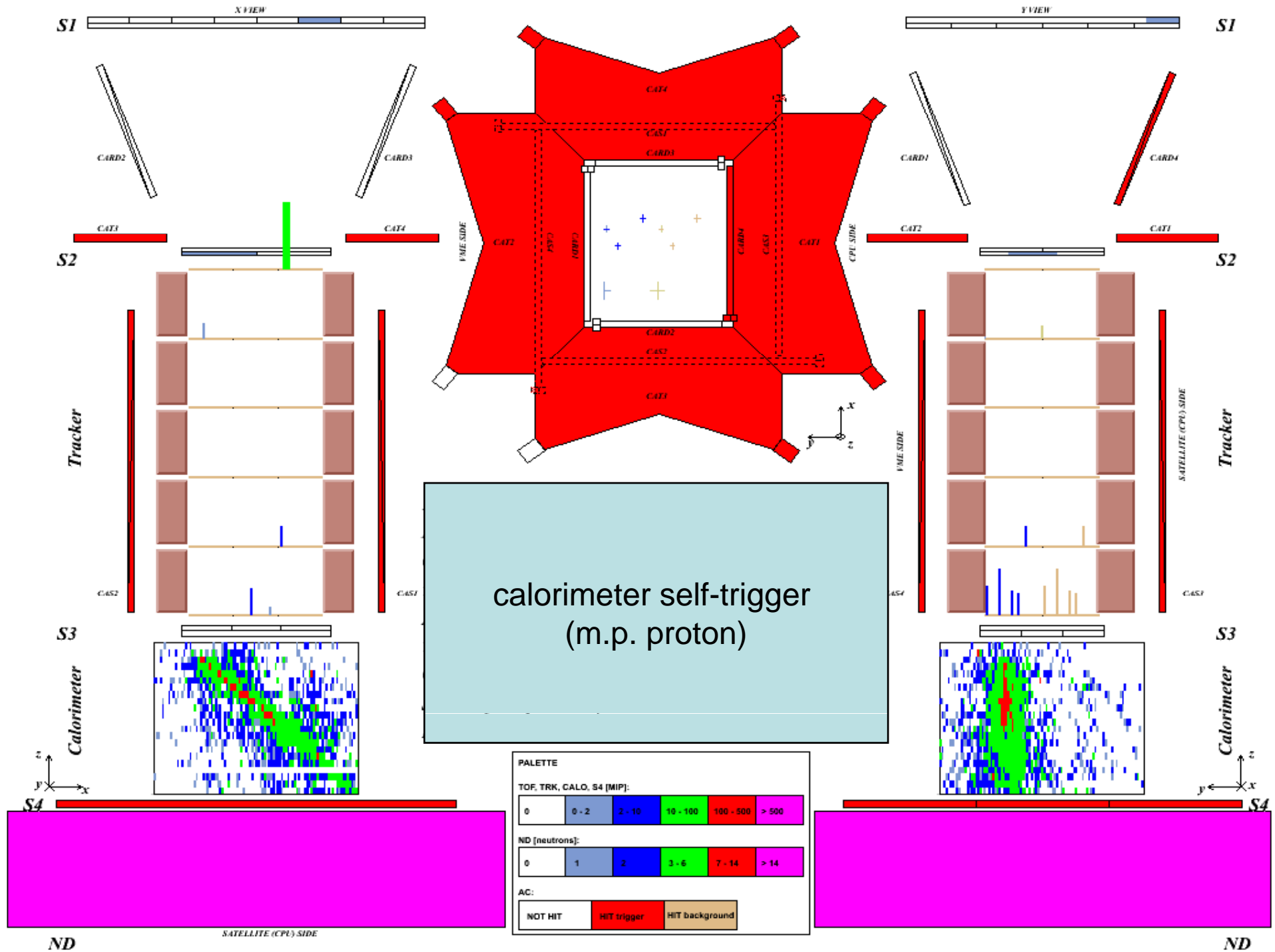
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SATELLITE (CPU) SIDE



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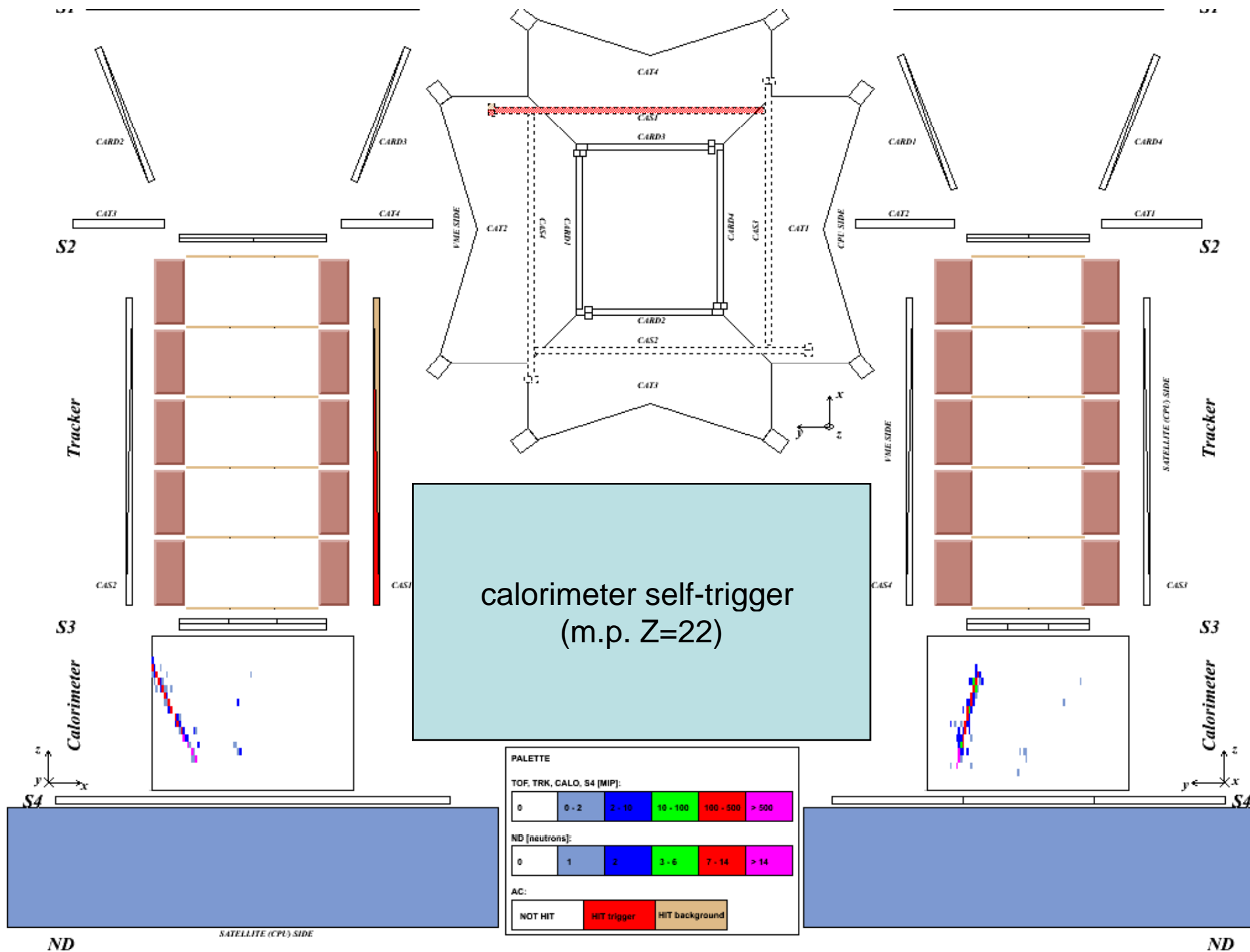
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S2

S2

S2

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Tracker

Tracker

S3

S3

Calorimeter

Calorimeter

S4

S4

ND

ND

SATELLITE (CPU) SIDE



# Conclusions

- PAMELA is in continuous data taking mode since 11th July 2006
- Detectors are performing nominally
- Analysis is in progress



→ PAMELA will be able to achieve the scientific goals of the mission!!!

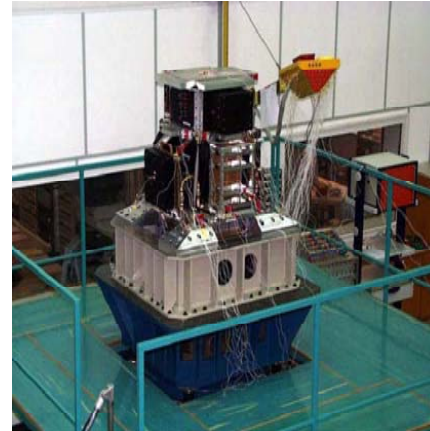


# Spares



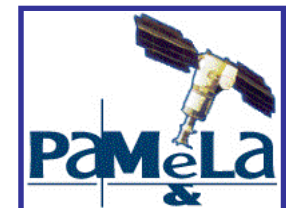
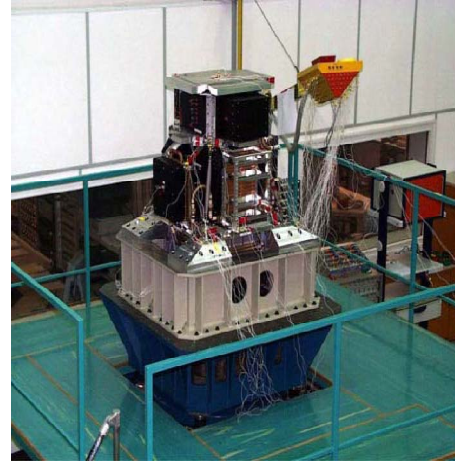
# Mechanical Model

- Same geometry of FM (dimensions, mass, spacecraft attachment points, etc.)
- Mechanical qualification test:
  - Aug 2002 @ IABG Laboratories
    - Same vibration spectra and mechanical loads during rocket launch (amplified)
  - May 2003 @ TsSKB-Progress Testing Center.
    - transport, vibration and shock test whilst integrated into pressurized container



# Mechanical Model

- Same thermal behavior of FM (surface characteristics, heat releases, etc.)
- Design limits: 5°C ÷ 40°C
- Thermal qualification test:
  - May 2003 @ TsSKB-Progress Testing Center.
    - over-heating, over-cooling and transient modes



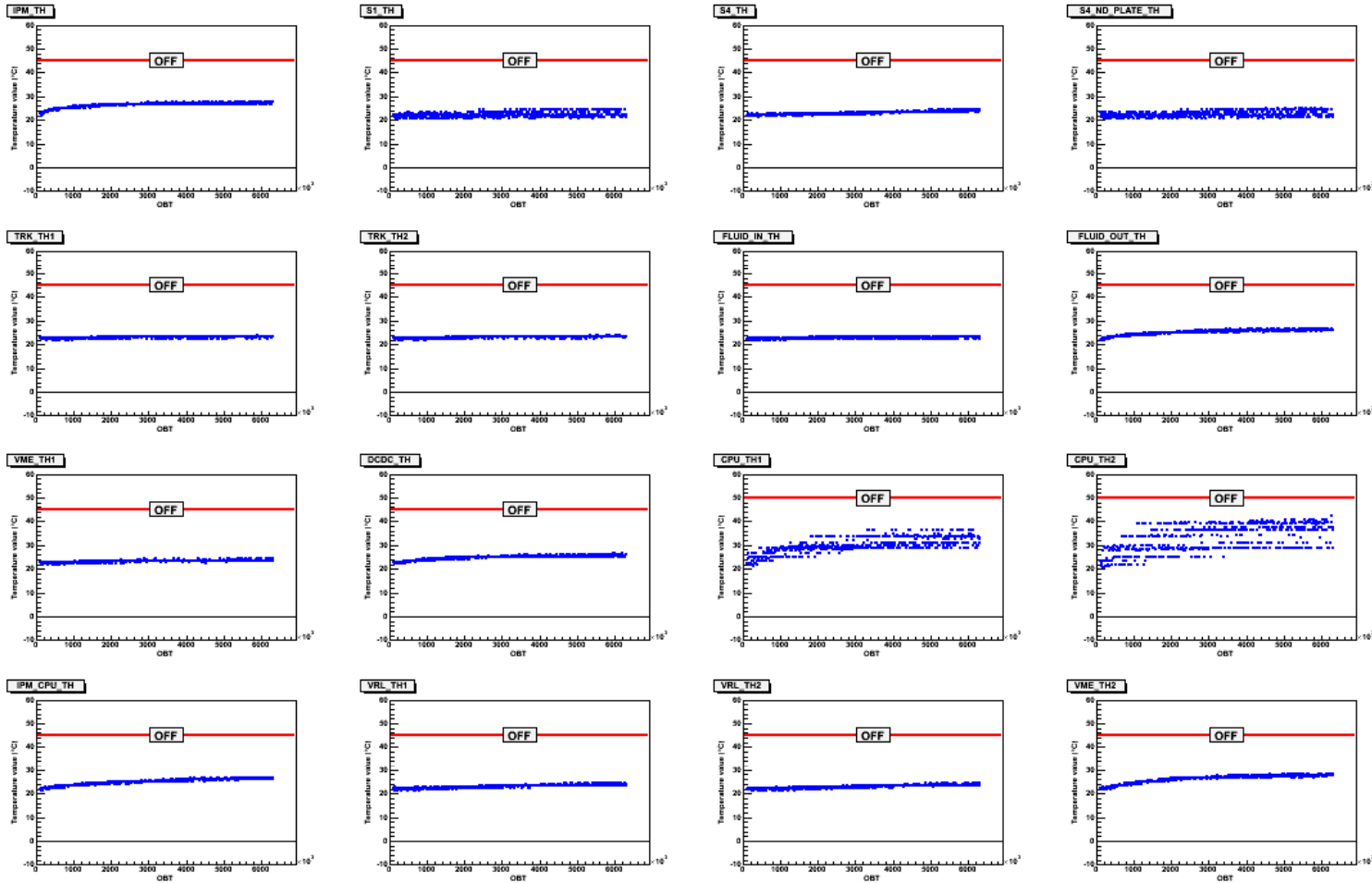


# Technological Model

- Same as FM (electrical connections, electronics boards, magnetic field, etc.) but dummy detectors
- Electrical tests:
  - Dec 2003 @ INFN Rome
    - (emulated-) satellite communication interface through adapter
    - powering procedures
  - May-Oct 2004 @ TsSKB-Progress Testing Center.
    - full integration into the satellite



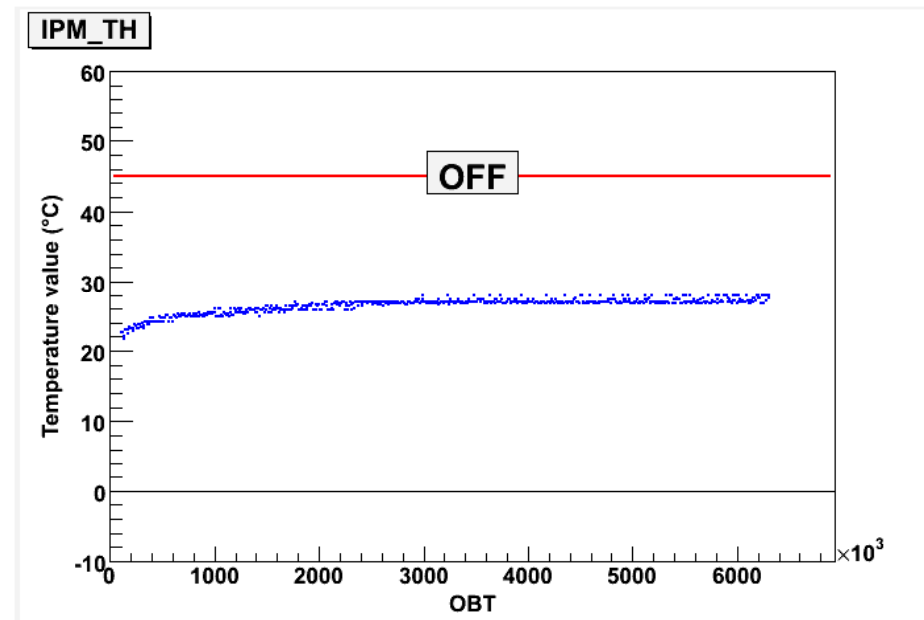
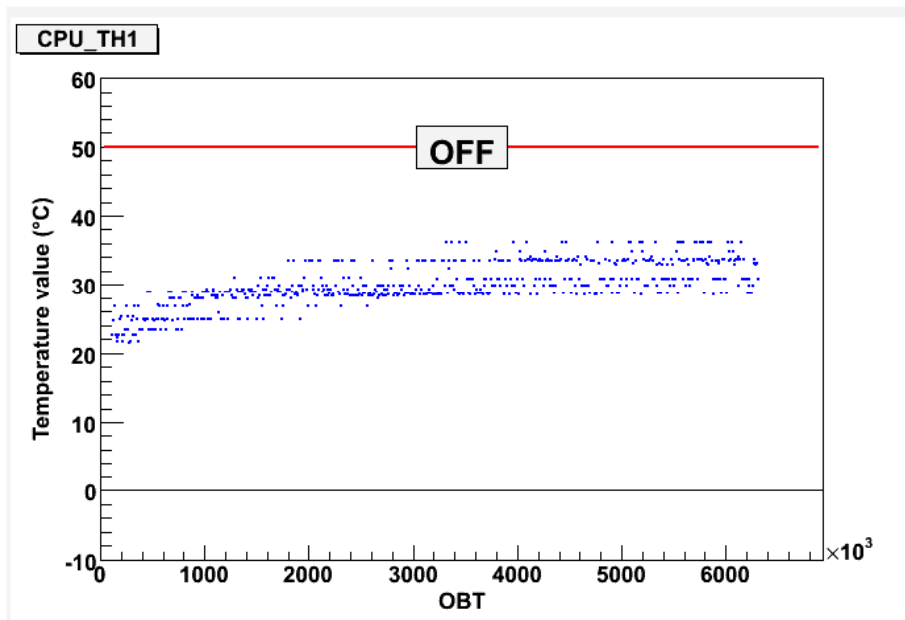
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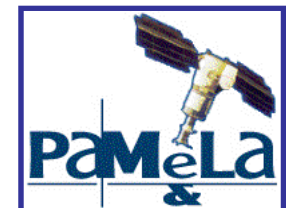
First PAMELA power ON in space



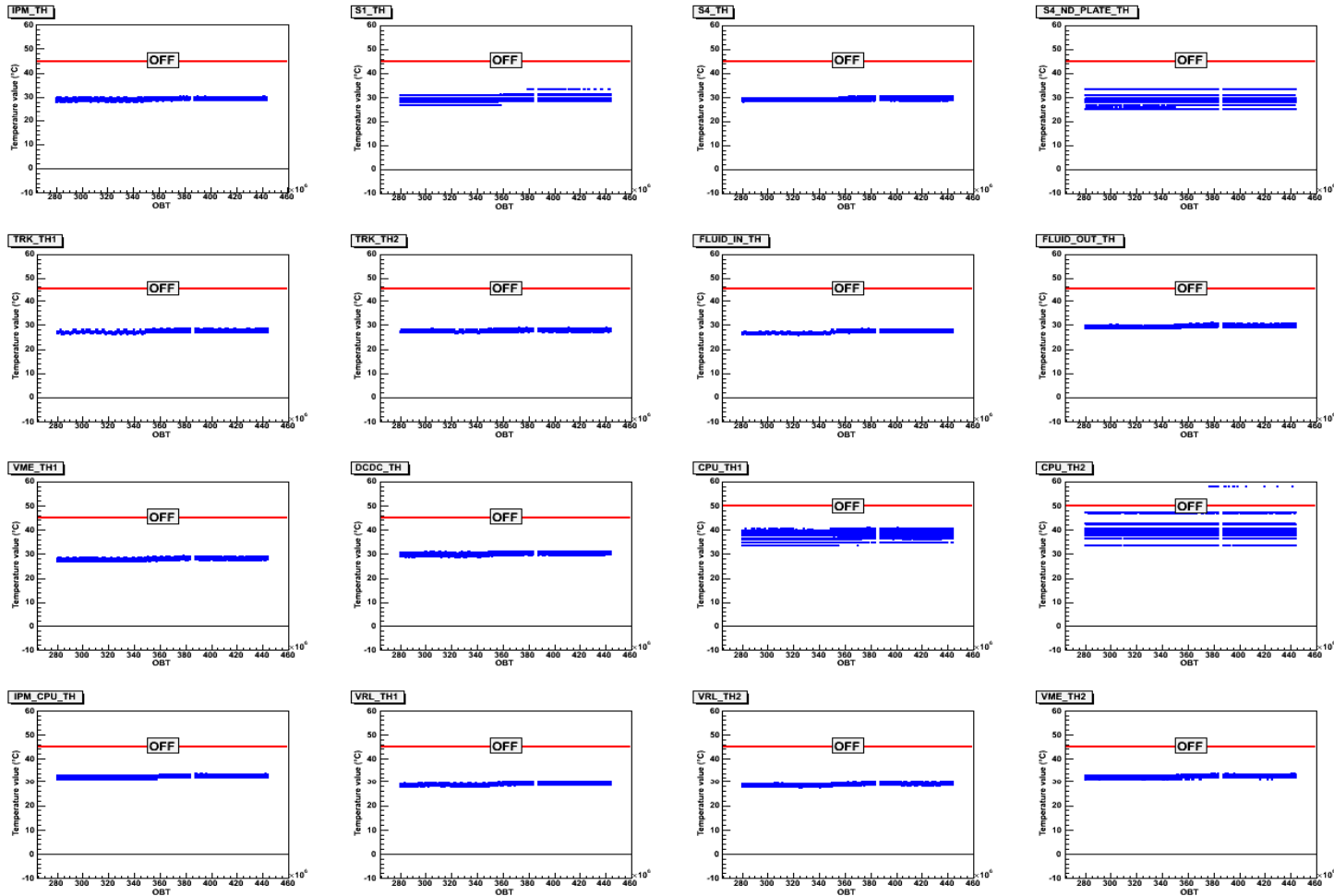
# Temperature



First PAMELA power ON in space



# Temperature



Orbits 1720÷1749 (~44h) - 5÷7 Oct 2006



# On-line operations

- Running operations (scientific functionality)
  - Detector initialization, calibration and acquisition
- Slow Controls (housekeeping)
  - Cyclic checks of alarms, voltage and temperature sensors, status of the electronic boards
- Alarms
  - On-line operations can lead to error/alarm conditions (over-temperature, FE alarms eg. lach-up etc..)
- Recovery
  - System reset
  - Power OFF/ON
- Download to satellite mass memory





# Remote control

- Macrocommands: commands to PAMELA cpu (MCMDs) sent either by the satellite or from ground
    - System configuration (hundreds of modifiable parameters):
      - Acquisition (operative mode, trigger configuration...)
      - Detectors (compression parameters, PMT thresholds... )
      - Reaction to alarm
    - Calibration (ascending node)
    - Download to satellite mass memory
    - Boot/Shutdown
    - Patch to program
    - ...
  - Telecommands: hardware lines to handle power modules
- Extremely flexible system, designed to be easily adapted to space (unknown) conditions.



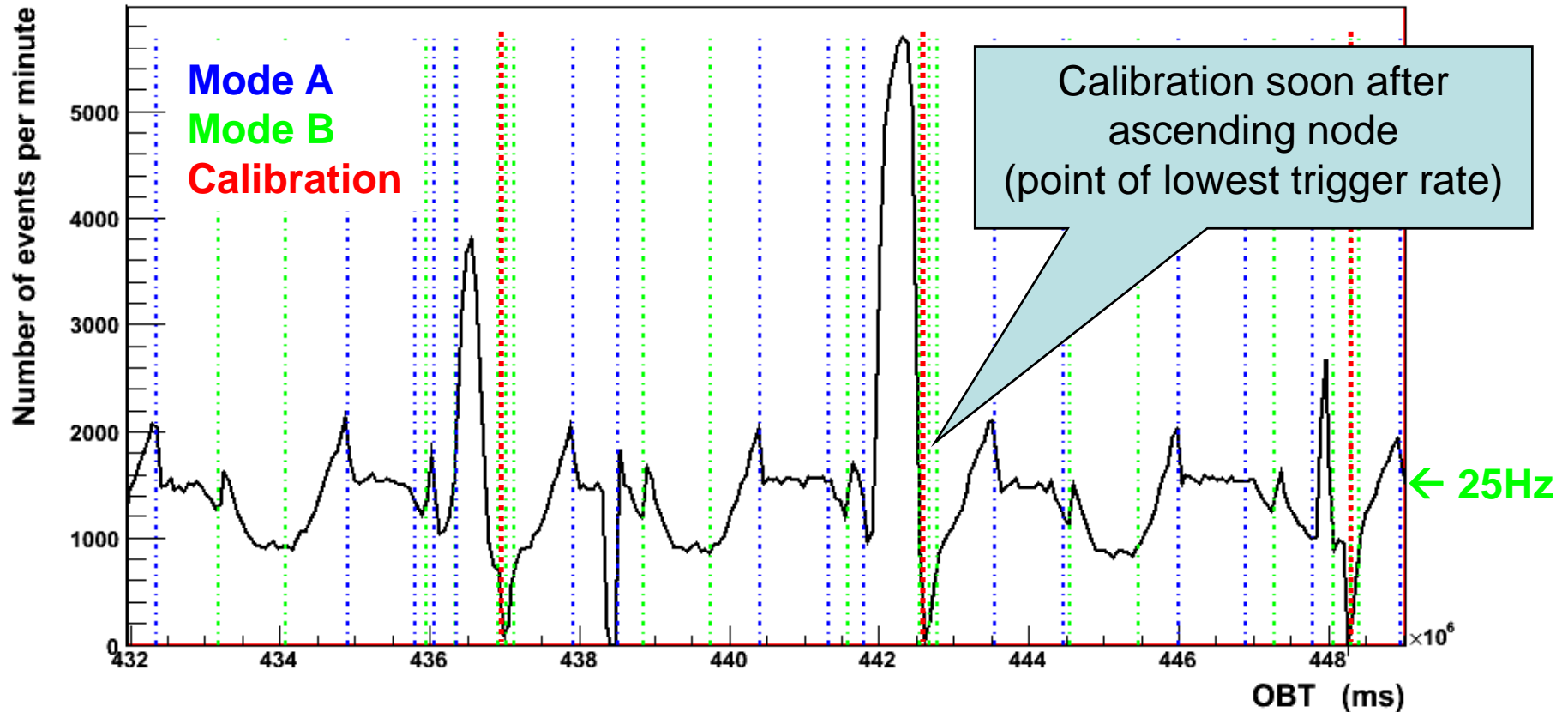
# Acquisition

- Acquisition segmented in runs of fixed configuration.
  - Two **acquisition modes**:
    - Mode A → high radiation environment
    - Mode B → low radiation environment
- Run duration and acquisition mode defined by the **working schedule**.
  - Four working schedules
    - A→B when S1 counting rate exceed a given threshold
    - A→B at fixed time (relative to ascending node)
    - A→B according to a time table provided from ground
    - Always B and fixed time duration (default)



# Trigger rate

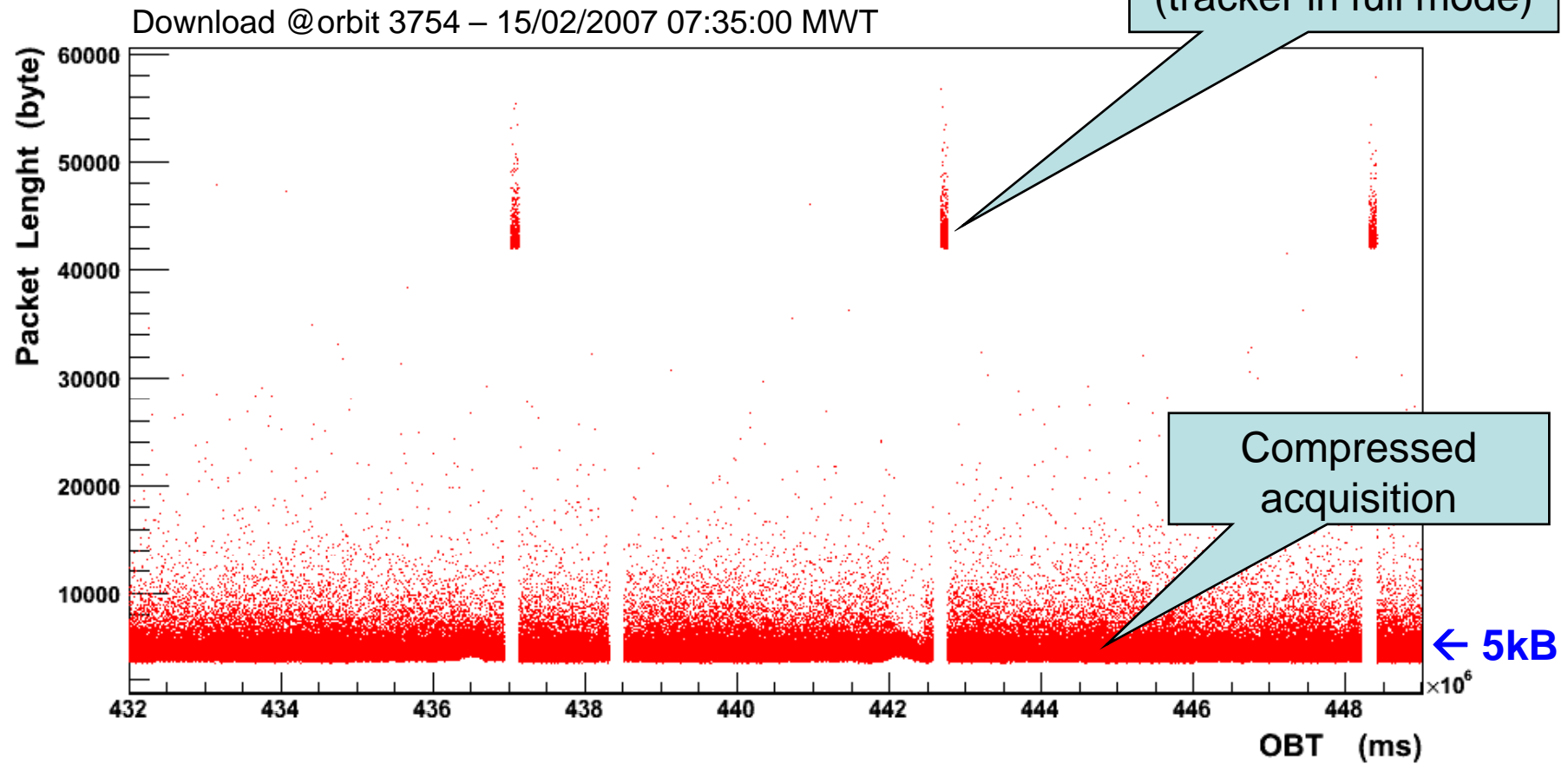
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- Mode A → (S21 AND S22) AND (S31 AND S32) + CALORIMETER
- Mode B → (S11 OR S12) AND (S21 OR S22) AND (S31 OR S32) + CALORIMETER



# Event size



25 Hz x 5 kB/ev ~ 10 GB/day



# Dead/Live time

