



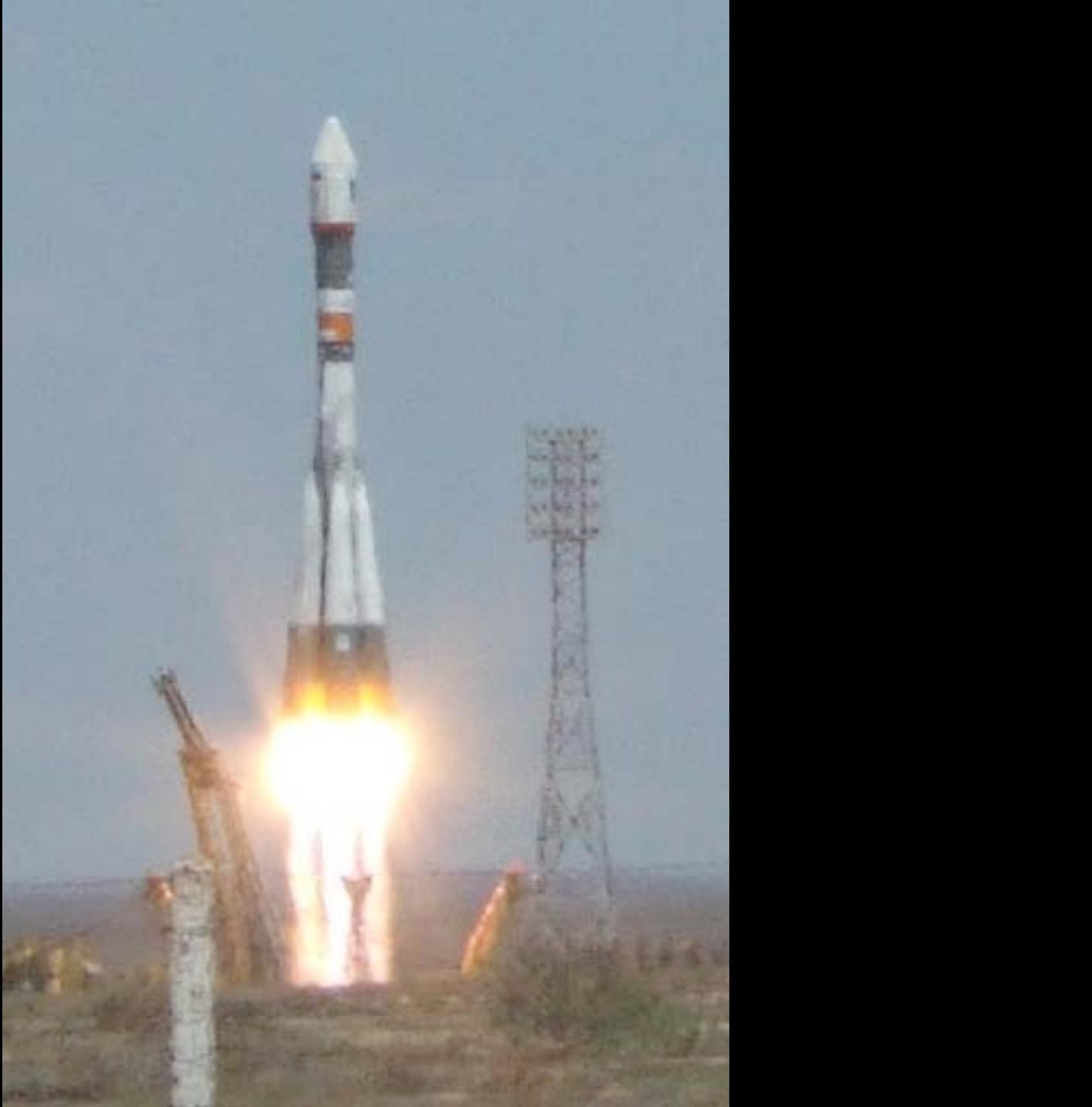
# Silicon Detectors in space for gamma ray astroparticle physics

*Aldo Morselli*

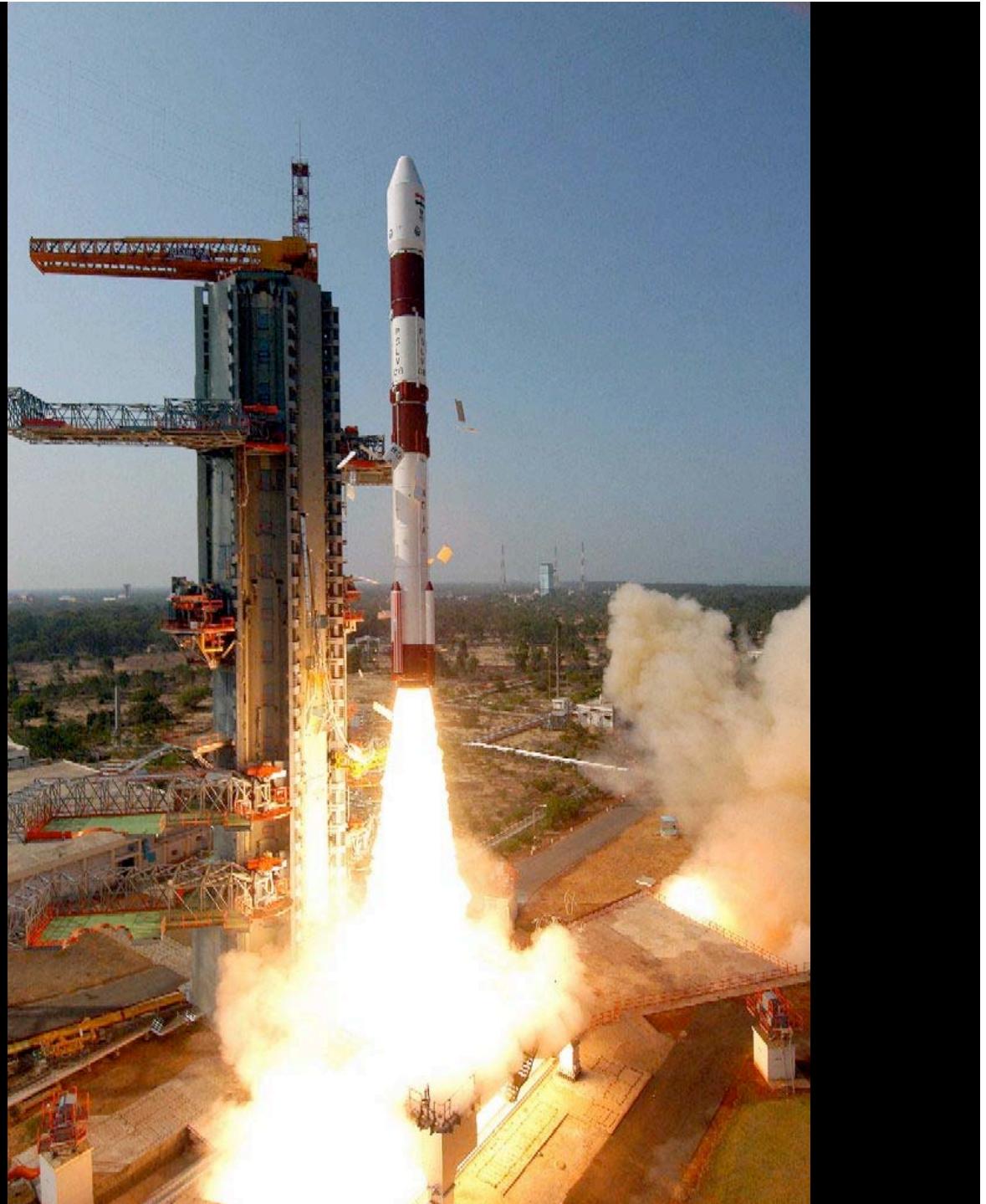
*INFN, Sezione di Roma Tor Vergata*

8th International Conference on Large Scale Applications and  
Radiation Hardness of Semiconductor Detectors  
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PAMELA Launch  
15/06/06



23 April 12 o'clock  
Roma time : Launch

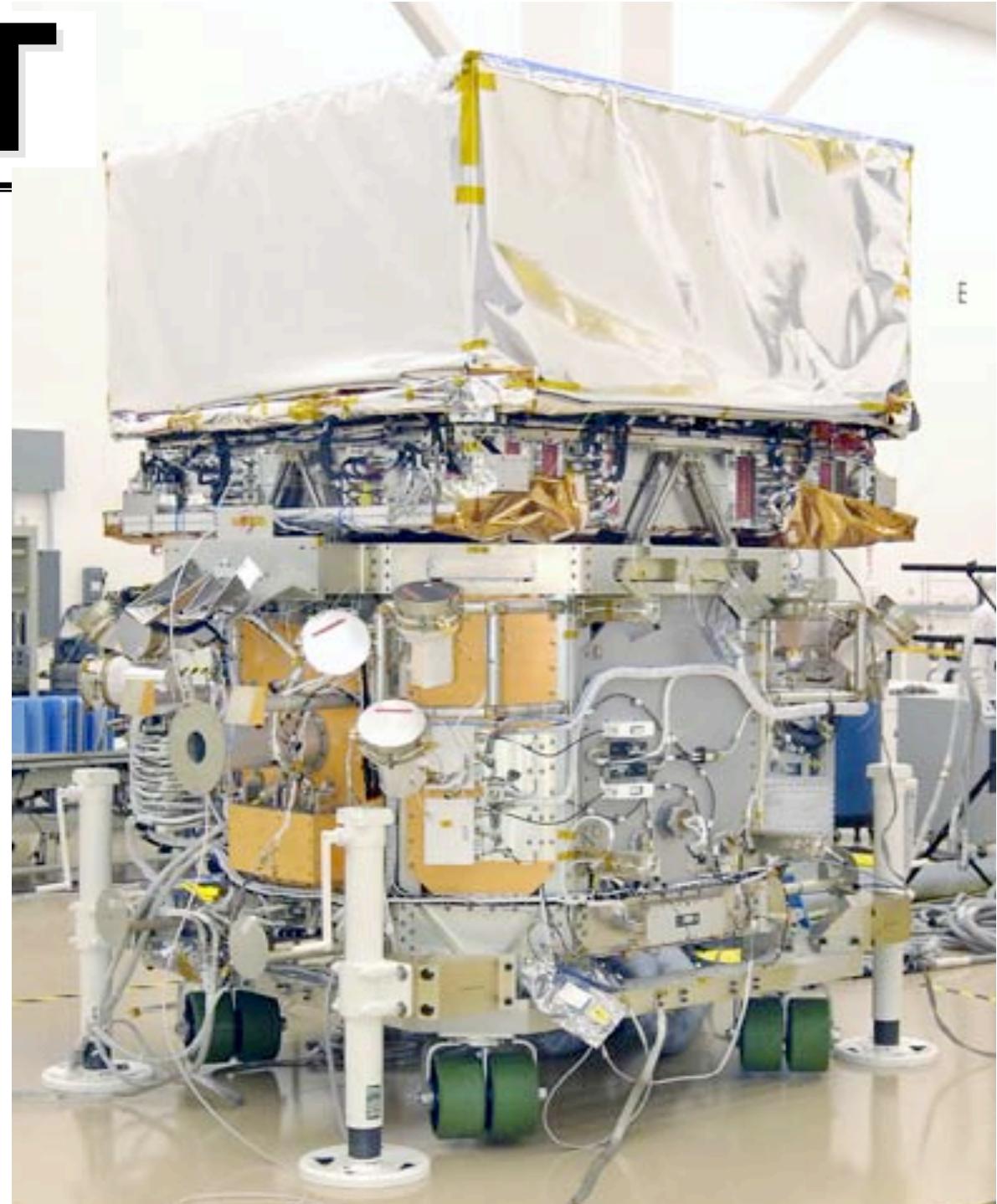




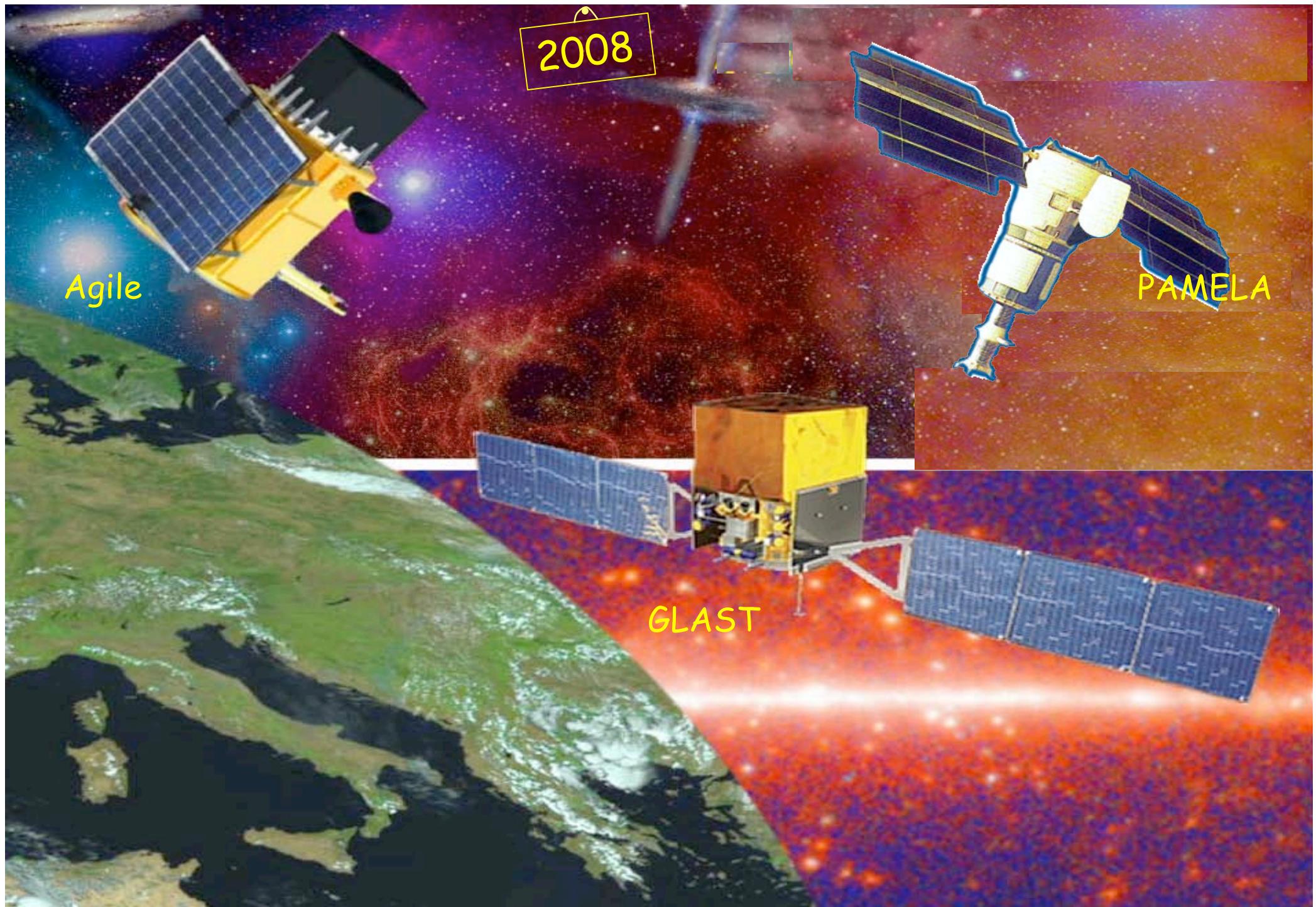
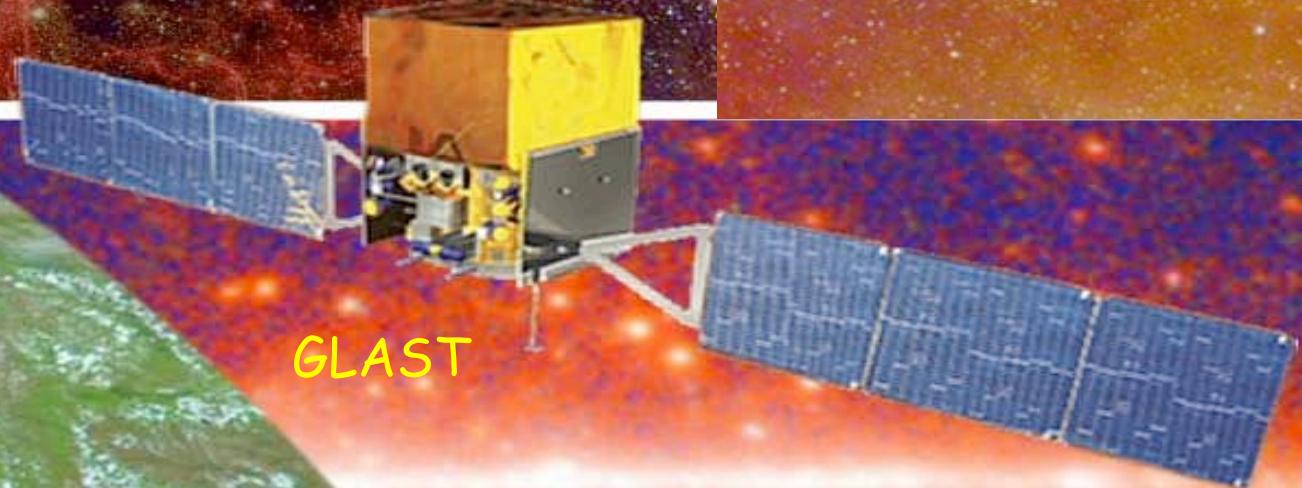
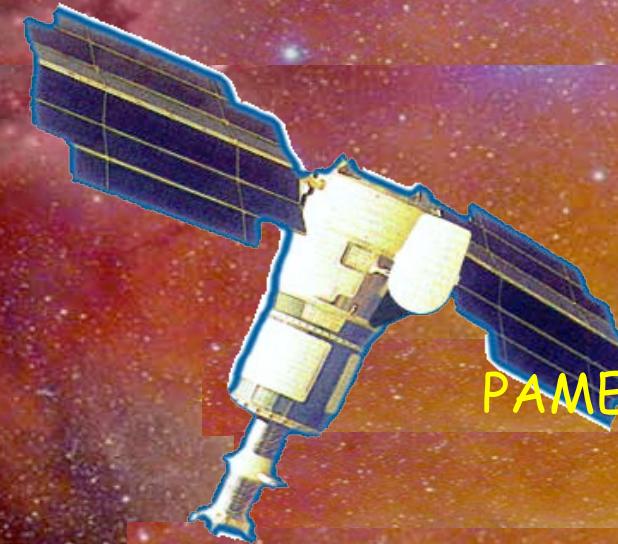
# GLAST



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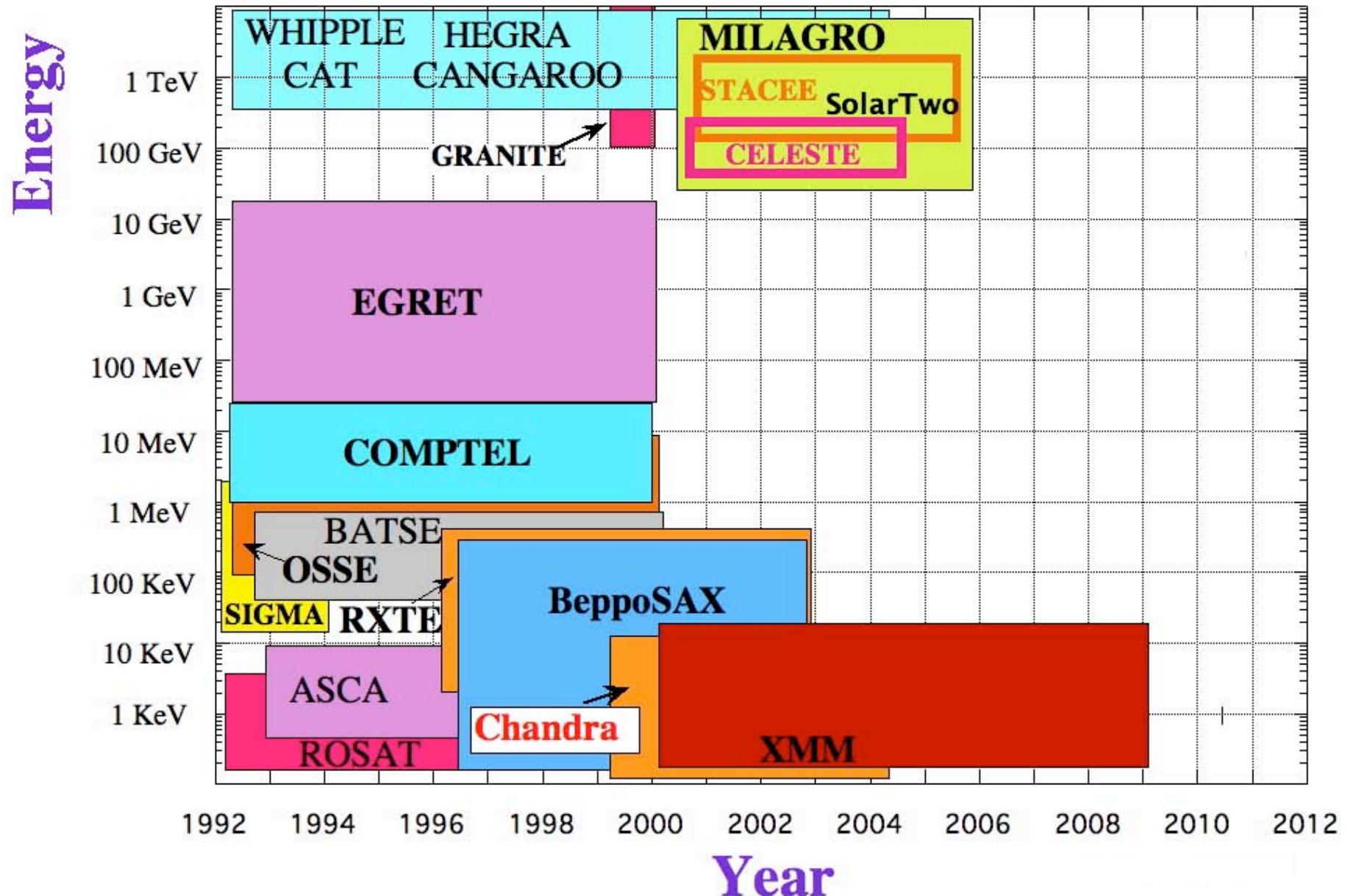


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# High Energy Gamma Experiments

~1993



# The GILDA mission: a new technique for a gamma-ray telescope in the energy range 20 MeV–100 GeV

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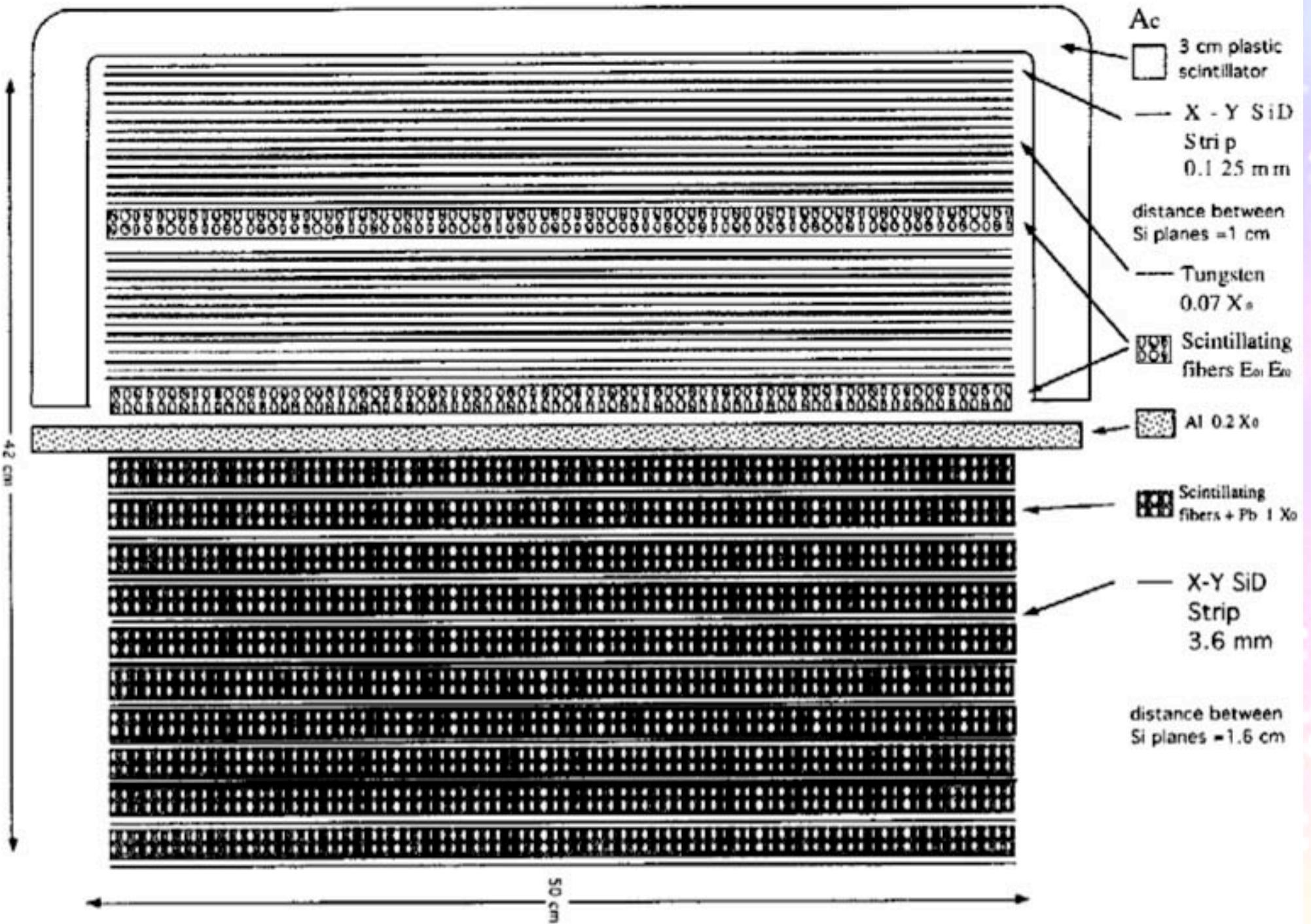
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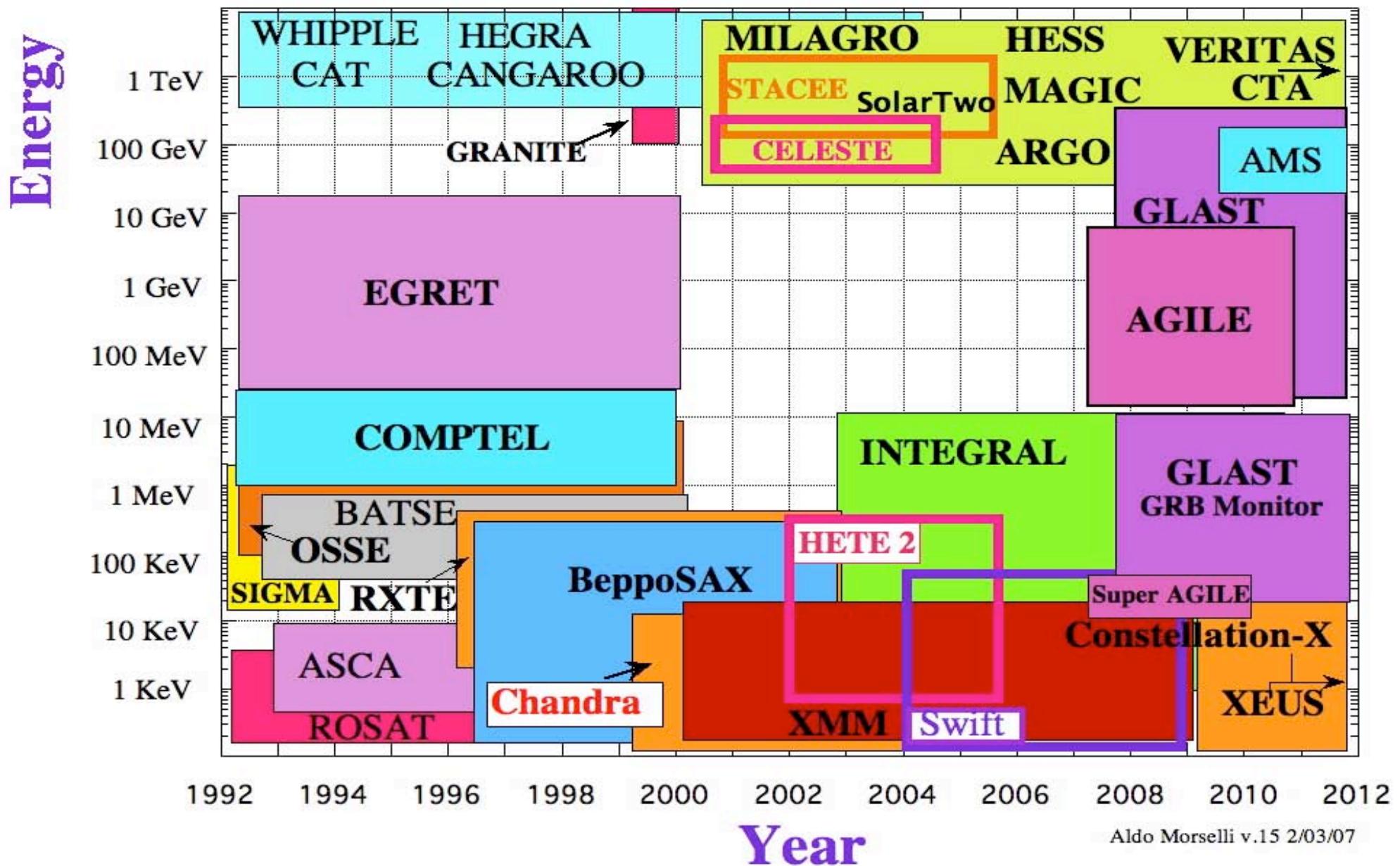
## Abstract

In this article a new technique for the realization of a high energy gamma-ray telescope is presented, based on the adoption of silicon strip detectors and lead scintillating fibers. The simulated performances of such an instrument (GILDA) are significatively better than those of EGRET, the last successful experiment of a high energy gamma-ray telescope, launched on the CGRO satellite, though having less volume and weight.

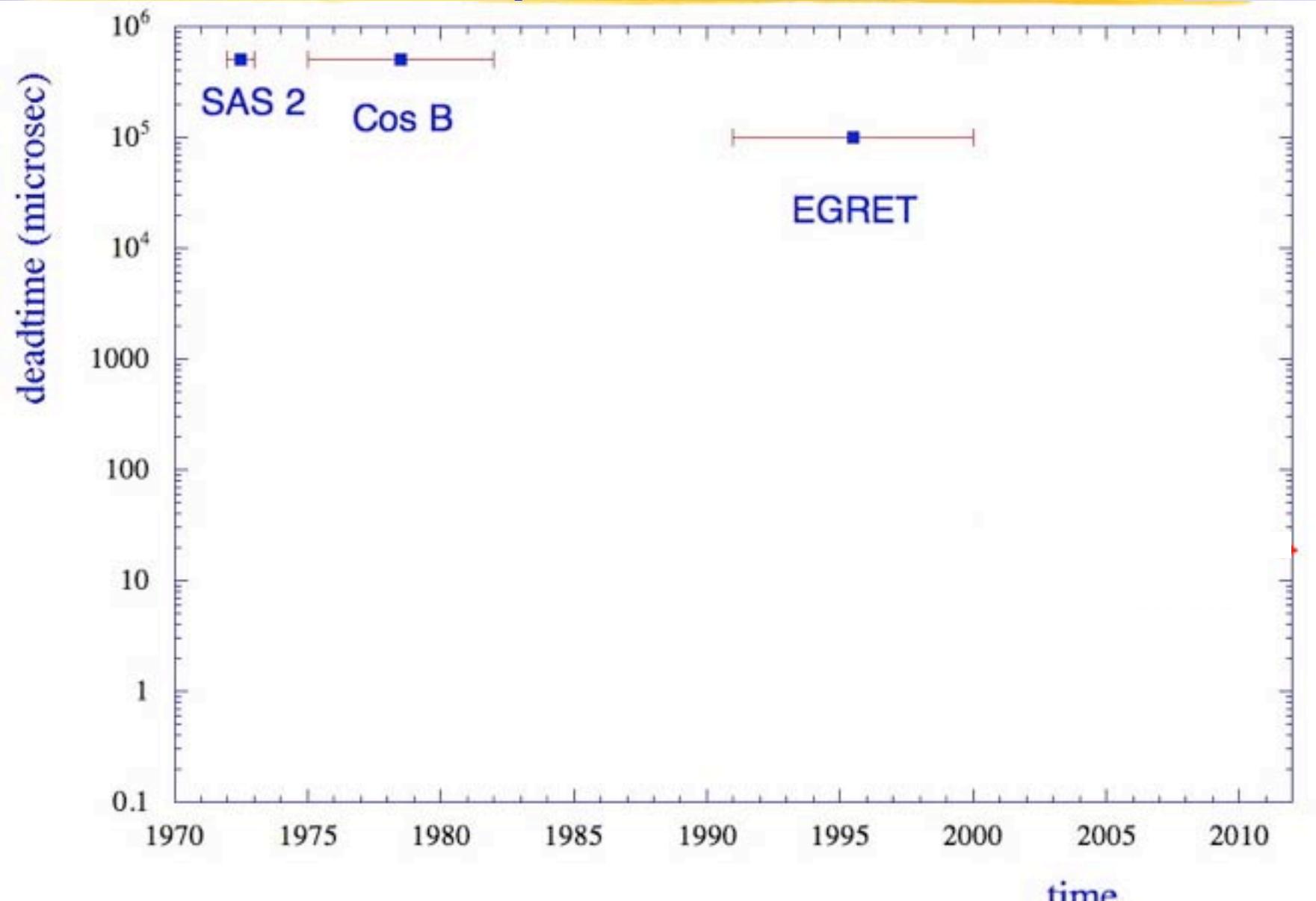
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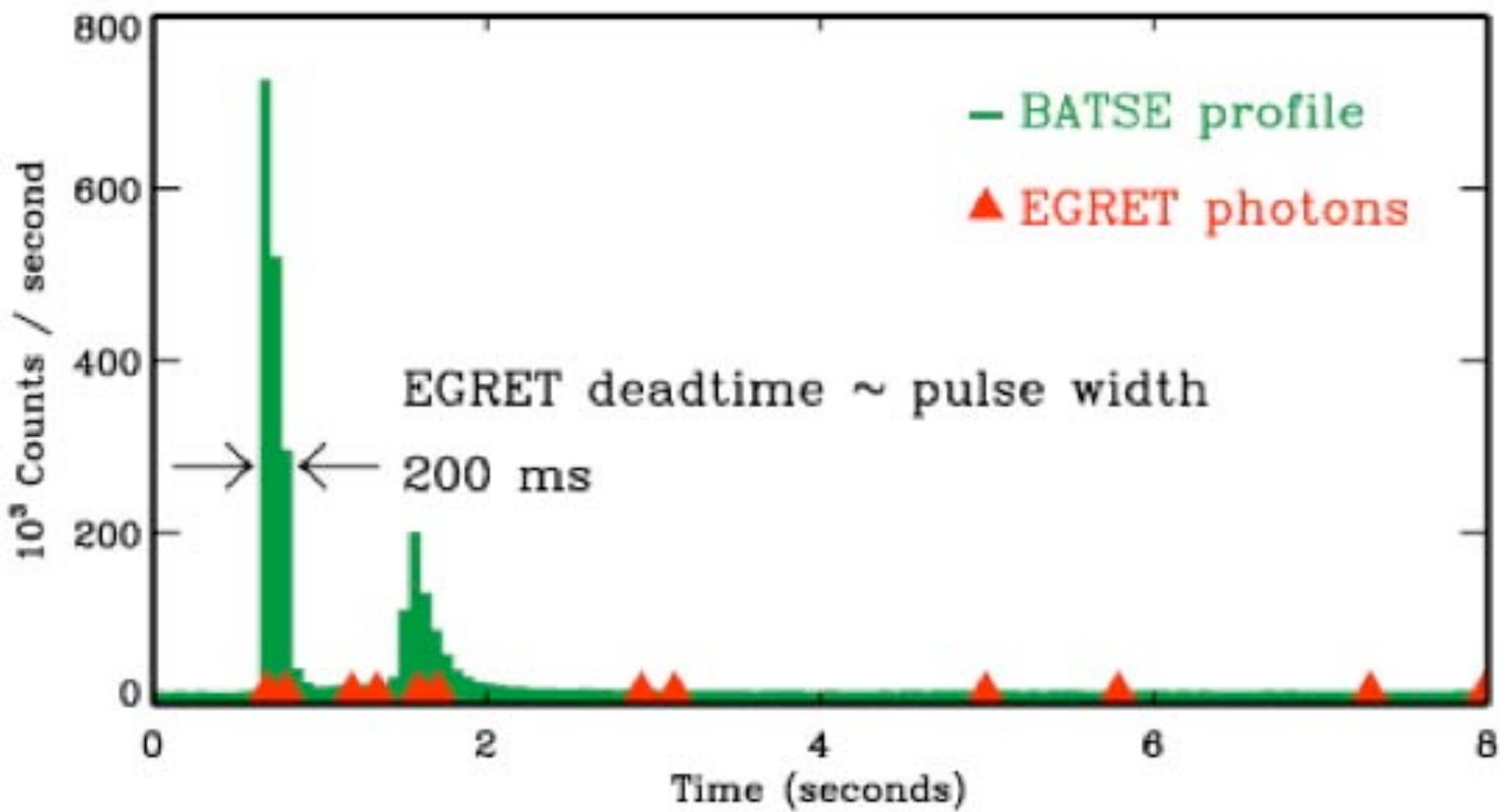


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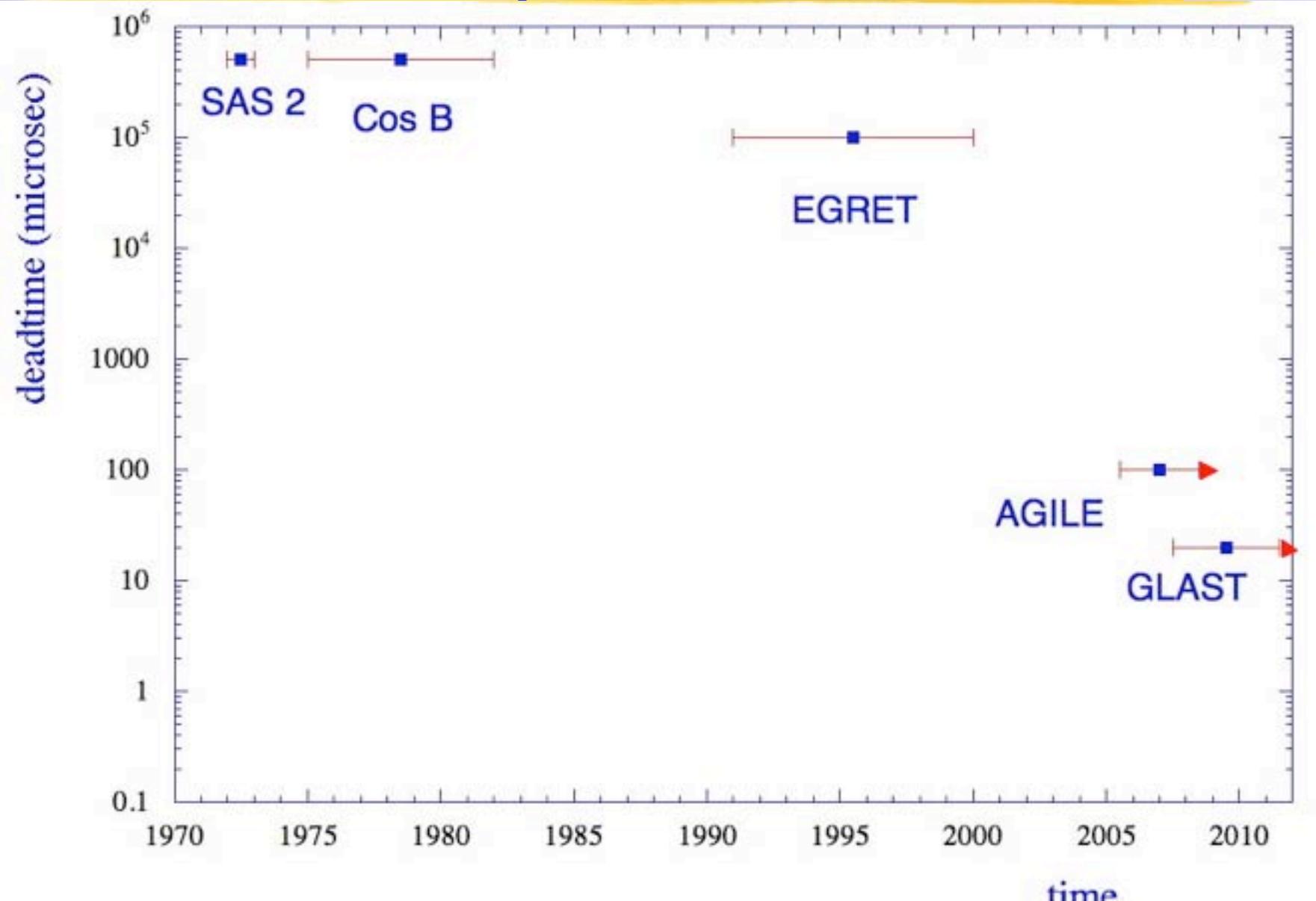


# EGRET Superbowl Gamma Ray Burst

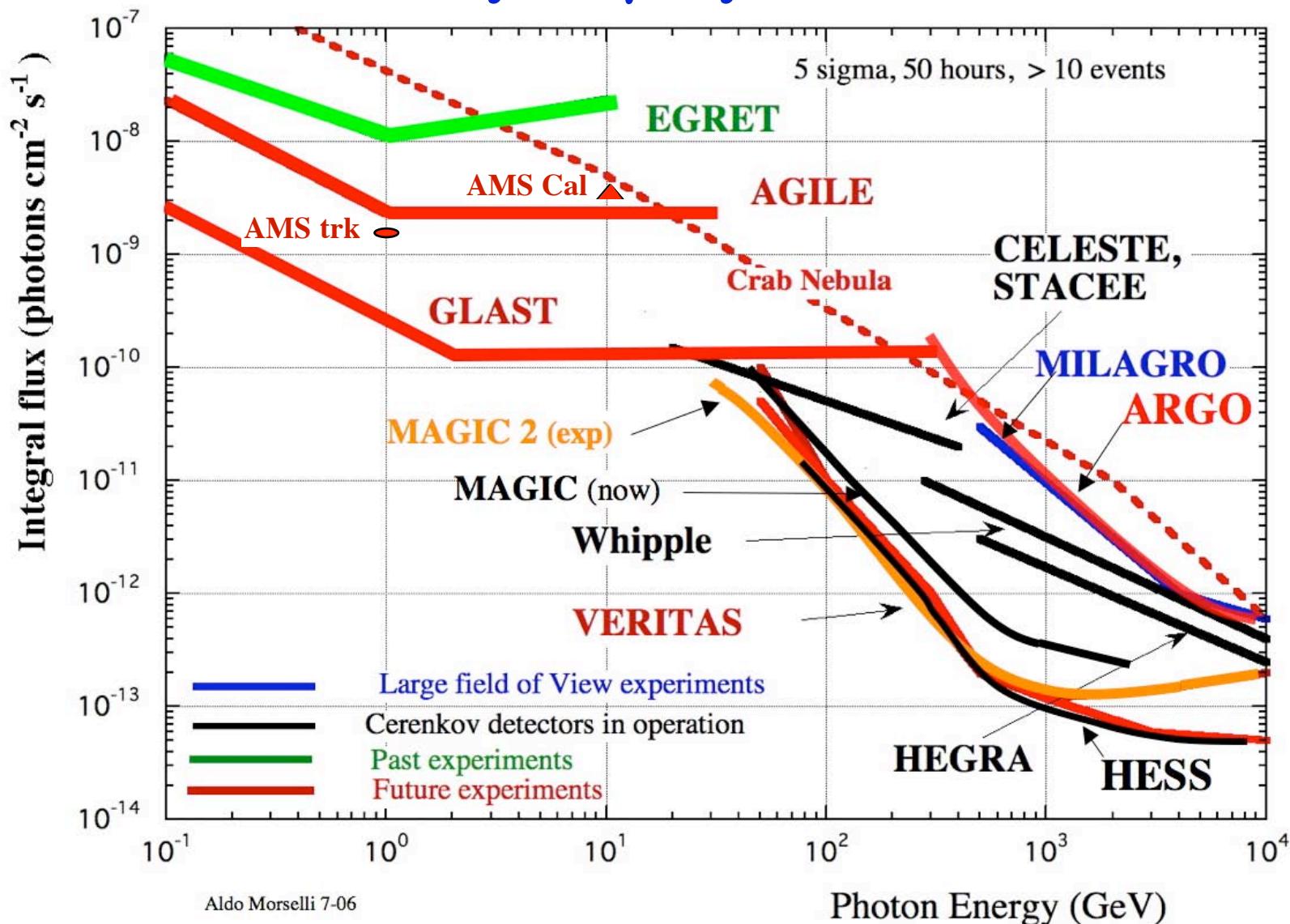
1993/1/31 (Superbowl) Burst



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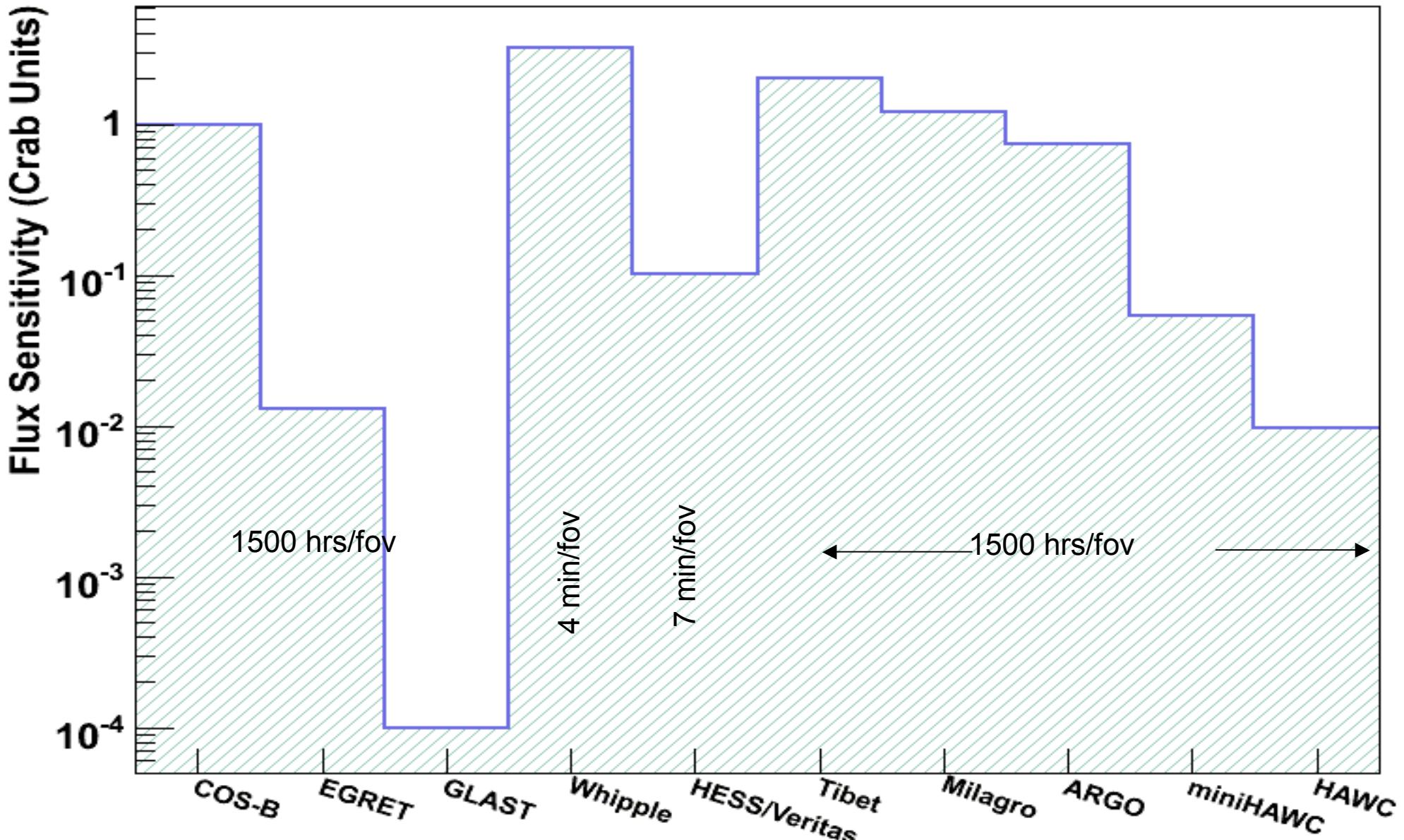


# Sensitivity of $\gamma$ -ray detectors



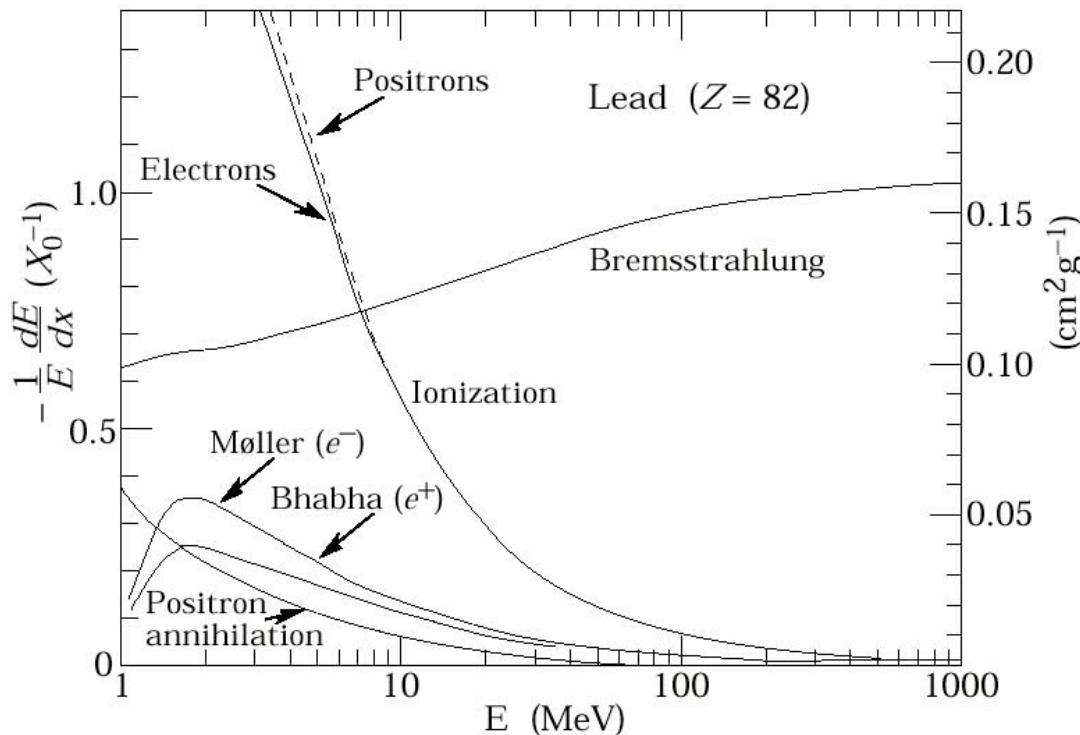
High galactic latitudes ( $\Phi_b = 2 \cdot 10^{-5} \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$  (100 MeV/E)<sup>1.1</sup>). Cerenkov telescopes sensitivities (Veritas, MAGIC, Whipple, Hess, Celeste, Stacee, Hegra) are for 50 hours of observations. Large field of view detectors sensitivities (AGILE, GLAST, Milagro, ARGO, AMS) are for 1 year of observation.

# One Year Survey Sensitivity

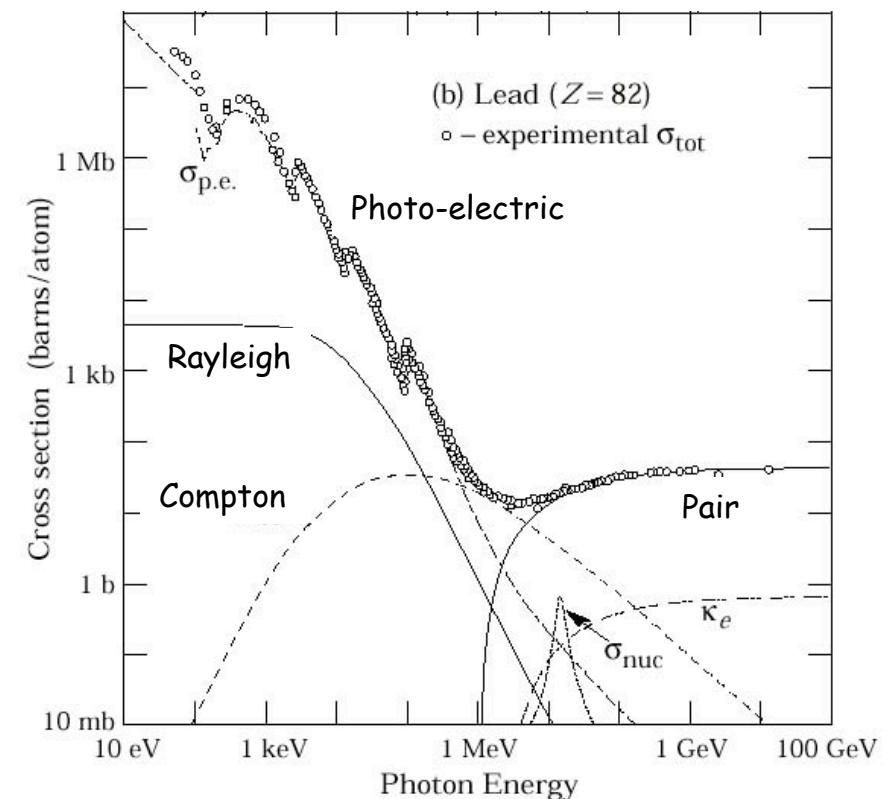


# Interaction of electrons and photons with matter

Fractional energy loss for  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  in lead



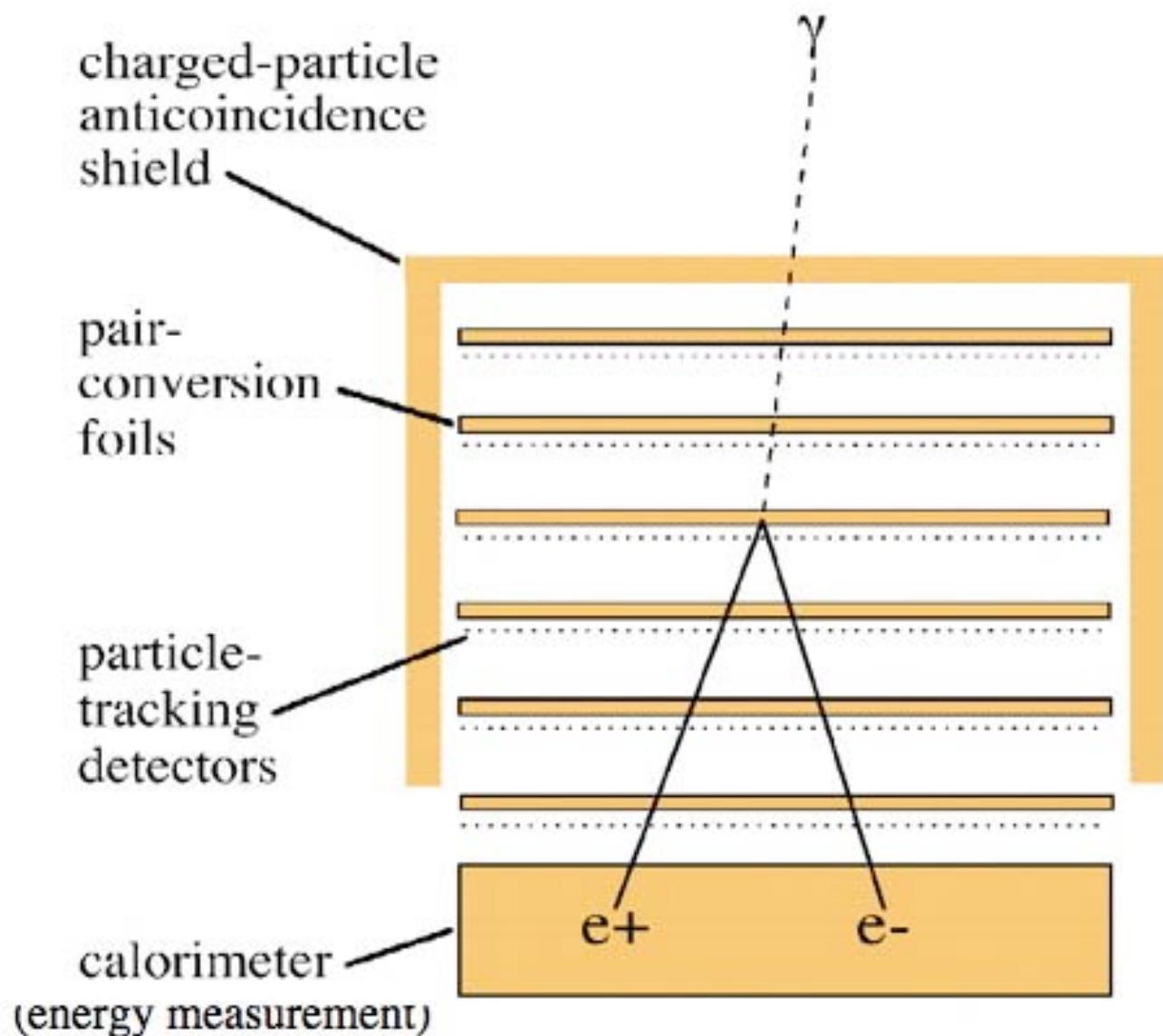
Photon total cross sections



$$\frac{dE}{dx}_{\text{Brems}} = -\frac{E}{X_0} \Rightarrow E(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{X_0}}$$

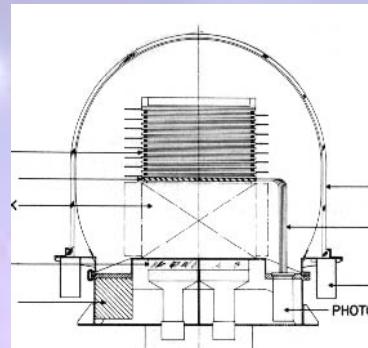
$$\text{Prob. of Int.} = 1 - \exp^{-\frac{7}{9} \frac{x}{X_0}}$$

# Elements of a pair-conversion telescope



- 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

SAS-2  
11/1972-7/1973



Anti-Coincidence Dome

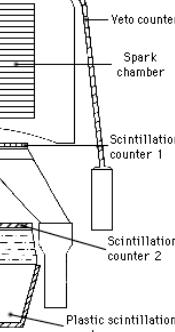
Spark Chamber

Trigger Telescope

Cerenkov Counter

Energy Calorimeter

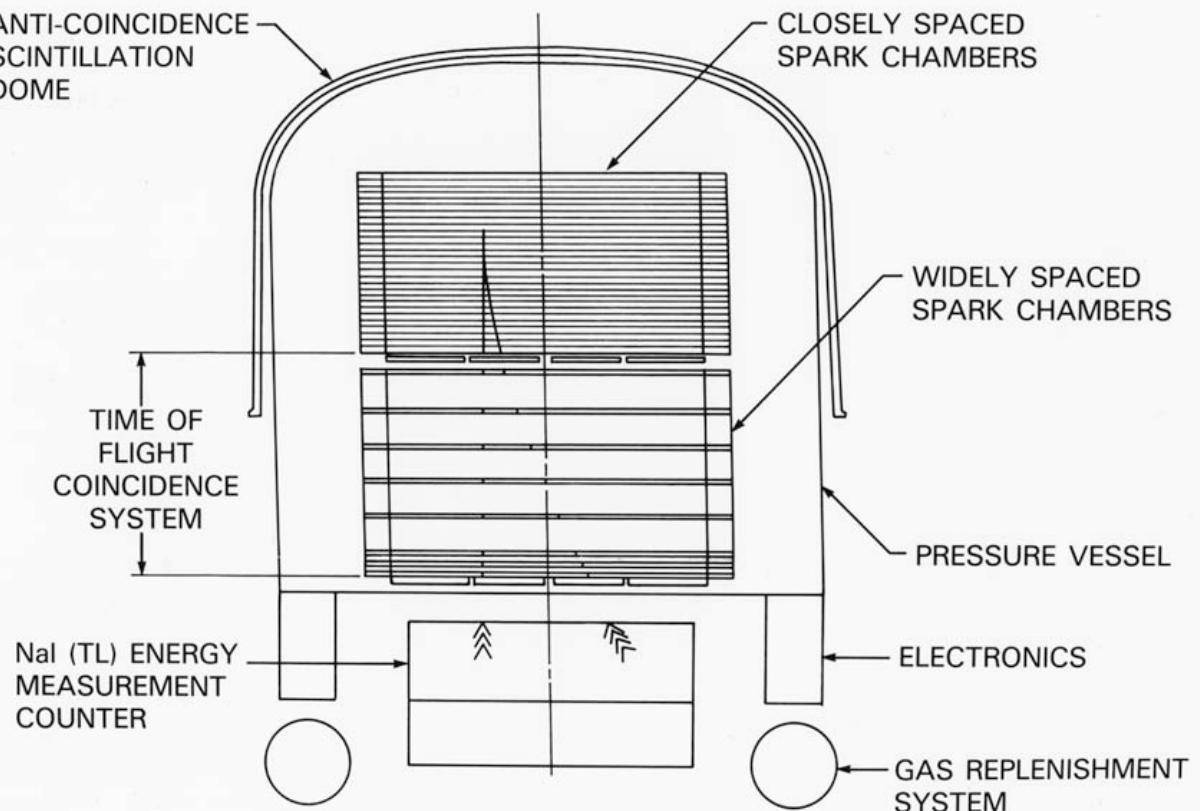
ANTI-COINCIDENCE  
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Cos-B  
8/1975-4/1982

# The gamma-ray missions

EGRET  
4/1991-1999



# Agile



*Astro-rivelatore Gamma  
a Immagini Leggero*



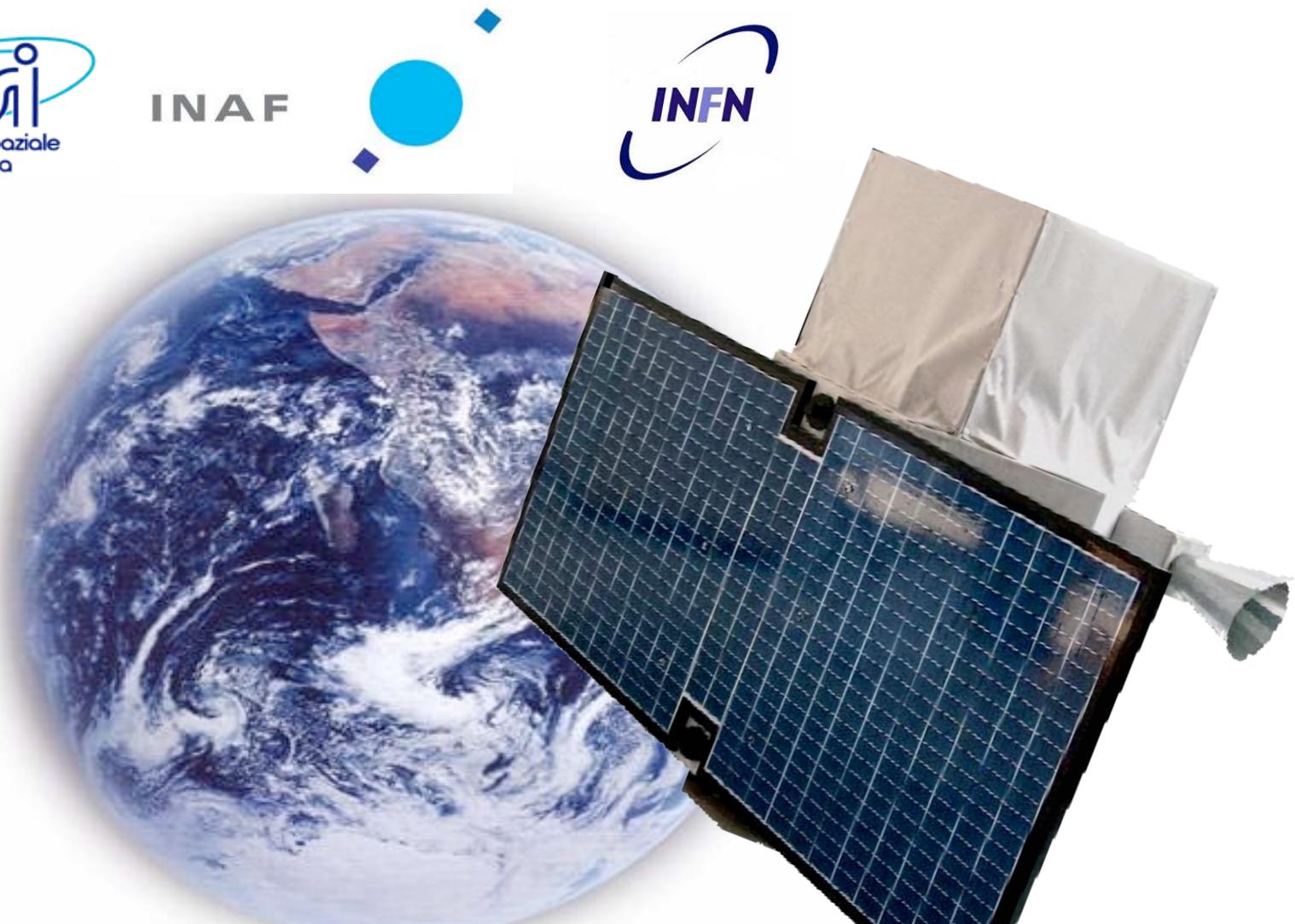
# THE AGILE MISSION



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# AGILE

Super Agile Mask

Super Agile Silicon plane

AntiCoincidence

Photomultipliers

Top: 0.5cm plastic scintillator

Lateral: 12 panels 0.6 cm

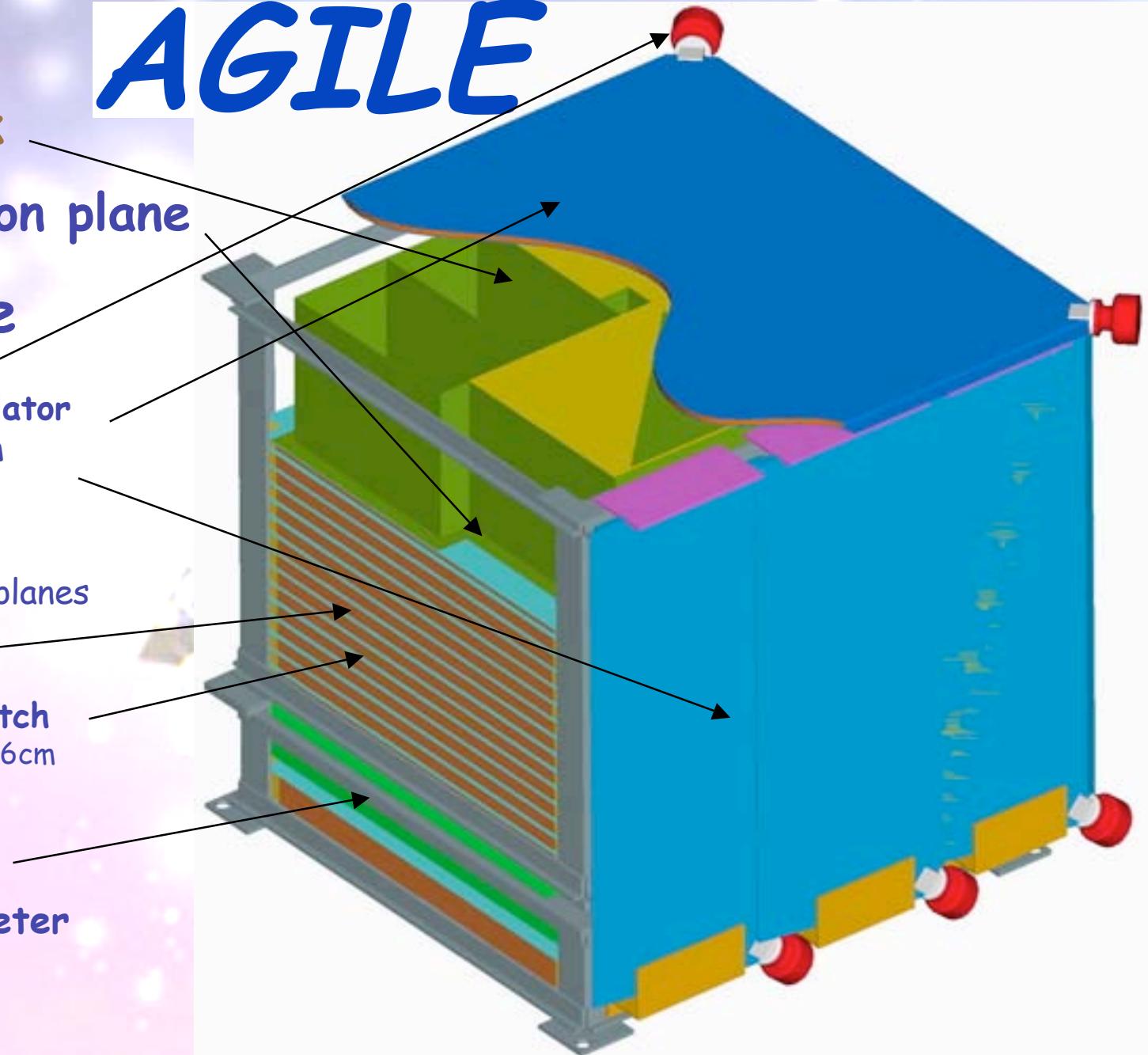
Tracker , 14 X/Y planes

W 0.07  $X_0$

X/Y plane, 121 mm pitch  
distance between planes 1.6cm

Calorimeter

1.5  $X_0$  CsI Calorimeter  
 $1.4 \times 2 \times 40 \text{ cm}^3$  bars



# The Silicon Tracker

## The AGILE silicon detectors

### Detector specifications:

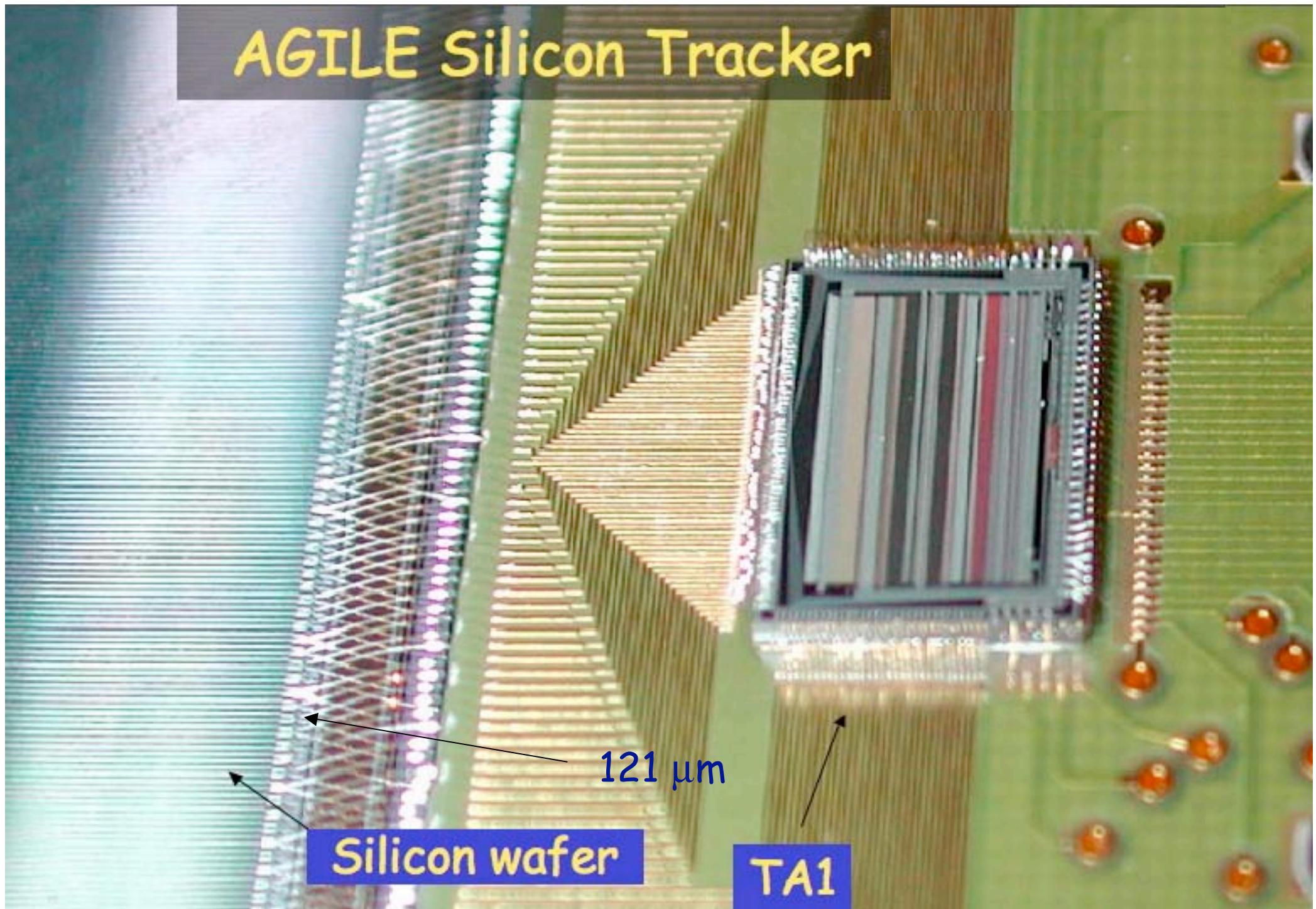
- dimension:  $9.5 \times 9.5 \text{ cm}^2$
- thickness:  $410 \mu\text{m}$  (6 inch technology )
- readout pitch:  $242 \mu\text{m}$ ;  
physical pitch:  $121 \mu\text{m}$  (one floating strip)
- number of strips/ladder: 384
- Single side and AC-coupled
- leakage current:  $2 \text{ nA/cm}^2$  at  $V_{bias}=2.5 \text{ V}_{ao}=200 \text{ V}$
- polarization resistor:  $40 \text{ M}\Omega$
- coupling capacitor:  $55 \text{ pF/cm}$
- Al strip resistance:  $4.3 \Omega/\text{cm}$
- max number of bad strips: <1%
- average number of bad strips: <0.5%

## The AGILE frontend chip: TA1 → TAA1

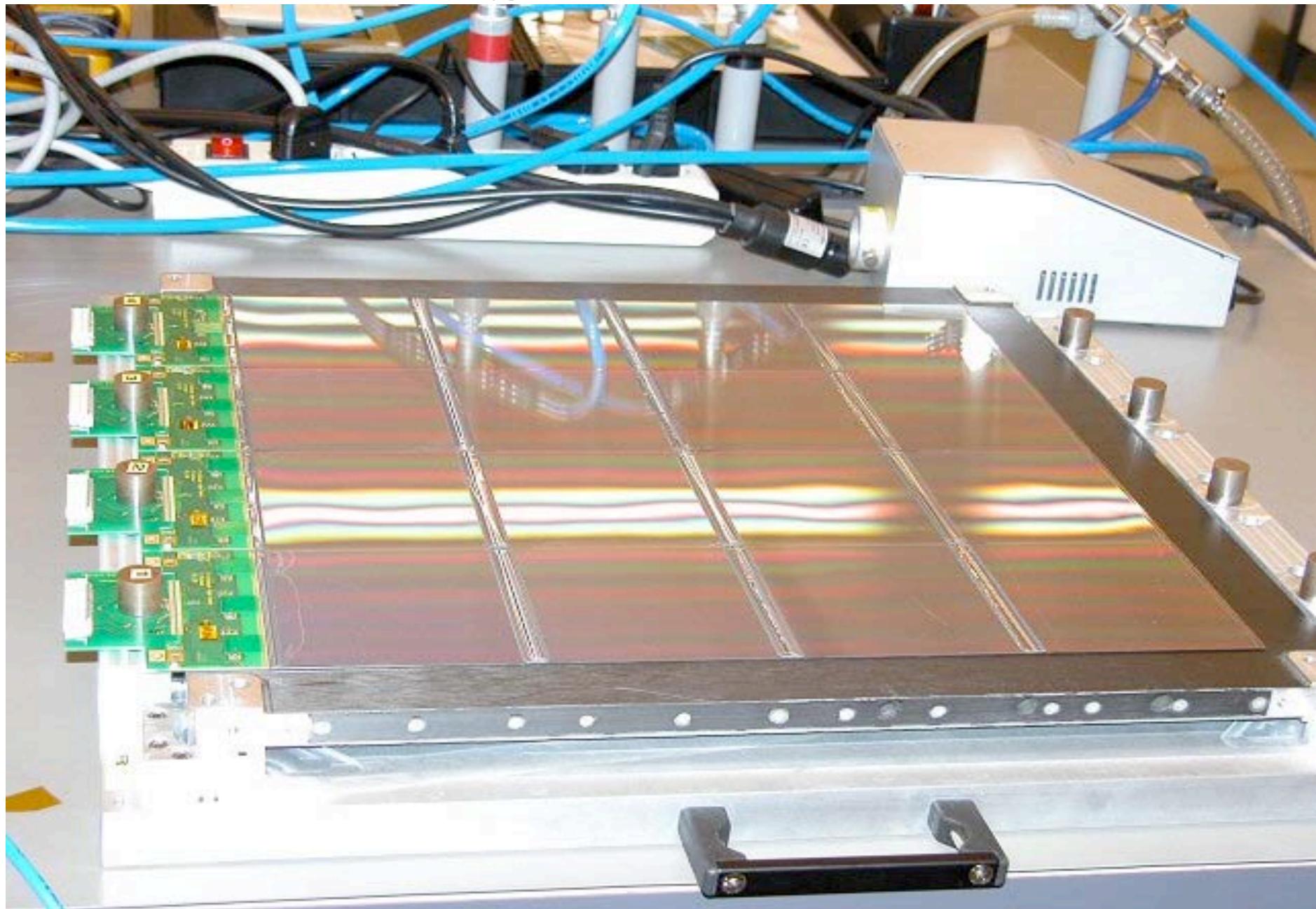
- low noise, low power, SELF-TRIGGERING
- technology:  $1.2 \mu\text{ CMOS}$ , double poly, double metal (final:  $0.8 \mu\text{ BiCMOS}$  on epitaxial layer )
- features:
  - 128 channels
  - gain:  $25 \text{ mV/fC}$ ; range:  $18 \text{ fC}$
  - noise ( $e^- \text{ rms}$ ):  $165+6.1/\text{pF}$  for  $T_{peak}=2 \mu\text{s}$
  - power: <0.4 mW/channel
  - power rails:  $\pm 2 \text{ V}$
  - readout frequency: 5 Mhz
  - gain spread: <1.5%
  - threshold offset spread (TA1): 20% (in TAA1 will be implemented a 3 bit DAC per channel)



# AGILE Silicon Tracker



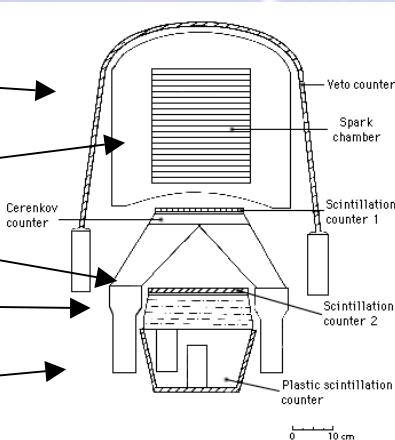
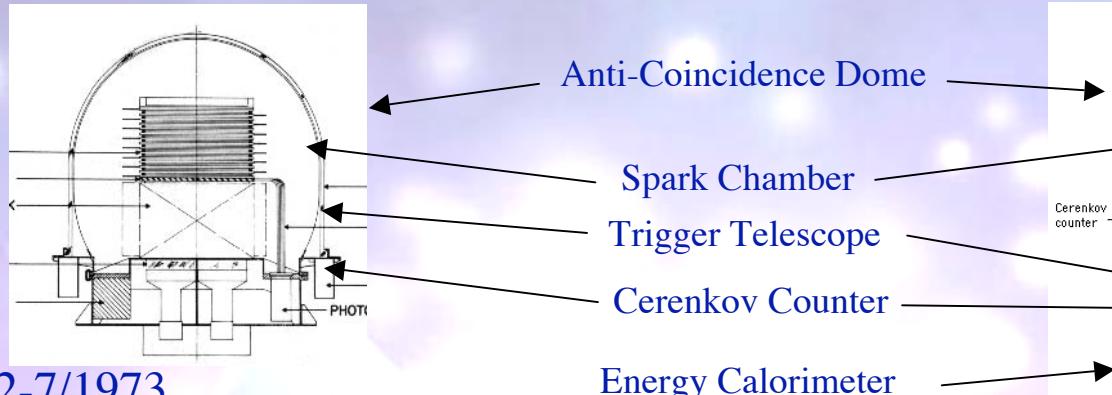
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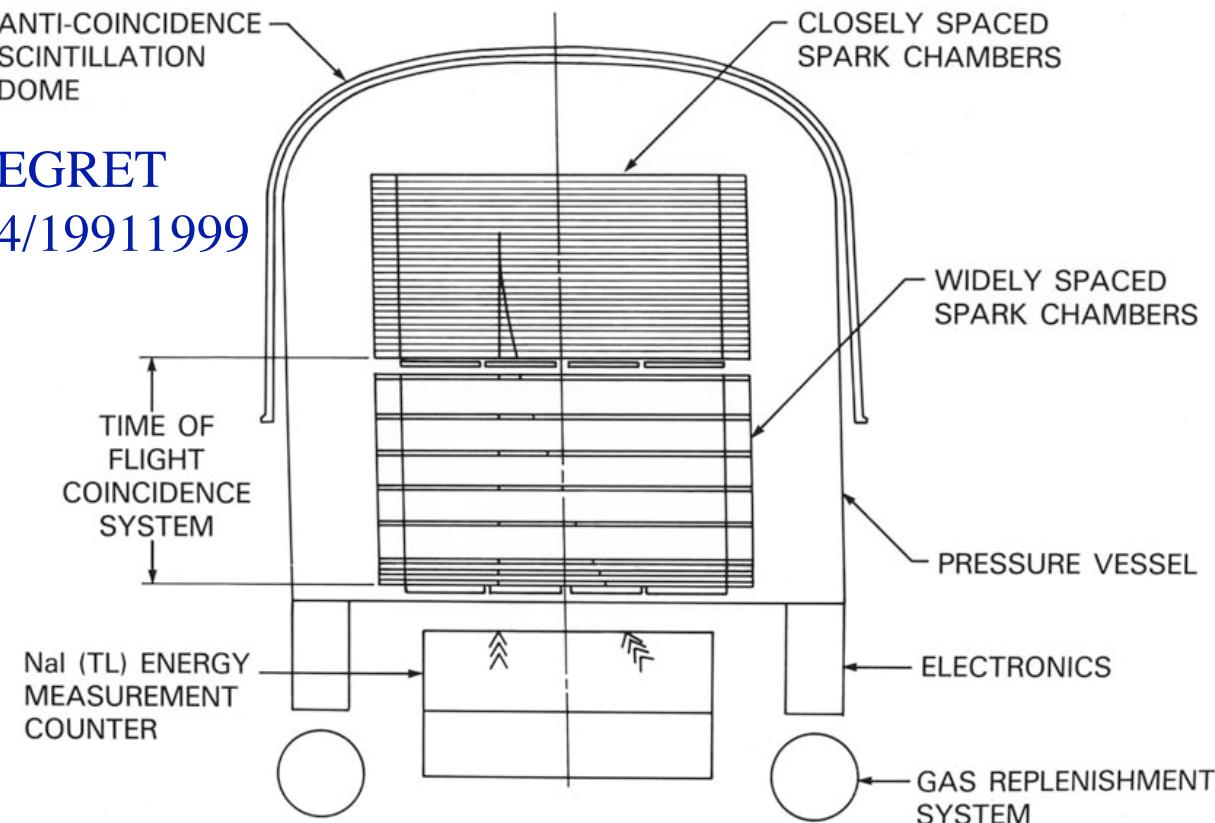
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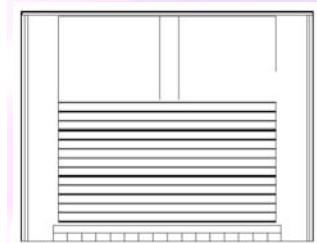
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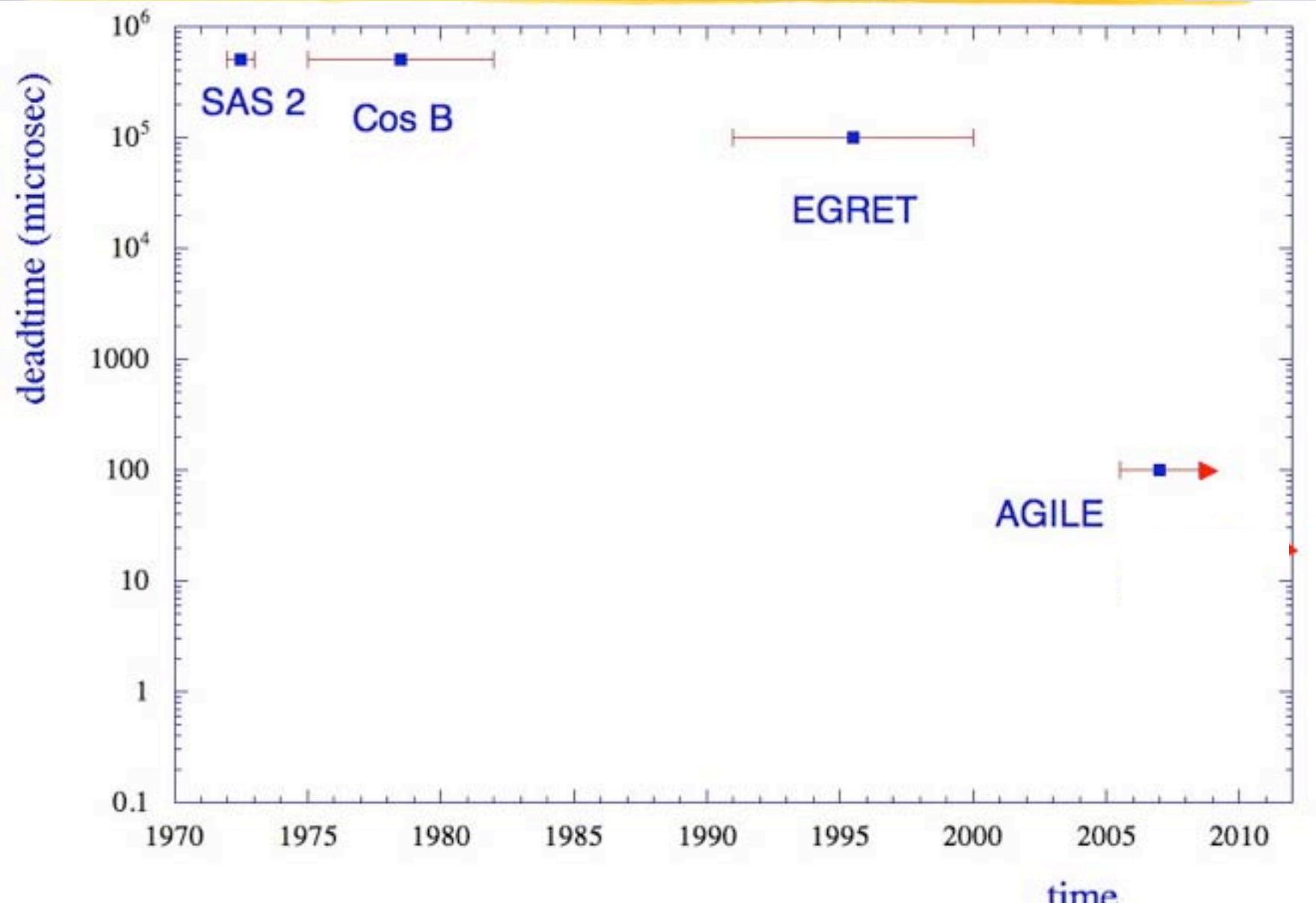


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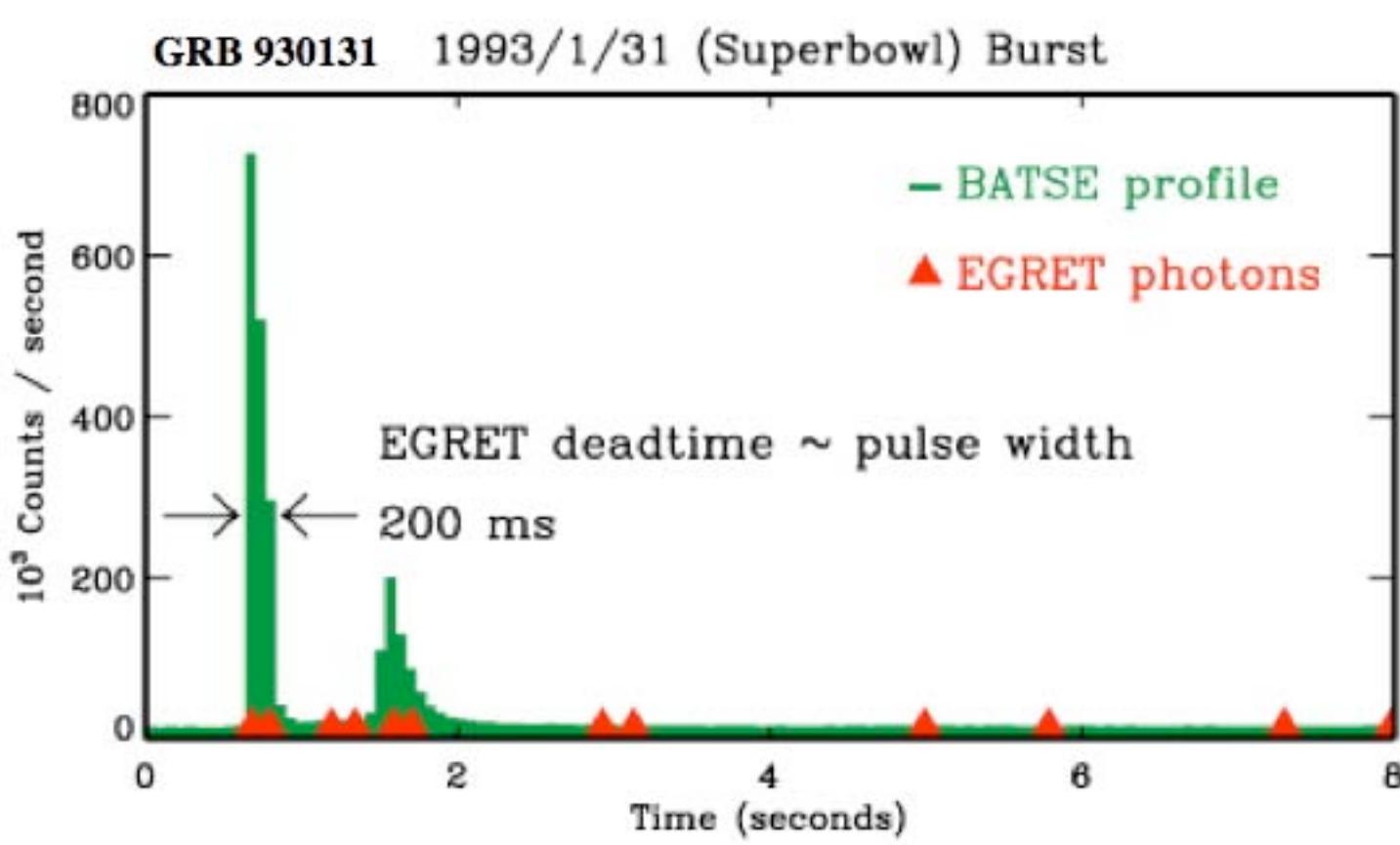


AGILE  
2006-

# Gamma -ray mission deadtime



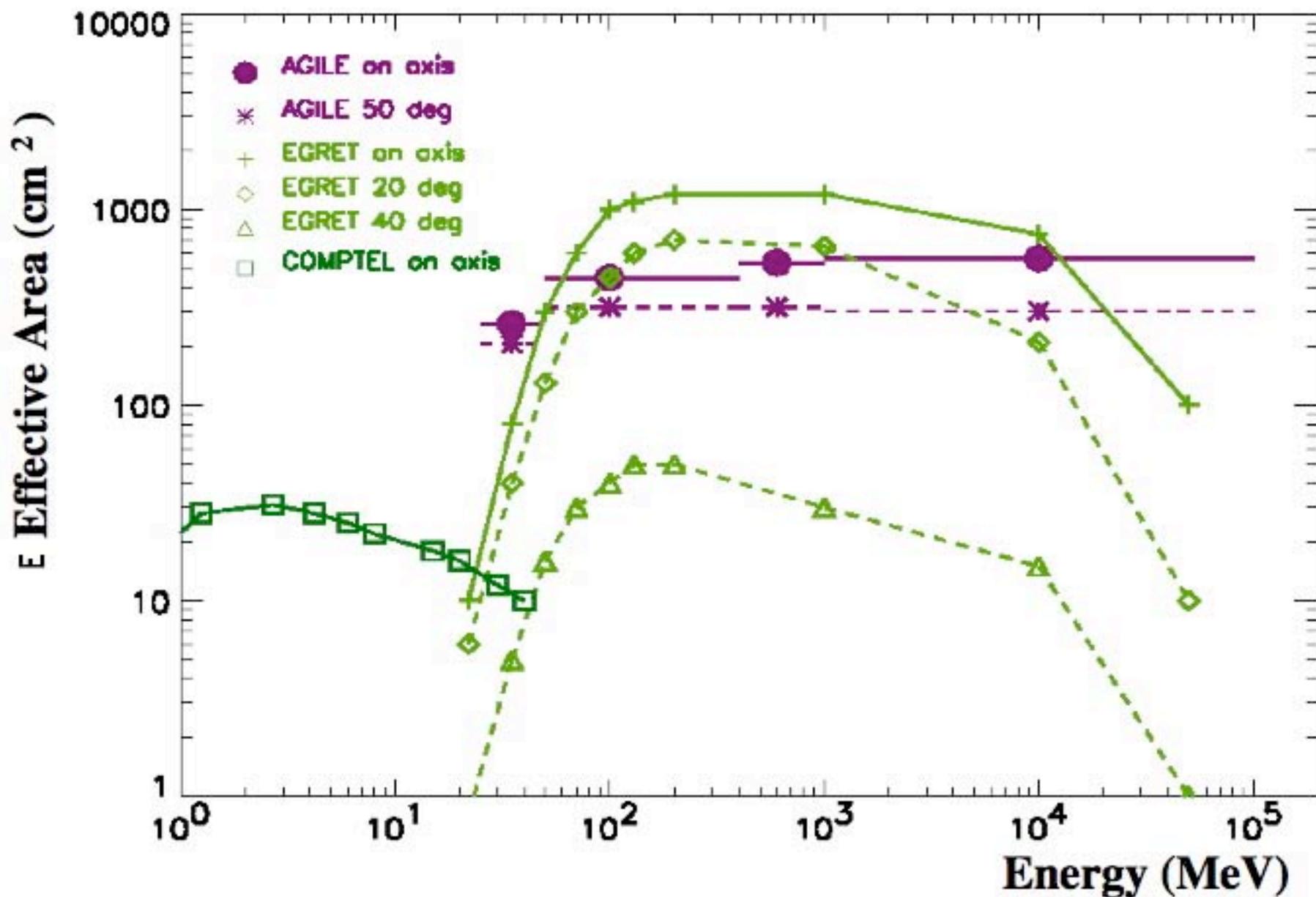
# GRB studies with AGILE



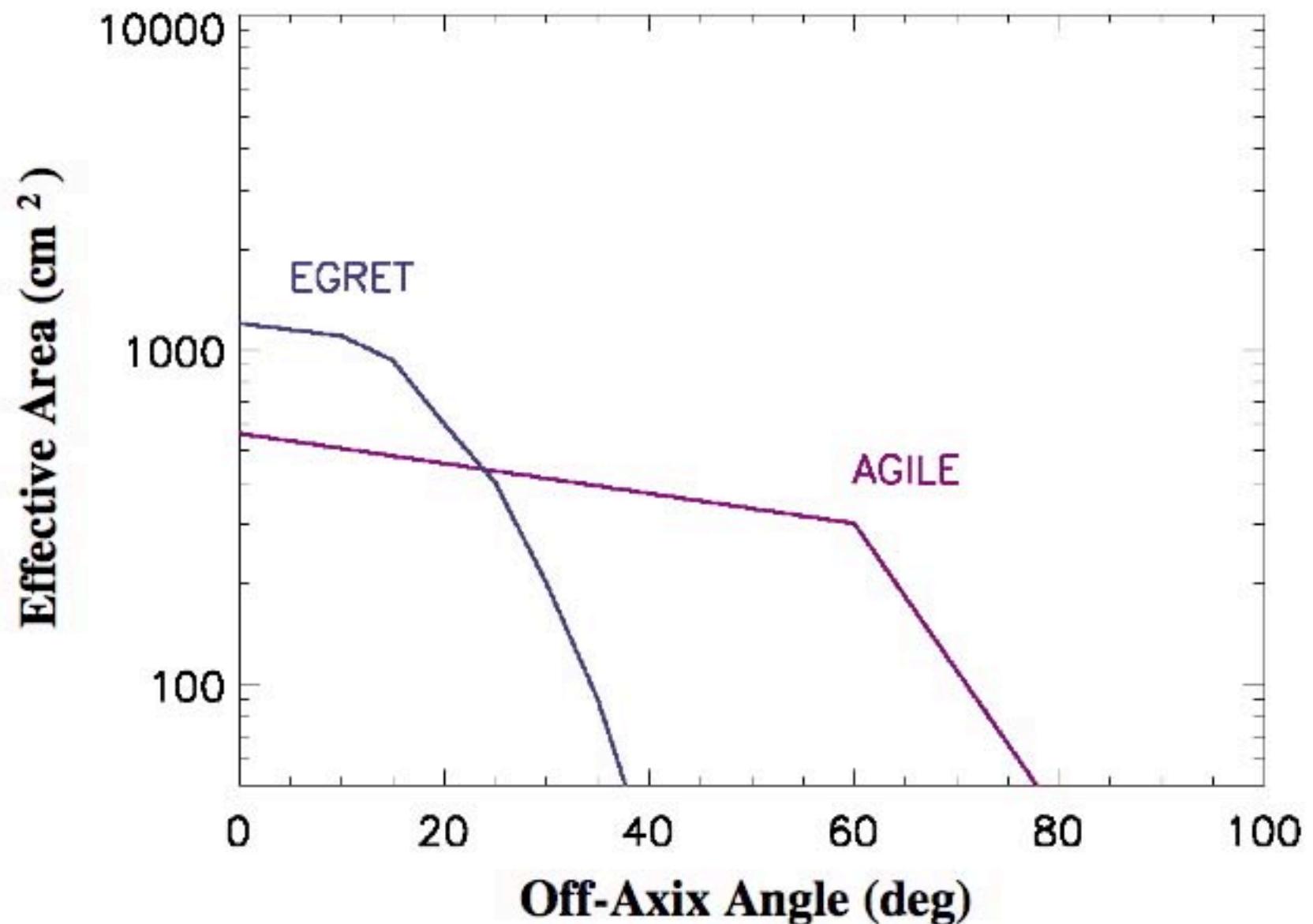
- Study of the initial impulsive phase:  $\Delta t < 1$  ms
- Expected detection rate (above 50 MeV):  $5\text{-}10 \text{ yr}^{-1}$

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- Broad band spectral information:  $\sim 200 \text{ keV} - 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Rapid communication of GRB quicklook results

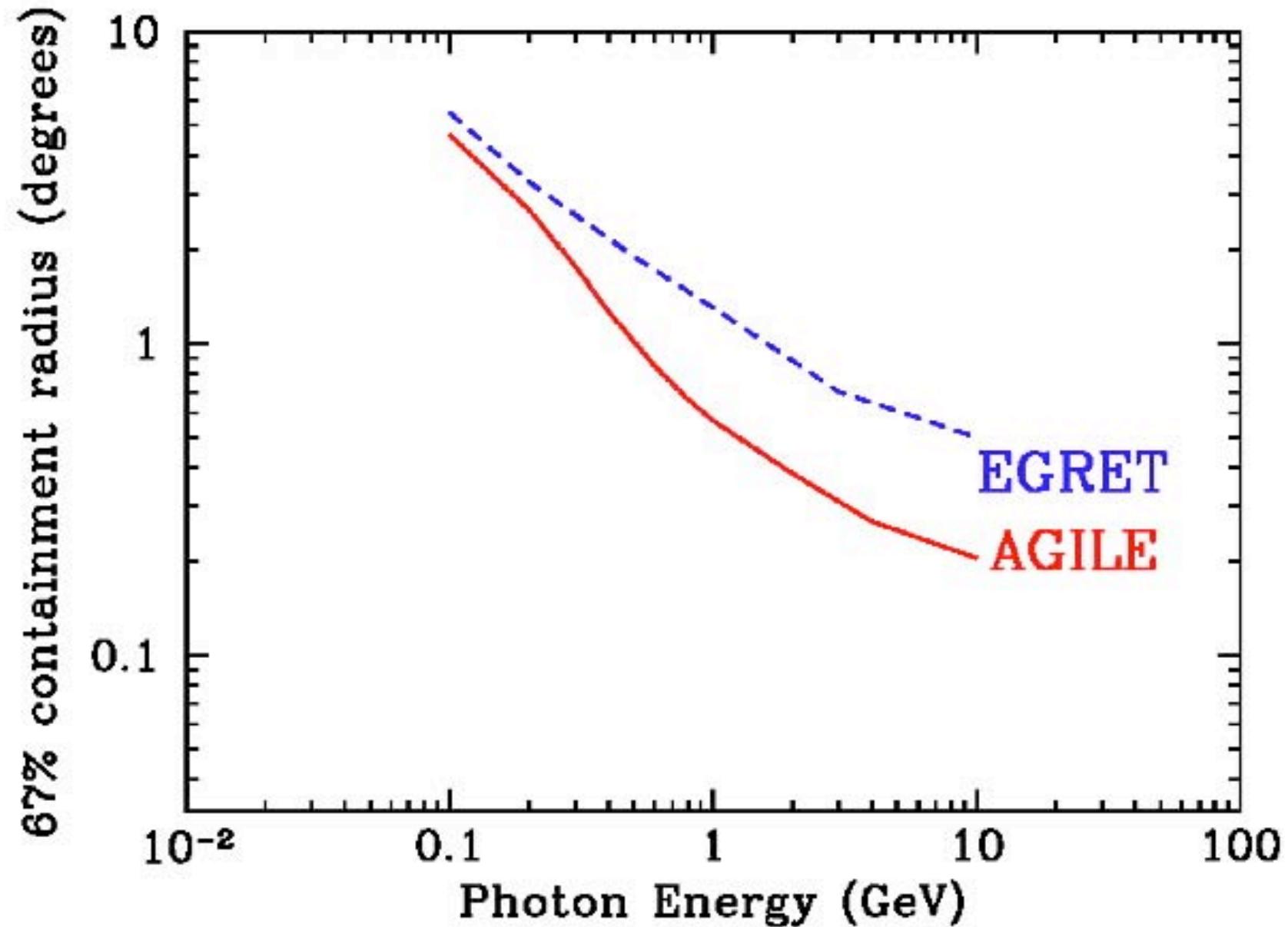
# AGILE, EGRET & COMPTEL effective areas

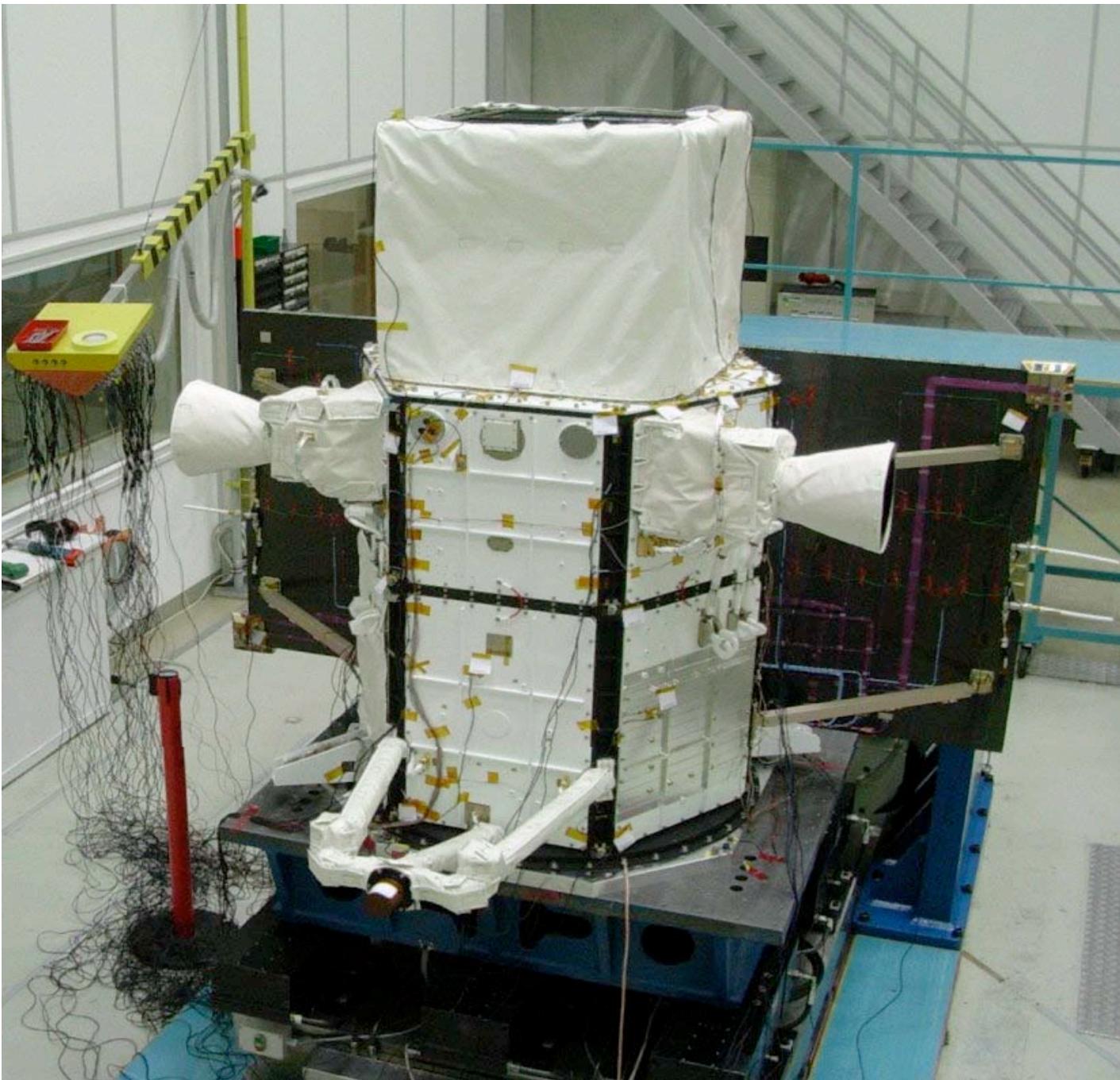


# Off-Axis Effective Area at 1 GeV



Three dimensional PSF as a function of photon energy for AGILE and EGRET.





**AGILE Satellite  
(IABG, Munich  
June 16, 2006)**



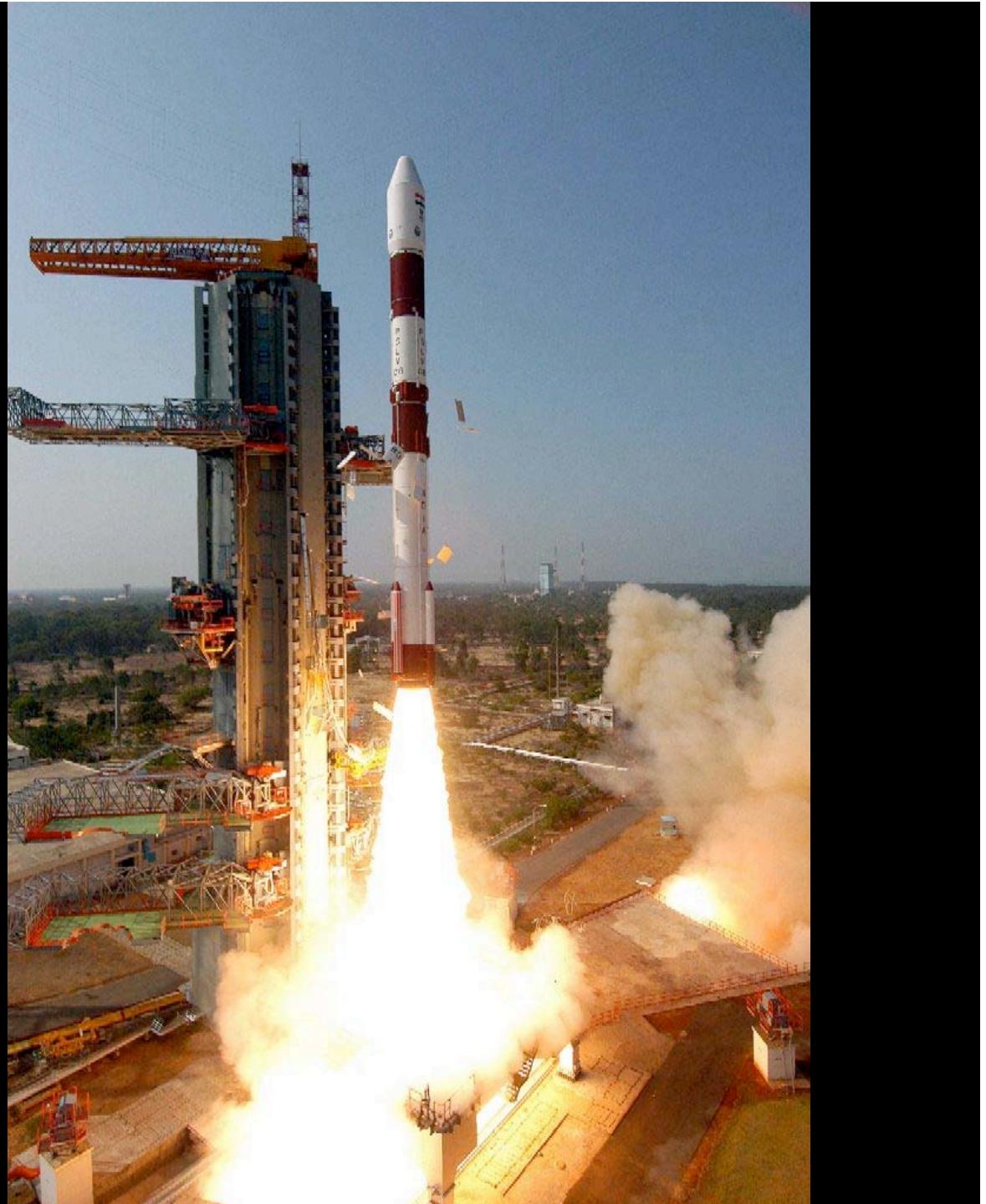
17 April 2007  
closing the payload  
AGILE mounted on the  
PSLV rocket, inside the  
Vehicle Assembly Building  
of Sriharikota



22 April  
The rocket  
PSLV  
ready for  
the launch

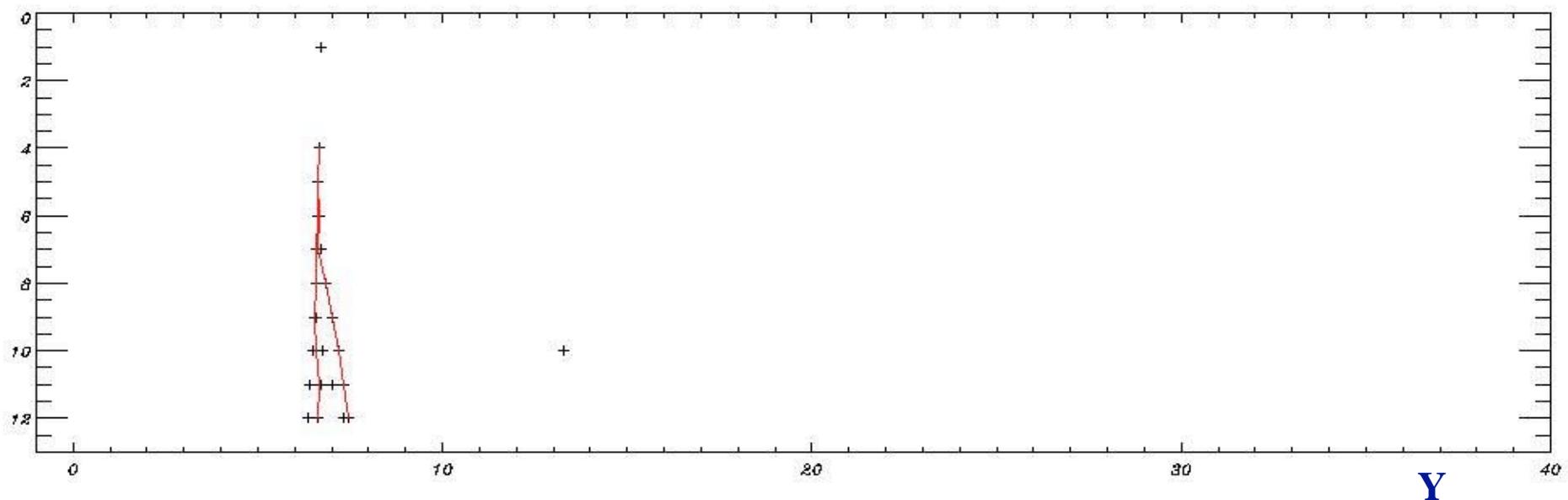
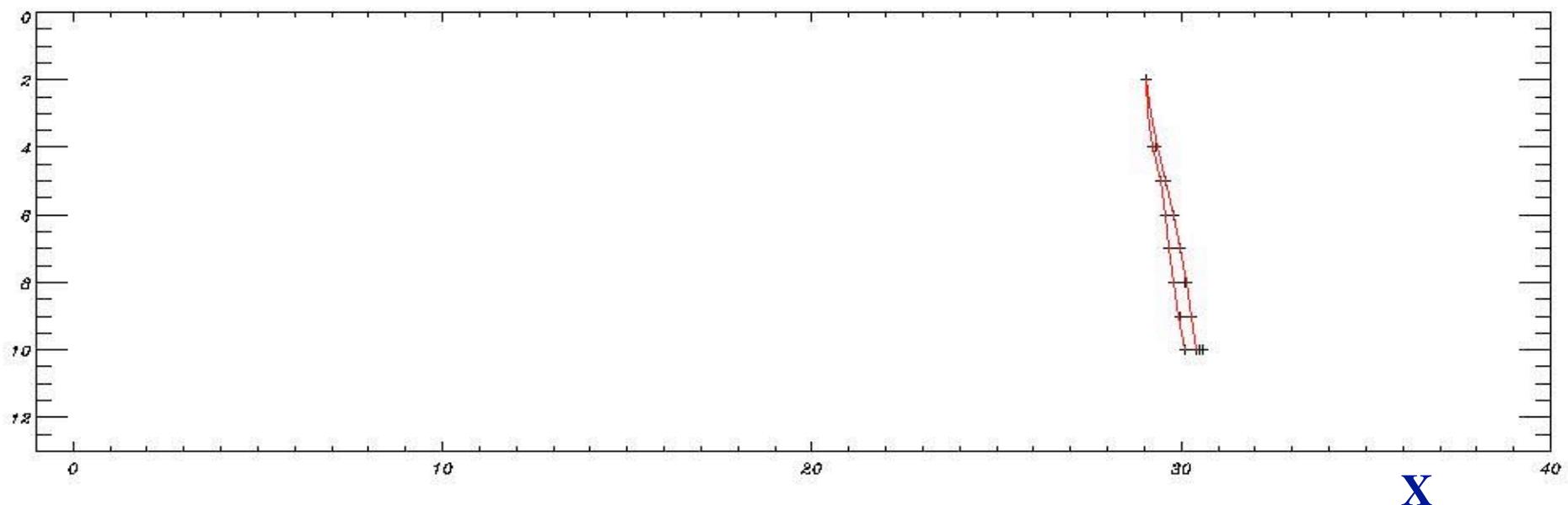


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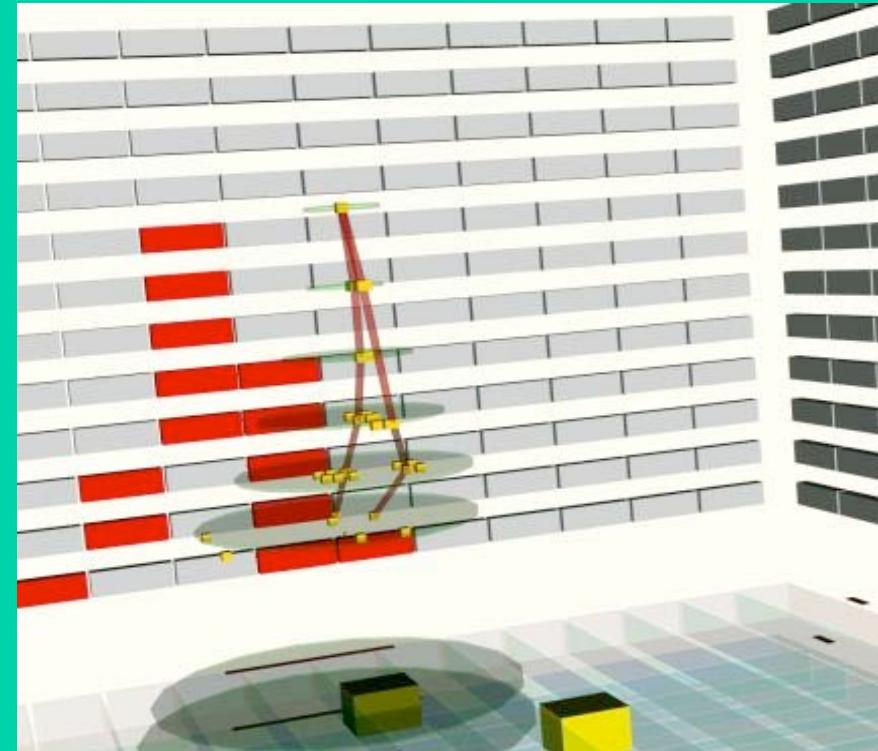
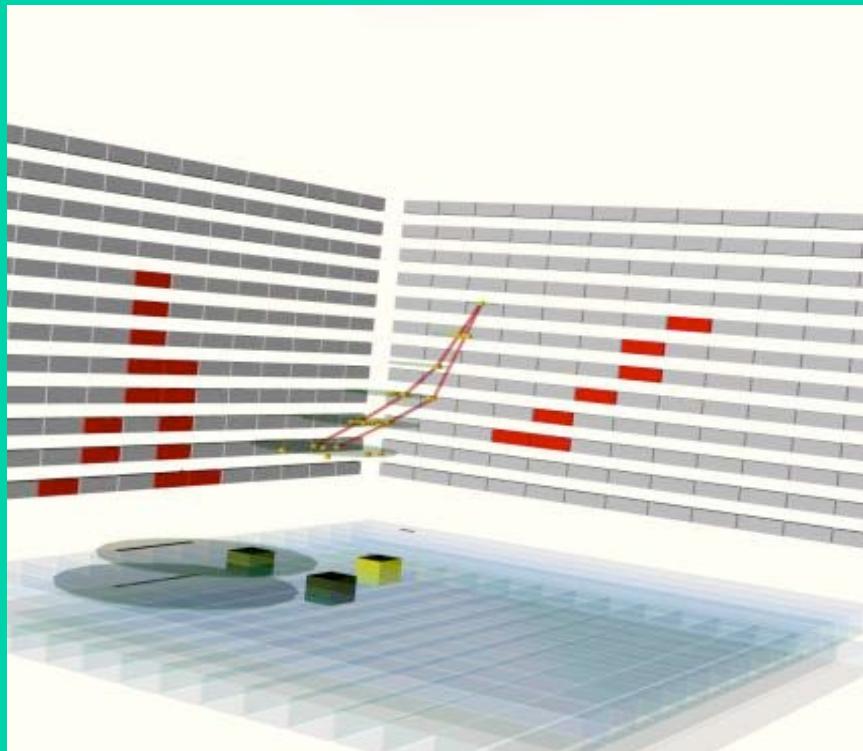




8 May 2007 first photon received from AGILE in orbit

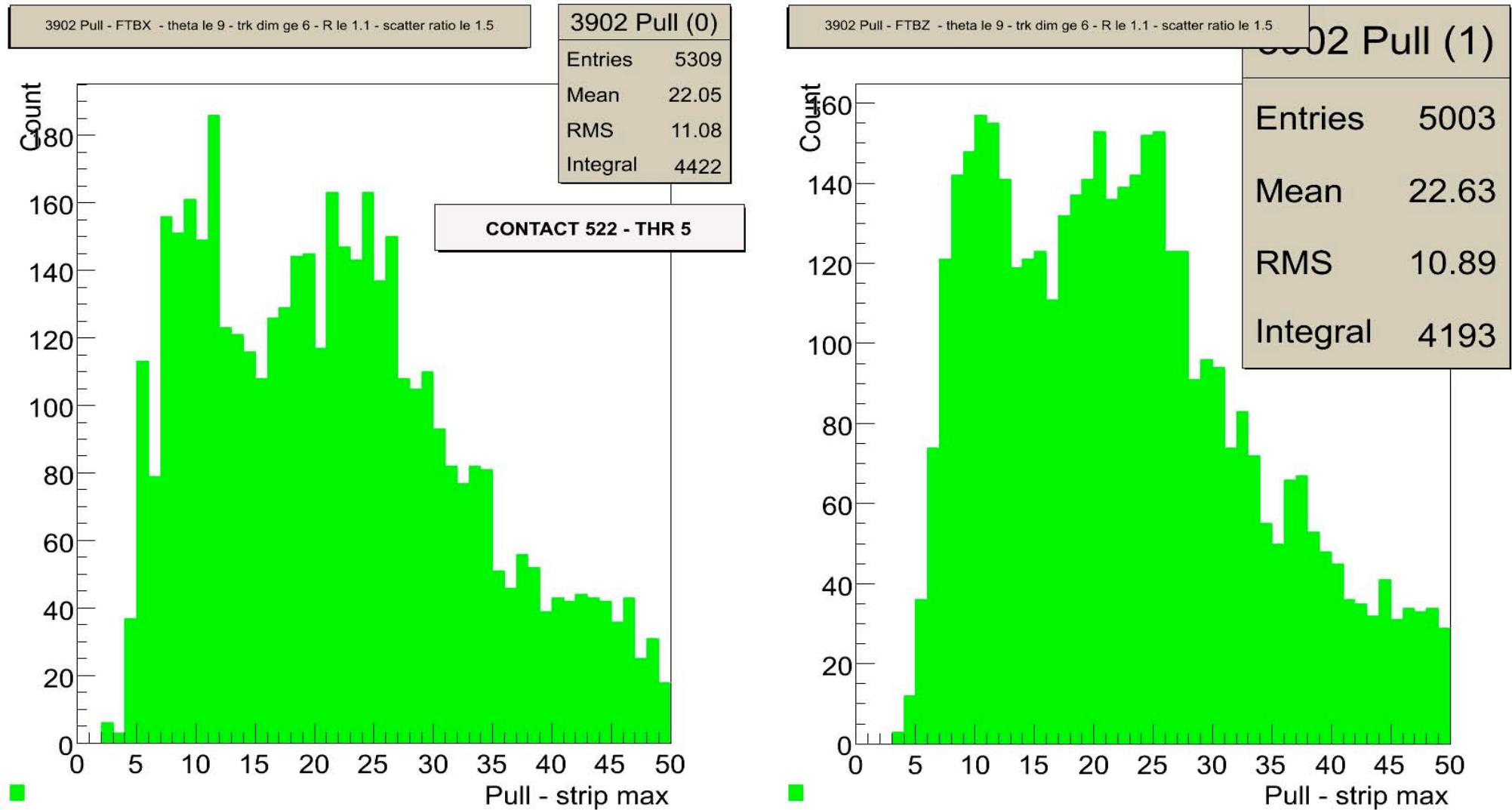


# First gamma-ray photon detected by AGILE on Orbit



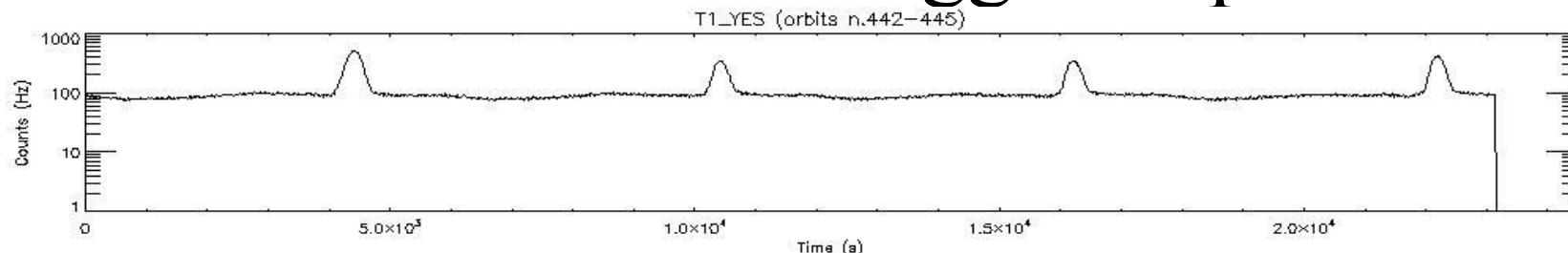
# AGILE Tracker: on-axis (0-9 degrees) Pull

## [central strip “charge”/noise (pedestal sigma)]

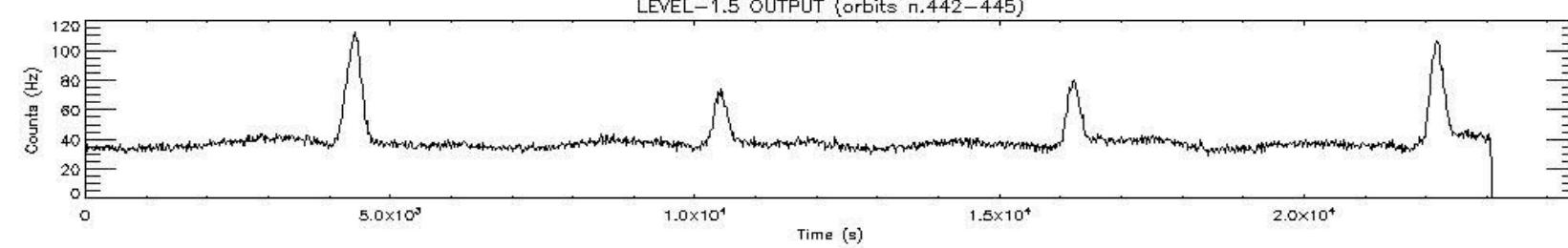


# On Orbit AGILE Grid Trigger sequence

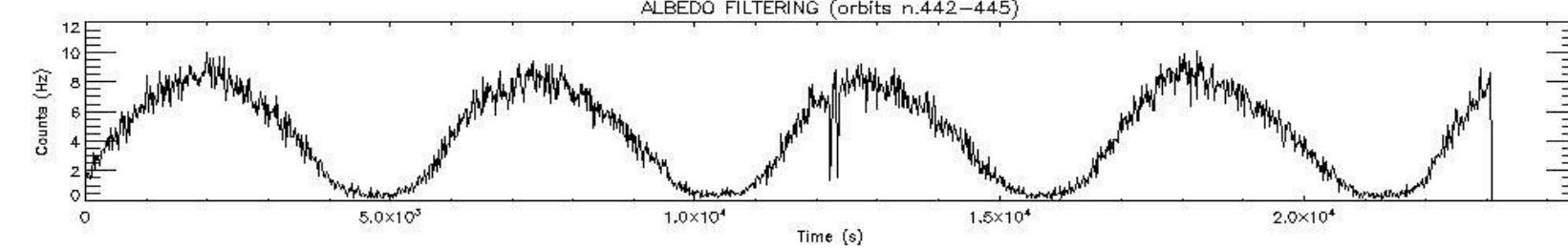
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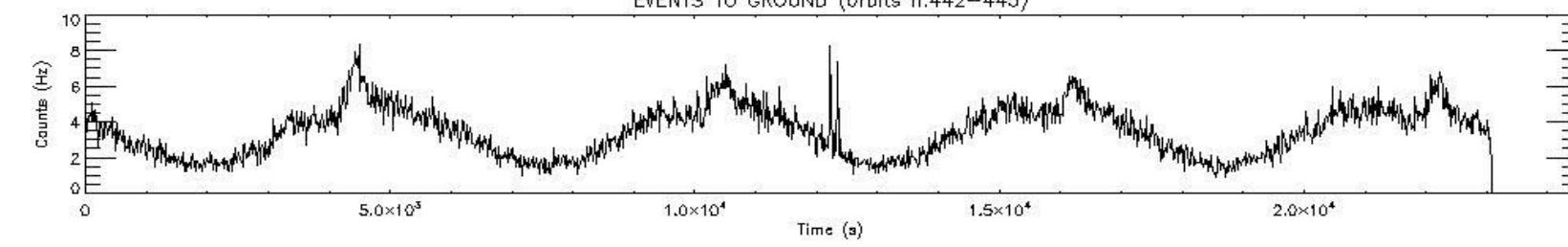
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Filter



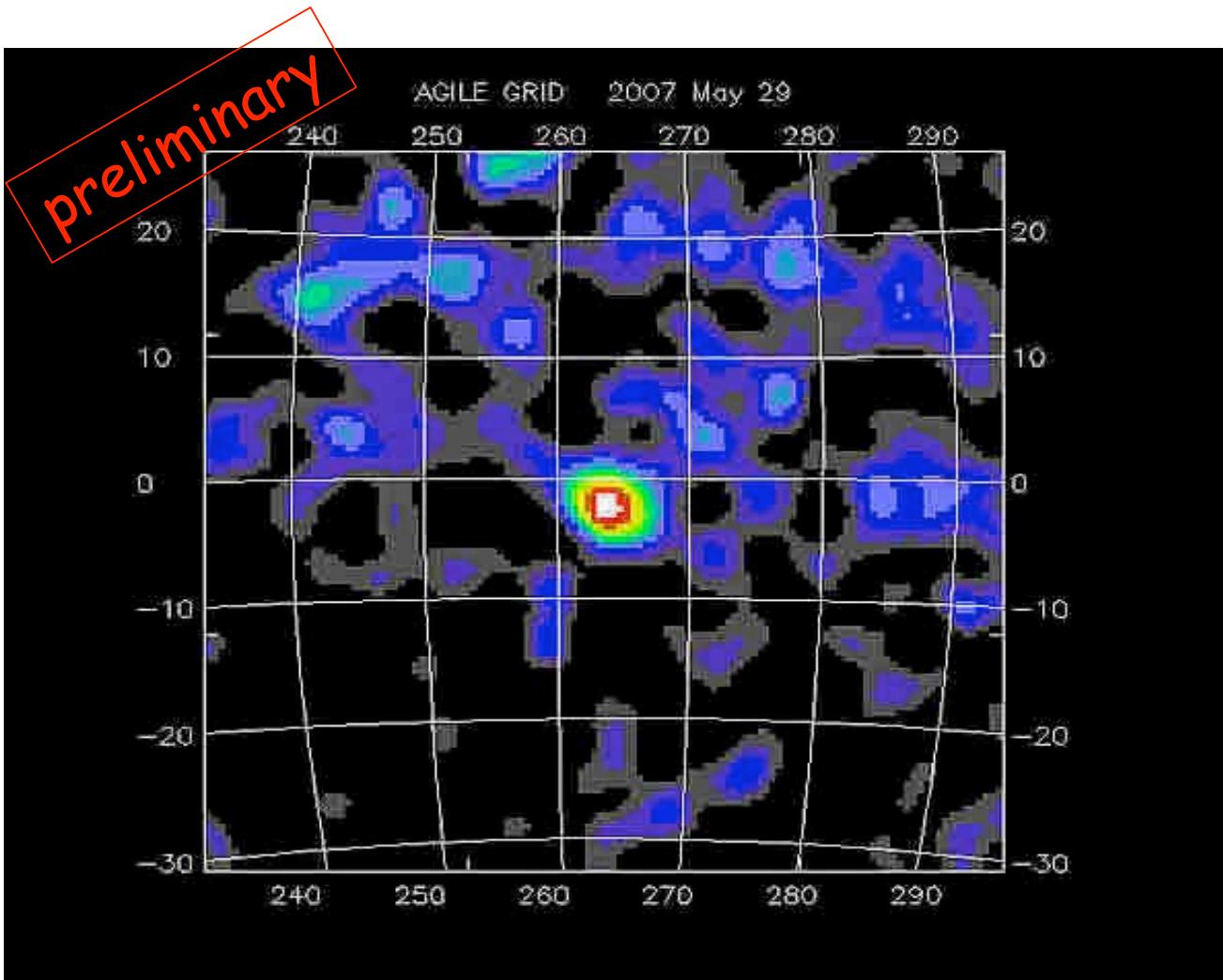
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# AGILE Tracker efficiency (0-9 degrees) (physical calibration)

| <i>ORBITAL<br/>CONTACT<br/>NUMBER</i> | <i>TR-FEE<br/>Threshold<br/>(and strip-<br/>mask)</i> | <i>TM<br/>TYPE</i> | <i>Pull-X</i> | <i>Pull-Z</i> | <i>% EVT<br/>&lt; 3 CL</i> | <i>% C3 &lt;<br/>100<br/>ADC</i> | <i>Single track efficiency<br/>(detection in the 3rd plane out of 4<br/>aligned planes with the other 3 planes<br/>with detected hits)</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Run 11119<br>(IABG, Munich)           | 7 (6)   | phys               | 16.7          | 16.2          | 1%                         | 0%*                              | Efficiency -Z    0.97 +/- 0.02<br>Efficiency -X    0.95 +/- 0.02   |
| 253                                   | 20 (6)  | phys               | 16.7          | 16.7          | 1.50%                      | 0.20%                            | Efficiency -Z    0.83 +/- 0.03<br>Efficiency -X    0.80 +/- 0.03   |
| 510                                   | 6 (6)   | phys               | 18.1          | 17.4          | 5%                         | 2.30%                            | Efficiency -Z    0.97 ± 0.01<br>Efficiency -X    0.96 ± 0.01   |
| 522                                   | 5 (7)   | phys               | 17            | 17.4          | 13%                        | 2.50%                            | Efficiency -Z    0.97 ± 0.01<br>Efficiency -X    0.96 ± 0.02   |
| 535<br>(FVC – 1 plane)                | 5 (8)   | phys               | 17            | 17.2          | 7.50%                      | 2%                               | Efficiency -Z    0.98 ± 0.03<br>Efficiency -X    0.95 ± 0.03   |

# First Results:the VELA pulsar



The picture shows a preliminary count map (Galactic coordinates) of photons with energy above 100 MeV of the Vela Pulsar region. The observation duration is approximately half a day (7 orbits) between May 29 and 30, 2007.

This image represents only the central part of the AGILE gamma-ray imager field of view and was built from data with a preliminary background rejection taken with an instrument configuration that is not yet optimized.

# AGILE in flight

- AGILE is working nominally in orbit with the widest Field of View for a gamma-ray detector!
- The Silicon Tracker is performing in a stable way, with very low noise and small particle background
- AGILE is currently in the Commissioning Phase until the end of June
- The Science verification phase will start in July

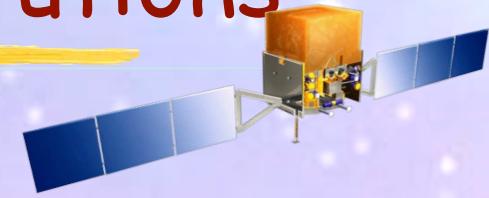


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# The GLAST Participating Institutions

## American Institutions

SU-HEPL Stanford University, Hanson Experimental Physics Laboratory ,  
SU-SLAC Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Particle Astrophysics group  
GSFC-NASA-LHEA Goddard Space Flight Center, Laboratory for High Energy Astrophysics  
NRL - U. S. Naval Research Laboratory, E. O. Hulbert Center for Space Research, X-ray and gamma-ray branches  
UCSC- SCIPP University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Institute of Particle Physics  
SSU- California State University at Sonoma, Department of Physics & Astronomy , WUStL-Washington University, St. Louis  
UW- University of Washington , TAMUK- Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Ohio State University



## Italian Institutions

INFN - Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare and Univ. of Bari, Padova, Perugia, Pisa, Roma2, Trieste, Udine  
ASI - Italian Space Agency  
IASF- Milano, Roma



## Japanese Institutions

University of Tokyo  
ICRR - Institute for Cosmic-Ray Research  
ISAS- Institute for Space and Astronautical Science  
Hiroshima University



## French Institutions

CEA/DAPNIA Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique, Département d'Astrophysique, de physique des Particules, de physique Nucléaire et de l'Instrumentation Associée, CEA, Saclay  
IN2P3 Institut National de Physique Nucléaire et de Physique des Particules, IN2P3  
IN2P3/LPNHE-X Laboratoire de Physique Nucléaire des Hautes Energies de l'École Polytechnique  
IN2P3/PCC Laboratoire de Physique Corpusculaire et Cosmologie, Collège de France  
IN2P3/CENBG Centre d'études nucléaires de Bordeaux Gradignan  
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## Swedish Institutions

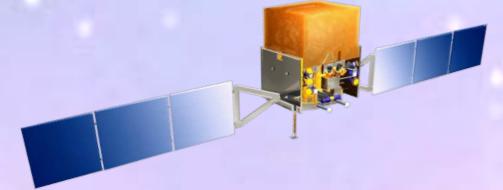
KTHRoyal Institute of Technology  
Stockholms Universitet

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| <b>Collaboration members:</b> | <b>~225</b> |
| <b>Members:</b>               | <b>77</b>   |
| <b>Affiliated Sci.</b>        | <b>~80</b>  |
| <b>Postdocs:</b>              | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>Graduate Students</b>      | <b>32</b>   |
|                               | <b>45</b>   |

# Current GLAST Collaboration Science Groups and their Coordinators

## 1a. Catalog

Seth Digel (SU-SLAC); Isabelle Grenier (CEA/ Saclay)



## 1b. Diffuse (Galactic and Extragalactic) and Molecular Clouds

Seth Digel (SU-SLAC); Isabelle Grenier (CEA/ Saclay)

## 2. Blazars and Other AGNs – Paolo Giommi (ASI), Benoit Lott (Bordeaux)

## 3. Pulsars, SNRs, and Plerions - Roger Romani (Stanford); David Thompson (GSFC)

## 4. Unidentified Sources, Population Studies, and Other Galaxies

Patrizia Caraveo (IASF ); Olaf Reimer (Stanford)

## 5. Dark Matter and New Physics - Elliott Bloom (SU-SLAC); Aldo Morselli (INFN–Rome)

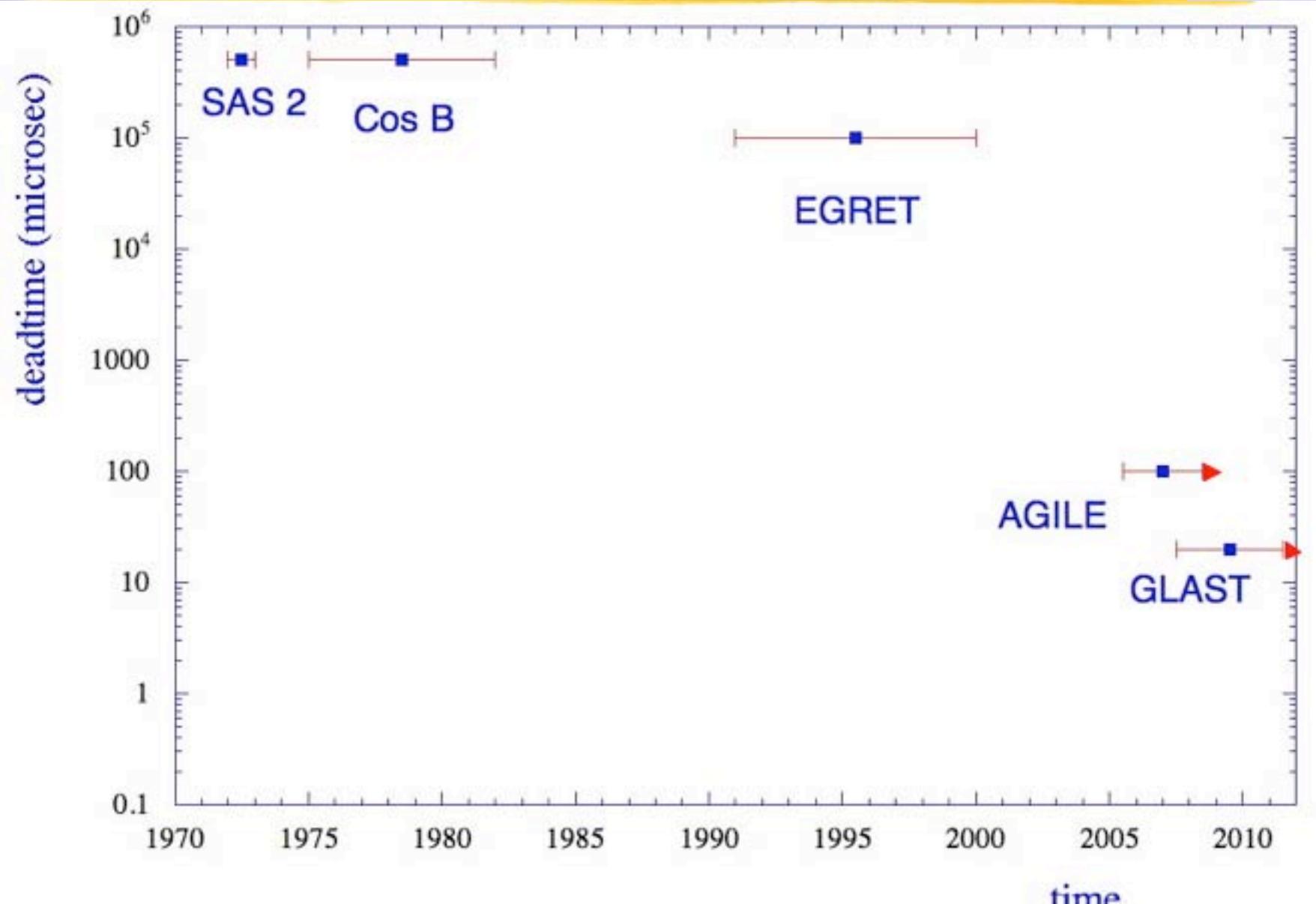
## 6. Gamma-Ray Bursts - Jay Norris (GSFC); Nicola Omodei (INFN-Pisa)

## 7. Solar System Sources - Gerry Share (NRL)

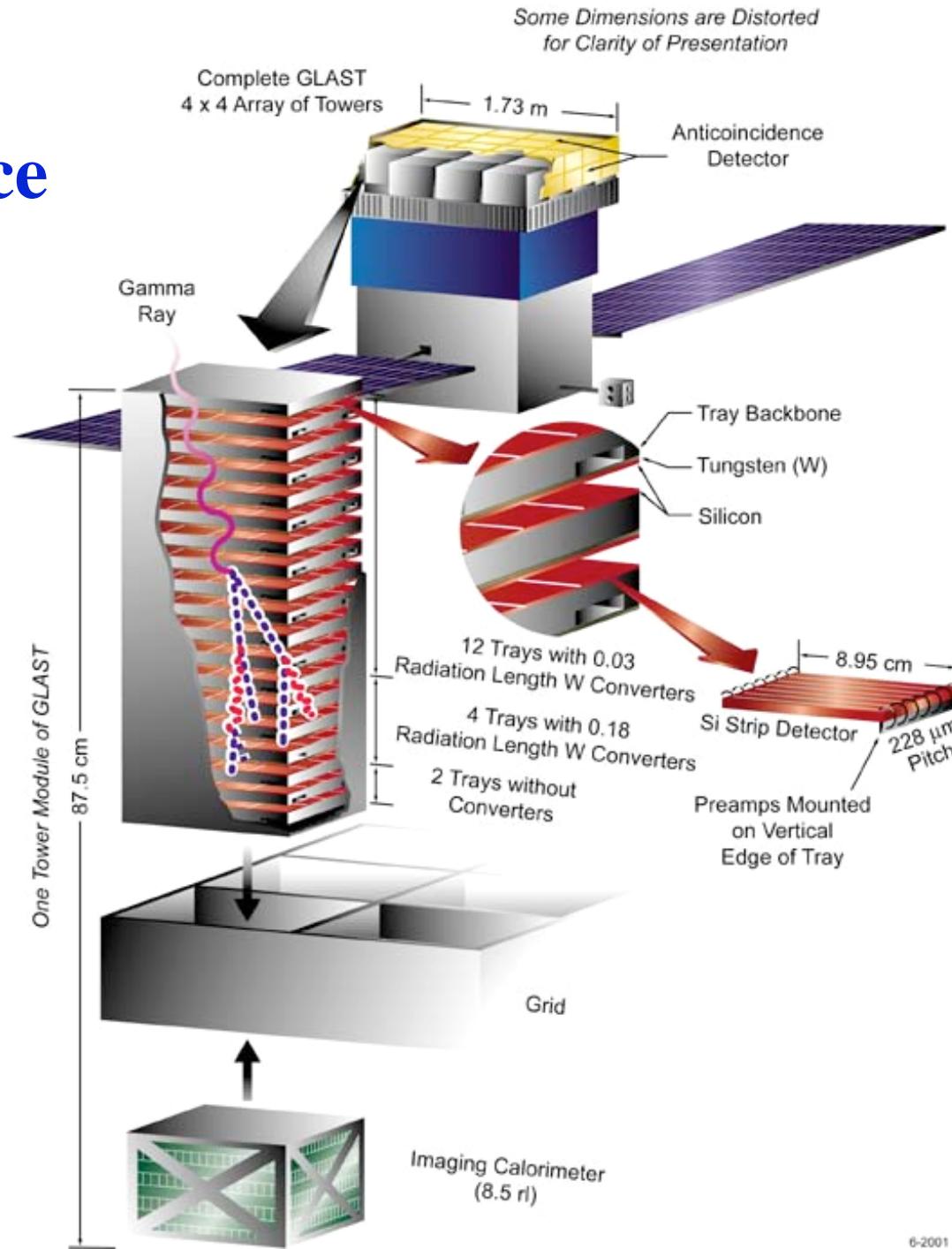
## 8. Calibration and Analysis Methods - William Atwood (UCSC); Steve Ritz (GSFC)

## 9. Multiwavelength Coordination Group – Roger Blandford (SU – KIPAC); David Thompson (GSFC)

# Gamma -ray mission deadtime



# Gamma-Ray Large Area Space Telescope



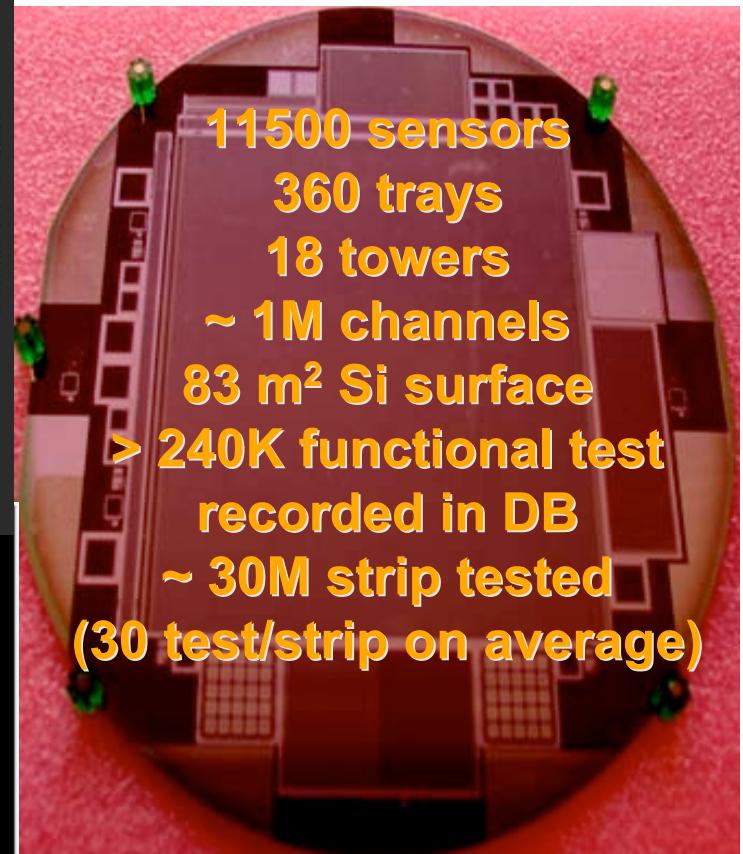
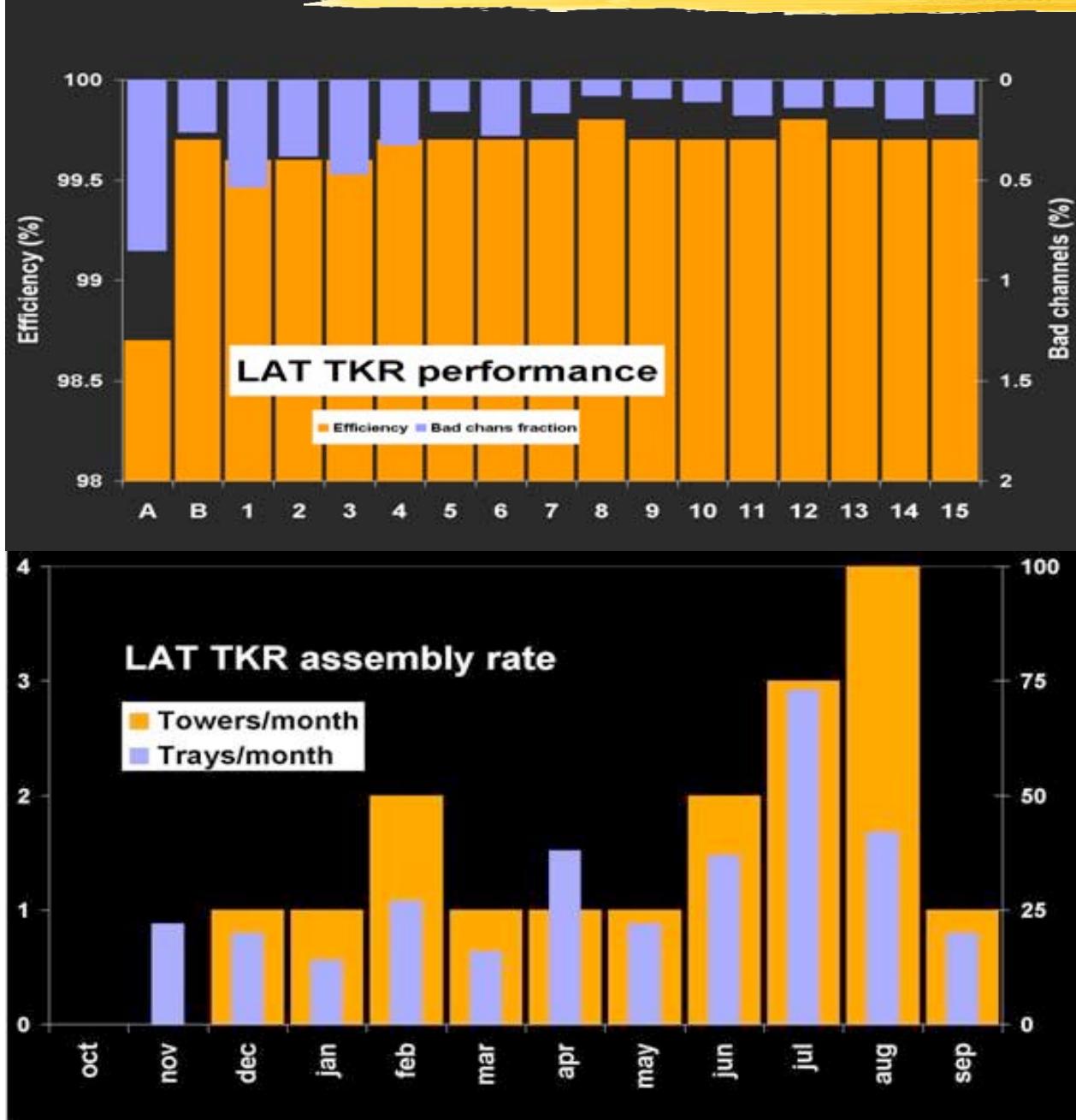
**GLAST @ SLAC**



GLAST @ SLAC

16/16 Towers in the GRID on 20/10/05

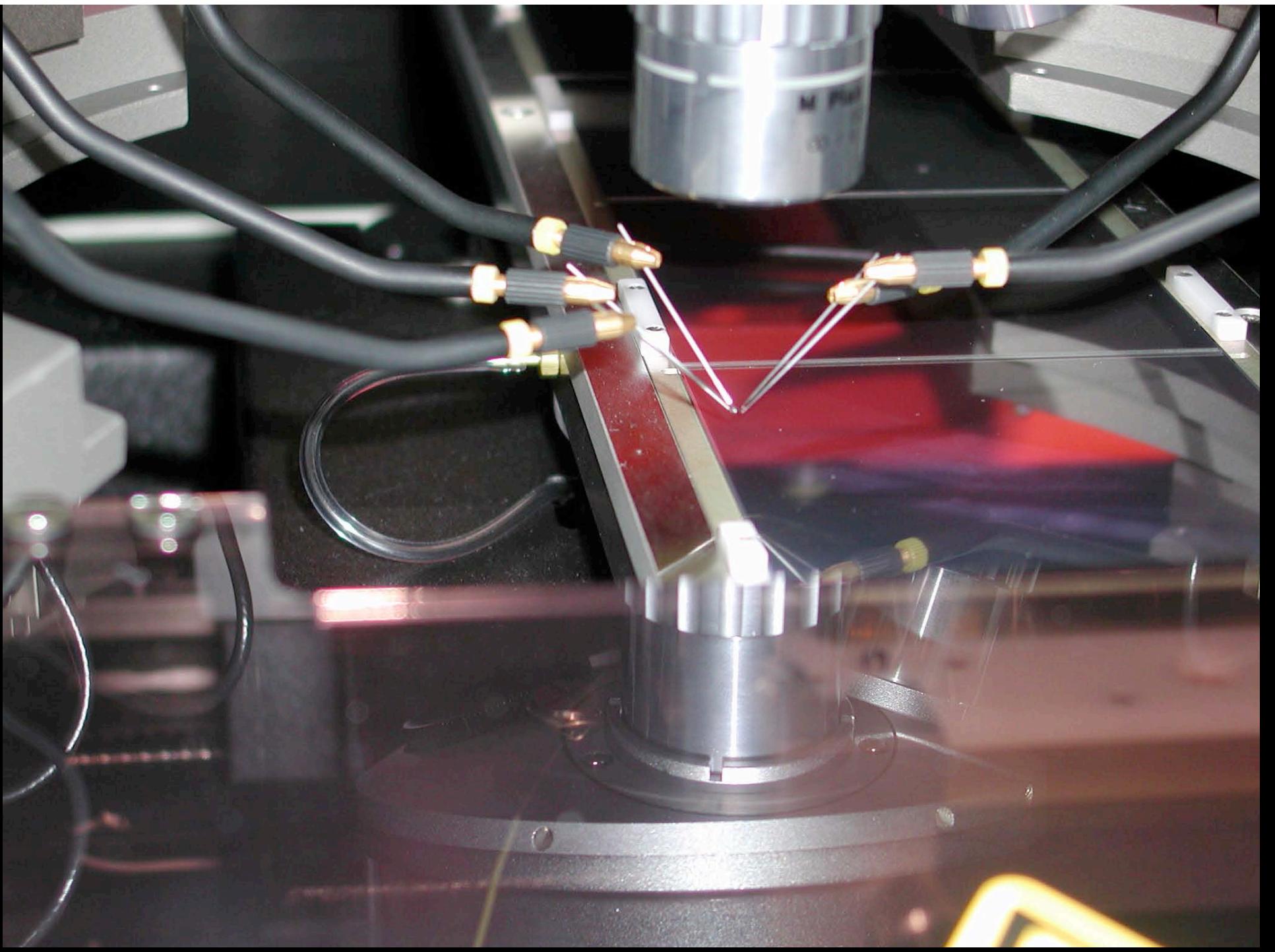
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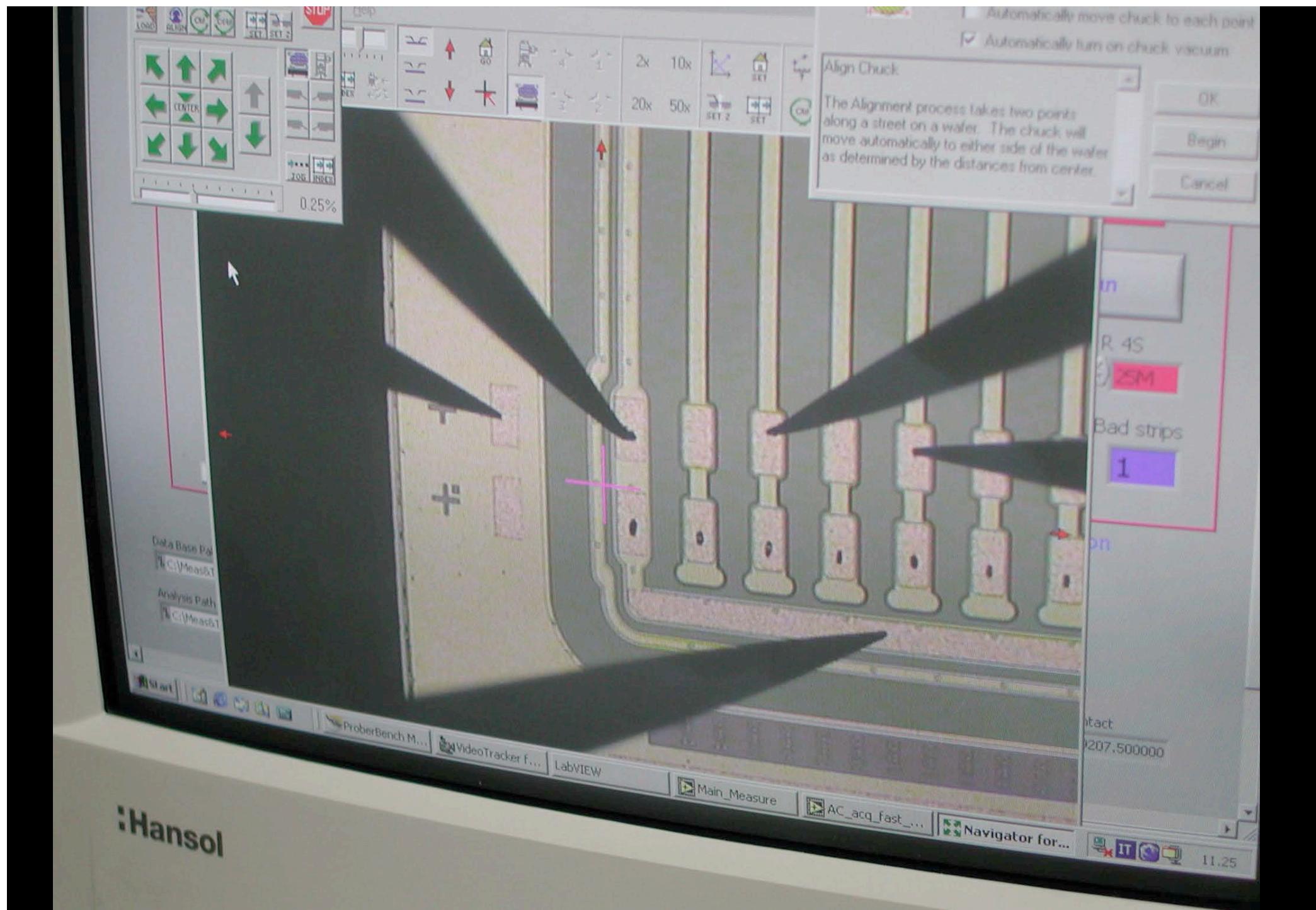


> 60 physicist and engineers involved in the italian teams from INFN (Trieste, Udine, Padova, Pisa, Perugia, Roma2, Bari) in partnership with ASI







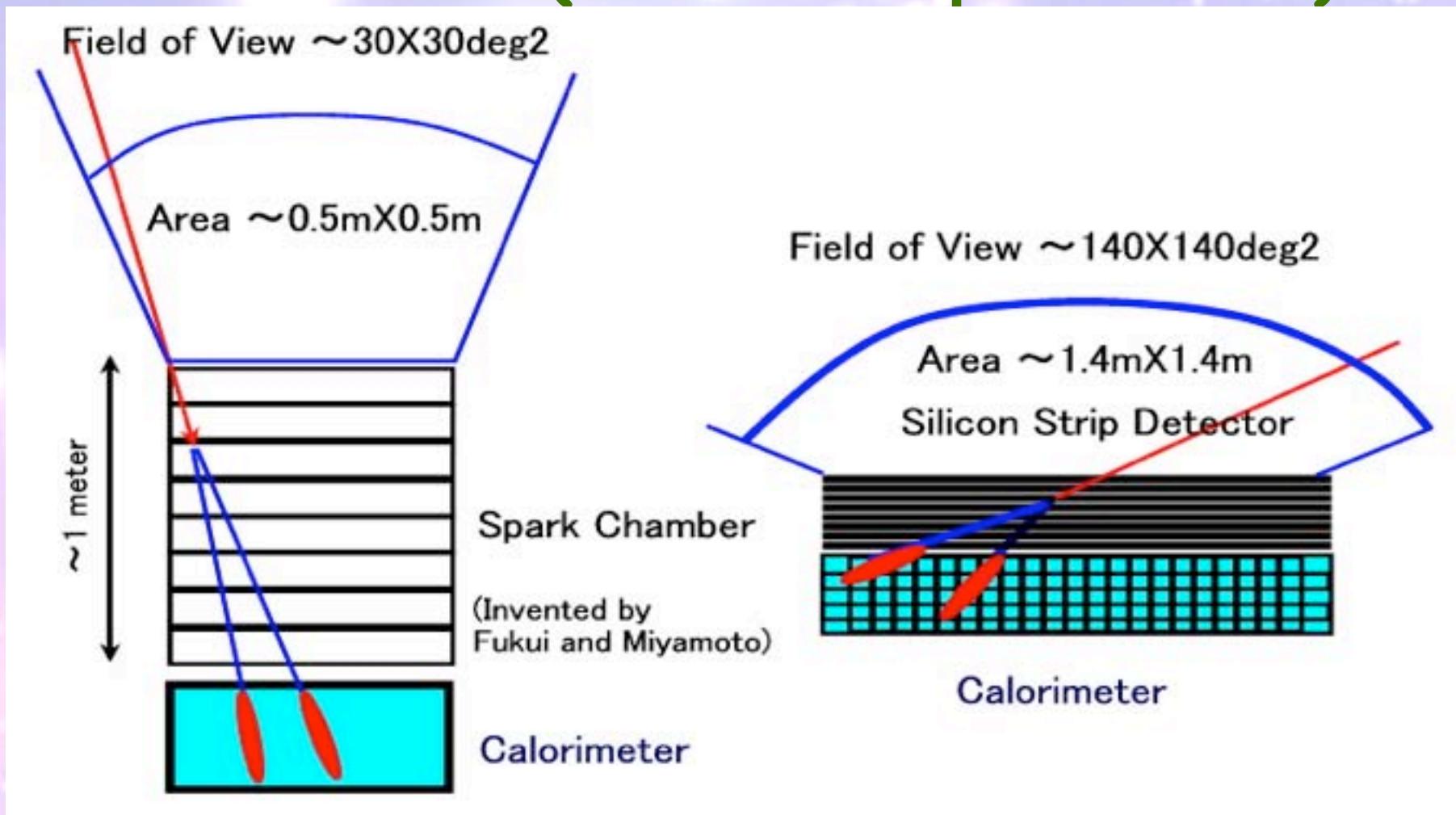


# Celebrations for the end of Tracker construction



**52 attendees from INFN, ASI, SLAC, NASA,  
italian industrial partners**

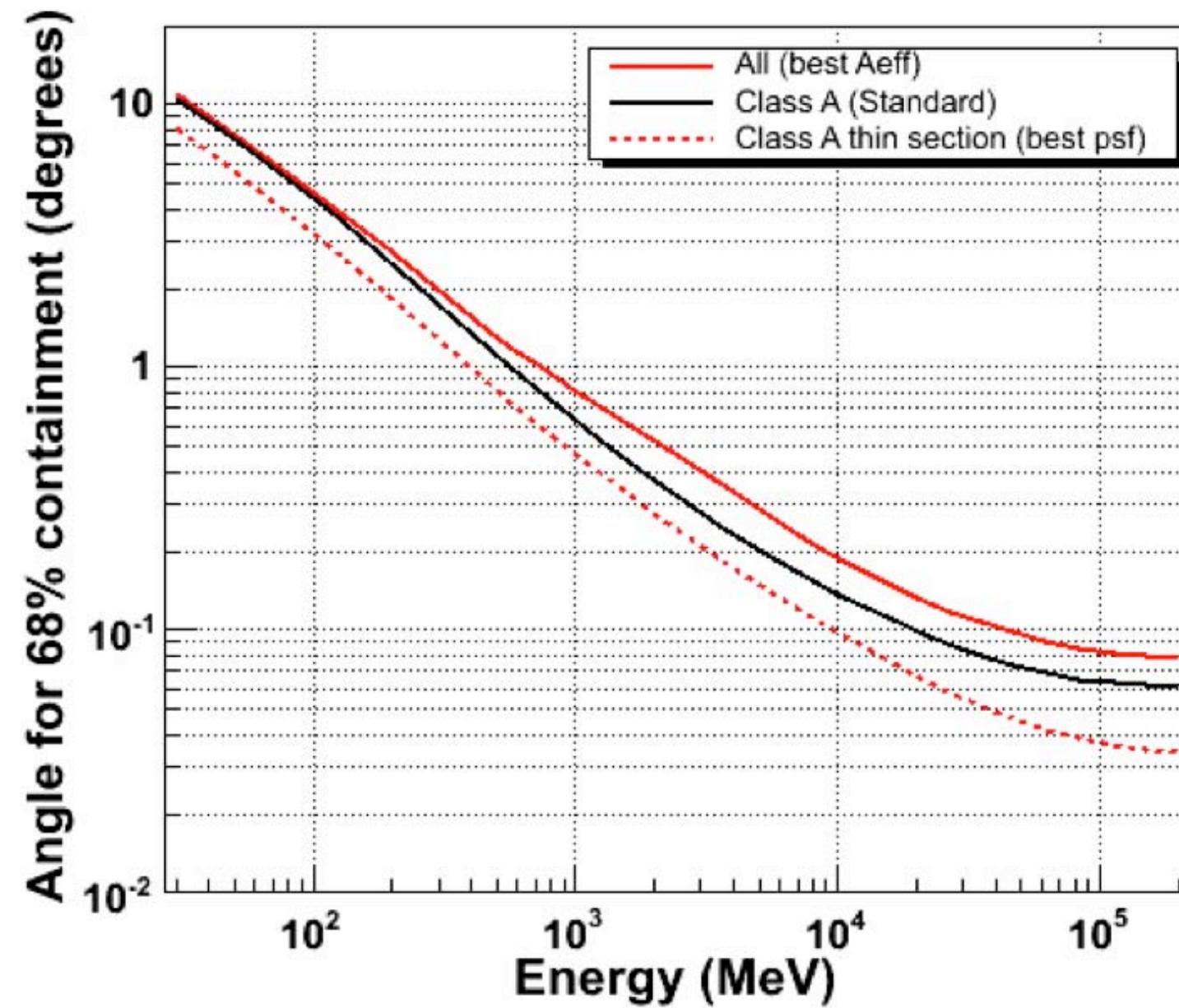
# EGRET (Spark Chamber) VS. GLAST (Silicon Strip Detector)



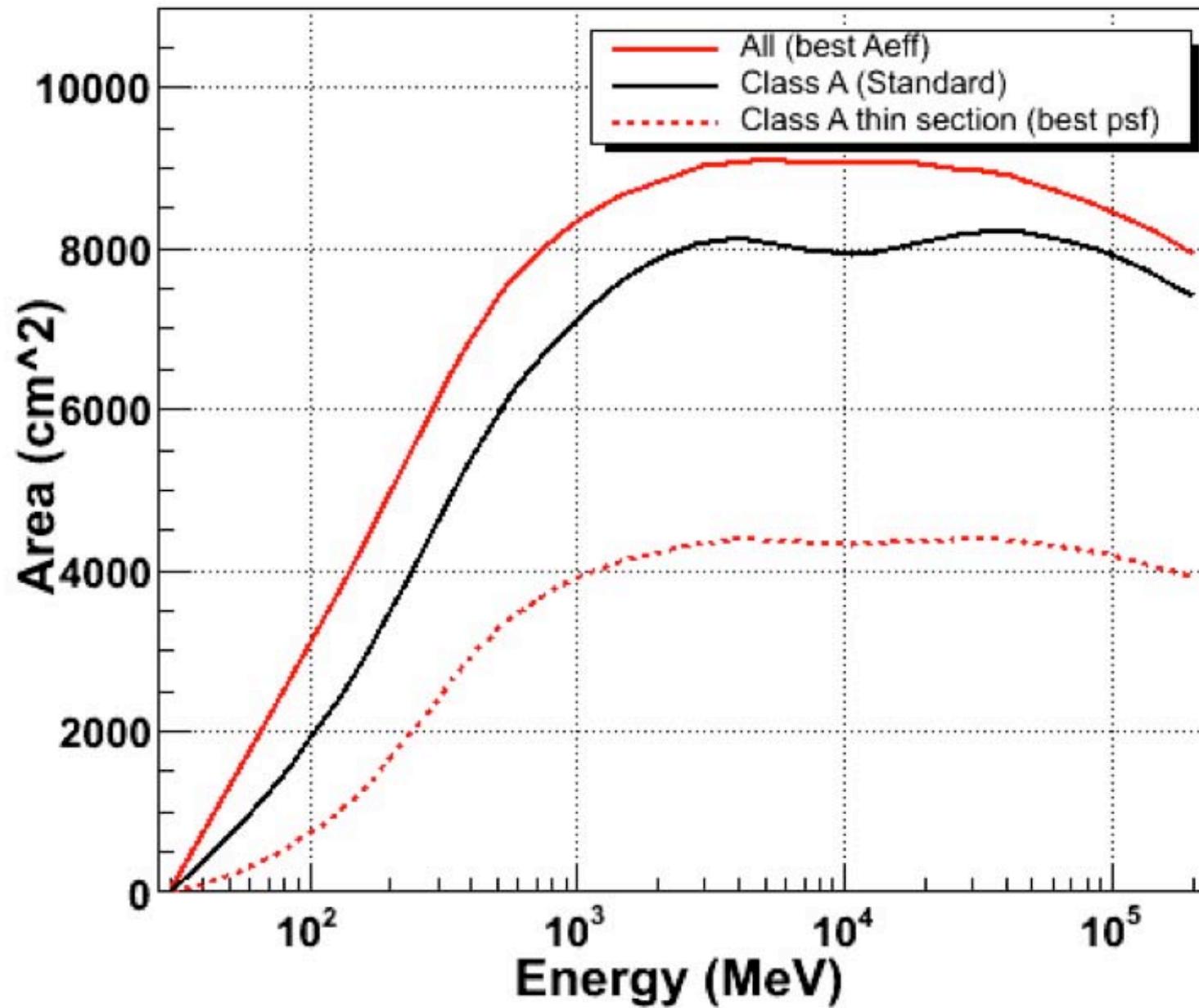
EGRET on Compton GRO  
(1991-2000)

GLAST Large Area Telescope  
(2007-2015)

# GLAST Angular Resolution



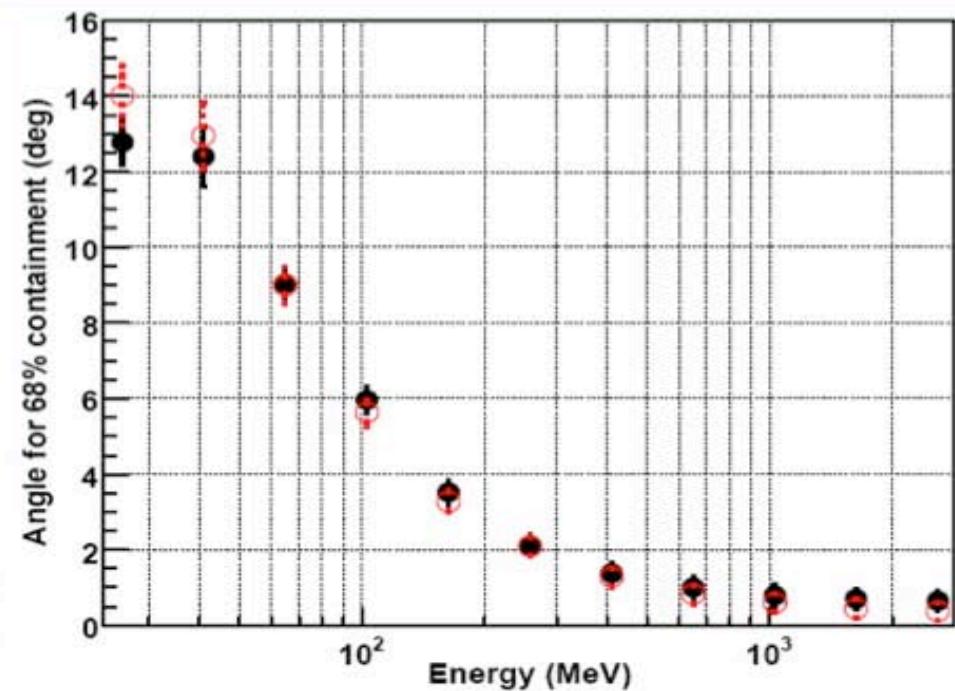
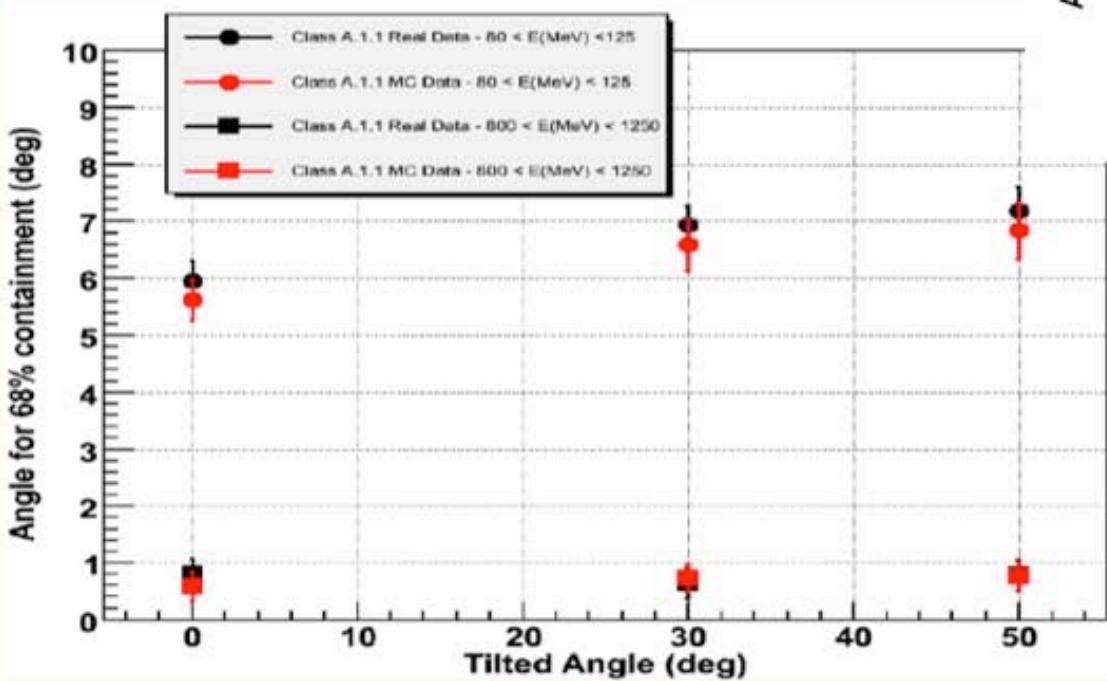
# GLAST Effective Area





## TKR Performance – Angular Resolution

- 68% angular dispersion for vertex events
- Good Data/MC agreement
- Comparable results from tagged photon runs



# GLAST Master Schedule

- August 2004

Assembling of first tower completed

- Middle of October 2005

Completion of the LAT - *Environmental testing*

- February 2006

Delivery to NRL-

- Dic. 2007 - Feb. 2008

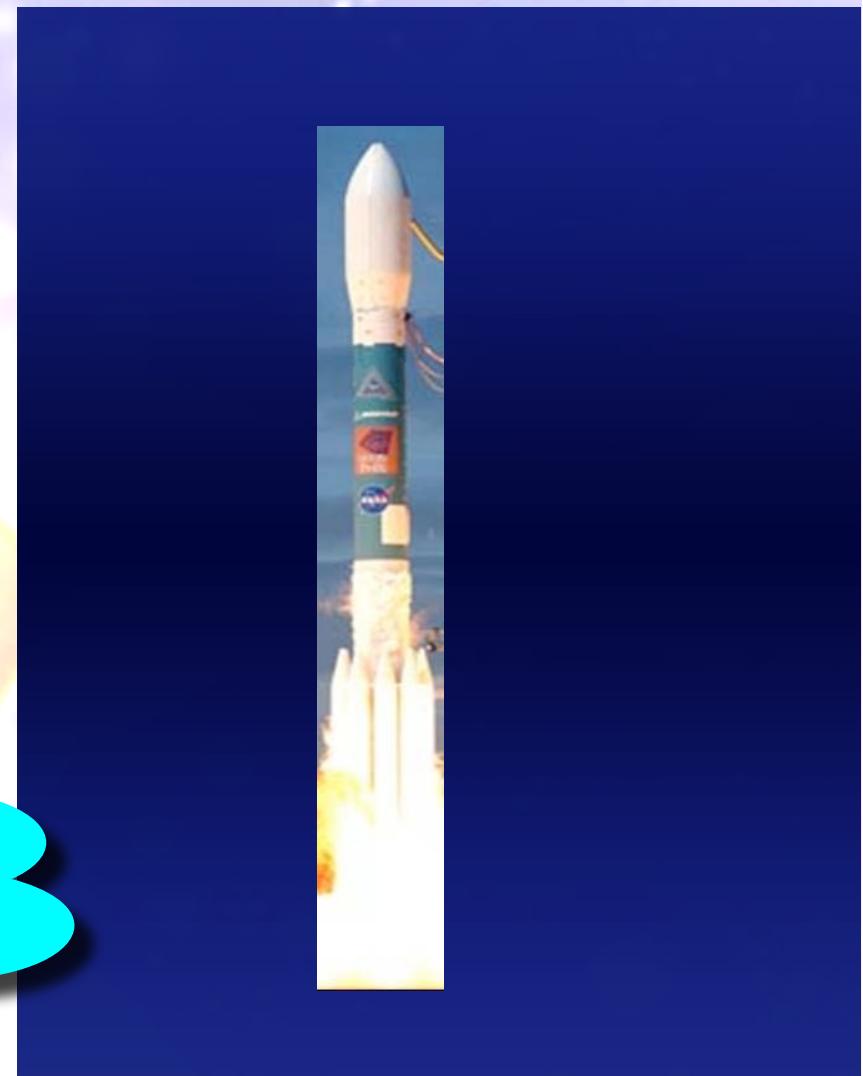
Kennedy Space Flight Center

- June 2008

Science operation begins!

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more info : <http://people.roma2.infn.it/glast/>



# What we can do in the future ?

# CTA : The Cherenkov Telescope Array facility

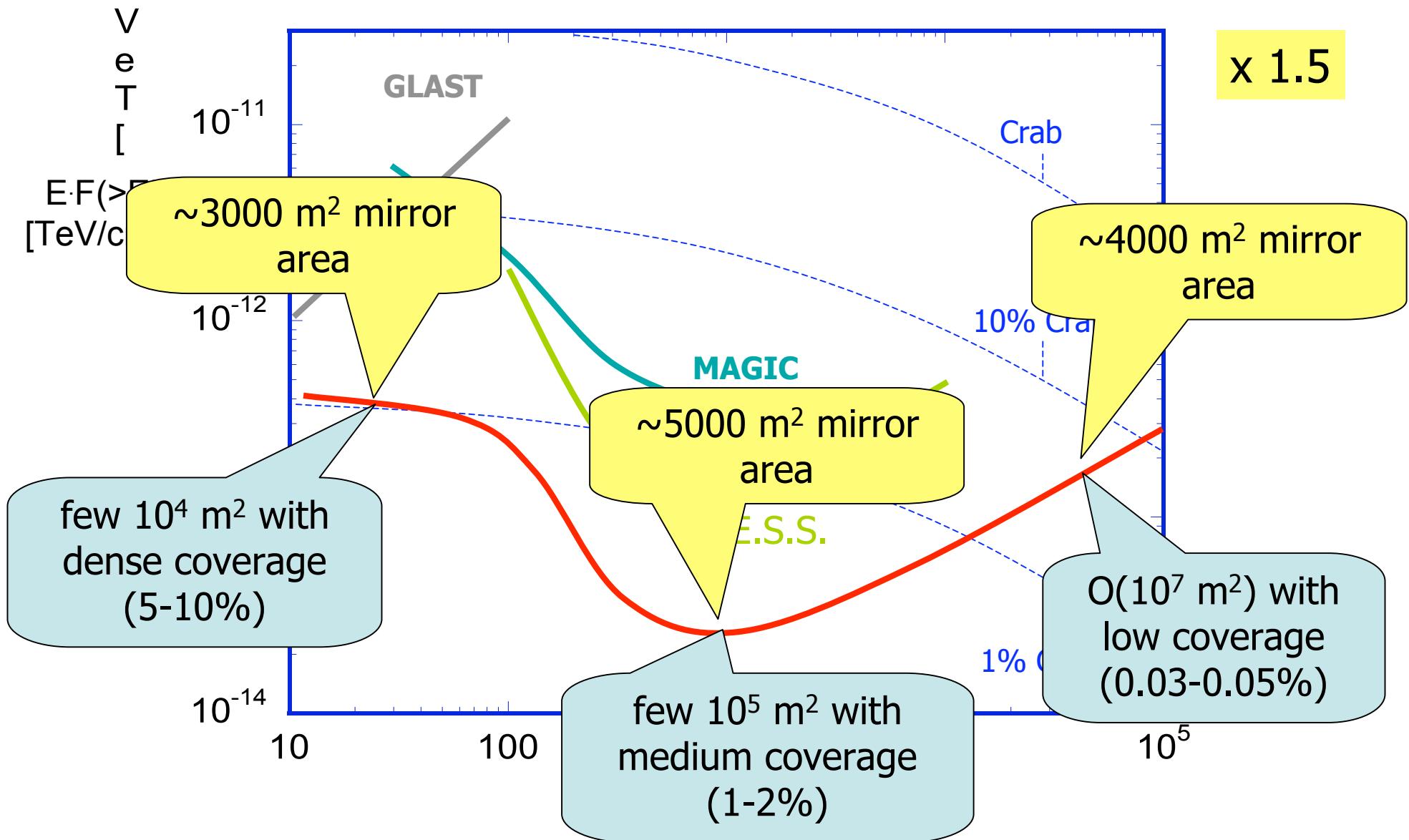


aims to explore the sky in the 10 GeV to 100 TeV energy range

Not to scale !

# Possible CTA sensitivity

An advanced facility for ground-based high-energy gamma ray astronomy



- Letter of Intent (spring 07)
  - Establishes physics case
  - Discusses basic performance needs
  - Lists possible sites and key characteristics
  - Gives examples for array configurations
  - Gives options for technical implementation
  - Lists areas where further design is needed
- Proposal (summer/fall 08)
  - Re-iterates physics case
  - Gives detailed performances for (few) array layouts
  - Gives details for (few) implementation options
  - More on site options, organization options
  - Gives cost estimates
- Design report (fall 09)
  - Final Array layout
  - Telescope implementation choices and details
  - List of final few candidates sites {not clear if final site choice}
  - Proposal for organization, governance, operation

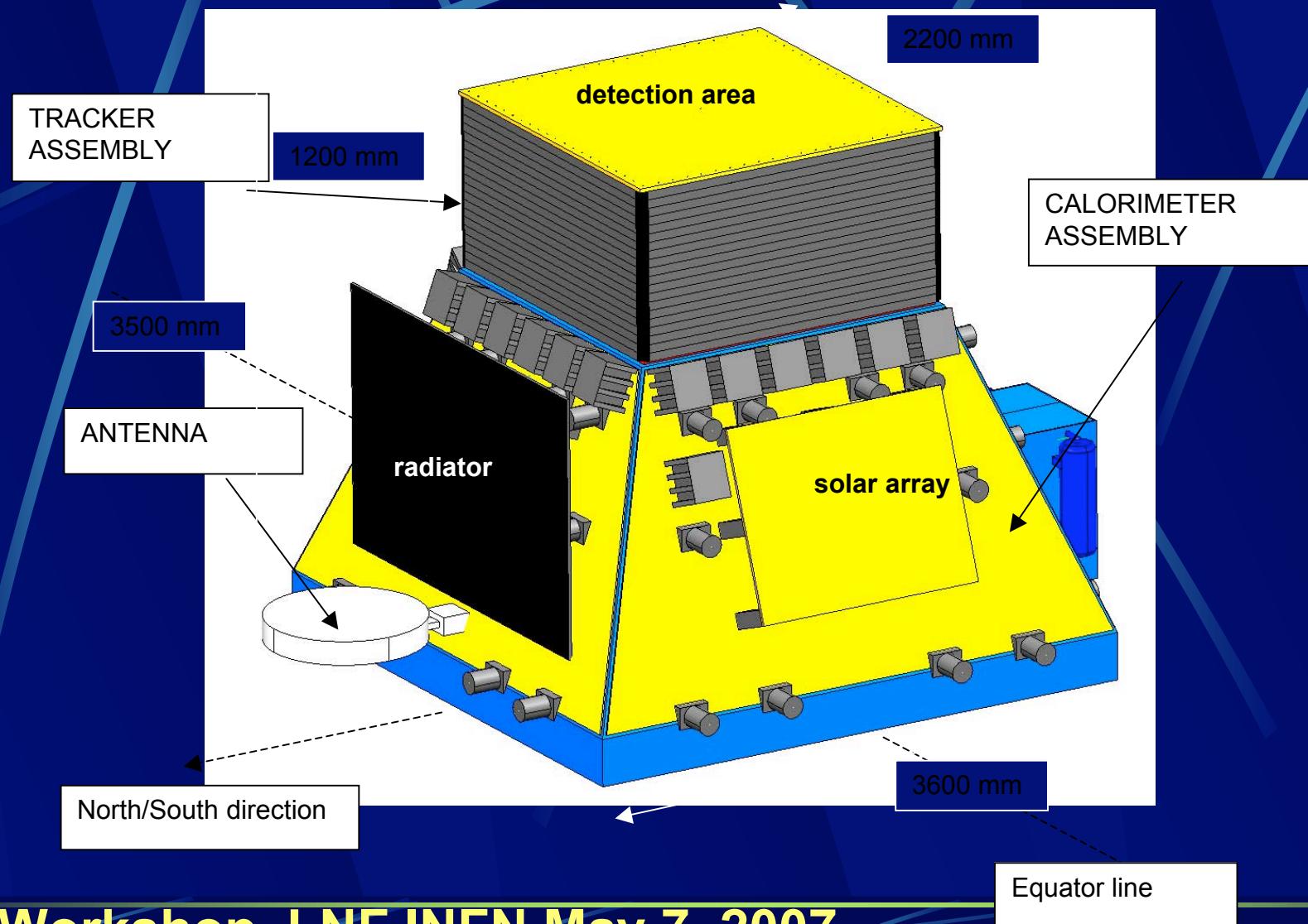
# Design study structures in Work Packages

An advanced facility for ground-based high-energy gamma ray astronomy

- WP1** Management of the design study
- WP2** Astrophysics and astroparticle physics
- WP3** Optimization of array layout, performance studies and analysis algorithms
- WP4** Site selection and site infrastructure
- WP5** Telescope optics and mirror
- WP6** Telescope structure, drive, control
- WP7** Photon detectors and focal plane
- WP8** Readout electronics and trigger
- WP9** Instrument calibration and analysis algorithms {merge with WP10?}
- WP10** Atmospheric monitoring and associated science
- WP11** Observatory operation and access (TOC + SOC)
- WP12** Data handling, data processing, data management and data access (SDC)
- WP13** Risk assessment and quality assurance, production planning (?)
- WP14** Resource exploration

# Silicon detectors on the moon ?

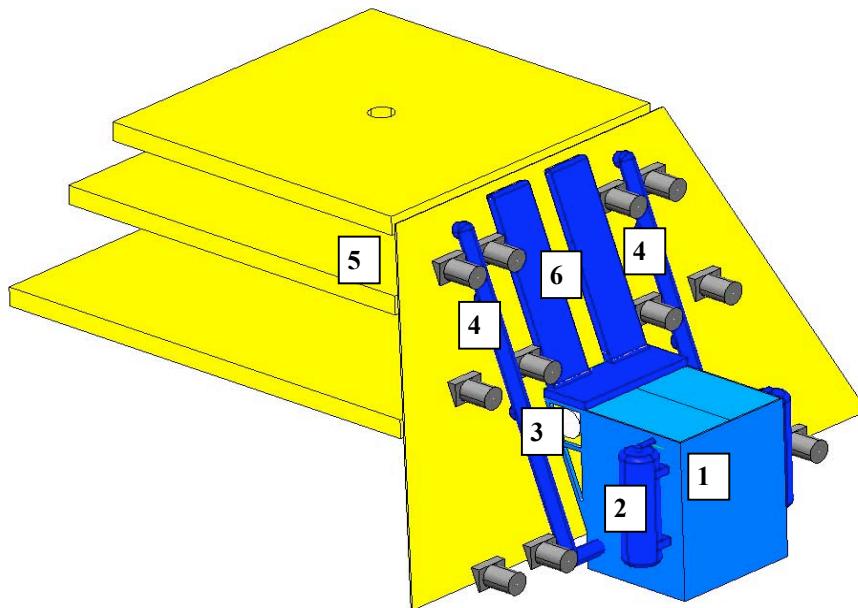
## Traker and Calorimeter configuration



ASI Workshop, LNF INFN May 7, 2007

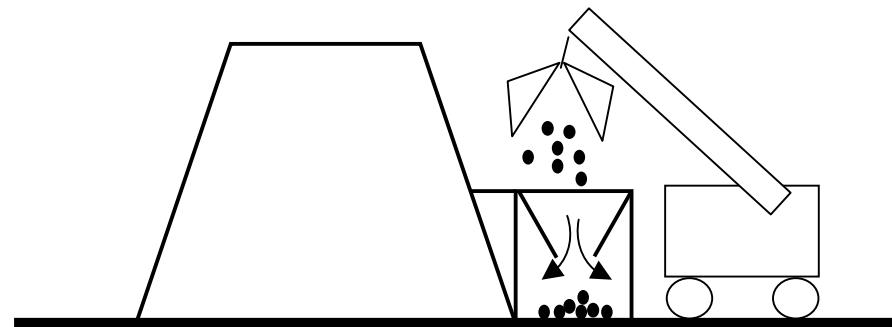
OBSERVATION OF THE UNIVERSE FROM THE MOON

# Regolite Loading Unit



1. Storing device
2. Pressurization device
3. Compressor
4. Pressurized inlet circuit
5. Filters
6. Pressurized outlet circuit

courtesy AAS-I  
LABEN



# Conclusion

- from 23 April 2007 AGILE is in the sky !
- Jan. 2008 : GLAST will be launched from Kennedy Space Flight Center

Silicon detectors are the core of two instruments that has been constructed for the study of the gamma ray sky in the pair production regime ( above 10 - 20 MeV)

Very successful goals of the original idea

The future ?

Thank you !!!