

## X- and gamma-ray detector development for space applications

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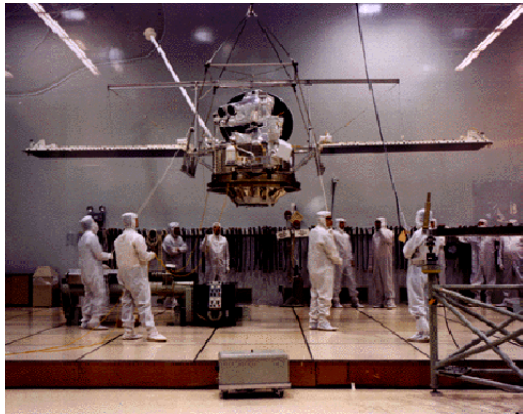


# Instrumenting the present and next generation of spacecraft

# The problem

Bottom line – instruments get smaller and resource starved – but loss in performance unacceptable

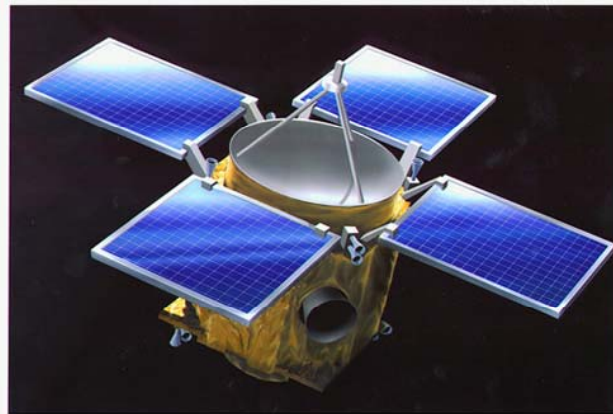
Mariner 10



30 years ago  
6 instruments 79.4 kg, 100 W  
TLM = 117.6 kbps

13 kg, 17 W, 20 kbps

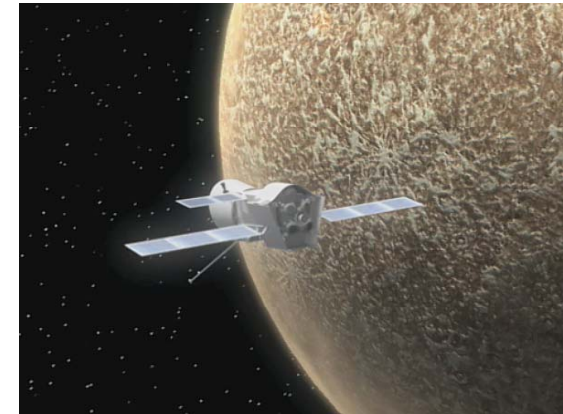
NEAR



15 years ago  
5 instruments 56 kg, 94 W  
TLM = 27 kbps

11 kg, 19 W, 5.4 kbps

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Now  
12 instruments 50 kg, 100 W  
TLM = 51 kbps

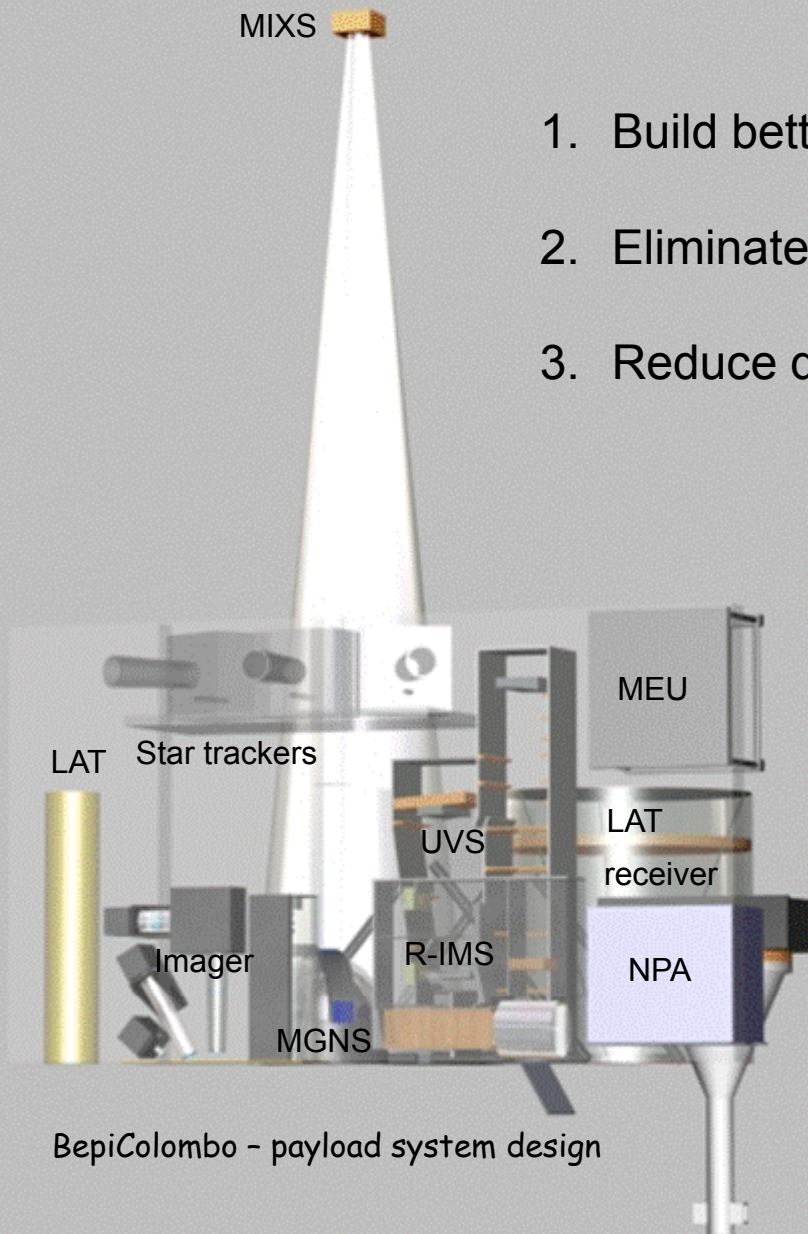
4 kg, 8 W, 4 kbps

# Solution I

1. Build better detectors
2. Eliminate ancillary support equipment
3. Reduce dependence on spacecraft resources

*This can be achieved by;*

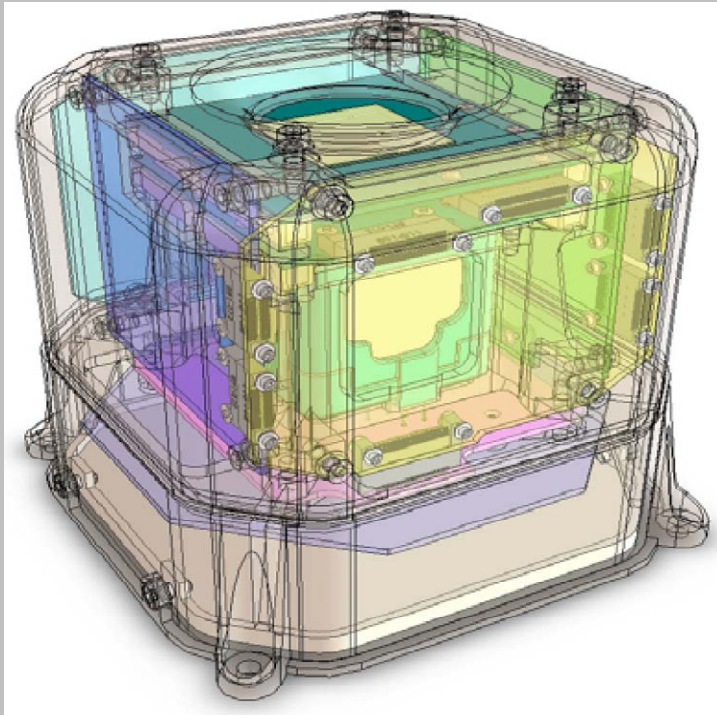
- **Highly Integrated Payload Suite philosophy**



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## Solution II

1. Build better detectors
2. Eliminate ancillary support equipment
3. Reduce dependence on spacecraft resources



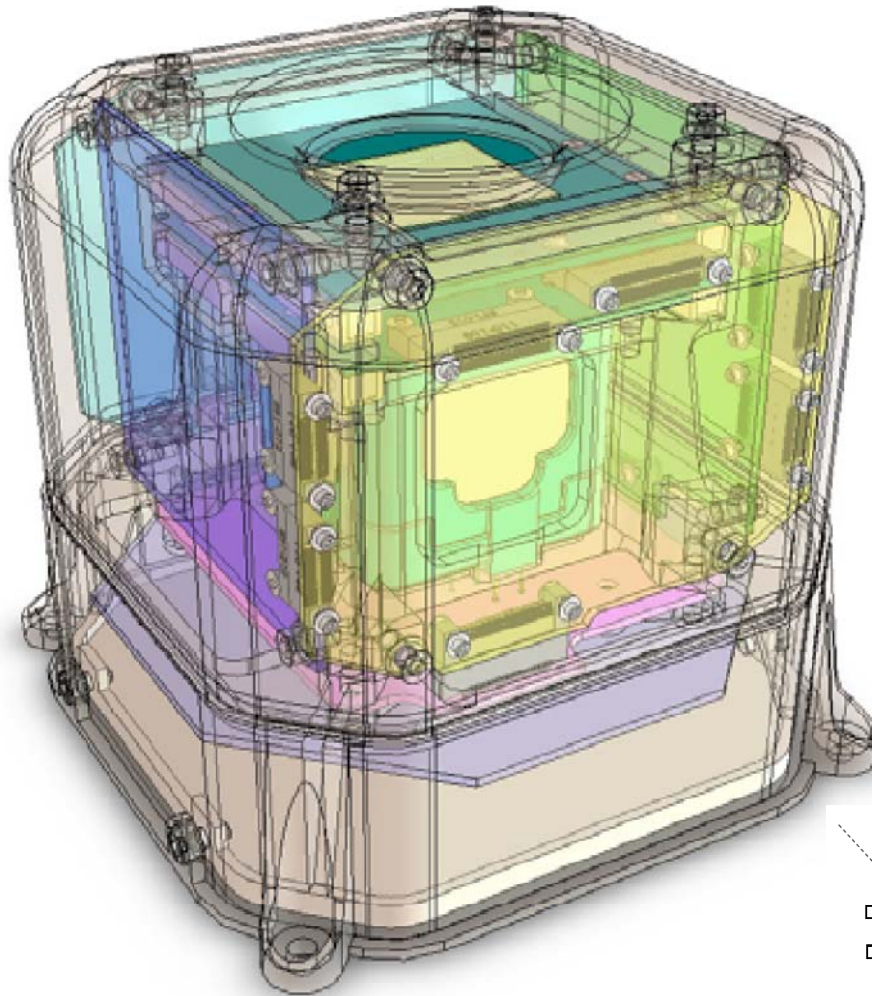
The Multifunctional Spectrometer  
Mass ~ 1.4 kg, Power ~ 5.0 W

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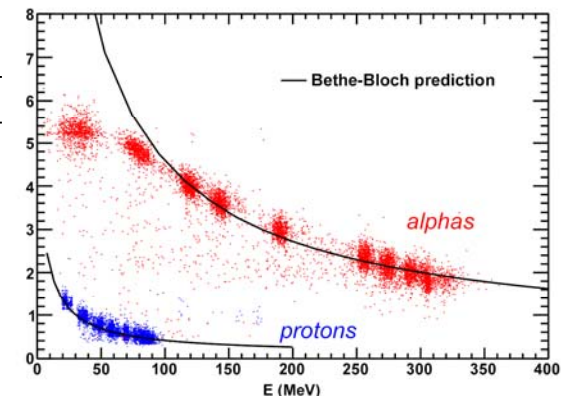
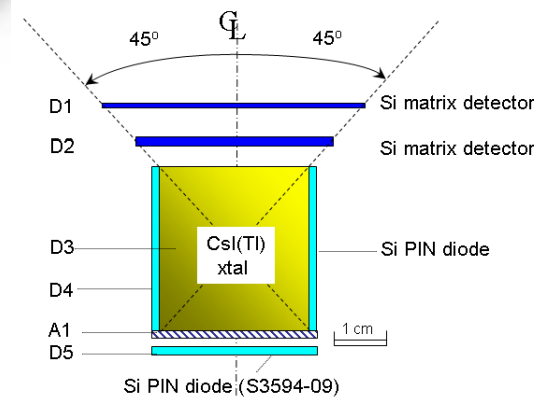
- Highly Integrated Payload Suite philosophy
- **Miniaturization**

# Multi-Functional Spectrometer (MFS) to be flown on Alphasat

MFS specifications largely driven by SEP characteristics

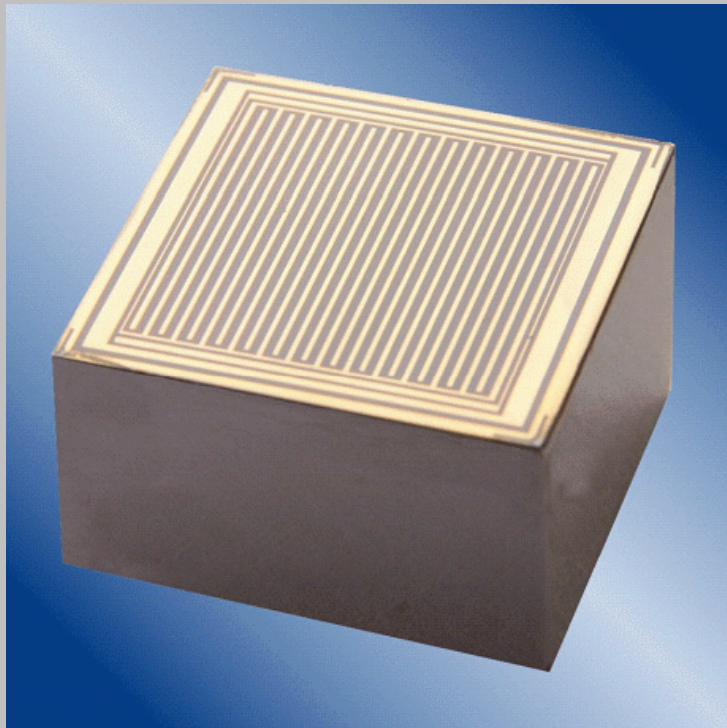


|                      |  |                      |                     |                         |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Particles            | e, p, $\alpha$ , ions, gamma-rays                              |                      |                     |                         |
| Ion separation       | H, D, T, $^3\text{He}$ , $^4\text{He}$ , C, N, O               |                      |                     |                         |
| Energy range         | Electrons<br>1-20 MeV  | Protons<br>1-200 MeV | Alphas<br>5-400 MeV | Gamma-rays<br>0.1-3 MeV |
| Energy Resolution    | 20%  | 5%                   | 5%                  | 10%                     |
| Count rate           | up to $10^6$ cps (spectral), $10^7$ cps (integral above 1 MeV) |                      |                     |                         |
| Time resolution      | 1 sec  |                      |                     |                         |
| Sensitive FOV        | > 6 ster   |                      |                     |                         |
| Geometric factor     | > 30 cm <sup>2</sup> ster                                      |                      |                     |                         |
| Telemetry rate       | < 100 bps  |                      |                     |                         |
| Accommodation        | < 1L   |                      |                     |                         |
| Mass                 | 5 kg   |                      |                     |                         |
| Autonomous operation | 7 days   |                      |                     |                         |
| Processor            | LEON-II  |                      |                     |                         |
| Output               | SpaceWire/ MIL-STD-1553 (configurable)                         |                      |                     |                         |
| Configuration        | single unit  |                      |                     |                         |



## Solution III

1. Build better detectors
2. Eliminate ancillary support equipment
3. Reduce dependence on spacecraft resources

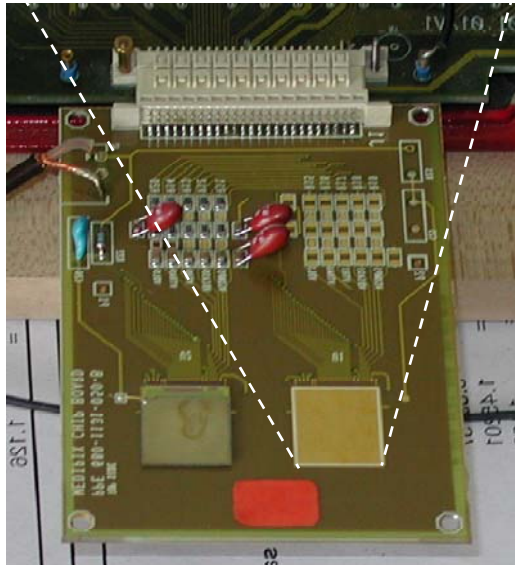
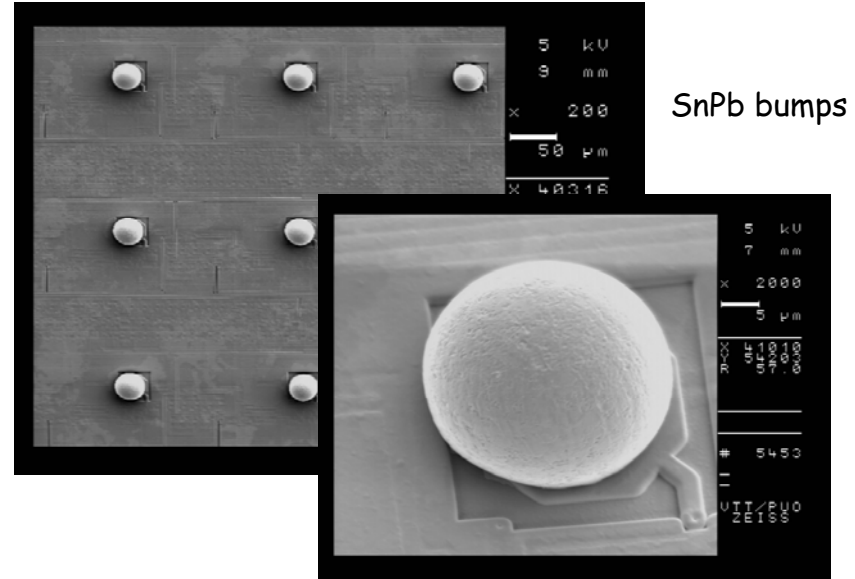
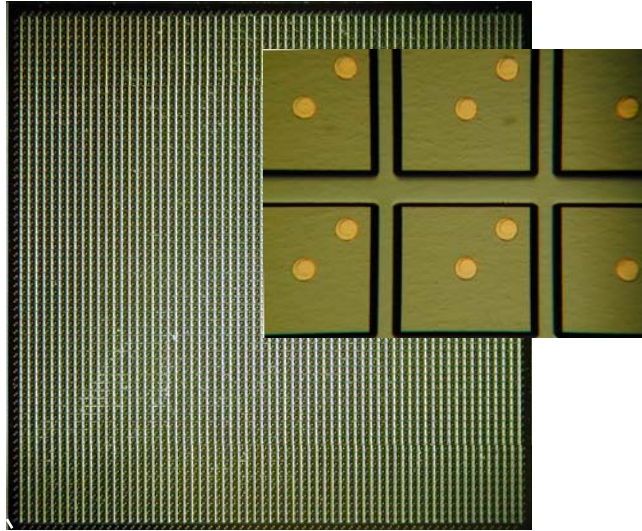


15x15x11mm<sup>3</sup> CdZnTe Coplanar grid

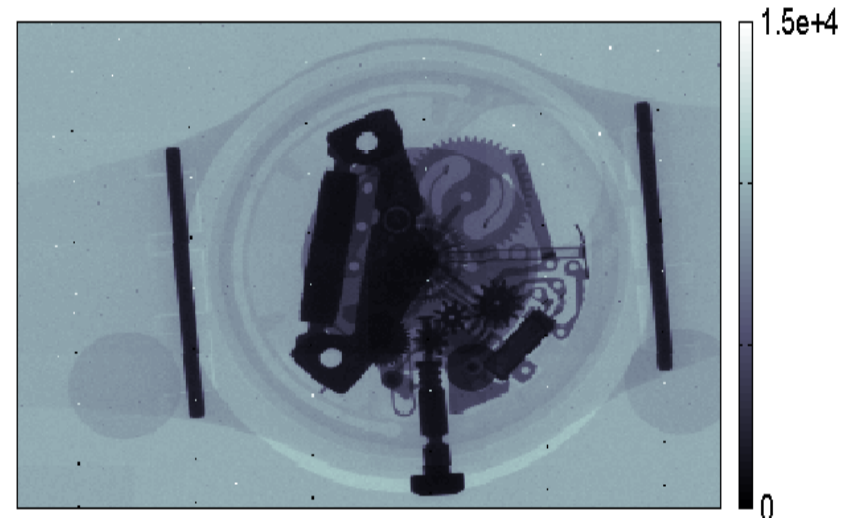
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- Highly Integrated Payload Suite philosophy
- Miniaturization
- **Advanced technologies**

# GaAs 64x64 imager development (using MEDIPIX I)



flip-chip bump-bonded and mounted on the MUROS daughter board

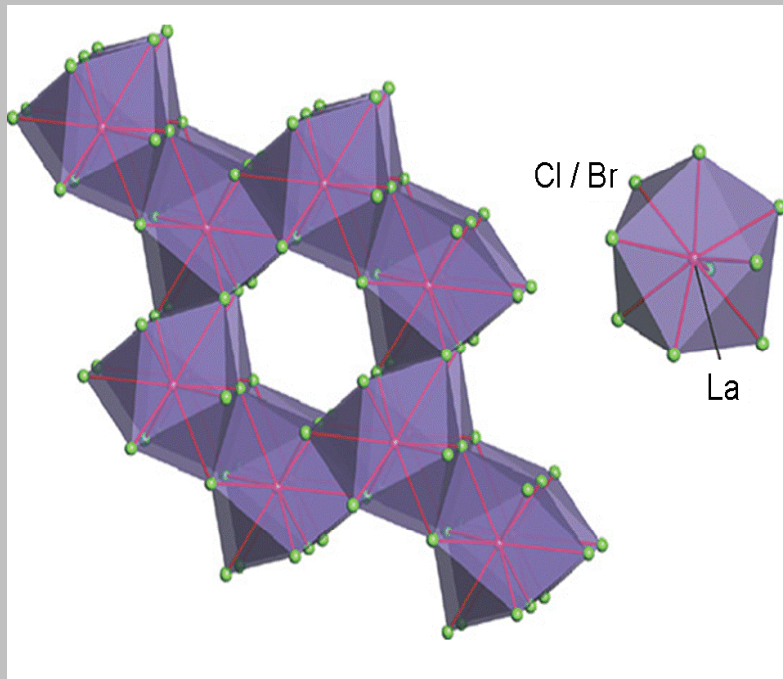


X-ray image taken with a Mo target (17.4 keV)



# Solution IV

1. Build better detectors
2. Eliminate ancillary support equipment
3. Reduce dependence on spacecraft resources



Lanthanum halide growth study

*This can be achieved by;*

- Highly Integrated Payload Suite philosophy
- Miniaturization
- Advanced technologies
- **Targeted or new materials**

# Materials under development

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| InAs                                | III-V   |
| InSb                                | III-V   |
| GaN                                 | III-V   |
| GaAs                                | III-V   |
| B <sub>4</sub> C                    | III-IV  |
| Ge                                  | IV      |
| SiC                                 | IV-IV   |
| TlBr                                | III-VII |
| CdZnTe,                             | II-VI   |
| CdMnTe                              | II-VI   |
| LaBr <sub>3</sub> :Ce <sup>3+</sup> |         |
| LaCl <sub>3</sub> :Ce <sup>3+</sup> |         |
| LuI <sub>3</sub>                    |         |
| CeBr <sub>3</sub>                   |         |

# New detector development activities

| <u>Activity</u>                                    | <u>Material</u>   | <u>Mission</u>    |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Remote sensing $\gamma$ -ray spectrometer          | LaBr <sub>3</sub> , LaCl <sub>3</sub>                               | BepiColombo/ SoLO |
| XRF planetary spectroscopic imager                 | GaAs  | Cosmic Vision     |
| Solar Monitor                                      | GaAs  | BepiColombo       |
| Low bandgap hi-res X-ray detector arrays           | InAs, InSb  | XEUS              |
| High resolution, minimally resourced $\gamma$ -ray | HPGe  | Near earth, Lunar |
| Small $\gamma$ -ray probe                          | TlBr/CdMnTe   | JME               |
| Extreme environment X-ray/particle detectors       | SiC, GaN, C   | JME, JSE, SoLO    |
| UV detectors                                       | GaN, C  | SoLO, JME, IHEP   |
| Large $\gamma$ -ray imaging detection plane        | TlBr, CdZnTe  | GRL TRS           |
| Direct neutron detection                           | B <sub>4</sub> C  | BepiColombo       |
| New scintillation materials                        | CeBr <sub>3</sub> , Lu <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub> | Cosmic Vision     |

# BepiColombo

An Interdisciplinary  
Mission to the Planet Mercury

## An Example

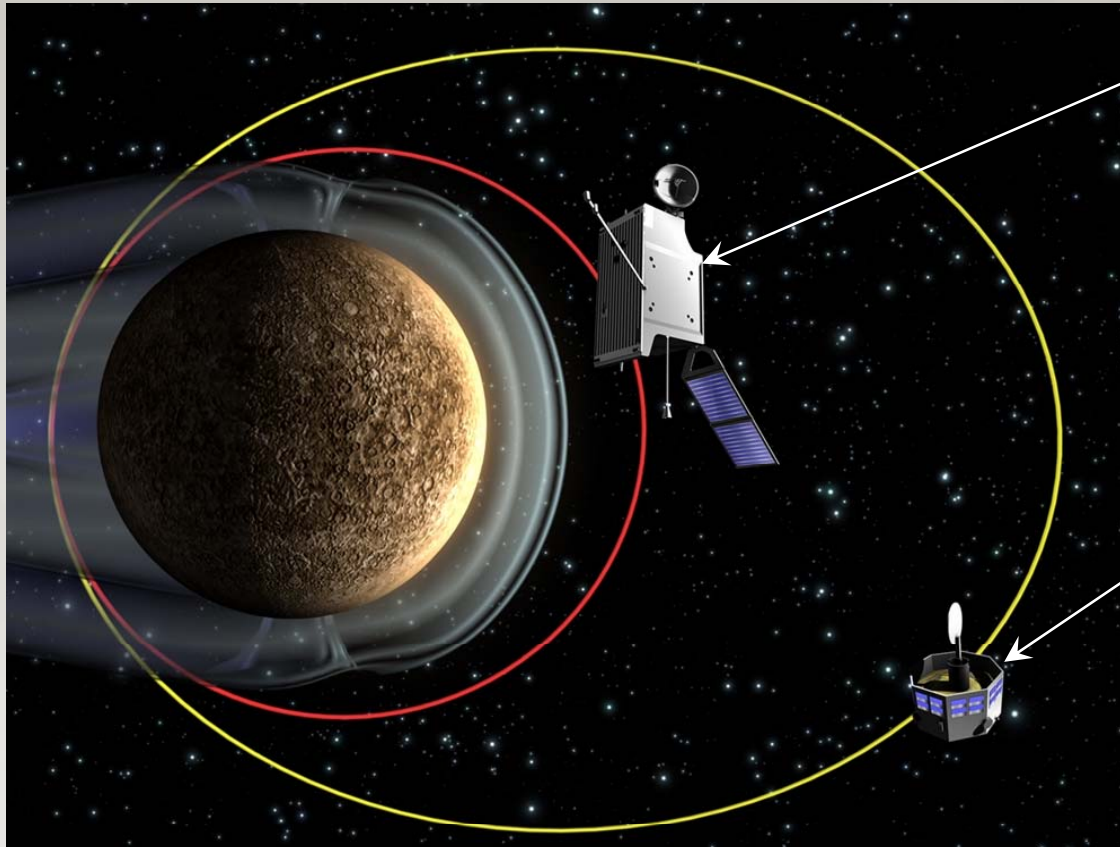
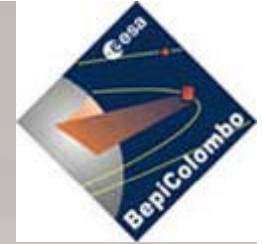


### MISSION OBJECTIVES:

- Investigate the origin and evolution of a planet close to its parent star
- Investigate Mercury as a planet: its form, interior, structure, geology and composition
- Verify Mercury's vestigial atmosphere (exosphere): composition and dynamics
- Study Mercury's magnetized envelope (magnetosphere): structure and dynamics
- Determine the origin of Mercury's magnetic field
- Test Einstein's theory of general relativity



# BepiColombo at Mercury



## **Mercury Planetary Orbiter (MPO)**

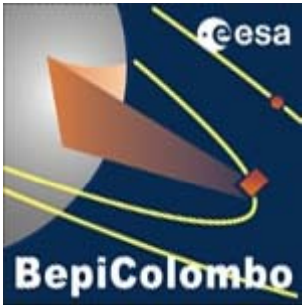
- polar orbit optimized for study of the planet itself
- 400 x1500 km
- 2.3 hr period

## **Mercury Magnetospheric Orbiter (MMO)**

- polar orbit optimized for study of the magnetosphere
- 400 x12000 km
- 9.2 hr period

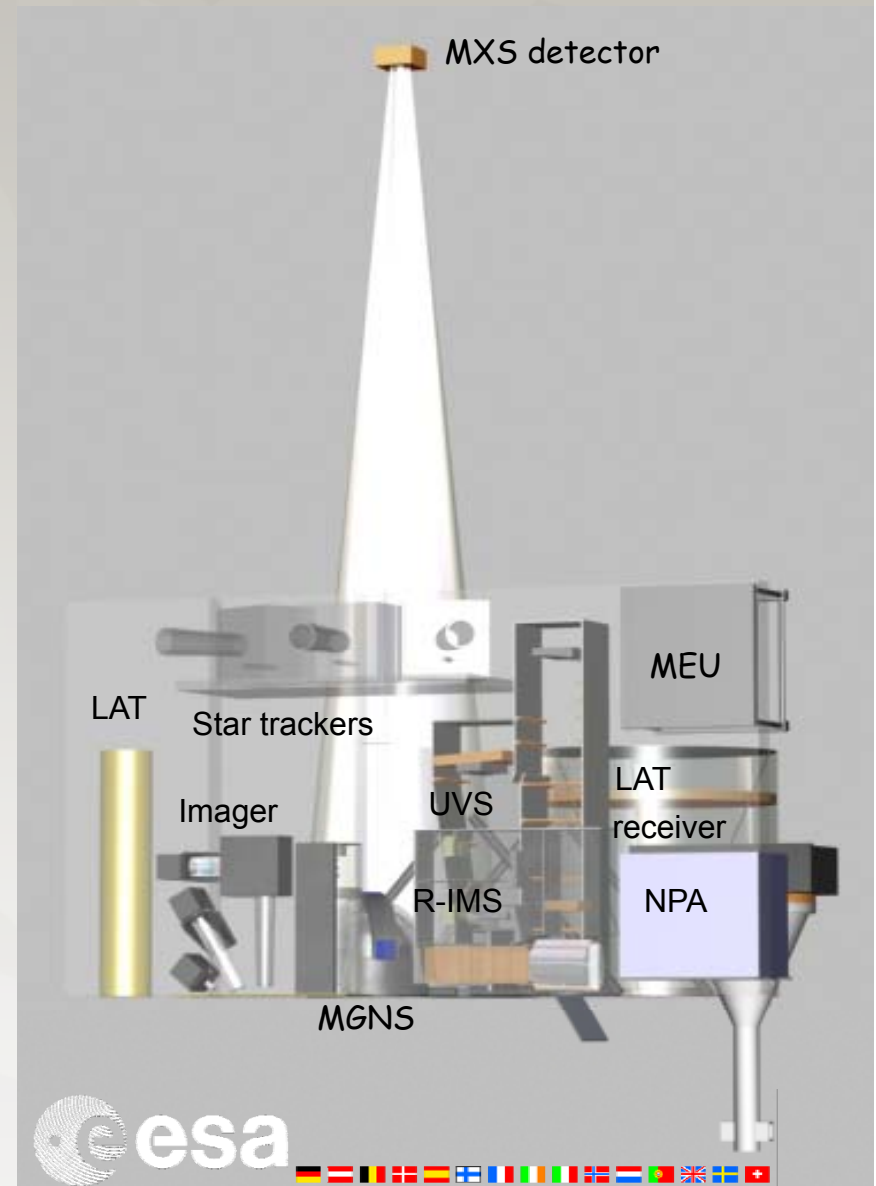
- a natural north-south rotation of the orbits' major axis will favour the science coverage of the planet





# The BepiColombo Project (how its put together)

- **ESA provided:**  
Mission design, MPO spacecraft, Mercury Transfer Module, integration and test, launch, overall cruise operations, MPO operations at Mercury (Overall ESA budget 665 M€)
- **JAXA provided:**  
MMO spacecraft and its operations at Mercury
- **National funding:**
  - MPO scientific instruments: 10 European and 1 Russian
  - MMO scientific instruments: 4 Japanese and 1 European

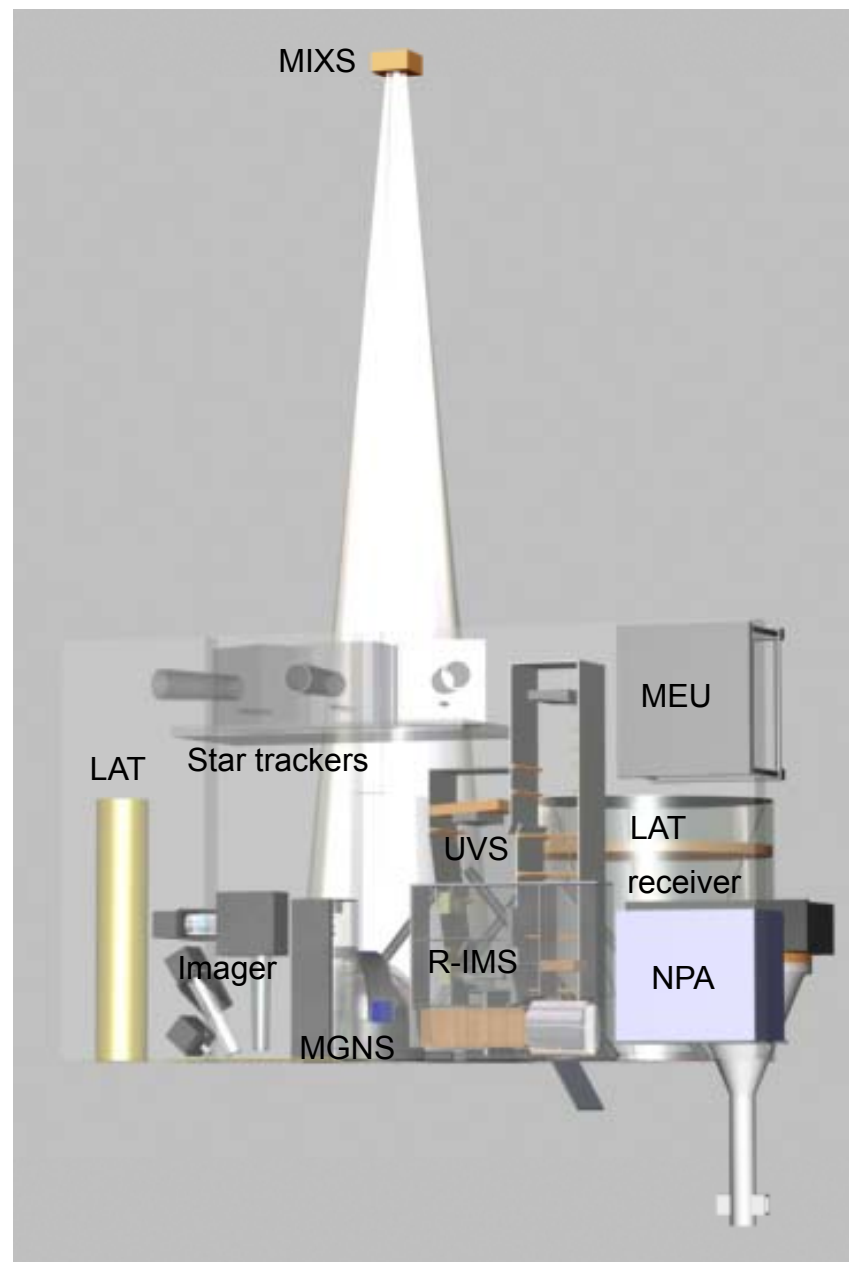




# Technology development and BepiColombo

- HIPS ✓
- Miniaturization ✓
- New Technology ✓
- Use of new materials ✓
  - XRS - GaAs
  - SXM - GaAs
  - GRS - LaBr<sub>3</sub>
  - IMS - HgCdTe

| Nr.         | Instruments | Mass (kg) | Power (W) | Heat load |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1           | HRC         | 1.10      | 1         | 4.8       |
| 2           | S-CAM       | 0.55      | 1         | 0.3       |
| 3           | L-CAM       | 0.34      | 1         | 0.0       |
| 4           | VN-IMS      | 0.80      | 7         | 3.6       |
| 5           | R-IMS       | 2.20      | 3         | 2.7       |
| 6           | UVS         | 1.65      | 2         | 0.0       |
| 7           | MXS/SXM     | 2.10      | 5         | 4.8       |
| 8           | MGNS        | 3.00      | 3         | 0.5       |
| 9           | LAT         | 5.53      | (20)      | 3.4       |
| 12          | NPA         | 1.80      | 3         | 0.1       |
| 10          | RSE         | 6.70      | 10.6      | 0.0       |
| 11          | MAG         | 4.15      | 2         | 0.0       |
| 13          | Platform    | 3.00      | 0         | 0.0       |
| 14          | 2CPU        | 3.00      | 20        | 0.0       |
| 15          | CPPS        | 0.70      | 11.7      | 0.0       |
| 16          | Harness     | 1.68      |           | 0.0       |
| Subtotal    |             | 38.3      | 70.3      | 20.3      |
| Contingency |             | 7.7       | 14.1      | 14.1      |
| Total       |             | 45.9      | 84.4      | 34.4      |





# The geochemical package

MIXS  
MGNS



Moon



Mercury



## Remote sensing and Planetology

1. Surface composition provides information on the planet bulk composition. Bulk composition helps to understand where and how the planet forms.

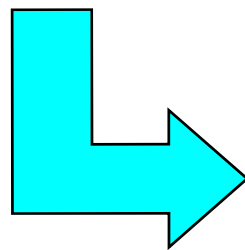
→ Planet Origin

2. Surface composition also provides information on how a planet has evolved since its formation.

→ Planet Evolution

3. Comparative studies helps us to understand how and why planets differ from each other.

→ Comparative Planetology



remote sensing - ground truth

# Determining surface composition - remote sensing

|          | Sampling Depth | Excitation source                 | Relative data Quality | Surface Resolution (S/C altitude) | Element sensitivity                        |
|----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| X – ray  | 100 μm         | Solar X-rays                      | Good if flare         | 1/10 – 1/3 <sup>1</sup>           | Fe Na Mg Al Si P S K Ca Ti                 |
| γ – ray  | ~ 20 cm        | Cosmic-rays<br>Secondary Neutrons | Poor                  | 1/3                               | H O Na Mg Al Si S Cl K<br>Ca Ti Cr Th U Fe |
| neutrons | ~ 1 m          | Cosmic-rays                       | Good                  | 1/2                               | (Fe, Ca, Ti, REE) (H REE) <A>              |

|          | Instrument Design | Instrument Operation | Data Reduction | Signal Sensitivity | Data Interpretation |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| X – ray  | Moderate          | Moderate             | Moderate       | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| γ – ray  | Can be Complex    | Can be Complex       | Complex        | Very Good          | Simple              |
| neutrons | Simple            | Simple               | Moderate       | Moderate           | Difficult           |

<sup>1</sup>spatial resolutions of 200m can be achieved with the proposed MIXS



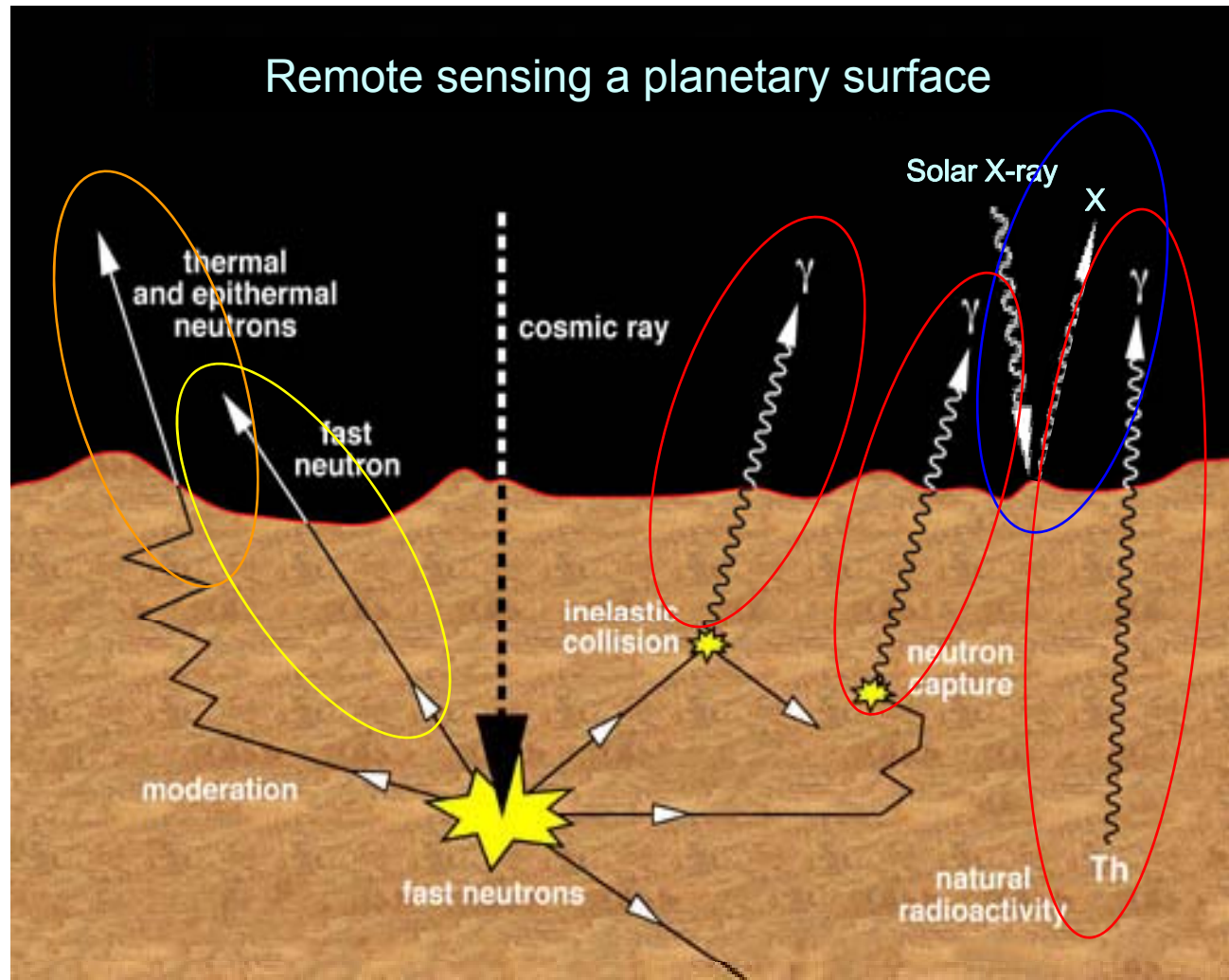
# X/gamma-ray/neutron remote sensing

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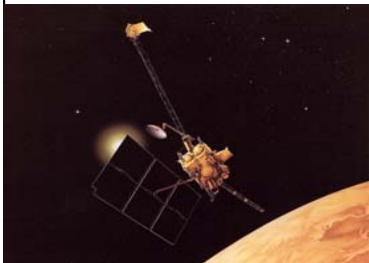
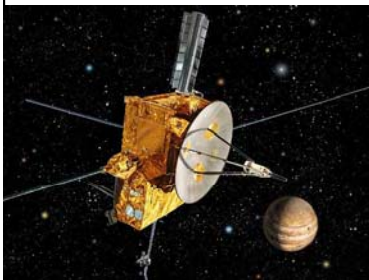
Solar X-rays impinge on planetary surface and fluoresce characteristic X-rays from the top ~100 microns of the regolith

Galactic Cosmic Rays interact with the regolith producing neutrons, gamma-rays and X-rays in the 1-3 meters subsurface layer

Their flux and energy spectra are characteristic of the elementary composition of the subsurface. The neutrons are particularly moderated by hydrogenous matter

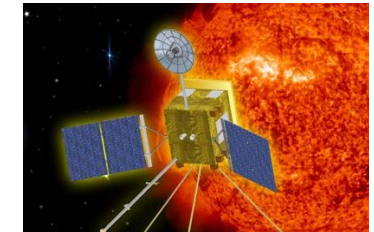
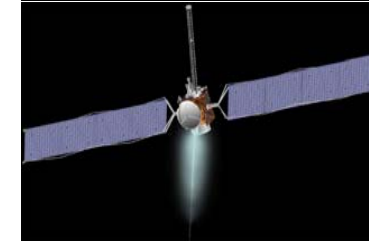
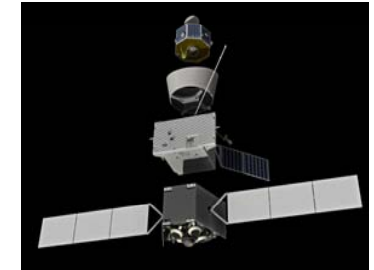


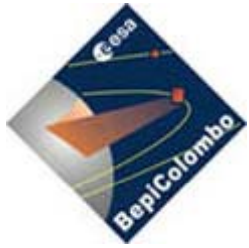
# Geochemical packages on Planetary Missions



| Past missions                | GRS               | XRS | NS                    | PS      |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------|
| - Phobos                     | CsI               | yes | Stilben,plastic       | yes     |
| - Lunar Prospector           | BGO/BC454         |     | BC454                 |         |
| - Near                       | NaI/BGO           | gas |                       |         |
| - Mars Observer              | HPGe/BC454        |     | BC454                 |         |
| - Mars Odyssey               | HPGe              |     | BC454,Stilben,plastic | CsI     |
| • Current missions           |                   |     |                       |         |
| - Ulysses                    | CsI/GRB           |     |                       | Plastic |
| - Messenger                  | HPGe/BGO          | gas | GS20,BC454            |         |
| • Missions in implementation |                   |     |                       |         |
| - Dawn                       | CZT/BGO           |     | BGO,BC454, G20        |         |
| - Phobos Grunt               | LaBr <sub>3</sub> |     | BC454,Stilben,gas     |         |
| - Solar Orbiter              | LaBr <sub>3</sub> |     | BC454                 | plastic |
| - BepiColombo                | LaBr <sub>3</sub> | Si  | BC454,Stilben,gas     | CsI     |

**GRS**=gamma-ray spectrometer  
**XRS**=X-ray spectrometer  
**NS**=neutron spectrometer  
**PS**=particle spectrometer





# GRS - Specific requirements for BepiColombo

produce a large volume gamma-ray detector with:

- High  $\gamma$ -ray detection efficiency in the MeV region (300 cm<sup>3</sup>)

(SCI-RD  $\epsilon > 14\%$  FEPE @ 1 MeV). Achieved through use of high density materials (i.e.,  $> 5 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ )

- High energy resolution above 1 MeV ( $\leq 3\%$  FWHM @662 keV)

$\Delta E$  SCI-RD driven. Achieved through using scintillation materials with high light output ( $> 50,000 \text{ ph/MeV}$ ) – low light non-proportionality, low readout noise ( $< 20 \text{ phe rms}$ )

- Environmentally robust

Achieved using inorganic scintillators - Hardness  $> 2 \text{ Mho}$ , Radiation tolerance  $> 10^4 \text{ Gy}$ , low activation susceptibility ( $< 3 \text{ ct cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), low phosphorescence, annealing possibility *via* thermal or optical bleaching means

- Inert

Room or elevated temperature operation ( $-10^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+30^\circ\text{C}$ ), no high voltages, no special EMC, cleanliness or handling requirements, no moving parts

- Minimally resourced

No services (e.g., cooling, vacuum, calibration sources, radiation or magnetic shielding), no maintenance, 4 kg, 4W, 1 L – above all simple



# Scintillators - Basic Properties

|                        | Light O/P<br>[photons/keV] | Decay Time<br>[ns]   | Emis. Wavelength<br>[nm] | Density<br>[g/cm <sup>3</sup> ] |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| NaI(Tl)                | 38                         | 250                  | 415                      | 3.7                             |
| CsI(Tl)                | 54                         | 1000                 | 550                      | 4.5                             |
| BaF <sub>2</sub>       | 10                         | 0.7/630<br>fast/slow | 220/310<br>fast/slow     | 4.9                             |
| LaCl <sub>3</sub> (Ce) | 49                         | 28                   | 350                      | 3.8                             |
| LaBr <sub>3</sub> (Ce) | 66                         | 16                   | 380                      | 5.1                             |

FWHM energy resolution at @ 662 keV

NaI(Tl)  $\Delta E/E \sim 6\%$

LaCl<sub>3</sub>  $\Delta E/E \sim 4\%$

LaBr<sub>3</sub>  $\Delta E/E \sim 3\%$

CdZnTe  $\Delta E/E \sim 2\%$  (*after correction for carrier recombination*)

# History - LaBr<sub>3</sub> development program

Project driven consortium formed between ESA, Cosine BV, Delft TU, Saint Gobain

## Requirements for sensor for MGNS

- $\leq 3\%$  FWHM energy resolution at 662 keV
  - 300 cm<sup>3</sup> detection volume,  $\epsilon_p > 14\%$  @ 1 MeV
  - Minimum resourced – 4.5 kg, 5W, 100 bps, no cooling
- } Inferred from the SCI-RD

## Major issues for LaBr<sub>3</sub> implementation

1. Cracking
2. Does resolution get worse with volume?
3. Radiation damage
4. Activation

BepiColombo Project required a favourable resolution of all issues





# Issue 1. Growth problem - cracking



Run Y3B-24 - 5" x 5"



cosine | research

TU Delft  
Technische Universiteit Delft

SAINT-GOBAIN  
CRYSTALS



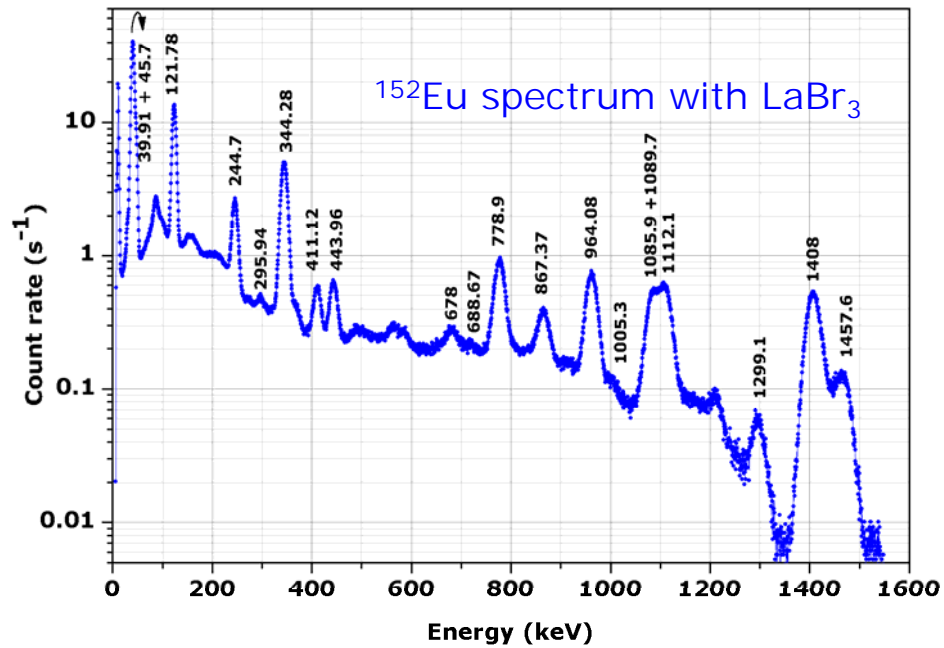
Advanced Concepts and Technology Preparation

# Run Y3B-28 - Single xtal



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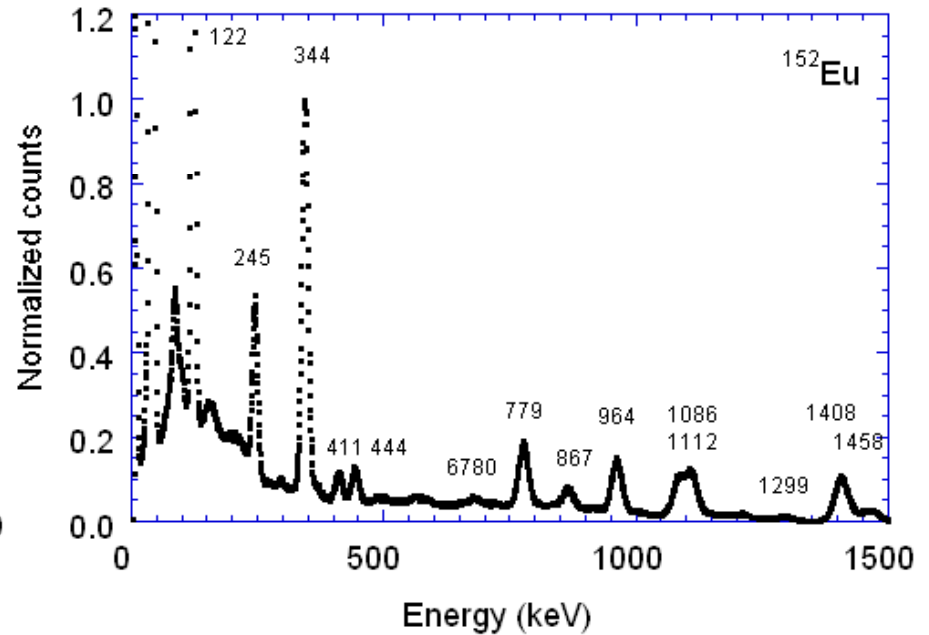
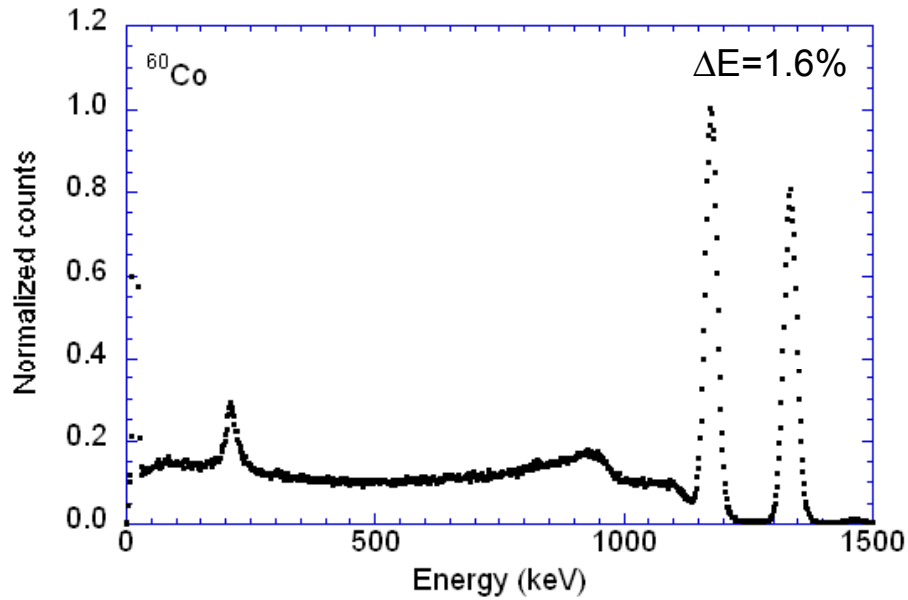
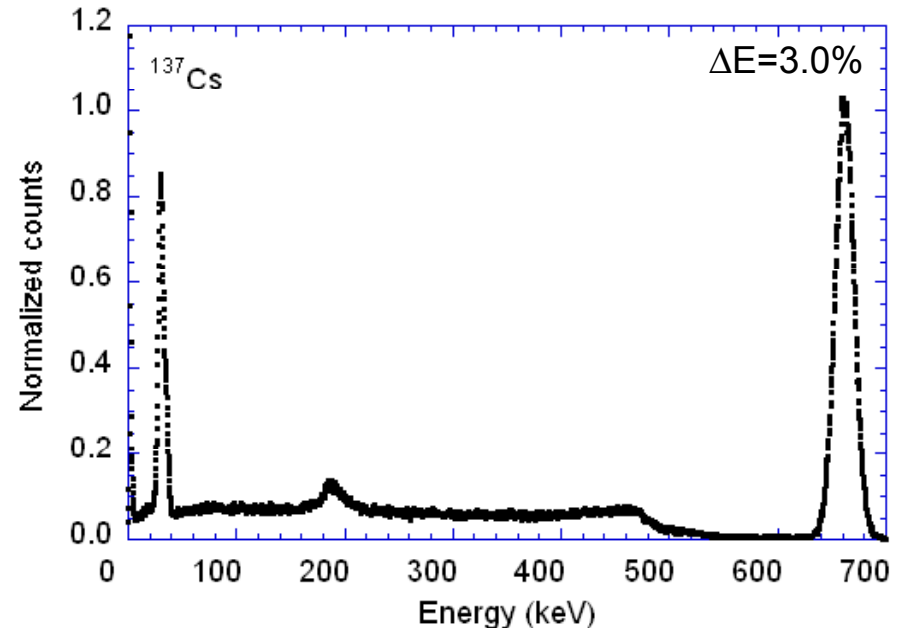
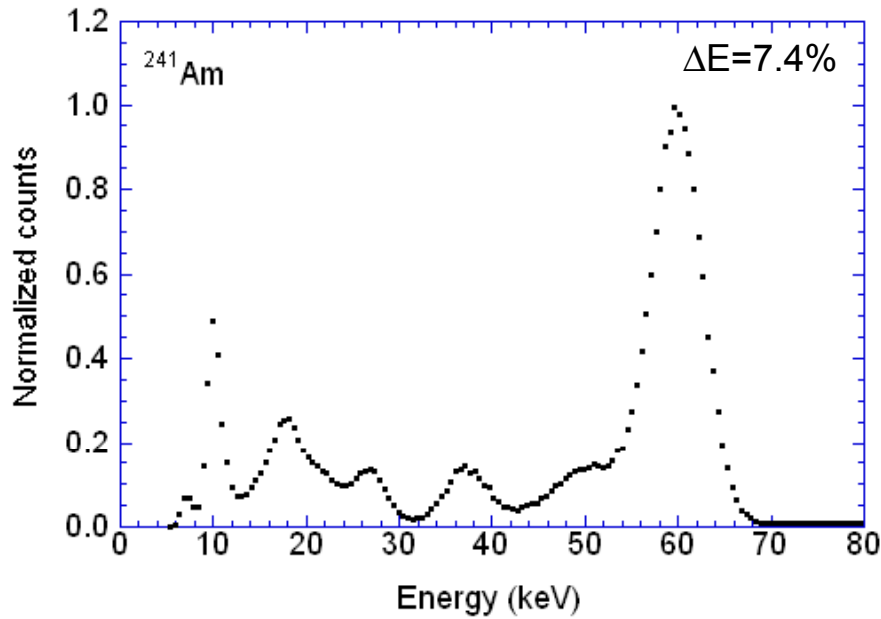
## Issue 2. Does resolution get worse with volume?



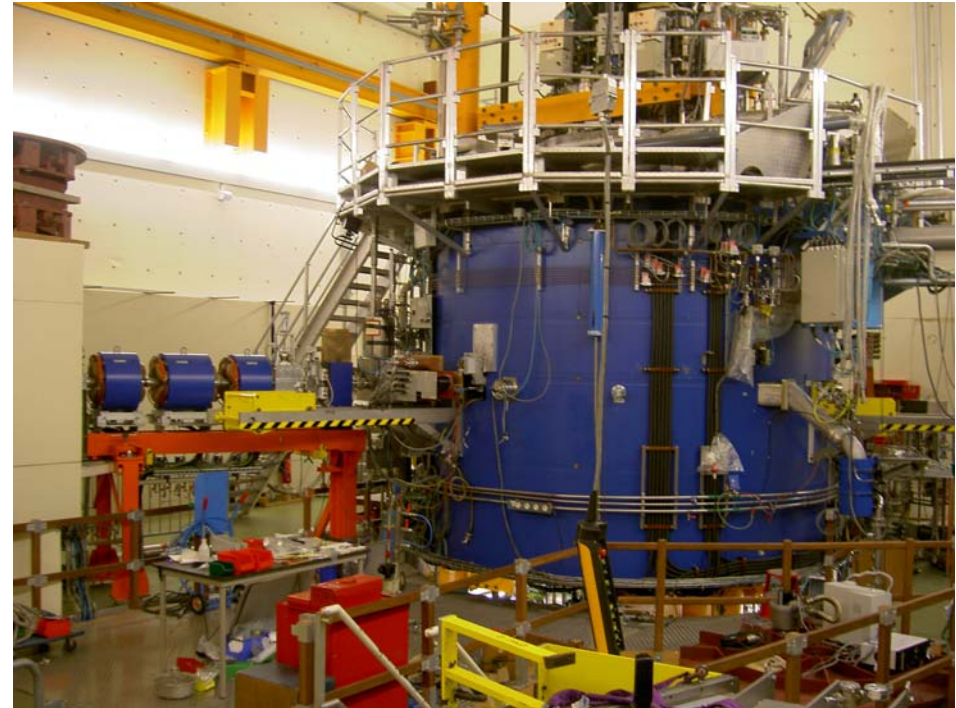
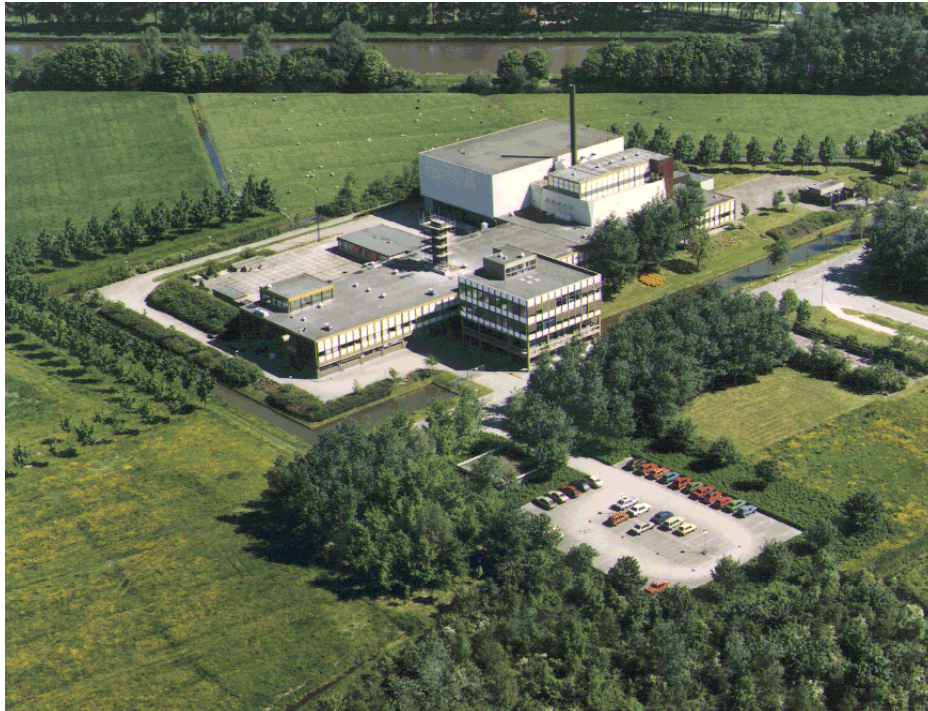
# LaBr<sub>3</sub> crystal growth evolution

| Crystal size<br>Dia. x height cm <sup>2</sup> | Volume<br>cm <sup>3</sup> | Volume increase<br>factor | $\Delta E/E$ at 662 keV<br>percent |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0.3 x 0.3 x 1.0                               | 0.90                      | 1                         | 3.2                                |
| 1.3 x 1.3                                     | 1.73                      | 1.9                       | 3.4                                |
| 1.9 x 1.9                                     | 5.39                      | 6                         | 3.4                                |
| 2.5 x 2.5                                     | 12.27                     | 14                        | 2.8                                |
| 3.8 x 3.8                                     | 43.10                     | 48                        | 2.8                                |
| 5.1 x 5.1                                     | 103.0                     | 114                       | 3.0                                |
| 5.1 x 7.6                                     | 155.2                     | 172                       | 3.0                                |
| 7.6 x 7.6                                     | 347.5                     | 386                       | 2.8                                |
| 10.2 x 7.6                                    | 462.7                     | 514                       | 3.0                                |

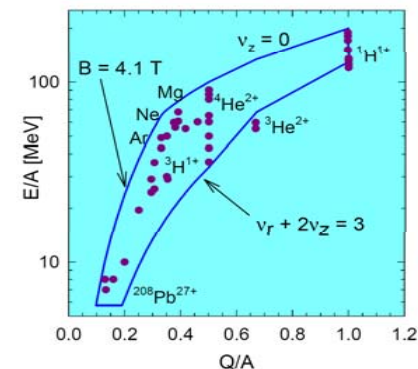
### 3" x 3" LaBr<sub>3</sub> crystal

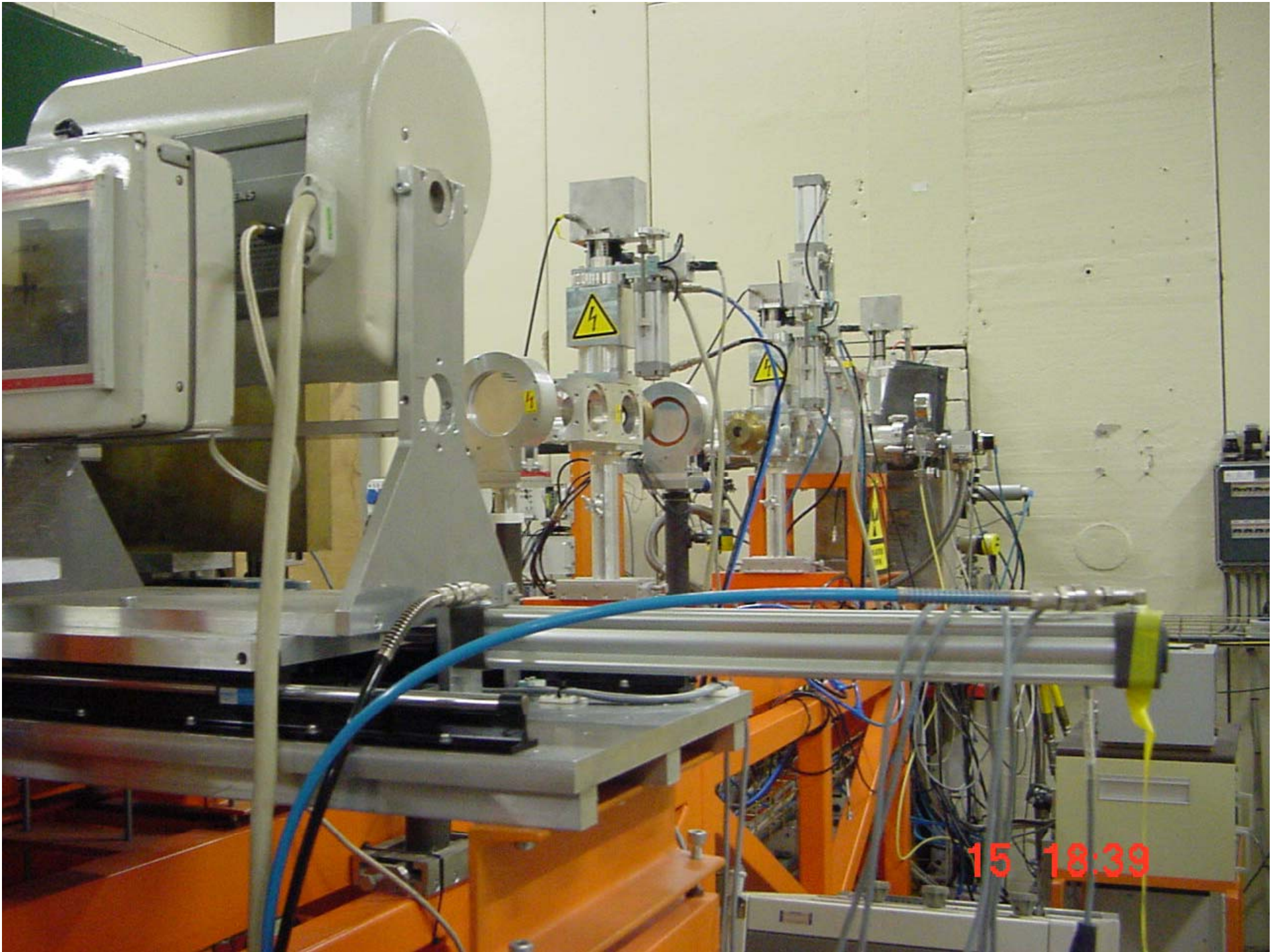


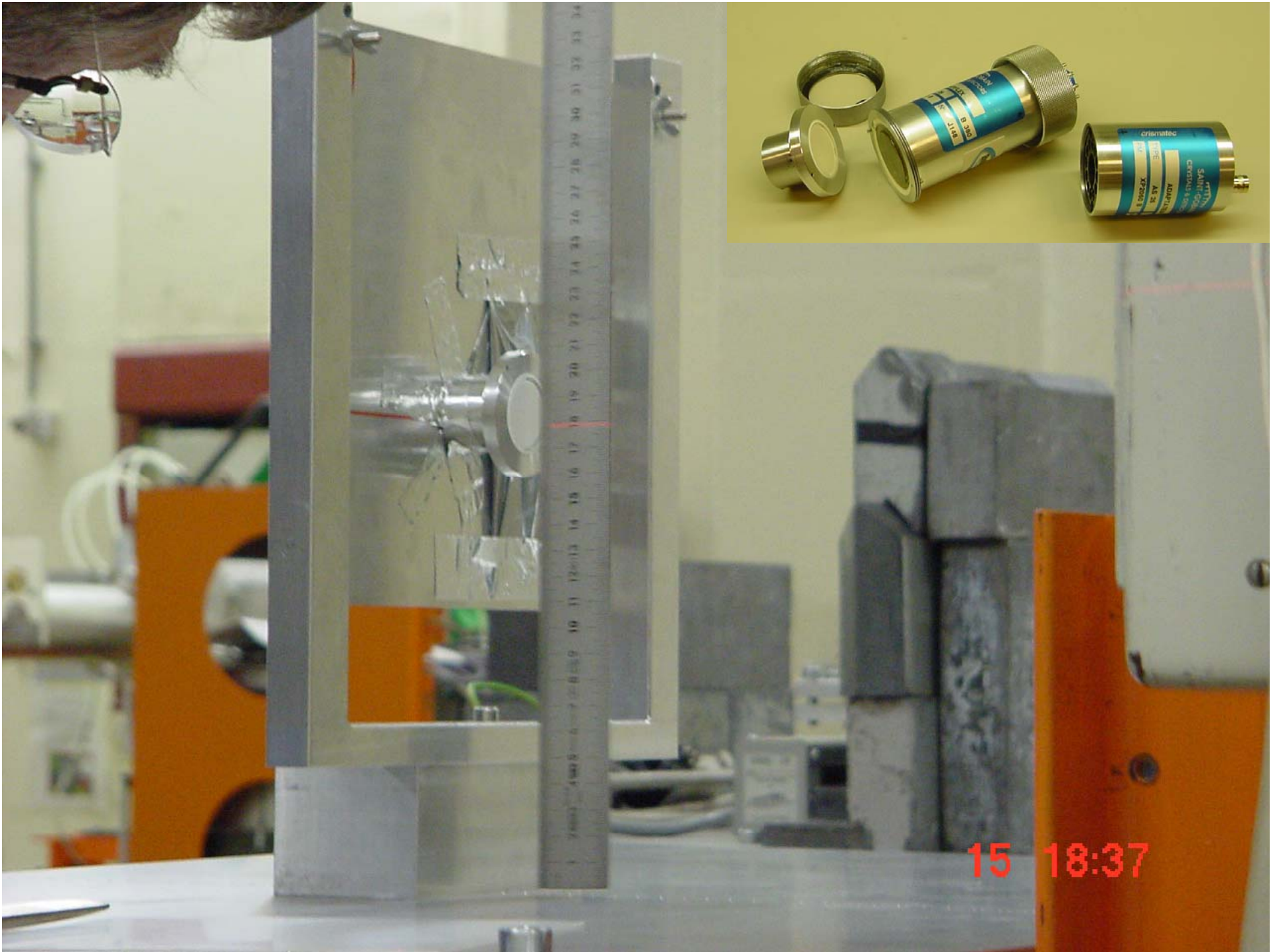
# Issue 3. Does resolution get worse with radiation damage? Assessment of space radiation effects at the Kernfysisch Versneller Instituut (KVI), Groningen NL



- Protons - up to 200 MeV
- Alphas up to 400 MeV
- Ions up to  $E/A = 600(Q/A)^2$
- Beam currents of up to 10 nA









# Irradiations

Four irradiations planned, Incident proton beam will be modified to represent generic SEP spectrum with total fluences:

1.  $10^9$  proton  $\text{cm}^{-2}$
2.  $10^{10}$  proton  $\text{cm}^{-2}$
3.  $10^{11}$  proton  $\text{cm}^{-2}$
4.  $10^{12}$  proton  $\text{cm}^{-2}$

The crystals were tested before and after irradiations.

# Simulating the energy spectrum

Using the August 1972 event as baseline

- Fluence  $2 \times 10^{10}$  protons  $\text{cm}^{-2}$  ( $>10$  MeV) – reasonable chance of getting one at Mercury
- Spectrum covers high and low energy bands

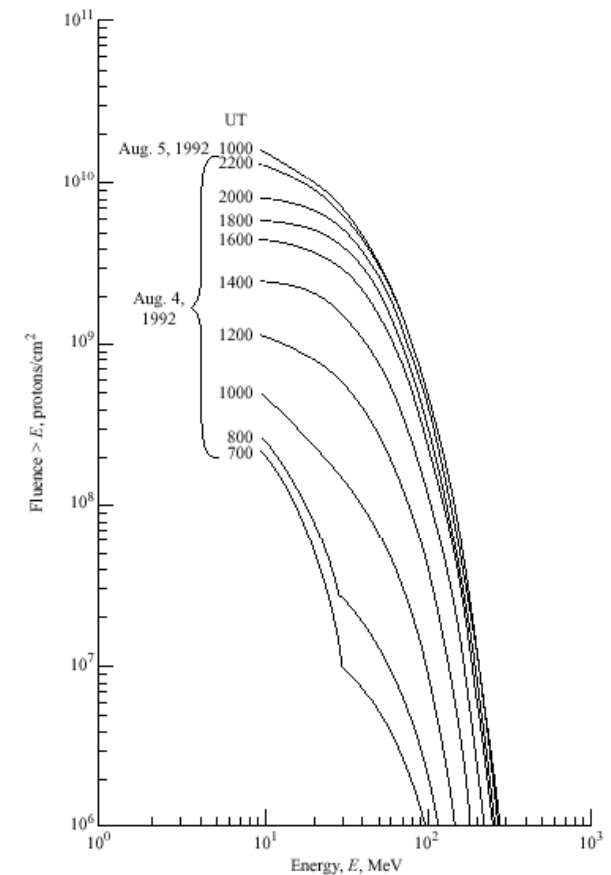
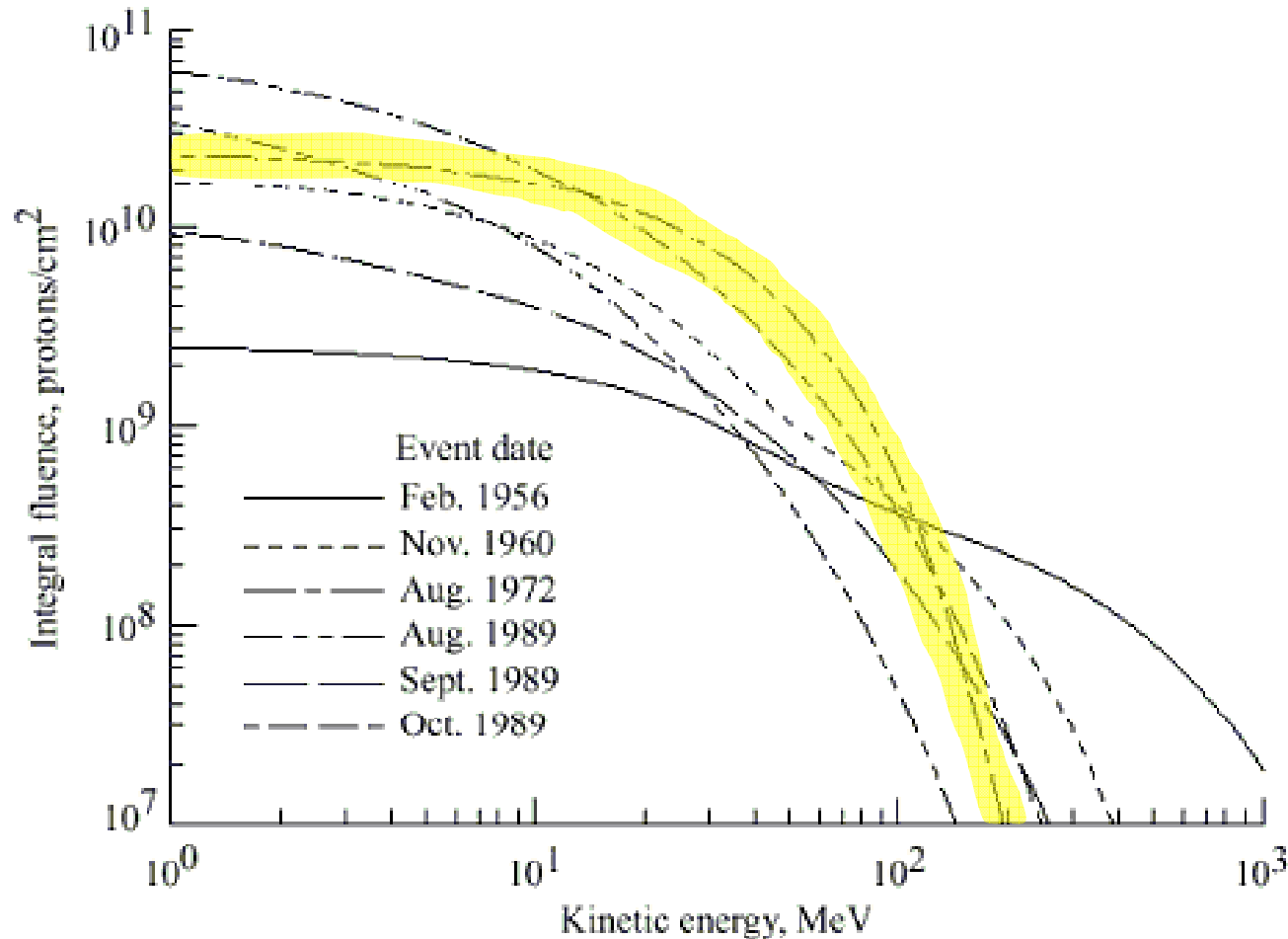
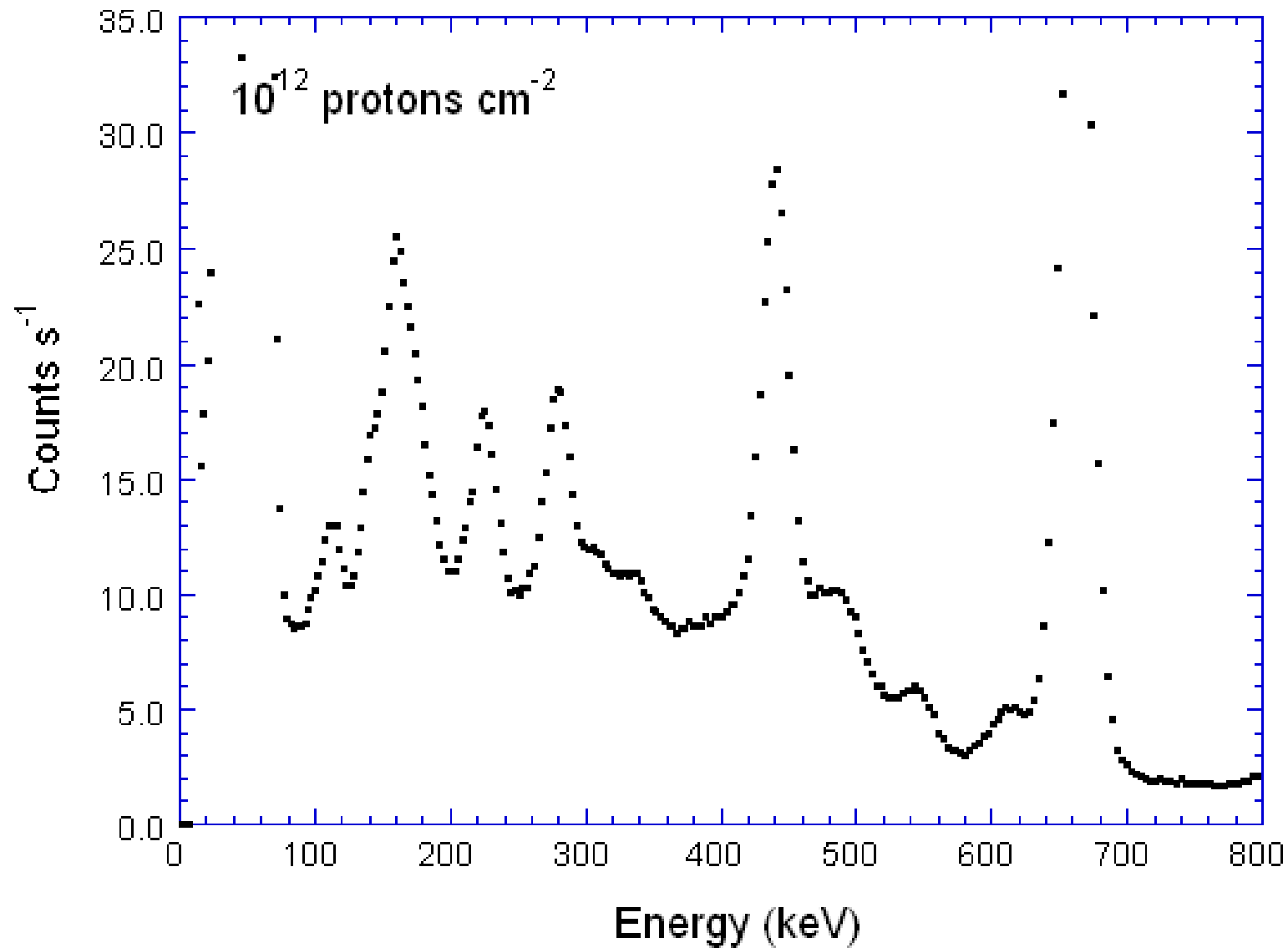


Figure 1. Fluence from August 1972 solar event as function of time and energy.

### Issue 3. Does resolution get worse with radiation damage?



# Summary resolution results

## before irradiation

| Det no. | Fluence<br>protons cm <sup>-2</sup> | Energy (keV)      |      |      |      |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|
|         |                                     | 60                | 662  | 1173 | 1332 |
|         |                                     | FWHM resolution % |      |      |      |
| J149    | 0                                   | 10.59             | 2.78 | 2.04 | 1.73 |
| J150    | 0                                   | 12.01             | 3.28 | 2.58 | 2.42 |
| J146    | 0                                   | 10.99             | 3.07 | 2.40 | 2.18 |
| J148    | 0                                   | 10.62             | 2.95 | 2.23 | 2.06 |
| J147    | 0                                   | 11.04             | 3.05 | 2.37 | 2.23 |

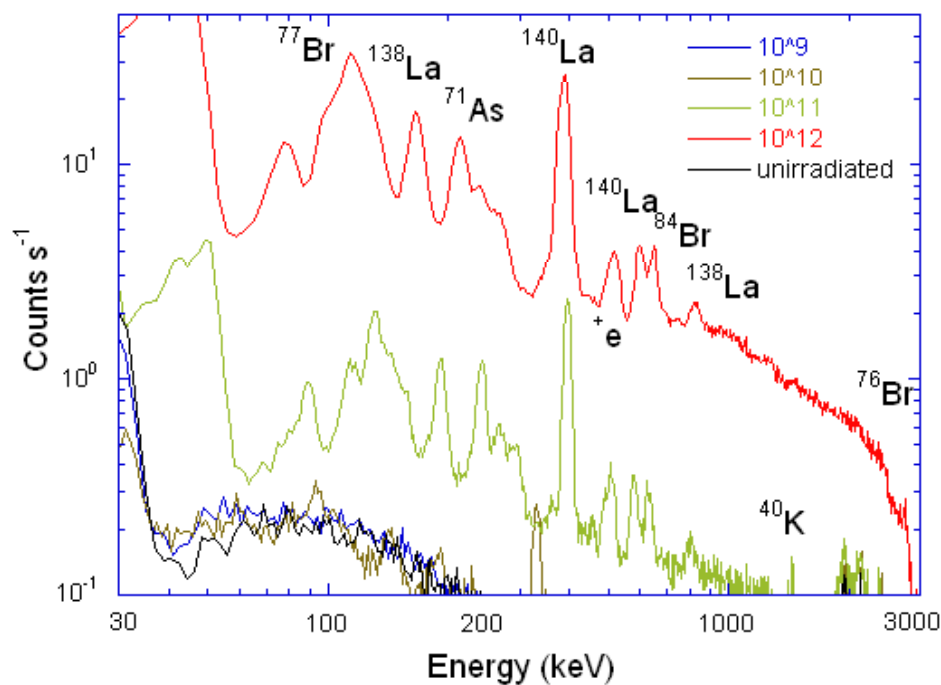
## after irradiation

| Det no. | Fluence<br>protons cm <sup>-2</sup> | Energy (keV) |      |      |      |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|
|         |                                     | 60           | 661  | 1173 | 1332 |
| J149    | 0                                   | 10.26        | 2.52 | 1.76 | 1.63 |
| J150    | 10 <sup>9</sup>                     | 12.10        | 2.80 | 2.16 | 1.97 |
| J146    | 10 <sup>10</sup>                    | 10.59        | 2.70 | 2.07 | 1.75 |
| J148    | 10 <sup>11</sup>                    | 11.51        | 2.75 | 1.85 | 1.79 |
| J147    | 10 <sup>12</sup>                    | 12.06        | 3.30 | 2.69 | 2.67 |

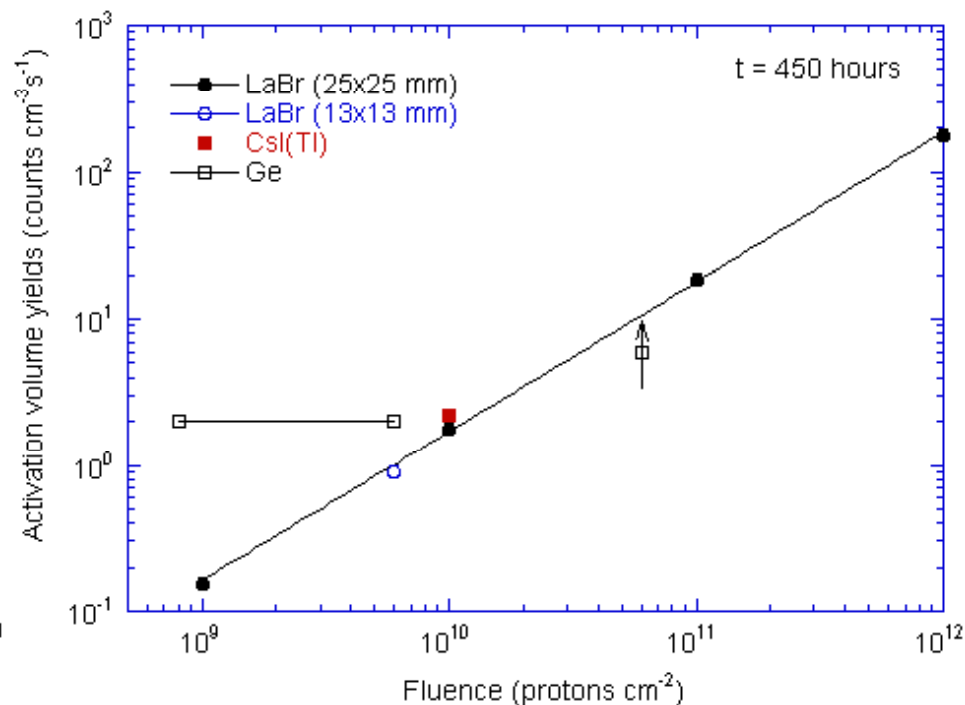
# Issue 4. Activation

## Measurements taken 450 hours after exposure

Internal spectra measured 450 hrs after exposure to a solar flare



Activation yields 450 hrs after exposure to a solar flare

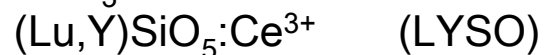
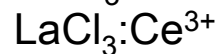
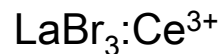


## Issue 3. Long term damage and ageing tests?

# ISS long duration exposure tests

Four crystals ( $\sim 1\text{cm}^3$ ) delivered to Delft for characterization prior to delivery to IKI, then to the ISS

Four scintillators were delivered by ESA and Saint-Gobain for characterization of their properties.



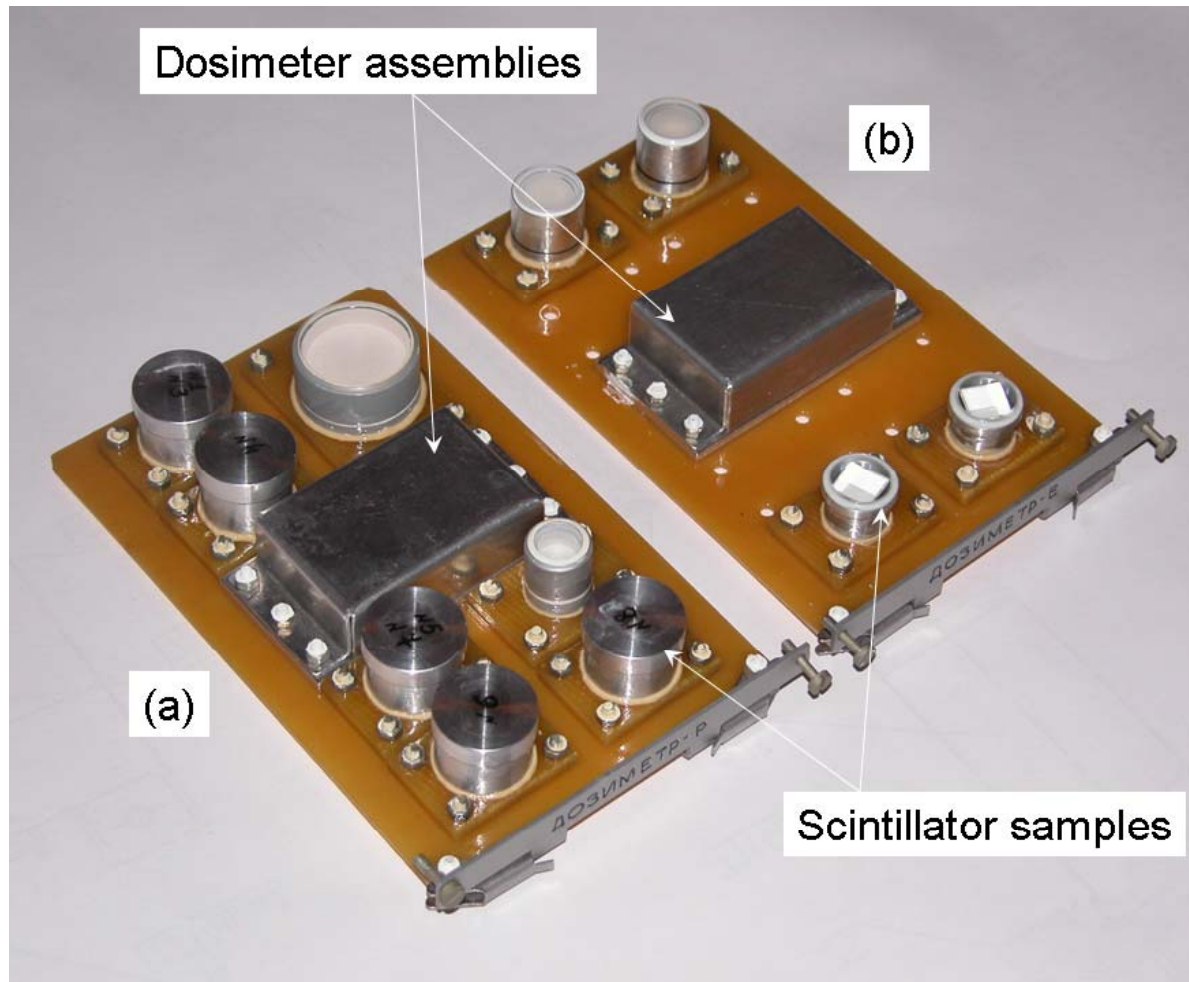
The following pre-flight measurements were made:

- recording of the X-ray excited emission spectrum
- recording of the X-ray excited afterglow
- recording of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  gamma ray pulse height spectra with  $3\ \mu\text{s}$  shaping time
- recording of  $^{241}\text{Am}$  gamma ray pulse height spectra with  $3\ \mu\text{s}$  shaping time
- recording of the intrinsic activity



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# In-situ measurements on the ISS



## Board 1 (right)

$(\text{LuAl})\text{O}_3:\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ;  
 $\text{LaBr}_3:\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ;  
 $(\text{LuY})\text{SiO}_5:\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ;  $\text{LaCl}_3:\text{Ce}^{3+}$   
(ESA/TUD Netherlands)

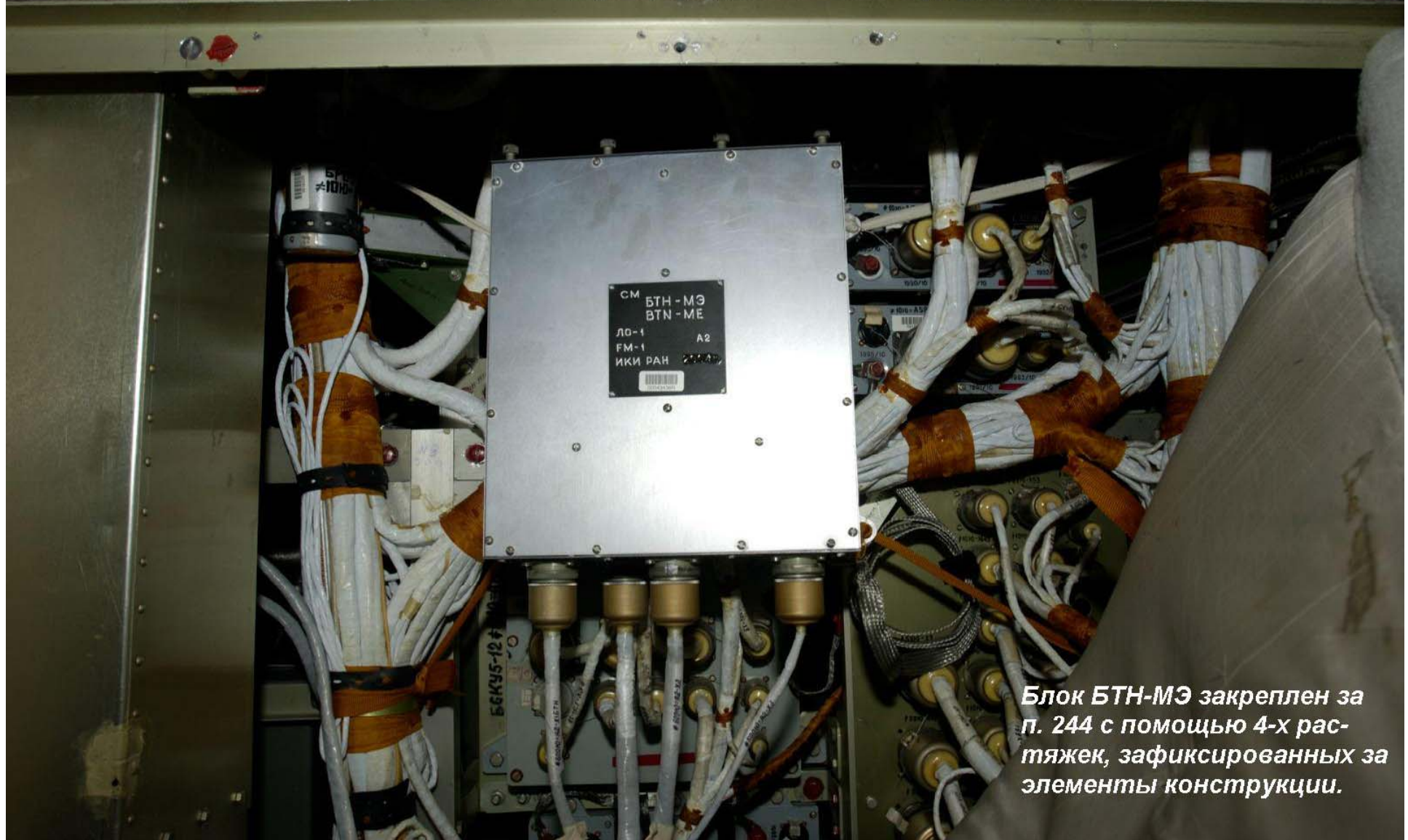
## Board 2 (left)

$(\text{Lu}_{0.5}\text{Y}_{0.5})\text{AlO}_3:\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ;  
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 $(\text{Lu}_2\text{SiO}_5):\text{Ce}^{3+}$  ;  
 $(\text{Lu}_2\text{SiO}_5):\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ;  
 $(\text{YAlO}_3):\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ;  
 $\text{CsI}:\text{TI}^+$ ;  
 $\text{NaI}:\text{TI}^+$ ;  
(Russia, VIMS)

Solid state thermo-luminescent  
dosimeters DTG-4 (Russia, IMBP)  
Plastic track detectors  
TASTRACK (Russia, IMBP +  
TASL, UK)



Launched October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006 on a Progress-58 cargo ship  
Returned to Earth, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2007



*Блок БТН-МЭ закреплен за п. 244 с помощью 4-х растяжек, зафиксированных за элементы конструкции.*



The internal block in position on the ISS



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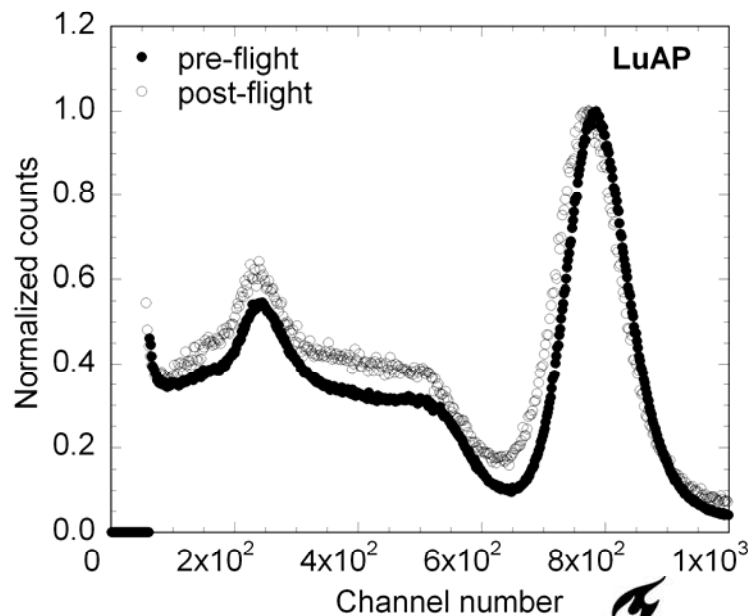
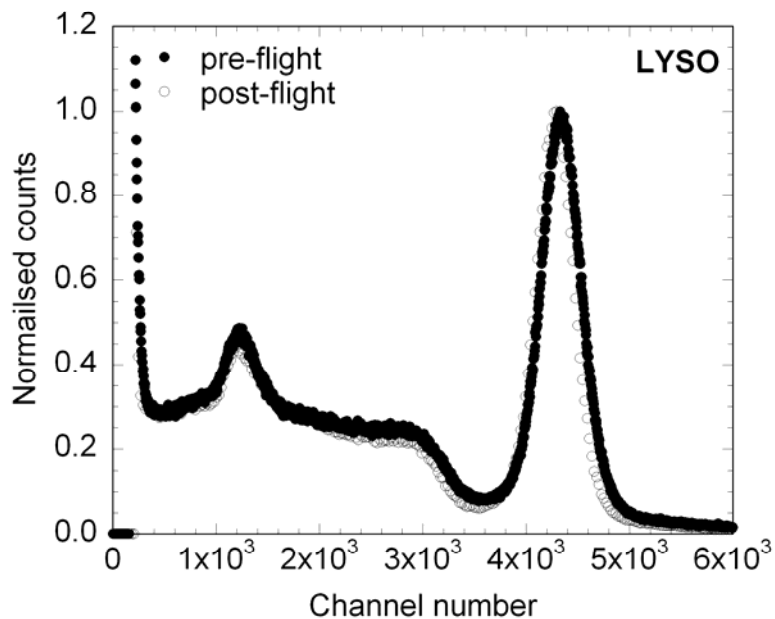
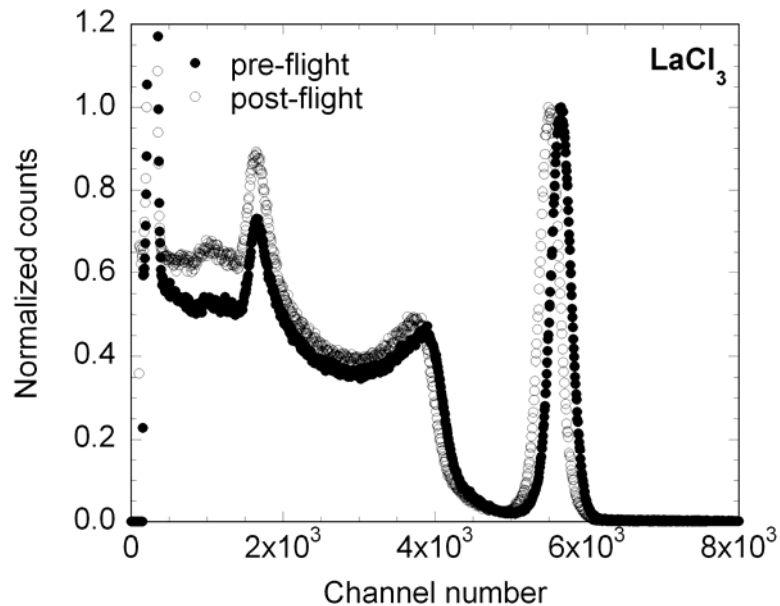
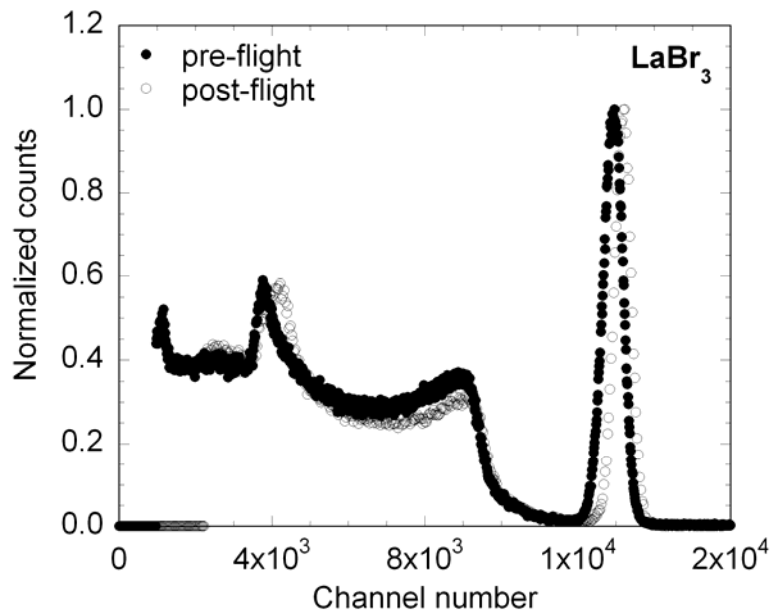


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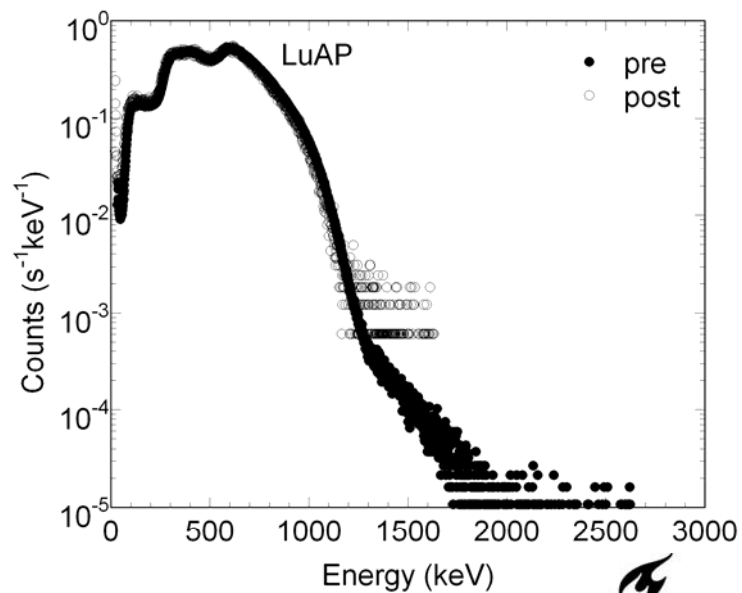
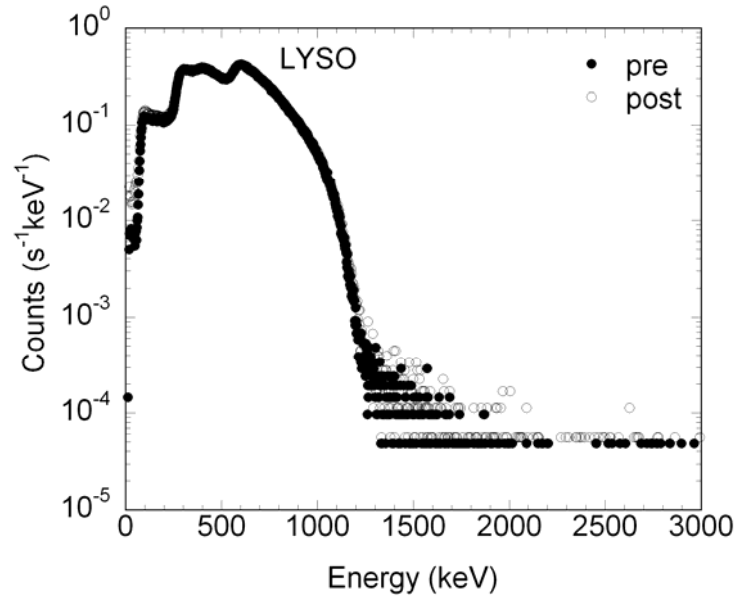
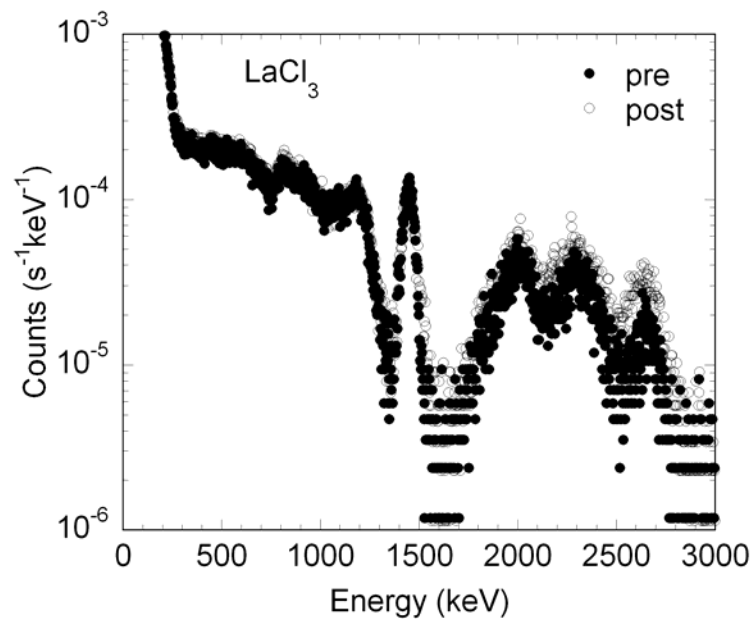
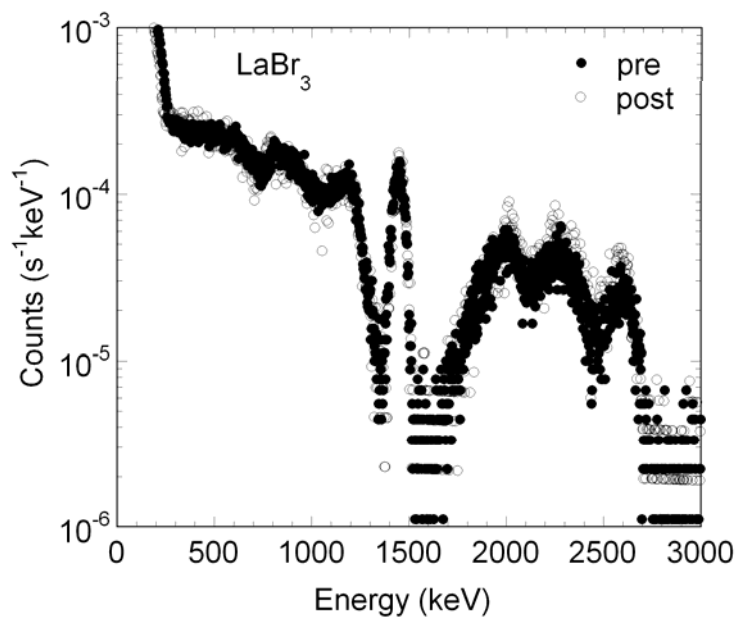


The external block in position on the ISS

# Spectral response – pre and post flight



# Internal activation – pre and post flight



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# Summary

Table 1. Measured photoelectron yields and intrinsic activities of all ESA samples. The pre-launch measurements took place in April, 2004 and the post flight in February, 2008. The quick-look characterization immediately after recovery showed essentially the same results. The activities were measured inside a lead castle.

| Sample  | Photoelectron yields |                   |                    |                   | Intrinsic Activity             |                                |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Pre-launch           |                   | Post Flight        |                   | Pre-launch                     | Post Flight                    |
|   | Yield<br>(phe/MeV)   | $\Delta E$<br>(%) | Yield<br>(phe/MeV) | $\Delta E$<br>(%) | Rate<br>(Bq cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | Rate<br>(Bq cm <sup>-3</sup> ) |
| LaBr <sub>3</sub> :Ce <sup>3+</sup>             | 13900                | 4.9               | 12850              | 3.9               | 0.50                           | 0.52                           |
| LaCl <sub>3</sub> :Ce <sup>3+</sup>             | 6300                 | 5.2               | 5617               | 5.7               | 0.52                           | 0.61                           |
| (Lu,Y)SiO <sub>5</sub> :Ce <sup>3+</sup> (LYSO) | 4340                 | 9.9               | 4283               | 9.7               | 227                            | 230                            |
| LuAlO <sub>3</sub> :Ce <sup>3+</sup> (LuAP)     | 790                  | 13.1              | 772                | 14.4              | 285                            | 286                            |

Table 2. The pre and post launch intrinsic activities measured at various times before and after launch. The integral rates were assessed over the energy range 50 keV to 3000 keV.

| Sample            | Intrinsic activity 50 keV-3000 keV (Bq) |                             |                |                 |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                   | Pre launch Delft                        | Post landing<br>VIMS +1 day | ESTEC +10 days | Delft +100 days |
| LaBr <sub>3</sub> | 1.05                                    | 1.25                        | 1.05           | 1.03            |
| LaCl <sub>3</sub> | 0.85                                    | 1.19                        | 1.03           | 0.98            |
| LuAP              | 279                                     | 311                         | 313            | 286             |
| LYSO              | 227                                     | 289                         | 231            | 230             |

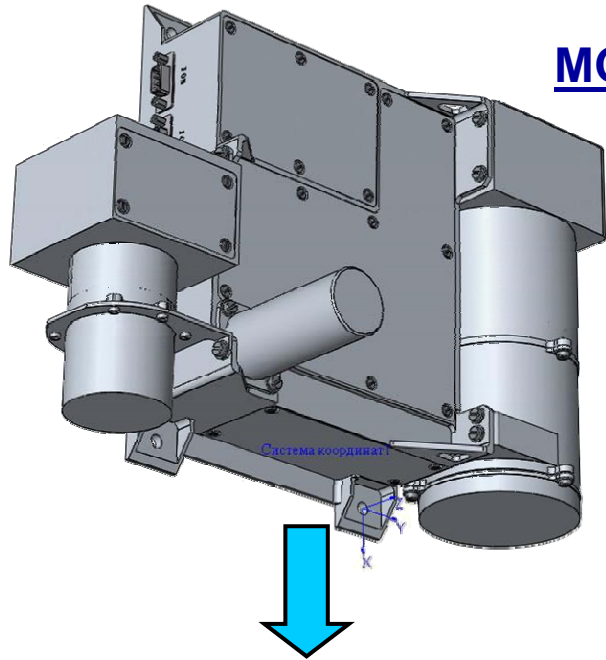


Bottom line – no change



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## MGNS: main characteristics



**Goal:** Gamma and neutron mapping of Mercury surface

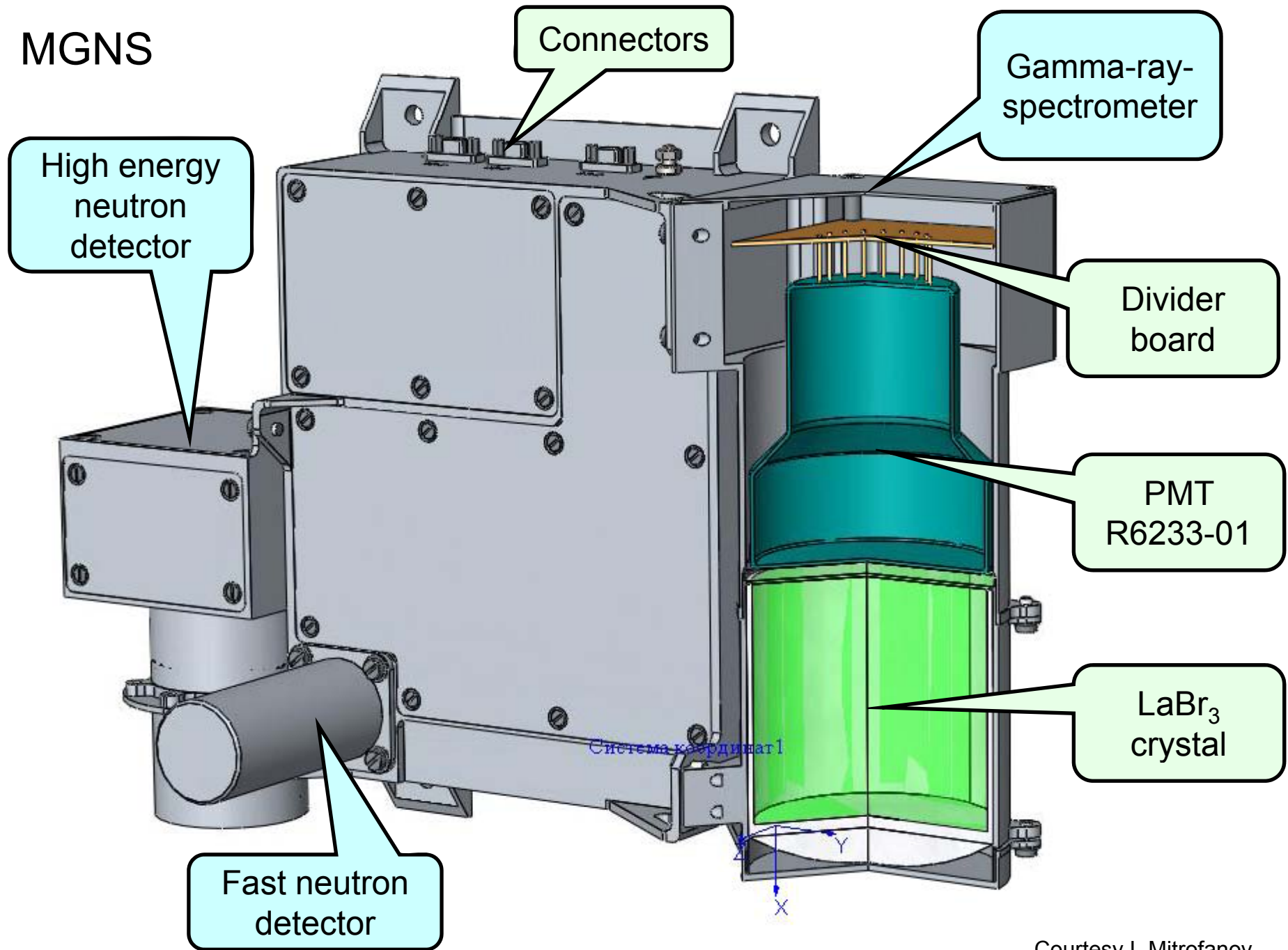
### Science objectives:

- ★ The mapping of water content in Mercury subsurface
- ★ The mapping of Mercury soil composition

### Parameters:

| PARAMETER                | VALUE   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Mass                     | 5.2 kg  |
| Power                    | 5 W   |
| Volume                   | -   |
| Surface Resolution       | 400 km  |
| Minimal time resolution  | 2-4 sec   |
| Energy range, neutrons   | Multi energy bands covering $10^{-3}$ eV – 15 keV                               |
| Energy range, gamma      | 300 keV – 10 MeV  |
| Energy resolution, gamma | 3% at 660 keV   |
| Detectors                | $^3\text{He}$ – proportional counters, stilben crystal, $\text{LaBr}_3$ crystal |
| Temperature range        | (-20C, 40C)   |
| Position                 | ESA: BepiColombo  |
| Altitude                 | 400 km – 1500 km  |

# MGNS

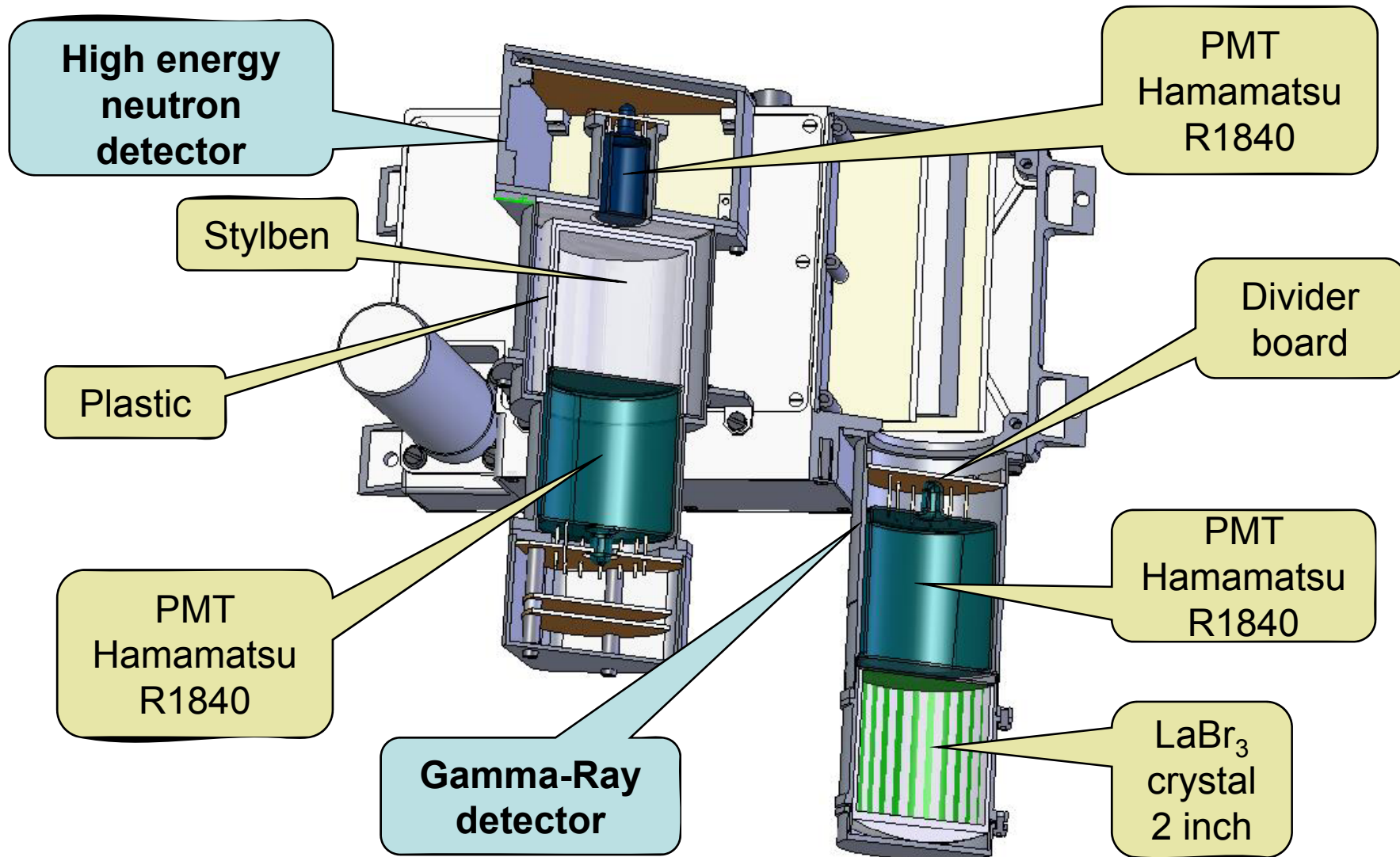


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# The immediate future - Phobos Grunt



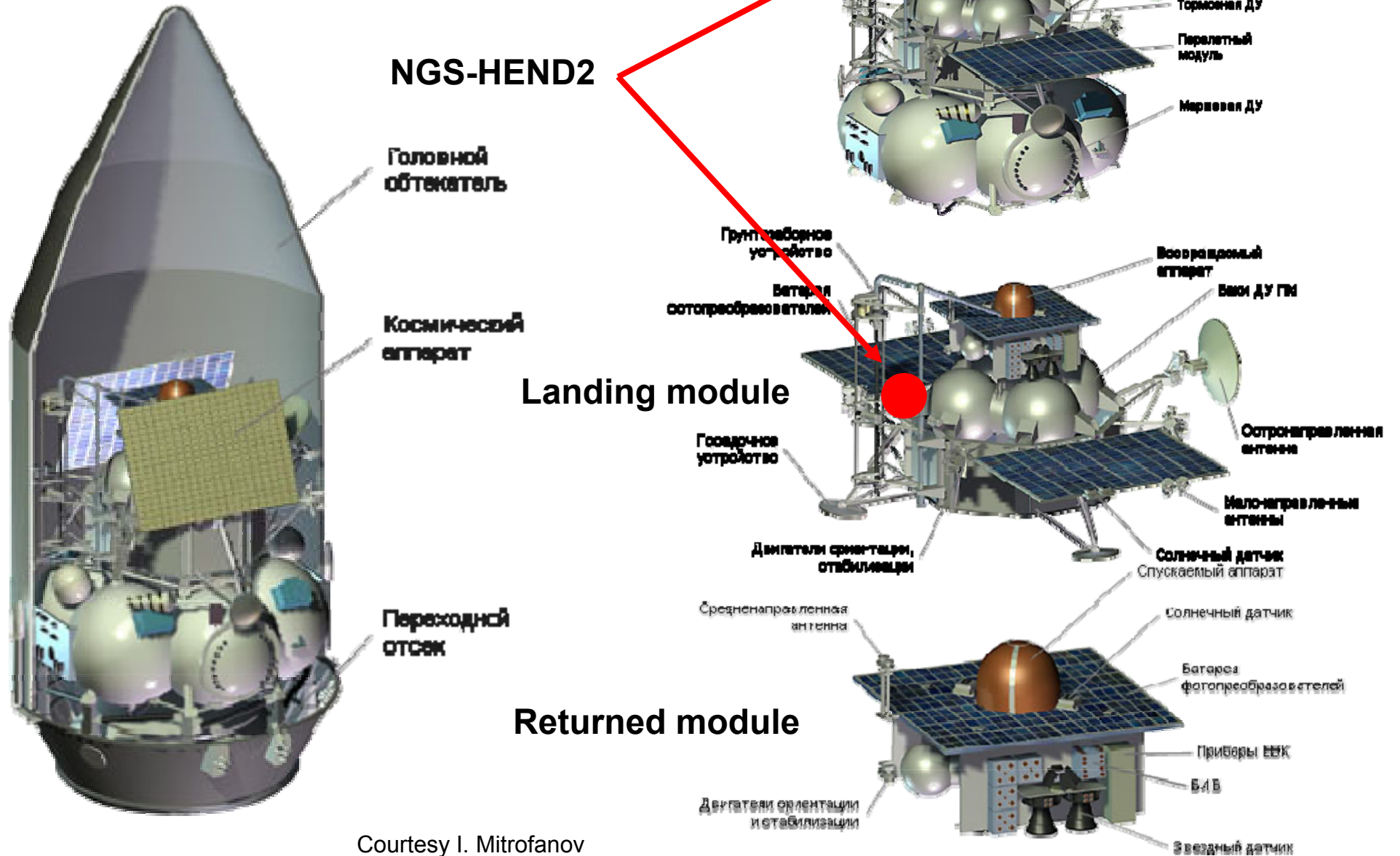
## NGS-HEND2 mechanical design: high energy neutron detector and gamma-ray spectrometer





# Phobos Grunt

## КА "Фобос-Грунт"



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# CdZnTe growth program

In support of future X-and Gamma-ray astronomy missions

## Problem

CZT is increasingly used in space applications

Essentially single non-European vendor

End user licence required

Market dominated by Medical and Homeland security applications



# CdZnTe use in Space

## Current Missions

INTEGRAL - In terms of current missions, 16,384 crystals of CdTe were used to form the focal plane of the ISGRI instrument. The vendor was Acrorad (Japan).

Solar X-ray Spectrometer (SOXS) employed CZT in its high energy focal plane. The vendor was eV products

SWIFT - The Burst Alert Telescope (BAT) onboard Swift utilizes 32,768 crystals of CdZnTe. The vendor was eV Products.

## Future Missions

Chandrayaan-1 is an Indian lunar mission with ESA support due for launch in 2008. A proposed X-ray instrument initially baselined 1000 CdZnTe crystals. The procurement cost from eV Products was USD 200,000. The cost of 1000 CdTe crystals from Acrorad of Japan was USD 33,000 (2 month delivery).

EXIST - X-ray mission that will use a large detection plane composed of 320 elements of CdZnTe. The detection plane is currently under development. The vendor is eV products

MIRAX - Galactic Bulge Transient Monitor mission will use 27 cross-strip CZT detectors. The vendor is eV products.

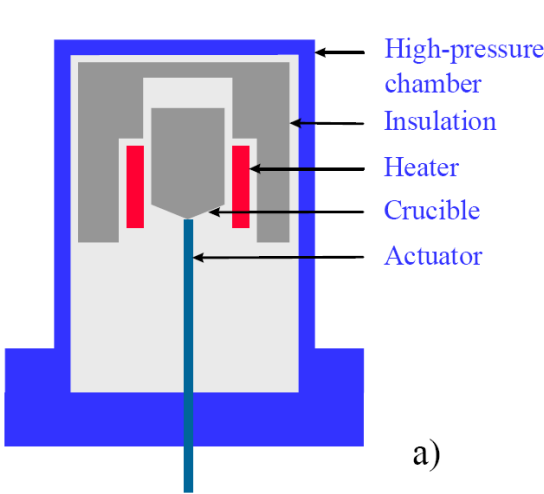
Simbol-X - High energy detector consists of 37 CZT modules.

Constellation X - Over 1500 cm<sup>2</sup> of CdZnTe is currently base-lined. The vendor will be eV products

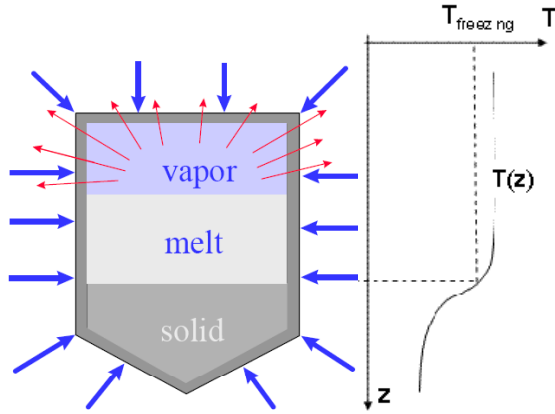
XEUS – Combined CCD/CZT modules proposed.



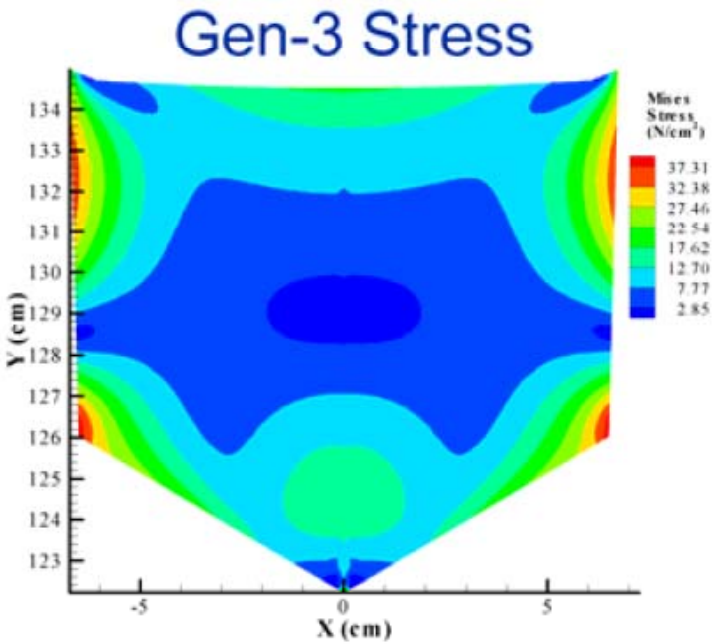
# CdZnTe growth High Pressure Bridgman



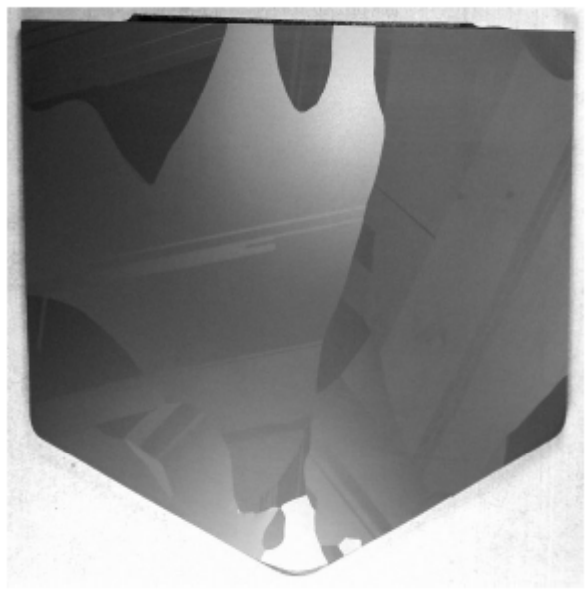
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Current xtal size limited to 15x15x7.5 mm<sup>3</sup>

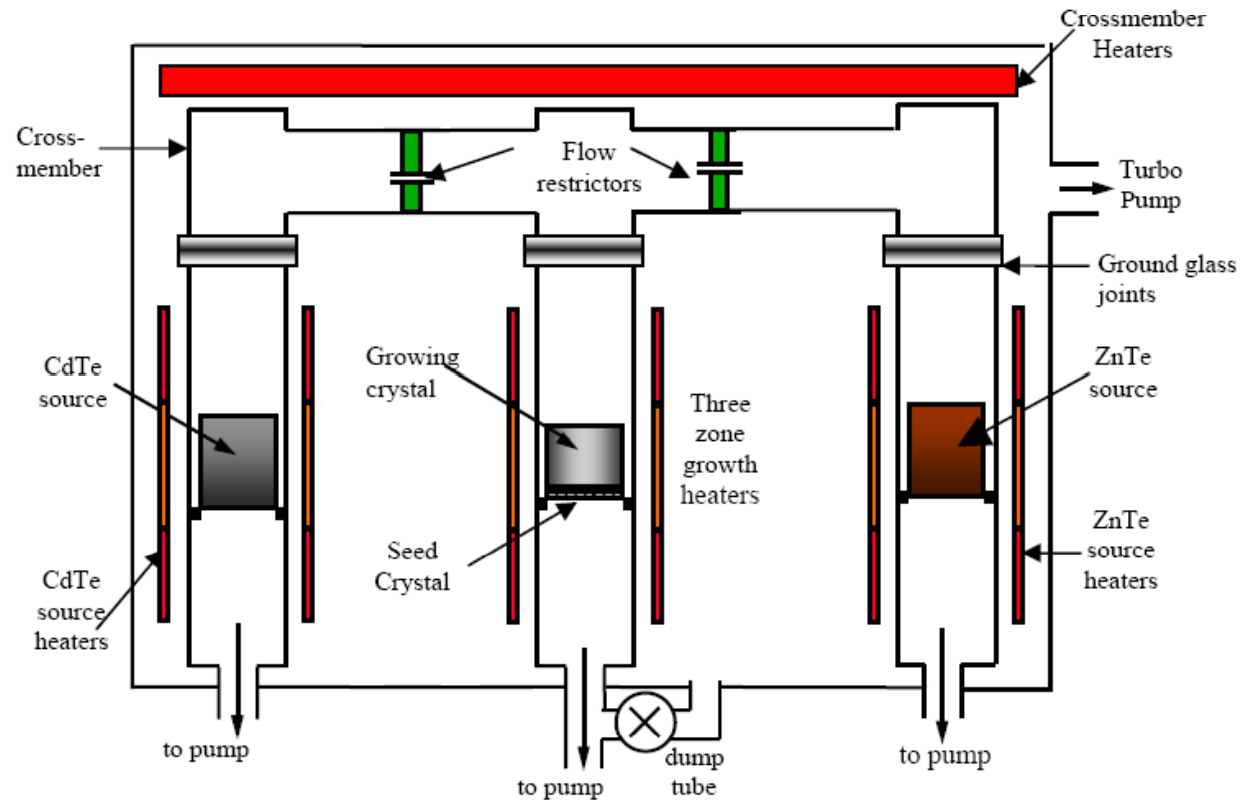


# Multi-Tube Physical Vapour Transport Method

Durham Scientific Crystals, Patents - Europe (covering Germany, France, UK and Italy) : EP1019568 United States of America : US 6,375,739, Japan : PCT/GB98/02224

## Advantages over HPB

- Low pressure
- In-situ compounding
- Lower thermal stresses
- Higher purity
- Improved stoichiometry
- Larger single crystals
- No self poisoning
- Reusable quartzware
- Low cost



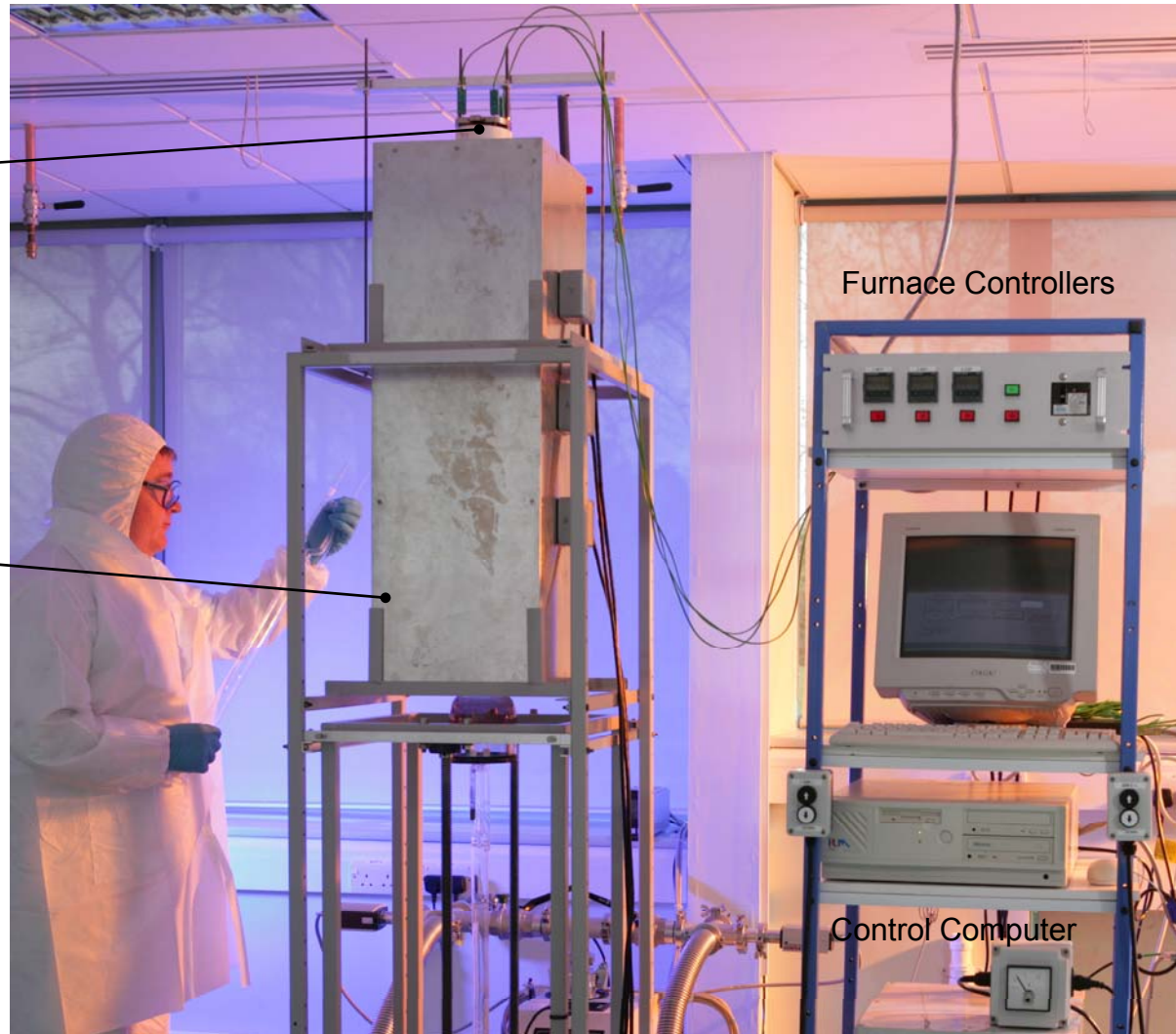
Schematic of new MTPVT system for the growth of CZT

# ITI Phase I – Bench top simulator

**Function:** To provide the necessary temperature profile for crystal growth



Quartzware



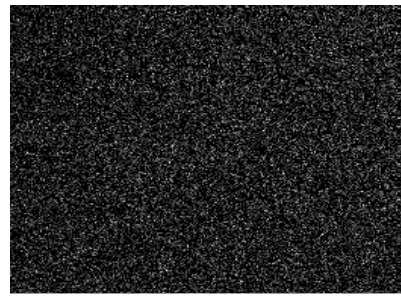
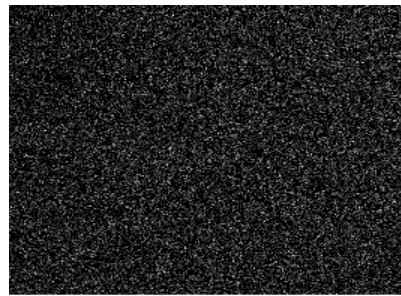
Furnace Enclosure



Cadmium

Tellurium

Zinc



EDAX

2 mm

2 mm

2 mm





Phase II - industrialization





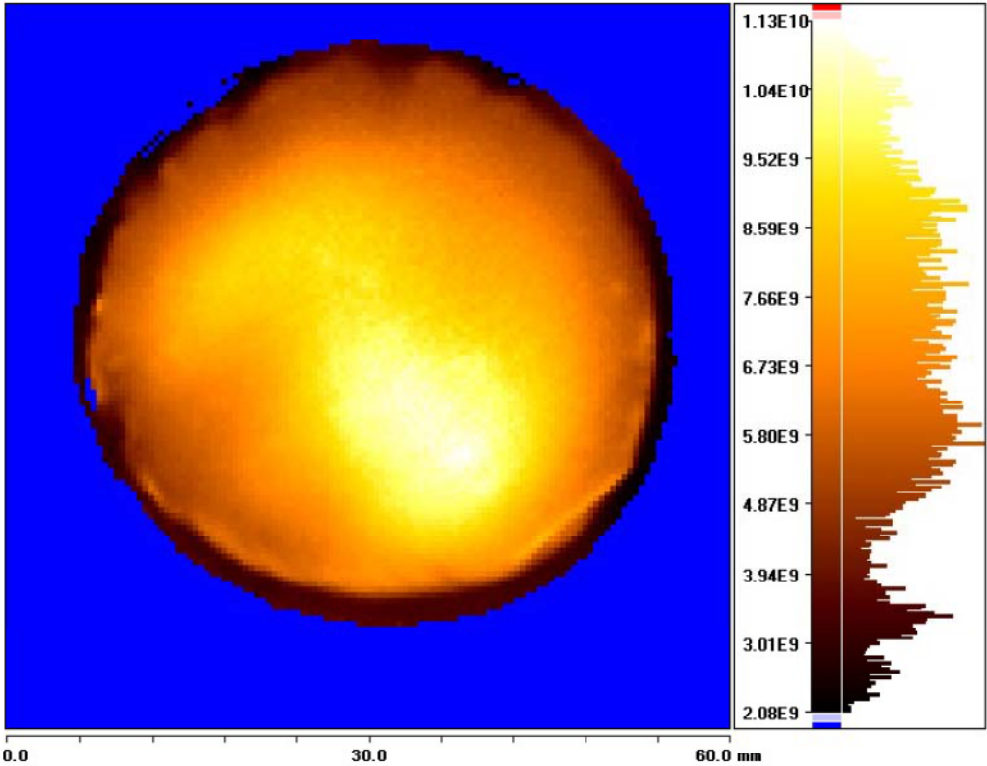
- Permits growth of multiple crystals at same time
- Currently completed growth trials
- 2" crystals chosen as research vehicle. Process immediately scaleable to 3"



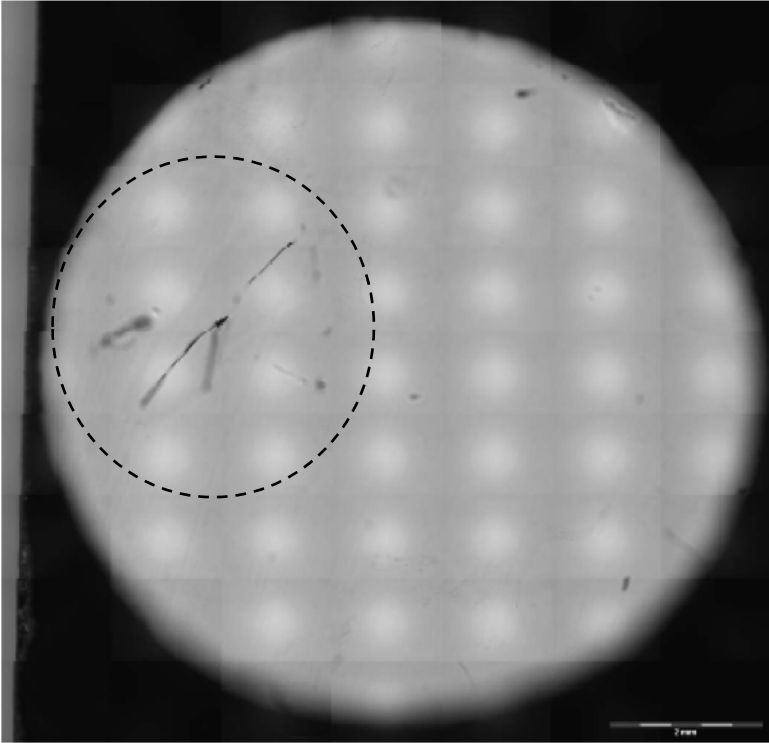
**M4\_019, 50 mm diameter CZT boule grown in new MTPVT system**

# Resistivity and IR maps

Mean  $\rho=6.8 \times 10^9 \Omega\text{cm}$

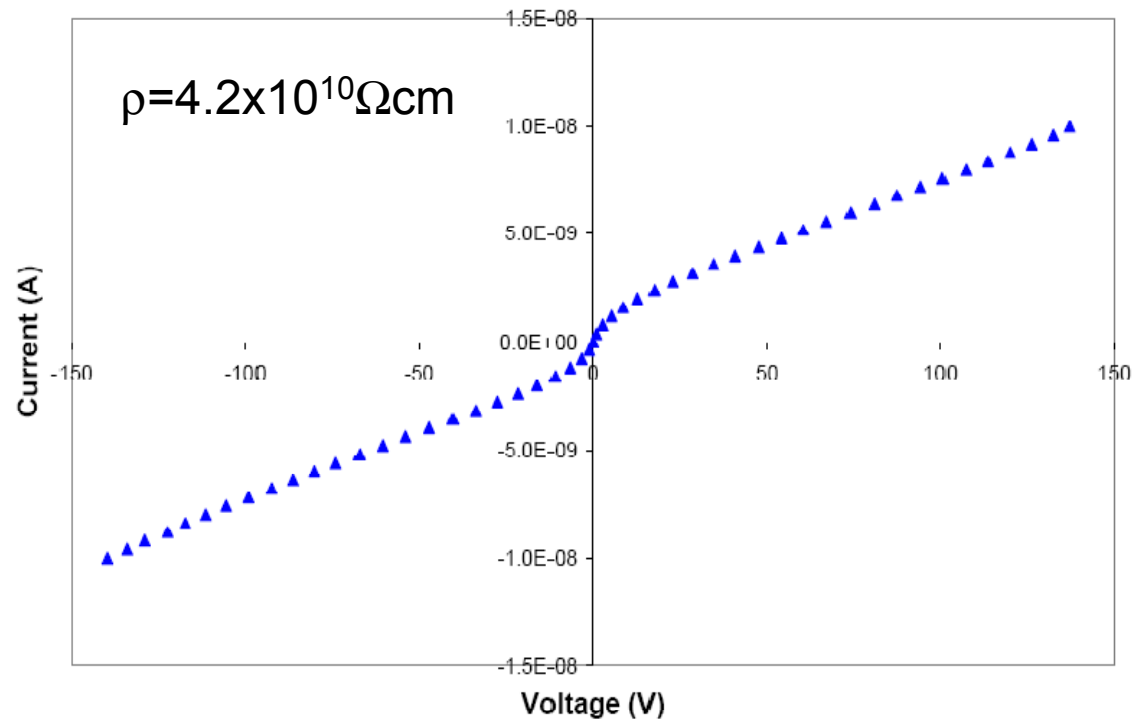
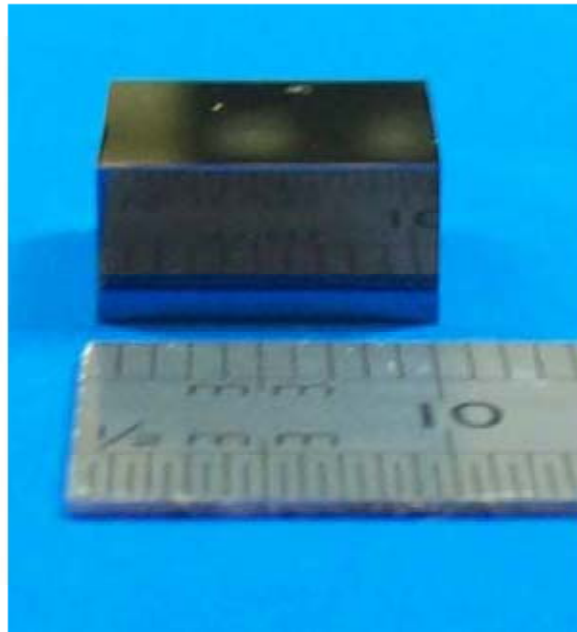


Resistivity map of M4\_019



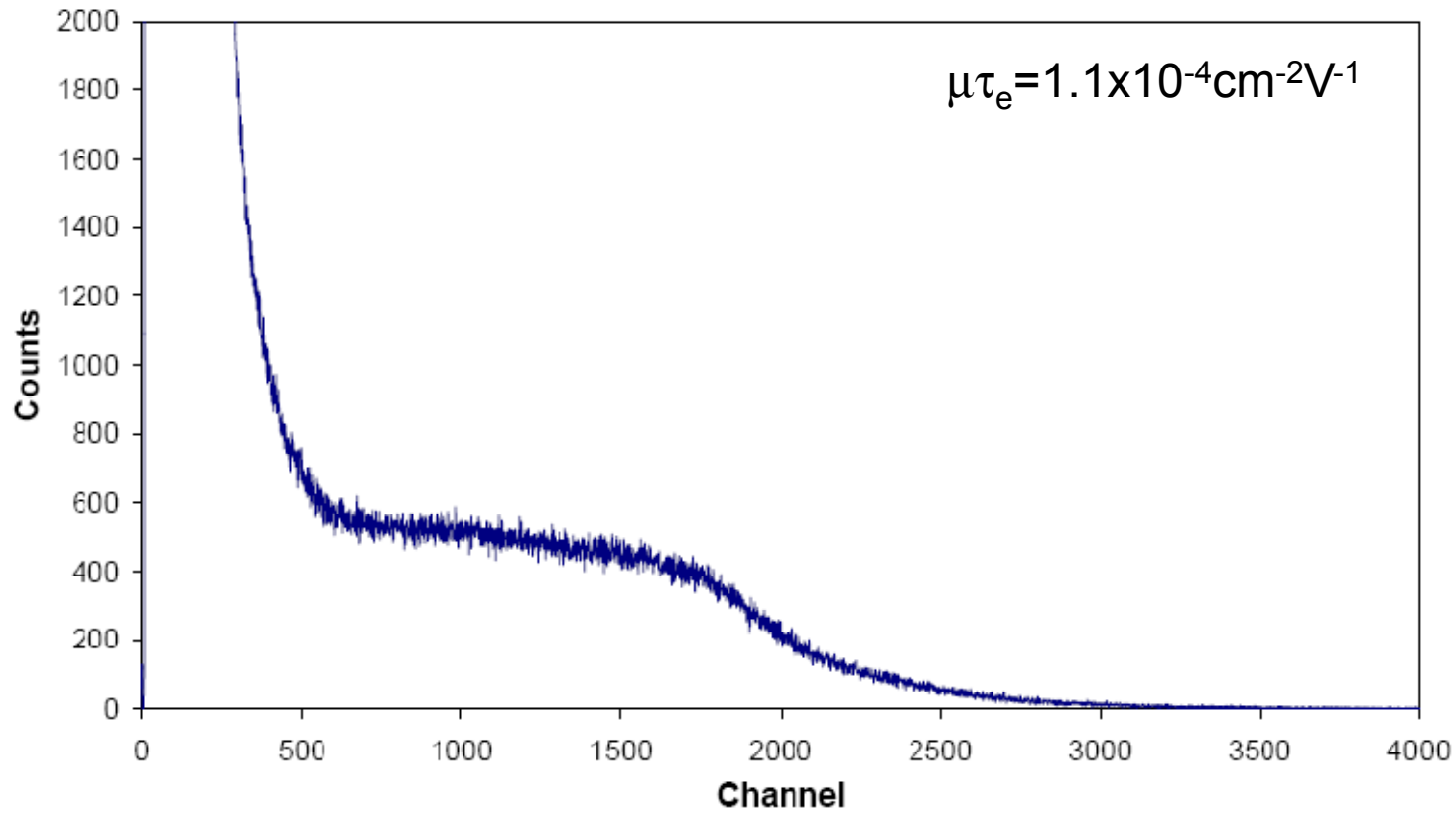
Infra-red microscopy map of M4\_019\_4

# I/V characteristics



Two contact current-voltage measurements for die M4\_019\_4

# Spectral performance $^{57}\text{Co}$



$^{57}\text{Co}$  spectrum at 400V for samples M4\_19\_4, size 10 x 10 mm

# GDMS analysis of impurities in CdTe source materials and grown crystals

| Element | Source 1   | Source 2   | Crystal 1  | Crystal 2  |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|         | Conc       | Conc       | Conc       | Conc       |
|         | [ ppm wt ] | [ ppm wt ] | [ ppm wt ] | [ ppm wt ] |
| Na      | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     |
| Mg      | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    |
| Al      | 0.10       | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    |
| Si      | 0.45       | 0.02       | 0.04       | 0.05       |
| S       | 0.05       | 0.07       | 0.36       | 0.04       |
| Cl      | 2.0        | 0.04       | 0.08       | 0.03       |
| K       | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     |
| Ca      | 0.14       | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     |
| Ti      | 0.008      | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    |
| V       | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    |
| Mn      | < 0.01     | < 0.01     | < 0.01     | < 0.01     |
| Fe      | 0.03       | < 0.005    | 0.03       | < 0.005    |
| Co      | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    |
| Ni      | 0.04       | < 0.005    | < 0.005    | < 0.005    |
| Cu      | 3.1        | < 0.01     | 0.43       | < 0.01     |
| Zn      | < 0.01     | < 0.01     | Matrix     | Matrix     |
| As      | < 0.1      | < 0.1      | 0.79       | < 0.1      |
| Se      | < 0.1      | < 0.1      | 0.47       | < 0.1      |
| Br      | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     |
| Ag      | 0.44       | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     |
| Cd      | Matrix     | Matrix     | Matrix     | Matrix     |
| In      | Binder     | Binder     | Binder     | Binder     |
| Sn      | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     |
| Sb      | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     | < 0.05     |
| Te      | Matrix     | Matrix     | Matrix     | Matrix     |
| I       | 450        | < 0.5      | 14         | < 0.5      |

Before (6N source)

| Sample reference | Size (mm) | Resistivity from IV measurement ( $\Omega\text{cm}$ ) | $\mu\tau$ ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}$ ) |
|------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| M4_19_1          | 10x10x2   | $5.4 \times 10^{10}$                                  | $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$                 |
| M4_19_2          | 10x10x2   | $4.17 \times 10^{10}$                                 | $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$                 |
| M4_19_3          | 10x10x2   | $4.69 \times 10^{10}$                                 | $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$                 |
| M4_19_4          | 10x10x2   | $5.4 \times 10^{10}$                                  | $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$                 |
| M4_19_4_3        | 5x5x2     | $5.4 \times 10^{10}$                                  | $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$                 |
| M4_19_4_4        | 5x5x2     | $5.4 \times 10^{10}$                                  | $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$                 |

After (7N source)

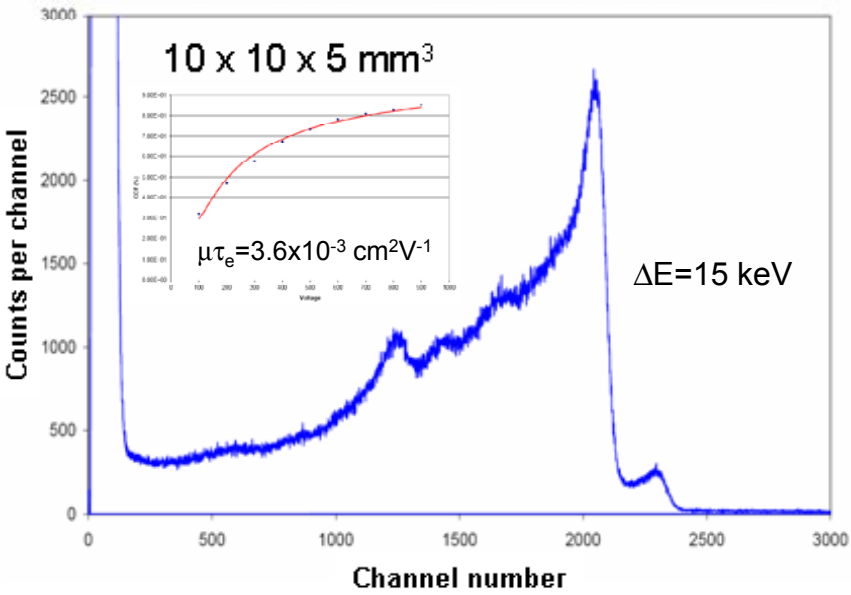
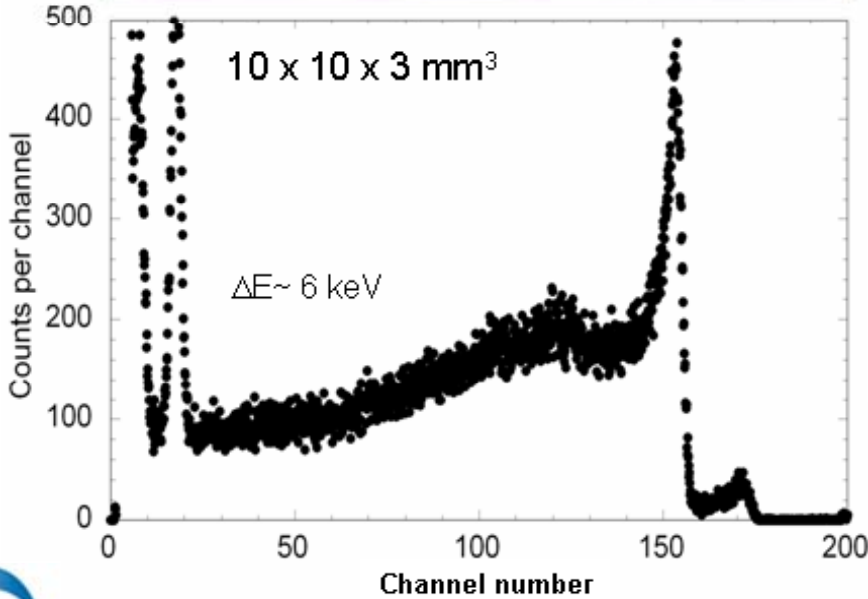
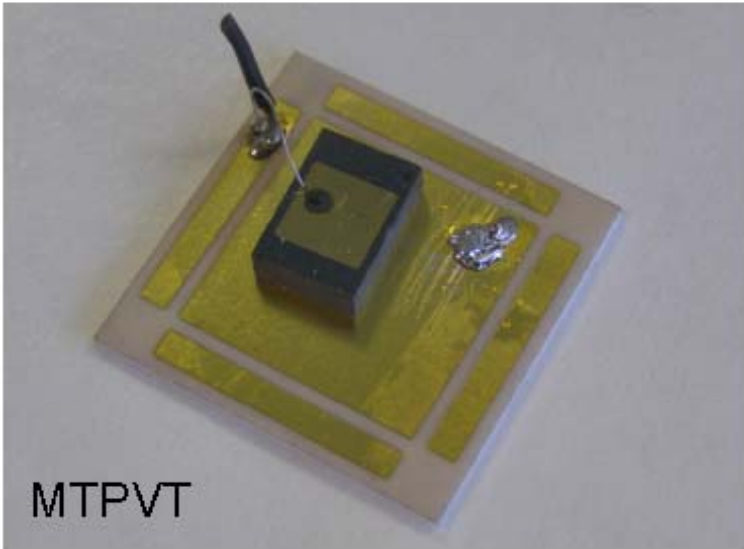
Properties of die from CZT boule M4\_019

| Sample reference | Size (mm) | Resistivity from IV measurement ( $\Omega\text{cm}$ ) | $\mu\tau$ ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}$ ) |
|------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| M4_023_1         | 5x5x5     | $1.5 \times 10^{10}$                                  | $2 \times 10^{-3}$                   |
| M4_023_3         | 10x10x5   | $1.4 \times 10^{10}$                                  | $1.1 \times 10^{-3}$                 |
| M4_023_4         | 5x5x5     | $1.31 \times 10^{10}$                                 | $1.93 \times 10^{-3}$                |
| M4_023_6         | 10x10x5   | $2.1 \times 10^{10}$                                  | $3.6 \times 10^{-3}$                 |

Properties of die from CZT boule M4\_023



# Comparison of $^{57}\text{Co}$ spectral performance







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# MINIATURIZATION

Conventional detector development

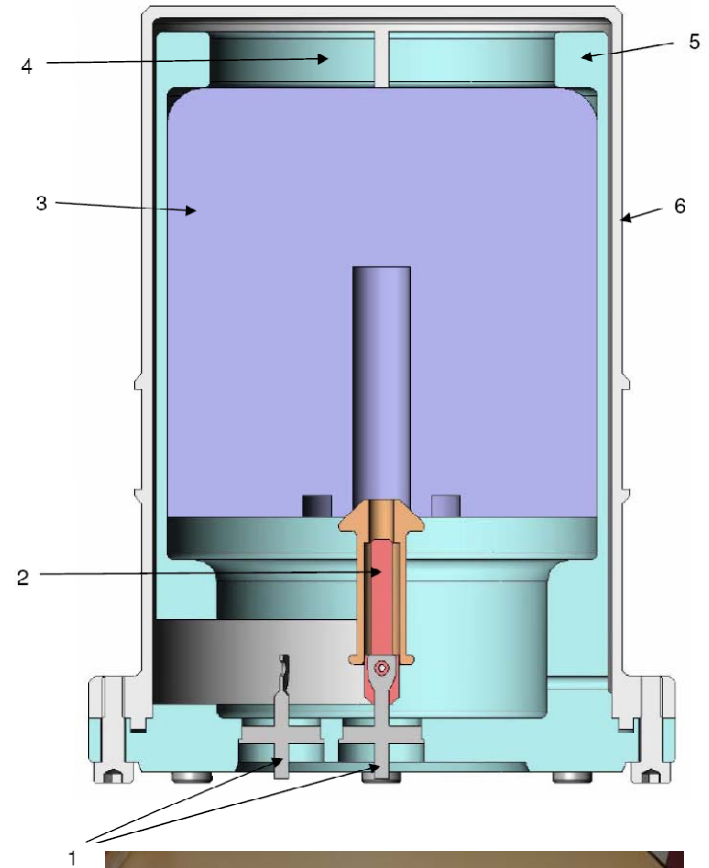
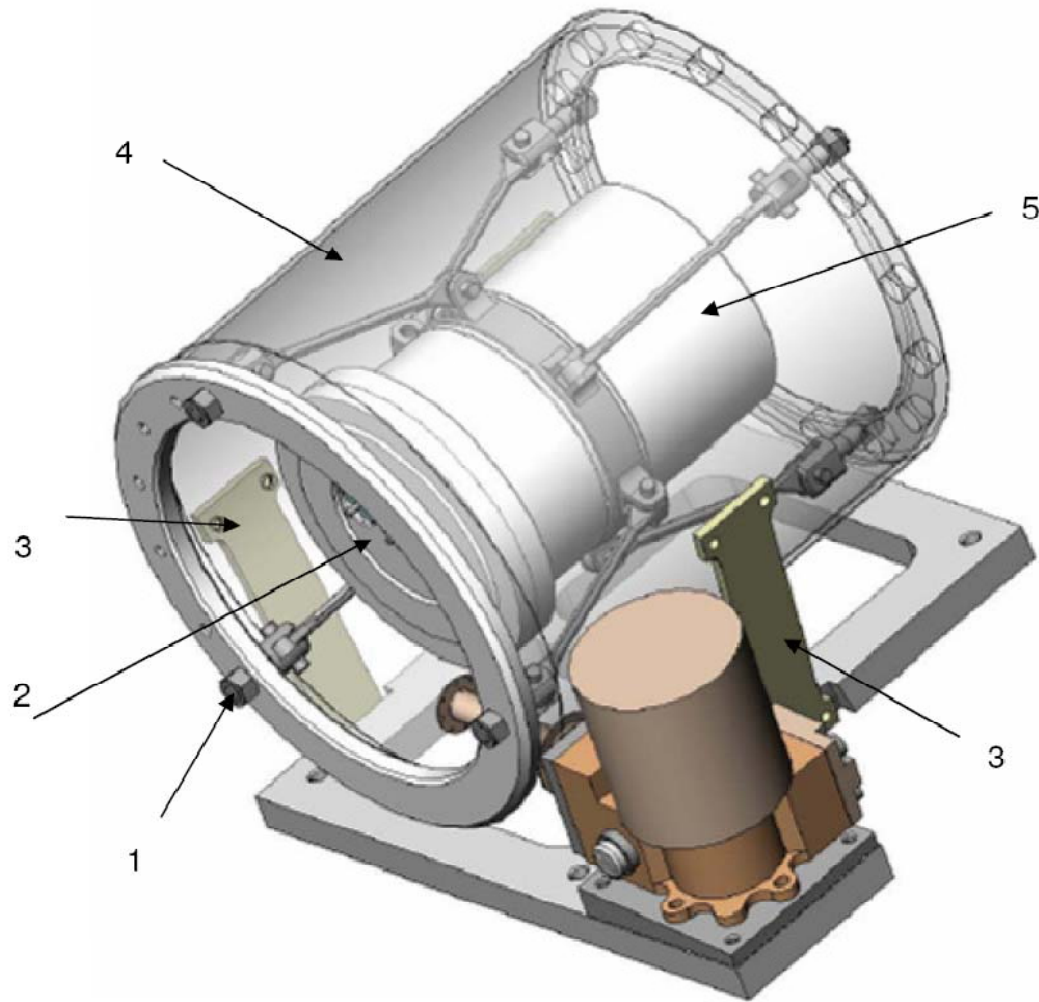
Miniature, minimally resourced Ge spectrometer

# Goal

To produce a high resolution spectrometer package suitable for flight on ESA spacecraft, satisfying the following requirements

1. No cryogenics
1. Base temperature < 90K
1. Accommodation (<5 L)
1. Power consumption <15W
1. Mass < 8 kg
1. Energy resolution < 3 keV FWHM @ 1332 keV
1. Crystal size > 150 cm<sup>3</sup> (>120% relative to NaI)
2. Anneal capability (at least 100°C)
  1. 5-10 year lifetime

# Miniature, resource-efficient Ge spectrometer development



- 1. Caving bush for Preampifier securing
- 2. Hermetic electro inputs
- 3. Detection Unit holder
- 4. Detection Unit housing (taken off by convention)
- 5. Gas-filling capsule with HPGe detector



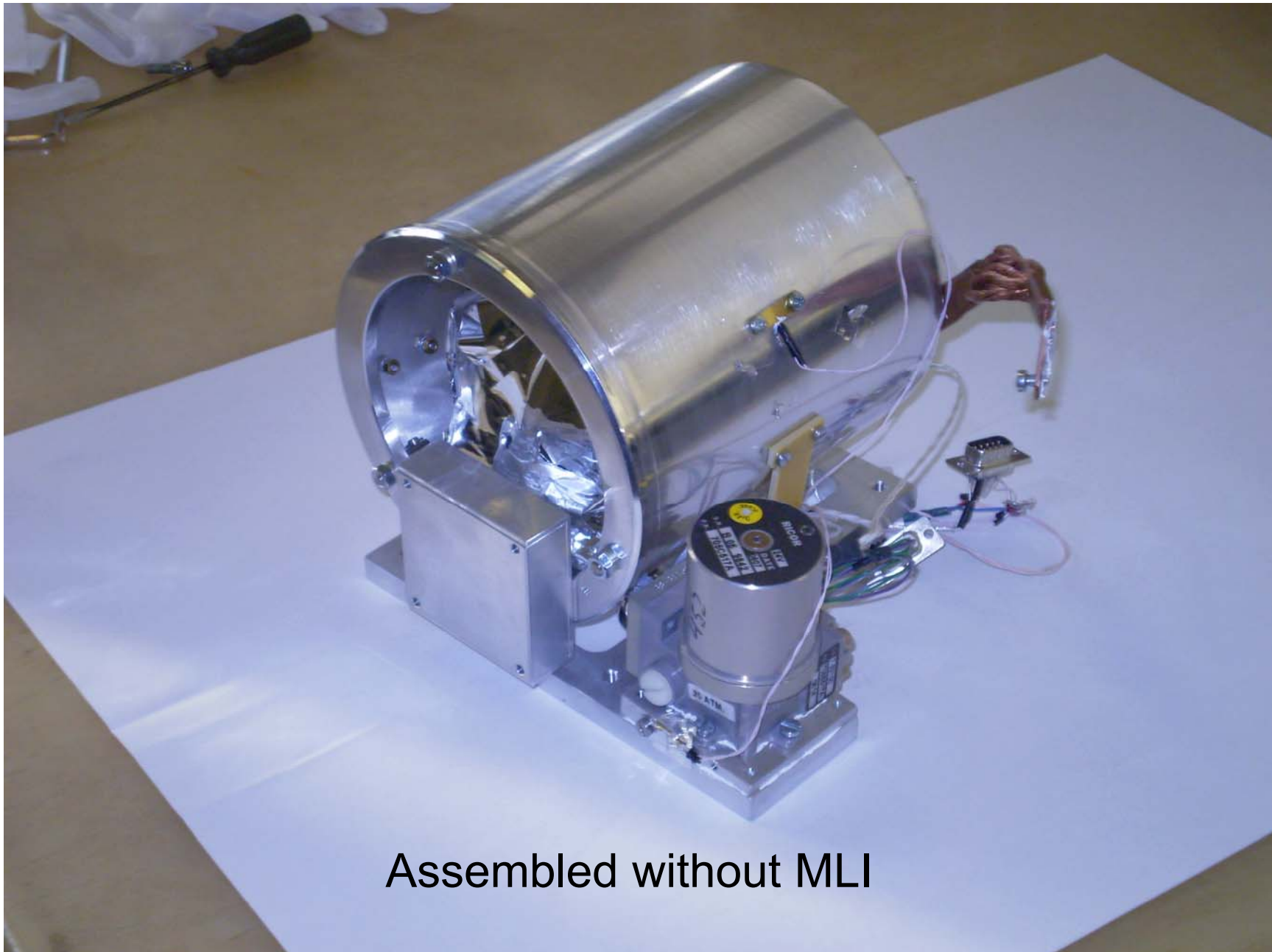
# The cryostat, thermal isolators, and mechanical cooler



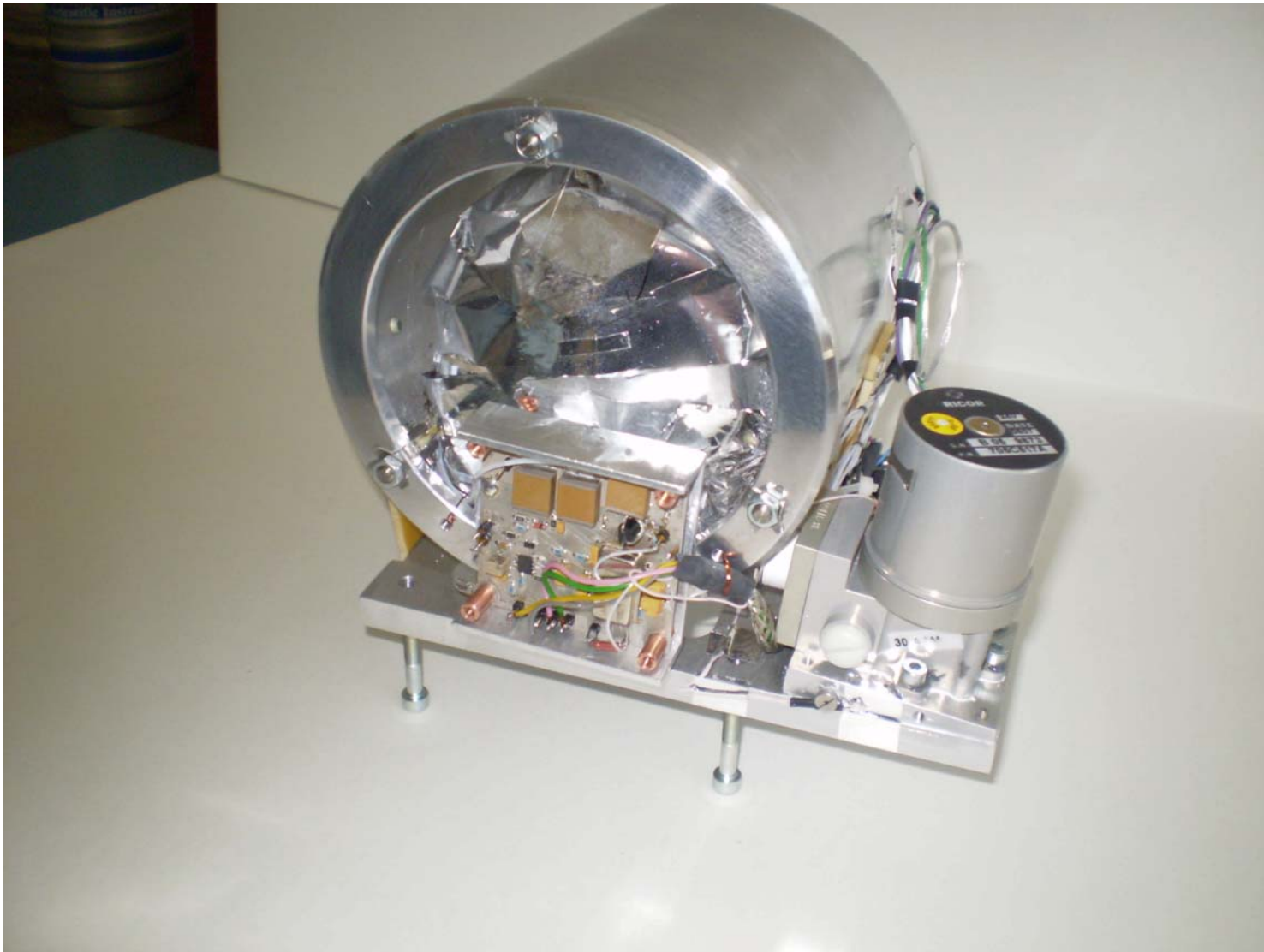
HPGe Detector cryostat with RICOR Sterling-cycle K508 cooler



Advanced Concepts and Technology Preparation



Assembled without MLI



HPGe Detector in thermal shield with RICOR K508 cooler

Ready for mounting in test chamber

Ge mounted  
on chamber lid

Test chamber





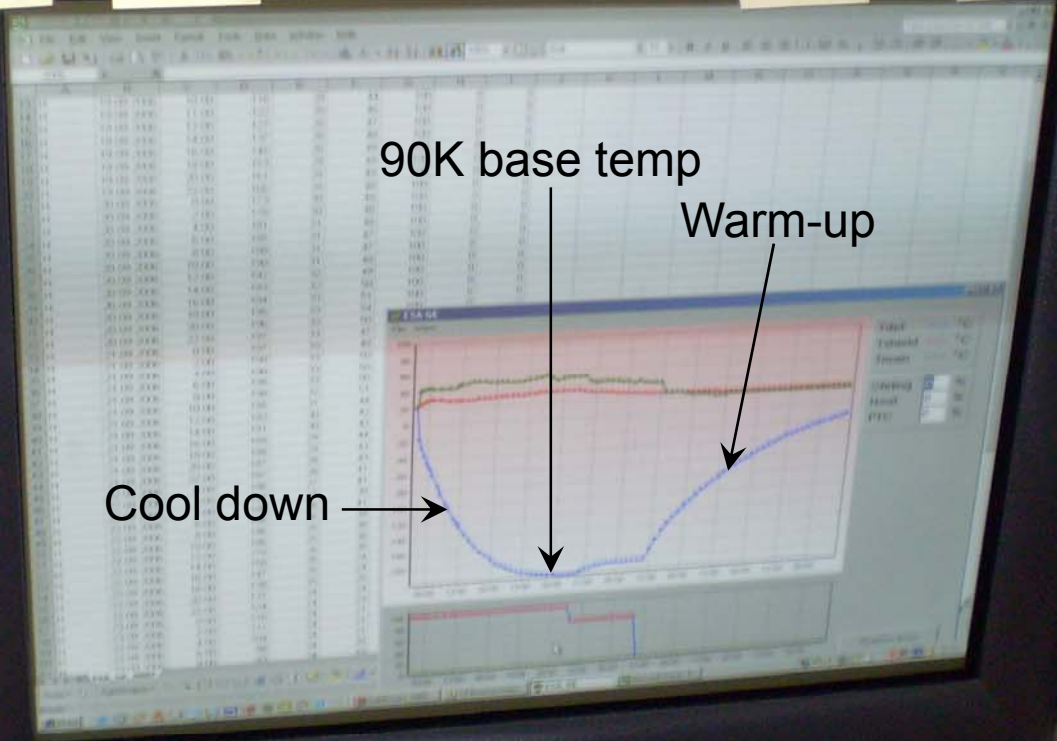


Cool-down

Bingo !



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# Nominal cool-down operation detector and cold finger temperate profiles

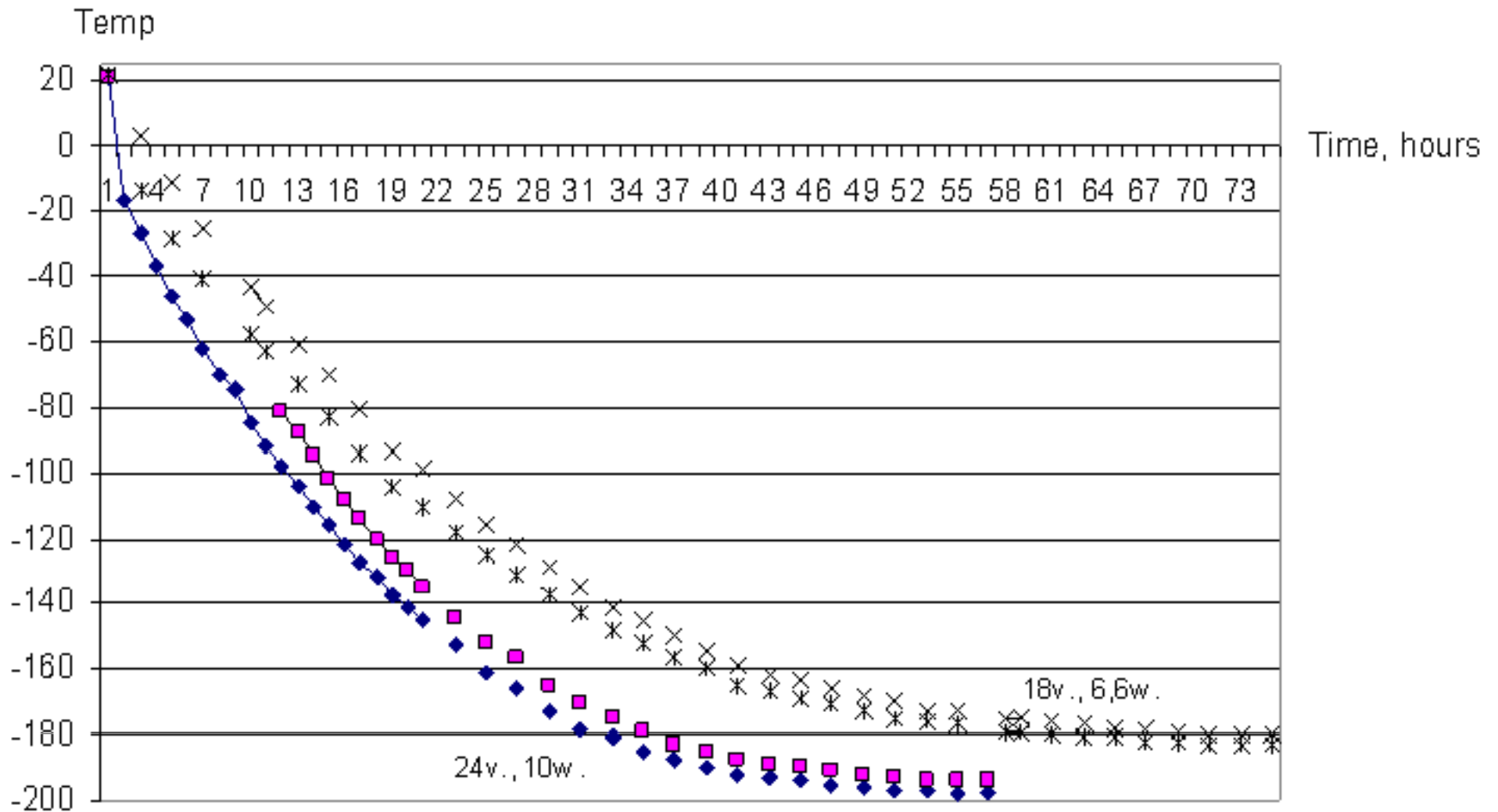
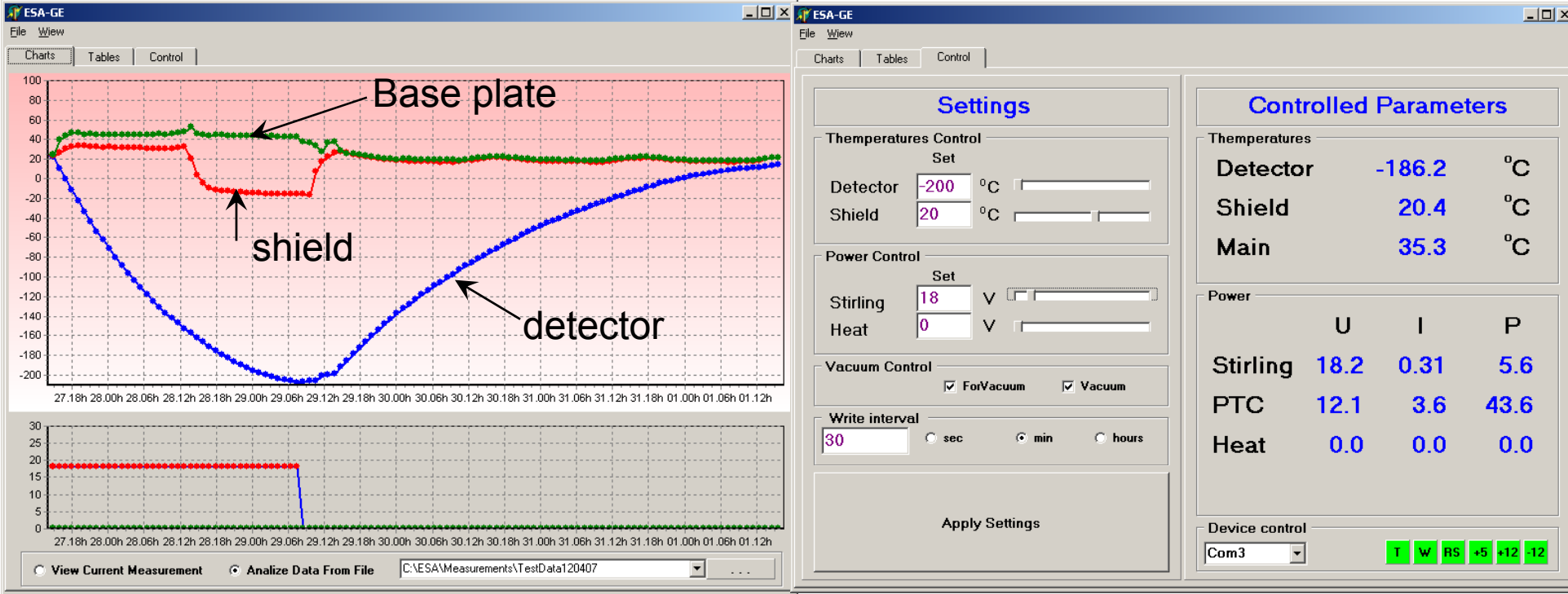


Fig 1. Diagram of temperature change on the detector's holder and cold finger K508.

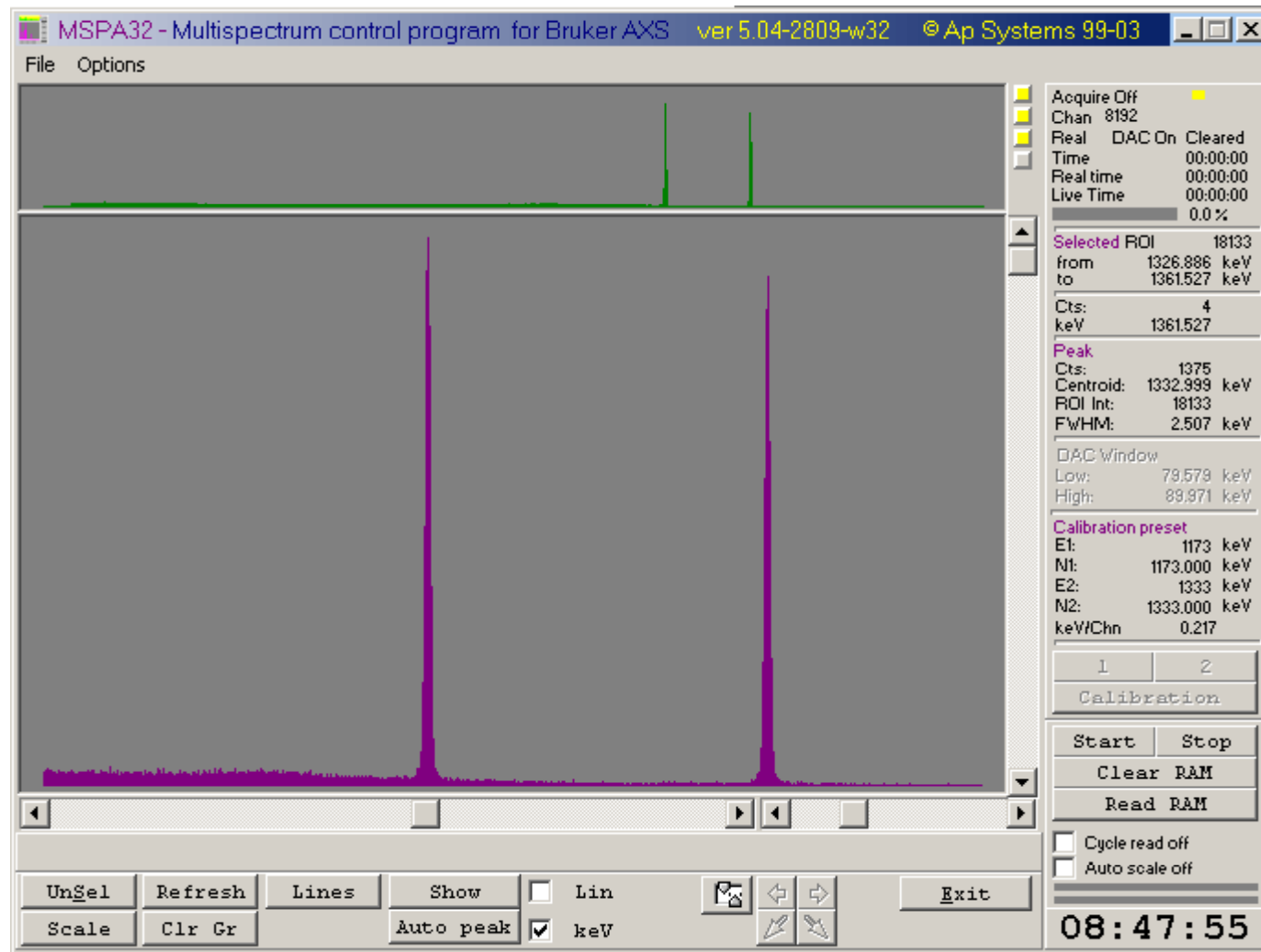
# Thermal cycling



# Problems

1. N<sub>2</sub> drying
2. High pressure of N<sub>2</sub> (up to 3.5 atm.) in detector capsule
3. Purity of N<sub>2</sub> gas (6N sources not good enough, solution - distill directly from atmosphere)
4. Static electricity
5. Mechanical vibration 10-20 kHz from Ricor K508
6. Electromagnetic noise from K508 internal generator and converter

# Spectral performance



$^{60}\text{Co}$  spectrum,  $\Delta E = 2.5 \text{ keV @ } 1.33 \text{ MeV}$

# Miniature Ge spectrometer performance summary

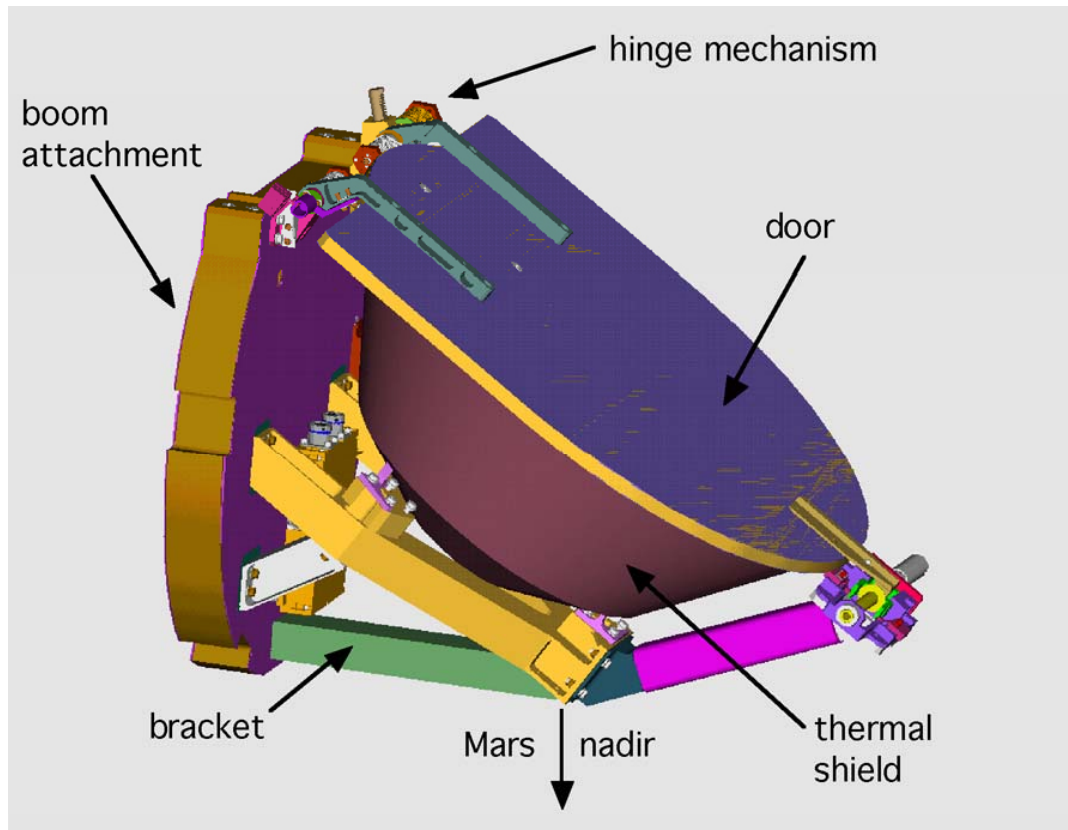
- Xtal reaches operational temperature after 52 hours and a base temperature of 90K in 72 hours.
- Long term thermal cycling over 12 months gives perfectly reproducible results.
- Cooling power is 11 W. The maintenance temperature is 6.6 W. Rapid warm-up power (24 hours) is 4W.
- The total mass for the entire system excluding the DPU but including the preamp is 3.5 kg.
- Next step - radiation “resistant” Ge resource reduction



# Comparison of the Messenger GRS & ESA GRS

| Performance   | Messenger                          | ESA GRS             |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| HPGe crystal dimensions                                 | 50 mm dia x 50 mm                  | 60 mm dia x 60 mm   |
| Cryo cooler   | K508                               | K508                |
| Weight  | 9200 g                             | 3870 g              |
| Power   | 6.6 W (24 W peak)                  | 6.6 W (10.5 W peak) |
| Detector temperature, K<br>at temperature of the shield | 88.4 K<br>-25°C (passive radiator) | 87.6 K<br>-17°C     |
| Energy resolution on 1332 keV                           | 3.5 keV                            | 2.5 keV             |
| Power of annealing heater, W                            | 2.0 W                              | 4.2 W               |
| Annealing temperature °C                                | 85 °C                              | 100 °C              |
| Cooling time, hours                                     | 37.5 hrs                           | 64 hrs (P=8.4 W)    |
| Detector warm up time to 0°C                            |                                    | 72 hrs              |
| Warm up time with heater                                |                                    | 10 hrs              |

# Mars Odyssey GRS



|            |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| Ge xtal    | 6.7 cm x 6.7 cm                    |
| Mass       | 30.5 kg                            |
| Power      | 32.0 W                             |
| Dimensions | 46.8 x 53.4 x 60.4 cm <sup>3</sup> |

# Functional block diagram of the electronics

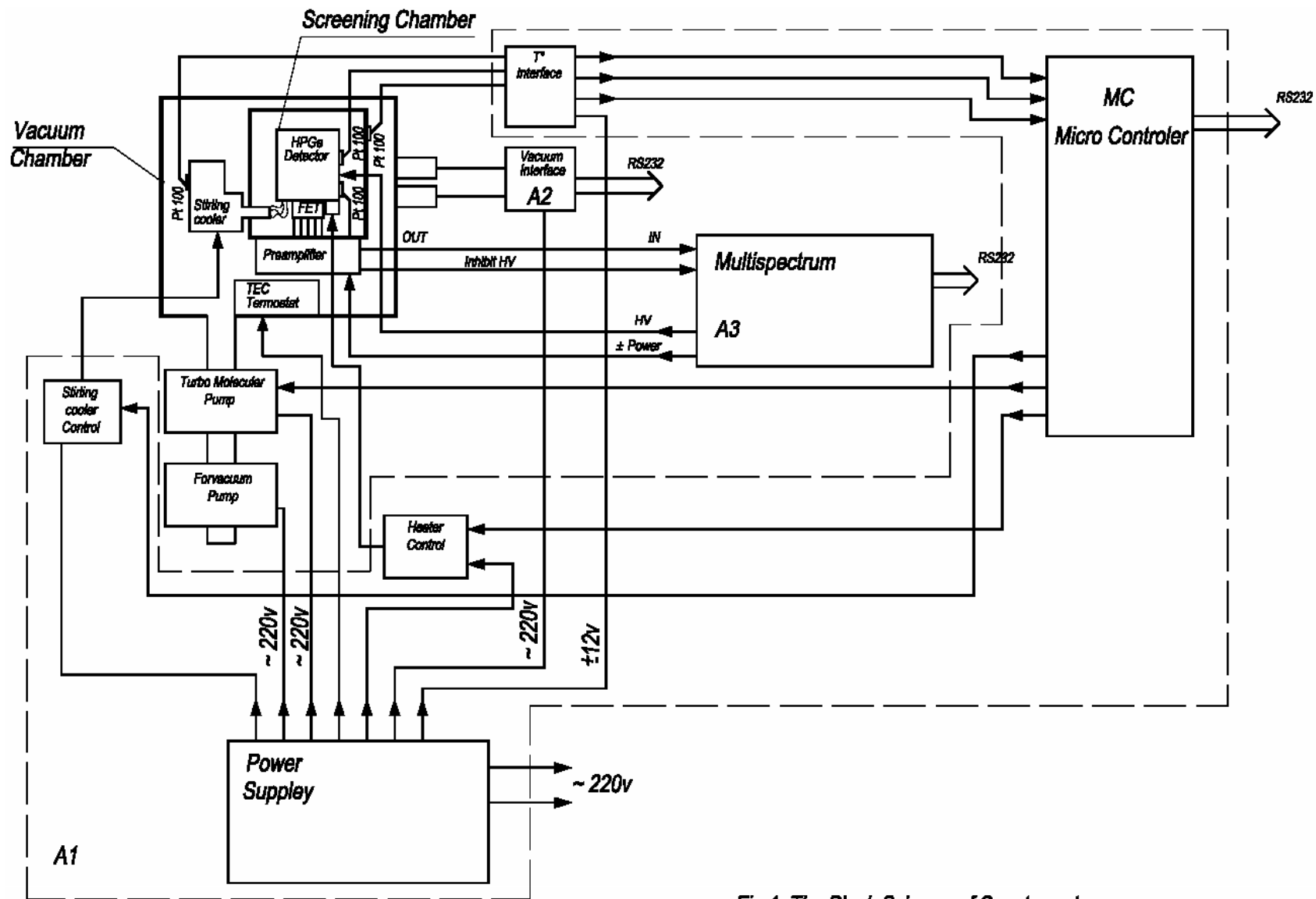
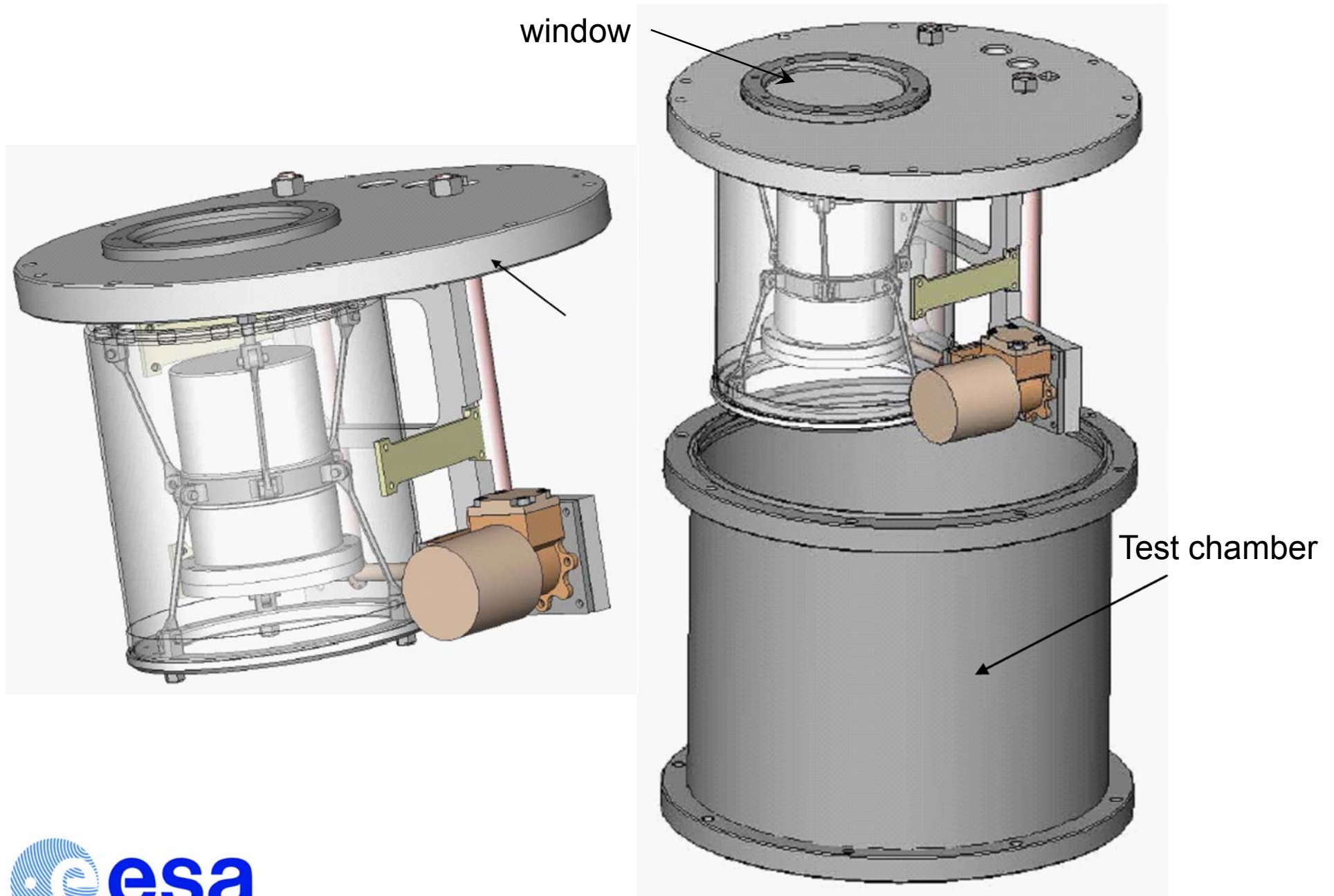


Fig.1. The Block Scheme of Spectrometer Based of HP(Ge) Detector.

# HPGe spectrometer integration into test chamber

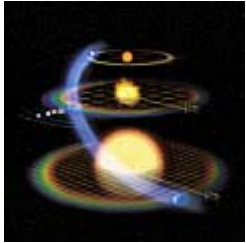


# Cosmic Vision slides



*Cosmic Vision:  
Future Space Science for Europe*

# Cosmic vision – based on 4 fundamental themes



## What are the conditions for life and planetary formation?

This theme looks at the emergence of life not only in our Solar System but also in 'exoplanets' orbiting other stars. This requires the study of how and where stars form, how planets emerge from this process, and the appearance of signs of life (bio-markers) in other stellar systems as well as our own.



## How does the Solar System work?

This will be a global attempt to understand the Solar System as a whole, from the Sun to the limits of its sphere of influence, as well as the formation mechanisms of gaseous giants and their moons, and the role of small bodies and asteroids in the process of planetary formation.



## What are the fundamental laws of the Universe?

A century after Einstein's theory of relativity was proposed, physics remains a vast field for investigation. The laws of physics as currently formulated do not apply at extreme conditions, and are not at all understood for the first fractions of seconds after the Big Bang. Some implications, like the behaviour of matter at extremely high temperatures and energies or the existence of gravity waves, still have to be explored.



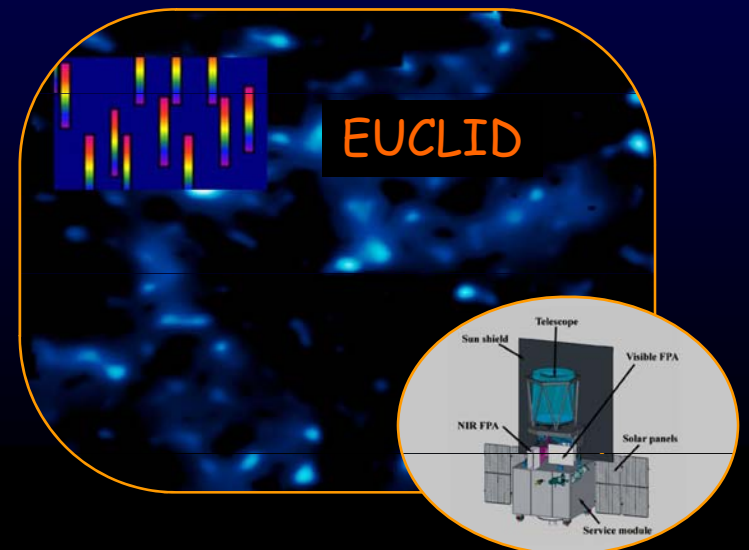
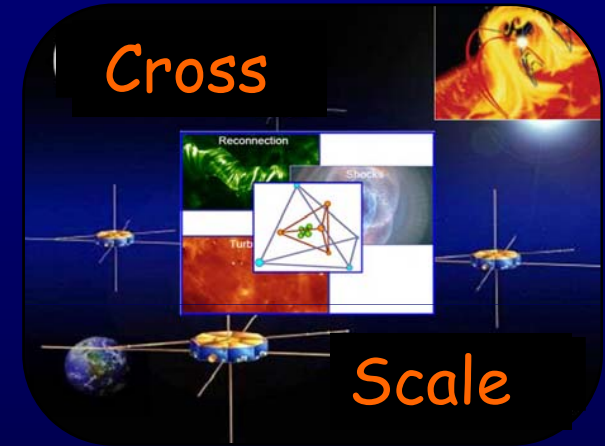
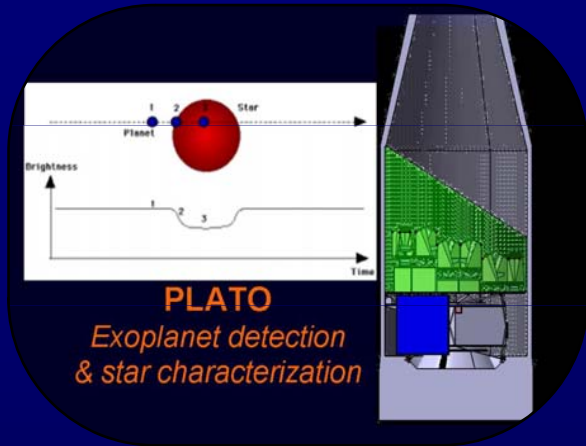
## How did the Universe begin and what is it made of?

The origin and early evolution of the Universe is still largely unknown. Less than 5% of the mass of the Universe has been identified, the rest being composed of mysterious 'dark matter' (23%) and 'dark energy' - one of the most surprising recent discoveries.

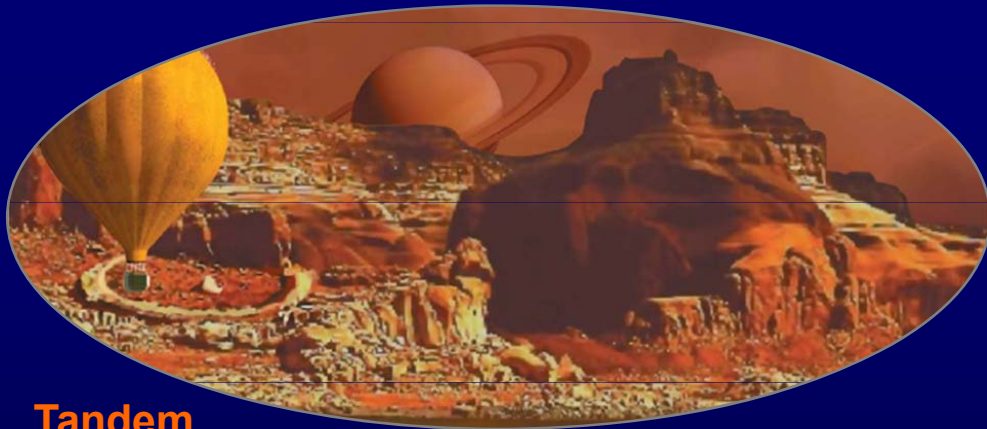
- Very successful response to Call for Ideas issued Summer 2007
- Exciting array of missions under study – sorted into M class and L-class missions
  - *Dark Energy, Blackholes + Cosmology, Earth-like Exoplanet Search, Asteroid Sample Return, NextGen Infrared Observatory, Sun-Earth interactions, Jupiter or Saturn system exploration*
- International Cooperation
  - *Negotiations opened with NASA, JAXA, RSA, ISRO, CNSA*
  - *« Orchestrating world space science »*
- Concerns
  - *How achievable are the targets set by scientists?*
  - *Technology readiness ?*



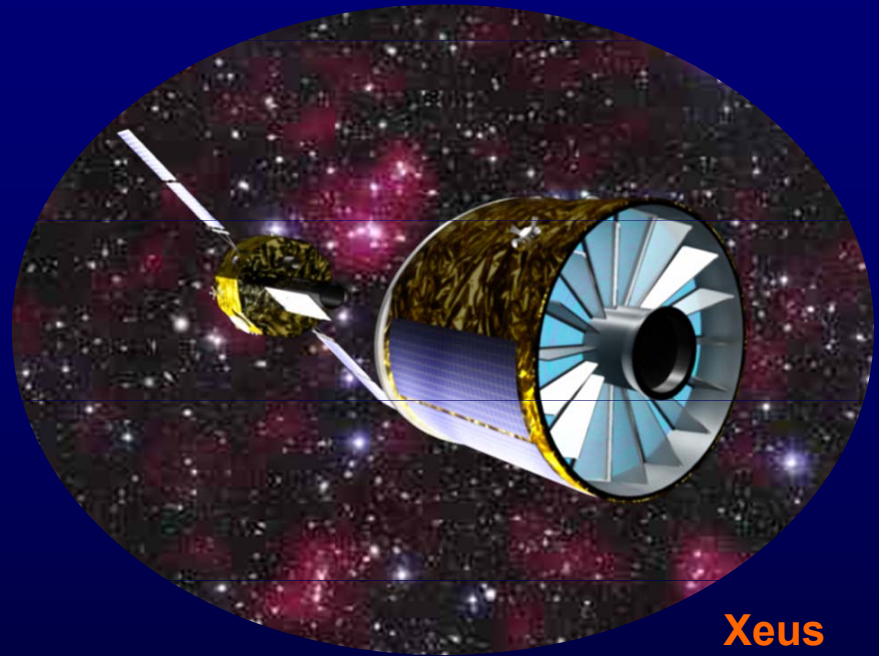
# M class missions



# L class missions



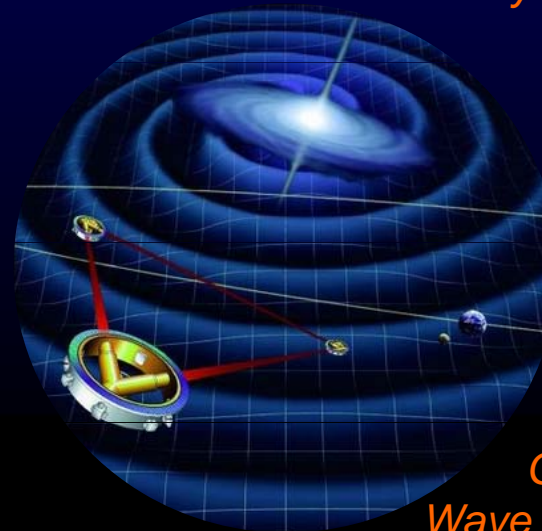
**Tandem**  
*mission to Saturn/Titan*



**Xeus**  
*X-ray observatory*



**Laplace**  
*mission to the Jupiter system*



**LISA**  
*Gravitational  
Wave observatory*

# Selected cosmic Vision Missions

[Euclid](#) - To map the geometry of the dark Universe

[PLATO](#) - Discover and characterise a large number of close-by exoplanetary systems, with a precision in the determination of mass and radius of 1%

[SPICA](#) - Understanding how galaxies, stars and planets form and evolve as well as the interaction between the astrophysical processes that have led to the formation of our own Solar System

[TandEM/TSSM](#) - To understand the atmosphere, surface and interior; determine chemistry; and derive constraints on origin and evolution of Titan and of the Saturnian system as whole, with an emphasis on Enceladus.

[LAPLACE/EJSM](#) - What have been the conditions for the formation of the Jupiter system?  
How does Jupiter work? Is Europa habitable?

[Marco Polo](#) - Return to Earth multiple unaltered samples from a NEO

[Cross-Scale](#) - Quantifying the coupling in plasmas between different physical scales in order to address fundamental questions such as: how shocks accelerate and heat particles; how reconnection converts magnetic energy and how turbulence transports energy from source to dissipation.

[LISA](#) - The primary scientific goal of the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) mission is to detect and observe gravitational waves from astronomical sources such as massive black holes (MBHs) and galactic binaries in a frequency range of  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-1}$  Hz. LISA consists of three spacecraft that act as an interferometer with an arm length of 5 million kilometres.

[XEUS](#) - Detect the earliest massive black holes and study their growth and evolution. Study the first gravitationally-bound dark matter dominated systems. Observe matter under extreme conditions.

