

## **Nuclear Gamma-Ray Astronomy – the Next Step**

Instrument Options in the MeV range

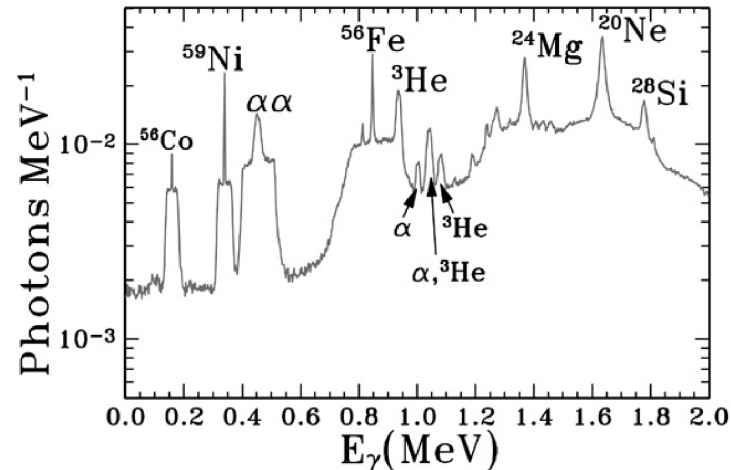
The roadmap of gamma-ray astronomy

A DUAL mission for Nuclear Astrophysics  
and its relevance for GRB science

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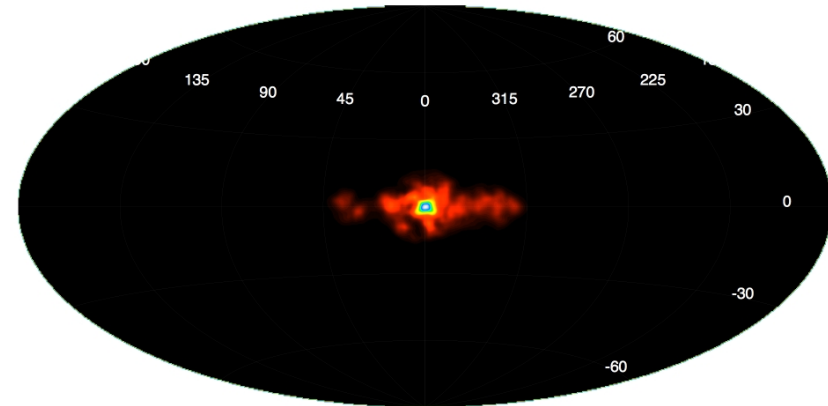
# are there reasons to study MeV photons other than $\gamma$ -ray bursts ?

## Nuclear lines



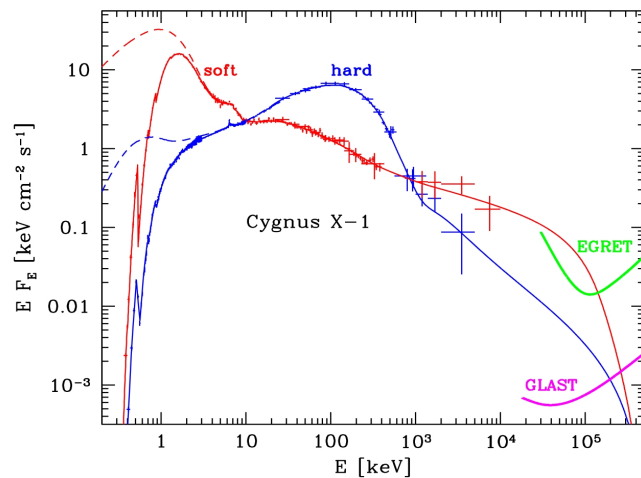
nuclear production and CR interaction sites, abundances, ISM phases, particle spectra, kinematics

## Positron annihilation



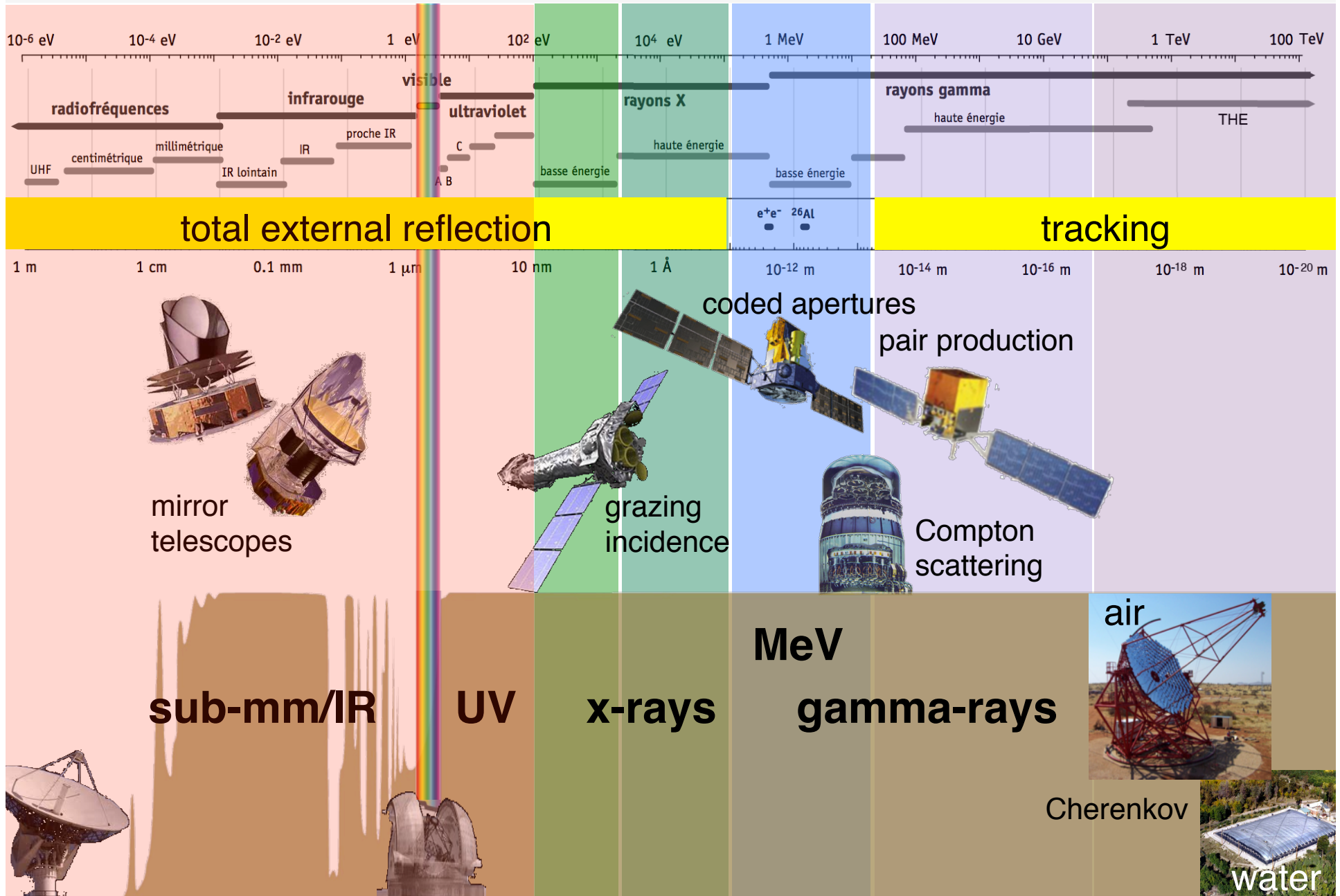
$e^+$  production and annihilation site diagnostics

## Thermal / non-thermal transition

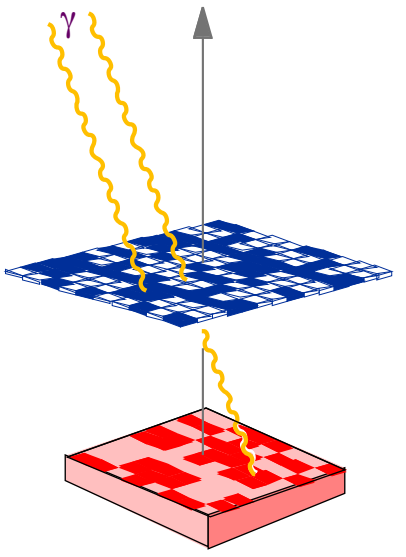
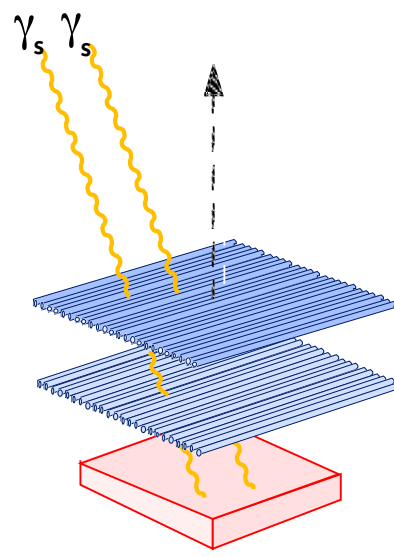
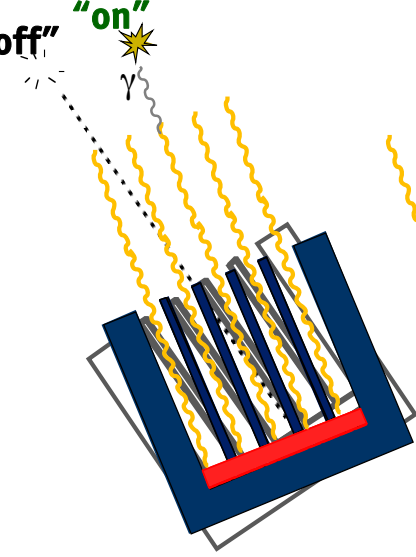
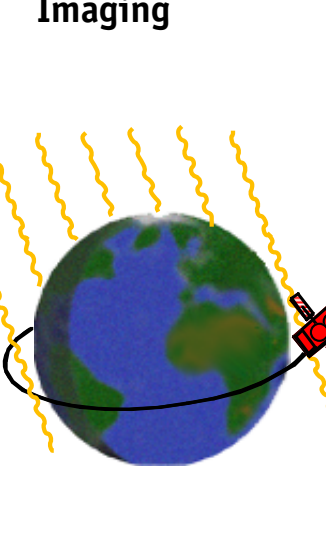
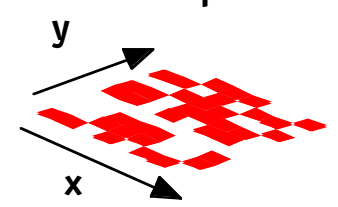
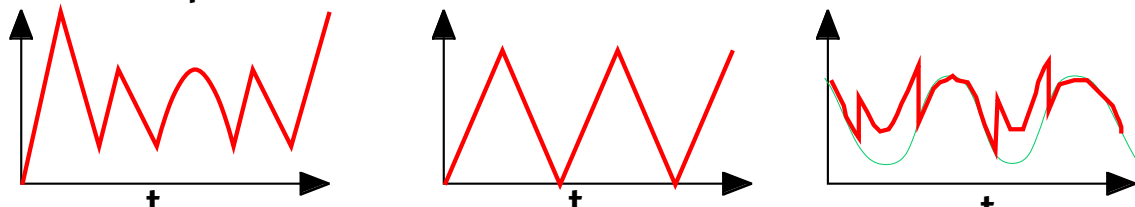


Cosmic accelerators : link between accretion (thermal) and ejection (non-thermal)

# astronomy in the transition region : the "impossible" MeV range

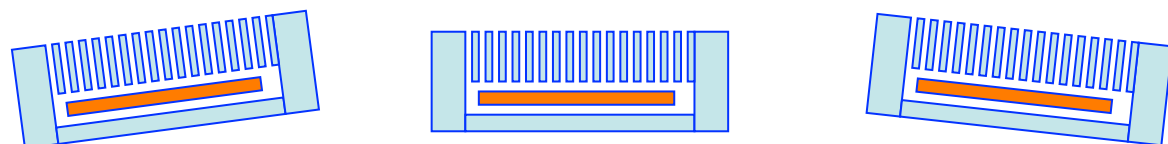
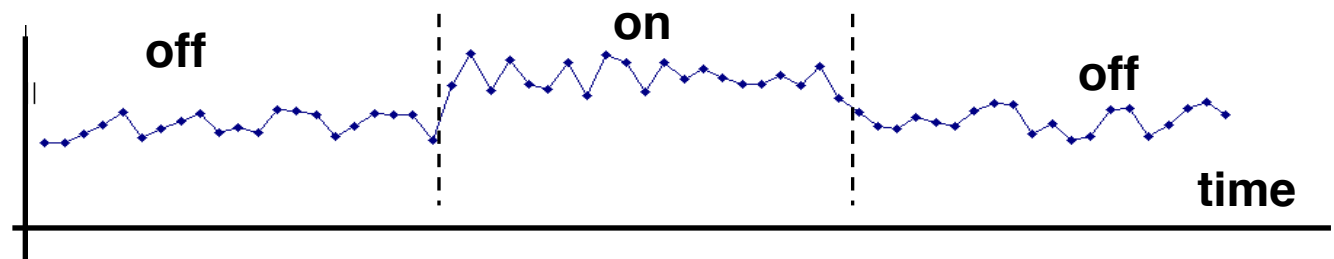
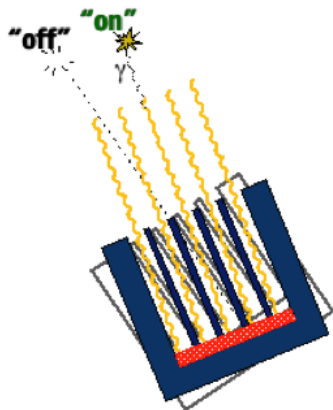
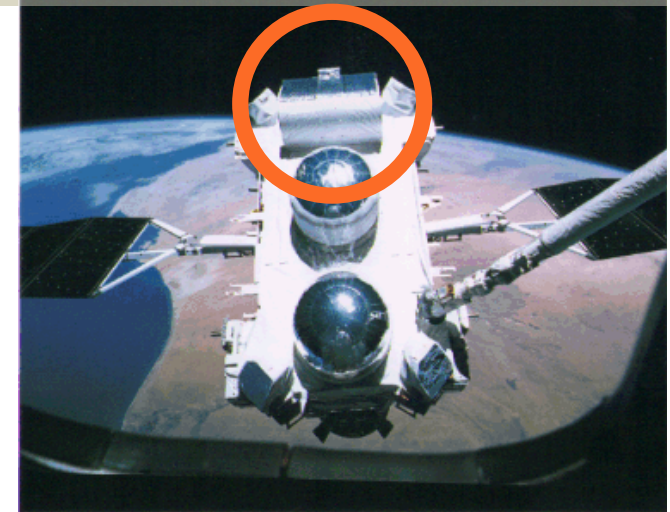
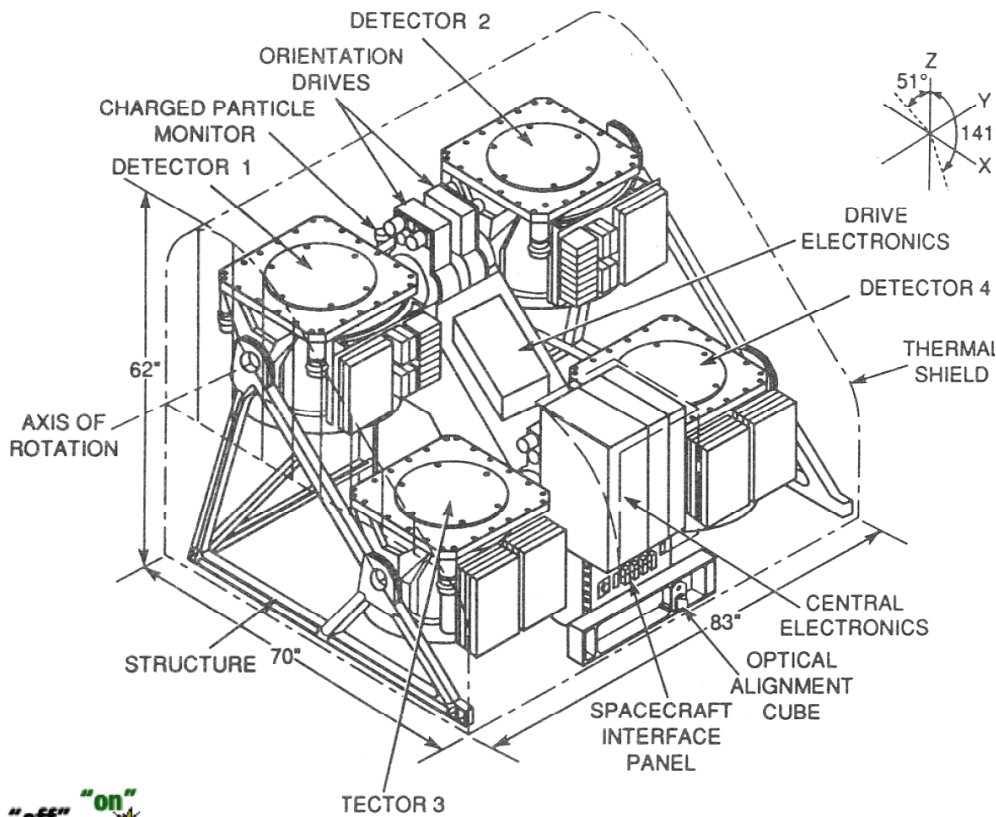


# Geometric Optics : Modulating Aperture Systems

spatial modulation	temporal modulation		
<p><b>coded mask imaging</b></p> 	<p><b>rotating modulation collimator</b></p> 	<p><b>scanning collimator</b></p> 	<p><b>Occultation Transform Imaging</b></p> 
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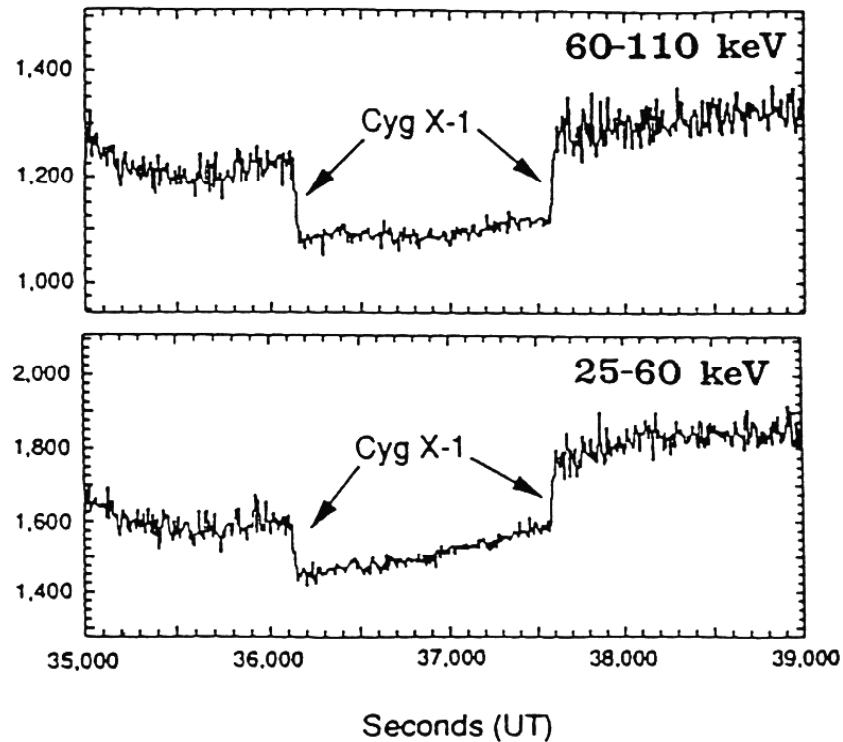
# Collimator "on" - "off" telescope

GRO - OSSE

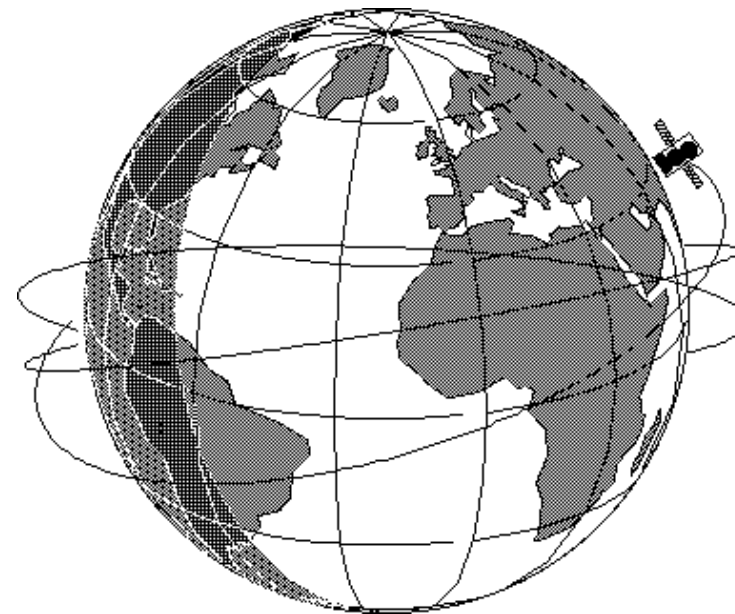
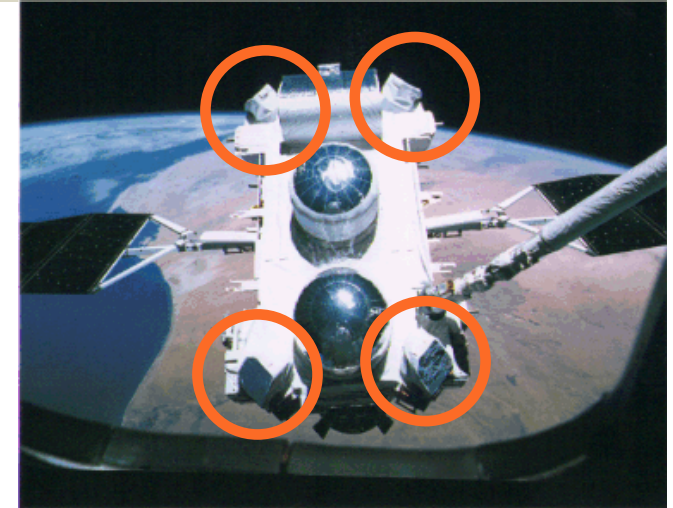


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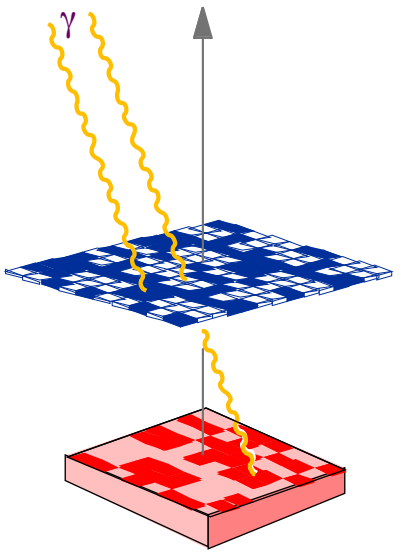
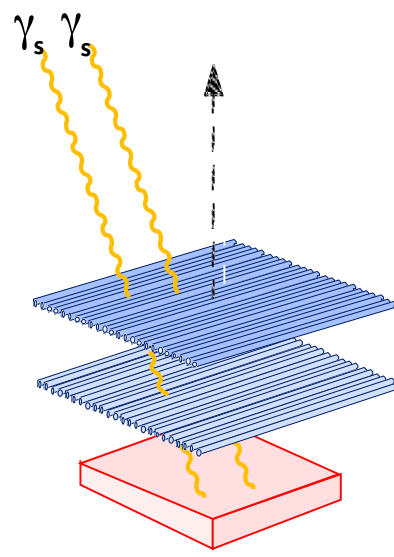
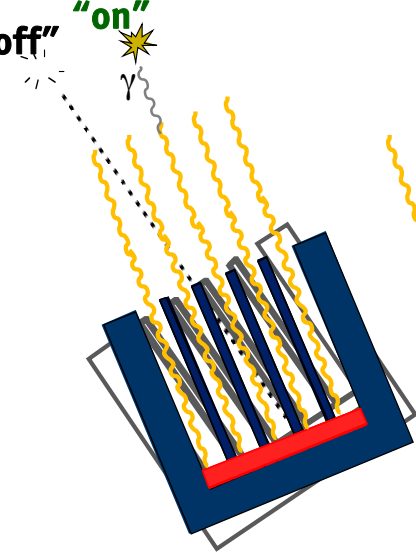
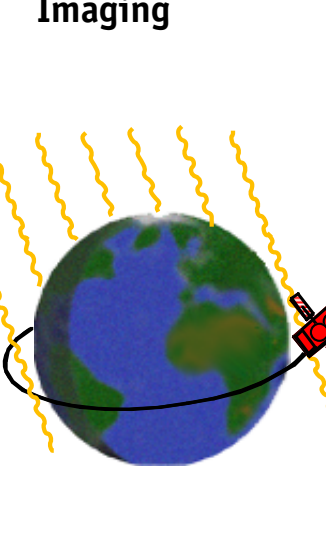
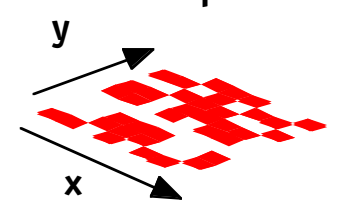
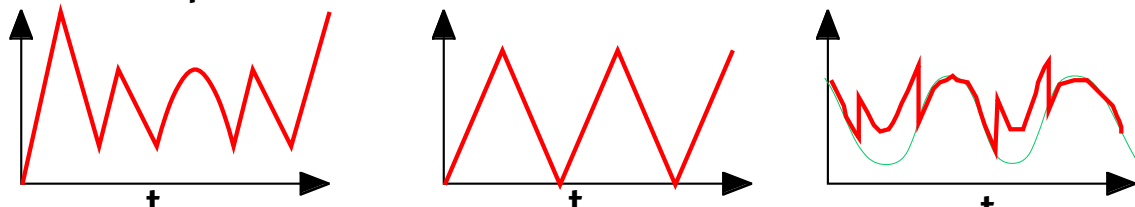
with the planet **earth** as  
'**rotation**' modulation collimator  
(or scanning anti-collimator)



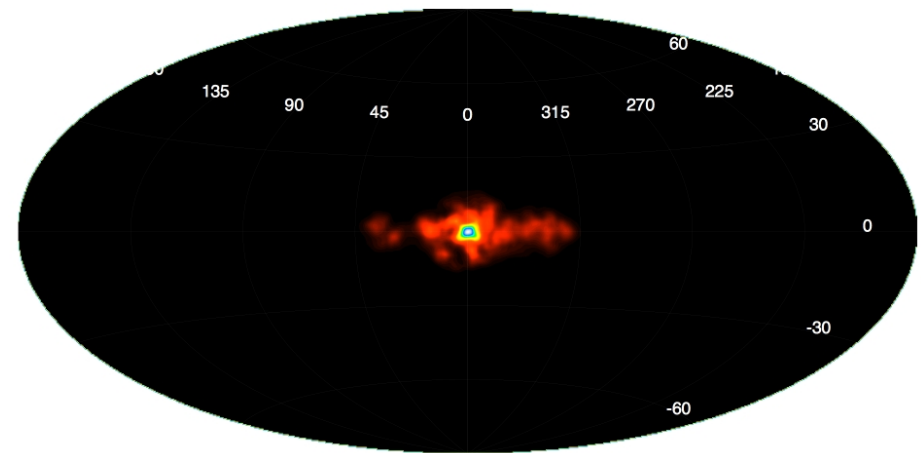
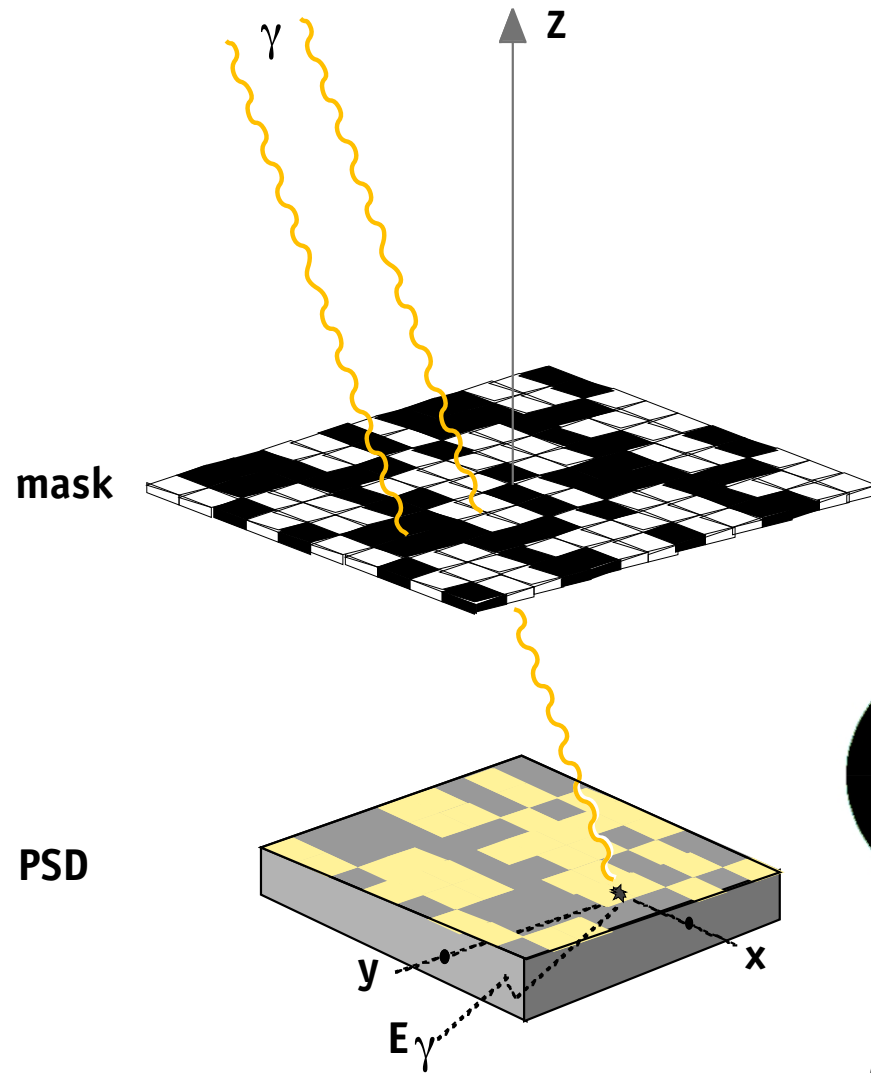
## GRO - BATSE



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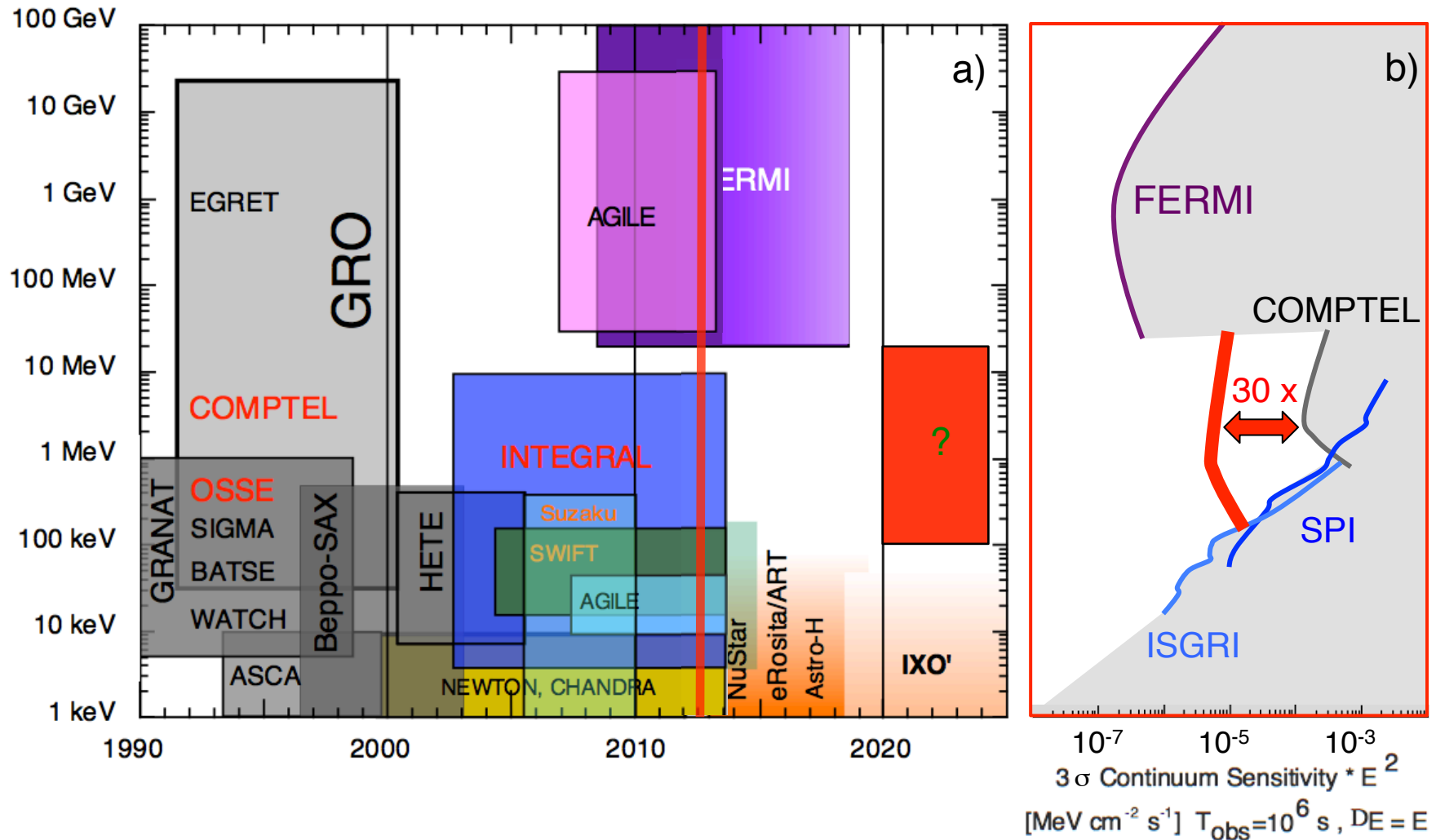
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# coded mask imaging



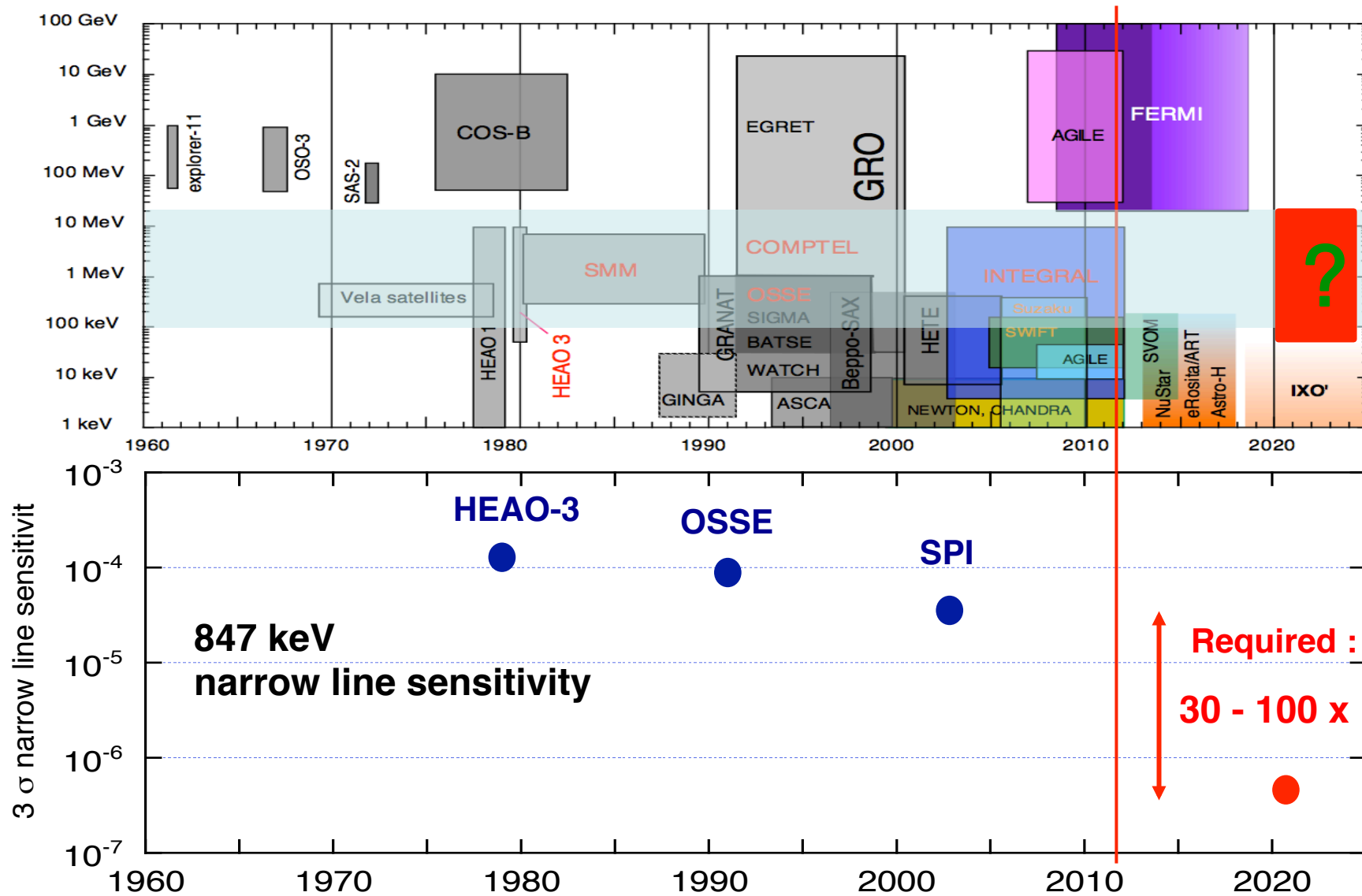


# roadmap of space-borne high-energy astrophysics

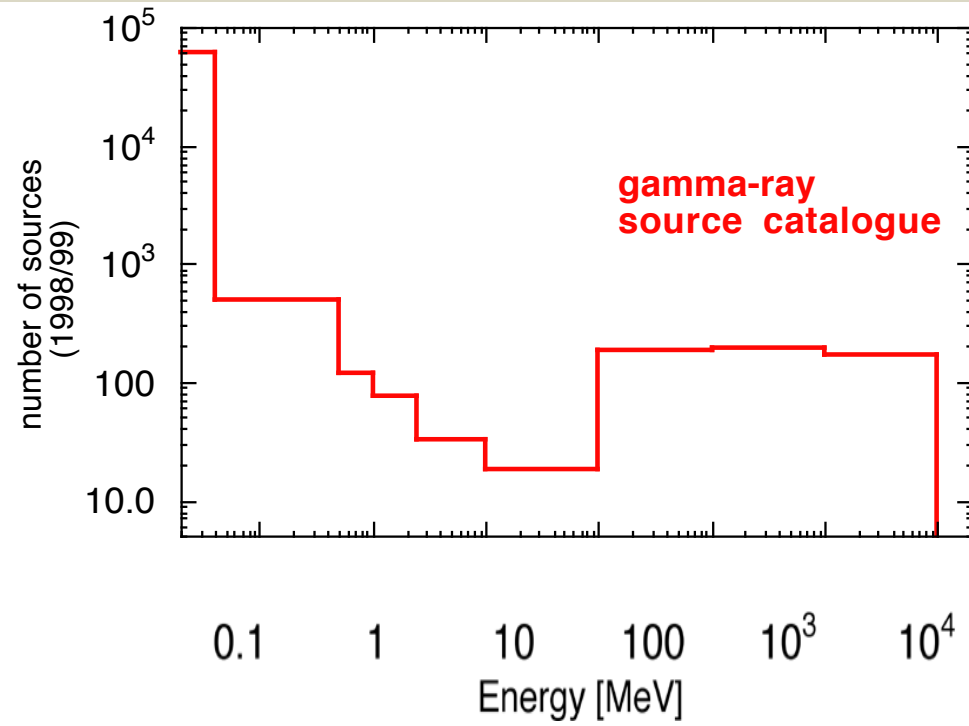


Post-INTEGRAL era : a white spot on the high-energy astrophysics roadmap

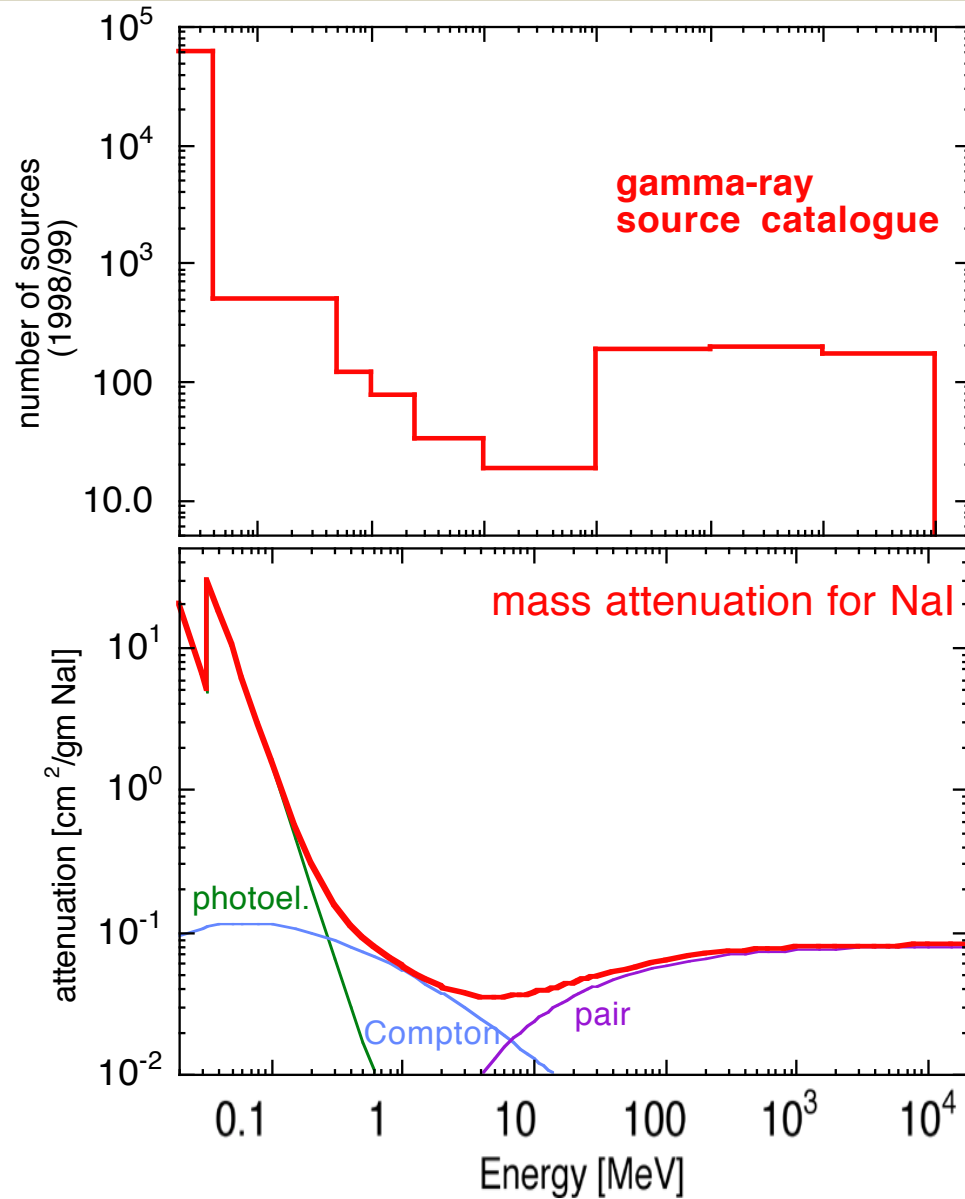
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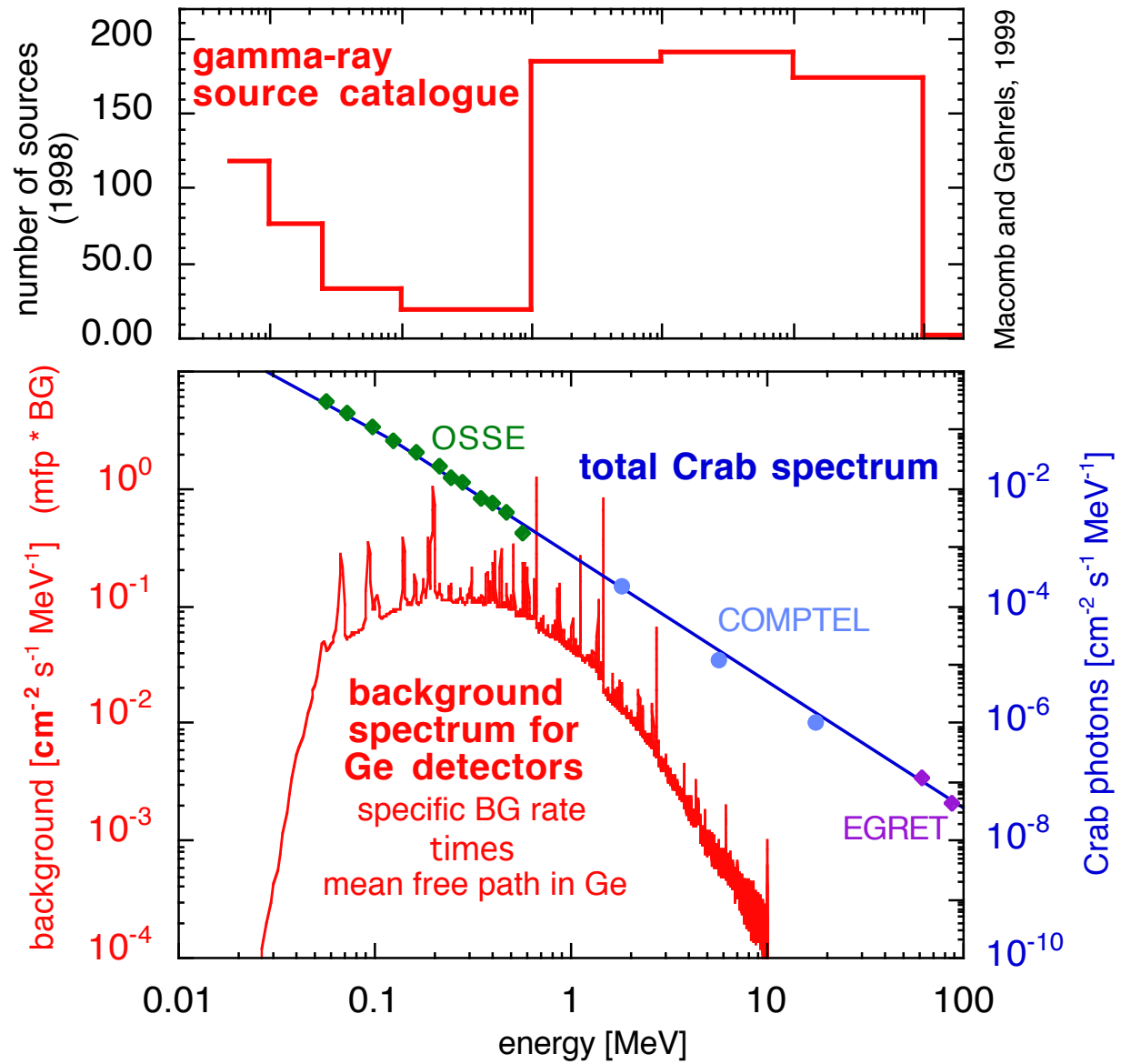
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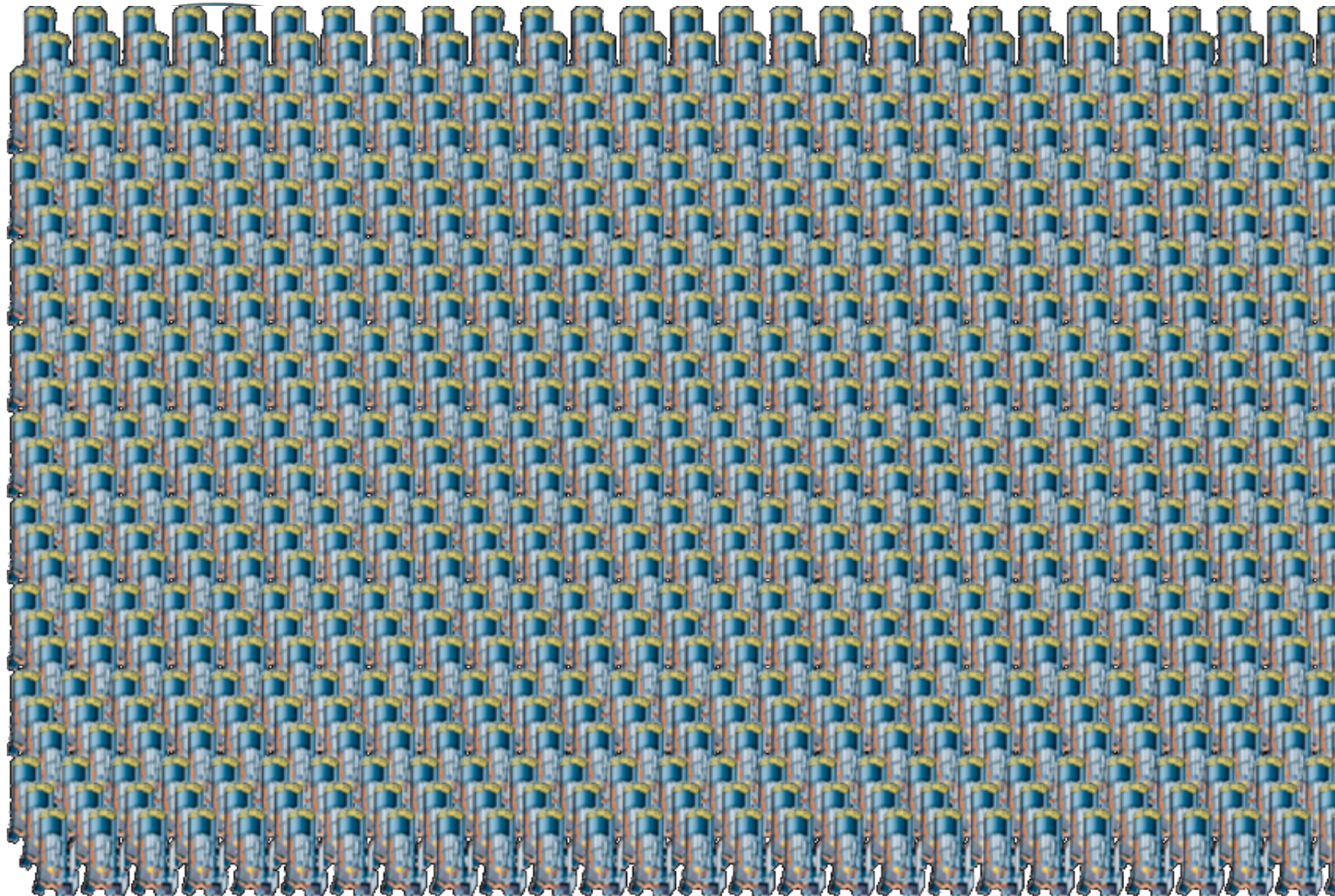
# You must be kidding

This means detecting **one photon per cm<sup>2</sup> and month**

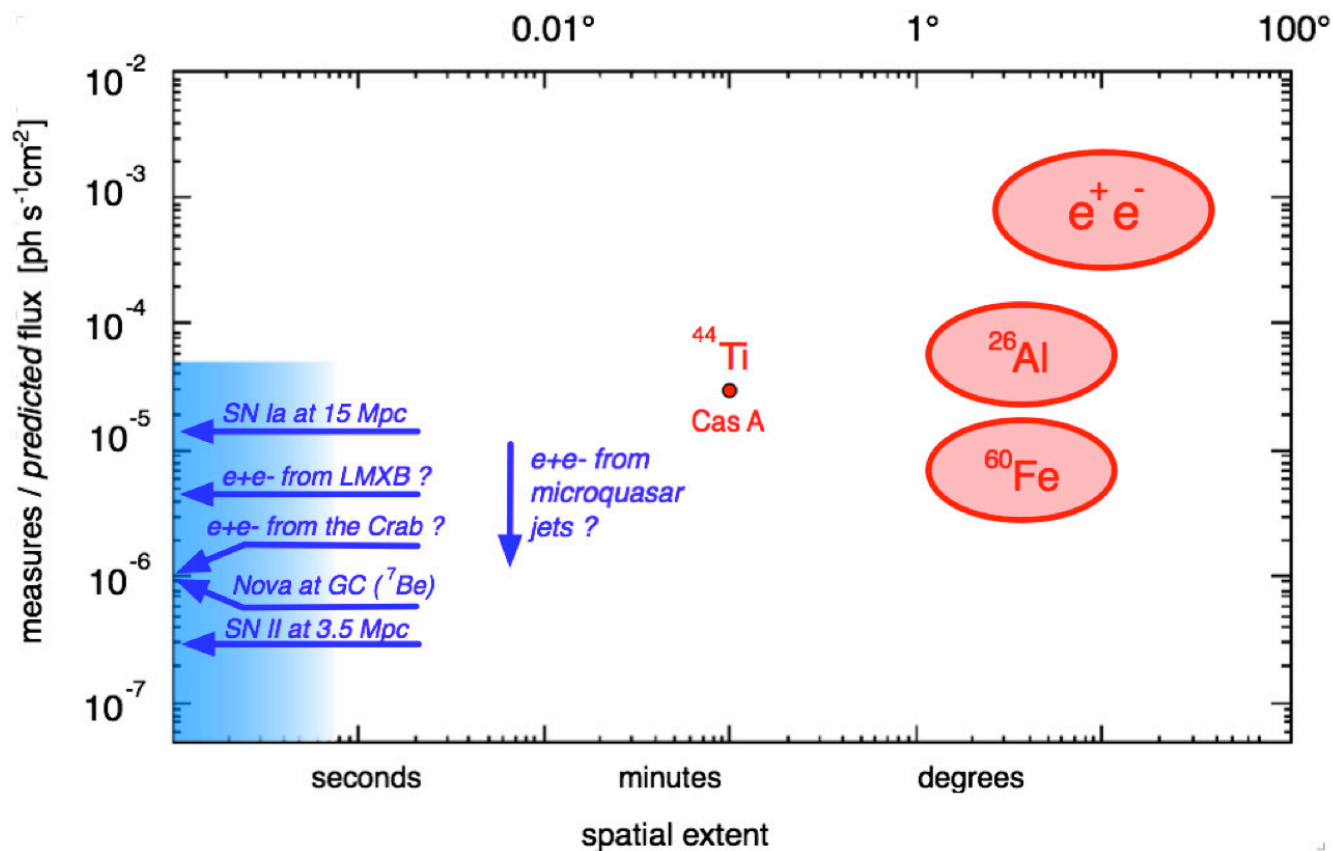
with a BG of **one CR particle per cm<sup>2</sup> and second**

producing about **one 511 keV BG event per cm<sup>3</sup> every minute** in a Ge detector

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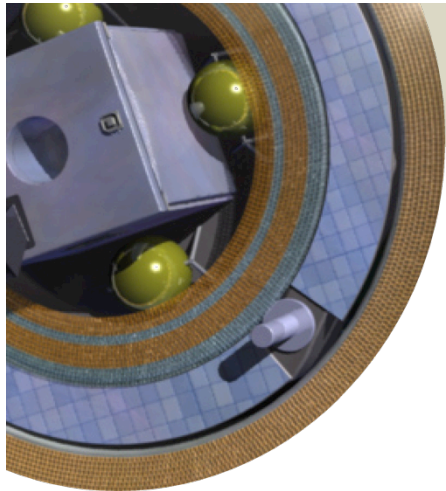


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# How to focus Gamma-rays : Laue lenses



Bragg condition for Cu [111] planes

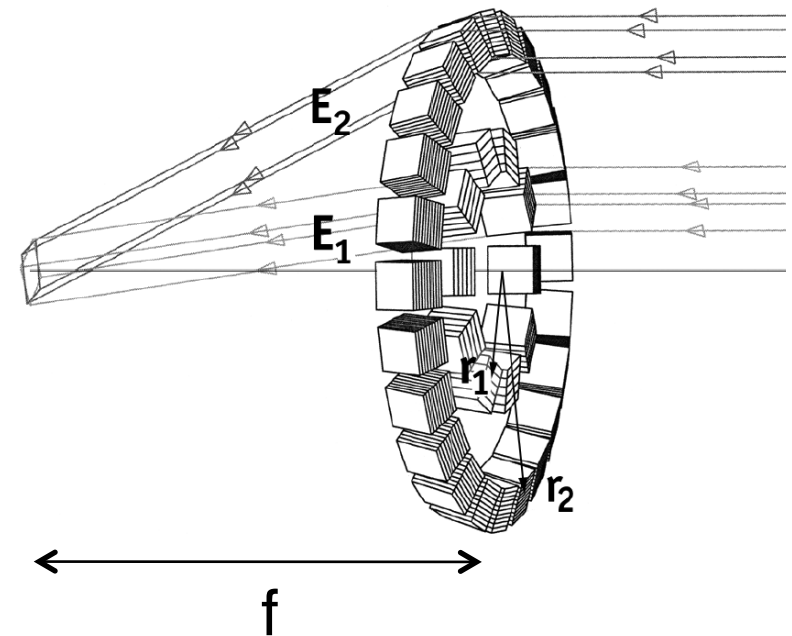
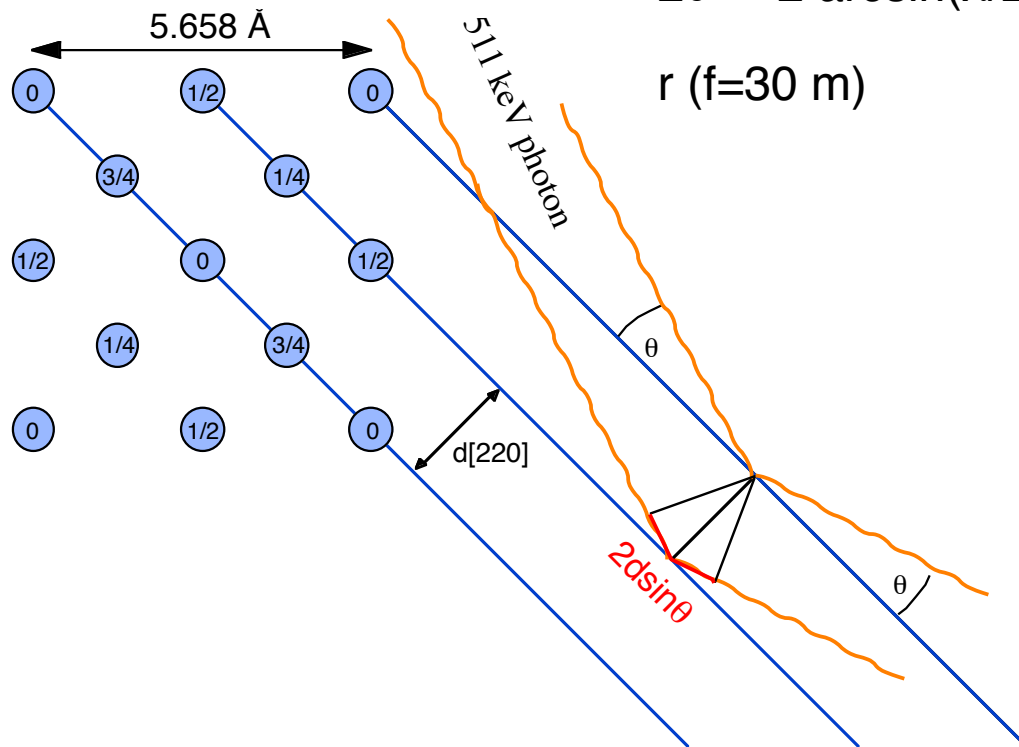
$$2d\sin\theta = n\lambda$$

$$d [111] = 2.08 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\lambda (847 \text{ keV}) = 1.46 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ \AA}$$

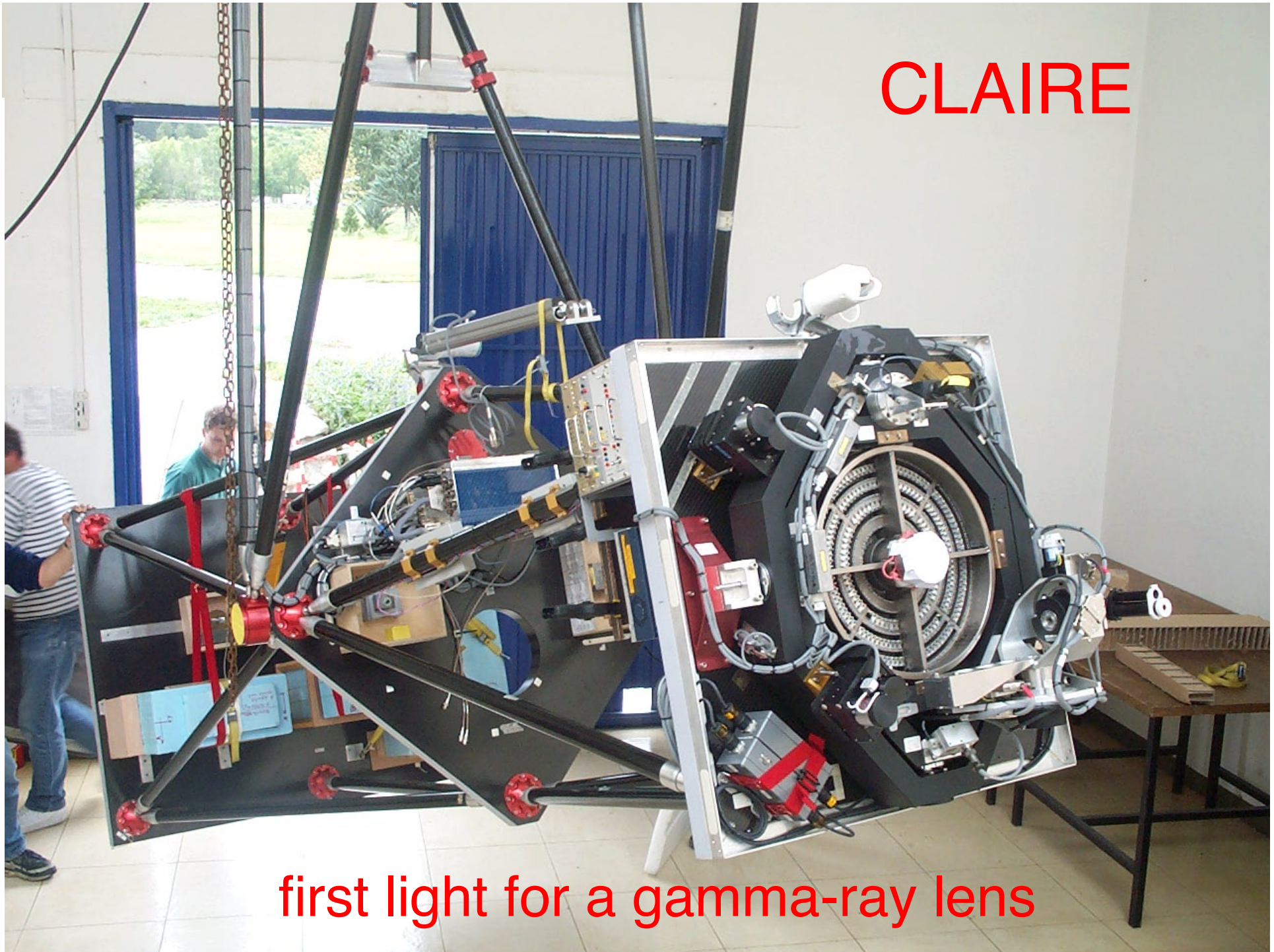
$$2\theta = 2 \arcsin(\lambda/2d) = 0.40^\circ$$

$$r (f=30 \text{ m}) = 21 \text{ cm}$$

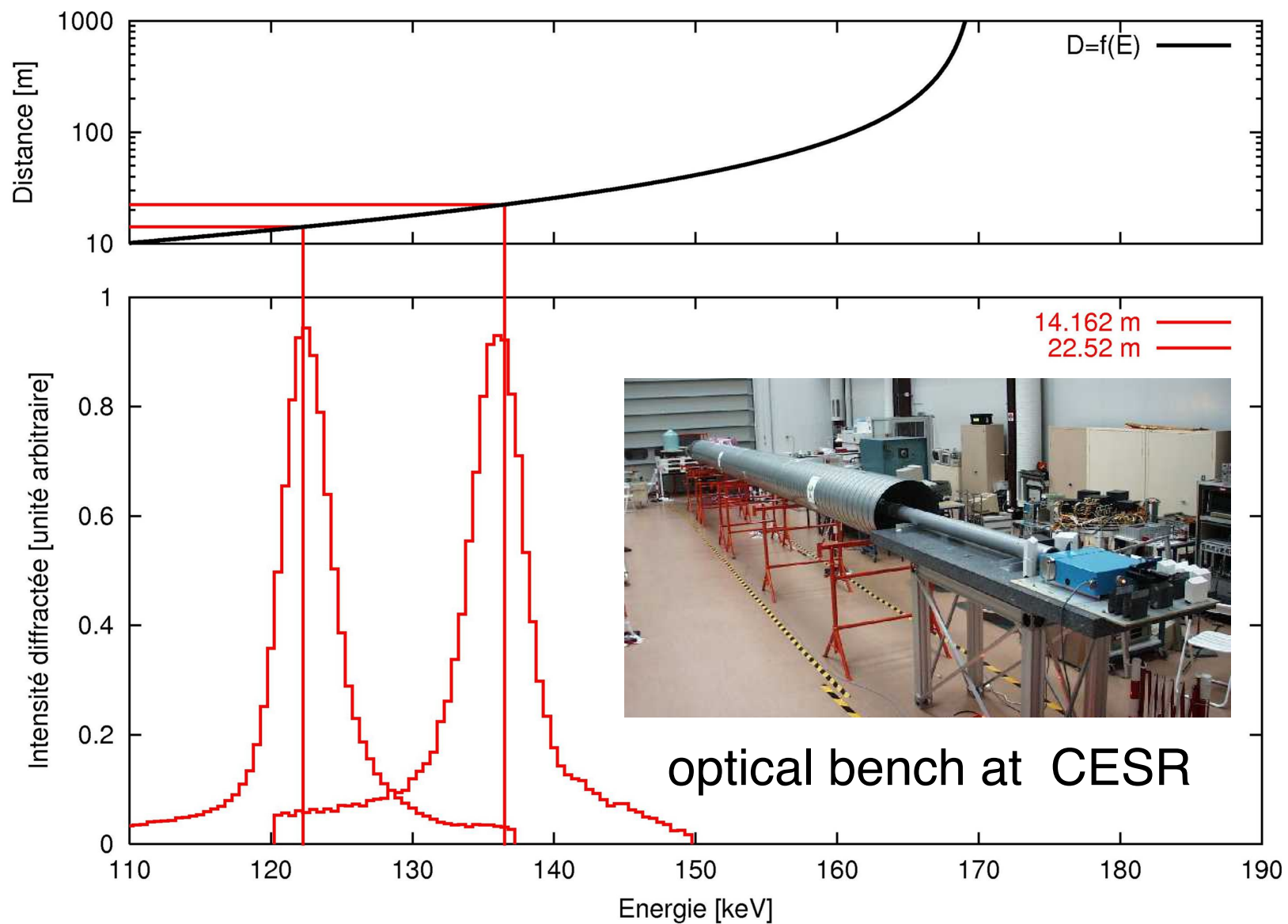


CLAIRE

first light for a gamma-ray lens



# CLAIRE : tests in the lab ... and beyond



# CLAIRE 2001



**demonstrate the principle of a  $\gamma$ -ray lens on an astrophysical target**

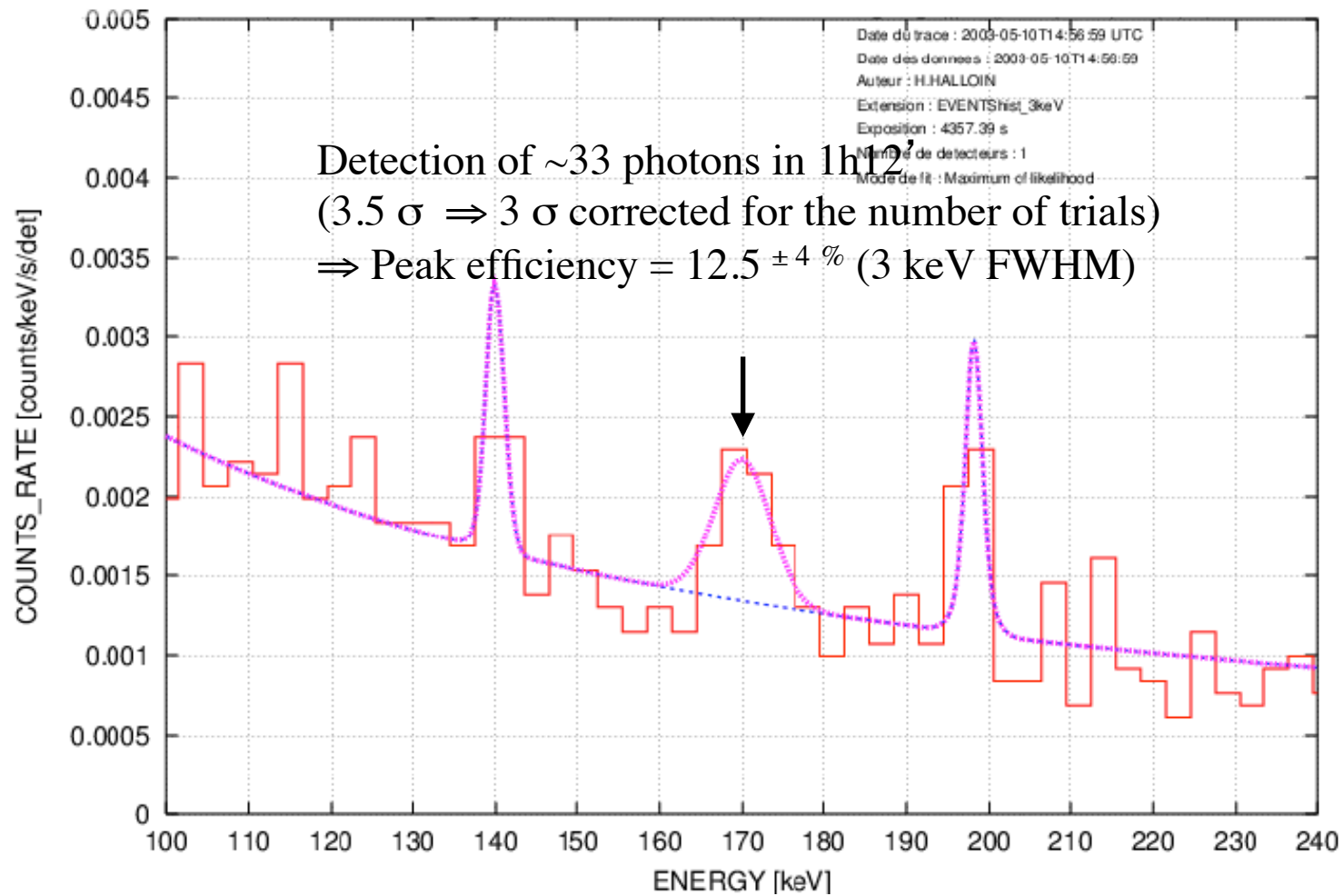
Launch : 14 june 2001, 8h15 UT, CNES balloon base, Gap-Tallard

Balloon : Zodiac Z600 (600.000 m<sup>3</sup>)

floating altitude : > 41 km (3.8 g/cm<sup>2</sup> residual atmosphère), during 5h 30'

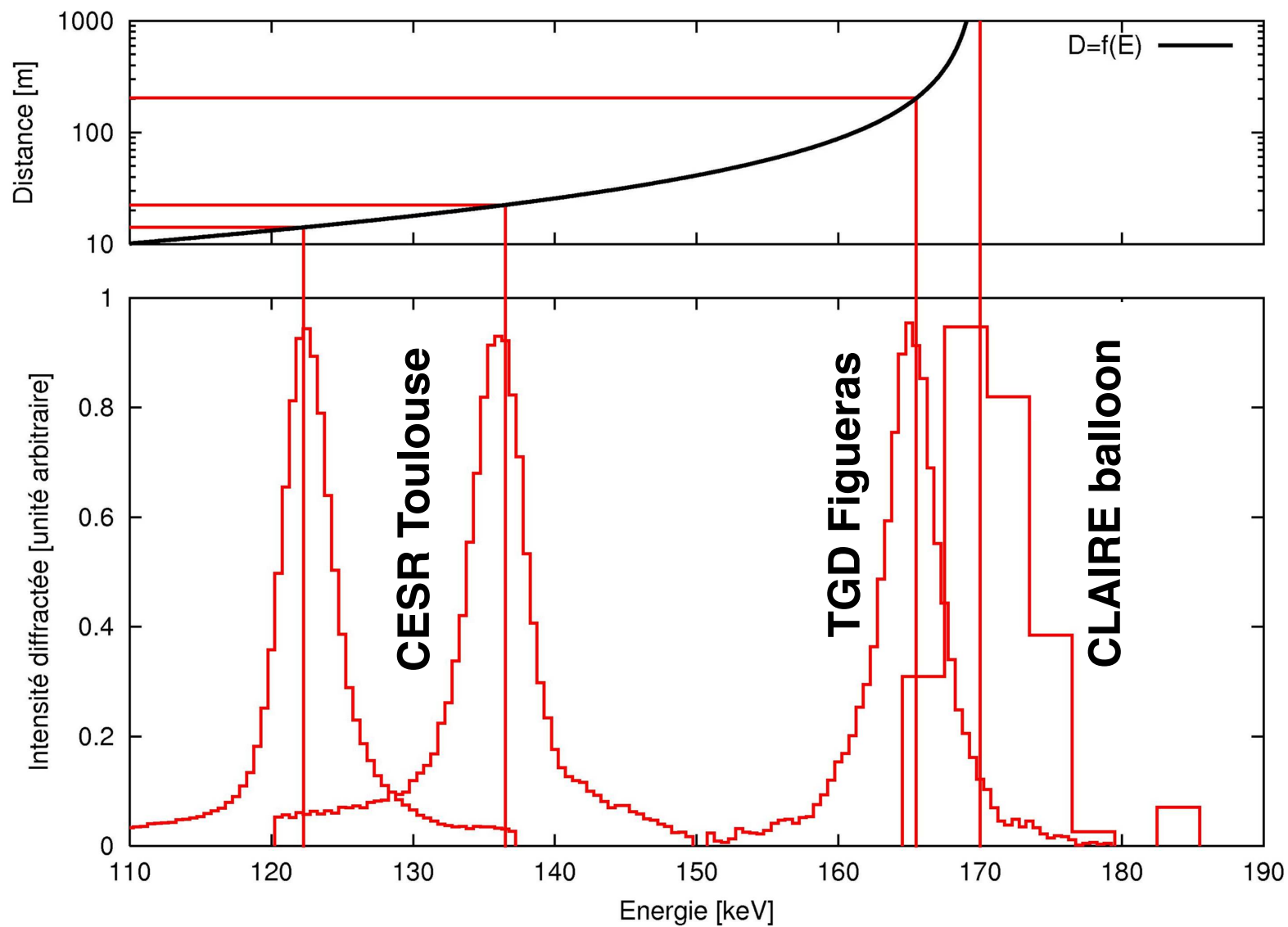
Landing : 14 june 2001, 17 h UT, Bergerac, Aquitaine (~Bordeaux region)

# CLAIRE 2001 : first light for an astrophysical source

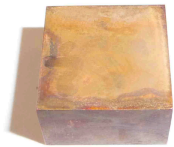
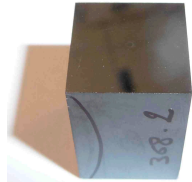


CLAIRE : 14 m, 22.5 m, 205 m ... infinity !

$\epsilon_{\text{peak},3 \text{ keV}} \approx 10 \%$



# Technological Readiness Level (TRL) of the Laue lens



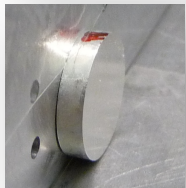
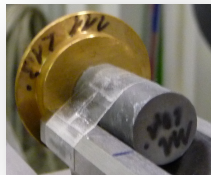
*ESA pre-industrial serie / TRL study of crystal production*

**SiGe** : mosaicity 20 and 40 arcsec, good homogeneity

Reflectivities : **20-30% at 284 keV, 10-20% at 517 keV**

**Cu** : mosaicity between 20 and 40 arcsec

Reflectivities : **15-20% at 511 keV, 12-23% at 816 keV**



*“Crystal Prospective”*

**Pb (111)**  $T_0=12\text{mm}$ ,  $E=700\text{ keV}$

Mosaicity = 27 arcsec; Quality fact : **100%**

**Rh (220)**  $T_0=10\text{mm}$ ,  $E=500\text{ keV}$

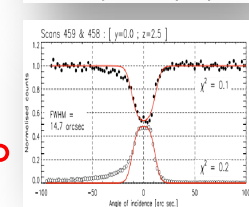
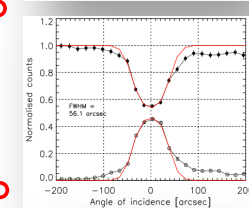
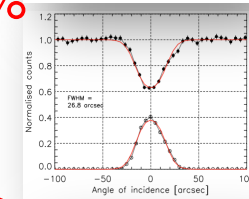
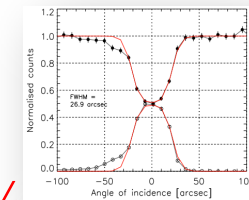
Mosaicity = 27 arcsec; Quality fact : **82%**

**Ag (111)**  $T_0=10\text{mm}$ ,  $E=500\text{ keV}$

Mosaicity = 56 arcsec; Quality fact : **92%**

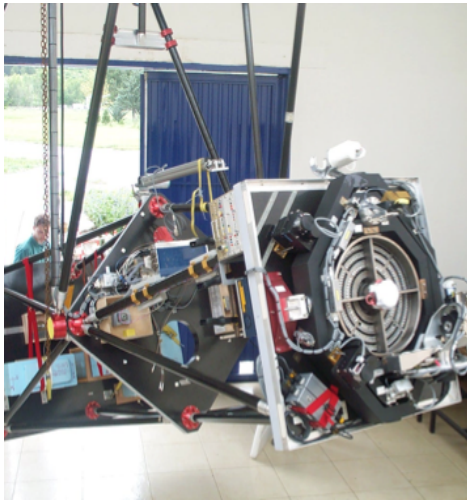
**Au (111)**  $T_0=2\text{mm}$ ,  $E=500\text{ keV}$

Mosaicity = 26 arcsec; Quality fact : **90%**





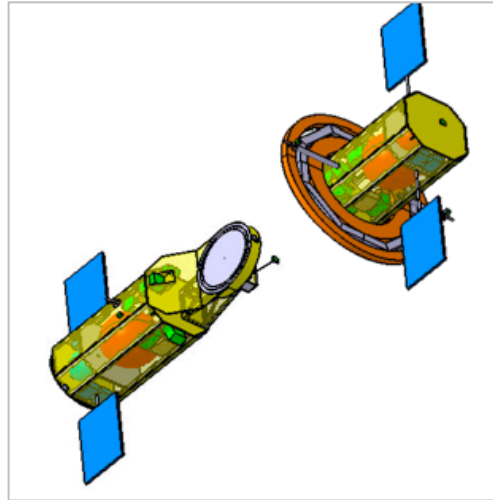
# The development of gamma-ray lenses



## **CLAIRE 2003**

CNES balloon & TGD

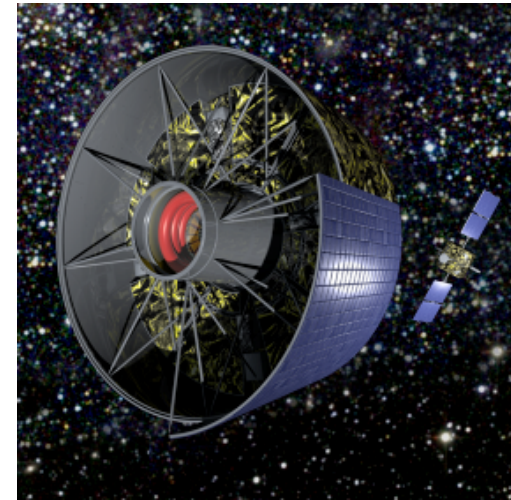
Crab detection :  
First light for a  
gamma-ray lens



## **Max 2005**

CNES/PASO prephase A

Demonstrating the  
feasibility of a spaceborne  
Laue Lens



## **GRI 2007**

Cosmic Vision proposal

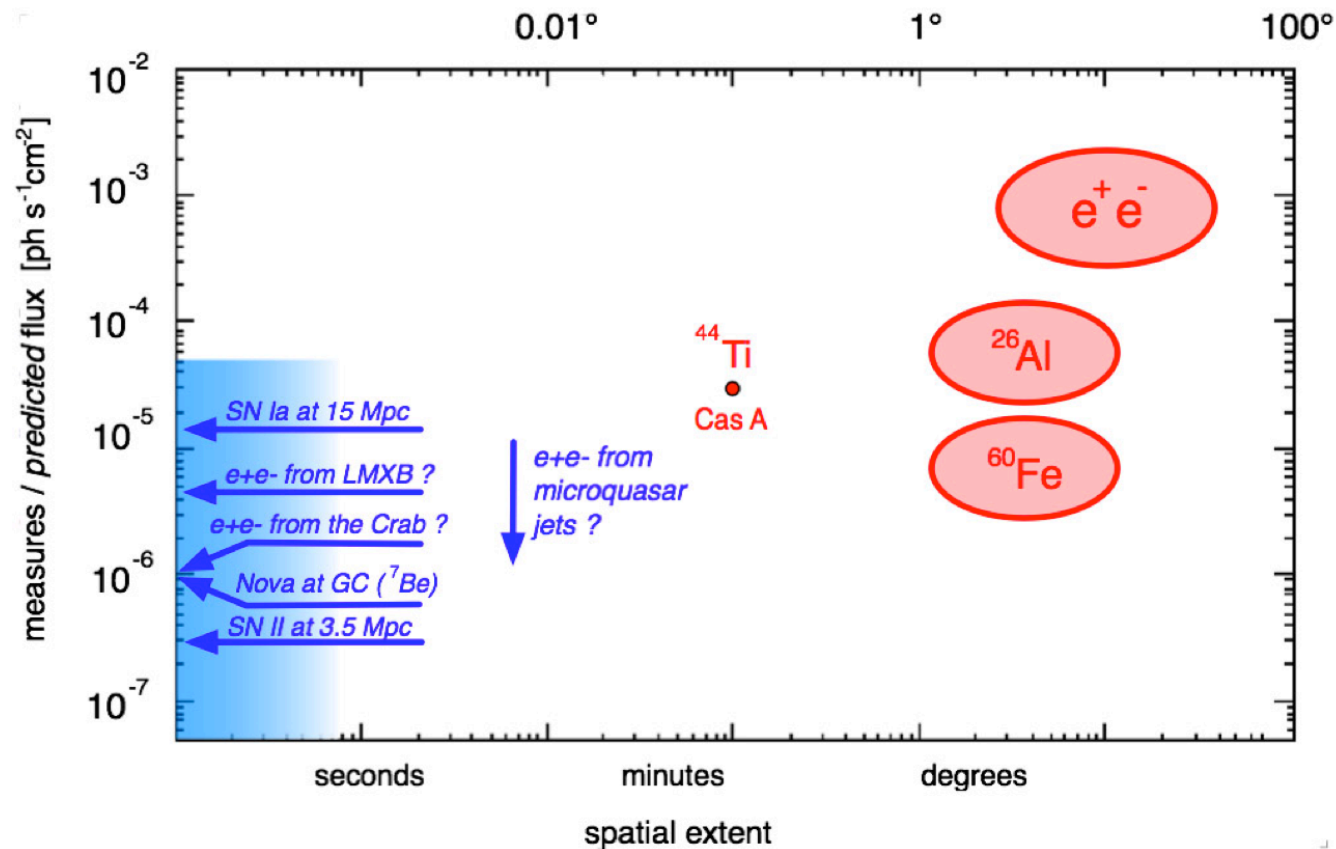
Community adopts the  
Laue lens for the next  
gamma-ray mission

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**crystal R&D** : gold, silver crystals; curved Si/Ge crystals; ESA pre-serie

**lens R&D** : lens prototype TAS Cannes, vibration, qualification

# DUAL requirements for a future gamma-ray mission



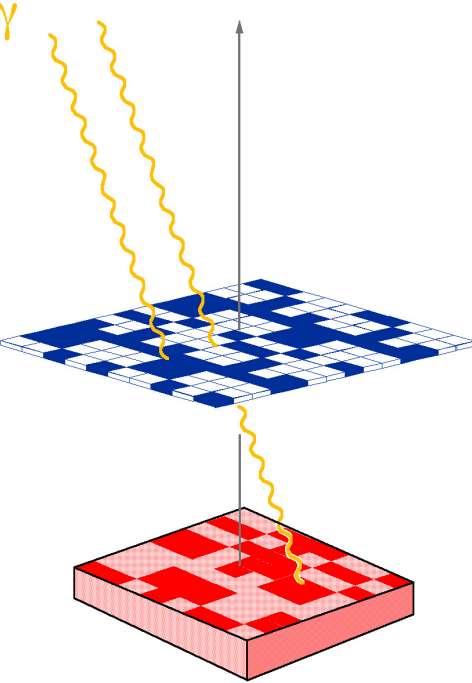
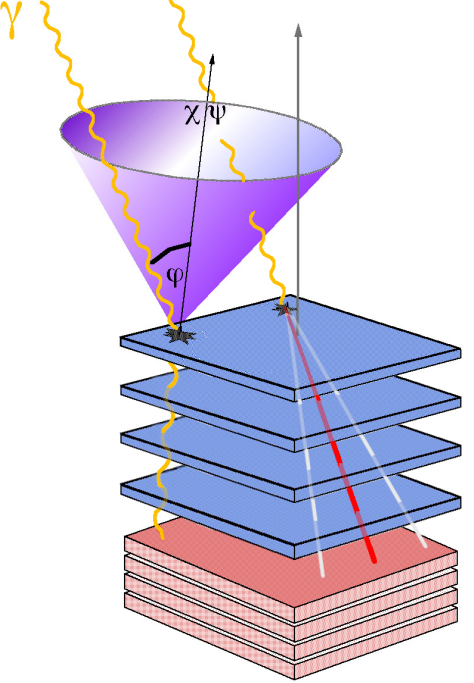
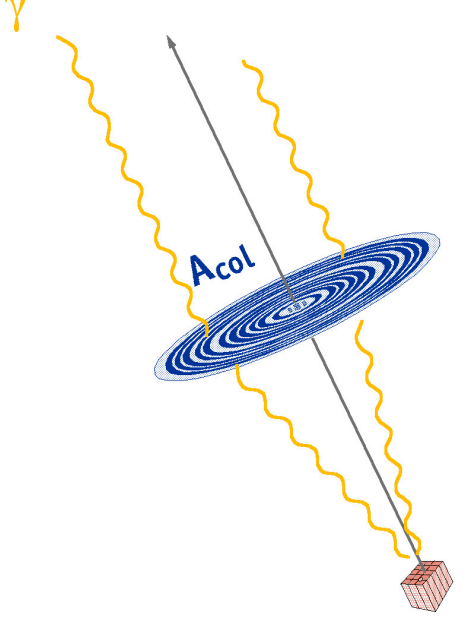
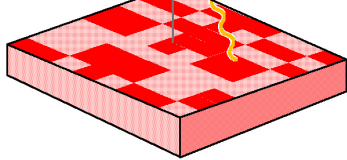
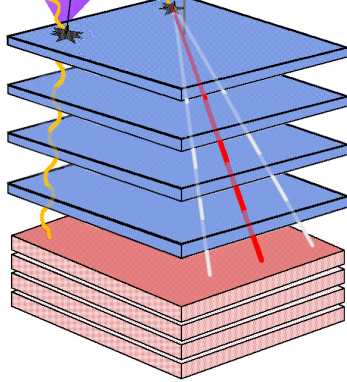

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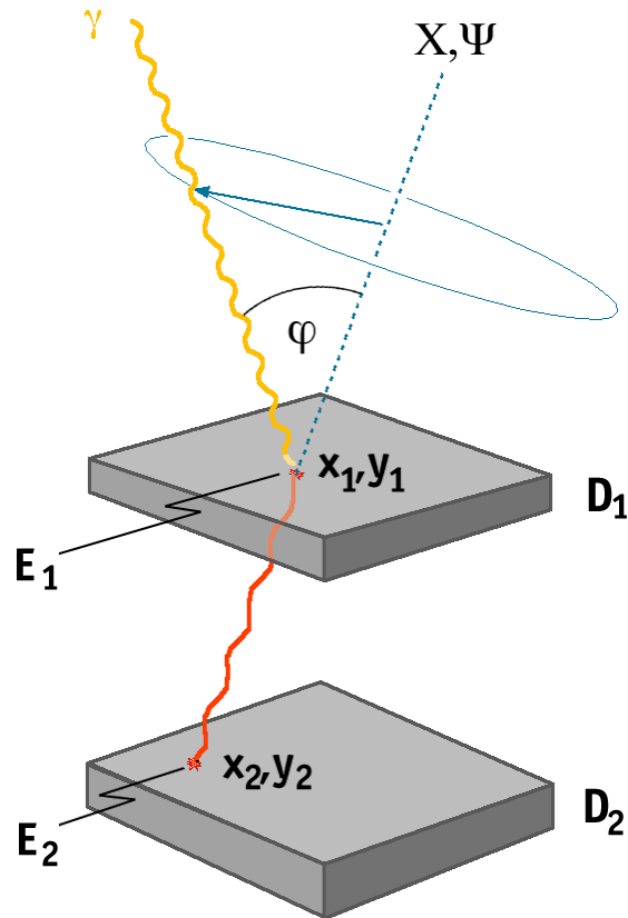
**and what about gamma-ray bursts ?**

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	ex. coded masks "on-off" collimators	ex. Compton telescopes tracking chambers	ex. Laue lenses Fresnel lenses

# the principle of Compton Telescopes



*measured parameters :*

- x<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>1</sub> : interaction location in D<sub>1</sub>
- E<sub>1</sub> : energy deposit in D<sub>1</sub>
- x<sub>2</sub>, y<sub>2</sub> : interaction location in D<sub>2</sub>
- E<sub>2</sub> : energy deposit in D<sub>2</sub>
- t, Δt : arrival time, TOF D<sub>1</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>

*derived parameters :*

- x<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, y<sub>2</sub> => χ, ψ
- E<sub>1</sub>, E<sub>2</sub> =>  $\bar{\varphi}$

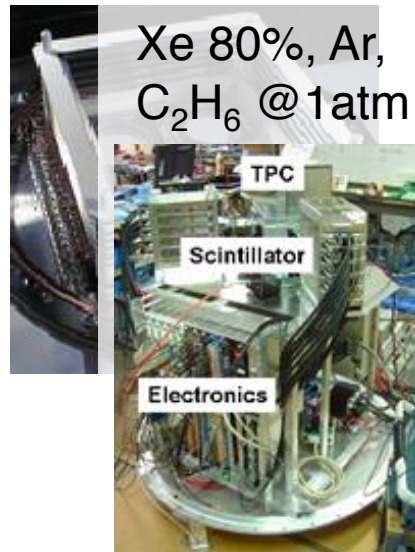
$$\cos \bar{\varphi} = 1 - m_e c^2 / E_2 + m_e c^2 / E_1 + E_2$$

encoding of the two dimensional source distribution into a 3-D dataspace (X, Ψ, φ)

# Balloon flights of new generation Compton telescopes



LXeGRIT  
1997, 1999, 2000  
Kyoto Univ.  
2006  
liquid Xe TPC



Xe 80%, Ar,  
C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> @1atm



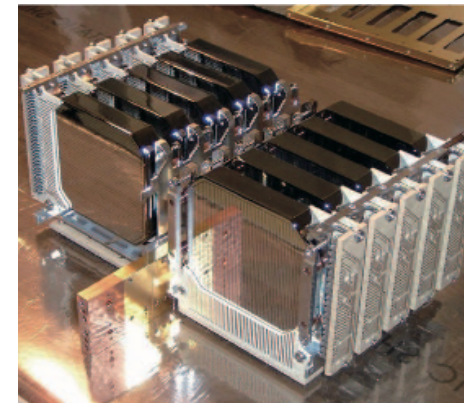
TIGRE  
2007, 2010

D1 : DSSD  
D2 : NaI(Tl) & CsI(Tl)

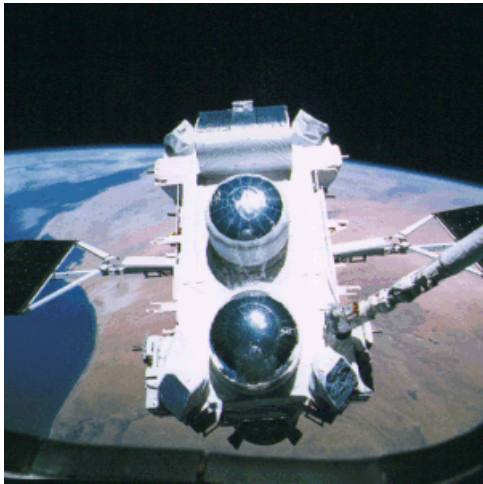


NCT  
2005, 2009

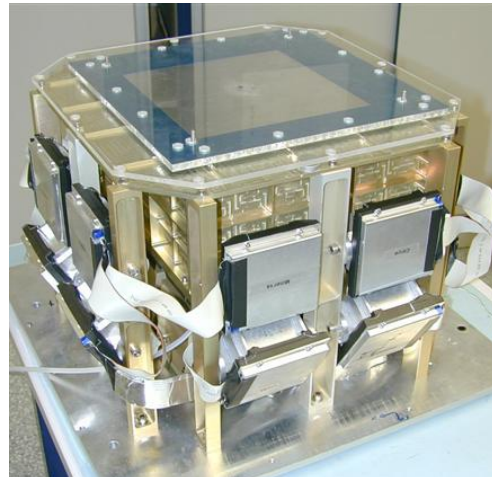
Ge strip detectors



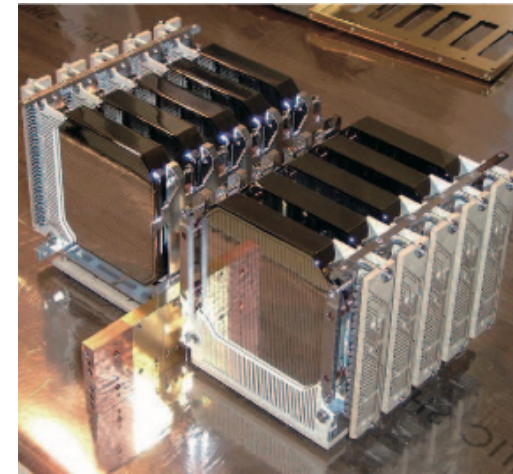
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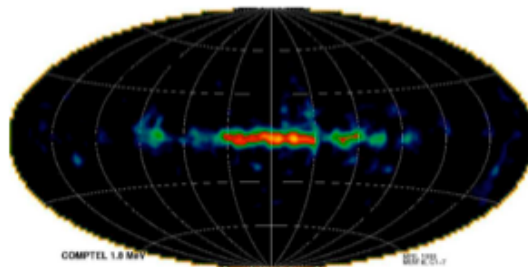
COMPTTEL 1991-1999  
large scintillator CT



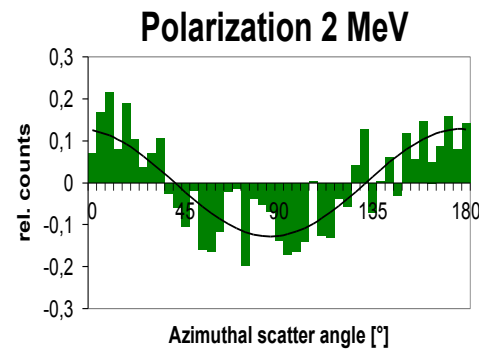
MEGA/MEGA balloon  
Si tracker / CT



NCT balloon flights  
Ge DSSD, 3D loc (mm<sup>3</sup>)



first <sup>26</sup>Al all-sky map

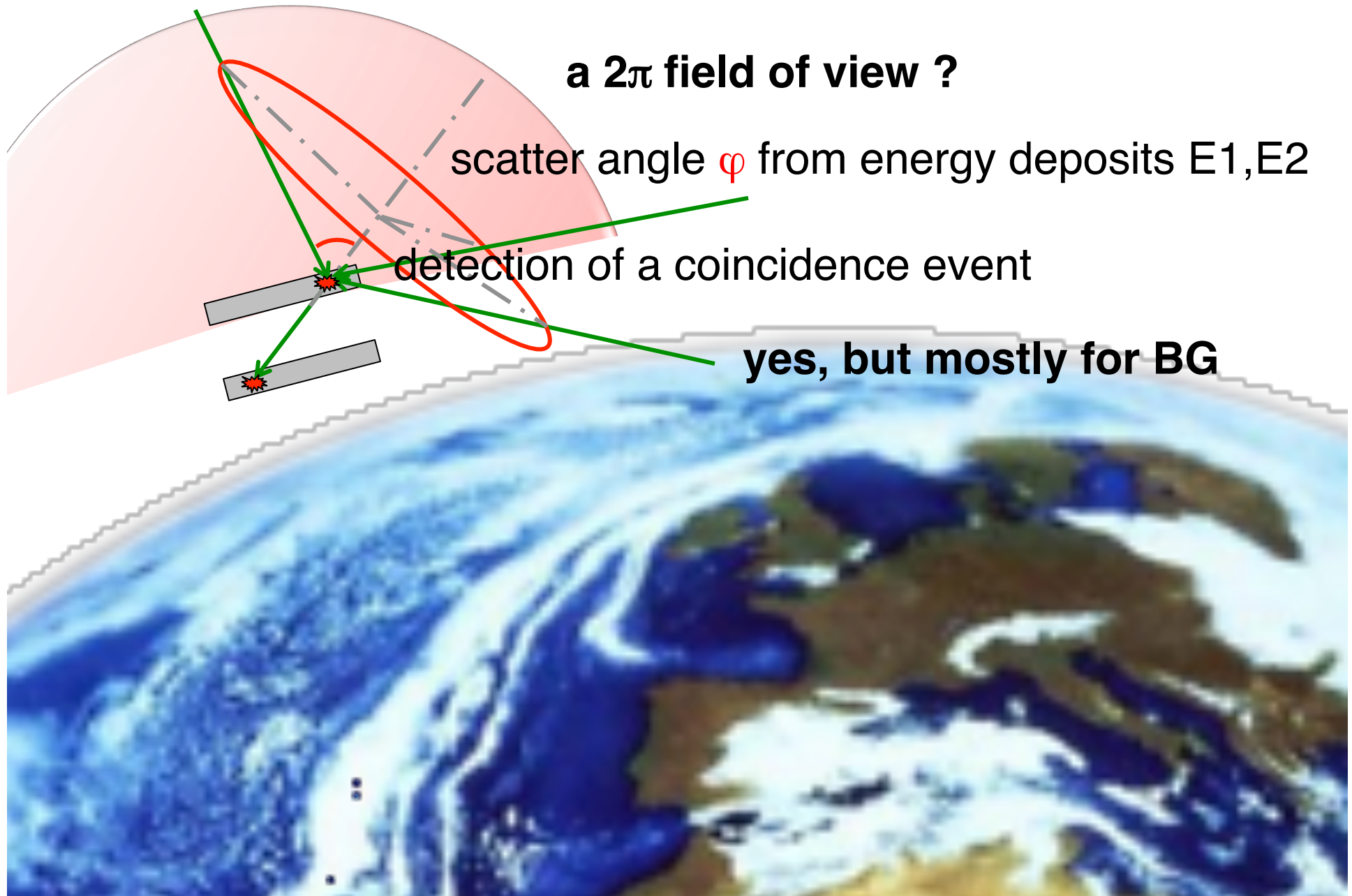


demonstrated polarization

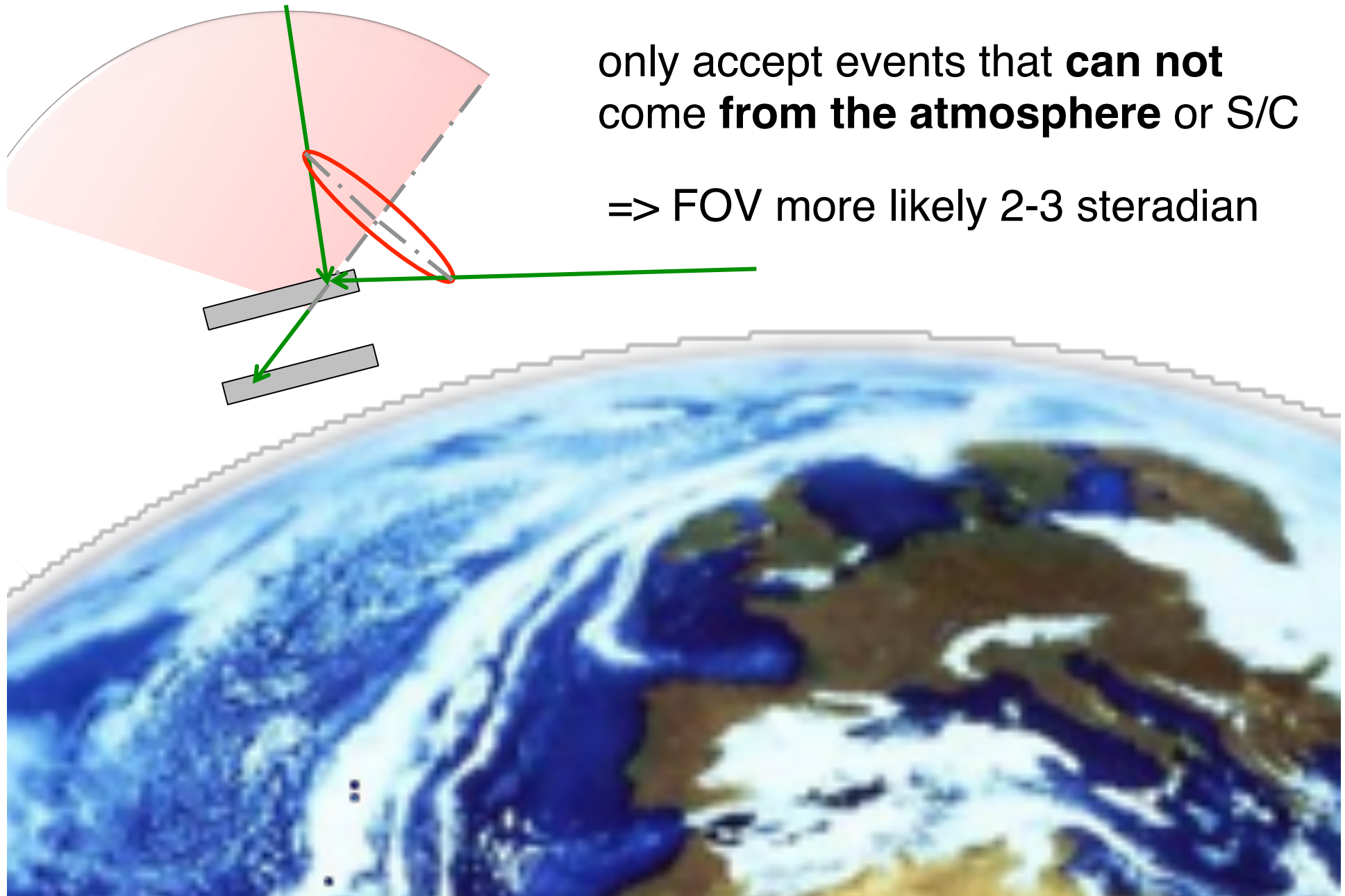


Crab detection 2009

# Compton telescopes have wide fields

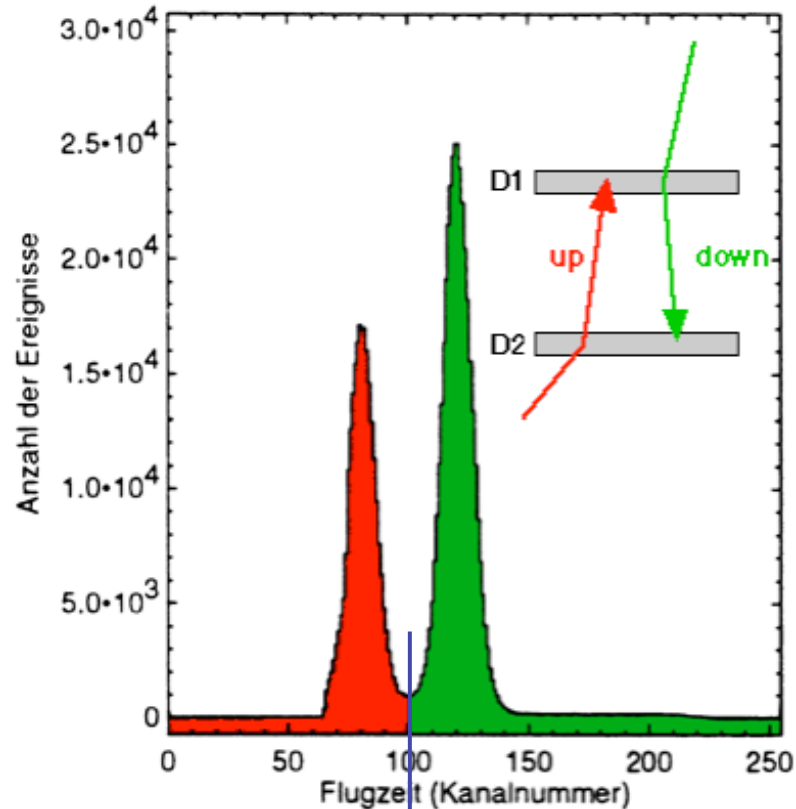


## Compton telescopes have wide fields





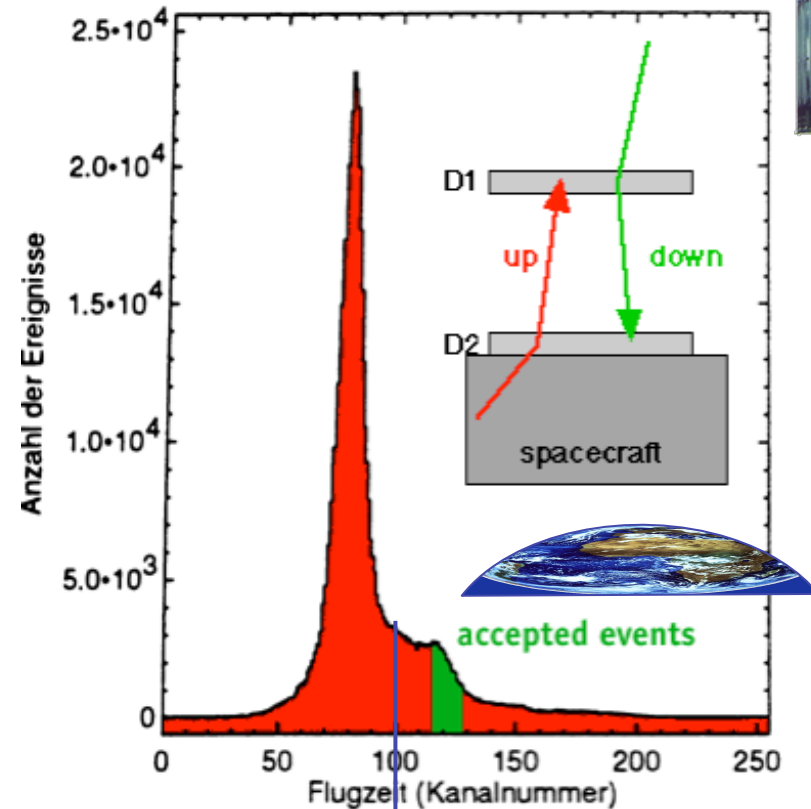
# Time of Flight coincidence (TOF) COMPTEL data



<- upward | downward ->

**COMPTEL calibration data**

channel width : 0.25 ns  
distance D1-D2 : 1.5 m  $\approx$  5 ns)

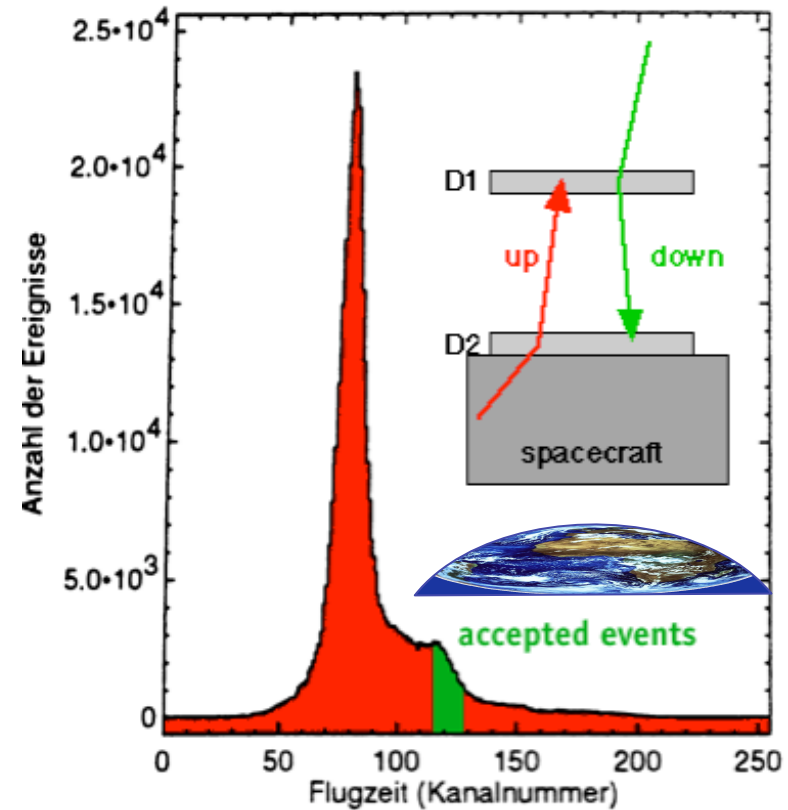
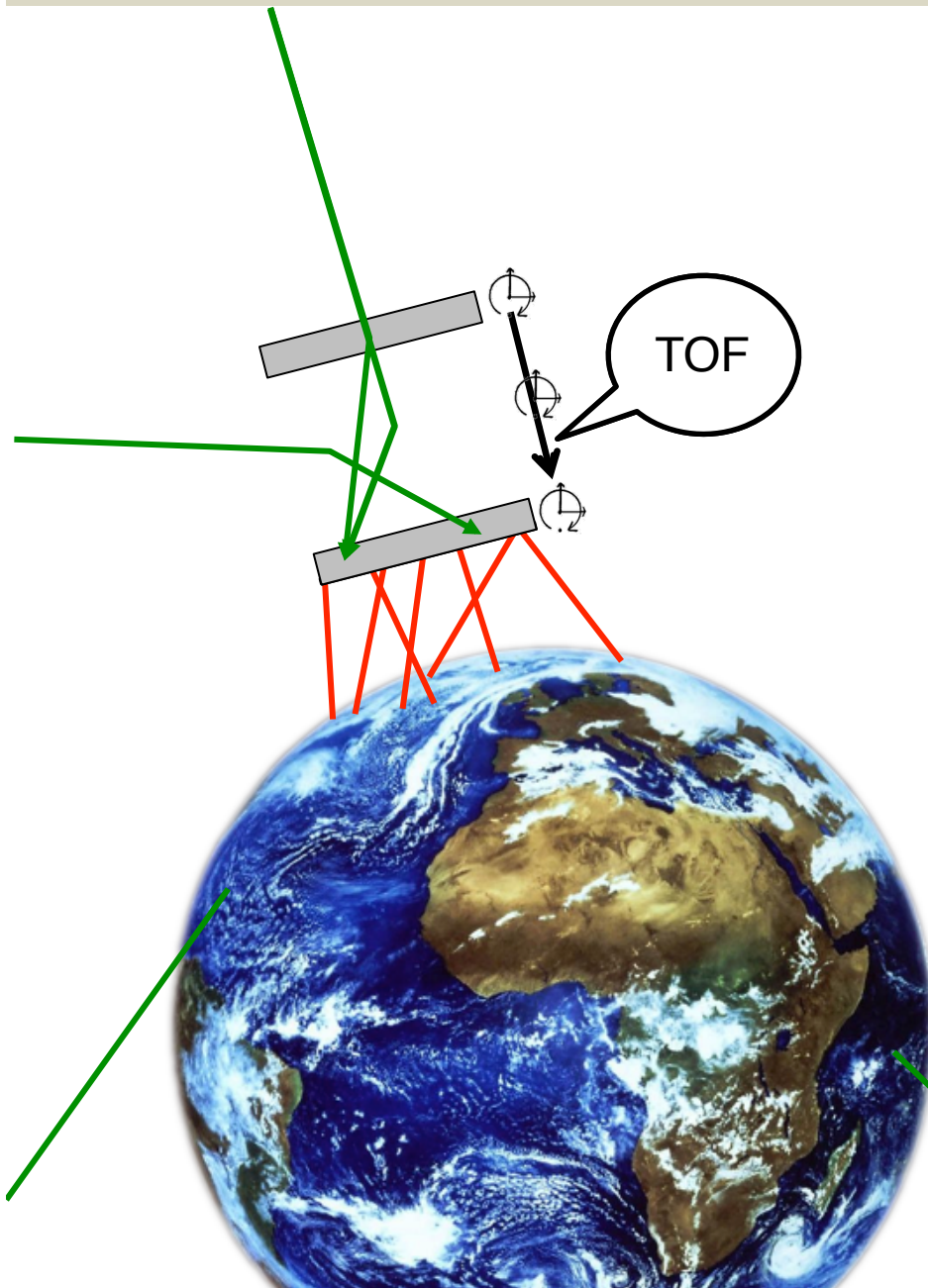


<- upward | downward ->

**COMPTEL flight data**

channel width : 0.25 ns  
"upward BG" from spacecraft and the Earth

## option A : time-of-flight electronics

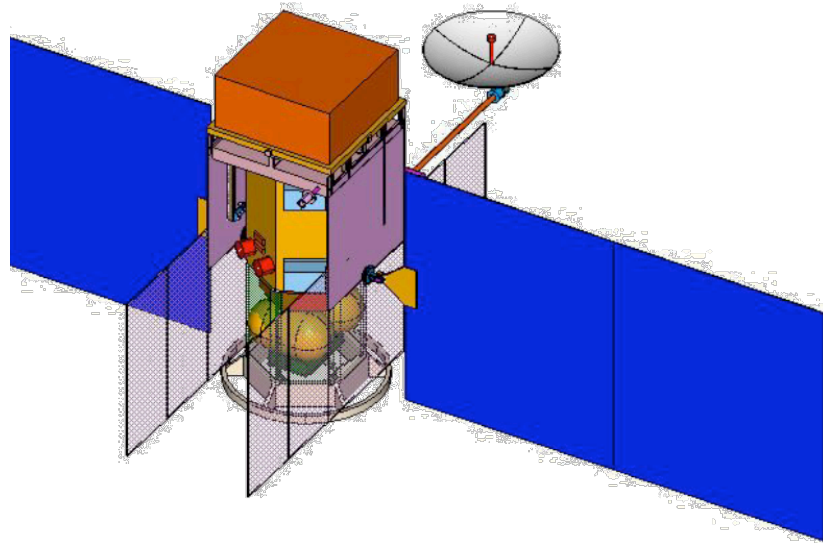


measuring TOFs requires  
long baselines between D1 and D2  
=> low probability for coincidence  
=> **low efficiencies** (few % at most)

# Compton Telescope Mission concepts

## ACT

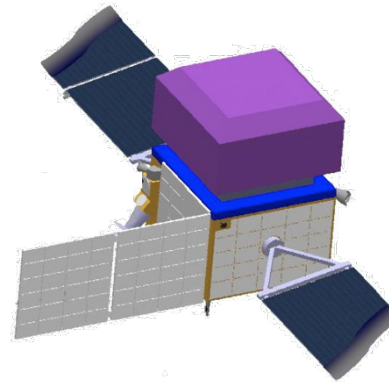
Nasa Mission  
Concept study  
Boggs et al. 2006



Ge strip detectors  
mass (inst) : 2100 kg  
 $f_{3s} \approx 1.7 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

## GRIPS/GRM

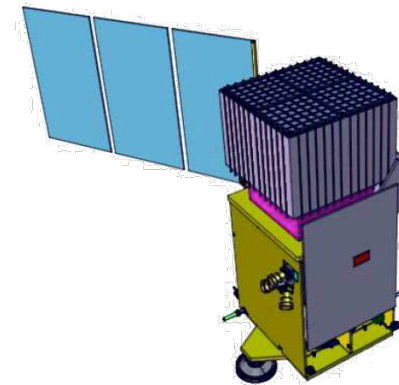
ESA cosmic vision 2011  
Greiner et al. 2007/11



D1 Si-strip, D2 LaBr3  
mass (inst) : 1578 kg  
 $f_{3s} \approx 3.4 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

## CAPSiTT

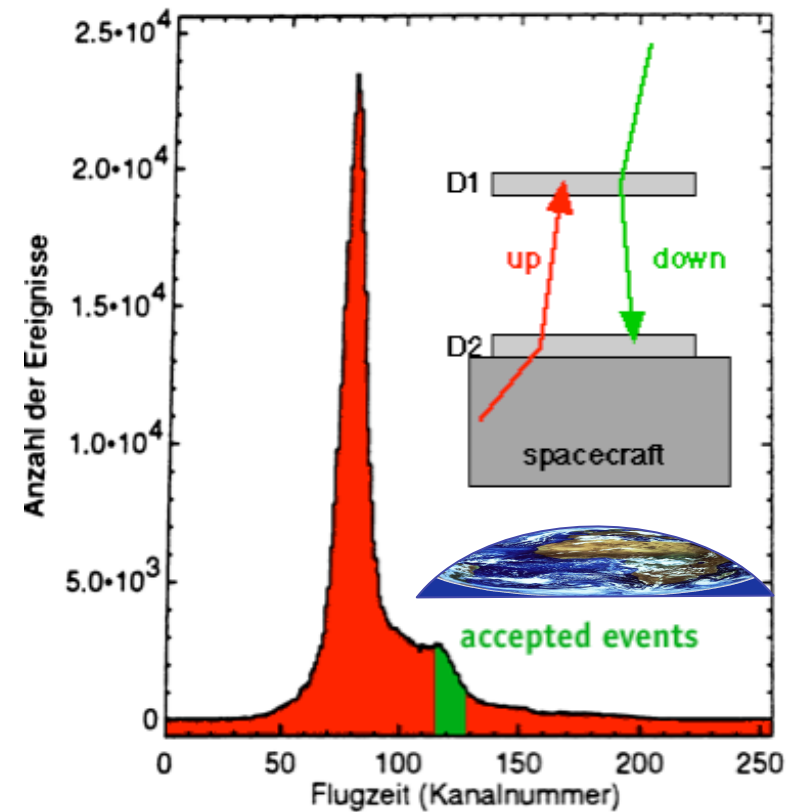
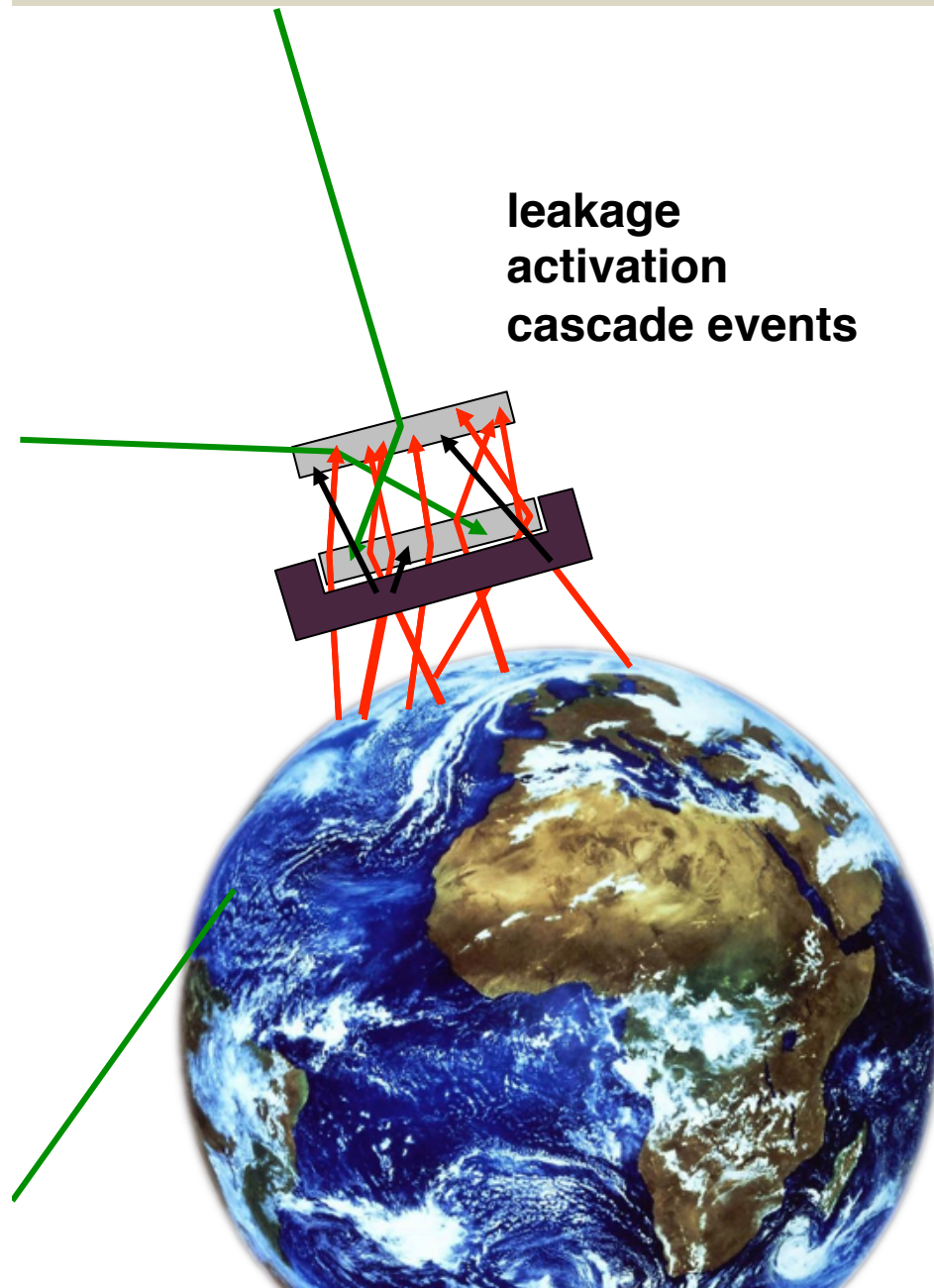
ESA cosmic vision 2011  
Lebrun et al. 2011



Si-strip detectors  
mass (inst) : 970 kg  
 $f_{3s} \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

all telescopes have a wide FoV (1-2 ster) and modest angular resolution ( $\geq 2^\circ$ )

## option B : anticoincidence shield

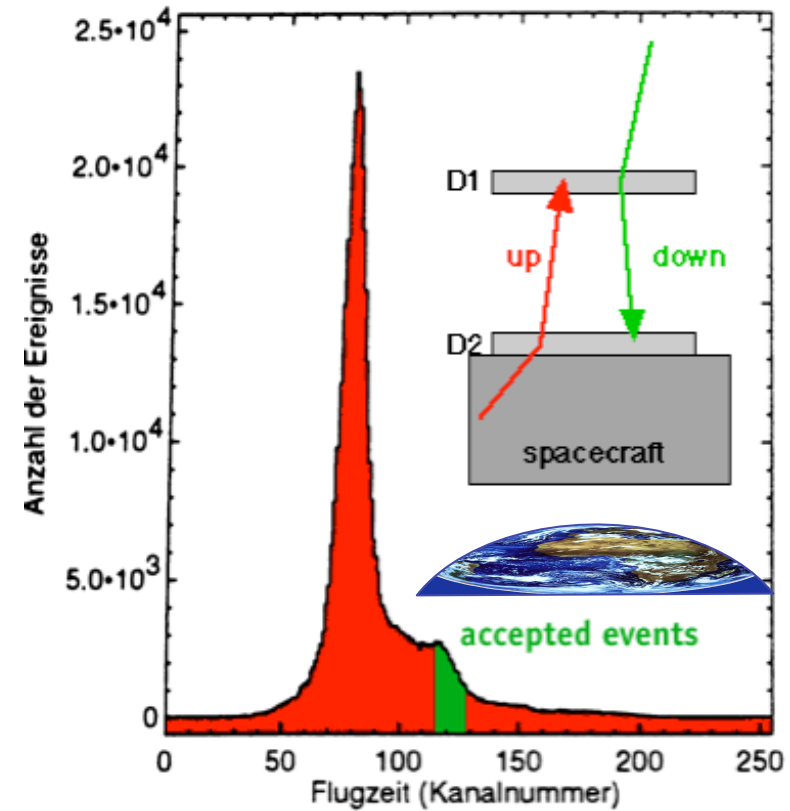
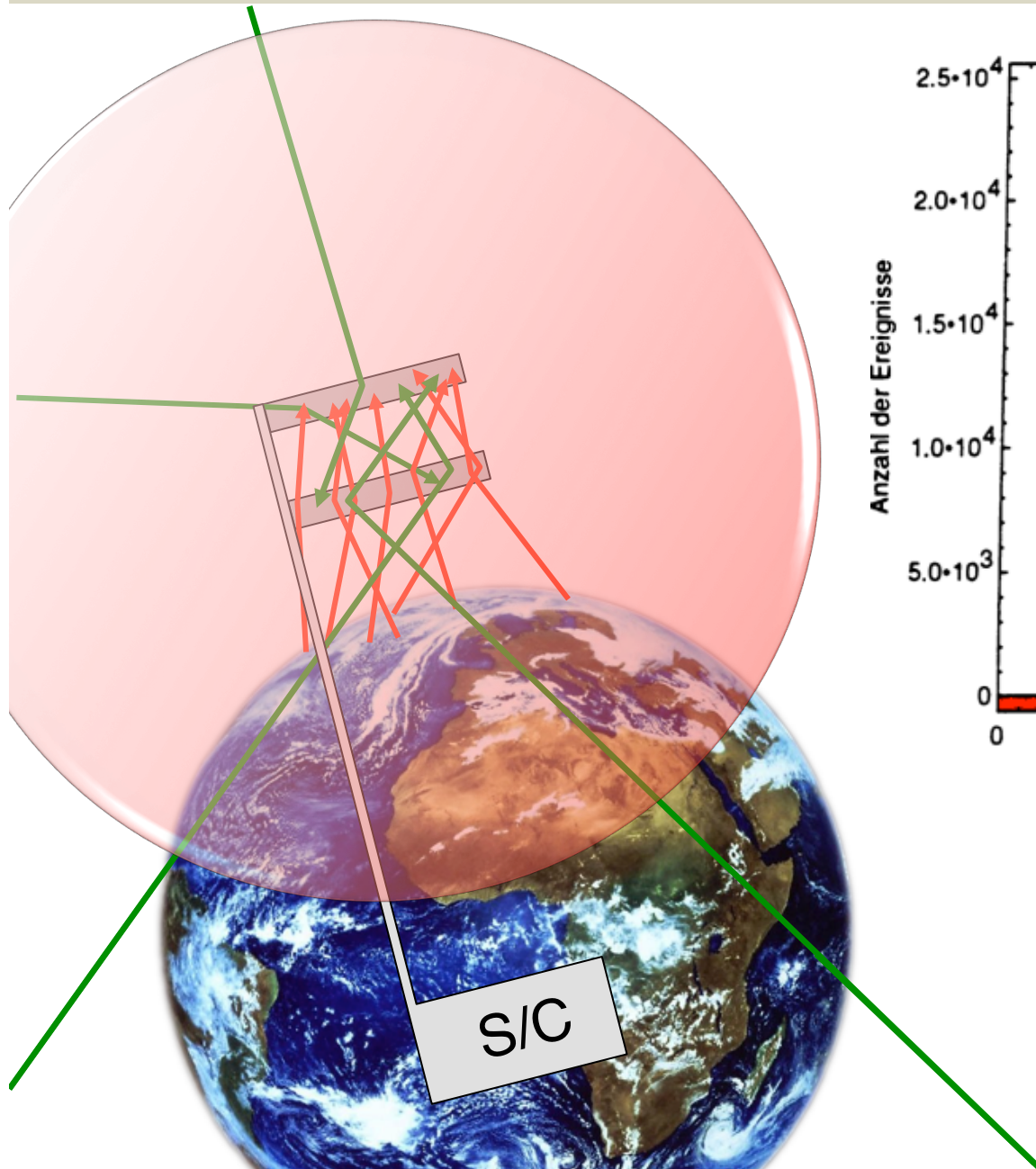


compact solid state CTs  
can not measure the TOF  
they require **AC shields** often  
**more massive than the  
instrument itself**

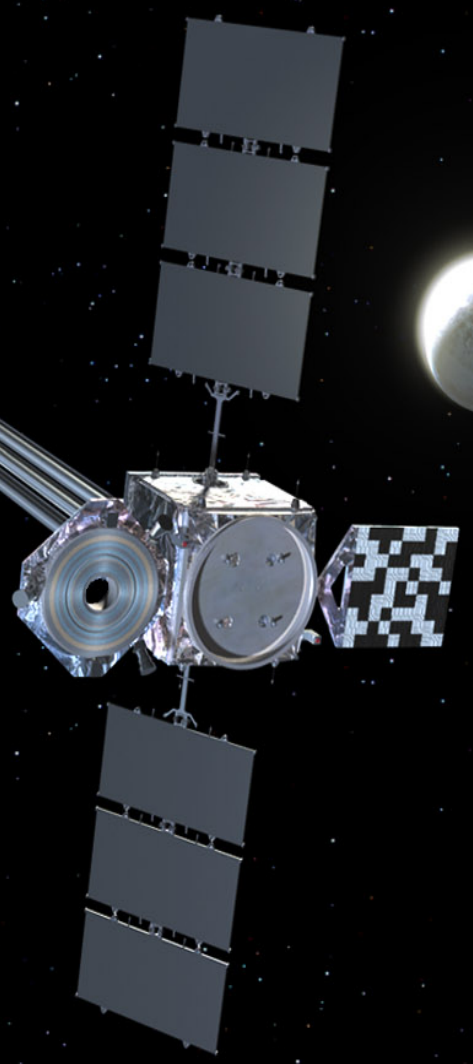


# DUAL option C : no BG from external passive mass

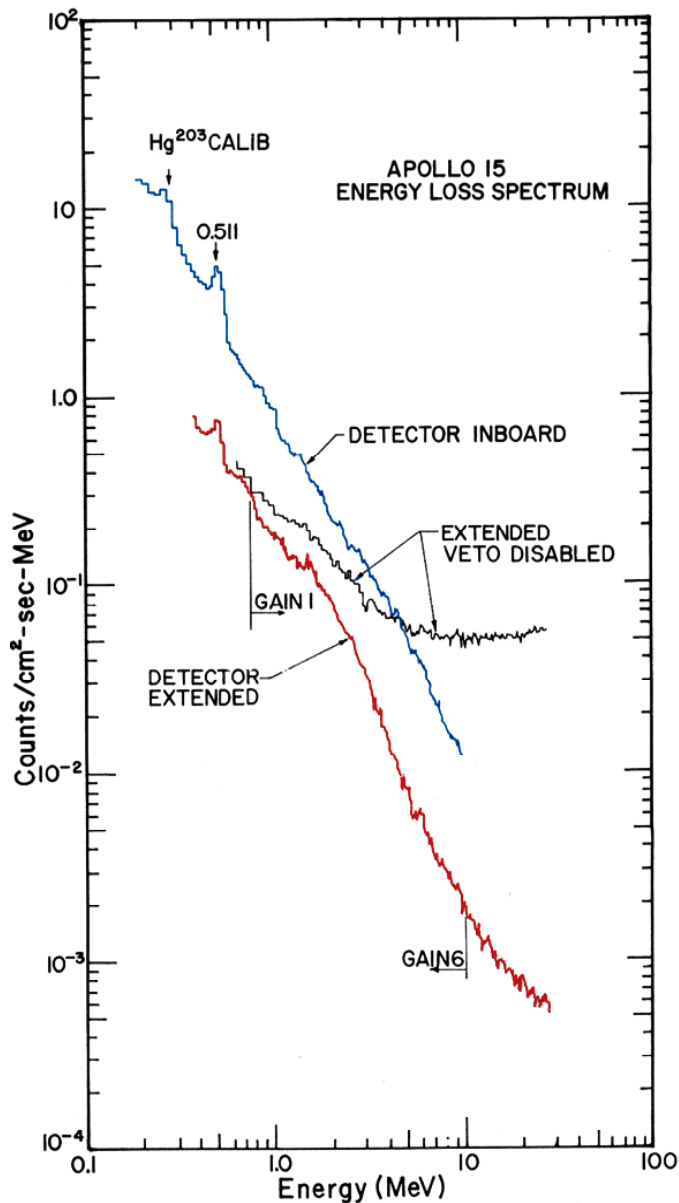
TWO VIEWS OF THE EXTREME UNIVERSE



detector on extendible boom



# Apollo 15 BG spectrum



trans-Earth coast

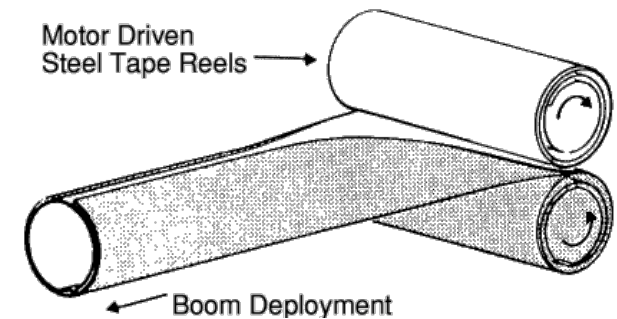
detector :

**NaI - 7 cm, 7 cm Ø**

**plastic veto**

inboard : *on* spacecraft ( $W_{sc} = 2\pi$ )

extended position (**boom, 7.6 m**)



solid angle ratio  $W_{sc}/W_b$

s/c seen in extended position ( $W_b \sim 0.28$  sr)

$$\Rightarrow W_{sc}/W_b \approx 20$$

$$\text{onboard BG } (b_{sc} + b_r)/5 = (b_{sc}/20) + b_r$$

$$\Rightarrow b_r/b_{sc} \approx 0.2 !!$$

# NuSTAR – Pegasus XL launch **by the end of this session**

**13.6.2012 at 16h30** life broadcast

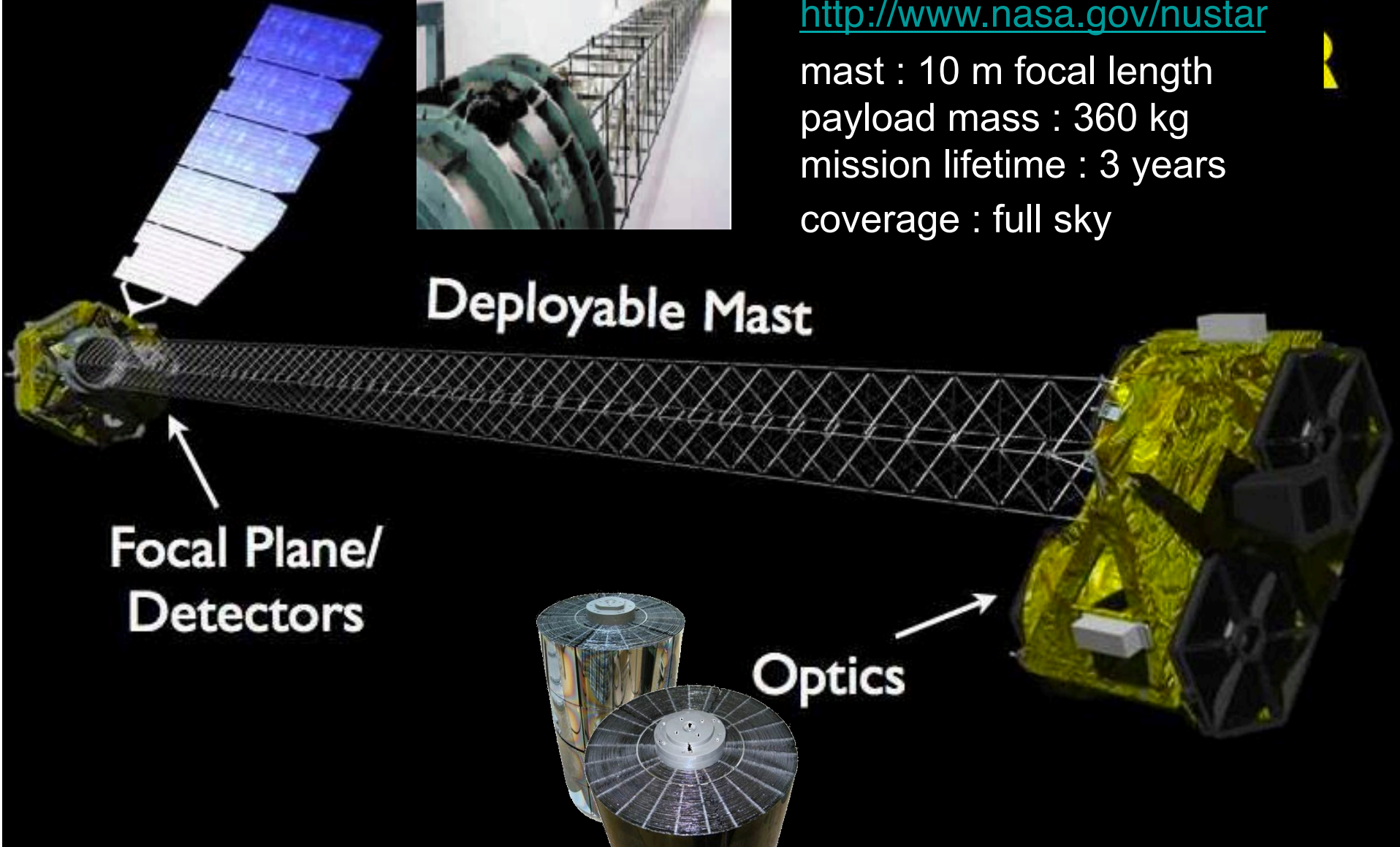
<http://www.nasa.gov/nustar>

mast : 10 m focal length

payload mass : 360 kg

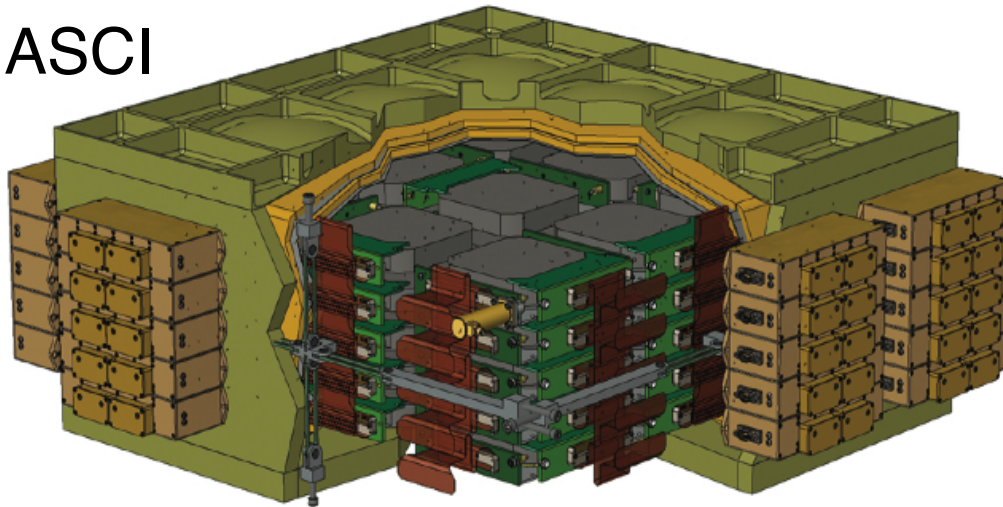
mission lifetime : 3 years

coverage : full sky

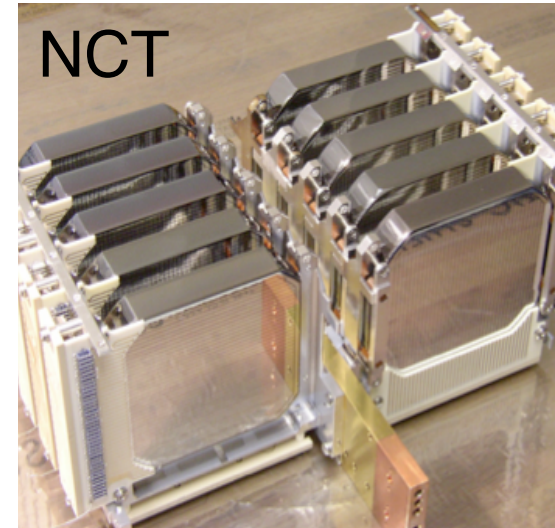




ASCI



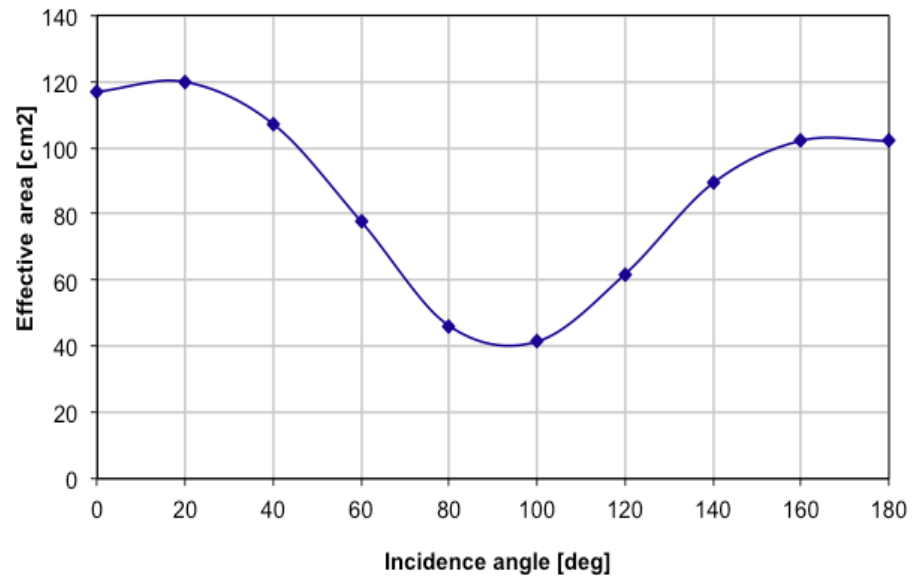
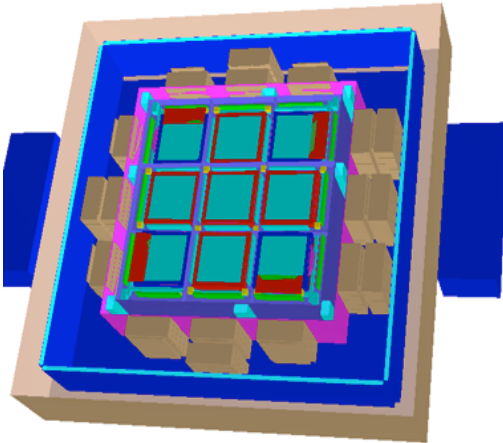
NCT



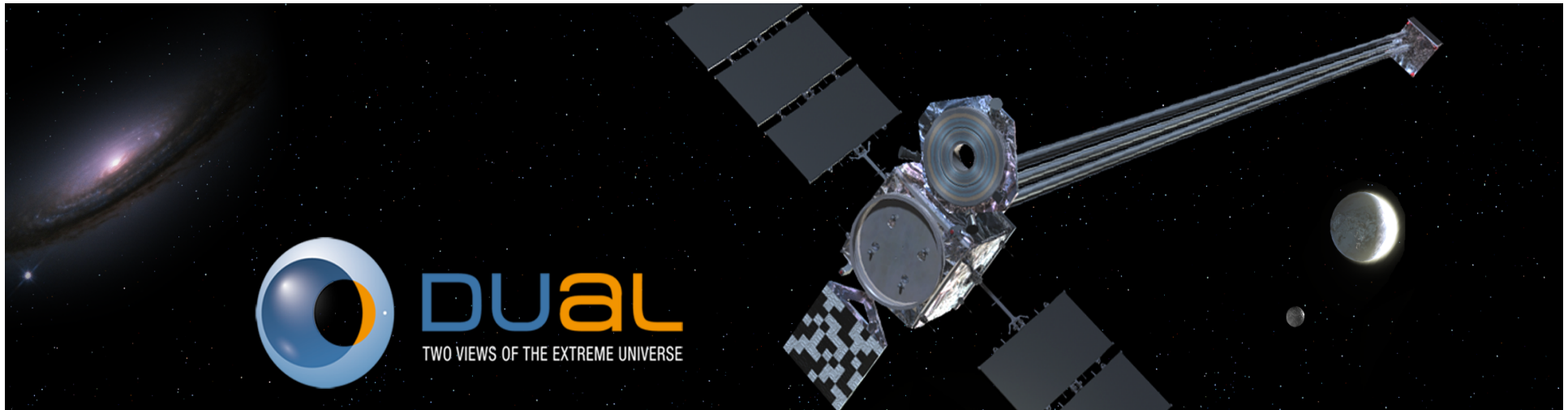
GeD/ parameter	ASCI	NCT
Strip pitch	2.00 mm	2.00 mm
Individual detector dimensions	100x100 mm <sup>2</sup>	74x74 mm <sup>2</sup>
	15 mm	15 mm
Spectral resolution (FWHM)@662 keV	1.6 keV	1.6 keV
Spectroscopy threshold	10 keV	12 keV
total # strip channels	4500	912
Instrument volume	6750 cm <sup>3</sup>	972 mm <sup>3</sup>



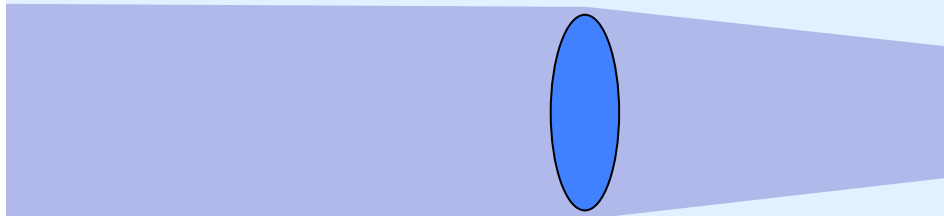
# DUAL All Sky Compton Imager (ASCI)



Energy range	0.1 – 10 MeV	
Spectral resolution (10 MeV - 0.1 MeV)	0.2 – 1 % FWHM	
Field of view	4 $\pi$ at all times	
Angular resolution	511 keV	2.7° (4.5° at sensitivity limit)
	847 keV	2.1° (3.5° at sensitivity limit)
	1809 keV	1.6° (2.7° at sensitivity limit)
Narrow line sensitivity	511 keV	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$ ph·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup>
(any DC source after T <sub>obs</sub> = 3 year)	847 keV	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ ph·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup>
	1809 keV	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ ph·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup>
Continuum sensitivity	500 keV	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ph·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup> MeV <sup>-1</sup>
(any DC source, T <sub>obs</sub> = 3 year)	5 MeV	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$ ph·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup> MeV <sup>-1</sup>
Polarization sensitivity (MDP)	1 Crab	0.2% (statistical limit only)
3 $\sigma$ , any DC source, 200-500 keV	0.1 Crab	2.4%
T <sub>obs</sub> =3 year	0.01 Crab	23.6%
GRB sensitivity (5 s)	$\sim 10^{-6}$ erg/cm <sup>2</sup>	
Timing	1 msec relative, 1 ms absolute	

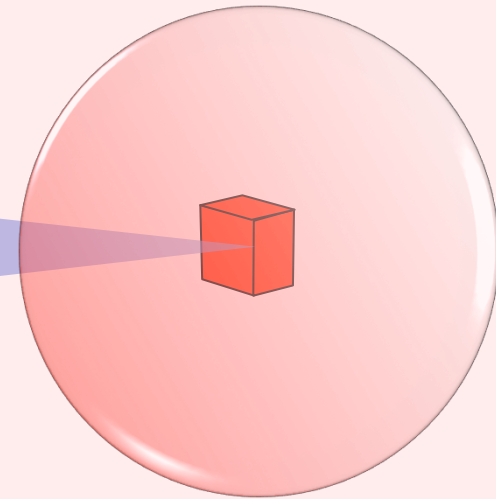


## Coded Mask Optics Laue Lens Optics

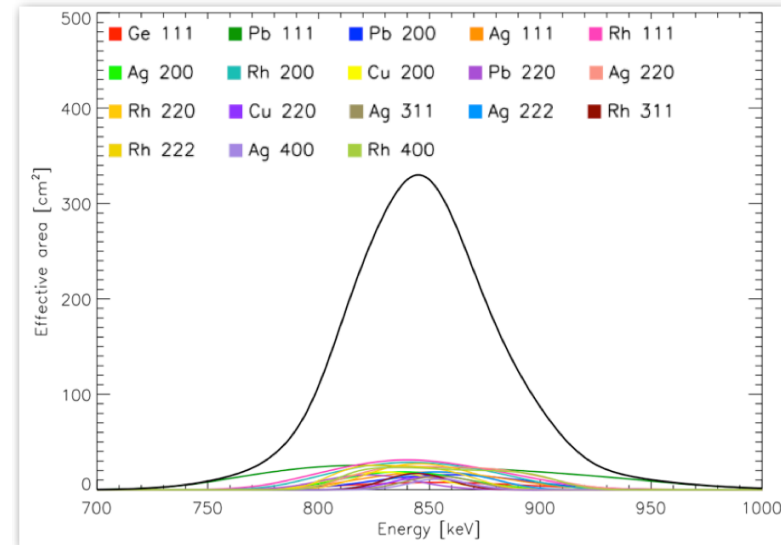
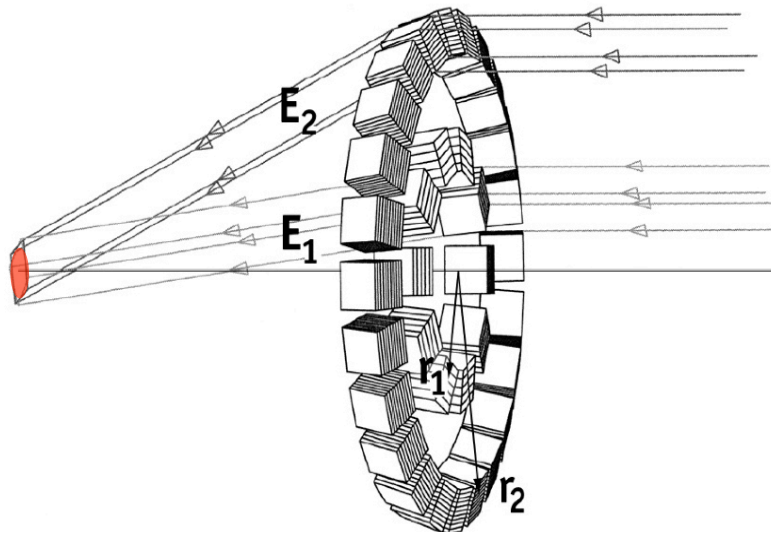


Deep dedicated pointing to GC  
fine imaging of the 511 keV bulge  
LLO : SN1a up to 40 Mpc

## All Sky Compton Imager



- All the sky ( $4\pi$  !) – all the time
- "Time has no mass !"
- Polarimetry



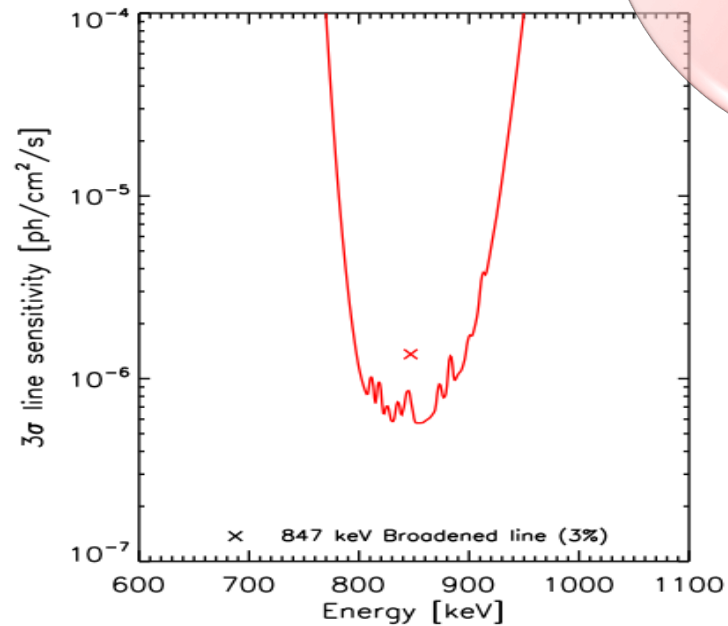
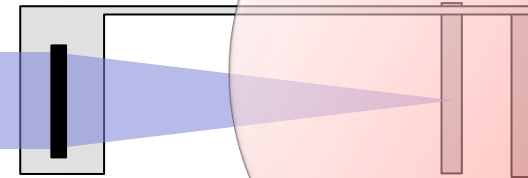
5800 crystals on a CeSiC monolithic substrate  
 diameter : 98 cm,  $m_{\text{total}}=80$  kg, focal length : 30 m

**collect photons on  $\sim 300$  cm<sup>2</sup>, detect them on 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  S/N !**

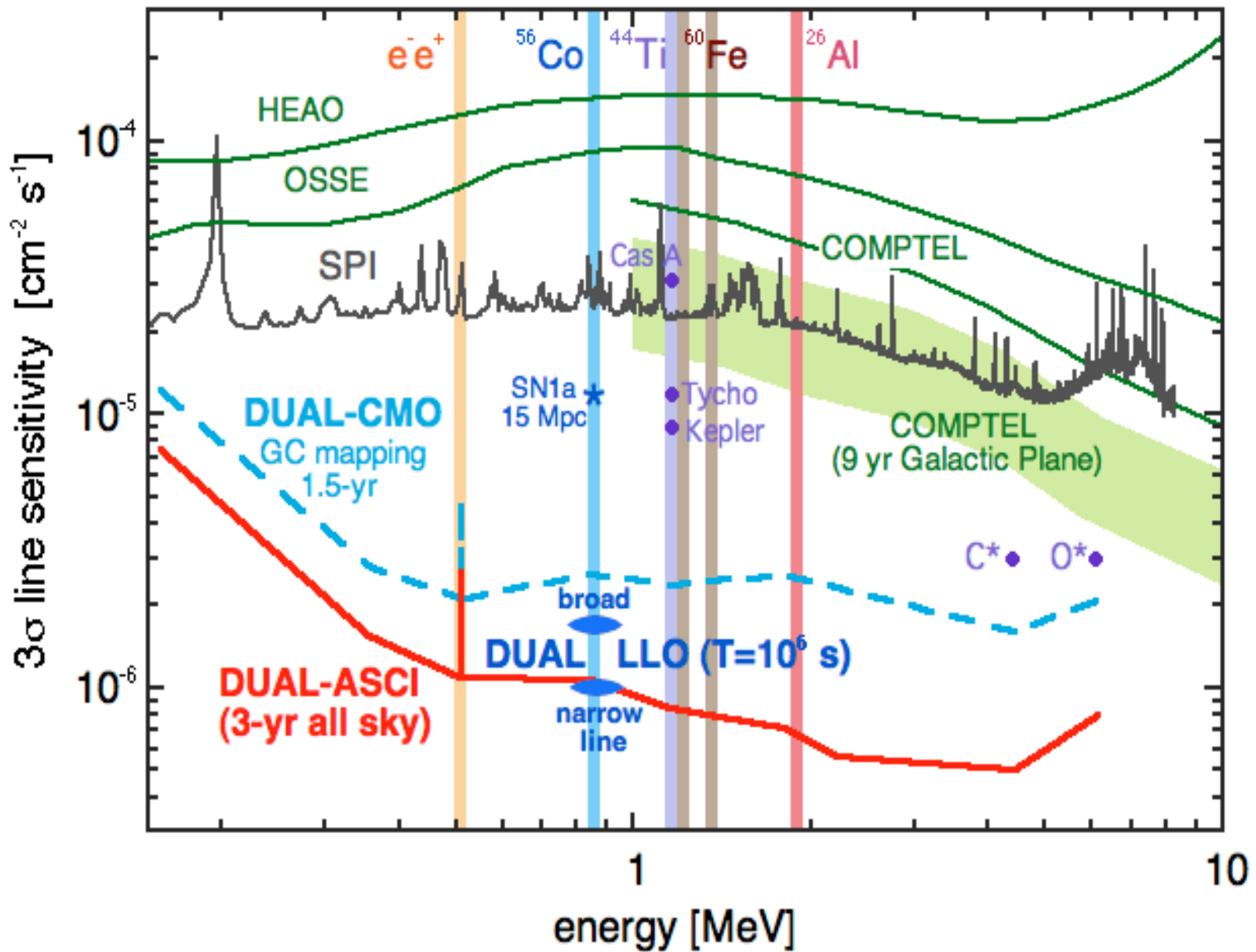
Energy range	800-900 keV
Spectral Resolution	0.2 – 1 % FWHM
Field of view / Angular resolution	5 arcmin / 1 arcmin
narrow Line Sensitivity (dE = 3%, $T_{\text{obs}}=10^6$ sec)	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$ ph·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup>
broad Line Sensitivity (dE = 0.5%, $T_{\text{obs}}=10^6$ sec)	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$ ph·cm <sup>-2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup>

which systems explode? why they explode? how they explode?"

Sn1a  $^{56}\text{Co} \rightarrow ^{56}\text{Ni}$  : 847 keV gammas



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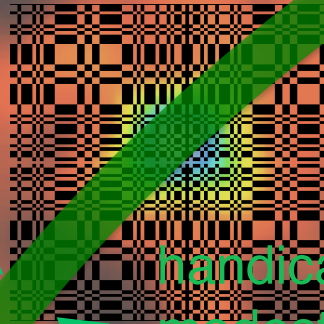


# Coded Mask Optics



**DUAL**  
TWO VIEWS OF THE EXTREME UNIVERSE

## GC e+e- annihilation map



=> arcmin resolution

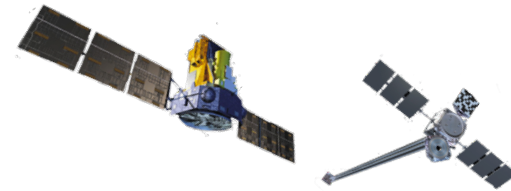
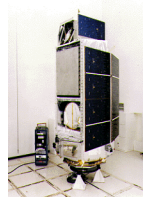
handicap of all CT's  
modest angular resolution (2-3°)

Skinner et al. 2011

- very high exposure ( $T \cdot (1 - f_{SN})$  of mission lifetime  $T$ )
- low BG due to "Compton-Collimator"

total galactic 511 keV flux

sensitivity [ $\text{ph}/\text{cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ ]





## **Compton mode (direct localization, spectroscopy, polarization)**

6 $\sigma$  fluence (100 keV – 10 MeV)  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup> for long GRBs  
 $\sim 4 \times 10^{-7}$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup> for short GRBs,  
( $\approx$  BATSE and Swift-BAT, albeit in lower energy bands than DUAL)

## **Burst mode (single interactions)**

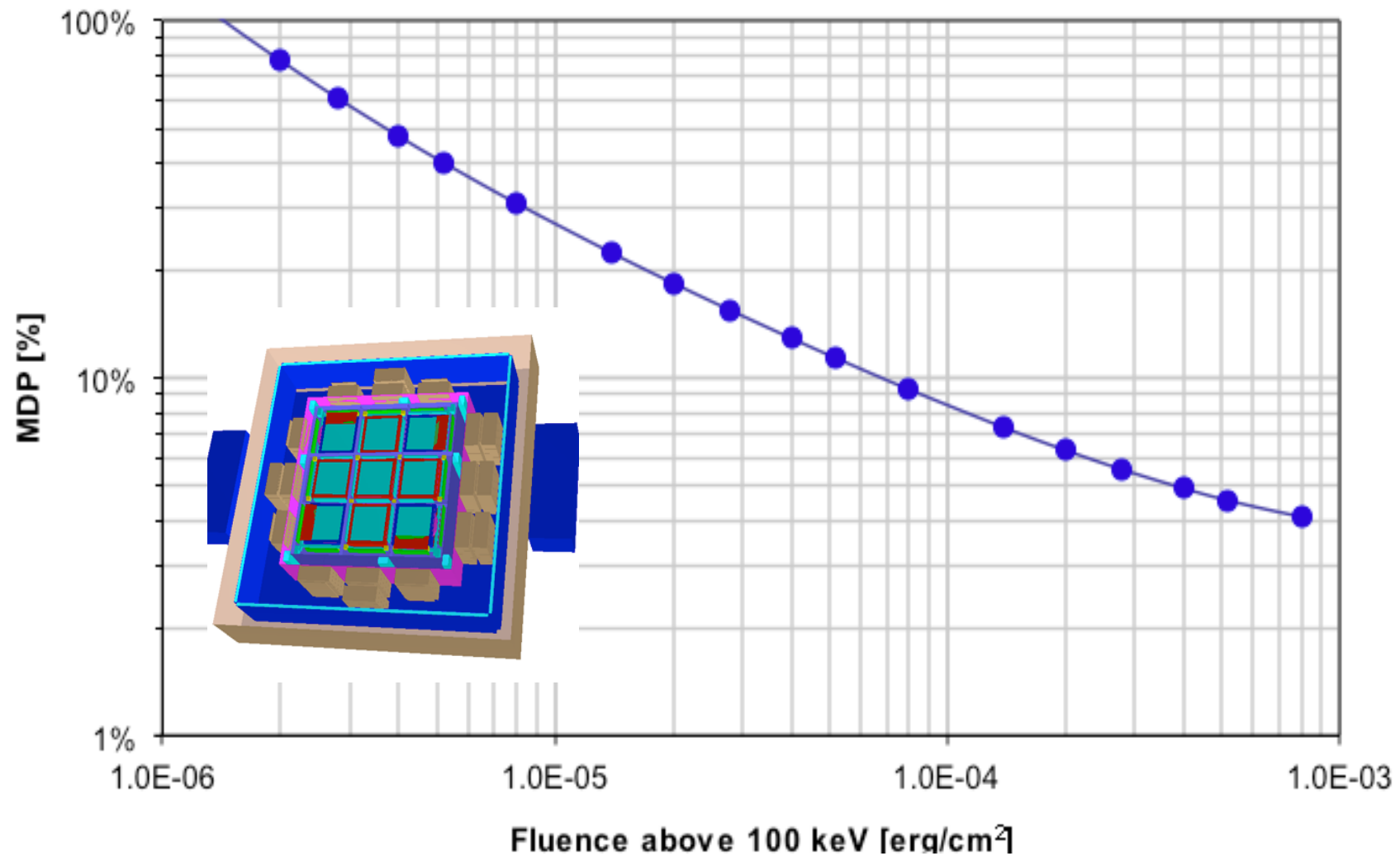
energy threshold at  $\sim 20$  keV  $\Rightarrow$  effective area  $\sim 300$  cm<sup>2</sup> per Ge layer !  
detection of 600 GRBs/yr !

## **polarisation sensitivity :**

50% polarisation for  $\sim 60$  GRBs per year

10% polarisation for  $\sim 20$  GRBs per year

A level of 10% is very constraining for models and is the level of optical polarisation which has been observed in a very few early afterglows



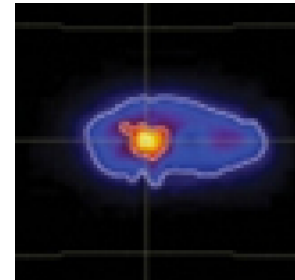
*for a gamma-ray burst characterized by broken power-law spectrum with a single break ( $a=-1.0$ ,  $b=-2.5$ , break : 150 keV)*



SN1a !



Resolving the  $e^-e^+$  emission  
in the Galactic bulge



High angular resolution  
imaging of the Galactic Center  
Sources



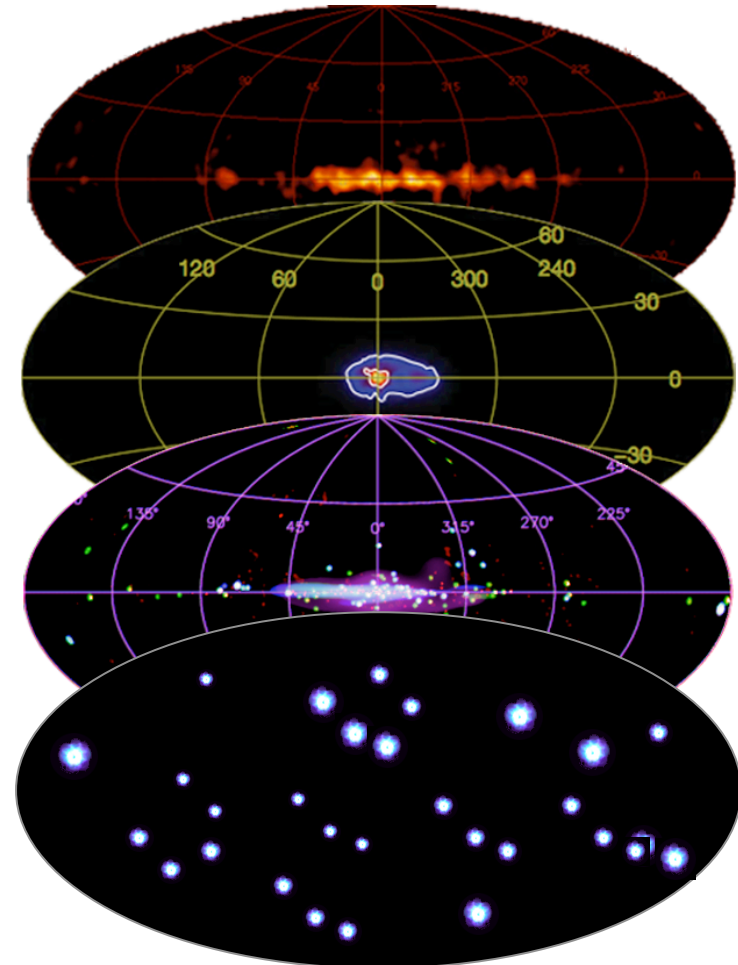


Galactic Radioactivities  
( $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{44}\text{Ti}$  ...)

$e^-e^+$  Annihilation Radiation

Compact Sources  
(LMXB, magnetars, AGN ...)

Gamma-ray bursts  
- localization (direct imaging)  
- spectroscopy ( $E/\Delta E \approx 0.2\%$  !)  
- **polarisation !**

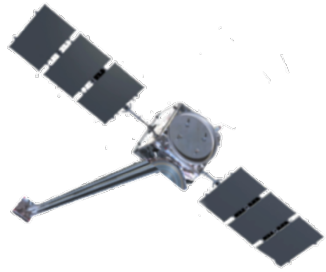




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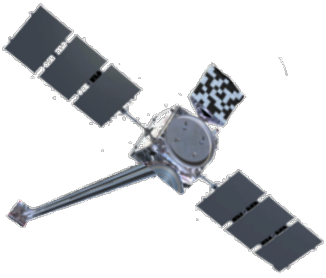
## payload mass

## science



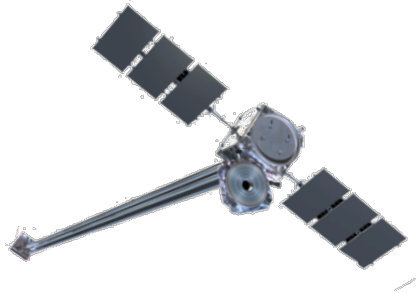
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ASCI : 90 kg

GRB's, all sky surveys



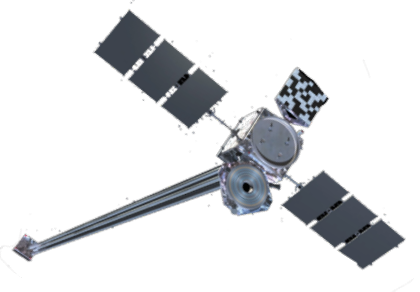
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