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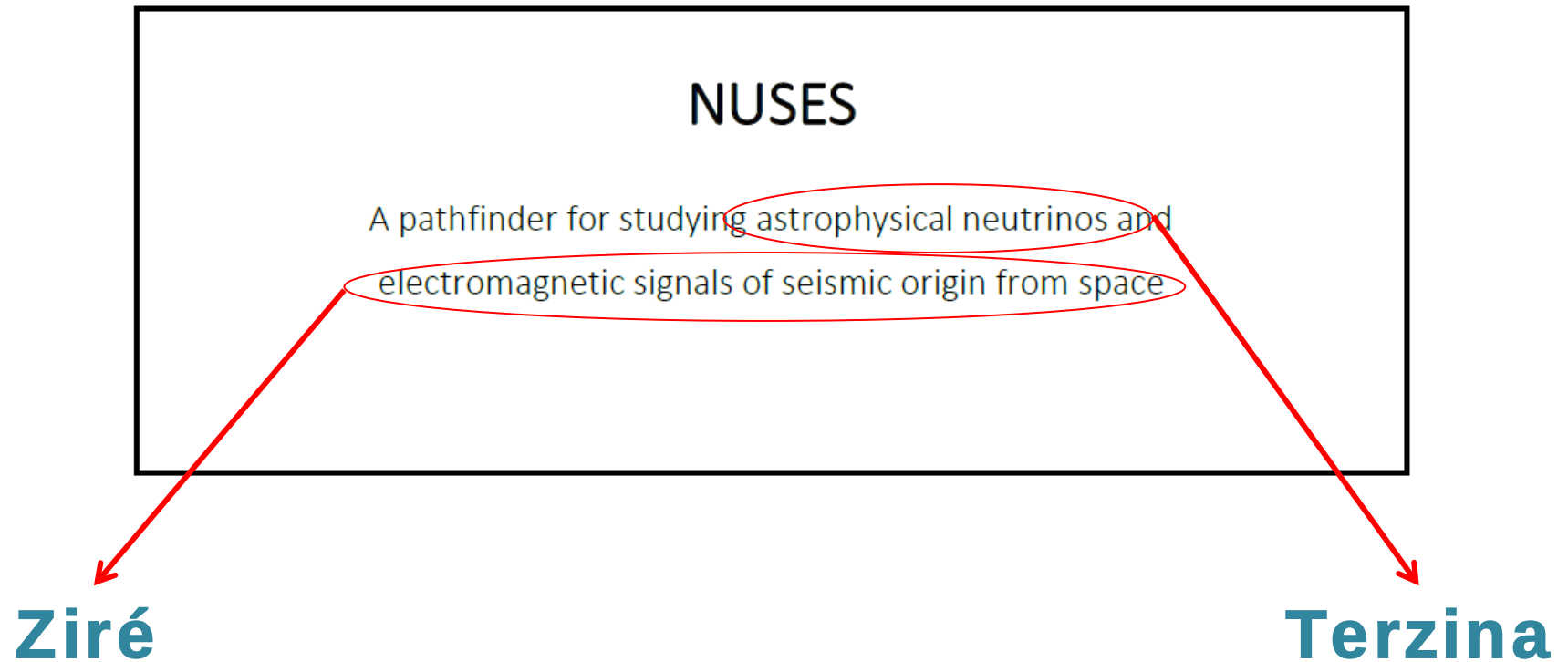
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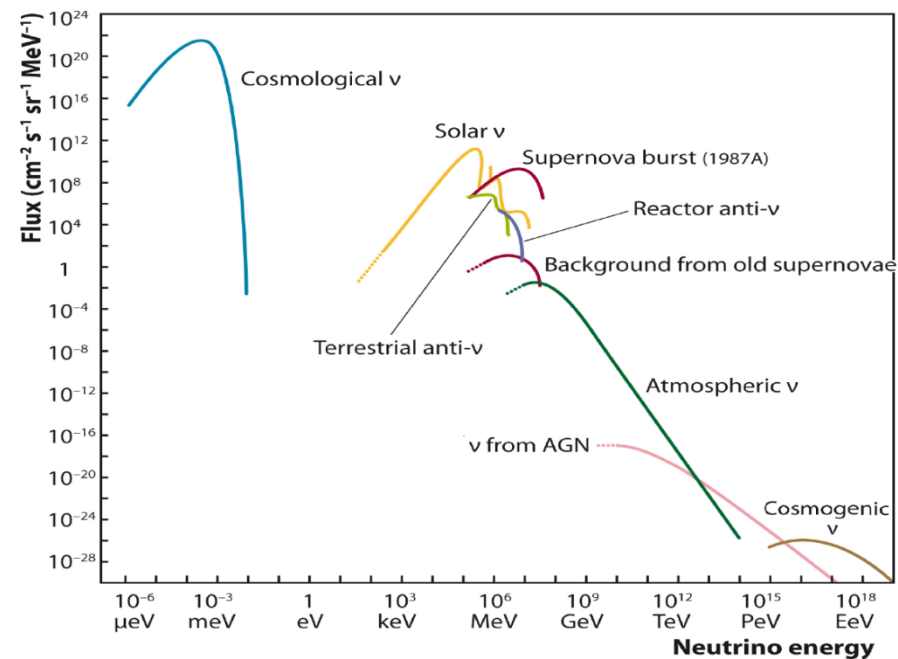
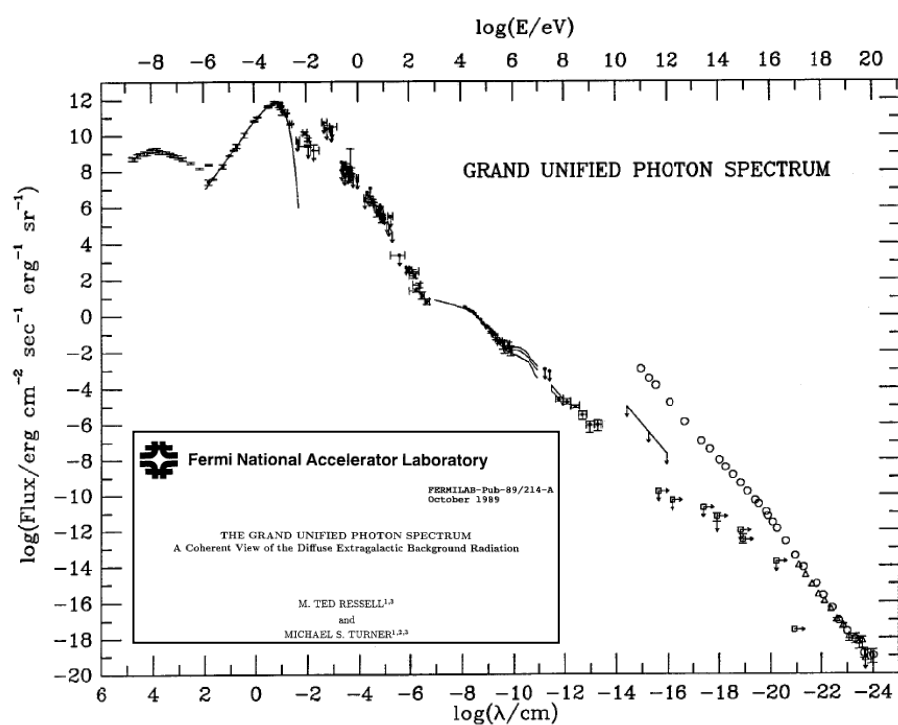
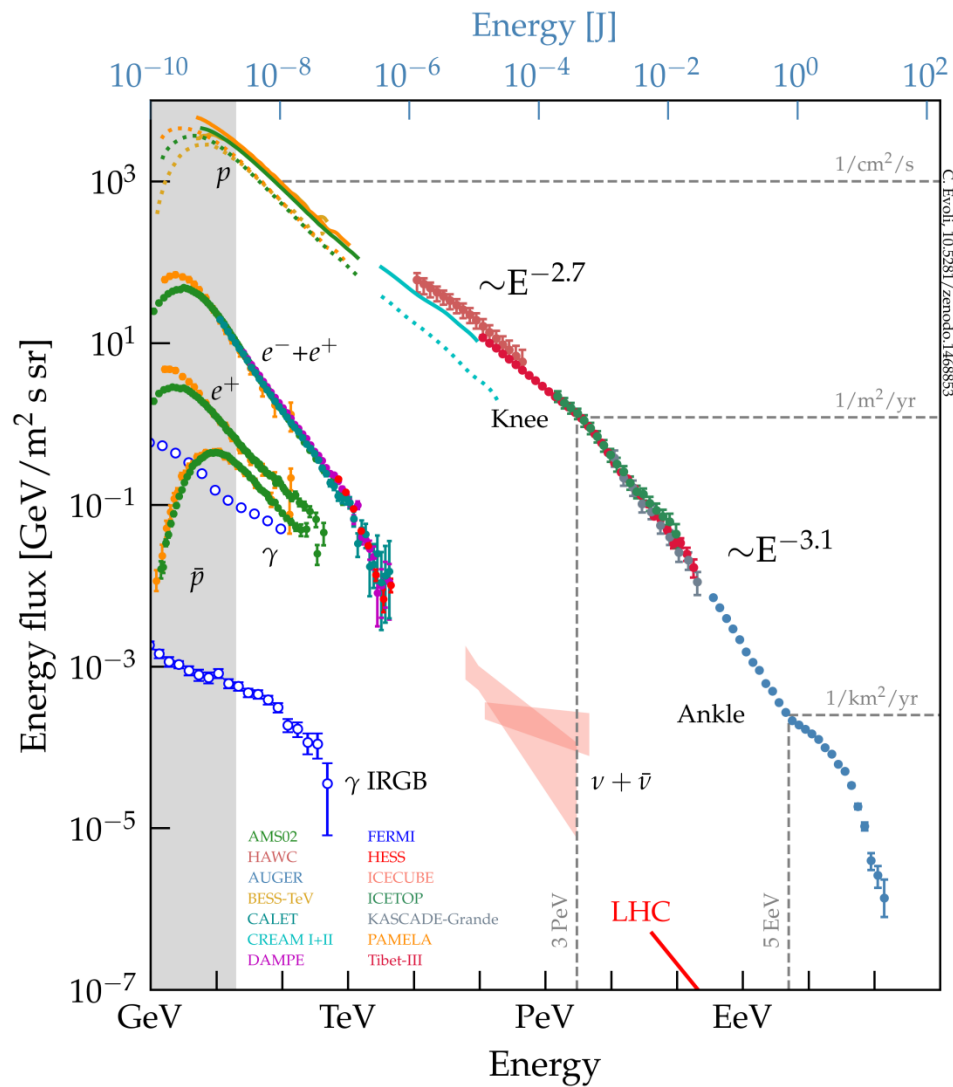
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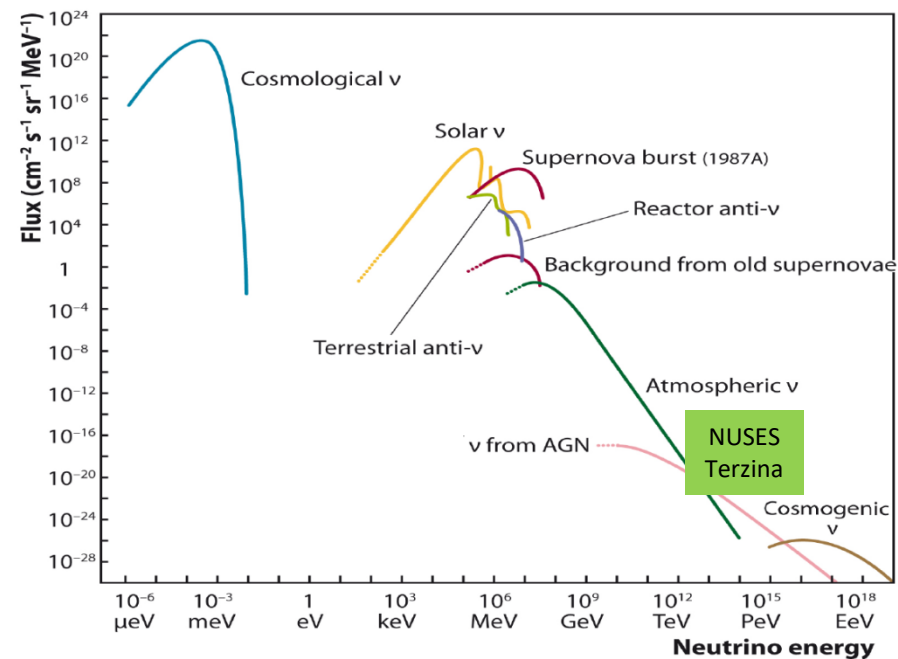
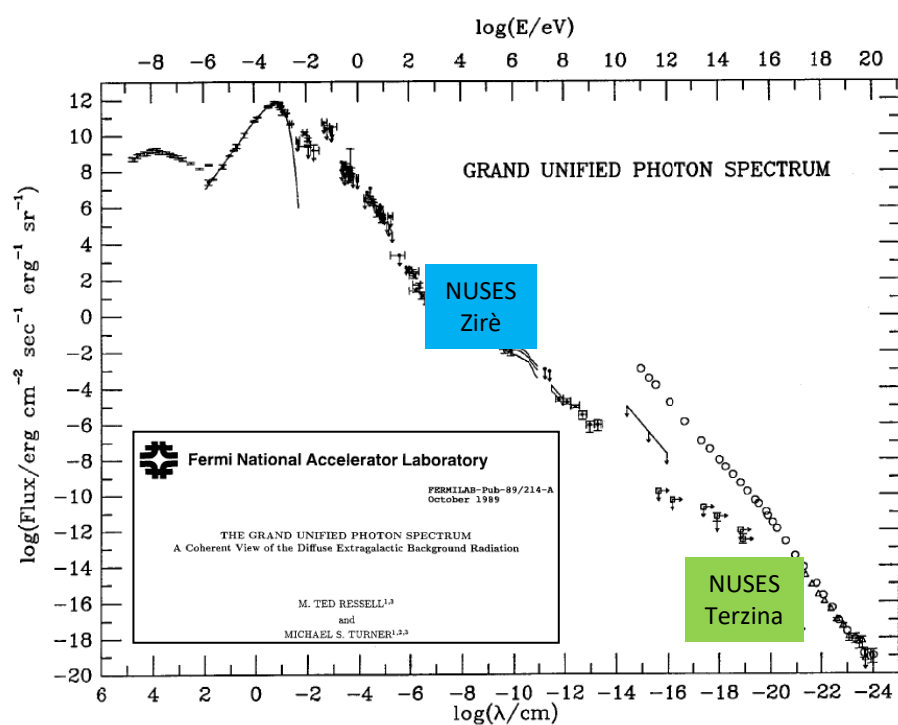
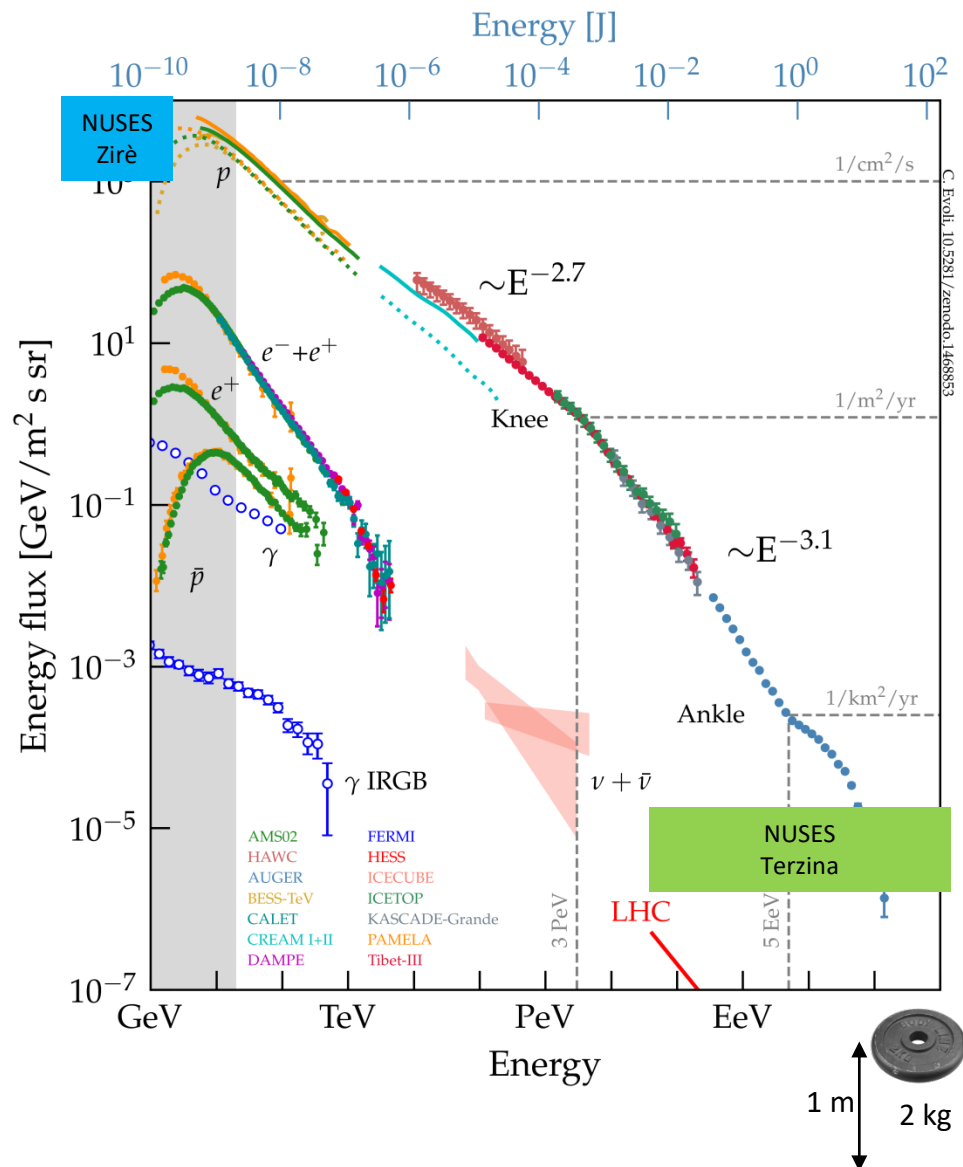




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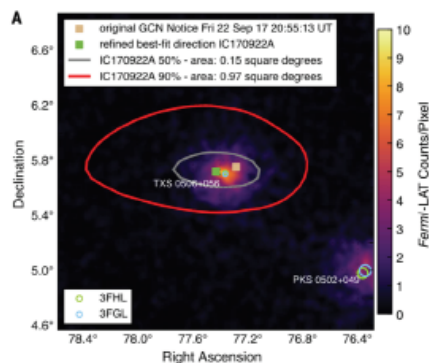
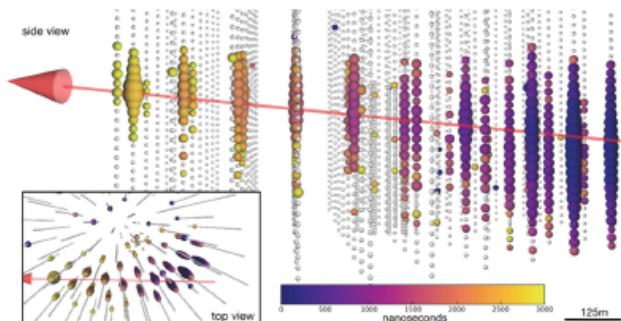
Technology Pathfinder and First Possible Measurements



Neutrinos from the AGN blazar TXS 0506+056

Sept. 22, 2017:

A neutrino in coincidence with a blazar flare

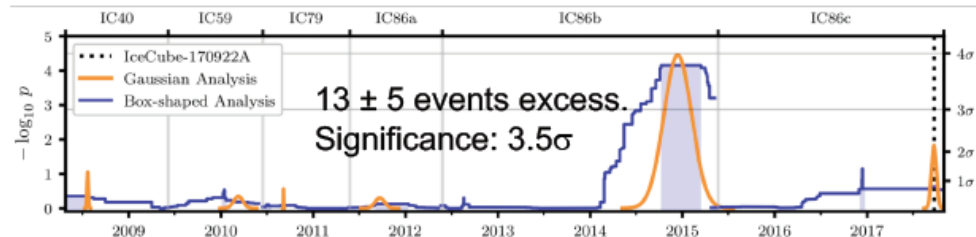


Observed by
Fermi-LAT
and MAGIC

Significance for
correlation: 3σ

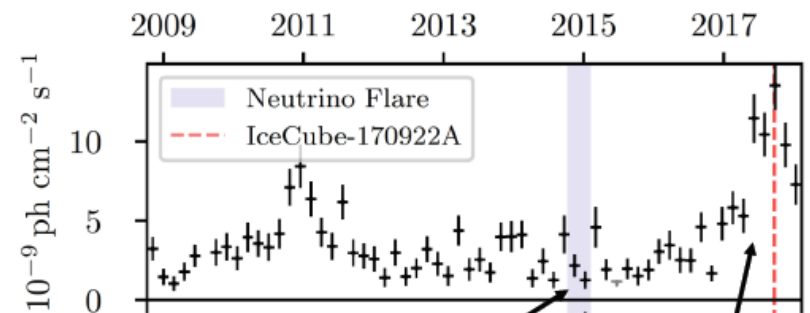
Science 361 (2018) no. 6398, eaat1378

2014-2015: A (orphan) neutrino flare found from the
same object in historical data



Science 361 (2018) no. 6398, eaat2890

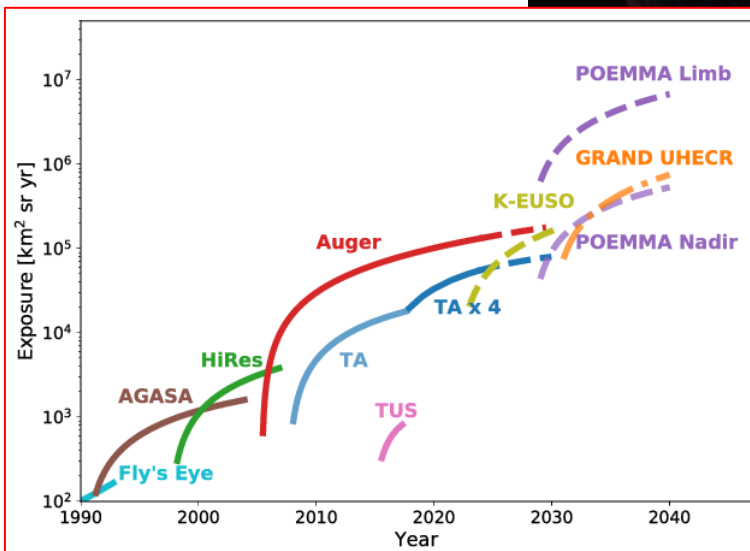
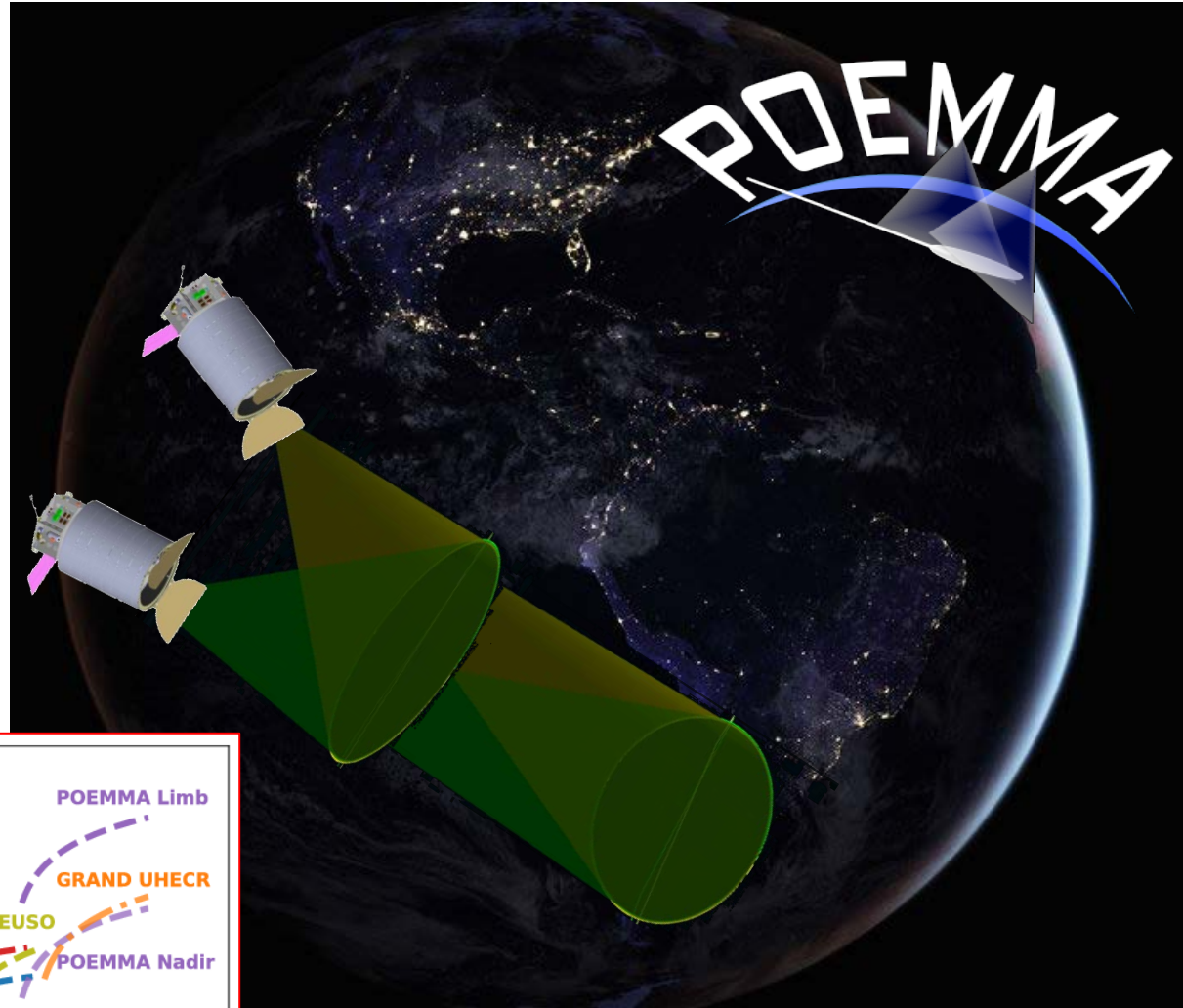
Fermi-LAT data; Padovani et al, MNRAS 480 (2018) 192



At 2014-15 neutrino flare The 2017 flare Page 2

Probe of Extreme Multi Messenger Astrophysics

- ✓ Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays.
- ✓ Astrophysical Neutrinos.
- ✓ International collaboration (lead by U. Chicago) main participants: USA, Italy, Germany, France, Denmark, Japan.
- ✓ Selected by NASA as probe study for the next decade class B missions.



POEMMA: the detector

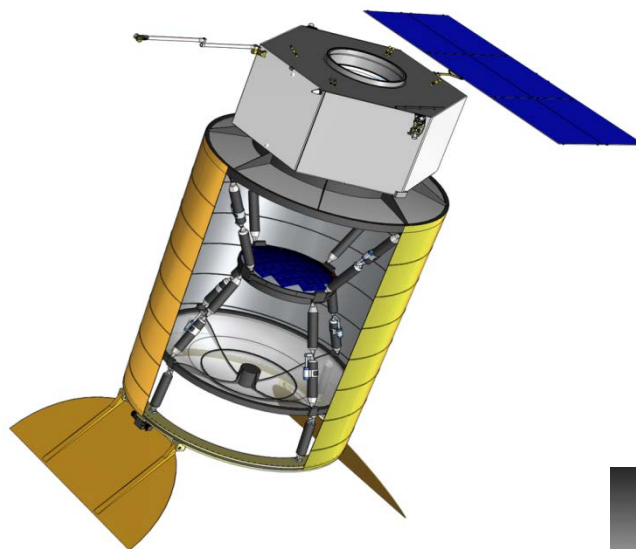
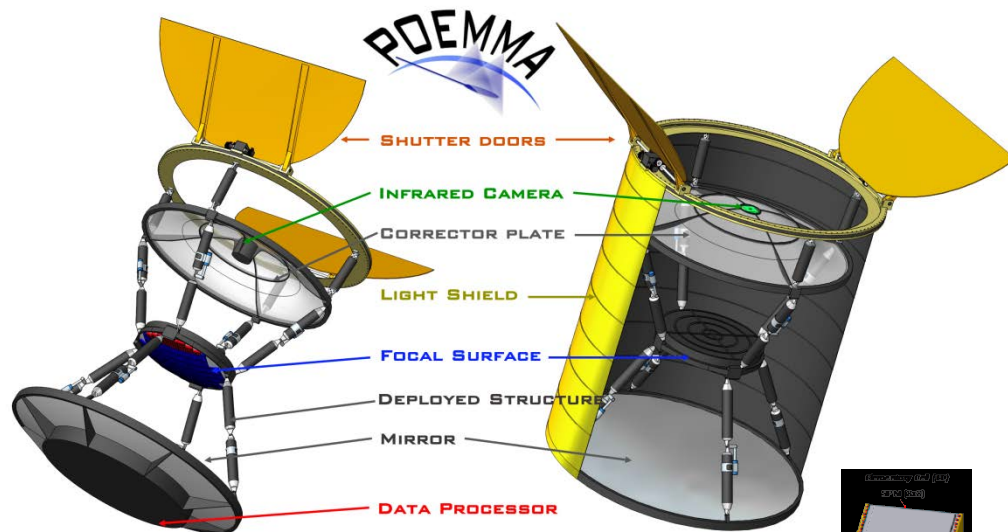
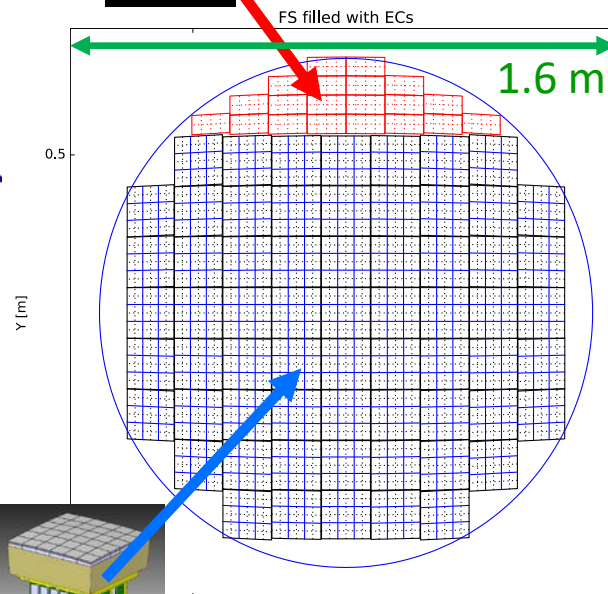
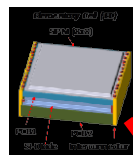


TABLE I: POEMMA Specifications:

Photometer Components			Spacecraft	
Optics	Schmidt	45° full FoV	Slew rate	90° in 8 min
	Primary Mirror	4 m diam.	Pointing Res.	0.1°
	Corrector Lens	3.3 m diam.	Pointing Know.	0.01°
	Focal Surface	1.6 m diam.	Clock synch.	10 nsec
	Pixel Size	$3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$	Data Storage	7 days
	Pixel FoV	0.084°	Communication	S-band
PFC	MAPMT ($1\mu\text{s}$)	126,720 pixels	Wet Mass	3,450 kg
PCC	SiPM (20 ns)	15,360 pixels	Power (w/cont)	550 W
Photometer (One)			Mission	(2 Observatories)
Mass			Lifetime	3 year (5 year goal)
Power (w/cont)			Orbit	525 km, 28.5° Inc
Data			Orbit Period	95 min
			Observatory Sep.	~25 - 1000+ km

Each Observatory = Photometer + Spacecraft; POEMMA Mission = 2 Observatories

Silicon Photo Multiplier (10 ns)

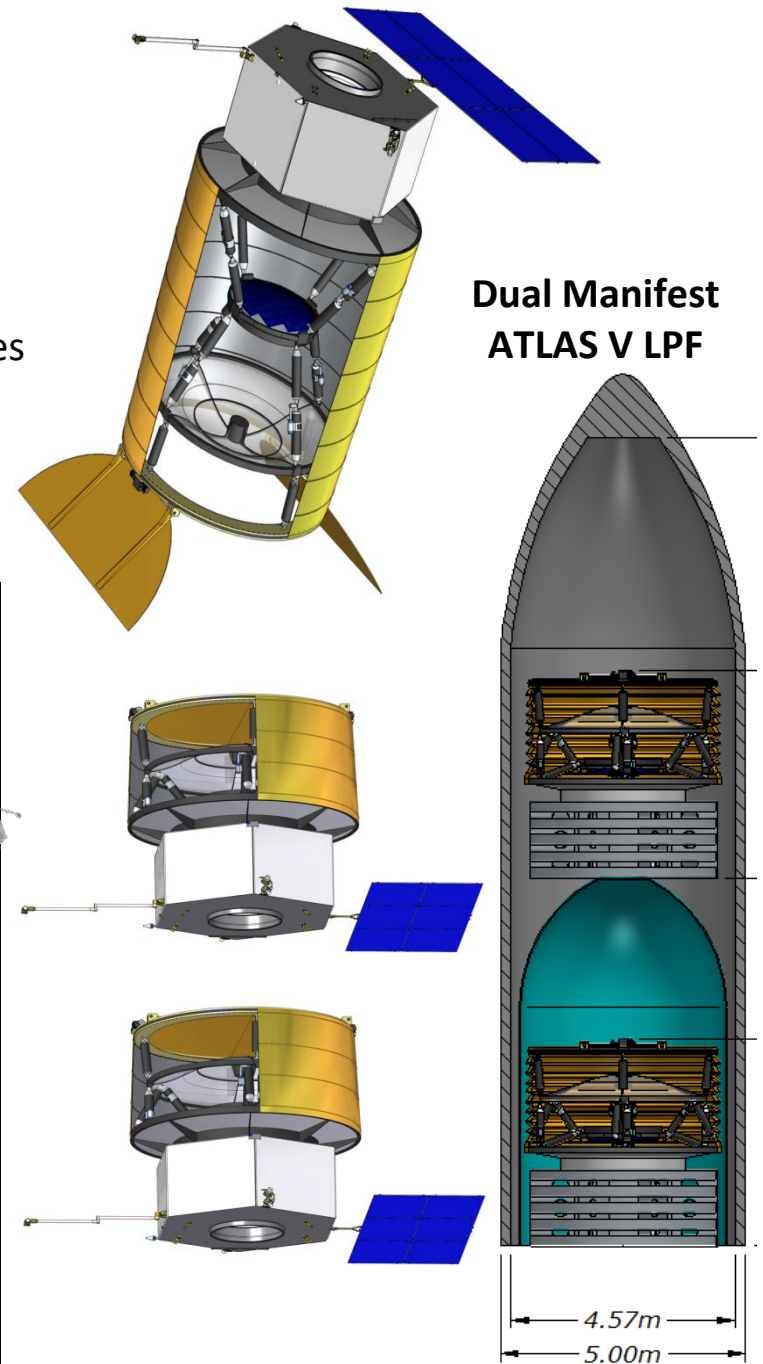


Multi anode Photo Multiplier ($1 \mu\text{s}$)

- ✓ hybrid focal surface
- ✓ SiPM – Cherenkov visible light detection.
- ✓ MaPM – Fluorescence UV light detection.
- ✓ 20 SiPMm (150k pixels)
- ✓ 64 Photo Detector Modules = 147k pixels (1 PDM = 36 MaPM 2,3k pixels)

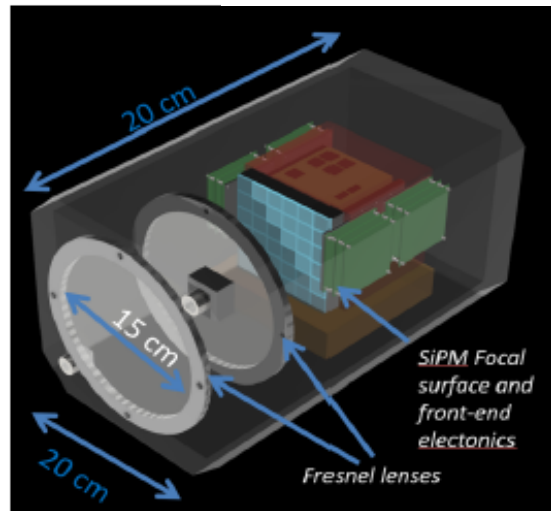
POEMMA: mission

- ✓ hybrid Class B Mission
- ✓ 3-year Prime Mission, 5-year Mission Goal
- ✓ LEO 525 km, 28.5° inclination
- ✓ From 300 km to 25 km separation among satellites
- ✓ Phase A start 10/2023 (NASA HQ guidance)
- ✓ Launch 11/2029 (MDL forecast)



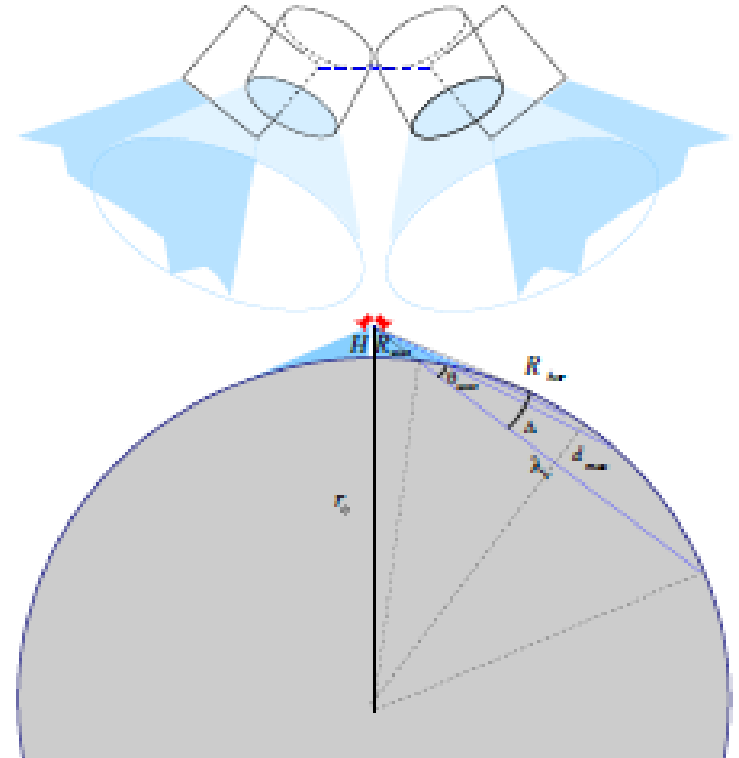
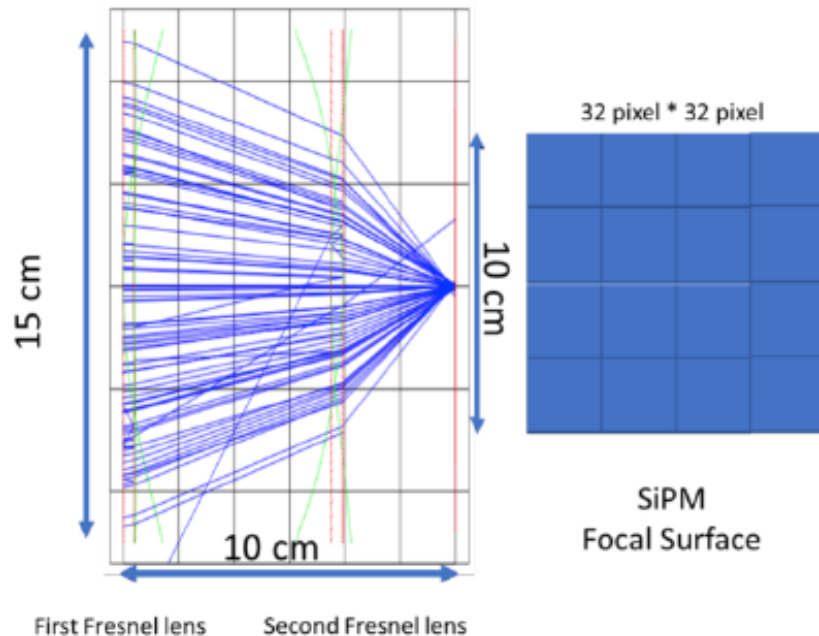
NUSES: Terzina

Characterization of the background in the observation of astrophysical neutrinos ($E > 1$ PeV) by means of IACT from space.



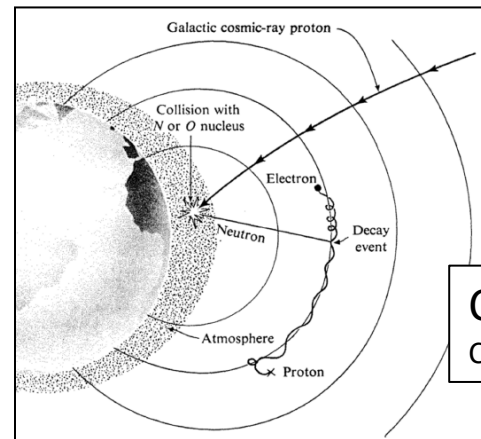
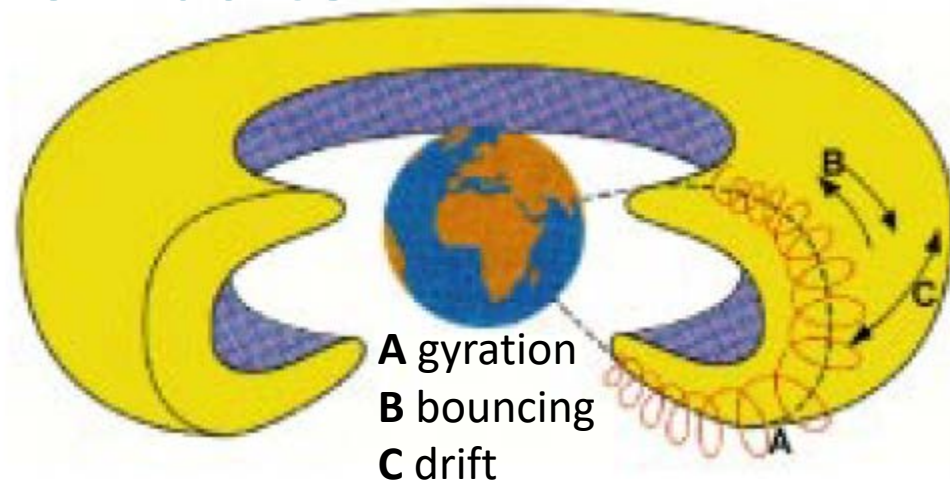
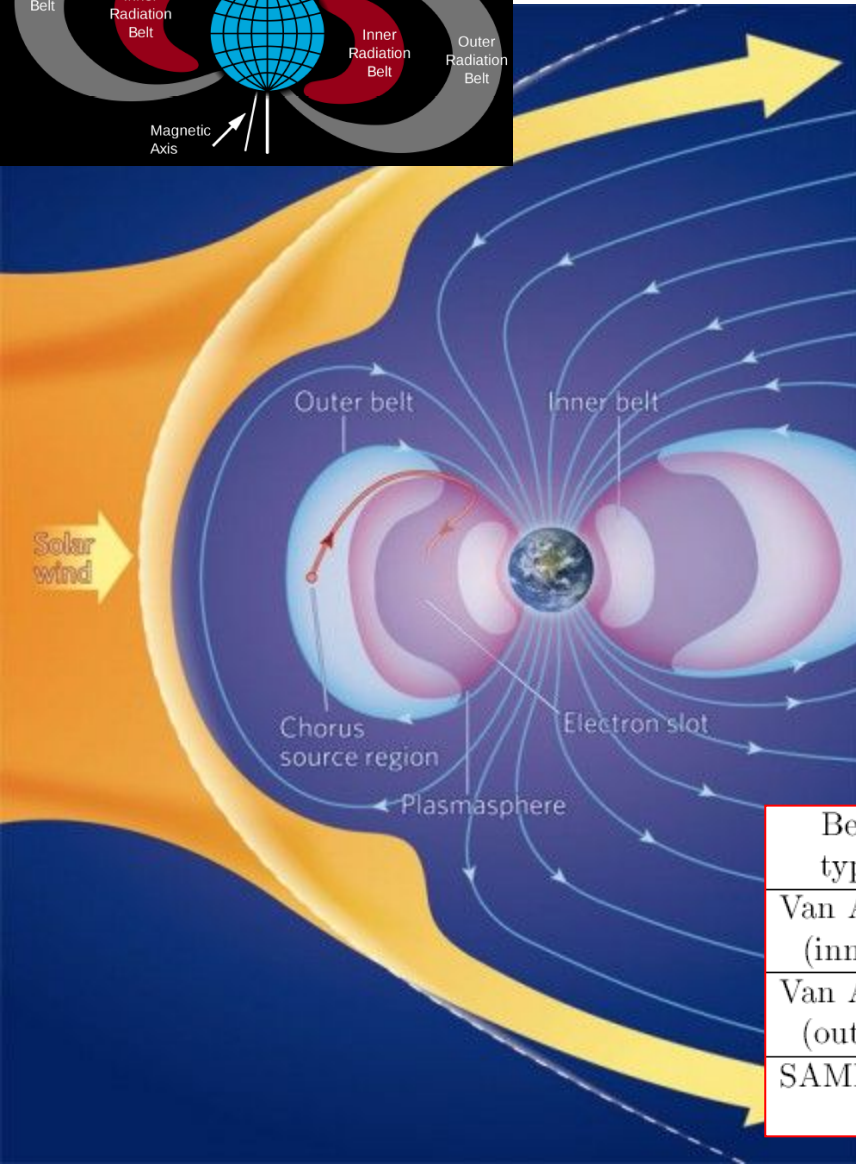
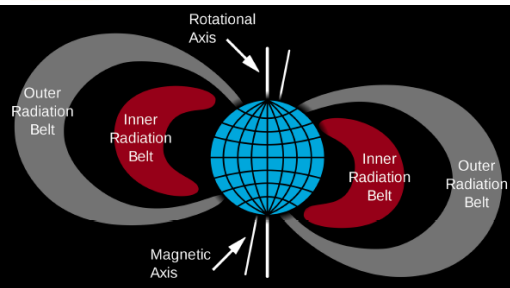
- ✓ First design: 150 mm Fresnel optics. The optic project is still under discussion in order to align the Terzina design with EUSO-SPB2;

✓ SiPM focal surface.



- ✓ Needed the same intensity per pixel expected in future large area IACT in space (POEMMA).
- ✓ Test of new technologies for Astroparticles studies in space.

(Van Allen) radiation belts

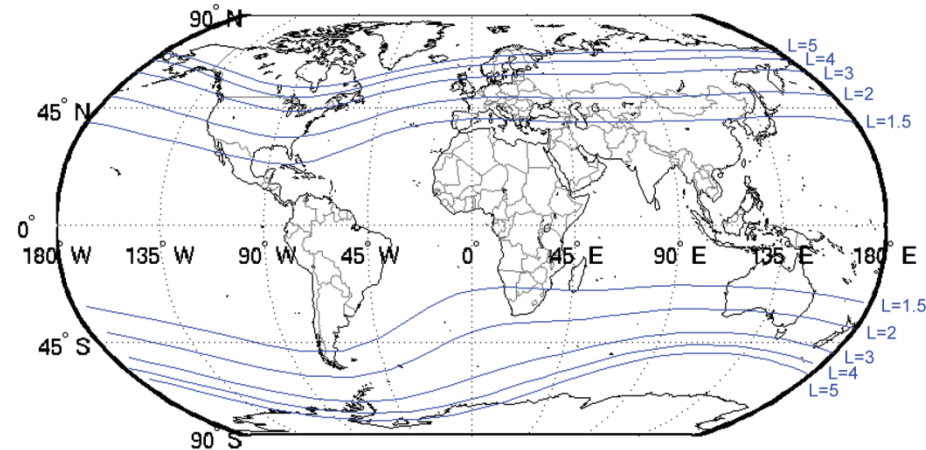
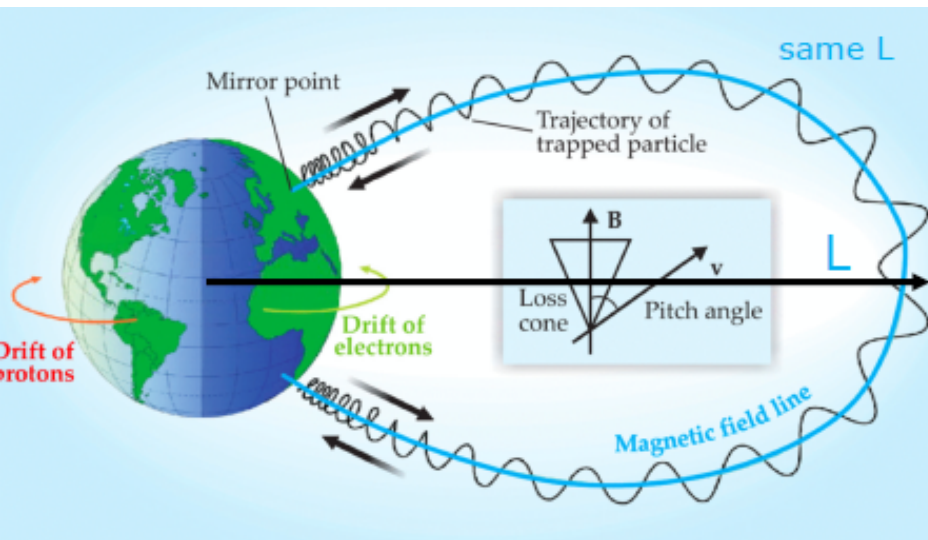


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Cosmic Ray Albedo Neutron Decay

Belt type	Composition	Rigidity [MeV/n]	Filling mechanisms	L	Residence time [d]
Van Allen (inner)	p e^-	0.1 – 100 0.01 – 1	$n \rightarrow pe^- \bar{\nu}_e$, external belts	< 2.5	10 – 1000
Van Allen (outer)	e^- p	1 – 10 0.1 – 1	solar wind	> 2.5	1 – 10
SAMPEX	$N^{+x}, O^{+x},$ Ne^{+x}	10 10 – 100	Anomalous CR	2	10 – 100

(Van Allen) radiation belts



L: distance (in R_E) of the field line passing through the observation point, measured on the equatorial plane.

B: magnetic field intensity at the observation point.

(L, B) : McIlwain coordinates

pitch-angle α : for each trajectory, the (v, B) angle at the Equator (back-tracing).

$(B, \alpha) \rightarrow B_m$ (field at the mirror point)

(L_m, B_m) : drift shell, invariant

Inner Van Allen belt:

electrons and protons $O(100 \text{ keV}) - O(100 \text{ MeV})$
(enhanced proton flux on the South Atlantic Anomaly)

Outer Van Allen belt: mostly electrons

Any electromagnetic perturbation determines sizeable effects on particle trajectories in Van Allen belts:

- from the Earth (VLF/ULF emitters, seismic activity...)
- from the outer space (solar activity)

Artificially induced radiation belt particle precipitation

Man made Very Low Frequency (VLF) transmissions

U.S. Navy transmitter

NWC , North West Cape , Australia

19.8 kHz, 1MW radiated power

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Satellite Observations of Electrons Artificially Injected into the Geomagnetic Field*

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Abstract—Our four radiation detectors in satellite 1958e (Explorer IV) easily and promptly observed the geomagnetically trapped electrons resulting from the three high-altitude nuclear detonations Argus I, II, and III in August-September 1958. An account of over 160 satellite passes through the three Argus "shells" of artificially injected electrons is given herein, and a preliminary appraisal of the geophysical significance of these experiments is offered.

TABLE 2

DATA ON BURSTS

	Argus I	Argus II	Argus III
Nominal yield	1 to 2 kilotons	1 to 2 kilotons	1 to 2 kilotons
Approximate time of burst	August 27, 1958, 0230 U.T.	August 30, 1958, 0320 U.T.	September 6, 1958, 2210 U.T.
Approximate geographic coordinates	38° S, 12° W	50° S, 8° W	50° S, 10° W

Nominal altitude of all bursts—480 km.

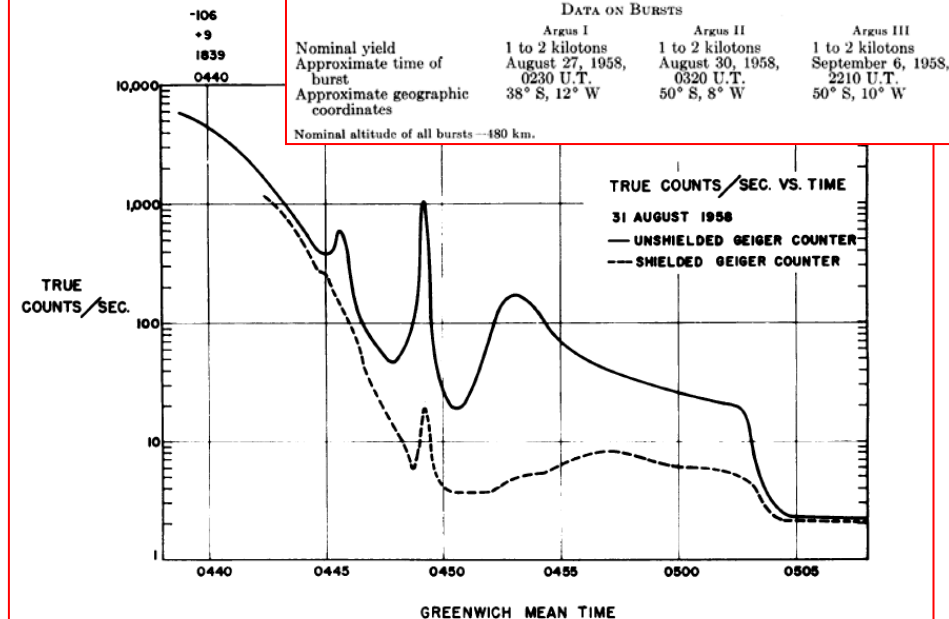
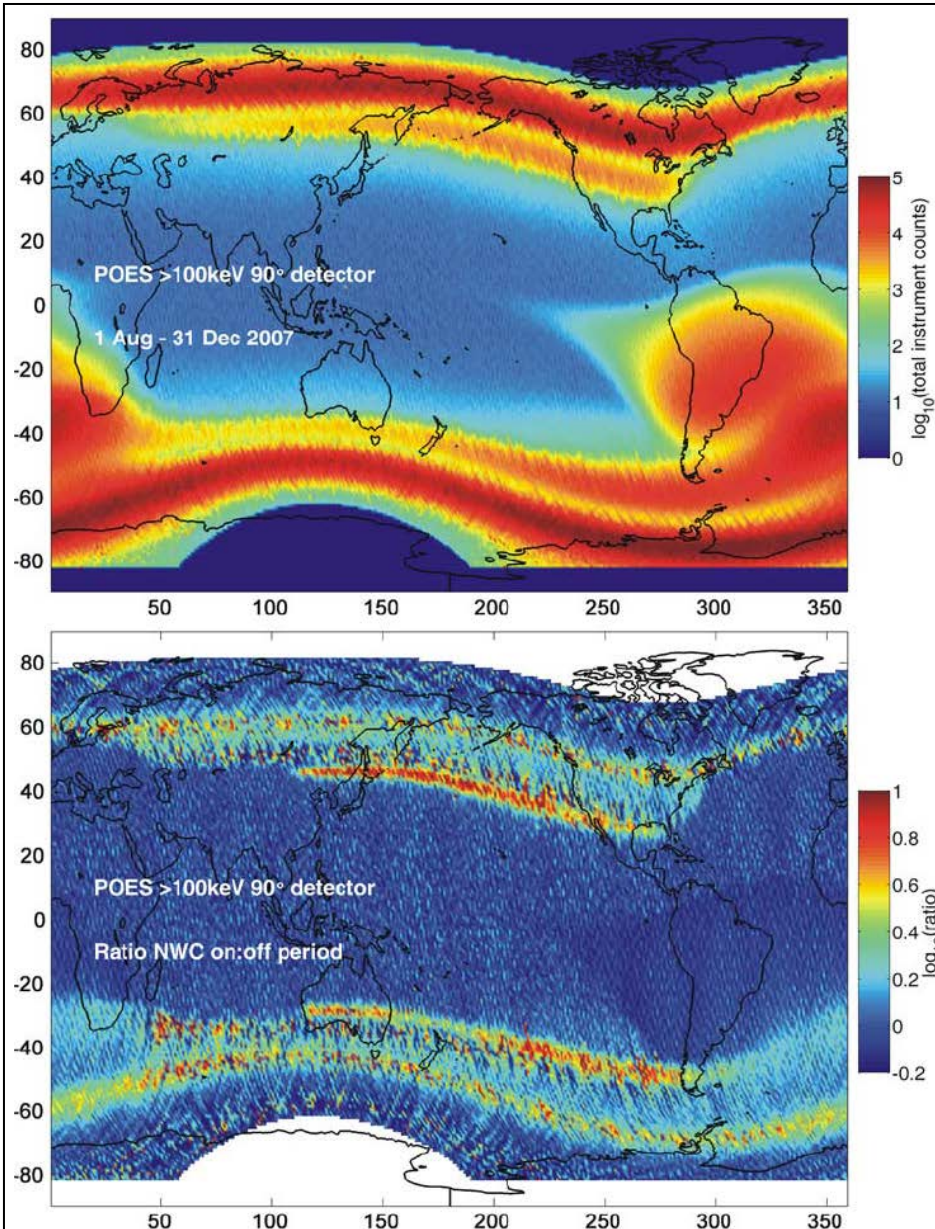
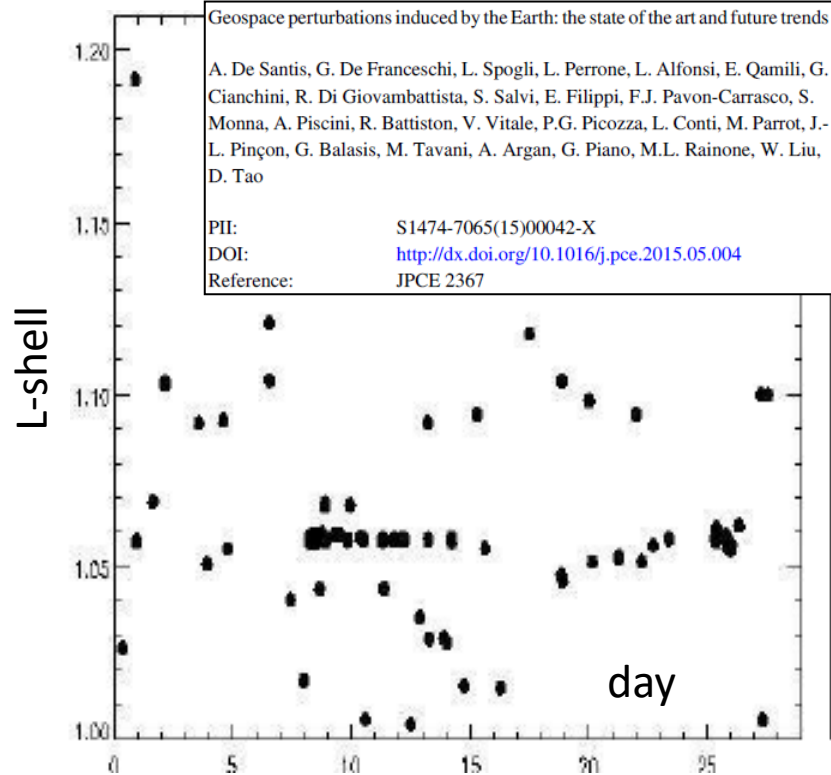


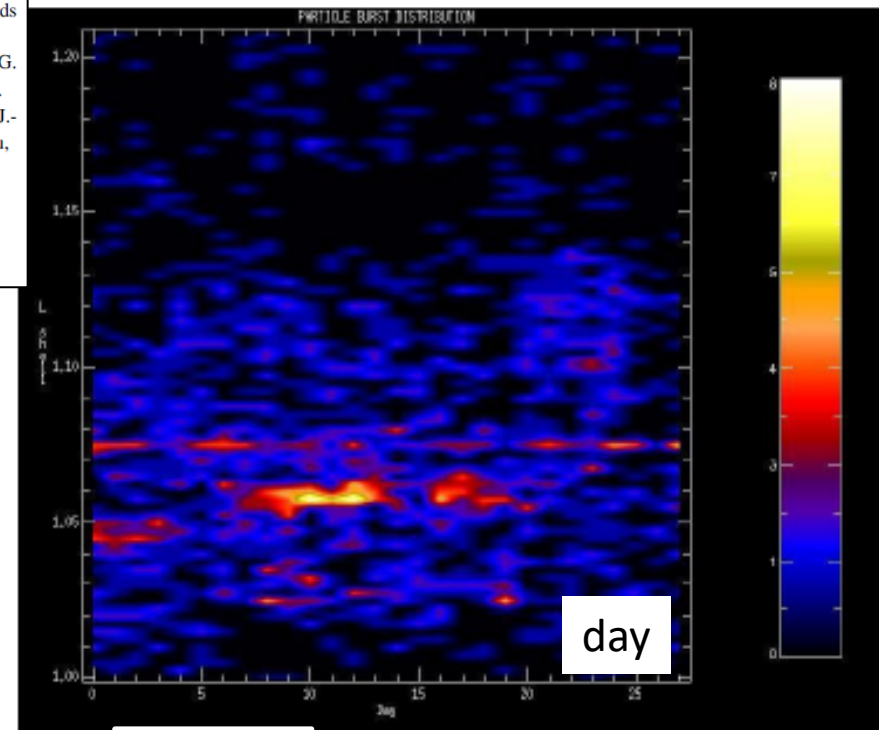
Fig. 8.—A plot of radiation observations on August 31, 1958 showing the decaying Argus I peak (at 0446 U.T.) and the fresh Argus II peak (at 0449 U.T.).



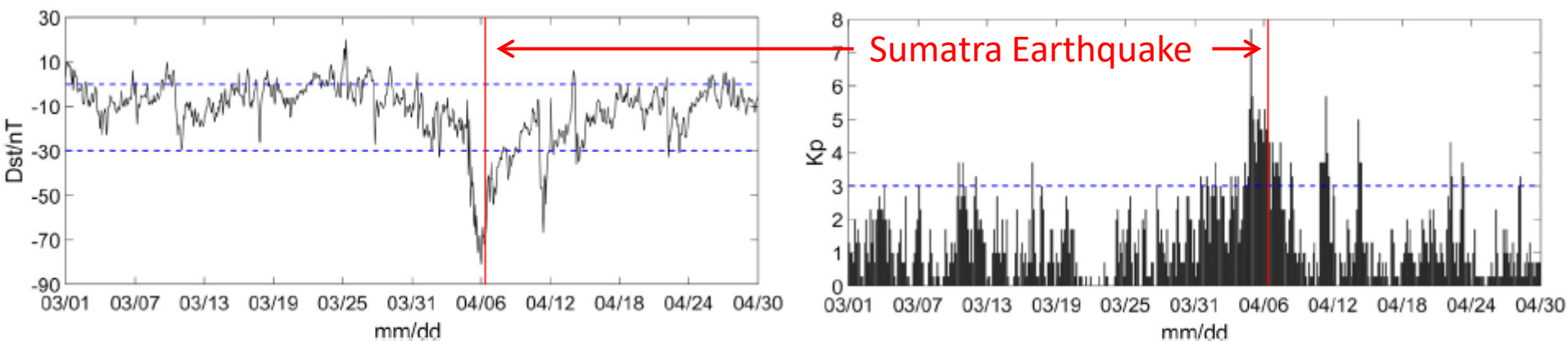
Earthquakes (L-time) map



Normalized particle burst (AGILE data)



Geomagnetic field disturbance indexes from March to April 2010 (DEMETER data)



Special Issue: EARTHQUAKE PRECURSORS

Extremely low frequency plasma turbulence recorded by the DEMETER satellite in the ionosphere over the Abruzzi region prior to the April 6, 2009, L'Aquila earthquake

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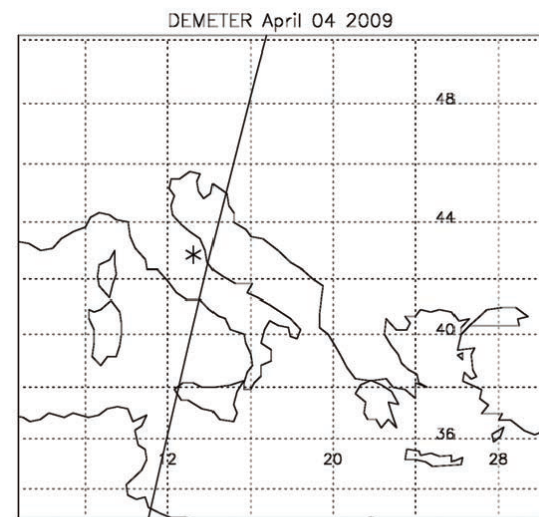
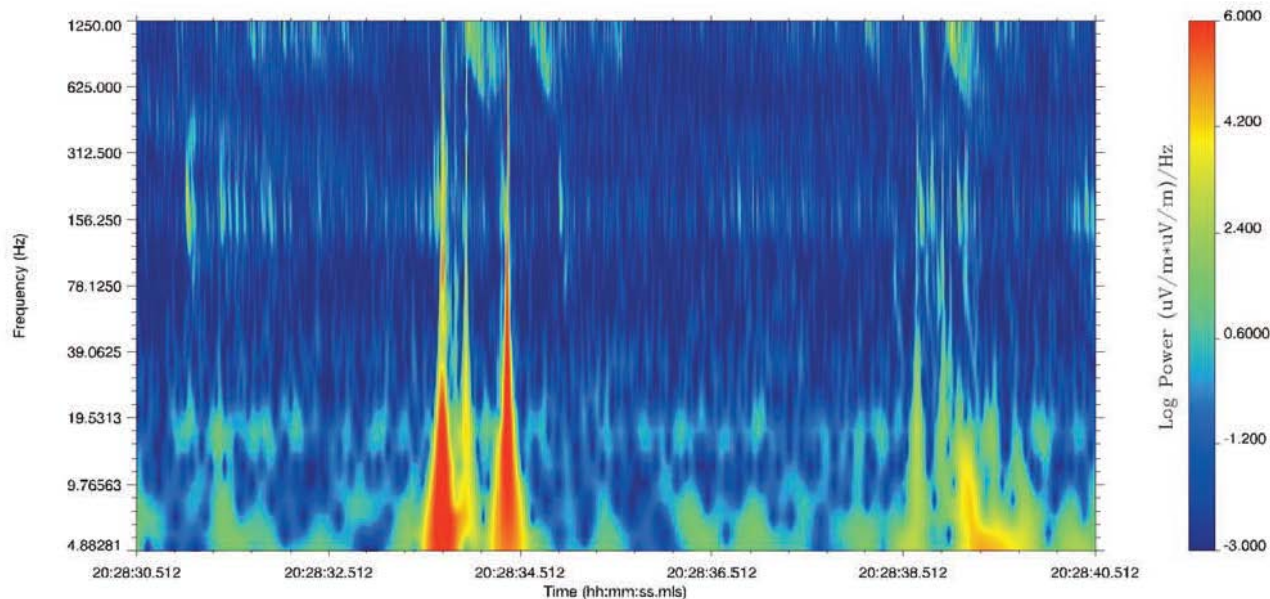


Figure 6. Map showing the epicenter of the April 6 L'Aquila earthquake (*) and the orbit of the DEMETER satellite on April 4, 2009. The point of closest approach from the epicenter was 125 km.

Figure 7a. Wavelet spectrogram of the broad-band emission in the ELF range recorded on April 4, 2009. The distance of the footprint of the satellite to the epicenter was about 280 km. The color scale is as in Figure 2.

A possible model for MILC

Article

Magnetospheric–Ionospheric–Lithospheric Coupling Model. 1: Observations during the 5 August 2018 Bayan Earthquake

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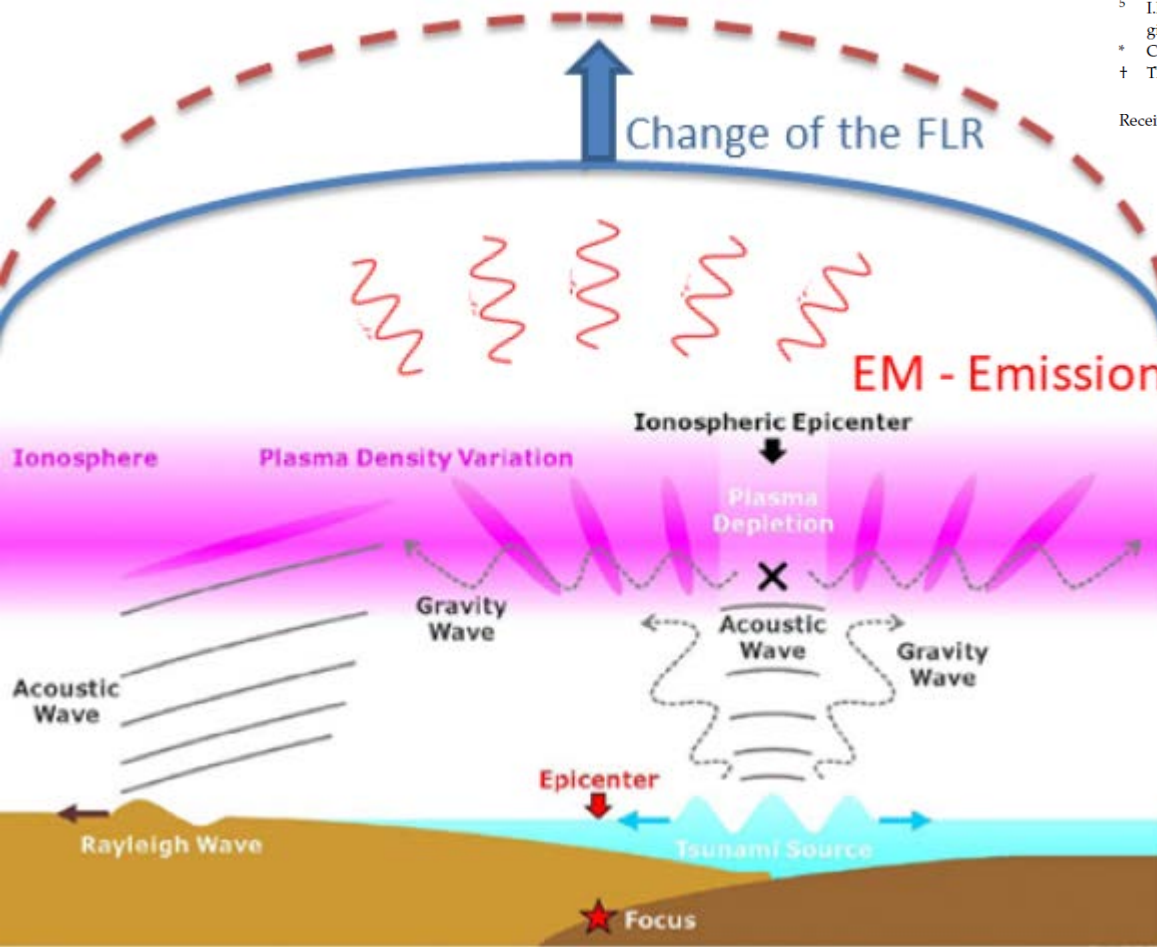
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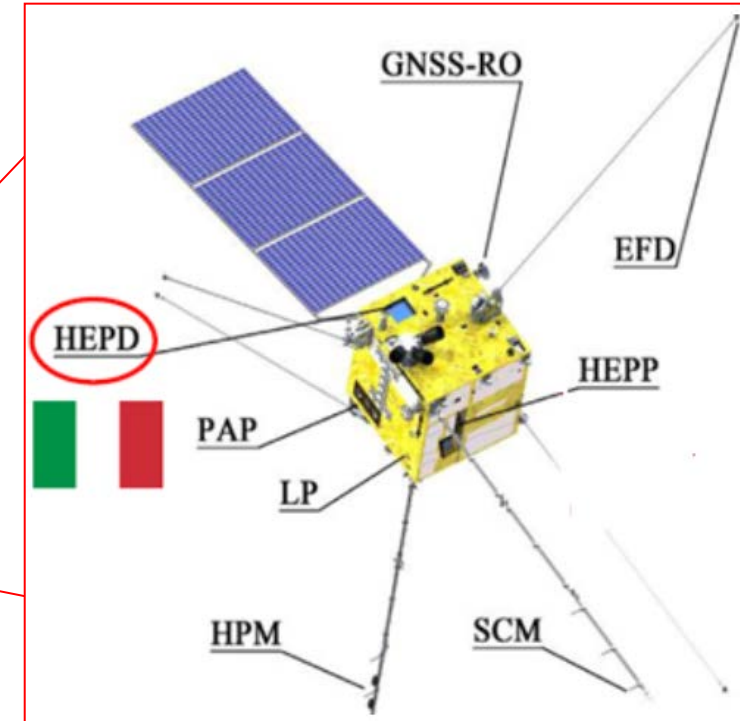
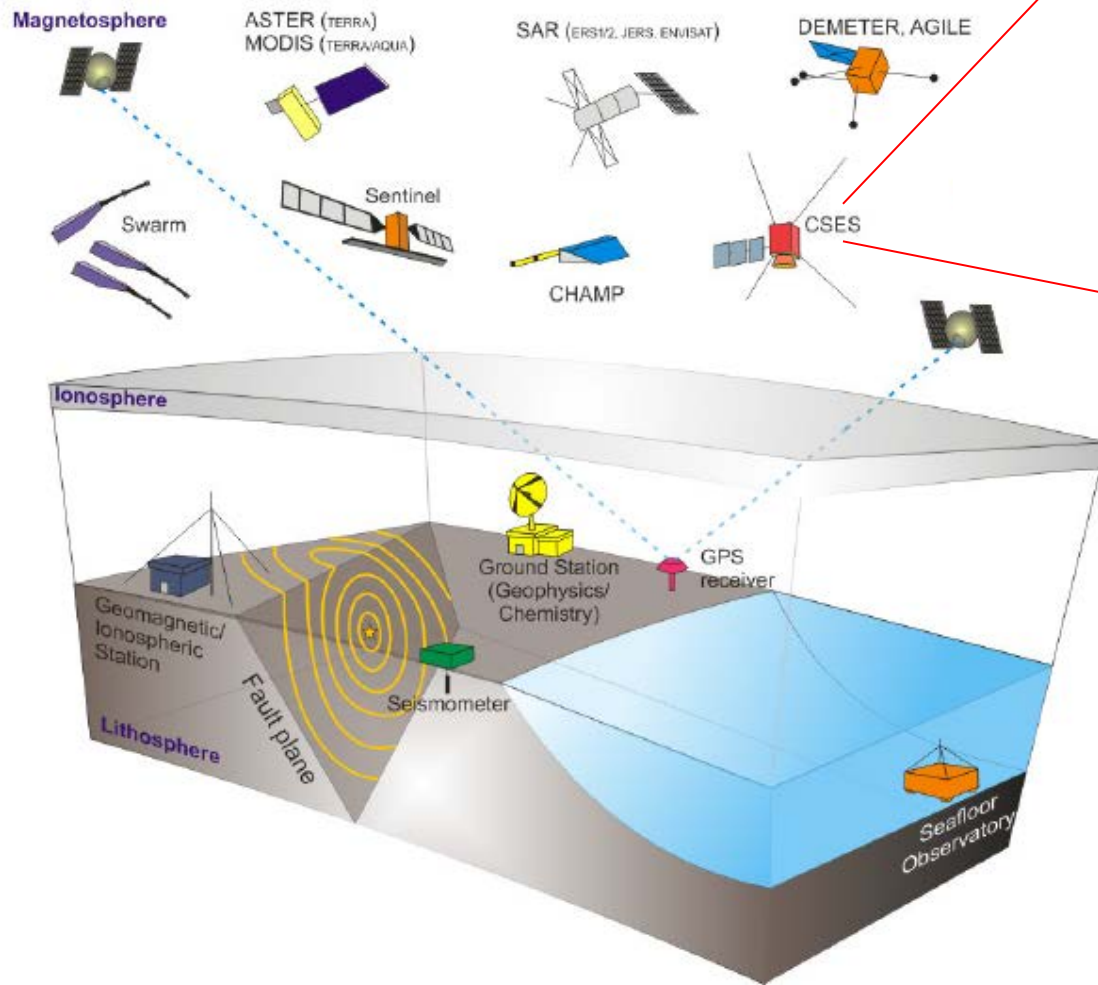
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- Seismic activity
- Atmospheric Gravity Wave
- Mechanical perturbation of ionospheric plasma density
- Generation of EM waves
- Field Line Resonance (FLR) variations
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A network of ground and space based instruments



CSES

China Seismic Electromagnetic Satellite
LIMADOU → HEPD

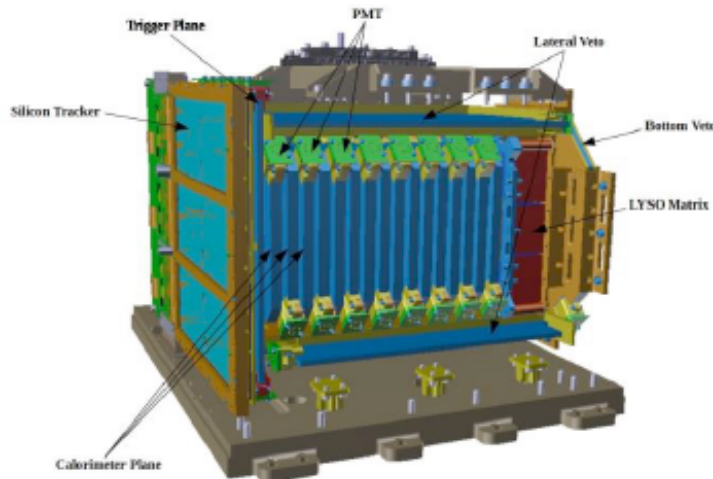
(High Energy Particle Detector)

CSES-01 on orbit since February 2018

CSES-02 launch (2022)

The HEPD

Visualizzazione CAD di HEPD con i sub-detector in evidenza



Range:

Elettroni: 3 – 100 MeV

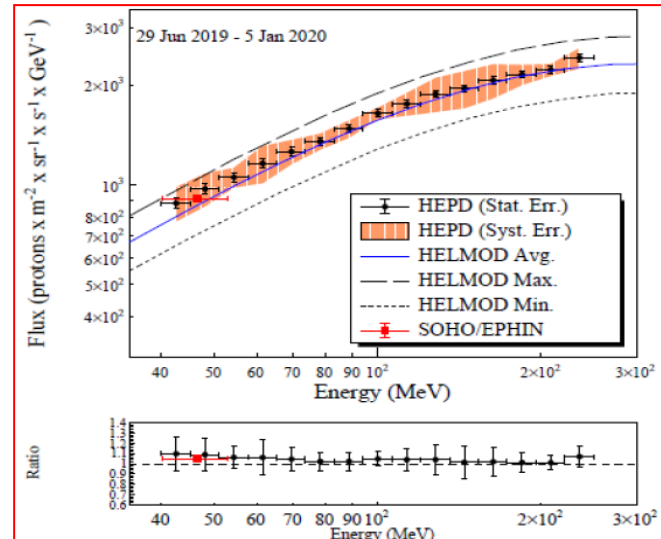
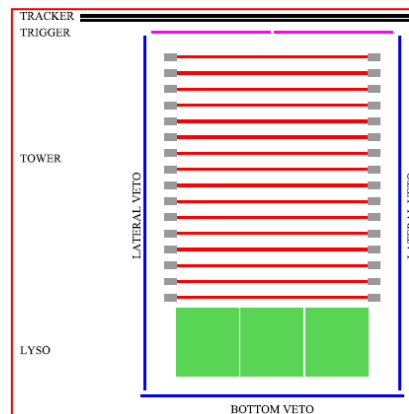
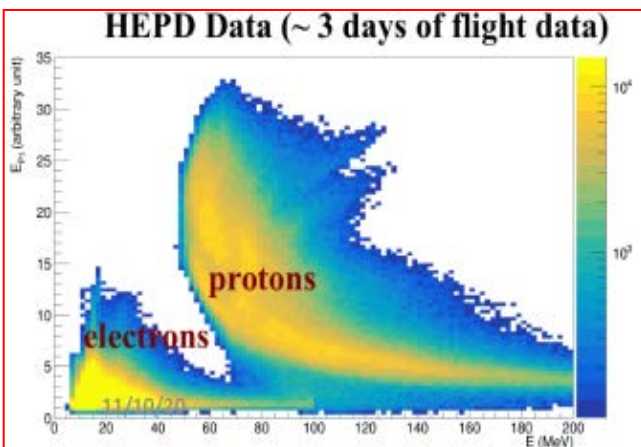
Protoni: 30 – 250 MeV

Nuclei leggeri: centinaia di MeV

- Sistema di TRACKING (2 piani a microstrip di Silicio) – **direzionalità/energia depositata dalla particella entrante**
- Piano di TRIGGER (6 barre di plastici) – **informazioni sul tempo di arrivo della particella**
- 16 piani di scintillatore plastico (TORRE) – **calorimetro a range per la misura di perdita totale di energia**
- Sistema di VETO (4 piani laterali e uno posto in fondo allo strumento) – **informazioni sul contenimento delle particelle entranti, reiezione secondari**
- Matrice di LYSO (9x9 cristalli) – **aumentano il range dinamico per la stima energetica**

The Astrophysical Journal

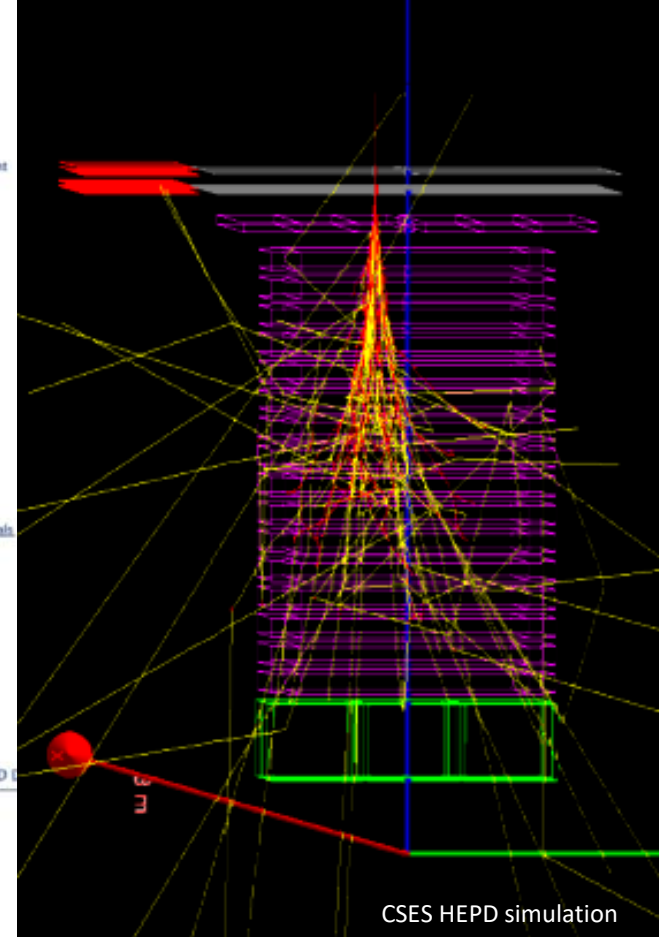
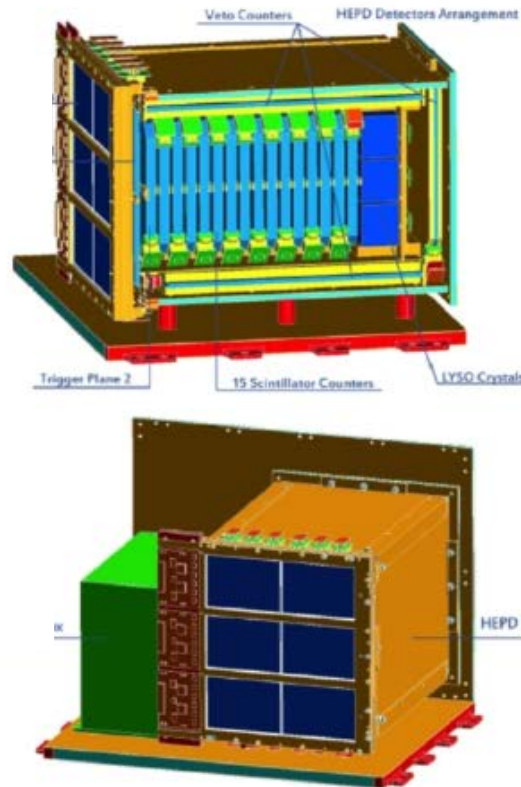
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NUSES: Zirè

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Volume	550* 400* 400 mm ³
Temperature	-10 +35 °C
Power	30 W
Telecommands	CAN2 bus
Data Handling	RS422

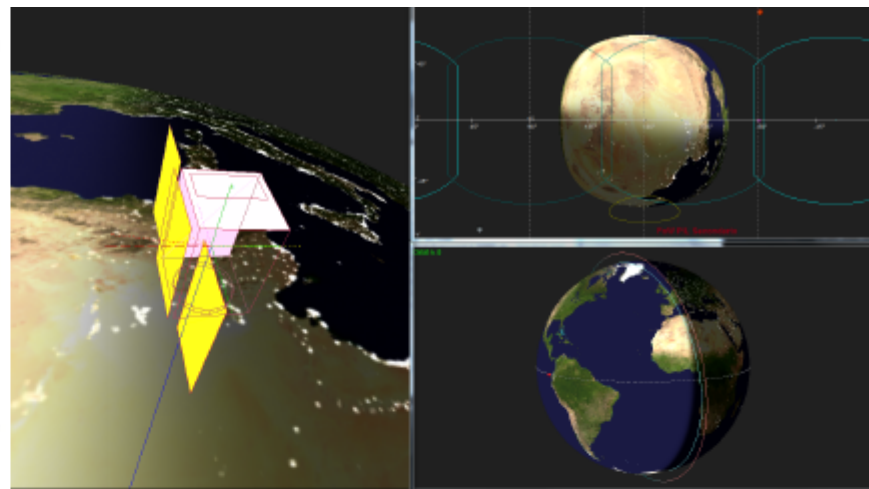
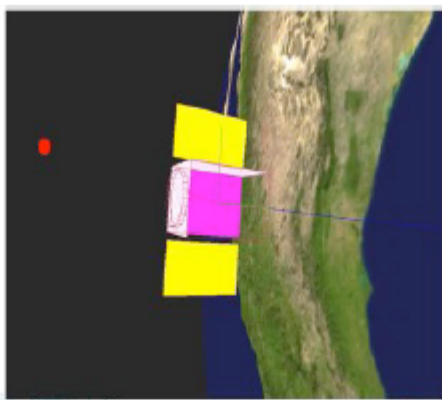
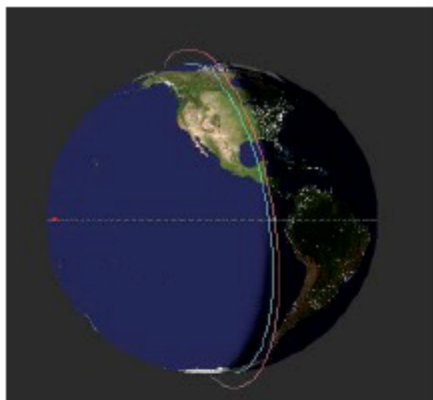
Trigger	Scintillatori
Calorimeter	Lyso
Readout	SiPM and PMT
Electrons range	3 – 100 MeV
Proton range	30 – 200 MeV
Angular resolution	<8 deg at 5 MeV
Energy resolution	<10% a 5 MeV
Trigger rate	10 ⁷ p/cm ² s sr



Start from the HEPD design, then:

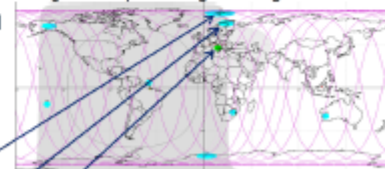
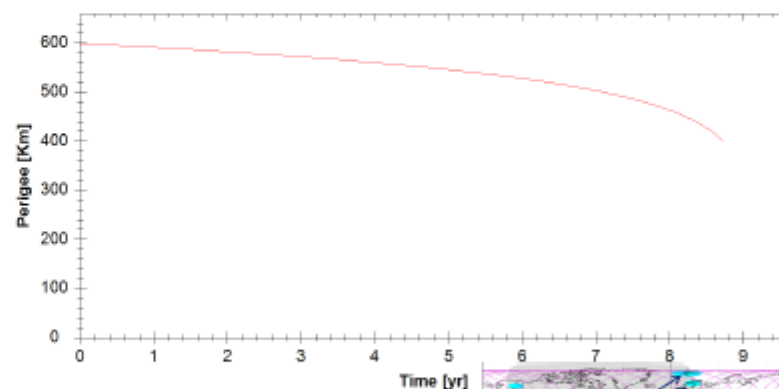
- Use SiPM instead of standard PMT
- Optimize the tracker and test new technologies (e.g. MAPS, Fiber Tracker,)
- Possible new design for the calorimeter readout.....

NUSES: orbit and downlink

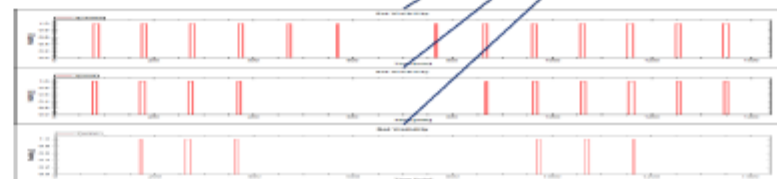


- ✓ Low Earth Orbit (LEO) with high inclination, sun-synchronous orbit on the day-night border (mean altitude = 600 Km, inclination = 97.8° , LTAN = 18:00);
- ✓ Orbit optimization for neutrino detection, still under discussion because of the interplay between Terzina-Zirè orbit requirements;
- ✓ Ballistic mission (no propulsion for orbital control).

DeOrbit Profile



Stazione	N° di contatti al giorno	Durata totale dei contatti al giorno (secondi)	Quantità di dati scaricabile al giorno (Gbyte)
Fucino	6	2500	1.25
Svalbard	14	6900	3.45
Kiruna	10	5100	2.55



- ✓ **Terzina** - Path-finder of future missions devoted to the detection of high energy astrophysical neutrinos through Imaging Atmospheric Cerenkov Telescopes from space (CHANT satellites, POEMMA mission).
- ✓ **Zirè** - Monitor of the variations of particle's flux in the ionosphere and magnetosphere induced by seismic activity. Several hints, coming from past missions, seem to correlate seismic activity with the behavior of the magnetosphere and ionosphere. This is a follow-up activity of the CSES mission.
- ✓ **New technologies** - Development of new particles detection technologies based on Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPM) for space missions.