

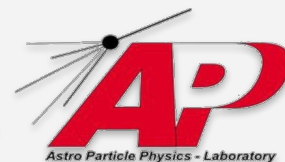
Il modulo LEM per la missione spaziale NUSES.

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NUSES mission: two payloads...

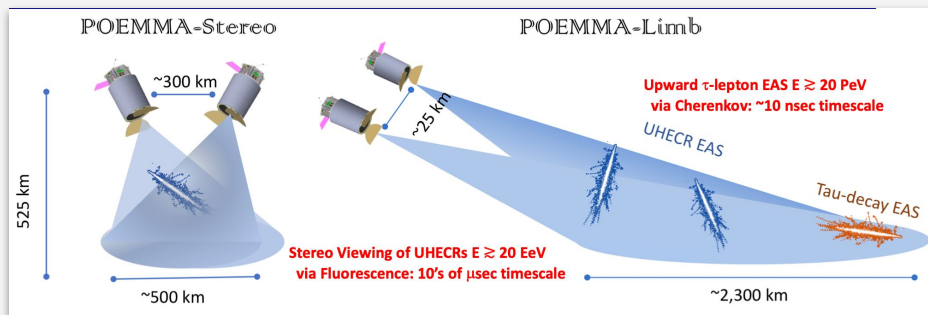
GSSI - Thales Alenia Space Italy (TAS-I) project

Next talks (This session) :

- Panzarini G. The NUSES fiber tracker
- Lorusso L. The NUSES mission

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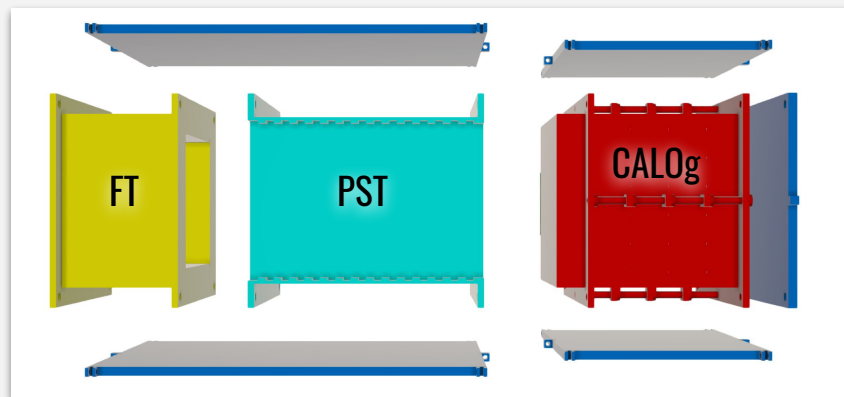
- Telescope pointing Earth's limb
 - CRs - EHS - UAS
- (Same detection technique of POEMMA)



Teresa Montaruli 1st NUSES Collaboration Meeting

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- **Fiber tracker (FT)**
 - **Plastic Scintillation Tower (PST)**
 - **LYSO CALOg**
- Counting rates **electron** ($E > 5$ MeV) and **p/nuclei**
 - Solar activity monitoring
 - Experimental test of MILC model
- (Magnetospheric Ionospheric Lithospheric Coupling)



Felicia Barbato 1st NUSES Collaboration Meeting

The Low Energy Module LEM : Electrons (0.1 - 7 MeV)

ZENITH (LEM POINTING)

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LEM

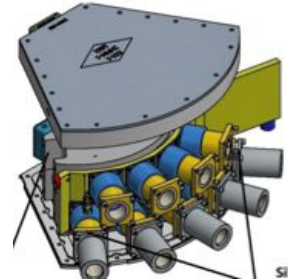
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TOP VIEW

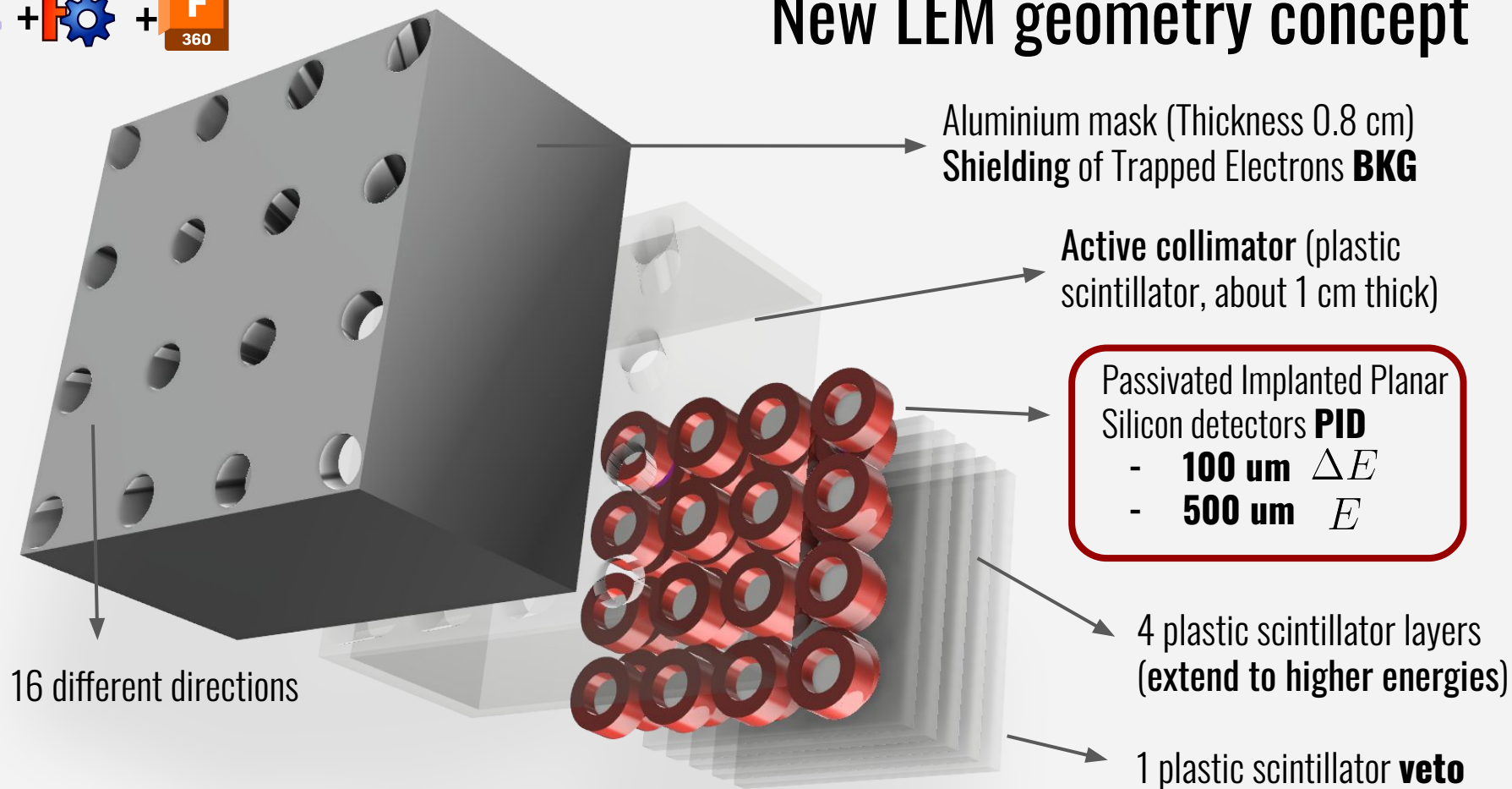
Design a Low Energy Module (LEM):

- Compact ($10 \times 10 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$)
- Light ($\sim 1 \text{ kg}$)
- Good angular resolution ($< 10^\circ$)
- Large FOV / # of directions
- Good PID

Design of previous
detectors not suitable
(e.g. HEPP-L)



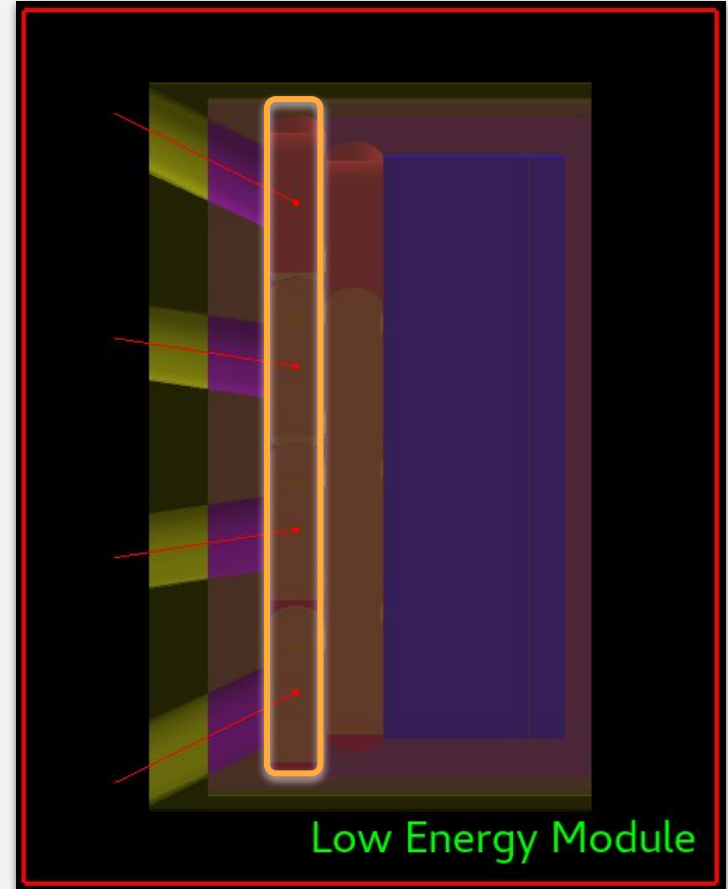
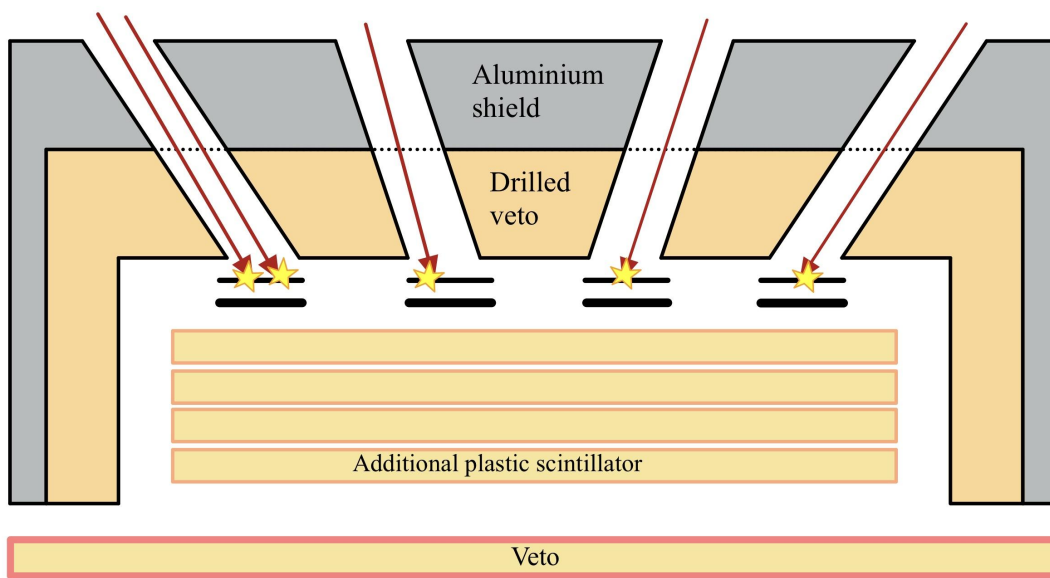
New LEM geometry concept



The detection concept

- Energy is too low
- No PID
- **Rejected**

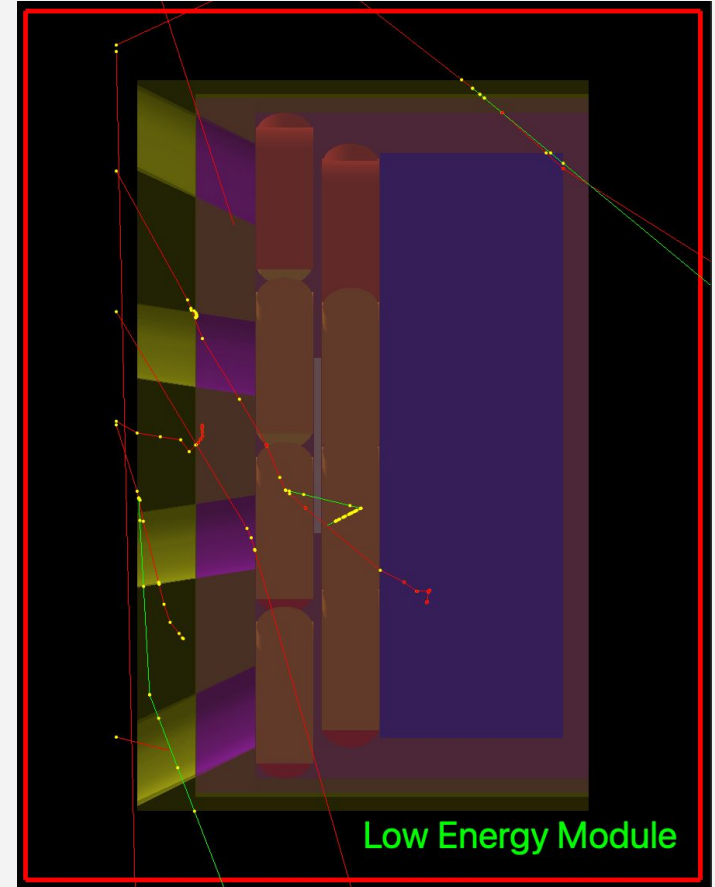
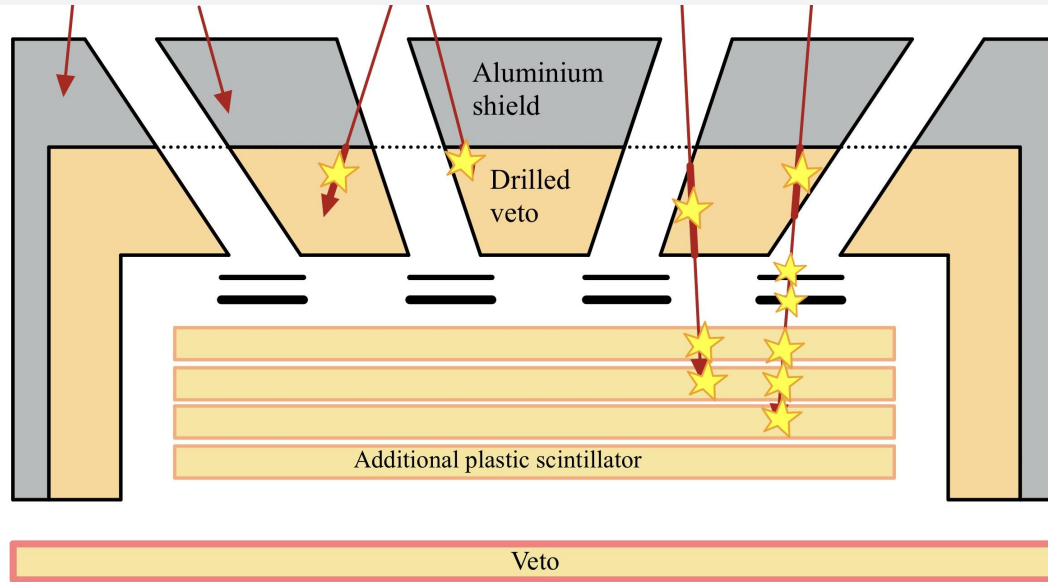
Event:



The detection concept

- Shielded by Aluminium
- Wrong direction
- **Rejected**

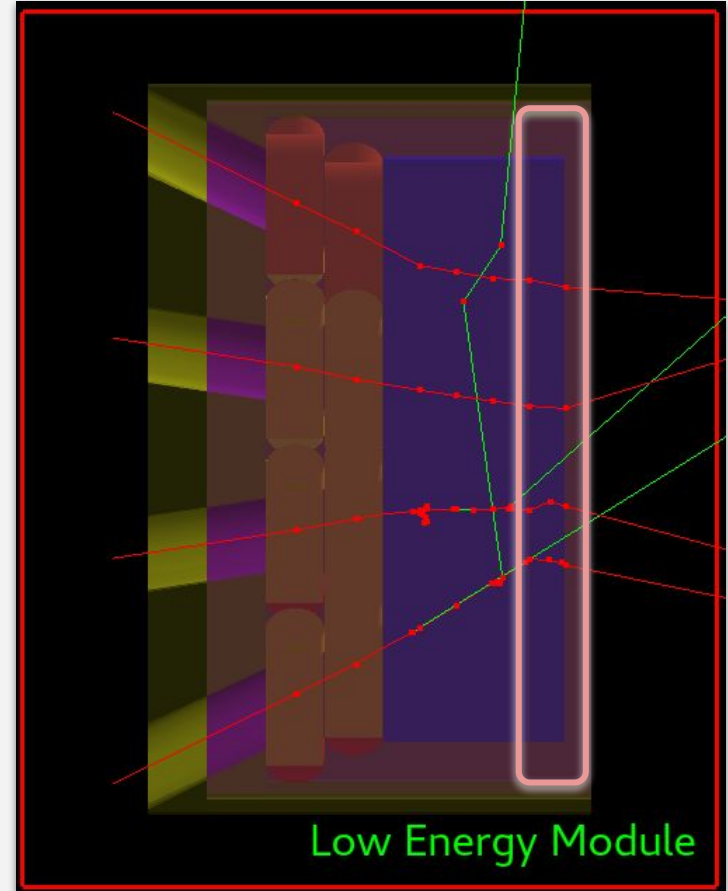
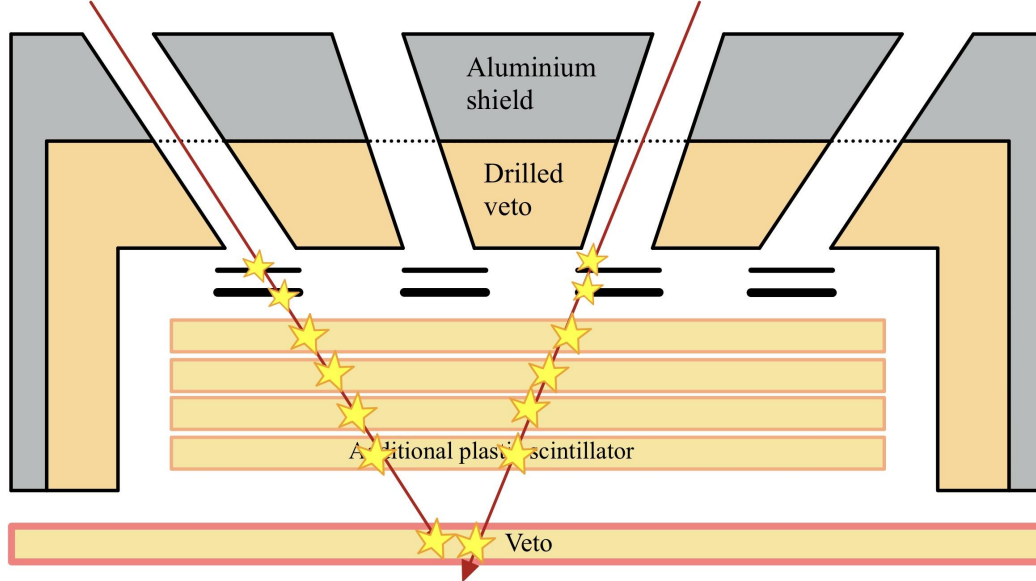
Event:



The detection concept

- Energy is too high
(Difficult PID)
- Veto activated
- **Rejected**

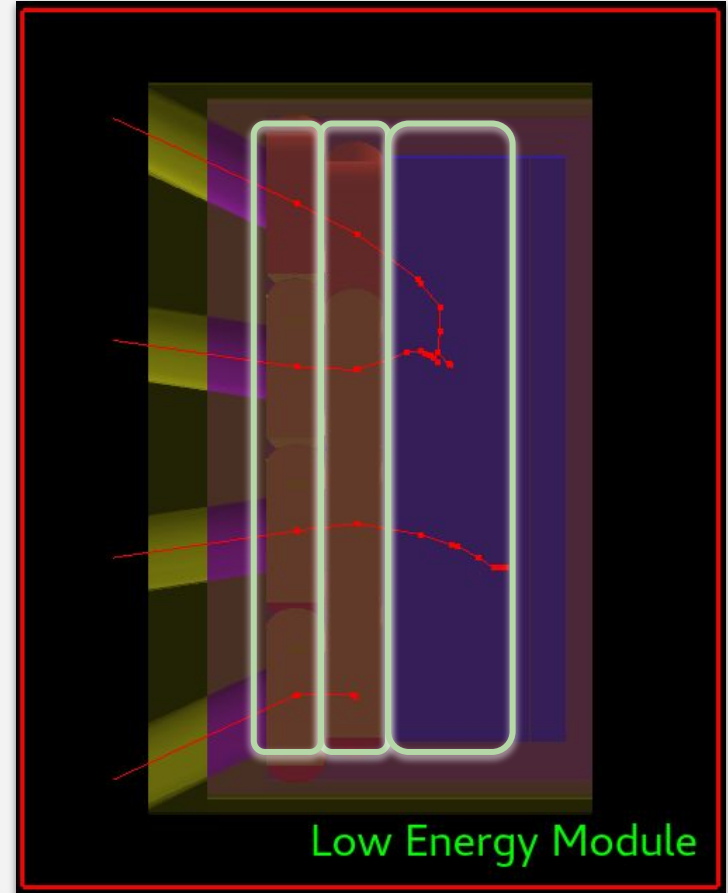
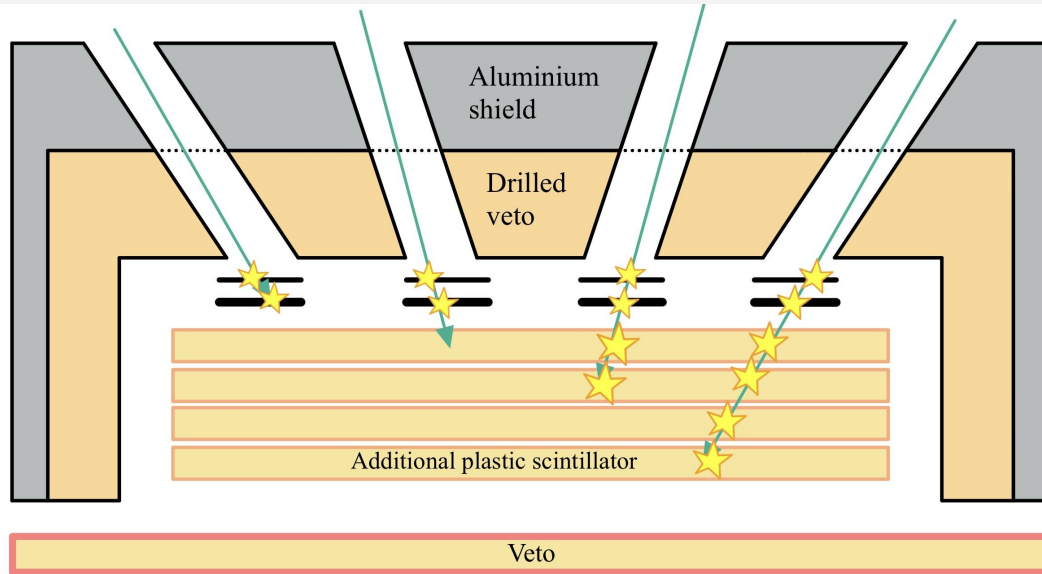
Event:



The detection concept

- Particle **confined** within the thin layer and the veto
- **Good events**

Event:



Aluminium shielding of trapped electrons

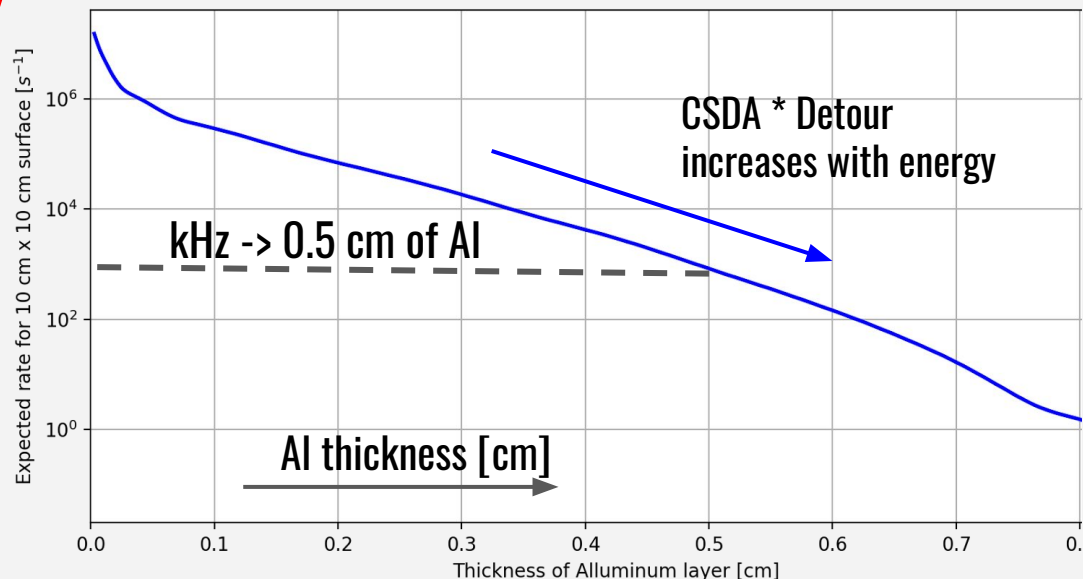
Energy [MeV]	Differential flux [MeV ⁻¹ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	Integral flux [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]
0,04	1,96E+06	2,44E+05
0,1	1,25E+06	1,51E+05
0,25	3,20E+05	4,48E+04
0,5	4,35E+04	1,15E+04
0,75	1,32E+04	5,56E+03
1	6,21E+03	3,38E+03
1,5	2,44E+03	1,46E+03
2	1,03E+03	6,29E+02
2,5	4,99E+02	2,82E+02
3	2,09E+02	1,09E+02
3,5	8,56E+01	4,19E+01
4	3,23E+01	1,41E+01
4,5	1,05E+01	4,17E+00
5	3,06E+00	1,14E+00
5,5	6,87E-01	2,41E-01
6	1,09E-01	3,17E-02
6,5	1,57E-02	0,00E+00

Table 3.1-1 Trapped electron spectrum

TAS-I report

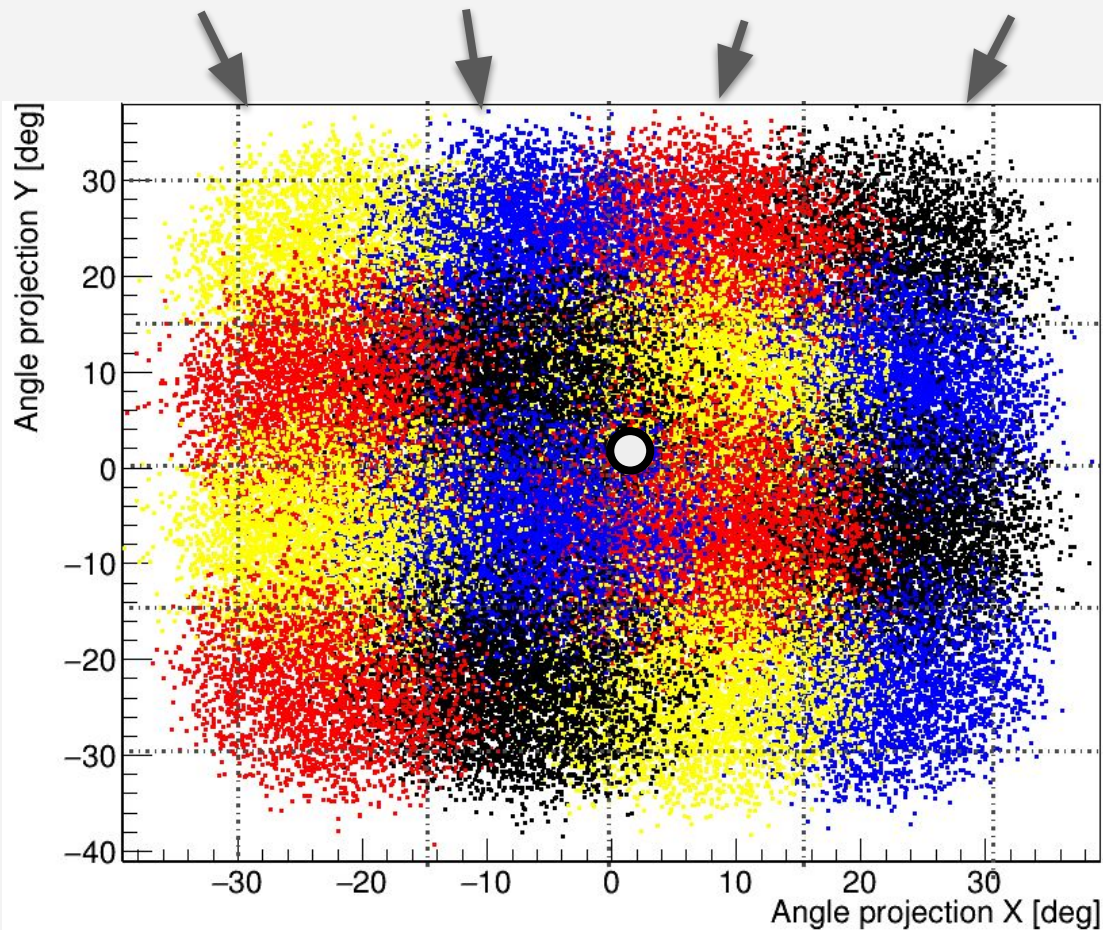
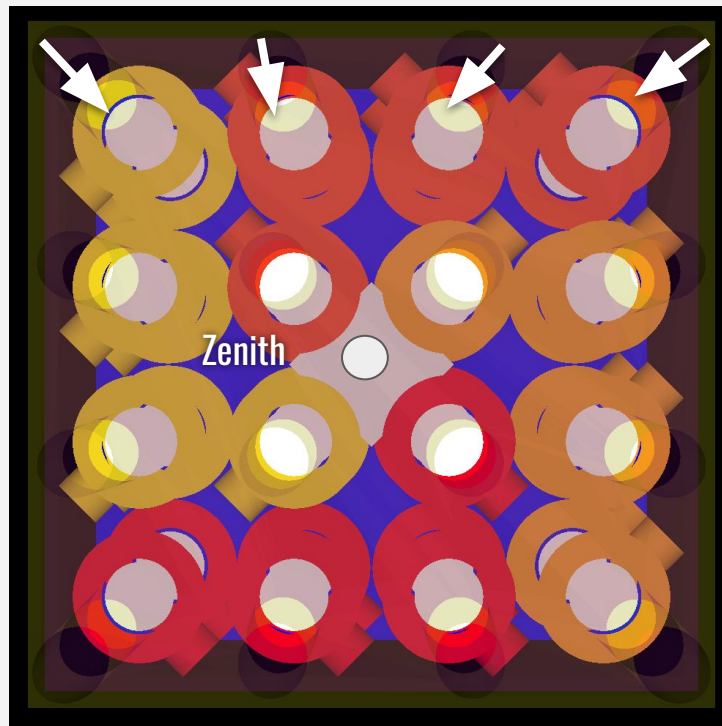
- ~**0.5 cm** of **Aluminium** will stop e- with energy below **3.5 MeV**
- Surviving flux ~**20 cm² s⁻¹**
- Expected **Veto rate ~10 kHz**
- Expected **Event rate ~1-10 kHz** (trapped electrons)

Al -> Shielding trapped electrons



Angular resolution

- Large FOV ($60^\circ \times 60^\circ$)
- Resolution of about **~7 degs (rms)**



Study of the energy deposition

Some definitions:

ΔE Energy in 100 μm (Thin)

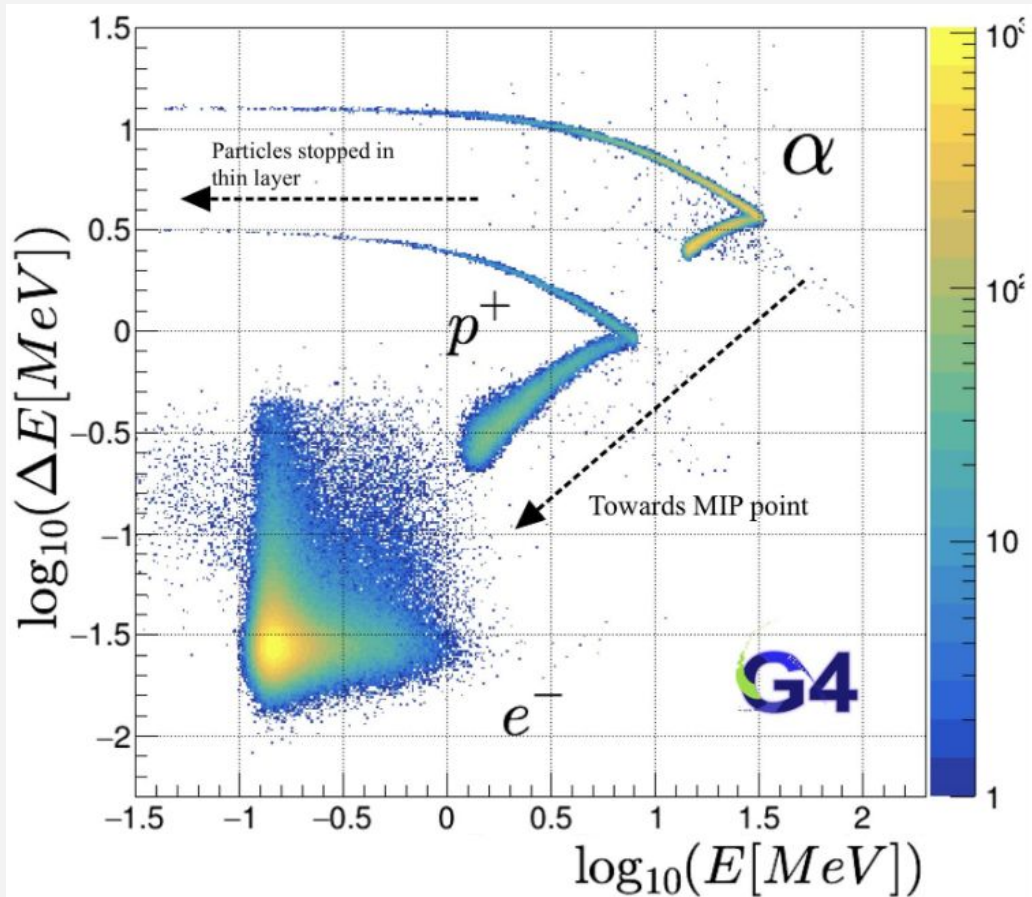
E Energy in 500 μm and (eventually)
the 4 plastic scintillators

$$\Delta E \propto \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \quad E_{tot} \propto A\beta^2$$

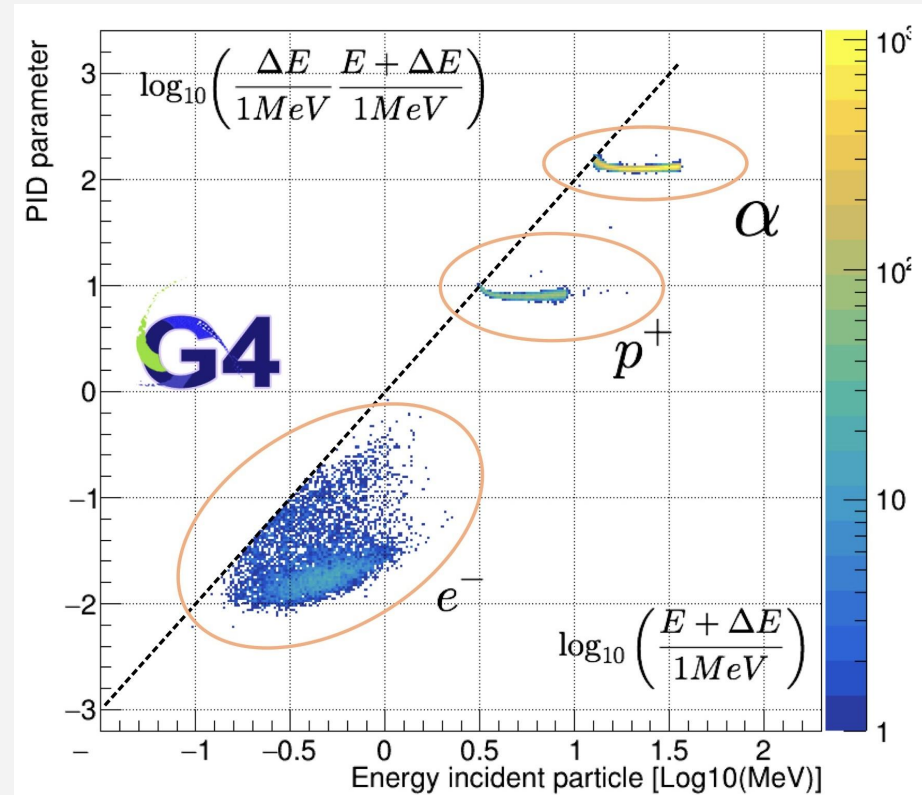


$$E_{tot} = E + \Delta E$$

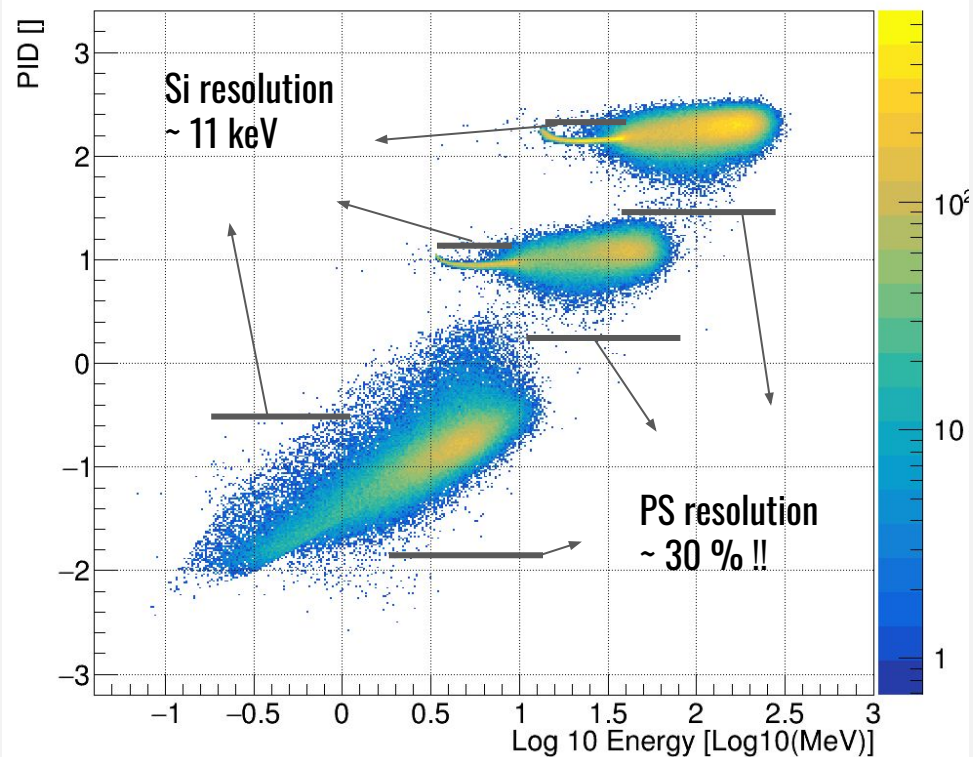
$$PID_{\text{proxy}} = \log_{10} \left(\frac{\Delta E}{1 \text{ MeV}} \frac{E_{tot}}{1 \text{ MeV}} \right)$$



Energy deposition

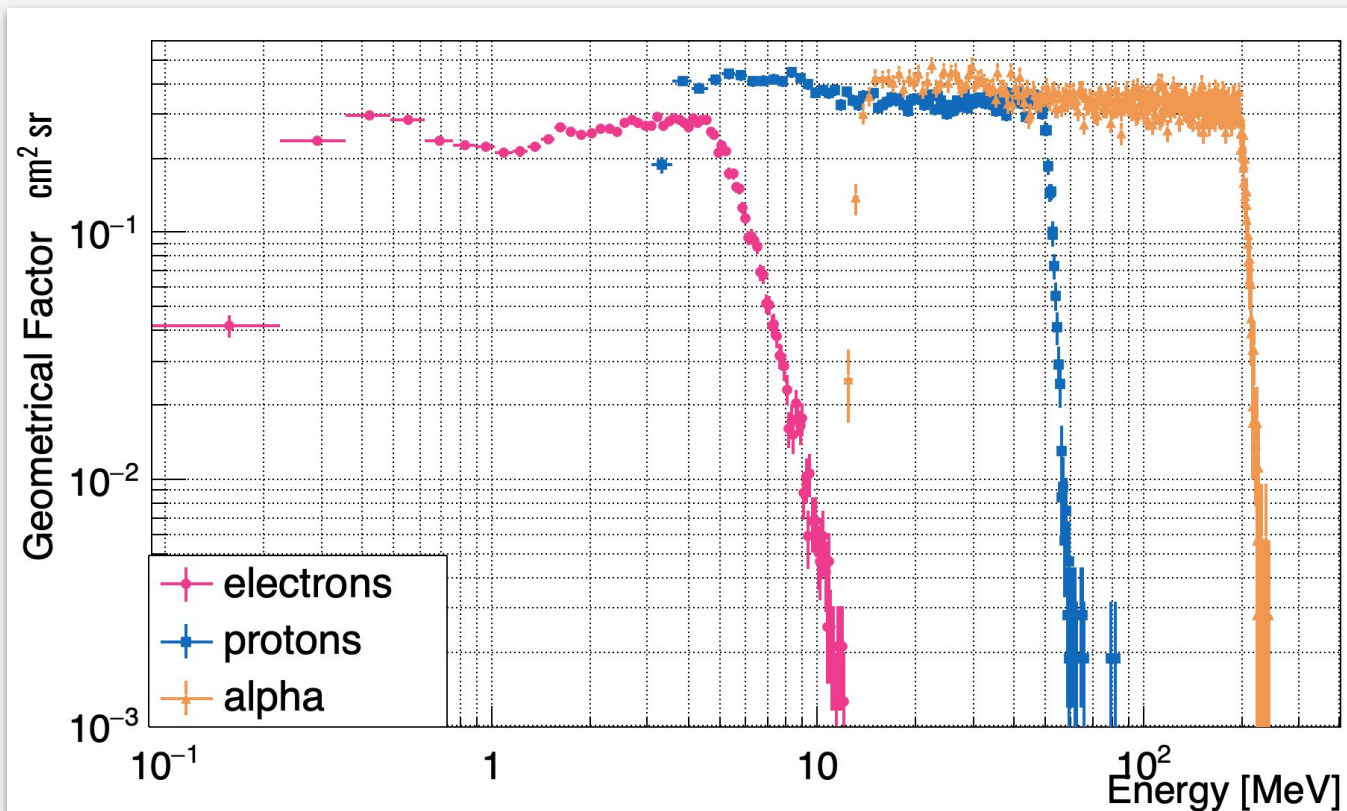


Si 100 um - Si 500 um (No PS)



Si 100 um - Si 500 um + 4 PS layer

Geometrical factor



Alpha
[15 - 200] MeV

$\sim 0.35 \text{ cm}^2 \text{sr}$

Protons
[3.5 - 50] MeV

$\sim 0.35 \text{ cm}^2 \text{sr}$

Electrons
[0.2 - 5] MeV

$\sim 0.25 \text{ cm}^2 \text{sr}$

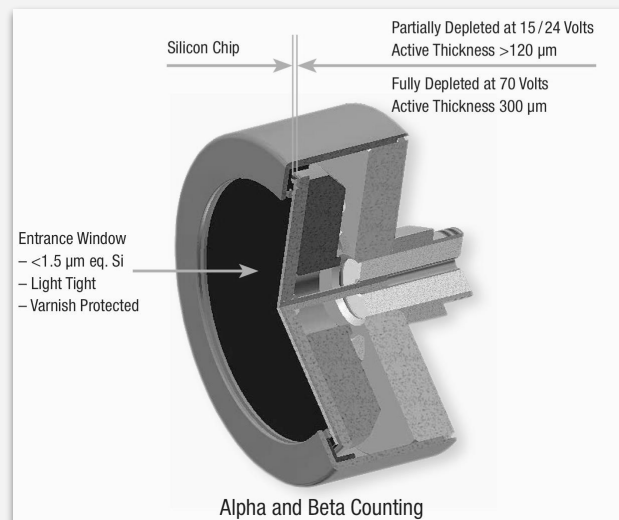
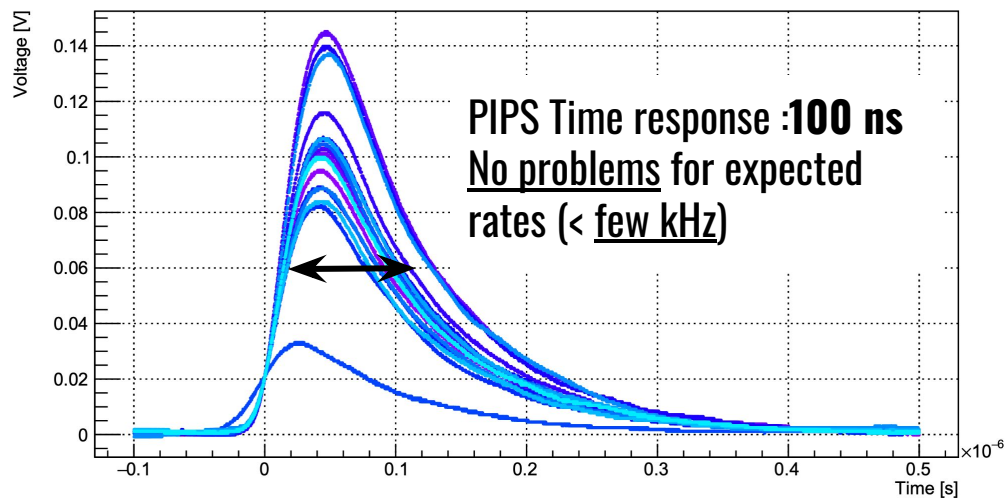
Signal rate expected (trapped electrons) : 1 - 10 kHz

Silicon Detector Characterisation at TIFPA (Trento INFN)

Passivated Implanted Planar Silicon (PIPS)

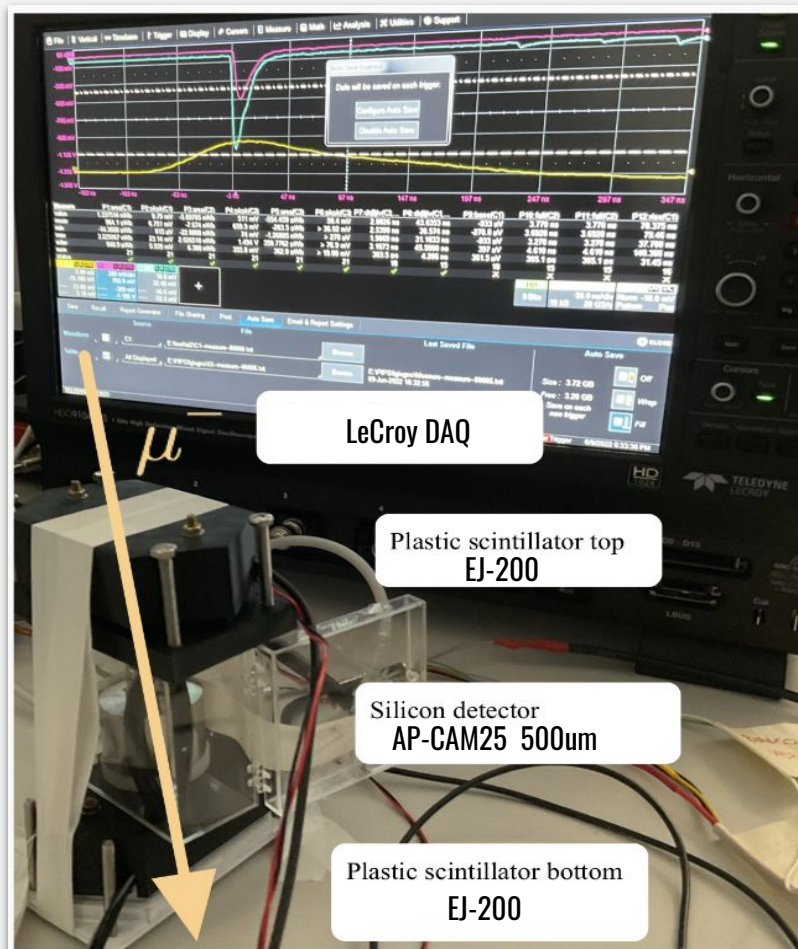
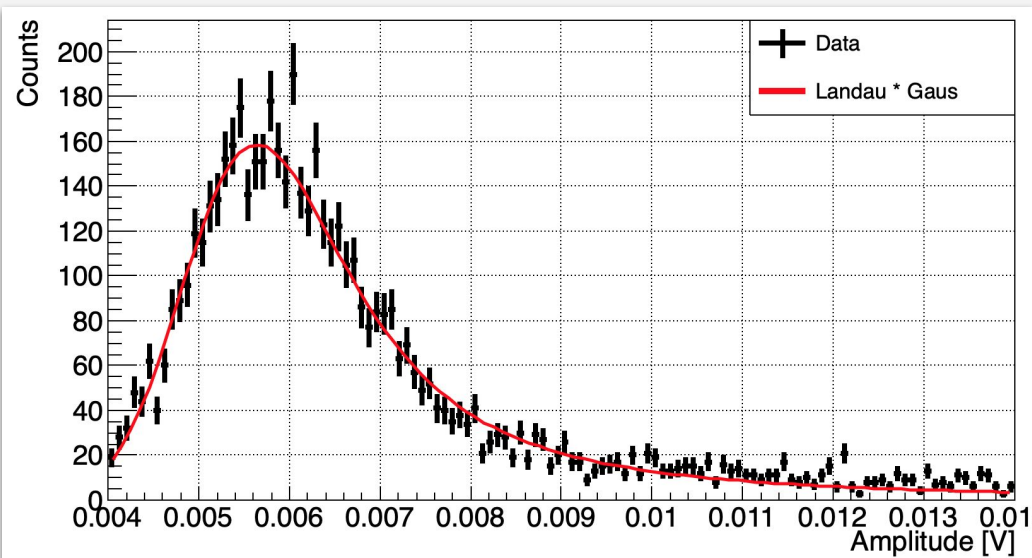
Characterisation 500 μm PIPS at TIFPA

- Particle generates **electron-hole** pairs
- Electron - hole pairs separated by **electric field**
- **Charge** collected **proportional** to **energy**



Muon calibration

- MPV measurement : **$\sim 35\text{mV/MeV}$**
- Resolution **11 keV**
- Design performance is verified



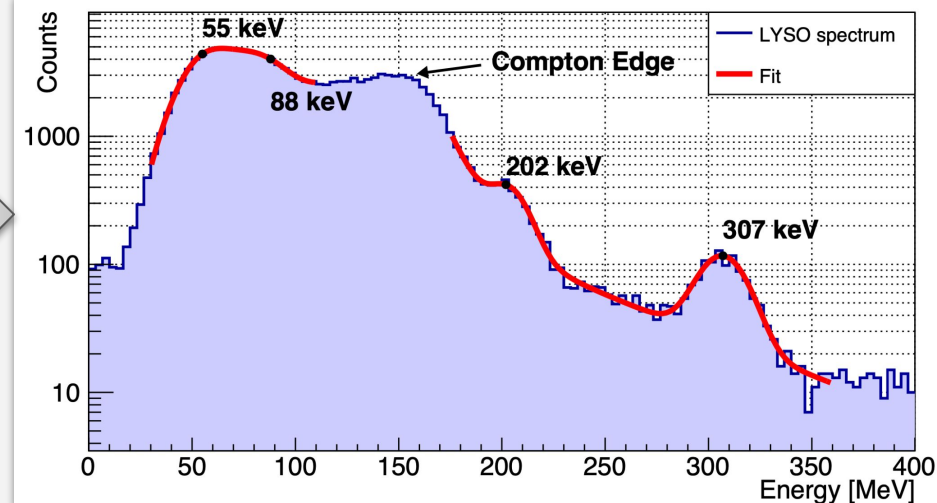
Calibration with γ sources

$$36.7(3) \text{ mV/MeV}$$

$$\sigma = 11.1(4) \text{ keV}$$

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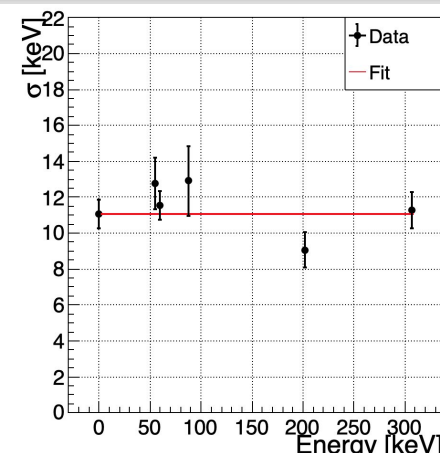
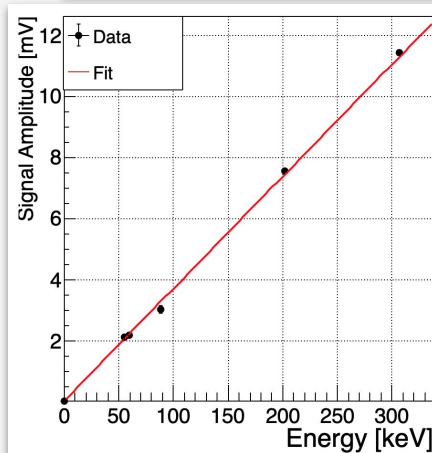
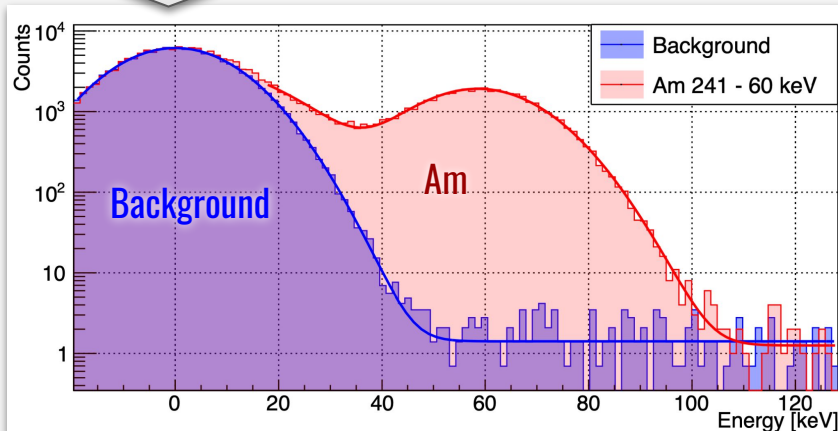
In PIPS



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In PIPS

Calibration
Resolution



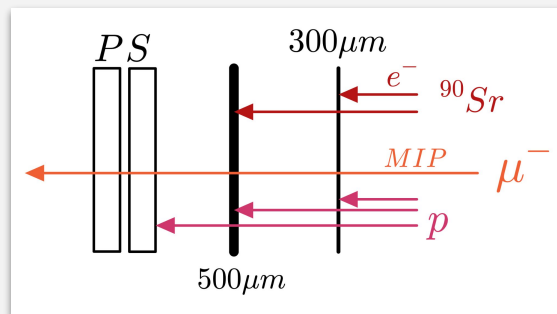
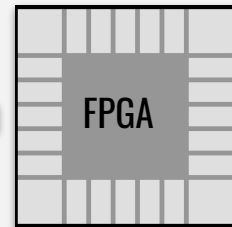
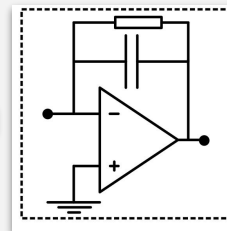
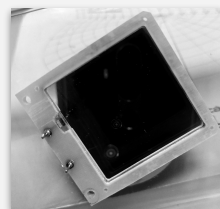
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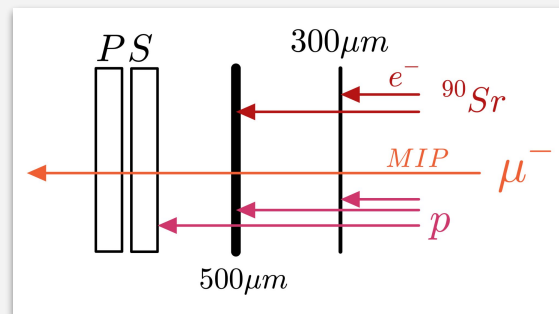
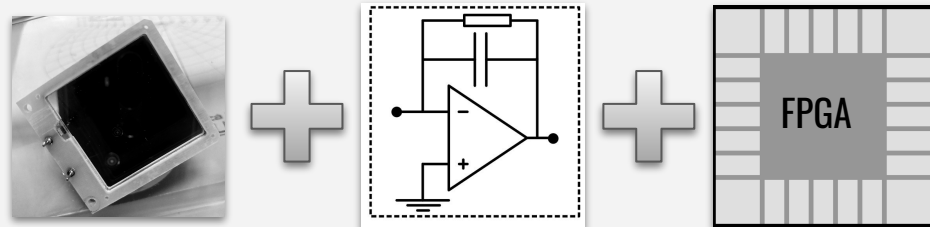
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