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# MIRAM

## Miniaturized Radiation Monitor

### spacecraft platform for GEO telecommunications satellites



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# MIRAM: Technology selection, heritage, ongoing developments

Timepix deployments in space: in LEO on board ISS since 2012, spacecraft payload on board Proba-V since 2013

Orbit	Launch	Spacecraft payloads: Micro-satellites		
LEO, 820 km	May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>SATRAM-Timepix</b> on board <b>ESA Proba-V satellite</b> QinetiQ ESA (in LEO orbit since May 2013), successful commissioning, continuous data taking</li> </ul>	←	
LEO, 600 km	July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>LUCID-5xTimepix array payload</b> on board <b>TechDemoSat-1 SSTL-UK satellite</b> Langton Ultimate Cosmic-ray Intensity Detector, successful commissioning, continuous data taking</li> </ul>		
LEO, 600 km	1Q-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>Particle telescope/2x stack Timepix</b> for <b>RISAT satellite</b> Tohoku U./Japan (ongoing, FM delivery 3Q 2018, launch 4Q 2018/1Q2019)</li> </ul>		
LEO, 500 km	June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>Focal plane X-ray detector 1xTimepix/X-ray telescope 1D optics</b> on board <b>Cubesat VZLUSAT-1</b>, successful commissioning continuous data taking</li> </ul>		
CIS-lunar/deep space	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>Timepix radiation monitor payload</b> on board <b>BioSentinel cubesat</b> for <b>NASA-ORION flight EM1</b>, NASA Ames Center</li> </ul>		
GEO	>2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>Miniaturized Radiation Monitor MIRAM</b>, for <b>ESA/ARTES telecommunication satellites at GEO orbit</b></li> </ul>	←	
LEO, 200 km	April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>Focal plane X-ray detector 2xTimepix/X-ray telescope 2D optics REX</b> payload Penn State U. for <b>NASA WRX-R sounding sub-orbital rocket</b>, launched 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018, successful operation, data collected, payload retrieved</li> </ul>		
LEO, 420 km	Aug 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Miniaturized <b>Quantum imaging on-line space radiation dosimeters/Radiation Environment Monitors REM 5xTPX</b> on board <b>NASA-ISS</b>, successful commissioning, continuous data taking</li> </ul>		
MEO, 6000 km	Dec 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>2x Battery Operated Radiation Detectors BIRD-Timepix</b> fully autonomous operation, <b>NASA Orion Exploration Flight Test EFT-1</b>, successful commissioning, continuous data taking</li> </ul>		
LEO, 420 km	May 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>Energetic Particle Telescope EPT-Timepix 2x stack</b> on board <b>NASA-ISS</b>, successful commissioning continuous data taking</li> </ul>		
CIS-lunar/deep space	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ <b>Hybrid Electronic Radiation Assessor HERA-Timepix</b> for <b>NASA-ORION flights EM1 and EM2</b></li> </ul>		

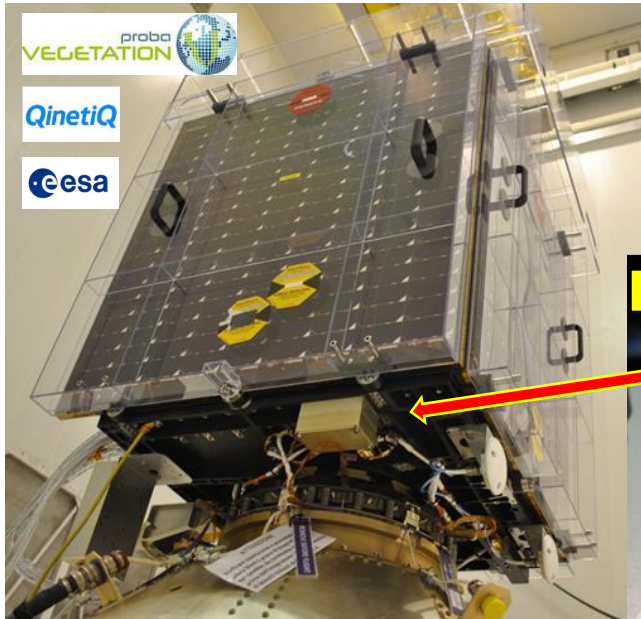
# MIRAM Heritage: Timepix deployments in LEO orbit

LEO orbit on board ISS/2012, spacecraft payload on board Proba-V/2013, MEO on ORION EF-1/2014

Advacam in 2017 became certified NASA supplier

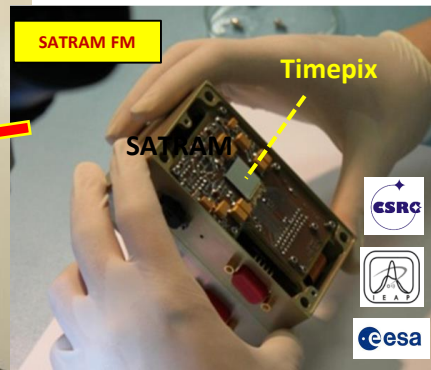


**ADVACAM**  
Imaging the Unseen

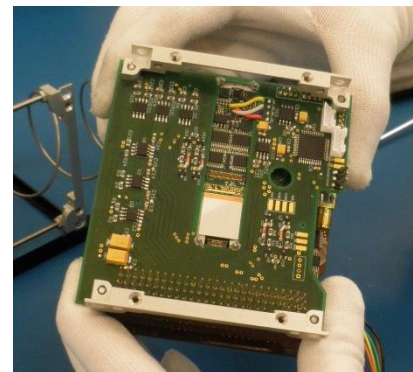


**SATRAM: Space Application of Timepix Radiation Monitor on board Proba-V, LEO orbit/May 2013**

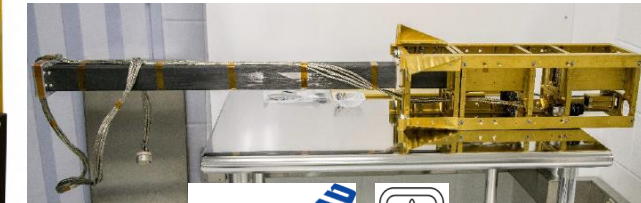
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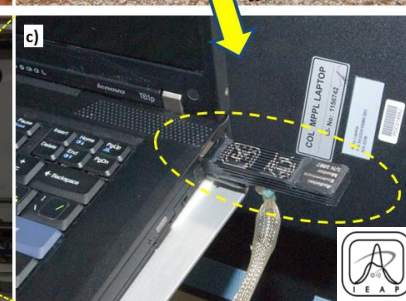
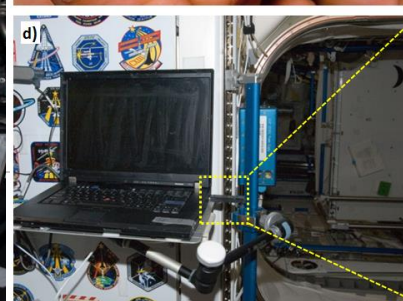
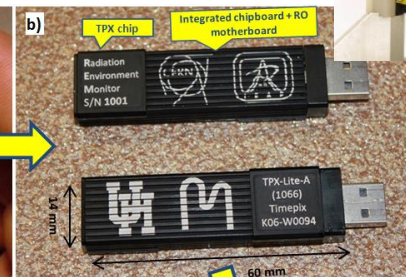
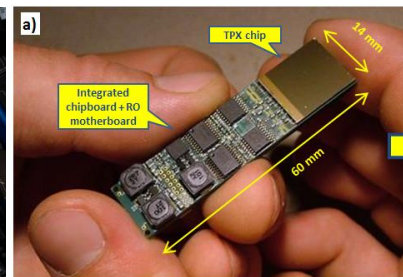
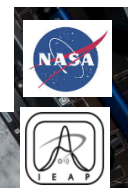
**VZLUSAT-1 Cubesat X-ray 1-D optics telescope focal plane detector Timepix LEO orbit/June 2017**



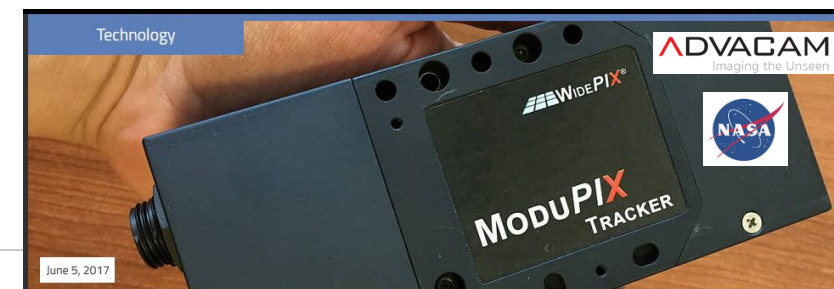
**Focal plane detector 2xTimepix/X-ray telescope 2D optics payload on board WRX-R sub-orbital rocket, LEO/April 2018**



**Online quantum imaging spacecrew dosimeters on ISS LEO orbit/Aug 2012**



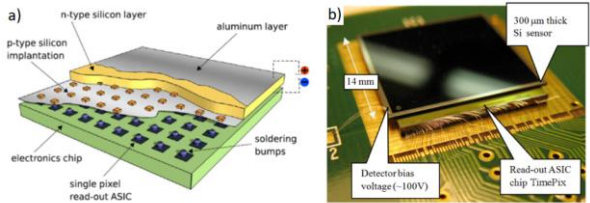
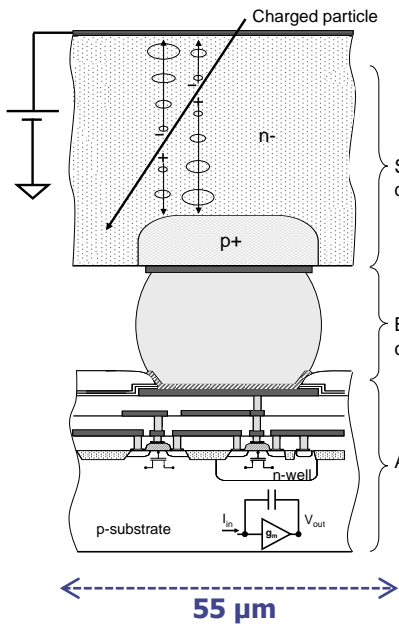
**Energetic Particle Telescope EPT-Timepix on board ISS-NASA module, LEO orbit/May 2017**



NASA Investigates Space Radiation with Miniaturized Particle Telescope <https://www.nasa.gov/feature/nasa-investigates-space-radiation-with-miniaturized-particle-telescope>

# MIRAM Heritage: Timepix, SATRAM

## Spacecraft Radiation Monitor Payload SATRAM/Timepix in LEO on board Proba-V



### Hybrid architecture

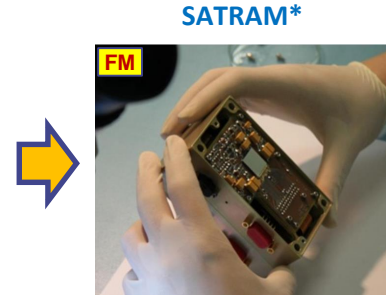
Hybrid architecture: sensor is bump-bonded to the Timepix readout ASIC chip. Different semiconductor sensors can be used:

- material (Si, CdTe, GaAs)
- thickness (e.g. 100, 300, 500, 700, 1000, 1500 μm).

### Quantum imaging detection

- Hybrid architecture, high pixel granularity
  - Per-pixel signal processing electronics
- ↓
- Dark-current free detection
  - Threshold ~ 4 keV
  - Track visualization of single particles

### Active nuclear emulsion



Size: 10.8 cm × 6.3 cm × 5.6 cm, full mass 340 g

### SATRAM: Space Application of Timepix Radiation Monitor

- Technology demonstrator miniaturized platform for small spacecraft
- High-resolution radiation monitor: Space radiation environment and effects
- Quantum imaging radiation monitor / radiation camera / wide FoV 2π
- Characterization and visualization of space radiation
- In open space in LEO orbit on board PROBA-V satellite
- Launched 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013, successful commissioning
- Altitude ~ 820 km, polar sun synchronous orbit, 82° inclination
- Timepix for the first time in open space – currently TRL 9

- Active detector, integrated/miniaturized device, low mass, low power
- Single-particle/quantum counting, noiseless detection/dark-current free
- Per-pixel-sensitivity/high granularity, high-resolution particle tracking
- Wide dynamic range (counting particle fluxes, per-pixel energy sensitivity)
- Directionality, no collimators, wide FoV 2π, omnidirectional

### SATRAM DATA PRODUCTS

- Quantum imaging detection and track visualization of the mixed radiation field
- Dose rates and particle fluxes at detector position with sensitivity/discrimination
- Spectral characterization, energy loss and LET spectra of energetic charged particles
- Directional/angular distributions of energetic charged particles in wide FoV (limited resolution)

# SATRAM/Timepix on Proba-V

## Quantum imaging detection of space radiation

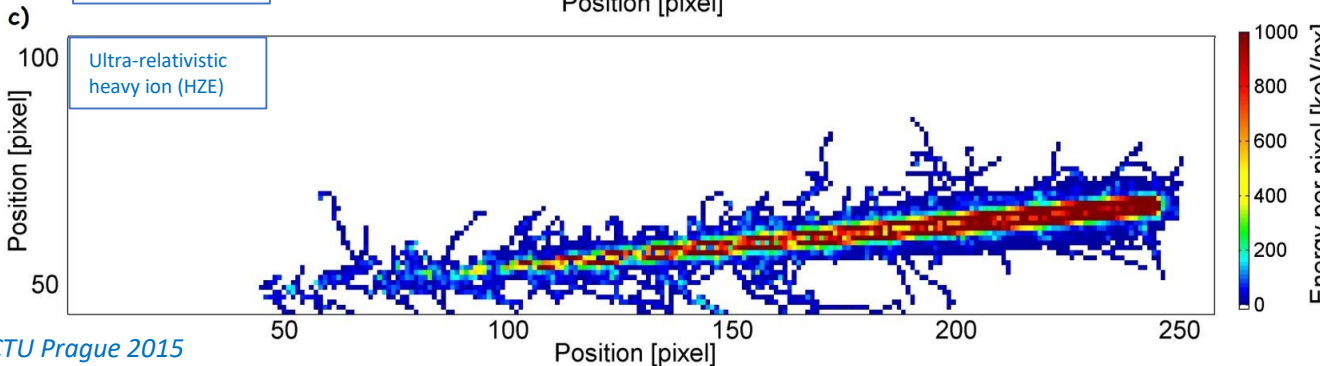
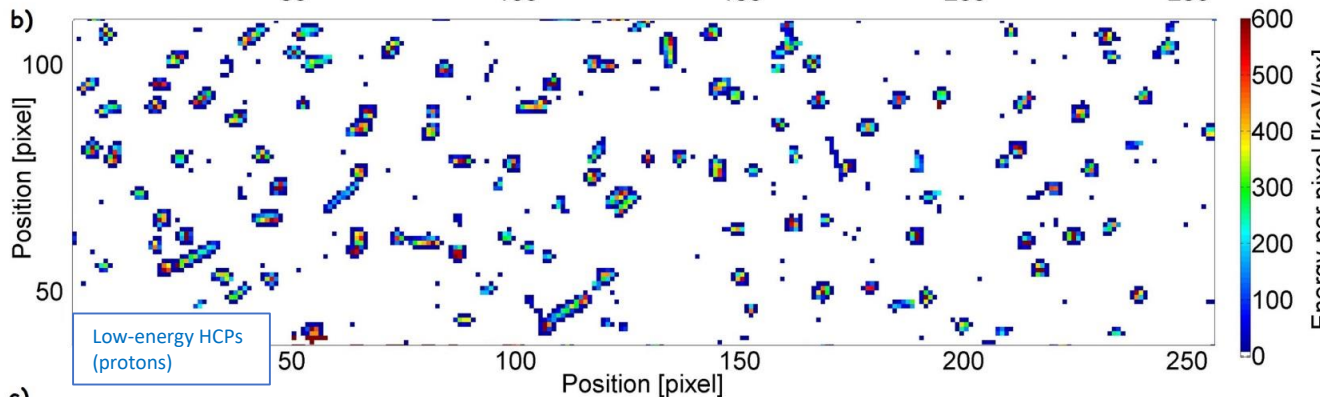
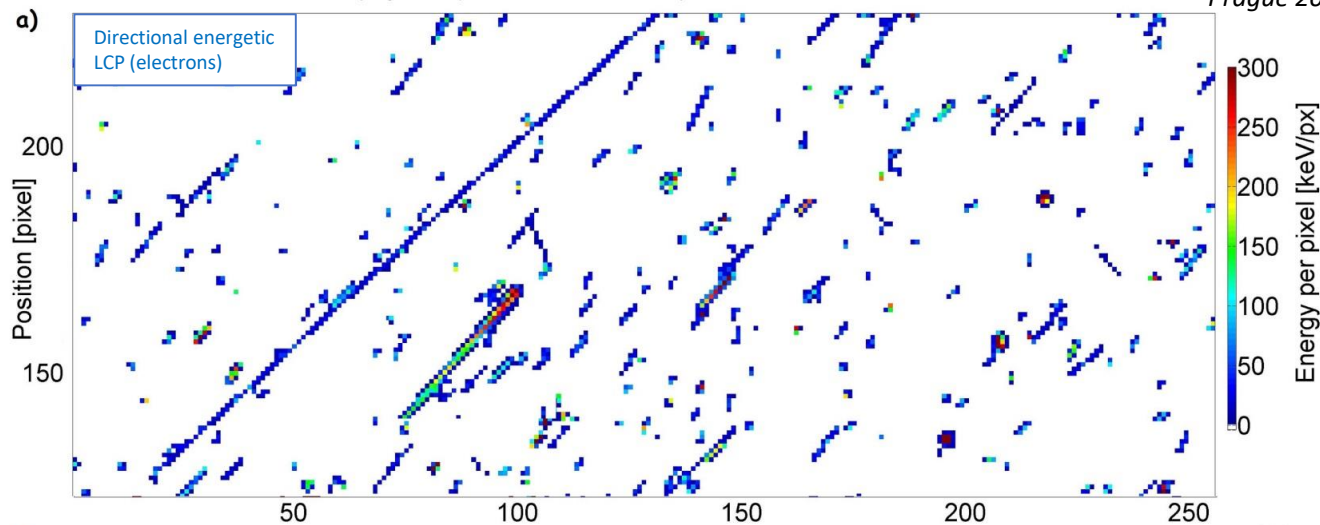
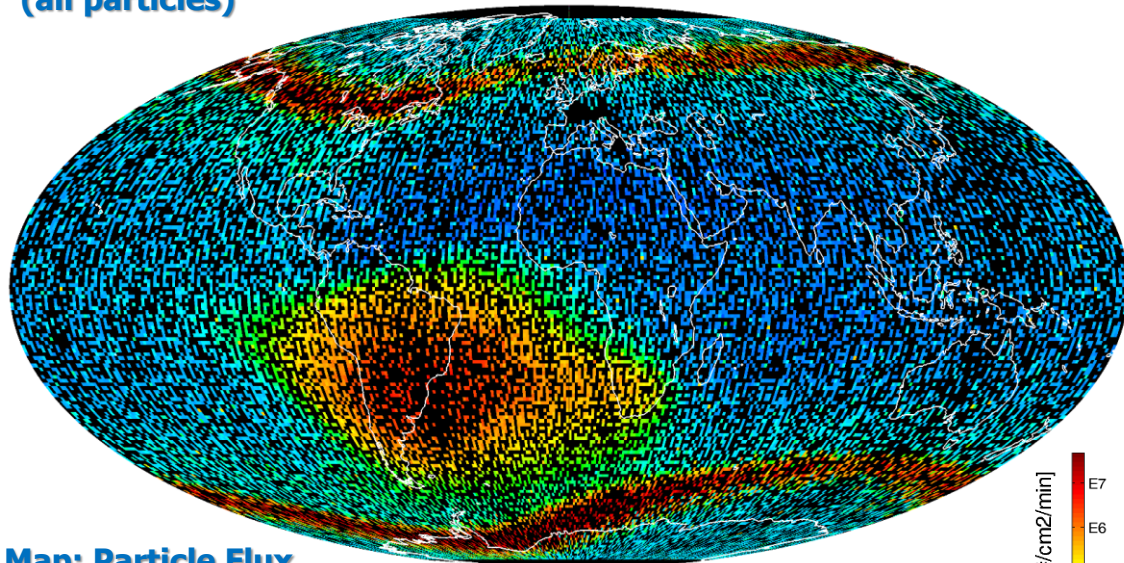
Detection and track visualization of space radiation by Timepix operated in  
Timepix operated in **energy mode** along Proba-V 820 km LEO orbit. Frames shown  
at different orbit locations



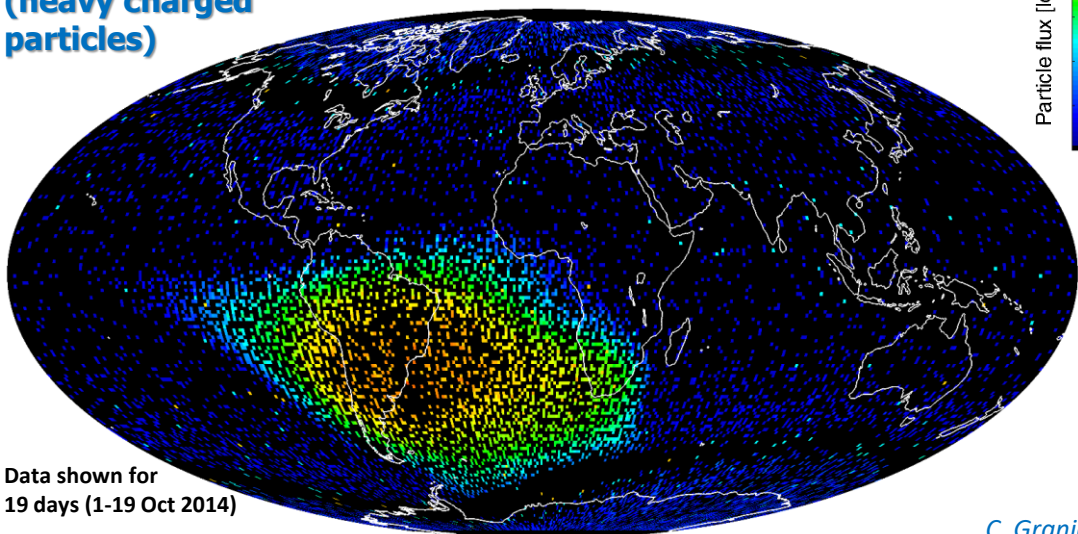
C. Granja, IEAP CTU  
Prague 2015

SATRAM payload (TPX 300 um silicon) onboard ESA Proba-V satellite

Map: Particle Flux  
(all particles)



Map: Particle Flux  
(heavy charged particles)



Data shown for  
19 days (1-19 Oct 2014)

# MIRAM: Requirements + Objectives + Data products



## OBJECTIVE

- ❑ To design, develop and test a **Miniaturized Radiation Monitor (MIRAM)** based on ASIC chip technology, of small size and mass (< 150g)
- ❑ Capability of **broad sensing of energetic charged particles** for GEO telecommunications satellites and EP orbit raising.
- ❑ **Real-time monitoring** of the **radiation environment** at multiple locations in the satellite
- ❑ Provision of **alerts to intense radiation fluxes** (e.g. solar storms)

## REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ An order of magnitude reduction in the mass and volume as compared to present-day radiation monitors
- ❑ Significant cost reduction compared to products available today (cost target is <50 k euros per unit in a batch production)
- ❑ Reduced power consumption (< 1W)
- ❑ Target lifetime compatible with GEO telecom missions (12-15 years)

Environmental Requirements
The radiation detector single chip shall have a radiation TID tolerance of at least 100 krad.
The radiation detector single chip shall be latch up free.
The radiation detector single chip shall have an operating temperature range of -40 to +80 deg C
The radiation detector single chip shall have a storage temperature range of -60 to +125 deg C
The MIRAM shall have a lifetime of 15 years to be compatible with the typical GEO telecom missions.

## Radiation Environment

Orbit	Particle Energy	Particle Flux
LEO	<u>Electrons:</u> 100 keV to 7 MeV <u>Protons:</u> 100 keV to 400 MeV	<u>Electrons</u> E> 500 keV: up to $5 \cdot 10^4$ (/cm2/sec) <u>Protons</u> E>10 MeV: up to $10^4$ (/cm2/sec)
MEO	<u>Electrons:</u> 100 keV to 7 MeV <u>Protons:</u> 100 keV to 400 MeV	<u>Electrons:</u> E> 500 keV up to $10^7$ (/cm2/sec) <u>Protons:</u> E > 10 MeV up to $10^3$ (/cm2/sec)
GEO	<u>Electrons:</u> 100 keV to 7 MeV <u>SEP (protons):</u> 100 keV to 400 MeV <u>Cosmic rays:</u> $10 \cdot 10^{13}$ MeV.	<u>Electrons:</u> E> 500 keV up to $5 \cdot 10^6$ (/cm2/sec) <u>SEP (protons):</u> E>10 MeV up to $10^4$ (/cm2/s)
Interplanetary	<u>Cosmic rays:</u> $10 \cdot 10^{13}$ MeV. <u>SEP (protons):</u> 100 keV to 400 MeV	<u>Cosmic Rays:</u> 2-4 (/cm2/sec) <u>SEP (protons):</u> E>10 MeV up to $10^4$ (/cm2/s)

## OUTPUT/DATA PRODUCTS

- ❑ Dose rates, accumulate dose/TID, particle fluxes
- ❑ LET spectra, LET discrimination, estimates of particle energy range
- ❑ Alert/alarm levels to radiation storms



# MIRAM: Concept, miniaturized/low-power architecture

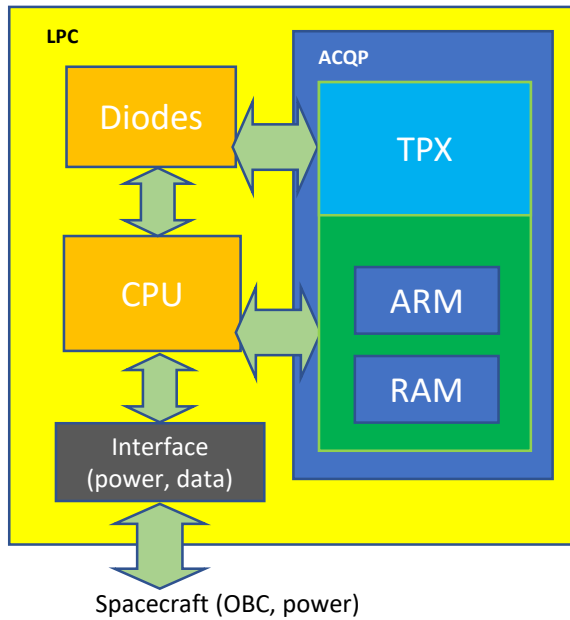
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## Pixel detector Timepix/ACQP module coupled to semiconductor diodes/LCP module

Miniaturized radiation monitor payload for spacecraft, low power (<1 W), high-sensitivity, photon counting, wide dynamic range (particle types, energy, fluxes, direction (wide FoV/2 $\pi$ ))

MIRAM: LCP and ACQP modules



### Low Power Circuit (LPC/master):

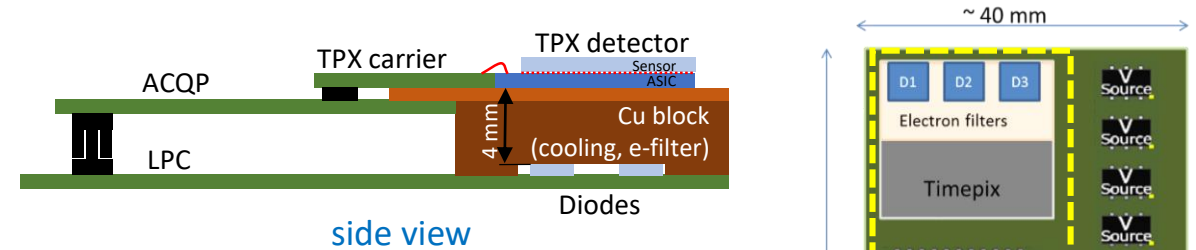
- Diodes (low-, high-LET, Si, CdTe)
- Continuous (coarse) sampling of radiation field
- Analysis of incoming particles and dose calculation.
- Compress data and store to RAM storage.
- Communication with satellite (report status, receive commands which control acquisition parameters and power control).

Preliminary concept architecture of MIRAM design

### Acquisition & processing module (ACQP/slave):

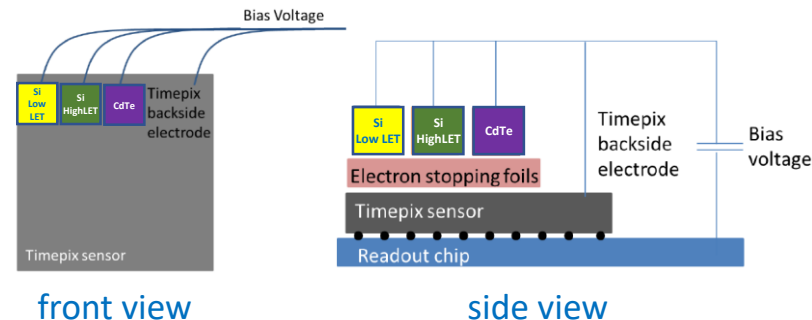
- Pixel detector Timepix
- Triggered by LPC, synchronized
- Standby, low, medium, high intensity field modes
- High-resolution wide-range sampling of radiation field
- On board processing of TPX data
- Transfer and storage of evaluated data.

MIRAM layout consisting of the semiconductor pixel detector Timepix, electron stopping filters (2 elements - labelled "electron filters"), single pad diodes (3 units – labelled D1-3 as one of the possible options), power (V sources), CPUs and memory elements. Mass of architecture/electronic components shown < 100 g.



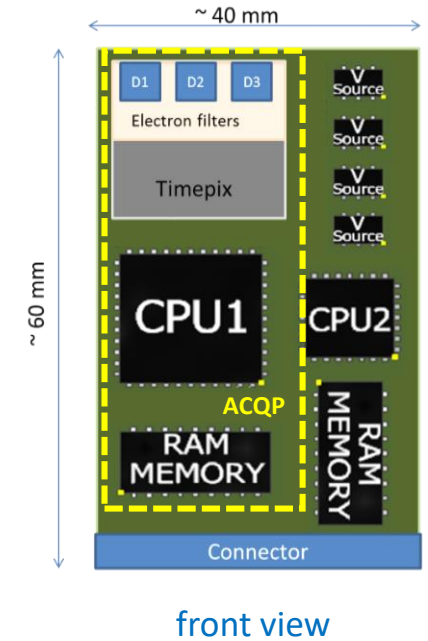
side view

Accommodation of TPX and diodes



front view

side view



front view

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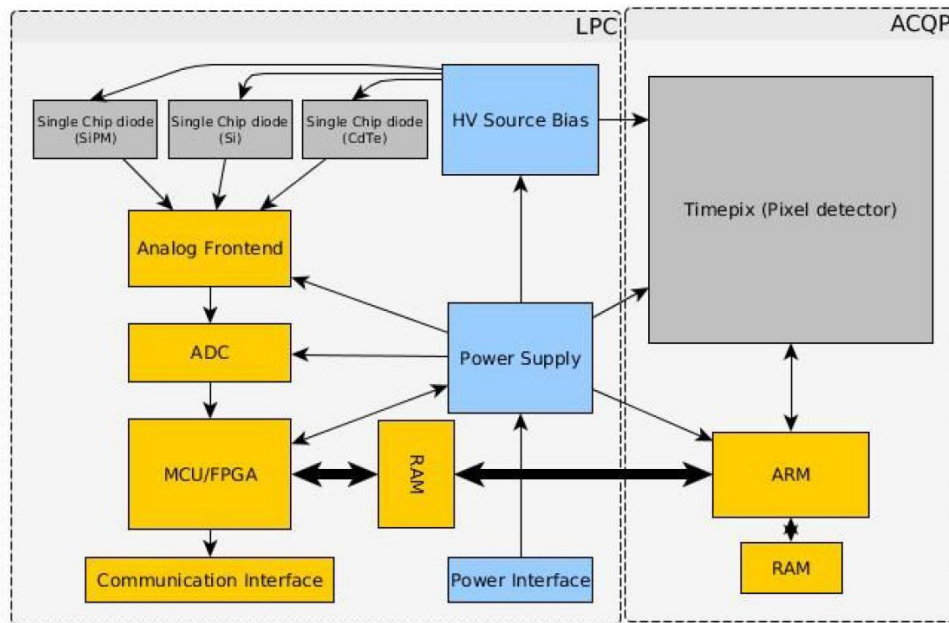


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Preliminary concept **functional** of MIRAM design

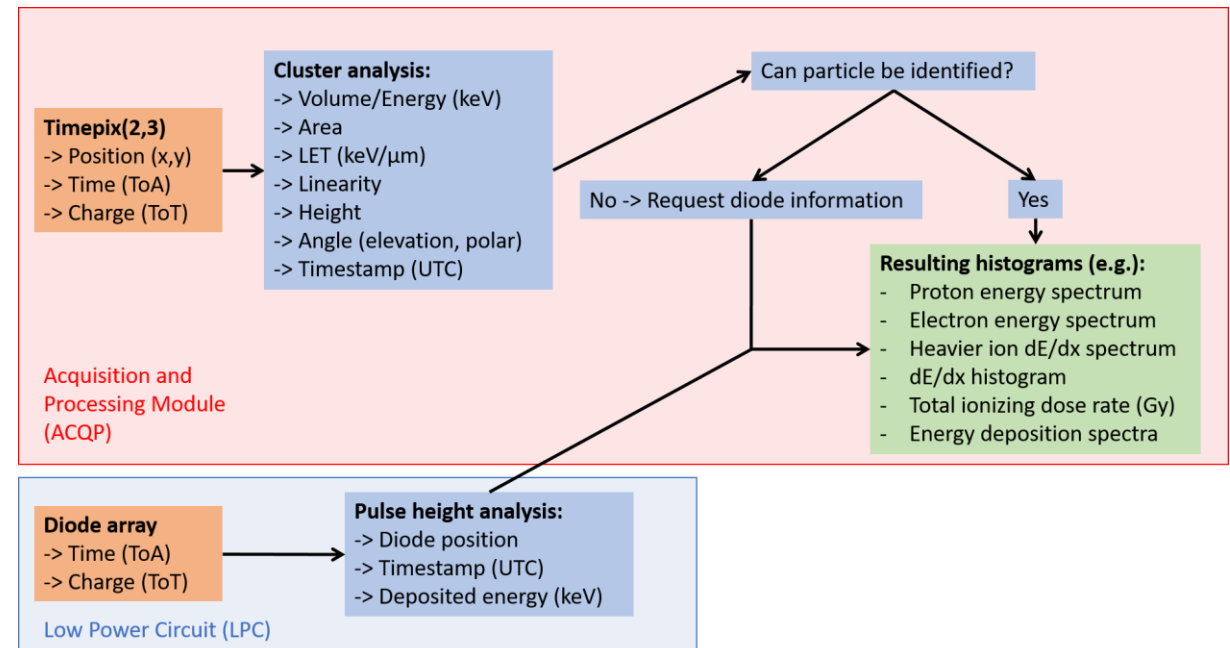
Block scheme and operation layout of MIRAM



□ LPC: Low power circuit (master)

□ ACQP Acquisition and Processing Module (slave)

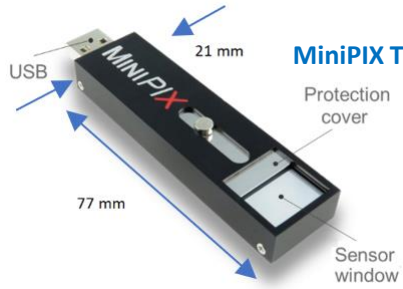
MIRAM: Data-flow schematic diagram





# MIRAM: Concept, miniaturized/ low-power architecture

## Pixel detector Timepix/ACQP module



MiniPIX Timepix



Medipix family  
ASIC chips

### Medipix family ASIC chips

- Timepix (TPX-1)
- Timepix3 (available)
- Timepix2 (3-4Q 2018)
- Medipix3 (available)

### Timepix (TPX-1 available)

- Per-pixel analog/digital signal chain 1x
- Per-pixel energy or time
- Frame-based readout
- TRL=9 in LEO

### Timepix3 (newly existent)

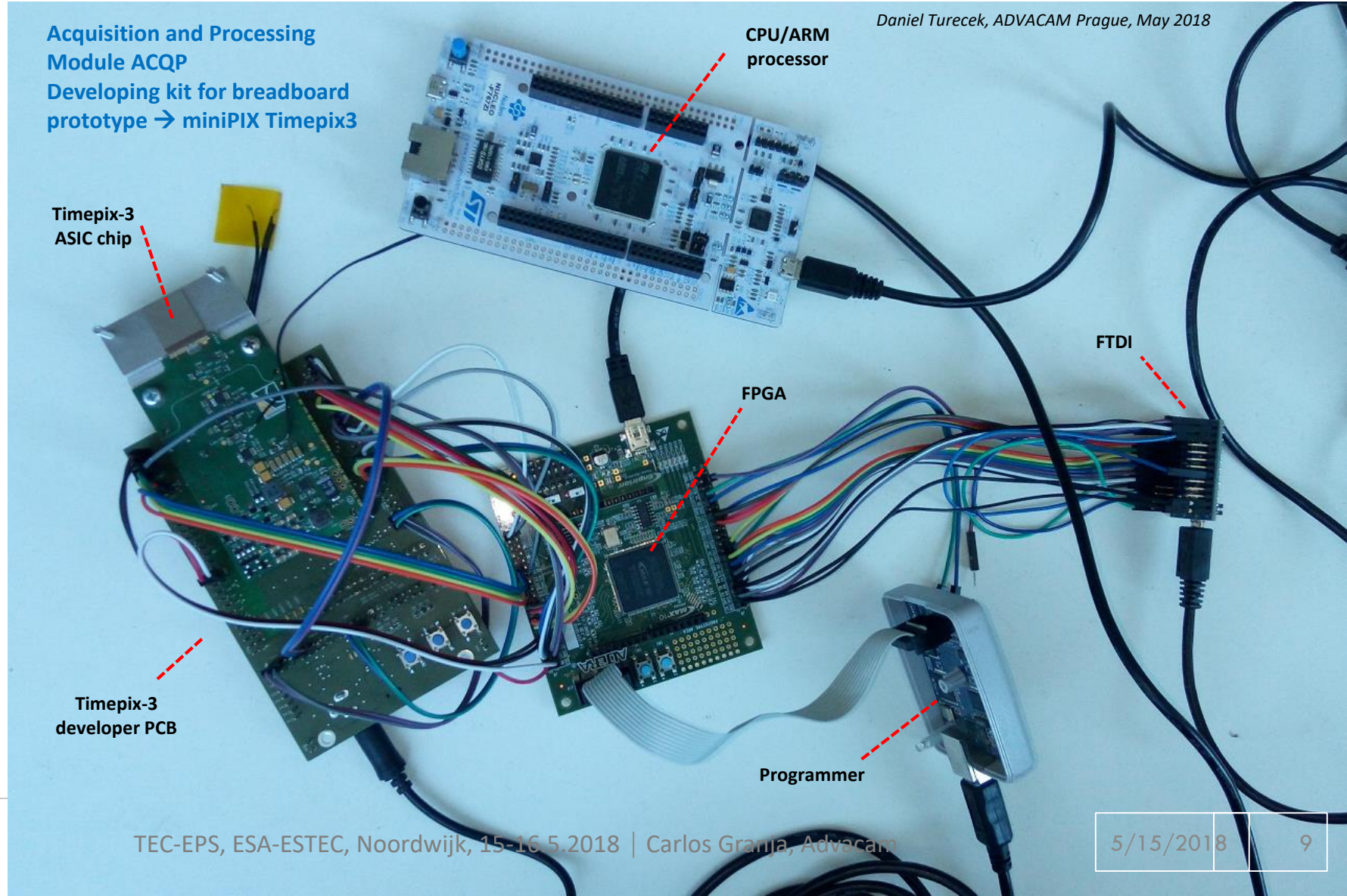
- 2x per-pixel signal chains (energy & time)
- Event-by-event readout
- Minimum/nearly zero readout deadtime

### Timepix2 (in development, 3-4Q 2018)

- 2x per-pixel signal chains (energy & time)
- Frame-based readout
- No deadtime
- No commercial/license restrictions

Acquisition and Processing  
Module ACQP  
Developing kit for breadboard  
prototype → miniPIX Timepix3

Daniel Turecek, ADVACAM Prague, May 2018



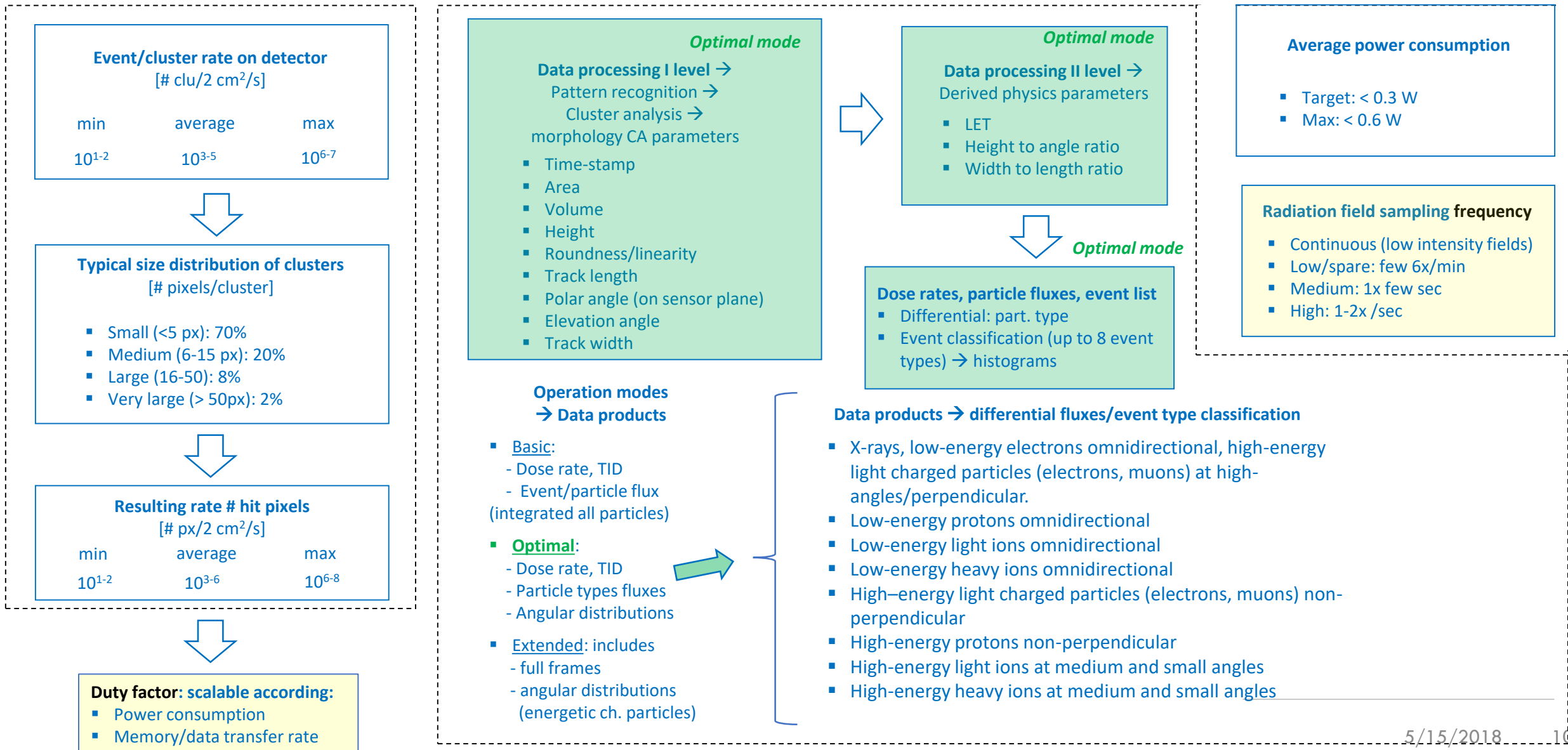
# MIRAM: ACQP module/Timepix detector

Operation modes + estimates/ranges of event/data rate → Sampling frequency → Power consumption → Duty factor

ACQP performance

Physics environment

Detector/data processing

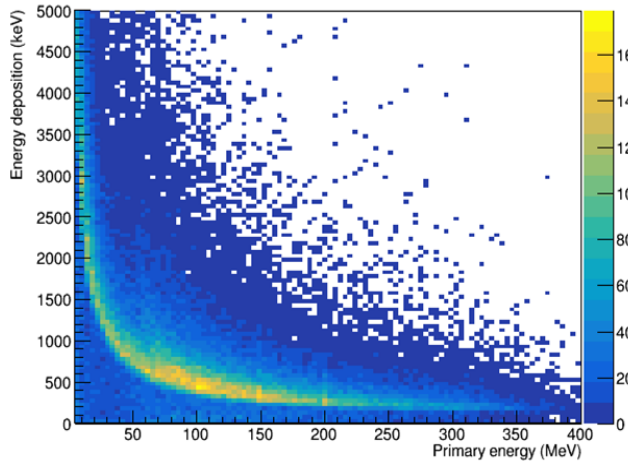


# MIRAM: Simulations

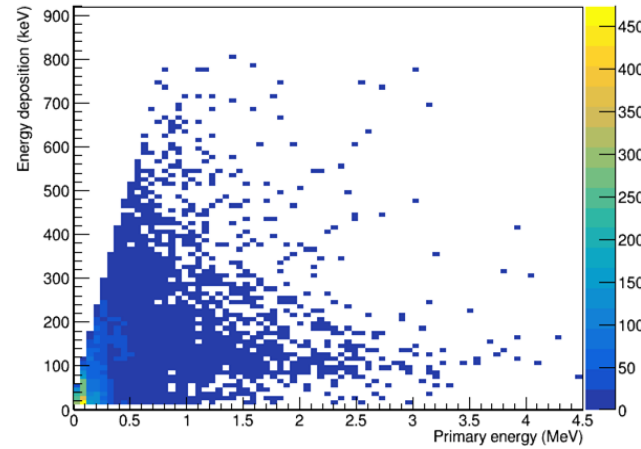
## Response of Diode detector array to LEO-MEO radiation: deposited energy, field-of-view

Simulated solid energy deposited on a diode of MIRAM

protons: energy deposition vs primary energy

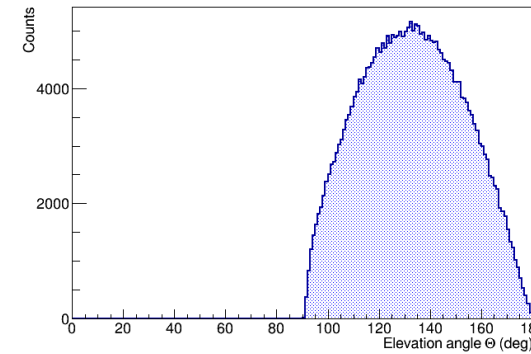


electrons: energy deposition vs primary energy

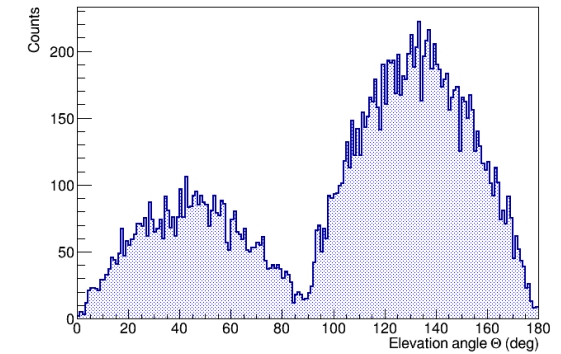


Simulated **solid angle acceptance** of the **diode array of the MIRAM device**. Due to the copper electron filter, electrons are seen when coming from the lower hemisphere. The filter also reduces the amount of protons from the upper hemisphere

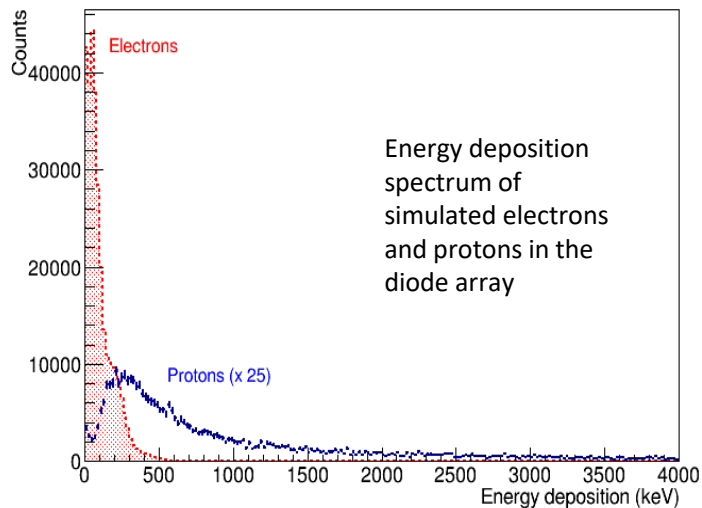
Diode (electrons): Solid angle coverage



Diode array (protons): Solid angle coverage



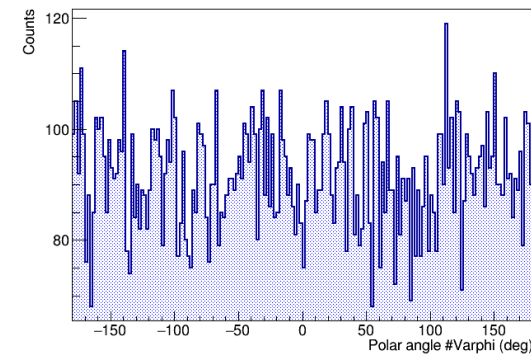
SATRAM orbit: Diode array



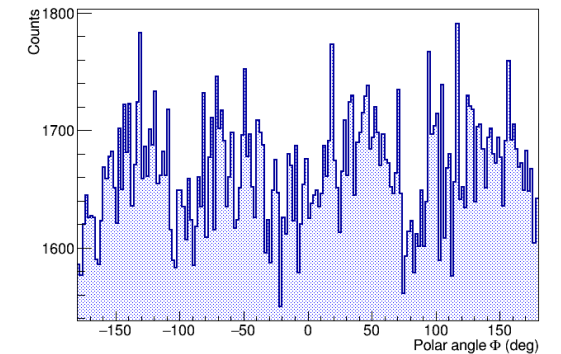
Energy deposition spectrum of simulated electrons and protons in the diode array

Simulated spectral response to LEO electrons and protons. A random set of 1000 electron and 100 proton tracks are shown

Diode (protons): Solid angle coverage

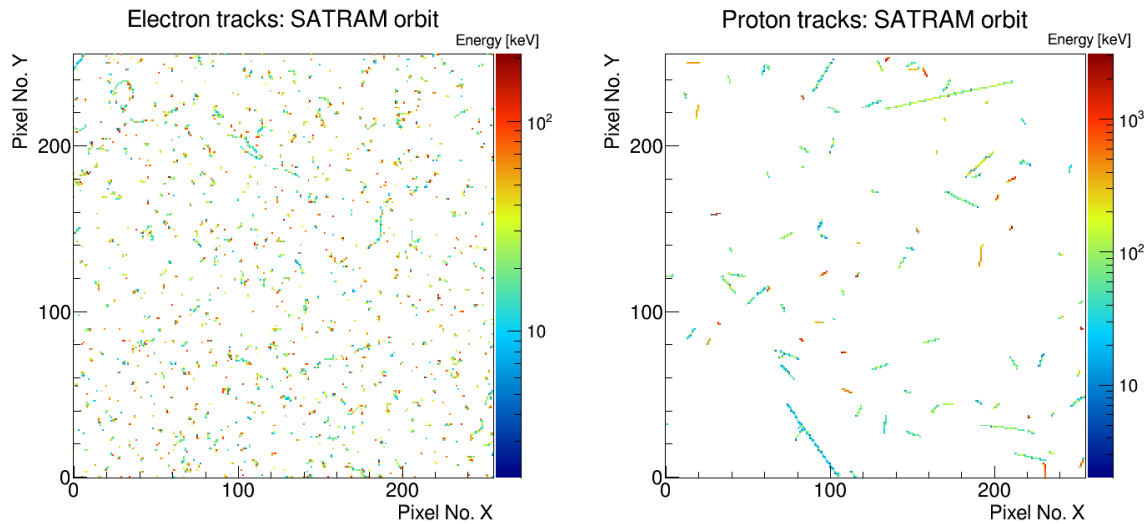


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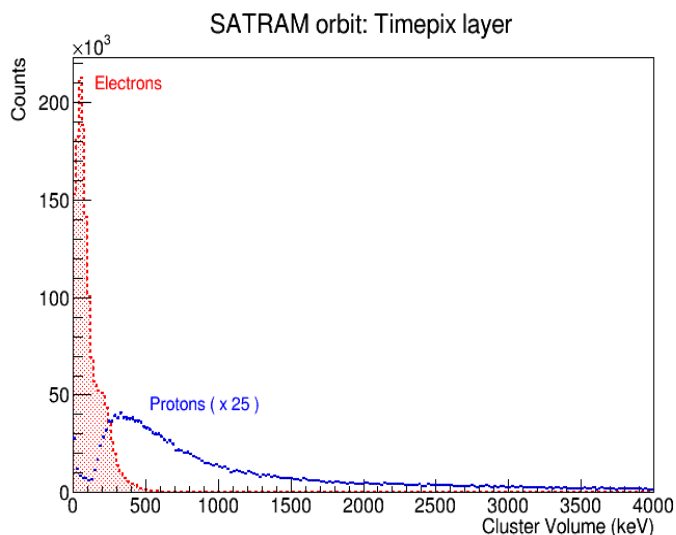
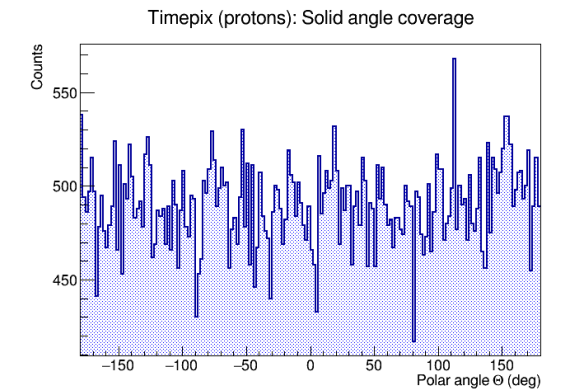
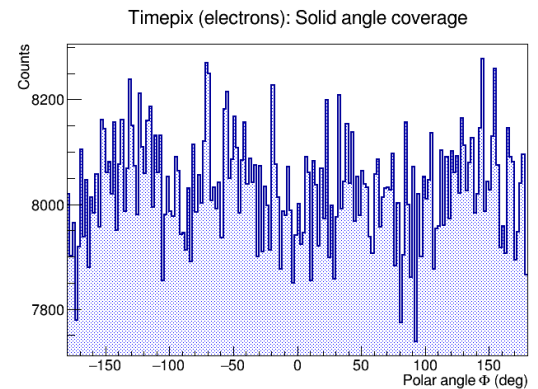
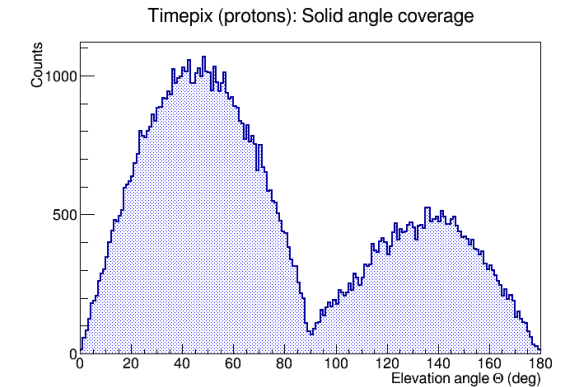
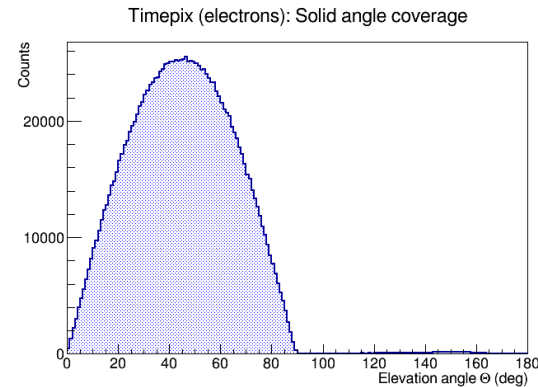


# MIRAM: Simulations

## Response of the Timepix detector to LEO-MEO radiation



Simulated Timepix response to LEO electrons and protons. A random set of 1000 electron and 100 proton tracks are shown



**Energy deposition** of simulated electrons (red) and protons (blue) in the **Timepix** detector.  $4 \times 10^5$  protons and  $10^7$  electrons were simulated. To account for the differing number of simulated events the proton spectrum was scaled by a factor of 25.

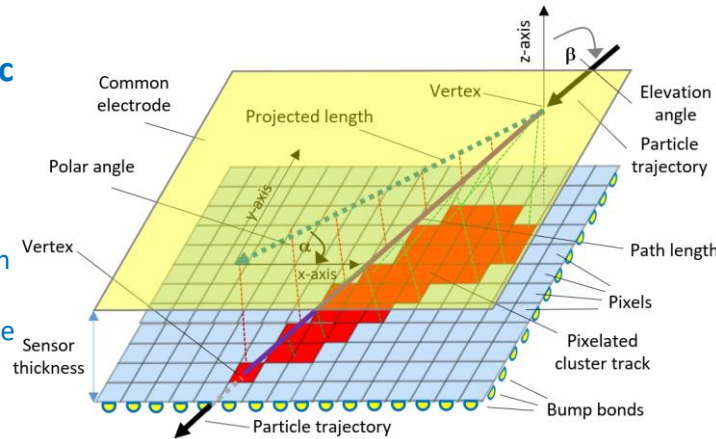
Simulated Solid angle acceptance of the Timepix element integrated in the MIRAM. Due to the electron stopping filter (shielding) below the Timepix it sees electrons mainly from the upper hemisphere. This also causes the asymmetry of upper and lower hemisphere in the proton response

# MIRAM: Timepix detector → Spectral detection, particle tracking

Quantum imaging and wide dynamic range detection of charged particles with spectral (energy loss) and directional sensitivity in wide range of (i) particle types/fluxes, (ii) spectral response/LET spectra and (iii) direction

## Single particle tracking for energetic charged particles

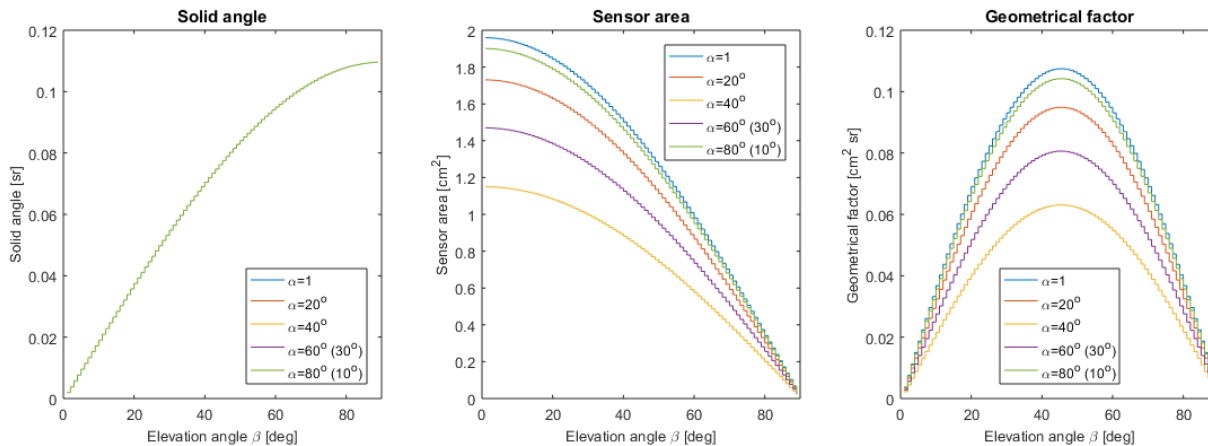
- Micro-scale pattern recognition analysis
- Derivation of the path length in 3D
- Entrance and exit points
- Direction: projected polar ( $\alpha$ ) and elevation ( $\beta$ ) angles
- charge sharing effect along the depth of the sensor helps determining the particle direction in 3D



Classification of radiation events in the Timepix detector (300  $\mu\text{m}$  silicon). Event types are listed with filters/proposed range of selected values of cluster parameters

#	Event	CAP 1	CAP 2	CAP 3
1	X rays; LE e OD; HE e, $\mu$ PP	$A \leq 3$ $H < 140$ ; $C < 2.8$ $0.9 < C < 2.8$ $R < 0.70$	$\text{Lin} < 0.72$ $\beta < 20$ $\beta > 20$ ; $\text{Lin} < 0.83$ $C > 2.5$	$\text{LET} < 1.6$ $\text{LET} < 1.6$ $\text{LET} < 1.6$
2	LE p's PP	$140 < H < 700$ ; $C \geq 2.8$	$8 < \text{HL} < 30$ ; $R > 0.87$	$3.0 < \text{LET} < 8.0$
3	LE light ions PP	$700 < H < 2500$	$40 < \text{HL} < 70$ ; $R > 0.87$	$15 < \text{LET} < 42$
4	LE heavy ions PP	$2500 < H$	$70 < \text{HL}$ ; $R > 0.87$	$90 < \text{LET}$
5	HE e's, $\mu$ 's nP	$A > 3$ ; $H < 60$	$\beta > 20$ ; $\text{Lin} \geq 0.65$	$\text{LET} < 0.9$
6	HE p's nP	$140 < H < 400$ $25 < H \leq 140$	$2 < \text{HL} < 8$ ; $\text{Lin} \geq 0.65$ $2 < \text{HL} < 8$ ; $\text{Lin} \geq 0.85$	$1.85 < \text{LET} < 3.0$ $0.50 < \text{LET} \leq 1.85$
7	HE light ions nP	$400 < H < 1050$	$15 < \text{HL} < 40$	$4.0 < \text{LET} < 15$
8	HE heavy ions nP	$800 < H < 2500$	$10 < \text{HL} < 50$	$42 < \text{LET} < 90$

LE = low energy, HE = energetic, PP = Perpendicular ( $\beta < 20$ ), CAP = cluster analysis parameter, A = area [# px], R = roundness [a.u.], H = height [keV/px], LET = linear energy transfer [keV/ $\mu\text{m}$ ], e = electrons,  $\mu$  = muons, p = protons, nP = non perpendicular ( $\beta \geq 20$ ), C = curliness

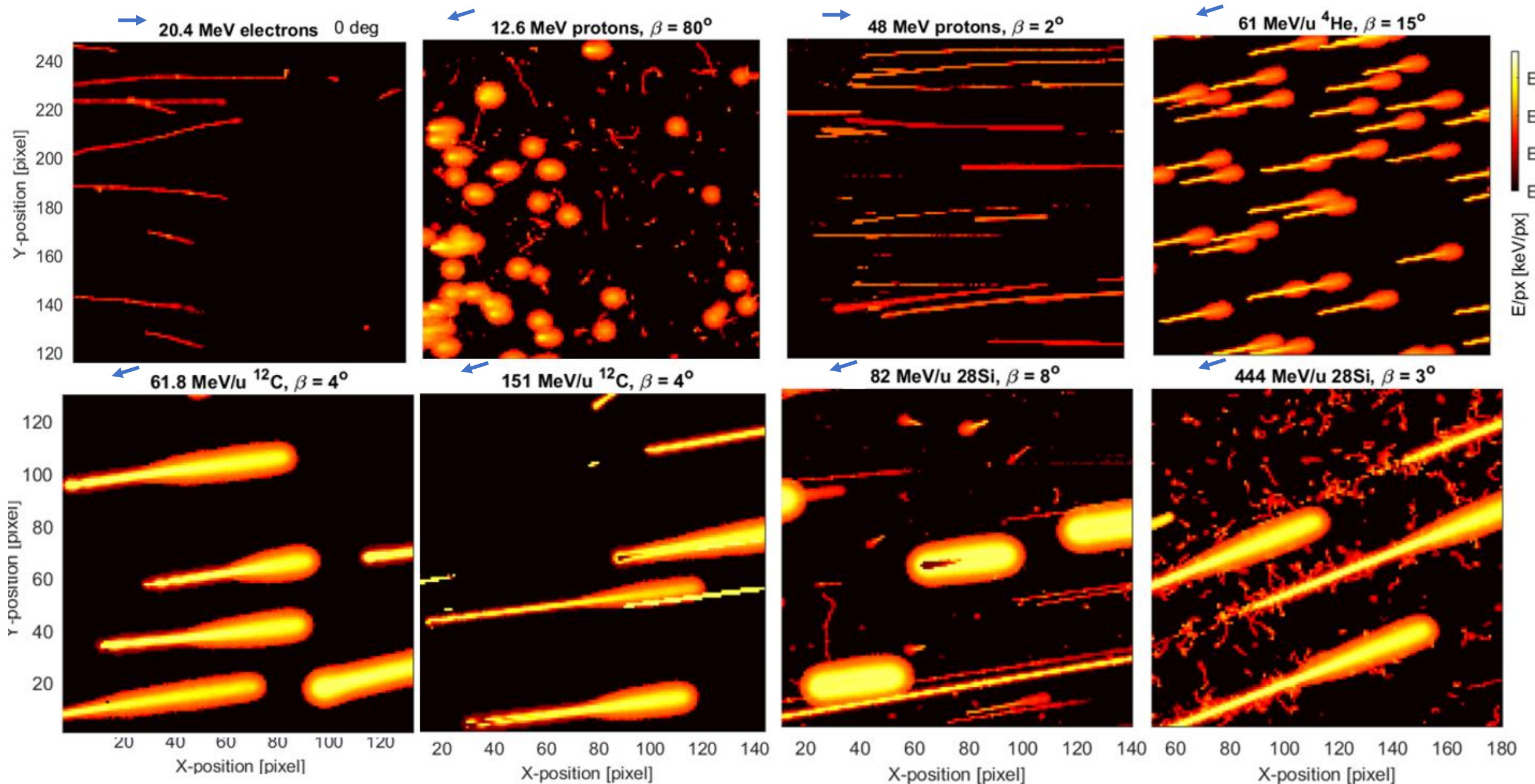


Solid angle (left), size of sensor (middle) and resulting geometrical factor (right) for a single Timepix detector

### Degrees of freedom:

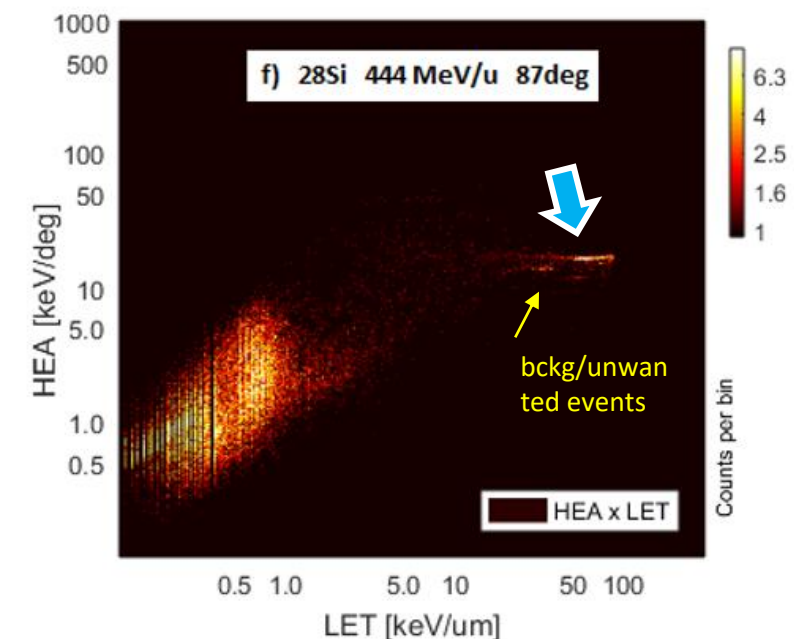
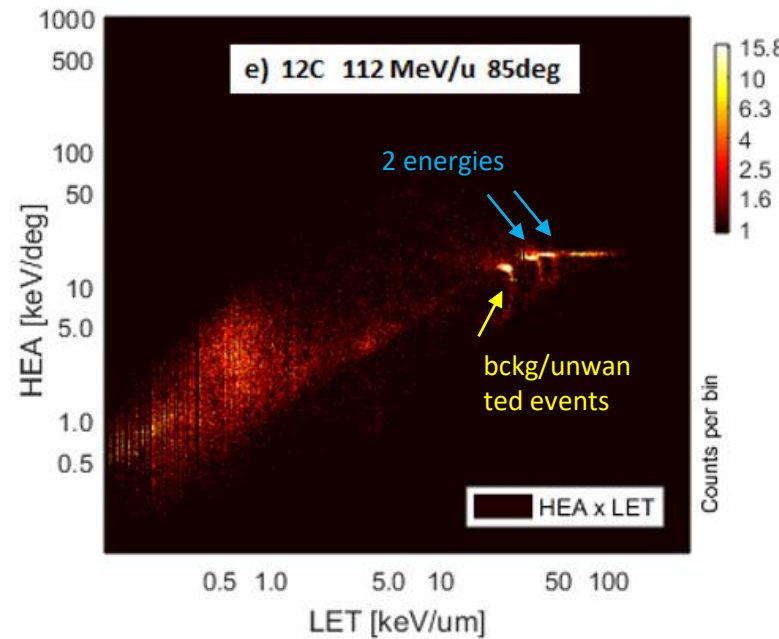
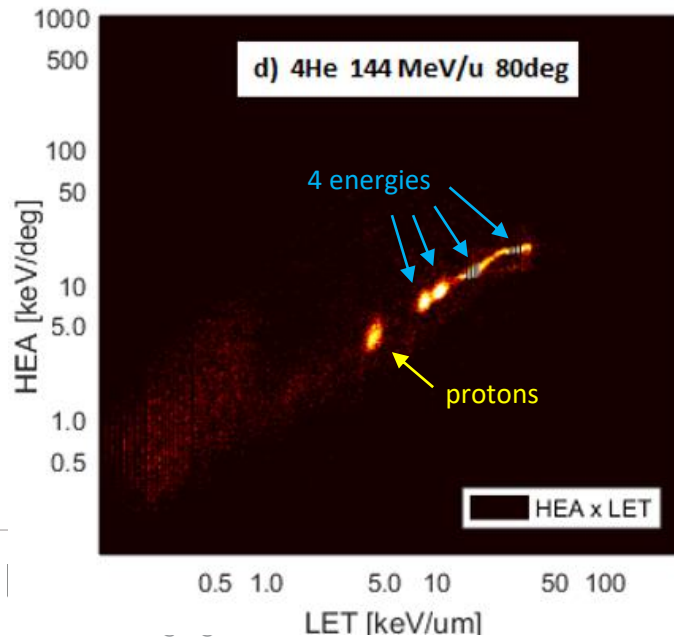
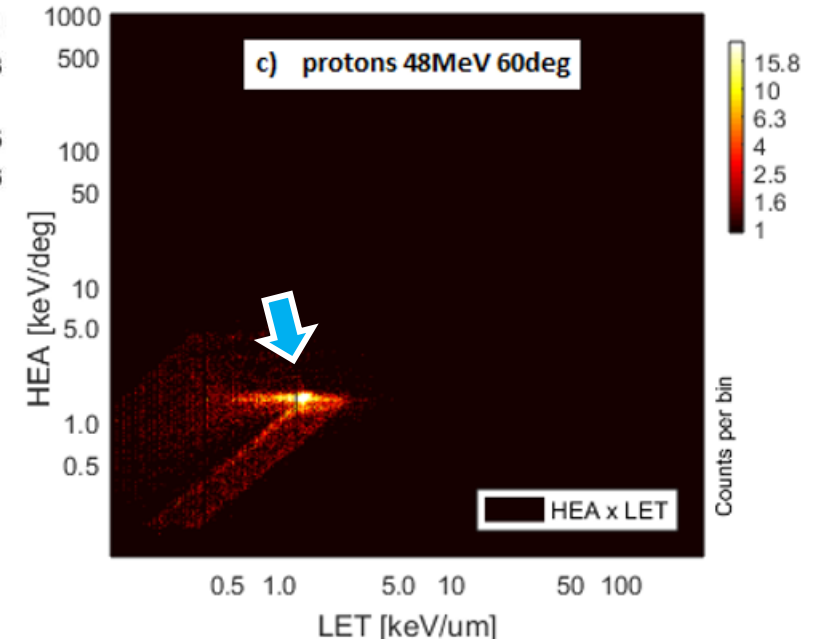
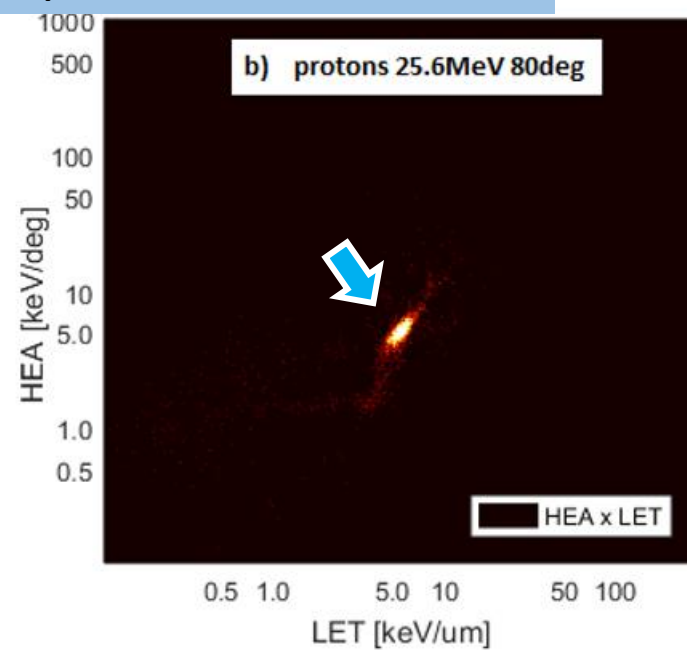
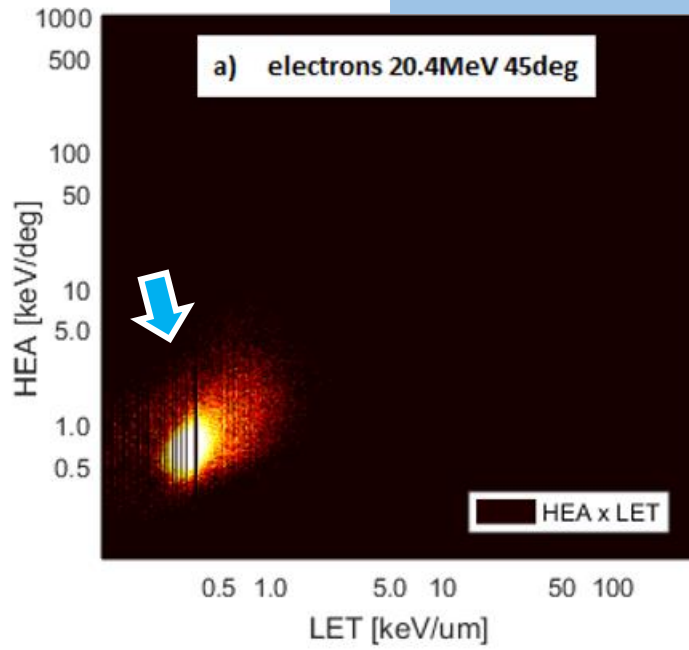
- Particle type
- Particle energy, stopping power
- Particle direction

# Timepix: Resolving power: particle types + energy loss + direction



# TWO-PARAMETER ANALYSIS

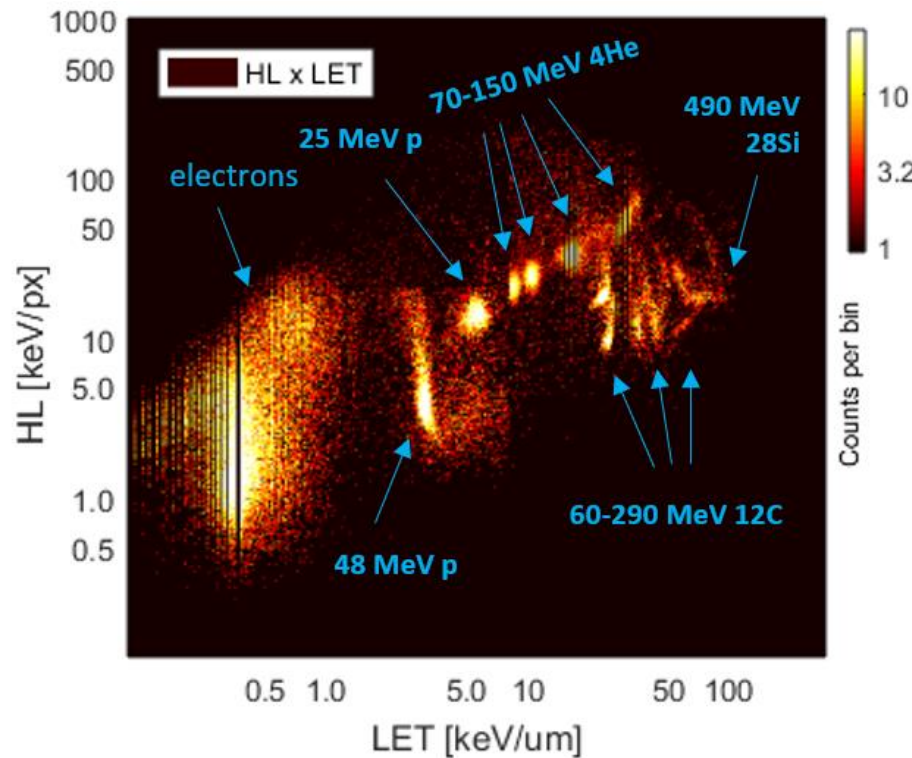
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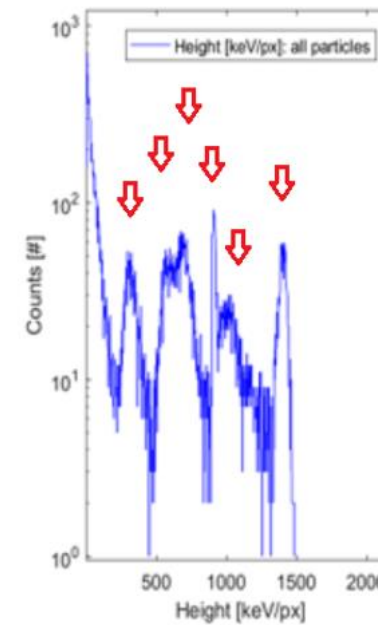
# Timepix: Resolving power: particle types + energy loss + direction

**TWO-PARAMETER ANALYSIS**

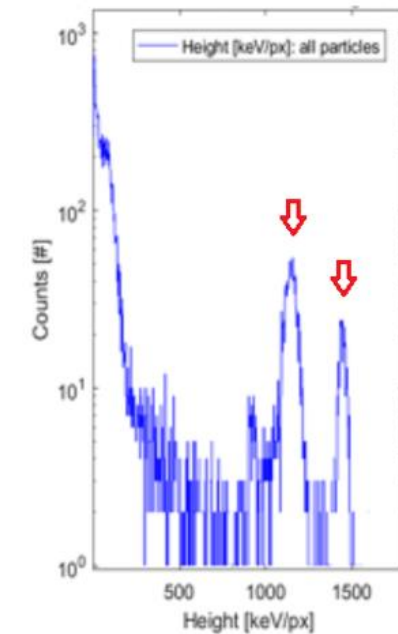
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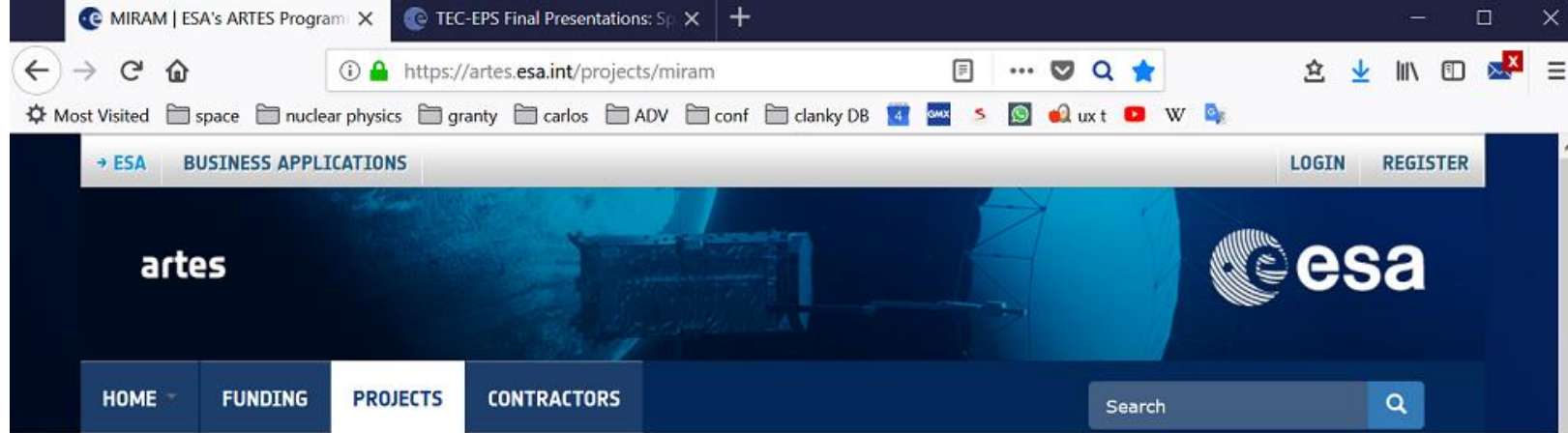
<sup>4</sup>He ions of selected energies between 40-150 MeV/u



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## MIRAM MINIATURISED RADIATION MONITOR

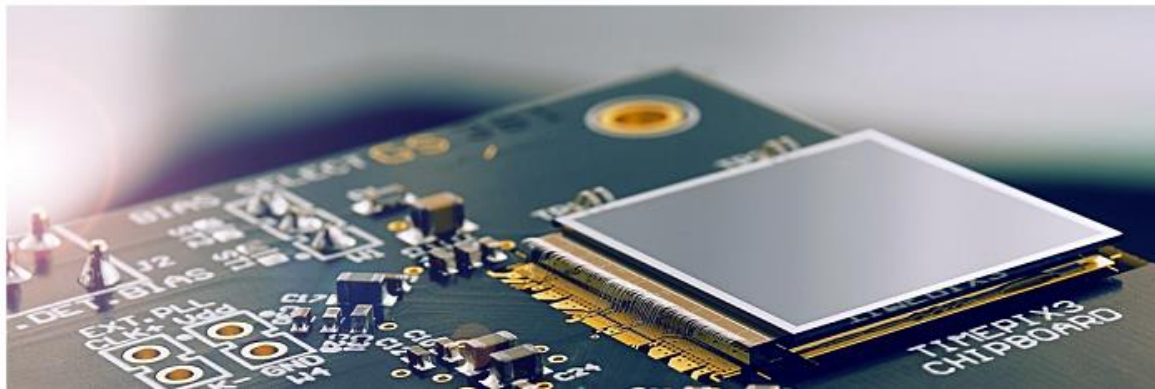
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### OBJECTIVES

The objective of the project is to design, develop and test four prototypes of Miniaturised Radiation Monitor (MIRAM) which

- is planned for GEO Telecom satellite missions to monitor the cosmic radiation dose
- is based on pixel detector TimePix,
- is designed for 12-15 years of latch-free operation,
- is small with an order of magnitude reduction in the mass and volume as compared to previous radiation monitors,
- has lower complexity and replaces expensive materials compared to previous solutions,
- has reduced power consumption.



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## Future work MIRAM:

- Selection of diodes, selection of Medipix pixel detector (Timepix, Timepix3)
- Continue the model simulations, Al vs Cu shielding, include charge diffusion and repulsion
- Design (3-4Q 2018) and development (1-2Q 2018) of prototype/BB

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