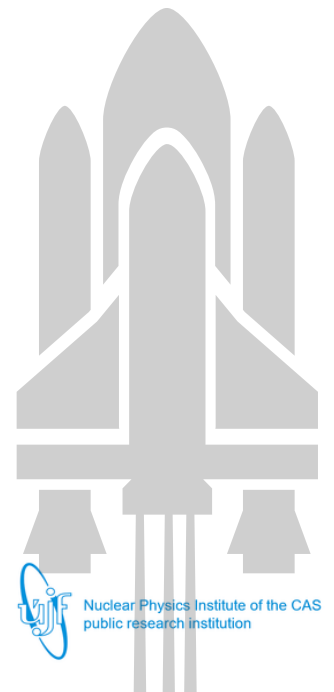


# Radiation measurements onboard spacecraft and satellites within the CRREAT project

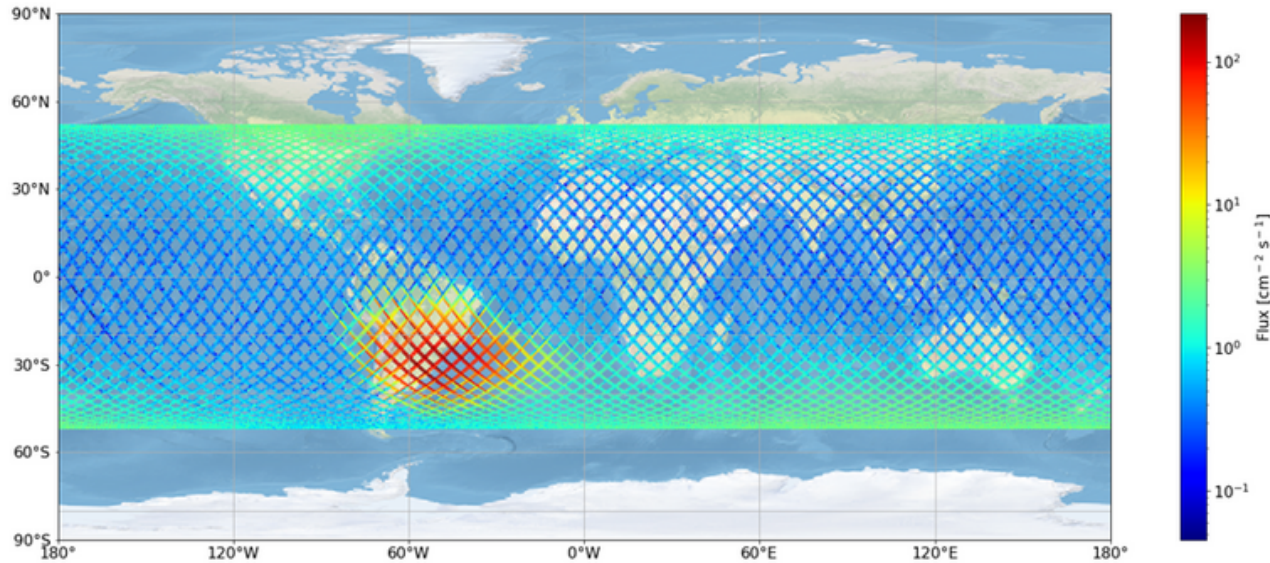
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# SPACEDOS at ISS



Campaign 61  
September 26,  
2019 - February 3,  
2020  
Campaign 63/64  
October 14, 2020  
- April 13, 2021



## SPACEDOS

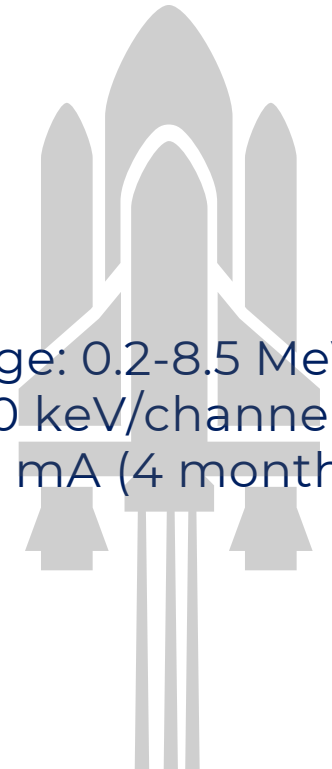
Open-source

Energy channels: 240

Deposited energy range: 0.2-8.5 MeV

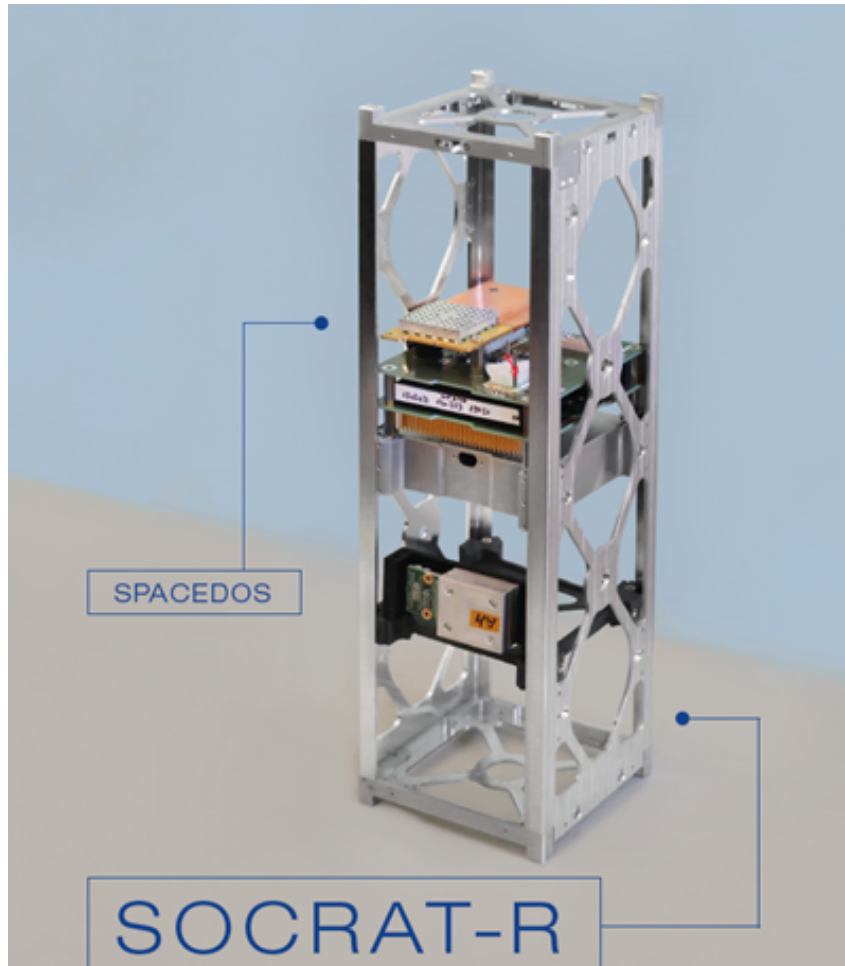
Energy resolution: < 50 keV/channel

Power supply: 3.3 V / 3 mA (4 months  
operation on battery)



# SOCRAT-R 3U Cubesat

Soyuz-2.1b rocket on June 5, 2019  
Inclination 97.5°  
Altitude 520 km



## Goals

Testing of microprocessors in space environment

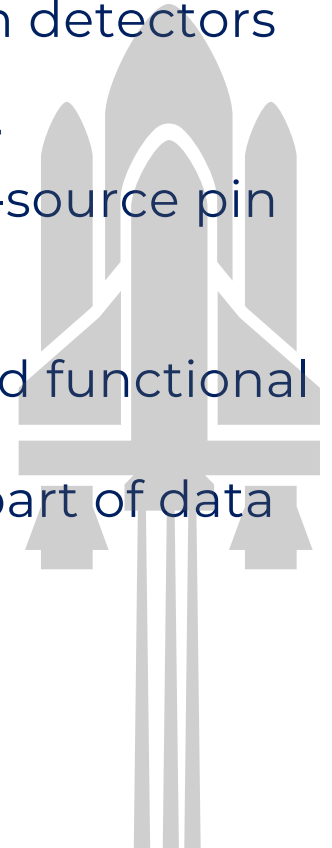
Testing of radiation detectors

## Radiation detector

SPACEDOS - open-source pin diode

Still operational and functional

We received only part of data



# Lucky-7 1U Cubesat

Soyuz-2.1b rocket on June 5, 2019

Inclination 97.5°

Altitude 520 km

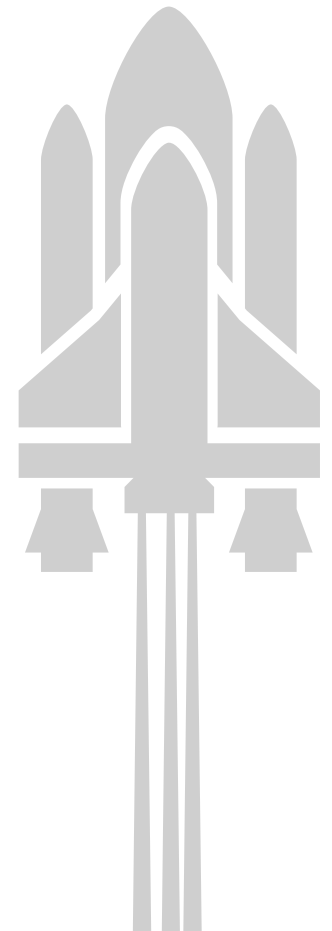
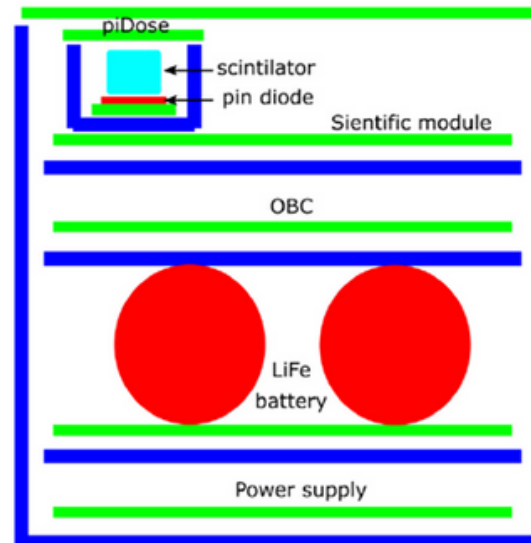
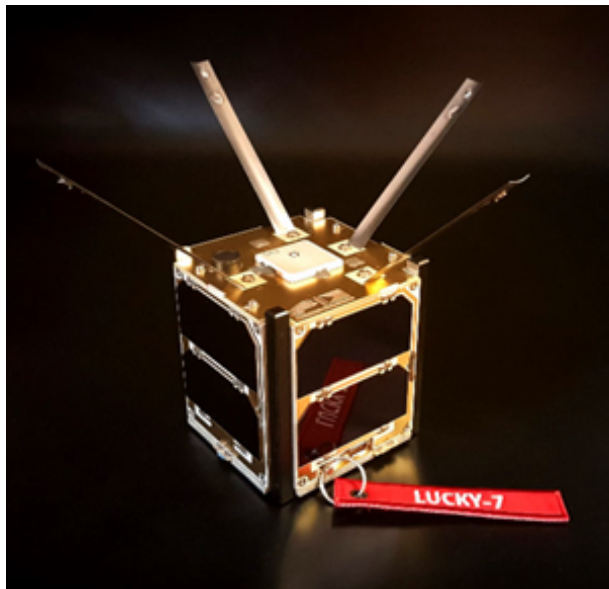
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Testing of electronics, GPS receiver, and communication system in LEO orbit

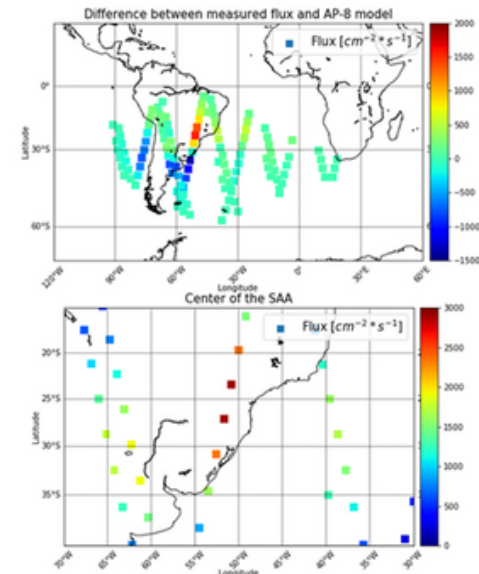
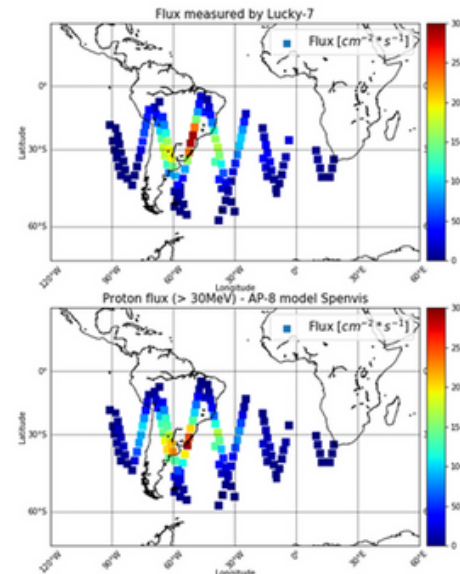
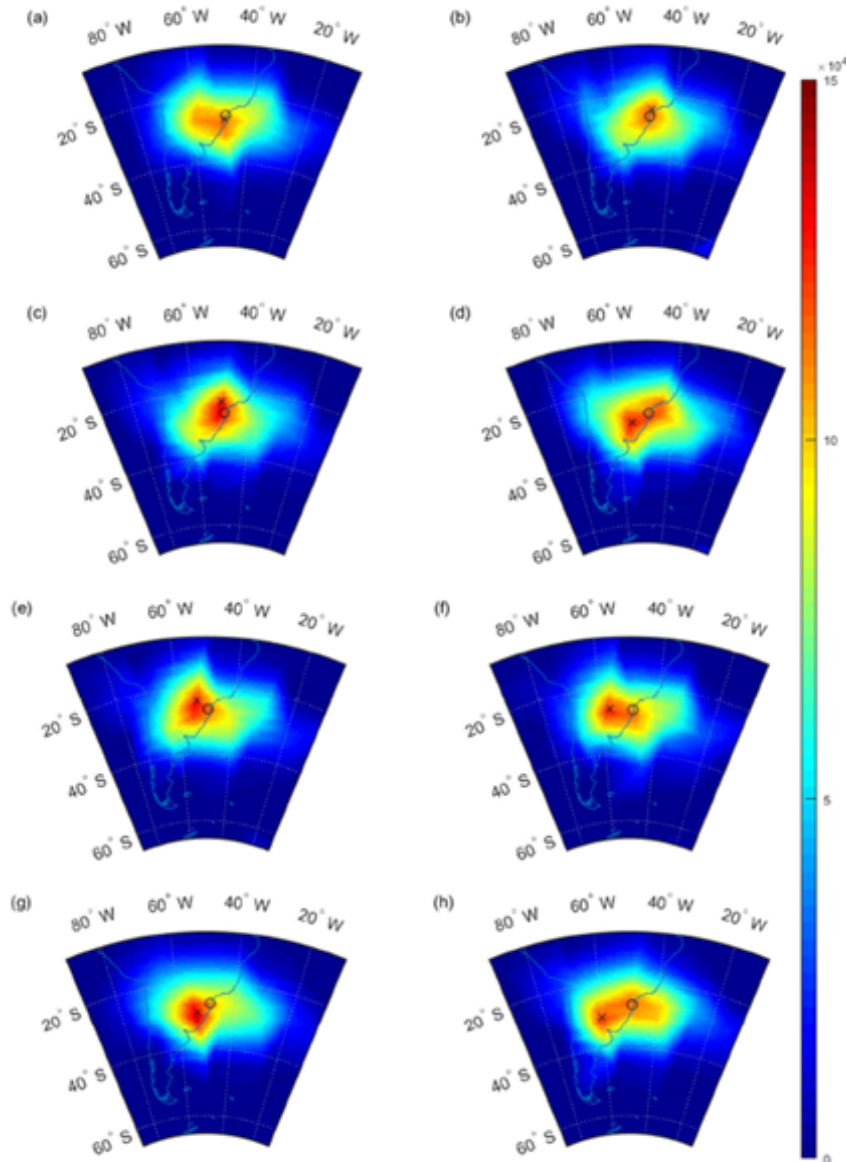
Measurement of the space radiation

## Radiation detector

CsI(Tl) scintillator with pin diode X100-7



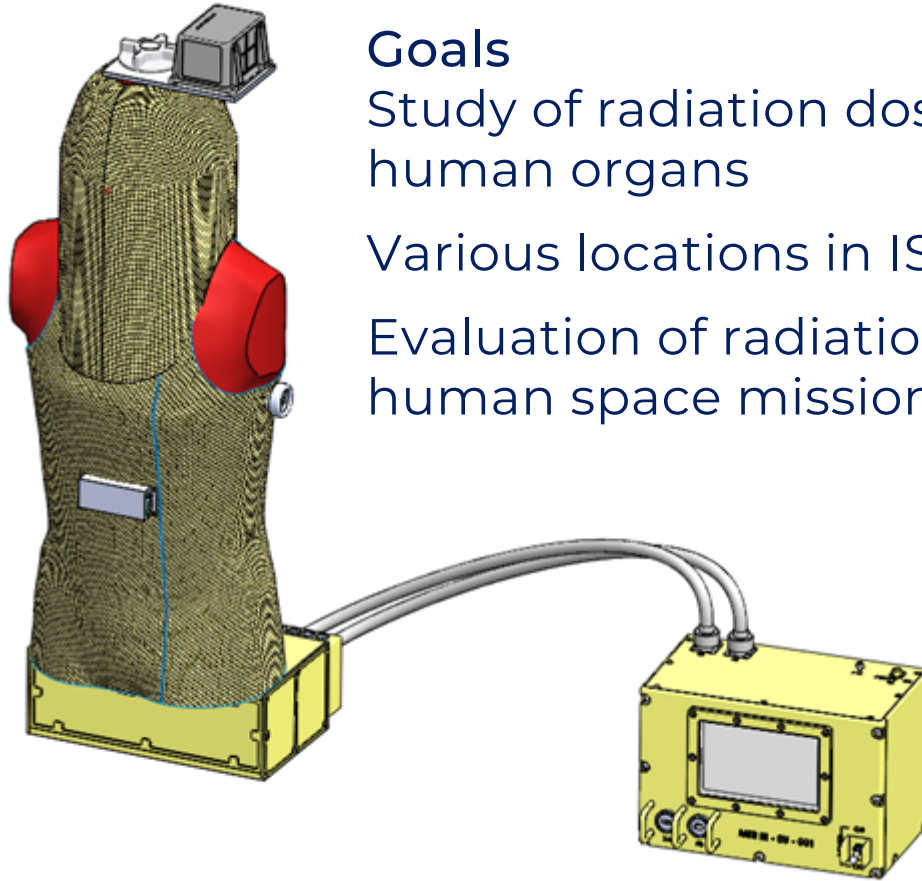
# Lucky-7 results



Kovář P., Sommer, M., Matthiae, D., & Reitz, G. (2020). Measurement of cosmic radiation in leo by 1U cubesat. *Radiation Measurements*, 139, 106471.

Kovář, P., & Sommer, M. (2021). CubeSat Observation of the Radiation Field of the South Atlantic Anomaly. *Remote Sensing*, 13(7), 1274.

# Matroshka-III



## Goals

Study of radiation doses received by human organs

Various locations in ISS

Evaluation of radiation risks for human space missions

Scheduled launch 2023

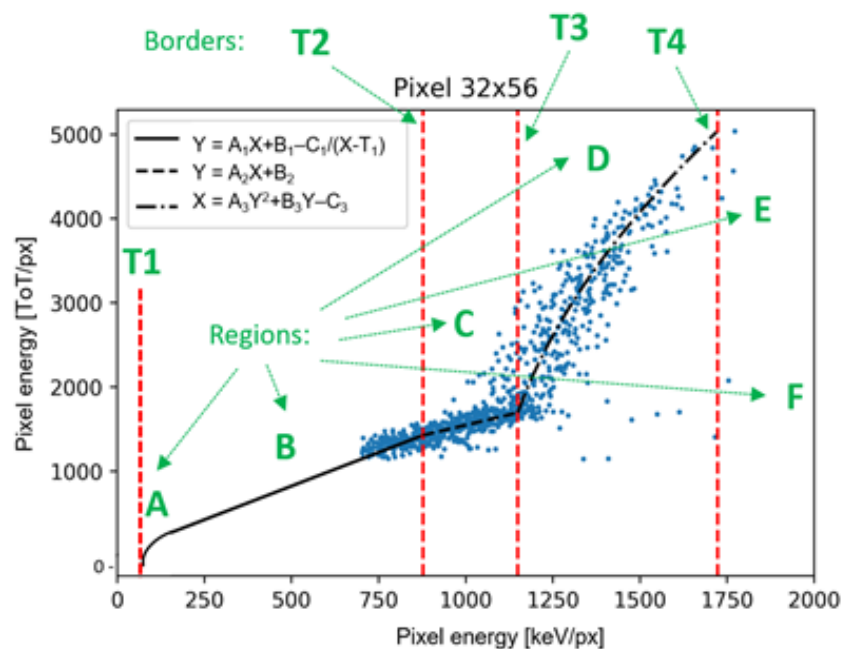
## Parties involved

Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Canada, Japan

## Radiation detectors

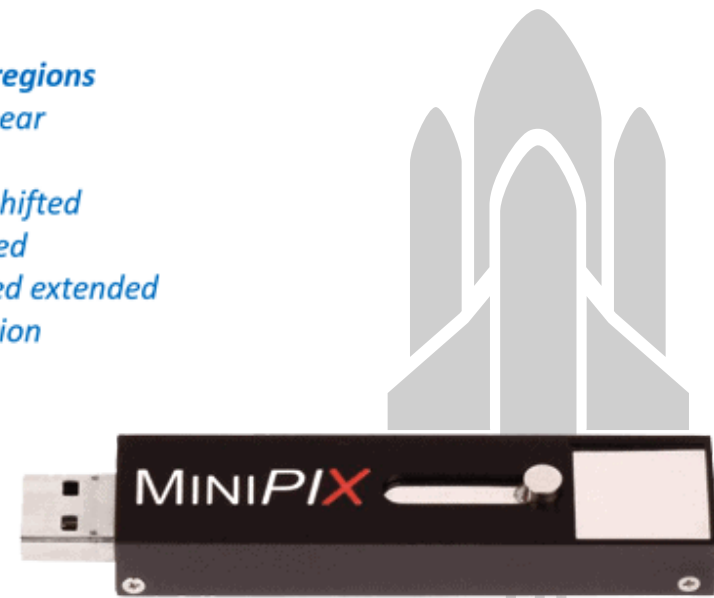
Two Minipix Timepix detectors (on the surface and inside of phantom), TLDs, and TEDs

# Minipix Timepix



## Response regions

- A* = non-linear
- B* = linear
- C* = linear shifted
- D* = distorted
- E* = distorted extended
- F* = saturation



## Dynamic frame rate

That should have covered large fluences in SAA as well as low fluences of GCR

## High-energy per-pixel calibration

Correct assessment of absorbed dose from heavy ions (850 keV/px → 1700 keV/px)

## Stability of per-pixel calibration

Ongoing issue

Sommer, M., Granja, C., Kodaira, S., & Ploc, O. (2022). High-energy per-pixel calibration of timepix pixel detector with laboratory alpha source. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers, Detectors and Associated Equipment, 1022, 165957.

# BION-M2

Scheduled launch in 2023, altitude of 800 km

Duration of mission 30 days

The satellite will carry 75 mice

Supporting radiation measurements should have been carried out by CZENDA – LET spectrometer, SPACEDOS, Si pixel detector and passive detectors



CZENDA collaboration  
Nuclear Physics Institute  
CAS  
Faculty of Nuclear Sciences  
and Physical Engineering  
CTU  
ESC Aerospace





# Hybrid silicon/scintillator LET spectrometer

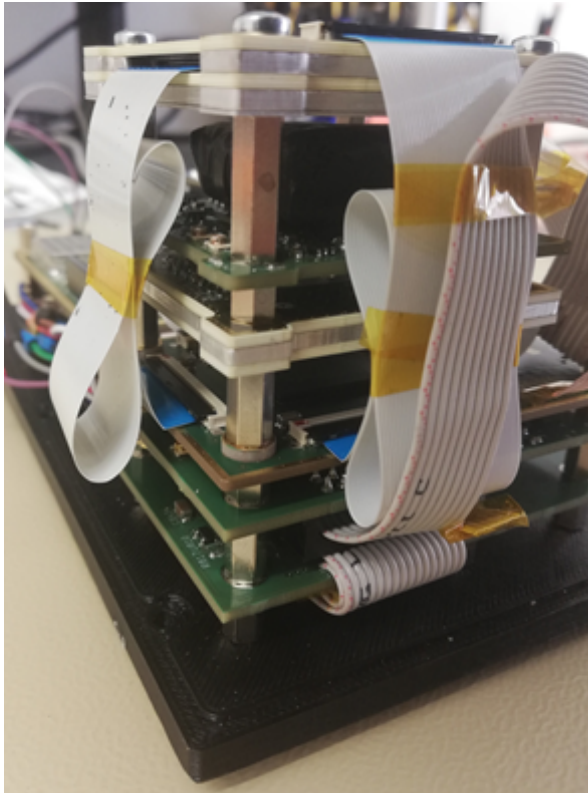
64 silicon strips in each layer

Strip  $19.0 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}^2$

Active volume  $20.0 \times 20.0 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^3$

Silicon strips in criss cross pattern

Allows to determine the incident angle of particle if particle traversed through all 4 layers

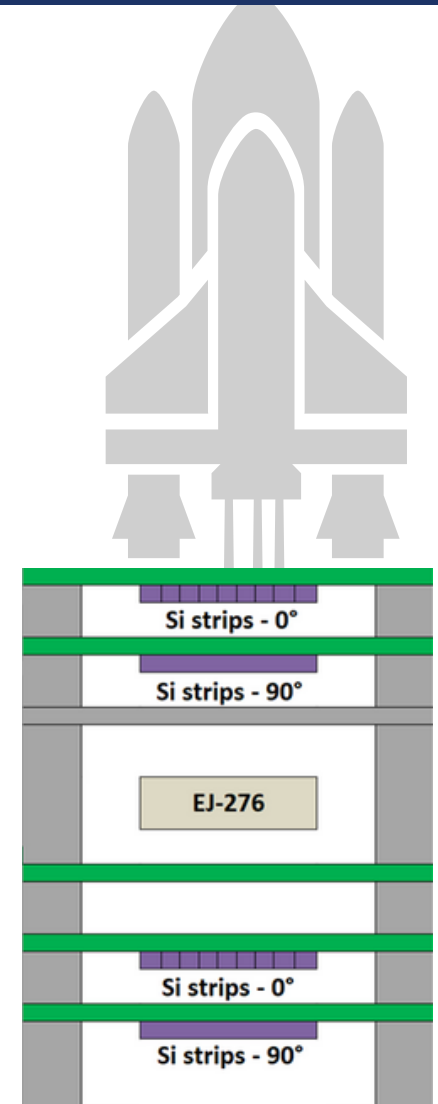


Plastic scintillator EJ-276  
(Eljen Technology)

Pulse shape  
discrimination (PSD)

Size  $20 \times 20 \times 6 \text{ mm}^3$

2 sets of SiPM ( $35 \mu\text{m}$   
and  $20 \mu\text{m}$ )



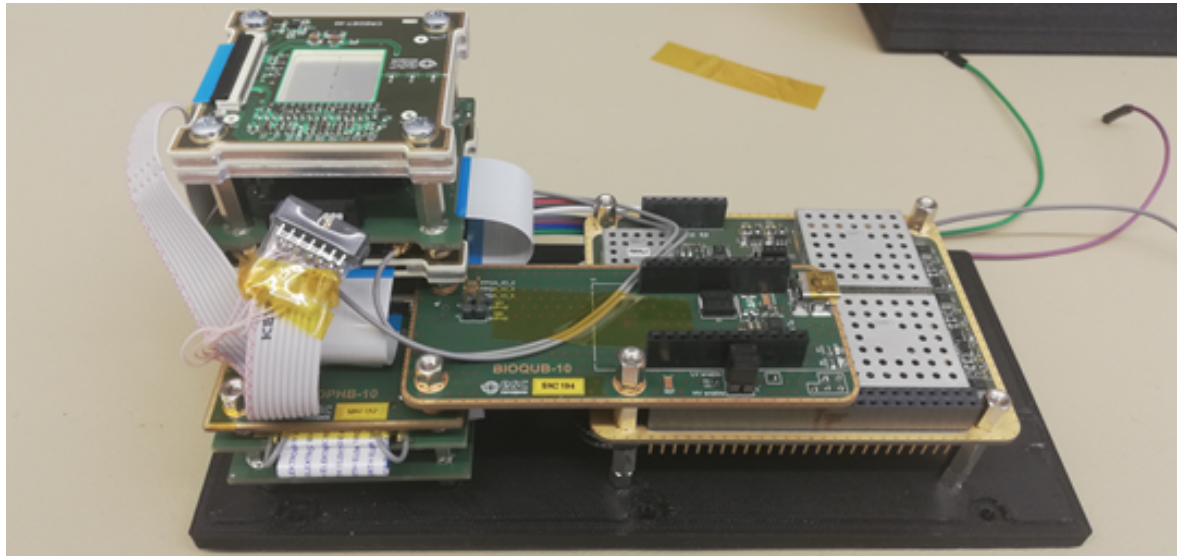
# Hybrid silicon/scintillator LET spectrometer

Combination of information from silicon strips and plastic scintillator should give us complete image of radiation dose in space environment

Neutron sensitive - EJ-276 PSD

LET spectra - conversion factors

Dose equivalent



Sommer, M., Krist, P., Kákona, M., & Ploc, O. (2021). Novel Model for Analysis and Optimization of Silicon Photomultiplier-Based Scintillation Systems. IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, 68(12), 2771-2778.

# Conclusion

Three successful space missions

SPACEDOS at ISS, SOCRAT-R, Lucky-7

Two missions in advanced state of progress but  
will most likely not be realized

Matroshka-III, BION-M2

