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Development of a Dual Alpha-Gamma Camera for Radiological Characterization Applications

(NSS) Nuclear instrumentation and Measurement for reactors and related Applications



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In Situ measurement laboratory in Marcoule : ~40 years

R&D on Nuclear Instrumentation for decommissioning projects

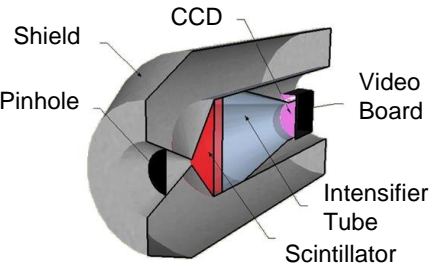

Technical Support and particular operations for CEA, AREVA, EDF, IAEA, CSK-CEN, ...

- **CEA Centers** : Saclay, Fontenay-Aux-Roses, Marcoule, Cadarache, Grenoble, Valduc, La Hague
- **AREVA Centers** : Marcoule, Cadarache, La Hague
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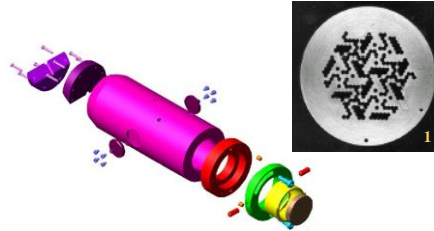
Part of a laboratory including : virtual reality, robotics (teleoperation) & laser cutting developments

New gamma cameras under development and/or qualification at CEA

1980

Aladin
Scintillator
Gamma camera

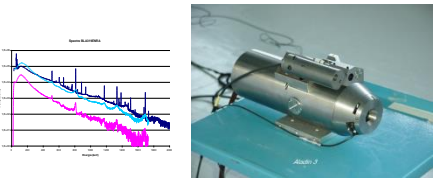


Coded aperture



2000

Additional shutter



CZT Spectrometry
Dose rate

2012

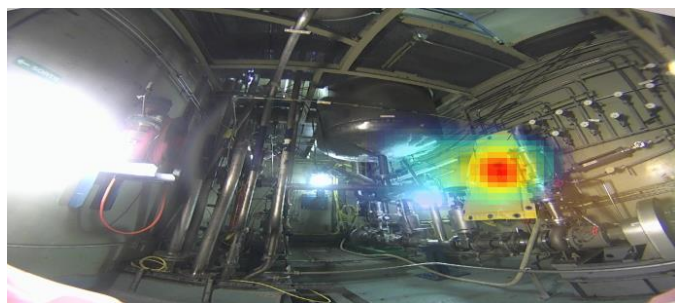
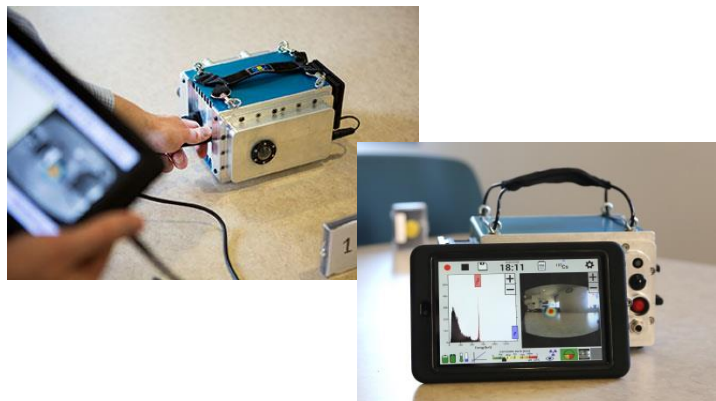


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Medipix technology, USB
Coded aperture

Better performances
Lower price
More compact & portable device

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POLARIS (H3D)

CZT Compton camera

Wireless

Gamma spectrum + gamma image
(>250 keV in Compton Mode)

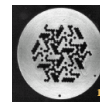


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**Next
generation**

?

CZT/Coded Aperture

+

Compton Camera

+

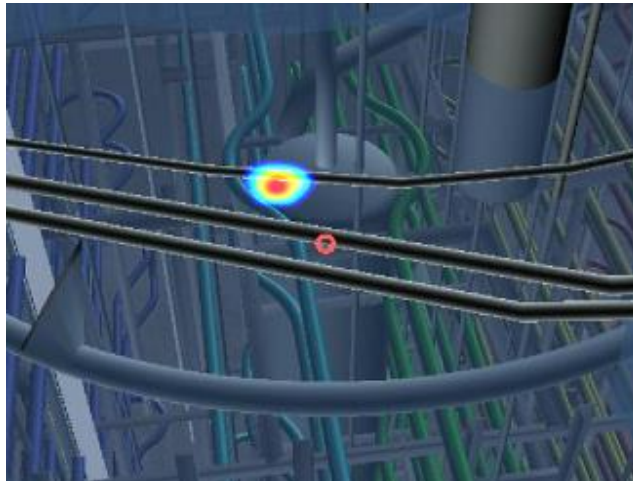
Spectrometric function
at any Energy range

Partnership under progress

CEA/DRT, CEA/IRFU, CEA/DEN

MIRION, GIE INTRA, IRSN, 3D
PLUS

Used with 3D view

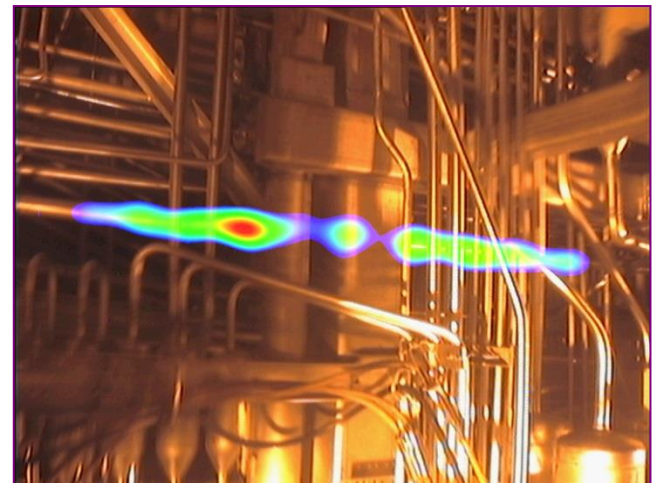
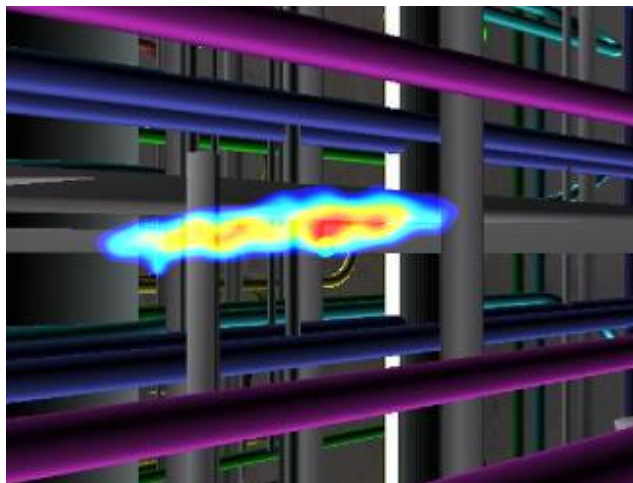


Hot spots
localization

Used with *real* view

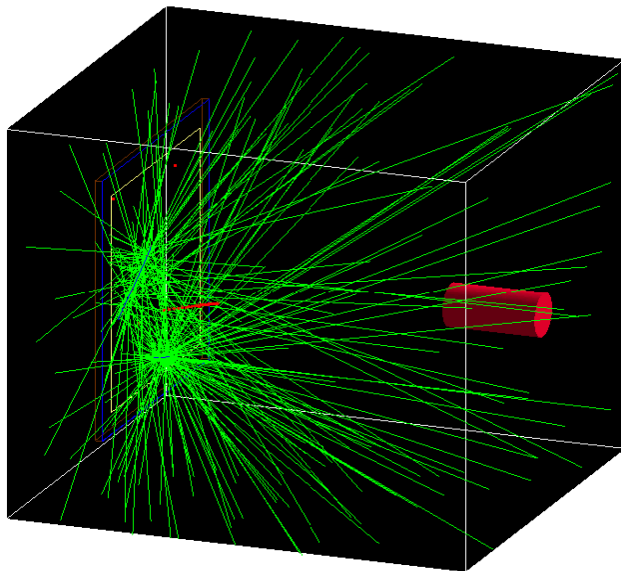


Extended
spots
localization

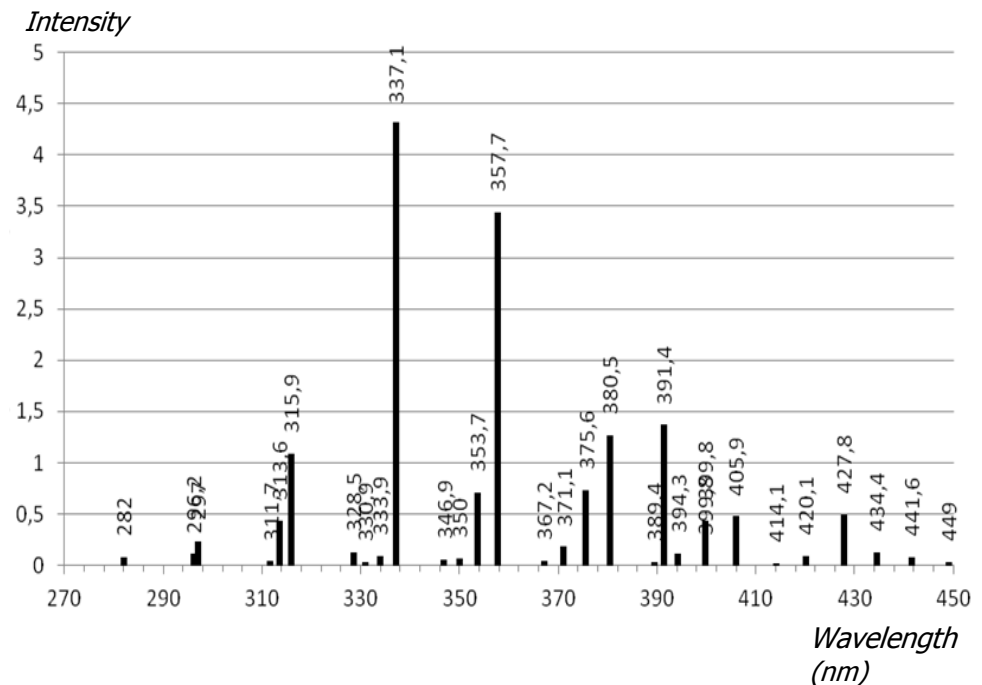


ALPHA CAMERA : A RECENT CAMERA TO LOCALIZE ALPHA CONTAMINATION

Detection of the UV produced by nitrogen molecules under an alpha particle desintegration

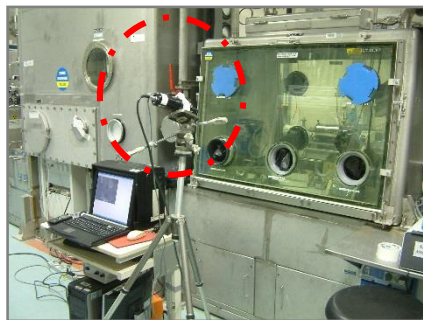


GEANT4 Model of a ^{241}Am source



Radio-luminescence of Nitrogen phenomena

ALPHA CAMERA : A RECENT CAMERA TO LOCALIZE ALPHA CONTAMINATION



Raw α image

Atalante plant (2009)



Results after processing
(threshold,
colour rendering,
superimposition)



- Localisation of α hot spots
- Radionucléides : U / ^{241}Am / Pu
- Quick acquisition times (< 15 minutes)

- Measurements at distance,
trough Triplex (1,3 cm)
& Leaded glass (1,5 cm à 6 cm)

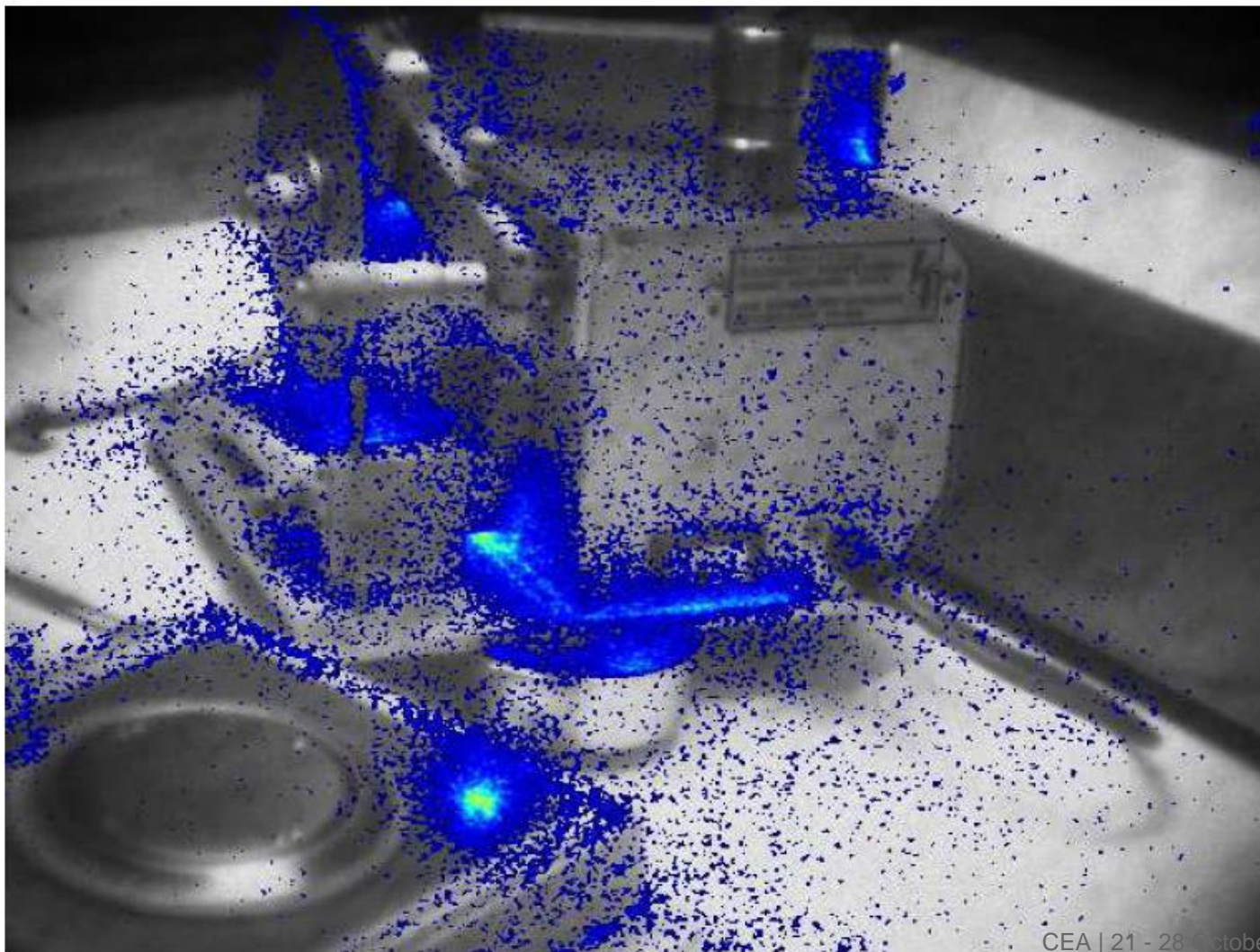
Raw image (without light)



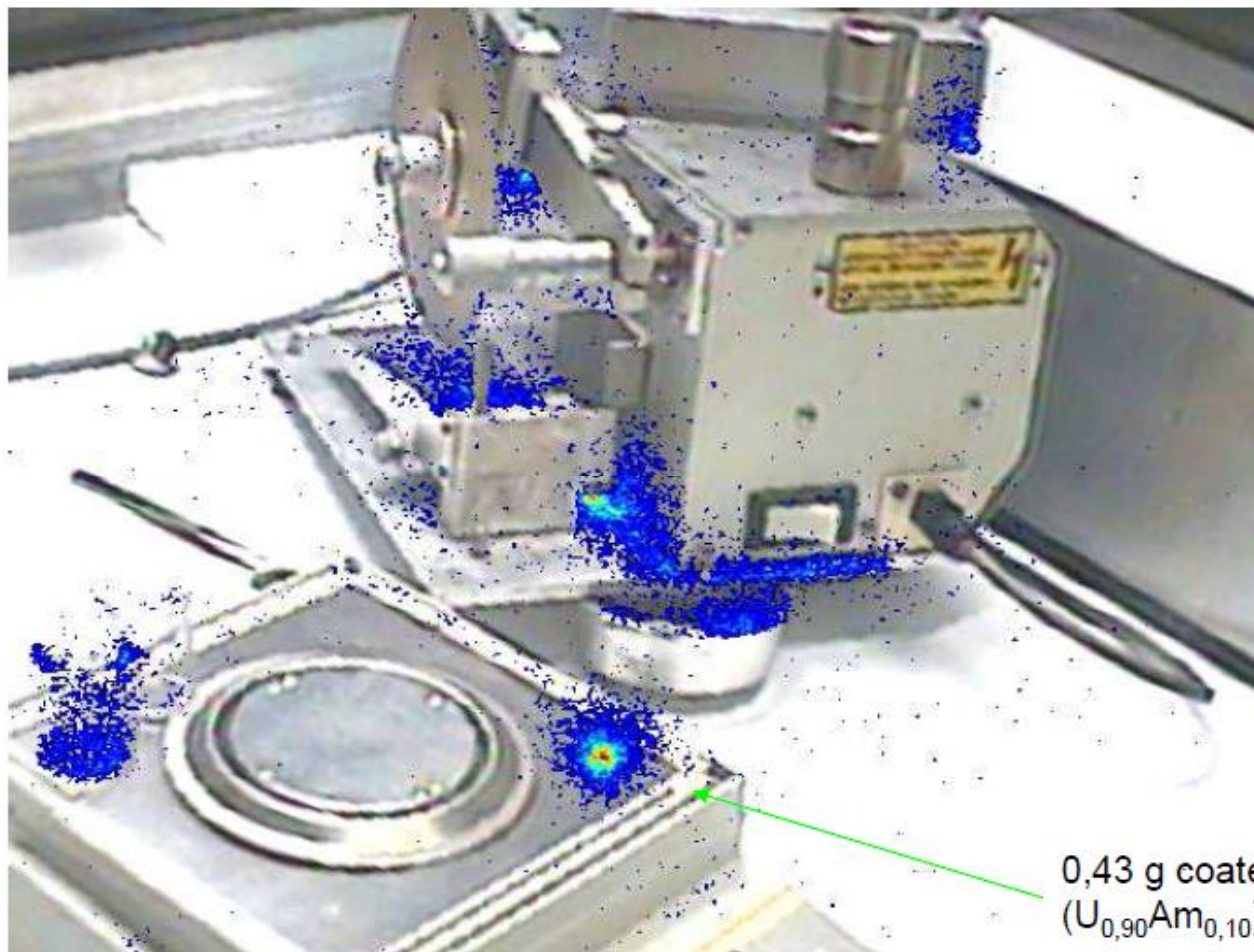
Visible B&W image (with light)



Raw image processed and superimposed on the B&W image



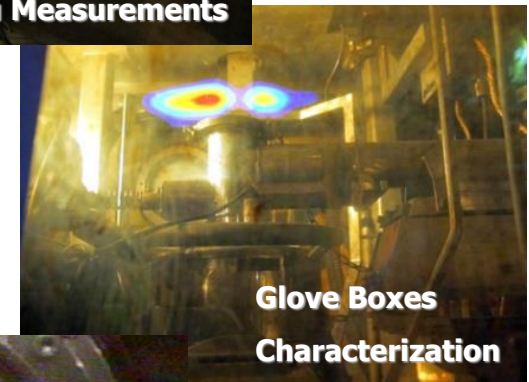
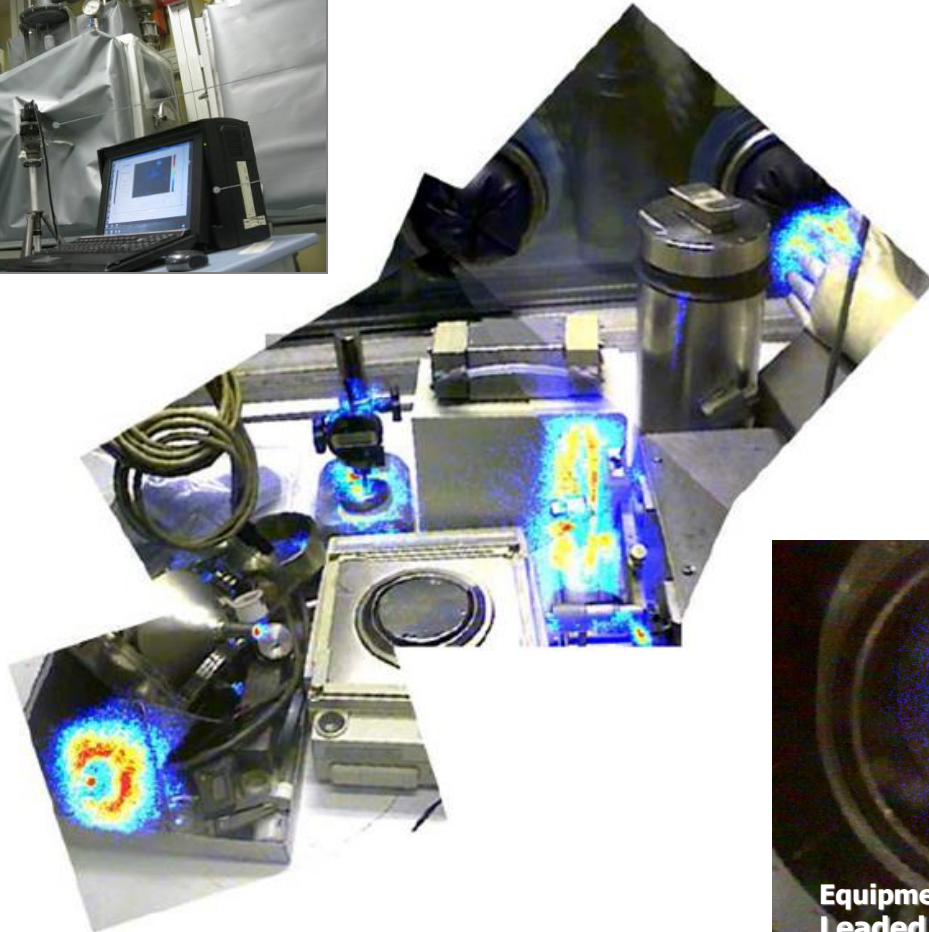
Raw image processed and superimposed on the colour image



0,43 g coated tablet
 $(U_{0,90}Am_{0,10})O_{2-x}$

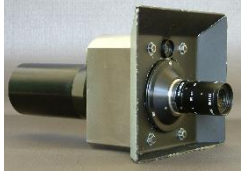
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Surface Alpha Contamination Mapping in Darkness Conditions

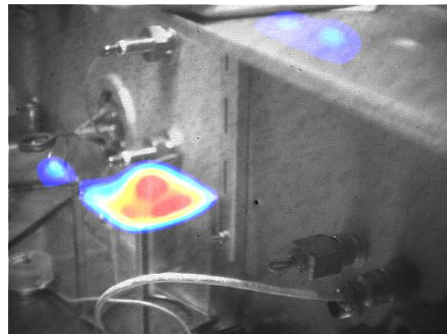
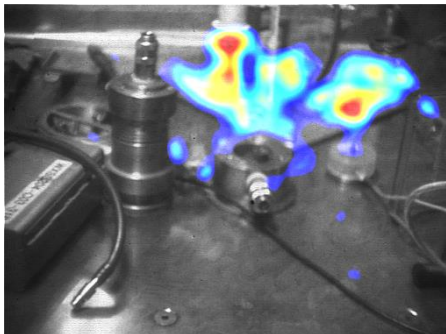
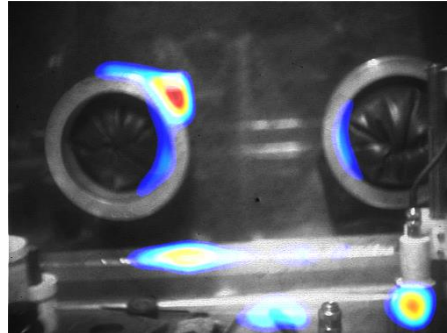
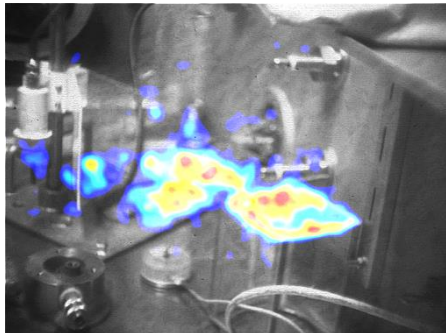


INTEREST OF COUPLING ALPHA AND GAMMA MEASUREMENTS

Example Of A Glove Box Characterization using Alpha Camera and IPIX Gamma Camera, 2016



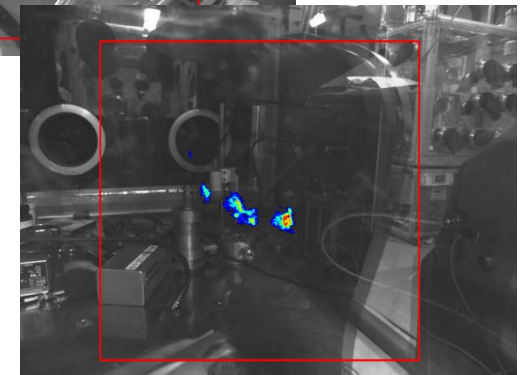
Surface Alpha Contamination



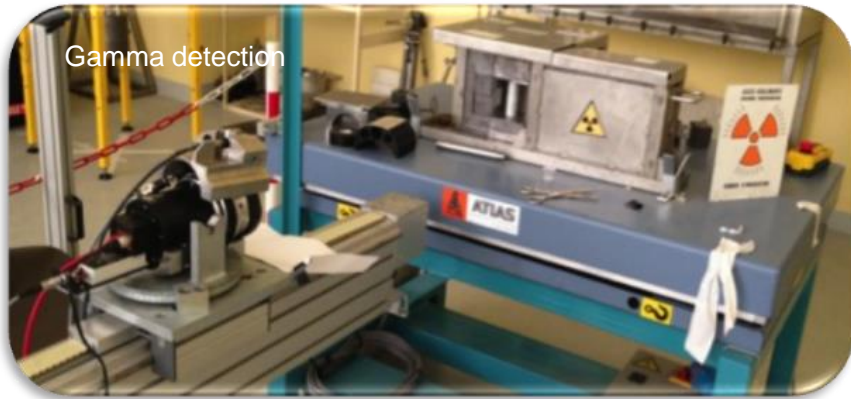
Gamma Main Hot Spot localization
(Dose <math>< 10 \mu\text{Gy}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}</math>)



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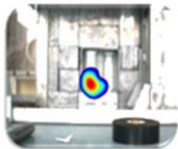
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Dual Alpha/Gamma Camera (3rd prototype)

2017

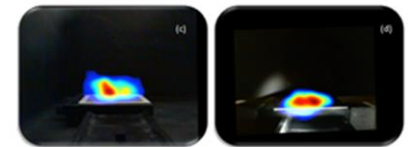
- Still under development and qualification
- Patented still 2015
- Detection of main gamma hot spots



2015

Solar Blind Alpha Camera (2nd prototype)

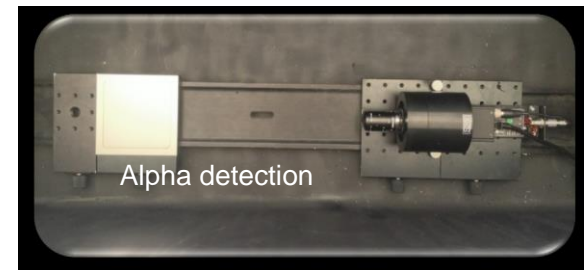
- Reduced influence of the light
- Good sensitivity to UV for high contaminated area
- Enhanced Connectivity (ethernet)



Standard Alpha Camera (1st prototype)

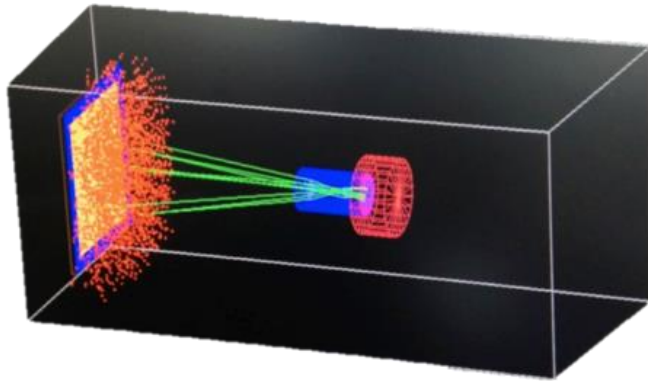
- Darkness condition
- Very good sensitivity to UV

Detection Limit : Act > 100 Bq.cm⁻² (5 min)

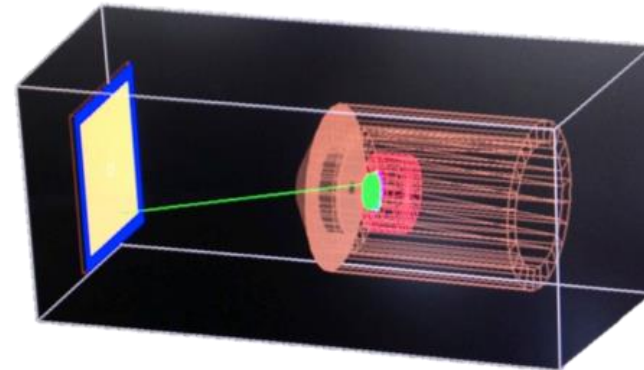


2010

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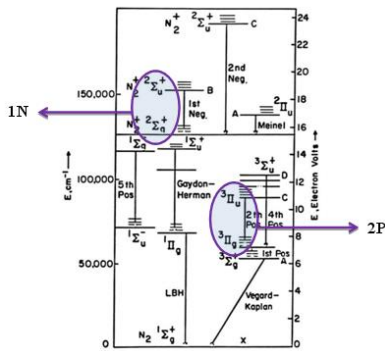


Alpha Camera mode



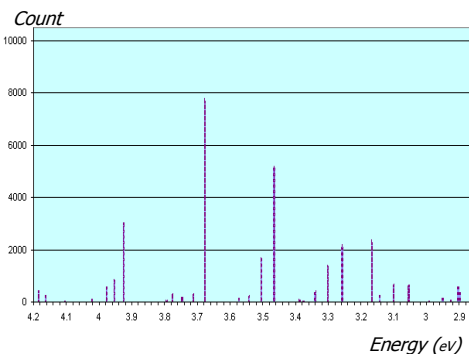
Gamma Camera mode

GEANT 4 Modeling of collection of Scintillation Photons from radio-luminescence through a UV objectif (left) and scintillations photons from gamma->photons conversion using a CsI scintillator and a pinhole collimator (right)



Direct UV integration

Simulated spectrum of photons
(0.913 bars, T= 20°C)



Scintillator	Density (g.cm ⁻³)	λ_{\max} (nm)	Ph/keV _γ
CdWO ₄	7,9	475	12 – 15
Bi ₄ Ge ₃ O ₁₂	7,13	480	8 – 10
Lu _{1,8} Y _{0,2} SiO ₅ :Ce	7,1	420	32
CsI : TI	4,51	550	54
BaF ₂	4,88	310	10

Scintillation photons integration

Use of the AIRFLY (AIR Fluorescence Yield) collaboration [1]

$$Y_{air}(\lambda, p, T, p_h) = Y_{air}(337nm, p_0, T_0, 0) \cdot I(\lambda, p_0, T_0) * \frac{1 + p_0 * (\frac{1}{p'_{air}(\lambda, T_0)} * (1 - \frac{p_h}{p}) + \frac{1}{p'_{H_2O}(\lambda)} * \frac{p_h}{p})}{1 + \frac{p}{(T/T_0)^{\alpha(\lambda)+0,5}} * (\frac{1}{p'_{air}(\lambda, T_0)} * (1 - \frac{p_h}{p}) + \frac{1}{p'_{H_2O}(\lambda)} * \frac{p_h}{p})}$$

Parametric study (température, pression, humidity in air, ...)

Simulation of fluorescence photons spectrum

Geometrical Efficiency

Calibration Factors

Y : Champ de scintillation

I : Intensité relative

p₀ : Pression de référence (1 bar)

T₀ : Température de référence (273°K)

p : Pression de l'environnement

T : Température de l'environnement

p_h : Pression partielle en eau

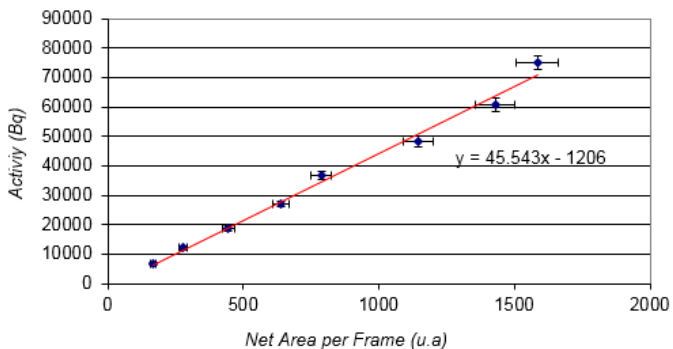
λ : Longueur d'onde de la raie d'émission

p'_{air} (λ) : paramètre de pression lié à la raie λ

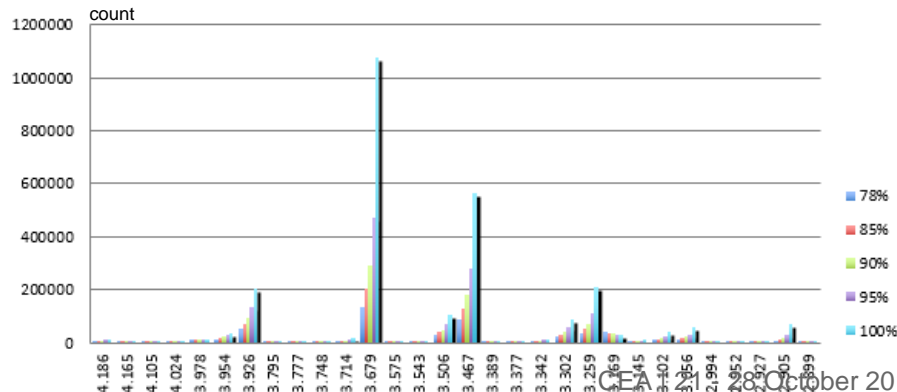
p'_{H₂O} (λ) : paramètre de pression en eau lié à la raie λ

α(λ) : paramètre de température lié à la raie λ

Surface Activity Calibration with S20 photocathode

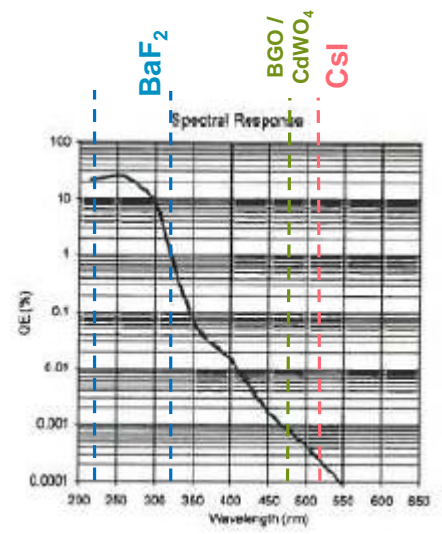
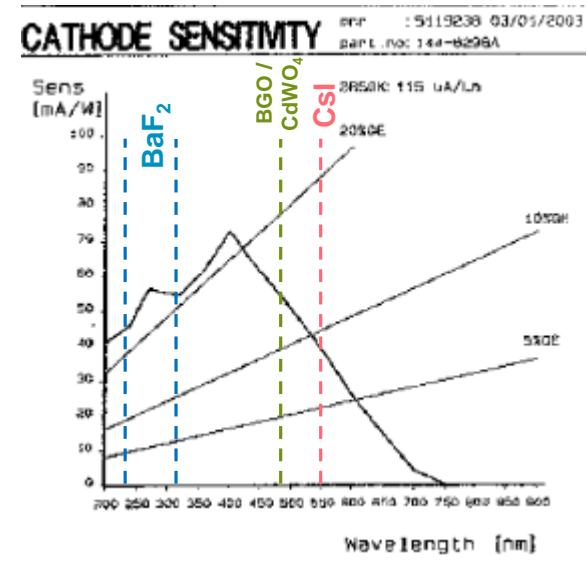


Impact of N₂ Proportion in Air on the fluorescence

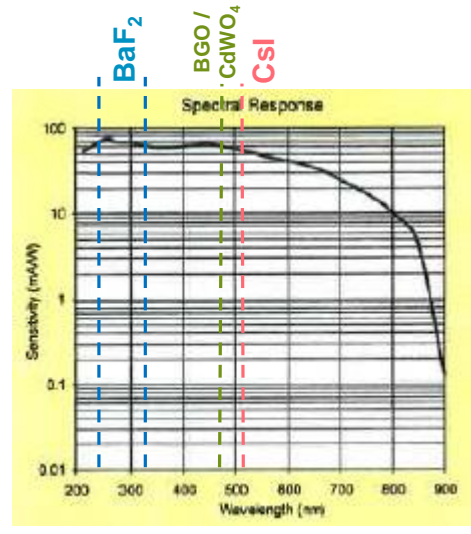


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S20



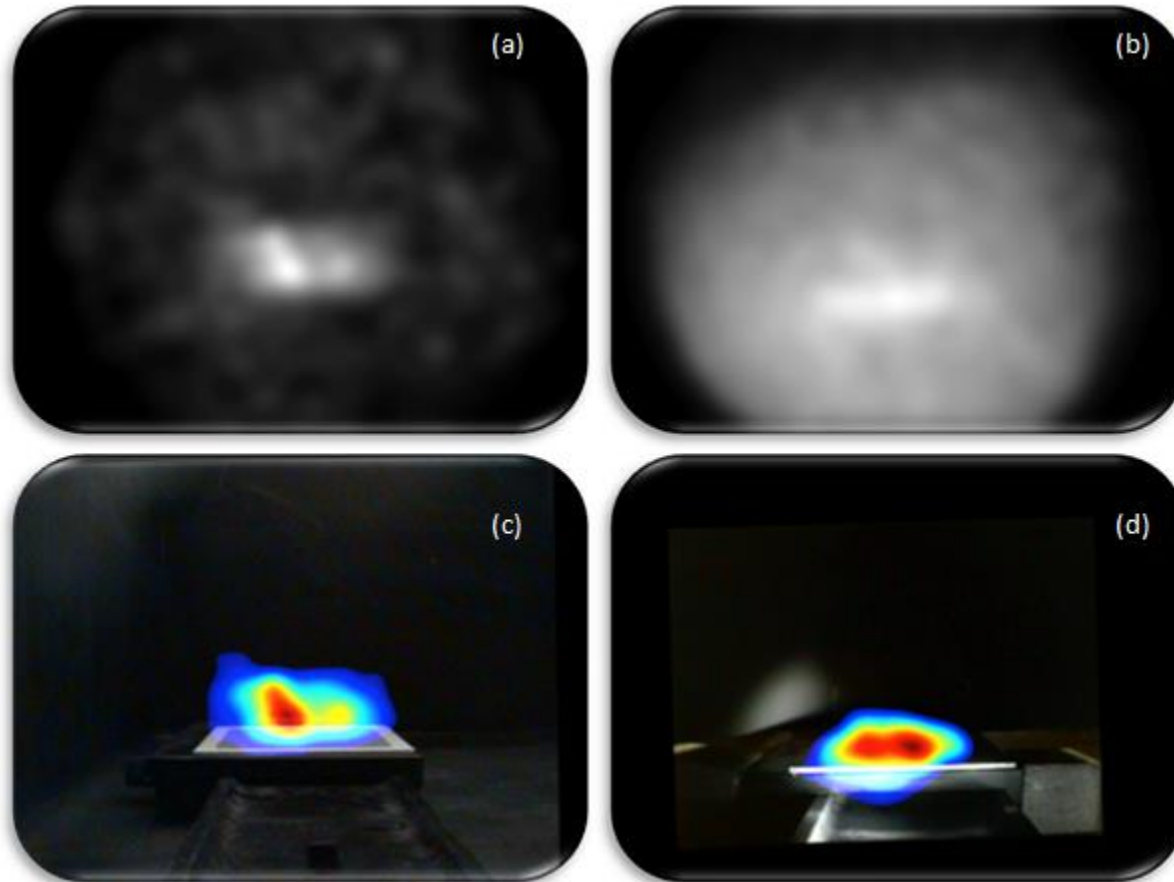
Solar Blind



S20 « Low-Noise »

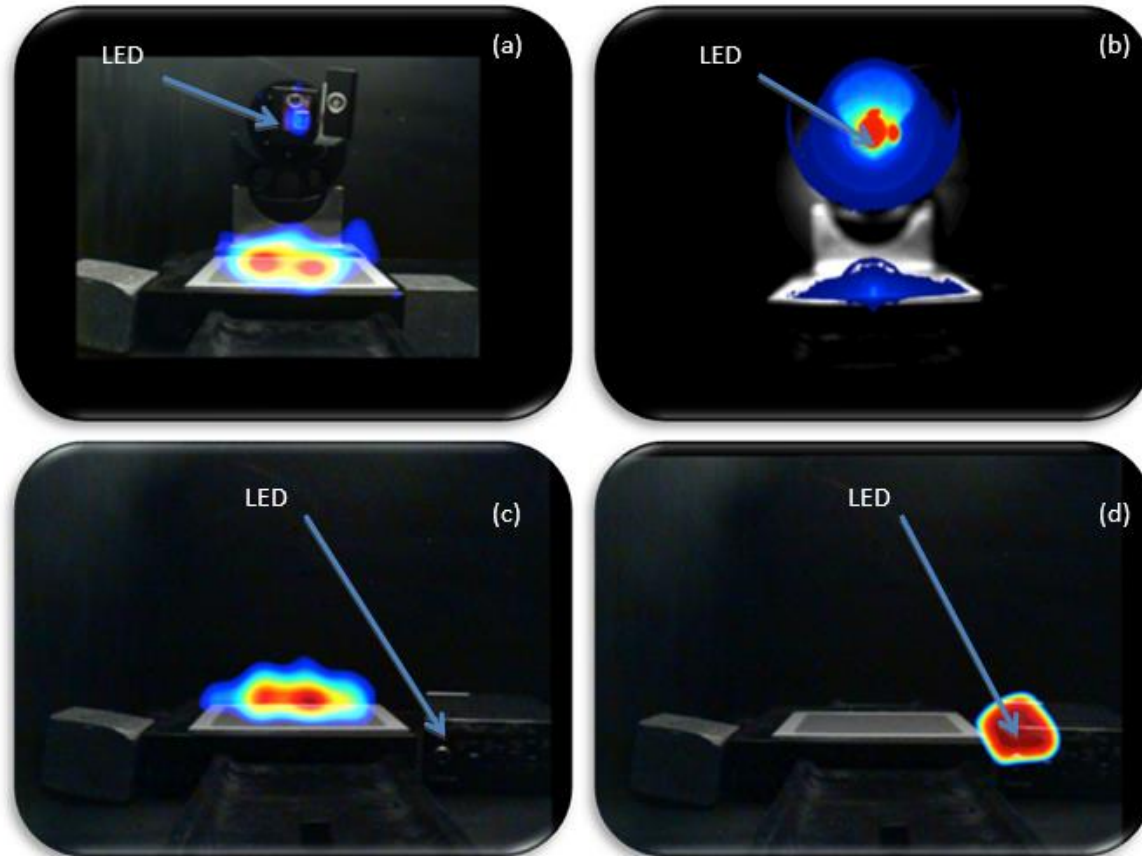
Image Intensifier Tubes Comparison

Alpha / UV Mode



(a, b) Raw Alpha/UV Images with FFT filtering (a : Solar Blind, b : Low-Noise S20)
(c, d) Final superimposition on visible image (c : Solar Blind, d : Low-Noise S20)

Alpha / UV Mode with 550 nm LED-Light Pollution

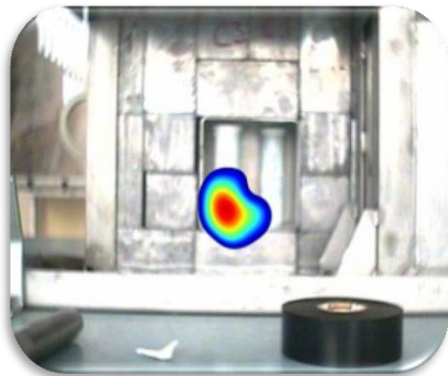
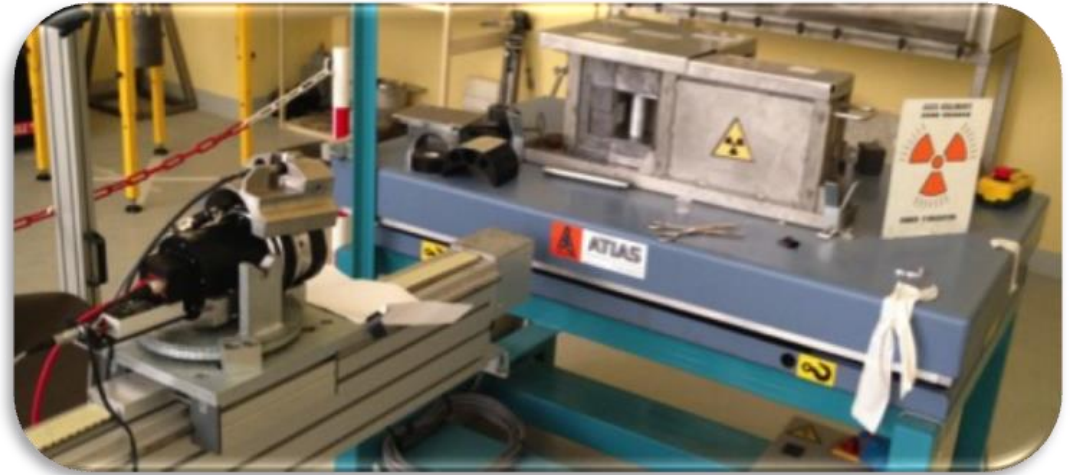


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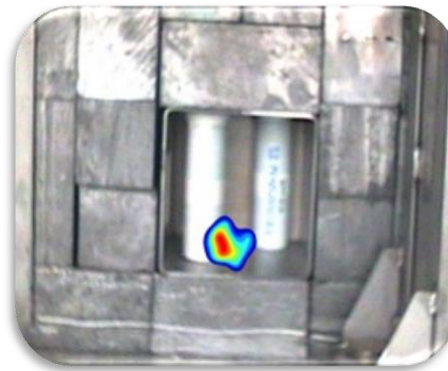
Gamma Mode with ^{137}Cs and ^{60}Co sources

Distance between cameras and gamma sources : 1 meter

Several configurations tested with S20/SB intensifier tubes, scintillators and existing pinholes in DENAL®



Low-Noise S20 + BGO
1000 frames



Solar Blind + BaF2 ($\lambda=220$ nm & 310 nm)
1000 frames



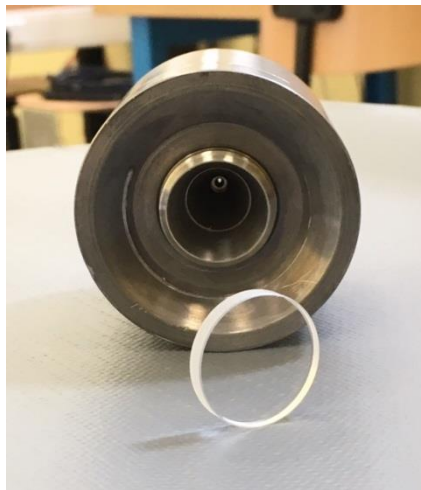
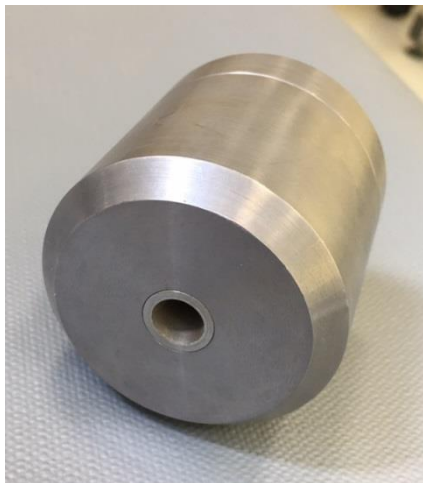
View of tubes equipped with ALADIN pinhole and 25 mm diameter scintillator

Scintillators : summary of results

Gamma Detection and localization				
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CdWO ₄	7,9	475	✓	✗
BGO	7,13	480	✓	✗
LYSO	7,1	420	✗	✗
CsI : TI	4,51	550	✓	✗
BaF ₂	4,88	220, 310	✓	✓

Gamma Sensitivity	
Scintillator & tube	Relative Sensitivity (%)
LNS20+CdWO ₄	100
SB+BaF ₂	72
LNS20+BaF ₂	38
BGO+LNS20	32
CsI+LNS20	8,5

- **Alpha Camera** based on a S20 photocathode (25 mm) is under industrialization process
- A new pinhole has been designed to fit with the S20 (25 mm) tube
- Scintillators (d=25 mm, e=4mm) of CdWO_4 , BGO and BaF_2 are considered
- The design of the peripheral shielding is under progress



View of the scintillator and the new pinhole design

Thanks for your attention

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