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Status and results of the LAZIO-Sirad and Sileye3/Alteino experiments board the ISS M. Casolino, Sileye-3/LAZIO collaborations



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Italian Soyuz Mission-2 (Eneide)

•Flight opportunity in July 2004

•Acceptance tests in January 2005

Launch on Progress on February 2005

Measurements during Soyuz-10S taxi flight, April 2005

LAZIO - Sirad experiment

Technological demonstrator \rightarrow science

•New "Lazio" detector

Light Flash observations

•Alteino + shielding material

•User centre in Tor Vergata \rightarrow Altea





Lazio-Sirad

•28 kg payload.
•6 different experiments/detectors linked together involving:

> Technology demonstration (SI-PM, Magnetometer)
> Life science
> Radiation environment
> Relationship between seismic phenomena and radiation belts.



Lazio-MEB

Silicon-Scintillator Tracking Calorime

Study of nuclear (>40MeV/n) and elect components inside ISS.
Study of spatial, angular dependence at (in long term) of magnetic perturbations 40cm² sr
3 scintillators

4 double sided microstrip detectors 16*7

cm

16 Silicon Photomultiplies Tiles

One-axis magnetometer (EGLE)

PC-104 acquisition with PCMCIA cards







Figure 1: Lazio Detector assembly

Lazio-MEB









Dimensions of the scintillation counter Sc2: <u>295*124*35 mm^3</u>







Lazio-Silicon Photomultipliers: 16 detectors with plastic tiles placed in two layers of the detector



SI-PM



- •First operation of SI-PM in space
- •1*1 mm², now 3*3 and 5*5 mm²
- •Low power consumption, small occupation
- Good detection efficiency (in accordance with geometrical dead area)
 Fast response (0.5 ns, in this case >3 ns due to wavelenght shifter)









2.5 hours data before failure



Good linearity between two channelsProton peak evident



Lazio-Eschilo

(Esperimento di Schermatura in Low earth Orbit)

(Solrex)

Epoxy Kevl

el / Kaptor

With University of Naples Aleniaspazio

•Study of the effect of different shielding materials on the cosmic radiation

•4 different shielding materials (5g/cm^2):

Air, Kevlar, Poliethilene, Nextel/Kapton

•Dosemeters for active/passive comparison

•Comparison with Montecarlø





Data sets & Lessons learned •Originally planned one continuous acquisition about one week

•Problems with Lazio detector required several switch on/off due to shared power supply

•Two data cards, one still in orbit

•Current data set consists of three files, about 2 days data

Different positioning of the shielding tiles (to be confirmed)
 Low statistics – need to select central regions only

Sileye3/Alteino data



Rate(events/minute)

Sample events



2002 data: particle identification



Number of hits distribution - 2002





Lazio-Light Flashes

•5 – 1 hour LF observation sessions (about 200min time after dark adaptation).

•Analog tape recorder for time, comments and LF observations

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Altea precursor

Light Flash data

- •No LF seen during sessions
- 1 reported before sleep
 Other crew report very few or no LFs
- Very low frequency
- •Possibly due in part to low solar activity

Current & future work...

Data analysis of Alteino
Measurements inside ISS in the framework of Matroska-II / Alteriss ESA projects
LAZIO reswitch on (magnetometer only)
Altea
Pamela
Si-Rad (under development)

ALTCRISS

•Long term monitoring inside ISS using Alteino

•Selected by ESA in the Life Science AO •"Anticipated" to ESA Long Duration **Mission of Thomas Reiter** Intercomparison with other detectors in the framework of Matroska II •Curently 6 month mission: 3 locations with and without shielding (Polyethilene shielding only on top of Alteino detector – 5g/cm²) •Various dosemeters: Napoli + DLR •Comparison with ground data & simulations



Active + Passive detector

measurement

Active: Sileye-3 Passive: Each Package: 2 Napoli TLD 6 DLR TLD (diff. Material) 1 Napoli CR-39 2 DLR CR-39

CNTRL (SPACE)



CNTRL GROUND

ALTEA

•Currently at JSC

•Scheduled for next Shuttle launch

•6 Light Flash Sessions with astronauts



•Standalone mode: three axis detector

•Shielding studies



ALTEA - Space Experimental protocols



Manned: 6 sessions

the astronaut's electrophysiological activity is measured concurrently with the particles passing through her/his retina/cortex (energy released, trajectory, Z)





Unmanned:

The detectors are tilted 90° downwards to minimize protrusion.

The detectors are 'on' continuously.

Data is downlinked in real time

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Magnetic Spectromete Microstrip detector

Silicon Tungsten Tracking calorimeter Shower Catcher Scintillator Neutron

Detector





