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# *The Polar QuEEst experiment*

# The Polar QuEEEst Mission

**Detecting and measuring cosmic rays at various latitudes simultaneously**

## 3 PolarQuEEEst detector

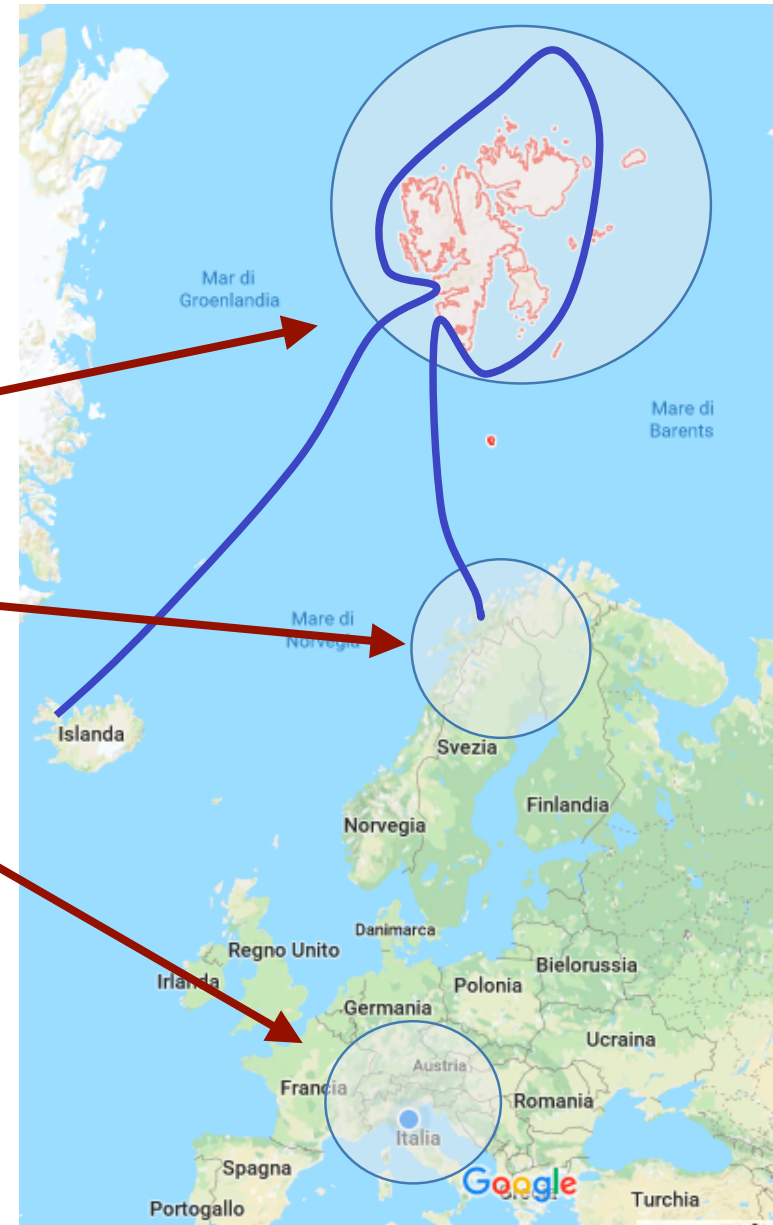
Onboard on Polar Nanuq

Installed in a Norwegian High School

Installed in an Italian High School

As in EEE tradition all detectors will be mounted by students

**$\approx 45^\circ$  in latitude, span 5000 km**



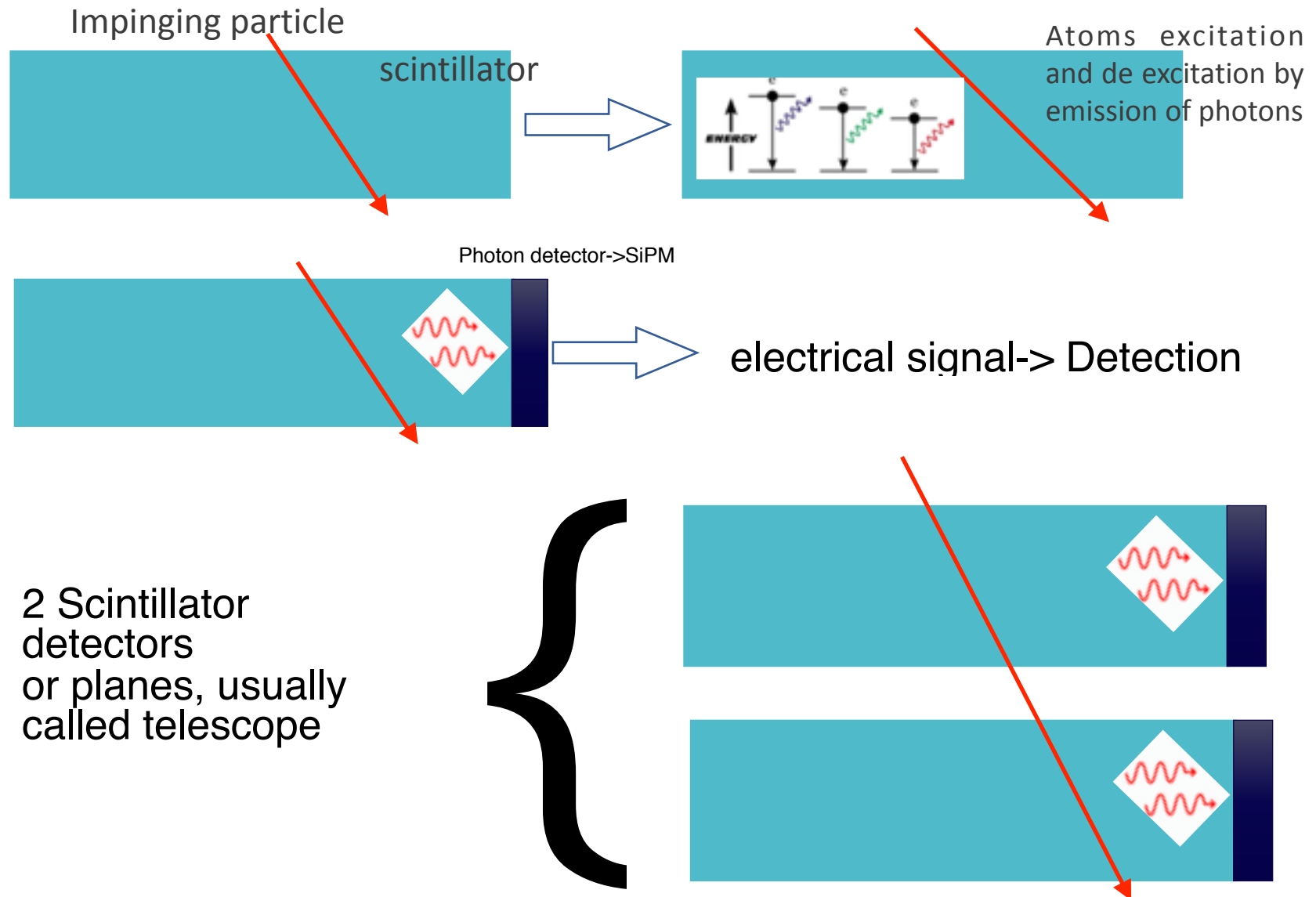
# *How do we detect cosmic rays*

***An extremely compact, full optional,  
cosmic ray telescope***

What does it mean?  
How do we see particles?

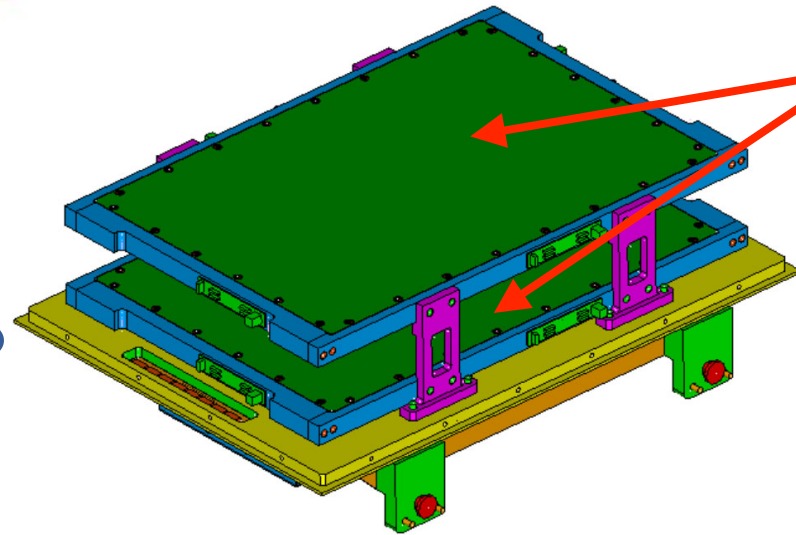


# The detection principle & the telescope

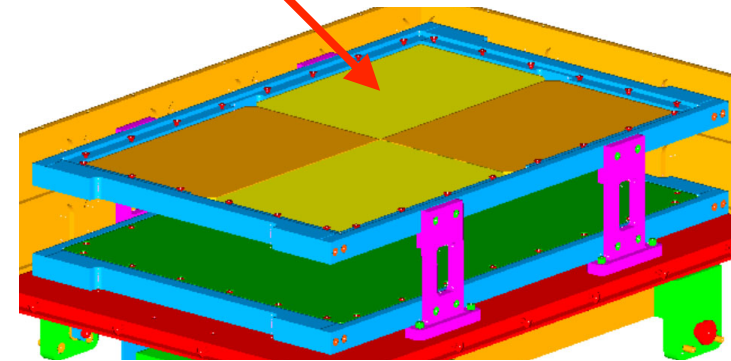




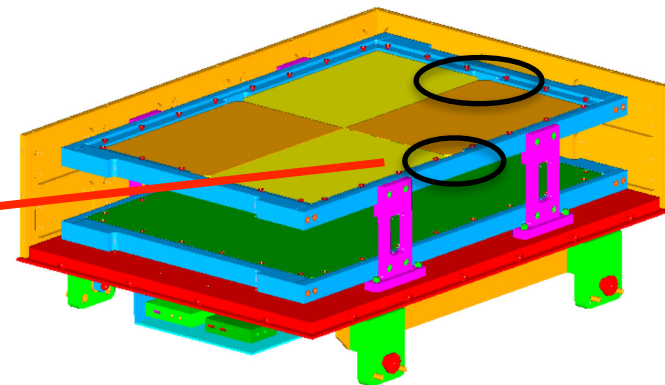
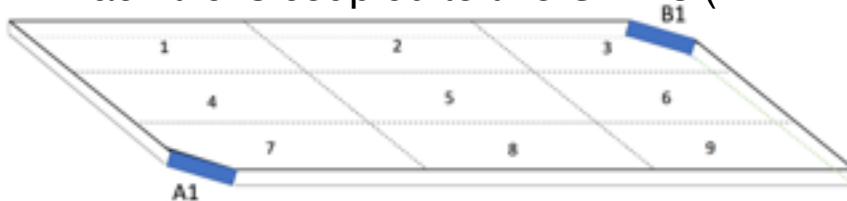
# The Polar QuEEEst Detector



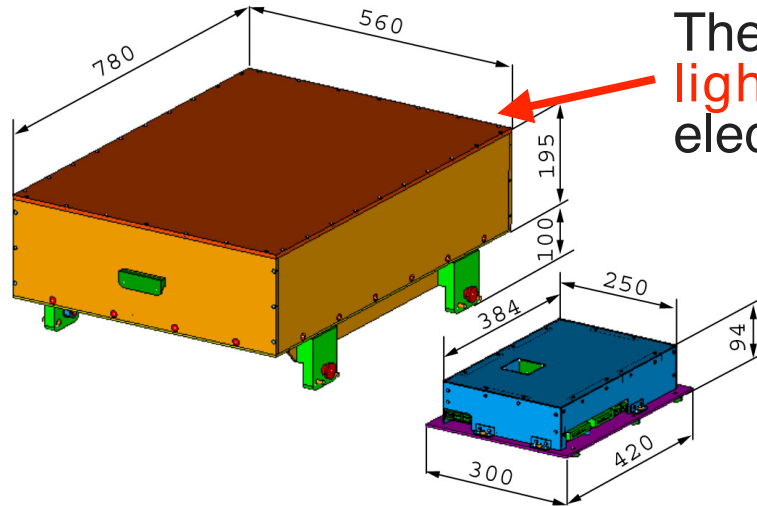
2 scintillators planes (11 cm apart)  
each constituted by 4 20x30 cm<sup>2</sup>  
plastic scintillator tiles.



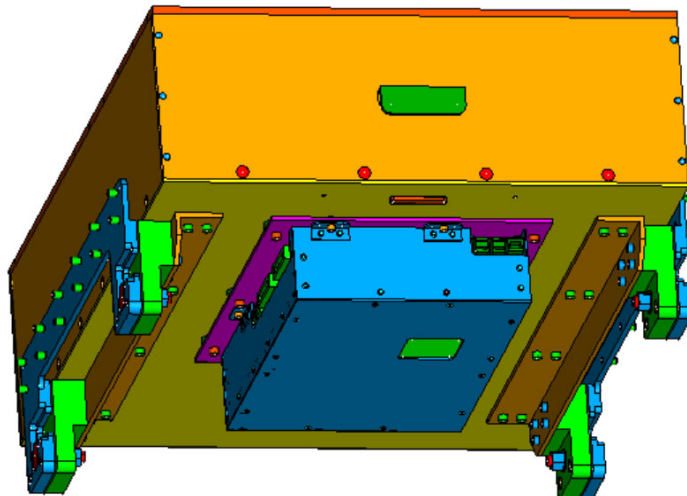
Each tile is coupled to two SiPMs (4x4 mm<sup>2</sup>), A1 and B1 in future kept in optical contact



# How does it look at the end?



The scintillators planes are enclosed in a **light tight box**; and all the needed electronics are inside a **dedicated box**

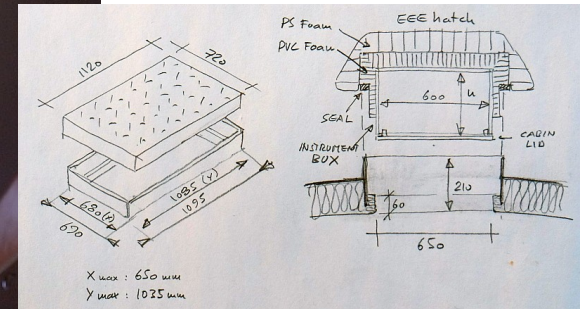


The telescope can be mounted also in a more compact design (on board of the Nanuq)

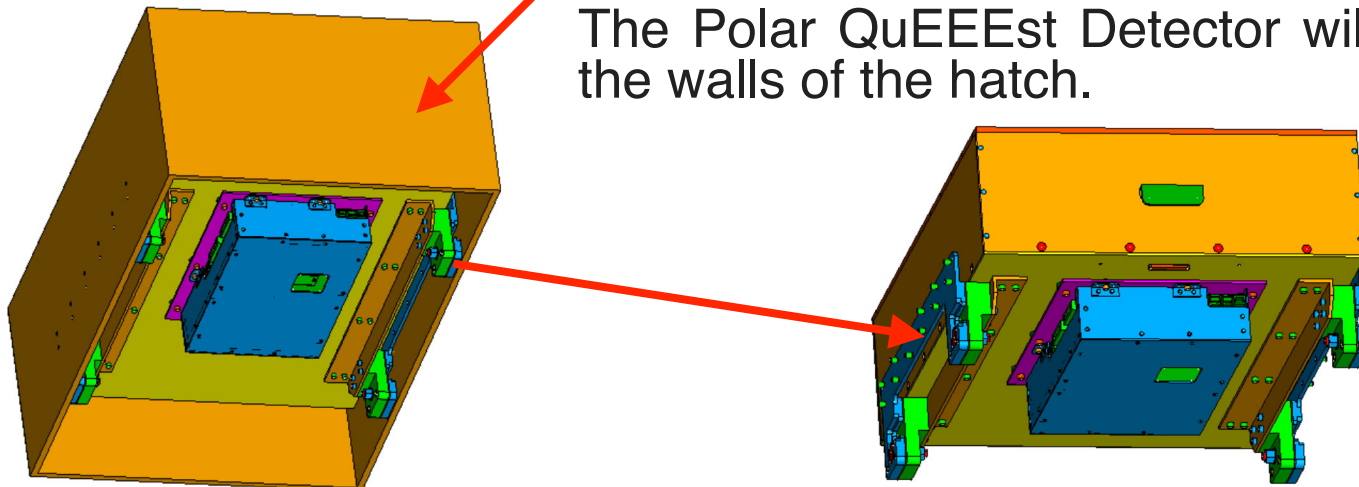
# The Nanuq setup



## The Cosmic hatch



The Polar QuEEEst Detector will be fixed to the walls of the hatch.



# Readout & Data Acquisition

Inside the light tight box

PolarQuEEEst 8 Scintillators  
(2 SiPM each)

16  
analog

Front End electronics  
(digitization of analog signal from  
scintillators)

16  
dig

Pressure  
Temperature  
Humidity  
probes

PTU  
data

**DAQ**  
(Raspberry based)

- ▲ events readout from FIFO
- ▲ slow PTU data readout

digitized event  
transfer

Event Time  
Digitization

GPS

FPGA

FIFO

TDC (Time to Digit  
Converters)

Inside the electronic box



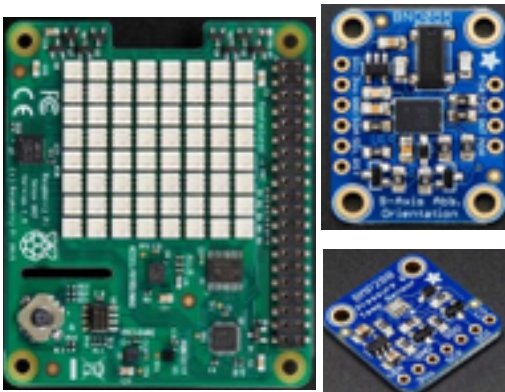
# Some pictures

The Box



front end

Some sensors



Raspberry

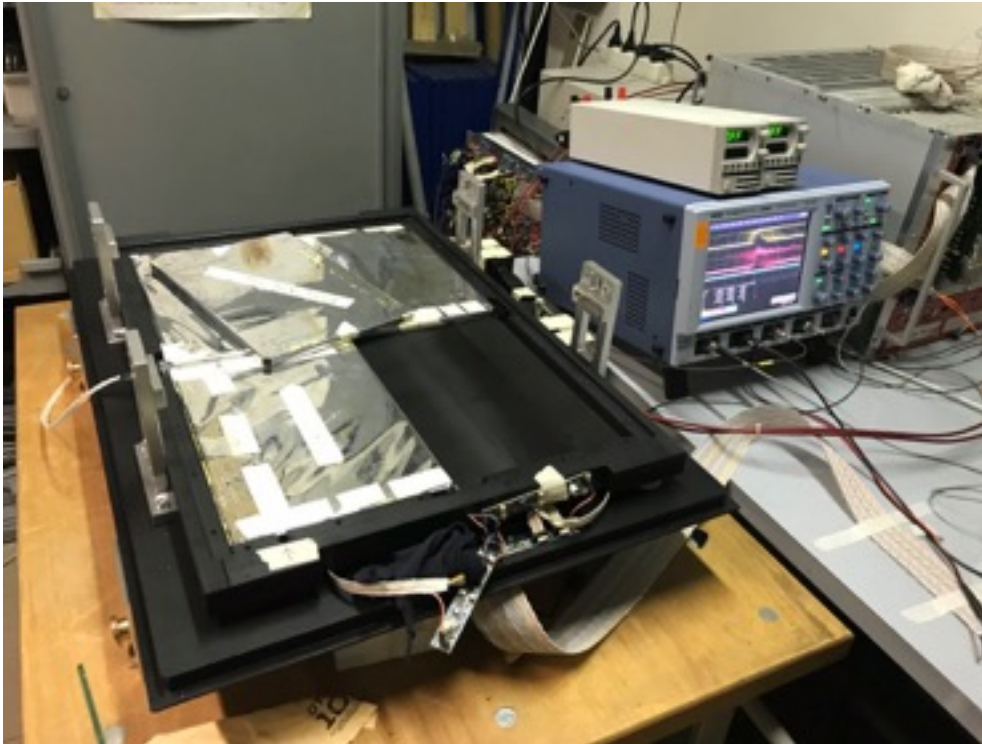


Readout&Trigger Board



# *What is the status*

## *Integrating the first prototype*



What?



# Integrating means

Mechanical Design test

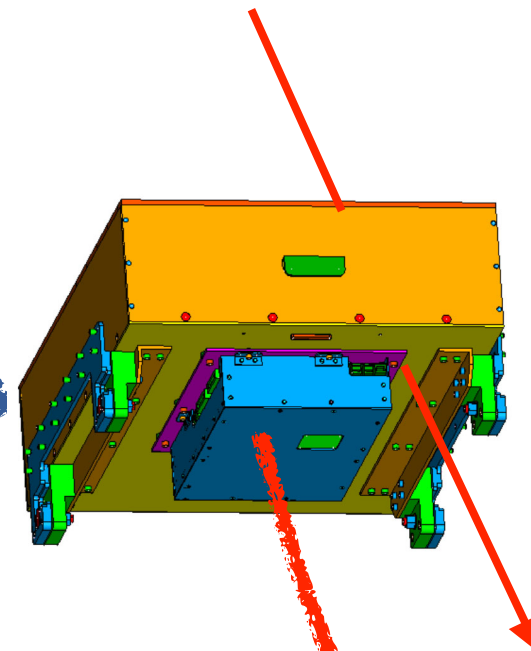
Detector assembling & tests

Front End electronics tests

Read out electronics test

Raspberry programming

Sensors setup

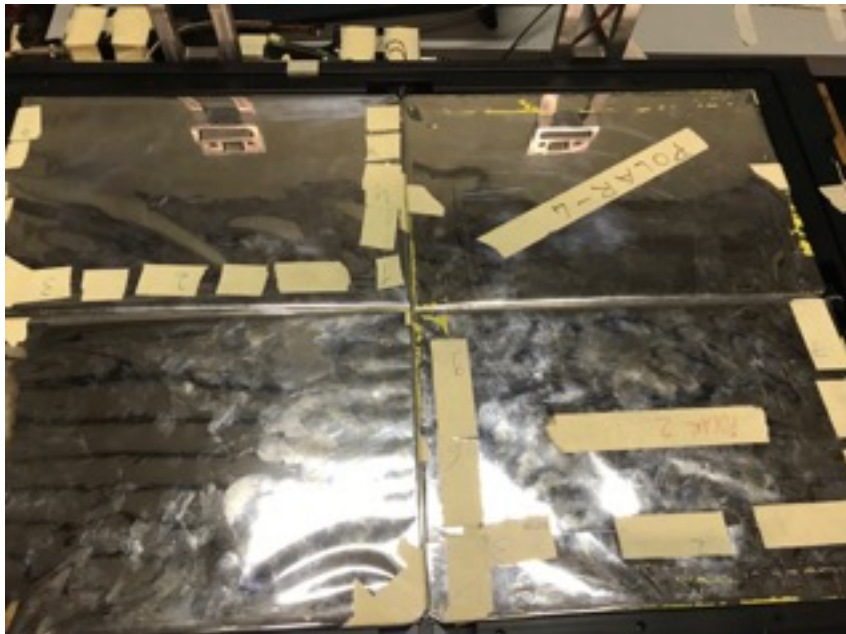


Data analysis & detector validation





# *Some pictures*

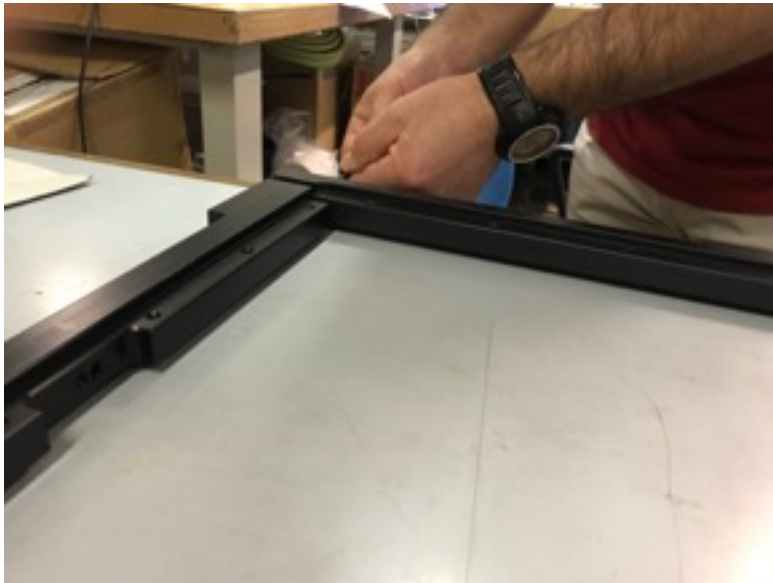




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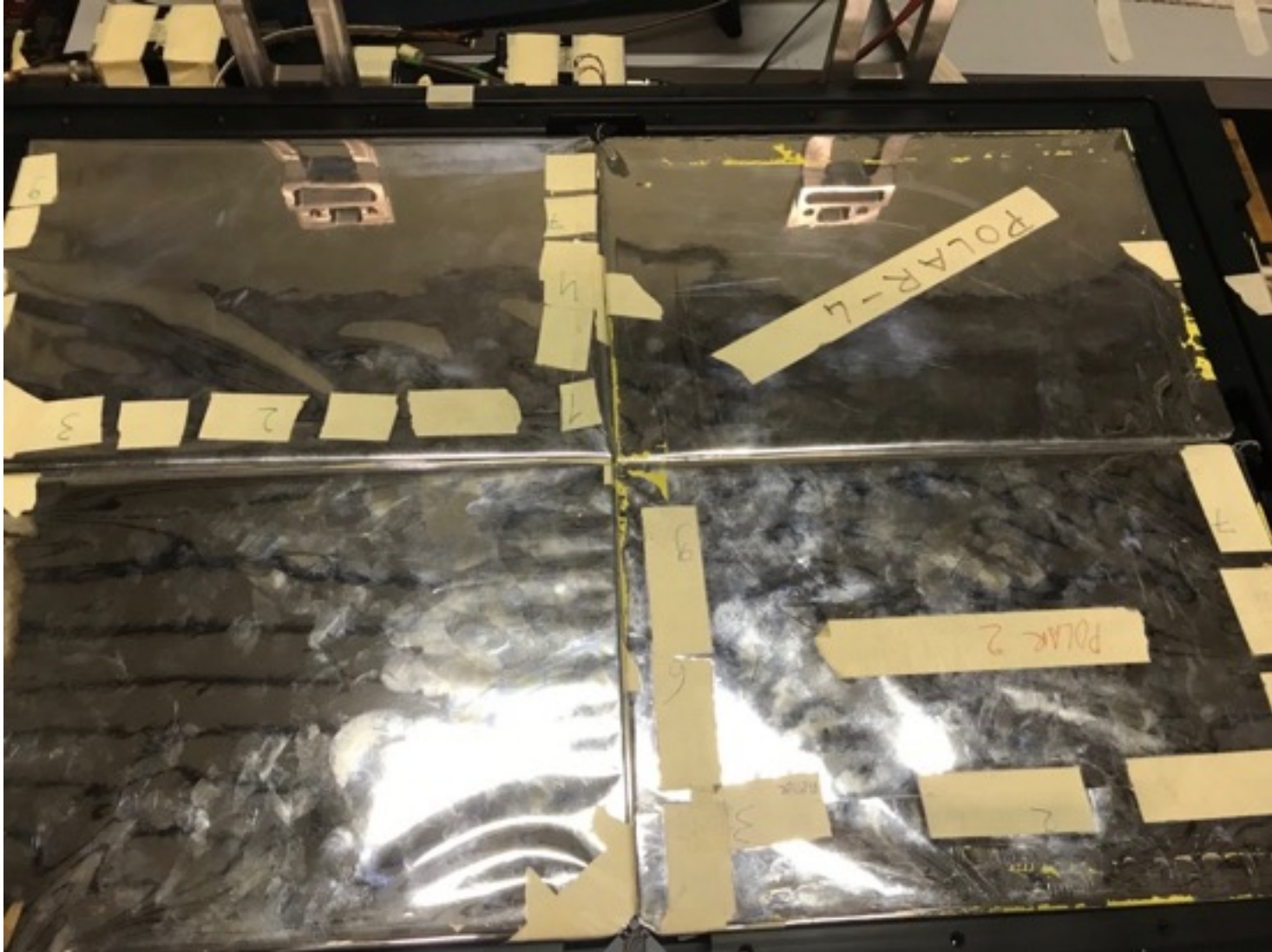


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# Conclusions

- *The Polar QuEEEst mission is going to run 3 cosmic rays telescope simultaneously at 3 different latitudes and study cosmic rays flux (and correlation with atmospheric and geomagnetic effects)*
- *To do this the detector based on scintillators coupled to SiPMs has been designed basically from scratch (and taking into account the environmental condition on the Nanuq boat).*
- *Scintillator, SiPMs and electronics have been chosen and separately tested.*
- *First prototype integration to get the first working telescope is ongoing now in Bologna with all the involved people.*
- *Stay tuned for next phases:*
  - ✦ *detector integration results*
  - ✦ *construction at CERN of the 3 detectors to be employed)*