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# física extrema para enfermedades extremas

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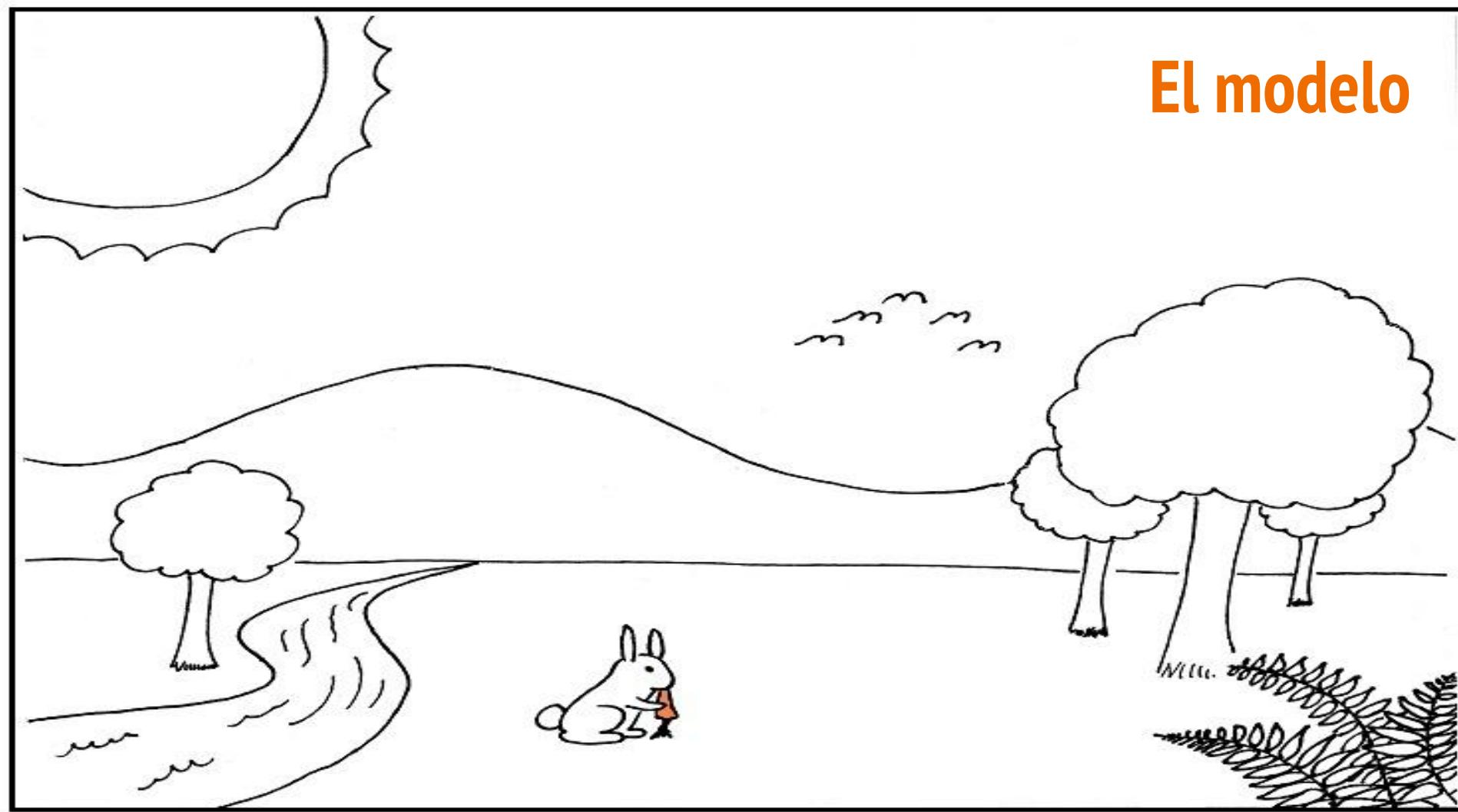
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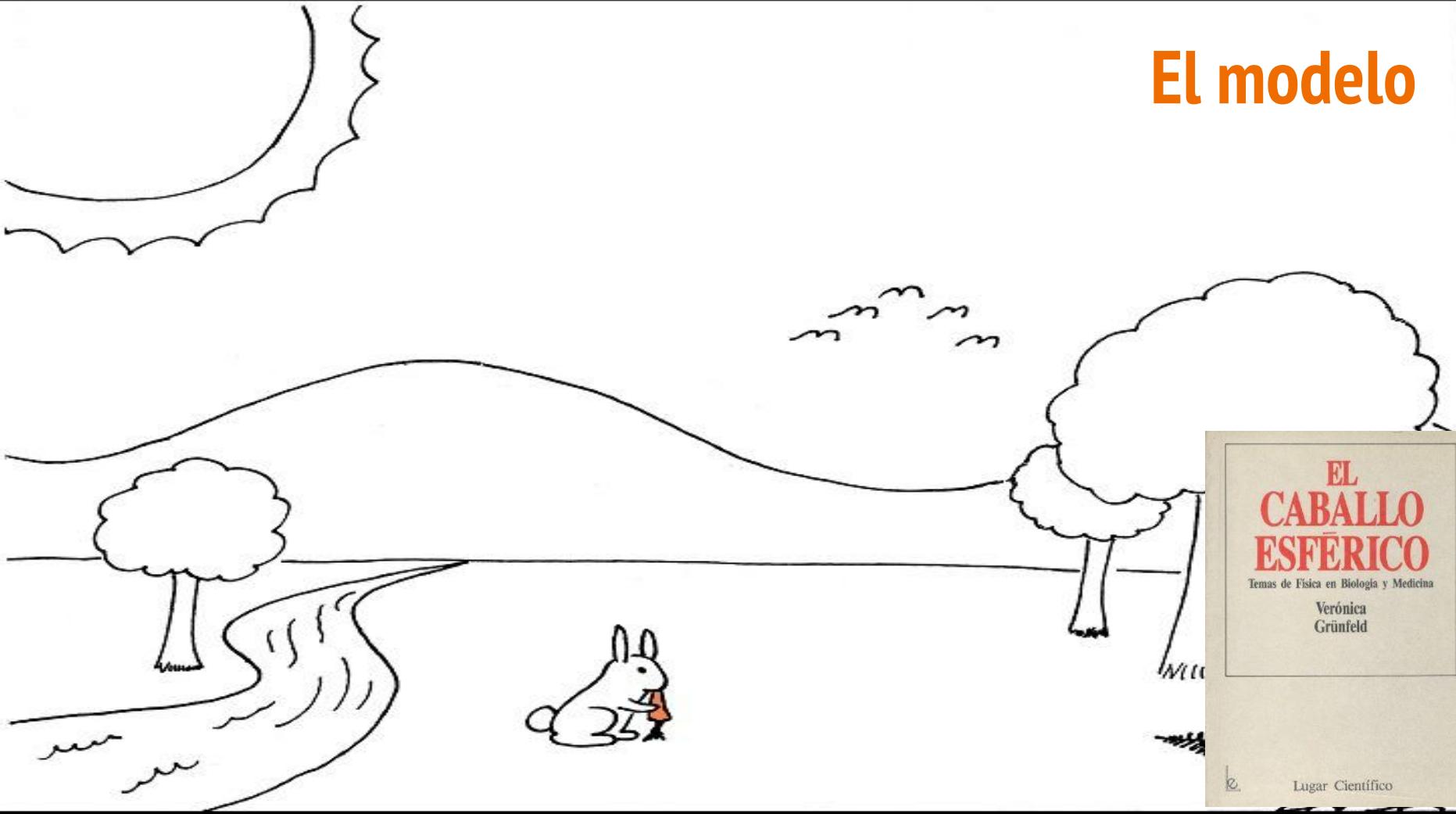




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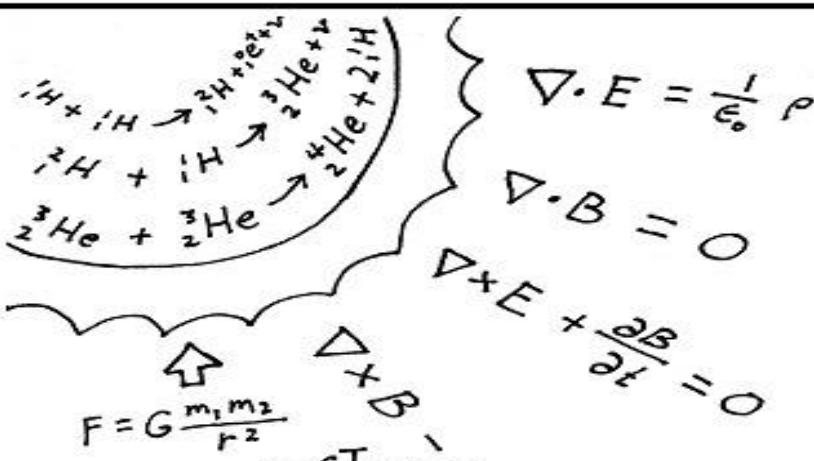
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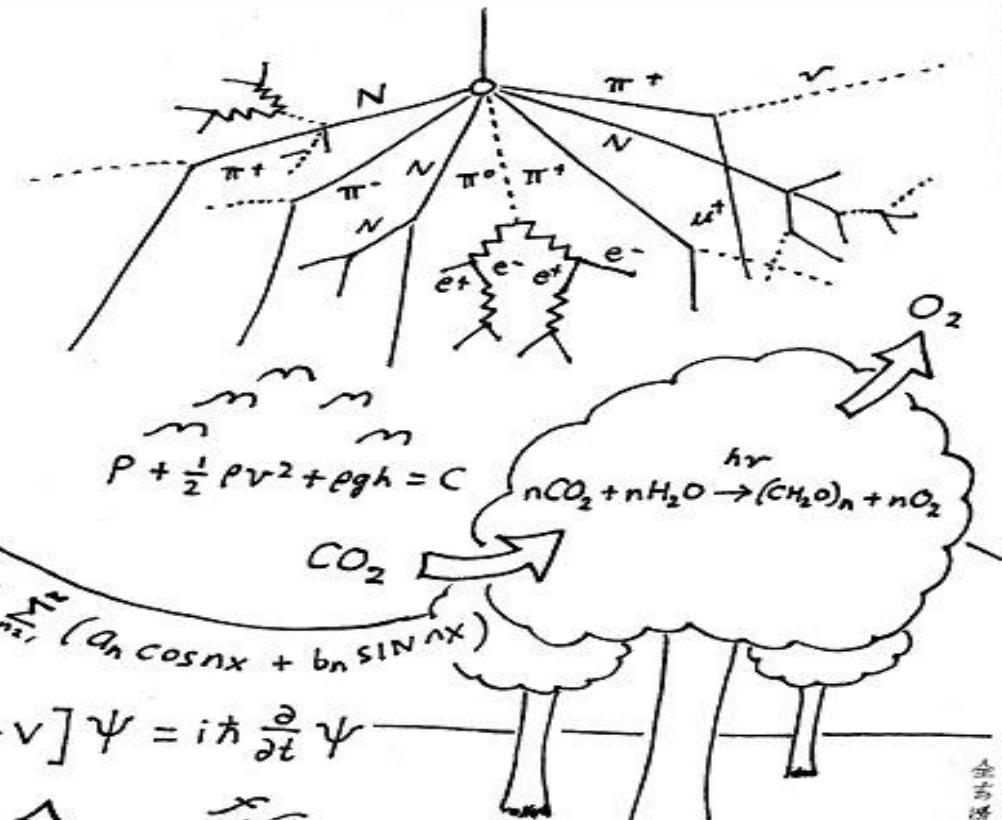
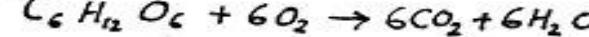


Lugar Científico



$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} - \mu_0 J$$



$$f_1(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.95 & -0.04 & 0.04 \\ -0.04 & 0.95 & 0.04 \\ 0.04 & 0.04 & 0.95 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_2(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.15 & 0.26 & 0.26 \\ 0.26 & -0.15 & 0.26 \\ 0.26 & 0.26 & -0.15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# The extreme Universe





# Cosmic Rays or Astroparticles

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*"They are particles, being mostly atomic nuclei, that originate outside the Solar System reaching the Earth or its close environment. From now, CR or GCR (galactic origin)"*

from my lectures, no nobel prize, neither in physics nor literature

# CR Spectrum

Power-law spectrum, spectral index depending on primary energy  $E_p$  and composition (identified by atomic number  $Z_p$ )

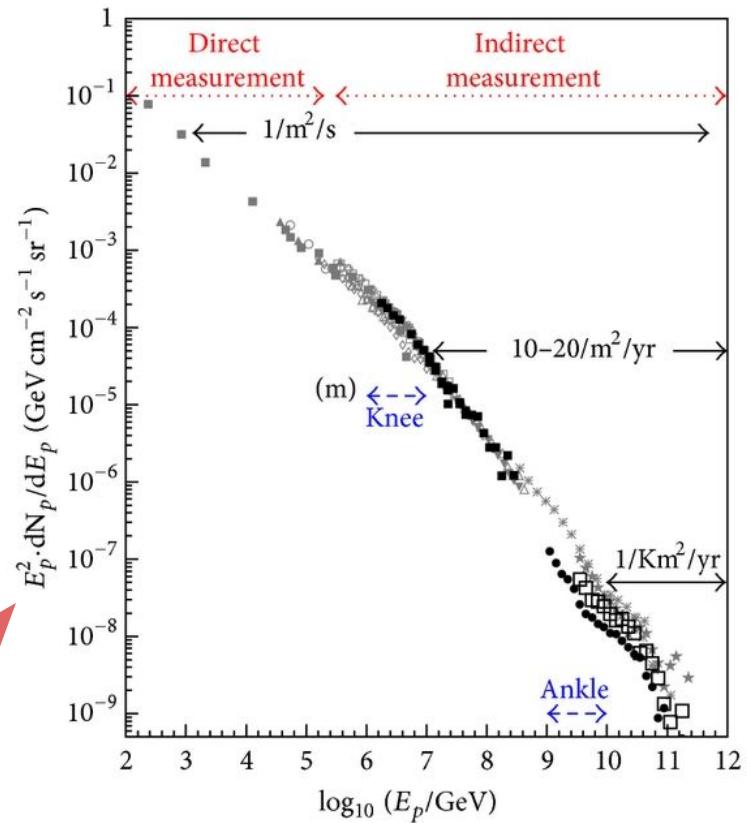
$$j(E_p) = j_0(E_p, Z_p) E^{\alpha(E_p, Z_p)}$$

but.....

$$\alpha \simeq -3$$

in a wide range of energies

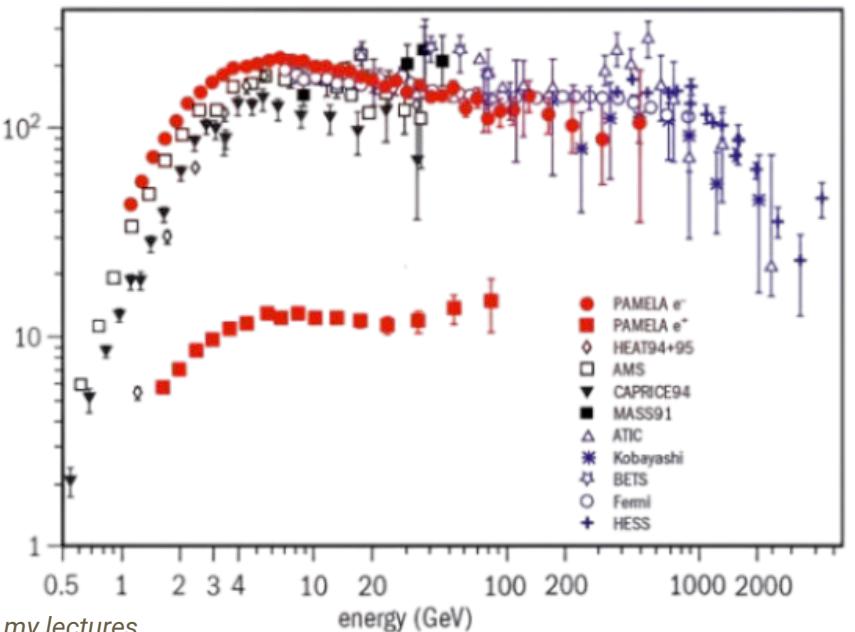
$$j(E_p) \propto E_p^2$$



- Auger-ICRC07
- HiRes
- ★ AGASA
- KASCADE/K-Grande
- \* Yakutsk
- ☆ HP
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- Proton-Sat

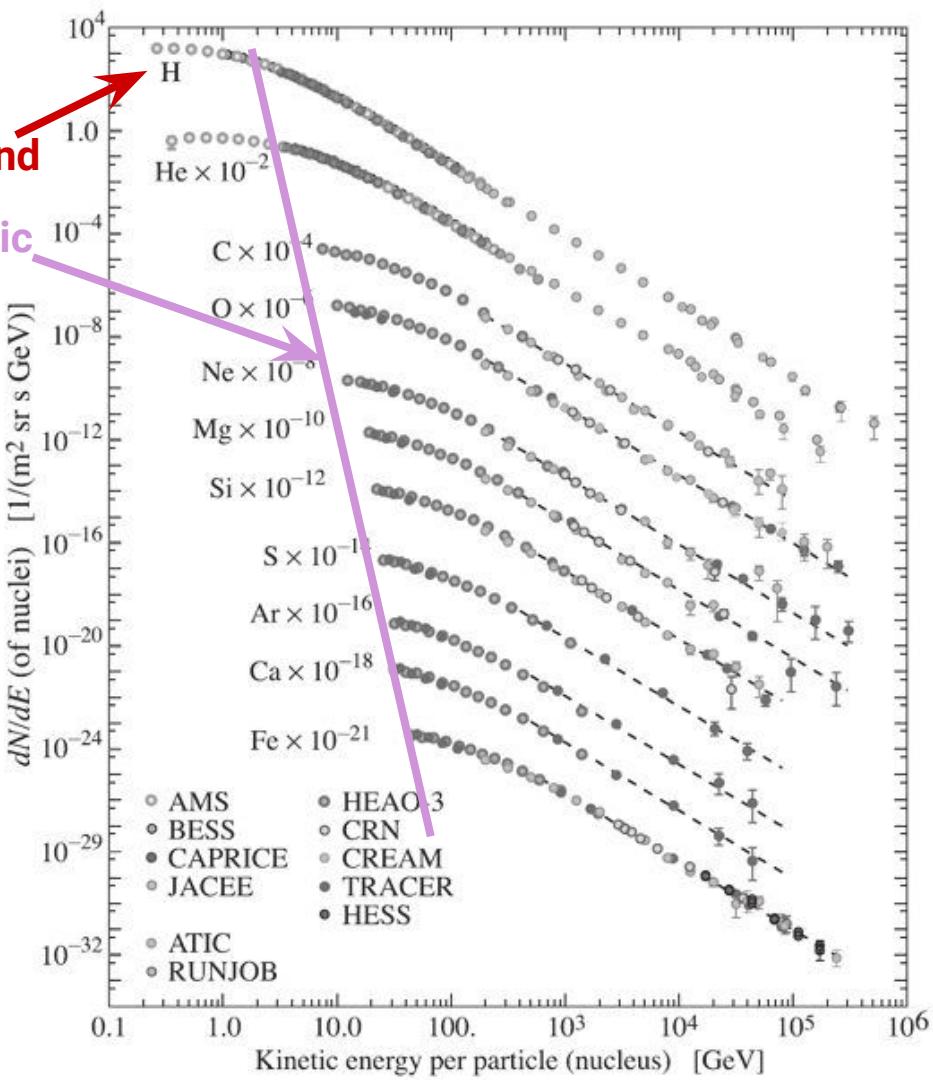
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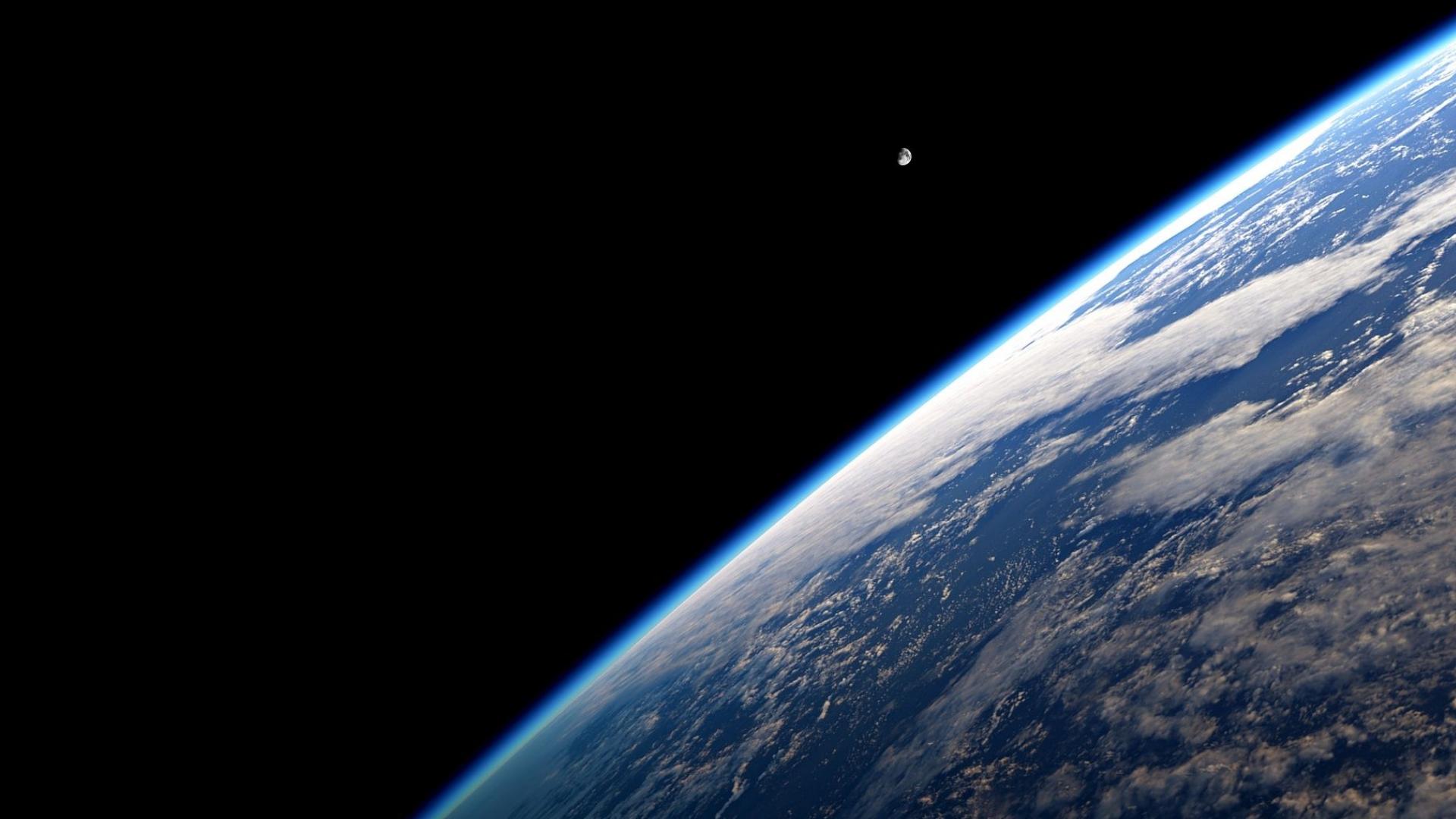
In the range of  
energies of interest  
for this talk



Solar wind

Geo-Helio magnetic  
effects





**Spoiler alert:**

**The Earth is not flat.  
Could you believe it?**

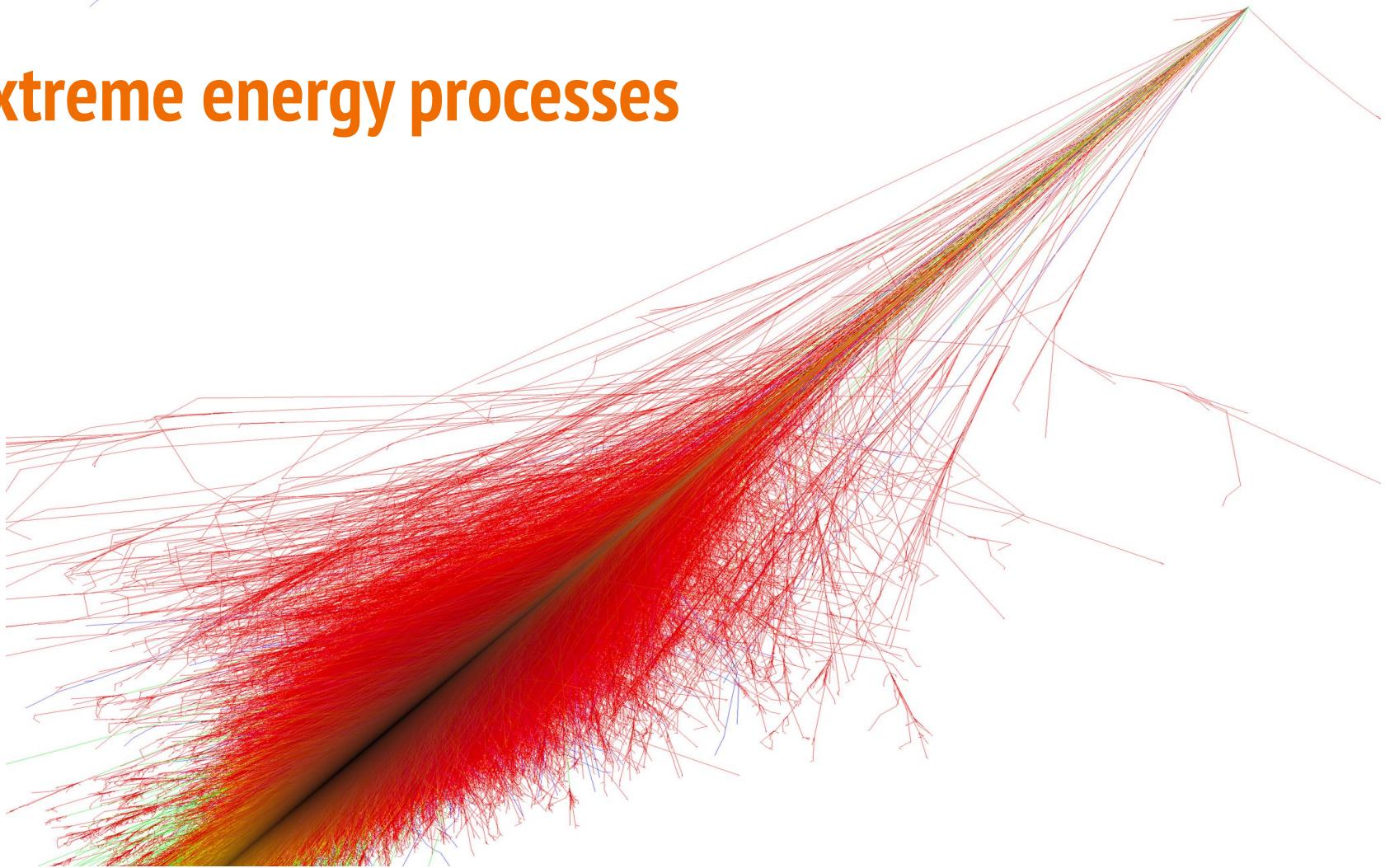


$\text{N}_2$ : 78%  
 $\text{O}_2$ : 21%  
Ar: 0.9%  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CH}_4 + \text{CO}_2 + \text{Ne}$ : 0.1%

$X = 1.033 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$  at sea level  
(mass overburden  $\sim 0.91 \text{ m}$  of lead)



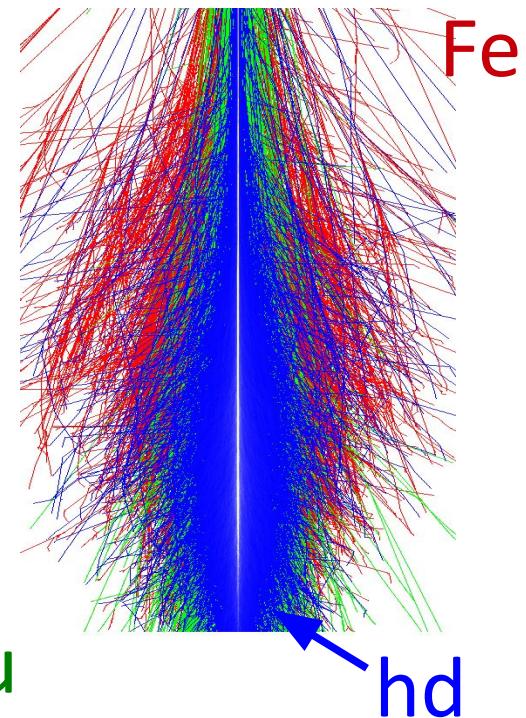
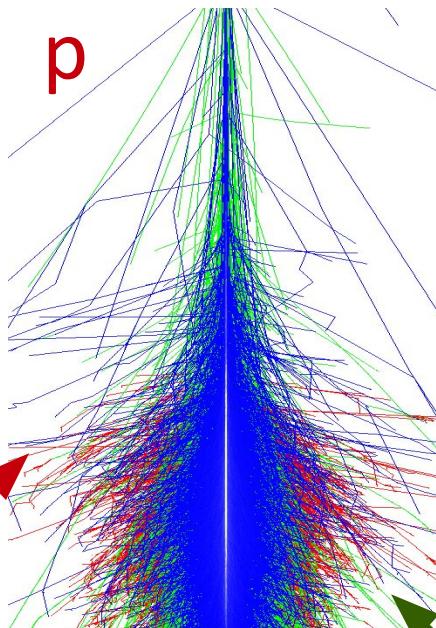
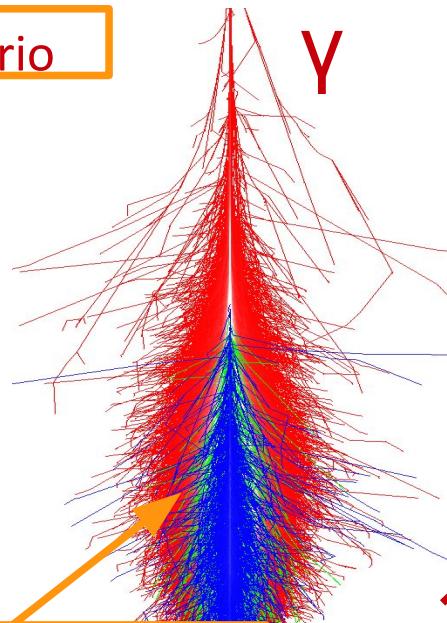
# Extreme energy processes



# Extensive Air Showers

$E=5 \times 10^{14}$  eV

Primario



Secondaries

em

mu

hd

EAS development depend on primary composition

# Extreme detectors for the extreme Universe

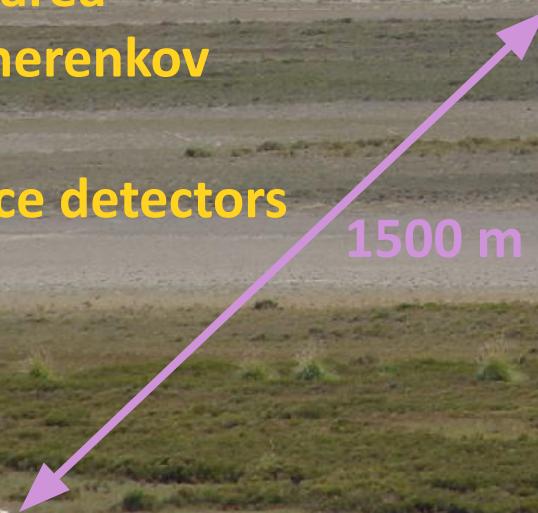
The Surface Detector of the  
Pierre Auger Observatory

$\sim (50 \times 60) \text{ km} = 3000 \text{ km}^2$  of  
instrumented area

1660 Water Cherenkov  
detectors

27 Fluorescence detectors

1500 m



eme Universe

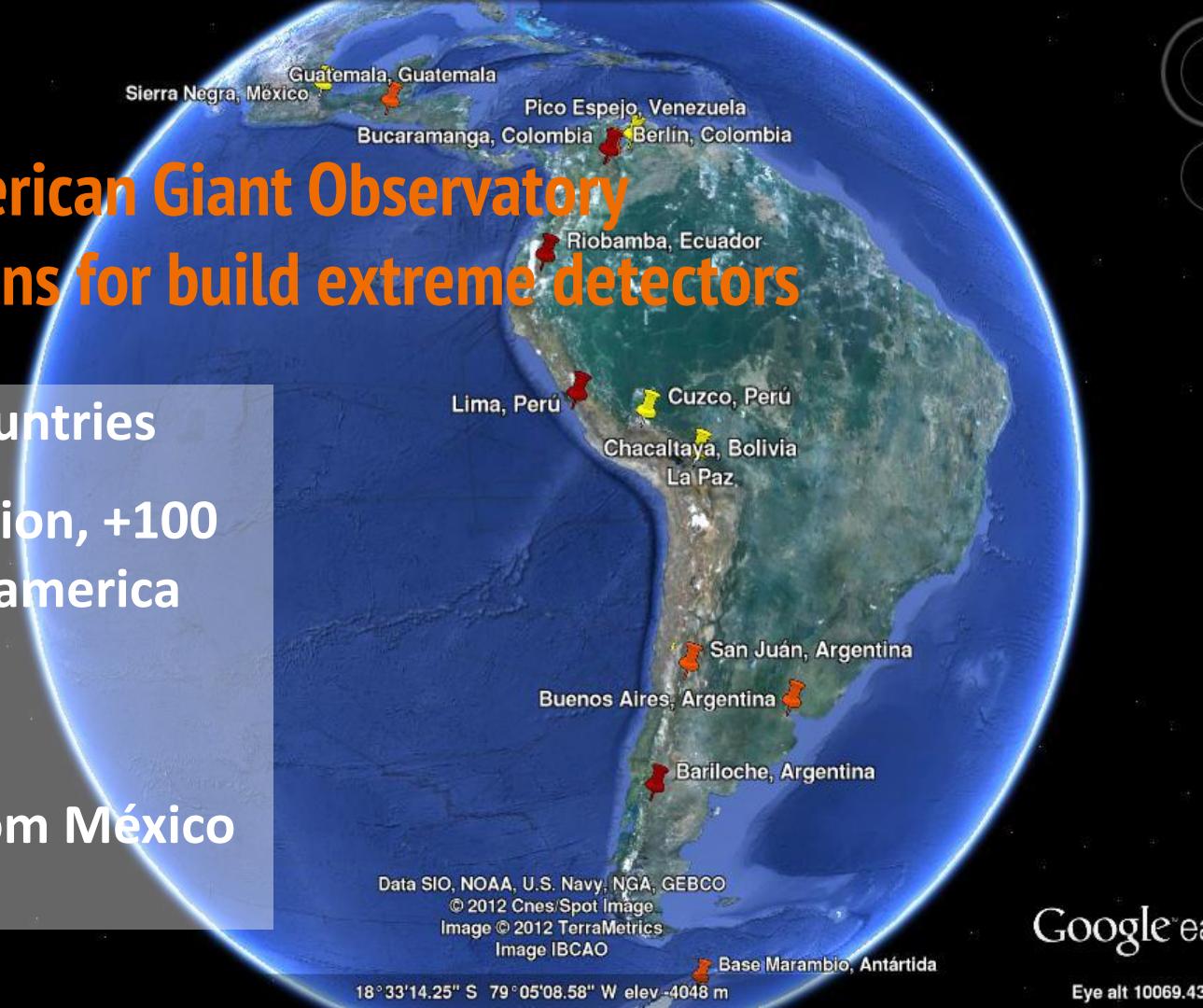
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- A giant WCD array at continental scale, from México to Antarctica



Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
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Image IBCAO

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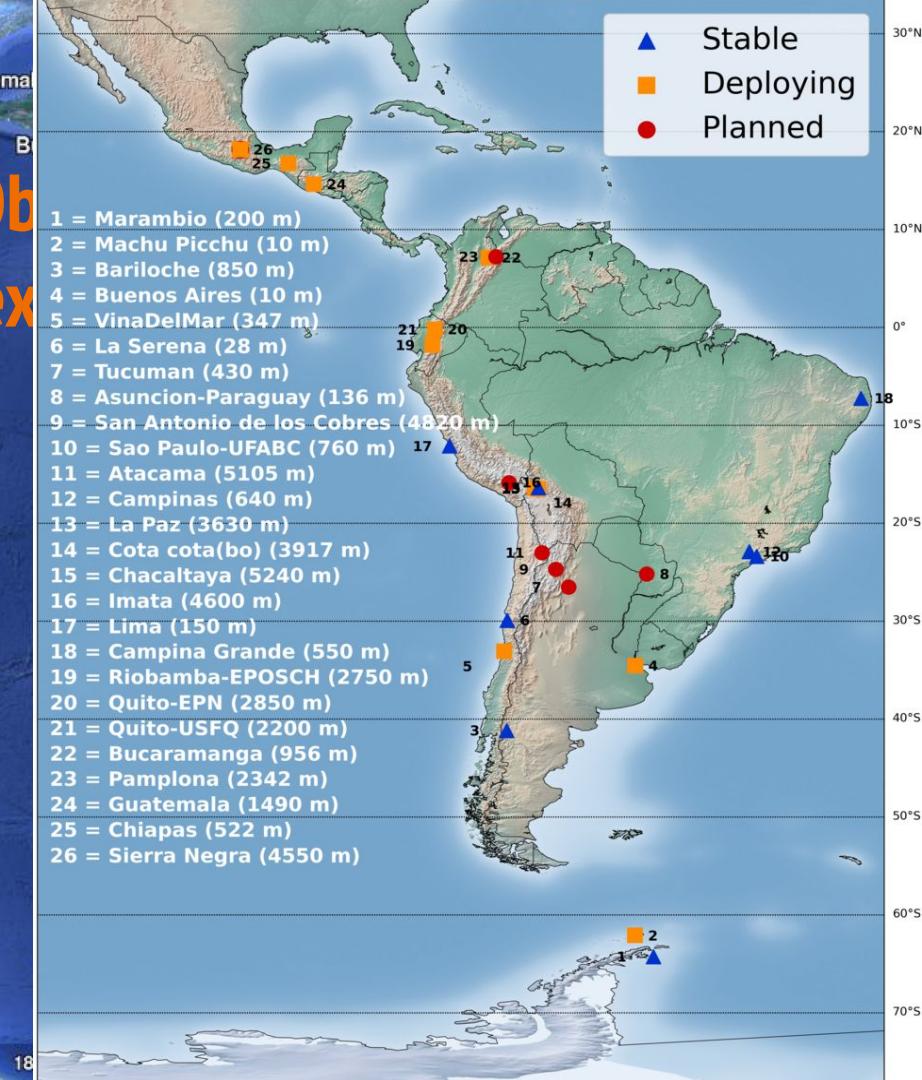
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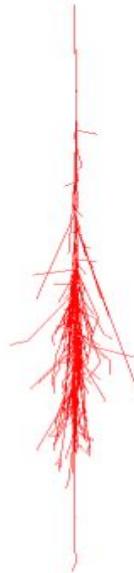


# Altitude effect: atmospheric absorption

12 km



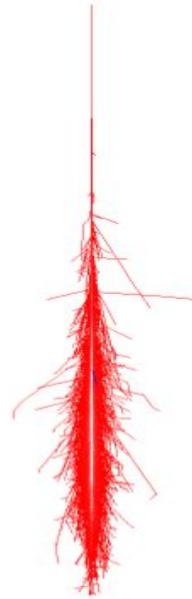
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2 km

$E_\nu = 1 \text{ GeV}$

2 km

$E_\nu = 5 \text{ GeV}$

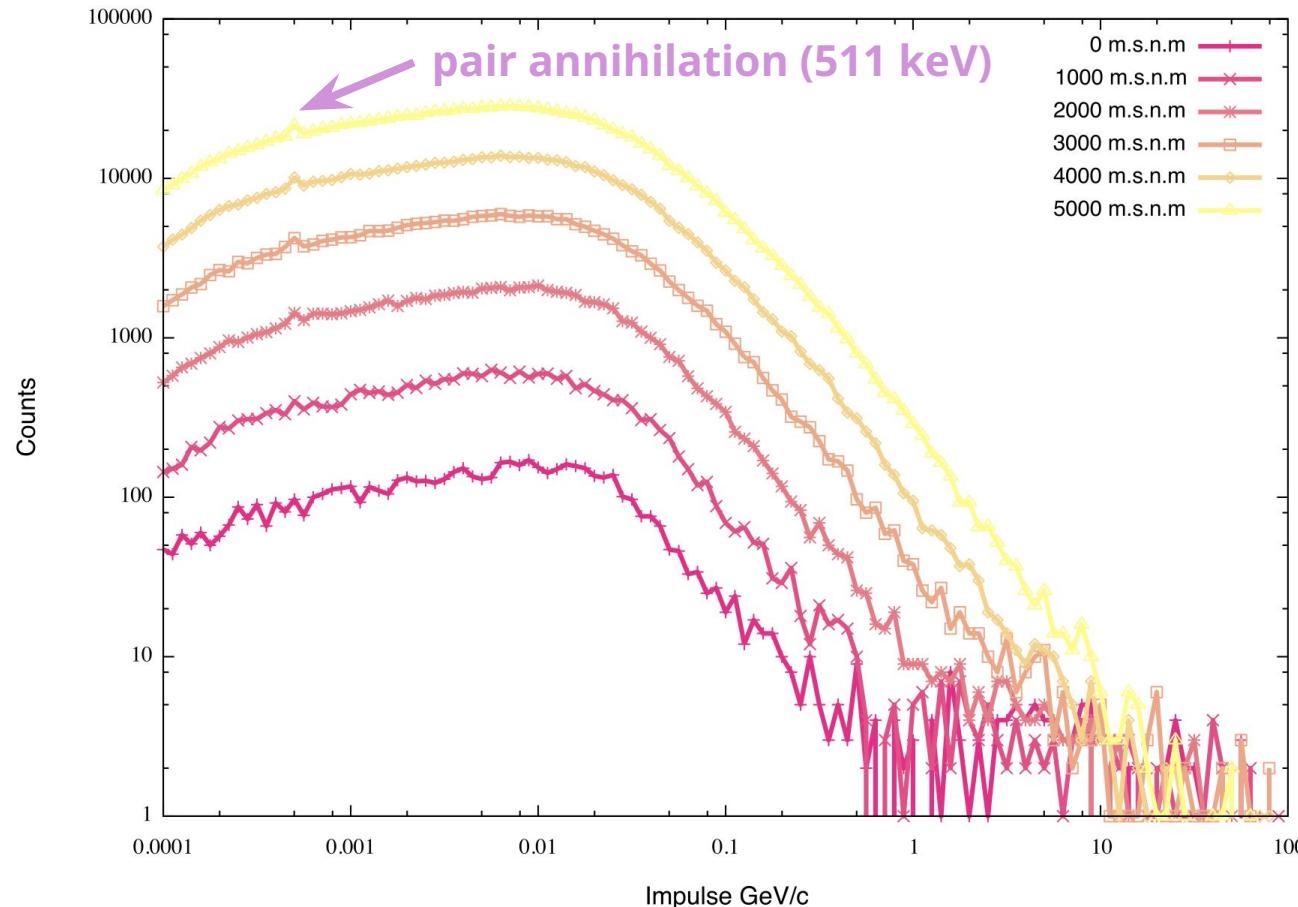
2 km

$E_\nu = 20 \text{ GeV}$

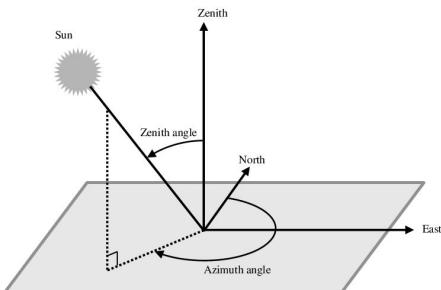
2 km

$E_\nu = 100 \text{ GeV}$

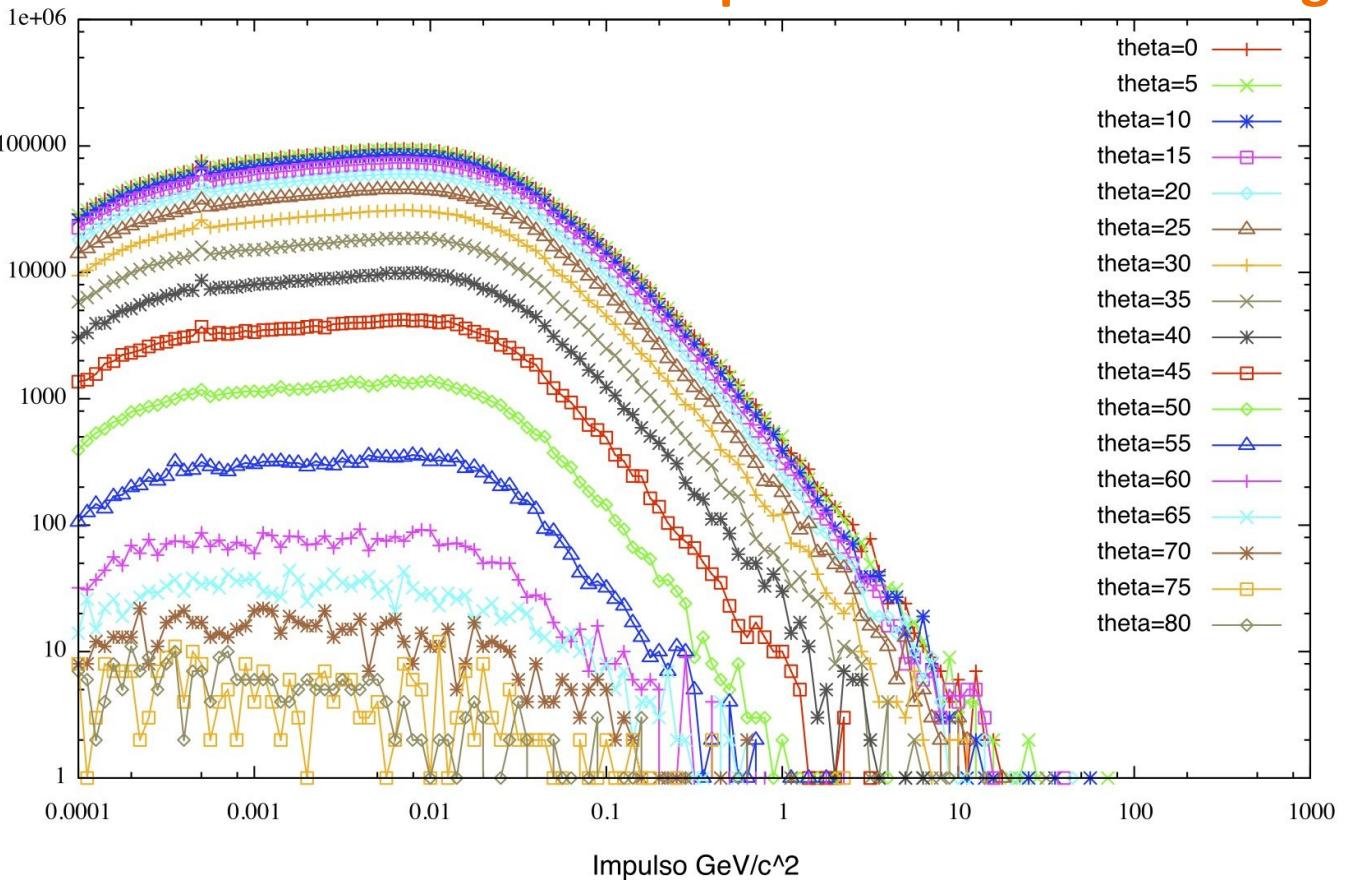
# Atmospheric effect: altitude



# Atmospheric effect: zenith angle

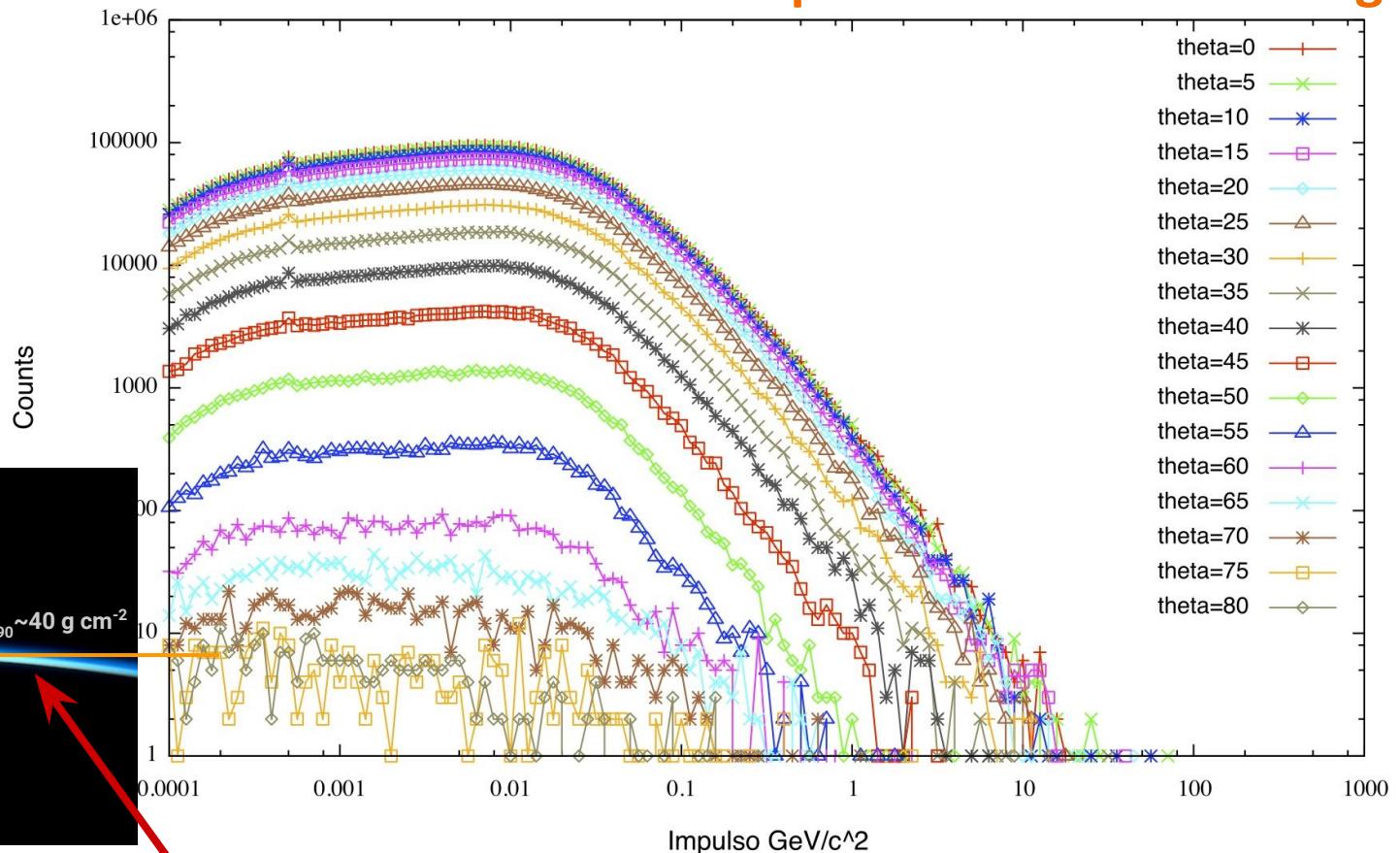
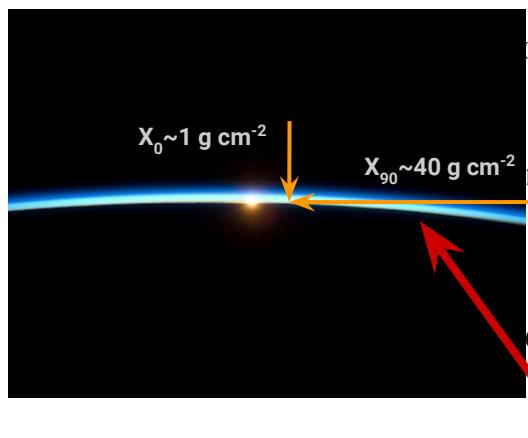


Counts

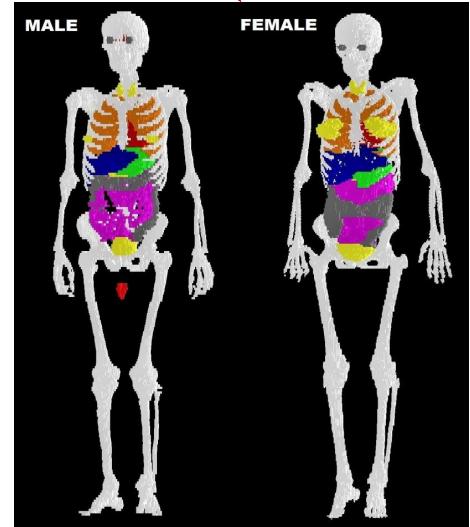
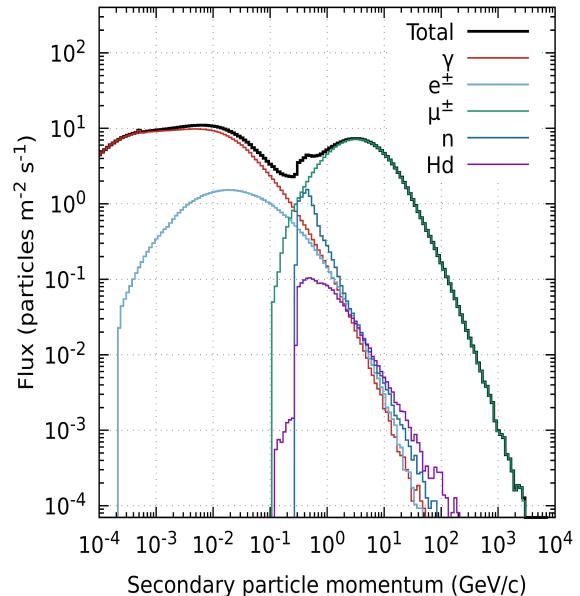
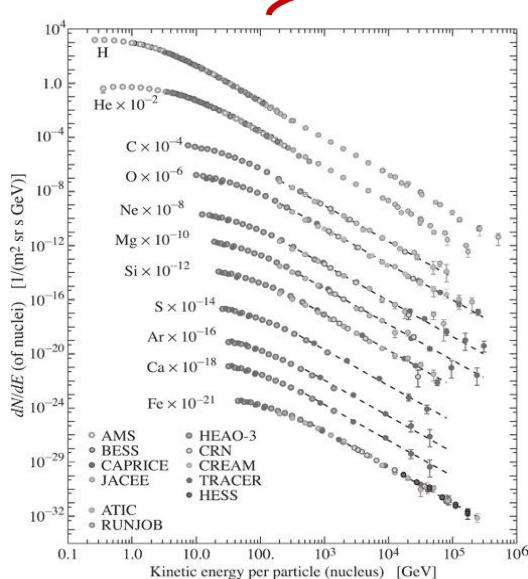
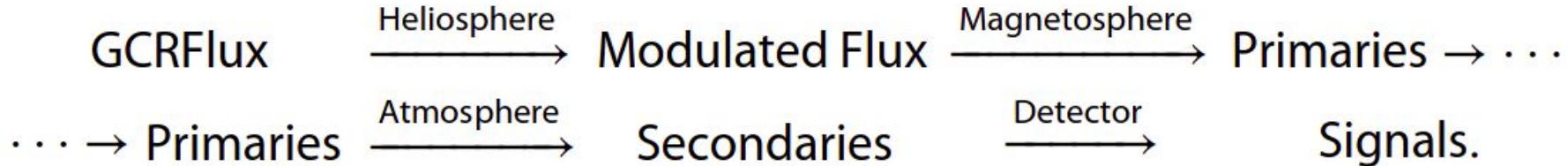


# Atmospheric effect: zenith angle

Not obvious  
take-home  
message: the  
atmosphere is  
curved, and  
therefore the  
Earth is curve

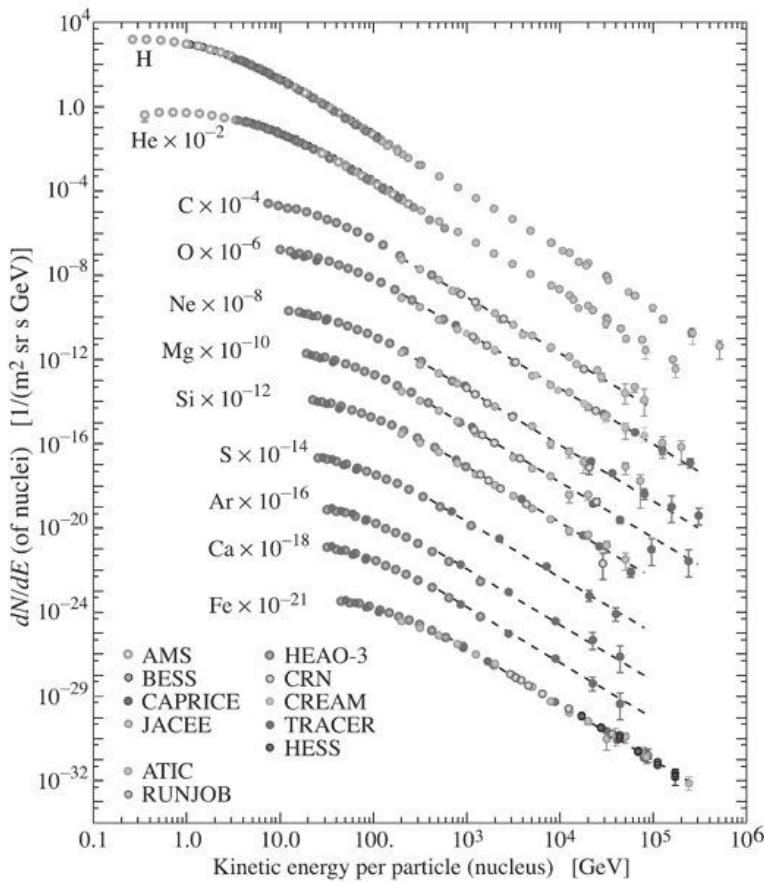


# Extreme simulations for extreme phenomena



Secondary particle momentum (GeV/c)

# primary flux integration



For each primary, we need to integrate its spectrum to get the expected (Poissonian) number of primaries at the top of the atmosphere

$$N_{t,S} = \int_t \int_S \int_{\Omega} \int_{E_p} j_0(E_p, Z_p)^{\alpha(E_p, Z_p)} dt dS d\Omega dE$$

We integrate:

full spectra,  $1 < Z < 26$

hemisphere,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2, -\pi \leq \phi \leq \pi$

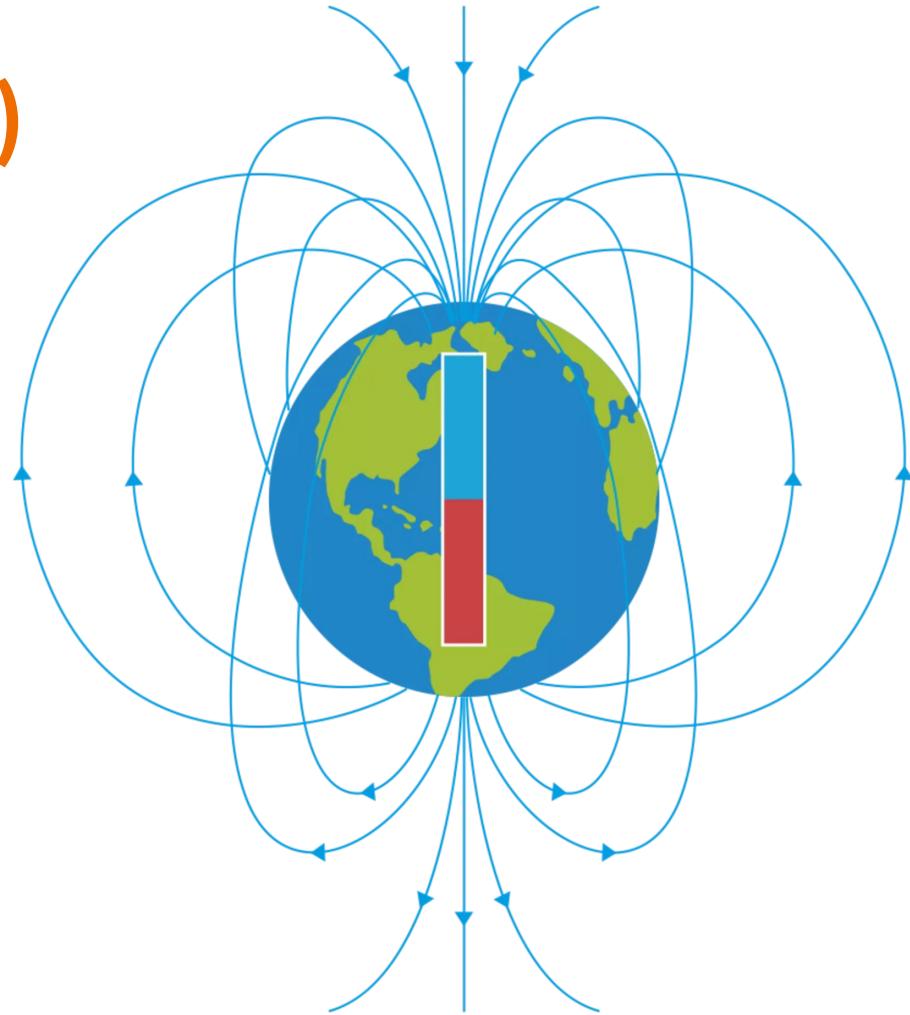
energy range,  $(R_C \times Z_p) < E/\text{GeV} < 10^{15}$

$(R_C$  is the local, time-dependent, geomagnetic rigidity cut-off)

# **Earth Magnetic Field (EMF)**

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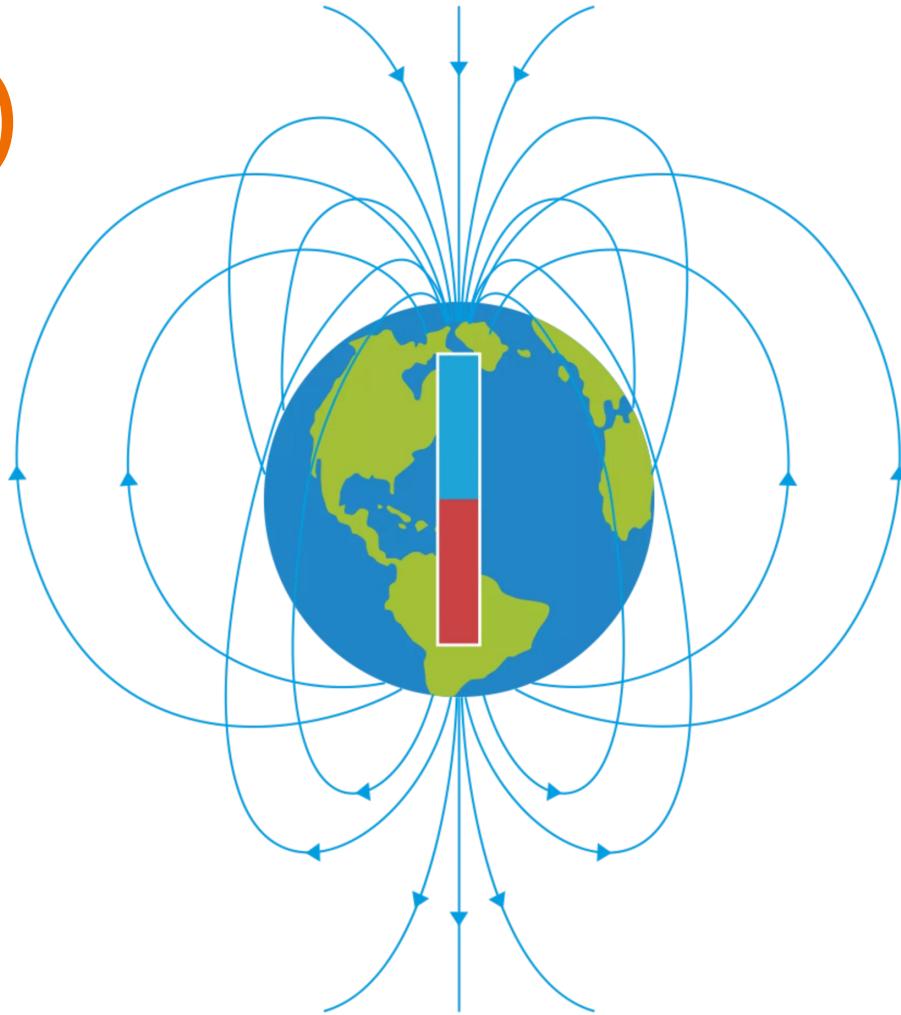
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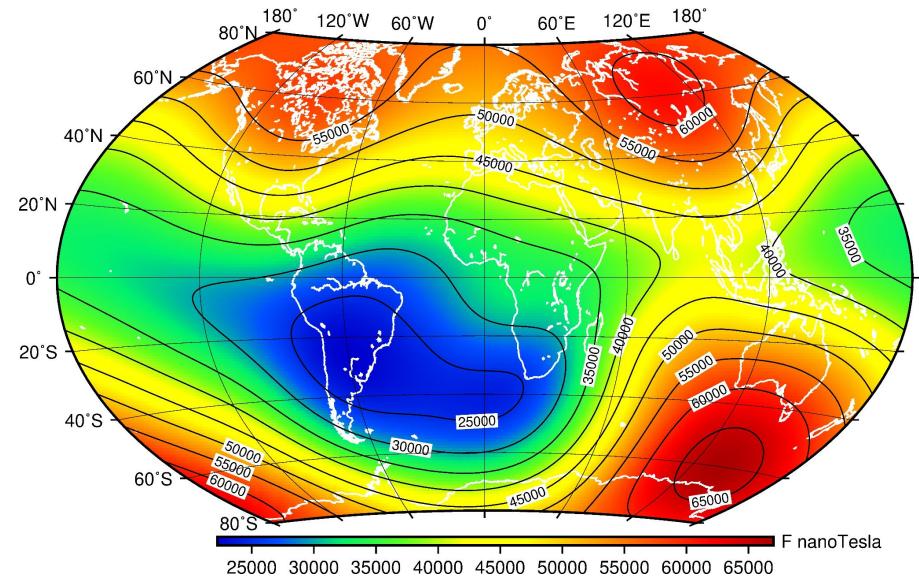
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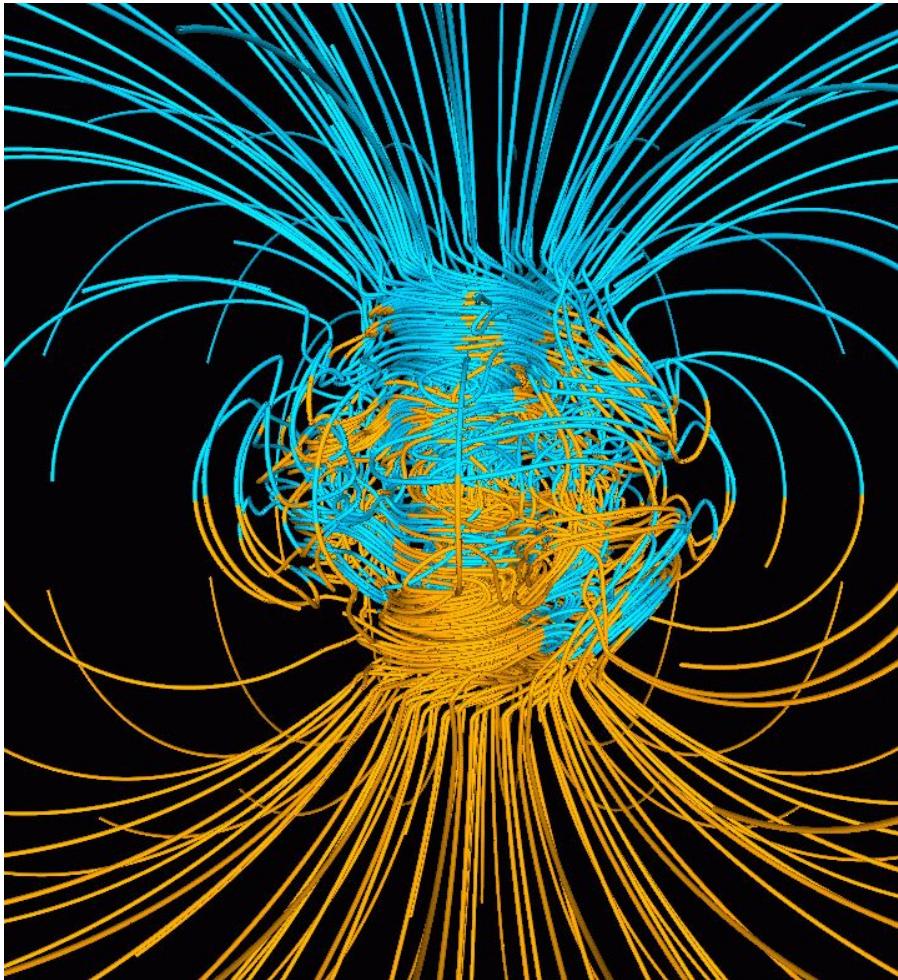
**Earth is not flat,  
vaccines work and  
this is not the real  
Earth Magnetic Field**



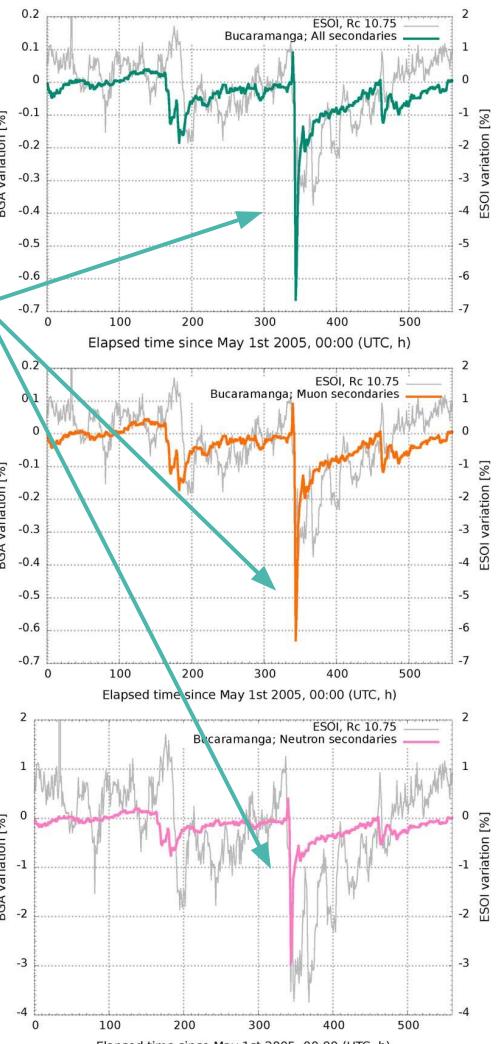
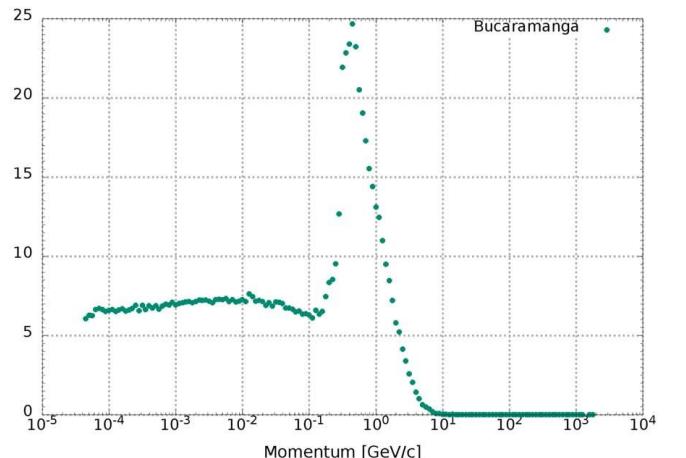
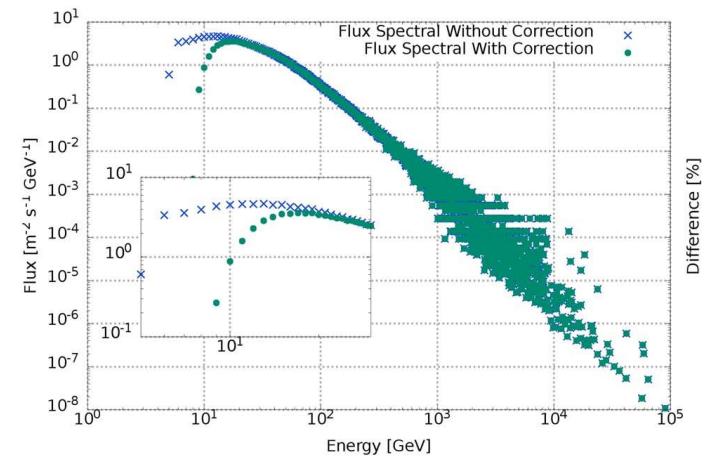
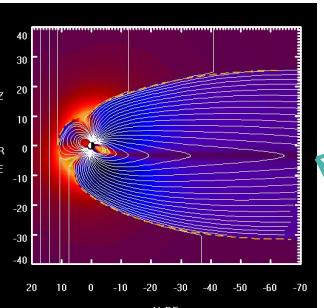
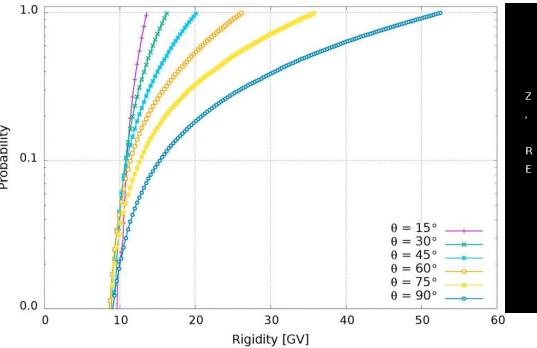
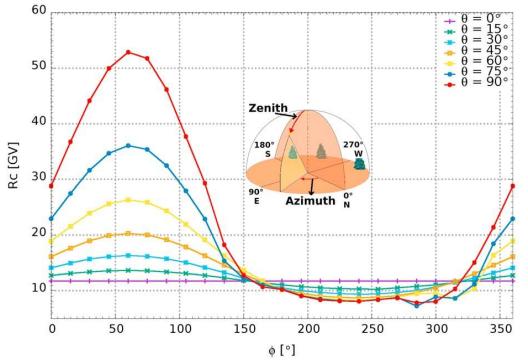
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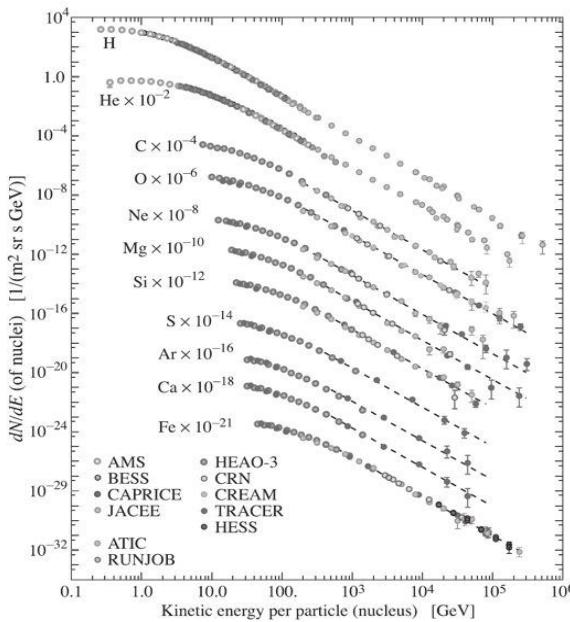
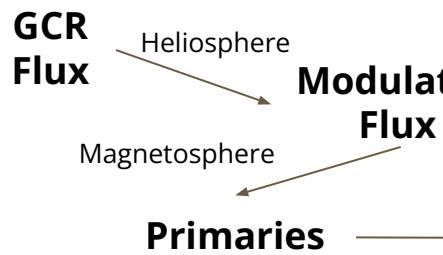


IGRF-13 Geomagnetic model  
Total intensity field as for Jan 2020  
Multipole expansion up to  $l=13$

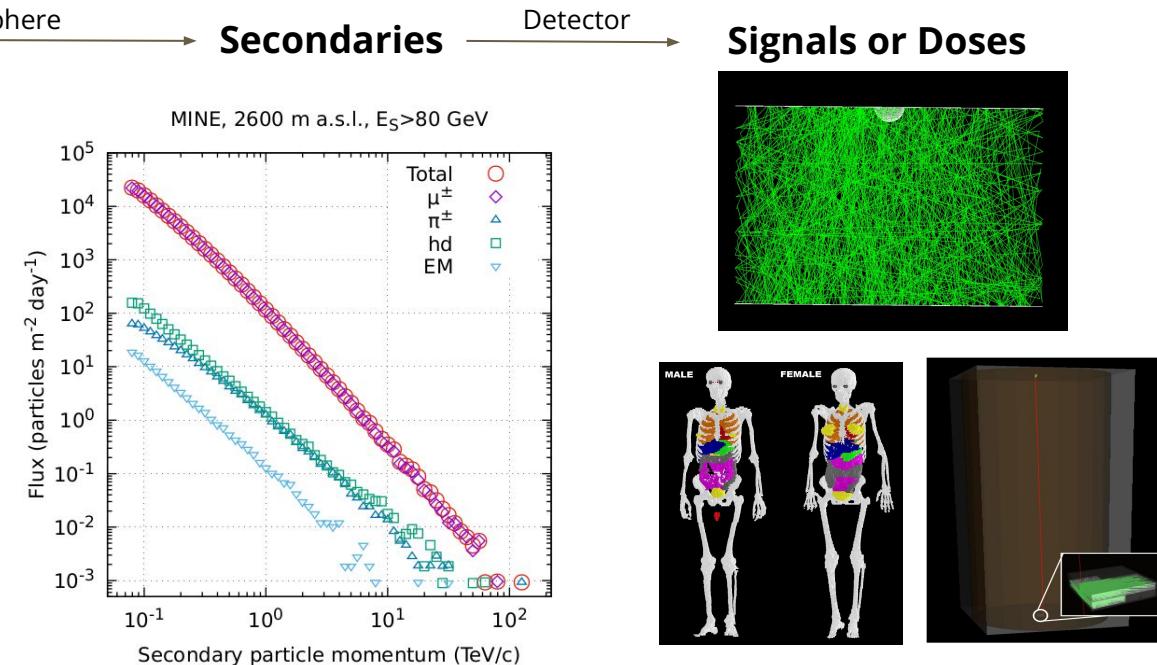


# time-dependent local geomagnetic effects





# ARTI: The LAGO Simulation framework



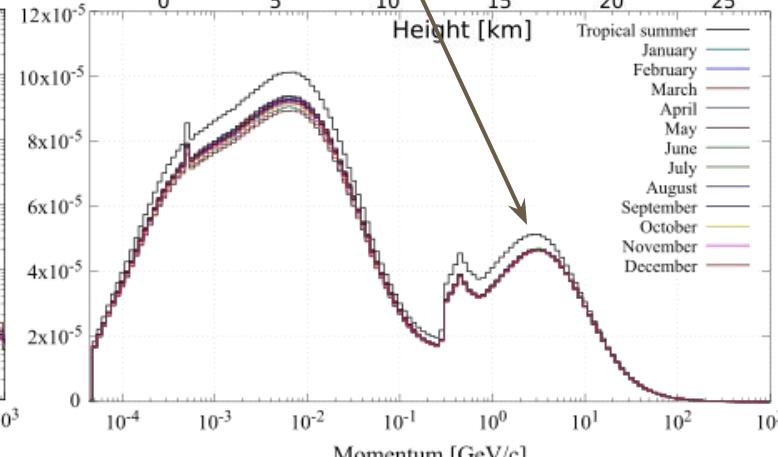
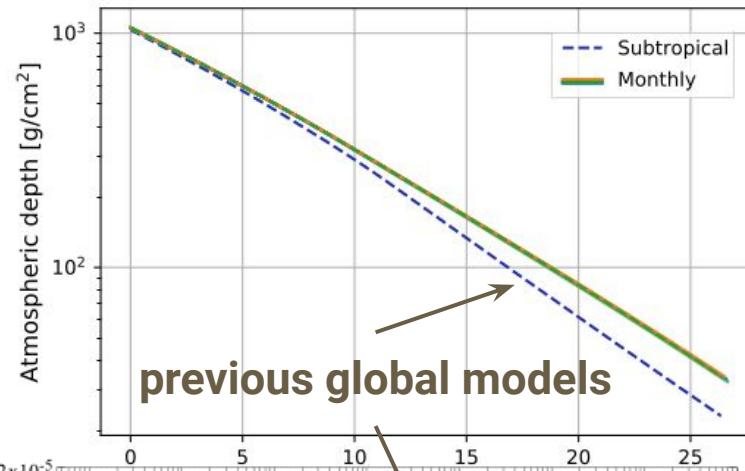
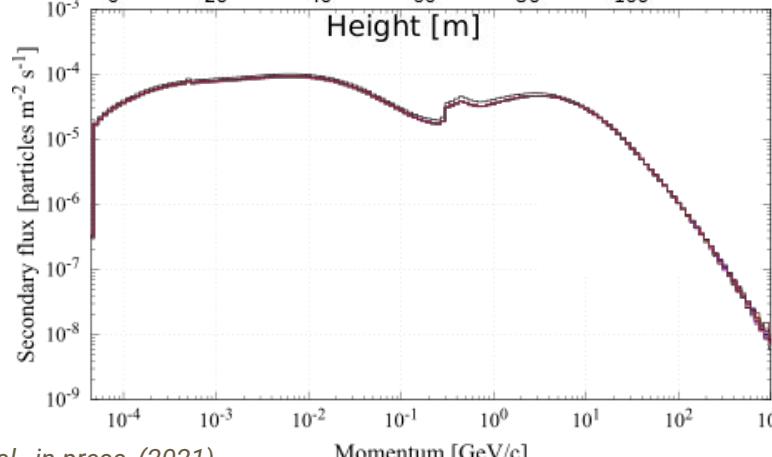
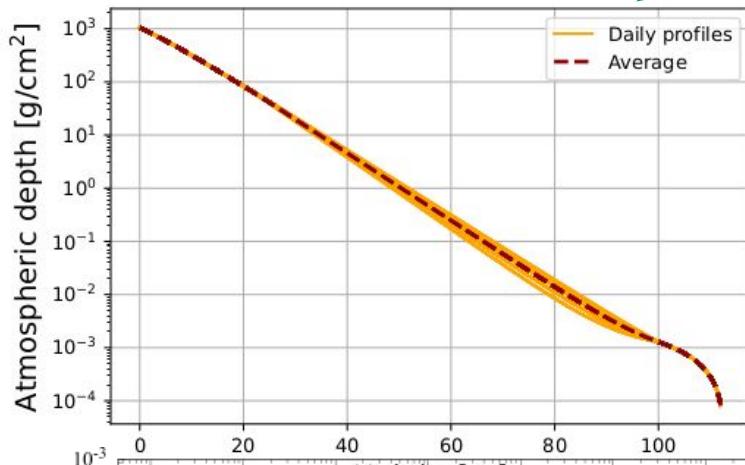
**ARTI + CORSIKA**

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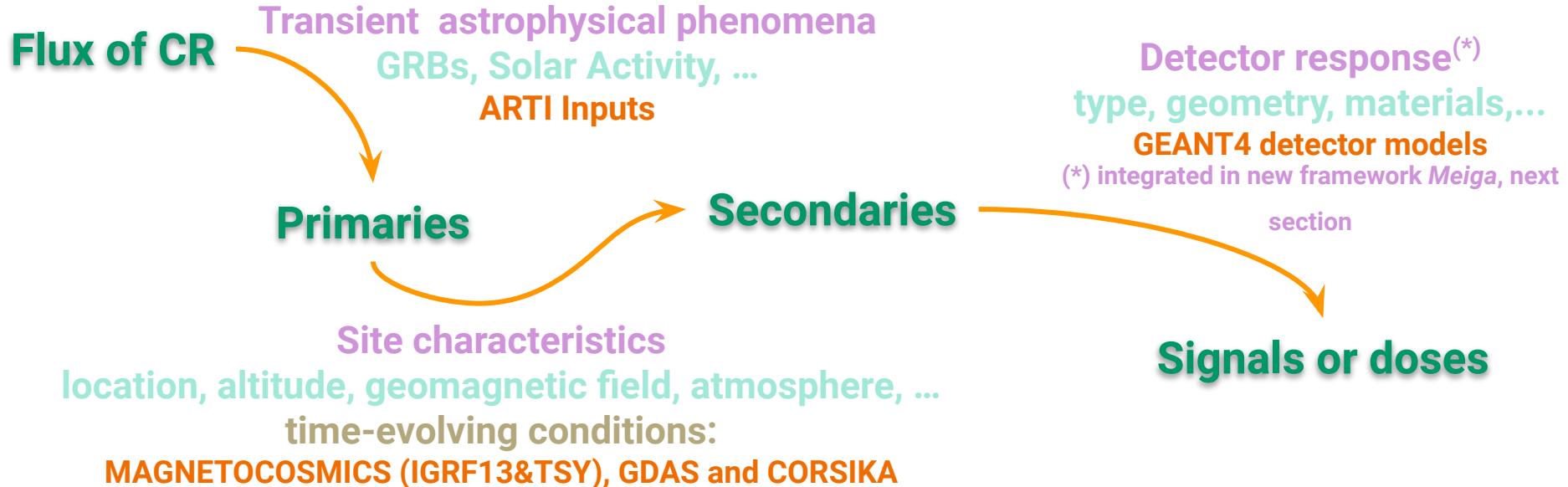
**ARTI + MEIGA (Geant4)**

# local atmospheric effects

Monthly-averaged or instantaneous local atmospheric profiles from GDAS

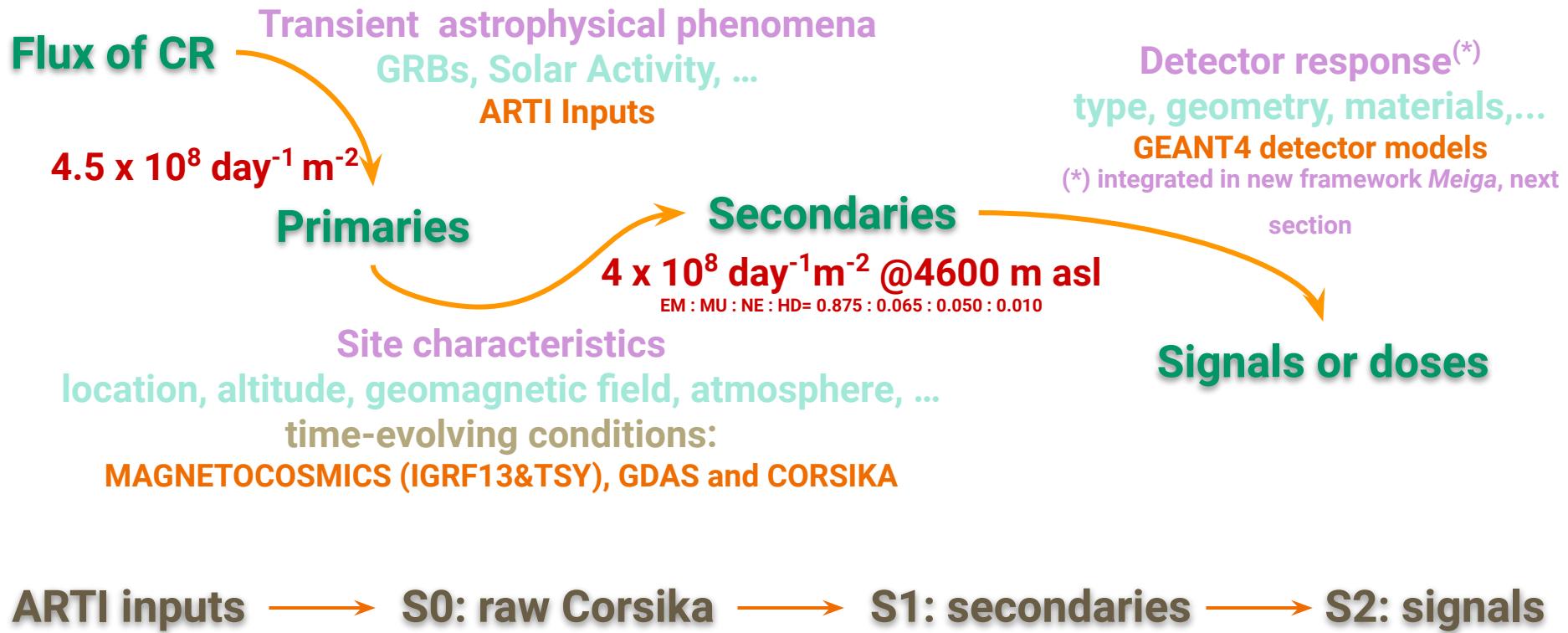


# ARTI, our secondary flux simulation framework



ARTI inputs → S0: raw Corsika → S1: secondaries → S2: signals

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# EOSC-Synergy

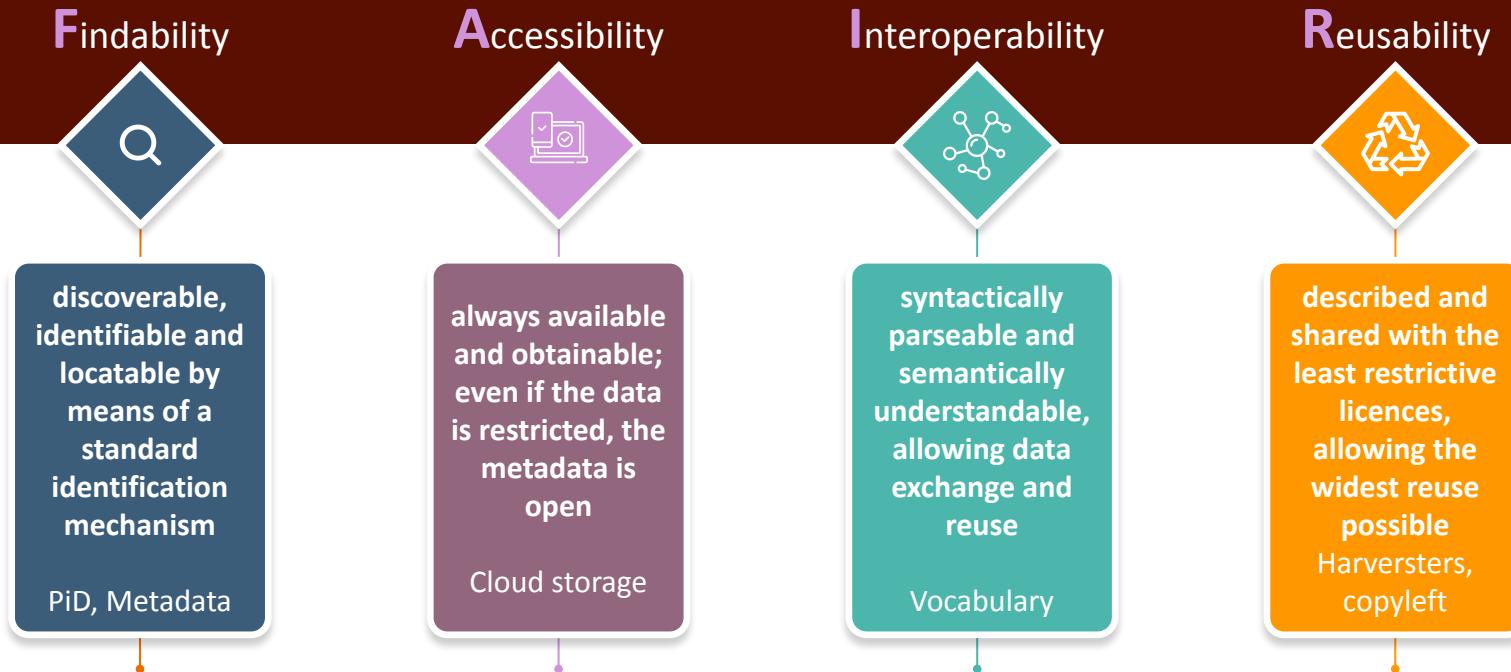
European Open Science Cloud  
expanding the capacity and  
capabilities of EOSC by leveraging  
the experience, effort and resources  
of national publicly-funded digital  
infrastructures



**Main objectives of our Tematic Service:**  
To produce standardized computational  
mechanisms and tools for

- production of simulated data (ARTI)
  - curation and analysis (ANNA) of measured and simulated data
  - feasibility for Geant4 applications on medicine and geophysics
  - **Enable open data and open science standards**
    - FAIR principles: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable data
  - **Enable data and resources long-term sustainability**
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# The FAIR paradigm



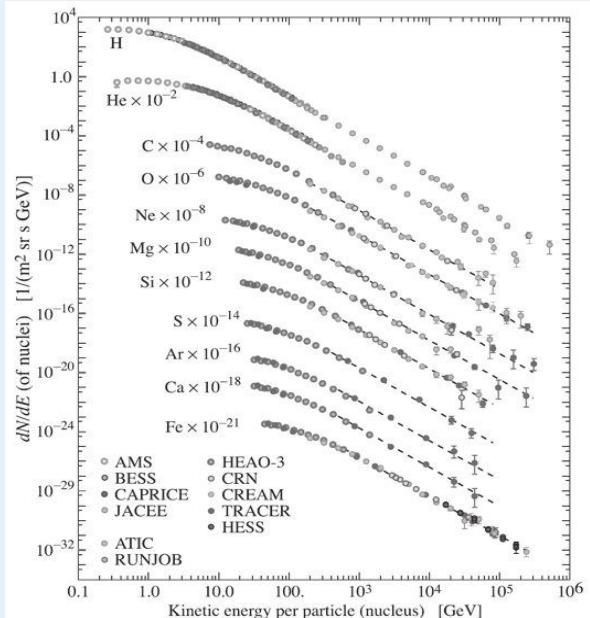
GCR  
Flux

Heliosphere

Modulated  
Flux

Magnetosphere

Primaries (S0)



onedataSim-S0

# Standardizing: data-sets & encapsulates pipeline steps

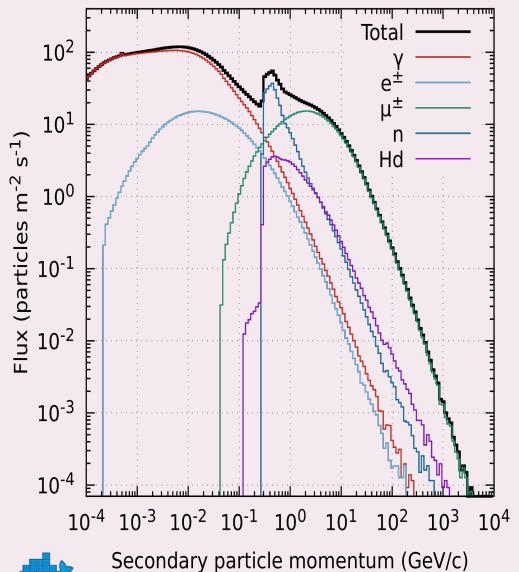
Atmosphere

Secondaries (S1)

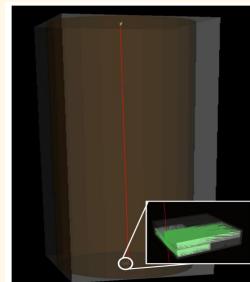
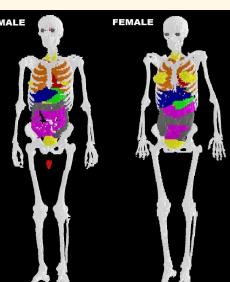
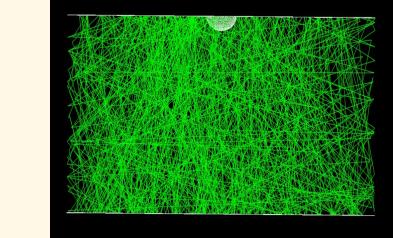
Detector

Signals or Doses (S2)

IMA, 4 days, 4600 m a.s.l.



onedataSim-S1



onedataSim-S2

# Extreme infrastructures for extreme simulations

HPC provider assigns cloud resources to EOSC:

$n$  Nodes,  $r$  GB/TB of RAM,  $d$  TB local storage



**Infrastructure Manager**

web-based service with templates for distributing all the available resources in virtual clusters. Installs OS, in our case, ubuntu 20.04 + slurm manager

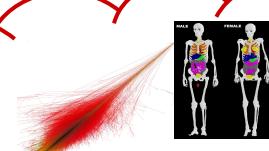


docker containers with our codes are deployed from docker HUB in the virtual cluster

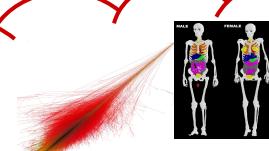
**virtual cluster**



docker



**slurm**  
workload manager



**FAIR: catalogs are findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable**



Results are stored at cloud-based storage services. Access through personal tokens



PID (Persistent IDentifiers) are assigned for each data catalog

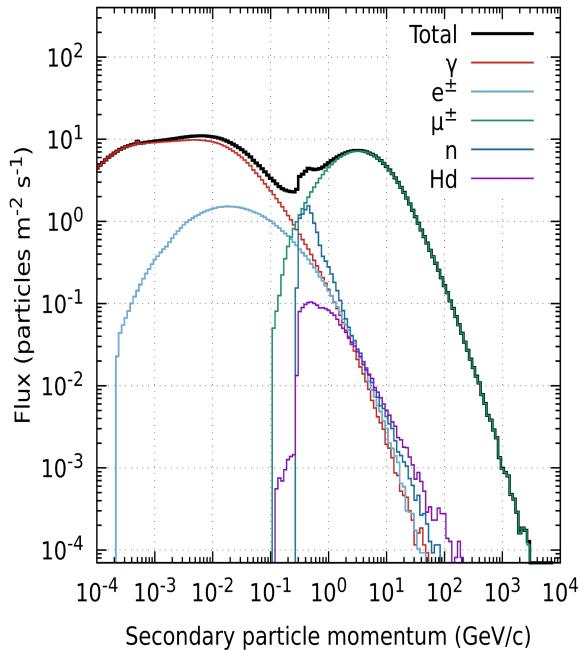


# New detectors, integrated dose and better shieldings for HPC computer facilities

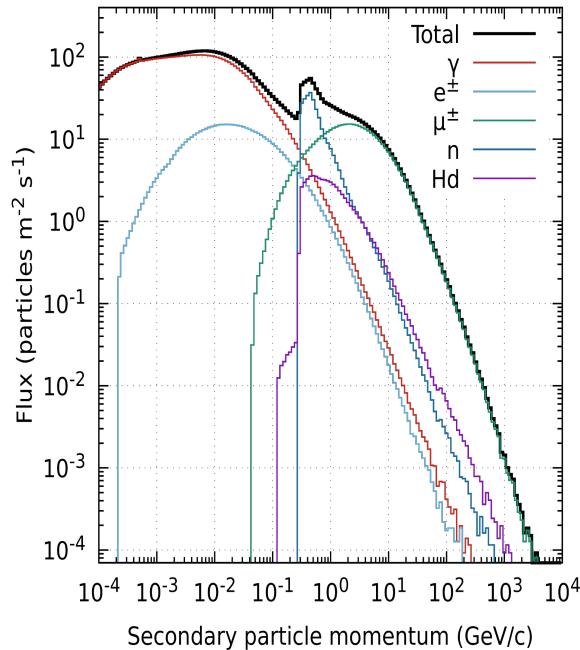
Detailed flux of secondary particles at any location around the World.

## Normalised secondary particle flux at different sites in LA

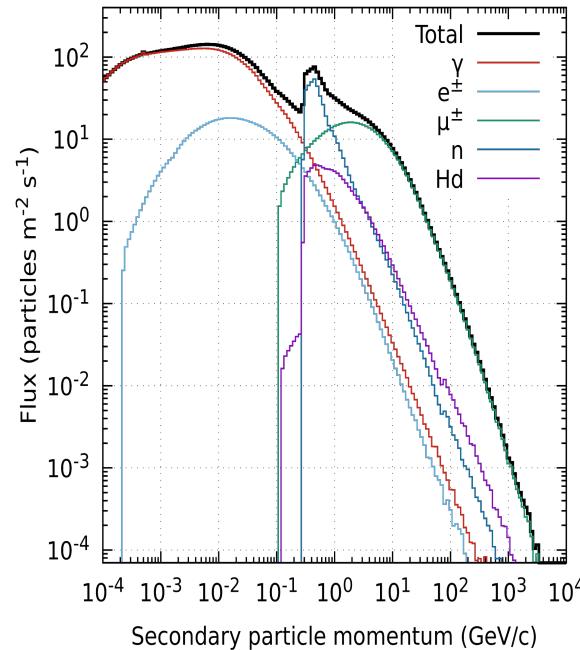
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IMA, 4 days, 4600 m a.s.l.



SAC, 7 days, 4500 m a.s.l.

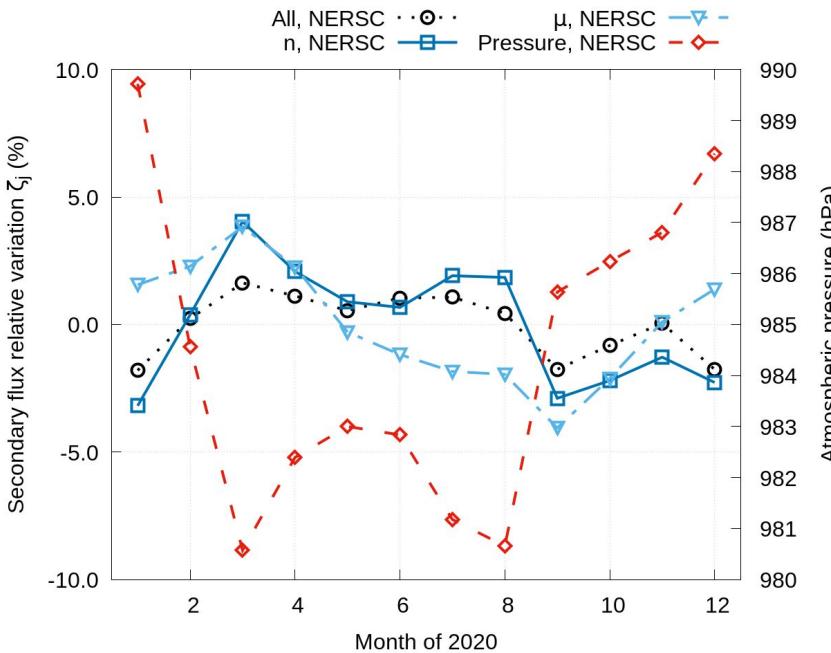
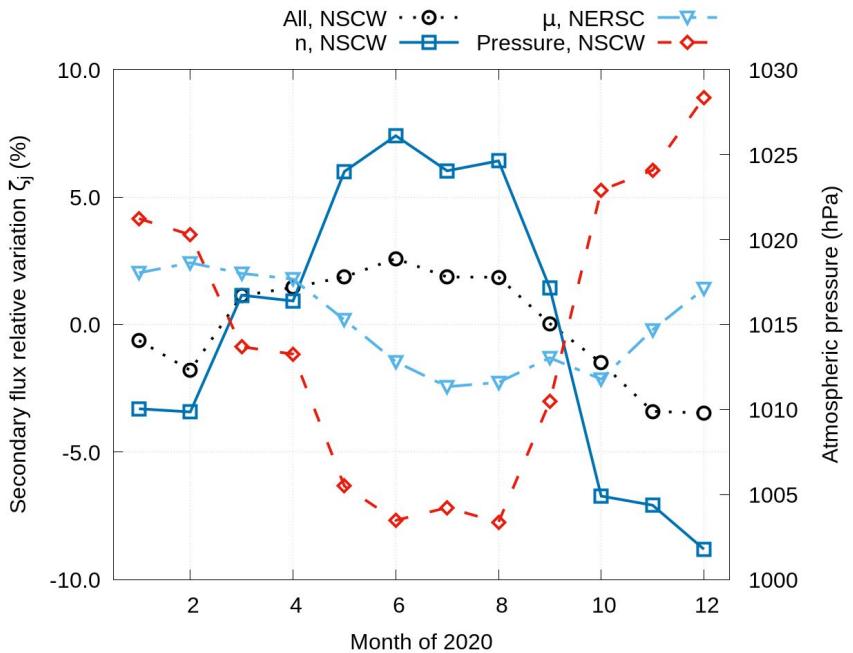


# Extreme calculations for the extreme computers: the dawn of the Exascale



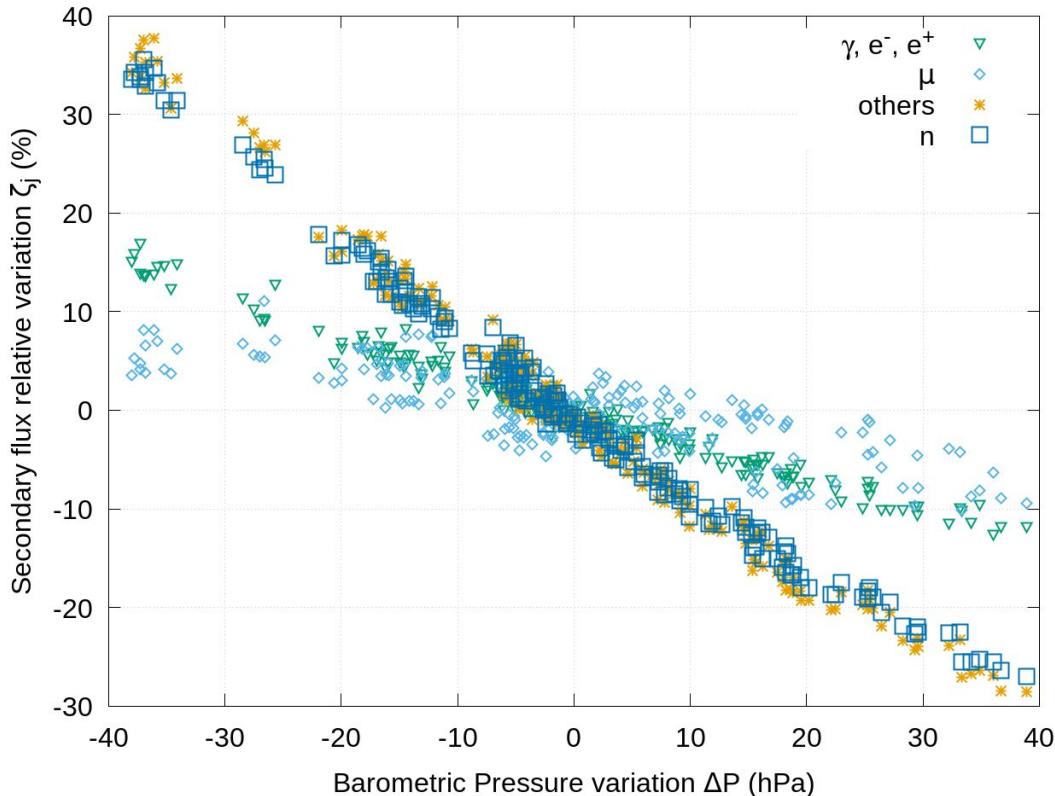
23 new exascale supercomputing centres are being built around the World  
High- and low-energy neutrons are one of the main sources of Silent (undetected) Errors

# Seasonal variations and real atmospheric effects on HE neutrons



For each centre, real GDAS atmospheric profiles and geomagnetic conditions were extracted and relative variations were computed

# Barometric coefficients $\beta$ and Failure in Time rates at each site



- Atmospheric impact depends on secondary particle type
- neutrons are the most affected
- Barometric coefficients  $\beta$  were calculated for each site
- From  $\beta$  and averaged values at each site is it possible to calculate the failure-in-time rates:

$$FIT_{err}(t) = 10^5 \sigma_{err} \bar{E}_i \left[ 1 + \beta_i (P(t) - \bar{P}) \right]$$

- And then, the expected MTBF (mean time between failures):

$$MTBF_{err}(t) = \frac{10^9}{FIT_{err}(t)} \text{ hours}$$

During a thunderstorm,  $\Delta P \sim -5$  hPa, and so, at, e.g., Titan, silent errors MTBF  $\sim 1$  day

# Extreme detectors for extreme objects

- **Situation:**  
I want to look inside my arm
- **Solution 1:**



# Extreme detectors for extreme objects

- **Situation:**

- I want to look inside my arm



- **Solution 1:**

- **Solution 2:**

- Use ionizing radiation (X-Ray)
- X-Ray absorption depends on density and atomic number of the medium
- So, use a sensitive detector to (indirectly) measure the density (and materials)



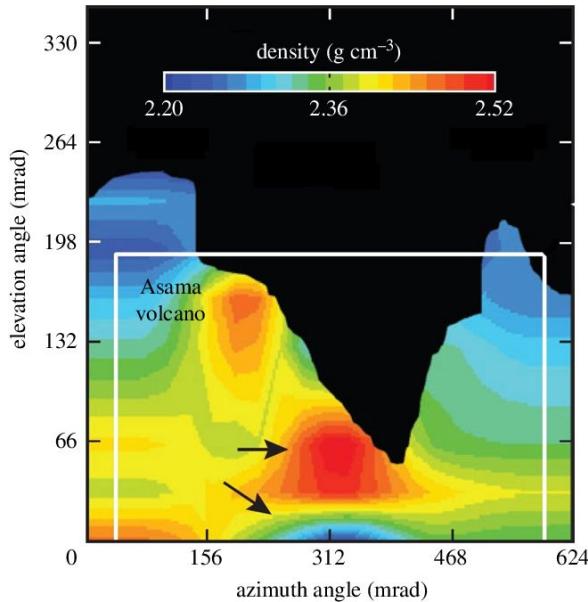


Pyroclastic flows normally travel to distances of 5 to 10 kilometres



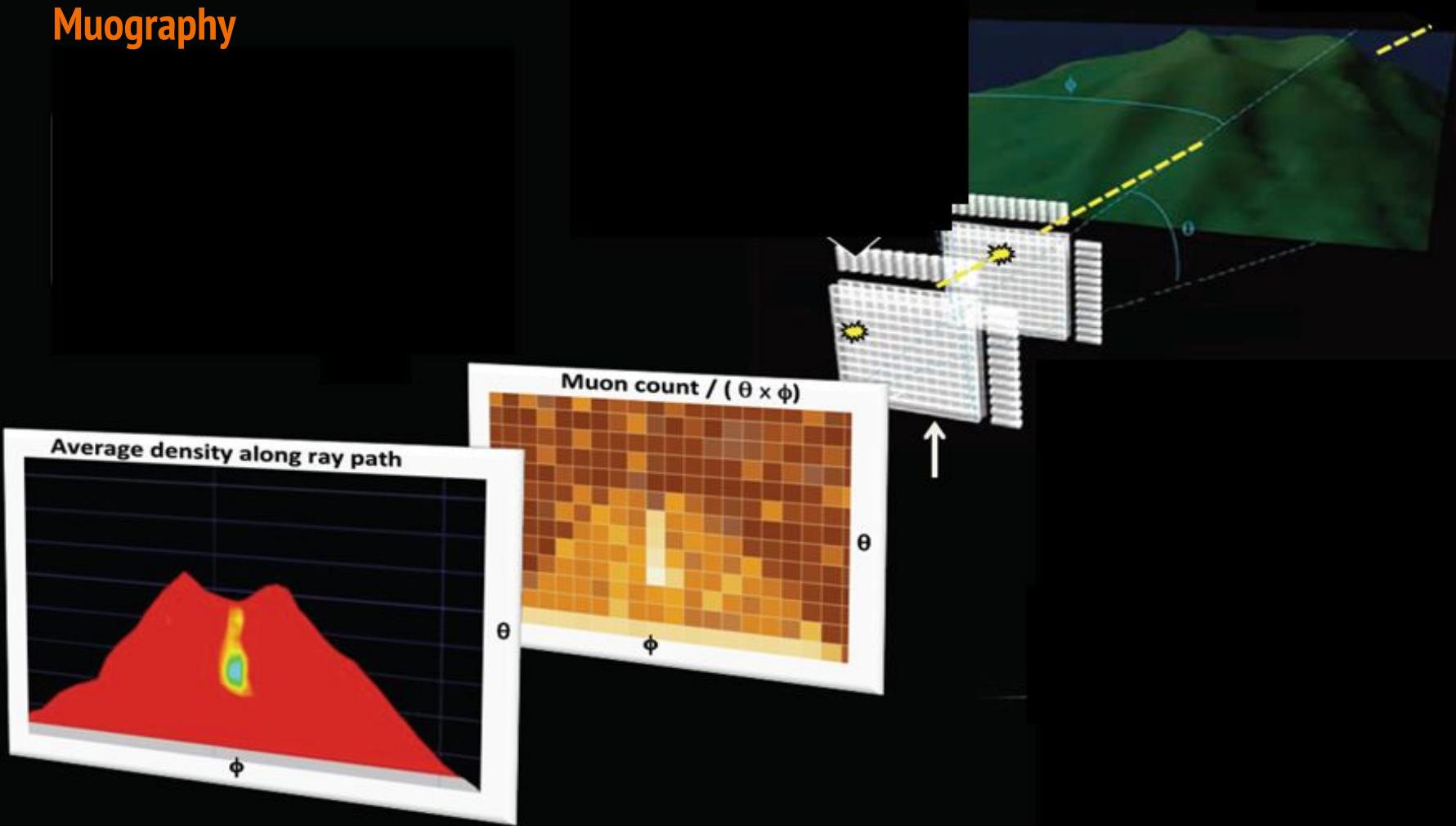
# Muography, how to

- Start with an object with an unknown density profile
  - ... measure the directional muon flux through this object
  - ... and compare with the muon reference flux
  - → **you get the directional opacity of this object [g/cm<sup>2</sup>]**
- Additionally...
  - ... obtain the external geometry of the object
  - → **and calculate the directional interaction distance [cm]**
- Finally, from...
  - directional opacity
  - directional interaction distances
- → **get internal density profile along muon propagation direction**

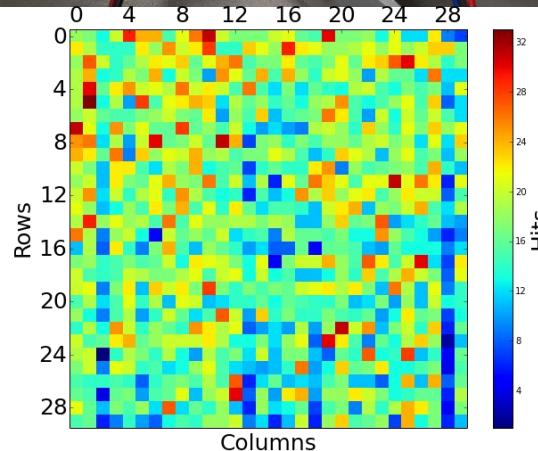
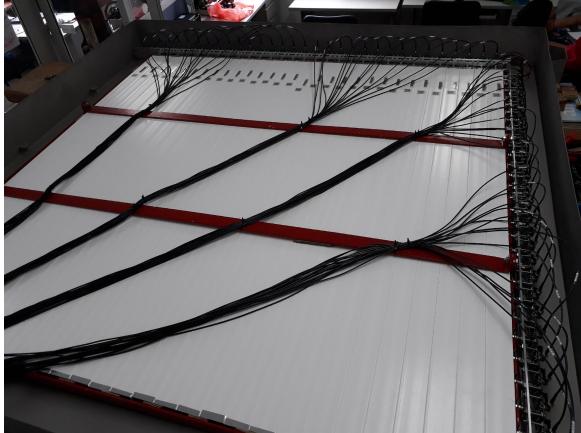
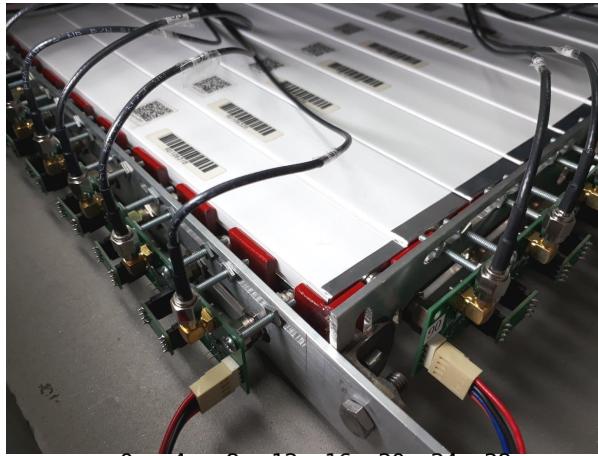
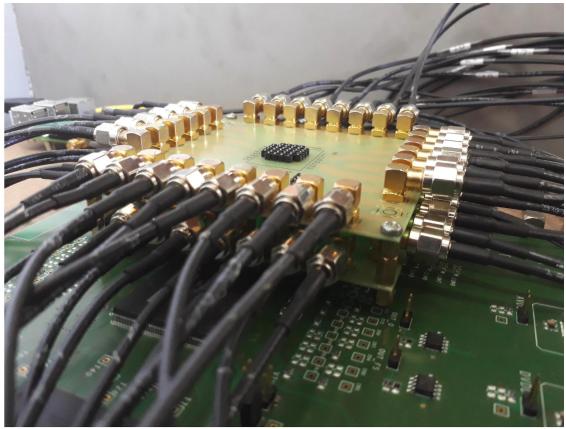


$$\varrho(L) \equiv \int_L \boxed{\rho(\xi)} d\xi,$$

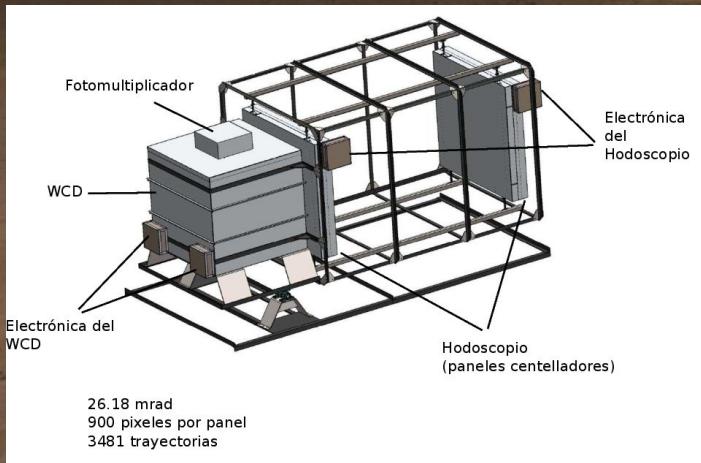
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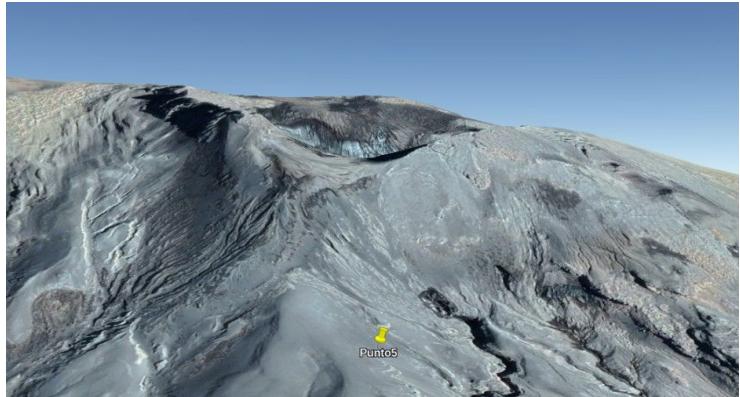
# Extreme electronics for extreme measurements



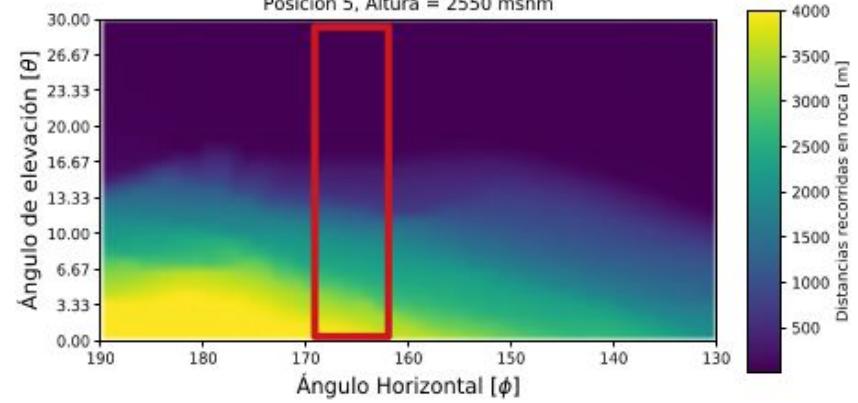
# MuTe, the Muon Telescope



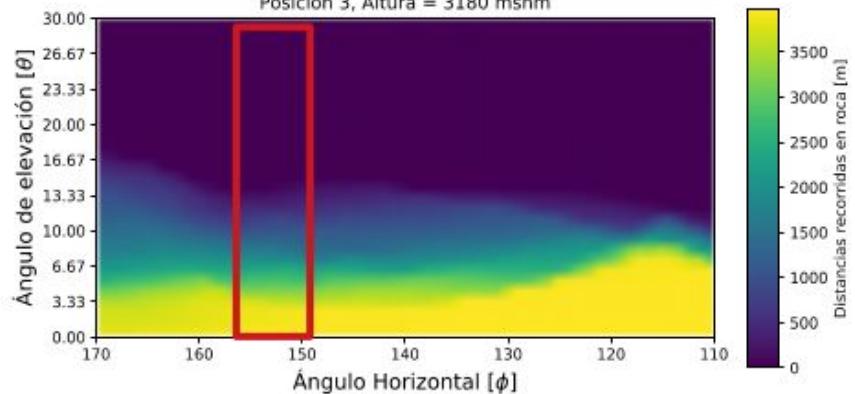
# Two possible volcanic targets in Argentina Copahue and Planchón-Peteroa



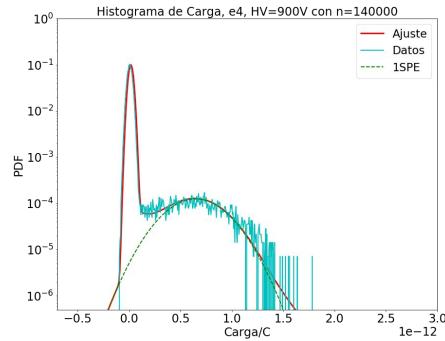
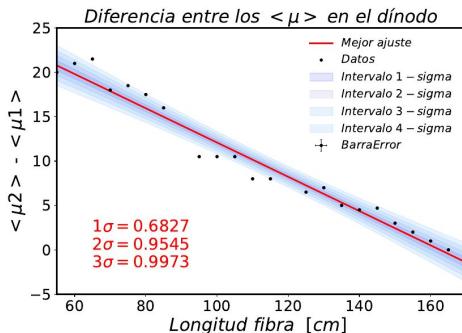
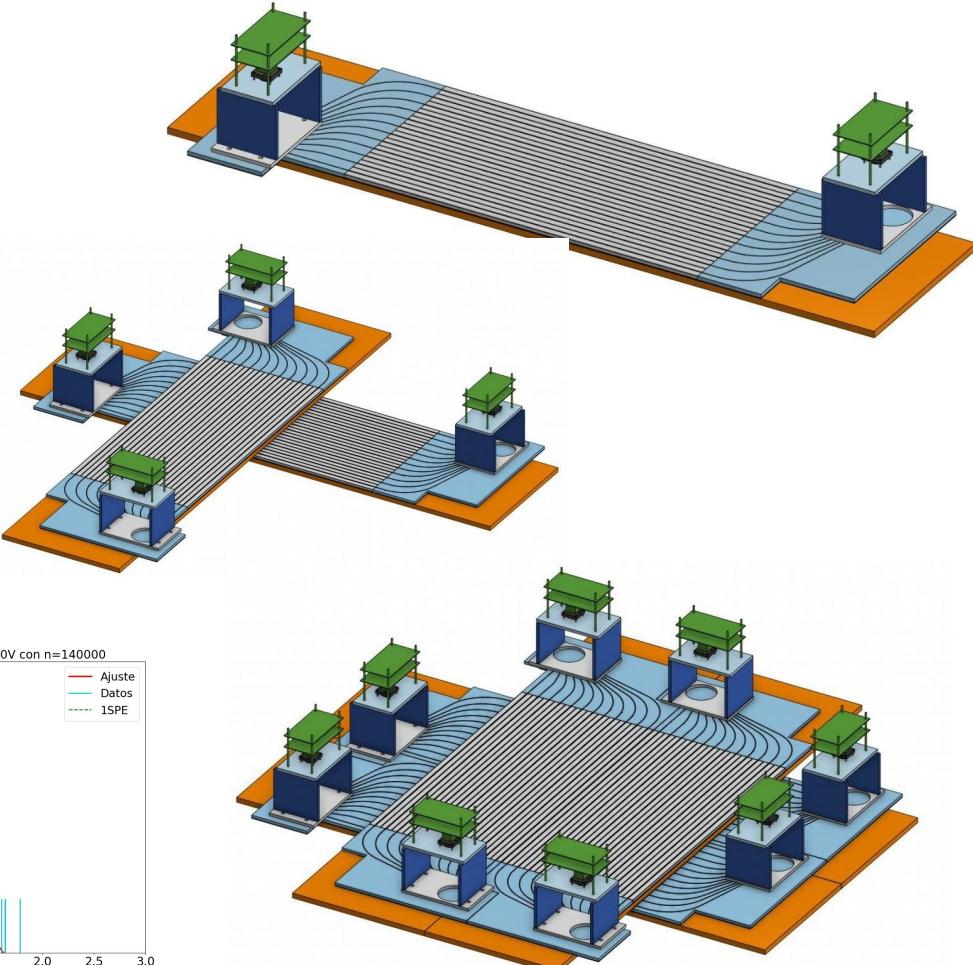
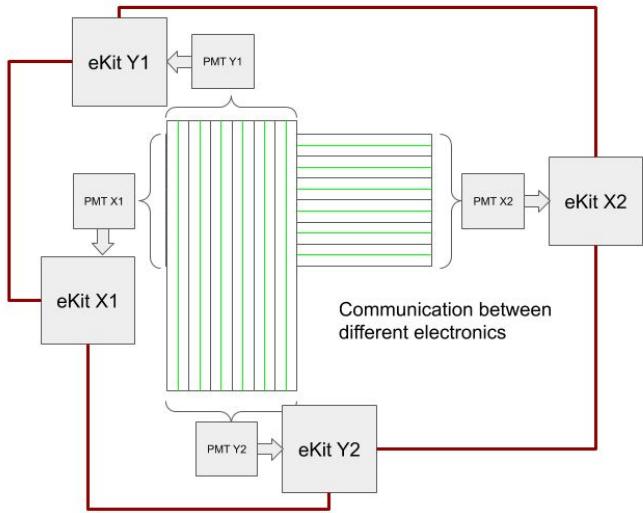
Posición 5, Altura = 2550 msnm



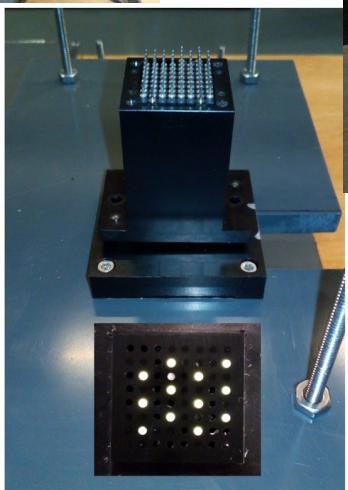
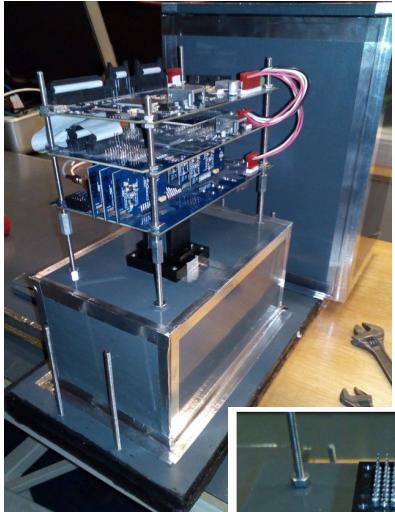
Posición 3, Altura = 3180 msnm



# Our modular design

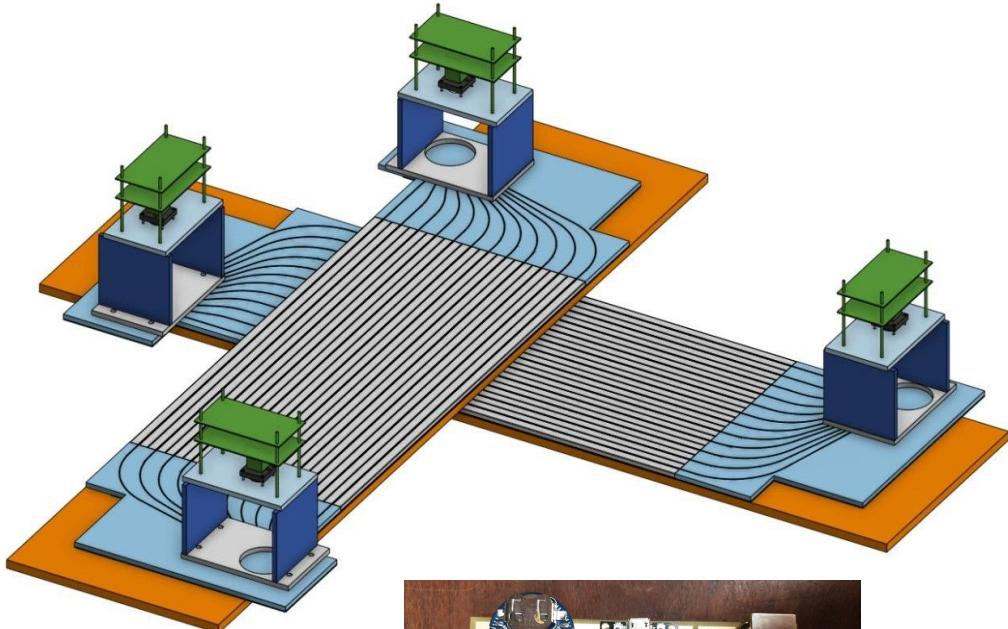
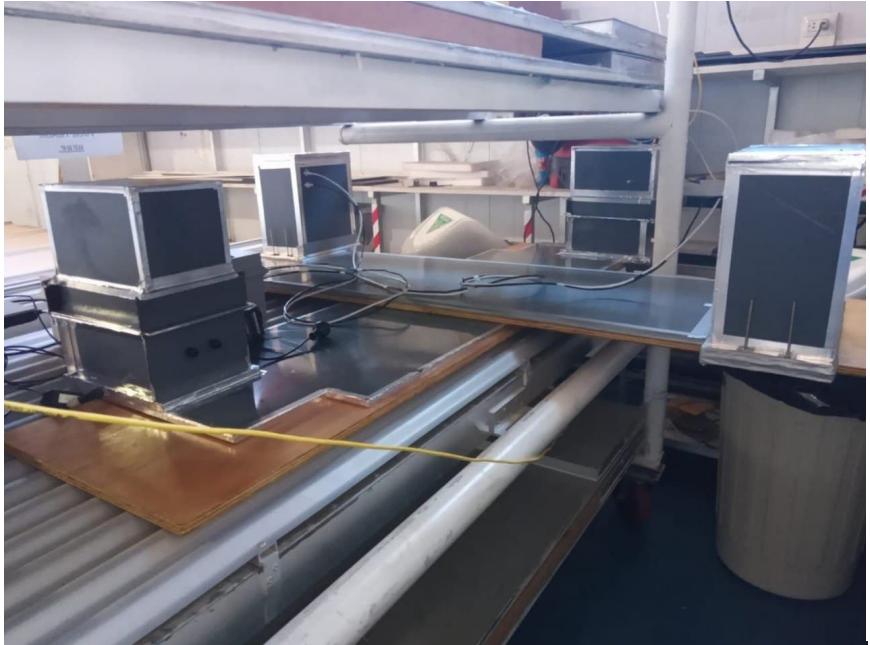


# First functional prototype (Jul 2021)

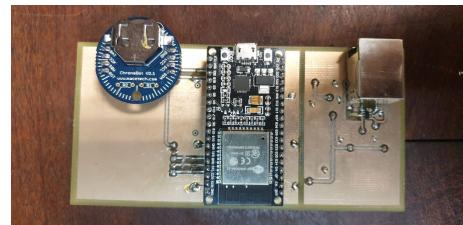


**Technology transference from  
Astroparticle detection to  
volcanic assessment risks**

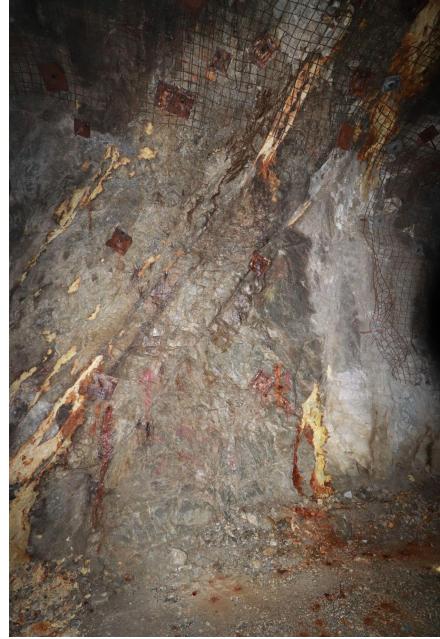
## Modular assembly, calibration, testing and coincidence detection



ESP32-based synchronism electronics



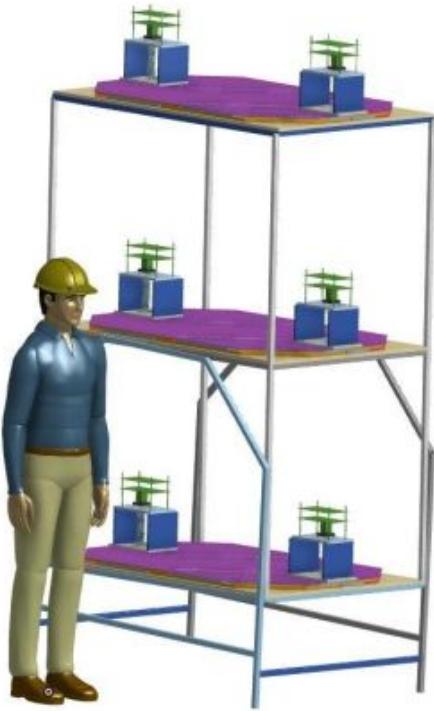
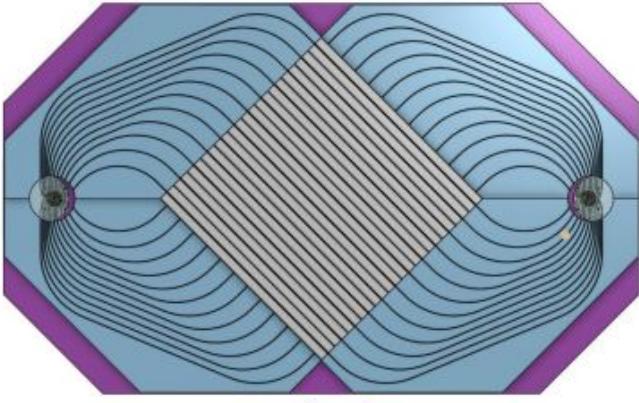
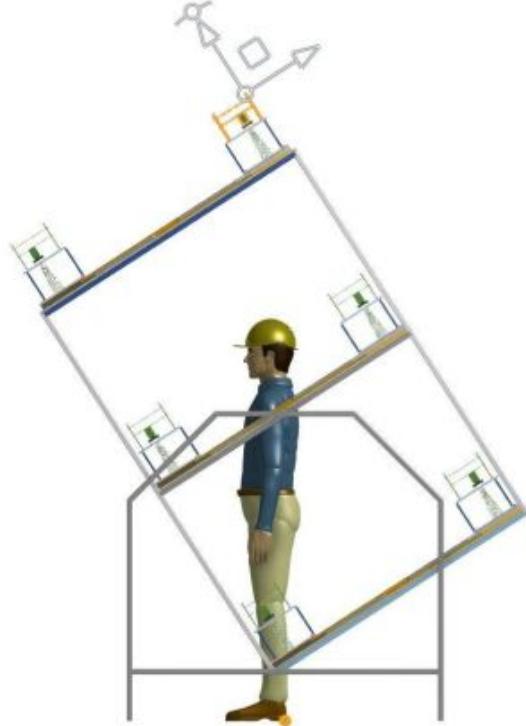
# Mining prospecting applications



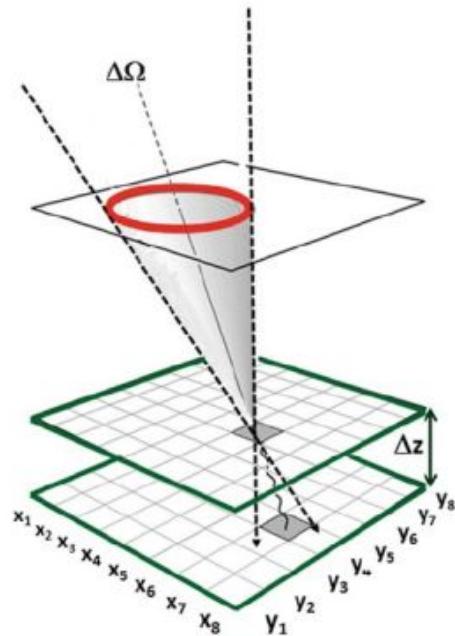
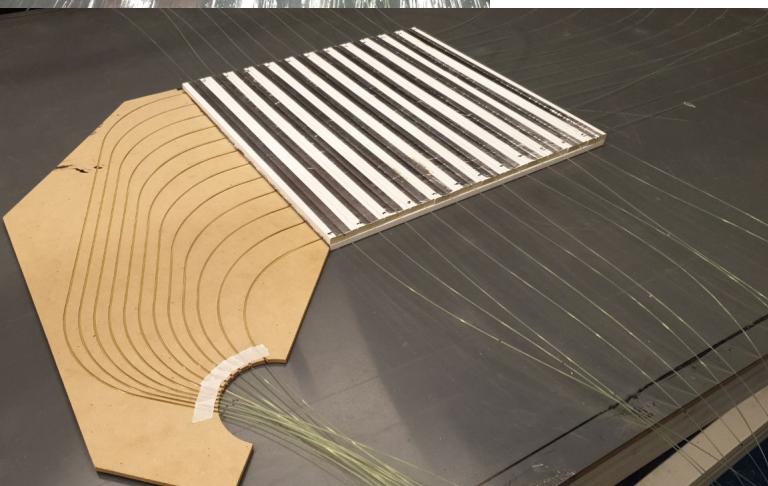
$$\sigma_\mu \propto \langle \rho \rangle \times Z_{\text{eff}}^2$$

Enhanced determination of density contrasts between rocks and ore veins (iron, gold, silver, uranium, ...) due to different muon-absorption cross-section

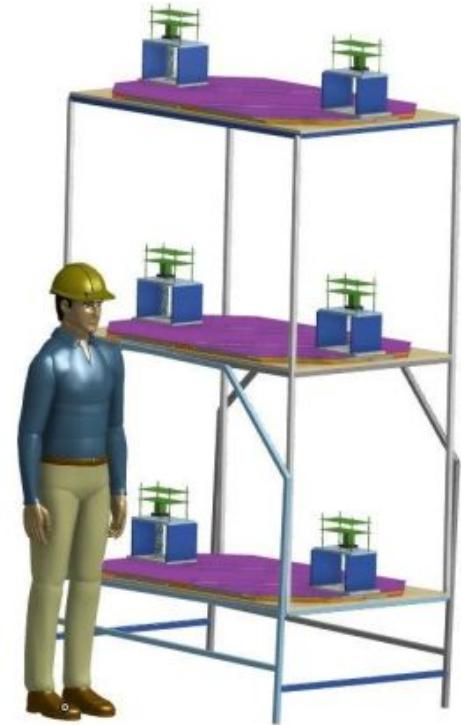
# New detector optimized for underground measurement



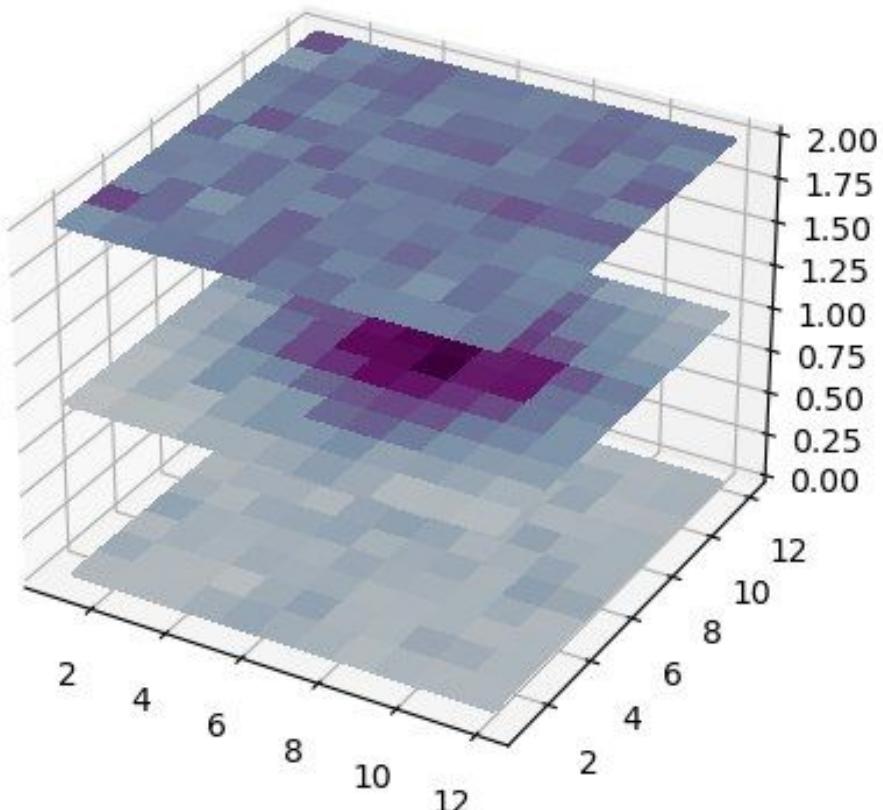
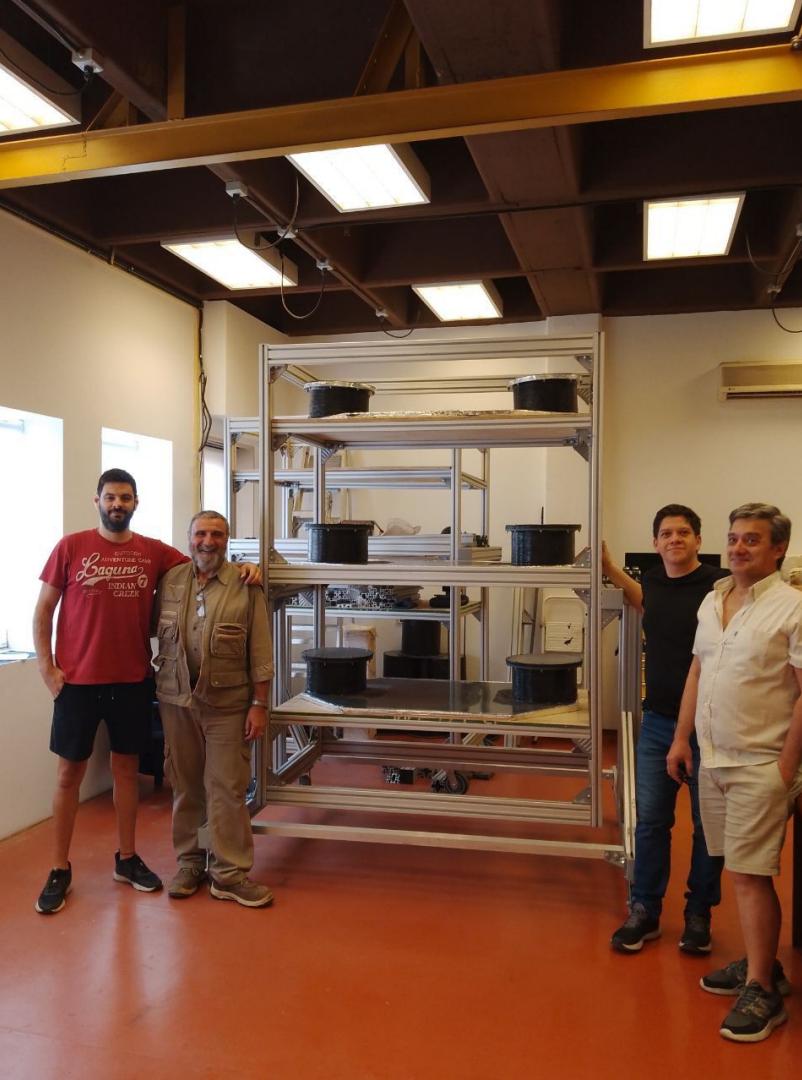
## Detector aperture depends on the detection panels separation



$$N(\varrho) = \Delta T \times T \times I(\varrho)$$

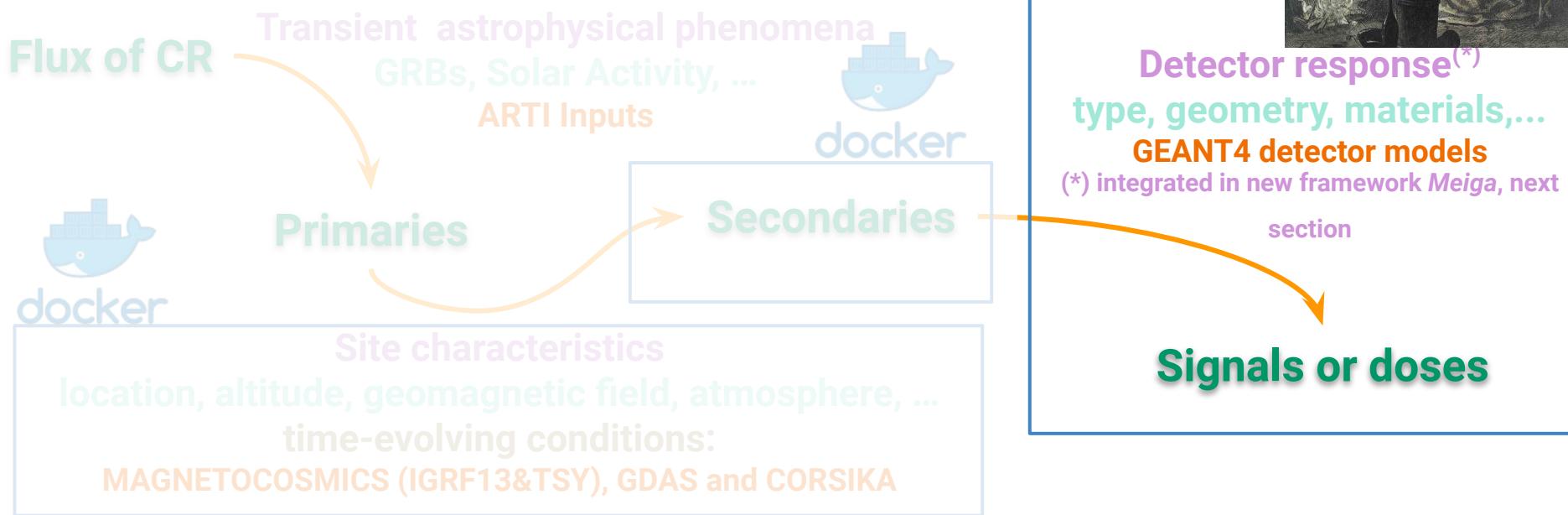


**Calibration and first target measurements  
currently underway**



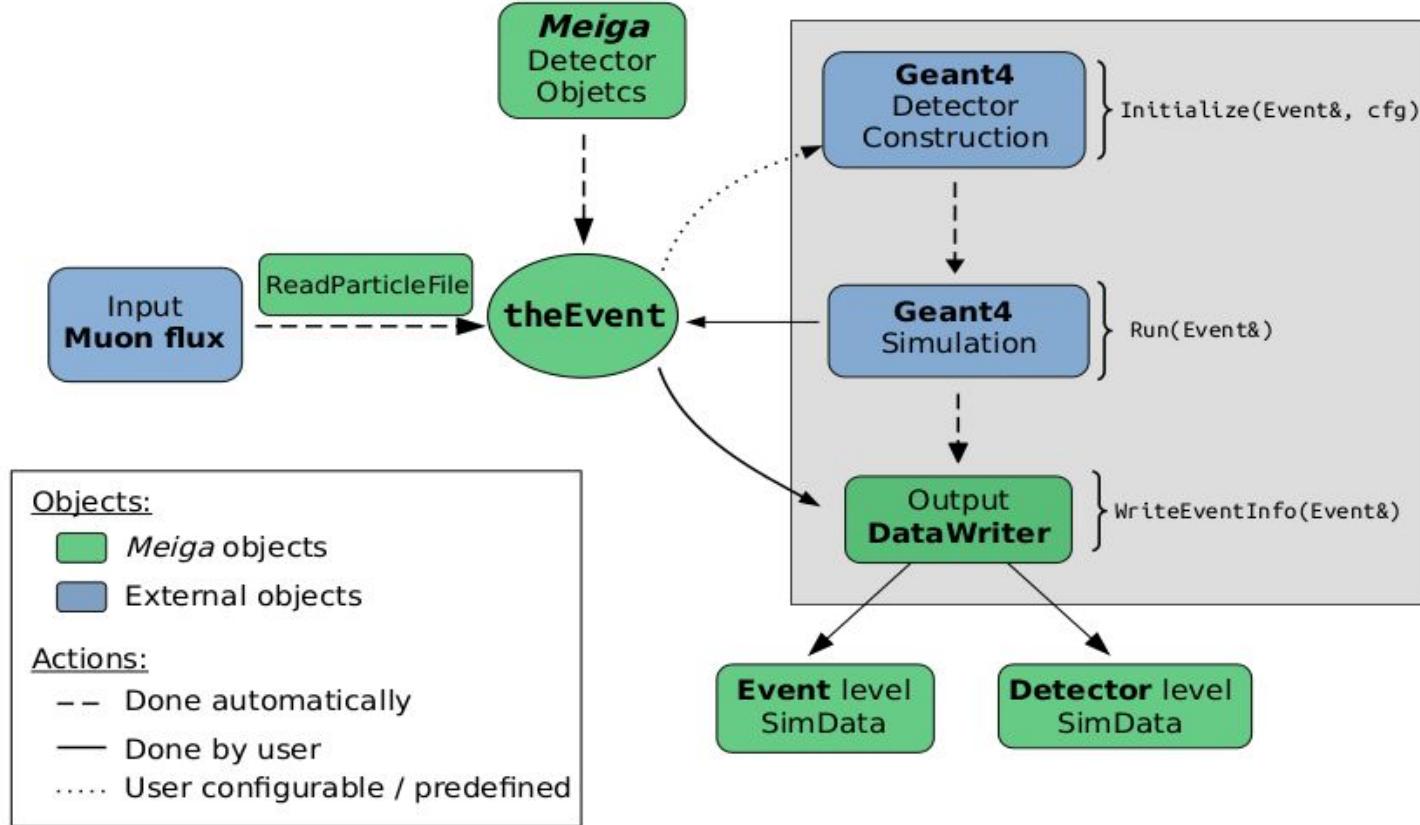
# Extreme simulations for extreme objects

## Meiga, the sorceress (work in progress)

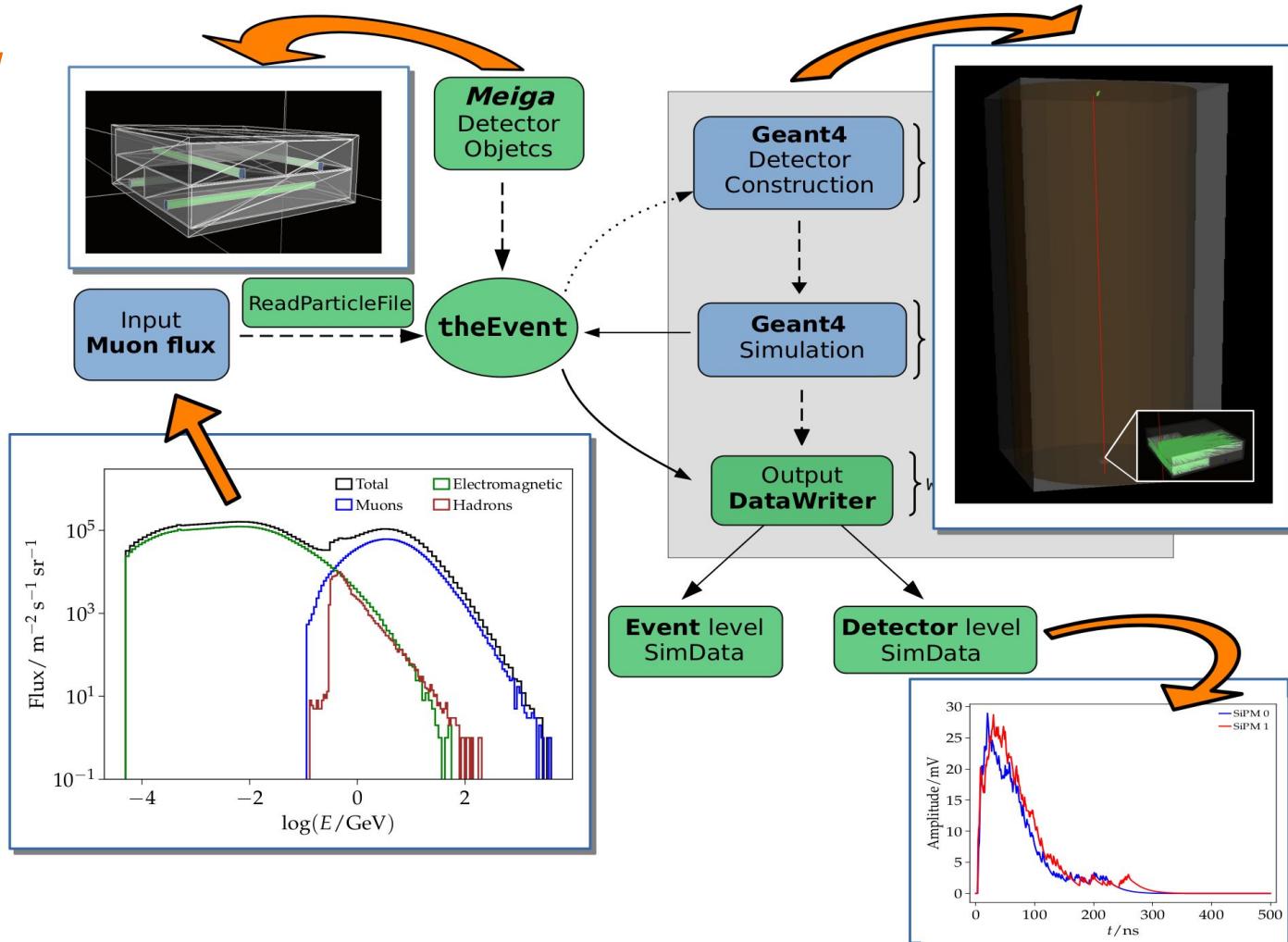


ARTI inputs —→ S0: raw Corsika —→ S1: secondaries —→ S2: doses

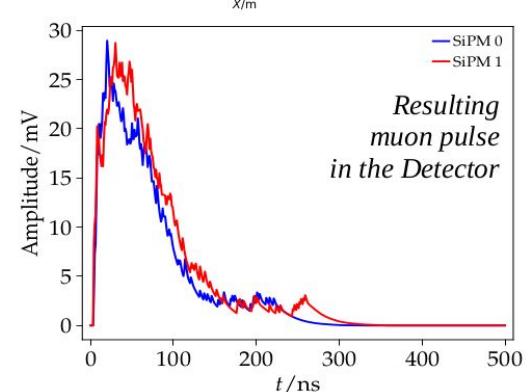
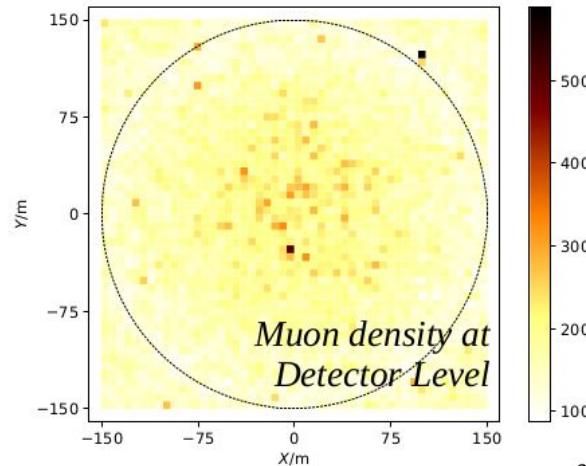
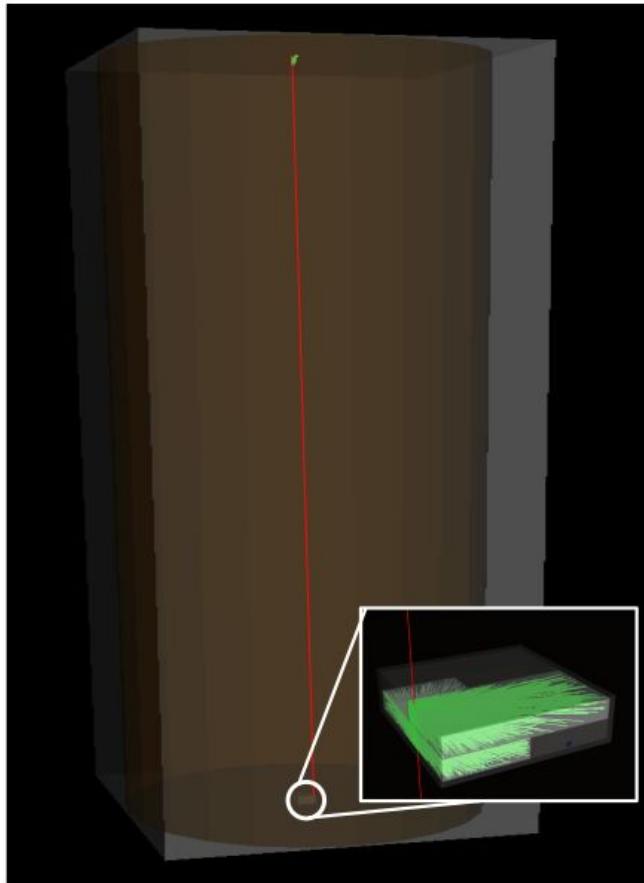
# Meiga workflow



# Workflow



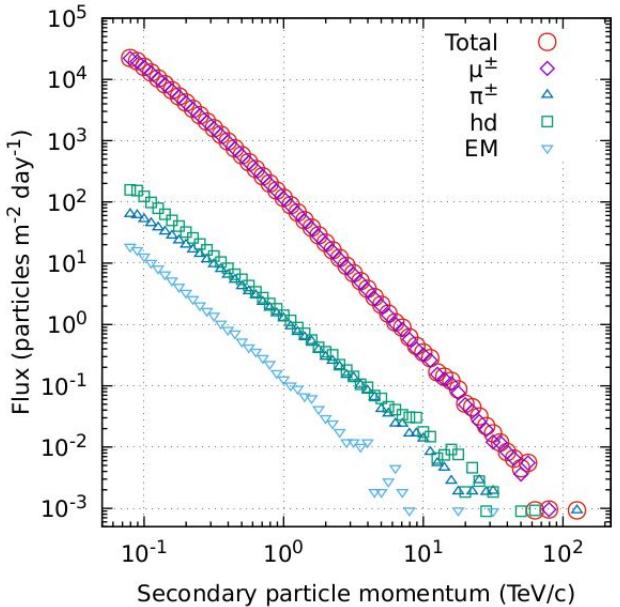
# First test: propagation through 500m of rock impinging on Modulus



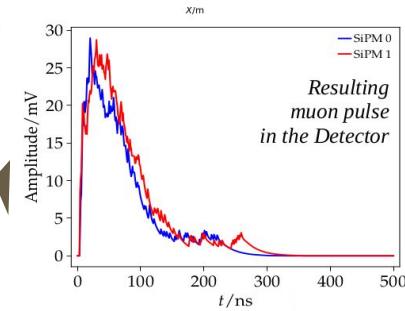
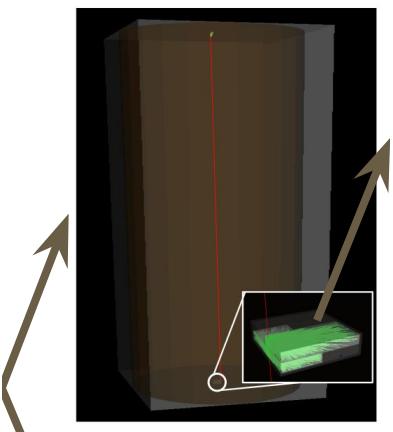
# High-energy flux propagation through 500m of rock impinging on an underground detector

OneDataSim@cloud

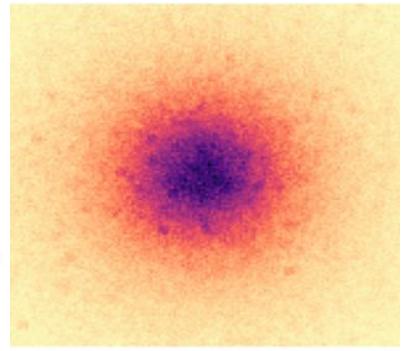
MINE, 2600 m a.s.l.,  $E_S > 80$  GeV



MEIGA@hpc

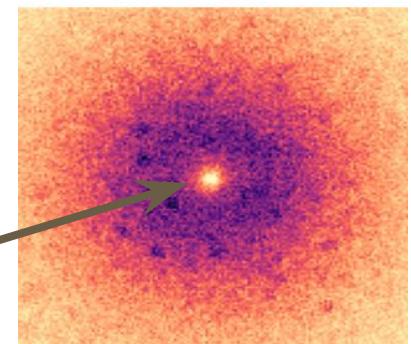
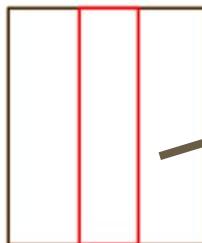
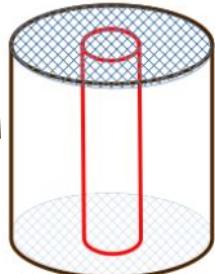


Resulting  
muon pulse  
in the Detector



Expected detector  
response

Example: change in density profile

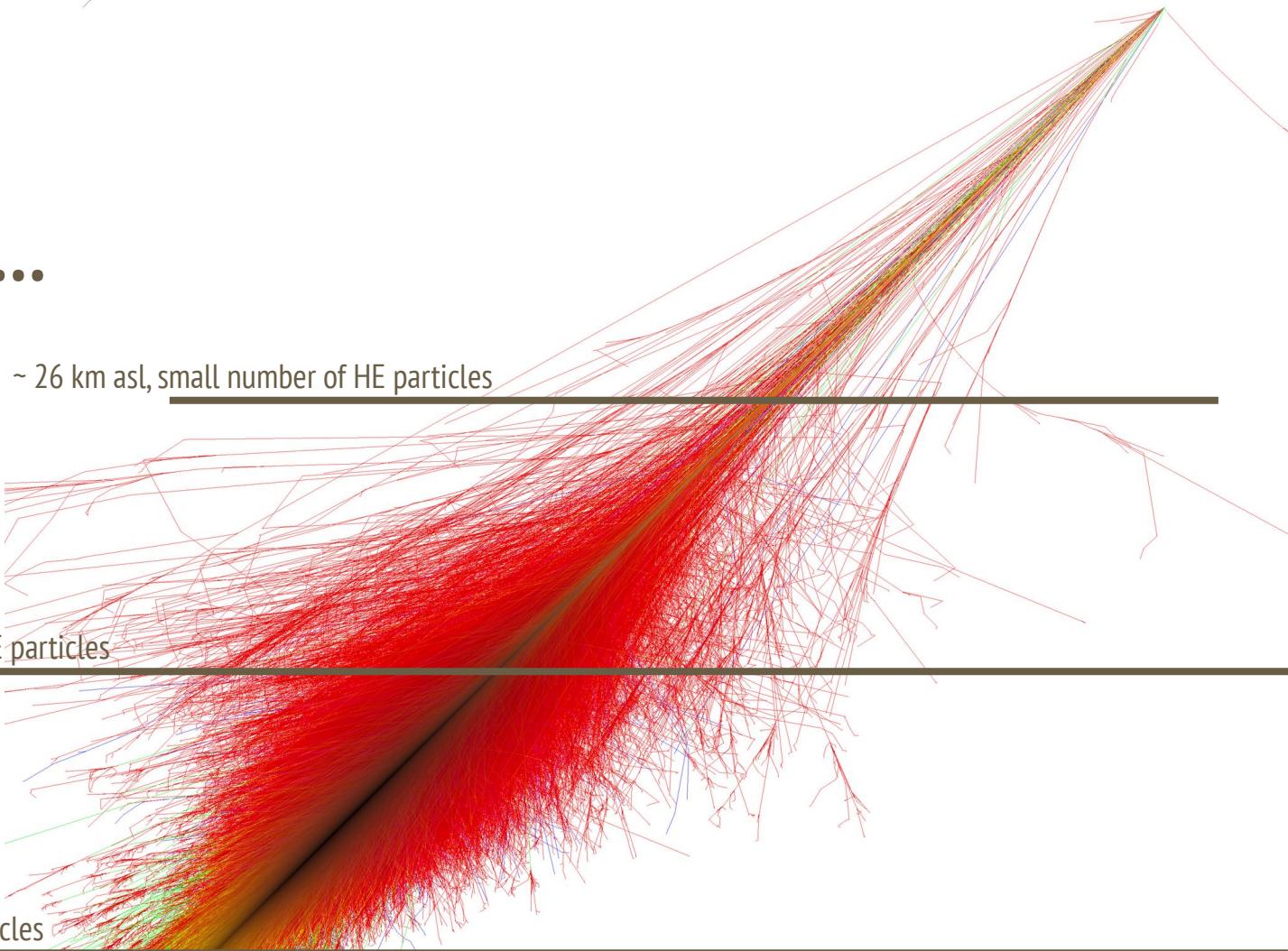


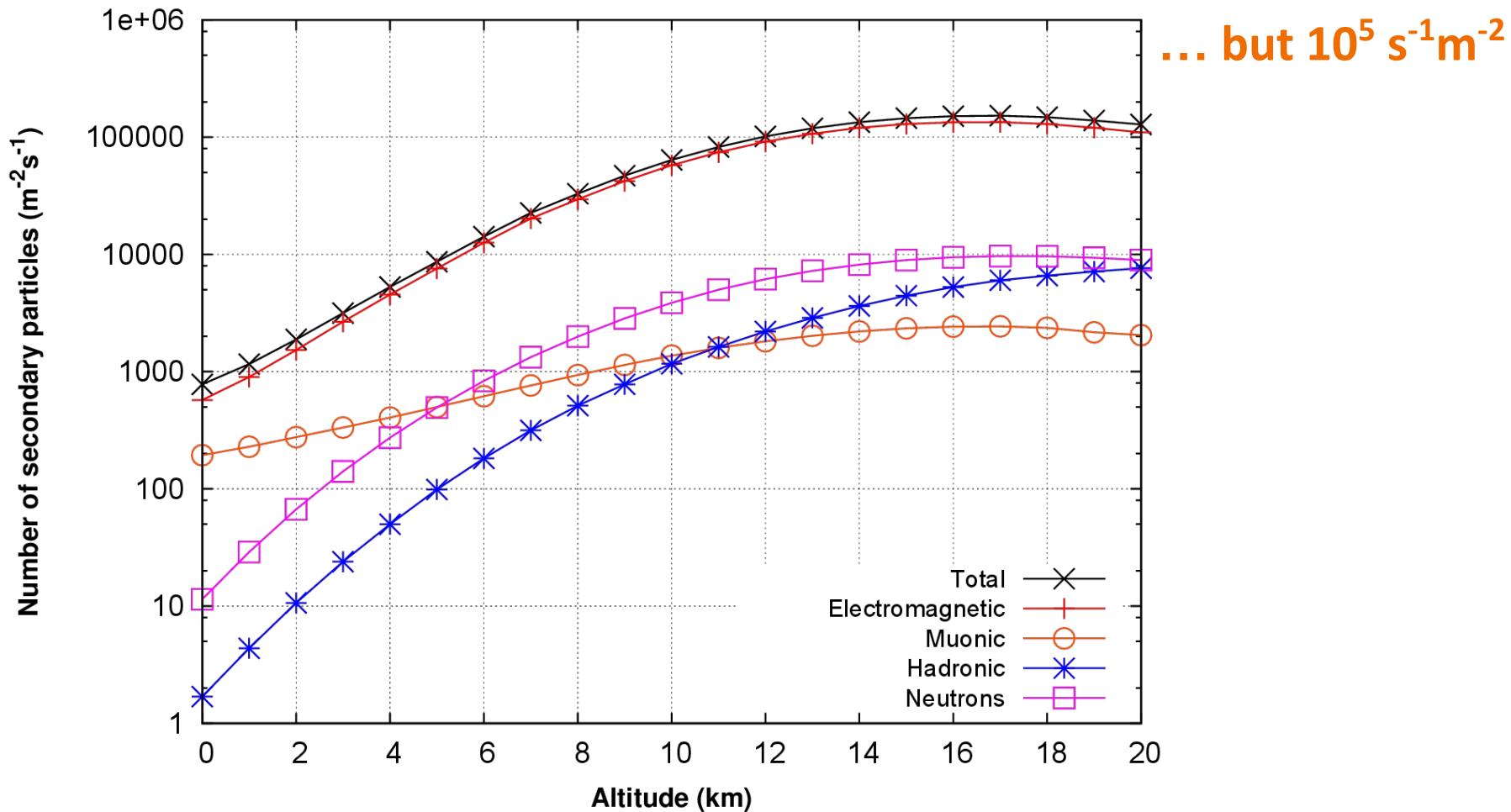
# A single EAS...

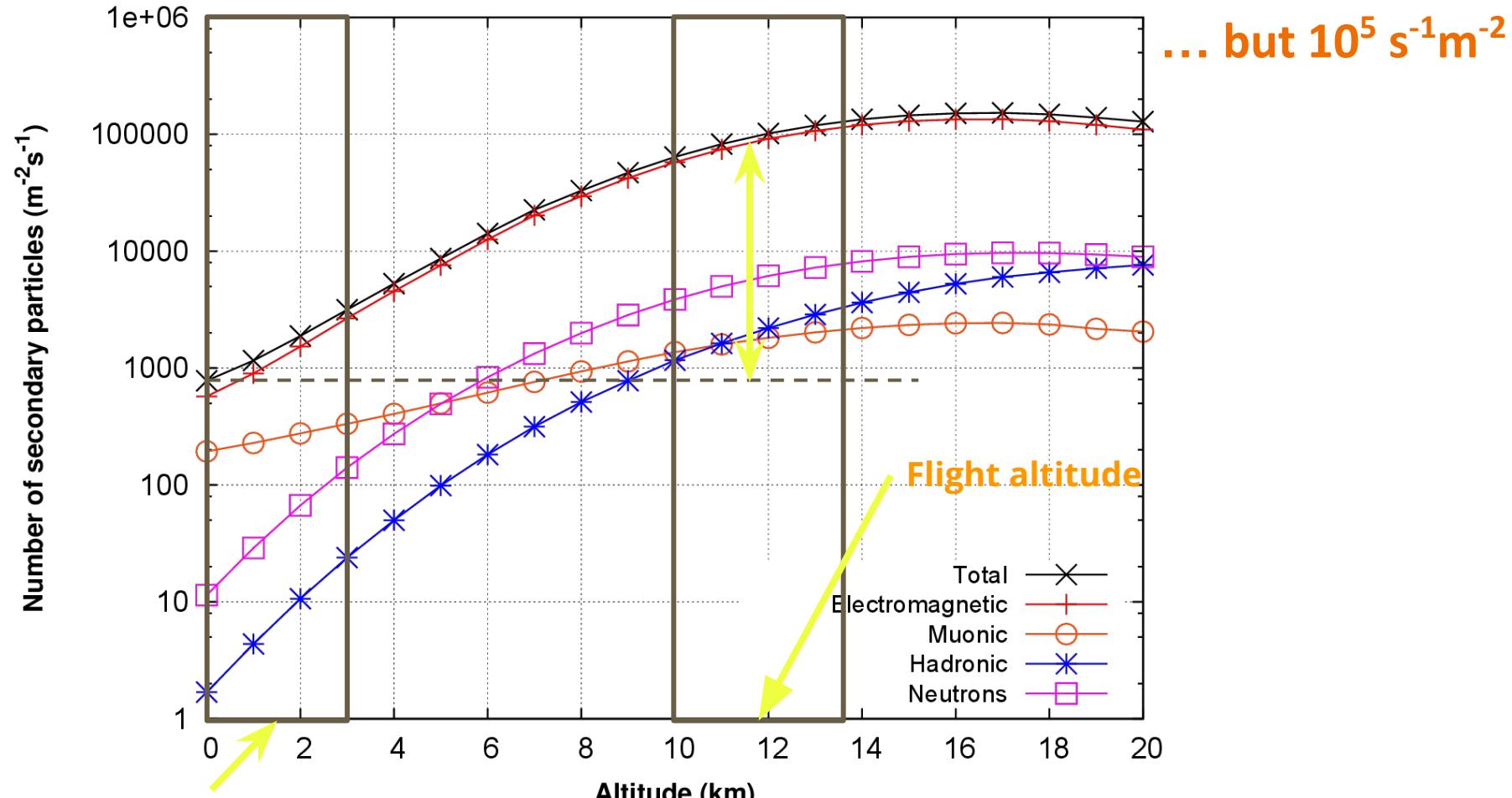
~ 26 km asl, small number of HE particles

~ 13km asl, very large number of HE particles

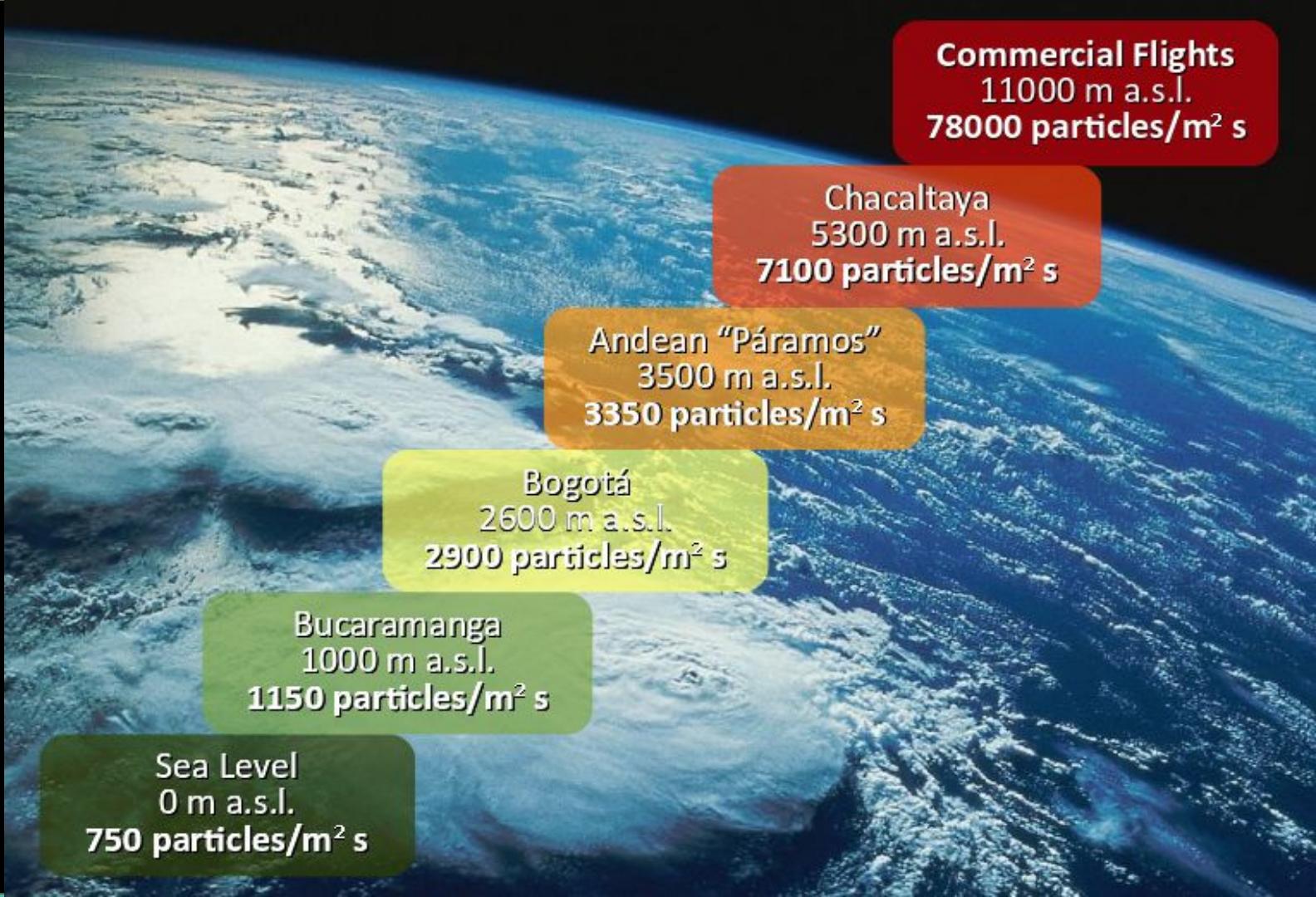
~ sea level, small number of LE particles







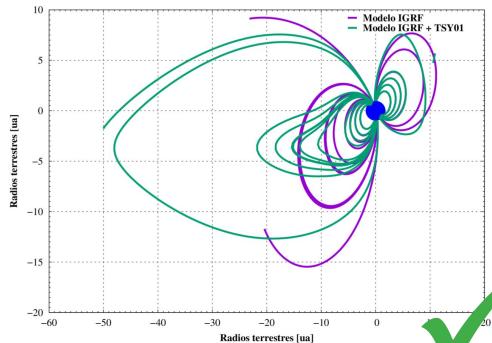
**Atmospheric  
reaction to CR  
+ natural  
radioactivity  
are the main  
sources of  
background  
radiation**



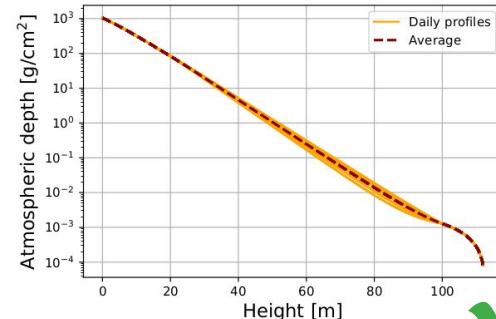
# ACORDE: Application COde for the Radiation Dose Estimation



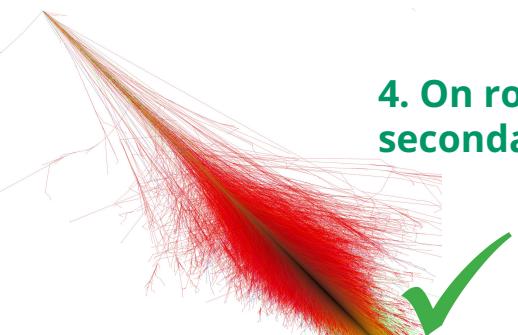
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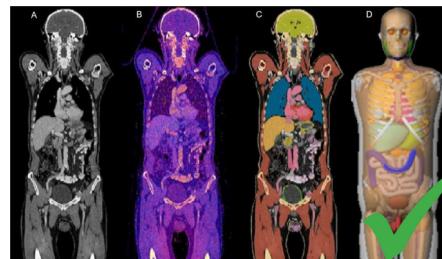
2. On route real-time geomagnetic field condition (IGRF13+TSY01)



3. On route GDAS atmospheric profiles

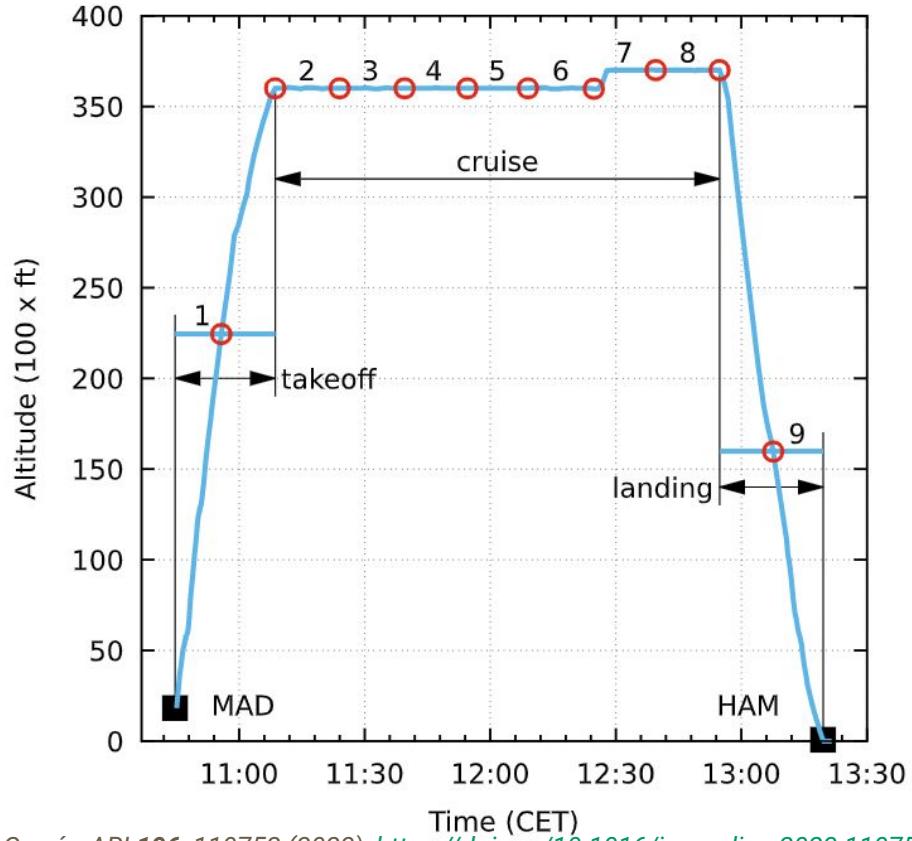
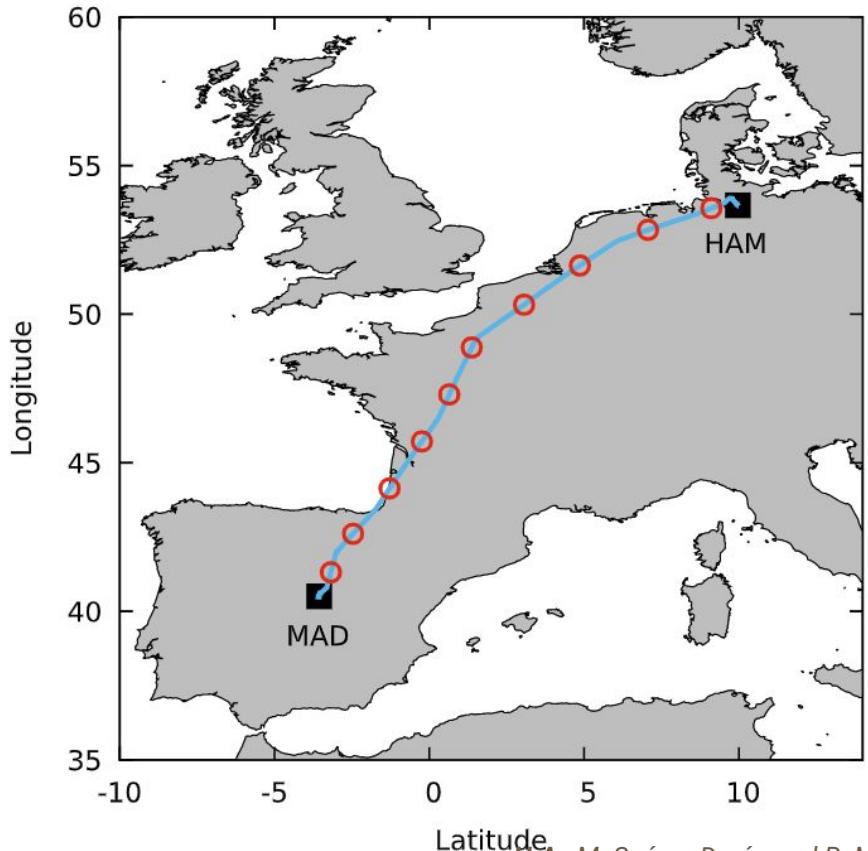


4. On route integrated secondary particles flux

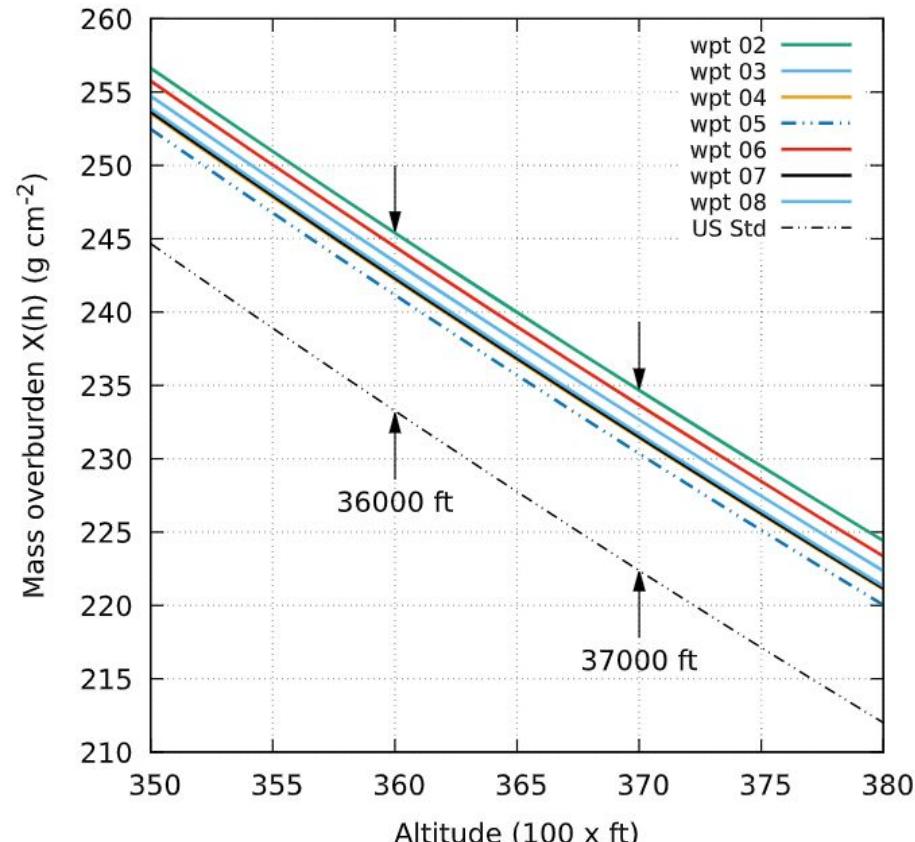
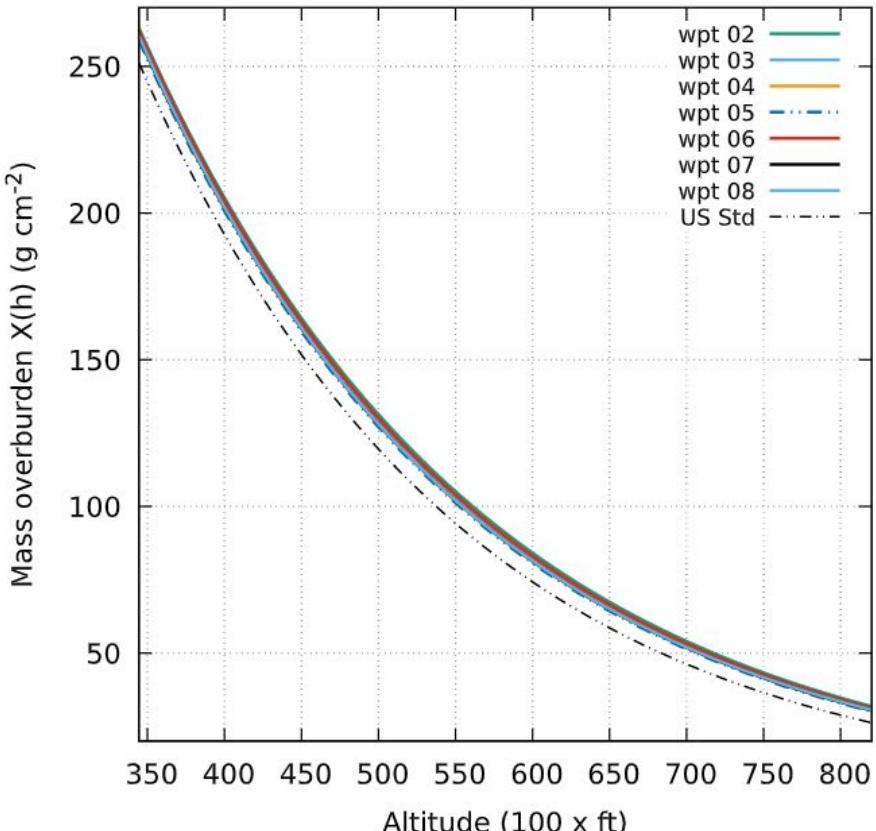


5. Effective dose calculation from Geant4 plane model and human phantoms

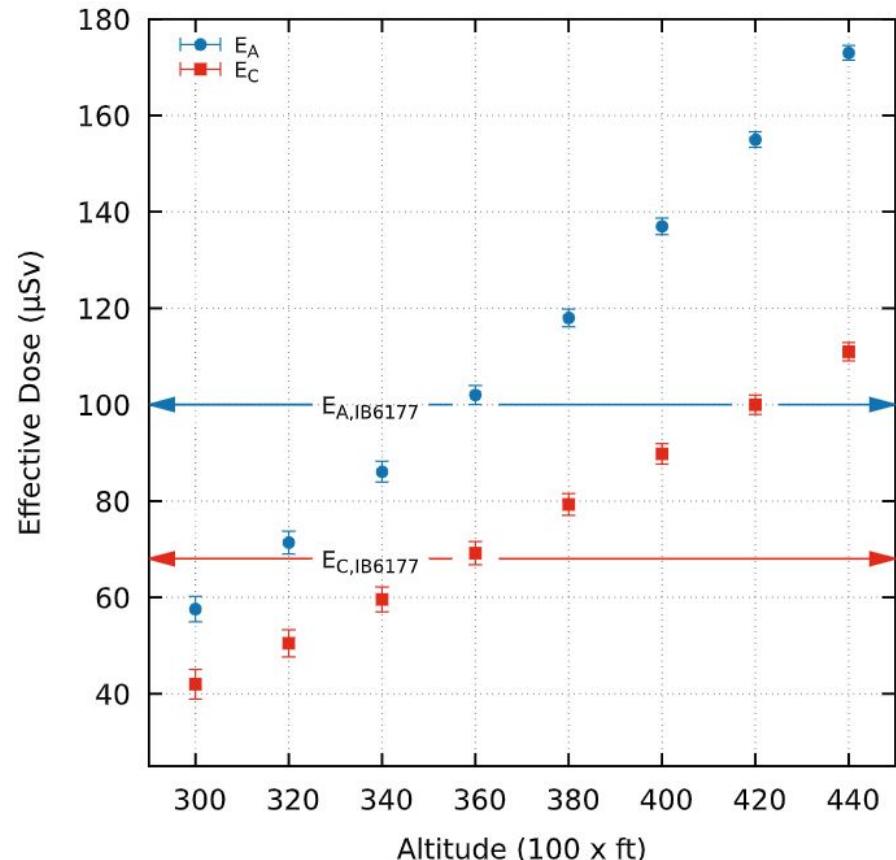
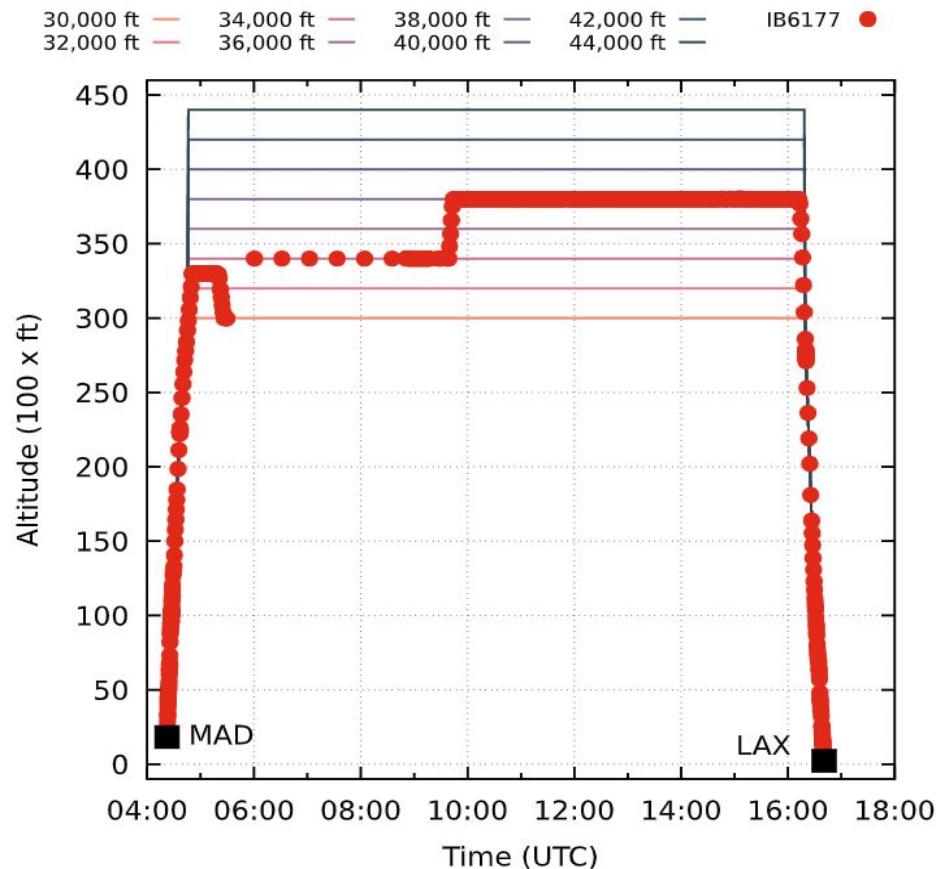
# IB3270 MAD-HAM



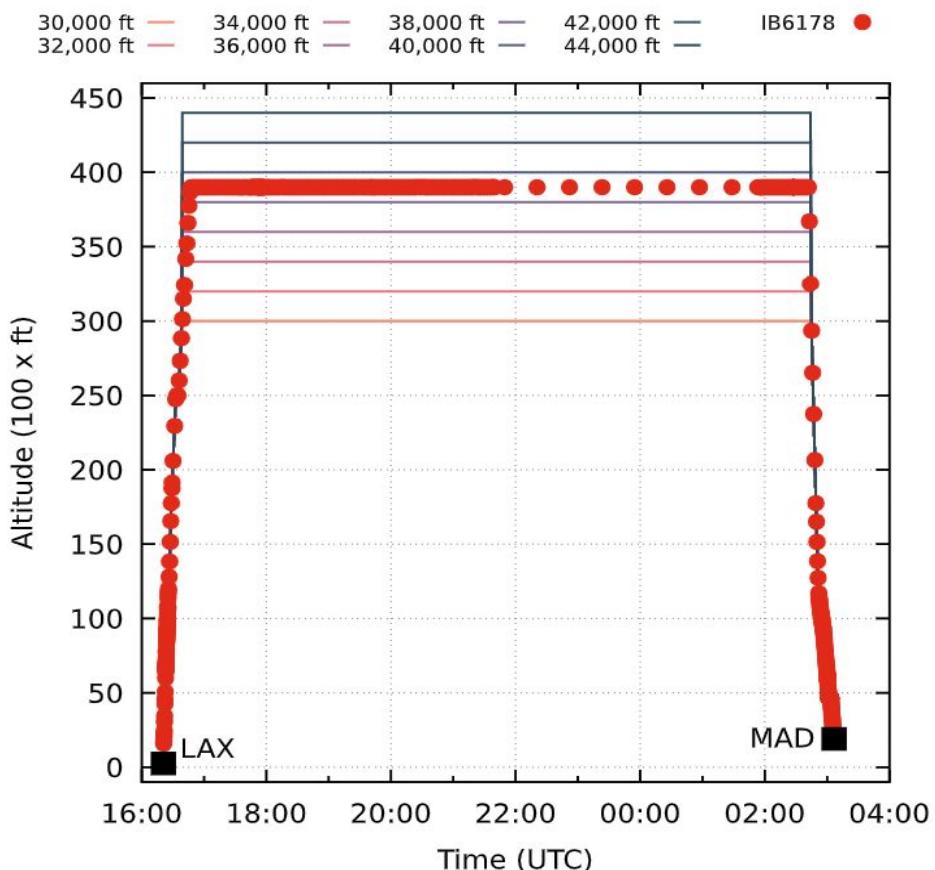
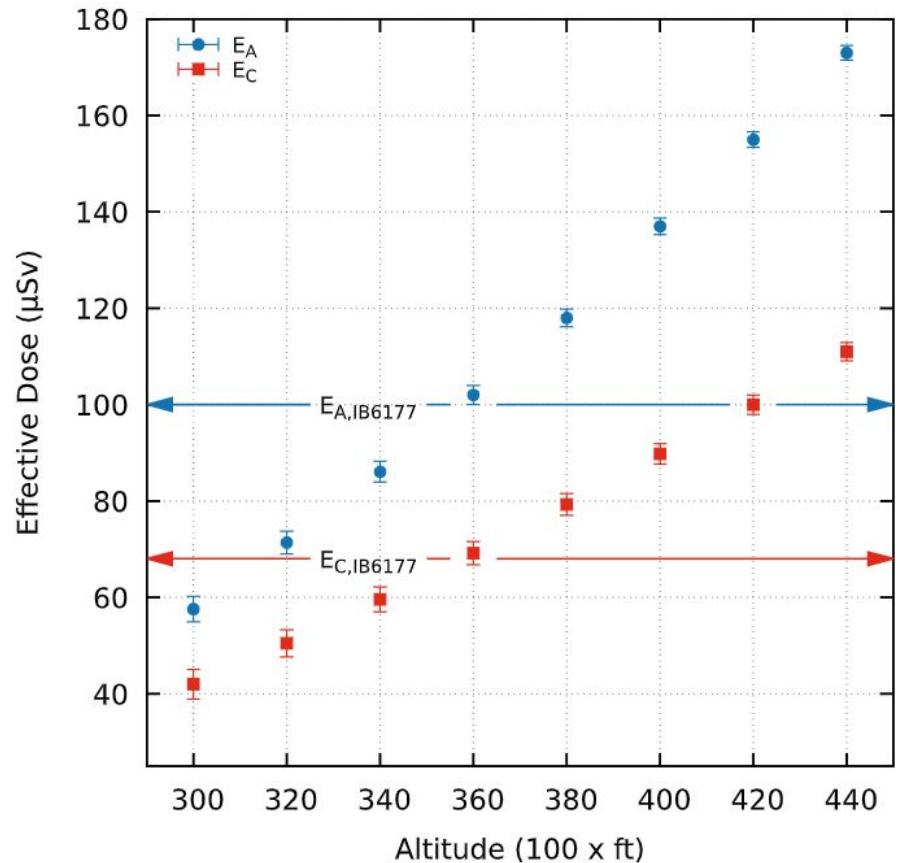
# Real instantaneous atmospheres from GDAS



# Altitude effect on total dose, IB6177 MAD-LAX

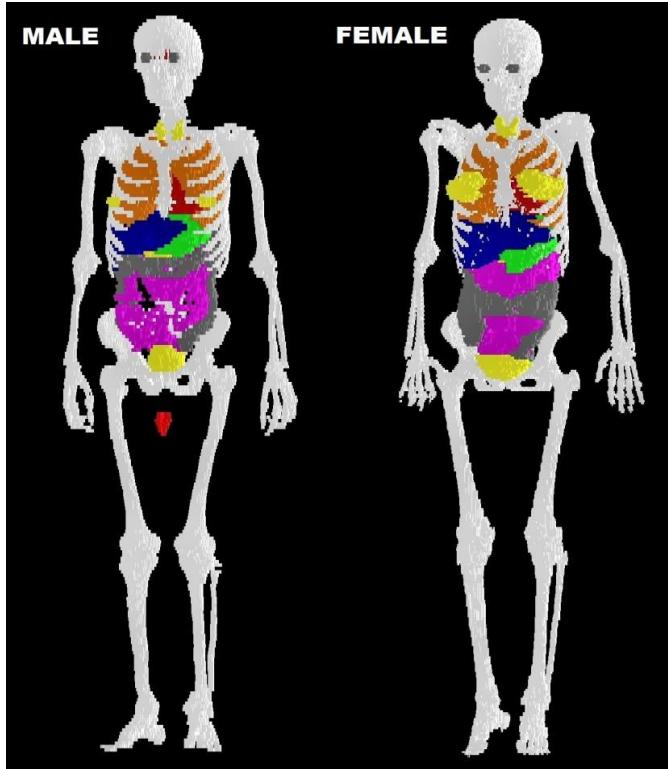


# Altitude effect on total dose, IB6178 LAX-MAD



# Effective dose based on ICRP110 anthropomorphic phantoms

## Human phantom exposed to flight level expected background



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[...]

Doses deposited into:

Dose in Left Lung :

Muons = 241.194 picoGy rms = 21.3391 picoGy

EM = 27.5122 picoGy rms = 5.44075 picoGy

Neutrons = 145.664 picoGy rms = 23.9125 picoGy

Protons = 2.59971 picoGy rms = 0.876751 picoGy

[...]

Typical calculation times at cloud:  
8 hour·proc / 1 flight hour

Dose in Body =

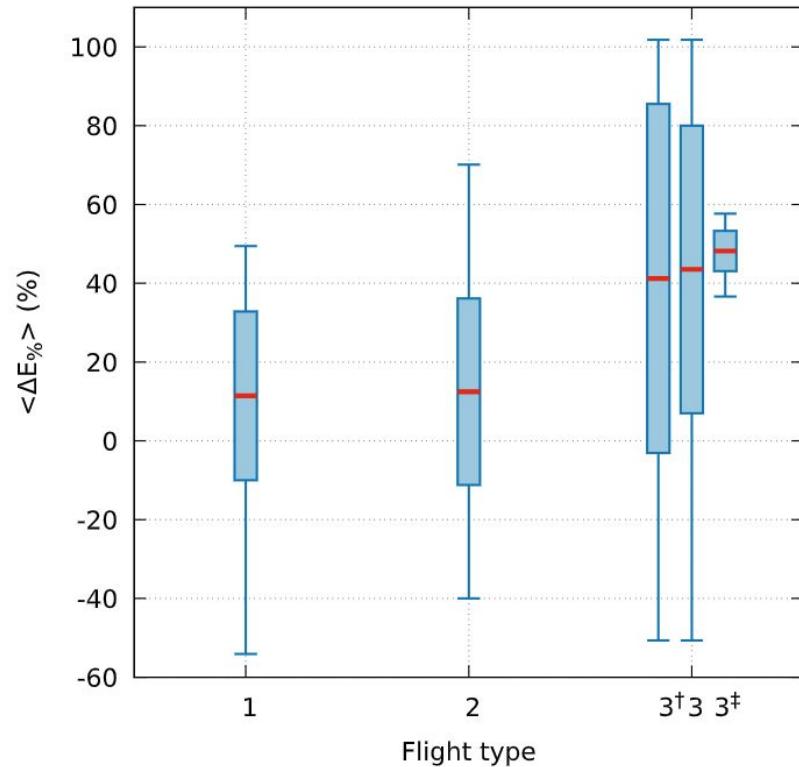
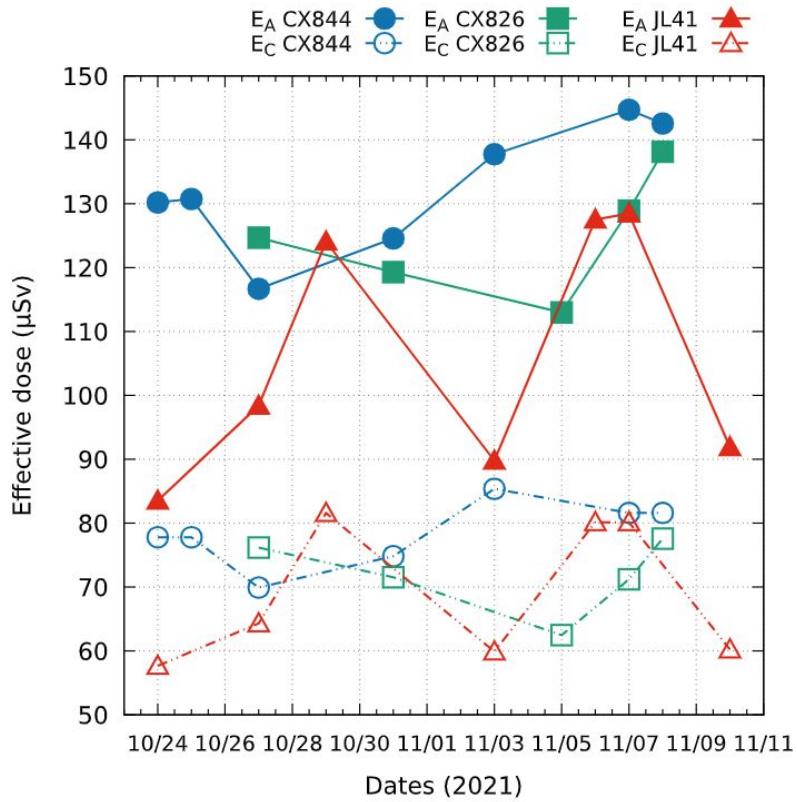
Muons = 419.479 picoGy rms = 0.181504 picoGy

EM = 42.3128 picoGy rms = 0.0700462 picoGy

Neutrons = 44.4889 picoGy rms = 0.178061 picoGy

Protons = 24.442 picoGy rms = 0.151958 picoGy

# Forbush decreases and Acorde - Cari7A difference



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## ACORDE

→ Self-managed high-performance local and cloud computing

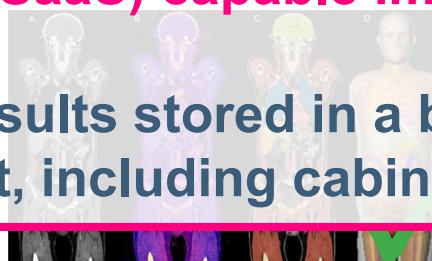
→ Cloud based dosimetry calculations in Geant4 (ICRC 110 phantom implementation, with applications in radiotherapy)

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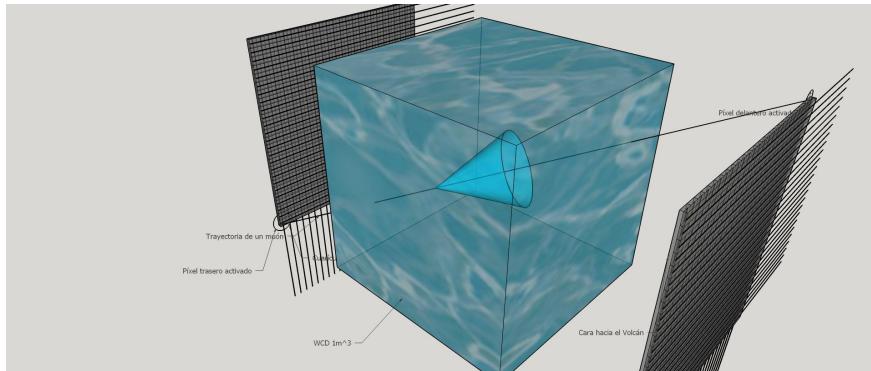
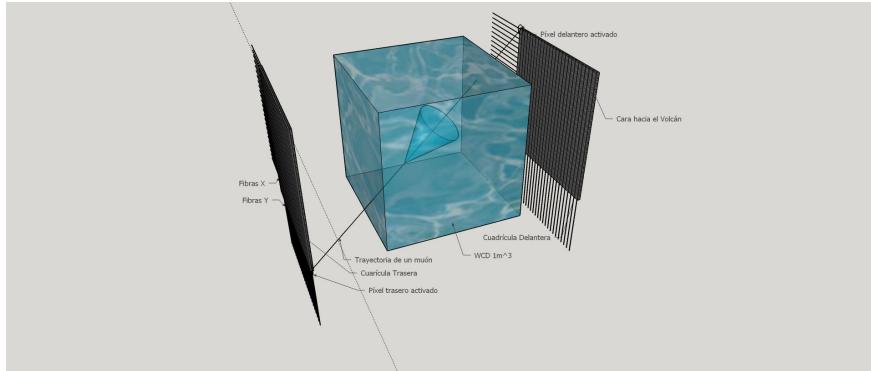
→ Software as a Service (SaaS) capable implementation

4. On route integrated secondary particles flux

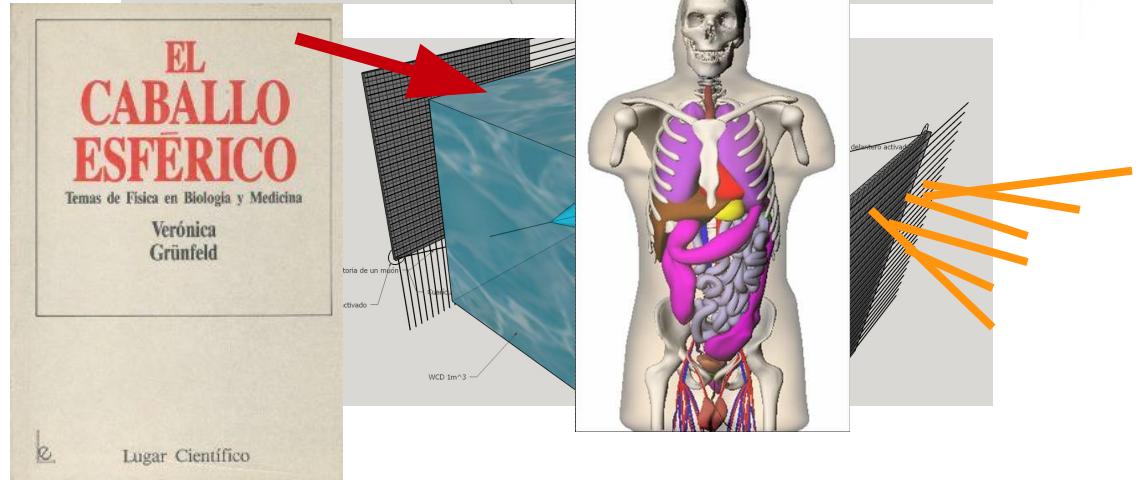
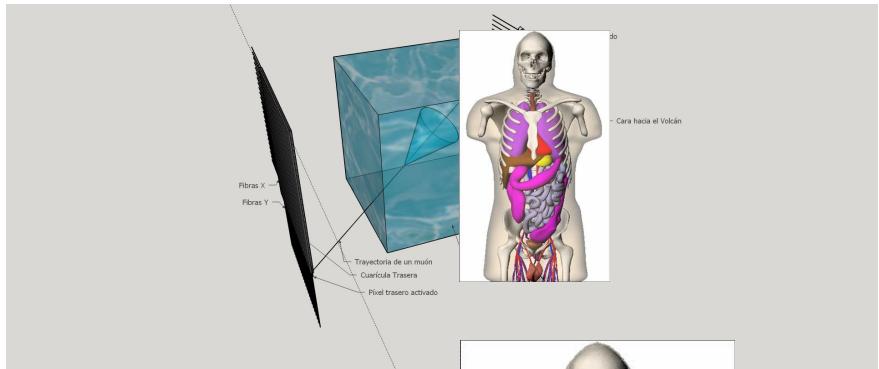
→ Work in progress: results stored in a blockchain, improved fuselage effect, including cabin luggage, ...



# Extreme ideas for extreme diagnostics



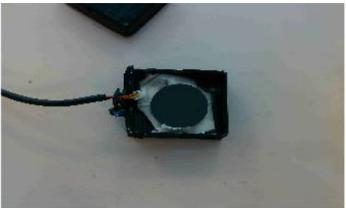
# CTRL-H: water -> salty water && scintillator -> aSi



# Extreme sensors for extreme environments: CMOS for high-dose environments

“COTS” CMOS technology:

- $\beta, \gamma$   $^{137}\text{Cs}$
- X-ray  $^{55}\text{Fe}$
- $\beta$   $^{152}\text{Eu}$
- $\gamma$   $^{60}\text{Co}, ^{133}\text{Ba}$
- $\alpha, \gamma$   $^{241}\text{Am}$  and  $^{235}\text{U}$



$^{235}\text{U}$

$^{137}\text{Cs}$

$^{60}\text{Co}$

$^{241}\text{Am}$  (con blindaje)

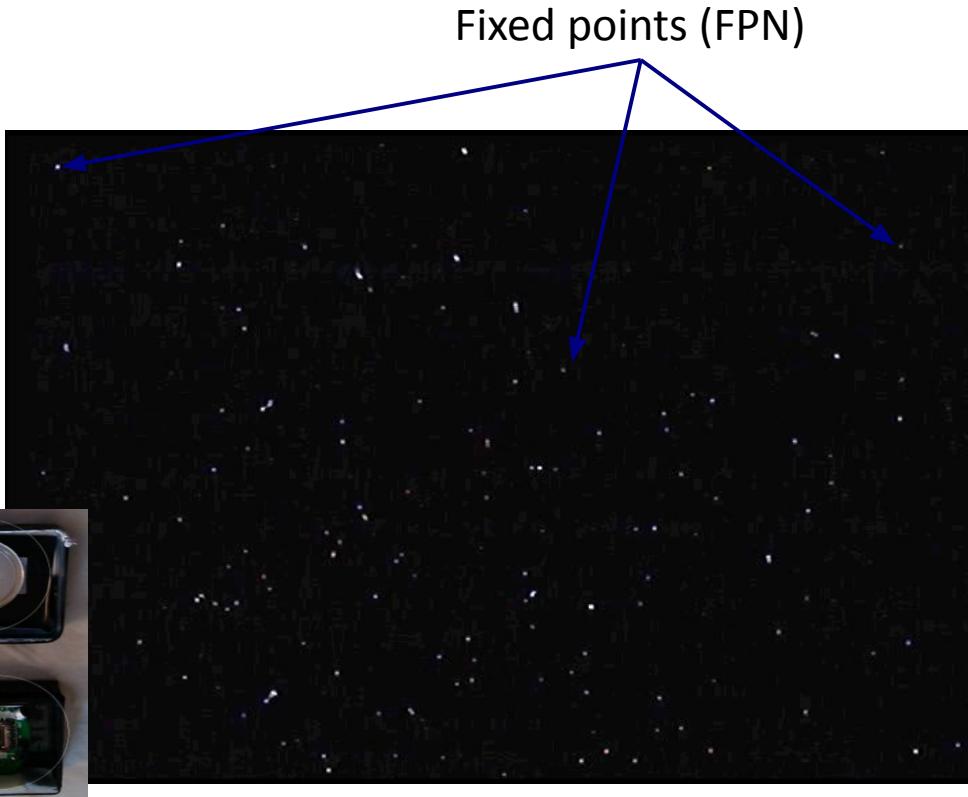
# Ionizing particle detection using CMOS

We can see

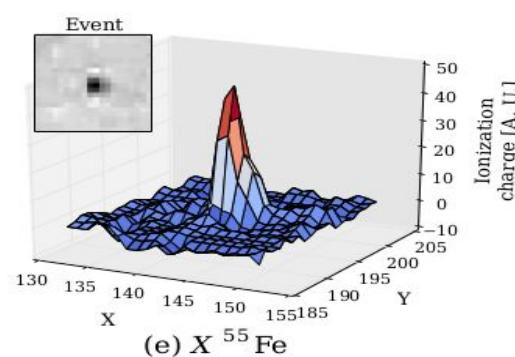
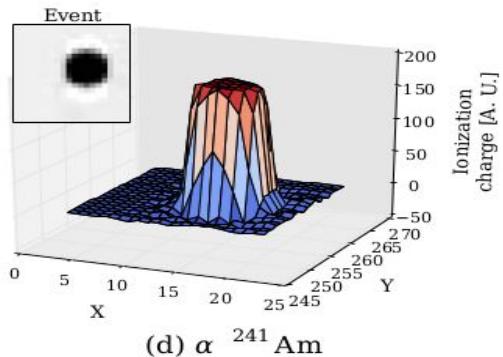
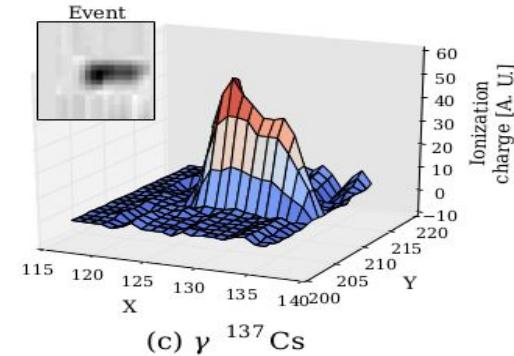
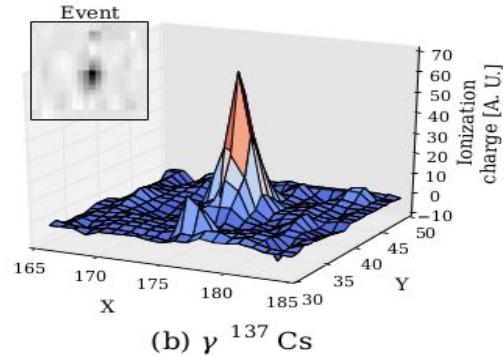
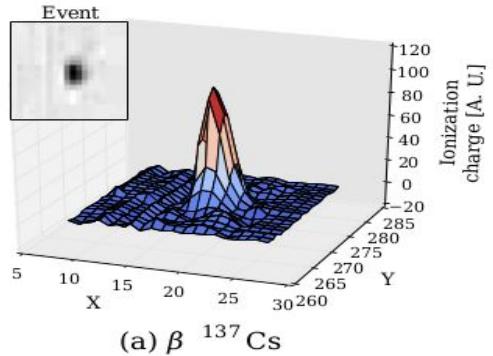
- 1- Events
- 2- Fixed points

3- Non zero

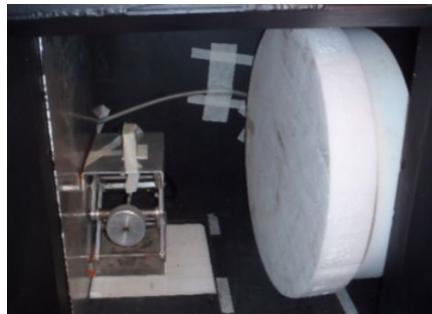
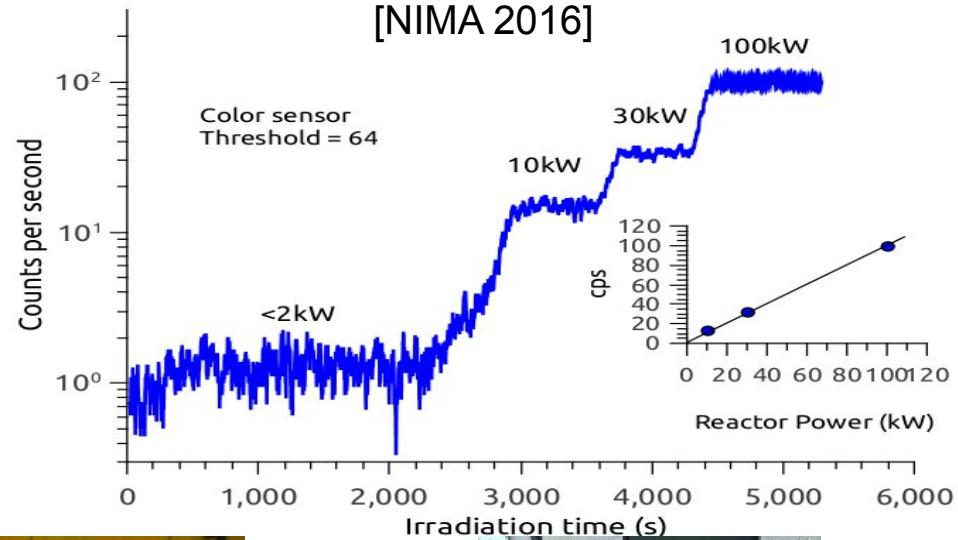
Background (average  
dark current)



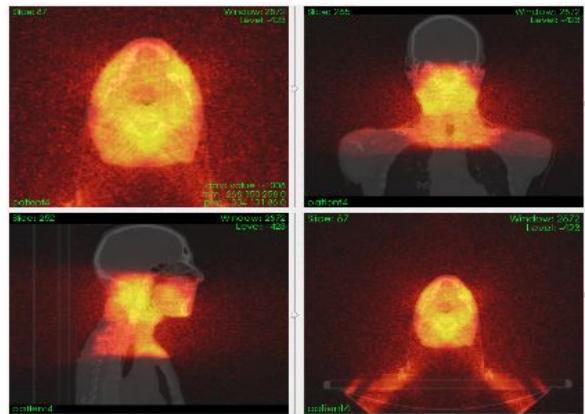
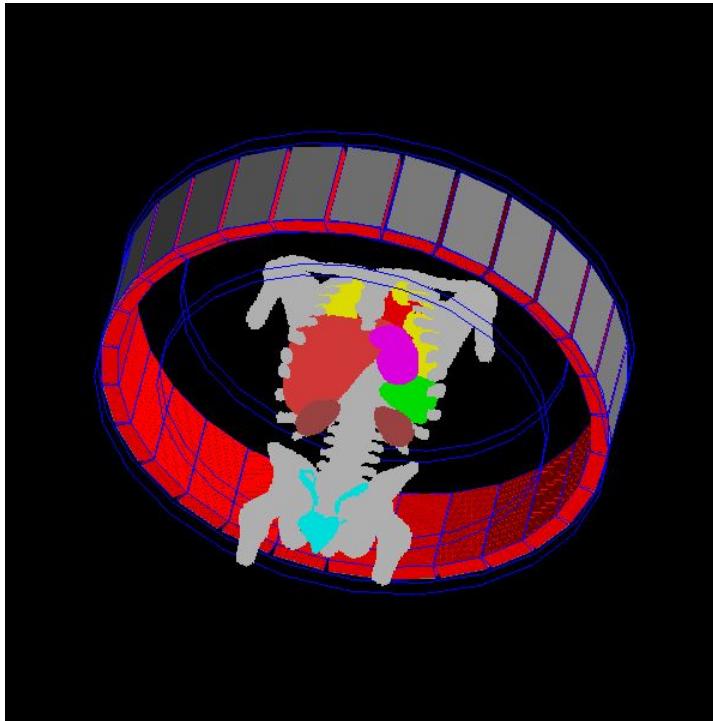
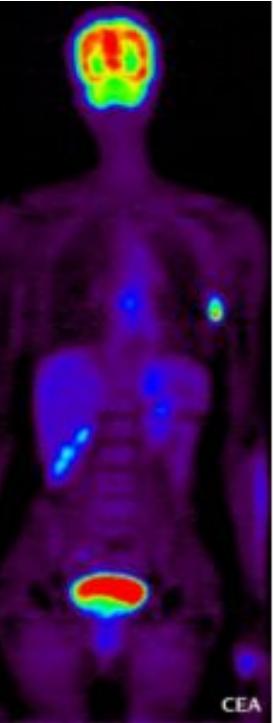
# Particle response and identification



# Neutron detection using conversion layers at RA-6

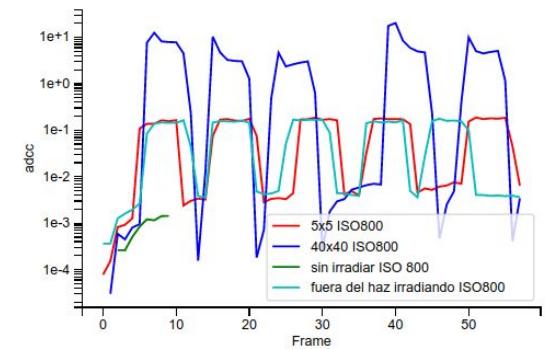
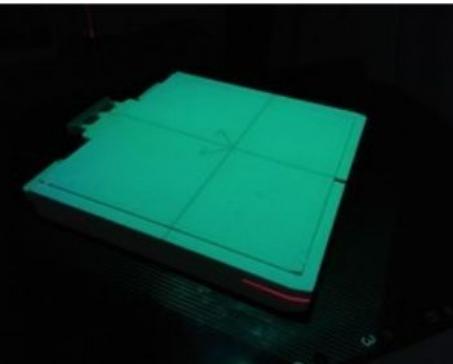
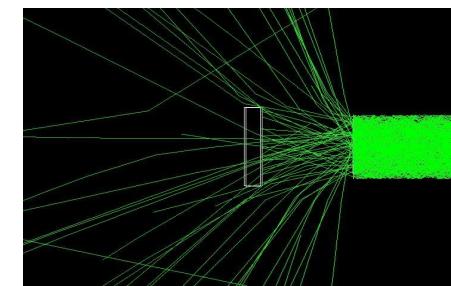
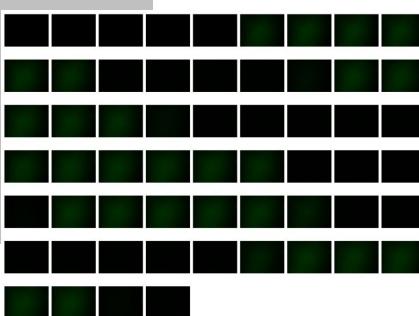
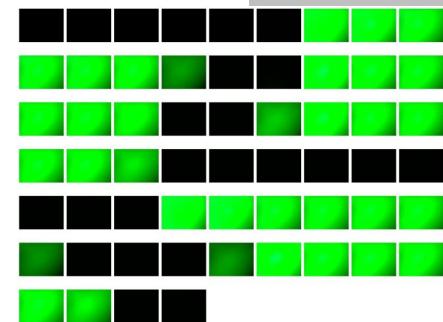


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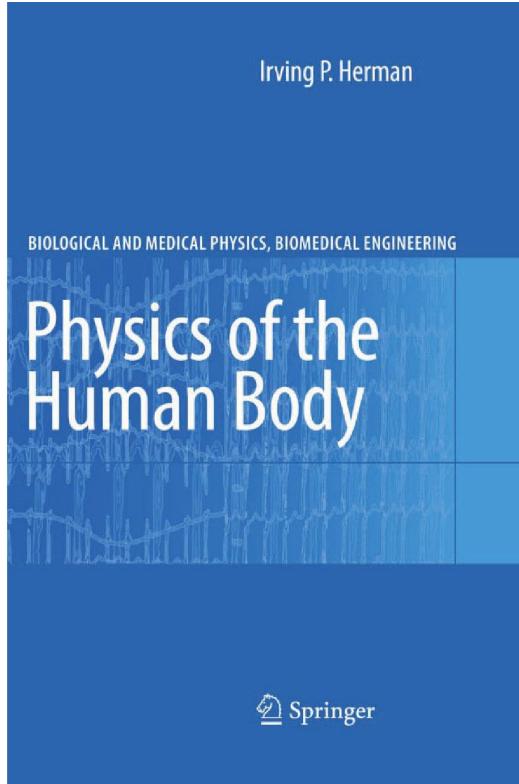


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proposal for a new Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanner

# RT beam characterization using WLS scintillator optical fibers & PiCam



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- “Gran parte del problema que tenemos en comprender especialistas en cualquier campo es entender su jerga, no sus ideas. Esto es particularmente cierto para la medicina.”
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