

# **Rayos Cósmicos: La Sublime utilidad de la “ciencia inútil”**

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# Me he robado el título y lo ejemplifico con los rayos cósmicos

The poster features a portrait of Pedro Miguel Echenique Landiríbar, a man with glasses, a light blue shirt, and a tie, standing with his arms crossed. To his left is the logo of the University of Alicante (Universitat d'Alacant). Above the main title are logos for the Aula de Ciencia y Tecnología and the Ciudad Universitaria de Alicante. The title of the event is "MESA REDONDA LA SUBLIME UTILIDAD DE LA CIENCIA INÚTIL (CULTURA, ECONOMÍA, BELLEZA)". Below the title, it says "A CARGO DE PEDRO MIGUEL ECHENIQUE LANDIRÍBAR" and provides his academic background: "CATEDRÁTICO DE LA FUNDACIÓN DONOSTIA INTERNACIONAL PHYSICS CENTER Y CATEDRÁTICO DE FÍSICA DE LA MATERIA CONDENSADA DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DEL PAÍS VASCO". The moderator is listed as "MODERA CARLOS UNTIEDT LECUONA" and "DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE FÍSICA APLICADA DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE ALICANTE". The organizer is "ORGANIZA AULA DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGÍA - SEDE UNIVERSITARIA CIUDAD DE ALICANTE". The date and time are "MIÉRCOLES 23 DE ENERO DE 2019" at "19:30 h. Sala Rafael Altamira. Sede Universitaria Ciudad de Alicante (C/ Ramón y Cajal, 4, Alicante)". At the bottom left is the text "576 x 437" and at the bottom right is the note "La asistencia es libre hasta completar la capacidad de la sala."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6hdgSqAcOY>

Hoy mas que nunca nuestro futuro está en manos de la ciencia inútil

# Pero ya alguien lo había dicho casi igual

Harpers, issue 179, June/November 1939



<https://www.ias.edu/sites/default/files/library/UsefulnessHarpers.pdf>

## Abraham Flexner THE USE

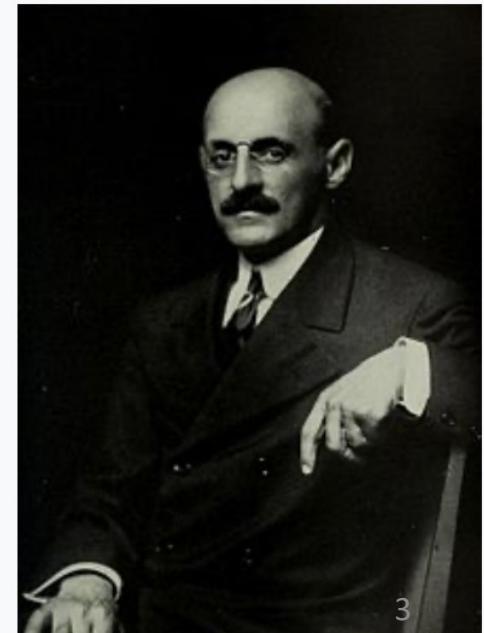
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**Abraham Flexner** (November 13, 1866 – September 21, 1959) was an American educator, best known for his role in the 20th century reform of medical and [higher education](#) in the United States and Canada.<sup>[1]</sup>

Is it not a curious fact that a people steeped in irrational habits threaten civilization itself?—old and young—themselves wholly or partly from the current of daily life to devote themselves to the cultivation of beauty,

After founding and directing a college-preparatory school in his hometown of [Louisville, Kentucky](#), Flexner published a critical assessment of the state of the American educational system in 1908 titled *The American College: A Criticism*. His work attracted the [Carnegie Foundation](#) to commission an in-depth evaluation into 155 medical schools in the US and Canada.<sup>[2]</sup> It was his resultant self-titled [Flexner Report](#), published in 1910, that sparked the reform of medical education in the United States and Canada.<sup>[1]</sup> Flexner was also a founder of the [Institute for Advanced Study](#) in Princeton, which brought together some of the greatest minds in history to collaborate on intellectual discovery and research.<sup>[2]</sup>

**Abraham Flexner**



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Flexner circa 1910

# Agenda

Desarrollo de Capacidades

## Introito:

Astropartículas en un píldora

## Acto Primero:

Rayos Cósmicos y tripulaciones

## Acto Segundo

MuTe:

Un telescopio de muones y los volcanes

## Acto Tercero

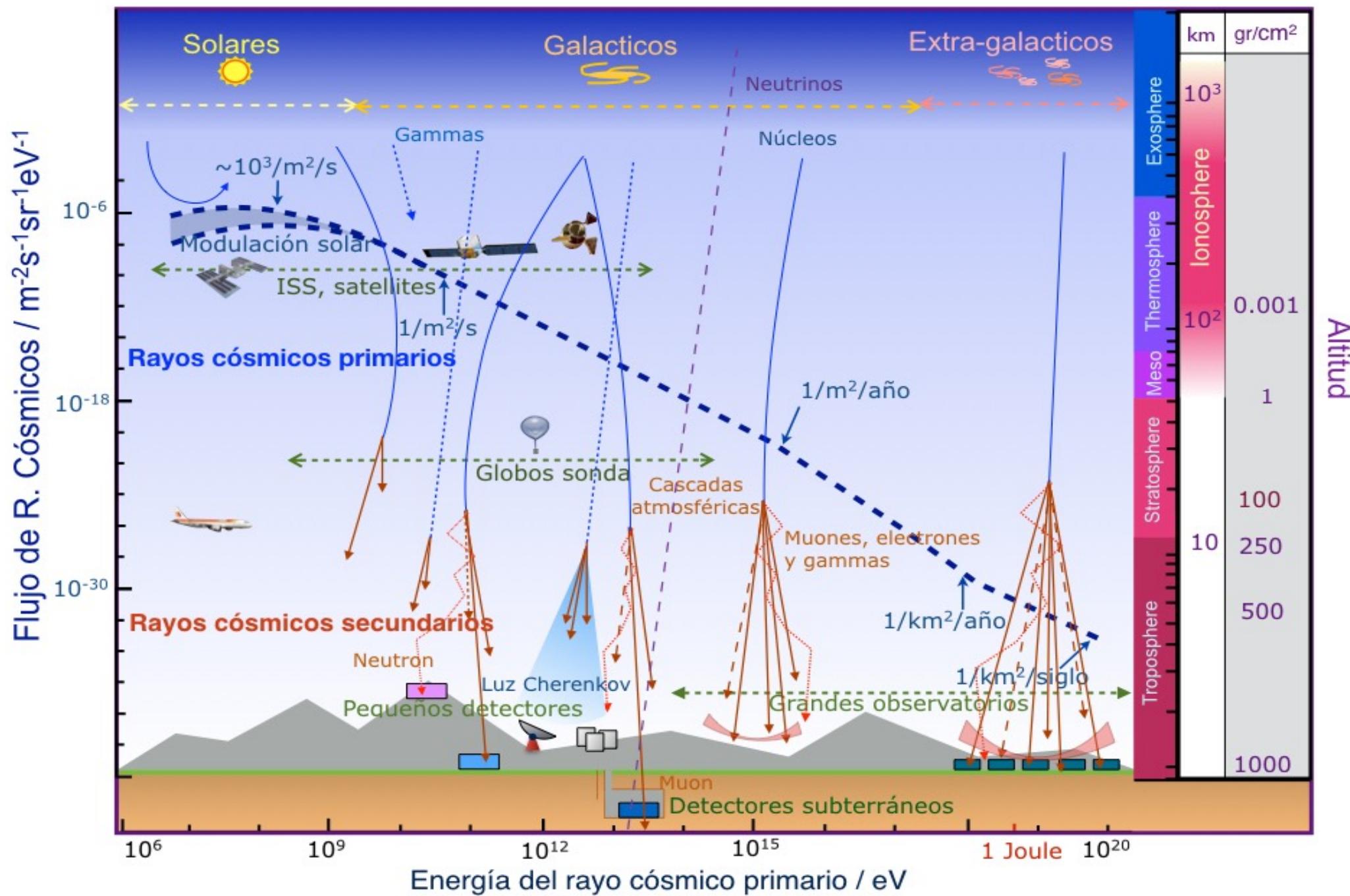
De rayos, explosivos y otros demonios

Básico

Aplicado

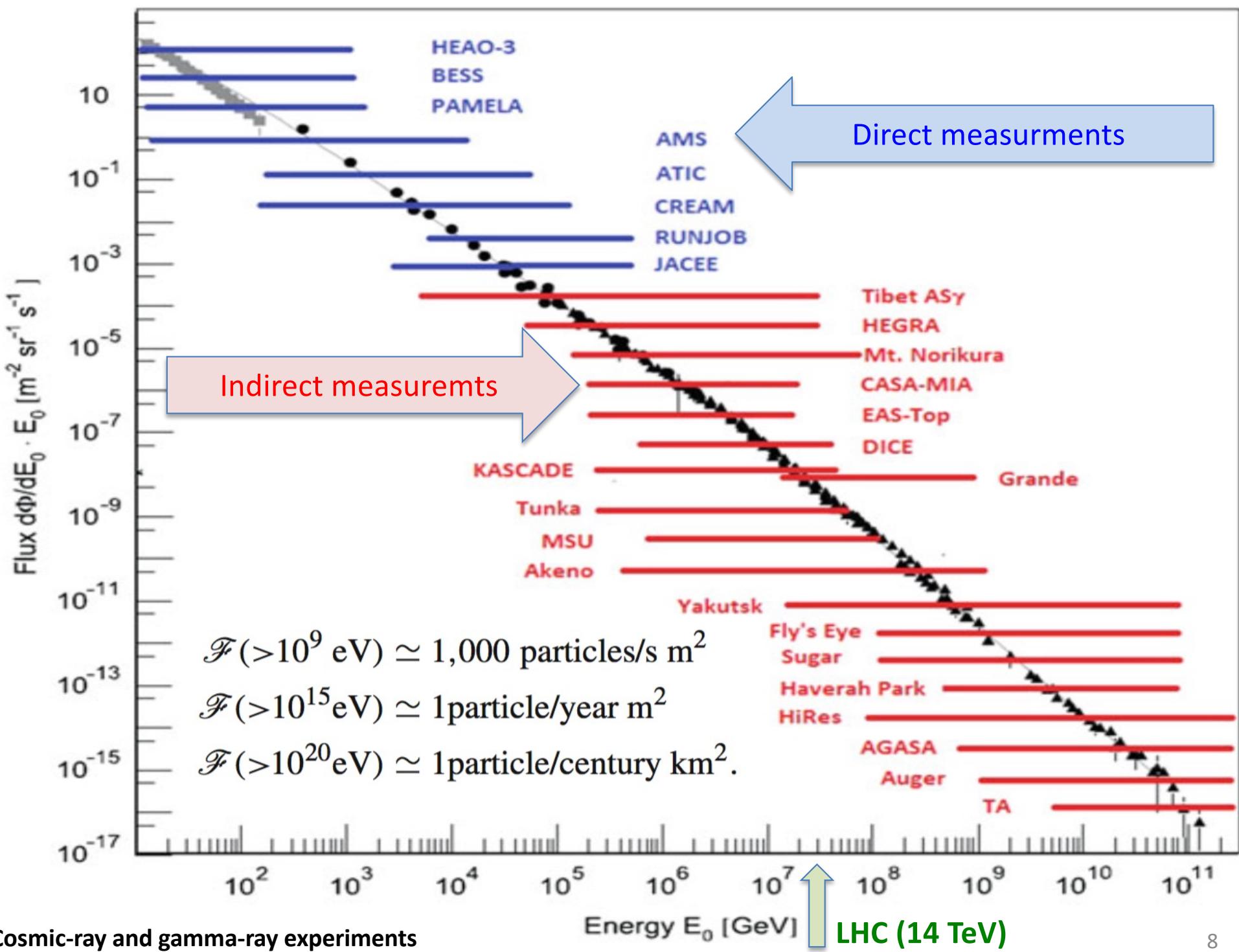
Introito

# **ASTOPARTÍCULAS EN UNA PÍLDORA**

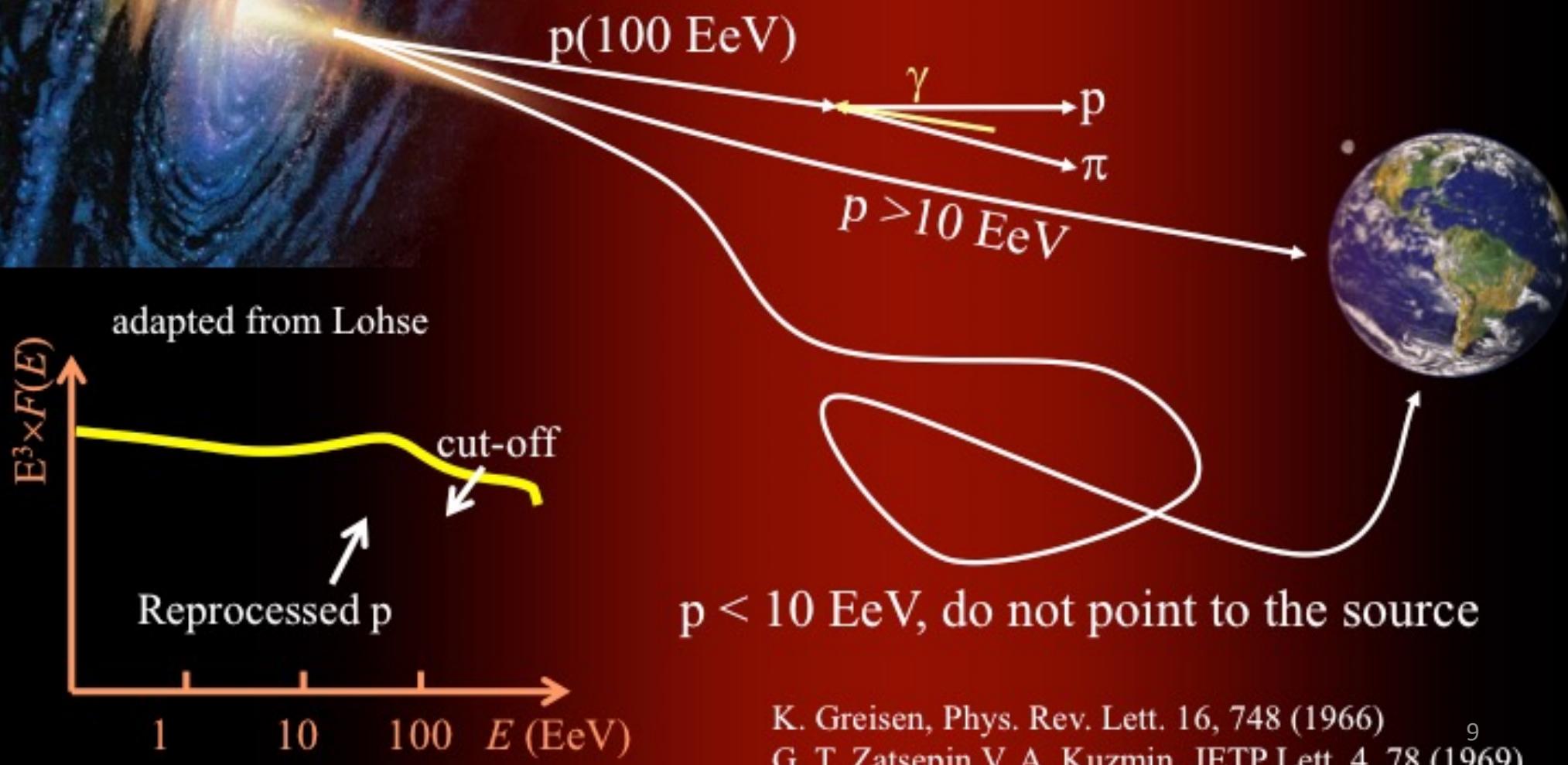


## Los rayos cósmicos: una nueva ventana al universo

A. Ferriz Mas, Universidad de Vigo e IAA/CSIC y J. A. Garzón-Heydt, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela  
<http://revista.iaa.es/content/los-rayos-cosmicos-una-nueva-ventana-al-universo>



Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin limit  
Universe becomes opaque above the threshold for producing a  $\pi$  on CMB  
 $p(100 \text{ EeV}) + \gamma(\text{CMB}) \rightarrow p + \pi, n + \pi$



# Air Showers

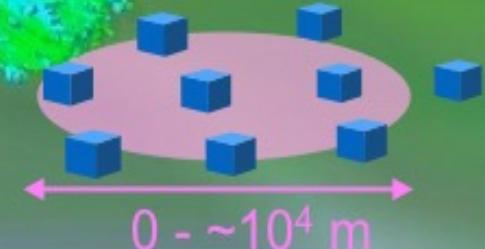
*All those... moments will be lost in time, like tears... in rain.  
replicante Roy Batty  
- R. Hauer  
Blade Runner (1982)*

Rayo cósmico (dirección, energía, masa)

Cascada atmosférica

azul: electrones & positrones  
cian: fotones  
rojo: neutrones  
naranja: protones  
gris: mesones  
verde: muones

Detectores



Simulación: Hajo Drescher, U. Frankfurt

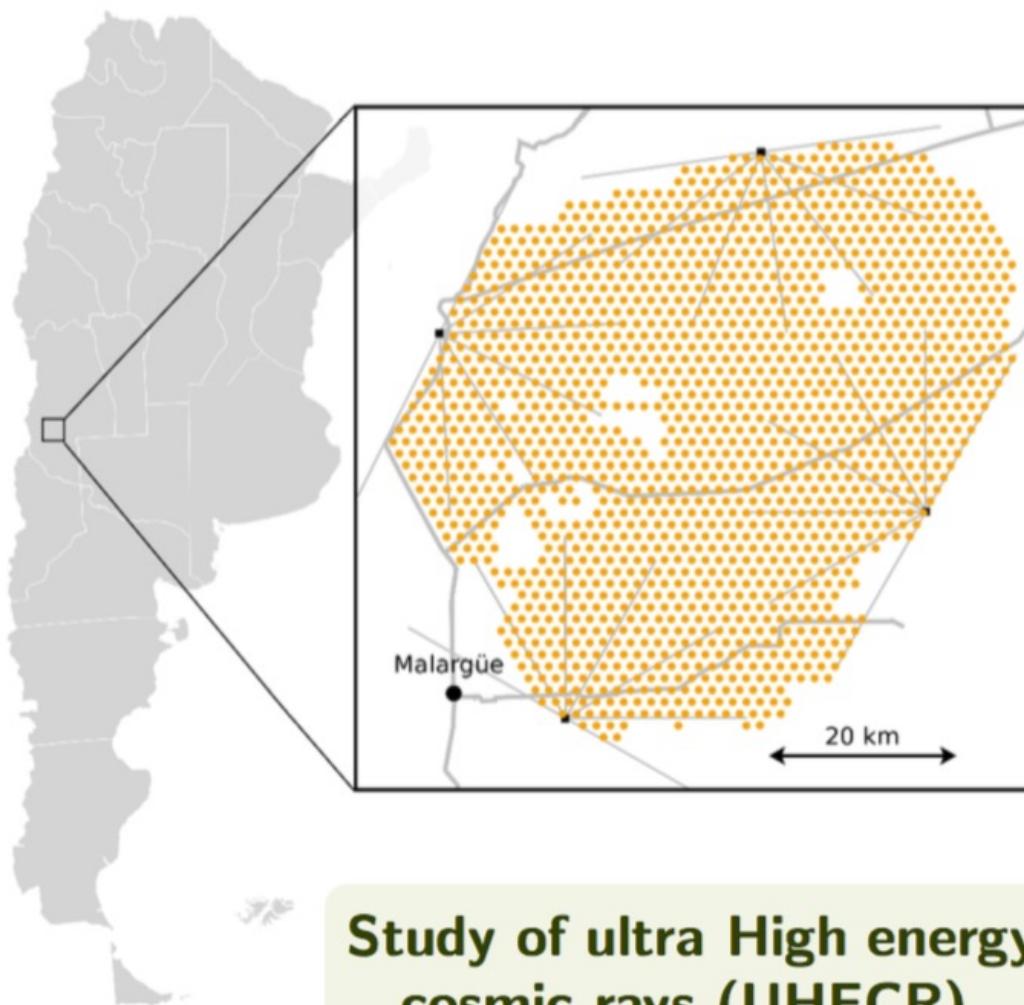
# The Pierre Auger Observatory

*A theory is something nobody believes, except the person who made it.  
An experiment is something everybody believes, except the person who made it.*

- attributed to Albert Einstein

# The Pierre Auger Observatory

J. Abraham et al., NIM A523:1-2(2004)50



**Study of ultra High energy  
cosmic rays (UHECR),  
 $E_p \geq 10^{18} \text{ eV} \equiv 1 \text{ EeV}$**

## Location

- Pampa Amarilla, Malargüe, Argentina
- $69,3^\circ \text{W}, 35,3^\circ \text{S}$
- $1400 \text{ m a.s.l.}, X_d \simeq 870 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$
- $3000 \text{ km}^2$  of surface



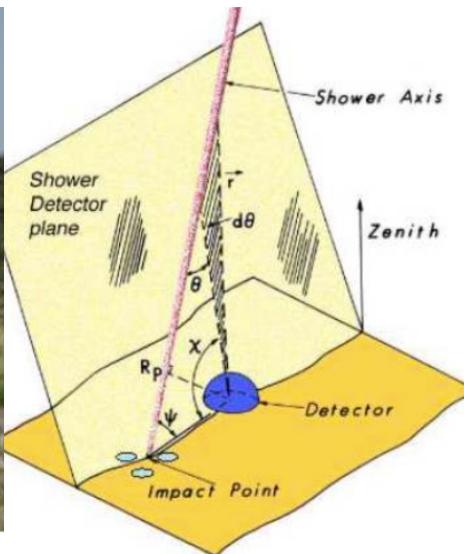
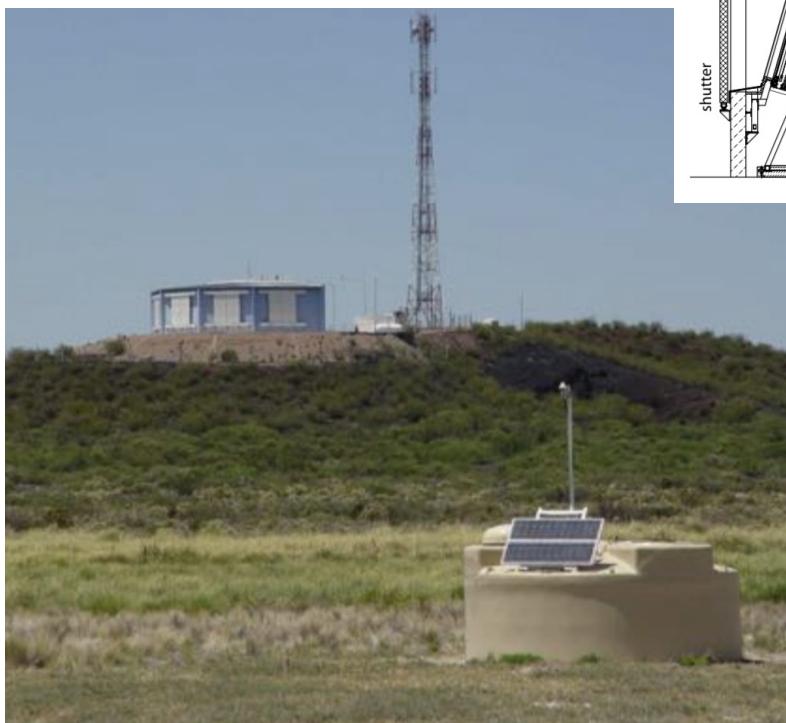
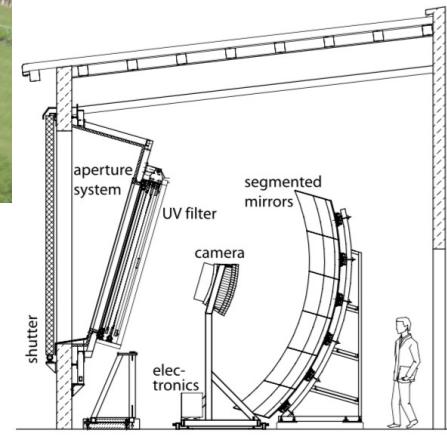
# Surface detector: SD

1660 Water Cherenkov detector in a triangular grid of 1500 m in a  $3000 \text{ km}^2$  area



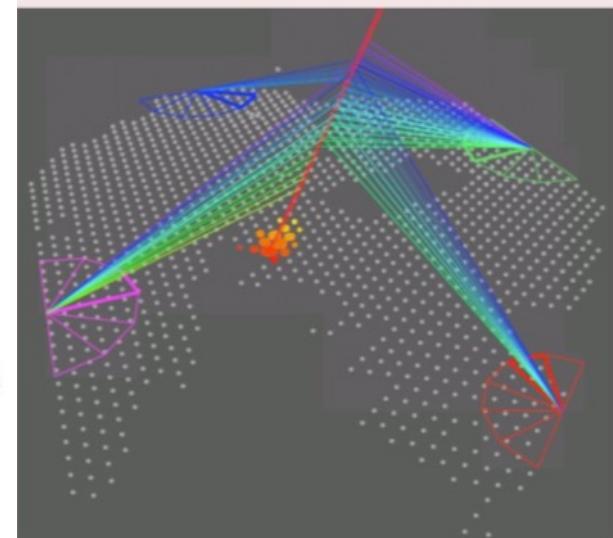
# The Pierre Auger Observatory

## Concept

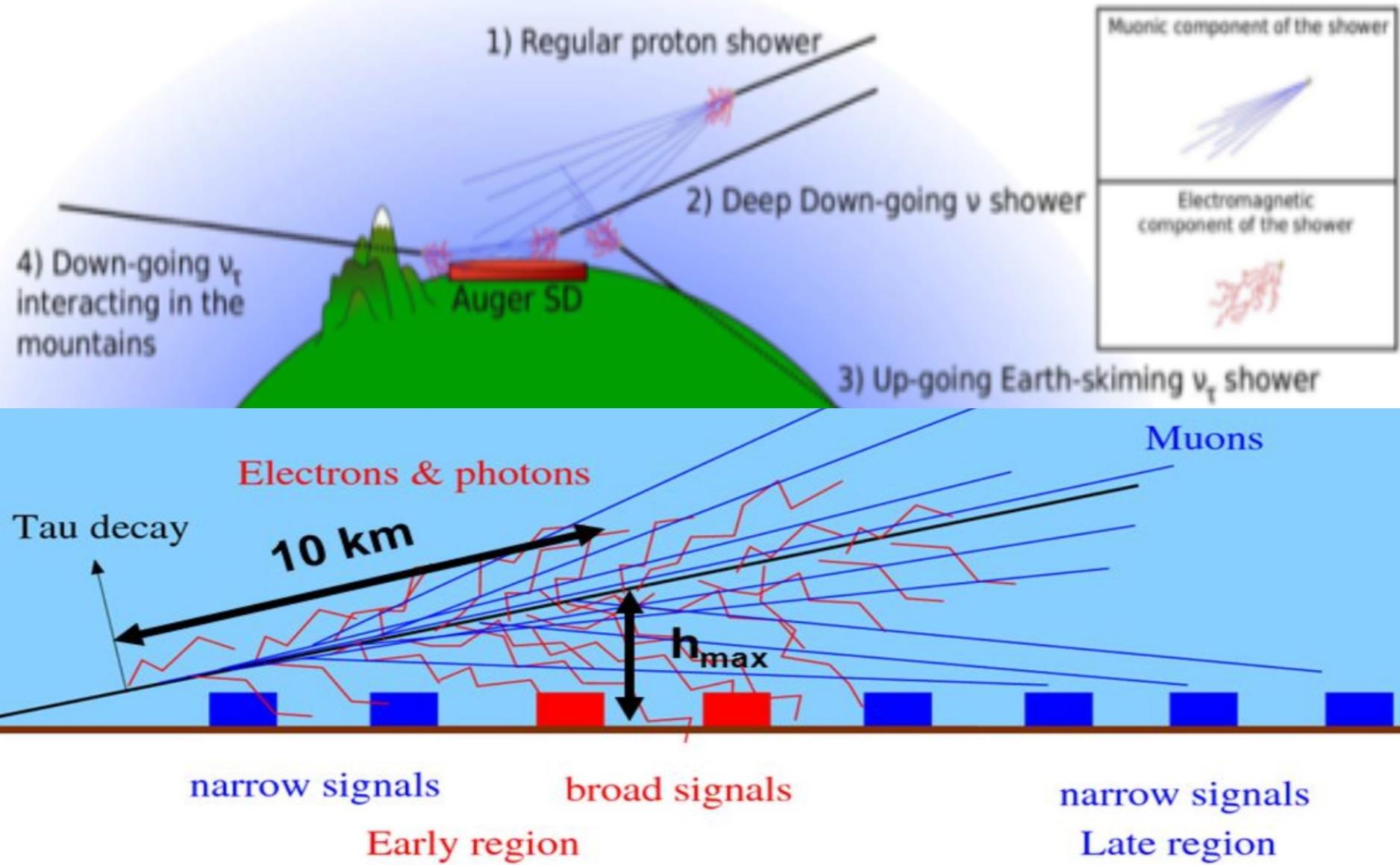


## Hybrid detection

- Surface detector (**SD**)
  - ▶ Transversal development
  - ▶ 1660 water Cherenkov detectors
  - ▶ Triangular grid of 750 and 1500 m
- Fluorescence detector (**FD**)
  - ▶ Longitudinal development
  - ▶ 4 sites surrounding the SD
  - ▶ 27 fluorescence telescopes

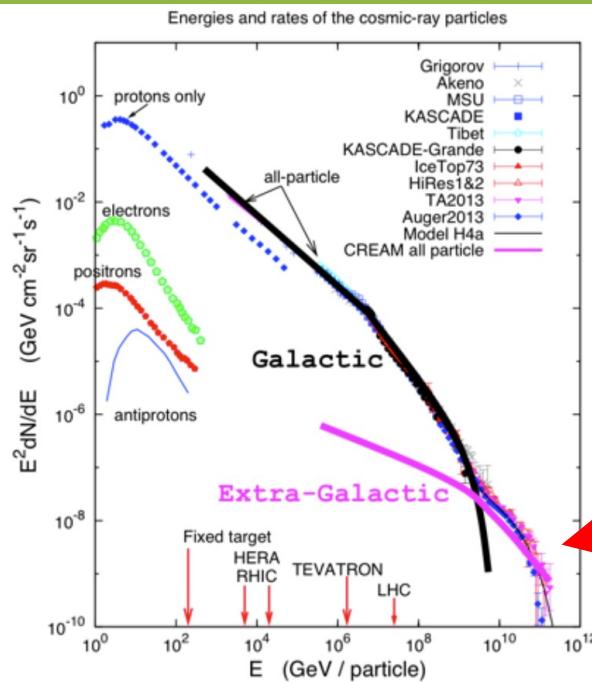


# Neutrinos from WCD signal

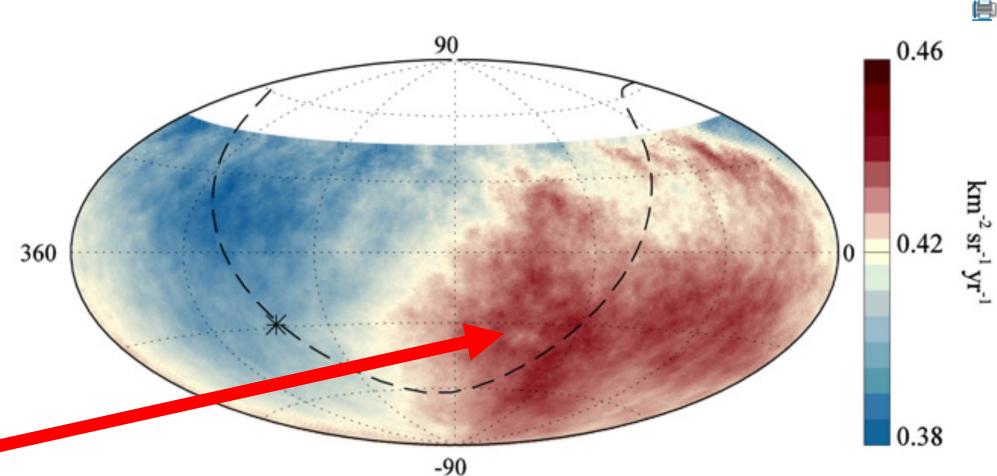


Abbot, B. P., Abbot, T. D., Acernese, F., & André, M. (2017). Multi-messenger observations of a binary neutron star merger. *Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 848.

# Auger: Scientific Results



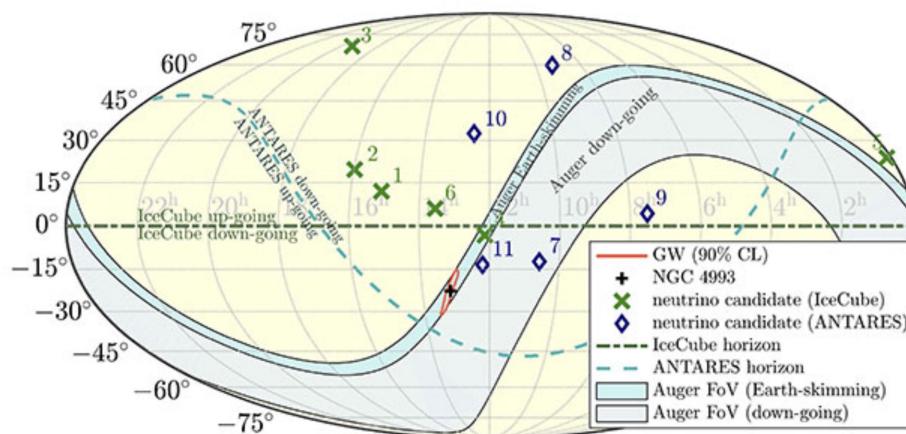
50 year-old mystery has been solved



Ever since the existence of cosmic rays with individual energies of several Joules was established in the 1960s, speculation has raged as to whether cosmic particles of mean energy of 2 Joules are created in our Milky Way or in distant extragalactic objects.

**The anisotropy indicates an extragalactic origin for these ultra-high energy particles.**

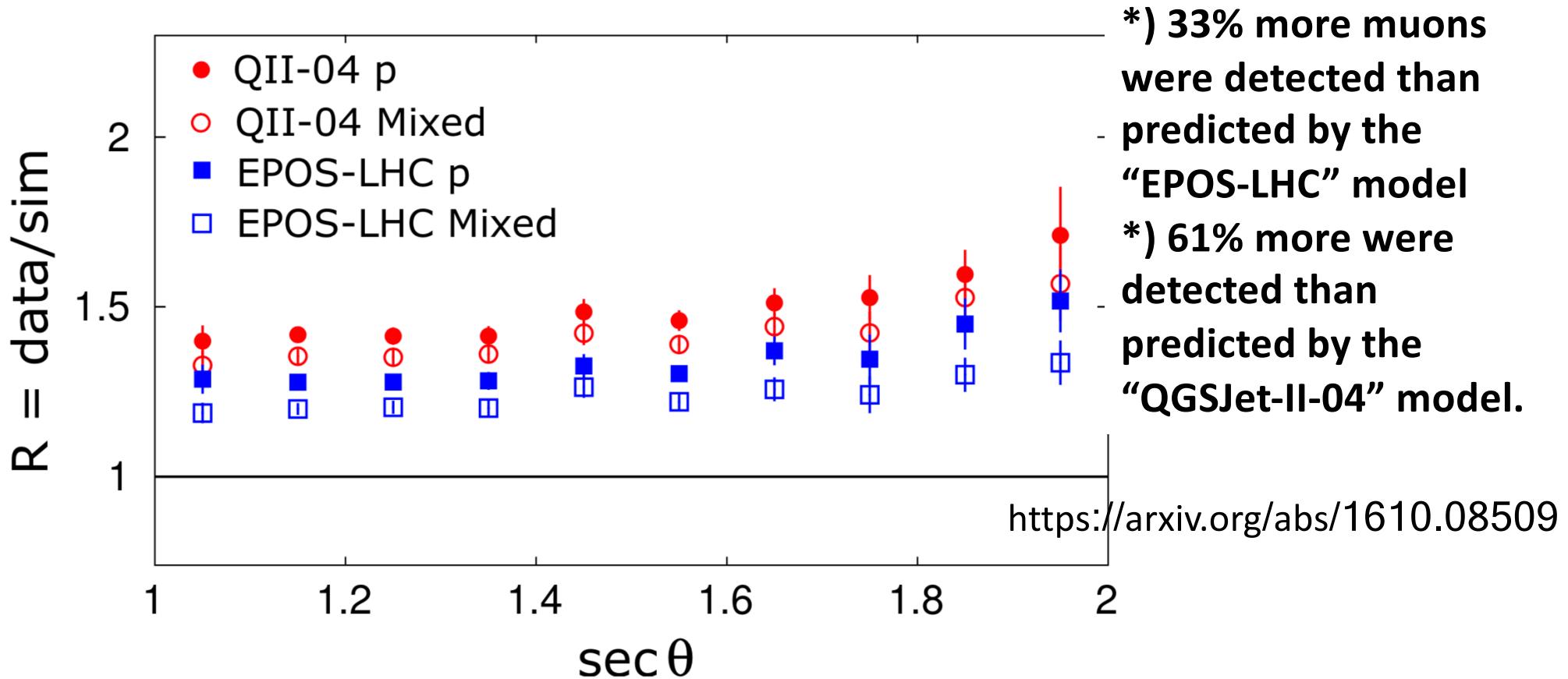
Pierre Auger Collaboration, 2017. Observation of a large-scale anisotropy in the arrival directions of cosmic rays above  $8 \times 10^{18}$  eV. *Science*, 357(6357), pp.1266-1270. ArXiv 1709.07321



**Detection of GW170817: No associated neutrino events in a time window within 500 seconds (and up to 14 days after) around the detection. In agreement with Antares and IceCube**

**Multi-messenger Observations of a Binary Neutron Star Merger (2017) *Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 848. Ultrahigh-energy neutrino follow-up of gravitational wave events GW150914 and GW151226 with the Pierre Auger Observatory (2016) *Physical Review D*, 94(12), 122007.**

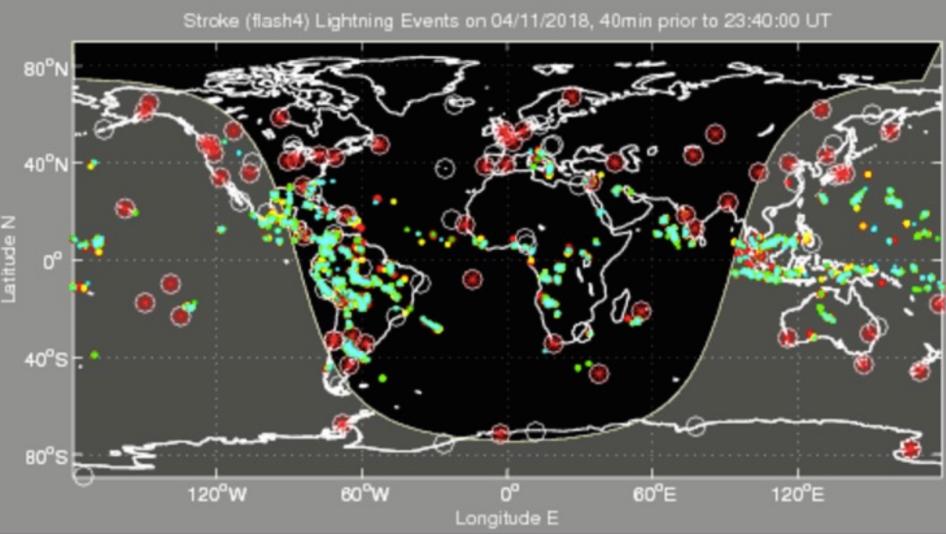
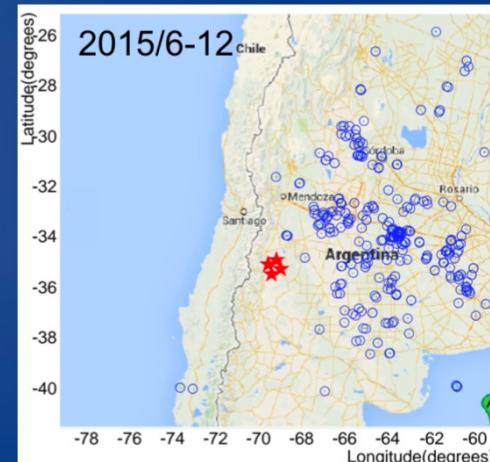
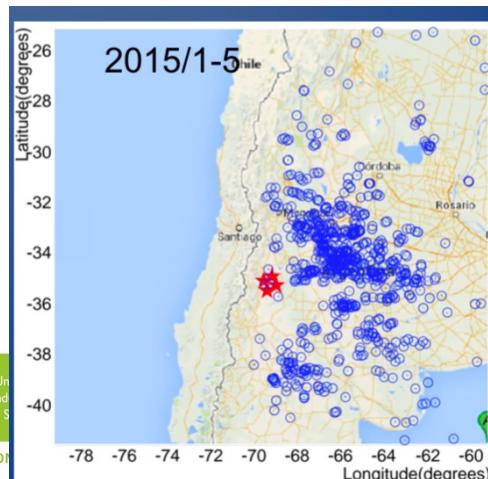
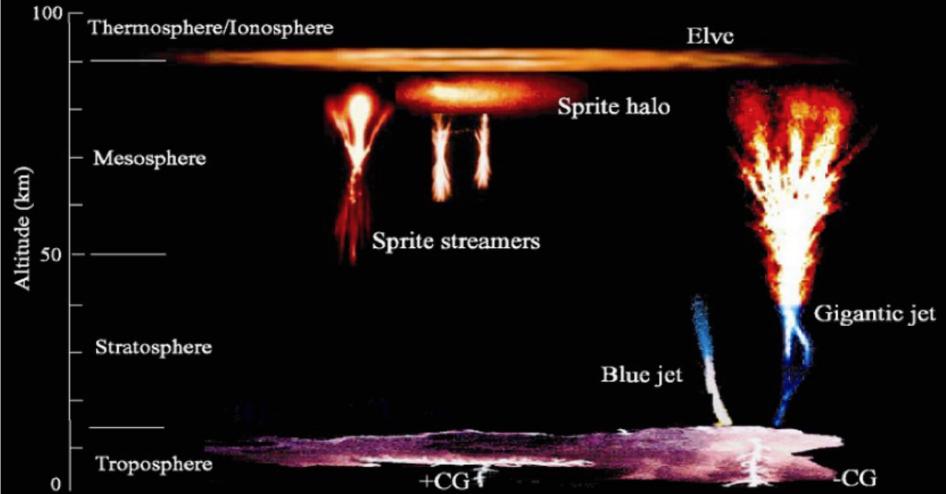
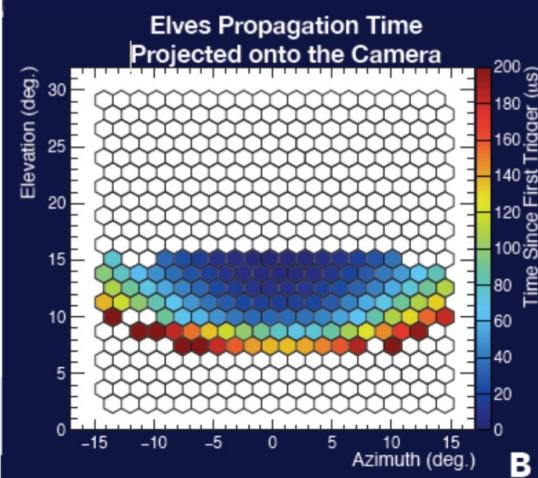
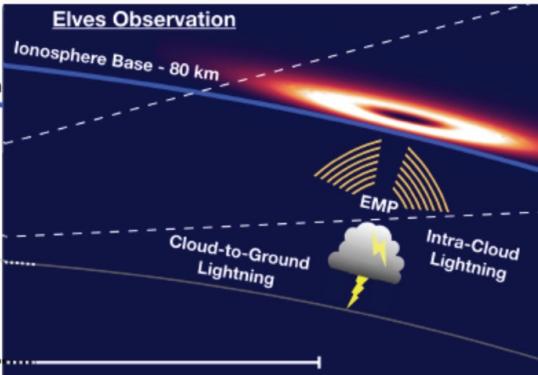
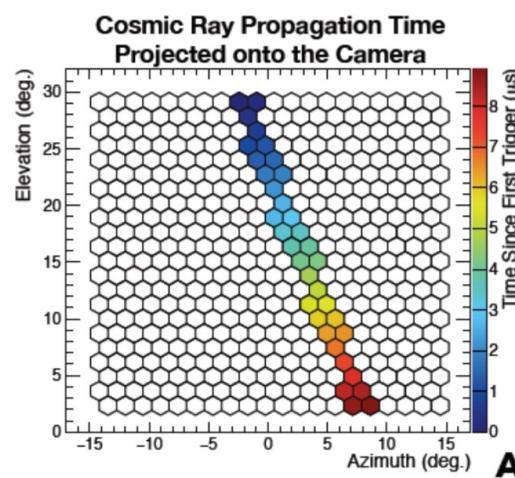
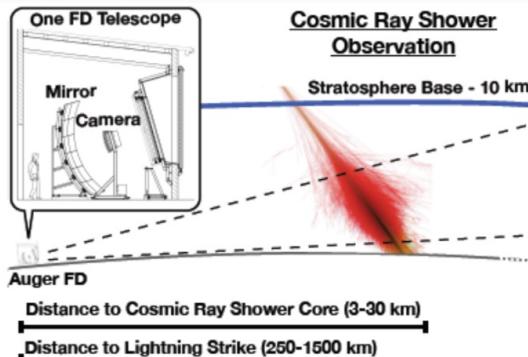
# Auger: Scientific Results



The Auger collaboration can extend its analysis outside the narrow energy range to look for an energy dependence of the discrepancy, which would provide a clue to its origin. For a complementary test, they could also analyze other observables that are sensitive to hadronic interactions, such as the height at which muons are produced.

<https://physics.aps.org/articles/v9/125>

# ELVES at the Pierre Auger Observatory



Lightning activity for Earth

# Acto Primero

# **EL CLIMA ESPACIAL Y LAS TRIPULACIONES**

# The LAGO Space Weather Program

via Solar modulation of low energy cosmic rays

## Connections

### CR Flux

Modulated flux

Primaries

Secondary particles

### Solar Activity

Geomagnetic field

Atmospheric conditions

Detector response

Modulated flux

Primaries

Secondary particles

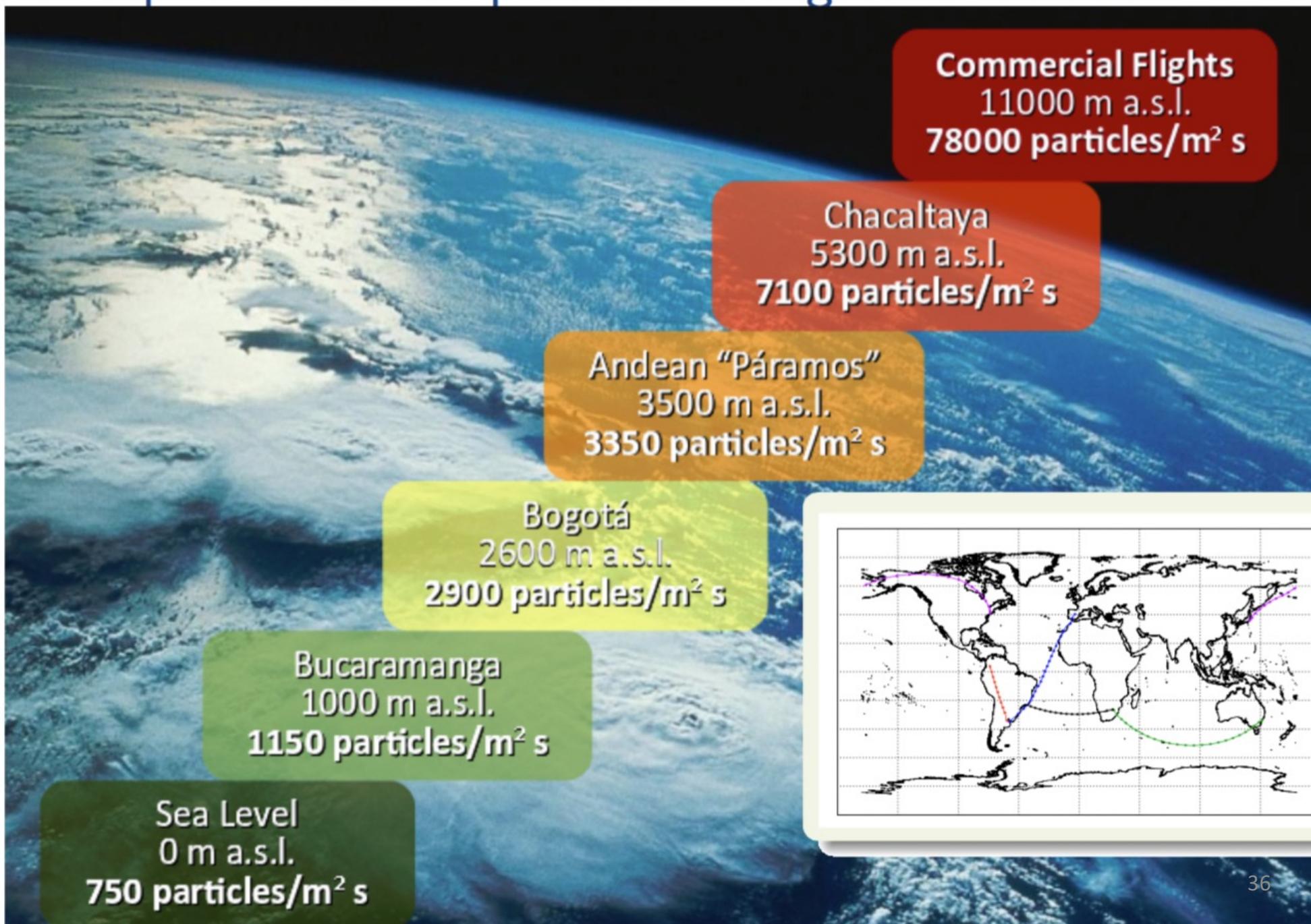
### Signals

## Synergy

**Flux variation of signals at detector level  $\Leftrightarrow$  Solar Activity**

- Asorey, H. et al (2015) "The LAGO space weather program: Directional geomagnetic effects, background fluence calculations and multi-spectral data analysis, PoS(ICRC2015) 142.
- Asorey, H., et al (2018). Preliminary results from the Latin American Giant Observatory space weather simulation chain. Space Weather, 16, 461–475.

# Atmospheric reaction produces background radiation



# The LAGO Space Weather Program

via Solar modulation of low energy cosmic rays and biological impact

## Connections

**CR Flux**

Modulated flux

Primaries

Secondary particles

Solar Activity  
→

Geomagnetic field  
→  
Atmospheric conditions  
→

Tissue Damage  
→

Modulated flux

Primaries

Secondary particles

**Damage**

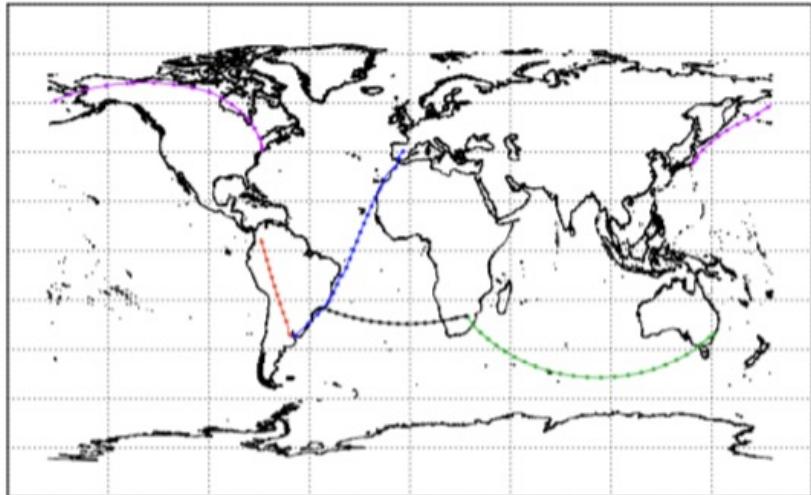
## Synergy

**Flux variation at the airline route ⇔ Solar Activity**

Pinilla, Sergio, Hernan Asorey, and Luis A. Núñez. "Cosmic Rays Induced Background Radiation on Board of Commercial Flights." *Nuclear and Particle Physics Proceedings* 267 (2015): 418-420.

# Radiation flux and commercial flights

## Particle flux



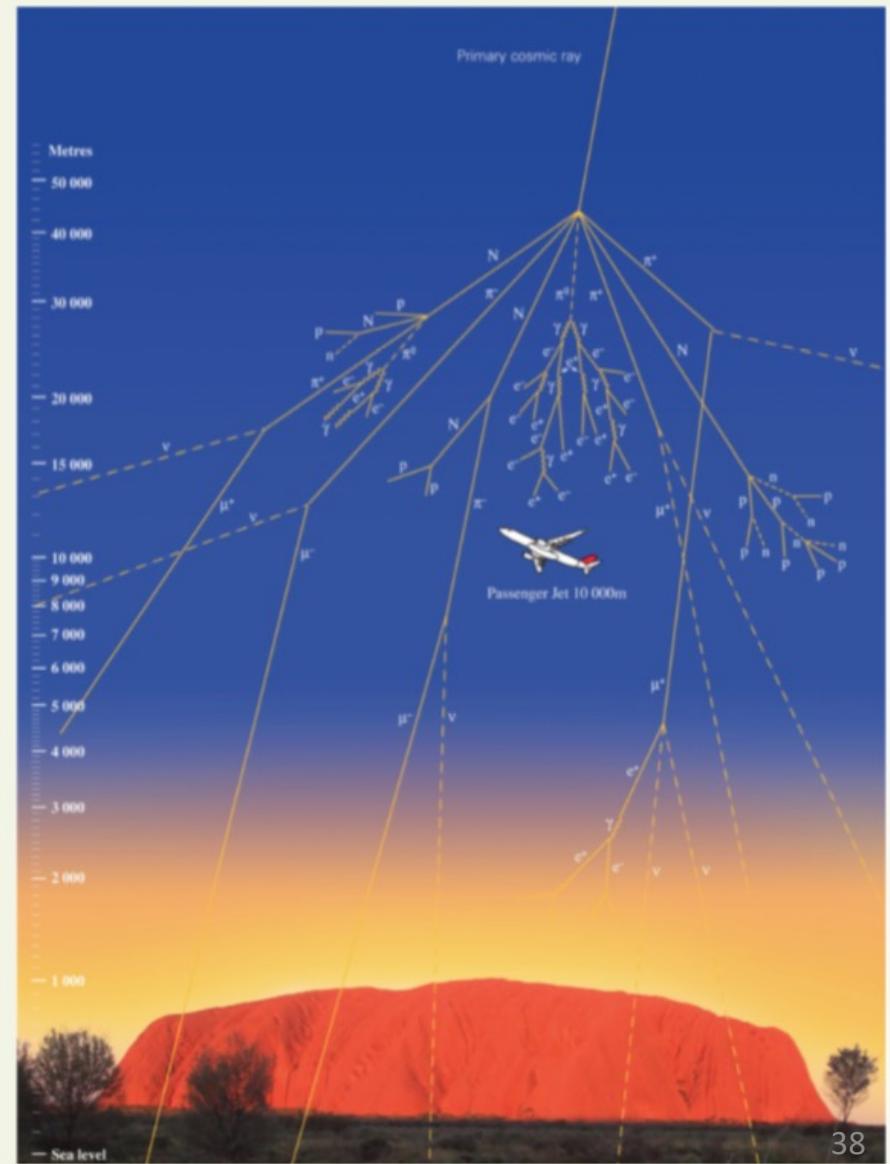
$$\%F_N = \frac{N_{\text{con CG}}}{N_{\text{sin CG}}} \times 100 \%. \quad (9)$$

Ruta	$\gamma$	$e^+$	$e^-$	$\mu^+$	$\mu^-$	$n^0$	$p^+$	Otros	Total
BOG-BUE	55.9	59.6	59.0	60.0	63.6	17.5	21.5	59.7	52.0
BUE-MAD	57.0	60.6	60.1	61.2	64.7	18.8	22.8	60.6	53.1
JNB-SYD	93.3	94.3	94.1	95.8	96.7	79.9	82.5	94.9	91.9
NYC-TYO	91.0	92.1	91.9	93.1	94.2	78.2	80.4	92.4	89.7
SAO-JNB	71.6	74.7	74.1	77.3	80.6	33.5	38.4	73.7	67.7

$$d_N = \frac{N_{\text{ruta}} - N_{\text{BGA}}}{N_{\text{BGA}}} \quad (10)$$

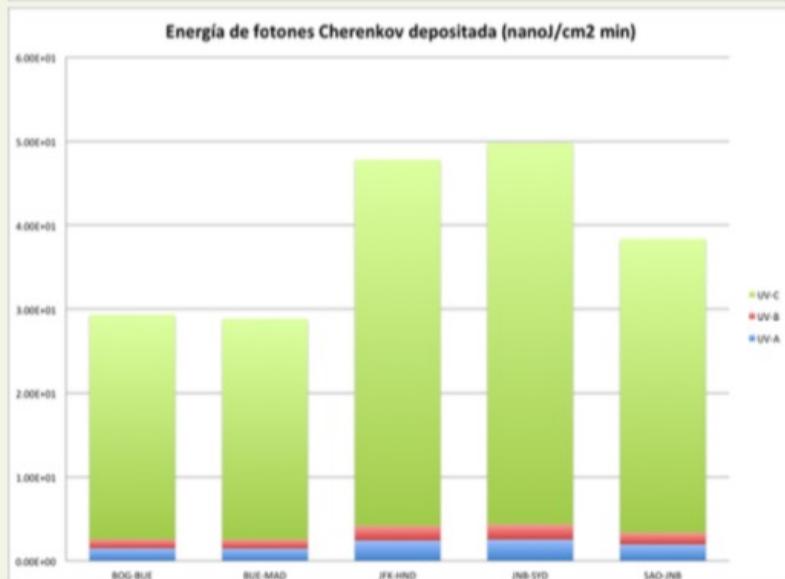
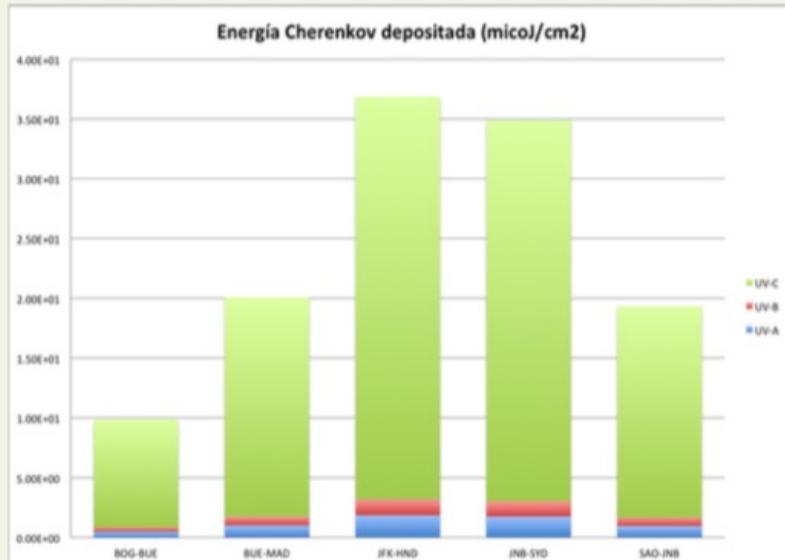
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BUE-MAD	56.6	57.0	57.3	3.6	4.0	90.7	175.9	124.6	47.1
JNB-SYD	93.3	89.3	90.3	6.2	6.5	388.7	638.0	195.6	82.2
NYC-TYO	91.0	87.2	88.1	6.1	6.3	380.6	621.9	190.4	80.2
SAO-JNB	71.3	70.5	70.8	4.9	5.3	162.7	296.6	151.7	60.3

## Particles and comercial flight

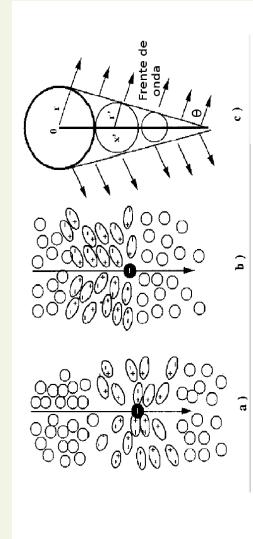
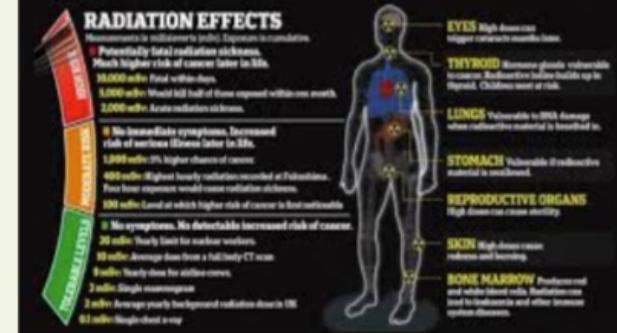
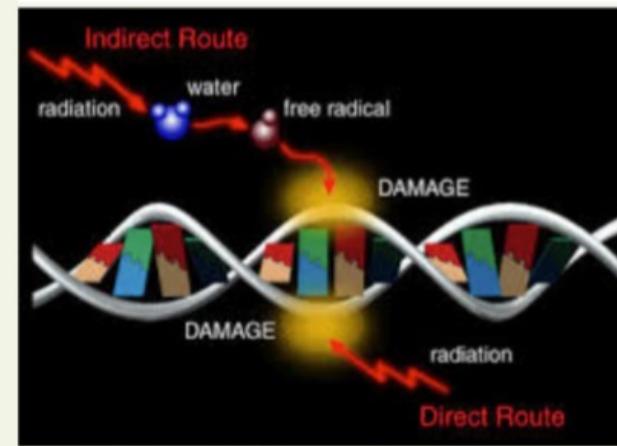
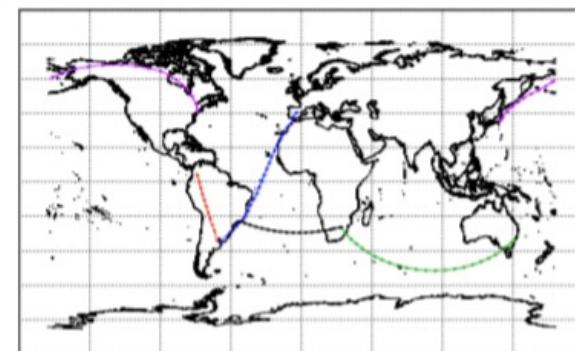


# Energy Deposited

## Cherenkov Energy



## Bioeffects and comercial flights

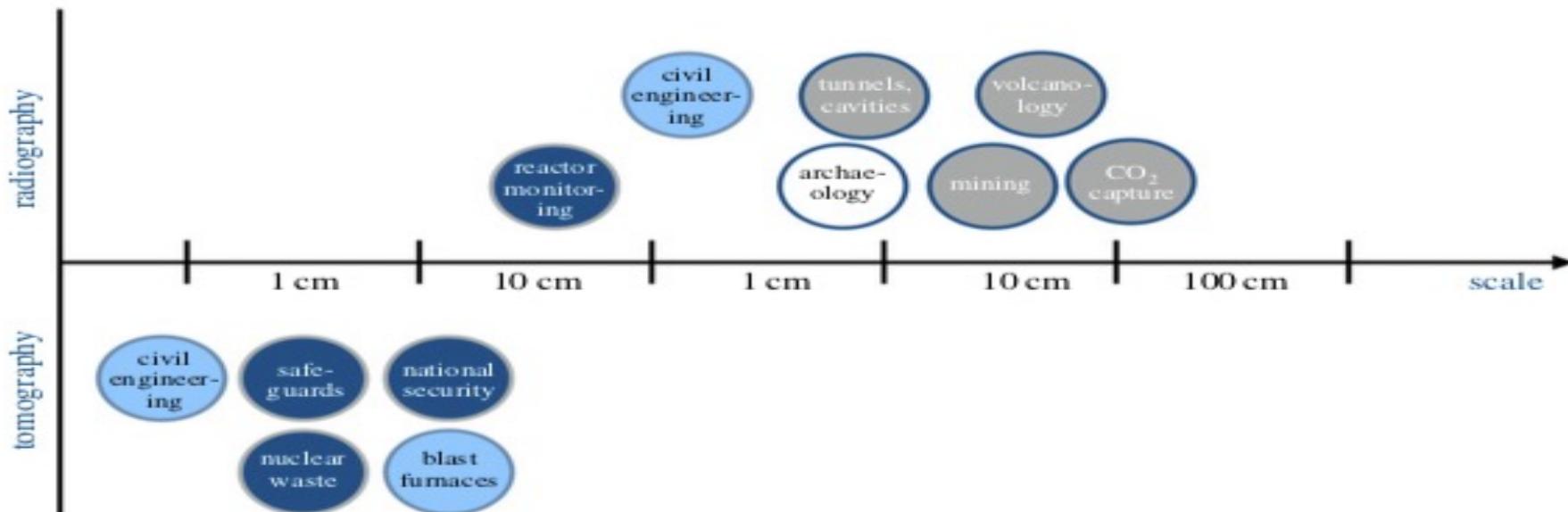


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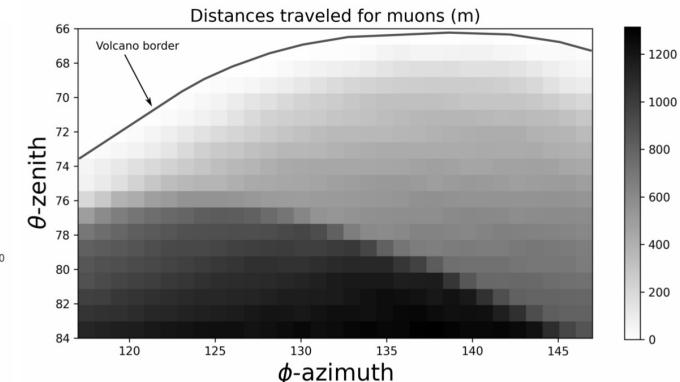
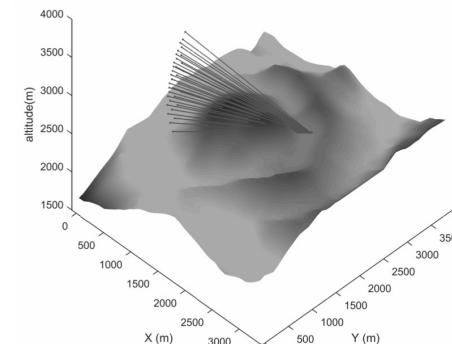
# **MUTE UNA SOPA DE MUONES PARA VER VOLCANES**



**Figure 3.** Schematic infographic illustrating the different applications of muography, courtesy of Lynkeos Technology Ltd.



**Figure 4.** Typical scale of muon radiography and tomography applications, with civil engineering applications in light blue, nuclear safety and security applications in dark blue and geoscience applications in grey. (Online version in colour.)



## 13 volcanoes analysed Complies: Cerro Machín

Volcano	Criterion 1:	Criterion 2:	Criterion 3:
Azufral	N	Y	N
Cerro Negro*	Y	Y	N
Chiles*	Y	Y	N
Cumbal	N	Y	N
Dona Juana	N	Y	N
Galeras	Y	N	Y
<b>Machín</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
Nevado del Huila	N	Y	N
Nevado del Ruiz	N	Y	Y
Nevado Santa Isabel	N	Y	Y
Nevado del Tolima	N	N	Y
Puracé	N	Y	Y
Sotará	N	Y	N

- At the observational level, is the volcano base width less than 1,500 m?
- Are there tentative observation points where the surrounding topography does not affect the target?
- Are the sites accessible and secure?

# Colombian Volcanoes

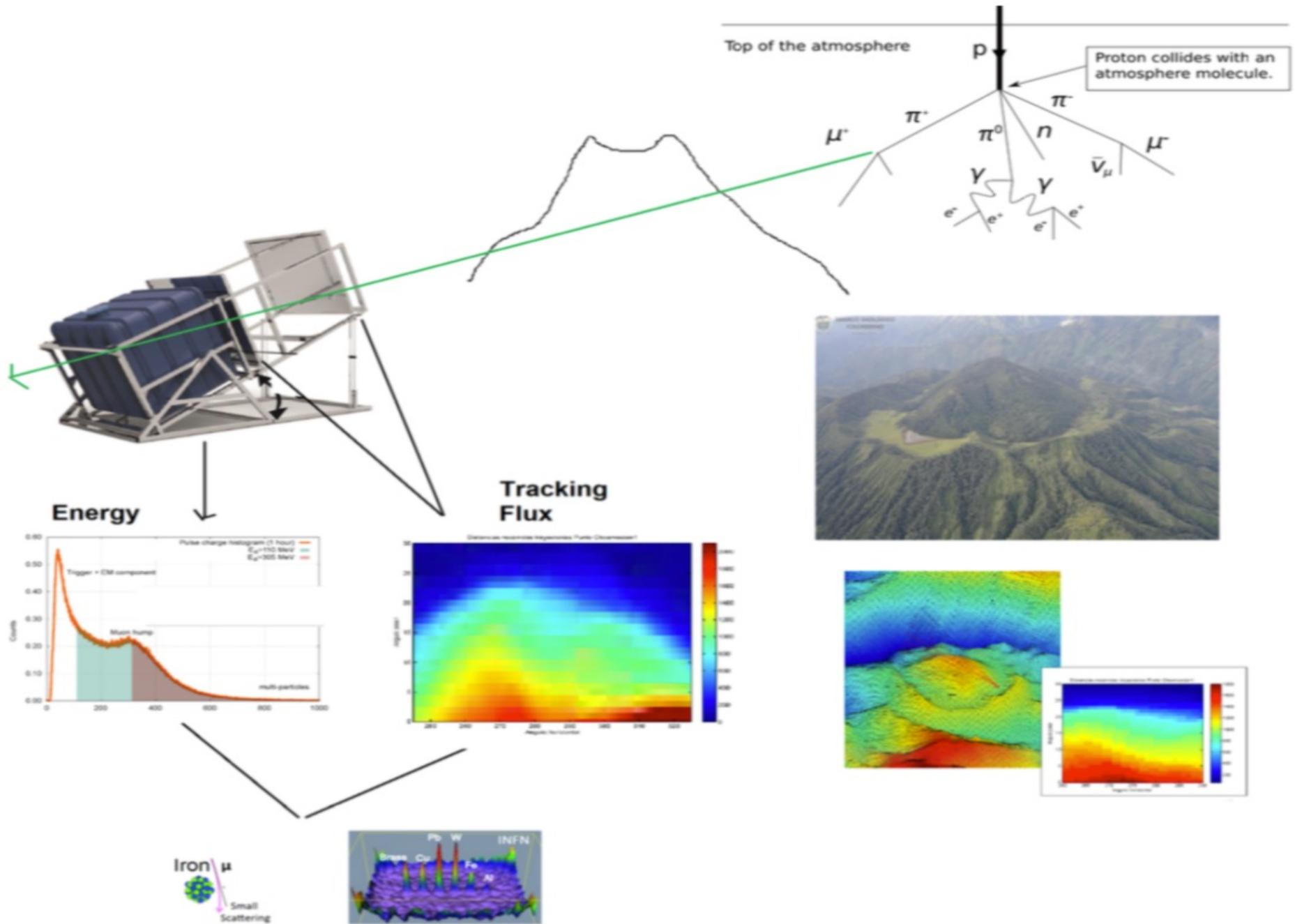


Cerro Machin Volcano



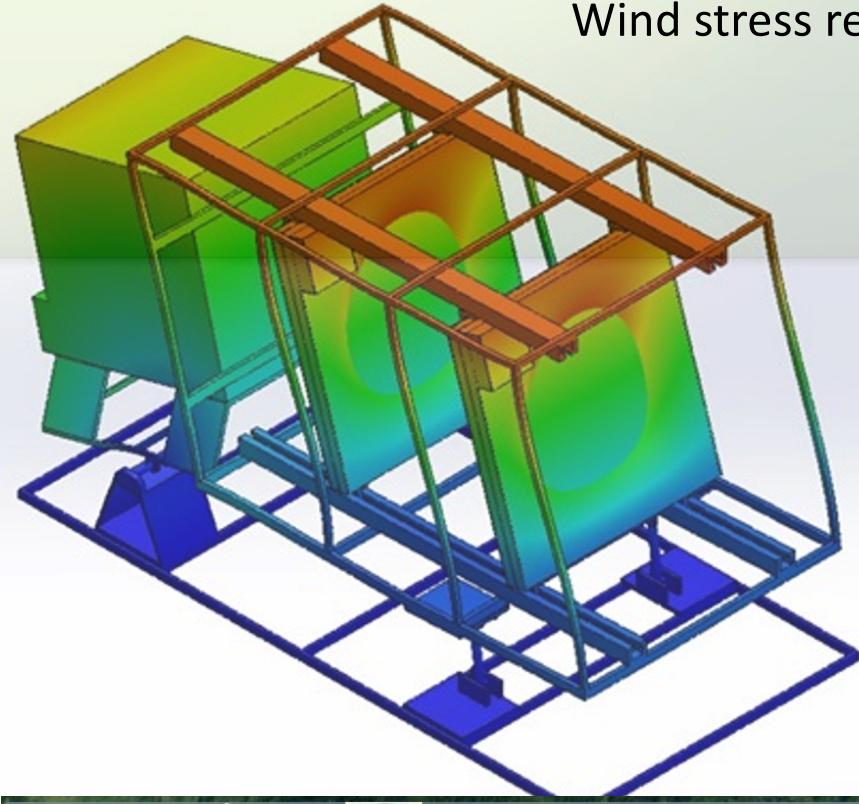
**Chichonal or Chichón (Mx)**  
 The most deadly  
 eruption of the century  
 (1982)





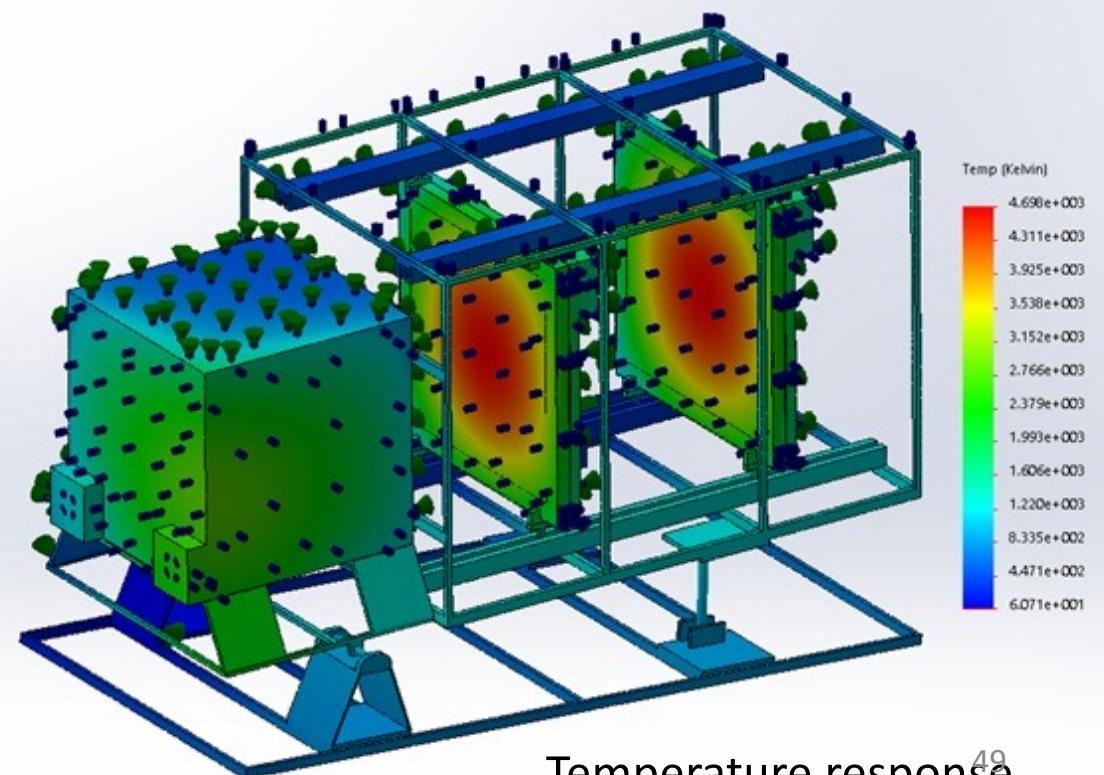
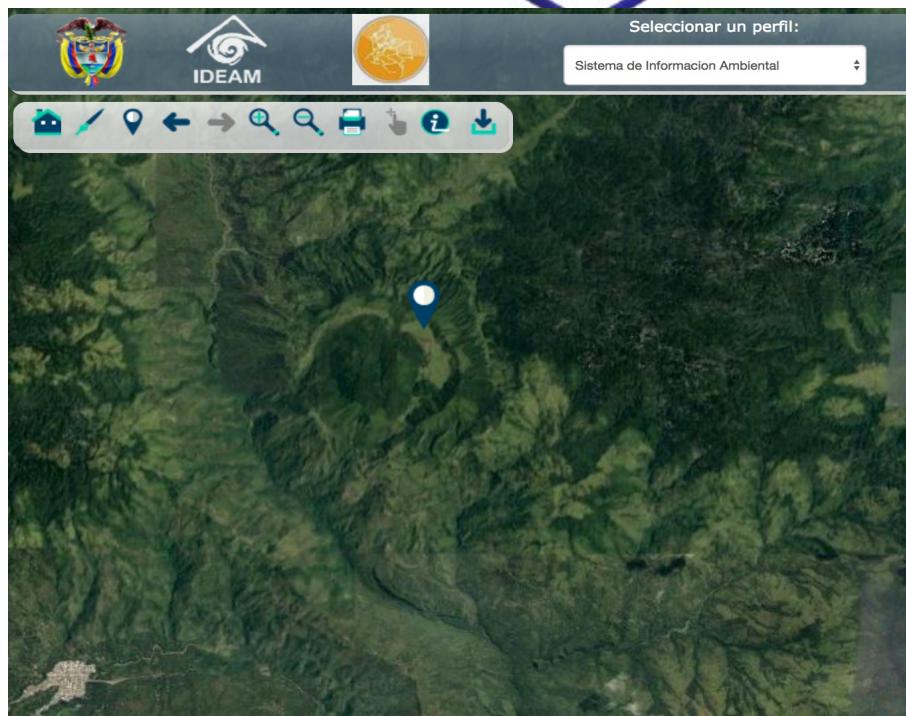
Cosmic Ray Flux → Heliosphere Modulated Flux → Magnetosphere → Signals.  
 $\dots \rightarrow$  Primaries → Atmosphere Secondaries → Detector response → Signals.

## Wind stress response



Instrument response  
To climate variables

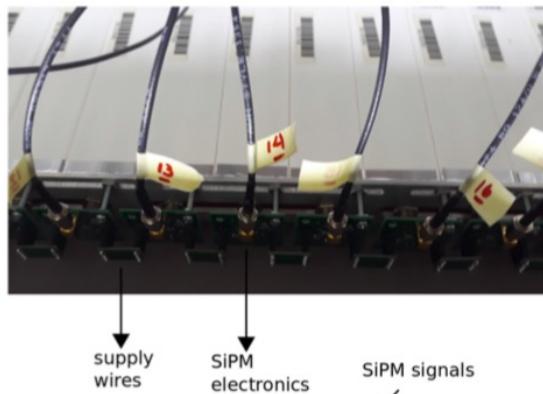
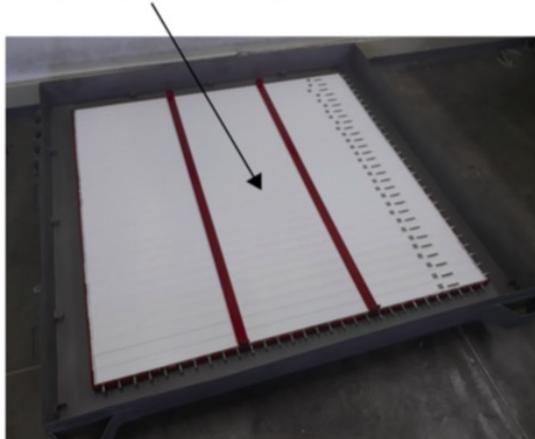
Peña-Rodríguez, J., et al. (2020). Design and construction of MuTe: a hybrid Muon Telescope to study Colombian Volcanoes. Journal of Instrumentation 15 (09), P09006.



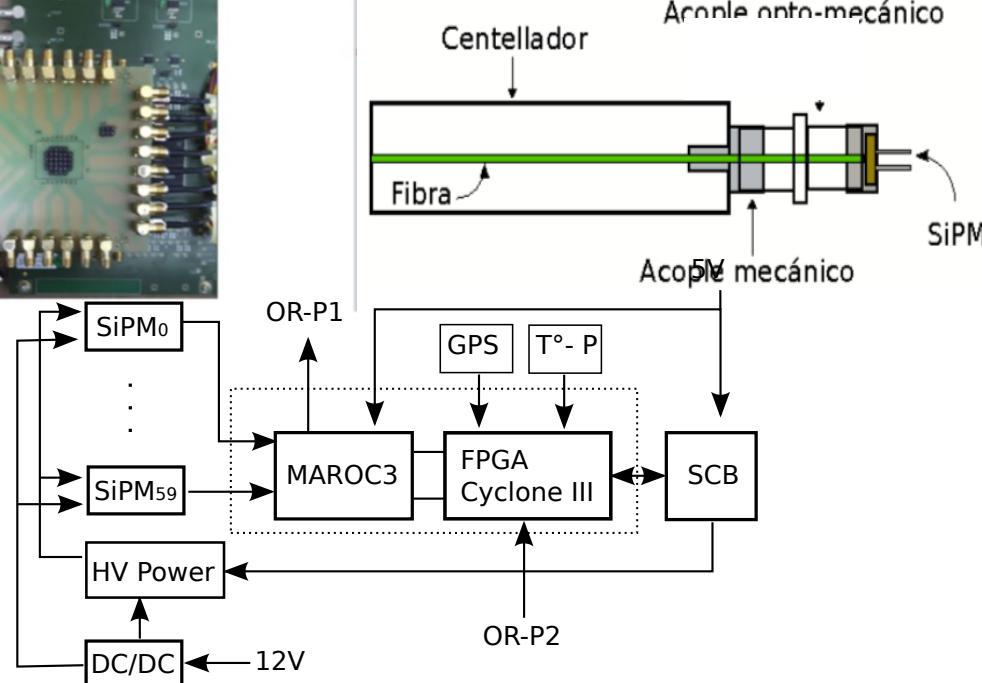
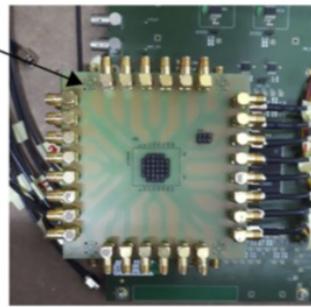
Temperature response <sup>49</sup>

# MuTe electronics

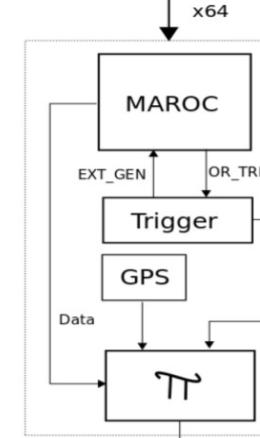
MuTe panel ( 120cm x 120 cm) 30 x 30 strips



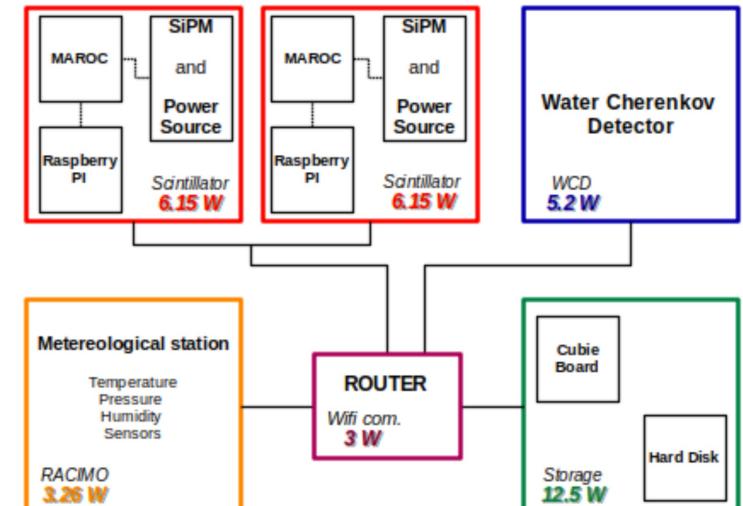
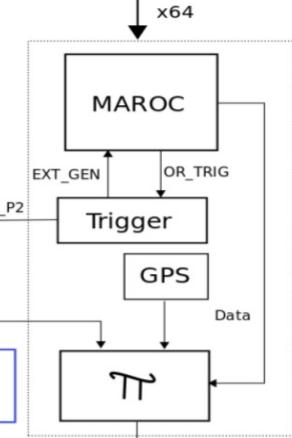
Daughter board (x60)

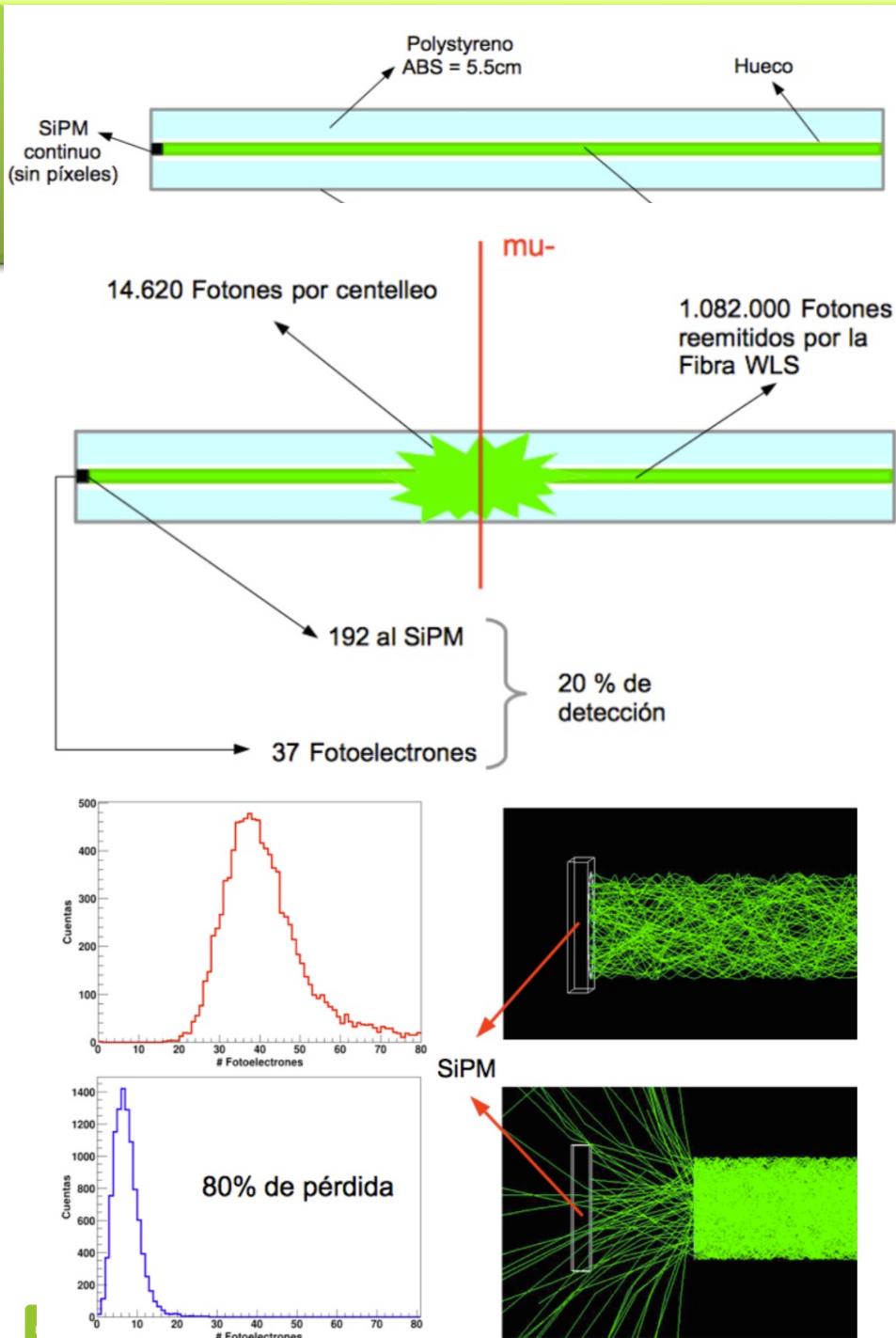


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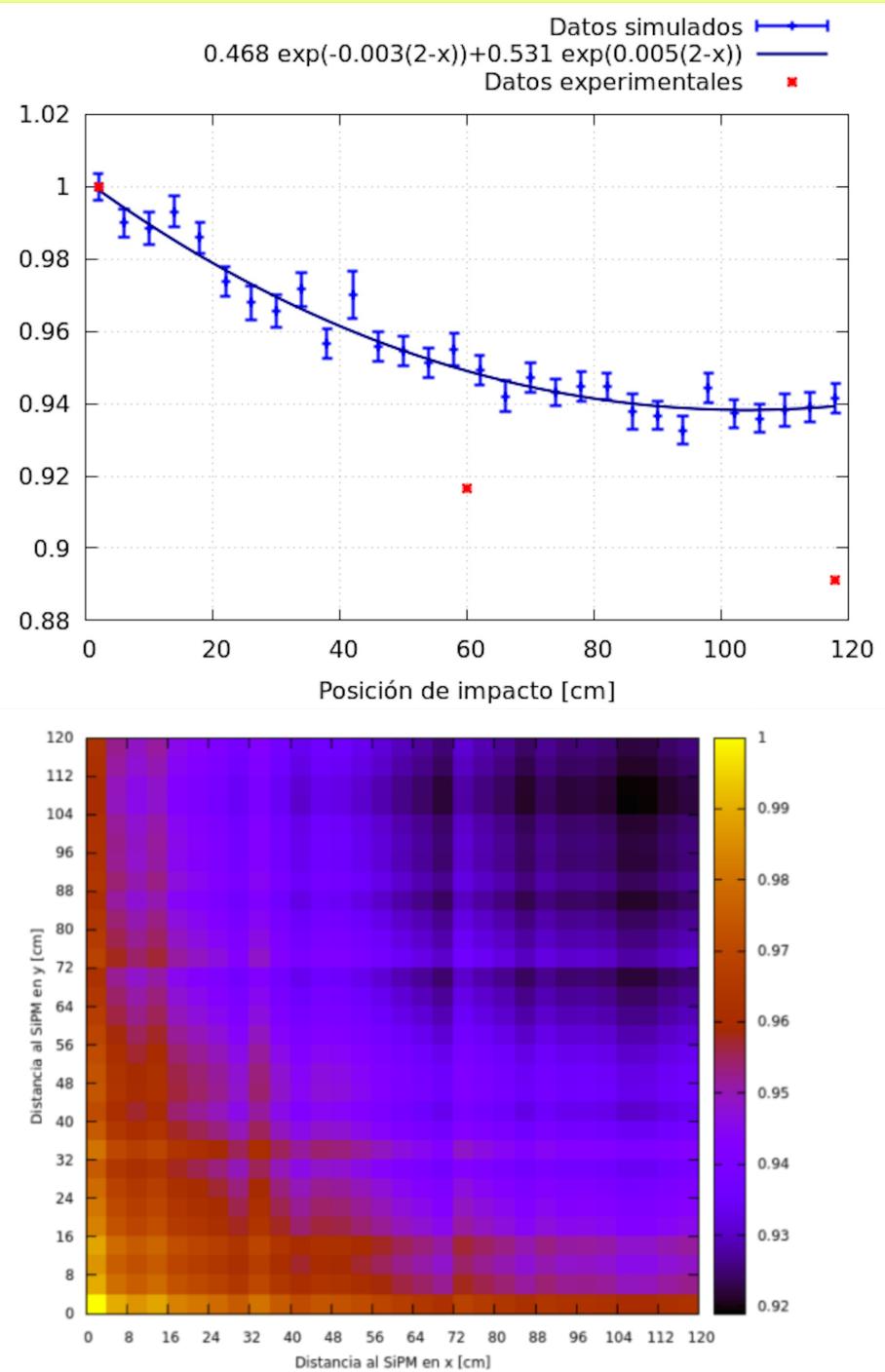


Panel 2





## Geant4 Simulations

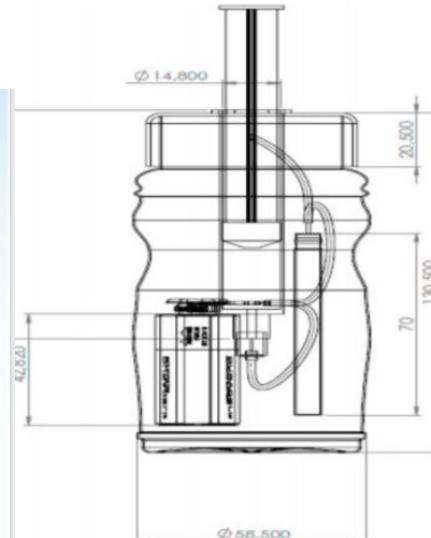
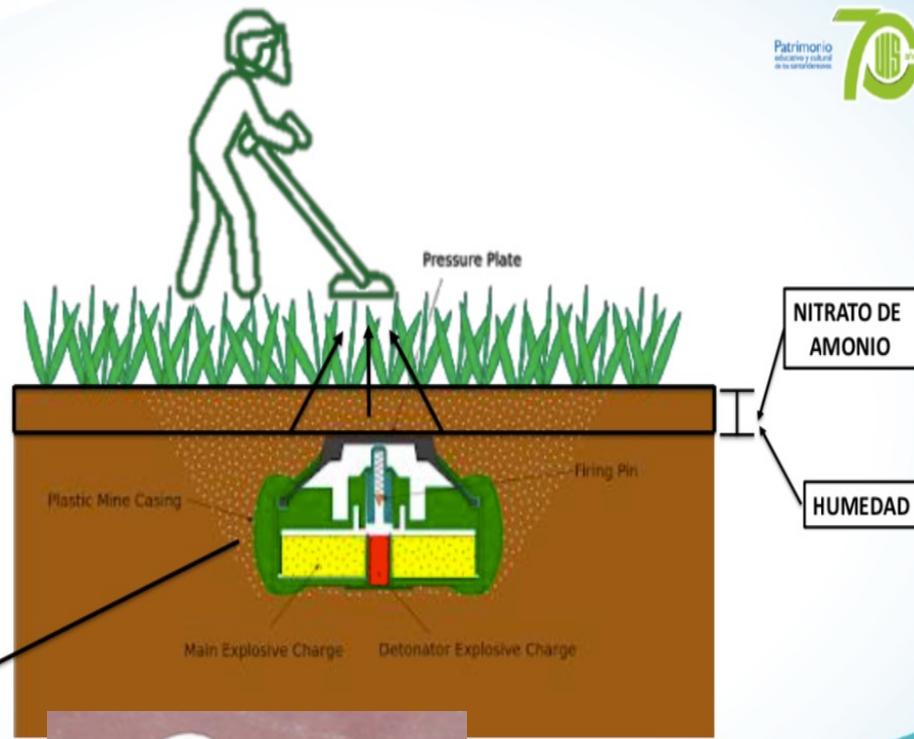


# Acto Tercero

# **DE EXPLOSIVOS Y OTROS DEMONIOS**

## Mine, Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) and Cluster Submunition Casualties in 2010





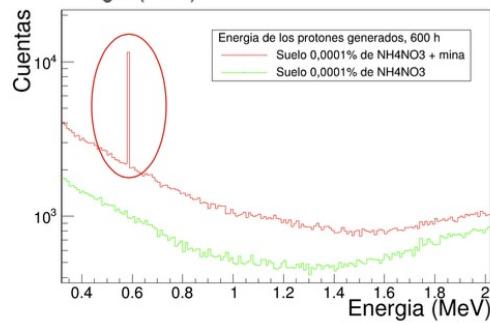
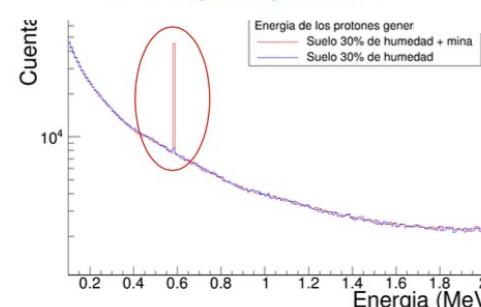
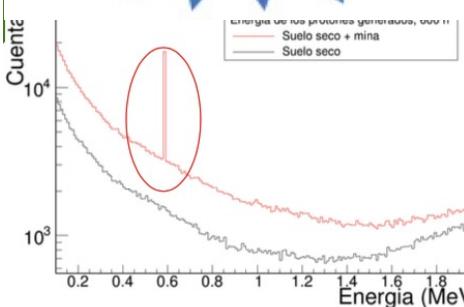
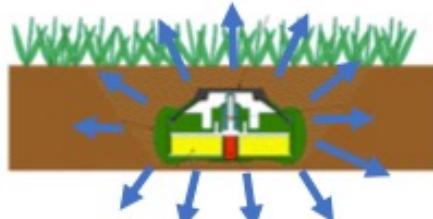
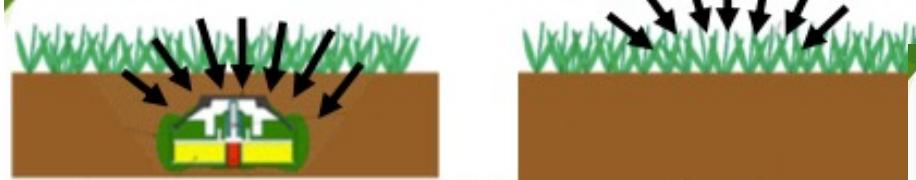
E. Posconflicto, "TIPOS DE MINAS ANTIPERSONAL EN COLOMBIA," 2011.

Predator: "If it bleeds, we can kill it" Quote Off Extravaganza!





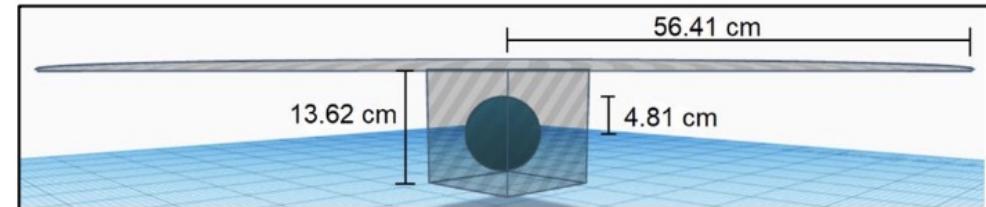
# It bleeds



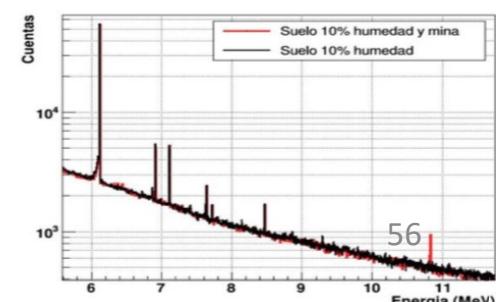
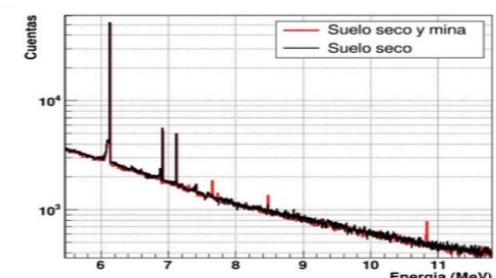
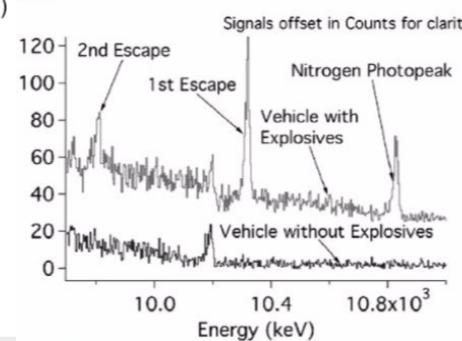
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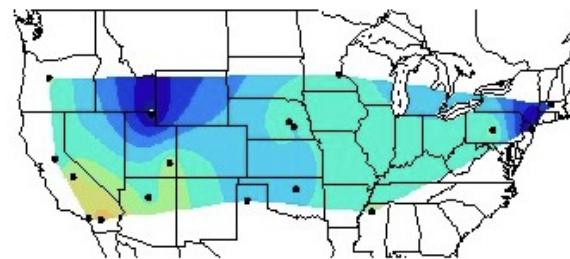
- VARIABLES INTRODUCIDAS:**
- Elementos químicos
  - Fracción porcentual
  - Densidad
  - Dimensiones de la geometría
  - Tipo de partículas
  - Cantidad y energía de partículas
  - Paquete de física



## COMPARACIÓN



## Cosmic-ray soil moisture sensor



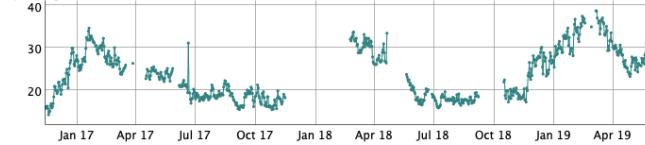
### COSMOS Wetness Maps

Choose a date between 1st of Jan 2011 and yesterday.  
Smoothing percentage represents the tension factor from Smith and Wessel, 1990.

Date: 2019-05-25 Smoothing:  Submit  
 subtract wetness from: 2018-11-26

Note: mapping utility will take a while (~ 10 s). Please be patient.

Daily Averaged Soil Moisture (% Vol.)



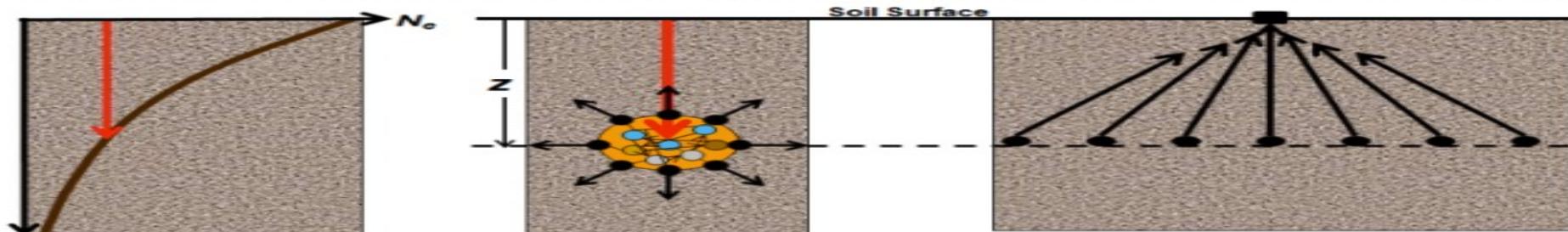
COSMOS probes measure soil moisture at the horizontal scale of hectometers and depths of decimeters using cosmogenic neutrons.

#### Cosmic-ray Soil Moisture Interaction Code (COSMIC)

Date: August 2013

The COsmic-ray Soil Moisture Interaction Code (COSMIC) is a simple, physically based and analytic model used for data assimilation applications of cosmic-ray soil moisture sensors. The model includes simple descriptions of (a) degradation of the incoming high-energy neutron flux with soil depth, (b) creation of fast neutrons at each depth in the soil, and (c) scattering of the resulting fast neutrons before they reach the soil surface, all of which processes may have parameterized dependency on the chemistry and moisture content of the soil (see below).

The three physical processes represented in the COSMIC that control the above ground fast neutron count rate.



(a) Exponential reduction in the number of high energy neutrons with depth

(b) Isotropic creation of fast neutrons from high energy neutrons at level z

(c) Reduction in the number of fast neutrons created in the plane at level z before their surface measurement

high energy neutrons

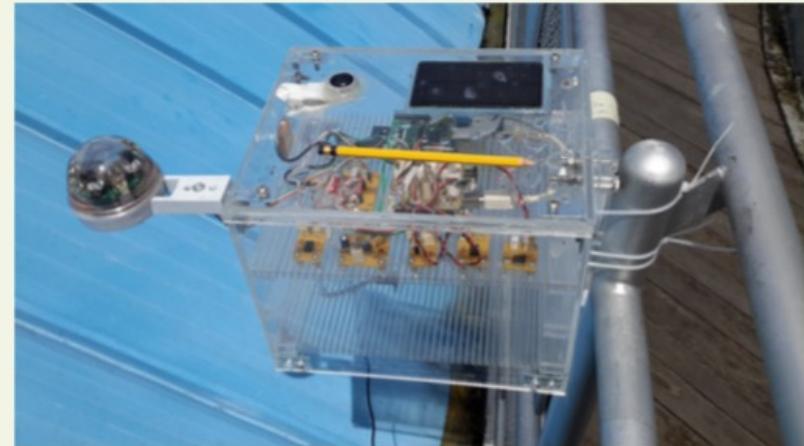
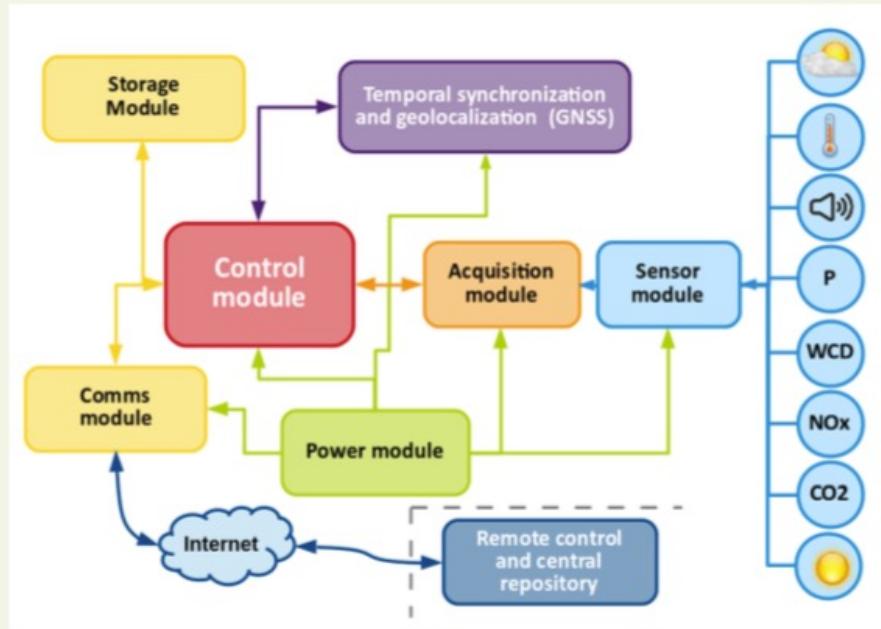
fast neutrons

# Rayos Cósmicos y agricultura de precisión



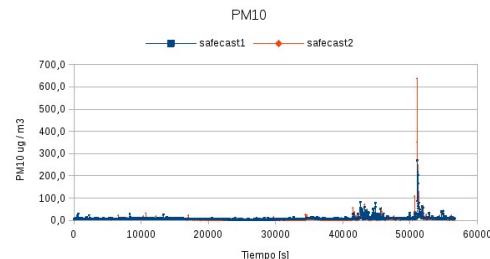
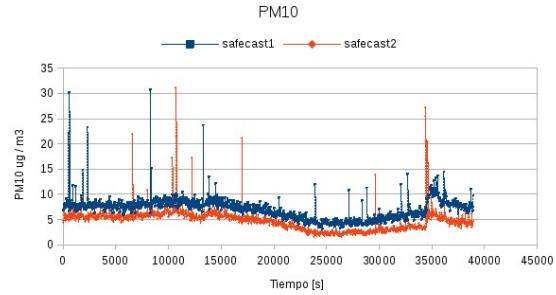
# Our new station: the smart LAGO-WCD

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### Control and Acquisition Station → Environment (including WCD)

- Sensors: Arduino-One&shield + environmental sensors ( $P$ ,  $T$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ , radiance, illuminance, noise)
- Control (SBC Raspberry Pi): data conformation, pre-processing and station control
- Power: 15 W solar panel and batteries
- GNSS: geo-localization and time synchronization
- Comms: support standard protocols: WiFi, GPRS (2.5G-3G-3.5G), 4G-LTE



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# RACIMO evolution at glance ~6years City/Rural

## Funding & strategic alliances



2014  
RACIMO  
5 secondary schools Bucaramanga  
Impacting 48 students 9 teachers



2018  
RACIMO-Air  
8 secondary schools Metro-Bucaramanga  
Impacting 83 students 12 teachers



2019 EVA  
MakeSense



2020  
AstroPáramo  
3 secondary rural schools  
Impacting 21 students 3 teachers



Rising awareness Open Science  
Empowering Citizen gathering and understanding  
environmental data

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# ASTROPÁRAMO

Gradient

▷ Semilleros de habitabilidad de  
Planetas y Cambio Climático



We use Astrobiology  
and Climate Change  
Physics to convince  
ourselves that the  
Earth is a very special  
world in our Galaxy  
that we must  
preserve.

<https://halley.uis.edu.co/astroparamo/>

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# 2020 Astropáramo



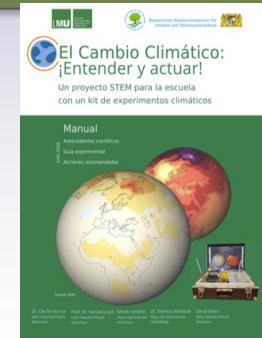
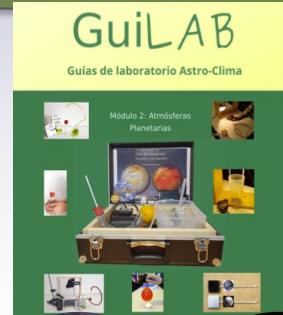
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Semilleros de habitabilidad de planetas y cambio climático.

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