

# Cosmic Ray radiation dosimetry on ground and in space

## Italian-Argentine collaboration

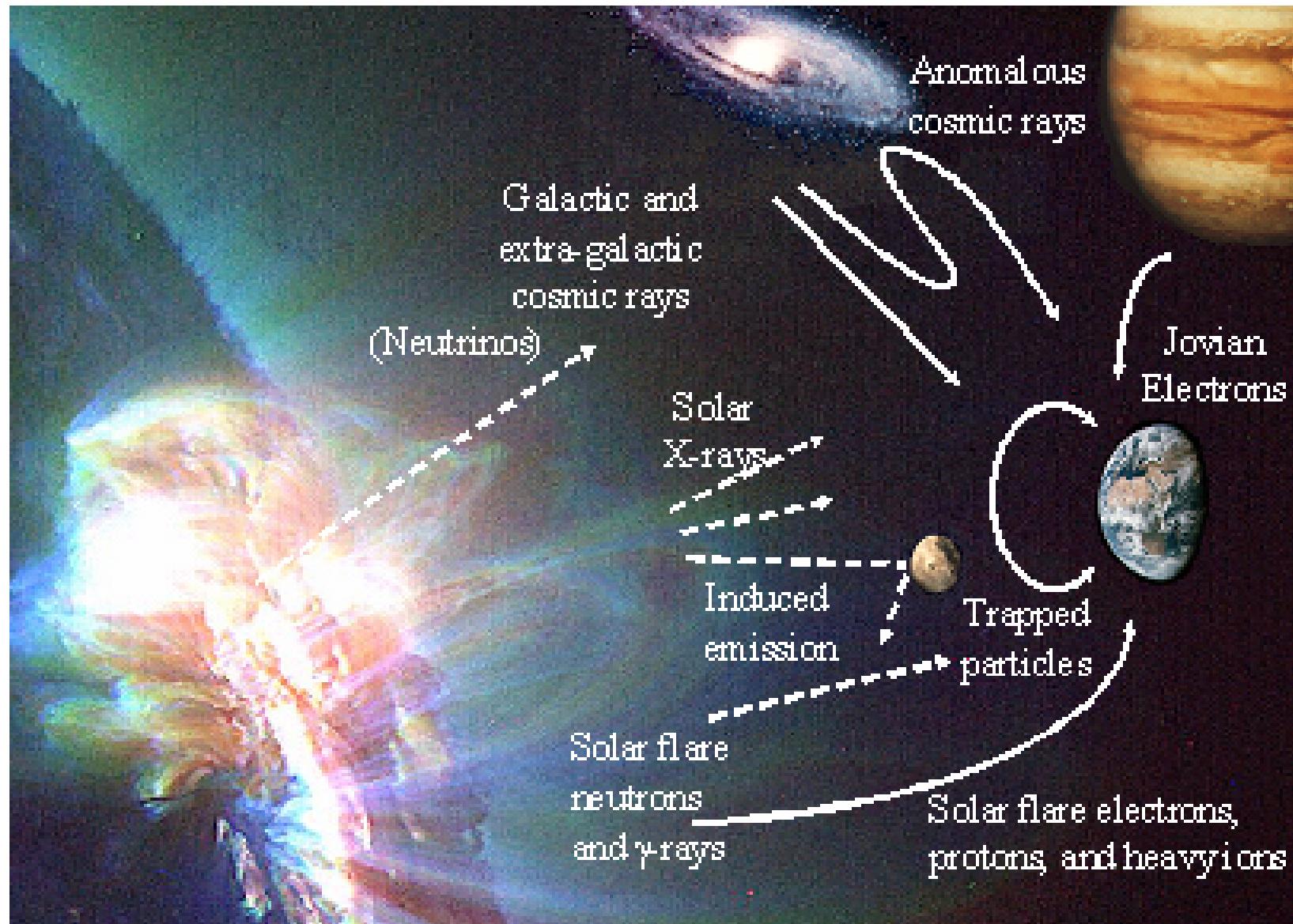
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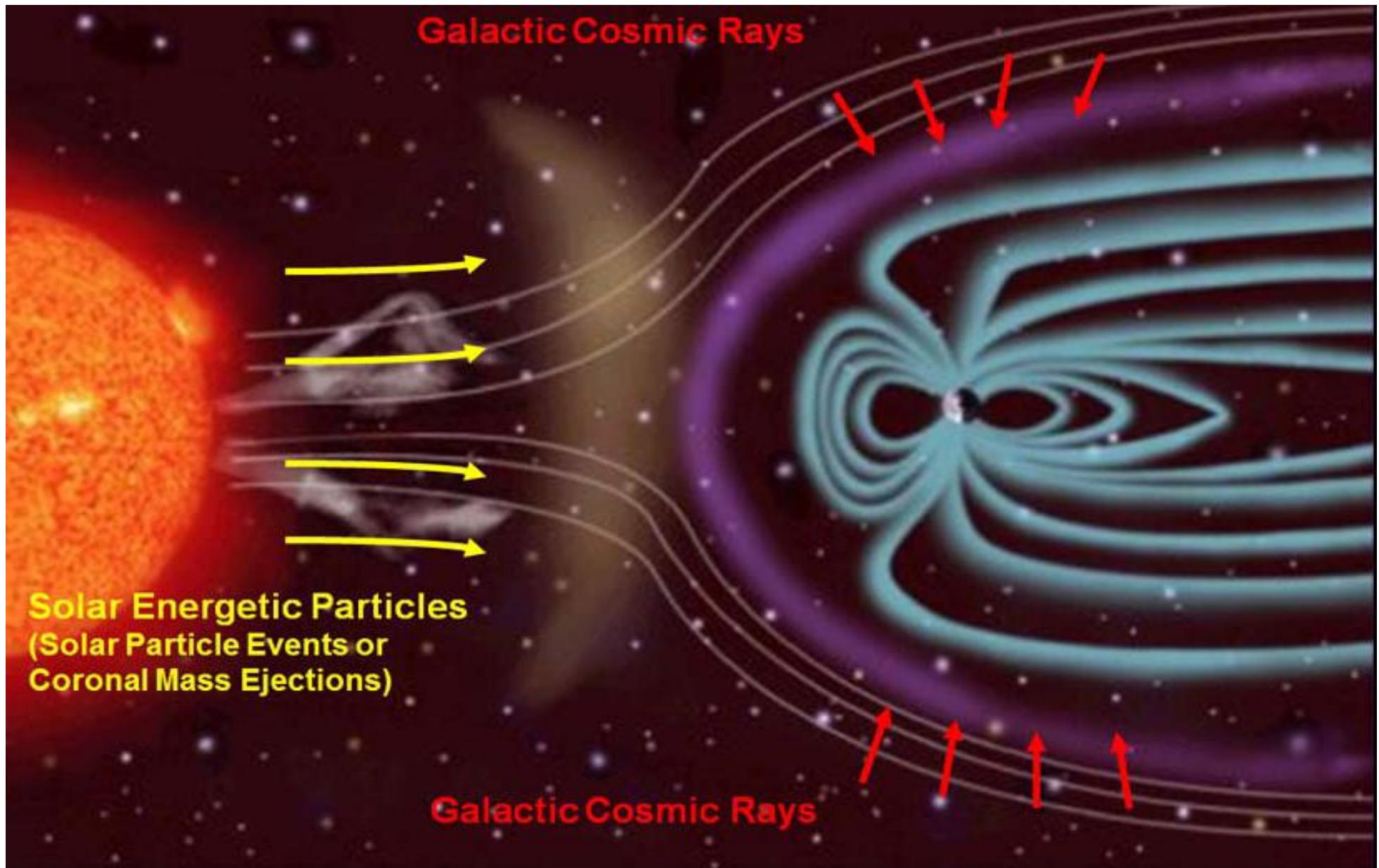
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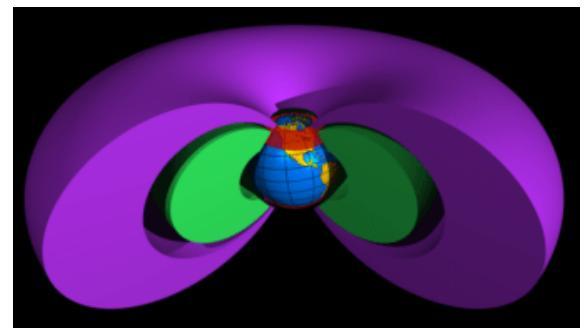
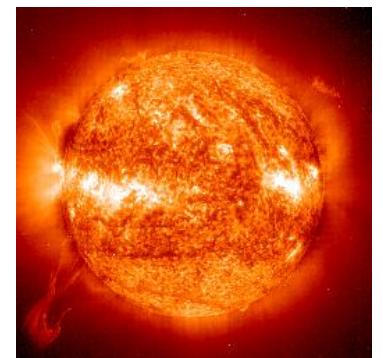


# Origine dei raggi cosmici



# Primary radiation

- **Galactic Cosmic Radiation (GCR)** consists of completely ionised atomic nuclei (**from protons up to high Z**). Heavy Charged Particles (HCP) have their origin outside the solar system and are accelerated to extremely high energies.
- **Solar particle-event radiations (SPE)** are in general large clouds of charged particles (mainly **protons and helium nuclei** in a wide range of energy) released from the sun by gigantic eruptions during solar storms
- **Geomagnetically Trapped Radiation** (Van Allen Belts) consists of  
**electrons with  $E > 0.5 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
protons with  $E > 10 \text{ MeV}$   
helium nuclei.**



# Primary radiation



Primary cosmic rays are produced in supernovae explosions and accelerated by shock waves  
Cosmic ray flux on Earth is modulated by solar activity

Higher solar activity correspond to lower cosmic ray flux

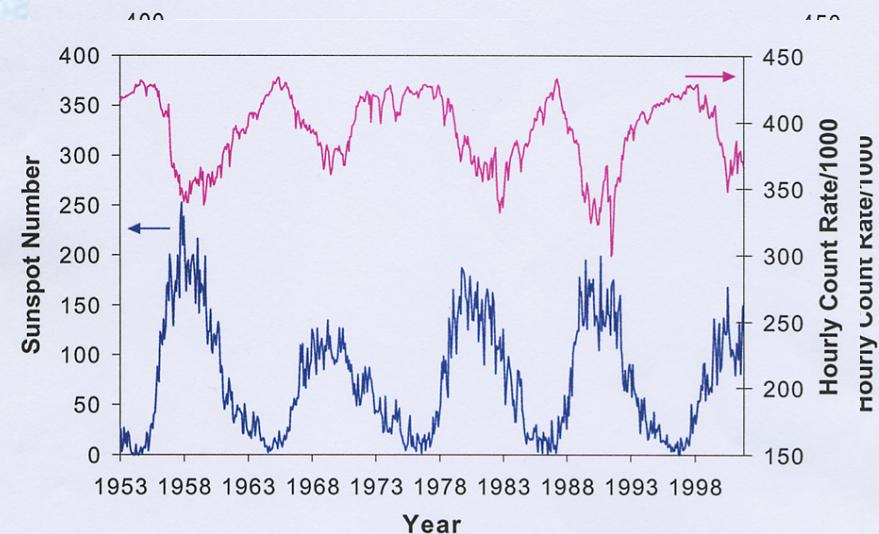
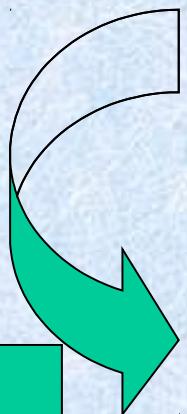
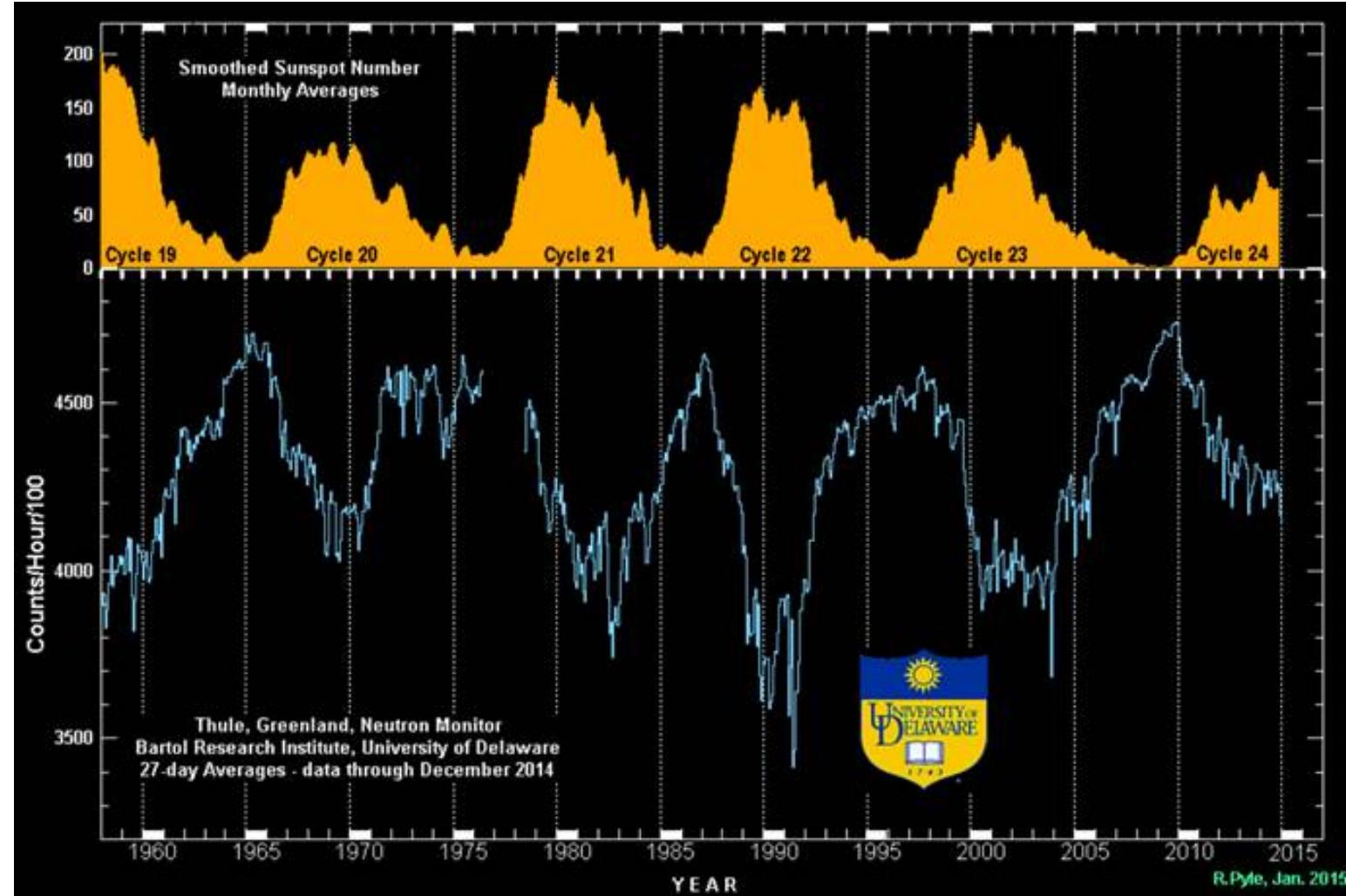


Figure 1.1 Plot of sunspot number and neutron count rate versus date.  
(—) Sunspot number per month (which is an indication of the activity of the sun);<sup>3</sup> (—) Monthly average of the hourly neutron count from the Climax, Colorado ground-based neutron monitor (which detects variations in the intensity of the cosmic ray neutrons which penetrate the Earth's atmosphere).<sup>4</sup>

# Il vento solare scherma i raggi cosmici primari



L'attività solare si misura in base al numero di macchie solari

La variazione del flusso dei raggi cosmici si misura con i neutron monitor

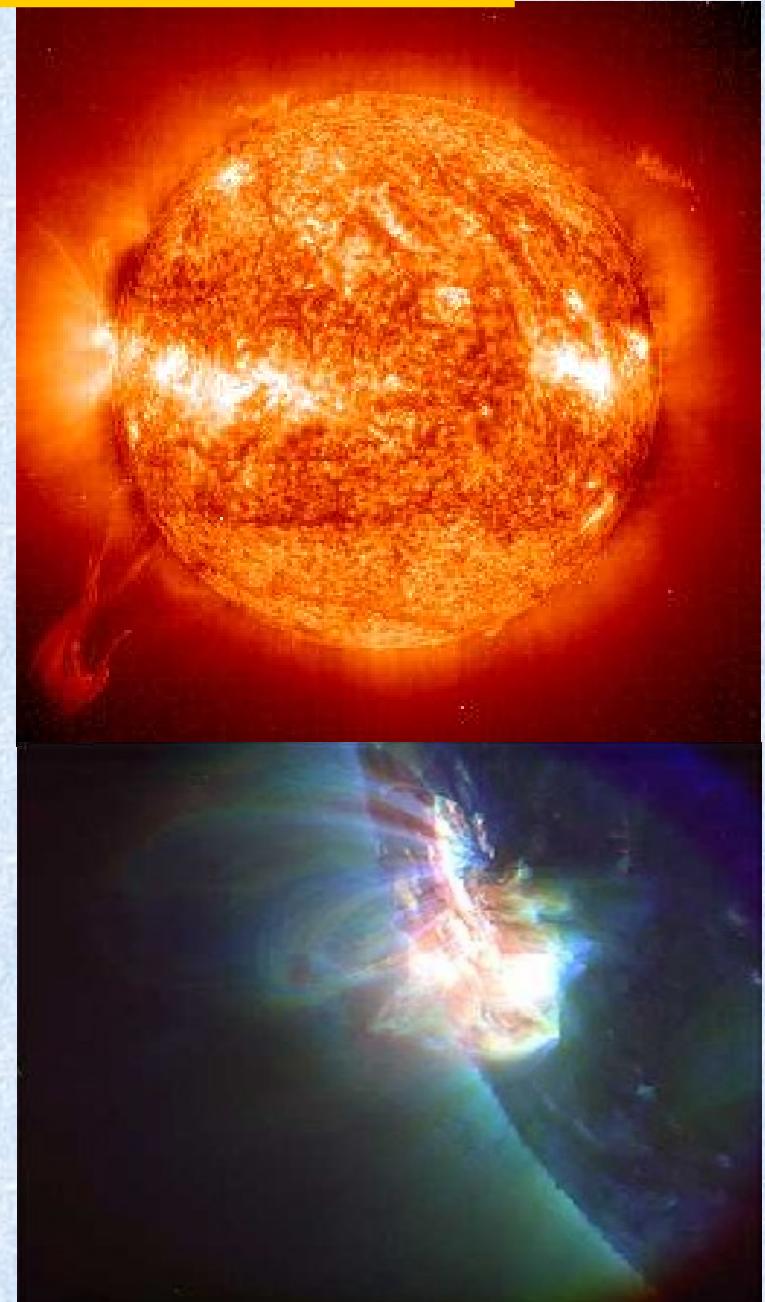
Mc Murdo Antarctic Station- Delaware University

# Solar particle events

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During the Apollo programme, between the manned missions 16 and 17, one of the largest solar particle-events occurred (August 4-9, 1972).

Radiation doses to the crew inside the thinly shielded lunar module or during extravehicular activities during such an event would have been extremely serious.

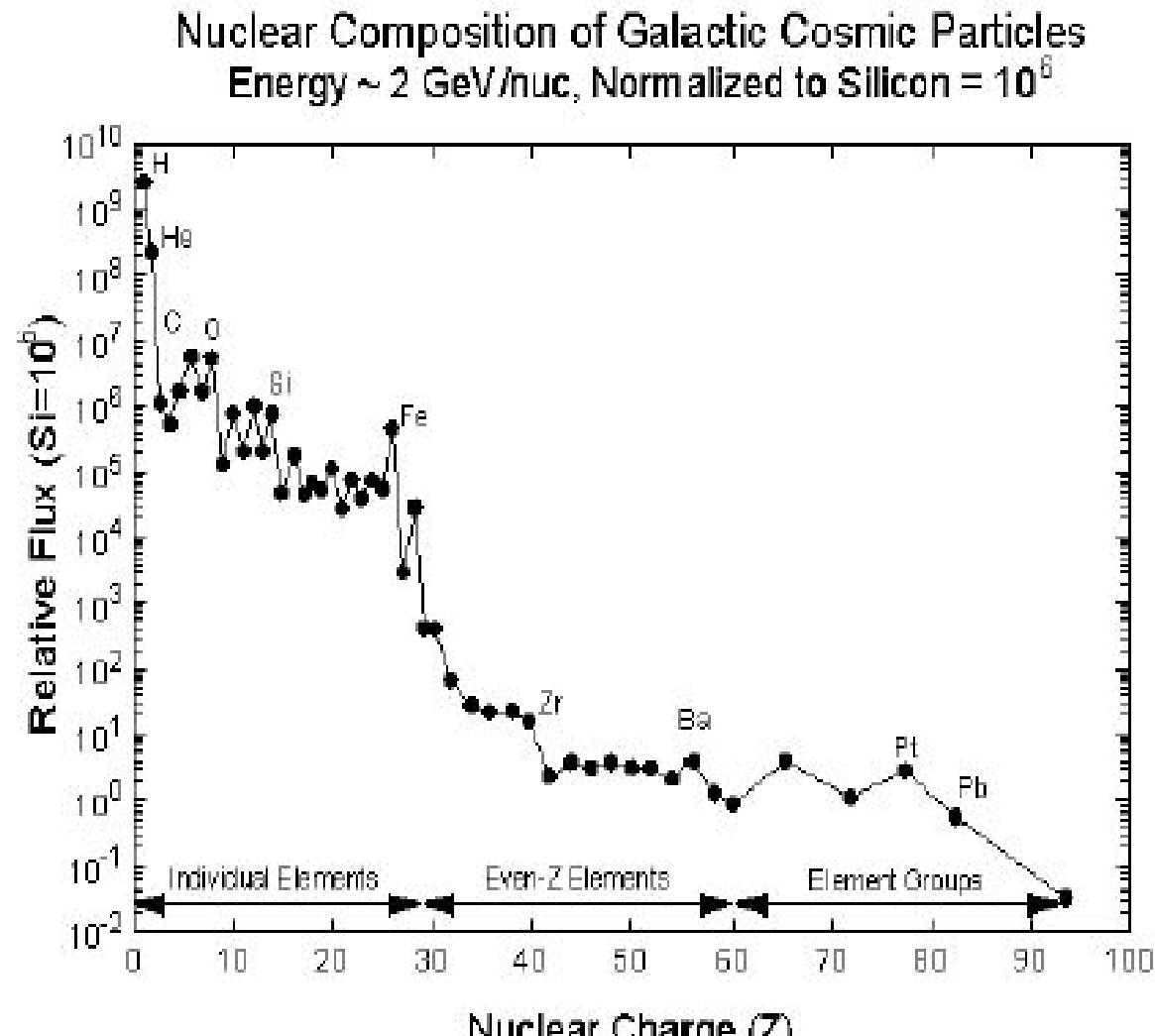
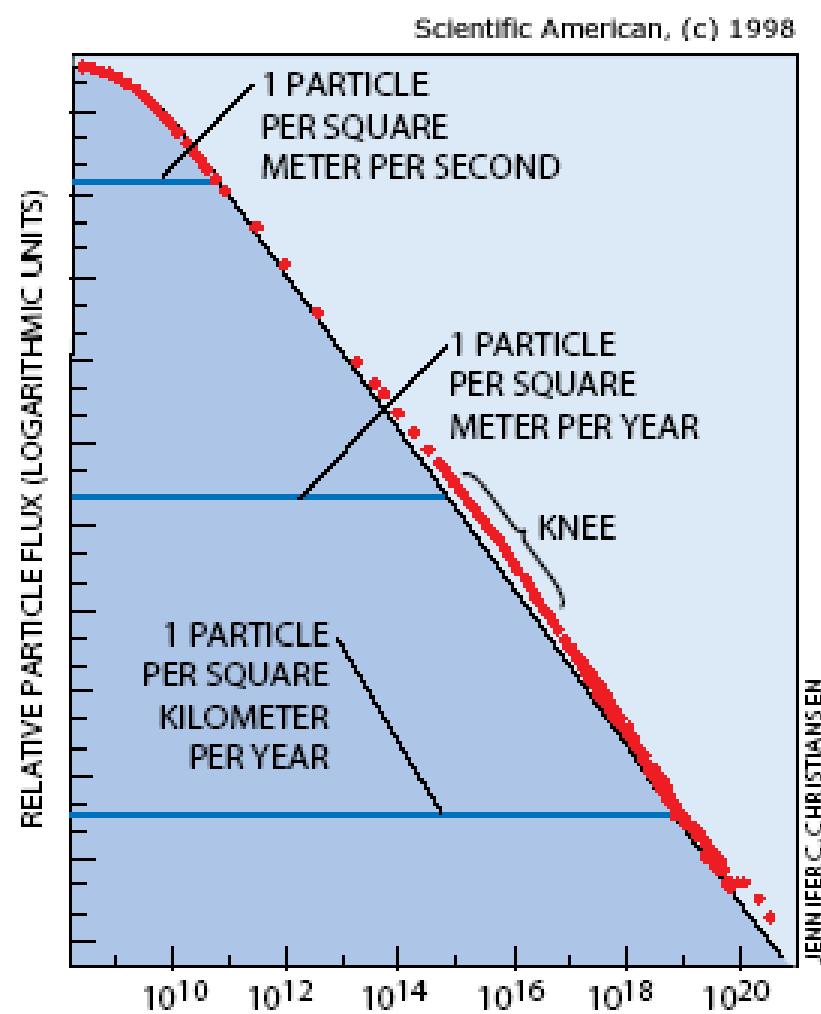


# Primary radiation

**ORIGINE:** Black Holes, Neutron stars, Pulsars, Supernovae, Active Galactic Nuclei, Quasars, Big Bang.....

**COMPOSIZIONE RAGGI COSMICI PRIMARI:** 87% protoni, 11% particelle alfa  
2% nuclei pesanti

**ENERGIA:** varia su quasi 14 ordini di grandezza ( $10^8$  eV –  $10^{21}$ )

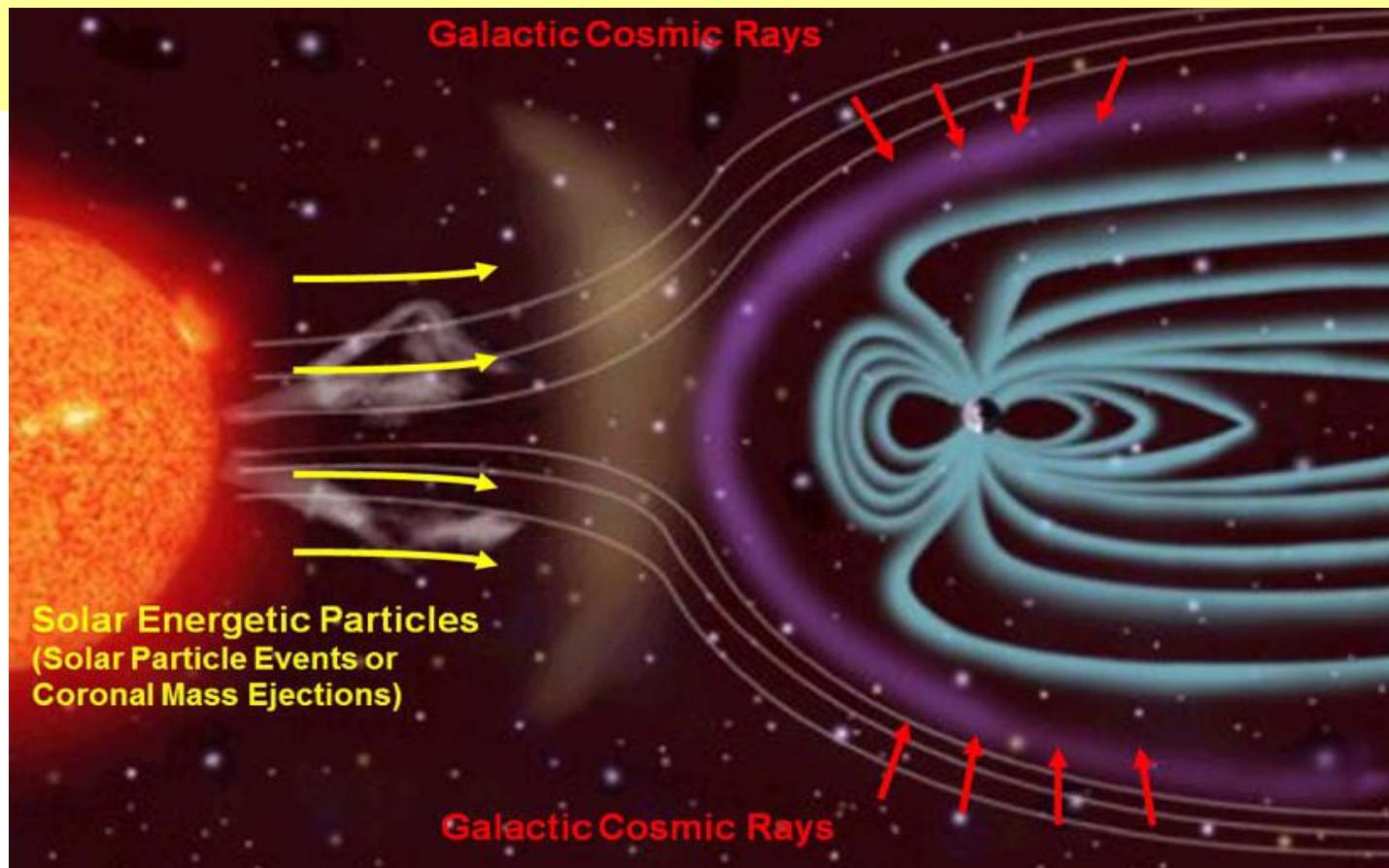


## IL CAMPO MAGNETICO SOLARE

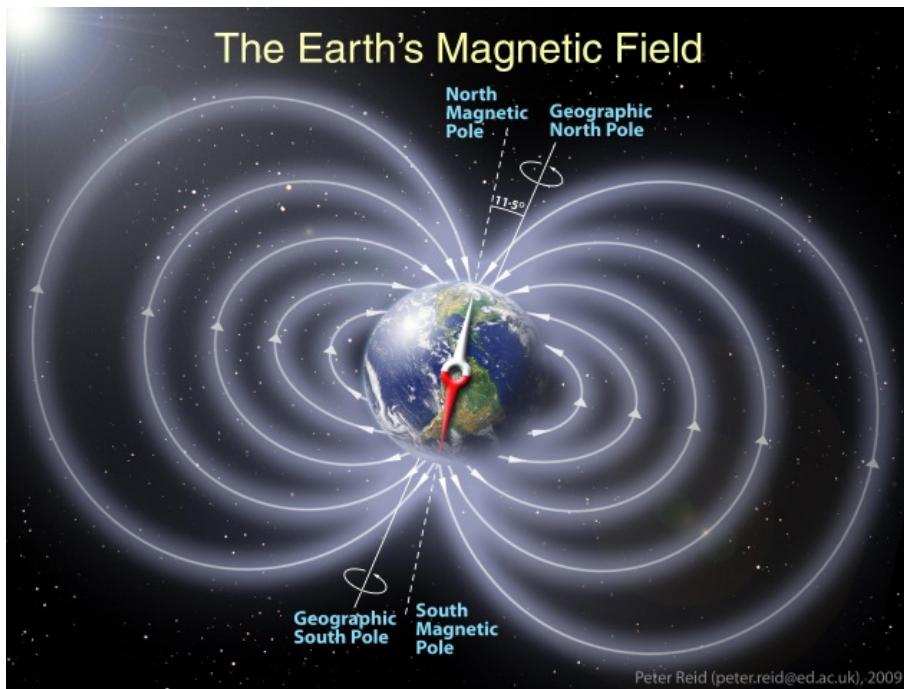
The Sun has a strong magnetic field carried out well beyond Pluto by the solar wind and known as the Heliosphere.

This field slows and tends to exclude lower-energy particles ( $E < 10^9 \text{ eV} = 1 \text{ GeV}$ ).

Solar activity varies on an 11-year cycle; this seems to strongly affect particles with energies less than about 10 GeV.

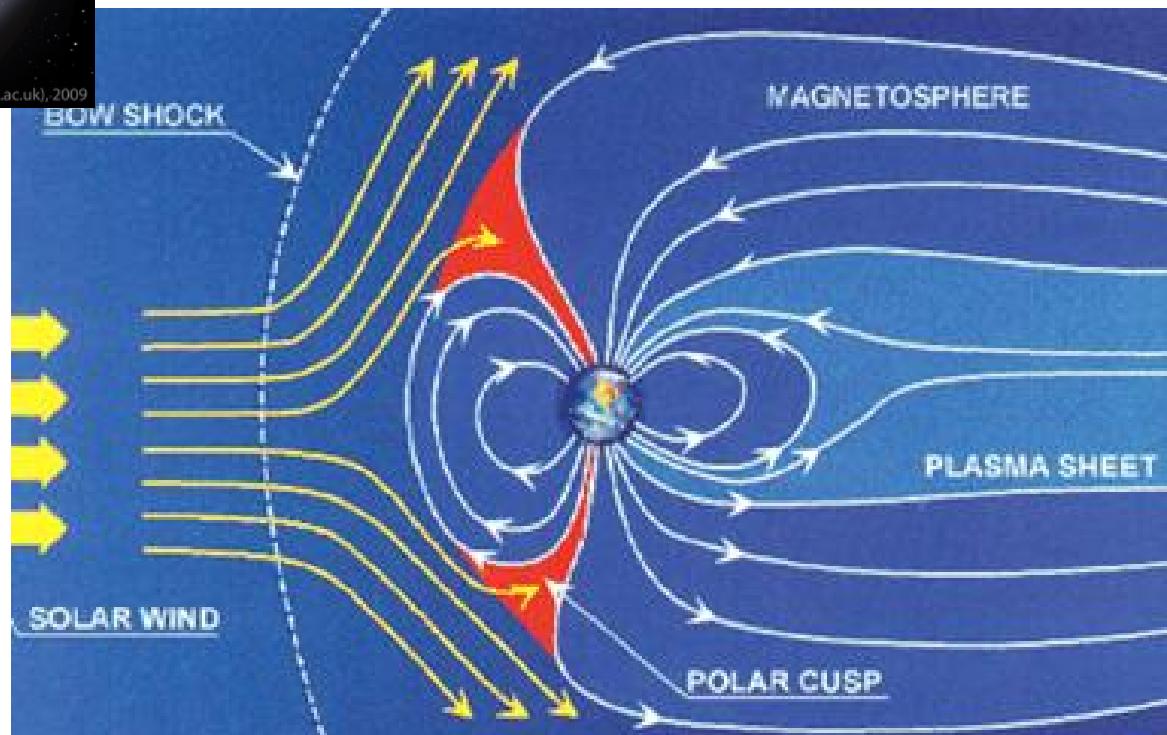


## IL CAMPO MAGNETICO TERRESTRE



Solar-terrestrial magnetic fields

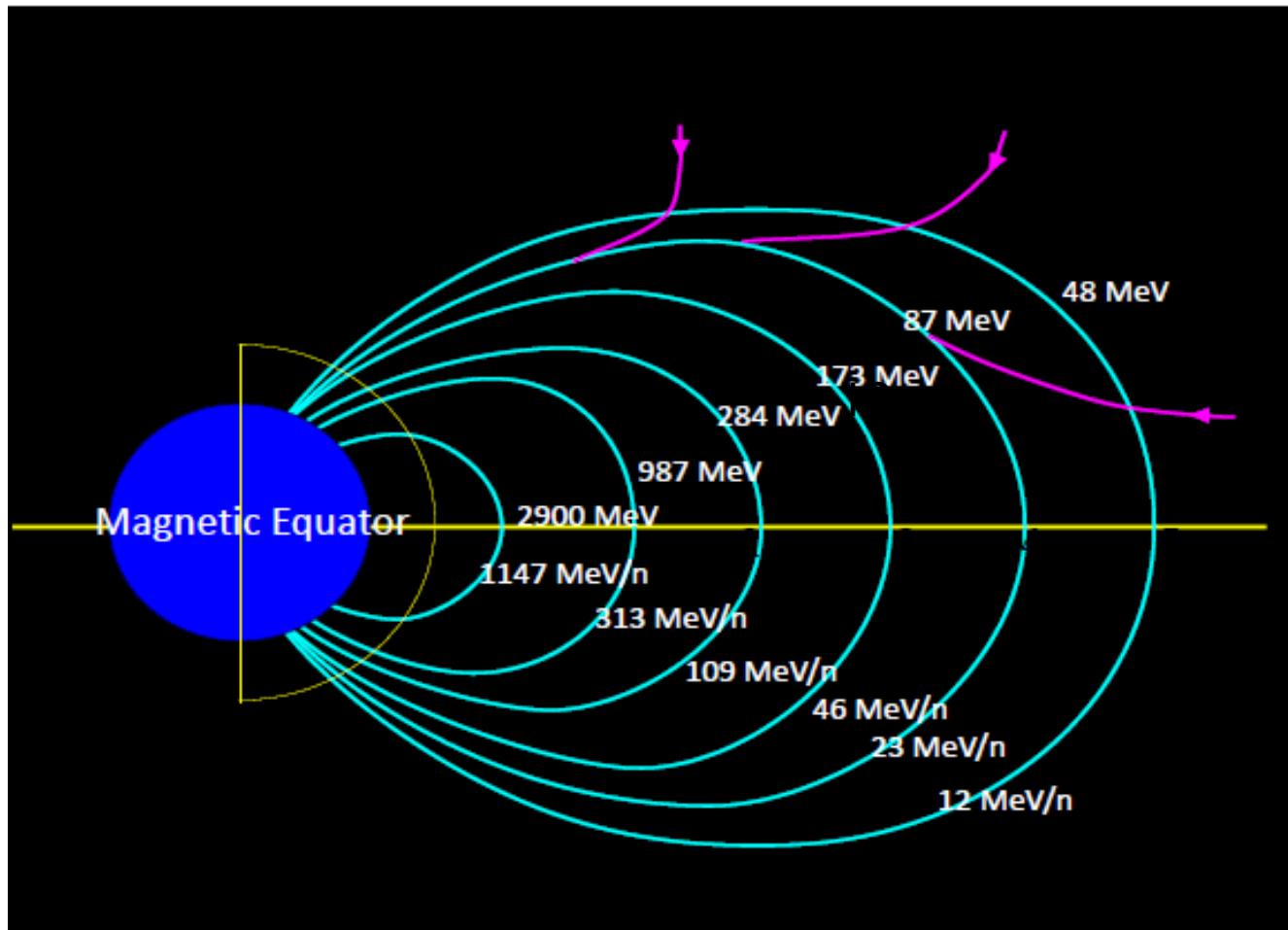
Costituisce uno schermo contro i raggi cosmici primari. Interagisce con il campo magnetico solare. La massima efficacia schermante si ha quando sono opposti ed è 20 volte maggiore di quando i due campi sono allineati



# Magnetic Rigidity

Total Energy Required to Penetrate the Magnetosphere

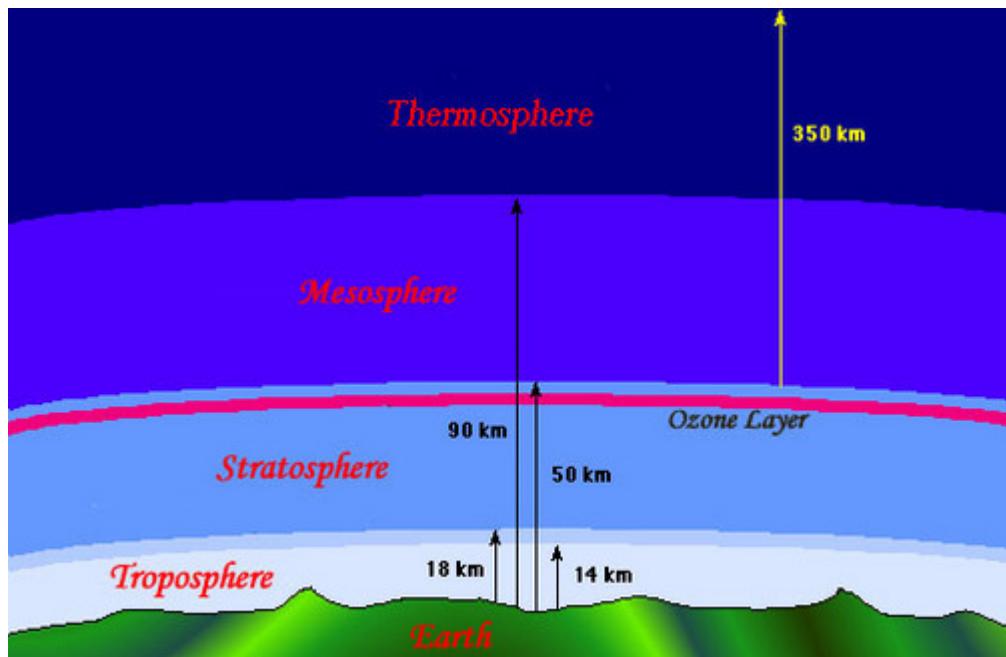
(CUT OFF)



The geomagnetic cutoff rigidity is a concept that describes the geomagnetic shielding provided by the earth's magnetic field against the arrival of charged cosmic ray particles from outside the magnetosphere.

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# L'atmosfera terrestre



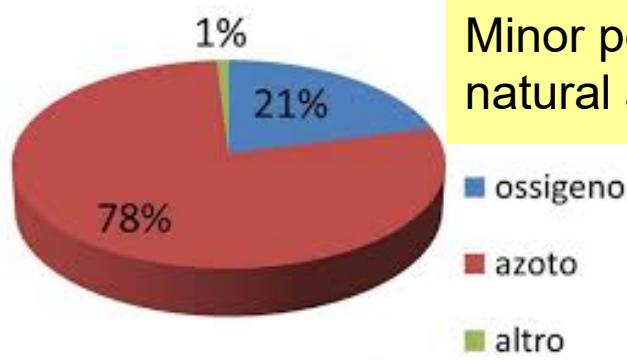
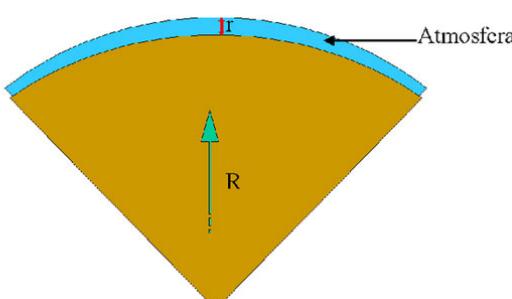
## COMPOSIZIONE IN DETTAGLIO DELL'ATMOSFERA ATTUALE

ELEMENTI	SIMBOLO	%
Azoto	N <sub>2</sub>	78%
Ossigeno	O <sub>2</sub>	21%
Argon	A	0,90%
Anidride Carbonica	CO <sub>2</sub>	0,03
Neon	Ne	0,002
Elio	He	tracce
Metano	CH <sub>4</sub>	tracce
Cromo	Kr	tracce
Biossido di Azoto	N <sub>2</sub> O	tracce
Idrogeno	H <sub>2</sub>	tracce
Ozono	O <sub>3</sub>	tracce
Xenon	Xe	tracce
Acqua	H <sub>2</sub> O	variabile

| L'atmosfera terrestre |

R = raggio terrestre medio  $\approx$  6360 Km

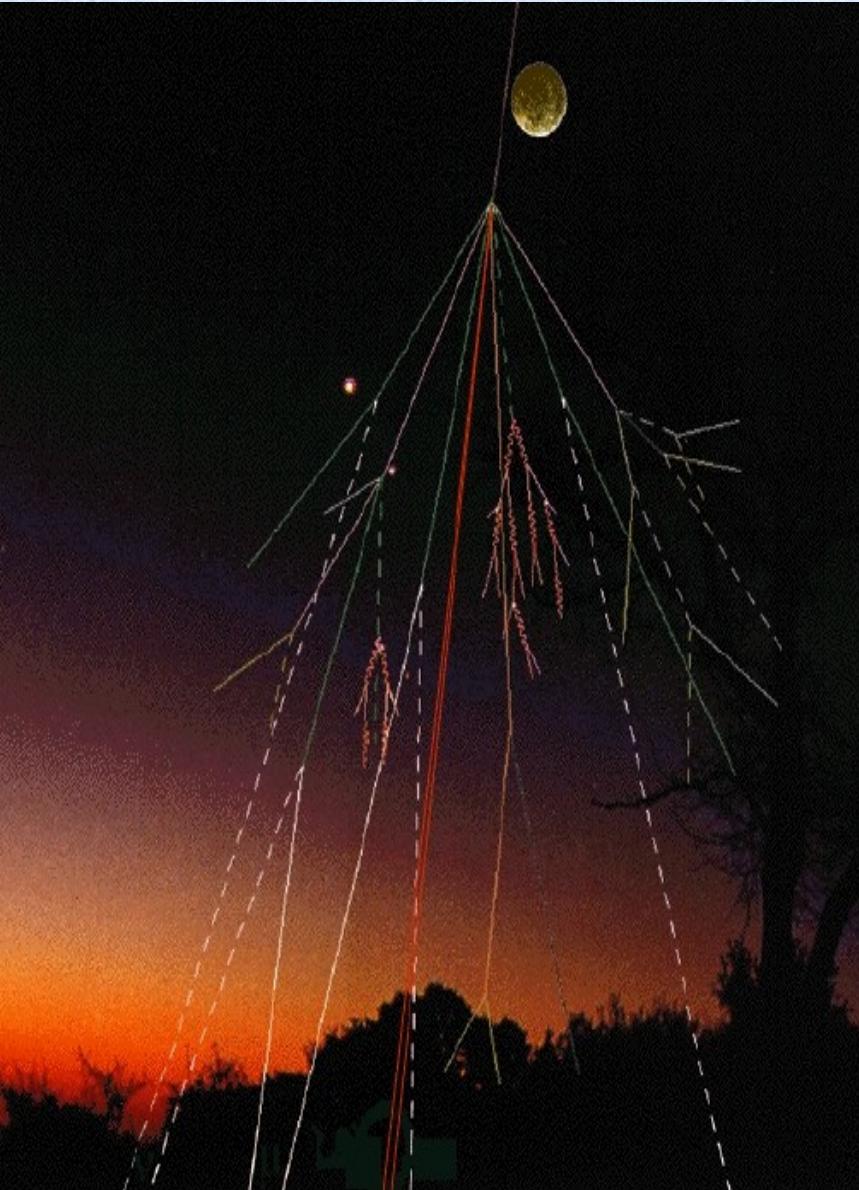
r = spessore atmosfera  $\approx$  500 Km



The atmosphere is mainly composed by N<sub>2</sub> (78%), O<sub>2</sub> (20%) and some rare gases. Minor percentages of other gases (both natural and anthropogenic origin).

- ossigeno
- azoto
- altro

# Secondary radiation in atmosphere



It is produced by interaction of primary cosmic rays with atmospheric nuclei: O(21%) N (78%) Ar(1%)

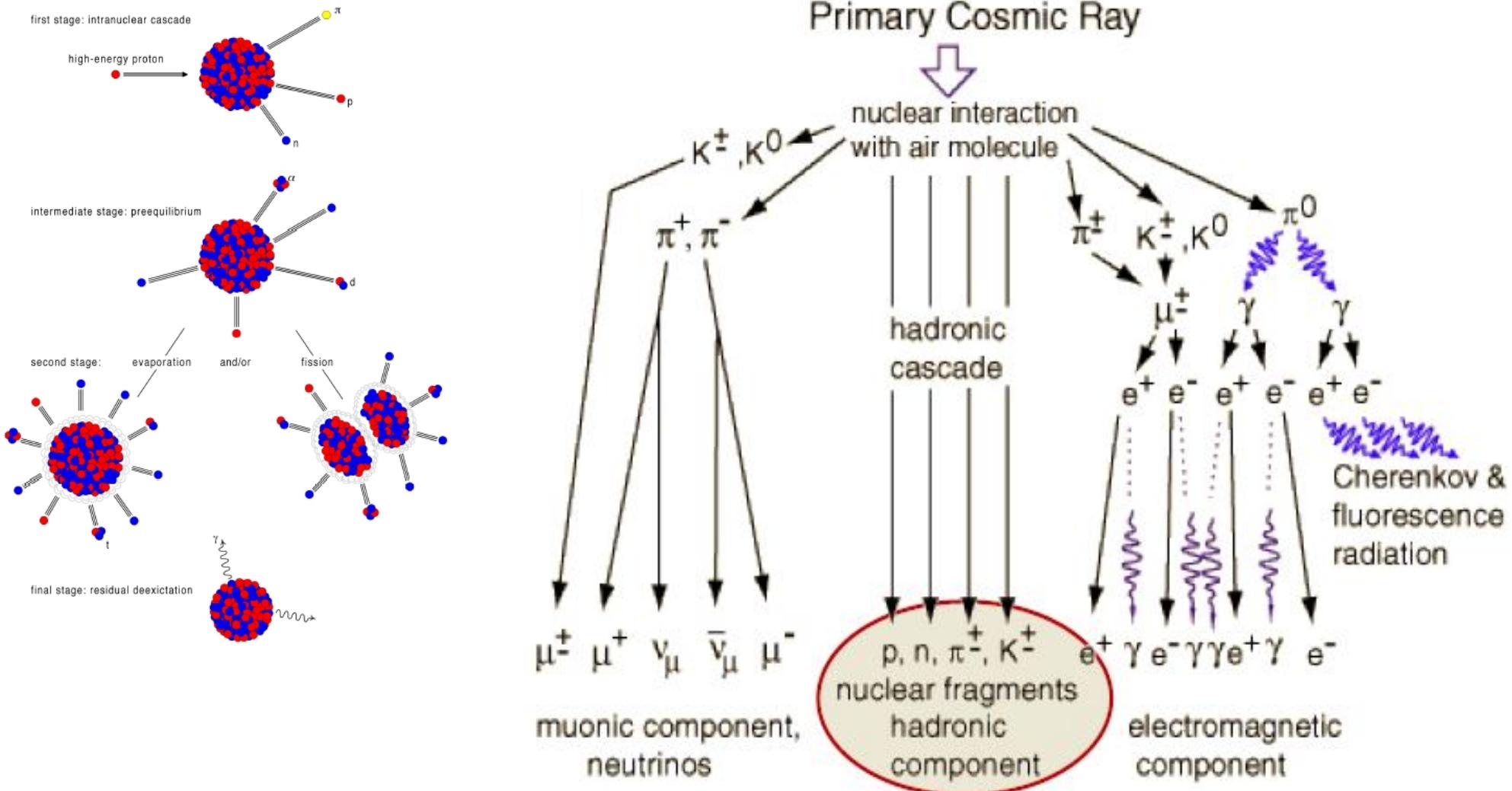
The atmospheric cascade is characterized by:

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1. **N component** (nucleonic component)  
particles subjected to strong interaction
2. **Soft component** (electromagnetic component)  
Electrons ,positrons,electromagnetic
3. **Hard component** (muon component).

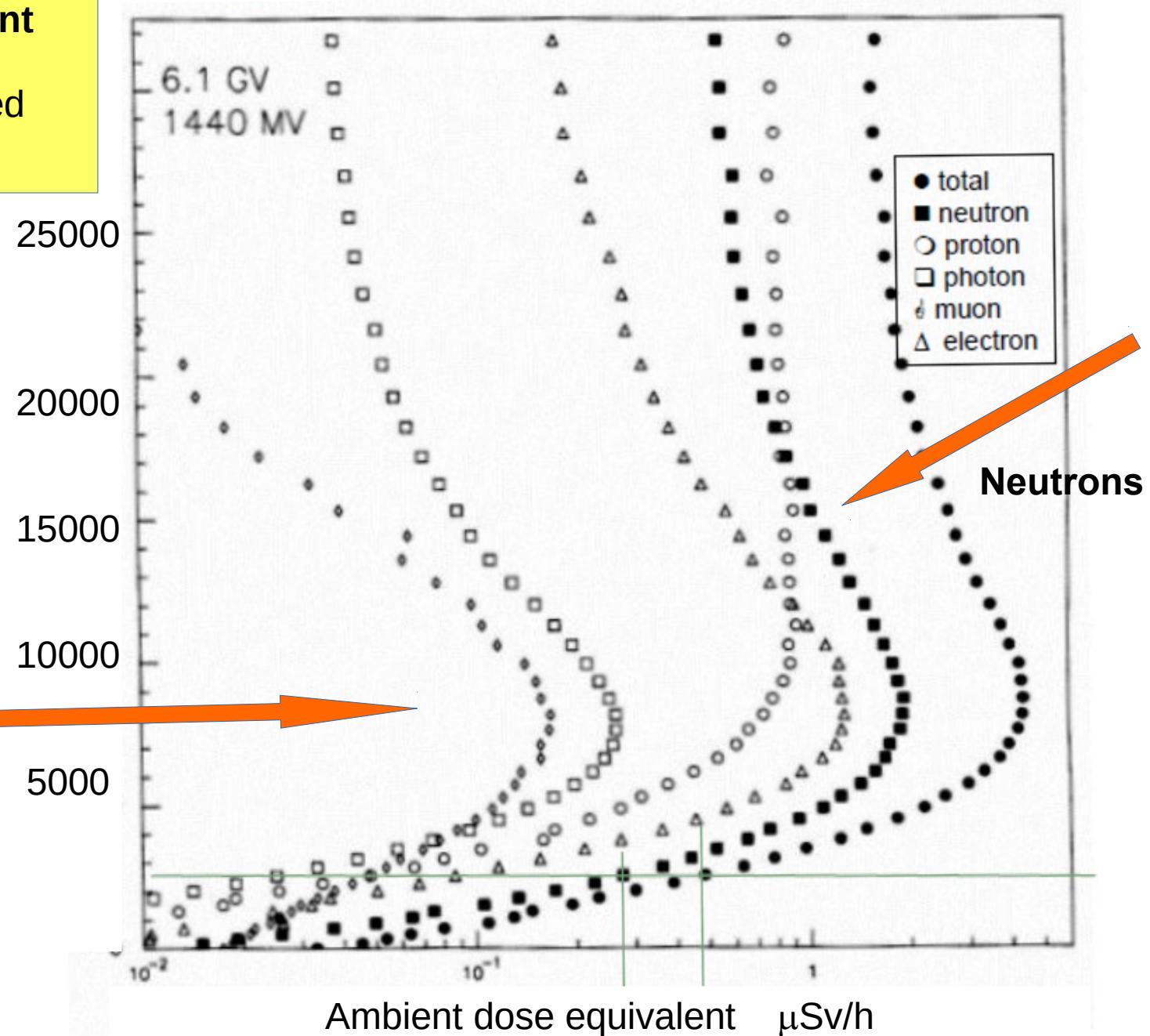
# CASCATA ATMOSFERICA SECONDARIA

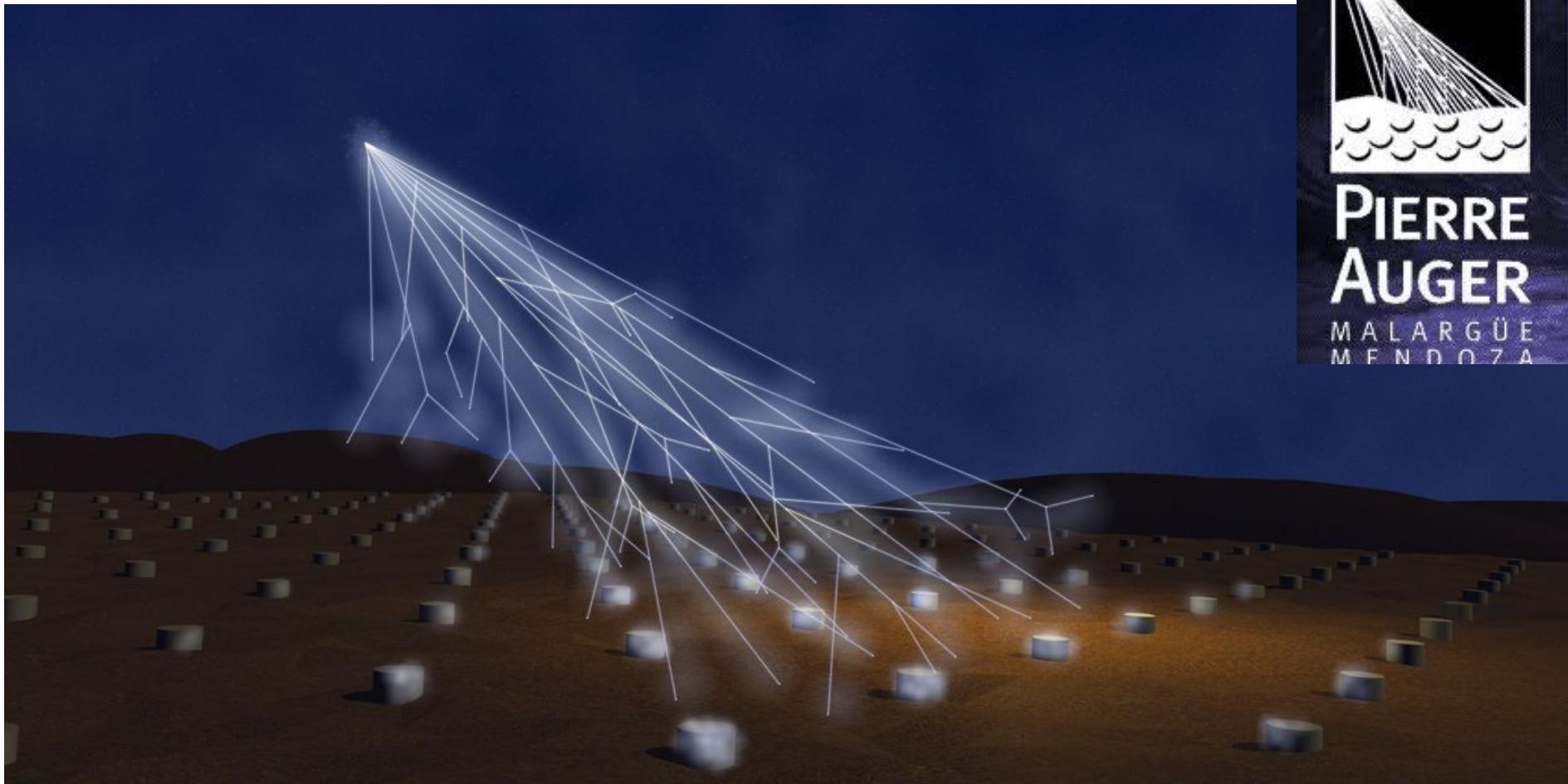
L'interazione dei raggi cosmici primari con i nuclei dell'atmosfera terrestre (N, Ar, O, H, ...) crea un flusso di raggi cosmici secondari.



## Composizione della radiazione secondaria e dipendenza dall'altitudine

Ambient dose equivalent  
Sv [ J/kg]  
Radiation energy deposited  
in mass unit





A set of 1660 water Cherenkov particle detector stations is spread over 3000 km<sup>2</sup>

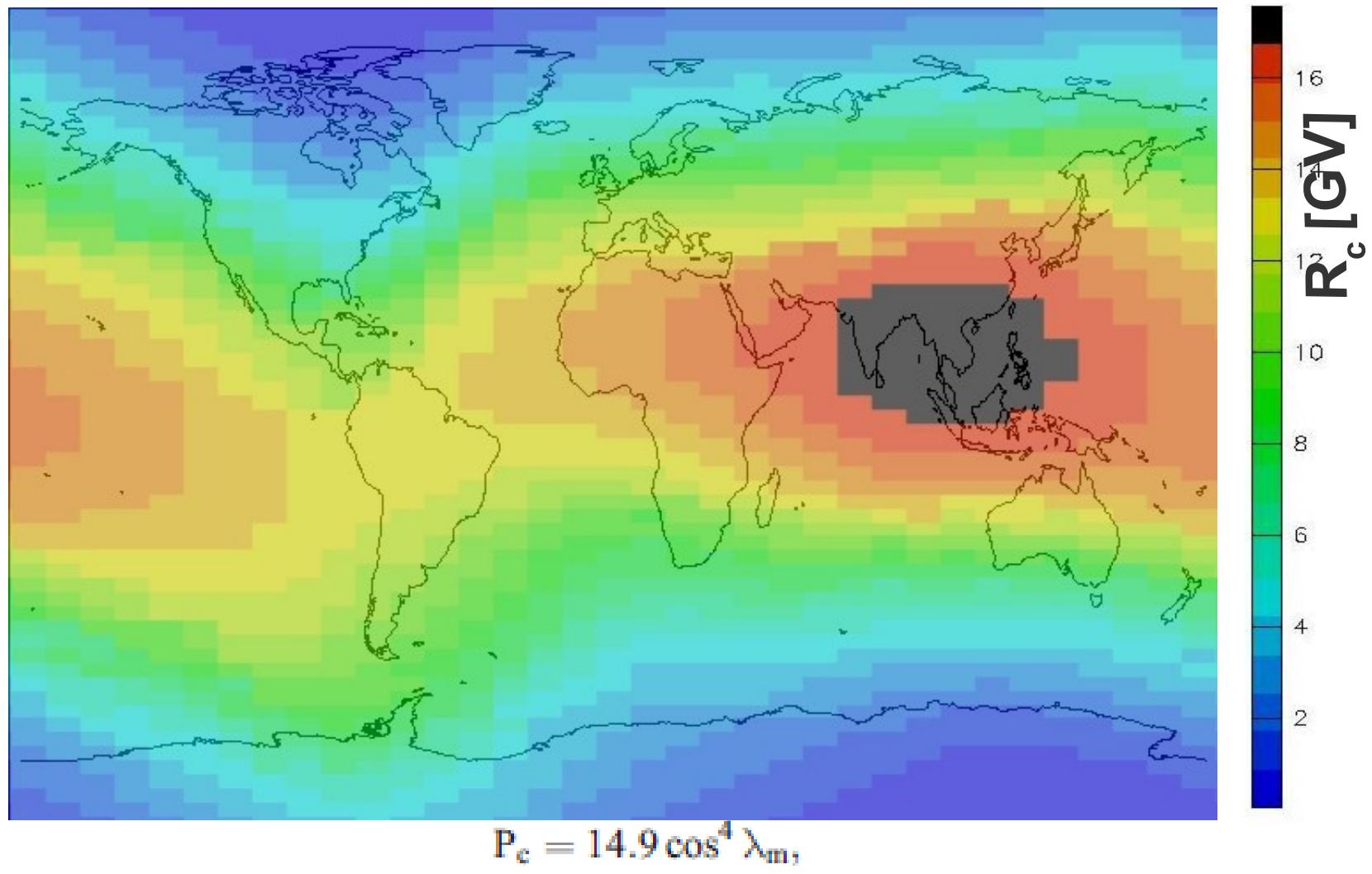
Pierre Auger (1899-1993) discovered in 1938, with detectors on the Alps, the cosmic ray shower

# Cosmic ray access to a position

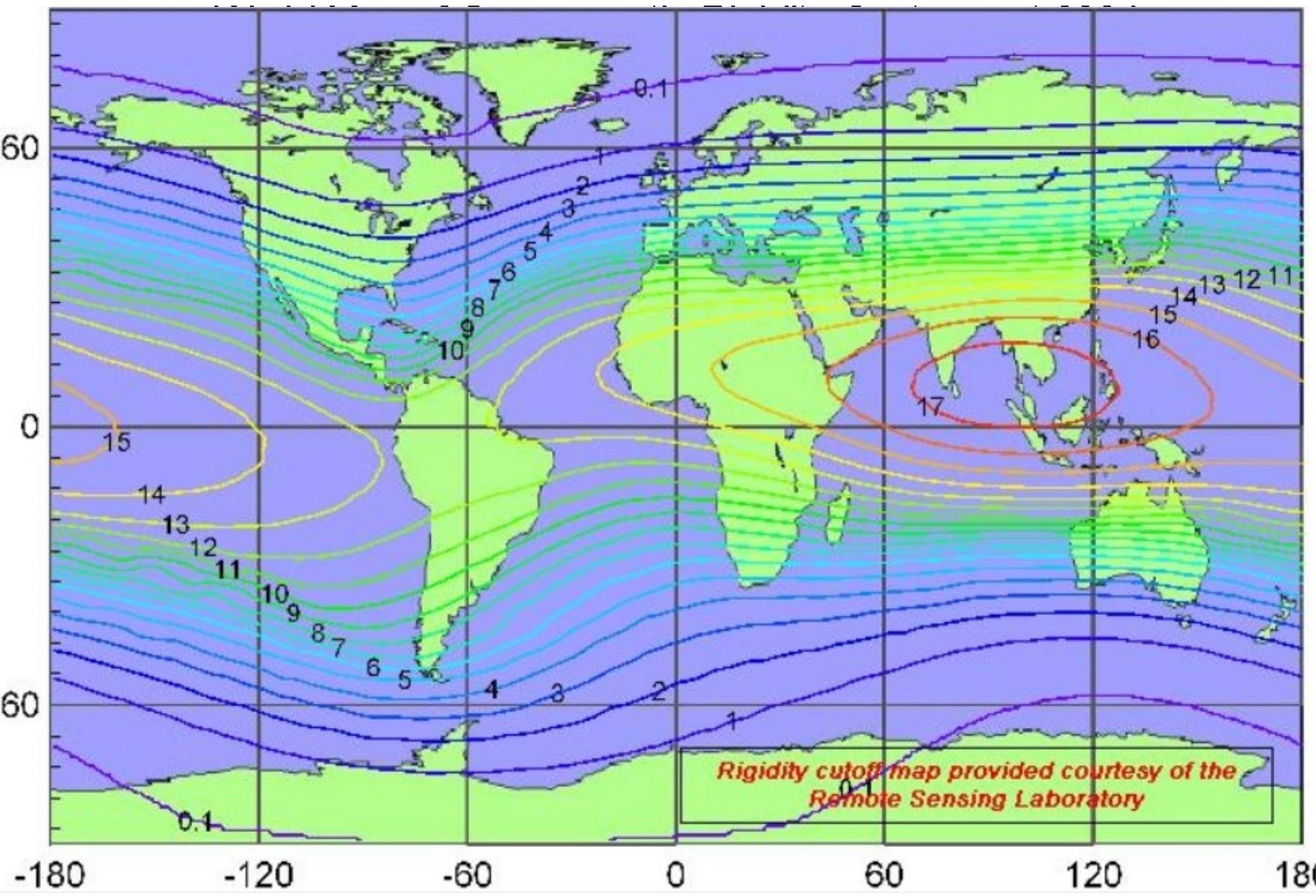


$$R=p/qc$$

## *Cutoff Rigidities vs position*



where  $\lambda_m$  is the geomagnetic latitude and the constant 14.9 reflects the magnitude of the Earth's dipole moment here taken to be  $8.0 \times 10^{25}$  EMU.



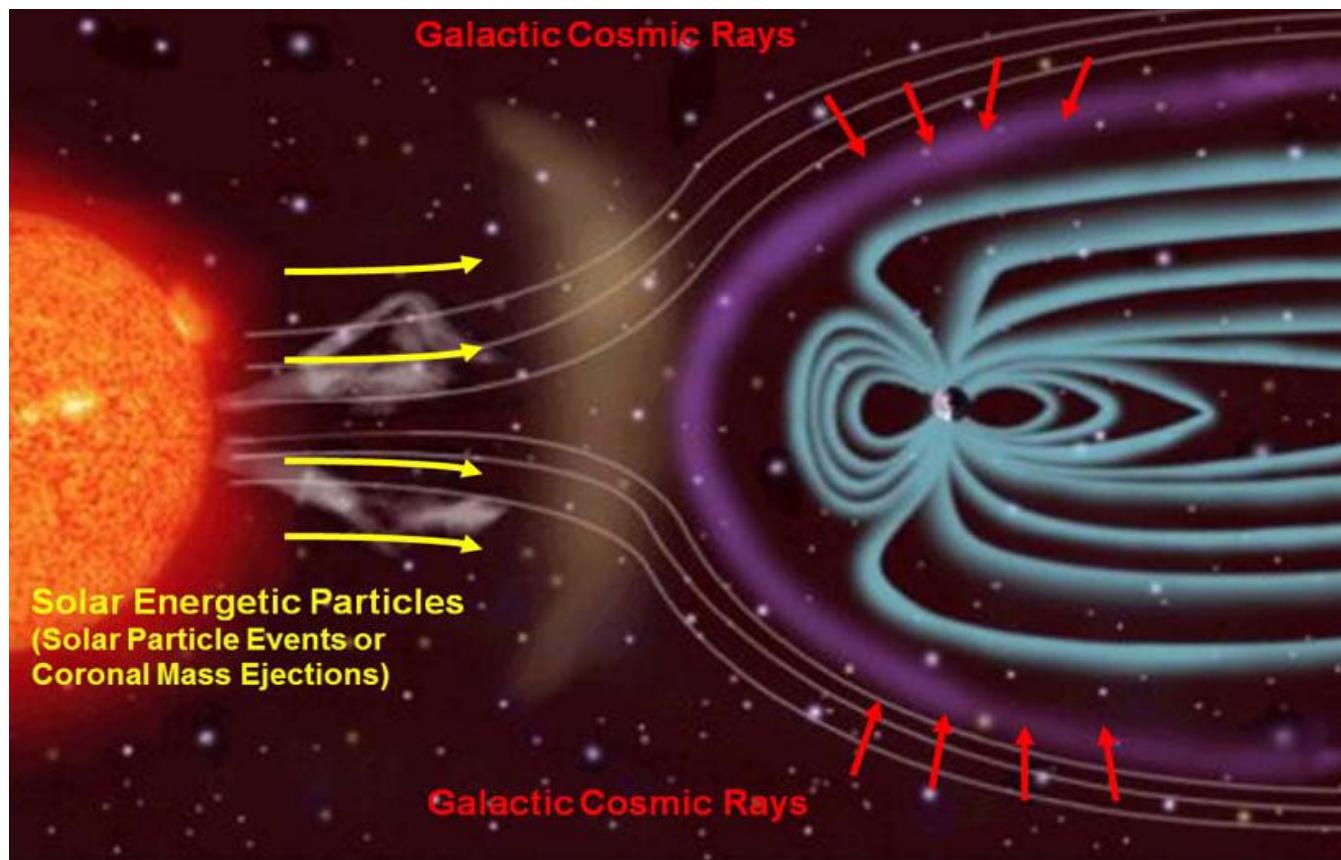
**LA TERRA E PROTETTA DALLA RADIAZIONE COSMICA PRIMARIA**

**DAL VENTO SOLARE**

**DAL CAMPO MAGNETICO SOLARE**

**DAL CAMPO MAGNETICO TERRESTRE**

**DALL'ATMOSFERA TERRESTRE**



## Variabilità della radiazione cosmica secondaria

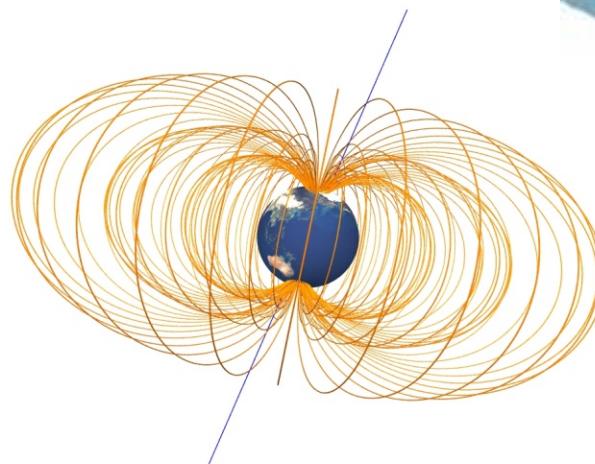
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a grandi altezze l'atmosfera è più rarefatta e quindi il suo effetto assorbente e schermante viene meno.



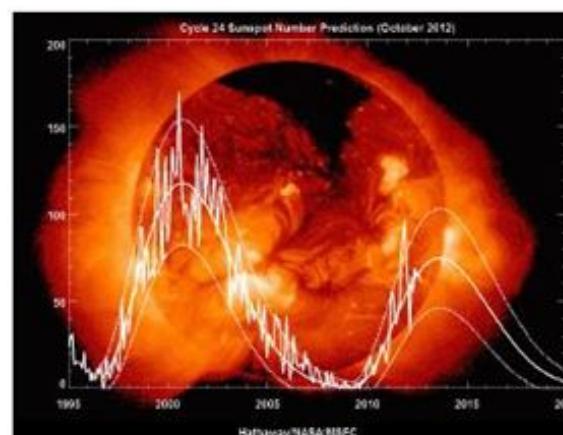
### 2) LATITUDINE:

A causa della forma del campo geomagnetico.



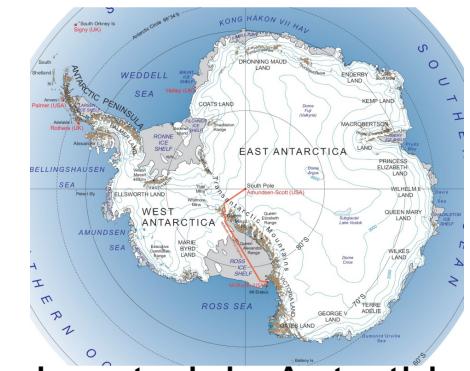
### 3) ATTIVITÀ SOLARE:

per via dell'influenza del vento solare sui raggi cosmici galattici ed extragalattici.



*Variation of solar activity 11 years cycle*

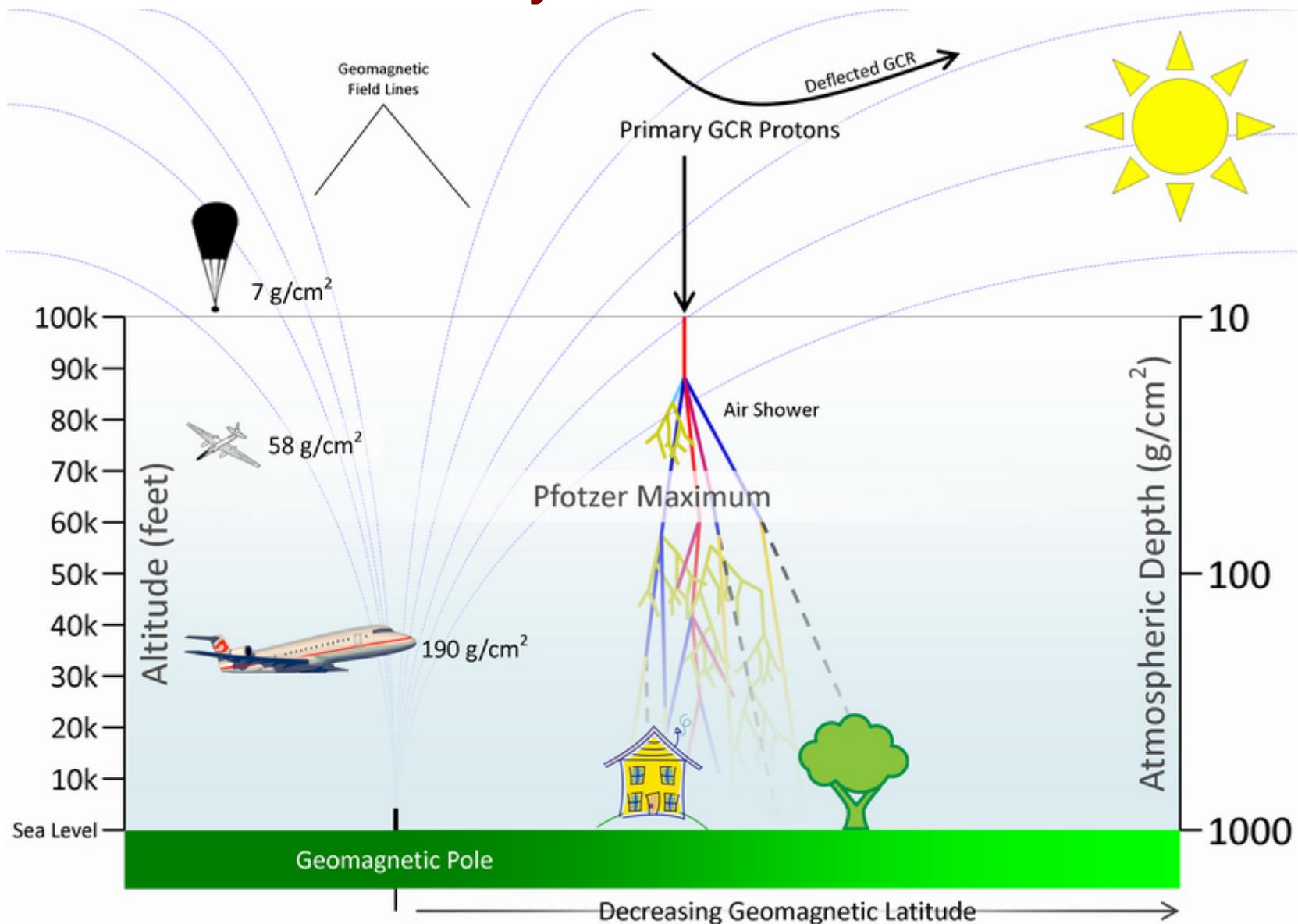
Laboratori ad alta quota



Laboratori in Antartide

Periodi di bassa attività solare

# Cosmic Ray Observation



# **Ionizing radiation dosimetry at High Altitude and Latitude**

*( on ground, at high altitude, in space)*

## **1-CORA Project**

**(COsmic Rays in Antarctica 2015-2020)**

***NFN, IAPS-INAF, IAA, UNLP***

**Base Marambio (Argentina, Antarctica)**

## **2-CHINSTRAP**

**Base Concordia - Dome C ( Italy-France)**

***INFN, PNRA, IPEV, ONERA (Antarctica)***

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## **3-Chilecito**

**Monte Famatina (5000 m asl, Argentina )**

**Laboratorio de Altura**

**CNR,UndeC,INFN**

## **4- Ushuaia GAW Station**

## **5-Dosimetry onboard SABIA- MAR Satellite**

**2021**

***CONAE, INFN, ASI***

## **6-HALCORD**

**INFN Torino-Trieste**

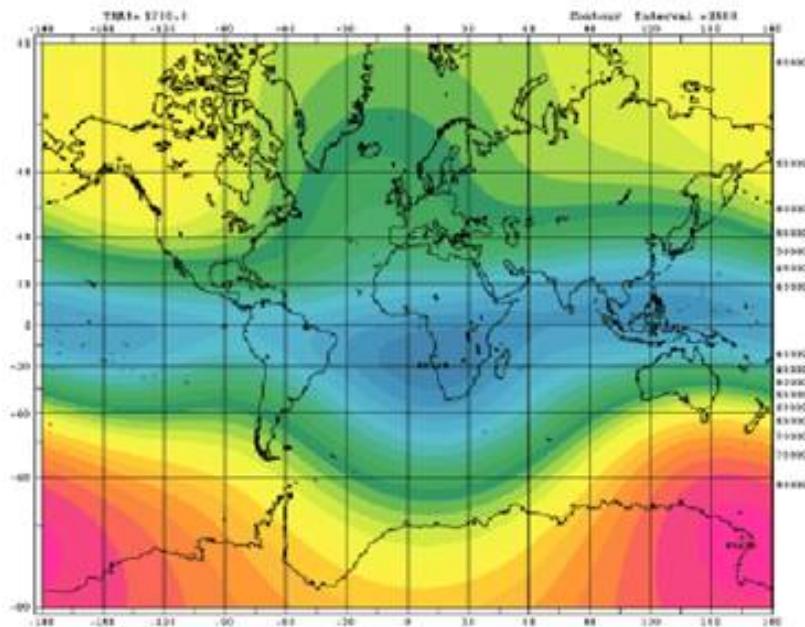
**High altitude and latitude Cosmic Rays Dosimetry**

- Geomagnetic Field lowering in antarctica
- SAA deeping and increasing in Southern region
- Solar activity lowering
- Cosmic ray flux increasing

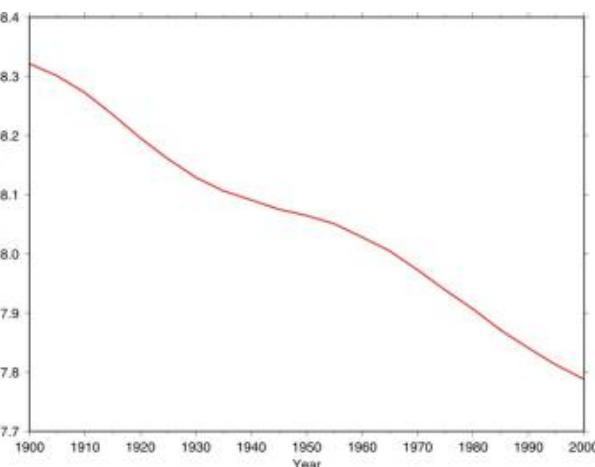
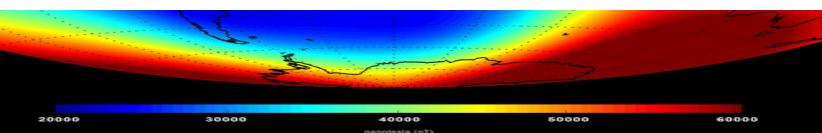


**Relevance of monitoring secondary cosmic radiation  
in Southern regions**

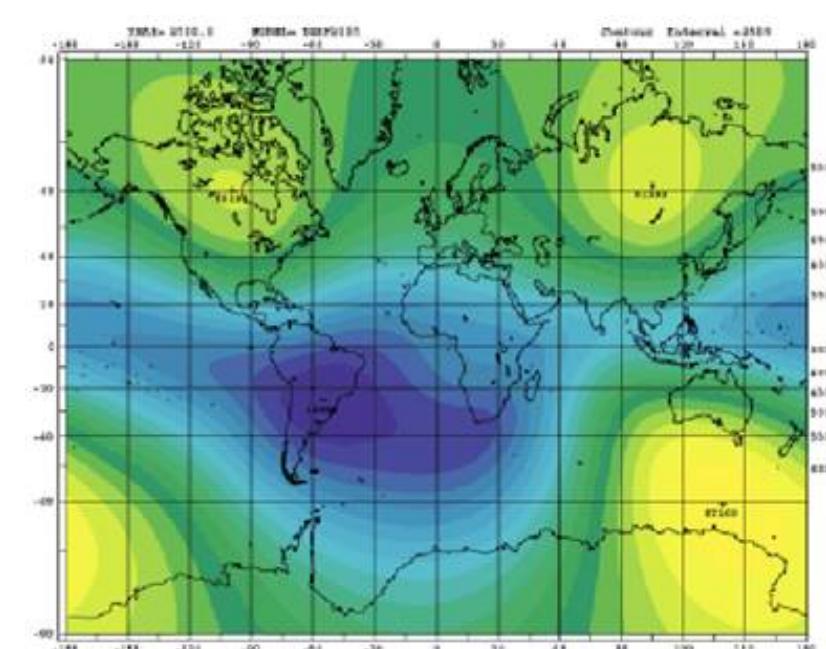
# Variazione dell'intensità del Campo Magnetico Terrestre



Campo magnetico terrestre 1600-1700



Variazione del Momento di Dipolo



Campo magnetico terrestre 1900-2000

Il Campo Magnetico terrestre è sensibilmente diminuito

Rajaram G., 2002; Rapid decrease in total magnetic field F at Antarctic stations - its relationship to core-mantle features. Antarctic Science 14 (1): 61-68.

Herbst, K., et al., 2013; Influence of the terrestrial magnetic field geometry on the cutoff rigidity of cosmic ray particles. Ann. Geophys. 31:1637-1643

Korte, M., and Mandea M., 2008; Magnetic poles and dipole tilt variation over the past decades to millennia. Earth Planet Space 60: 937-948.

# Decreasing of total magnetic field in Antarctica

B.M. Pathan et al. / Indian Journal of Geosciences, 63(2): 187-194

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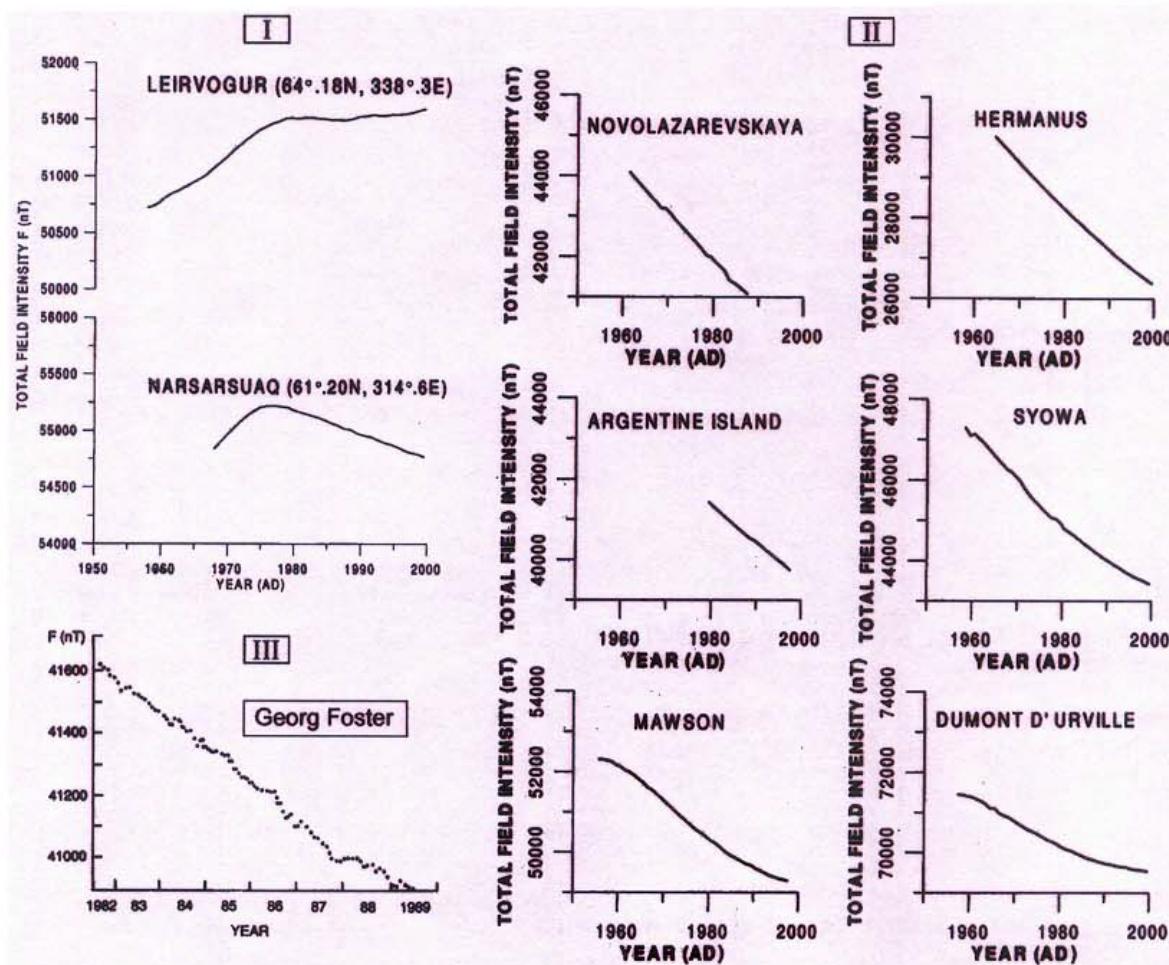
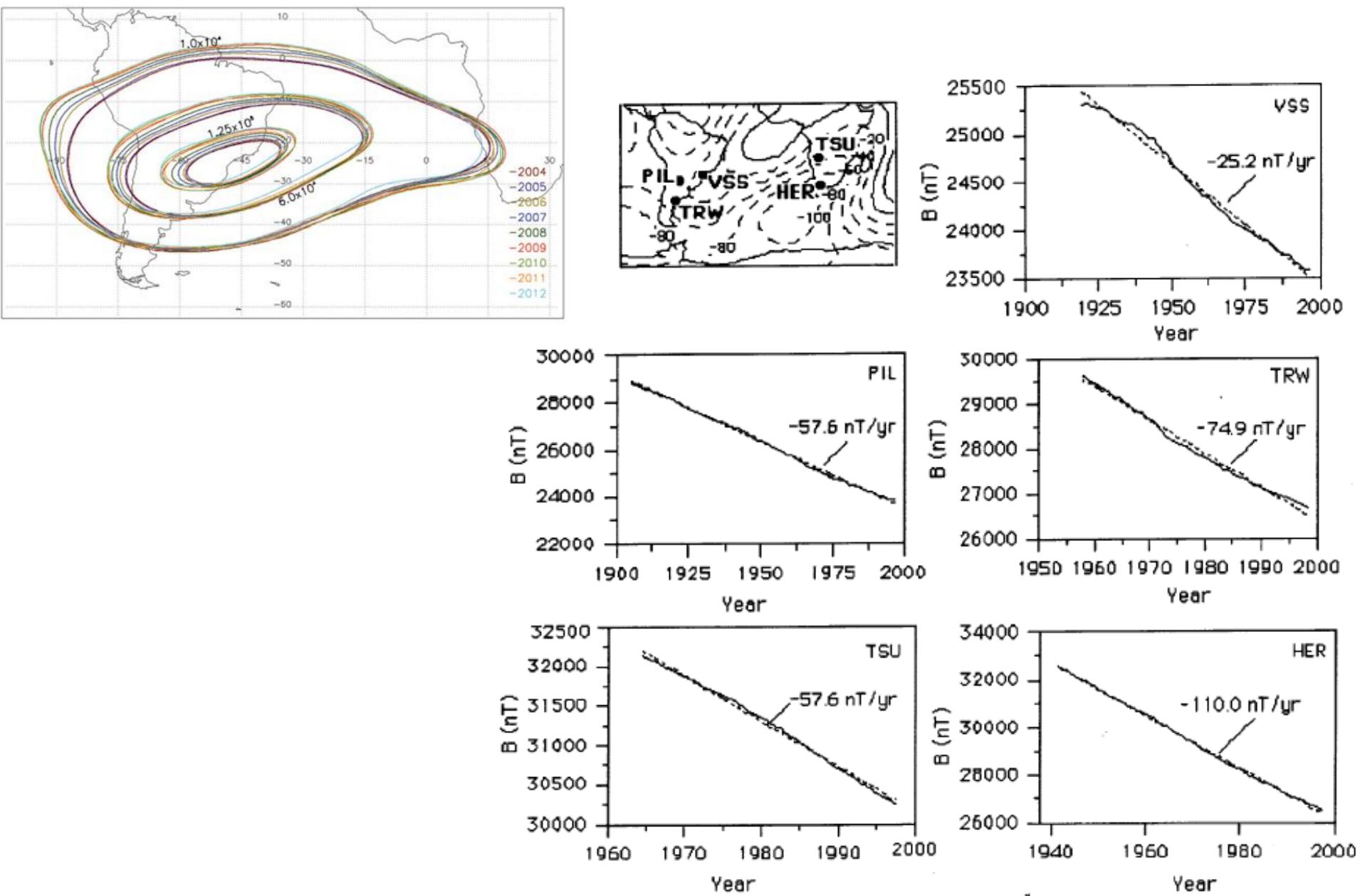
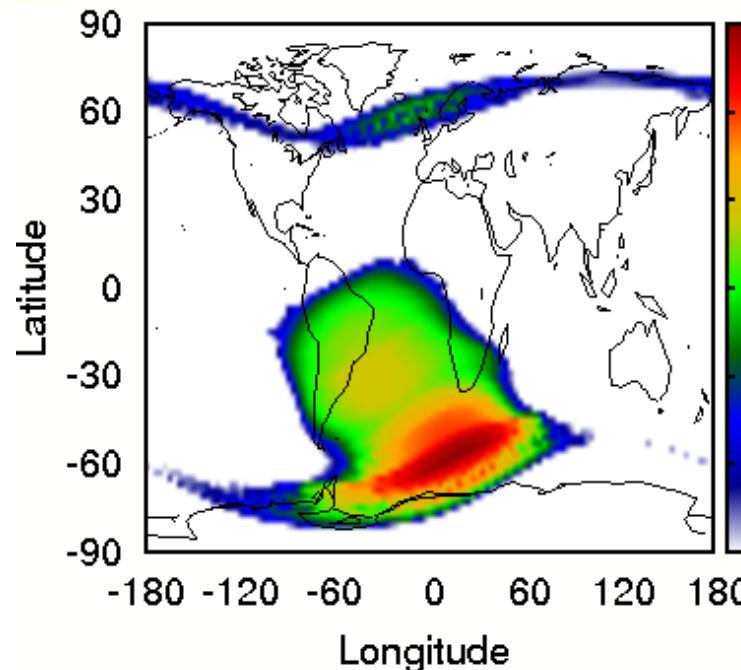


Fig. 1. Plots of F at various northern and southern stations. The bracket-I shows the F plots at two northern station Leirvogur and Narsarsuaq. Bracket-II show the plots at Novolazarevskaya, Hermanus, Argentine Island, Syowa, Mawson and Dumont d'Urville. Bracket-III shows the F plots at Georg Foster station (station closed) (from Rajaram et al., 2002).

# Decrease of total magnetic field measured in stations around SAA (NASA)

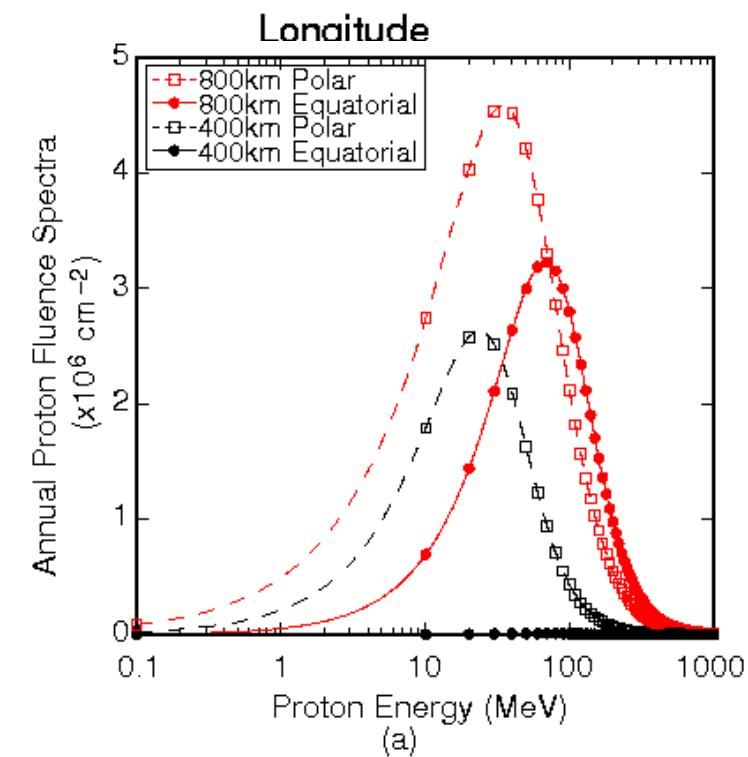
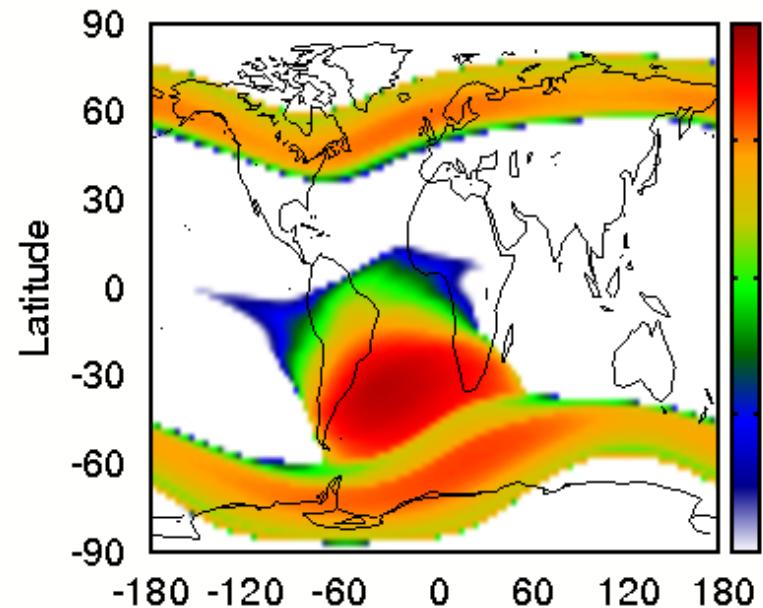


# SAA proton -electron Flux on polar and equatorial orbits



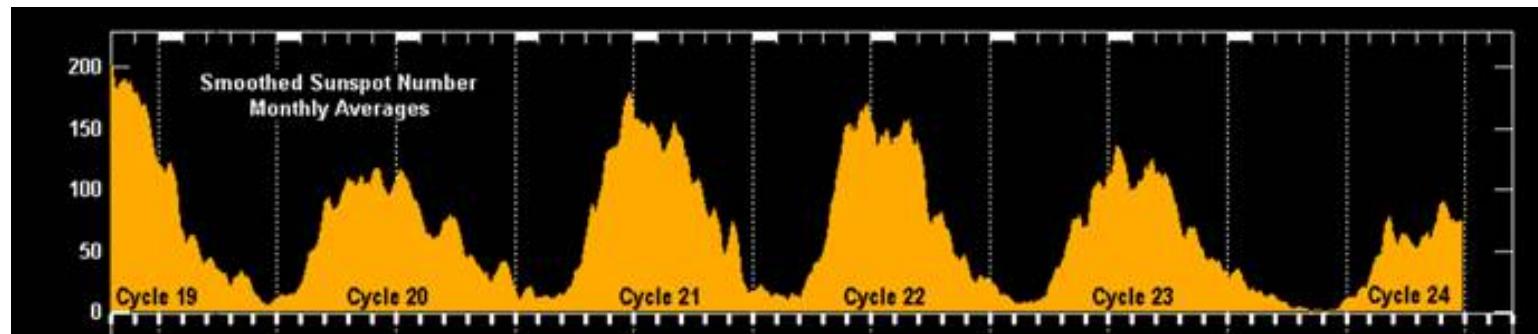
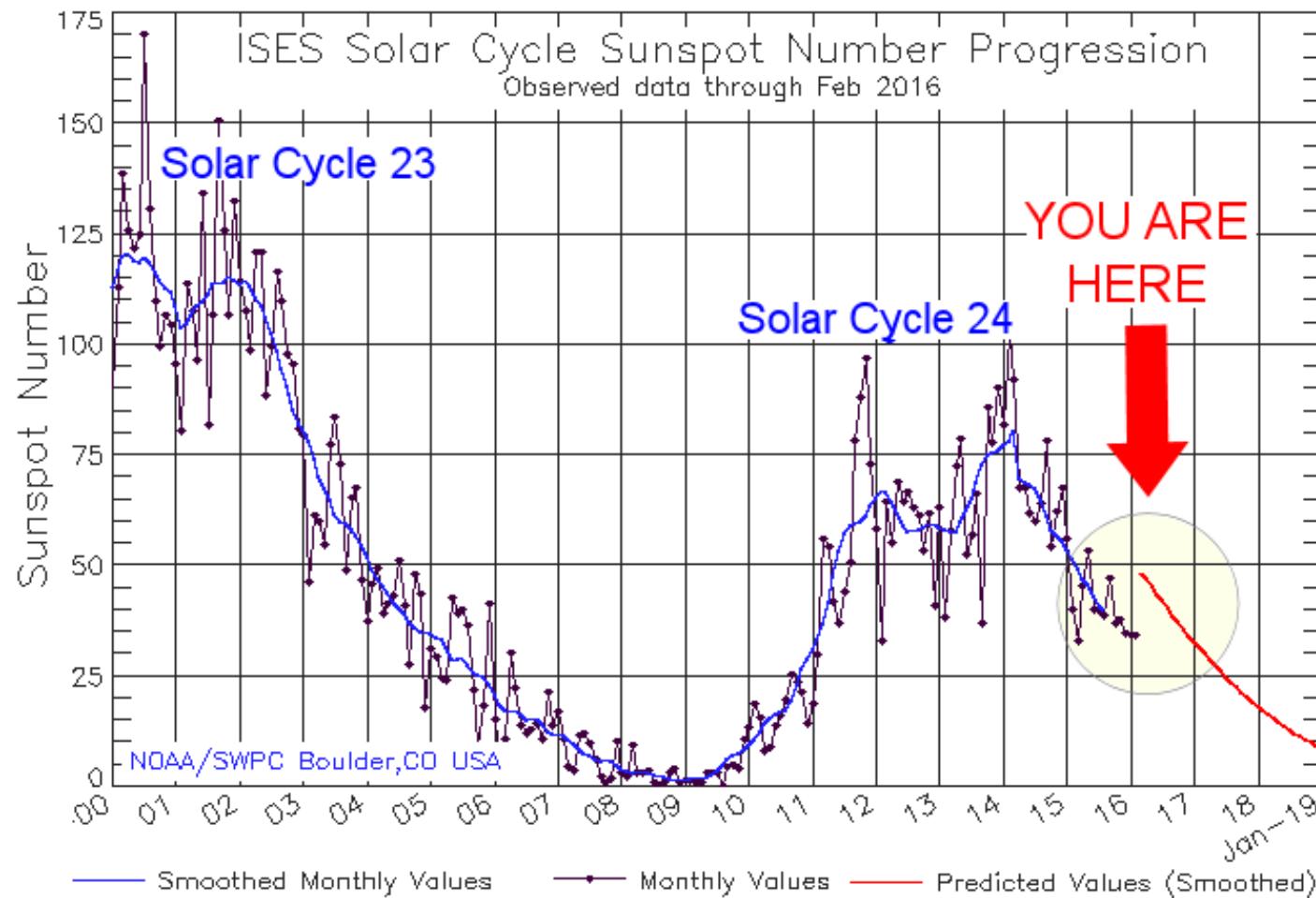
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SPENVIS Simulation

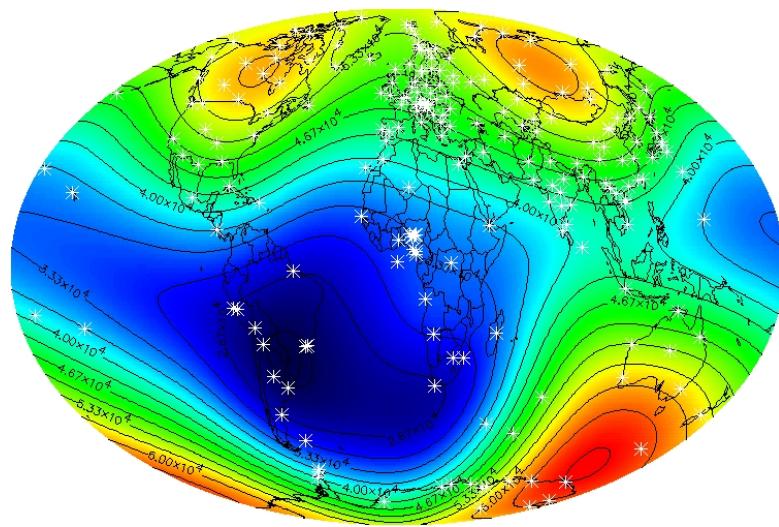


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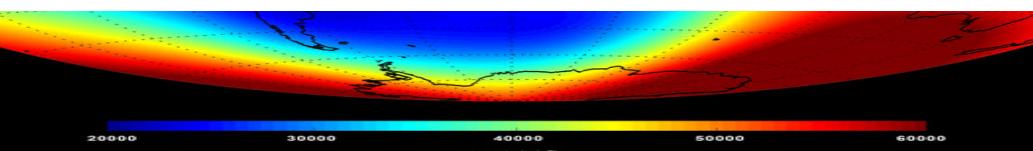
# Decreasing solar Activity



## IL CAMPO MAGNETICO TERRESTRE

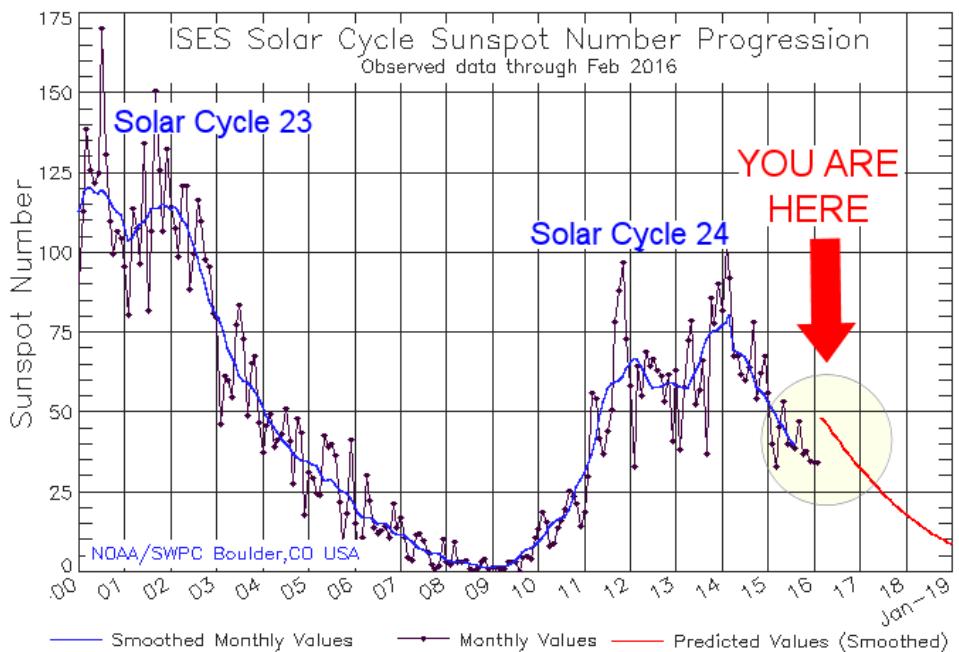


Il campo magnetico terrestre si sta indebolendo, in particolare nell'emisfero sud



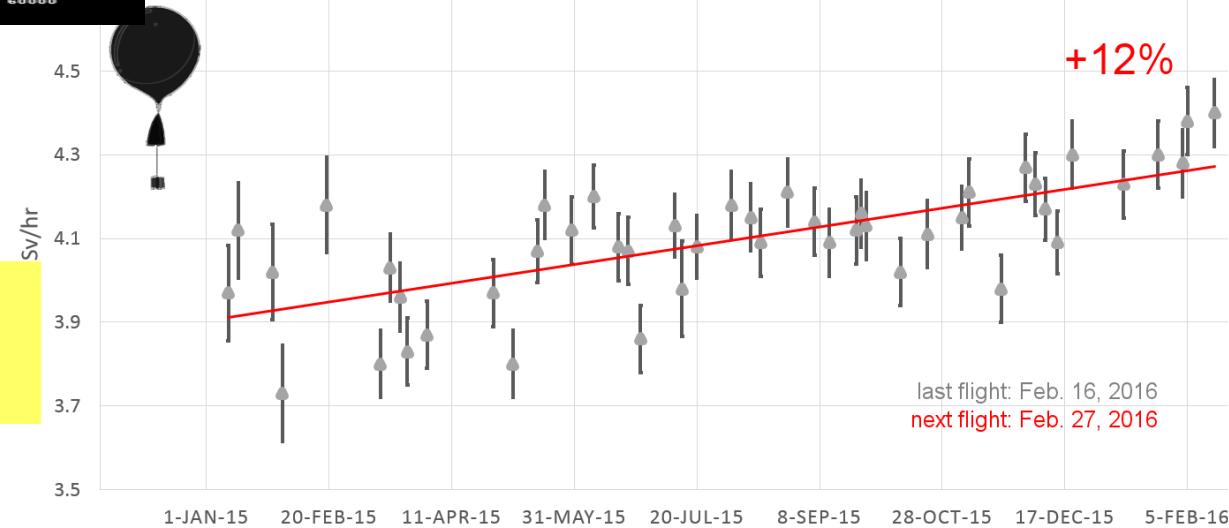
AUMENTANO I RAGGI COSMICI

## L'ATTIVITA SOLARE



L'attività solare sta diminuendo

## COSMIC RAYS IN THE STRATOSPHERE



## ➤ Relationship between cosmic-ray intensities and atmospheric pressure

There is a relationship between the neutron dose rate and the atmospheric pressure in the monitoring period. The main component of the cosmic-ray measured at ground level is secondary cosmic-ray, and is attenuated by the air above the ground which acts as a shield. The cosmic-ray neutrons and the ionizing components measured at ground level vary according to an exponential attenuation law with the atmospheric pressure in the form of  $\sim \exp(-A \cdot P)$ .

$$N(P_0 + P) = N(P_0) \exp(-aP).$$

- The largest deviations occur over Antarctica where ground level pressures are 20–40 hPa (hectoPascal) lower than the standard atmosphere (corresponding to a lower atmospheric mass). Secondary particle production rates in Antarctica are therefore 25–30% higher than values calculated by scaling Northern Hemisphere production rates with conventional scaling factors.

## ➤ Continued Decline of South Pole Neutron Monitor Counting Rate

John Bieber et al.

*Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics*  
Volume 118, Issue 11, pages 6847–6851, November 2013

....At this time therefore we believe that there is a solid justification for a program to investigate in detail geomagnetic cutoff change at South Pole and its influence on the radiation environment

## **Rapid decrease in total magnetic field F at Antarctic stations - its relationship to core-mantle features**      *Antarctic Science 14 (l), 61-68 (2002)*

GIRIJA RAJARAM, T. ARUN, WAY DHAR and A. G. PATIL

*Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Colaba, Mumbai 400 005, India*

Comparison of the average quiet-time value of total intensity F for these years with values of F obtained at the same geographic location (interpolated from iso-intensity contours of F on World Magnetic Charts and IGRF Maps) for earlier years, suggested over the last 75 years at this location, F has dropped from -49 000 nT in 1922, to -40 000 nT in 1996 i.e. -120 nT per year.

**Lowering solar activity also in growing cycles (21-22-23-24)**

## Measurement sites in southern region at different altitude and latitude



**Chacaltaya, Bolivia, 5200 m a.s.l**  
16°21'12"S 68°07'53"W

**Famatina, Argentina 5000 m a.s.l**  
28° 54' 56"S 67°31'0" W

**Ushuaia Argentina, 0 m a.s.l**  
54°48'S 68°18'W

**Marambio, Antarctica 200 m asl**  
64°13' S ,56°43'W,

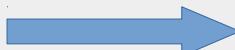


**Dome C, Antarctica 3300 m asl**  
75°06 S 123°20E,

# Dosimetria della radiazione cosmica secondaria ad alta quota e ad alte latitudini

Mappatura dosimetrica nella regione australe:

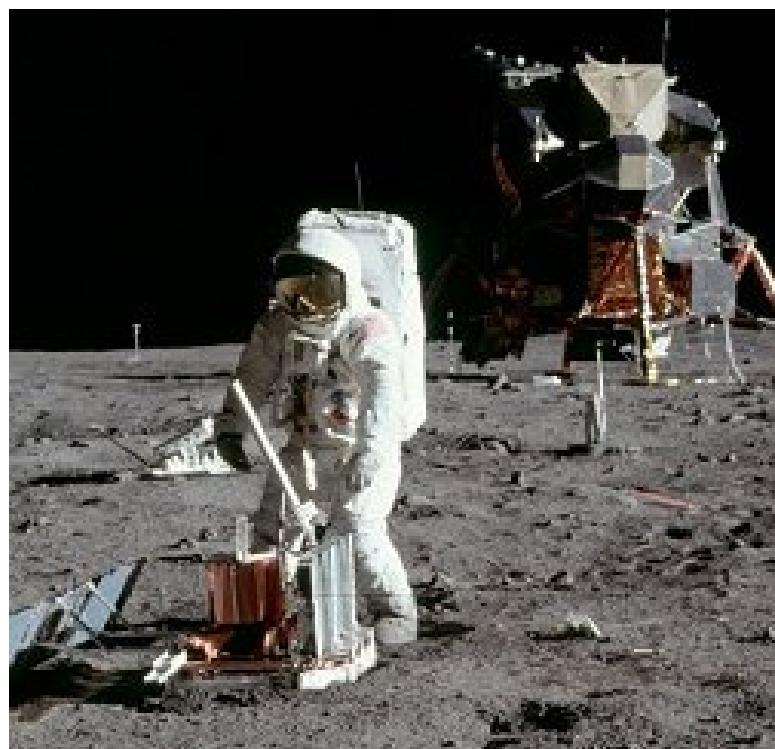
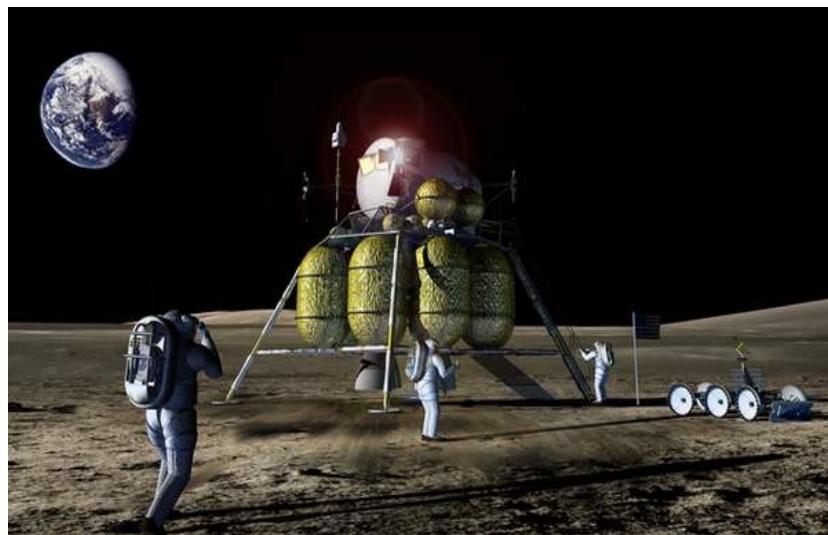
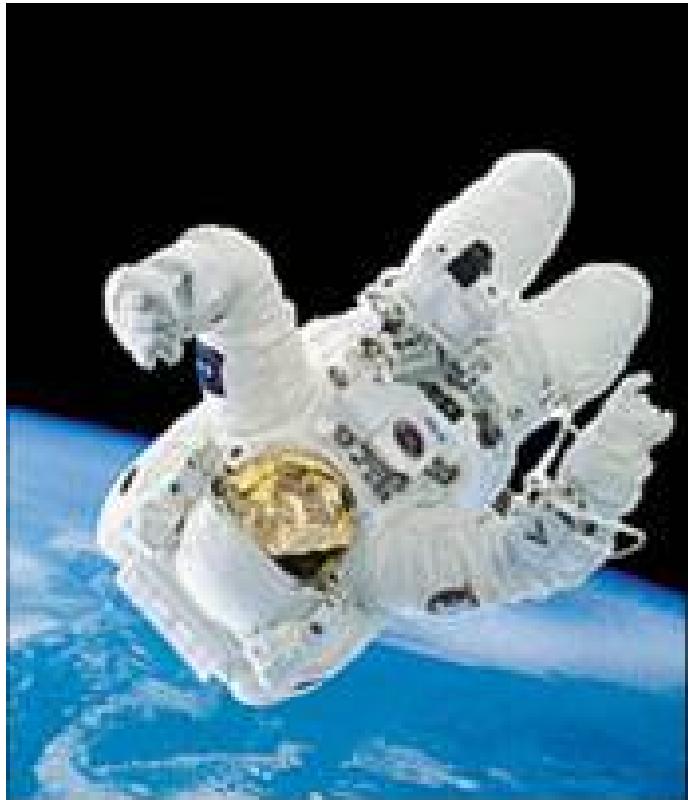
- Ushuaia (GAW station)
- Marambio (Antartide Argentina)
- Dome C (Antartide Francia-Italia)
- Monte Famatina (Argentina SAA)
- Chacaltaya (Bolivia)



DI GRANDE  
INTERESSE PER  
AGENZIE SPAZIALI  
NASA, ESA,ASI, CONAE



- Correlazione dose da raggi cosmici secondari con:
  - 
  - ✓ -Parametri geografici (latitudine , longitudine)
  - ✓ -Composizione e dinamica dell'atmosfera
  - ✓ -Attività solare (SPE, GLE)
  - ✓ -Campo geomagnetico
  - ✓ -Campo magnetico interplanetario



# SHIELDING ASTRONAUTS FROM COSMIC RAYS

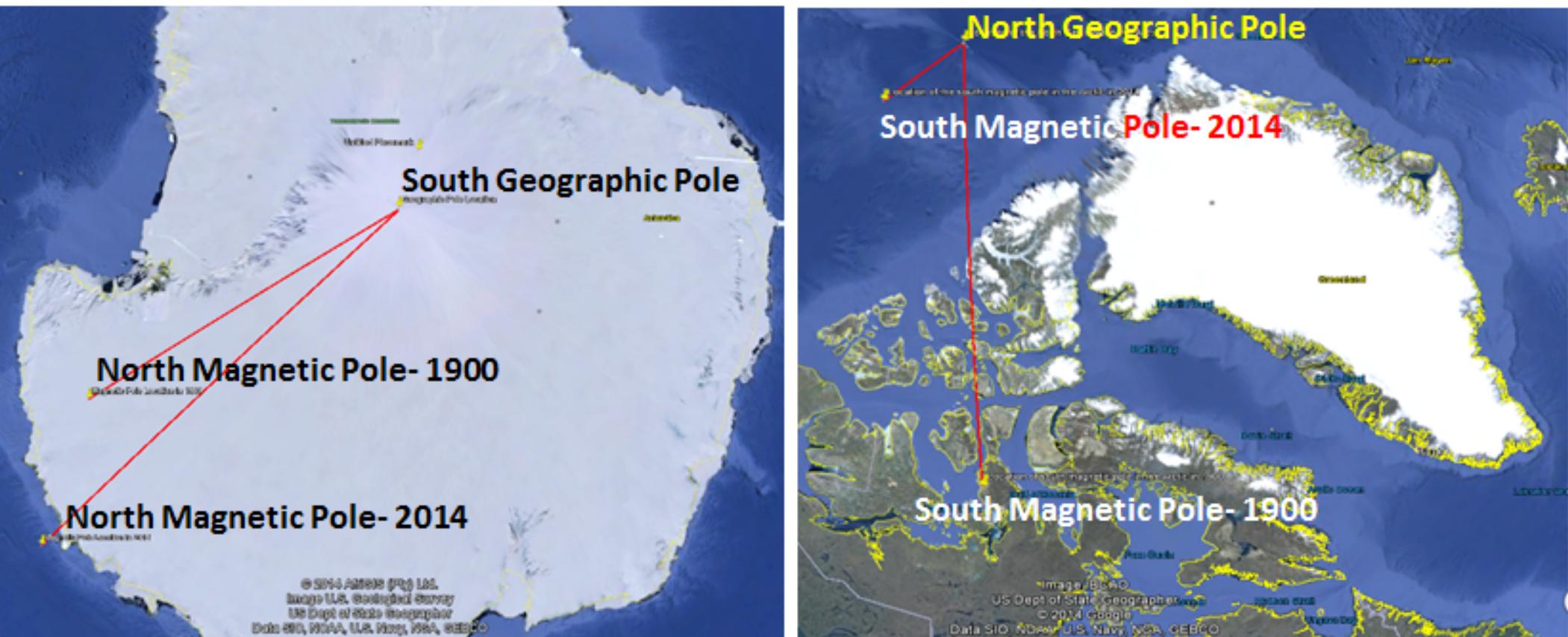
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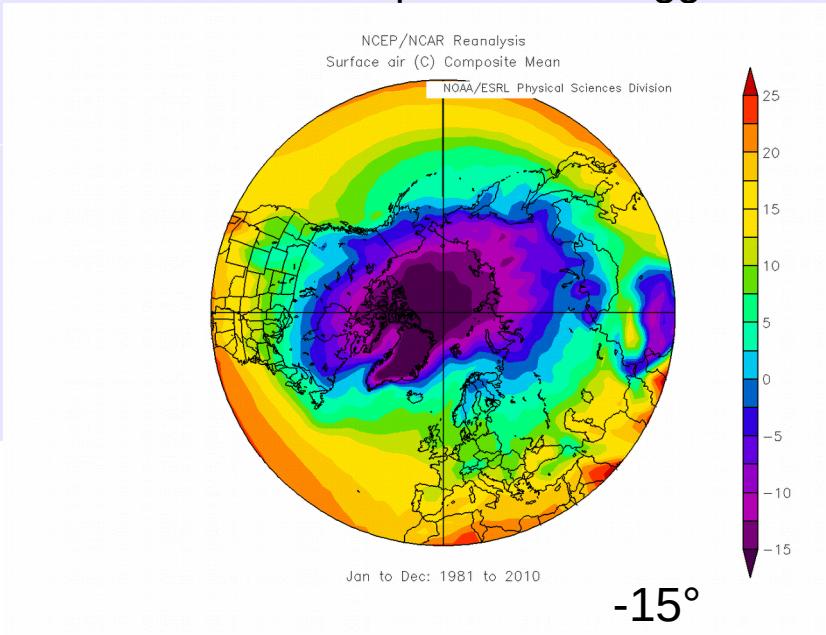
The astronaut far removed from the magnetically enshrouded mass of Earth is subject to a continuing low dose rate of galactic cosmic radiation. Exposure for a year or more may be sufficient to induce a high incidence of cancer a decade or two later. Effective shielding of an astronaut by surrounding mass involves too much total mass to be practical for launching into space. Magnetic shielding requires transverse field of about  $10^7$  Gauss cm (to deflect particles up to 2 Gev). A dipole field of  $10^5$  Gauss with a characteristic scale of 2m or more would be required. However, there is evidence that the induced emf's from human residence in fields of the order of only  $10^3$  Gauss may be seriously injurious. There is very little information available on this subject. The alternative concept of inflating a magnetic dipole field with plasma is ill founded, and, in any case would serve only to reduce the Gauss cm of transverse field. Electrostatic shielding, charging the spacecraft to  $+2 \times 10^9$  volts, would have to contend with the surrounding sea of thermal electrons, perhaps with a guard potential of  $-10^3$  volts. The power requirements to operate such a system are enormous.

We suggest that there may perhaps be a solution to the problem in the biomedical field, stimulating the human body to effective repair of the ongoing radiation damage by the cosmic rays. Unfortunately there is very little information available on this prospect. It may be our only hope.

# Differenze Artide -Antartide



# Artide – Antartide: differenze

REGIONE ANTARTICA	REGIONE ARTICA
Continente coperto di ghiaccio e circondato dall'oceano	Regione oceanica coperta di ghiaccio e circondata da continenti
Lo spessore di ghiaccio che ricopre il continente arriva fino a circa 4000 m → l'altitudine varia tra 0 m – 4000 m	Superficie relativamente piatta, basse altitudini
Clima più freddo, la differenza di temperatura rispetto alla regione artica diminuisce all'aumentare dell'altitudine	Il contenuto di umidità specifica è maggiore
Diminuzione più rapida del campo magnetico	 <p>NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis Surface air (C) Composite Mean NOAA/ESRL Physical Sciences Division Jan to Dec: 1981 to 2010</p> <p>-15°</p>

# Collaboration

INFN

*Section of Torino*

*Section of Bologna*

- *LNF - Roma*
- *INAF - IAPS Roma*
- *IAA - Instituto Antártico Argentino*
- *UNLP - Universidad Nacional de La Plata*



- PROGETTO INFN HALCoRD (2017-2019)
- (High Altitude and Latitude Cosmic Ray Dosimetry)

# Agreement signed 23 April 2015 between italian and argentine institutions for a five years research program (2015 - 2020)

## COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI FISICA NUCLEARE - INFN,  
Italy

AND

ISTITUTO DI ASTROFISICA SPAZIALE E PLANETOLOGIA  
- IASP-INAF, Italy

AND

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE LA PLATA – UNLP,  
Argentina

AND

INSTITUTO ANTÁRTICO ARGENTINO - IAA, Argentina

CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PROGRAM  
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least six months prior to the expiration of the period of validity. If any institution wishes to make an amendment to this Collaboration Agreement, the subject may be discussed and made valid through mutual consent.

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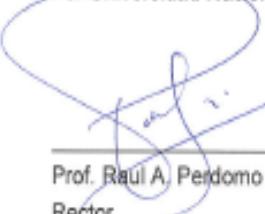
  
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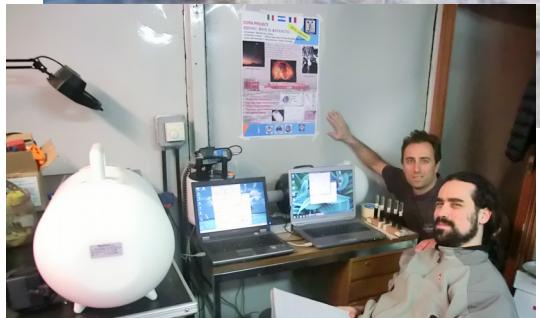
# Ushuaia GAW Station



*Secondary cosmic ray dosimetry  
at high southern latitudes*

Alba Zanini , Vicente Ciancio , Gustavo Di Giovan , Silvia Vernetto, Paolo Morfino , Alessandro Liberatore

In press



## ANNUAL ANTARCTIC CONTINGENT

Since workers are known to be exposed to High LET radiation, a **CYTOGENETIC STUDY** is going to be performed before and after the Antarctic Campaign by **UNLP Space Medicine Department**.

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Collaboration:

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IPEV Paris (France)

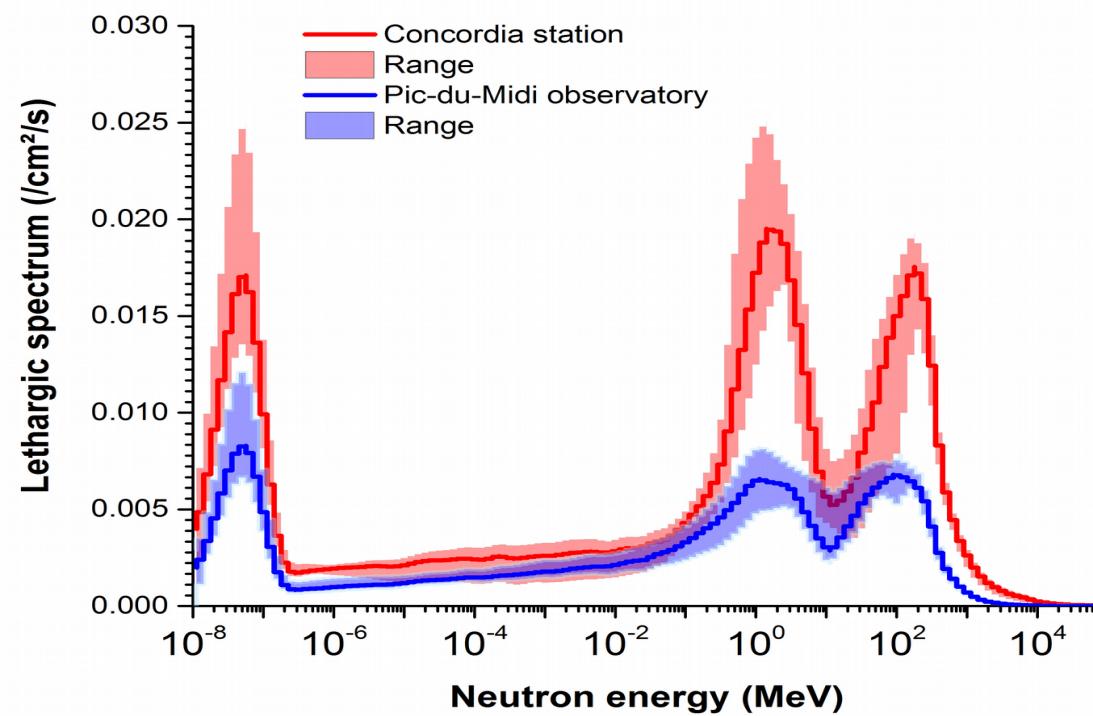
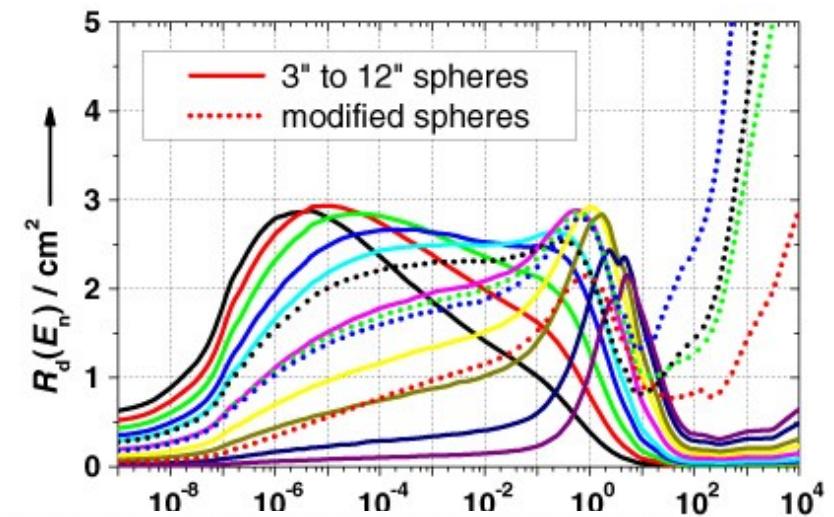
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The CHINSTRAP project works with an high-energy extended neutron spectrometer at the **Concordia ( Italy-France) station in Antarctic**.

The particularities of this location are unique (high altitude and proximity to the geomagnetic pole) and allow long-term measurements dedicated to the study of the atmospheric natural radiative environment dynamics for Space Weather applications. These data will complete the ones already obtained at the **Pic-du-Midi in France** and in the **Pico dos Dias in Brazil**, near the South Atlantic Anomaly.

## Bonner sphere system



# Paleoclimatology

## Cosmic nuclei

$N^{14}(n,p) 2Be^7.$   
(half life 53.3 days)

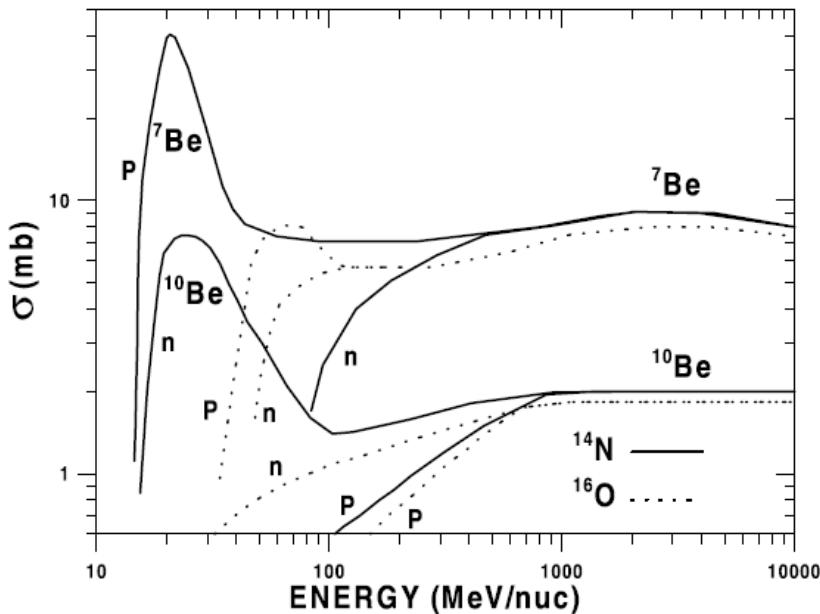
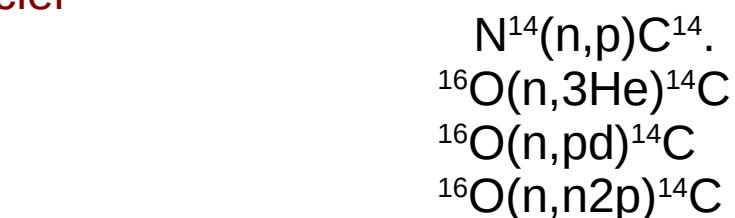


Figure 2. Cross sections for production of  $^7Be$  and  $^{10}Be$  from proton and neutron interactions with  $^{16}O$ . Solid and dashed lines above  $\sim 100$  MeV/nuc are from the new cross sections formulation of Webber et al. (2003) based on higher energy data. Solid and dashed lines below  $\sim 100$  MeV/nuc

**Table 1.** Global, Polar (Geomagnetic Pole), and Equatorial (Geomagnetic Equator) Production Rates of the Five Cosmogenic Radionuclides for the Modern Conditions (the Geomagnetic Dipole Moment  $M = 7.8 \cdot 10^{23}$  A m<sup>2</sup>), for the Mean, Minimum, and Maximum Modulation Potentials:  $\langle\phi\rangle = 650$ ,  $\phi_{\min} = 300$ , and  $\phi_{\max} = 1200$  MV, Respectively<sup>a</sup>

Isotope	Global Production			Polar Production			Equatorial Production		
	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Minimum	Maximum
$^7Be$	$6.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$8.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.45 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$9.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$^{10}Be$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$9.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$8.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$^{14}C$	1.6	2.07	1.2	3.42	5.02	2.21	$5.7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$6.1 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$^{22}Na$	$5.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$6.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.15 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$^{36}Cl$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.85 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$8.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$

<sup>a</sup>The production rates are given in atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>/s.



$^{14}C$  half-life about 5730 yr

2 - 8 WEBBER AND HIGBIE: COSMIC RAY PRODUCTION OF COSMOGENIC NUCLEI

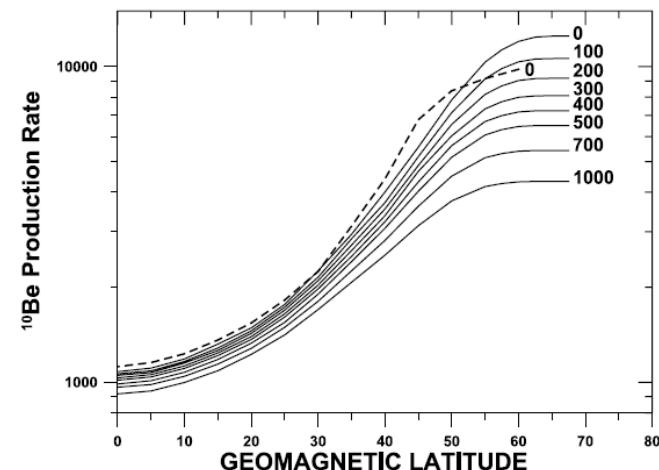


Figure 7. Total  $^{10}Be$  production (in arbitrary units) in the atmosphere as a function of geomagnetic latitude and solar modulation level. The total  $^{10}Be$  production from Masarik and Beer (1999) for a solar modulation  $\phi = 0$  normalized at a latitude of 30° is shown for illustration as a dashed line.

# CHILECITO LABORATORIO DE ALTURA



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Por la actividad de lo Attaché Científico de Italia en Argentina, ing. Gabriele Paparo, el 29 de Abril de 2013, el prof. Louis NICOLAIS, Presidente del Consejo Nacional de Investigación (CNR) en Roma, Italia, y el profesor. Norberto Raúl Caminoa, Rector de la Universidad Nacional (UNDEC) Chilecito, Prov. La Rioja Argentina firmó, en la residencia del Embajador de Italia en Buenos Aires, un Acuerdo marco de cooperación científica y técnica entre las dos instituciones.

Las relaciones de cooperación se harán de la siguiente manera:

- Intercambio de docentes e investigadores.
- Investigaciones científicas.
- Intercambio de documentos y publicaciones científicas.
- Prácticas y visitas de los estudiantes.
- Participación en comités de evaluación.

Impulsar de manera conjunta el proyecto de construcción y funcionamiento de una estación de altura (5000 msnm) para la investigación de la atmósfera.

1- Medición y análisis de la atmósfera en función de la altitud.

2- Investigación de la actividad volcánica y su impacto en la atmósfera.

3- Investigación de la actividad hidrogeológica y su impacto en la atmósfera.

4- Trabajo en la construcción de la estación de altura.

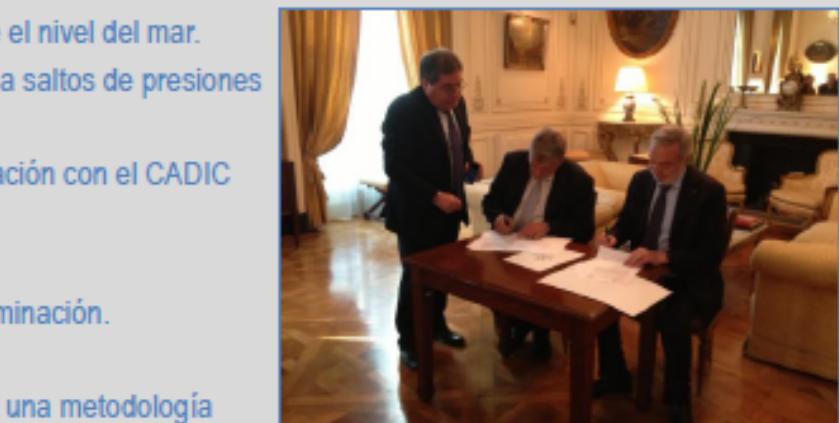
5- Medición y análisis de la actividad hidrogeológica y su impacto en la atmósfera.

6- Determinación del contenido del radón en el suelo, con una metodología

en colaboración con el Distrito de Malargüe.(Prov. Mendoza)



Chilecito – Laboratorio de Altura



Signature of UNDEC – CNR Agreement

## Strumenti di misura da installare al Laboratorio de Altura sul Monte Famatina



- **Neutron Monitor modulare IAPS-INAF** Variabilità cosmici primari
- **Rem counter Atomtex BDKN-03** Flusso e dose neutronica (25 meV-14 MeV)
- **Rem counter Thermo** Flusso e dose neutronica (25 meV-5GeV)
- **Gamma detector BDKG-04** Dose X e gamma
- **Liulin LET spectrometer** Dose totale
- **Bubble detectors** Spettro neutronico (25 meV-14 MeV)
- **Magnetometro** Variazione campo geomagnetico

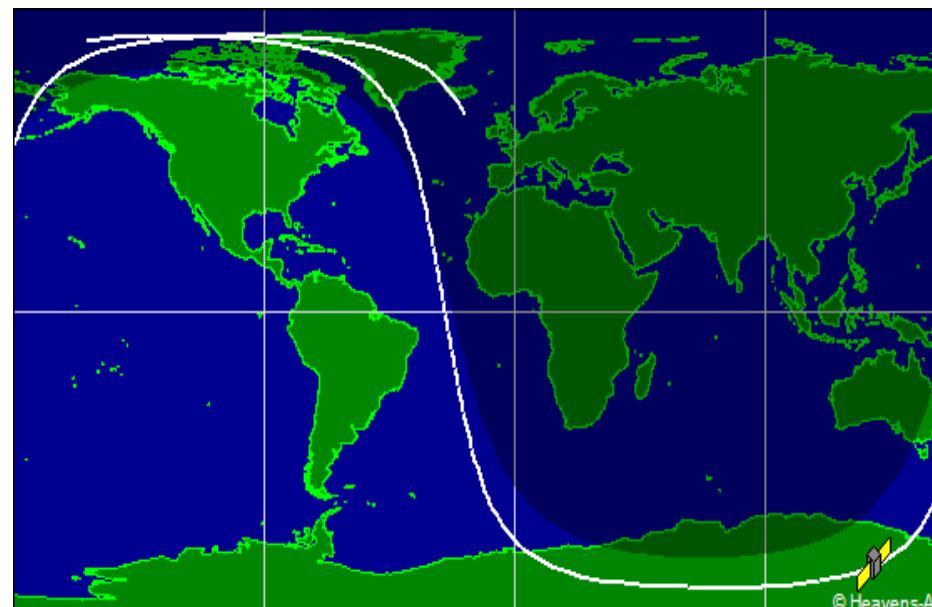
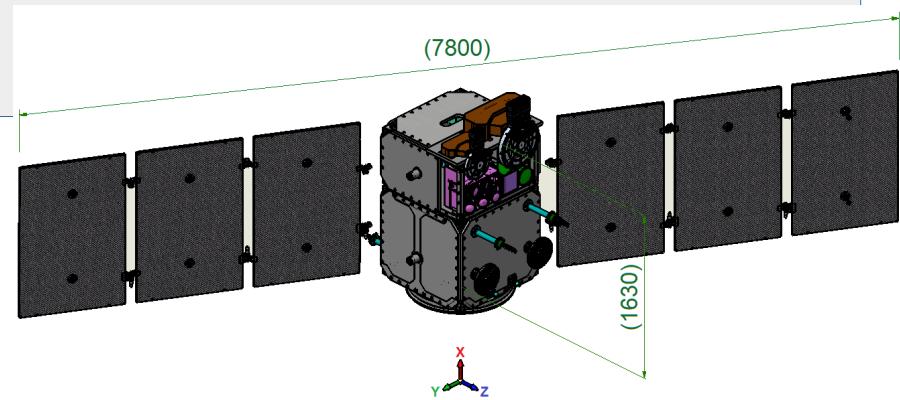
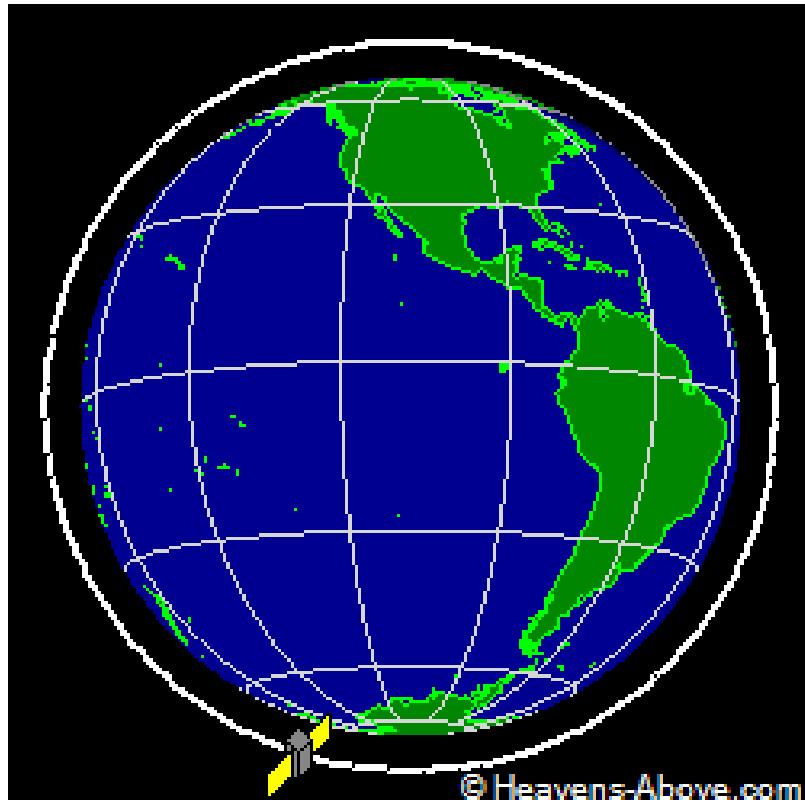


Dosimetria della radiazione ambientale  
Correlazione con attività solare  
Correlazione con campo magnetico

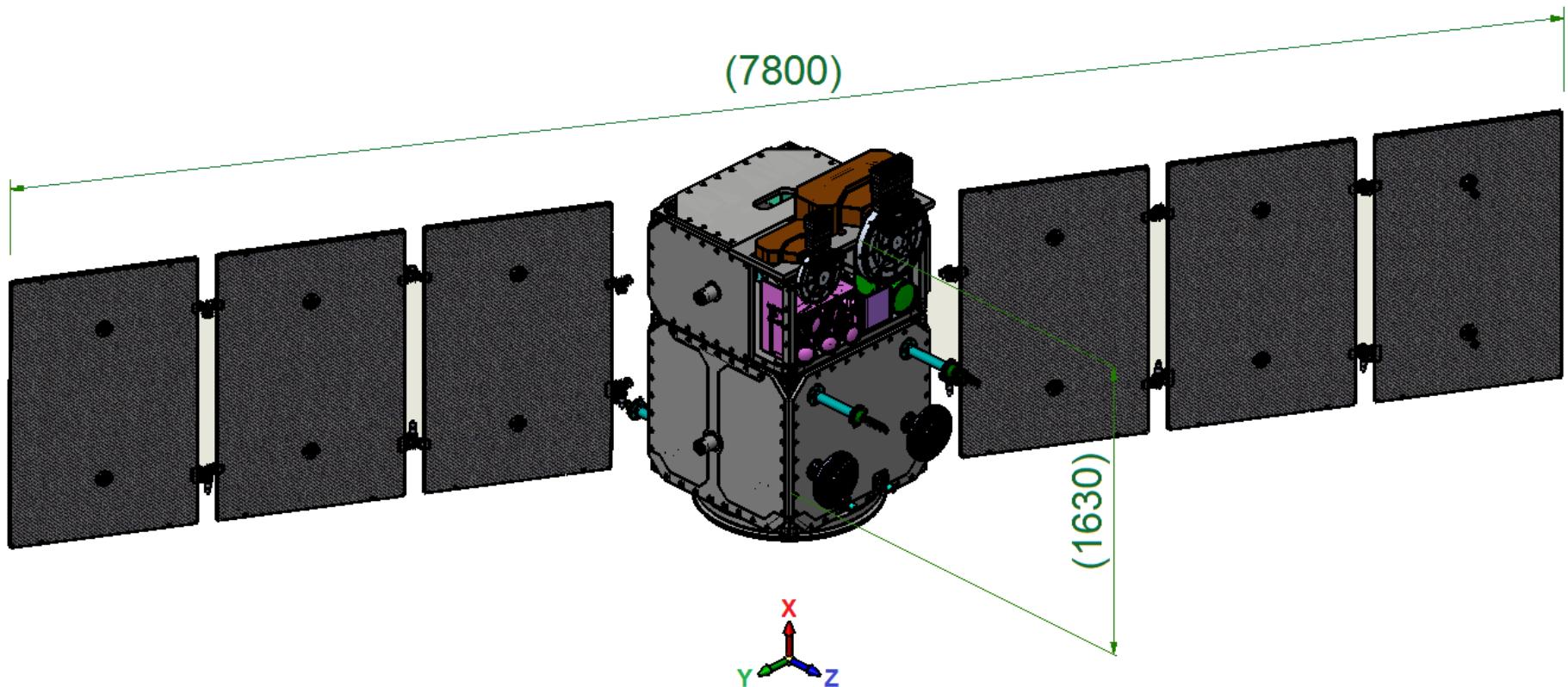
**Liulin-AR dosimeter on board SABIA-Mar satellite**

(launch 2020)

**Polar orbit      654 km**



# SABIA-MAR satellite

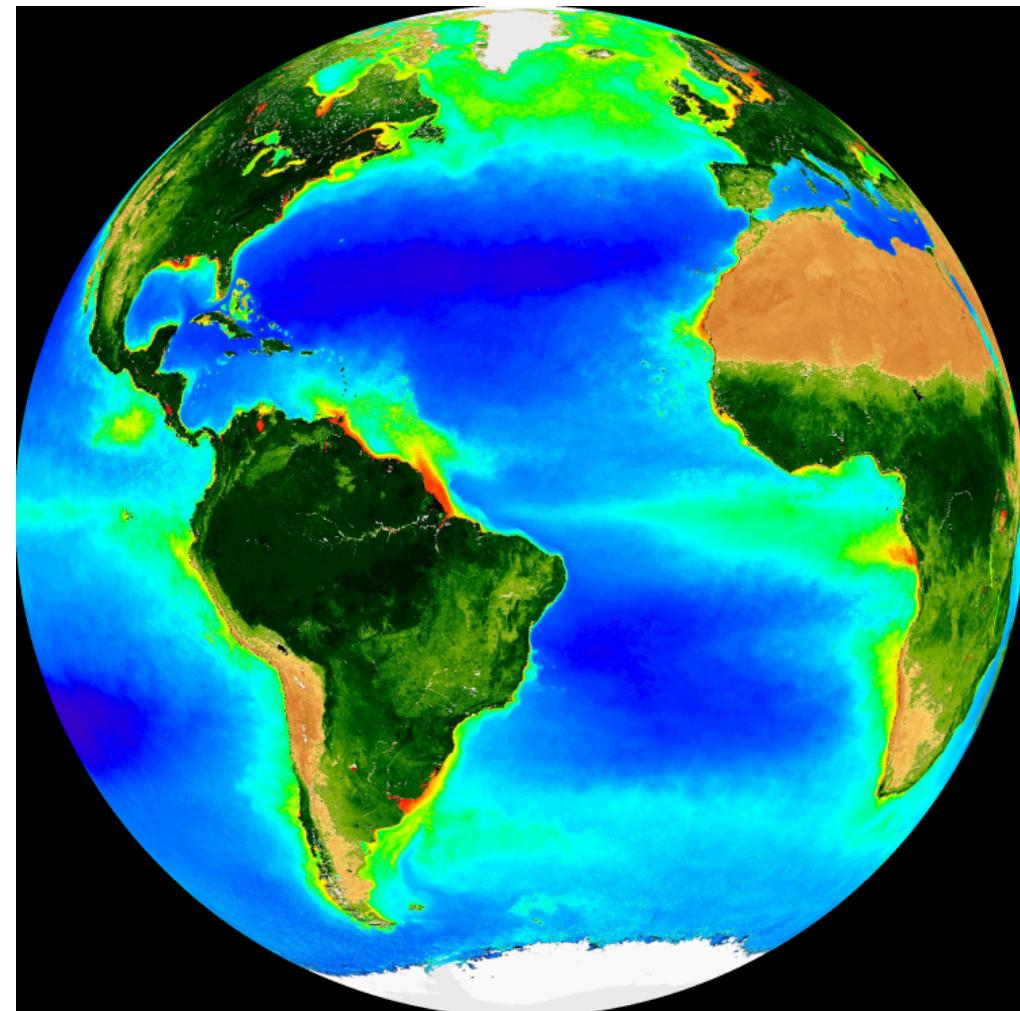


Expected radiation environment on the SABIA-MAR orbit:

- **Globally distributed GCR** particles and those derived from them;
- **Protons in the SAA region** of the inner radiation belt (IRB);
- **Relativistic electrons** and/or bremsstrahlung in the high latitudes of the orbit where the outer radiation belt (ORB) is situated
- **Solar energetic particles (SEP)** in the high latitude orbit.

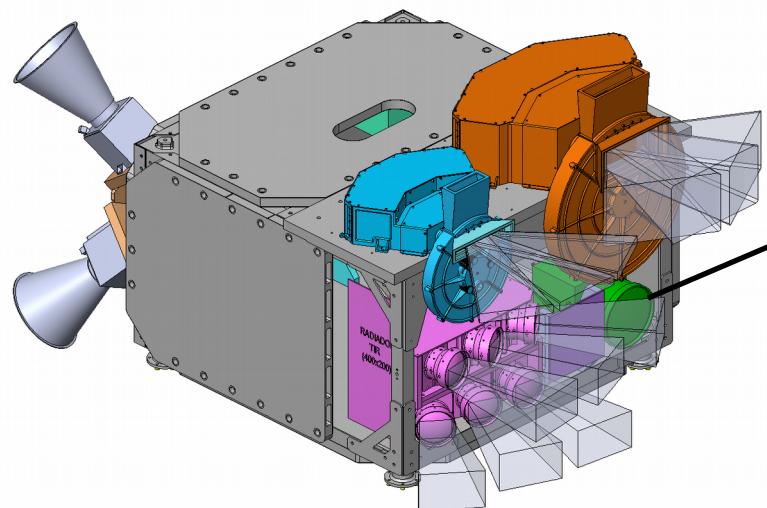
# SABIA-MAR satellite

## Products

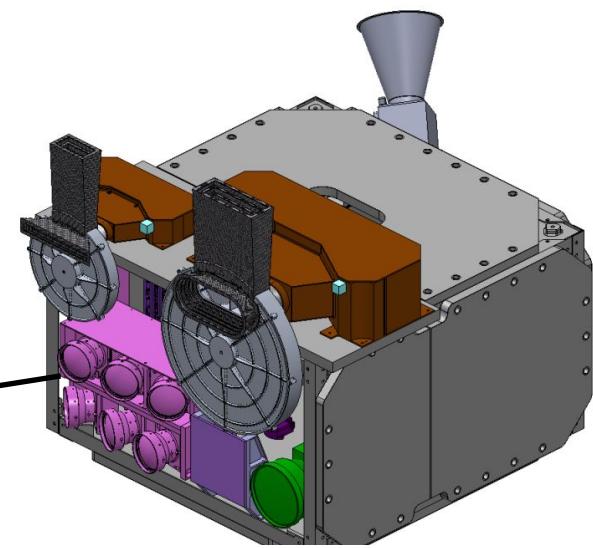


- **Normalized Water leaving radiance maps** 5% uncertainty (0.5% in blue for open ocean)
- **Chlorophyll- $\alpha$  concentration Maps** 30% uncertainty for open ocean with concentration in the range 0.01-10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **Diffuse Attenuation coefficient Kd (490)** 25% uncertainty on a daily time scale
- **Photosynthetic Available Radiation** 20%, 15%, 10% on a daily-weekly-monthly time scales
- **Turbidity** 35% uncertainty
- **Sea Surface Temperature** 0.7°C

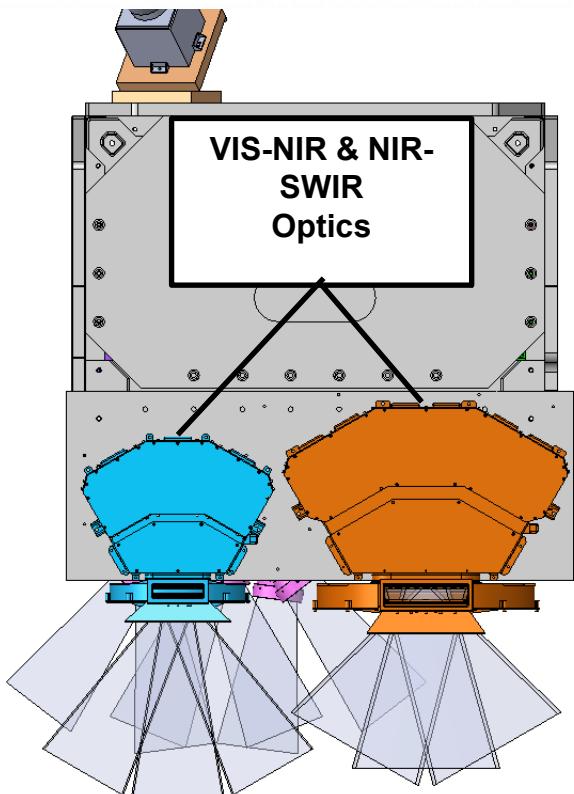
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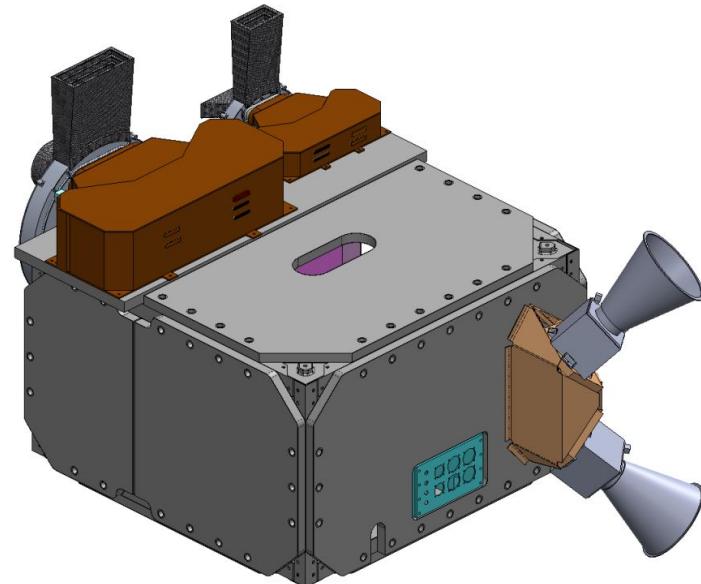
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# LIULIN -AR LET spectrometer on Sabia -MAR

Space radiation dosimetry

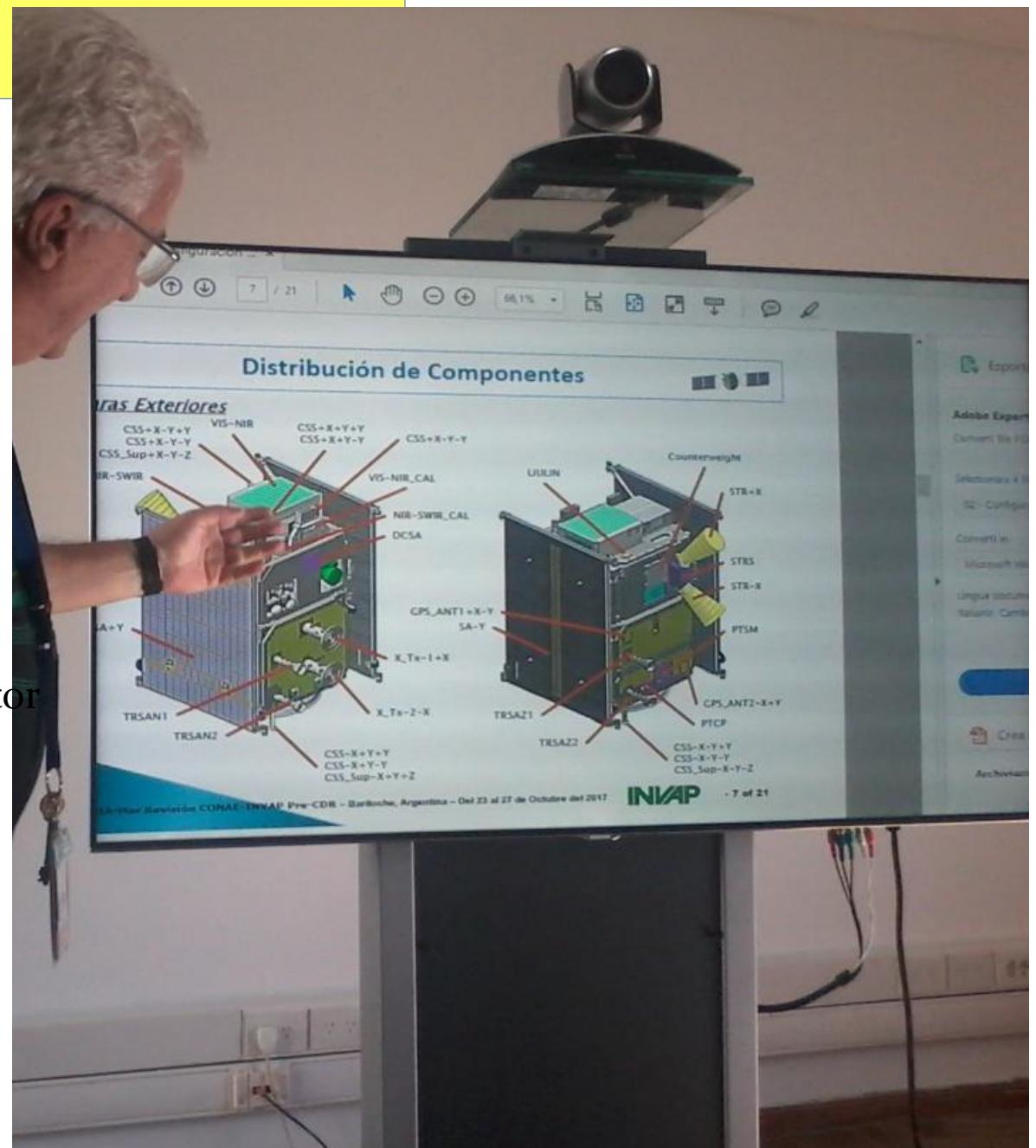
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## 6) LET spectrometer Liulin I MUD-1

256-channel active silicon semiconductor spectrometer developed at Solar-Terrestrial Influence Laboratory of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

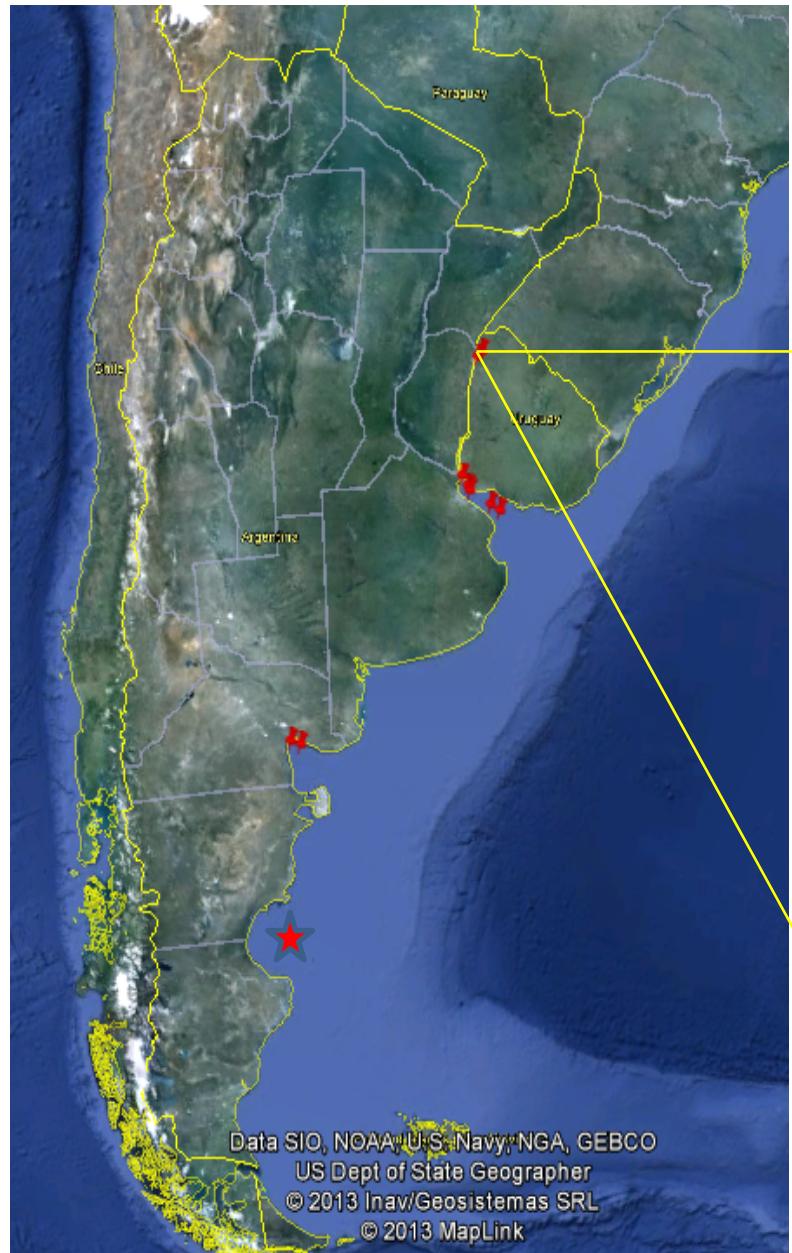
- Energy range: 10 KeV -20 MeV
- Sensitivity:  
Dose rate 0.01  $\mu$ Sv/h - 10 mSv/h
- Error: 20%



# Launch Segment

- A Joint (CONAE&AEB) Request for Information [RFI] was released and addressed to all possible providers asking for launch availability, ROM price, fueling services at the launch base, possibility of insurance, etc.
- Until now, 11 proposals were received, 9 of them for a dedicated launch and 2 considering a dual launch, being SABIA-Mar 1 the primary payload. Proposals were received from: **Rockot [Eurockot]**, **Dnepr [ISC Kosmotras]**, **Vega [Arianespace]**, **Falcon 9 [Space X]**, **Soyuz [Arianespace]**, **LM-2C/2D [CGWIC]**, **Soyuz [JSC Glavkosmos]**, **Minotaur C [OSC]**, **Tsyklon 4 [ACS Alcantara]**. Another proposal, from **Antrix**, expected to be received during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter this year.
- **The Phase 1 of the Proposals Evaluation is completed** (Antrix response to be added)
- Phase 2 of the Proposals Evaluation (interchanges with possible providers, environments and interfaces clarification, statement of work generation, etc.) going on.
- International Bid Tender release foreseen by Mission CDR time frame

# In situ radiometric measurements in progress

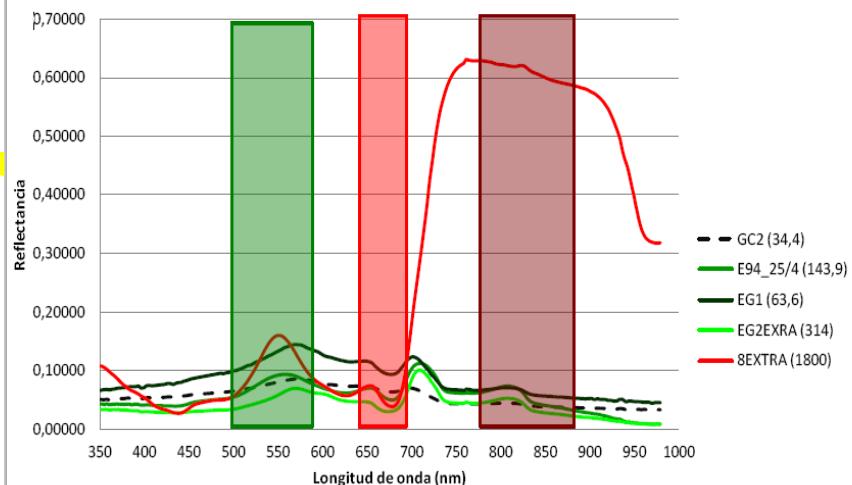


With National & International Cooperation



Respuesta espectral del sitio con una concentración de clorofila de 1800 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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# Satellite 2017 Conference

## 11-16 May 2017

### Barcelone

## Liulin-AR spectrometer for radiation environment observation on SABIA-MAR 1 satellite

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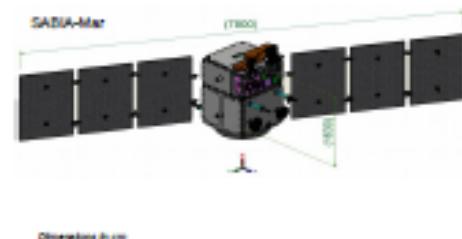
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### Abstract

The SABIA-Mar (Satelite Argentino Brasileño para Información del Mar) is a dual satellite joint Argentine-Brazilian Earth observation mission, which objective is to study the oceanic biosphere, its changes along time and how it is affected and reacts to human activity. The Argentinian SABIA-Mar 1 satellite planned to be launched at 702 km sun-synchronous circular orbit in 2021. The platform and the instruments for ocean color observation and sea surface temperature determination are developed and built in Argentina. A Liulin instrument for determination and quantification of the global distribution of the 4 possible primary sources of space radiation outside the satellite: galactic cosmic rays particles and their secondary products, energetic protons in the South Atlantic Anomaly region of the inner radiation belt, relativistic electrons and/or bremsstrahlung in the outer radiation belt and solar energetic particles, generated during solar particles events. The Liulin-AR instrument is a Liulin-type deposited energy spectrometer, which were successfully used in the period 2001-2016 in: five missions to the International space station, four low earth orbiting satellites and on the lunar Indian Chandrayaan-1 satellite. It is miniature spectrometer-dosimeter, which uses pulse analysis technique to obtain the energy deposited spectrum in single PIN diode with area of 2 cm<sup>2</sup> and thickness of 0.3 mm. The spectra are further used for calculation of the deposited in the silicon of the detector dose rate in micro Grey per hour and the flux of the particles. The Liulin -R dimensions are 10x40x20 mm and weight of 0.092 kg.



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Alba Zanini has her expertise in ionizing radiation dosimetry, both in medical and environmental field. In particular she developed original methods of passive dosimetry techniques for neutron spectrometry and dosimetry, suitable for space application, that were successfully employed on LEO orbits ESA satellites and on International Space Station. At present she collaborates with CONAE and IAA (Instituto Argentino) for a program of environmental radiation dosimetry at high southern latitudes, in space and in Argentine Antarctic base Marambio.  
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## Environmental radiation dosimetry at Argentine Antarctic Marambio Base ( $64^{\circ} 13' S$ , $56^{\circ} 43' W$ ): preliminary results

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### Comparison between all instruments (Antarctic campaign 2015)

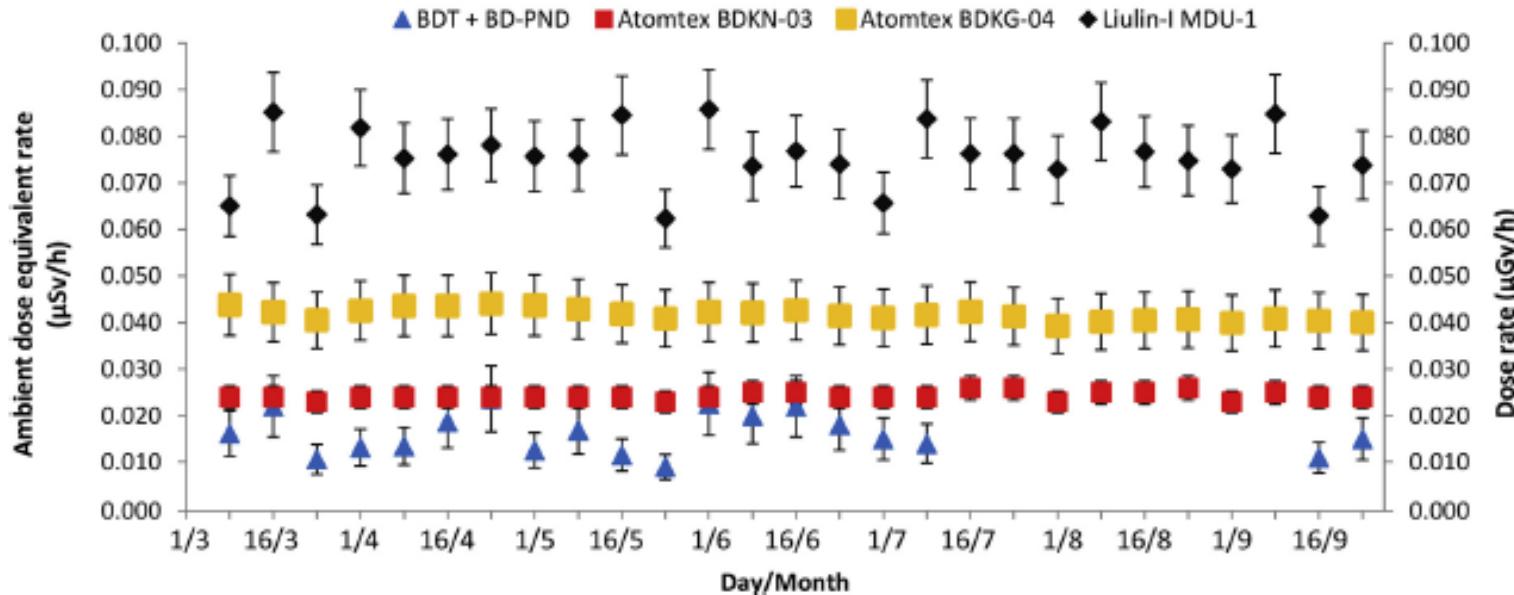


Fig. 7. Comparison between all instruments data measured in the period 1 March–20 September 2015 (8 days mean data) at Argentine Antarctic Marambio Base:

■ Neutron ambient dose equivalent rate ( $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{h}$ ) measured by Atomtex BDKN-03;

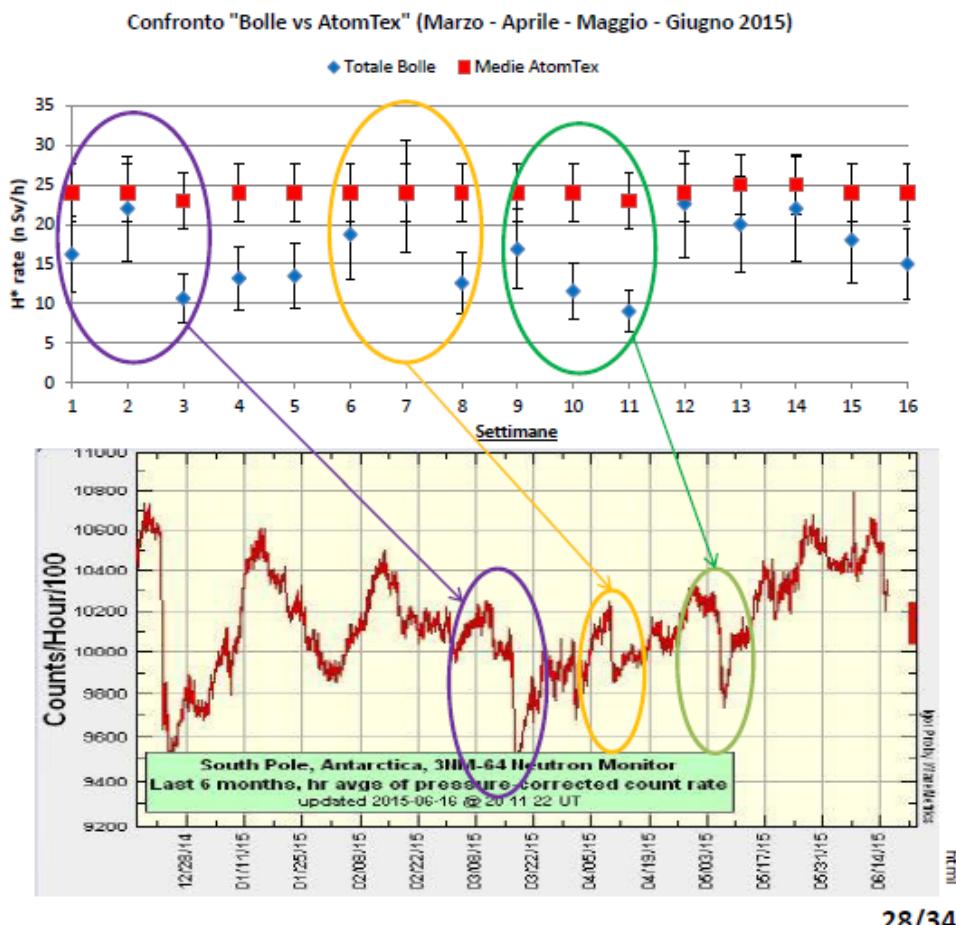
▲ Neutron ambient dose equivalent rate ( $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{h}$ ) (mean of BDT + mean of BD-PND) measured by Bubble detectors;

■ X-γ dose rate ( $\mu\text{Gy}/\text{h}$ ) measured by Atomtex BDKG-04;

◆ Dose rate ( $\mu\text{Gy}/\text{h}$ ) measured by Liulin-I MDU-1.

-Radiation dosimetry at Argentina Antarctic Marambio base  
 (200 m asl, 64°14' S - 56°37' W) and its correlation with cosmic ray variability  
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-Radiation dosimetry at high altitude and high latitude and correlation with cosmic ray variability  
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## Environmental radiation dose at Marambio Base -2015

Table 2  
 Dose equivalent rate mean values (1 March-20 September 2015).

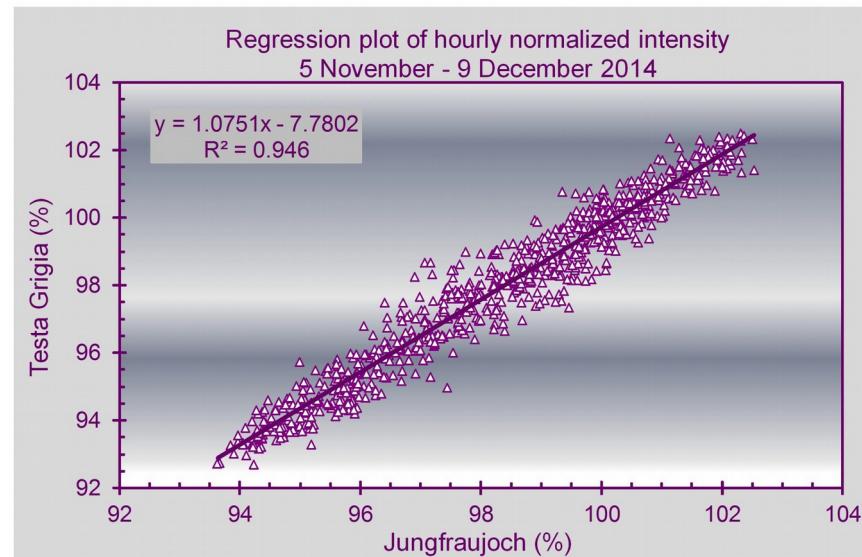
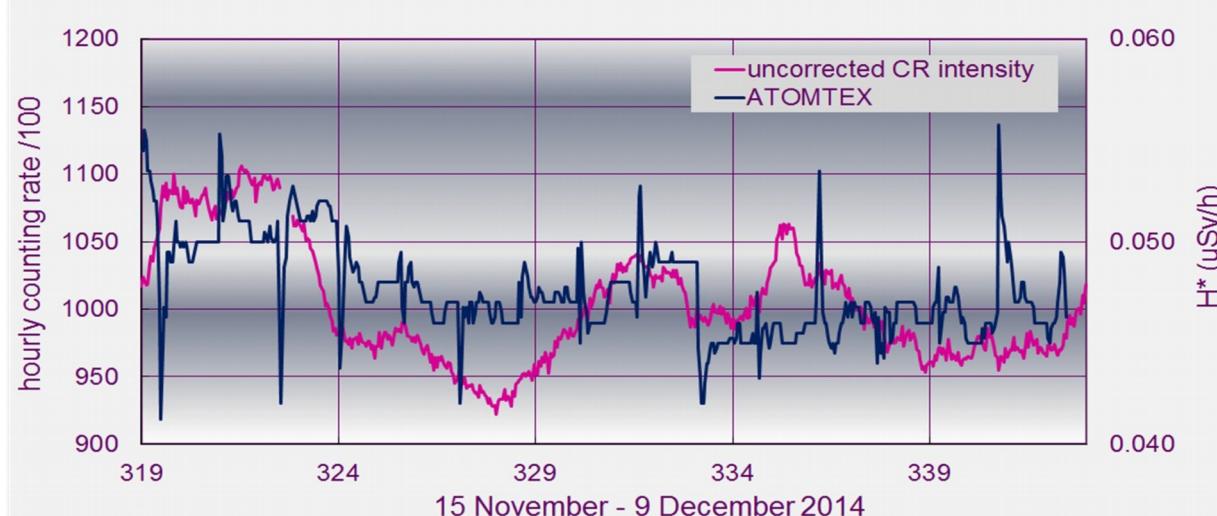
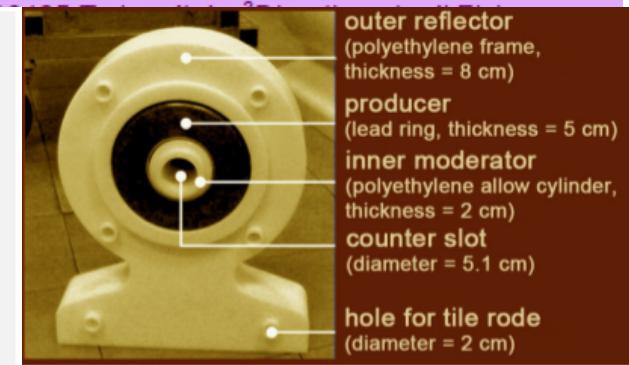
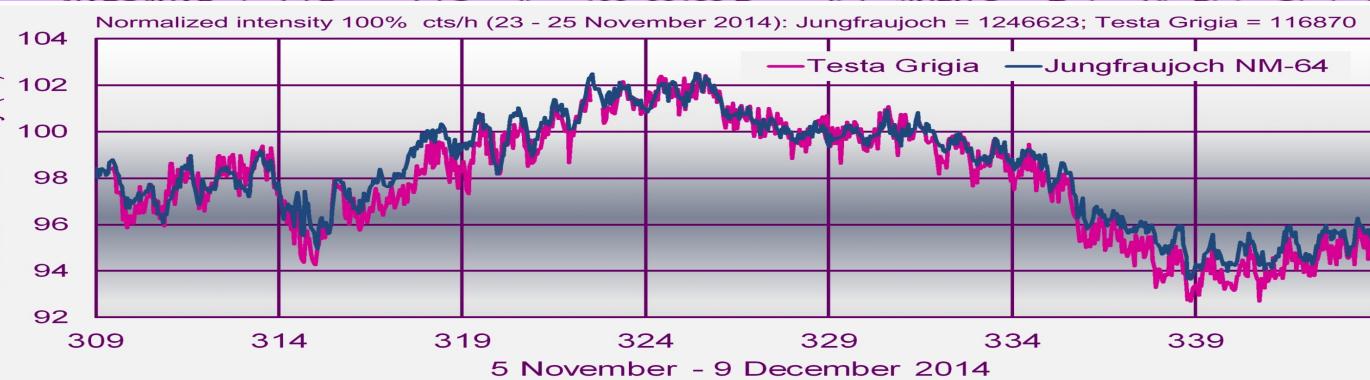
Instrument	Mean values	s.d.
Atomtex BDKN-03 (neutrons)	$H^*$ rate ( $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{h}$ ) 0.024	0.002
Bubble detectors (neutrons) BDT	$H^*$ rate ( $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{h}$ ) 0.007	0.002
BD-PND	0.010	0.003
Sum (BDT + BD-PND)	0.017	0.005
Liulin-I MDU-1 (LET Spectrometer)	$D$ rate ( $\mu\text{Gy}/\text{h}$ ) 0.080	0.010
Atomtex BDKG-04 ( $X, \gamma$ )	$D$ rate ( $\mu\text{Gy}/\text{h}$ ) 0.042	0.003



## SESSION - NEUTRON MONITOR SCIENCE AS A FUNDAMENTAL TOOL FOR SPACE WEATHER

### Multi-instrument radiation monitoring at the high altitude Testa Grigia Observatory

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# **Neutron Monitor**

## **IAPS-INAF Roma**

NM-64 He3 Portable Neutron Monitor:  
Il “*Modular Neutron Monitor*” (MNM)  
è impiegato per misurare la variabilità  
del flusso dei raggi cosmici primari.

- Formato da 23 moduli separati
- Lunghezza: 2,1 m
- Peso: 800 kg
- Contatore a 3He di tipo LND253773
- Calibrazione effettuata all'osservatorio SVIRCO (Roma)
- In attività presso il Laboratorio Testa Grigia da ottobre 2014



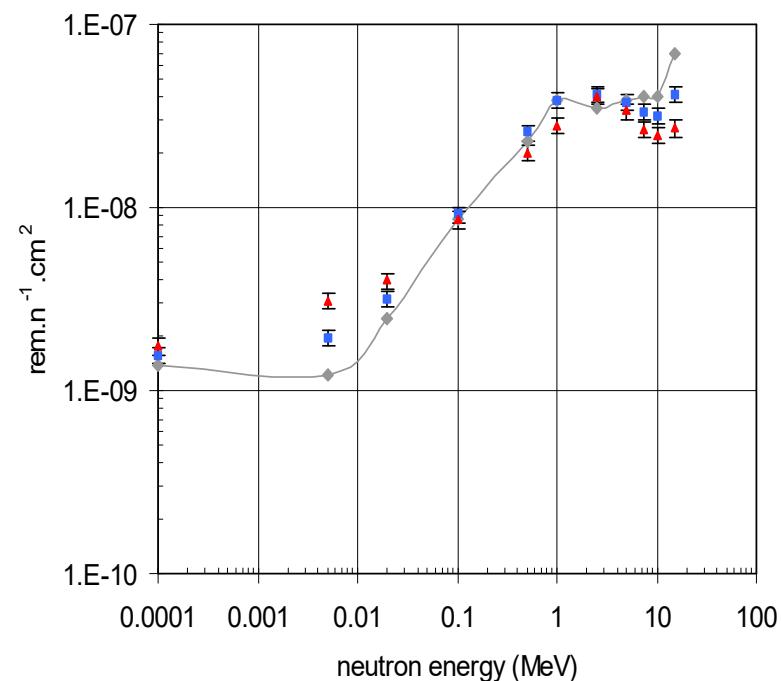
MNM Neutron Monitor



Connections of the MNM

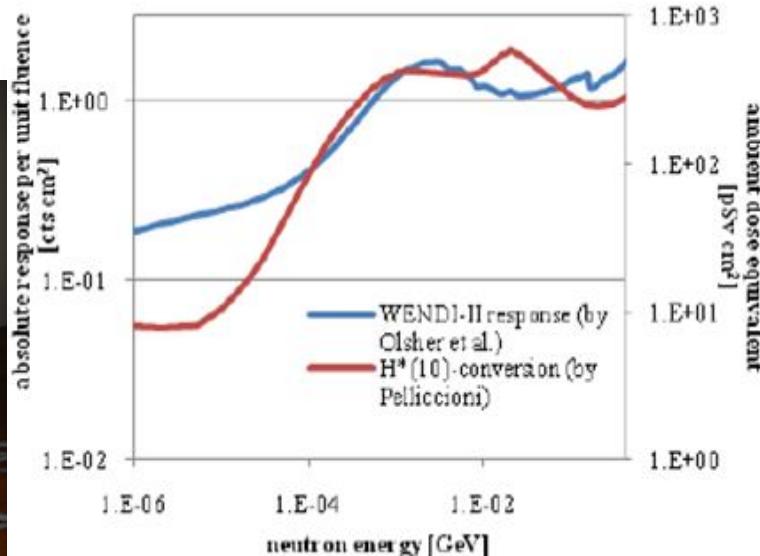
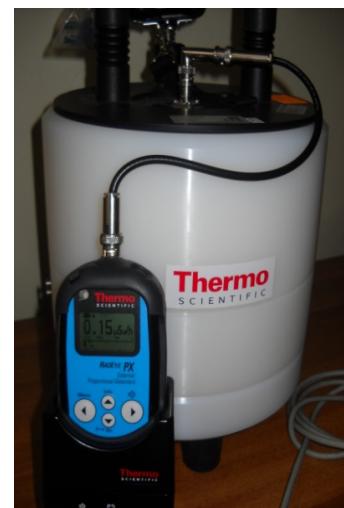
## Rem Counter AtomTex

- AT1117M works with digital readout consisting of the processing unit (PU1 and/or PU2) with an internal Geiger-Muller counter:
- Neutron Radiation: neutron/s\*cm
- Energy range: from 20 KeV up to 3 MeV
- n from 0.025 eV up to 14 MeV,
- $\alpha$  3-7 MeV,
- $\beta$  from 155 KeV up to 3,5 MeV.



## Extended FHT 762 Thermo

- Energy Range: 25MeV - 5GeV
- Linearity:  $\pm 20\%$
- (Angular dependence:  $\pm 20\%$  in all directions)
- Sensitivity: Sensitivity: 0.84 cps/( $\mu$ Sv/h) Cf-252
- Temperature (Metric) Operating -30° to +50°C
- Pressure: 500 to 1500 hPa
- Relative Humidity: up to 90%,



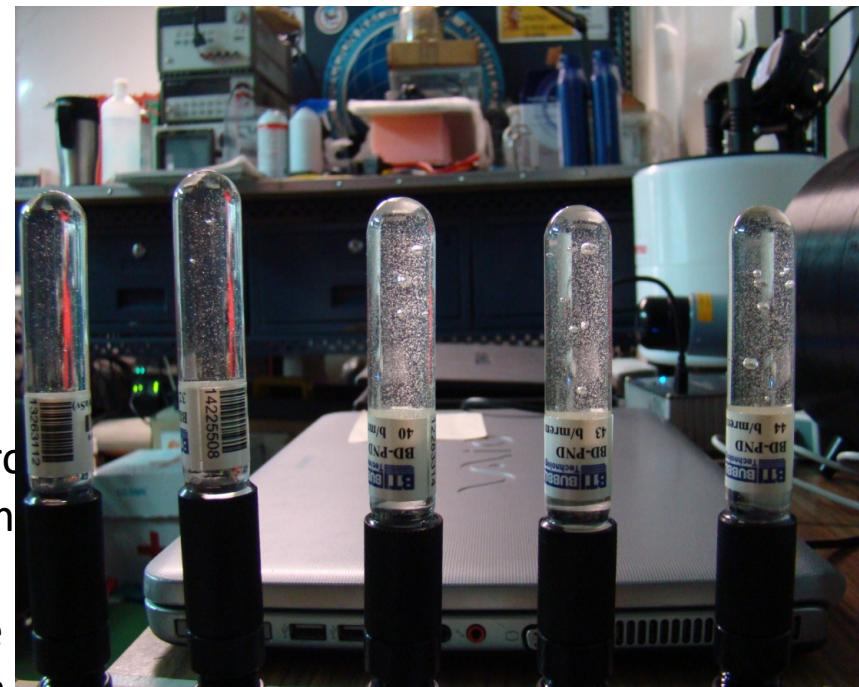
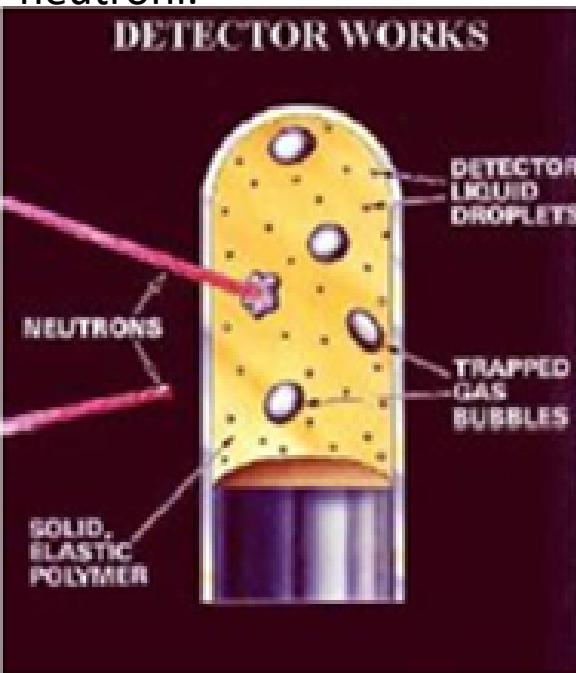
# Dosimetri a Bolle

**BDT:** neutroni a basse energie (0,025 eV – 0,4 eV)

**BD PND:** neutroni ad alta energia (100 KeV – 20 MeV)

*HANNO UN'ACCURATEZZA DEL 30%*

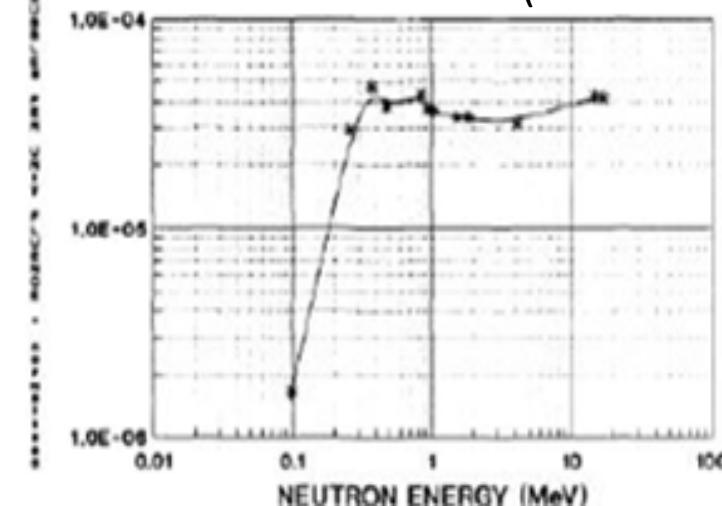
**Funzionamento:** fiale di policarbonato contenente un polimero elastico tessuto equivalente trasparente in cui sono presenti molte gocce di freon super riscaldato e termicamente metastabili. L'interazione dei neutroni con il polimero provoca la creazione di protoni ( $^{35}\text{Cl} + n \rightarrow ^{35}\text{S} + p$ ) ed il conseguente rilascio di energia causa la formazione delle bolle. I dosimetri vengono attivati tramite la rimozione del cappuccio che mantiene pressurizzato il liquido all'interno. Richiudendo il tappo, le bolle spariscono. Quindi numero di bolle risulta proporzionale al numero di neutroni.



Per misurare la dose basterà quindi contare il numero di bolle createsi e usare i fattori di conversione forniti dai costruttori dei dosimetri (dalla BTI Bubble Technology Industries).

## Vantaggi:

- insensibilità ai campi elettrici
- risposta angolare isotropa
- sono riutilizzabili



## 5) X- $\gamma$ detector BDKG-04

- **Energy range:** 50 keV - 3 MeV.
- **Sensitivity:**  
Dose rate  $0.05 \mu\text{Sv}/\text{h}$  -  $10 \text{ mSv}/\text{h}$
- **Error:** 20%

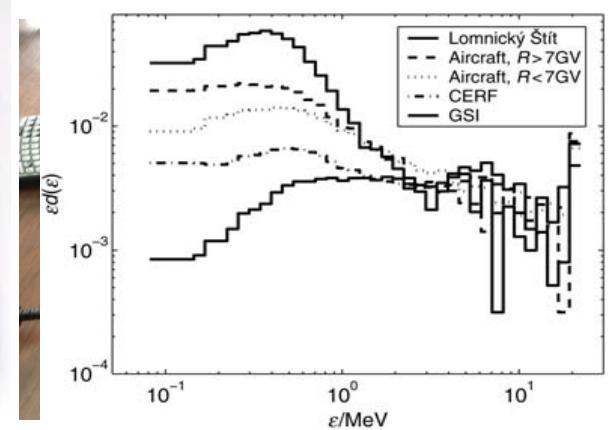


Based on a scintillation plastic detector ( $30 \times 15$ ) mm, sensitive to X and  $\gamma$  radiation

## 6) LET spectrometer Liulin I MUD-1

256-channel active silicon semiconductor spectrometer developed at Solar-Terrestrial Influence Laboratory of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

- **Energy range:** 10 KeV -20 MeV
- **Sensitivity:**  
Dose rate  $0.01 \mu\text{Sv}/\text{h}$  -  $10 \text{ mSv}/\text{h}$
- **Error:** 20%



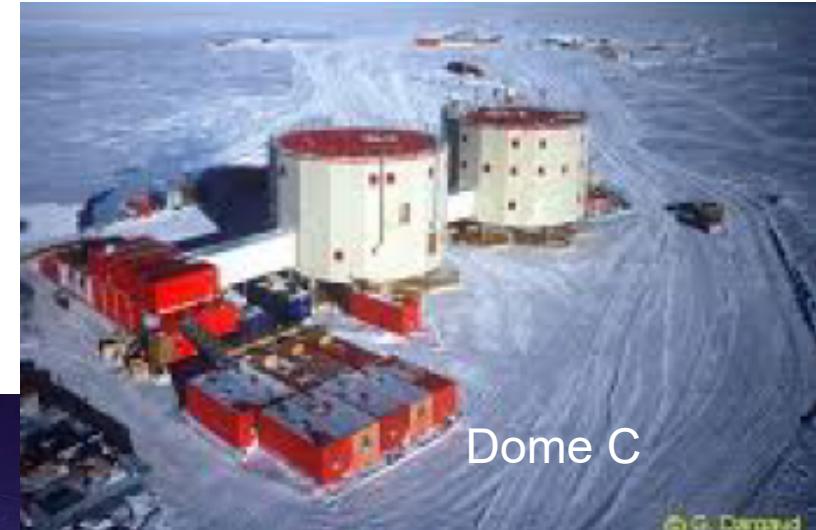
Liulin Detector response in various radiation environments



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a Buenos Aires

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- 2- l'ambasciatrice Teresa Castaldo
- 3-il segretario d'ambasciata Napolitano



Da sin. a dx

- 1-Antonio Meloni, presidente PNRA
- 2-Gabriele Paparo, 3-il presidente CONEA
- 4-il Prof Vicente Ciancio, 5-Alba Zanini



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Da sx a dx  
1- Ing. Corrado Varotto,  
presidente CONAE  
2- Monica Rabolli  
3-Gianrossano Giannini



# La Plata



Thank you for your attention