

LAGO: the Latin American Giant Observatory Status and Perspectives

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LAGO is a giant non centralized collaborative network of astroparticle detectors at global scale, currently operating in 11 countries

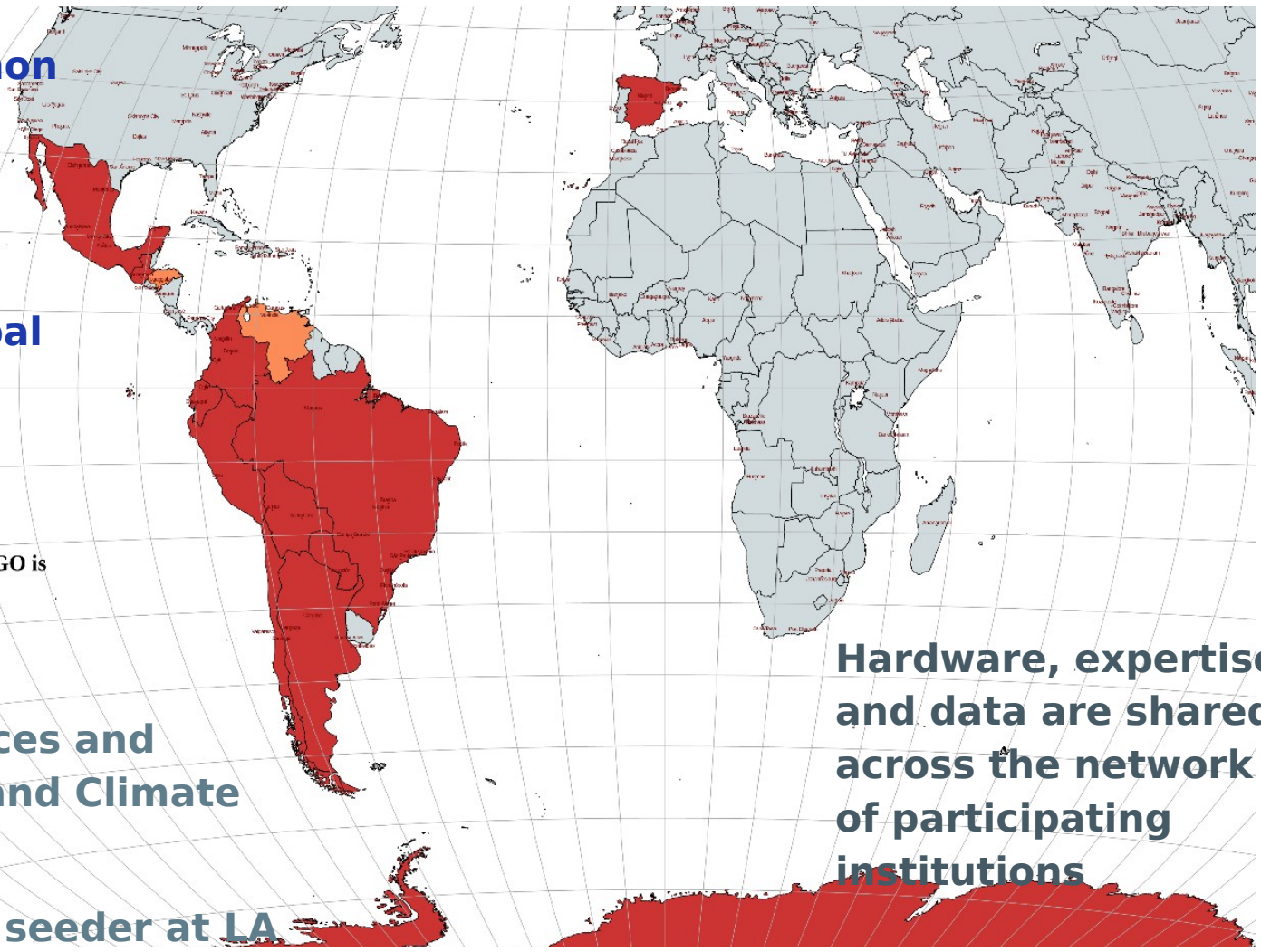
Countries where LAGO is operating

- Active
- Development

HE Gamma Sources and Space Weather and Climate phenomena

AP & HE physics seeder at LA

Hardware, expertise and data are shared across the network of participating institutions



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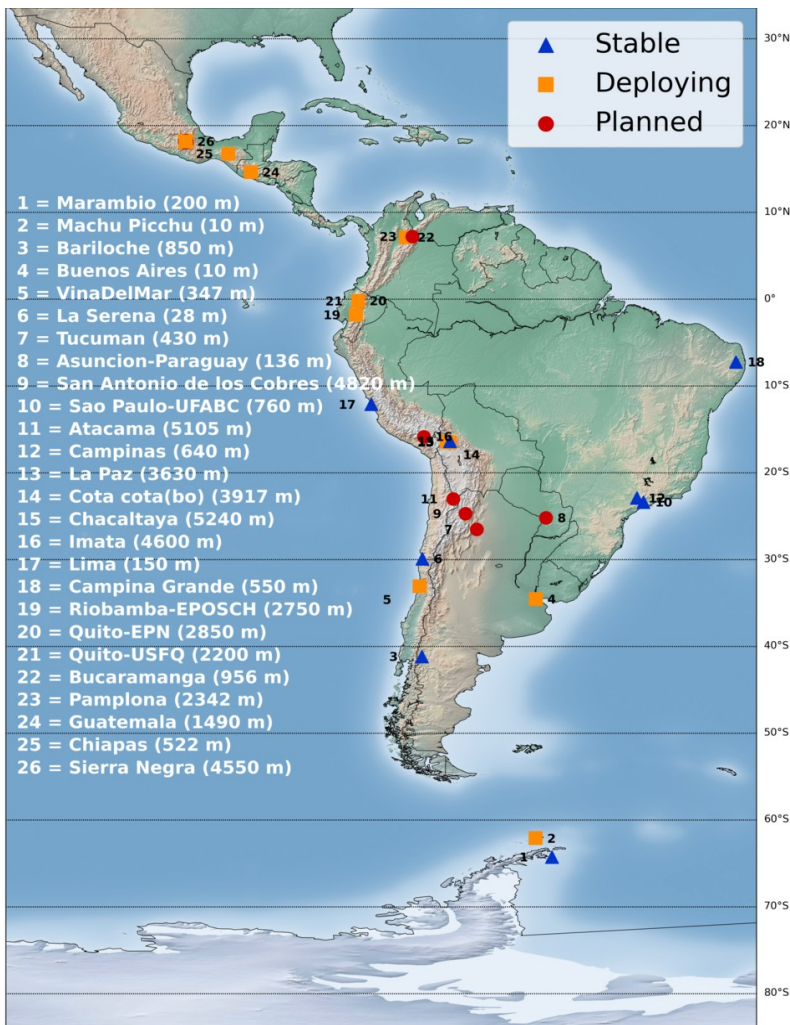
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● Scientific goals

- Astroparticle physics to study the extreme universe
- Transient and long term space weather phenomena through Solar modulation of Cosmic Rays
- Measurement of background radiation at ground level

● Academic goals

- Train Latin American students in High Energy and Astroparticle physics
- Build a Latin American network of Astroparticle and Cosmic Rays researchers



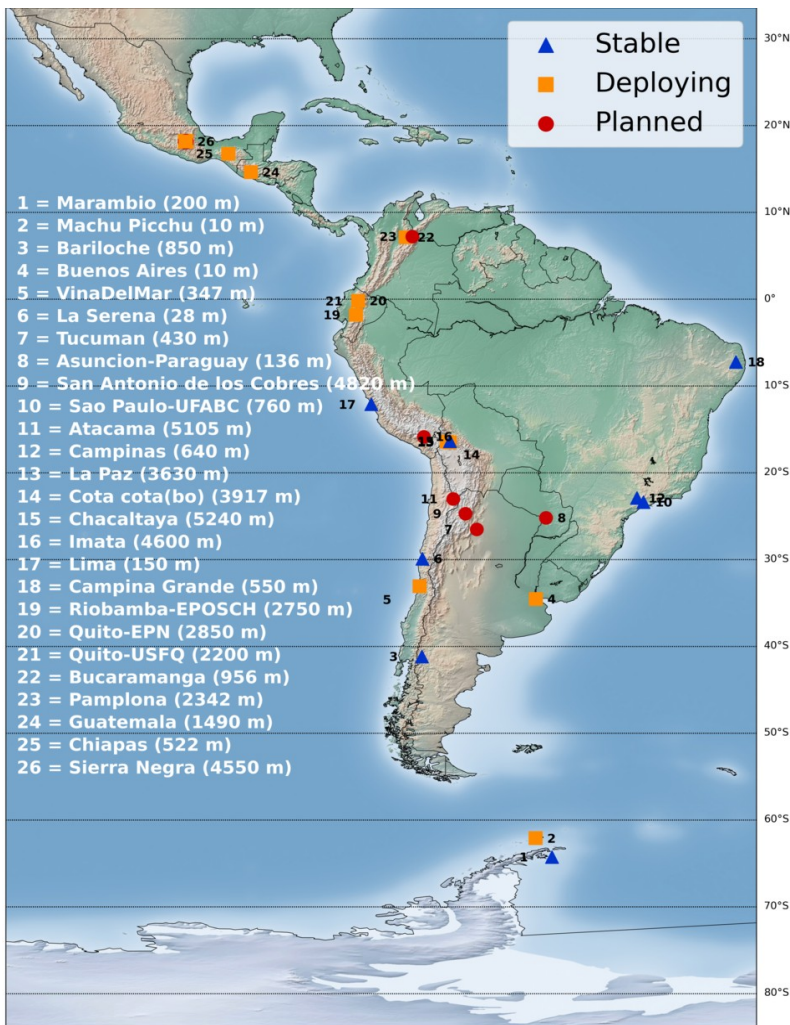
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1-10 m³ water Cherenkov detectors (WCD) deployed at **very different** altitudes and geomagnetic coordinates

The **time evolution of individual particles signals** registered at all the WCD are transferred and stored in a **central repository**

Synthetic signals produced by EAS are calculated for **any detector of any type**, in any site **around the World** under **realistic time-evolving conditions**



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LAGO-High Energy:

- Small arrays of WCD
- High energy components of GRB
- Low energy astroparticles

LAGO-Universities:

- Astrophysics and particle physics in undergraduate courses
- Muon decay
- Construction and characterization of particles detectors
- Detector physics and radiation-matter interactions
- Data analysis and statistic

LAGO-Space Weather:

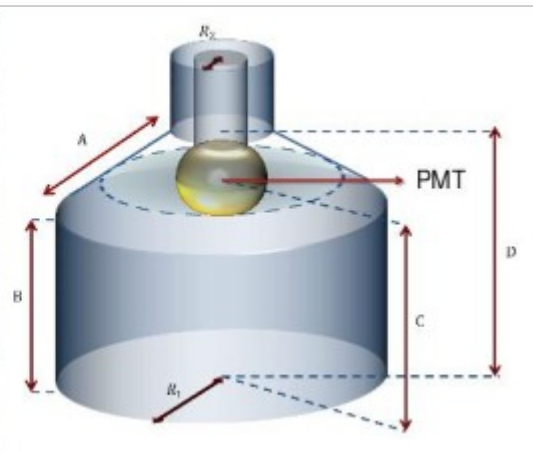
- Space Weather phenomena from ground level
- Possible connections: atmospheric physics
- Background radiation at ground (and flight) level

LAGO-Virtual:

- Acquire, produce, collect and preserve LAGO data
- Integration with EOSC services
- Toolkit development → ARTI (integration of MAGCOS, CORSIKA and Geant 4)

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Autonomous, reliable, simple, cheap and smart (based on SBC and COTS) WCD with a single PMT (usually provided by LAGO in most of the participating countries)



New own designed electronic based on SteamLab RedPitaya

H. Arnaldi et al, [IEEE2020](#)

SaaS (Sensors as a Service) Concept

H. Asorey et al, [PoS\(ICRC2015\)](#)

LAGO detectors diversity



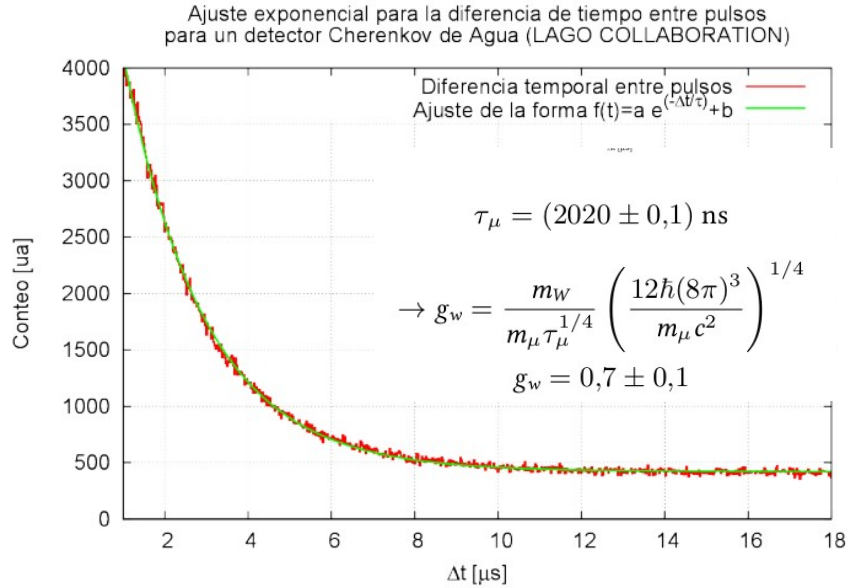
LAGO difficulties @ LA



LAGO Universities

Yearly LAGO workshop and AP&HE physics schools (combined mode since 2012!)

More than 400 participating students in total



Experimental, astro-ph & hep-ph courses

Muon decay: electroweak theory, python, data analysis, simulations, detector physics, statistics, ...

H. Asorey et al, [Rev. Bras. Ensino Fís. 40 \(4\)](#)



Last in person meeting previous to the pandemic - Dec. 2019 - @ CAC - CNEA Bs As, Argentina

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Yearly LAGO workshop and AP&HE physics schools This year edition Feb. 2022 @ Tucuman, Argentina



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13th LAGO Workshop

Tucumán, Argentina

The workshop will be held between the 21st and 26th of February, 2022, in Tucuman, Argentina.

Chair: María Graciela Molina (FACET - UNT)

co-Chair: Iván Sidelnik (CONICET-CNEA)

Registration is closed!

However, if you need an invitation letter please send an email to Graciela <gmolina@herrera.unt.edu.ar>

Abstract submission and finance support

The Abstract submission and the procees to request financial support is now closed. Thanks for participating.

Local Organizing Comitee (Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Tecnología (FACET) – Universidad Nacional de Tucumán (UNT))

- María Graciela Molina
- Ticiano Torres Peralta
- Juan Ise

Scientific Comitee

- Hernán Asorey (Instituto de Tecnologías en Detección y Astropartículas (ITeDA), Centro Atómico Constituyentes, CNEA/CONICET/UNSAM, Buenos Aires, Argentina.)
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- Anderson Fauth (Universidade Estadual de Campinas [IFGW])
- Luis Nuñez (Universidad Industrial de Santander [UIS])

LAGO WORKSHOP
21-26 February 2022
Tucumán, Argentina

Organize: + INFO

LAGO SCHOOL
main topics

- LAGO data management and sharing
- Scientific Programming
- Machine Learning fundamentals, tools and applications
- Space Weather
- WCDs instrumentation and electronics

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/CneB2YkM6kgTP9Au7>
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Open Abstract submission: **15th Oct 2021**
Link: <https://forms.gle/9w6DEntgcHyjps67>

Abstract submission deadline: **08th Nov 2021**

Hybrid format meeting both in person and virtual

LAGO Universities – Virtual data analyses workshops

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Recording...

Zoom Meeting

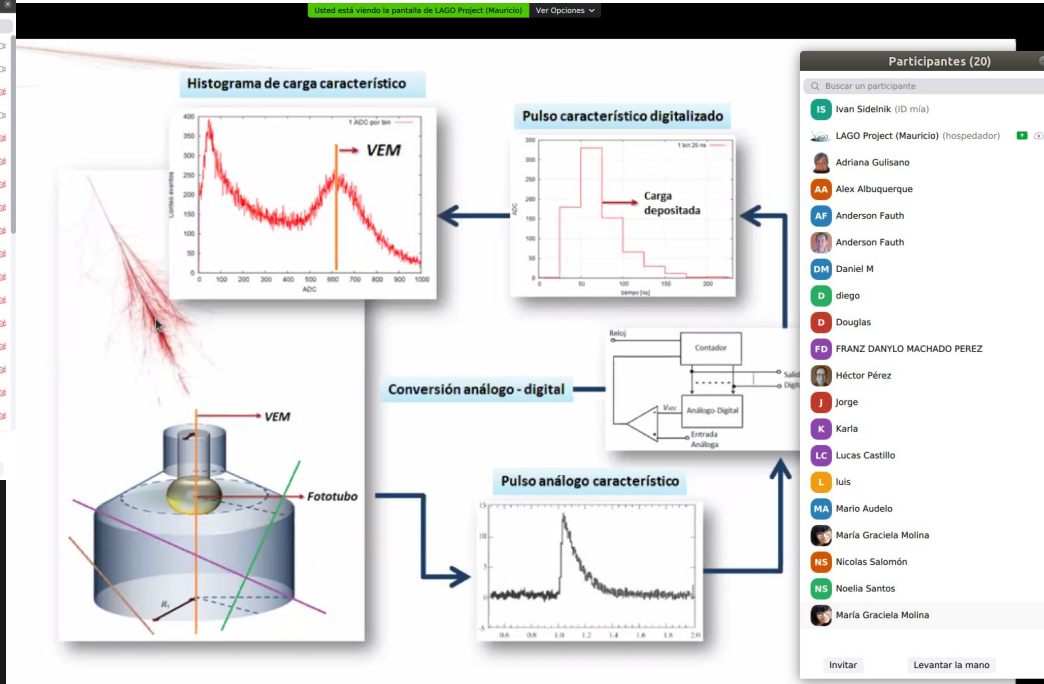
Participantes (34)

Find a participant

- Ivan Sidelnik (Host, me)
- Edgar Fernando Carrera Ja...
- Mauricio Suarez-Duran
- Christian Sarmiento (Co-host)
- Luis Ostiano (Co-host)
- Adriana Gulisano
- Alex Albuquerque
- Alexander Martinez Méndez
- Alex Alvaro Taboada
- Anderson Fauth
- Antonio Juan Rubio-Montero (CIEMAT)
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- Hernán Asorey

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- Jorge
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- LC Lucas Castillo
- luis
- MA Mario Audelo
- Maria Graciela Molina
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2020-2021-2022

Virtual workshops and working groups meetings
Trough the network

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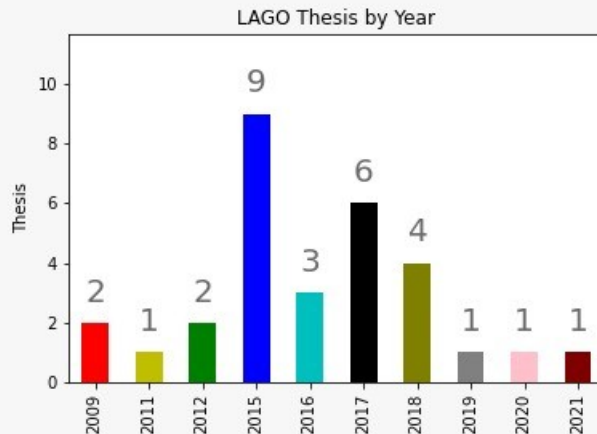
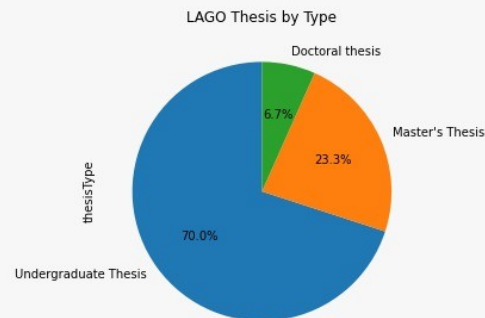


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| Caracterización de perfiles atmosféricos para la cadena de simulación de la colaboración LAGO | Grisales-Casadiegos, J. [] | Undergraduate thesis | Escuela de Física, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia | 2019 |
| Estimación de la respuesta de un detector Cherenkov de agua al fondo de rayos cósmicos en Bucaramanga(956 m s.n.m) | Jaimes-Motta, A. [] | Undergraduate thesis | Escuela de Física, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia | 2018 |
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I. Sidelnik for LAGO, LAS4RI forum, 2020

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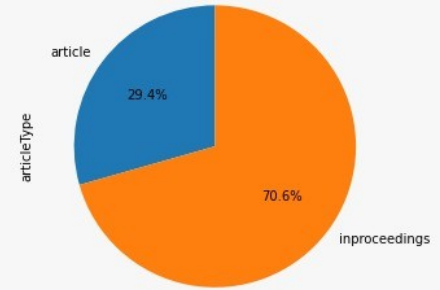
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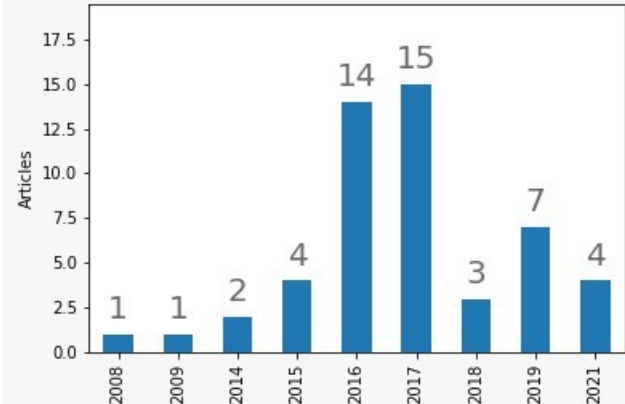
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LAGO Virtual

Own designed hierarchical data analysis and virtualized docker-based tools

Measured: 2 TB/year-detector. 4 quality levels: L1: raw data, L2: preliminary, L3: Data Quality, L4: High Quality.

L. Otiniano, <https://indi.to/P7x8x>

Simulated: Up to 1 PB (estimated), EOSC-Synergy thematic service lead by CIEMAT: S0: raw data, S1: simulated and modulated particles at ground, S2: simulated signals at detector level.

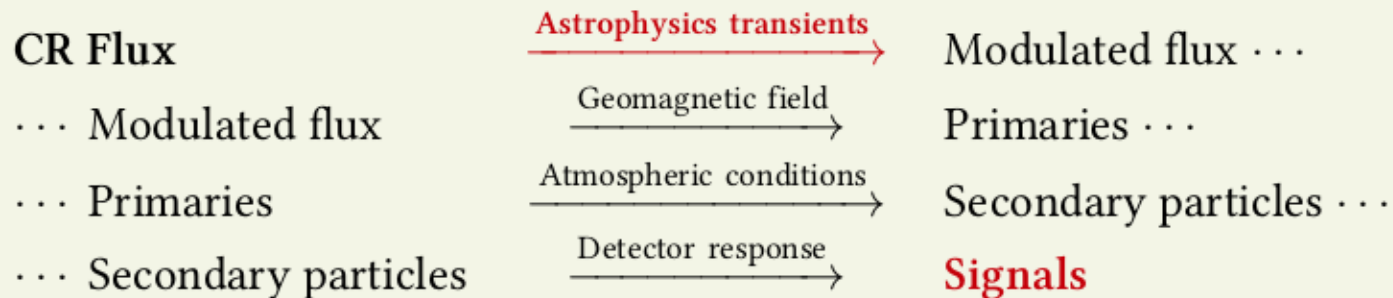
Data is transferred to the central repository and is mirrored to several sites (+ each site has its own local data)



LAGO Capabilities: Multi-spectral analysis

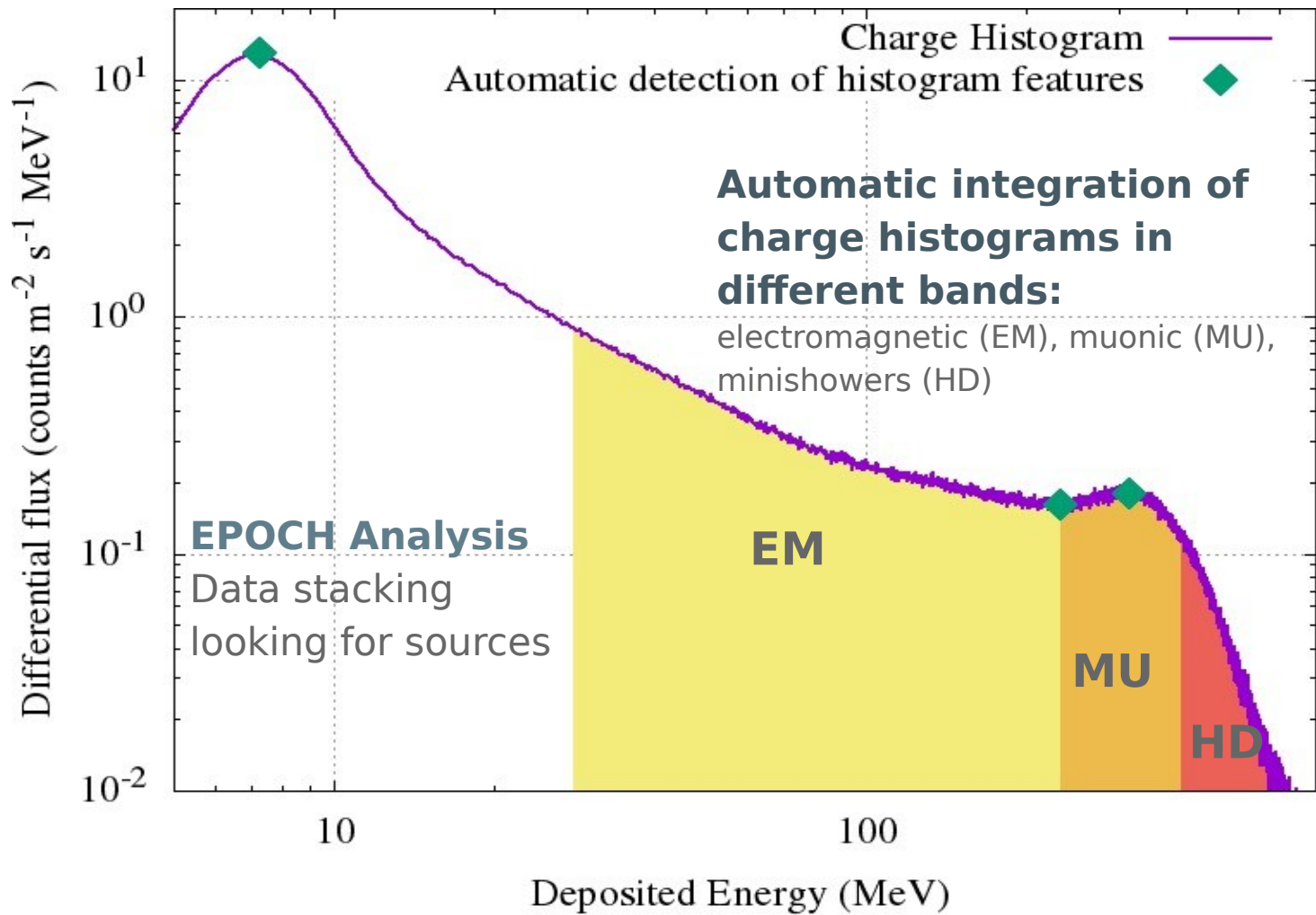
- Simultaneous measurements of secondaries at ground level
- Intensive simulation and data analysis frameworks

Connections



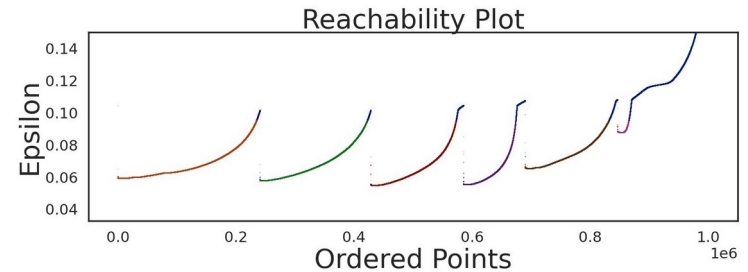
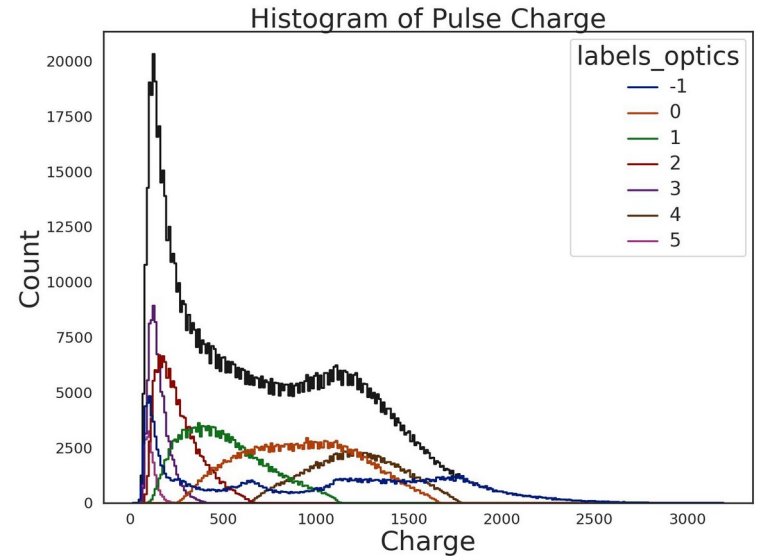
Synergy

Flux variation of signals at detector level \Leftrightarrow Transients



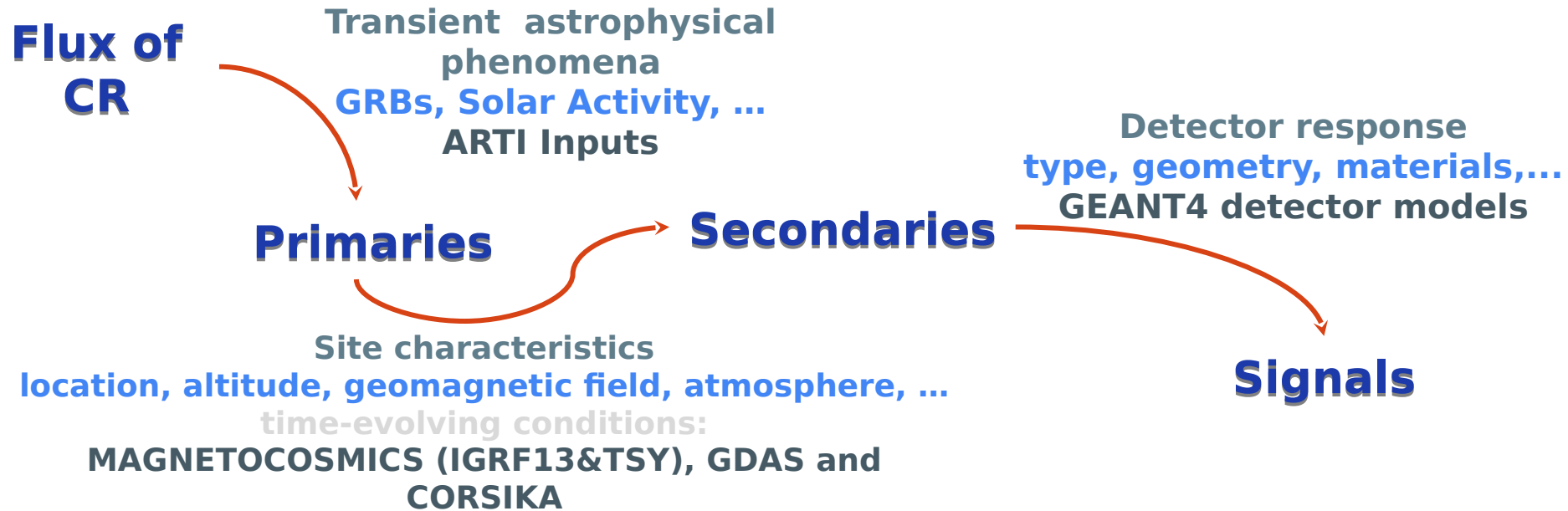
Machine learning applied to particle classification

Applied hierarchical density-based clustering algorithm
Ordering Points To Identify Clustering Structure (OPTICS).



T. Torres Peralta, Machine learning applied to particle classification in LAGO Water Cherenkov Detectors, <https://indi.to/2x43y>

ARTI, the LAGO simulation framework

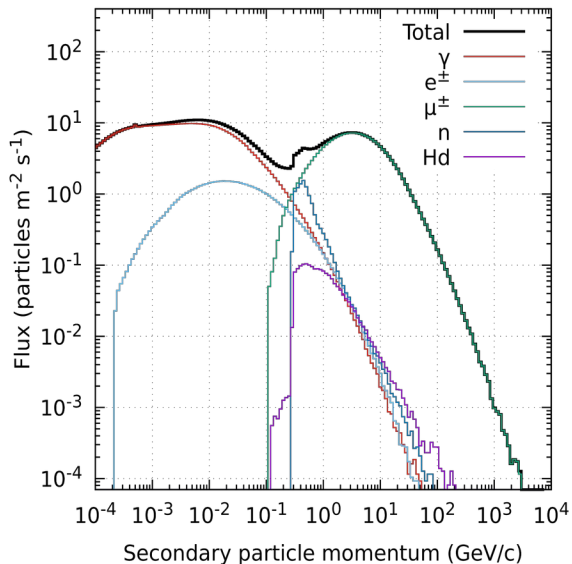


ARTI Inputs ———> **S0: raw Corsika** ———> **S1: secondaries** ———> **S2: signals**
do_sims do_showers do_signals

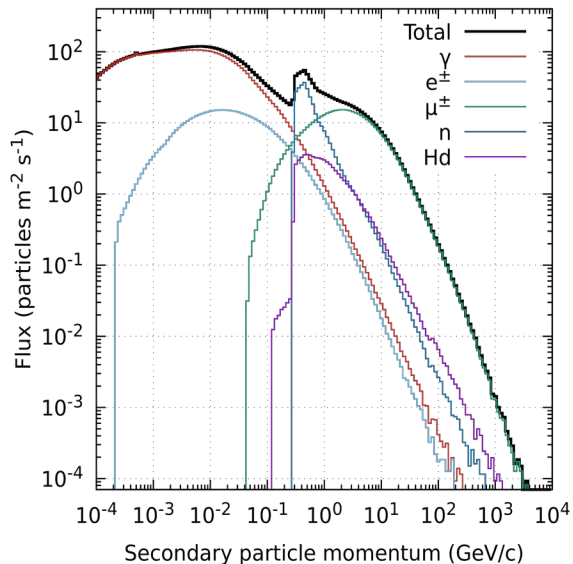
The EOSC-Synergy cloud services implementation for the Latin American Giant Observatory (LAGO), H. Asorey et al, [PoS\(ICRC2021\)261](#), A novel cloud-based framework for standardized simulations in the Latin American Giant Observatory, A. J. Rubio- Montero, et. al., WSC '21

1st run: $>10^{11}$ sim EAS in 150 kh·proc (now 500 kh·proc)

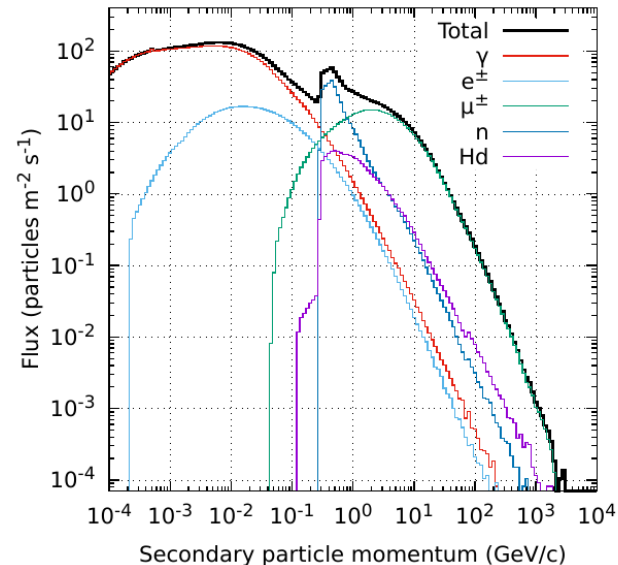
LSC, 3 days, 28 m a.s.l.



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



CHI, 1 day, 5000 m a.s.l.



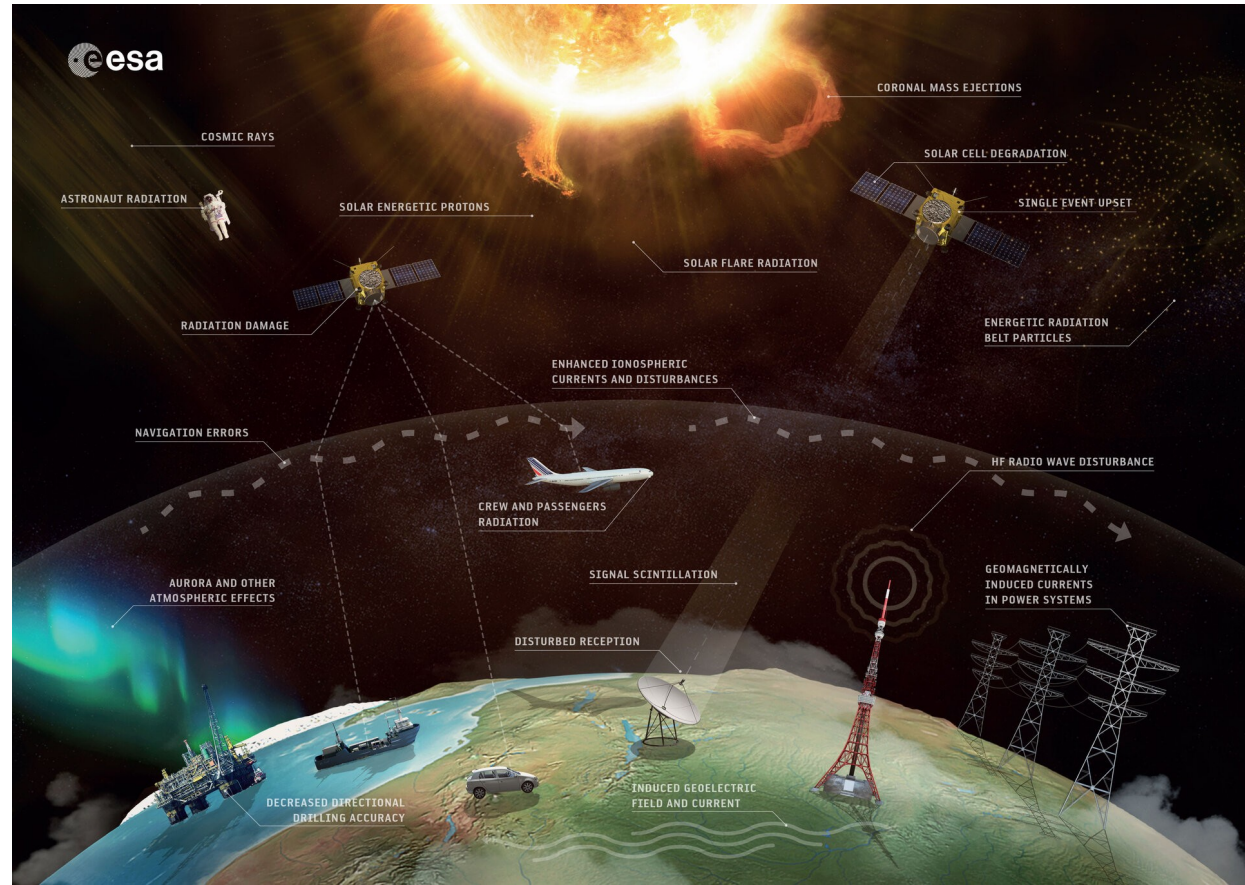
Detailed flux of secondary particles at detector level for all LAGO sites and other locations around the World.

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LAGO SW

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H. Asorey et al, [PoS\(ICRC2015\)142](#)



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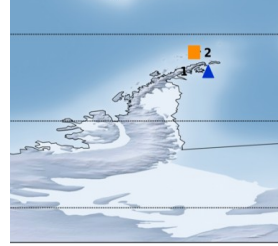
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Antarctic dedicated SW sites

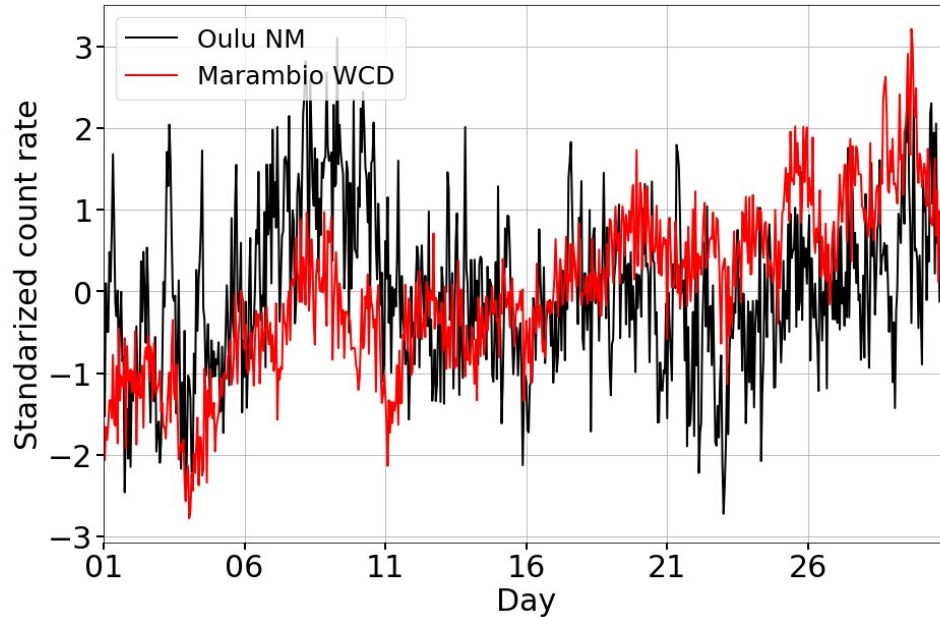


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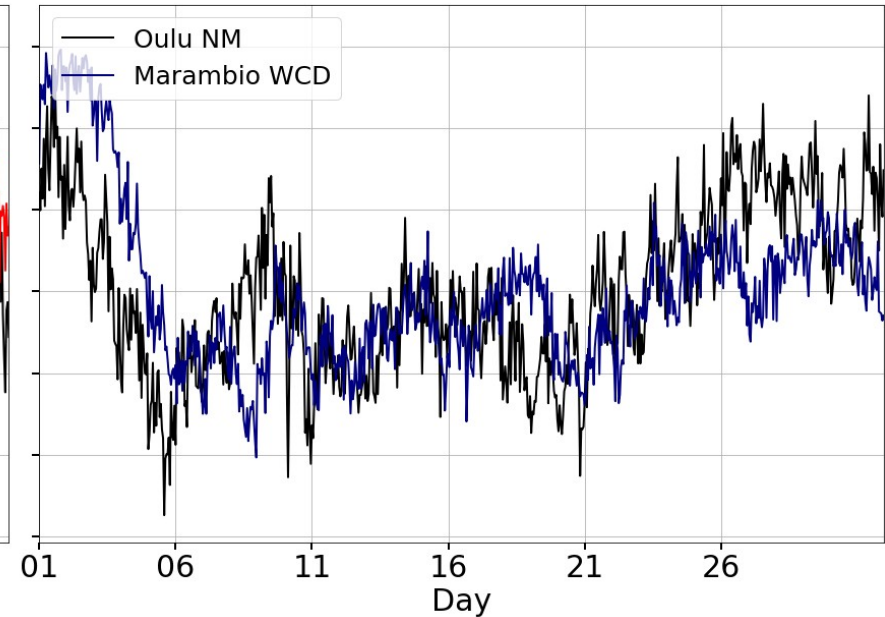
Long term analysis for space climate at low rigidity sites: LAGO observations at the Antarctica Peninsula (N. Santos et al, [PoS\(ICRC2021\)304](#))



April 2019



December 2020



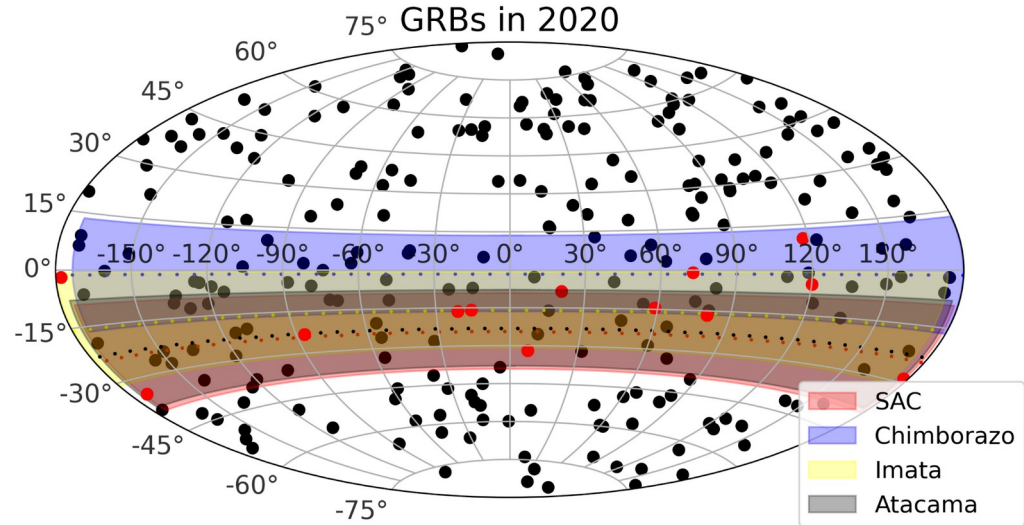
LAGO HE program

New high altitude site projects!

- **Mt. Chimborazo @ Ecuador (ESPOCH) [Just started]**
- **Atacama @ Chile (Apex site) [application for funding ongoing]**
- **Imata @ Perú**
- **San Antonio de los Cobres @ Argentina**

Small arrays of WCD at very high altitude sites (<4500 m asl)

FOV overlapped by design for simultaneous measurements



Ch. Sarmiento et al, LAGO studies to detect Gamma-Ray Burst and High Energy Astrophysics sources using water Cherenkov detector arrays. <https://indi.to/hK9p6>

LAGO Spin-offs: LA-CoNGA

Open science education collaboration between Latin America and Europe.

Remote-access labs

Biblio. **Demo** **Control and data taking** **Communication**

Remote-access detectors and instruments

Water Cherenkov Detector
Extensive Air Shower
National Instruments
CAEN

LAGO CoNGA

LA-CoNGA physics

D. Cazar, LA-CoNGA physics: a case study for open science education collaboration between Latin America and Europe, <https://indi.to/BxZFS>.

Detección de neutrones con detector Cherenkov

Resultados experimentales de la eficiencia de detección en comparación con las simulaciones

| Volumen sensible | Resultados experimentales (%) | Simulación (%) | Total de capturas (%) | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | ¹ H (%) | ¹² C (%) |
| Agua pura | 19 ± 12 | 10.18 | 10.17 | 0 |
| Agua + ¹² C (2.5%) | 44 ± 10 | 24.19 | 15.57 | 7.91 |

| Volumen Sensible | Probabilidad de capturar neutrones (%) | Distancia máxima de absorción (cm) |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| H ₂ O | 25.18 | 8.4±0.1 |
| H ₂ O + 2.5% NaCl | 26.73 | 8.0±0.1 |
| H ₂ O + 5% NaCl | 27.65 | 7.7±0.1 |
| H ₂ O + 10% NaCl | 29.26 | 7.3±0.1 |

Sidelnik I., Asorey H., Jerónimo J., Gómez M., Neutron detection using a water Cherenkov detector with pure water and a single PMT. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2017.02.048>
 Sidelnik I., Asorey H., Guarín et al., Neutron detection capabilities of Water Cherenkov Detectors, Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A (2019), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2019.03.017>
 Sidelnik I., Asorey H., Guarín N., Suarez M., Gómez M. B., Lipovsky J., Bostin J., (2020), Simulación de neutrones de 500 MeV mediante el uso del detector Cherenkov de agua dopado con NaCl, Avances in Space Research, volumen 65(9), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asr.2020.02.07>

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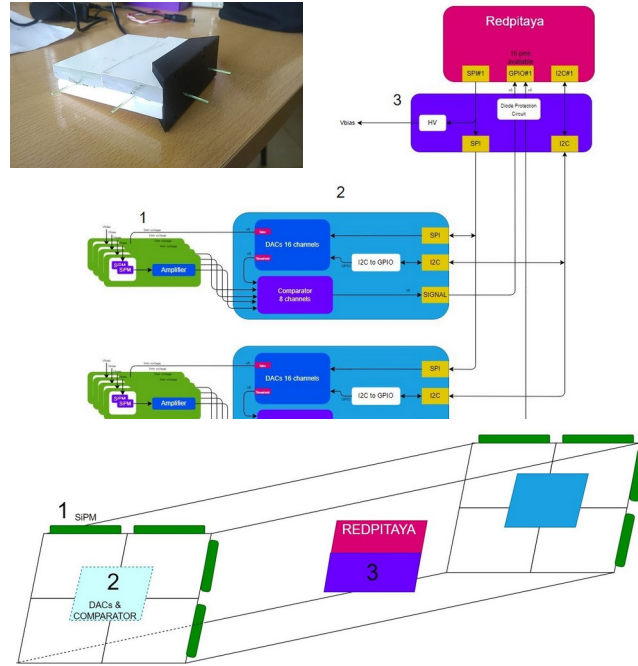
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J. Betancourt, Measuring soil moisture level using cosmic rays neutron detectors, <https://indi.to/pLmPn>

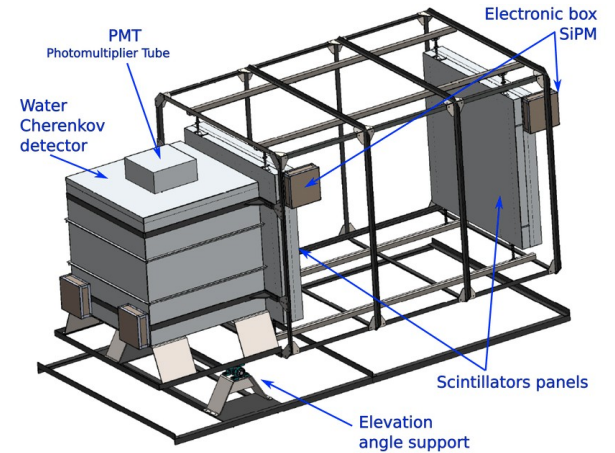
LAGO Spin-offs: Muography

Modified LAGO simulation chain

One-year averaged flux of high-energy secondary particles at ground ($p_S > 800$ GeV/c)



C. Castromonte, Status of the construction of a Muon Tomography Detector for the Study of Geophysical Objects, <https://indi.to/HJ3bg>



J. Peña-Rodríguez, Design and construction of MuTe: a hybrid Muon Telescope to study Colombian volcanoes

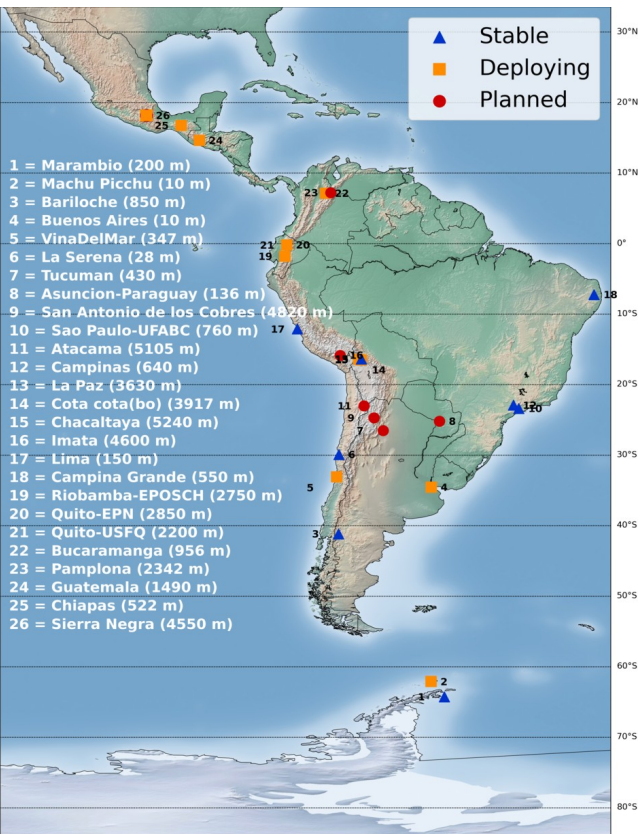
Conclusion

- **LAGO major activities are focused in Latin America**
- Long base **WCD** array **from Mexico to Antarctica**
- High and low altitude sites that allow us to perform space weather, high energy physics and background radiation measurements
- Complete simulation chain from the primary cosmic rays flux to signal at the WCD
- Multispectral analysis
- **New sites @ Latin America with projects and fund requested**

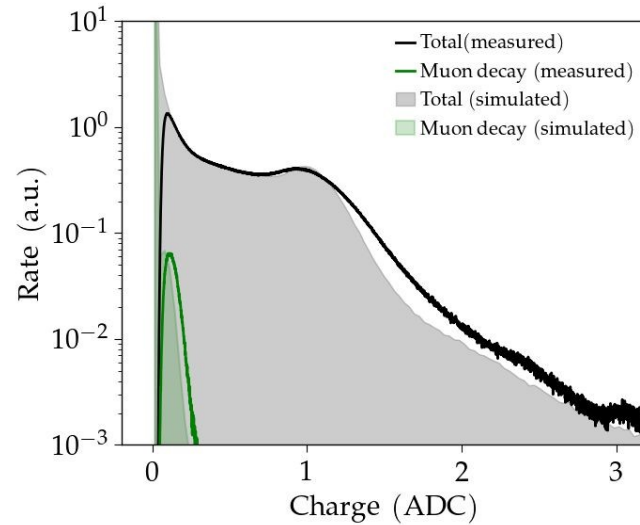
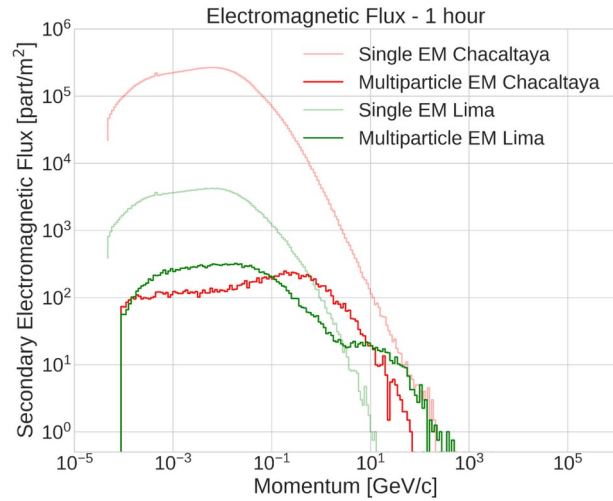
- **Local and regional integration of universities and institutes**
- Student training in high energy physics @LA: schools and experiment @ different sites
- **Very active LA community with several project funded and ongoing @ different institutions**

LAGO constitutes a **Latin American** network of students and researchers in astroparticle and high energy physics

¡Gracias!



LAGO Multiparticles



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