

# Medipix: Un ejemplo de transferencia tecnológica desde la física de altas energías hacia otros campos de la ciencia

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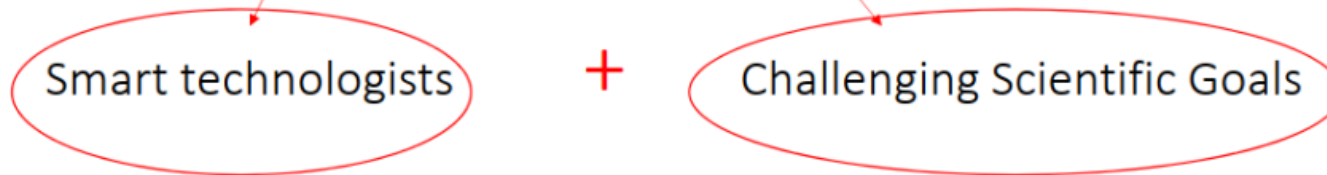
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- “New directions in science are launched by **new tools** much more often than by new concepts.
  - The effect of a concept-driven revolution is to explain old things in new ways.
  - The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover new things that have to be explained”

Freeman Dyson

- Nowadays evolution of HEP Detector Systems is driven by **Smart Customization of Technology**
  - rather than high-end technology development, which requires huge resources



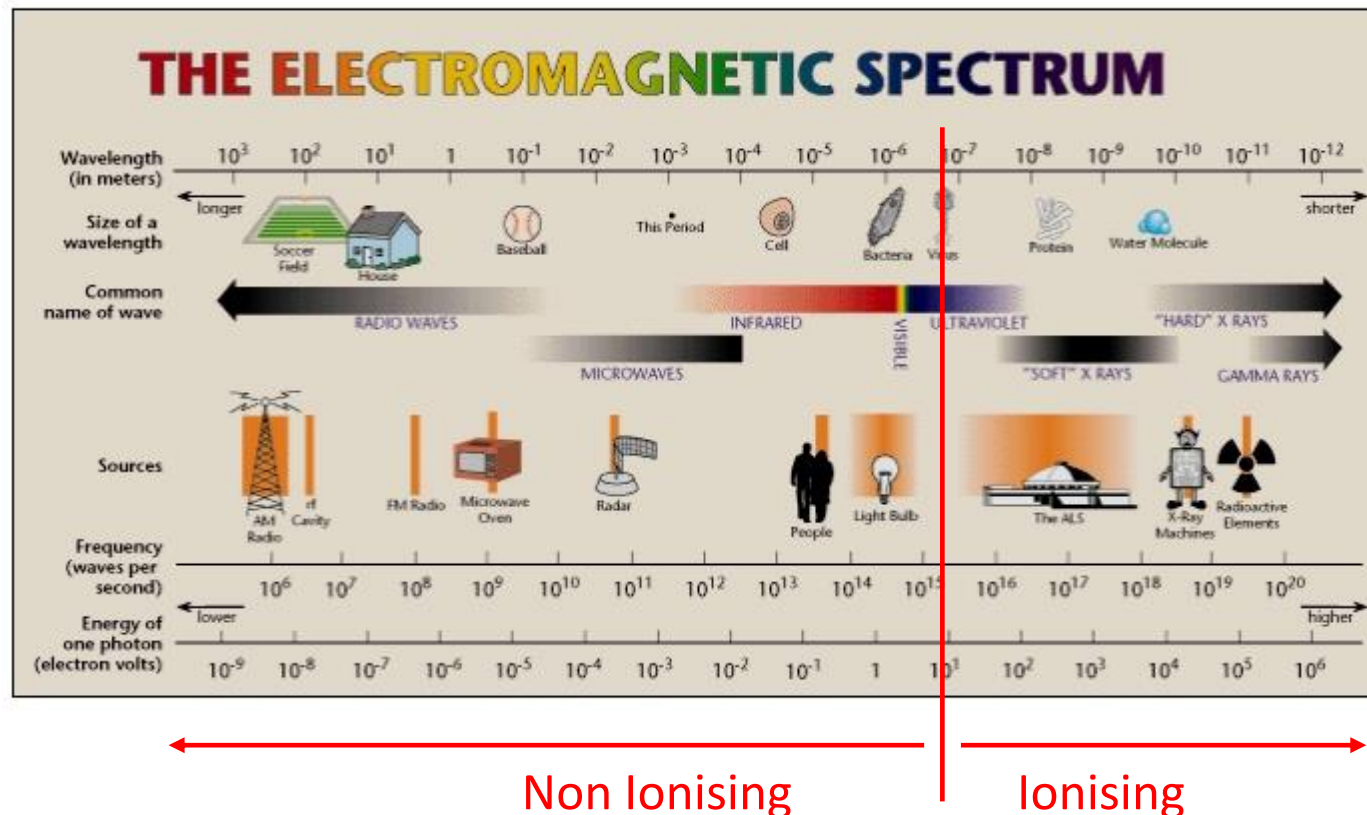
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# Introducción: La radiación ionizante

# La radiación ionizante

- La radiación es la emisión o propagación de energía en forma de ondas o partículas a través del espacio o de un medio material.
- La radiación ionizante se refiere a un tipo de radiación que posee suficiente energía para eliminar electrones fuertemente ligados de átomos o moléculas, lo que resulta en la creación de iones. La radiación ionizante puede estar en forma de partículas ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , muones ( $\mu$ ), neutrones) u ondas electromagnéticas (rayos X, rayos  $\gamma$ ).



# Sources of Annual Dose to the Population

Average annual human exposure to ionizing radiation in **millisieverts (mSv) per year**

Radiation source	World <sup>[2]</sup>	US <sup>[3]</sup>	Japan <sup>[4]</sup>	Remark
Inhalation of air	1.26	2.28	0.40	mainly from <b>radon</b> , depends on indoor accumulation
Ingestion of food & water	0.29	0.28	0.40	(K-40, C-14, etc.)
Terrestrial radiation from ground	0.48	0.21	0.40	depends on soil and building material
Cosmic radiation from space	0.39	0.33	0.30	depends on altitude
<b>sub total (natural)</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>3.10</b>	<b>1.50</b>	sizeable population groups receive 10–20 mSv
Medical	0.60	3.00	2.30	worldwide figure excludes <b>radiotherapy</b> ; US figure is mostly <b>CT scans</b> and <b>nuclear medicine</b> .
Consumer items	–	0.13		cigarettes, air travel, building materials, etc.
Atmospheric nuclear testing	0.005	–	0.01	peak of 0.11 mSv in 1963 and declining since; higher near sites
Occupational exposure	0.005	0.005	0.01	worldwide average to workers only is 0.7 mSv, mostly due to radon in mines; <sup>[2]</sup> US is mostly due to medical and aviation workers. <sup>[3]</sup>
Chernobyl accident	0.002	–	0.01	peak of 0.04 mSv in 1986 and declining since; higher near site
Nuclear fuel cycle	0.0002		0.001	up to 0.02 mSv near sites; excludes occupational exposure
Other	–	0.003		Industrial, security, medical, educational, and research
<b>sub total (artificial)</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>2.33</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>6.24</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>millisieverts per year</b>

natural

artificial

A 70 kg human body contains about 140 grams of potassium, hence about  $0.000117 \times 140 = 0.0164$  grams of  $^{40}\text{K}$ ; whose decay produces about 3,850 to 4,300 disintegrations per second (becquerel) continuously throughout the life of the person.

Radionuclides of concern: Thorium ( $^{232}\text{Th}$ ), Uranium ( $^{238}\text{U}$ ) and ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ) Potassium and their decay products

mSv is a unit for Equivalent Dose intended to represent the health risk of ionizing radiation.

Equivalent dose (H) = Absorbed dose (D) [joules/kilogram] x Quality factor (Q)

Q=f(radiation type, biological context) (ex.  $W\alpha$  particle=20x W photon.)

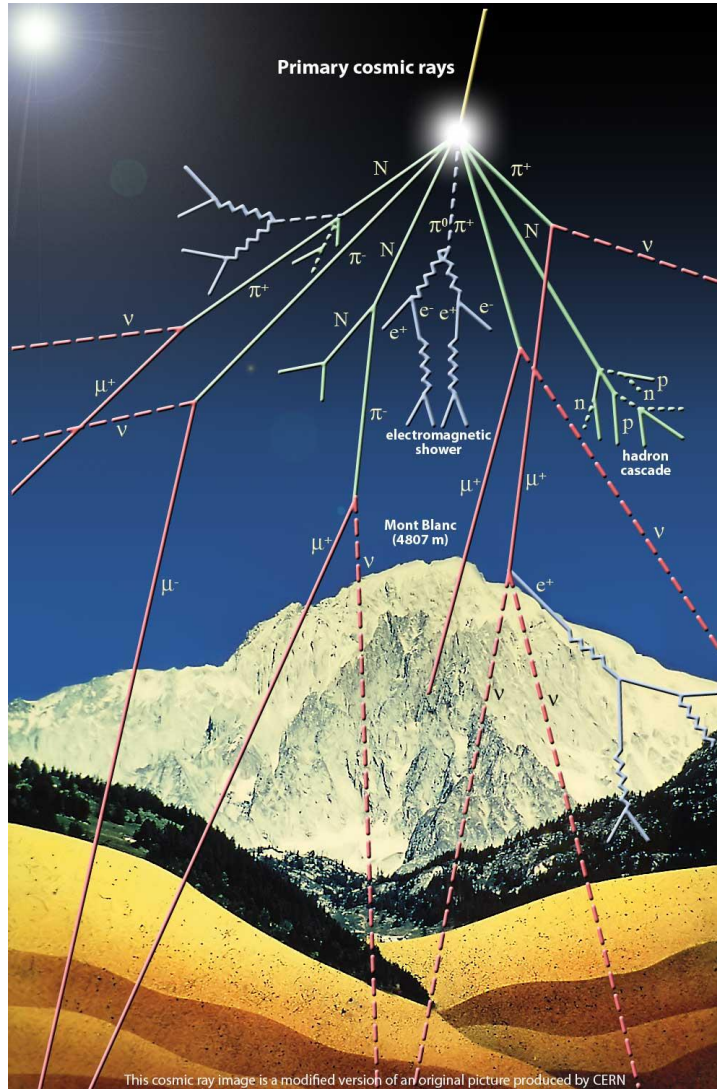
In the US and Japan artificial exposure is, on average, greater than the natural exposure, due to greater access to medical imaging

*“Coming out of space and incident on the high atmosphere, there is a thin rain of charged particles known as the primary **cosmic ray** radiation”*  
(Cecil Powell, Nobel Prize Lecture, 1950)

**cosmic** ⇒ with an extraterrestrial origin  
**rays** ⇒ a “misnomer” due to a historical accident as cosmic rays were at first, and wrongly, thought to be mostly electromagnetic radiation



# Natural Background Radiation – Galactic Cosmic Rays



**Primary cosmic rays** hit the upper atmosphere

- ~50% of Cosmic Rays are protons
- ~25% are alpha particles (He nuclei)
- ~13% is C, N, O nuclei
- < 1% are electrons
- < 0.1% are gamma-rays

They collide with molecules in the atmosphere producing secondaries which can reach earth

- X-rays
- Protons
- Neutrons
- Electrons
- Alpha (He nucleus)
- Muons (high energy electron-like)
- Pions

About 150 muons are striking the earth every square meter every second



# Introducción: La radiación ionizante



- La radiación ionizante está presente en el ambiente sin que necesariamente haya una fuente radioactiva artificial.
- La dosis se calcula a partir de aplicar un factor de calidad que depende del contexto biológico y del tipo de partícula.

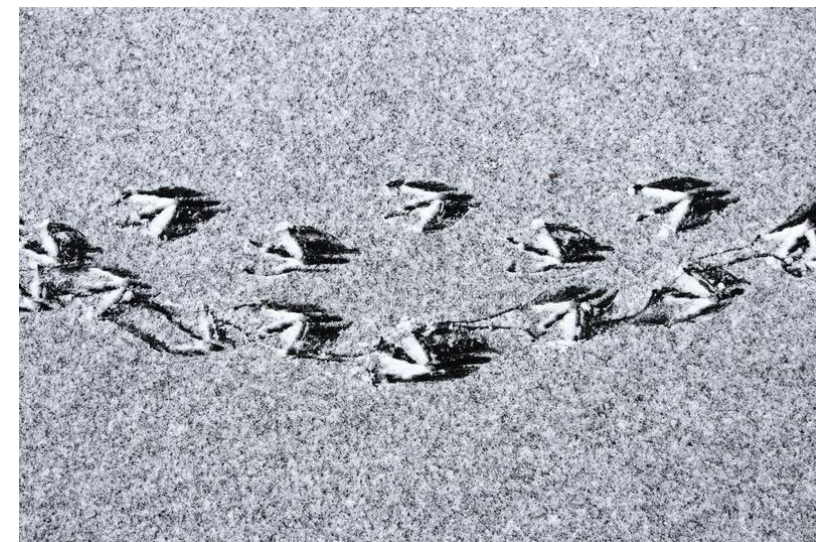
# Introducción: La detección de partículas

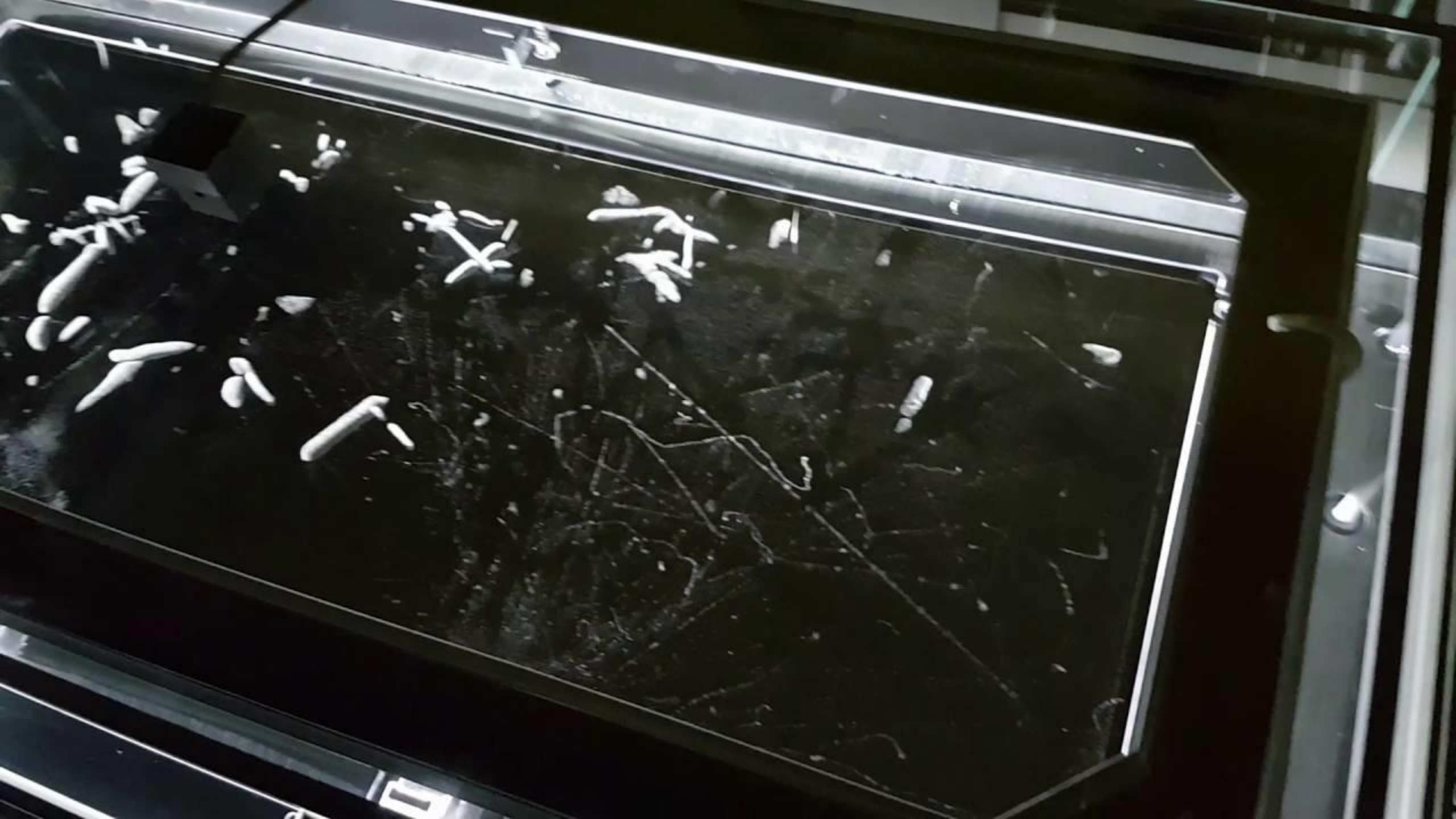


*"Detector: instrumento que sirve para descubrir la presencia de algo a través de indicios"*

# Detección de partículas

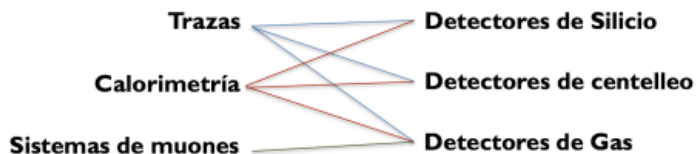
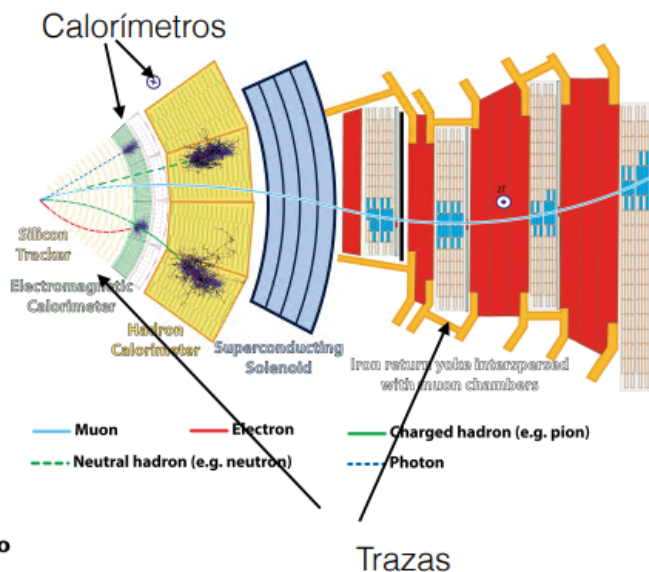
- Podemos reconocer las partículas por sus "huellas"
- Estas huellas indican de qué **tipo** de partícula se trata, su **energía**, la **carga eléctrica**, el punto donde se creó y su **trayectoria**
- Las huellas dependen no solo del tipo de partícula sino también del material del detector





# Detectores en LHC

- Dadas estos requisitos, qué tipo de detectores se pueden construir para detectar y medir las propiedades de las partículas?
- Ejemplo CMS: configuración típica en experimentos de colisiones de altas energías
  - Detector de trazas interno
  - Calorímetros (EM,HAD)
  - Detector de trazas de muones



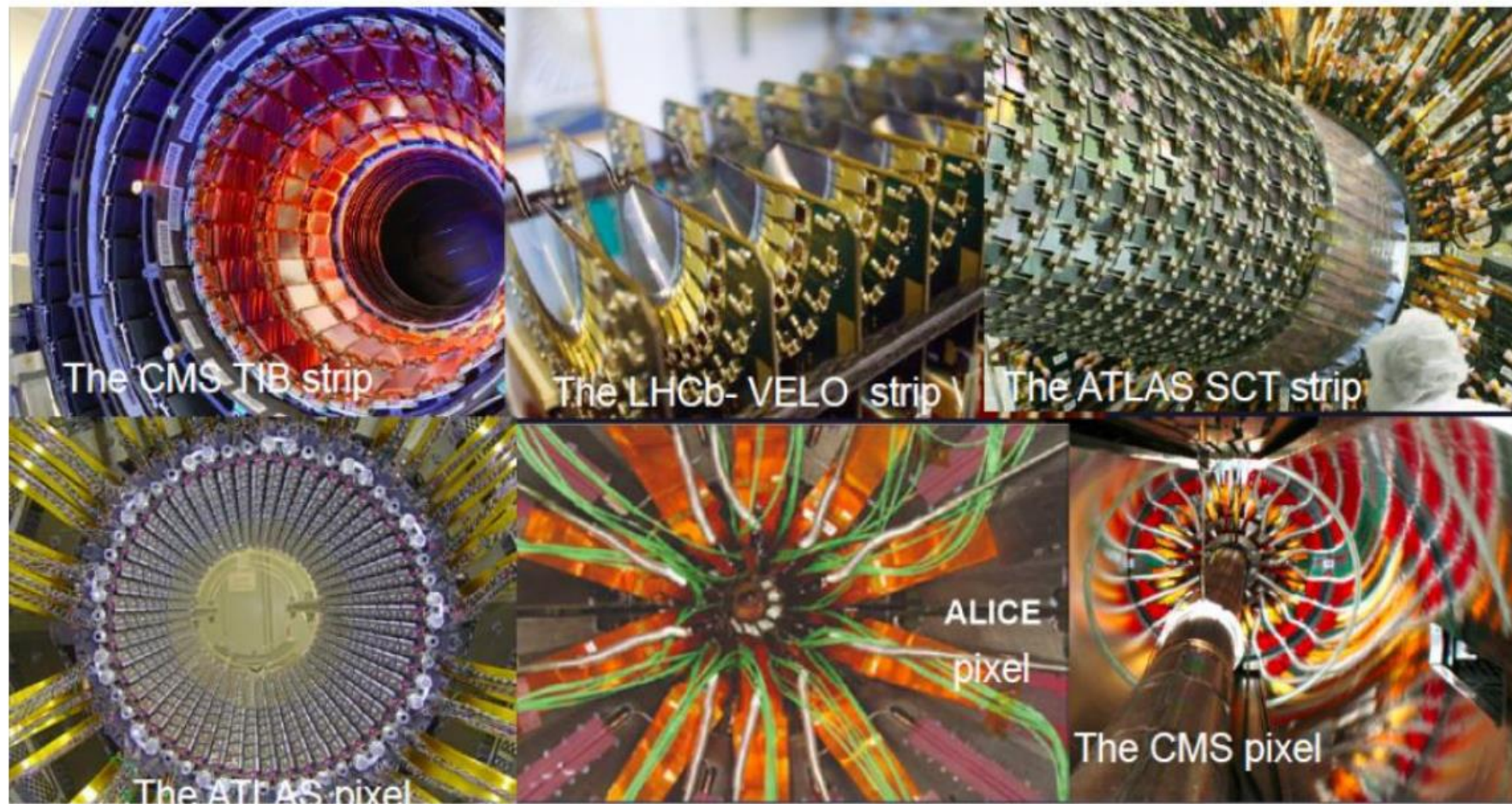
*Cada familia de partículas interacciona de forma diferente con los materiales que encuentra (una huella característica)*

Imagen: Silvia Goy

Detectores: Presentacion Ignacio Redondo (CIEMAT)

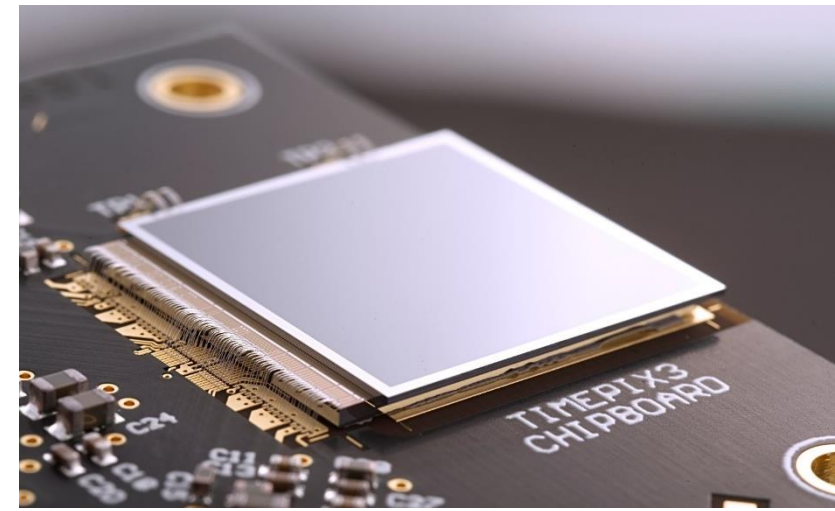
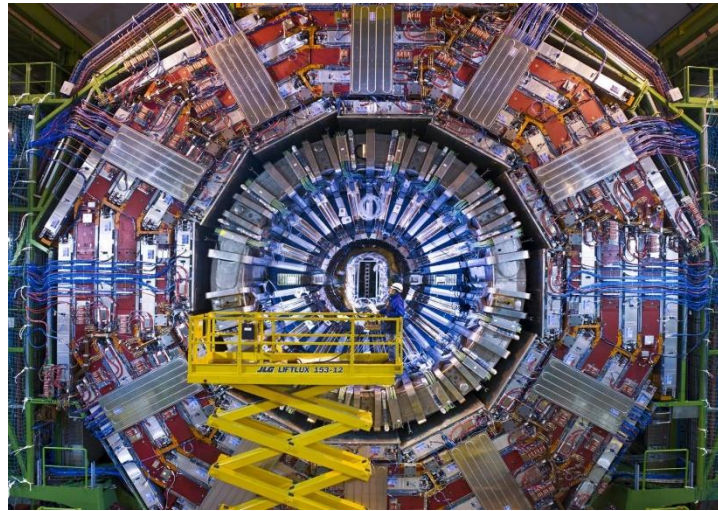
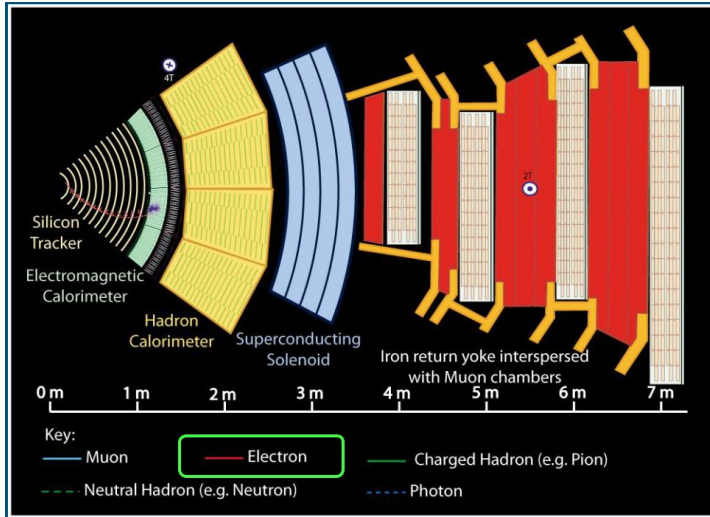


Capas de finos,  $O(100 \text{ um})$ , sensors de silicio. Última gran revolución



Su capacidad para identificar la desintegración de partículas de vida corta permitió hacer toda la física de los mesones B, “viven”  $O(10^{-12})$  s.

# Detectores de trazas



Especificaciones de los detectores de trazas (tracking detector):

- Procesado individual de la señal depositada en el sensor para cada partícula
- Asignación de las partículas al instante de la colisión (25ns/40MHz)
- Resolución espacial del orden de decenas de micrómetros
- Masa mínima
- Bajo consumo de potencia
- Resistencia a la radiación

Actualmente solamente la tecnología de pixeles híbridos cumple con estas especificaciones

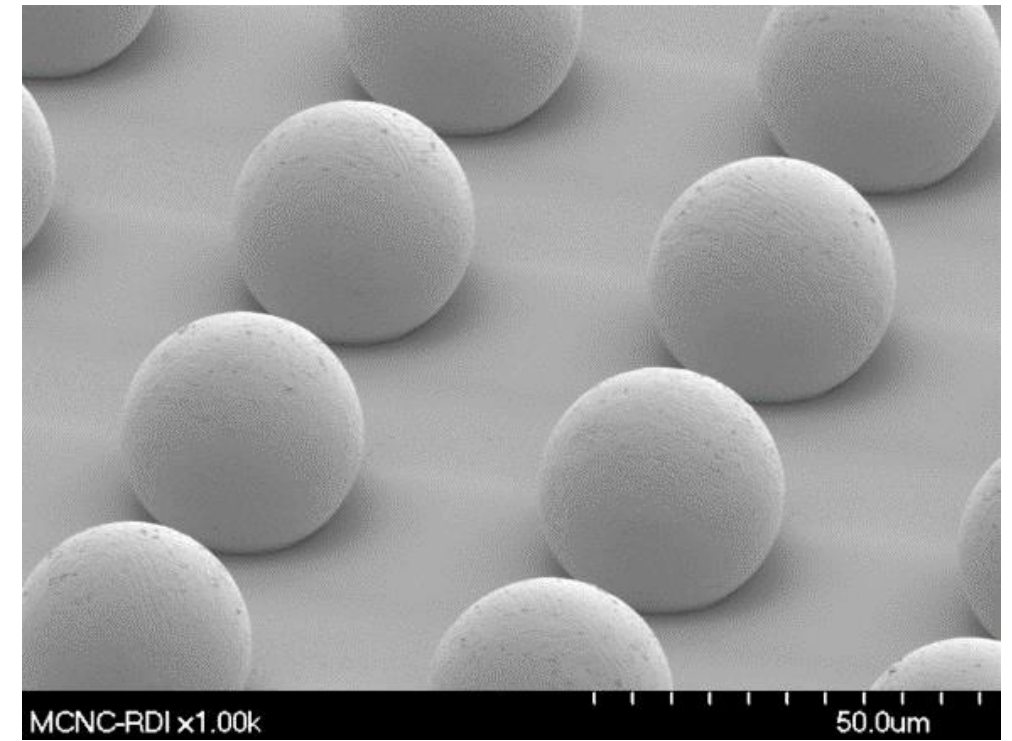
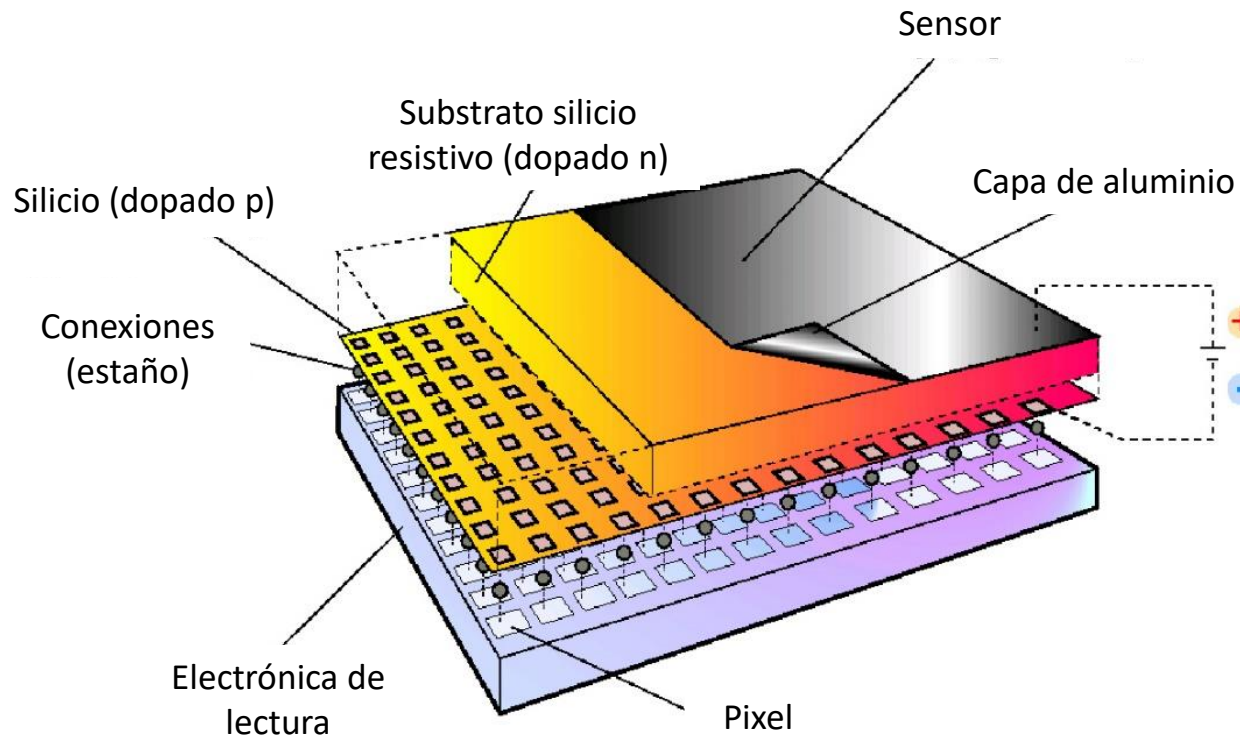


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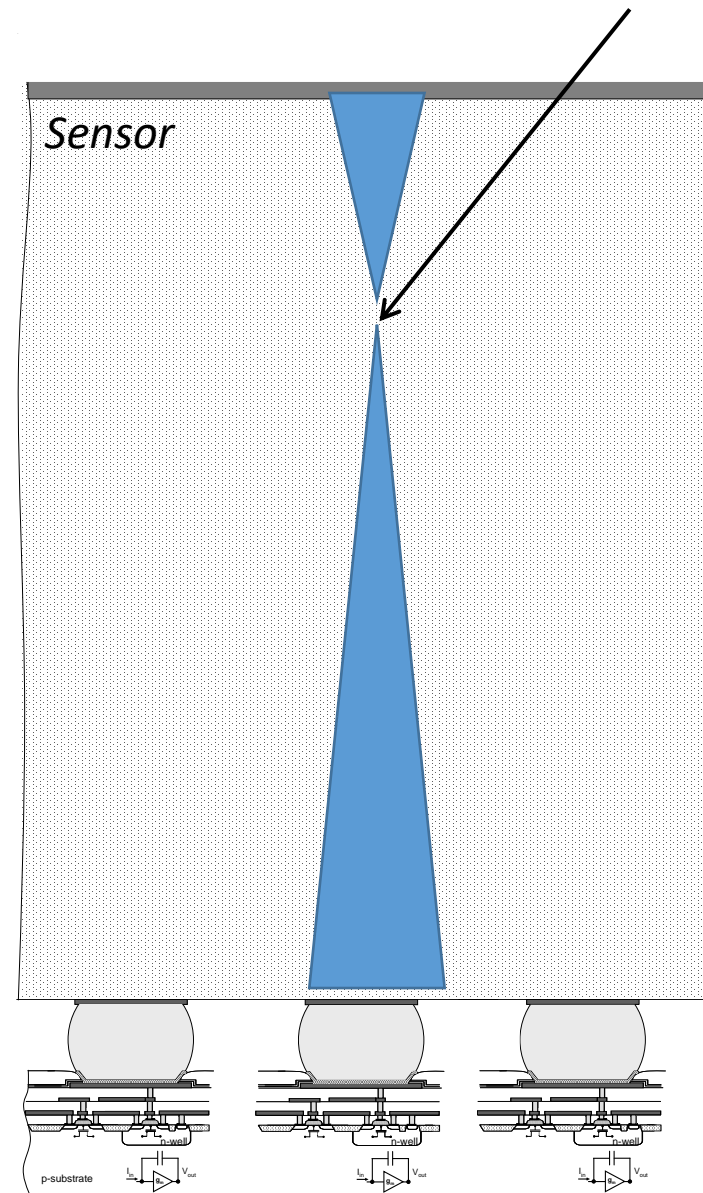
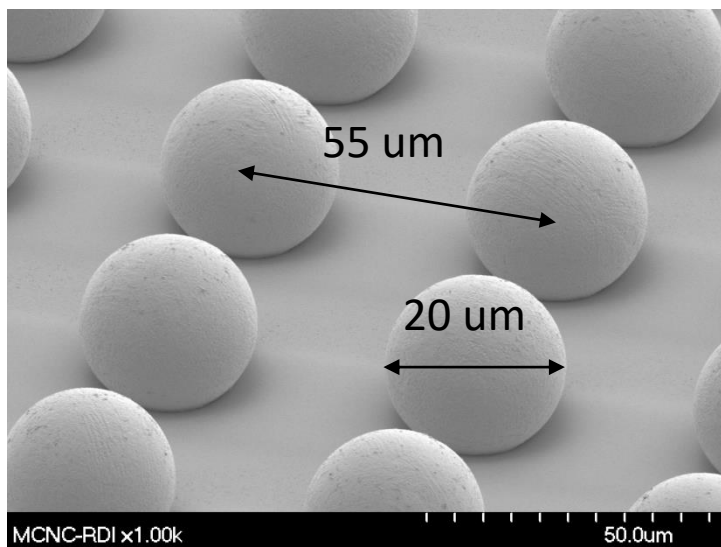
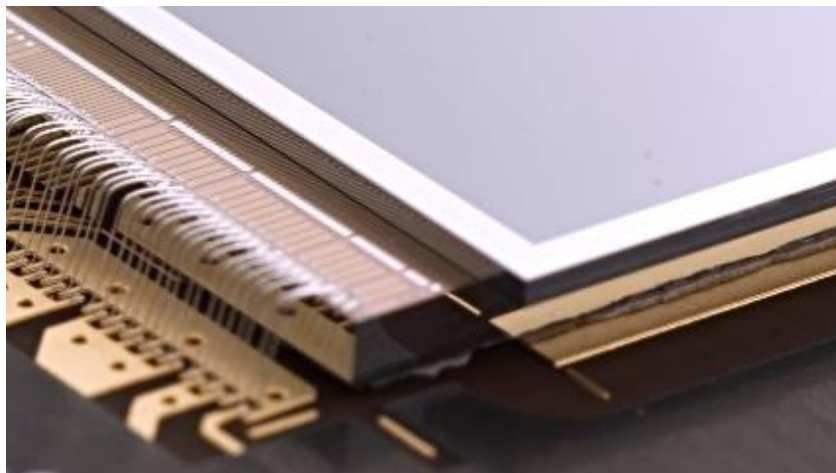
- No podemos ver las partículas, pero podemos descubrir su presencia a través de las huellas que dejan en un material detector.
- Cada partícula tiene una forma "característica" de interactuar al pasar por un material.
- Podemos utilizar esta característica para la identificación de partículas.

# Introducción a los detectores de píxeles híbridos



- Un detector de píxeles híbrido es una matriz de elementos microscópicos sensibles a la radiación cada uno de los cuales está conectado a su propia electrónica de lectura
- El sensor y la electrónica están implementados en sustratos diferentes y se pueden optimizar por separado

# Los detectores híbridos



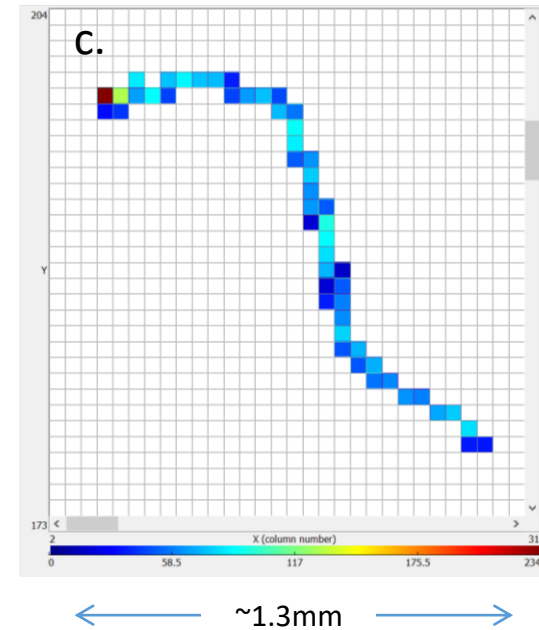
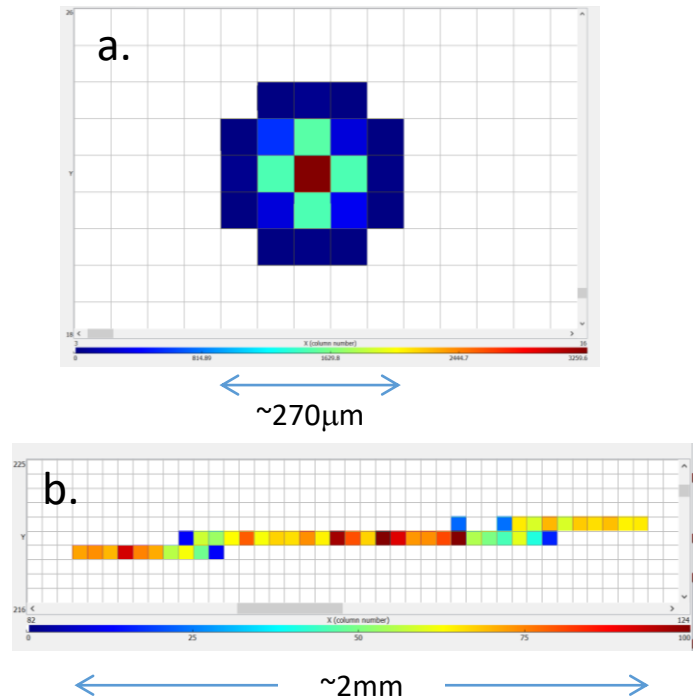
*Electrónica de lectura*

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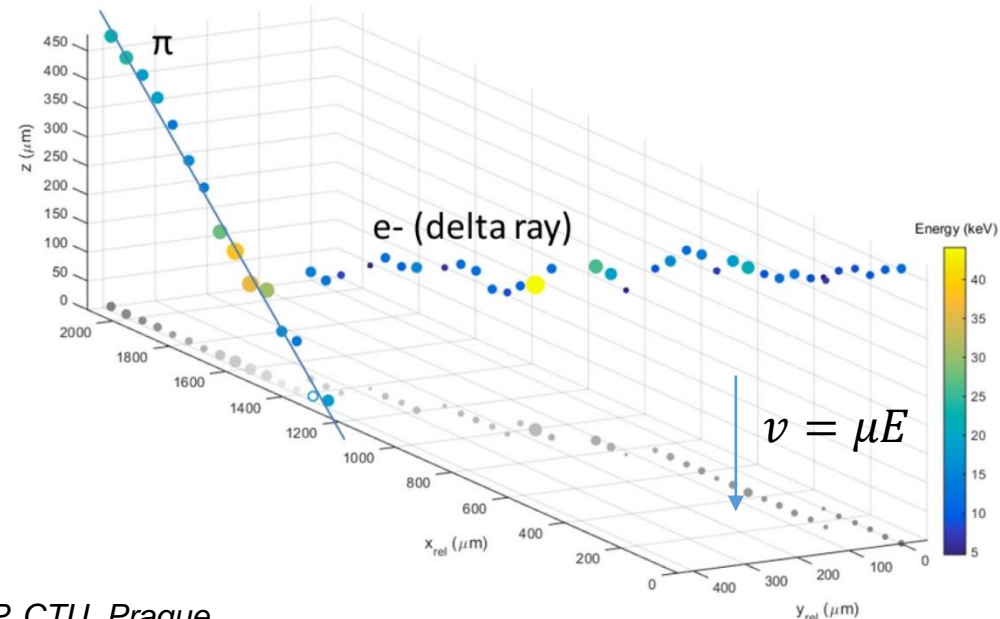


*a. Alpha particle, b. Muon, c. Electron*  
Timepix data, 55 $\mu$ m pixels

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- The angle of incidence of the incoming charged particle based on the difference in the induced signal time of the drifting charge in the different pixels

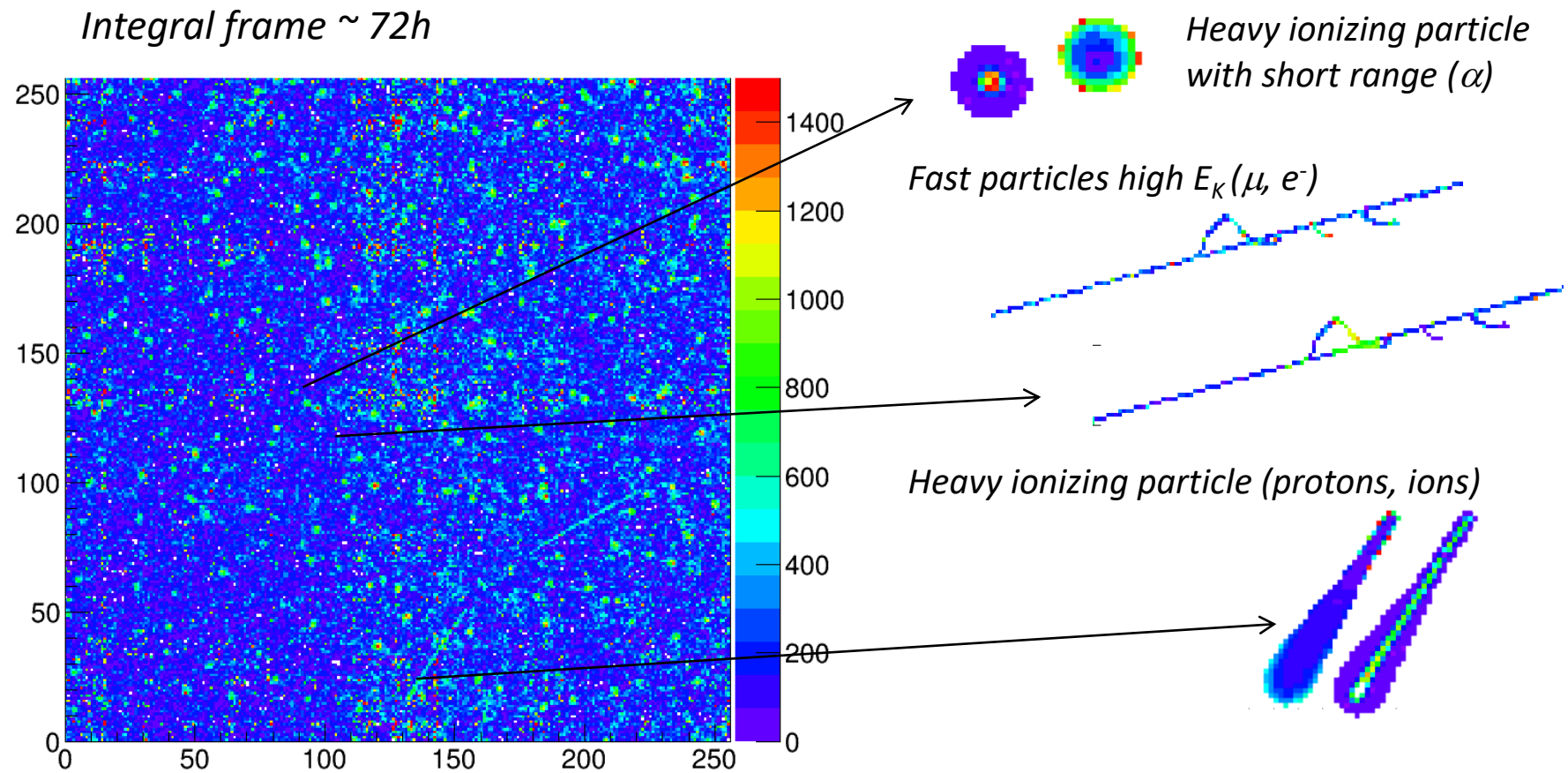
60 deg  
p+ in n Si sensor, Timepix3  
500 $\mu$ m thick  
 $V_{\text{bias}} = 130\text{V}$   
Colour (and diameter) indicate charge  
Measured z resolution  $\sim 50\mu\text{m}$



# Demostración



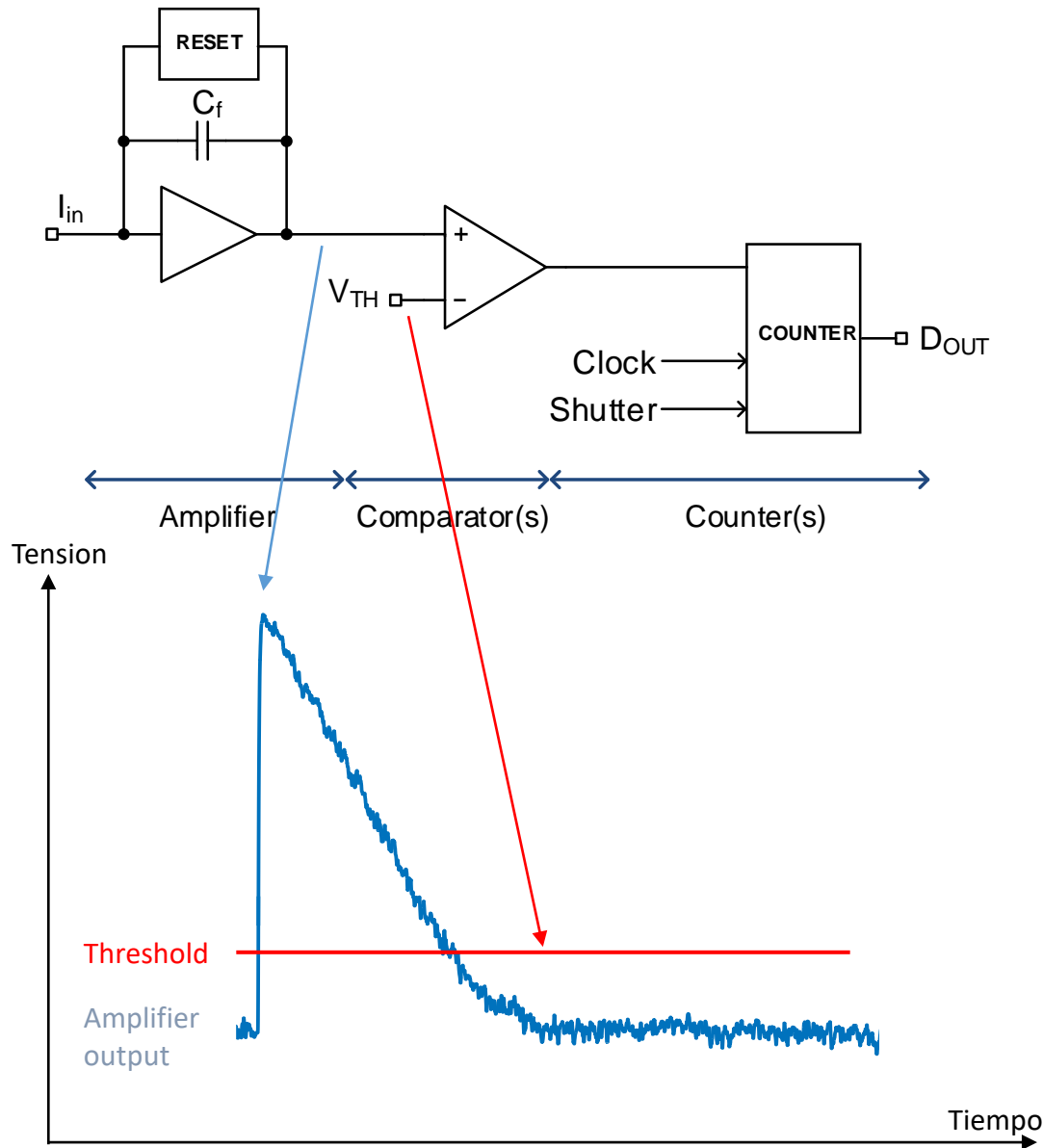
# Energy and time measurements with cosmic particles



*Timepix chip: matrix of 256x256 pixels*

*Different particles present a different signature in their interaction with the pixelated semiconductor detector*

# Los detectores de píxeles híbridos



- Sistema “noise hit free” (sin detecciones falsas)
- Medidas posibles:
  - Presencia/ausencia de partícula en intervalo de tiempo

- Cámara: Numero de cuentas durante el tiempo en el que el obturador esta abierto \*Medipix
- Energía (Midiendo la amplitud o la duracion) \*Timepix
- Tiempo de llegada

- Limitación: tiempo muerto (“dead time”)

\* Simplificación, para mas información, ver transparencias adicionales



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***¿Cuántos kilos de arroz se necesitan para llenar todas las casillas del tablero?***

- a. ~1***
- b. ~10***
- c. ~100***
- d. Ninguna de los anteriores***



# El transistor: la ley de Moore

Casella	Grans	Quilos
8	128	0.00256
16	32768	0.65536
24	8388608	167.77216
32	2147483648	42949.67296
40	5.49756E+11	10995116.28
48	1.40737E+14	2814749767
56	3.60288E+16	7.20576E+11
64	9.22337E+18	1.84467E+14

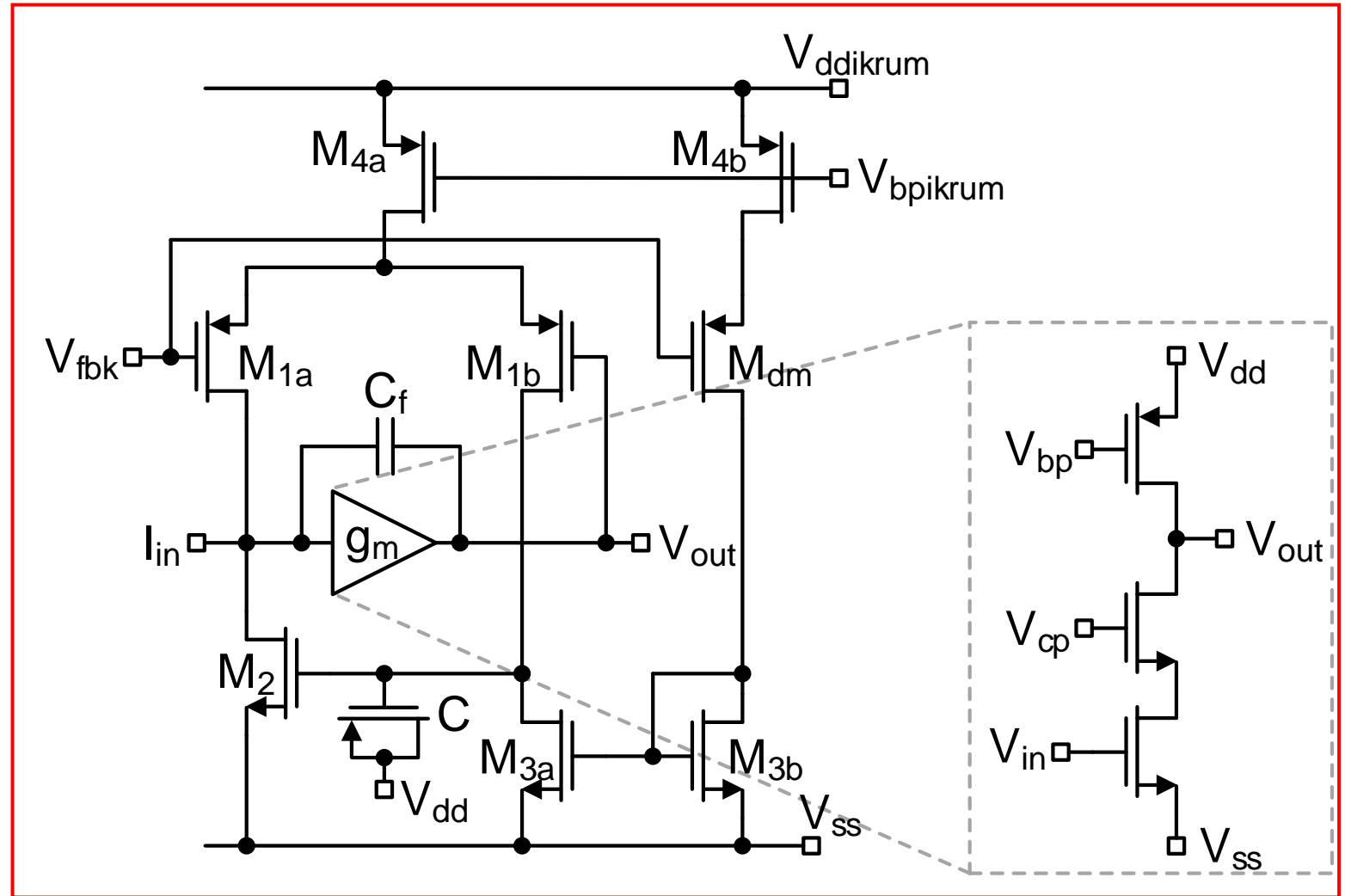
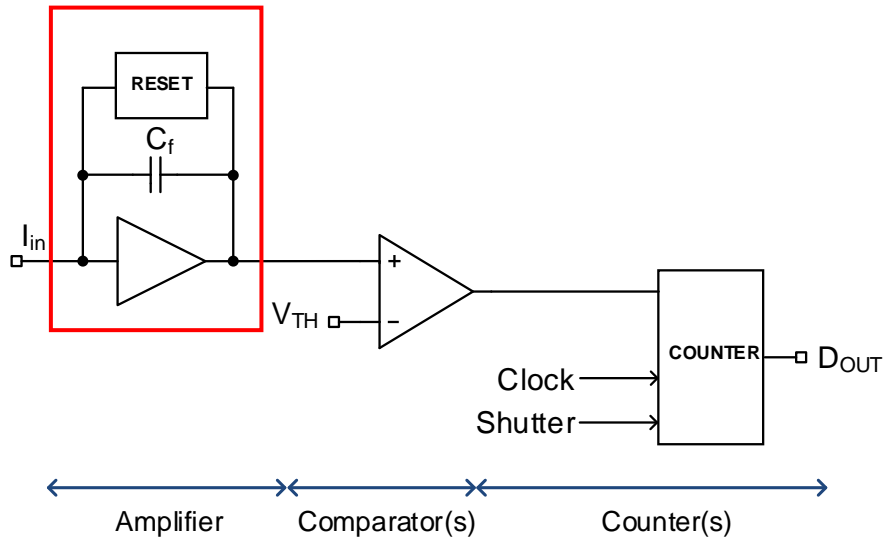


263 veces la producción mundial!!!

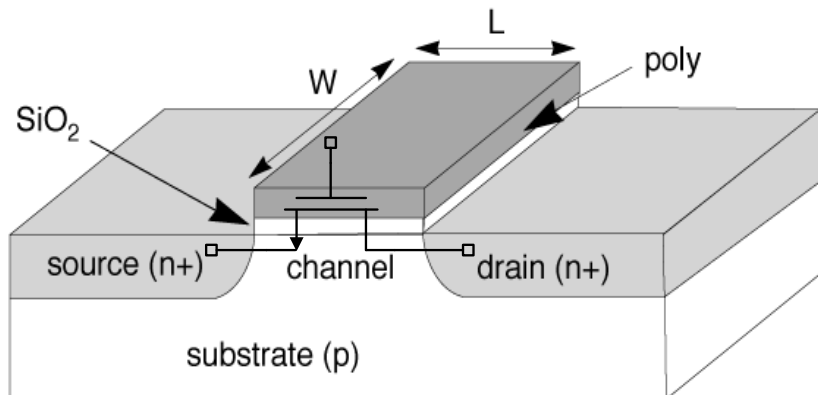
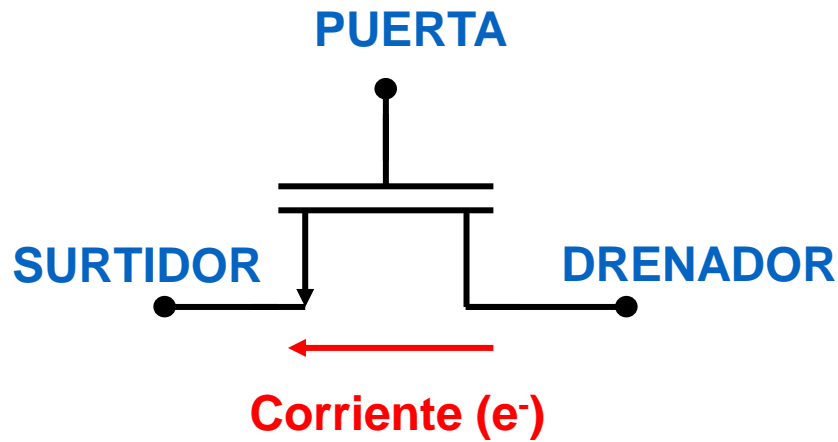
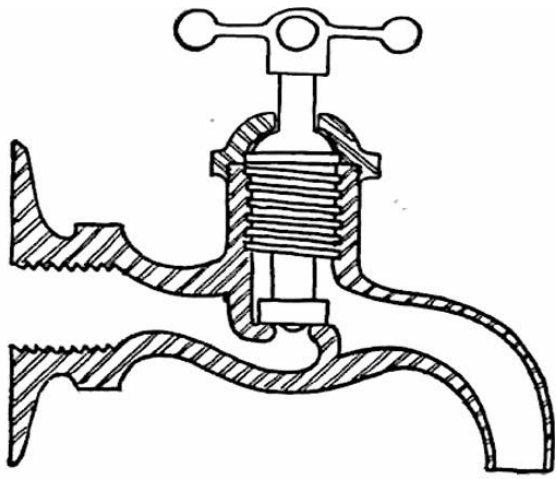
1kg      50000 grans  
Producción mundial anual      700 10<sup>6</sup> tones

1er transistor: 1959 (Casilla 1)  
Ley de Moore 1965 (~1000 transistores/chip) (casilla 11)  
Hoy >10 000 10<sup>6</sup> transistores (casilla 33)

# Los bloques se implementan con transistores.



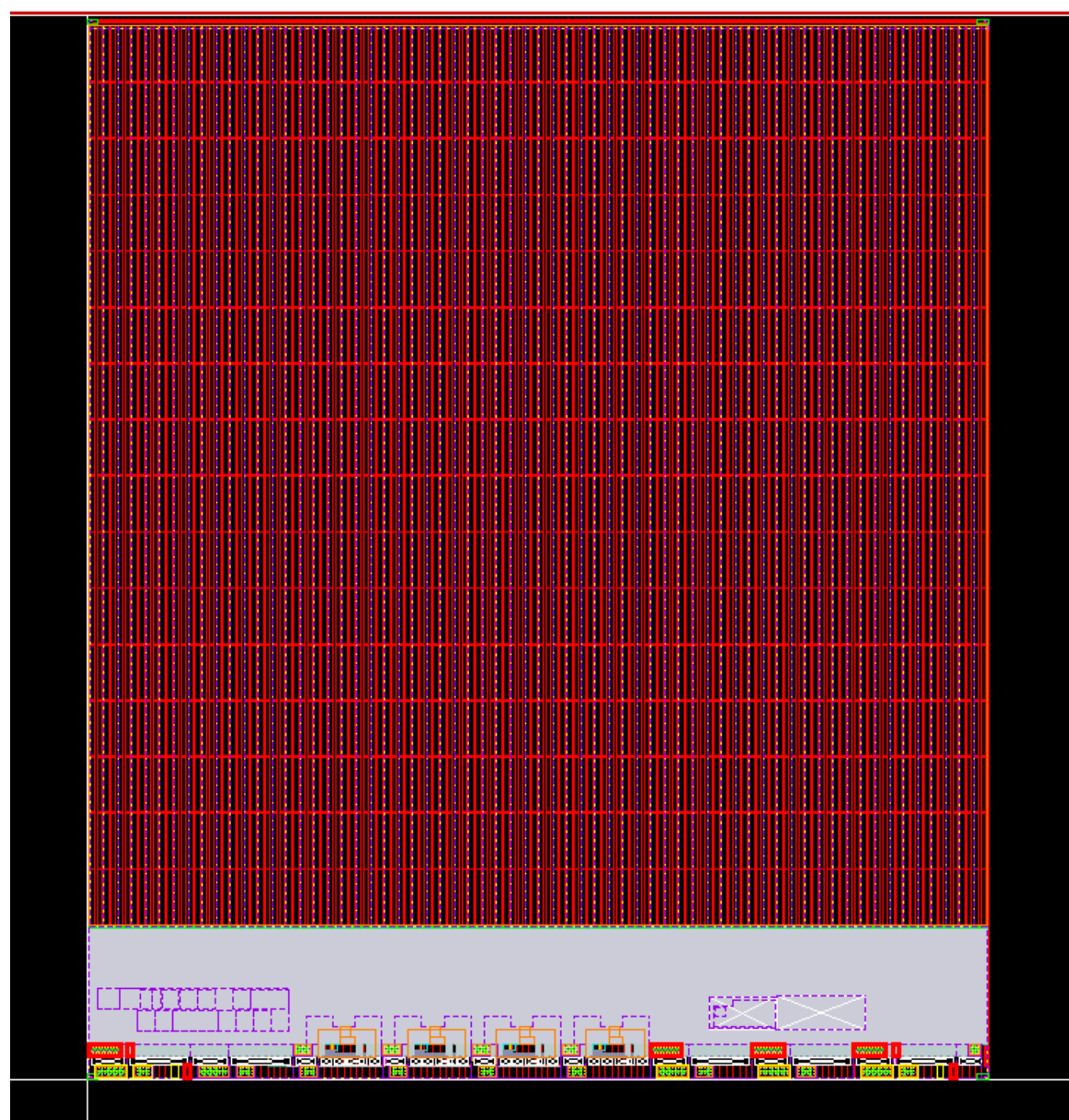
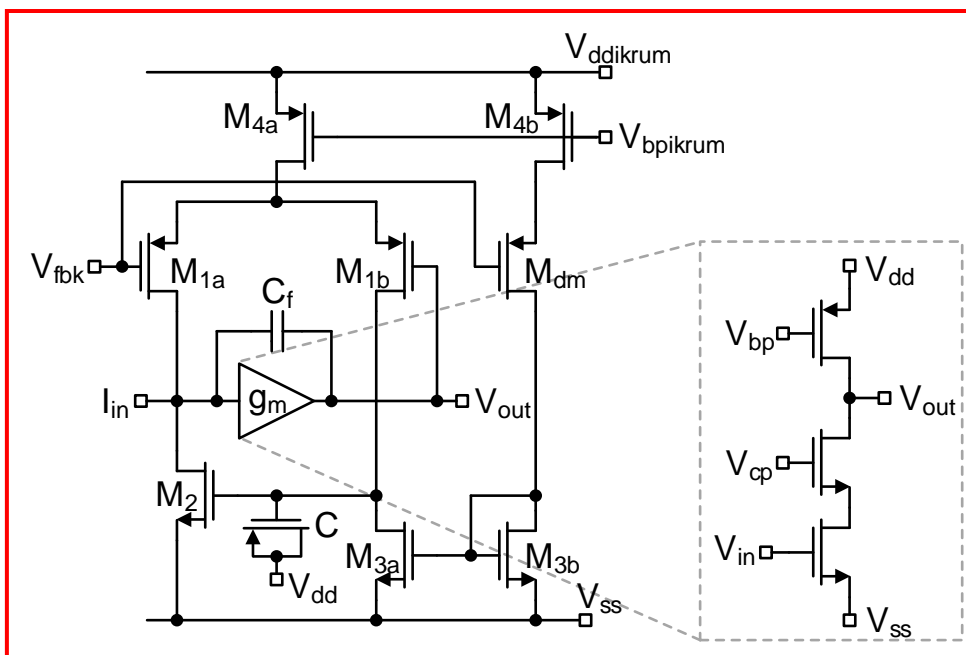
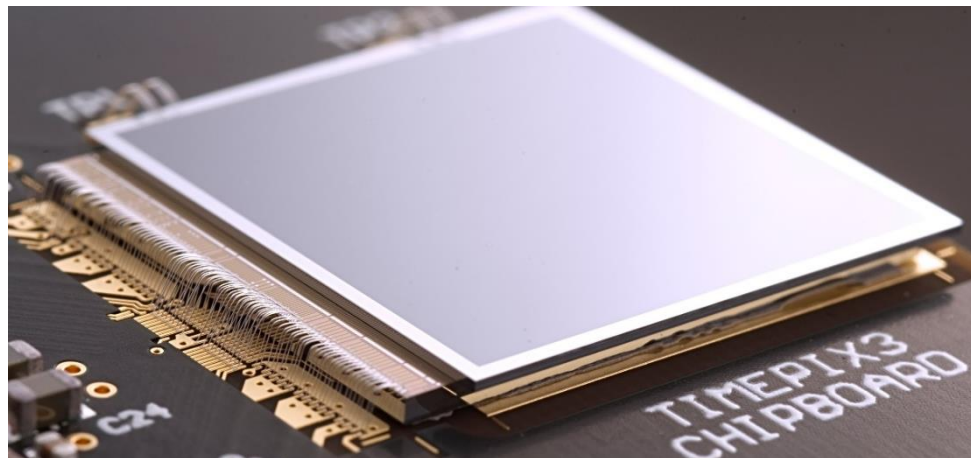
# El transistor

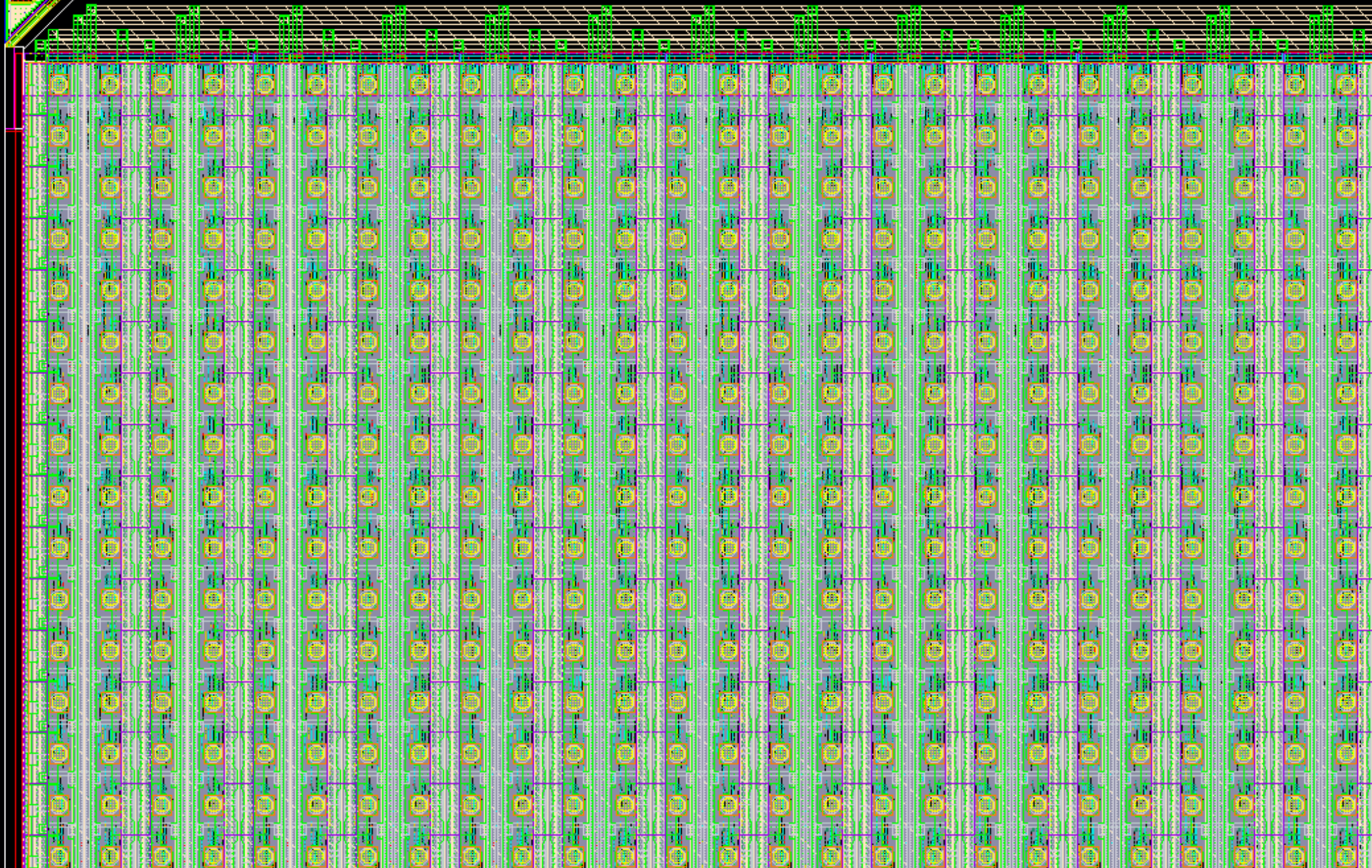
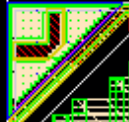


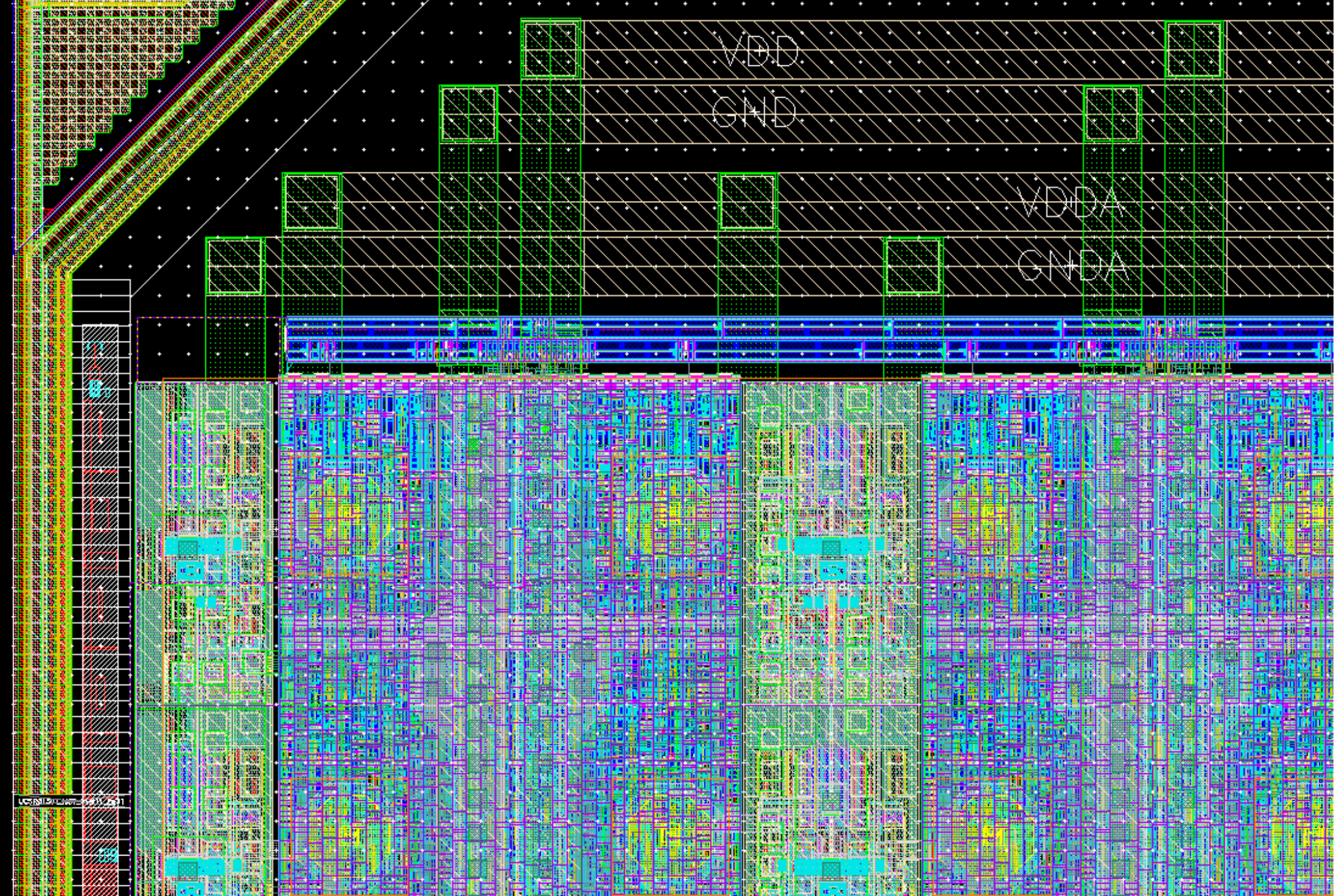
## El transistor es un interruptor.

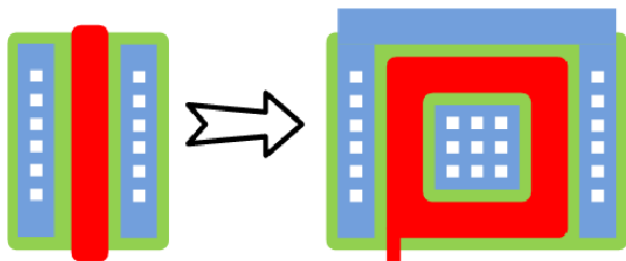
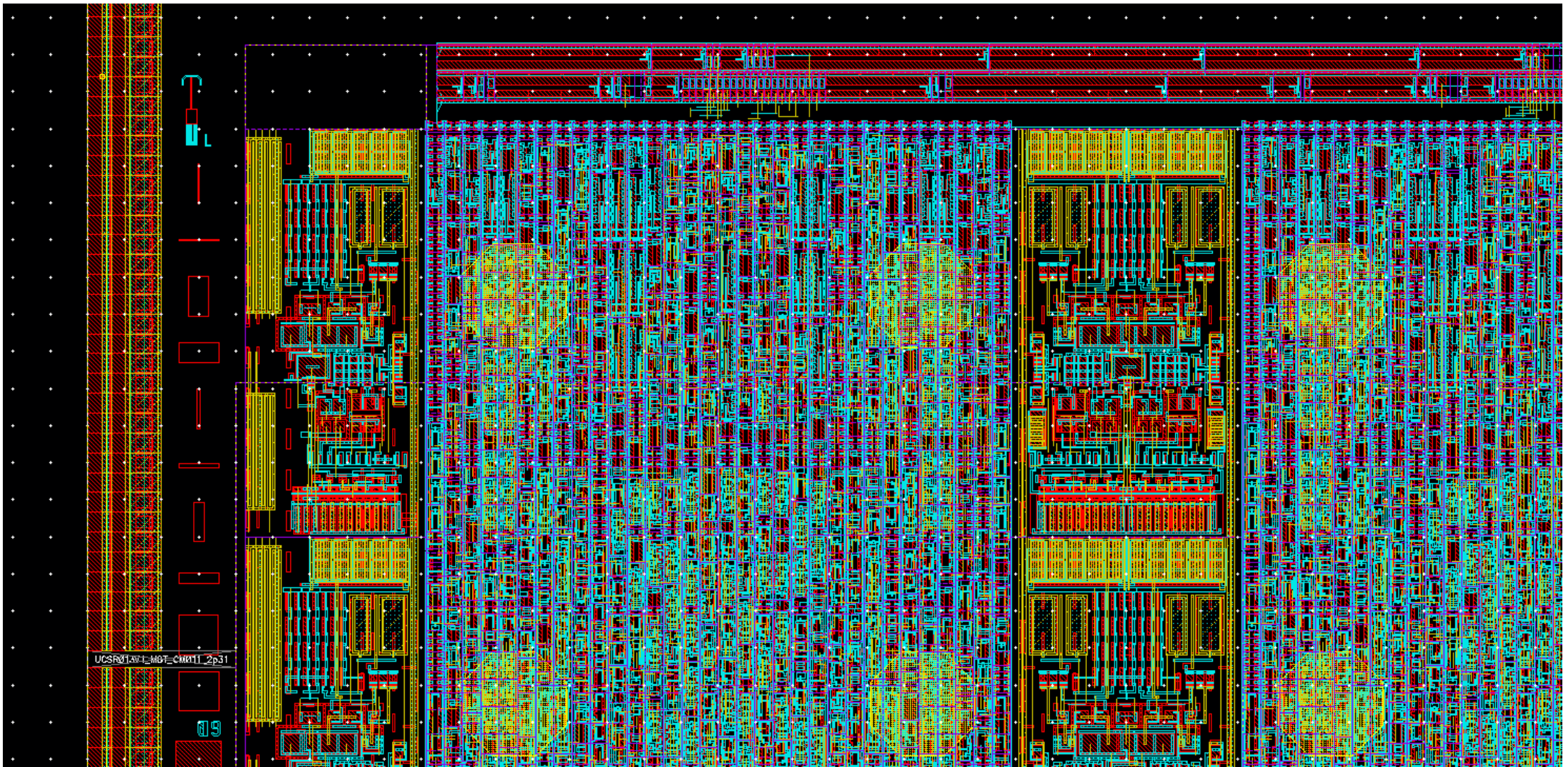
- Puede conmutar rápidamente (cuanto más pequeño, mejor).
- $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  debe ser muy grande.
- $I_{OFF}$  debe ser lo más pequeña posible (para evitar el consumo estático).
- $I_{ON}$  debe ser lo más grande posible (para cargar capacidades, es decir, conmutar rápidamente).
- Debe poder encenderse con la señal en la entrada lo más pequeña posible (minimizar potencia).
- Debe tener su componente complementario (si no, el consumo de potencia estática puede ser muy grande).
- Debe tener terminales independientes.
- Debe poder fabricarse en grandes cantidades ( $>10^9$  en un  $\text{cm}^2$ ).
- Debe poder conmutar fiablemente alrededor de  $10^{15}$  veces (10 años de operación).











"En la tecnología CMOS estándar, los transistores se diseñan con una estructura regular. Para protegerlos de los efectos de la radiación, los diseñamos con geometría de 'enclosed layout'.  
("Technology customization" o "Adaptación de la tecnología")

# Introducción a los detectores de píxeles híbridos



- Un detector de píxeles híbrido consiste en un material sensor segmentado conectado a la electrónica de lectura.
- El sensor convierte la energía depositada por la partícula (total o parcialmente) en señal eléctrica y la electrónica de lectura procesa esa señal.
- Podemos medir muchas de las características del haz incidente (modo cámara, tiempo, energía, tipo de partícula).
- Los chips se fabrican con dispositivos electrónicos elementales que llamamos transistores, cuyas dimensiones son del orden de decenas de nanómetros.

# Las colaboraciones Medipix



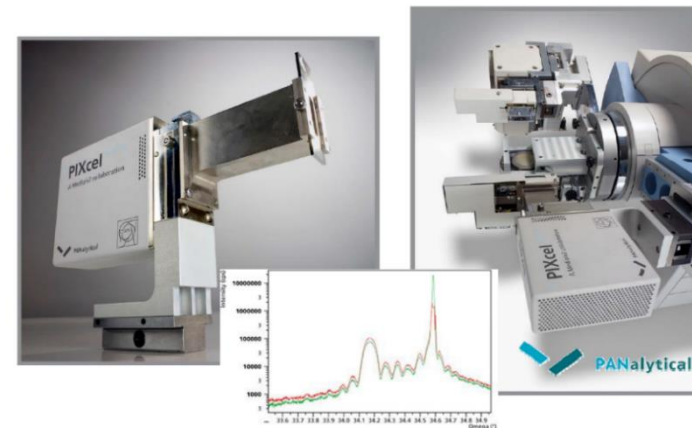
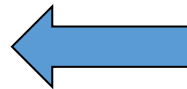
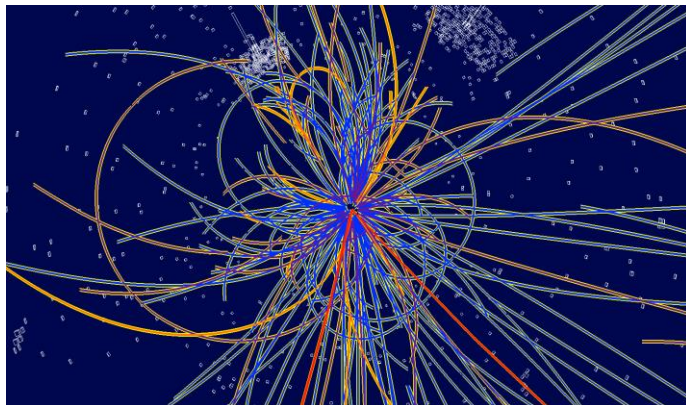






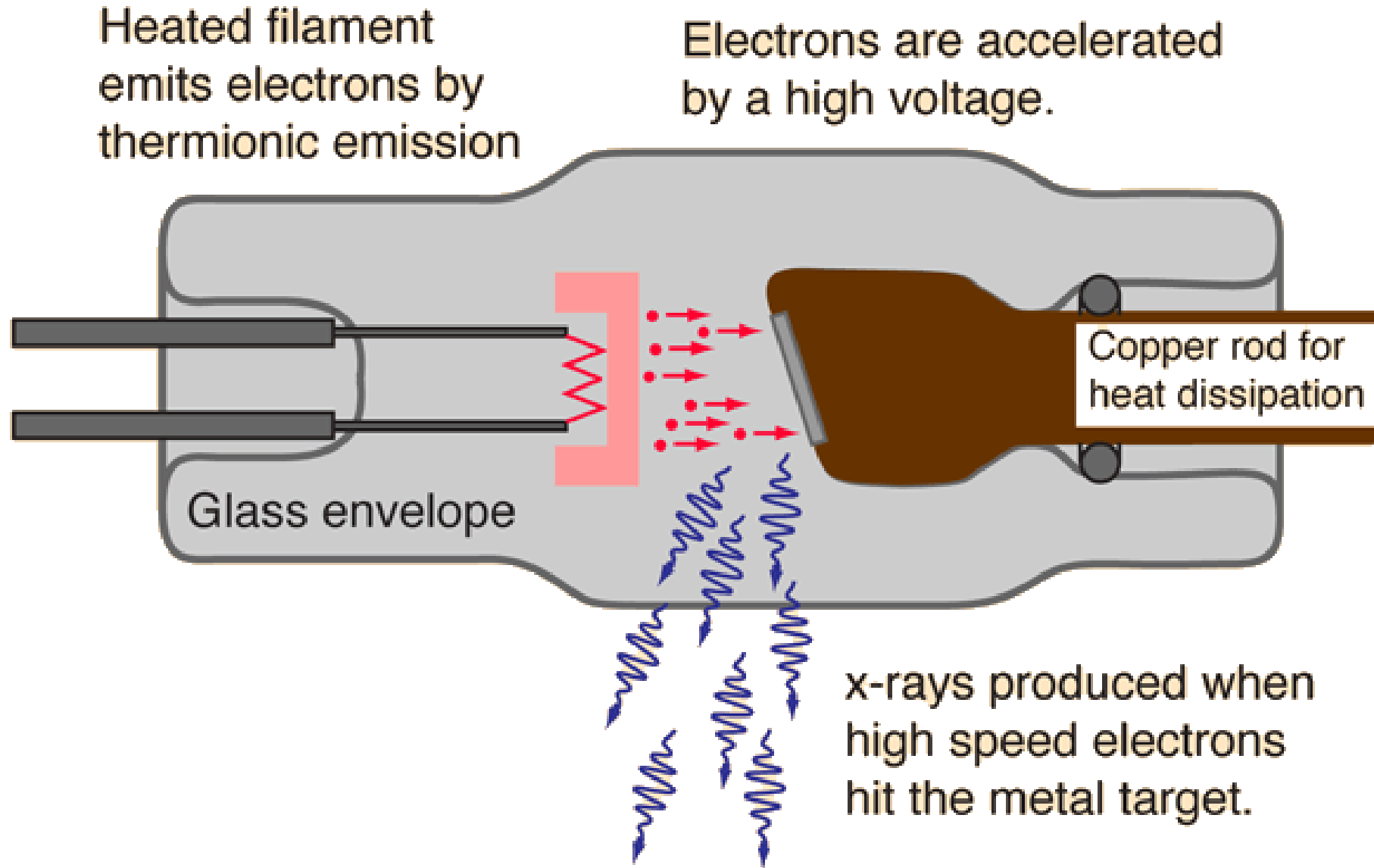
# Las colaboraciones Medipix

- Se crearon para desarrollar detectores de píxeles híbridos y sus aplicaciones
  - Chips Medipix: procesado rápido de la información en el pixel
  - Chips Timepix: procesado “off-line” (más información por evento, flujo de partículas inferior)
- ¡Science driven!
- Los chips están diseñados en la sección de microelectrónica del CERN
- Los colaboradores desarrollan sistemas de lectura e instalan los sistemas de detectores en sus aplicaciones
- Cuando los sistemas están bien caracterizados se pueden dar licencias de comercialización (e.g. Medipix3: 2 licencias de exclusividad, 5 de no exclusividad)
- Ejemplo de spin-off y spin-back hacia la física de altas energías

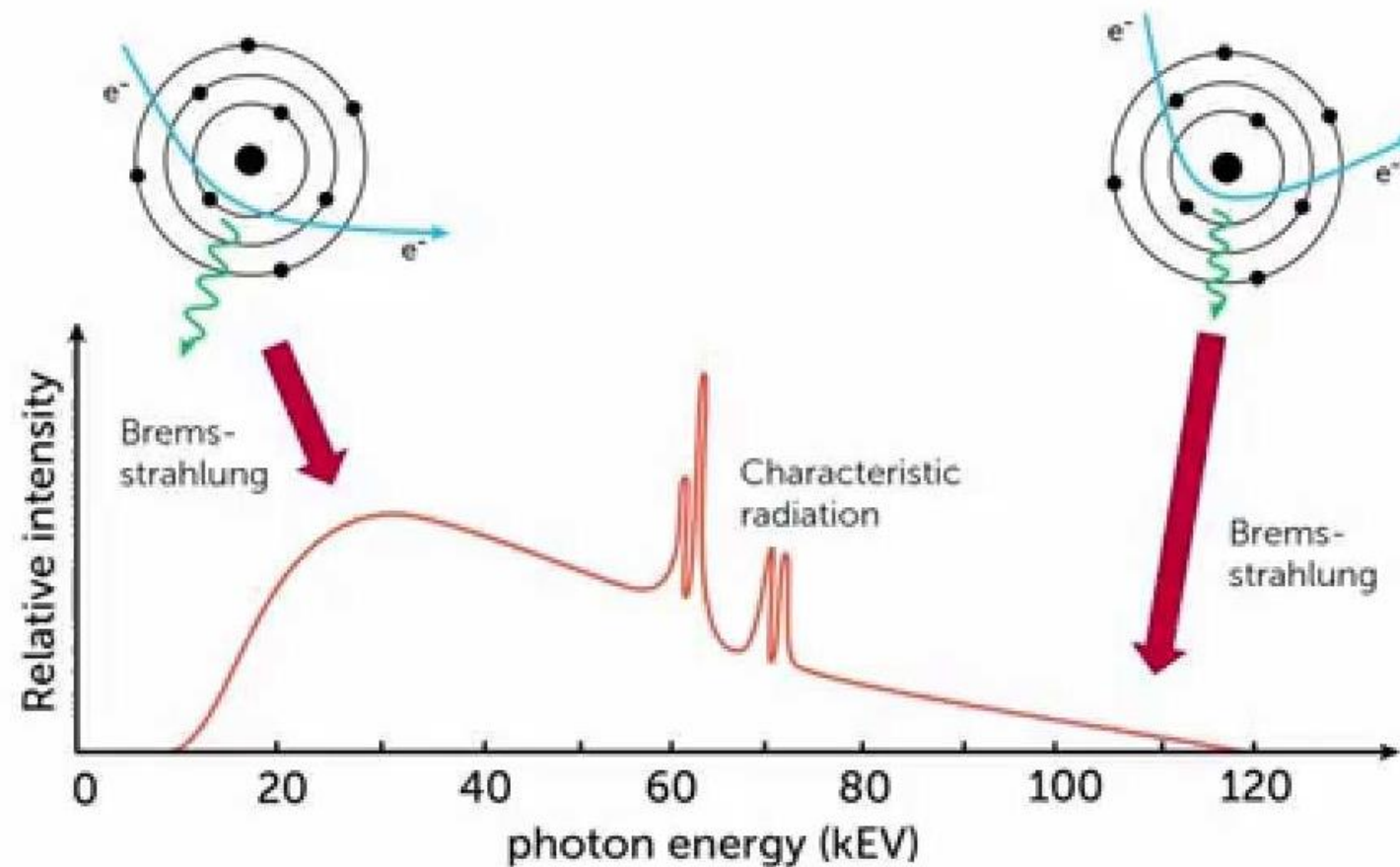


# Aplicaciones: Radiografía

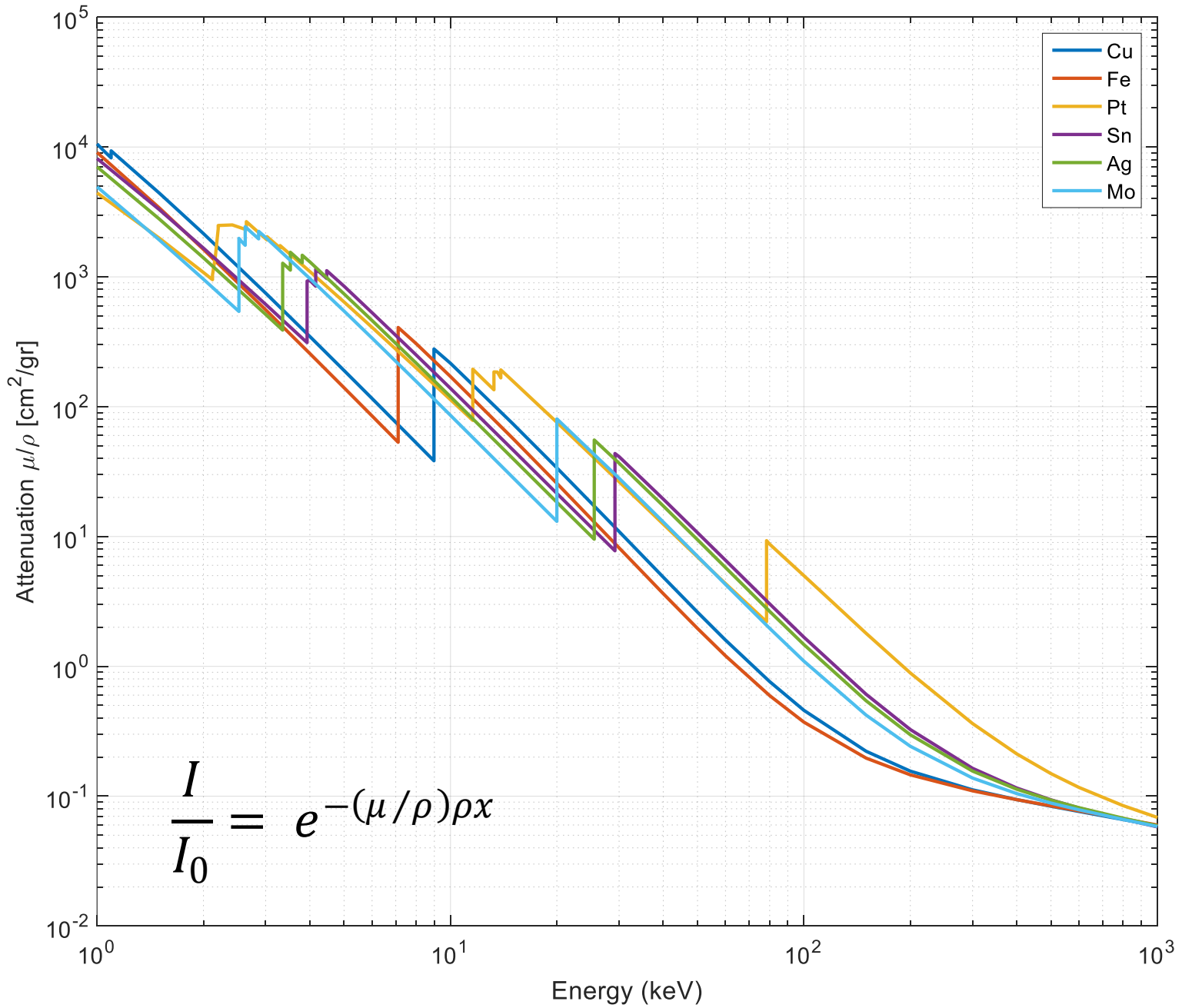
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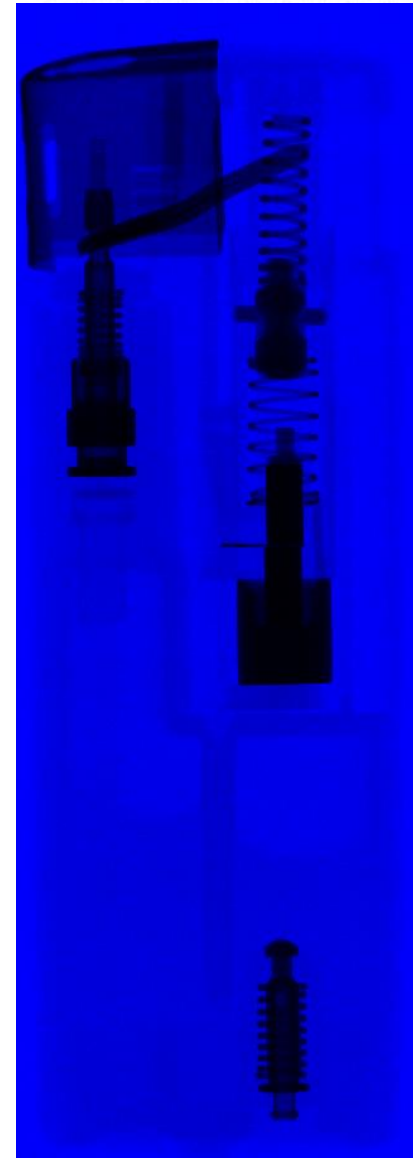
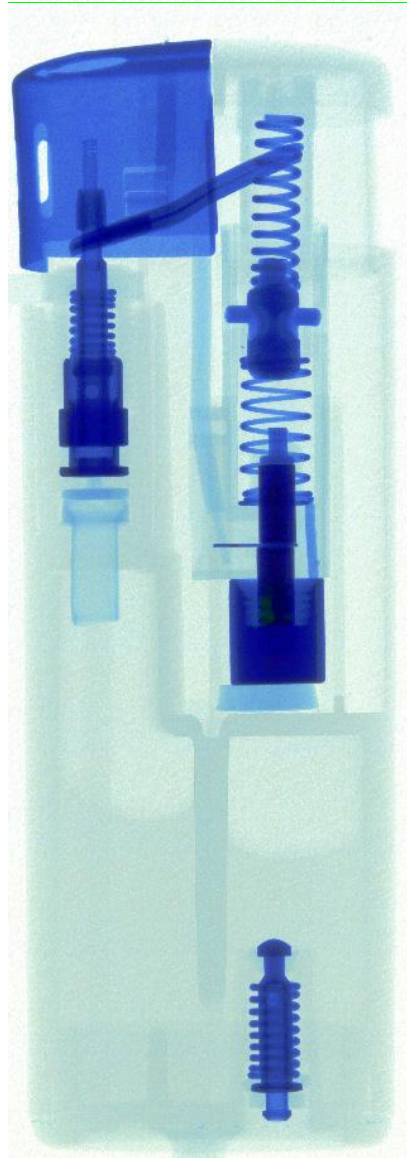


# X-ray generation - spectrum

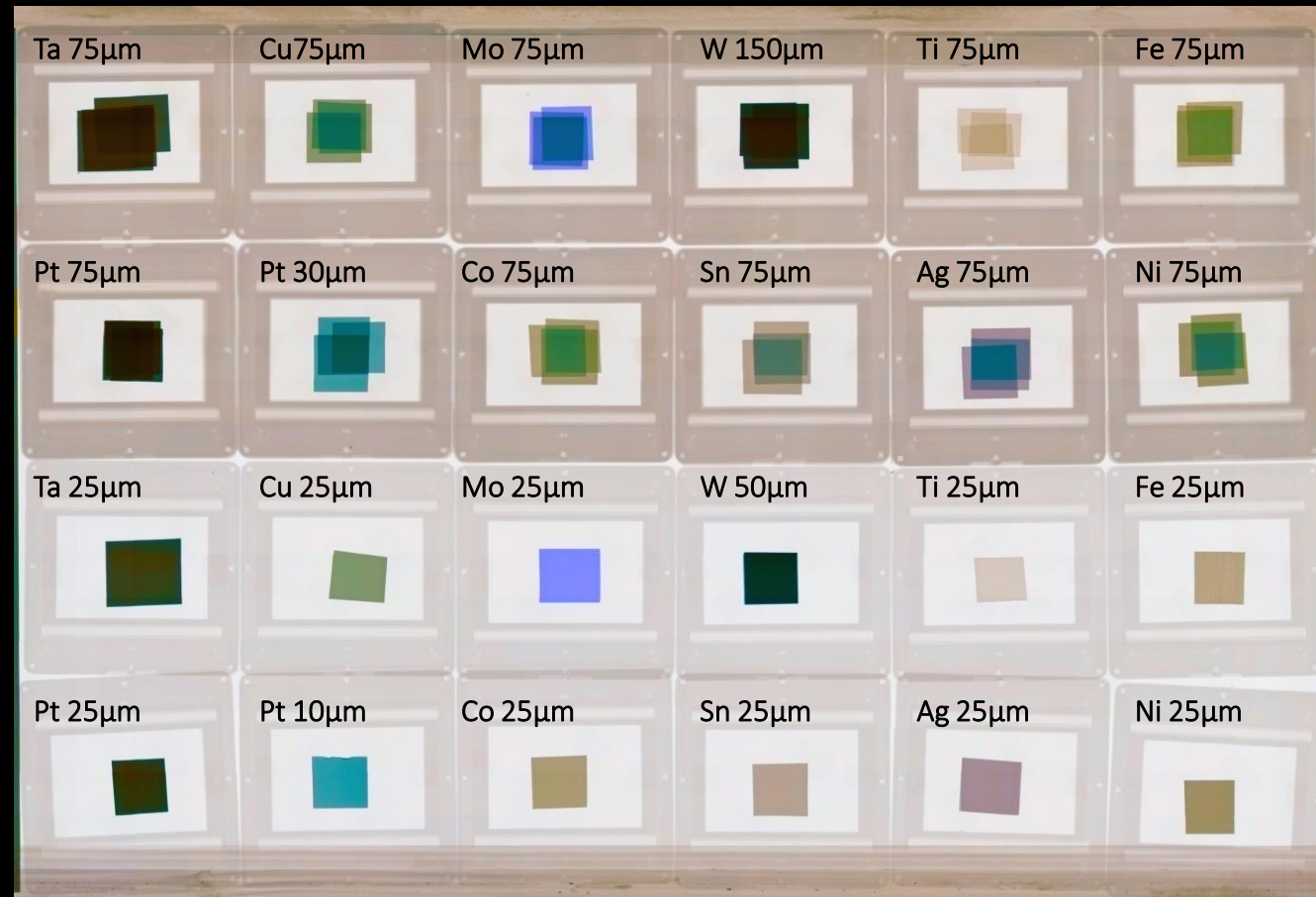


Un electrón de alta energía que impacta el interior de un átomo puede generar fotones de rayos-X por el hecho de que su trayectoria sea desviada por el núcleo atómico sin que altere en su recorrido la estructura electrónica del átomo que ha sido atravesado.





# The regular vs “colour” X-ray imaging of test samples



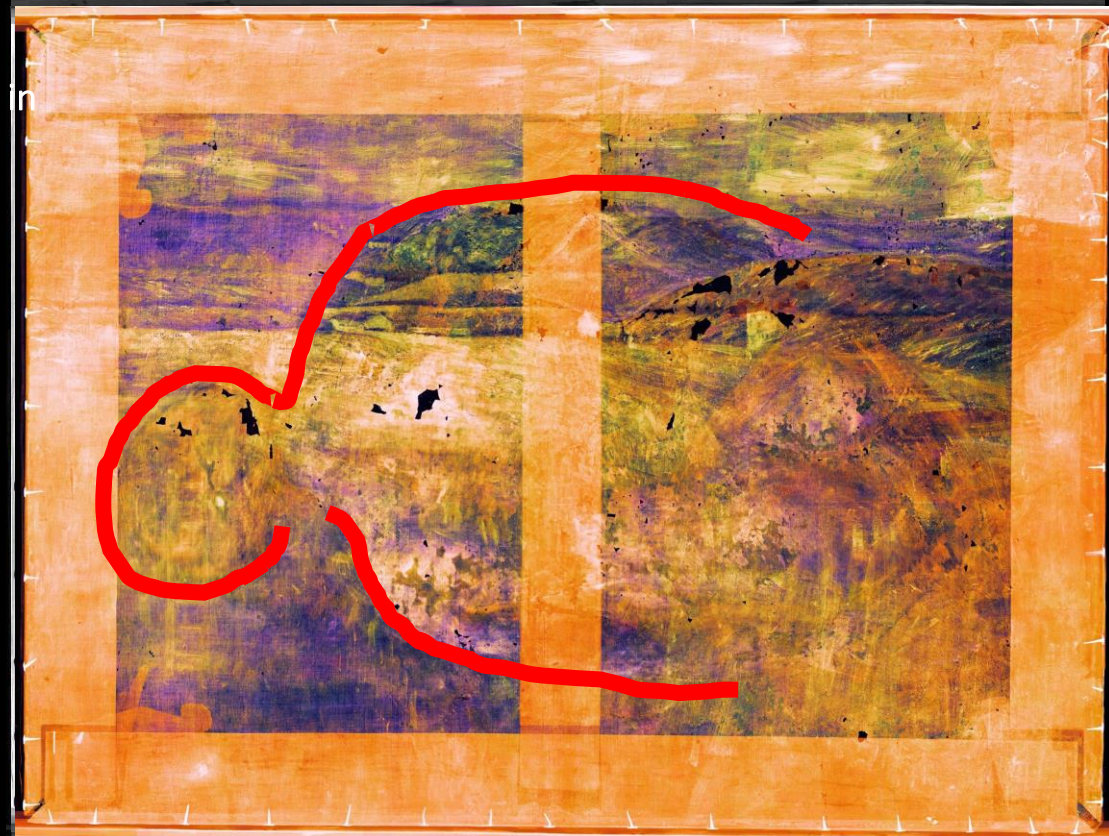


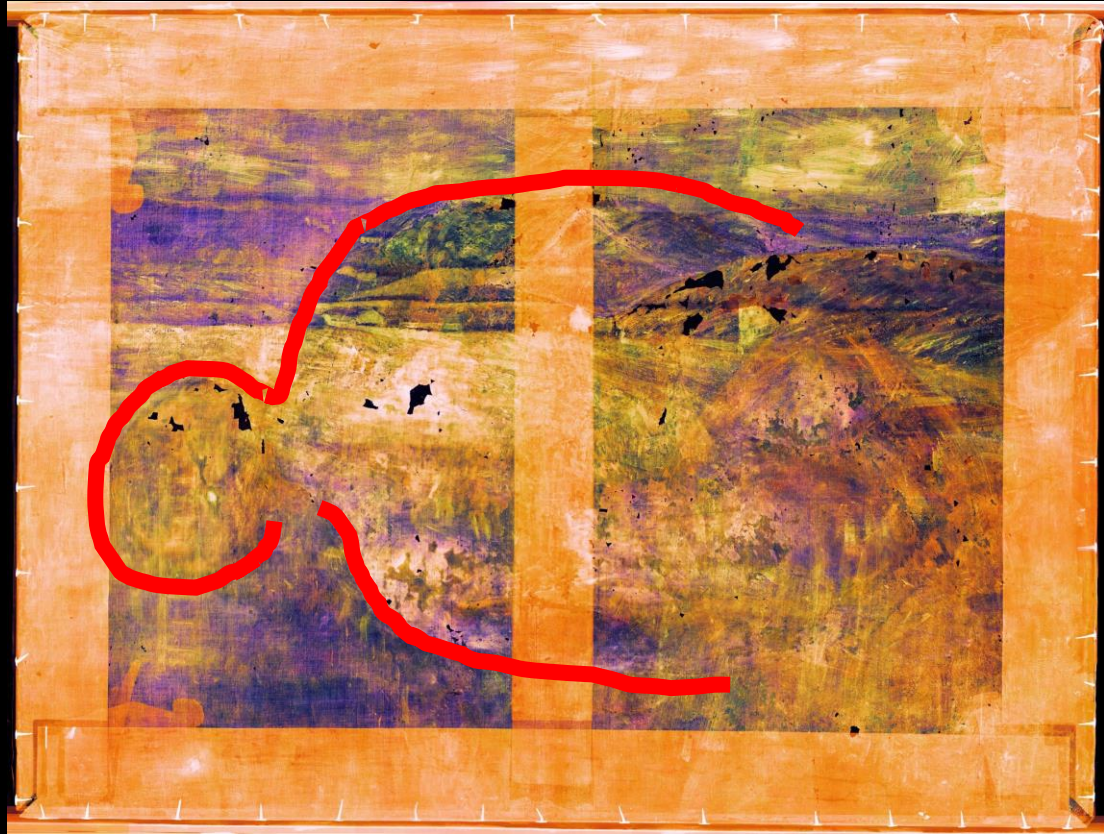
BBC Click on Fake Art – InsightART's X-ray colour imaging of art!  
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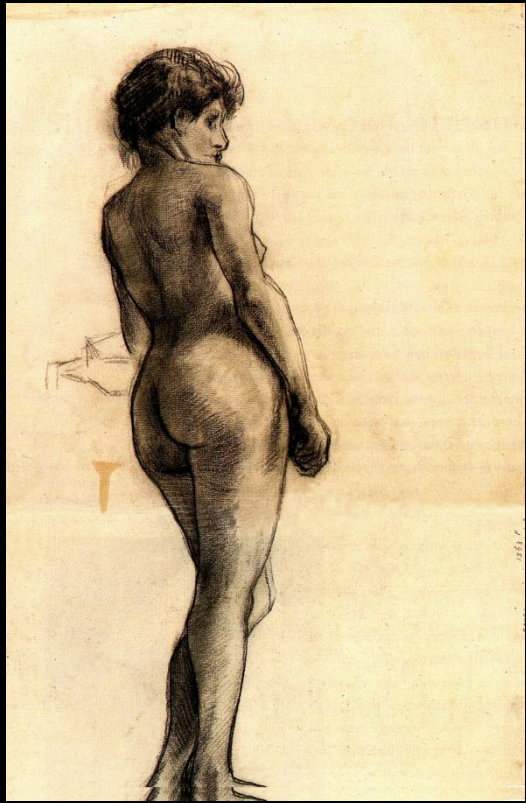
Signed  
Vincent van Gogh

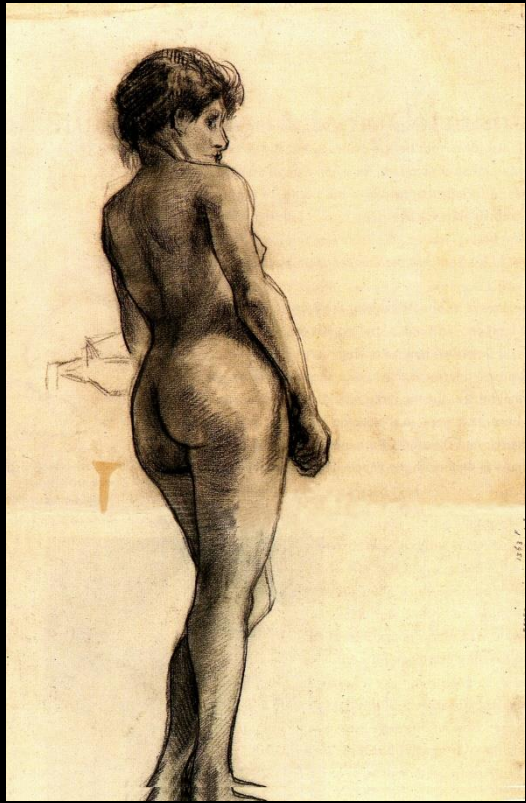
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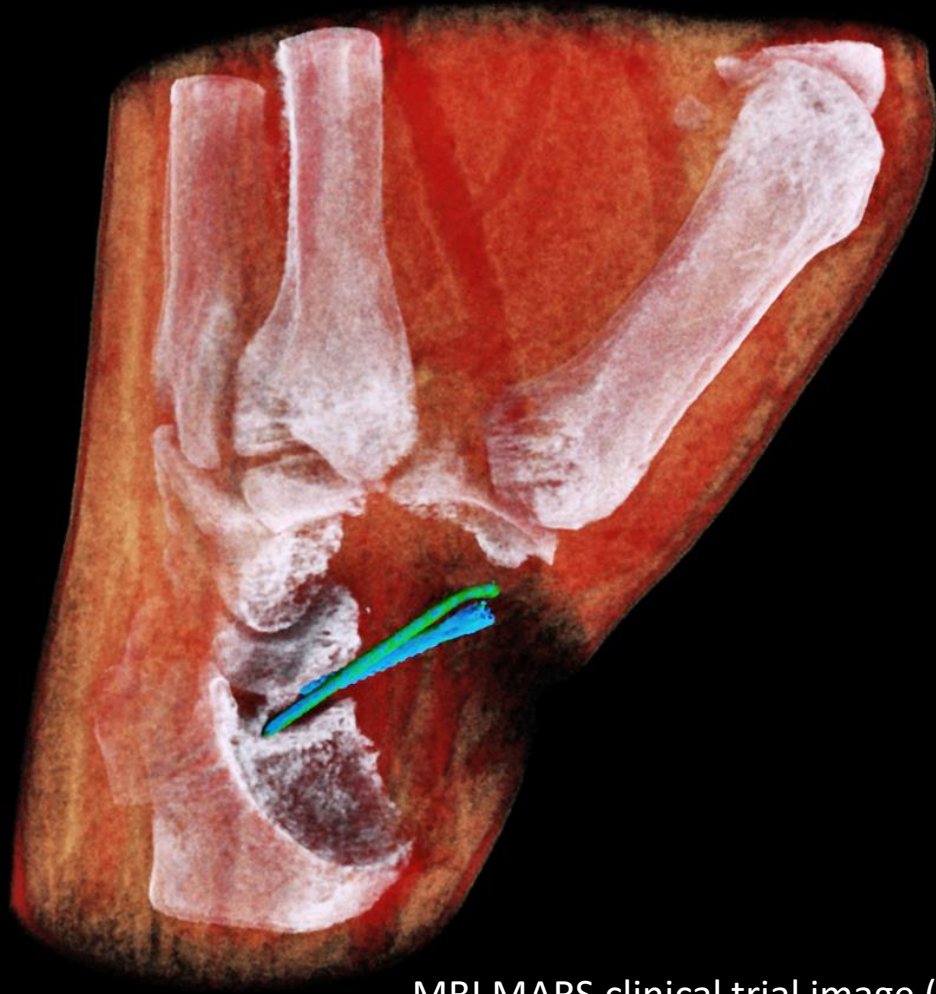
~1888











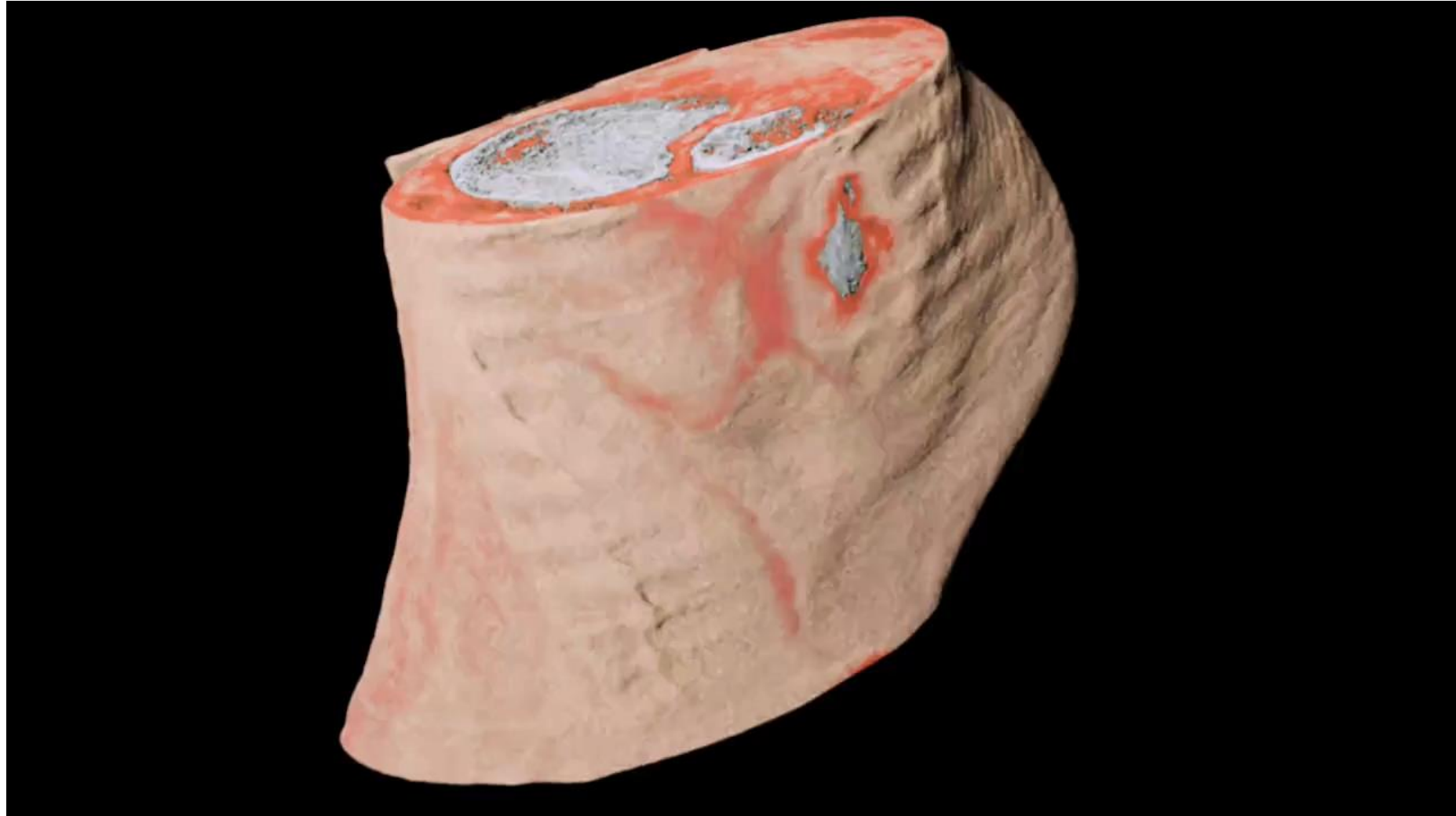
MBI MARS clinical trial image (1x12 Medipix3RX with CdZnTe detectors (~24cm<sup>2</sup>))  
200K pixels  
Wrist with titanium screw and steel wire



Scanner installed at Centre Hospitalier  
Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV),  
Lausanne, Switzerland

*Courtesy: MARS team*

# Movie Slice through Phil's ankle

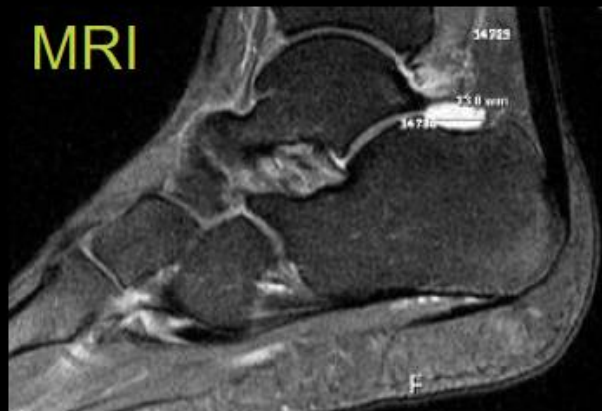


# Slice through Phil's ankle

Conventional imagers



(Resonancia magnética)



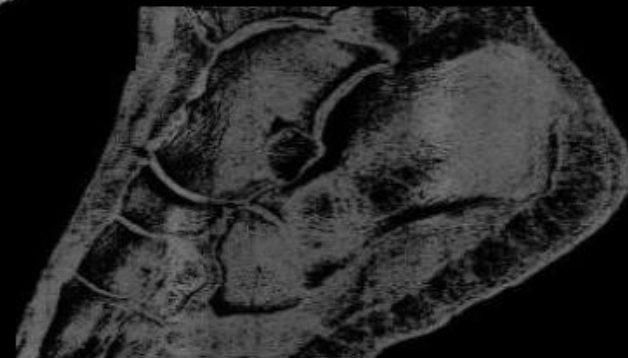
MARS CT

Calcium,  
colour it white



Water,  
colour it red and  
semi-transparent red

Fat,  
colour it yellow



Aplicaciones: Dosimetría en el espacio



# Timepix in Space

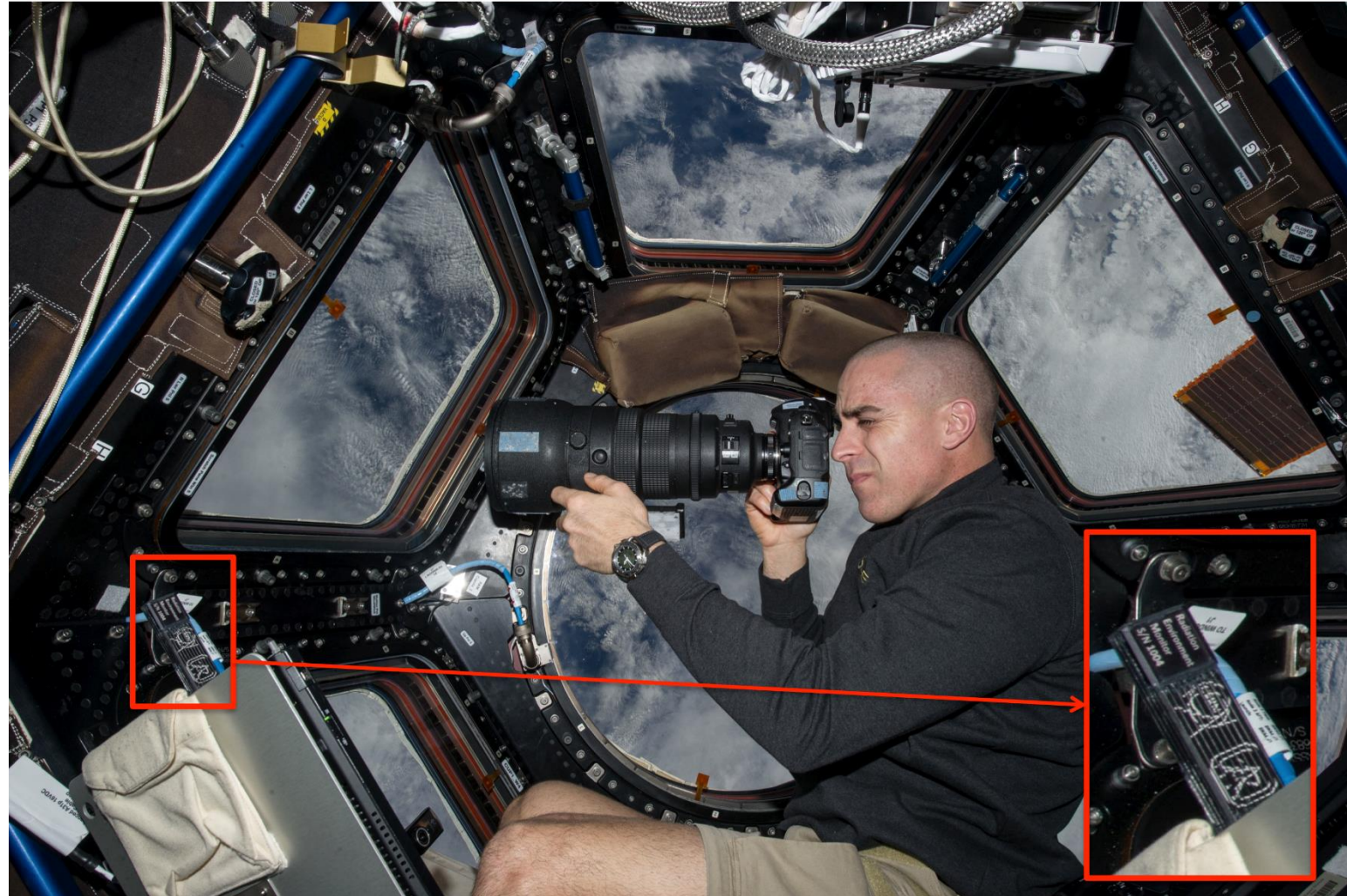
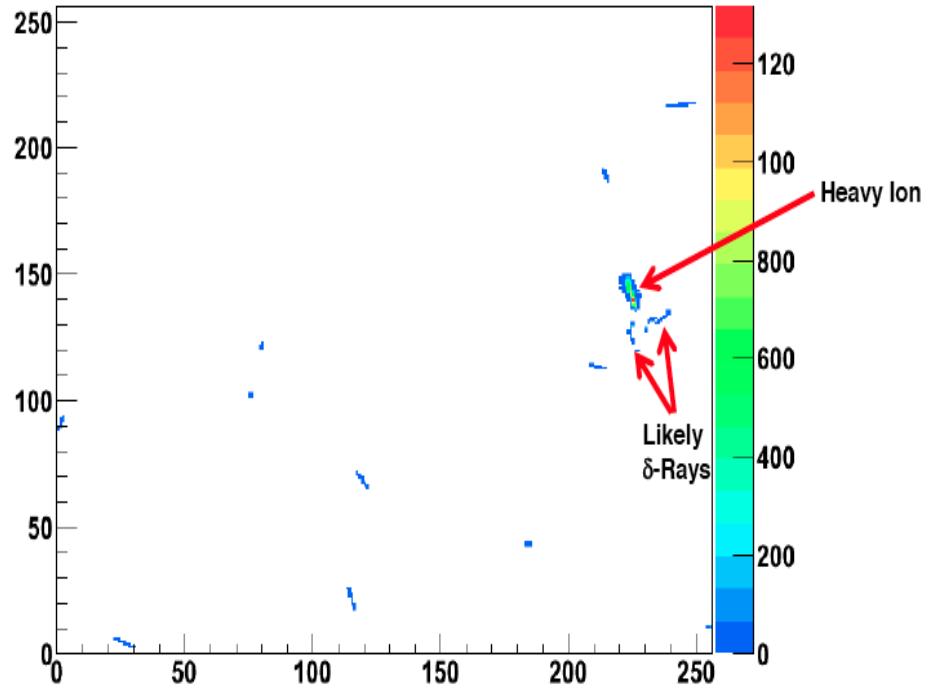
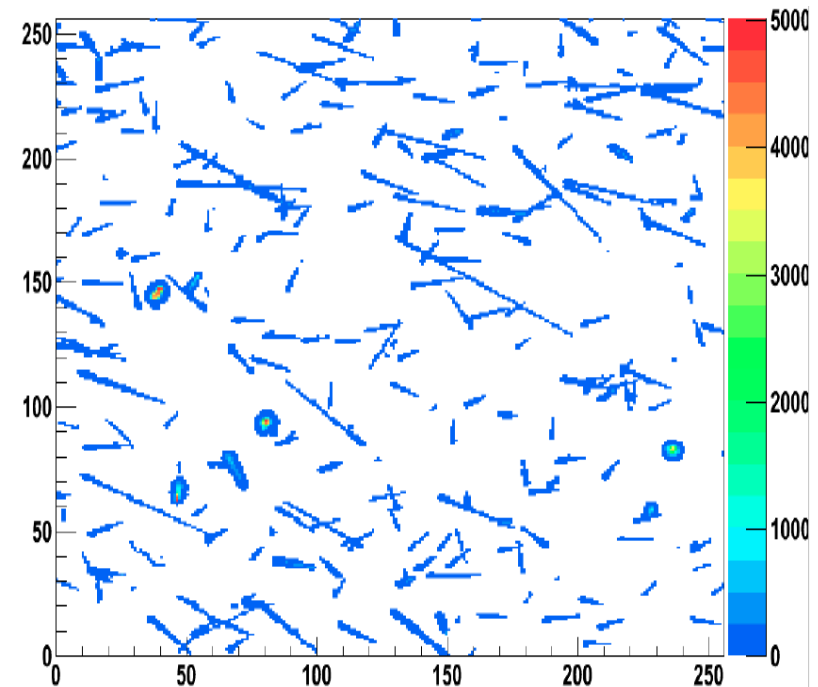


Image of the astronaut Chris Cassidy working near the Timepix USB on the International Space Station (Courtesy of NASA, photo ref. no. iss036e006175)

# Timepix - 4s exposures

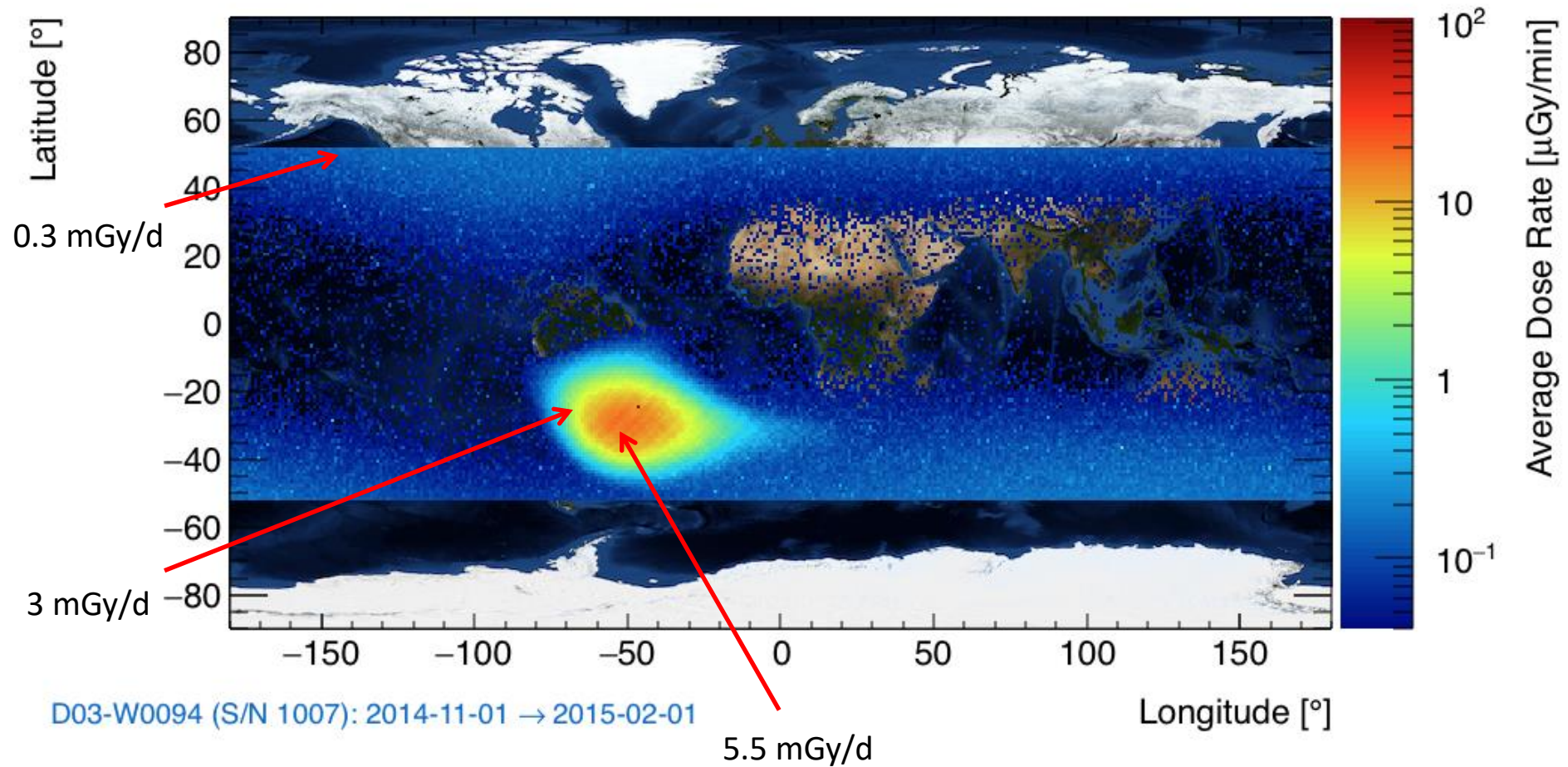


South China Sea



South Atlantic Anomaly

# REM Dose Rate Data ( $\mu\text{G}/\text{min}$ )

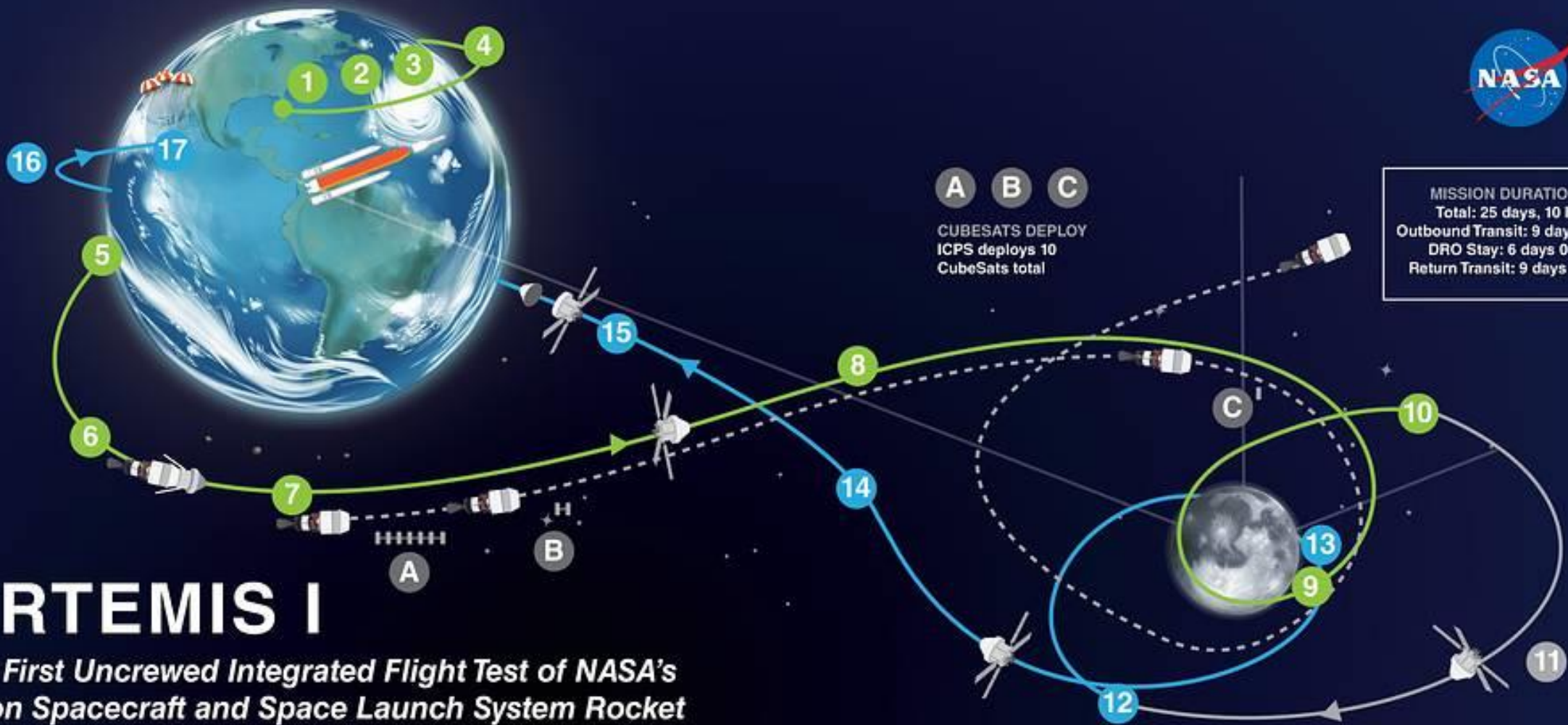


Average exposure on the ground is 3 mGy/year

# Timepix on Artemis 1

- Artemis 1 launch Wednesday Nov 16 2022
- Carrying 4 Timepix detectors from the Medipix2 collaboration at CERN on board to measure radiation
- Part of a larger program at NASA using Timepix based instruments for radiation measurement
- 3 devices part of HERA radiation dose monitoring hardware. Successful operation from just after launch to just before splashdown
- 4th device on board Biosentinel cubesat (a biosensor instrument to detect and measure the impact of space radiation on living organisms over long durations ) (now at >> 2Mkm from earth)





**A B C**  
 CUBESATS DEPLOY  
 ICPS deploys 10  
 CubeSats total

**MISSION DURATIONS:**  
 Total: 25 days, 10 hrs  
 Outbound Transit: 9 days 13 hrs  
 DRO Stay: 6 days 0 hrs  
 Return Transit: 9 days 19 hrs

# ARTEMIS I

The First Uncrewed Integrated Flight Test of NASA's Orion Spacecraft and Space Launch System Rocket

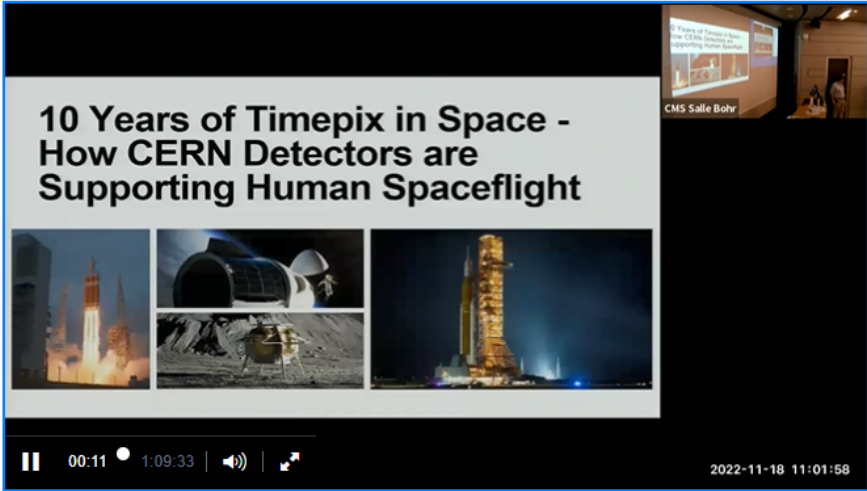

- 1 LAUNCH (11/16/22)**  
SLS and Orion lift off from pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center.
- 2 JETTISON ROCKET BOOSTERS, FAIRINGS, AND LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM**
- 3 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF**  
With separation.
- 4 PERIGEE RAISE MANEUVER**
- 5 EARTH ORBIT**  
Systems check with solar panel adjustments.
- 6 TRANS LUNAR INJECTION (TLI) BURN**  
Maneuver lasts for approximately 20 minutes.
- 7 INTERIM CRYOGENIC PROPULSION STAGE (ICPS) SEPARATION AND DISPOSAL**  
ICPS commits Orion to moon at TLI.
- 8 OUTBOUND TRAJECTORY CORRECTION BURNS**  
As necessary adjust trajectory for lunar flyby to Distant Retrograde Orbit (DRO).
- 9 OUTBOUND POWERED FLYBY**  
105.5 miles from the Moon; targets DRO insertion.
- 10 LUNAR ORBIT INSERTION**  
Enter Distant Retrograde Orbit.
- 11 DISTANT RETROGRADE ORBIT**  
Perform a half revolution (6 day duration) in the orbit 43,730 miles from the surface of the Moon.
- 12 DRO DEPARTURE**  
Leave DRO and start return to Earth.
- 13 RETURN POWERED FLYBY**  
RPF burn prep and return coast to Earth initiated. Closest approach in middle of burn, 81 miles.
- 14 RETURN TRANSIT**  
Return Trajectory Correction burns as necessary to aim for Earth's atmosphere.
- 15 CREW MODULE SEPARATION FROM SERVICE MODULE**
- 16 ENTRY INTERFACE**  
Enter Earth's atmosphere.
- 17 SPLASHDOWN (12/11/22)**  
Pacific Ocean landing within view of the U.S. Navy recovery ship.

# Timepix-based flight hardware

Name	Date Flown	Mission	Location	Objective	Vehicle	Number TPX
REM	2012	ISS	LEO	Demo	ISS	5
BIRD	2014	Orion EFT-1	LEO/MEO	Demo/Science	Orion	2
REM2	2018	ISS	LEO	Ops	ISS	7
MPT	2017	ISS	LEO	Science	ISS	2
Biosentinel	2020	ISS	LEO	Science	ISS	1
ISS-HERA	2018	ISS	LEO	Demo	ISS	3
AHOSS	2020	ISS	LEO	Demo/Ops	ISS	3
LETS(1)	2023	Astrobotic 1	Lunar Surface	Science	Peregrine	1
LETS(2)	2024/5	Berensheet 2*	Lunar Surface	Science	Berensheet 2	1
HERA	2022	Artemis 1	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Orion	3
Biosentinel	2022	Artemis 1	Solar Orbit	Science	Cubesat	1
HERA	2023	Polaris Dawn	MEO	Science	Crew Dragon	1
HERA	2024	Artemis 2	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Orion	6
HERA	2025	Artemis 3	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Orion	6
ARES	2025	Artemis 3	Lunar Surface	Ops	Starship	>=1
LEIA	~~2024	CLPS Lander	Lunar Surface	Science	TBS Lander	1
ARES	2026	Artemis	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Lunar Gateway	2

**\*Evaluating mission possibility**

**7 missions flown, 4 missions next six months, 6 missions manifested, > 23 Timepix in Space to date**

Information	Discussion (0)	Files
Talk		
Title	10 Years of Timepix in Space – How CERN Detectors are supporting Human Spaceflight	
Video		
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## Old Shuttle engineering hardware from the “SRAG Museum”





# Aplicaciones: Camara Compton

# Single Layer Compton Camera with MiniPIX TPX3

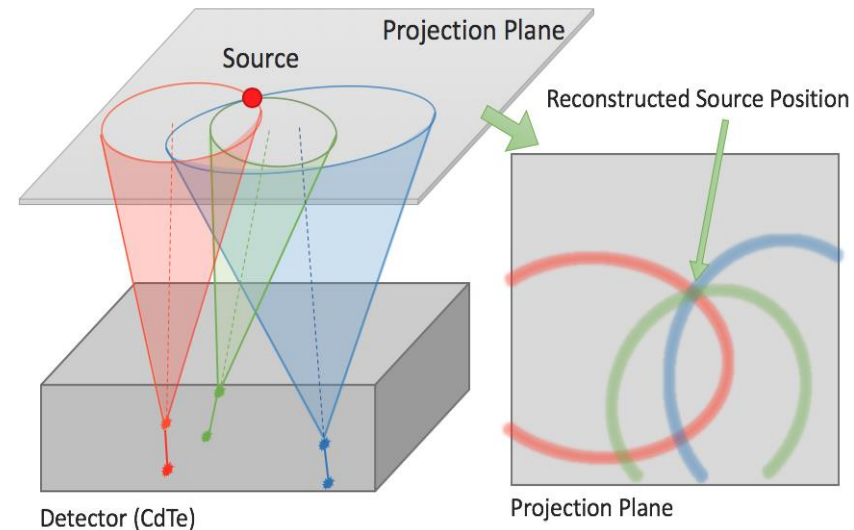
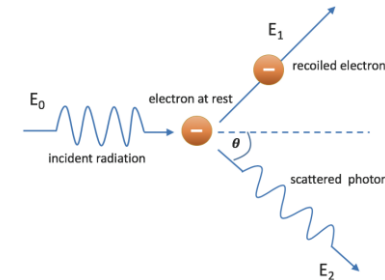
## Compton camera principle

- Typical two detectors
- primary gamma is scattered in first detector (position and energy recorded), scattered gamma continues to second detector (absorbed, position and energy recorded)
- from energies -> scattering angle calculated
- from position and energies -> possible position of the source on the surface of a cone
- Multiple cones intersection -> source position
  
- Single Timepix3 layer camera
  - Instead of 2 detectors, only single TPX3
  - Using time of charge collection to determine relative depth

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$$\cos \theta = 1 - m_e c^2 \frac{E_1}{E_0(E_0 - E_1)}$$

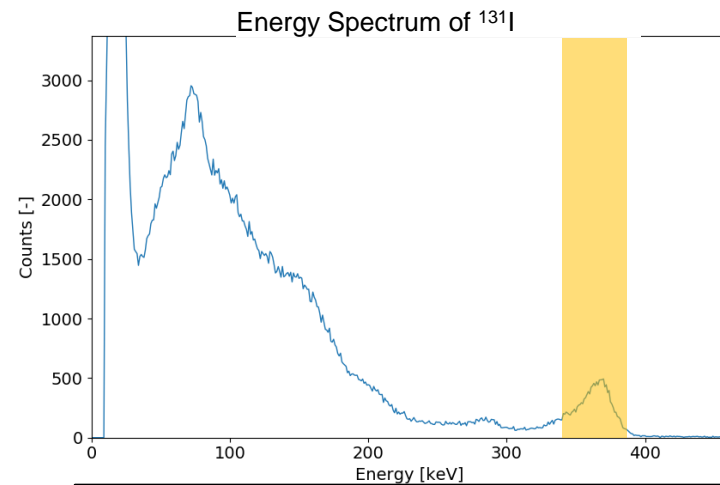
$$E_0 = E_1 + E_2$$



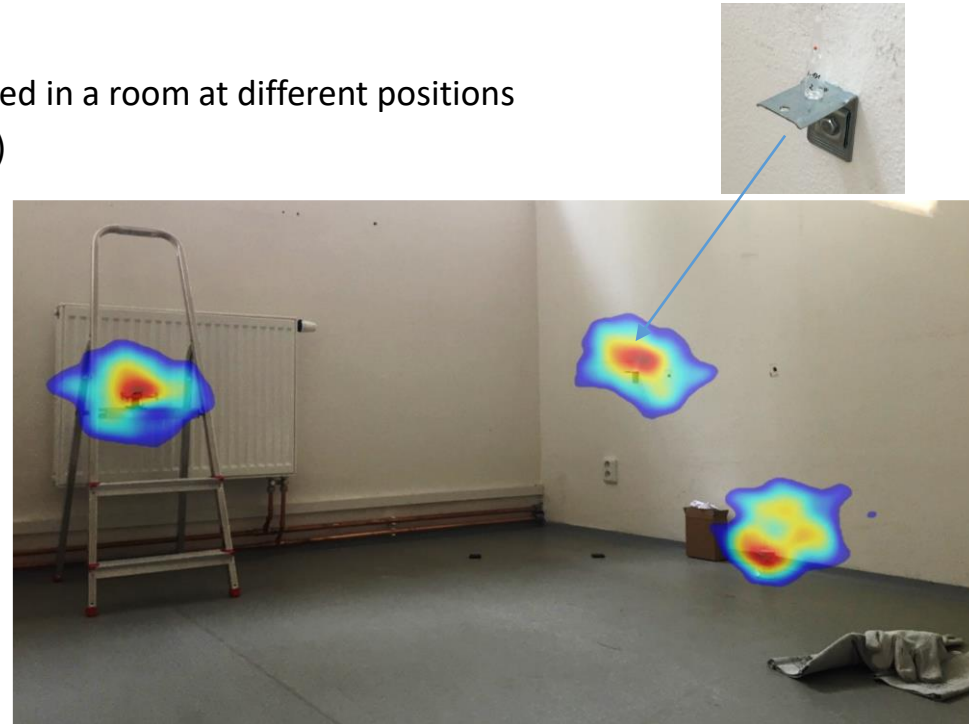
# Single Layer Compton Camera with MiniPIX TPX3

## $^{131}\text{I}$ iodine gamma source

- 3 different iodine solution in small bottles positioned in a room at different positions
- Distance from detector 3.5 m (activity 10's of MBq)
- Mapped on photograph of the room
- Sources located correctly within minutes
- Image took hours to collect



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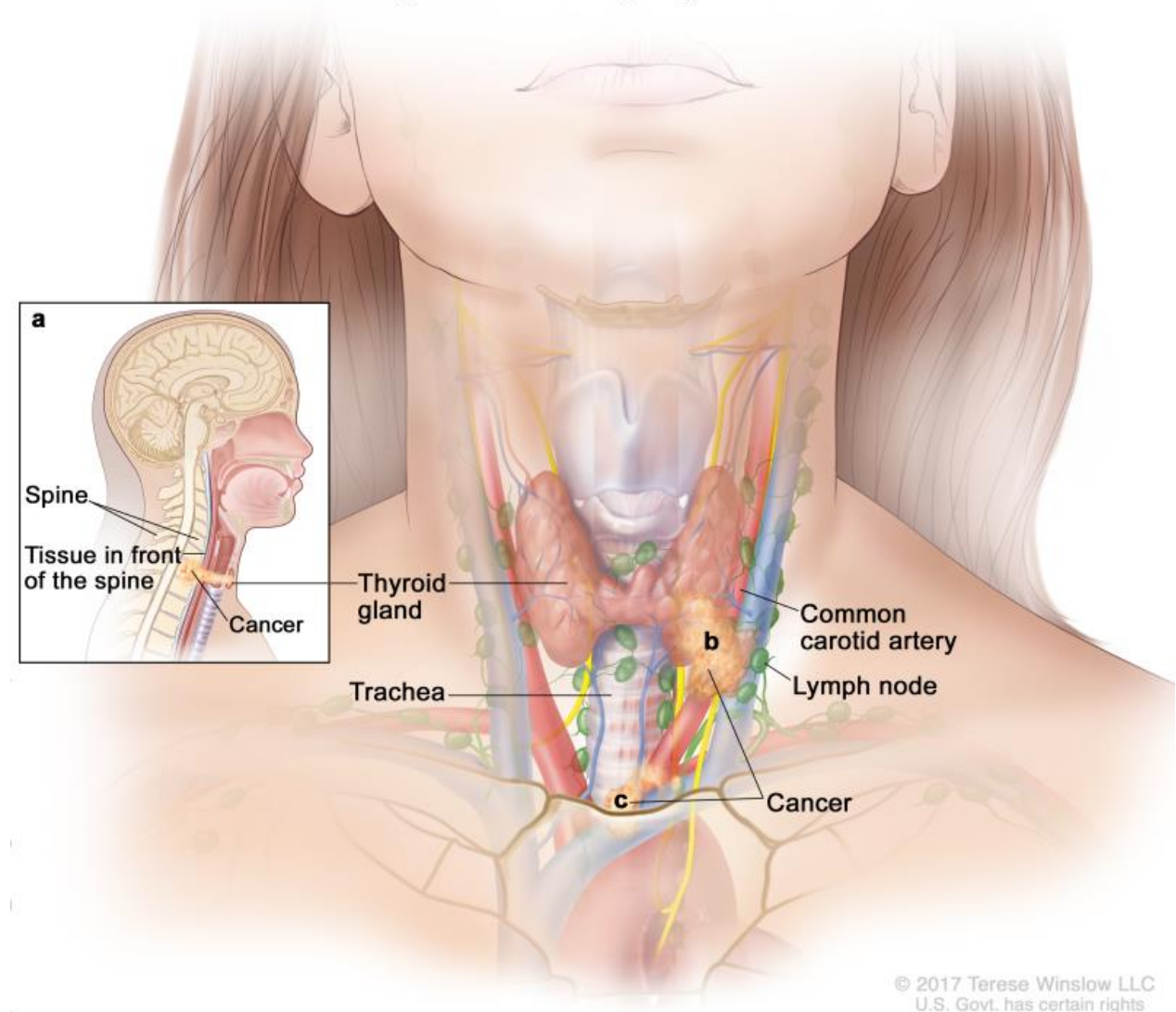
Reconstruction of position of three  $^{131}\text{I}$  gamma sources (364 keV)

# Gamma camera application: Thyroid diagnostics

## Stage IVB Medullary Thyroid Cancer

### Thyroid cancer diagnostics and treatment monitoring:

- The second most frequent cancer for women (after breast cancer)
- Current imaging methods offer resolution of about 12 mm in 2D
- Our technology allows
  - 5 times better resolution and 3D (2.5 mm)
  - 4 times lower dose



# Aplicaciones: Educación

# CERN@school



Simon Langton School, Canterbury, England

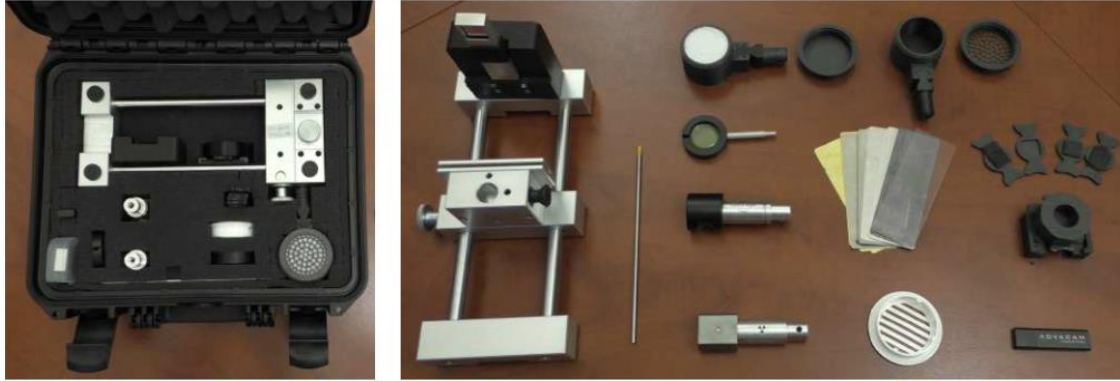
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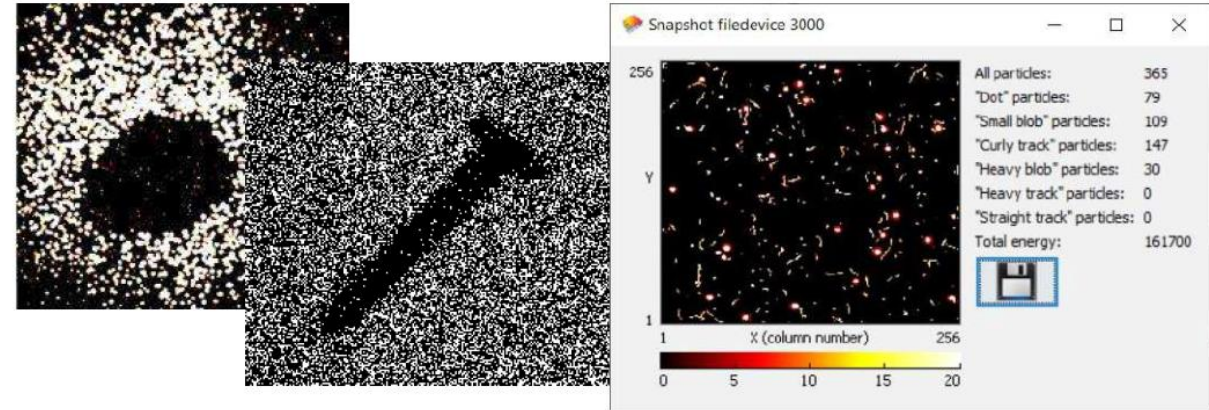
# SESTRA

## School Education Set with Timepix for Radiation Analysis



### Kit Components

- Particle Camera MiniPIX EDU with Timepix detector
- Software (acquisition, online visualisation, etc.)
- SZZ Alfa (241Am,  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  source, 9.5 kBq)
- DZZ Gamma (241Am,  $\gamma$  source, 300 kBq, *optional*)
- Potassium Salt ( $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  source)
- Thoriated Tungsten Electrode ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  source)
- Uranium Glass ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  source)
- Mounting Rails
- Source Holder
- Camera Holder
- Aluminium, Stainless, Copper, Brass and Lead Plates
- Radiography Adapter Head and Samples with Hidden Patterns
- Vacuum Cleaner Grate Adapter
- Transport Case
- USB Cable



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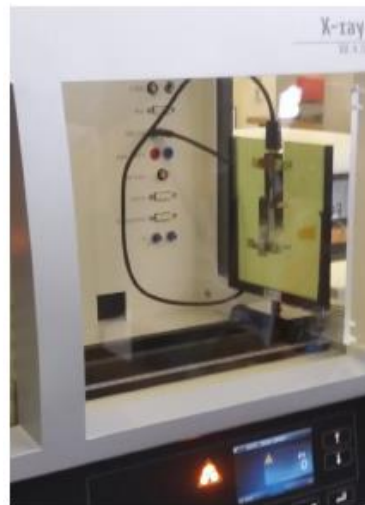


# TIMEPIX en la escuela Sagrada Familia de Gavà



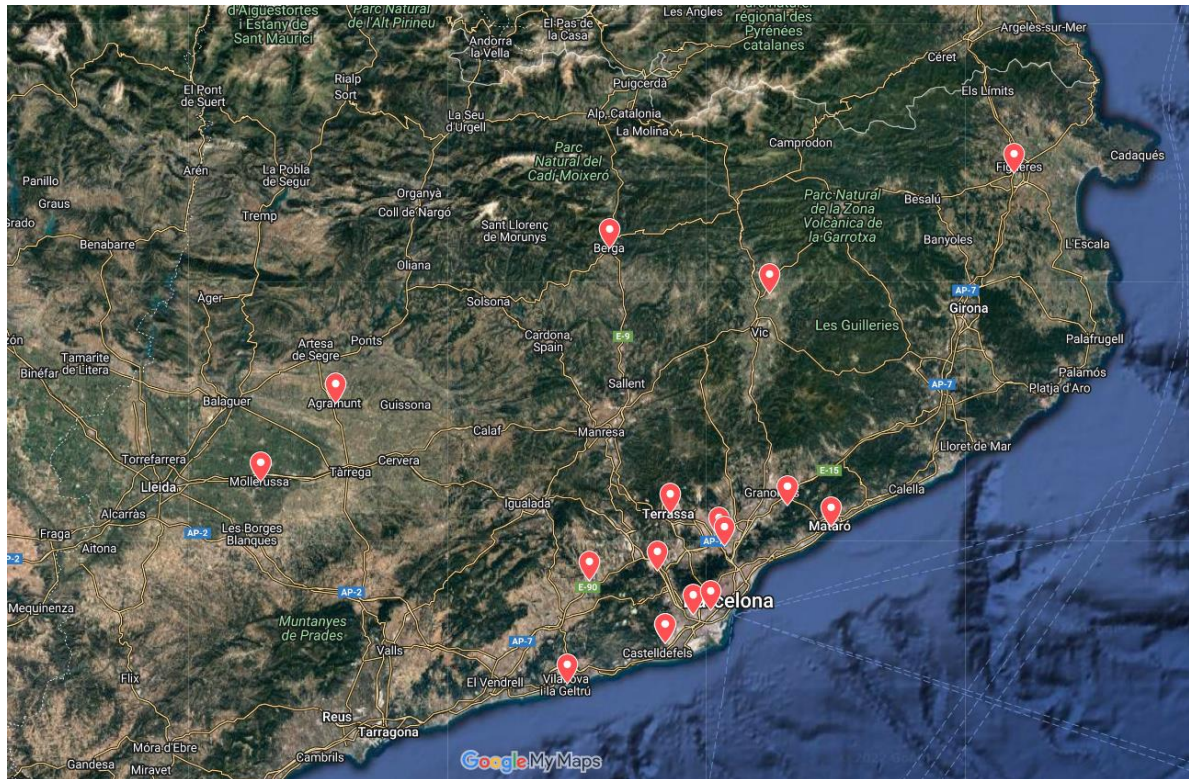
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- Curso académico 2017-2018
  - Práctica inicial
  - 4 Trabajos de investigación (Supervisión: D. Parcerisas)
    - Investigación teórica común de los 4 trabajos: Detector TIMEPIX, software PIXETPRO
    - Búsqueda de fuentes radioactivas

- **ADMIRA: Activitats amb Detectores Medipix per Investigar la Radiació a l'Aula**
- Objetivo (Acercar centros de investigación, universidades y escuelas de secundaria alrededor de la física de partículas)
  - Crear una **red de escuelas que comparten** dispositivos Timepix (cortesía de la sección de microelectrónica del CERN)
  - Los profesores comparten dispositivos, experiencias
  - Ofrecemos formación para profesores y estudiantes impartida por expertos
  - Estudiantes de secundaria participan en proyectos científicos reales
    - Trabajar en problemas en los que la solución no se encuentra en la última página
  - Impacto en muchas disciplinas (física, matemáticas, química, tecnología)



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- Schools: D. Parcerisas, D. Corrons, I. Huguet



The support from University of Barcelona is key (website, logistics for distributing the kit, access to conference rooms, certificates for teachers attending trainings)

# Trabajo de investigación

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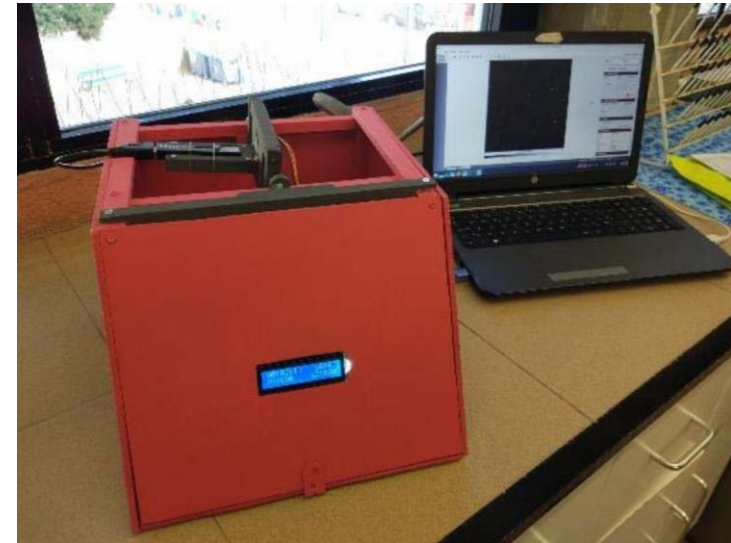
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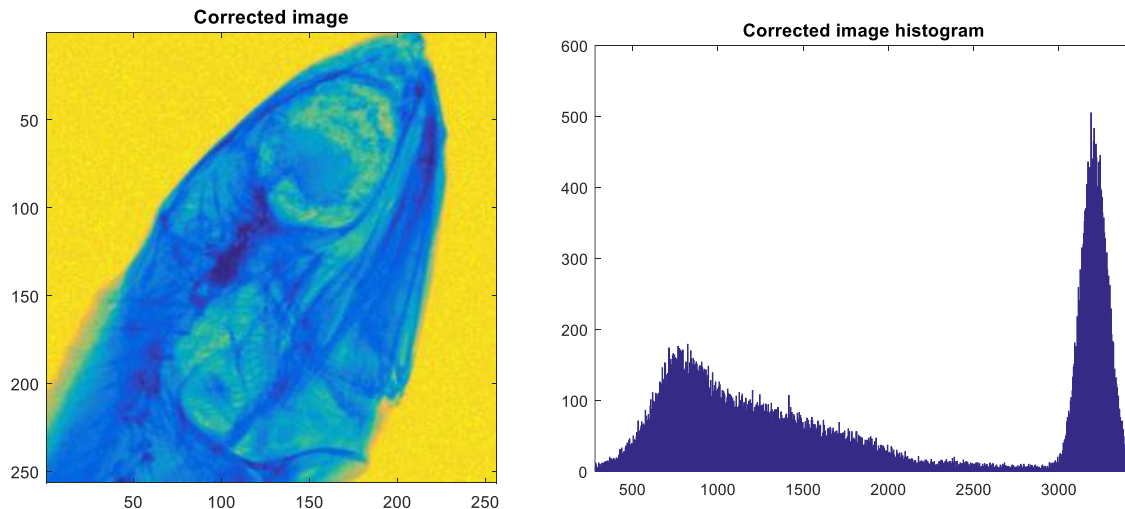
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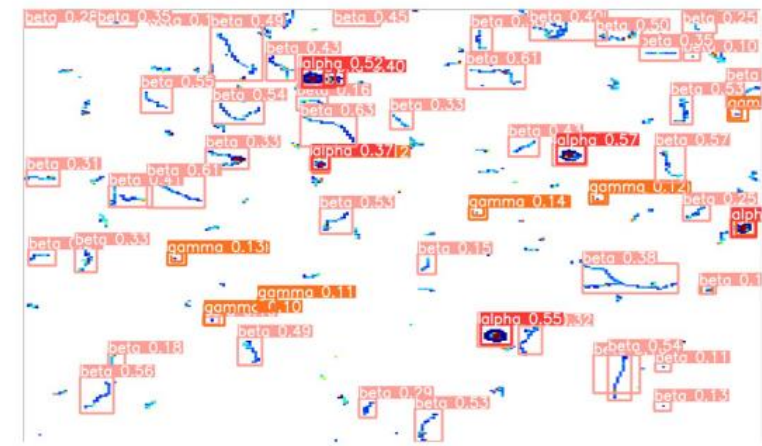
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- Rayos cósmicos
- Salud
- Detectores de partículas
- Computación e inteligencia artificial



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# Prácticas

## La radioactivitat que ens envolta

### Presentació de les pràctiques de radioactivitat a l'aula.

#### Introducció

En aquest kit de pràctiques de radioactivitat a l'aula es facilita el material necessari perquè el professor pugui realitzar a l'aula un seguit d'experiències en física de radiacions.

L'enfoc d'aquestes experiències es treballar i observar efectes de radiacions beta i alfa sense la necessitat de recórrer a fonts radioactives perilloses per a les persones. La radioactivitat és un fenomen natural que ens envolta, i que moltes vegades els alumnes associen exclusivament a contextos amb dosis de radioactivitat molt elevada i perjudicial per als humans. Amb això, les dues pràctiques presentades en aquests material tenen dos objectius fonamentals:

- 1- Treballar i estudiar els fenòmens de radioactivitat, mitjançant la mesura real i l'anàlisi posterior de les dades experimentals recollides.
- 2- Conscienciar a l'alumnat que els fenòmens de radioactivitat són habituals i estem envoltats d'ells en el nostre dia a dia, lluny d'associar el perjudici de la radioactivitat a exclusivament fonts perilloses per a les persones.

Les pràctiques i el contingut que en elles es treballen estan enfocats idealment per a ser treballat a nivell de batxillerat. Tot i això, són possibles simplificacions en els continguts a tractar i els càlculs a realitzar per part dels alumnes, de forma que pugui ser implementada en cursos d'ESO (més informació a la guia del professor, on es presenta una descripció detallada de les pràctiques, conjuntament amb un solucionari amb mesures reals obtingudes en realitzar les experiències).

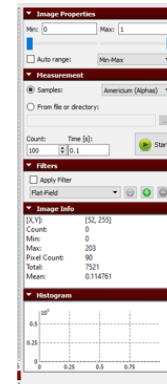
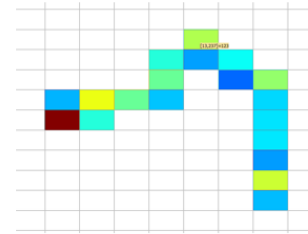
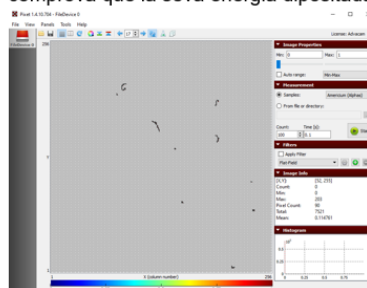
Per realitzar aquestes experiències és altament recomanable tenir accés al sensor TIMEPIX, ja que tant el procés de mesura com de representació de dades resulta molt àgil i eficient. Tot i això, alternatives amb altres aparells de mesura de radiacions poden ser adaptats.

Tot el material descrit s'inclou en un pdf conjunt, el professor interessat pot fer posteriorment ús de les parts que li interessi independentment.

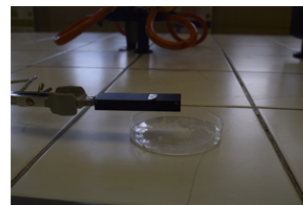
4. Sense utilitzar la mostra radioactiva, obriu la finestra del detector i premeu el botó Start per iniciar la captura de dades.
5. Una vegada acabada l'obtenció de les dades, tanqueu la finestra (el protector del xip).

### Quan el procés d'obtenció de dades finalitzi, tanqueu el protector del xip.

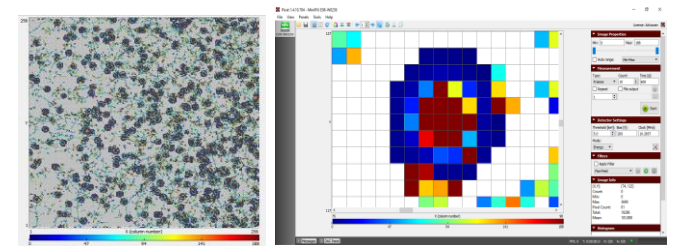
6. Compteu el nombre de Worms (cucs), que són trajectòries llargues i corbades produïdes per la radiació beta d'alta energia. Per assegurar-vos que les partícules beta són d'alta energia, amplia la imatge de cadascuna d'elles, i comprova que la seva energia dipositada és superior als 700 keV.



7. Dividiu el nombre de partícules detectades pel temps transcorregut (600 s). Obtindreu l'activitat de fons.
8. Subjecteu el detector verticalment a un suport amb anella de manera que estigui a un centímetre per sobre del banc, tal i com es mostra a la imatge de sota. Col·loqueu un vidre de rellotge o un tap d'ampolla sota la finestra del detector.



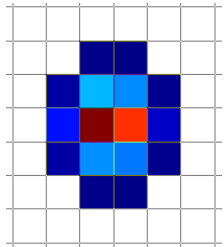
9. Peseu 2 grams de clorur de potassi, i dipositeu-lo al vidre de rellotge.
10. Obriu de nou la finestra del detector i premeu el botó Start per iniciar la captura de dades.
11. Una vegada acabada l'obtenció de les dades, tanqueu la finestra (el protector del xip).



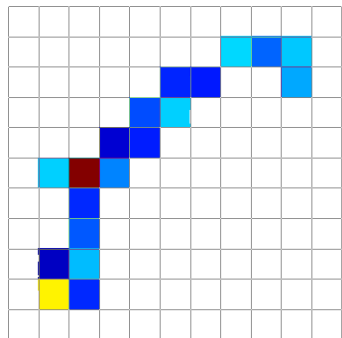
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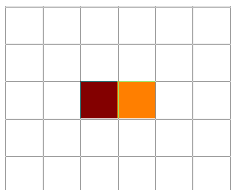
## Resultados



Alfa



Beta



Gamma

Ek [keV]	10809	3912	7487	6164	5497
Ek [J]	1,73E-12	6,27E-13	1,20E-12	9,87E-13	8,81E-13
v [m/s] (relat.)	22788343,53	13728410,69	18978555,51	17224865	16268425,19
v [m/s] (class.)	22837837,18	13739206,06	19007111,86	17246204,4	16286399,46
v/c (relat.)	0,07596114511	0,04576136897	0,0632618517	0,05741621667	0,05422808397
v/c (classica)	0,07612612395	0,04579735353	0,06335703953	0,05748734801	0,05428799819
desviació (%)	0,2167177617	0,07857344563	0,1502403333	0,1237338907	0,1103636552

Ek [keV]	1953	1878	2504	1282	736
Ek [J]	3,13E-13	3,01E-13	4,01E-13	2,05E-13	1,18E-13
v [m/s] (relat.)	293461408,6	293039615,1	295648441,5	287530123	273603963,7
v [m/s] (class.)	828777947,9	812708607	938435066,1	671476901,6	508775245,3
v/c (relat.)	0,9782046954	0,976798717	0,9854948051	0,9584337434	0,9120132124
v/c (classica)	2,76259316	2,70902869	3,128116887	2,238256339	1,695917484
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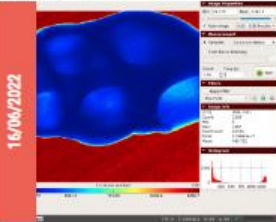






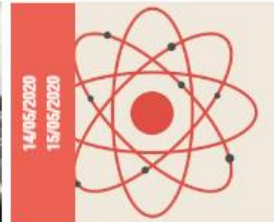
Ek [keV]	82	72	31	18	68
Ek [J]	1,31E-14	1,15E-14	4,97E-15	2,88E-15	1,09E-14
f (Hz)	1,98E+19	1,74E+19	7,50E+18	4,36E+18	1,65E+19
long. ona (m)	1,51E-11	1,72E-11	4,00E-11	6,89E-11	1,82E-11
p (kg·m/s)	4,38E-23	3,84E-23	1,66E-23	9,61E-24	3,63E-23



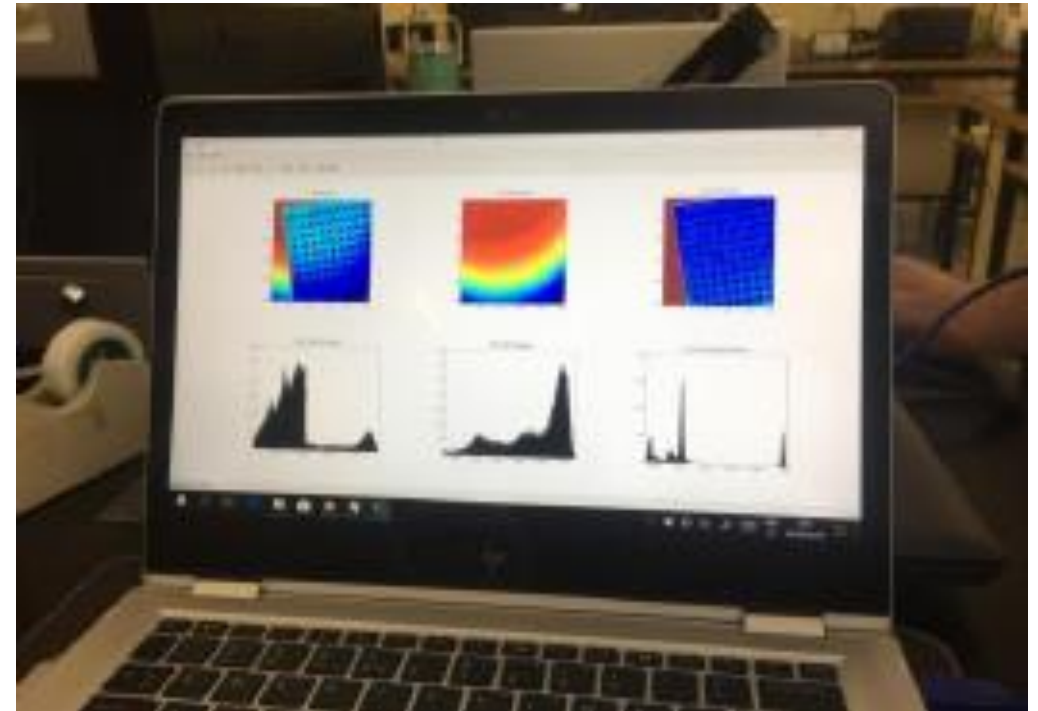
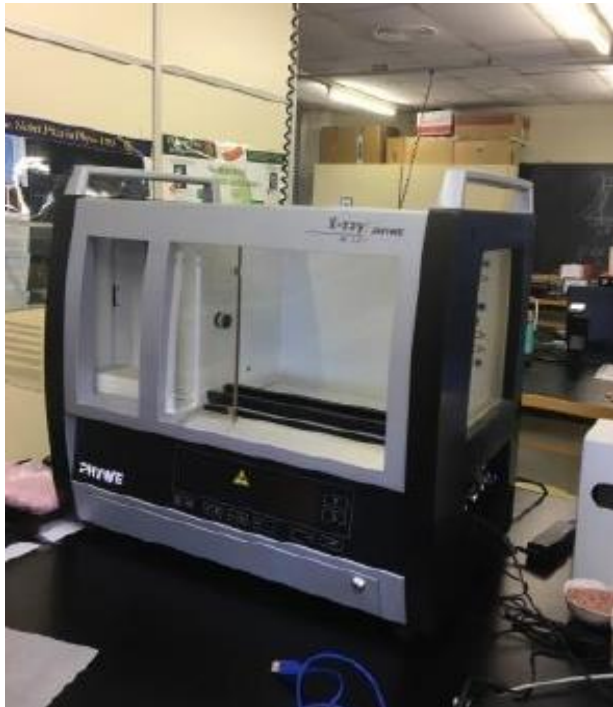
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## CURSOS

 <p>16/06/2022</p>	 <p>21/04/2022</p>	 <p>18/01/2022</p>	 <p>18/01/2022</p>
<p><b>Seminari Advacam en l'ús del Minipix en el món educatiu</b></p> <p>El proper dijous dia 16 de juny tindrà lloc el seminari d'iniciació al detector MiniPix de l'empresa <a href="#">Advacam</a></p> <p>A càrrec de: Carlos Granja, Advacam Prague Lloc: <a href="#">Zoom</a> Hora: 16:00-18:00</p> <p><i>Xerrades a escoles</i> Atòmica i Nuclear/ Física de Partícules</p>	<p><b>Jornada de formació al professorat del projecte ADMIRA</b></p> <p>El proper dijous 21 d'abril reprenem les jornades de formació de</p> <p>A càrrec de: Varis Lloc: <a href="#">Facultat de Física de la Universitat de Barcelona</a> Hora: 16:00-20:00</p> <p><i>Cursos</i> Física de Partícules</p>	<p><b>1 - Tutorials ADMIRA (1/4): Instal·lació PIXet Pro</b></p> <p>Tutorials ADMIRA (1/4): Instal·lació de PIXet Pro</p> <p>Autor: Daniel Parcerisas - Centre Educatiu Sagrada Família, Gavà</p> <p><i>Cursos</i> Professorat infantil, primària, secundària i FP Física de Partícules</p>	<p><b>3 - Tutorials ADMIRA (3/4): Configuració del detector</b></p> <p>Tutorials ADMIRA (3/4): Configuració del detector MiniPIX en el programa PIXet Pro</p> <p>Autor: Daniel Parcerisas - Centre Educatiu Sagrada Família, Gavà</p> <p><i>Cursos</i> Professorat infantil, primària, secundària i FP Física de Partícules</p>
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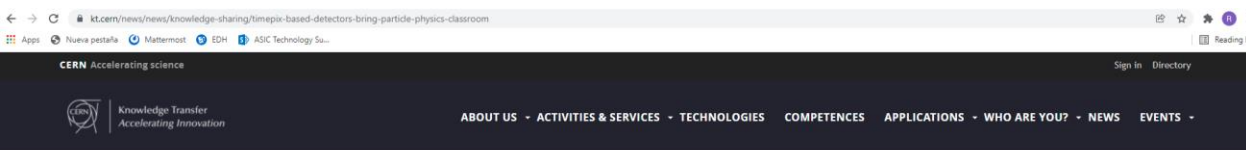
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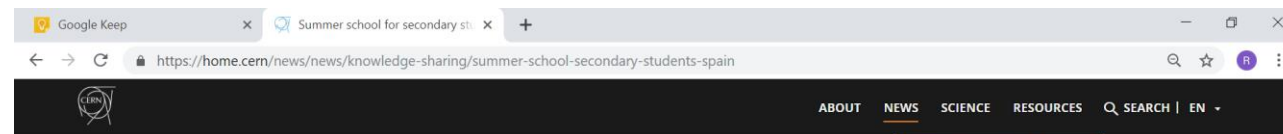


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## Timepix-based detectors bring particle physics in the classroom

The ADMIRA project uses Timepix-based detectors to help students experiment with particle physics and contributes to transforming STEM education.

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Students from the Sagrada Família school in Gava presenting their activities with CERN developed Timepix detectors at the Summer School (image: Rafael Ballabriga)

The first [summer school](#) organised between University of Barcelona and CERN for secondary students of the Barcelona region took place this year from 2 to 6 July. This event synchronised with the [Barcelona Techno Week](#), a series of meeting point events for top experts in semiconductor radiation detectors and its readout electronics. Fourteen students were selected to take part and benefit from the programme, which included hands-on laboratory work, [S'Cool LAB](#) workshops and talks by physicists and engineers in the field of radiation detection and particle physics.

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## ADMIRA project: teaching particle physics at high school with Timepix detectors

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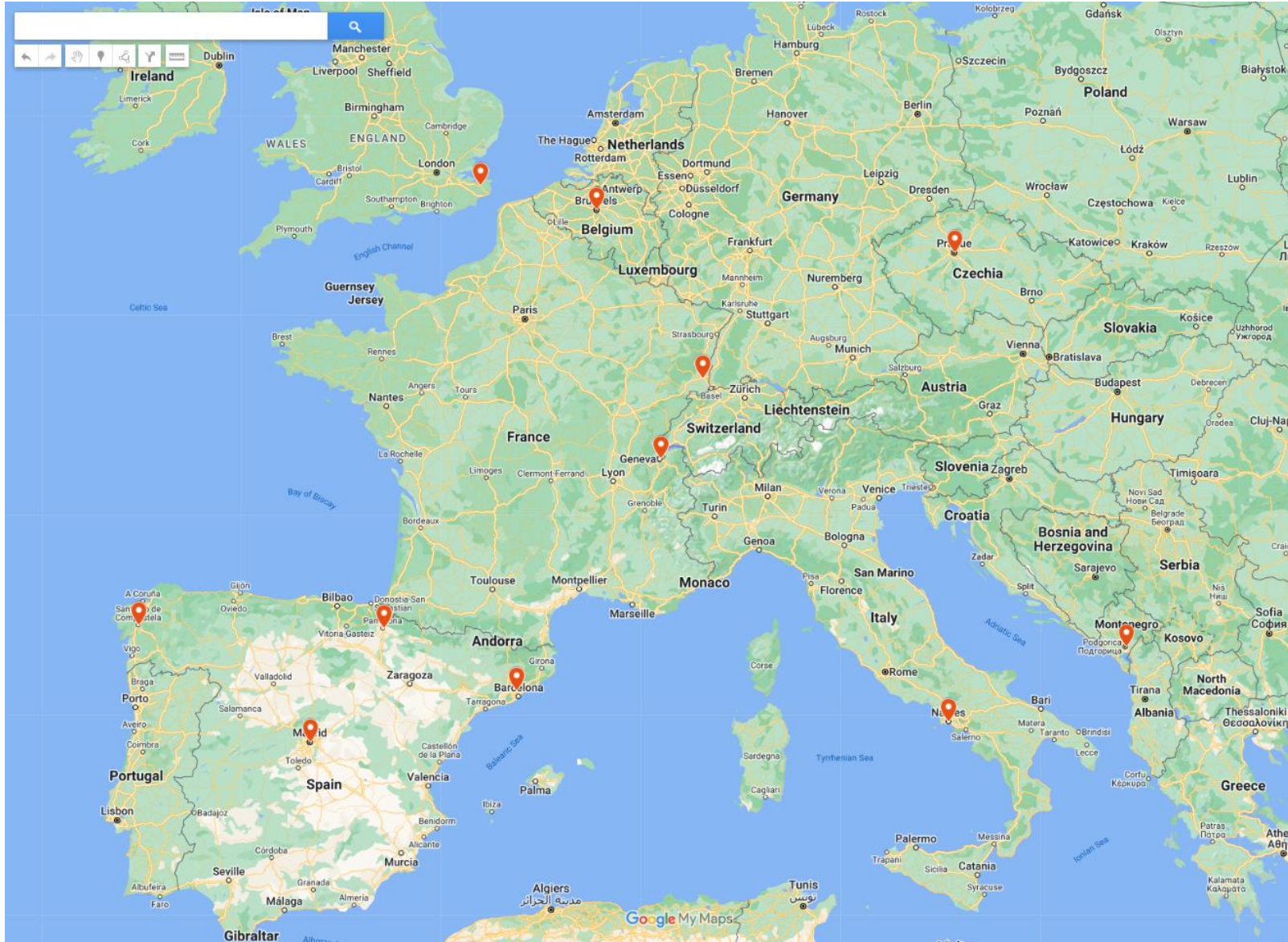
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### Abstract

This paper presents the case for how students can be helped to increase their scientific vocation by experimental work and the introduction of particle physics into pre-university studies. These two ideas are the two main lines of work of the ADMIRA initiative, which has been created by individuals belonging to different and complementary educational and research institutions. The initiative consists of a network of schools that share Minipix

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# Minipix-Edu kits that have been distributed for educational purposes: The Timepix Teachers Network



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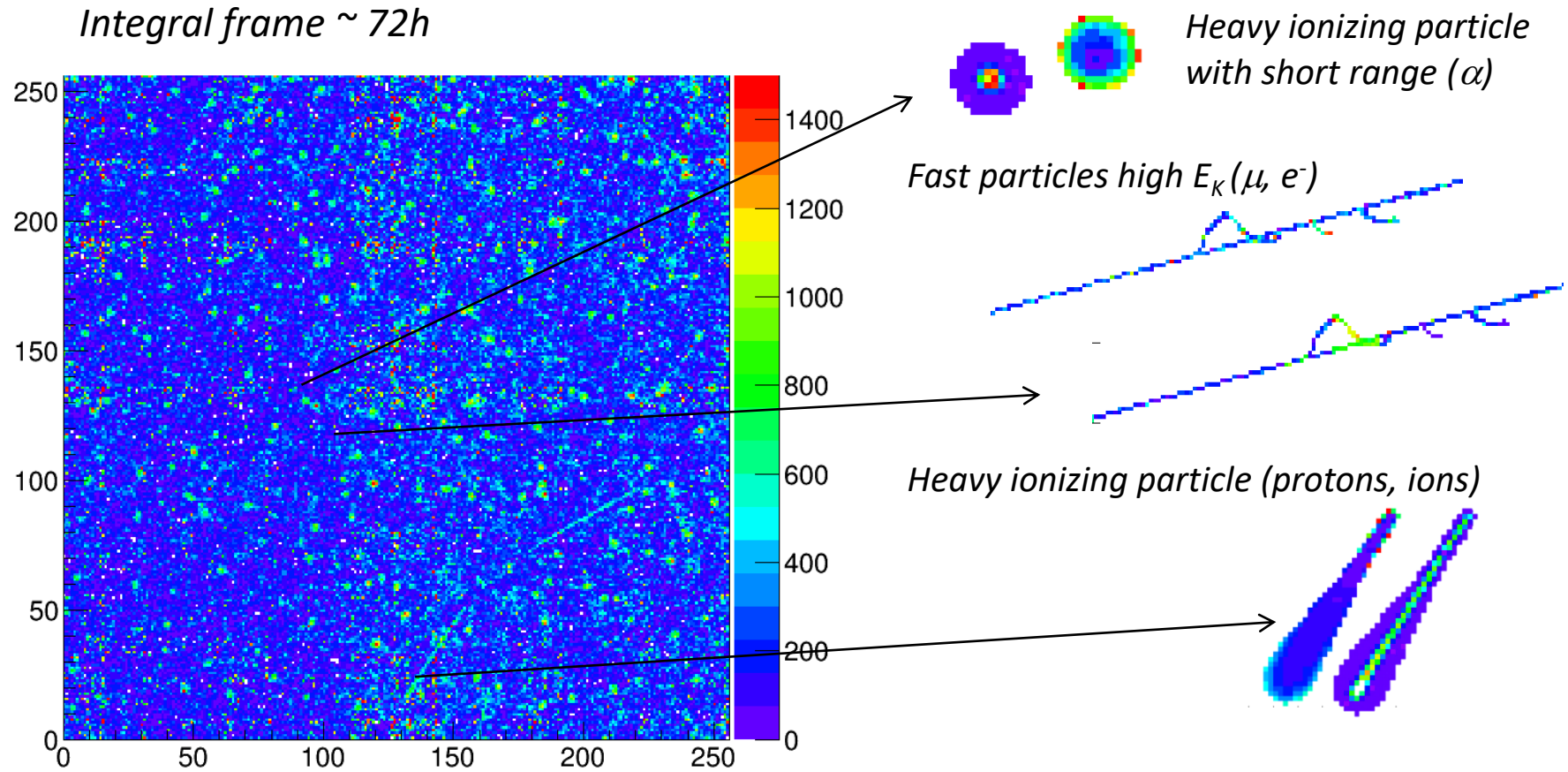


# Conclusión





# Los Detectores Timepix permiten visualizar la radiación



*Timepix chip: matrix of 256x256 pixels*

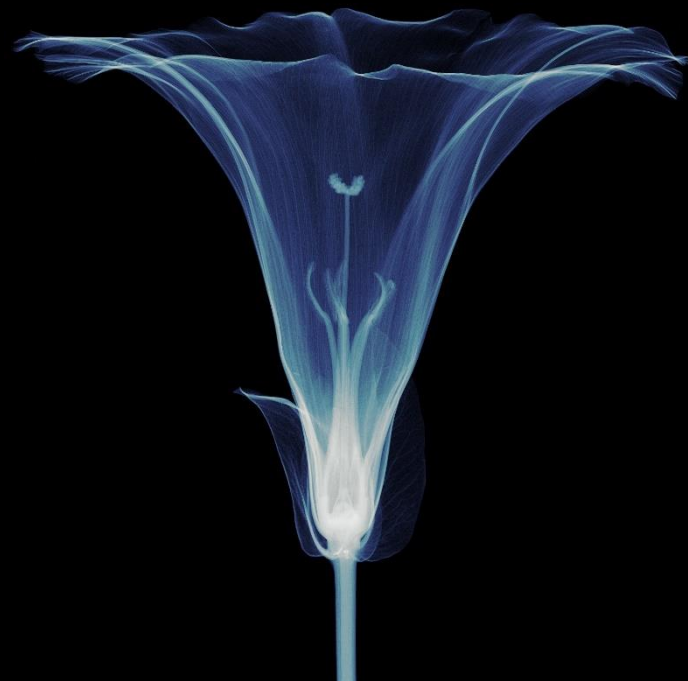
*Different particles present a different signature in their interaction with the pixelated semiconductor detector*







*Muchas gracias*



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# Introducción a la radiación

# Definiciones

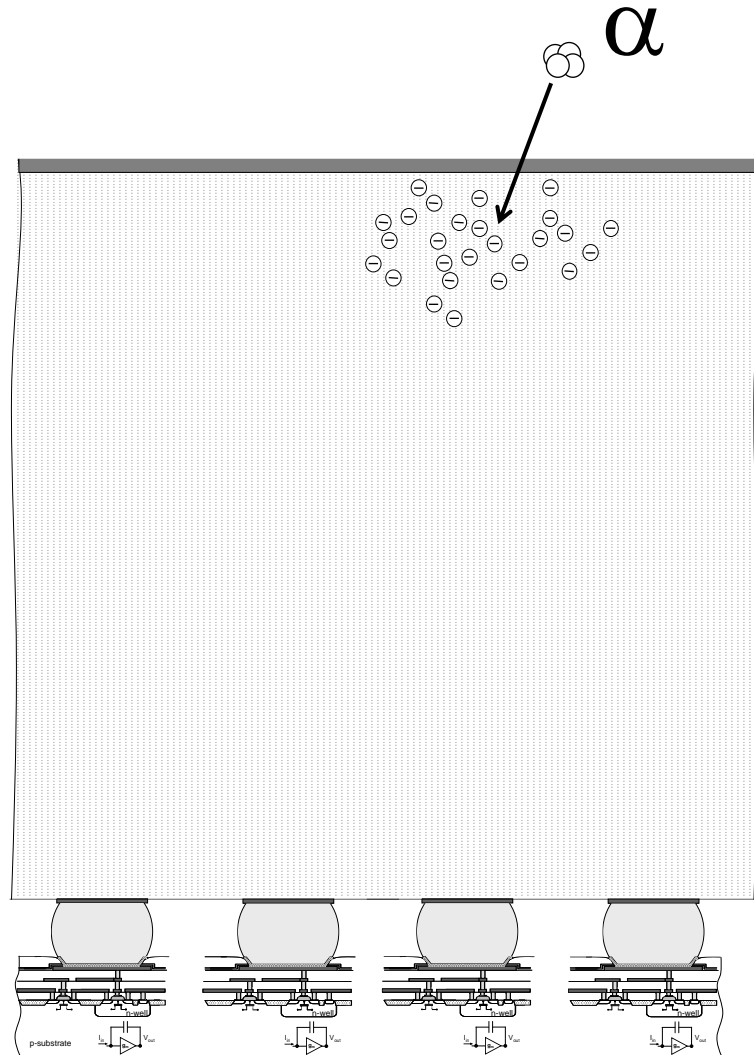
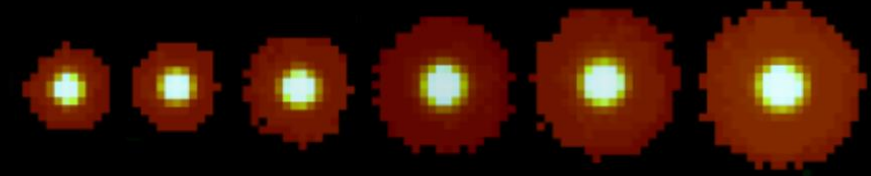
**Radiación** es la emisión de energía en el espacio en forma de ondas electromagnéticas o en forma de partículas altamente energéticas (electrones, protones, iones, etc.).

La **radioactividad** es un fenómeno físico por el cual ciertas sustancias con núcleos atómicos inestables, se transforman espontáneamente perdiendo energía en forma de rayos de partículas, para adquirir unos núcleos atómicos más estables i de menor masa.

Radiación con carga eléctrica	Radiación sin carga
Partículas $\alpha$ , Iones pesados	Neutrones
Electrones ( $\beta^-$ ), Positrones ( $\beta^+$ ), Muones ( $\mu^+$ , $\mu^-$ ), Taus ( $\tau^+$ , $\tau^-$ )	Fotones (Rajos X, rajos $\gamma$ )

# Partículas $\alpha$

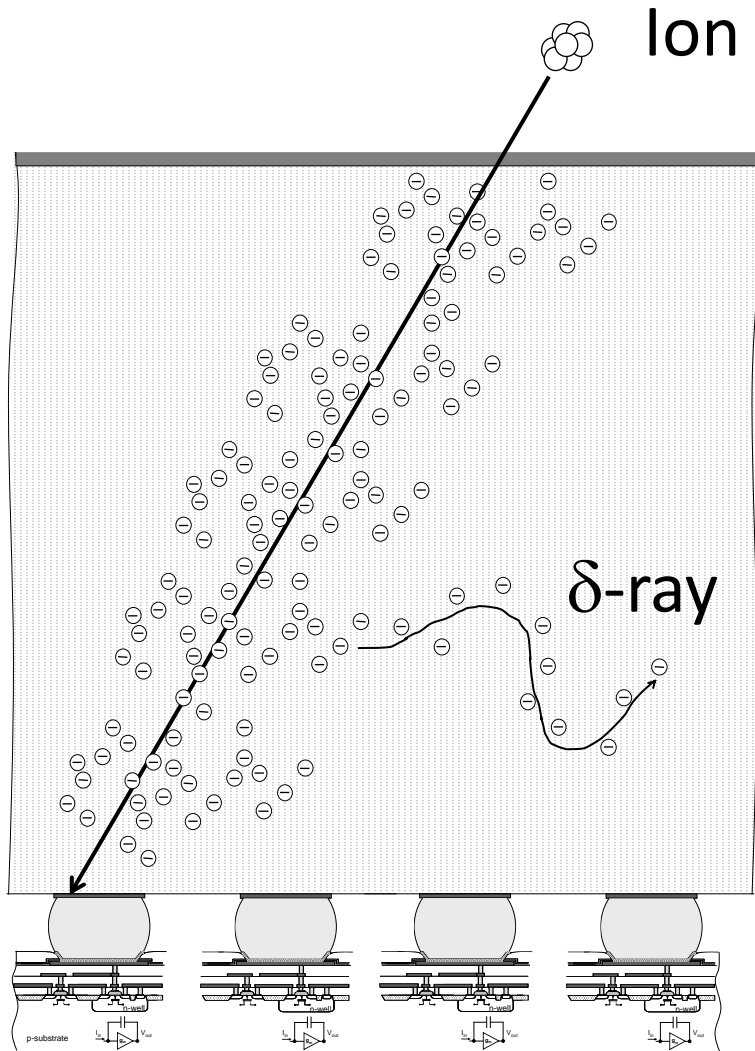
## Alpha $\alpha$



- He nuclei: 2 protons and 2 neutrons
- Interact strongly with matter due to their charge (coulombic forces) and to their mass
- At their typical speeds they can only travel a few centimeters in air. They can be stopped by a sheet of paper
- In their interactions with electrons in the absorbing material,  $\alpha$  particles can generate  $\delta$  rays



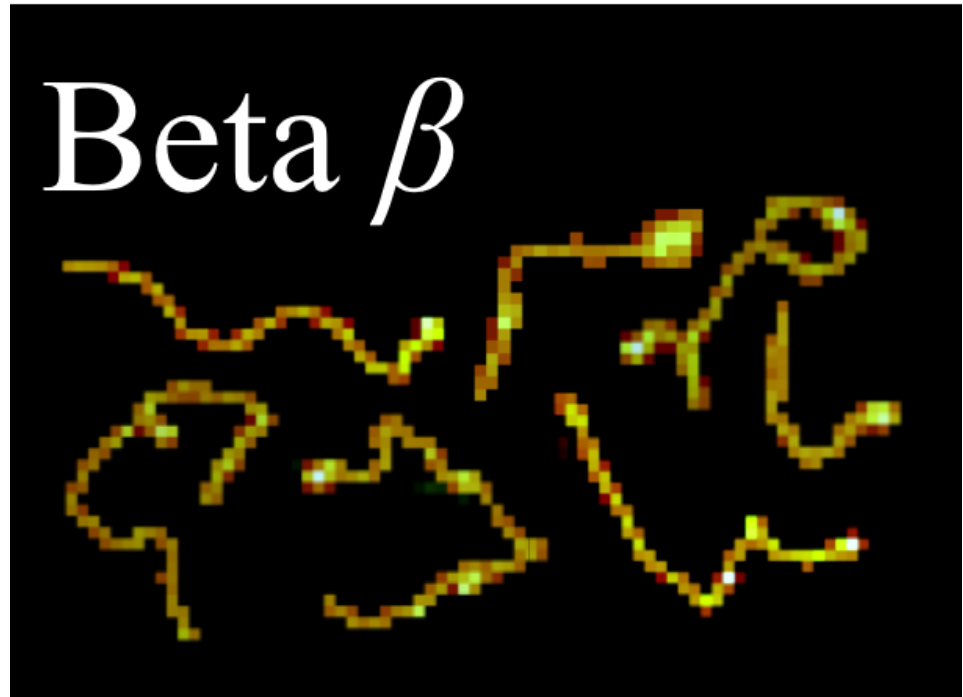
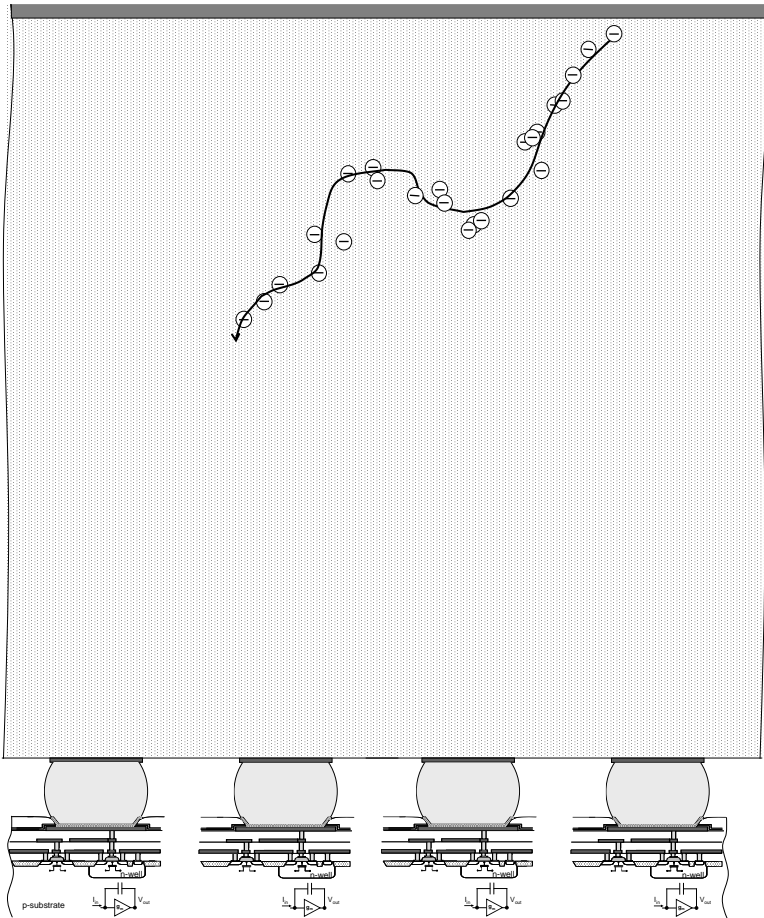
# Iones pesados



- A heavy ion is an ionized atom (heavier than He)
- Interact strongly with matter due to their charge (coulombic forces) and to their mass
- In their interactions with electrons in the absorbing material, they can generate  $\delta$  rays

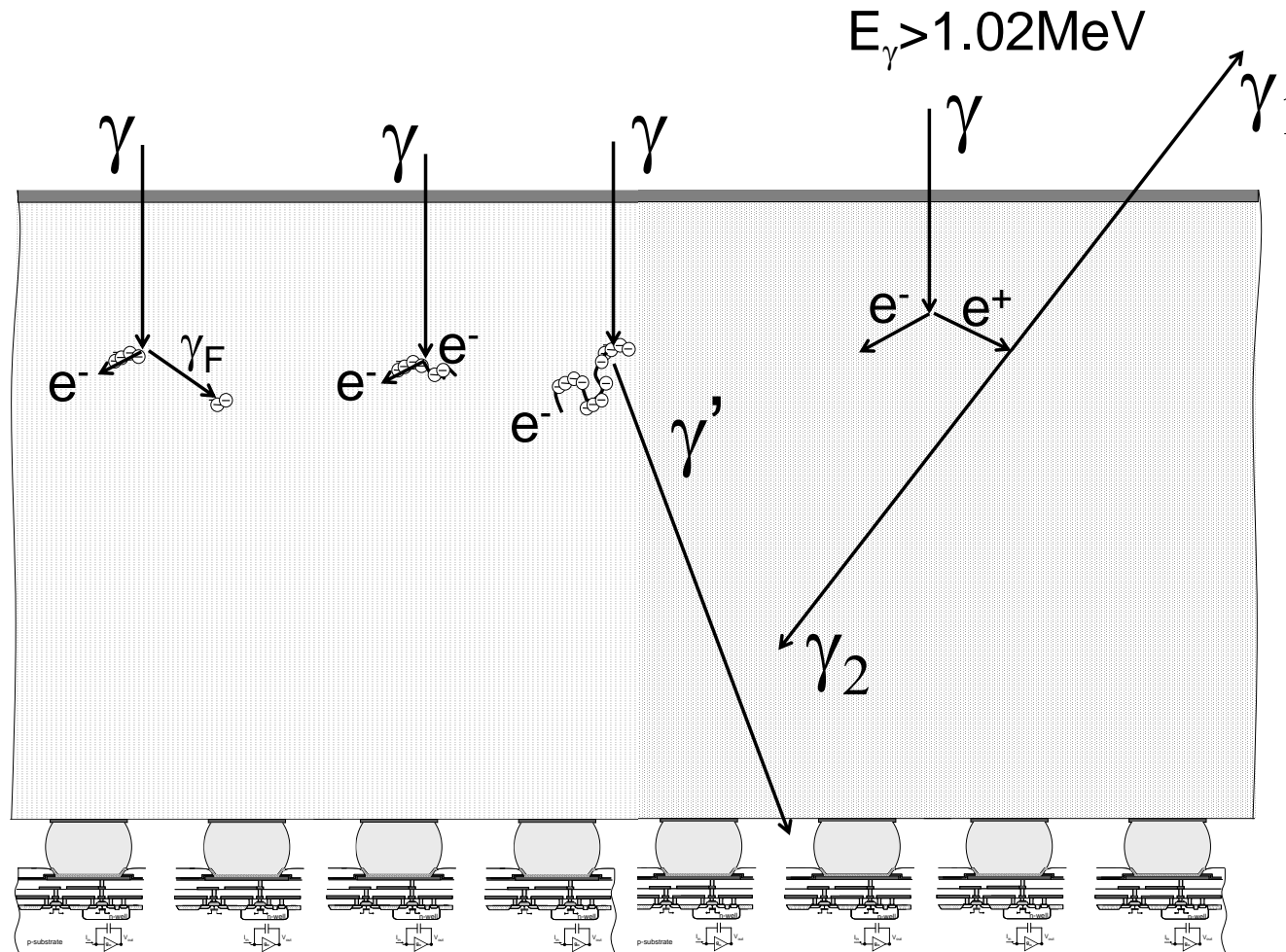
# Radiación $\beta$

$\beta^-$



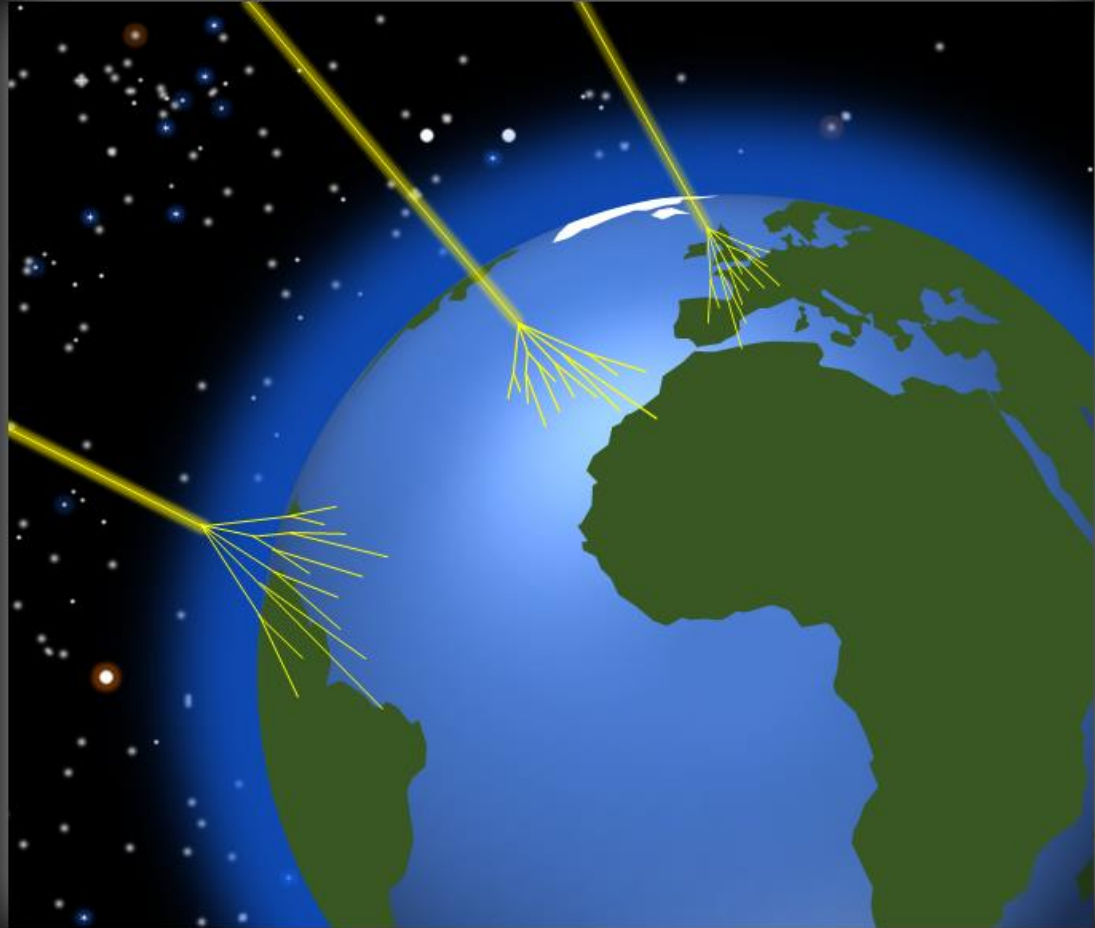
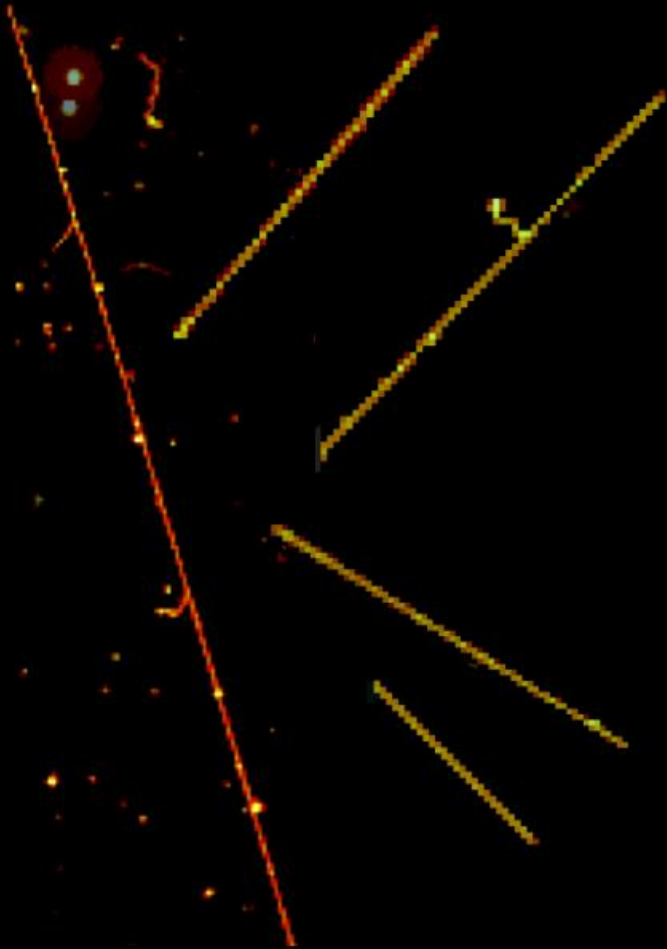
- Beta radiation consists of electrons ( $\beta^-$ ) (or positrons ( $\beta^+$ )).
- Electrons follow random trajectories inside the absorbing material because they have the same mass as the electrons with which they interact

# Rayos X y radiación $\gamma$



- Gamma radiation consists of high energy photons
- Photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, pair production

# Muon $\mu$



Admira

# Trabajo de investigación

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## Trabajo de investigación

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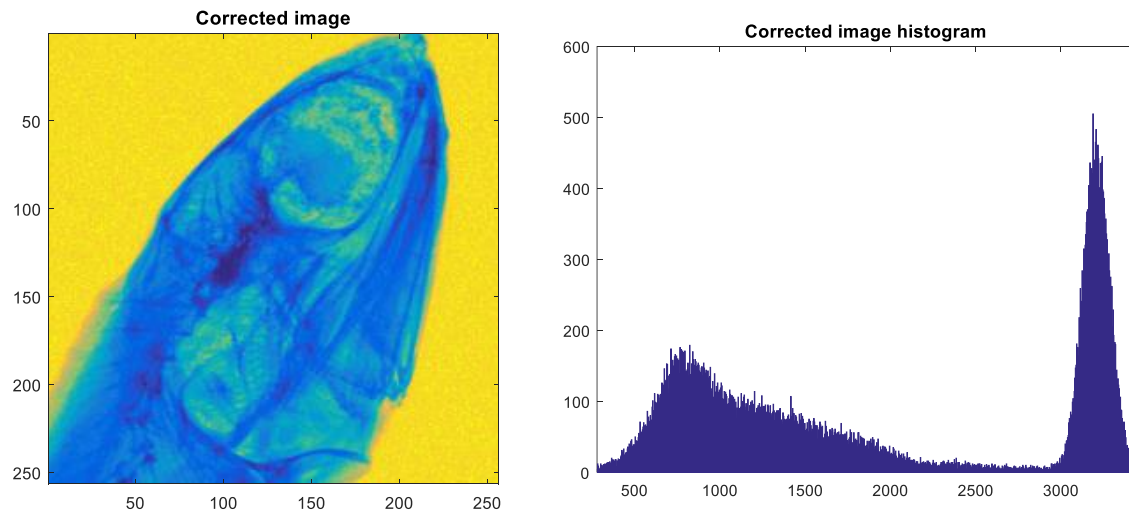
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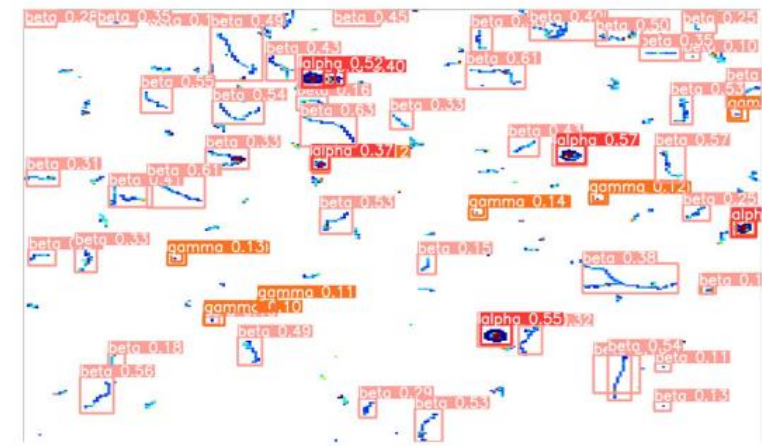
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- Rayos cósmicos
- Salud
- Detectores de partículas
- Computación e inteligencia artificial



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# Trabajo de investigación

The image shows the website for ServiPartícules, a project of ICCUB at the University of Barcelona. The website has a navigation bar with links for 'Inici', 'Materials', 'Activitats', 'Projectes', 'Notícies', 'ServiAstro', 'Qui som?', 'ICCUB', and 'FQA'. There are also icons for 'Subscripció' and 'Ca/En'. The main content area displays a grid of research posters. Each poster includes a title, author information, and a brief description of the work. The posters are organized into two rows and four columns.

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- Post 3:** "Partícules Alfa, Beta i Gamma al turó de la Rovira". Author: Adrià Simon i Alba Mas. Idioma: CA. *Atòmica i Nuclear/ Física de Partícules*.
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# Prácticas

## La radioactivitat que ens envolta

### Presentació de les pràctiques de radioactivitat a l'aula.

#### Introducció

En aquest kit de pràctiques de radioactivitat a l'aula es facilita el material necessari perquè el professor pugui realitzar a l'aula un seguit d'experiències en física de radiacions.

L'enfoc d'aquestes experiències es treballar i observar efectes de radiacions beta i alfa sense la necessitat de recórrer a fonts radioactives perilloses per a les persones. La radioactivitat és un fenomen natural que ens envolta, i que moltes vegades els alumnes associen exclusivament a contextos amb dosis de radioactivitat molt elevada i perjudicial per als humans. Amb això, les dues pràctiques presentades en aquests material tenen dos objectius fonamentals:

- 1- Treballar i estudiar els fenòmens de radioactivitat, mitjançant la mesura real i l'anàlisi posterior de les dades experimentals recollides.
- 2- Conscienciar a l'alumnat que els fenòmens de radioactivitat són habituals i estem envoltats d'ells en el nostre dia a dia, lluny d'associar el perjudici de la radioactivitat a exclusivament fonts perilloses per a les persones.

Les pràctiques i el contingut que en elles es treballen estan enfocats idealment per a ser treballat a nivell de batxillerat. Tot i això, són possibles simplificacions en els continguts a tractar i els càlculs a realitzar per part dels alumnes, de forma que pugui ser implementada en cursos d'ESO (més informació a la guia del professor, on es presenta una descripció detallada de les pràctiques, conjuntament amb un solucionari amb mesures reals obtingudes en realitzar les experiències).

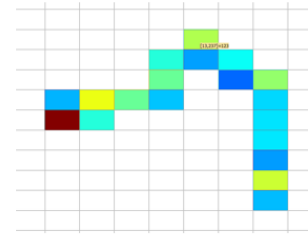
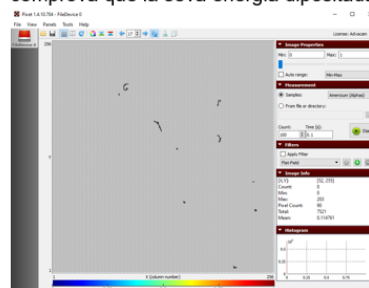
Per realitzar aquestes experiències és altament recomanable tenir accés al sensor TIMEPIX, ja que tant el procés de mesura com de representació de dades resulta molt àgil i eficient. Tot i això, alternatives amb altres aparells de mesura de radiacions poden ser adaptats.

Tot el material descrit s'inclou en un pdf conjunt, el professor interessat pot fer posteriorment ús de les parts que li interessi independentment.

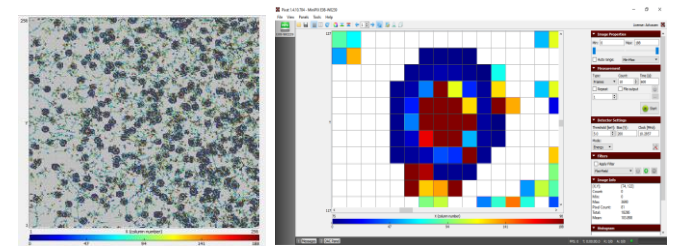
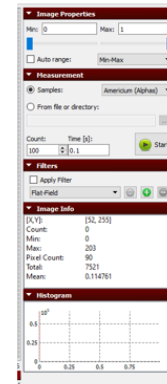
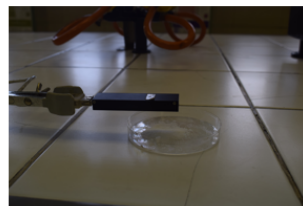
4. Sense utilitzar la mostra radioactiva, obriu la finestra del detector i premeu el botó Start per iniciar la captura de dades.
5. Una vegada acabada l'obtenció de les dades, tanqueu la finestra (el protector del xip).

### Quan el procés d'obtenció de dades finalitzi, tanqueu el protector del xip.

6. Compteu el nombre de Worms (cucs), que són trajectòries llargues i corbades produïdes per la radiació beta d'alta energia. Per assegurar-vos que les partícules beta són d'alta energia, amplia la imatge de cadascuna d'elles, i comprova que la seva energia dipositada és superior als 700 keV.



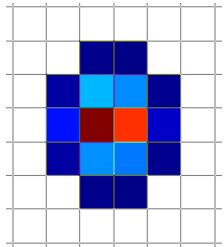
7. Dividiu el nombre de partícules detectades pel temps transcorregut (600 s). Obtindreu l'activitat de fons.
8. Subjecteu el detector verticalment a un suport amb anella de manera que estigui a un centímetre per sobre del banc, tal i com es mostra a la imatge de sota. Col·loqueu un vidre de rellotge o un tap d'ampolla sota la finestra del detector.
9. Peseu 2 grams de clorur de potassi, i dipositeu-lo al vidre de rellotge.
10. Obriu de nou la finestra del detector i premeu el botó Start per iniciar la captura de dades.
11. Una vegada acabada l'obtenció de les dades, tanqueu la finestra (el protector del xip).



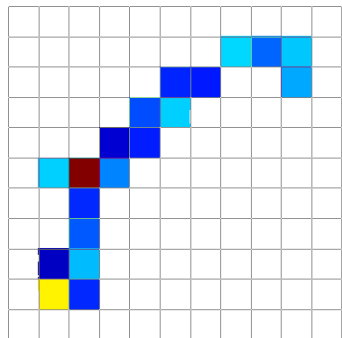
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## • Práctica de laboratorio

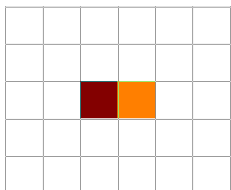
## Resultados



Alfa



Beta



Gamma

Ek [keV]	10809	3912	7487	6164	5497
Ek [J]	1,73E-12	6,27E-13	1,20E-12	9,87E-13	8,81E-13
v [m/s] (relat.)	22788343,53	13728410,69	18978555,51	17224865	16268425,19
v [m/s] (class.)	22837837,18	13739206,06	19007111,86	17246204,4	16286399,46
v/c (relat.)	0,07596114511	0,04576136897	0,0632618517	0,05741621667	0,05422808397
v/c (classica)	0,07612612395	0,04579735353	0,06335703953	0,05748734801	0,05428799819
desviació (%)	0,2167177617	0,07857344563	0,1502403333	0,1237338907	0,1103636552

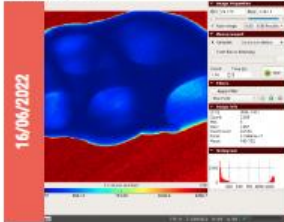




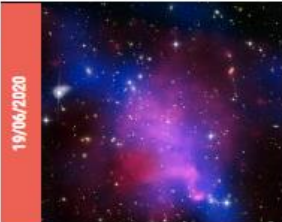


Ek [keV]	1953	1878	2504	1282	736
Ek [J]	3,13E-13	3,01E-13	4,01E-13	2,05E-13	1,18E-13
v [m/s] (relat.)	293461408,6	293039615,1	295648441,5	287530123	273603963,7
v [m/s] (class.)	828777947,9	812708607	938435066,1	671476901,6	508775245,3
v/c (relat.)	0,9782046954	0,976798717	0,9854948051	0,9584337434	0,9120132124
v/c (classica)	2,76259316	2,70902869	3,128116887	2,238256339	1,695917484
long. ona (m)	2,48E-12	2,48E-12	2,46E-12	2,53E-12	2,66E-12

Ek [keV]	82	72	31	18	68
Ek [J]	1,31E-14	1,15E-14	4,97E-15	2,88E-15	1,09E-14
f (Hz)	1,98E+19	1,74E+19	7,50E+18	4,36E+18	1,65E+19
long. ona (m)	1,51E-11	1,72E-11	4,00E-11	6,89E-11	1,82E-11
p (kg·m/s)	4,38E-23	3,84E-23	1,66E-23	9,61E-24	3,63E-23

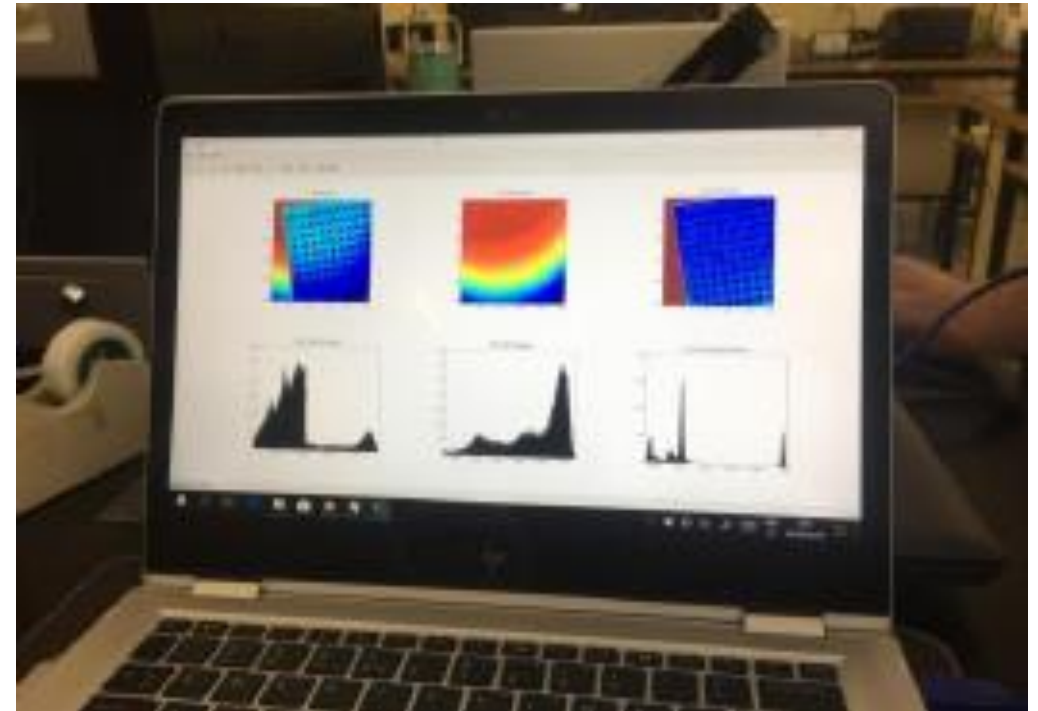
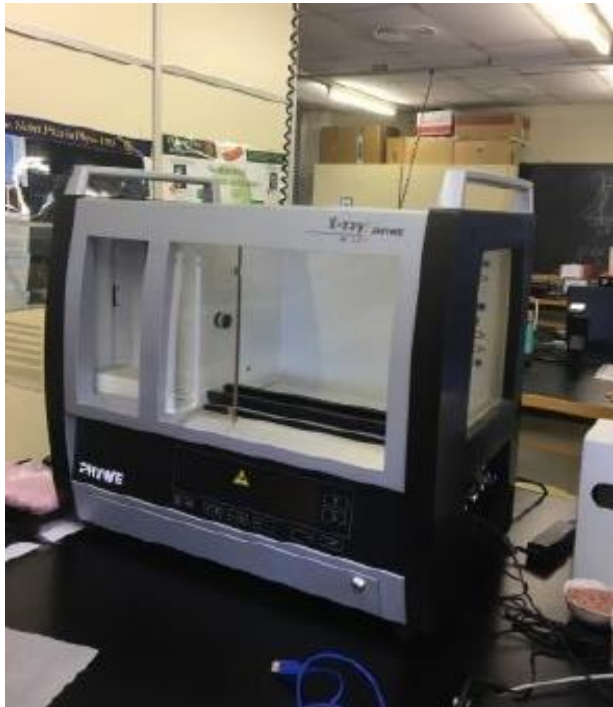
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Aquells professors que s'hagin inscrit al Projecte ADMIRA rebran una formació, reconeguda per l'ICE de la Universitat de Barcelona. Part d'aquesta formació serà oberta a altres professors no participants en el projecte, mentre que algunes de les sessions seran exclusives per al professorat inscrit al programa.

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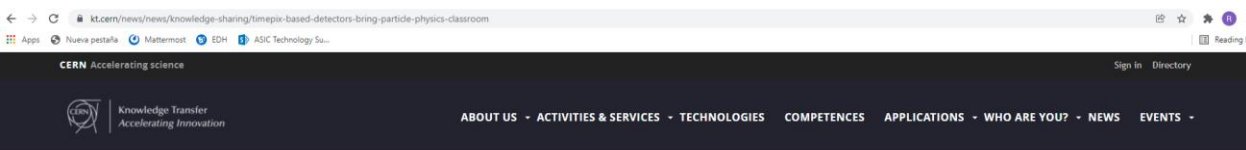
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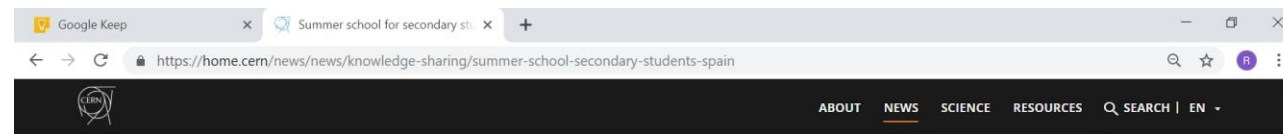


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## Timepix-based detectors bring particle physics in the classroom

The ADMIRA project uses Timepix-based detectors to help students experiment with particle physics and contributes to transforming STEM education.

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Students from the Sagrada Família school in Gava presenting their activities with CERN developed Timepix detectors at the Summer School (image: Rafael Ballabriga)

The first [summer school](#) organised between University of Barcelona and CERN for secondary students of the Barcelona region took place this year from 2 to 6 July. This event synchronised with the [Barcelona Techno Week](#), a series of meeting point events for top experts in semiconductor radiation detectors and its readout electronics. Fourteen students were selected to take part and benefit from the programme, which included hands-on laboratory work, [S'Cool LAB](#) workshops and talks by physicists and engineers in the field of radiation detection and particle physics.

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## ADMIRA project: teaching particle physics at high school with Timepix detectors

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### Abstract

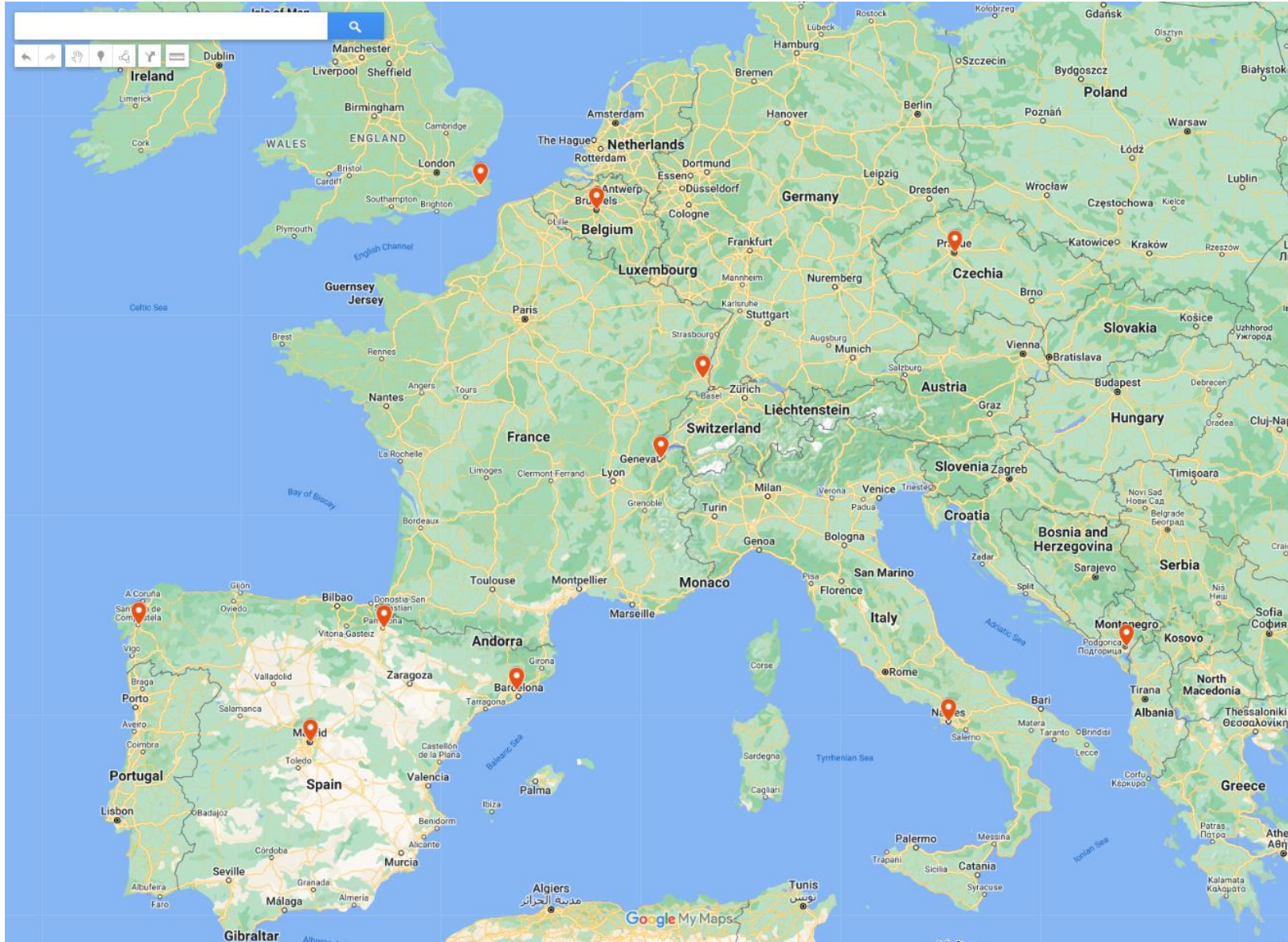
This paper presents the case for how students can be helped to increase their scientific vocation by experimental work and the introduction of particle physics into pre-university studies. These two ideas are the two main lines of work of the ADMIRA initiative, which has been created by individuals belonging to different and complementary educational and research institutions. The initiative consists of a network of schools that share Minipix

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What is next?



# Minipix-Edu kits that have been distributed for educational purposes: The Timepix Teachers Network

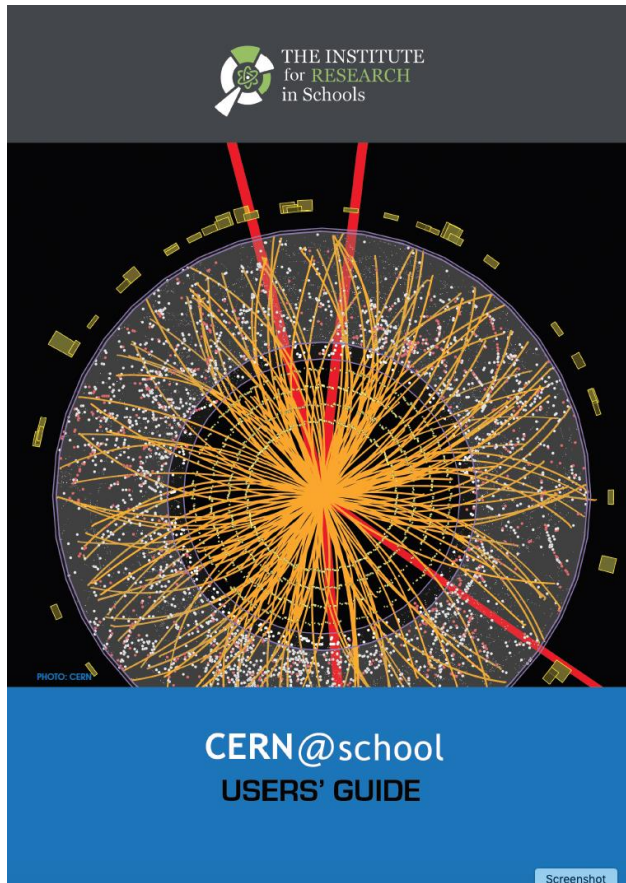


# University of Barcelona has agreed to host a Timepix Teachers Network conference for students and teachers in June-July 2023



Let's keep in contact and looking forward to see you there in person!

# Impact in UK schools (CERN@school project)



Location of CERN@school kits  
2018-2019

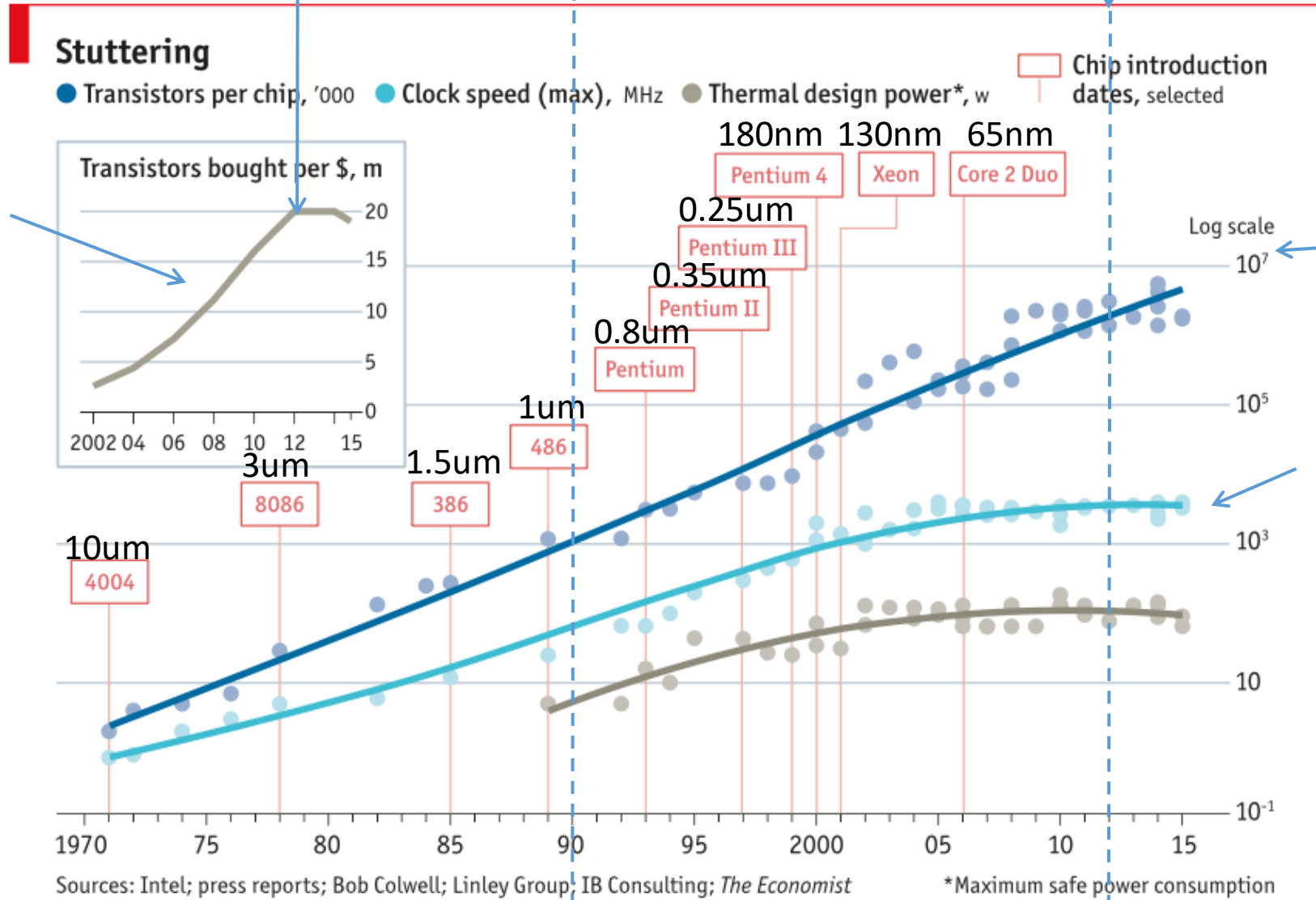
~7000 students used the  
detector between 2016  
and 2019

Moore's law has been pushed to lower the costs of transistors (and in the last decade it is more about cost than performance)

First 5nm chips expected in 2020

~2015-2016 the transistor cost starts rising

Intel introduces the FinFet (2012, 22nm CMOS) ~40% Faster, 1/2 power



10.000 10<sup>6</sup> transistors already achieved

Clock speed plateau (Benefits of miniaturization falling away)

Today most of the performance gains come from integration of multiple cores (several processors in one chip) (4, 8, 16) enabled by cheaper transistors

Technology named after shrinking features





# Moore's law

Number of Foundries with a Cutting Edge Logic Fab										
SiTerra										
X-FAB										
Dongbu HiTek										
ADI	ADI									
Atmel	Atmel									
Rohm	Rohm									
Sony	Sony									
Mitsubishi	Mitsubishi									
ON	ON									
Hitachi	Hitachi									
Cypress	Cypress	Cypress								
Sony	Sony	Sony								
Infinion	Infinion	Infinion								
Sharp	Sharp	Sharp								
Freescall	Freescall	Freescall								
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Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Future
180 nm	130 nm	90 nm	65 nm	45 nm/40 nm	32 nm/28 nm	22 nm/20 nm	16 nm/14 nm	10 nm	7 nm	5 nm

## Moore's law 1.0:

Scaling up. More components in a chip

Reliably adding more components and packaging them. In 1989 one was speaking about the 4Mb DRAM node or in 1992 the 16Mb DRAM node.

## Moore's law 2.0:

Scaling down the transistor (decreasing cost).

After 1990 the technology nodes are named after the shrinking features.

Today 10 billion transistors in a chip.

Today, benefits of miniaturization are progressively falling away.

Started in 2000s, with sub 100nm channels that show leakage currents, lower reliability (requiring new materials). 2015-2016 could be the year when the cost of transistors started to rise (stopped falling)

Moore's law is morphing again (**Moore's law 3.0**) More than Moore

Innovation will continue in the semiconductor industry but will not lower the transistor costs.

Progress will be defined by new forms of integration:

- Lower the system cost by uniting non logic functions that have been separated from our silicon chips. (example: image sensor onto a digital signal processor with TSVs, MEMs, Microfluidics).
- Sensors and actuators should take advantage of mass production approaches common to silicon manufacturing.
- Moore 3.0 does not offer a predictable road to success.
- We could see an explosion of creative applications.

## Research:

**Transistor Redesign (Finfets)**

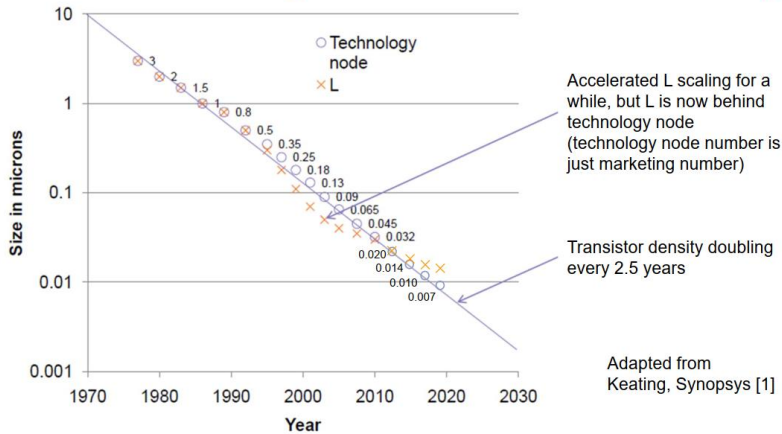
**New materials (e.g. graphene)**

**New ASIC architectures/ redefine the computer (e.g. emulate biological brains)**

**Customized designs (rather than general purpose)**

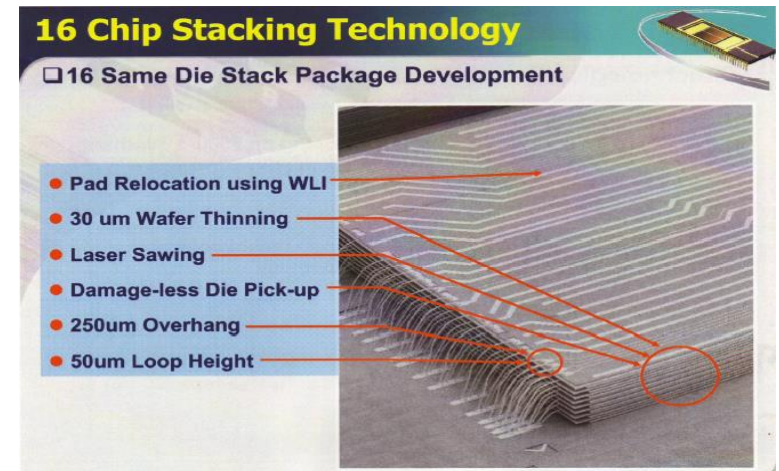
**Clever programming (in the past less incentive to programming improvements due to doubling computer power every two years)**

## CMOS Scaling Still Alive But Slowing...



- Leading foundries (TSMC, SEC) scrambled to match Intel 22nm finFET at 16/14nm
- Planar 20nm short-lived
- Foundries now in 7nm early production ahead of Intel
- 5nm engagement with foundries already underway

2017

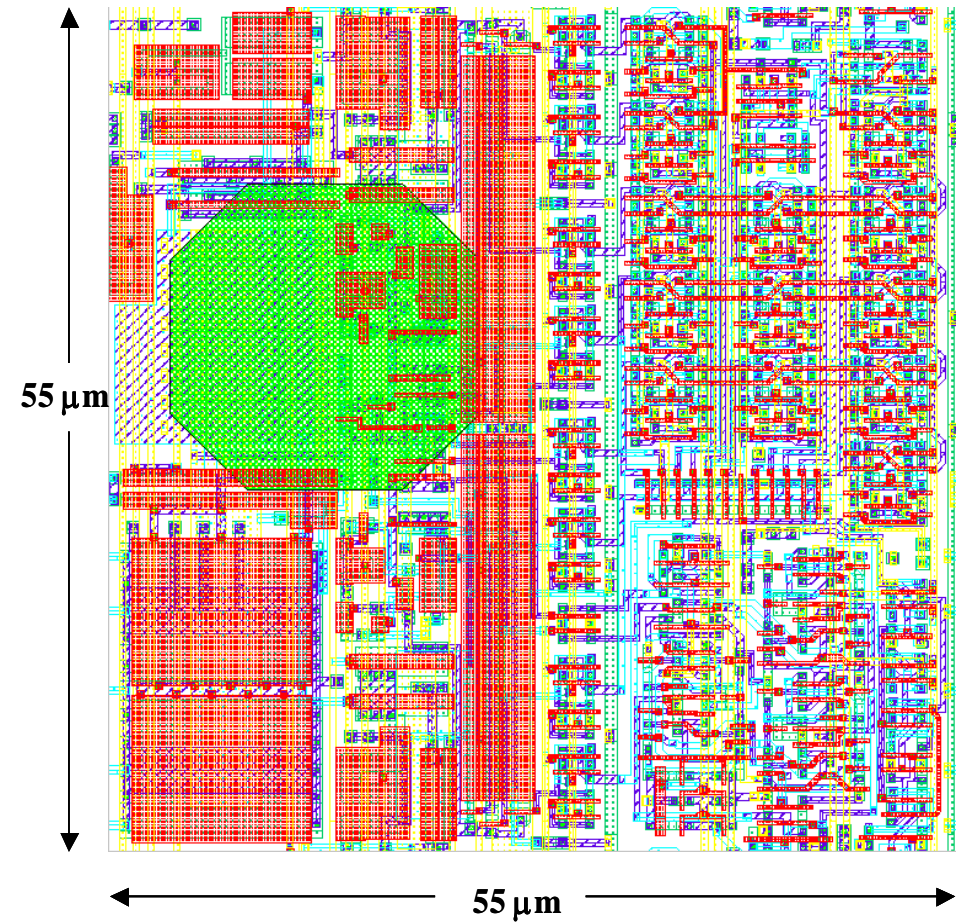
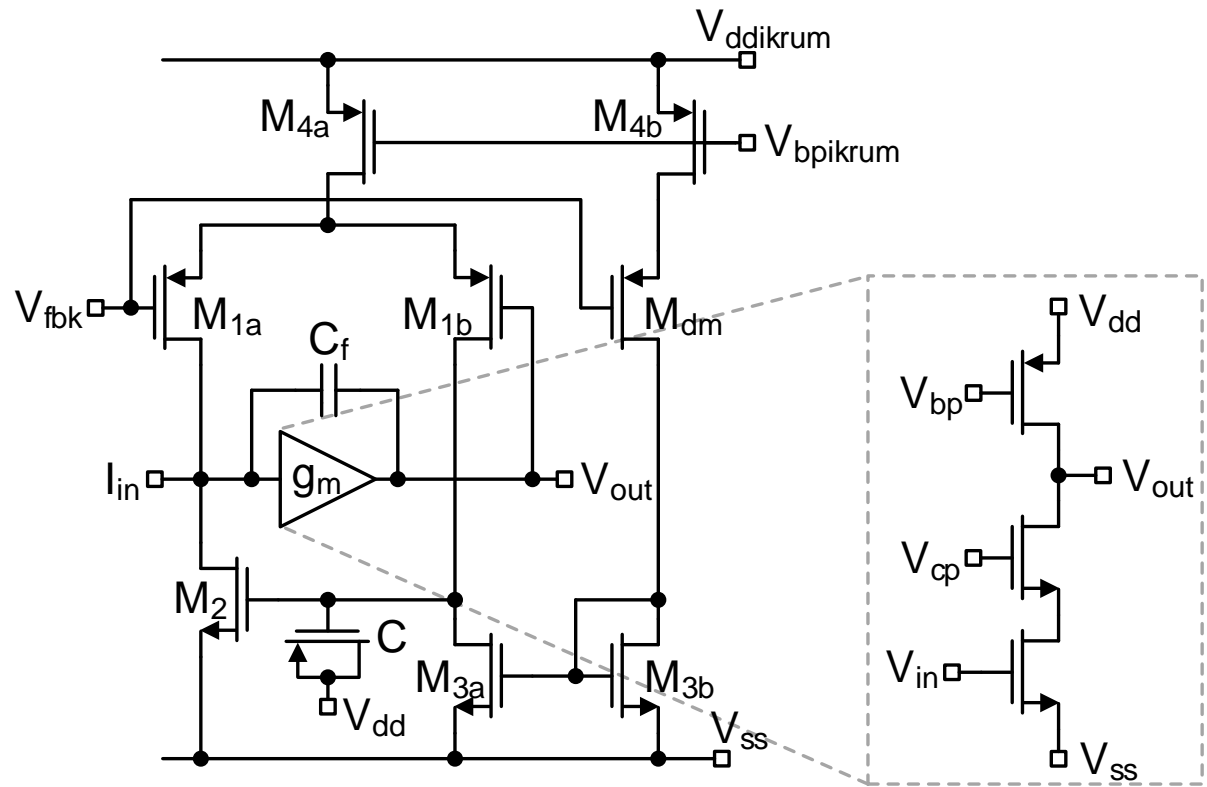


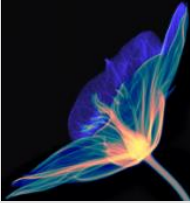
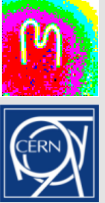
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Fabrication steps



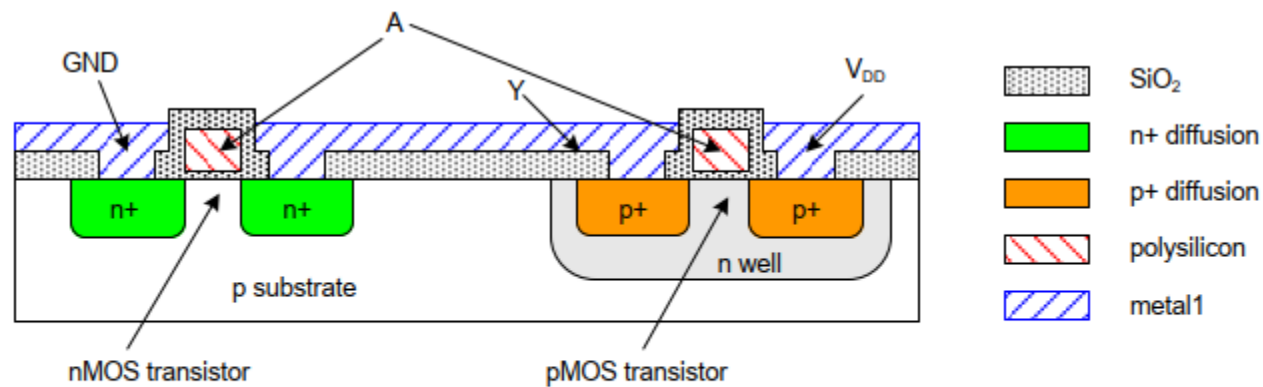
# Del esquema al layout

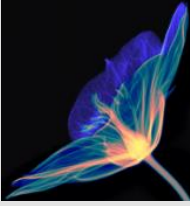
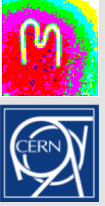




# Inverter Cross-section

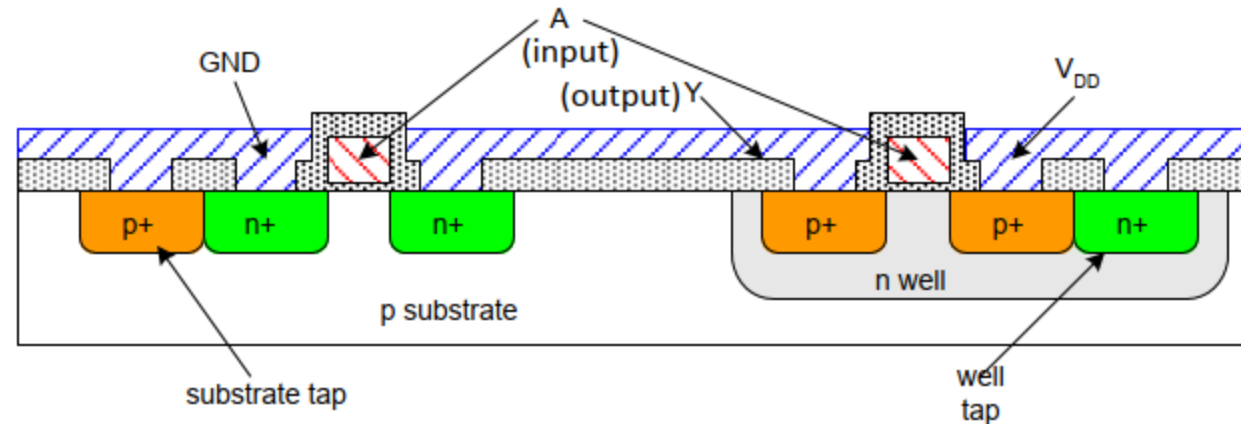
- Typically use p-type substrate for NMOS transistors.
- Requires n-well for body of PMOS transistors.
- Substrate and n-well voltage needs to be controlled.

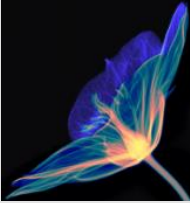
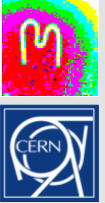




# Well and Substrate Taps

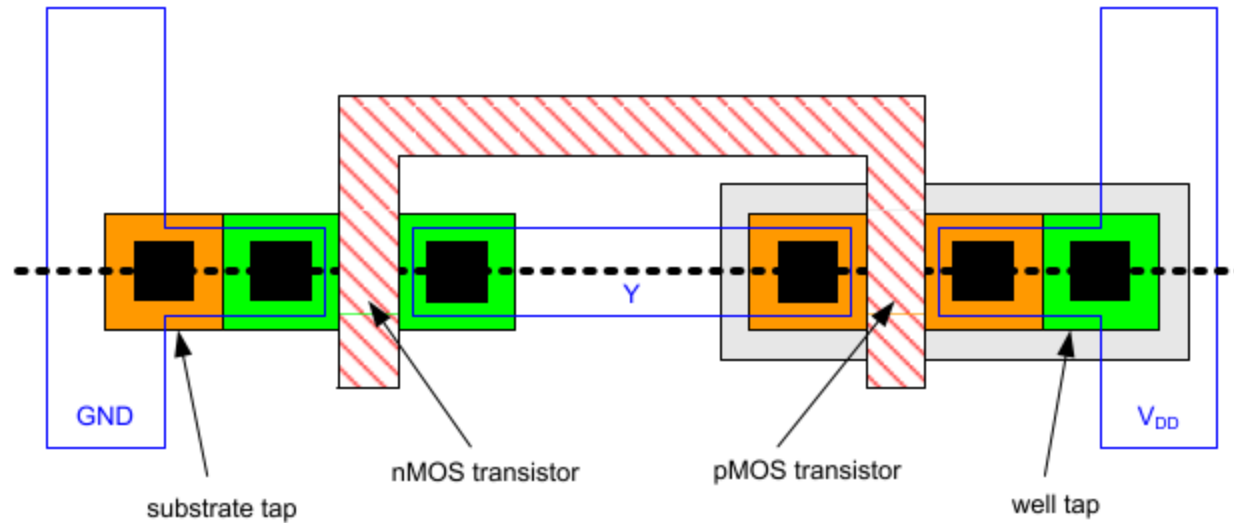
- Substrate must be tied to GND and n-well to  $V_{DD}$ .
- Metal to lightly-doped semiconductor forms poor connection called Shottky Diode.
- Use heavily doped well and substrate contacts / taps.

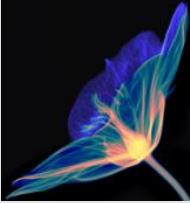
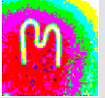




# Inverter Mask Set

- Transistors and wires are defined by *masks*.
- Cross-section taken along dashed line.

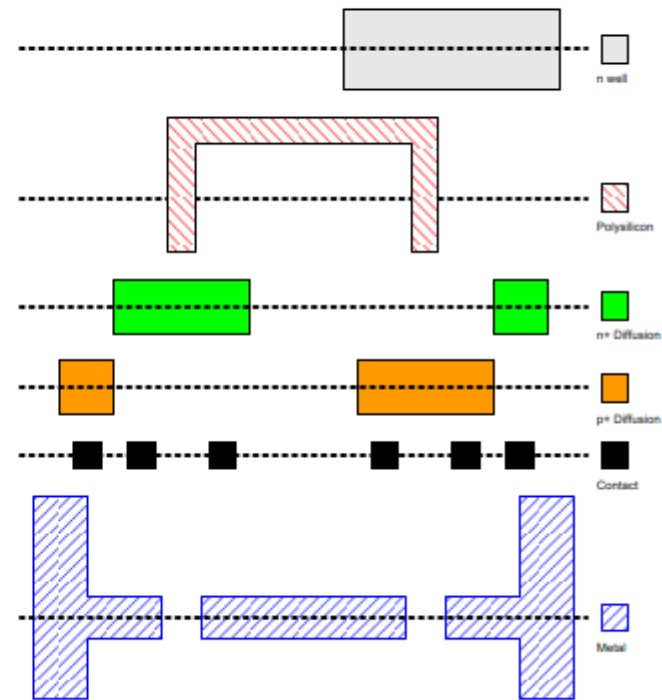


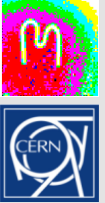


# Detailed Mask Views

- Six masks (simplified):

- n-well
- Polysilicon
- n+ diffusion
- p+ diffusion
- Contact
- Metal



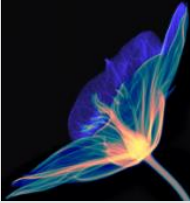
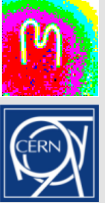


# Fabrication

- Chips are built in huge factories called fabs.
- Contain clean rooms as large as football fields.



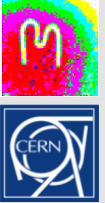
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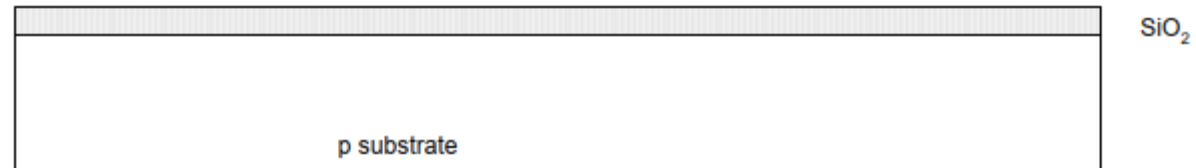
- Start with blank wafer.
- Build inverter from the bottom up.
- First step will be to form the n-well.
  - Cover wafer with protective layer of  $\text{SiO}_2$  (oxide).
  - Remove layer where n-well should be built.
  - Implant or diffuse n dopants into exposed wafer.
  - Strip off  $\text{SiO}_2$ .



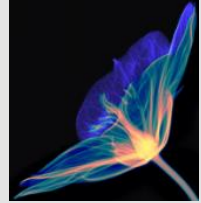
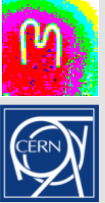


# Oxidation

- Grow  $\text{SiO}_2$  on top of Si wafer.
  - 900 – 1200 C with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{O}_2$  in oxidation furnace.

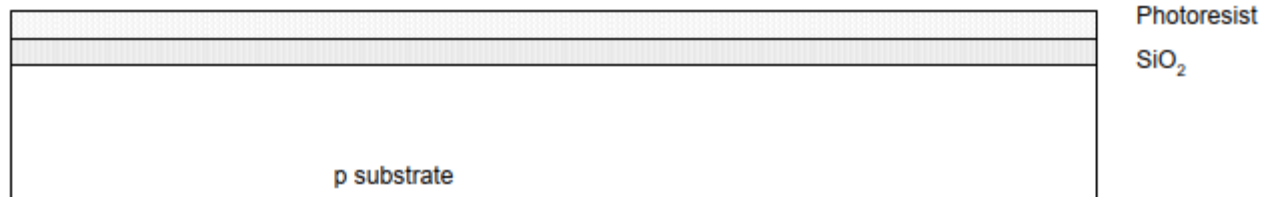


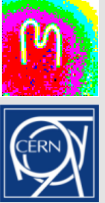




# Photoresist

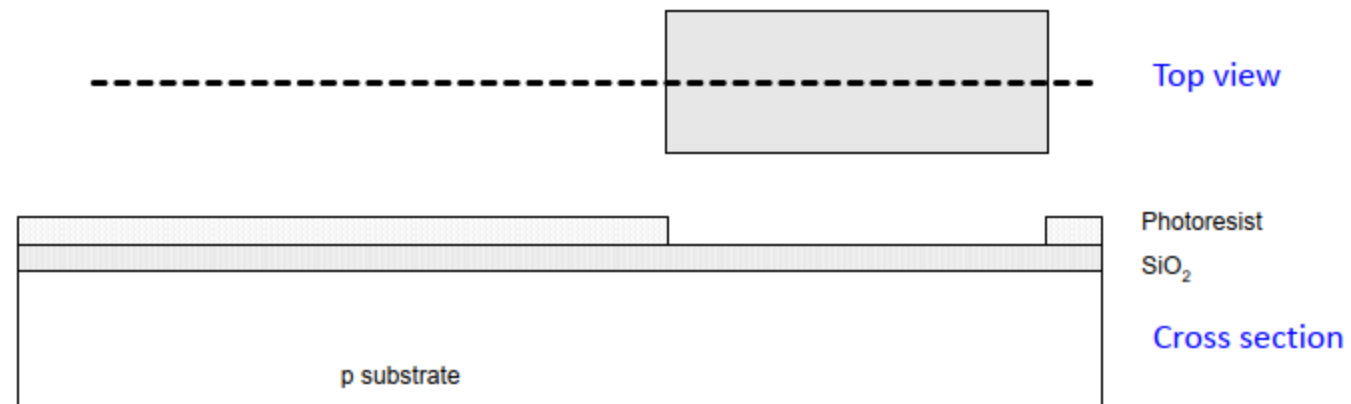
- Spin on photoresist.
  - Photoresist is a light-sensitive organic polymer.
  - Softens where exposed to light.

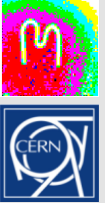




# Lithography

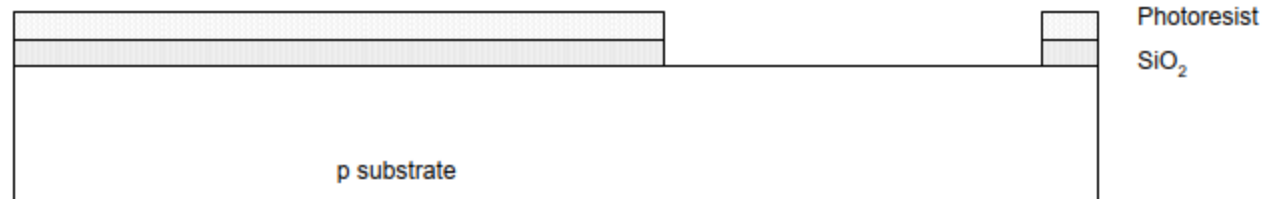
- Expose photoresist through n-well mask.
- Strip off exposed photoresist.

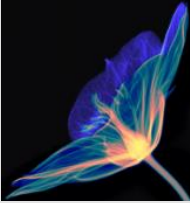
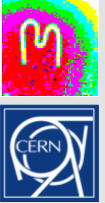




# Etch

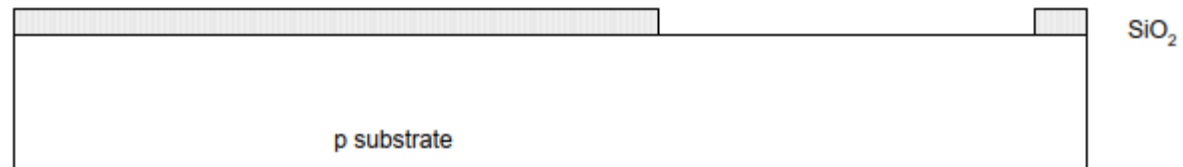
- Etch oxide with hydrofluoric acid (HF).
  - Seeps through skin and eats bone; nasty stuff!!!
- Only attacks oxide where resist has been exposed.

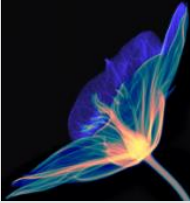
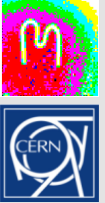




# Strip Photoresist

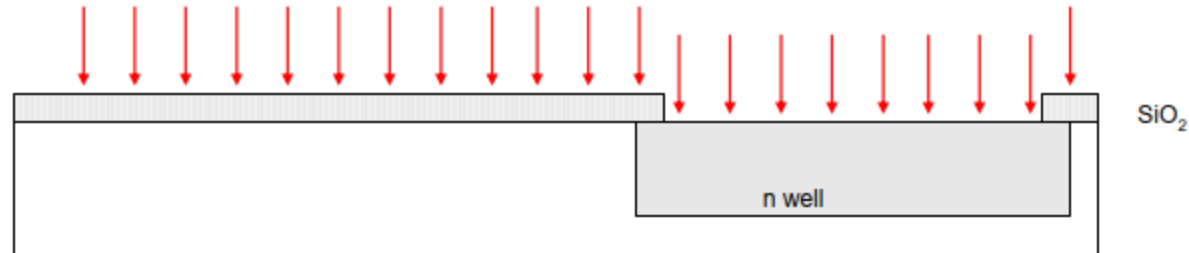
- Strip off remaining photoresist.
  - Use mixture of acids called piranha etch.
- Necessary so resist doesn't melt in next step.

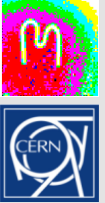




# N-well

- N-well is formed with diffusion or ion implantation.
- Diffusion.
  - Place wafer in furnace with arsenic gas.
  - Heat until As atoms diffuse into exposed Si.
- Ion Implantation.
  - Blast wafer with beam of As ions.
  - Ions blocked by  $\text{SiO}_2$ , only enter exposed Si.

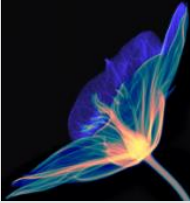
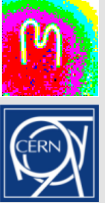




# Strip Oxide

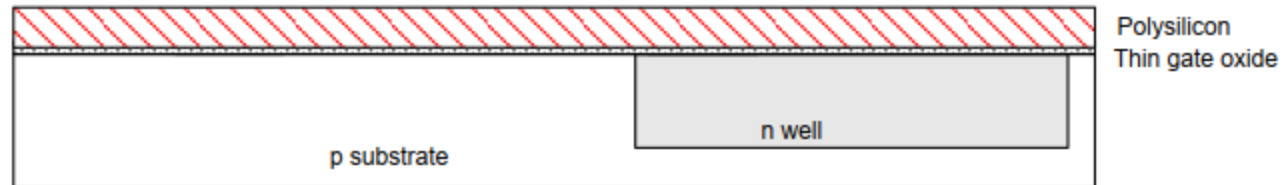
- Strip off the remaining oxide using HF.
- Back to bare wafer with n-well.
- Subsequent steps involve similar series of steps.

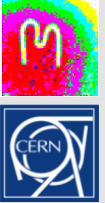




# Polysilicon

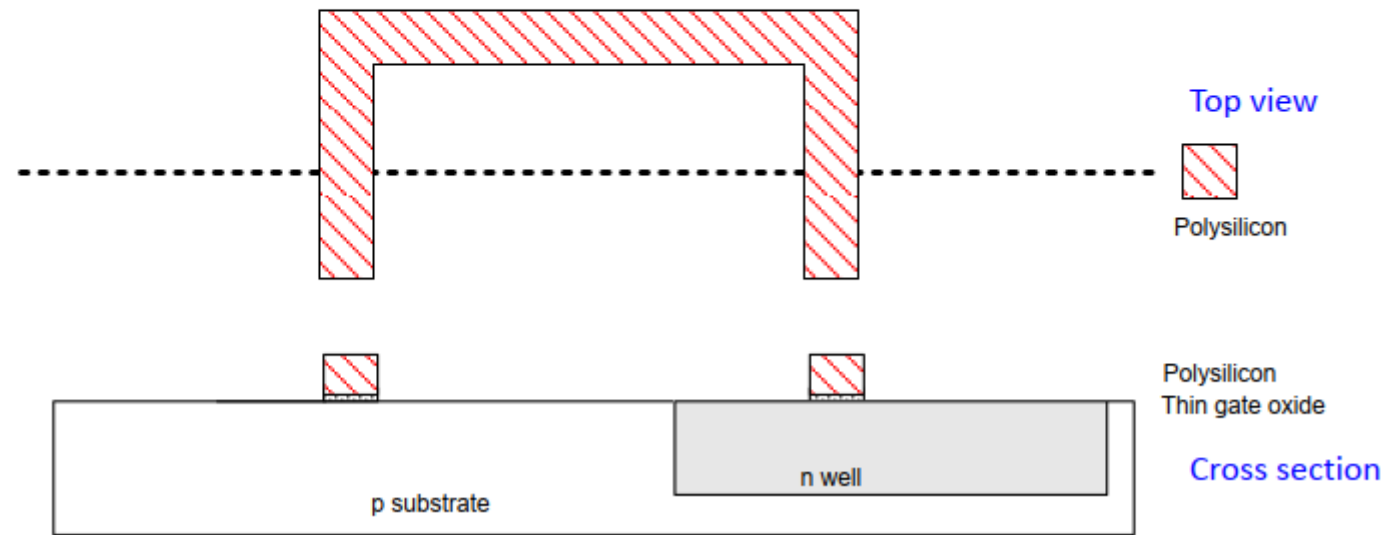
- Deposit very thin layer of gate oxide.
  - $< 20 \text{ \AA}$  (6-7 atomic layers).
- Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) of silicon layer.
  - Place wafer in furnace with Silane gas ( $\text{SiH}_4$ ).
  - Forms many small crystals called polysilicon.
  - Heavily doped to be good conductor.



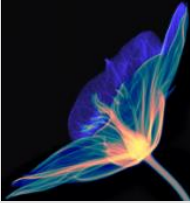
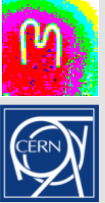


# Polysilicon Patterning

- Use same lithography process to pattern polysilicon.

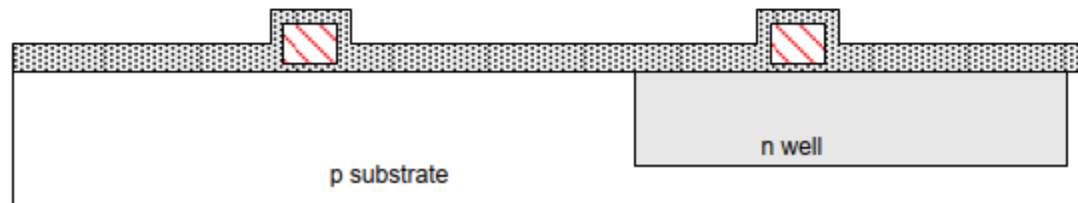


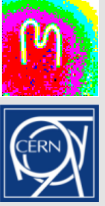




# Self-Aligned Process

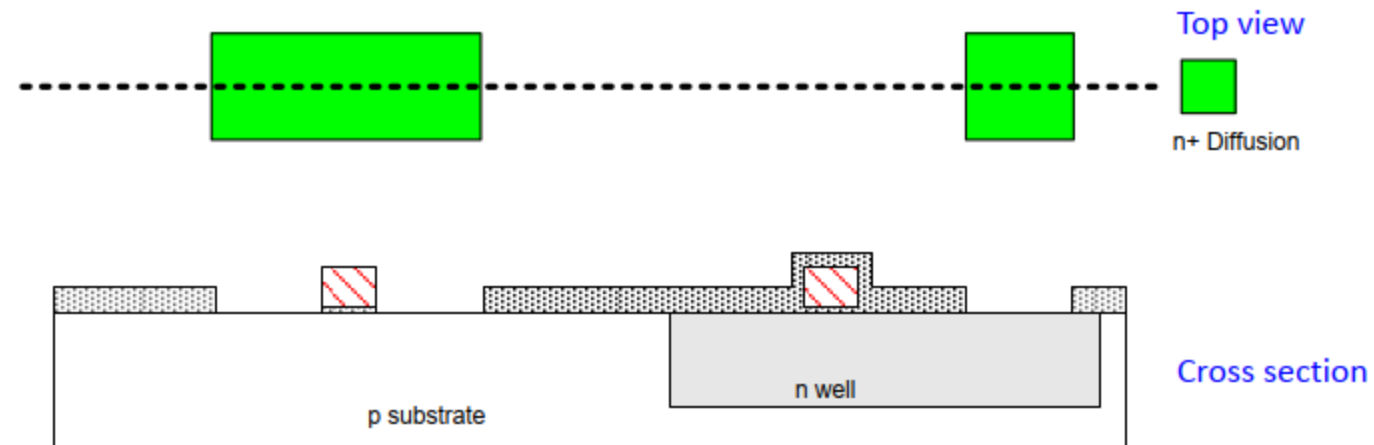
- Use oxide and masking to expose where n+ dopants should be diffused or implanted.
- N-diffusion forms NMOS source, drain, and n-well contact.

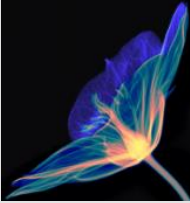
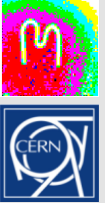




# N-diffusion

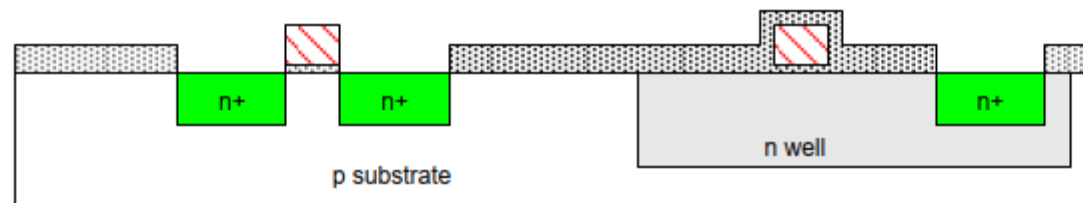
- Pattern oxide and form n+ regions.
- *Self-aligned process* where gate blocks diffusion.
- Polysilicon is better than metal for self-aligned gates because it doesn't melt during later processing.

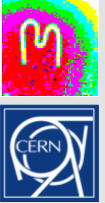




## N-diffusion (2)

- Historically dopants were diffused.
- Usually ion implantation today.
- But regions are still called diffusion.

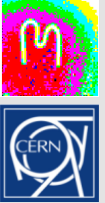




## N-diffusion (3)

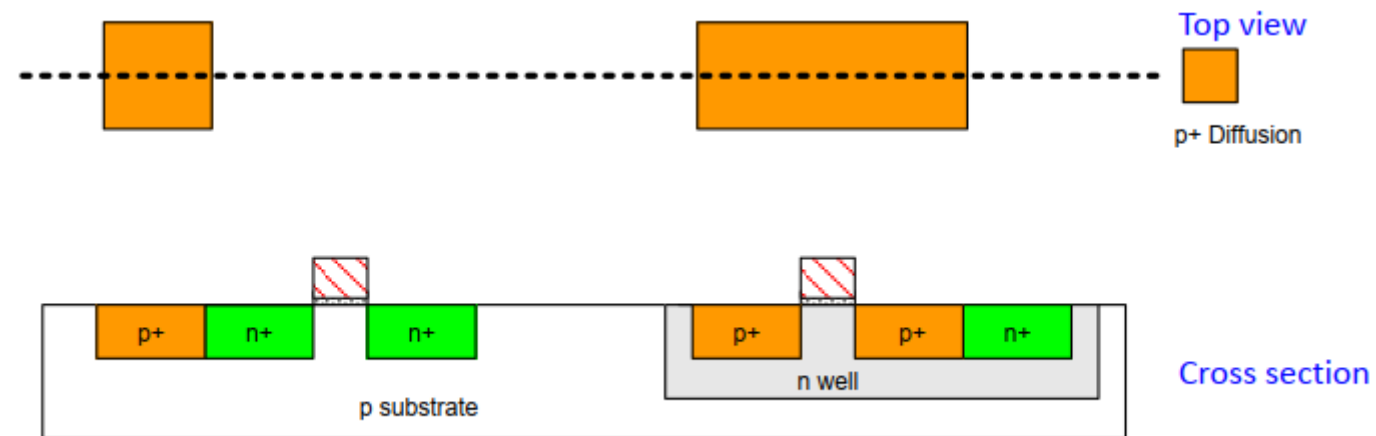
- Strip off oxide to complete patterning step.

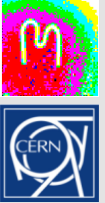




# P-diffusion

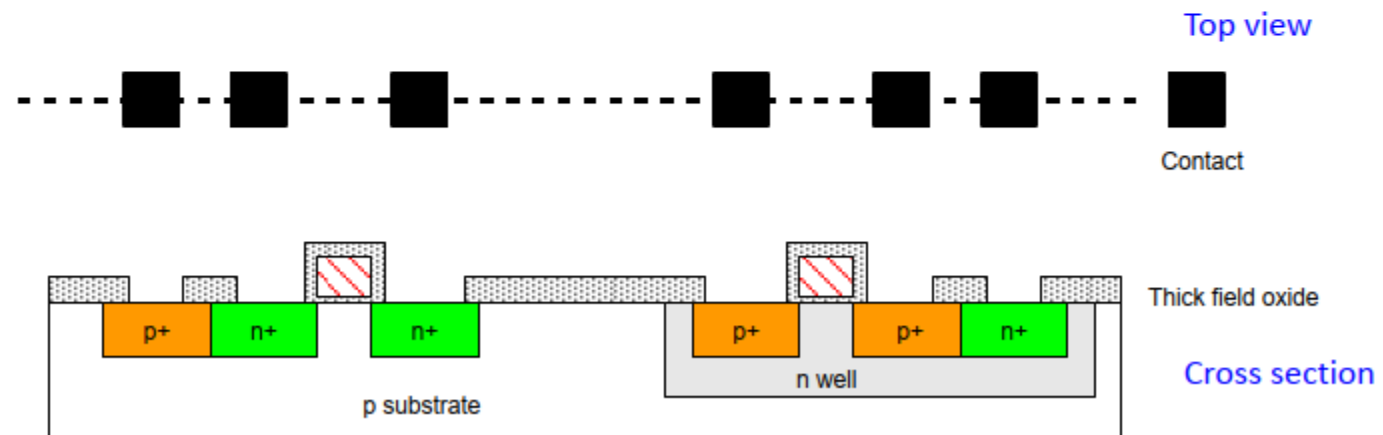
- Similar set of steps form p+ diffusion regions for PMOS source and drain and substrate contact.

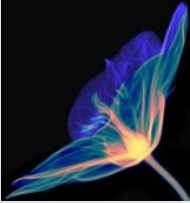
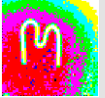




# Contacts

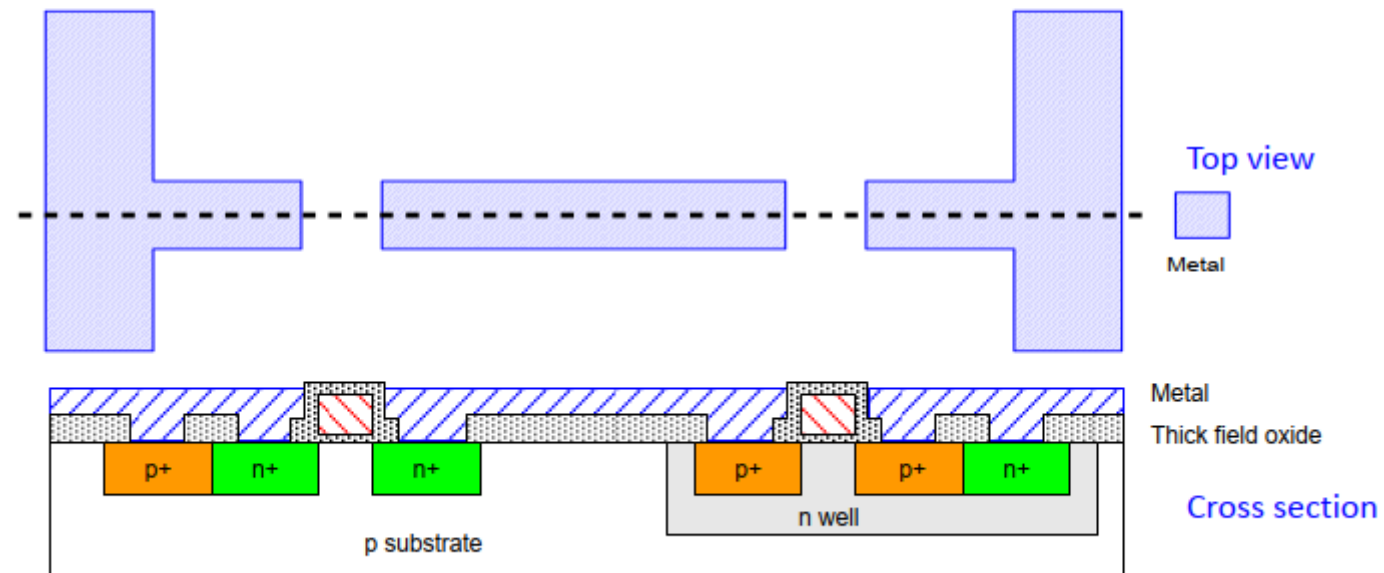
- Now we need to wire together the devices.
- Cover chip with thick field oxide.
- Etch oxide where contact cuts are needed.

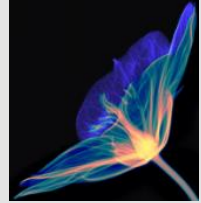
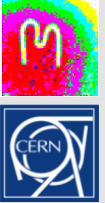




# Metallization

- Sputter on aluminum over whole wafer.
- Pattern to remove excess metal, leaving wires.

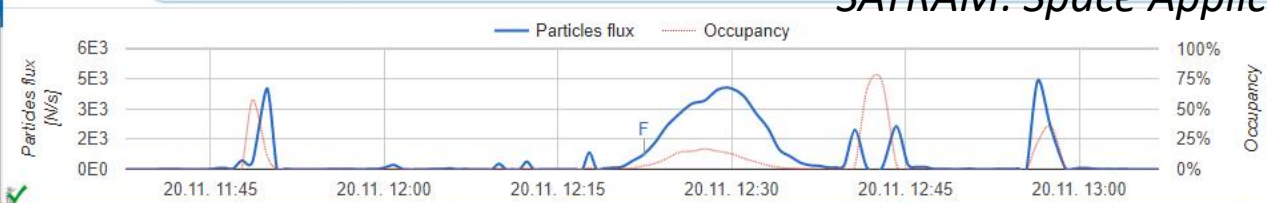




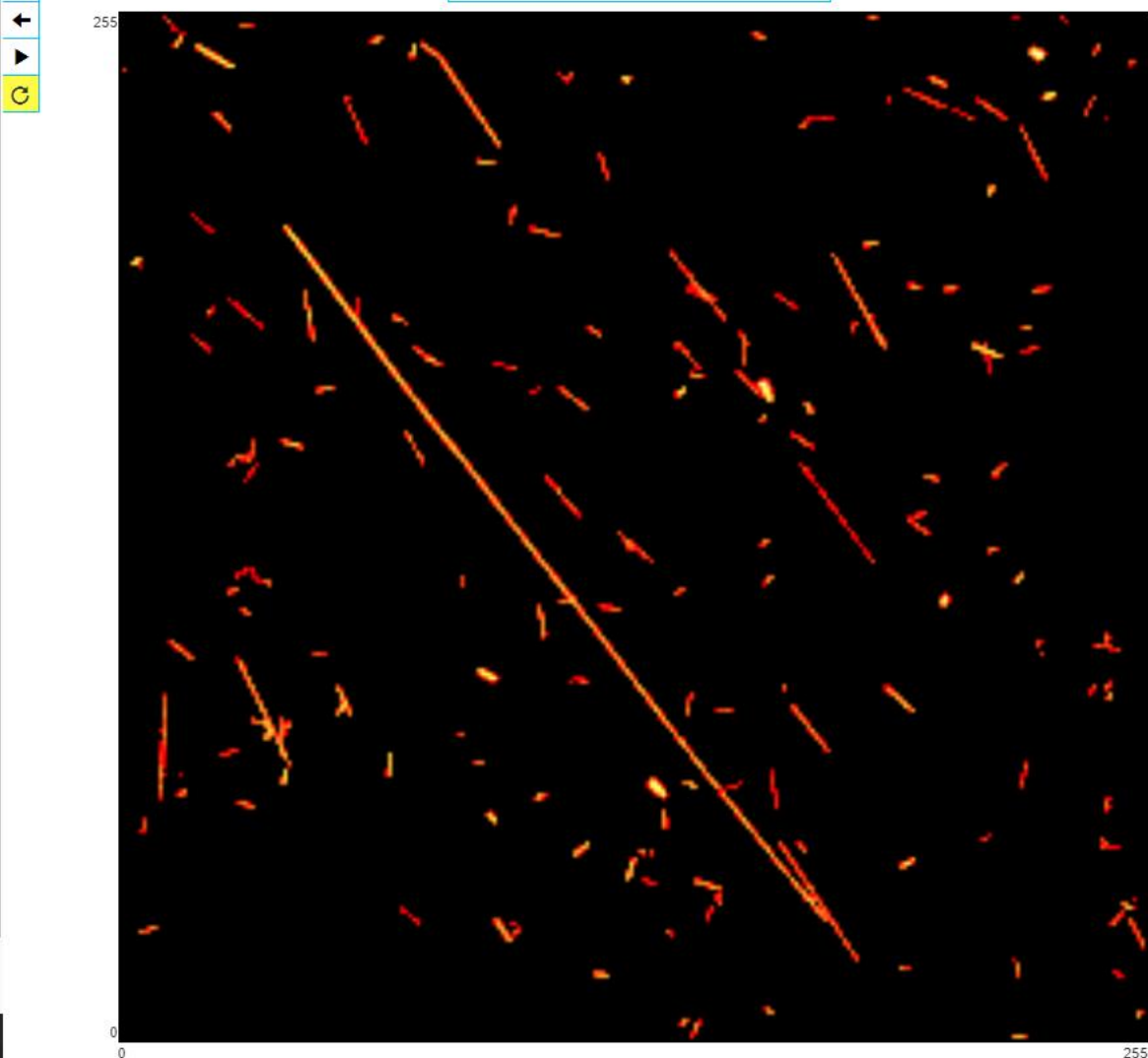
# Wafer fabrication process

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qLI-NYdLy8>

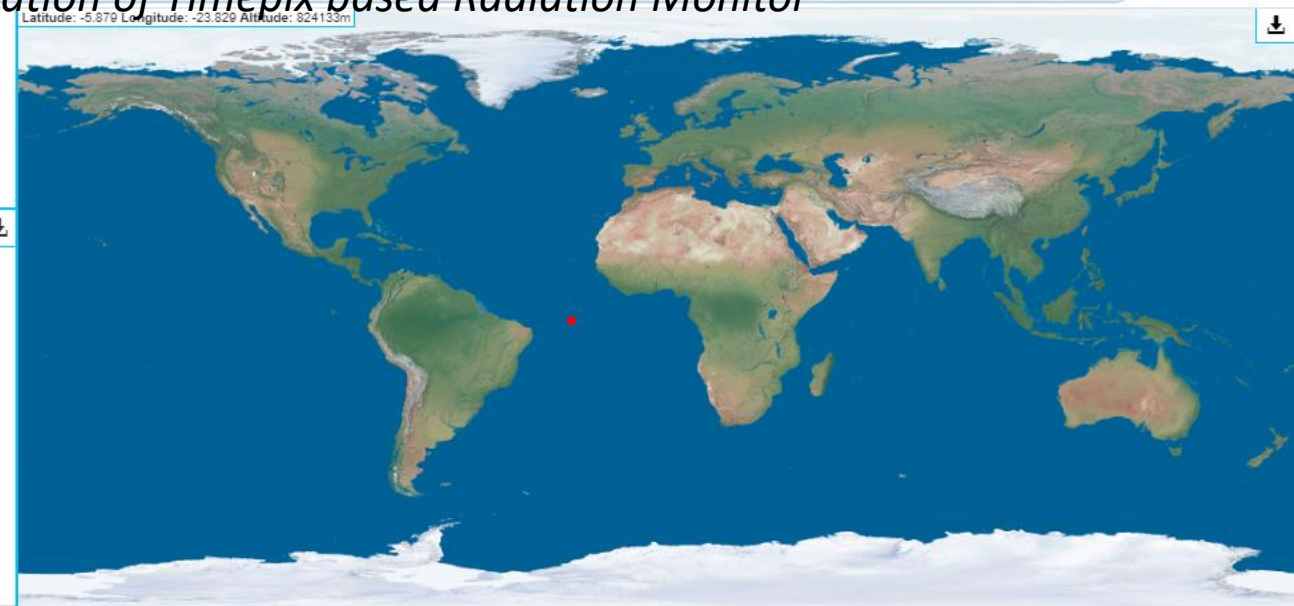




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Cluster type	Sum	Particles flux	Energy flux [MeV]	H
Dot	4	20	0.311	
Small blob	9	45	3.489	
Heavy blob	4	20	38.797	
Heavy track	2	10	26.582	
Straight track	4	20	20.761	
Curly track	123	615	339.531	
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>429.472</b>	

**Histograms**

Type of histogram: Volume [keV]

Max number of bins:

Min. value:

Max. value:

**Additional frame data**  
This data are from the first frame in the integral mode.

<b>Proba-V power status</b> 0.32, 28.99	<b>B field strength</b> -1.468e-5, 7.87e-6, -8.91e-6
<b>Proba-V thermal status</b> 17.84, -237.35, 8.07, 13.69	<b>PSU failures</b> 0
<b>Bias voltage</b> 75.14, 75.07	<b>PSU status</b> 0



# Particle Tracking through time: Cloud chambers

## chambers

Also known as the Wilson Chamber (used 1920-1950)

- A cloud chamber consists of a sealed volume containing a supersaturated vapor of water or alcohol.
- Can be achieved by cooling alcohol vapour below its dew point
- Ionising radiation leaves a trace of condensation centres – like an aircraft vapour trail

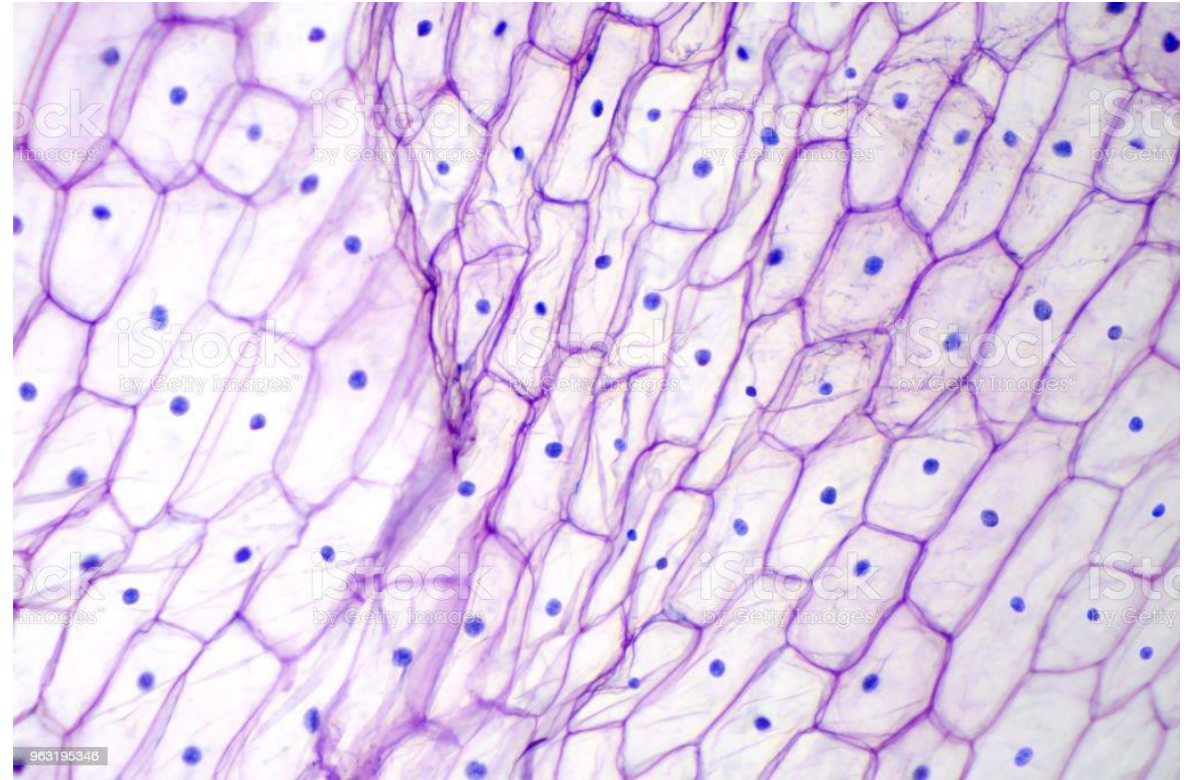
### Advantages:

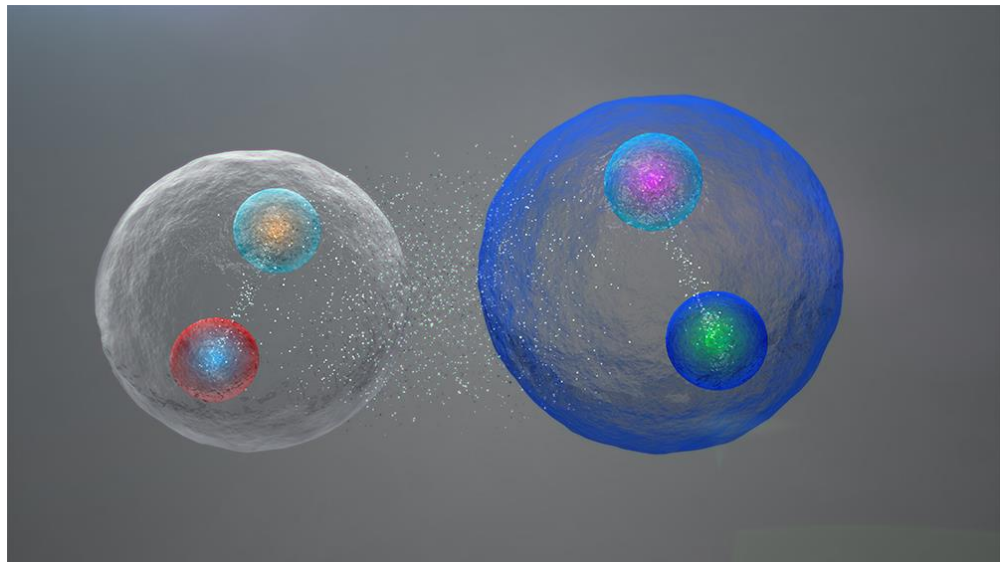
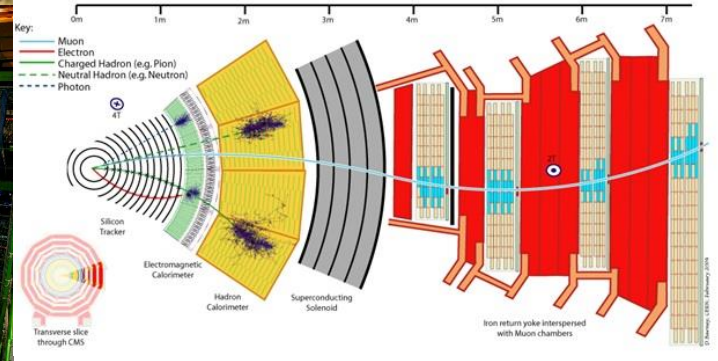
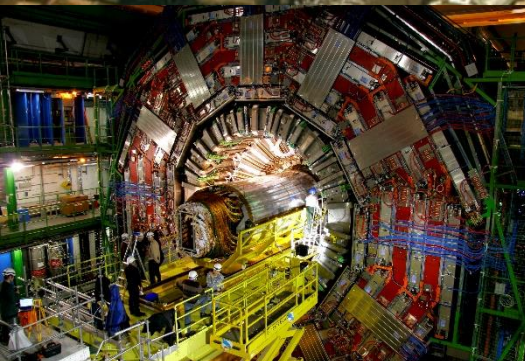
- Gives real time images
- Can yield 3D track information
- You can make one yourself 😊

### Disadvantages

- A bit delicate and cumbersome to maintain
- Impossible to trigger



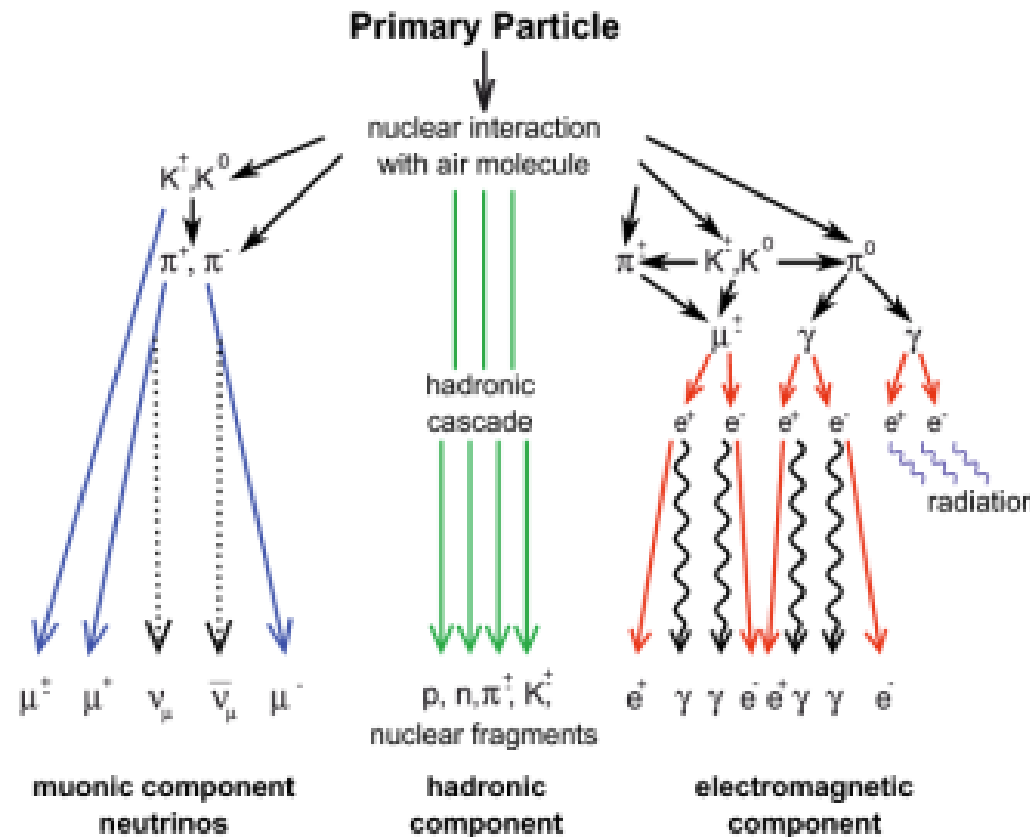




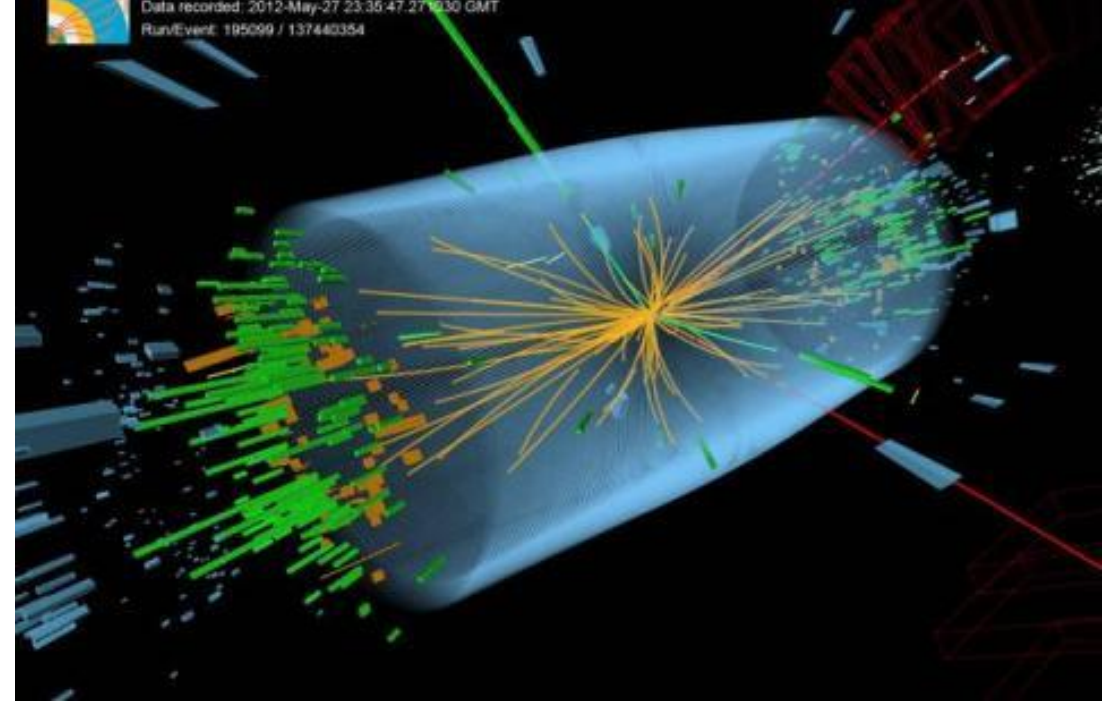
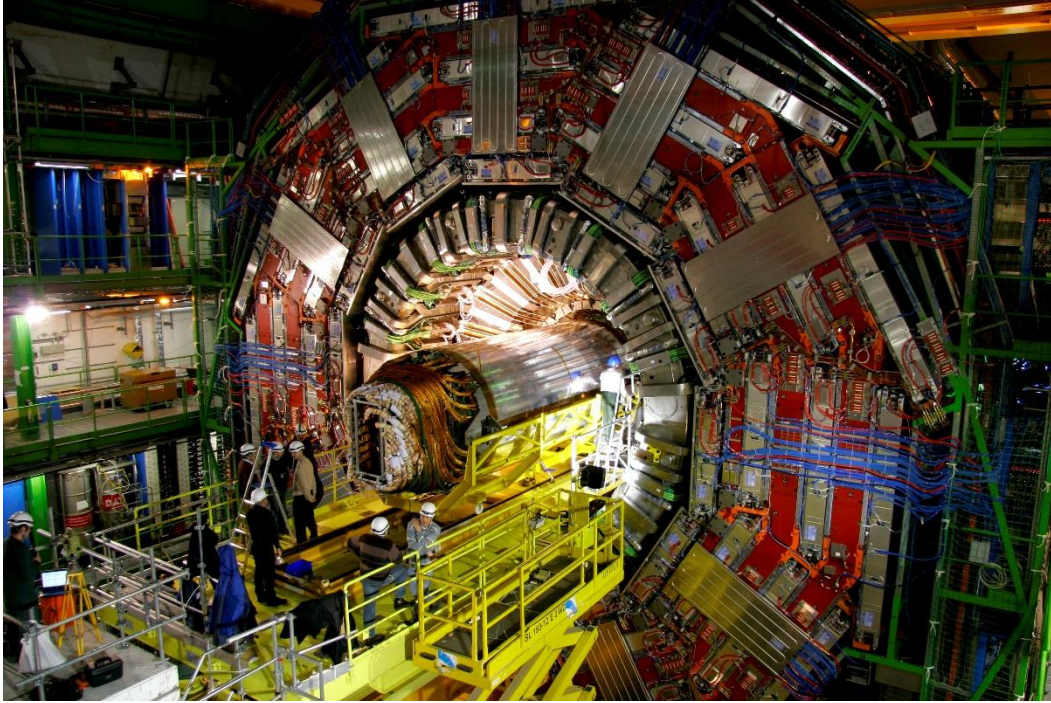
Para estudiar la estructura de la materia a la escala del attometro ( $10^{-18}m$ ), utilizamos aceleradores de partículas, detectores e infraestructura para el análisis de datos.

Aceleradores + Detectores + Análisis de datos = **Attoscopio ( $10^{-18}m$ )**

## Secondary Cosmic Rays: Extensive Air Showers



- **shower particles:** electrons, photons, kaons, pions, muons, neutrinos
- particles can travel **faster than the speed of light** in air (but still slower than the speed of light in vacuum)
- about 150 muons are striking every square meter of the Earth every second
- **Not all shower particles reach the ground** – some are stopped in the atmosphere (low-energy particles and/or transformed to radiation at relatively lower frequencies)



Los detectores del CERN son como **cámaras de fotos gigantes** con centenares de millones de canales, capaces de registrar 40 millones de fotos por segundo.

# Timepix deployments in Outer Space: Heritage + ongoing developments

Human flight/Dosimetry: LEO/on board ISS/2012, Radiation effects/Space Weather: spacecraft/satellite payloads/Proba-V/2013



Orbit	Launch	Spacecraft payloads: Micro-satellites		
LEO, 820 km	May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SATRAM-Timepix on board ESA Proba-V satellite QinetiQ ESA (in LEO orbit since May 2013), successful commissioning, continuous data taking</li> </ul>	←	
LEO, 600 km	July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LUCID-5xTimepix array payload on board TechDemoSat-1 SSTL-UK satellite Langton Ultimate Cosmic-ray Intensity Detector, successful commissioning, continuous data taking</li> </ul>		
LEO, 600 km	1Q-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Particle telescope/2x stack Timepix for RISESAT satellite Tohoku U./Japan (ongoing, FM delivery 3Q 2018, launch 4Q 2018/1Q2019)</li> </ul>	←	
<b>Spacecraft payloads: nanosatellites/cubesats</b>				
LEO, 500 km	June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focal plane X-ray detector 1xTimepix/X-ray telescope 1D optics on board Cubesat VZLUSAT-1, successful commissioning continuous data taking</li> </ul>	←	
CIS-lunar/deep space	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timepix radiation monitor payload on board BioSentinel cubesat for NASA-ORION flight EM1, NASA Ames</li> </ul>		
<b>Spacecraft payloads: large satellites</b>				
GEO 36000 km	>2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miniaturized Radiation Monitor MIRAM, for ESA/ARTES telecommunication satellites at GEO orbit</li> </ul>	←	
<b>Sub-orbital sounding rockets</b>				
LEO, 200 km	April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focal plane X-ray detector 2xTimepix/X-ray telescope 2D optics REX payload Penn State U. for NASA WRX-R sounding sub-orbital rocket, launched 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018, successful operation, data collected, payload retrieved</li> </ul>	←	
<b>Pressurized/manned space modules</b>				
LEO, 420 km	Aug 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miniaturized Quantum imaging on-line space radiation dosimeters/Radiation Environment Monitors REM 5xTPX on board ISS-NASA, successful commissioning, continuous data taking, NASA JSC</li> </ul>	←	
MEO, 6000 km	Dec 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2x Battery Operated Radiation Detectors BIRD-Timepix fully autonomous operation, NASA Orion Exploration Flight Test EFT-1, successful commissioning, continuous data taking, NASA JSC</li> </ul>		
LEO, 420 km	May 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energetic Particle Telescope EPT-Timepix 2x stack on board ISS-NASA, successful commissioning continuous data taking, NASA JSC</li> </ul>	←	
CIS-lunar/deep space	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid Electronic Radiation Assessor HERA-Timepix for NASA-ORION flights EM1 and EM2, NASA JSC</li> </ul>		

# Complete List of NASA Timepix Based Flight Hardware

Name	Date Flown	Mission	Location	Objective	Vehicle	Number TPX
REM	2012	ISS	LEO	Demo	ISS	5
BIRD	2014	Orion EFT-1	LEO/MEO	Demo/Science	Orion	2
REM2	2018	ISS	LEO	Ops	ISS	7
MPT	2017	ISS	LEO	Science	ISS	2
Biosentinel	2020	ISS	LEO	Science	ISS	1
ISS-HERA	2018	ISS	LEO	Demo	ISS	3
AHOSS	2020	ISS	LEO	Demo/Ops	ISS	3
LETS(1)	2023	Astrobotic 1	Lunar Surface	Science	Peregrine	1
LETS(2)	2024/5	Berensheet 2*	Lunar Surface	Science	Berensheet 2	1
HERA	2022	Artemis 1	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Orion	3
Biosentinel	2022	Artemis 1	Solar Orbit	Science	Cubesat	1
HERA	2023	Polaris Dawn	MEO	Science	Crew Dragon	1
HERA	2024	Artemis 2	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Orion	6
HERA	2025	Artemis 3	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Orion	6
ARES	2025	Artemis 3	Lunar Surface	Ops	Starship	>=1
LEIA	~~2024	CLPS Lander	Lunar Surface	Science	TBS Lander	1
ARES	2026	Artemis	Lunar Orbit	Ops	Lunar Gateway	2

**\*Evaluating mission possibility**

**7 missions flown, 4 missions next six months, 6 missions manifested, > 23 Timepix in Space to date**

**Highly successful technology transfer from CERN, powering NASA missions for the last 10 years, and likely for the next 10**



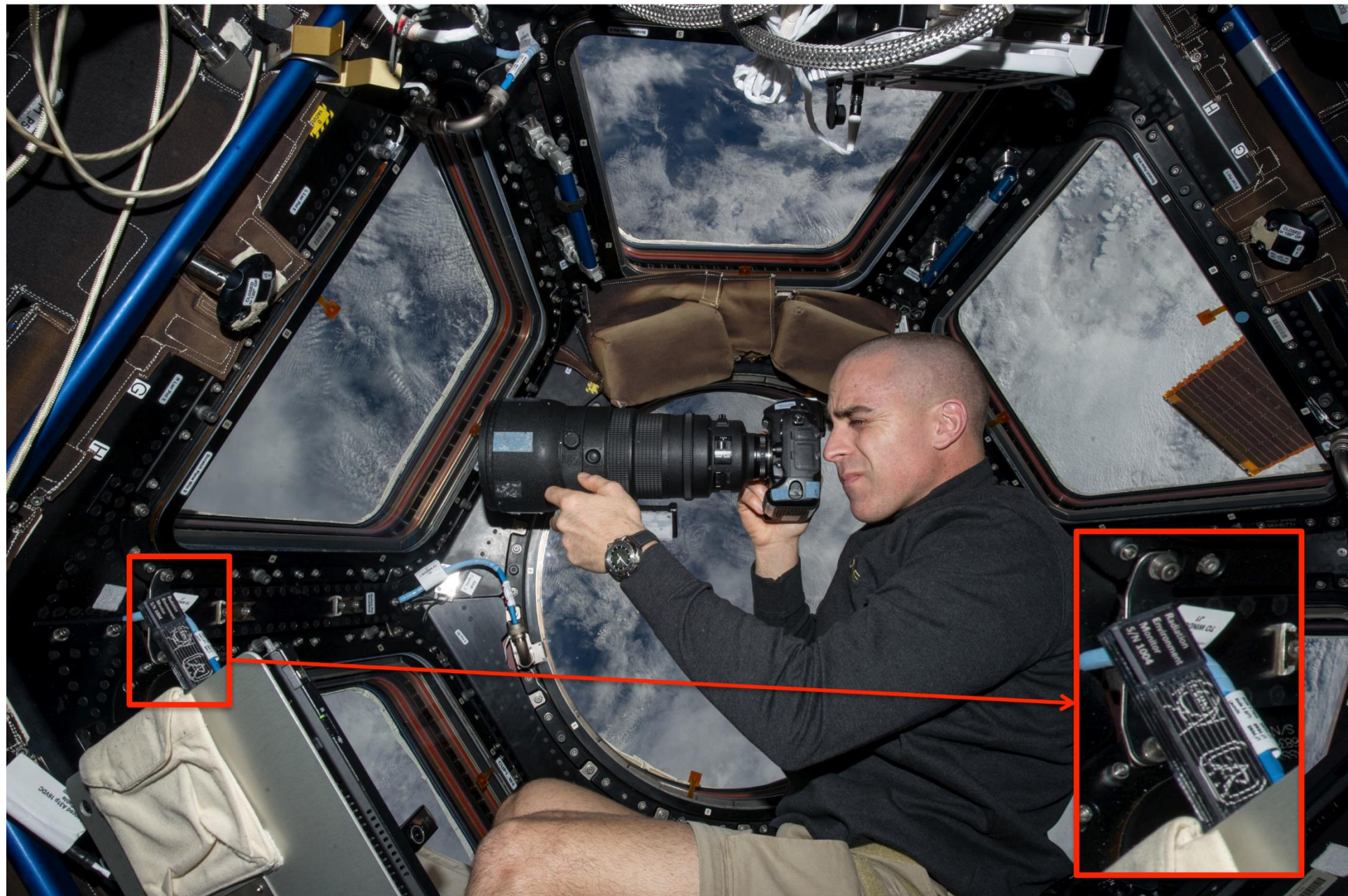
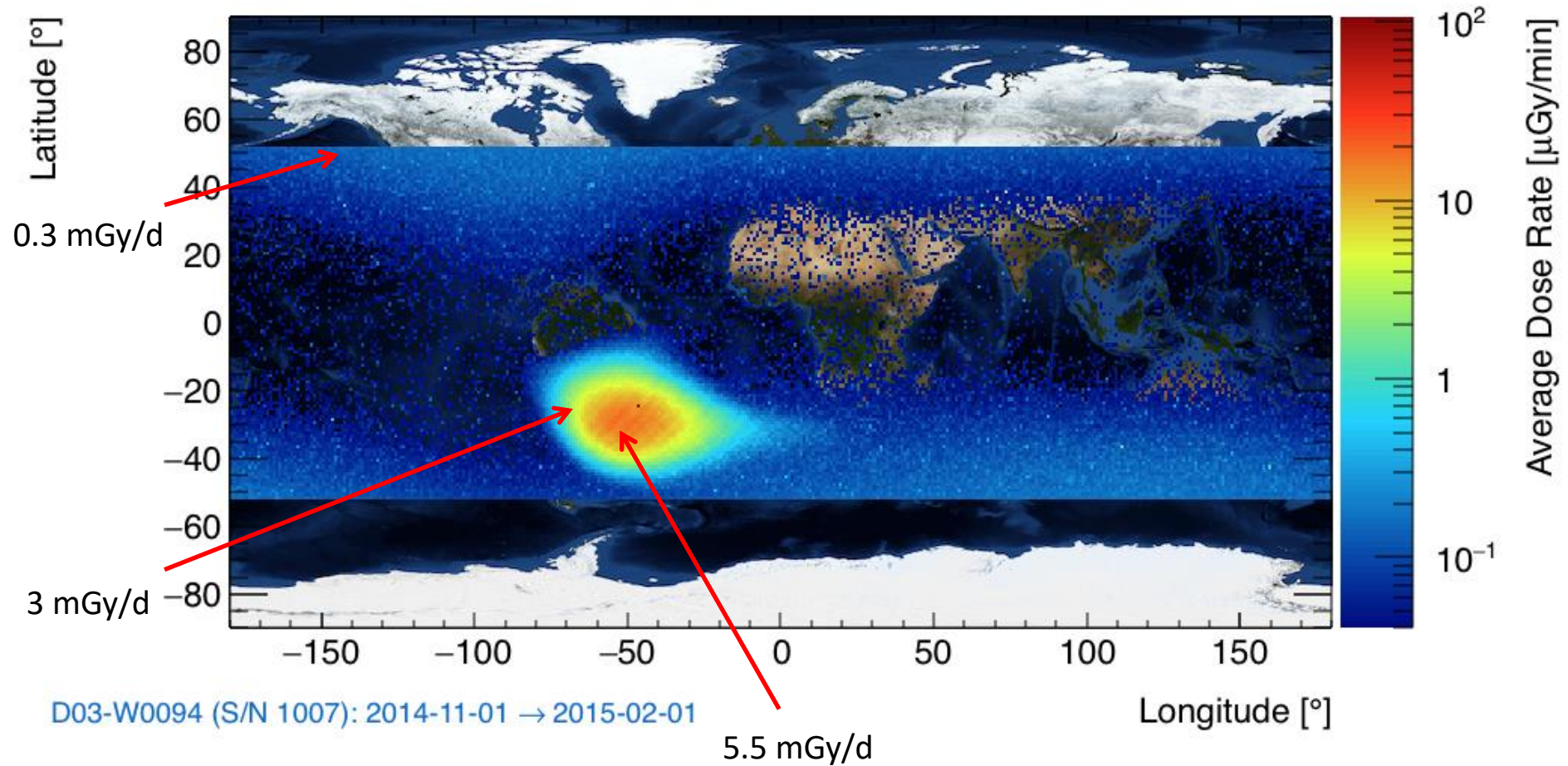


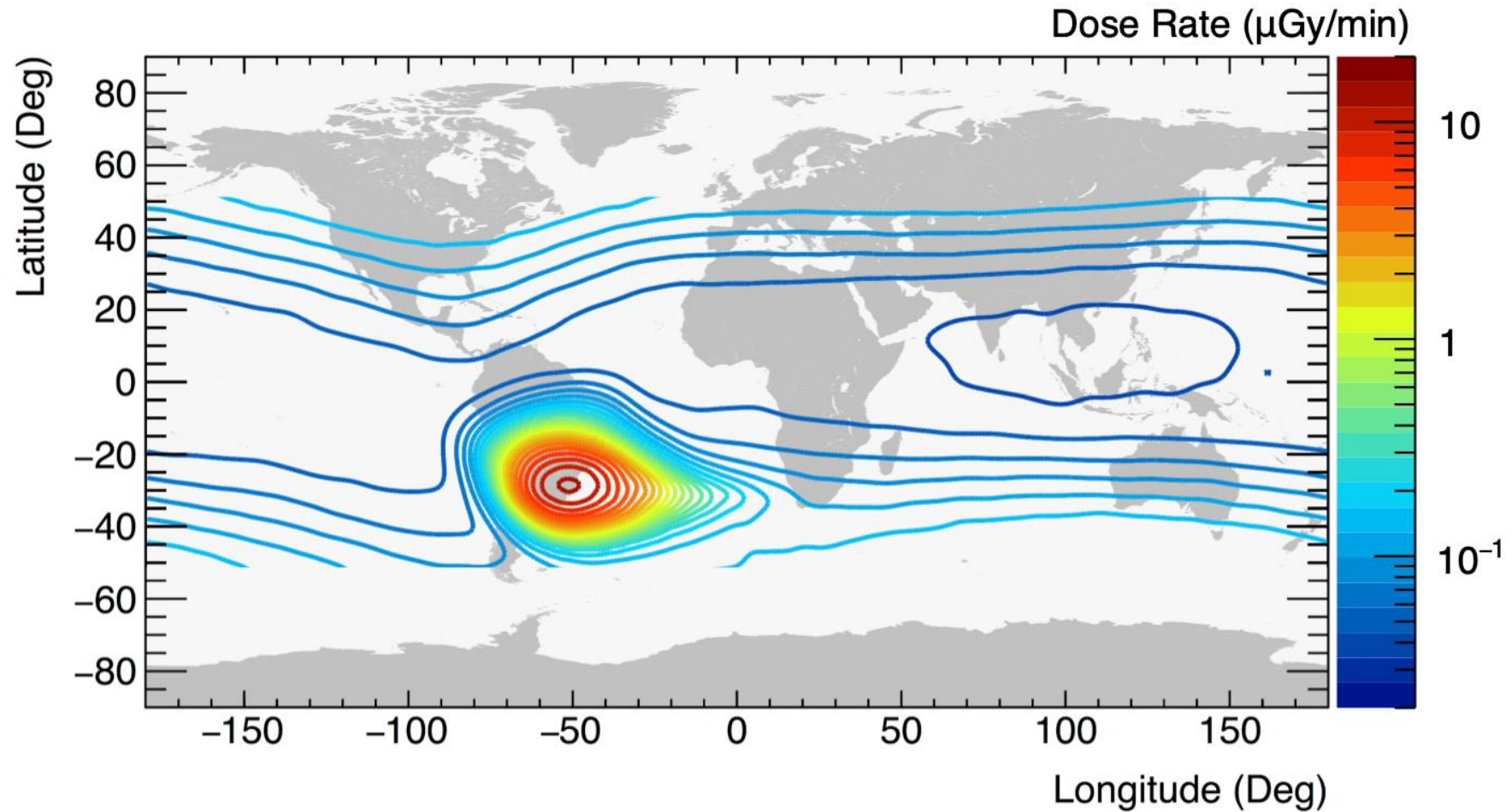
Image of the astronaut Chris Cassidy working near the Timepix USB on the International Space Station (Courtesy of NASA, photo ref. no. iss036e006175)

# REM Dose Rate Data ( $\mu\text{G}/\text{min}$ )



Average exposure on the ground is 3 mGy/year

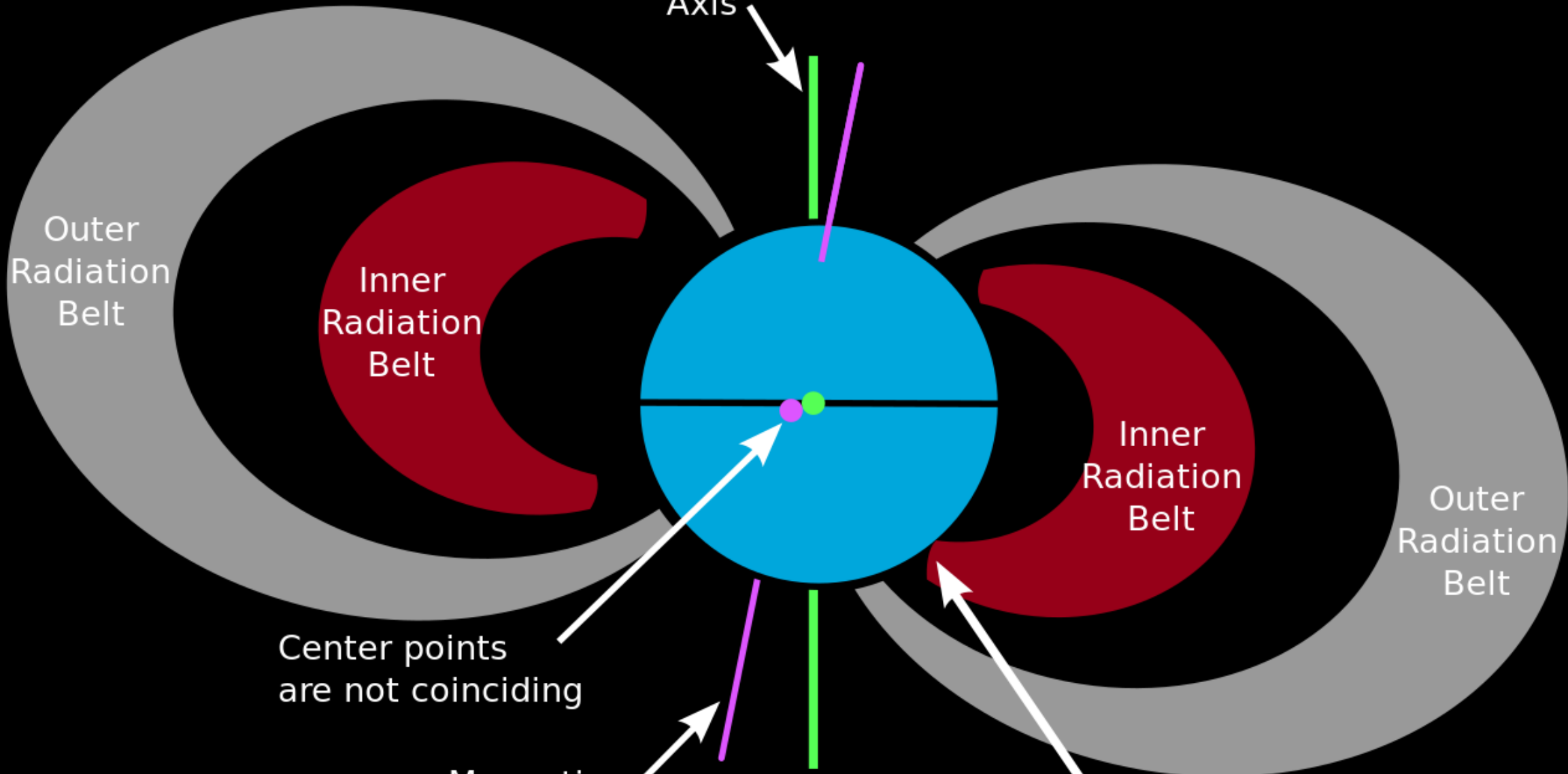
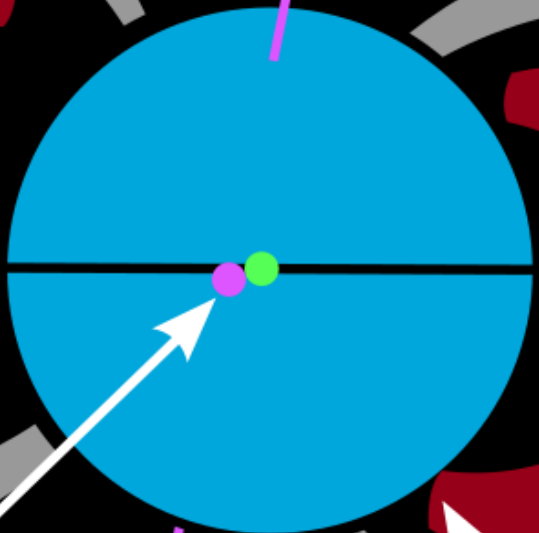
# REM Dose Rate Data ( $\mu\text{G}/\text{min}$ )



Timepix dose rates measured in 2014 on ISS

University of Houston, IEAP Prague, NASA

Rotational  
Axis



Outer  
Radiation  
Belt

Inner  
Radiation  
Belt

Inner  
Radiation  
Belt

Outer  
Radiation  
Belt

Center points  
are not coinciding

Magnetic  
Axis



South Atlantic Anomaly  
(200km from Earth's Surface)

