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Remarks by Takaaki Kajita, Chair, C4

The International Symposium on Very High Energy Cosmic Ray Interactions (ISVHECRI) is a biennial conference series that was started in 1980, and the last edition with in-person participation of this series was held in the campus of University of Nagoya in Japan in 2018. ISVHECRI is quite different from most other conferences in that it has fewer participants but provides ample time and opportunity for intense discussions and interactions. Therefore, I am delighted to observe that after six years all of you got the opportunity for face-to-face interactions in Puerto Vallarta. This symposium is awarded by the International Emulsion Chamber Committee and is sponsored by the IUPAP on the recommendation of the IUPAP Commission C4 on Astroparticle Physics. I take this opportunity to recognize the Local Organising Committee and its Convener Prof. Eduardo de La Fuente for doing an excellent job of organising this symposium. I thank the Scientific Program Committee chaired by Prof. Karl-Heinz Kampert for inviting eminent scientists to cover various important topics and the results from major experiments. Though, I had the privilege of serving as a member of the International Advisory Committee of this symposium, but in my capacity as the Chair C4, I thank the International Advisory Committee chaired by Prof. Sunil Gupta for providing leadership for the ISVHECRI series.

Year 2024 is very special because it happens to be the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of great Mexican cosmic ray physicist Prof. Manuel Sandoval Vallarta who had made pioneering contributions to early studies of cosmic rays. Prof. Manuel Sandoval Vallarta also played an important role in the growth of Mexican science and its scientific institutions. I am especially pleased to learn that the city of Puerto Vallarta is named after his grandfather Mr. Ignacio Luis Vallarta Ogazón. I would like to convey my best wishes to all our Mexican colleagues on the occasion of 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Prof. Sandoval Vallarta and congratulate the organizers of 22<sup>nd</sup> ISVHECRI for hosting a very successful symposium.

Thank you,

Takaaki Kajita



125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary  
Prof. Manuel Sandoval Vallarta (1899-1977)



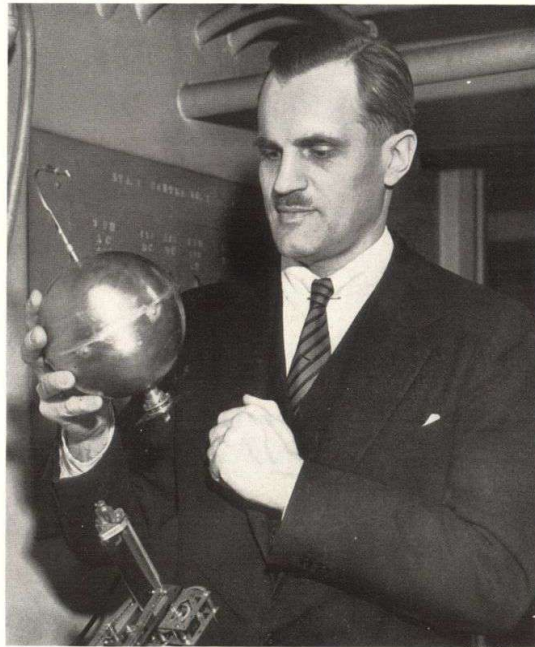
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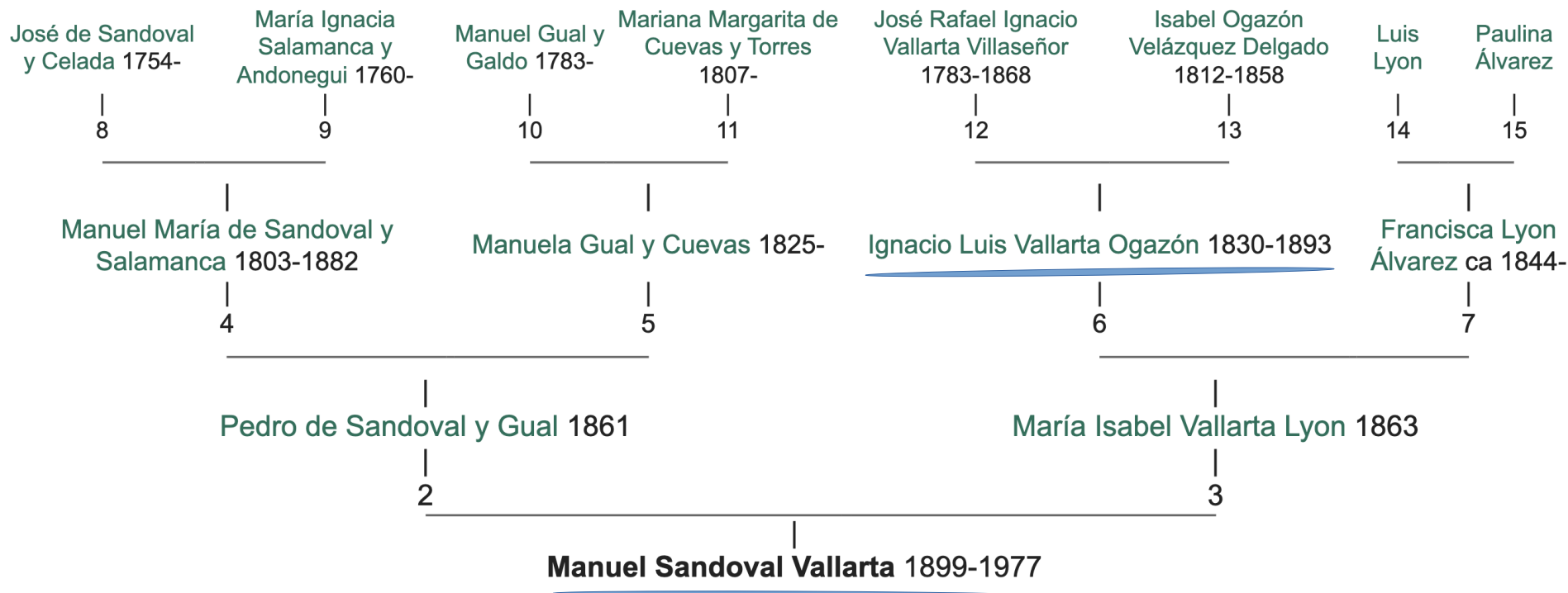
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# Vallarta Family Tree (courtesy Hariharan)

## Family Tree Preview

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# Mr. Ignacio Luis Vallarta Ogazón



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