Detector and Physics simulations

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Background cover: Simulation theory by Muse

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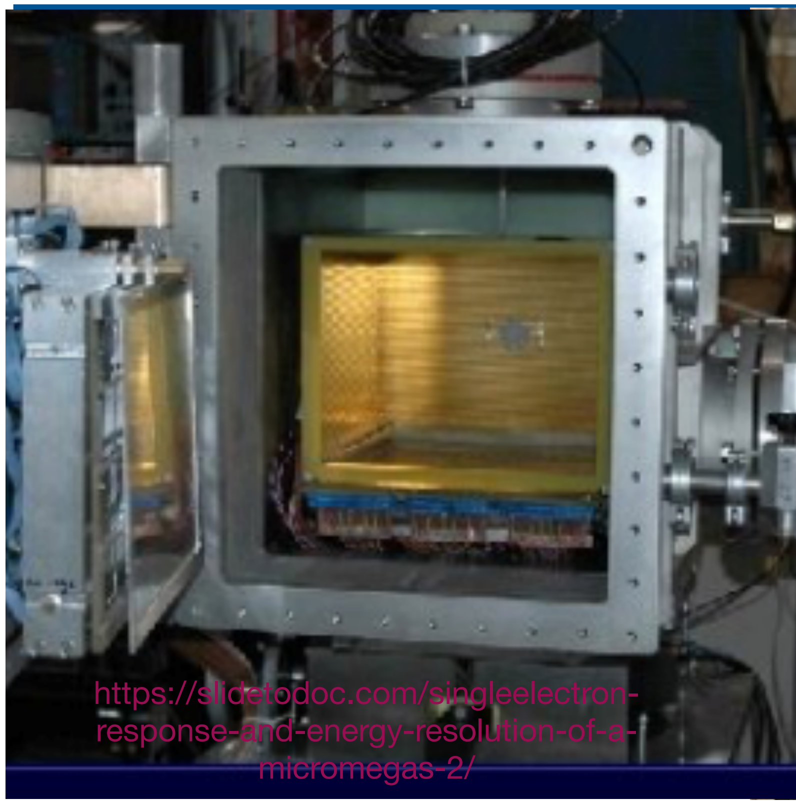

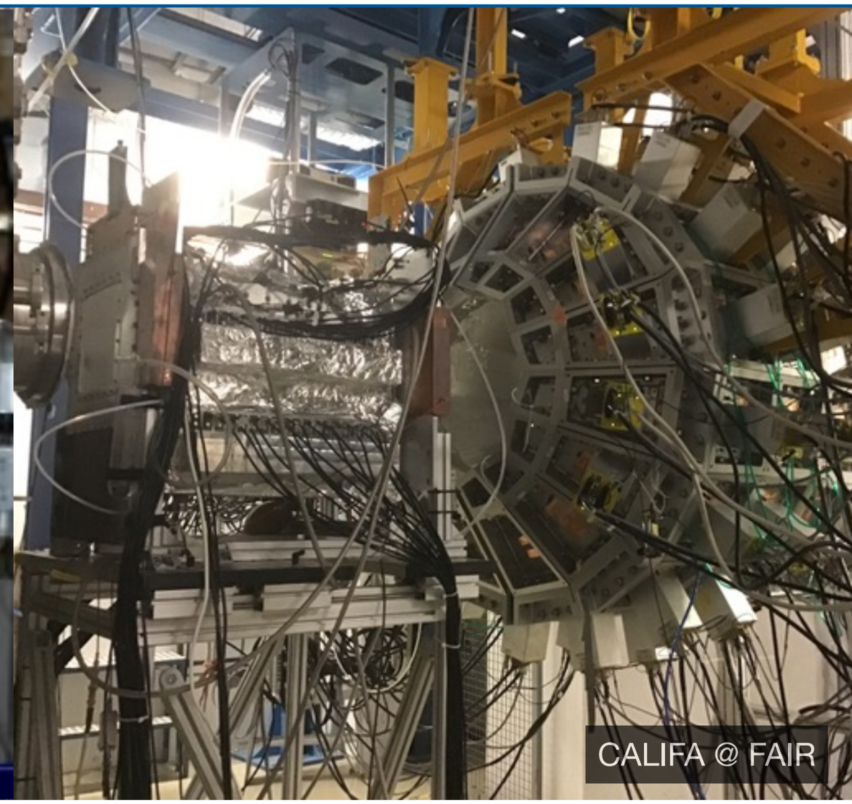

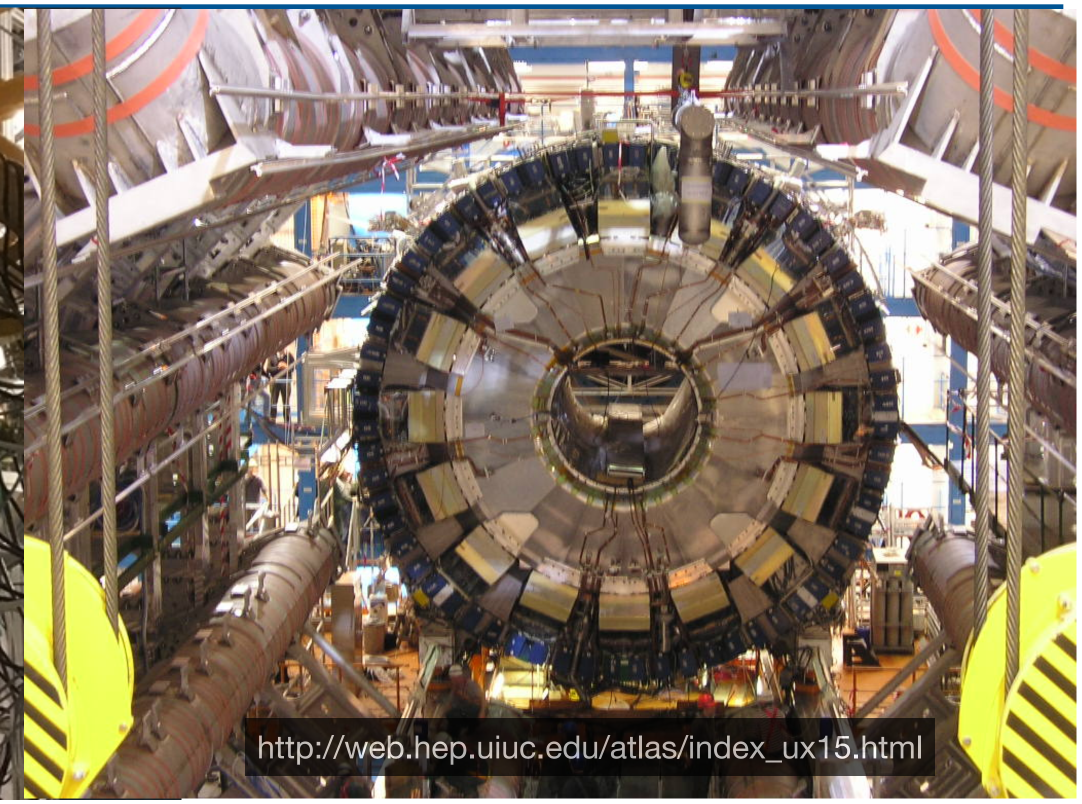

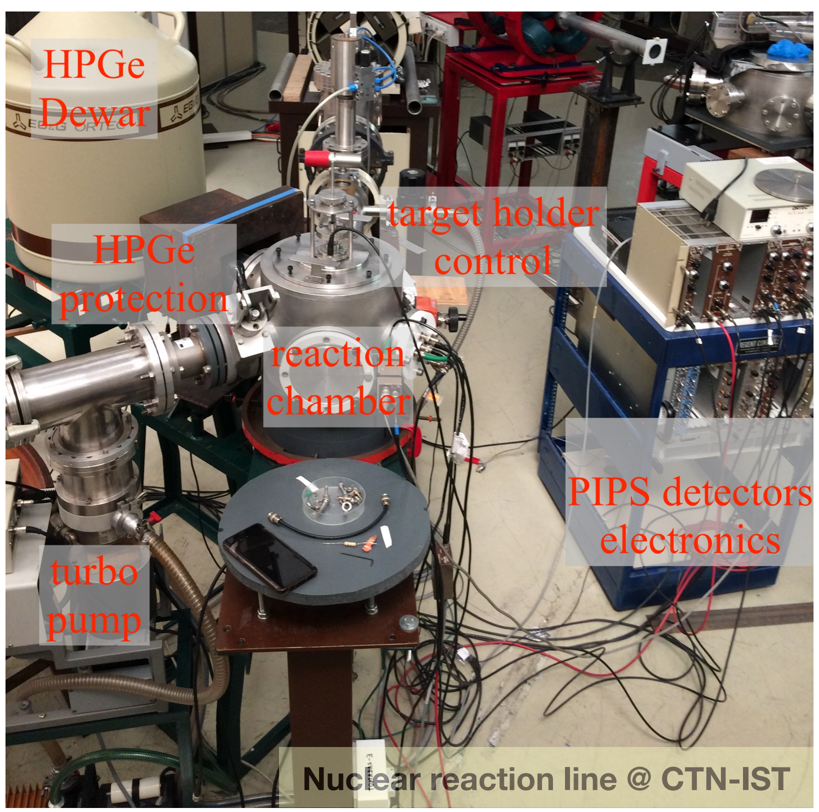

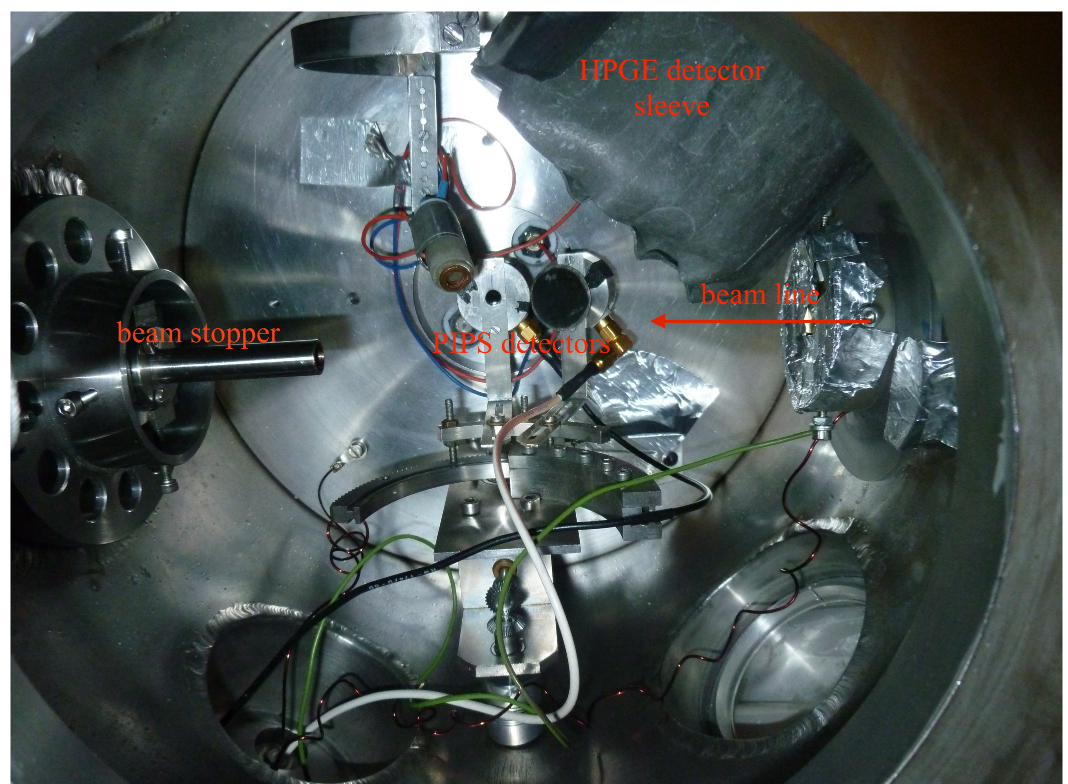

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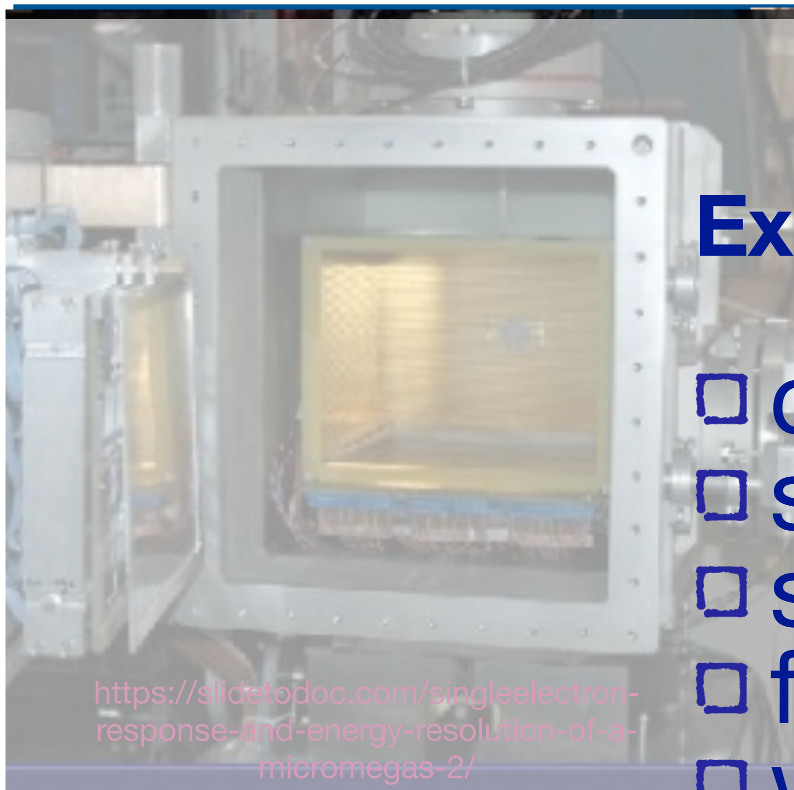
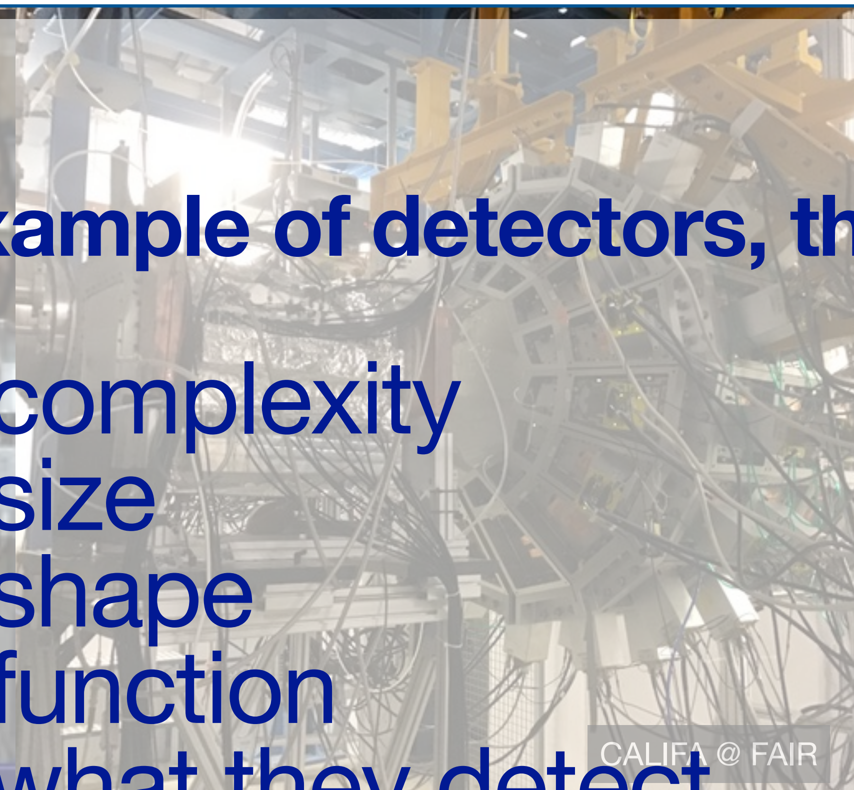
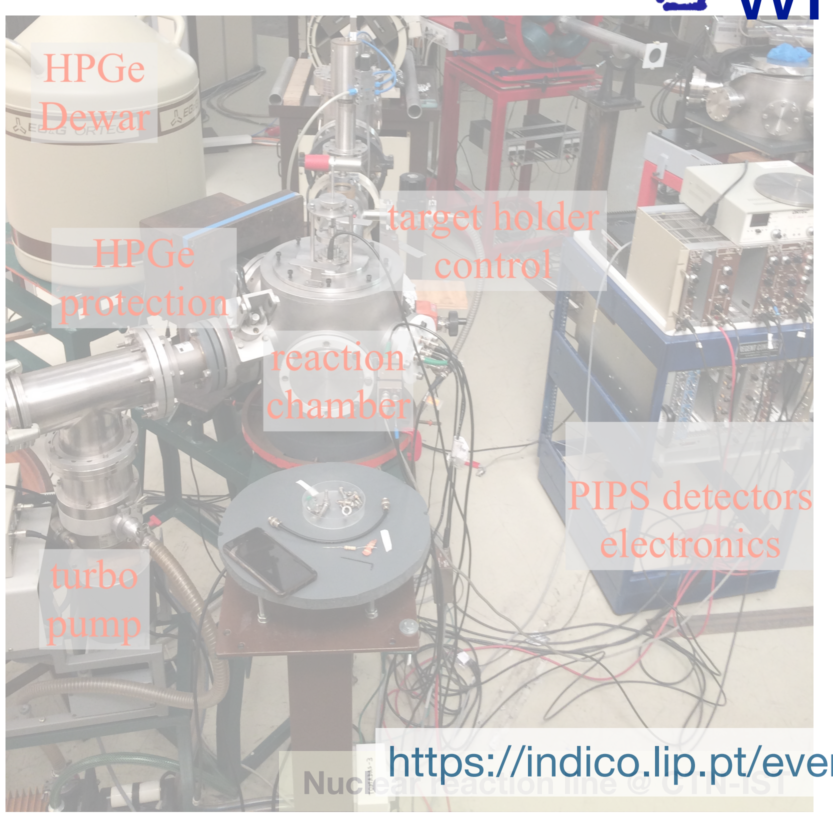
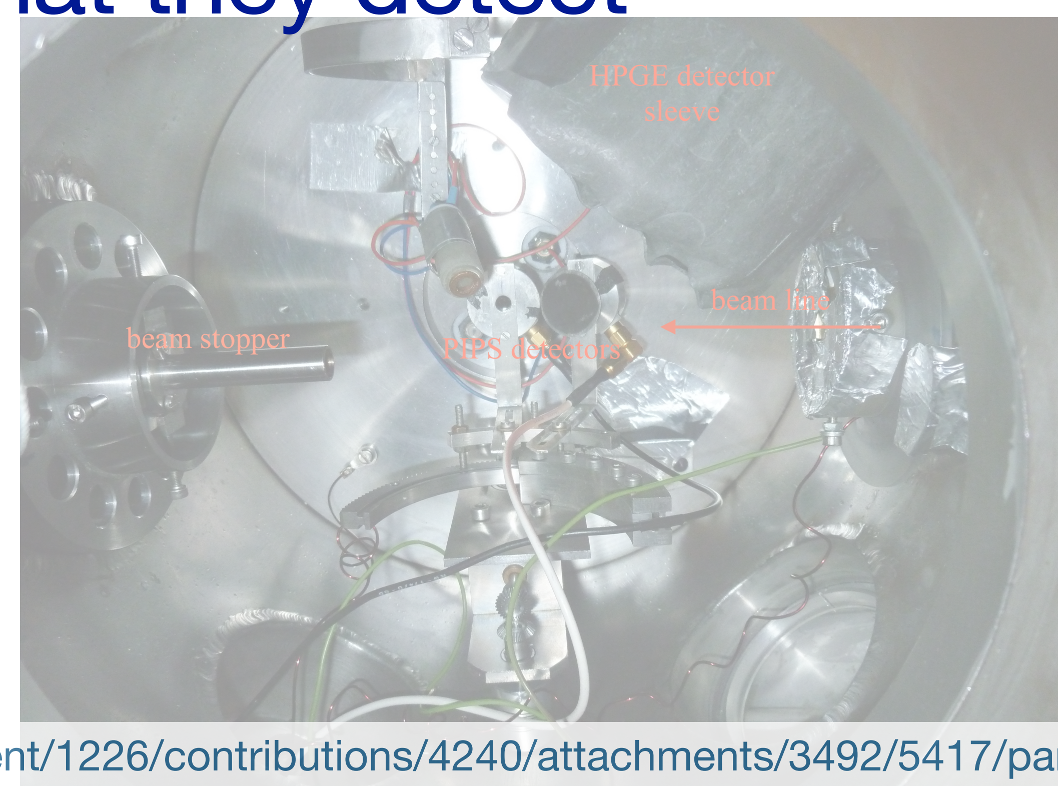


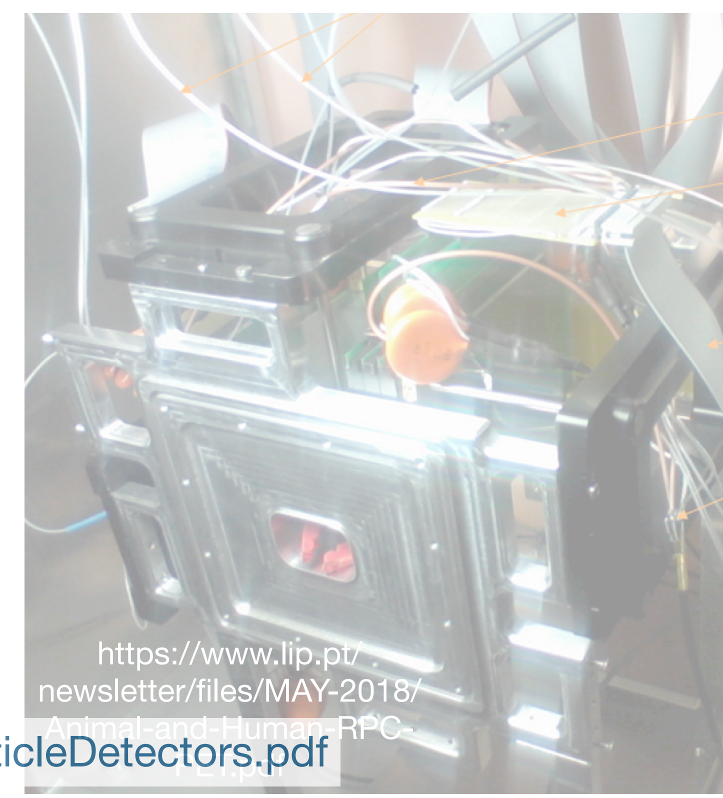


Example of detectors, they vary in:

- complexity
- size
- shape
- function
- what they detect







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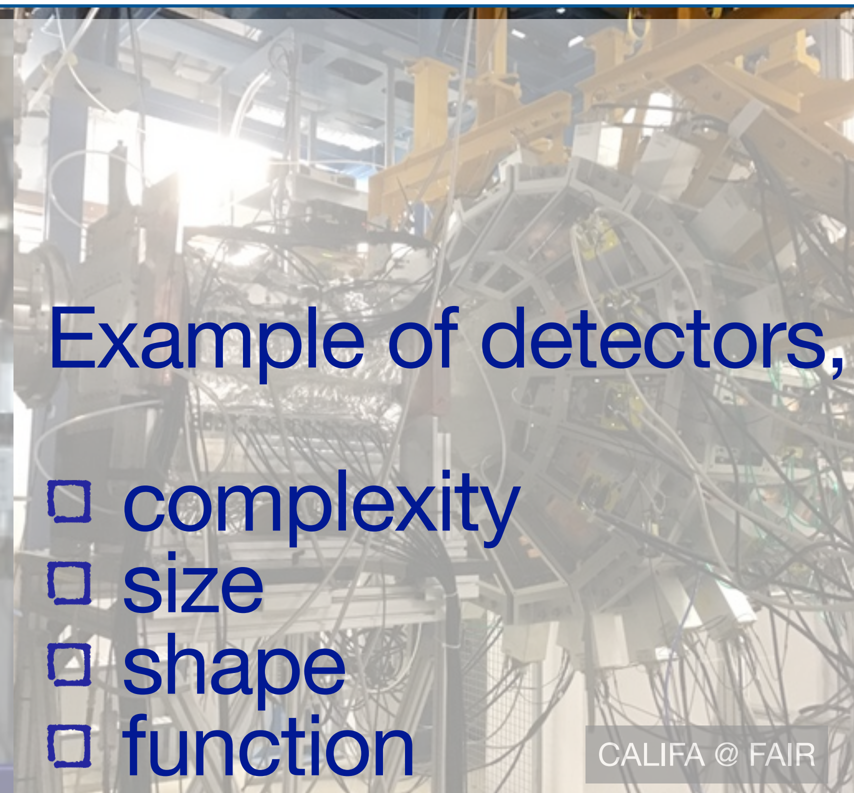

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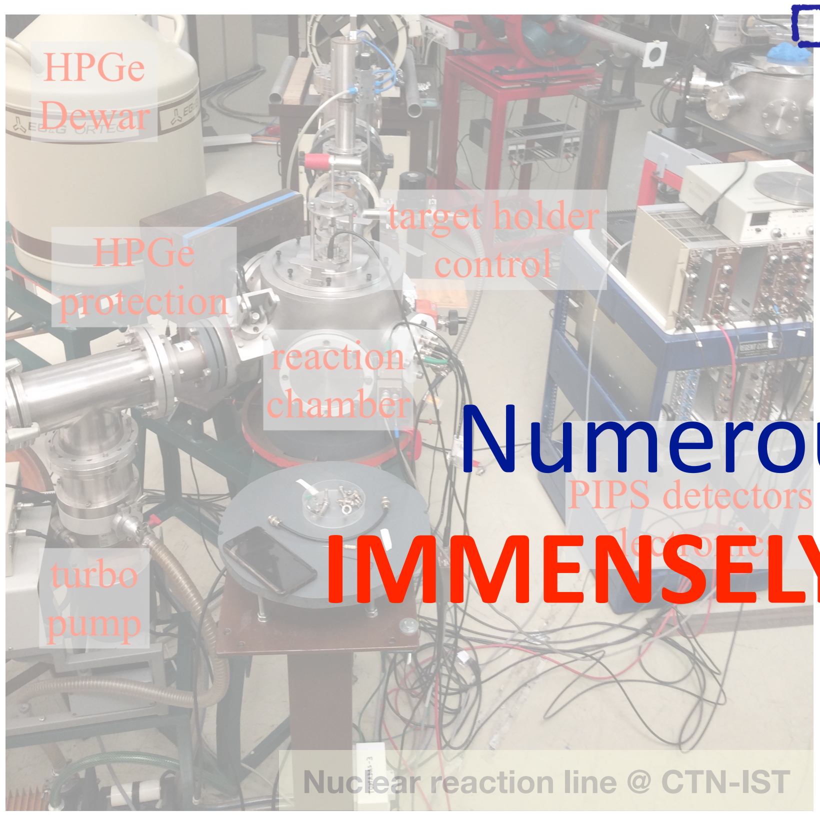


Numerous detectors exist and they vary **IMMENSELY**, but the **underlying physics** is the basically the same!

What are the application area?

Nuclear physics

High energy physics (HEP)

Astrophysics

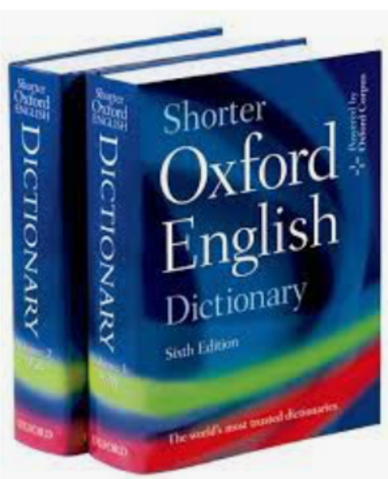
Space engineering

Medical physics

Environmental application

Industrial applications

Simulation - what is it?



simulation

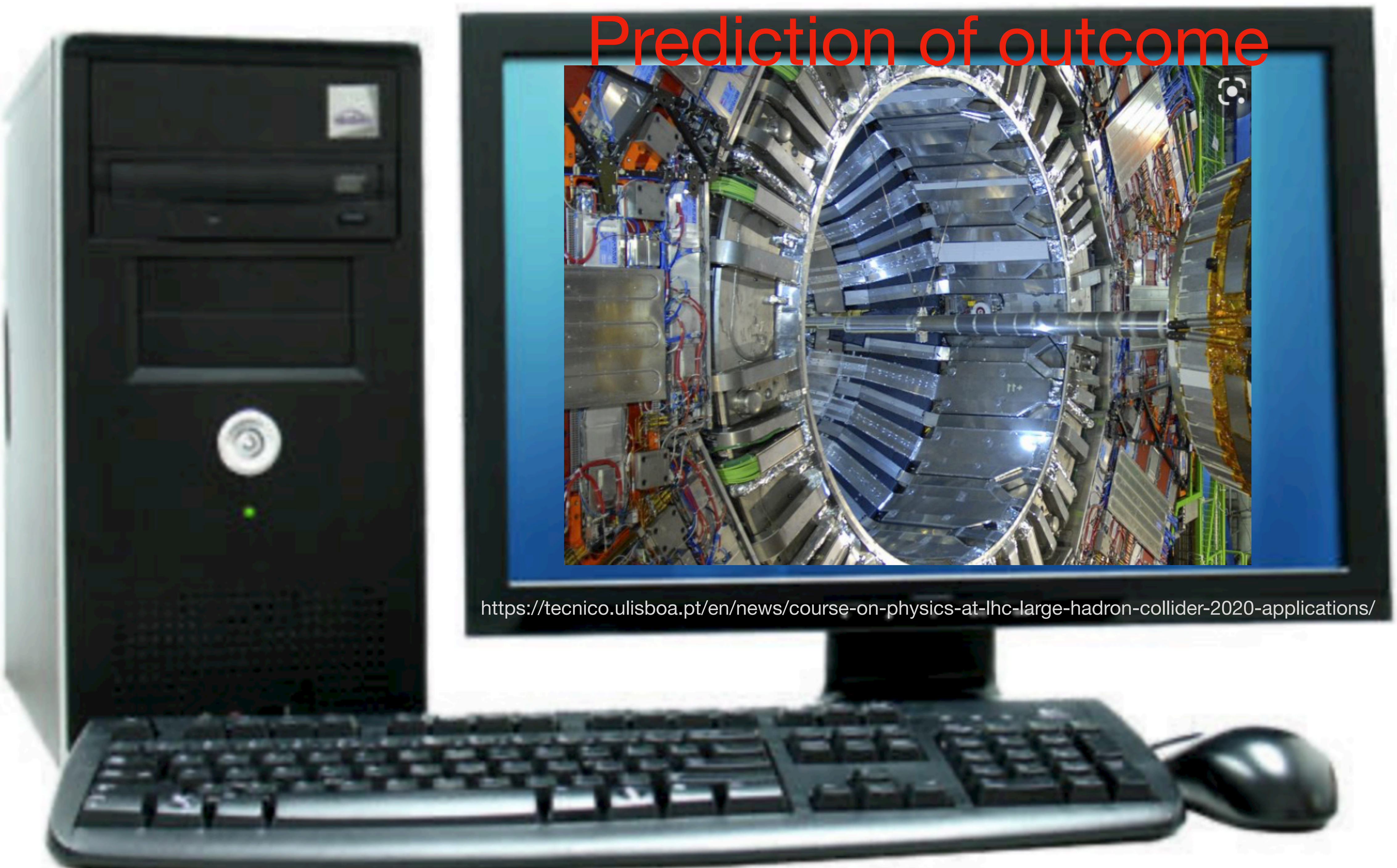
/sɪmjuːˈleɪʃ(ə)n/

noun

imitation of a situation or process.
"simulation of blood flowing through arteries and veins"

- the action of pretending; deception.
  "clever simulation that's good enough to trick you"
- the production of a computer model of something, especially for the purpose of study.
  "the method was tested by computer simulation"

What do we need?



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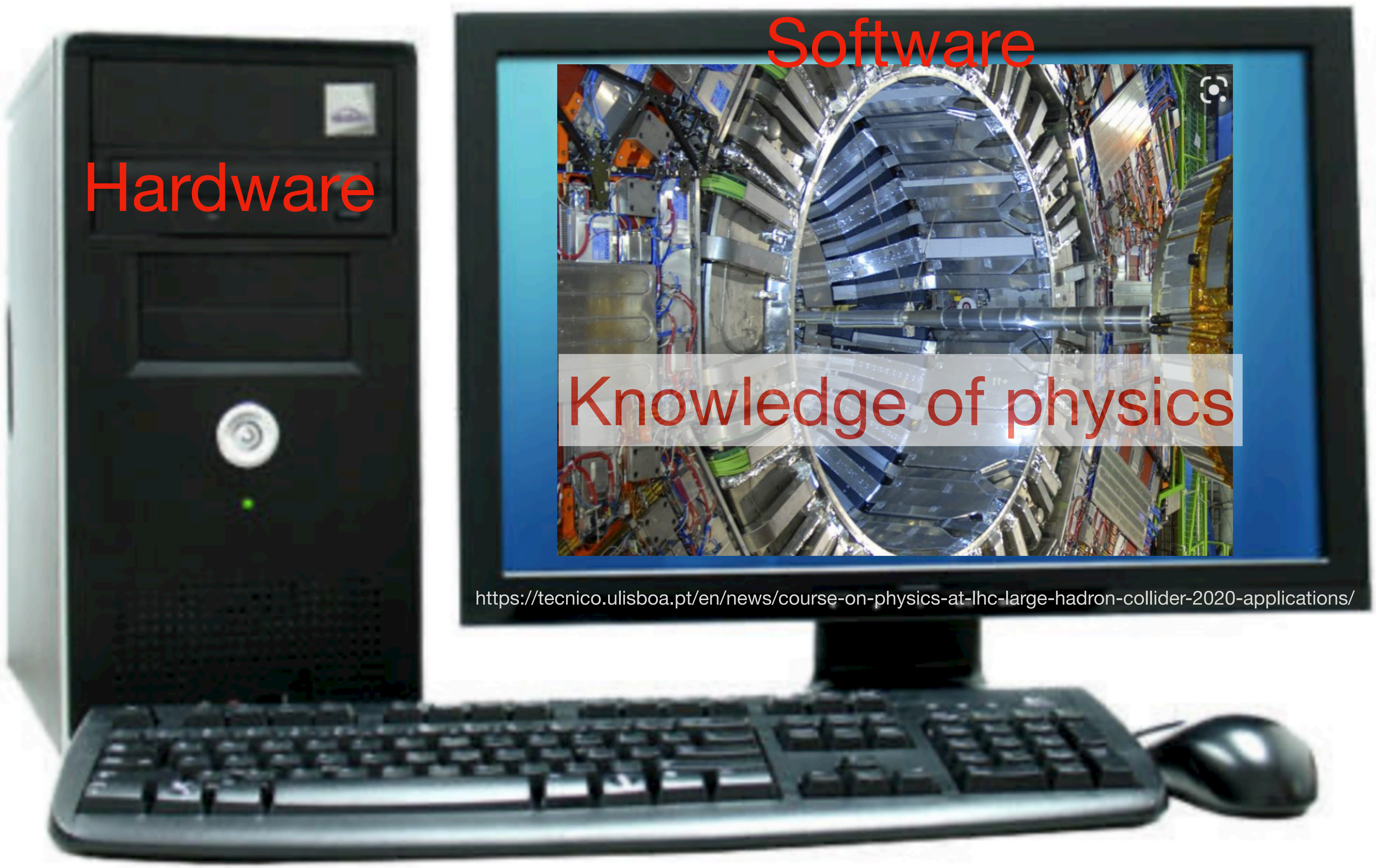


Simulation

Essential tool in nuclear and particle physics

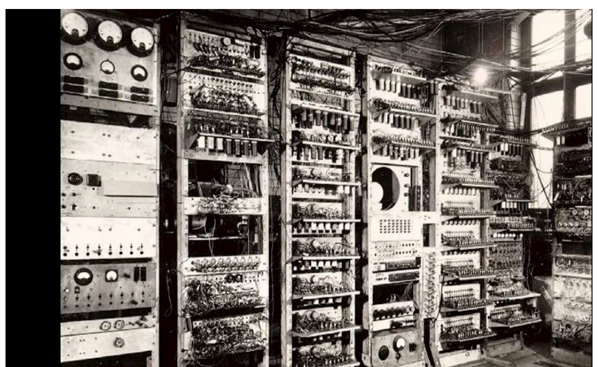
Function:

- Design new detectors
- Analysis of our data
- Benchmarking
- Development of new analysis tools or optimise analysis
- Simulation of new physics models

General **Monte Carlo (MC)** Codes exit

MC methods for radiation transport

Random photo of the Monte Carlo casino



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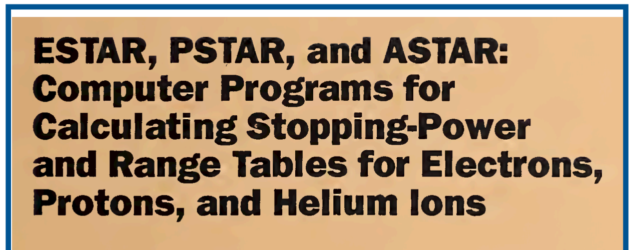

ESTAR, PSTAR, and ASTAR: Computer Programs for Calculating Stopping-Power and Range Tables for Electrons, Protons, and Helium Ions

https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/IR/nistir4999.pdf

- John von Neumann and Stanislaw Ulam in 1945 (https://library.lanl.gov/cgi-bin/getfile?00326866.pdf)
- Nick Metropolis (1948) converted the style of programming using ENIAC as described by J. V. Neumann
- M. J. Berger and S. M. Seltzer (1963) developed the ETRAN code (coupled electron-photon transport (https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/IR/nbsir82-2550.pdf)
- Probability density function (pdf)

Sophisticated available MC codes

http://www.fluka.org/fluka.php

https://geant4.web.cern.ch

https://mcnp.lanl.gov

http://pypenelope.sourceforge.net

Detector MC:

- Geant,
- Fluka
- Geant4

Radiation MC:

- Fluka,
- Penelope
- Mars,
- Geant4,
- MCNP

Signal generation:

- Garfield

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Geant4: simulation of the passage of particles through matter

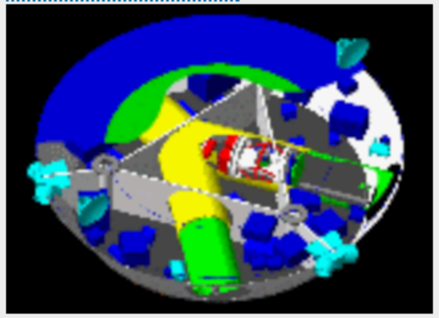
Overview

Geant4 is a toolkit for the simulation of the passage of particles through matter. Its areas of application include high energy, nuclear and accelerator physics, as well as studies in medical and space science. The three main reference papers for Geant4 are published in Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 506 (2003) 250-303, IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science 53 No. 1 (2006) 270-278 and Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 835 (2016) 186-225.

Applications

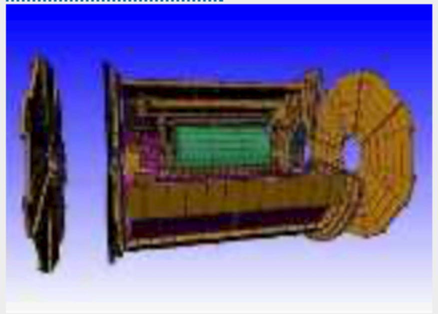
A sampling of applications, technology transfer and other uses of Geant4

User Support



Getting started, guides and information for users and developers

Publications



Validation of Geant4, results from experiments and publications

Collaboration

Who we are: collaborating institutions, members, organization and legal information

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Recent developments in GEANT4

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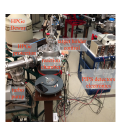
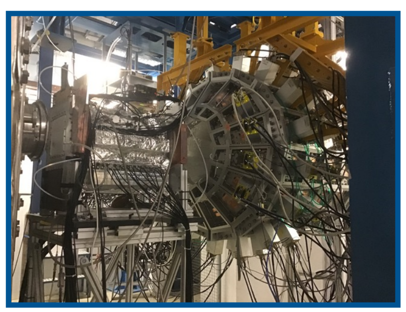
Simulation can be done…

NOT to scale!
JUST a quick idea!



CTN-IST:
nuclear reaction line



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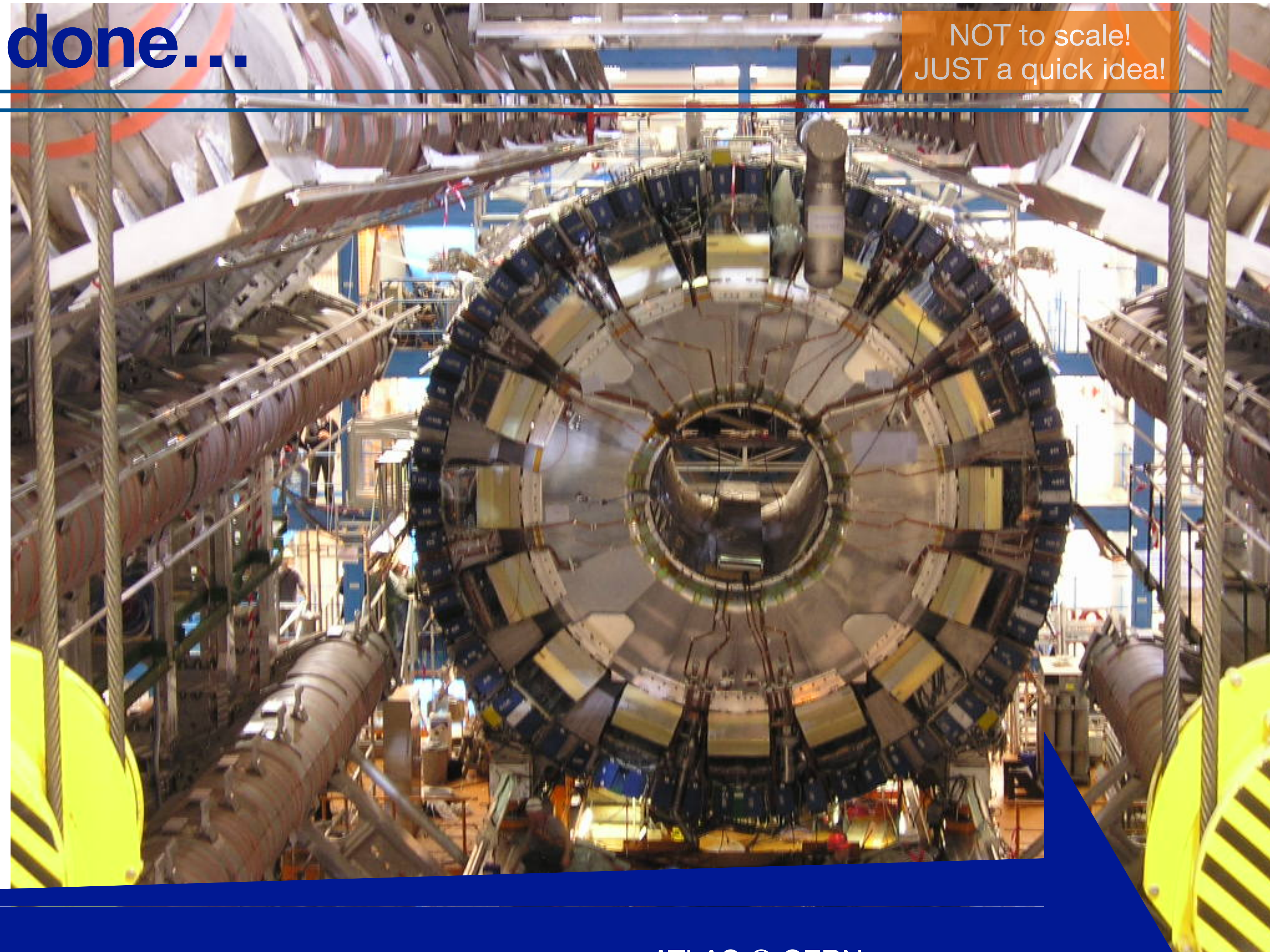

ATLAS @ CERN

Experimental setup at CTN-IST

- Nuclear reaction line @ CTN-IST

Describe the physical world

Reaction chamber
HPGe Detector

Detector Geometry

- Construct all necessary material
- Define shapes/ solids
- Construct and place volumes
  - Define sensitive and non-sensitive volumes
  - Define visual attributes of the detector

Experimental setup at CTN-IST

Three conceptual layers

- **Solid (G4VSolid Class Reference)**
  - shape (simple shapes)
  - size

Step 1:
create the geometrical object

```
G4Tubs(const G4String& pName,
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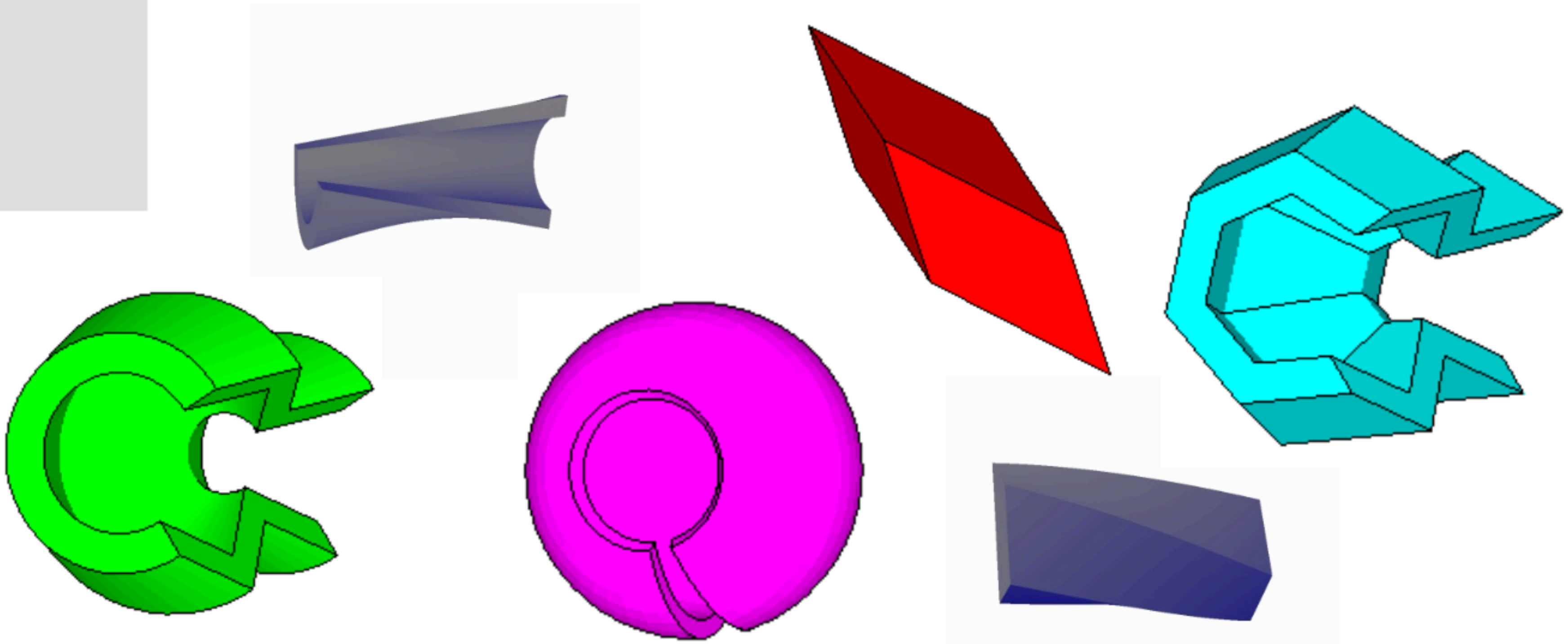

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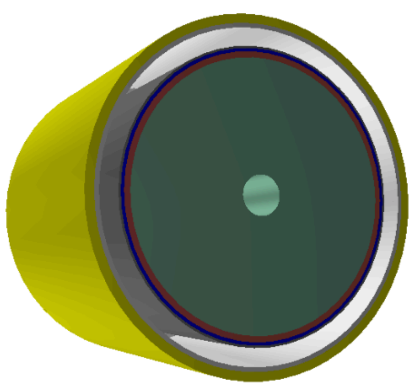

Three conceptual layers

- ☑ **Solid**
  - shape
  - size
- ☐ **Logical volume**
  - daughter physical volume,
  - material,
  - sensitivity,
  - user limits
    - (e.g.max step length, max number of steps, min kinetic energy left, etc.)

Step 1: create the geometrical object

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Step 2: Assign properties

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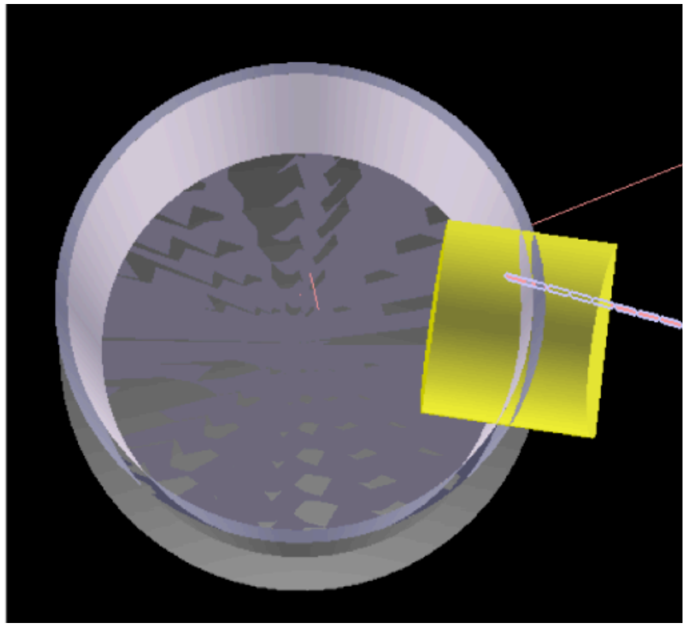

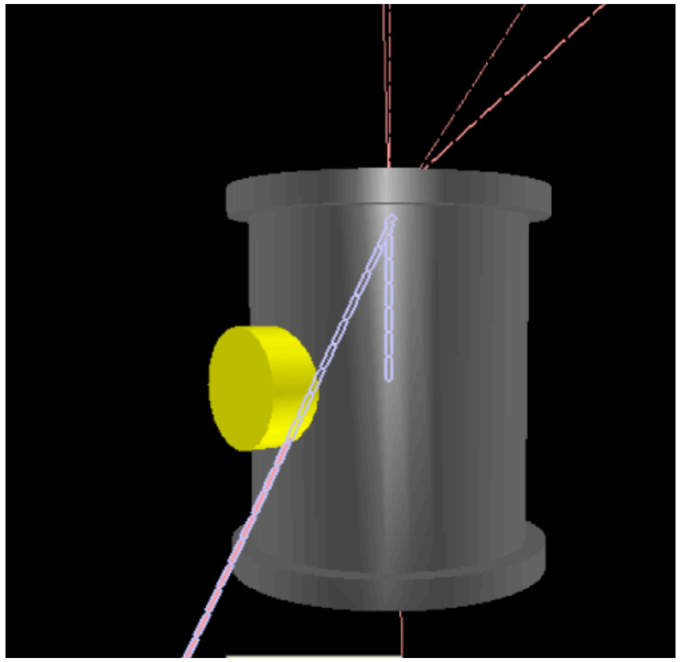

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- ☐ **Physical volume**
  - position
  - rotation

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Step 2: Assign properties

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Step 3: Place in world co-or system

Attention: Overlapping and confinement in mother space!

Interaction with detector material

Hadronic, Electromagnetic, and Weak interaction

- Photon:
- Pair production, Compton scattering, photoelectric effect
- All charged particles:
- Ionization / δ-rays, multiple scattering
- Electron / positron
- Bremsstrahlung, annihilation (e^+)
- Hadron:
- Hadronic interactions
-

hadrons **(elastic, inelastic, capture, fission, radioactive decay, photo- nuclear, lepton-nuclear,...)**

Physic list choice

Physics List Guide

The Physics List is one of the three mandatory user classes of the Geant4 toolkit. In this class all Geant4 particles and their interaction processes should be instantiated. This class should inherit from the base class `G4VUserPhysicsList` and should be given to G4RunManager:

```
G4MTRunManager* runManager = new G4MTRunManager;
runManager->SetUserInitialization(physicsList);
```

There are "packaged" physics lists available

- Probably you will be interested in the "reference physics lists"
- Option exists to create a customised physics lists (needs to be validated)

https://geant4-userdoc.web.cern.ch/UsersGuides/PhysicsListGuide/html/physicslistguide.html

https://geant4.web.cern.ch/node/1731

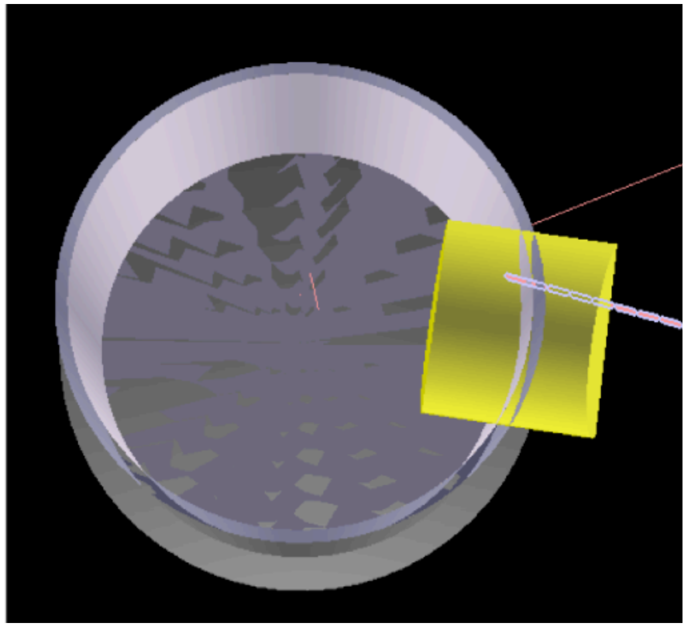
And many more ….

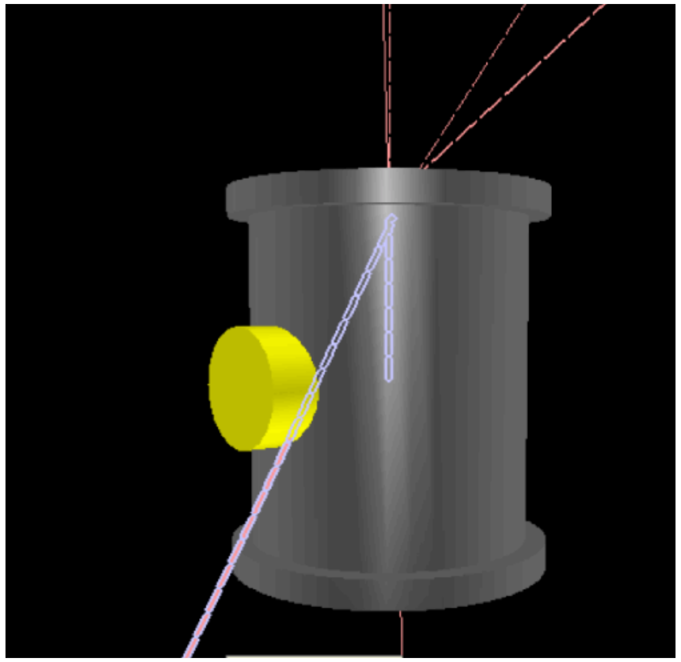
Physic list choice: examples

- **Some Hadronic options:**
  - "QGS" Quark Gluon String model (> ~15 GeV)
  - "FTF" FRITIOF String model (> ~5 GeV)
  - "BIC" Binary Cascade model (< ~10 GeV)
  - "BERT" Bertini Cascade model (< ~10 GeV)
  - "P" `G4Precompound` model used for de-excitation
  - "HP" High Precision neutron model (< ~20 MeV)
- **Some EM options:**
  - No suffix: standard EM i.e. the default `G4EmStandardPhysics` constructor
  - "EMV" `G4EmStandardPhysics_option1` CTR: HEP, fast but less precise
  - "EMY" `G4EmStandardPhysics_option3` CTR: medical, space sci., precise
  - "EMZ" `G4EmStandardPhysics_option4` CTR: most precise EM physics
- **Name decoding:** String(s)_Cascade_Neutron_EM
- **The complete list of pre-packaged physics list with detailed description can be found in the documentation ("*Guide for Physics Lists*"):**

http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/support/proc_mod_catalog/ physics_lists/referencePL.shtml

Event Generator





Event generators (Gun)

- **Particle type**
- **Particle kinematics**
  - energy
  - Direction
  - Other (charge, polarity)
  - Number of particles generated per event

G4Ion Table

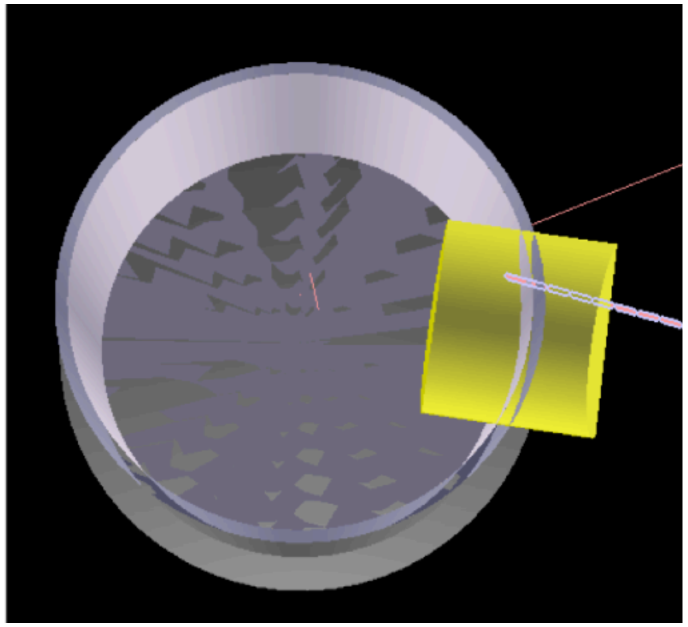
ASCII file input

Pythia, Fritiof using the Lund fragmentation model

HERWIG, HERWIG ++ is an alternative system

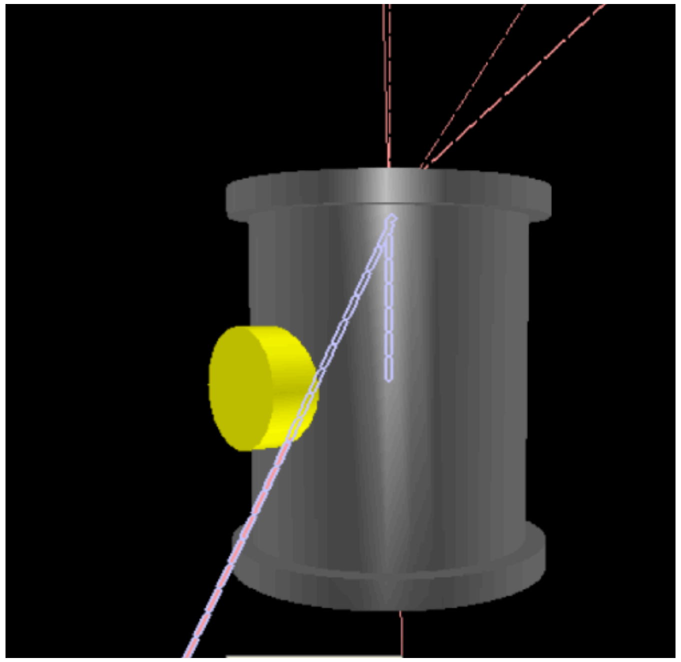
For HEP: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.11110.pdf

Hits registration



Event hit

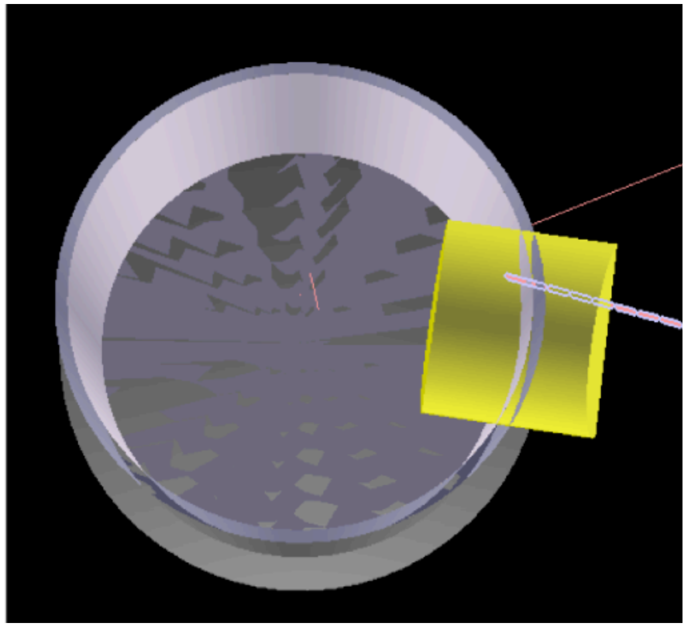
- ❑ **Particle type**
- ❑ **Particle kinematics**
  - energy
  - Direction
  - Multiplicity

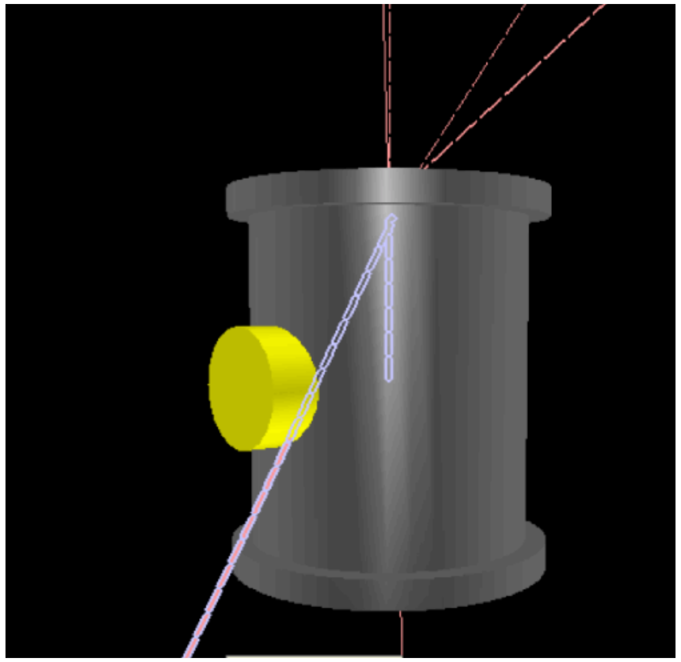


One event is simulated to the end!

Analysis via ROOT Data Analysis Framework

Avoid these pitfalls and be aware





Learn to walk before you run…

- **Check the volumes**
- **Small number of events**
- **Energy: one step at a time**
- **Check your out put: Does it make sense?**

Detector simulation tools are limited by several factors:

Available and known **accuracy** of measurements utilised and tunes or validation of the **physics models**

Particular **x-sections**

Computational speed

Example: Cross section

Cross sections for proton induced high energy γ-ray emission (PIGE) in reaction $^{19}F(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}O$ at incident proton energies between 1.5 and 4 MeV

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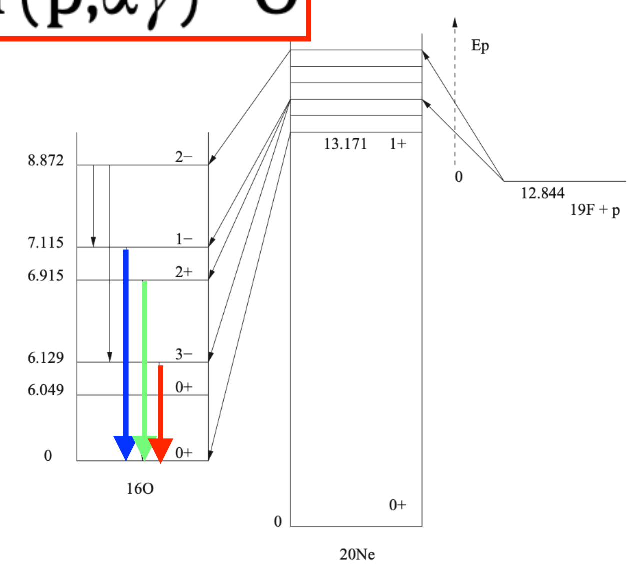
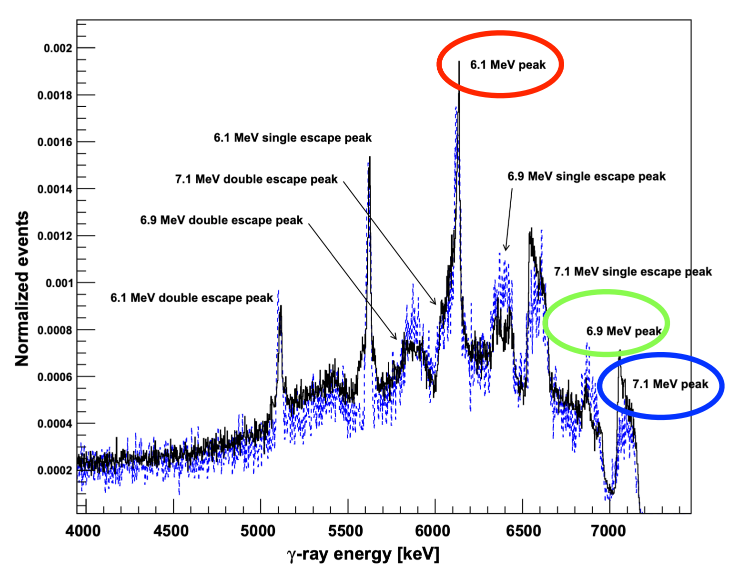
$^{19}F(p,\alpha\gamma)^{16}O$

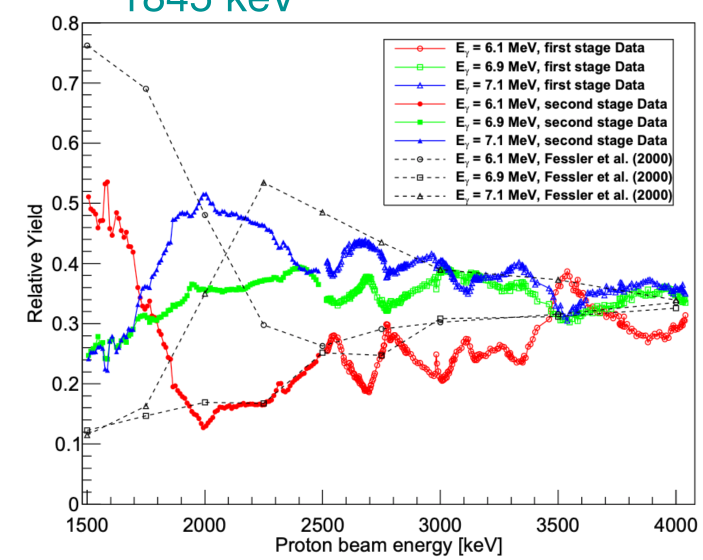


Spectra @ 1845 keV

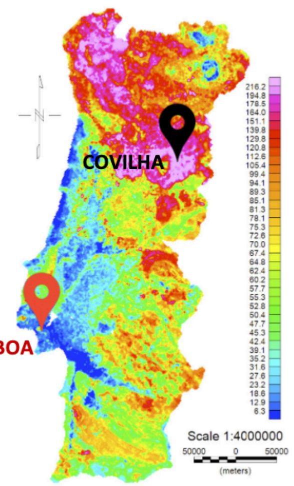


Resonance picture

1845 keV

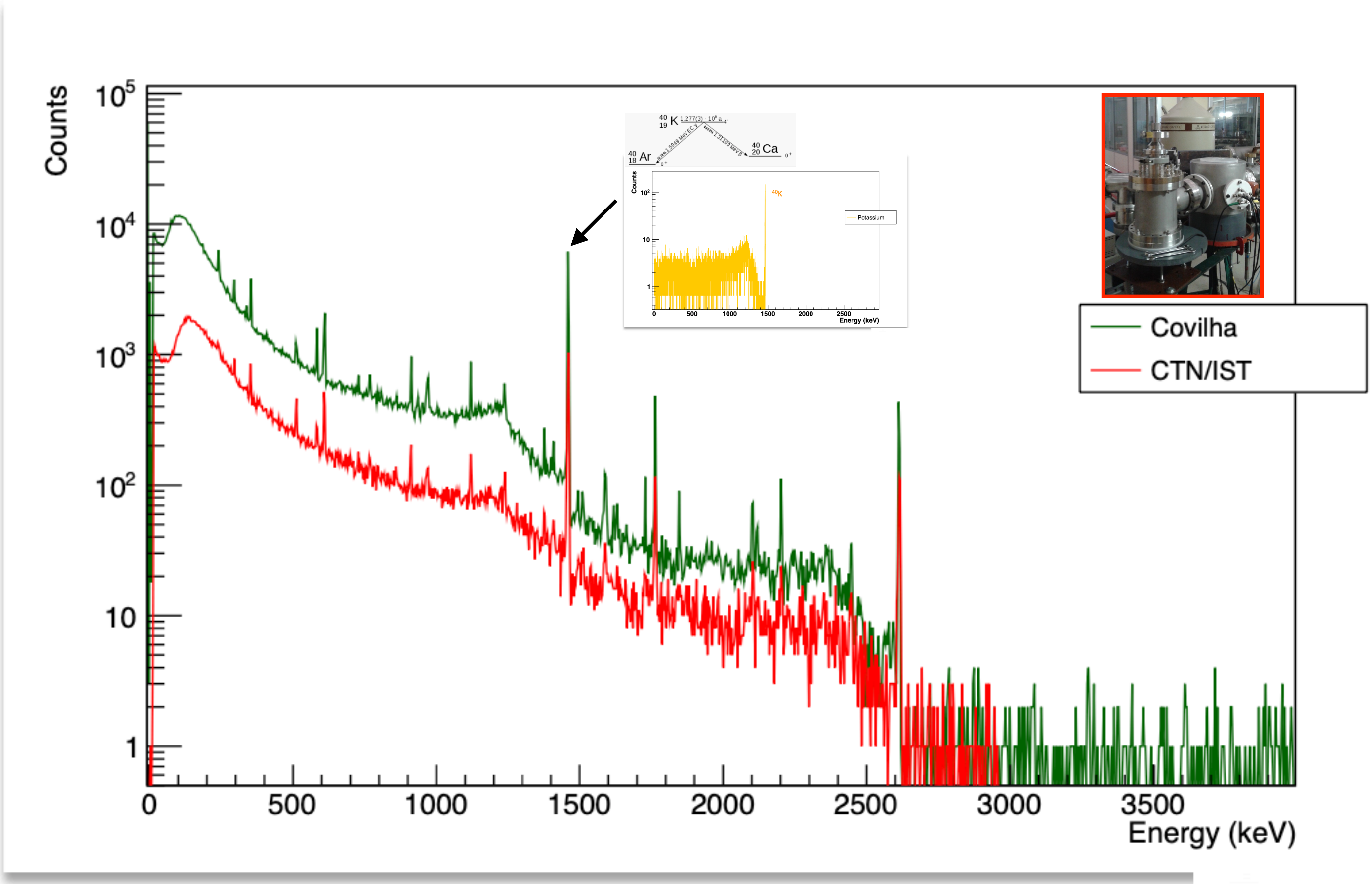


Example: background radiation



Radiometric map of Portugal.
EuroGeoSurveys, Newsletter 12, page 8,October (2013)

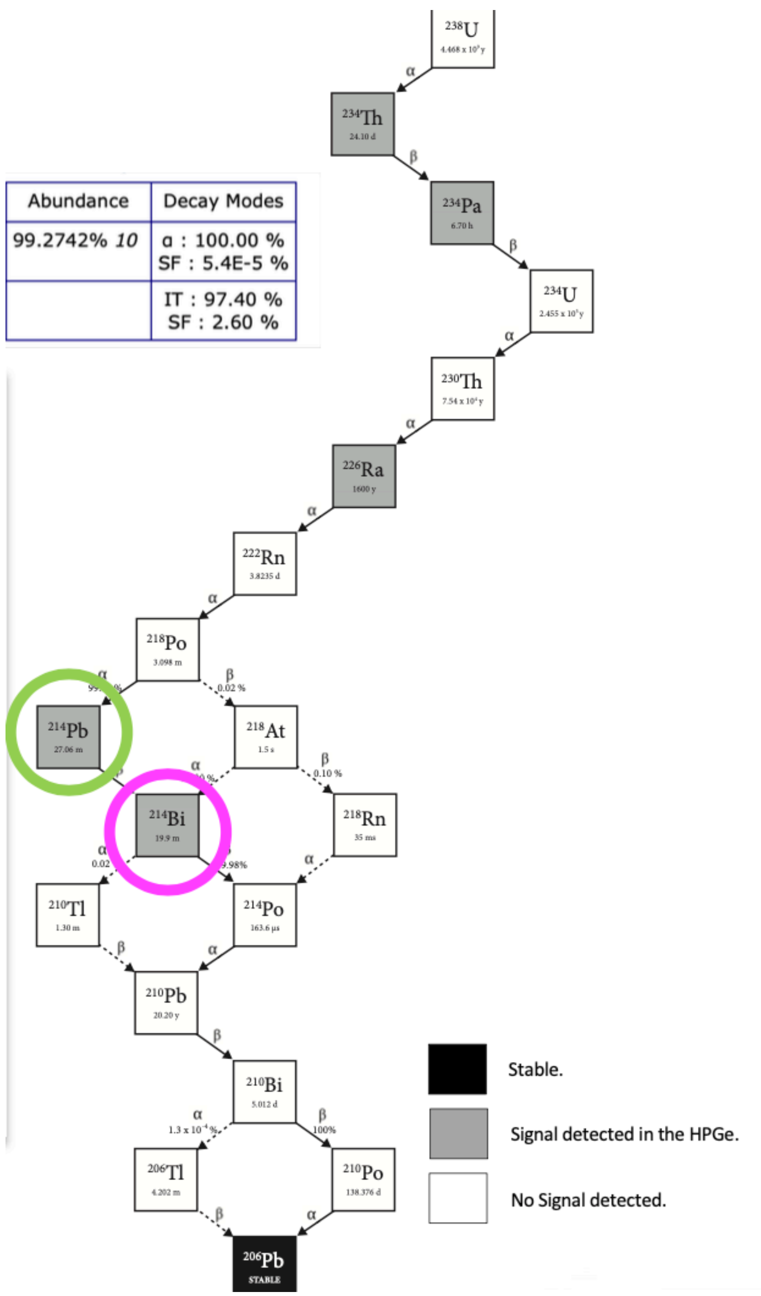
Gamma yield simulators

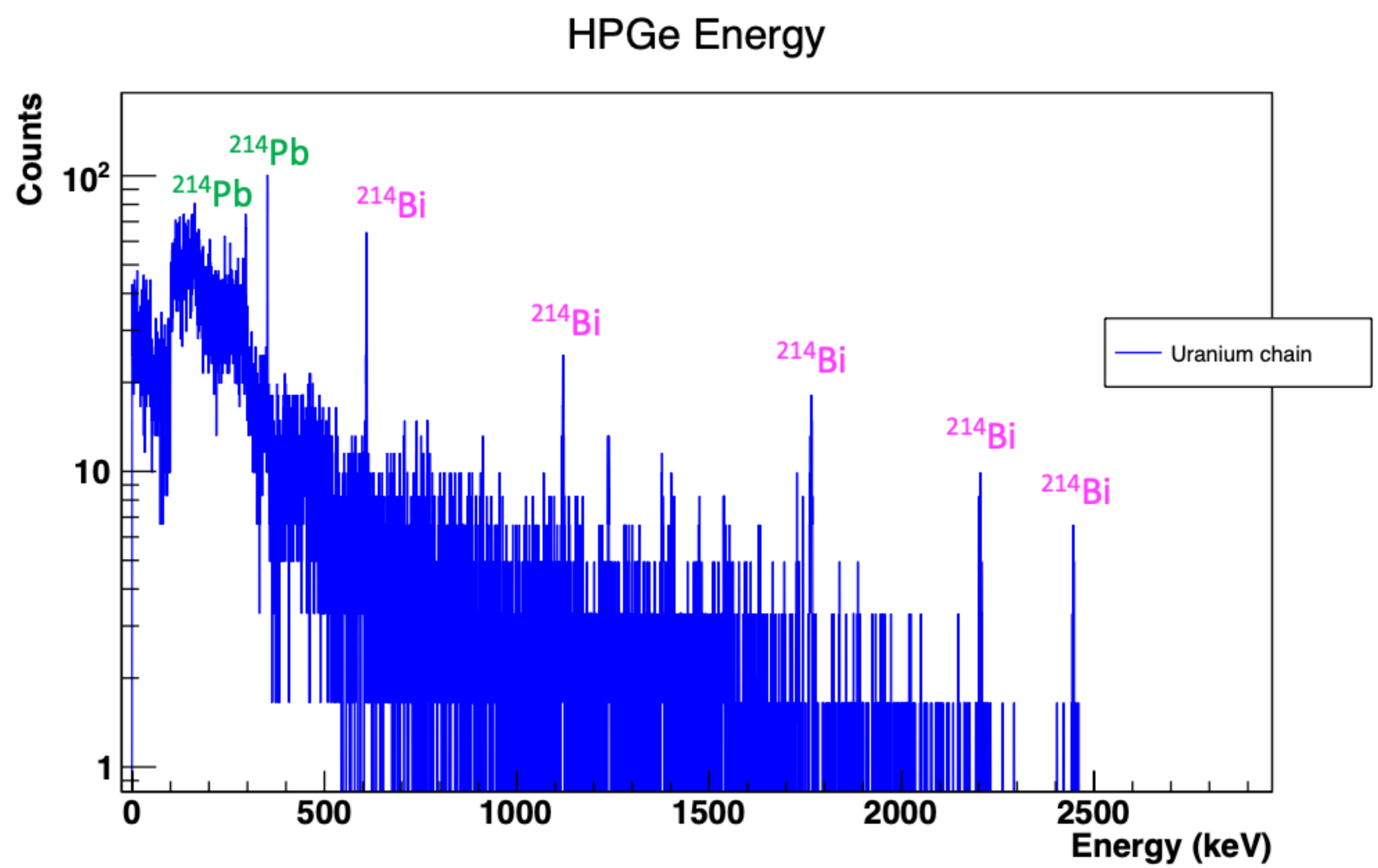


Work by E. Galiana

Example: background radiation

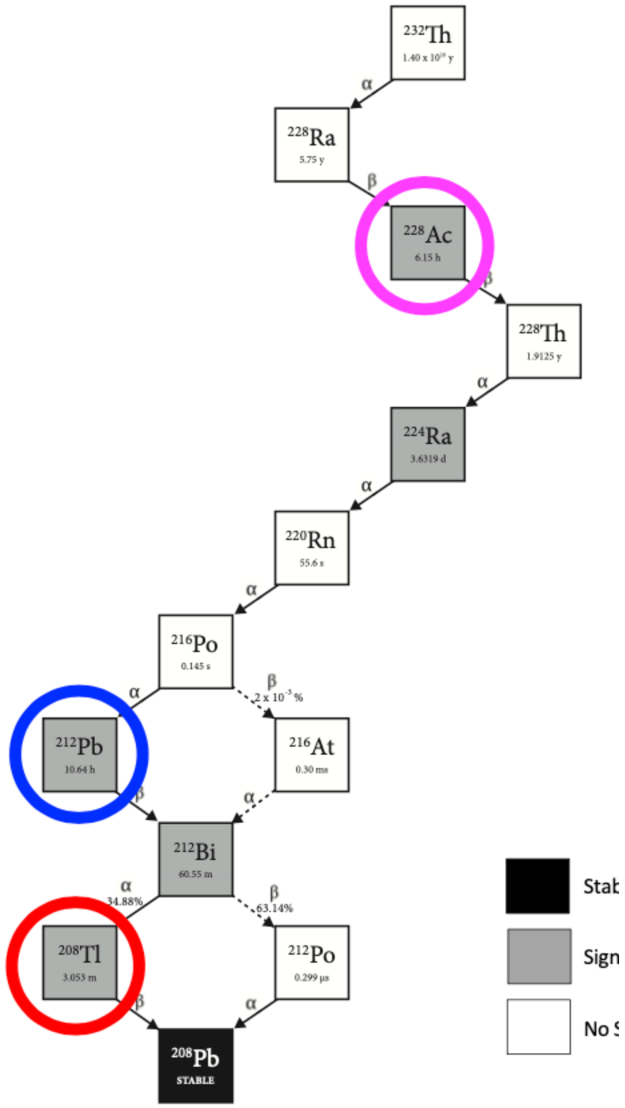
Uranium generator

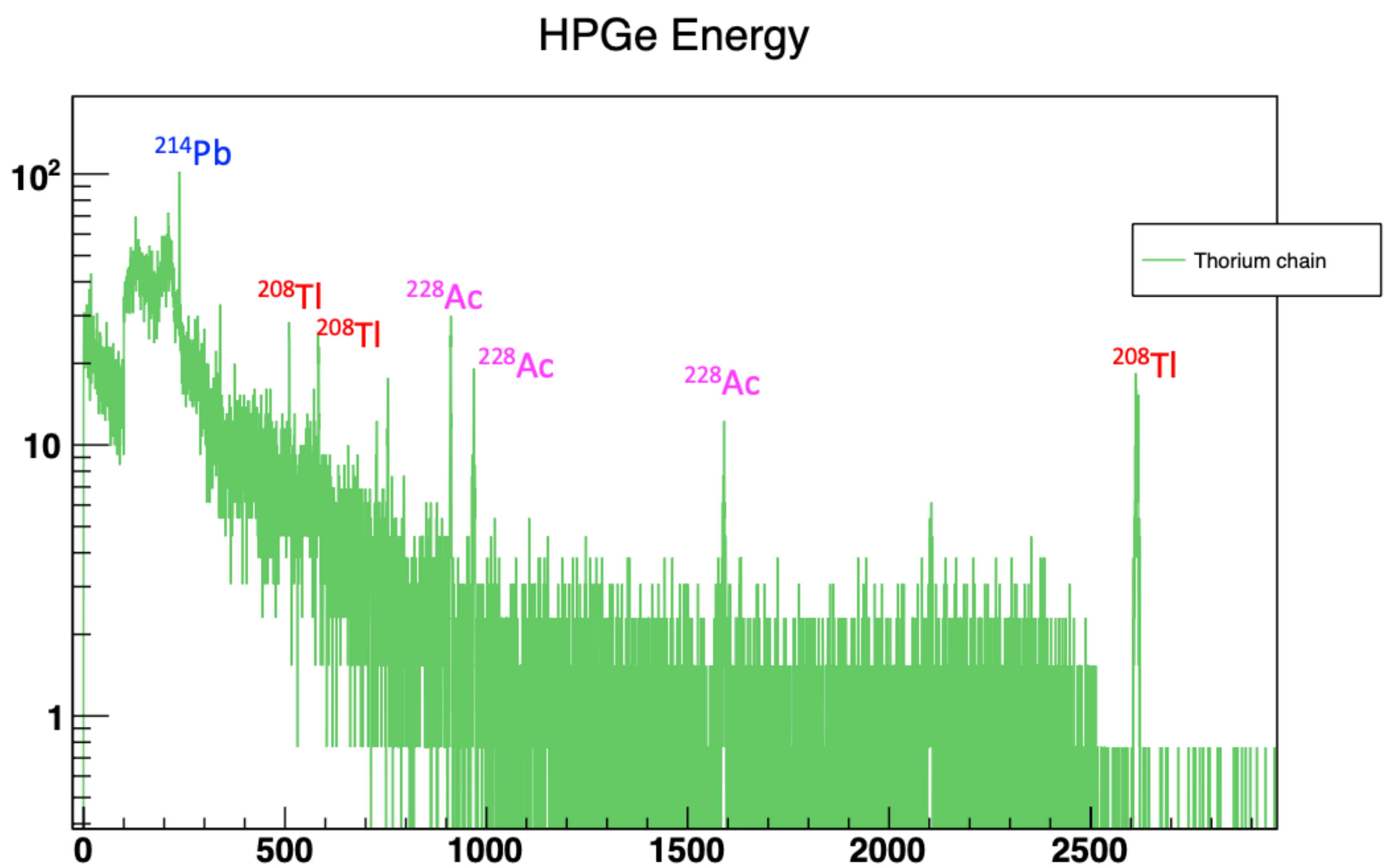




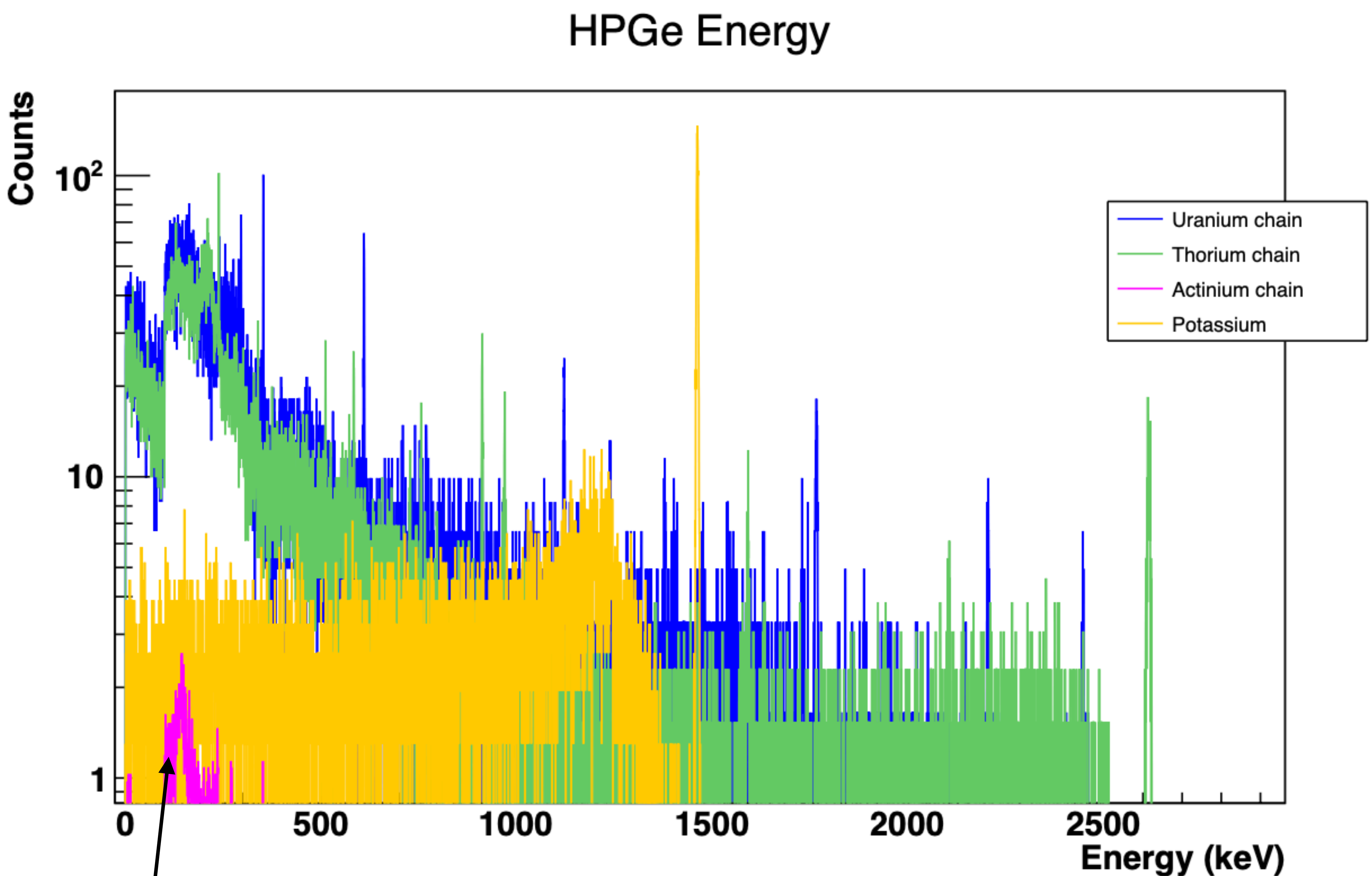
Example: background radiation

Thorium generator





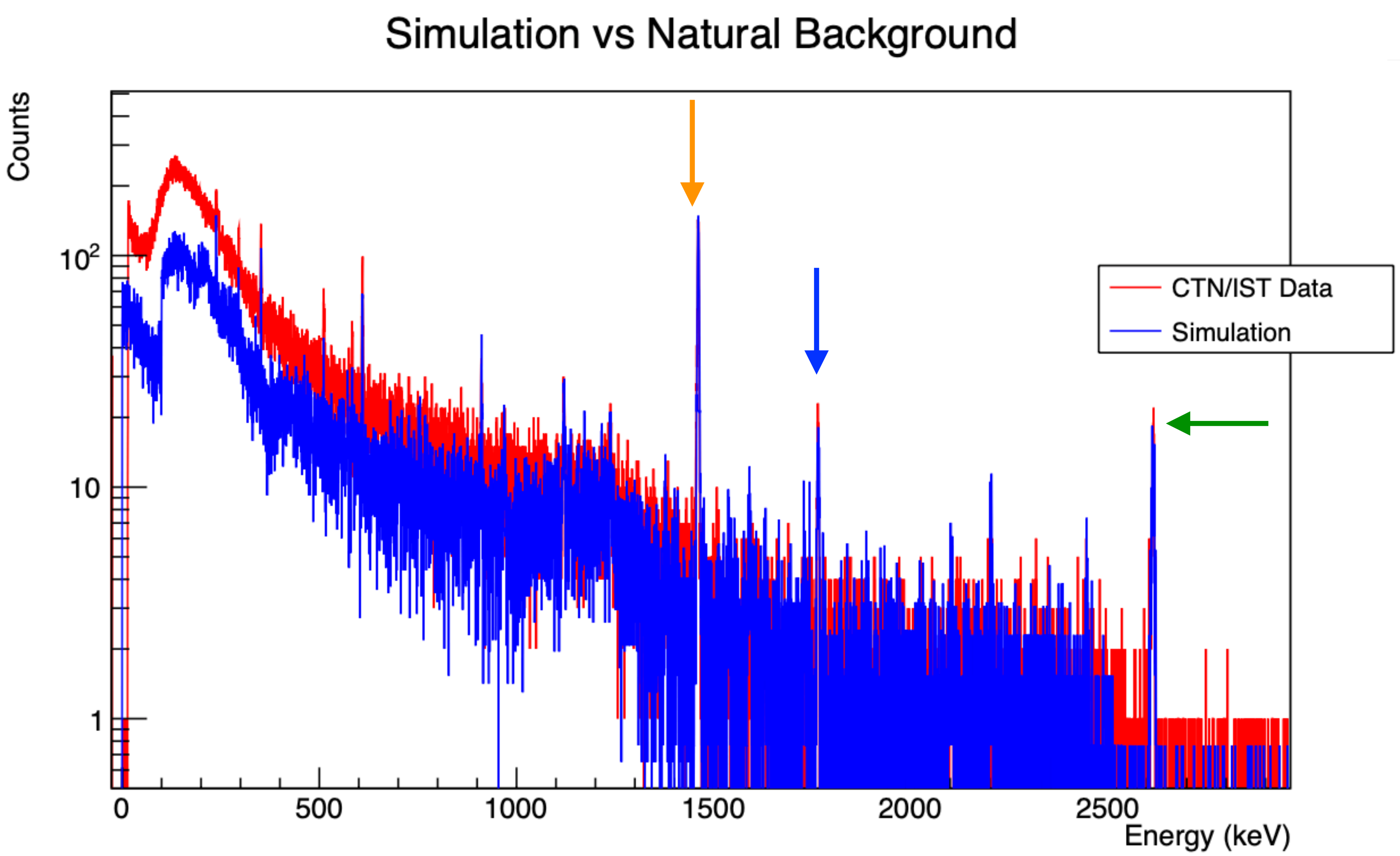
Example: weighted background radiation

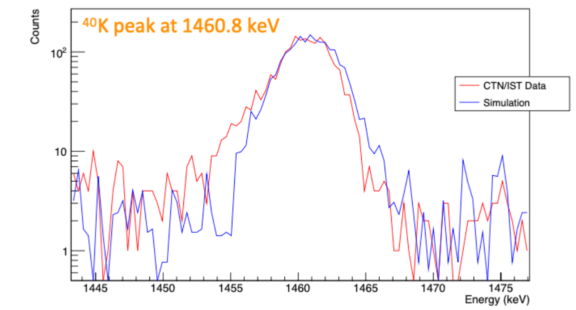


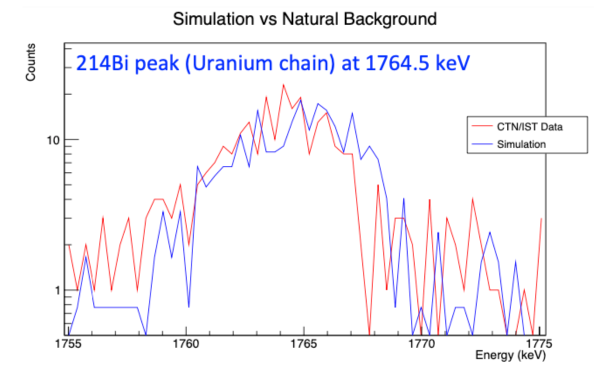
^{235}U (actinium chain) @ 187 keV

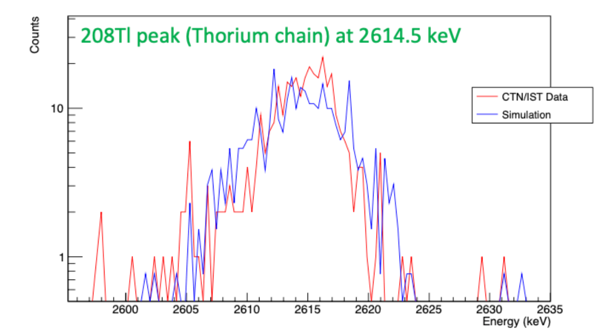
Example: background radiation

Very good approximation !





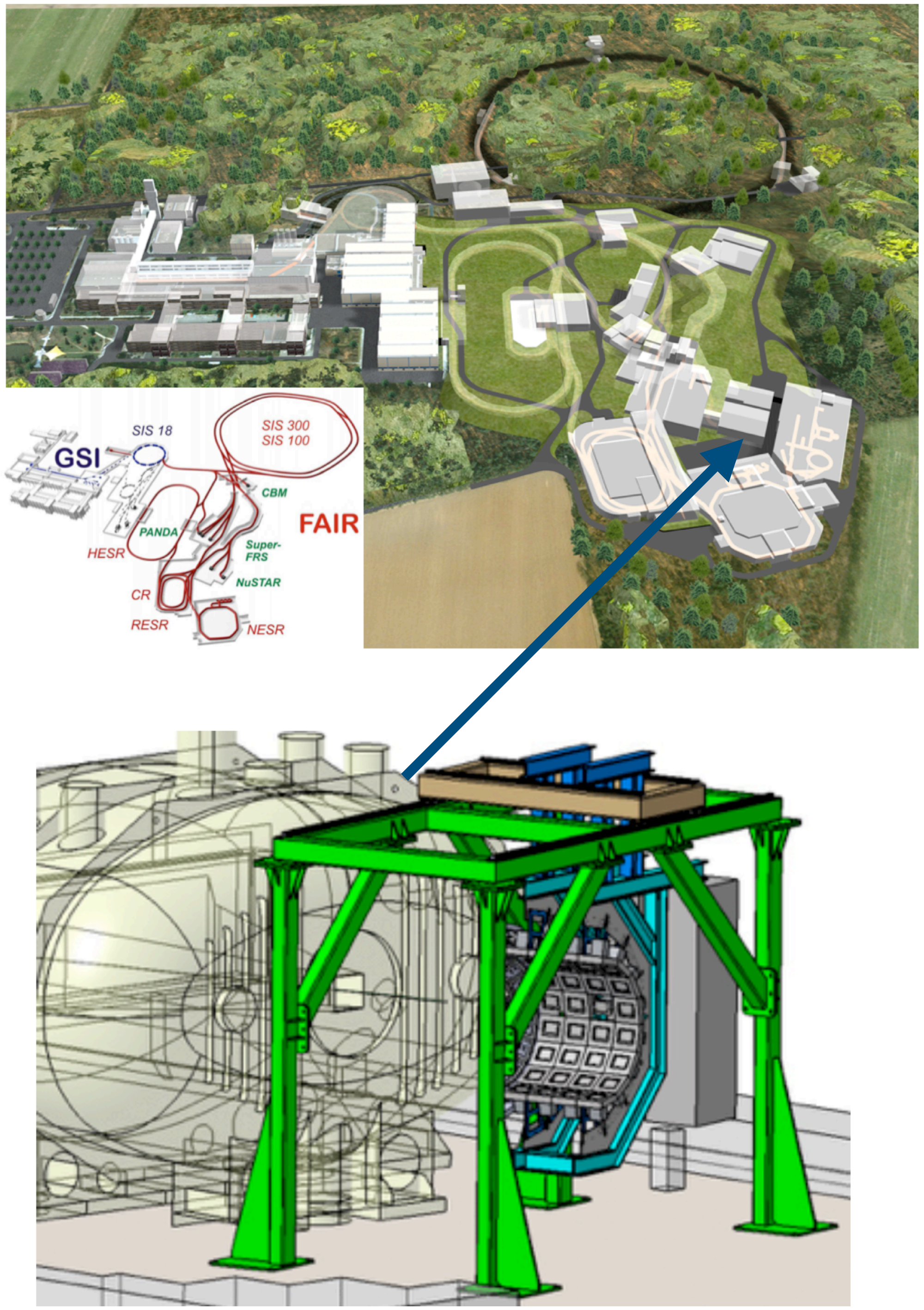




In the lower end of the energy spectrum:

- Cosmic showers have not been included (Geant4 library - Cry)
- Radon: 222Rn may accumulate in close rooms including its daughters (216Pb and 214Bi)

Virtual MC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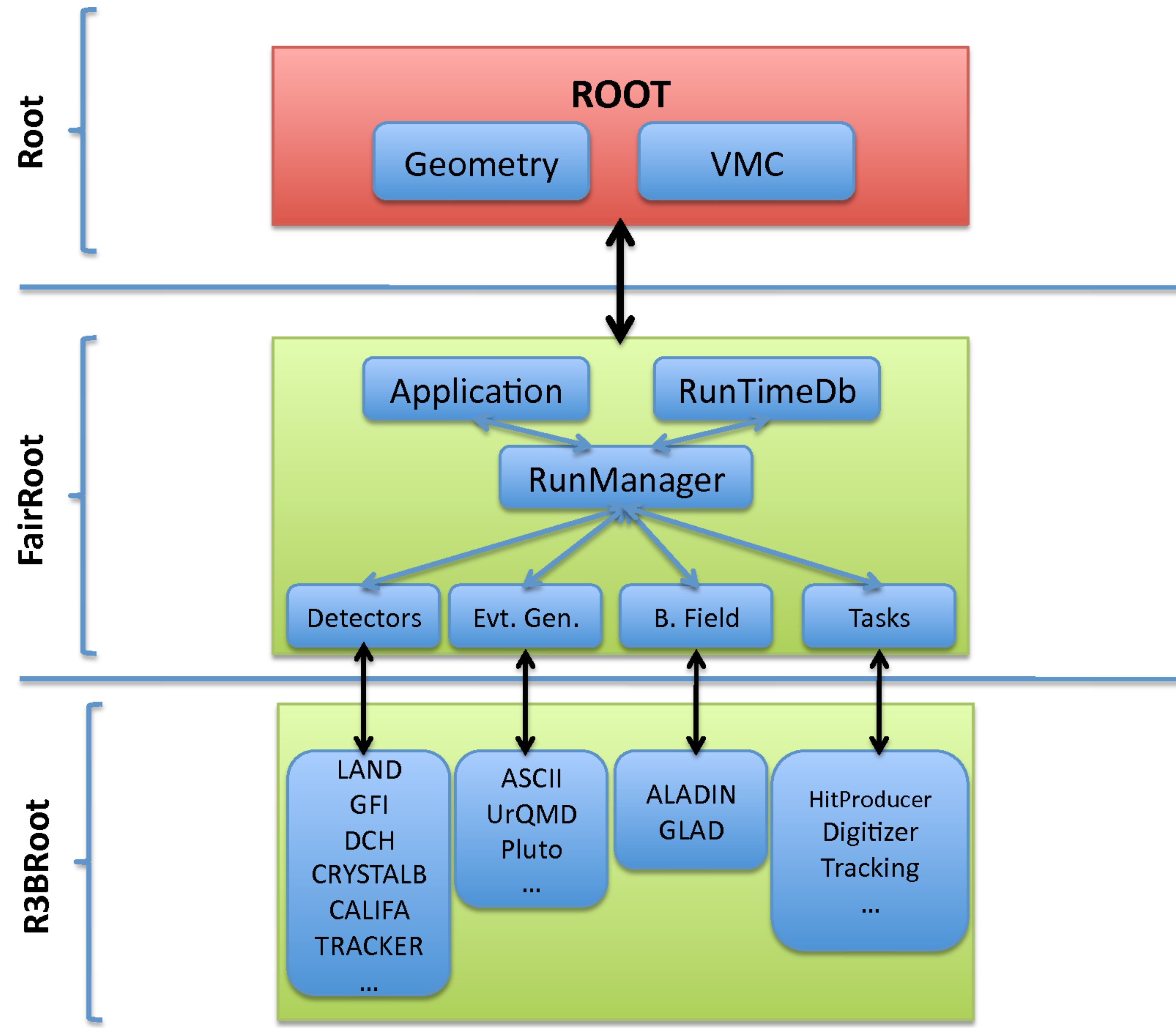
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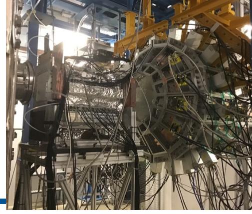
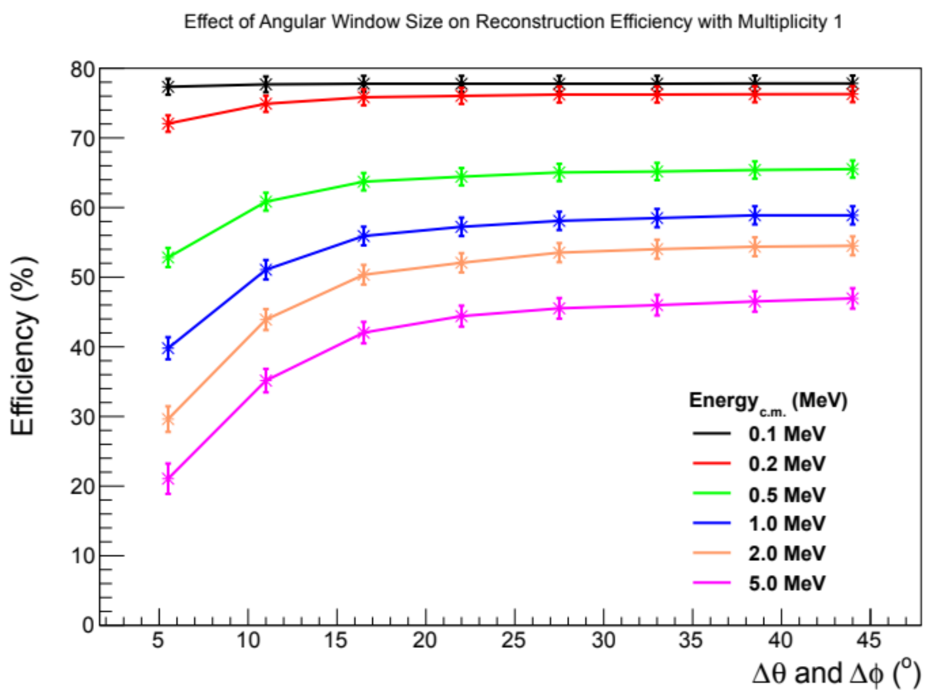
Simulation re-cycled & multi-purpose



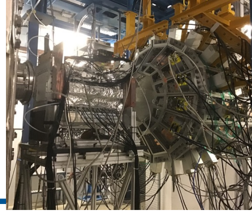


- ☐ Development of prototypes
- ☑ TDR
- ☐ Bench marking prototypes (smaller facilities & test beams)
- ☐ Understanding the performance and development of models
- ☐ Data analysis phase
- ☐ Development of algorithms
- ☐ Proposal submissions

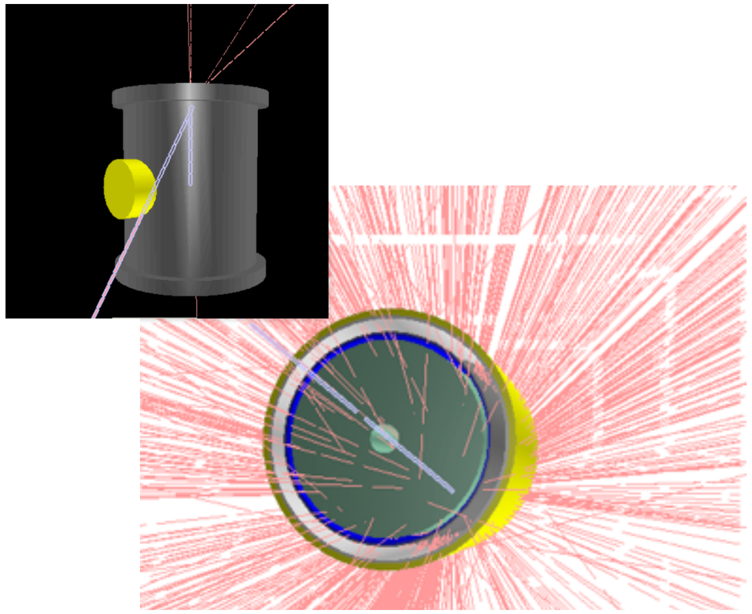
H. Álvarez-Pol, *et al.* NIMB (2014) 767:453-466.

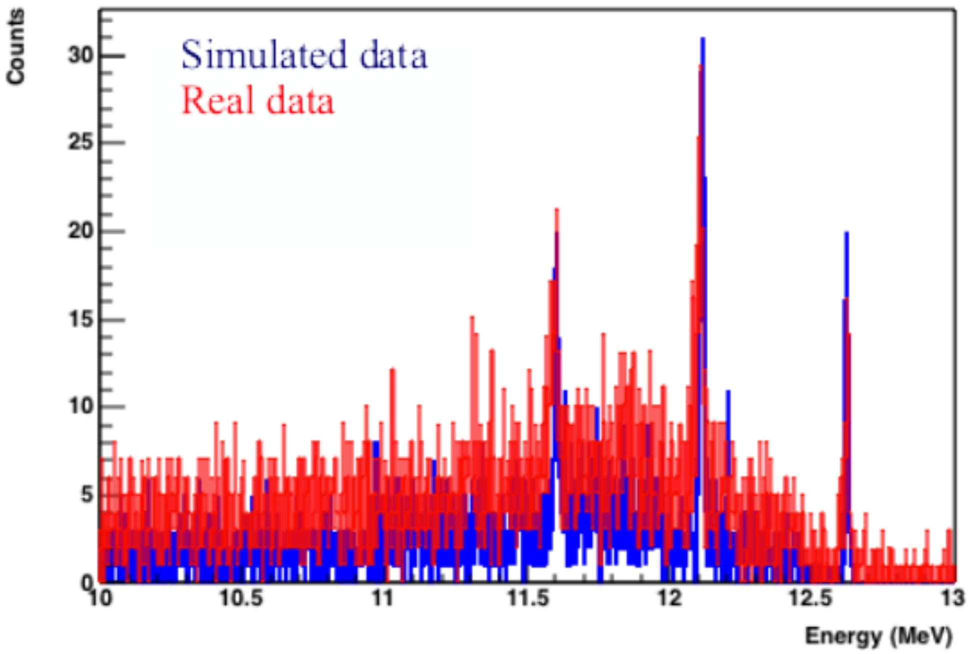
TDR CALIFA barrel
https://fair-center.eu/fileadmin/fair/publications_exp/CALIFA_BARREL_TDR_web.pdf

Bench marking prototypes @ smaller facilities

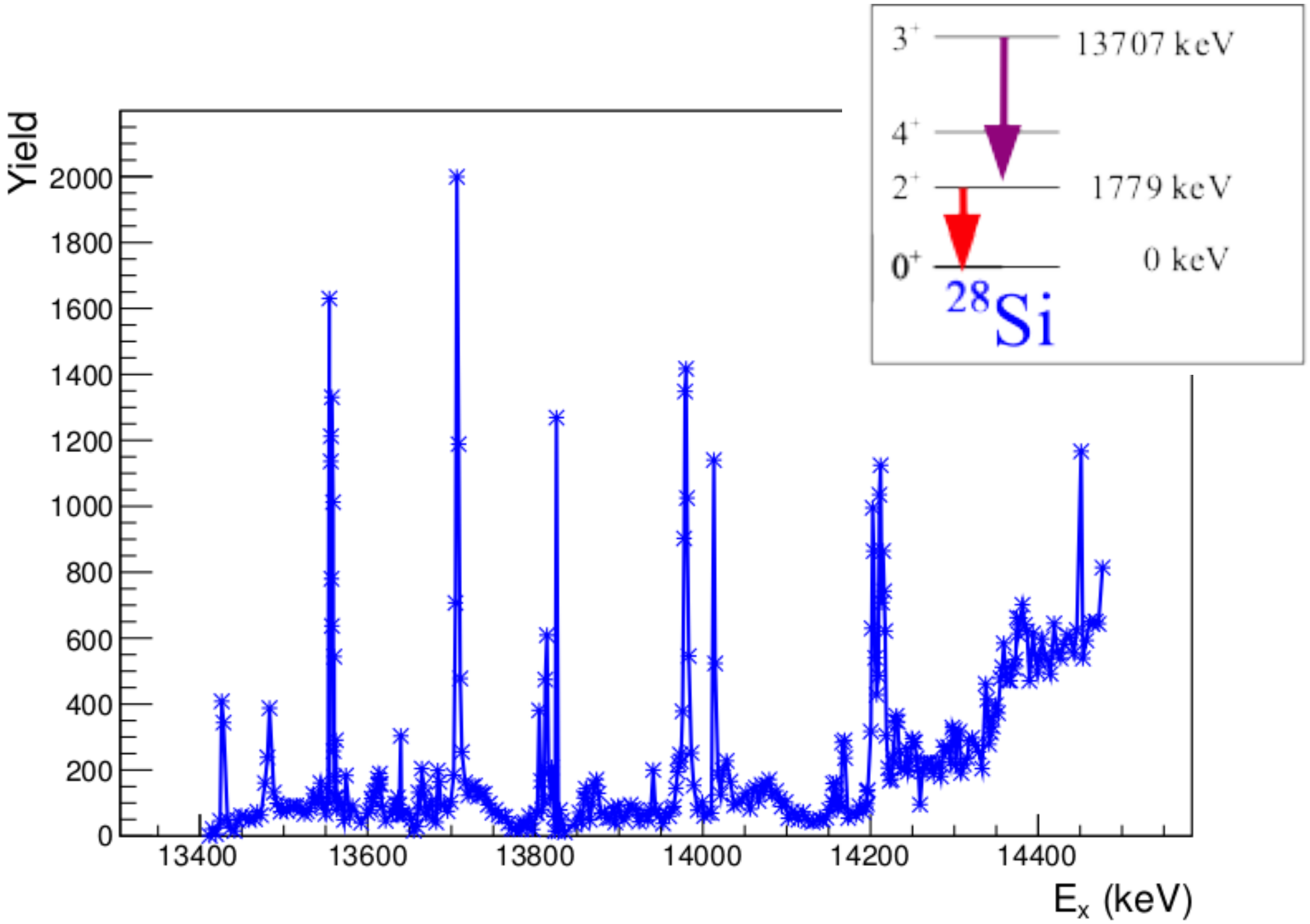


^{28}Si resonance (14399 keV) was simulated





^{27}Al(p,γ)^{28}Si
Q-value 11.585 MeV



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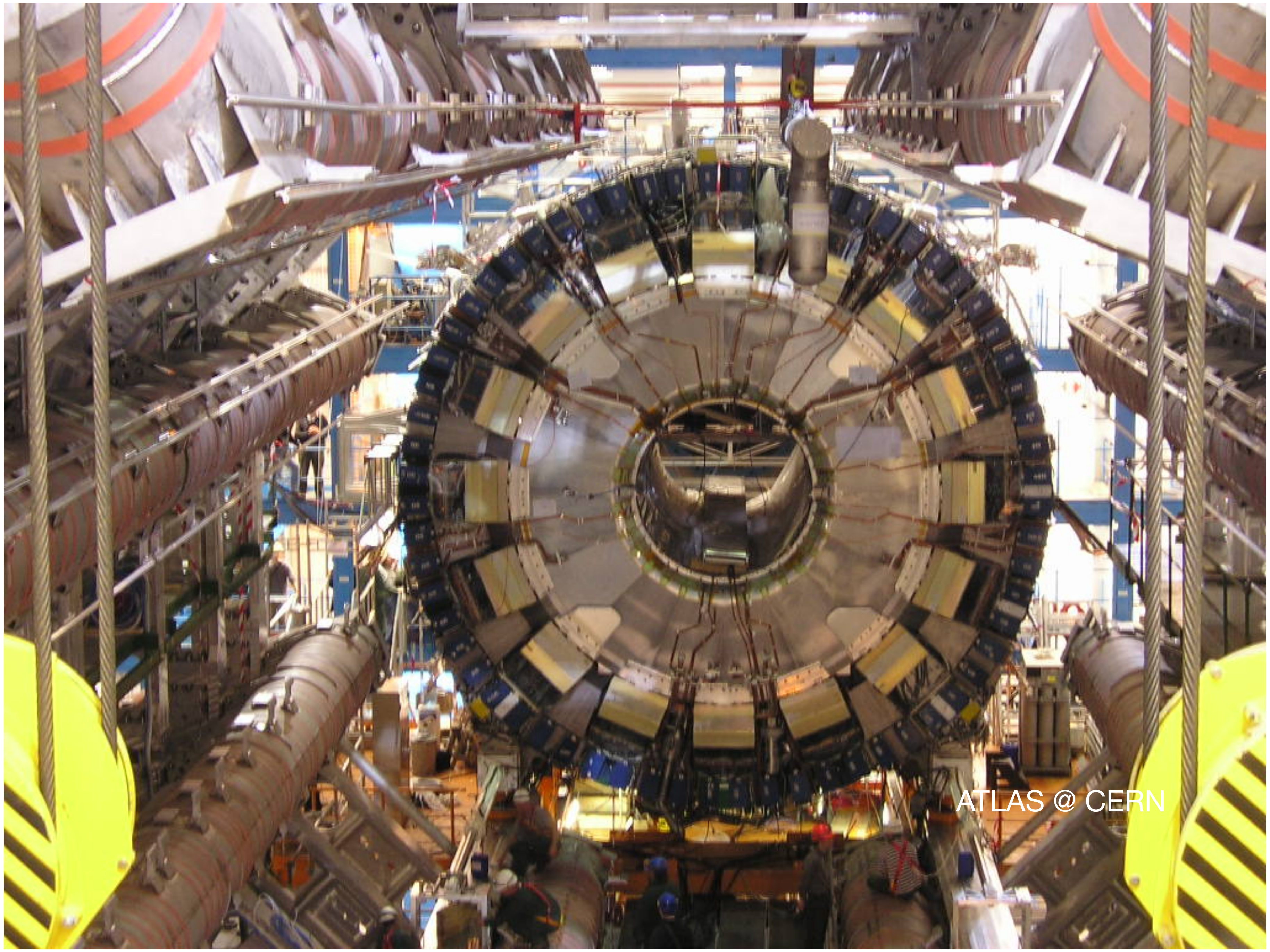

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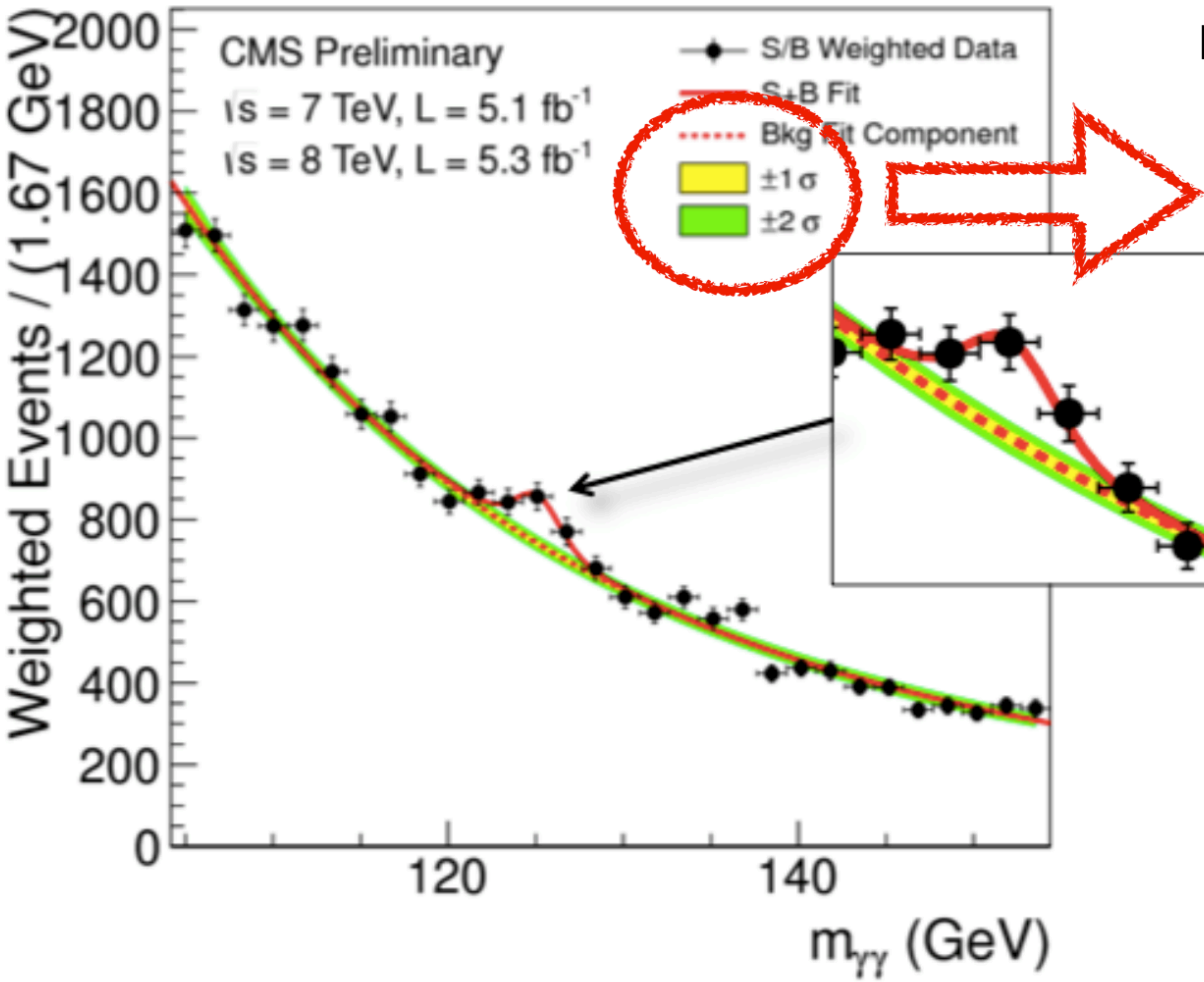
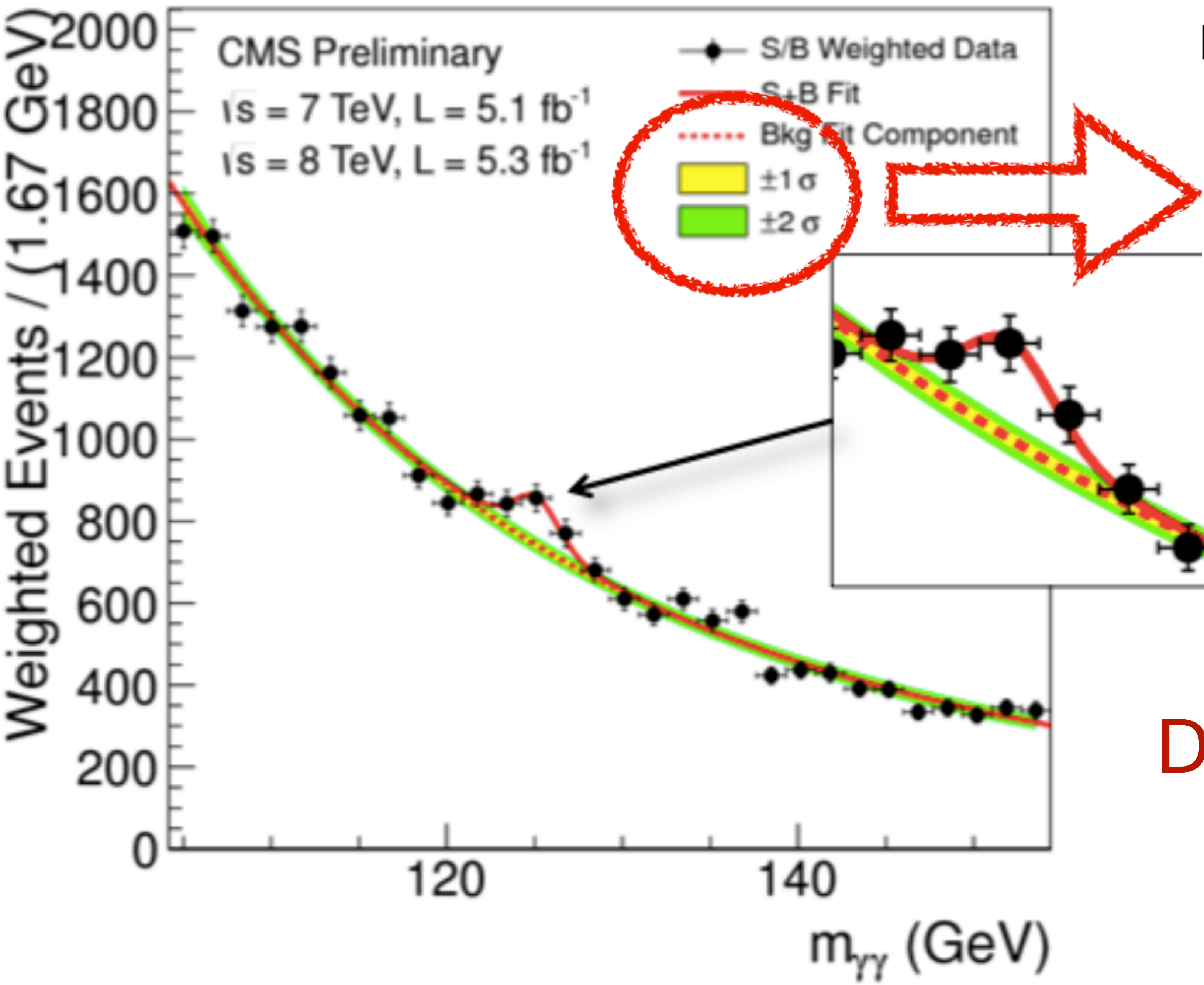


Precisely simulated background :

- **Simulation of pp collisions;**
- **Simulation of detector response;**

Nobel prize in Physics



Precisely simulated background :

Discovery of the Higgs Boson!

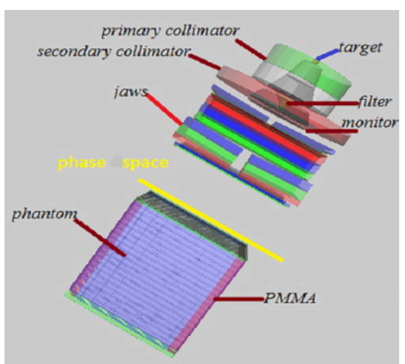
Specialised packages

GAMOS

Geant4-based architecture for medicine orientated simulations

Journal of King Saud University - Science
Volume 31, Issue 4, October 2019, Pages 500-505

Validation of GAMOS code based on Geant4 Monte Carlo for a 12 MV Saturne43 Linac



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Geant4-DNA

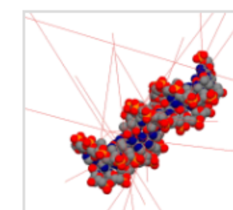
Geant4 extension simulation related to biochemistry and DNA

Physica Medica
Volume 32, Issue 10, October 2016, Pages 1187-1200

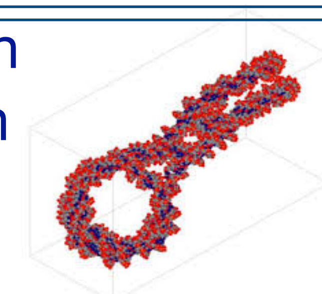
Review paper

Review of Geant4-DNA applications for micro and nanoscale simulations

S. Incerti [a, b], M. Douglass [c, d], S. Penfold [c, d], S. Guatelli [e, f], E. Bezak [d, g, h]



Developed an interface with the protein data bank



https://arxiv.org/pdf/0910.5684.pdf

http://geant4-dna.in2p3.fr/styled-3/styled-8/index.html

Specialised packages

Tool for particle simulation

http://www.topasmc.org

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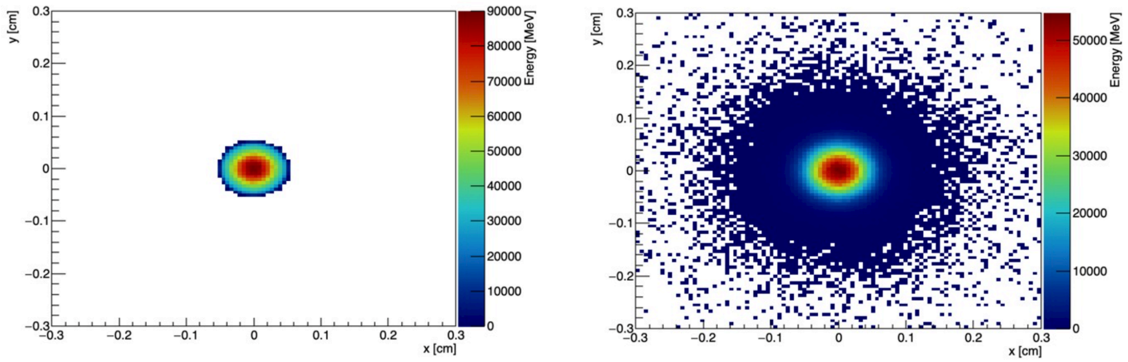
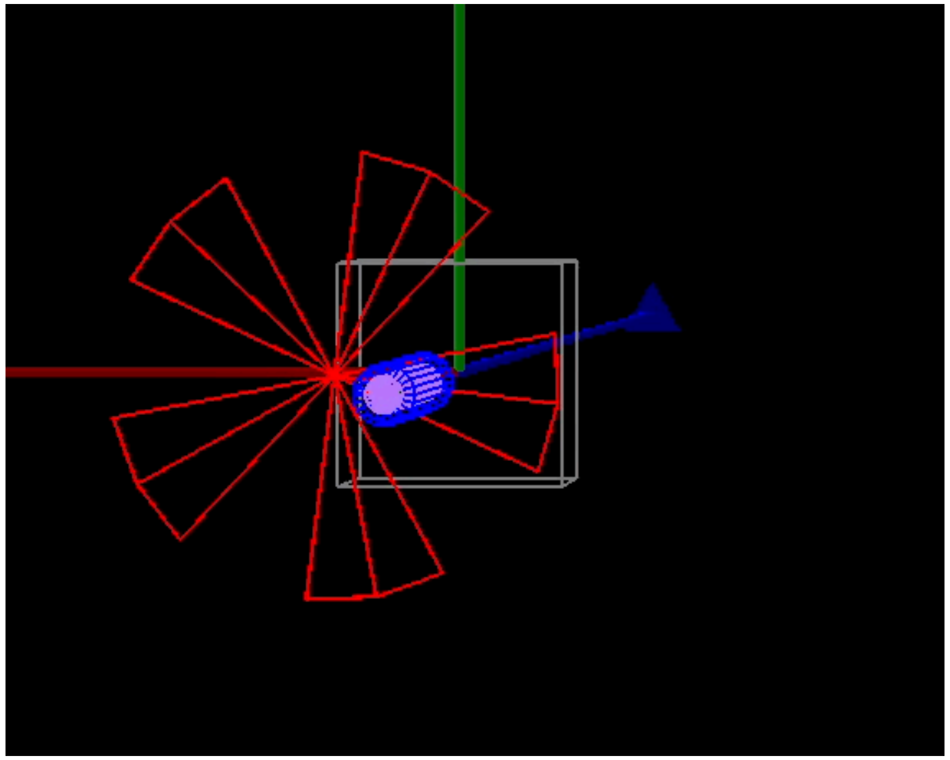
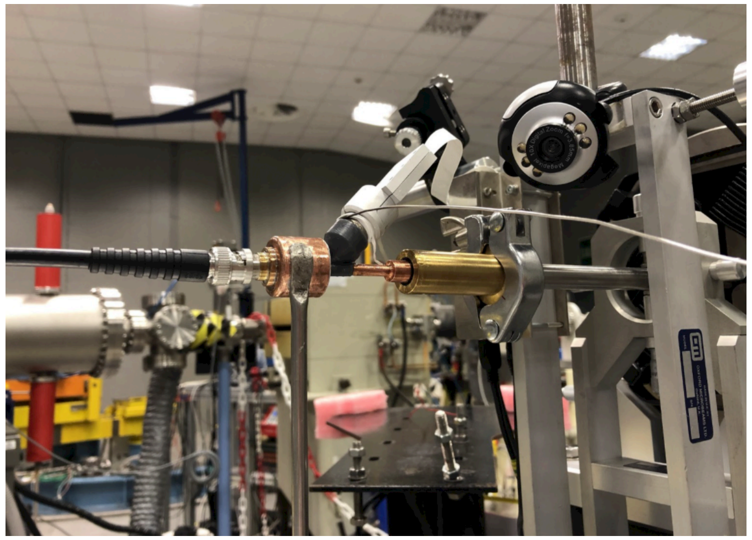
Informatics Technology for Cancer Research

Development of a Standard Methodology for Online Dose Calculations in Air







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Thank you!

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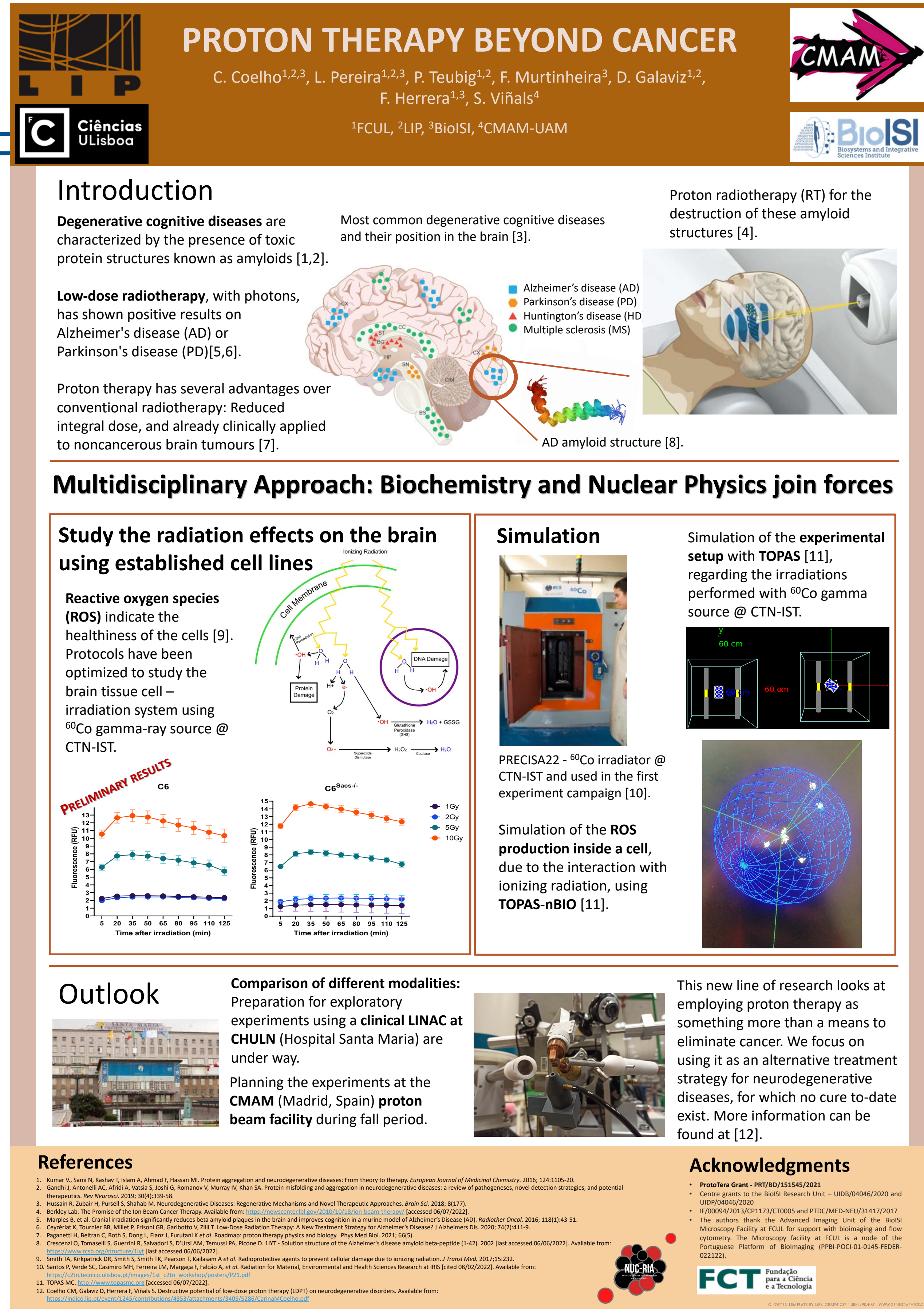

PROTON THERAPY BEYOND CANCER

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Introduction

Degenerative cognitive diseases are characterized by the presence of toxic protein structures known as amyloids [1,2].

Low-dose radiotherapy, with photons, has shown positive results on Alzheimer's disease (AD) or Parkinson's disease (PD)[5,6].

Proton therapy has several advantages over conventional radiotherapy: Reduced integral dose, and already clinically applied to noncancerous brain tumours [7].

Most common degenerative cognitive diseases and their position in the brain [3].

AD amyloid structure [8].

Proton radiotherapy (RT) for the destruction of these amyloid structures [4].

Multidisciplinary Approach: Biochemistry and Nuclear Physics join forces

Study the radiation effects on the brain using established cell lines

Reactive oxygen species (ROS) indicate the healthiness of the cells [9]. Protocols have been optimized to study the brain tissue cell – irradiation system using ^{60}Co gamma-ray source @ CTN-IST.

Simulation

PRECISA22 - ^{60}Co irradiator @ CTN-IST and used in the first experiment campaign [10].

Simulation of the **experimental setup** with **TOPAS** [11], regarding the irradiations performed with ^{60}Co gamma source @ CTN-IST.

Simulation of the **ROS production inside a cell**, due to the interaction with ionizing radiation, using **TOPAS-nBIO** [11].

Outlook

Comparison of different modalities: Preparation for exploratory experiments using a **clinical LINAC at CHULN** (Hospital Santa Maria) are under way.

Planning the experiments at the **CMAM** (Madrid, Spain) **proton beam facility** during fall period.

This new line of research looks at employing proton therapy as something more than a means to eliminate cancer. We focus on using it as an alternative treatment strategy for neurodegenerative diseases, for which no cure to-date exist. More information can be found at [12].

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More TOPAS...

Detector & Physics simulations