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# The application of MC codes in radiation physics and dosimetry

## Lecture 3

Induced radioactivity, instrumentation and dosimetry

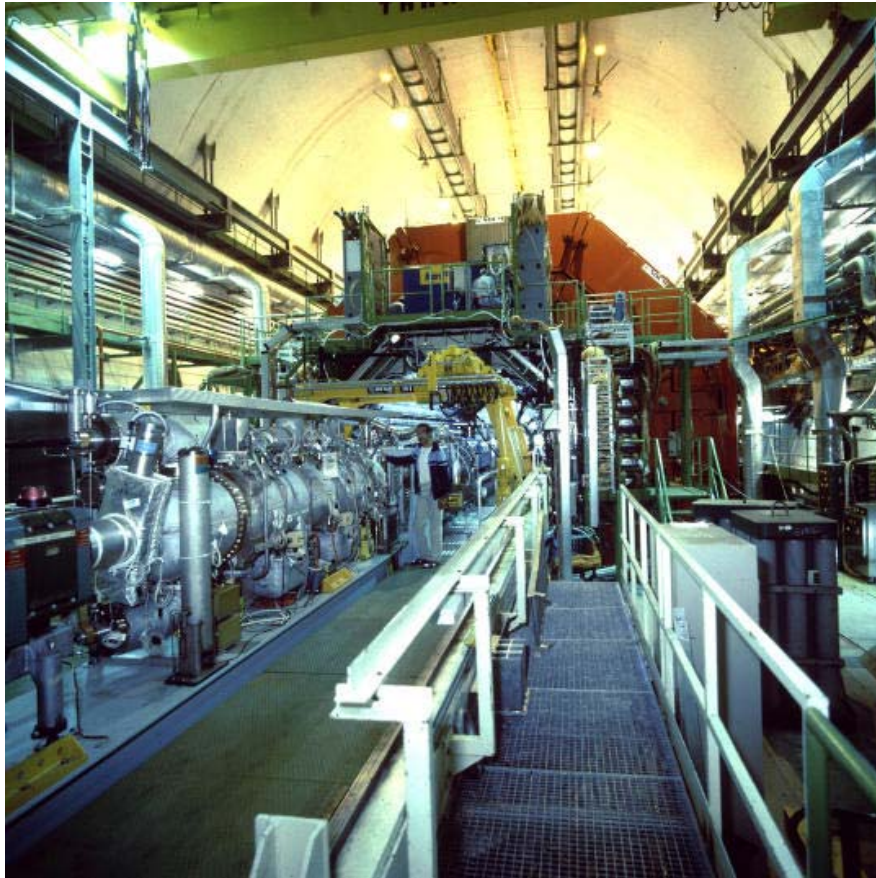
M. Silari, CERN



## Outline

- Induced radioactivity in accelerators
  - Decommissioning of LEP
  - The “zoning” of ATLAS
  - Predicting doses in the LHC
- Design of monitoring instrumentation
  - Neutron monitors and spectrometers
  - Tissue equivalent proportional counters
- Accident dosimetry
- Radiation dosimetry for Hiroshima and Nagasaki

## Induced radioactivity in accelerators



### Do you remember LEP? A little bit of history

- Start of operation: 1989
- 1989-95: 45 GeV
- October 1995: 68 GeV
- June 1996: 80.5 GeV
- October 1996: 86 GeV
- 1997: 92 GeV
- 1998: 94.5 GeV
- 1999: 100 GeV
- 2000: 104 GeV
- 2001: decommissioning

LEP was classified as Nuclear Basic Installation (*Installation Nucléaire de Base, INB*) in France, where **no unconditional clearance levels** exist for specific activity in materials to be released into the public domain.

## Induced radioactivity in accelerators

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Release of material may only be allowed if a **detailed theoretical study** – supported by experimental measurements – has shown which parts of the machine could (or could not) have been subjected to activation phenomena. -> **25,000 tons** of equipment from the LEP machine areas and **10,000 tons** from the experiments



For the *zoning* study 1/10 of the exemption limits as given by the **European Directive (EU) of 13 May 1996** in any material were taken as a reference.  
→ **1 Bq/g** for most radionuclides

*The zoning study of LEP*  
(M. Silari and L. Ulrici, NIMA 526 (2004) 510)

- 2 methods:
  - Monte-Carlo calculations
  - Experimental measurements (material samples exposed on beam dumps 1997-2000, dipoles)
- 4 possible activation phenomena:
  - localised beam losses (e.g., collimators), which were the predominant source in most parts of the ring
  - distributed beam losses (mainly at the beginning of the arcs)
  - synchrotron radiation for  $E > 100$  GeV
  - high-energy X-rays emitted by the super-conducting RF cavities

### Radioactivity induced by synchrotron radiation

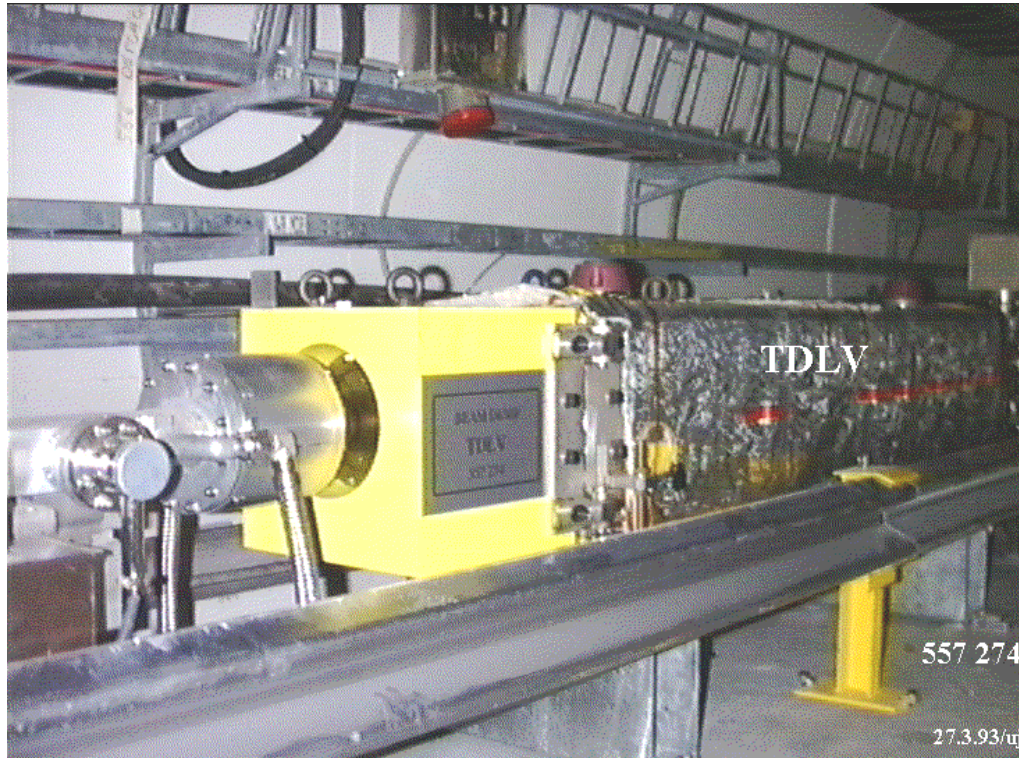
Total specific activity (Bq/g) in various regions of the LEP dipoles induced by synchrotron radiation for a beam energy of 100 GeV predicted by FLUKA

Decay time (days)	Al (vacuum chamber)	Pb (shield)	Iron-concrete (dipole)
0	$3.38 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$6.41 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.56 \cdot 10^{-2}$
1	$1.29 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$4.53 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.14 \cdot 10^{-3}$
7	$3.64 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.75 \cdot 10^{-3}$
30	$3.44 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.36 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.52 \cdot 10^{-3}$
365	$1.76 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.17 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.96 \cdot 10^{-3}$
3650	$4.30 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4.77 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$9.96 \cdot 10^{-5}$

G.R. Stevenson and A. Leuschner

## Induced radioactivity in accelerators

### Localized beam losses



- Monte-Carlo (FLUKA): direct scoring of the radionuclide yield by the **RESNUCLEI** option
- Material samples were irradiated on both dumps for approximately five months in the years 1997-2000 and activated by the stray radiation; the results were normalized to the beam power deposited in the dump.

All radionuclides with a half-life longer than 60 days were predicted by FLUKA **to within a factor of 2** of the experimental value, and several of them with even a better accuracy.

## Induced radioactivity in accelerators

Radio-nuclide	$T_{1/2}$	Possible production reactions	$A_s$ at saturation (Bq/g per watt)
$^3\text{H}^{(\#)}$	12.3 y	Spallation	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$^{46}\text{Sc}$	83.8 d	Spallation	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$^{54}\text{Mn}$	312.2 d	Spallation $^{55}\text{Mn}(\gamma, n)$	$6.8 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$^{56}\text{Co}$	77.7 d	Spallation $^{56}\text{Fe}(p, n)$	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$^{57}\text{Co}$	271.8 d	$^{63}\text{Cu}(\gamma, 2p4n)$ $^{56}\text{Fe}(p, \gamma)$ $^{57}\text{Fe}(p, n)$ $^{59}\text{Co}(\gamma, 2n)$	2.2
$^{58}\text{Co}$	70.9 d	$^{63}\text{Cu}(\gamma, 2p3n)$ $^{57}\text{Fe}(p, \gamma)$ $^{59}\text{Co}(\gamma, n)$	3.1
$^{60}\text{Co}$	5.27 y	$^{63}\text{Cu}(\gamma, 2pn)$ $^{65}\text{Cu}(\gamma, 2p3n)$ $^{59}\text{Co}(n, \gamma)$	2.8
$^{65}\text{Zn}$	244 d	$^{64}\text{Zn}(n, \gamma)$ $^{66}\text{Zn}(\gamma, n)$ $^{65}\text{Cu}(\gamma, pn)$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$

### Localized beam losses

Conversion coefficients from average beam power (watt) to induced specific radioactivity at saturation  $A_s$  (Bq/g) for radionuclides produced in copper. Part of the induced activity comes from impurities.



## Induced radioactivity in accelerators

Radio-nuclide	A/A <sub>s</sub>	Induced specific activity (Bq/g per watt)				
		Al	Cu	St.-steel	Iron-conc.	Pb
<sup>3</sup> H	0.218	0.72	0.07	0.08	0.39	0.06
<sup>22</sup> Na	0.496	1.09	–	0.05	0.15	–
<sup>46</sup> Sc	0.816	–	0.03	0.32	0.11	–
<sup>54</sup> Mn	0.600	0.19	0.41	6.2	3.7	–
<sup>56</sup> Co	0.833	–	0.41	1.2	0.12	0.03
<sup>57</sup> Co	0.614	–	1.35	5.1	0.001	–
<sup>58</sup> Co	0.853	–	2.6	6.6	0.005	0.001
<sup>60</sup> Co	0.378	–	0.87	0.20	–	–
<sup>65</sup> Zn	0.627	–	0.02	–	0.002	–
<sup>85</sup> Sr	0.874	–	–	0.26	–	–
<sup>88</sup> Y	0.762	–	–	0.03	–	0.001
<sup>88</sup> Zr	0.817	–	–	0.03	–	0.007
<sup>110</sup> Ag	0.622	–	–	–	–	0.002
<sup>124</sup> Sb	0.889	–	–	–	–	2.8
<sup>207</sup> Pb	0.097	–	–	–	–	0.13

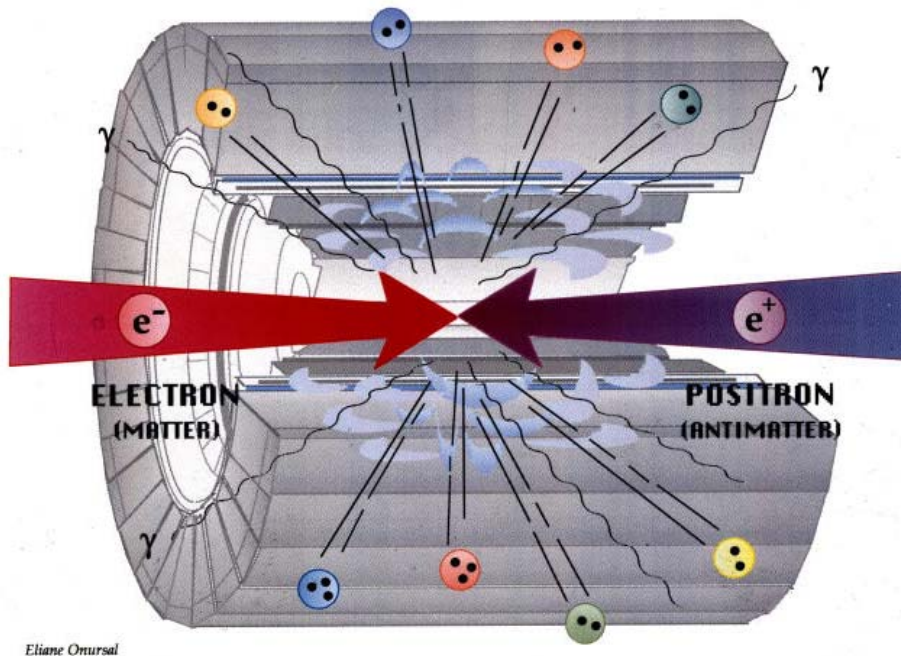
## Localized beam losses

- **Typical scenario:**
  - 1 W of beam power lost on a component
  - 10 years LEP lifetime with 6 months operation followed by 6 months shutdown.



Estimated induced specific activity in LEP materials around a loss point (e.g., a collimator).

## Induced radioactivity in accelerators



Simplified but conservative approach adopted for the zoning of the experiments

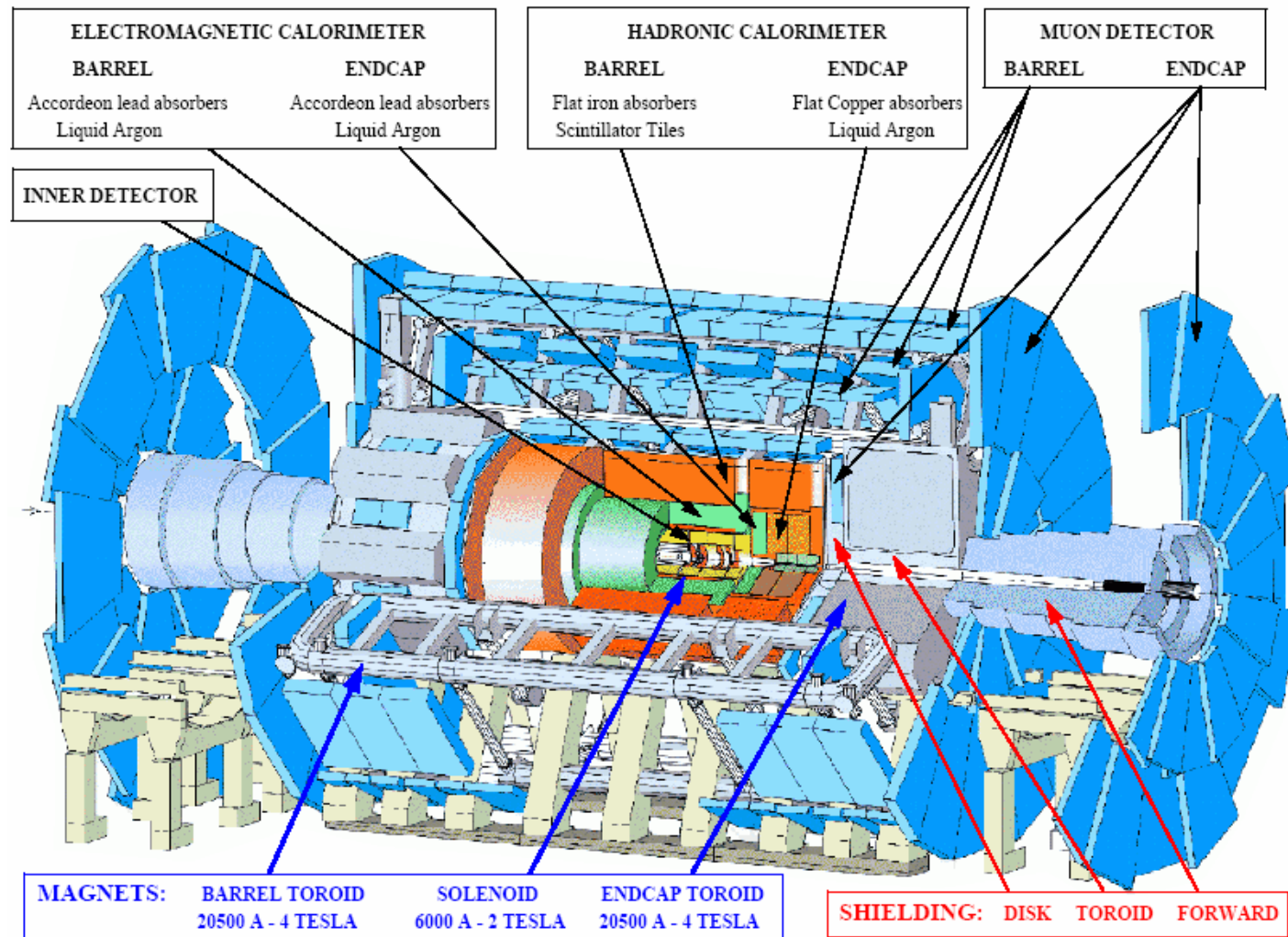
- adoption of a simplified, common geometry, for the calculations
- assumptions on the potential sources of induced activity
- Monte Carlo simulations
- experimental measurements

### Calculations:

1) activation of the bulk of the detector by the hadronic components from  $e^+ e^-$  events, and 2) activation of some of the forward and far-forward monitors by off-energy electrons from LEP as well as hadrons from two-photon interactions.

# Induced radioactivity in accelerators

So far for LEP... now comes the LHC (and things get more complicated)



### FLUKA calculations for the ATLAS zoning study

(M. Magistris and Z. Zaiacova)

- Approach A

- offline generator of p-p collisions
- production rate of radioisotopes per region and per p-p collision with RESNUCLEI, followed by an offline treatment of the results for the build-up and decay of radioactivity and the normalization of the results to the radionuclide-specific exemption limits
- the method was applied to 157 out of the 810 regions constituting the ATLAS geometry
- the result is the number of radioactive isotopes per region normalized to one p-p collision event
- successive decays included until the third generation
- to calculate the specific activity per region, the region volumes had to be calculated. A special Monte Carlo technique was developed for this purpose

## Induced radioactivity in accelerators

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- Approach B

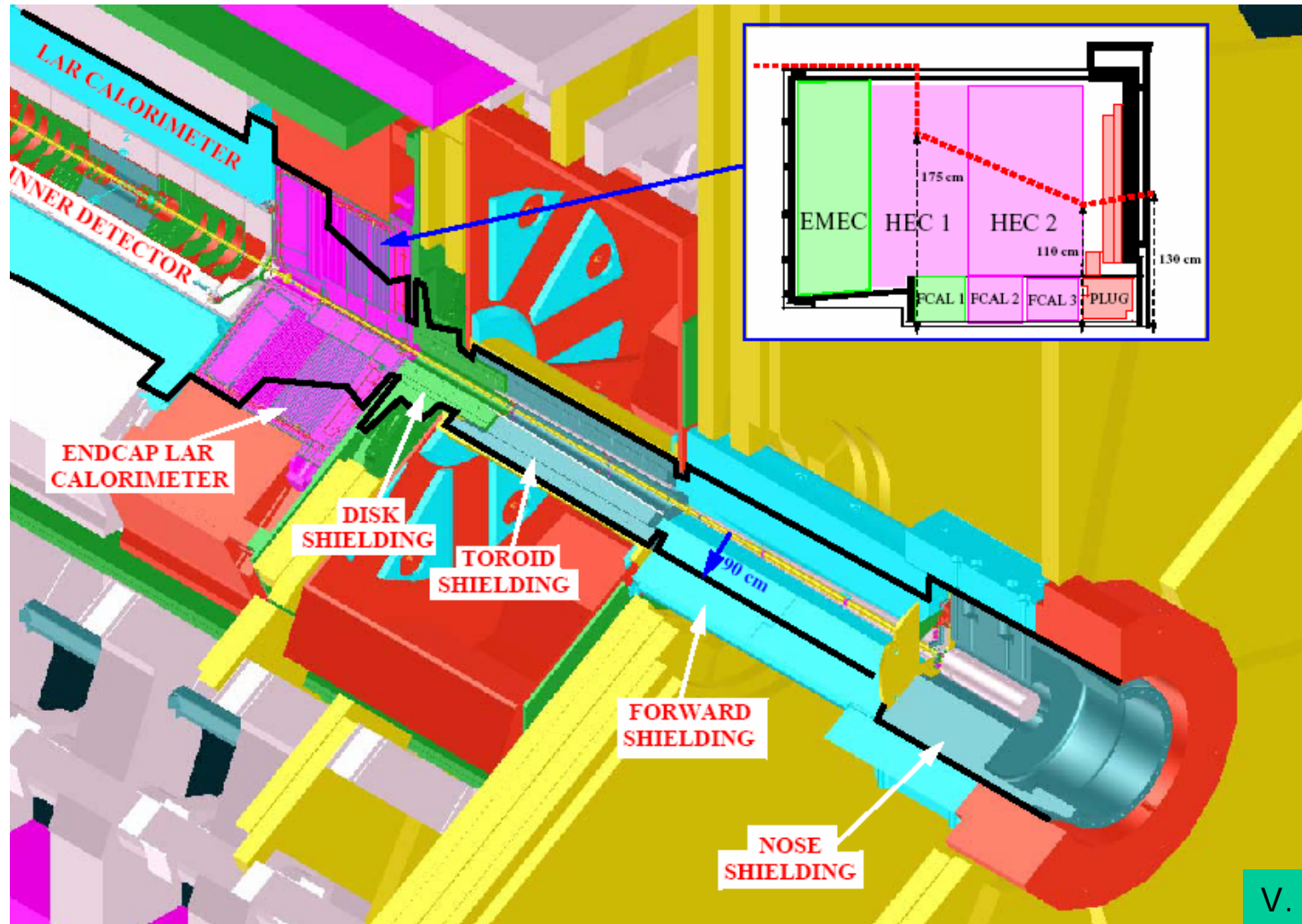
- online treatment of the production and time evolution of residual nuclei, which considers all possible successive decays down to the last stable decay product
- normalization of the results with the exemption limits in an online weighting routine
- the results provided by the simulation are given as

$$\sum_i \frac{A_i}{LE_i}$$

- the results for individual radioisotopes (specific activity, mass and atomic number) are lost in the simulation process
- scoring on a region-independent RZ geometrical mesh encompassing the whole detector, with individual bins 5 cm in Z, 5 cm in R and extending over the full azimuthal angle
- the detector being almost symmetric around its axis, a precise spatial distribution of activity can be obtained and, at the same time, bins are large enough to provide good statistics

# Induced radioactivity in accelerators

## Nuclear waste zoning of ATLAS that cuts through major items



V. Hedberg

[http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/TCOORD/Activities/CommonSys/Shielding/Activation/act\\_zoning.html](http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/TCOORD/Activities/CommonSys/Shielding/Activation/act_zoning.html)

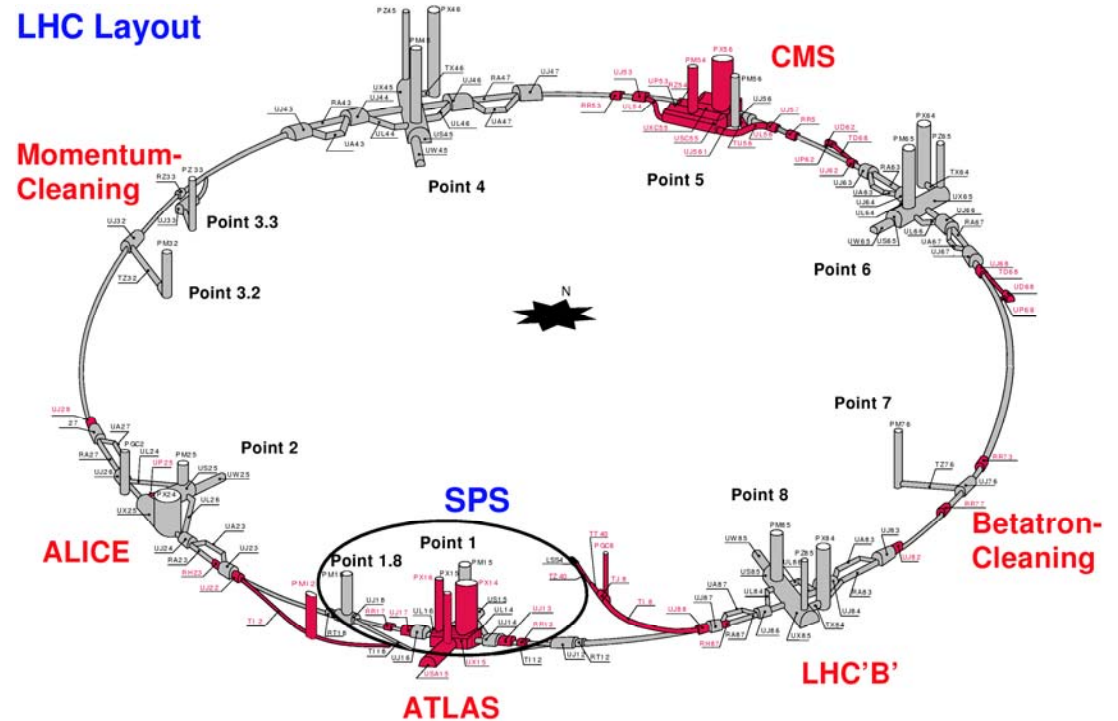
# Induced radioactivity in accelerators

## LHC Collimation

(M. Brugger, D. Forkel-Wirth, S. Roesler)

- LHC collimation system:
  - two cleaning insertions: Point 3 and Point 7
  - two- or three-stage collimation system with low-Z collimators (Carbon Composite Materials)
  - annual number of intercepted protons:  $\sim 10^{16}$

The collimators will become one of the most radioactive component of LHC machine



- Activation and remnant dose rate estimates are important criteria already in design phase of LHC
- Both installations are extraction points for the ventilation system, thus the release of radioactive air has to be studied in detail

# Induced radioactivity in accelerators

1. Monte Carlo simulation (FLUKA, MARS) of particle interaction and transport in beamline and shielding components, tunnel / cavern air and walls.

Calculation of

inelastic interaction rate  
(without explicit isotope production)

2. Calculation of remanent dose rates  $D_\gamma$  by using:

$\omega$ -factor approach

*Assumption:* contact dose rate is proportional to the density of inelastic interactions (*stars*)

$$\dot{D}_\gamma = \omega \times \rho_{\text{star}}$$

*Advantages:* allows fast estimates

*Disadvantages:* - limited to contact dose rates from large objects  
- typically given for 30d irradiation and 1d cooling

isotope production rate

NEW

explicit Monte Carlo simulation  
of interactions and transport  
of radioactive decay products

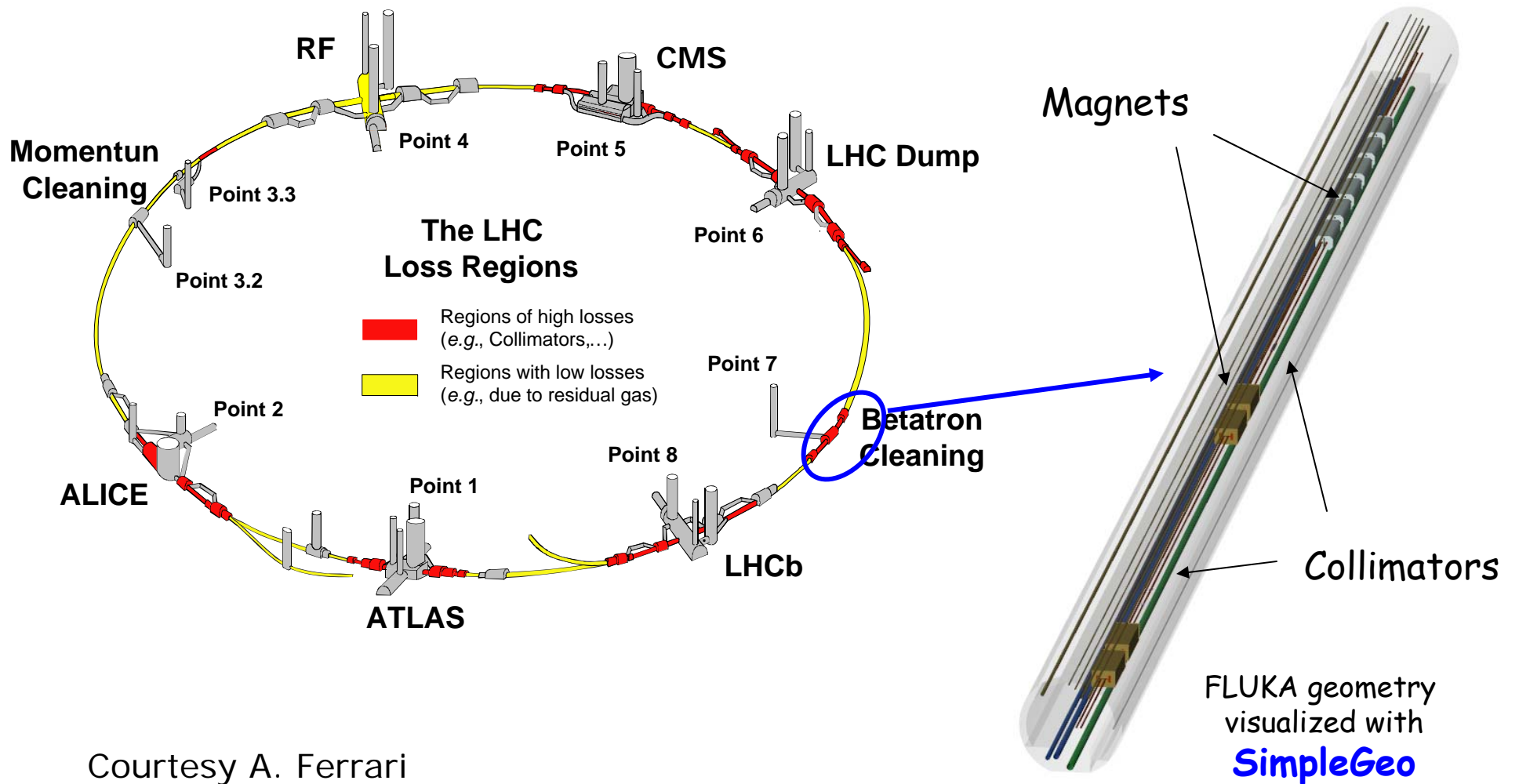
*Advantages:* -allows to calculate 3D dose rate maps for arbitrary geometries and irradiation histories  
- most reliable method

*Disadvantages:* more time-consuming than  $\omega$ -factor approach



# Induced radioactivity in accelerators

## LHC collimation region



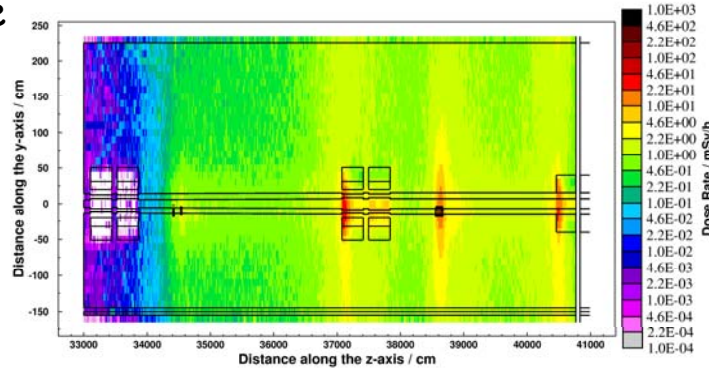
Courtesy A. Ferrari



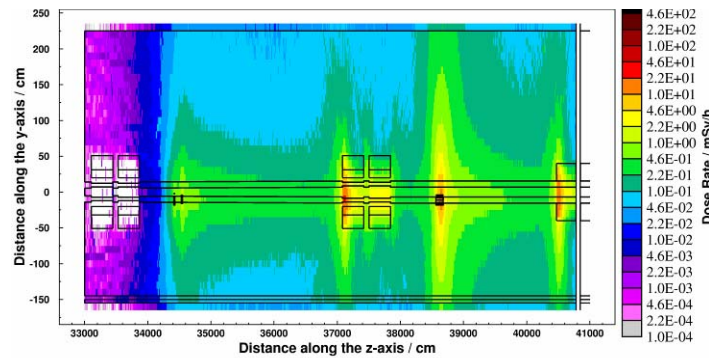
# Induced radioactivity in accelerators

Cooling time

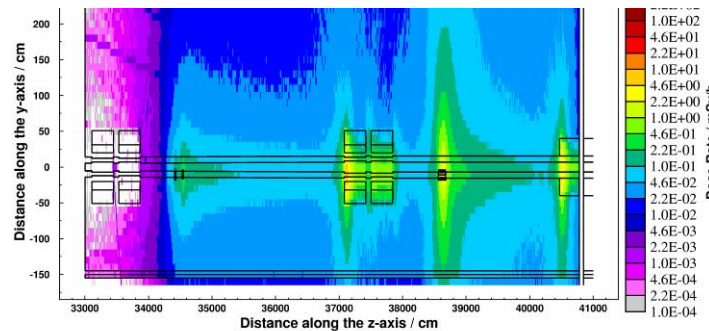
8 hours



1 week

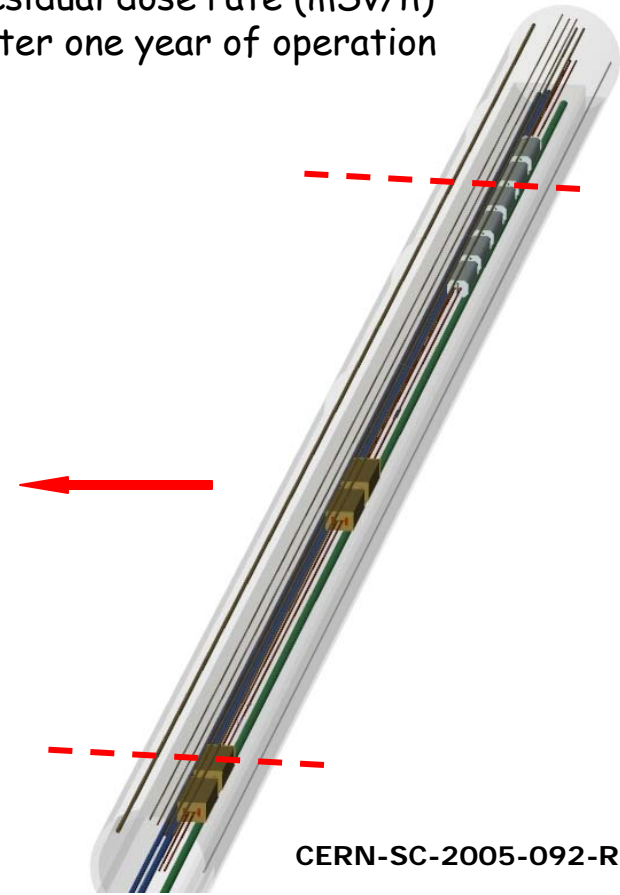


4 months



## LHC collimation region

Residual dose rate (mSv/h) after one year of operation

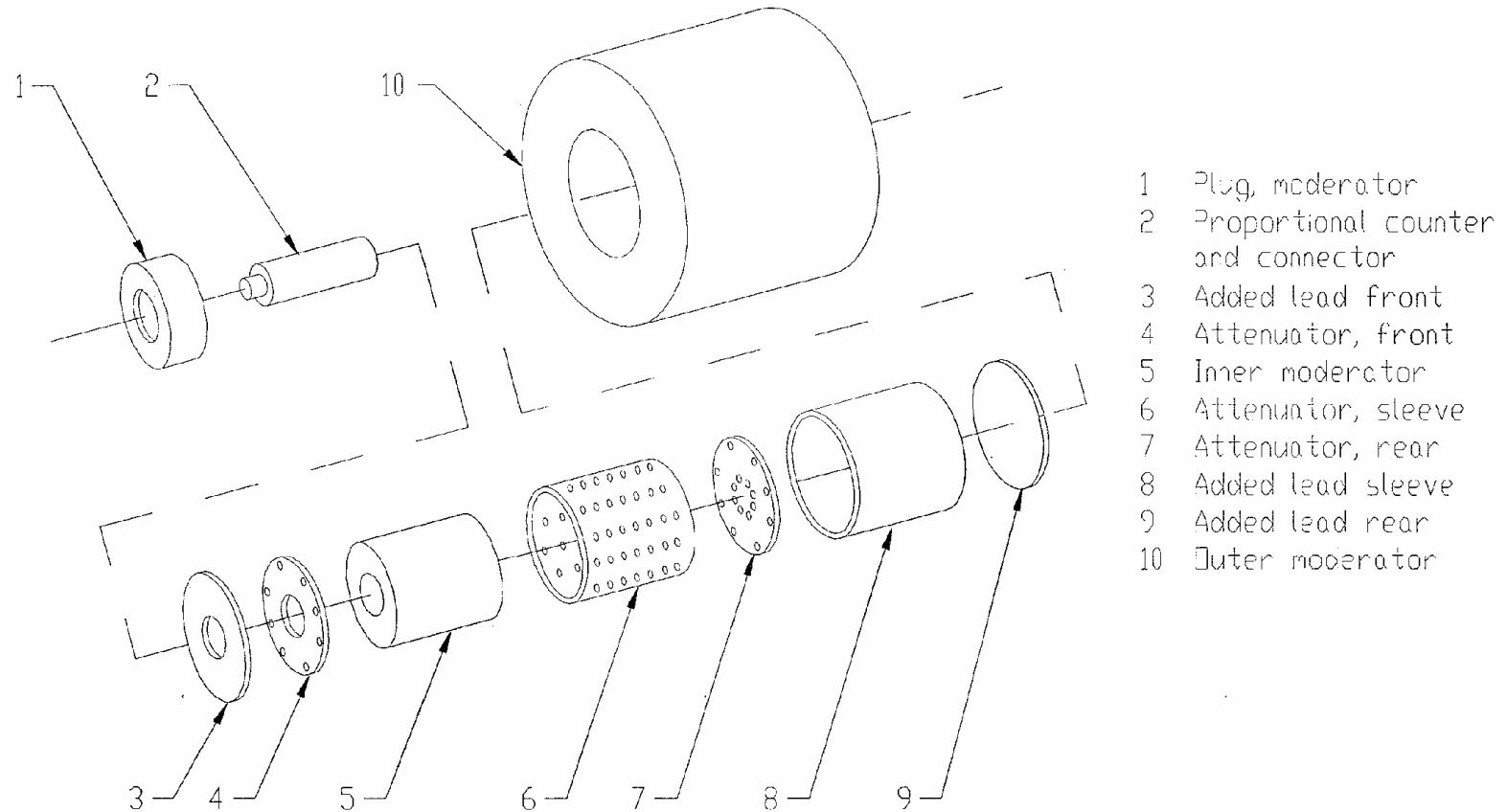


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**REMANENT DOSE RATE MAPS  
 OF THE LHC BETATRON CLEANING INSERTION (IR7)**

M. Brugger, D. Forkel-Wirth, S. Roesler

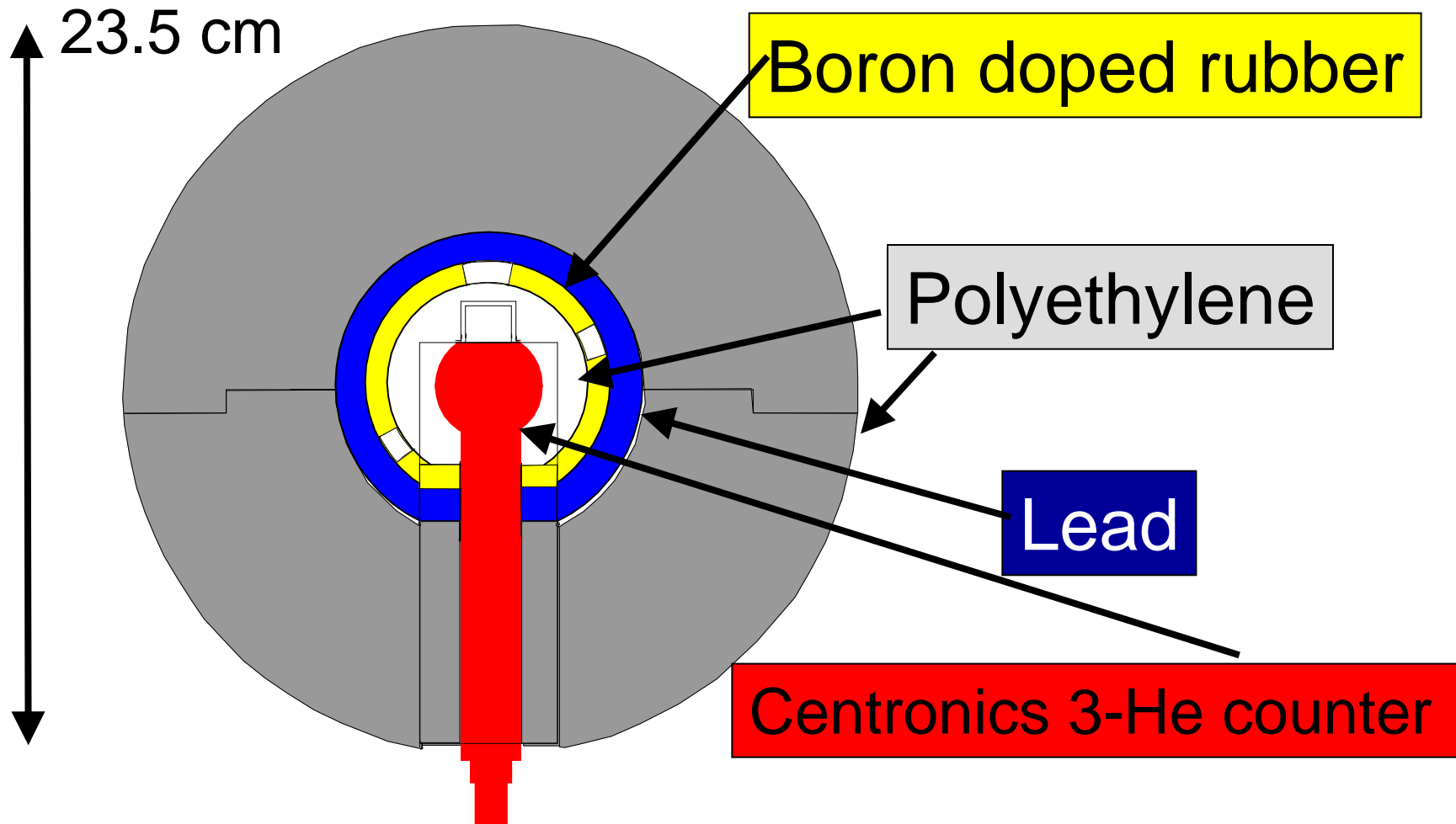
## Instrumentation

Exploded view of the original **SNOOPY-modified** rem counter → Long Interval NeUtron Survey-meter, **LINUS**

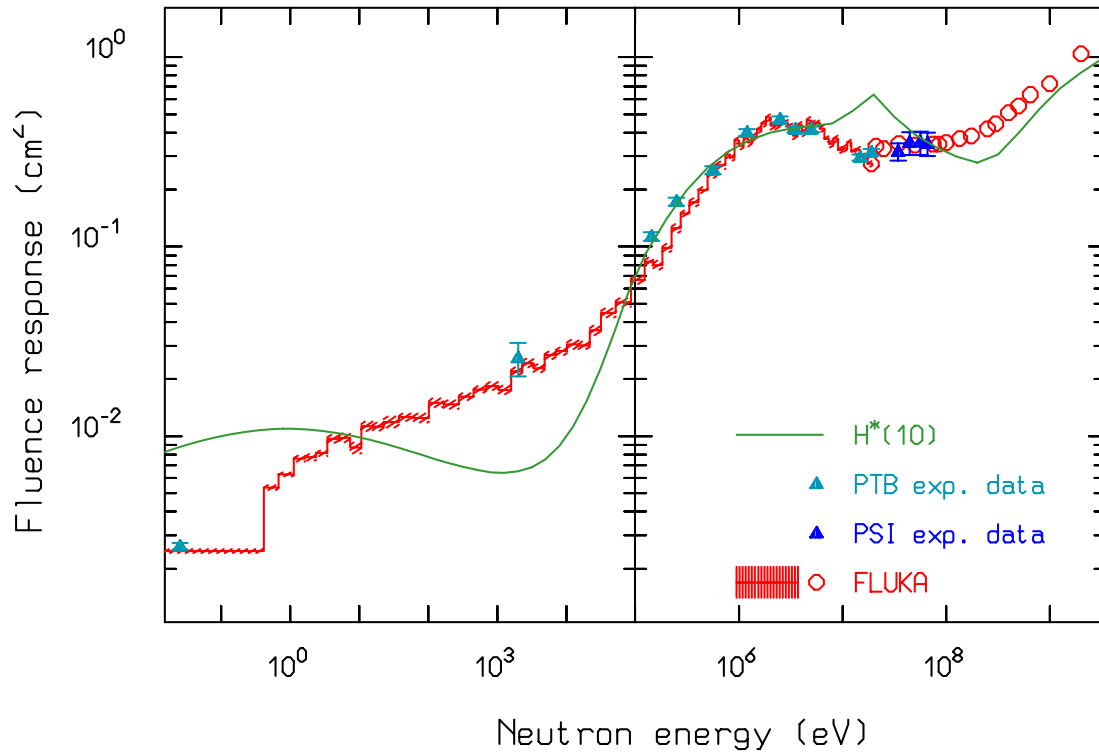


C. Birattari, A. Ferrari, C. Nuccetelli, M. Pelliccioni, M. Silari, NIMA 297 (1990) 250-257

# Spherical LINUS



## Absolute neutron fluence response

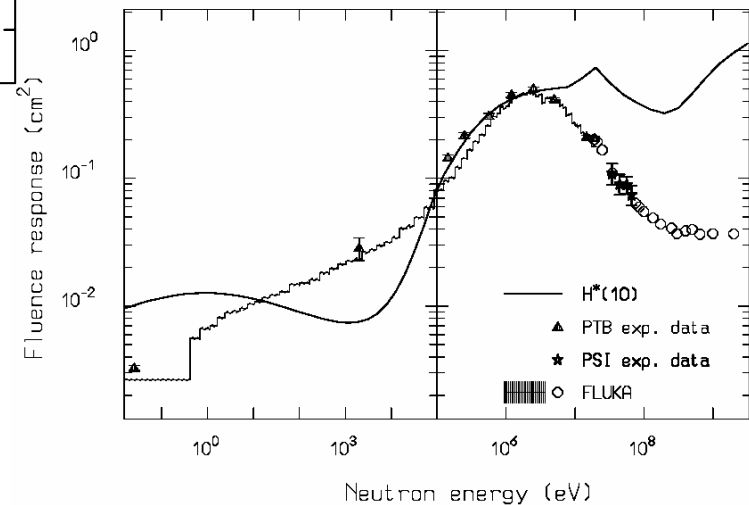


$$M = C \int R_{\Phi}(E) \Phi(E) dE$$

LINUS

Calibration of the LINUS rem counter with monoenergetic neutron beams at PTB and with quasi-monoenergetic neutron beams at PSI (full symbols), compared with simulation (dashed histograms and open symbols)

SNOOPY

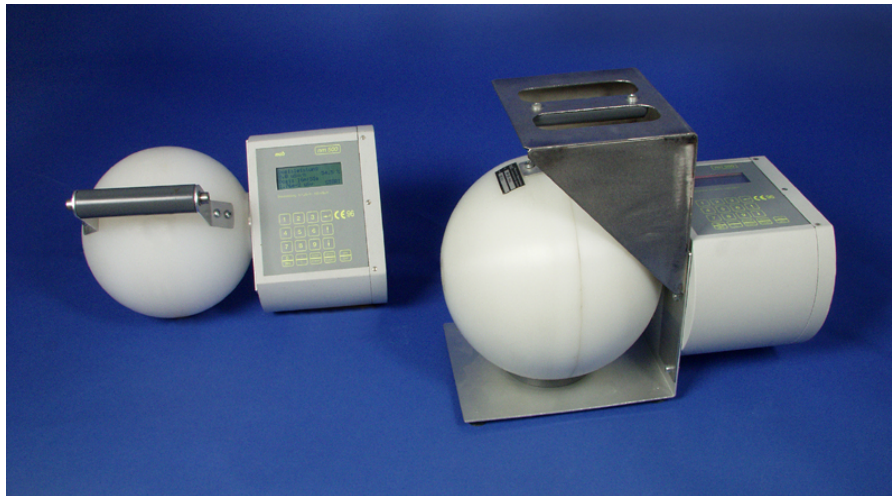


## Instrumentation

### Comparison of the response of rem counters in high-energy stray neutron field

Detector	Calibration		Ambient dose equivalent	
	Factor (nSv/cts)	Procedure	(nSv/PIC)	Total uncertainty
Studsvik (CERN)	0.98	H*(10), PuBe source	0.145	$1.64 \times 10^{-2}$
Berthold (CERN)	0.353	H*(10), PuBe source	0.148	$1.49 \times 10^{-2}$
Cylindrical LINUS (CERN)	1.49	H*(10), PuBe source	0.262	$2.95 \times 10^{-2}$
Spherical LINUS (CERN)	0.92	H*(10), PuBe source	0.243	$2.77 \times 10^{-2}$
Spherical LINUS (Univ. Mi)	0.776	H*(10), AmBe source	0.228	$2.49 \times 10^{-2}$
Cylindrical LINUS (NRPB)	1.11	H*(10), AmBe source	0.247	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$
TEPC	ICRP21		0.242	$3.0 \times 10^{-2}$
	CRP60		0.273	$2.7 \times 10^{-2}$

## Commercial versions of the LINUS



Spherical MAB Monitor SNM500(X)

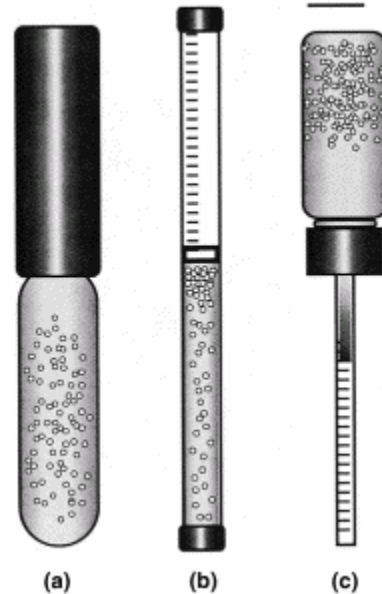


WENDI II Monitor Eberline

# Instrumentation

## Superheated emulsions (bubble detectors)

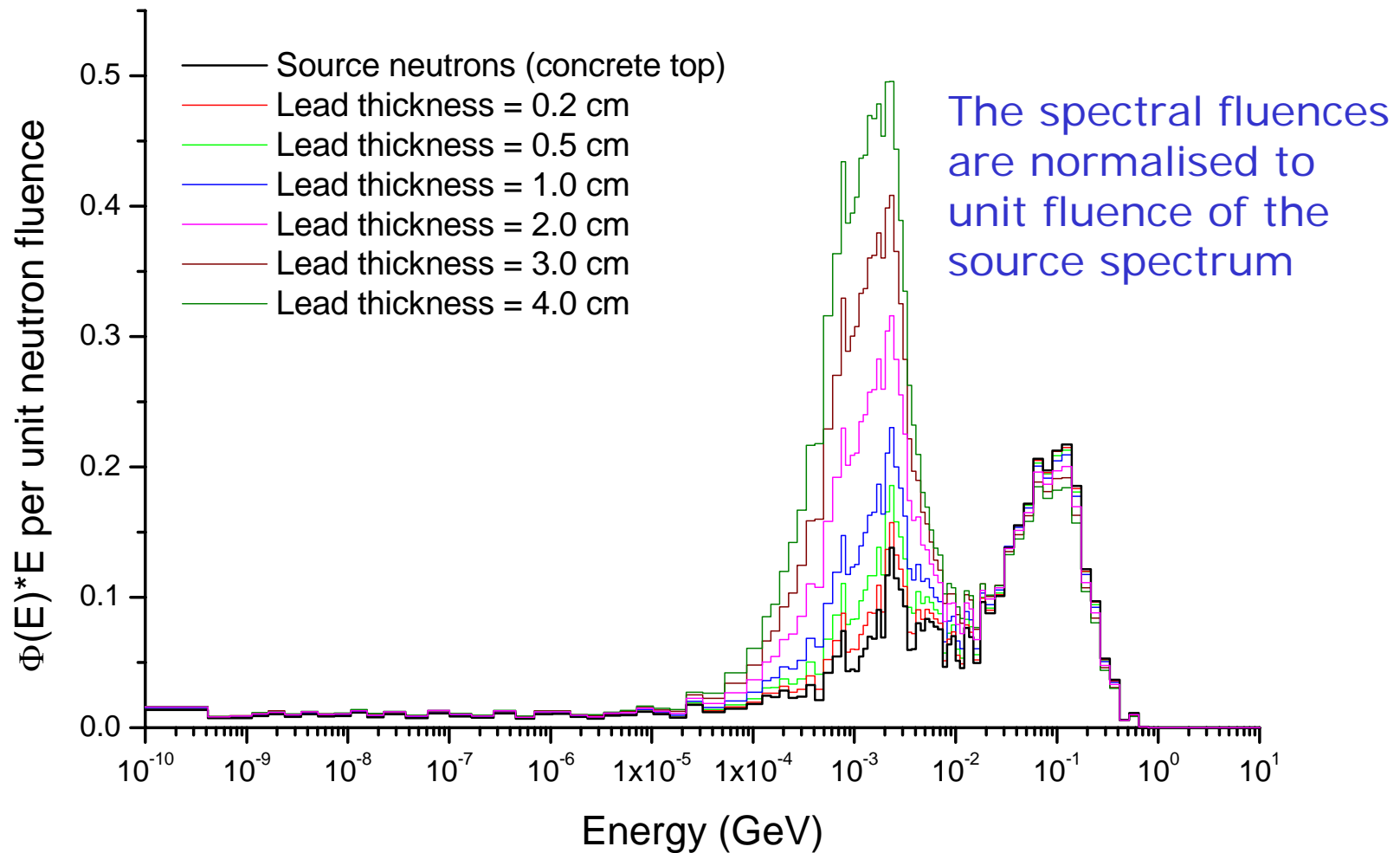
- Superheated liquid suspended in a gel
- The superheated droplets consisting of an over-expanded halocarbon and/or hydrocarbon which vaporizes upon exposure to the high-LET recoils from neutron interactions (a sort of miniature bubble chamber)
- Used as personal dosimeters, environmental dosimeters or spectrometers
- Insensitive to pulsed nature of radiation
- Insensitive to low-LET radiation



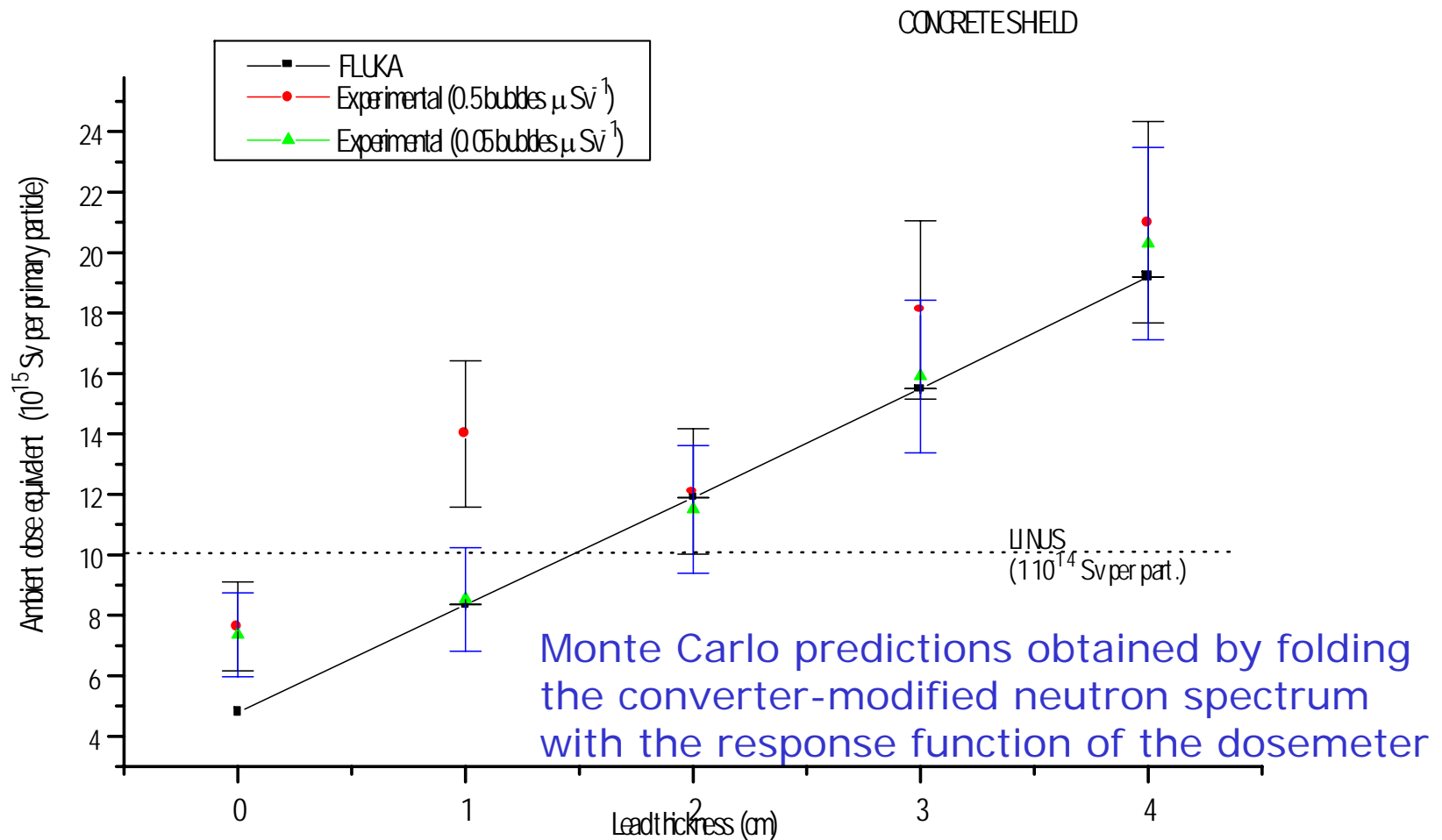


## Instrumentation

### Neutron spectral fluence inside lead converters for the source neutrons on the CERF concrete roof-shield



## Comparison experiment/Monte Carlo for the CERF concrete roof-shield



S. Agosteo, M. Silari and L. Ulrici, Radiat. Prot. Dosim. 88, 149-155, 2000.

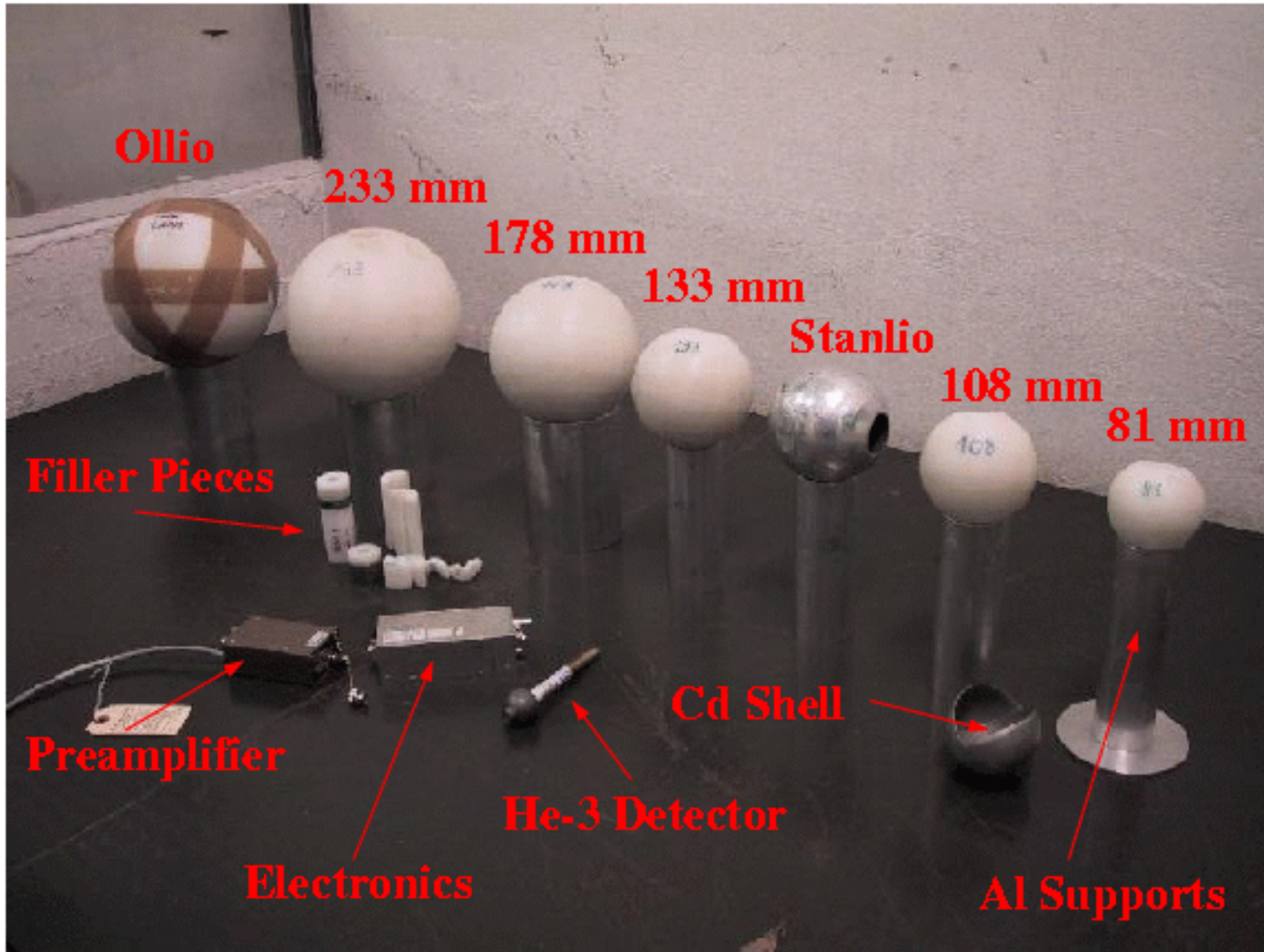
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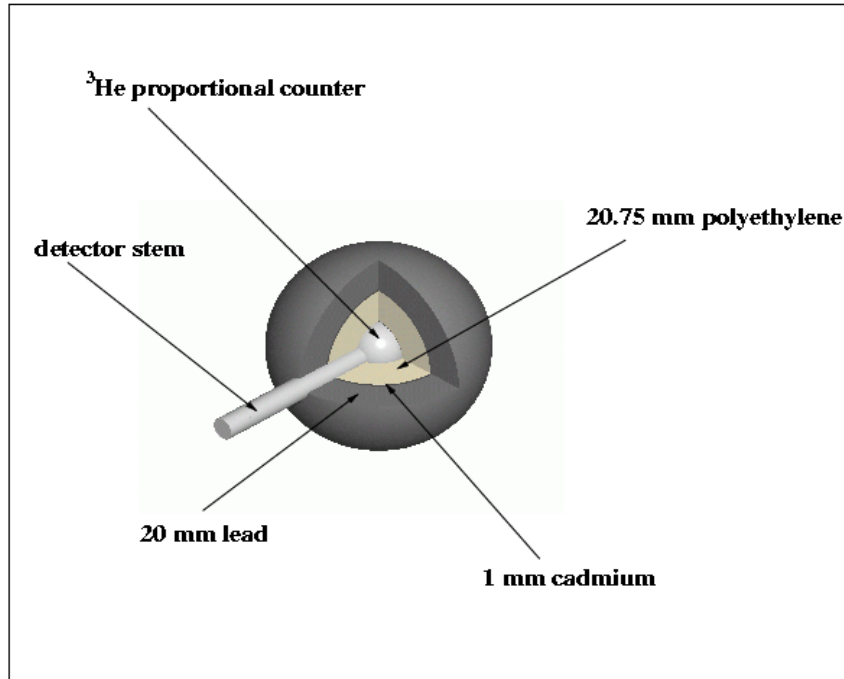


Acoustical bubble counters, open and with lead shell (F. d'Errico, University of Pisa)

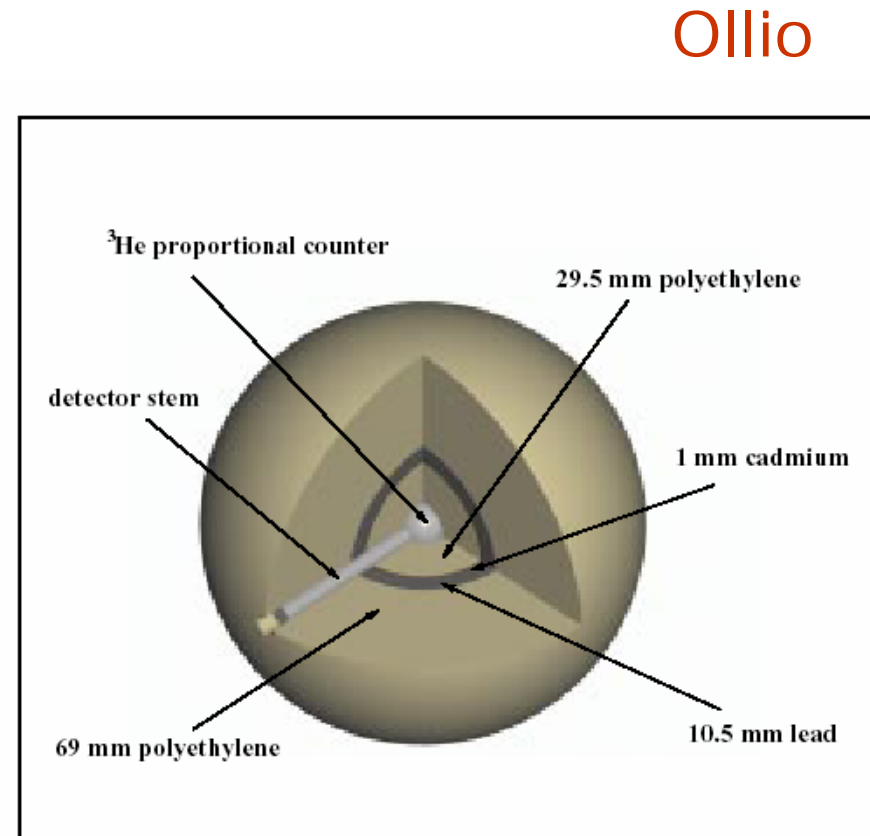
# Bonner Sphere Spectrometer (BSS)



## The BSS high-energy detectors



Stanlio



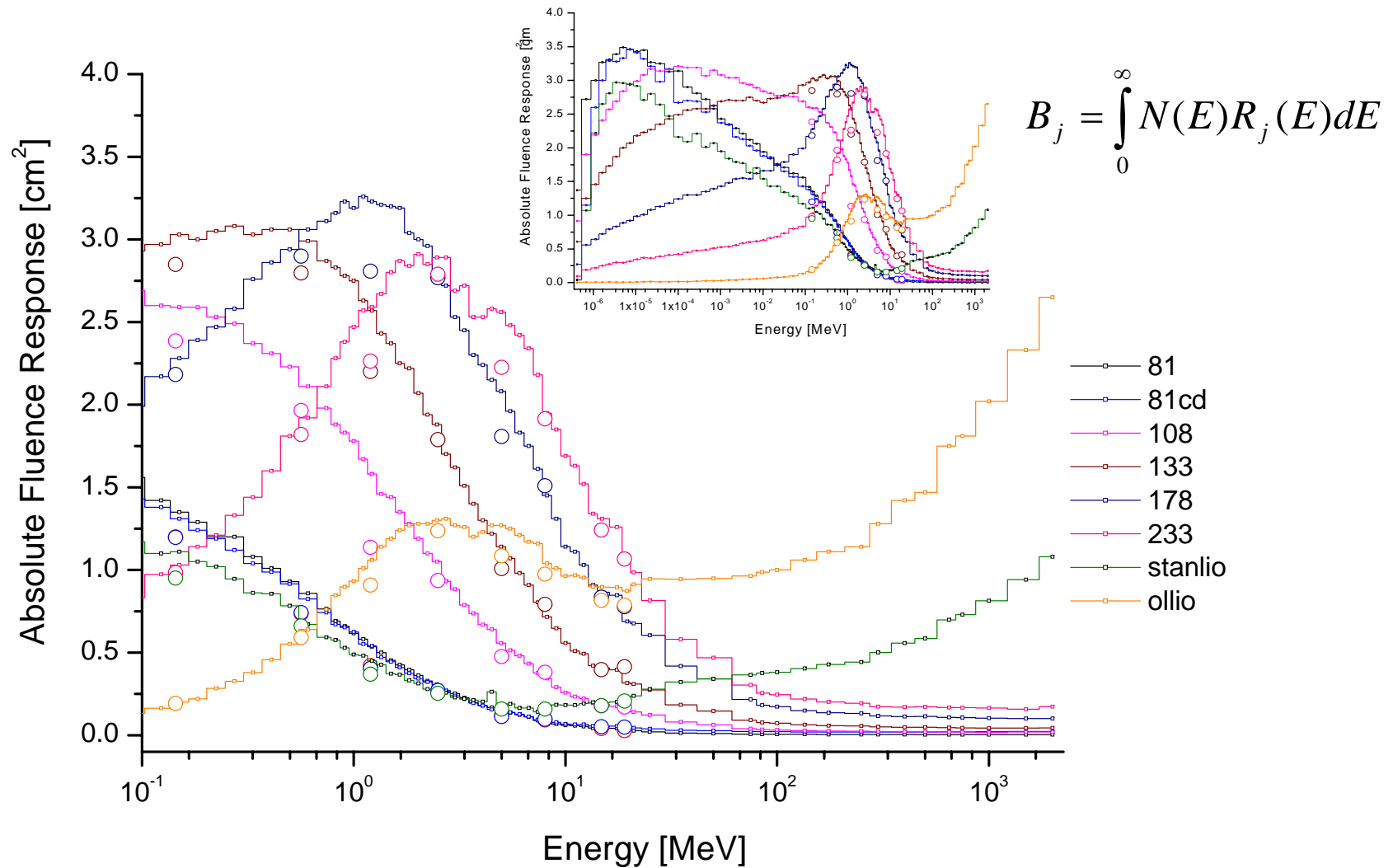
Ollio

A. Mitaroff, PhD thesis (CERN and University of Vienna)

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C. Birattari et al, Proc. of Monte Carlo 2000, Lisbon, October 2000.

## Absolute neutron fluence response functions of the BSS



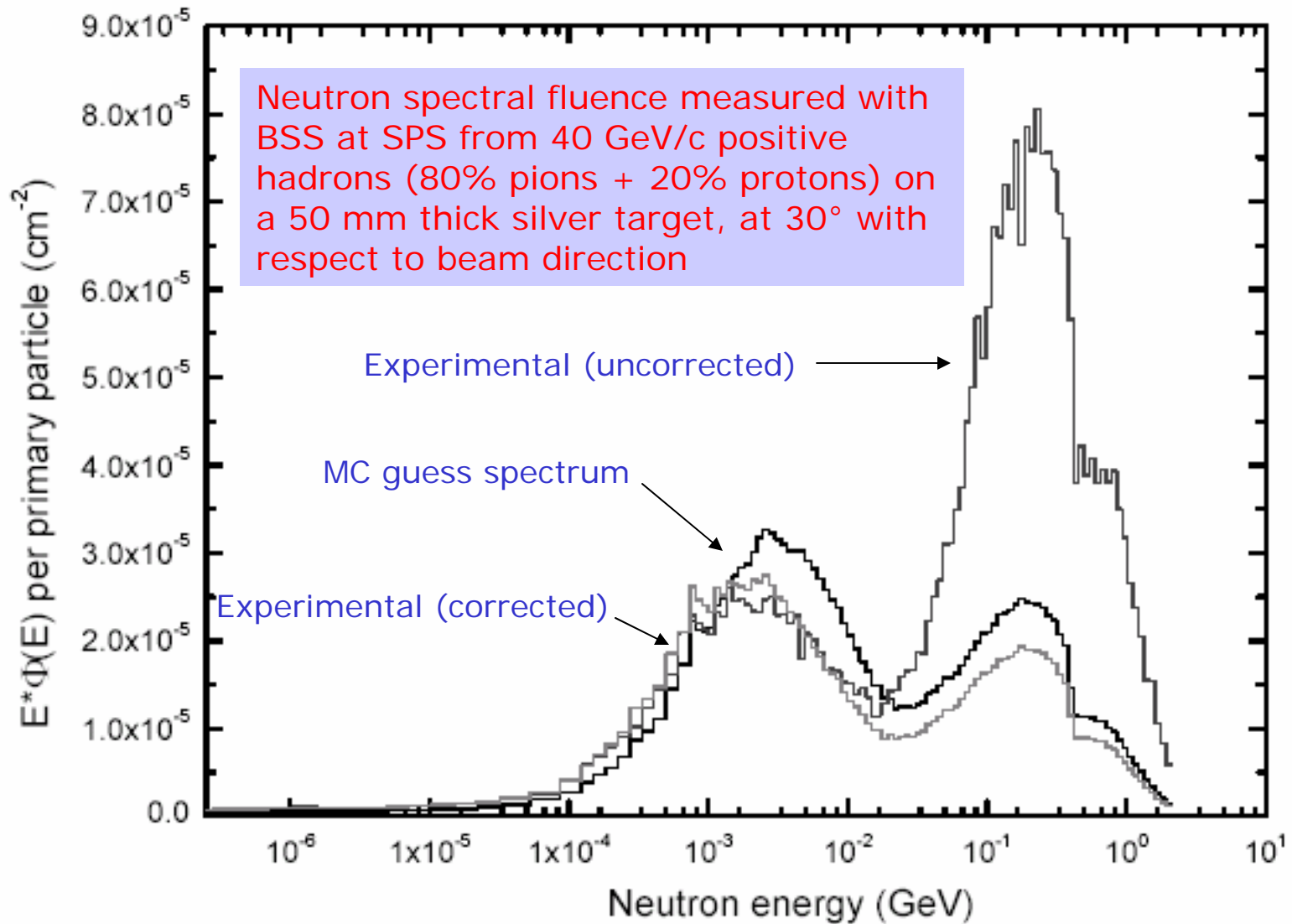
## Instrumentation

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### Experimental and MC calculated absolute response of the extended BSS on the CERF concrete roof-shield

Sphere	Response (counts per incident hadron on the copper target)		
	Experimental	Calculated	Ratio (calc/exp)
83 mm + cadmium	$(1.38 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.56 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-5}$	1.13 ± 0.19
83 mm	$(2.01 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.30 \pm 0.31) \times 10^{-5}$	1.14 ± 0.16
108 mm	$(2.72 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.87 \pm 0.42) \times 10^{-5}$	1.06 ± 0.16
133 mm	$(3.19 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-5}$	$(3.20 \pm 0.47) \times 10^{-5}$	1.00 ± 0.15
178 mm	$(3.23 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-5}$	$(3.30 \pm 0.47) \times 10^{-5}$	1.02 ± 0.15
233 mm	$(2.81 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.96 \pm 0.40) \times 10^{-5}$	1.05 ± 0.15
Stanlio	$(1.58 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.93 \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-5}$	1.22 ± 0.20
Ollio	$(1.93 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.36 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-5}$	1.22 ± 0.17

# Instrumentation



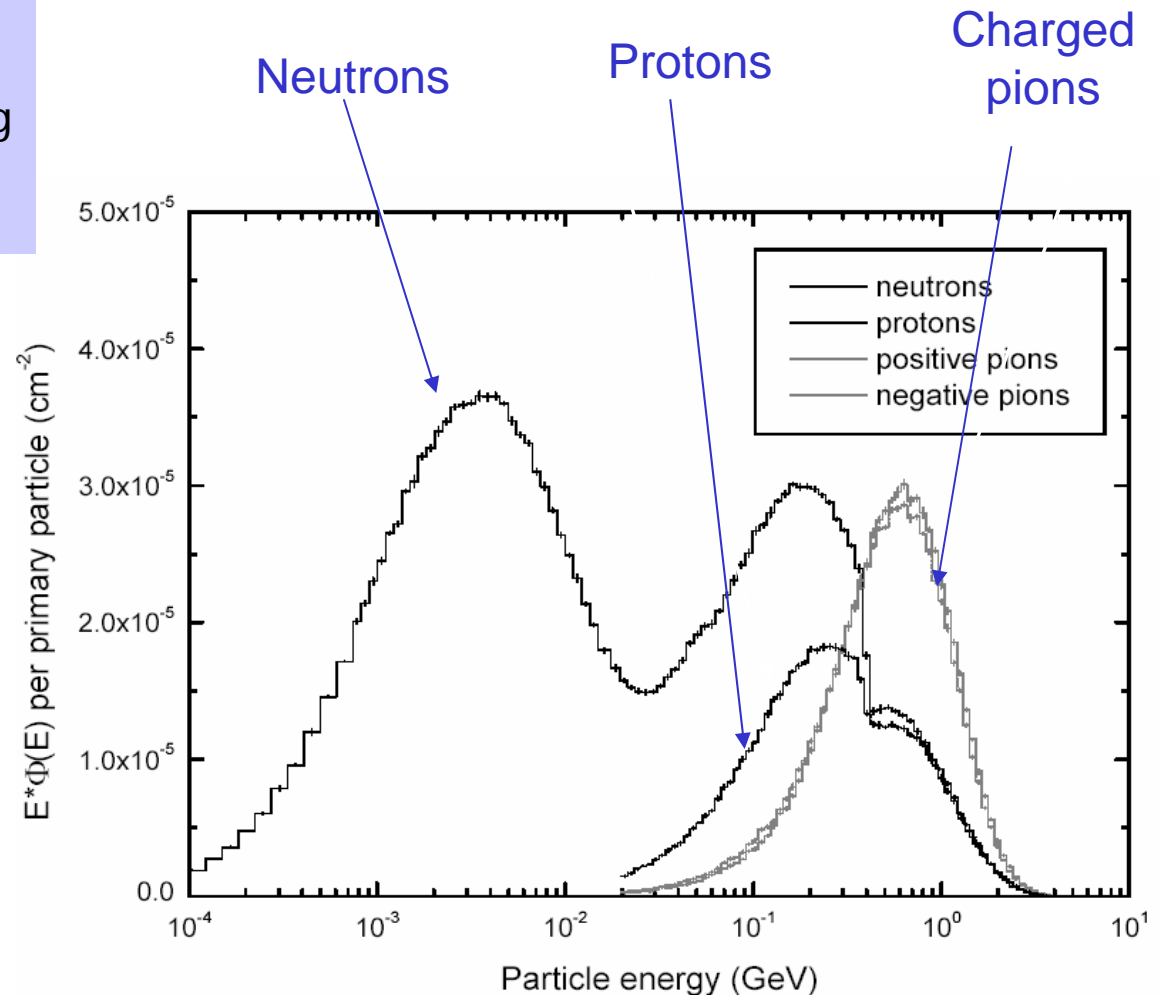
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## Instrumentation

Spectral fluences of neutrons and charged hadrons at 30° from 40 GeV/c positive pions striking a 50 mm thick silver target, calculated by Monte Carlo

**Correction factor =**  
(contribution of neutrons)  
/  
(Sum of contributions  
of all particles)

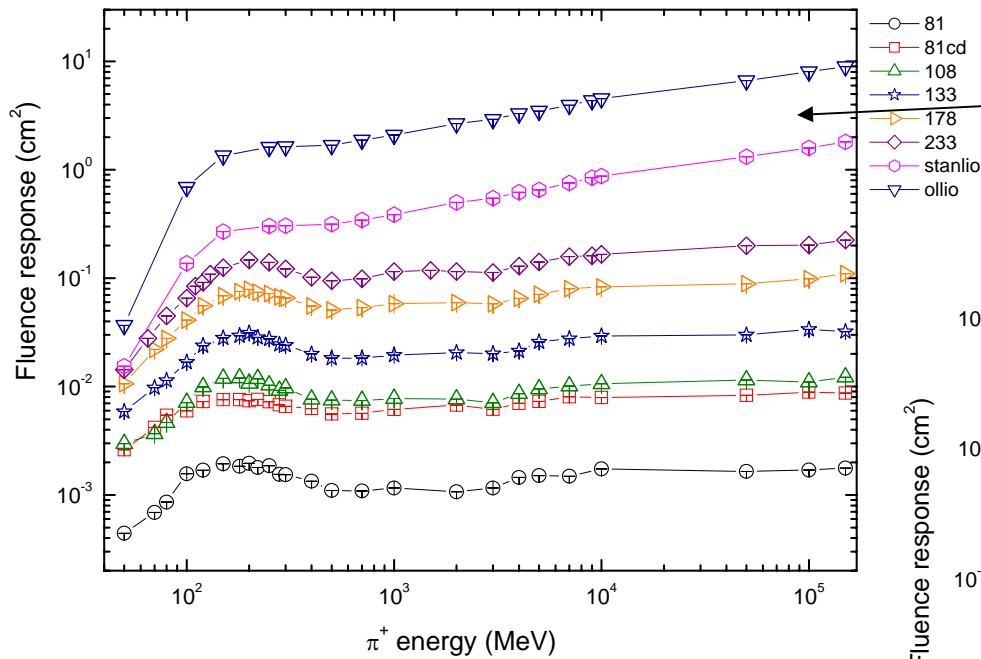


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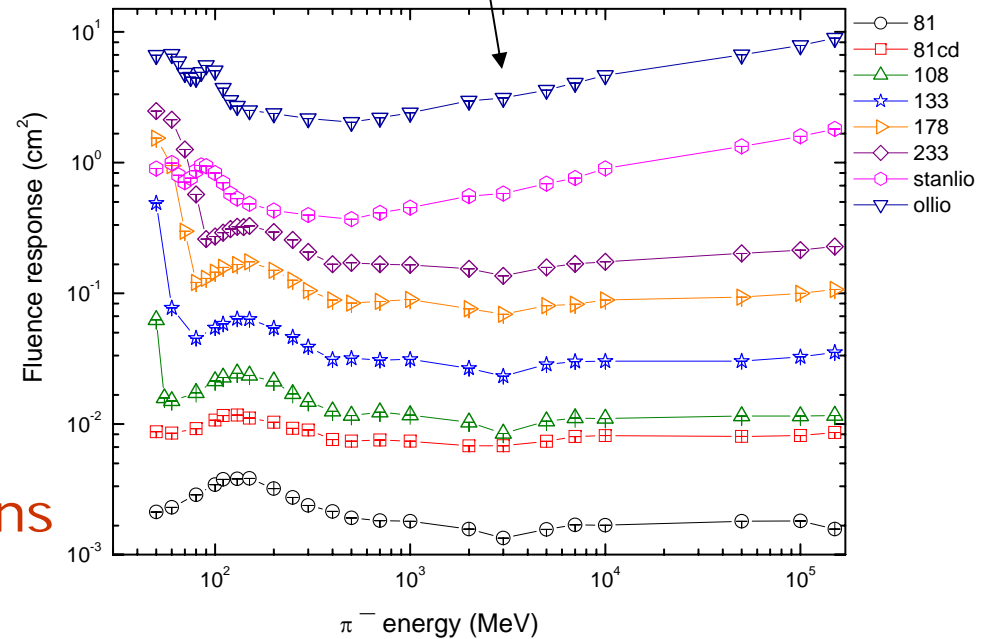
# BSS response to charged hadrons

The problem is mostly with the lead-loaded spheres



Positive pions

Negative pions



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## Instrumentation

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A **Tissue Equivalent Proportional Counter (TEPC)** is a proportional counter constituted by a tissue-equivalent gas contained in a cavity inside walls of a TE plastic. Acting on the gas pressure it is possible to simulate the events of energy deposition in microscopic volumes



The energy deposition in the TE gas is measured through ionization of primary charged particles and/or secondary particles generated mainly in the walls of the detector

It measures the probability distribution of absorbed dose  $d(y)$  in terms of lineal energy  $y$  (the ratio of energy imparted to matter in a volume by a single deposition event to the mean chord length in that volume)

From the probability distribution of absorbed dose  $d(y)$  one can evaluate the dose equivalent through a function  $Q(y)$  which relates the quality factor to the lineal energy

## HAWK-TEPC Tissue Equivalent Proportional Counter

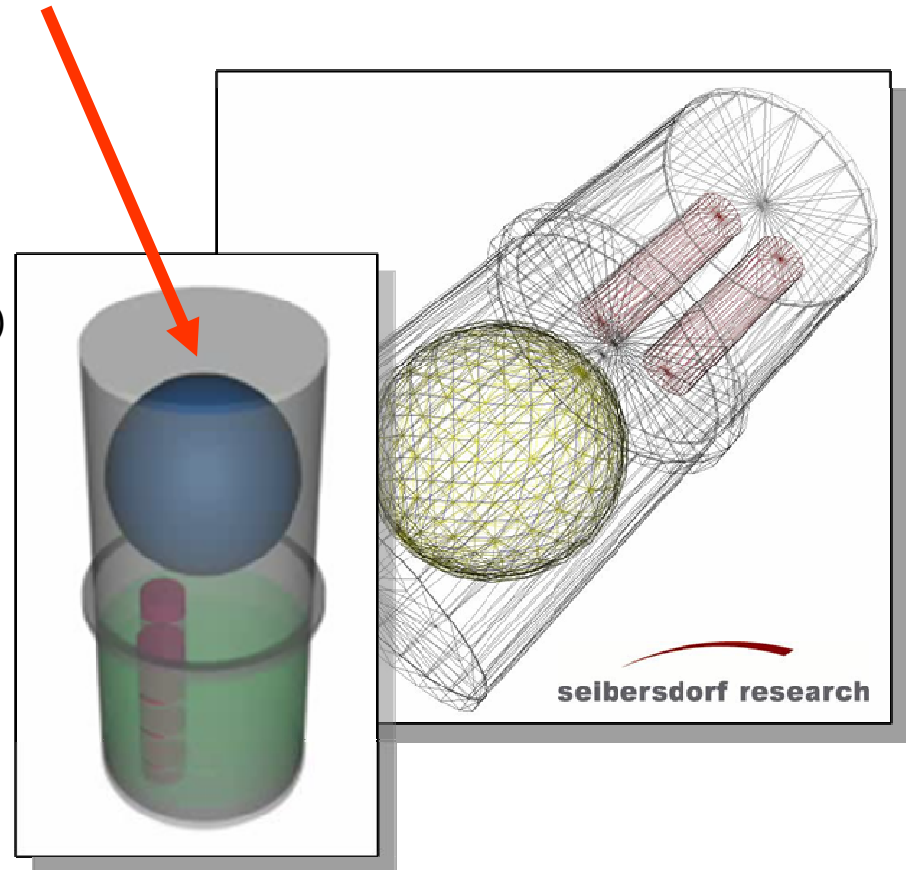
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ARC Seibersdorf research, Austria



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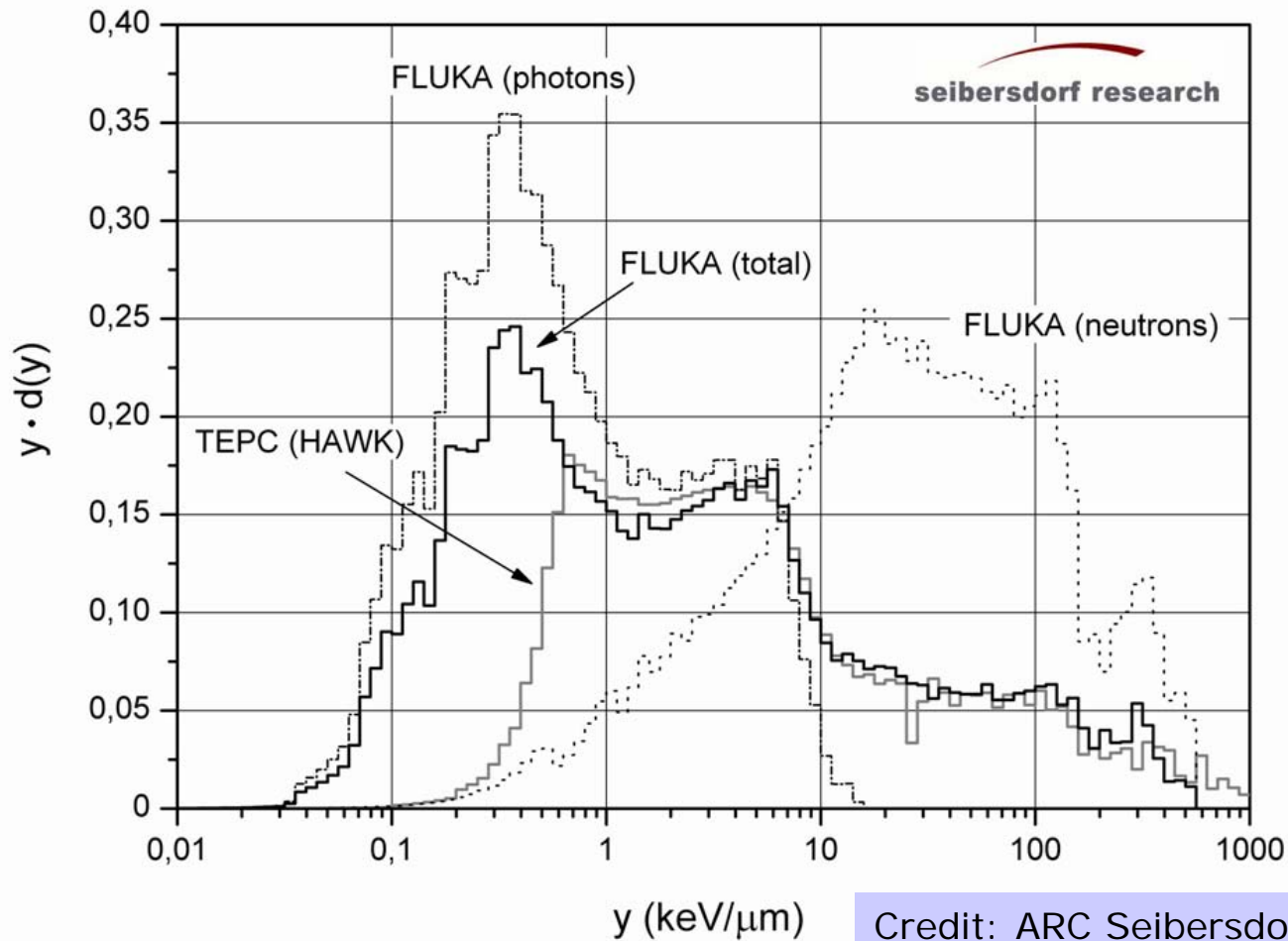
# TEPC - Tissue Equivalent Proportional Counter

- Absorbed Dose (Gy),  $Q(\text{LET})$ ,  
Dose Equivalent (Sv)
- 1-2  $\mu\text{m}$  tissue volume
- Microdosimetric spectra ( $\text{y/kev } \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ )
- Measurements:
  - Photons: up to 7 Mev
  - Neutrons: up to 200 MeV
  - Mixed radiation field (CERF)
  - Heavy Ions



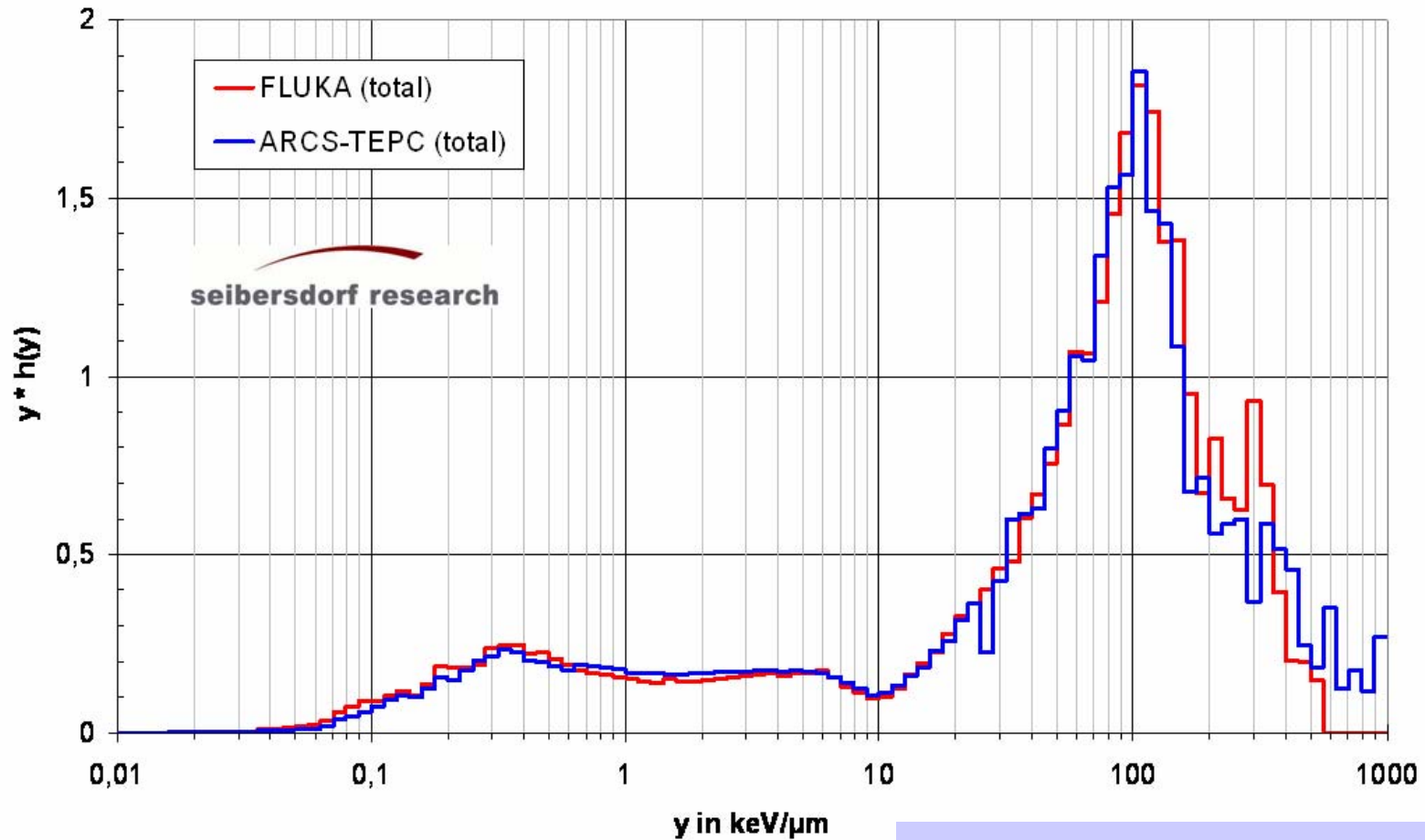
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## TEPC Absorbed Dose Measurements and FLUKA Simulation CERF facility for mixed Radiation Field



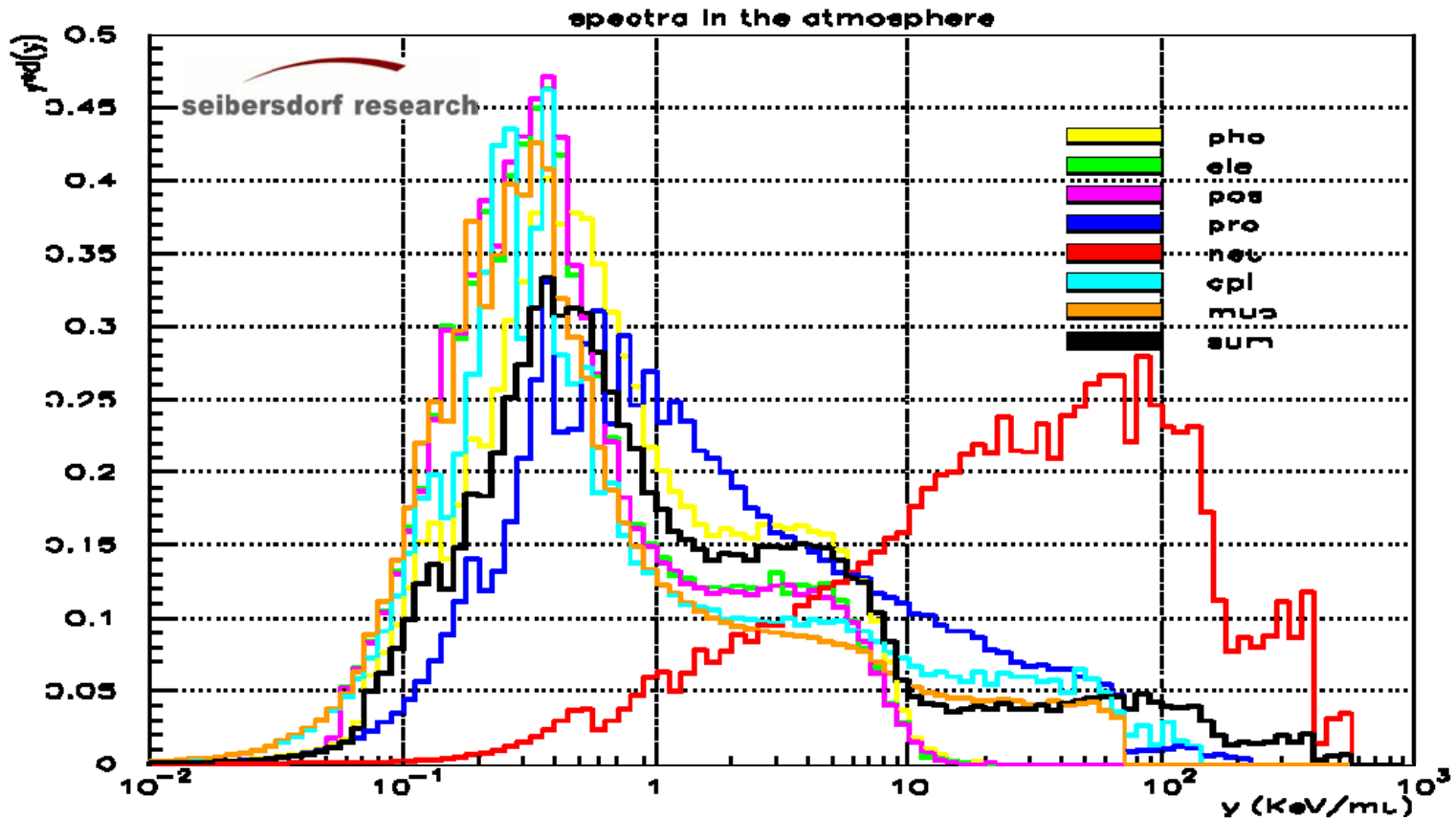
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# TEPC Simulation by FLUKA Microdosimetric Spectra in Cosmic Radiation Field

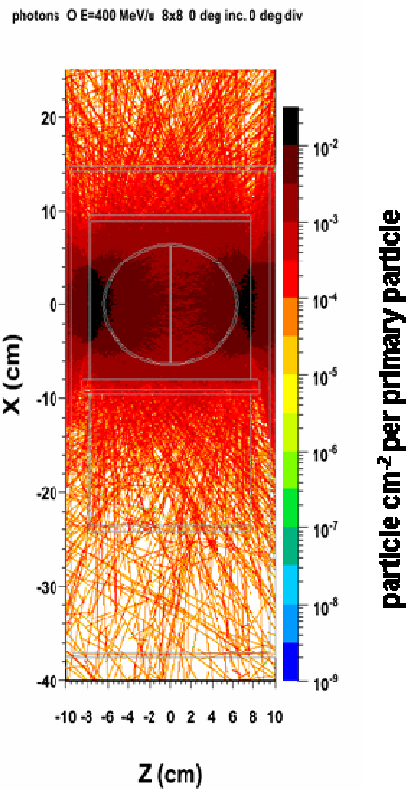


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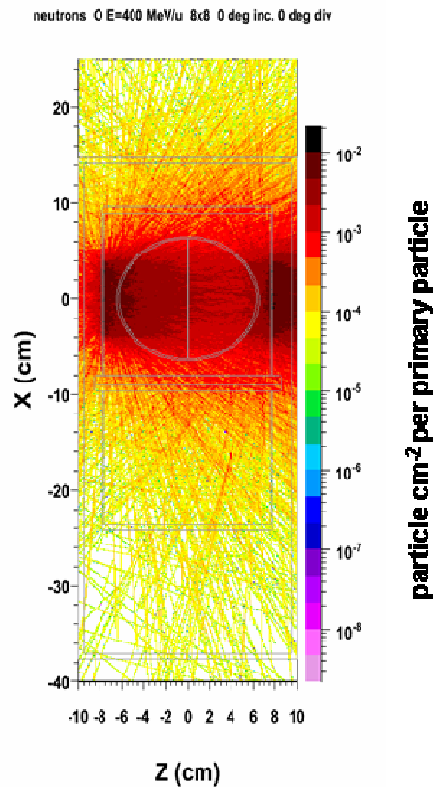


## FLUKA Heavy Ion Simulation in TEPC Oxygen 400 MeV/u, Beam Size: 8 x 8 cm<sup>2</sup>

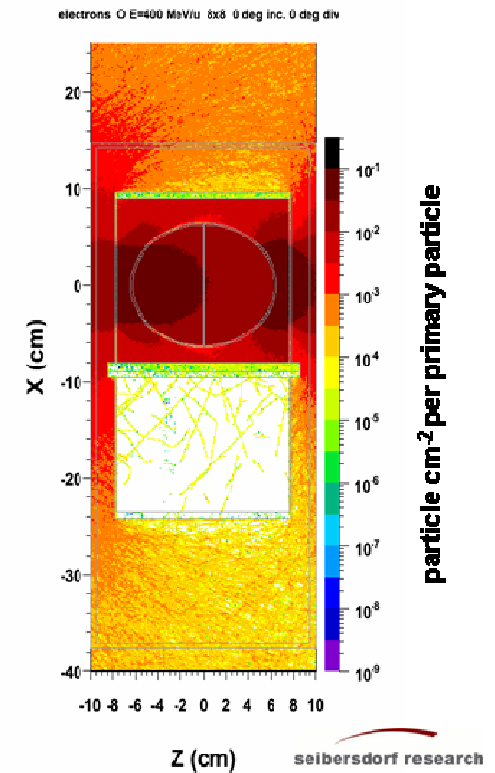
### Photon fluence



### Electron fluence



### Neutron fluence



Credit: ARC Seibersdorf research

# Dosimetry

George Xu - Consortium of Computational Human Phantoms  
(CCHP) <http://www.virtualphantoms.org/>

Different groups from Germany, UK, USA, Japan, Korea and Brazil



**Golem/ICRP**



**Helga**



**Irene**



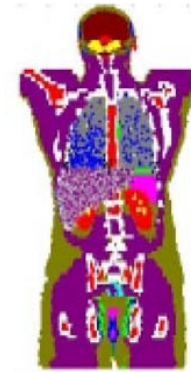
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**NORMAN**



**MAX**



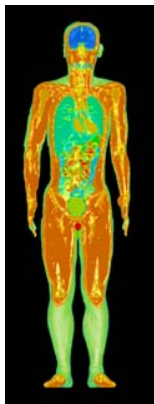
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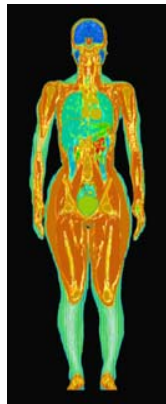
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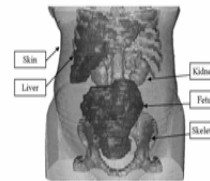
**Otoko**



**Nagaoka**



**KORMAN**



**Mother/Fetus**



**UF-Newborn**



**UF-Newborn**

Courtesy B. Kirk, ORNL



### Specificity of an irradiation accident

- Type of irradiation: *total body or localised*
- Parameters of the source: *activity, type and energy of the radiation, duration of the exposure*
  - ⇒ *attenuation in tissue, absorbed dose*
- The **dose** is an indicator of the effects expected in a tissue or organ allowing clinicians to
  - establish a diagnosis
  - decide a treatment
- The objective is to determine the **dose** and its **distribution** in the body

### How to evaluate the dose?

- **Clinical data** : *symptoms (erythema...)*
- **Biological dosimetry** : *bio-indicators (chromosome aberrations...)*
- **Physical dosimetry** : *measurements and simulations*
  - Dosimetric evaluation of the dose via experimental methods
  - Dosimetric evaluation of the dose via numerical methods
  - Dose measurements on materials irradiated during the accident



# Accident dosimetry

## Accident in Chile, December 2005

**Place:** construction site of a manufactory plant for the fabrication of cellulose

**Context:** source employed for industrial radiography welding controls found outside its shielded container

**Characteristics of the source:**  
iridium-192,  $3.3 \cdot 10^{12}$  Bq (90 Ci)

**Irradiation details:**

- duration of exposure: *40 min, including 10 min in the rear pocket of the person trousers*
- suspected localised irradiation: *buttock, hands, head and chest*



source

Courtesy: J-F Bottolier-Depois, IRSN

# Accident dosimetry

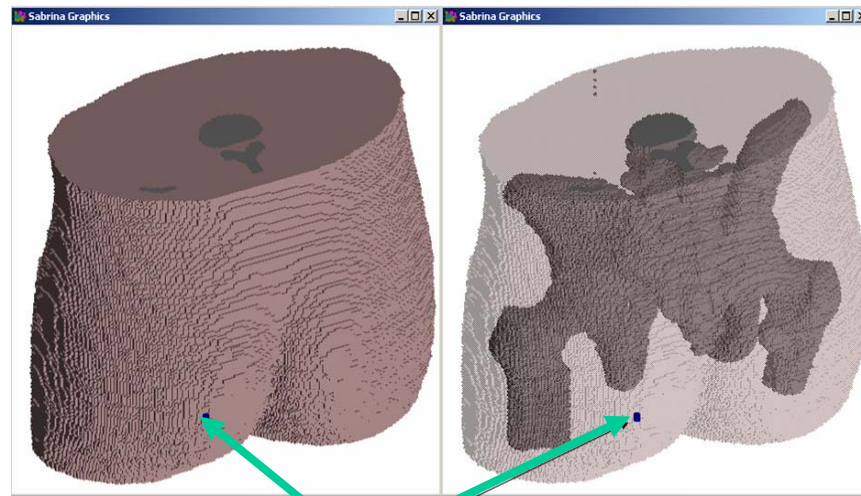
Dosimetric reconstruction of the incident:  
*modelling the source in the pocket*

Voxel phantom

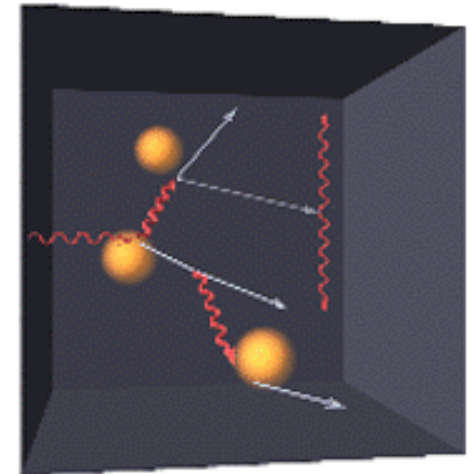
Monte Carlo



Scanner



source



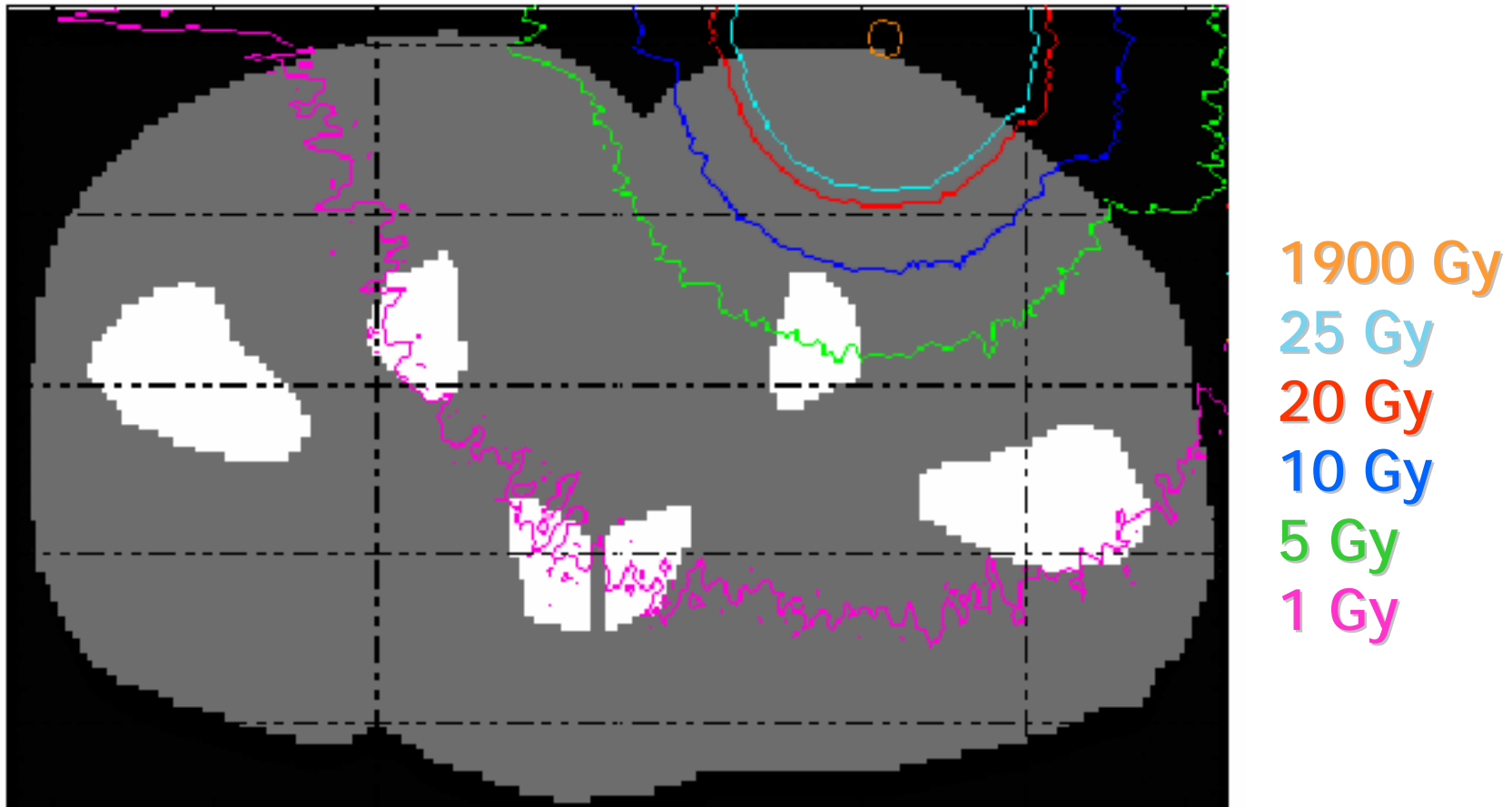
Monte Carlo calculations:

- Transport of the source photons in matter
- Energy deposition in various tissues and organs of the body

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## Accident dosimetry

Dose distribution:  
*source in the rear pocket of trousers for 10 minutes*



Above 25 Gy → tissue necrosis

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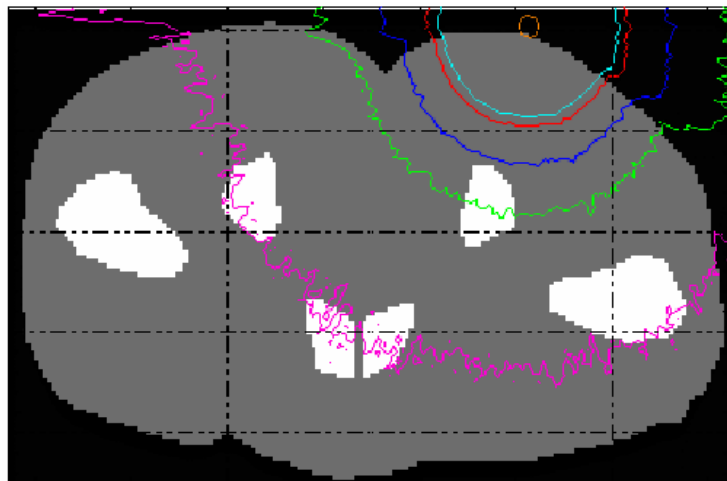
## Accident dosimetry

Dose map as a direct support to surgery: *a world première*

**Late intervention:** *surgery is generally guided by the clinical picture since necrosis is evident*

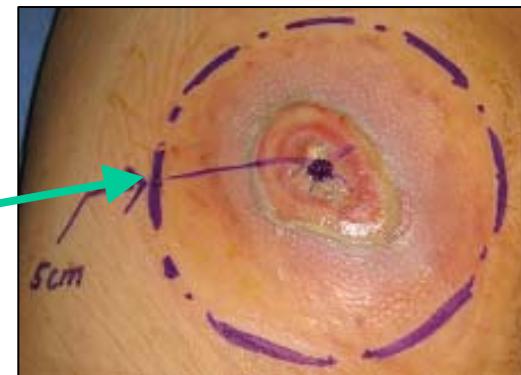
**Early intervention (the present case):** *surgery is extended to potentially necrotic tissues, even if they look healthy at the moment surgery is decided*

*A new approach: the dose map on the surface and at depth drives the surgery*



1900 Gy  
25 Gy  
20 Gy  
10 Gy  
5 Gy  
1 Gy

5 cm



Surgery

Courtesy: J-F Bottolier-Depois, IRSN

Dose distribution



## Accident dosimetry

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### Accident in Belgium, March 2006

**Place:** Industrial sterilisation plant

**Installation GMMIR II :**

- cobalt-60,  $2.96 \cdot 10^{16}$  Bq (800,000 Ci)
- dose rate  $\sim 5000$  Gy/h
- « plane » source: h 1.8 m - l 1 m, stored in a pool 6 m depth



**Suspected irradiation:** detected by doctor following blood test of worker showing a medullary aplasie, indicating acute irradiation

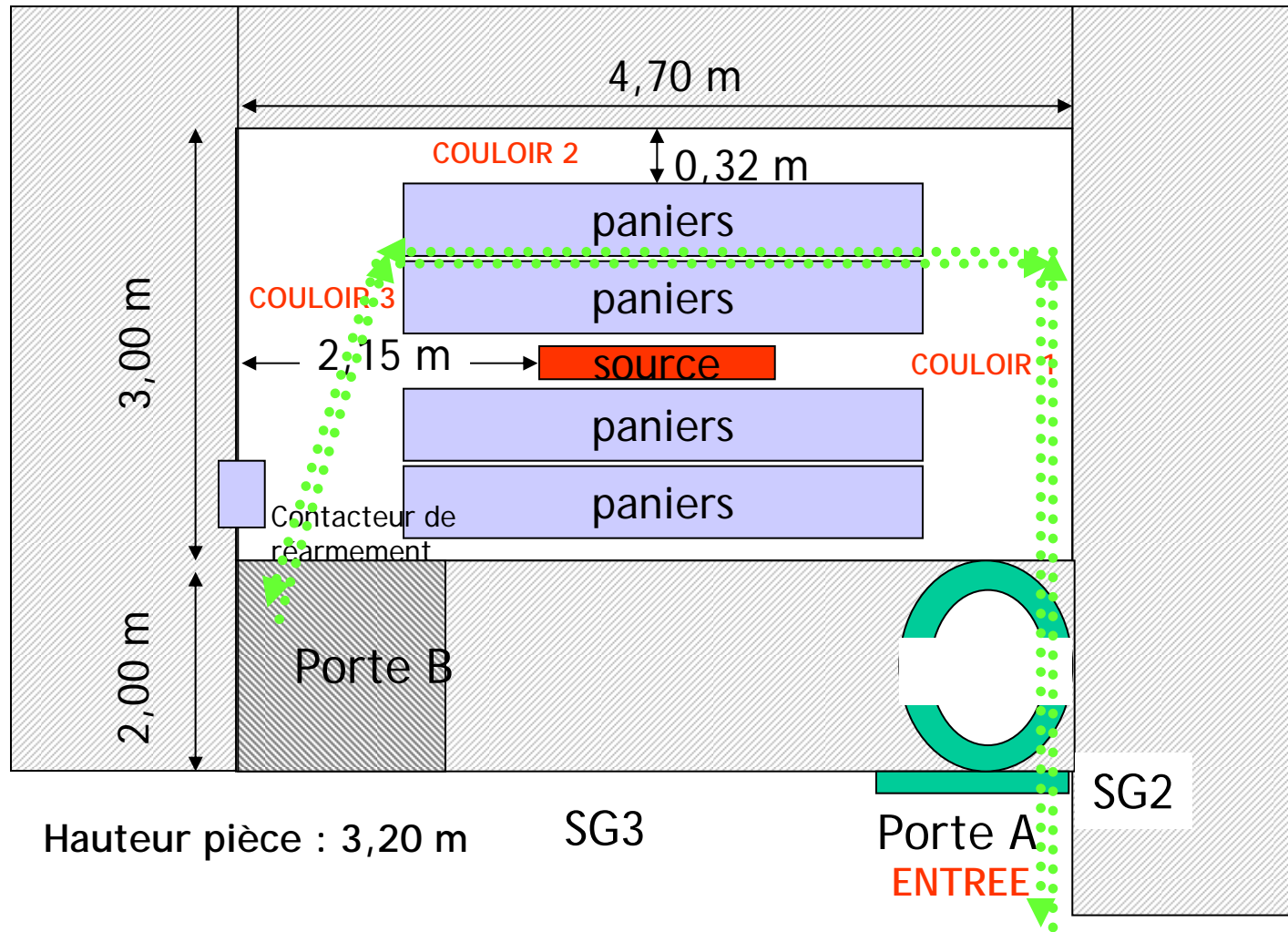
**Circumstances of the accident:** malfunctioning of the source control system, which caused the source to leave its shielded location unexpectedly

**Irradiation details:**

- duration of the exposure: 20 s
- total body irradiation with acute irradiation syndrome

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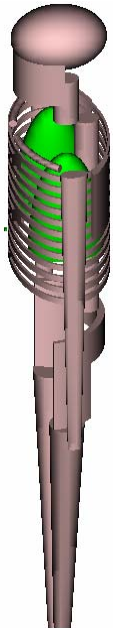
# Accident dosimetry



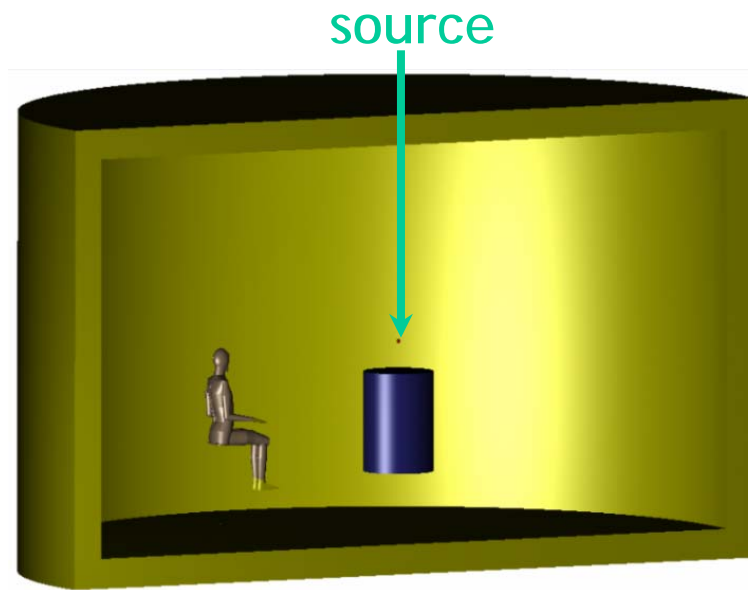
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## Evaluation of dose gradient within the body:

*to assess whether a spontaneous recover of the bone marrow activity can be expected*

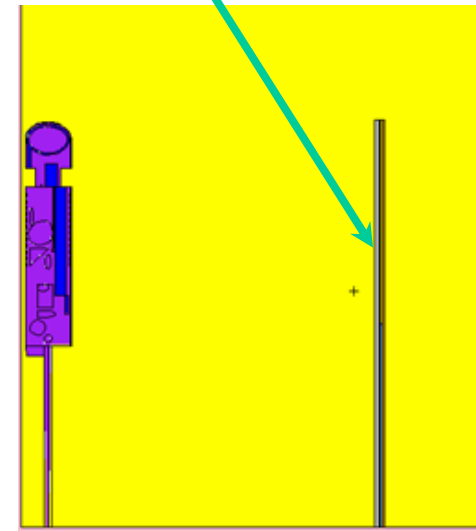


Voxel phantom



Environment:  
*position of irradiated person, room configuration, shielding...*

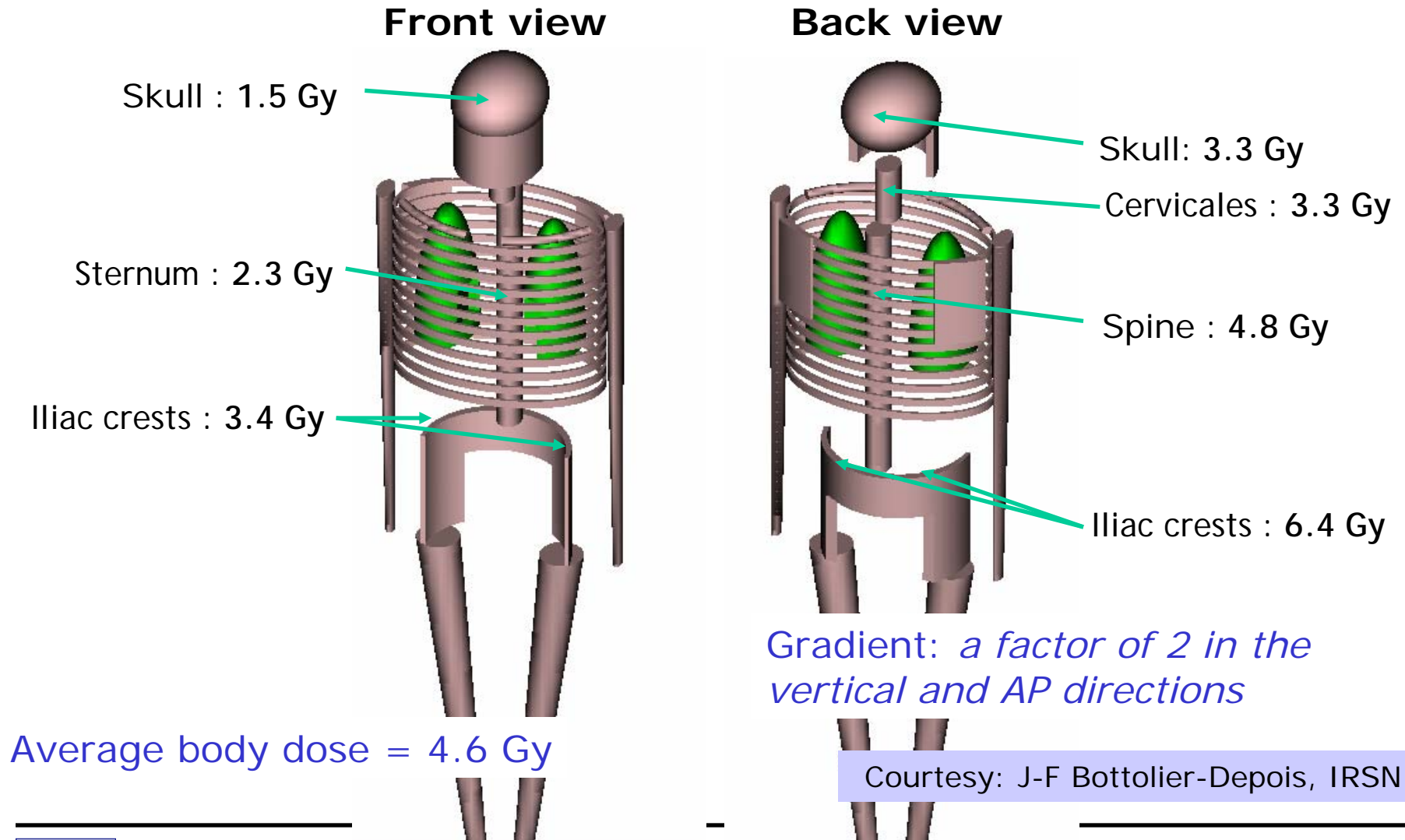
plane « source »  
at mid-height



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# Accident dosimetry

## Calculation of the dose received by bone marrow tissues



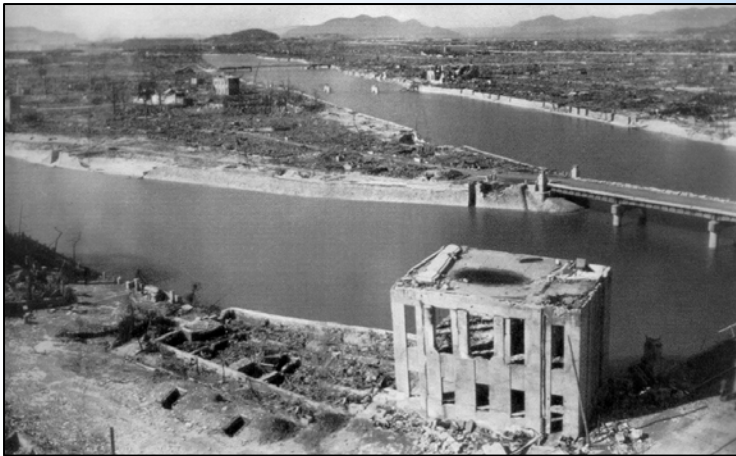
# The role of neutrons in Hiroshima and Nagasaki on cancer risk estimates from the A-bomb survivors

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## The A-bomb explosions over

Hiroshima



- August 6<sup>th</sup> 1945, 8:15
- inhabitants: 350,000
- deaths (end of 1945): 140,000

Nagasaki



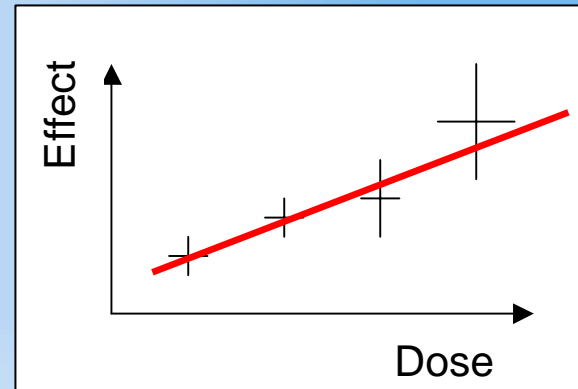
- August 9<sup>th</sup> 1945, 11:02
- inhabitants: 270,000
- deaths (end of 1945): 70,000

# Study of Radiation-induced *Late* Effects among the A-bomb Survivors

## Principle (simplified)

e.g. solid cancers, leukaemia  
as a function of age, sex, organ, ...

Done by the Radiation Effects  
Research Foundation (RERF) in  
Hiroshima and Nagasaki



- > effect per dose
- > basis for risk estimates used by ICRP

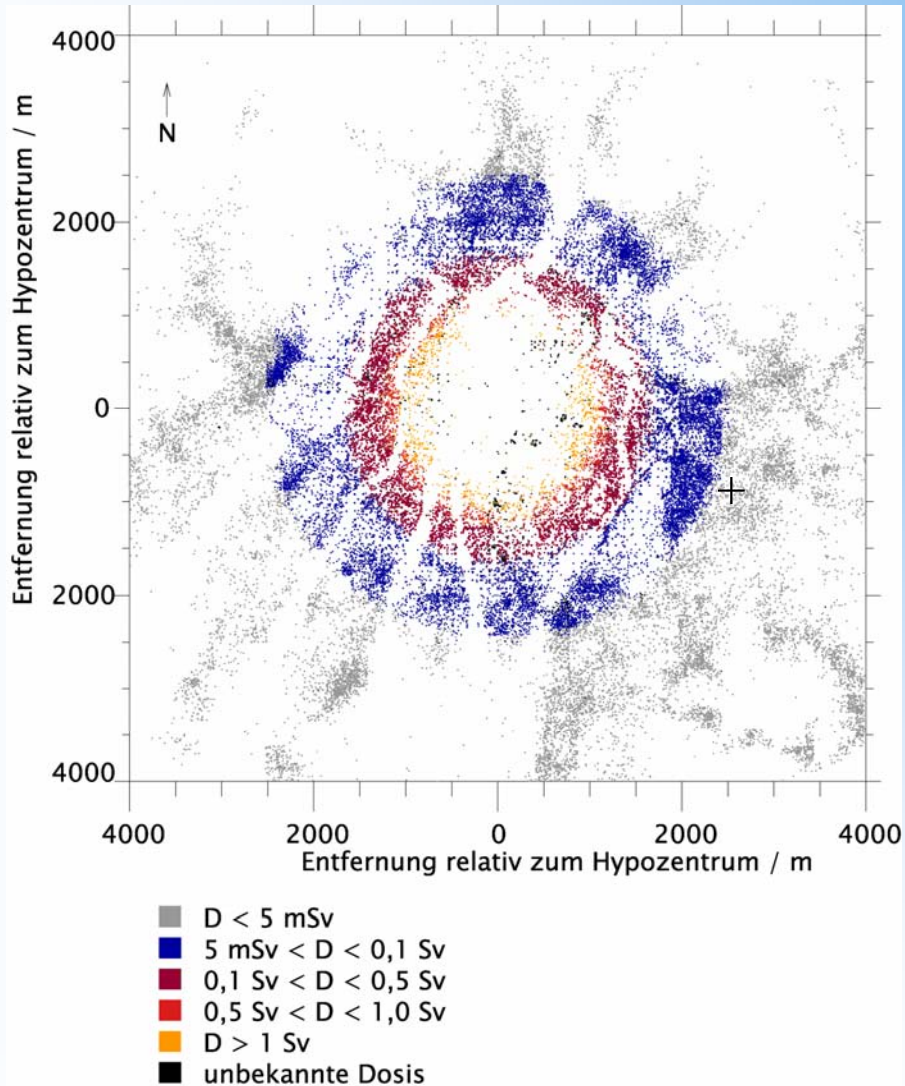
y-axis:

**Life Span Study** (LSS)

x-axis:

**Dosimetry System 2002** (DS86)

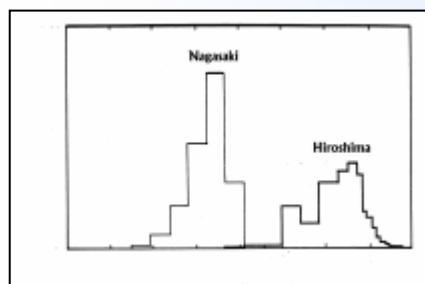
# Survivor location at the time of bombing, Hiroshima



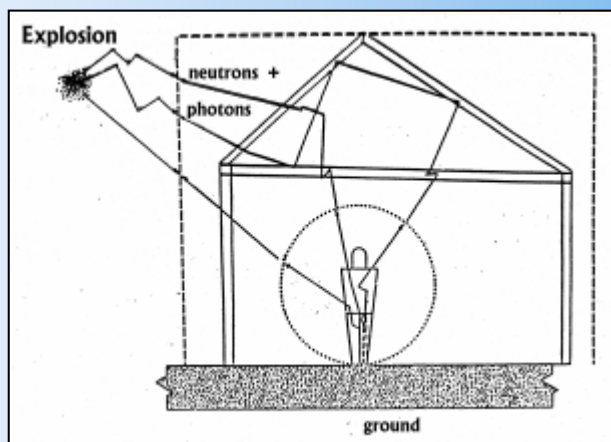
Picture produced by M. Chomentowski (Radiobiological Institute, LMU Munich, Germany), during a visit of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Hiroshima, Japan

# The Dosimetry Systems DS86/DS02

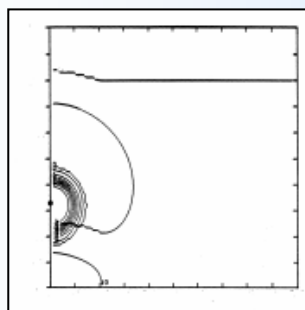
Principle: Coupled neutron-gamma transport calculations from epicentre to target organ



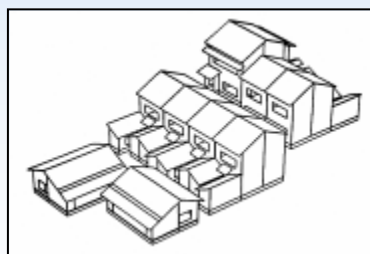
Neutron source terms



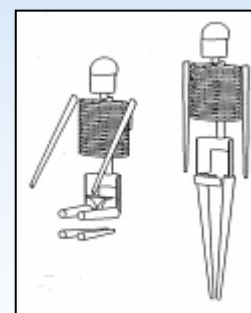
Individual location



Iso-contours of air density



House cluster

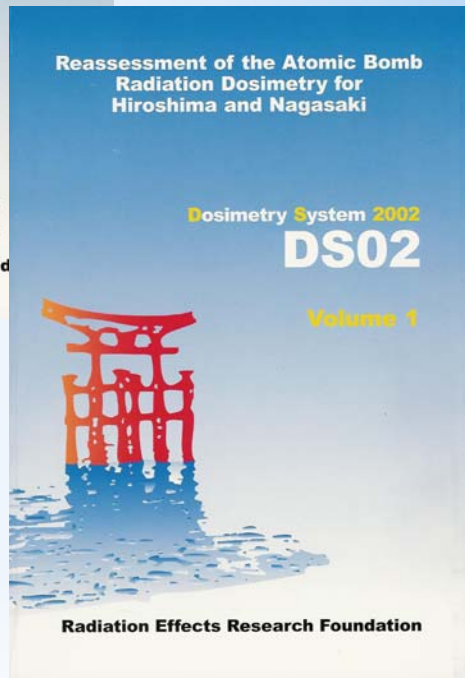
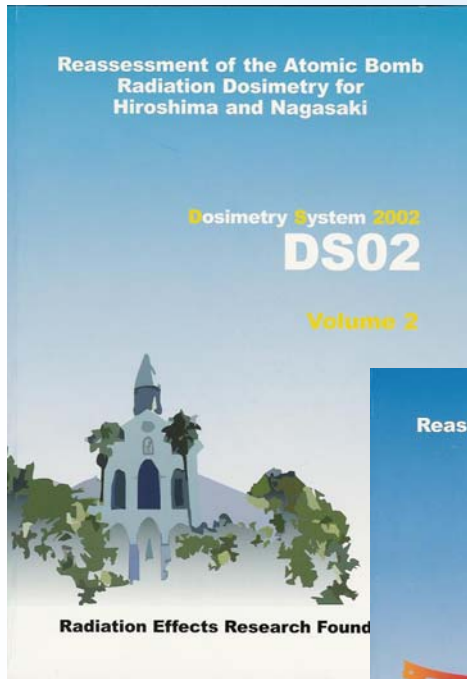


Human phantoms

Pictures taken from:  
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