

Intense RISE report

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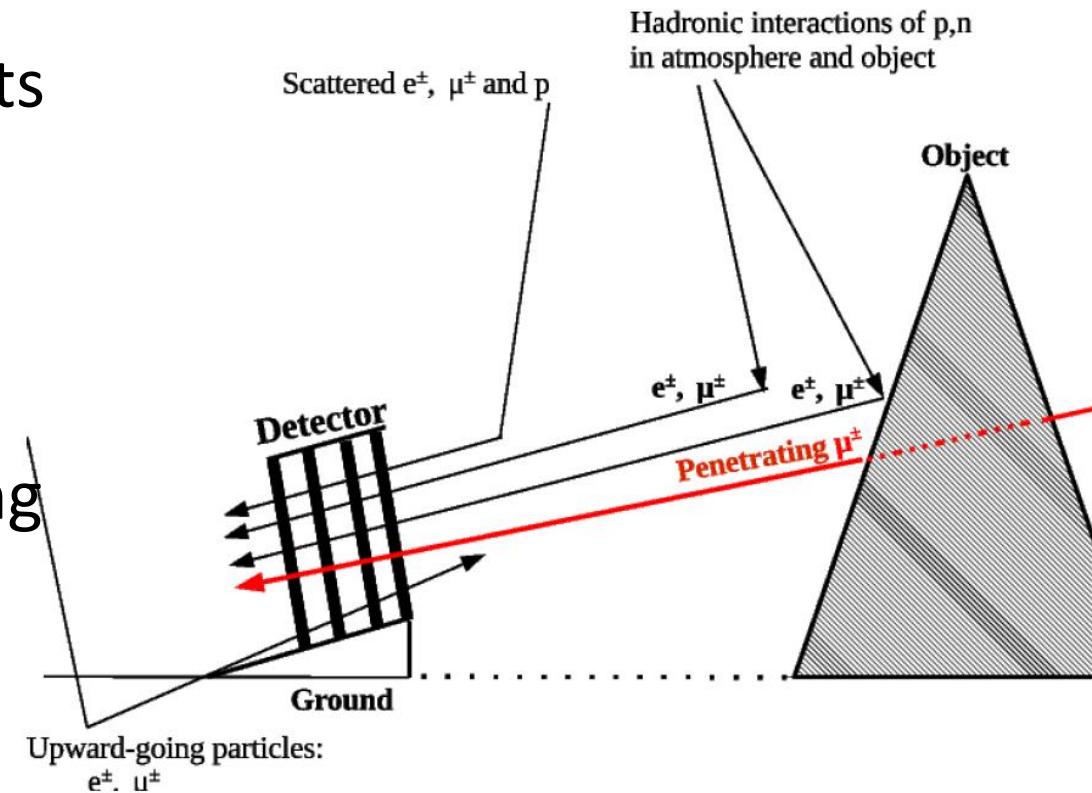
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Objectives

- Meetings, discussions and knowledge exchange with the colleagues of the University of Tokyo (UT) about muography
- Software development and simulations for muography projects
- Field experience about the local detector installations and operation

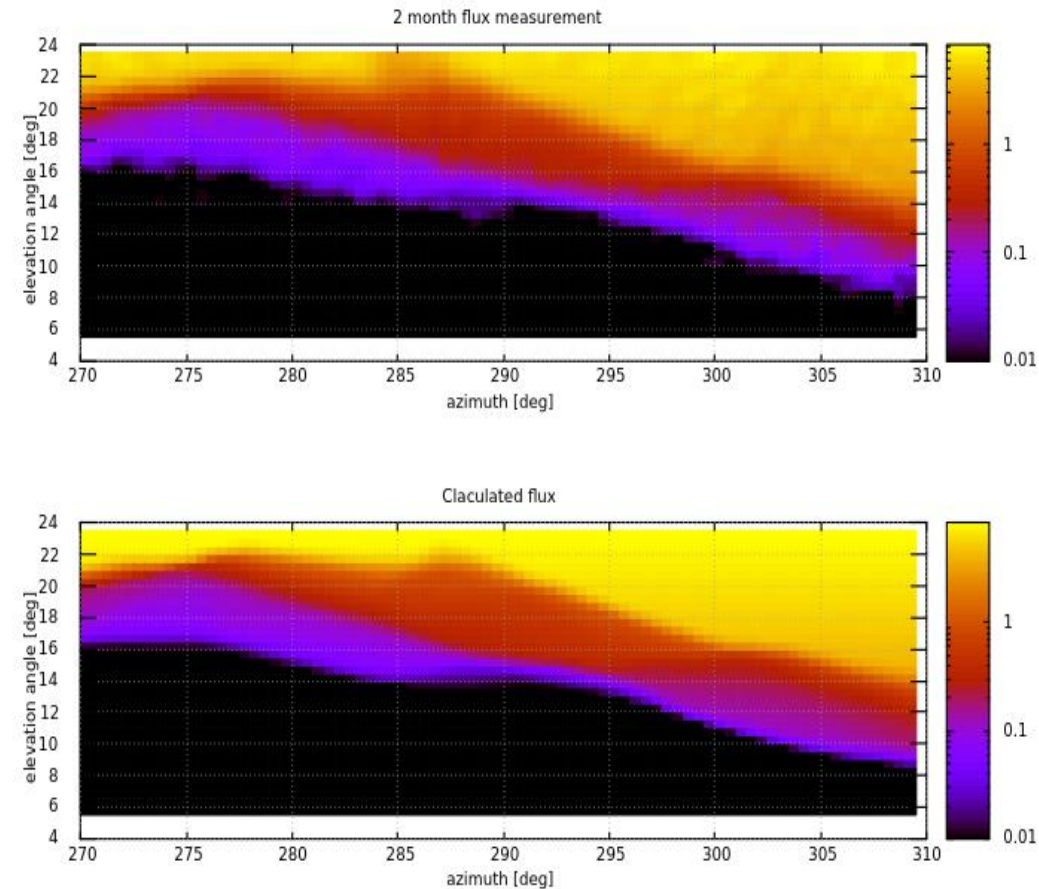
Muography

- Muon-Tomography: imaging large objects with the penetrating muons
- Source is cosmic ray, deep penetration, high energy
- Muon flux in a given direction depends on the density and rock length -> imaging
- Example of use:
 - volcanology
 - archeology
 - reactor inspection
 - underground structures, cave research
 - etc...



Software tool for calculating muon flux

- To find a density anomaly, we need to calculate the muon flux and compare it to the measurement
- My software generates from point cloud altitude data a rock length map from a given detector position
- Rock length map is converted to flux by the modified Gaisser method¹



Example measurement of János mountain (Budapest)

[1] <https://arxiv.org/pdf/0706.1110.pdf>

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Geant4 simulation of the MMOS setup

- MMOS: MWPC-based Muographic Observation System
- In order to suppress low energy muons, lead absorbers added between the detectors
- Current setup:
 - 7 detectors
 - 5 lead absorbers (150 kg each)
- Lead is not that cheap... → How can we optimize the geometry to achieve given SNR with the given material?
- Last but not least we can understand where the background (e.g. EM showers in the lead) comes from

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Geant4 simulation of the MMOS setup

- A dedicated Geant4 simulation was developed
- The detectors:
 - Include copper and epoxy layers
 - are voxelized into sensitive gas volumes with size of $1.2 \times 1.2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^3$



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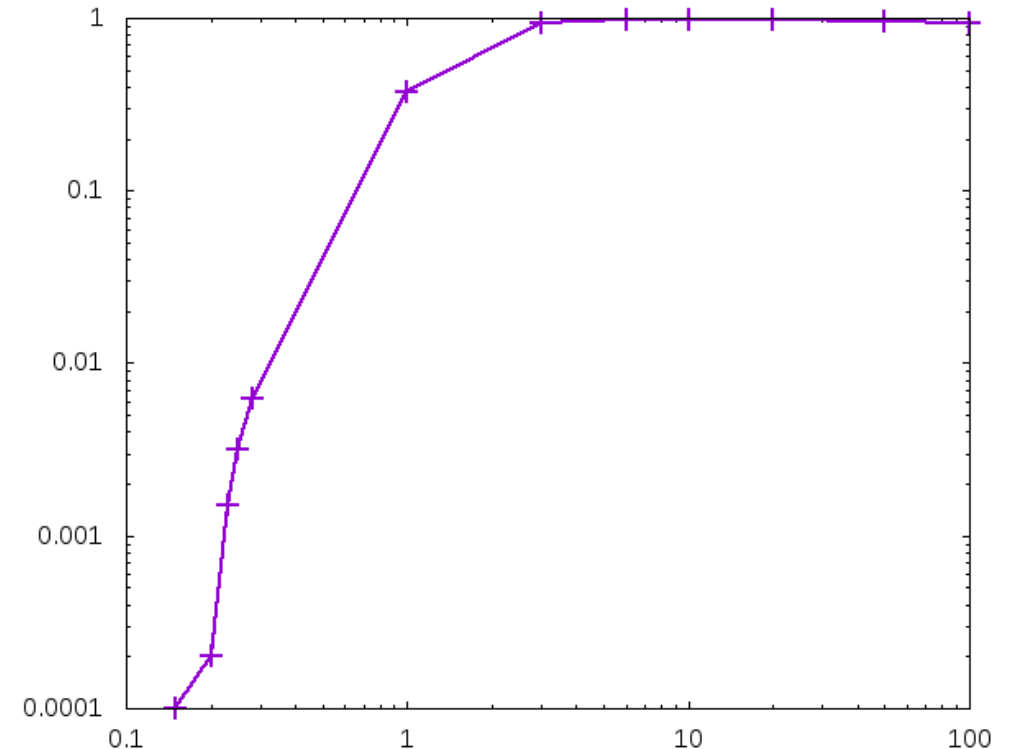
Output of the simulation

- The simulation was designed to have the same output style as the actual measurements do
- The detector in the simulation triggered just as in the experiments
- The output of the simulation is processed by the same algorithm that is used in the experiments
- χ^2 distribution is calculated to predict “efficiency” of the detector

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An example

- Pencil muon beam
- Cumulative χ^2 distribution of 10000 events produced by fitting a track for the hits by the analysis
- The χ^2 cut was defined for this geometry so that for 10 GeV muons 95% of the tracks are identified



Detection efficiency on different muon energy

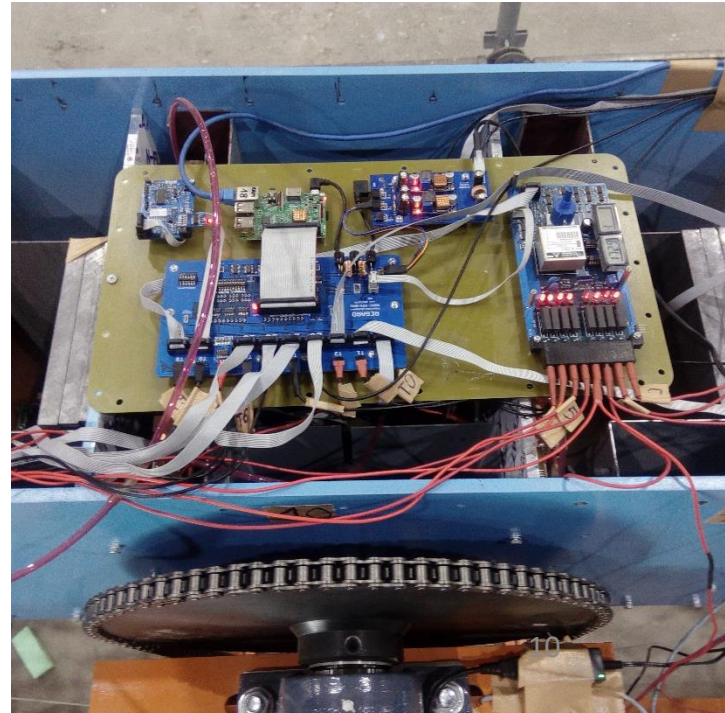
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To be done

- Validate simulation with measurements
- Simulate different geometries to find the detector with the highest SNR (still keeping as many muons as possible!)
- Check which physical processes create detections thrown away by the analysis (e.g. EM showers)

The NEWCUT upgrade

- Supervisors:
Dr. László OLÁH,
Prof. Hiroyuki TANAKA
- Measuring muon spectra in different zenith angles, with high precision
- 40 cm x 40 cm MWPC detectors and lead absorbers along a 5 m long layout
- Upgraded to 19 detectors (from 13) for better resolution

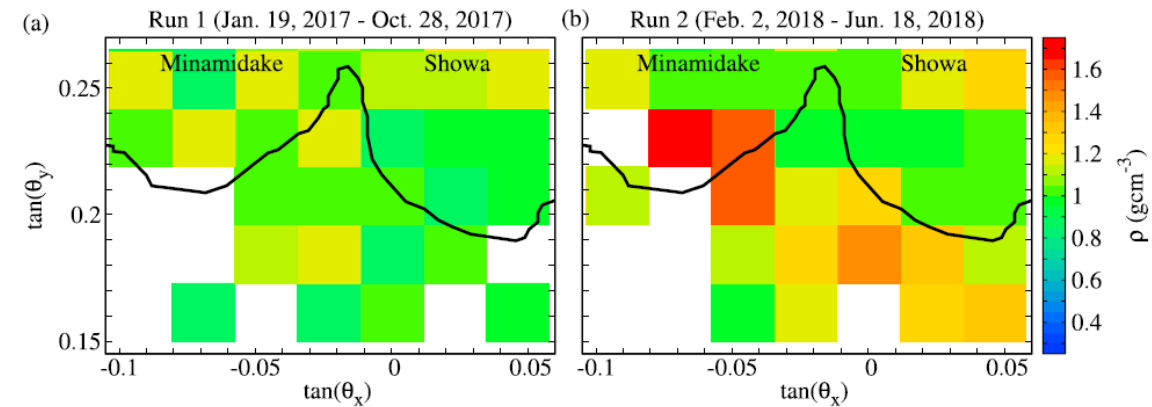
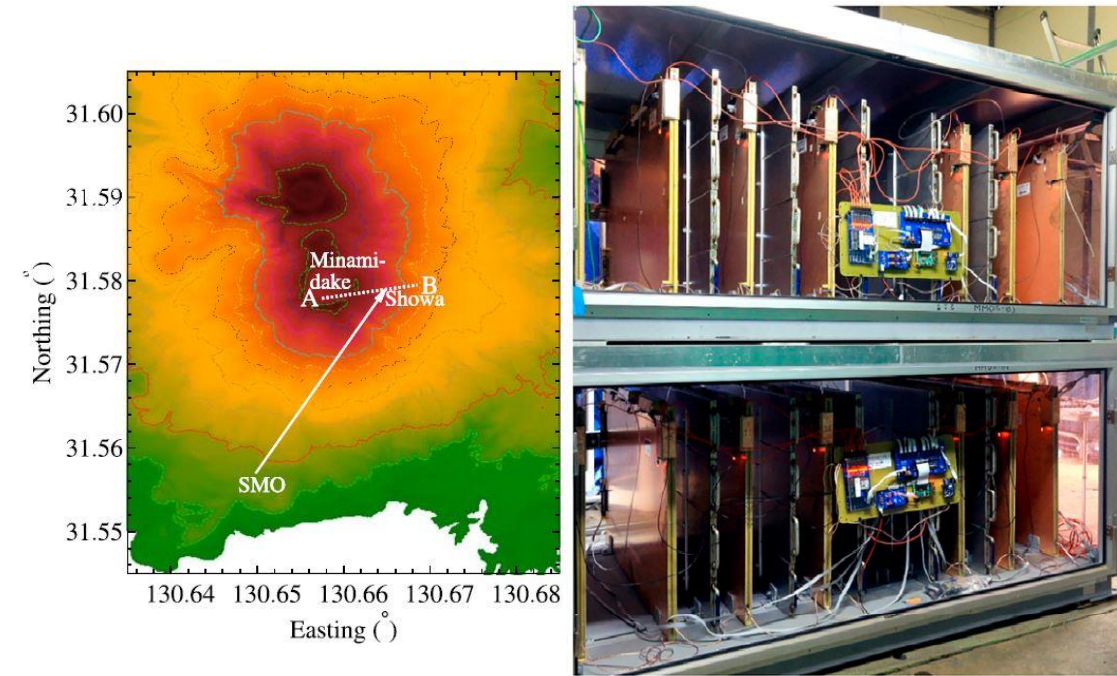


The Sakurajima MMOS upgrade

- Supervisors:
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- Measuring the density change of the Sakurajima volcano
(for volcanic eruption forecast)
- Launched in 2017 and continuously expanding
- MWPC detectors¹ with reasonable resolution²

[1] doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2018.11.004

[2] dx.doi.org/10.1098/rsta.2018.0135



2019 L. Oláh et.al.: Plug Formation Imaged Beneath the Active Craters of Sakurajima Volcano With Muography, DOI: 10.1029/2019GL084784

The Sakurajima MMOS upgrade

- Active area upgraded to 8 m² (from 5,5 m²)
- Two 120 cm x 80 cm and one 80 cm x 80 cm detector system has been installed
- Each system consists 8 layers of MWPC chambers and 5 layers of lead wall
- Field work: inserting detector layers, calibrations, gas- network- and power-supply setup, starting and checking measurement



Summary

- Two PhD students from Wigner RCP to UT for one month in August
- Software tool and simulation developments
- Scientific networking and knowledge exchange
- Field experience in detector installation
- We are looking forward to the next secondment in spring, to continue this work



Thank you for your attention