

# **LA-CoNGA physics**

an open science education collaboration between  
Latin America and Europe for High Energy  
Physics



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# Scientific collaboration and education at a global scale

Science and higher education  
**globally distributed,  
collaborative and  
multidisciplinary**

University-research-society link  
**knowledge generation,  
application and transfer**

**Virtual Research and  
Learning Networks**  
play a key role

A network where **data, software tools,  
research facilities, teaching and  
information resources  
are seamlessly shared**

Map of COVID 19 scientific collaboration indexed in the Scopus on the 7th of April 2020

Keywords : "COVID-19", "SARS-CoV-2", "2019-nCoV". 519 articles

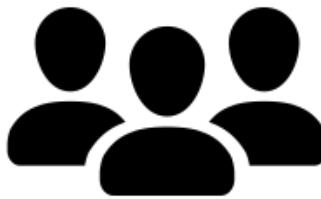
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# The importance of virtual research and learning networks

## Internationalization

collaborative international environment

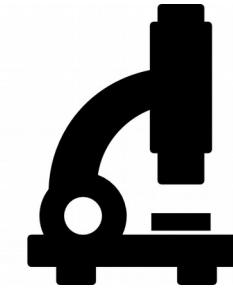
## Accessibility



Each institution/group  
might not have  
all the resources/staff



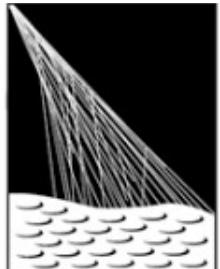
## Modernization



open educational resources,  
connectivity, acquisition  
of digital skills, and  
use/development of new  
learning methods

# HECAP context in Latin America

High energy, cosmology and astroparticle physics community has grown in Latin America in the last decades



PIERRE  
AUGER  
OBSERVATORY



The European Particle  
physics Latin America NETwork



High Energy Physics  
Latinamerican European  
Network



Latin American Giant  
Observatory

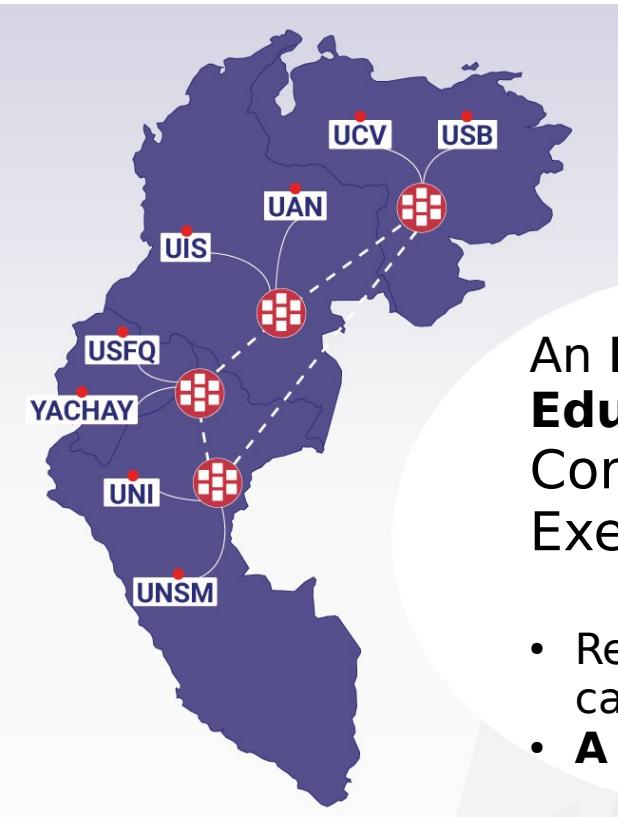


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The HECAP development is nuanced and variable country-by-country,  
, but it has the huge potential thanks to:

- Diversity of interests and skills
- A young generation with potential and eagerness to learn
- Collaborative work make us stronger



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Erasmus+

An **Erasmus+CBHE (Capacity Building in Higher Education)** project co-funded by the European Commission's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

- Responding to the strategy of the participant institutions and to the capacity building in higher education strategy promoted by the EU
- **A 3-years project. Officially started in January 2020**

**11 universities from Latin America and Europe** join efforts with other scientific (**CERN, CNRS, DESY, ICTP, IRFU**) and **industrial** partners to contribute to the modernisation, accessibility and **internationalisation of higher education in Colombia, Ecuador, Perú and Venezuela**

# Universities

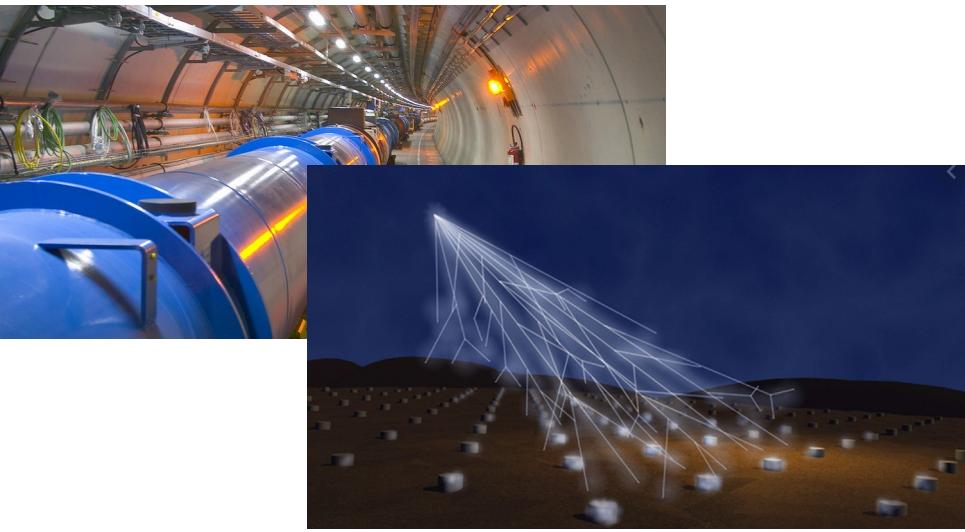


# Scientific and Industrial partners



# Thematic areas

## High Energy Physics



## Complex Systems

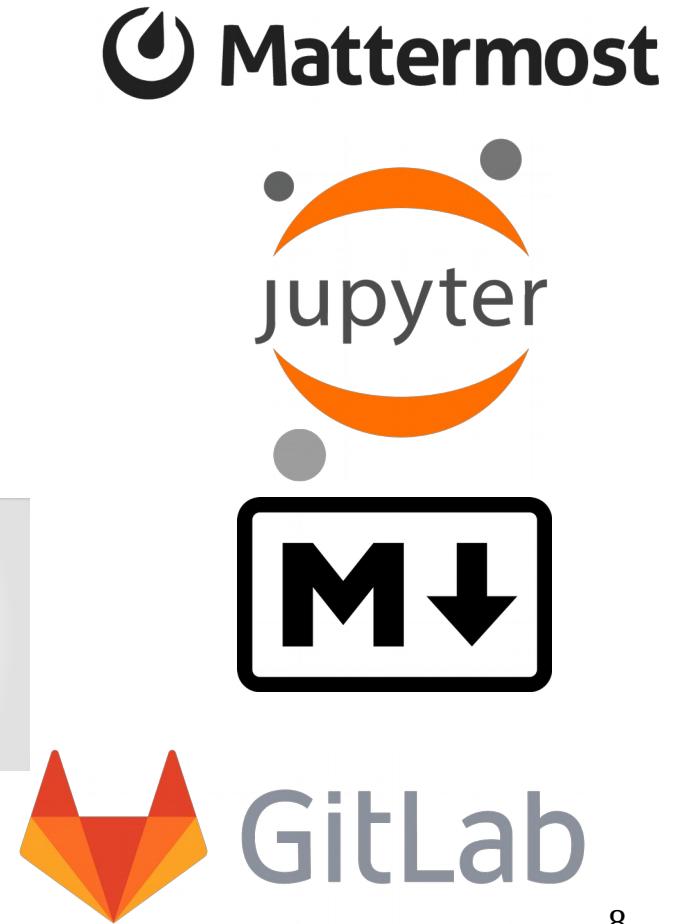
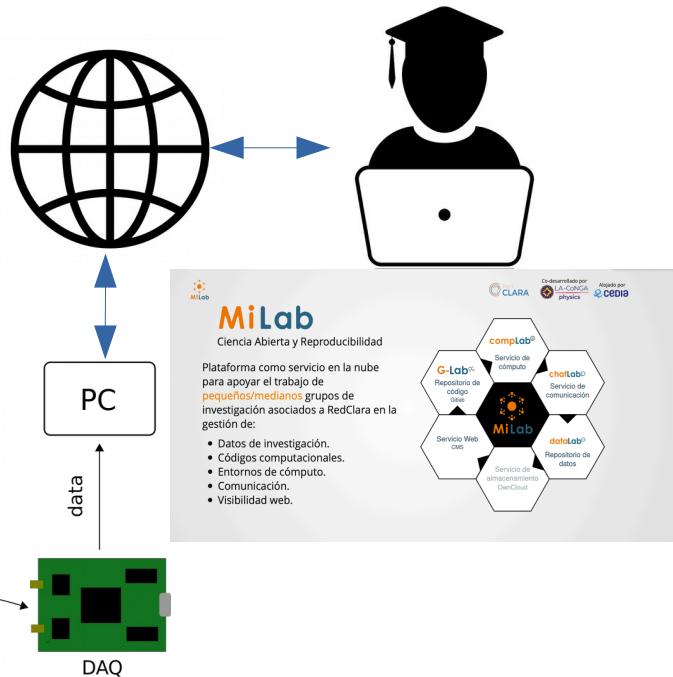
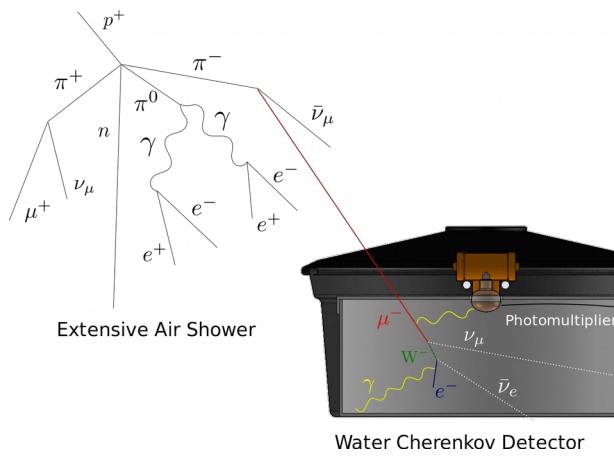


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- Theoretical fundamentals and experimentation
- International collaborations
- Knowledge transfer
- Study of matter states
- Ubiquity of studied models
- Networks and collective behavior
- Highly interdisciplinary field

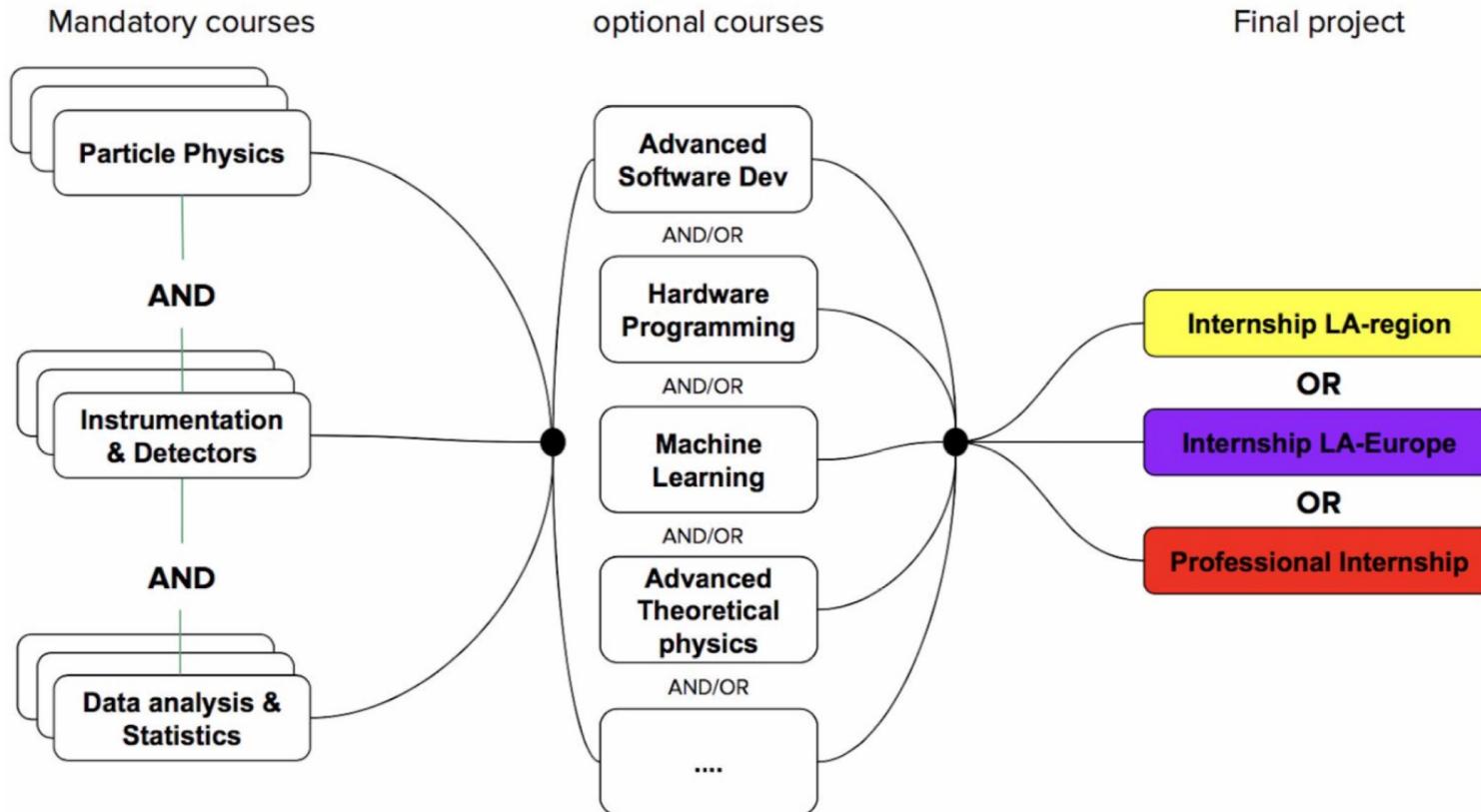
# Methodology and platform

- An e-learning open-access platform
- Good practices of scientific reproducibility
- Remote-access experimental facilities



# Implementation

M1	M2	M3	M4	break	M5	M6	M7	break	M8	M9	M10	M11
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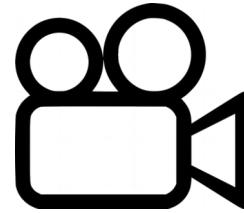


# Remote labs

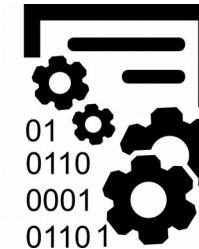
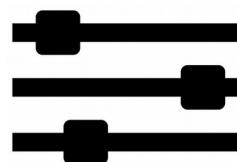
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Demo



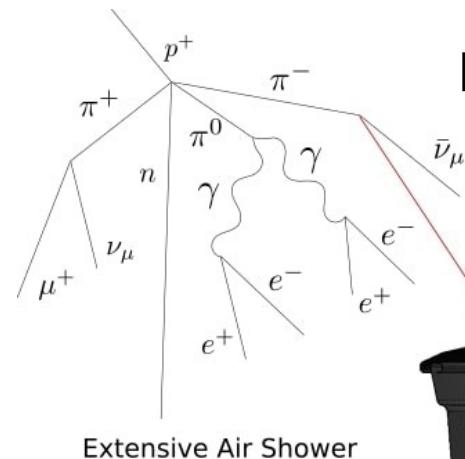
Control and data taking



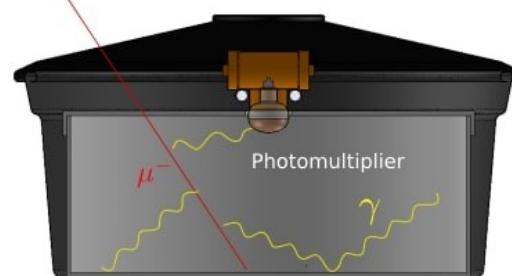
Communication



## Remote detectors and instruments



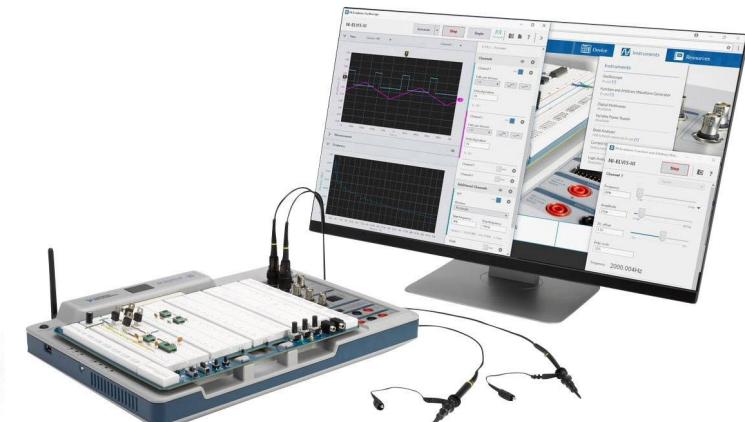
Extensive Air Shower



Water Cherenkov Detector



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Tools for Discovery



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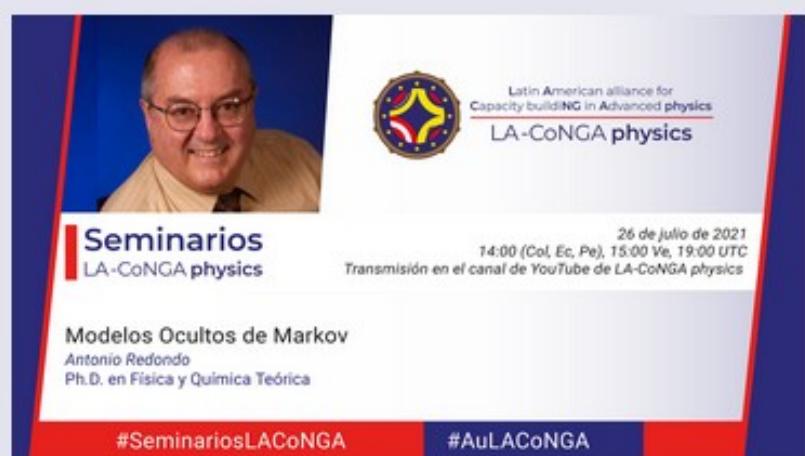
# Seminars

- **Open-access** virtual seminars taking place twice a month
- Knowledge and expertise sharing from people working on **industry and academy**

<https://www.youtube.com/hashtag/seminarioslaconga>



14/06/21 Seminario: Ciencia ciudadana,  
una conversación en tres actos y a ocho  
manos



26/07/21 Seminario: Modelos ocultos de  
Markov

# How is it going on?

## First Semester

Particle Physics

Instrumentation &  
Detectors

Data Analysis &  
Statistics

## Second Semester

Statistical Mechanics

Astroparticles &  
Cosmology

Reproducibility in  
Science

Medical Physics

**30 instructors**

from Latin America and Europe

more than **50 students**

from 4 countries

more than **100 classes**



<https://laconga.redclara.net/terminamos-el-primer-semestre/>

# Our values and vision

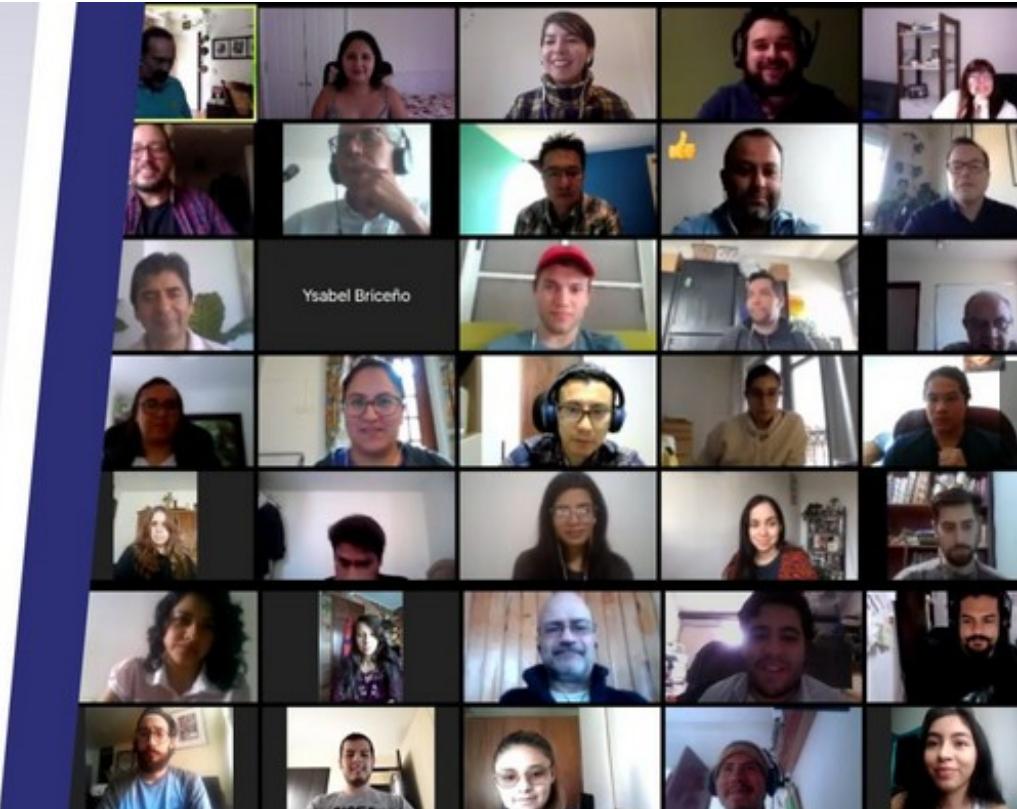
- We strengthen a **sustainable, dynamic, collaborative, interconnected**, and **diverse** virtual research and learning network of Latin American and European researchers in advanced physics
- With close ties to the **productive sector**, which leads the development of science and technology in the region
- Contributing to the modernization, accessibility and internationalization of higher education systems in the region
- Using of technology in educational environments to enhance learning
- Applying **good scientific practices** and **gender equality**
- We envision similar experiences in other disciplines

# Thanks!



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- ✓ Colaboración internacional
- ✓ Comunidad interconectada
- ✓ Presencialidad remota
  - ✓ Impacto social
- ✓ Conocimiento abierto



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# Competences

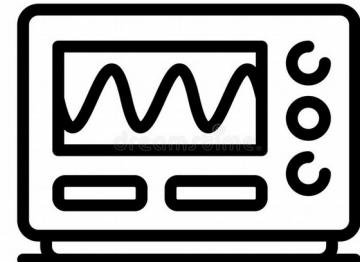
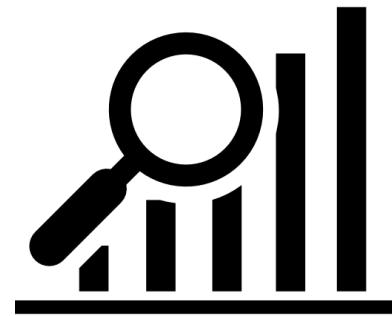
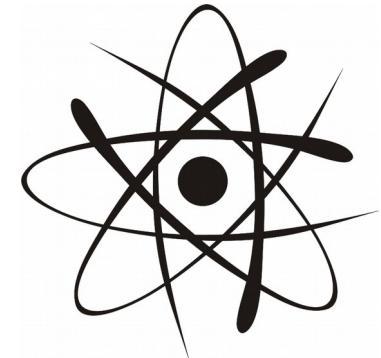


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CIENCIA  
DATOS  
INSTRUMENTACIÓN



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- Good practices of scientific reproducibility
- Mobility program in Latin America and Europe for internships

