

# Astroparticules/Geosciences : l' Atmosphère

Role des Rayons Cosmiques            Role de l'Atmosphere  
Exemples

## □ Surveillance Atmospherique dans les Observatoires de Rayons Cosmiques

- *L'atmosphère comme détecteur impose un contrôle adéquat*
- *Cela a conduit à construire de véritables Observatoires Atmosphériques*

## □ Orages de Haute et Basse Atmosphère

- *Sprites, Elves, Blue jets, TGRB et autres phénomènes de la haute atmosphère sont-ils déclenchés par les RC ?*
- *Des Orages du type “RadioBurst” peuvent-ils constituer un nouveau type de détection des RCUHE ?*

## □ “Cosmo-Climatologie”

- *Y-a-t'il vraiment une forte contribution du rayonnement cosmique galactique au Réchauffement Climatique ?*

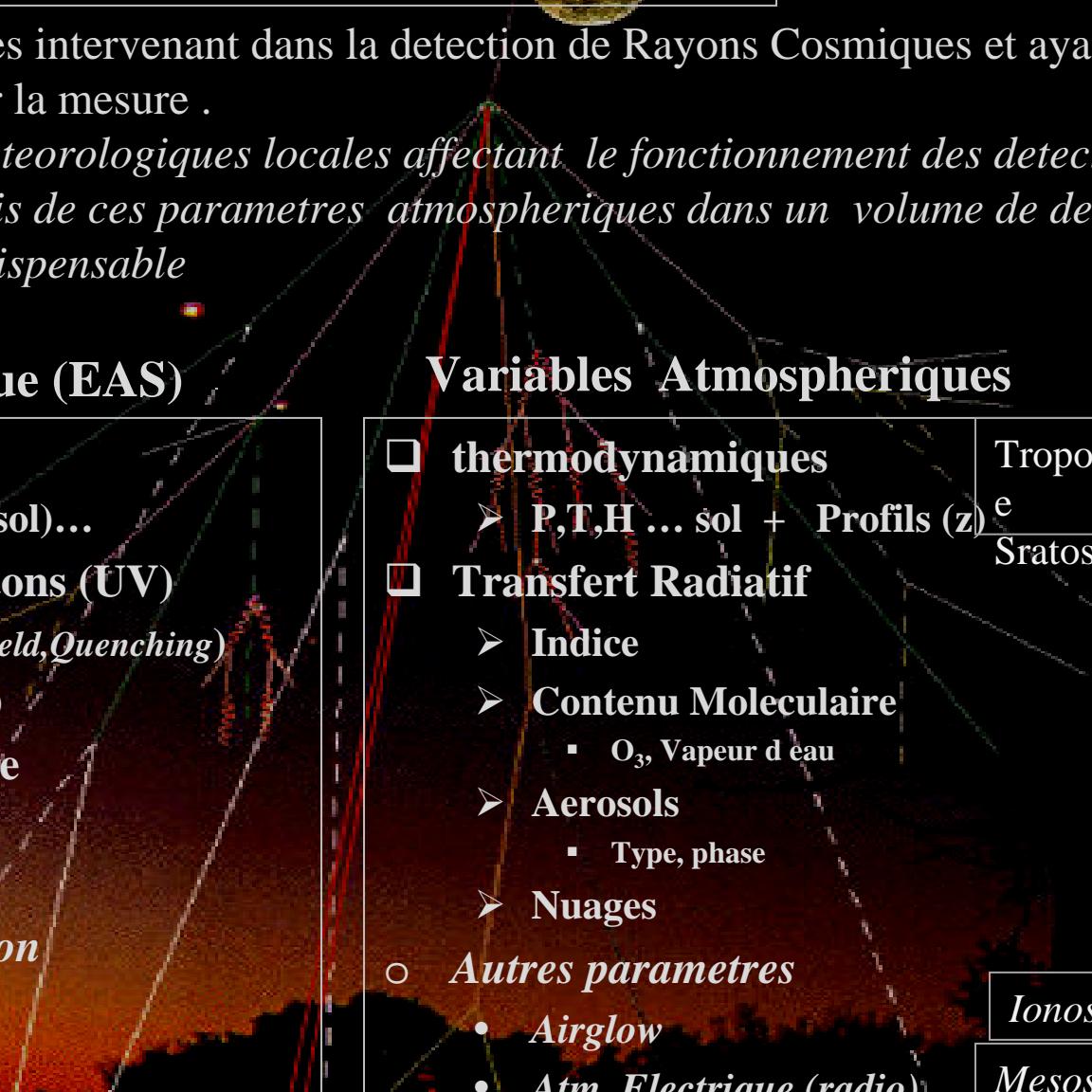
# EAS et Atmosphere

- Parametres atmospheriques intervenant dans la detection de Rayons Cosmiques et ayant une influence significative sur la mesure .
- *Au-delà des conditions meteorologiques locales affectant le fonctionnement des detecteurs eux-meme, un controle precis de ces parametres atmospheriques dans un volume de detection superieur a  $10^4 \text{ km}^3$ , est indispensable*

## Gerbe Atmospherique (EAS)

- Developpement
  - Profil, Max., p (sol)...
- Production de photons (UV)
  - Fluorescence (*Yield,Quenching*)
  - Cerenkov ( $n(z)$ )
- Attenuation lumiere
  - Extinction
  - Diffusion
- Autres selon detection
  - Bruit lumineux
  - Radio
  - Detection Spatiale

## Variables Atmospheriques

- thermodynamiques
    - P,T,H ... sol + Profils (z)
  - Transfert Radiatif
    - Indice
    - Contenu Moleculaire
      - O<sub>3</sub>, Vapeur d'eau
    - Aerosols
      - Type, phase
    - Nuages
  - Autres parametres
    - Airglow
    - Atm. Electrique (radio)
    - Albedo , Inter. Air-Ocean
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# Impact de la Physique de l'atmosphère

## □ Outils de simulation

### ➤ Utilisation des modèles d'Atmosphère

- *Thermodynamique (stationnaires : US-STD76, CIRA86...)*
- *Transfert Radiatif (LOWTRAN, MODTRAN...)*

## □ Outils de calibration et de contrôle

### ➤ Instruments de la Physique de l'Atmosphère

- (*meteo, radiosondes, LIDAR...*)

## □ Surveillance Atmosphérique

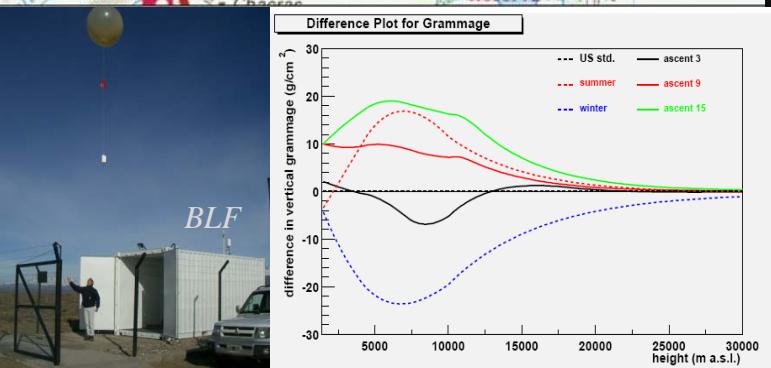
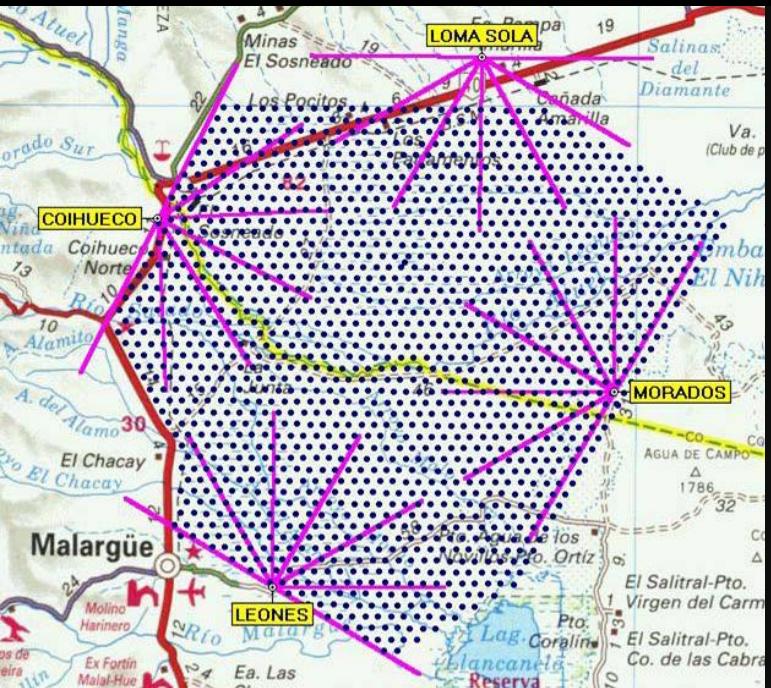
### ➤ *La variabilité locale et temporelle des conditions atmosphériques ont imposé la réalisation de véritables*

**Observatoires Atmosphériques Associés**

# Atmospheric Monitoring

## Observatoire Pierre Auger

*3000 km<sup>2</sup> sous surveillance atmospherique quasi continue*



### Sur chaque site de telescope

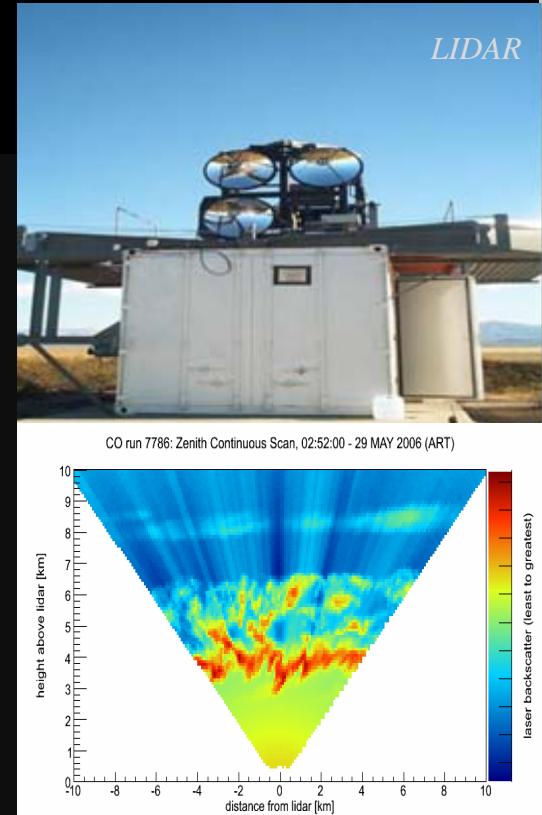
- Station meteo
- LIDAR elastique pointable
- LIDAR Raman (1)
- Camera IR Nuages
- APFM Aerosols
- HALM (Attenuation horizontale)
- FRAM (Extinction etoiles)

### CLF (Laser central)

- (*calibration et ‘side’-LIDAR*)

### BLF (Balloons)

- Meteo et Radiosondes



CLF

Nuages IR

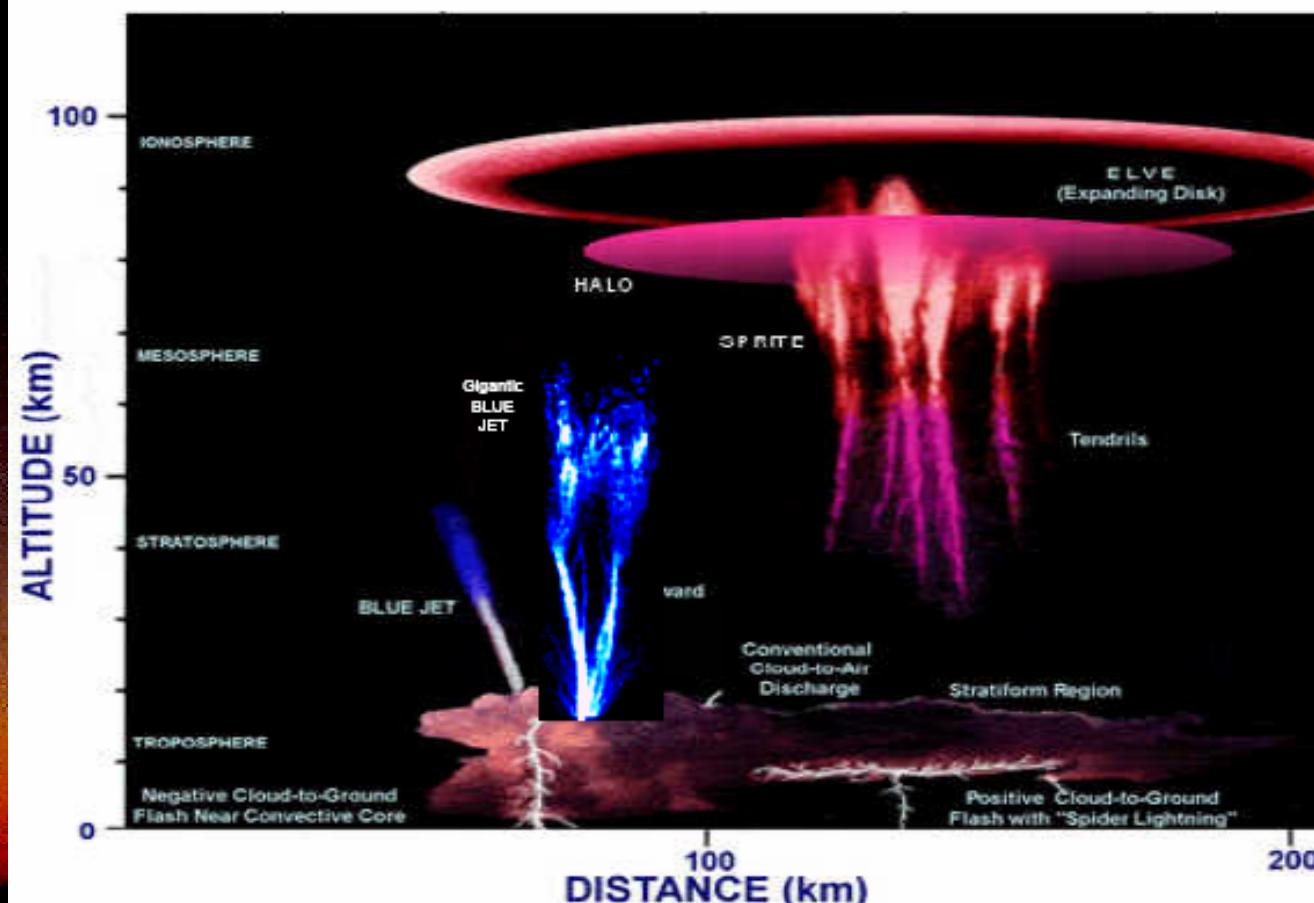
FRAM

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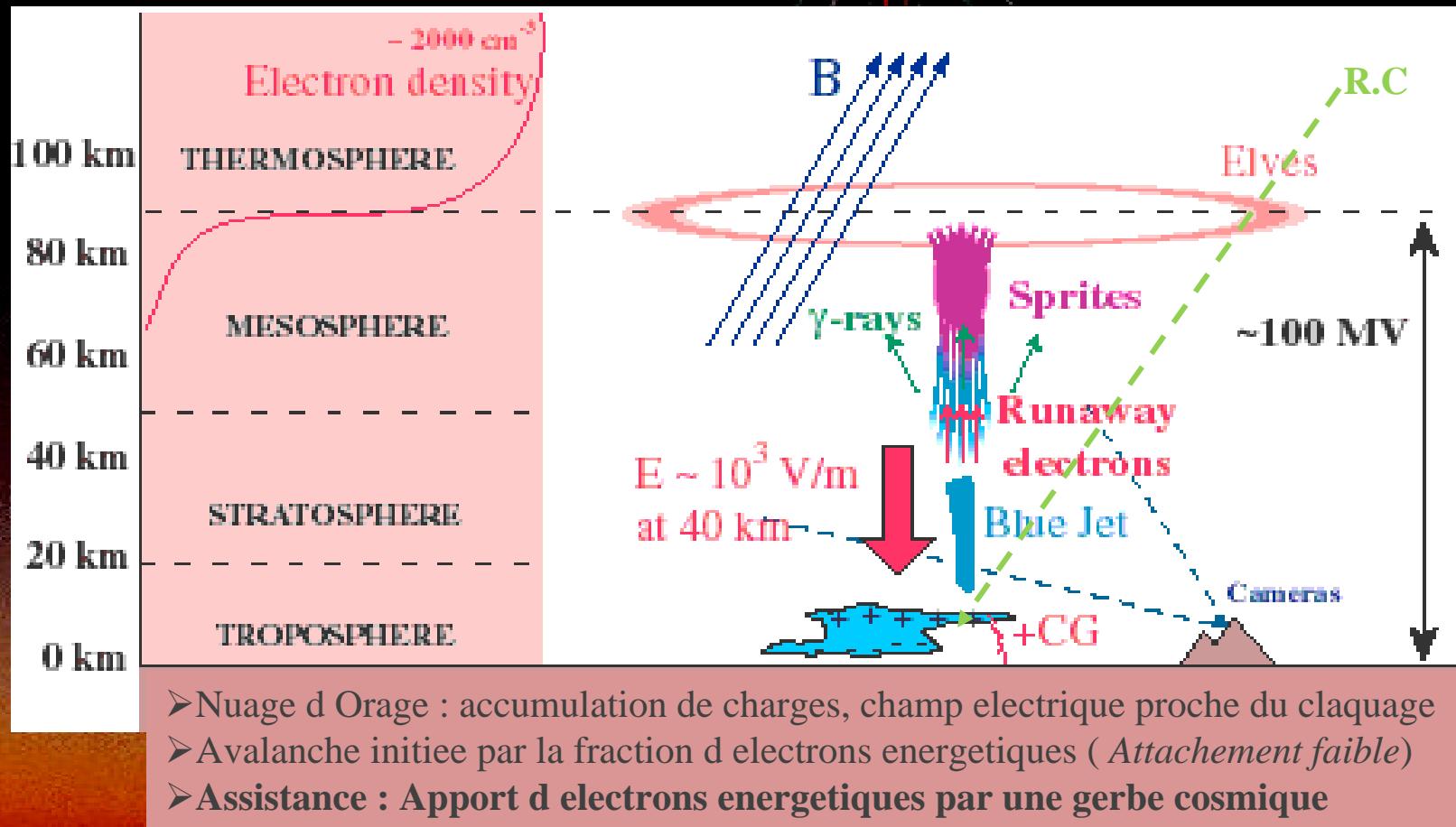
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# Orages de la Haute Atmosphère

Optical Signatures of Electrical Breakdown in the Upper Atmosphere  
Due to Rapid Charge Rearrangement in Underlying Thunderclouds



# Runaway Breakdown Model EAS Assisted





## Towards a global research community in electromagnetic coupling of the atmosphere with near-Earth space

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Transient luminous events, denoted sprites, elves, blue jets and gigantic jets, are observed in association with particularly intense lightning discharges above thunderclouds. In addition to their optical signatures, transient luminous events can also be characterized by their distinct radio wave signatures. They also produce infrasound in the atmosphere and they have been associated with X- and gamma ray emissions in the Earth's atmosphere. Their occurrence rate may depend both on extraterrestrial phenomena (e.g. cosmic rays, meteorites, solar activity) and on environmental conditions (e.g. volcanoes, geomagnetic field, geomagnetic latitude). Transient luminous effects also have an influence on global processes (e.g. the global electric circuit).

New space missions are now planned to understand these phenomena and their origin, and to tackle the role of relativistic processes in atmospheric electrodynamics, e.g. the micro-satellite TARANIS, the ASIM payload on board the International Space Station and the sprite watch satellite. All these ground breaking space missions will result in challenging new data, which require knowledge based capacity building to underpin the new experimental observations with improved statistical data analysis and theoretical modelling. We propose to establish a global framework for research on (1) the triggering of lightning discharges and transient luminous events, (2) the physical coupling mechanisms between cosmic rays, lightning discharges, transient luminous events and terrestrial gamma ray flashes, and (3) the environmental impact of the above physical processes on the atmosphere, near-Earth space and mankind.

## Atmosphere électrique

Convergence  
Geophysique-Astroparticules  
Sur l' etude des phenomenes  
Transitoires de l' Atmosphere

En particulier Interet de la communaut<sup>e</sup>  
des geophysiciens pour un couplage avec  
la Detection Radio  
• projet LOFAR  
• programme *Atmosphere*  
*In CODALEMA / LPCE-Orléans*

# Sprites et RC ?

Sprite observed from Cerro Tololó, Chile  
6 Jan 2005, 06:26:05 UT

The view is to the NE toward a small thunderstorm in Argentina, not visible behind the skyline of the Andes.

The shape is of a classic carrot sprite, with bright central core, and a faint structured and branched top.

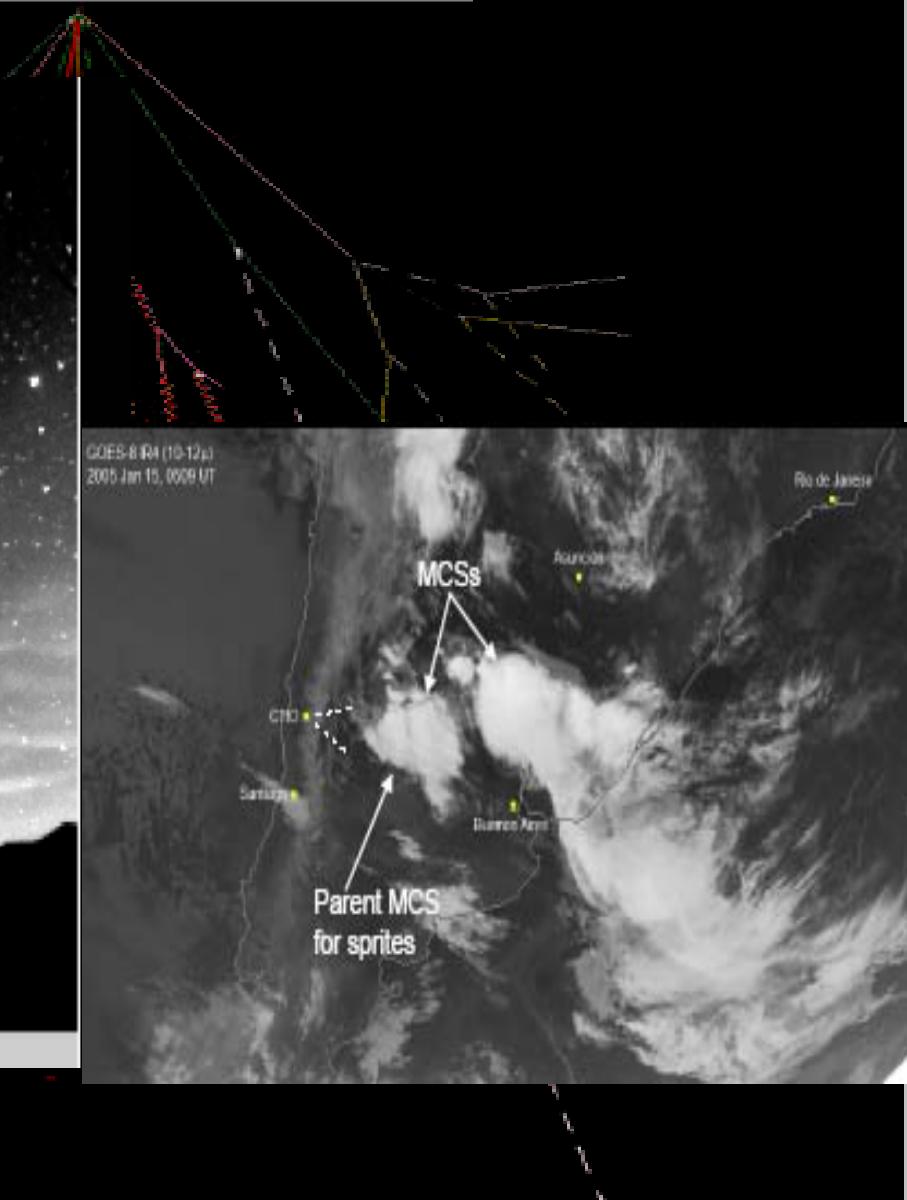
The wave-like background is gravity wave modulated OH airglow.

Camera: Starlight Xpress MX716

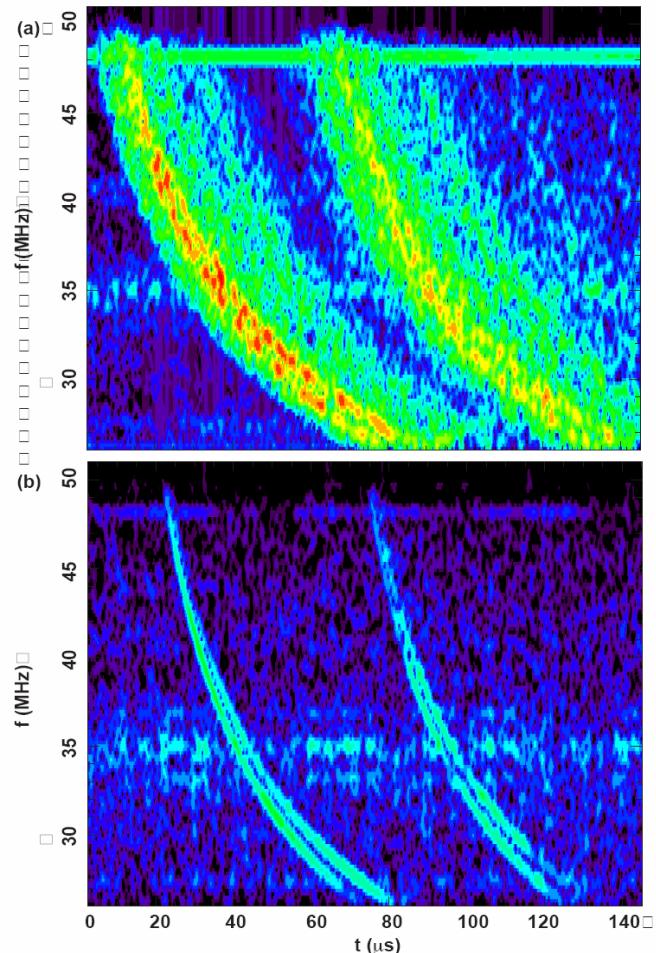
Bare CCD

Lens: Fujinon CCTV 6mm f/1.2

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# TIPPS, RadioBurst, Orages & EAS



## □ Observation satellite d intenses Radio Burts HF/VHF ALEXIS, FORTE

- Associes a Orages Intra-Nuageux peu lumineux
- TIPPS= Reflexion au sol ; donne l'altitude (5-15 km)
- Narrow Bipolar Pulses ;Puissance enorme >40db



- Taux RB / EAS compatible ( $E > 5 \cdot 10^{18}$ )
- portee ~1000km, signature radio spec
- Detection RB = detection UHECR ?
- RB amplificateur
- Nouveau type de detection
- Surface  $S > 10^6 \cdot \text{km}^2$

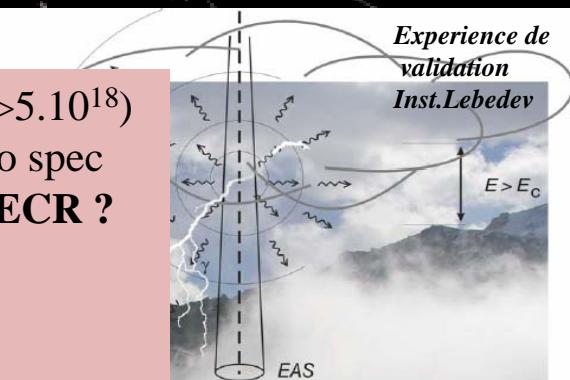


Figure 1. The combined discharge arising from runaway breakdown triggered by a cosmic-ray extensive atmospheric shower (EAS) is shown schematically during a thunderstorm at the Tien-Shan Mountain Scientific Station in Kazakhstan with its Y-shaped gamma-ray detectors. The discharge occurs where the cloud's electric field exceeds a critical value of  $E_c$  and produces radio bursts as well as gamma- and other emissions.

Different de la recherche directe de UHE  $\nu$  dans les donnees de FORTE  
 Lehtinen, Gorham et al . PRD 69 (2004) 1318

# “Cosmo-Climatologie”

Astronomy & Geophysics, Volume 48, Issue 1, Page 1.18-1.24, Feb 2007

From The Times

February 12, 2007

‘Blame cosmic rays not CO<sub>2</sub> for warming up the planet’

## ❑ Lien Cosmiques - Couverture Nuageuse

*Svensmark et al. 1997*

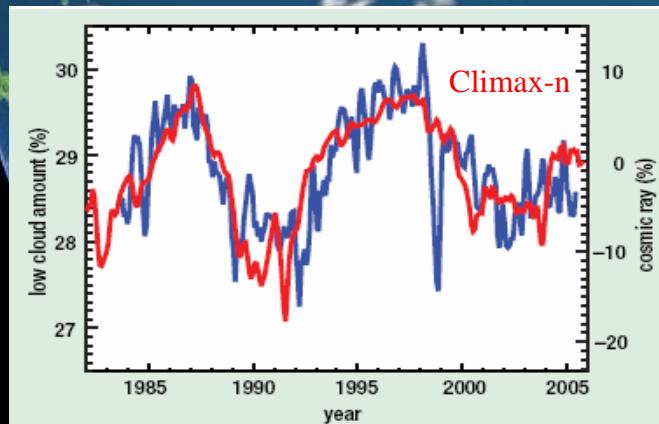
## ❑ Formation des Nuages par les cosmiques

*Germes de condensation par aerosols charges*

*Experiences en cours (ex : SKY, CLOUD @CERN)*

## ❑ Les Nuages Bas (forçage negatif)

*Les aerosols sont à basse altitude*



## Archeo-cosmo-climatologie

depuis ~1 siecle :

- Augmentation de l'activité Solaire Moyenne
- Augmentation de la coupure Magnétique (*Long Forbush*)
- Moins de Rayons Cosmiques Galactiques
- Moins d'Ionisation de l'atmosphère
- Moins de Nuages bas
- Moins de refroidissement

Correlation significative ?

Variation 1% ISCCP (erreurs ?, nuages hauts)

Source commune ? Autres variables (*TSI*)

Budget Radiatif , Forçage,  $\Delta T$ (jour/nuit)....

Lien Rayonnement – Nuages Contre-exemples

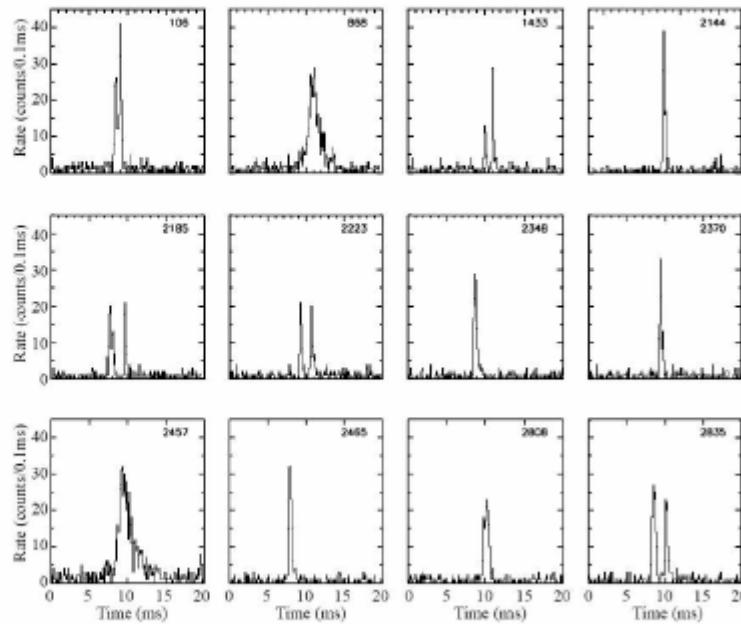
IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) , Working Group I Report "The Physical Science Basis"

Evidence	Consensus	LOSU	Certainties	Uncertainties
Cosmic rays	C	3	Very Low	Some empirical evidence and some observations as well as microphysical models suggest link to clouds General lack/doubt regarding physical mechanism; dependence on correlation studies

# TGRB

## Compton Gamma Ray Observatory BATSE Observations of > 1MeV Gamma Ray Bursts Originating From Thunderstorms

On account of the short mean free path of gamma rays in air, satellite observation of these pulses indicate a generation region that would lie at stratospheric altitudes or higher. To date, there have been only a few dozen such events reported.



Fishman et al. (1994)