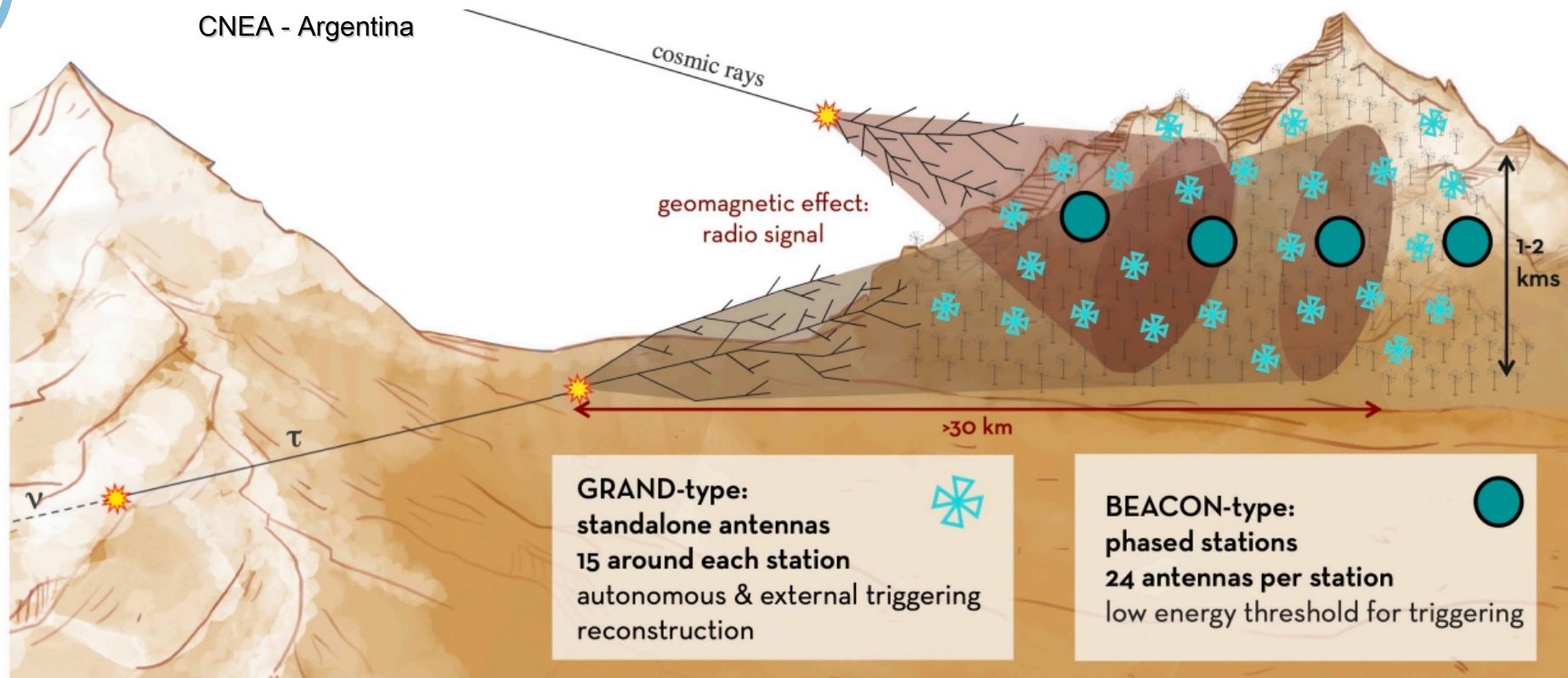


# A Site for the GRAND-Beacon Prototype



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# SITE SEARCH IN ARGENTINA



Site identified in  
San Juan Province

Based on previous  
site searches for GRAND

Latitude  $-30^{\circ}$

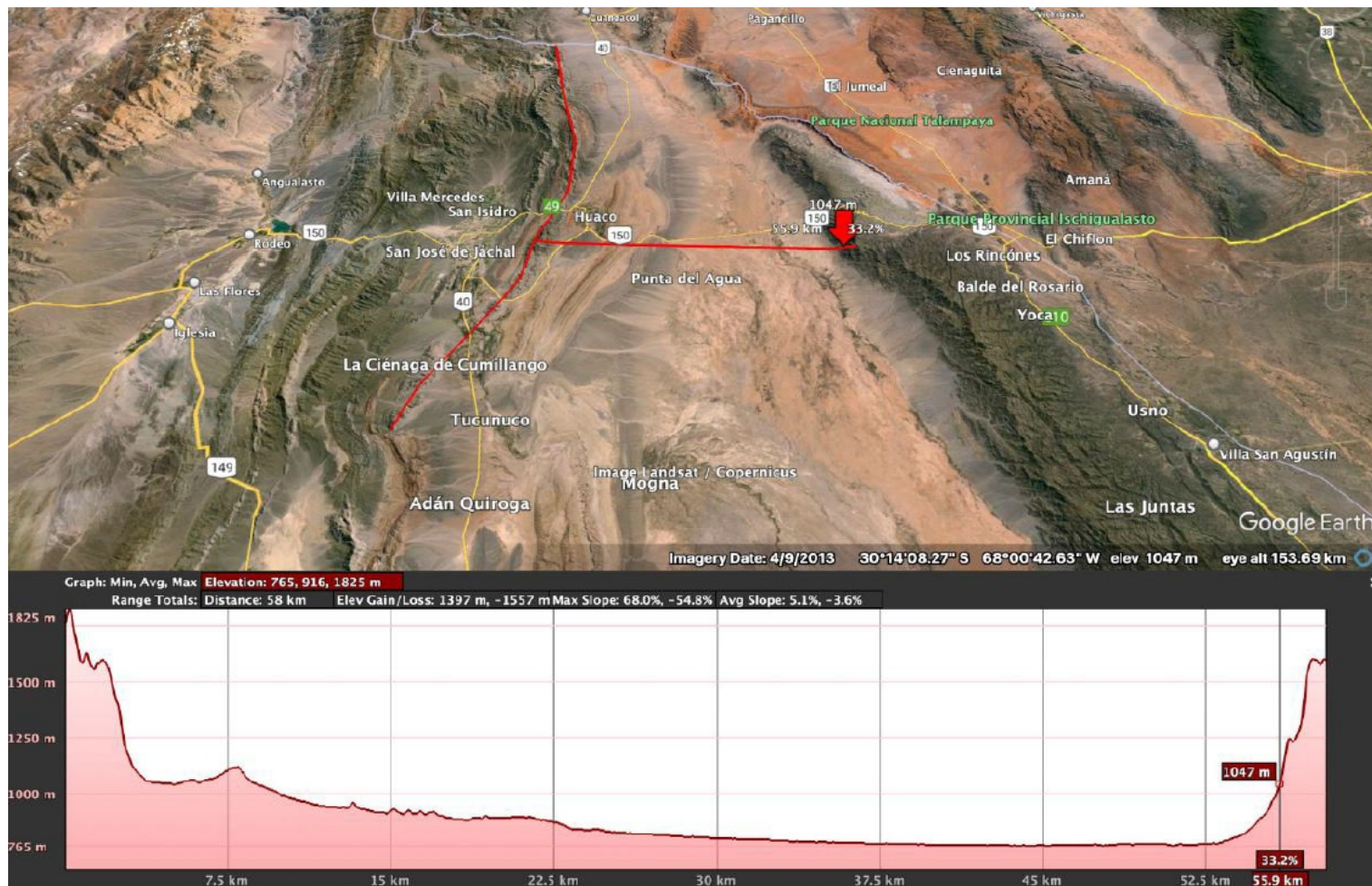


# GRAND-BEACON SITE IN ARGENTINA

- Valley with 60 - 80 km spacing between ridges
- Facing ~1000 meters high mountains
- 800 - 1400 meters above sea level
- 100 km length
- Scarce human activity
- Accessibility to be assessed



# GRAND-BEACON SITE IN ARGENTINA





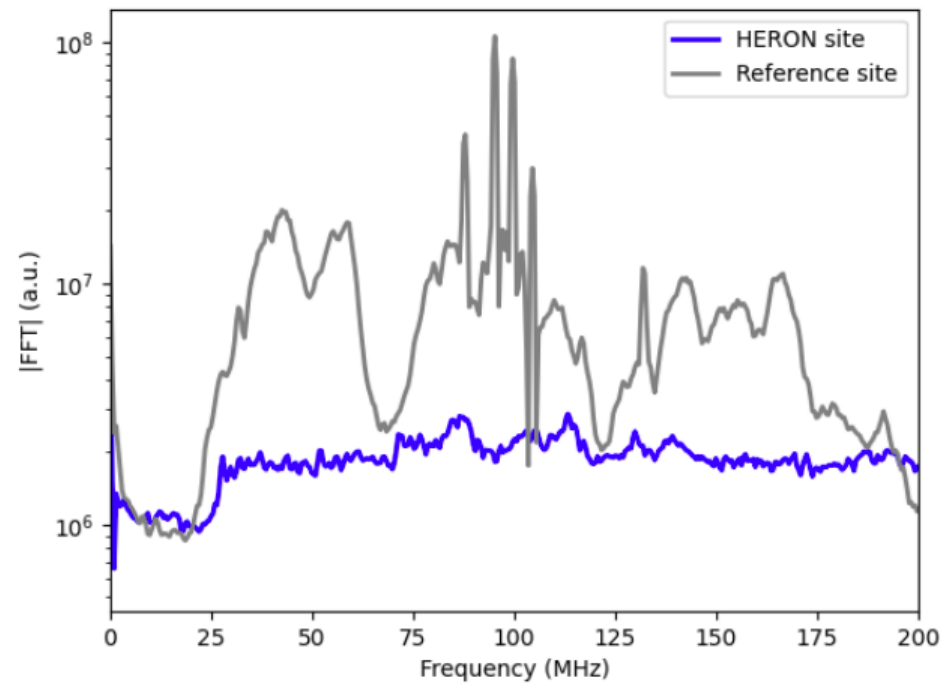
# GRAND-BECON SITE IN ARGENTINA

Site visit in August 2024 (ITEDA Mendoza: Javier Maya, Alexis Mancilla, Noelia Sileo)

- Roads and access points identified
- Need of 2 4x4 vehicles for a full site survey
- Ridge in the West: better accessibility, more RF noise
- Ridge in the East: more difficult access, less RF noise
- Easily accessible areas for RFI studies identified



- RFI measurements done at site in April 2022
- To be repeated July – August 2025

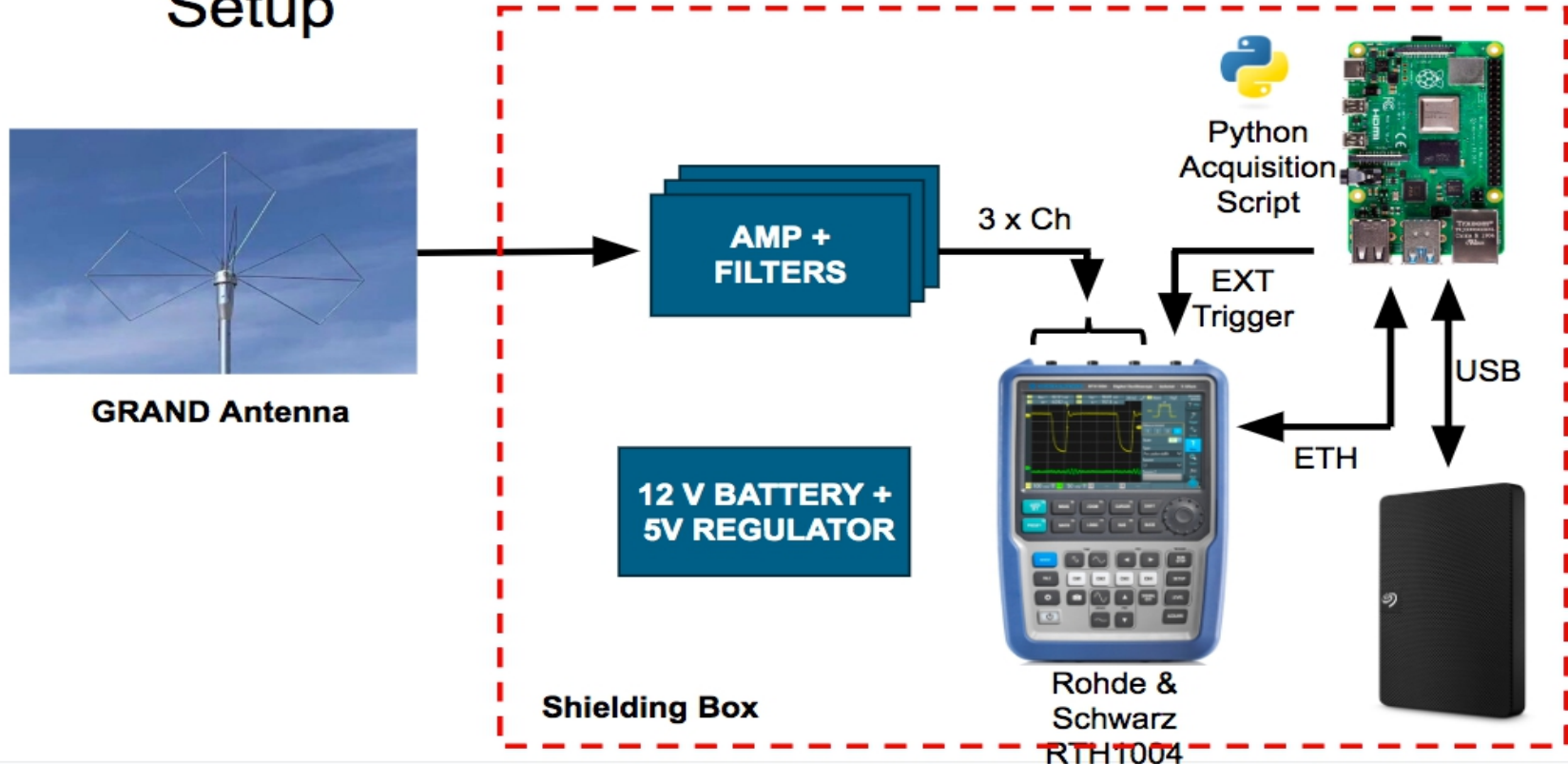


**Figure 4:** Power spectrum distributions (in arbitrary units, a.u.) measured at the San Juan site (blue) and at a reference site closer to the San Juan city (grey) with the same setup.

# GRAND-BEACON SITE IN ARGENTINA

- Next campaign: July – August 2025
- Measurement of background radio noise with one GRAND antenna

## Setup



# GRAND-BEACON SITE IN ARGENTINA

- Local support from San Juan Province
- Not far from ITEDA Mendoza and Auger
- Support from groups in Argentina:
  - CNEA Buenos Aires  
(ITEDA: CNEA-CONICET-UNSAM)
  - CNEA Bariloche
  - ITEDA Mendoza
  - AMIGA staff at Auger in Malargüe

