

From cosmos to the center of the earth : muography basics and applications



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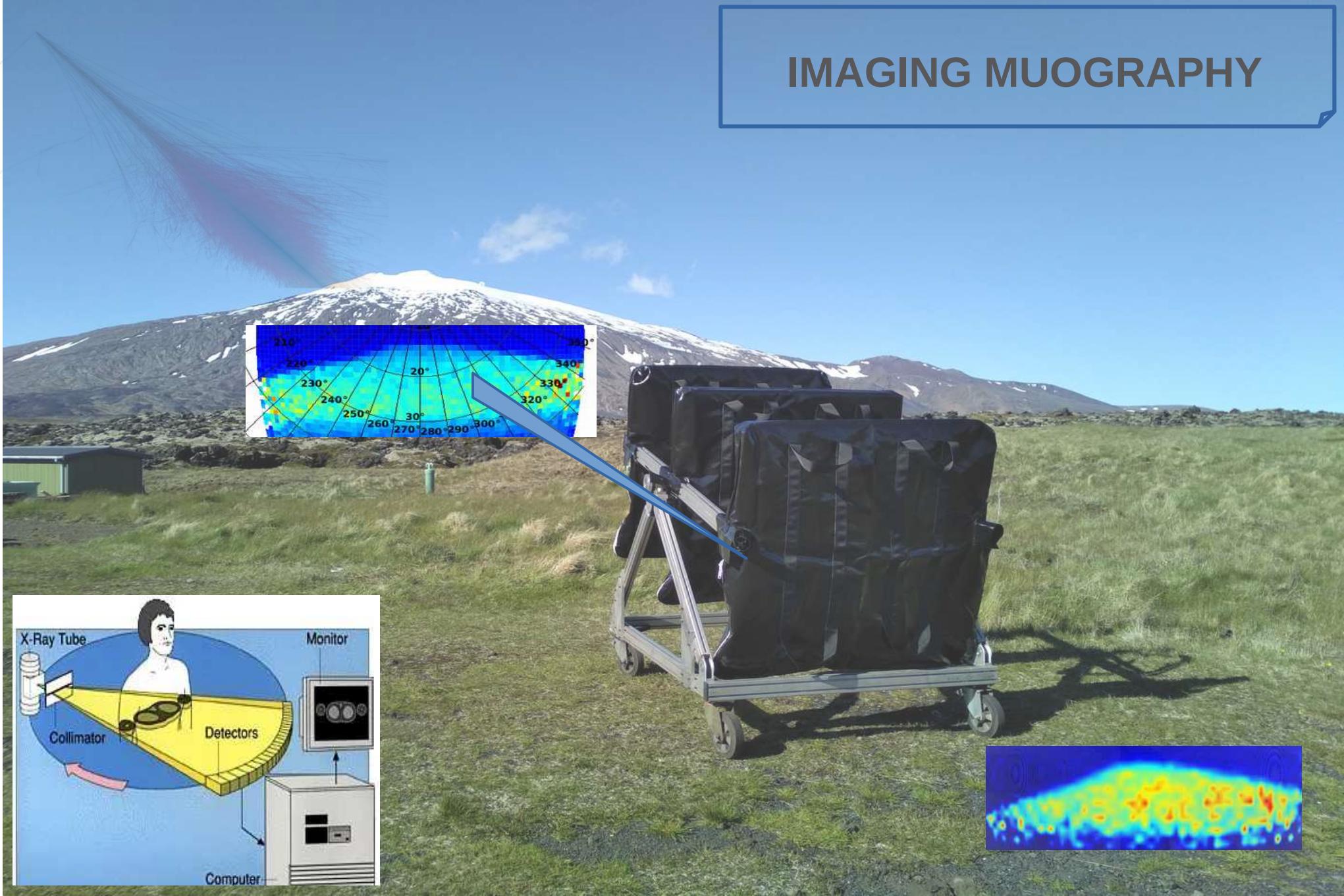
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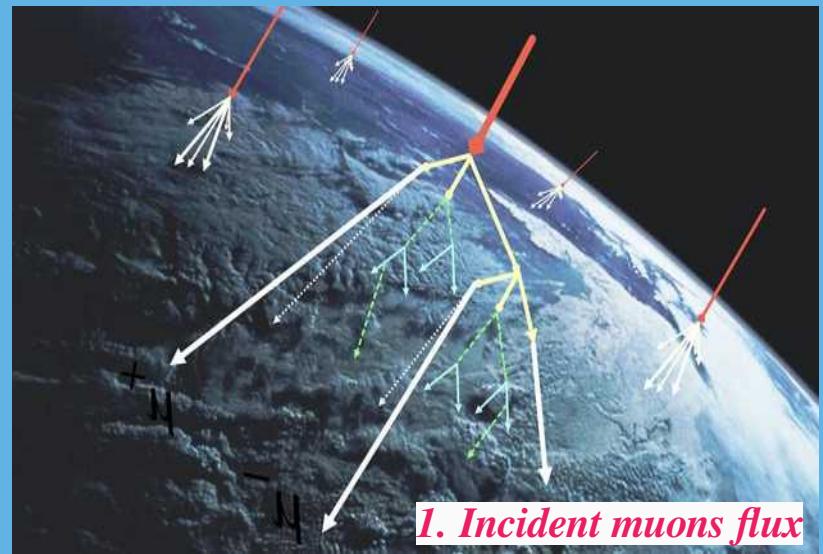
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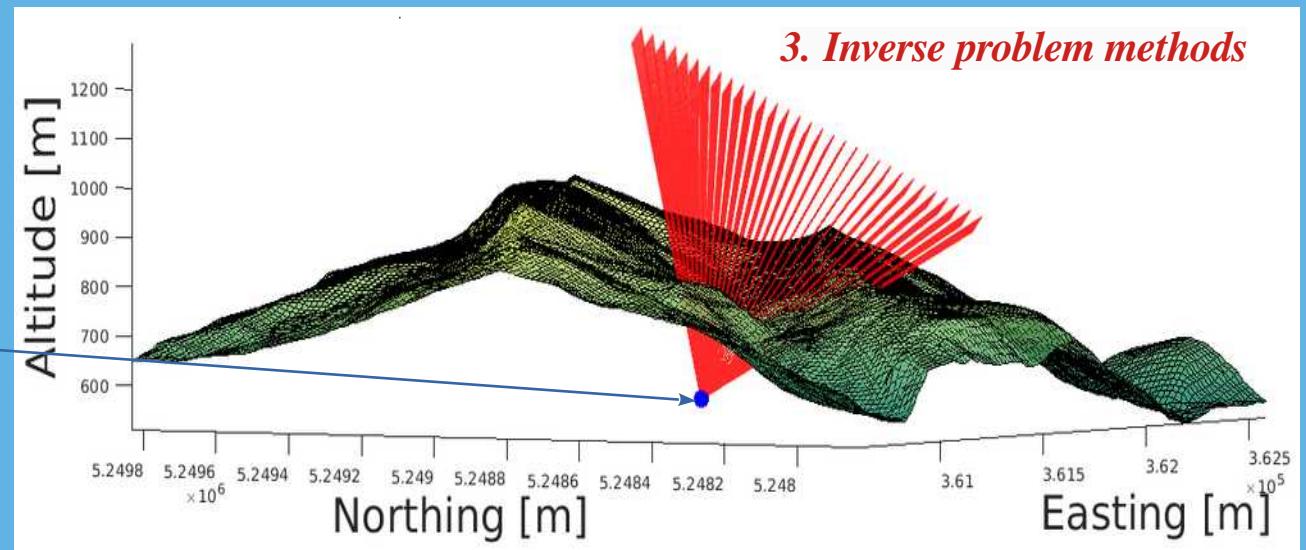
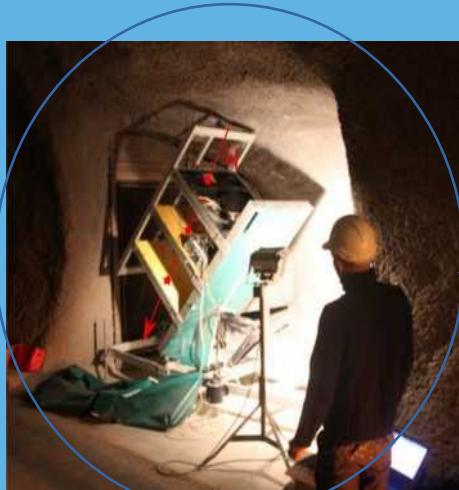


Muography = absorption/scattering tomography

The particles (e.g. muons) generated in the atmosphere, lose energy and are scattered along their trajectories across matter (electromagnetic interactions with the charges inside the medium) according to the medium's density (ρ) and chemical composition (Z/A).



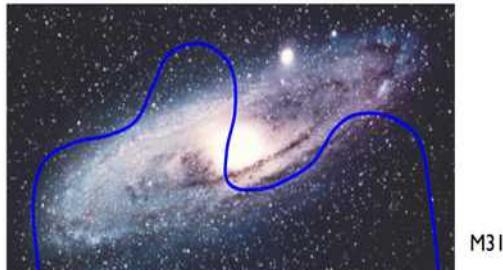
2. Tracking detector



Centaurus A



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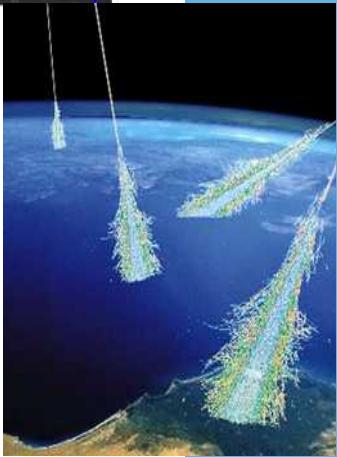
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Interstellar medium
(1 proton/cm³)

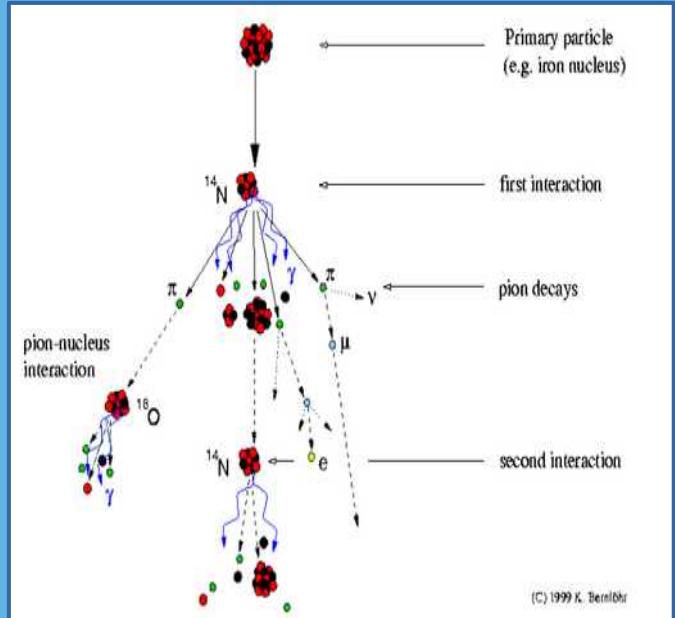
Intergalactic medium
(10⁻⁶ protons/cm³,
400 photons/cm³)

Earth's atmosphere
(7 × 10²⁰ protons/cm³)

Air shower

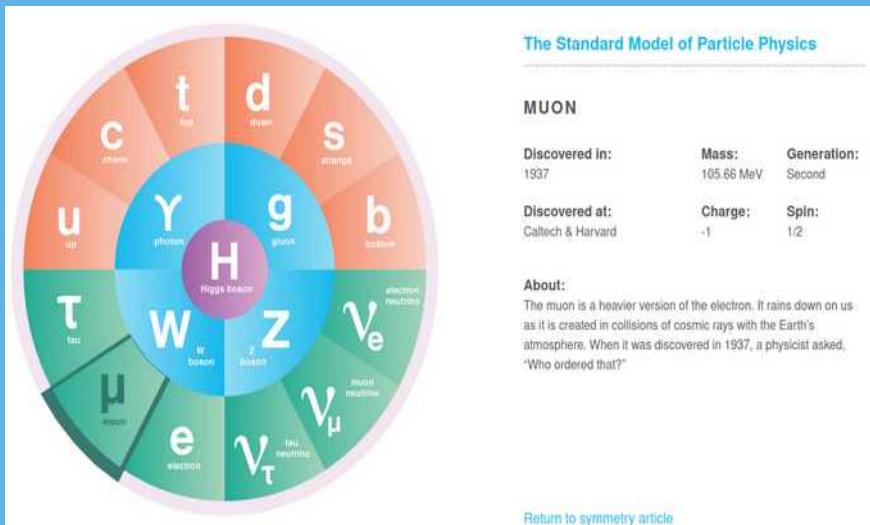


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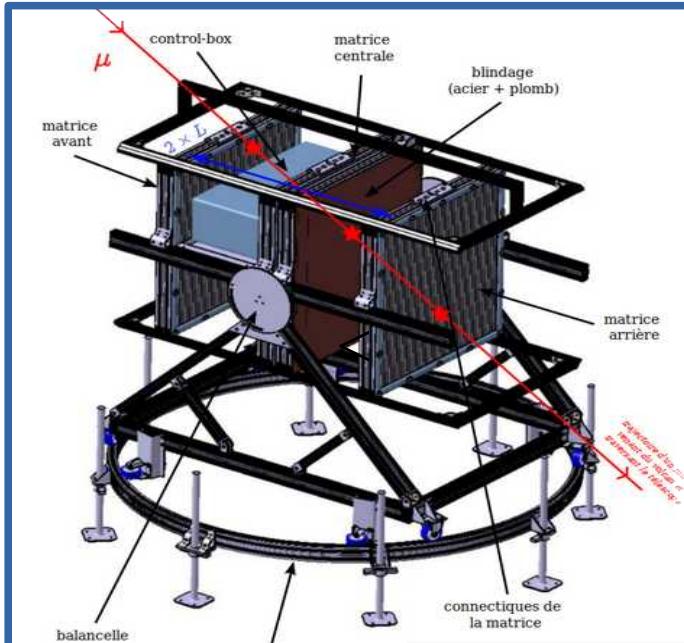
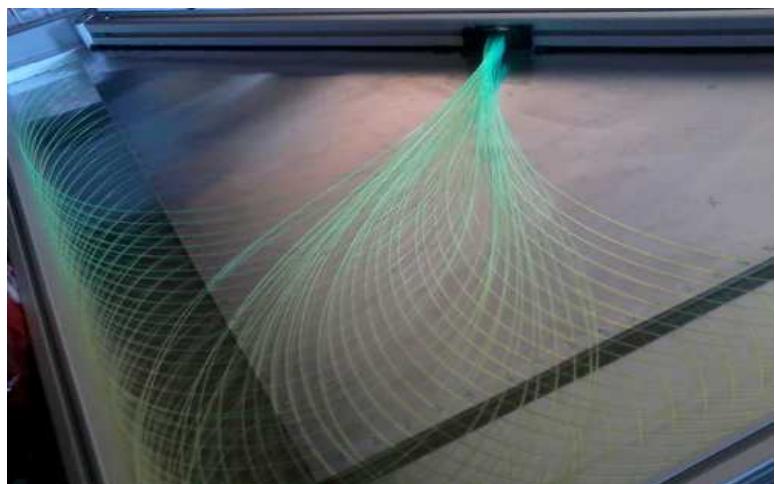
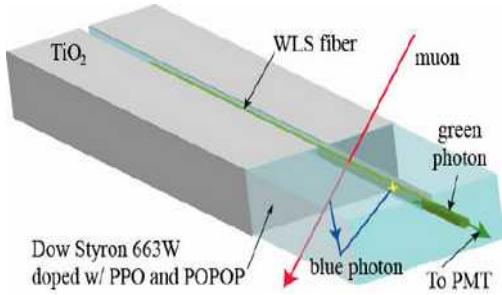
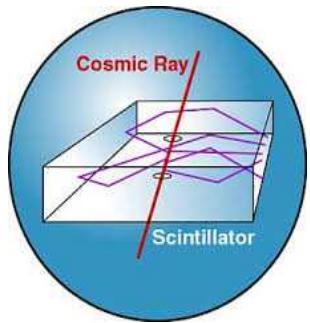


Decay of neutral pions feeds em. shower component

Decay of charged pions (~30 GeV) feeds muonic component



2. THE TRACKERS



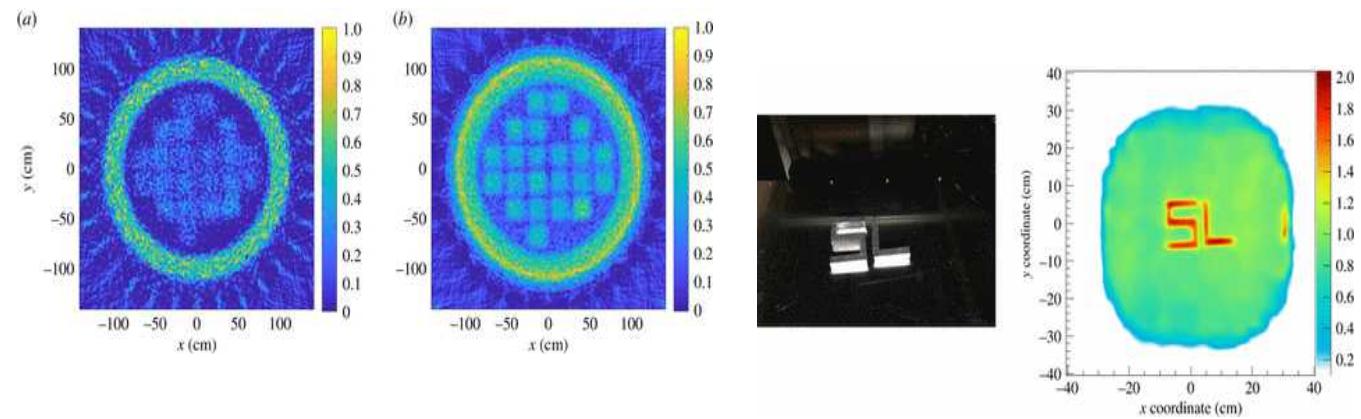
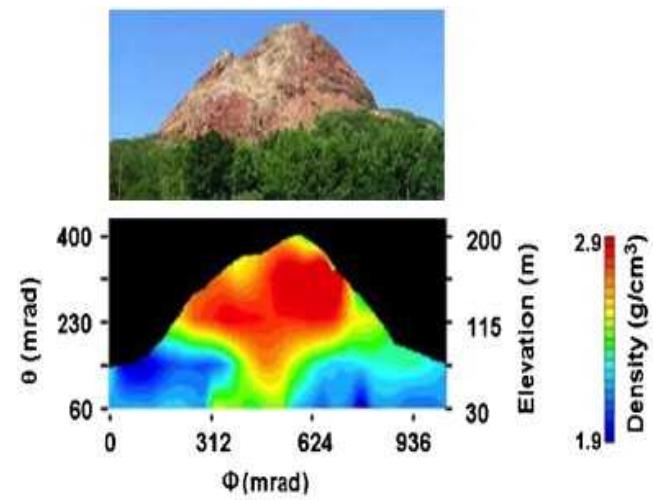
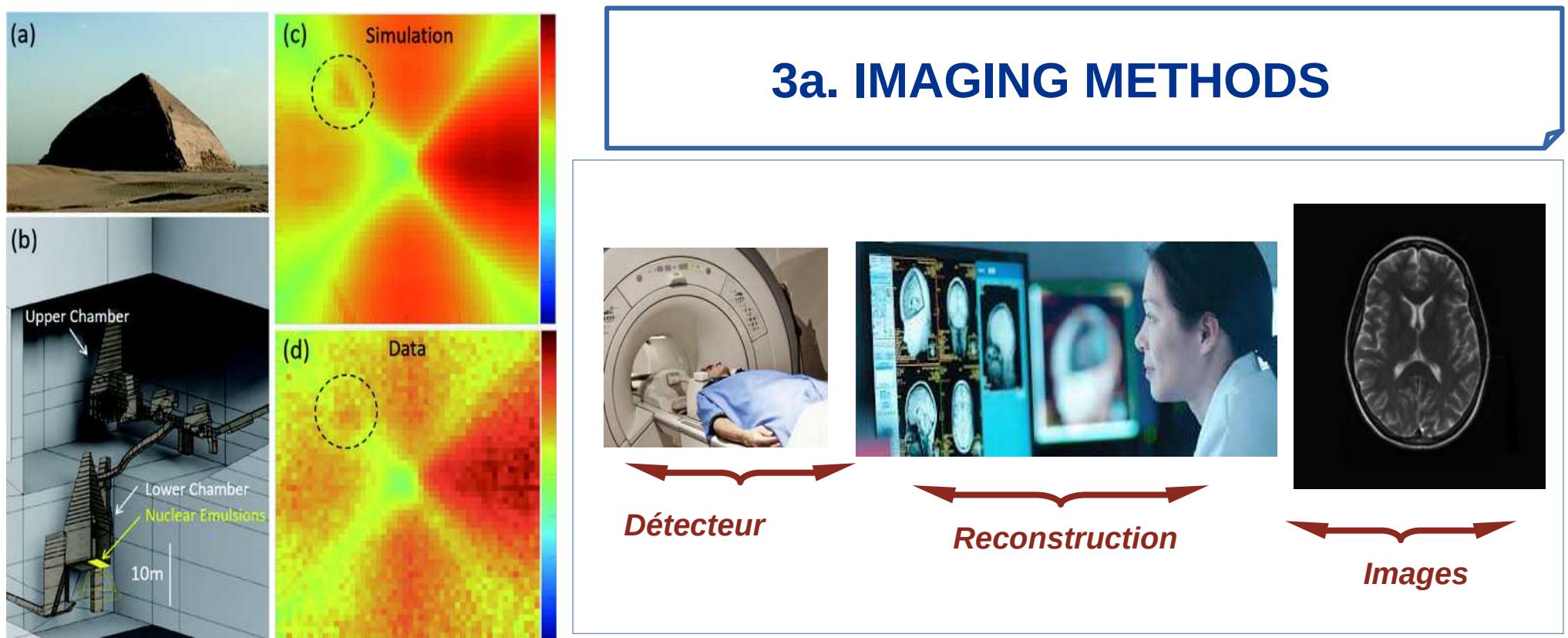
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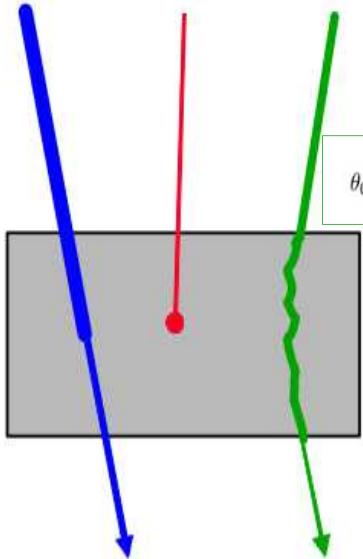


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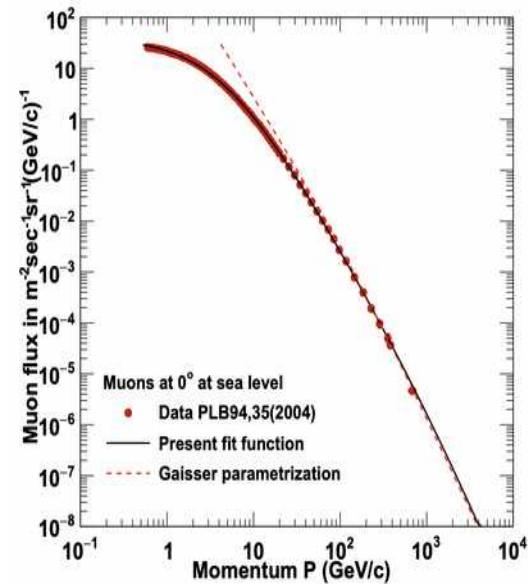
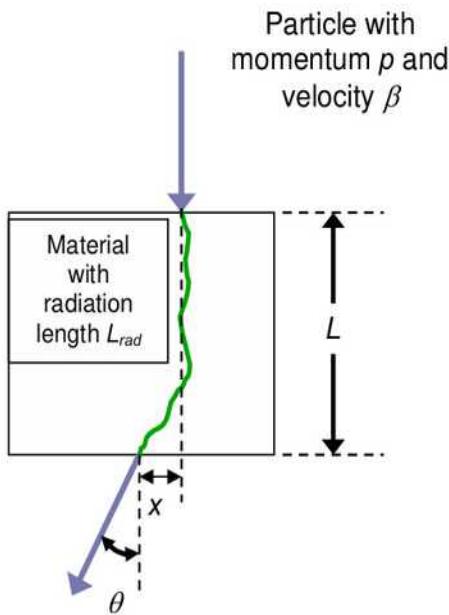
PHYSICS-CONSTRAINT INVERSE METHODS

$$\left\langle \frac{-dE}{dx} \right\rangle = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 W_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$



Different types of interaction between muons and matter:
trajectories with and without scattering (green and blue lines),
stopping trajectories (red line).

$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta cp} z \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} \left[1 + 0.088 \log_{10} \left(\frac{x z^2}{X_0 \beta^2} \right) \right]$$



POCA 3D: Point of Closest-Approach

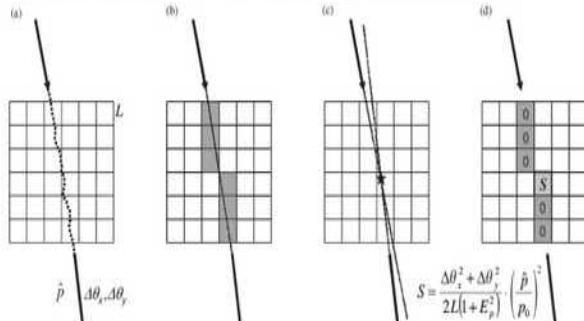


Fig. 4. PoCA reconstruction algorithm, shown in 2D for simplicity. A muon's stochastic path through an object volume (a). We measure scattering in two planes, and estimate particle momentum. Estimate muon path and identify voxels through which ray passed (b). Localize scattering signal to voxel containing PoCA (c). Define scattering signal as shown, and assign signal to the PoCA voxel, 0 to other candidate voxels (d). Take mean signal in each voxel over all muons to establish reconstructed scattering strength.

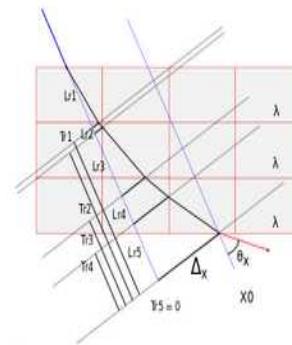
Pour chaque muon

I : Nombre de muons par cellule : Pour toute cellule colorée : ajoute 1

S : Scattering Influence : Pour toute cellule colorée : ajoute Score S

λ : Densité de Scattering : $\lambda(j) := S(j)/I(j)/L$

MLEM: Maximum Likelihood Expectation Maximisation



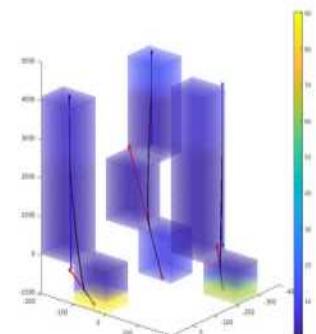
$$P(D_i | \lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi |\Sigma_i|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} D_i^T \Sigma_i^{-1} D_i \right), \quad \Sigma_i = p_{r,i}^2 \sum_{j \leq N} \lambda_j W_{ij},$$

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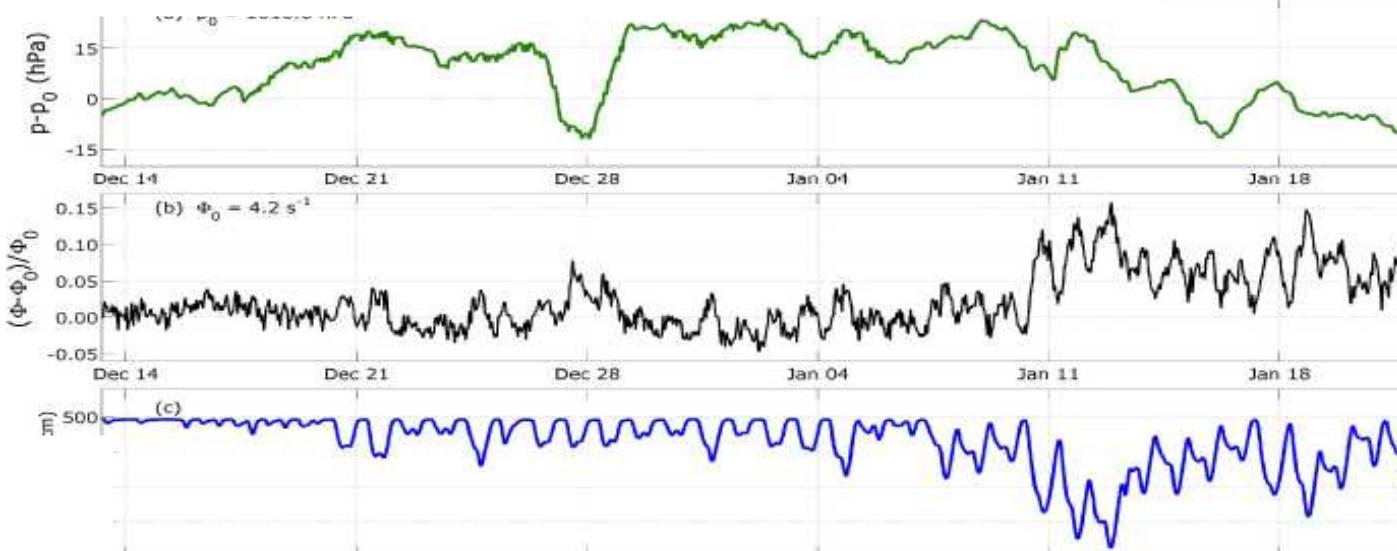
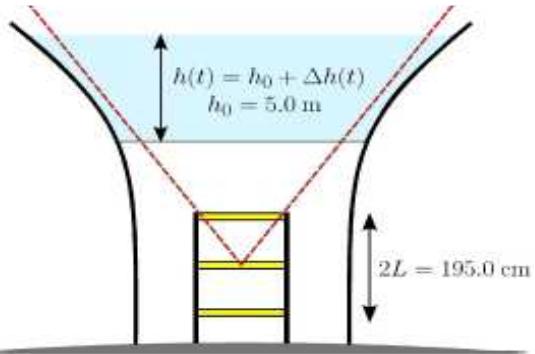
$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\Sigma_i} (\Delta \theta_i^T v_{\phi,j} - 2\Delta \theta_i v_{\theta,j} + \Delta w_i^T v_{\theta,j})}_{\boxed{\Sigma_i}}$$

$P(D/\lambda)$ Vraisemblance :

Probabilité que l'observable (Angle de diffusion + Déplacement) existe sachant la distribution de densité proposée



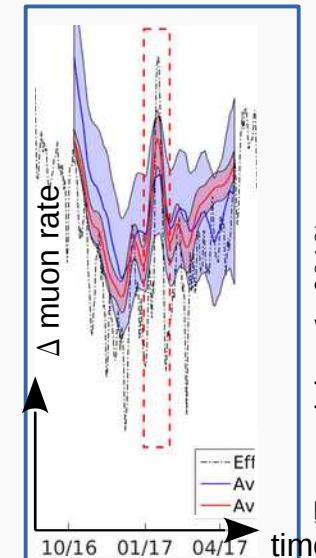
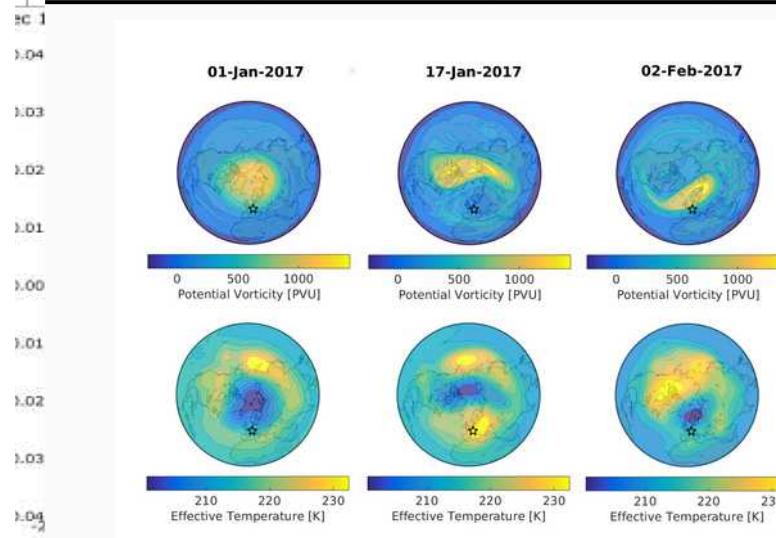
3b. MONITORING METHODS



- ▶ Proof of concept
- ▶ Water tank level monitoring
- ▶ Barometric effects corrections

$$\frac{\Delta R}{\langle R \rangle} = \alpha_T \frac{\Delta T_{\text{eff}}}{\langle T_{\text{eff}} \rangle} + \beta_P (p - \langle p \rangle)$$

- ▶ Geomagnetic effects etc
- ▶ Application to the Sudden Stratospheric Warming (SSW) observation



Field muography use cases

1. "radio"-like structural imaging & monitoring
2. "scanner"-like structural imaging & monitoring
3. joined analysis with geotechnics
4. static underground imaging (+atmosphere physics)
5. dynamic underground imaging
6. borehole applications



Muography use cases overview

Muography = transmission/scattering imaging technique → sensitive to (scattering) density + Z/A

Geosciences



- Volcanology
- Geology
- Hydrology
- Atmosphere physics
- CR physics
- ...

Archaeology



- Pyramids
- Tumulus
- Anthropic structures
- Ruins
- ...

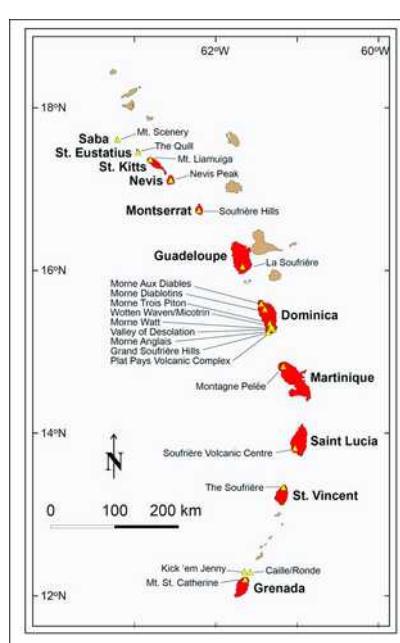
Industrial controls



- Non invasive controls
- Nuclear cycle production
- Civil engineering
- Tunnel boring machines
- Prospection & mining
- ...



*La Soufrière de
Guadeloupe*



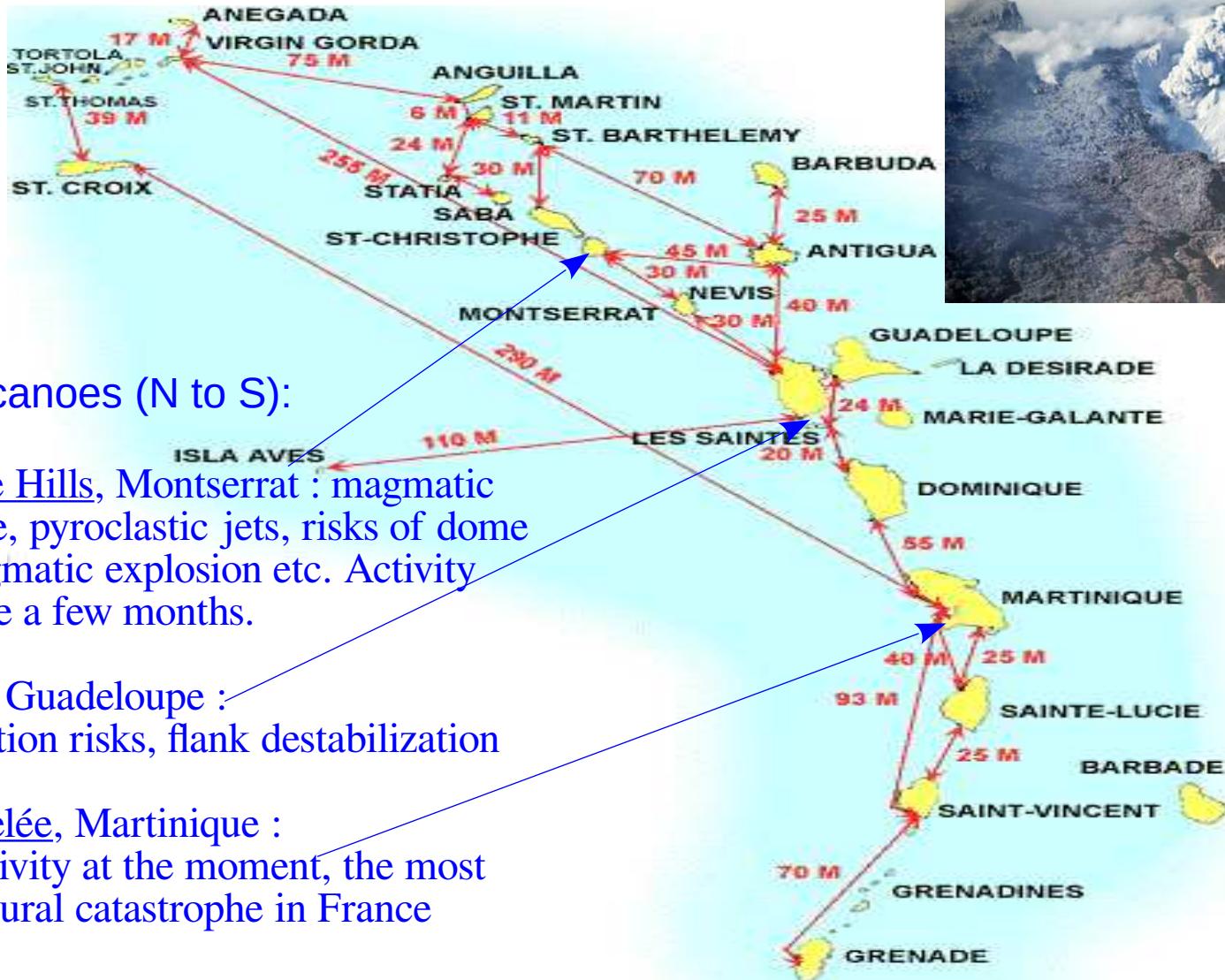
Volcanoes



Mayon



The Lesser Antilles



3 active volcanoes (N to S):

The Soufrière Hills, Montserrat : magmatic eruption since, pyroclastic jets, risks of dome collapse, magmatic explosion etc. Activity decrease since a few months.

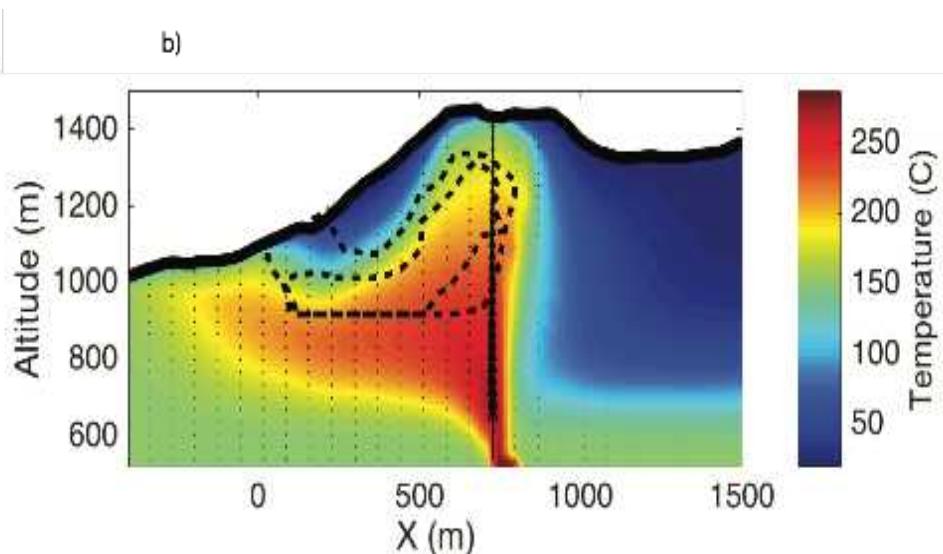
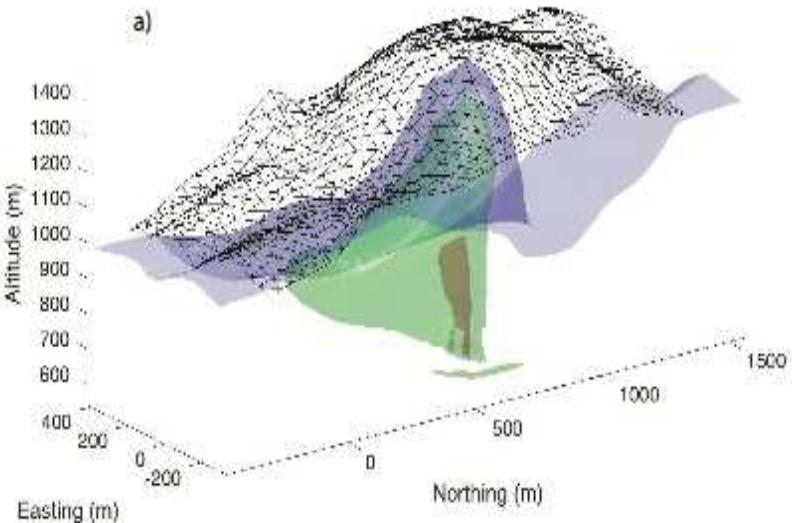
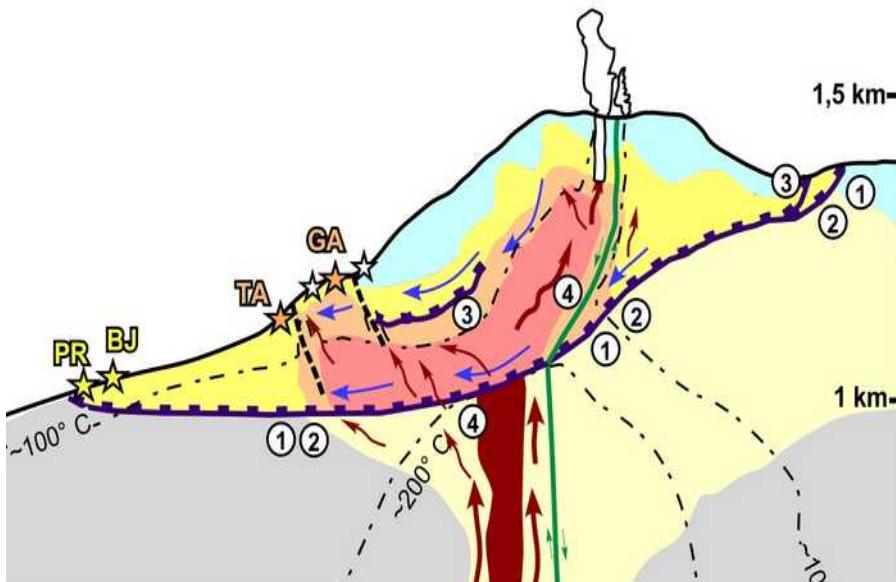
La Soufrière, Guadeloupe : phreatic eruption risks, flank destabilization

Montagne Pelée, Martinique : no sign of activity at the moment, the most important natural catastrophe in France (1910)

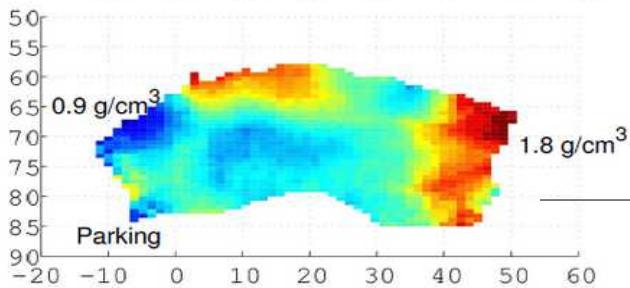
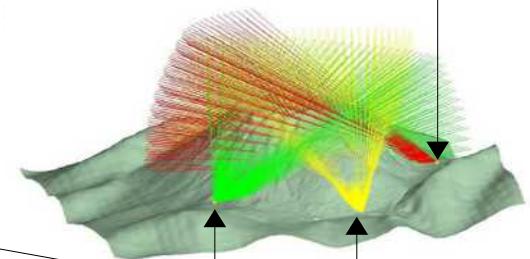
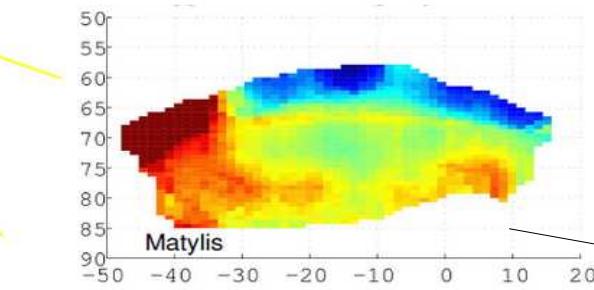
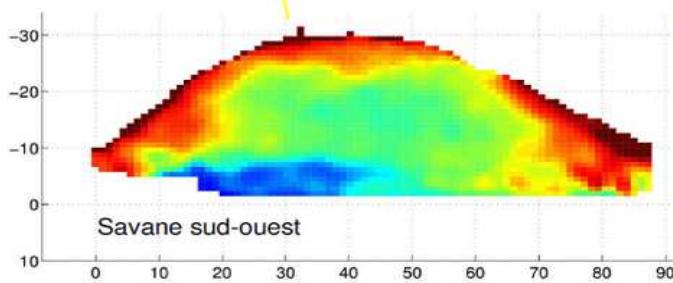
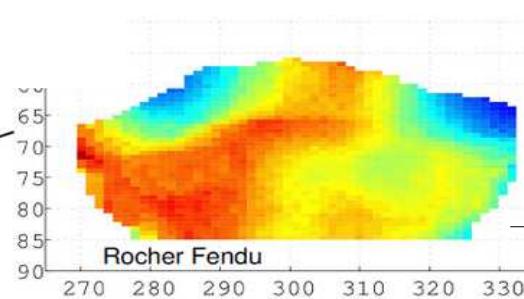


La Soufrière hydrothermal systems

- Volcano hydrothermal systems are at the core of unpredictable volcanic hazards
- Complex interplay between internal and external forcing
- Classical geophysics provide limited information on spatio-temporal dynamics
- Need for techniques that can track in space and time the internal state of the system to constrain numerical models

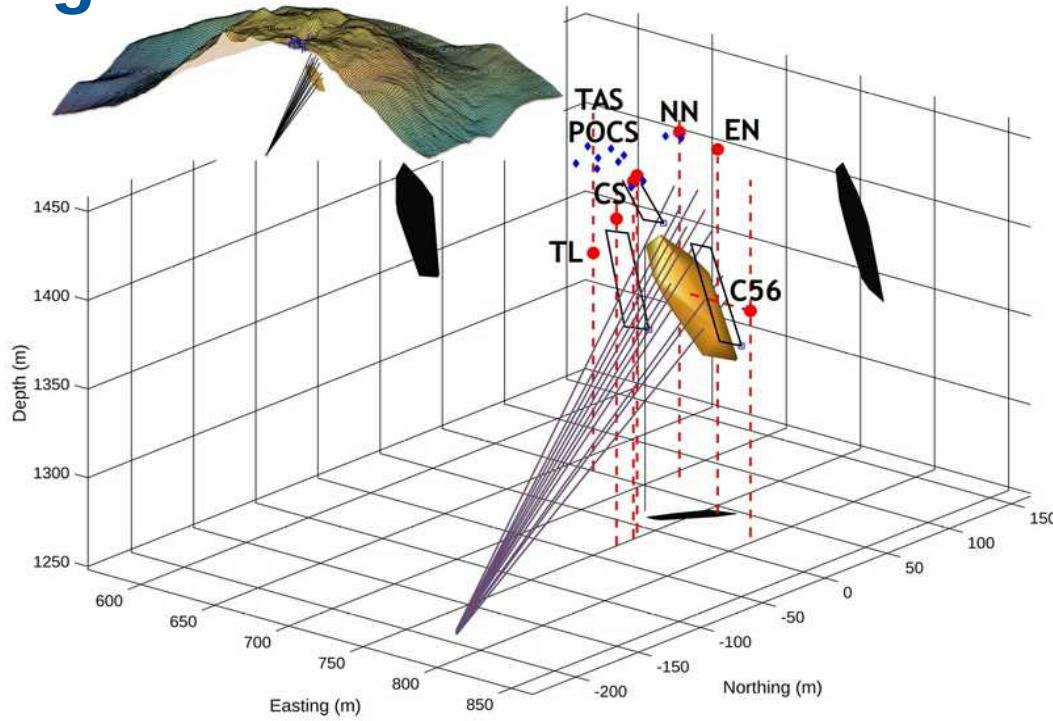
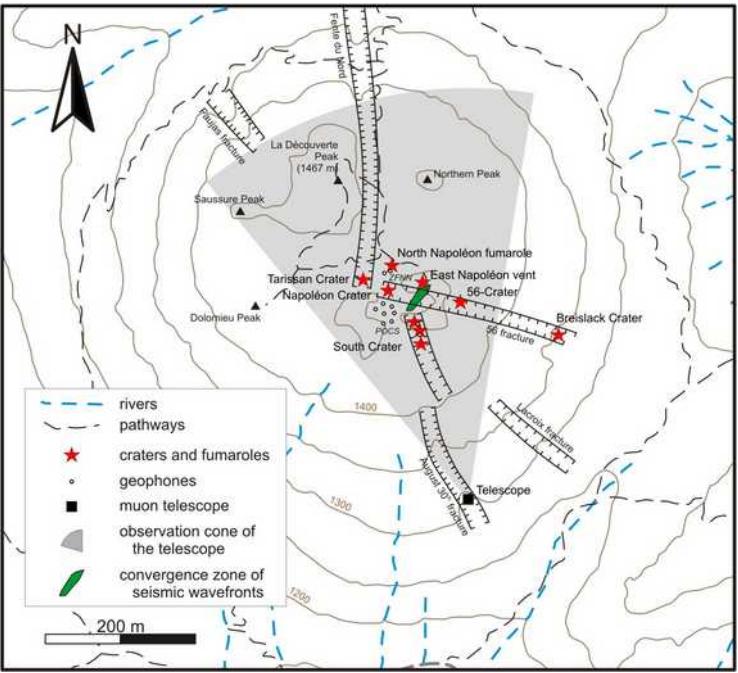


Imaging & monitoring

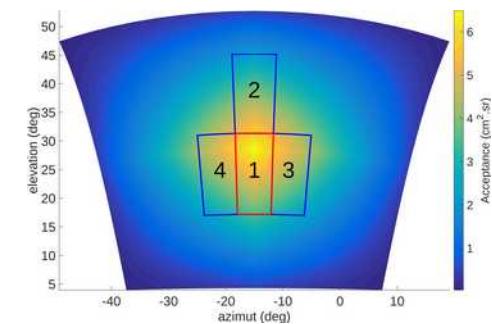
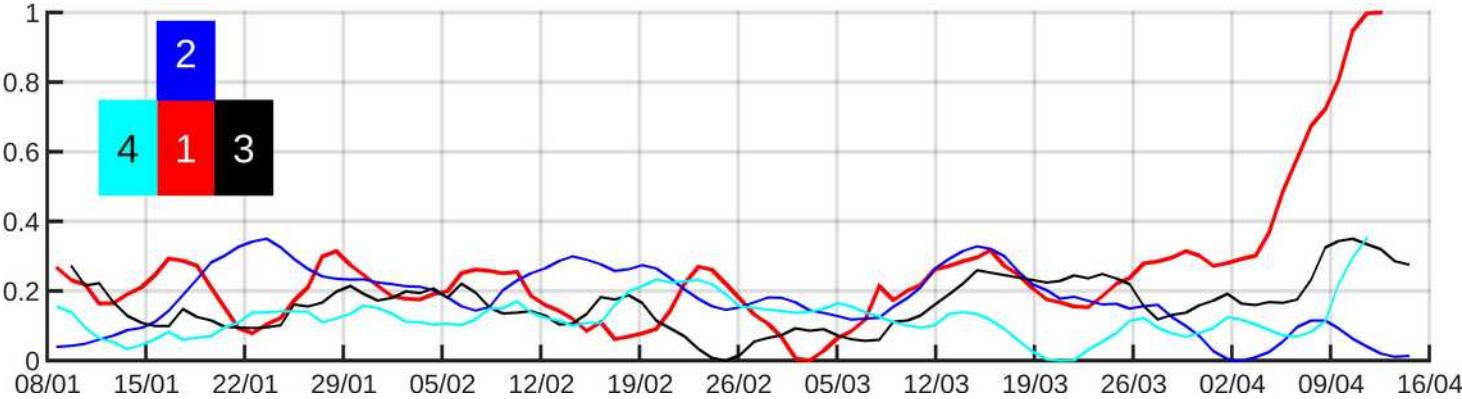


The largest muons station in the world (6 detectors running)

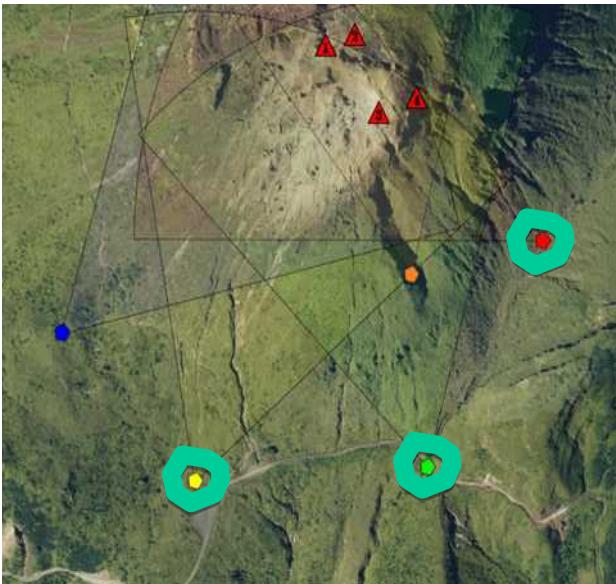
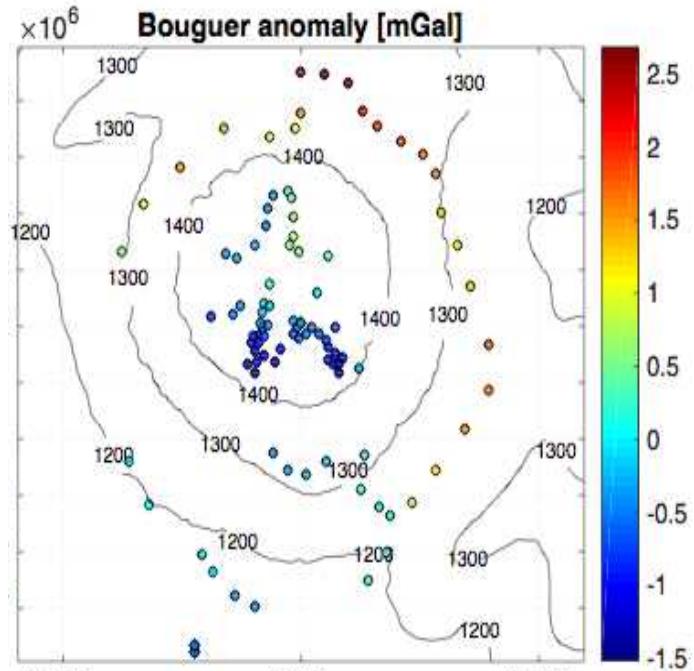
Sismo-muon joint monitoring



Global analysis of muon and seismic monitoring



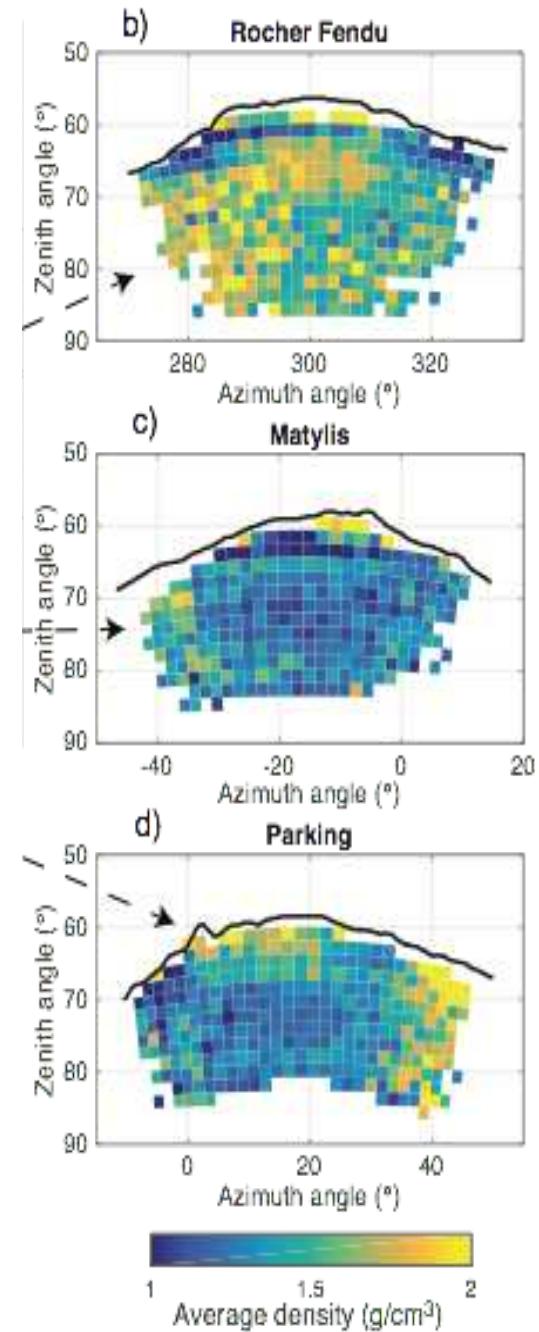
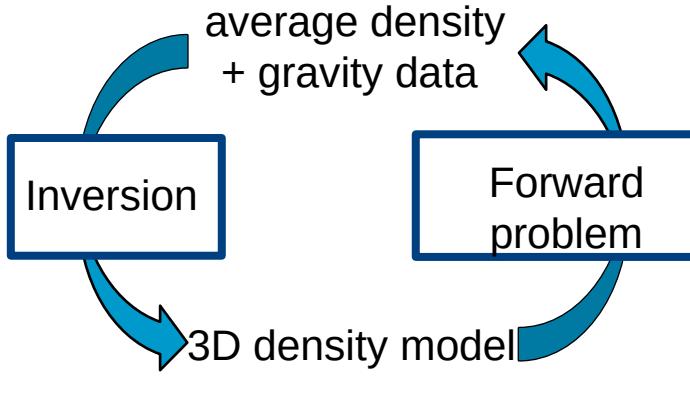
3-D gravi-muon joint inversion



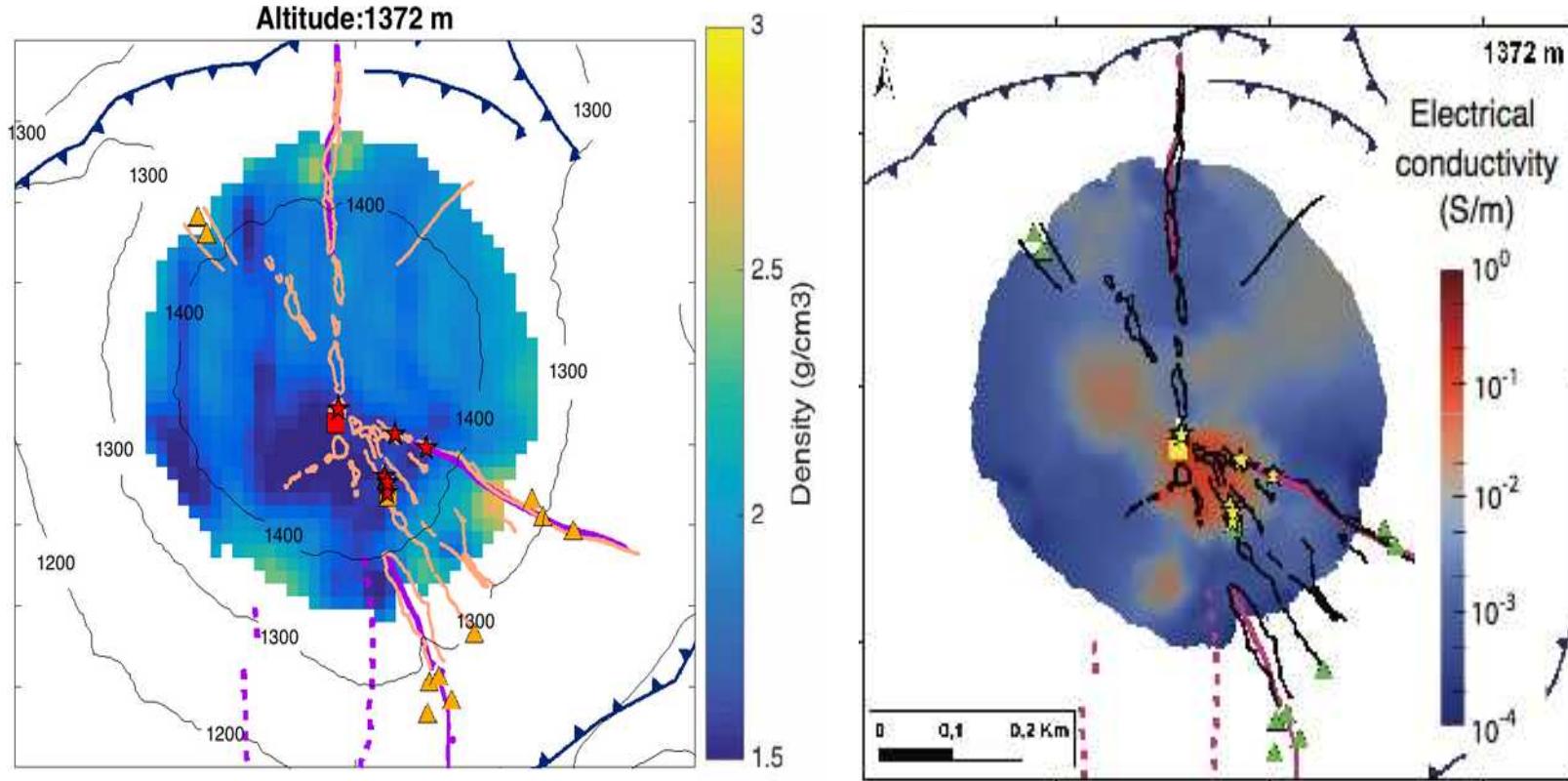
$$G \begin{bmatrix} \rho_\mu \\ \Delta\rho \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G_g \\ G_\mu \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho_\mu \\ \Delta\rho \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_g \\ d_\mu \end{bmatrix} = d$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{m}) = (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m})^T \mathbf{C}_d^{-1} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m}) + \epsilon^2 (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{\text{prior}})^T \mathbf{C}_\rho^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{\text{prior}}),$$

Smoothing
Damping
Matrix scaling



Horizontal slices of density and electrical conductivity models



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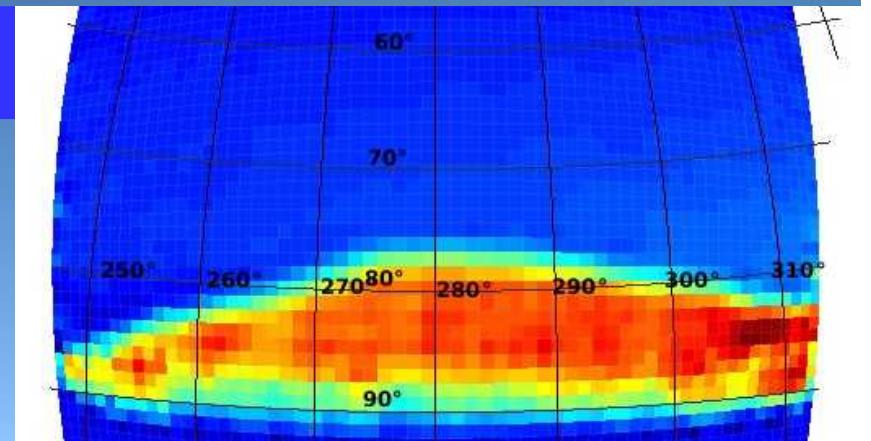
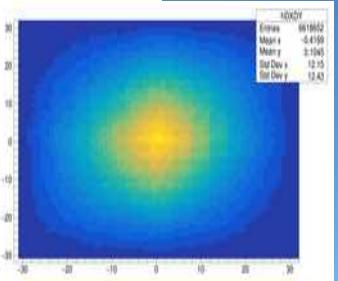
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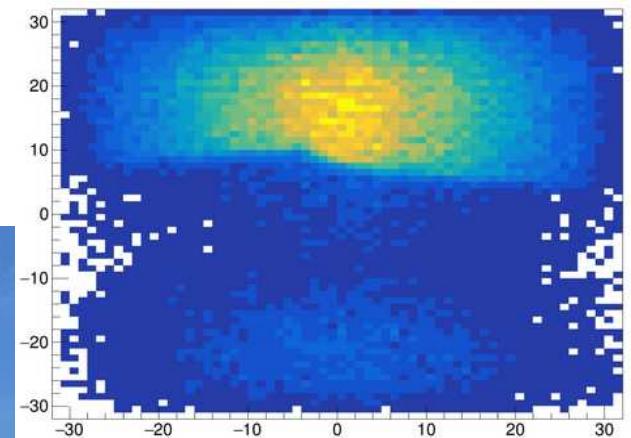


open sky



tomographic mode

Second run





Nuclear evaporator



TBM



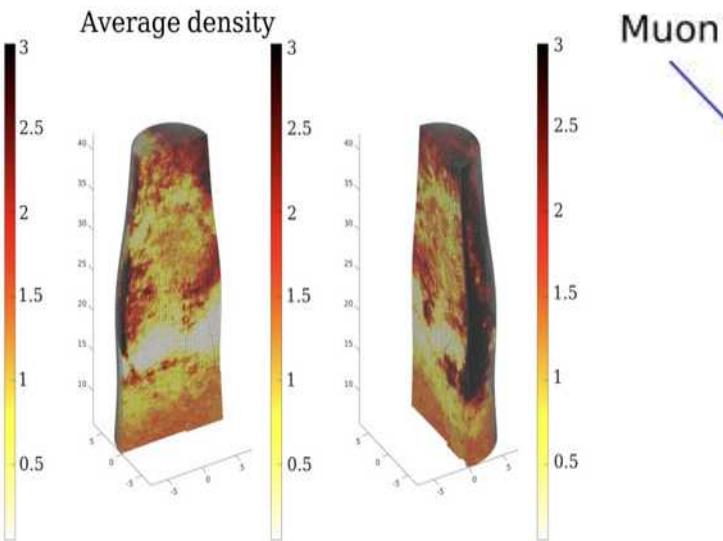
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Geotechnics

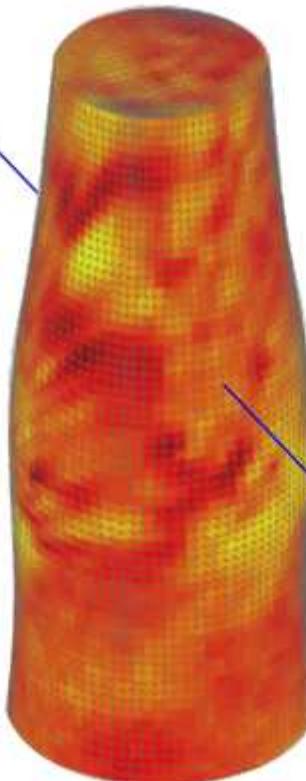


Blast furnace

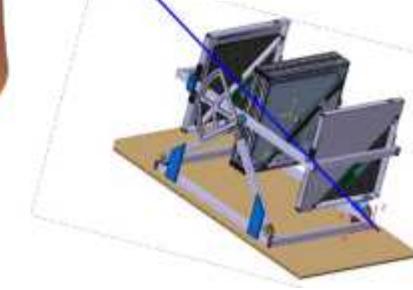
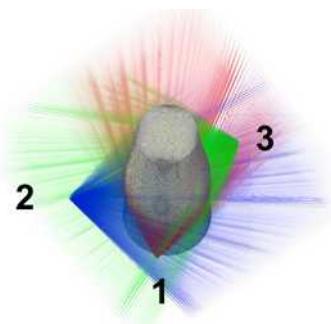
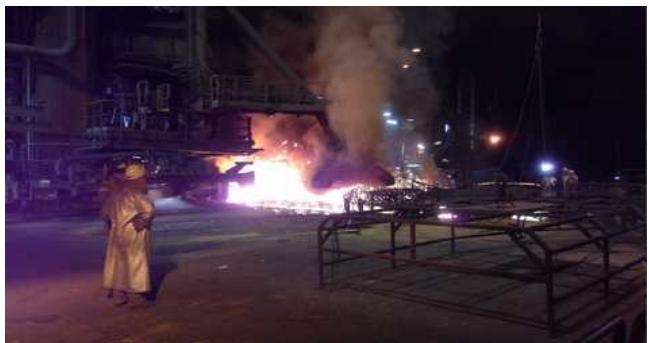
Application to Blast Furnaces



Muon

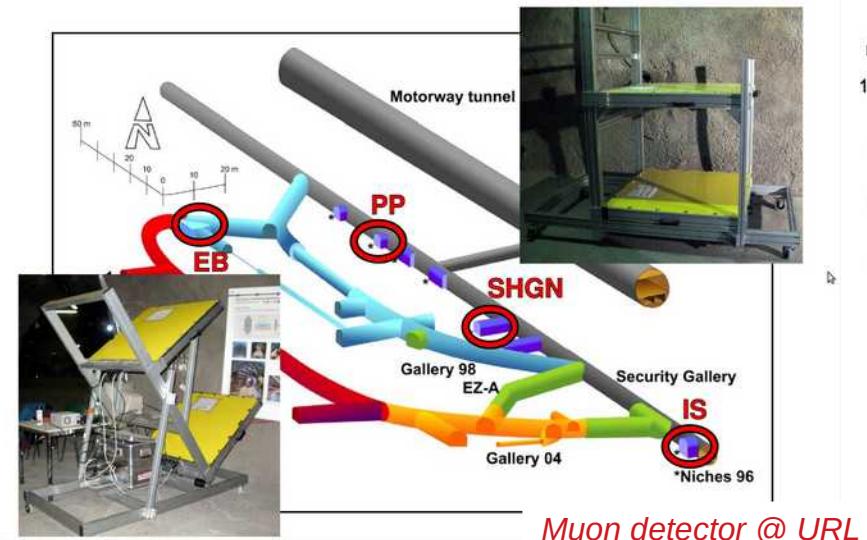


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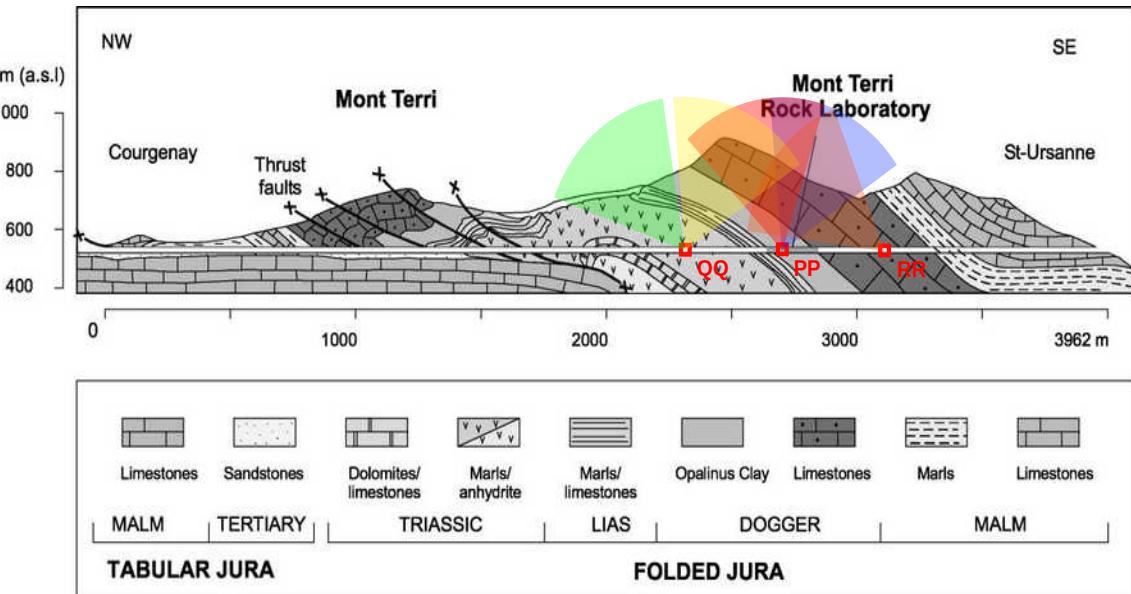


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Muon detector @ URL



MUON TOMOGRAPHY ACQUISITIONS :

- | | | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| niche PP - run 1 | niche PP - run 2 | niche QQ - run 3 |
| niche QQ - run 4 | niche RR - run 5 | |

List of the 2012-2015 runs

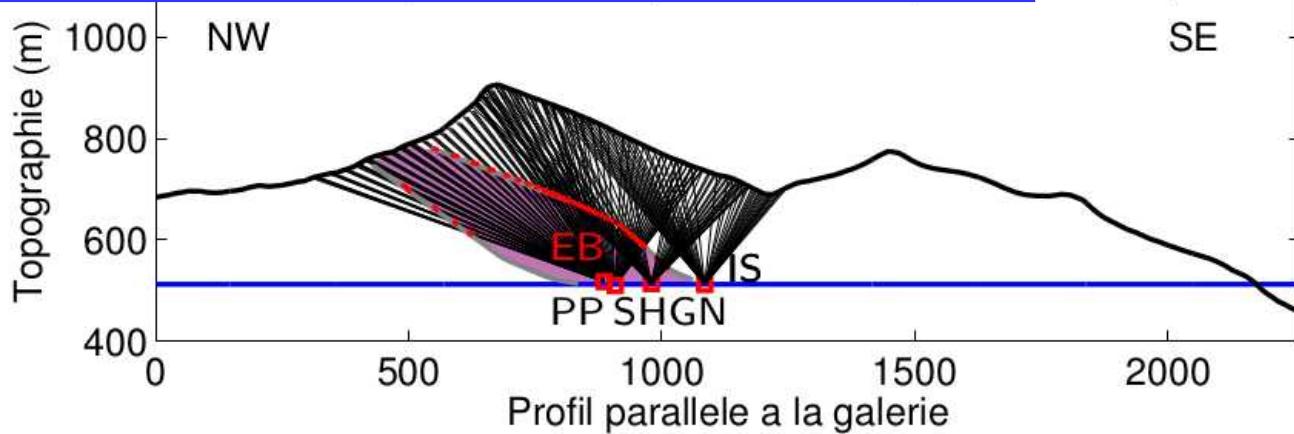


Muon – gravimetry joined analysis

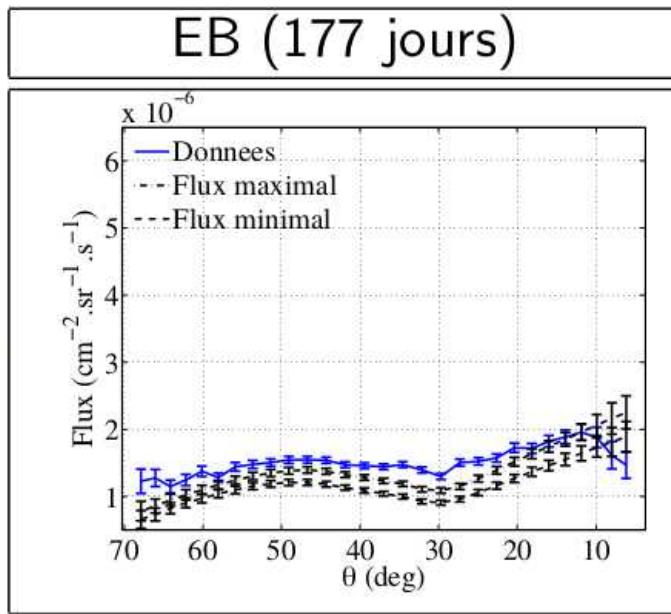


Muon detector @ LSBB

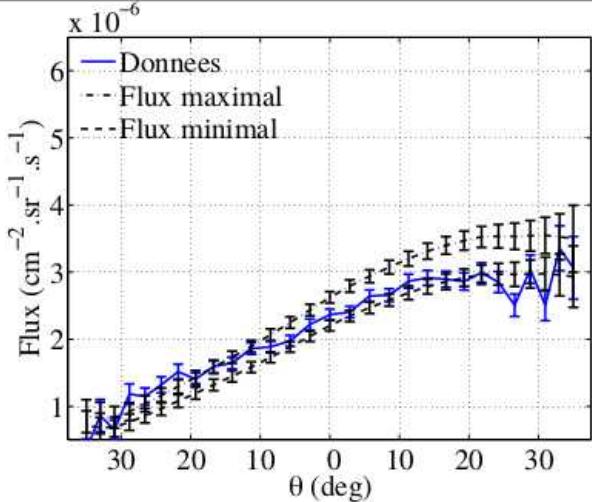
The Mont-Terri lab



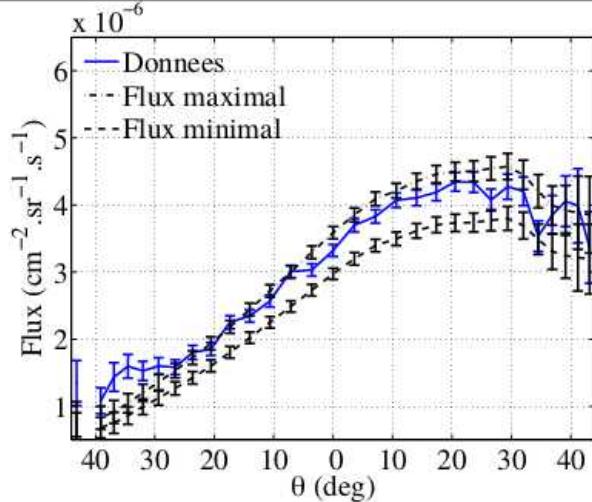
Bruit de fond décorrélé dans la niche PP : $1.7 \times 10^{-7} / \text{s}$



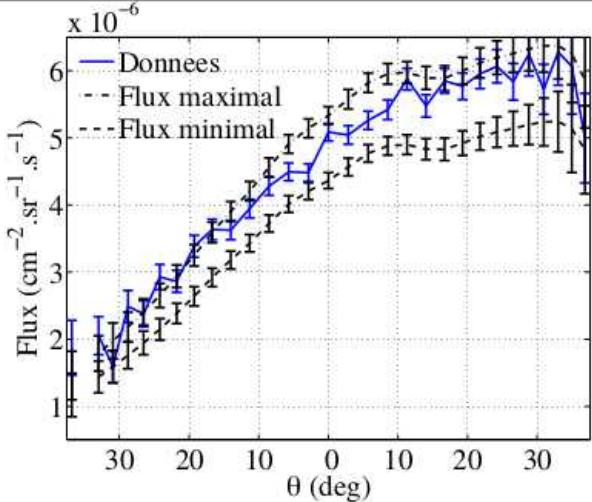
PP (56 jours)



SHGN (42 jours)

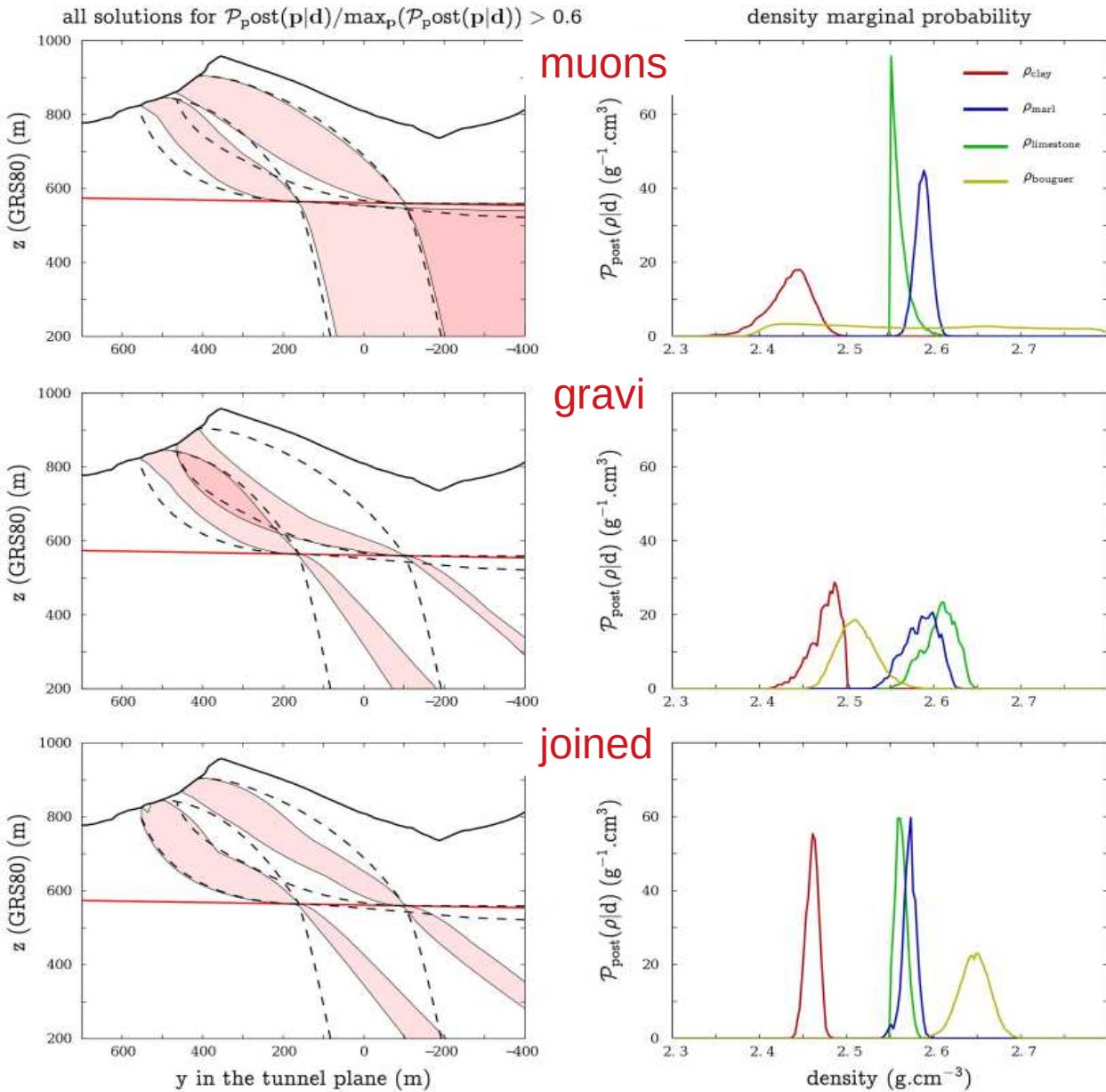
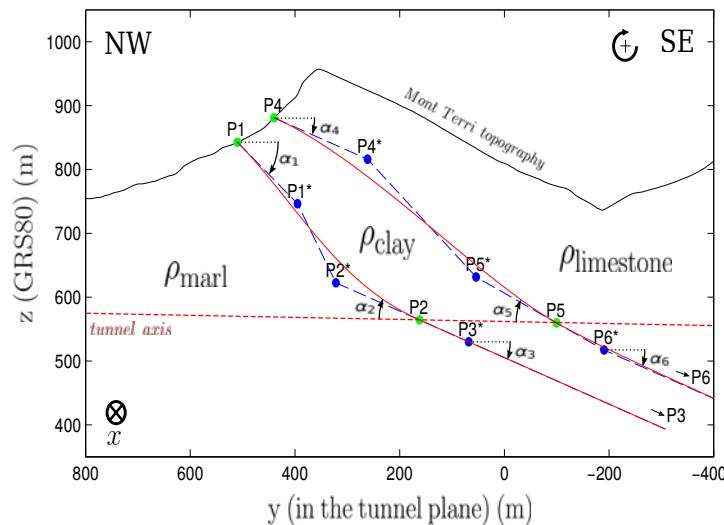


IS (47 jours)



Joint gravi-muon analysis

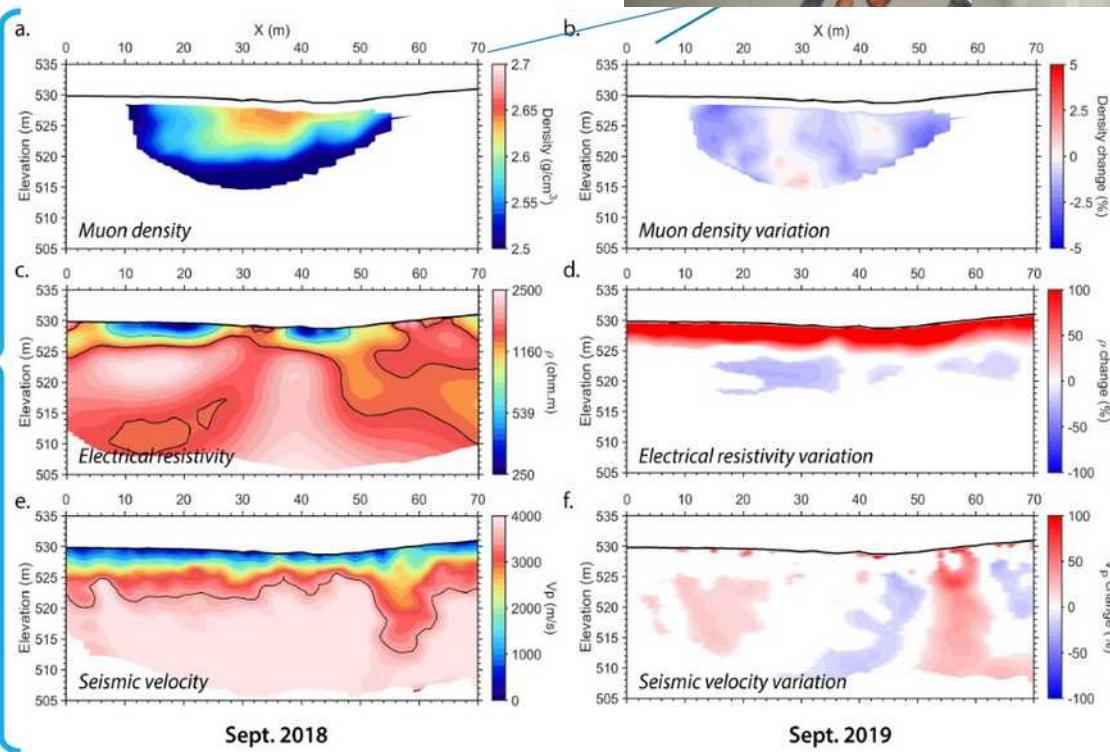
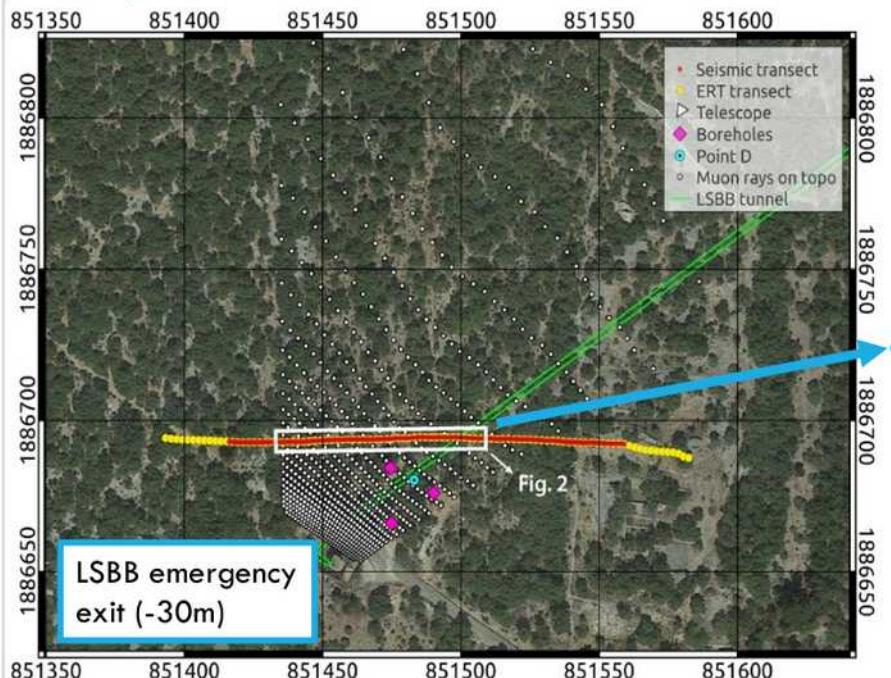
Opalinus layer parametrization



The LSBB facility



A GOOD EXAMPLE: THE BUISSONNIÈRE EXPERIMENT



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Great pyramids

Archaeology



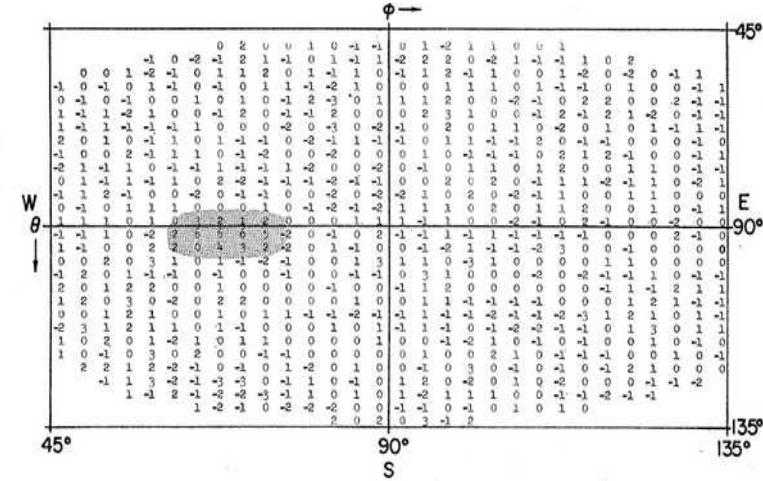
Greek tumulus

Search for Hidden Chambers in the Pyramids

The structure of the Second Pyramid of Giza
is determined by cosmic-ray absorption.

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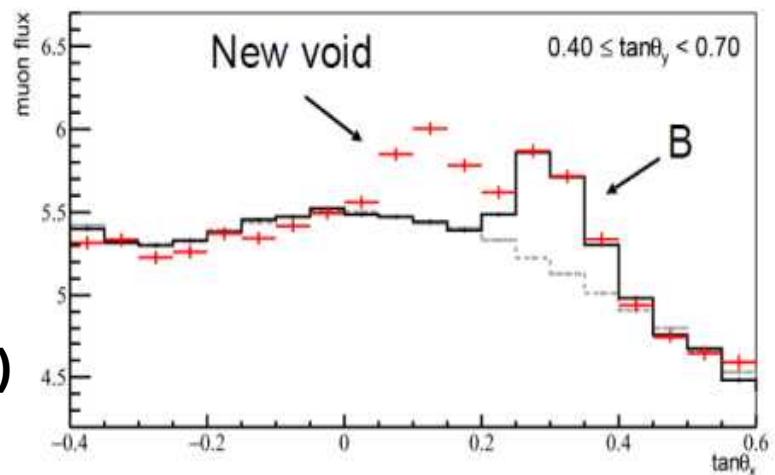
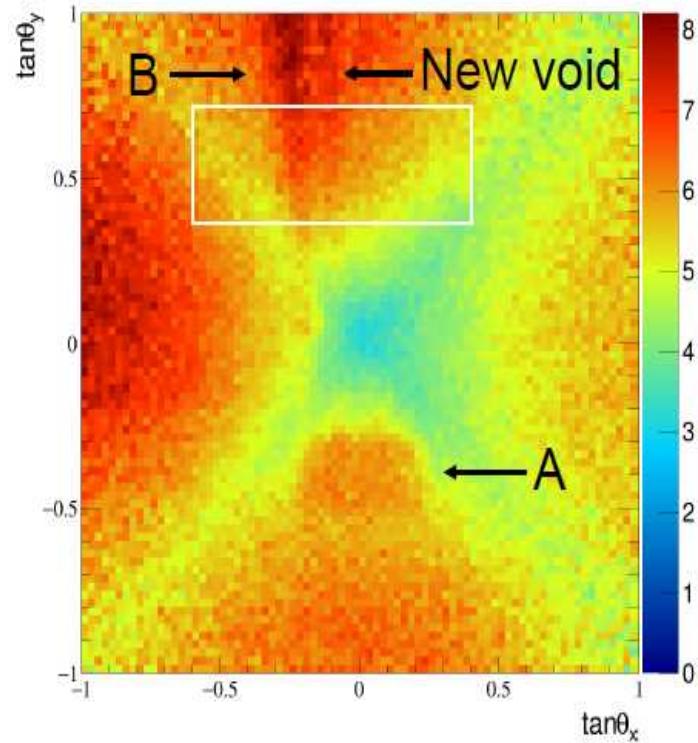
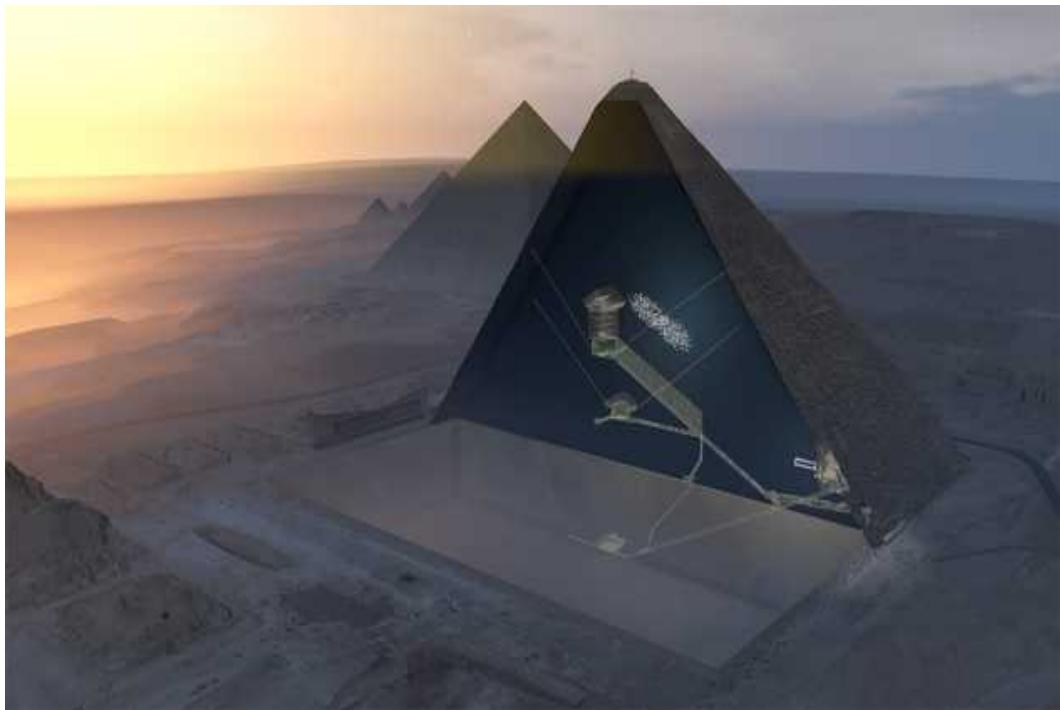
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The ScanPyramids project

Discovery of a big void in Khufu's Pyramid by observation of cosmic-ray muons



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MUon Tomography AND Innovative Investigation Solutions MUTANDIIS

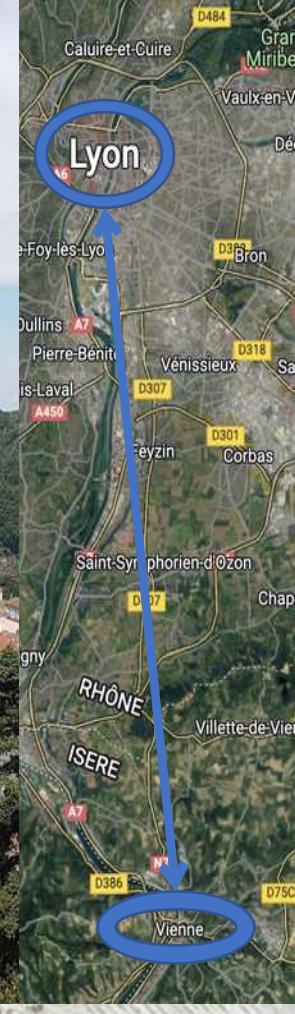
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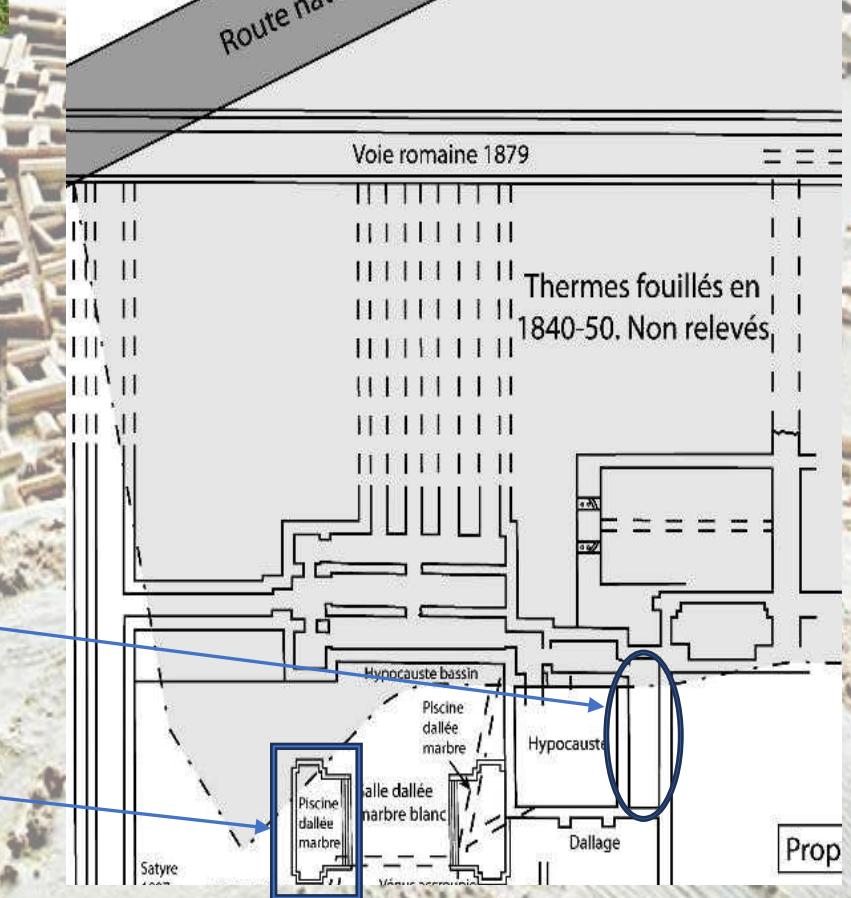
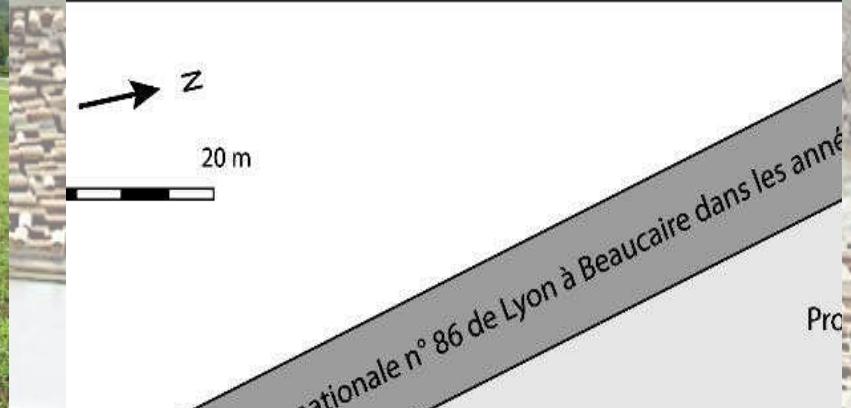
Joined analysis of an archaeological site with
Innovative investigation techniques :
- **Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)**
- **Muography**

Characterization of the near surface zone :
- **archaeological structures**
- **hydrology dynamics**

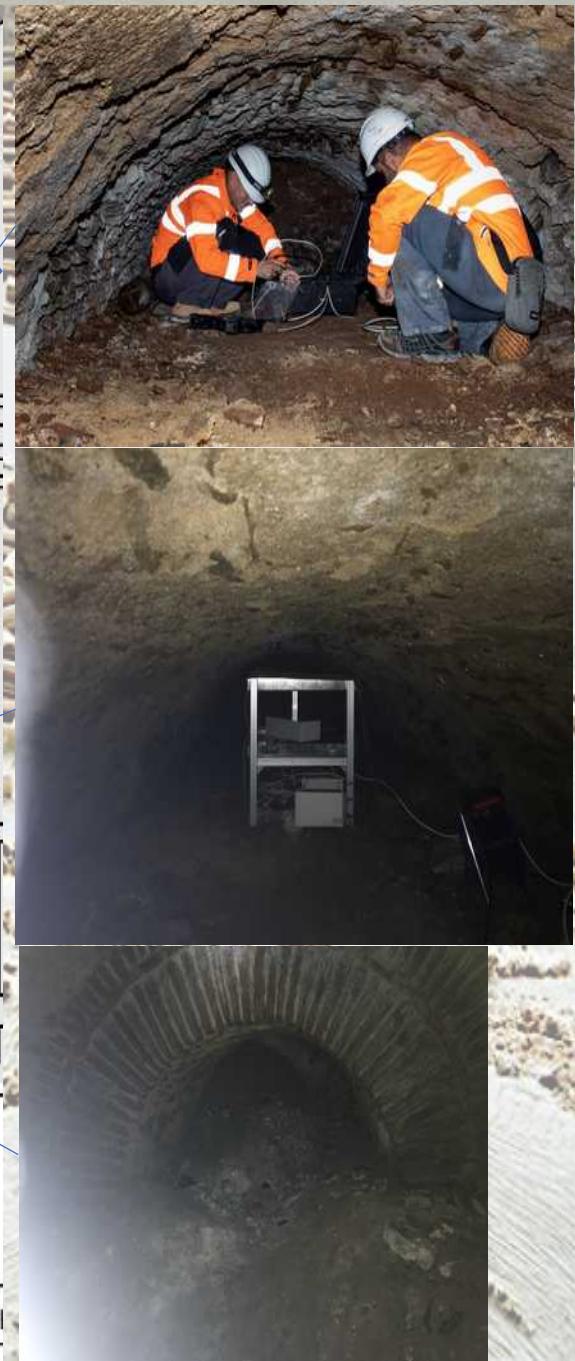
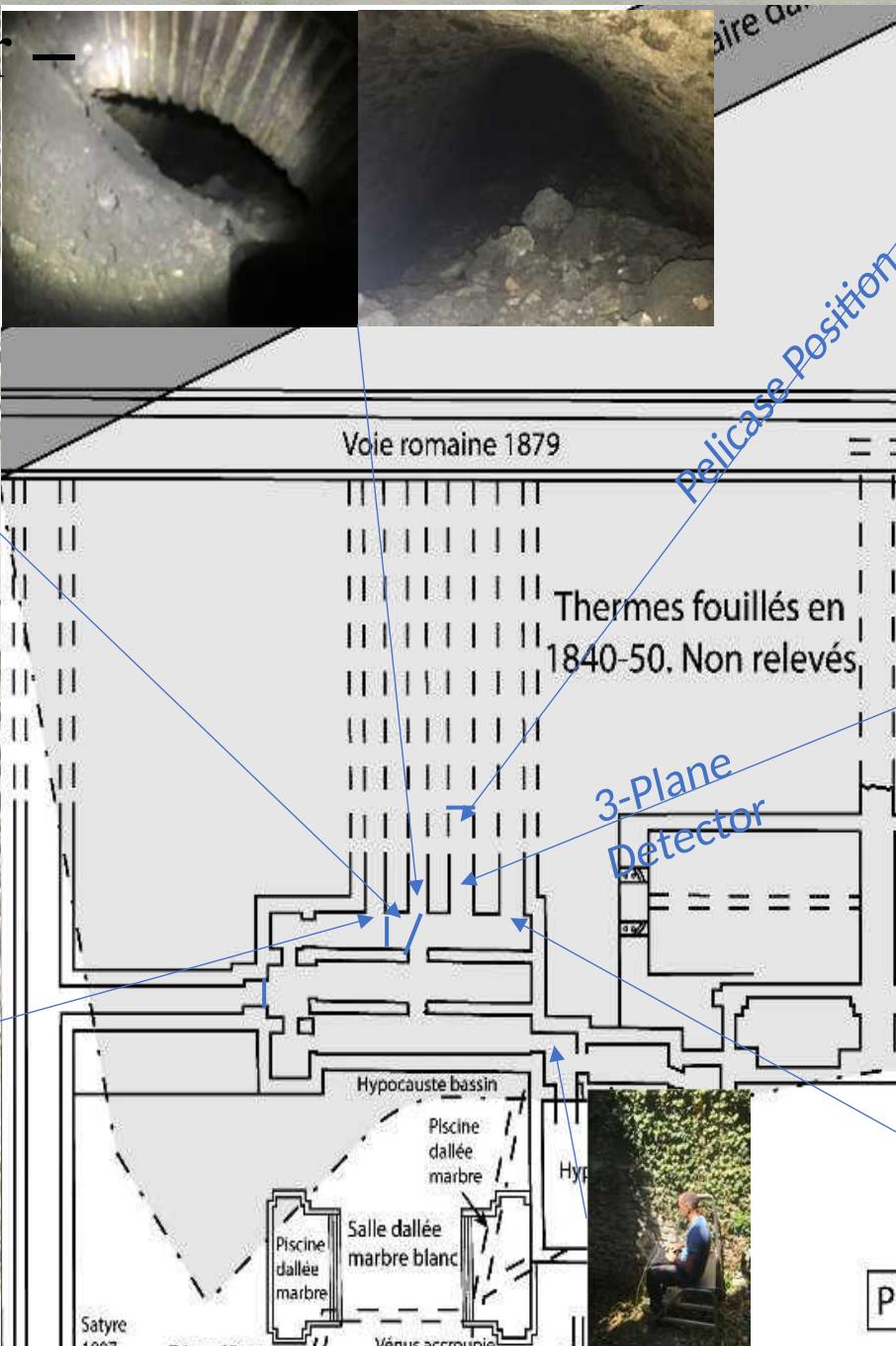
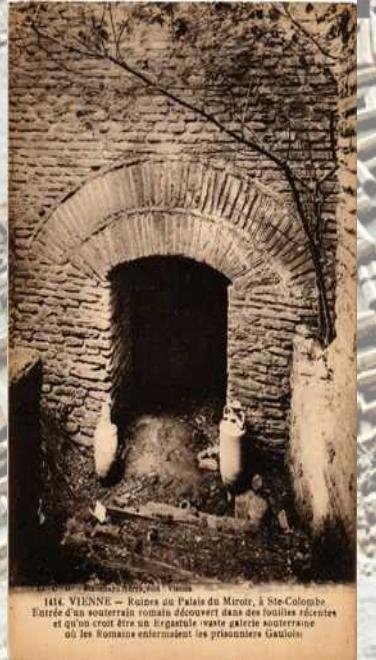
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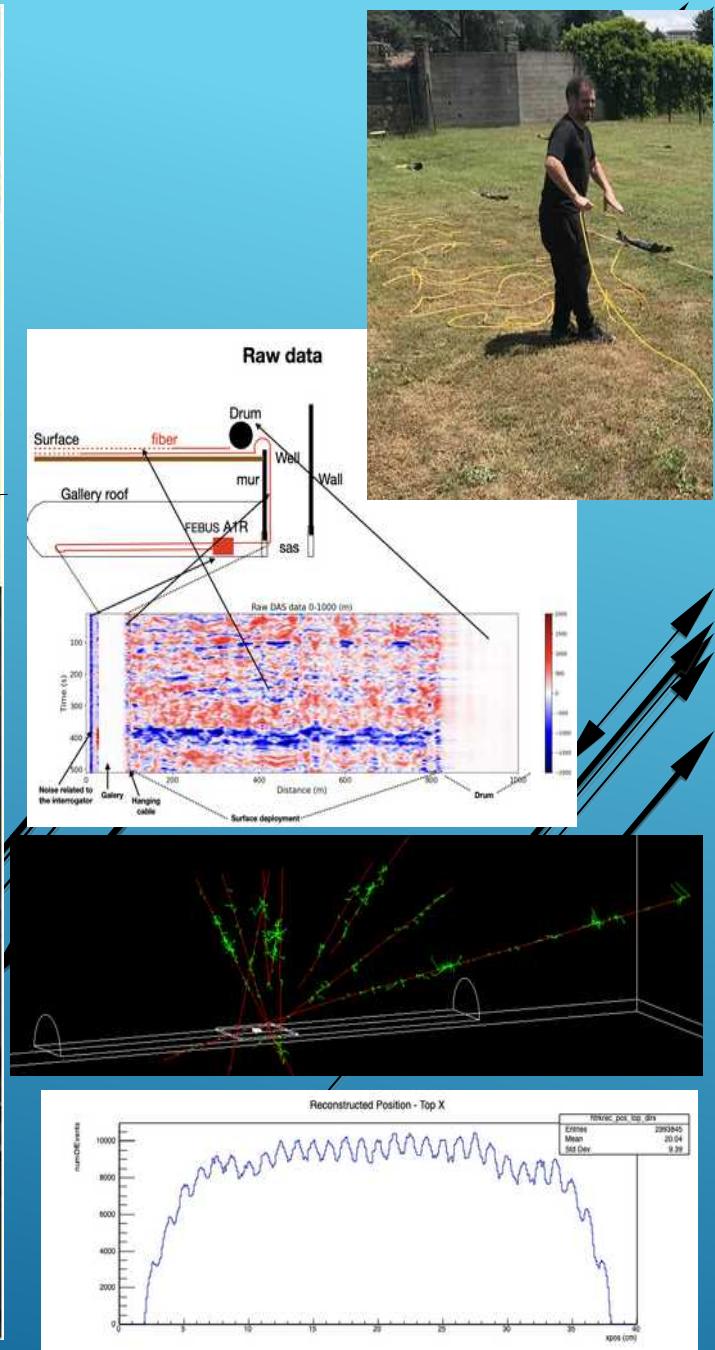
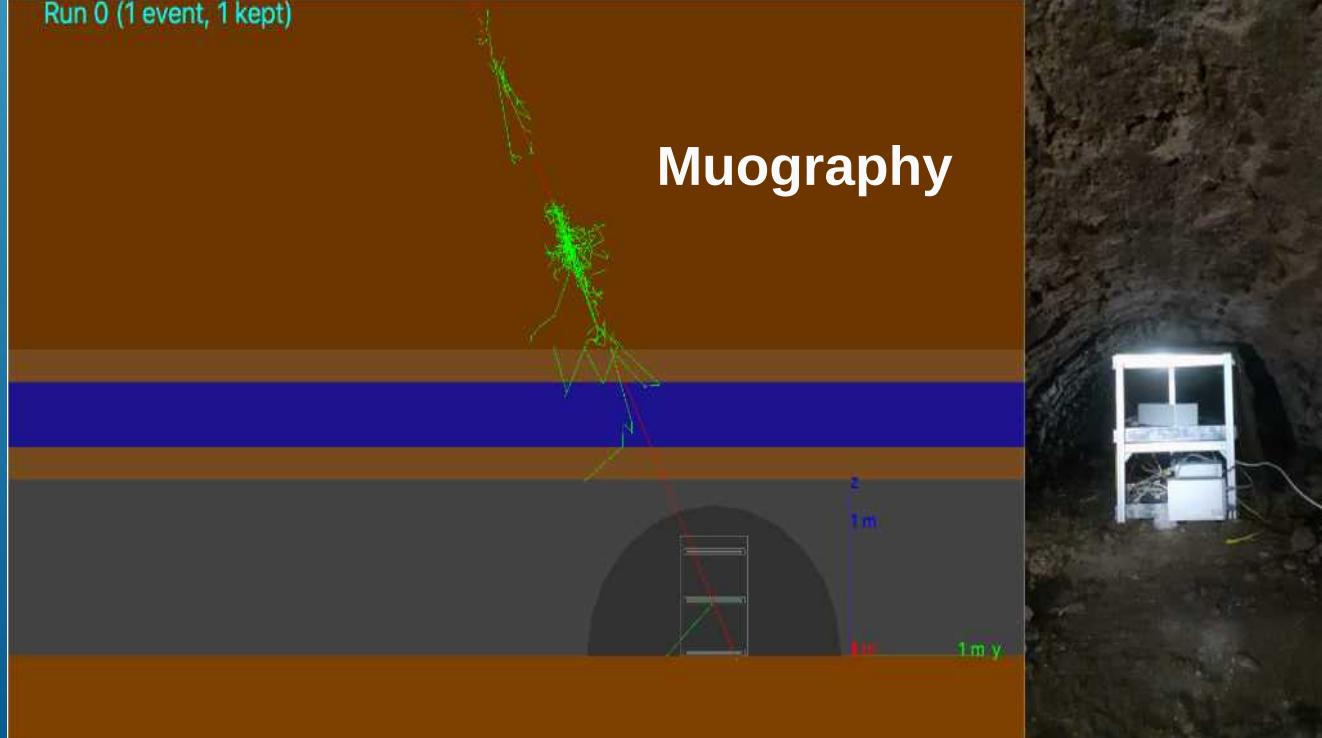


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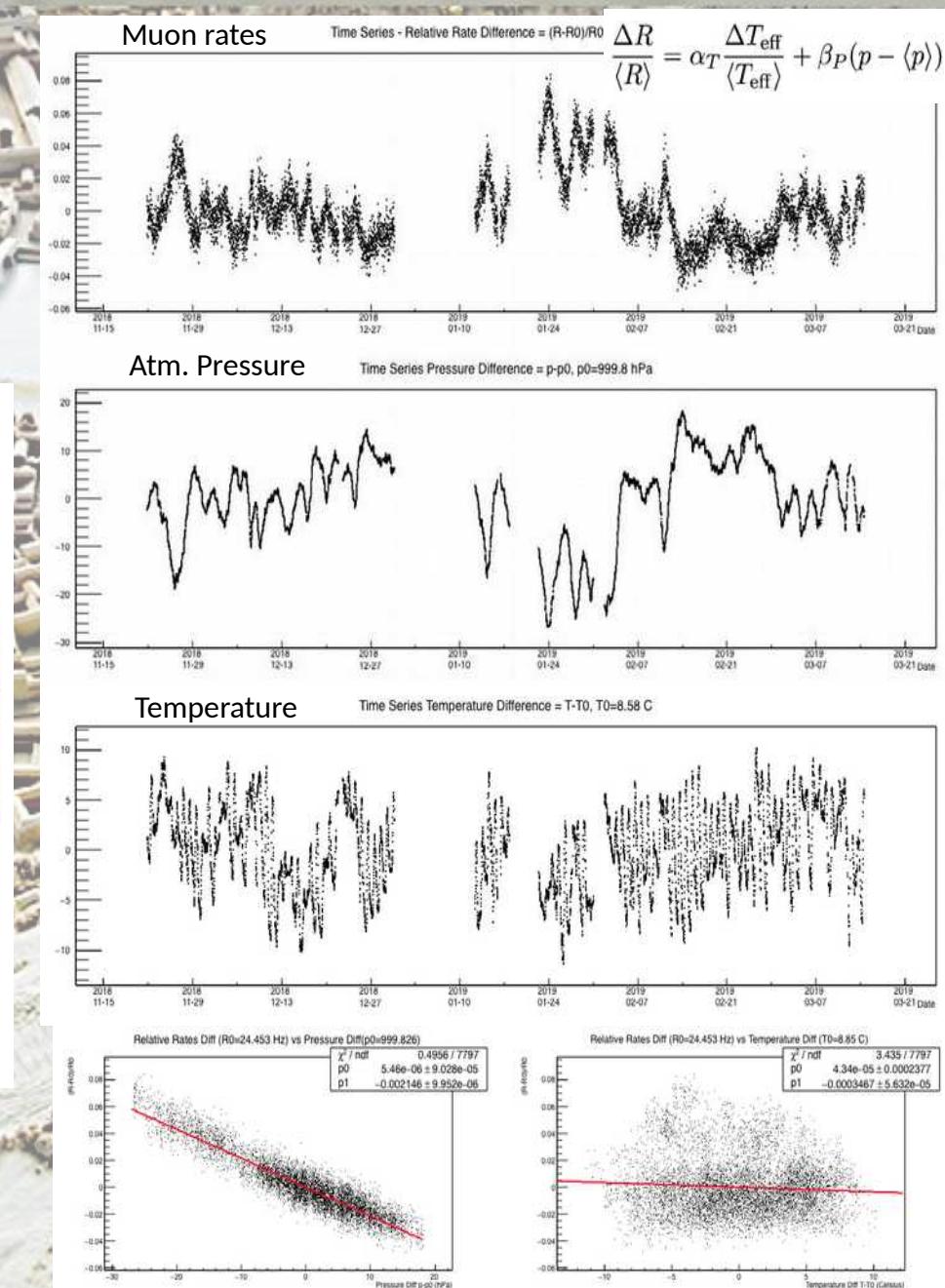
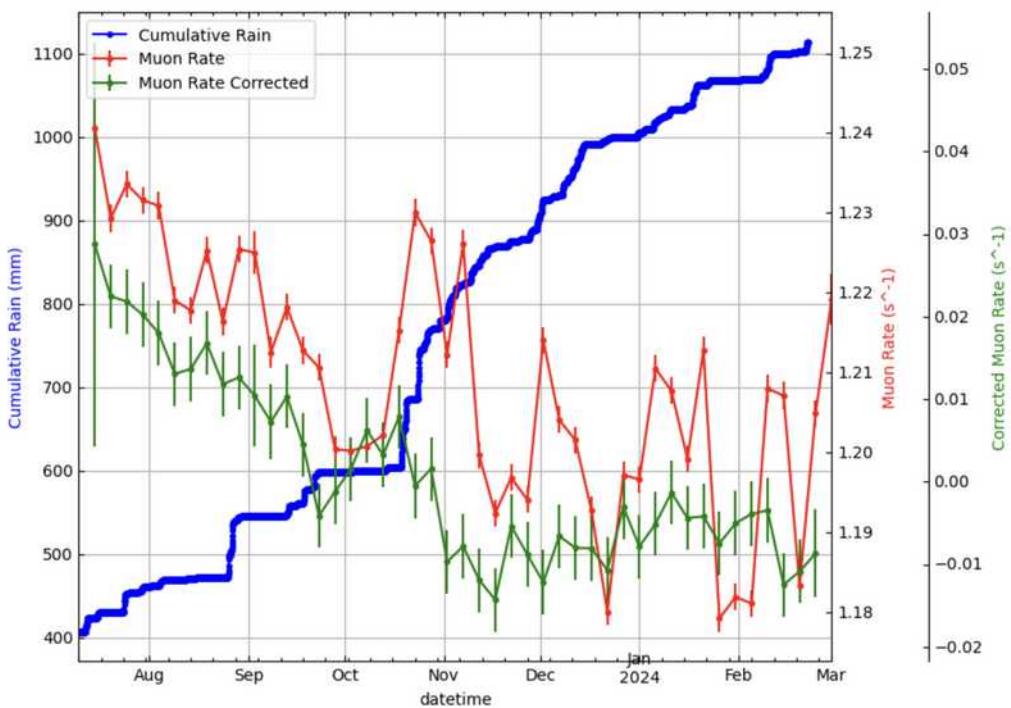
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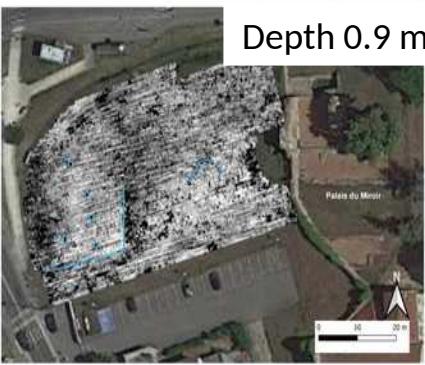
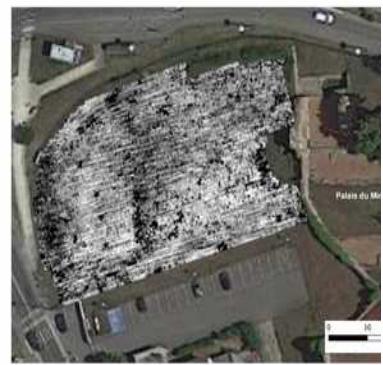


Atmospheric & hydrogeological effects

How soil water retention affects the measurement



GeoRadar & ERT



GeoRadar, ERT, Seismics & Gravimetry



- Wind
- Earthquakes
- Storms
- Geomagnetic Fields
- Cosmic Rays
- Soil & Atmosphere density fluctuation

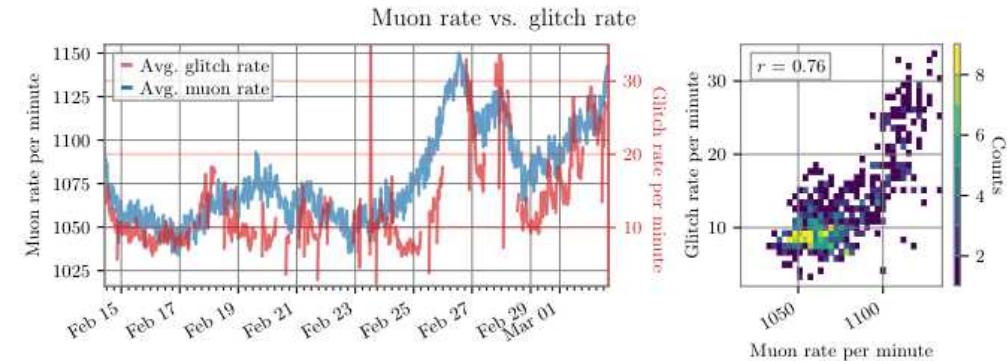
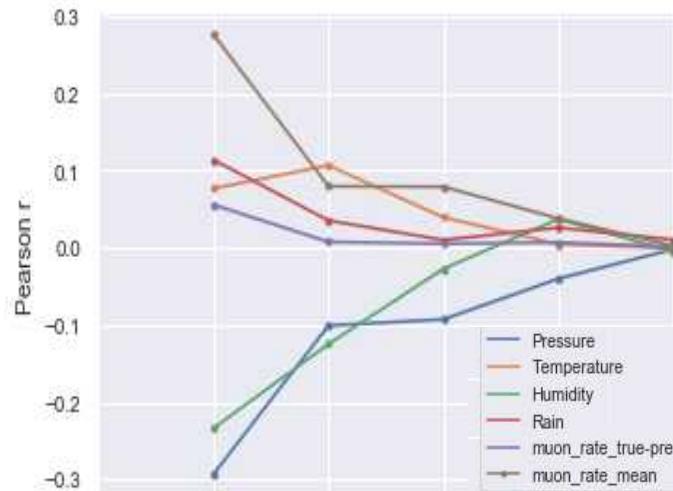
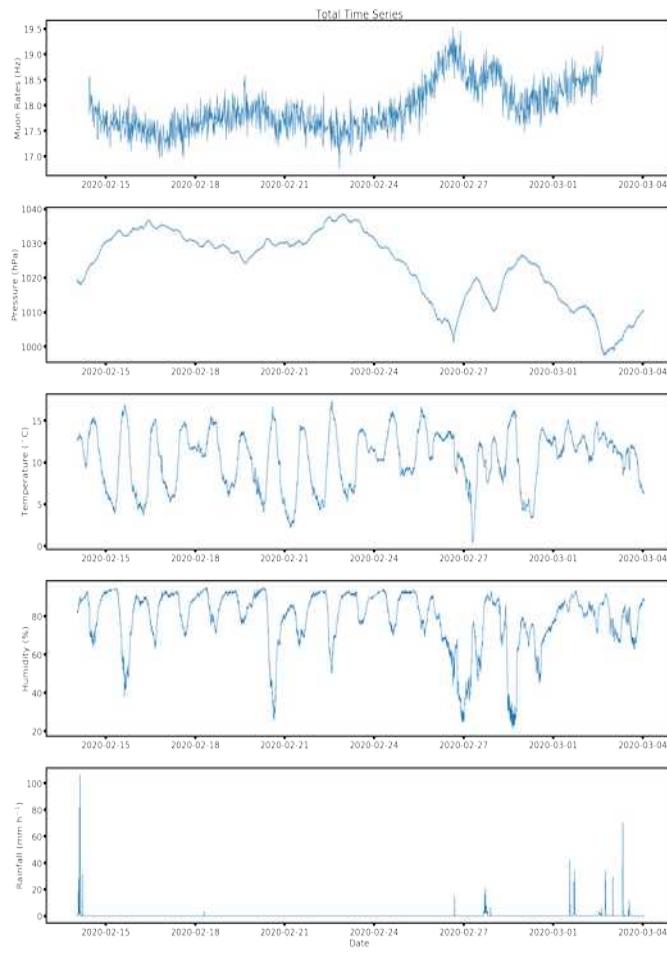


Gravitational Waves antenna ?



POC experiment during Virgo O3 run

Investigate correlations: muon rates vs interferometer sensitivity
(DAQ : 19 days)



Results:

- Correlation between muon rates and GW detector,
- Muons monitor atmospheric phenomena,
- Atmosphere impacts sensitivity

Cosmic Rays – Direct Interaction with Mirrors

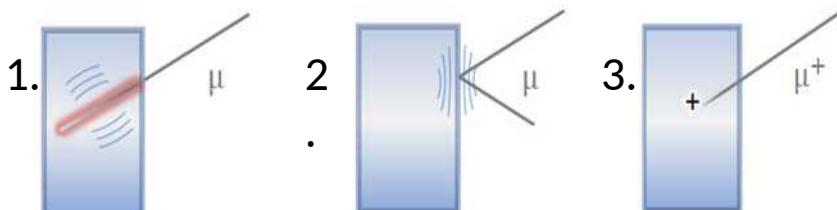
Notes about Noise in Gravitational Wave Antennae

Created by Cosmic Rays

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We limit ourselves by only three possible mechanical “actions” on the rest masses (mirrors):

1. **Direct transfer of mechanical momentum** from cascade to the LIGO mirror.
2. **Distortion of mirror’s surface due to the heating by the cascade** and subsequent thermal expansion — thermoelastic effect.
3. **Fluctuating component of the Coulomb force** between electrically charged mirror and grounded metal elements located near the mirror’s surface.



Visualization for muons:
can be extended to
hadrons (pions, protons,
neutrons), electrons/positrons

Parameters of High Energy Cascades

\mathcal{E} is cascade energy, J_μ, J_h, J_e are the fluxes of cascades produced by muons, hadrons and by soft component, consequently, at the sea level; $N_{e, \max}$ is a number of electrons in the cascade maximum; $\Delta\mathcal{E}$ is energy lost by cascade in the 20 cm of SiO_2 ; N_{ev} is the expected number per year of events with energy losses higher than $\Delta\mathcal{E}$.

\mathcal{E} , TeV	0.5	1	2
J_μ 1/cm ² s	1.8×10^{-9}	2.8×10^{-10}	4.3×10^{-11}
J_h 1/cm ² s	2.5×10^{-9}	4.0×10^{-10}	7.2×10^{-11}
J_e 1/cm ² s	3×10^{-10}	8×10^{-11}	1.7×10^{-11}
$N_{e, \max}$	1000	2000	4000
$\Delta\mathcal{E}$, GeV	60	120	230
N_{ev}	~ 110	20	$3 \div 4$

GW signals are of the present class of sensitivities are $10^{-18}, 10^{-19}$ m

2 TeV perpendicular on a 20 cm mirror

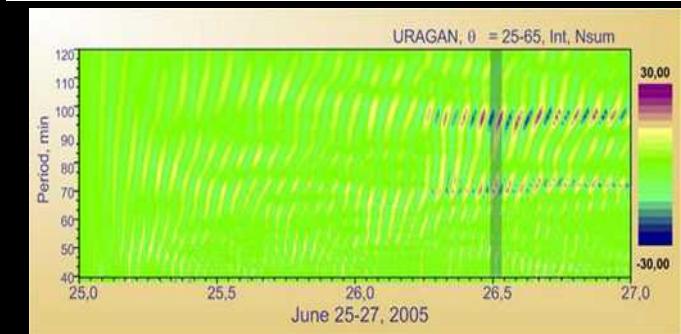
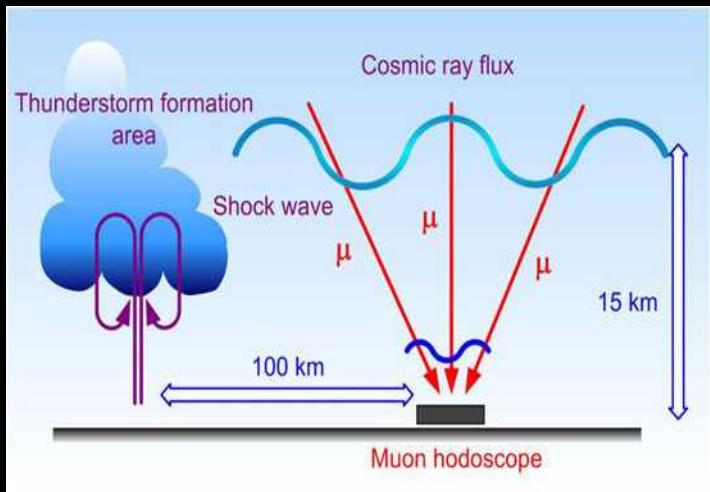
1. $\Delta L = 2 \times 10^{-19}$ m

2. $\Delta H = 8 \times 10^{-19}$ m

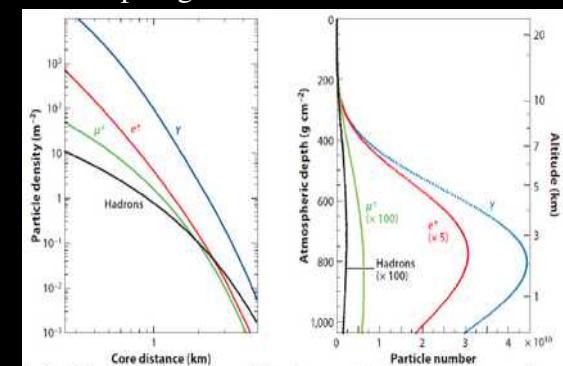
Difficulties:

- Rare events
 - The detector needs to be placed beneath the mirror (we were barely let inside the building)
- Solution: Long term study between Extensive Air Showers (EAS) and interferometer response

Interacting with particles ?



Hodoscope signal from Hurricane 100 km far from Uragan



Average lateral and longitudinal shower profiles for vertical, proton-induced showers at 10^{19} eV.

- The question of particles interacting with the mirror still open...
- Cosmic muons may be a powerful tool for atmospheric phenomena monitoring which provide remote access to atmospheric changes at large distances.
- Muon hodoscopes can be used as monitoring tools of large-scale atmospheric mass movements like thunderstorms and other important Newtonian Noise sources.
- Large surface particle detectors ($\sim 10-100 \text{ m}^2$) useful to :
 - ✓ VETO the Extensive Air Showers
 - ✓ Constrain the atmospheric models in a global approach
 - ✓ “Muography” the geology and its dynamics
- Robust, simple and low-cost technology required : large-scale scintillator detectors are easy to produce and operate.



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Muography, a technique used to peer inside nuclear reactors and Egyptian pyramids, could help map the innards of the world's most hazardous volcanoes.

