

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





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#### **IMAGING MUOGRAPHY**













Average density



4.5









#### **IMAGING METHODS**







#### **INVERSE PROBLEMS**

#### MLEM: Maximum Likelihood Expectation Maximisation



#### **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



- 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

# Field muography use cases

# Muography use cases overview

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

#### Geosciences



- Volcanology
- Geology
- Hydrology
- Atmosphere physics
- CR physics
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#### Archaelogy



- Pyramids
- Tumulus
- Anthropic structures
- Ruins

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#### **Industrial controls**



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

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## Volcanoes



# 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







### La Soufrière "muon station"











## Imaging & monitoring









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

# Sismo-muon joint monitoring





Global analysis of muon and seismic monitoring



Abrupt changes of hydrothermal activity in a lava dome detected by combined seismic and muon monitoring : Le Gonidec, J.-Y. et al. Scientific Reports 2019

# 3-D gravi-muon joint inversion



# (Rosas-Carbajal et al., 2017)

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b)

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Rocher Fendu

300 Azimuth angle (\*)

Matylis

-20 Azimuth angle (\*)

Parking

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Azimuth angle (\*)

1.5

40

320

#### Horizontal slices of density and electrical conductivity models



#### LIDENBROCK & SNAEFELLSJOKULL



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#### Detector mounting and assembly



#### First lights





tomographic mode

open sky





Nuclear evaporator

## Geotechnics





Blast furnace







#### Application to Tunnel Boring machines



#### Measurements Principles & Density anomaly detection





#### Search for Hidden Chambers in the Pyramids

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

Luis W. Alvarez, Jared A. Anderson, F. El Bodwei, James Burkhard, Ahnust Fakhry, Adib Girgis, Amr Goneid, Fikhry Hassan, Dennis Iverson, Gerald Lynch, Zenab Miligy, Ali Hilmy Moussa, Mohammed-Sharkawi, Lauren Yazolino

L.Alvarez paper







#### The ScanPyramids project

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



(388 | Nature | VOL 552 | 21/28 DECEMBER 2017)



#### The Apollonia tumulus

#### **Challenges**:

- Looking for an object with similar density as the surrounding materials r~2.3 gr/cm<sup>3</sup> for dirt and 2.5 gr/cm<sup>3</sup> for marble !
- If any monument, it must be at the horizon level. Very low number of muons, wait a LONG time !
- Muons must cross a lot of dirt. Need high energy muons, their number is even less !



https://www.univearths.fr/fr/2018/07/18/excursion-experimentale-des-geoparticules-a-apollonia/

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# ArchéMuons

- Muon Tomography in controlled/confined environment
- Combine/Compare results with geophysical surveys:
  - ERT
  - Gravimetry
  - Seismometry
- Prospect of archaeological discovery in the "Palais du Miroir"



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Vienne & St-Romain en Gal





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Manual and Martin

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![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Palais du Miroir Underground

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# MC simulation

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No Cuts

events with hits: 1993708 Events with 2 fold Coincidences: 351286 2-fold Coincidences with muon: 323597 2-fold Coincidences From Muons: 182544

Energy Depostition>0.6 MeV

events with hits: 1526250 Events with 2 fold Coincidences: 273770 2-fold Coincidences with muon: 272918 2-fold Coincidences From Muons: 173913

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Preliminary Finding Shows 2-fold Coincidence are 64% actual muons 36% Muon + other particle

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# **Detector development**

![](_page_31_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Picture_2.jpeg)

BC-416 203 cm X 63 cm X 5 mm

Saint-Gobain

Detection: Alphas, betas, charged particles, cosmic rays, Muons, protons

Large Area & Economy

# Track Reconstruction from charge deposit

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

Charge cut: Extreme plane channels: 30 ADC Middle plane channels: 25 ADC

- Events that did not give charge on the fibers that are closest to the borders for the extreme panels.
- Events that gave one pair of (x,y) hits for the middle detector
- Exclude events that have position error = 0. This means that the multiplicity for the extreme panels is above 1.

![](_page_32_Figure_6.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_7.jpeg)

# **Overburden Thickness Calculation**

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Detector Efficiency Calculation Theoretical Rates: (1) - 4.120 s^-1 (2) - 3.175 s^-1 Experimental Rates: (1) - 0.637  $\pm$  0.0021 s^-1 (2) - 0.480  $\pm$  0.0027 s^-1

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Efficiency: (3)  $-0.1546 \pm 0.0005$ (4)  $-0.1512 \pm 0.0009$ 

<Efficiency>: 0.1524 ± 0.0004

![](_page_33_Figure_5.jpeg)

Experimental rate inside the Cavity 1st Run:  $0.3381 \pm 0.0007 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 2nd Run:  $0.3384 \pm 0.0009 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 3rd Run:  $0.3209 \pm 0.0008 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

<Rate> = 0.3326 ± 0.0005 s^-1

Overburden Characterization Curves Two Geometries for the overburden. (a) Rectangular & (b) Rectangular with Semispherical Cavity

The material is Standard Rock The step for the curve points is 10 cm

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#### **Underground labs**

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niche PP - run 2

niche QQ - run 3

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#### Joint gravi-muon analysis

z (GRSS0) (m)

all solutions for  $\mathcal{P}_{p}ost(\mathbf{p}|\mathbf{d})/max_{p}(\mathcal{P}_{p}ost(\mathbf{p}|\mathbf{d})) > 0.6$ density marginal probability Opalinus layer parametrization 1000 muons Print 1  $P_{pust}(p|d) (g^{-1}, cm^3)$ 60 z (GRS80) (m) Œ SE NW 1000 **Sec.** 900 600 40 P1 OL: P4\*  $|\sigma_1|$ 800 P1' 400 20 700  $\rho_{\rm clay}$  $\rho_{\rm limestone}$ P2 P2 P2 P3  $\rho_{\rm marl}$ 200 200 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7 600 408 U -200 4:00 23 600 tunnel aris gravi 1000 P6'  $1_{00}$ 500 - Ou →P6 ≻P3  $P_{post}(p|d) (g^{-1}.cm^3)$ 60 400 z (GRS80) (m) 200 -200 800 600 400 0 -400 y (in the tunnel plane) (m) 10 600 20 400 200 Ó 2.4 2.7 600 400 200 -200 -400 2.5 2.6 .0 2.3 joined 1000  $P_{post}(\rho|d) (g^{-1}.cm^3)$ 60 # (GRS80) (m) 600 40 20 400 200 0 600 400 200 0 -200 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7 -4002.3 y in the tunnel plane (m) density (g.cm-3)

![](_page_37_Figure_0.jpeg)

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The New York Times

How Do You See Inside a Volcano? Try a Storm of Cosmic Particles.

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

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