# Advancement on Tomographic Research of Underground and large STructures with Muographic Expertise project (TRUST-ME)





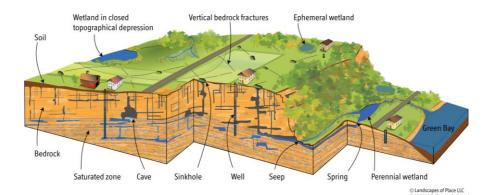


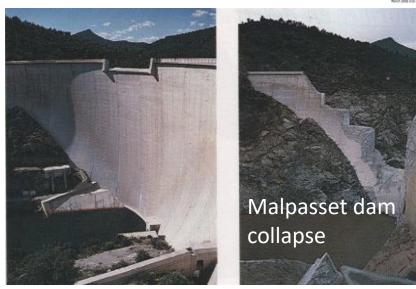


### Project context and objectives

### Project centered on sustainable water management

- Survey of groundwater in aquifers
  - Climate change, demographic growth cause increasing need for water
  - 25% of world population depends on groundwater from karstic reservoirs
- Hydraulic structures
  - 85% of dams have reached the end of their lifespan
  - 200 dam failures between 2000 and 2009
  - Existing monitoring techniques are limited
- Project focuses on muography to complement existing geophysics imaging techniques



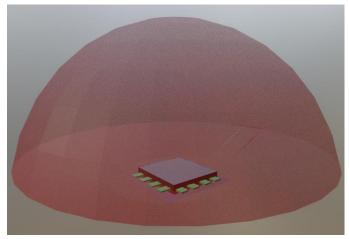


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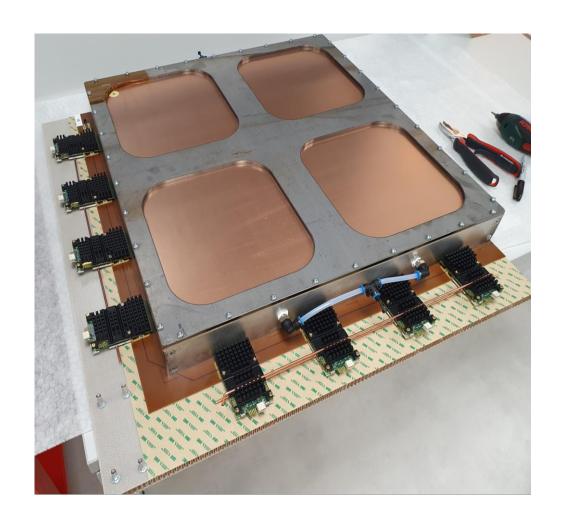


## MUST<sup>2</sup> detector upgrade

- New version of the MUon Survey Tomography based on Micromegas detectors for Unreachable Sites Technology muon tracker (MUST<sup>2</sup>, patented in 2015)
- Improved angular resolution, new features, more cost-efficient
- Network configuration capable
- Simultaneous acquisition of several points of view for 4D tomography
- Wide FOV (~170° zenith and 360° azimuth)

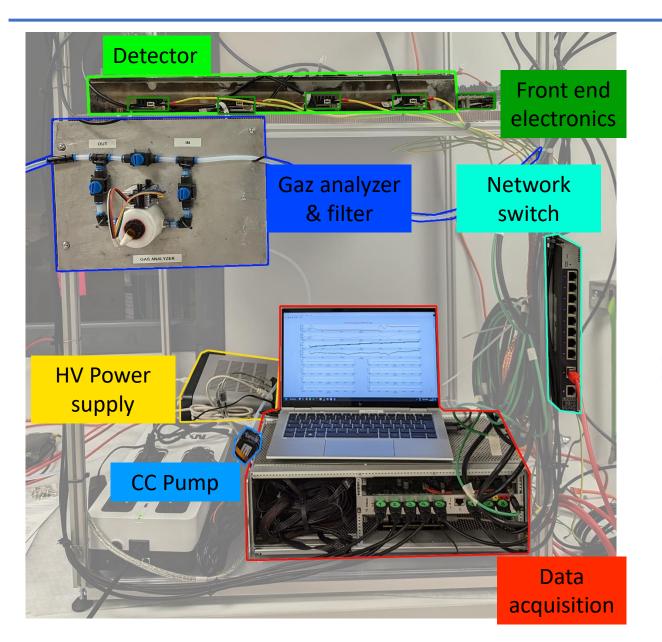


FOV of the detector



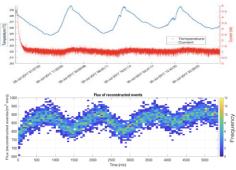


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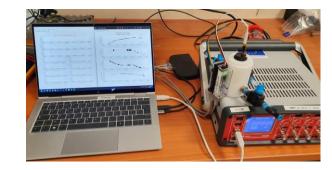


- Lightweight detector,  $60 \times 70 \times 10$  cm, 20 kg
- Peripherals are remote-capable
- Versatile, autonomous, compact and scalable
- Real-time gas analysis to adjust voltage

Gas analyzer system: reads temperature and gas quality in the closed circuit, then allows real-time gain and gas control



Reconstructed events from gas moniitoring



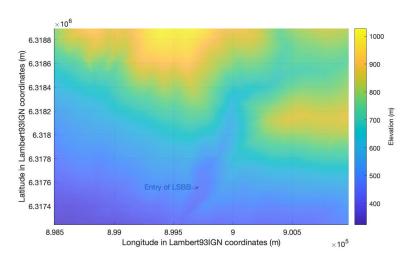
Gain of high-voltage power supply adjusted automatically



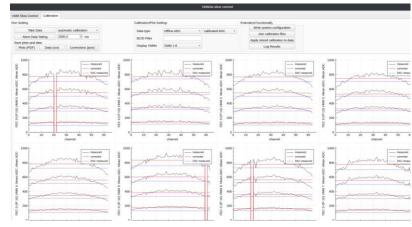
### Ongoing software development

### Software aspect of the project include:

- Calibration and configuration of the detector using RD51 software
- Reconstruction of muon trajectories inside the detector
- Network configuration of the detector and acquisition system
  - Use of multiple detectors for temporal 3D imaging
- Modeling of mid-sized targets for detector characterization
  - Topographic, 3D models generated using photogrammetry & LIDAR



Elevation map of LSBB from airborne LIDAR

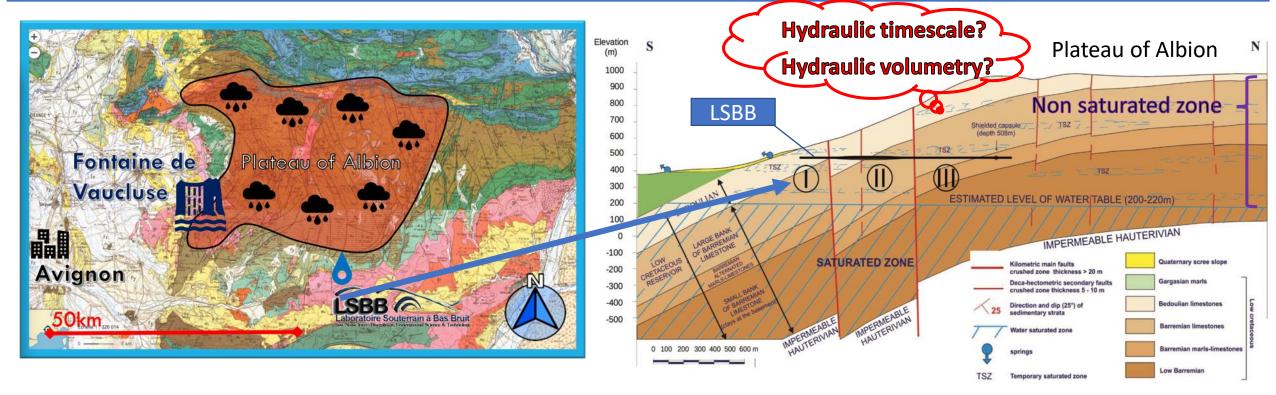


Calibration of VMM3a cards using Slow Control software

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### Study case: underground monitoring

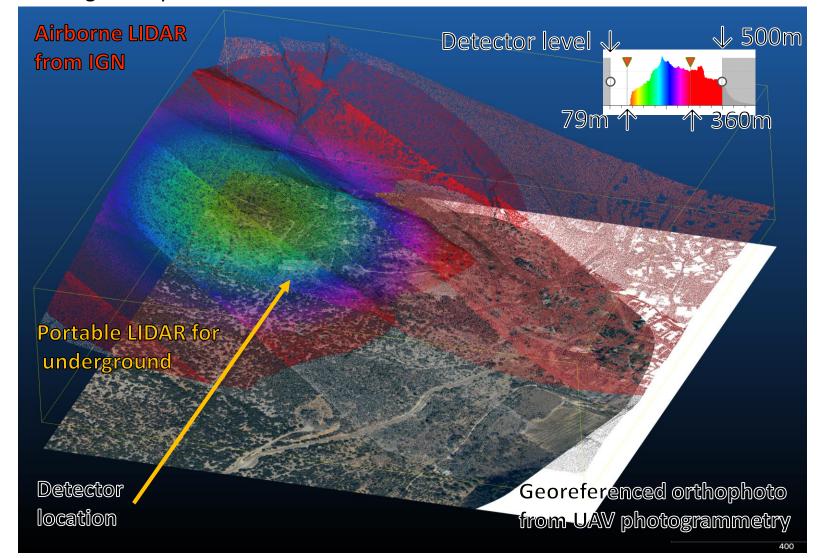


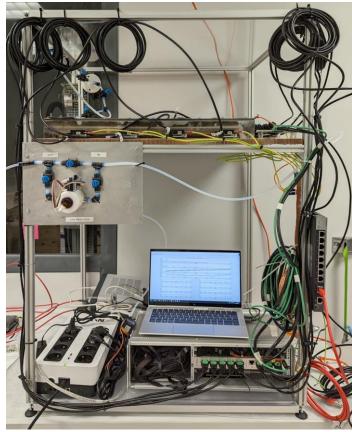
- Low background noise underground laboratory: pilot site of the project, possibility to deploy detectors elsewhere
- LSBB located in the non-saturated zone above water table
- Rainwater collected by Plateau of Albion feeds Fontaine de Vaucluse
- Underground muon tomography gives insight about aquifers



## Study case: underground monitoring

- Distances from detector to surface (1cm accuracy in length)
- Off ground points classified



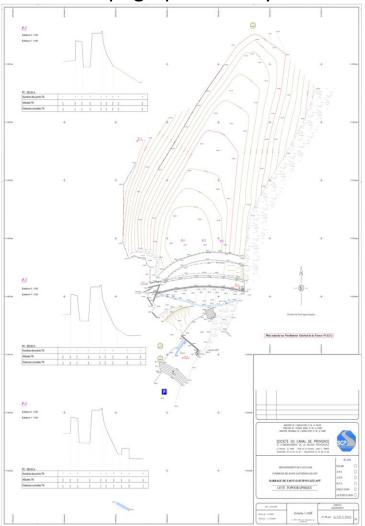


Necessary for accurate modeling of muon flux attenuation on detector location Clément Risso

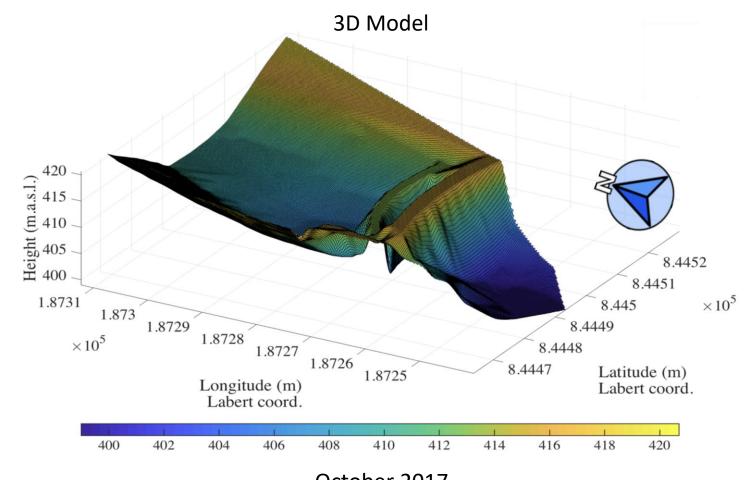
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October 2006 Unknown accuracy



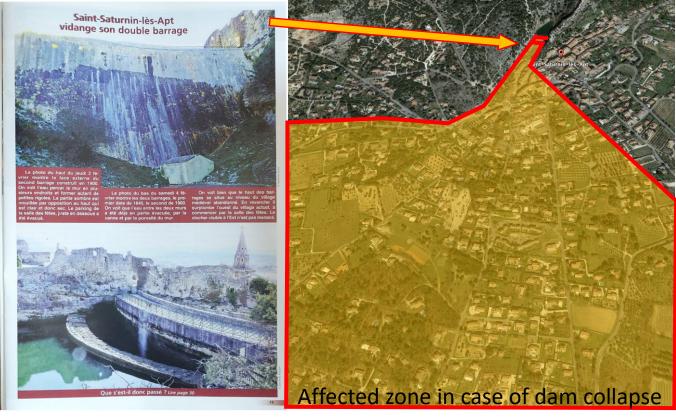
October 2017
Based on the topographic survey
Resolution 1 point/m<sup>2</sup>
Size 207y441m

Size 297x441m Interpolation artifacts

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February 2023: Dangerous incident during the dam monitoring

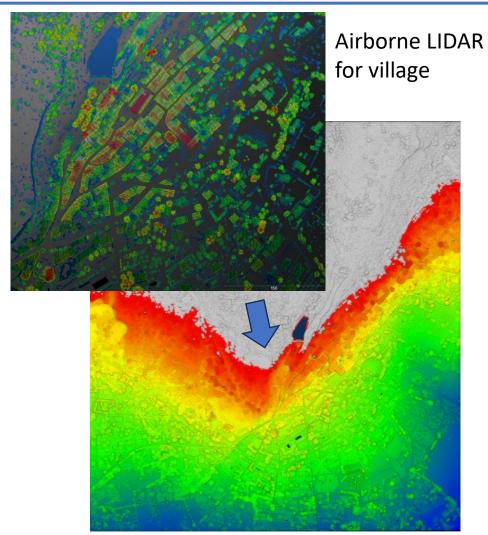




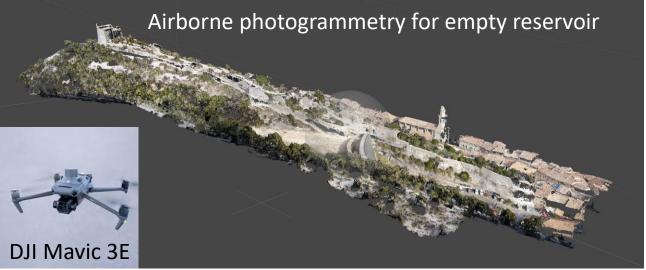
- Periodical dam monitoring required by regional agency.
- Local council (owner) commissions the monitoring to the concession holder.
- Concession holder outsources a borehole drilling for structure analysis.
- Borehole technicians ask for dam plans, they do not exist as the double dam structure is over 200 years old.
- Owner authorizes the drilling as the monitoring is legally enforced.
- Borehole damages the dam exhaust and the dam front starts to leak, weakening the whole structure.
- Emergency procedure triggered to empty the reservoir.
- Emptying doesn't work as sediment has clogged the drain system.
- The old submerged dam holds the water weight and can cause a hydraulic ram.
- Firefighters deploy motor pumps to empty reservoir (3 days).

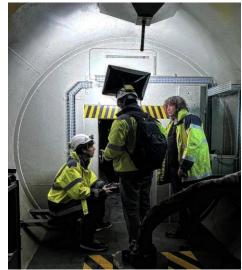






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Raw data by IGN
https://geoservices.ign.fr/lidarhd





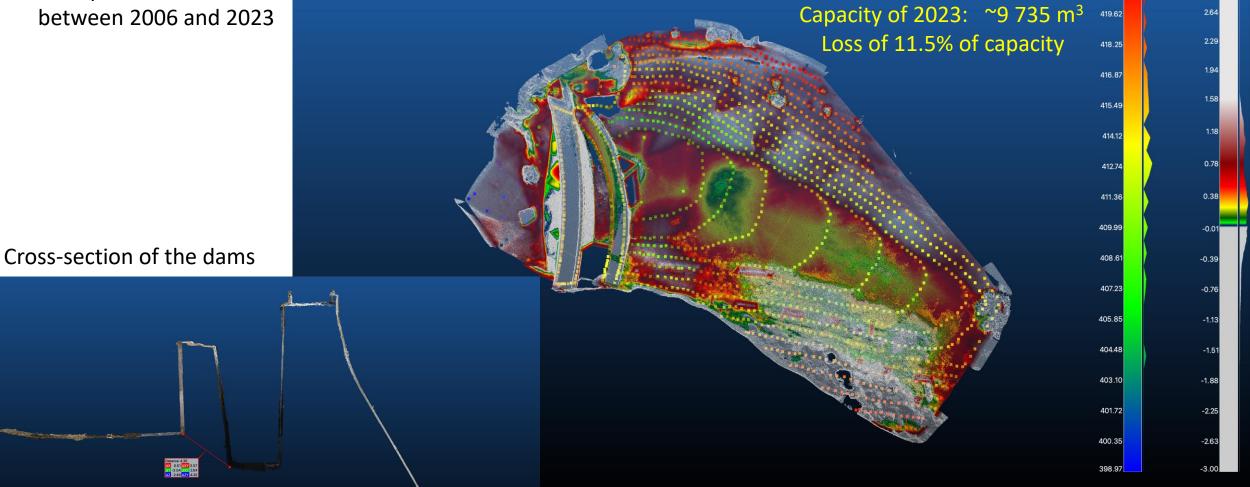
Mobile LIDAR for dam & underground spaces



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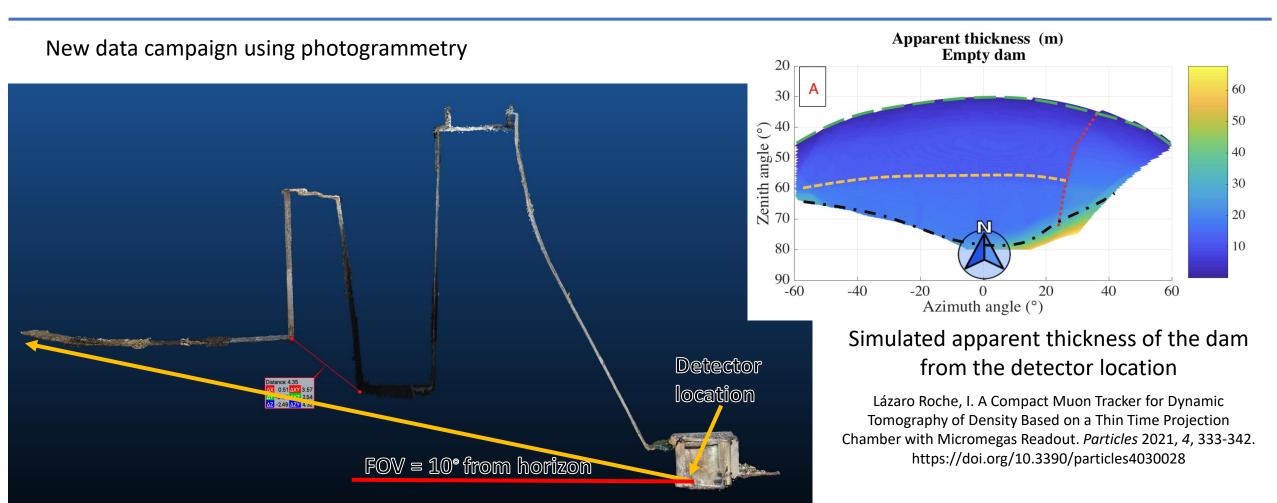


Map of sedimentation between 2006 and 2023



Capacity of 2006: ~11 000m<sup>3</sup>

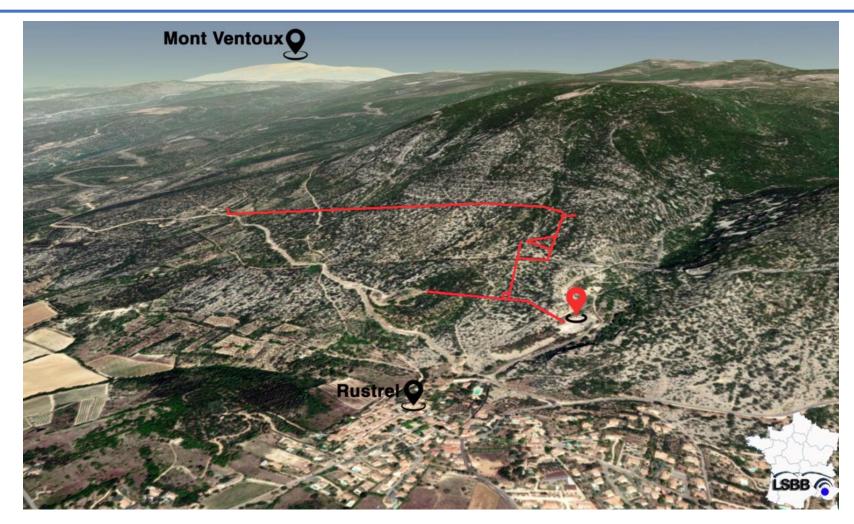




Cross-section of double dam



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