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Underground Center for Science and R & D

Finland





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Who am I?

- 8+ years working as an electrician and automation technician for the Pyhäsalmi Mine (owned by First Quantum Minerals)
- Began working for the University of Oulu and Callio Lab in 2018
- BSc. in General Physics and MSc. in Space Physics & Astronomy
- Product of outreach (high school particle physics course)
- "Boots on the ground" on-site







Traveling to Callio Lab in Pyhäjärvi:

➤ 1 hour flight from Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport to Oulu, then 2 hour drive to Pyhäjärvi

Traveling to University of Oulu main campus:

1 hour flight from Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport to Oulu airport

or

6 hour train ride from Helsinki to Oulu

before CALLOLAB there was CUPP

In 2000, the Centre for Underground Physics in Pyhäsalmi (CUPP) began operation.

Projects included:

- Muons UnderGround experiment (MUG)
- Mobile Underground Detector (MUD)
- Experiment with MultiMuon Array (EMMA)
- Two FP7 design studies of a pan-European Infrastructure for Large Apparatus studying Grand Unification and Neutrino Astrophysics (LAGUNA DS and LAGUNA LBNO DS)



The <u>LAGUNA</u> and LAGUNA LBNO design studies found the Pyhäsalmi mine site to be the most ideal location.



Multidisciplinary research infrastructure since 2015

- An EPOS Research Infrastructure (ESFRI, 2020)
- A FIN-EPOS Infrastructure (FIRI, 2020)
- A strategic research infrastructure of University of Oulu
- Member of DULIA network and collaborating with CELLAR network
- Founding member of European Underground Laboratories Association (EUL, BSUIN projects) <u>Undergroundlabs.network</u>



cooperation, networking and facilitation



Education and training

Mining & tunnelling

Geothermal research

Working environment

Mine reuse



Future food & **Underground farming**



SpaceLab



Earth Observation and remote sensing



Deep underground low background facility



Particle physics & muography



Something new?





Underground H&S



CALLO LAB at the Pyhäsalmi Mine, in Pyhäjärvi Finland



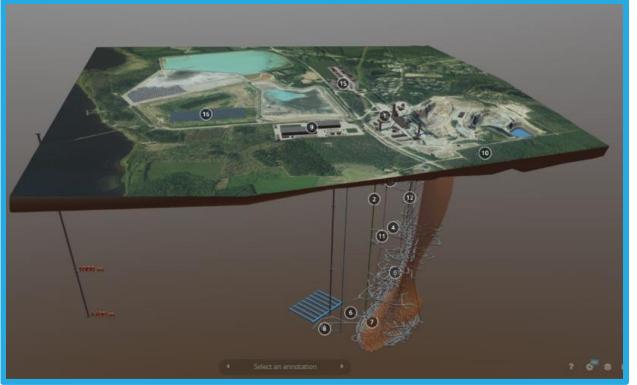
About the Pyhäsalmi mine:

- 1430 meters deep (~4000 m.w.e.)
- Underground mining 1962-2022
- Owned by Pyhäsalmi Mine Oy
- Post-mining activities coordinated by the
 Pyhäjärvi town-owned Callio-Mine for Business
- Scientific activities are coordinated by the University of Oulu Callio Lab









3D-model on Sketchfab

New life for Pyhäsalmi underground mine as a pumped hydro energy storage

Owner of mining site: Pyhäsalmi Mine Oy (PMO) Reuse coordinator: Callio Mine for Business (Callio) Scientific coordination: Callio Lab (CLab)



Pumped hydro energy storage:

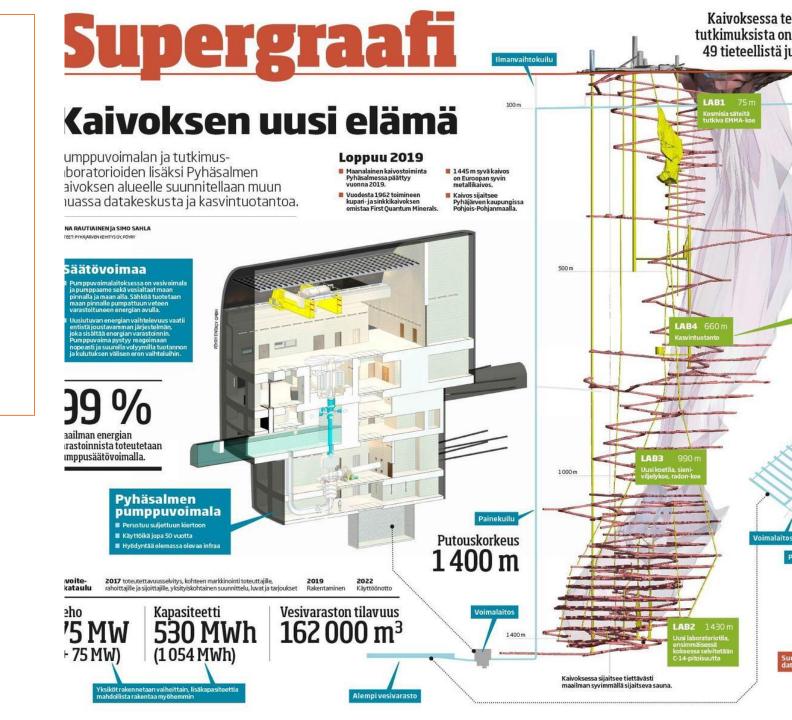
- Planned mode of operation is continuous
- 7/9 h cycle (generation/pumping)
- 50 year lifetime
- Building would take 3-4 years
- Power 75 MW, capacity of 530 MWh
- Cost 125 MEUR + inflation
- EU commission approved 26MEUR Finnish measure to support construction







The existence of such a facility would ensure the future of scientific activity underground. Final decision due in 2023.



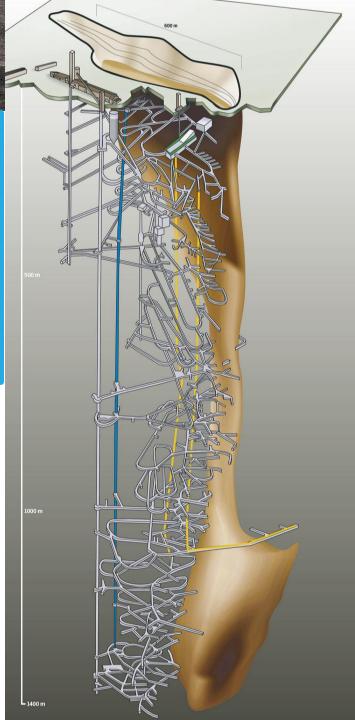
CALLO LAB Access and transport

Elevator from surface to main level takes 3 minutes

Incline tunnel leads from the surface to the bottom, is 11 km long and takes about 30-40 minutes to drive



Independent working requires safety induction



Services & Infrastructure









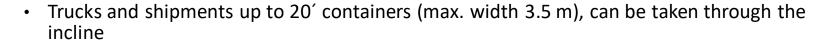












- Elevator can take 1.5 x 2.0 x 1.5 m packages
- Train tracks lead to mine site from Kokkola port
- All re-use sites have been scanned: 3D point clouds available
- Electricity easily available
- Internet access: optical base line (1+ Gb) & Wi-Fi
- HPC cloud computing services at CSC (through Finnish collaborators)
- Leaky feeder (radio phone network)
- Refuge bases (shelters) for emergencies
- Microseismic monitoring network
- Office space and meeting rooms
- Support from local team
- Extensive datasets





Tunneling cost estimates

Example for 100 meters of tunneling in 2021

- Excavation + preliminary support for 5x5.5m tunnel 2200e/m
- Ventilation 35k
- Electric installations >20k
- Water and air lines 15k
- Not included in estimate, is the hauling and storage of the excavated material

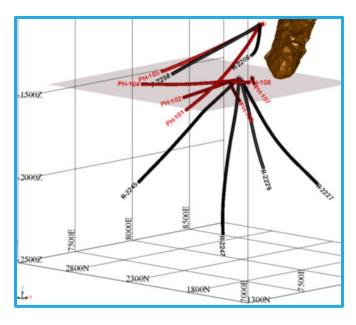


Factoring in inflation, total would currently run up to 350kEUR.



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Geology and seismicity



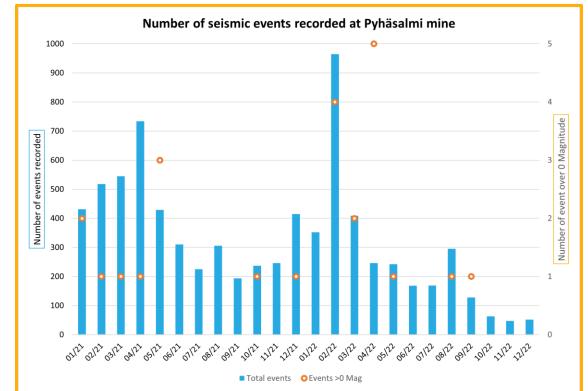
Deepest exploration boreholes reach a depth of 2.4 km, enabling the study of rock mechanics, geochemical composition, microbiome composition

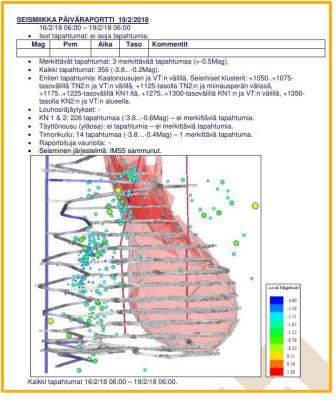
Major rock types:

- Mafic volcanic 47.2%
- Felsic volcanic 36.6%
- Pegmatite 7.1%

Since underground mining ended, the seismicity has been observed to settle quite dramatically. Preliminary reports suggest a 70-90% decrease in number of seismic events.

January 2023, there were 46 events between −1.5...-0.6 Mag.





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Site description and data

- Use and access
- Competencies and quality control
- R&D possibilities
- Geological bedrock data and properties
- Stress field conditions
- Strength and deformation properties of the rock
- Hydrological data and properties
- Lists of data sources
- Natural background radiation & <u>scheme</u>
 - Neutron flux
 - Muon flux
 - Gamma ray background
 - Radioisotope content in rock and water
 - Radon concentration in air





CALLIO LAB Scientific Advisory Board

Multi- and crossdisciplinary network of experts

- Marko Aittola, PhD in Planetary Science, Vice Chairman at Arctic Planetary Science Institute (APSI) & Director of Kokkola University Consortium Chydenius
- Marko Huttula, Professor, Head of the Nano and Molecular Systems Research Unit (NANOMO), University of Oulu
- Rauno Heikkilä, Professor of Digitalized construction and mining operations, Faculty of Technology, University of Oulu
- Jari Joutsenvaara, Project Manager, Callio Lab, Kerttu Saalasti Institute, University of Oulu
- Veiko Karu, Associative professor, Department of Geology, School of Science, Tallinn Technical University
- Jan Kisiel, Professor, Institute of Physics, University of Katowise, Silesia, Poland
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- Ilya Usoskin, Professor, Head of Oulu Cosmic Ray station, Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory, University of Oulu
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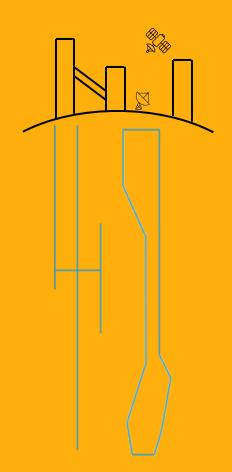
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Meet us at:

- Cambridge 27.-28.3.2023
- EGU2023 Vienna 23.-28.4.2023
 Gl3.1 & Gl6.7 sessions