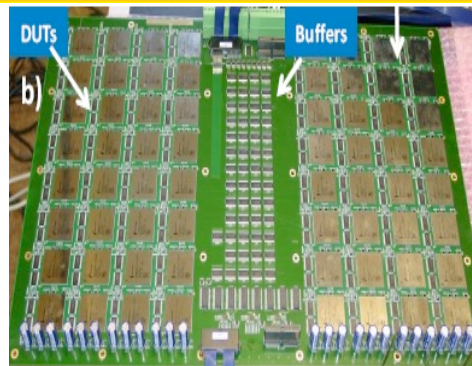


Science at Underground Laboratory of Modane (LSM)



Ali DASTGHEIBI FARD

Symposium on Science at PAUL (Paarl Africa Underground Laboratory)

SSP

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Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane

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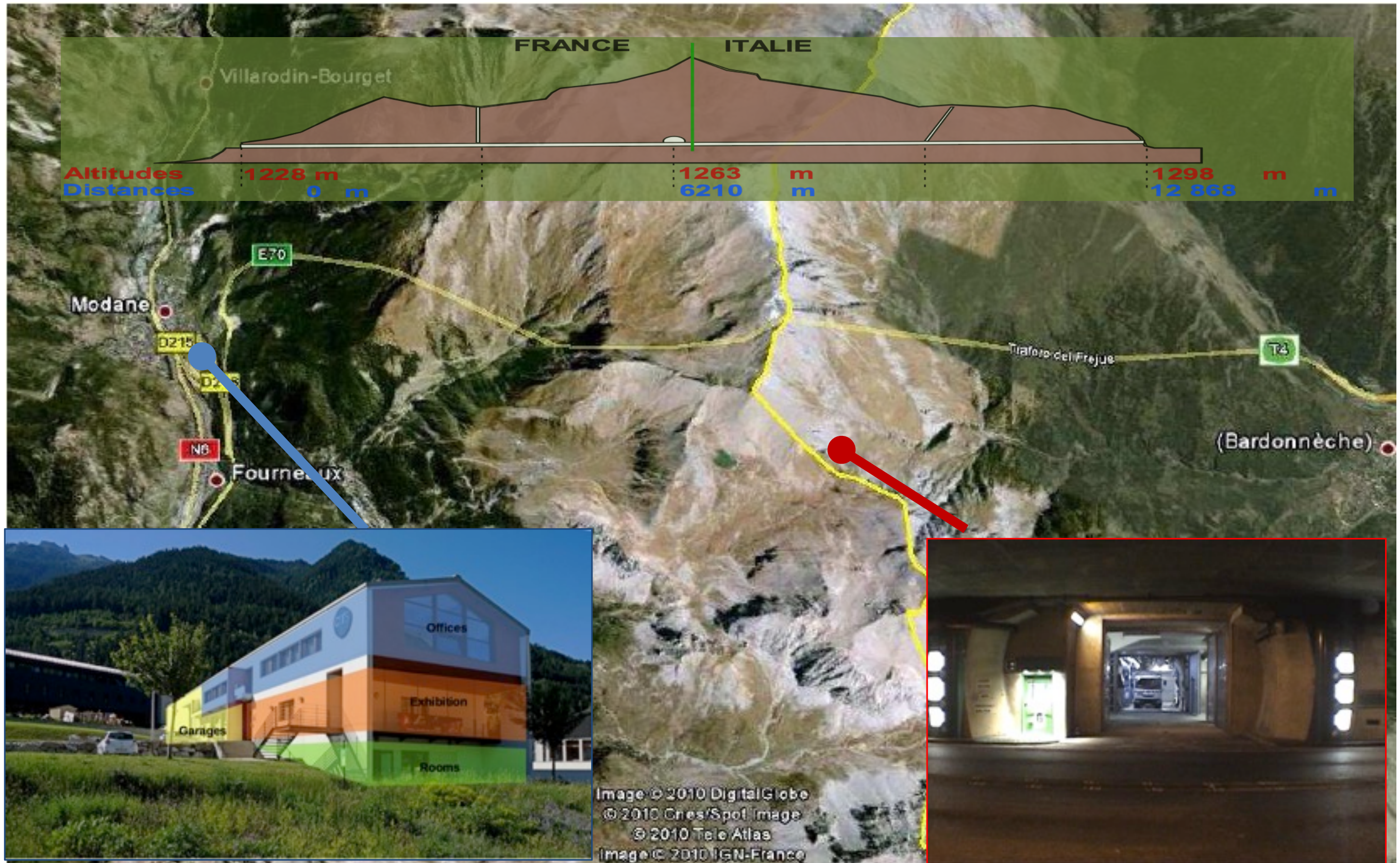


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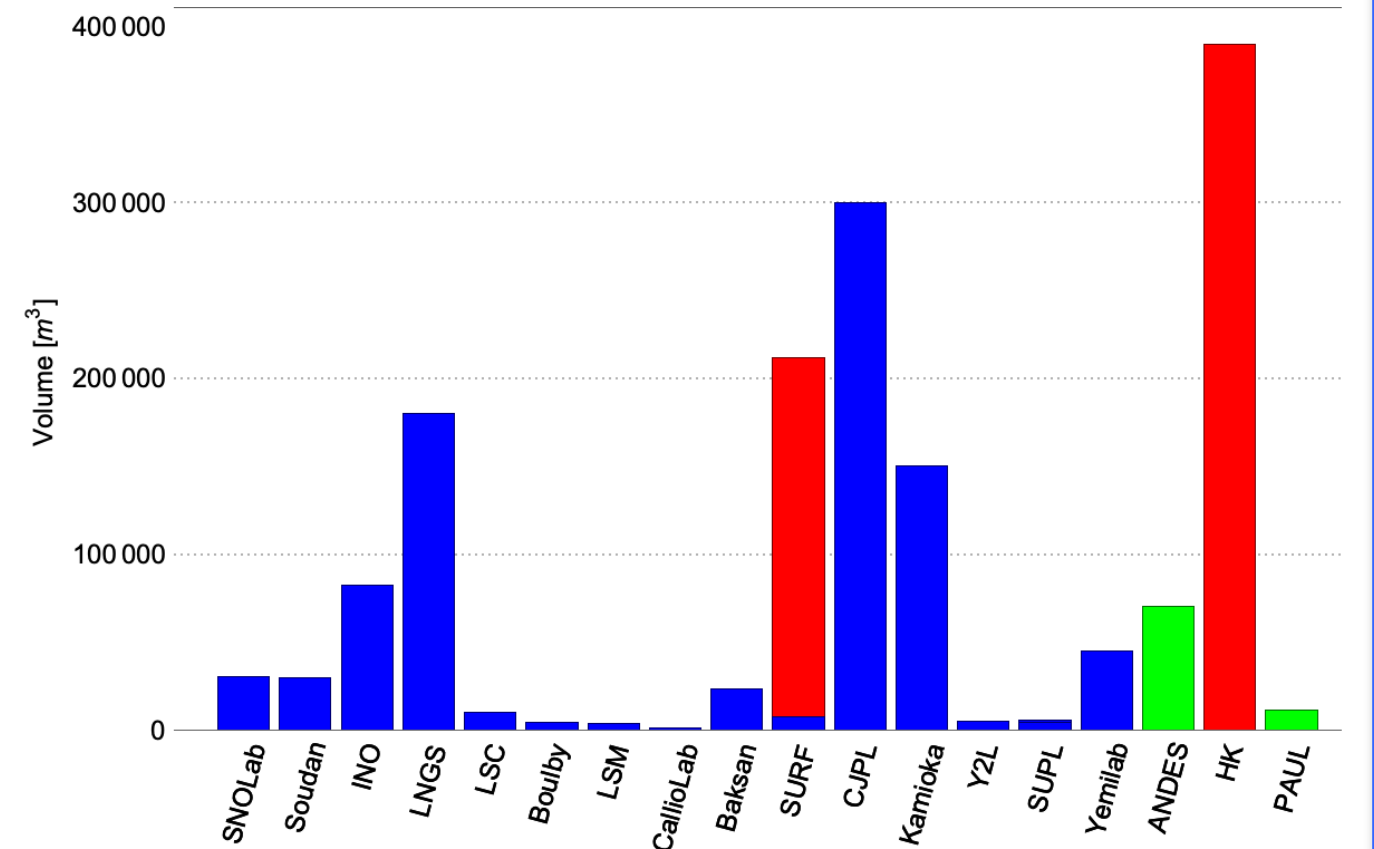
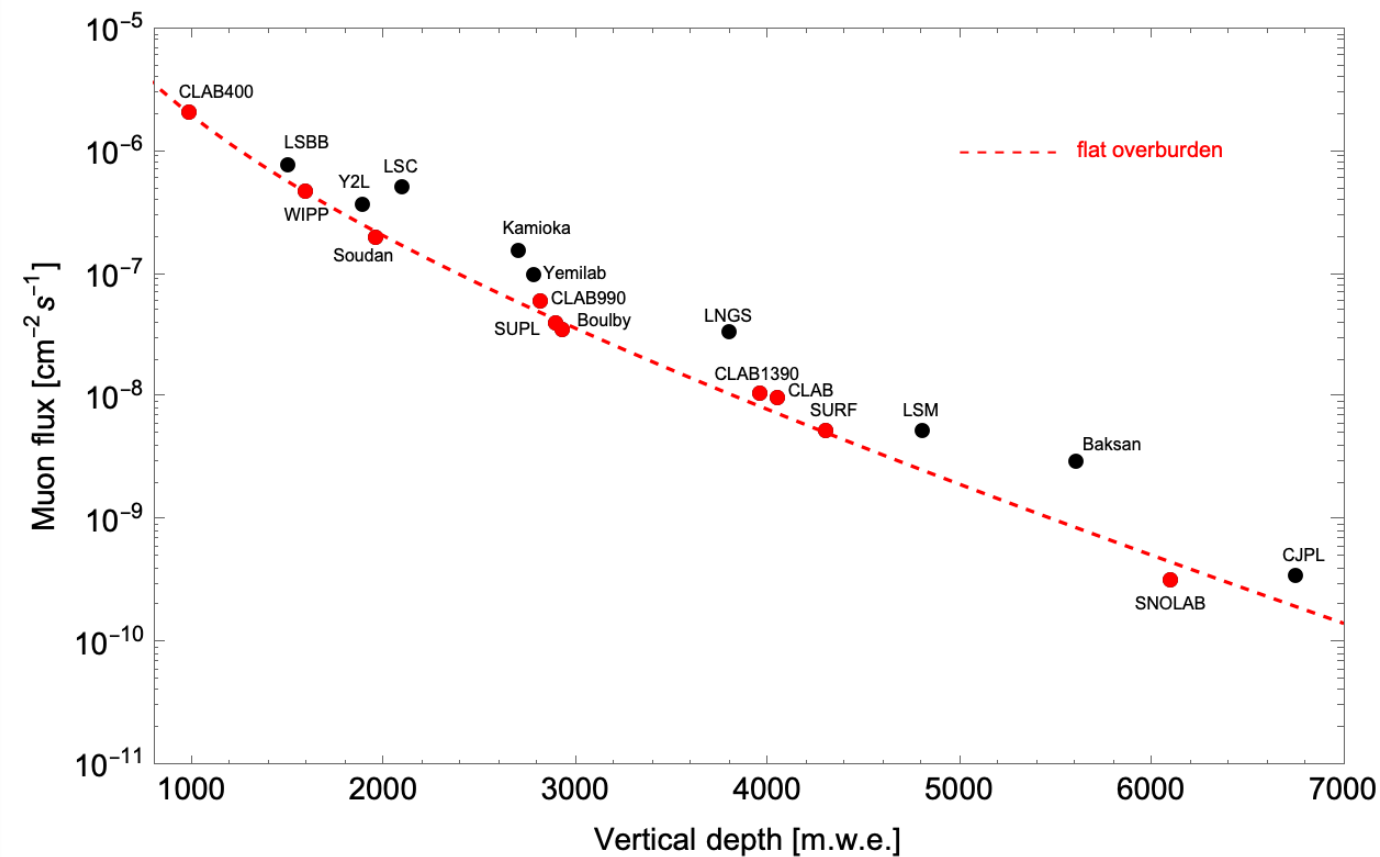
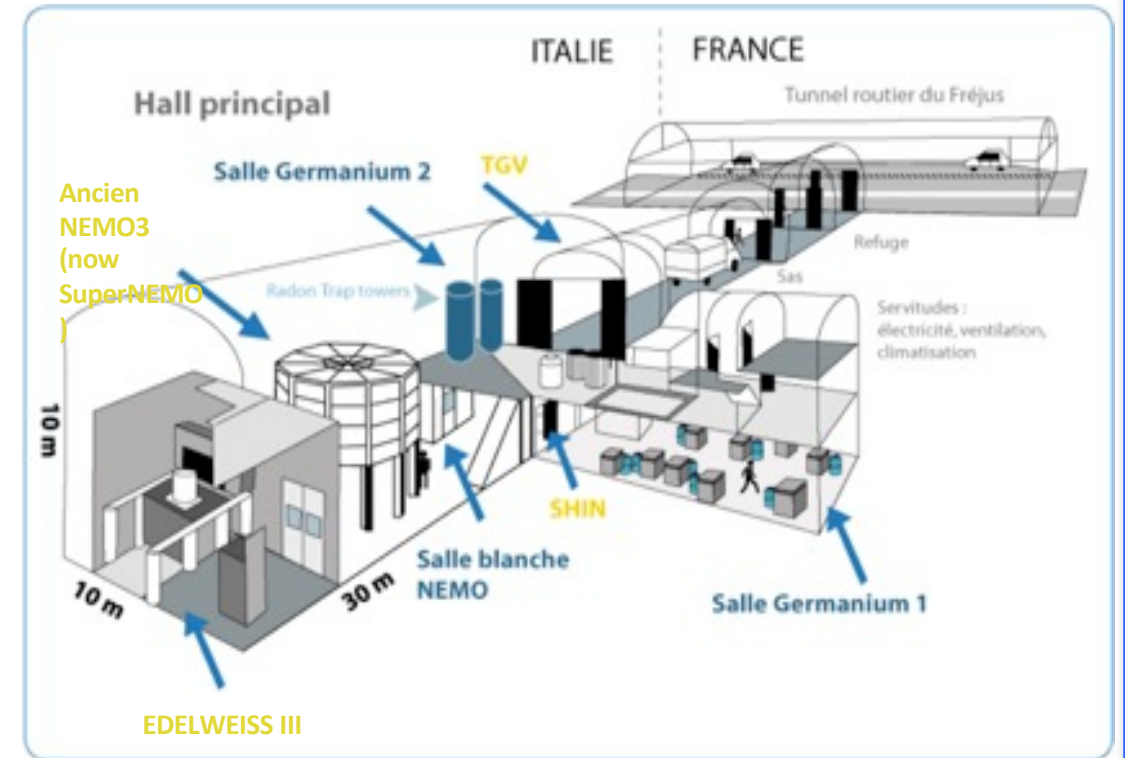
LSM Geographic position #2





LSM a deep underground lab in Europe

- **Deepest site in Europe** dedicated to Astropart., Nucl. & Part. Physics
- 4800 m.w.e: $4.5 \mu\text{/m}^2\text{/day}$ (/5.5 LNGS); fast neutron = $1.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{/s}$
- **Flexible access** (hall accessible to trucks up to 9m);
- **Small** experimental surface: 400 m^2 (3500 m^3)
cf: Canfranc 600 m^2 , Boulby 1700 m^2 , SNOLAB 5350 m^2 , Gran Sasso 180000 m^2
- **Natural radioactivity due to Radon : 15 Bq/m^3**
- (<5 less than LNGS et LSC)





LSM History

From a particle physic experiment to a multi-science platform

1979 - 1981



Construction

1982- 1990



τ_p **Experiment**
Proton decay

1990- 2000



Prototypes

2000 -



Experiments

Fundamental physics:

- **Proton decay**
- **Neutrino: double beta decay, double EC**
- **Dark matter**
- **Nuclear structure**

Multidisciplinary activities

- **Ultra low radioactivity measurements**
Environmental sciences, applications, expertises
- **Logical test failures in nano/micro-electronics**
- **Biology**

Facilities @ LSM

CNRS - UGA

<http://www.lsm.in2p3.fr>





Radon mitigation system

Same system as the one developed by SuperKamiokande

150 m³/h of air with an activity of 20 mBq/m³ (air in the lab 20 Bq/m³)



Build in Czech Republic



Gamma ray spectroscopy @ LSM

22 HPGe from 7 different laboratories of CNRS , CEA, JINR DUBNA and CTU Prague are available at LSM

- Material selection for astroparticle physics,
- Environmental research (oceanography, climatology, retro-observation,.....)
- Environmental survey
- Applications (wine datation, salt origin,...)
- Developments of Ge detector (ILIAS European project)

PARTAGe project

- Combining shields in common walls

Robotisation

- Optimisation of measurement time based on the radiopurity objectives



Obelix Ge @ LSM



Interdisciplinary @ LSM

ultra-low level gamma-ray spectroscopy

- Radio-isotopes are used as tracers in the environment or as chronometers for dating of glacial or sedimentary layers.
- They are used also for archaeological objects which sometimes require non-destructive measurements

Some examples:

- Environmental survey
- Characterization the age of the suspended solids and pollutants associated with them in rivers
- Marine and continental geochemistry
- Characterization of water masses, their origin and age in the ocean
- Retro-observation (effects on human activities on the environment)
- Radioactivity in the atmosphere

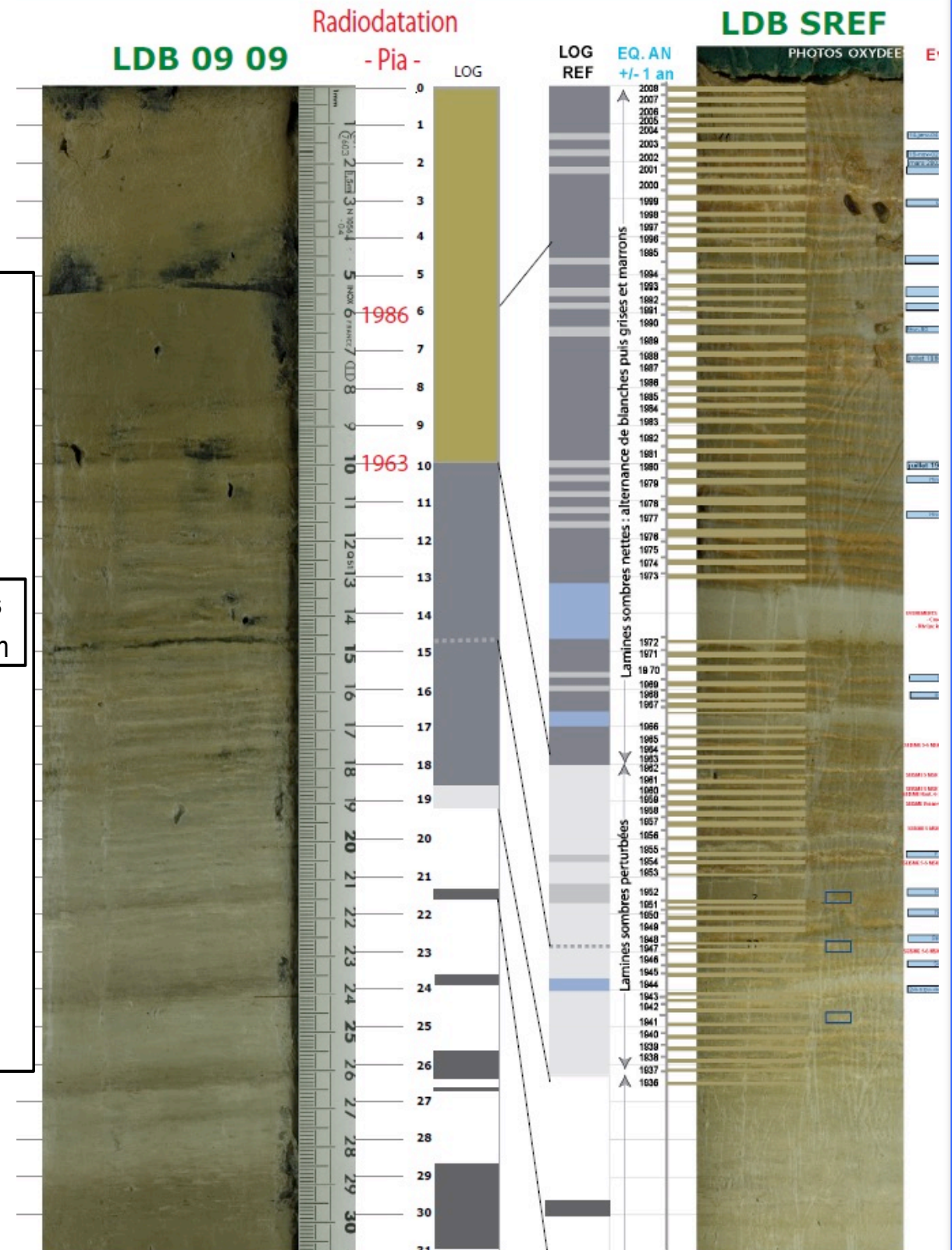
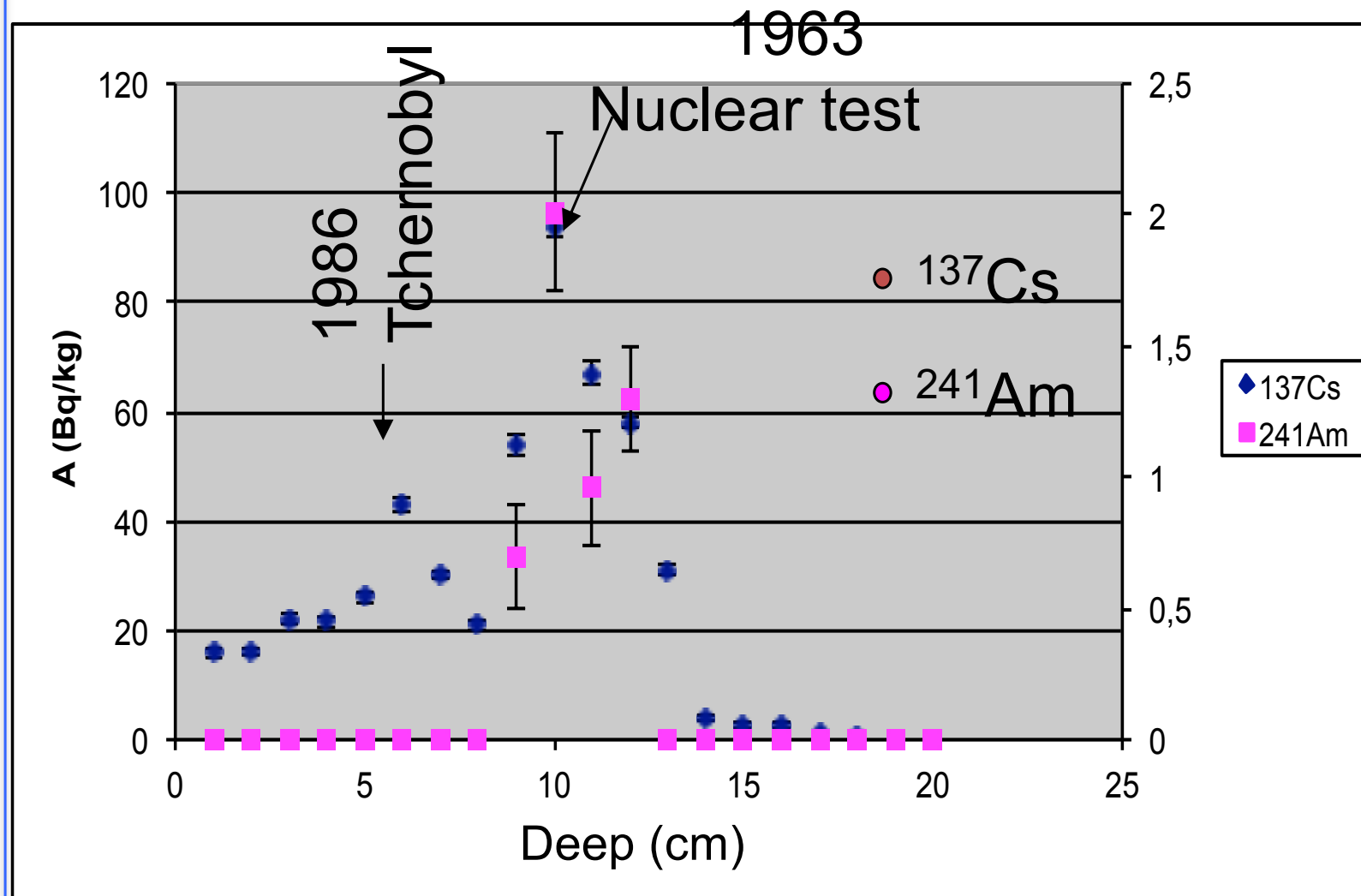
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Interdisciplinary workshop @ LSM

Dec 2023

Interdisciplinary strategy plan was send to in2P3

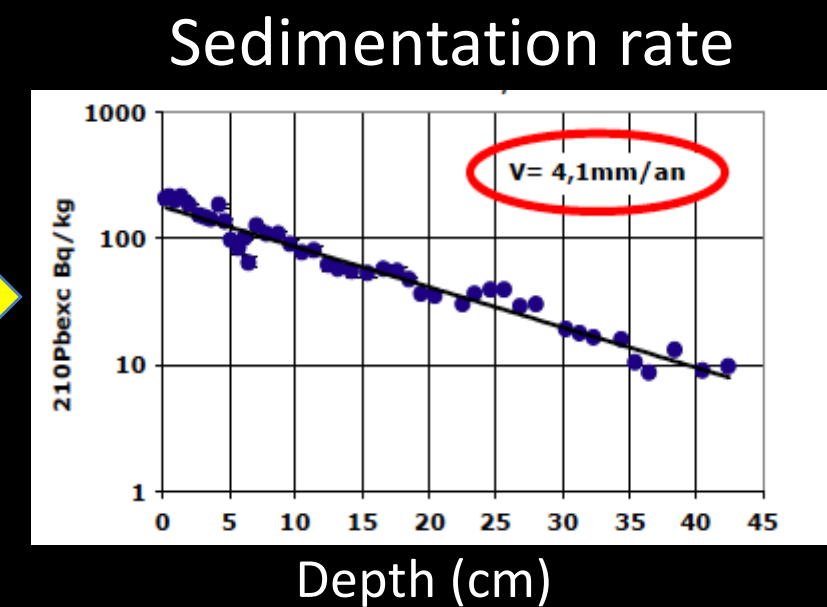
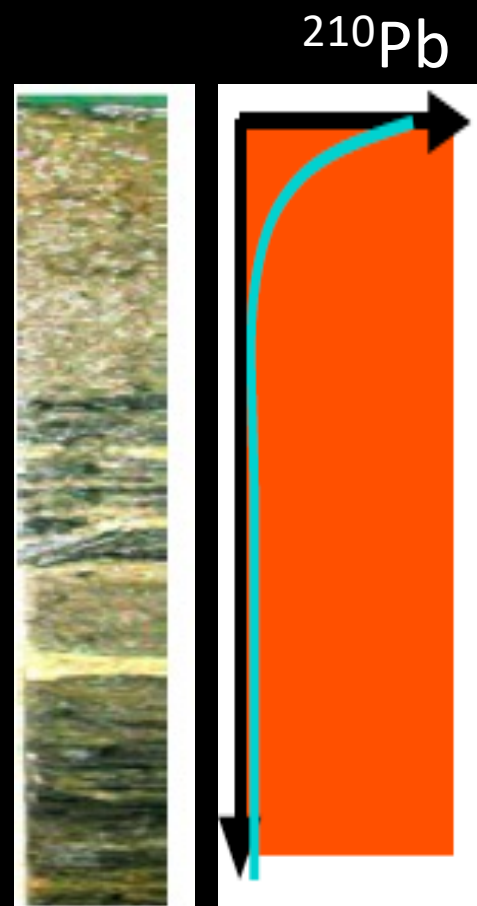
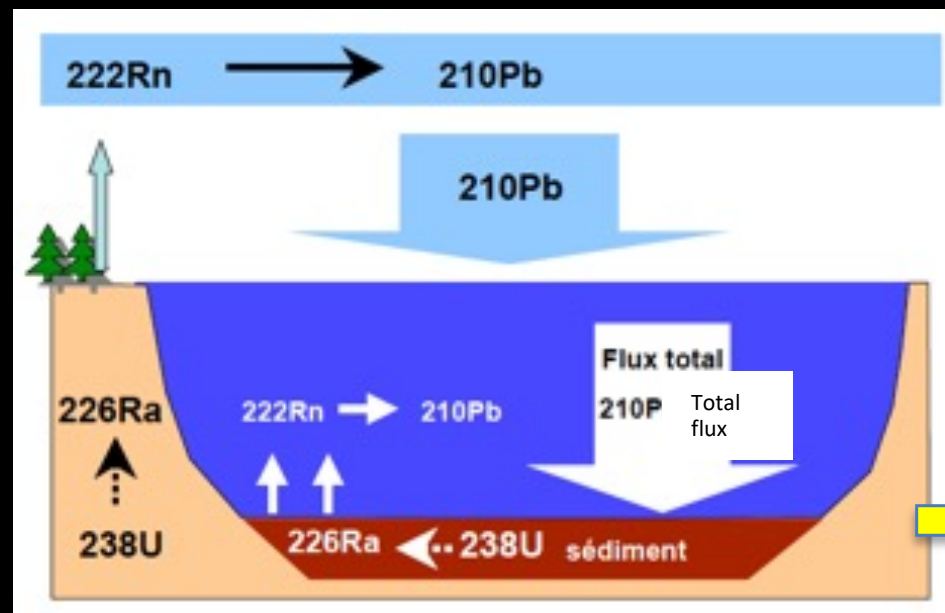
Datation of a carot from Bourget lake :





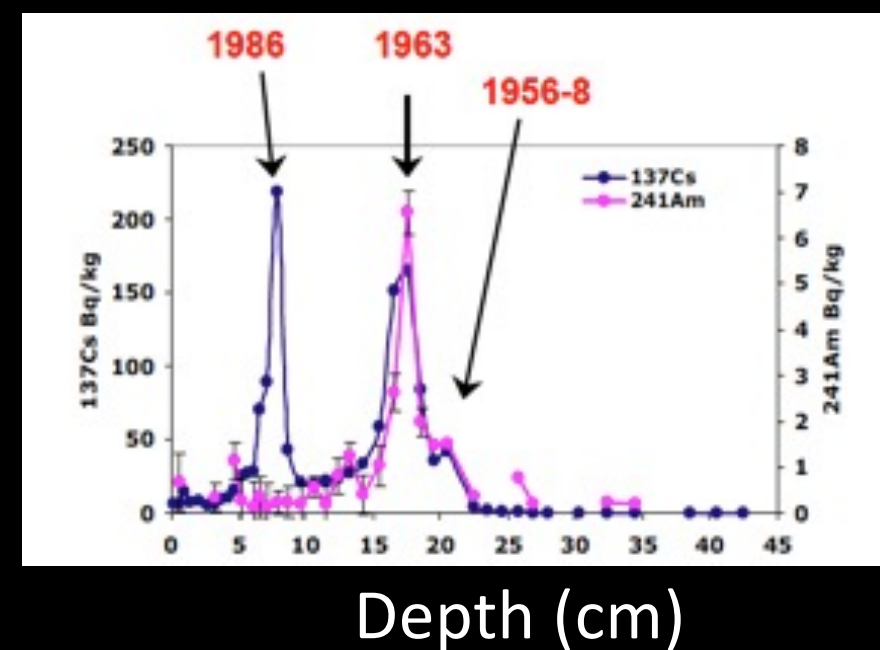
Radioactivity measurements for environmental sciences

Exemple with core samples from Bourget lake



Use of anthropic isotopes

From A. Gougiotis and J.L. Reyss LSCE)





Wine dating by ^{137}Cs measurement

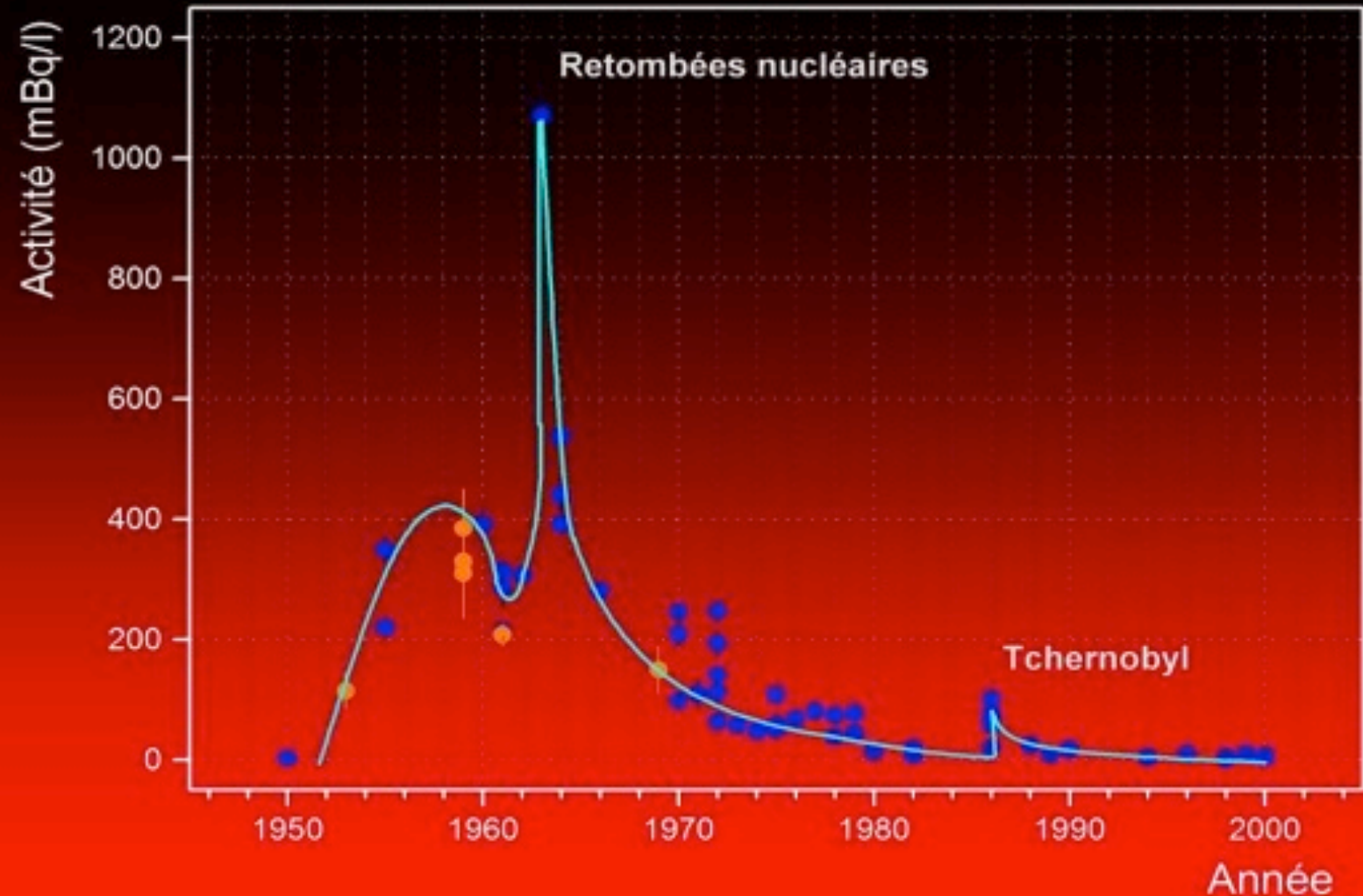


Drug and food administration:

True or fake bottles; Wine taster: beginning of 60's
Scientific proof ?

Bottles appeared on the market in 2000

Châteaux "Lafite" "Margaux" 1900 ?



Developed by Ph. Hubert (Centre d'Etudes Nucleaires de Bordeaux-Gradignan)

- Natural radioactivity impact to the Bacteria



More details: see
F. Piquemal talk tomorrow

Comparison between Surface and underground result

- Stem Cell cryogenic conservation (CNRS patent)

Fundamental physics experiments Installed @ LSM

CNRS - UGA

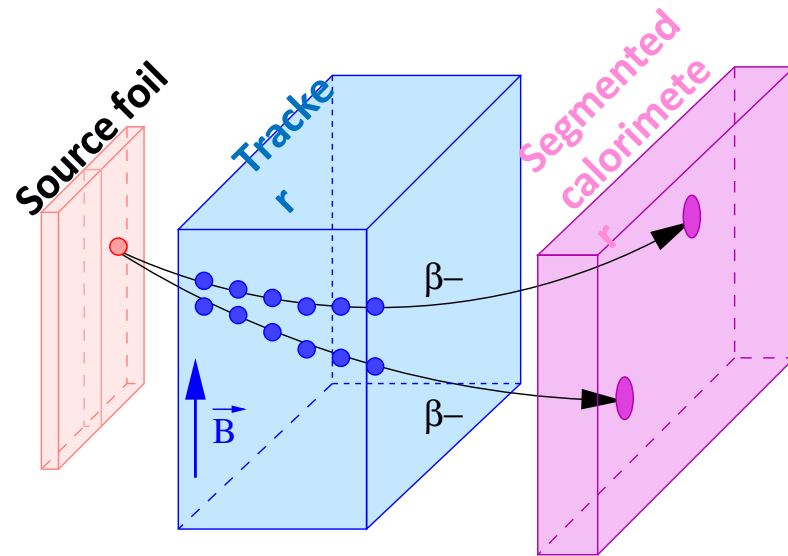
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Neutrino physics: SuperNEMO

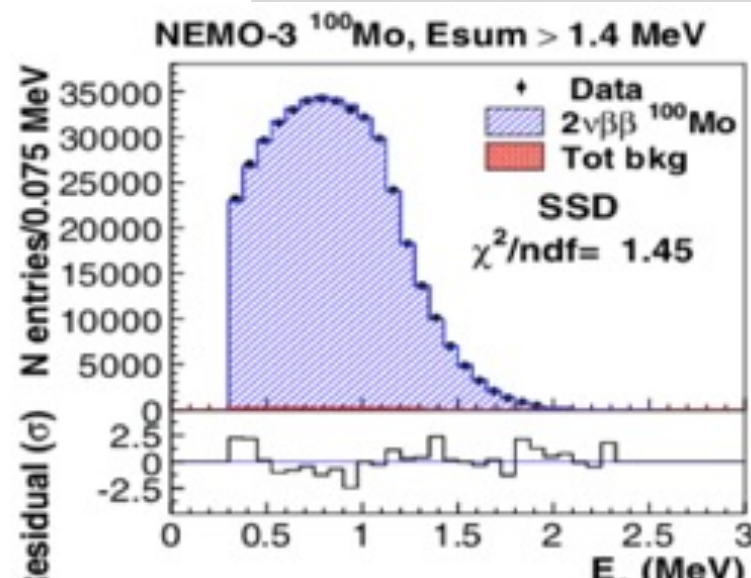
Tracking + calorimeter – ^{82}Se 7 kg



- Foils can be made of any $\beta\beta$ isotope (SuperNEMO uses ^{82}Se)
- Identification of e^- , e^+ , γ and α
- Full $\beta\beta$ kinematics and topology: E_{single} , E_{sum} , x , y , z , t , $\cos\vartheta$
- Full event reconstruction can be used to disentangle different mechanisms contributing to $0\nu\beta\beta$ ($V+A$, SUSY...)
- Nuclear physics: constrain g_A in $2\nu\beta\beta$ (NEMO-3 analysis in progress)
- $e-\gamma$ separation can probe decays to excited states

Double-Beta Decay Physics with NEMO-3:

0.5M $2\nu\beta\beta$ ^{100}Mo events (Signal/Background ~ 80)



Recent results:

- New physics constraints
[Eur.Phys.J.C 79 \(2019\) 440](#)
- Search for decay-rate time variation: [arXiv: 2011.07657](#)
- Decays to excited states:
[Nucl.Phys.A 996 \(2021\) 121701](#)
- g_A vectorial axial coupling constant quenching constraints (in preparation).

SuperNEMO Collaboration



SuperNEMO Demonstrator:

- Final commissioning in progress!
- First data taking at the end 2021





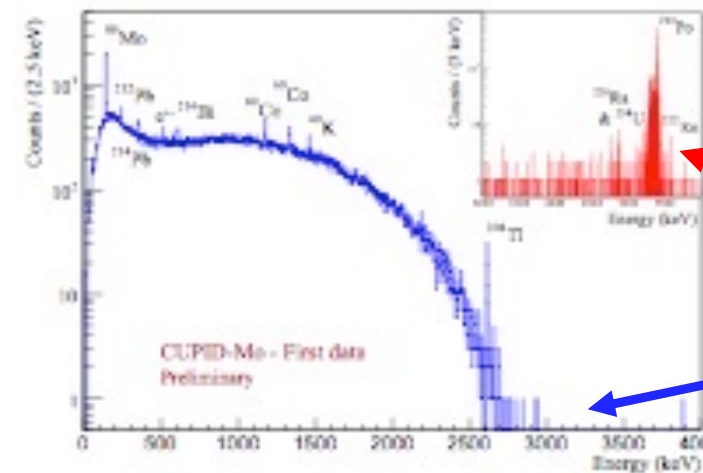
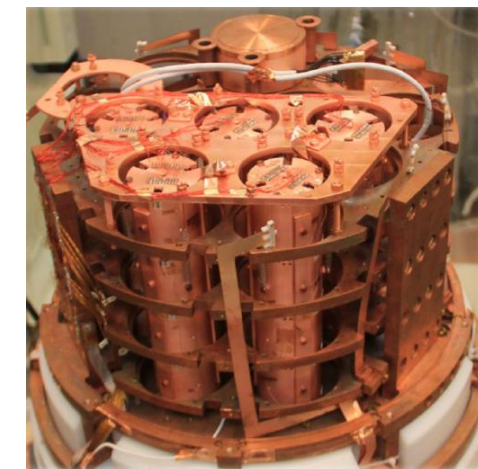
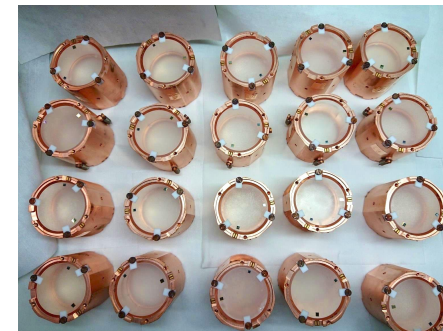
Neutrino physics: CUPID-Mo & BINGO

20 $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ scintillating bolometers



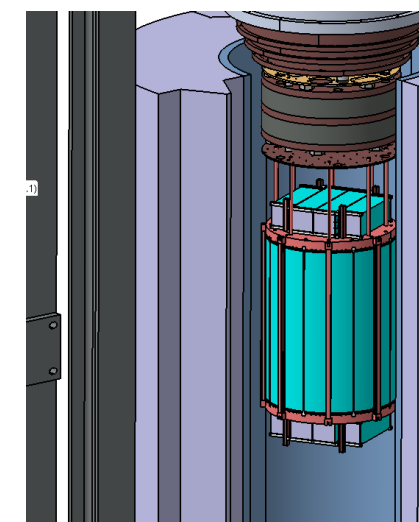
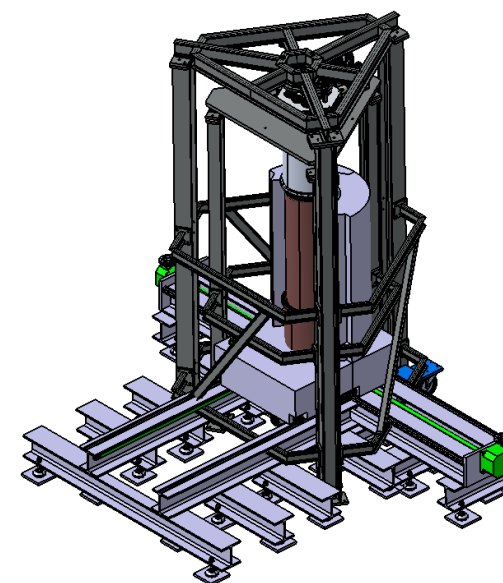
7 countries, 15 institutions
~90 scientists

- 20 Li_2MoO_4 scintillating crystals, 4 kg total
- Shared cooled-down at 20 mK with EDELWEISS
- 19 months physics run
- Best limit for ^{100}Mo since NEMO-3:
 - $T_{1/2} > 1.8 \times 10^{24}$ year
 - $\langle m\beta\beta \rangle < (0.28-0.49)$ eV
- **Key result for the design of the CUPID experiment @ Gran Sasso**
- *R&D for next generation of cryogenic detectors: BINGO (ERC, 2022-2026)*



Rejected background (light detector)

Region of interest: 3034 ±10 keV



BINGO cryostat @LSM

^{100}Mo + ^{130}Te scintillating targets

BGO internal shielding

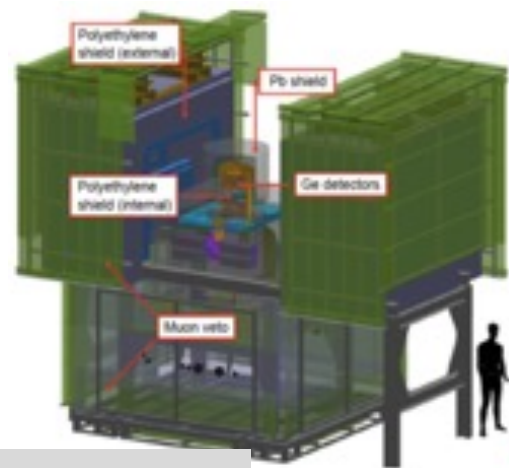


Dark matter search: EDELWEISS

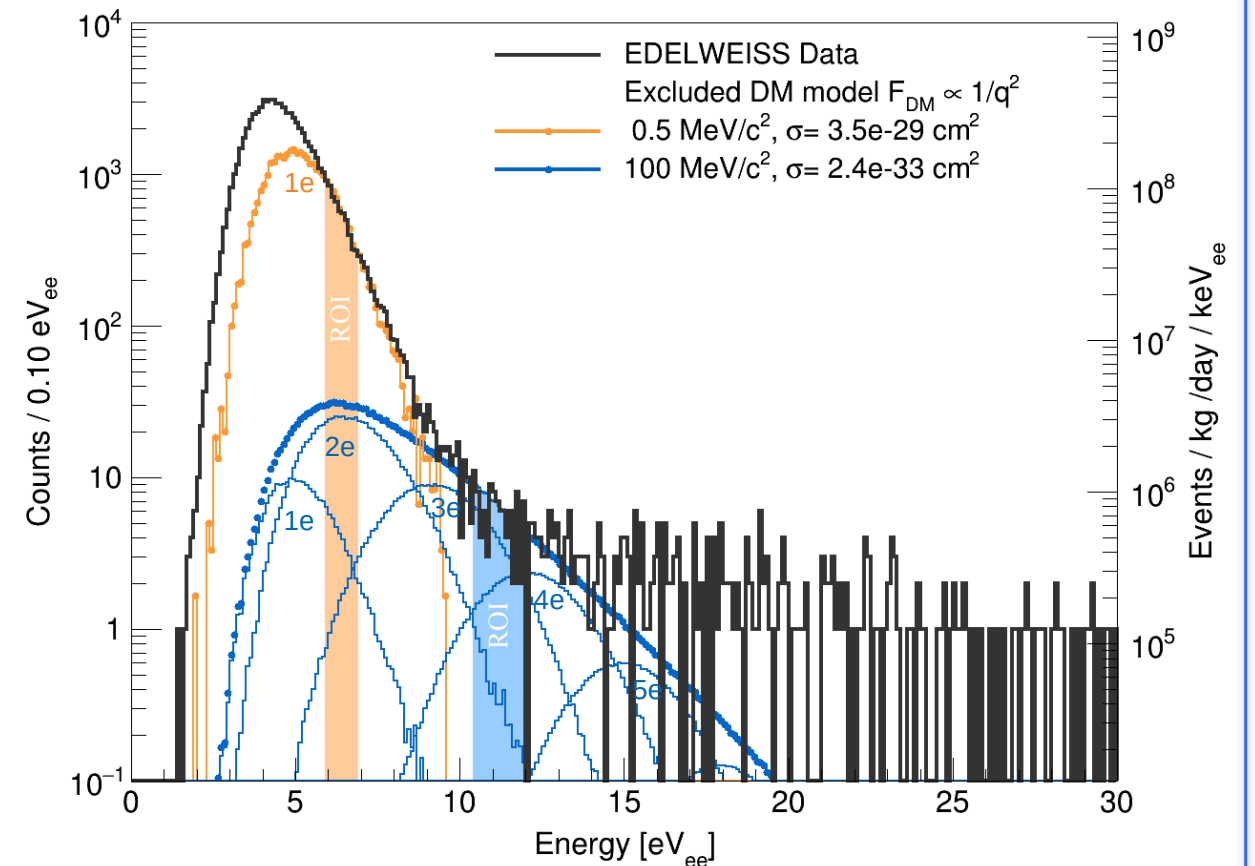
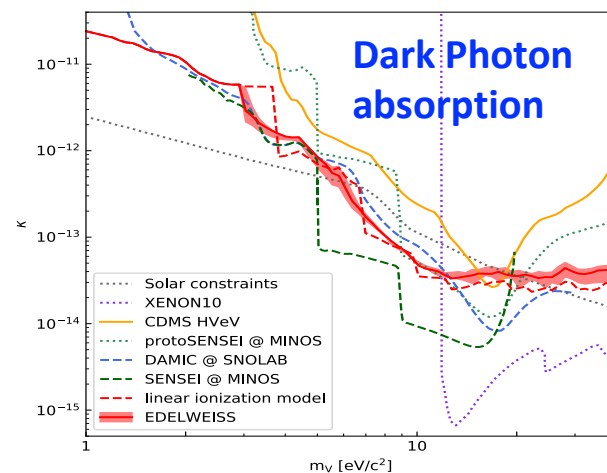
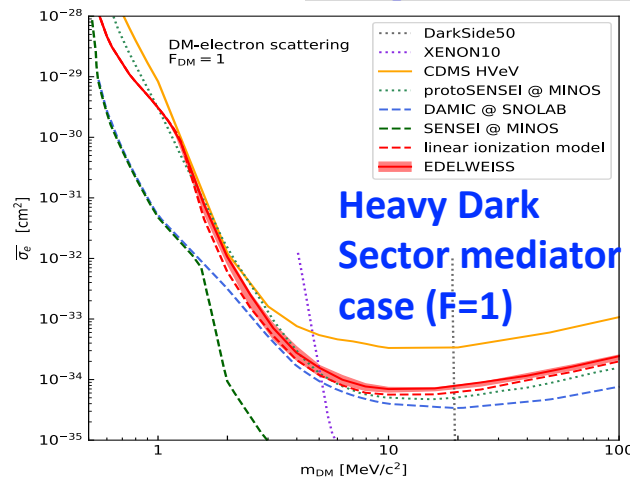
largest mass of cryogenic Ge (30 kg) : Heat + Ionization EDELWEISS SubGeV Dark Matter Searches



- 2019-2020 breakthrough: **successful run at LSM of 33 g Ge detector biased at 78V, with single-electron sensitivity**
- **First Ge cryogenic detector with sub-electron resolution ($\sigma = 0.53$ electron-hole pair)**
- **First Ge detector sensitive to sub-MeV DM particles interacting with electrons and 1-eV Dark Photons**



[PRL 125, 141401 (2020)]



Ongoing development of EDELWEISS-SubGeV kg-scale array, with evt-by-evt nuclear recoil ID down to 50 eV (in synergy with Ricochet R&D) in addition to <1 eV_{ee} resolution for electron recoils



Light WIMP: SEDINE => NEWS-G

Gaseous detector: Spherical Proportional Counter

NEWS-G_LSM (SEDINE)

=>

NEWS-G_SNO

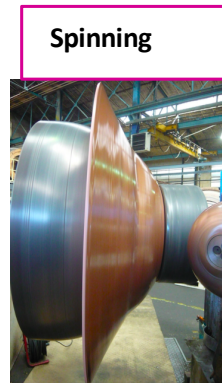


60 cm diameter copper sphere



^{226}Ra et ^{228}Th

< à qq 0.1 à qq 10 mBq/kg

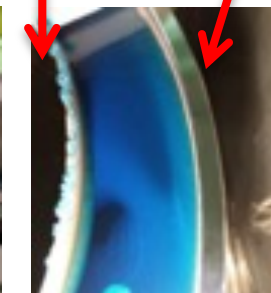


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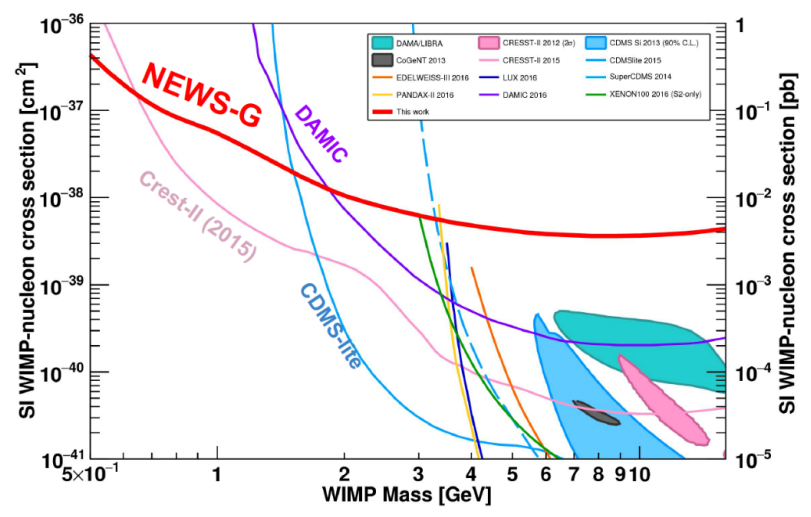


Electropolishing/
Electroplating

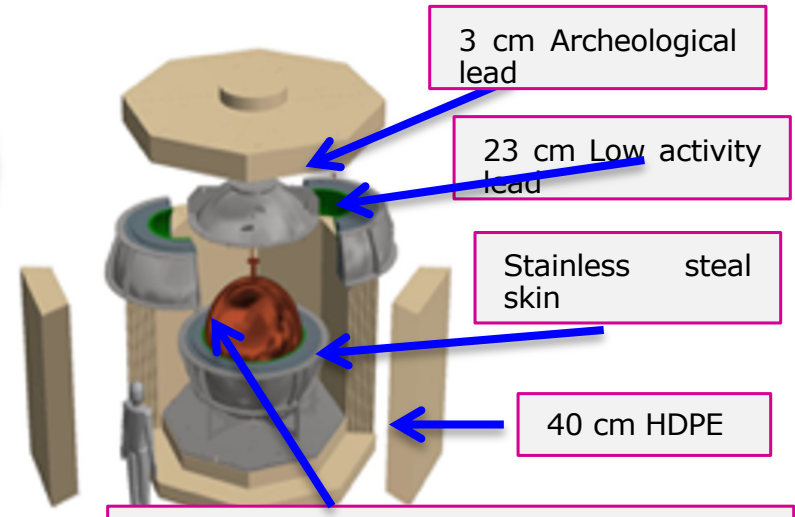
Sulfuric acid solution in
Anode & Cathode



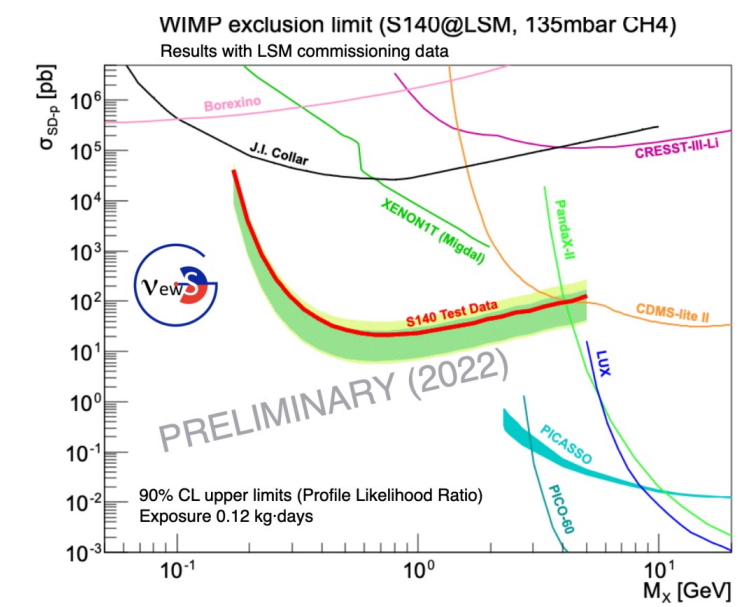
A. Dastgheibi-Fard et al, [NIMA_162390] in Nuclear Inst



Q. Arnaud et al, Phys. Rev. D 99 (2019) 102003



- $\phi=140$ cm Cu sphere /
Thickness=12mm copper $\gg 36 \pm 13$
mBq/kg of ^{210}Pb / $\gg 7 - 25$ $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ of ^{232}Th
/ $\gg 1 - 5$ $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ ^{238}U



Expected to be sensitive to WIMP Masses ≈ 100 MeV using H-rich gas and an energy threshold < 50 eV_{nr}





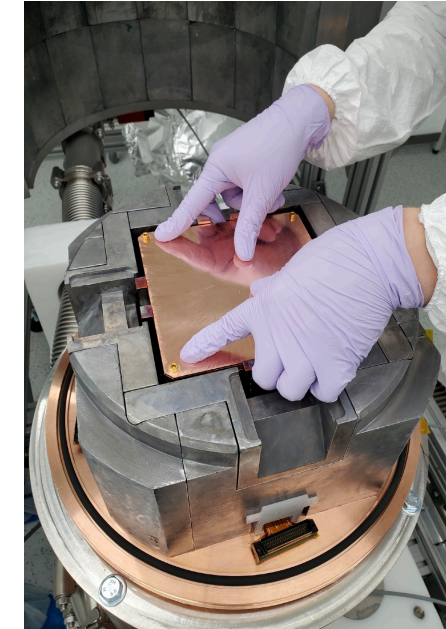
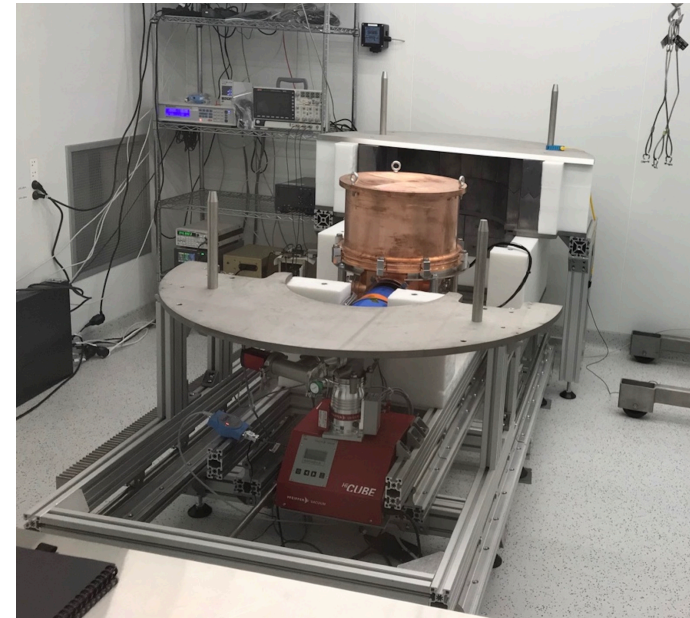
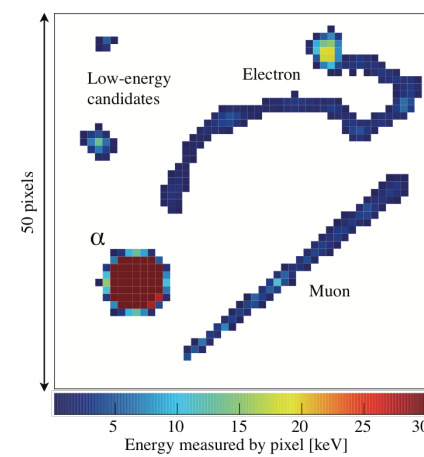
Light WIMP: DAMIC-M LBC

CCD detector

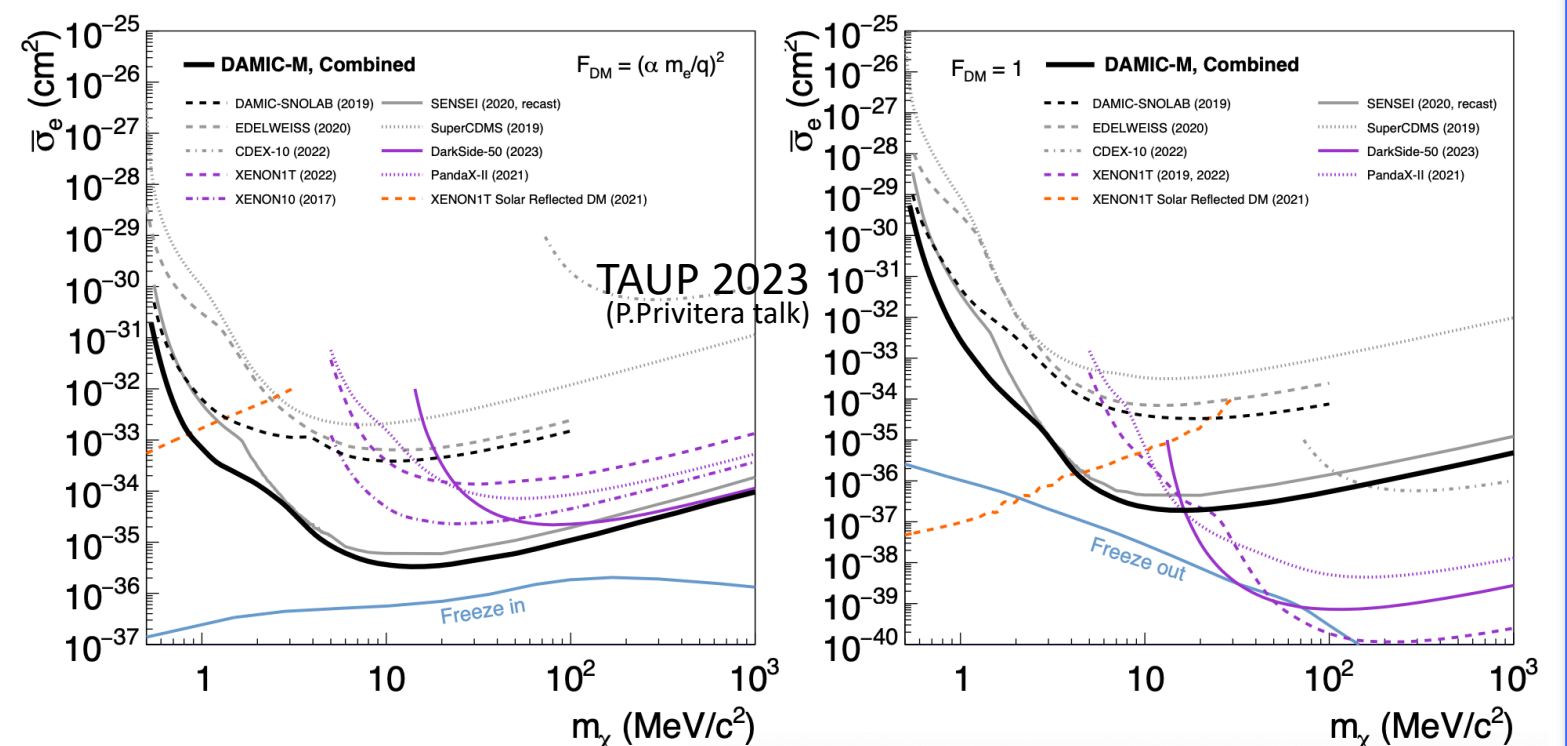
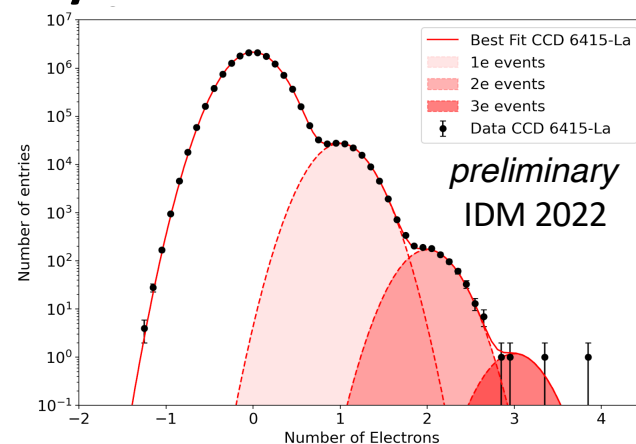
- **LBC** : Low-Background Chamber with 2 CCDs
- Target mass 18 g
- Polyethylene and lead shield (+ roman lead)
- Operated in clean room
- 85.2 g.day exposure acquired in 2022
- 0.2 e⁻ resolution ($N_{\text{skip}}=650$)
- **Best limits on e⁻-DM interactions via light mediator between 1.6 MeV/c² and 1 GeV/c²;**
- **Best limits for heavy mediator (1-15 MeV/c²)**

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exquisite spatial resolution



DAMIC-M constraints on DM-e scattering



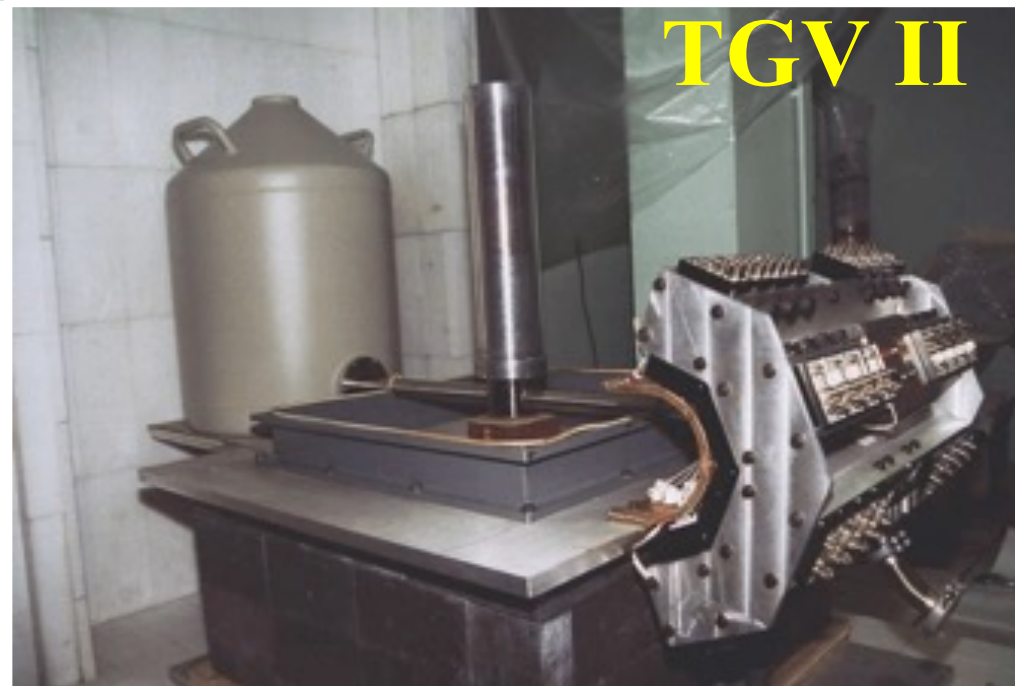


Other experiments

Neutrino physics

Double EC search (^{106}Cd)

TGV-II (Ge with sheets of
Double EC
candidates)



Nuclear physics

Super Heavy Element In nature

SHIN (osmium ore
surrounded by ^3He neutron
detectors)



SHIN

MIMAC (prototype) Dark matter TPC for DM directional detection



Summary and outlook

Ultra-low gamma-ray spectrometry has a lot of potential for environmental Research and survey

Improvements for material selection for particle physics or astroparticle allows to improve also the sensitivity for the other science and to open new methods

Interest for science like micro/nano microelectronics

Discussion in progress with biologists and geophysicists for the extension

There is not so many labs where you can perform research on particle physics, oceanography, retro-observation, logical failure from natural radioactivity, wine datation,.....

Deep Underground Infrastructures are rather new (~40 years), certainly a large potential to welcome other **Labs (PAUL), and science sciences**

In LSM,

More projects in the future : biology, EF Copper production, Quantum computing ...

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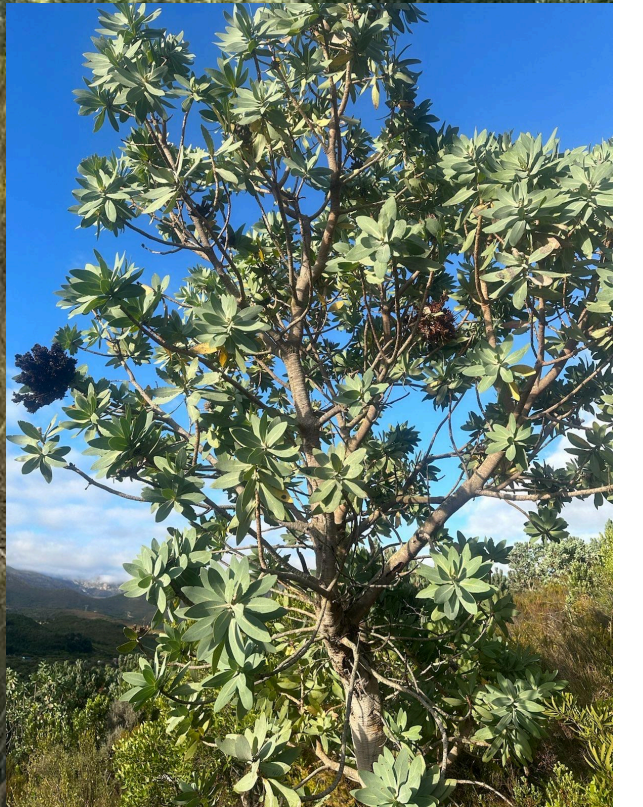
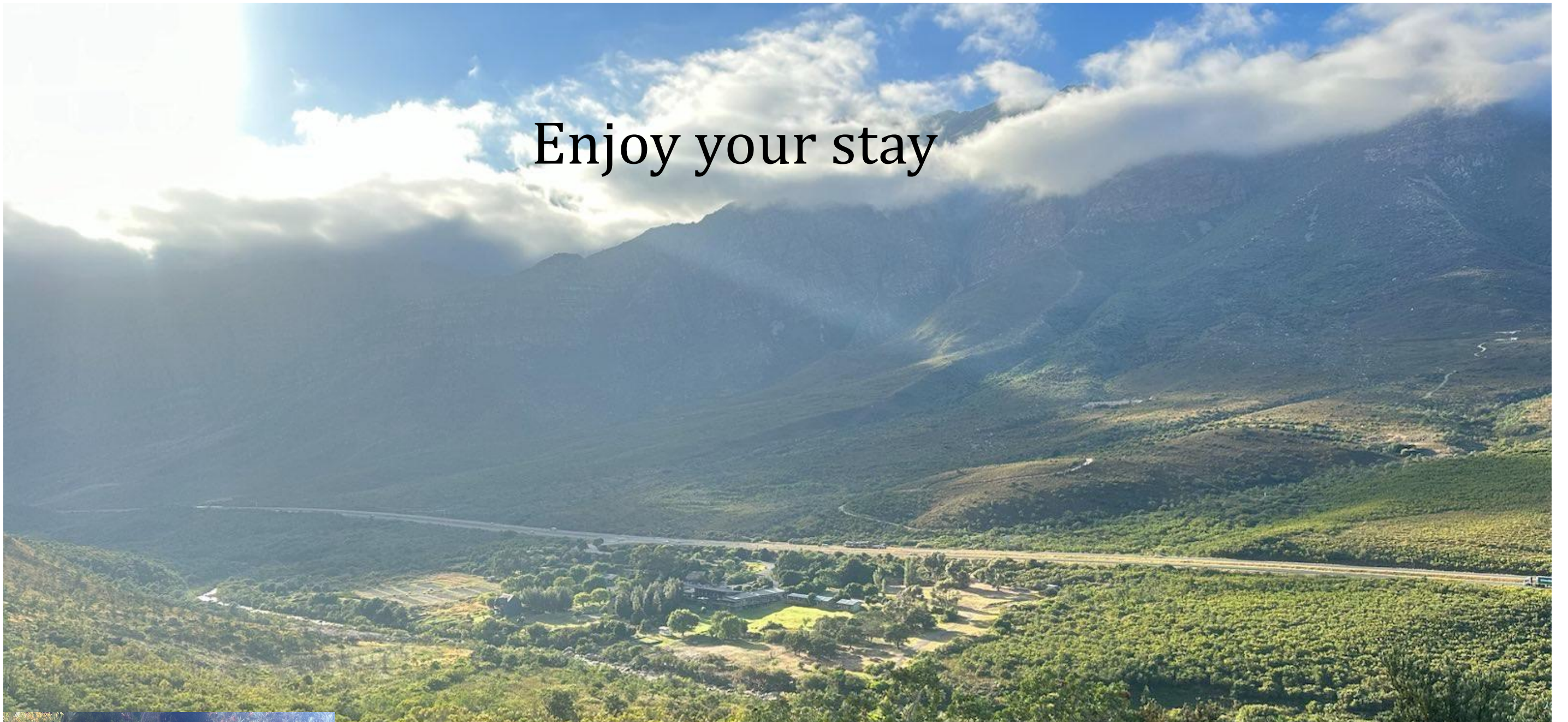
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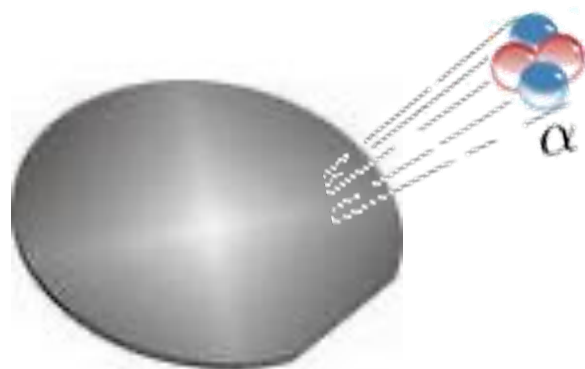
Enjoy your stay



Soft-Error Rate (SER) Characterization of SRAM circuits induced by alpha-particle emitter contamination

IM2NP-CNRS laboratory has conducted since 2007 a series of underground experiments to quantify the importance of alpha-particle emitter contamination in advanced SRAM memories

Silicon wafers, ceramic packages and contact bumps are contaminated with Uranium and Thorium elements at ppb concentration levels



0.5 ppb of ^{238}U in Silicon
 $= 2.28 \times 10^{-3} \alpha/\text{cm}^2/\text{h}$



0.5 ppb of ^{238}U in Silicon
 $= 425 \text{ Bq}/\text{m}^3$
 $= 0.18 \text{ Bq}/\text{kg}$

❑ Real-time experiments : long-term (several months) exposure of a large amount (Gbits) of circuits to the natural radiation environment

❑ Underground: to remove the atmospheric neutron contribution (observed soft-errors are expected to be due to alpha particles)

