# Geophysical density tomography using cosmic rays

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#### Introduction

**Observations in the Lesser Antilles, 3 volcanoes under the IPGP responsibility :** 

- <u>Montagne Pelée</u>, Martinique : no sign of activity
- <u>La Soufrière</u>, Guadeloupe : risks of phreatic eruption and flank destabilization
- <u>The Soufrière Hills</u>, Montserrat : long-lasting magmatic eruption since 1995, risks of pyroclastic flows, dome collapse, magmatic explosions...



### Introduction

#### "La Soufrière" presents many risks due to :

- the geological structure : the dome "sits" on an N-S 15° inclined plane
- the presence of hot liquid acid which may vaporize after a sudden decompression (phreatic eruption which may also provoke a magmatic explosion)

South

=> the knowledge of the internal structure of the dome is important...

North



Sketch from Boudon et al. J. Volcanol, Geotherm Res. (2008), doi:10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2008.03.006

Muons tomography provides density profiles information after deconvolution of the known topography by direct measurement of the muons flux/attenuation.





20 km of profiles, 30000 measurements

1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 log[apparent resistivity (ohm.m)]

# Muon tomography

Muons tomography may be combined with other techniques (electrical tomography, seismic tomography) which may give mainly "surface" indications on the nature of the rocks.





Importance of the environmental constraints : access, weather & power...



Applications : study of other vulcanic activities (Soufrière Hills, Etna) and studies of underground geological storage candidate sites (Mont-Terri project)



#### 1<sup>st</sup> data recorded (comparison with MUSIC<sup>1</sup> code on-going) :





<sup>1</sup> <u>MU</u>on <u>SI</u>mulation <u>C</u>ode

#### **Proposal to cope with the environmental constraints :**

- choice of a robust technology
- ... modular, scalable, cheap
- low power consumption
- ... easy to move
- compatible with network/wifi communication
- embedded local processing

#### **Plastic scintillator hodoscope**

- + WLS fibres
- + clear fibres connectors
- + MaPMT
- + OPERA readout electronics (analogic/digital)

2 XY biplanes (32 channels per biplane)

Fermilab scintillator bars + 1mm WLS + 1mm clear fibres (Bicron)

Hamamatsu MaPMT (H8804)













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#### Local tests setup

#### Many tests performed on the opto-electronics chain :

- MaPMT characterization (gain uniformity before/after correction, cross-talk, absolute amplification gain, photocathode performance)
- Light yield measurements to check performances of :
  - fibre-to-fibre connections (various diameters and types)
  - fibre-to-scintillator gluing
  - optical box transmission
  - polishing quality etc





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### Local tests setup

#### Tests results : possible improvements wrt 1<sup>st</sup> prototypes

- ~30% increase by gluing WLS fibres
- ~35% increase by using the new MaPMT (extended PC)
- ~25% increase with new optical connectors

• => >12 p.e. achievable with our present test setup (~roughly 100% muon detection efficiency with a threshold <0.3 p.e.)

#### Other developments :

- XY hardware coincidence logic in the FPGA (reduction of background)
- OPERA Target Tracker software adaptation

### **R&D** in electronics

**Upgrade the number of photo-electrons/mip :** 

• from MaPMT to SiPM (15% => 80% Q.E.)

• from OPERAROC to SPIROC (LAL) with comparable features (preampli, gain correction, auto-trigger)





• keeping the same digital part (mezzanines)

### **R&D** in electronics

#### > 1<sup>st</sup> prototype board designed, to be produced

#### Various SiPM samples purchased

- S10362-13-050C (baseline)
- S10362-11-050C
- S10362-11-100C

Parameter	Symbol	\$10362-11 series			
		-025U, -025C, -025P	-050U, -050C, -050P	-100U, -100C, -100P	Unit
Effective active area	•	1×1		mm	
Number of pixels	(23)	1600	400	100	1910
Pixel size	(7.)	25 × 25	50 × 50	100 × 100	μm
Fill factor *	(+)	30.8	61.5	78.5	96
Spectral response range	λ	320 to 900		nm	
Peak sensitivity wavelength	λp	440		nm	
Photon detection efficiency $*^2(\lambda = \lambda p)$	PDE	25	50	65	96
Operating voltage range	070	70 ± 10 * <sup>3</sup>		v	
Dark count **		300	400	600	kcps
Dark count Max. #		600	800	1000	kcps
Terminal capacitance	Ct	35		pF	
Time resolution (FWHM) *		200 to 300		ps	
Temperature coefficient of reverse voltage	1.0	56		mV/°C	
Gain	М	2.75 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	$7.5 \times 10^{5}$	2.4 × 10°	849

# Synergies with other projects

> OPERA : valorization of the readout system (hardware/software)

 T2K : proposal of a Left-Right beam asymmetry monitor using the <u>same</u> technology (collaboration approval under process)
 all optimization tests available
 common purchase (reduced cost) for all electronics
 "recycling" of the know-how accumulated locally



# Synergies with other projects

Volcanoes tomography : Tanaka et al (Japan), this project is a -natural upgrade of the early prototypes





Volcanoes tomography : Italy (collaboration with D.Carbone on the Etna => telescope on the South-East crater june-october 2010)

### **Conclusions and perspectives**

#### Funding issues :

- 2008 : BQR IPG ~ 30k€
- 2009 : IN2P3-astroparticules ~ 30k€
- 2009-2010 : Mont-Terri project ~ 6k€
- 2009-2011 : ANR domoscan ~ 100k€

#### **Responsabilities sharing :**

- telescopes design, drawings, raw material purchase : all *completed*
- scintillator planes production : IPGP, Rennes
- opto-electronics chain production and tests : IPNL
- on-site installation, commissioning : all
- data quality check, data acquisition shift, data transfer : IPNL
- data analysis : all
- R&D in electronics : IPNL

#### to be transferred to IPGP

### **Conclusions and perspectives**

Who?	What?	%FTE 2009	%FTE 2010
J.MARTEAU	detector designs	20	15
	tests MaPMT/SiPM		
	DAQ, soft. developments		
	installation&commissioning		
Y.DECLAIS	detector designs	10	10
	installation&commissioning		
B.CARLUS	DAQ, soft. developments	10	5
	computing setup		
	installation&commissioning		
S.GARDIEN	R&D electronics SiPM	80	80
C.GIRERD	hardware XY coincidence	5	10
	FPGA adaptation to SiPM		
F.MOUNIER	opto-mechanical design		
	optical box prod.		
S.VANZETTO	optical connection design	20	20
	optical fibres polishing		
Electronics service	boards design		
Mechanical service	small machining work		

## **Conclusions and perspectives**

Valorization project applied to vulcanos tomography

> Interesting field... not only for fundamental science

Mature detection technology and readout scheme

Generic R&D for a widely-used new device (SiPM)

I<sup>st</sup> 3D-tomography in perspective: requires the production of other telescopes (scaled by × 2), mainly in IPGP (know-how transfer)

IPNL concentrates on R&D and contributes to the detector(s) commissioning and data analysis

### **Appendix : tests results**

### Gain computation/equalization



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#### Gain computation/equalization

Gain equalization on 1 MaPMT : 1 example
 σ/mean ~ 7% (N.B. MaPMT gain spread 1:3)



- Cross-talk correction : signal(pixel) +=  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 8$  neighbours

#### Typical spectra (p.e. / cross-talk)

Around 6-7 p.e. (very low zero-suppress and threshold)
 Cross-talk : F = (Nbr p.e. (central pixel)) / (Nbr p.e. (9 pixels))



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#### **Glued .vs. unglued option**

Tests of 2 bars with or without glue for the inside WLS (glue mixed under vacuum to avoid bubbles)

Overall gain of 28-30% light for the glued bar

#### Extended-PC MaPMT tests

F/E electronics has been produced, adapted to the new Hamamatsu pinout (same chips, different PCB)

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- Comparison over the same 16 bars, same electronics (just PMT swap)
- Same pattern => overall gain 34%



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#### **Optical connection tests**

> Setup : single bar (WLS unglued) with 1 end readout directly and the opposite end readout through clear fiber connection on the same PMT



2 different optical connectors tested :

"Bern" standard one (brass connector) => T ~ 50-60%
new PEEK connector (longer guideline) => T ~ 80%



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