

Multidisciplinary Workshop at LSM

Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc

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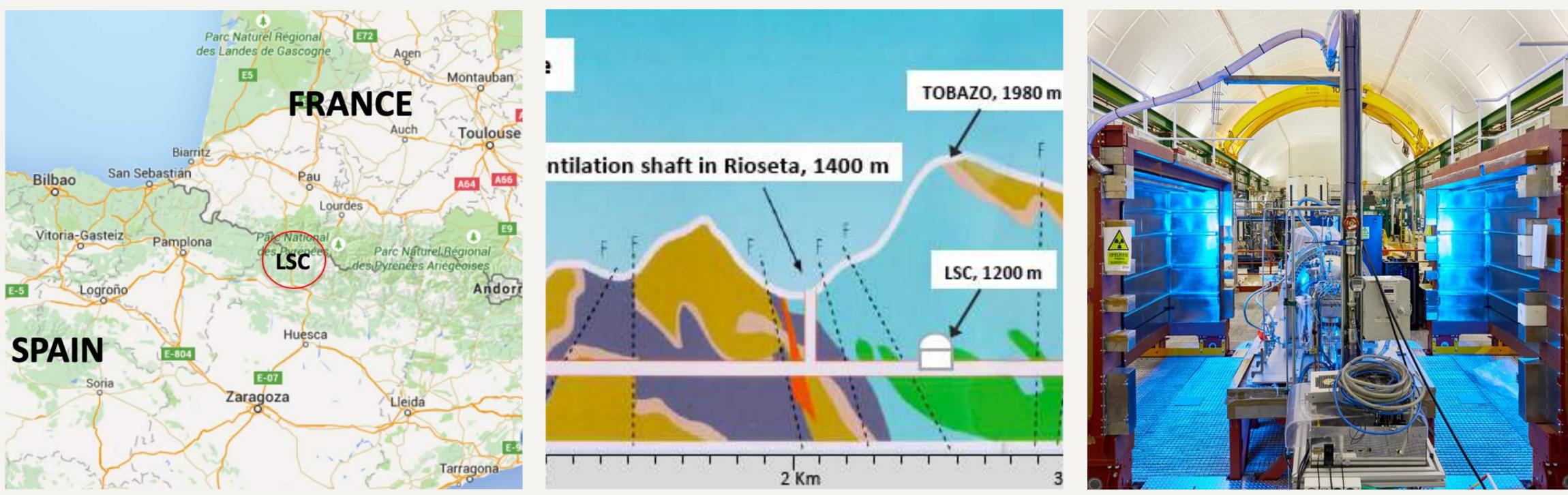


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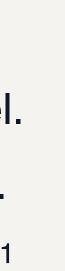


Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc

Located in Spanish-French Pyrenees border. Two-way access tunnels: abandoned train tunnel and operative road tunnel. First experiments (IGEX, ...) since 1986. Modern lab, 1600 m², operative since 2010. 260 scientists from 50 institutions. 800 meters (v) of rock - muon flux is 5x10⁻⁷ cm⁻²s⁻¹; neutron flux (E<10MeV) is 3.5x10⁻⁶ cm⁻²s⁻¹; gamma flux is 2 cm⁻²s⁻¹ Radon abatement system: 220 m³/h radon-reduced air at 1mBq/m³









LSC Breaking News - Summer 2023

Recent Highlights from LSC





HPGe detector GeRysy

ICPMS-QQQ

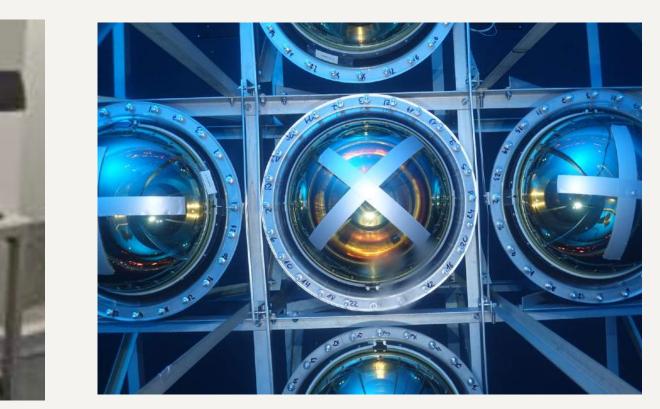
GeRysy: New lowest background world record in HPGe gamma screening with µBq/kg sensitivity (led by G. Zuzel).

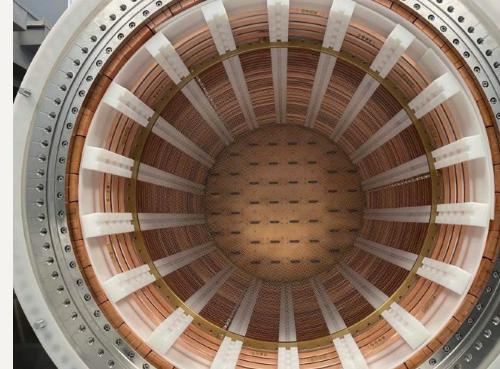
New ICPMS-QQQ placed in Class ISO5 clean room underground: 2 (20) ppq sensitivity in ²³⁸U(²³²Th) [ppb in ⁴⁰K].

HyperKamiokande: Coordination of the Spanish contribution to the construction of HK (PMT covers, ventilation and geomagnetic compensation systems, electronic components, calibration sources, ...).

NEXT-100 experiment: All elements in place. TPC installed. Detector closed by November 30, 2023. Budget assigned to start NEXT-1ton detector design and materials R&D in Jan 2024







HK Experiment

NEXT-100 interior





LSC Biology Platform

Muons and radiation ionize our cells. How does ionization change celular processes? We equiped two biolabs (on surface & underground). Two calls for proposals every year, applying for lab time. 8 independent experiments (9 institutions, 40 scientists) approved: life in heavy water, viral infection, stochasticity and determinism in celular aging, origin of multicellularity, ...

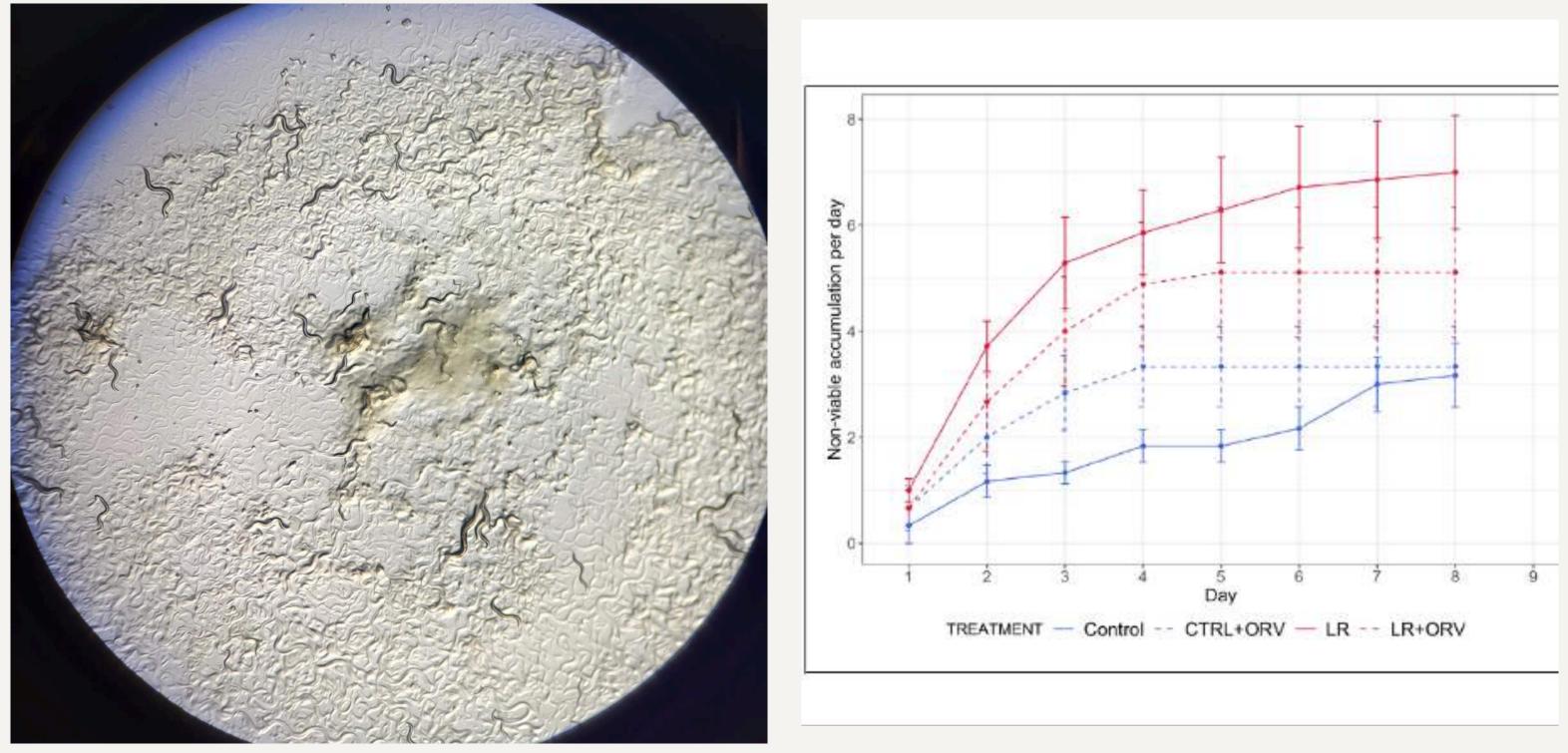






First experimental results in LSC Biology Platform

Both, development of C. elegans, as well as the interaction with the virus, are different under LR conditions



Genomic and Transcriptomic analysis being performed to understand the modified mechanisms (gen expression) in LR conditions.



Eol 33 - Does stress-induced by low-radiation background affect the interaction between host and viral pathogens? A test study with Caenorhabditis elegans and Orsay nodavirus.

Experiments analyzed in LR (and/or microgravity): increase of progeny, increase of non-viable eggs, higher viral load, ...

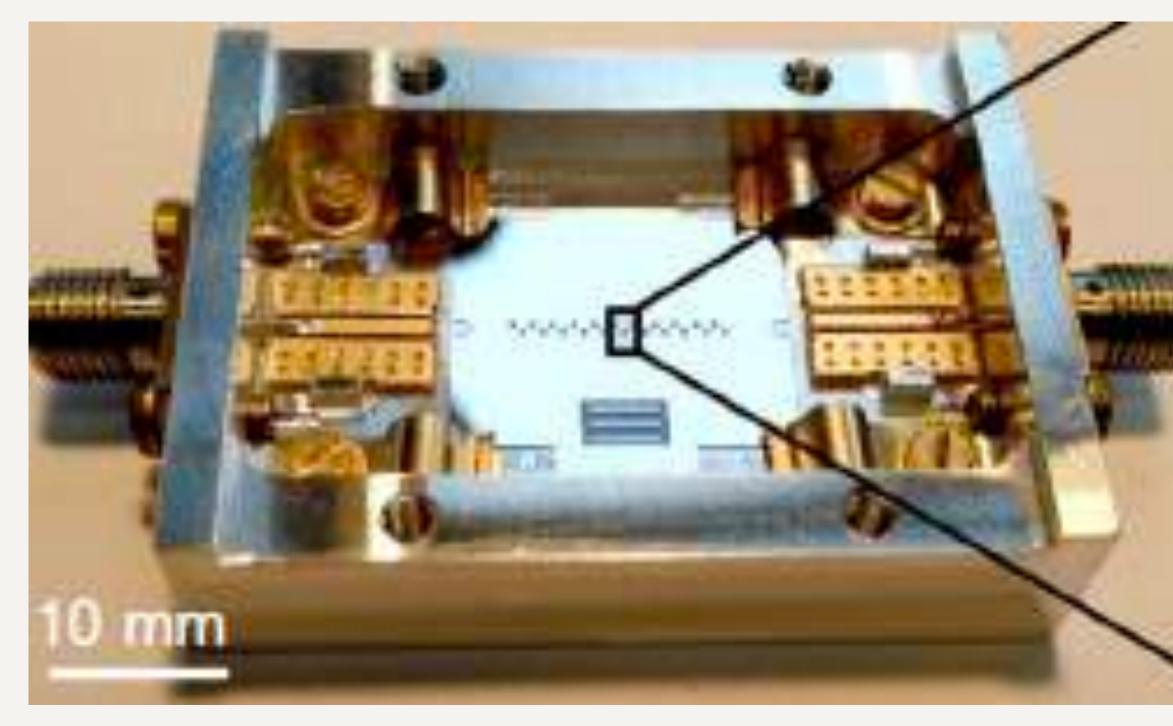






Mitigation of Radiation in SC circuits

Exploitation of a Multipurpose Dilution refrigerator underground: Project ICRQ (IFAE/CNM/LSC): Impact of muons and radioactivity on coherence times of transmons. Project CADEX (12 institutions) - Axion detector experiment in the W-band: based on resonant cavities in a magnet, optical system and Kinetic Inductance Detectors.



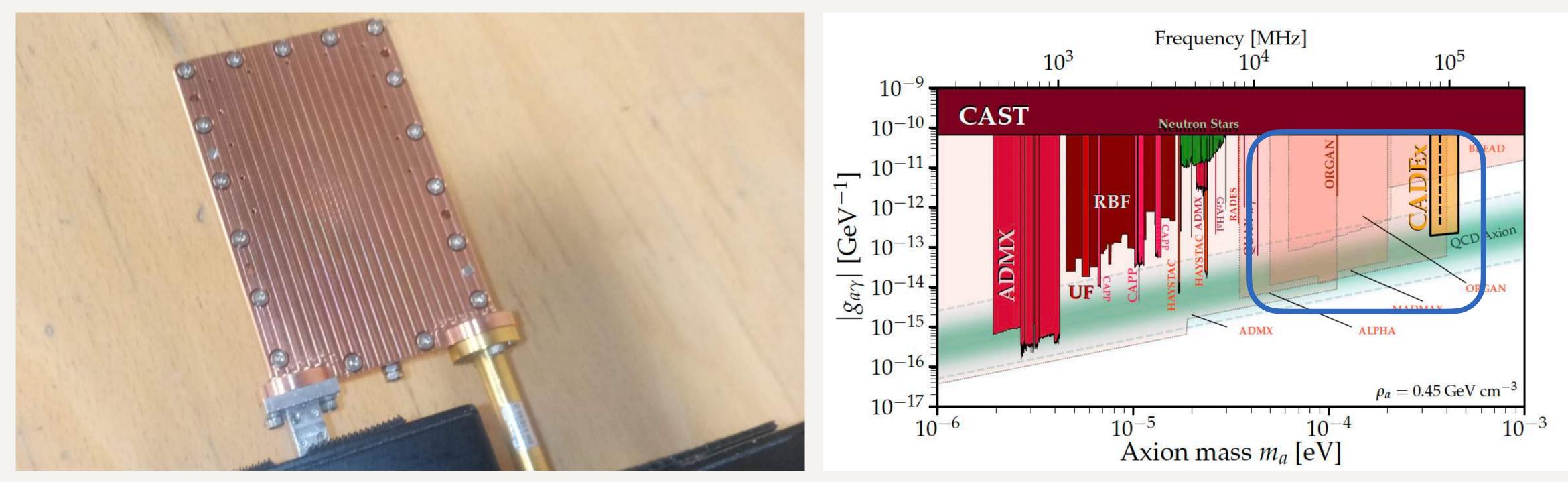






Cadex- Haloscope search for 330-460 μ eV axions

16 cavities of (17,680) mm with TM₁₁₀ resonant at 90 GHz. Tunable range [86,111] GHz (10 yrs). Work in progress: cavity design and fabrication, characterization of prototype KIDs.
16 horn antenna apertures will focus signal on KIDs sensors (10¹⁹ W/√Hz sensitivity).
Dilution refrigerator underground, hosting magnet and optical system at 01.K and KIDs at 10 mK.



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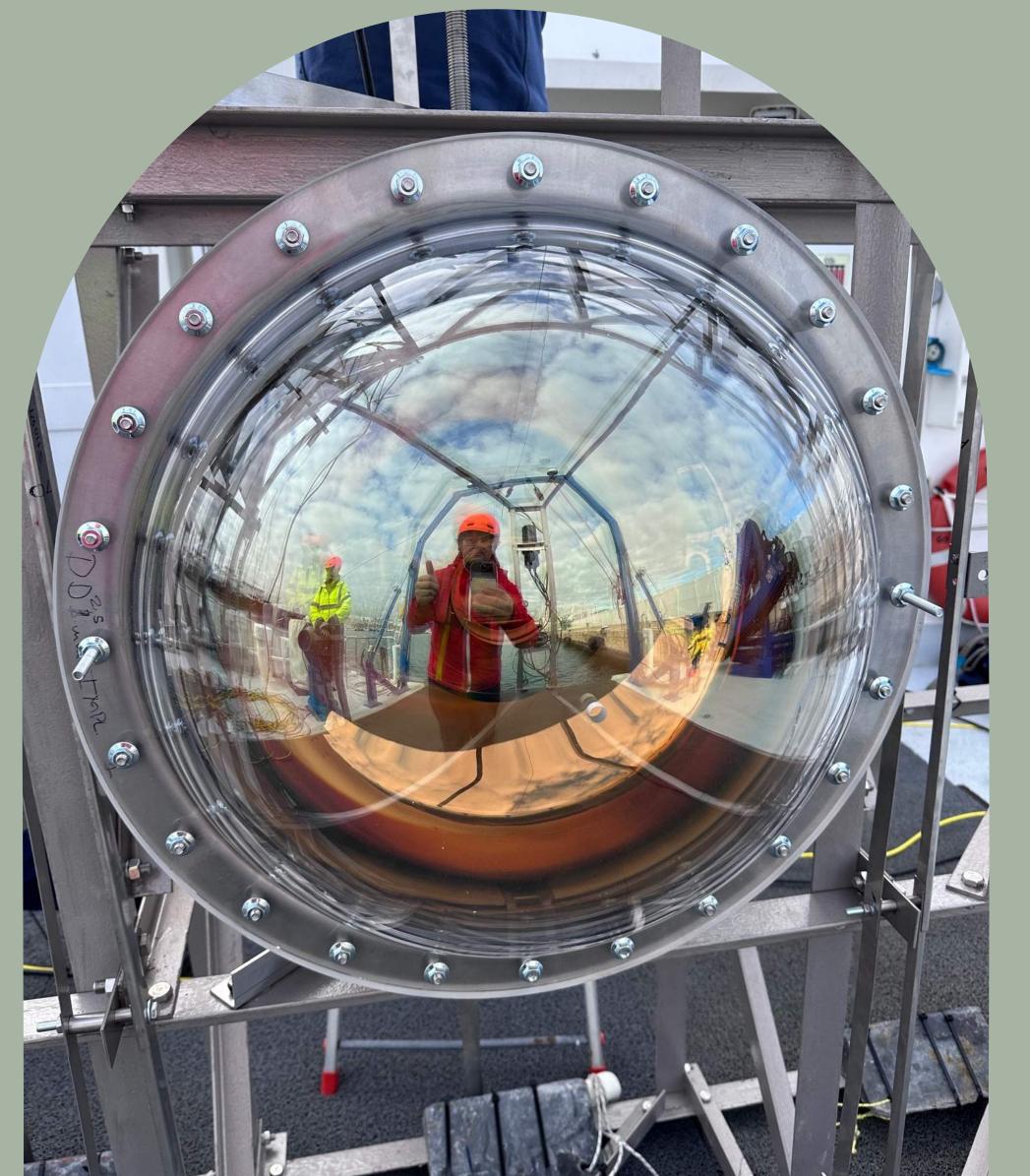




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Hosting experiments and technologies from all disciplines benefiting of Cosmic Silence



AGREEMENT BETWEEN

In the framework of an international collaboration among research underground laboratories and in the framework of the international effort on searches for rare events, this Agreement defines the terms of Research Collaboration (RC) and Transnational Access (TA) between the Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (INFN-LNGS) and the Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc (LSC) to reflect the rapid increase of collaboration and synergy between the two research infrastructures. Users at LNGS and LSC will benefit from a dedicated agreement to access experimental surface and underground areas, ultra-low background instrumentation, and facilities to support research in both sites.

......LNGS staff and associated personnel (within experimental collaborations or approved research activities) can access the LSC by applying to the Safety Office and after undergoing appropriate training as required by the internal rules in effect at LSC. Similarly, for LSC staff and associated personnel accessing LNGS by applying to the User Office and demonstrating appropriate knowledge of LNGS safety rules as detailed in the INFN General Conditions attached to this document

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Experiments running/completed at LSC





ANAIS Experiment

DArT in ArDM

ANAIS experiment: Modulation excluded at 3 sigma. Started last (7th) year of data taking to reach 5 sigma exclusion.

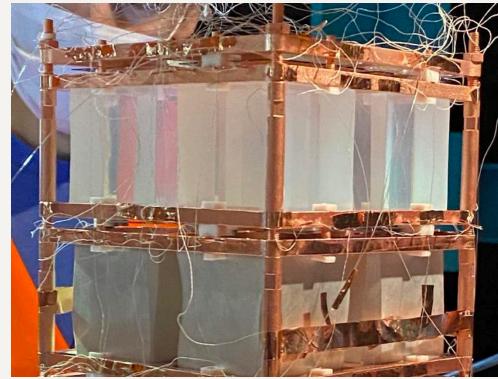
DArT in ArDM: Measurement of ³⁹Ar activation in UAr from Colorado drilling site (⁴⁰Ar). In operation until 2026.

NEXT-White experiment: Finished in 2021. ¹³⁶Xe Gas electroluminescent TPC at 10 bar (3.5 kg). Best Xenon energy resolution (0.9% FWHM, at 2.6 MeV). Electron track reconstruction improves doble beta events (27 factor rejection with 57% efficiency). Neutrinoless double beta decay T_{1/2} > 10²⁴ yr [KamLAND-zen limit is 2.3x10²⁶] at 90%CL.

CROSS demonstrator: Low background dilution refrigerator studying surface beta events in TeO₂ and Li₂¹⁰⁰MoO₄ crystals.







NEXT-W Experiment

CROSS demonstrator

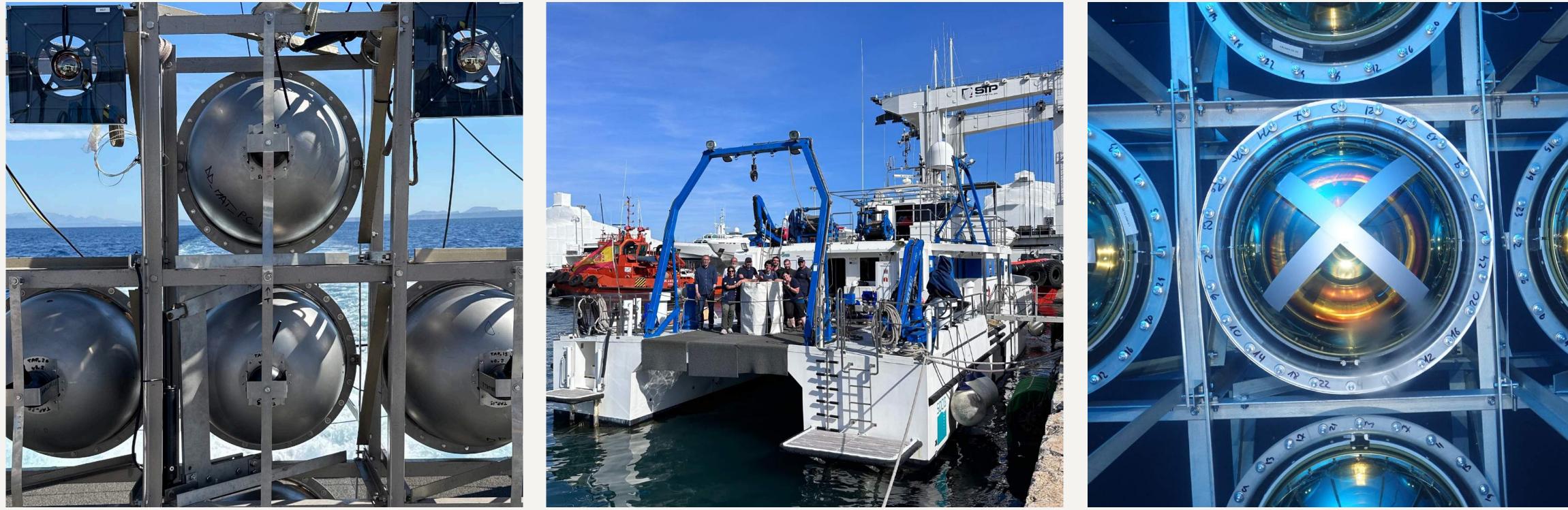




Spanish Contribution to the Construction of HK

Motivation: Protect PMTs from chain reaction in case of PMT spontaneous implosion in 9 bar hydrostatic pressure.

Design, prototype & validate mass production of PMT covers in Spain within HK requirements: safe to chain reaction, transparency (>70% @300 nm), mass production on time (June 2026) within budget, fast assembly (20'),...



ICRR and LSC signed an agreement (08/22) on the Spanish in-kind contributions: 20" PMT covers, ventilation and geomagnetic systems, electronic components and IT with a value of 7.3 M€ (2021 & 2022 Diet).





