Proposal to make a permanent muography observatory on Puy de Dôme (Chaîne des Puys, France)

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- General Framework
- Geological Context
- Geophysics
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- Perspectives and issues
Application proposal to the World Heritage List (UNESCO)
Chaîne des Puys and Limagne Fault

**A unifying regional project**

- Local council of the Puy-de-Dôme,
- Regional Natural Park of the Volcanoes of the Auvergne,
- University of Clermont-Ferrand,
- Local government of the Auvergne region

40 years of collaborative management of this outstanding geological landscape have enabled it to preserve its integrity.

- **1977** : creation of the Regional Natural Park of the Volcanoes of the Auvergne
- **2000** : the Chaîne des Puys was added to the national list of the Natural Monuments and Sites
- **2008** : status of GRAND SITE DE FRANCE®

Main aims of the application to the World Heritage List:

- Make the universal excellence of this site more widely known
- Support and develop national and international scientific research
The Observatoire de Physique du Globe de Clermont-Ferrand (OPGC)

- Observatory of Earth Science (OSU) recognized by the CNRS-INSU and the Blaise Pascal University of Clermont-Ferrand – About 200 people (researchers, technicians, engineers)

- Two research units: the “Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans” (LMV) and the “Laboratoire Météorologie Physique” (LaMP).

- LMV has expertise in the study of magmas and volcanoes, with three research groups: Volcanology; Experimental petrology; Geochemistry

The OPGC chalet at the summit of Puy de Dôme

Monitoring of meteorological and physico-chemical parameters (gases, particles, clouds)

First observatory built in 1876
Major renovation in 2010
Context of the proposal for a permanent muography observatory

**Target:** Puy de Dôme volcano *(11,000 yrs old)*

- Mature dome not affected by post-eruptive phenomena
- Highly documented through geological studies

**Research background**

- Morpho-structural analysis of the dome and its environment
- Multi-methods geophysical imagery *(resistivity, gravimetry and magnetism)*

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**Existing or planned infrastructures facilities (OPGC)**

- Access to a detection site located 1.5km away from the Puy de Dôme volcano
  - *with network connection (Long-range Wifi) and electricity power*
- Access to the Puy de Dôme Observatory (at the summit) with housing facilities, up to 10 persons according to the availability of the infrastructure
The Chaîne des puys volcanic field

- N-S volcanic alignment to the west of the Limagne graben
- 80 - 100 distinct edifices (domes, cones, maars)

Eruptive activity: 100,000 to 7,000 years

Simplified volcanological map of the Chaîne des Puys (Boivin et Thouret, 2014)
Evolution over time of the geological model of the Puy de Dôme inner structure

Glangeaud, 1913

Bentor, 1954

Camus, 1975
The Puy de Dôme volcano

- Trachytic dome (11,000 to 10,700 yrs)
- Surrounded by cinder cones
- Current geological model:
  - First rough dome (I)
  - Collapse
  - Second extrusion (II)
- Intense hydrothermal alteration

Summit area

Volcanological map (Boivin et al., 2009)
The Puy de Dôme volcano

(I) Spiky structure, flat summit area
Steep flanks (> 40°)

View from the West

Two distinct units

Morpho-structural features on the Puy de Dôme
The Puy de Dôme volcano

(II) Smooth eastern flank
Steady slope (30 to 40º)

Morpho-structural features on the Puy de Dôme

Two distinct units
Geophysical surveys

Electrical Resistivity Tomography

Gravimetry

Magnetism

RTP magnetic anomaly map

3D ERT inversion model

3D gravity inversion model
Electrical Resistivity Tomography – ERT

Entire zone
- electrode spacing: 35 m
- depth of investigation: ~400 m
- length: ~2 km

Summit area
- electrode spacing: 5 m and 10 m
- depth of investigation: 100 to 200 m
- length: 300 to 600 m
- 1350 new gravity stations
- Differential GPS positioning ($\sigma_z \sim 0.02 \text{ m}$)
- Densification in areas of particular interest (summit area, flanks, deformation areas)

Localization of the gravity stations
Magnetism Survey

- Continuous measurements

- Simultaneous GPS positioning
Puy de Dôme geophysical structure

3D inversion model of the electrical resistivity distribution

- Highly resistive structures
  - cinder cones *(at the base of the dome)*
  - lobes of massive lava and lateral intrusions *(inner structure and carapace of the dome)*
  - large part of the eastern flank: consolidated and/or welded formations
Puy de Dôme geophysical structure

3D inversion model of the electrical resistivity distribution

- **Low-resistivity** anomaly (C1) in the upper part
- High hydrothermal alteration and intense fracturing
High density structures
- centered on the dome and rooted at depth (D1)
  - core of massive trachyte
- pile of basaltic lava flows around the dome

Low density structures
- unconsolidated material / breccia
- cinder cones (at the surrounding)
Geological model of the Puy de Dôme volcano

South-North Section

West-East Section

ERT 3D

Gravi 3D

Gravi-Mag 2D

Geological interpretation

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Geological model of the Puy de Dôme volcano

Central conduit of trachytic lava

High density and magnetization

Elongated shape at depth

Magma extrusion through a fissure

3D model of the density distribution
Geological model of the Puy de Dôme volcano

- Alteration of the upper part of the conduit (Low resistivities)
  - Intense hydrothermal activity
- Superficial lava lobes and spines
  - Highly resistive and magnetized, steep slopes
  - Rocky carapace
- Breccia surrounds the conduit
  - Intermediate density
  - Large resistivity variations
  - Former lobes or lateral injections
- Eastern flank
  - Highly resistive, low density, smooth shape
  - Highly consolidated pyroclastic deposits
Towards an International Research Infrastructure for Muography experiments

(C. Carloganu talk)

TOMUVOL experimental sites

Italian MU-RAY collaboration
6 months survey in 2013
Combined deployment of MU-RAY and TOMUVOL detectors
Ambrosino et al., JGR (2015)
Puy de Dôme and Chaîne des Puys, major tourist attractions

**Vulcania**

*Theme Park for exploring volcanoes*

[www.vulcania.com](http://www.vulcania.com)

344,000 visitors in 2015

**Panoramique des Dômes**

*Access to the summit by rack-railway*

439,000 passengers in 2015

+ 150,000 hikers on the Puy de Dôme tracks in 2015
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*In the framework of the G-Endeavor H2020-INFRAIA project (C. Bozza talk)*

French partners: LPC and IPNL (CNRS/IN2P3); ISTerre Grenoble (CNRS/INSU)

- Access to a building infrastructure attached to the Observatoire du Puy de Dôme (*OPGC, Blaise Pascal university and CNRS*) in the near vicinity of the lava dome.

- The Puy de Dôme has interesting characteristics to carry out muography experiments.
  - Geology and high resolution geophysical surveys have revealed that the interior of the edifice is complex and highly heterogeneous.
  - Moreover, the dimensions of the edifice are moderate enough to expect that a large part may be investigated with atmospheric muons.

- Experiments for the qualification of detectors designed for imaging large volcanoes. Comparison may be carried out with different geophysical methods. *- datasets available -*

- Possibility to make calibration and inter-calibration of detectors.

- Exhibition facilities for general public information and scientific diffusion. *Vulcania, Panoramique des Dômes, Volvic, etc.*
Thank you for your attention

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… Waiting for the next eruption!

Muon telescope