



# AFRICA 125/5 museum

**IIHE  
Annual  
meeting**

**15/11/2023  
AFRICA Museum**

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BRUXELLES BRUSSEL

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DE BRUXELLES

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BRUSSEL



# Royal Museum for Central Africa

# Welcome!

- ◆ News from the directors
- ◆ Some infrastructure news

# Mission

IIHE  
since  
1972

❖ Elementary structure of matter  
❖ Fundamental interactions between them  
❖ Content and structure of our universe

The Interuniversity Institute for High Energies, IIHE (ULB-VUB), was created in 1972 at the initiative of the academic authorities of both the Université Libre de Bruxelles and Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Its main topic of research is the physics of elementary particles.

The present research programme is based on the extensive use of the high energy particle accelerators and experimental facilities at CERN (Switzerland) and DESY (Germany) as well as on non-accelerator experiments at the South Pole.

The main goal of these experiments is the study of the strong, electromagnetic and weak interactions of the most elementary building blocks of matter. All these experiments are performed in the framework of large international collaborations and have led to important R&D activities and/or applications concerning particle detectors and computing and networking systems.

Research at the IIHE is mainly funded by Belgian national and regional agencies, in particular the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS) en het Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) and by both universities through their Research Councils.

- ❖ Large infrastructure - International collaboration
- ❖ R&D and hardware development (detection technique, electronics, DAQ, ...)
- ❖ Computing infrastructure (grid, software development, ...)
- ❖ Analysis tools (ML, statistics, ...)

# People



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SECRETARIAT



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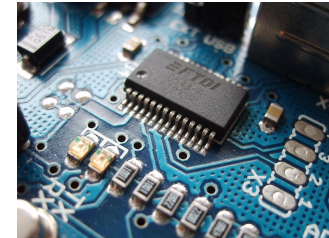
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## The IIHE Family ...

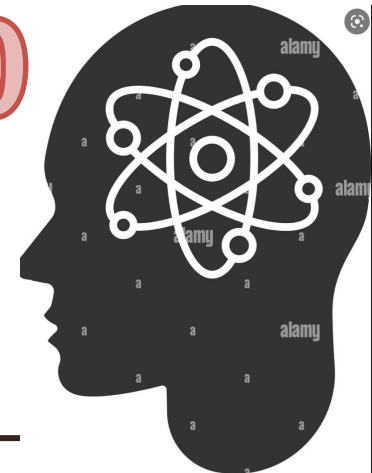


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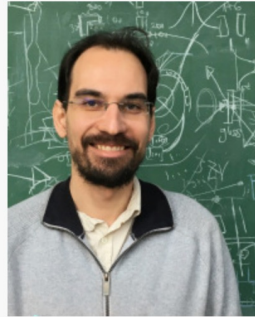
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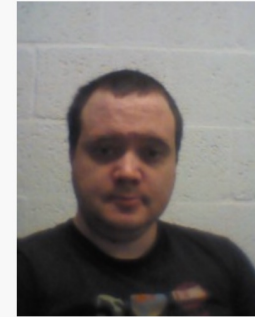
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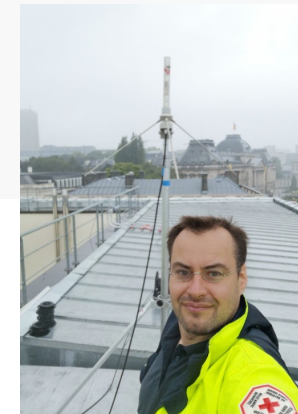
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# IIHE Research... Rich and Diverse

ICECUBE and gen2

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LOFAR

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ARA

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RNO

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Radnu

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OPERA

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AUGER and  
AUGERprime

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SOLID and Solid  
phase2

JUNO

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PHENO and GW

CMS and GEMS/CMS phase 2

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DAQ R&D

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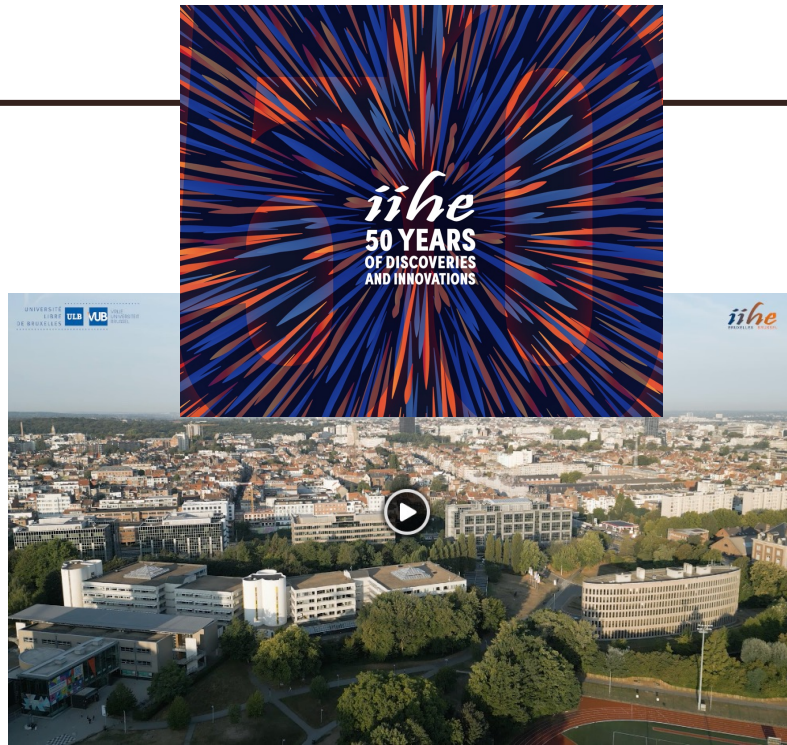
Future  
experiments

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MilliQan

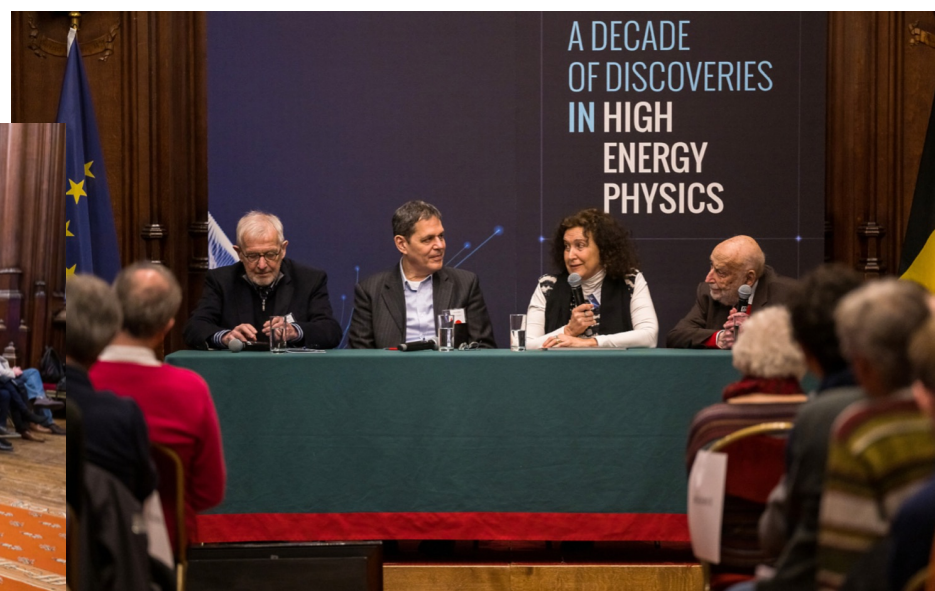
# Since last annual meeting

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July 1st, 2022  
September 14th, 2022

March 9th, 2023





# HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS RESEARCH CENTRE

Coordinator: Prof. J. D'Hondt  
Secretariat: N. Hindriks and S. Van den Bussche

## VUB news

Three research groups merged into one large research group HEP@VUB.

In the context of Flanders the largest cluster for high-energy physics.

### Theoretical physics

- string theory
- holography
- cosmology
- gravitational waves

Prof. B. Craps  
Prof. A. Sevrin  
Prof. C. Uhlemann

Part-time:  
Prof. V. Balasubramanian  
Prof. C. Blair  
Prof. M. Sakellariadou  
Prof. D. Thompson

Guest professor:  
Prof. O. Evnin

### Particle physics experiments

- high-energy colliders
- neutrino physics
- detector R&D
- future colliders

Prof. J. D'Hondt  
Prof. S. Lowette  
(previous Odysseus 2)  
Prof. M. Tytgat

Guest professor:  
Prof. F. Blekman  
(previous Odysseus 2)

Active emeriti:  
Prof. S. Tavernier

### Astro-particle physics

- cosmic neutrinos
- dark matter
- multi-messenger observations

Prof. K. de Vries  
(ERC Starting Grant)  
Prof. N. van Eijndhoven  
(previous Odysseus 1)

Part-time:  
Prof. K. Kotera

Active emeriti:  
Prof. C. De Clercq  
Prof. O. Scholten

### High-energy astrophysics

- radio transients
- binary evolution
- cosmic rays

Prof. S. Buitink  
(previous ERC Starting Grant)

Part-time:  
Prof. J. Blommaert  
Prof. T. Huege  
Prof. K. Kolenberg

Guest professor:  
Prof. D. Vanbeveren  
Prof. J. Horandel  
(ERC Advanced Grant)

### Phenomenology

Prof. A. Mariotti

Guest professor:  
Prof. L. Lopez Honorez



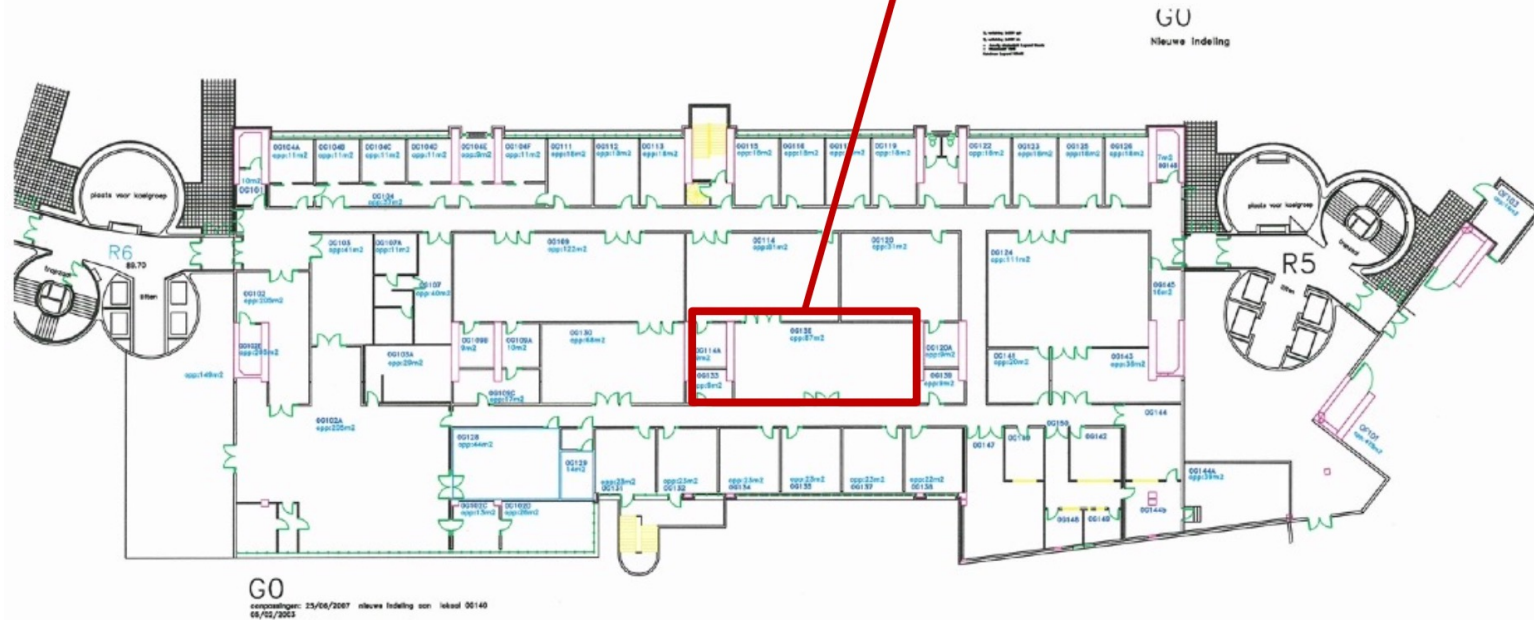
Upcoming renovation →

Traditional keys will be replaced on all doors by a card system.

The renovations of the toilets are communicated as high-priority to the relevant VUB services.

## IIHE level 0G

**Electronics lab**  
*new (ESD) floor and furniture*



New coffee machine!  
*(requires dedicated coffee beans)*

In order to maintain the IIHE Social Room in an adequate state, we will soon initiate a weekly shift system involving all of us.

## IIHE Social Room



IIHE X-mas party!  
Dec 11 from 16:00  
't Complex @ VUB campus

Winter BBQ & open bar

For only 25 EUR you can  
participate (50 EUR for  
external partners/children)

An email will follow...



# IIHE Annual Meeting *agenda*

<b>09:00</b>	→ 09:20	<b>Overview from IIHE directors</b>	🕒 20m	📄
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Speaker: Gerrit Van Onsem (IIHE)				
<b>09:50</b>	→ 10:20	<b>Highlights from IceCube</b>	🕒 30m	📄
Speaker: Nhan Chau				
<b>10:20</b>	→ 10:40	<b>Coffee break</b>	🕒 20m	
<b>10:40</b>	→ 11:00	<b>CMS Phase-2 Tracker project</b>	🕒 20m	📄
Speaker: Inna Makarenko				
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<b>11:20</b>	→ 11:35	<b>Status and first results of the Radio Neutrino Observatory Greenland (RNO-G)</b>	🕒 15m	📄
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Speaker: Pierre-Alexandre Petitjean (ULB)				
<b>14:50</b>	→ 15:10	<b>coffee + dessert</b>	🕒 20m	
<b>15:10</b>	→ 15:20	<b>Tagging electroweak processes with machine learning</b>	🕒 10m	📄
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Speaker: David Vannerom (VUB)				
<b>15:30</b>	→ 15:55	<b>Introduction of newcomers at the IIHE</b>	🕒 25m	📄
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