



Paleoclimate activities at CNR-DSSTTA (Annual report - 2020)

INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATION

In the last century, our society has entered an epoch of global changes, during which humanity has fully acquired the ability to significantly modify the planetary environment. This new period has been named *Anthropocene*, to underline the relevance of humans as a factor of global planetary change. Human population has grown exponentially, the length of life has increased more rapidly than since the dawn of humanity, extreme poverty is still way too widespread but it has been reduced as never before. At the same time, we have forced huge biodiversity losses, polluted air, waters and soils, disrupted the nitrogen cycle, and induced global climatic changes by the emission of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. Climate change can combine with the other hazards, favoring the interplay of multiple risks with potentially dramatic consequences.

Under such circumstances, the only way to address the new challenges generated by climate change is to increase our quantitative knowledge of the Earth System, disentangling to multiple interacting processes governing its dynamics on all space and time scales, by means of measurements, monitoring and modelling, and develop the abilities to estimate future conditions to provide guidance for implementing mitigation and adaptation measures.

To provide meaningful estimates of future conditions, we need global and regional models, such as those developed by many climate centers in the world (including CNR) and collected for example in the CMIP and CORDEX international programs. However, the climate system is terribly complex, and a full understanding of its workings is still unreached. In particular, models have still troubles in properly dealing with climates that are significantly different from the current one, and in determining the conditions under which the Earth System can reach – and pass through – a tipping point such as collapses in the ocean circulation, generalized permafrost thaw and massive methane emission, or the collapse of the marine biological pump owing to ocean acidification.

Here, the knowledge of past climates can come to help, providing quantitatively measured and measurable "analogues" for what can come in the future. Intense climate changes such as those occurred at the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM), or the Eocene-Oligocene cooling, or the many rapid deglaciation warming transitions at the end of the series of glacial maxima in the last million years, with their accompanying short-term fluctuations, provide a glimpse of the possible futures and of the tipping points of the planetary climate system, and can help improving climate models providing a knowledge window on the fully nonlinear processes characterizing the Earth System.

The paleoclimatic research community of DSSTTA CNR, here represented by the Paleoclimate Working Group, is active on many of these themes, and in particular, it focuses on three main issues: (a) the dynamics of climate during the Holocene and the glacial-interglacial cycles across the two main climate system reorganizations of the Quaternary (i.e., the Mid-Brunhes Event and the Middle Pleistocene Transition), with a specific attention on the Mediterranean, Antarctic and Arctic regions; (b) the dynamics of rapid climate transitions (e.g., glacial terminations and sub-millennial scale variability) and extreme (warm) climate from the Permian to today; and (c) the investigation and calibration of chemical and biological proxies to reconstruct terrestrial and marine climate conditions in the past.



The report and pie charts that follow briefly summarize the research activities done in 2020.

1. ONGOING PROJECTS (2020)

1.1. Paleoclimatic-environmental archives

1.1.1. Ice records

Project	Brief description	Time scale	CNR- Institute	Partner
Beyond EPICA Oldest Ice Core: 1,5 Myr of greenhouse gas – climate feedbacks - 'Beyond EPICA' (H2020 #815384)	The overarching scientific objective driving Beyond EPICA is to obtain quantitative, high-resolution ice- core information on climate and environmental changes over the last 1.5 Myr, crossing the enigmatic reorganization of the climatic system of the Middle Pleistocene Transition.	Last 1.5 Myr	ISP	AWI UKRI-BAS IPEV, ENEA CNRS, UU NPI, SU UBERN UCPH ULB
The Italian contribution to the project "Beyond EPICA - Oldest Ice" (PNRA16_00124)	This proposal is the Italian national contribution to the H2020 Coordination and Support Action (CSA) "Beyond EPICA - Oldest Ice". The national consortium consists of five leading Italian institutes in the reconstruction of the past climate through ice cores. The challenge will be to prepare the ground for obtaining a 1.5 million-year-old ice core from East Antarctica.	Last 1.5 Myr	ISP	University of Firenze, Bicocca, Bologna, ENEA
Study of the Solar Forcing over the Holocene from a new Dome C Ice Core (SOLARICE) – (PNRA16_00008 - A2)	SOLARICE is a multi-year Franco-Italian scientific initiative aimed at retrieving and studying a late Holocene ice climate record from Concordia Station (East Antarctic Plateau). The objective of this project is to propose a new reconstruction of solar activity based on a high resolution ¹⁰ Be record. We will implement a multiproxy approach and quantify markers that characterize the evolution of the past local temperature, humidity sources, volcanic forcing, biomass burning and dust sources. The SOLARICE initiative provides an important contribution to the IPICS priorities (past 2k) and Antarctic 2k (within PAGES 2K).	Last 2 kyr	ISP	CEREGE, LGGE, LSCE University of Milan, Venice, Rome, Parma
C3 – Caves Cryosphere and Climate www.c3project.net	The project aim to the monitoring, studying, dating and modelling of caves interested by permanent ice deposits in the Eastern Alps, focusing especially on the area of Mount Canin massif, one of the most karstified areas of the entire alpine chain. One of the main target is also related to the paleoclimate potential given by such ice deposits, natural archives of the climate evolution during the late Holocene.	Holocene	ISP ISMAR	See website

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INGV-AMUSED "An integrated, multidisciplinary study of past global climate changes from continental and marine archives in the Mediterranean region	The project aims to reconstruct the climatic variability in the central Mediterranean region during the mid-late Quaternary, with a focus on the Holocene, integrating paleoclimatic multi-proxy records acquired from different marine and terrestrial paleoenvironmental archives. For the marine record, marine sediment cores from the Southern Tyrrhenian Sea covering the last 2 ka will be studied.	Mid-Late Quaternary	ISMAR IGAG IRPI ISP	INGV University of Perugia, Padova, Ca' Foscari, Palermo
Response of carbonate ecosystems to the climatic and oceanographic changes of the Cretaceous period	Stratigraphic and isotopic study of southern-central Italy marine carbonates.	Cretaceous	IGG	University of Napoli, Bari
Biostratigraphy of the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous sequences	Radiolarian Biostratigraphy of the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous sequences in the Umbria Marche Basin: Bosso and Gorgo a Cerbara Sections.	Jurassic- Early Cretaceous	IGG	
PNRA_18_00233 - D - Antarctic Ice Sheets' dynamics: new data from provenance and paleontological analysis of IODP374 and DSDP Leg28 cores in the Ross Sea.	The project aims to constrain ice flow modelling on the basis of several provenance tools including clastology, AFT, U-Pb dating of detrital apatite and zircons applied to DsDP Leg 28, 270, 271, 271 cores. Data will be compared with results obtained with paleontological and clast analysis on IODP374 recovers.	Late Oligocene to Recent	IGG	University of Siena
Climate and tectonic forcings on sediment dispersal in the West Antarctic Rift System of South Victoria Land (DTA.AD001.105 (PNRA2015)	Multi-proxy study of sediment cores from the Antarctic continental margin in order to investigate the main Cenozoic climate optima	Cenozoic	IGAG ISP	University of Siena, FSU USA), OSU(USA)
UnderstandinG sapRopel dEposition in shAllow environemenTs (GREAT)	The project focused on sapropel events (S5, S6, S7) to understand the driving climate forcing and the large-scale expression of these anoxic events.	ca. 100-200 ka	ISP	ENI
Destino del permAFrost duraNte le tErminazioni glaciali (DAFNE) – Fate of the glacial permafrost during terminations	The project aims to provide observational evidence about the relocation of permafrost-derived carbon during past warming events in the Arctic real.	Last 20 kyr to present	ISP	
Deep-sea coral records of Southern Ocean climate and nutrient dynamics	The overarching scientific goal of the project is to provide new insights into the role of the Southern Ocean overturning circulation in modulating global climate. The geochemistry of deep-sea corals is used to understand how SO circulation has influenced past changes in global climate and its future role in controlling	Last 30 kyr	ISP ISMAR	The University of Western Australia

1.1.2. Marine records

	ocean productivity in a warming world			
	with rapidly increasing atmospheric			
	carbon dioxide.			
	Multidisciplinary approach involving			
	sedimentology, biostratigraphy,			
CryptotepHra In Marine	geochemistry, paleomagnetic			
sEquences of the Ross Sea,	investigations of sediment sequences and			
Antarctica: implications and	tephrochronology to study the			INGV,
potential applications	cryptotephra records of the Ross Sea. The	Pleistocene-	ISP	University of
(CHIMERA) – (PNRA18_PRDE-6324306)	goal is to investigate the potential	Holocene	ISMAR	Trieste
	applications of cryptotephra as			
	fundamental for synchronize and			
	correlate marine records with Antarctic			
	tenhra archives extrapolating information			
	into a regional to continental framework			
	The EDISTHO project focus on sediment			
	cores collected inside the Edisto Inlet			
Edisto inlet Diatom	(Cape Hallett, Western Ross Sea.			
laminations Sequences	Antarctica). The aim is to investigate the			University of
Through the Holocene	glaciological and oceanic processes in the	Last 2000 vr	ISP	Pisa, Trieste,
(EDISTHO) –	Edisto Inlet and their connection with the	,	ISMAR	Genova,
(PNRA18_00010)	Ross Sea continental shelf as well as to			OGS
	link them to local, regional and global			
	climatic changes and glacial dynamics.			
	GRACEFUL project tackles critical aspects			
Geochemical signals in Antarctic biogenic carbonates for paleoceanographic reconstructions (GRACEFUL)	of the Antarctic climate change through a			ΕΝΕΛ
	multi-disciplinary international research	Holocene		ISPRA
	effort. Specifically, it aims at		ISP	University of
	reconstructing changes in seawater	last 100-200	ISMAR	Padova.
	temperature, pH and carbonate	yrs	-	Trieste
- (PNRA16 00069)	saturation state, nutrient content and			
	water mass circulation in the past using a			
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Antarctic biomineralizers as	rele of selected species of selectiving			
and paleoclimate	organisms (bryozoans and coralling algae)			ΕΝΕΛ
reconstructions: in situ	from Terra Nova Bay as provies for	Last 100-200	ISD	LINEA,
monitoring and	climate changes, especially ocean	Vr	ISMAR	Padova
transplantation experiment	acidification. The project will also analyse	y.	13117-11	1 00070
(ICECLIMALIZERS) –	those organisms to investigate their			
(PNRA16_00011-A1)	potential as paleoclimate archives.			
	PASS aims at establishing a framework in			
	which different disciplines are combined			
	in a unified working procedure that			
	integrates for the first time sequence			
The Po-Adriatic Source-to-	stratigraphy, sediment provenance and a			
Sink system (PASS): from	quantitative assessment of modern			University of
modern sedimentary	sedimentary and oceanographic	Holocene-	ISMAR	Bologna
processes to millennial-scale	processes. PASS will quantitatively assess	Last Glacial	ISP	Indiana
stratigraphic architecture	sediment fluxes across a ~1,000 km long,	Maximum		University
(PRIN2017-ASZAKJ)	land-ocean continuum by applying a			1
•	multiscale method to the post-glacial			
	succession of the Po-Adriatic region.			
	Demning the temporal and spatial			
	variability of recent sediment transport processes, pathways and fluxes on yearly			
	processes, parriways and nunes on yearly			

	to decadal time scales will help interpret their role in the past.			
Independent Assessment of Essential Variables - Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S_511)	To provide in-depth scientific assessment on the essential climate variables covering from ocean, atmosphere, land and cryosphere.	Last 70 yr	ISMAR	CNR, NUIM, CSIC, ETH, ENEA, UCL, VUB, DLR, LMU, IO-PAN
Intercomparison of Global Ocean reanalyses in the tropical oceans	To understand the consistency and discrepancy between an ensemble of ocean reanalyses focusing on the tropical Oceans.	Last 30 yr (1993-2020)	ISMAR	
RECOnstrucción de las comunidades de MAR Profundo en Márgenes ContinentalES Ibéricos en las últimas décadas/siglos "RECOMARES".	Evaluation of medium and long-term changes (up to about 100-200 years ago) in the density of species/communities of zooplankton close to the Balearic Basin.	Last 200 yr	ISMAR	CSIC- Barcelona, Recursos Marins Renovables ENEA (La Spezia)
Human-Induced Changes Compromising the open ocean: generating Understanding from Paleoceanography "HICCUP	The HICCUP approach involves the set-up of the complex analyses of δ^{11} B in carbonates by MC-ICPMS and the establishment and refinement of calibrations for paleo-O ₂ and paleo-pH. With this multi-proxy approach the HICCUP project will target specific topics encompassing the signature of anthropogenic acidification in sediment cores, the evaluation of glacial/interglacial changes or the inference of changes in deep water ventilation.		ISMAR	CSIC- Barcellona Biologia Marina i Oceanografia
TRANSMOW: TRAciNg chemical and isotopic Signature of Mediterranean Outflow Waters and its response to past climate transitions. Ref: PID2019- 105523RB-I00	The project is focused to constrain how the geochemical signature of Nd isotopes and rare earth elements in the MOW is imprinted onto the fossil record of the last 20ky and the mid-Pleistocene Transition (MPT) a period of time between 0.8-1.2Myr when the glacial- interglacial periodicity of the planet changed drastically.		ISMAR	University of Barcelona
ERC Consolidator Grant "TIMED" Testing the role of Mediterranean thermohaline circulation as a sensor of transient climate events and shaker of North Atlantic Circulation". Proposal number: 683237	TIMED: Testing the role of Mediterranean thermohaline circulation as a sensor of transient climate events and shaker of North Atlantic Circulation. s. The main goals are to identify: (1) The natural range of MedTHC variability; (2) The forcings and inter-regional teleconnections driving MedTHC changes; (3) The associated impact onto the AMOC. The assessment of the forcings controlling MedTHC and the ensuing impact on the AMOC will allow us to gauge the consequences of future Mediterranean changes.	18- 14 ka BP; 9.5-6.5 ka BP and the last 2 kyr	IRPI ISMAR	University of Barcelona

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A.dattamento C.lima A.zioni R.esilienti O.rvieto (ACARO) – PSR 2014-2020 Intervento 16.5.1	The project aims to evaluate which environmental factor mostly influenced the variations in the natural archive records (tree rings) and to interpret past and current tree adaptation to climate changes. Moreover, the study aims to investigate the relations between fires and climate change. The study is based on dendroclimatic and dendroecological analysis in South West Umbria region.	Last 100-300 yr	IRET	Alta Scuola, Landscape Office Agronomist STP SRL, CIRIAF-CRB
INGV-AMUSED "An integrated, multidisciplinary study of past global climate changes from continental and marine archives in the Mediterranean region	The project aims to reconstruct the climatic variability in the central Mediterranean region during the mid-late Quaternary, with a focus on the Holocene, integrating paleoclimatic multi-proxy records acquired from different marine and terrestrial paleoenvironmental archives. For the terrestrial archives, the lacustrine sequence from the Castiglione basin (Lazio) and speleothem from Lazio's caves will be studied.	280-0 kyr	IGAG IGG	INGV, University of Pisa
Research Südtirol/Alto Adige, Ufficio Ricerca scientifica, Provincia autonoma di Bolzano "Living with the supervolcano – How Athesian eruptions destroyed and preserved 15 million years of Permian life"	Study of lake basins in the Atesino porphyry complex, to reconstruct the climate change and ecosystems dynamics in the lower Permian in the southern Alps.	Lower Permian	IGG	Museo di Scienze Naturali dell'Alto Adige, University of Padova
Evolution of the Alpine glacial systems during the LGM	The chronological and stratigraphic study of the Alpine end-moraine systems is carried out in order to understand the evolution of the Alpine glaciated systems during the LGM. The multidisciplinary study is supported by exposure and radiocarbon dating and facies analysis.	Late Pleistocene	IGG	University of Torino, ETH, Austrian Geological Survey
Links between human and environment during the late Quaternary in the Iraqi Kurdistan)	Study of palaeoclimatic and palaeoenvironmental conditions in the Iraqi Kurdistan during the Quaternary and their link with the record of the human development and occupation, through integration of geoarchaeological, geomorphological and geochemical data.	Late Pleistocene - Holocene	IGG	University of Milano- Statale, University of Padova
Study on the Carnian Pluvial Episode (CPE)	Study of a Carnian (Late Triassic) important phase of global climate change, coincident with a time of major biological turnover (dinosaurs, calcareous nannofossils, and conifers). Identification of the main changes in the geological record worldwide during this interval and	Late Triassic	IGG	University of Padova, Leeds, Bristol, Güttingen, Ferrara, München, Chengdu,

1.1.3. Terrestrial and lake records

	study of the synchronous Large Igneous Province volcanism.			Bolzano, Trento Museum
"MAMPFT" - Mikrosporen an MakroPflanzen-Fossilien der	Paleobotanical and palynological study of Permian and Lower and Middle.	Permian- Triassic	IGG	University of Padova, München
Study of volcanic eruptions clustering during the Quaternary	Stratigraphic and geochronological characterization of Alpine, Mediterranean and Etiopian volcanoes.	Quaternary	IGG	INGV, University of Torino
Geoarcheological and paleoclimatic study of the Georgian coastal environment	Reconstruction of coastal evolution and interplay with the human record during the Late Holocene.	Holocene	IGG	Tbilisi State University
Environmental changes in Accesa basin reconstruction of Pergusa lake	Reconstruction of environmental changes in southern Italy during the Late Holocene.	Holocene	IGG	University of Pisa
Environmental changes in the Accesa basin	Environmental changes in the Accesa basin during the Late Holocene.	Holocene	IGG	University of Pisa
Study of environmental changes in Ohrid Lake	Geochemical characterization of stable isotopes of organic carbon on sediment from Ohrid lake during Early Holocene.	Holocene	IGG	University of Pisa, Köln
A Província Magmática Paraná: petrogenese, cronologia e impacto ambiental do magmatismo toleitico, alcalino e silicico na Plataforma Brasileira	Geochemical, pertographical and paleomagnetic study of the environmental impact of volcanic activity in the Paranà region.	Cretaceous	IGG	University of Sao Paulo
PNRA18_00037 "Magma-Ice interaction: late Miocene ice thickness and eruption tempo in northern Victoria Land"	The project is designed for the reconstruction of the ice cover evolution by means of glacial volcanology, igneous petrology and geochronology studies, coupled with investigations of the effects of variable ice load on the eruptibility and composition of magma from shallow crustal chambers.	Mainly Late Miocene	IGG	University of Pisa, Perugia, INGV
La trajectoire écologique des lacs vue par les approches paléolimnologiques : réponses biologiques et écosystèmiques aux forçages locaux et globaux	L'Osservatorio dei Laghi OLA logo SOERE OLA ha l'obiettivo di fornire dati scientifici di qualità per comprendere e in fine modellare l'evoluzione dello stato e delle funzioni ecologiche di sistemi lacustri sottoposti contemporaneamente a un cambiamento delle pressioni di antropizzazione locale e climatica. I quattro grandi laghi naturali perialpini (laghi d'Annecy, del Bourget d'Aiguebelette e il Lemano) sono al centro di questo osservatorio, grazie anche all'iniziativa di monitoraggio ecologico avviata su questi sistemi da diversi decenni.	Last 200 yr	IRSA	CARRTEL Limnology Center, Thonon-les- Bains, France
Multiproxy paleolimnological	ii progetto interdisciplinare ha come obiettivo quello di ricostruire i legami tra variabilità paleoambientale, disturbi e radiazione adattativa delle specie	Last 14 kyr	IRSA	University of Bern

reconstruction of Lake	combinando approcci di paleogenomica,			
Victoria's environmental	paleoleoecologia e paleolimnologia. A			
history, East Africa	questo scopo vengono analizzati quattro			
	nuclei di sedimenti lungo un transetto di			
	profondità (da terra a costa), che coprono			
	ca. gli ultimi 14.000 anni.			
	Shallow lakes are complex ecosystems			
	and have become the archetypical			
	example of ecosystem with alternative			
	stable states or regimes. Temperate			
Changes in	shallow lakes may be dominated			
paleoproductivity and lake	alternatively by charophytes, submerged			
regimes and its relation with	angiosperms, green algae, diatoms or			
past climate anomalies	cyanobacteria. Clear and turbid regimes			CONICET- Mar
based on photosynthetic	occur at low/intermediate and	Last 1000 yr	IRSA	del Plata,
pigments in shallow lakes of	intermediate/nign nutrient levels,			Argentina
the Pampa plain	respectively. Regime shift can be defined			
(Argentina) over the last	as the sudden drastic transition from one			
millennium	and may be due to different mechanisms			
	and may be due to different mechanisms,			
	stenwise change in some important			
	external condition			
	The project explores connections			
Sedimentary perspective on	hetween solar radiation aquatic carbon			
UV radiation and organic	cycling and climate change focusing on	Last 200 vr	IRSA	University of
carbon fluctuations in	mountain lakes in Arctic (Finnish Lapland)	Lust 200 yr	mor	Helsinki
mountain lakes	and alpine (Italian Alps) environments.			
	Almost one third of the world's			
	population depends on water supplied			
	from rivers originating in the Tibetan			
	Plateau, i.e., mainly monsoonal			
	precipitation. Therefore, how the Asian			
	Monsoon system will develop in the			University of
	future has socio-economic significance. It			Greifswald,
	is essential to refine future climate			Institute For
The Nam Co Drilling Project	change scenarios (e.g., IPCC) and the			Geography
Tibet (NamCore): A One	consequences of a changing climate for			Chinese
Million Year Sedimentary	ecosystems and human societies by	1 Mvr	IRSA	Academy of
Record From The Third Pole	validation against improved knowledge of	1		Geosciences,
(NAM-CORE), ICDP-2020/05	the timing, duration and intensity of past			Institute For
<pre></pre>	climatic variability and environmental			Tibetan
	impact on long geologic time scales and			Plateau
	under different boundary conditions.			Research
	Nam Co, one of the largest and deepest			ICDP program
	lakes on the libetan Plateau, records the			
	temporal development of large-scale			
	its location in the modern monseen			
	regime			
	Lake sediments will provide information			Institute of
	about long-term hydrological variability			Gensystems
	and evolution of water quality			and
Geo-ecosystems in	Quantification of runoff. meltwater and			Bioindication
Transition on the Tibetan	groundwater contributions to the	Last 2000 yr	IRSA	(IGeo)
Plateau (TransTiP)	hydrological budget will allow to test the			Technische
	effects of hydrological events on the			Universität
	aquatic ecosystem as well as help to			Braunschweig,
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	disentangle these components archived in lake sediment records. Overall, the identification of the local components of the water balance and an integral approach of surface and subsurface flow modeling with water balance studies will provide assessments of past and future dynamics of water fluxes and water quality.			Braunschweig, Germany nstitute of Tibetan Plateau Research Chinese Academy of Sciences, P.R. China
Multiproxy high-resolution evidence from annually laminated sediments discloses Southern European ecosystem responses to climate change at Monticchio, Italy	Laminated sediments recovered from the maar lake Lago Grande di Monticchio in southern Italy not only provide detailed information about the regional climatic and environmental development but also about the explosive activity of nearby (100-540 km) Quaternary Italian volcanoes. A total of 345 distal tephra layers are intercalated in the sediments of the 133 ka Monticchio record.	Last 130 kyr	IRSA	GFZ-Potsdam University of Portsmouth Università La Sapienza University of Uppsala University of Bern
Development of a High- Resolution, Multi-Century Paleo-Fire Reconstruction from Tropical Australian Stalagmites	The project focuses on stalagmites in a well-studied cave in northwest Australian to develop a multi-century-long record of fire activity from polycyclic organic compounds. In addition, these stalagmites provide a detailed record for constructing a 3000-year history of summer monsoon rainfall. By combining the records contained in the stalagmites, researchers will provide the first millennial record of the role of human activity and monsoonal rains in shaping the landscape and ecology of the dry tropics.	Last 1000 yr	ISP	Cornell College (NSF)
Past Climate Change and Glaciation at the Alps- Dinarides junction. Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) – J1 - 2479	On a regional level, we will deliver new findings of how Pleistocene glaciations and Holocene glaciers shaped the environment and how they reacted to past climate variability. This knowledge, although being focused on the south- eastern Alps and northern Dinarides, will also help to better understand past, present and future mountain glacier dynamics on a European scale.	Late Pleistocene	ISP	Geological Survey of Slovenia
Impact of centennial to millennial scale climate variability on vegetation and sedimentation: a high- resolution approach from a lake record	Microbotanical and geochemical proxies from the Lake Fimon record provide information on the response of terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems to climate variability pervading the last glaciation. Past climate parameters (january-july T, annual P) will be quantitatively estimated through the Modern Analogue Technique and compared with other independent records of climate at hemispheric scale.	LGM to Late Glacial	IGAG	University of Milano Bicocca, Bern, Basel, Reading
Romanelli Cave – Grandi Scavi Sapienza	The project aim is the critical revision of the lith-, chrono and morpho-stratigraphy of the Romanelli Cave in Apulia, southern Italy, representing a key site of the Italian	Last 270 kyr	IGAG	University Roma Sapienza

	Paleolithic. The paleoclimatic study is based on a multi-proxy, morphological, stratigraphic, geochronological, paleontological and geochemical analyses.			
Contributing to the project Europeo NeuMed- Uuniversity of Siena (DTA.AD001.297)	The project aims at reconstructing the ancient landscape of the south-western Maremma Toscana area, in Tuscany, central Italy, and, specifically, at individuating the changing in the lagoon, pond, fluvial stream and coastal line sub- systems induced by the natural and anthropogenic factors.	Holocene- historical times	IGAG	University of Siena
Coastal line evolution and its impact on the human settlement (DTA.AD001.272)	Study of the human-environment interactive system in the area of the Laguna di Salpi, southern Italy, within the framework of the European project Life on the lagoon: reconstructing the biography of human landscape dynamics on the Salpi Lagoon-Italy (supported by National Endowment for Humanities, USA), and of the Tiber delta.	Holocene- historical times	IGAG	UniFG, McGill University, Davidson College
DIAMOND "Neolithic Demography and hydrological change In Apulia" (Accordo CNR/MoS biennio)	The aims of the DAIMOND project is to reconstruct the hydrological variability during the Lower Holocene and assess its potential role as driving environmental factors of the cultural and demographic evolution of the Neolithic of the Apulian and Montenegro regions. The study is based on stable isotope (O and C) data from speleothems collected and the statistical analyses of the radiocarbon data collected in both regions.	Lower Holocene	IGAG	Montenegro Science Ministry
Climatic change and environmental evolution of the Plio-Pleistocene lake system of the L'Aquila Basin	The project aims to reconstruct the paleoenvironmental and paleoclimatic history from the late Pliocene-Lower Pleistocene lacustrine succession of the San Nicandro Formation (AQ) hosted in L'Aquila Basin, central Italy, through a multy-proxy approach that integrates, sedimentological, micropaleontological, tephrochronological, bio-geochemical and magnetostratigraphical investigations.	~1.6-3.0 Ma	IGAG ISMAR	University of Roma-3, Pisa, Firenze, Gif-sur-Yvette, INGV
FUTURE "Fucino Tephrochronology Unites Quaternary Records" (MIUR – PRIN 2017)	The general objective of FUTURE is to assemble a high-precision 40Ar/39Ar dated tephrochronological record for the last ~430 kyr anchored to a detailed paleoclimate multiproxy record that may be regionally to globally spread via tephrostratigraphic, paleomagnetic and cosmogenic nuclide peak synchronization and paleoclimatic alignments.	Last 430 kyr	IGAG IGG	University of Pisa, Roma- Sapienza, Napoli
Timing and dynamic of the Glacial Termination IX	The goal is to reconstruct, at high temporal resolution, the quantitative temperature variation through the T-IX (ca. 805-790 ka), by means geochemical and geochronological analyses of the	810-770 ka	IGAG IGG	University of Pisa, Melbourne, Gif-sur-Yvette

	lacustrine sediments, spanning the 810- 770 ka interval, hosted in the Sulmona Basin (central Italy).			
Chronology and nature of the glacial terminations of the last 800 kyr	The project aims to improve the knowledge on chronology and nature of the Middle Pleistocene Glacial Termination by means of tephrochronological analysis and stratigraphical investigations of the Tiber River aggradational formations.	800-12 ka	IGAG	INGV, University of Roma-1
TIMLIG - Timing of the Last Interglacial sea level high- stand	The goal of TIMLIG is to reconstruct, at high temporal resolution, the sea level oscillations during the Last Interglacial along the Tyrrhenian Sea coast.	130-80 ka	IGAG	INGV, University of Pisa
Guattari Cave Neanderthals	Chronology and paleoclimatic framework of the Neanderthal occupation/remains along the Circeo Coast, central Italy.	130-60 ka	IGAG	University of Roma2, Pisa, Roma1, INGV

1.2. Methodological development

	In this work, we developed a novel method		
	for the simultaneous determination of 18		
Improved polycyclic	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and		
aromatic hydrocarbons and	26 n-alkanes (C10–C35) and then tested it on		
n-alkanes determination in	"clean" calcite and aragonite stalagmite		Cornell
speleothems through	samples from cave KNI-51 in the Australian	13P	College
cleanroom sample	tropics. The method involves subsampling by		
processing	using a hand-held drill, complete dissolution		
	of the matrix in hydrochloric acid, then		
	liquid-liquid extraction, and GC-MS analysis.		

1.3. Conservation and networking

	It is an international research project recognized by		
	UNESCO. The aim of this project is to create a sanctuary		University
ICE-Memory	for non-polar ice core samples in Concordia, the Franco-		Ca' Foscari
	Italian research station in Antarctica, in order to allow	ISP	CNRS
	future generations of scientists to continue to analyze		IRD
	them. Ice memory's international team plans to drill 20		IPEV
	glaciers over the next two decades.		

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