

The REMO/ClimOcean project at SPES/LNL RIB facility

Radioisotopes for monitoring the effects of Climate Change on marine Ecosystems

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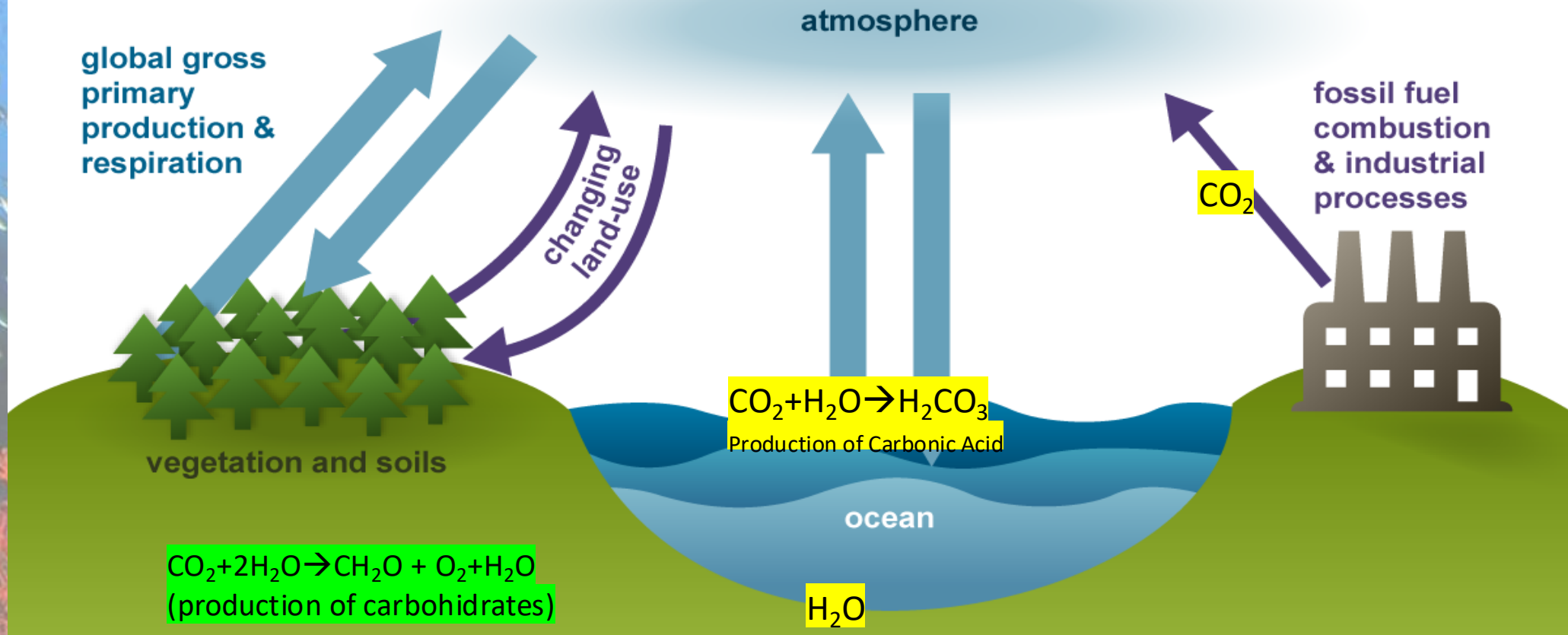


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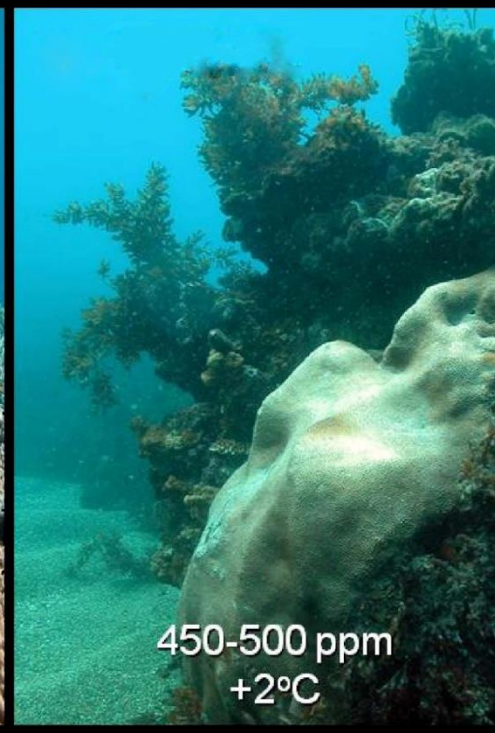
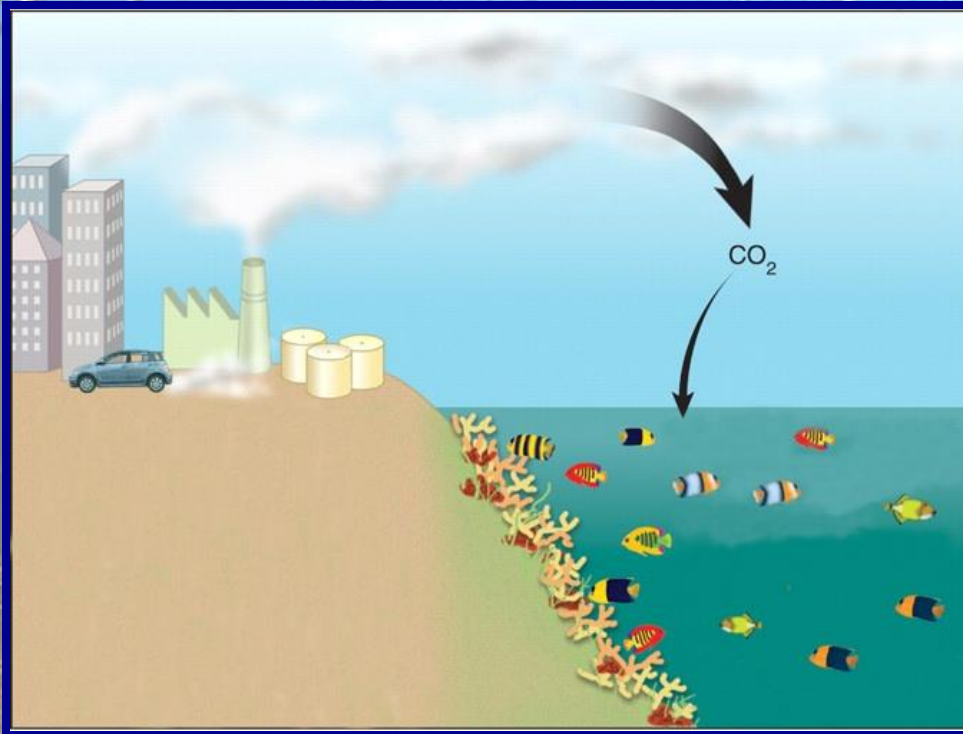
Global carbon cycle



Carbon flux indicated by arrows: natural flux  anthropogenic flux 

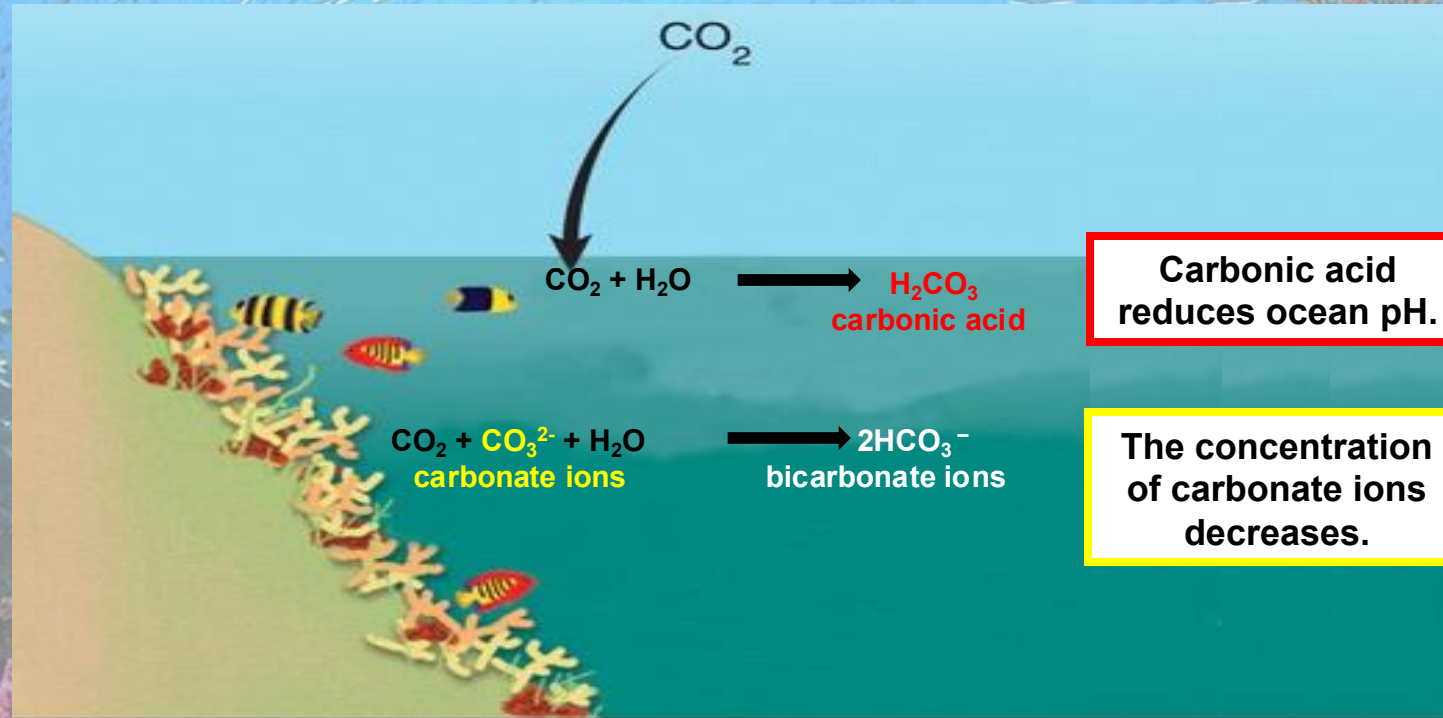
Source: adapted from Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, *Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis*, Figure 7.3 (U.K., 2007)

Ocean Acidification



Carbon dioxide dissolves in the ocean, where it causes a potentially more serious problem → ocean acidification.

Mechanisms of Ocean Acidification





Important and “Accessible” Species



Coral reefs support more species per unit area than any other marine environment, including about 4,000 species of fish.



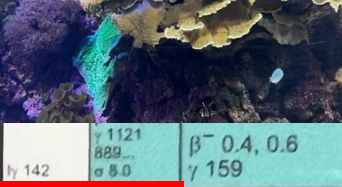
Bivalve mollusc are very important for the Economy of Mediterranean and Atlantic Countries like Spain: we eat them, export them.

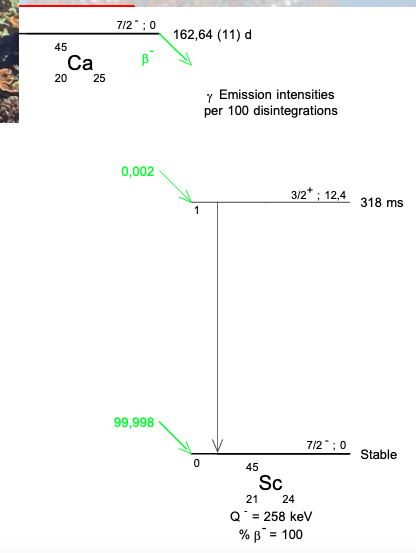
Climate change effects studied using unstable tracers:

$1.03 \cdot 10^5 \text{ y}$ $^{41-45}\text{Ca}$ radioactive



163 d

Sc 40 183 ms β^+ 5.7, 9.6... γ 3737, 755... βp 1.09, 1.00... $\beta\alpha$ 3.31, 3.75...	Sc 41 596 ms β^+ 5.5... γ (2575, 2959)	Sc 42 61 s 0.68 s β^+ 2.8 γ 438 1525 β^+ 5.4... γ (1525...)	Sc 43 3.89 h β^+ 1.2... γ 373...	Sc 44 58.61 h 3.92 h β^+ 271 γ (1002 1261 β^+ 1.5... γ 1157...	Sc 45 100 σ 10 + 17		
Ca 39 860.7 ms β^+ 5.5... γ (2522)	Ca 40 96.941 σ 0.41 $\sigma_{n,\alpha}$ 0.00013	Ca 41 1.03·10 ⁵ a ϵ , no γ $\sigma \sim 4$ $\sigma_{n,\alpha}$ 0.18 $\sigma_{n,p}$ 0.007	Ca 42 0.647 σ 0.65	Ca 43 0.135 σ 6	Ca 44 2.086 σ 0.8	Ca 45 163 d β^- 0.3... γ (12), e^- $\sigma \sim 15$	Ca 46 0.004 σ 0.70
K 38 924.6 ms 7.6 m β^+ 5.0 β^+ 2.7... γ 2168...	K 39 93.2581 σ 2.1 $\sigma_{n,\alpha}$ 0.0043 $\sigma_{n,p}$ < 0.00005	K 40 0.0117 1.248·10 ⁹ a β^- 1.3, ϵ , β^+ ... γ 1461, σ 30 $\sigma_{n,\alpha}$ 0.39, $\sigma_{n,p}$ 4.4	K 41 6.7302 σ 1.46	K 42 12.36 h β^- 3.5... γ 1525...	K 43 22.2 h β^- 0.8, 1.8... γ 373, 618...	K 44 22.13 m β^- 5.7... γ 1157, 2151...	K 45 17.8 m β^- 2.3, 4.2... γ 174, 1706...



Monitoring the adaptation of species to climate change
through $^{41-45}\text{Ca}$ uptake

Collabrating Institutes

- INFN - LNL, Legnaro (PD), Italy.
- Department of Marine Biology of the University of Padova and Hydro-Biological Station of the University of Padova, Chioggia, Italy.
- IFIC-CSIC, University of Valencia, Spain.
- Oceanografic, Valencia, Spain.

Valencia, Spain



Chioggia (PD), Italy



Ischia (NP), Italy



Radiotracer ^{45}Ca : a global problem due to the war, to the inflation and to the handling of radioactive materials

Through good international contacts (E. Nacher) and after several months of negotiations...

^{44}Ca (stable), neutron irradiation at the high flux reactor in Grenoble

^{45}Ca and other isotopes are analysed and calibrated at PSI (CH). A primary separation is performed
9,5 k€



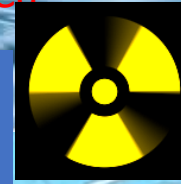
CIEMAT (Madrid) does a purification process with dissolution in water at low concentration (allowing use in uncontrolled areas) (costs in nature: ^{45}Ca)



^{45}Ca arrives at IFIC Valencia (E) the 13th of May 2024

How?

The aquarium
Ecosystems will be intalled
at **Oceanographic**
In Valencia



PH 8,1(present)



Mediterranean

PH 7,5 (year 2100, if we do nothing!!)



PH 8,1(present)



Tropical

PH 7,5 (year 2100, if we do nothing!!)

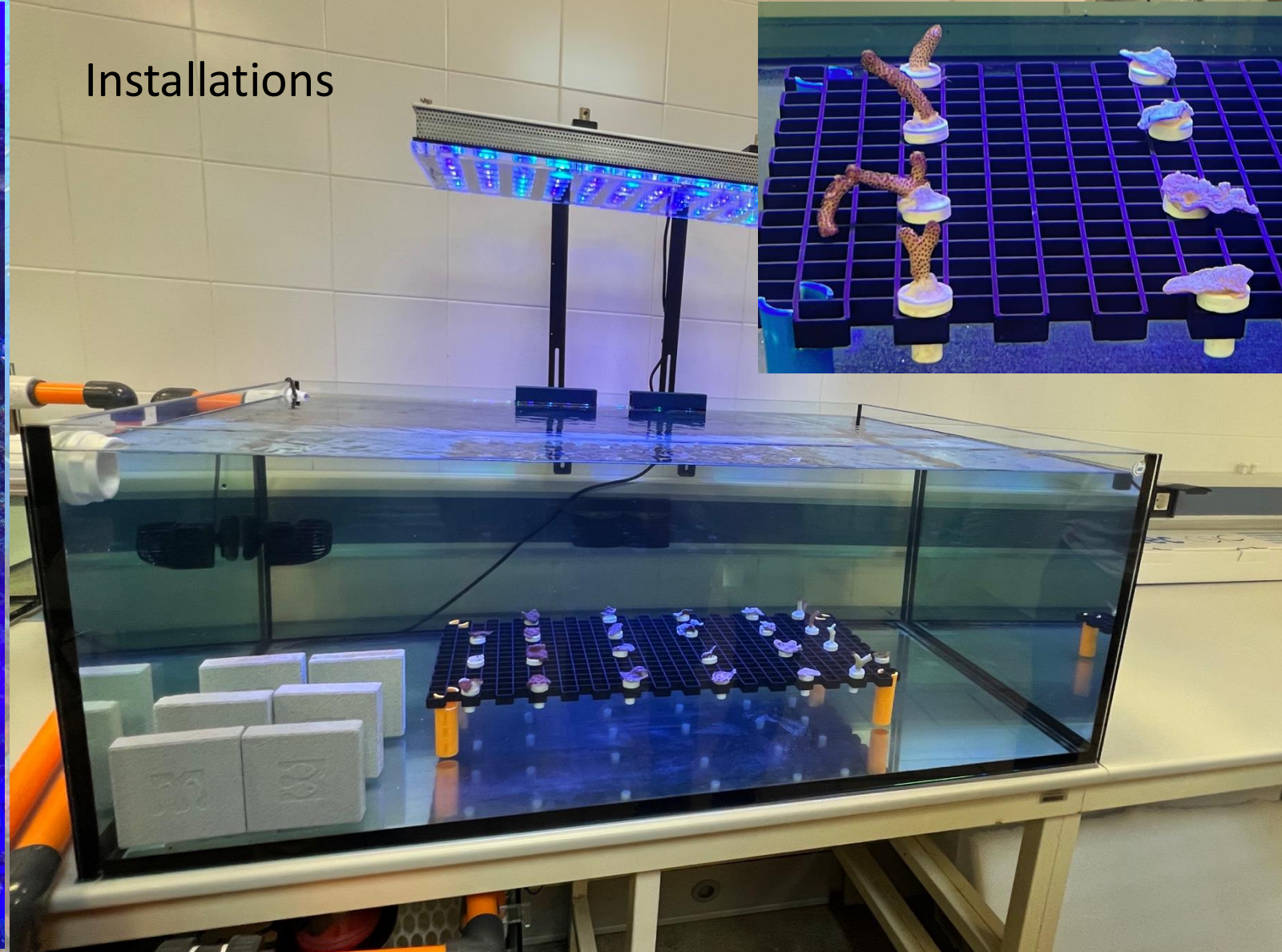


REMO-ClimOcean Installations at the Oceanografic

Nursery

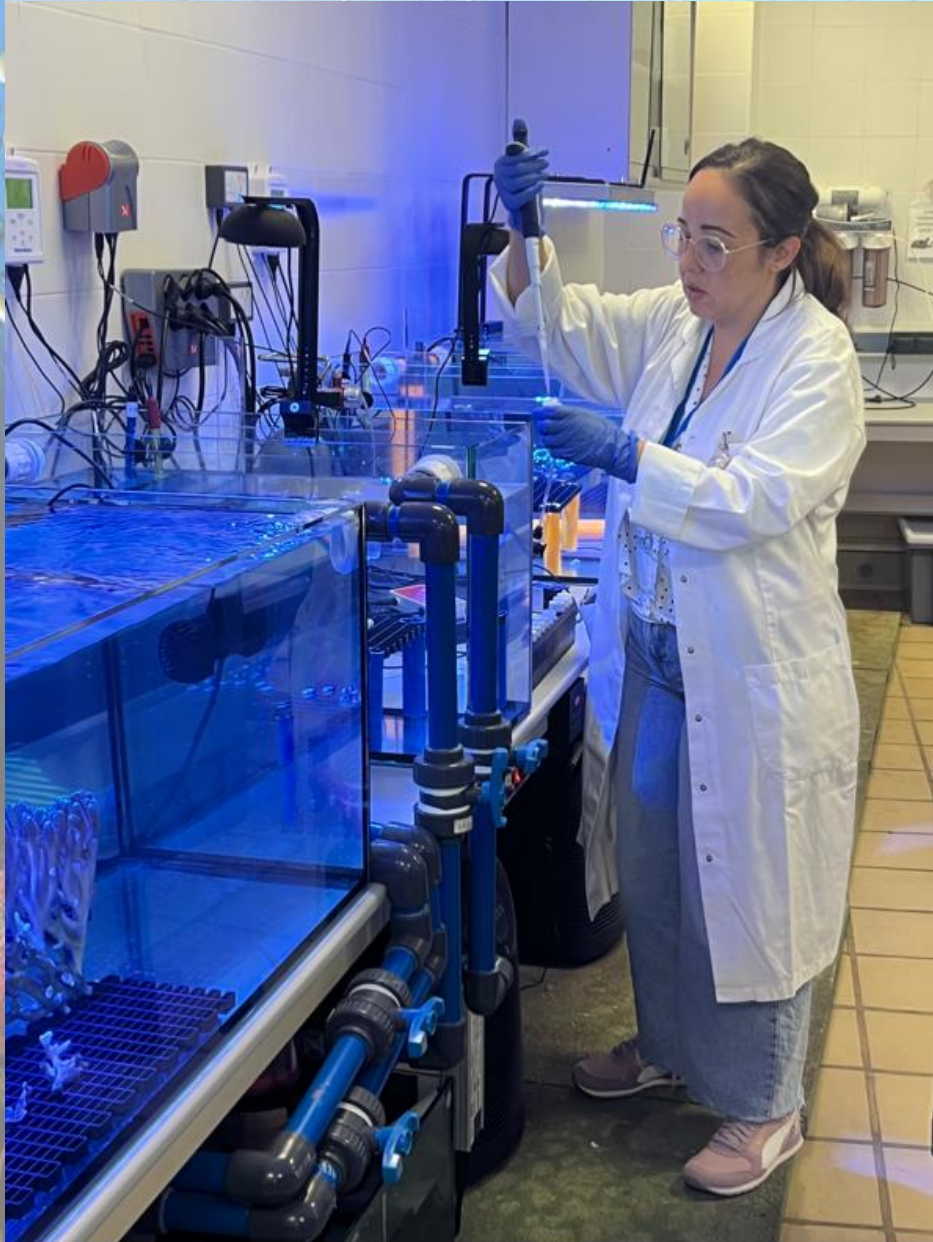


Installations

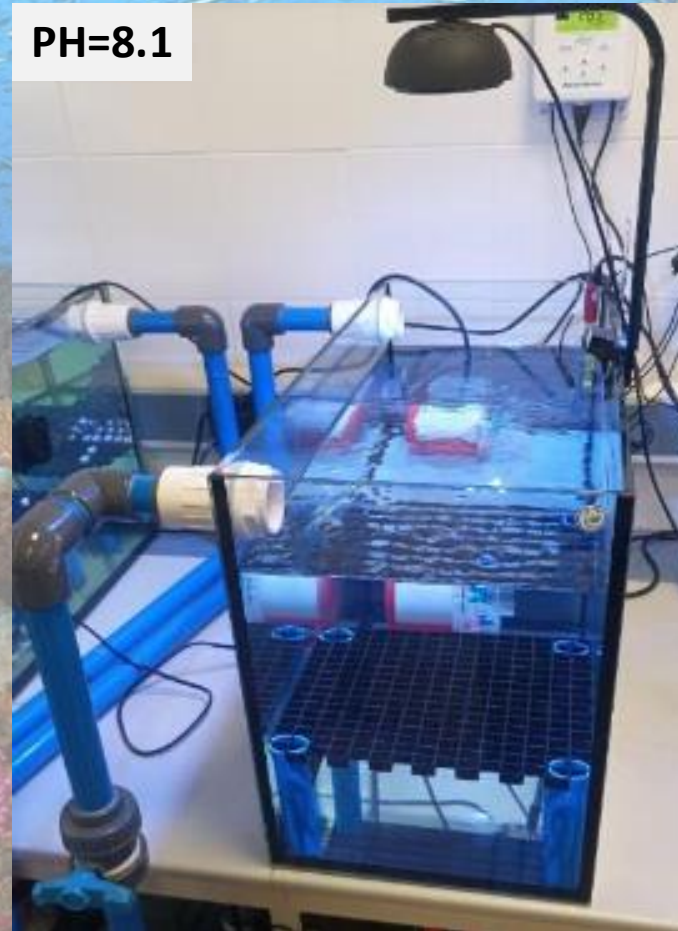


Valencia Experiment

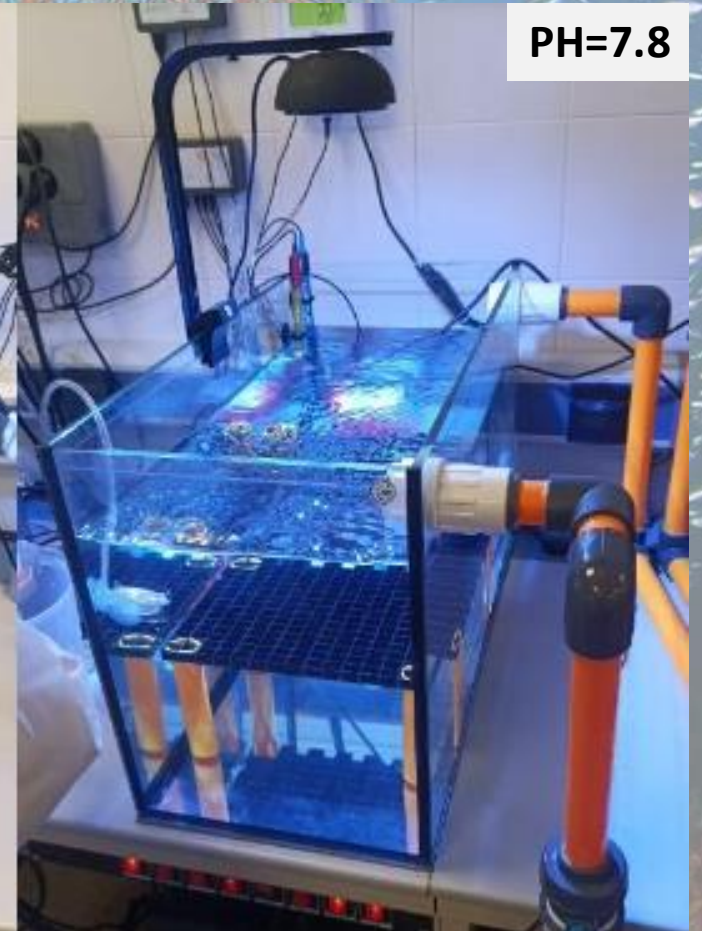
First measurement at the Oceanografic Valencia 16 July 2024



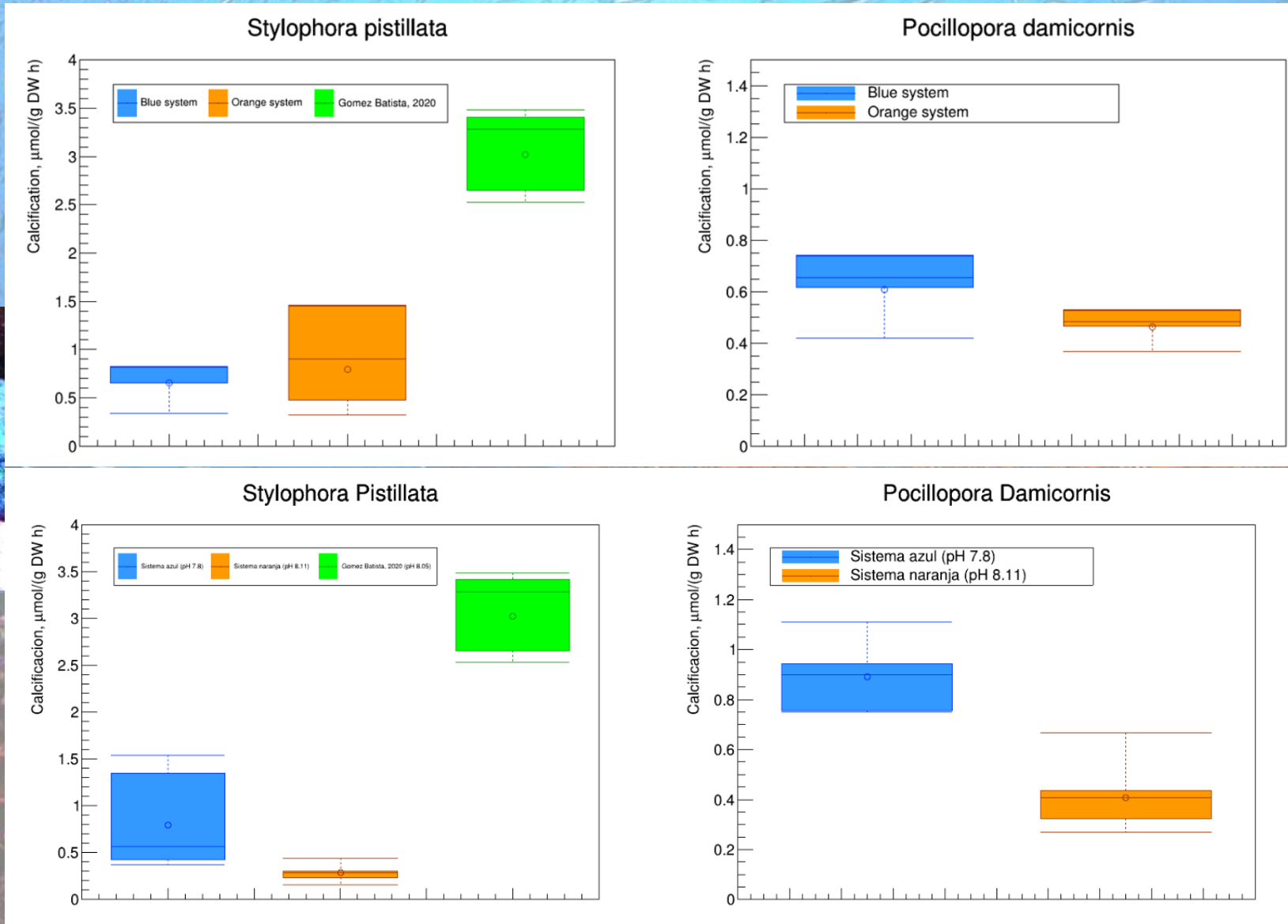
PH=8.1



PH=7.8



Results of the first measurement



Light problems affecting the growth of the symbiotic algae

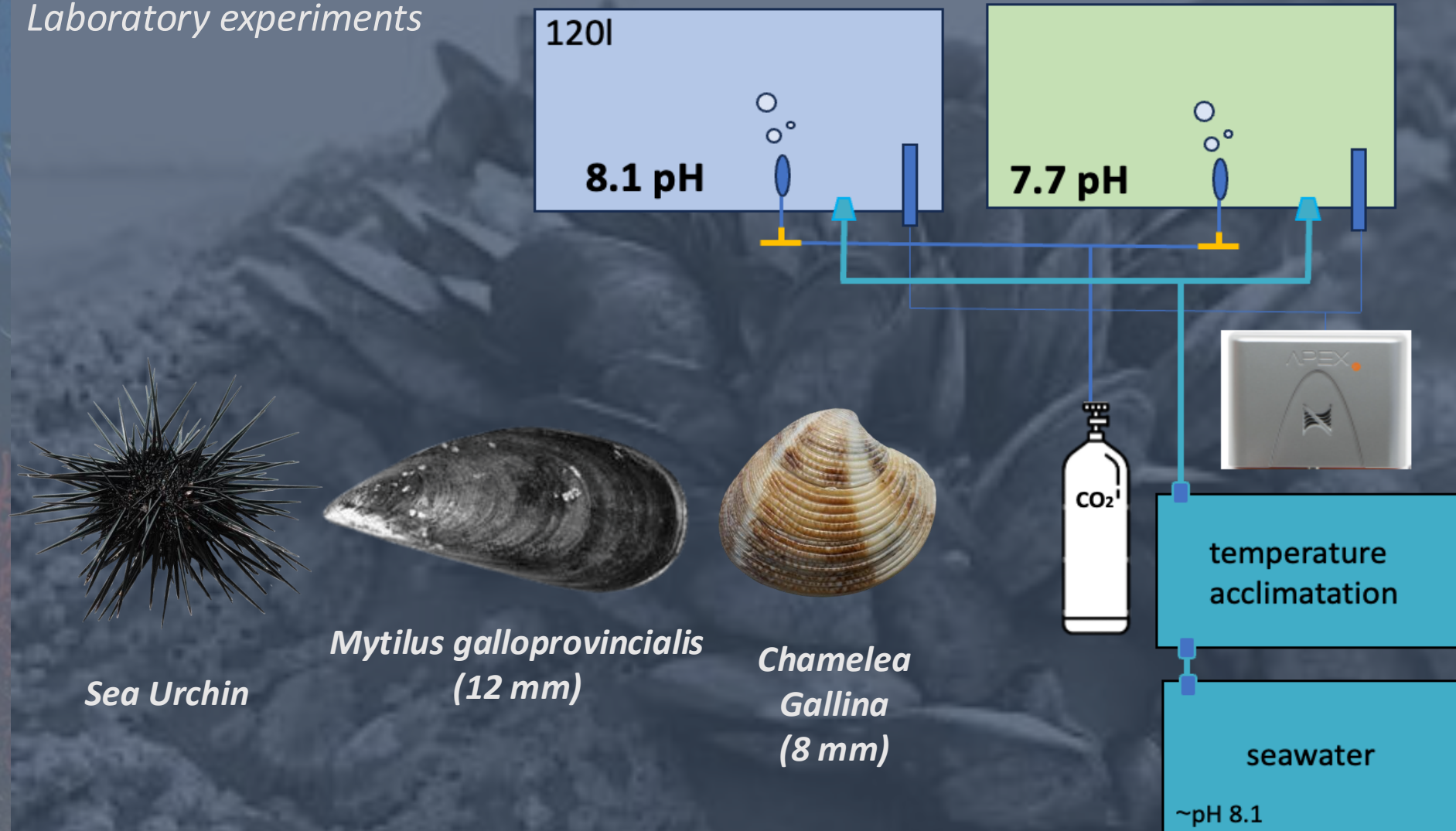
PRIN 2022 - LNL-INFN-PD-Univ-Padova
Use of stable & unstable isotopes (^{13}C ^{41}Ca) for
Monitoring the growth in Mollusks and Echinoderms
Institute of marine biology of the University of Padova

Chioggia experiment



Predicting Climate Change Impacts

Laboratory experiments

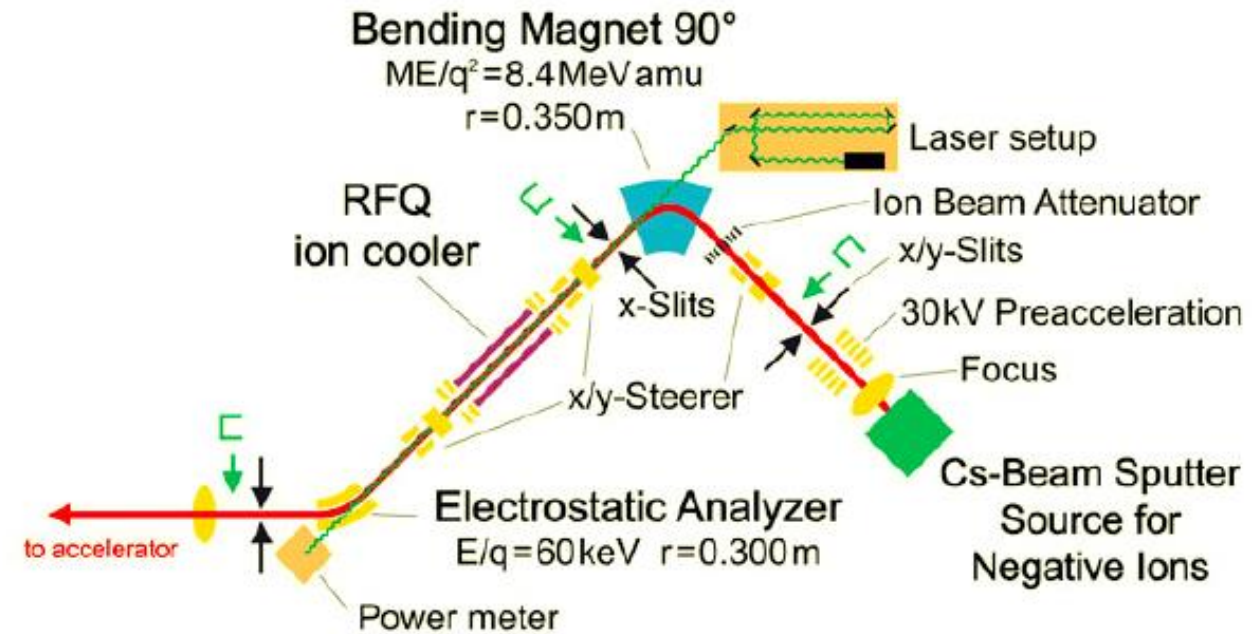
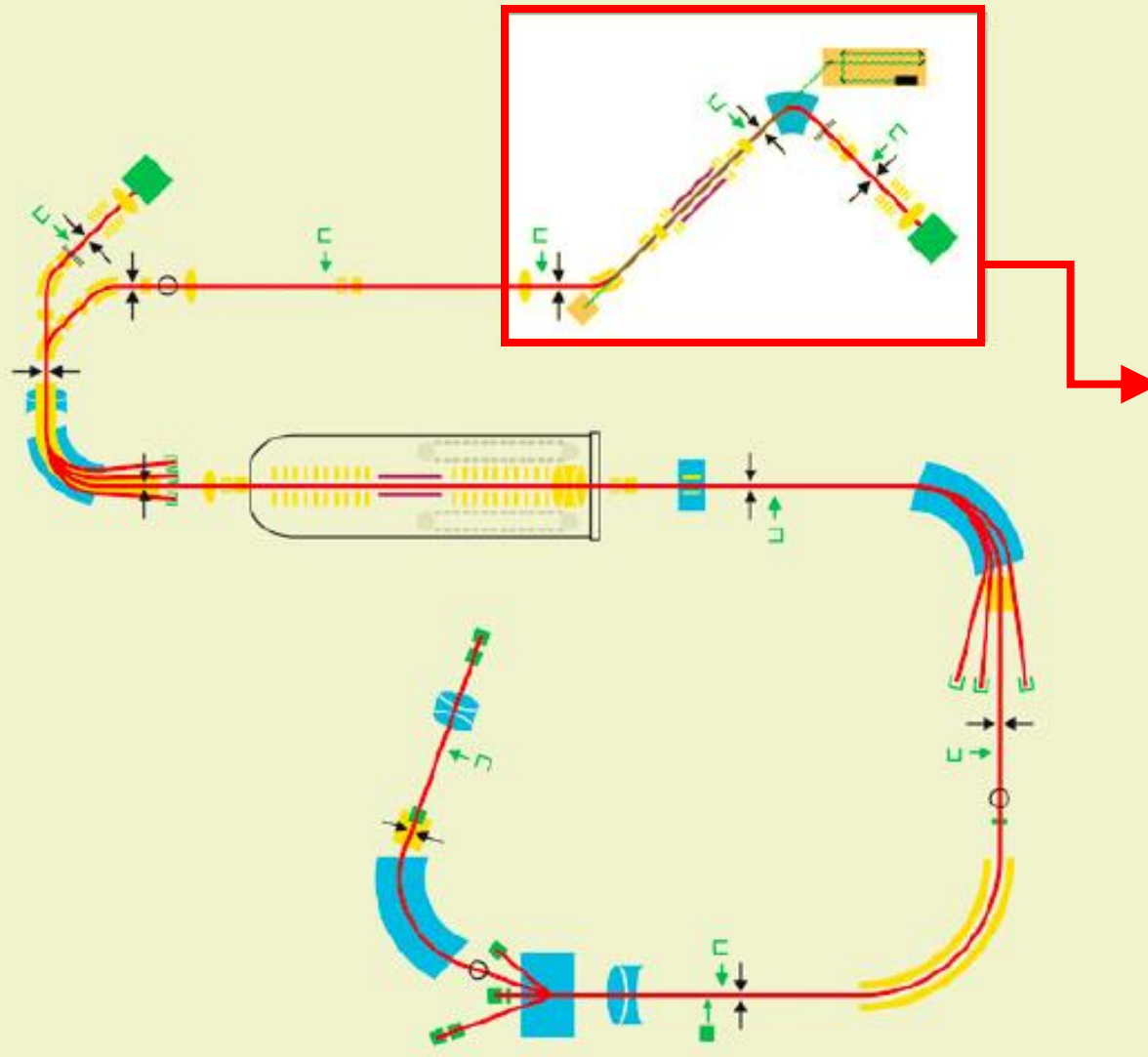


$^{41}\text{Ca}/^{40}\text{Ca}$ Isotopic ratio by ILAMS @ Vienna

5 YEARS OF ION-LASER INTERACTION MASS SPECTROMETRY—STATUS AND PROSPECTS OF ISOBAR SUPPRESSION IN AMS BY LASERS

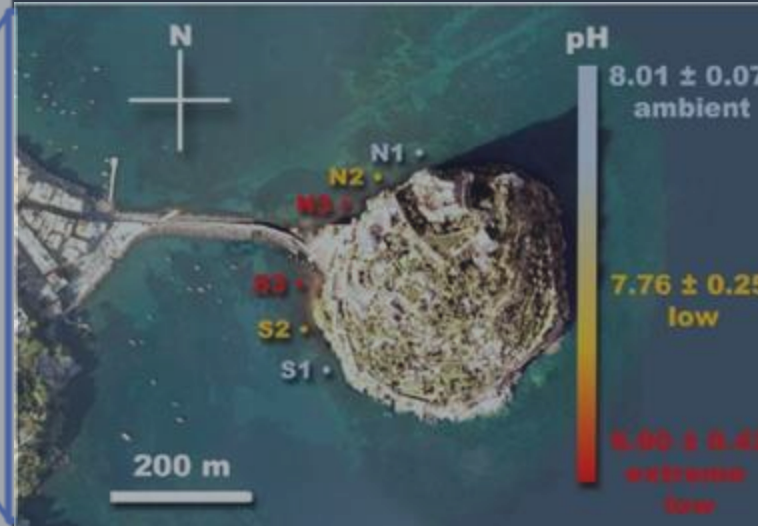
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Predicting Climate Change Impacts

From the lab to the field



Castello Aragonese vent systems (Ischia Island, Italy)



Production of ^{45}Ca

^{44}Ca enriched in ^{44}Ca (stable)

^{45}Ca , ^{41}Ca and other isotopes

^{45}Ca



Neutron irradiation



centrifugal separation,
mass spectrometers

...

It's **difficult** and **expensive** to separate from the unstable isotope ^{41}Ca

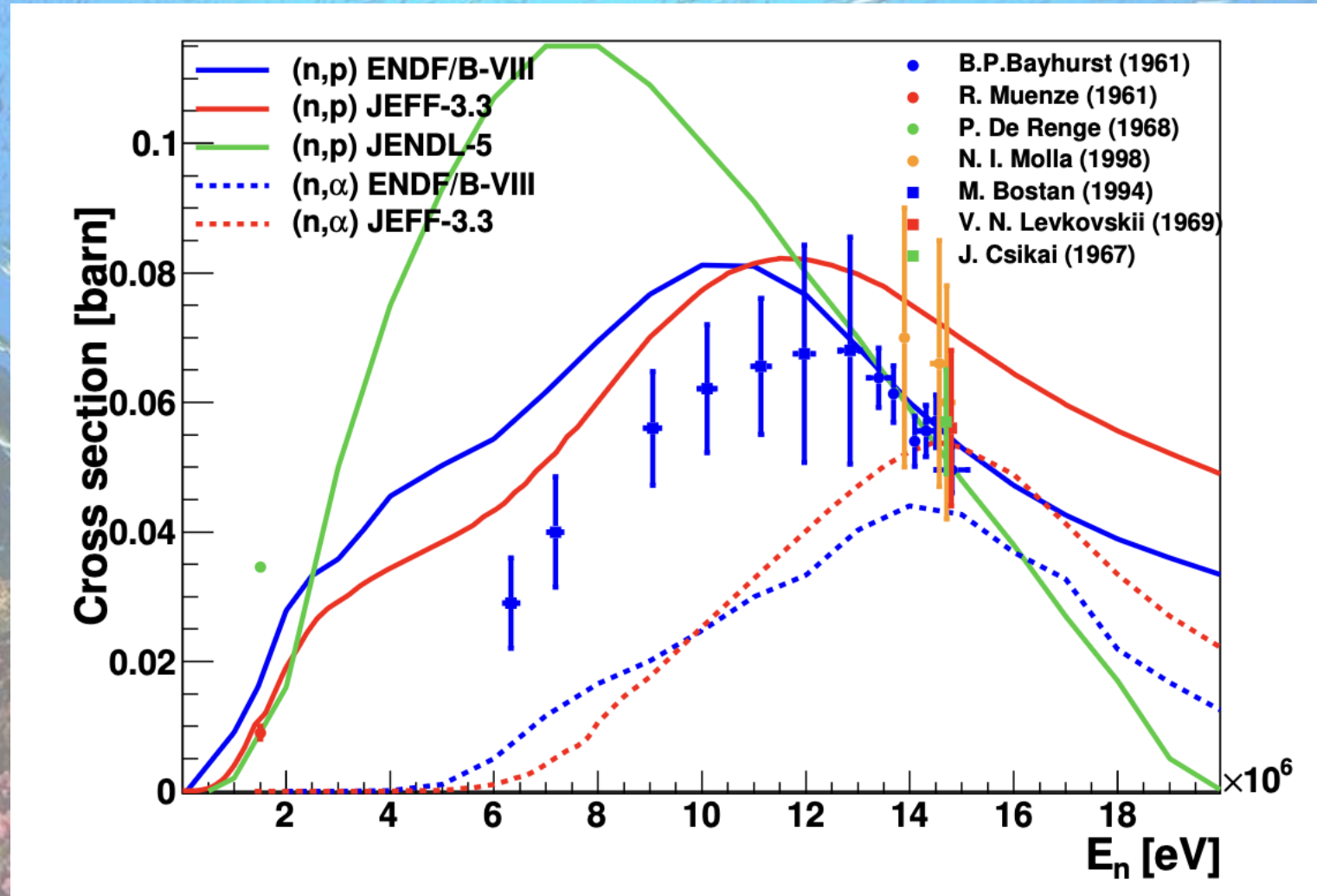
$^{45}\text{Sc}(n,p)^{45}\text{Ca}$ reaction: A new concept to produce the radiotracer

Sc target placed inside or near the target area at Radioactive Ion Beam Facilities, leveraging the (n,p) nuclear reaction for isotopic production

- ✓ Only stable Ca isotope created except ^{45}Ca
- ✓ chemically separate isotopes with different Z



Cross section of $^{45}\text{Sc}(n,p)^{45}\text{Ca}$



Measurement of the $^{45}\text{Sc} (n,p)^{45}\text{Ca}$ cross section

NFS at GANIL
TOF hall

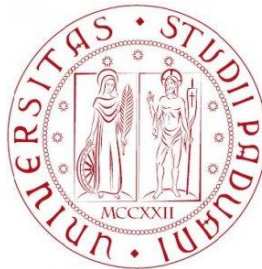
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