



# Underground Laboratories

a quick tour

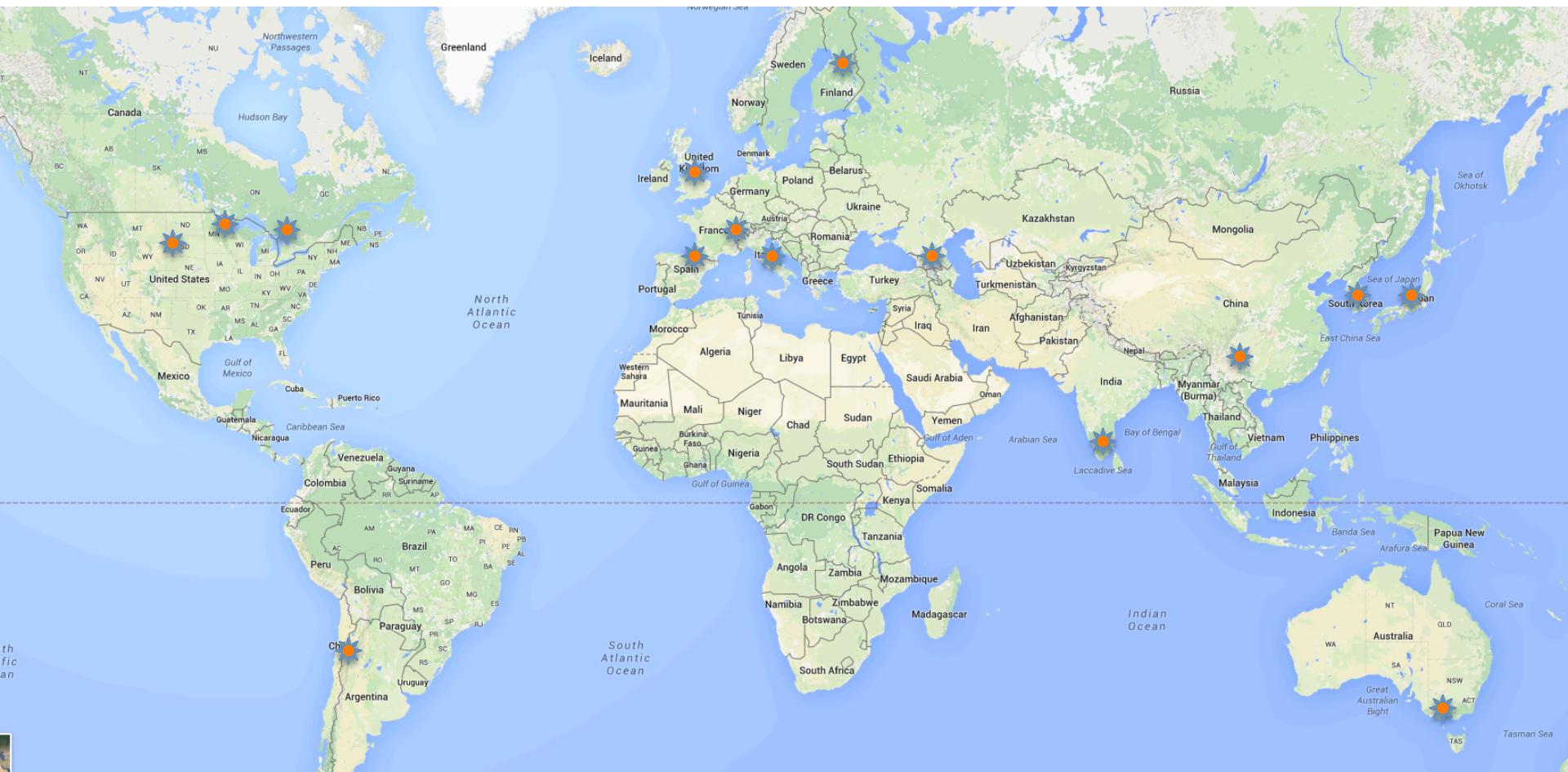
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München, April 2016

# Outline

- A **very quick** tour (3 slides/min) around the world of **deep** UG laboratories
  - NOT a review
- General considerations
- Evolution
- Final remarks

# A Broad Family



Europe

# Phyasalmi

- New lab space in Phyasalmi mine, Finland
- 120 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1430 m depth
- ideal location for tests and prototype detectors.





# Boulby Underground Laboratory

The UK's deep underground science facility operating in a working potash and salt mine.

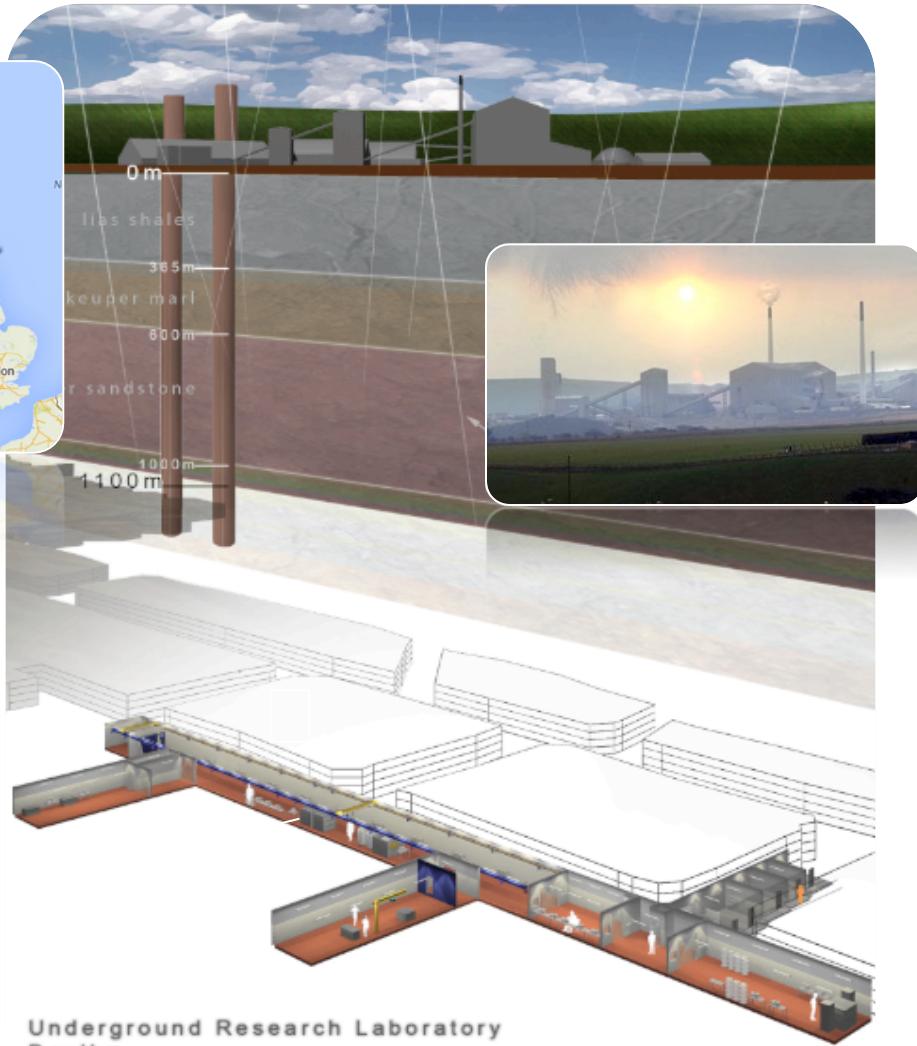
1.1km depth (2805 mwe). With low background surrounding rock-salt

Operated by the UK's Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC) in partnership with the mine operators ICL



Boulby Palmer lab. >800m<sup>2</sup> floor space.  
Operating since 2001

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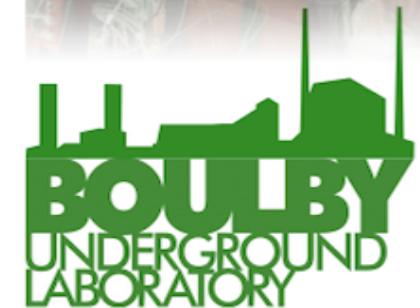
Underground Research Laboratory  
Boulby



# Underground Science @ Boulby Mine

- DRIFT: Directional Dark Matter Search
- DM Ice: NaI(Tl) Dark Matter detector
- Ultra-low background material screening
- Deep Carbon: Muon Tomography for CCS (etc)
- ERSaB: Environmental gamma spectroscopy
- BISAL: Geomicrobiology / Astrobiology studies
- MINAR: Space Exploration Tech. Development
- Misc. Geology / Geoscience
- Misc. Low-background support projects
- Etc... (More to come).

A growing **multi-disciplinary** science programme:  
from astro-particle physics to studies of geology,  
climate, the environment, life on Earth & beyond.

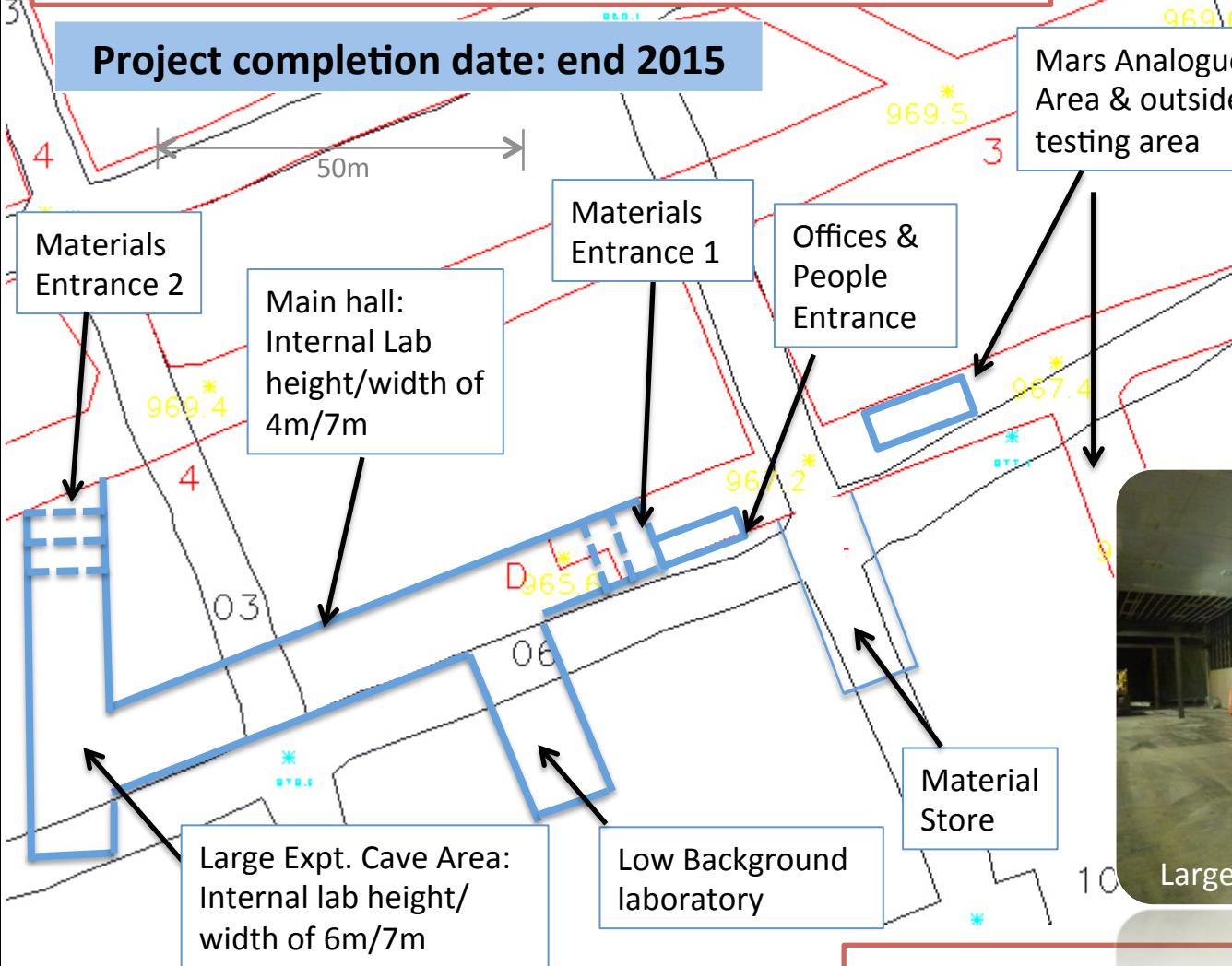


## A NEW LABORATORY now being built at Boulby

To replace current facility and host planned & **new projects** for the next decade and more...



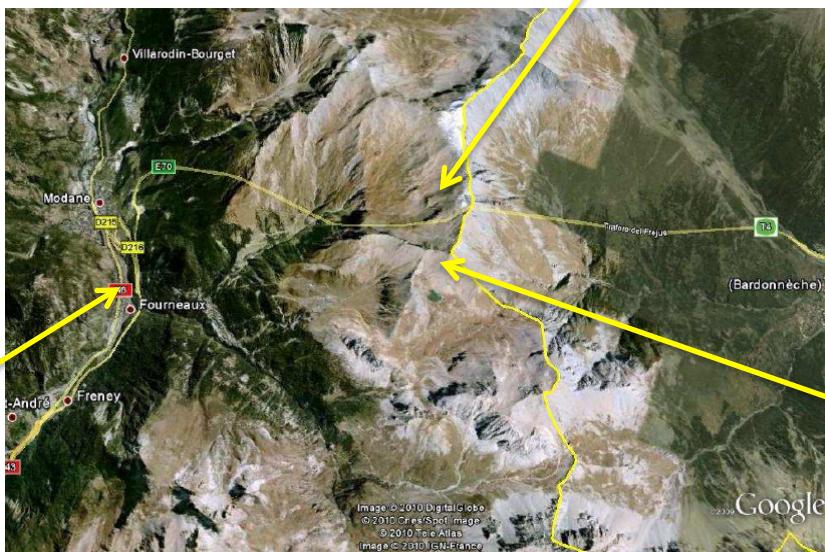
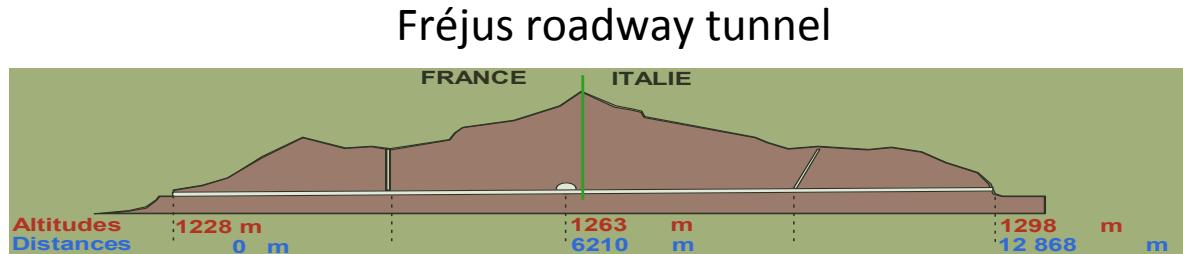
**Project completion date: end 2015**



## **New project proposals invited**

Fully-equipped 1000m<sup>2</sup> lab. Class 10K & 1K clean room throughout. 5-10T lifting capacity.

# Modane Underground Laboratory



Surface facility @ Modane

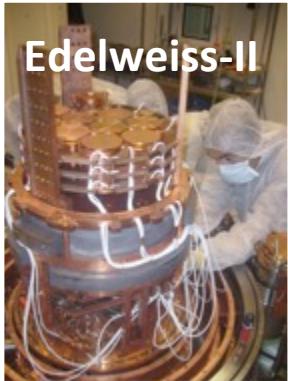
Underground site



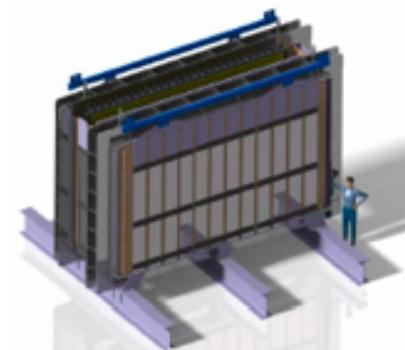
# Modane Underground Laboratory

## Fundamental physics:

- **Neutrino: double beta decay (SuperNEMO), EchO ( $\nu$  mass)**
- **Dark matter (EDELWEISS, LUMINEU, SEDINE, MIMAC)**
- **Nuclear structure (TGV, SHIN)**
- **General Relativity test with**
- **Optical atomic clock**



**Gamma spectrometer (16)**



SupernEMO demonstrator installation in progress

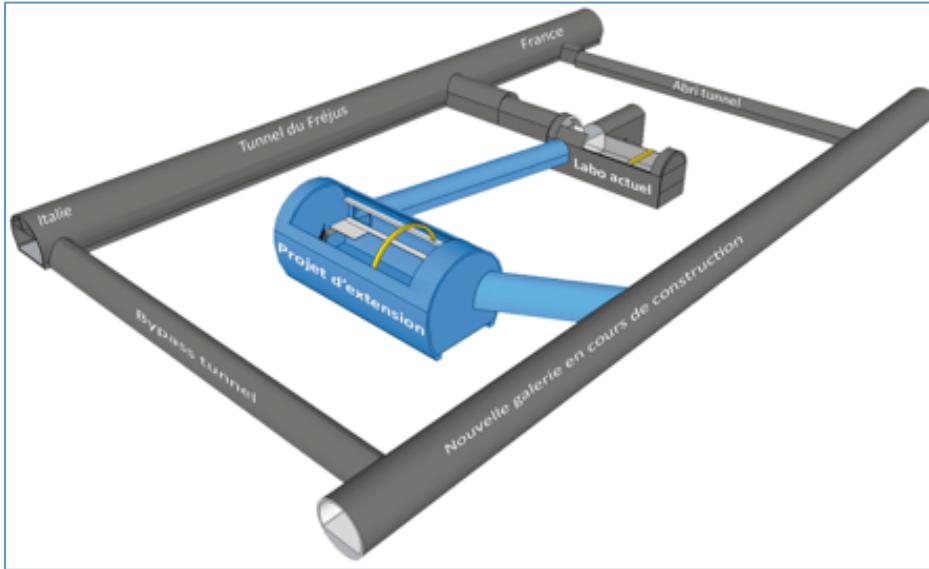


## Multidisciplinary activities

- **Ultra low radioactivity measurements**  
Environmental sciences, applications, expertises
- **Logical test failures in nano/micro-électronics**
- **Biology**

Next generation of underground astroparticle physics requires more space

DOMUS extension project 14 000 m<sup>3</sup> (X4 present LSM)



Cavity: Length 40 m, width 18 m, height 16 m

# Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc

Headquarters & Administration

Safety and Quality Assurance

16 offices for scientific users

7 offices for LSC personnel

4 specialised laboratories

Mechanical workshop & storage room

Meeting room & Library

Conference room & Exhibitions room

2 apartments

Personnel: 10 units

Budget:  $\approx 1.6$  M€/yr

Users: 275 (19 countries)

Visits (2014): 966

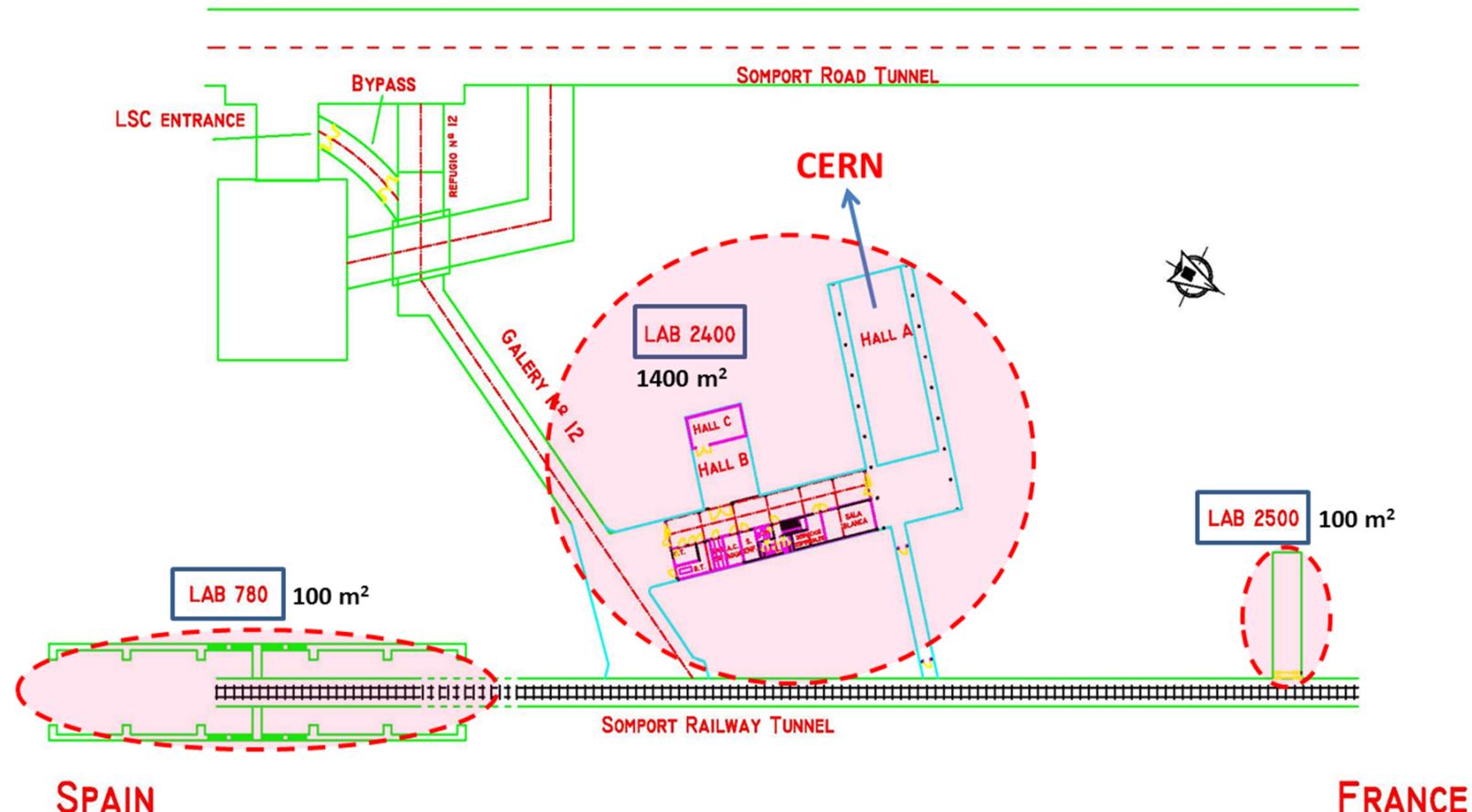


LSC external building

# LSC Underground

Two main Halls

- Hall A (length: 40 m, width 15 m, height: 12 m)
- Hall B (length: 15 m, width 10 m, height: 8 m, Figure 7)



# LSC Underground Facility

- LSC underground total volume  $\sim 10000 \text{ m}^3$  for a total surface of  $1600 \text{ m}^2$ .
- Underground space divided as:
  - **LAB780**(L and R) since 1985:
    - two small halls  $12 \text{ m}^2$  each and two 70 m long small tunnels
    - early installation in service space for railway tunnel
  - **LAB2500**:
    - $118 \text{ m}^2$  hall in operation since 1994
  - **LAB2400**:
    - Hall A has dimensions  $40 \times 15 \times 12(\text{h}) \text{ m}^3$  and Hall B has dimensions  $15 \times 10 \times 8(\text{h}) \text{ m}^3$
    - $45 \text{ m}^2$  clean room and  $215 \text{ m}^2$  service space
    - In operation since 2006
- Protocol to enter underground area:
  - Entrance through road tunnel
  - Independent exit through the railway tunnel

# LSC Experiments

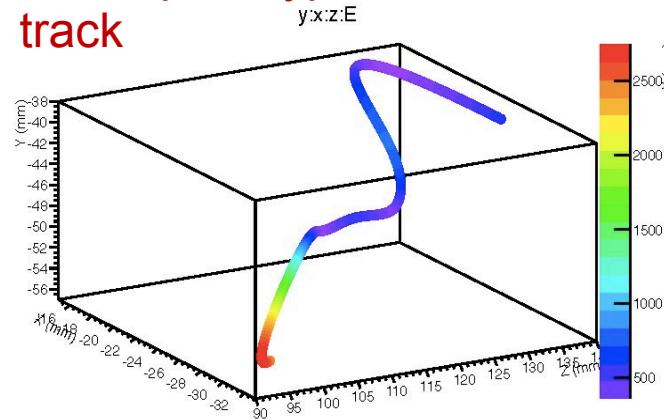
## - Experiments under construction

- ✓ **ANAI**S DM (NaI, Annual modul.)
- ✓ **ROSEBUD** DM (Scintill. bolometers)
- ✓ **ArDM** DM (2phase Ar TPC) 800 kg
- ✓ **NEXT**  $0\nu 2\beta$  (Enr  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  gas TPC)
- ✓ **BiPo**  $0\nu 2\beta$  (screening for S-NEMO)
- ✓ **SuperK-Gd** screening for Super-K-Gd
- ✓ **GEODYN** **Geodynamics**

## - Expressions of Interest

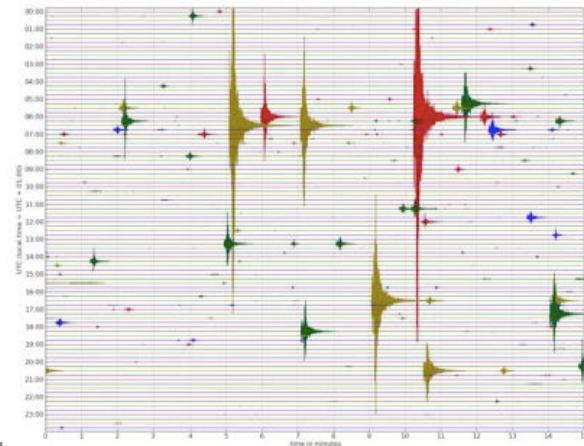
- ✓ **CUNA** Nuclear astrophysics
  - ✓ New 300 m<sup>2</sup> facility in project
- ✓ **GOLLUM** Characterising subterranean bacterial

NEXT prototype. Cs electron track



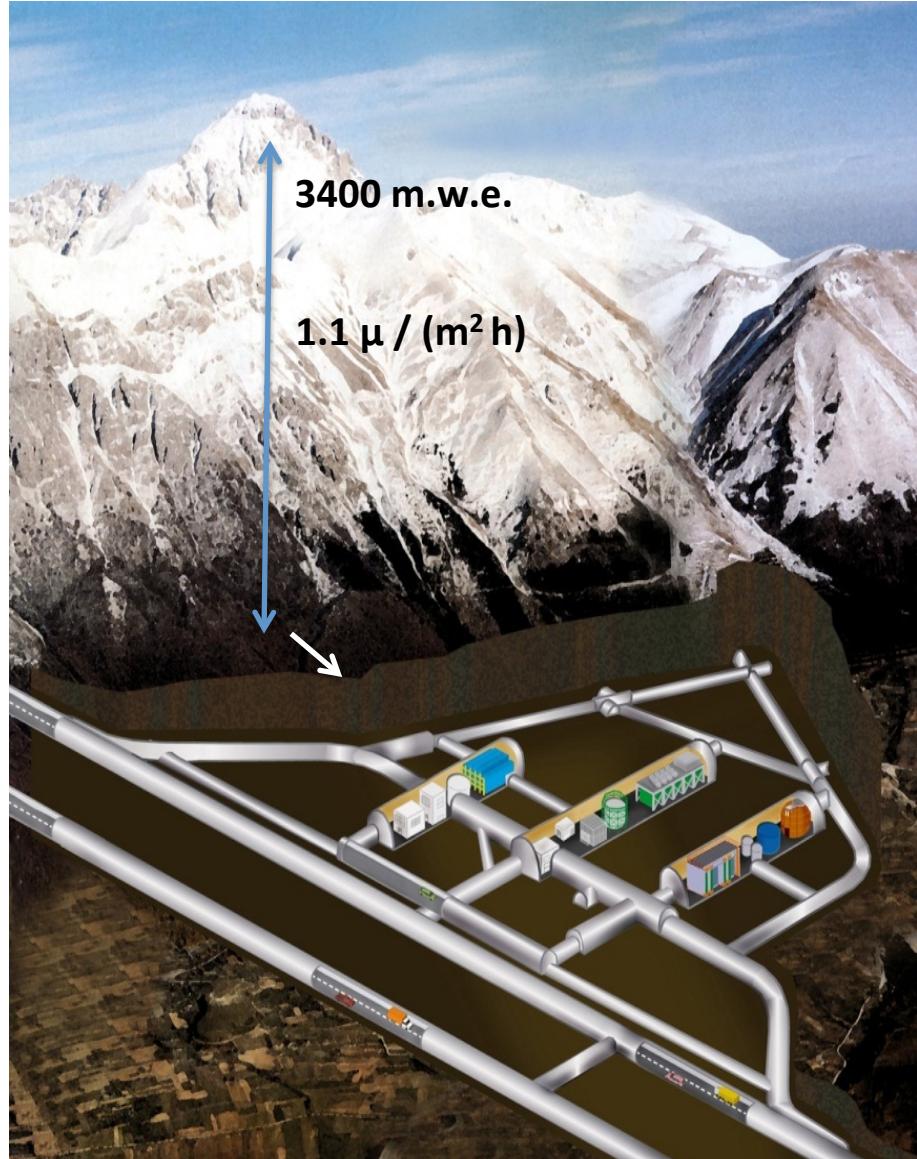
GEODYN small magnitude aftershocks, in low background underground environment

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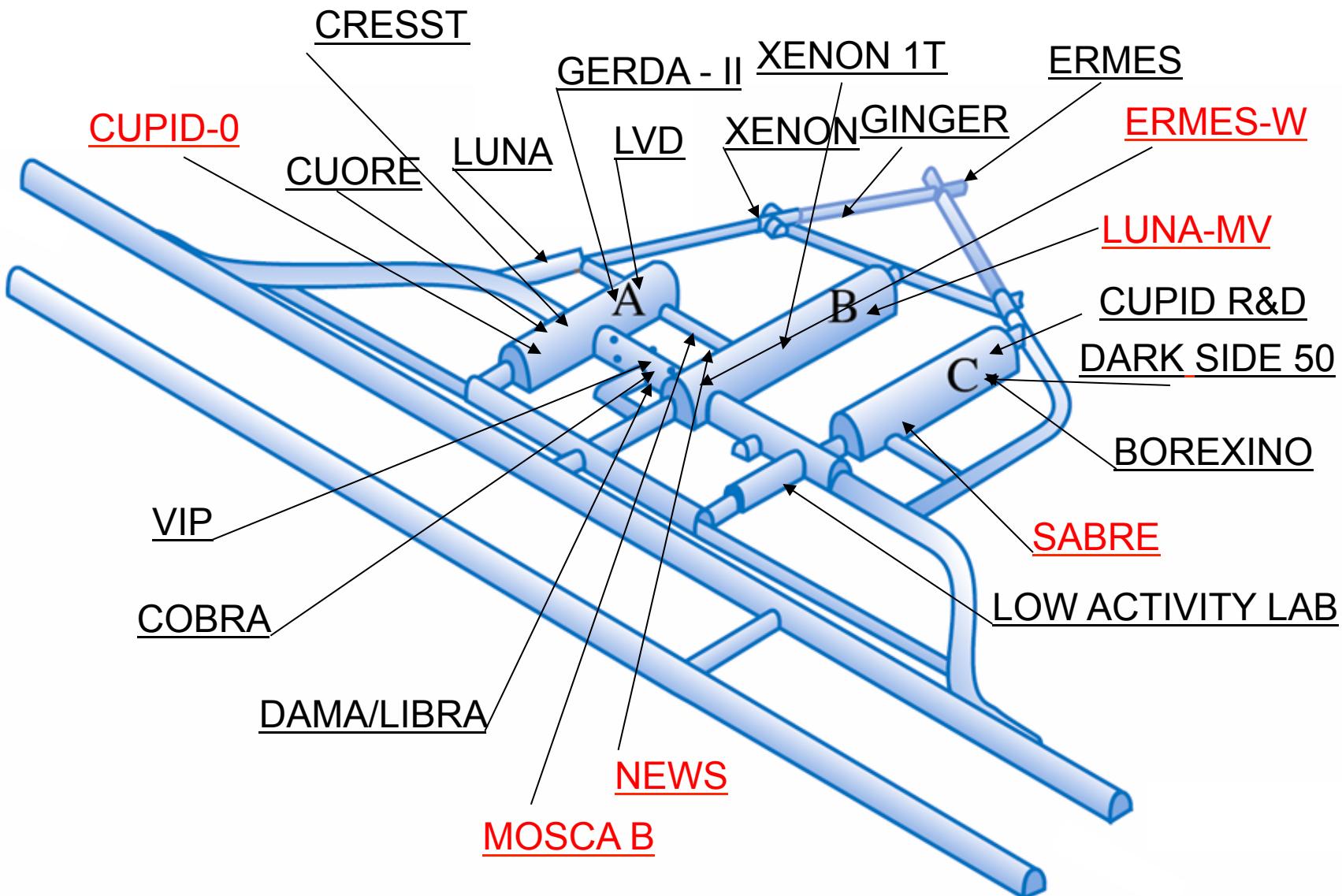
# Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso

- Muon flux:  $3.0 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Neutron flux:
  - $2.92 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  (0-1 keV)
  - $0.86 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  ( $> 1 \text{ keV}$ )
- Rn in air:  $20\text{-}80 \text{ Bq m}^{-3}$
- **Surface: 17 800 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **Volume: 180 000 m<sup>3</sup>**
- Ventilation: 1 vol / 3.5 hours
- **Mechanical Design and Workshop**
- **Electronics Lab & Service**
- **Chemistry Lab & Service**
- **ULB Lab & Service**
- > 900 users from 29 countries
- ~ 100 Staff
- 225 avg. daily presence in 2014
- ~ 8000 visitors/y
- **Virtual tour via Street View**



# LNGS Activities

UG site



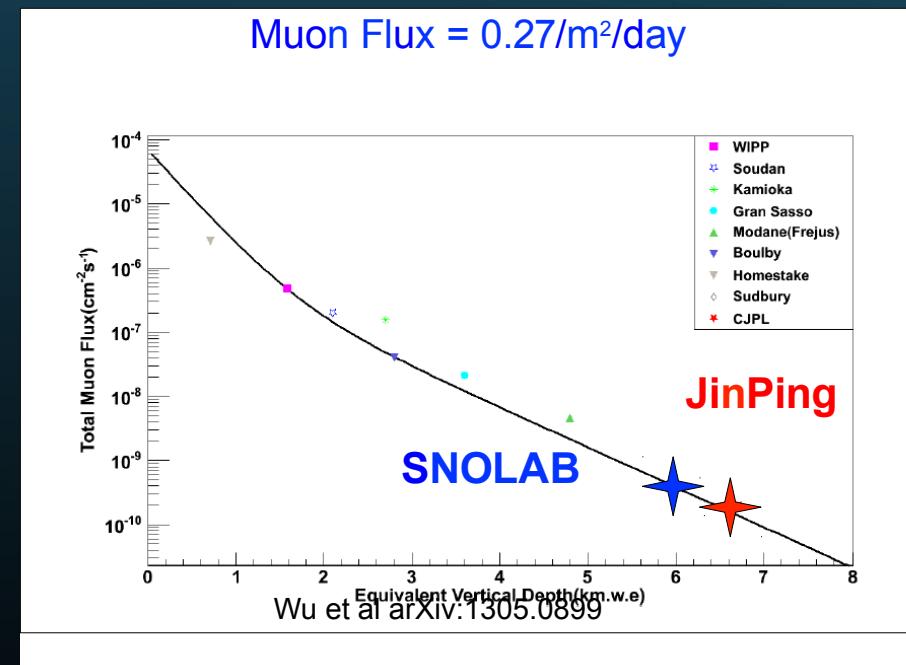
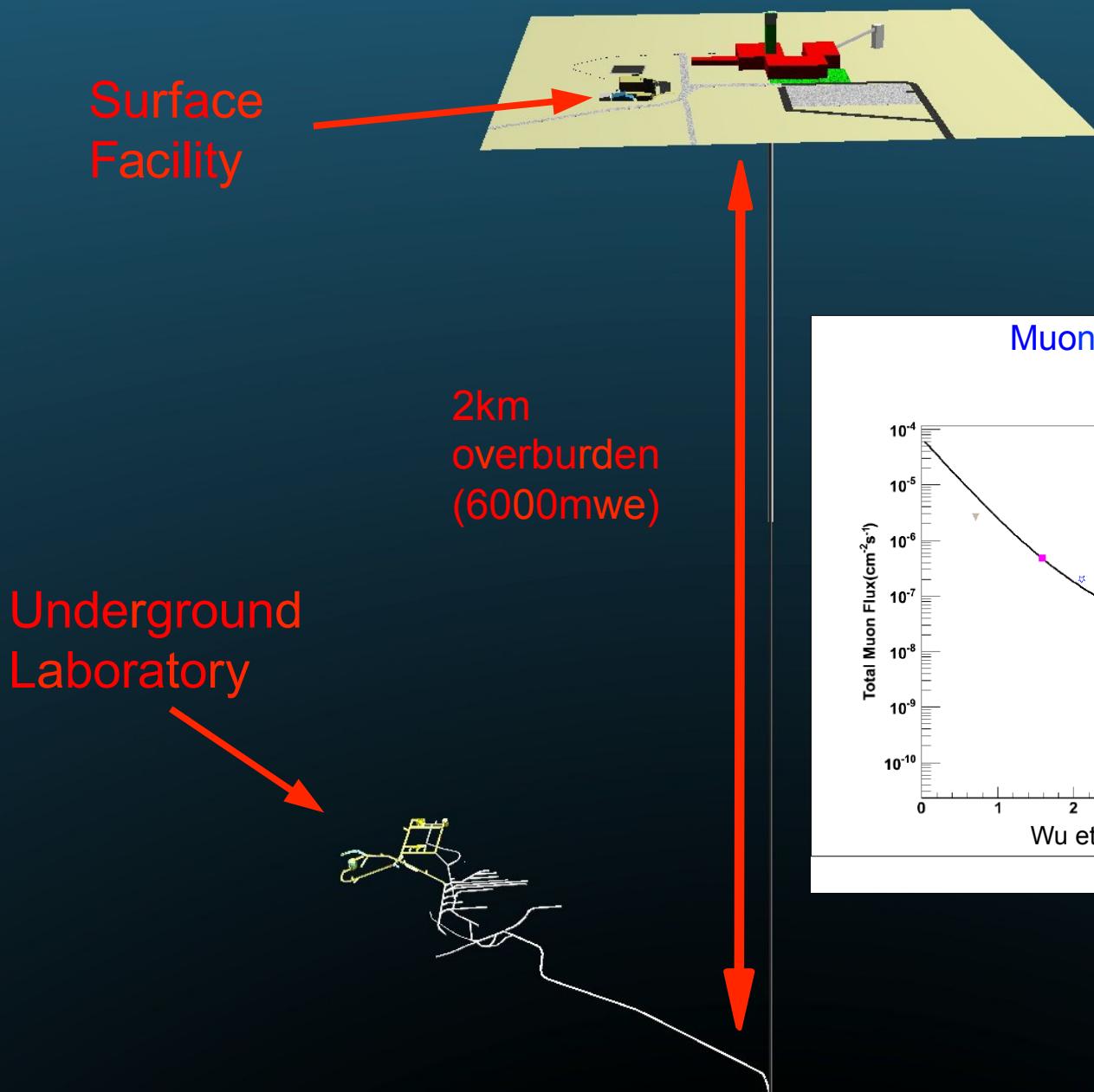
# LNGS – 2020 and Beyond

A lively one-day meeting on April 28

- <https://agenda.infn.it/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=9608>

- Strong, challenging, engaging program for
  - Direct DM (WIMPs) searches - Experimental program of 3<sup>rd</sup> generation DM
  - Experiments will include precision measurements of solar neutrinos
  - Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay
- LUNA-MV program, which extends beyond 2030
- DarkSide20k proposal is currently (March 2016) being reviewed by NSF

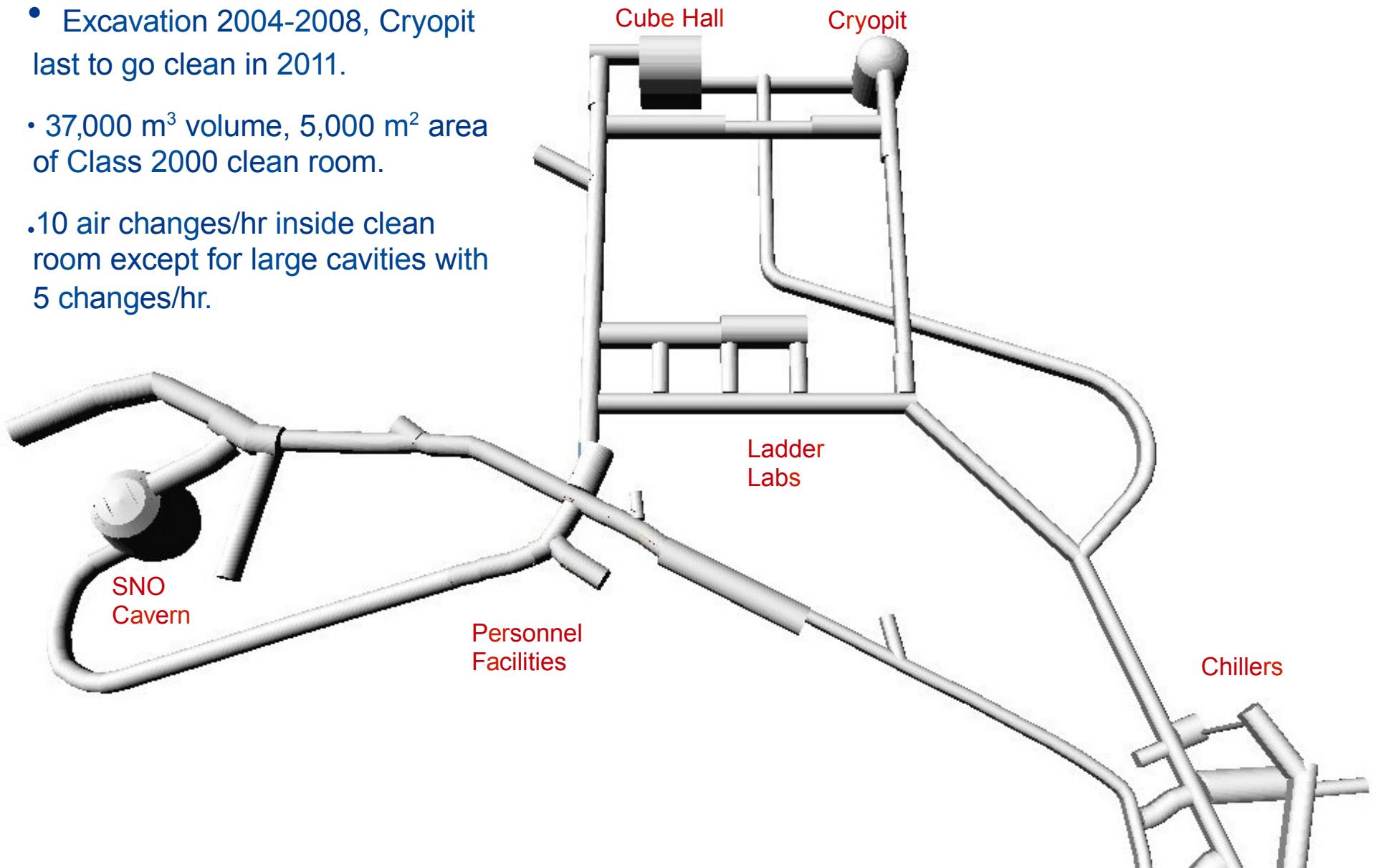
# North America



# SNOLAB



- Excavation 2004-2008, Cryopit last to go clean in 2011.
- 37,000 m<sup>3</sup> volume, 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> area of Class 2000 clean room.
- 10 air changes/hr inside clean room except for large cavities with 5 changes/hr.



# Current Science Program



Experiment	Neutrino	Dark Matter	Other	Space Allocated	Status
CEMI			Mining Data Centre	Surface Facility	In Construction
COUPP-4		X		J-Drift	Completed
DAMIC		X		J-Drift	Operational
DEAP-1		X		J-Drift	Completed
DEAP-3600		X		Cube Hall	In Construction
DEAP- 50T/CLEAN		X		Cube Hall	Expression of Interest
DMTPC		X		Ladder Labs	Expression of Interest
Ge-1T	X			Cryopit	Expression of Interest
nEXO	X			Cryopit	Feasibility Phase
HALO	X			HALO Stub	Operational
MiniCLEAN		X		Cube Hall	In Construction
NEWS		X		Cryopit?	Expression of Interest
PICASSO-III		X		Ladder Labs	Completed
PICO-2L		X		J-Drift	Operational
PICO-60		X		Ladder Labs	Operational
PICO-250		X		Ladder Labs	Expression of Interest
PINGU			Test Facility	Ladder Labs	Expression of Interest
PUPS			Seismicity	Various	Completed
SNO+	X			SNO Cavern	In Construction
SuperCDMS		X		Ladder Labs	In Preparation
U-Laurentian			Genomics	External Drifts	Operational

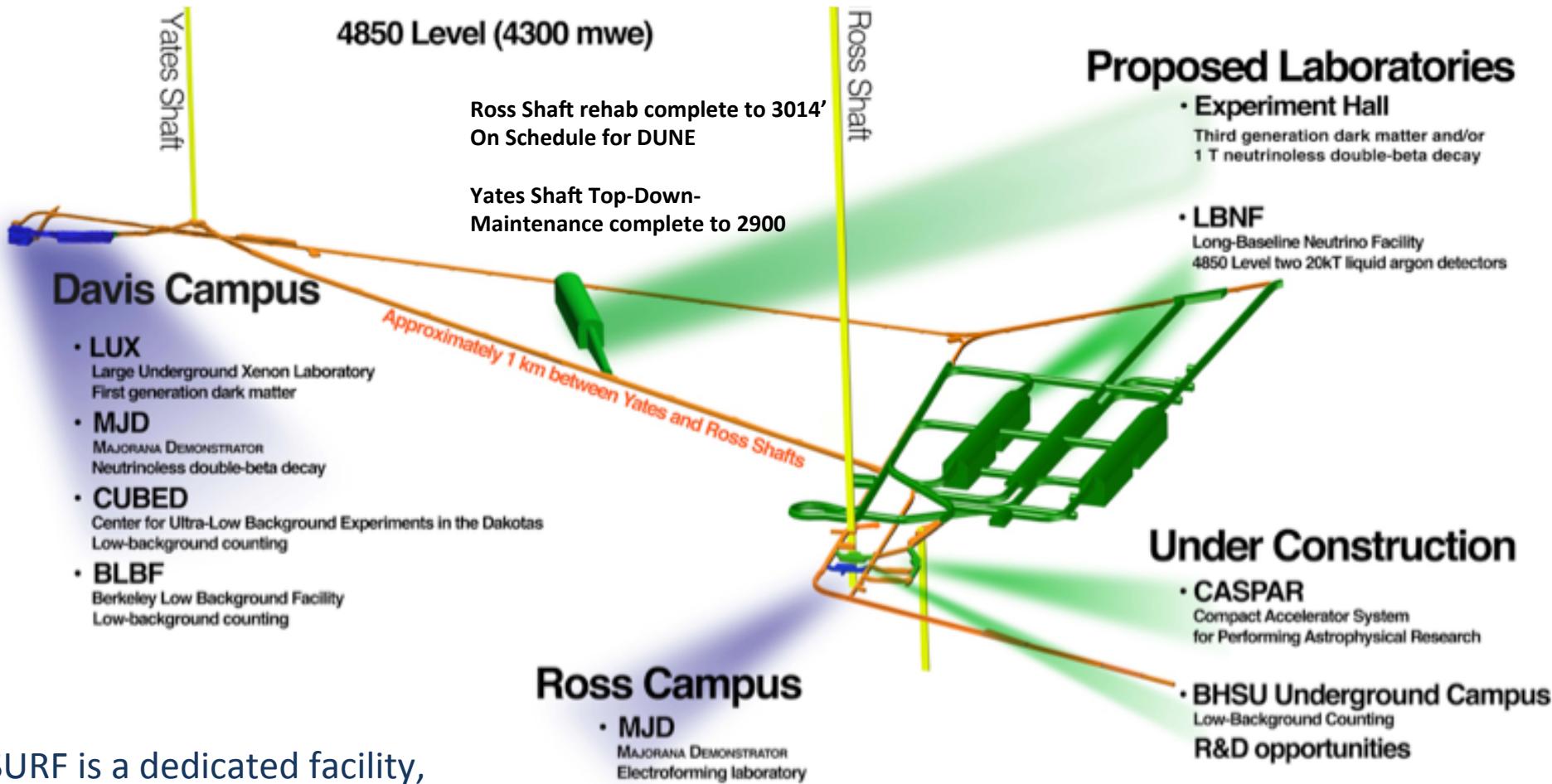
# Space allocation



# Sanford Underground Research Facility



# SURF 4850L Physics Laboratories

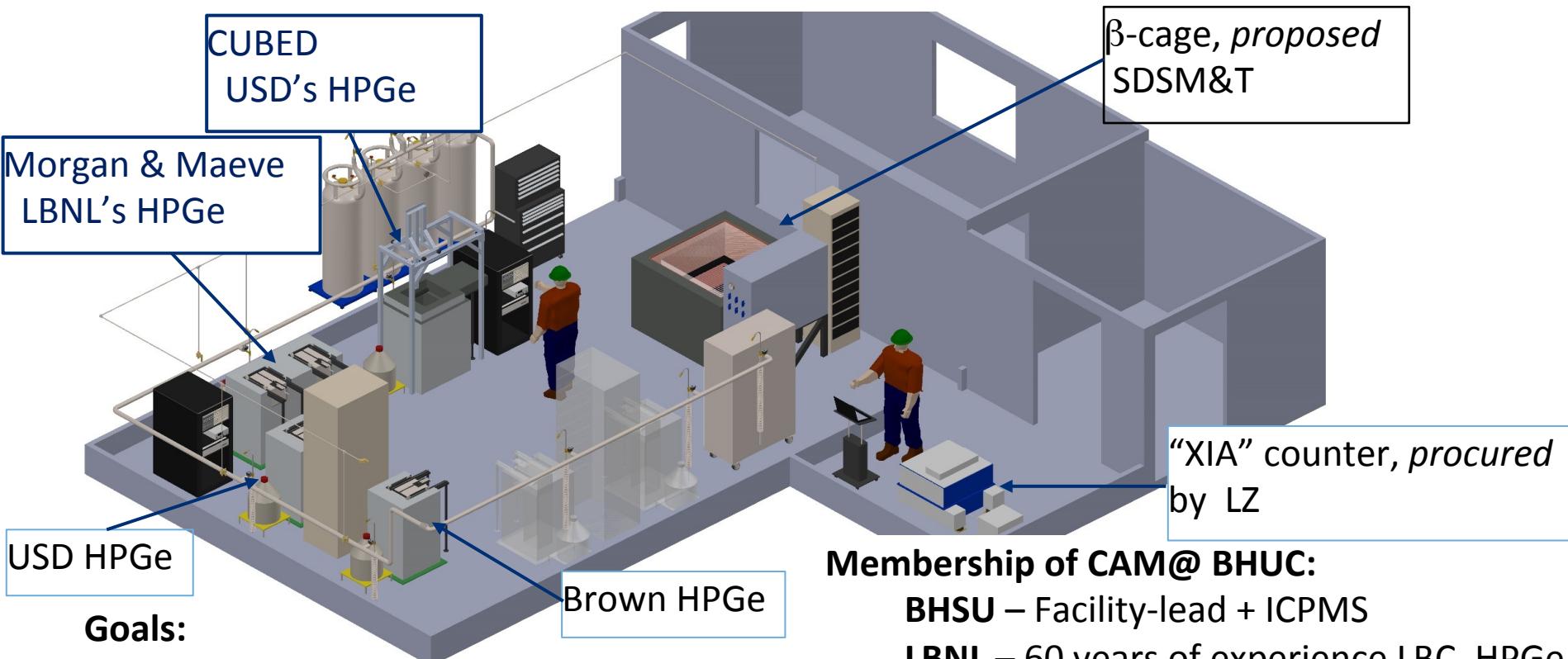


SURF is a dedicated facility, created originally with the support of the NSF, UCB, South Dakota, and Private Donations and since 2010 supported by the DOE-HEP and continued exceptional strong support by South Dakota

Heise, AIP Conf. Proc. **1604** 331 (2014);  
also arXiv:1401.0861v1 (2014)  
Lesko, Euro Phys J Plus **127**, 107 (2012)



# Consortium for Assay and Measurement at the Black Hills Underground Campus: CAM@BHUC



## Membership of CAM@ BHUC:

**BHSU** – Facility-lead + ICPMS

**LBNL** – 60 years of experience LBC, HPGe

**SDSTA** – SURF Facility Operations

**USD** – HPGe, Radon, Surface Contam.

**Brown** - HPGe, Surface Contamination

**UCL** – ICPMS, Radon, HPGe

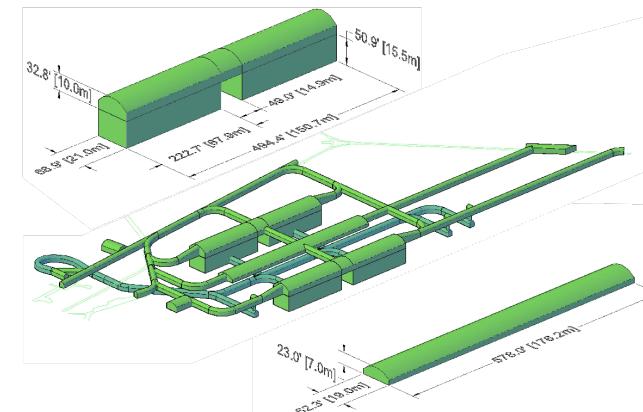
**Boulby** – HPGe

**SDSM&T** – Radon, β-cage, Si

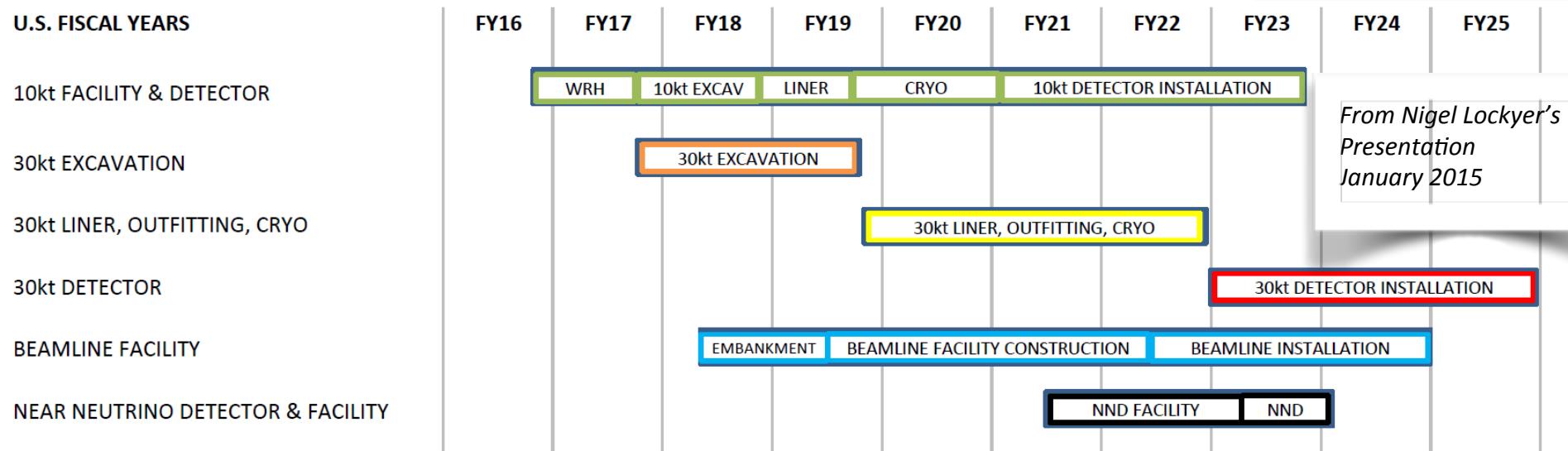
Seeking additional members & devices

# LBNF & DUNE STEPS

- US is aggressively developing plans to host a world-class neutrino program
- Aligned with US P5 Report, the CERN/European Strategy, and Japan/T2K-HK
- Collaboration and leadership re-formed to reflect unification with the international partners – following LHC management model
- Key goal to develop 10kt by 2021
- Ultimately to develop 40kt
- CD1-refresh completed July 2015, CD2a/3a Fall 2015
- Goal to begin underground construction 2017



LBNF & EBNF CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION STEPS



*Summary and critical path durations only, could be moved in time*

# Summary

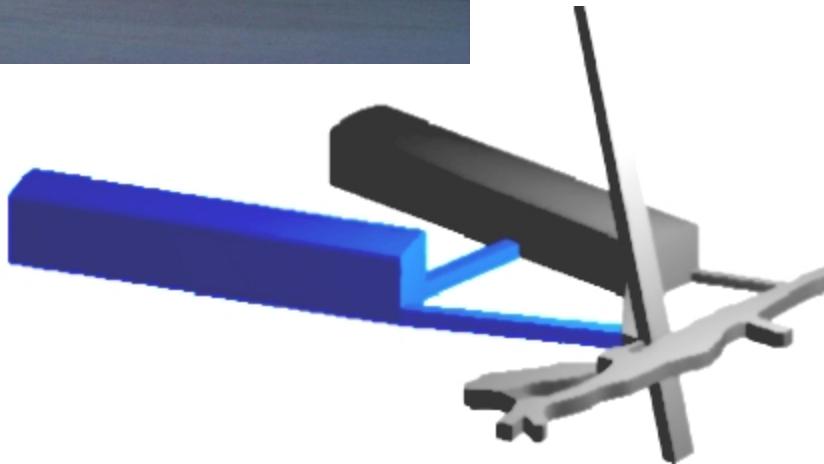
## Sanford Underground Research Facility

- Site is well characterized and science programs functioning smoothly in the facility
  - LUX – Dark Matter – well into 300 day long run
  - MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR –  $0\nu\beta\beta$  preparing for first physics runs
  - BioGeoEng on going investigations
- Expansions to accommodate additional science progressing well
  - CAM @ BHUC (Low Background Assay) near Ross (2015) - outfitting
  - Caspar Nuclear Astrophysics near Ross (2015) – installation begun
  - LZ G2 Dark Matter in the Davis Campus (2017) – preparing CD2
  - LBNF/DUNE on the 4850L near Ross Shaft (2017) – completed CD1R
- Additional space available on the surface and underground for other experiments and collaborations

# Soudan Mine Underground Lab

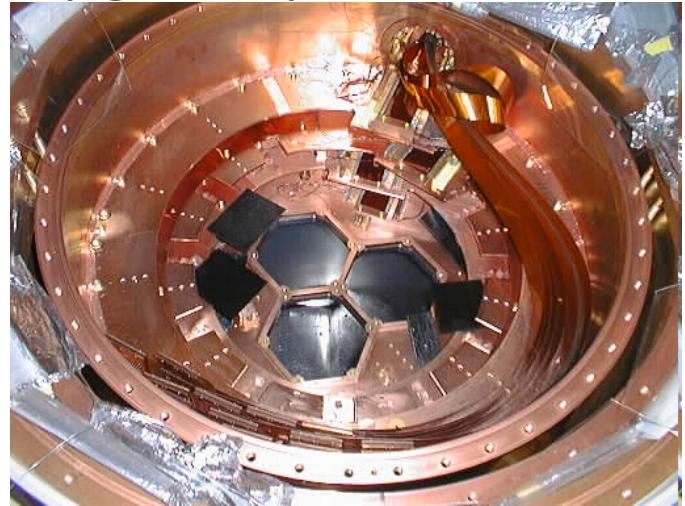


- Soudan Iron Mine has been a state historical park since the 1960's
- Soudan I proton decay experiments started the science in the 1980's
  - Soudan II, MINOS excavated new caverns, ~2,200 m<sup>2</sup> of climate-controlled, networked space with 13-14 m ceilings
- Operated by Univ. of Minnesota, main funding from DoE via Fermilab
- 700 m (2070 mwe) deep
  - Vertical access
  - Good ventilation, low radon, strong old rock, built in outreach in cooperation with the park

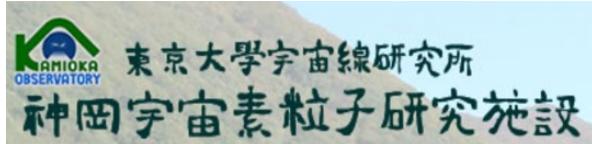


# Large Experiments

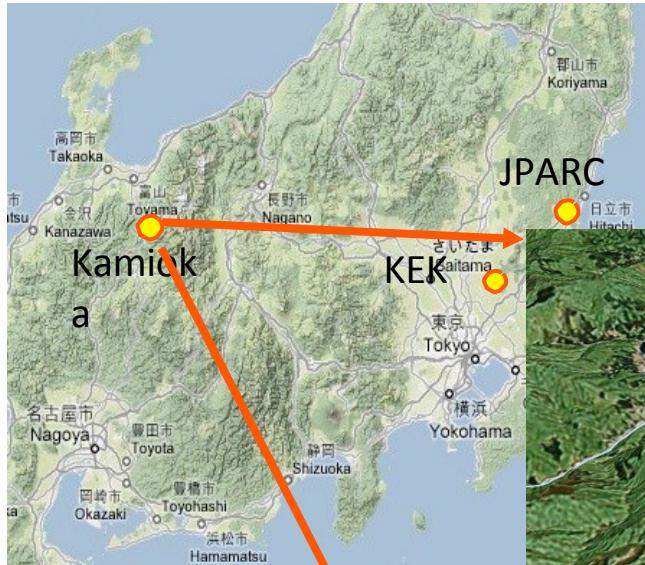
- Fermilab operates the Lab's current main tenants
  - So pays the vast bulk of the ~\$1.2M/yr operational budget
- MINOS changed into MINOS+ in 2013
  - Observes NOvA's upgraded neutrino beam from on-axis
- CDMS taking final calibration data
- CoGeNT taking data, CoGeNT-4 upgrade planned



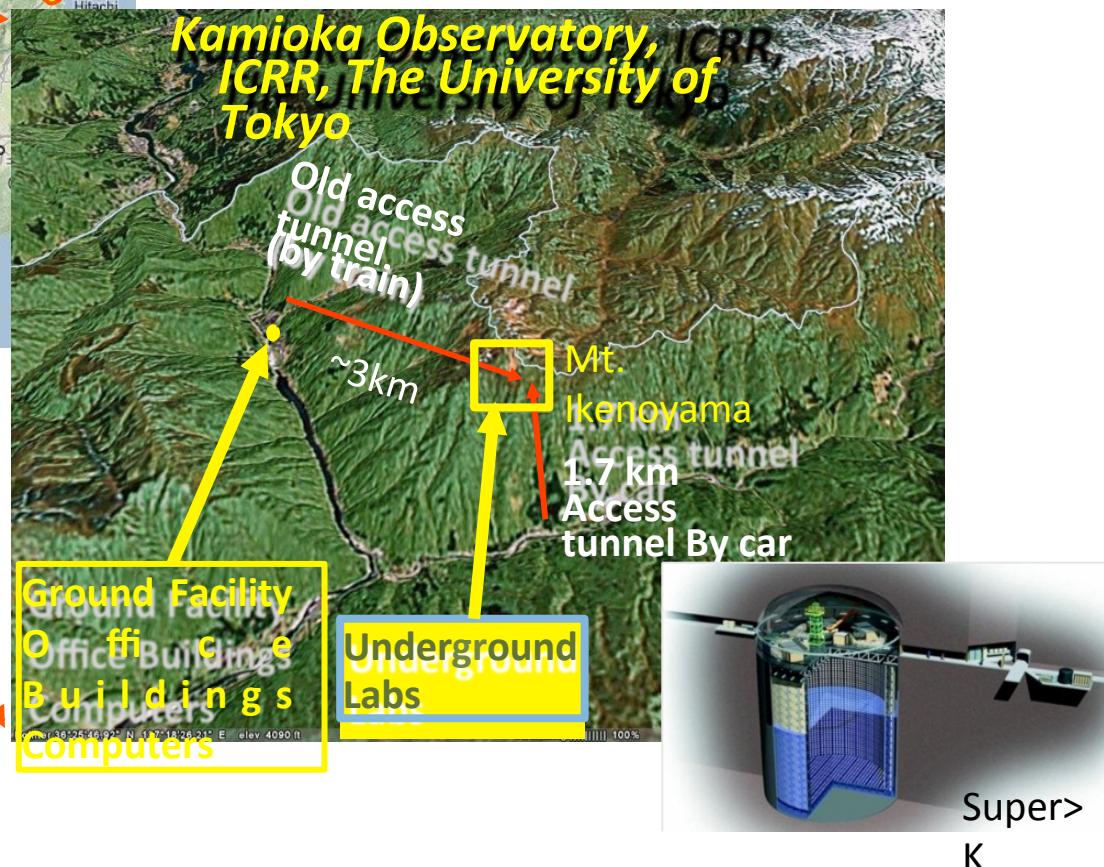
# Asia



# Kamioka Observatory

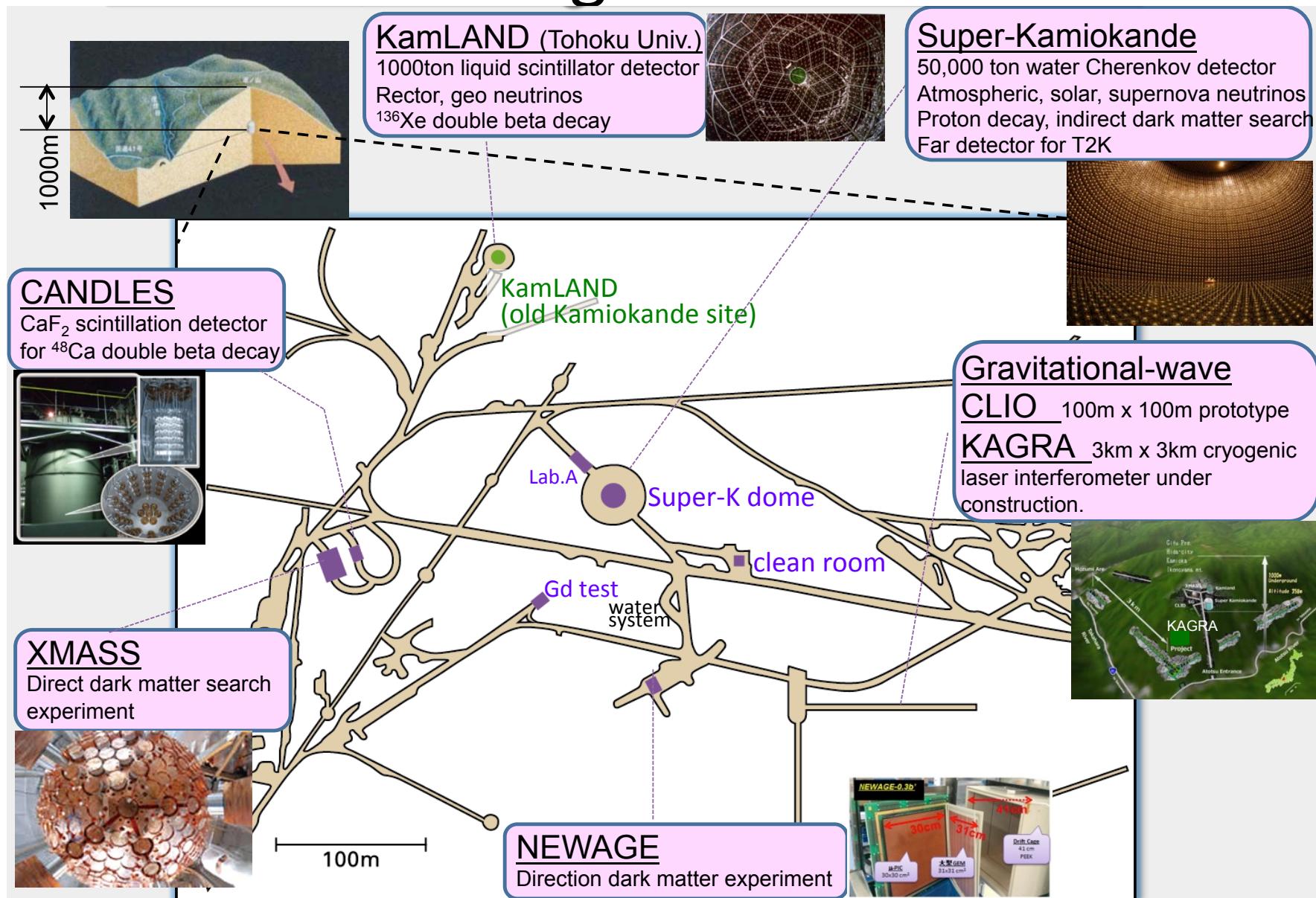


- Horizontal access
- 24 hours access by car
- 10 minutes from ground facility
- 1000 m underground
- 2700 m.w.e



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# Kamioka Underground Laboratories





# Current Experiments in Kamioka

## Center for Gravitational Wave (Op. by Univ. of Tokyo)

- KAGRA (Large Cryogenic Gravitational-wave Telescope)
  - **Under construction.**
  - Commissioning will start in 2015.
  - Cryogenic run from 2017.

## Neutrino Science Center (Op by Tohoku Univ.)

- KamLAND
- KamLAND-ZEN (double beta decay of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ )
- **Increasing Xe136 content**

## Kamioka Observatory (Op. by Univ. of Tokyo)

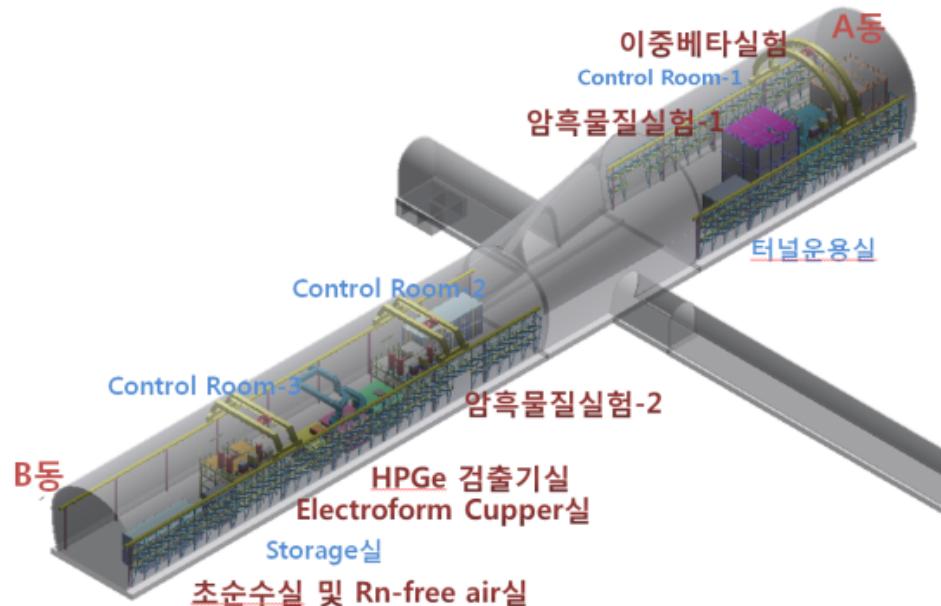
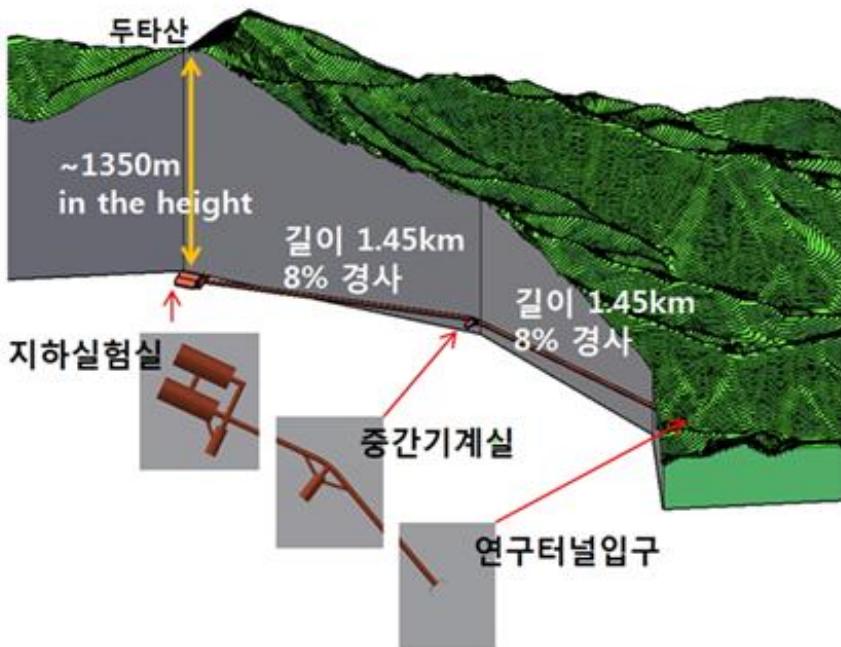
- Super-Kamiokande
  - Precise oscillation studies by atmospheric and solar neutrinos.
  - Evidence for  $\nu_e$  appearance (T2K)
  - **June 2015 - Dissolve 0.1% Gd for anti-neutrino physics in future.**
- XMASS (Dark Matter: liq. Xenon)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> phase detector completed
  - **Improvement of the detector**
- CANDLES (Double beta)
  - Detector completed
  - Commissioning
- NewAGE (Dark Matter)
  - Directionality
- CLIO (prototype of KAGRA)
- Geo-physics
  - Laser strain meter
  - Superconductive gravity meter

# New lab space at Y2L for KIMS-NaI & AMoRE-I



# New Underground Laboratory – Proposal

- A new underground laboratory is under consideration at 1400m depth.
- since the expansion at Y2L seems to be not attractive compared to the new laboratory. – **Still need government approval.**



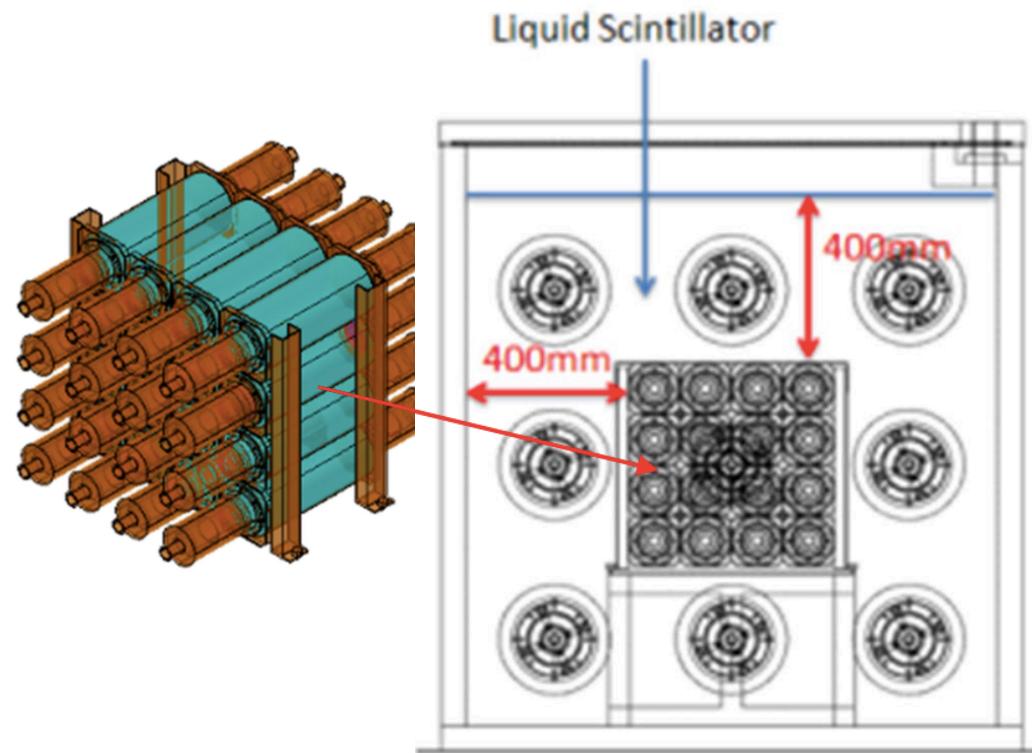
- 2000 m<sup>2</sup> lab area.
- 1400 m depth is similar to Gran Sasso Lab.
- Plan to finish until 2019.

# Projects at Center for Underground Physics (CUP)

- CUP was approved as a research center of Institute for Basic Science (IBS) in Korea in 2013.
- Projects : Dark Matter (KIMS+), Double Beta Decay (AMoRE), Low temperature Detectors.
- Will construct a new underground Lab. until the end of 2018.

## KIMS-NaI

**200 kg NaI(Tl) crystals inside liquid scintillator.**



## AMoRE $\beta\beta$ experiment

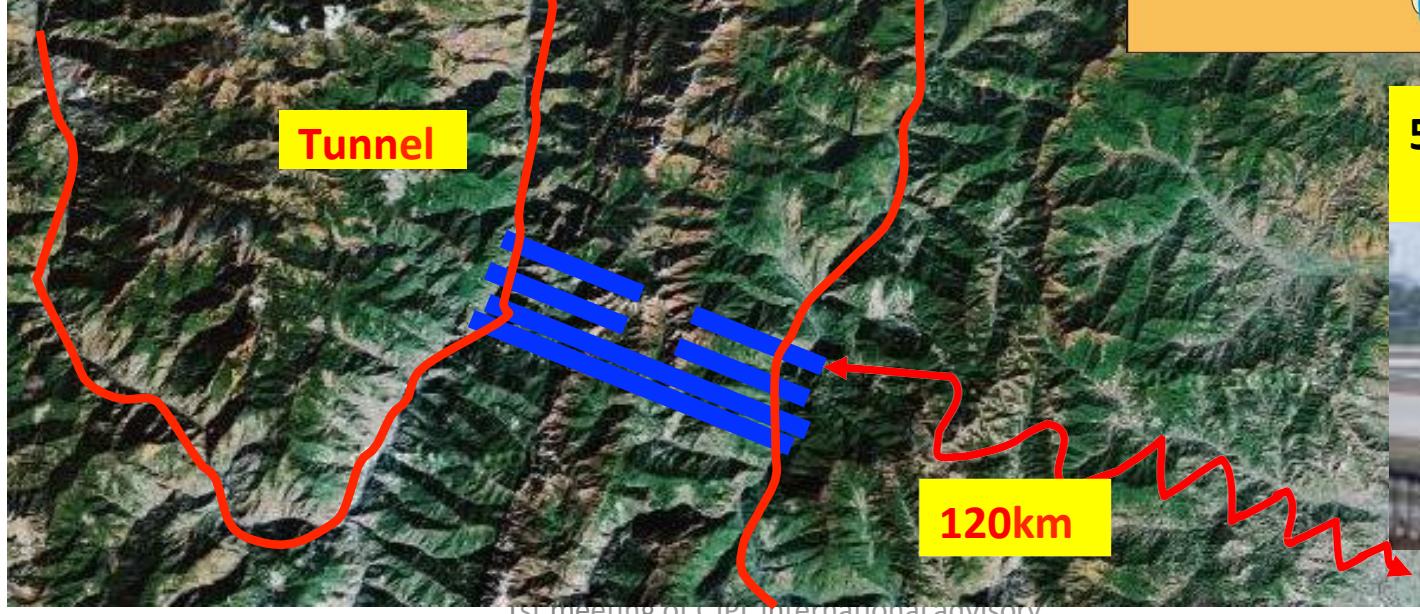
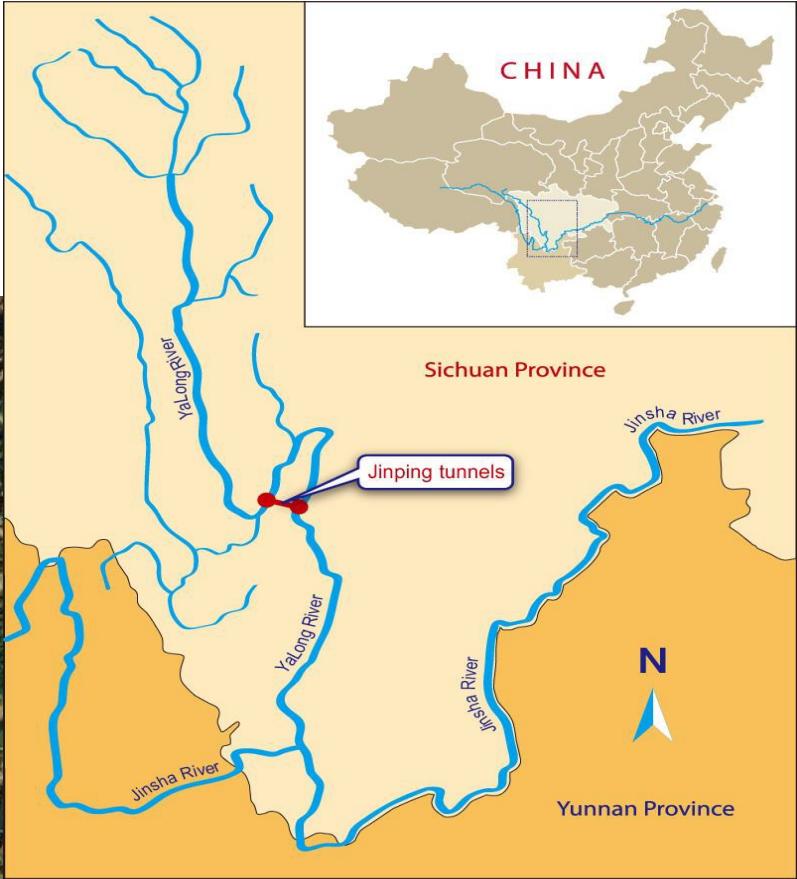
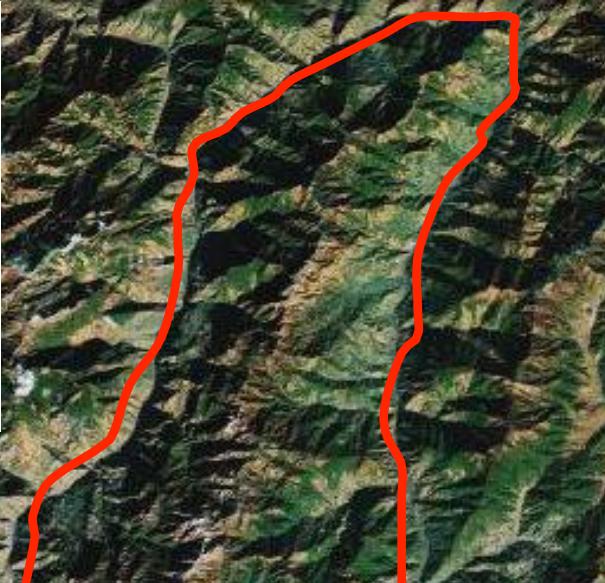
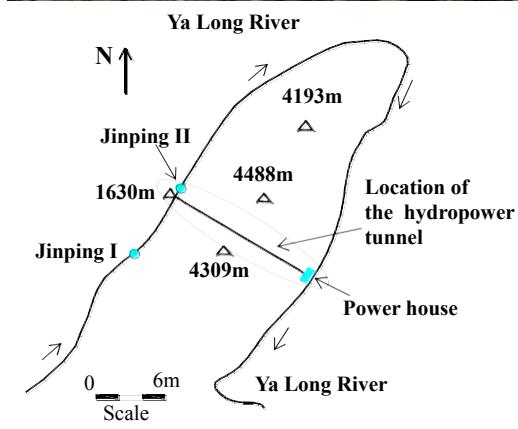
### AMoRE-II

**200 kg of  $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$**



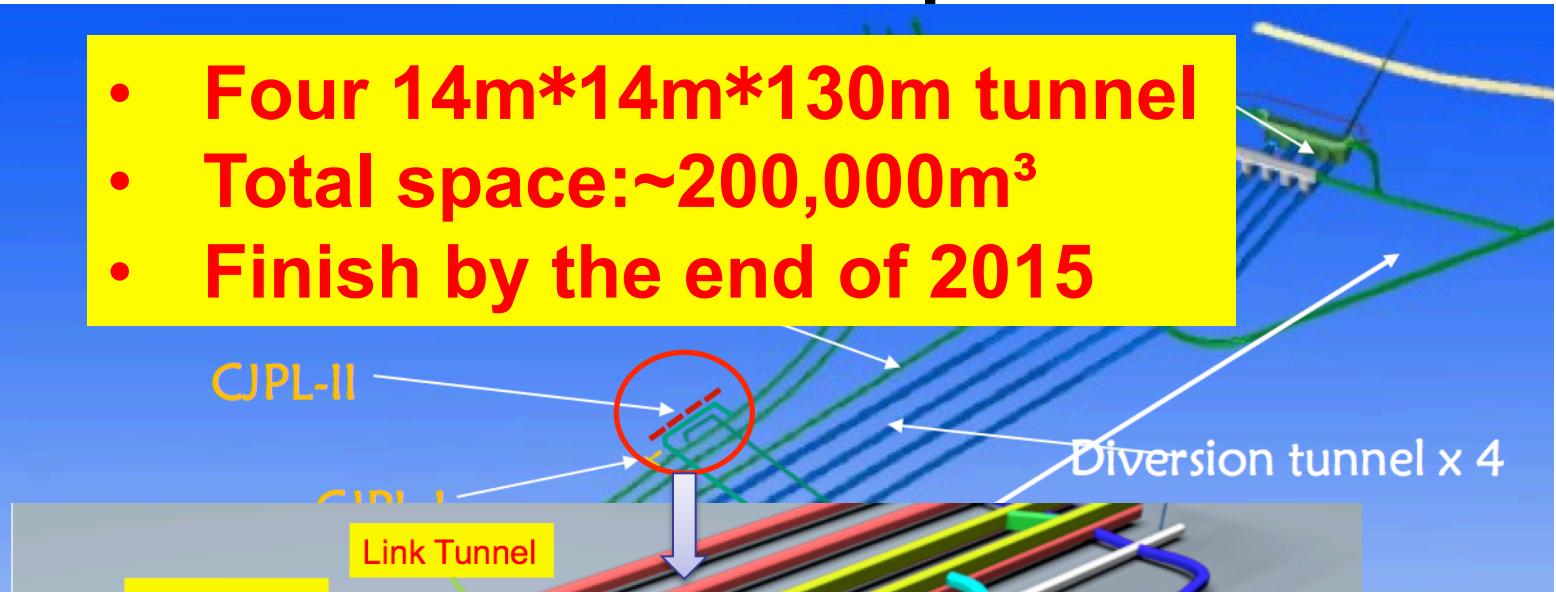
**AMoRE-Pilot at Y2L, 2015**  
**1.5 kg crystals installed.**  
**Data taking.**

# China Jin-Ping Underground Laboratory(CJPL) Site



# CJPL-II development

- Four 14m\*14m\*130m tunnel
- Total space:~200,000m<sup>3</sup>
- Finish by the end of 2015



## PHYSICS

### *China supersizes its underground physics lab*

Planned expansion could pave way for “ultimate dark matter experiment”

By Dennis Normile

**T**he world's deepest physics laboratory is about to become one of its largest. Early next year, workers will start carving four cavernous experiment halls along a tunnel through Jinping Mountain in China's Sichuan province. Once the science at the China Jinping Underground Laboratory (CJPL) is scaled up as well, “it will be a milestone for Chinese

WIMPs exist, they should occasionally travel unmolested through the mountain and collide with a xenon nucleus, producing a flash of light. In the other experimental hall, the China Dark Matter Experiment (CDEX) aims to catch the electrical signal produced if a WIMP bumps into a nucleus within a germanium crystal. “There is complementarity” between the two approaches,

a physicist at Academia Sinica's Institute of Physics in Taipei and member of the CDEX

other labs indicating that WIMPs are likely to have very little mass.

For an initial effort, the results are “pretty decent,” says Wick Haxton, a theorist at the University of California, Berkeley. To boost its chances of sighting WIMPs and determining their mass, CJPL needs a larger volume of xenon, more germanium crystals, and better

Science, Nov. 30, 2014

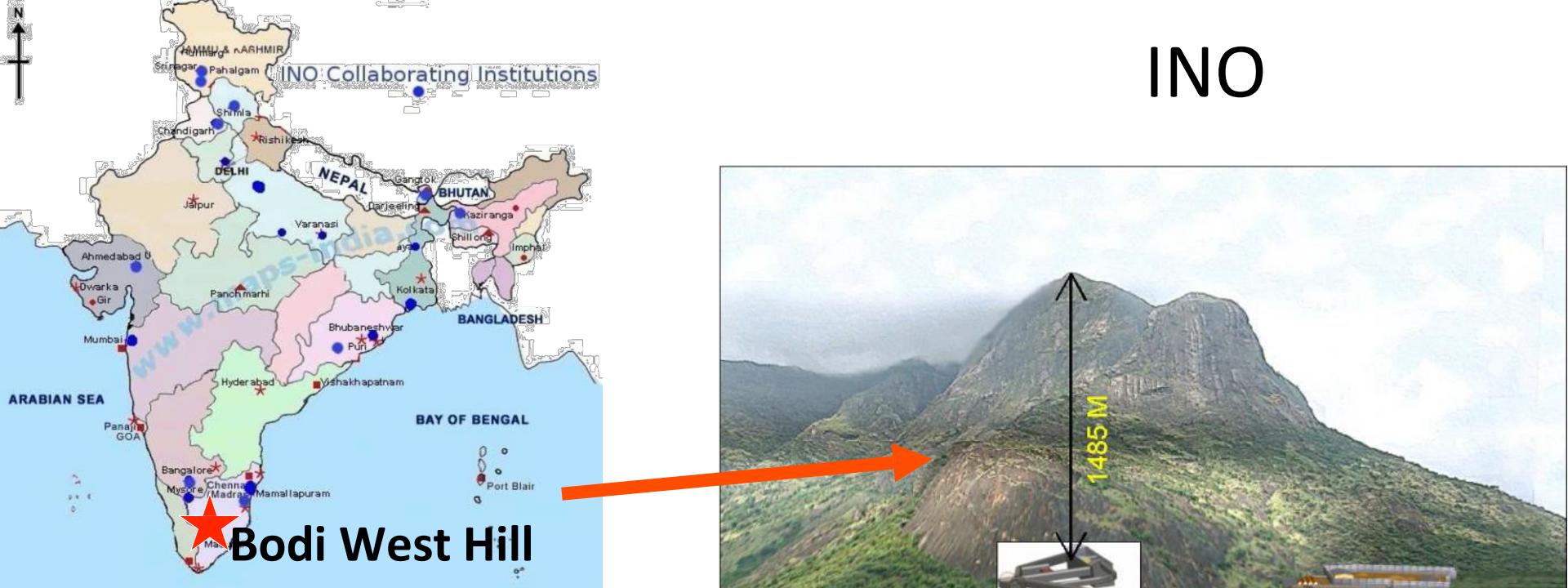
over the next couple years, Haxton says,

# CJPL-II possible users

- CDEX-1T (Ge DM+DBD Exp.)
- PandaX-1T (Xe DM Exp.)
- LAr DM experiment led by IHEP
- Nuclear astroparticle physics-JUNA
- Solar neutrino experiment
- .....

# CJPL ground site

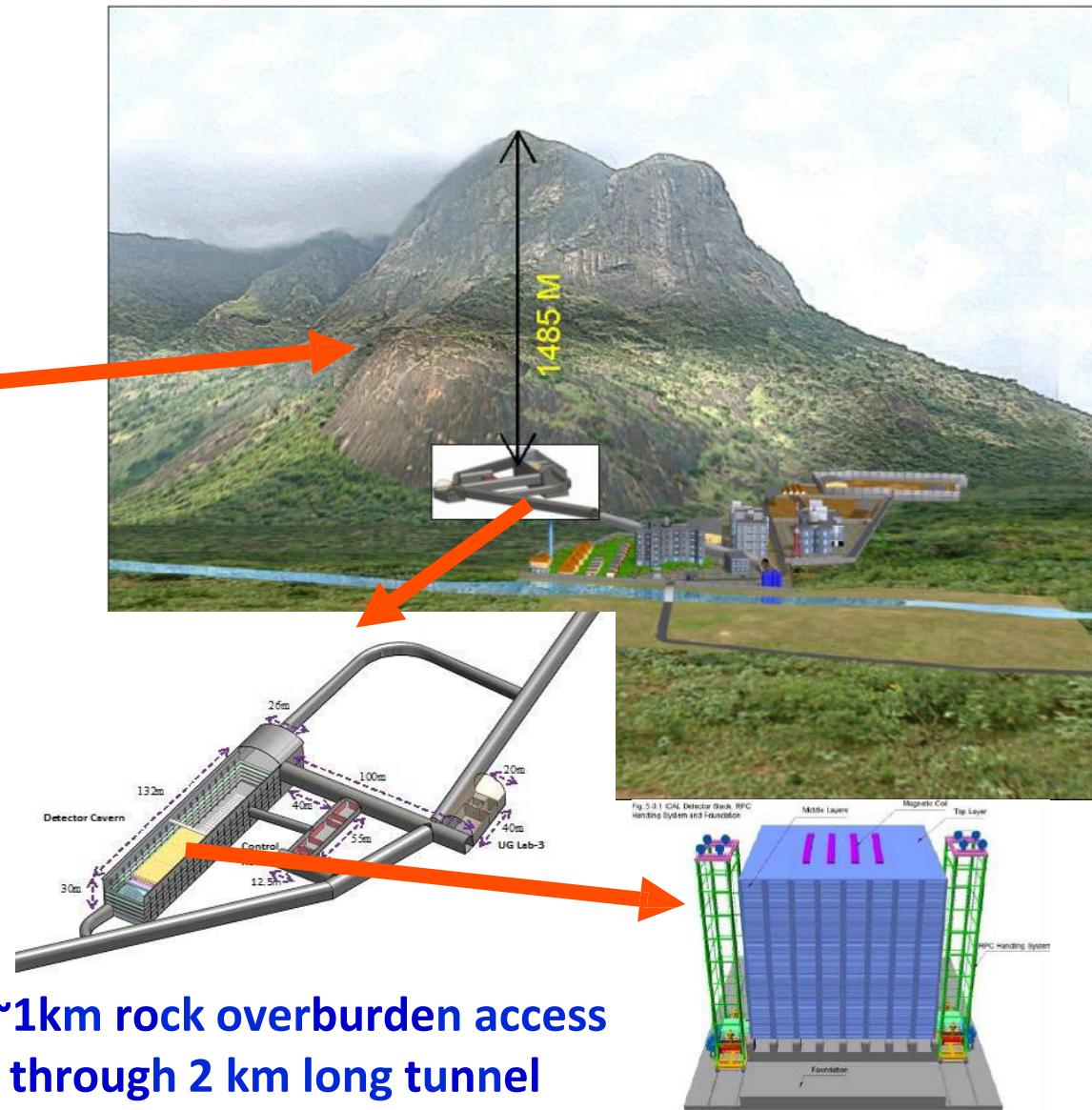




**Location : Pottipuram Village, Theni  
District Tamil Nadu State**

- **INO Collaboration:**  
~100 scientists from 23  
research institutes  
& Universities in India.

~1km rock overburden access  
through 2 km long tunnel



# Southern Hemisphere

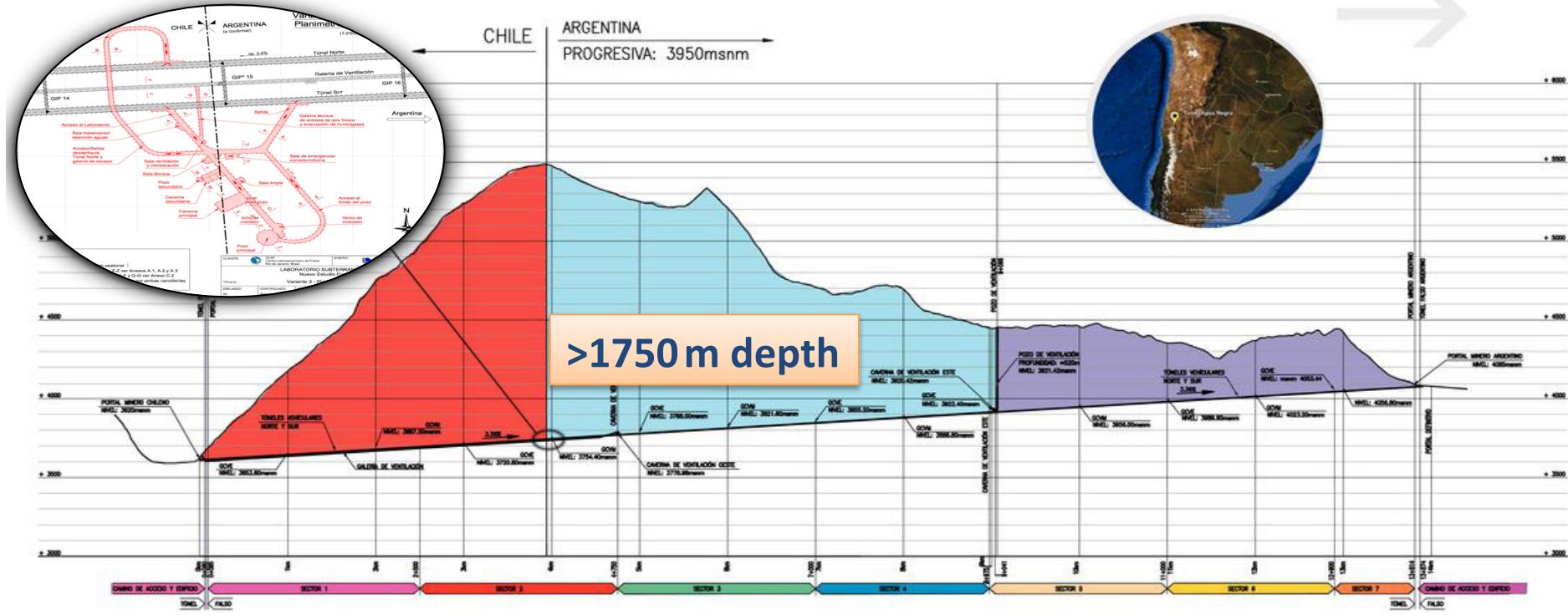
# ANDES

# The Agua Negra deep underground laboratory

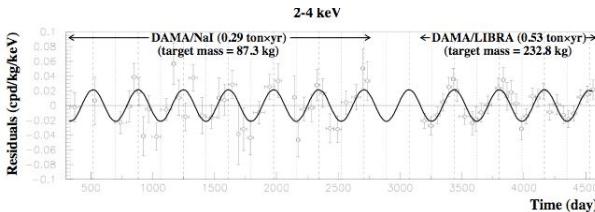
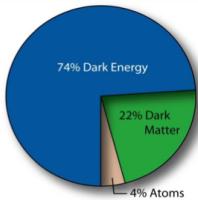


- Agua Negra tunnel between Argentina and Chile, linking MERCOSUR to Asia
- Laboratory location as deep as Modane
- Tunnel construction approved in August 2015; construction period 2016-2024
- Horizontal access, size of ~4 000 m<sup>2</sup> and ~70 000 m<sup>3</sup> in 8 halls and pits

## Large and deep underground laboratory in the southern hemisphere

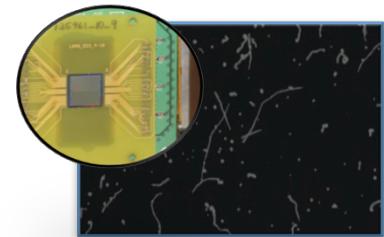
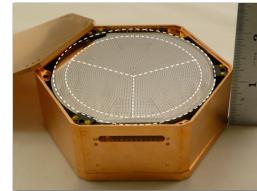


# ANDES: Agua Negra Deep Experiment Site



## Dark Matter

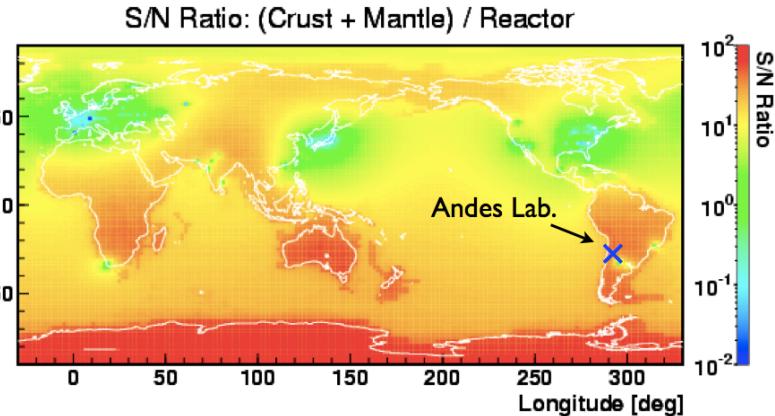
DAMA/LIBRA yearly modulation, to investigate in Southern hemisphere



Host 3<sup>rd</sup> generation DM experiment

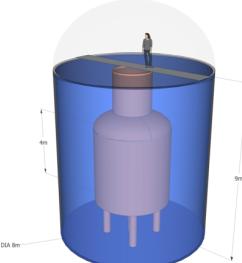
Study new particle detection techniques, ex: CCD

Latitude [deg]



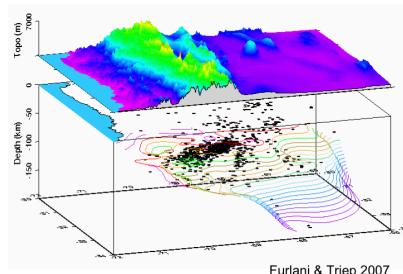
## Neutrinos

- Geo-neutrinos (benefit from unique location)
- Build a low energy Latin American neutrino detector
- Host experiments for Mass & Nature (ex: host part of SuperNEMO?)



## Ultra low radiation pit

Environmental measurements, material selection...



## Geophysics laboratory

Local active region, Seismograph network junction (Argentina+Chile), Magnetic and Gravimetric studies

+ accelerator science, interdisciplinary science...

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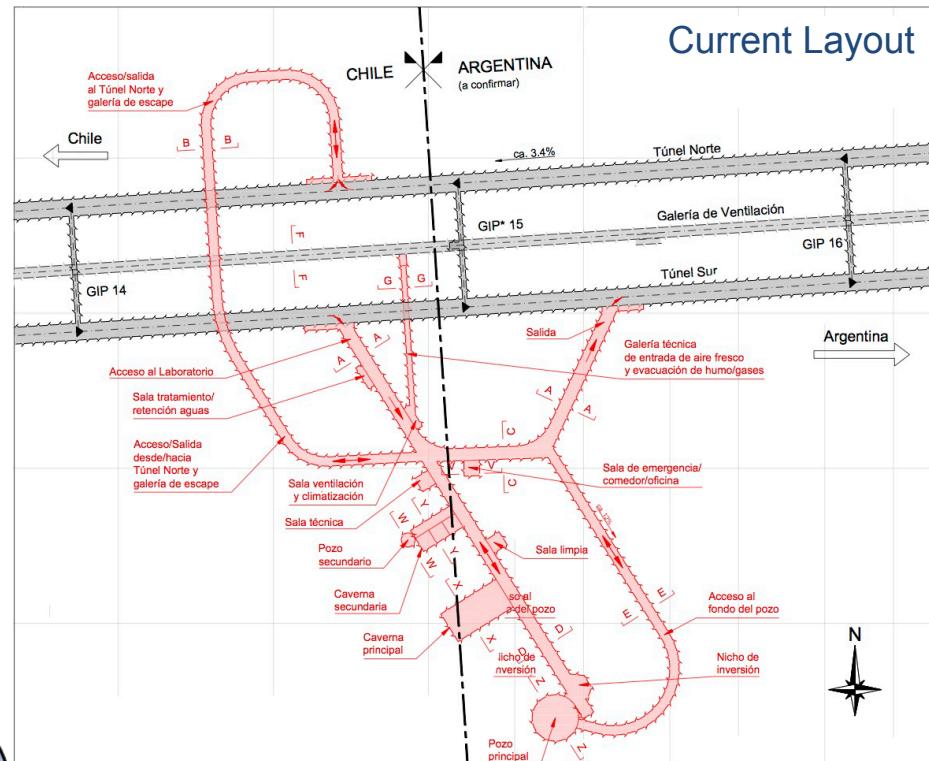
- Main hall (21 m x 23 m x 50 m)
- Secondary hall (16 m x 14 m x 40 m)
- Offices and small labs
- Low radiation pit
- Large single experiment pit (~ Ø 30 m, 30 m tall)
- Vertical depth: 1775 m, omnidirectional: 1675 m
- Total: 70 000 m<sup>3</sup> laboratory volume (+ 35 000 m<sup>3</sup> access tunnels)

Rock Studies  
(from test samples  
~600 m deep)



## Preliminary data (Bq/kg)

	Basalt	Andesite	Rhyolite 1	Rhyolite 2
<sup>238</sup> U	$2.6 \pm 0.5$	$9.2 \pm 0.9$	$14.7 \pm 2.0$	$11.5 \pm 1.3$
<sup>232</sup> Th	$0.94 \pm 0.09$	$5.2 \pm 0.5$	$4.5 \pm 0.4$	$4.8 \pm 0.5$
<sup>40</sup> K	$50 \pm 3$	$47 \pm 3$	$57 \pm 3$	$52 \pm 3$

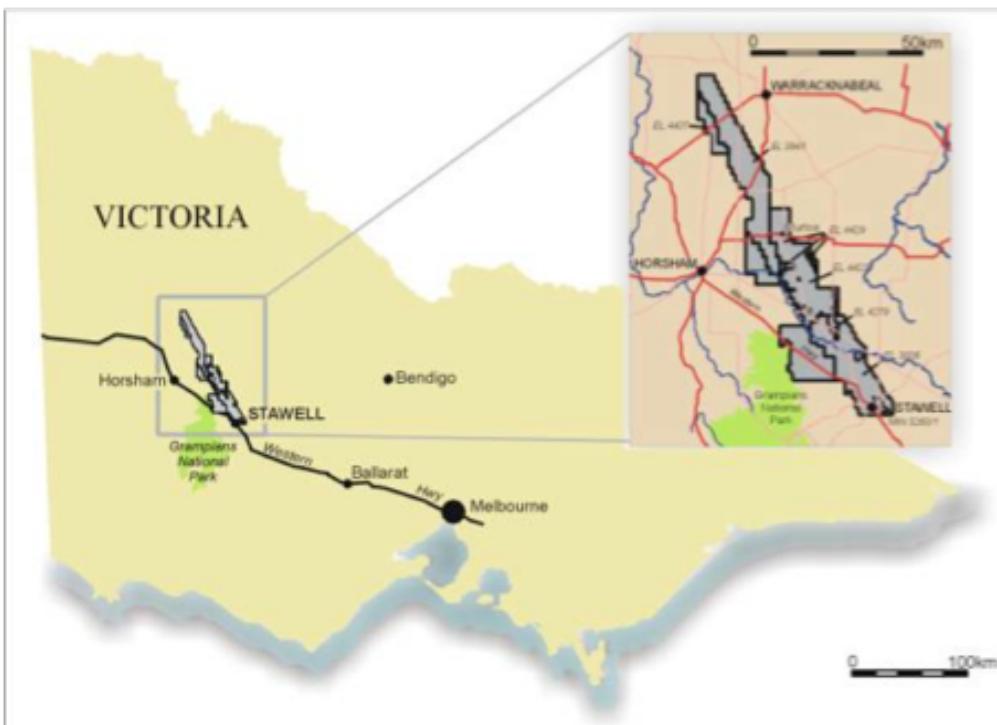


- ✓ Final exact location to be determined once geology is better known
- ✓ Proposed as an International laboratory within Latin America
- ✓ Conceptual study finished by Lombardi in January 2015
- ✓ Detailed engineering ongoing

# Stawell

Stawell gold mine ~240 km west of Melbourne, in 2017 will host the first ready to be used underground laboratory in the Southern hemisphere.

## SUPL: Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory

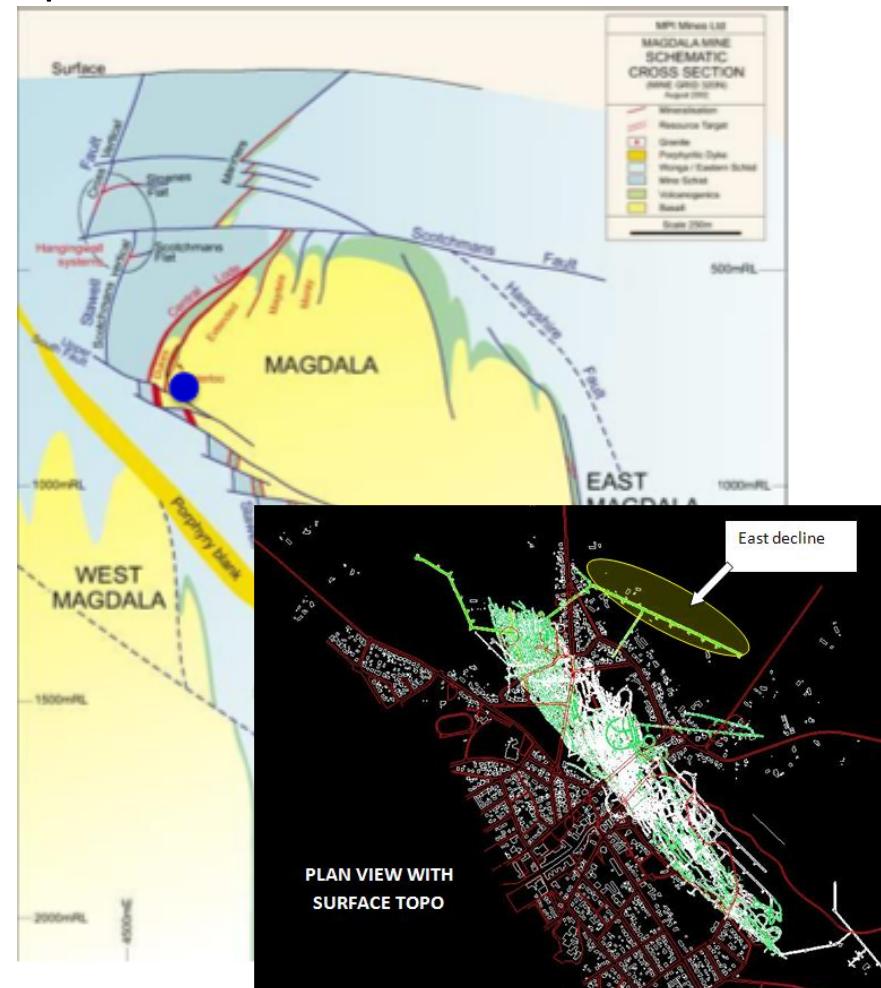


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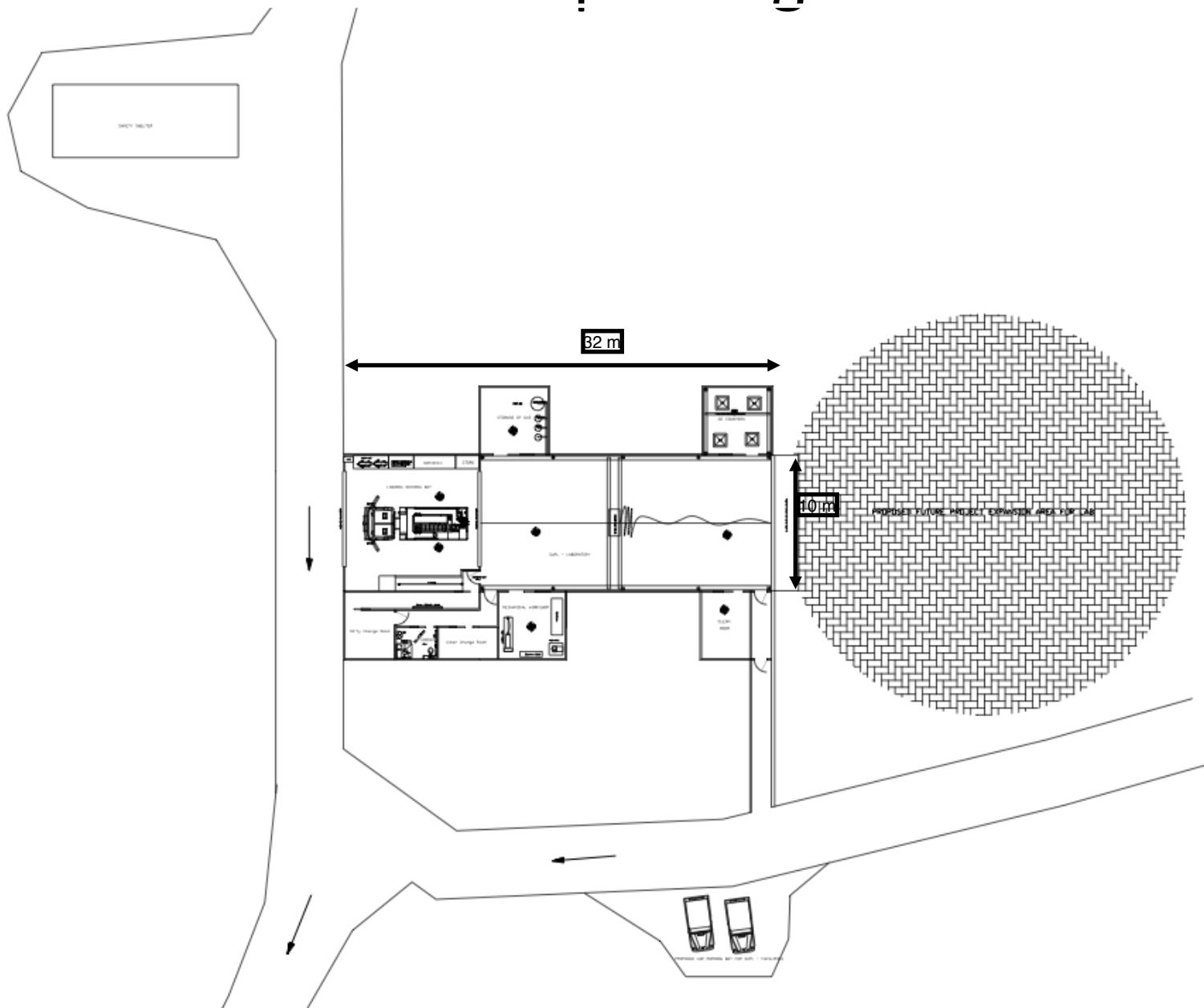
Decline gold mine mine, 1.6 km deep, with all caverns served with electricity, optical fibre, reached by car/truck. The mine is operational.



Chose a site at 1.02 km underground, ~3 km water equivalent



# Concept design



# Time line

2014

Lab proposed (Sep)

2015

Funding secured (May)

Call for tenders for final design (Aug)

Complete design (Nov)

Design Review (Dec/Jan)

2016

Start construction (Jan/Feb)

Facility ready (Dec)

2017

Lab ready to be use (Jan/Feb)

Planned experiments:

SABRE (~2017) – to check DAMA results, paired with Gran Sasso

Directional Dark Matter (later date)

Non HEP: Astrobiology



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# General Remarks

- UG Physics is exciting since > 50 years
  - Physics BSM found un UG lab before SM assessed
- Several deep UG science labs worldwide
- Space availability is not going to be a major issue
- New labs in the southern hemisphere are a welcome addition

# Lab Characteristics - Physical

- Depth -> muon flux
- Neutron flux
- Rn
- Size (min. dimension more important than total volume)
- Access: horizontal/drive-in vs vertical
  - (full spectrum of flavours available)
- Accelerator beams / nearby reactors

# Lab Characteristics & Management

- Laboratories vs. Observatories
- Access by collaboration agreements
- Access by scientific quality selection
- **Safety management**
- Infrastructures
- Support
- Expertise
- Scientific life (community, seminars, etc.)

# Critical Remarks

- High fragmentation
- Much of the expertise owned by users
- International?
  - Access by excellence, best practices898z -> yes
  - International governance -> no

# Something is moving

- EU: application to INFRAIA call by 5 EU laboratories (starting community)
- Global: initiative for a distributed GRI led by LNGS & SNOLAB

# Upgrades

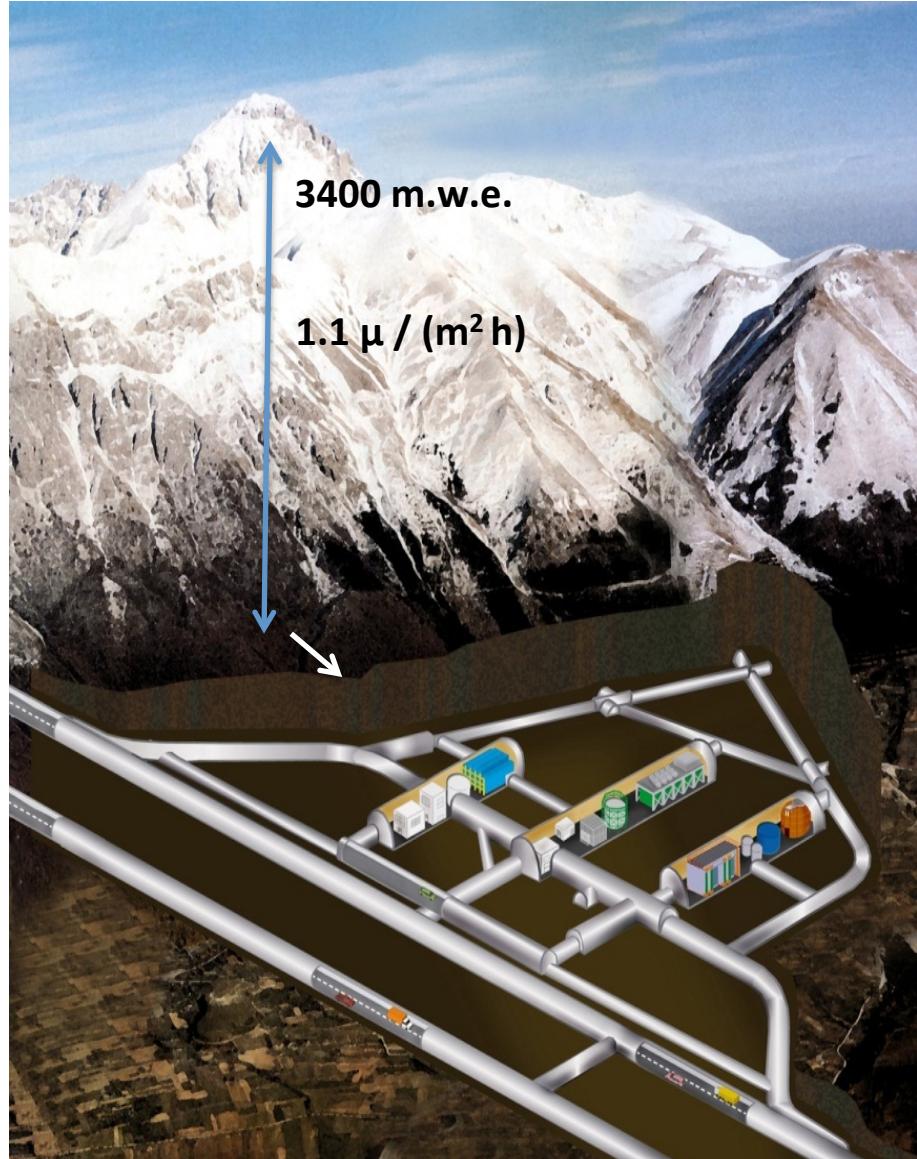
- Major upgrade plans for LNGS & SNOLAB

# Recommendations

- Acquire, consolidate, develop, transmit unique expertise
- De-fragment – *How?*
- Remarks:
  - International scientific committees are there
  - No lab or network of labs has international governance yet

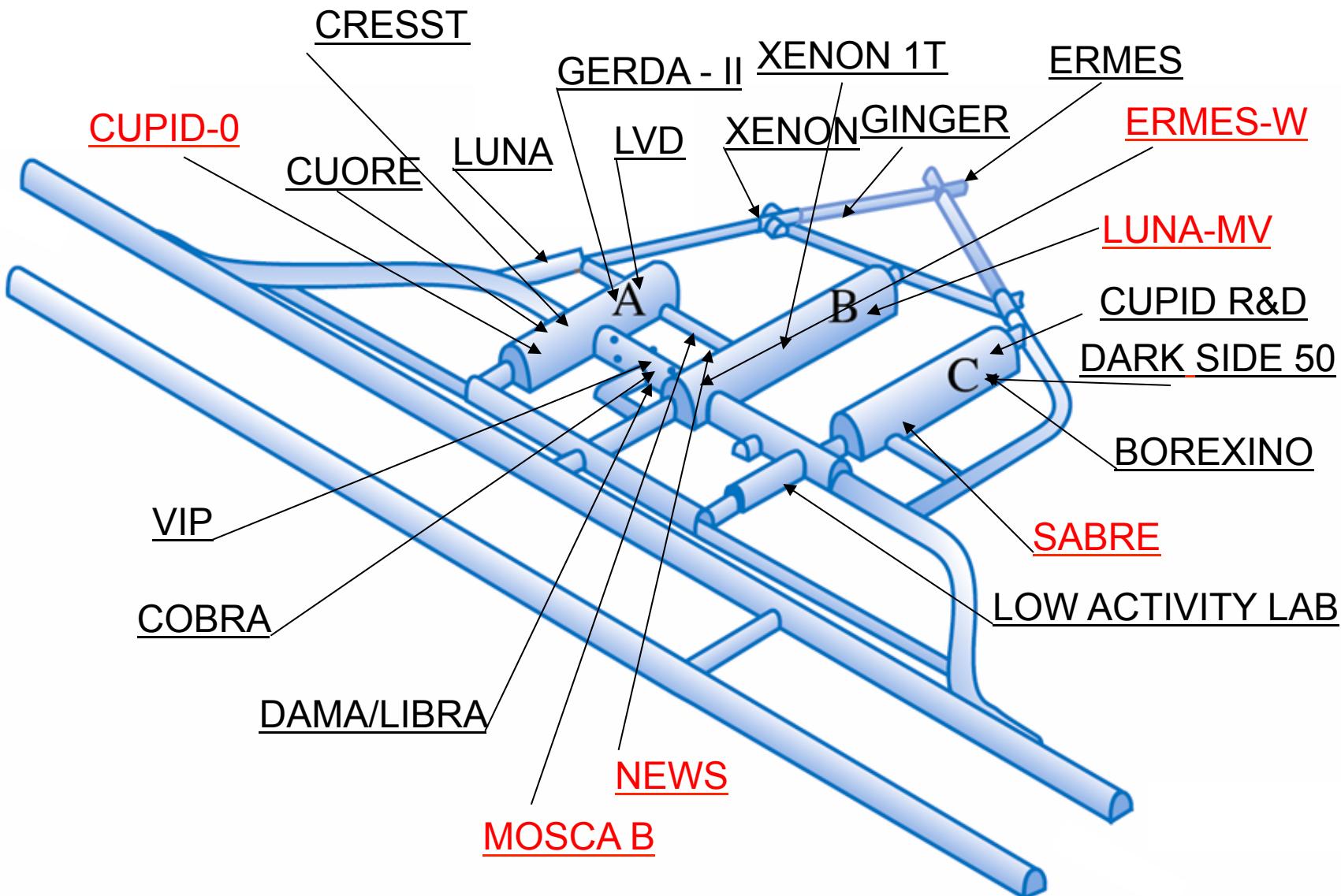
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- Muon flux:  $3.0 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Neutron flux:  
 $2.92 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  (0-1 keV)  
 $0.86 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  ( $> 1 \text{ keV}$ )
- Rn in air:  $20-80 \text{ Bq m}^{-3}$
- Surface:  $17\ 800 \text{ m}^2$
- Volume:  $180\ 000 \text{ m}^3$
- Ventilation: 1 vol / 3.5 hours
- Users by 29 countries (Affiliation)
- 225 avg. daily presence in 2015



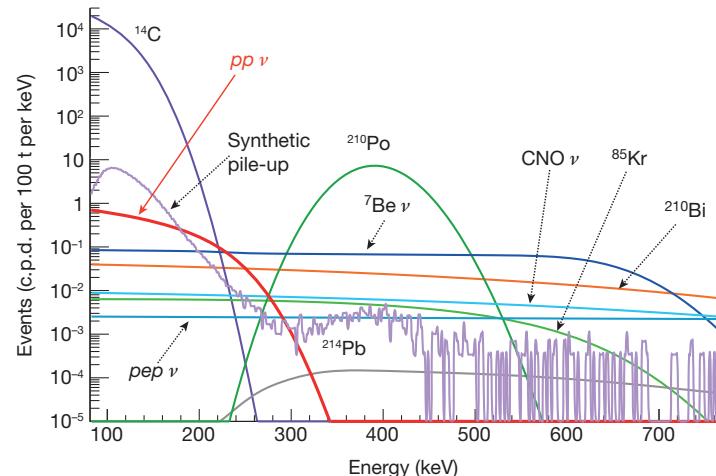
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## Underground laboratory



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- Solar Neutrino:
  - Borexino: real-time measurement of pp neutrino, ..., Geo-neutrinos
- Double Beta Decay
  - Gerda / Gerda-II:  $^{76}\text{Ge}$
  - CUORE – *the coldest m<sup>3</sup> in the world* :  $^{130}\text{Te}$
  - Cobra:  $^{116}\text{Cd}$
  - CUPID-0 95% enriched Zn $^{82}\text{Se}$  scintillating crystal bolometers
- Sterile Neutrino
  - Borexino-SOX (CeSOX first)



# LNGS Dark Matter

- DAMA/Libra: NaI
  - Reports annual modulation
- Sabre
  - INFN-LNGS is going to support independent test of DAMA result
- CRESST
  - CaWO<sub>4</sub> scint with bolometric r/o
- XENON family
  - Double phase liquid Xe TPC
- DarkSide
  - Liquid Ar TPC double phase



# Core activities in the LNGS program

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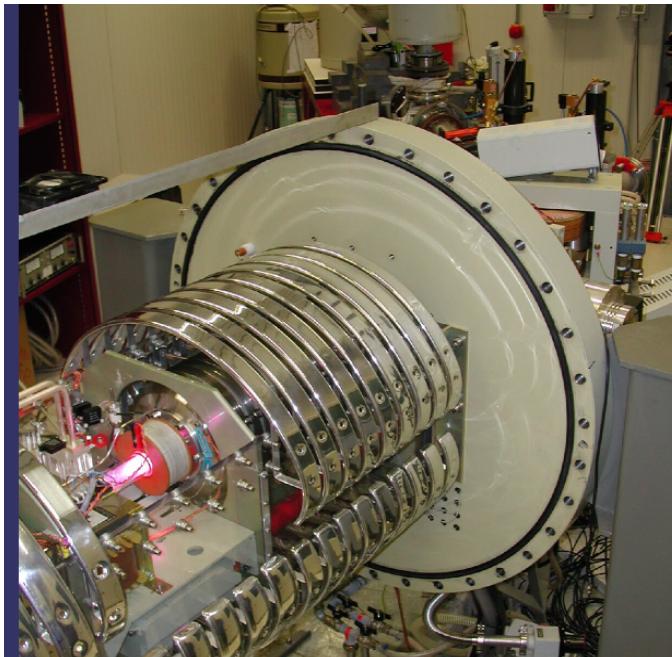
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# Nuclear Astrophysics

## LUNA-400 – LUNA-MV

Measurement of small cross-section  
relevant to Nucleosynthesis  
LUNA-MV upgraded with intense C-  
beam



## General and Multidisciplinary activities

- GINGER
  - Ring-laser to probe Lense-Thirring effect
- Cosmic Silence
  - Study effect of very low radiation doses on cells, fleas, ...
  - Test Linear No Threshold model
- ERMES-W
  - Primary resources, global geodynamic...
- VIP
  - Test Pauli Exclusion Principle



# LNGS Users Support and Facilities

- Ultra low background techniques
- Chemistry lab and service
- Electronics lab
- Computing service
- Mechanics design
- Mechanics workshop
- Civil engineering

