

## Review

# **Astroparticle Physics Research at Underground Facilities**

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## Outline

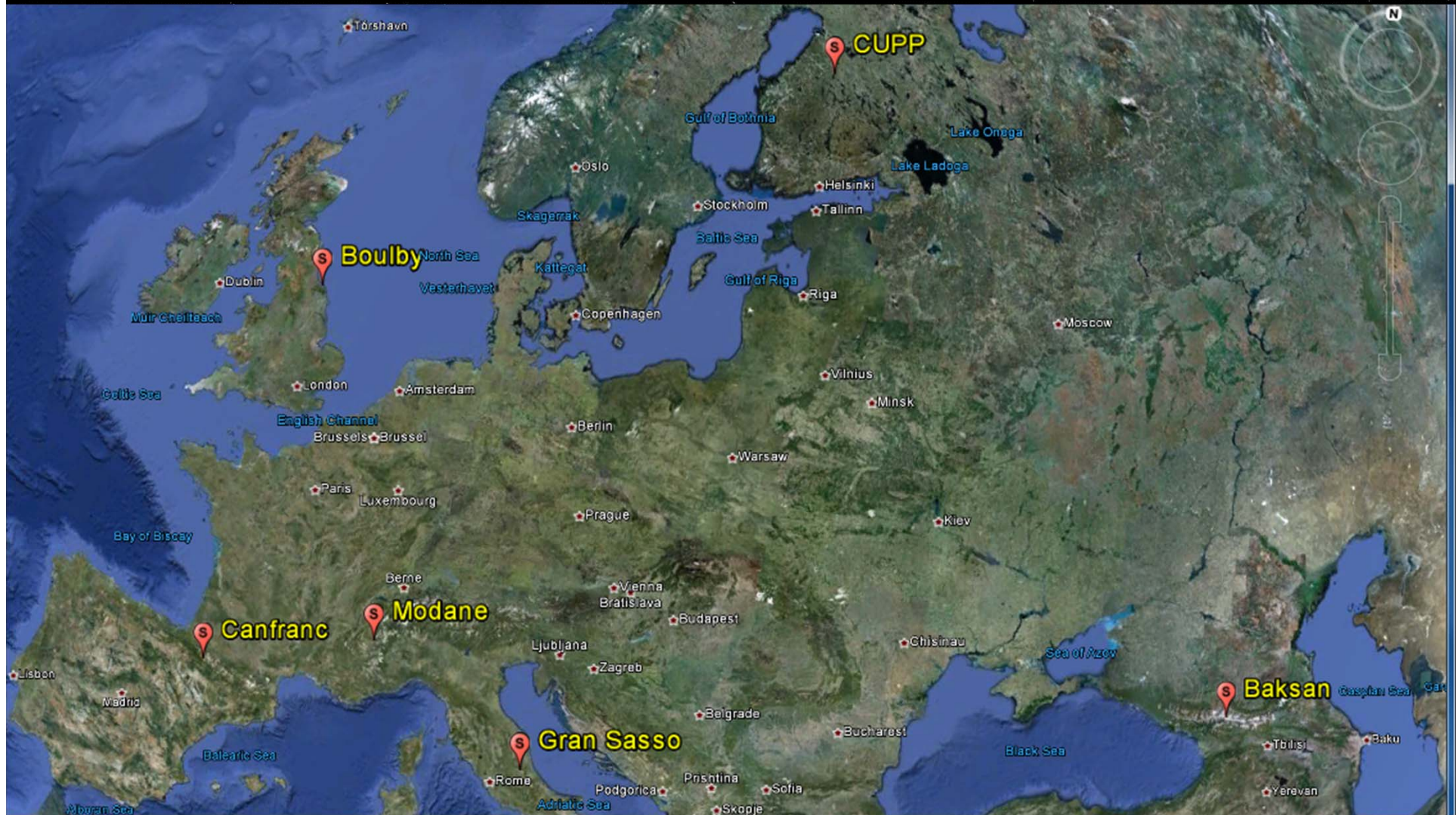
- A Tour of the International Labs
- Scientific Program Overview
- Facility Status & Plans
- Low Background Capacity
- Summary

## Caveat Lector:

- Many thanks to the overwhelming response I had when contacting the directors of the various underground labs... when asked for a couple of slides, they provided dozens... 180 in all. I have tried to distill this down into a manageable size for this talk, so necessarily left out some information.
- I have focused on the large deep underground facilities dedicated to a program of particle astrophysics ... leaving out entirely labs with a very specialized mandate, such as isolated facilities for low background counting.... We will hear about those independently.



## 6 Facilities on the European Continent







LSC

## Canfranc



Located in the Spanish Pyrenees near the border with France

Access is horizontal.

Thanks to A. Bettini for providing updated information



# LSC: Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc

## Current Status:

- Operational. Experiments under construction.



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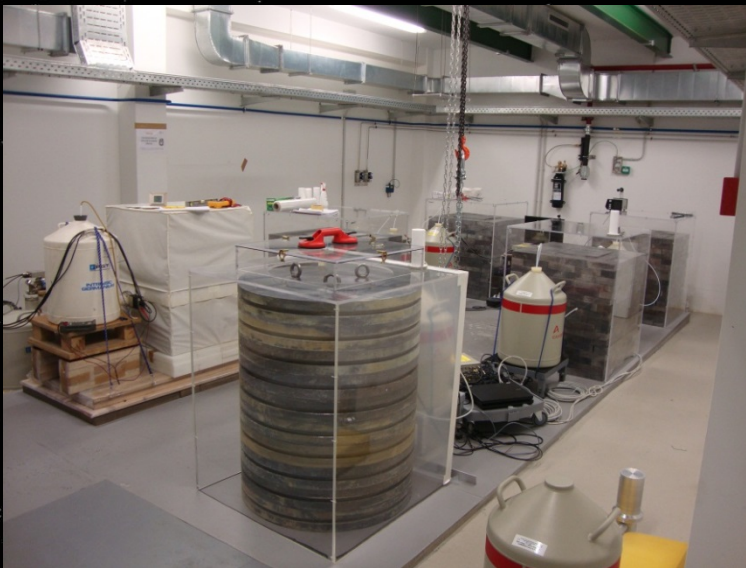
- **Headquarters & Administration**
- **Safety and Quality Assurance**
- **Offices for scientific users and LSC personnel**
- **4 specialised laboratories**
- **Mechanical workshop & storage room**
- **Meeting room & Library**
- **Conference room & Exhibitions room**
- **2 apartments**

Chemistry      Electroforming  
                         Environmental analyses  
Mechanics  
Electronics  
Computers & Network

# LSC: Laboratorio Subterraneo Canfranc

## Current Status:

- Operational. Experiments under construction.
- Support personnel: 12
- Users: 645
- Visits (2011): 239
- Low activity: 7 HP Ge counters and related analysis software
- Clean room ISO 7 and 6 & mechanical shop





# Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	$0\nu\beta\beta$	Other	
Canfranc	ANAIS ROSEBUD ArDM	NEXT	Geodyn	CUNA LAGUNA

## Experiments under construction

ANAIS	DM (NaI, Annual modul.)
ROSEBUD	DM (Scintillating Bolometers)
ArDM	DM (2phase Ar TPC)
NEXT	$0\nu2\beta$ (Enr $^{136}\text{Xe}$ gas TPC)
GEODYN	Geodynamics

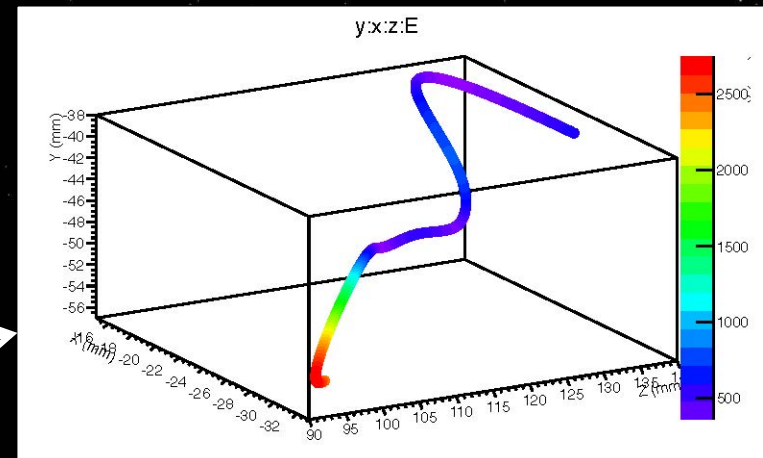
## Future Possibilities

CUNA Accelerator for Nuclear astrophysics: 300 m<sup>2</sup> facility in planning

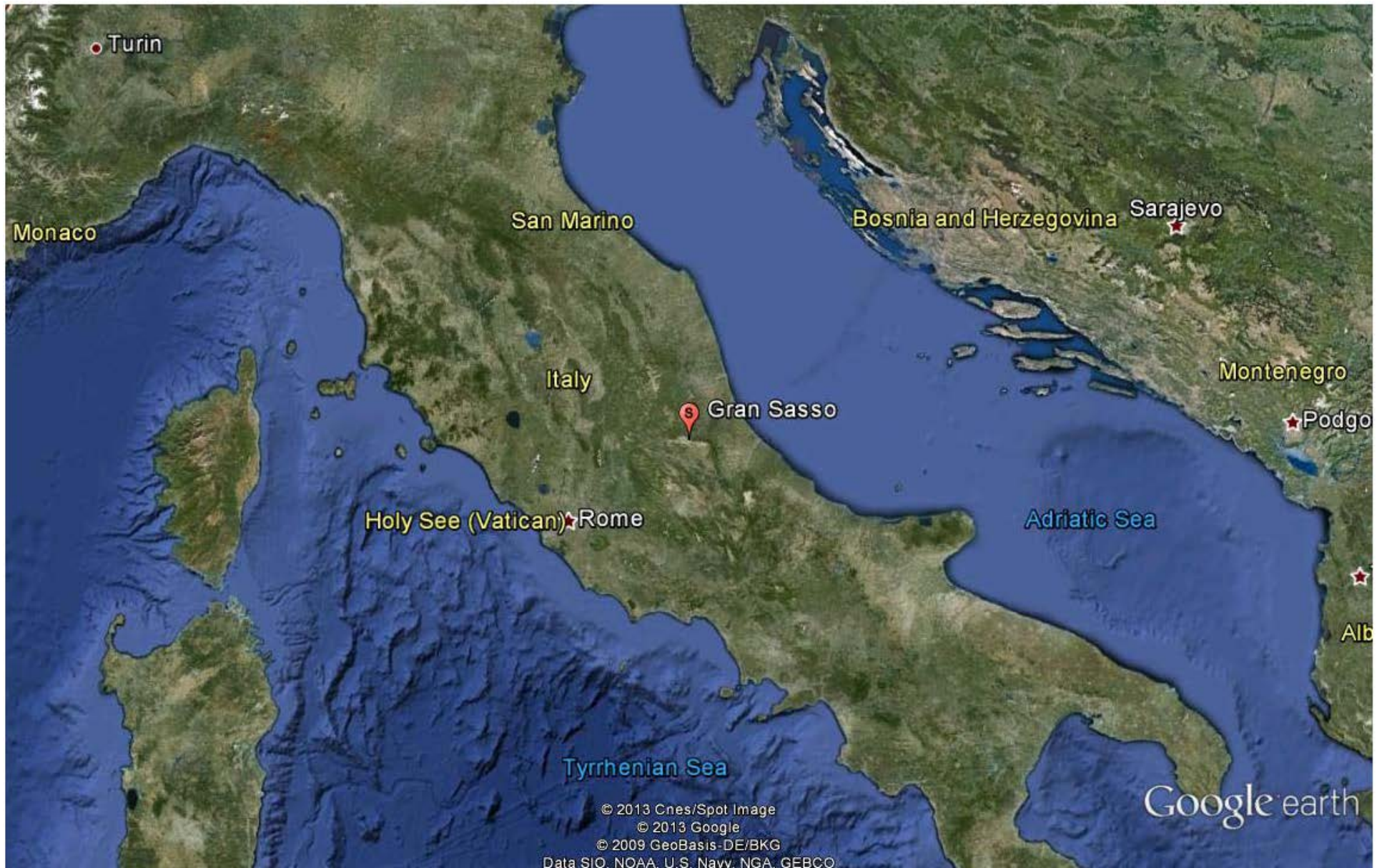
LAGUNA

## Plus

BiPo	$0\nu2\beta$ (screening for S-NEMO)
SuperK-Gd	screening for Super-K-Gd



e<sup>-</sup> track from  $^{137}\text{Cs}$



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**LNGS Gran Sasso**

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# LSNG: Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso

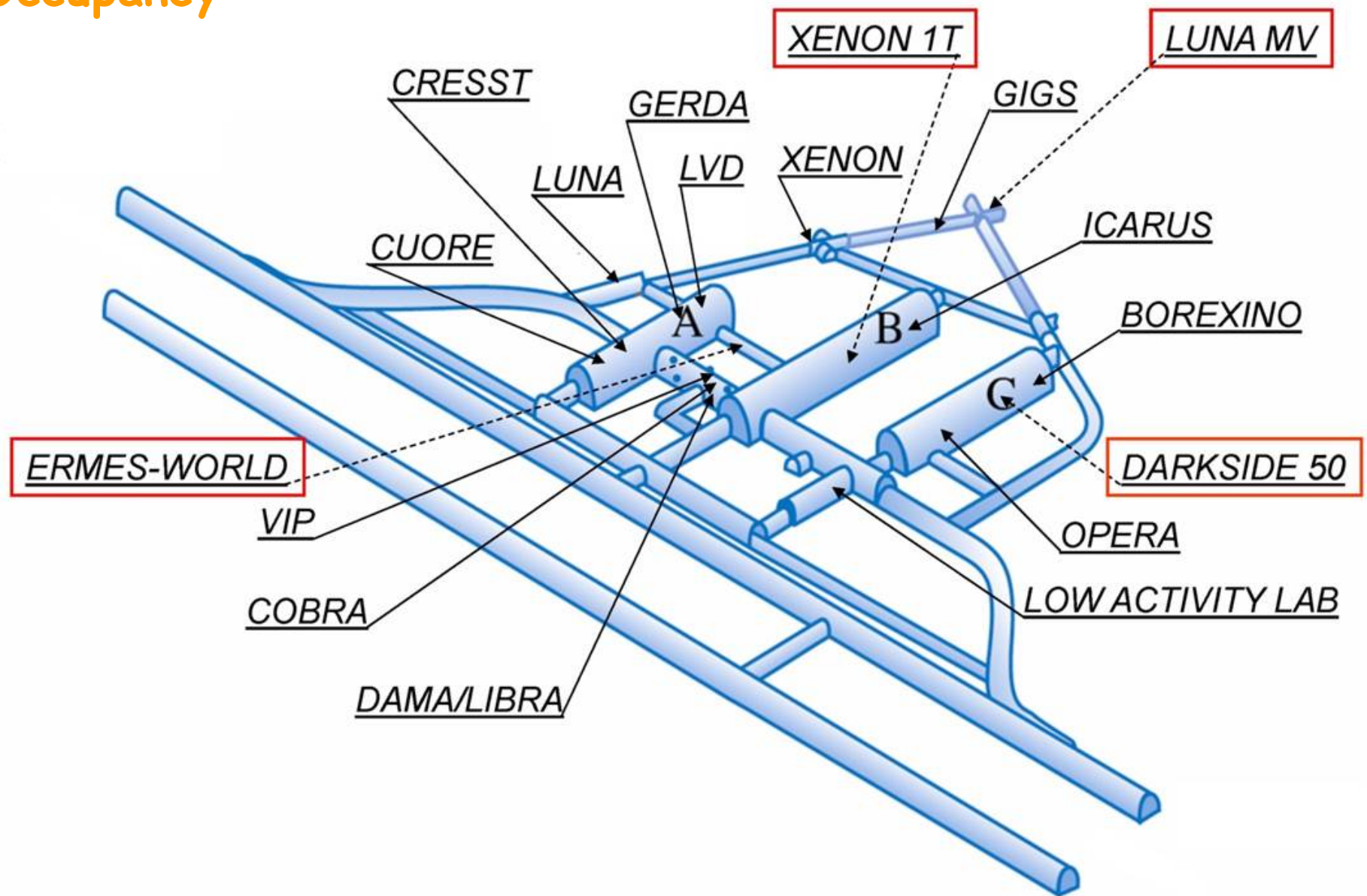
## Largest underground laboratory in the world

- Run by INFN under the Gran Sasso Mountain, Italy
- 120 km far from Rome, completed 1987
- International scientific community (1000 users per year)
- Permanent staff: 82 + 19 temporary positions

## Broad Physics Program:

- ❖ Neutrino physics
  - Neutrinoless double beta decay
  - Solar, geo and supernova neutrinos
  - CNGS neutrinos
- ❖ Dark matter searches
- ❖ Nuclear Astrophysics
- ❖ Geophysics and environmental physics
- ❖ Biology

# Occupancy





# Experimental Program

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	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
<b>Gran Sasso</b>	Dama/Libra CRESST Xenon Darkside	Gerda Cobra Cuore Opera Icarus Borexino LVD	Luna/Luna MV VIP GIGS	Xenon 1000

## Active Experiments

Dama/Libra	DM (NaI, Annual modul.)
Cresst	DM (Cryogenic detectors)
Xenon 100/1T	DM (2phase Xe)
Darkside 50	DM (2 phase Ar)
Gerda	$0\nu 2\beta$
Cobra	$0\nu 2\beta$
Cuore	$0\nu 2\beta$
Borexino	Solar neutrino

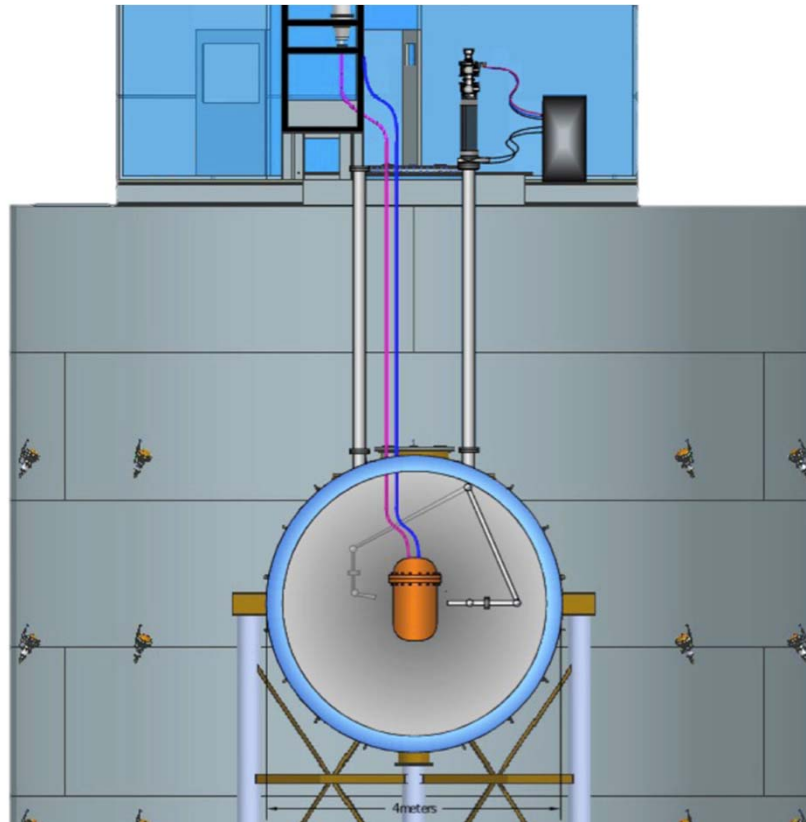
## Active Experiments

Opera	CNGS neutrino
Icarus	CNGS neutrino
LVD	Neutrino
VIP	Violation of PEP
GIGS	Geo-seismicity
Luna/Luna MV	Accel. Nucl Astrop
<b>Plus</b>	
Ermes-World	Low Back Counting

# DarkSide

- Two-phase depleted (in  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ ) Lar TPC
- LAr technology earlier developed at LNGS in the past (WArP)
- Prototype with 10 kg of Lar in operation underground since one year
- 50kg detector in construction

**DarkSide50**







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**LSM Modane**

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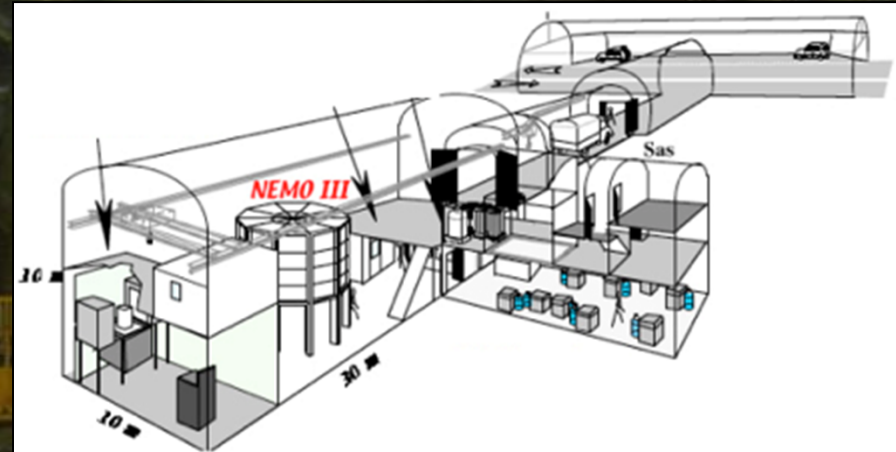


# Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane

Depth: **1700 m**  
**4800 m.w.e.**

Surface: **400 m<sup>2</sup>**

Volume : **3500 m<sup>3</sup>**



Budget (full cost): **1 M€/yr**

Staff: **3 Physicists**

**3 Engineers**

**7 Technicians**

International associated laboratory agreement with JINR Dubna (Russia) and CTU Prague (Czech Republic)



# Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
Modane	Edelweiss II	SuperNemo Sedine	TGV SHIN	Eureca DM Mimac DM

## Active Experiments

Edelweiss II	DM (Ge cryogenic)
SuperNemo	$0\nu 2\beta$ (various targets)
Sedine	SuperNova neutrino detector
TGV	Nucl Structure: Double electron capture
SHIN	Nucl Structure: Super Heavy Elements

## Future:

R&D towards Eureca (DM) and Mimac (DM with directional sensitivity)

## Plus:

Low Background expertise: HPGe, Radon detectors, neutron detectors...

Biology

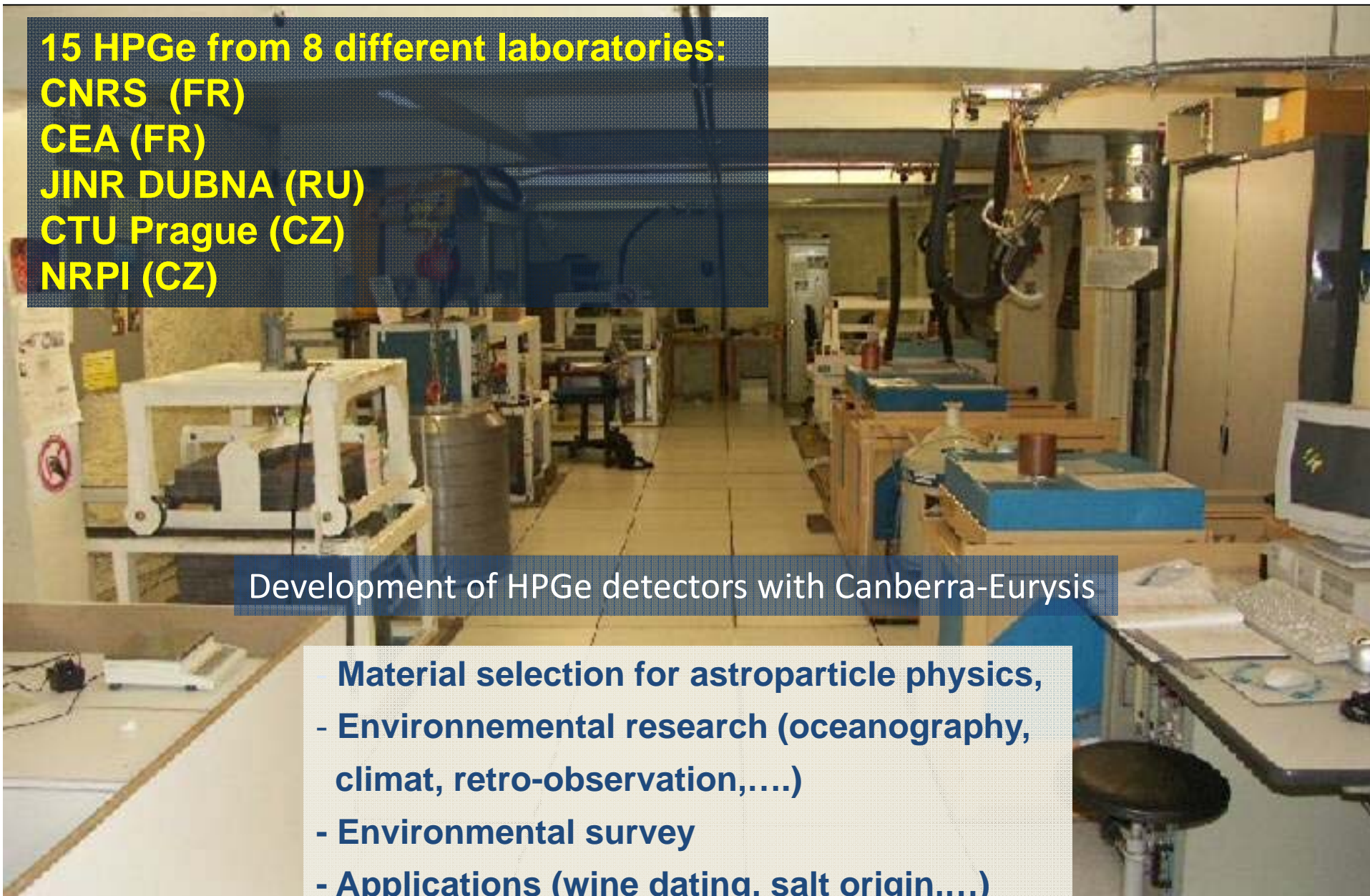


# Gamma ray spectroscopy @ LSM

**15 HPGe from 8 different laboratories:**  
**CNRS (FR)**  
**CEA (FR)**  
**JINR DUBNA (RU)**  
**CTU Prague (CZ)**  
**NRPI (CZ)**

Development of HPGe detectors with Canberra-Eurysis

- Material selection for astroparticle physics,**
- Environnemental research (oceanography, climat, retro-observation,....)**
- Environmental survey**
- Applications (wine dating, salt origin,...)**

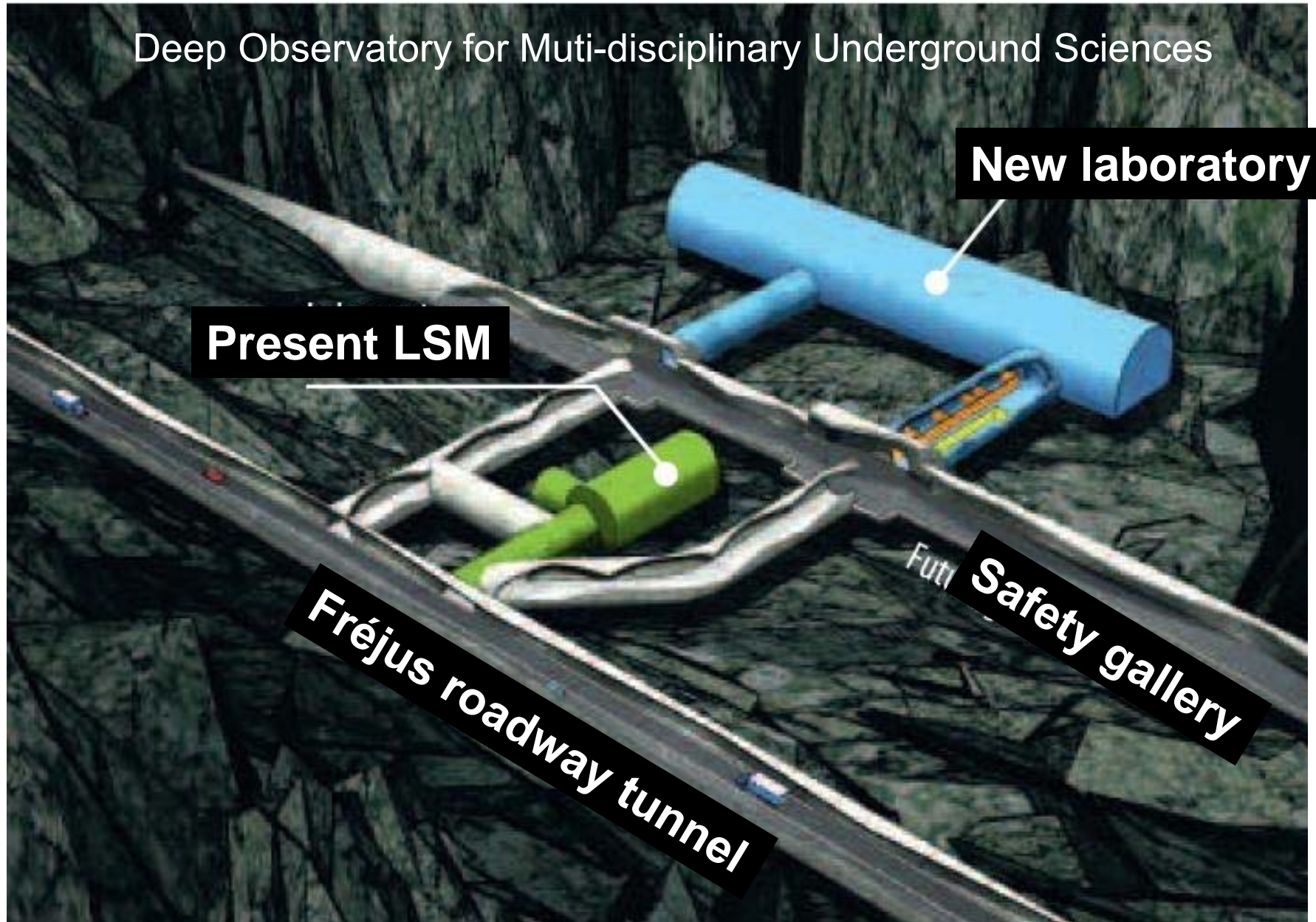






# DOMUS: LSM extension

Deep Observatory for Multi-disciplinary Underground Sciences

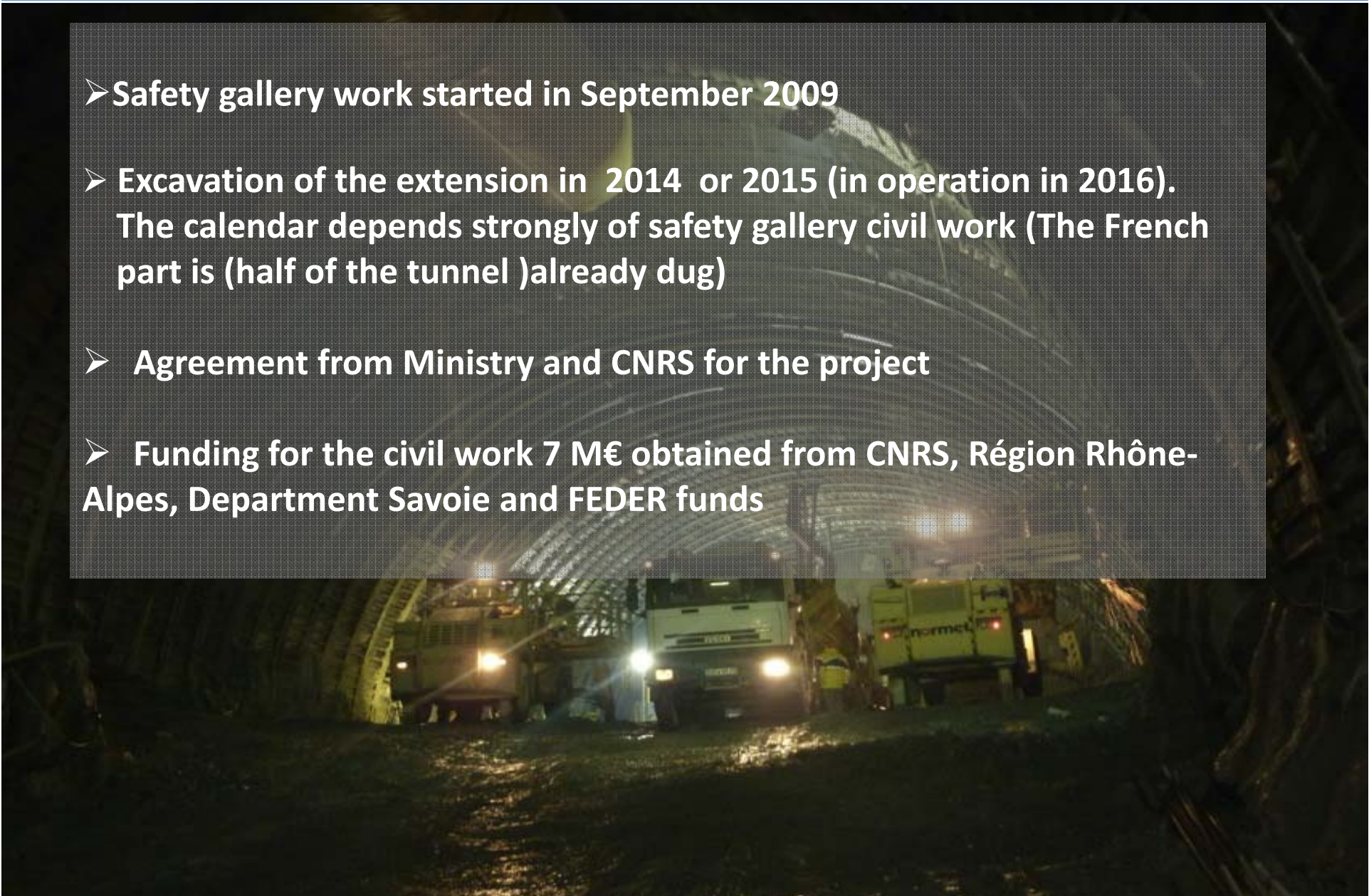






# LSM Extension project

- Safety gallery work started in September 2009
- Excavation of the extension in 2014 or 2015 (in operation in 2016).  
The calendar depends strongly of safety gallery civil work (The French part is (half of the tunnel )already dug)
- Agreement from Ministry and CNRS for the project
- Funding for the civil work 7 M€ obtained from CNRS, Région Rhône-Alpes, Department Savoie and FEDER funds







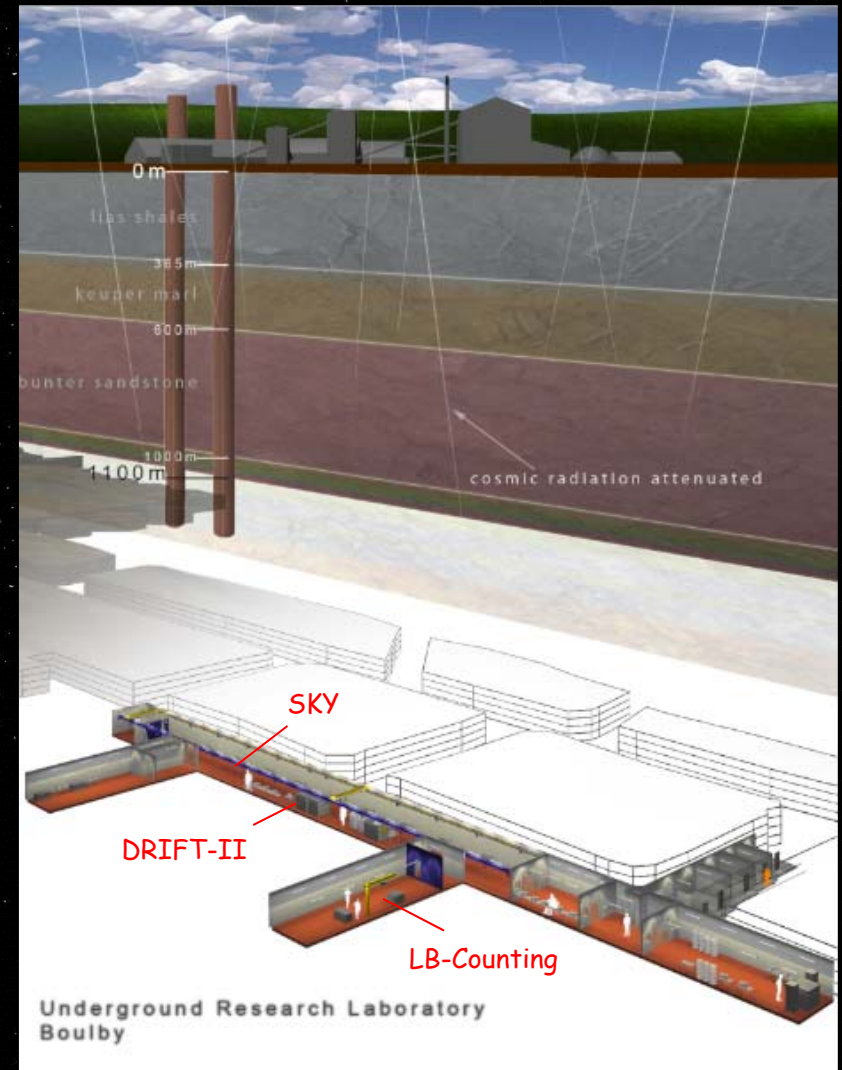
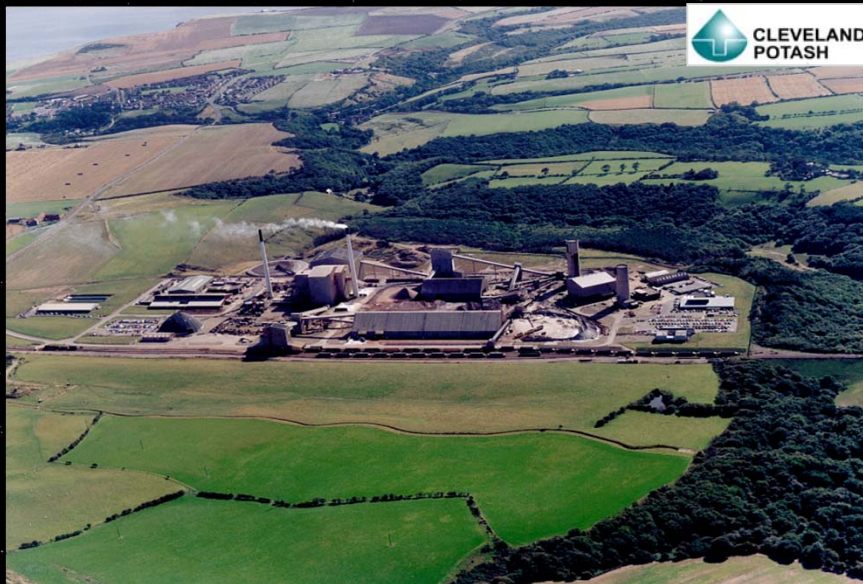
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**Boulby**

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# Boulby Underground Laboratory

- A working potash and rock-salt mine on the North East coast of England
- 1100m deep (2805mwe) – Cosmic ray muon flux reduced by  $10^6$
- Surrounding Rock Salt naturally low in Uranium & Thorium giving low gamma, neutron and Radon backgrounds.





# Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
Boulby	Drift		Tomography SKY	Laguna

## Active Astroparticle Physics Experiments

Drift

Directional DM

## Diverse multi-disciplinary science programme under-development:

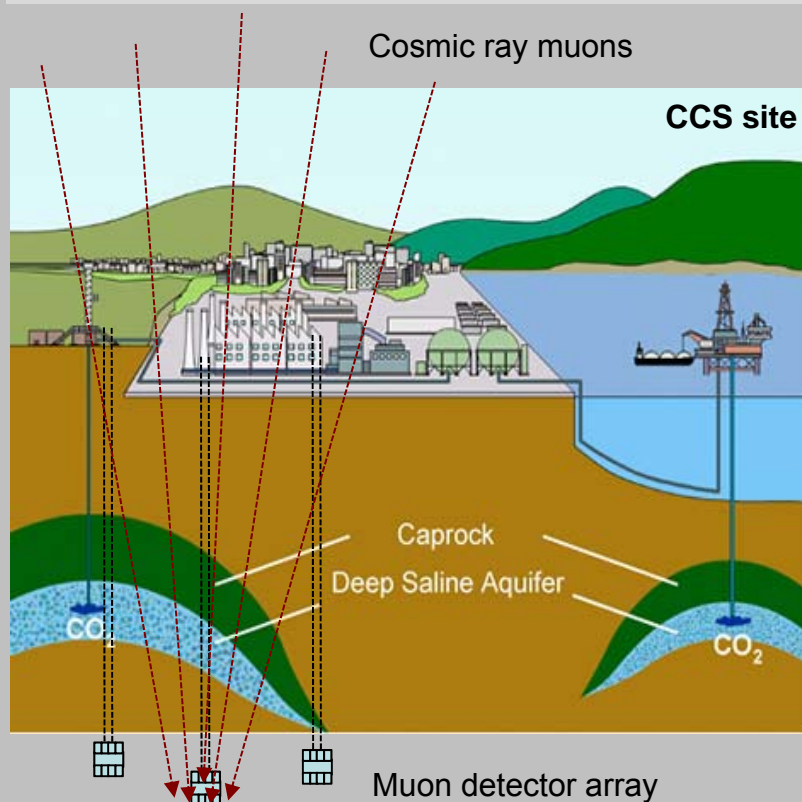
Funded projects underway include:

- SKY: Cosmoclimatology,
- Muon Tomography / Carbon Capture,
- Environmental Low Background Counting,
- Geo/AstroBiology & Misc Geology studies.

# Muon Tomography @ Boulby

Development of a powerful new techniques for deep 3D geological surveying - using cosmic ray muons...

STFC-Boulby,  
Durham,  
Sheffield, Bath,  
NASA



**Muon Tomography:** potentially of significant value for various deep geological mapping appls, inc CCS

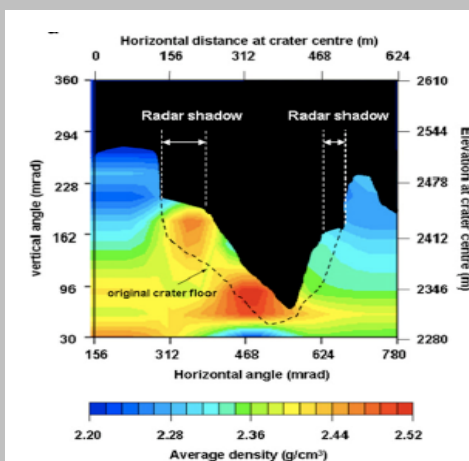
Technique  
already proven  
for volcano  
interiors

## Applications?

- Deep geological repository monitoring.
- Monitoring in Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)

## Why Muon tomography? Why Boulby?

- Potential for cheap, reliable, practical, real-time long-term monitoring of deep structures
- **Boulby site & skills uniquely well suited for development & testing:** appropriate depths, ease of access, infrastructure & expertise, known geology



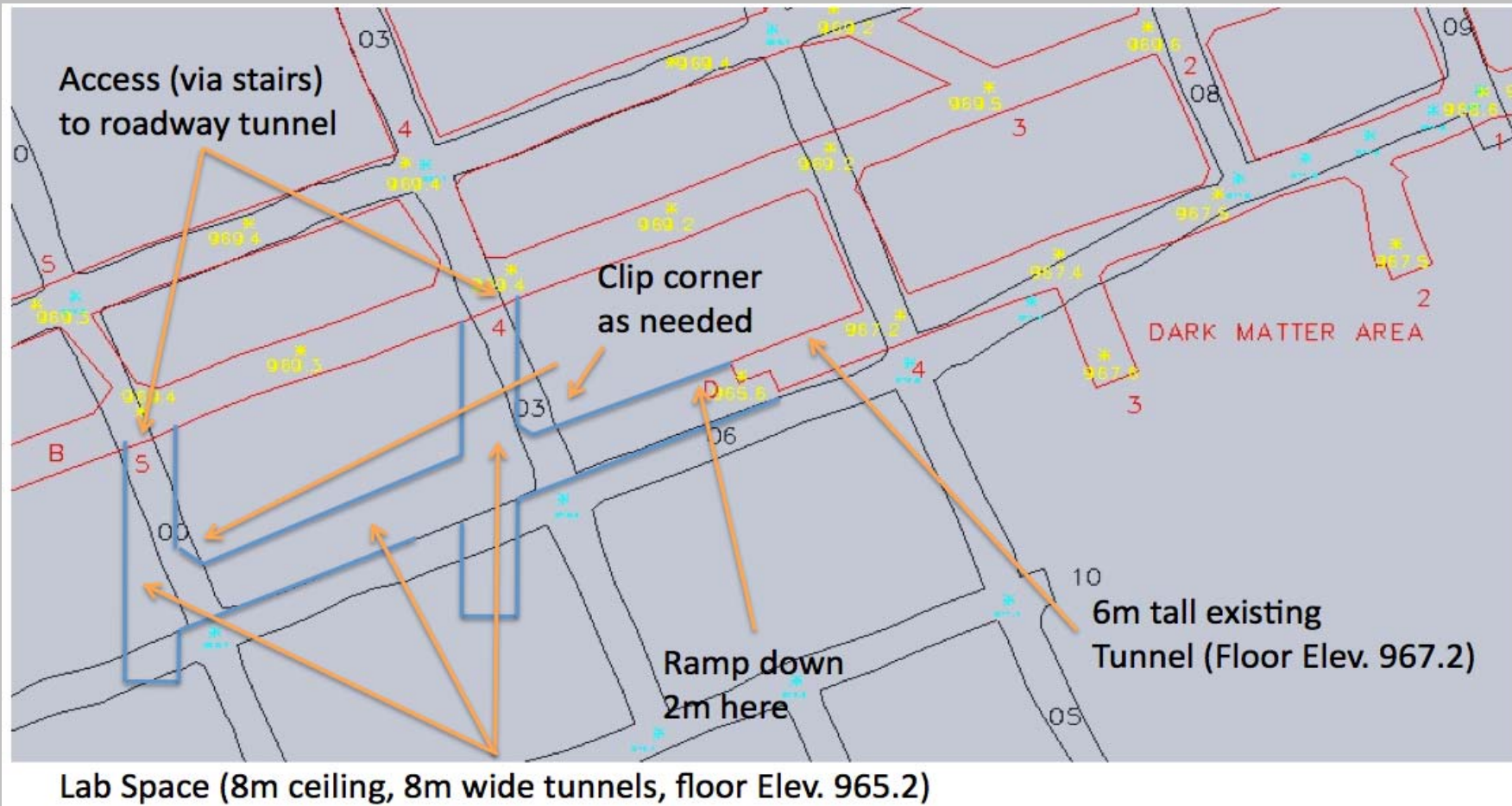
Already proven for shallower uses:  
- Volcanos & pyramids interiors

Image from Mt Asama volcano study:  
Earth & planetary Science Letters. 263 (2007) 104-113



# Facility Expansion Plans...

Proposed excavations to allow a new lab  $>1000\text{m}^2$ .



Excavations offered **free** by mine operators CPL



Thanks to T. Enqvist for providing updated information  
**Centre for Underground Physics in Pyhäsalmi (CUPP)**

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# Experimental Program

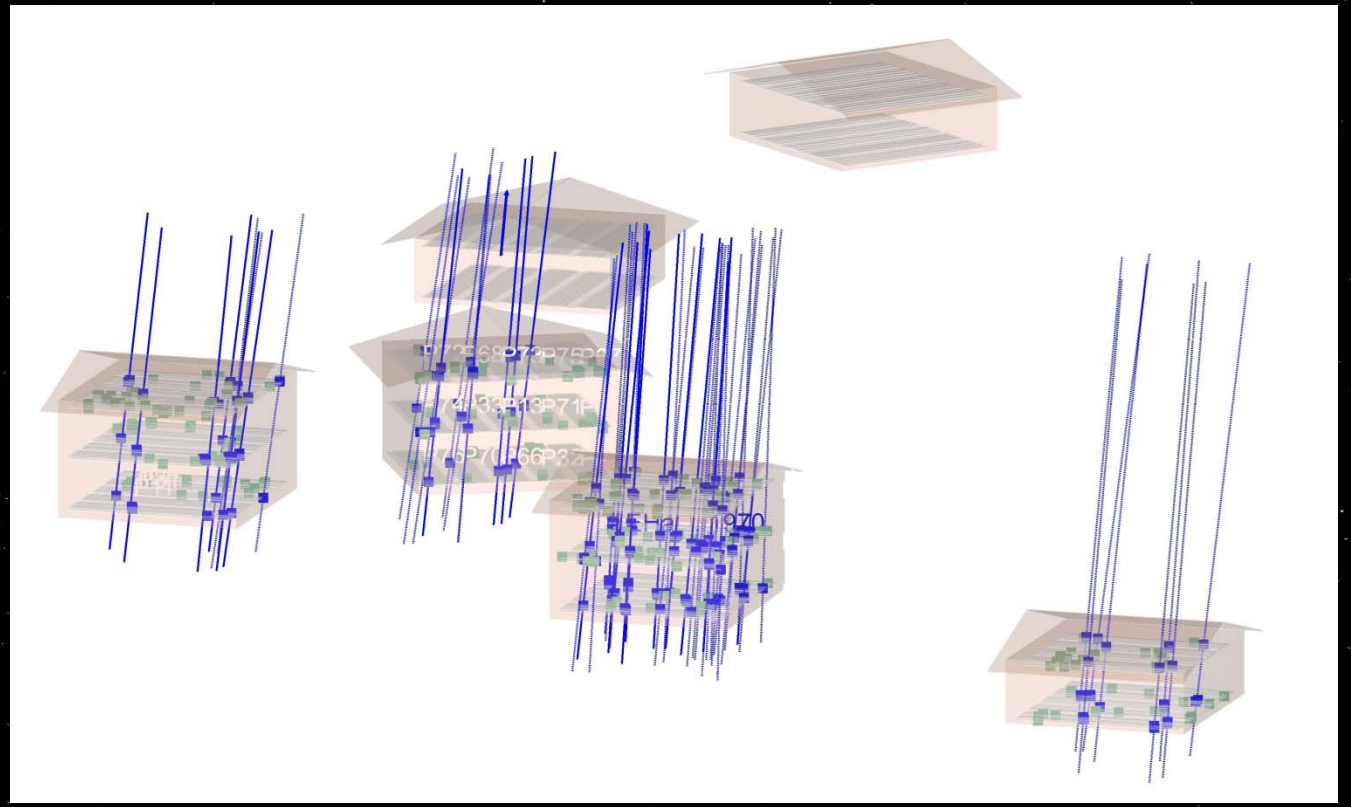
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	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
CUPP			Emma	Laguna

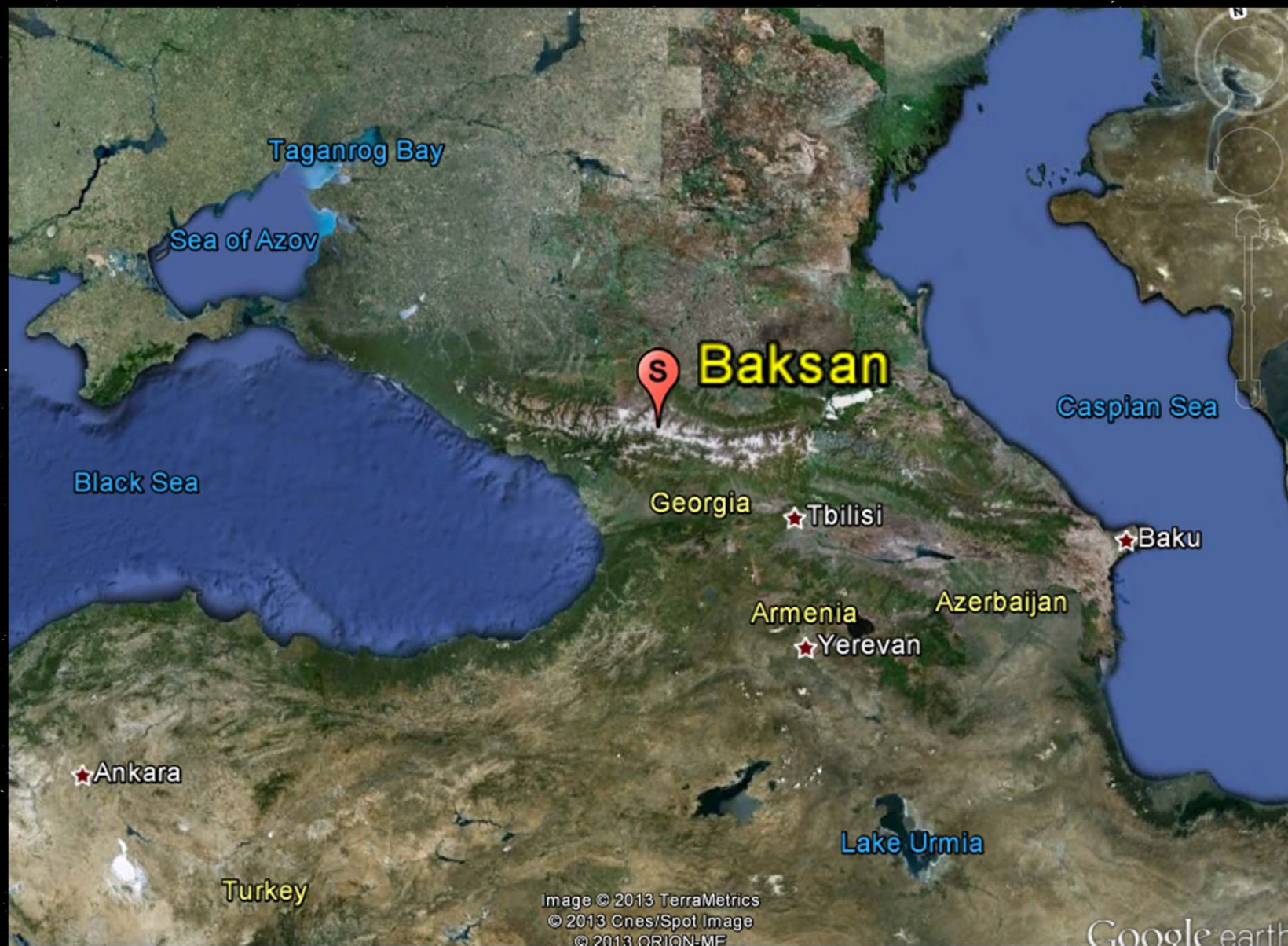
## Active Astroparticle Physics Experiments

EMMA Comic Ray Observatory that can measure lateral extent of shower.

Potential site for  
Laguna

Currently occupy  
shallow site (75 m)  
but are looking at  
options to extend  
deeper into mine.  
(Currently mine is at  
~1400 m)





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## Baksan Neutrino Observatory



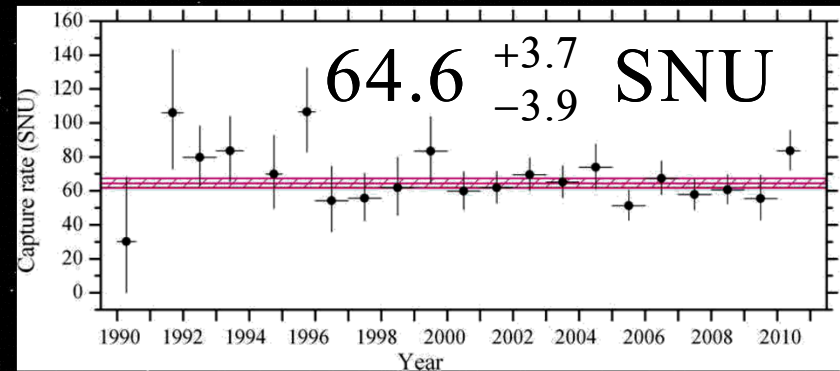
# Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
Baksan		SAGE	BUST 2 $\beta$	

## Active Physics Experiments

BUST      Comic Ray Observatory / Gravitational Collapse

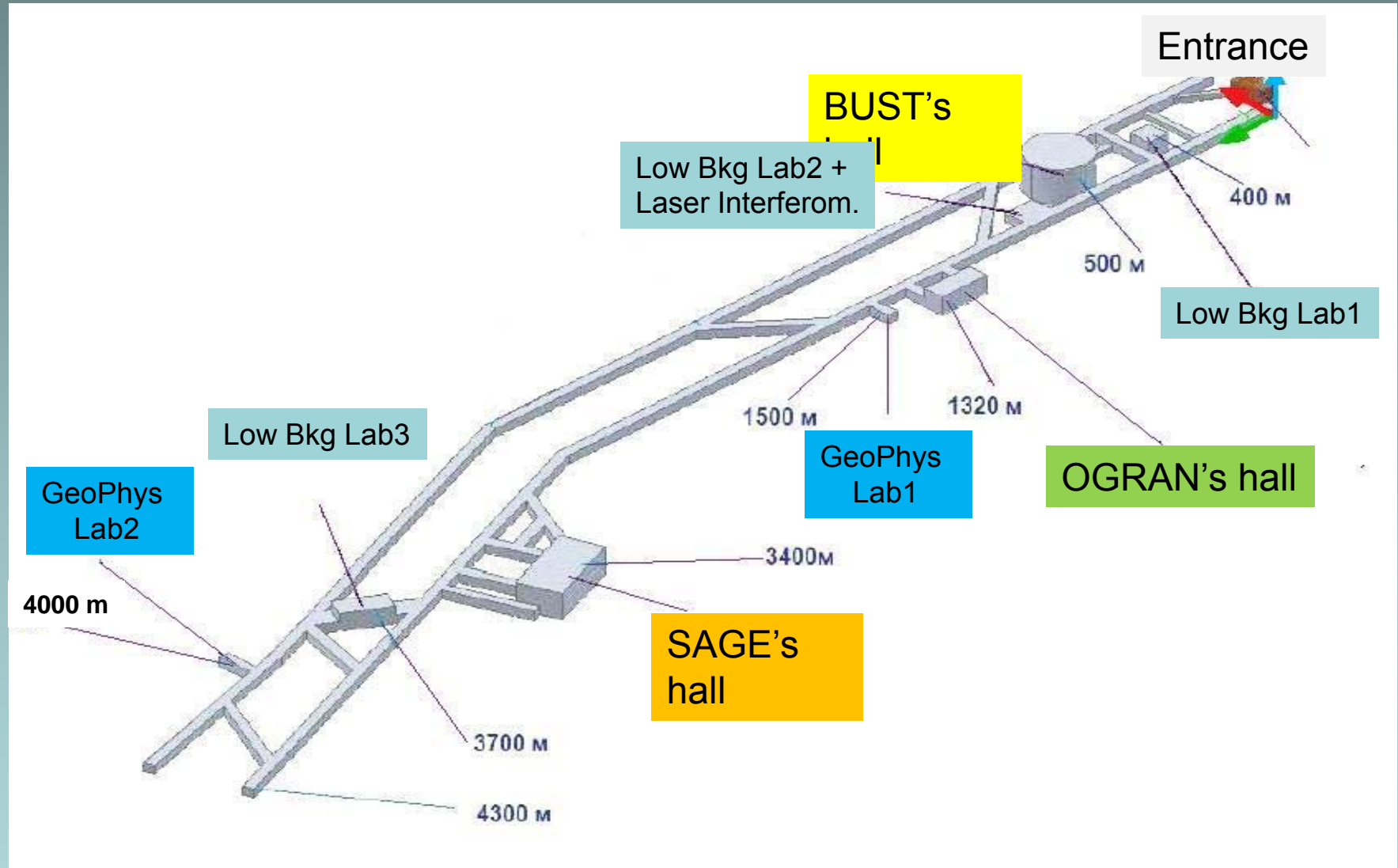
SAGE      Solar Neutrino Observatory. 20 years of data!



Low Background / Rare Decay processes (2 $\beta$ )

- **Nd-150:**  $T_{1/2}(2\nu) = (1.9^{+0.7}_{-0.4}) \cdot 10^{20} \text{ y}$ ,  $T_{1/2}(0\nu) \geq 1.7 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ y}$
- **Ge-76:**  $T_{1/2}(2\nu) = (9.0 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^{20} \text{ y}$ ,  $T_{1/2}(0\nu) \geq 1.6 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ y}$
- **Xe-136:**  $T_{1/2}(2\nu) = (5.5^{+4.6}_{-1.7}) \cdot 10^{21} \text{ y}$  (new)
- **Kr-78 (2K-capture):**  $T_{1/2}(2K, 2\nu+0\nu) = (1.4^{+2.2}_{-0.7}) \cdot 10^{22} \text{ y}$  (90% c.l.) (new)

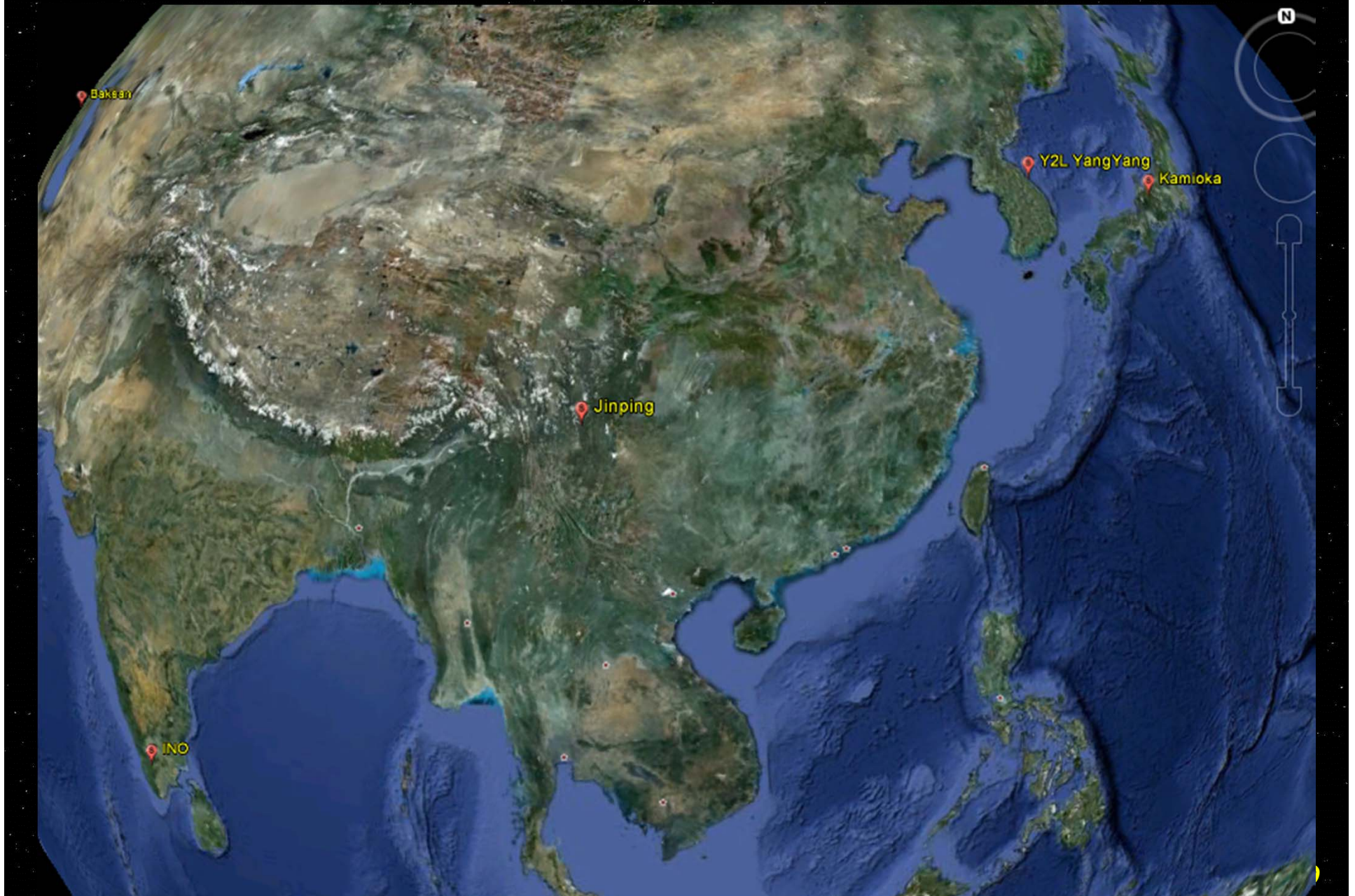
Geophysics and Gravity



## Underground Laboratories of the BNO INR RAS



## 4 Facilities in India/Asia







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**Indian Neutrino Observatory**

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## Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
INO				ICAL TBD

### Planned Physics Experiments...Lab in design stage.

ICAL      Neutrino studies, neutrino mixing

TBD      Space available for DM, Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

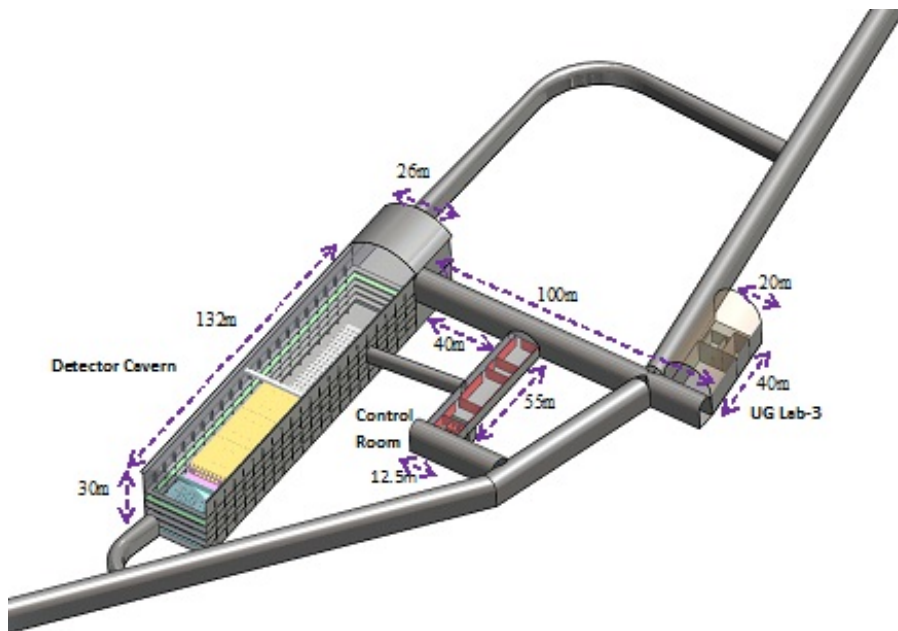
- Environmental and Forest Clearance for the site obtained.
- 26 hectares of land provided free by local state government for setting up surface facilities near portal location.
- 13 hectares of land acquired at Madurai for a INO centre.
- Local Govt. agencies will start laying water pipeline and approach road construction soon. Funds for both transferred to the respective Govt. agencies.
- Fencing work at both sites will start soon. Preparation for master plan for Madurai site has started. Tender documents for the master plan and structural design for the underground lab and surface facilities at Pottipuram is under preparation.
- Underground laboratory is expected to be ready by 2017.



INO site is located 115 km west of the temple city of Madurai



Madurai –the nearest major city



- The cavern-I is set under 1589 m peak with vertical rock cover of 1289 m.
- Accessible through a 1.9 km long tunnel
- Cavern -1 (size: 132m x 26m x 30m) will host 50 kt ICAL detector. Space available for additional 50 kt.
- Cavern-2 ( size: 55m x 12.5 m x 8.6 m) & Cavern-3 ( 20m x10m x 10m) available for other experiments ( NDBD, Dark Matter ....).



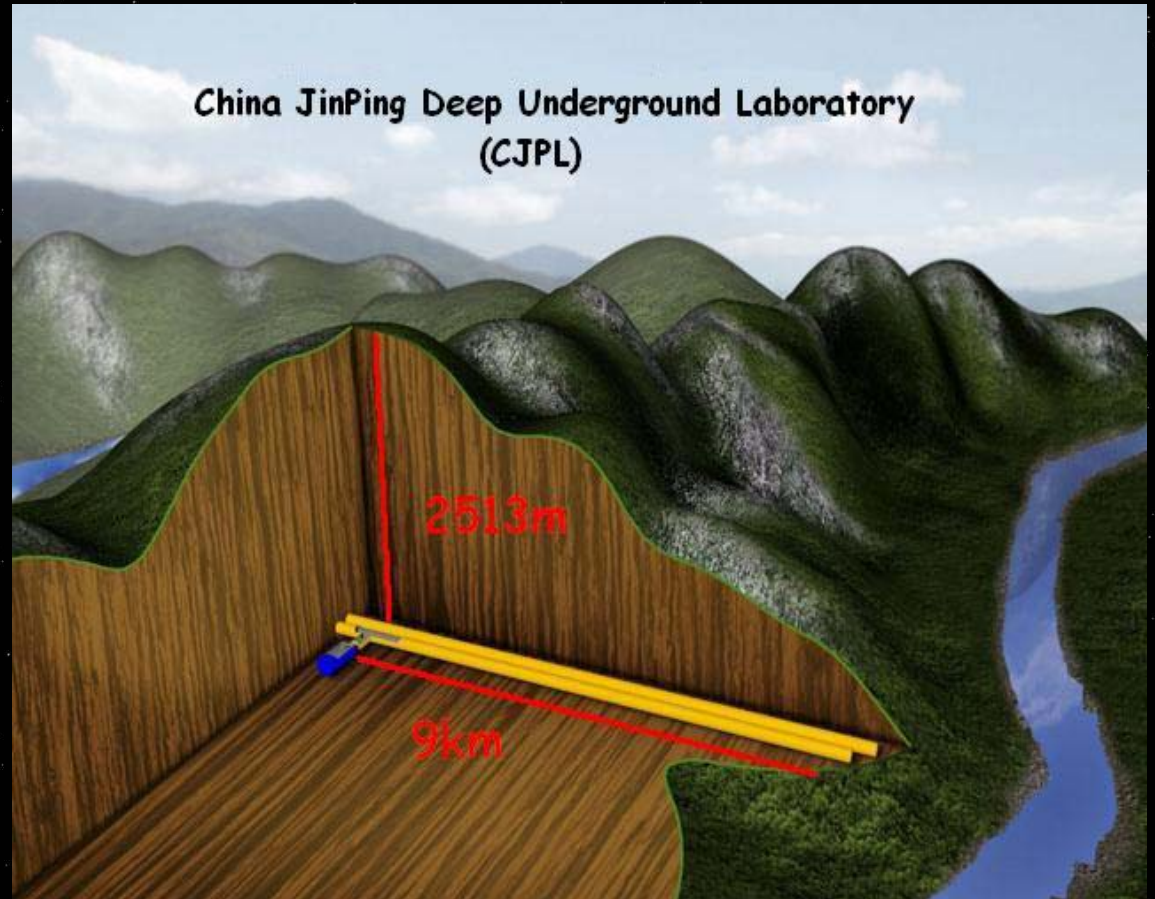
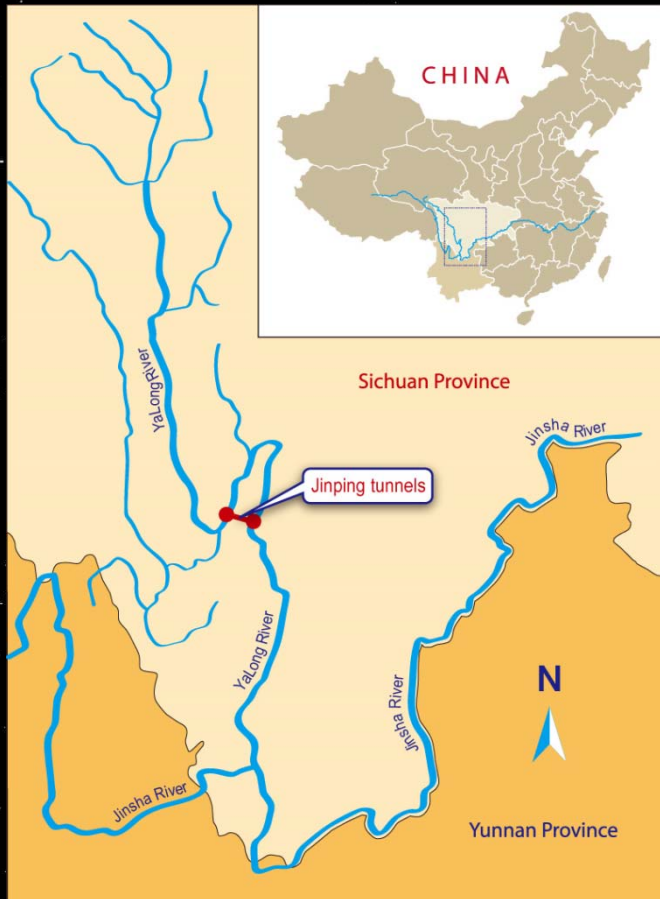


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**China JinPing underground Laboratory (CJPL)**

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CJPL is the deepest underground lab in the world.



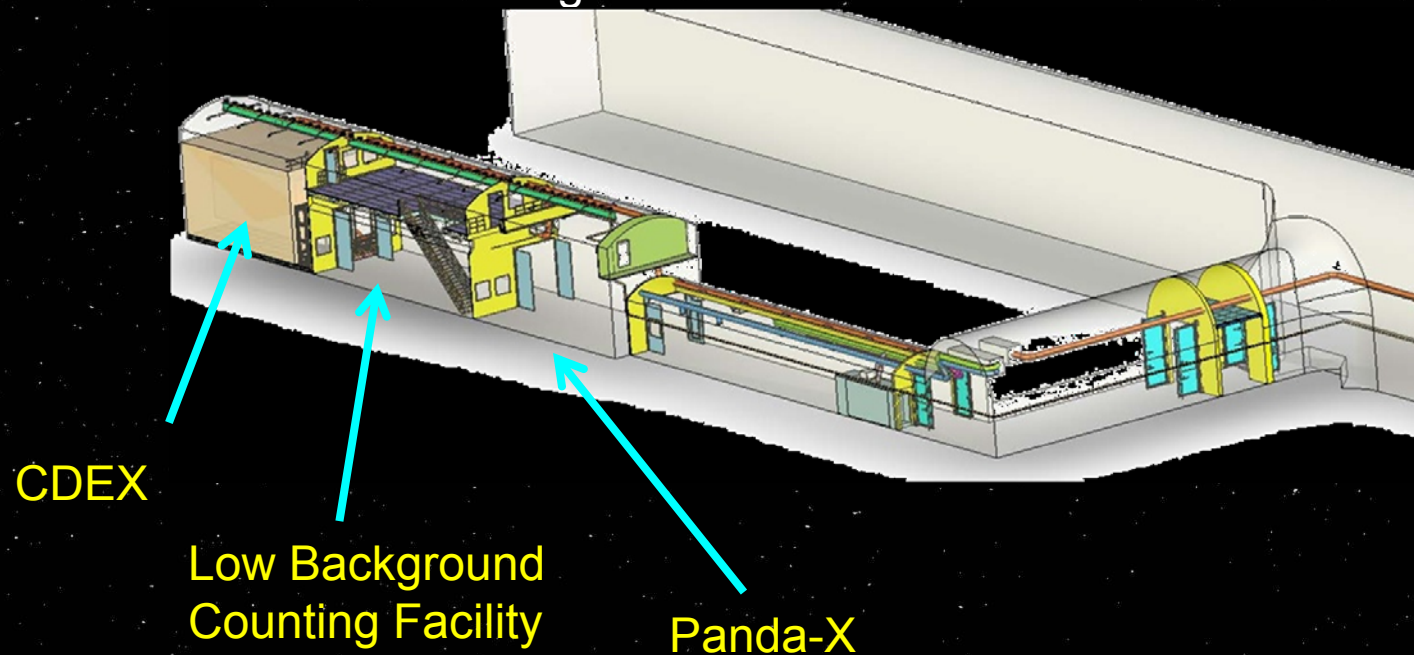
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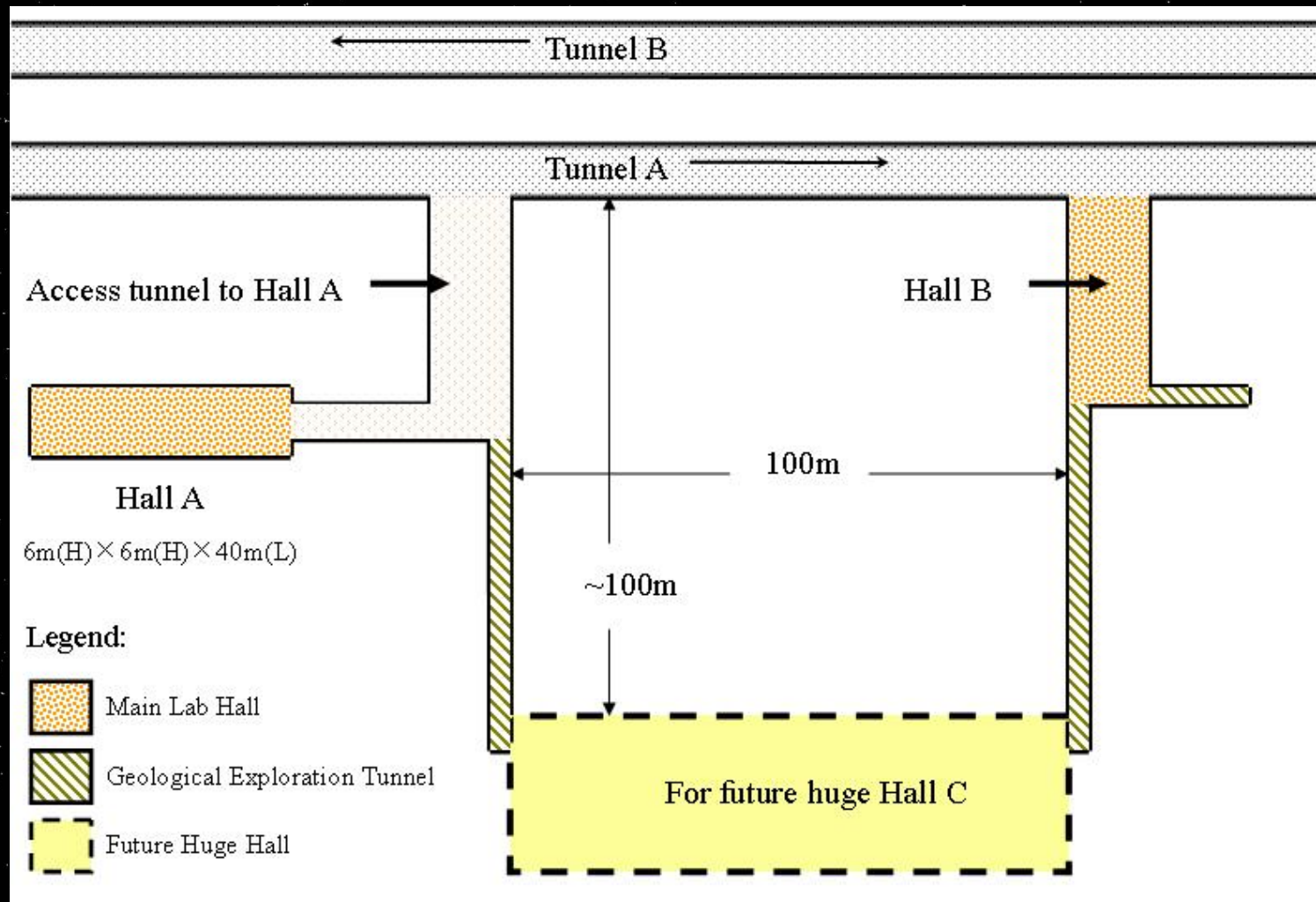
	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
CJPL	CDEX Panda-X		Low Bgnd	

## Physics Program

CDEX Low threshold HPGe detectors for low mass WIMP searches

PANDA-X Liquid Xenon detector for dark matter search. Current version, 30 Kg fiducial. Aiming at Tonne Scale





Expansion plans at CJPL





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**Kamioka Observatory**

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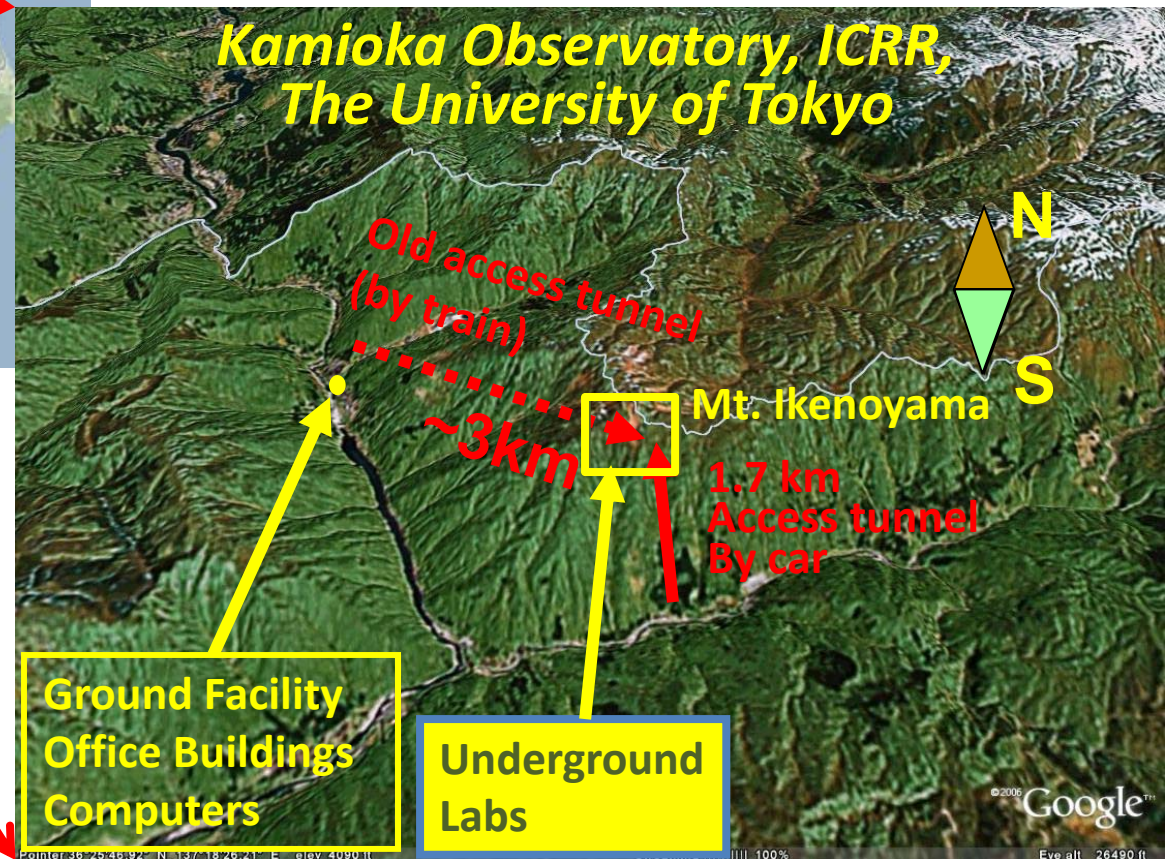
# Kamioka Observatory



- **Location**

- Northern part of Gifu pref.
- 40 minutes drive from Toyama airport, where is 1 hour flight from Tokyo Airport

- 1000 m underground
- 24 hours access by car
- Horizontal access
- 10 minutes from the ground facility



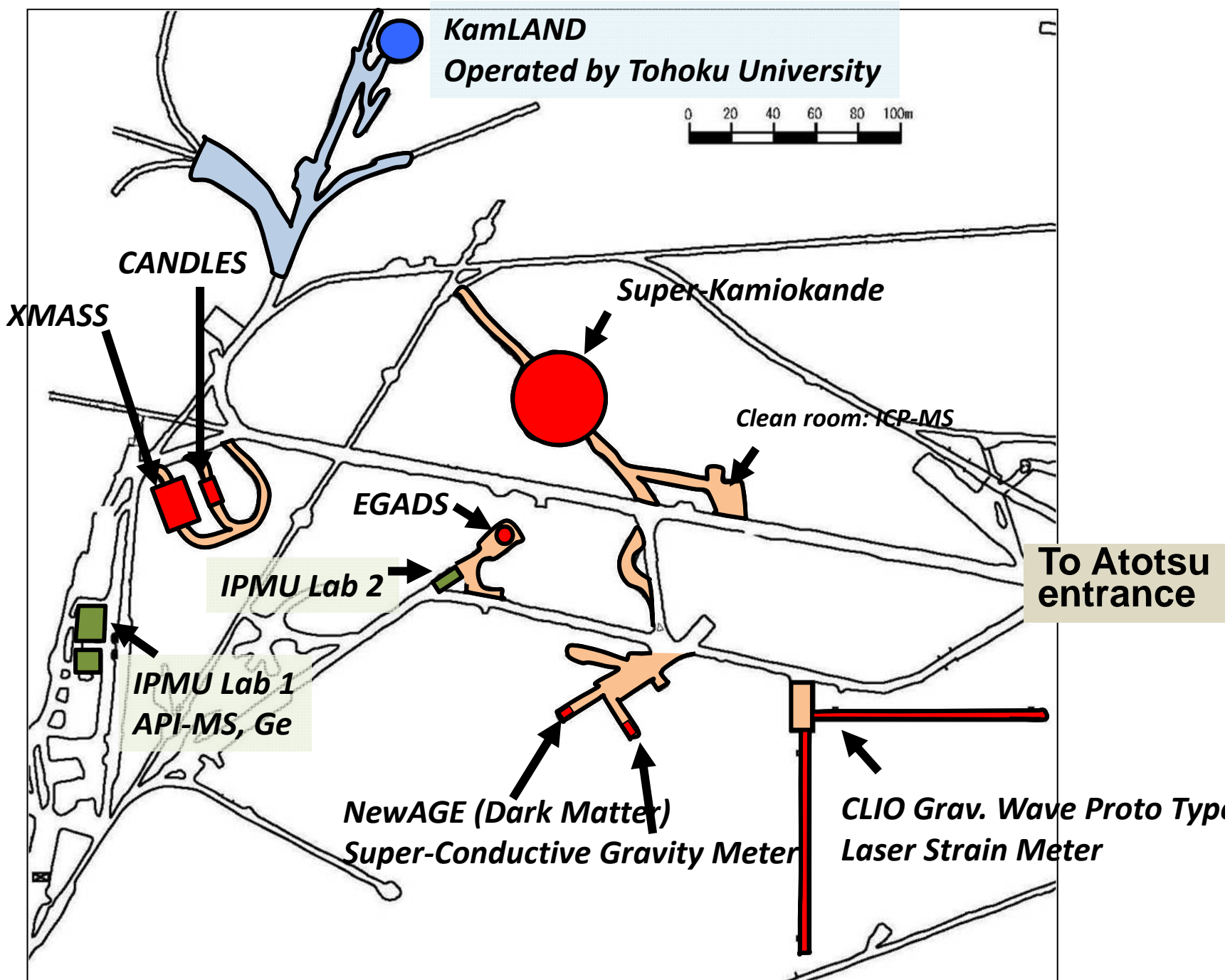


# Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
Kamioka	Xmass NewAge	SuperK/T2K Gadzook/Egad Candles Kamland-Zen	KAGRA/CLIO	HyperK

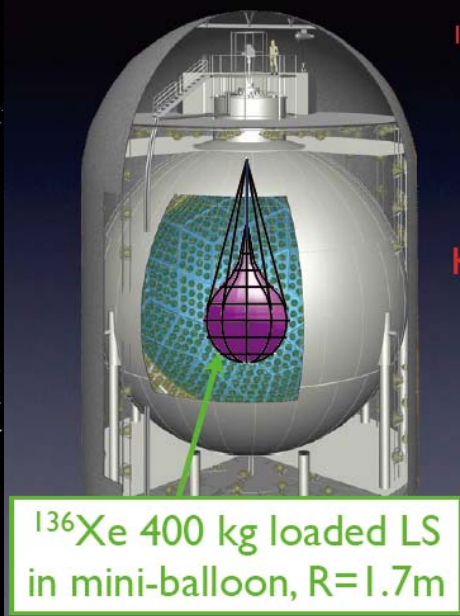
## Physics Program

XMASS	DM with Xe
NewAge	Directional Dark Matter with CF <sub>4</sub>
SuperK	Solar neutrinos
SuperK plus T2K	Long base line neutrino oscillations
SuperK plus Gadzooks	Neutron tag – relic Supernova neutrinos, proton decay, reactor neutrino ...
EGADS	Prototype for Gadzooks
Candles	$0\nu\beta\beta$ with <sup>48</sup> Ca
KAGRA/CLIO	Gravitational Waves (Funded)
HyperK	Even bigger than SuperK Precision neutrino oscillations, CP...





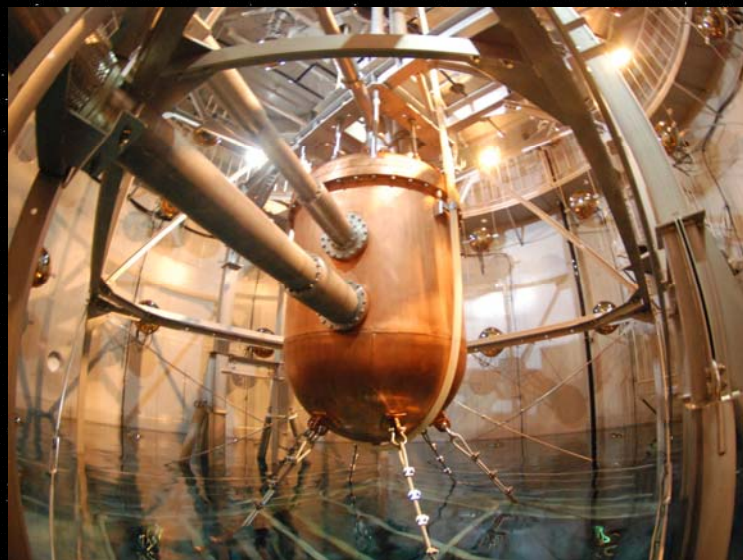
## Experimental Progress



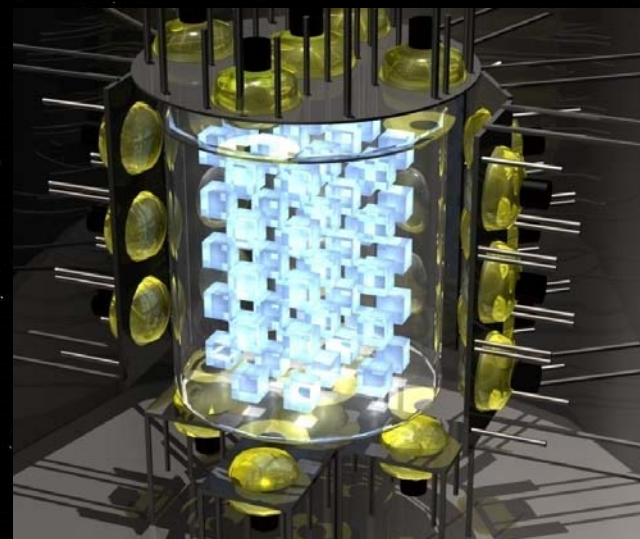
Kamland Zen



EGADS (Feasibility study for Gadzooks)

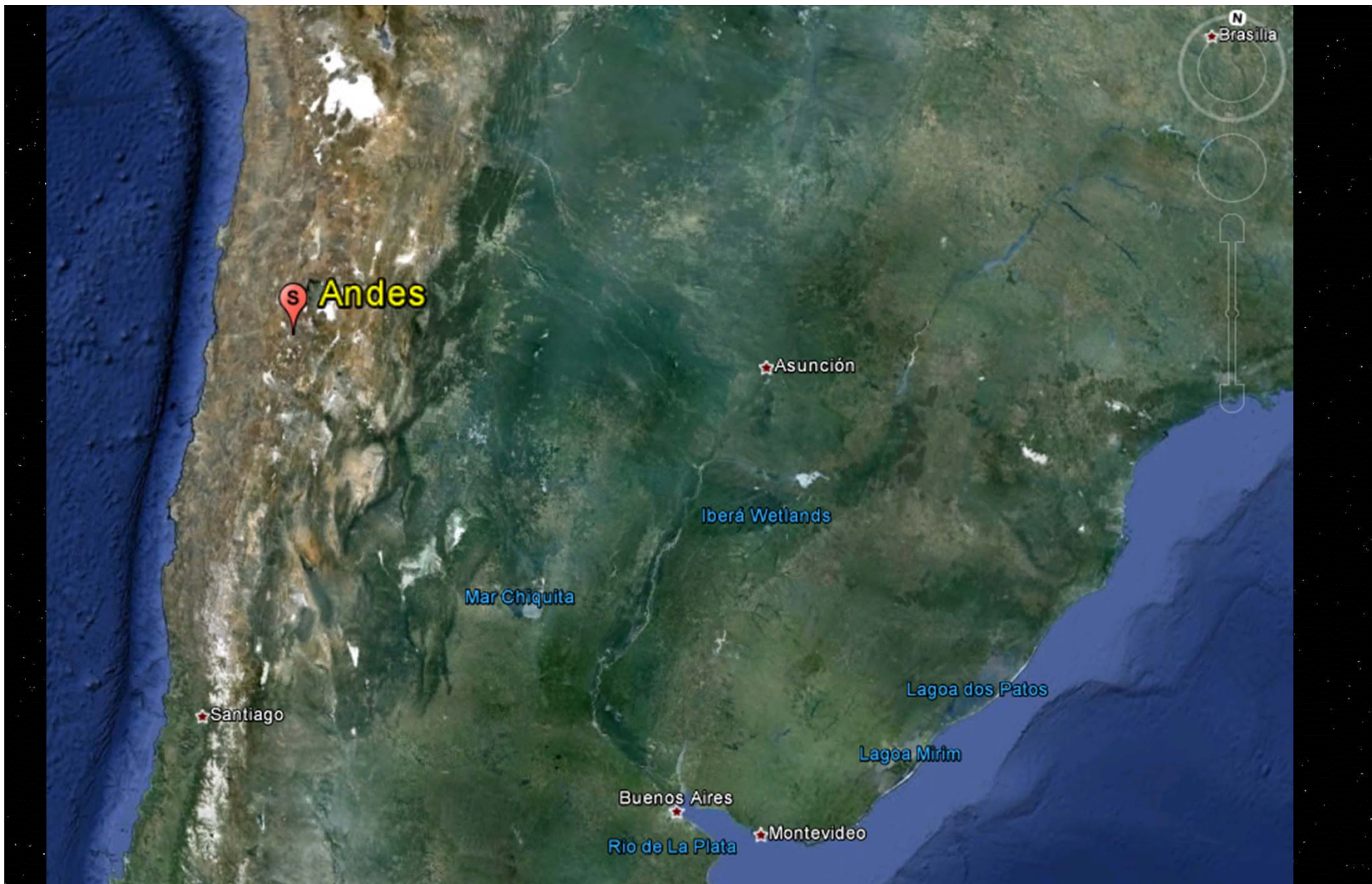


XMASS (operational)



Candles (commissioning)





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**Planned Andes Lab**

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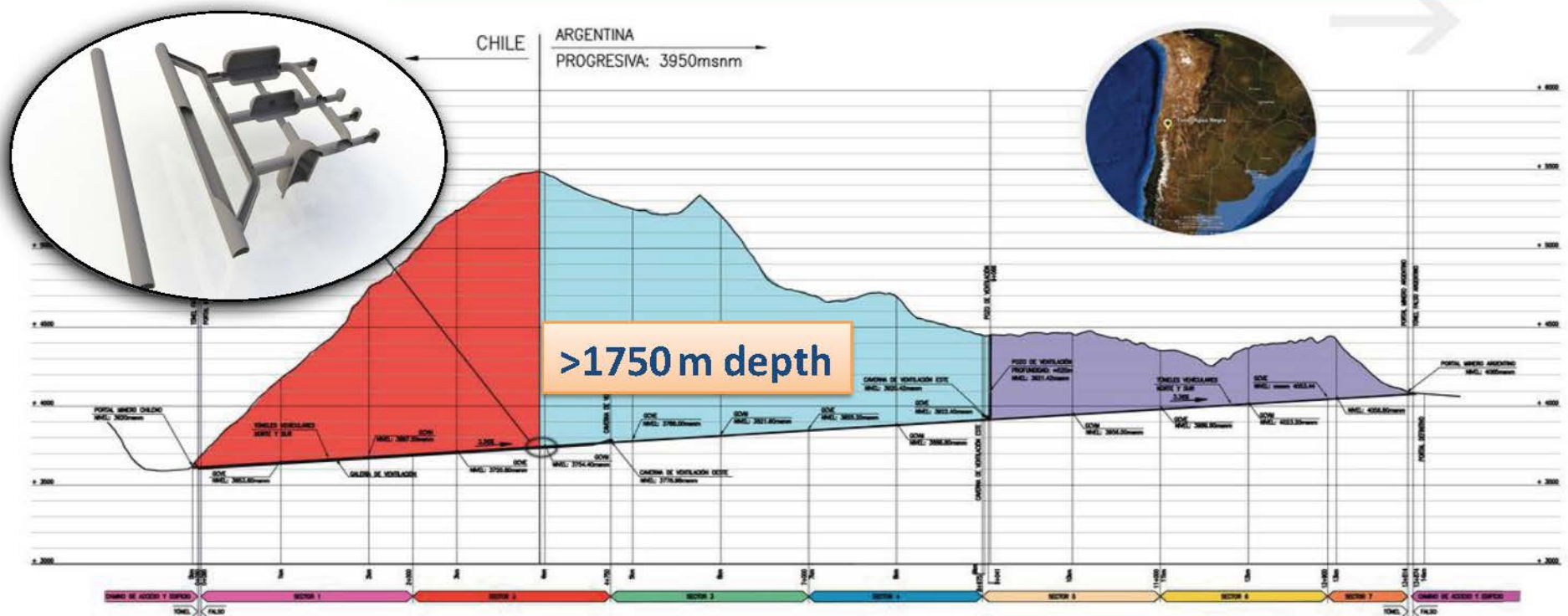


# ANDES

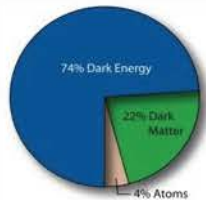
## The Agua Negra deep underground laboratory

- Agua Negra tunnel between Argentina and Chile, linking MERCOSUR to Asia
- Possible laboratory location as deep (or deeper) than Modane
- Tunnel tender started in January 2013, opening expected 2019-2020
- Horizontal access, size of  $\sim 4\,000\text{ m}^2$  and  $\sim 65\,000\text{ m}^3$  in 7 halls and pits

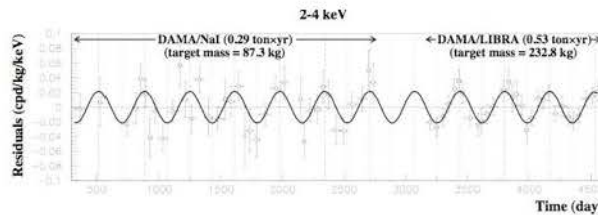
Only deep underground laboratory in the southern hemisphere



# ANDES: Agua Negra Deep Experiment Site



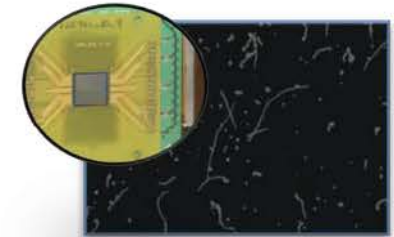
## Dark Matter



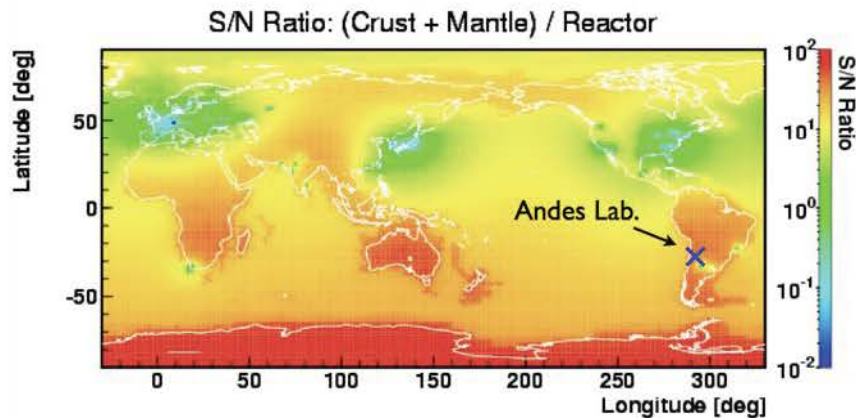
DAMA/LIBRA yearly modulation, to investigate in Southern hemisphere



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

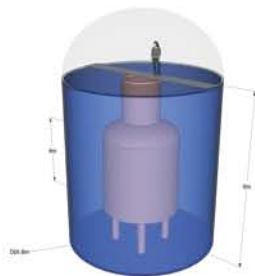


Study new particle detection techniques, ex: CCD



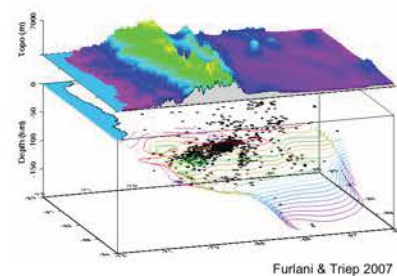
## Neutrinos

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



## Possible Ultra low radiation room

Environmental measurements, material selection...



## Geophysics laboratory

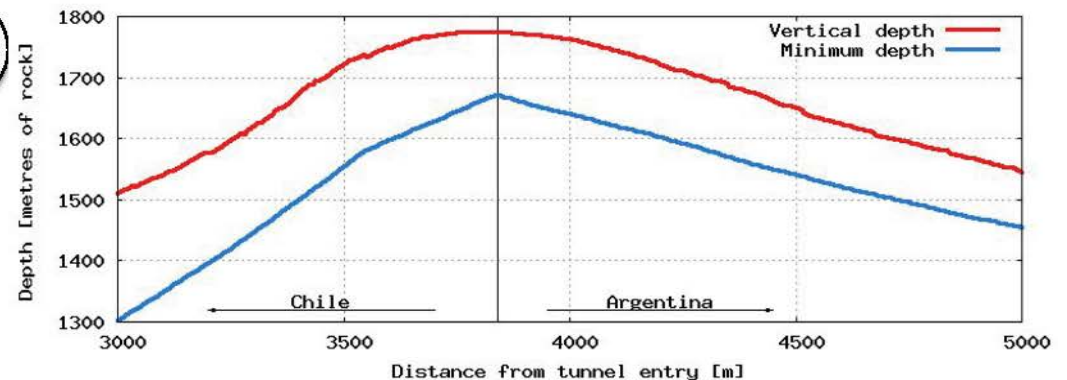
Local active region, Seismograph network junction (Argentina+Chile), Magnetic and Gravimetric studies

+ accelerator science, interdisciplinary science...



# ANDES: Agua Negra Deep Experiment Site

- Main hall  
(21 m x 23 m x 50 m)
- Secondary hall  
(16 m x 14 m x 50 m)
- Offices and small labs
- Low radiation pit
- Large single experiment pit  
(~  $\varnothing$  30 m, 30 m tall)



Vertical depth: 1775 m, omnidirectional: 1675 m

Rock Studies  
(from test samples  
~ 600 m deep)



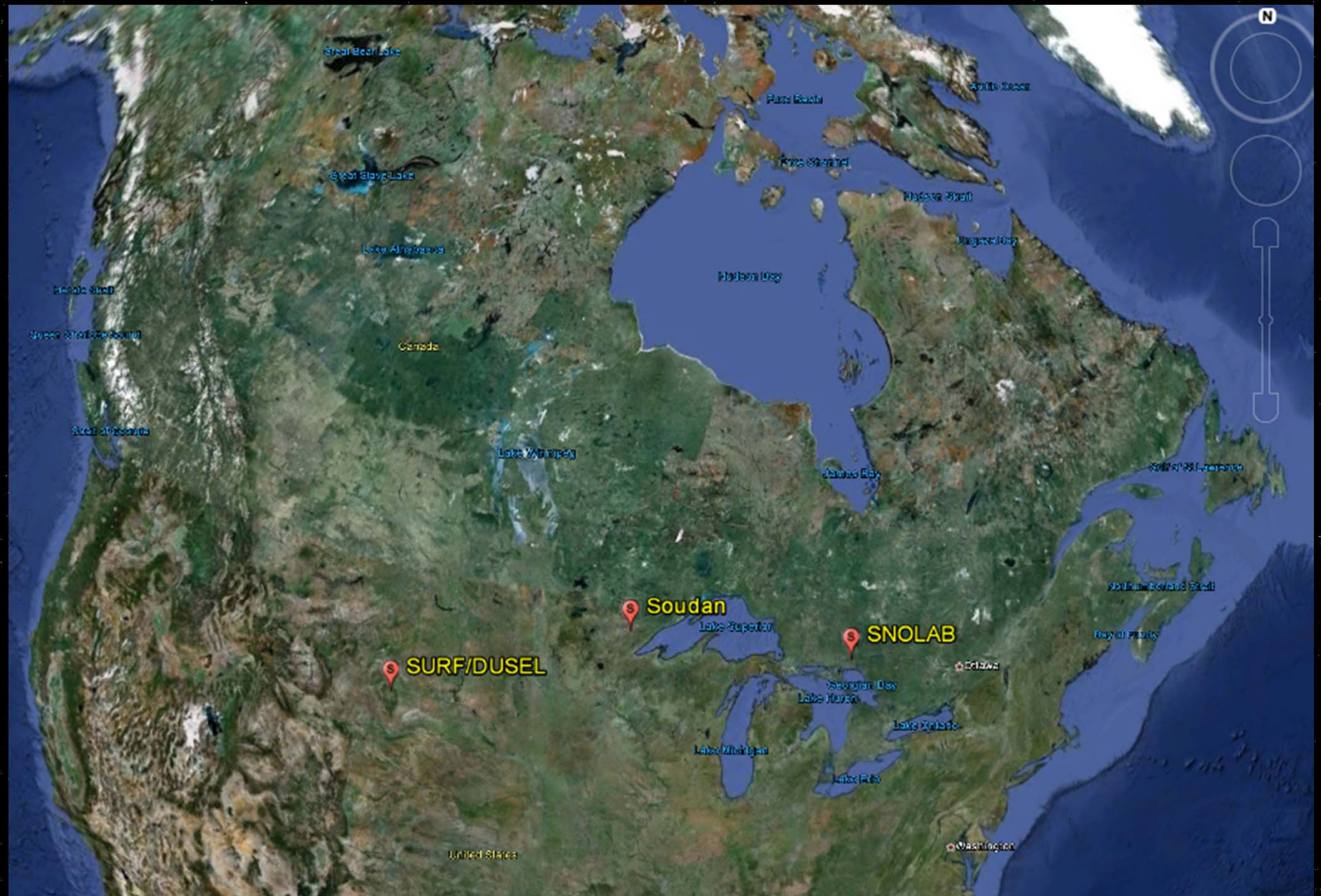
Preliminary data (Bq/kg)

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

- ✓ Final location to be determined once geology is known (ventilation tunnel)
- ✓ Work on White papers (lab, science)
- ✓ Proposed as a Latin American laboratory (CLES: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico)
- ✓ Open to host international experiments
- ✓ Tunnel tender during 2013
- ✓ Lab to be introduced as additional civil work end of 2013



### 3 Facilities in North America







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**Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF)**

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# What is the current status of SURF?

- FY 2012

- Facility

- Facility Dewatered below the 6000 foot level Complete ✓
    - Yates promoted to primary access Complete ✓
    - Davis Laboratory Outfitting Complete ✓
    - Ross Shaft Rehab - design completed and reviewed, rehabilitation Initiated (still provides secondary egress)



- Science

- LUX Dark Matter, Majorana Demonstrator Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay, & CUBED - Installing ✓
    - LBNE 10 kt surface-deployment Conceptual Design Completed ✓
    - Proposals for DIANA, LZ, LBC under review, some funding announced

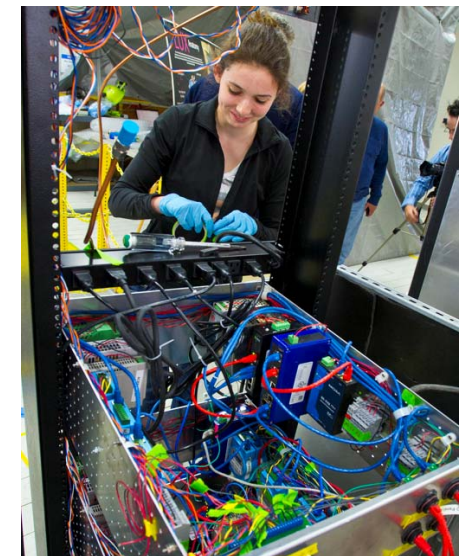
- FY 2013 - 15

- Facility

- Ross Shaft Rehab continues, first ~ 400 feet done.

- Science

- LUX and MJD commissioning, 1<sup>st</sup> results expected in 2013
    - LZ R&D funded in the US and Great Britain ✓
    - LBNE - CD1 approved December 2012 ✓
    - Site-visit by DIANA Project ✓





## Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
Surf	LUX	Majorana	Cubed	LZ LBNE Diana

### Active Physics Program

LUX                      DM detection with Xe. Operational (Commissioning)  
 Majorana Demonstrator     $0\nu\beta\beta$  with Ge. Being assembled.  
 Cubed                      Low Background counting facility. To be installed soon.

### Future Program under Consideration:

LZ                      Large DM with Xe, R&D funded  
 LBNE                      Long Base line Neutrino Oscillations. Phased approach to be considered for funding. Updated cost estimate nearing completion.  
 DIANA                      Accelerator for Nuclear Astrophysics.



Thanks to A. Habig for providing updated information

**Soudan (700 m, 2070 mwe deep)**

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# Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
<b>Soudan</b>	CDMS Cogeant	Minos+	Low Bgnd	Cogeant 4 Diana

## Active Physics Program

CDMS	DM detection with Ge. Operational, evolving into SuperCDMS
Gogeant	DM with low threshold Ge. Operational
Minos+	Neutrino Oscillations. Beam from Fermi lab. On axis Nova beam.

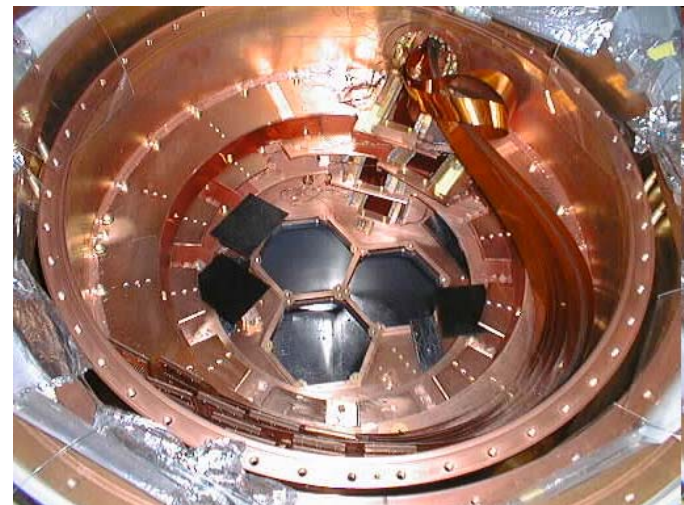
## Future Program under Consideration:

DIANA	Accelerator for Nuclear Astrophysics.
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# Large Experiments



- Fermilab operates the Lab's current main tenants
  - So pays the vast bulk of the ~\$1.3M/yr operational budget
- MINOS changed into MINOS+ in 2013
  - Will observe NOvA's upgraded neutrino beam from an on-axis position through at least 2015
- CDMS taking data with new towers (*through 2015*)
- CoGeNT taking data, CoGeNT-4 upgrade planned

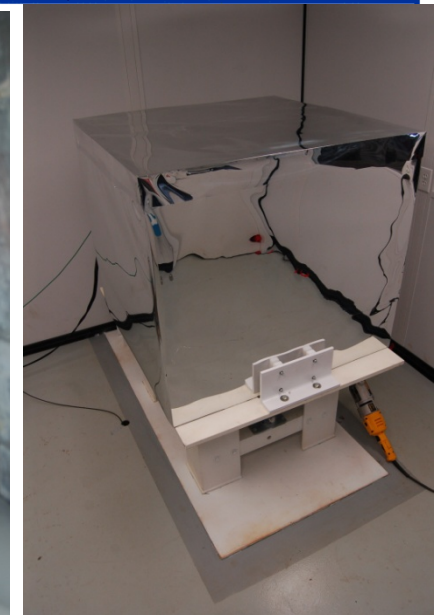




# Low Background Counting facility



- Inside refurbished Soudan-II muon veto shield
  - 35 ft x 40 ft x 100 ft volume
  - Plenty of floor space available for new projects
- Facilities:
  - Multipurpose clean room
  - Two HP Ge detectors for  $\gamma$  screening
  - Two novel beta screening devices
    - neon gas drift chamber w/ multi-wire proportional readout
    - resistive parallel plate chamber
  - Surface facilities for receiving, storage, assembly, remote computer access
- Related projects:
  - Neutron Multiplicity Meter (UCSB)
    - Additional recent neutron counting from DIANA, USD
  - Various chip error counting test stands
  - XIA Alpha counter testing







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**SNOLAB (6000 mwe deep)**

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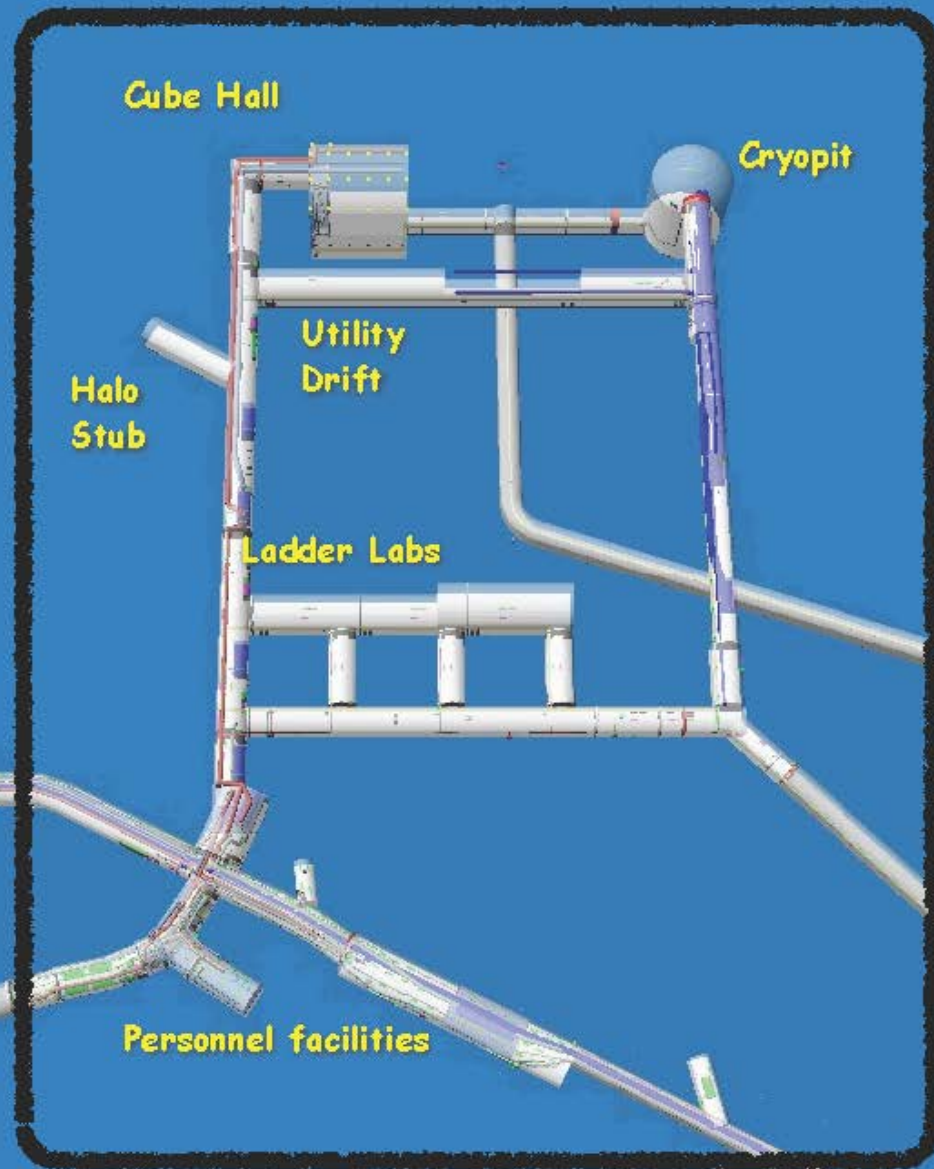


# Underground Facilities

SNO Area: 1860 m<sup>2</sup>



SNOLAB Area: 5360 m<sup>2</sup>



## Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
<b>SNOLAB</b>	DEAP 3600 Mini Clean Picasso Coupp Damic	SNO+ HALO	PUPS Low Bgnd	COUPP- PICASSO 500 Cobra SuperCDMS NEXO

### Active Physics Program

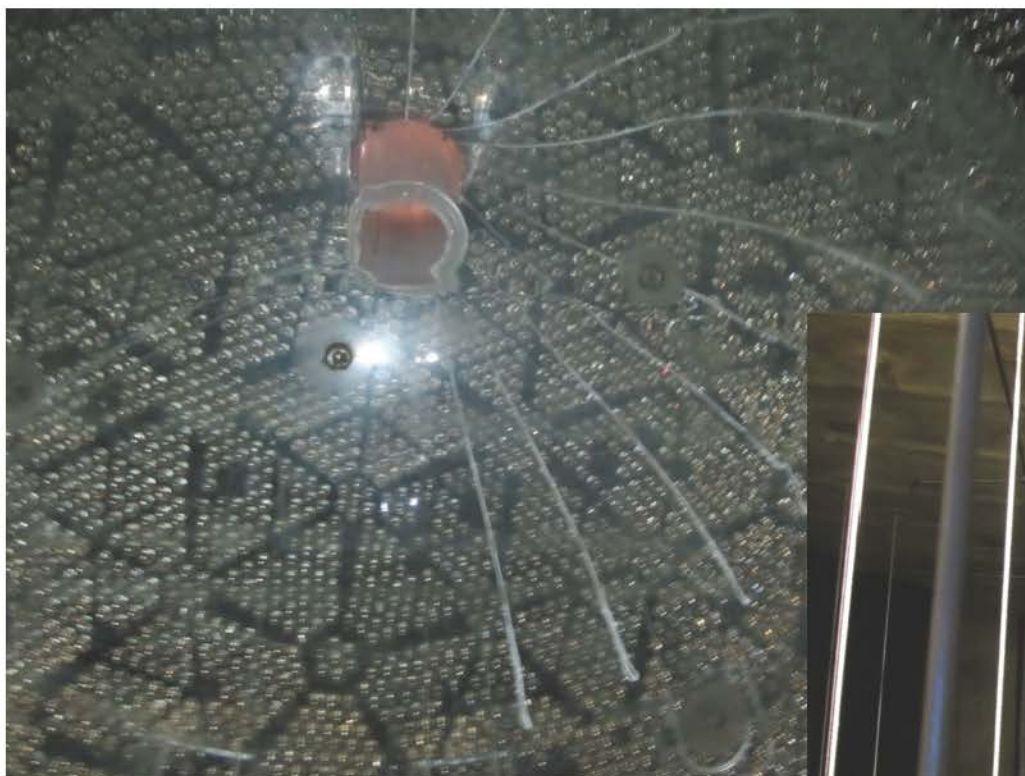
Deap-3600	Dark Matter detection with single phase LAr
MiniClean	DM with LAr and Lne
PICASSO	DM with $^{19}\text{F}$ in superheated droplet detector
COUPP	DM with bubble chamber
DAMIC	DM feasibility study with CCD readout
SNO+	Multipurpose neutrino detector. $0\nu\beta\beta$ with Te
Halo	SuperNova watch experiment

### Future Program under Consideration:

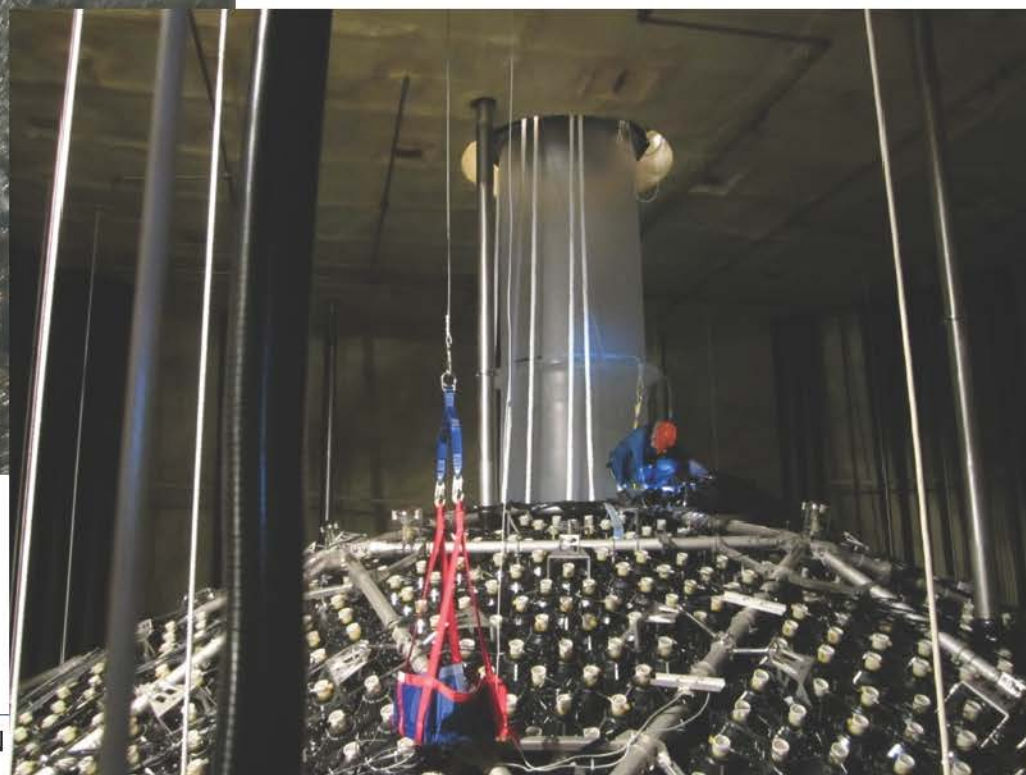
SuperCDMS	If funded in US. Conditional funding in Canada
NEXO	Large scale version of EXO $0\nu\beta\beta$ with Xe



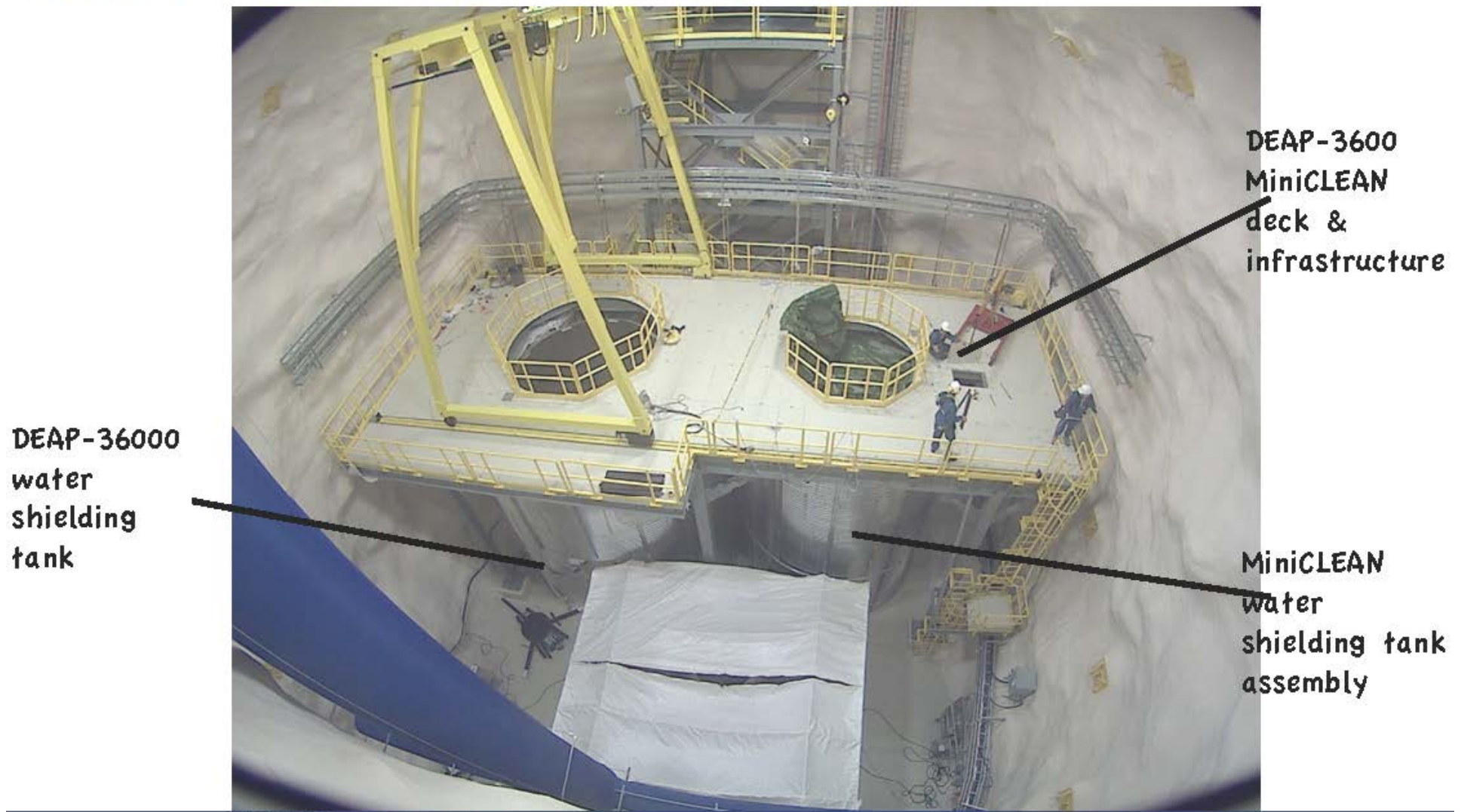
# SNO+ Developments



Deployment of the new hold-down rope net, and replacing hold-up ropes with lower activity ones



# Cube Hall - DEAP/miniCLEAN





# Cube Hall - DEAP/miniCLEAN

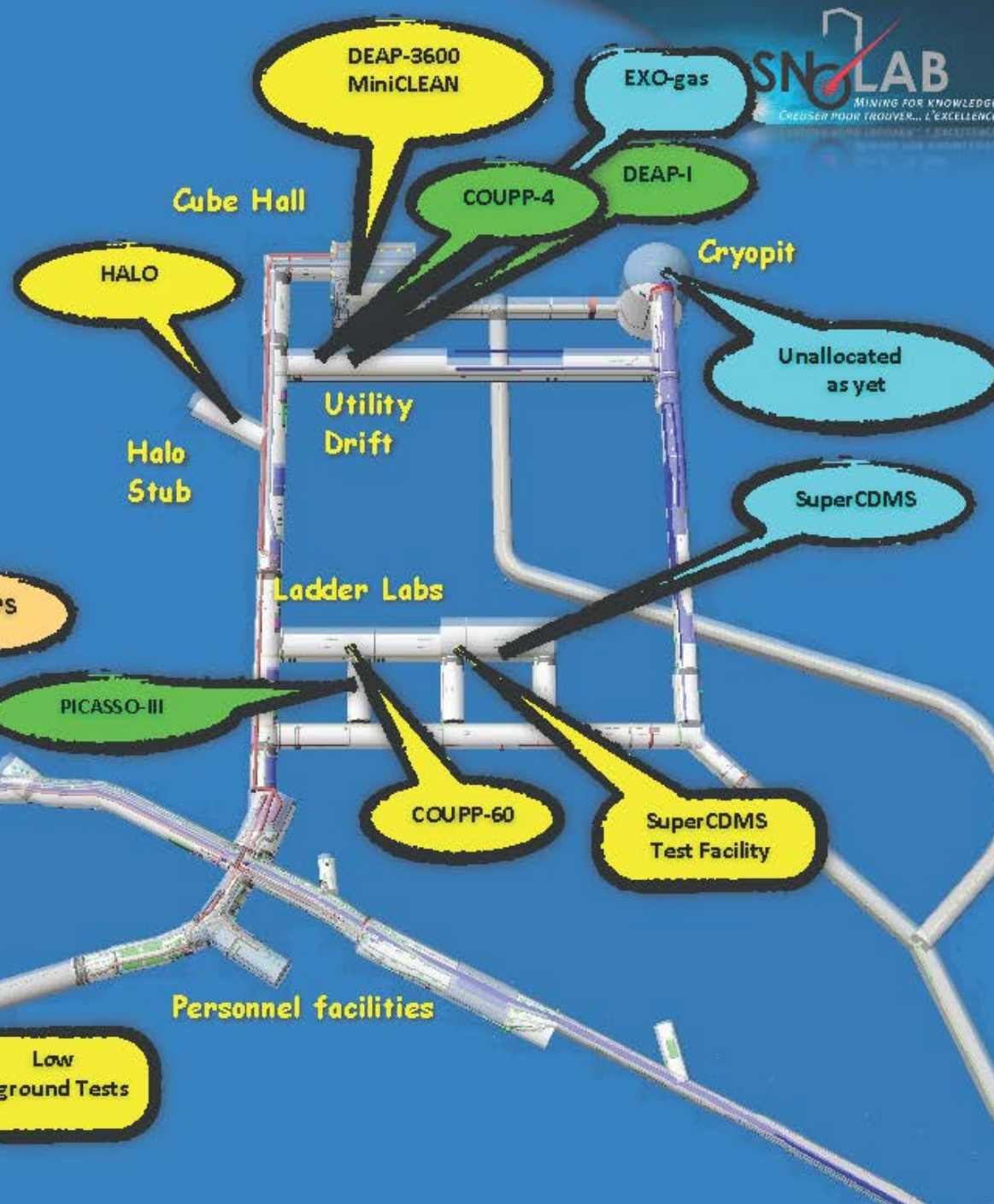
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Current	DEAP-I, COUPP-4, PICASSO-III (Dark Matter)	EXO-Gas (Neutrino)
2012+	DEAP-3600, MiniCLEAN, COUPP-60 (Dark Matter)	SNO+, HALO, (Neutrino)
2013+	SuperCDMS (Dark Matter)	Exo-Gas (Neutrino)

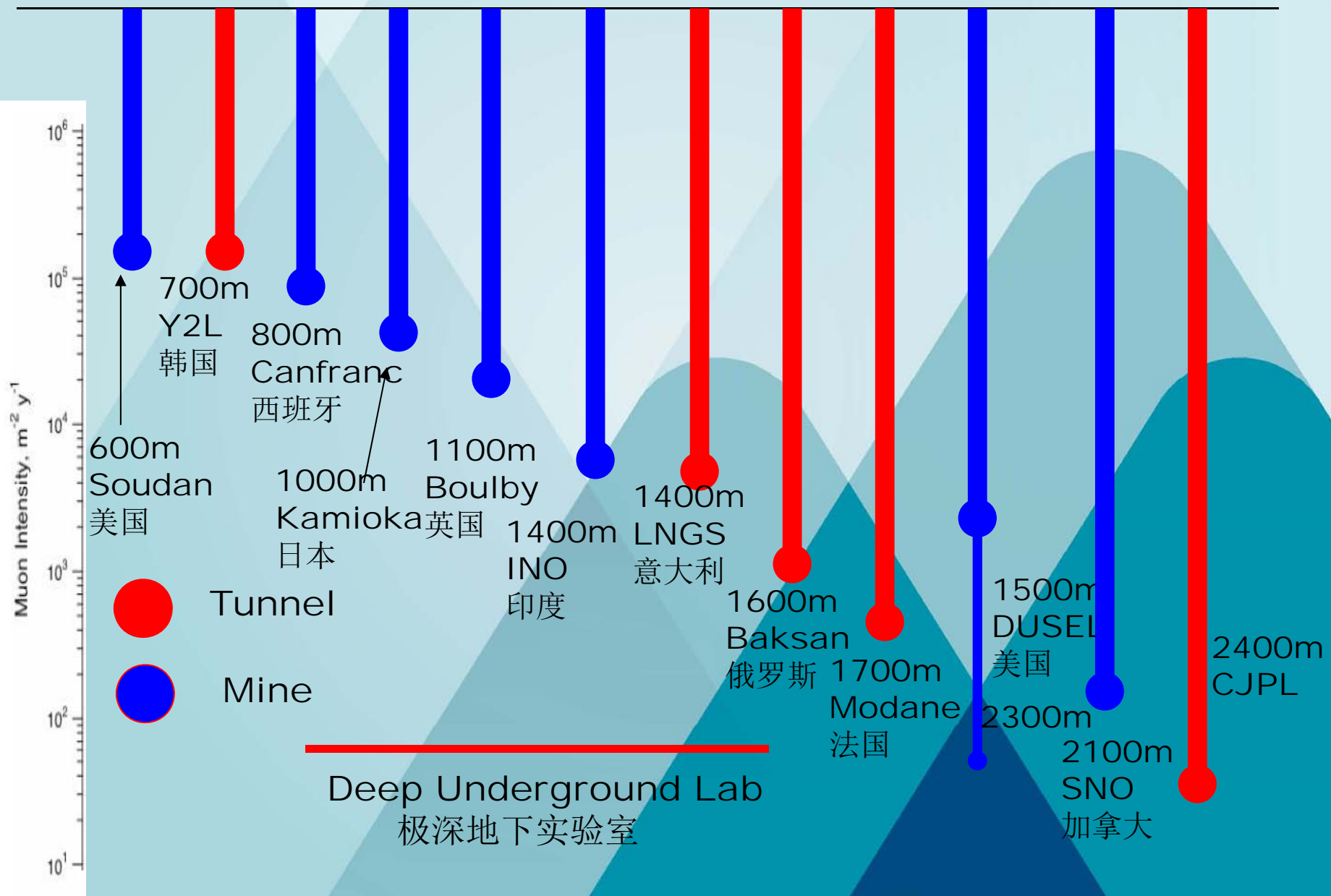




# Conclusions: Experimental Program

	Active Program			Future Considerations
	Dark Matter	Neutrino	Other	
Canfranc	AN AIS ROSEBUD ArDM	NEXT	Geodyn	CUNA LAGUNA
Gran Sasso	Dama/Libra CRESST Xenon Darkside	Gerda Cobra Cuore Opera Icarus Borexino LVD	Luna/Luna MV VIP GIGS	Xenon 1T
Modane	Edelweiss II	SuperNemo Sedine	TGV SHIN	Eureca DM Mimac DM
Boulby	Drift		Tomography SKY	Laguna
CUPP			Emma	Laguna
Baksan		SAGE	BUST 2 $\beta$	
INO				ICAL
CJPL	CDEX Panda-X		Low Bgnd	
C2J	KIMS			
Kamioka	Xmass NewAge	SuperK/T2K Gadzook/Egad Candles Kamland-Zen	KAGRA/CLIO	HyperK
Surf	LUX	Majorana	Cubed	LZ LBNE Diana
Soudan	CDMS Cogeant	Minos+	Low Bgnd	Cogeant 4 Diana
SNOLAB	DEAP 3600 Mini Clean Picasso Coupp Damic	SNO+ HALO	PUPS Low Bgnd	COUPP-PICASSO 500 Cobra SuperCDMS NEXO

# UL in the world(rock overburden)





A lot of work being done:

To perform world class experiments:

In state of the art underground facilities

And although there is healthy competition, there are also great synergies where the community works collaboratively on common issues.... such as Low Radioactivity Techniques .... Why we are here today