



# (Deep) Underground Laboratories: a brief review

**DULIAbio 2024**

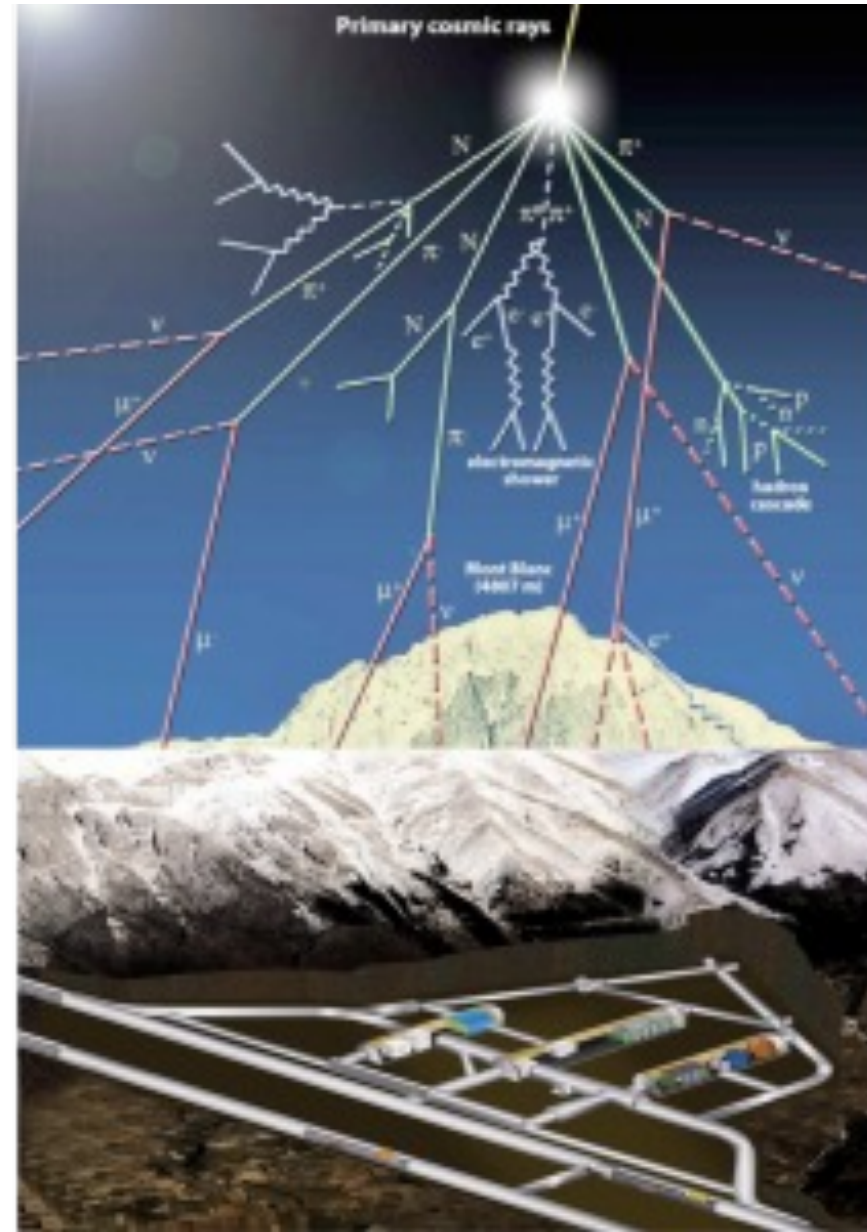
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# Why are we interested in DULs?

Reduction of muons from primary cosmic rays opens the possibility to search for **exceptionally rare events** such as low energy neutrino interactions, dark matter interactions, proton decay, double beta decay, ...

**Muons reduction has a great impact on biology as well, this meeting topic.**



# The science in DULs

- The original and main research topics in DULs are **proton decay and neutrino physics (atmospheric, solar neutrinos, and DBD)**. About 30 years ago **direct detection of Dark Matter** became another crucial topic.
  - ✓ **1965: Observation of upgoing muons from neutrino interactions at 3200m depth in South Africa**
  - ✓ **1968: First detection of solar neutrinos**
  - ✓ **Early 1980s: Kamiokande, IMB, and NUSEX proton decay experiments proposed**
  - ✓ **1987: Observation of neutrinos from a core collapse supernova**
  - ✓ **1998: Discovery of neutrino oscillations in Super-Kamiokande**
  - ✓ **2002 and 2015 Noble Price in Physics**
- In the **last decade** DULs have expanded the research interest to neighboring sectors that can benefit of underground facilities and infrastructures
  - At SURF (South Dakota) an **Institute for Underground Science** is being established
- **Multi-disciplinary** is becoming a key feature for DULs
  - Precision measurement in high-energy particle physics
  - Technology sharing for gravitational waves search
  - Technology to support quantum computing
  - **Biology** in extreme environments and low radiation biophysics (**this meeting topic!**)
  - Geophysics
    - Groundwater characterization
    - Deployment of seismic arrays underground
    - Rotational seismology
    - Geo-neutrinos

# Where are they?



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operational



new proposal/  
expansion



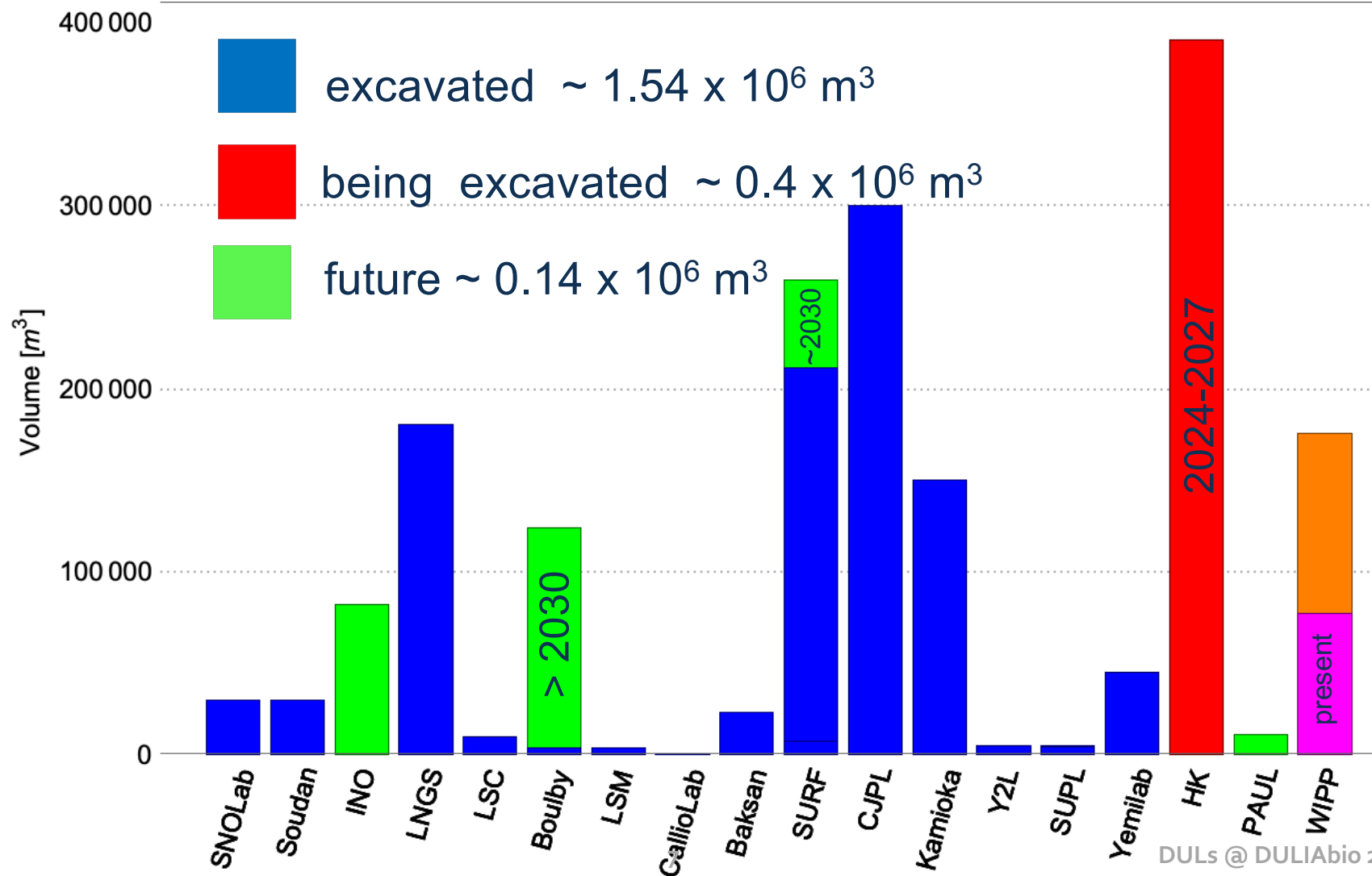
not operational



shallow

# Main features

# How large are DULs ?



# Structure and access

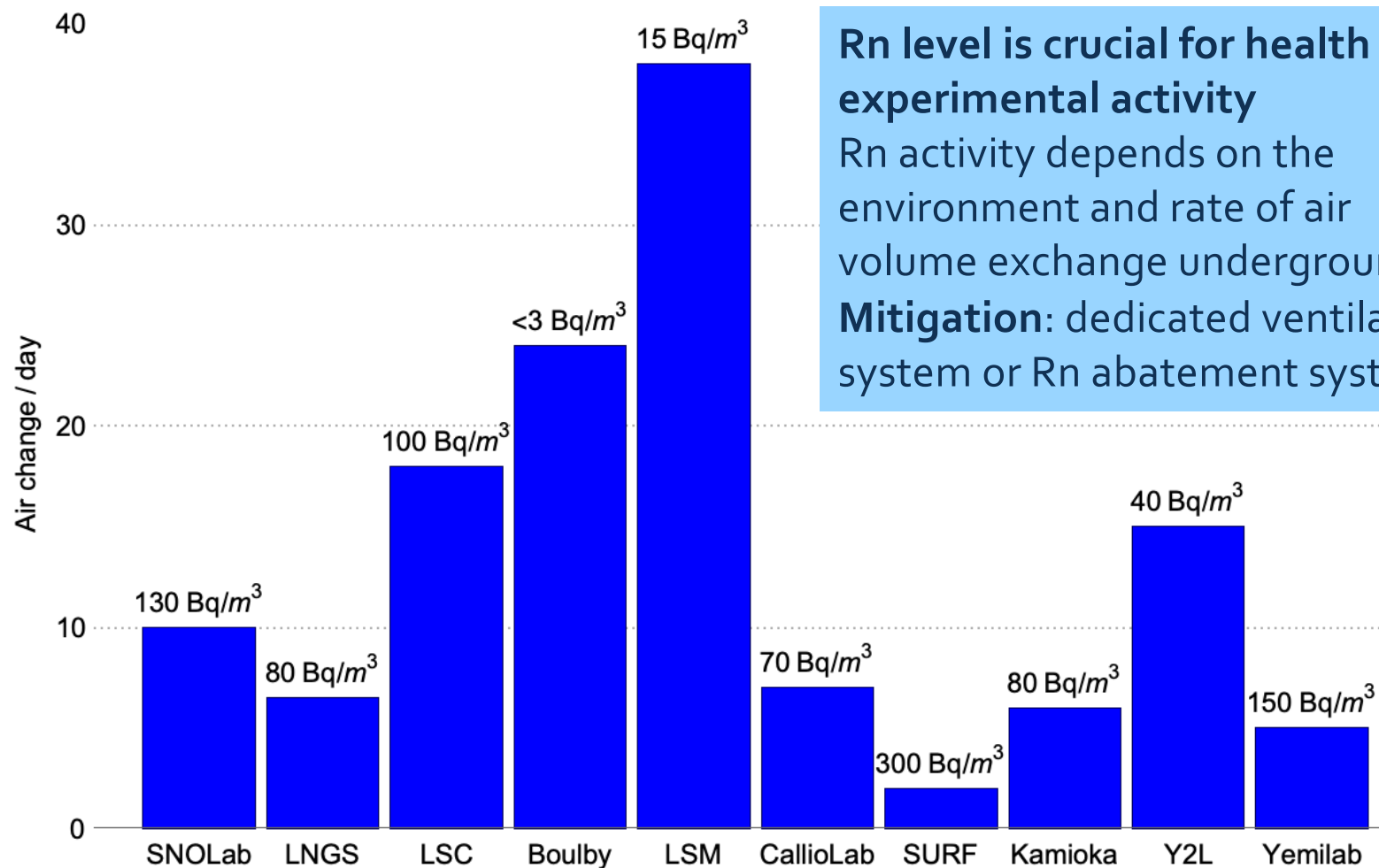
## Structure

- ❑ **Single-site** (SNOLAB, LNGS, LSM, Yemilab, SUPL)
- ❑ **Multi-site** (LSC, SURF, Boulby, Kamioka, CJPL, CLAB)

## Access

- ❑ **Vertical** by means of a cage system (SNOLAB, Boulby, SURF)
  - + Need special manpower and maintenance
  - + Interaction with mining Company
  - + Limited loading volume for equipment to be taken underground
- ❑ **Horizontal** (Baksan, LNGS, CJPL, LSM, LSC)
  - + Easy access, not special maintenance
  - + Loading volumes only limited by tunnel cross-section
  - + Interaction protocol with Company keeping control of the road tunnel (LNGS, LSC, LSM)
- ❑ **Helical drive access** (SUPL, Yemilab, CLAB)
- ❑ **Multiple** (CLAB, Yemilab)
  - + Cage system and drive-in possibility

# Radon, ventilation and environment



Rn level is crucial for health and for experimental activity

Rn activity depends on the environment and rate of air volume exchange underground.

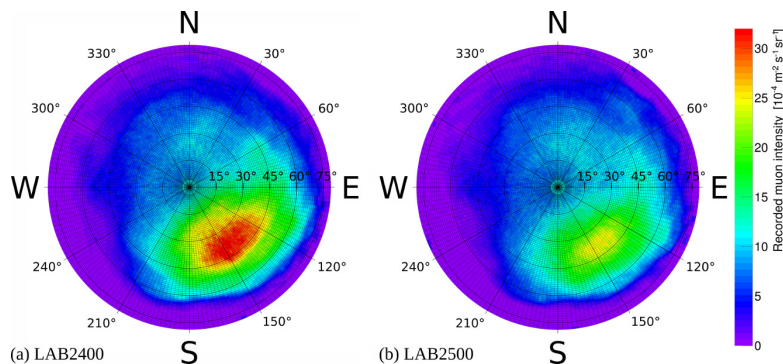
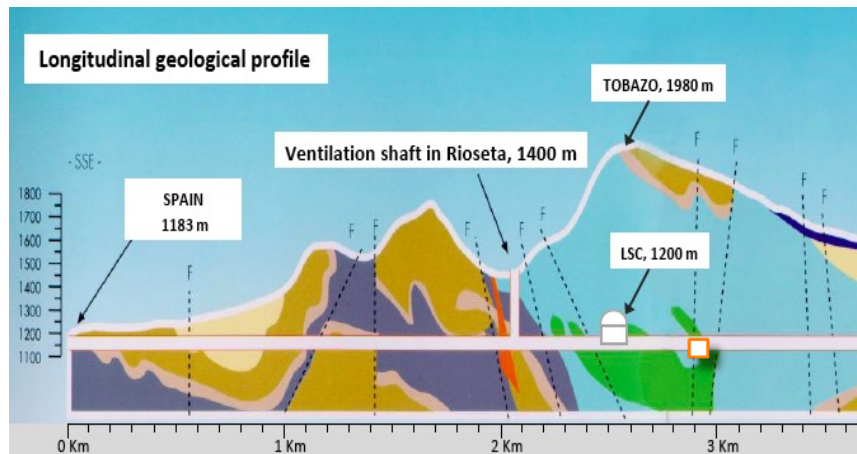
**Mitigation:** dedicated ventilation system or Rn abatement system



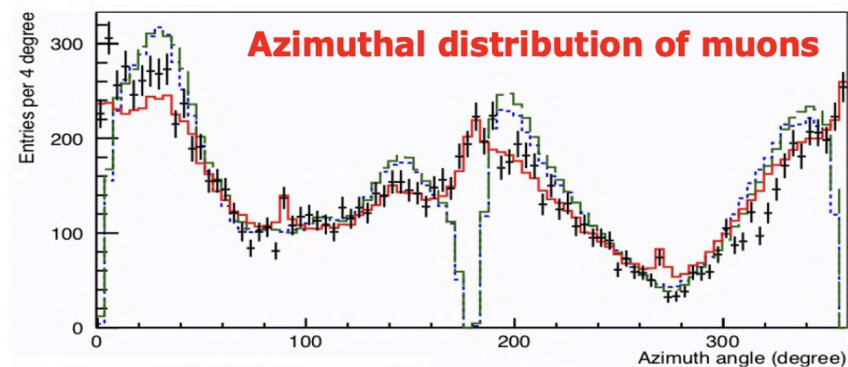
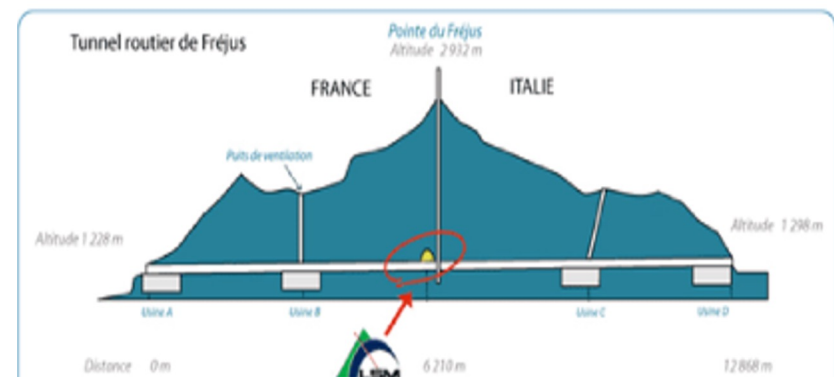
# Muon flux vs rock overburden

The mountain profile affects the muon flux underground

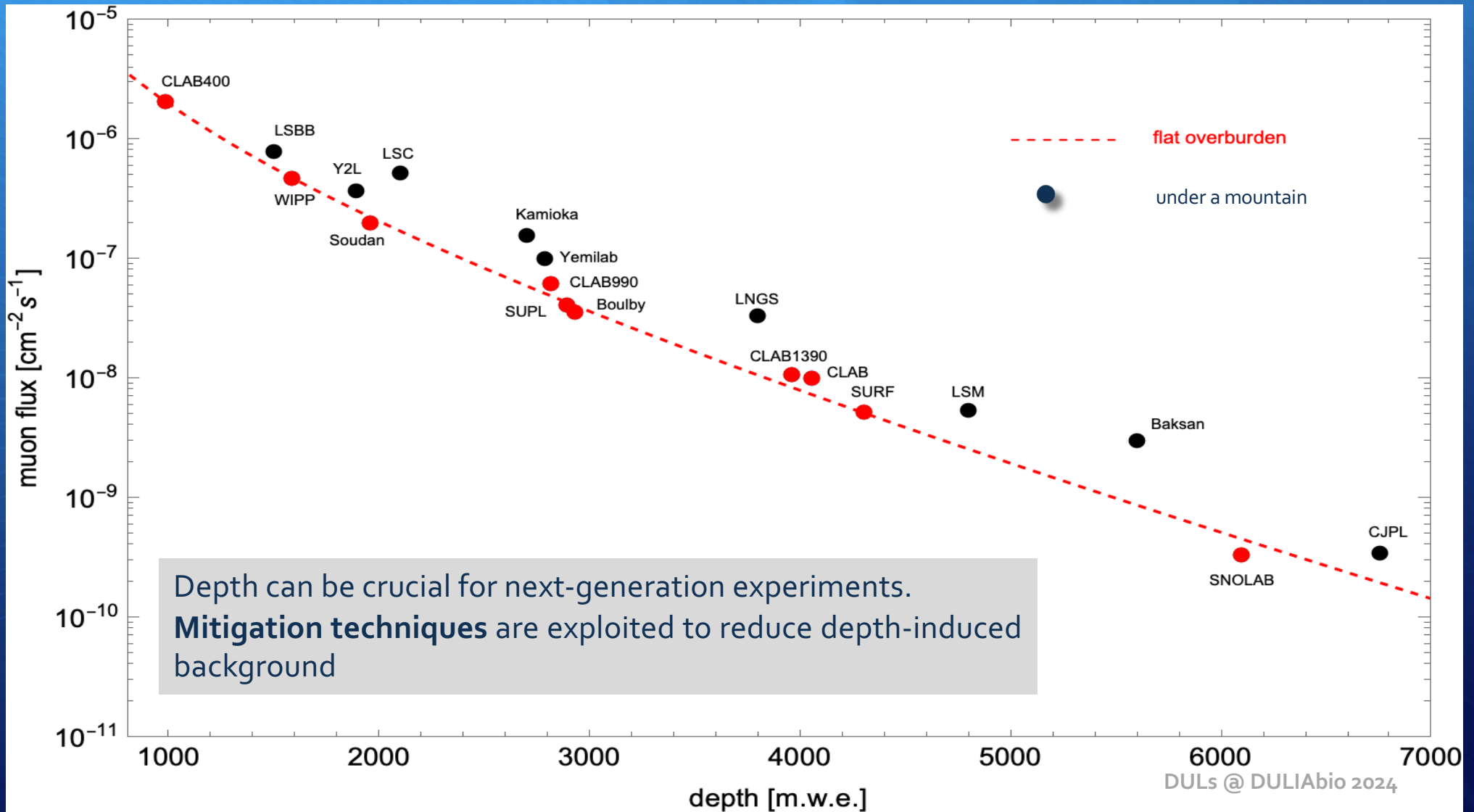
## The case of LSC



## The case of LSM



# Muon flux vs depth



# Key technologies developed in DULs

## DULs can develop new technology

Not an exhaustive list

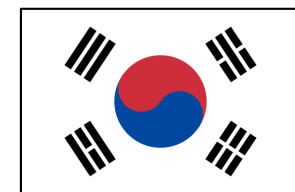
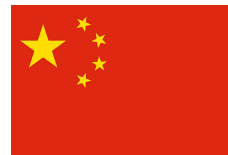
- Innovative technology in radio-purity assay
- Innovative technology for Rn-free environments
- New advanced technologies for cryogenic infrastructures
- Additive manufacturing for rare events research
- SiPM based innovative photo-detectors
- Superconducting sensors in ultra-low background environments for quantum computing
- Muon tomography
- Safety and engineering in deep underground research infrastructures
- ...

# DULs worldwide collaboration

- EU DULs have a long history of collaboration that has intensified in recent years
- **Global collaboration required** for next-generation experiments
  - ✓ Working Group established during TAUP 2023

- Representatives

- Boulby (UK): Sean Paling
- CLAB (Finland): Julia Puputti
- CLPL (China): Qian Yue
- LNGS (Italy): Aldo Ianni
- LSBB (France): Gilles Micolau
- LSC (Spain): Carlos Peña-Garay
- LSM (France): Silvia Scorza
- SNOLAB (Canada): Jeter Hall
- SUPL (Australia): Kim Mintern-Lane
- SURF (USA): Jaret Heise
- Yemilab (South Korea): Kang-Soon Park
- ANDES (Argentina): Xavier Bertou

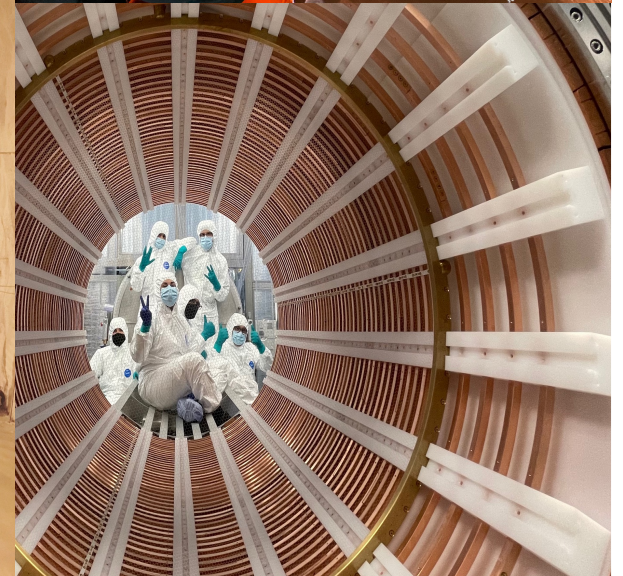
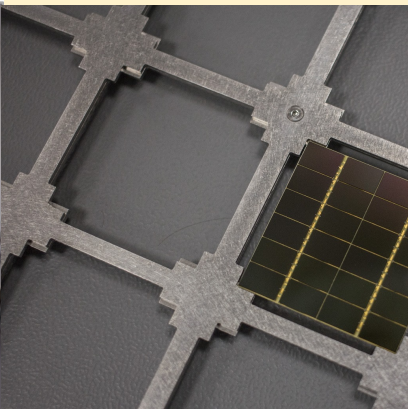


# DULs cooperation: main goals

Foster	Foster coordination and synergy between DULs
Coordinate	Coordinate global strategy for future investments
Establish	Establish a transnational access (TA) policy
Reinforce	Reinforce cooperation and coordination in key services to support next-generation experiments
Connect	Connect existing facilities through a Virtual Coordination Office to support research and optimize synergy



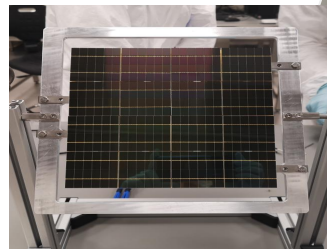
# Highlights from DULs



## New infrastructure @ LNGS: NOA

- ISO6 400 m<sup>2</sup> CR built on surface to be operated in Rn-free mode (1000 m<sup>3</sup>/h)
- Outfitted with equipment for SiPM-based photodetectors packing
- In no radon-free operation mode: 7800 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- Standard (Rn) operation mode with all equipments: 400 kW (660 kW)
- **Use:**
  - ✓ Assembly of detector parts
  - ✓ Development of SiPM-based photodetectors to be operated in LAr /LXe
  - ✓ **Production of photosensors for DarkSide-20k underway**

DS-20k photo detection unit





# Bellotti Ion Beam Facility

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## LNGS user facility open to external proposals

Start of Scientific data taking: **19 June 2023**

First Scientific results presented at at the International Symposium “Nuclei in the Cosmos XII” (17-22 September 2023)



18 October 2023:  
Official inauguration of the Bellotti Ion Beam

### A new underground measurement of $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ reaction at the LNGS Bellotti Ion Beam Facility

Alessandro Compagnucci<sup>1</sup>  
on behalf the LUNA collaboration



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### Preliminary results

- During the first beam time in **June 2023**, cross section data have been collected in the energy range **0.25-1.3 MeV** with one HPGe detector at 55° and 5 cm from the target, for a total of 38 C of charge collected on 4 different targets.

## Specifications of the 3.5 MV Accelerator

Ion specie	Terminal Voltage	
	0.3 MV – 0.5 MV	0.5 MV - 3.5 MV
$^1\text{H}^+$	500 $\mu\text{A}$	1000 $\mu\text{A}$
$^4\text{He}^+$	300 $\mu\text{A}$	500 $\mu\text{A}$
$^{12}\text{C}^+$	100 $\mu\text{A}$	150 $\mu\text{A}$
$^{12}\text{C}^{+2}$	60 $\mu\text{A}$	100 $\mu\text{A}$

Terminal Voltage Ripple (max):	$\pm 0.01 \%$
Reproducibility of Terminal Voltage (max):	$\pm 0.01 \%$
Variation of beam energy after 1h:	$< 0.001 \%$
Variation of beam intensity after 1h:	10 %
Intervention free operation time	$> 24 \text{ h}$
Interruption free operation	$> 24 \text{ h}$
Service Interval	$> 29 \text{ d}$
Beam time / year	$> 308 \text{ d}$
Beamlines available for scientific users	2



Call for proposals of experiments

<https://l.infn.it/Bellotti>

PI: Matthias Junker



# New radiopurity assay facility @ LNGS: STELLA

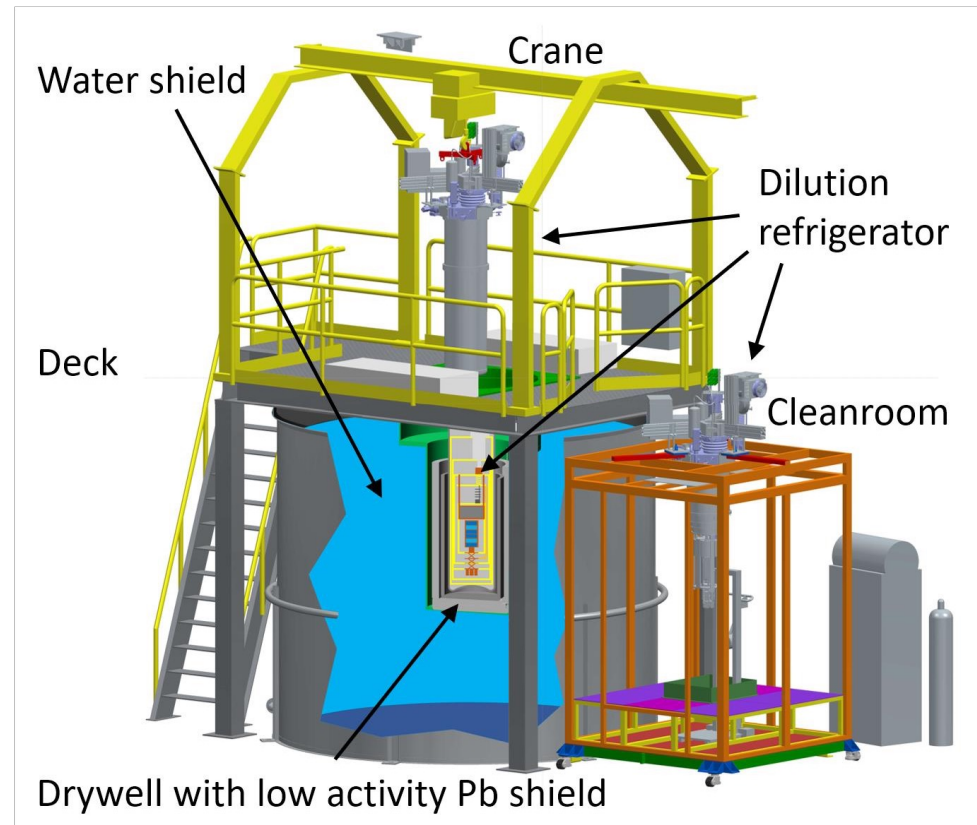
Detector space shielded by PE, water, and  
5 cm of steel  
3-floor building  
New area for samples handling  
Status: outfitting completed, detectors  
being installed

PI: Matthias Laubenstein



# CUTE at SNOLAB: a facility to support new developments

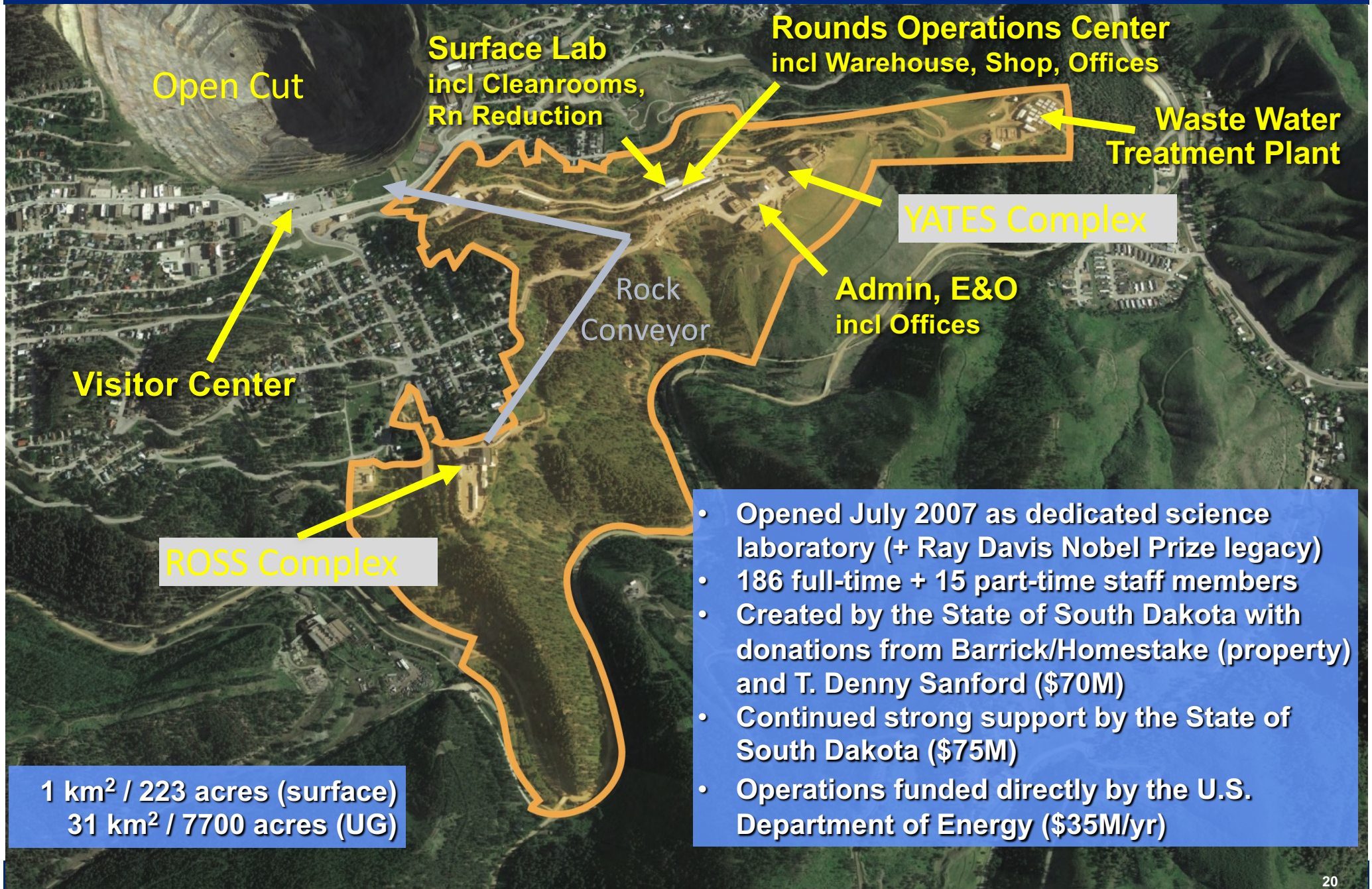
- + CUTE, the **cryogenic underground test facility** built to test components of dark matter experiments. It is well shielded from background radiation, can operate at very low temperatures, and is designed to prevent micro-vibrations that could interfere with testing.
- + Lead, water and PE used as shielding at SNOLAB depth
- + Carrying out tests for SuperCDMS



SNOLAB: a unique class 2000 clean laboratory deep underground

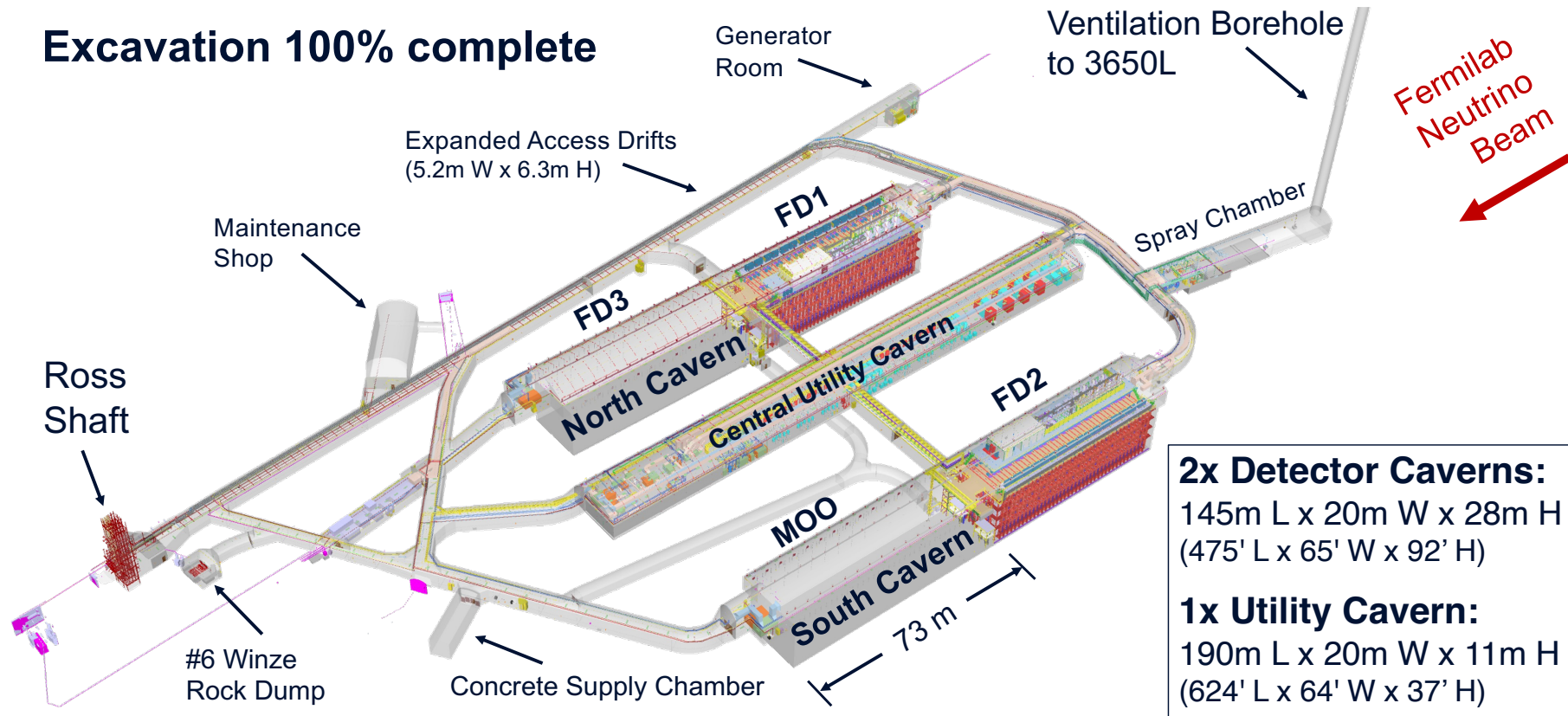
# Sanford Underground Research Facility

Nation's deepest underground lab, advancing multi-disciplinary research

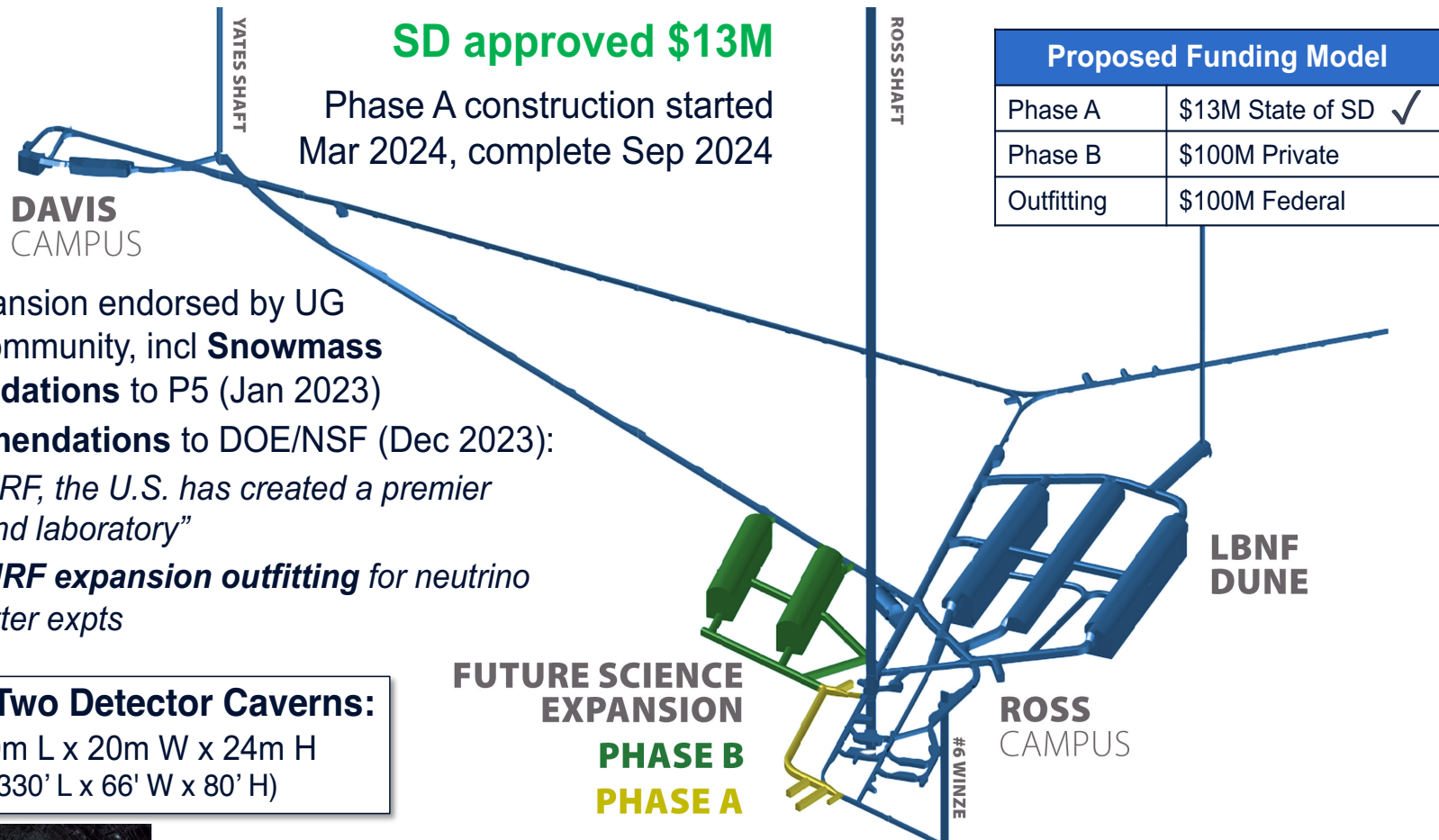


# DUNE, long-baseline neutrino FD

**Excavation 100% complete**



# 4850L new expansion @ SURF



**SD approved \$13M**  
 Phase A construction started  
 Mar 2024, complete Sep 2024

- SURF Expansion endorsed by UG Science Community, incl **Snowmass recommendations** to P5 (Jan 2023)
- **P5 recommendations** to DOE/NSF (Dec 2023):
  - "With SURF, the U.S. has created a premier underground laboratory"
  - **Fund SURF expansion outfitting** for neutrino & dark matter expts

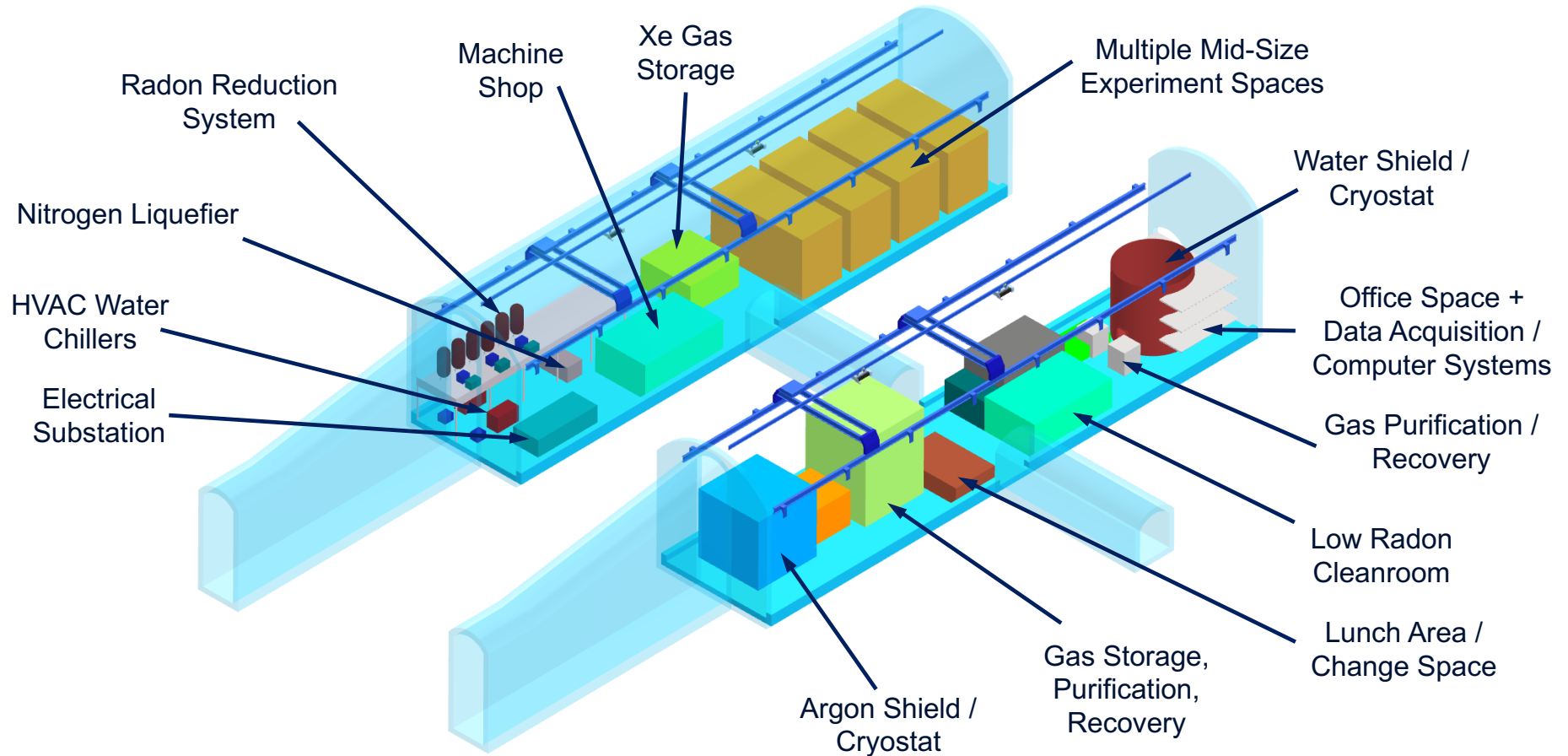
**Up to Two Detector Caverns:**  
 100m L x 20m W x 24m H  
 (330' L x 66' W x 80' H)



Breakout excavation

**Phase A** underway  
**Phase B** and outfitting, 2028-2031

# Conceptual layout for the new expansion (towards G3DM)

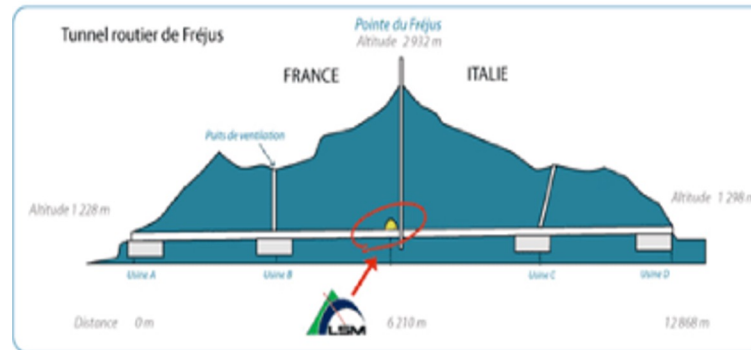


# Modane UL (LSM)

## A French National RI

Location (Modane):

- 130 km from Grenoble
- 200 km from Lyon
- 100 km from Torino



## Surface building



**Deepest site in Europe** with  $4.5\mu\text{m}^2/\text{day}$

Since 1979

Easy access

$3500\text{ m}^3$  and  $400\text{ m}^2$

Radon  $\sim 15\text{ Bq/m}^3$

## PARTAGe program





**Grenoble 130 km**

**E70**

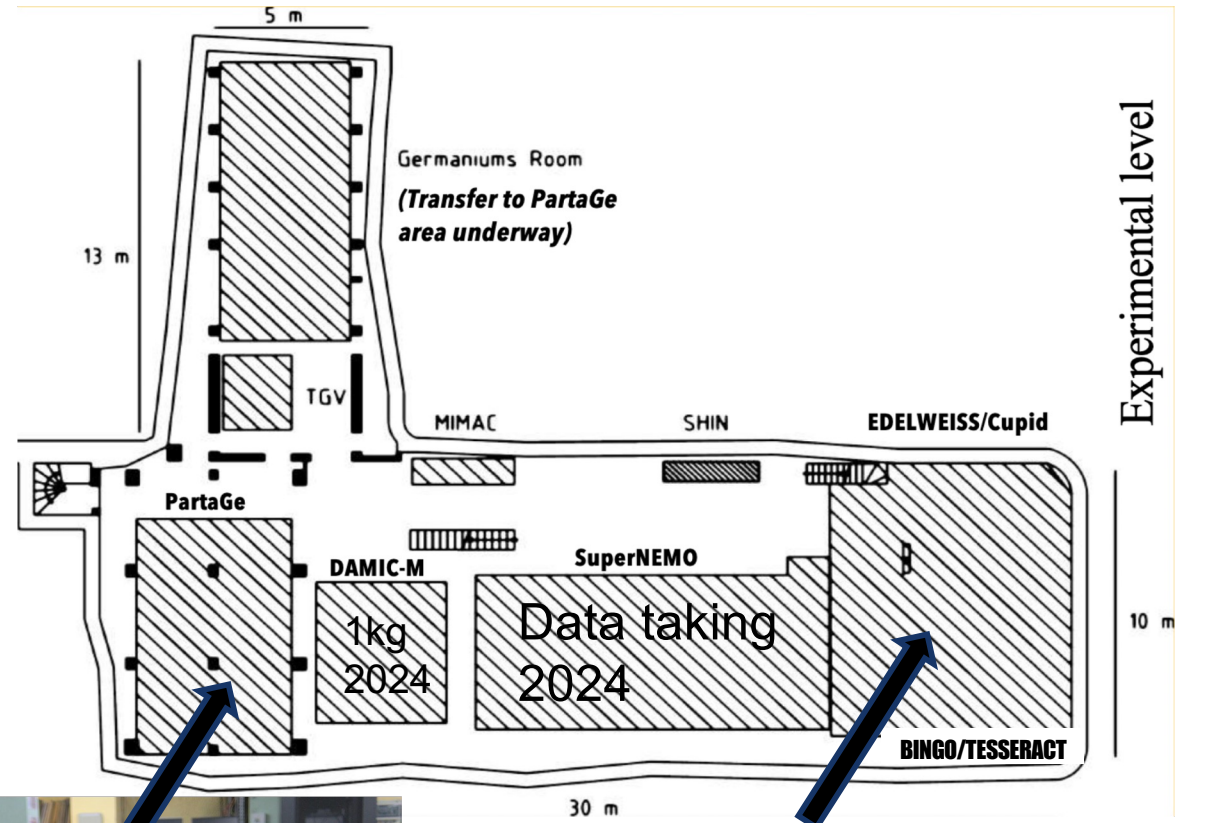
**Torino 100 km**



# LSM occupancy and future plan

Tight occupation of the available 400m<sup>2</sup>

*Design study to possibly install 180m<sup>2</sup> mezzanine level (over the crane access) above the experimental level*



25 HPGe detectors  
15 in **PartaGe**

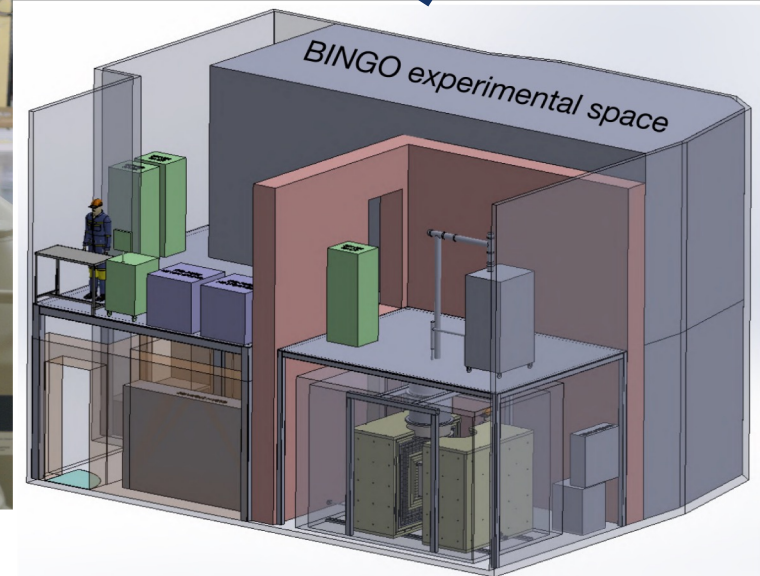
**Upgraded to reduce the background level**

~1000 samples/year

**Wide-range program**

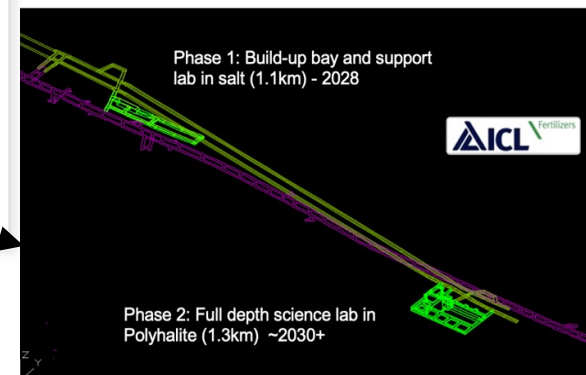
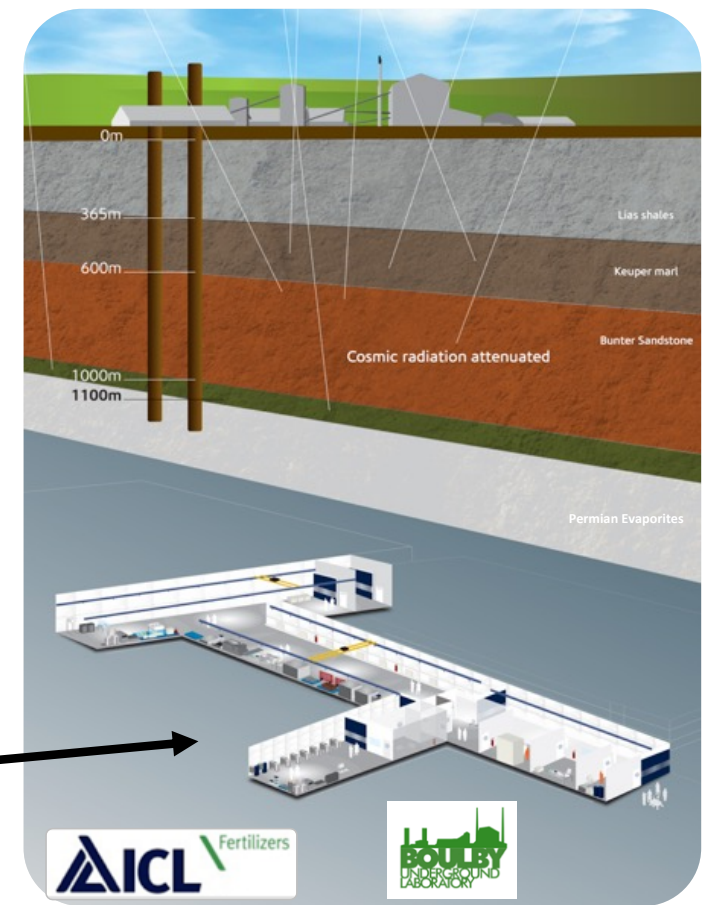
for Astroparticles,  
Earth Sciences

(sediment and ice core sample datation),  
environmental safety (CEA), biology, etc...



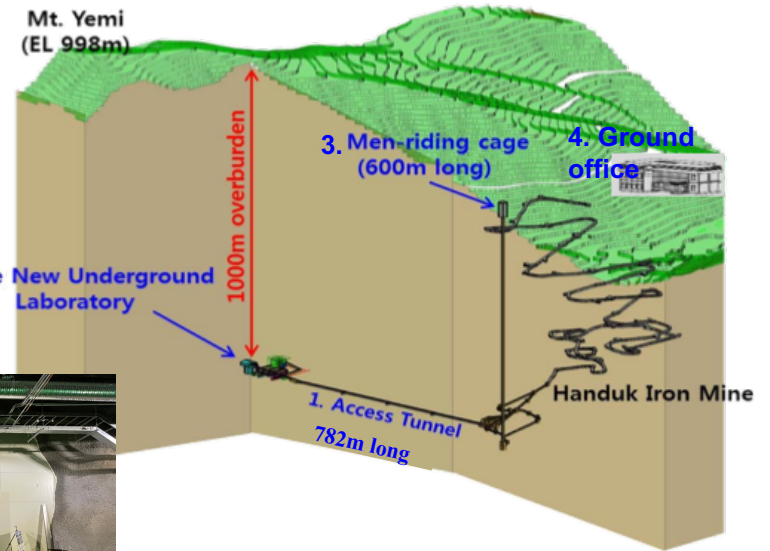
# STFC Boulby Underground Science Facility

- Located in a polyhalite and rock-salt mine
- Deepest mine in Britain
- 1.1 km deep with low background surrounding rock-salt with  $10^6$  reduction
- **4000 m<sup>3</sup> class 10k and 1k clean laboratory (ISO 7 and 6)**
- **3000 m<sup>3</sup> outside underground experimentation area available**
- Surface support building
- **world's first 2-phase Xe detector**
- **Medium-to long term:** build a major new DUL to host next-generation world-leading projects
  - ✓ **Boulby development project**
  - ✓ Expansion feasibility study completed in 2021
  - ✓ **Phase 1 (2028) and 2 (>2030) with large cavity**

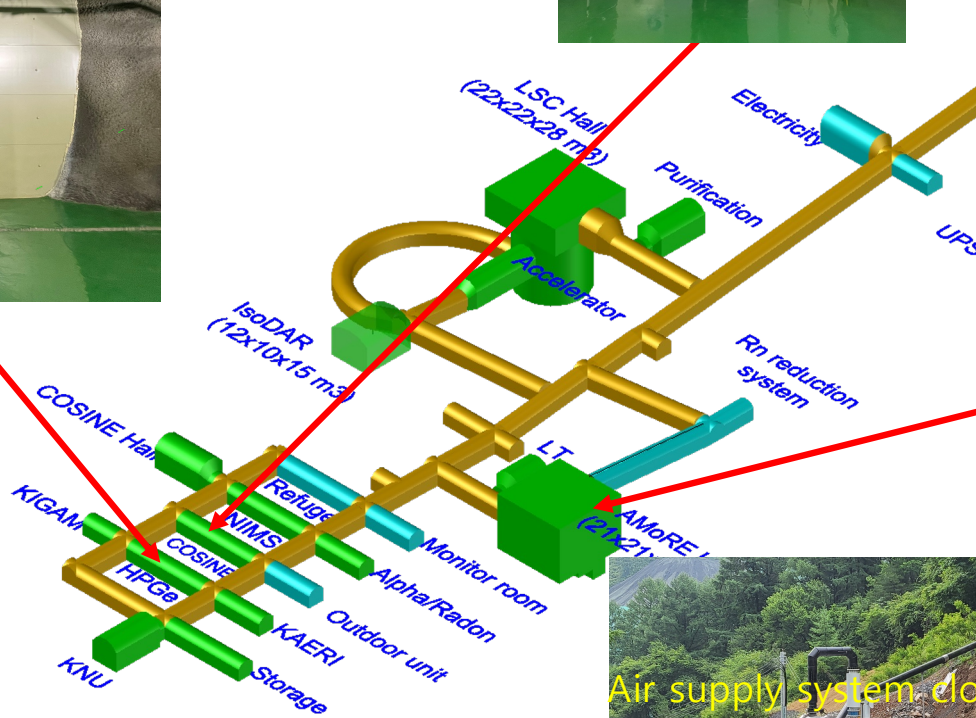


# YEMILAB

## Surface building



❖ Relocated Y2L equipment to Yemilab



30,101 m<sup>3</sup> and 2,946 m<sup>2</sup>

Air supply: 12,000 m<sup>3</sup>/h

- 6,000 m<sup>3</sup>/h from surface
- 6,000 m<sup>3</sup>/h from re-circulation

Rn level currently 150 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>



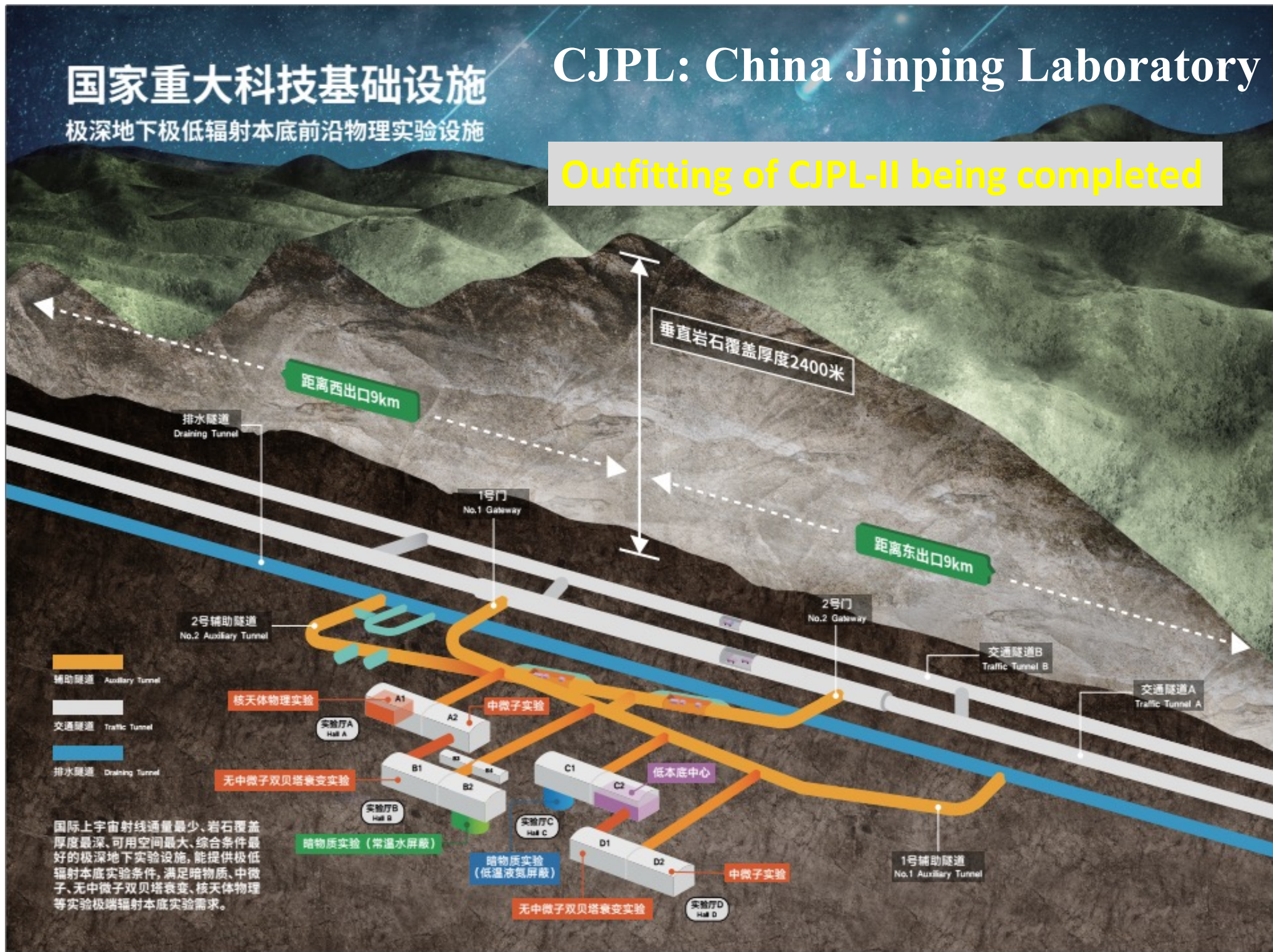


# 国家重大科技基础设施

极深地下极低辐射本底前沿物理实验设施

# CJPL: China Jinping Laboratory

Outfitting of CJPL-II being completed



# Canfranc Underground Lab



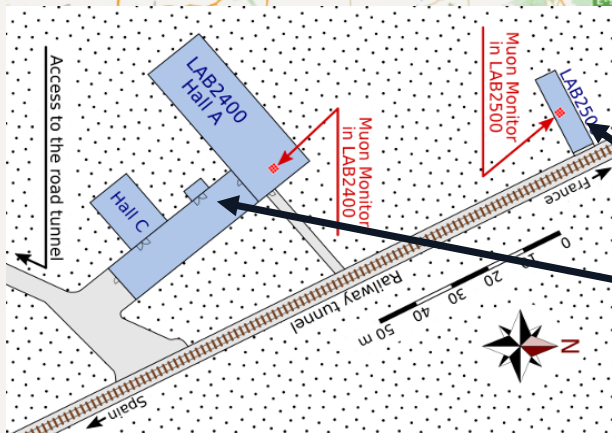
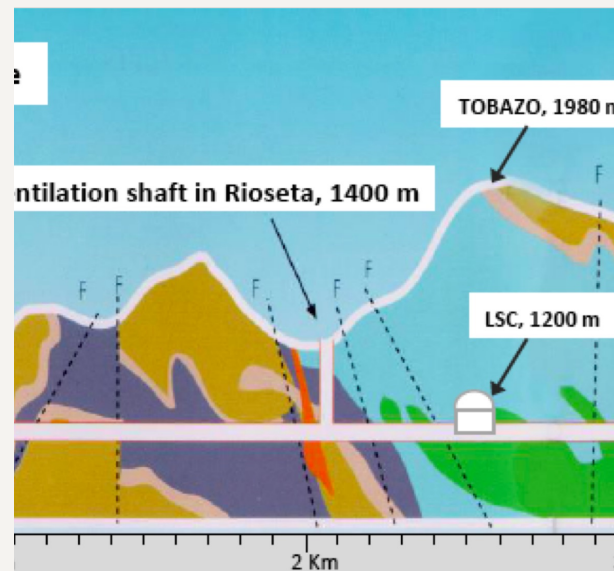
Located in Spanish-French Pyrenees border.

**Two-way access tunnels:** abandoned train tunnel and operative road tunnel.

First experiments (IGEX, ...) since 1986. Modern lab, 1600 m<sup>2</sup>, operative since 2010. 260 scientists from 50 institutions.

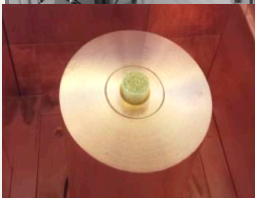
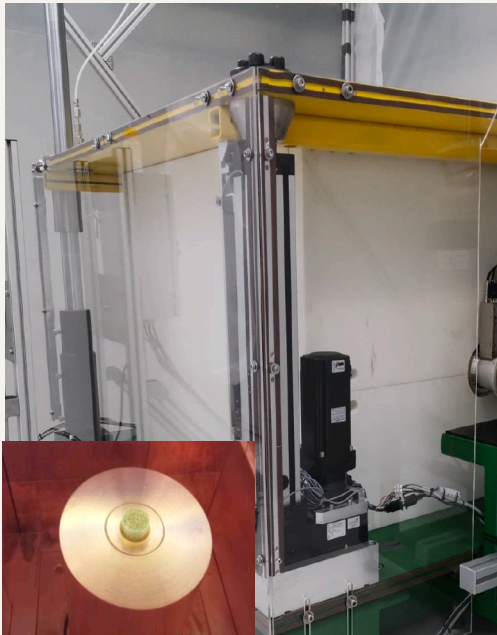
800 meters (v) of rock - muon flux is  $5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  ; neutron flux ( $E < 10 \text{ MeV}$ ) is  $3.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  ; gamma flux is  $2 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Radon abatement system: 220 m<sup>3</sup>/h radon-reduced air at 1mBq/m<sup>3</sup>



Two underground sites:  
LAB2500  
LAB2400

# Improved low radioactivity techniques @ LSC with GeRysy



Detector	M <sub>act</sub> [kg]	V <sub>cham</sub> [L]	Lab	Counting rates in the full energy range [cts/d/kg] and for various peaks [cts/yr/kg]						
				40 - 2700 keV	609 keV [ <sup>226</sup> Ra]	662 keV [ <sup>137</sup> Cs]	583 keV [ <sup>228</sup> Th]	1332 keV [ <sup>60</sup> Co]	1461 keV [ <sup>40</sup> K]	2614 keV [ <sup>228</sup> Th]
GeRysy	2.27	15	LSC	50 ± 1	4 ± 19	< 27	27 ± 17	< 37	60 ± 16	25 ± 9
GeMPI	2.21	15	LNGS	66 ± 1	< 30	57 ± 27	< 21	35 ± 8	86 ± 12	18 ± 5
GATOR	2.20	15	LNGS	103 ± 1*	99 ± 33	50 ± 17	--	83 ± 17	83 ± 17	33 ± 16
GeOroel	2.31	40	LSC	142	190	--	182	91	66	--

Preliminary results

\* (100 – 2700) keV

New lowest background HPGe for screening (collaboration UJ-LSC, led by G. Zuzel). Another two HPGe in preparation.



Modo	<sup>238</sup> U				<sup>232</sup> Th			
	LOD, ppt	LOQ, ppt	BEC, ppt	Sensibilidad (cps/ppt U)	LOD, ppt	LOQ, ppt	BEC, ppt	Sensibilidad (cps/ppt Th)
No gas	0.002	0.006	0.04	790	0.04	0.12	0.2	632
He	0.01	0.03	0.04	833	0.02	0.06	0.3	650

New ICPMS-XXX, chemistry and automatization -> ppq limit of detection.

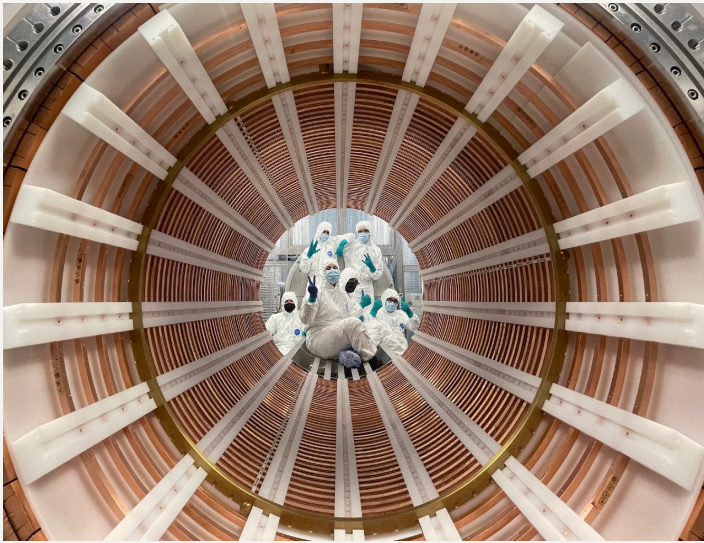


# NEXT-100 @ LSC

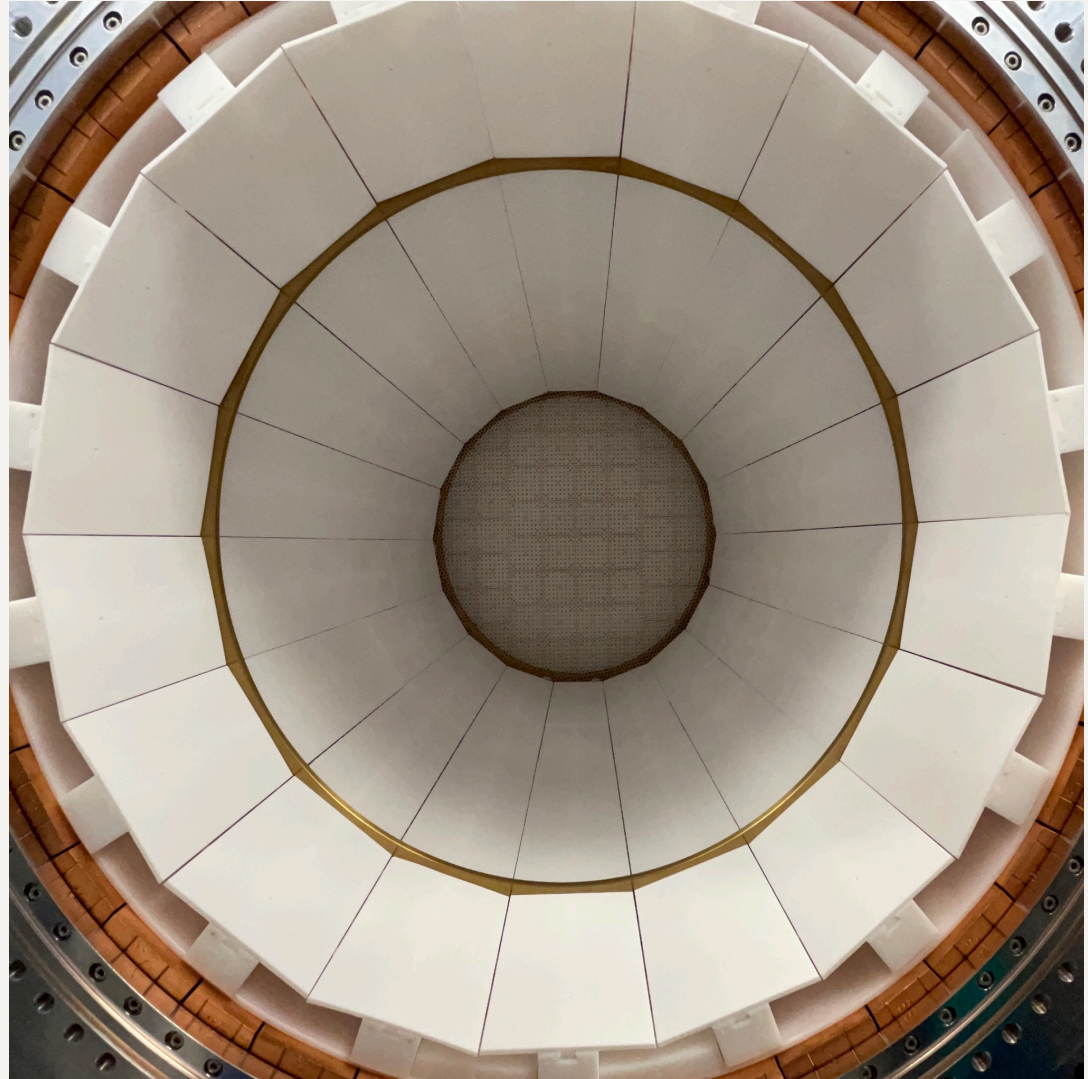


Flagship experiment at LSC:

**NEXT-100 experiment** - TPC with 100 kg of Xe-136 at high pressure - installed @LSC to search for neutrinoless double beta decay. In operation since October 2023.



**NEXT-HD** - TPC with 1 ton of Xe-136 at high pressure will start construction plans in 2025. Already working in various directions: reduce backgrounds, heat dissipation, extract light by



# CALLIO LAB

Existing underground multidisciplinary research environments

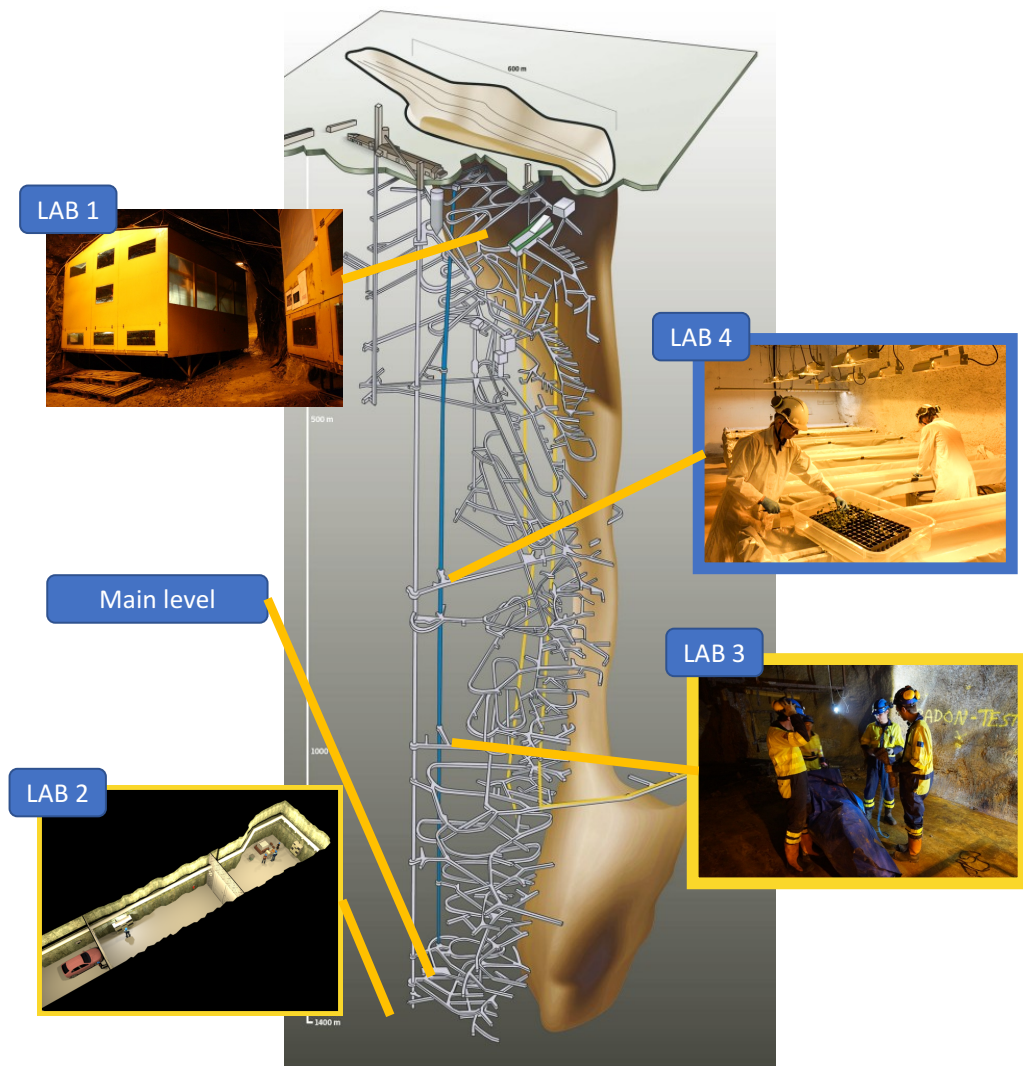
- Physics: LAB 1, Main level
- Biology and food production: LAB 2, LAB 4
- Underground information modelling: LAB 3
- Occupational health (iLighting): Main Level
- Geology and hydrogeology studies: LAB 2
- Microseismic network: all over the mine
- MINETRAN: all over the mine

[www.calliolab.com](http://www.calliolab.com)

Callio Lab is a unique underground research environment in Pyhäsalmi, Finland.

- Flat overburden, vertical depth 1440 m (~4100 m.w.e)
- Access via incline (30min), shaft (<3 min)

See Jari Joutsenvaara at this meeting



# STAWELL Underground Physics Lab (SUPL)



2014 proposed  
 2019 construction start  
 2022 outfitting start  
 1025 m deep  
 240 km from Melbourne  
 Helical drive access  
 Outfitting ends 2023  
 Muon flux meas. ongoing  
 SABRE South deployment  
 in 2025

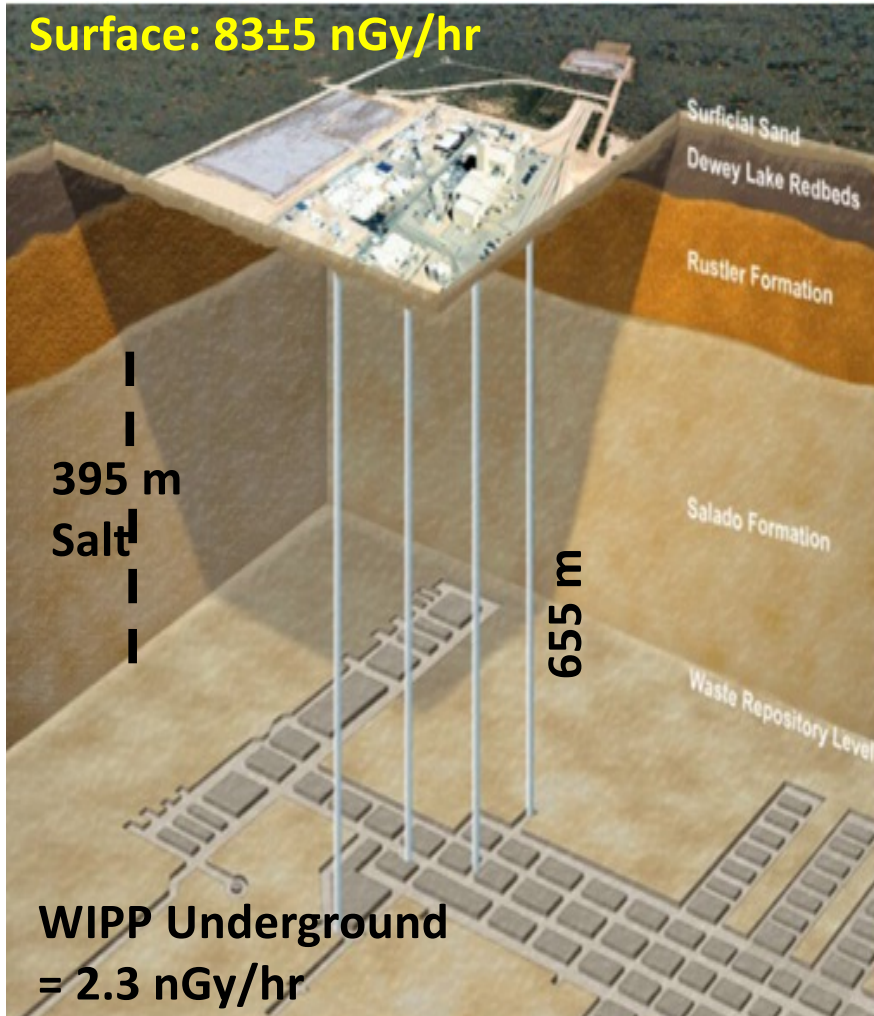


# WIPP

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## Gamma Dose Rates at WIPP.

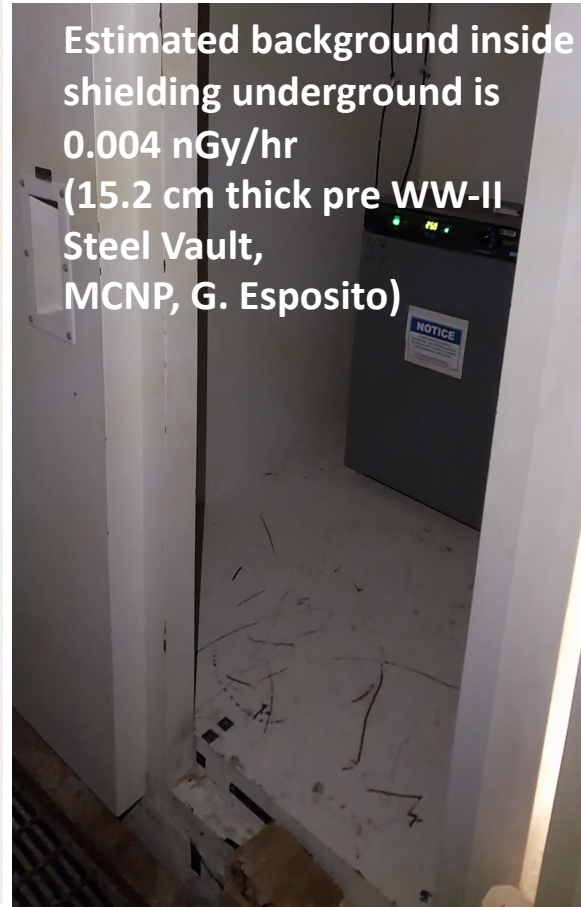
Surface:  $83 \pm 5$  nGy/hr



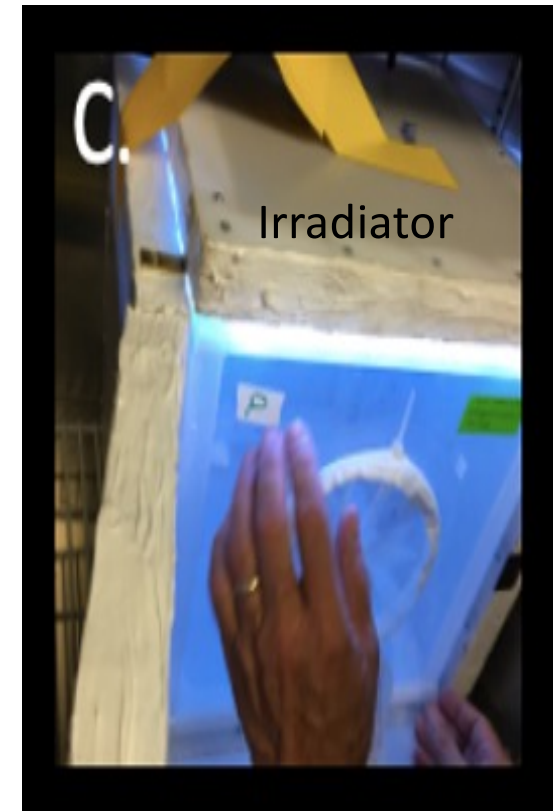
## Low Radiation Experimental Design.

Cells at Surface vs. Underground in Vault

Estimated background inside shielding underground is 0.004 nGy/hr (15.2 cm thick pre WW-II Steel Vault, MCNP, G. Esposito)



14 kg of Pozzolana or KCl gives an underground "Add-back" Control Irradiator w/  $\sim 140$  nGy/hr

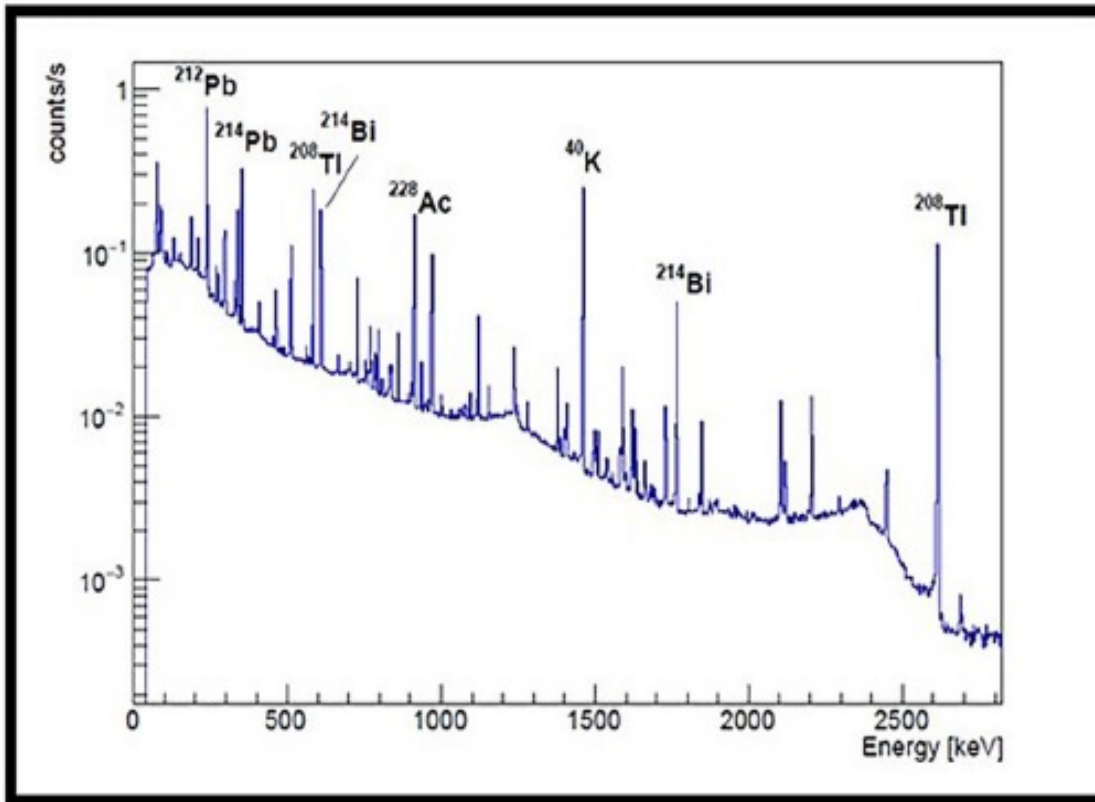


WIPP is 655 m deep, with 395 m salt over-burden

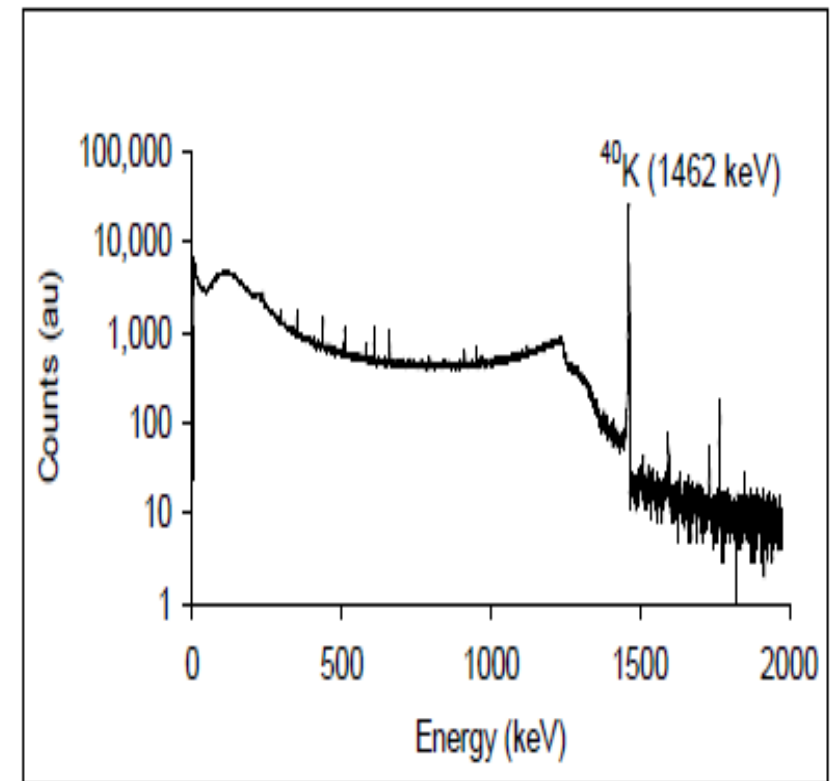
Expansion underway. Foreseen a 50-year operation plan.

Current site can be operated till 2033. Only 44% so far excavated of allowed volume.

**Rad Quality** We know organisms respond to different quantities of radiation. We now ask: Can organisms sense and respond to different qualities of radiation?



HPGe spectrum of Tufo+Pozollana,  $\sim 122$  nGy/hr  
(Esposito et al.2021)

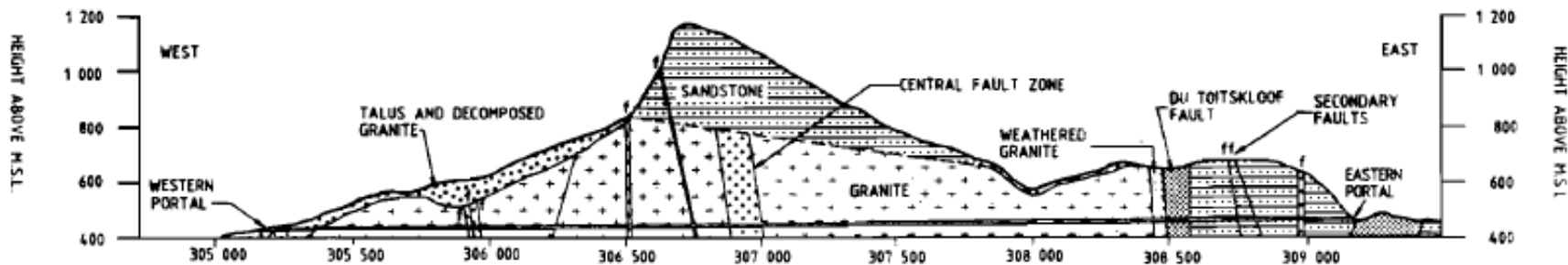


Spectrum of  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  
(Espinosa et al. 2009)

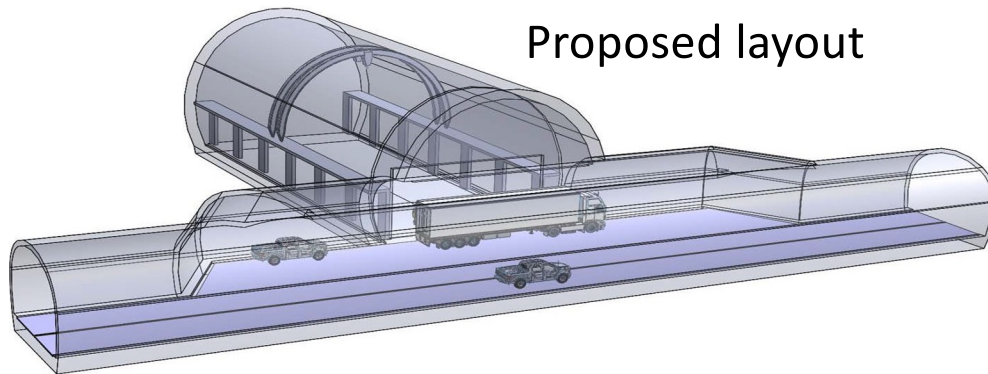
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# New DUL: PAUL South Africa

- Using an existing road tunnel (Huguenot tunnel close to Paarl town)
- 60 km from Cape Town
- Close to Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape
- Status: Conceptual Design Study ongoing
- Excavation expected in 2026



Proposed layout



10,240 m<sup>3</sup> laboratory (40x16x16)  
640 m<sup>2</sup>  
~ 800 m rock overburden

# Conclusions

- + At present **12 DULs in operation**
- + Underground laboratories continue to expand:
  - Hyper-K and SURF ongoing; new proposal for Boulby and PAUL
- + Science in Underground laboratories is pushing forward the limits of knowledge
- + Several next-generation experiments under discussion for more sensitive results
- + Order of 100 experiments running or under construction
- + **Building the future:**
  - Enhance collaboration and coordinate strategy for future developments
  - Reinforce Advance Training and Transnational Access
  - Enlarge the science horizon. DULIAbio 2024 is an example

# Thank you for your attention!

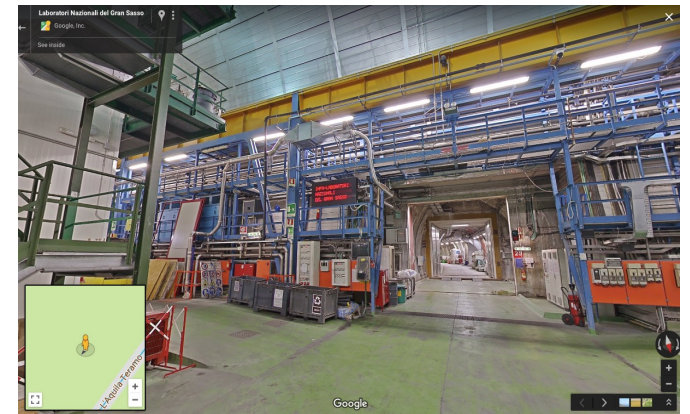
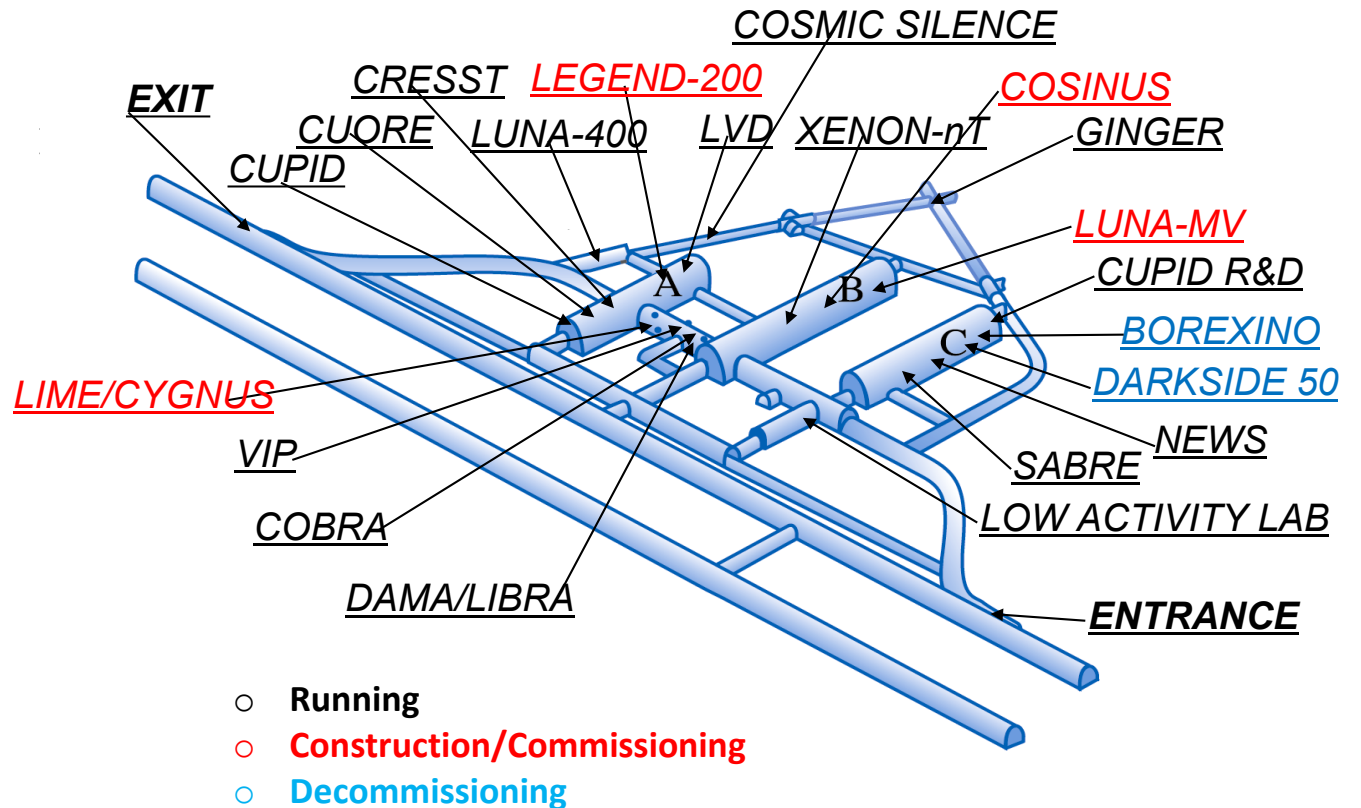
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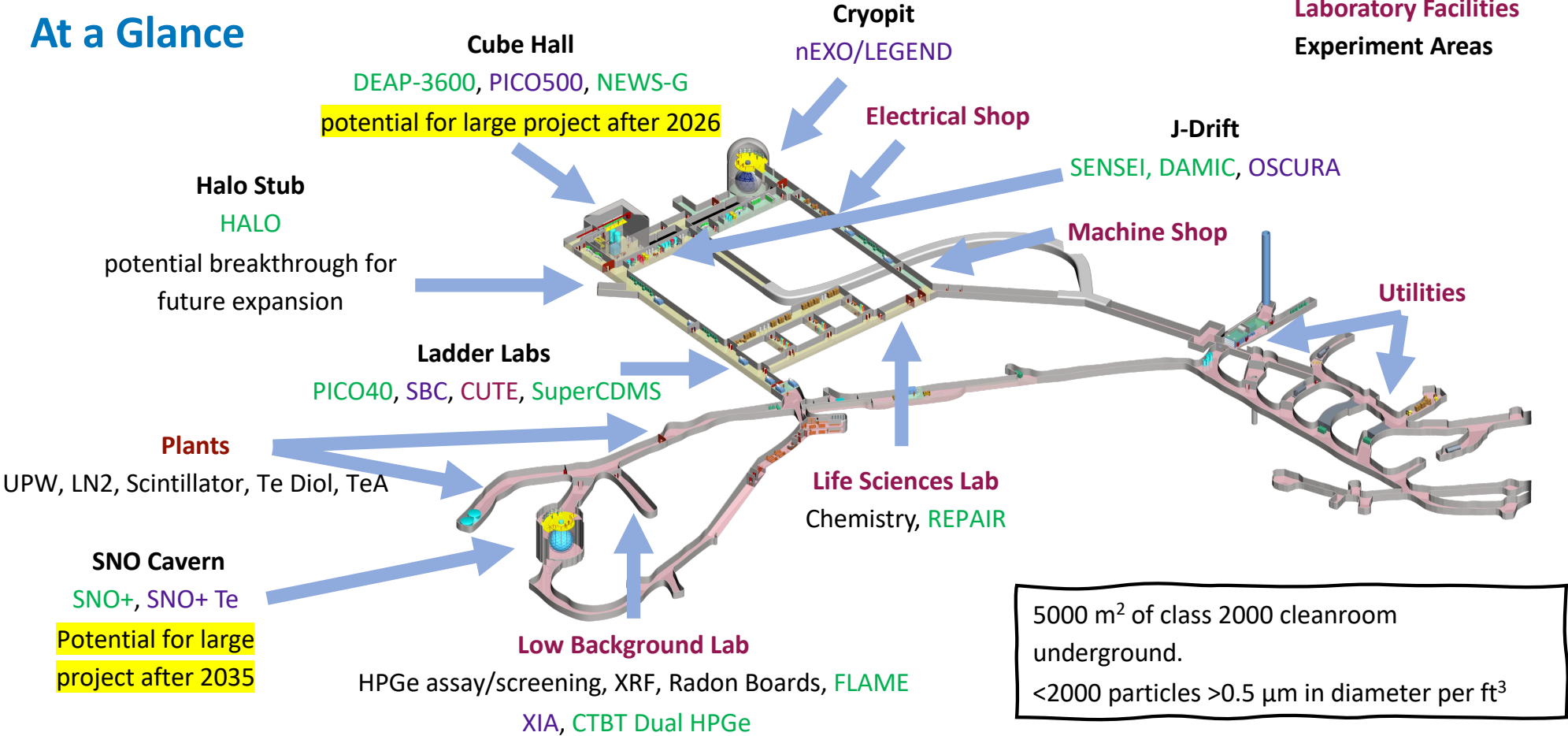
# Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (LNGS)

- Shielded by **1400 m (3800 m.w.e.)** of rock (Gran Sasso Mountains)
- Total Muon flux  **$3 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$**
- Easy access directly from the **A24 highway**
- **3 main experimental halls** 100 m long, 20 m width and 18 m high
- Many small tunnels for lab facilities and small experiments
- There are **20 experiments in data taking or under construction**



# SNOLAB – At a Glance

Current Experiments  
Future Experiments  
Laboratory Facilities  
Experiment Areas



3 MWe diesel generator backup on surface

5000 m<sup>2</sup> of class 2000 cleanroom underground.  
<2000 particles >0.5 μm in diameter per ft<sup>3</sup>

# Infrastructure: Surface Spaces & Support

## Offices, Clean Labs, Shipping/Receiving on Surface

- Dedicated office space for users.
- Clean room laboratories for surface work and final checks before shipping underground.
- Multiple meeting rooms (10-20 people) and auditorium seating 150.

## Create Welcoming Environment - SNOLAB Summer of Science

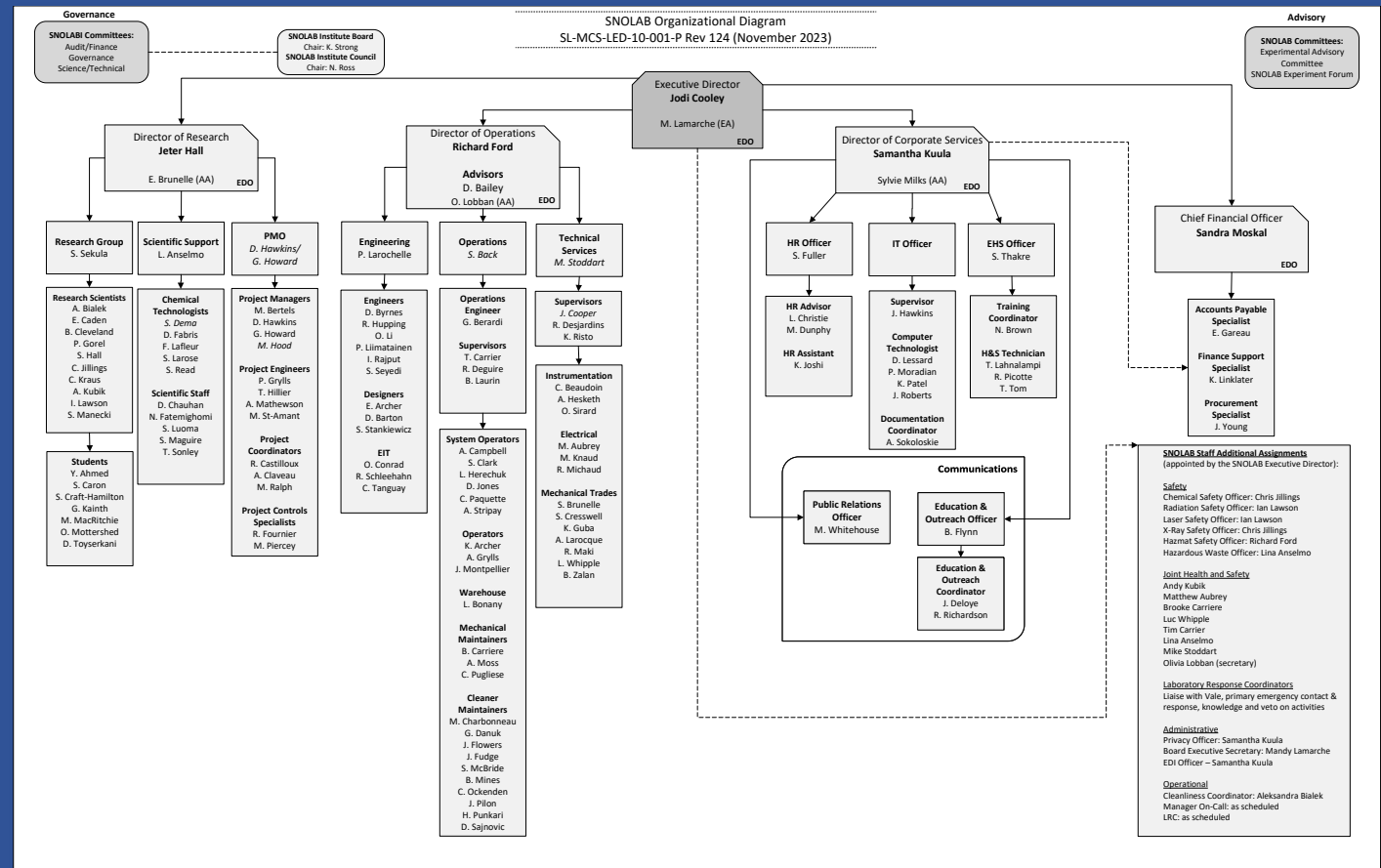
SNOLAB will host a series of meetings and workshops in Summer 2024:

- Invited senior scientists in-residence will give/lead topical and relevant lectures and discussions in weeks between.
- Goal of increasing the interactions between scientific collaborations while accomplishing the experimental goals.



# SNOLAB by Organization

- ~150 employees
- Dedicated to operating the laboratory space and experiments
- Scientists, Project Managers/Coordinators, Project Engineers, Design Engineers, Operators, Millwrights, Electricians, Instrumentation, Chemical Support
- Human resources, IT support, Environment Health and Safety, Communications, Finance



# BINGO

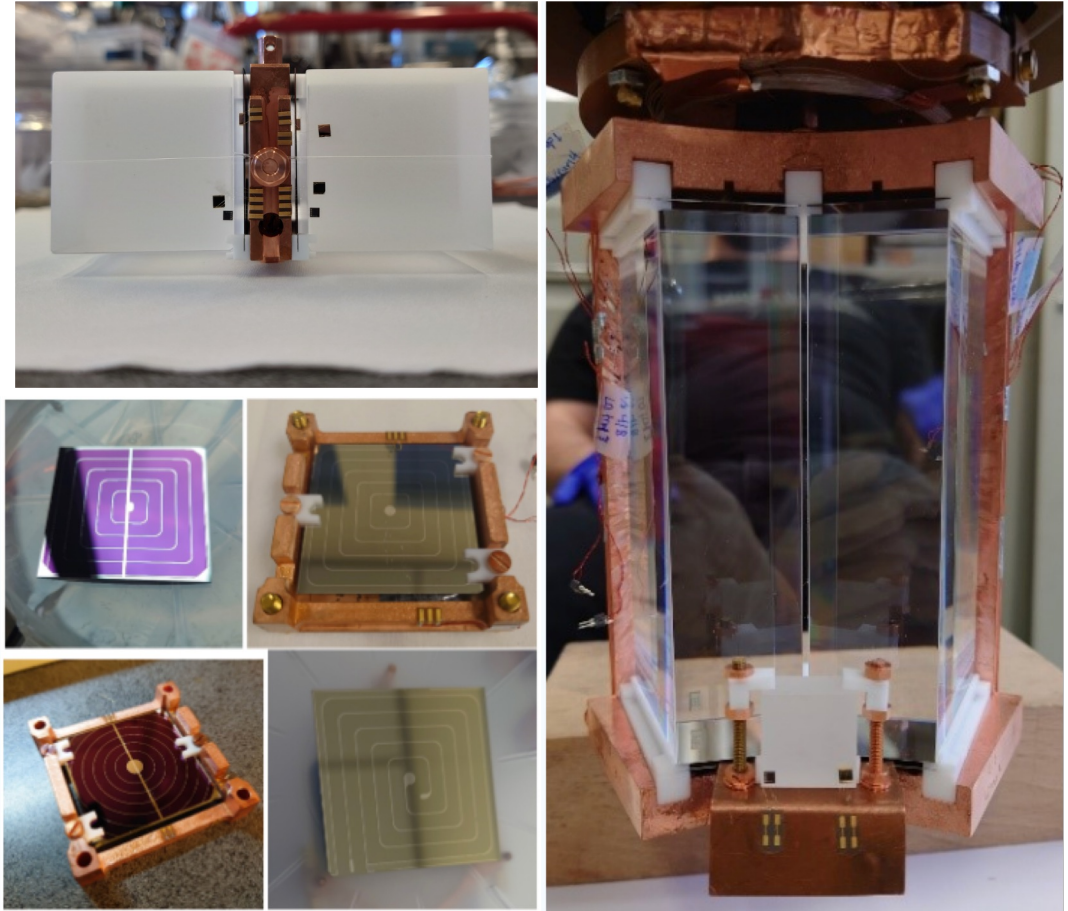


## R&D program for 0nDBD with $^{100}\text{Mo}$

Reduction of surface and external radioactive background with:

- Compact assembly with fewer materials
- Rejection of events coincident with a veto in BGO or  $\text{ZnWO}_4$
- Light detector with signal-to-noise amplification using the Luke-Neganov technique
- New technologies will allow  $<10^{-5}$  events/(keV kg year)

**The technologies offered by BINGO are likely candidates for the next generation of detectors**



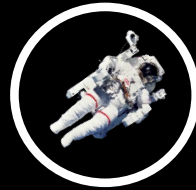
# Space Medicine

Dealing with conditions in space



Leveraging space environment for

- research
- development
- manufacturing



# Drop Tower



SLT drop tower makes use of mine shafts for vertical movement.



1.62m/sec<sup>2</sup>

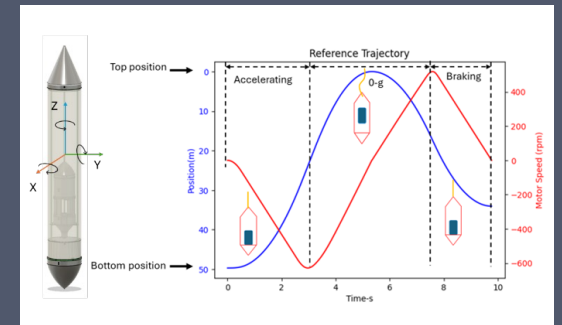


3.71m/sec<sup>2</sup>

Drop tower is capable of not only generating microgravity but also lunar or Martian gravity.

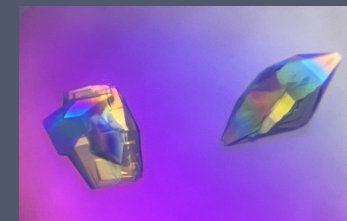
# Microgravity

Generation of microgravity



Testing on the ground level

Leveraging microgravity in space



Higher quality protein crystallization

# LNGS science program

- Direct DM search with LXe with XENONnT (**record in background level**)
- Direct DM search with LAr with DarkSide-20k
- Direct DM search with CaWO<sub>4</sub> with CRESST (bolometer)
- Direct DM search with NaI with DAMA/LIBRA, COSINUS and SABRE
- $0\nu$ DBD with <sup>76</sup>Ge with LEGEND-200
- $0\nu$ DBD with <sup>130</sup>Te with CUORE (ending 2025)
- Supernova neutrinos with LVD
- Nuclear Astrophysics with the Bellotti's facility
- **Biology** (see Patrizia Morciano, Anna Bianchi, Umberto Galderisi at this meeting)
- Geophysics
  - ✓ GINGER - Gyroscopes IN General Relativity, ring laser gyroscope (3.6m side) for Lens-Thirring effect (measurement of Earth's rotation rate at  $1/10^{10}$ )

# LSM science program

- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{82}\text{Se}$  with SuperNEMO (**data taking start in 2024**)
- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  with CUPID-Mo and BINGO (bolometer)
  - ✓ ERC grant, commissioning 2024
- Direct DM search with Si-CCD with DAMIC-M
  - ✓ Installation of kg stage in 2024
- Direct DM search with gas detector with SEDINE
- Direct DM search with Ge/Si cryogenic detector with TESSERACT
- Directional DM with MIMAC
  - ✓ Commissioning 2025
- Environmental research
  - ✓ Radioactivity in the atmosphere
  - ✓ Retro-observation (impact of human activity on environment)
  - ✓ Oceanography
  - ✓ Marine and continental geochemistry (dating of carots)
  - ✓ Geographic food origin
- Biology (see Vincent Breton, Guillaume Warot at this meeting)



# Sanford Underground Research Facility

Nation's deepest underground lab, advancing multi-disciplinary research



Ross Shaft

Yates Shaft



Administration Bldg



Rounds Operations Center

Surface Lab + RRS



Yates Hoistroom

# SURF science program

- Direct DM search with LXe with LZ
- Neutrino physics with LAr with DUNE (**long-baseline neutrino program**)
  - ✓ FD1,2 installation 2027-2028
  - ✓ FD3 installation 2031-2032
  - ✓ DUNE Phase 1 >2031
- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  with Majorana, converging into LEGEND
  - ✓ Cu e-forming facility for LEGEND-1000
- Nuclear Astrophysics with CASPAR
  - ✓ Next phase starting in 2024
  - ✓ Lasting at least till 2027
- **Biology** (see Markus Horn at this meeting)
- Quantum computing
- Geology & engineering
  - ✓ Seismic monitoring using fibers
  - ✓ Geothermal
  - ✓ Seismic global monitoring
  - ✓ Mining technology

# SNOLAB science program

- Direct DM search with LAr with DEAP-3600
- Direct DM search with Ge/Si with SuperCDMS (bolometer)
- Direct DM search with with C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>8</sub> target PICO40 (bubble chamber)
- Direct DM search with CH<sub>4</sub> , Ar+CH<sub>4</sub> , Ne+CH<sub>4</sub> NEWS-G (spherical proportional counter)
- Direct DM search with Si-CCDs with DAMIC
- 0νDBD with <sup>130</sup>Te with SNO+ (>2025)
- Solar/reactor/geo neutrinos with SNO+
- Supernova neutrinos with HALO and SNO+
- 0νDBD with <sup>76</sup>Ge/<sup>136</sup>Xe with LEGEND/nEXO
- **Biology** (see Shaun Hall, Chris Thome at this meeting)
- Nuclear monitoring and quantum computing

# LSC science program

- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  with NEXT (high pressure gas TPC)
- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  with CROSS (bolometer)
- Direct DM search with NaI with ANAIS
- Neutrino physics with Hyper-Kamiokande
- Biology (see Carlos Peña-Garay at this meeting)

# CJPL science program

- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  with CDEX
- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  with CUPID-CJPL (bolometer)
- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{82}\text{Se}$  with N $\nu$ DEX (high pressure  $\text{SeF}_6$  TPC)
- Direct DM search with LXe with PANDAX
- Nuclear Astrophysics with JUNA
- Neutrino physics with a kton scale detector

# Yemilab science program

- $0\nu\text{DBD}$  with  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  with AMoRE (bolometer)
- Direct DM search with NaI(Tl) with COSINE-100U,200
- Neutrino physics (beyond the SM and sterile  $\nu$ ) with a kton scale detector
  - ✓ status: proposal under development
  - ✓ IsoDAR (Isotope Decay-at-Rest Experiment) electron antineutrino beam from 60 MeV protons
- space biology (by SpaceLintech co LTD)
- human life underground on the moon (by KIGAM, Korean Institute for Geology and Mineral Resources)

# Boulby science program

- Hosted direct DM search with NaIAD, DRIFT and ZEPELIN (**world's first 2-phase Xe detector**)
- Direct DM search with gas detector with NEWS-G
- Direct DM search with LXe with LZ
- Directional DM with CYGNUS
- Material screening (x8 HPGe, XIA, ICP-MS, Rn emanation)
- Muon tomography for geological surveying
- Nuclear test monitoring (**collaboration with CTBTO**)
- Renewable energy storage in underground caverns with RESOURCE
- Astrobiology/Biology (see Jens Holtvoeth, Scott Perl, Jonathan Gutteridge at this meeting)

# NOA packaging area

FORM FACTOR PAC200  
CRYOPROBE



AMICRA NOVA PLUS  
FLIP CHIP BONDER



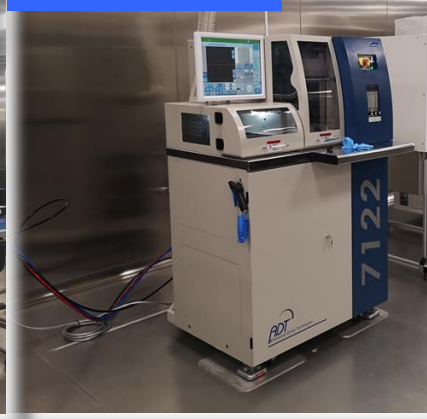
2 LEICA MICROSCOPES



HESSE  
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MANUAL  
PACKAGING TOOLS:  
FRAME MOUNTER  
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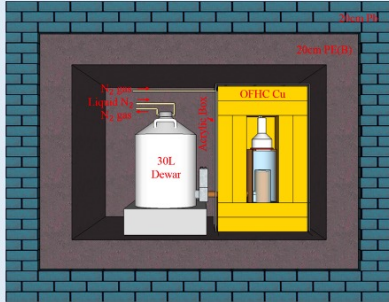
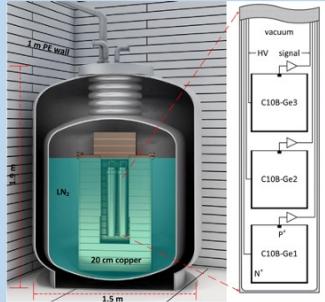
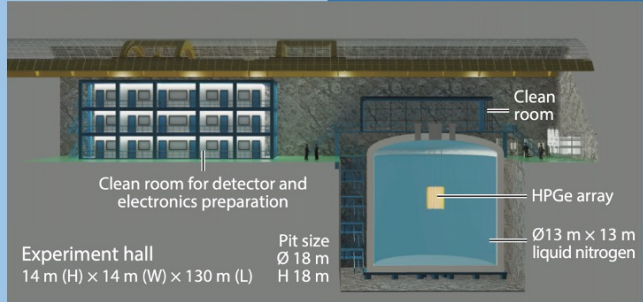



# Advance machining

- ❑ Strong request for light, low radioactivity, and complex geometry detectors components
- ❑ At LNGS (**3DIab**) and LSC an R&D in progress to develop high radio-purity copper components by e-forming production and 3D printing
  - + e-formed copper produced at LSC underground
  - + copper atomized and 3D printing at LNGS
  - + screening to assay radio-purity level both at LNGS and LSC

# CDEX Collaboration

- Founded in 2009, 11 institutions, more than 100 people now
- Focused on Dark Matter detection and Ge-76  $0\nu\beta\beta$  search using HPGe technology

2009-2016	2016-2020	2021-	Planned
<p><b>CDEX-1</b></p> <p><b>CDEX-1A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DM: <math>\chi</math>-N (SI/SD)</li> <li>• Axion &amp; Axion-like DM</li> <li>• CDEX first <math>0\nu\beta\beta</math> result</li> </ul> <p><b>CDEX-1B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DM: <math>\chi</math>-N (SI/SD)</li> <li>• DM: <math>\chi</math>-N (Migdal Effect)</li> <li>• DM: <math>\chi</math>-N (AM)</li> <li>• Axion &amp; Axion-like DM</li> </ul> 	<p><b>CDEX-10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DM: <math>\chi</math>-N (SI/SD)</li> <li>• DM: <math>\chi</math>-N (EFT)</li> <li>• Solar dark photon</li> <li>• Dark photon DM</li> <li>• DM: CR boosted DM</li> <li>• DM: Exotic DM</li> <li>• DM: <math>\chi</math>-e</li> <li>• DM: Evaporating PBHs</li> </ul> 	<p><b>CDEX-50 (DM)</b></p> <p><b>CDEX-300 (<math>0\nu\beta\beta</math>)</b></p> 	<p><b>CDEX-1T (<math>0\nu\beta\beta</math>, DM...)</b></p> 
<b>CJPL-I</b>		<b>CJPL-II</b>	

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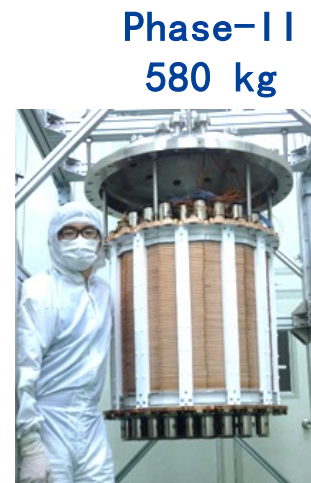
- Starting in 2009, consists of dozens of Universities and research Institutions
- Goals: Increase LXe detector mass for DM and neutrino studies



2009



2010–2014



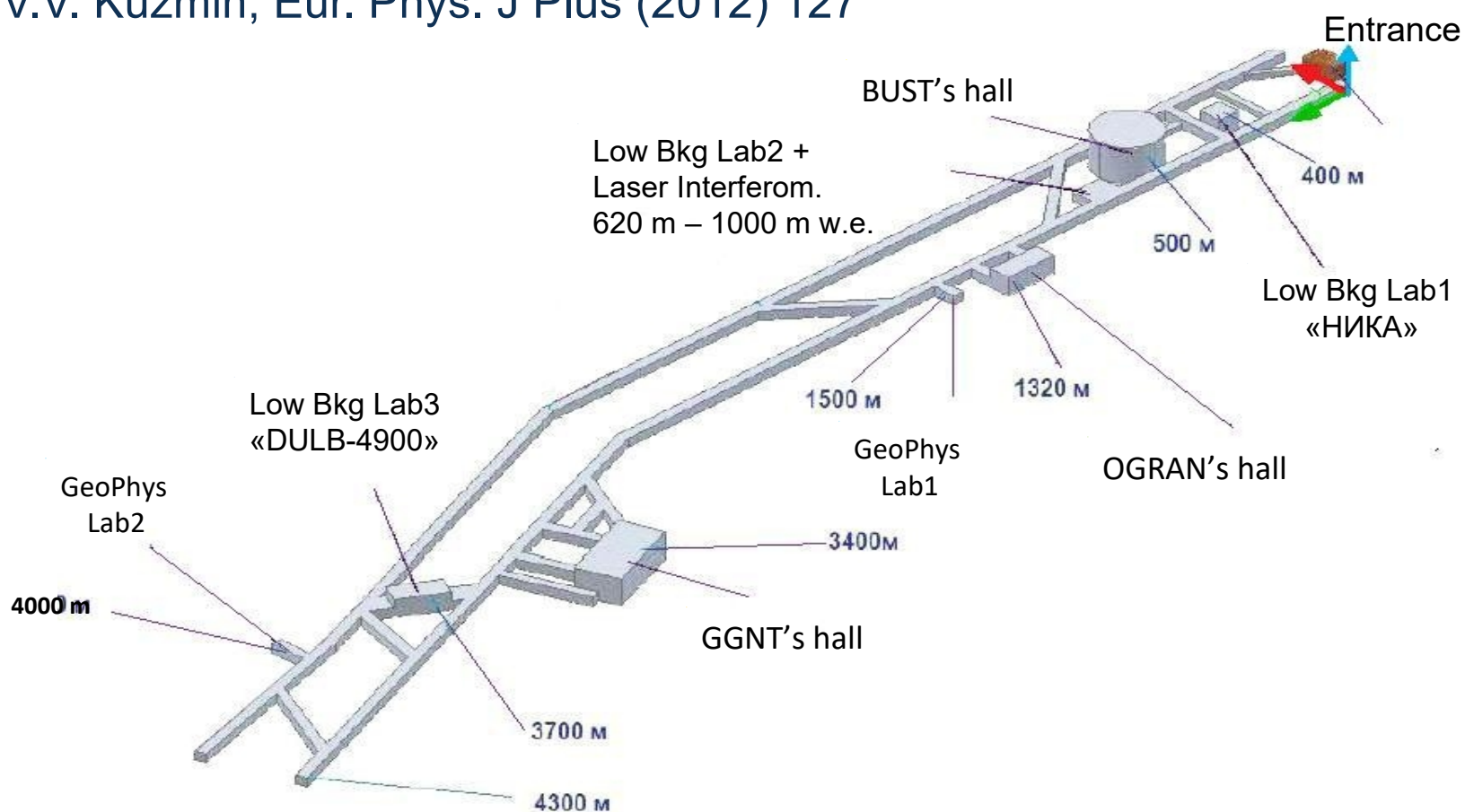
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# Laboratory structure at Baksan

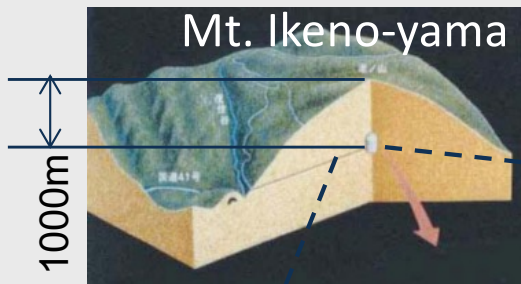
See V.V. Kuzmin, Eur. Phys. J Plus (2012) 127



# Scientific program at Baksan: highlights

- + BUST (Baksan Underground Scintillation Telescope)
  - study of cosmic rays with surface and underground detectors
  - gravitational collapse supernova rate  $< 0.07/\text{year}$  (90% CL)
- + GGNT (Gallium-Germanium Neutrino Telescope)
  - Solar neutrinos observatory
  - BEST (Baksan Experiment on Sterile Transitions) with  $^{51}\text{Cr}$  source (3.4 Mci) and 0.6-1m baseline
- + LBR (Low Background Researches)
  - Investigation of rare decay processes (DBD and DM)
- + LGG (Laboratory for Geophysics)
  - Geophysics and gravitational waves
- + New:
  - cryogenic laboratory for bolometers (Mo-based DBD)
  - long term: 5kt scale Borexino-like detector (prototype stage)

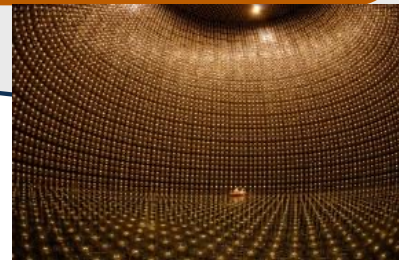
# Kamioka: underground facilities



**KamLAND (Tohoku Univ.)**  
1000ton liquid scintillator detector  
Reactor, geo neutrinos  
 $^{136}\text{Xe}$  double beta decay



**Super-Kamiokande**  
50,000 ton water Cherenkov detector  
Atmospheric, solar, supernova neutrinos  
Proton decay, indirect dark matter search  
Far detector for T2K



**CANDLES**  
CaF<sub>2</sub> scintillation detector  
for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  double beta decay

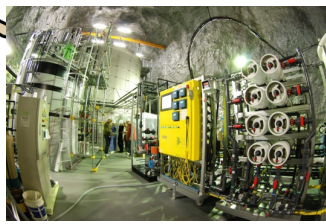


**Gravitational-wave**  
**CLIO** 100m x 100m prototype  
**Geo-physics** 100m x 100m  
Laser strainmeter

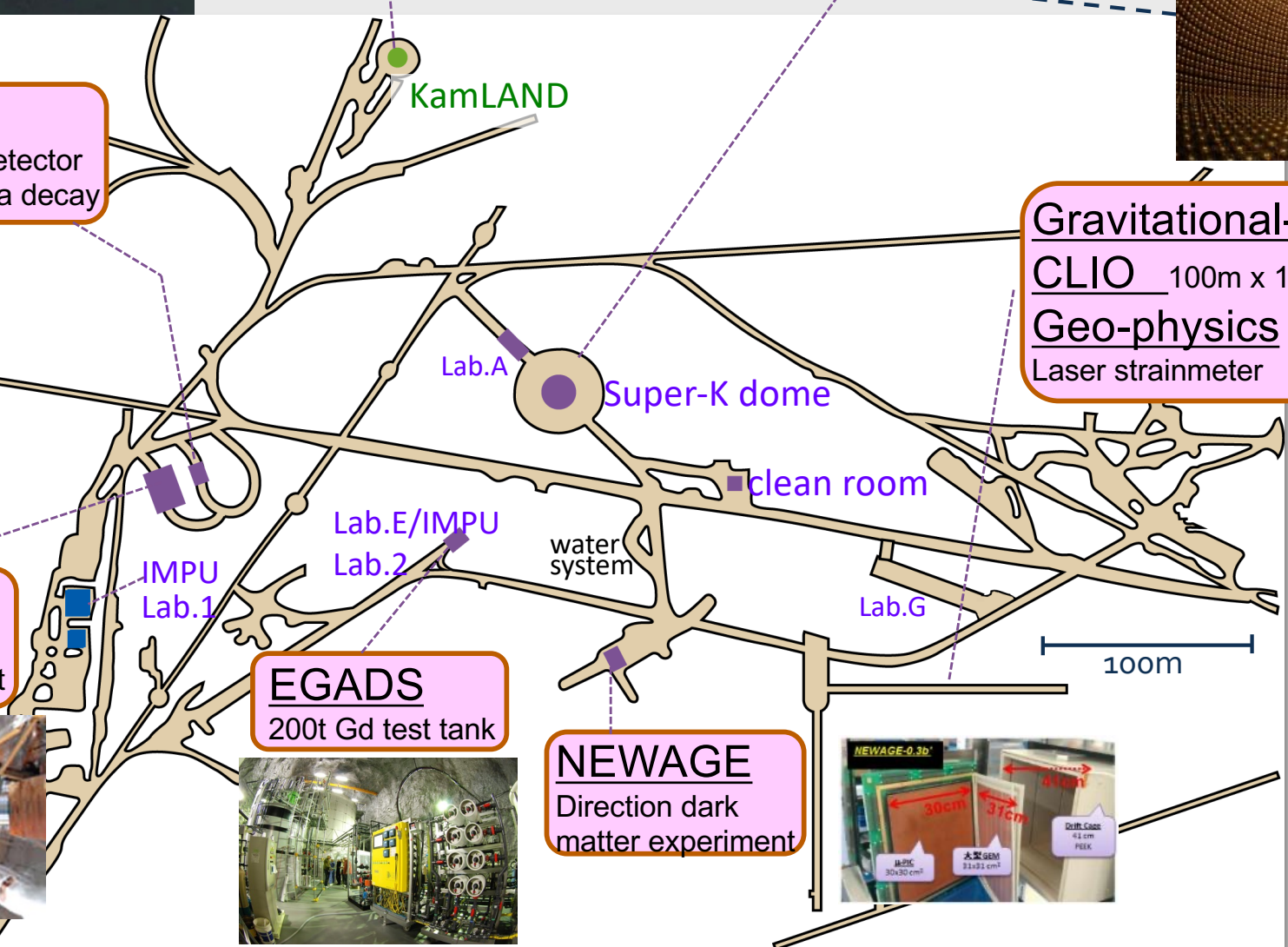
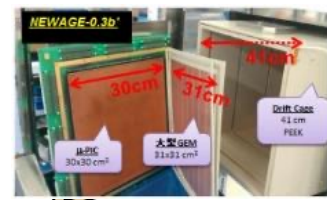
**XMASS**  
Direct dark matter  
search experiment



**EGADS**  
200t Gd test tank



**NEWAGE**  
Direction dark  
matter experiment



# Environmental backgrounds

- ✓  $\langle \rho \rangle \sim 2.7 - 2.9 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ,  $\langle Z^2/A \rangle \sim 5.7-5.9$ ,  $\langle Z \rangle \sim 11$
- ✓ **gamma-rays** from rocks: order of a few  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 
  - Mitigation: passive shielding (Pb, Cu, steel)
- ✓ **radiogenic neutrons**: order of a few  $10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 
  - Mitigation: passive shielding (polyethylene ...), active veto with water, Gd-loaded water, scintillators
- ✓ **muon-induced neutrons**:  $\sim 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 
  - Mitigation: large active and passive shielding with water, Gd-loaded water, scintillators
- ✓ **Radon**
  - Mitigation: high ventilation, radon suppressed environment, leak tightness (see Ivan Stekl this meeting)
- ✓ **Dust**
  - Mitigation: cleanliness protocol