

# **International Underground science: Status and Prospects**

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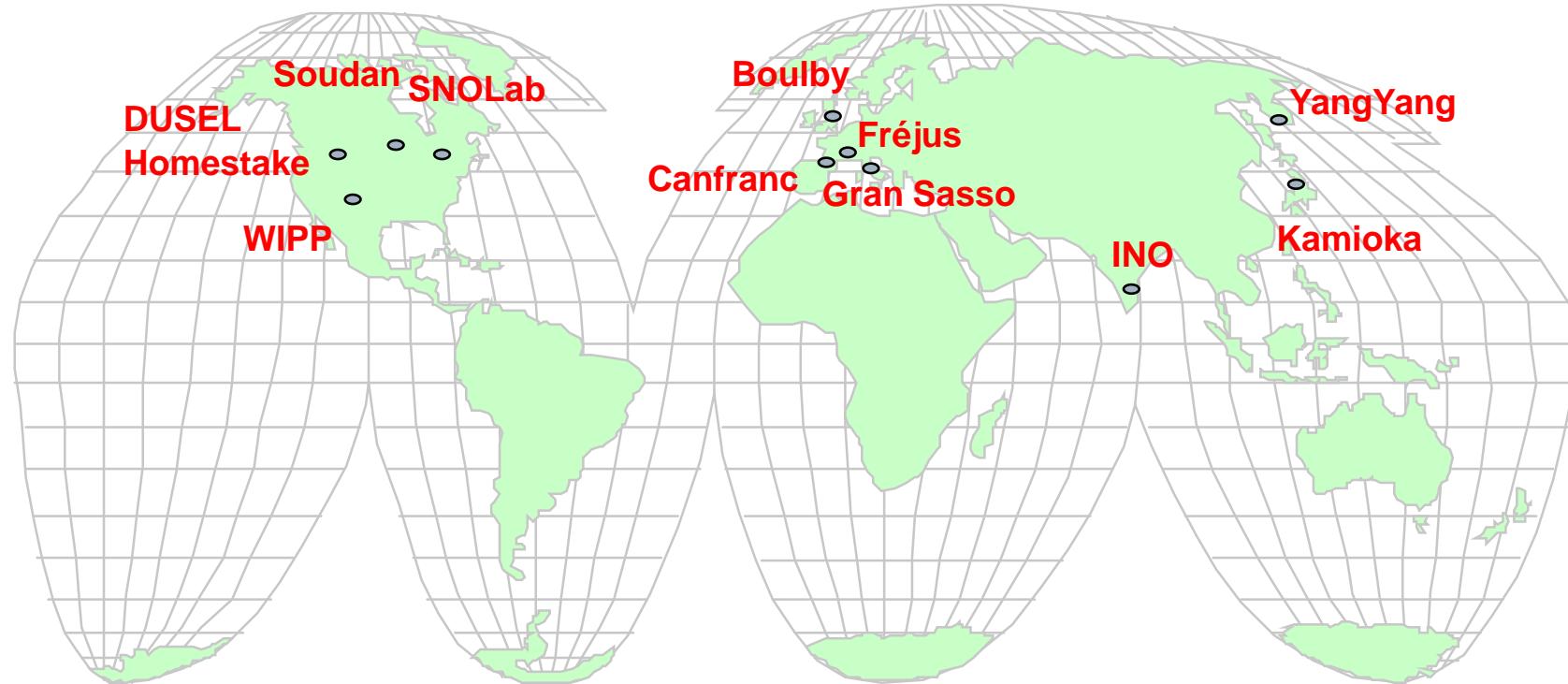
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# Underground Physics

- Physics beyond the standard Model, search for rare events or decays
- Proton decay                    GeV  
Origin of the creation of deep underground labs
  - SUSY
- Neutrino oscillations and astronomy                    Mev - GeV
  - Solar neutrinos
  - Atmospheric
  - Accelerators
  - SuperNovae
- Neutrino properties                    MeV
  - Double beta decay                    Nature of neutrino and mass
- Dark matter                    keV
  - Universe content

# Deep Underground Laboratories



# Underground Laboratories

Underground labs are characterized by:

Depth : muons flux

Rock density: meter water equivalent

Cavity size : surface and volume

Access: horizontal (tunnel) or  
vertical (mine)

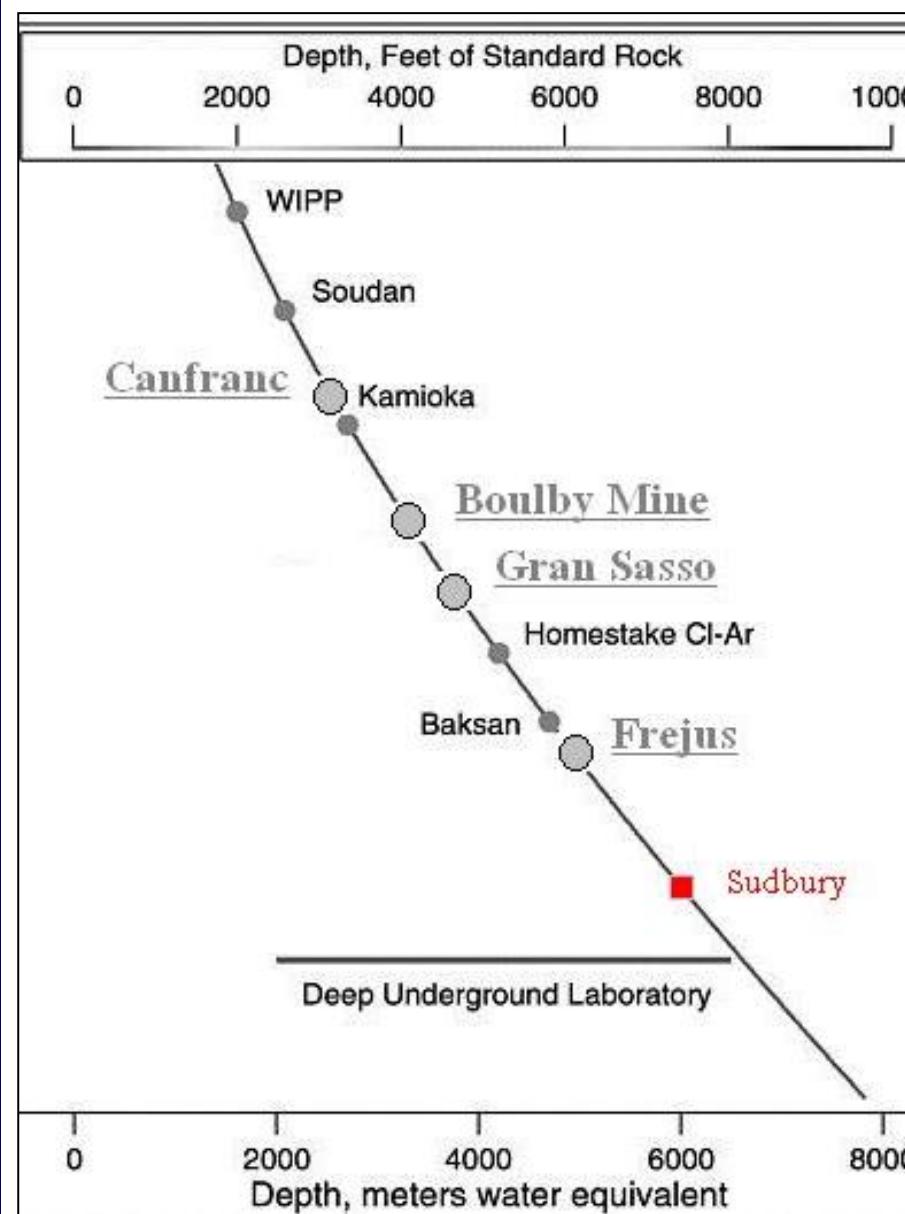
Neutron flux: rock radioactivity (fission  
( $\alpha, n$ ) reactions)  
spallation from muons

Gamma-rays flux: rock radioactivity  
 $\gamma$  up to 2.6 MeV  
Muons bremstrahlung  
Radon

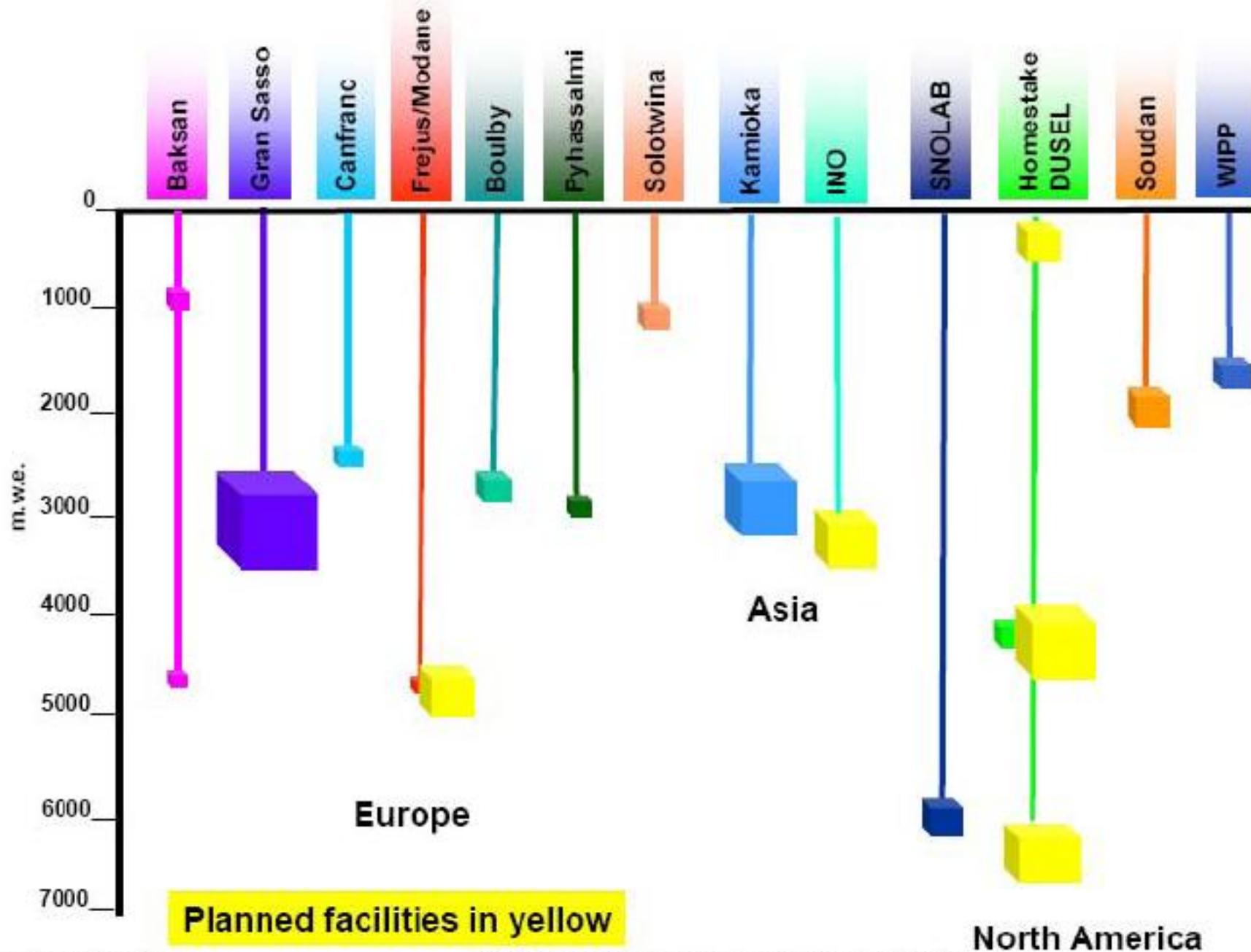
renewal of air in the lab : radon

Access : horizontal (tunnel) or vertical (mine)

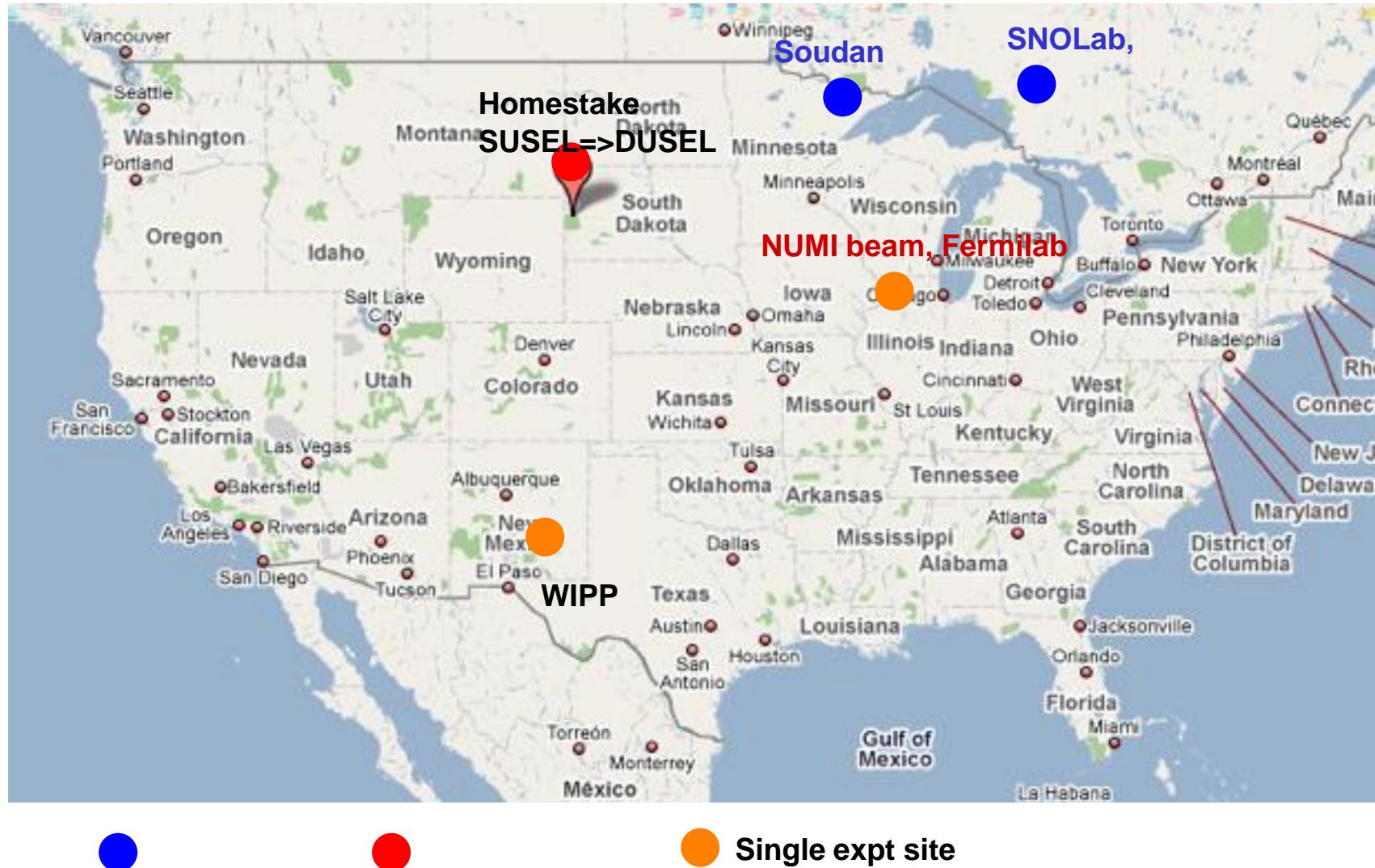
Distance to a beam



# Underground Laboratories



# North American Laboratories



# SNOLAB (Canada)

Depth: 6000 m.w.e.

Surface: 3000 m<sup>2</sup>

Volume : 30000 m<sup>3</sup>  
clean room, class 2000, 37 000m<sup>3</sup>

Muon flux:  $3 \cdot 10^{-6} \mu\text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

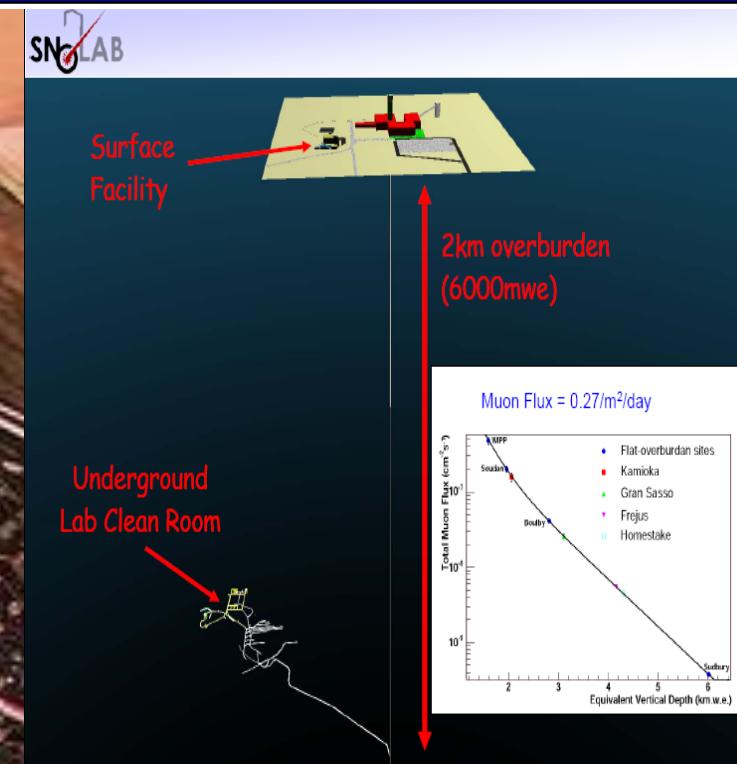
Neutrons:

Fast flux:  $4.7 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{n.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

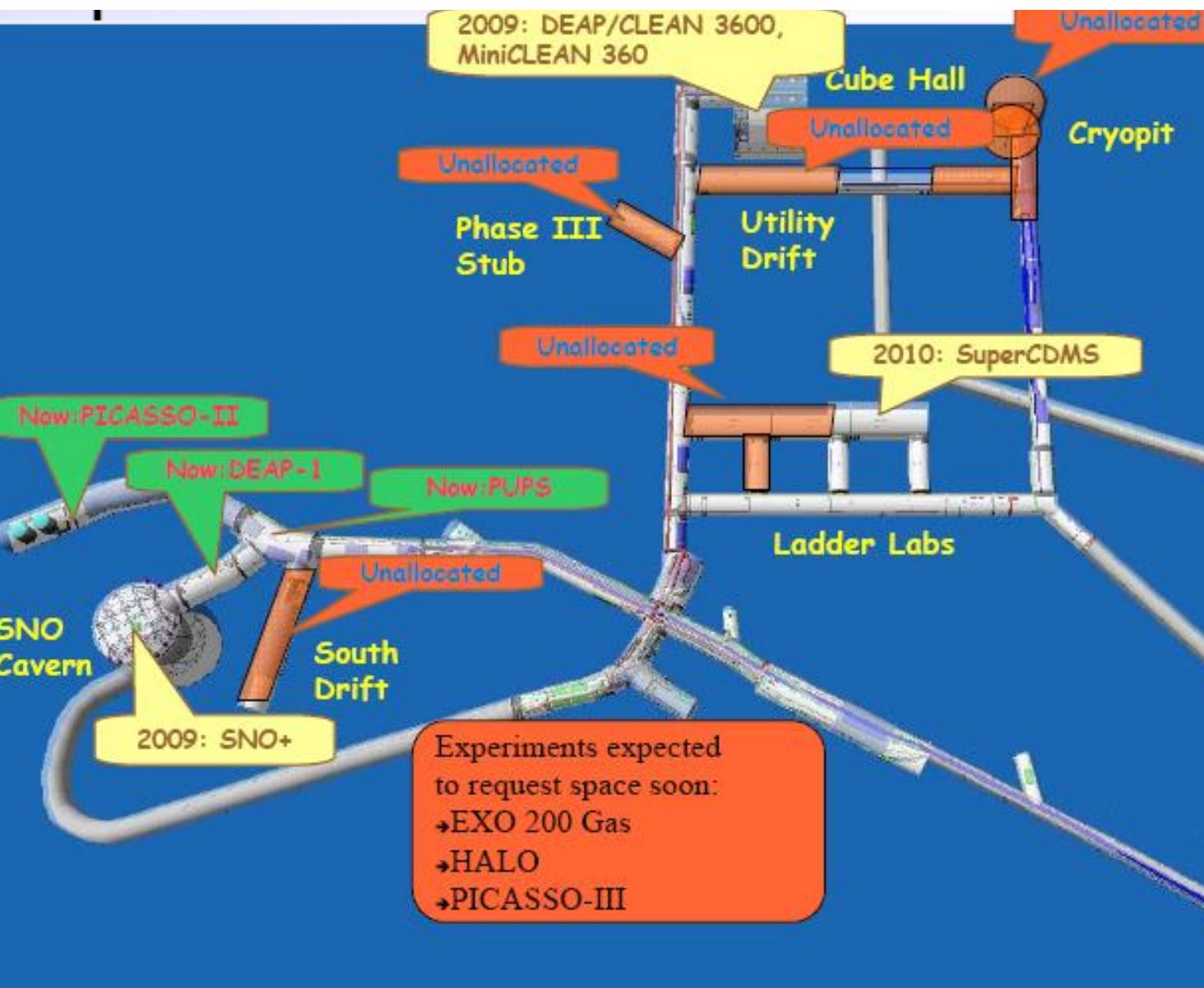
Thermal flux:  $4.7 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{n.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Radon: 120 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>

Access : Mine



# SNOLAB



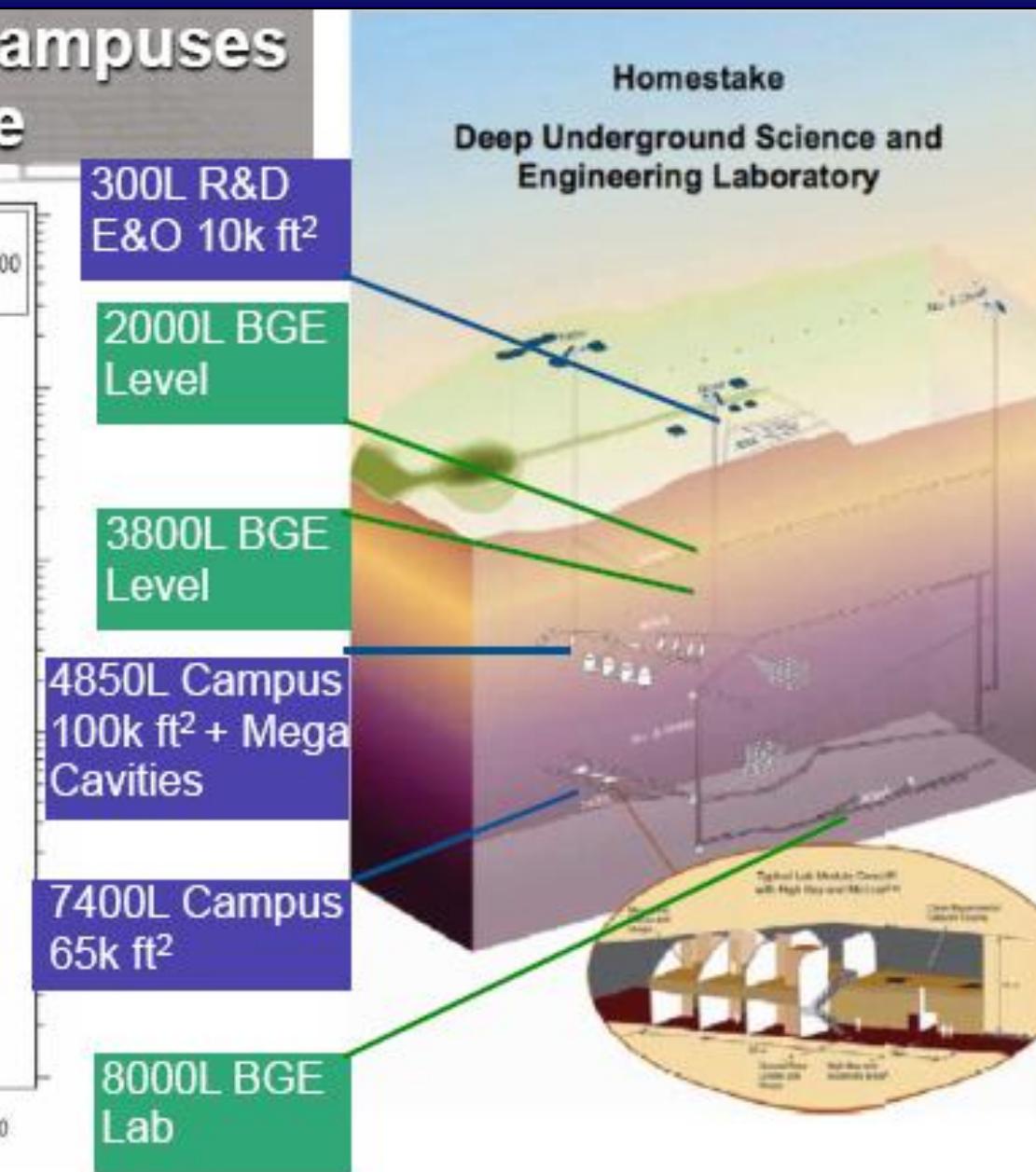
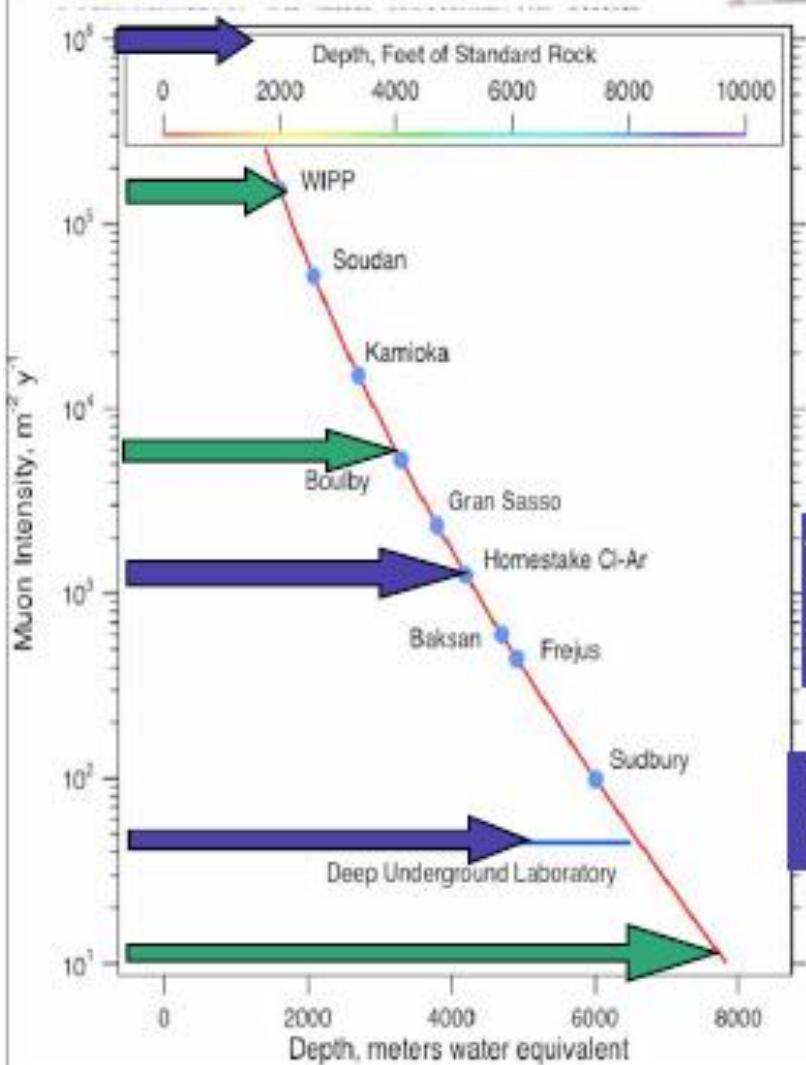
**Neutrinos:**  
**SNO+ (solar)**  
**HALO Supernovae**

**Dark matter:**  
**SuperCDMS**  
**PICASSO**  
**DEAP**  
**CLEAN**

**Double beta decay:**  
**EXO-200**  
**SNO++**

**Seismic signal PUPS**

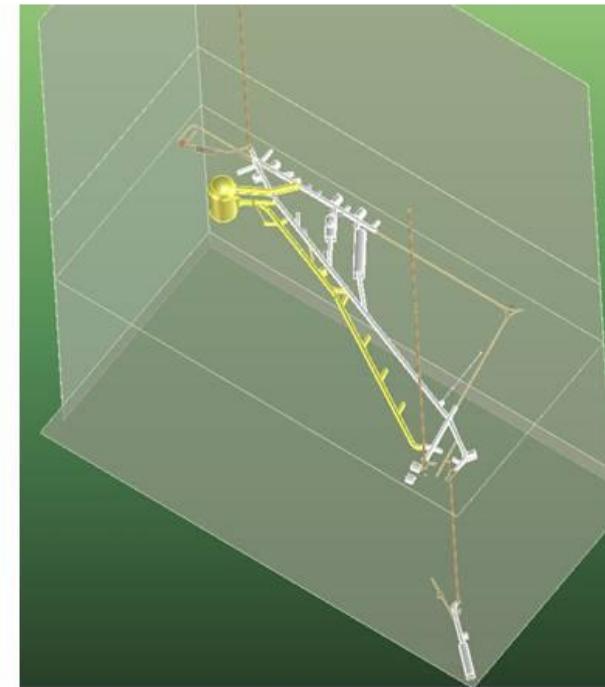
## Plans for Research Campuses Optimized for Science



# NSF and DOE Cooperation In Creating DUSEL and its Scientific Program

LONGSECTION OF THE HOMESTAKE MINE

- Initial NSF Guidance - \$750M to include:
  - DUSEL Facility (our goal is for FY13 construction start)
  - Diverse and Compelling Suite of Experiments
    - Dark Matter Searches
    - Long Baseline Neutrinos
    - Proton Decay
    - Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay
    - Additional Physics Experiments such as:
      - Nuclear Astrophysics
      - Solar Neutrinos
    - Biology, Geology, Engineering Experiments including topics such as:
      - Geomicrobiology
      - Fault Rupture and geophysics
      - Coupled Processes
- DOE Established CD0 for Long Baseline Neutrinos Experiment January 2010
  - Range established \$660 - \$940M
  - Joint oversight group (JOG) meeting regularly (DOE OHEP ,DOE ONP, NSF PHY)
- We anticipate maintaining Sanford Lab science program through DUSEL construction
  - LUX dark matter and Majorana Demonstrator neutrinoless double beta decay



# Asian Laboratories





# Kamioka (Japan)

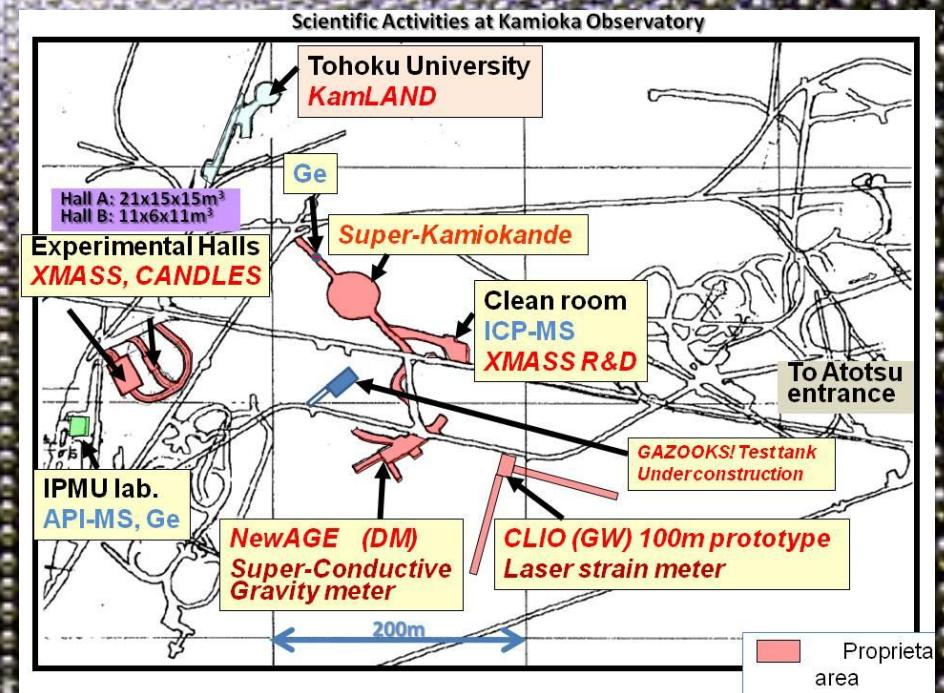
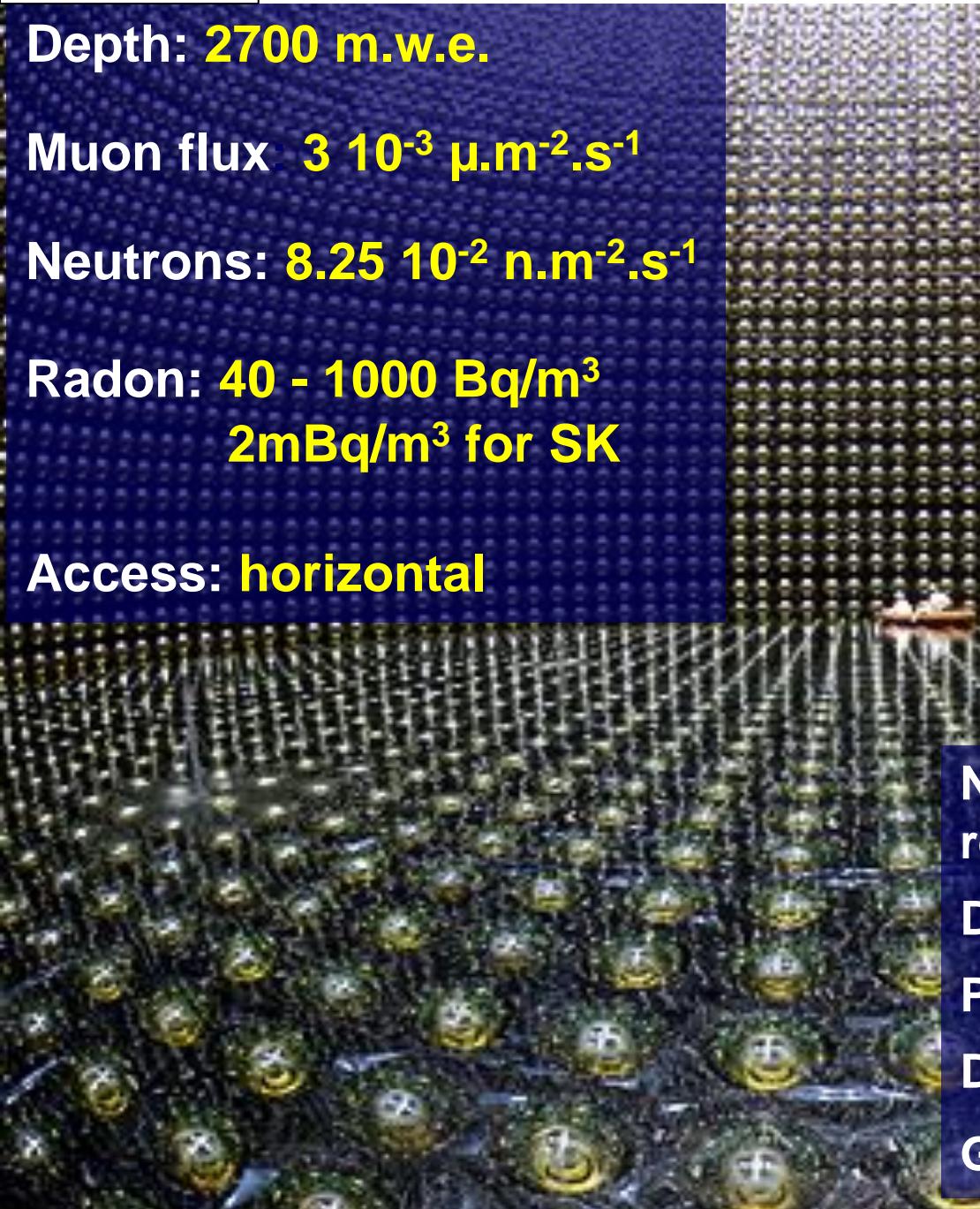
Depth: 2700 m.w.e.

Muon flux  $3 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Neutrons:  $8.25 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{n.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Radon:  $40 - 1000 \text{Bq/m}^3$   
 $2 \text{mBq/m}^3$  for SK

Access: horizontal



Neutrino: Atmospheric, long baseline, reactor,solar **SK (T2K,K2K), KamLAND**

Double beta decay: **CANDLE**

Proton decay **SK**

Dark matter: **XMASS, NEWAGE**

GW antenna: **CLIO**

# DEEP Underground Labs and projects in Europe



**IUS**

Institute of Underground  
Science in Boulby mine, UK



**IFIN -HH**  
**Unirea Salt Mine**



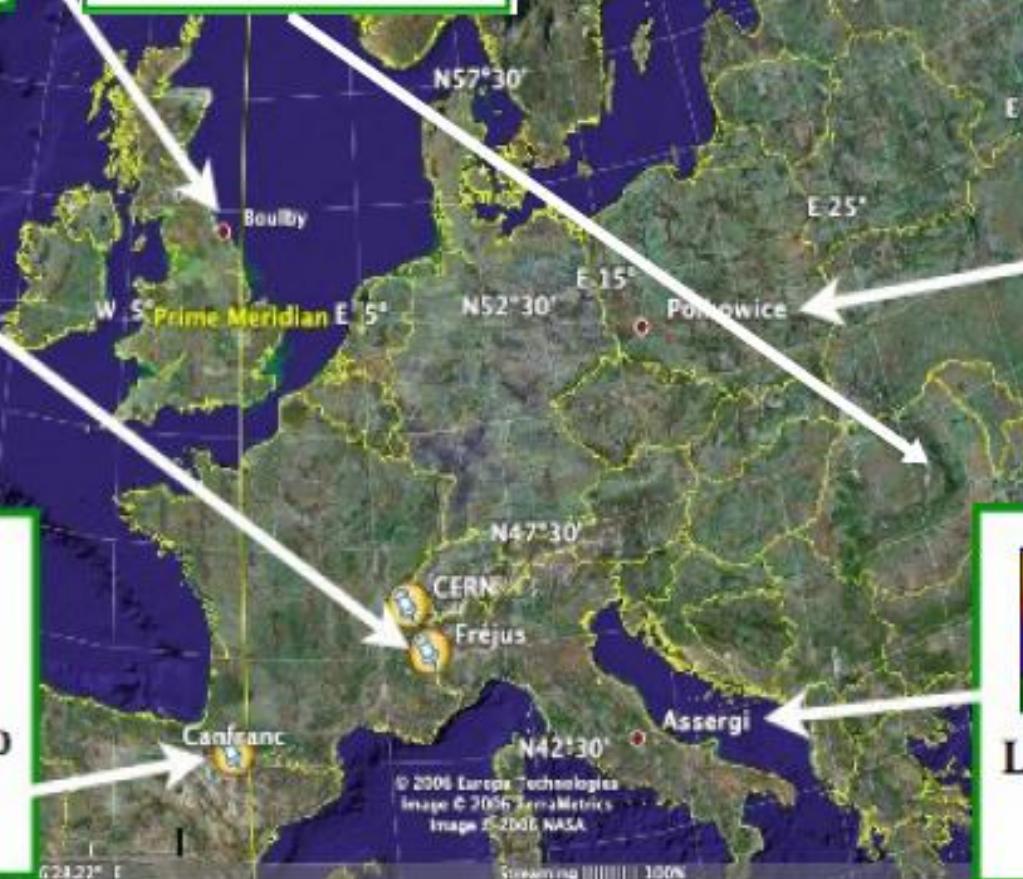
**CENTRE FOR UNDERGROUND  
PHYSICS IN PYHÄSALMI MINE**



**LSM**  
Laboratoire Souterrain  
de Modane, France

**LSC**

**Laboratorio Subterraneo  
de Canfranc, Spain**



**LNGS**  
Laboratori Nazionali del  
Gran Sasso, Italy



# DUL in Europe and ILIAS

Integrated Large Infrastructures for Astroparticle Science

Aim: to help establish long term integration of **Astroparticle Physics** in Europe

European Union supported program of 5 years 2004\_2009

EU contribution: **€7.5 M** Participants: **~1500 scientists, 140 institutes, 23 countries**

**3 prime areas: gravitational waves, dark matter, double beta decay**

**3 types of activity:**

**Networking Activities**

(N2) Deep Underground science laboratories

(N3) Direct dark matter detection

(N4) Search on double beta decay

(N5) Gravitational wave research

(N6) Theoretical astroparticle physics

**Joint Research Activities (R&D Projects)**

(JRA1) Low background techniques underground

(JRA2) Double beta decay European observatory

(JRA3) Study of noise in gravitational wave detectors

**Transnational Access Activities**

(TA1) Access to the EU Deep Laboratories

**Coordination of  
European deep  
underground labs**

**CoMAG: board of DUL director**

**ILIAS-Next proposal → focused on underground science**



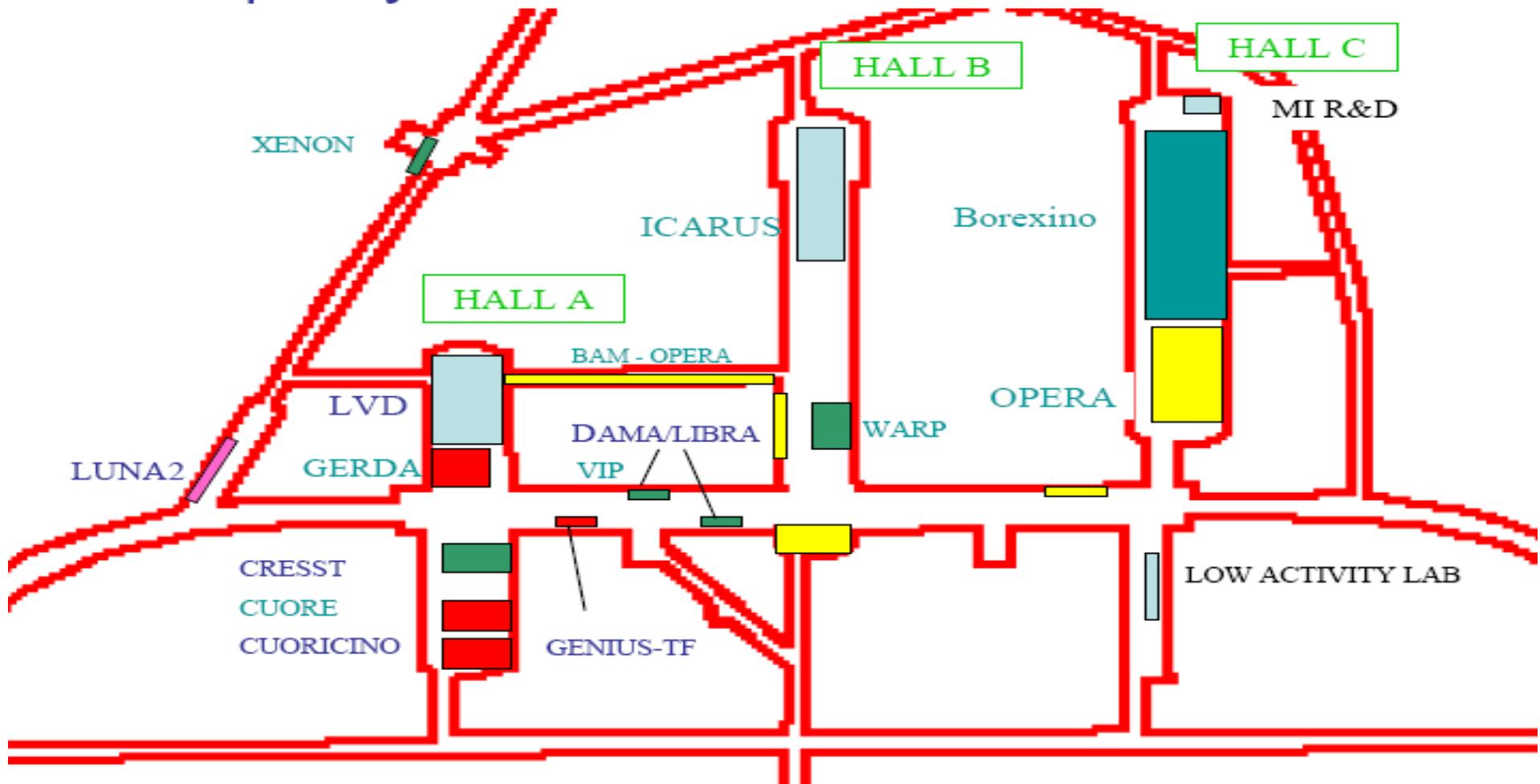
# Gran Sasso (Italy)





# Gran Sasso

## Occupancy



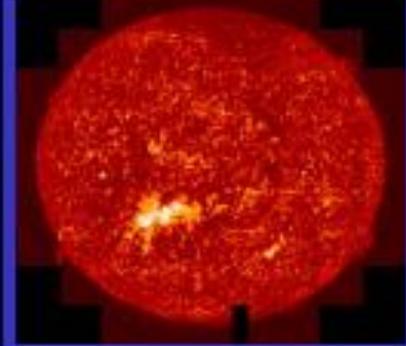
### MODULAR perspective

- LAr TPC - ICARUS @ 20 kt scale
- new facility at shallow depth (1.2 km w.e.)
- 10 km off axis the CNGS beam line
- new neutrino source at CERN 1.6 MW beam power

Also Low radioactivity measurements,  
Geosciences



# Gran Sasso

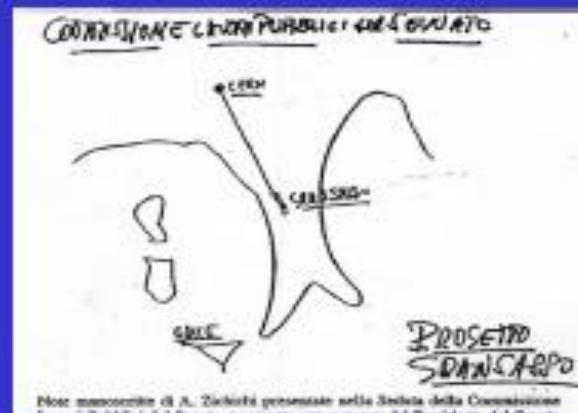


**Solar  $\nu$   
Borexino**

**$\nu$  from  
Supernovae  
LVD**



**$\nu$  beam from CERN:  
OPERA  
ICARUS**



**$\beta\beta$  decay and rare events  
Cuoricino  
CUORE; GERDA**



**Dark Matter  
DAMA/LIBRA; CRESST  
WARP; XENON**

**Nuclear astrophysics  
LUNA**



# Boulby (UK)

Depth: 2800 m.w.e.

Surface: 1500m<sup>2</sup>

Volume : section limited to 5x10 m<sup>2</sup>

Muon flux:  $4 \cdot 10^{-4} \mu\text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Neutrons:  $1.7 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{n} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Radon: 3 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>

Access: Mine





# Canfranc (Spain)

Depth: 2400 m.w.e.

Surface: 1000m<sup>2</sup>

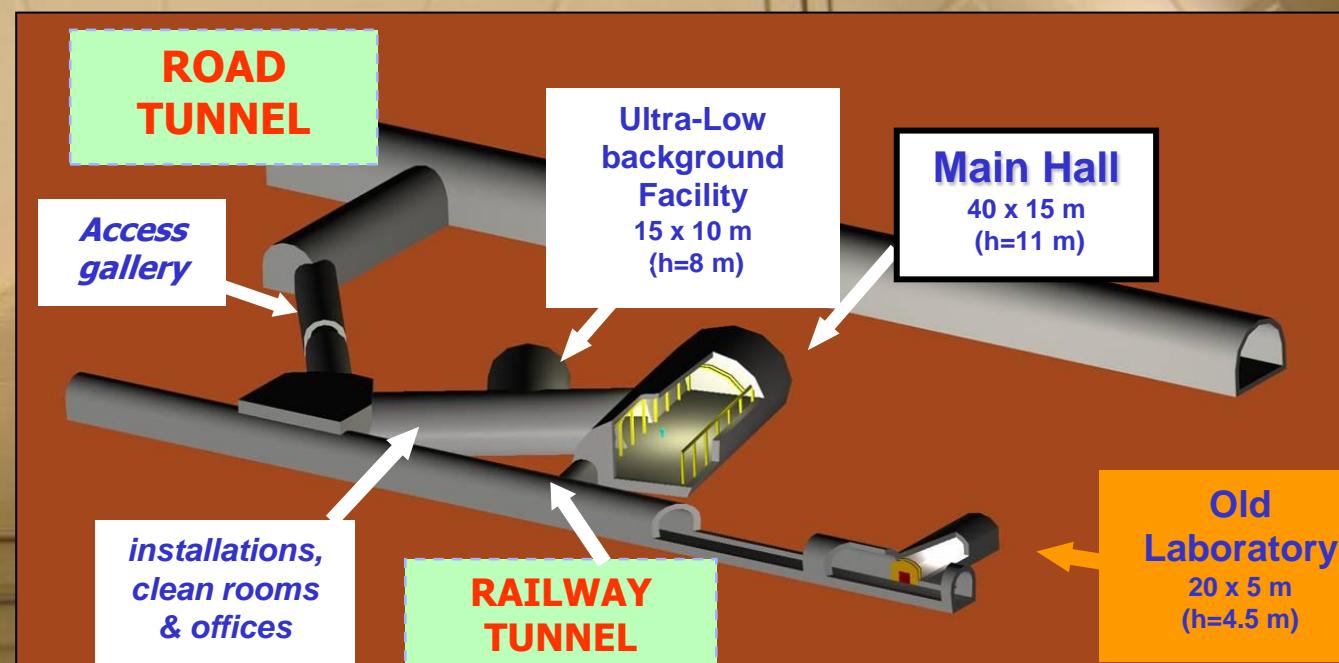
Volume : m<sup>3</sup>

Muon flux:  $2.4 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

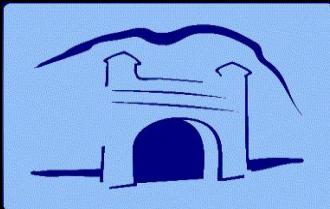
Neutrons:  $2 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{n.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Radon: 50 - 80 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>

Access: horizontal



End of civil work: June, 2010



# Canfranc (Spain)

## Scientific Program

- ✓ EXP-01-2008 (**ANALIS**) Dark Matter (NaI, Annual modulation)

Direct check of DAMA/LIBRA result

- ✓ EXP-02-2008 (**ROSEBUD**) Dark Matter (Scintillating bolometers)

Integrated in the European EURECA project

- ✓ EXP-03-2008 (**BiPo**)  $0\nu2\beta$  decay (extra-low surface background meas.)

Ancillary to Super-NEMO

- ✓ EXP-04-2008 (**ULTIMA**) Super-fluid  $^3\text{He}$  physics

To be screened by muon background

- ✓ EXP-05-2008 (**NEXT**)  $0\nu2\beta$  decay (Enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  TPC))

Majorana vs Dirac neutrinos

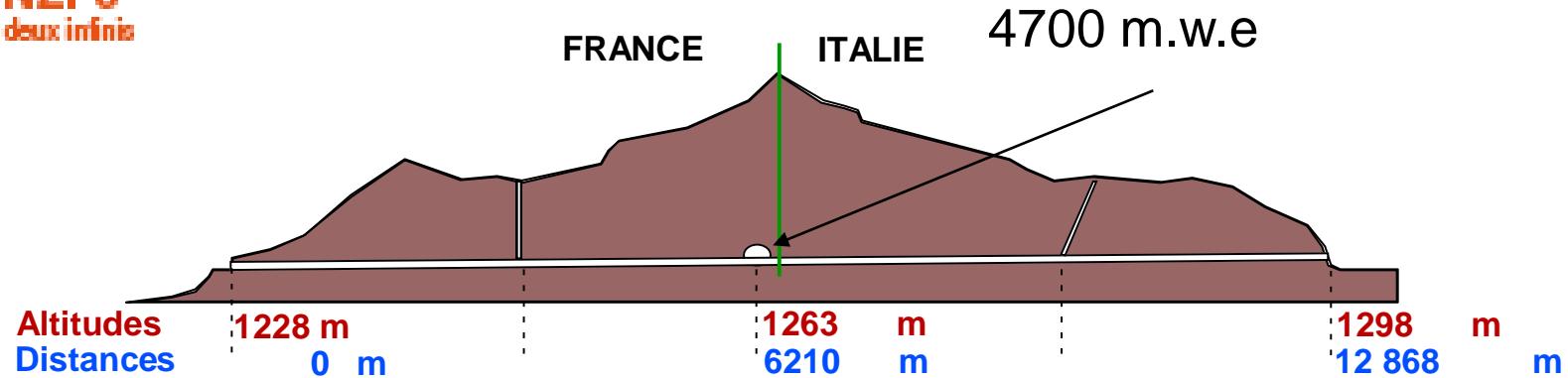
CUP Consolider

- ✓ EoI-02-2005 (**ArDM**) EoI on Dark Matter (Liquid Argon TPC)

In risk analysis phase

**CUNA project: Accelerator (~ 3 MeV)**

# Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane



Built for Taup experiment (proton decay) in 1981-1982



# Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane

Depth: 4800 m.w.e.

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

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

Muon flux:  $4 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

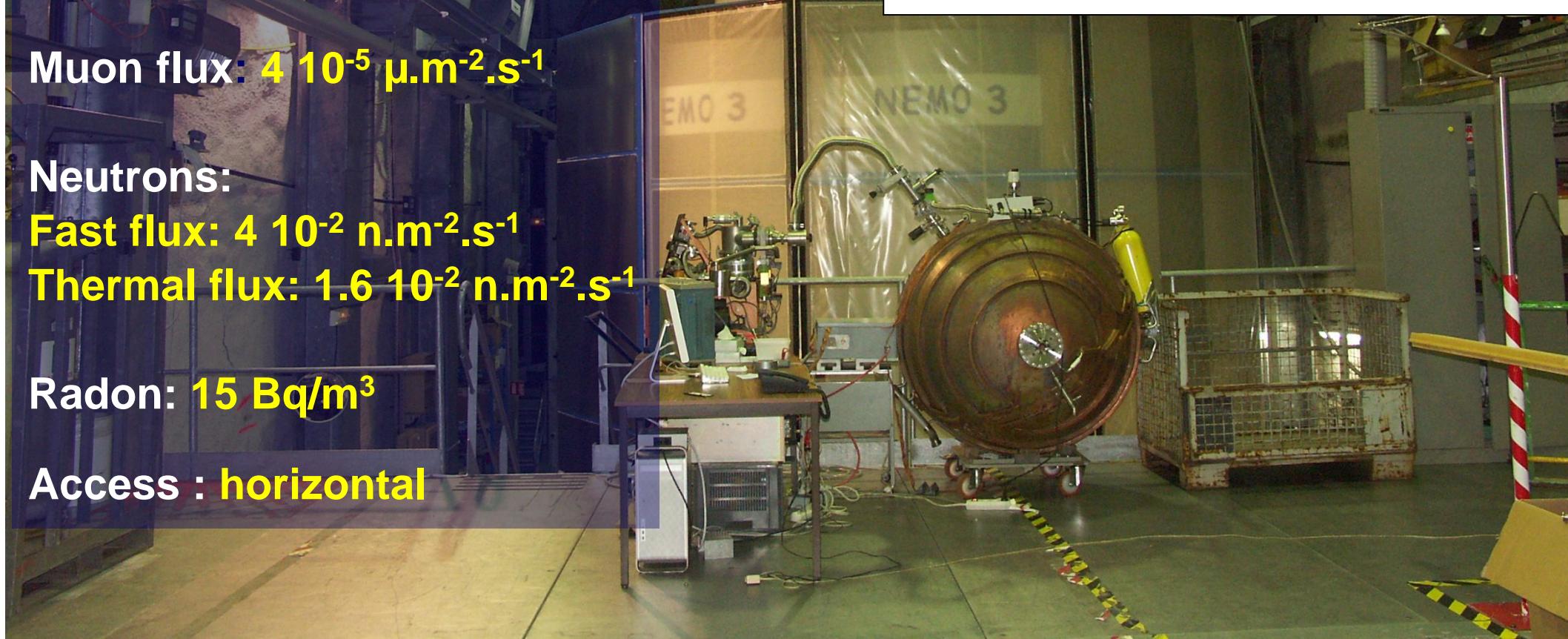
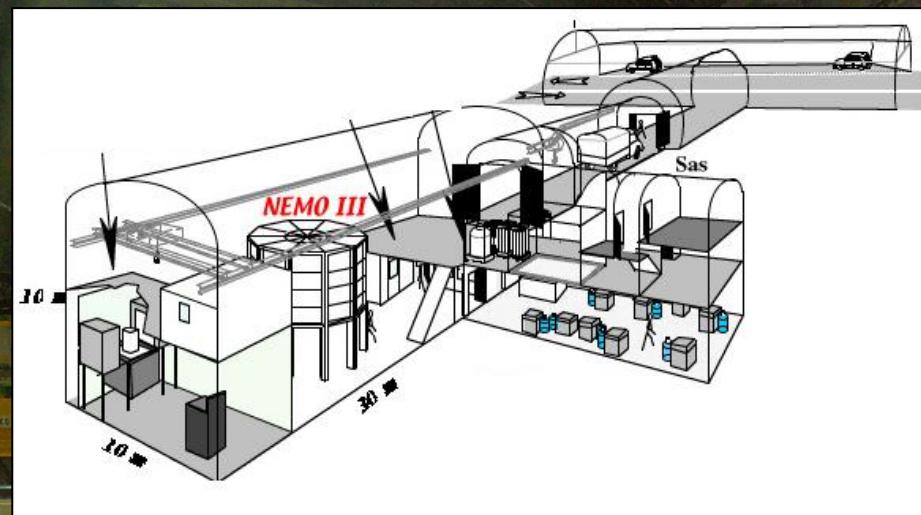
Neutrons:

Fast flux:  $4 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{n.m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

Thermal flux:  $1.6 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{n.m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

Radon: 15 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>

Access : horizontal





# New External building

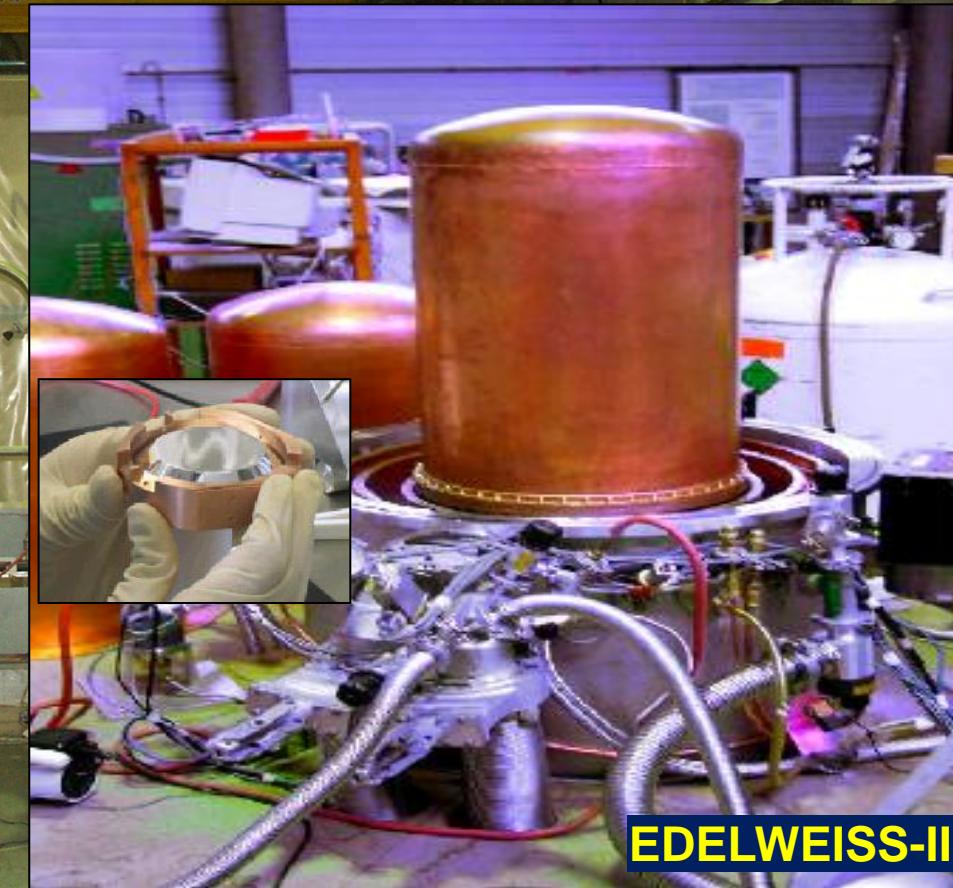
New infrastructure for offices, workshop, outreach space



# The LSM today

*Double beta decay NEMO-III (tracking + calorimeter -  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  7 kg)*

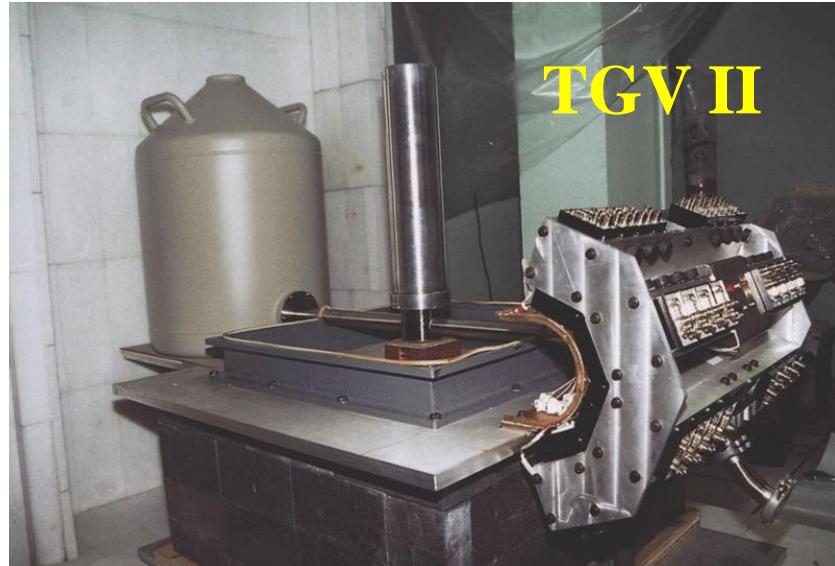
*Dark Matter EDELWEISS-II (10 to 35 kg Ge heat+ion )*



# The LSM today

**Double EC TGV-II (Ge with sheets of Double EC candidates)**

**Heavy elements SHIN (super heavy elements in nature, Z=108, A=280)**



**SHIN**

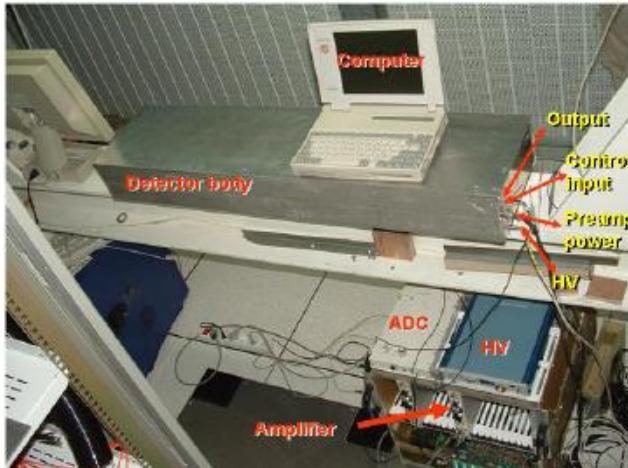
**BiPo (related to SuperNEMO)**

**Radon detectors Saga University (Japan) and Dubna (Russia))**



# The LSM today

## Neutron detectors at LSM



$^3\text{He}$  counters



Sphere TPC



Gd loaded liquid scintillator

Support from ILIAS TARI for the 3 detectors

## Logical test Failure



LSM is reference lab  
for JEDEC norm



# Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane

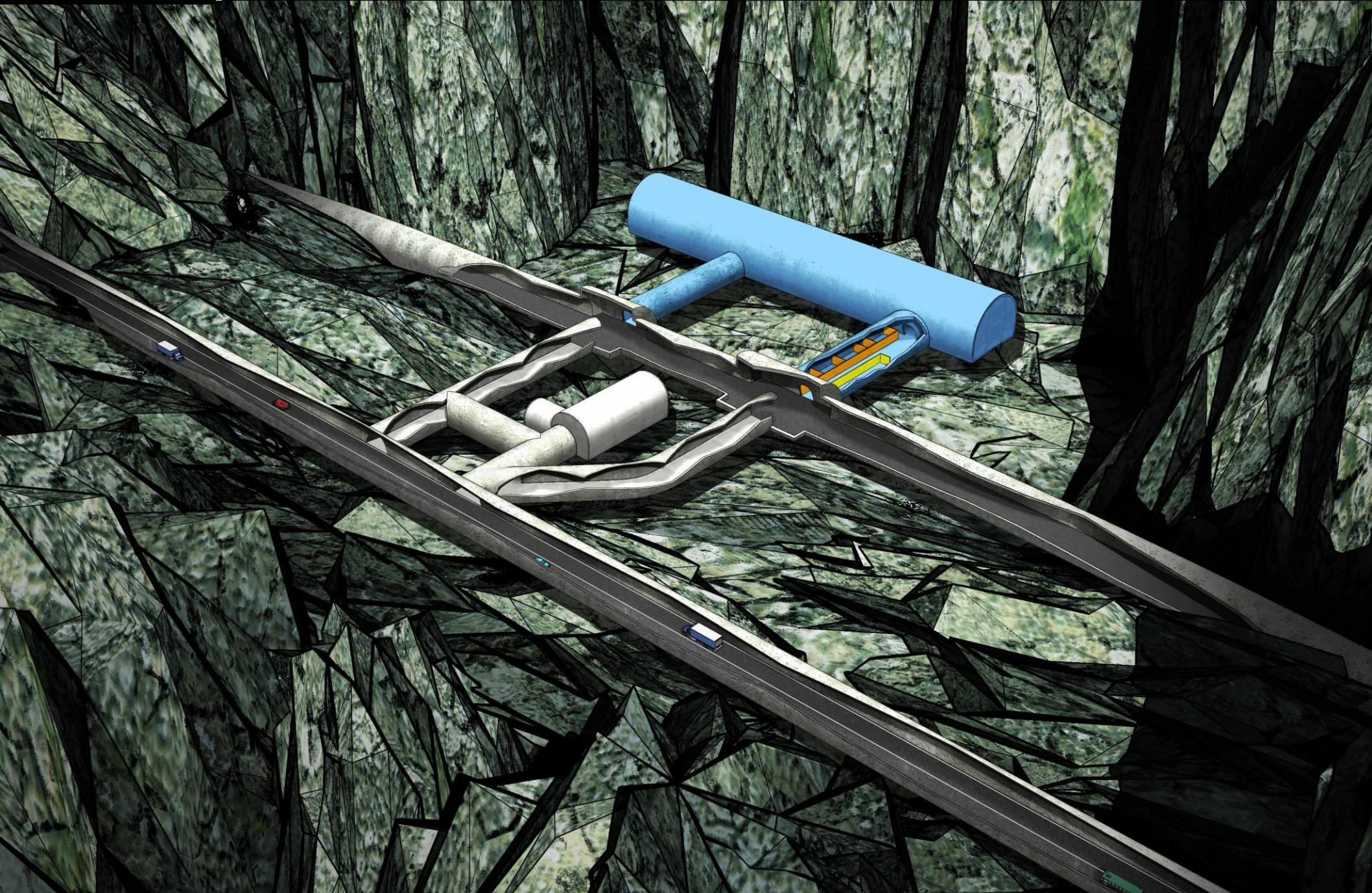
13 HPGe from 6 different laboratories of CNRS and CEA are available at LSM



- Material selection for astroparticle physics,
- Environmental research (oceanography, climat, retro-observation,...)
- Environmental survey
- Applications (wine datation, salt origin,...)
- Developements of Ge detector (ILIAS)



# Extension LSM



## An unique opportunity

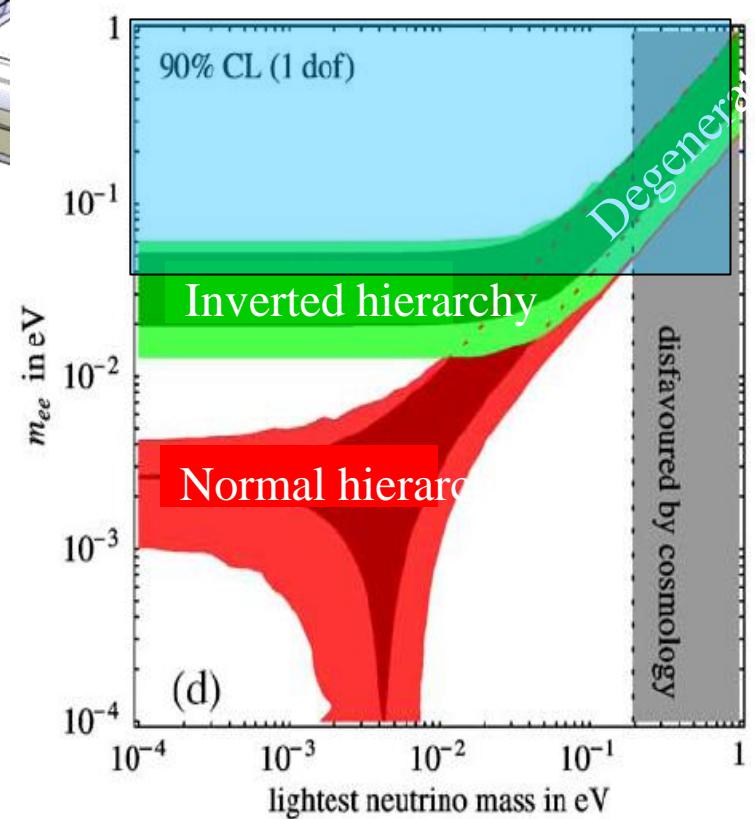
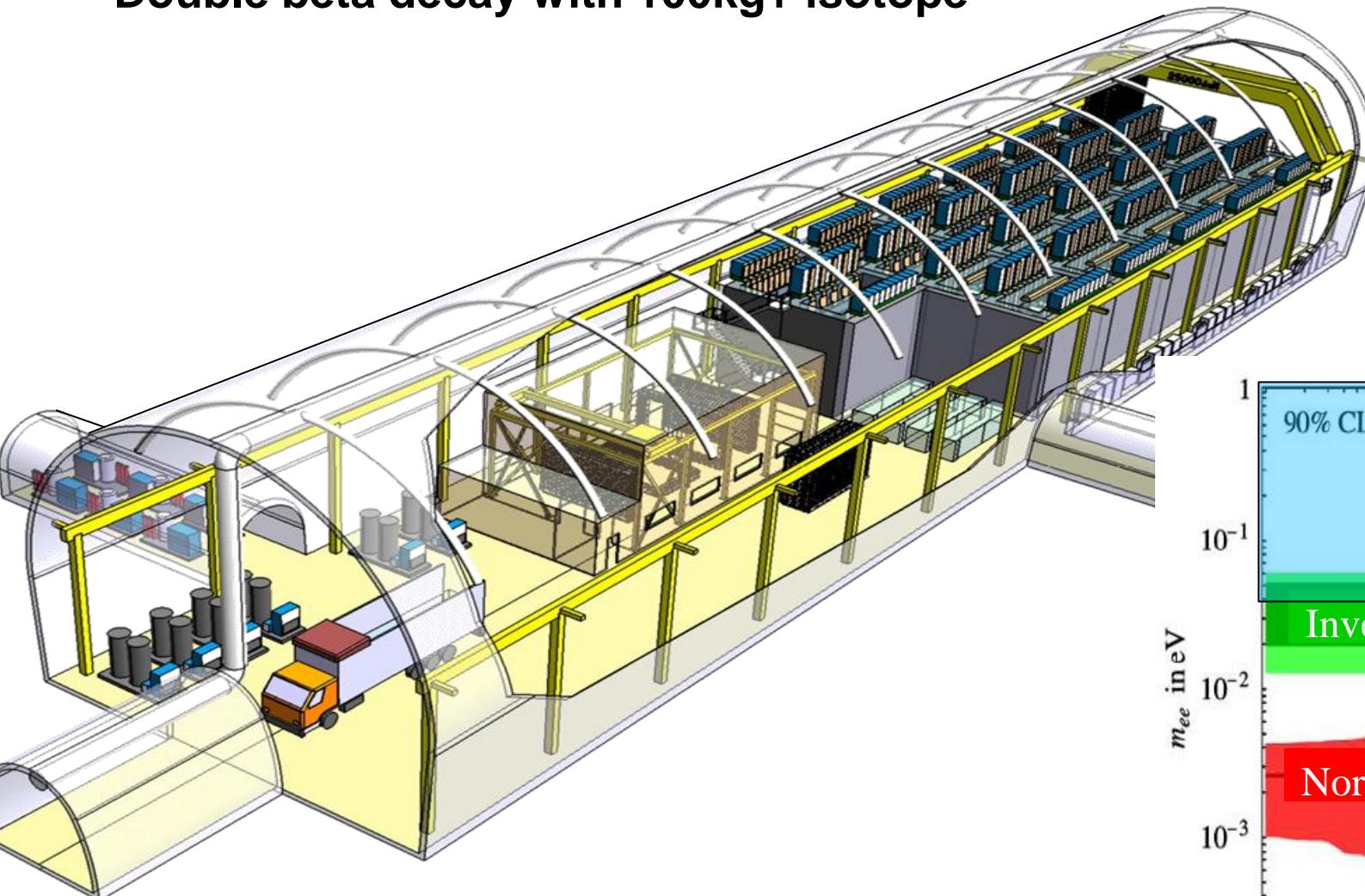
- **Deepest site in Europe (4800 mwe) (Deepest in Pyhasalmi mine is deeper)**
- **Known and « good » site (low convergence, dry, stiff rock)**
- **Central location in Europe, easy access (plane, train car)**
- **23 years experience in running such platform**
- **Independent, convenient, safe, horizontal access**
- **European Roadmap (SuperNemo,EURECA,XENON,COBRA ...)**
- **Safety gallery work started**
- **Integration of project to tunnel company planning and constraints**
- **Performed pre study : moderate cost**

**Opportunity to create an international infrastructure**



# LSM extension: SuperNEMO project

Double beta decay with 100kg+ isotope

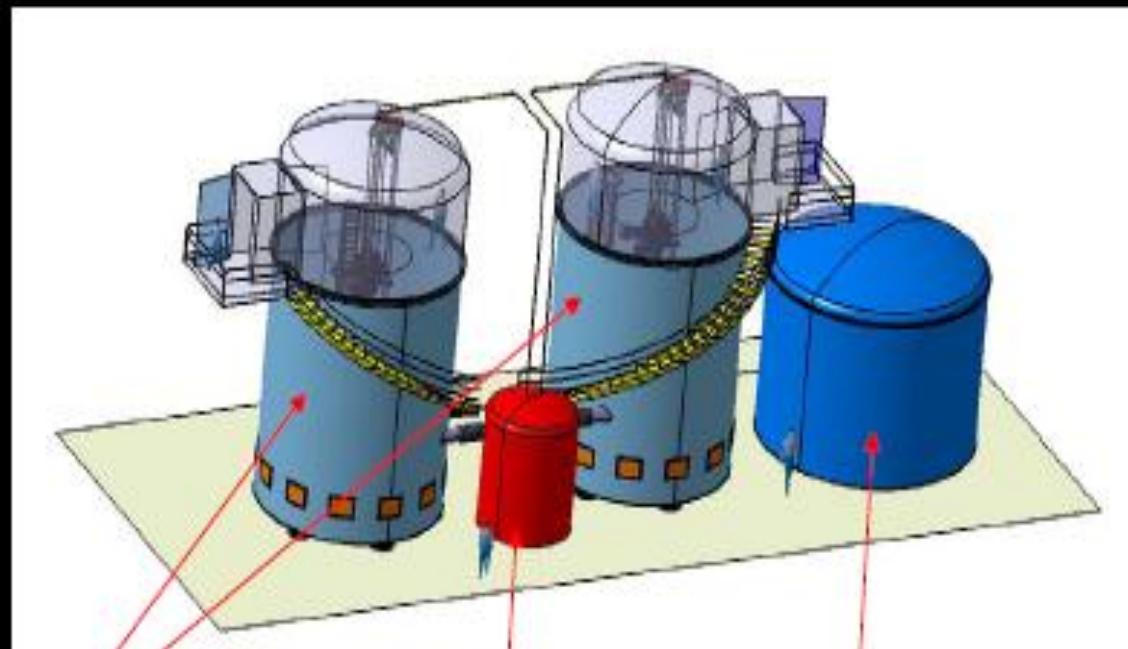




# LSM extension: EURECA project

## Dark matter search with 1 ton bolometers

Artist's view of EURECA:

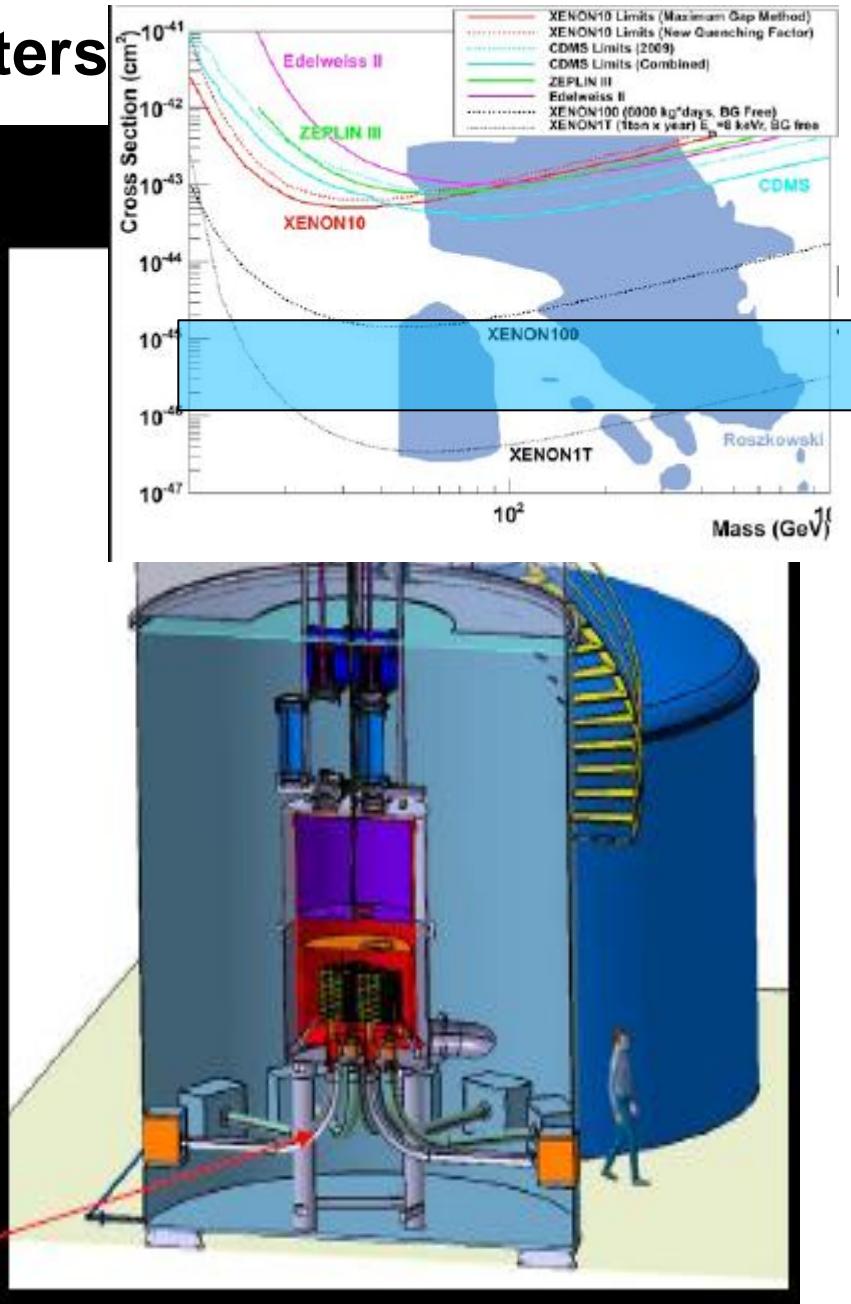


water shieldings

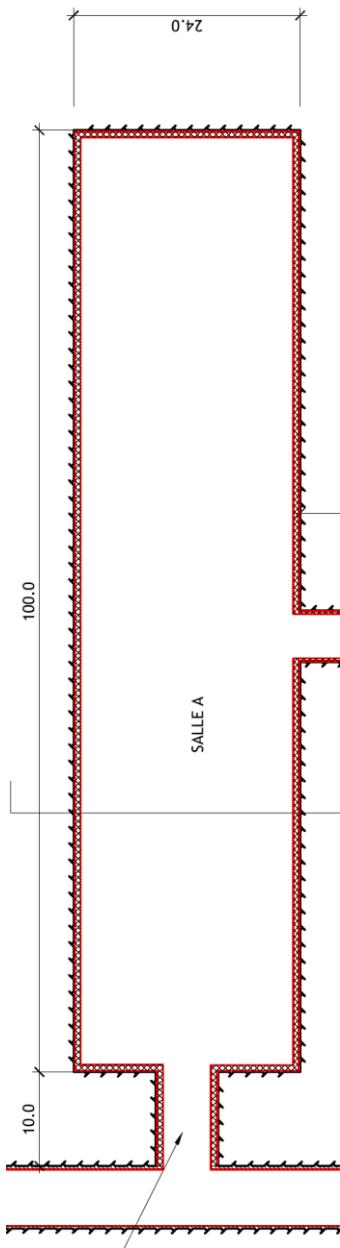
water container

$^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  dilution unit

„coldfinger“ & electronic feedthroughs



# LSM extension



COUPE TYPE SALLE A

SECTION EXCAVÉE 375 m<sup>2</sup>

SECTION UTILE 320 m<sup>2</sup>

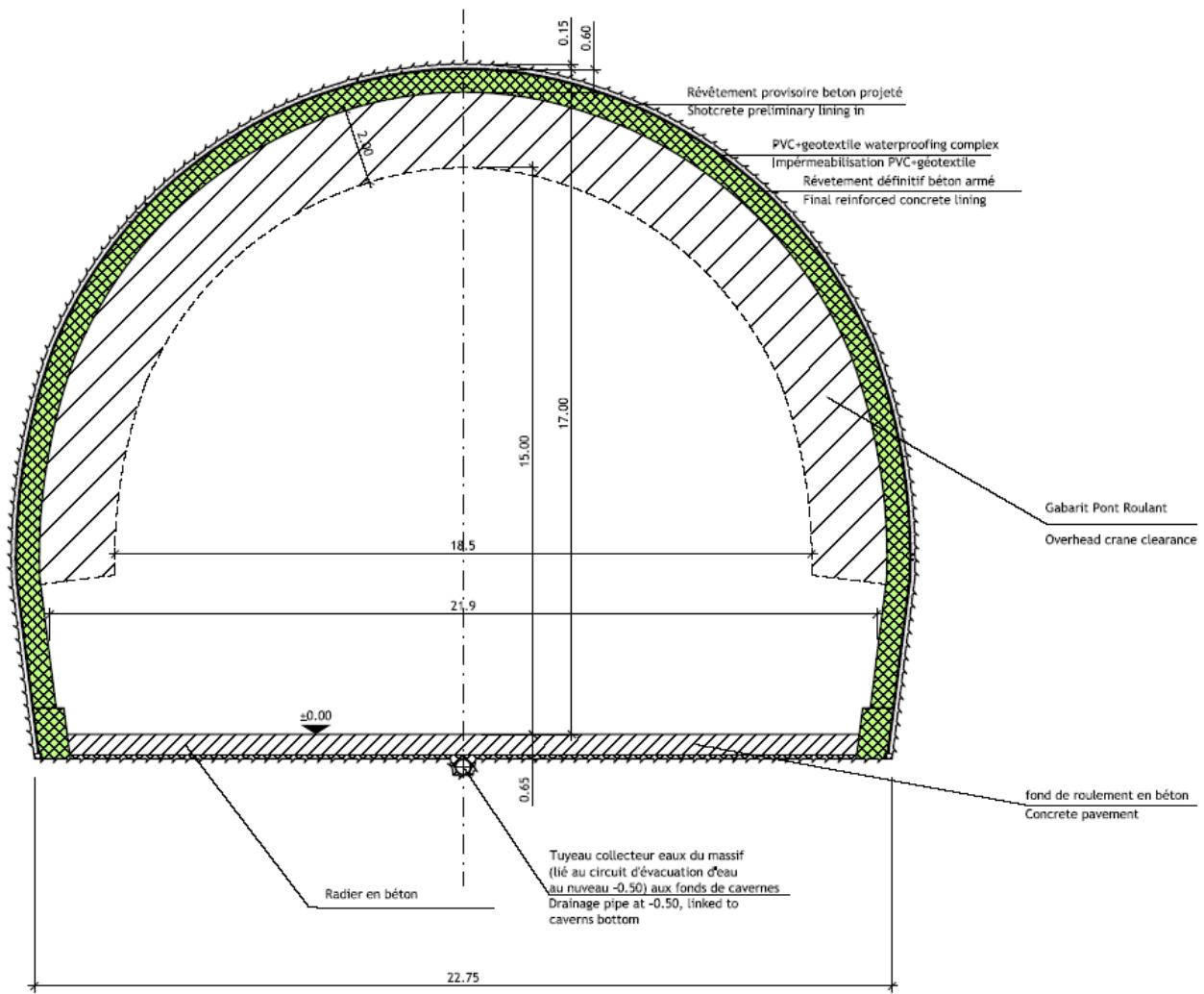
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CAVERN A CROSS SECTION

EXCAVATED AREA 375 m<sup>2</sup>

INTERNAL CLEARANCE 320 m<sup>2</sup>

1:100



**12 LoI received and one Expression of Interest**

**Double beta decay:**

SuperNEMO (tracko-calorimeter method)  
COBRA (solid TPC)

**Dark matter:**

EURECA (Bolometers)  
DARWIN (noble liquid) EoL  
MIMAC (TPC)  
ULTIMA (Superfluid 3He)

**Double EC**

TGVIII Double EC (pixellized detector)  
Double EC with Ge detectors

**R&D for proton decay and neutrino physics**

**Supernovae neutrinos:**

TPC sphere

**Logical test failure**

**Low background techniques**

Environmental reasearch

Environmental survey



# ULISSE project

- Safety galery work started in September 2009
- Excavation of the extension end 2011.
- In operation in 2013.
- Pre-study funded by LSM and UK in 2006. Preliminary design to host SuperNEMO and EURECA
- Detailed studies funded by Savoie department and Rhone-Alpes Region
- Review of project and LoI's by an independent Scientific Advisory Committee
- Estimated cost : 10 M€ for civil work  
                          3 M€ for equipment (ventilation, cooling, electrical power)

Funding in progress

# Summary

- **4 deep underground labs are currently in operation in Europe with different specificities and facilities and have complementarities**
- **Underground faiclities attract new users (environmental sciences, geo-sciences,....)**
- **ILIAS European program has permitted a cooperation of the European labs on various subjects: science, safety, outreach,....**
- **The ASPERA/APPEC European roadmap for astroparticule (2009 – 2020) has shown the need of new cavities in Europe**
- **Projects of new labs and extension around the world.**
- **For Megaton detector (proton decay, neutrino properties), several sites are studied supported by the LAGUNA European program**