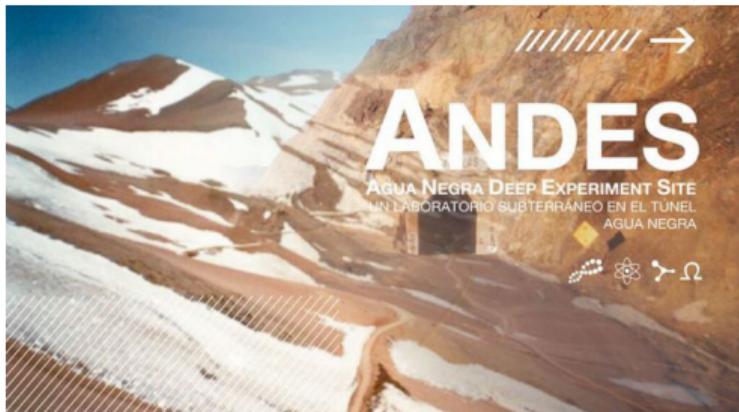


# The ANDES Deep Underground Laboratory in South America: status and prospects



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# Disclaimer

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I am a cosmic ray (astro)physicist

# Cosmic radiation and underground laboratories

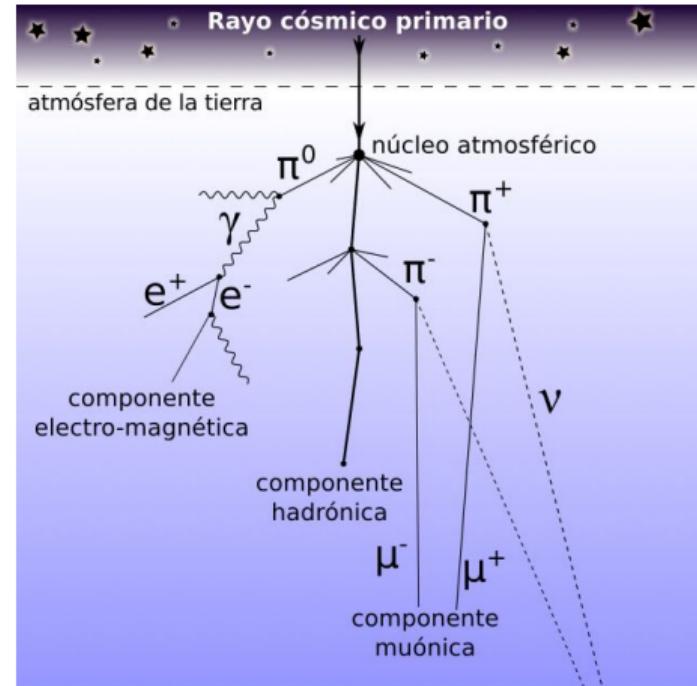
# Cosmic rays

## Primaries

- Protons
- Nuclei (Helium... Oxygen... Iron)
- Neutrons
- Gammas

## Secondaries

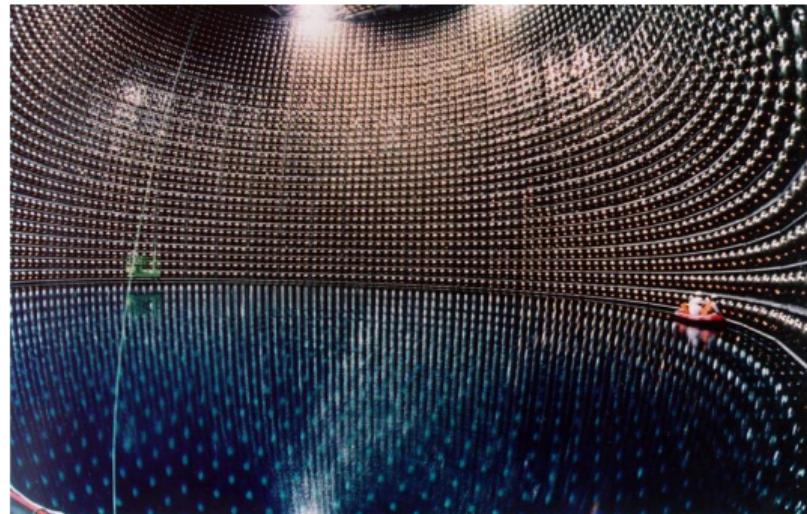
- muons
- electrons/positrons
- gammas
- neutrons
- neutrinos
- ...



## Cosmic rays as noise

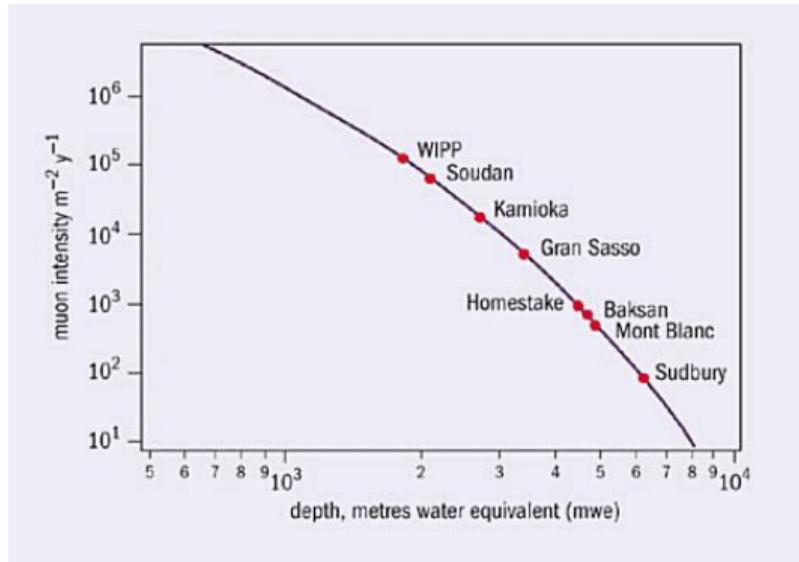
In a cubic meter of detector at ground level, one detects every day:

- $10^8$  muons
- $10^8$  gammas/electrons/positrons
- $10^6$  neutrons
- ▷  $10^{-3}$  neutrinos
- ▷  $10^{-7}$  supernova neutrinos
- ▷ maybe 100s of dark matter particles



## Muon flux vs depth

Muon flux at ground level: a few  $100 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



Muon flux at 5000 m.w.e. underground:  $1 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$

## Cosmic rays as noise



Tayrona: 1 particle per  $\text{ms}\cdot\text{m}^2$



Roger Waters at River Plate: 110 dB



Modane UL: 1 particle per  $\text{day}\cdot\text{m}^2$



Patagonia (without wind): 30 dB

Hearing whispers from the Universe

# Scientific research in Underground Laboratories

The Majorana low background low noise front-end electronics. Analytic approach to three-neutrino oscillations in the Earth. The ICARUS Experiment; latest results. The MicroBooNE and ArgoNeuT Experiments. Uncovering Multiple Mechanisms of bb0nu Decay. Investigation of double beta decay of 100Mo to excited final states of 100Ru. Kinetic Inductance Detectors as light detectors for neutrino and dark matter searches.. Final results of a Dark Matter Search with the Silicon Detectors of the CDMS II Experiment and future results of SuperCDMS Soudan. The SNO+ Experiment. Latest Results of the NEMO-3 Experiment and Status of SuperNEMO. DEAP-3600 Dark Matter Search with Argon. Halo-independent tests relevant for inelastic dark matter scattering. Radon-Related Backgrounds in the LUX Dark Matter Search. Searching for Dark Matter with XENON100 and XENON200. The LAGUNA-LBNO Project. Solar Neutrino Results and Future Opportunities with Borexino. Observation of the Dependence of Scintillation from Nuclear Recoils in Liquid Argon with a Drift Field. The new wide-band solar neutrino trigger for Super-Kamiokande. Dark matter anisotropic distribution functions and impact on WIMP direct detection. Development of SiPMs for ultra low background LAr and LXe detectors. Neutrino(Antineutrino) Cross Sections in some Nuclear Targets at Supernova Neutrino Energies. DAMIC at SNOLAB: Status and Future Prospects. Future Geo-Neutrino Experiments. Search for the light WIMP captured in the Sun using contained events in Super-Kamiokande. The Status of the Search for Light WIMPs: 2013. Search for an annual modulation in 3.4 years of CoGeNT data. Coherent Inverse Primakoff-Bragg Conversion of Solar Axions in Single Crystal Bolometers. Recent results from EXO-200. Updates from the DMTPC directional dark matter experiment. Recent Results from the KamLAND-Zen Experiment. Halo Independent Constraints on Direct Dark Matter Detection Data. Non-Standard Mechanisms for Double Beta Decay. ANDES: an underground laboratory in South America. Recent results from the CRESST-II experiment. Geo-neutrinos and Earth Models. The EDELWEISS Dark Matter search. The status of the MARE experiment with 187Re and 163Ho isotopes. KamLAND-PICO: A New Dark Matter Search Project. Atmospheric neutrino calculations. The Electron Capture 163Ho experiment ECHO. First results from subkeV energy threshold spherical gaseous detector for light Dark Matter identification. The LUX Experiment. A Dark Matter Search with The MAJORANA Low-Background Broad Energy Germanium Detector. The Majorana Demonstrator: Status and Future Plans. A CDMS low ionization threshold detector and SuperCDMS SNOLAB. CUORE and beyond: bolometry techniques to explore inverted neutrino mass hierarchy. Model-Independent Analyses of Dark Matter Interactions. Physics beyond neutrinoless double-beta decay with a tonnescale germanium experiment. Status of NEXT-100. New Limits on Sterile Neutrino Mixing with Atmospheric Neutrinos. The Precision Tracker of the OPERA Detector. Design of low energy calibration sources for liquid xenon dark matter detectors.. Neutron detection and distinguishing between neutrinos and antineutrinos. The neutrinoless double beta decay with GERDA phase II. The LUX Experiment: Background Modeling and Sensitivity Projections. DarkSide-50 experiment status. Testing the Exclusion Principle for Electrons at LNGS. Development of Germanium Detectors with n/g Discrimination at 77 K for Dark Matter Experiments. DarkSide-50: a two-phase TPC for a direct WIMP search. Improving Dark Matter Searches by Measuring the Nucleon Axial Form Factor: perspectives from MicroBooNE. The DRIFT Directional Dark Matter Detector. NEST, the Noble Element Simulation Technique. Status of XMASS experiment. GLACIER for LBNO: Physics motivation and R and D results. Future of Super-Kamiokande and Hyper-Kamiokande. NEWAGE. PICOLite: A bubble chamber to search for light WIMPs. A maximum-likelihood-method search for low-mass WIMPs using the CDMS II experiment. Ton-scale Xenon Gas TPC Concept for Simultaneous Searches for WIMP Dark Matter with Directional Sensitivity and Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay. Solar Neutrino Results From Super-Kamiokande. Update on the MiniCLEAN Dark Matter Experiment. DIANA - An Underground Accelerator Facility for Nuclear Astrophysics. Status Report. The Origin of Neutrino Masses and Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay. Measurements of low-energy nuclear recoils in liquid argon. PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE ANAIS-25 AT THE CANFRANC UNDERGROUND LABORATORY. Results from the GERDA experiment. SABRE: A new NaI(Tl) dark matter direct detection experiment. Present experiments of geoneutrinos. The Nuclear Matrix Elements for 0nbb-Decay: Current Status. The SNOLAB Science Programme. SOX: Short distance neutrino Oscillations with BoreXino. Systematics of Low Threshold Modulation Searches in CDMS-II. Light WIMPs And Equivalent Neutrinos. LUMINEU: a pilot scintillating bolometer experiment.

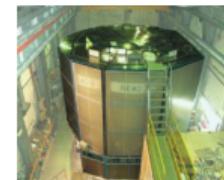
# Neutrino underground experiments

## Sources

- neutrinos from nuclear reactors
- neutrinos from particle accelerators
- atmospheric neutrinos
- solar neutrinos
- astrophysical neutrinos
- geoneutrinos

## Physics

- neutrino oscillation
- neutrinos mass
- neutrino nature
- astrophysics
- geophysics



# Multidisciplinary underground experiments

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- Geoscience
  - geoneutrinos
  - low frequency seismographs
- Biology
- Low radiation measurements...
  - material selection
  - climatology, environment
  - microelectronics, wine



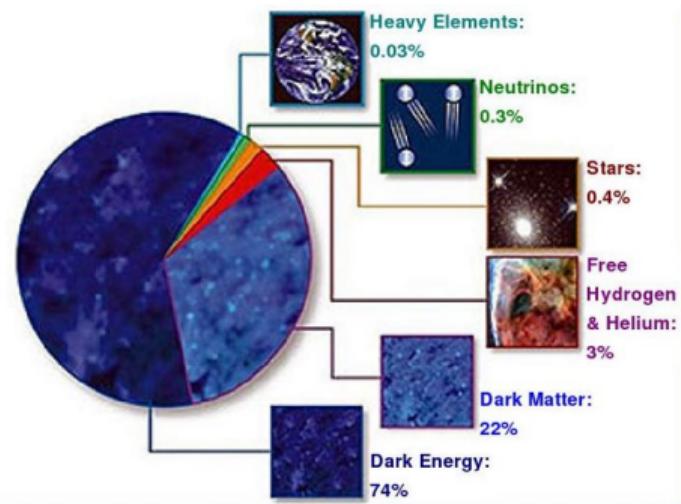
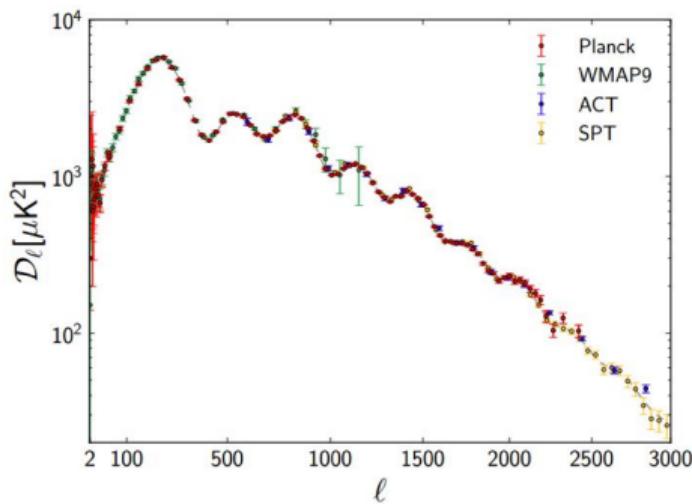
# The dark side of the Universe

# Dark matter in the Universe

“There are known knowns; there are things we know we know.

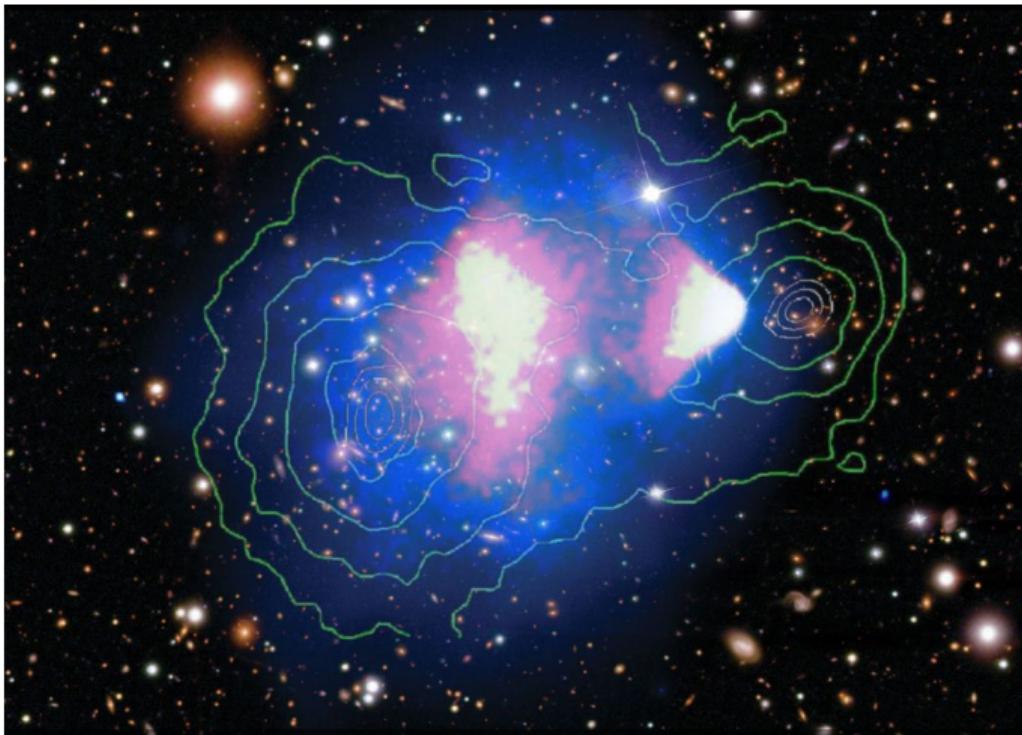
We also know there are **known unknowns**; that is to say, we know there are some things we do not know.  
But there are also unknown unknowns - the ones we don't know we don't know.”

Donald Rumsfeld

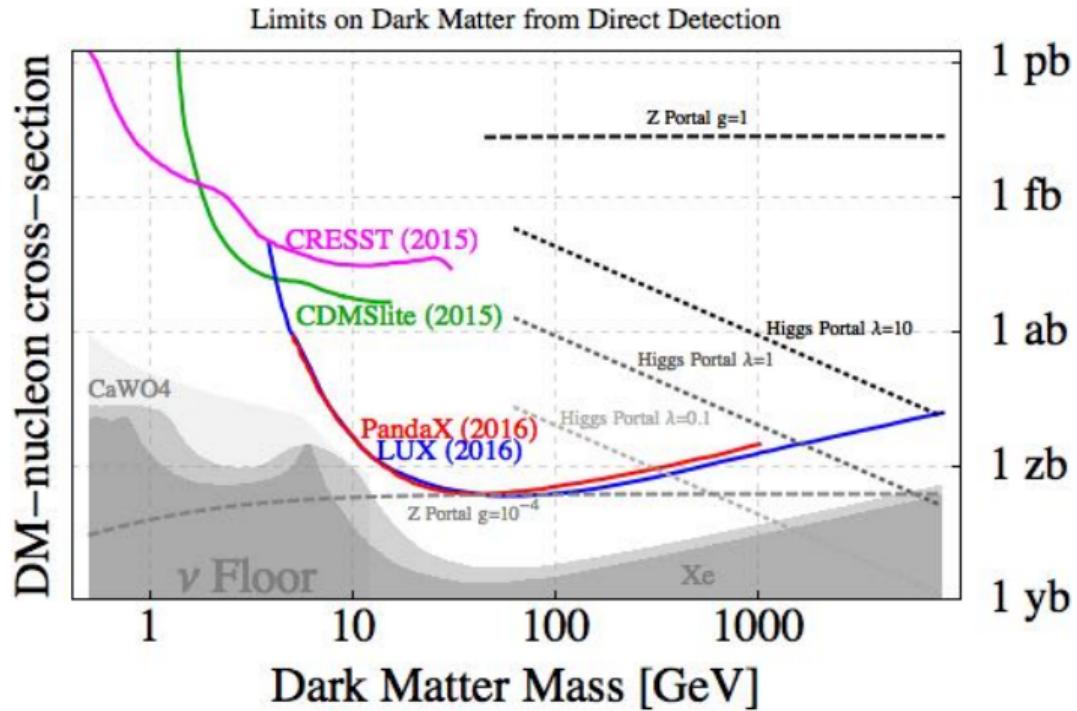


## The bullet cluster

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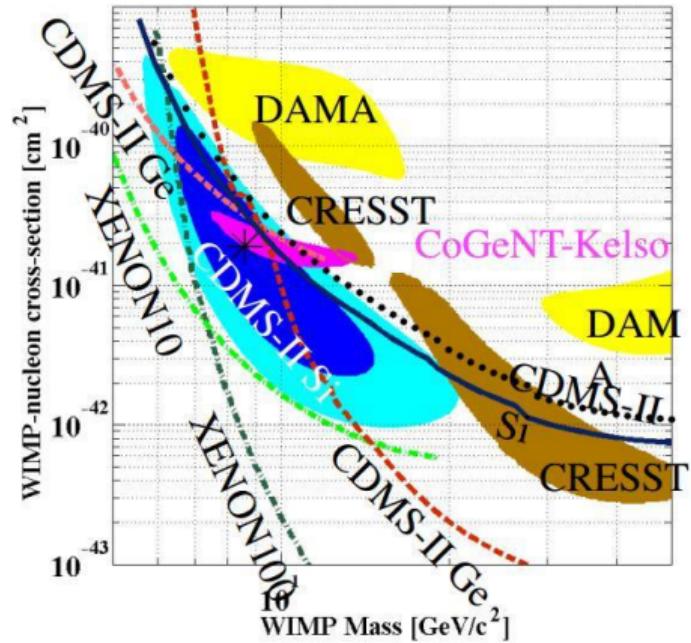
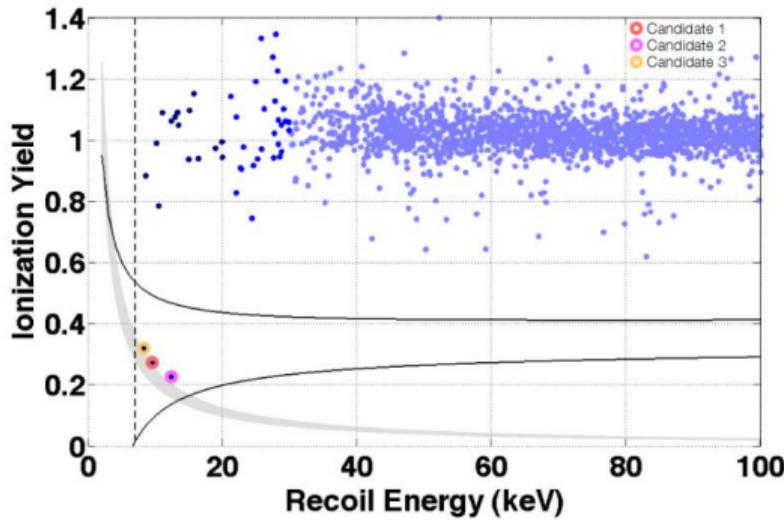


## Direct searches (spin independent current limits)



# CDMS II

Unblinding Results - after timing cut

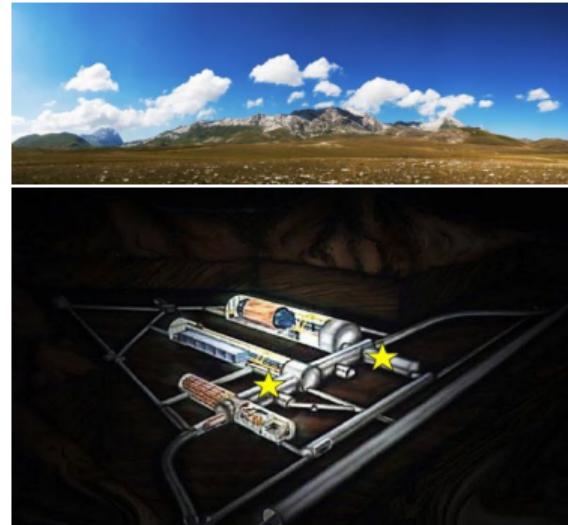


# DAMA/LIBRA at Gran Sasso

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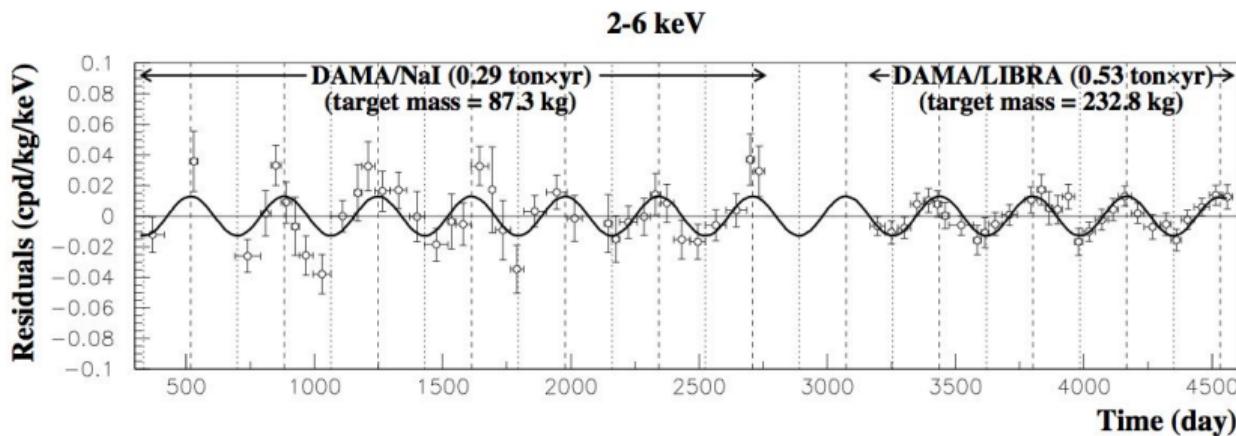
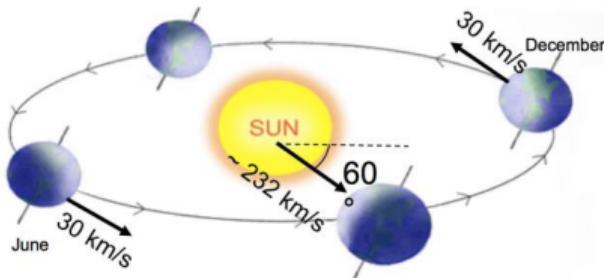


**DAMA/LIBRA:**  
250 kg crystals of ultra-pure sodium iodide  
(Thallium doped)

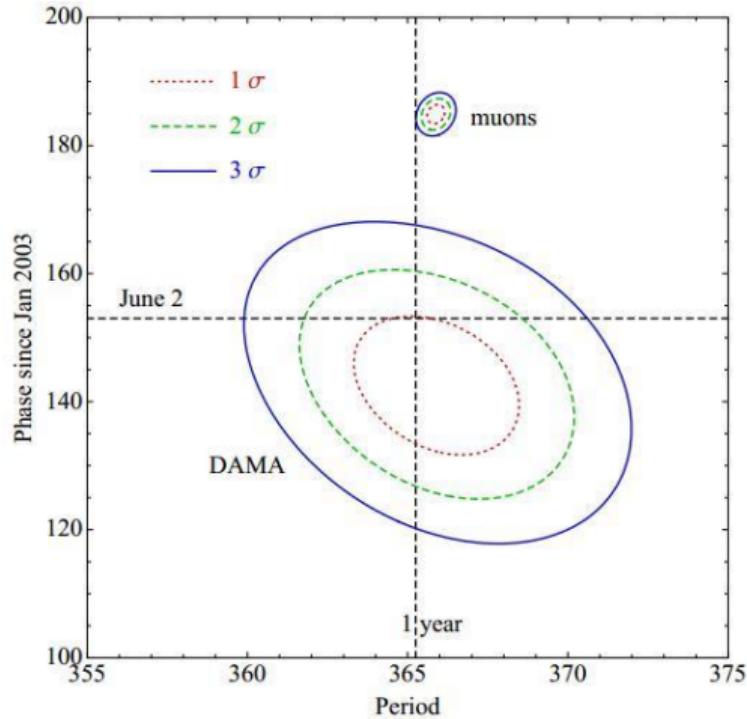
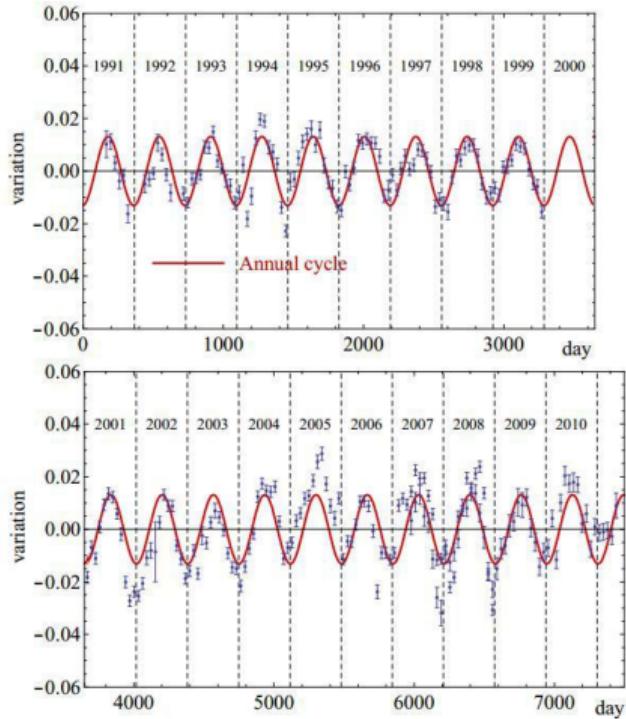


**Gran Sasso Laboratory:**  
The largest underground laboratory  
in the world

# Modulation results from DAMA/LIBRA



# Modulation from DAMA/LIBRA and atmospheric effects



# The Big Bang Theory

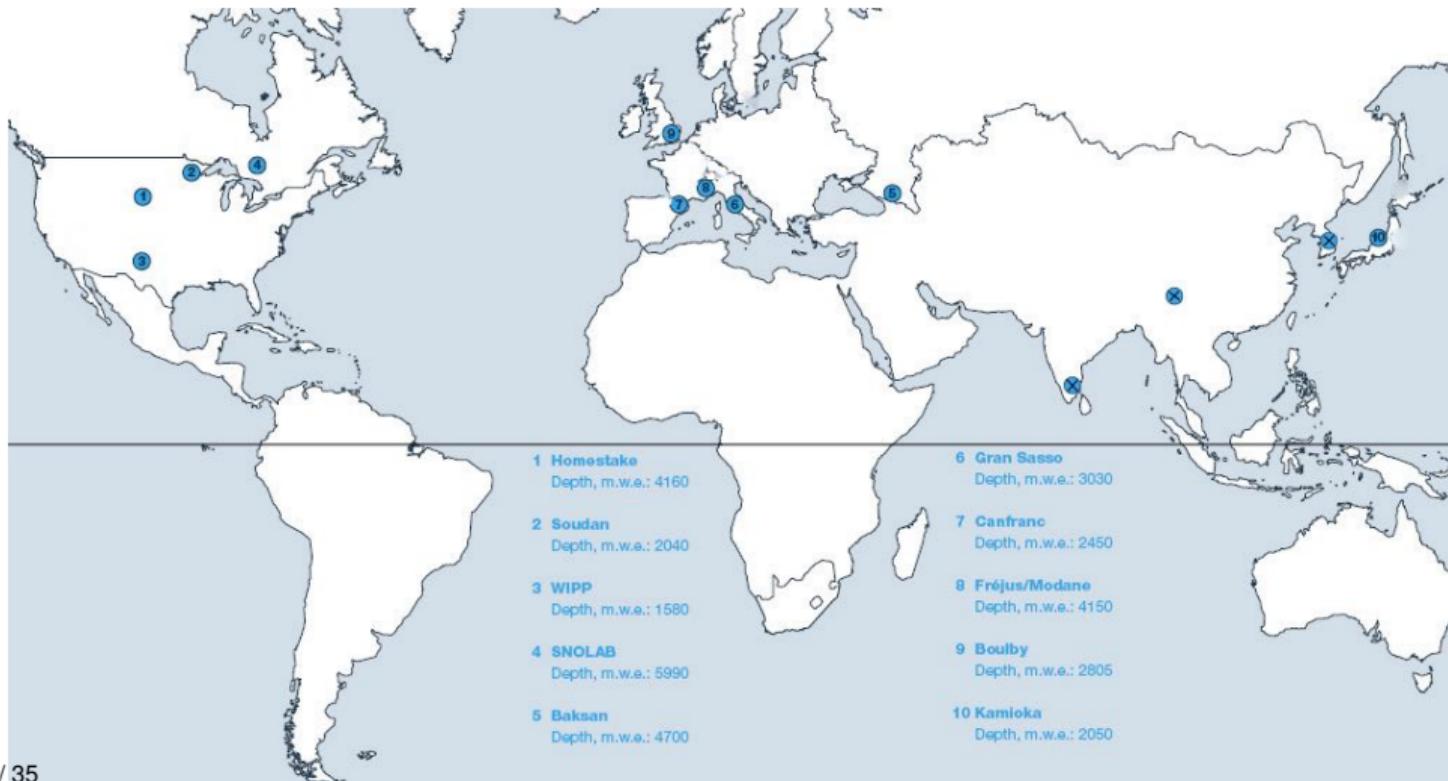
## Season 4, chapter 4

- *Raj (to Sheldon)*: I'm telling you, if xenon emits ultraviolet light, then those dark matter discoveries must be wrong.

## Season 2, chapter 15

- *Leonard*: I think you'll find my work pretty interesting. I'm attempting to replicate the dark matter signal found in sodium iodide crystals by the Italians.
- *Mother*:  
So, no original research?
- *Leonard*:  
No.
- *Mother*:  
Well, what's the point of my seeing it? I could just read the paper the Italians wrote.

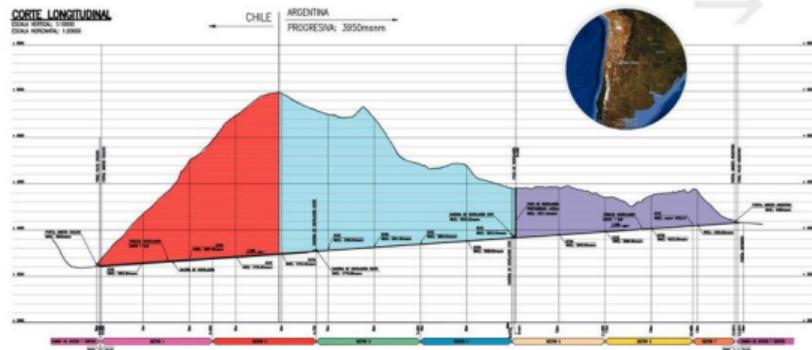
# World map of underground laboratories



# The ANDES laboratory

# The Agua Negra tunnel (Coquimbo - San Juan)

- Crossing the Andes is of strategic importance for the region to link productive areas to the Asian market
- 2 tunnels, 12 m  $\varnothing$  each, 60 m one from another,  $\approx$  14 km
- Deepest point at  $\approx$  1750 m depth
- International tender started in January 2013, construction 2018-2026

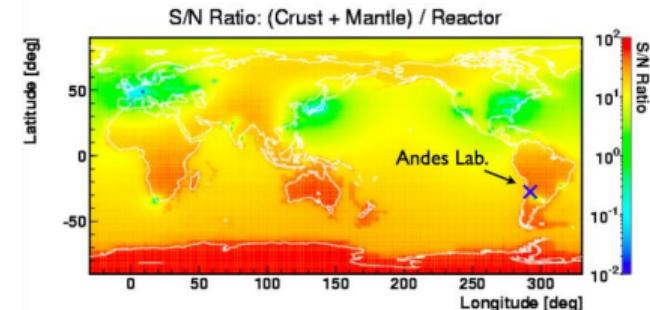


## The Agua Negra tunnel recent history

- Pre-feasibility study done in 2005, feasibility in 2008
- Presidents signed a Bi-National Integration treaty, including the San Juan - Coquimbo option, in October 2009, voted later on by both countries
- August 2010 MERCOSUR meeting in San Juan with strong support for Agua Negra
- Since 2011 the Argentine congress votes every year a 800 MU\$D guarantee fund
- In March 2012, Presidents signed an agreement to start the international tender
- 2013: new conceptual design and budget review
- 2014: detailed engineering design completed and construction protocol agreed upon
- In 2015, the IDB accepted to finance the project
- In December 2016, the first 40M\$ from IDB were received
- Total cost estimated to about 1250 MU\$D

# A scientific opportunity in the south?

- Opportunity for a big AND deep laboratory
- Located in the south
  - opposite weather modulation (dark matter)
  - complementary for supernovae neutrinos
- Geoneutrinos  
(Low neutrino flux from nuclear power plants)
- Geoactive region
  - Underground geophysics laboratory

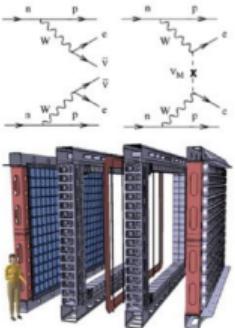


Manage it from an international consortium

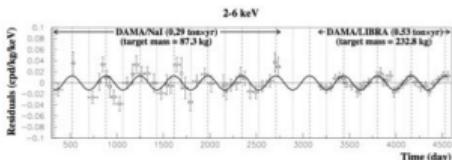
- Opportunity to have not only international experiments but an international laboratory
- The consortium would be the seed of a “CERN” focused on underground science (high energies, geology, biology, technology...)

## SuperNEMO: double beta decay experiment

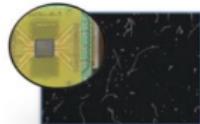
- based on NEMO-NEMO3 expertise (LSM)
- 100 – 200 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$
- sensitive to a neutrino mass of  $\approx 0.05 - 0.1 \text{ eV}$
- modular design:  
 $\approx 20$  modules
- Status in 2026?



## Dark Matter in ANDES

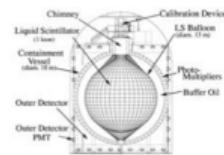


- host a copy of an experiment observing a modulation
- host a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation experiment
- work on new technologies (actively evolving area)
  - ex: DAMIC (Dark Matter Identification with CCD)



## Large Neutrino Detector

- design similar to Borexino and KamLAND?
  - 3 – 10 kton of scintillator
- interesting site for geoneutrinos
- complementary for supernovae neutrino measurements:  
[arXiv:1027.5454](https://arxiv.org/abs/1027.5454)
- Have a large pit foreseen for the detector

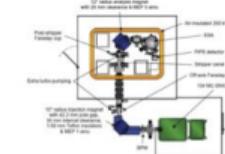


## Nuclear astrophysics

### LUNA: Laboratory for Underground Nuclear Astrophysics

- installed at LNGS (Gran Sasso)
- 50 kV accelerator
- 400 kV (LUNA II)
  - study nuclear reactions at low energies, relevant in astrophysics (Gamow peak)
  - ex:  $^3\text{He}(^3\text{He},2\text{p})^4\text{He}$  below 21 keV

Proposal for a 300 kV high intensity platform for ANDES

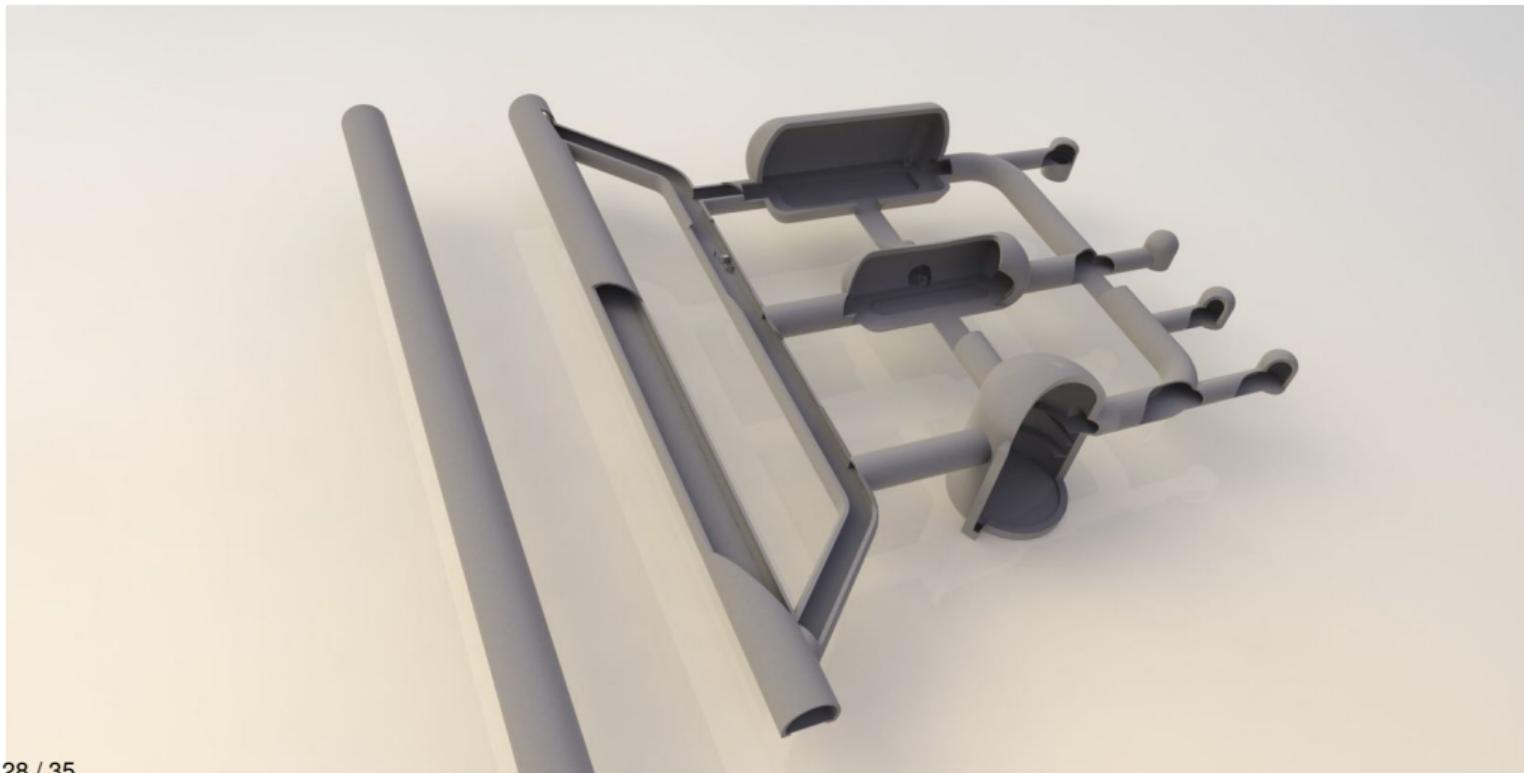


# Original scientific programme for ANDES

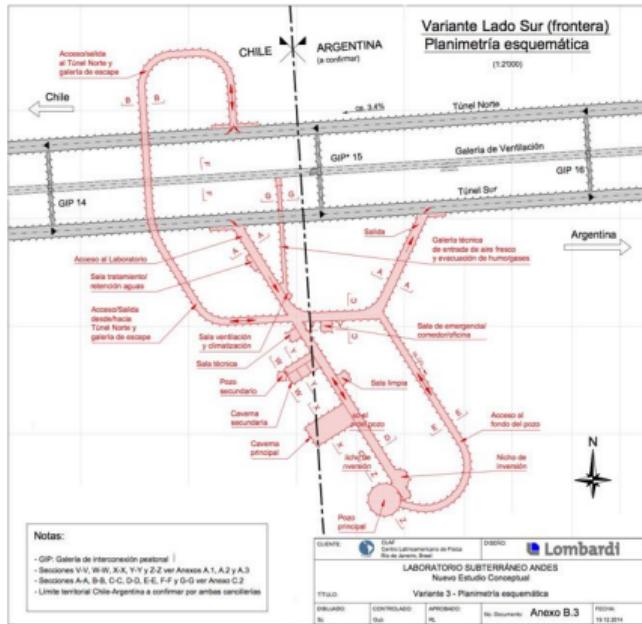
- Neutrino
  - host a double beta decay experiment
  - build a large neutrino detector as a flagship experiment
    - similar to KamLAND/Borexino?
    - focused on low energies
    - solar/supernovae/geo-neutrinos
- Dark Matter
  - modulation measurements
  - new technologies
- Geophysics
  - Natural link of seismograph networks
  - “flat slab” study
- Biology
- Low radiation measurements
- Accelerator
  - Nuclear astrophysics
  - DAR neutrino beam?

To be discussed in Buenos Aires, Jun 29-30

## First proposal for the ANDES laboratory (2011)



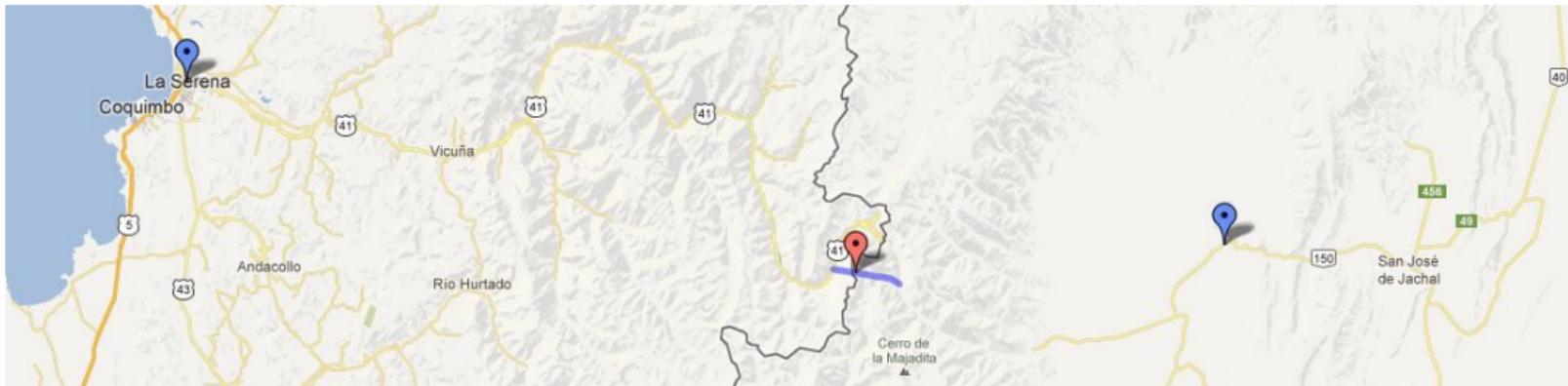
# Current conceptual design for the ANDES laboratory



- main hall:  $(21 \times 23 \times 50) \text{ m}^3$
- secondary hall:  $(16 \times 14 \times 40) \text{ m}^3$
- small halls (office, workshop, clean room, ...): total  $340 \text{ m}^2$
- ultra-low radiation pit:  $\varnothing 9 \text{ m}$ , 9 m depth
- single experiment pit:  $\varnothing 30 \text{ m}$ , 30 m depth

Total civil work cost: 38.1M\$  
 $< 2.5\% \text{ of tunnel cost}$

## Two support laboratories



- At La Serena (Chile) and Rodeo (Argentina)
- Workshops for the underground activities
- Integration with local universities (academic activity)
- Visitor centres



# International and institutional support

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- Memorandum of Understanding signed during the first ANDES workshop (includes the signatures of the director of Modane, the emeritus director of Homestake, the spokespersons of SuperNEMO and Edelweiss II).
- EBITAN (Entidad Binacional Túnel Agua Negra), supported the ANDES laboratory in its Xth meeting
- Support and interest by latin american institutions:
  - CONICET, Argentina
  - Comisión Asesora Grandes Instrumentos, MinCyT, Argentina
  - Universidad de La Plata, Argentina
  - Universidad de San Juan, Argentina
  - ANDES Unit in CLAF
  - Universidad La Serena, Chile
  - Gobierno de la provincia de San Juan, Argentina
  - CONICYT, Chile
  - Gobierno de la provincia de Elqui, Chile
  - Gobierno de la región de Coquimbo, Chile
- Support and interest by representatives of latin american scientists and institutions:
  - Claudio Dib, representing groups from 4 Chilean universities
  - Juan Carlos D'Olivo, High Energy Physics Network, Mexico
  - Ronald Shellard, CBPF and SBF vice director, Brazil
  - Eduardo Charreau, ANCEFН president, Argentina
  - Francisco Tamarit, AFA president, Argentina
- Support from scientists and international experiments:
  - Stephen Adler, Princeton
  - M. Miller, A. Garcia, University of Washington
  - Bob Svoboda, LNBE Spokesperson
  - Nigel Smith, SNOLAB Director
  - Kunio Inoue, KamLAND Spokesperson
  - Hiro Ejiri, Former RCNP Director
  - Yoichiro Suzuki, Kamioka Director, Super Kamiokande Spokesperson
  - Takaaki Kajita, ICRR Director
  - P. Brink et al., DM modulation
  - D.A. Harris, K. McFarland, MINERvA Spokespersons
  - A.B. McDonald, Nobel Physics Laureate

# Manifested interest in contributing to ANDES

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- interest for collaboration and instrument installation in ANDES:

- Jennifer Thomas, SuperNEMO CB Chair
- Daniel Santos, MIMAC Spokesperson
- Kai Zuber, COBRA Spokesperson
- J. Conrad, M. Shaevitz, DAEDALUS Spokespersons
- A. Galindo-Uribarri et al., ORNL

Interest in collaborating to the construction and operation of the ANDES laboratory by latin american groups:

- Argentina:

- IFLP, UNLP
- Neutrones y Reactores, CAB
- Partículas y Campos, CAB
- Bajas Temperaturas, CAB
- Instituto Geofísico Sismológico Volponi, San Juan
- ITeDA, CNEA-CAC
- I&D - PNGRR, CNEA-CAC
- Física Experimental Altas Energías, UBA
- Instituto de Matemática Aplicada, San Luis
- Empresa SOLYDES

- Brasil:

- Rede Nacional de Física de Altas Energias
- ICE, UFRJ
- IFRW, UNICAMP
- ICRA, CBPF
- Neutrino Physics group, UFABC
- HEP, PUC Rio
- Instituto de Física, USP

- Chile:

- CCTVAL, UTFSM
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- Universidad de Santiago de Chile
- Dpto Ciencias de la Tierra, Universidad de Concepción
- ICFM, Universidad Austral

- Mexico:

- Instituto de Biotecnología, UNAM
- Instituto de Ciencias Nucleares, UNAM
- Grupo Astropartículas, UMSNH
- FCFM, BUAP

## ANDES timeline

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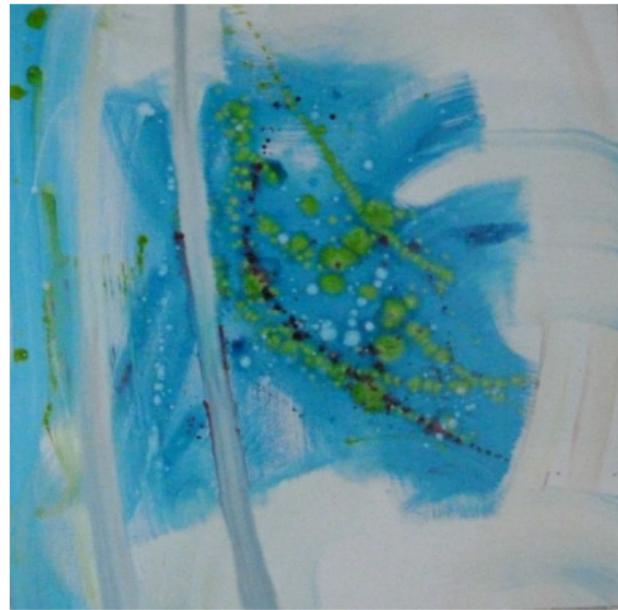
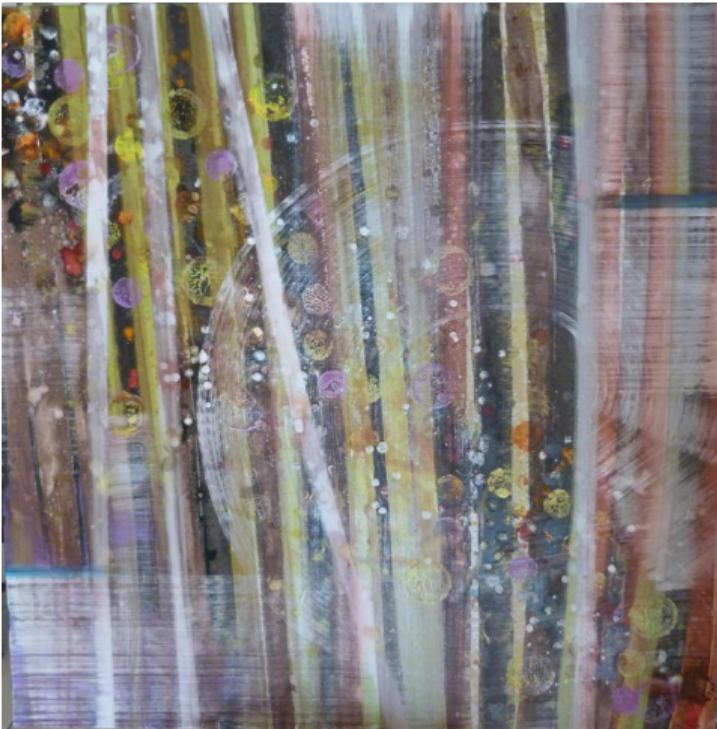
- Project started in July 2010
- First ANDES workshop in Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 2011
- Second in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2011
- Third in Valparaíso, Chile, January 2012
- approved by the Argentine MinCyT (CAGICyT) and EBITAN, March 2012
- Fourth workshop in Mexico City, Mexico, January 2014
- ANDES Unit in CLAF created, January 2014
- Laboratory New Conceptual Design ready, January 2016
- ▷ Fifth ANDES workshop in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jun 29-30 2017
- ▷ Laboratory to be included in tunnel tender by end of 2017
- ▷ Construction together with tunnel 2018-2026 (2020-2024)

This is a unique opportunity to build a world class deep underground laboratory, one of a kind in the southern hemisphere, operated by an international consortium

<http://andeslab.org/>

# Thank you!

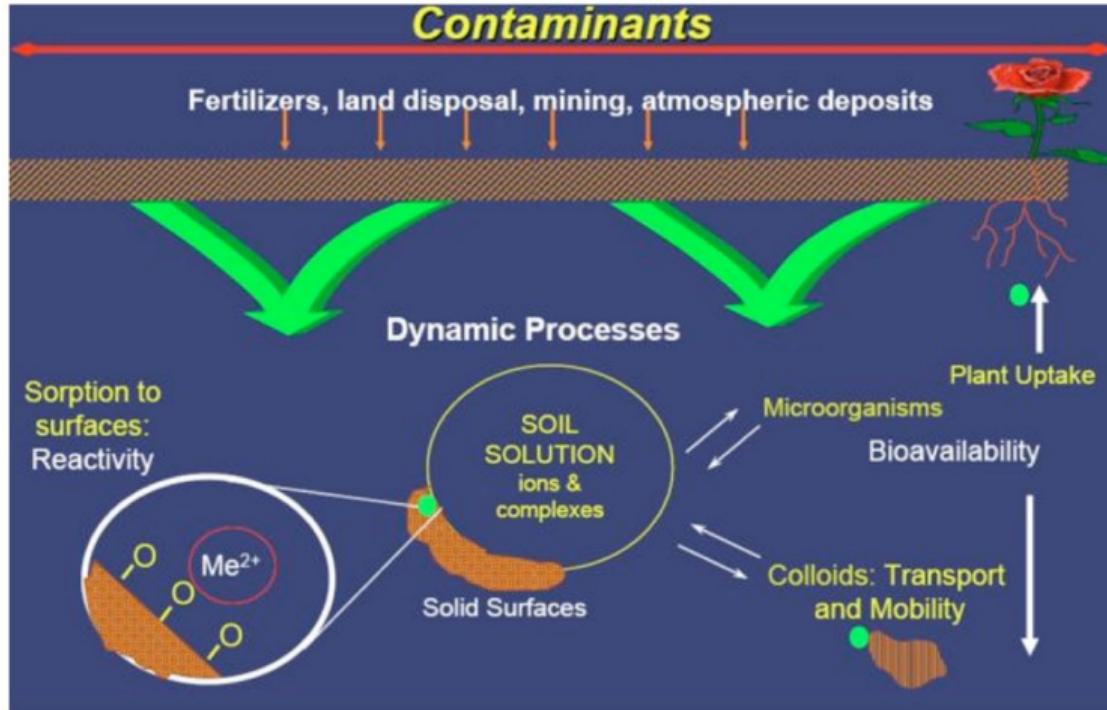
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Neutrino search  
*(Kay Quattrocchi, 2012)*

# Backup

# Heavy metals in plants



Some plants uptake heavy metals and process them.  
Real time analysis of the process would be possible in an underground laboratory.  
*(from LSMM proposal)*

## Cosmic radiation impact on cells

"Underground laboratories provide a novel environment in which to conduct biological experiments, by offering a setting where the cosmic radiation flux is vastly reduced. Growing organisms inside this environment allows the contribution of the normal sea-level background dose received by cells to be suppressed, providing a means of exploring the impact of the natural radiative background on biological systems. **Surprisingly, experiments led thus far in underground labs show that a reduction in background radiation has a stressful impact on cells, reducing the growth rate of bacteria when cells were grown in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico, and reducing the ability of yeast cells grown in the Gran Sasso underground laboratory to withstand exposure to DNA damaging chemicals.** [...] Low background experiments in Gran Sasso have been extended to study the impact of radiation on V79 Chinese hamster cells, and human lymphoblastoid TK6 cells. Across the vast range of organisms considered, **these experiments in underground laboratories all support the hypothesis that background radiation acts as a conditioning agent for the cellular response to DNA damage."**

*(Introduction of EPJ Web of Conferences 124, 00006 (2016))*



# Sardine in Peru and lead contamination in alpine lakes

## Sardine vs anchovy evolution in Peruvian coasts

- Populations of sardines and anchovy are anti-correlated in peruvian coasts
- Data only available for last tens of years
  - Expand the data set by low radiation measurements

## Lead contamination in alpine lakes

- Can be traced by  $^{210}\text{Pb}$
- Usually resolution of tens of years
  - Can be measured on a yearly timescale in an underground laboratory
  - Look at leadless gasoline impact

# Microelectronics and wine

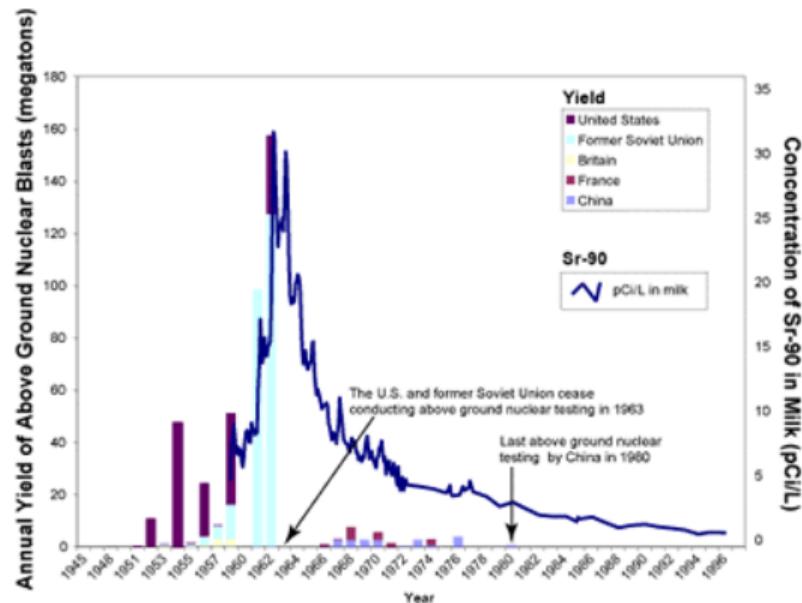


## IBM test of microchips

- Study bit error rate

## Wine datation for fraud

- Check century old bottles with Cs

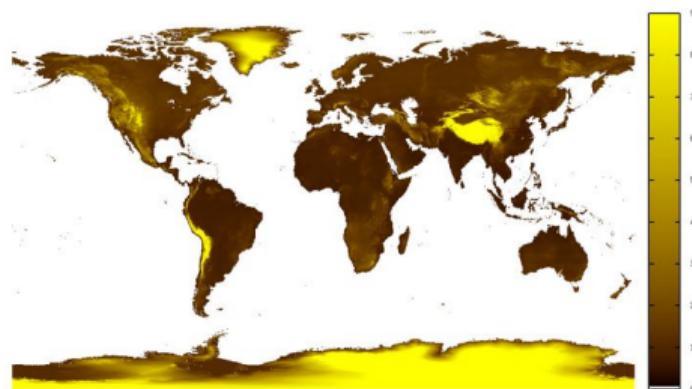
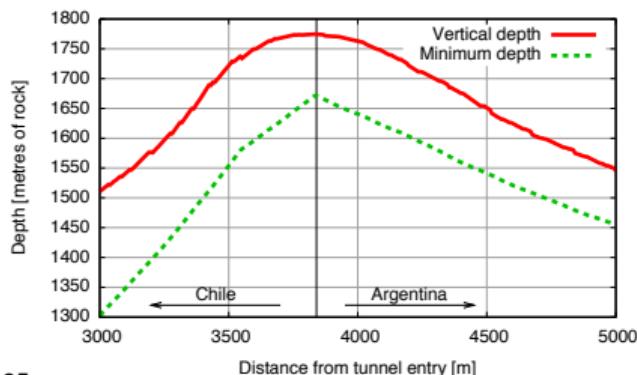


## Background studies for ANDES

- 600 m deep rock samples measured for natural radioactivity (LAAN, M. Arribere)

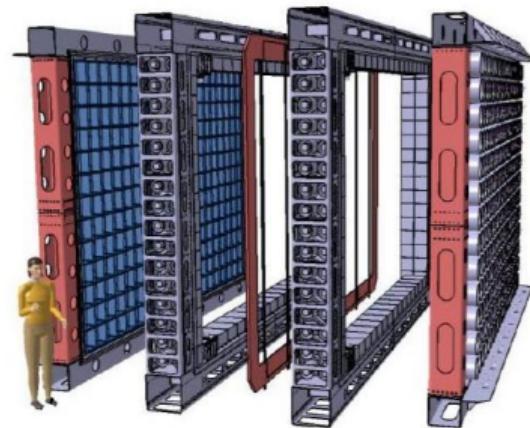
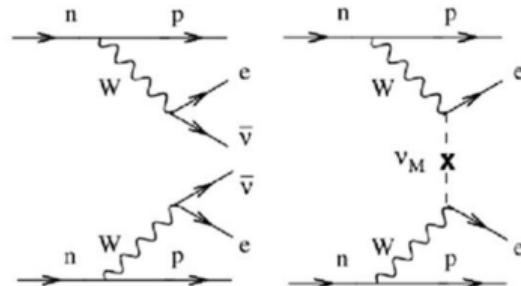
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$^{238}\text{U}$	$2.6 \pm 0.5$	$9.2 \pm 0.9$	$14.7 \pm 2.0$	$11.5 \pm 1.3$	$4.5 - 30$
$^{232}\text{Th}$	$0.94 \pm 0.09$	$5.2 \pm 0.5$	$4.5 \pm 0.4$	$4.8 \pm 0.5$	$8.5 - 76$
$^{40}\text{K}$	$50 \pm 3$	$47 \pm 3$	$57 \pm 3$	$52 \pm 3$	$37 - 880$

- Depth, muon flux and neutron activation calculations



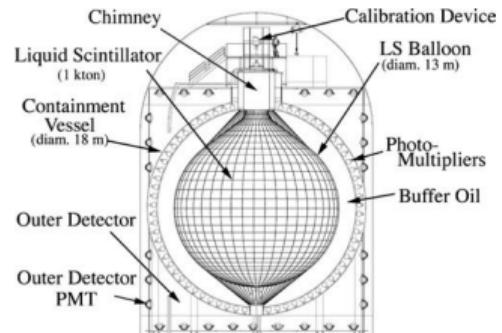
# SuperNEMO: double beta decay experiment

- based on NEMO-NEMO3 expertise (LSM)
- 100 – 200 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$
- sensitive to a neutrino mass of  
 $\approx 0.05 – 0.1 \text{ eV}$
- modular design:  
 $\approx 20$  modules
- Status in 2026?

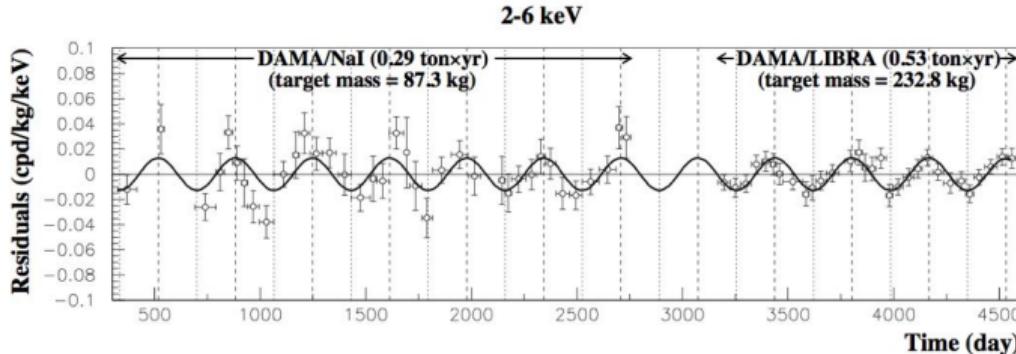


# Large Neutrino Detector

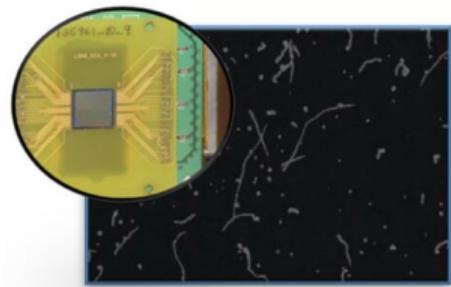
- design similar to Borexino and KamLAND?
    - 3 – 10 kton of scintillator
  - interesting site for geoneutrinos
  - complementary for supernovae neutrino measurements:  
arXiv:1027.5454
- Have a large pit foreseen for the detector



# Dark Matter in ANDES



- host a copy of an experiment observing a modulation
- host a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation experiment
- work on new technologies (actively evolving area)
  - ex: DAMIC (Dark Matter Identification with CCD)



# Nuclear astrophysics

## LUNA: Laboratory for Underground Nuclear Astrophysics

- installed at LNGS (Gran Sasso)
- 50 kV accelerator
- 400 kV (LUNA II)
  - study nuclear reactions at low energies, relevant in astrophysics (Gamow peak)
  - ex:  ${}^3\text{He}({}^3\text{He},2\text{p}){}^4\text{He}$  below 21 keV

Proposal for a 300 kV high intensity platform for ANDES

