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Agua Negra Deep Experiment Site

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Proposal for a Deep Underground Laboratory
in the Southern Hemisphere
(an update)

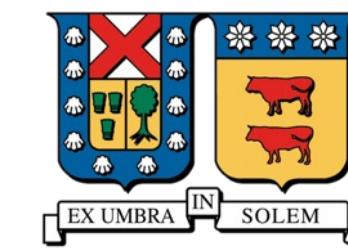


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on behalf of the ANDES Coord. Team
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ANDES Lab and the Agua Negra Tunnel

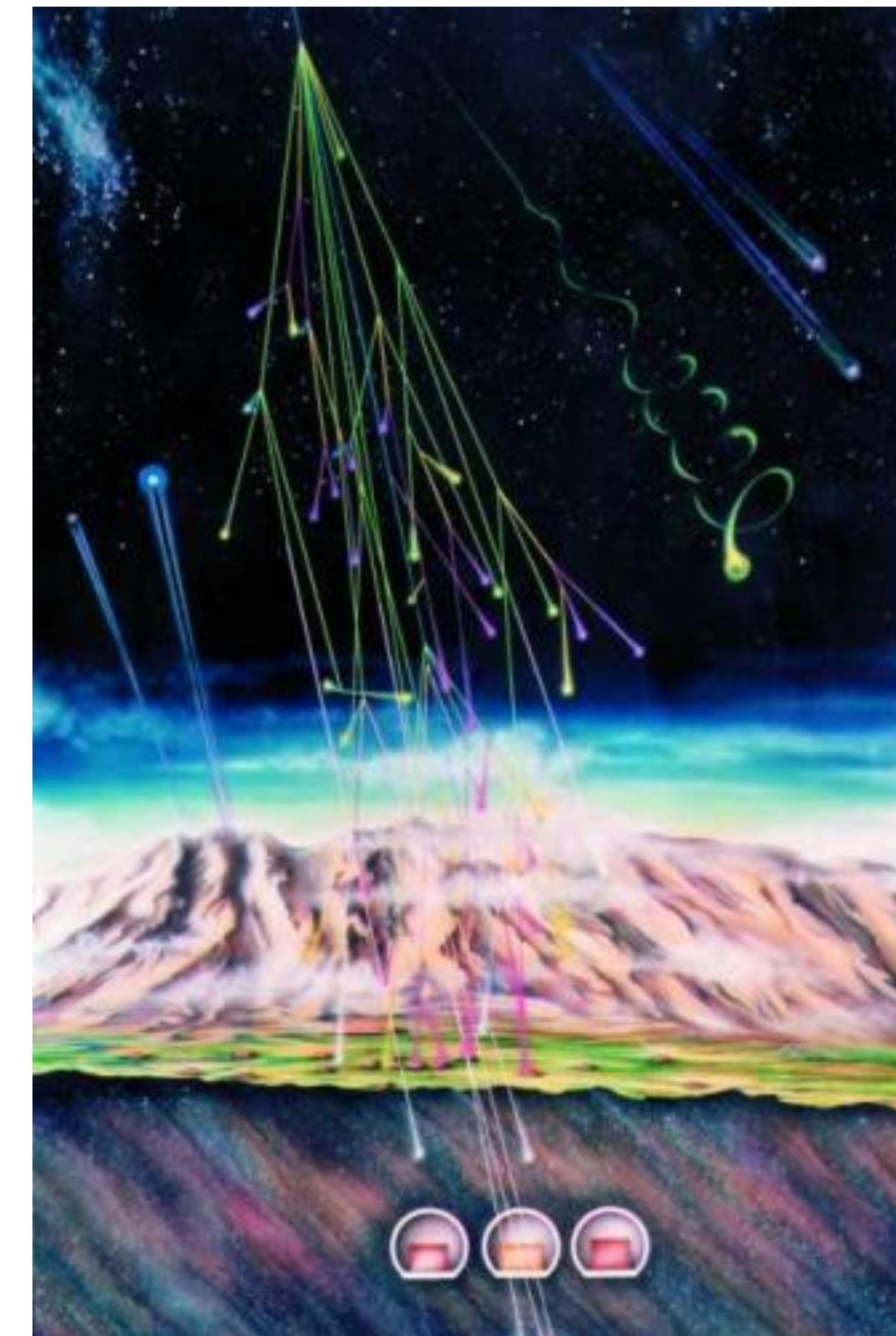
Where underground Laboratories are built:

In mines:

- pros:
 - built at anytime.
- cons:
 - interference with mine work.
 - difficult access.

In tunnels:

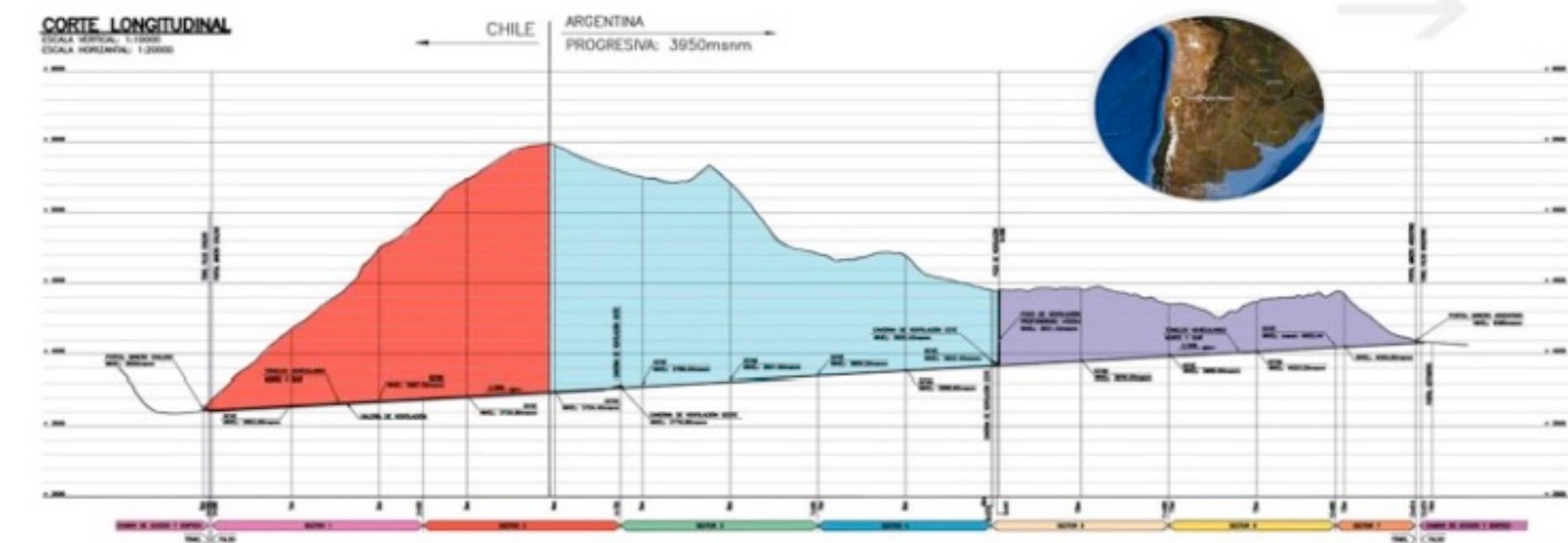
- pros:
 - easy access and operation.
- cons:
 - must build together with the tunnel.



Túnel de Agua Negra (TAN)



- Tunnel Depth at the border: 1750 m
- Altitude: 3600 m (Chile), 4080 m (Arg.); slope: ~ 3%
- Two parallel tunnels, 14 km long, 60 m apart
- 12 m width, 2 lanes each, connecting galleries / 500 m.
- Deepest point. 1750 m overburden
- Forced ventilation: 14.5 MW installed power.



- Corredor bioceánico Porto Alegre-Coquimbo: commercial integration of the South American region.
- Increasing commerce with Asia through ports in the Pacific coast.

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Aqua Negra Deep Experiment Site

What makes ANDES special?

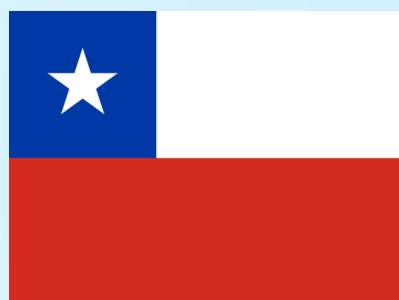
There are ~ 15 Underground labs in the world, almost all in the Northern Hemisphere.

SUPL (Stawell, Australia): currently the only U Lab in the South. (~1000 m ugnd.)

ANDES will be much larger and ~1700 m ugnd.

- Important for astrophysics studies
- Major Research Infrastructure in LA.





TAN-ANDES location



**San Juan,
Argentina**

**La Serena,
Chile**



Approx 30.19° S 69.82° W

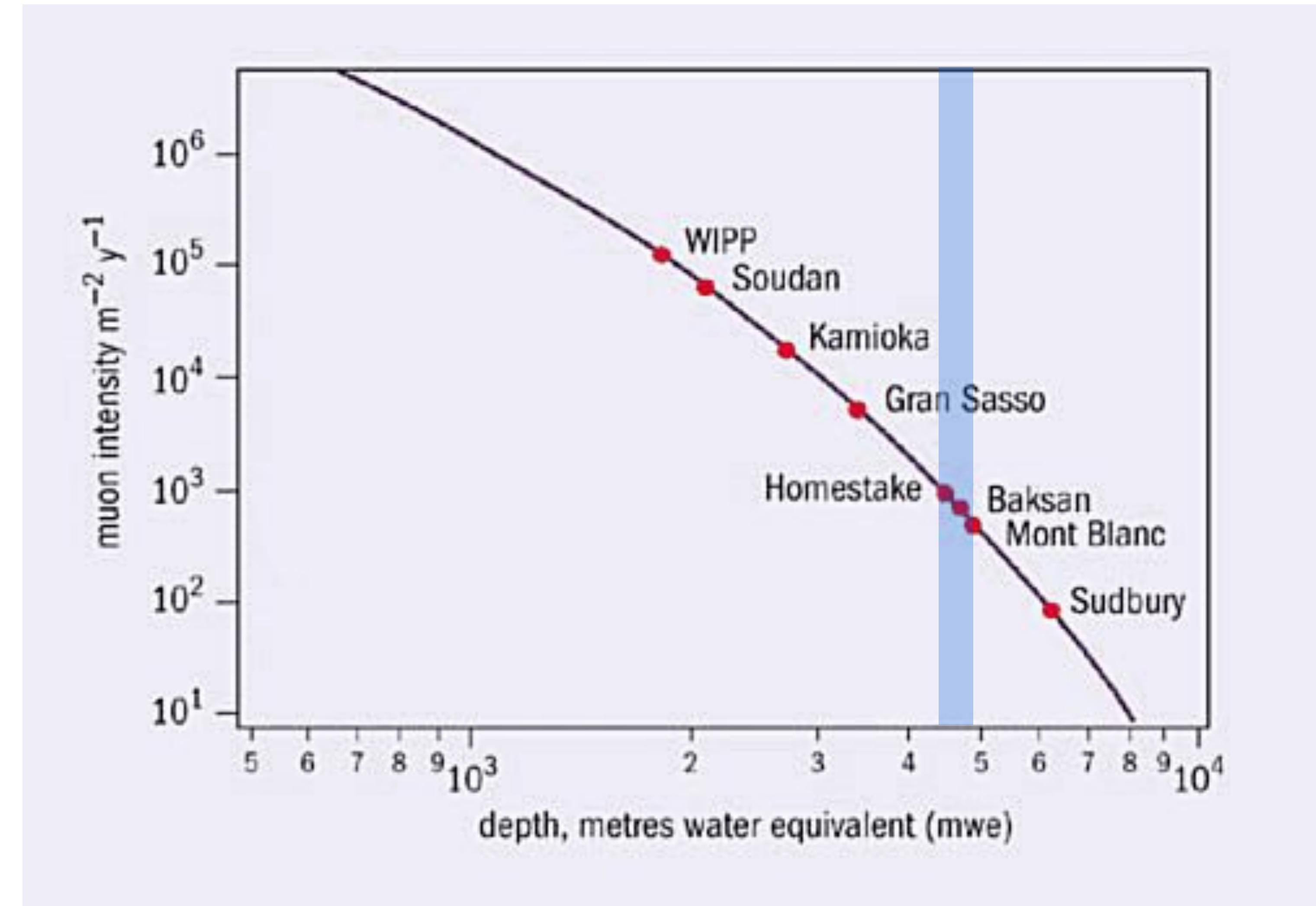
Cosmic ray shielding at ANDES

Muon flux at sea level $\sim 100 \text{ /m}^2 \text{ s}$

ANDES: $\sim 4500 \text{ mwe}$; atn: 10^{-7}

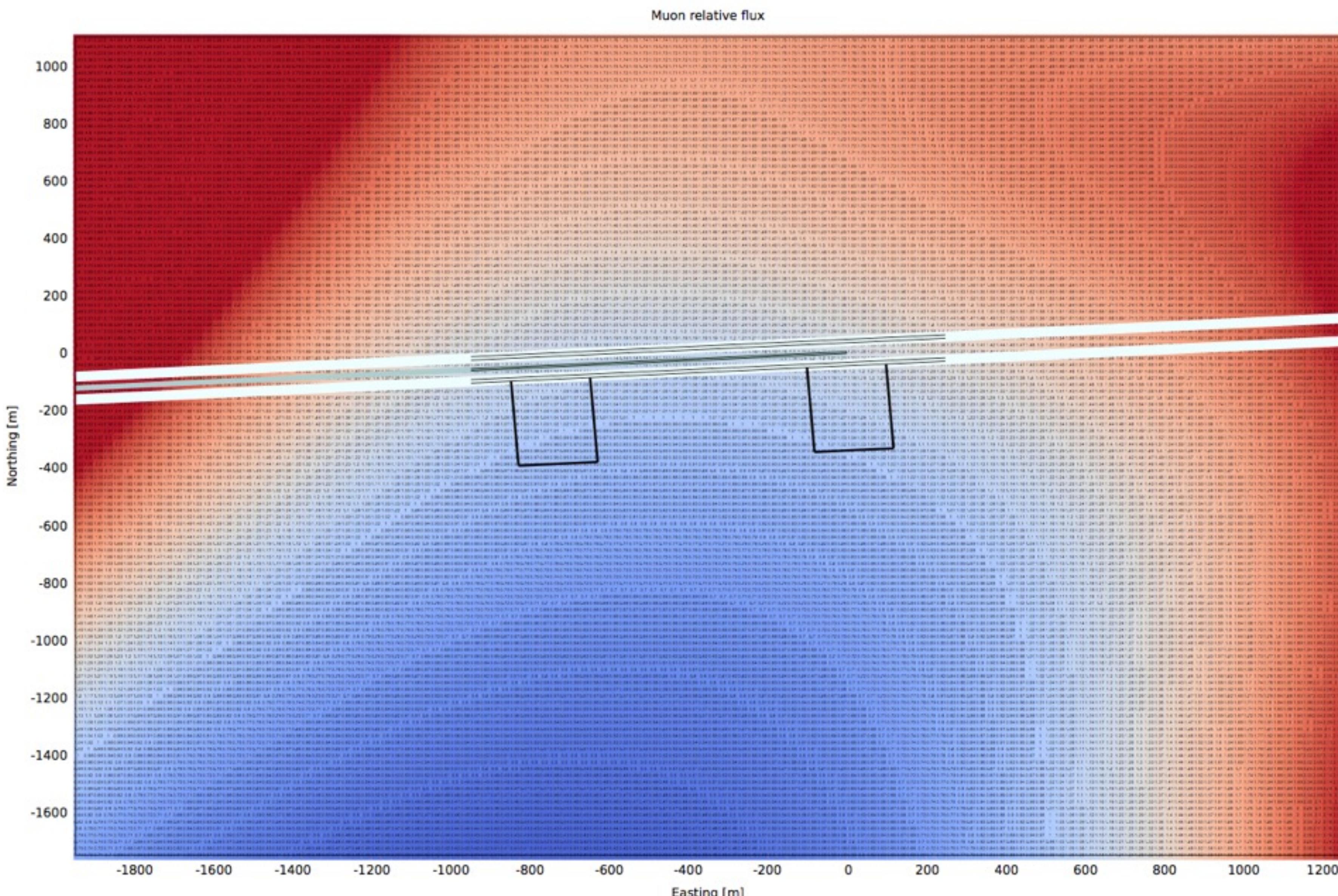
A detector of 1 m^3 at ground level,
sees everyday:

- 10^8 muons
- 10^8 gammas/e+/e-
- 10^6 neutrons
- 10^{-3} neutrinos



Cosmic ray shielding at ANDES

Relative muon omnidirectional flux



Science at ANDES

1) Astroparticle physics

1.1) *Neutrino experiments:*

- Neutrinoless double beta decay
- BSM neutrinos and neutrino masses
- Solar, atmospheric, supernova neutrinos
- Geoneutrinos
- CP violation?

1.2) *Direct Dark Matter detection:*

- yearly modulations
- new technologies for light DM
- new techniques to go below the neutrino fog

2) Geoscience

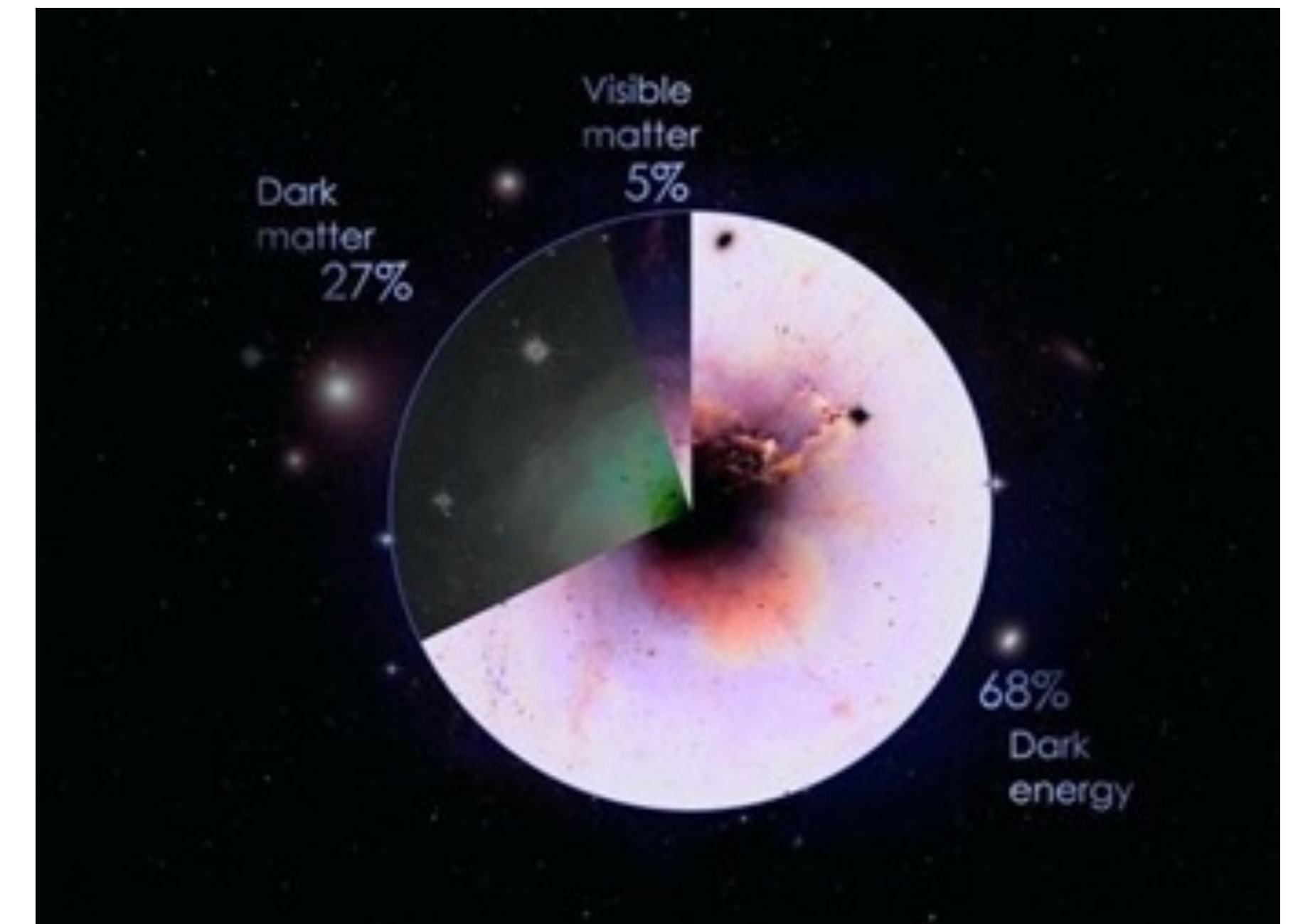
Geophysics, Underground seismology.

3) Biology

Cell reproduction under low radiation, mutations, cell resilience

4) Nuclear Astrophysics

- Nuclear reactions in stars
- Gamow peak, solar power output



... Laboratory Design is driven by the Science program.

The ANDES proposal

- **Underground site** at deepest point inside the Agua Negra Tunnel (at the border ~ 4 km from Chile entrance).



Credit: Lab. N. Gran Sasso, Italia

- 2 large horizontal caverns + 1 large pit.
- Other isolated rooms, clean rooms, ...

- **2 Support Labs at the surface:**

- La Serena (Chile); Rodeo (Argentina): Administration, tech. workshops, and Visitor Center.



Credit: Lab. Sout. de Modane, France

- **Sites at the portals:**

- Lodging, office, storage.

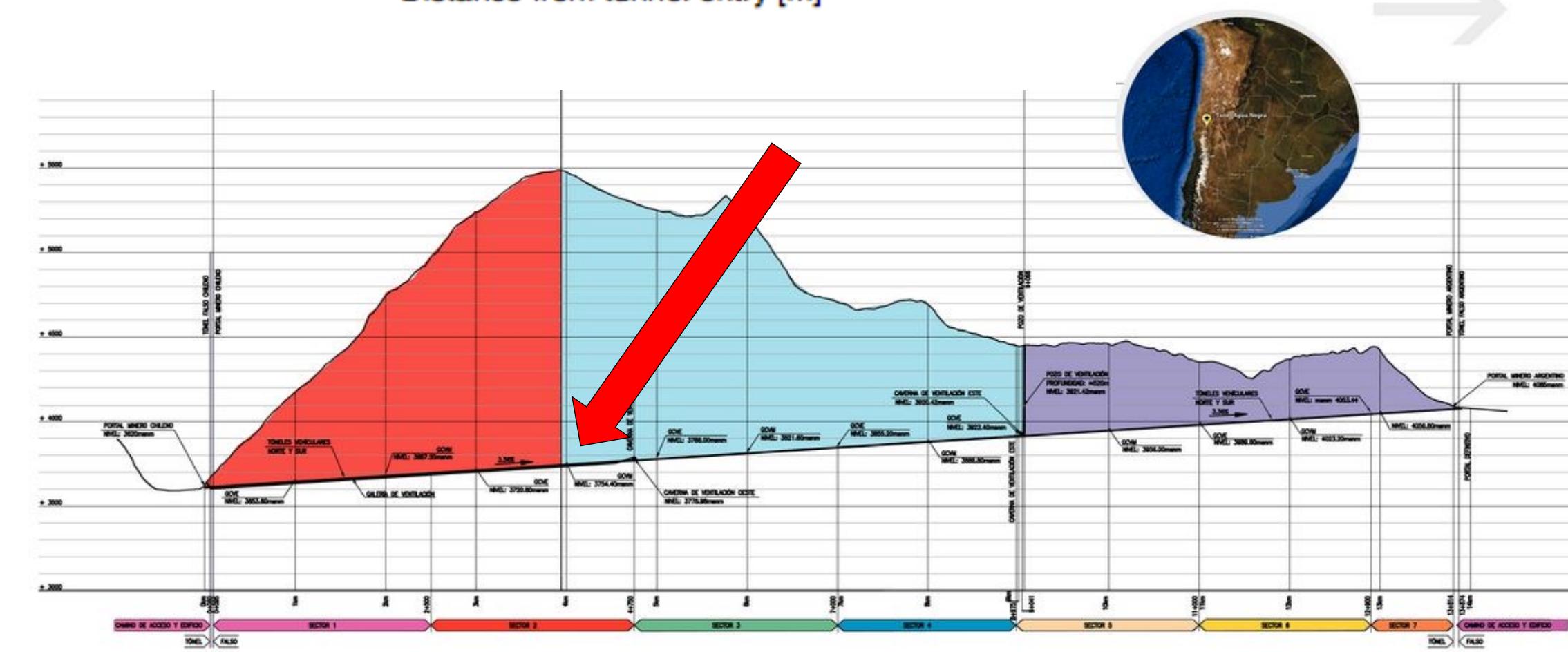
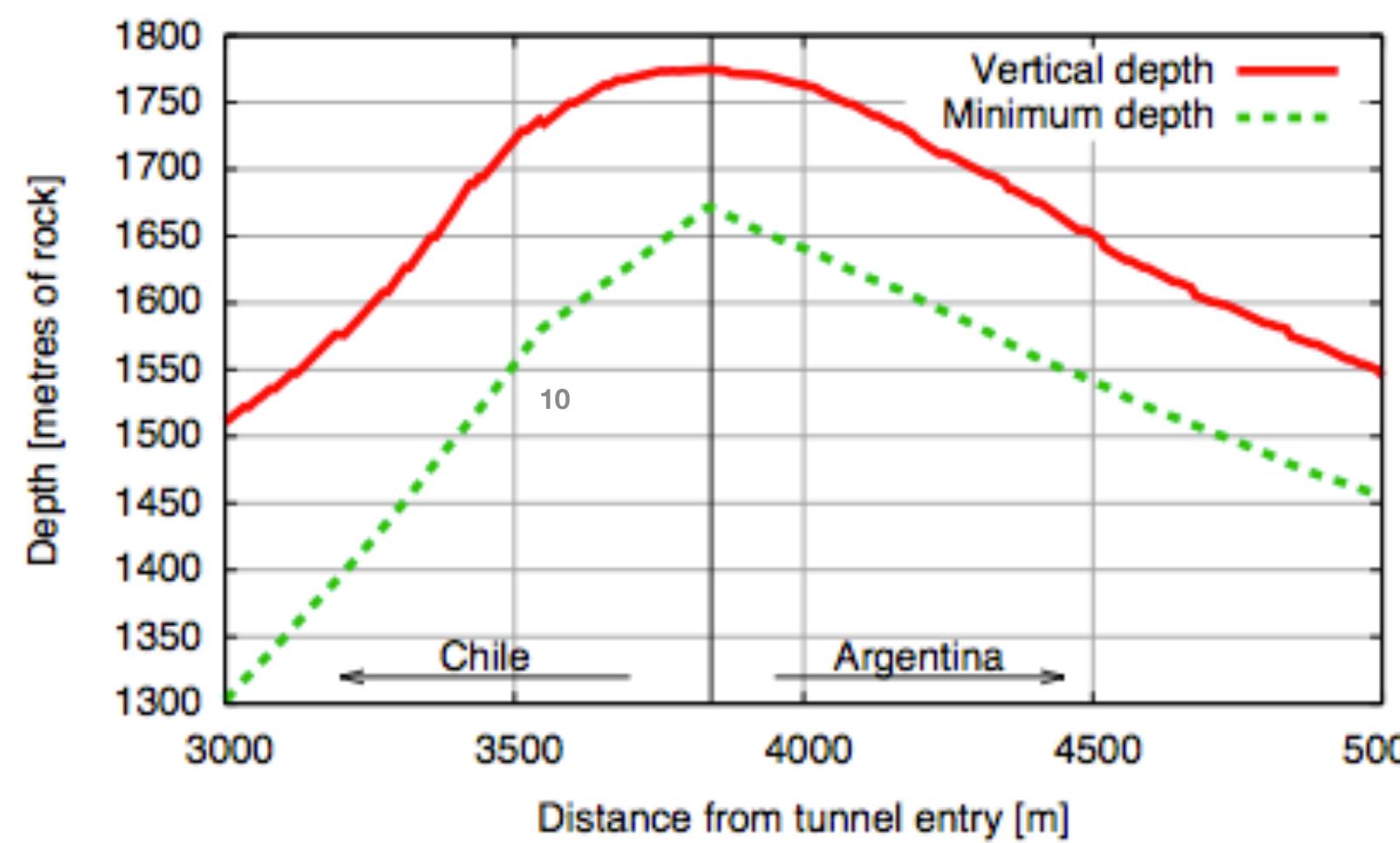


Credit: Paso Pino Hachado, Chile

The ANDES proposal

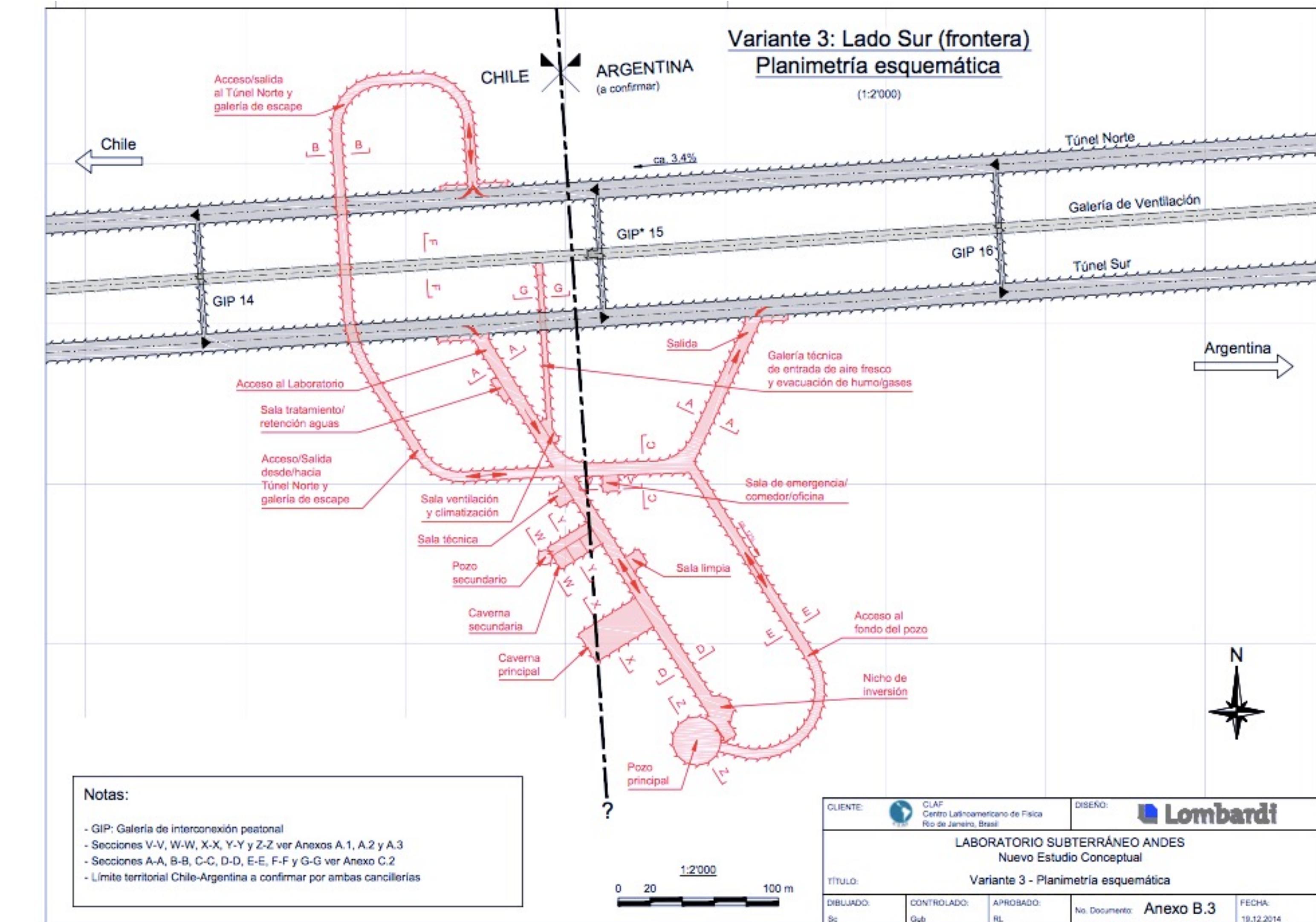
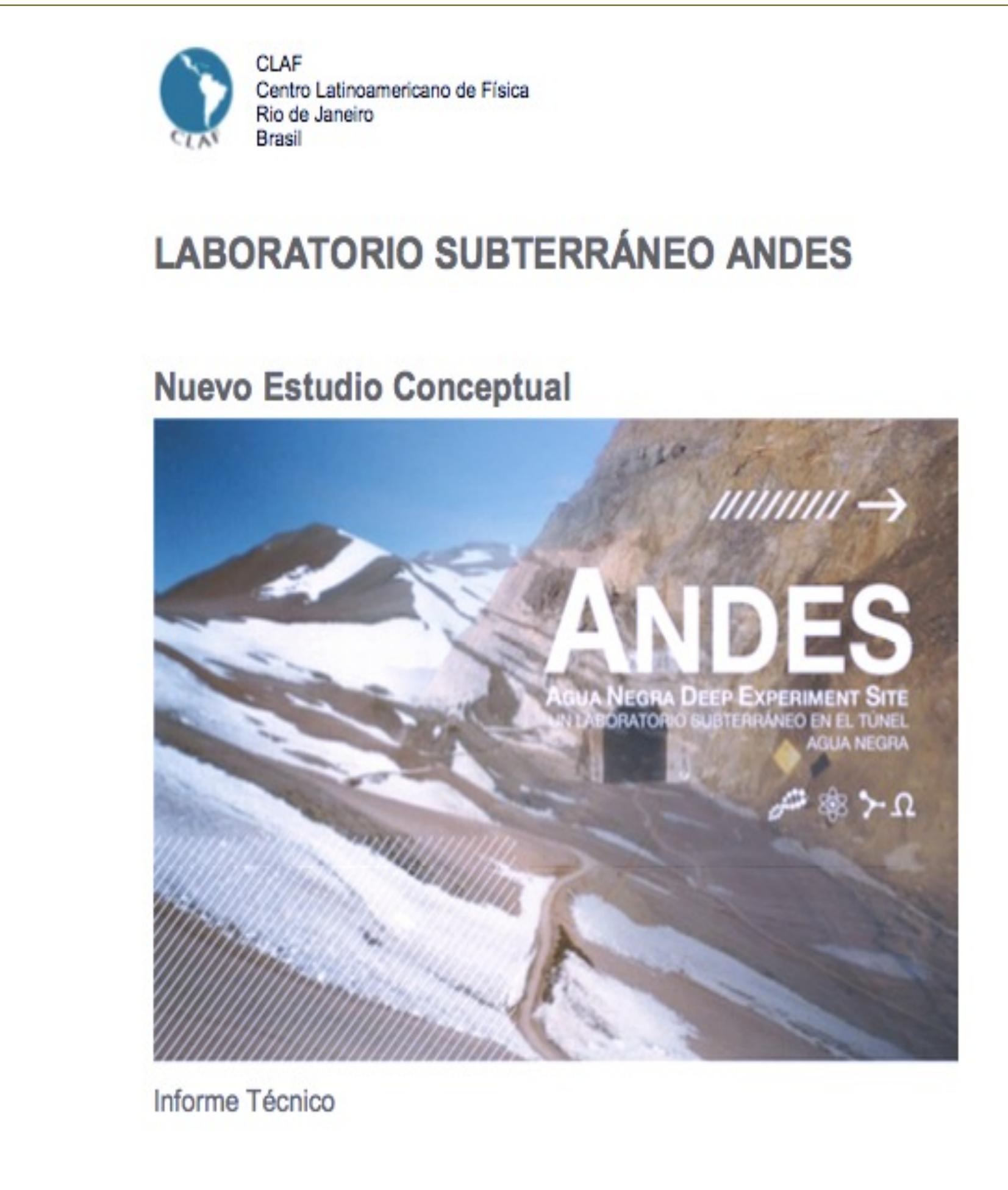
- Deepest point in tunnel (~ 1750 m deep)

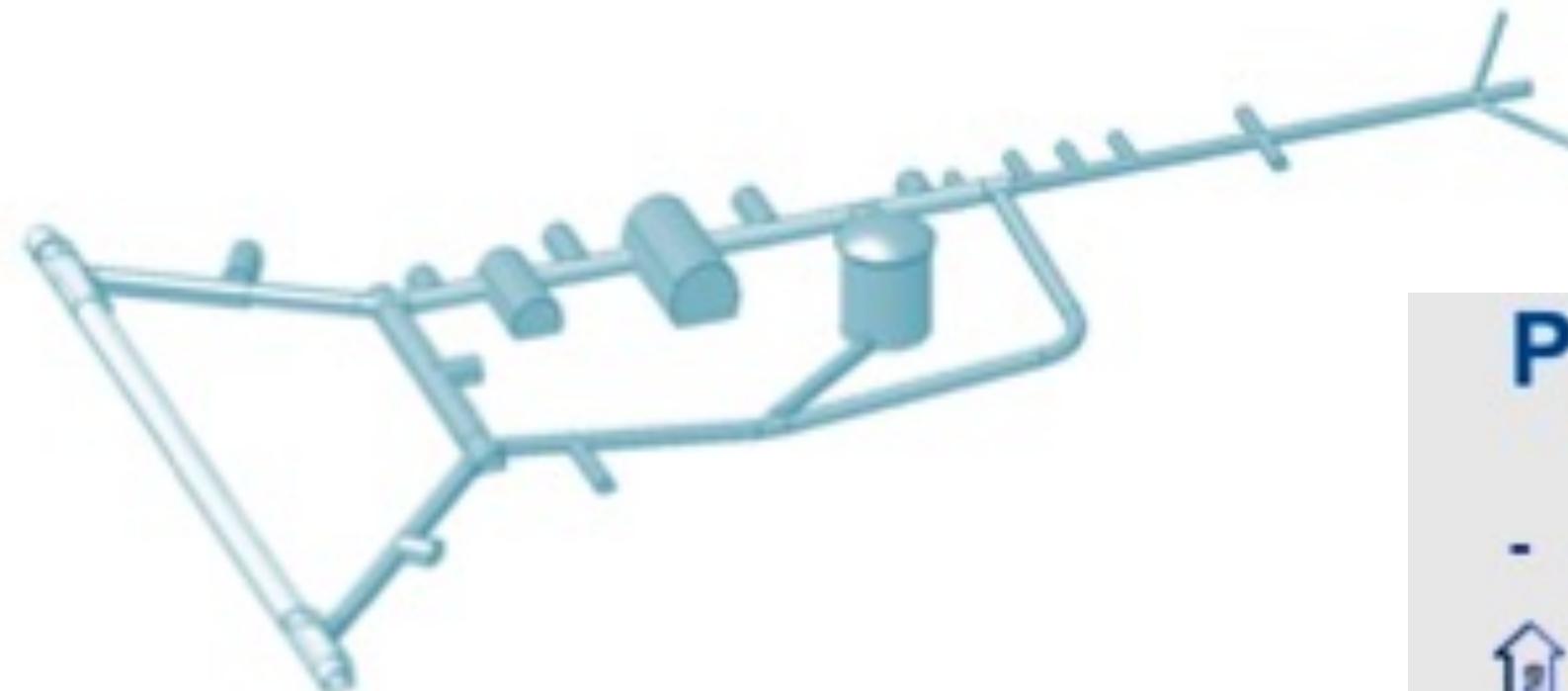
≈ 4 km to Chile entrance, ~ 10 km to Argentina exit



ANDES conceptual design (by Lombardi, 2015)

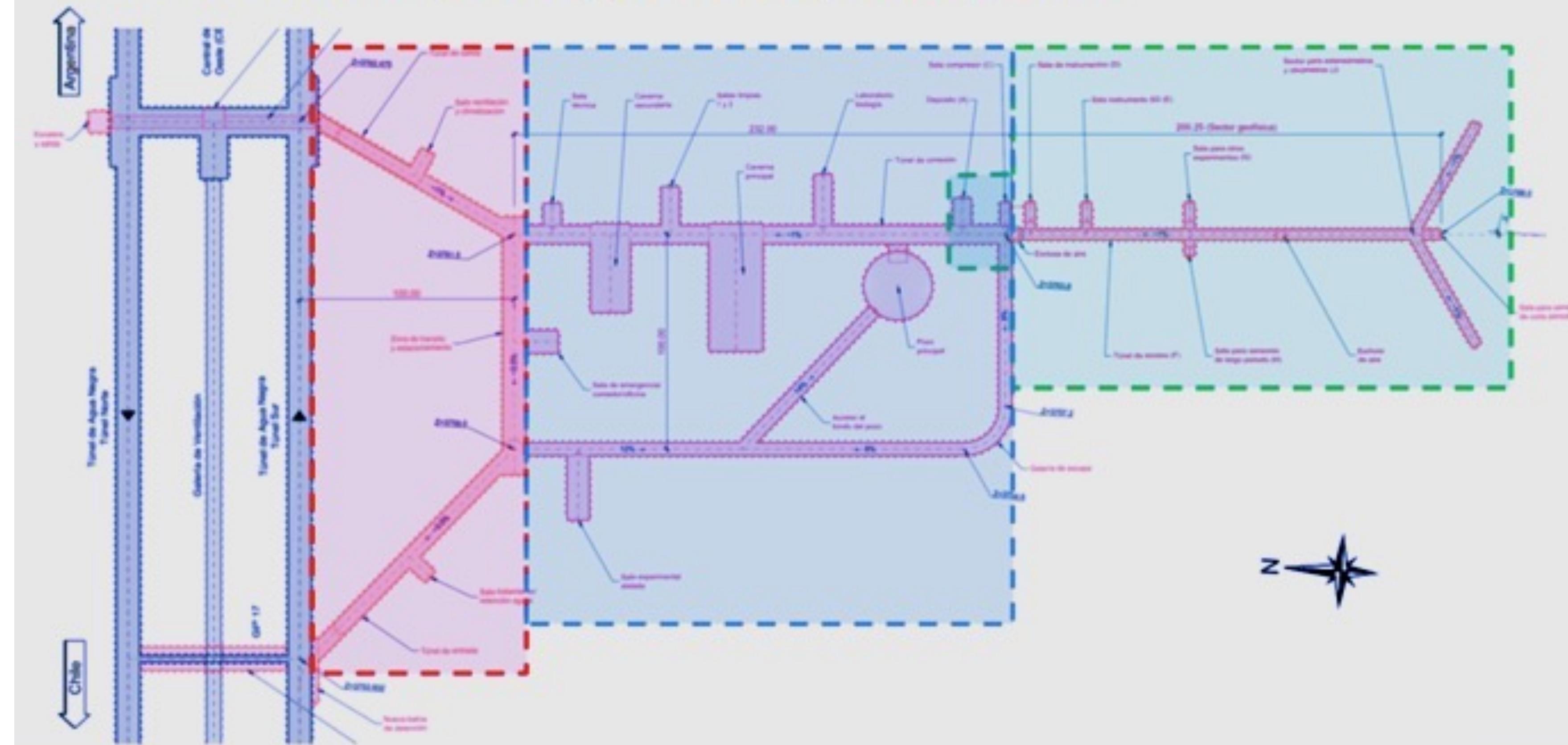
Technical Assessment of the ANDES proposal
by Dr. A. Noble (former Director SNO, Canada)





Planimetría esquemática

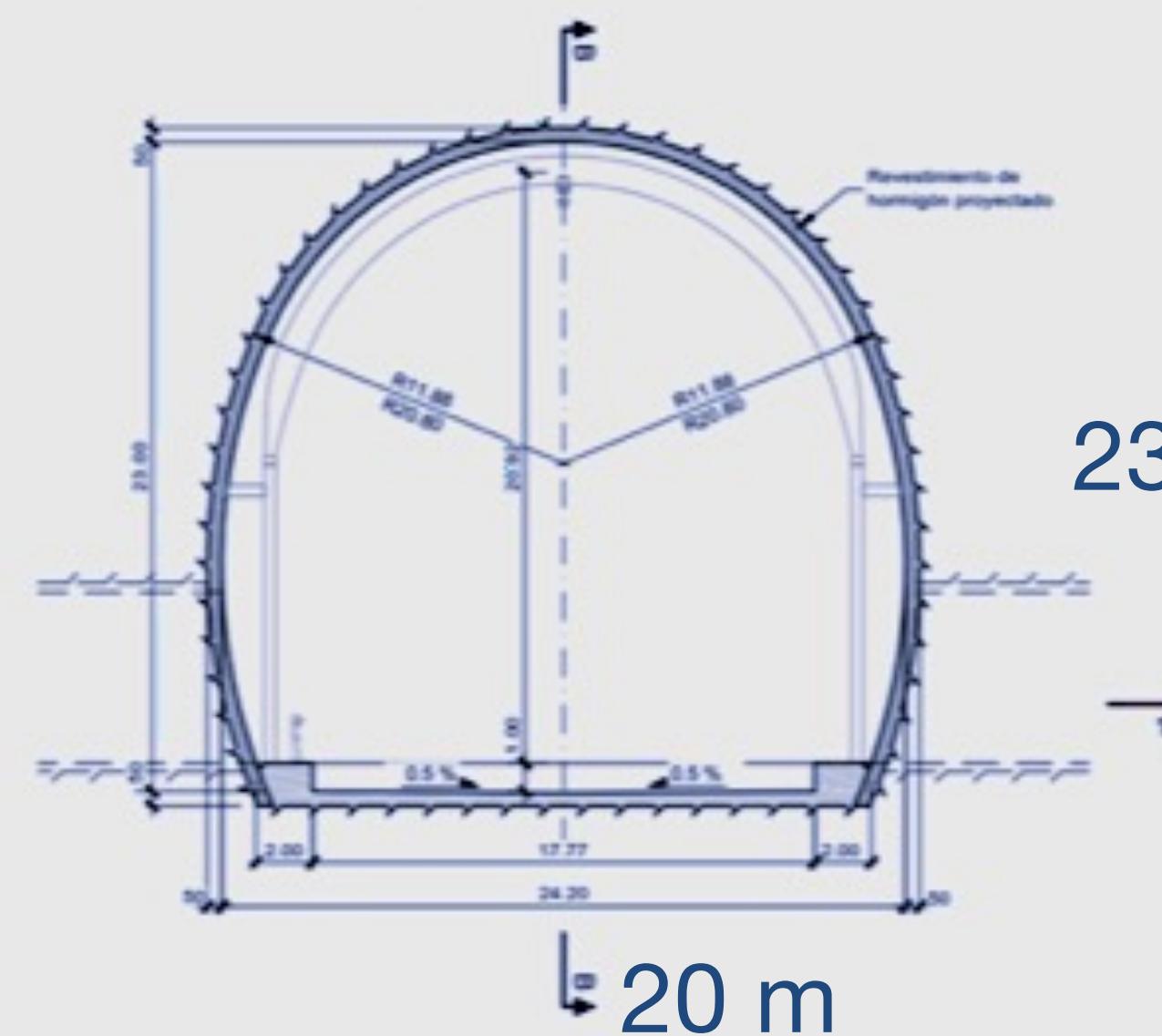
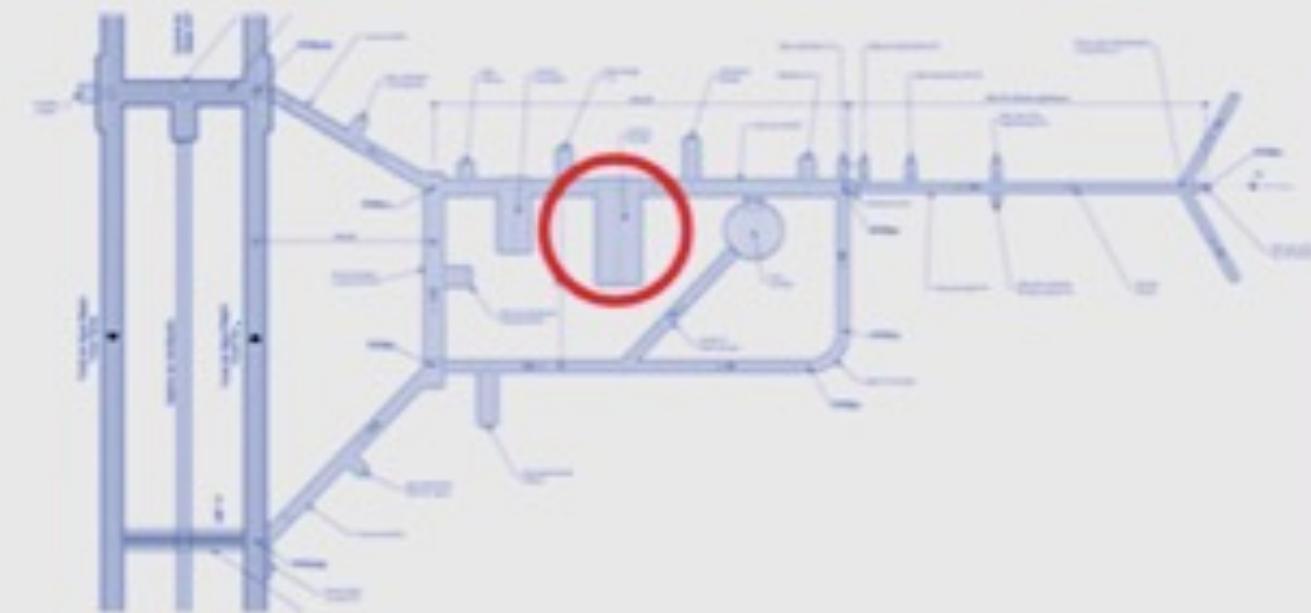
- 3 sectores: **acceso y transito**, **zona central** y **sector geofísica**



ANDES Main cavern

2.3 Caverna principal

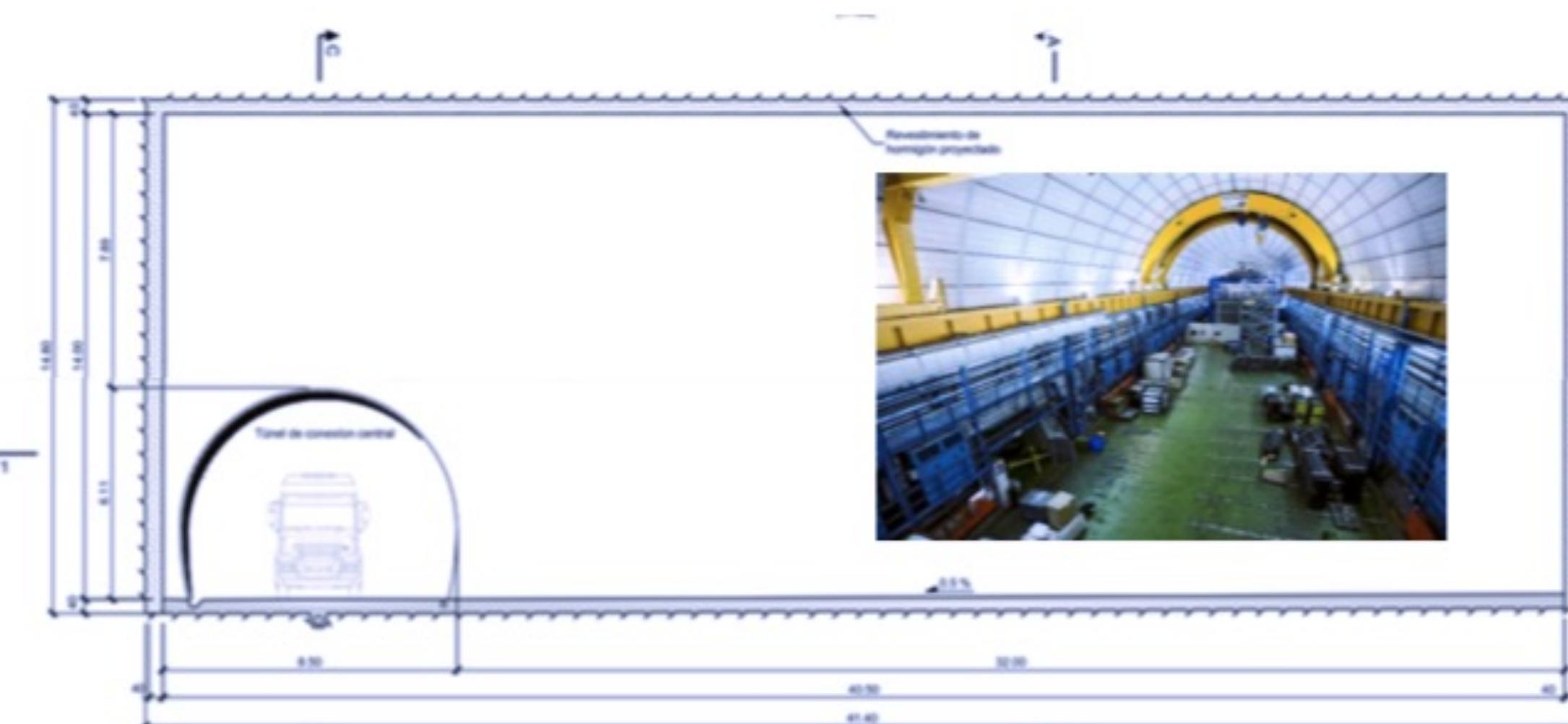
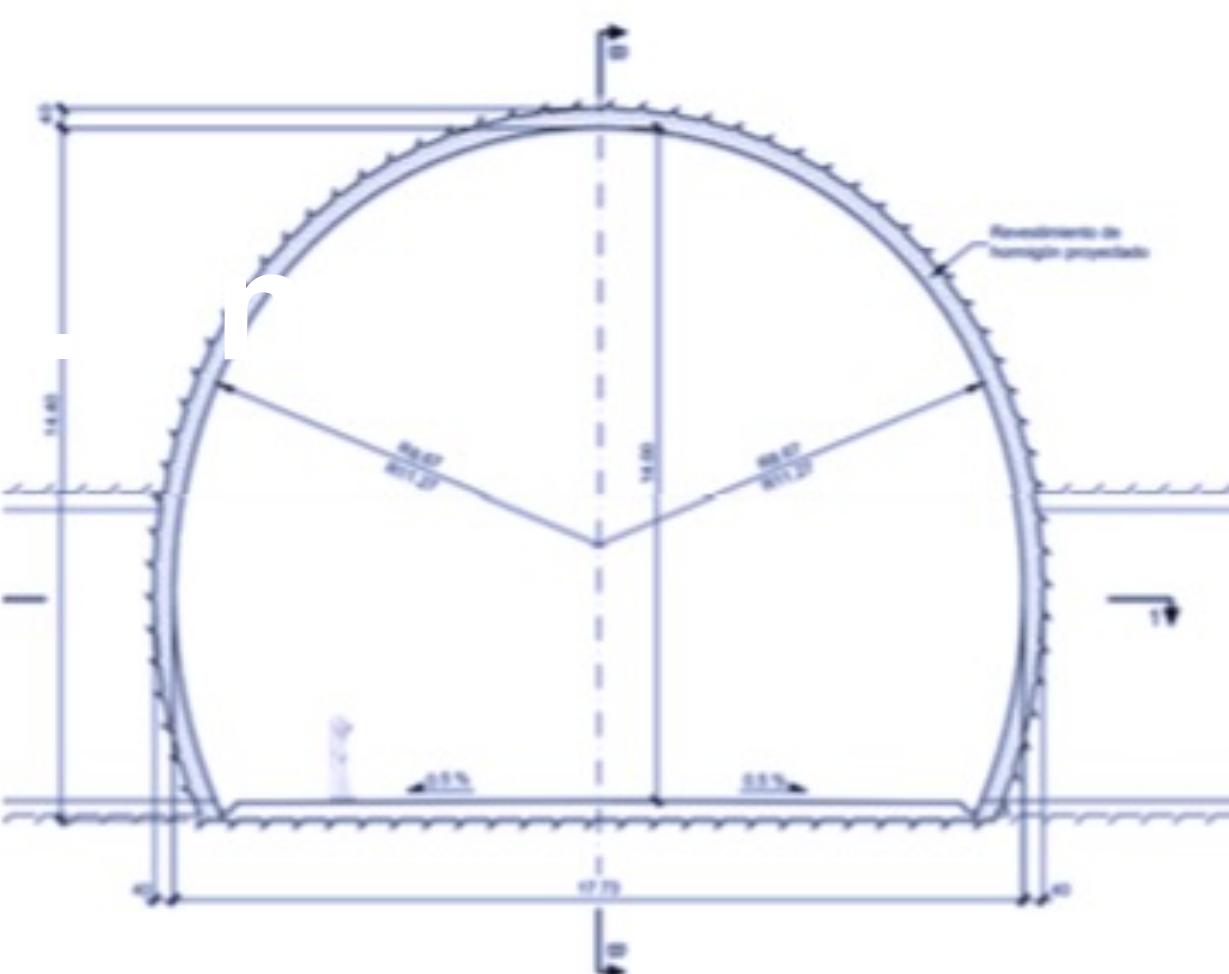
- Sala experimental principal
- Taller mecánico para soldaduras o similares.
- Una cubeta de retención con un volumen de 500 m³ para contener un eventual derrame de líquidos
- Canaletas técnicas en la solera o bandejas portacables
- Puente grúa curvo de 40 t



ANDES secondary cavern

2.5 Caverna secundaria

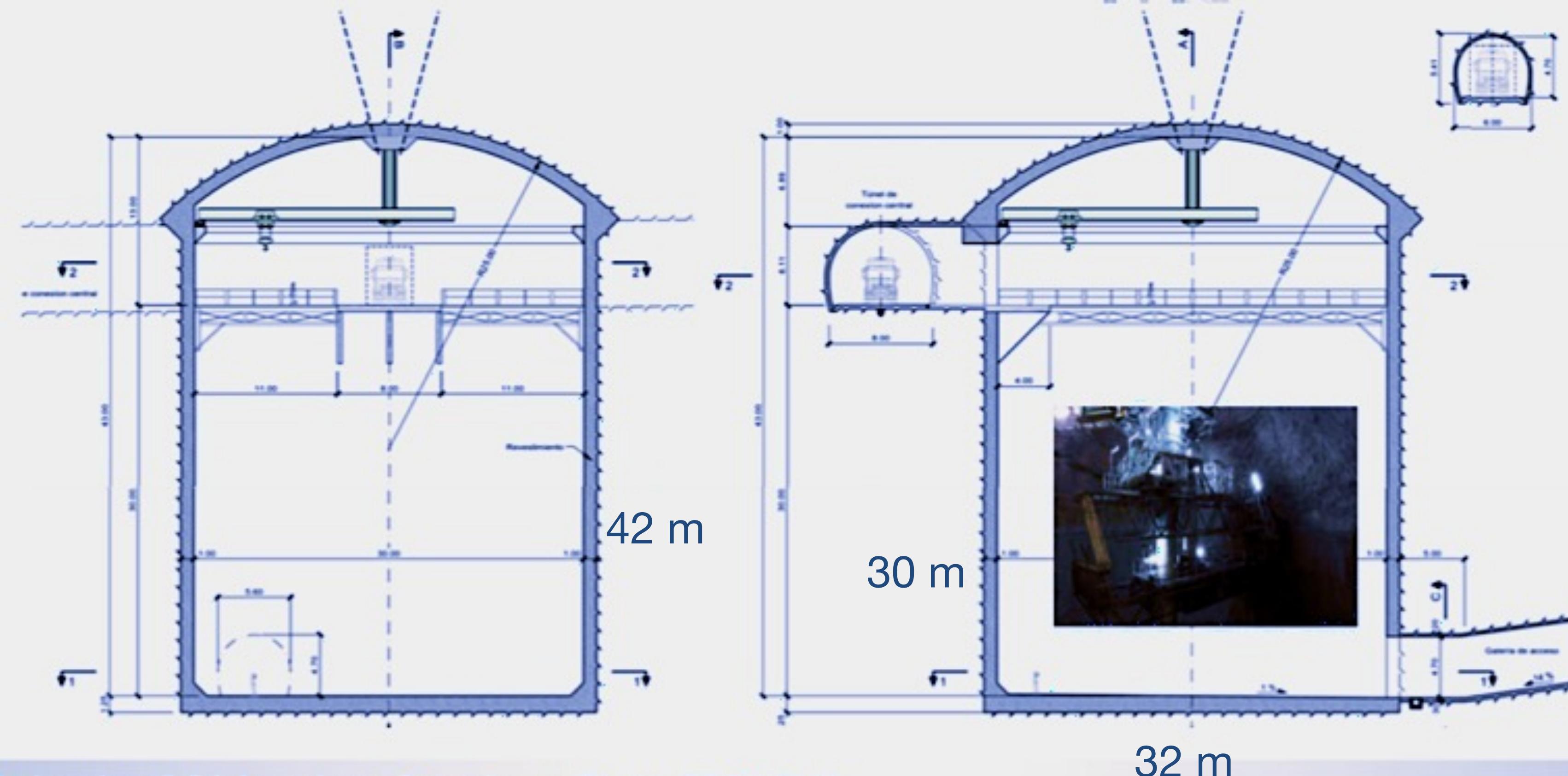
- Espacio para experimentos de tamaño menor, oficinas e instalaciones secundarias
 - Puente grúa principal de 40 t de capacidad?
 - Cubeta de retención?



ANDES main pit

2.4 Pozo principal

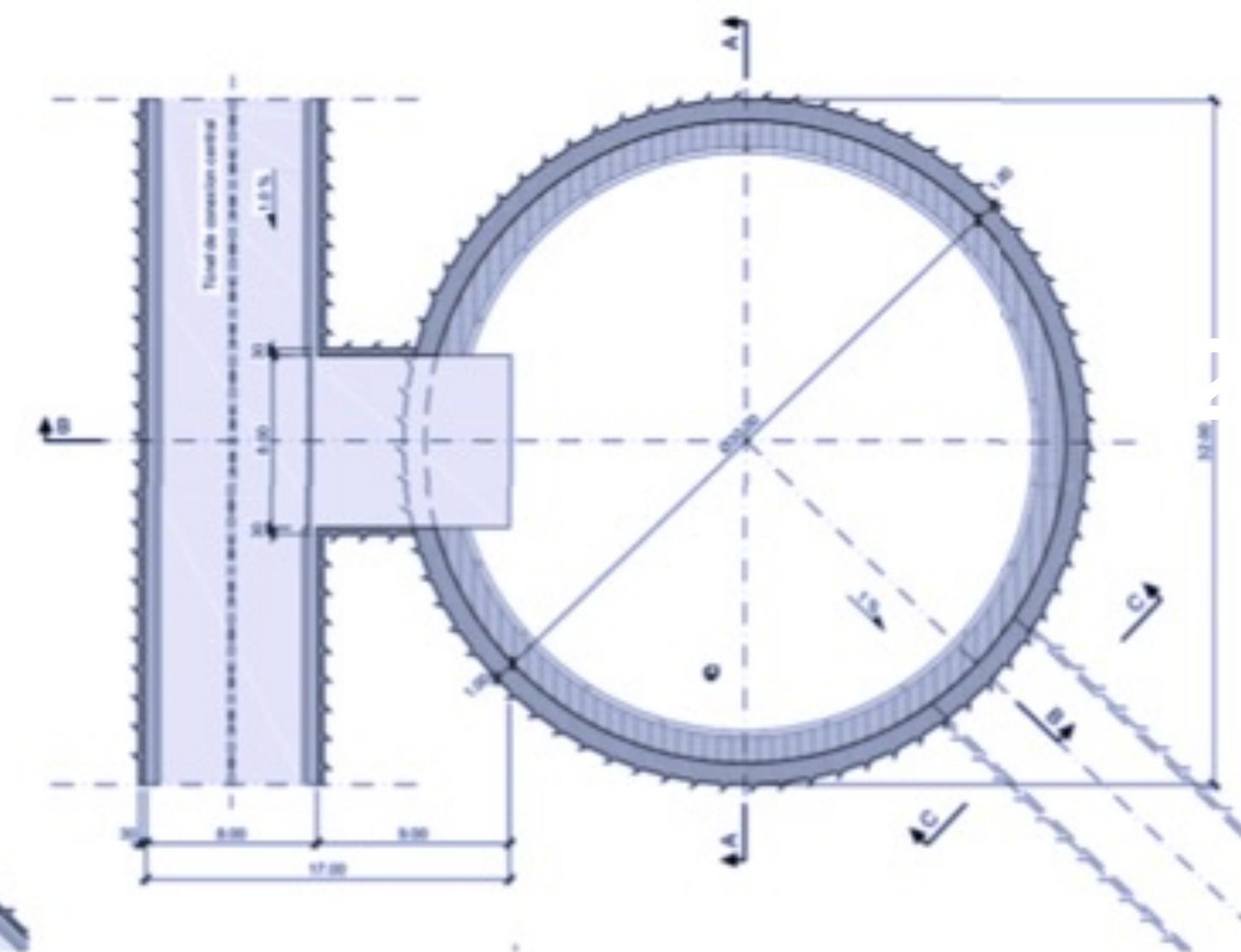
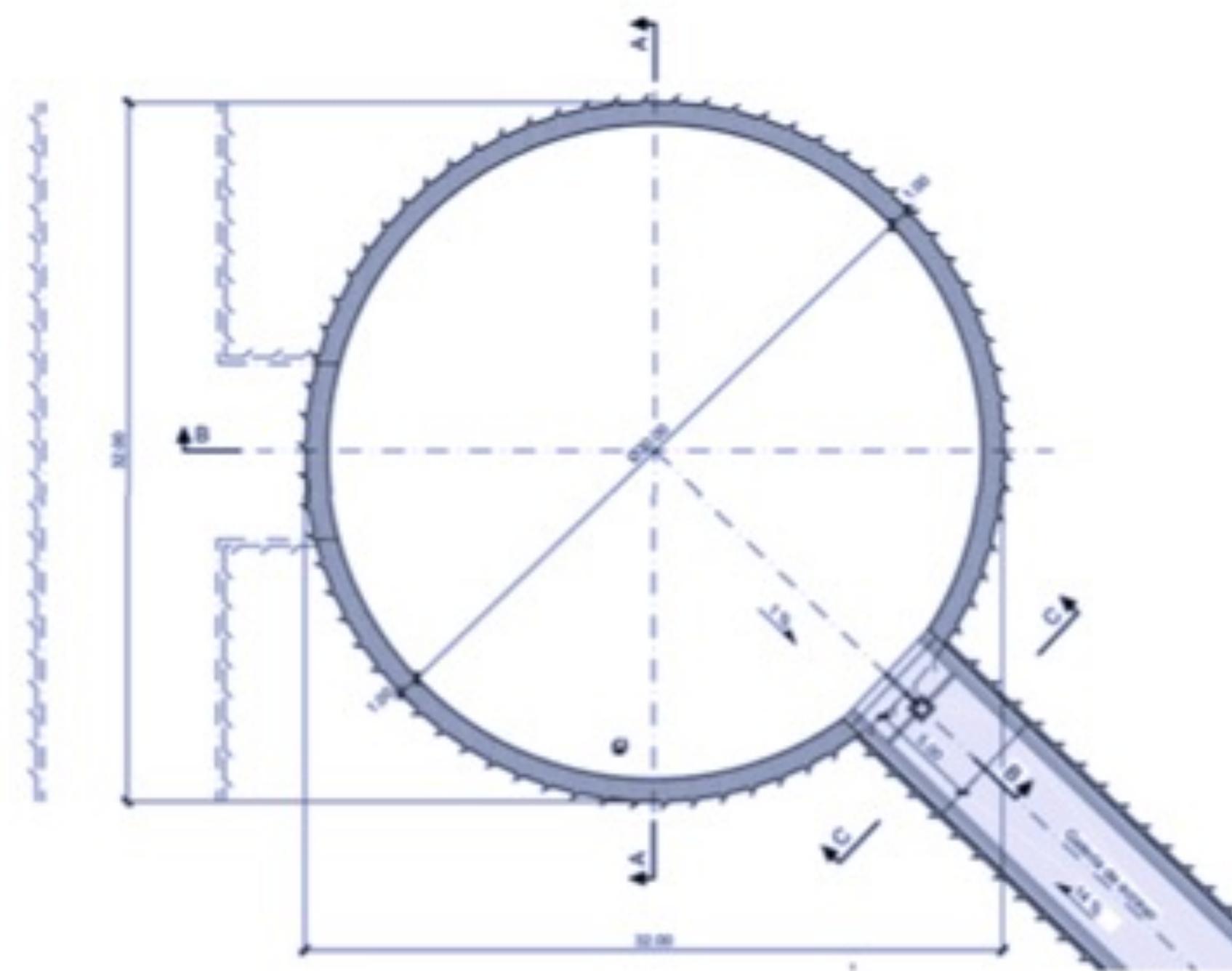
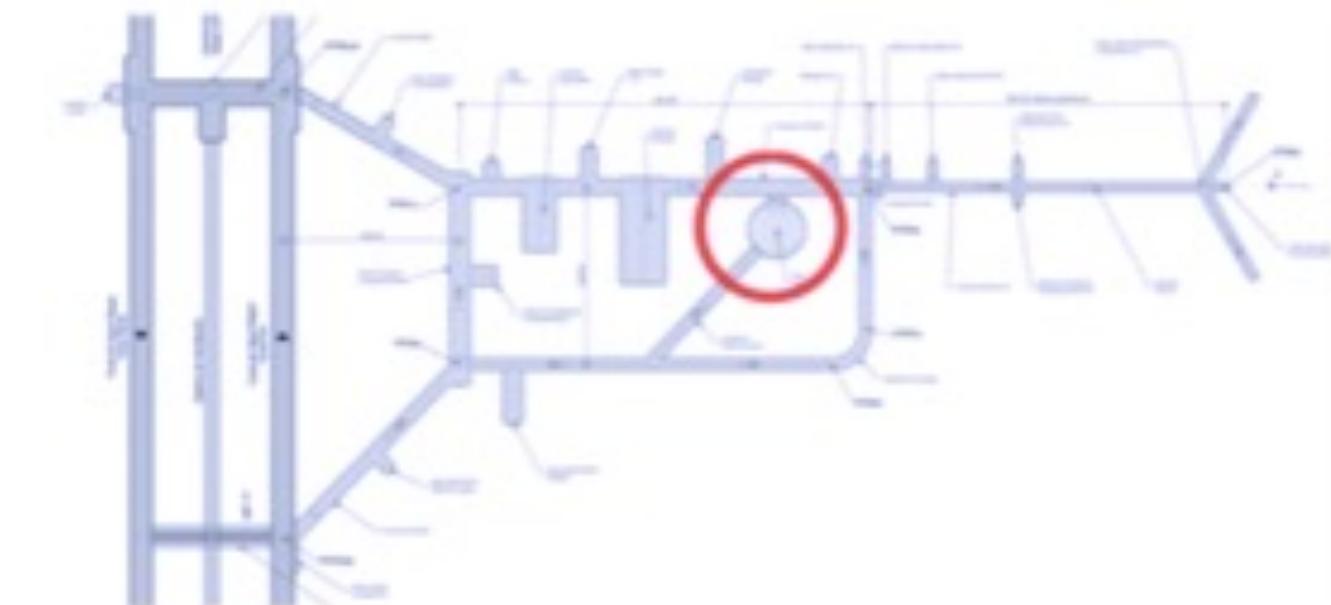
- Espacio para experimentos de gran tamaño
- Aparejo central de 40 t de capacidad
- Revestimiento del pozo impermeable



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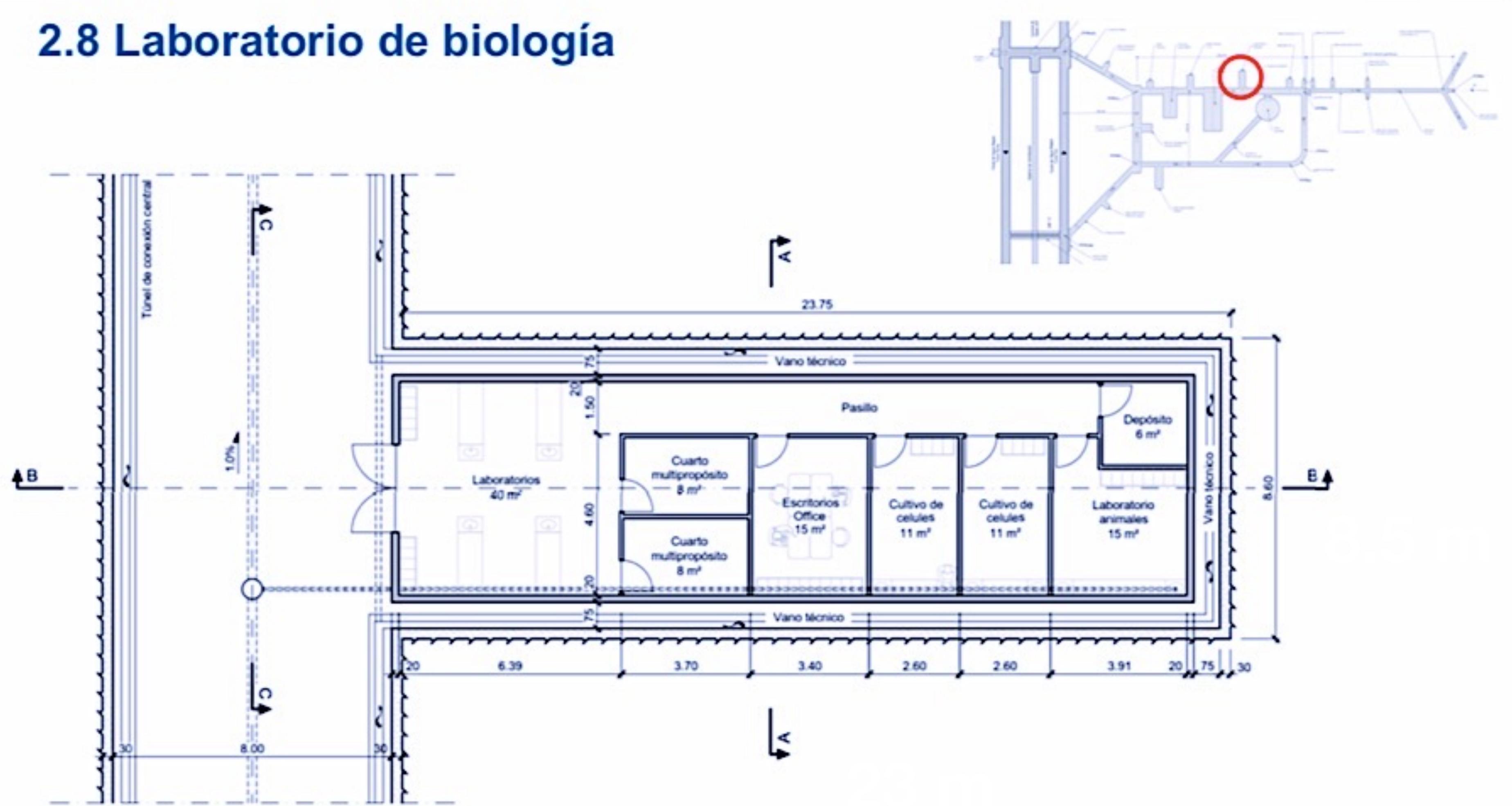
2.4 Pozo principal

- Andamio perimetral
 - Entrada con plataforma voladiza
 - Puerta estanca al fondo del pozo



ANDES Biology Gallery

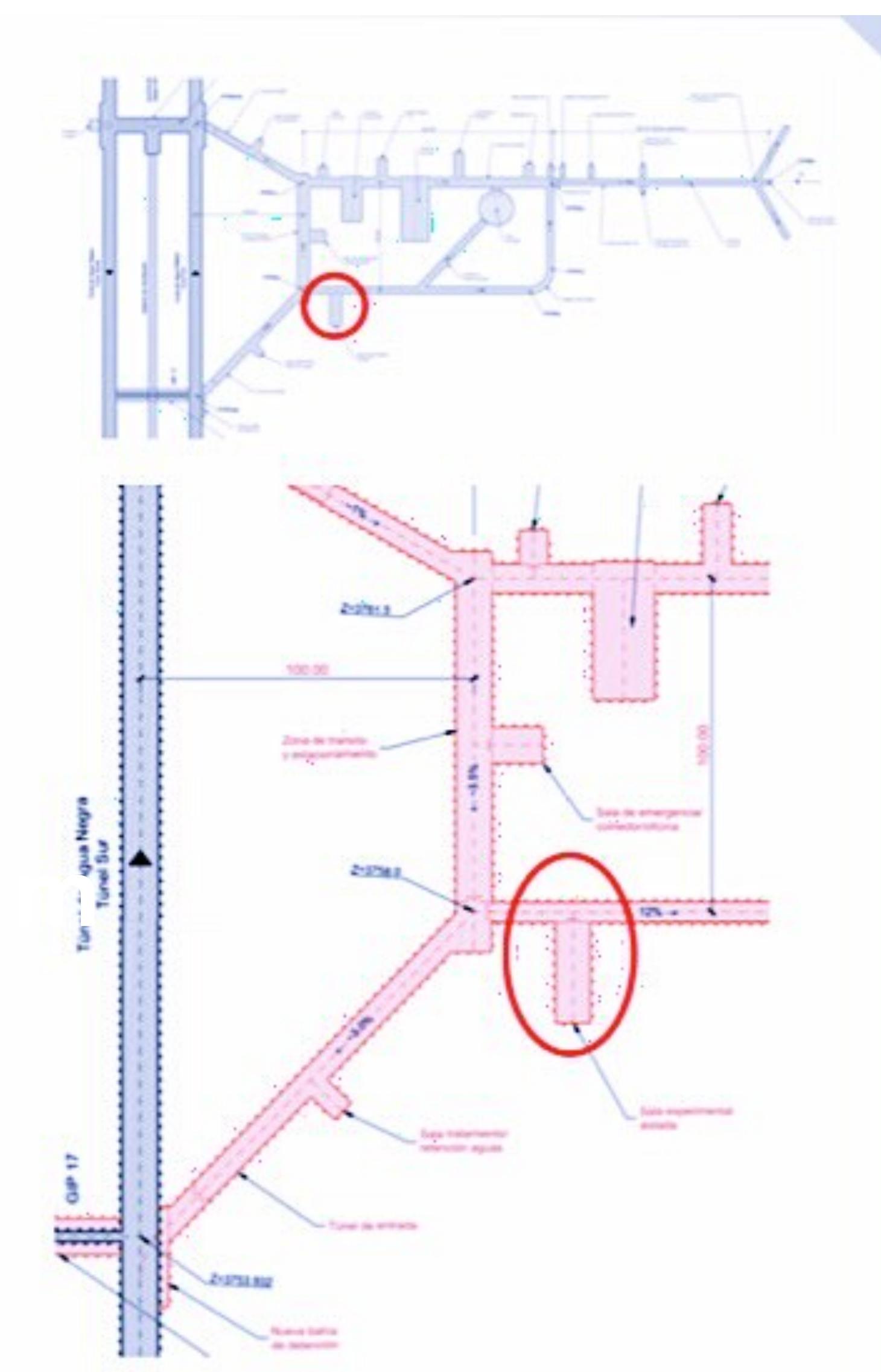
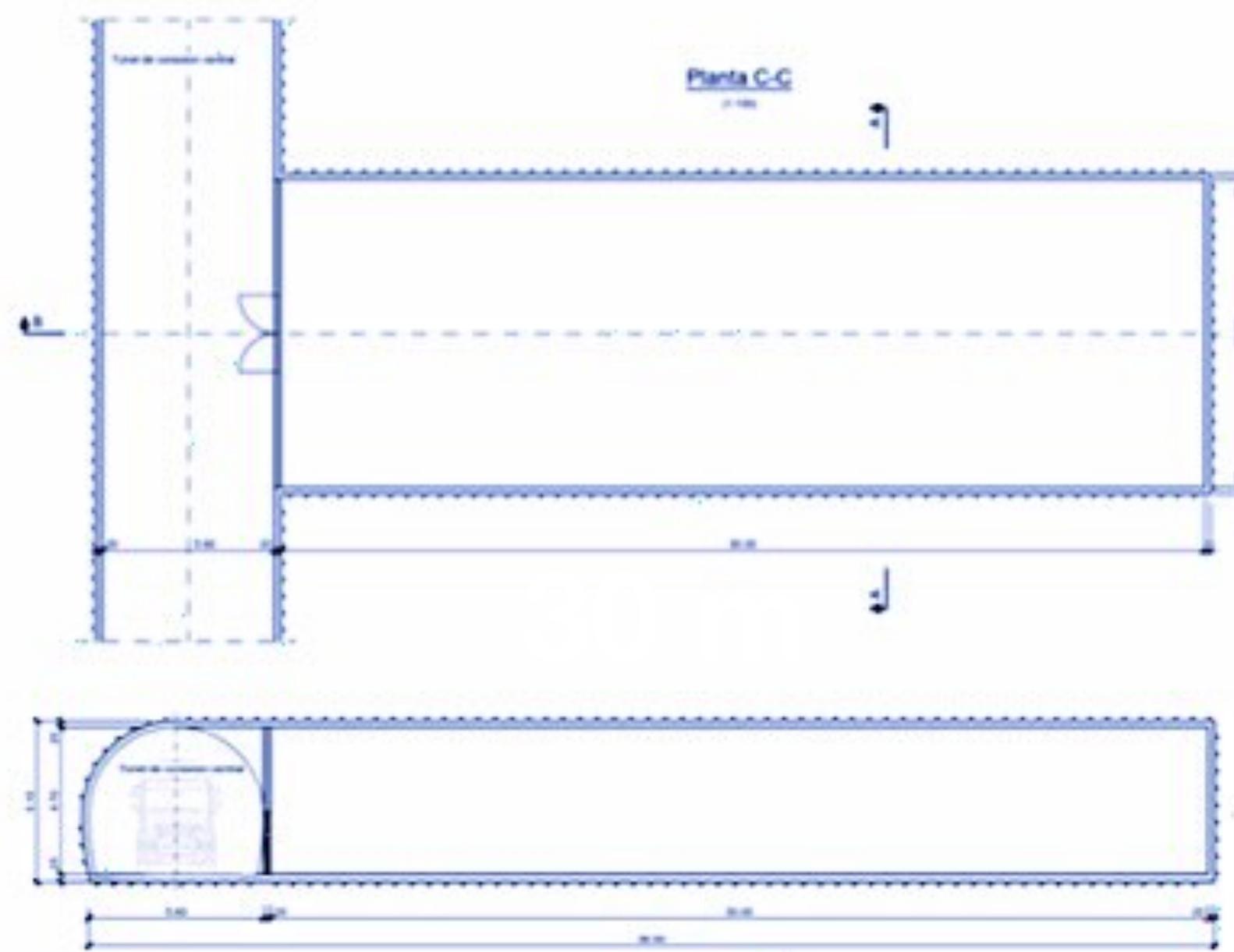
2.8 Laboratorio de biología



Nuclear Astrophysics (isolated room)

2.9 Sala experimental aislada

- Espacio para experimentos aislados
- Posición alejada
- Acceso en bajada con pendiente 12% y galibo reducido
- Posible reubicación, dimensiones?



ANDES Clean Rooms

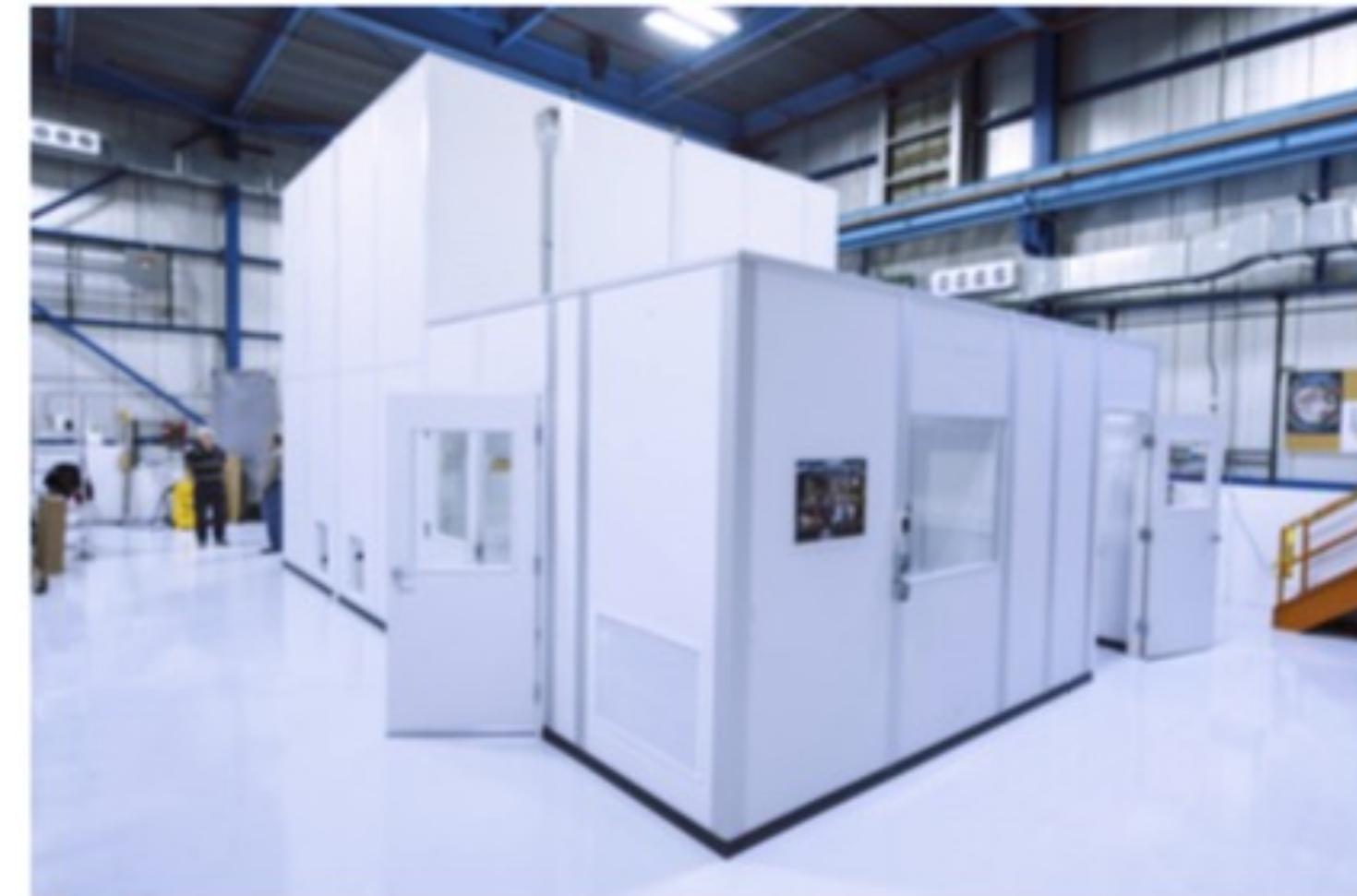
2.7 Salas limpias

Exigencia:

- 2 salas separadas con espacio libre interno de 10 m de ancho y 10 m de largo
- Las salas limpias deberán cumplir la norma ISO Class 6 o Federal Standard Class 1000 con presión positiva.

Propuesta:

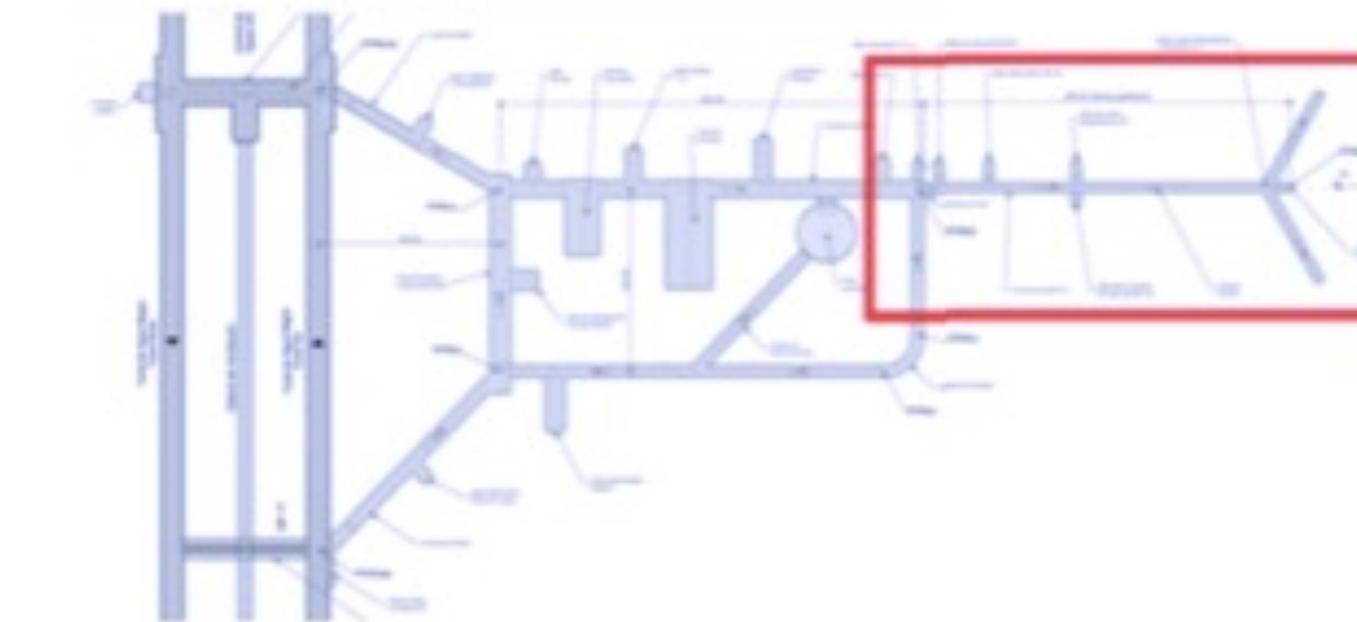
- Preparación de una caverna con impermeabilización y revestimiento interno
- Dimensionamiento conexiones de ventilación y equipamientos
- Salas limpias construida con sistema modular según exigencias específicas



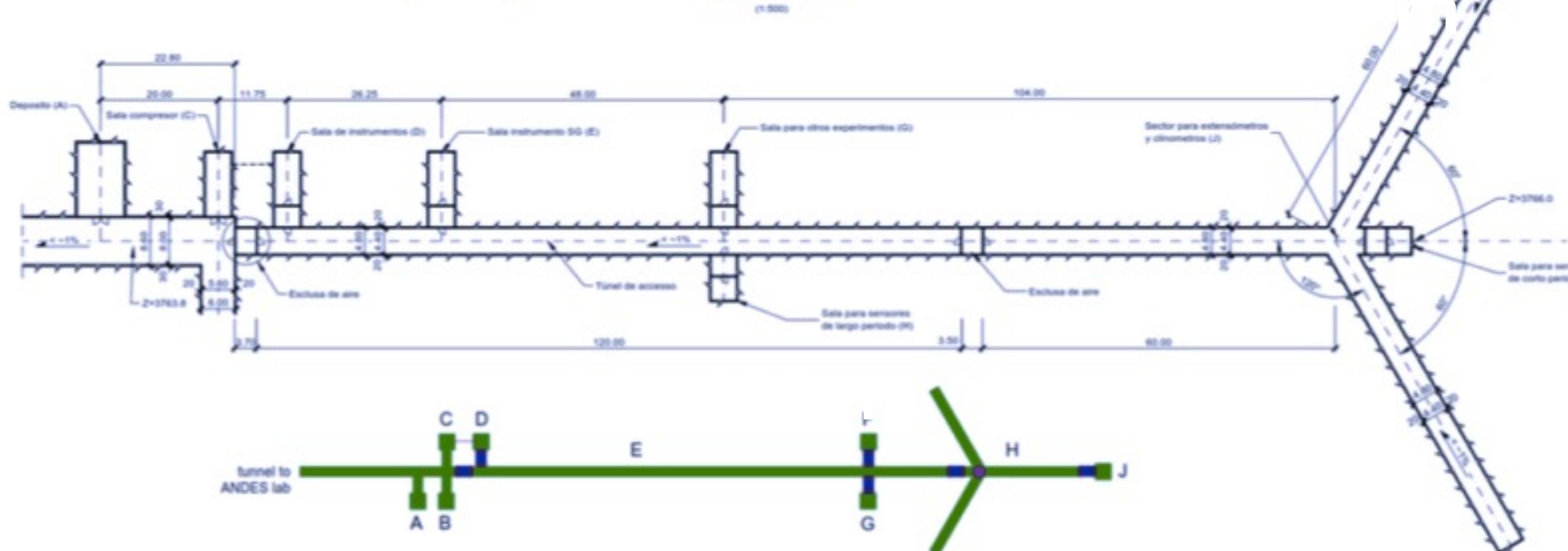
ANDES Geoscience sector

2.12 Sector geofísica

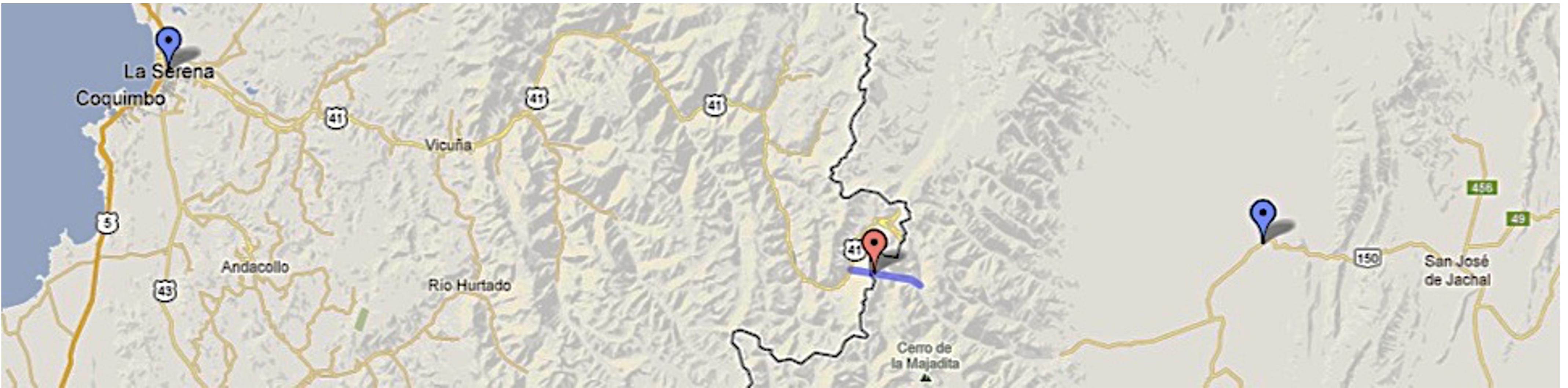
- Sector específico destinado para experimentos y mediciones en el ámbito de la geofísica.
- Exigencias diferentes (temperatura y presión constante, etc.).
- Acceso restringido.
- Coordinación con KIT (BFO)



Sector geofísica
Planimetría



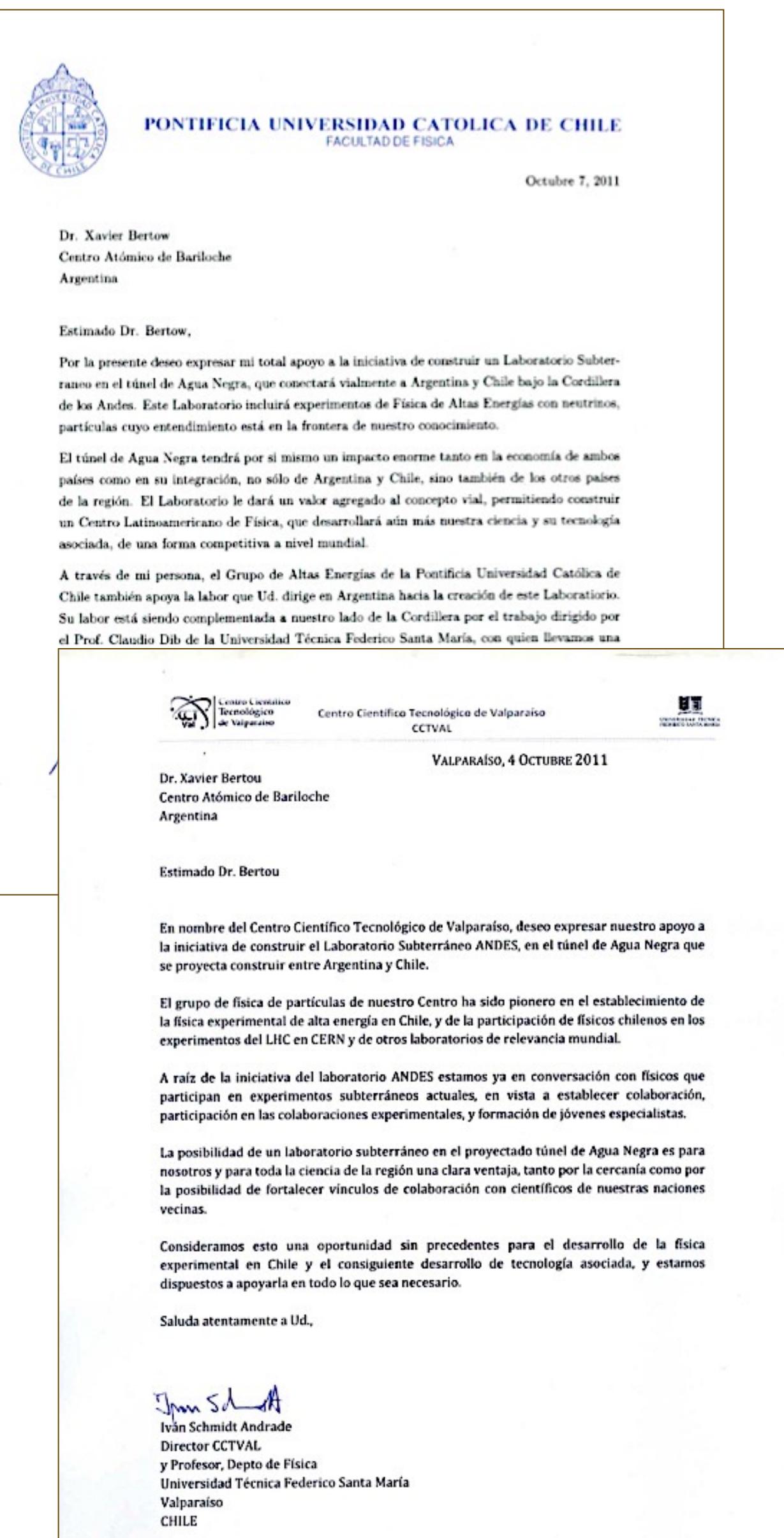
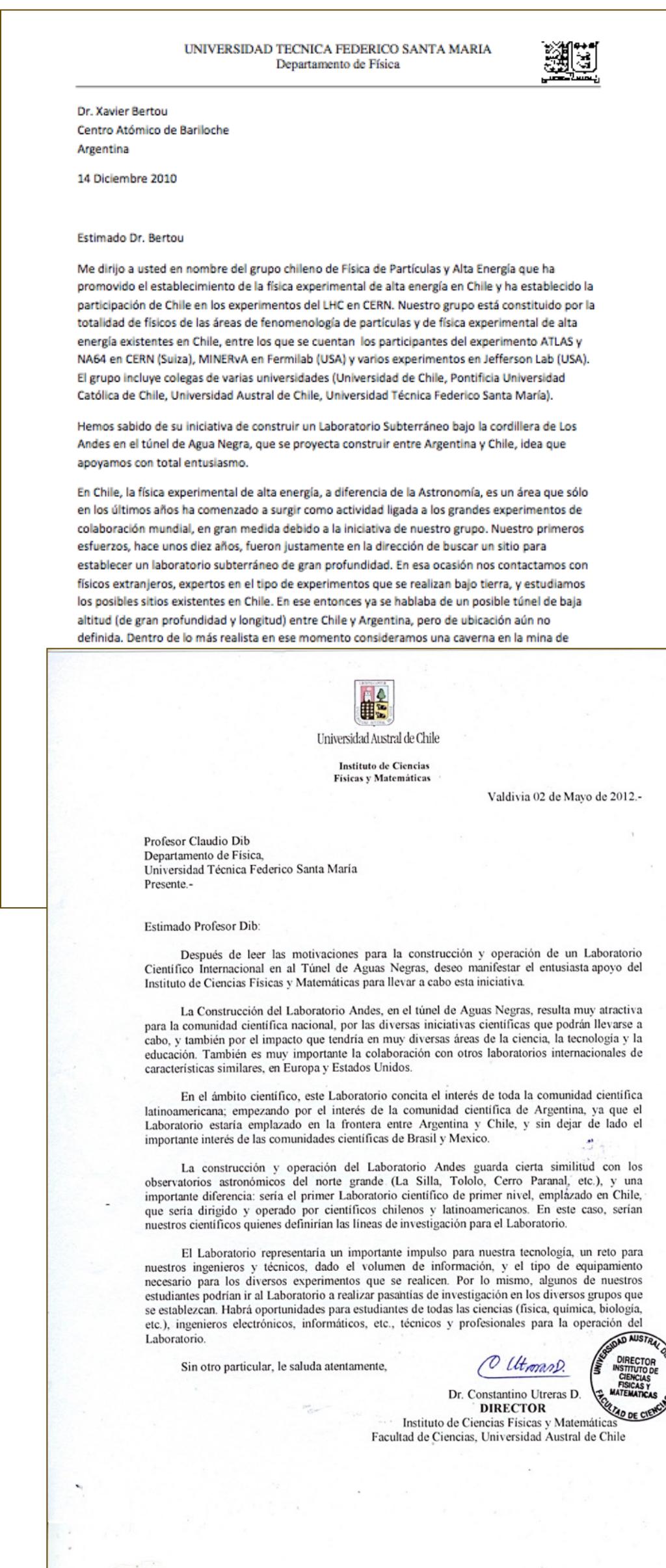
Support Laboratories



- Two Support Labs (one on each side):
- Tentative sites:
 - La Serena (Chile),
 - Rodeo (Argentina)
- Integration with local Universities
- Host a Visitor Center



International Support





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A quién corresponda:

Me dirijo a Uds. para expresar el apoyo de Solydes al establecimiento del Laboratorio Subterráneo ANDES.

Ingeniería Solydes SA es una empresa incubada por CNEA, que desarrolla sus actividades en el Centro Atómico Ezeiza desde hace más de 15 años. Allí, desarrollamos, fabricamos y comercializamos detectores de radiación ionizante y otros dispositivos especiales para la actividad nuclear, el sector médico y la industria convencional.

Somos proveedores de detectores de radiación de neutrones y gamma de los



October 6, 2011

Dr. Xavier Bertou
Coordinator of the ANDES Laboratory
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Argentina

The construction of the Agua Negra tunnel under the Andes Mountains between Argentina and Chile gives the scientific community a unique opportunity to build the ANDES (Agua Negra Deep Experiment Site): an Underground Laboratory inside the tunnel at its deepest point. This site will be 1750 m deep under the Earth surface,

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Rio de Janeiro, 4 de Outubro de 2011

Caro Dr. Bertou

Venho por meio desta expressar o interesse da comunidade brasileira que atua na área da Física de Altas Energias no projeto ANDES (Agua Negra

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La Plata, 4 de Octubre, 2011

Dr. Xavier Bertou
Centro Atómico Bariloche
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Estimado Dr. Bertou,

Me dirijo a usted y por su intermedio al grupo de investigadores que coordinan y llevan adelante el proyecto del laboratorio subterráneo ANDES dentro del túnel Agua Negra, a fin de brindarle apoyo en esta iniciativa científica de gran envergadura en Latinoamérica.

El grupo de coordino en el IFLP (CONICET y UNLP) en La Plata, tiene

ya larga tradición en la participación en colaboraciones internacionales de los



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Rio de Janeiro, October 3rd, 2011



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Rio de Janeiro, September 20th, 2011

Dear Dr. Xavier Bertou,

I would like to express our support for the creation of the ANDES Laboratory and



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April 21, 2011

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Dear Prof's Civitarese and Bertou:

On behalf of the DAE&ALUS Collaboration we would like to expr

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12 February, 2011

Dr. Xavier Bertou
CNEA/CONICET
Centro Atómico Bariloche
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Dear Dr. Bertou,

I am writing you to express my strong support for the Hemisphere underground laboratory for physics, astrophysics and cosmology. Over the last twenty years there has been increasing interest in laboratory experiments done far from the cosmic rays that, while interesting in their own right, can also provide important information about the science that can be done on the earth's surface. I need only p



Xavier Bertou,
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San Carlos de Bariloche,
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Friday, 4 February 2011

RE: ANDES UNDERGROUND LABORATORY

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Dear Prof. Osvaldo Civitarese

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support for the underground laboratory in San Juan, the Agua Negra Project. I have been working with neutrino masses by double beta decays and dark matter searches in the Kamioka and Oto

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Prof. Xavier Bertou,
Grupo Partículas y Campos
Centro Atomico Bariloche
Argentina

14 December 2010

Dear Professor Bertou,

I am writing to you as the Agua Negra experiment is an experimental facility that will help us to unravel the unknown under the Andes. The Universe, and could shed light on the origin of the Universe and its observed properties. About 100 people from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Slovakia are involved in the project.

We have recently learned that Argentina and Chile are interested in building an underground laboratory in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and South America. We believe that such locations are ideal for this purpose.



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Concerning
the Agua Negra project

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Professor Osvaldo Civitarese
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Argentina

November 15th, 2010

Dear Osvaldo,

This is a letter of support for the idea of building an underground laboratory under the Andes, taking advantage of a transportation tunnel that could be built in the near future.

Many similar labs exist in the northern hemisphere and have been the sites for recent important discoveries: the understanding of how the Sun works, and the solution to the solar and

Letters of support: e.g.Takaaki Kajita, 2011 (Nobel Prize 2015)

Sep. 18, 2011

Dear Professor Bertou,

I write this letter in order to support your proposal of the ANDES Underground Laboratory.

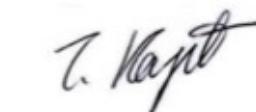
From our experience in Japan, I can say that underground laboratories are going to be the one of the most important infrastructures for the basic science in the next decades to come. Let me explain the case of Japanese underground lab. In the early 1980's, Prof. Koshiba started the Kamiokande experiment in a mine in Kamioka, Gifu prefecture, Japan. It was a 3000 ton water Cherenkov detector, and was located in 1000 meters deep underground. Due to the depth, the cosmic ray background was reduced to about 1/100,000, and it was possible to observe rare events such as neutrinos. In fact, the observation of a burst of neutrinos produced by a supernova explosion in 1987 (SN1987A) opened the new field of neutrino astronomy. This achievement was recognized as the Novel prize in physics in 2002 with Ray Davis Jr, who led a solar neutrinos experiment at a deep underground lab., in Homestake, USA. The Japanese government understood the importance of underground experiments, and approved the 50,000 ton water Cherenkov detector Super-Kamiokande, and 1000 ton liquid scintillator detector KamLAND, both in Kamioka underground. Both of them contributed to our present understanding of the neutrino masses, which are evidences for the physics beyond the standard model of elementary particle physics. The underground lab in Kamioka, Japan is still growing with more experiments in the areas of dark matter search, double beta decay, gravitational wave detection, etc.

From the Japanese experience, I recommend strongly to build a new underground lab in South America. I am sure that this lab will contribute to various field in science in the coming decades. Especially I would like to stress the importance of an underground lab in the Southern Hemisphere. There are several underground labs in the world. However, all of them are located in the Northern Hemisphere. It will be extremely important to have an underground lab in the Southern Hemisphere. I mention two examples: The DAMA experiment in Europe observed the annual modulation of signals which could be interpreted as evidence for dark matter. However, in order to demonstrate that the signal is really due to dark matter, one has to make independent observation in the Southern Hemisphere; the signal should keep the same annual

modulation phase, while the possible background should change the phase due to the different annual temperature variation etc. Another example could be the neutrino detection from a supernova. Neutrinos may change their flavor (type) while propagating the Earth. Therefore the Supernova neutrinos should be observed in several locations all over the world so that some detectors would see such an oscillation effect (induced by the Earth matter) but some others would not, making it possible to compare the spectra of neutrinos with and without oscillation, which could provide us some useful information to understand further the neutrino properties. In this sense, it is essentially important to have a detector in the Southern Hemisphere.

In summary, from the experiences and reasons mentioned above, I strongly support the proposal of the ANDES Underground Lab. if you want to hear more, please do not hesitate to ask me. I am very happy to write more.

Sincerely yours,



Takaaki Kajita,
Director, Institute for Cosmic Ray Research,
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Letters of support: e.g. Arthur B. McDonald, 2016 (Nobel Prize 2015)



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August 13, 2016

Professor Emeritus A. B. McDonald
2015 Nobel Physics Laureate

Sra. Adriana Delpiano Puelma
Ministra de Educacion
Ministerio de Educaci髇 de Chile
Alameda 1371, Santiago
CHILE

Dear Sra. Ministra,

I am writing to urge you to approve the ANDES underground laboratory to enable Chile to become a world leader in many areas of research. Having a laboratory with ultra-low radioactivity levels provides the opportunity for unique scientific measurements, as we have proven with SNOLAB in Canada where we performed neutrino measurements leading to the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics. The ANDES laboratory will be so deep at 1750 meters that it will be among the world leaders in reducing cosmic radiation, an essential part of achieving low-radioactivity levels in the laboratory. This depth is close to the depth of other world leading laboratories such as SNOLAB in Canada and JinPing in China and will undoubtedly lead to the siting of many world-class experiments at ANDES such as measurements of Dark Matter particles and of new neutrino properties.

The world-wide interest in experiments performed in an environment such as will be achieved at ANDES is increasing at a high rate. As we have observed with SNOLAB, this provides major opportunities for our Canadian university faculty and students to work with the best scientists in the world on research that is of Nobel Prize quality. The fundamental physics measurements that will be performed in future at ANDES will address some of the most important questions in science and attract international interest to Chile. As Ministra de Educacion, I urge you to approve this laboratory as a major educational opportunity for Chile that will develop new generations of students working side by side with the best scientists in the world and developing skills that will be of substantial value to Chile in the longer term. There are very few underground sites in the world with the high quality of the ANDES location and I urge you not to miss this remarkable opportunity for your country, particularly with only a small percentage of the total cost of the tunnel required to make it happen. The world demand for space in ultra-low radioactivity laboratories will be greater than can be accommodated with presently available facilities and Chile will be a location of considerable interest in future.

The development and ongoing operation of SNOLAB has also resulted in substantial economic opportunities for Canada. The major experiments that choose to be sited in these underground laboratories are typically \$30 million to \$100 million in total cost. Much of this is funded by other international countries and results in substantial local economic impact as local companies construct the experiments and develop new skills at the leading edge of many technologies. The

visits of international scientists to work on the experiments also provides additional economic benefits. I predict that similar benefits will accrue for Chile.

Besides the exciting future program in particle astrophysics that I have outlined above, the ANDES laboratory will enable new research at the frontiers of Seismology, Geophysics, Biology, environmental studies and radiation effects on instruments. This research will enable measurements in these fields that cannot be done without the unique environment that will be provided in the ANDES laboratory.

The organizational structure for the ANDES laboratory is well advanced, with strong cooperation between Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. The Chilean coordinator is Dr. Claudio Dib, Universidad F. Santa Maria, who is well known internationally in this field. There are international advisors who have been providing expert reviews of the plans for this laboratory, including my colleague Professor A. J. Noble from Queen's University, former Director of SNOLAB, who has spoken very favorably to me about the prospects and organization for this project following his reviews.

I urge you to provide approval for this laboratory. The international scientific community is eagerly awaiting Chile to become a leader of this important developing field.

Sincerely,
Professor Emeritus A. B. McDonald,
2015 Nobel Laureate in Physics

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur B. McDonald".

Cc

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Key Support within Latin America

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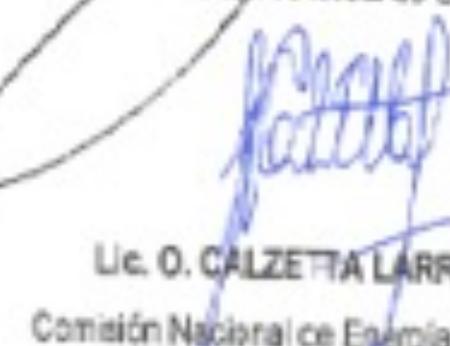
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→ ANDES within the 4 highlighted priorities

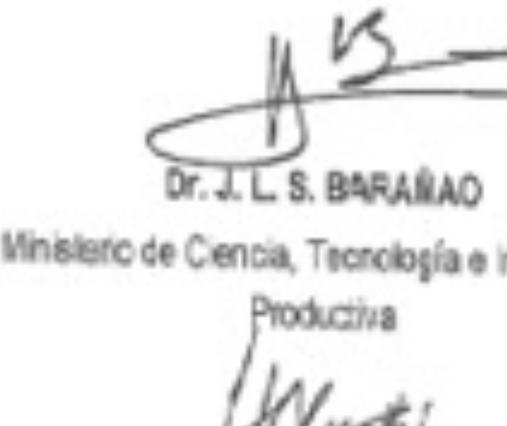
Support within Argentina

CONVENIO CUATRIPARTITO PARA LA EJECUCIÓN DEL PROGRAMA INTERINSTITUCIONAL DE DESARROLLO DEL PROYECTO LABORATORIO INTERNACIONAL ANDES

República Argentina, a los 10 días del mes de Abril de 2018.


Dr. S. M. UNAC
Gobierno de la Provincia de San Juan


Lic. O. CALZETTA LARRIEU
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EL GOBERNADOR DE LA PROVINCIA
DECRETA:

ARTICULO 1º: Ratifíquese en todas sus partes el Convenio de Transferencia de Fondos, celebrado entre el Gobierno de la Provincia de San Juan, por una parte, representado por el Sr. Gobernador Dr. Sergio UNAC y el Centro Latinoamericano de Física, por otra parte, representado por el Sr. Coordinador de su Unidad ANDES, Dr. Xavier BERTOU, suscripto a los 10 días del mes de Julio de 2018, y su Anexo, Contrato suscripto entre el Centro Latinoamericano de Física y la Consultora Lombardi S.A., que forman parte del presente Decreto.

ARTICULO 2º: Apruébese un gasto por la suma de PESOS QUINIENTOS VEINTE MIL DOLARES ESTADOUNIDENSE CON 00/100 (USD 520.000,00), a fin de realizar la conversión a Pesos Argentinos, se utiliza el tipo de cambio vendedor del Banco Nación

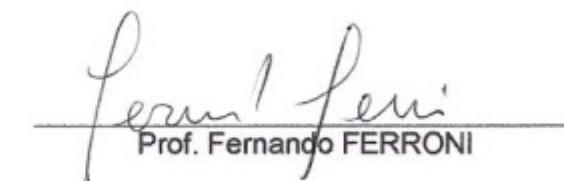
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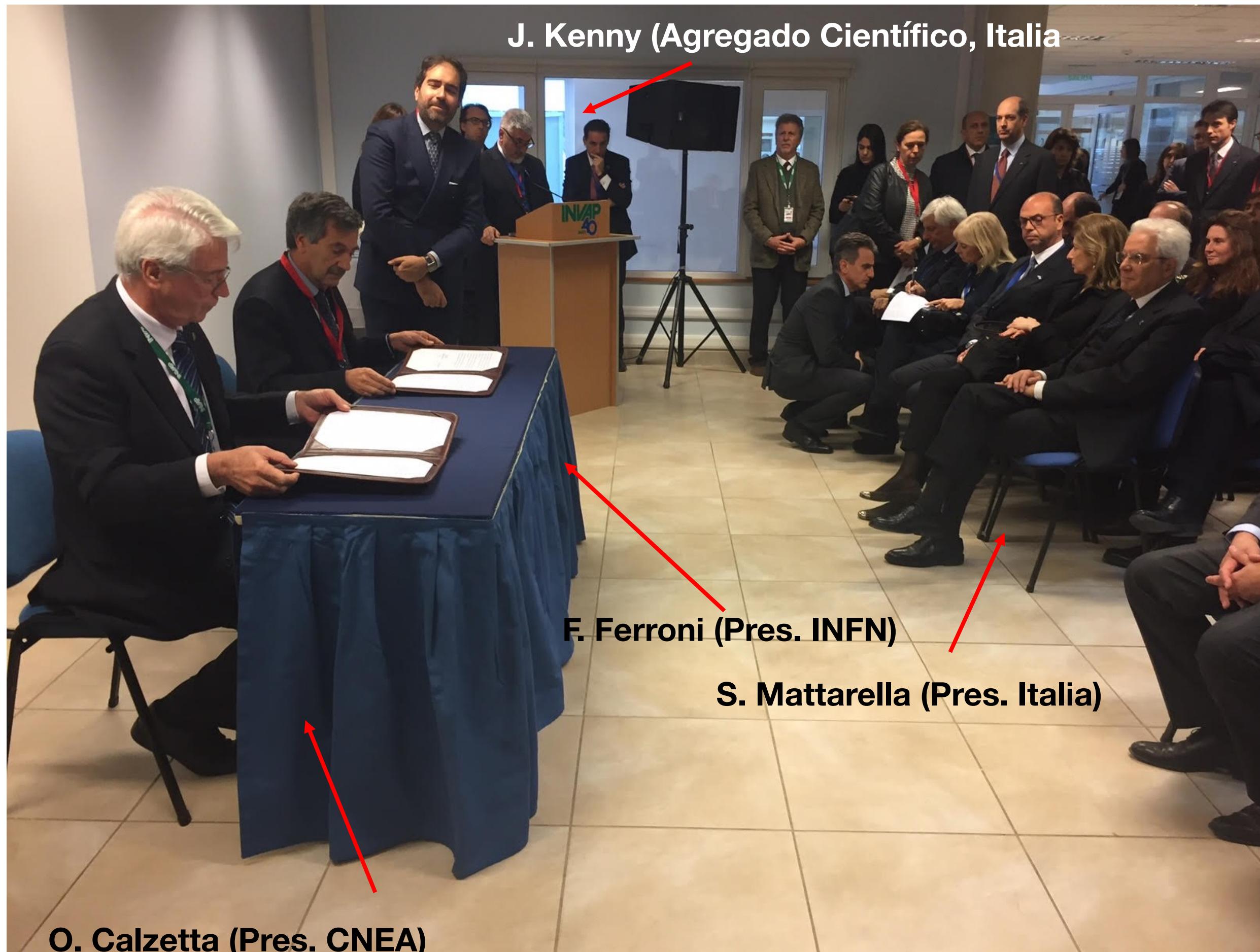
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60,000 €/año total


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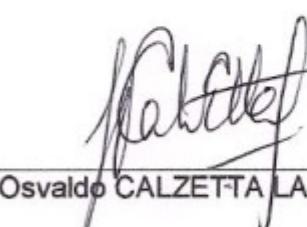
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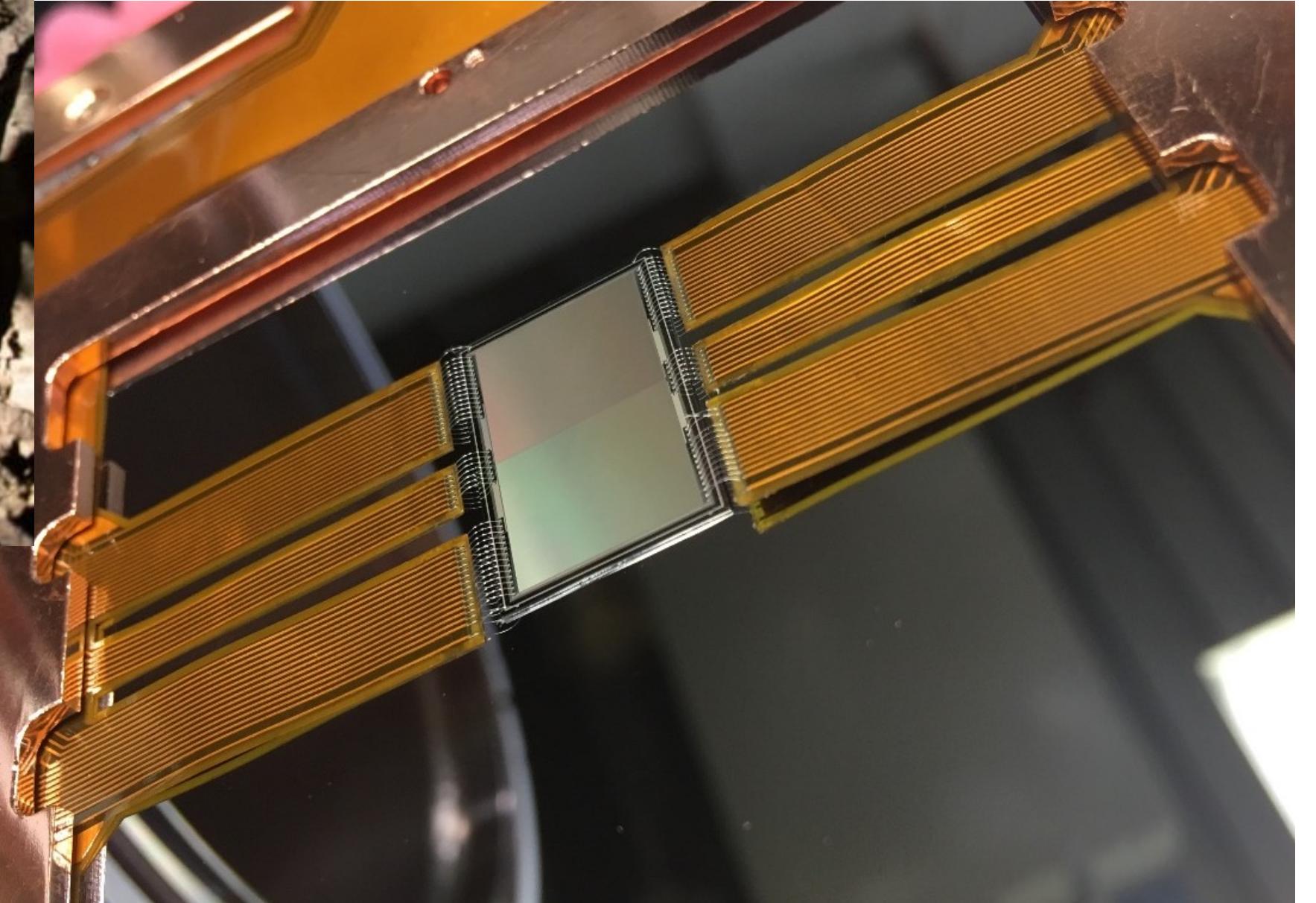

Prof. Fernando FERRONI
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40,000 €/year total

To be renewed

Auger, ANDES/Gran Sasso, QUBIC

Prototypes: low-mass DM detectors



Precursor site: Sierra Grande mine, Río Negro, Argentina

President of Sierra Grande Mine sign Letter of Interest: 15 August 2018

Site previously used for Astrophysics studies (1994-1999, Di Gregorio, Gattone, et al):
CDM searches through modulation effects; Int'l Collab. USA-Spain-Argentina

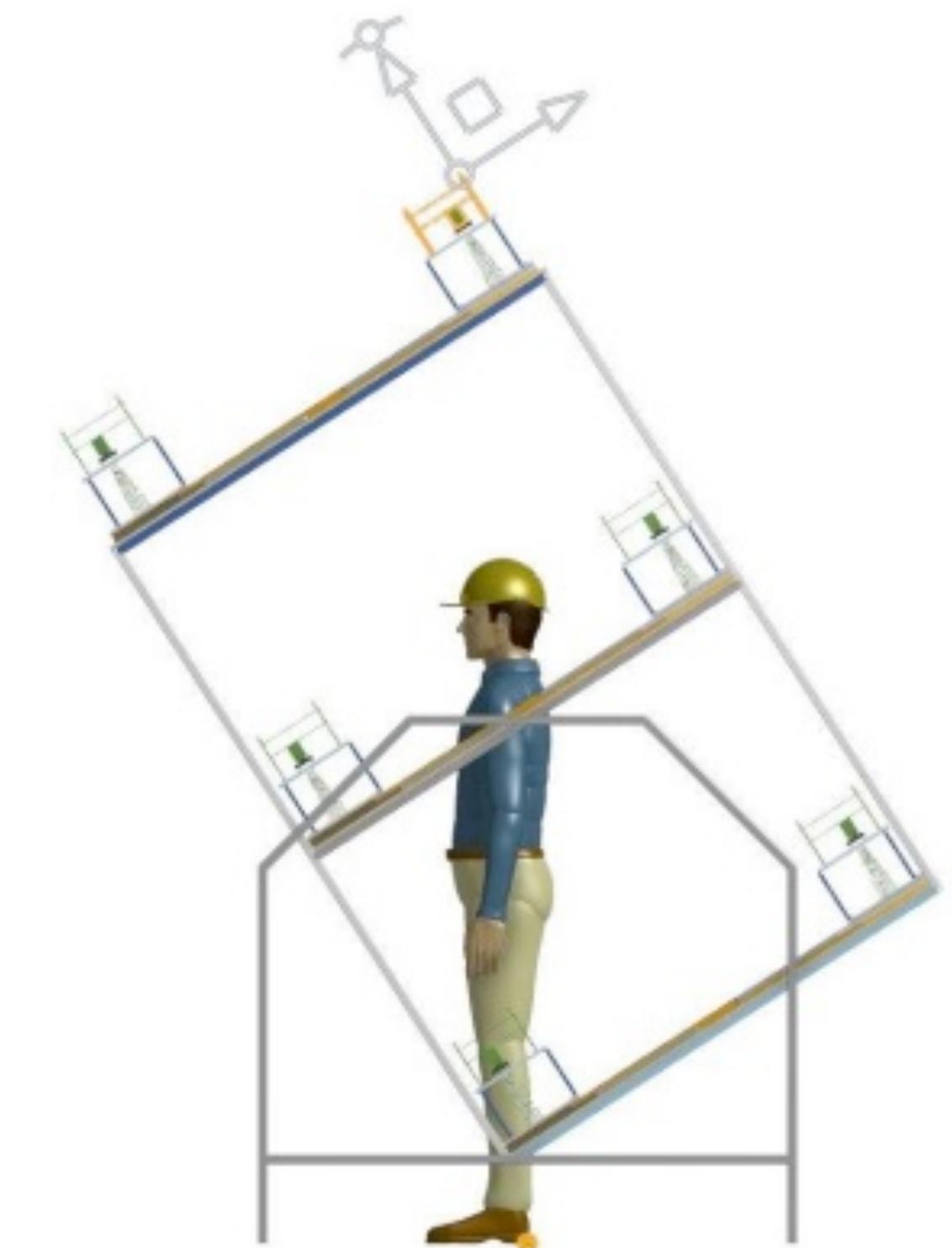
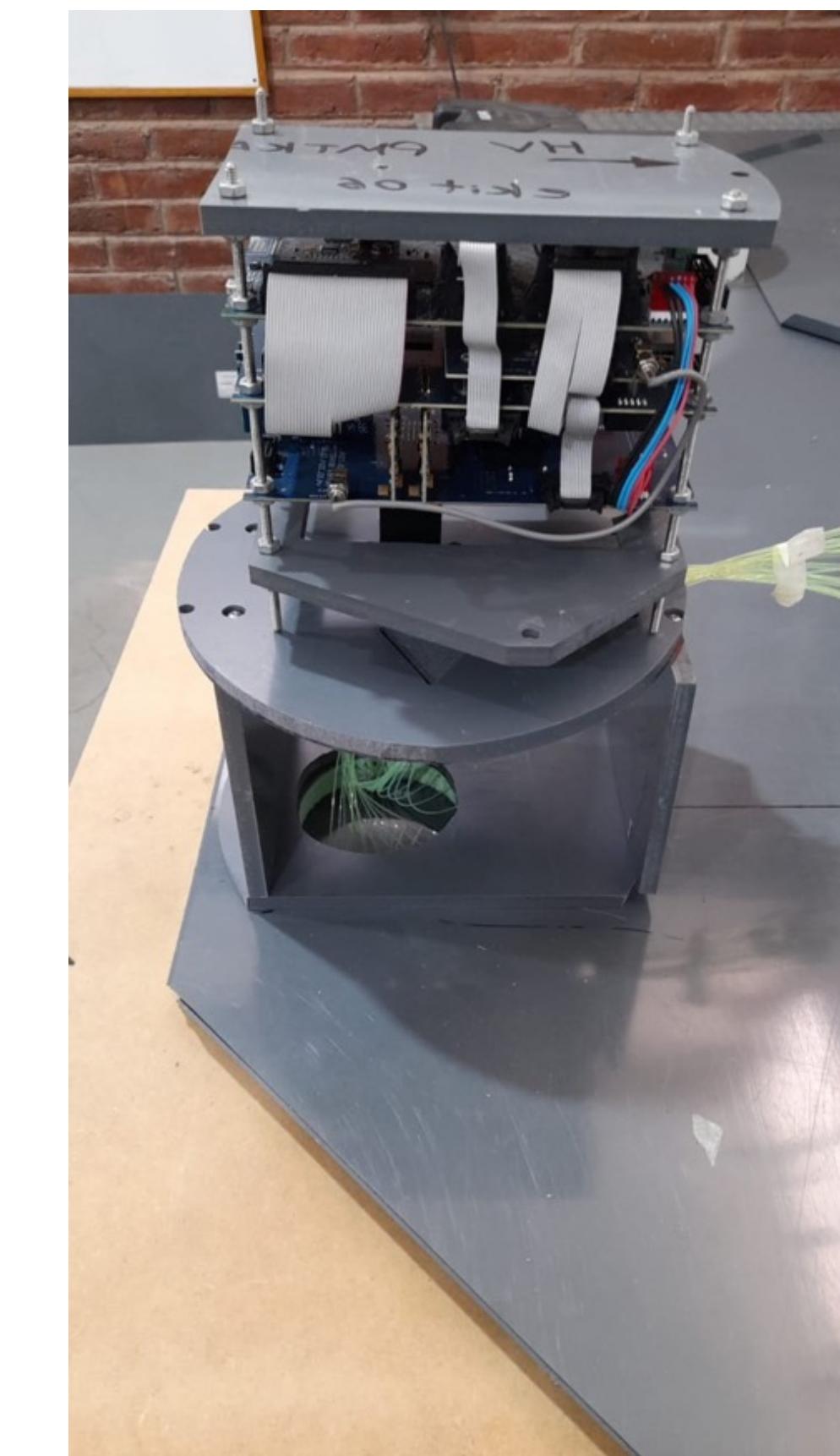
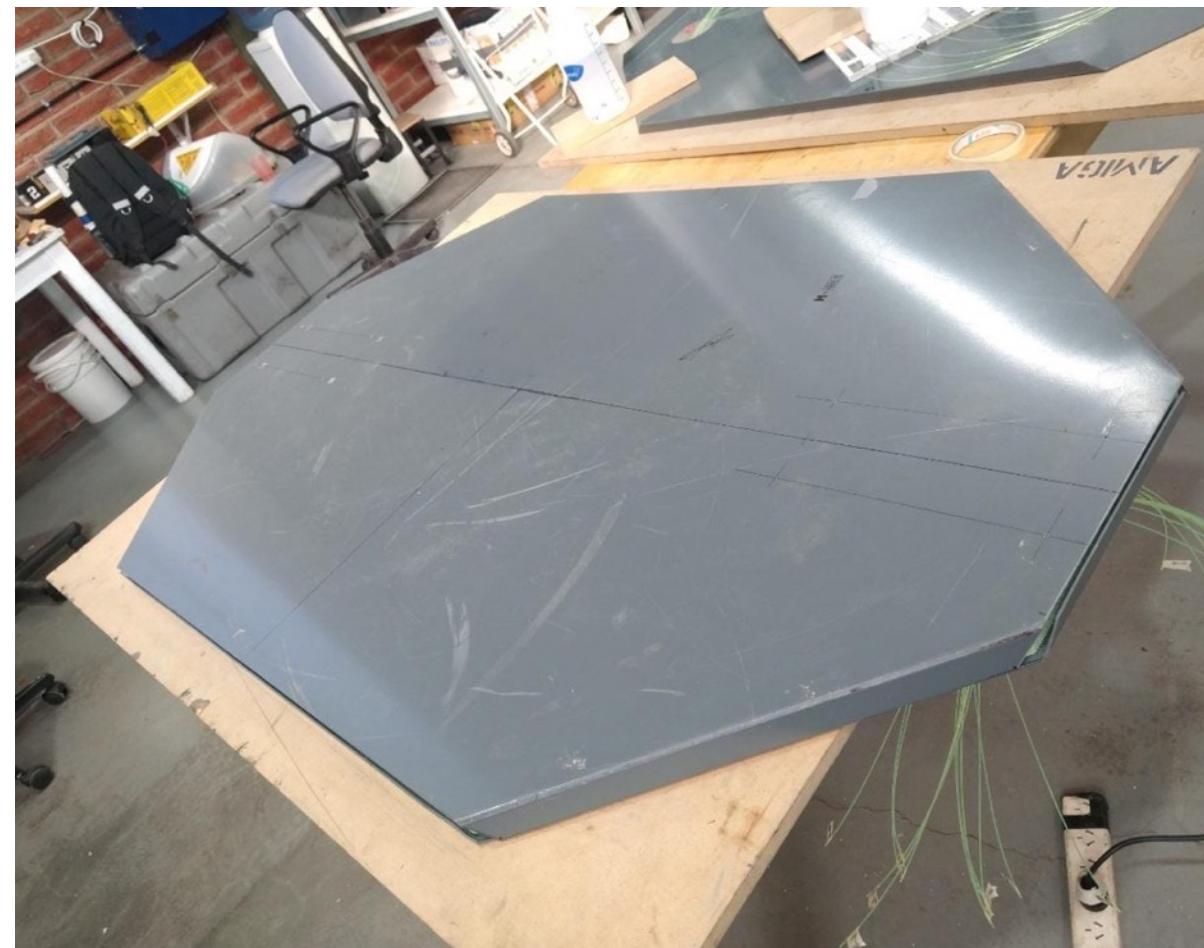
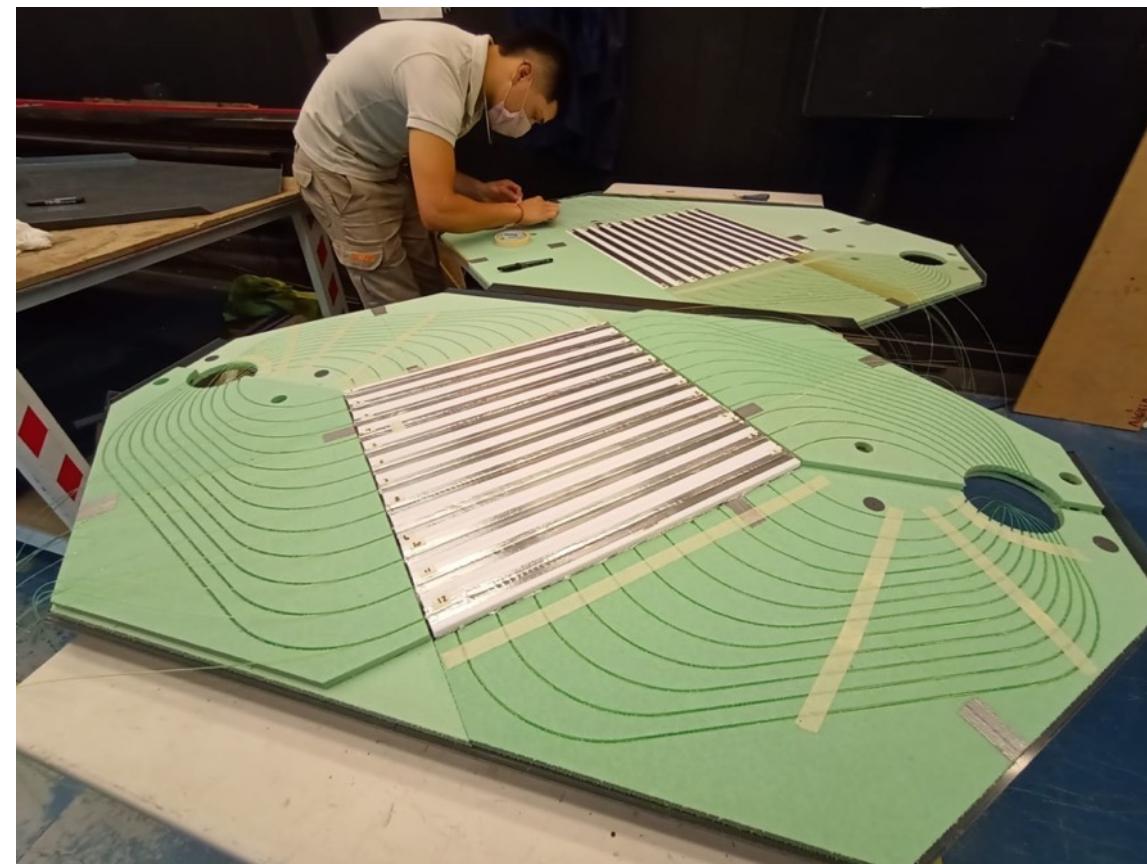
Plan to install a Skipper CCD detector (x2000 better sensitivity than previous experiment).

Prototypes: Muon vetos

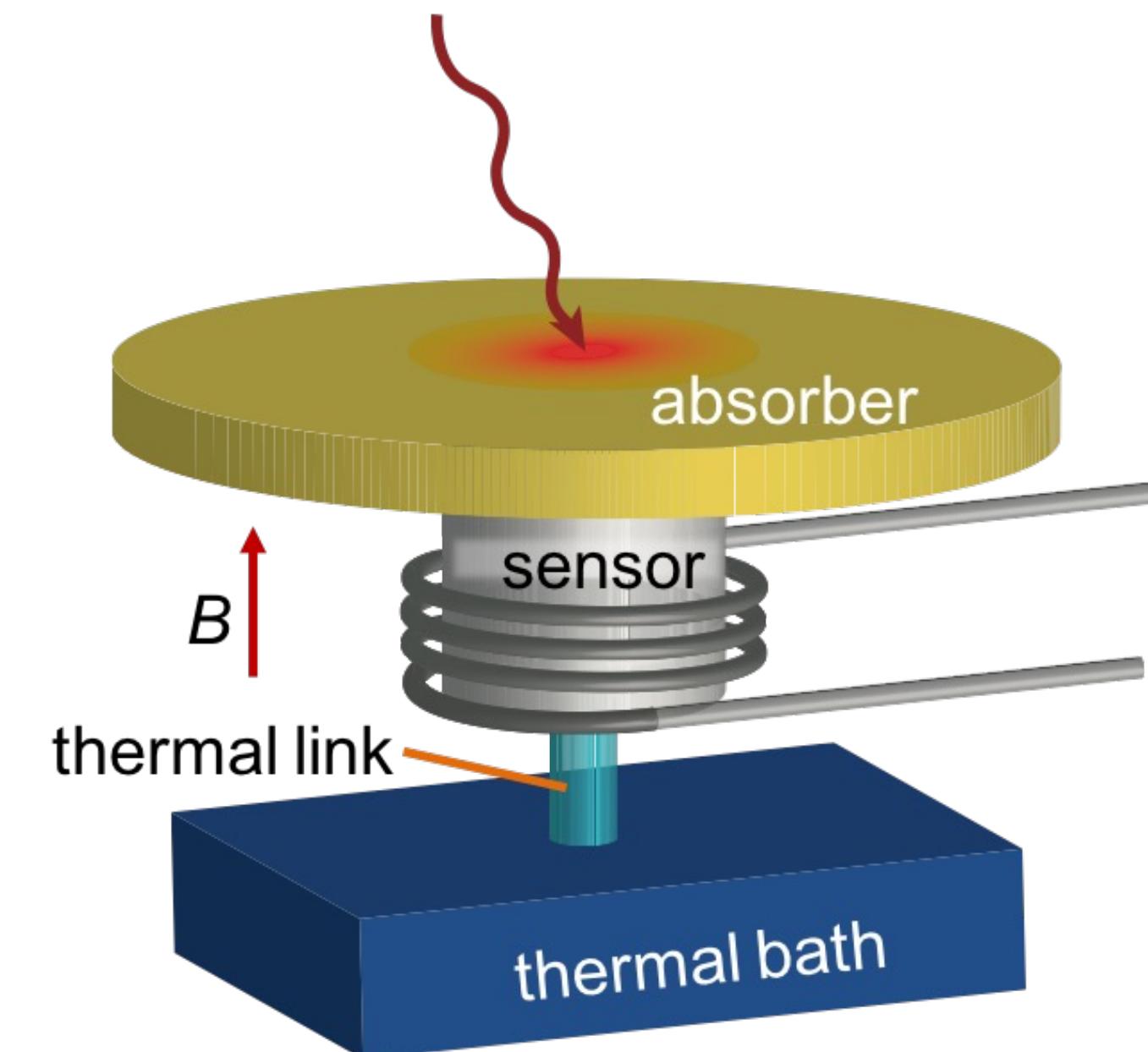
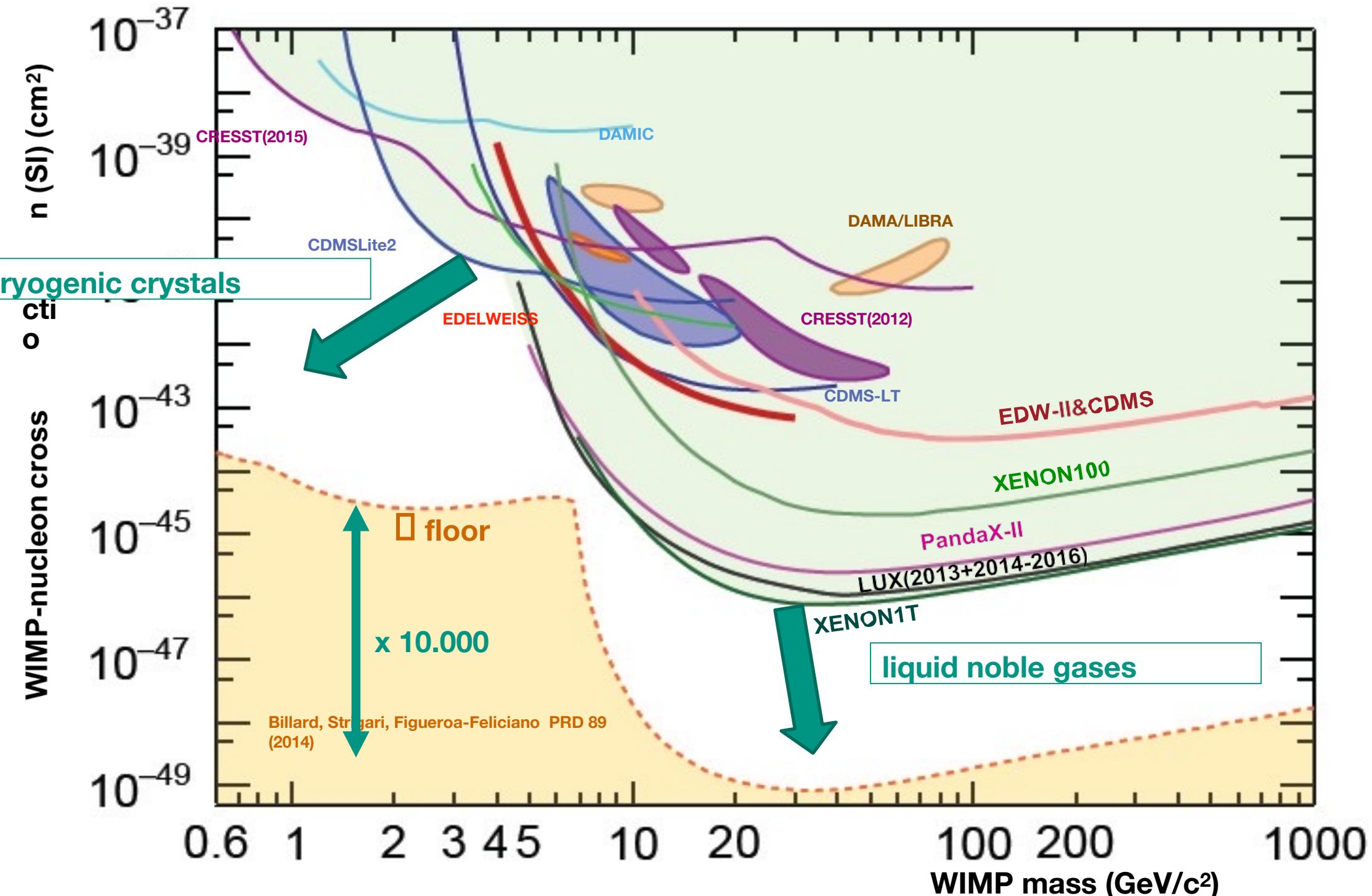
Based on Plastic scintillators.

Technique already tested (AMIGA-Auger detectors).

Three double-plane detectors already built ($4 \times 4 \text{ cm}^2$ pixels); three more under construction
To be installed at Casposo Mine (San Juan) and possible site in Chile.



Other prototypes



Quantum Criogenic Sensors.
ITeDA , CNEA, and CONICET

Summary

- **ANDES: proposal for the first Underground Int'l Lab in South America,**
- **largest and deepest in the So. Hemisphere**
- **Multi-science (Astroparticles, Geophysics, Biology,...)**
- **Highly valued in the LA community (LASF4RI)**
- **Scientific support worldwide**
- **Basic Engineering Design already done**
- **LA collaboration building up.**
- **Tunnel construction still pending.**

The ANDES team:

- General coordinator: Xavier Bertou (C.At. Bariloche)
- In Argentina: Osvaldo Civitarese (UNLP)
Alberto Etchegoyen (UNSAM)
- In Brazil: Joao dos Anjos (CBPF)
Ronald C. Shellard
- In Mexico: Juan Carlos D'Olivo (UNAM)
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- In Chile: Claudio Dib (UTFSM)
Juan Carlos Helo (ULS)



**Thank
You!!!**