SNOLAB Facility & Science Programme Update

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SNOLAB MSI Award

- Performance over 2012-2017 MSI award
  - Initial science programme delivered world-leading results (COUPP, PICO)
  - Initial science projects well advanced in construction
  - Science programme has been expanded into new science areas
  - User community doubled in scale and visits
  - Robust operational processes in place (or almost in place)
  - SNOLAB operating at full capacity from staff and resources
  - Delivered on the mission of being an international partner and location of choice as within the Joint Venture objectives

- Mandate evolution
  - Need to develop from a site to a national laboratory operating within the international field
  - Additional capabilities required to support future programme
    - Additional hardware capability for risk mitigation; natural replacement cycle for facility systems
    - Staff to support science delivery and exploit planned capabilities
SNOLAB MSI Award

- Request fully funded:
  - CFI MSI Proposal funded for three years at $28.6M (Request was five years)
  - $28.8M co-funding secured from Province of Ontario, over five years to 2022

- MSI Requirements for 2020
  - SNO+ should have achieved publishable results from its water and LAB phases, and should be running stably and reliably with 0.5% Te loading.
  - DEAP–3600 should have published results on dark–matter limits (or discovery!) from its 2016–2018 running.
  - SuperCDMS should have progressed to a final decision on siting at SNOLAB, and be in its installation phase.
  - A major experiment should be identified for installation in the Cryopit, with conceptual and engineering studies completed, and the start of installation imminent.
  - Several smaller multi-disciplinary projects should have achieved publishable (or actionable, in the case of commercially-oriented projects) results.
  - SNOLAB should produce, in consultation with the research community, a vision, a strategic long term plan and a proposal for the facility beyond 2022.
Staff Request

- Following intent to broaden SNOLAB capability to support delivery of science, additional staff requested in:
  - Programme Operations: expert operators to provide base for plant operations within SNOLAB
  - Projects Office: additional project managers and co-ordinators to support extended programme delivery at SNOLAB
  - Scientific Research and Analytics: provide scientific connection to facility for all projects, improve assay capability (low background lab)
  - Programme Integration: additional surface cleaning staff
  - Strategic Risk: additional support person to each competency within group, will support additional requirements from incorporation

- Research group at SNOLAB has been increased to eight, to support project development and installation at SNOLAB, and science delivery from experiments
Funded staff levels

- Requested staff funded
- Plant operators / system operators increases from 6 to 12
  - Provides base-line support to projects for plant ops.
  - Currently planning around core support to DEAP and SNO+
  - Does not support physics operations or interpretation

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Infrastructure Costs

- Data pipeline is getting maxed out
- As initial SNOLAB infrastructure ages, several components require replacement or upgrading to sustain anticipated programme
- Major (unfunded) request to continue improvements to the power reliability and distribution at SNOLAB
  - viewed as one of the high technical risks we face

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Progress on experiments

- **SNO+:** Uses existing SNO detector. Heavy water replaced by scintillator loaded with $^{130}\text{Te}$. ($^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe} + e^- + e^-$)
  - Detector submerged, DAQ exercised, water physics data taking started.
  - LAB process plant construction completed, commissioning underway, LAB is on site. Te plant in construction, diol process development continues.

- **DEAP-3600:** Single phase Liquid Argon using PSD
  - Detector is collecting dark matter data from Nov 2016.
  - Analysis expected to be completed by TAUP meeting

- **MiniCLEAN:** Single Phase Liquid Argon using PSD
  - Cool-down complete; reviews completed, argon fill underway.

- **SuperCDMS-SNOLAB:** Dark matter Si / Ge crystals with ionisation / phonon readout
  - Planning well advanced for deployment, especially CUTE test facility.

- **PICO:** Rapid expansion bubble chambers. Insensitive to MIPS at operating temperature, threshold devices; alpha discrimination proven;
  - **PICO-60:** New run completed, analysis finalised, paper arXiv:1702.07666.
  - **PICO-40** under construction (right-side up chamber)
WIMP - Proton Exclusion

The 90% C.L. limit on the SD WIMP-proton cross section from PICO-60 C$_3$F$_8$ blue, along with limits from PICO-60 CF$_3$I (red), PICO-2L (purple), PICASSO (green), SIMPLE (orange), PandaX-II (cyan), IceCube (dashed and dotted pink), and SuperK (dashed and dotted black).
Progress on experiments

- DAMIC CCD based dark matter detector
  - Initial science run complete (arXiv:1510.02126), first 100g prototypes installed, upgrade underway.
- NEWS DM detector: high pressure spherical chamber; development underway
- DMTPC DM directional detector: planning underway
- HALO Supernova neutrino detector
  - SNEWS connection made October 2015. Live to SN.
- MODCC Mining mining data
  - construction completed August 2015. Space is fully operational (3 SME)
- Genomics:
  - REPAIR low radiation environment impact on mutations underway;
  - Fruit fly metabolism tests complete with Laurentian. New tests planned.
- nEXO Double beta detector
  - engineering support to evaluate deployment at SNOLAB.
### Currently Approved SNOLAB Programme

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- **Completed**: PICASSO, COUPP, DEAP-I, PICO-2 (Dark Matter)
- **Current**: PICO-60, DAMIC, DEAP-3600, MiniCLEAN (Dark Matter)
- **2017 Start**: CUTE, NEWS (Dark Matter)
- **2018+**: SuperCDMS (Dark Matter)

- **Low Background Tests**
- **DMTPC**
- **DEAP-I**
- **DEAP-3600 MiniCLEAN**
- **DAMIC**
- **PICO-2**
- **PICO-60**
- **CUTE** (SCDMS Test)
- **SNO+** Te
- **SNO+ Te**
- **SNO Cavern**
- **South Drift**
- **Personnel facilities**
- **Cube Hall**
- **Halo Stub**
- **Utility Drift**
- **Ladder Labs**
- **Cryopit**
- **Unallocated as yet**
- **SuperCDMS**
- **REPAIR**
- **PUPS**
- **PICASSO-III**

**Notes**:
- **2017 Start**
- **2018+**
Community supported

- 164 faculty researchers from 78 institutions over 15 countries
  - ~25% of faculty are Canadian
- >500 faculty, highly qualified personnel and technical support
- ~11,000 underground person-shifts per year (~50/dayshift)
User-base by Country

Total Number of Users - 488

- USA: 40%
- Canada: 43%
- UK: 8%
- Portugal: 2%
- India: 1%
- France: 1%
- Argentina: 1%
- Czech Republic: 1%
- Mexico: 1%
- Germany: 1%

Total: 488 users
Faculty by Country

Total Number of Academics - 164

- USA 49%
- Canada 24%
- UK 11%
- Switzerland
- Portugal 1%
- Paraguay 1%
- Mexico 3%
- India 2%
- Argentina 2%
- France 1%
- Brazil 1%
- Germany 2%
- Czech Republic 2%
Progress on facility systems

- **SNOLAB Infrastructure:**
  - Low background capabilities increased in priority due to community needs and review feedback
  - New HPGe detectors from Vue des Alpes and Soudan installed
  - Development of refuge to provide additional size and underground office space underway
  - MODCC project completed refurbishment of surface facility third floor
  - Capital infrastructure secured for surface generator plant emergency power

- **SNOLAB Processes:**
  - Overhaul of SNOLAB operational policies/procedures continues
  - Experiment lifecycle management now implemented including gateways, with required reviews at each stage to ensure clear understanding of resource requirements
Life Cycle Phases

- Process implemented Fall 2015; aligns with DOE and TRIUMF
- Each phase leads to a Gateway, prior to passing to next phase
- SNOLAB Projects Office supports projects through the process; all projects have a project coordinator assigned
- Expressions of Interest accepted at any time, natural EAC biannual cycle
Lab developments underground

- Cryopit - FPW2017
- Diamond drilling
- Extending semi-clean room
- Low background assay lab - new HPGe systems
- Refuge Extension

Planning for the next generation project

2017 Future Projects Workshop

August 16th and 17th, 2017 at SNOLAB, Sudbury, Canada

As part of its medium term planning process, SNOLAB is undertaking a scoping review of potential future small- and medium-scale experiments seeking to locate in the underground campus at 2070m in the Creighton mine. This Future Projects Planning workshop is part of this horizon scanning exercise, and experimental collaborations that have an interest in using any space underground, including any of the large-scale experimental areas within SNOLAB. Over the next five to ten years are invited to present their capabilities, status, plans, and infrastructure requirements.

Registration

If you are interested in attending or presenting at FPW 2015, please register [HERE].

Schedule

Schedule and talks will be available on Global Indico - [SNOLAB]

More Information

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Lab Developments - surface

- Project experienced delay due to strong harmonics seen on new power feed down shaft
  - eventually traced to skip hoist operations, required retuning of hoist
  - harmonics now manageable, SNOLAB looking at local active filtering
- Project approved fully by Vale following regulatory assessments
- Anticipate generator purchase this FY, installation through 2018 to ensure on-line for SuperCDMS (main requirement)
Promoting Canada internationally
The biennial TAUP series covers recent experimental and theoretical developments in astroparticle physics including:

- Cosmology and particle physics
- Dark matter and dark energy
- Neutrino physics and astrophysics
- Gravitational waves
- High-energy astrophysics and cosmic rays

Public Lecture on Gravitational Waves by Dr. Peter Shawhan