

URL Cost and Design Considerations



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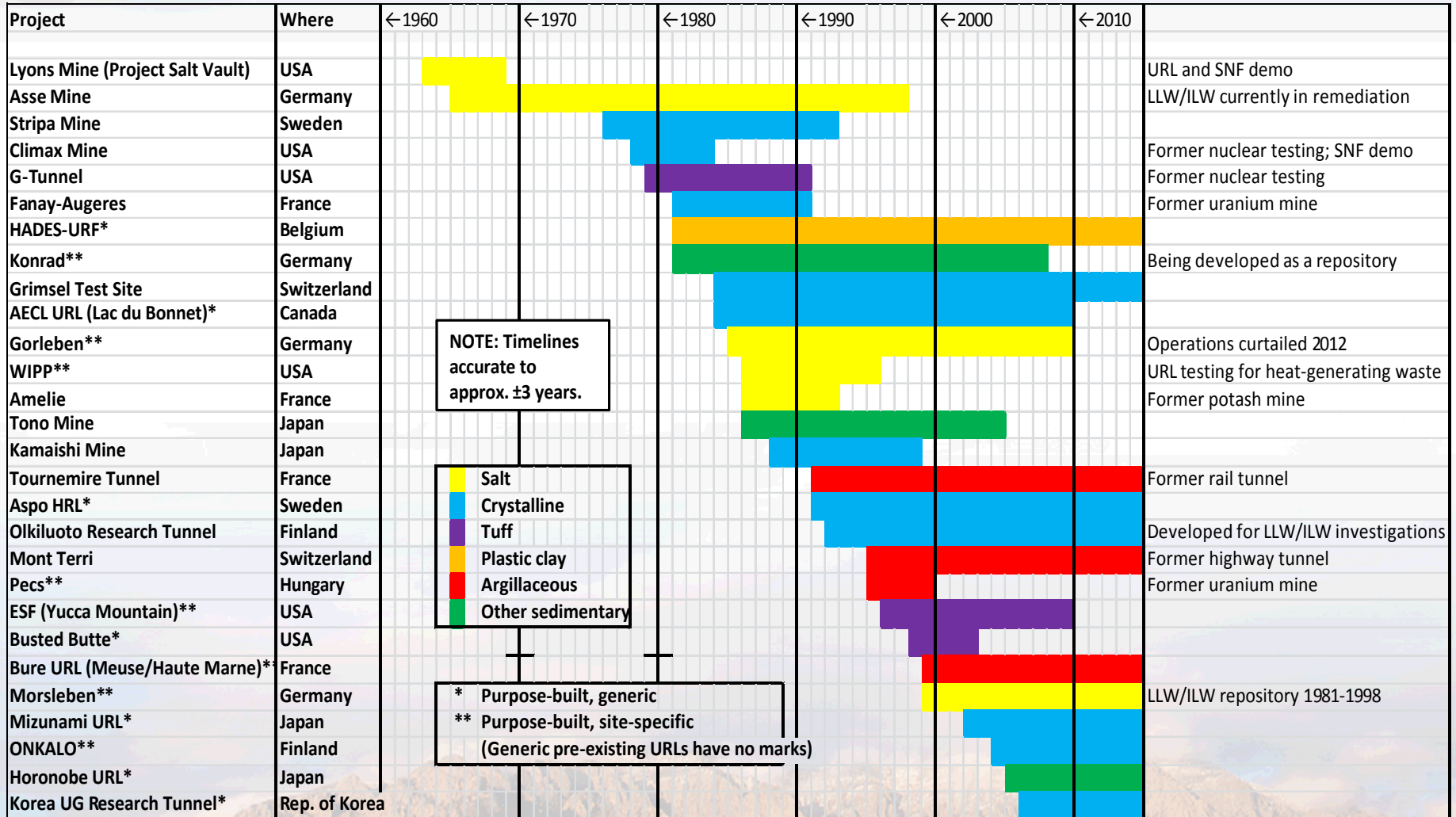
**Generic and Site Specific Underground Research Laboratories to
Support Siting, Design and Safety Assessment Developments**



URL Cost and Design Considerations Outline

- **Background on URL Development**
- **Examples**
 - Early URLs (Salt Vault, SFT-Climax, Stripa)
 - U.S. URLs (WIPP, Yucca Mountain ESF)
 - International Example URLs (Äspö, Mont Terri, Bure, ONKALO)
- **Exercise #1**
- **Exercise #2**
- **Planning Considerations**
- **Physical/chemical/biological science URLs**
- **Summary**

Worldwide URL Summary - Timelines



NOT SHOWN: Early U.S. URLs (Avery Island, CSM Mine, etc.) and recent URL developments in the Czech Republic, Canada, and China.

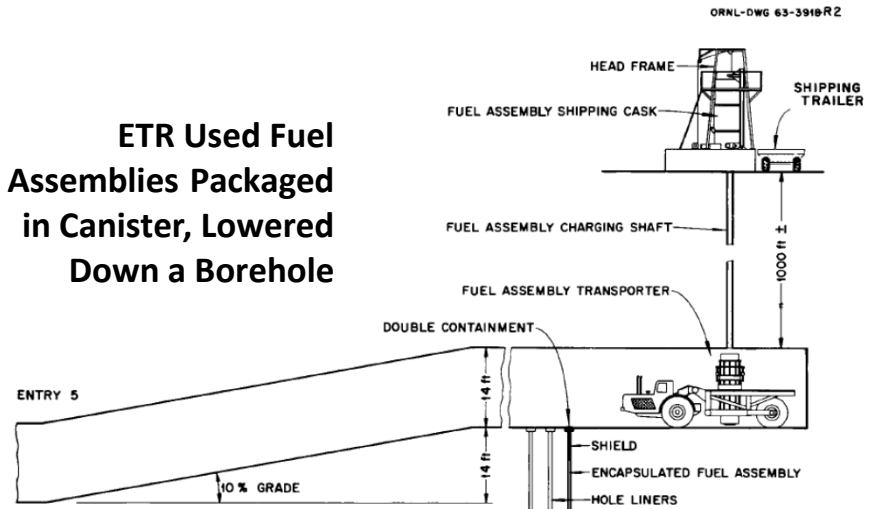
Salt Vault: URL and Demonstration 1963-1968

- Former Lyons Salt Mine
- 14 Test-Reactor Fuel Assemblies Contained in 7 Canisters
- Waste Packaging
- Waste Handling Borehole and Underground Transporter
- Thermomechanical Salt Responses
- Laboratory Core Testing and Model-Pillar Studies
- Numerical TM Simulation
- Scaled-up HLW Disposal Concept
- Total Multi-year Cost ~\$10M (\$50M to \$100M escalated)

Bradshaw, R.L and W.C. McClain 1971. *Project Salt Vault: A Demonstration of the Disposal of High-Activity Solidified Wastes in Underground Salt Mines*. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, ORNL-4555.



ETR Used Fuel Assemblies Packaged in Canister, Lowered Down a Borehole



Spent Fuel Test – Climax: 1978-1985

- **Test Development: \$18.5M**
 - ~420 m depth, Climax granite stock, Nevada Test Site
 - **Demonstration:**
 - Construction (surface and U/G)
 - Waste transport & handling
 - Spent fuel packaging and emplacement
 - Retrieval
 - 12 PWR assemblies, Turkey Point NPP (one per canister)
- **Total Project Cost: \$34M (\$90M to \$130M escalated)**



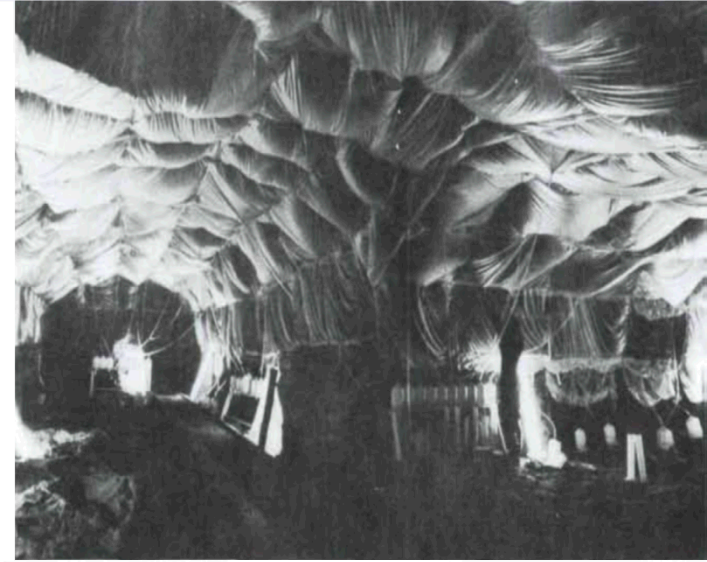
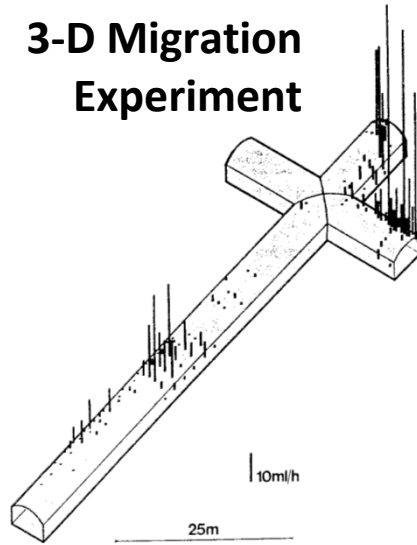
Rail-mounted canister transfer and emplacement machine, main gallery (in receive position under waste handling borehole)

Patrick, W.C. 1986. *Spent Fuel Test—Climax: An Evaluation of the Technical Feasibility of Geologic Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel in Granite (Final Report)*. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA. UCRL-53702.

The Stripa Project: 1980-1992 (Generic URL)

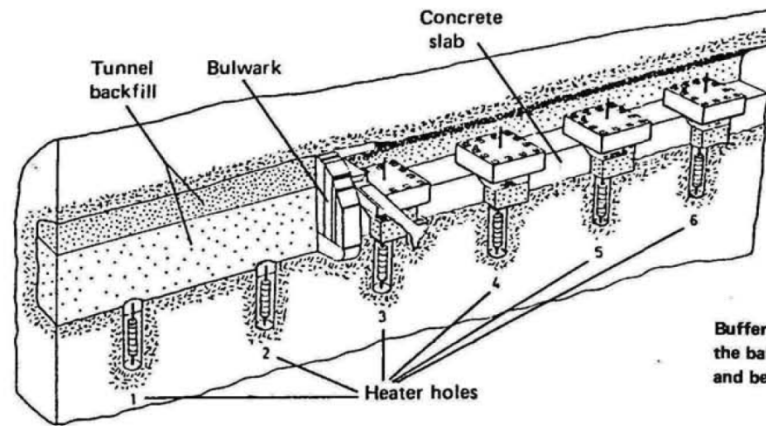
- Swedish-American Cooperative → OECD/NEA Project
- Canada, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland & USA
- Granite depth 300 to 400 m
- Many experiments; 170 reports
- Total cost ~\$33M (\$60M to \$80M escalated)

3-D Migration Experiment



Phase	Period	Budget
1	1980 - 1985	47 MSEK
2	1983 - 1988	66 MSEK
3	1986 - 1992	144 MSEK

Fairhurst, C., G. Ferruccio, P. Gnirk, M. Gray and B. Stillborg 1993. *OECD/NEA International Stripa Project 1980-1992: Overview Volume I - Executive Summary*. (http://www.skb.se/Templates/Standard_17139.aspx)



Buffer Mass Test

Buffer mass tests were done to verify the barrier function of bentonite and bentonite/clay mixtures.

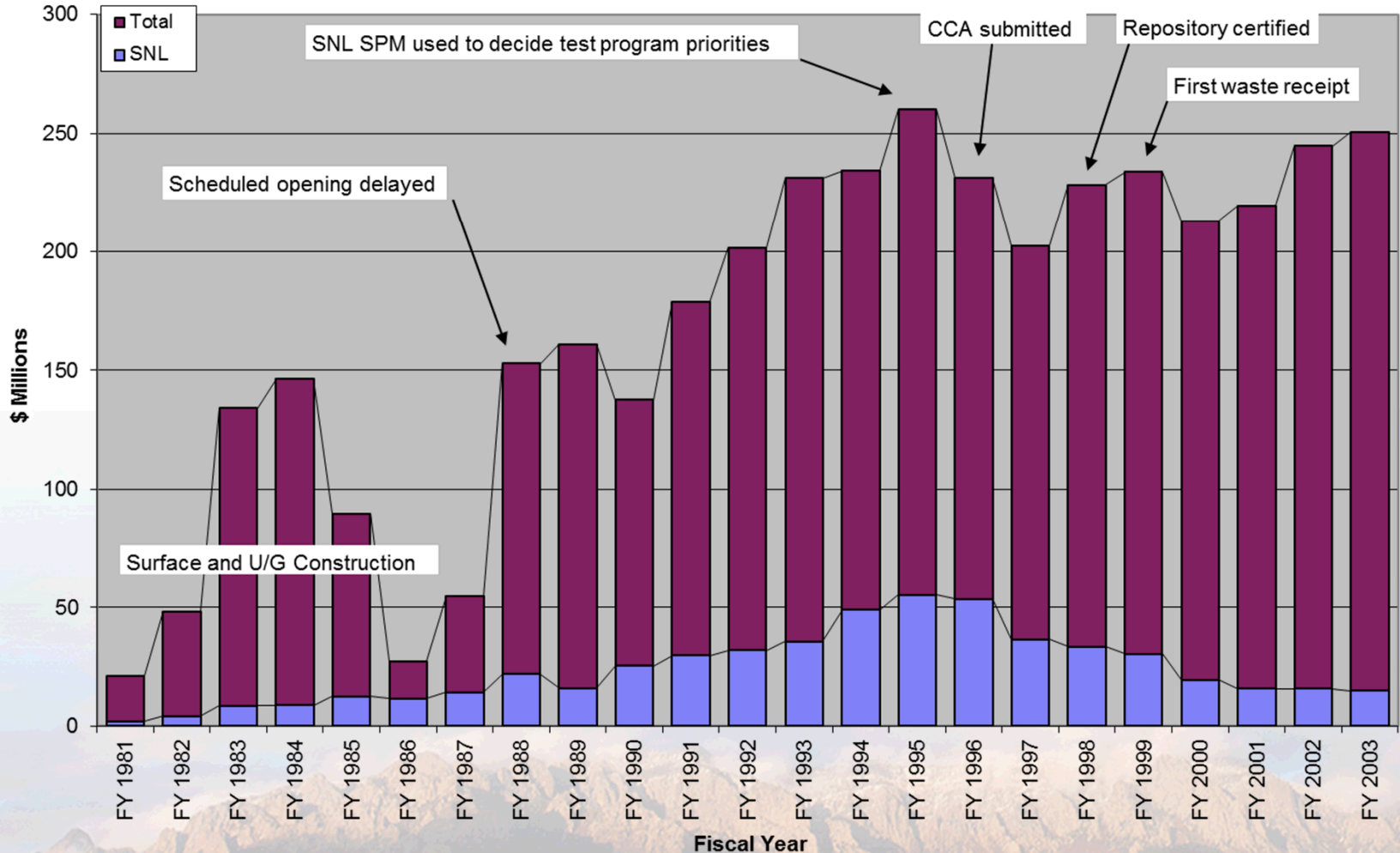
WIPP URL (Historical)

- Operated by the U.S. DOE for R&D during 1986–1996
- Shafts descend ~600 m
- R&D conducted by Sandia and supporting researchers
- Construction cost ~\$200M (w/out repository facilities)
- Total URL operating cost ~\$200M (15% of WIPP budget)
- URL experiment cost: ~\$80M (50% of Sandia total)
 - As many as 50 technical workers for 10 years



Yucca Mountain Exploratory Studies Facility

WIPP Total Funding History



Yucca Mountain Exploratory Studies Facility

YM ESF Test	Total Cost	Cost Basis
Single Heater Test (2 yr)	\$5M	Construction, Drilling: \$1M Procurement, Design, Install, Baseline: \$3M Annual Operation: \$1M
Drift Scale Test (8 yr)	\$59M	Construction, Drilling: \$8M Procurement, Design, Install, Baseline: \$11M Annual Operation: \$5M
Other Tests	~\$60M	Roughly equivalent to heated tests
Testing Support (1996 – 2007)	\$50M	Annual Test Operations Support: ~\$5M
ESF Construction & Operation	\$240M	Surface and U/G Construction: ~\$120M Annual Operation: ~\$20M

Drift Scale Test
(9 simulated packages;
>200 kW)



Aerial view of ESF surface facilities; north and south portals

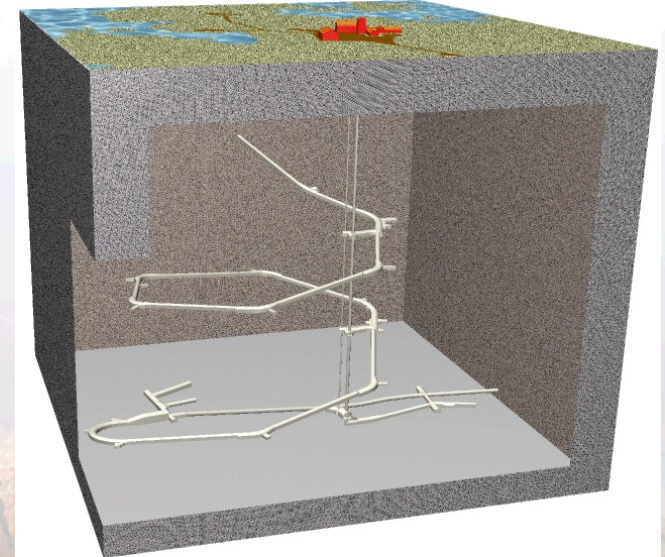
Yucca Mountain ESF Design Considerations



- Purpose built, site-specific URL
- Main tunnels to be part of repository →
 - Regulatory reviews
 - Quality assurance
 - Administrative controls (e.g., materials review and inventory)
- Characterization studies:
 - Test construction methods (e.g., dry drilling)
 - Hydrologic studies → Water inventory and use of chemical tracers
 - Chemical/isotopic studies → Tracer purity and concentration

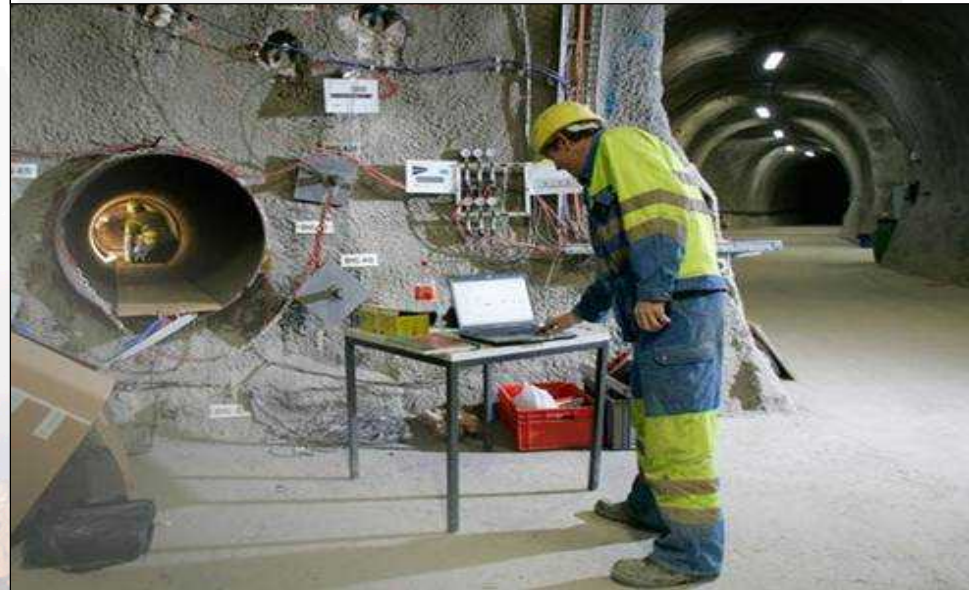
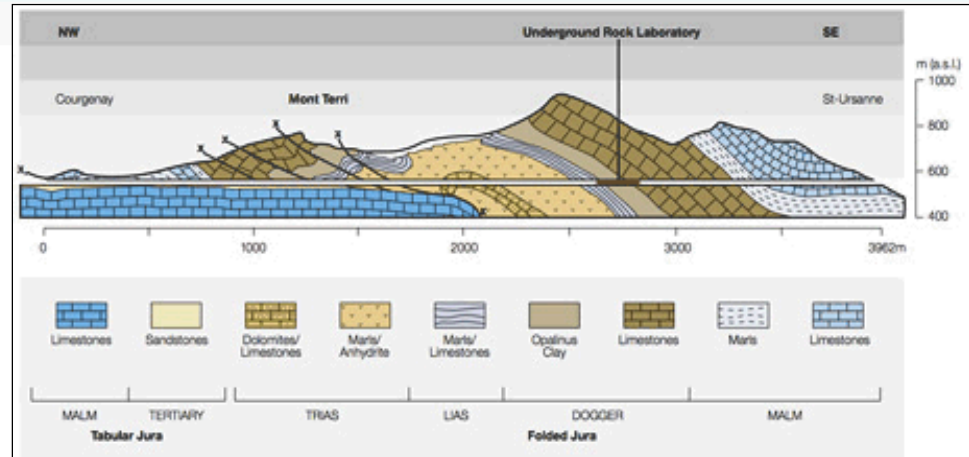
Äspö Hard Rock Laboratory, Sweden

- Operated by SKB since 1991
- Ramp descends 460 m (3.6 km)
- Participants have included Canada, Finland, France, Japan, Switzerland, UK, and USA
- Cumulative operating cost ~\$50M
 - Average ~\$3M/year
- Experiment cost ~\$50M
 - Contributions from international participants
 - ~50 experiments
- Staffing
 - 55 staff members, 45 consultants, 25 external project managers



Mont Terri URL, Switzerland

- Operated by Swisstopo (and predecessor) since 1996
- Host medium: Opalinus Clay
- General+operating cost ~\$16M through 2015
 - Average ~\$800k/year
- Experiment cost ~\$83M
 - Contributions from international participants
 - >70 experiments total
 - Average ~\$4M/year (not including science support)
- Discussion?
 - Staffing? Other costs?
 - Funding-imposed limits?



Mont Terri URL – Annual Cost Summary

(<http://www.mont-terri.ch/internet/mont-terri/en/home/project/funding.html>)

Annual investment 1996 bis 2015

Experiment costs	1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	1996-2015	
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ANDRA	301716	593373	1461639	1503676	397396	108222	187803	109367	2487697	749777	517553	397616	738148	1747987	353288	319086	279603	259255	179833	196307	12915323	
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BGR	0	46785	76764	79893	198909	400792	262688	217554	535098	387315	556297	408419	298728	448152	337099	194932	143822	210491	420250	267990	70094	5511568
CHEVRON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	313147	162968	132888	269740	460000	70094	1307947	
CRIEPI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148325	167280	165288	227236	201118	222524	218028	52787	79690	55988	30238	27000	28200	1663860	
DOE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102249	168333	163333	433915			
ENRESA	0	40445	1119514	1022827	230986	377116	323702	182181	356682	173556	43385	72049	48851	10676	10136	73238	3750	18500	12500	47000	4168905	
FOWGI/swisstopo	0	0	0	0	0	0	13165	46950	66698	19178	0	42752	80483	473738	85412	97891	145168	270033	276750	371500	1989547	
GRS	0	0	0	183937	168866	158348	28272	21365	378371	303238	85900	113739	165841	246233	95911	73980	85744	154520	91000	132649	2497094	
ENSI (HSK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137195	201408	48320	34878	17636	565424	123003	94934	71118	132223	76250	112000	1614388		
IRSN	0	42456	111045	104368	103334	92253	89988	103971	61398	52132	108160	45959	34294	100346	136710	86553	49265	83449	99500	56508	1561687	
JAEA	69316	45621	137623	116949	131688	113059	42233	32992	43836	21597	36336	20769	59009	22730	3214	3226	6144	7071	5750	24500	943552	
NAGRA	301716	406285	1230370	682167	527773	487585	322529	299293	1019205	2141772	943402	628927	1866748	2835938	1003187	3856005	956141	1026001	1629167	815623	22787879	
Obayashi	0	51299	62388	77529	57741	98275	77449	41615	60532	60945	44358	62046	72050	53646	49793	283232	36131	37821	36000	28200	1066049	
SCK-CEN	122941	79474	204748	187431	127625	83760	45452	30761	39386	43453	50835	62082	54262	58069	70603	57991	76118	80031	58500	58200	1571862	
NWMO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	186525	199439	135237	169091	231703	241667	201423	1365055	
TOTAL EXPERIMENT COSTS	795589	1305741	4463092	3968279	1944018	1897410	1393208	1234375	5355835	4349561	2660182	2234487	3663008	7063911	2833699	5263063	2220727	2913326	3772500	2593525	61925636	

General costs	1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	1996-2015
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Management and infrastructure	221553	358523	401651	573241	502371	456885	494962	460769	562941	520523	500380	410134	489611	496574	478431	501330	498250	684834	529195	495953	9637581
Unforeseen costs	82421	85859	174860	489100	44188	10448	26110	0	32921	21762	24434	20416	8523	34604	25101	26779	24238	34368	26460	24798	1177376
TOTAL GENERAL COSTS	283974	424382	576511	1062341	546559	466333	521072	460769	595762	542275	525314	430550	498134	531178	503532	528109	515232	719000	555655	520751	10807432

*Renovation of offices amounts to 283418 CHF and is included in the unforeseen costs of Phase 4

Experiment+general costs, operational costs since Phase 12	1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	1996-2015
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ANDRA	409409	786227	1864319	1906223	509123	132329	258043	150192	2770747	887191	627836	644416	832786	1880730	438914	375992	340894	308267	161269	212708	15344418
BGR	0	61991	85551	101028	254704	499296	360792	289763	589529	449149	623048	461235	337881	494399	408643	142705	175535	288425	472553	335283	8418505
CHEVRON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	367810	176970	156354	333873	504121	85094	1626222
CRIEPI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203862	183578	229500	278950	244583	233865	242519	63482	89193	66539	45238	42000	43200	1964249
DOE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127062	160514	183074	510970	
ENRESA	0	53590	1264125	1296393	295928	468801	444770	250186	393191	200236	54505	85997	53284	12998	13640	9889	11365	33500	27500	62000	5031398
FOWGI/swisstopo	0	0	0	0	0	0	18130	64478	72967	24106	2036	53331	86782	474106	111825	108910	169828	308144	305198	425498	2228147
swisstopo operator	0	0	0	233179	218066	197266	38846	29340	424882	356371	100203	139060	228027	263622	113867	97323	113782	183378	106000	157145	3008406
GRS	0	0	0	0	0	0	155908	237261	60473	43822	41653	51411	145564	68126	94079	166443	91250	130087	175597		
ENSI (HSK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IRSN	0	56259	125389	132308	132386	114926	123644	142782	88734	62652	132842	57204	36234	113762	175360	115968	50438	98449	114760	71506	1931373
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Obayashi	0	67972	104322	98284	73975	122428	106415	57149	68517	72961	55882	76632	83261	58338	59992	32059	43569	52821	51000	43200	1328577
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*From Phase 12 on: rock laboratory operation budget of swisstopo

incl. contributions Galerie 08

Mont Terri URL Summary of Experiments

(http://www.mont-terri.ch/internet/mont-terri/en/home/experiments/list_of_experiments.html)

By topical area:

Drilling technique

Geochemical/microbiological

Diffusion

Hydrogeology

Gas migration

Rock mechanics

EDZ

THMC

Demonstration

Abbreviations	Experiments	2013/2014	Drilling technique	Geochemistry and microbiology	Diffusion	Hydrogeology	Gas Migration	Rock mechanics	EDZ (Excavation damage zone)	THMC (Thermo-hydro-mechanical characteristics)	Demonstration
AS	Anisotropy and rock stress										
BB	Borehole behaviour deformation										
BF	Borehole fluid effects										
BI	Borehole inventory										
BN	Bitumen-nitrate-clay interaction										
BW	Short term borehole wall development										
CD	Cyclic deformations										
CI	Cement-clay interaction										
CP	Chemical and physical weathering										
CW	High-ph cement porewater										
CS	Near well sealing integrity for CO2 geological storage										
DB	Deep inclined borehole through the Opalinus Clay										
DI	Diffusion experiment										
DM	Deformation mechanisms										
DR	Diffusion, retention and perturbations										
DS	Determination of stress										
DT	Drilling techniques										
EB	Engineered barriers										
ED	EDZ (Excavation Damage Zone) research										
EG	EDZ gas diffusion by carbon isotope										
EH	EDZ self-healing										
EZ	EDZ fracture generation										
FE	Full scale emplacement demonstration										
FI	Fluid-mineral interactions in OPA during natural faulting										
FM	Flow mechanisms & evaporation logging										
FP	Fracture propagation										
FS	In-situ clay faults slip hydro-mechanical characterisation										
GD	Analysis of geochemical data										
GM	Geochemical modelling and geophysical monitoring										
GP	Hydraulic and gas permeability										
GR	Ground penetration radar										
GS	Gasfrac self-sealing										
HA	Hydrogeological analyses										
HE	Heater experiment										
HG	Gas permeability and migration										
HM	Lab tests on HM coupled behaviour										
HT	Hydrogen transfer										
IC	Iron corrosion of Opalinus Clay										
IS	In situ stress										
LP	Long-term monitoring pore pressures										
LT	Laboratory temperature testing										
MA	Microbial activity										
MB	Mine-by Test										
MD	Cosmic muon density tomography										
MH	Long term monitoring of heaves										
MO	Monitoring										
NT	Natural trace profil										
OP	Osmotic pore pressure measurements										
PC	Porewater chemistry										
PP	Porewater pressure										
PS	Petrofabric and strain determination										
RA	Rock mechanics analyses										
RB	Horizontal raise boring										
RC	Rock mass characterisation										
SB	Self-sealing barriers of clay-sand mixture										
SE	Selfrac MT										
SF	Self-sealing of faults										
SM	High resolution seismic monitoring										
SO	Sedimentology of Opalinus Clay										
SR	Low pH shotcrete for rock support										
TH	Microscale THMC										
UZ	Unsaturated zone										
VA	Investigation of spatial variability within Opalinus Clay										
VE	Ventilation test										
WS	Ground- and porewater sampling										

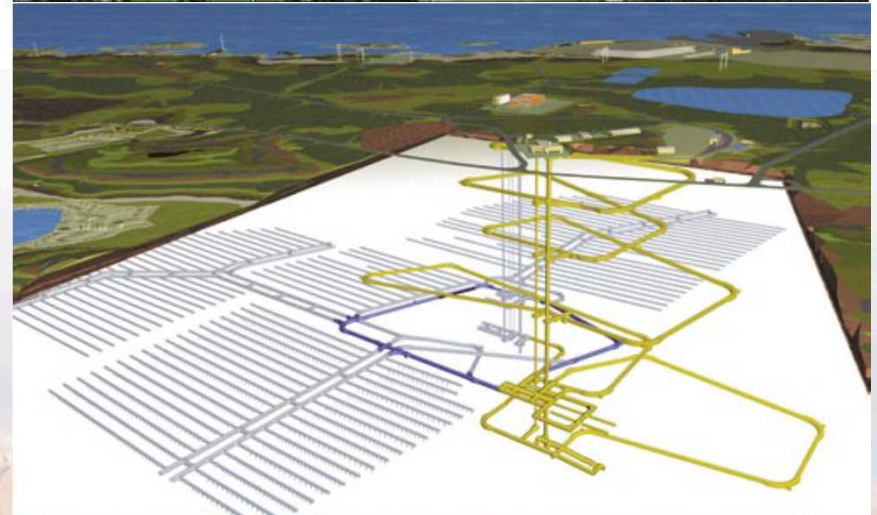
ANDRA URL at Bure, France

- Operated by ANDRA since 1999
- Hoste medium: COX argillite
- Shafts (2) descend 500 m
- Construction cost ~\$380M through 2006
- \$22M/year URL operating and experiment costs
- Operated by SKB since 1991
- International participation
- ~100 on-site employees



ONKALO URL - Finland

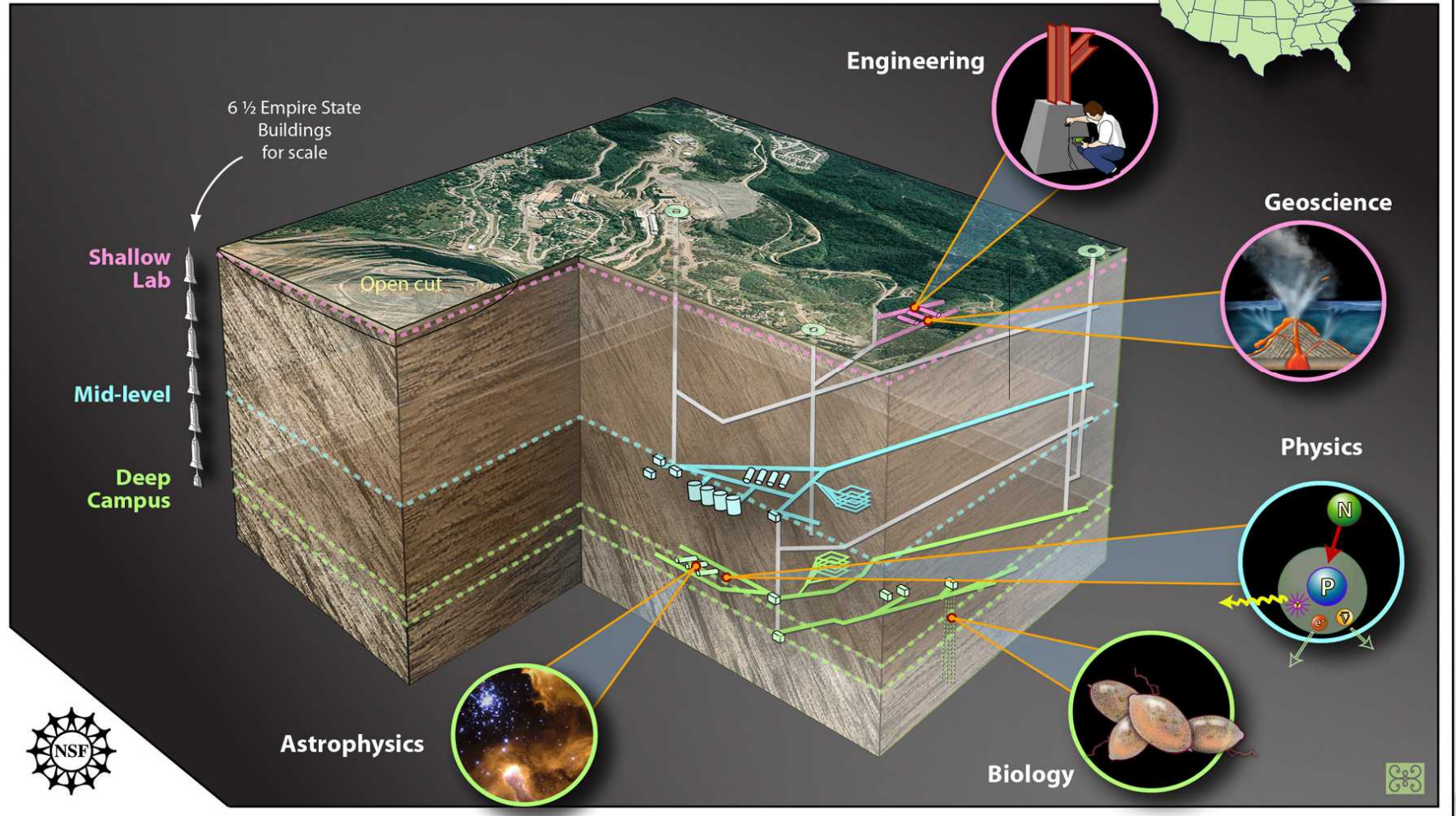
- **ONKALO ramp, shaft and infrastructure construction cost (down to main level) ~\$90M**
- **Posiva Oy annual budget approx. \$50M to \$100M**
- **Discussion?**
 - Anticipated staffing?
 - Other costs?
 - Funding-imposed limits?



URLs for Physical/Chemical/Biological Sciences Research

Example: DUSEL (formerly Homestake)

DUSEL Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory at Homestake, SD



Exercise: URL Cost Analysis



- Infrastructure Improvements
- Underground Construction
- Shaft Construction
- Management/Operation/Maintenance
- R&D Testing (not incl. off-site science support; all participants)
- Summary
 - Construction (total cost)
 - Operation (annual)

Example #1 URL Cost Analyses

Use existing tunnel, utilities & facilities

Limited infrastructure improvements

Adit access; no shaft or ramp

On-site management

International cooperative R&D projects

	Low \$M	High \$M
• Infrastructure Improvements		
	0	0
• Underground Construction		
	0	0
• Shaft Construction		
	0	0
• Management/Operation/Maintenance		
	0	0
• R&D Testing (not incl. off-site science support)		
	0	0
• Summary		
– Construction	0	0
– Operation	0	0

Example #2 URL Cost Analyses

Purpose-built surface & underground
Extensive infrastructure improvements
Shaft access
On-site management, visitor center
International cooperative R&D projects

	Low \$M	High \$M
• Infrastructure Improvements		
	0	1
• Underground Construction		
	0	2
• Shaft Construction		
	0	3
• Management/Operation/Maintenance		
	0	4
• R&D Testing (not incl. off-site science support)		
	0	5
• Summary		
– Construction	0	6
– Operation	0	9



URL Planning Considerations

- **Pre-Existing Surface and Underground Facilities**
 - Activities such as mining (seismic, ventilation, other interference)
 - Ownership and access; pre-existing contamination and other liabilities
 - Availability of electrical power, fresh water, etc.
 - Ground stability and maintenance
 - Mine water quality, discharge and pumping requirements
 - Test planning and test-test interference
 - Project management and scientific steering framework
 - Training/educational opportunities
- **Purpose-Built (in addition to most of the above)**
 - Funding, cost-sharing
 - Site characterization and site selection
 - Incorporation in final repository or other facilities
 - Legal/regulatory permitting and approvals
 - Engineering design, contractor procurement, and construction management

Summary – Major URL Cost Elements

- **Infrastructure**

- Surface facilities and utilities (electrical power, fresh water, etc.)
- Use existing → Save full cost of \$20M to \$100M

- **Underground Construction**

- Tunneling: up to ~\$10k/meter including ground support

- **Shaft/Ramp Construction**

- Shaft sinking/boring cost 2X to 5X horizontal tunneling; \$10M to \$50M each
- Ramp cost similar to tunneling, but ramps are 10X longer than shafts

- **Management/Operation/Maintenance**

- 10 to 50+ workers → \$1M to \$30M/year

- **R&D Testing**

- Four European URLs spend \$15M to \$30M/year (equiv.; Andersson 1999)
- Include peer review/steering panel

- **Summary**

- URL development: \$20M to \$300M
- Operation and testing : \$15M to \$60M/year