Plans for a prototype WCD at the Argentinian site

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Mission:

- Search for a cheap solution for a tank: Plastic 25m³ commercial tank, local manufacturers, no bladders.
- 2) Test the freezing conditions: Ice in water, transparency, rate, tank integrity.
- 3) To prove how people willing to collaborate in SGSO works for a dedicated project. We know all people except those from Salta.

Financing:

- ANPCyT (Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica y Tecnológica) Project presented in September 2018, results in ~July (50% chance) Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank. ~USD 25K + one graduate student fellowship for 3 yr.
- Future: Secretaría de Ciencia y Técnica (Secretary of Science and Technology) This will be a major step and requires care and time to be prepared. Now that we have a WPaper (and a kind of organization?) this is feasible.

Collaborators directly involved:

1) Electronics slow control and operation: solar panels, temp. sensors, camera, water transparency.

Eng. Daniel Hoyos (**UNSa**)

Eng. Víctor Hugo Serrano (UNSa)

Germán Salazar (UNSa)

2) Camera data processing: water freezing studies by image processing (feasibility ?).

Silvina Campos (UNSa)

José Ignacio García (**UNSa**)

3) Simulations: much more than just a single tank simulation.

Patricia Hansen (UNLP)

Analisa Mariazzi (UNLP)

Diego Ravignani (TleDA)

Diego Melo (ITeDA)

Federico Sánchez (ITeDA)

Daniel Supanitsky (ITeDA)

4) PMT electronic boards (LAGO like)

Eng. Horacio Arnaldi (CAB)

5) Data analysis and managing: space weather (single tank), others based on array simulations.

Sergio Dasso (IAFE)

Ana Pichel (IAFE)

Adrián Rovero (IAFE)

6) External collaborators:

Fabian Schüssler (CEA, France)

Marcos Santander (Alabama Univ., USA)

Miguel Mostafa (Penn. State, USA)

UNSa: Universidad Nacional de Salta, Salta.
UNLP: Universidad Nacional de La Plata, La Plata, Buenos Aires.
ITEDA: Instituto de Tecnologías en Detección y Astropartículas, Buenos Aires.
CAB: Centro Atómico Bariloche, CNEA Bariloche, Río Negro.

LAGO: Latin America Giant Observatory (space weather)

Asorey+Dasso for the LAGO Coll., ICRC 2015, 247



LAGO: WCDs Electronics for a single PMT



PMT and electronics:



Dedicated interphase: Horacio Arnaldi, CAB Commercial board: (RedPitaya) Two acquired already ~ USD 350 each

PMT: Antares Fabian Schüssler, CEA



Detector parts:



Commercial tank 25 m³ (~3m x 4m) In contact with Duraplas (will seek for others) ~USD 4K (single)

Opacity studies needed:

Probably an addition of carbon to the comercial mix. Previous tests using a small tank.

UNSa: experience with these kind of systems:

Power system (solar panels). Water filtration (take LAGO experience). Sensors for temperature and transparency measurements. Cameras to watch the water surface. Link for communication.

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