





Neutrinos at Fermilab: 10 Year Outlook

It all culminates in DUNE, but how do we get there?

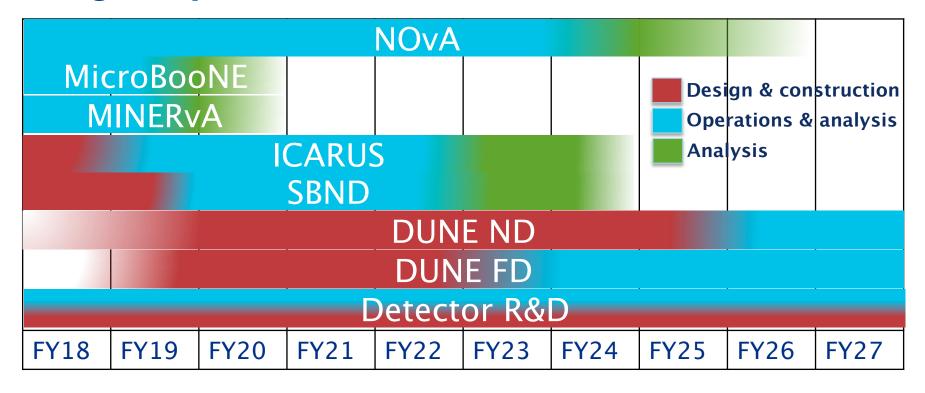
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Overview

- Lay out the big picture of what the next 10 years will look like for neutrinos at Fermilab
- Many things are determined, but a number of issues remain to be decided
- Start with the experiments we are/will be running as this largely drives how we are organized
- Examine various subgroups and how their work evolves over the next 10 years
- Go through a set of areas where more thought and decisions are needed.
- You can use these and Sam's slides as raw material to consider when answering your breakout session questions



Rough Experiment Timeline



- Only considering large experiments that drive how we are organized
- Testbeam, PAB, ANNIE all folded into Detector R&D
- The beginning and termination times are deliberately vague
- It all culminates in DUNE

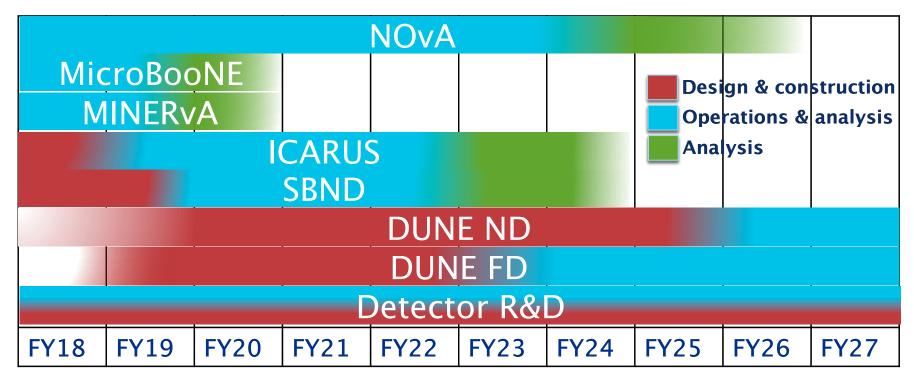


R&D Facilities

- We'll be running and expanding the capabilities of PAB for the foreseeable future
- We need to be getting out of PC4 at some point in the next few years
 - Too costly to make it an acceptable lab space
 - Hopefully move PC4 capabilities to space in the Integrated Engineering Research Center (IERC)
- Does LArTF have a use beyond MicroBooNE running?
- We probably need better facilities for TPC electronics testing
 - What and where?
- What about facilitating non-LAr R&D?
 - We support ANNIE should we do more?
- We have a number of testbeam efforts taking up the MCenter beamline for the next couple of years
 - LArIAT -> LArPix (or PIxLAr!?)
 - NOvA testbeam experiment under construction
 - What about hadro-production experiments (culminating in LBNF spectrometer?)
 - What further testbeam work is needed for DUNE (beyond what the ProtoDUNEs will deliver)?
- What further R&D is need for DUNE?



Physicists



- Full slate of experiments
- Designing, operating, and analyzing something at any given moment
- Don't see a need for a large increase in the number of neutrino experimentalists employed by Fermilab
 - Other neutrino related areas have bigger needs (see later in talk)
 - Do need a big increase in number of neutrino postdocs

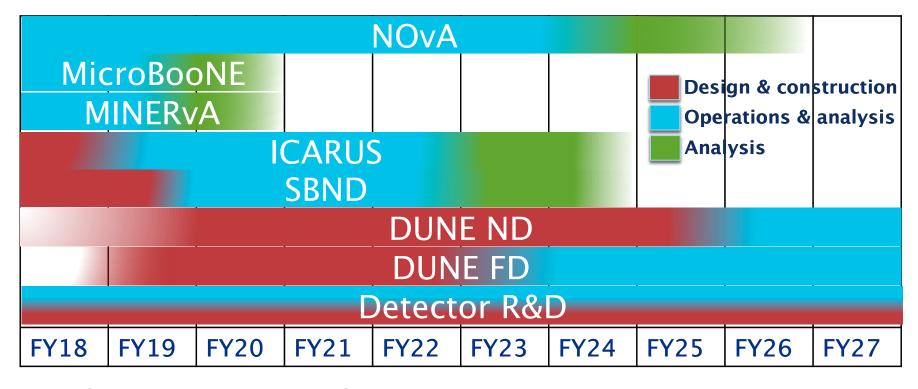


Neutrino Physics Scope

- The focus is currently on what's needed for LBNF/DUNE success
- Decided to focus on few areas of the DUNE physics menu...
 - Membership in 5 far detector construction consortia
 - Near detector
 - Electron neutrino analysis
- Are Fermilab physicists striking the right balance between supporting the user community and pursuing their own research interests?
 - An old problem for lab scientists
- Does every Fermilab neutrino physicist have a transition plan for how they will move into DUNE (if they're not there already)?
- At the right time should we broaden experimental scope beyond accelerator neutrinos?
 - double beta decay?
 - cosmological neutrinos?
 - ...



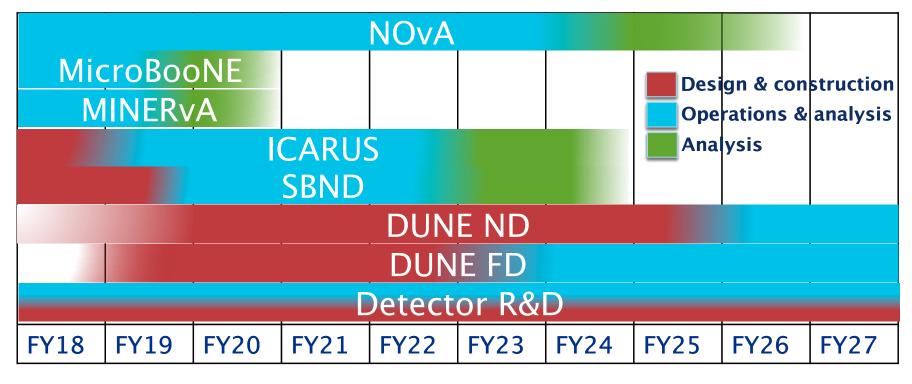
Operations Support



- ELOs, technicians, engineers, DAQ experts, computing professionals
- R&D support is mostly PAB, PC4, and testbeam
- Need to strengthen ops support to carry out ICARUS and SBND in addition to the current program
- What will ops support for the DUNE FD look like



Cryo Engineers (Outside of LBNF/DUNE Project)



- Neutrino Division will be responsible for DUNE ND and FD cryo operations
- Need to connect ND cryo-engineers to DUNE FD design and build activities
- Need to ensure cryo-engineers and technicians get trained up on current and near future experiments



DUNE Operations

- How will Fermilab operate the DUNE far detectors?
 - What is Fermilab responsible for and what will South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) cover?
 - Fermilab covers detector operations and SDSTA does the "building management"?
 - How many people will need to be stationed in South Dakota and of which skill sets?
 - What will be the mix of cryo-engineers and cryo-technicians we will need in South Dakota?
 - What about DAQ and computing support on site
 - Who is responsible for computer networking?
 - What can the DUNE collaboration be relied upon to provide
 - Run 24/7 shifts at Fermilab as well as South Dakota?
 - What assumptions should be made about the DUNE collaboration's ability to have subsystem experts on site?
 - Put together a plan that works for steady state operations once the Project is complete (late 2020's)
 - Then work backwards to understand how to function when the Project is active
 - Seek inspiration from successful Soudan, Ash River, and SNOLab operations
 - Need to understand the staffing plan several years before the staff are needed on site.
- DUNE Near Detector operations are expected to follow our current model for neutrino experiment operations onsite

International Engagement

- The DUNE experiment is international in ways that we have not experienced before at Fermilab
 - International Scale most of the 1000 scientists on DUNE are not from US institutions
 - International Structure we want full partners not just users
- We need to examine *all aspects* of the lab to ensure that we are optimally configured to be an effective and welcoming international host



Office Space: 13th Floor



Move in to 13th floor is expected in April (2018)



Office Space: 12th and 10th Floors

- The move to the 13th floor will free up quite a bit of space on the 12th floor
- Plan to modestly reconfigure the 12th and 10th floors to better serve the neutrino community
 - Relieve the cramped conditions
 - More and better visitor space
 - Better communal space
 - A committee chaired by Max Hronek and with representations from the experiments has made a set of suggestions
 - Work on a detailed plan should finish and be out for broad consultation by the end of January
 - Please feel free to approach Steve or Sam with your suggestions/concerns
- Plan to keep Engineering at BEG and Technicians housed at PAB



Personnel and Organization

- Most of the lab's neutrino people are housed in Neutrino Division
- Vital pieces need to be housed in the other divisions
 - Neutrino computing support and DAQ development need to be in Scientific Computing Division to leverage commonality with other efforts (esp. CMS)
 - Neutrino beamline support needs to be in Accelerator Division to work closely with other aspects of the accelerator complex
- How do we ensure we work across Divisions seamlessly?
- We are proud of the diversity of our neutrino staff at Fermilab, but we need to do better.
 - We need to work harder to generate diverse applicant pools
 - The hard work happens before the job ad closes (and much of it before the job ad is placed)
 - Diversification becomes easier once you gain a reputation for supporting a diverse working environment



Personnel and Organization

What further changes to the neutrino effort at Fermilab are needed?

TPC electrical group

- Noise mitigation in TPCs with wire readout is a serious issue
- Experience with MicroBooNE and the scale of the task with DUNE suggests we should form a small group to focus on TPC electronics
- Probably have a remit beyond just noise

Admin support

- The huge load from our fellowship and guest programs requires more support
- The visitor load is ever increasing and requires more support

DAQ & computing support

- Stretched very thin right now more professional support needed
- What is the model for DUNE support?

Technician Support

Staff of full complement of cry-technicians who will work closely with the LAr experiments



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Neutrino theory

- Fermilab theory group is engaged with neutrinos
- Neutrino Theory network formed and funded administered by Fermilab
- How to best couple HEP and nuclear theory efforts?

Simulation Support

- Need more effort on LArSoft
- Need more effort on neutrino specific GEANT4 upgrades
- Need to strengthen our neutrino beam simulation effort (hadro-production, horn field simulation,....)

Scientific Staffing

Need more postdocs – currently 8 FTE, should be ~18 given size of scientific staff



Closing

- We are the future of the lab
- We are establishing a reputation for excellence
 - ICARUS detectors arrived this year and will soon be installed
 - SBND set to take us to the next level in LAr TPC design
 - MINERvA is cranking out physics at a high rate
 - MicroBooNE is blazing the trail for operating and analyzing large LAr TPCs
 - NOvA is world leading in long baseline oscillations
 - ProtoDUNEs are forging ahead
 - Fermilab people are vital to the current DUNE organization
 - Accelerator complex is delivering 700kW to NuMI as the new normal
 - Collecting, storing, and reconstructing unprecedented amounts of neutrino data
 - Forging new and important partnerships in neutrino theory (experiment/theory, NP/HEP, ...)
 - Our R&D facilities are the best in the world for LAr TPC development
 - Well on the way to having the most diverse team in particle physics
- We have a clear vision for the next decade
- Turning vision into reality will need all of us.

