# LBNF Absorber Radio-Activated Water (RAW) Cooling System Preliminary Design Review

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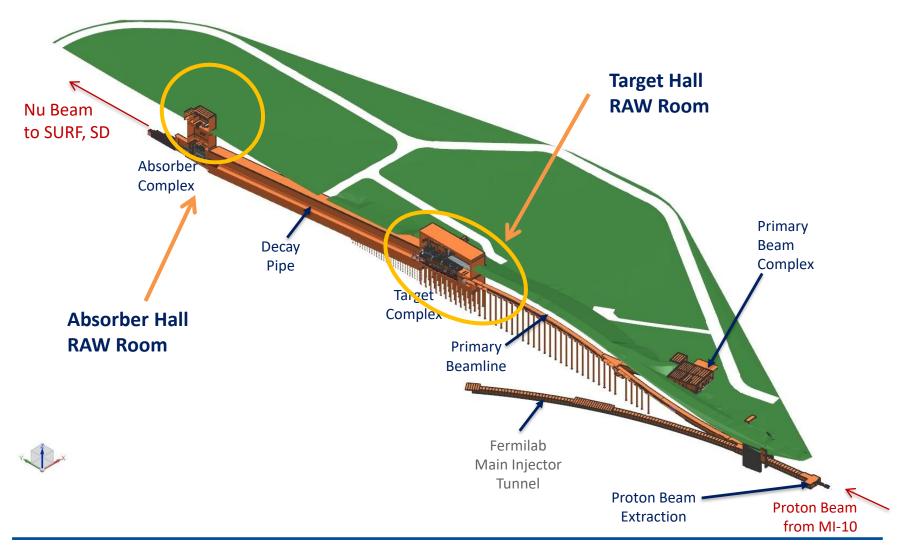




# **Overview**

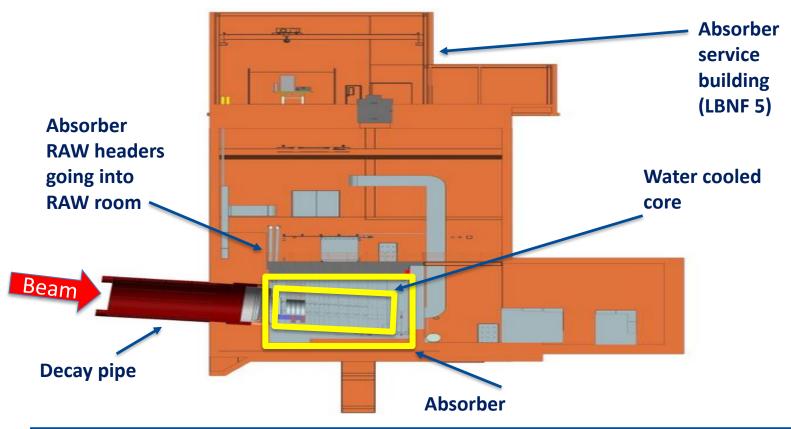
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#### Introduction



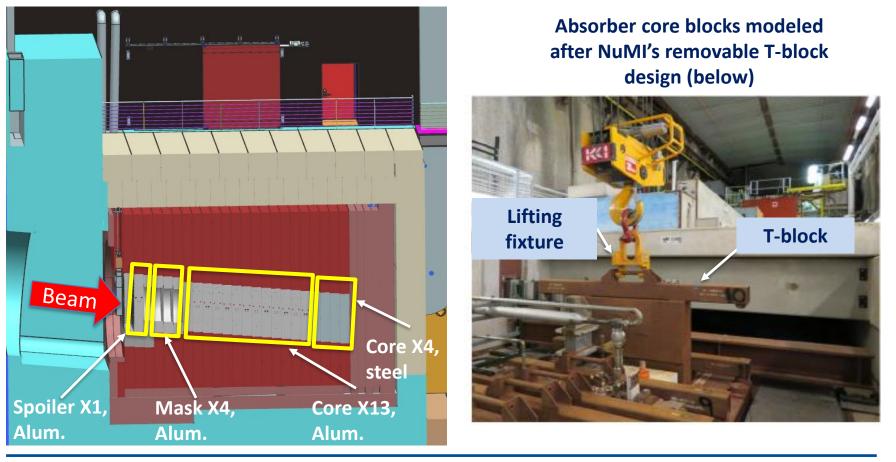
# Introduction

- Absorber is located downstream of the decay pipe. It consists of actively water-cooled aluminum (6061-T6) and steel (A36) blocks surrounded by steel and concrete shielding
- It absorbs the residual particles exiting the decay pipe.
- Majority of the heat load is deposited in the water-cooled core.
- The surrounding steel shielding is air-cooled.



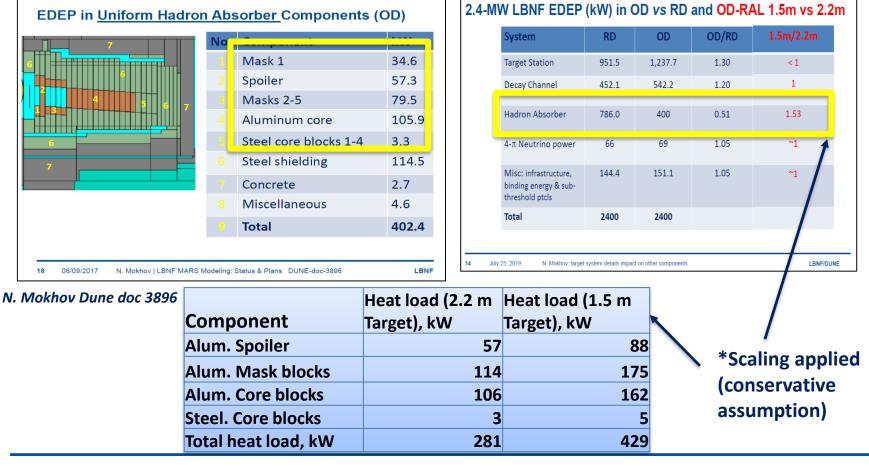
# **Absorber details**

- Absorber is designed for 2.4 MW beam operations with a 1.5 m target (located in the Target Hall).
- The design requirement calls for a 30-year operational life with replaceable water-cooled (yellow boxes) components.



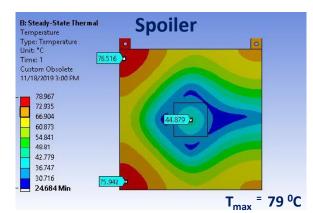
# **Heat load**

- Heat load into the water cooled components from MARS analysis for 2.2 m target is 280 kW.
- For the 1.5 m target (current design), the multiplier is 1.53, thus the heat load into water cooled components is ~430 kW



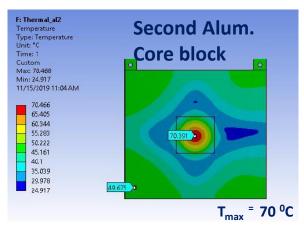
# **Design limits for absorber components**

- The design limit for the 6061-T6 absorber blocks is 100 °C.
- The flow requirements are specified to keep the temperature of the aluminum blocks below this value to prevent creep.

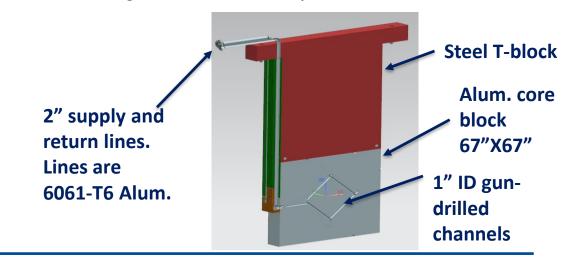


Type of block	Qty.	Number of loops per component	Flow per channel	Flow per component , Gpm	Total flow, Gpm		
Aluminum spoiler	1	4	20	80	80		
Aluminum mask block	4	2	15	30	120		
Aluminum core block	13	4	20	80	1040		
Steel core block	4	2	15	30	150		
Minimum flow required for cooling @ 80 F inlet water temperature> 1390							

\*Aluminum cooling blocks have gun-drilled channels \*Above flow/channel guarantees 6-7 ft/s velocity



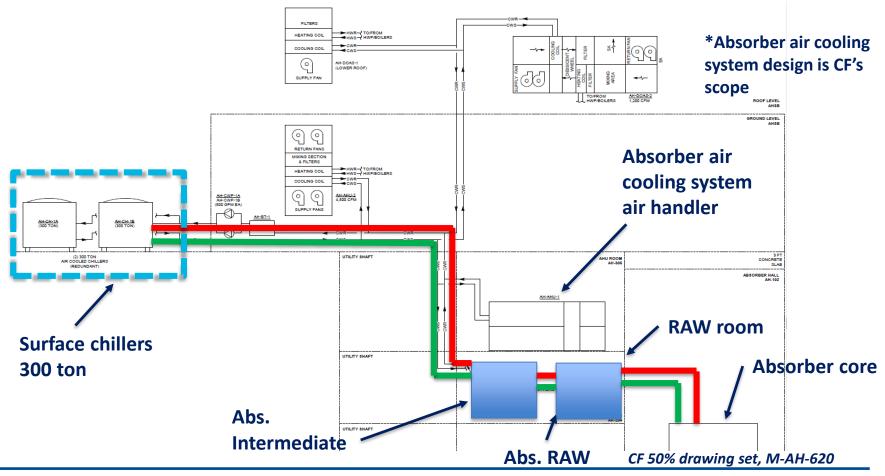




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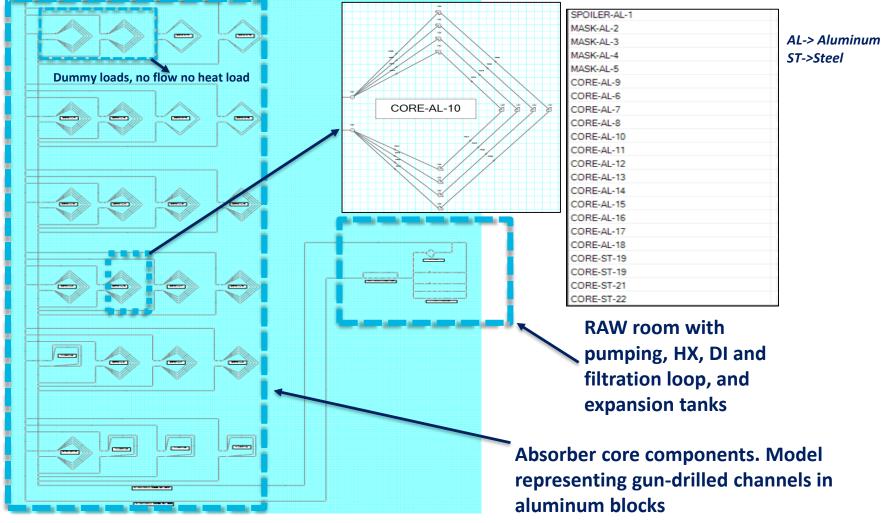
# Absorber RAW Cooling System: Design

- Modeled after the NuMI Absorber RAW system.
- Heat from RAW system goes into Absorber Intermediate system.
- The heat from the Absorber Intermediate system goes to the surface chillers.



### **Absorber RAW Cooling System: Simulation/analysis**

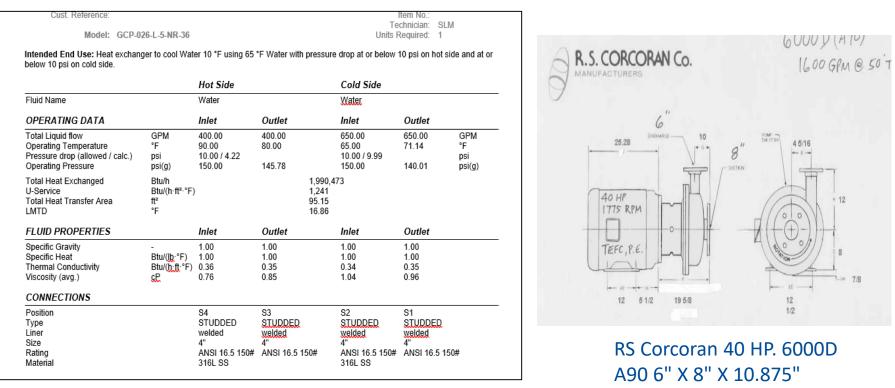
Cooling system simulated in AFT Fathom to generate flow, pressure, heat transfer, and temperature values.



#### **Absorber component IDs**

#### **Absorber RAW Cooling System: Selected components**

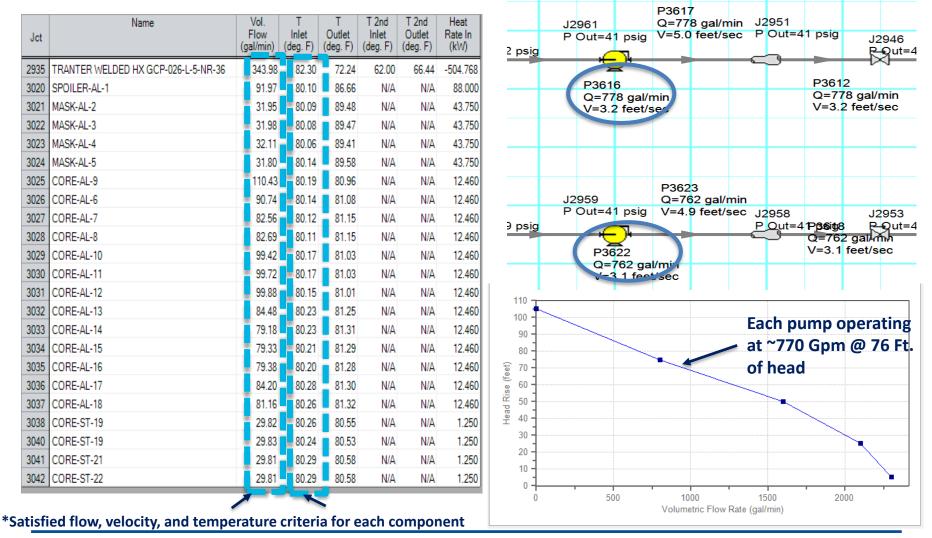
 A Tranter welded HX and an RS Corcoran pump/motor selected. We have used the same company components on our NuMI Absorber RAW system. They have been in operation since 2007.



#### Tranter GCP-026-L-5-NR-36

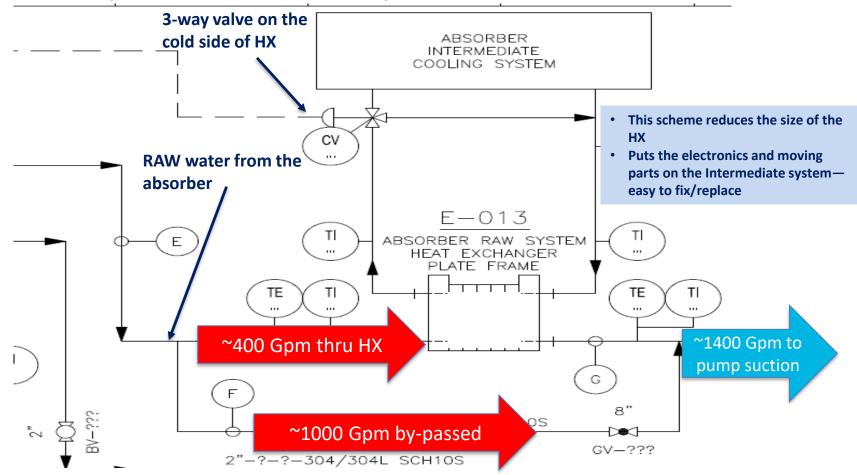
### **Absorber RAW Cooling System: Requirements met**

• System simulation/analysis shows that temperature, heat load, flow rate, and velocity criteria, in gun drilled channels, has been met:



#### Absorber RAW Cooling System: Temperature control scheme

 Temperature control loop is similar to other NuMI RAW systems (Horn 1,Horn 2, and Absorber). In that, the temperature control valve is on the cold side (non-RAW/Intermediate) of the HX

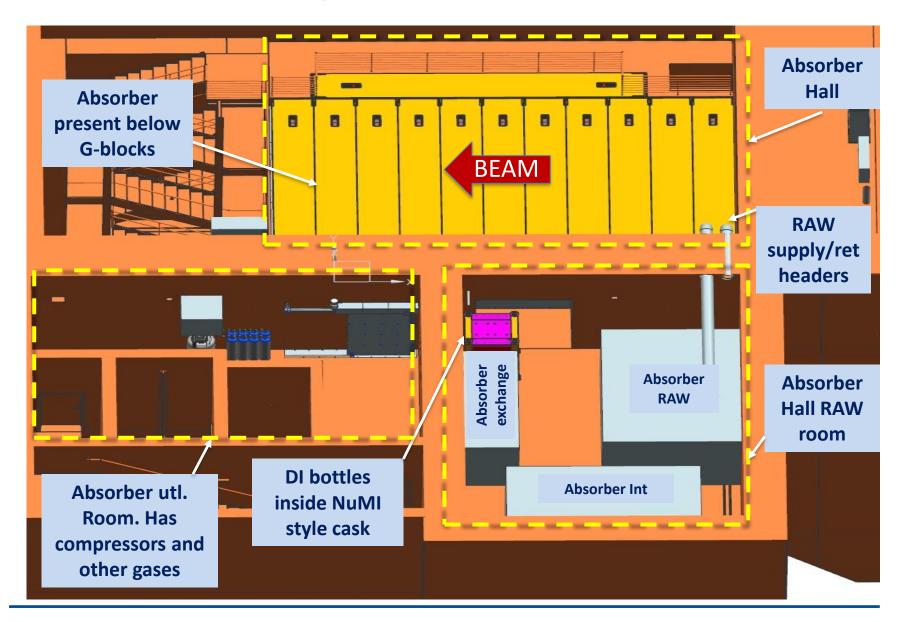


### **Absorber RAW Cooling System: Design**

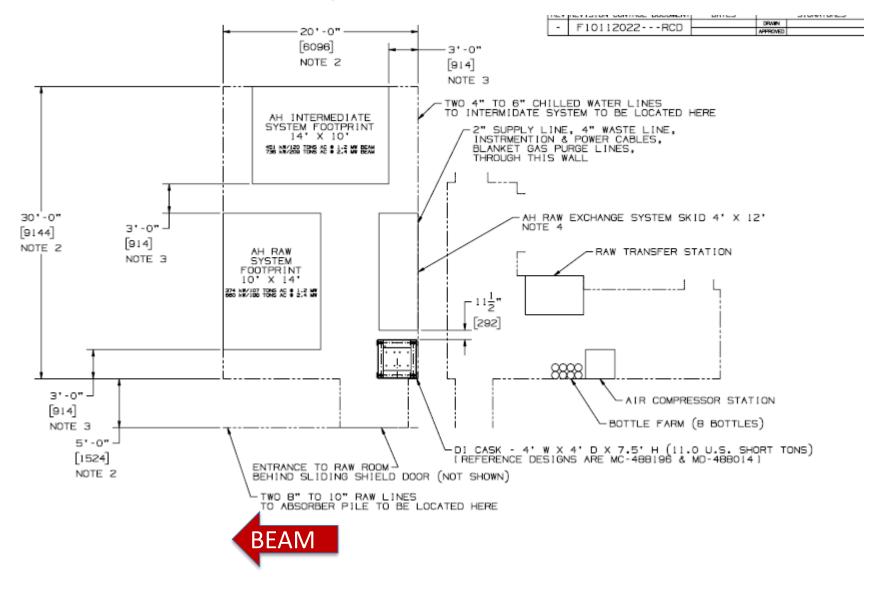
• After an iterative simulation and design process, following are the design parameters for the LBNF Absorber RAW system for the 2.4 MW operations

Parameter	Value	Units	Remarks
System volume	~1500	Gal.	
System design temperature	130	F	
System operating temperature	80	F	
Maximum allowable working pressure	75	Psig	
System operating pressure	45	Psig	
Expansion tank operating Ar. Pressure	5	Psig	
System pump design horse power	40	Нр	2 pumps running, 1 stand-by spare
System design flow	1540	Gpm	
Design flow through the DI loop	48	Gpm	Includes side-stream filteration. 5 micron pre-DI and 20 micron post-DI
Design system resistivity low	3	MOhm-cm	
Design system resistivity high	5	MOhm-cm	
Tritium concentration	<1E6	pCi/ml	Absorber exchange system, periodic feed/bleed
Design flow through water cooled components	1492	Gpm	Spoiler, mask, Al-core, Steel- core
Design flow through (RAW side) the heat exchanger	405	Gpm	
Design flow (cold side) through heat exchanger	650	Gpm	Cold side means Absorber Intermediate system
Design temperature difference (RAW side)	10	F	
Design temperature difference (cold side)	6.2	F	
Design heat capacity	590	kW	
Design heat transfer surface area	95	Ft <sup>2</sup>	

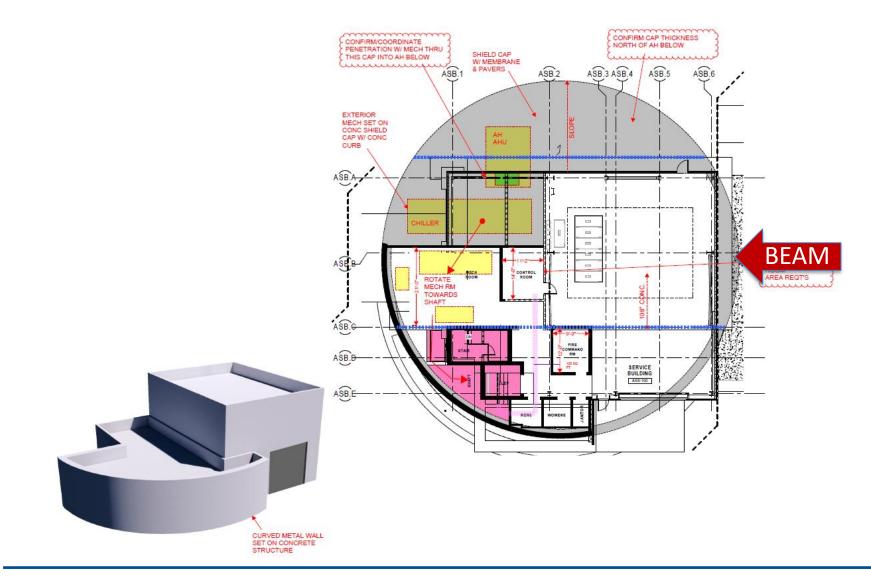
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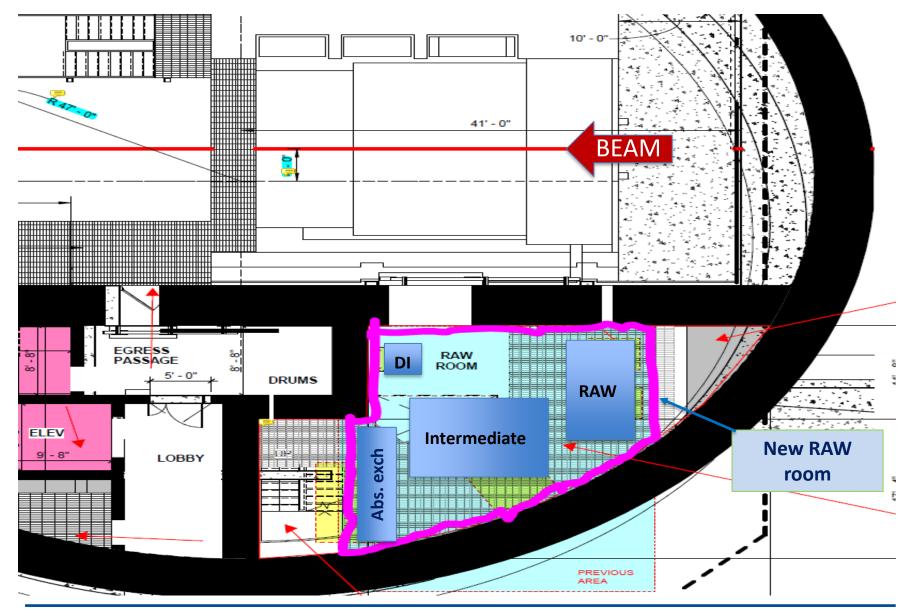
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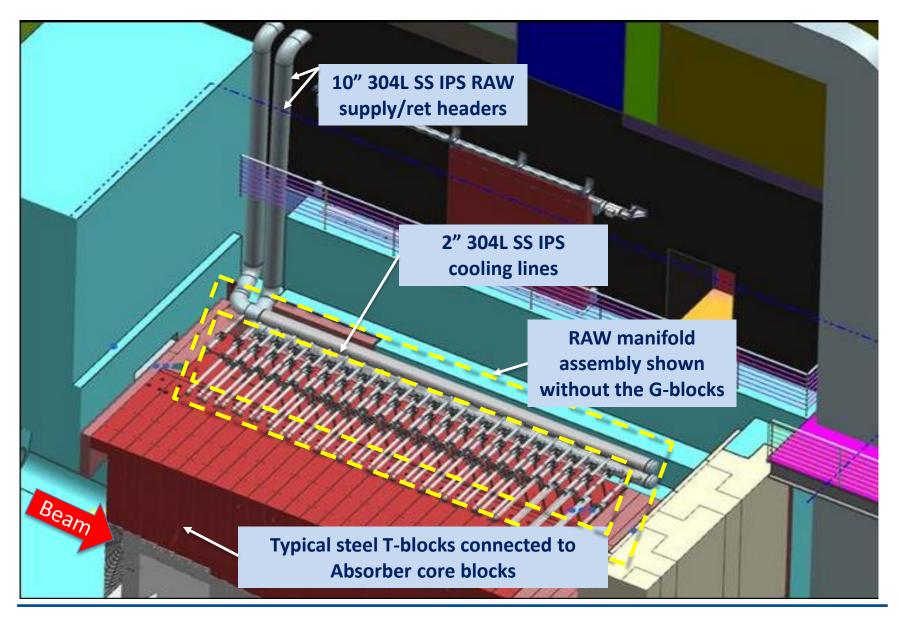
# Absorber RAW Cooling System: Layout, Building Design Change



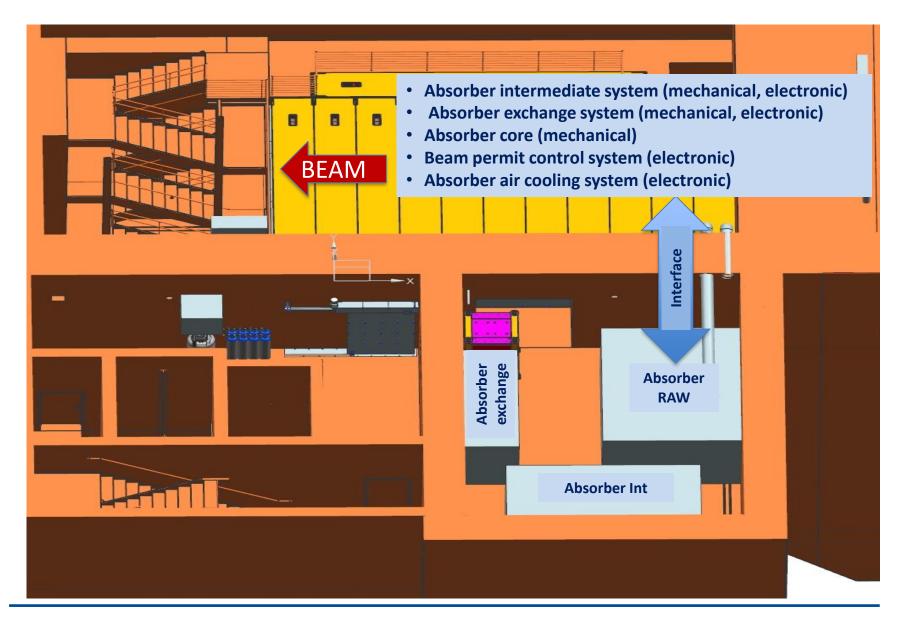
#### Absorber RAW Cooling System: Layout, New AH concept



#### Absorber RAW Cooling System: Layout, Absorber Hall Proper



### **Absorber RAW Cooling System: Interfaces**



# Experience from NuMI and MiniBooNE design/operations

- Specify corrosion resistant and rad-resistant materials.
- Specify instrumentation that is rad-hard and has remote signal processing capabilities.
- Using equipment manufacturers that have worked well for us in NuMI and MiniBooNE.
- Maintain low DI values in cooling systems not connected to electrical components.
- Maintain a constant argon blanket in the system expansion tank
- Sufficiently size the secondary containment.
- Sufficiently size the expansion tanks to prevent rapid level rise/fall owing to temperature swings.
- Strict adherence to ASME codes for fabrication.
- System start-up/commissioning done as per approved written safety/operational procedures under supervision of design engineer.
- Soft-starts for high HP pump/motor assemblies.
- Filter cartridge maintenance program to prolong the life of DI bottles.

# Conclusion

- We understand the heat load, flow, temperature, and velocity requirements well.
- Incorporated experience from NuMI and MiniBooNE RAW during the design process.
- The H2 production in the Absorber RAW system needs to be understood more—MARS simulations are on-going.
- The steel components operate at temperatures that are much lower than steel's allowable limits in the current scenario—there is room for value-engineering in the future—could reduce the size of the system.
- The cost and schedule for the system seem reasonable at this time.

### Thank you! Questions and discussion