

# LBNE: Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment



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# Goals of LBNE

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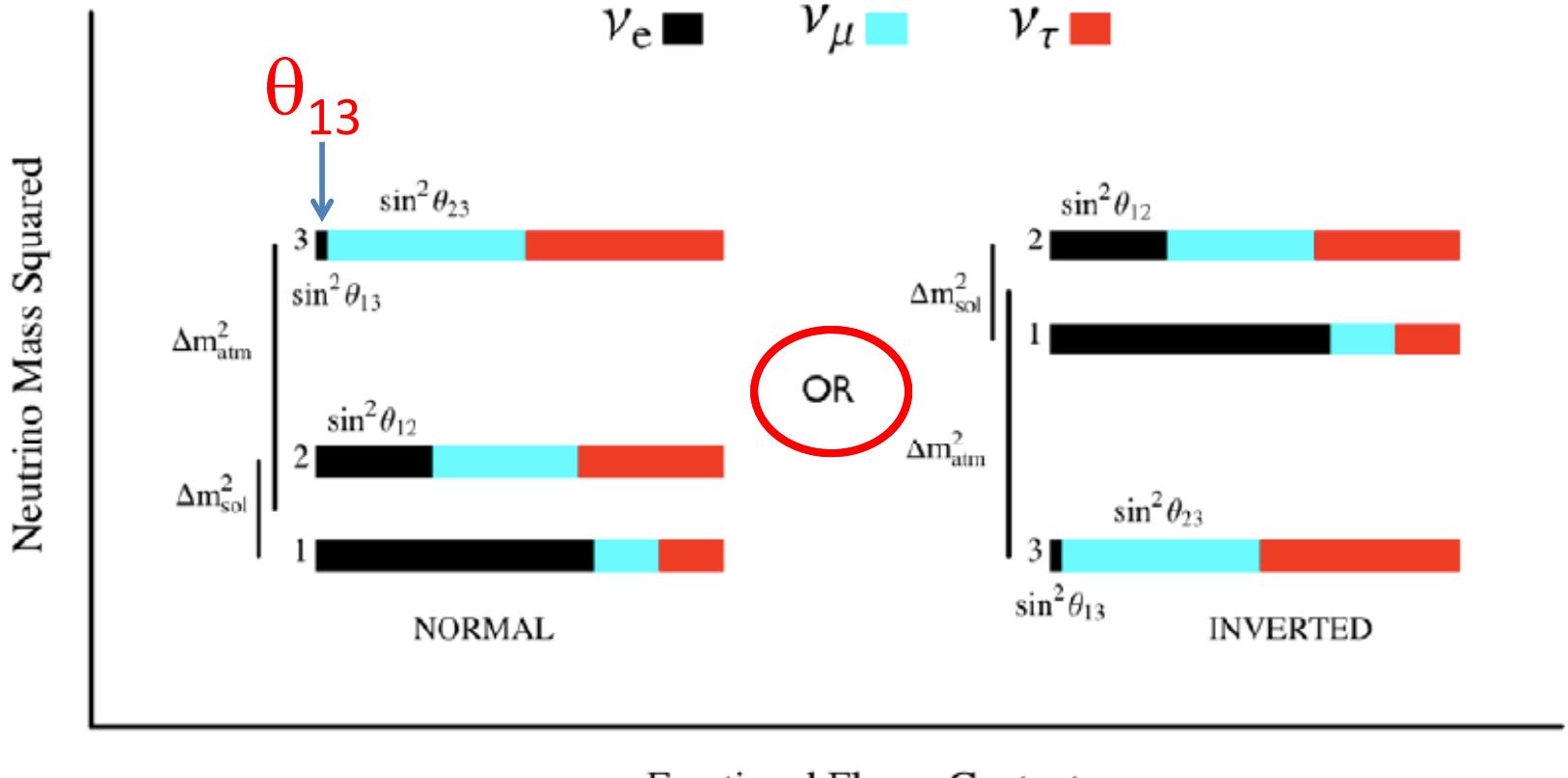
Measure  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations with sensitivity  $\gg$  NOvA:

- Measure  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$  to  $\ll 0.01$
- Determine the mass hierarchy:  
Are  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  lighter or heavier than  $\nu_3$ ?
- Search for CP violation in the neutrino sector - Why is there matter but almost no anti-matter in the Universe?

Use very massive detector necessary for the oscillation physics for:

- Improved limits (or discovery!) of proton decay
- Measurements using astrophysical neutrinos:
  - From cosmic ray interactions in the atmosphere
  - Solar neutrinos
  - Neutrinos from a supernova in (or near) our galaxy
  - Relic neutrinos from "all" past supernovas

# Long Baseline Neutrino Oscillations



CP :  $P(\nu) = P(\bar{\nu})$  ?

The sensitivities shown on the following series of plots are from Mark Dierckxsen, U of C

# What do we want to be able to do this Experiment?

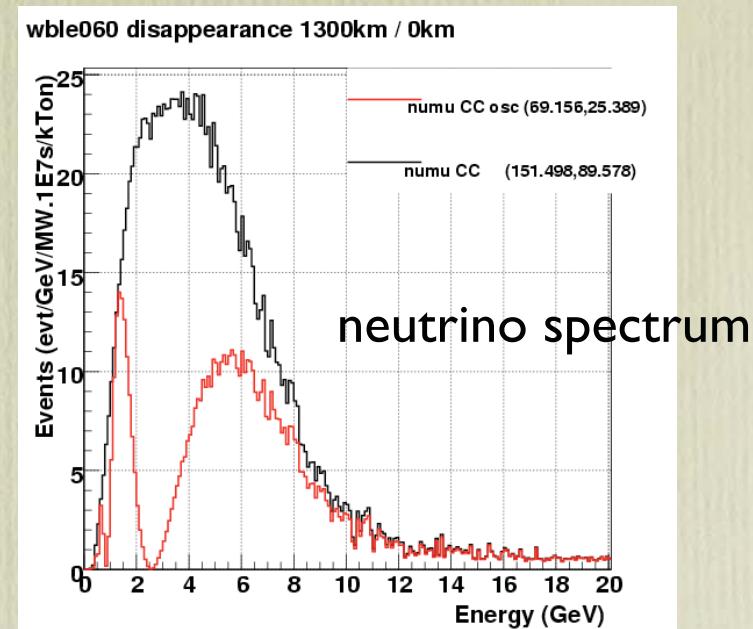
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- A long baseline neutrino beam:  $1000 \text{ km} < L < 1500 \text{ km}$   
(MINOS = 735 km, NOvA = 810 km, T2K (Japan) = 295 km)
- A very massive detector:  
300 kT water Čerenkov detector ( $12 \times$  Super-K)  
or  
50 kT LAr TPC (100  $\times$  ICARUS)  
(NOvA = 15 kT, Super-K (Japan) = 25 kT)
- Detectors at great depth, for cosmic ray shielding, especially for the non-accelerator based physics.  
(MINOS = 2200 mwe, NOvA ~ surface, Super-K = 2700 mwe)
- A high power neutrino beam of a few GeV energy, generated by a 2 MW proton beam.  
(MINOS ~ 0.3 MW, NOvA = 0.7 kW, T2K = 0.7 kW)
- A precision “near” detector to measure the un-oscillated beam as it leaves the source.

# Event rate for FNAL to Homestake

Evt rate: 1 MW for 3 yrs ★

Event type	300kT, 120 GeV 0.5 deg.	300kT, 60 GeV 0 deg.
Numu CC no osc	161820	272693
Numu CC with osc	68220	124479



High precision  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32}$

- Important (esp.  $\theta_{23} \sim 45$  deg.) with possibility of new physics.
- Either 120 GeV or 60 GeV beam can be used: two oscillation nodes.
- Measurement dominated by systematics (see hep/0407047) (~1%)



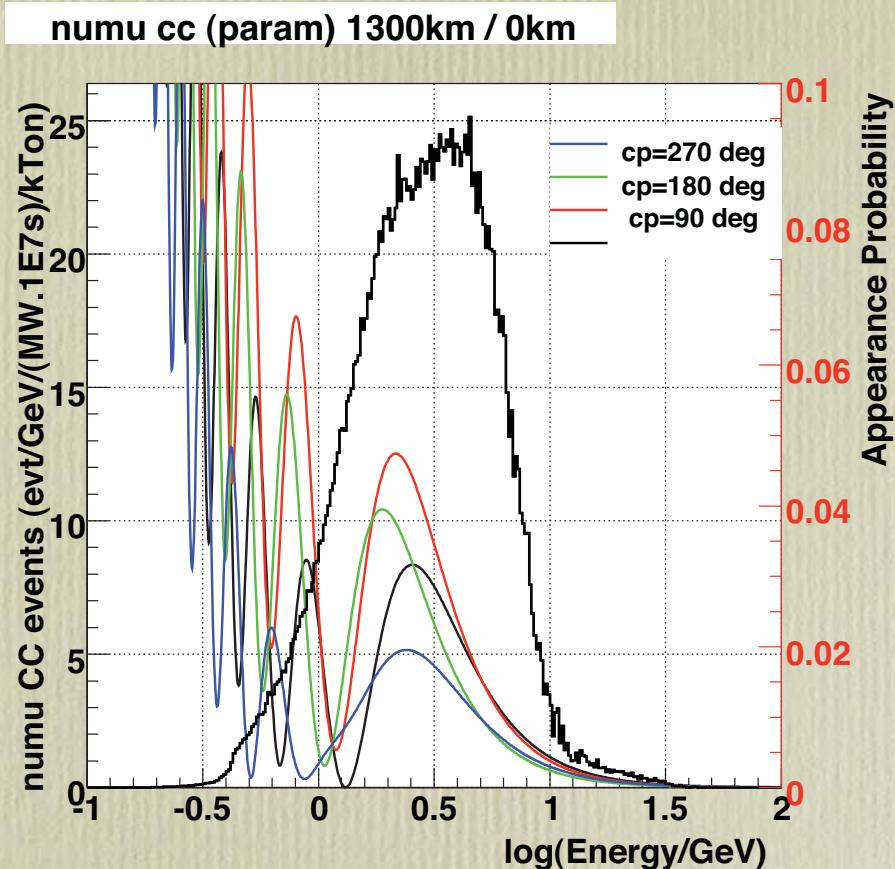
★  $\text{yr}^{-2}\text{XIO}^7 \text{ sec}$

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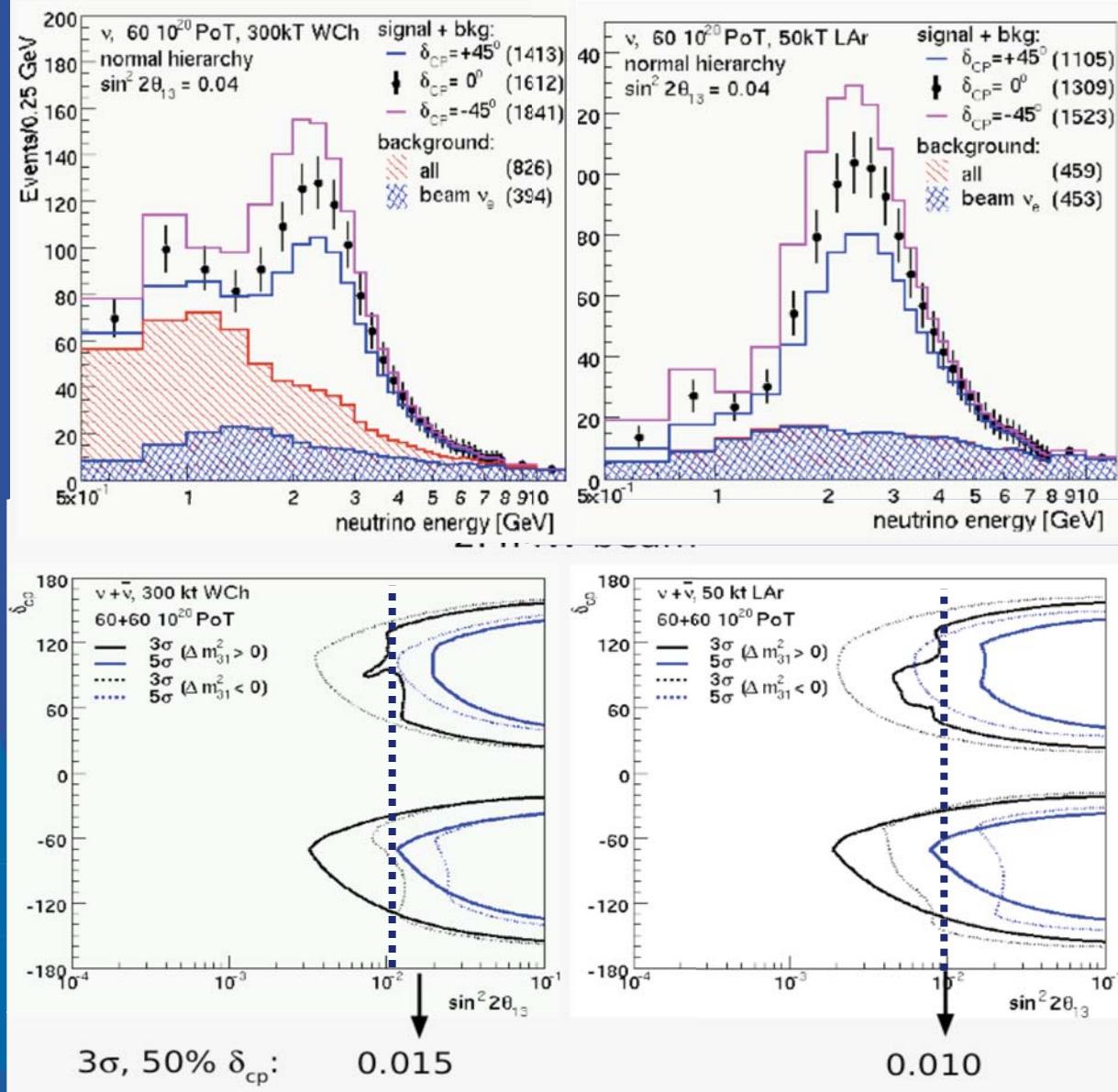
# Spectra FNAL to DUSEL (WBLE:wide band low energy)



- 60 GeV at 0deg: CCrate: 14 per ( $kT^* 10^{20}$  POT)

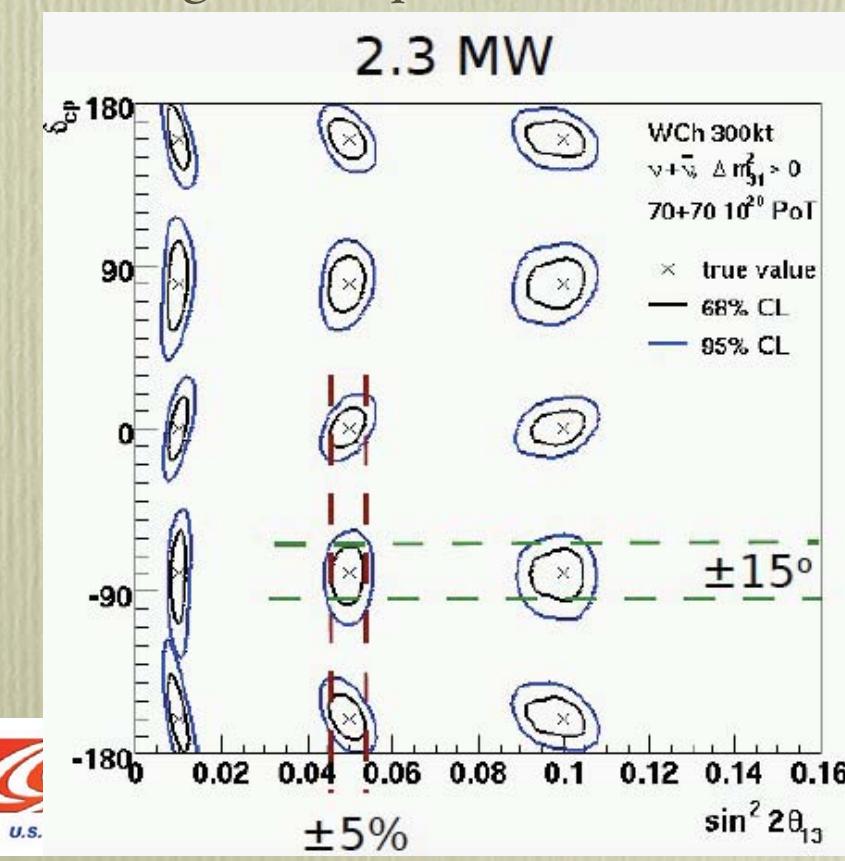


# Signals and backgrounds for WC vs. LAr



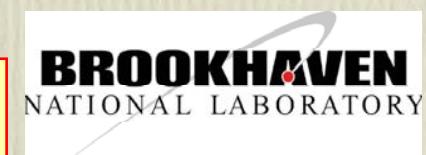
# Further science issues

- Program should lead to measurement of 3-generation parameters without ambiguities. (recall: CP measurement is approximately independent of  $\theta_{13}$ ). Need large detector independent of  $\theta_{13}$  value.
- A broad band beam is needed to get spectral information to resolve ambiguities. Spectrum down to 0.5 GeV important.



300 kT water Cherenkov  
detector @DUSEL  
Measurement of CP phase and  
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  at several points. All  
ambiguities and mass hierarchy  
are resolved.

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# What are we planning for this experiment (reality intervenes)

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- A new neutrino beam from Fermilab, aimed at the proposed DUSEL in the Homestake Mine in SD, baseline = 1290 km
- Two 100+ kT (fiducial volume) water Čerenkov detectors, or Two 17+ kT (fiducial) LAr detectors, or One of each.
- Detectors to be built at 4850 feet below the surface, or Possibly ~300 feet for the LAr detector
- A new neutrino beam line operating at 0.7 MW, but with infrastructure capable of 2 MW.
- A precision near detector just inside the Fermilab site boundary.

*Note reduction in "exposure":*

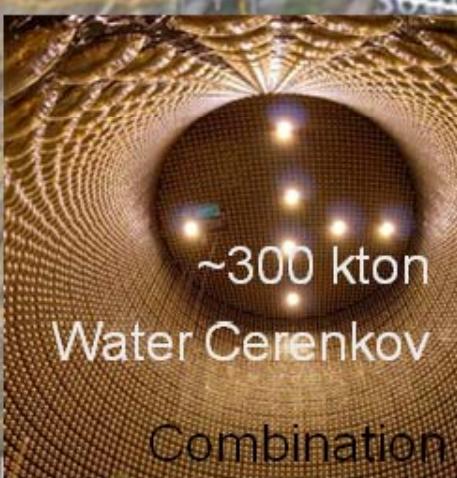
*2/3 the detector mass x 1/3 the beam power*

*=> require 4.5 x the running time to reach the same sensitivity*

# LBNE

- Oscillation physics:  $\nu_e$  appearance
- 1290 km baseline,
- On-axis, broad-band beam
- 2x 100 kT fiducial volume  $H_2O$  Čerenkov or equivalent LAr TPC

NSF's proposed  
Underground Lab.  
DUSEL



~100 kton Liquid Ar TPC

Combination of WC and LAr

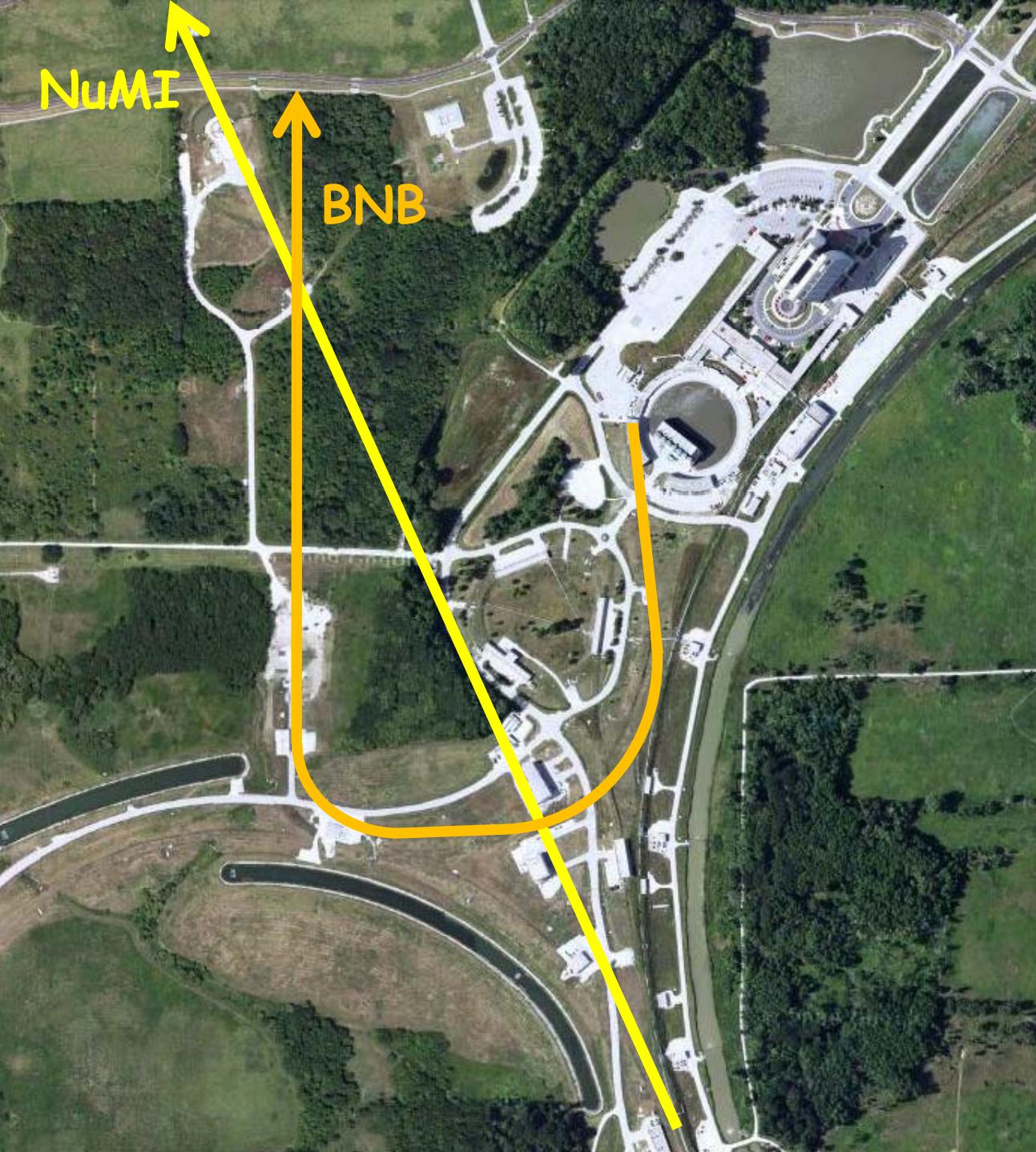
Supernovae Neutrinos

700 kW → 2 MW beam  
(Project X)



Matter – Antimatter Asymmetry with Neutrinos  
Proton Decay  
Supernovae Neutrinos

# Existing Fermilab Neutrino Beams

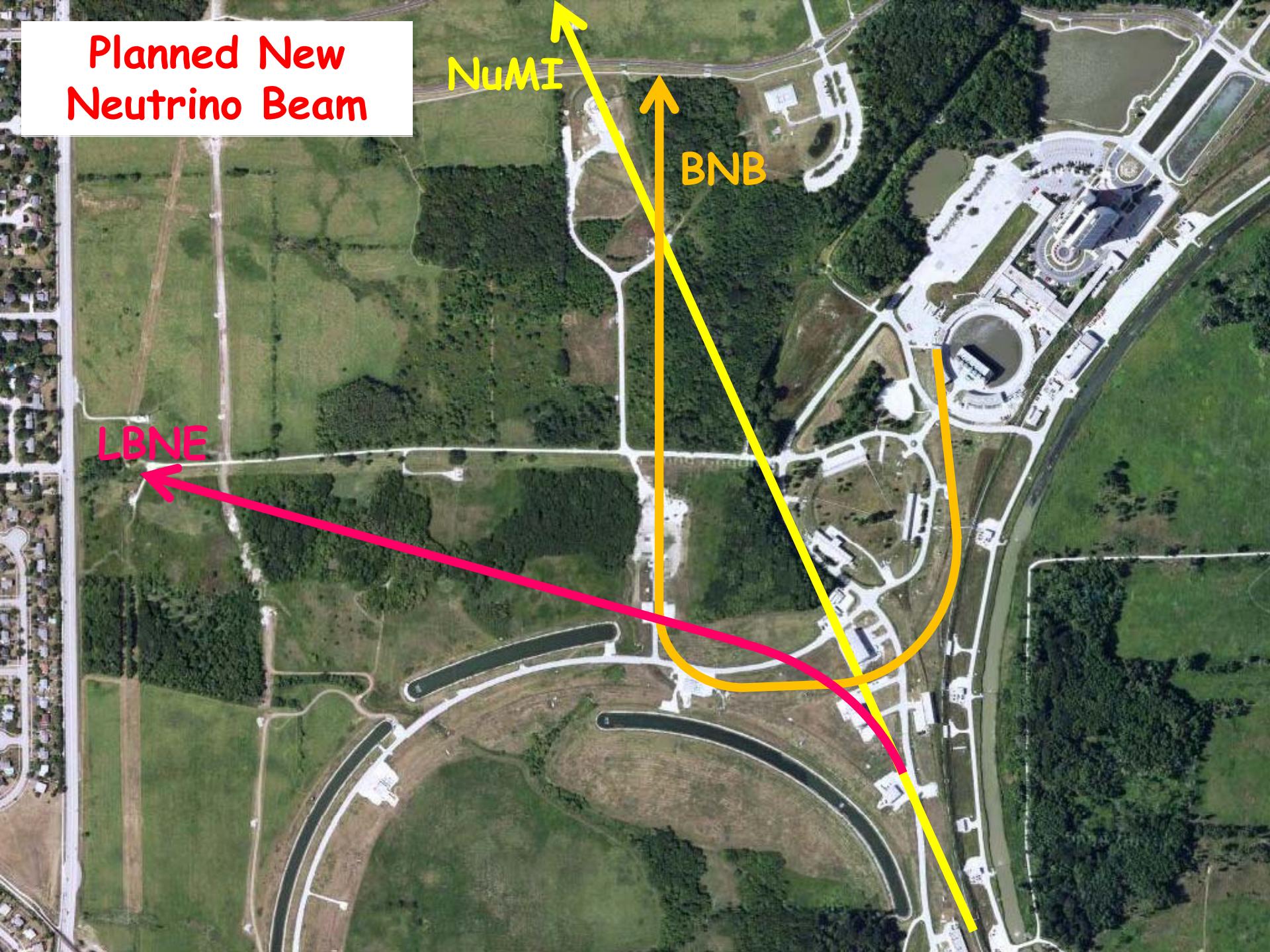


Planned New  
Neutrino Beam

NuMI

BNB

LBNE

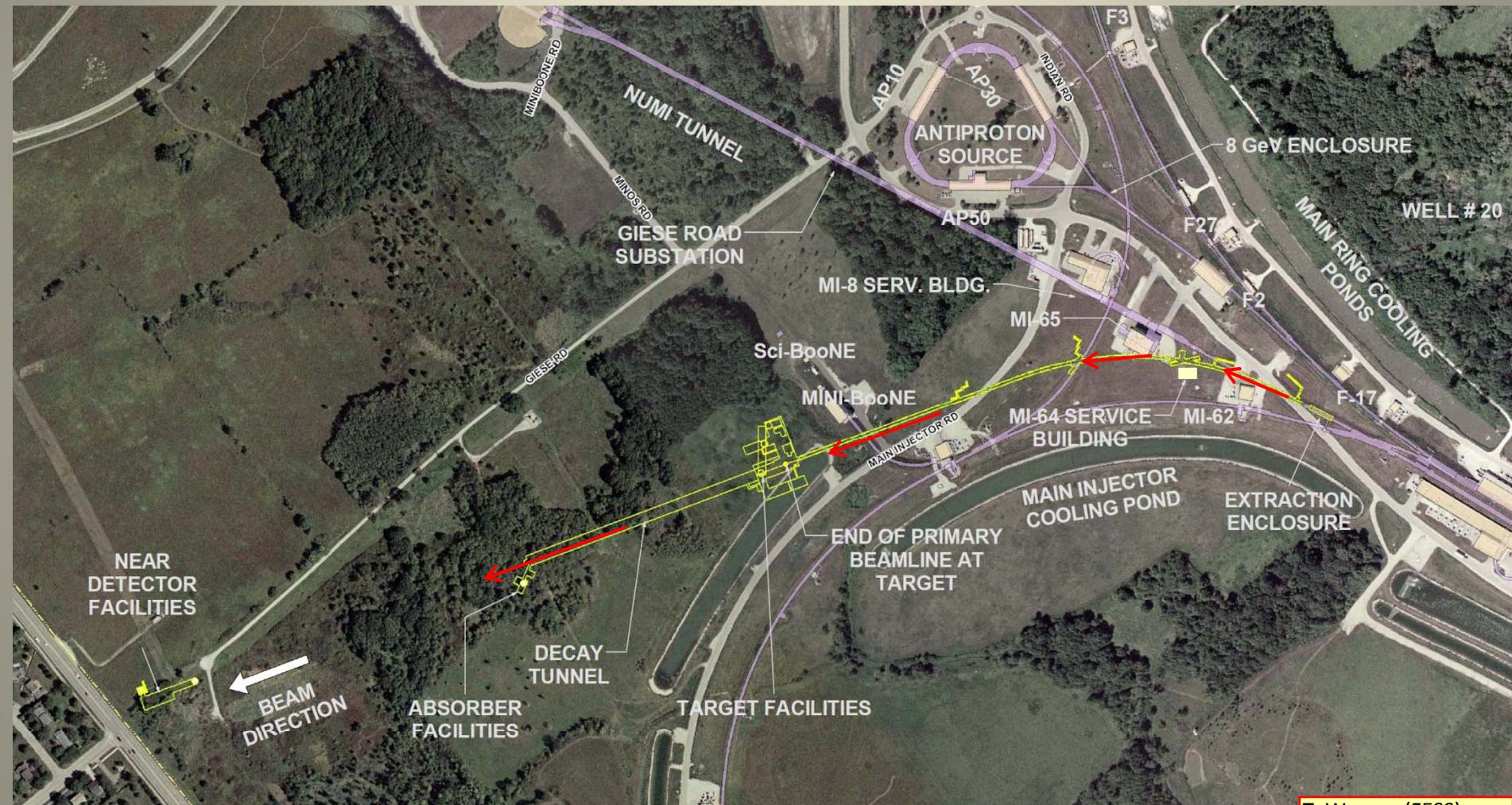




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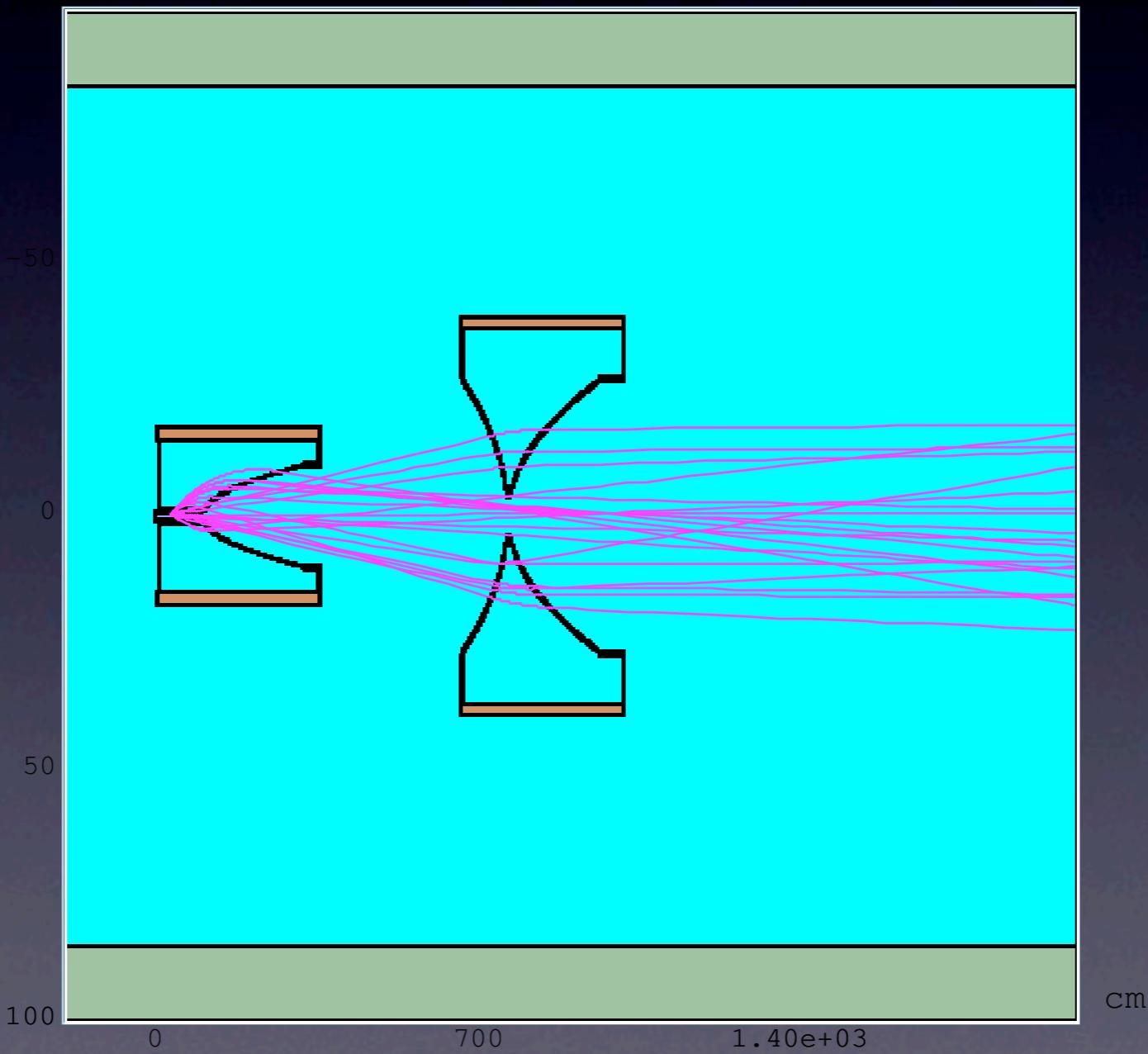
## Civil Construction

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# Visualization

5 GeV

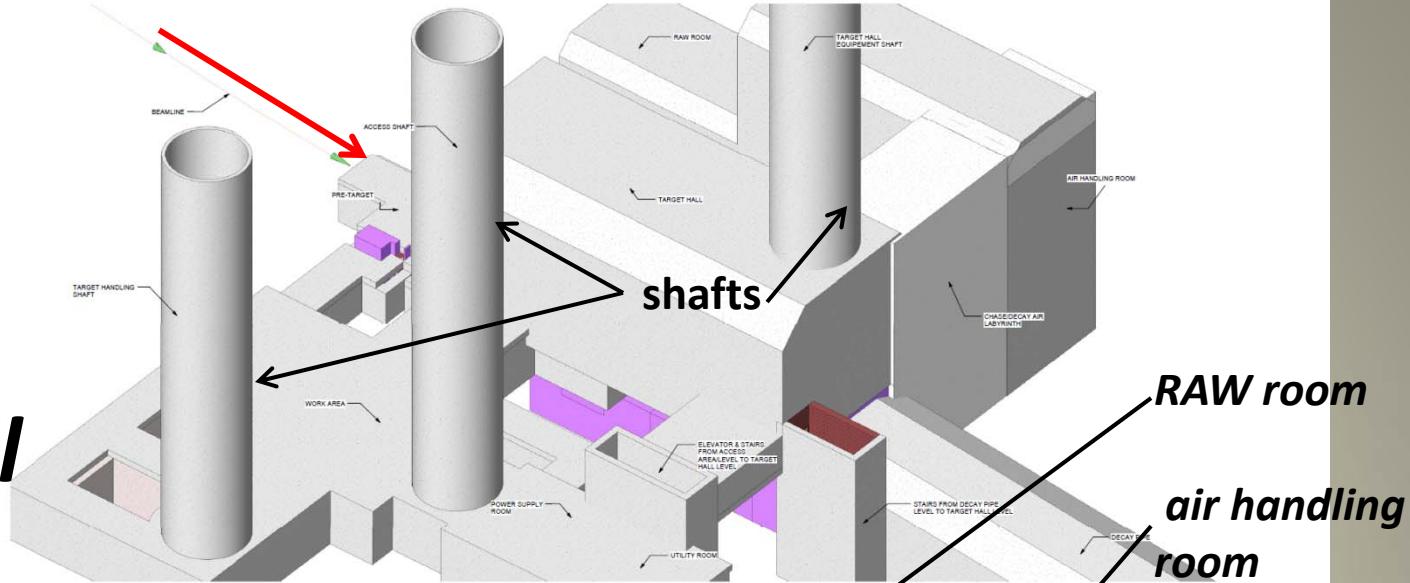


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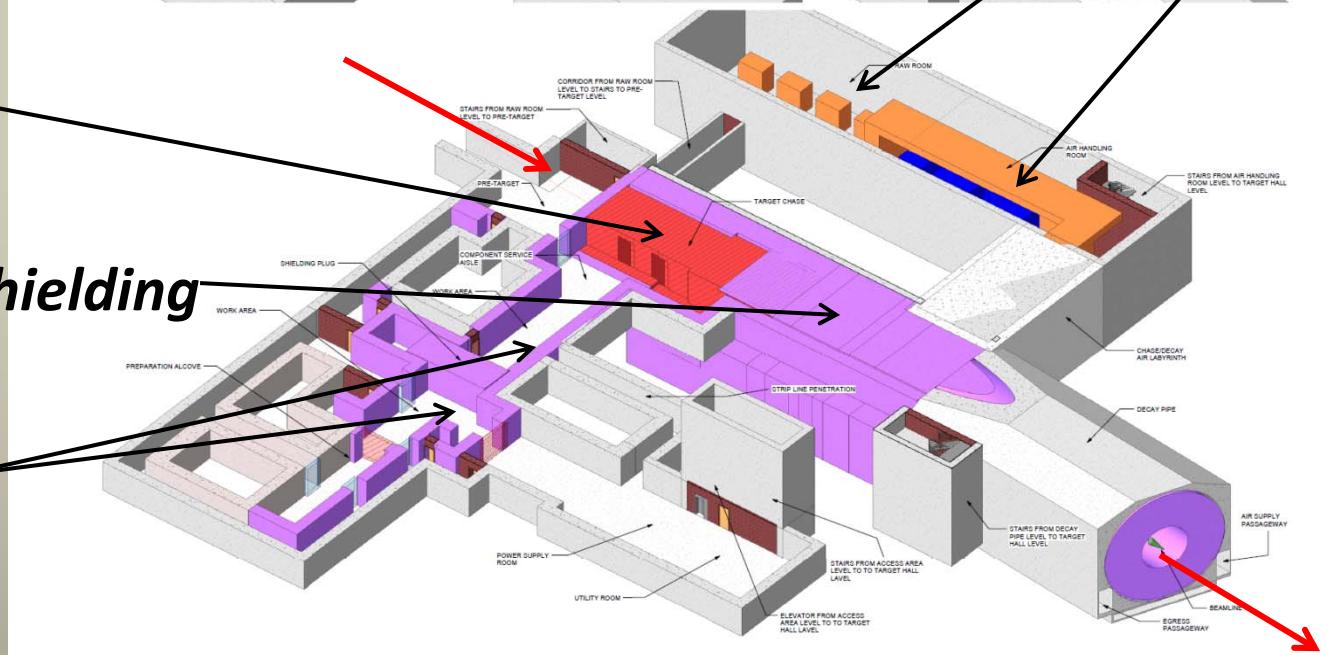
# Target Hall



**target chase**

**target pile/shielding**

**work areas**



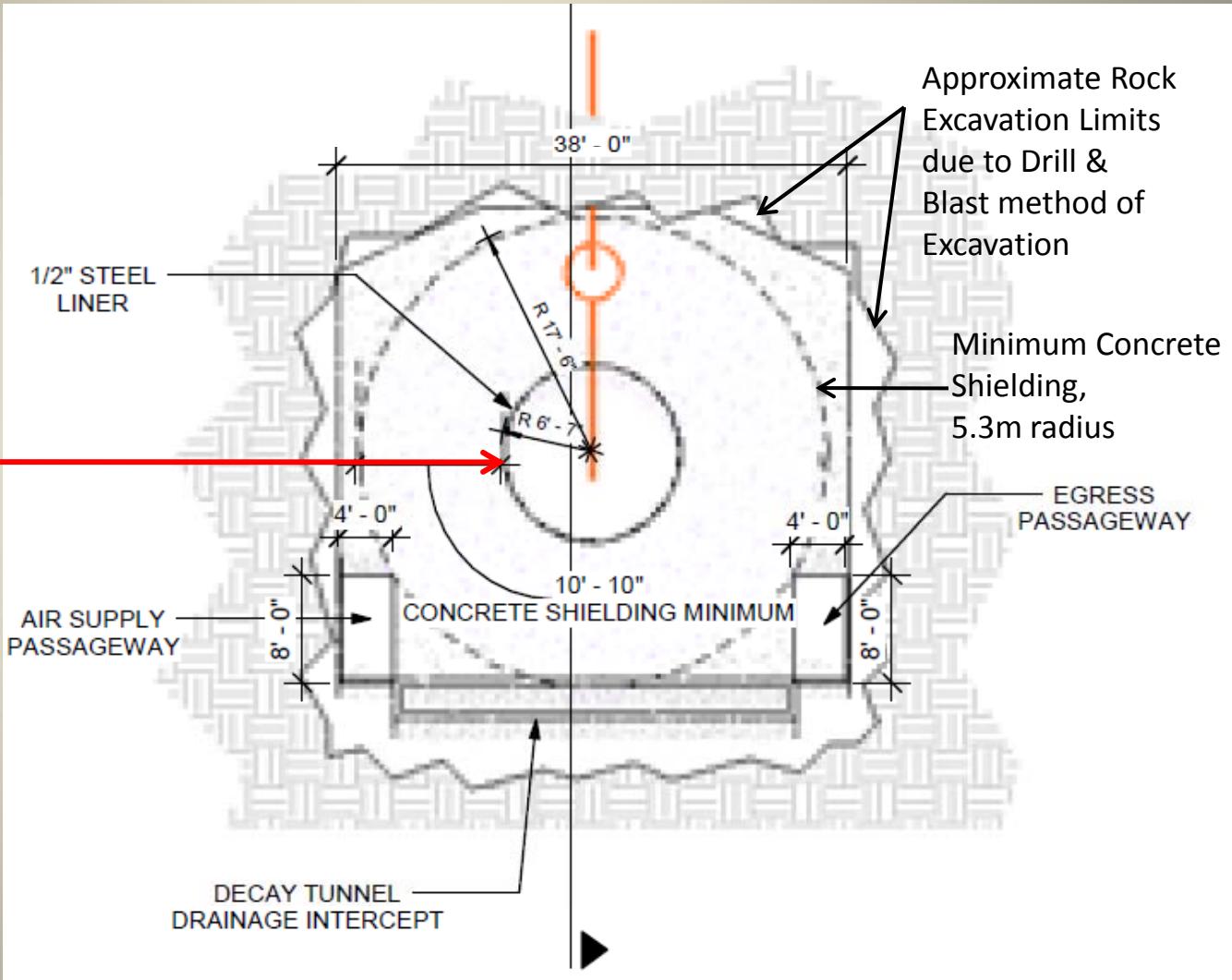
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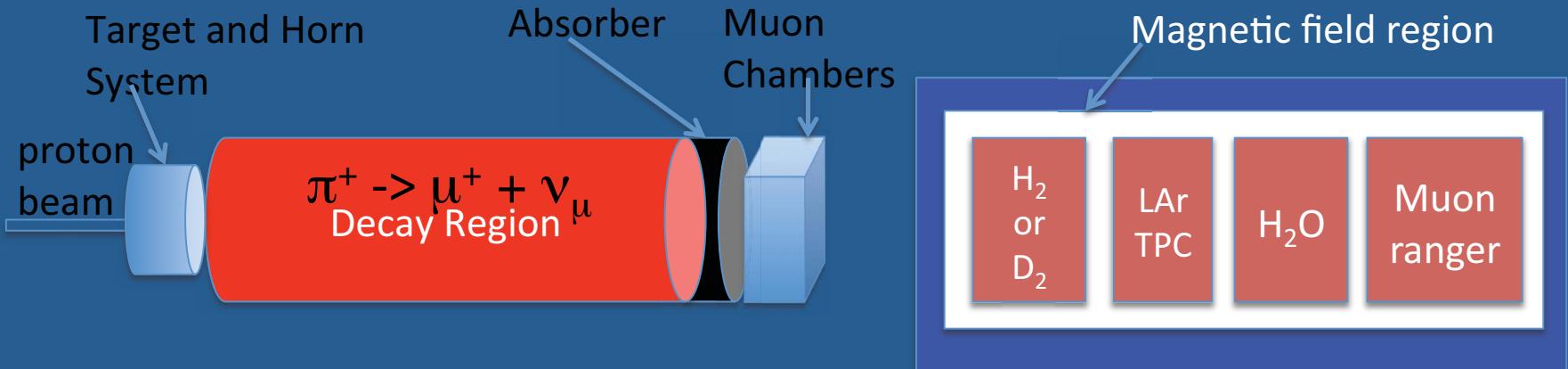
**4m dia.**

**Decay Pipe**  
*(vs. NuMI 2 m dia.)*

# Decay Tunnel / Pipe



# Anticipated Measurements



## Beamline Measurements

### Geoff Mills Talk

- In-situ meson measurements
- HARP/MIPP/SHINE external hadron production measurements
- muon measurements/monitoring

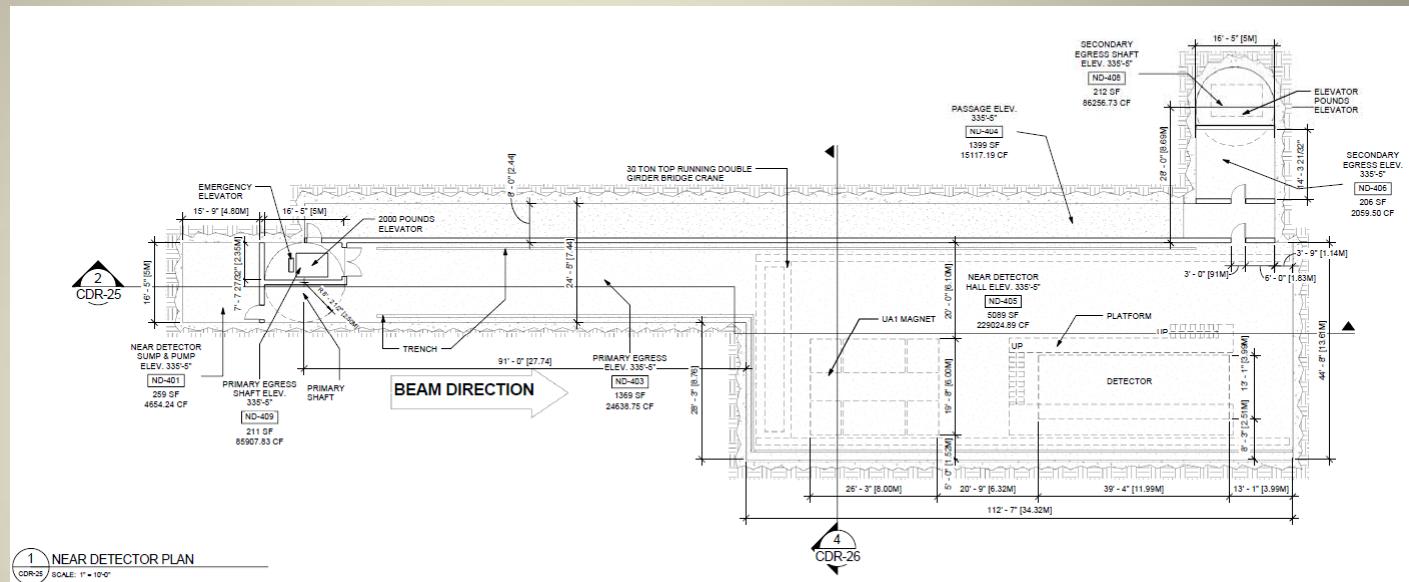
## Neutrino Hall Measurements

### Bill Louis Talk

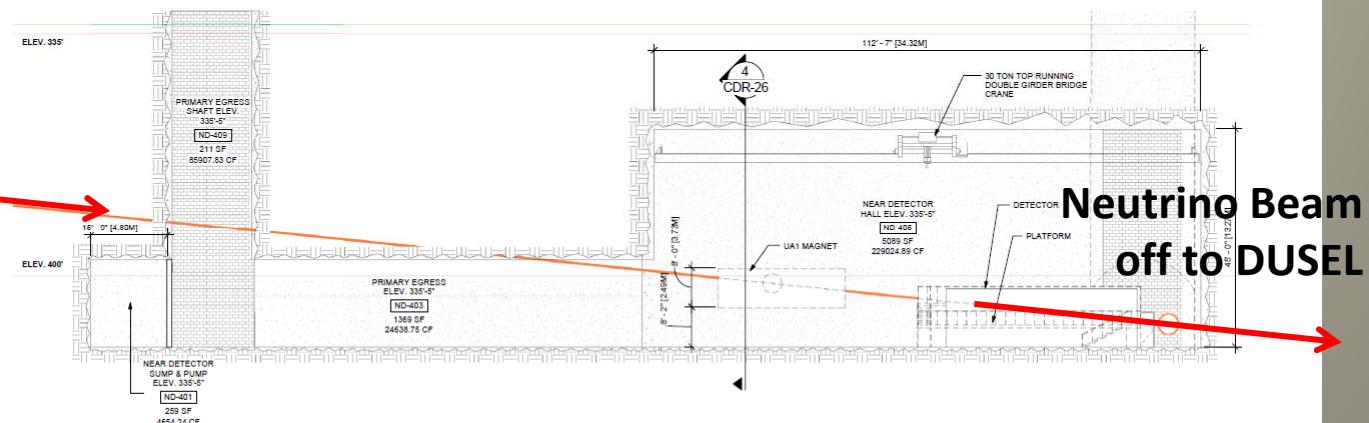
- Flux measurement
- Precision event rate/cross-section measurements on  $H_2O$  and argon
- Muon momentum measurements
- Charge/flavor separated neutrino spectrum measurement



# Near Detector Hall



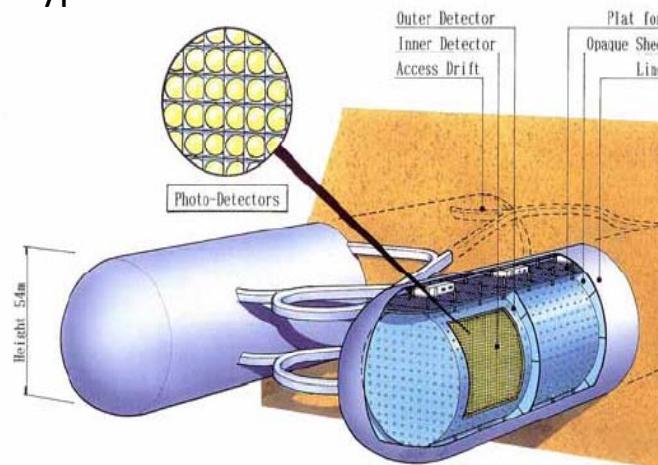
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**Beamline**



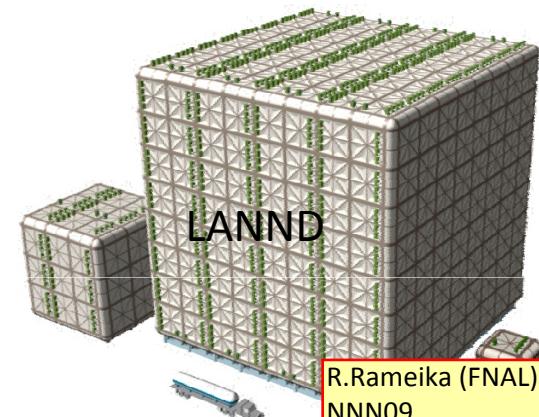
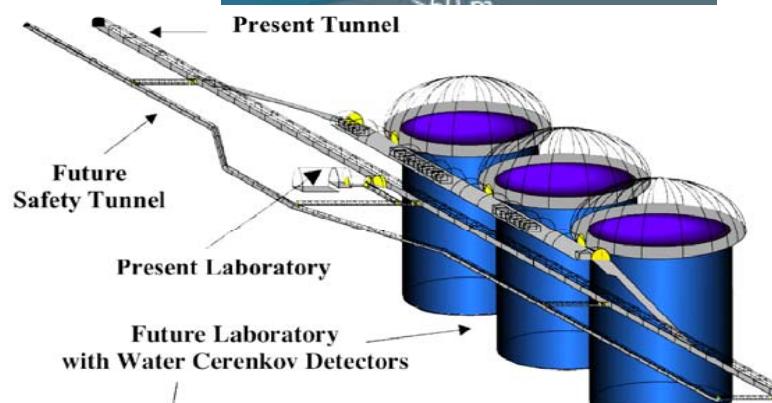
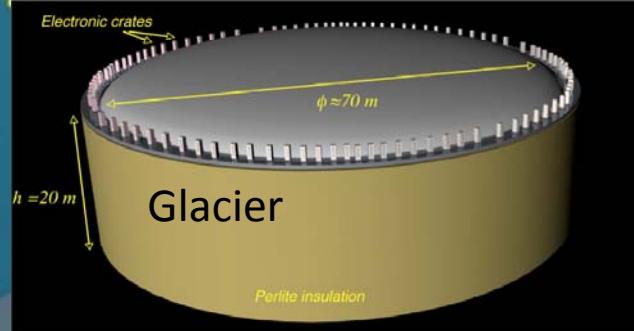
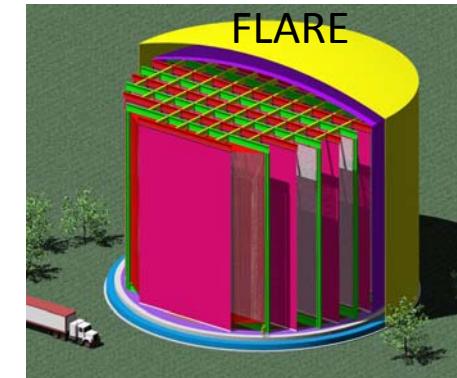
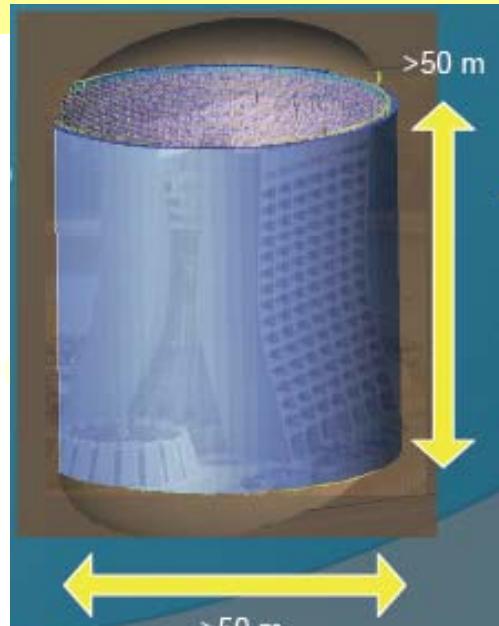
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# World Wide Concepts for Large Detectors

Hyper-Kamiokande



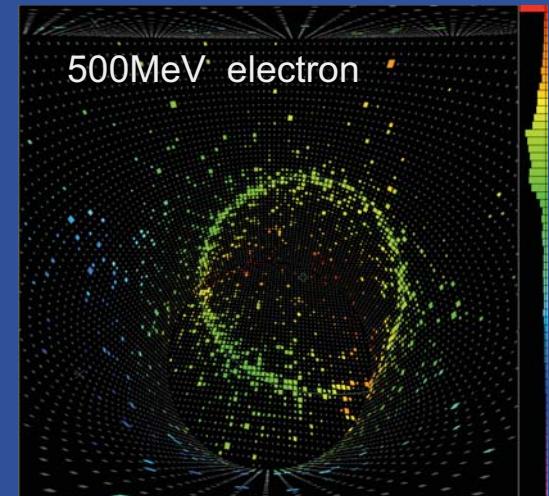
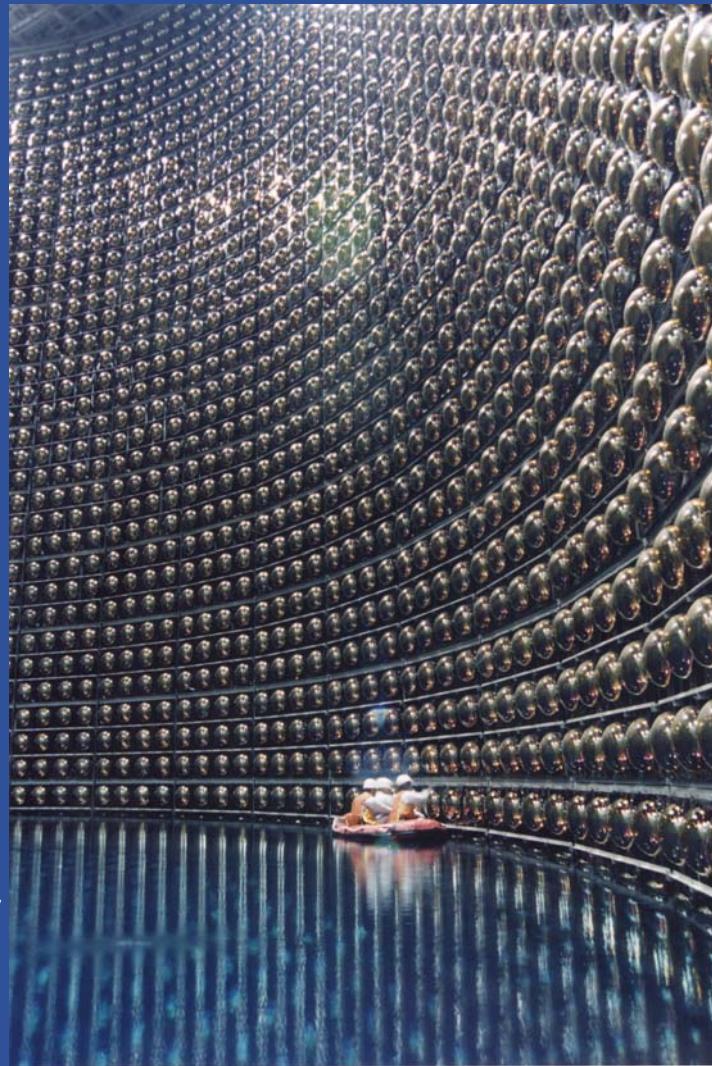
Water Cerenkov  
Liquid Argon  
Liquid Scintillator



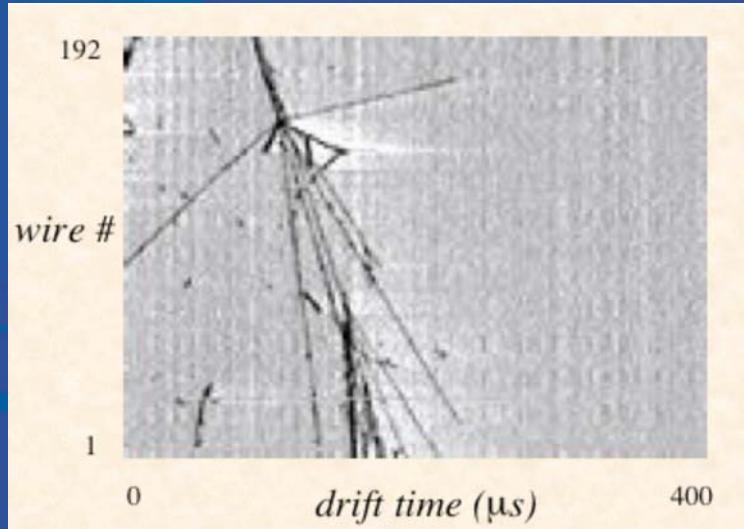
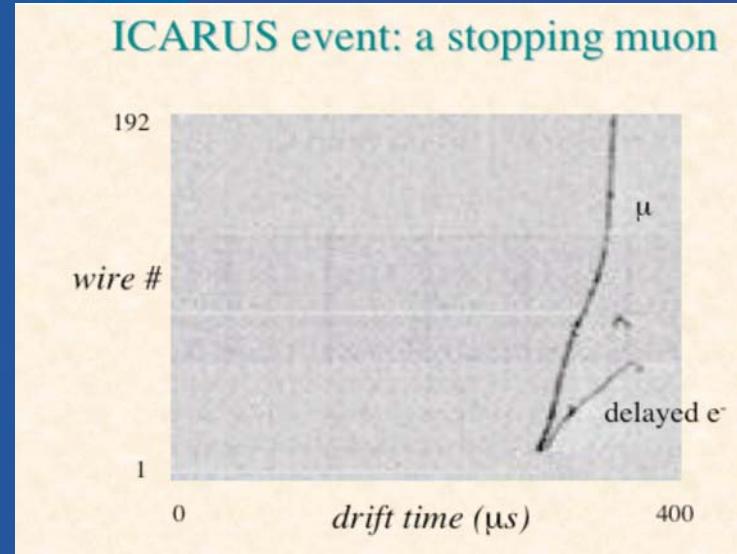
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# Far Detector : Water Cerenkov

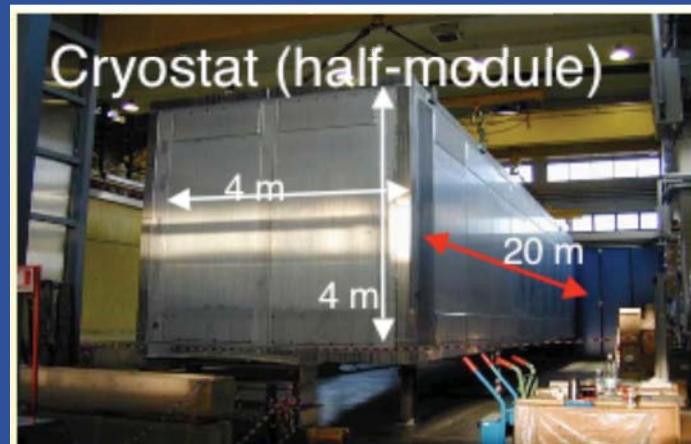
- Super-K
  - 13K 20" PMT
  - 40% coverage
  - 50 kT total mass
  - 39 m diameter
  - 42 m height
- LBNE
  - 60 K 10" PMT per 100kT FV module (25%)
  - ~55 m diameter
  - ~60 m height



# Far Detector : Liquid Argon



- LAr potential
  - Efficiency ~80%
  - $e/\pi^0/\gamma$  identification – low NC bkgd
- Proof of Principle at large scale lacking
  - ICARUS T-300 x 2
  - Many challenges

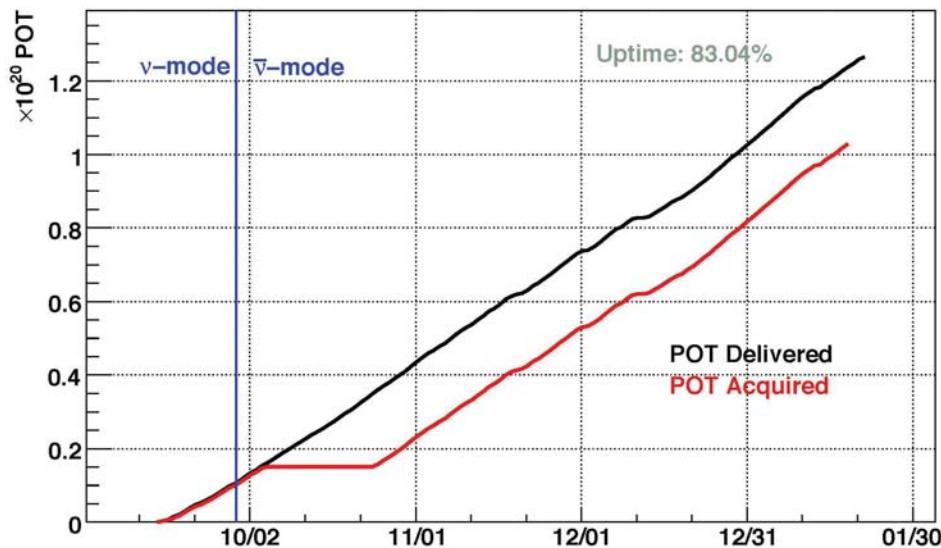


Progress on these components...

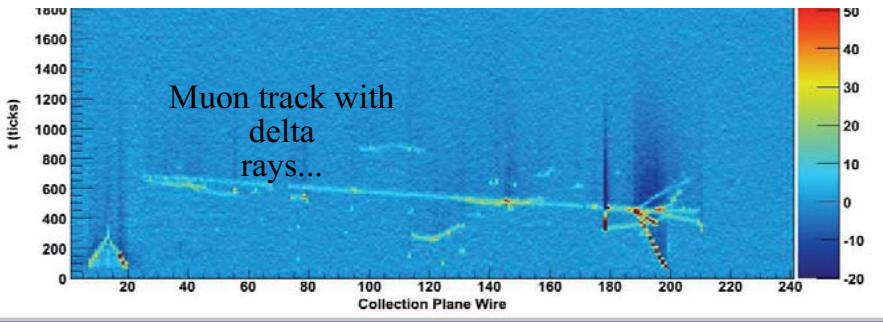
## ArgoNeuT



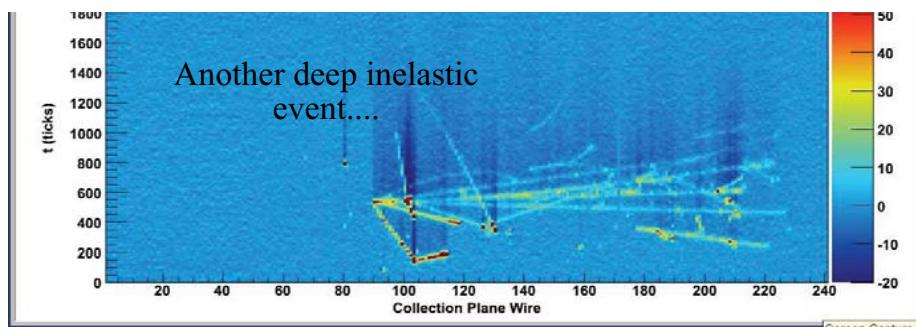
ArgoNeuT POT delivered and accumulated



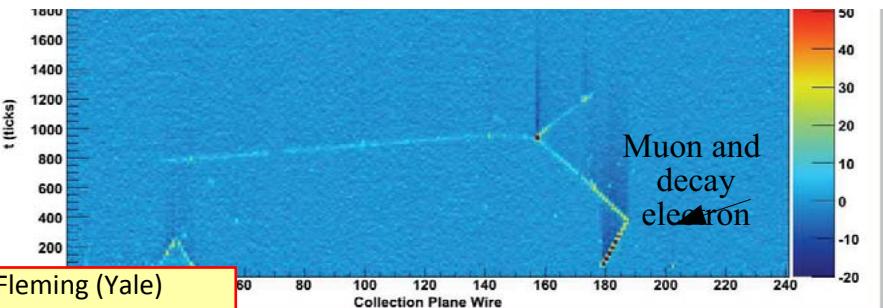
Muon track with  
delta rays...



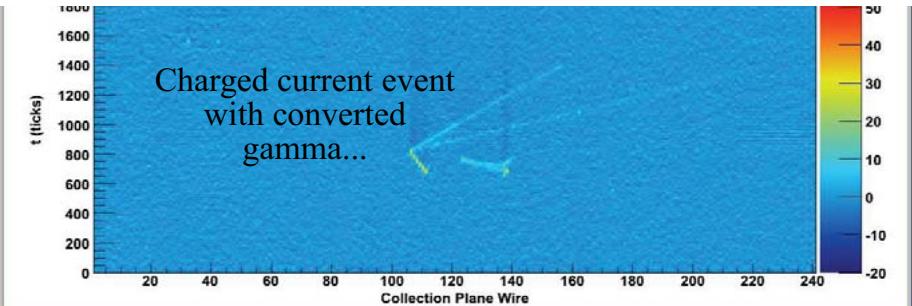
Another deep inelastic  
event....



Muon and  
decay electron



Charged current event  
with converted  
gamma...

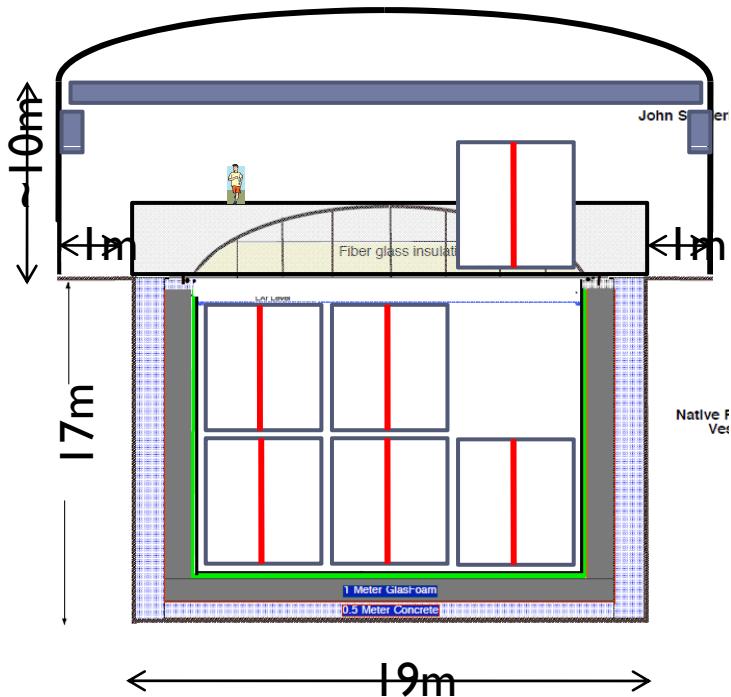


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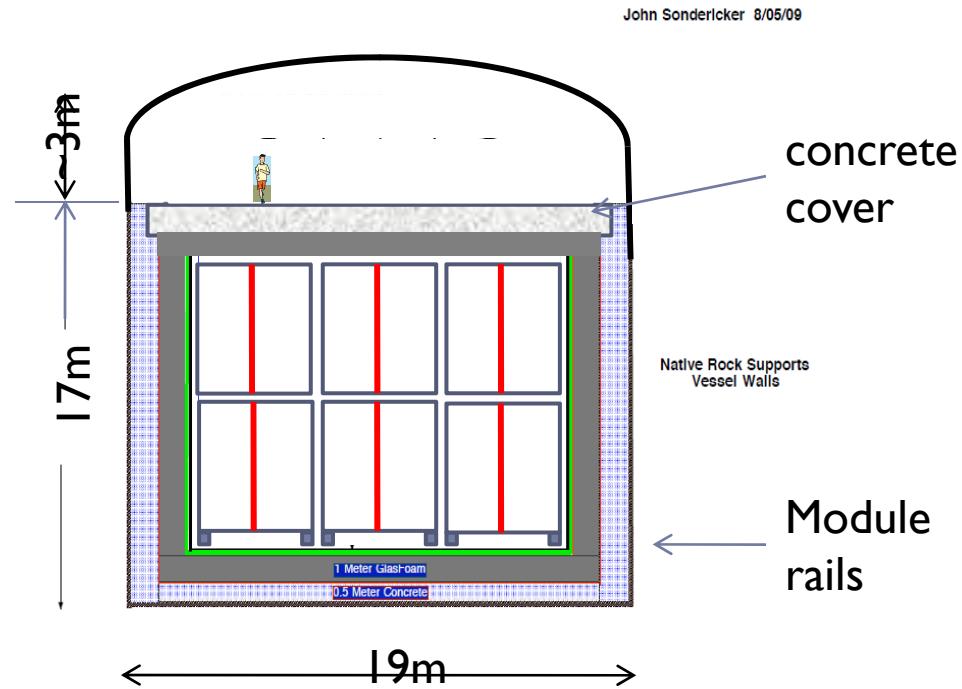
See M. Soderberg's talk

# Membrane Cryostat TPC Module/Cavern Concepts

Top Loading with Bridge Crane  
Deep Option



End Loading on Rails  
Shallow Option



Reference Design Ia shown – Bo Yu will present other options



6 ½ Empire State Buildings  
for scale

Shallow  
Lab

Mid-level

Deep  
Campus

Astrophysics

Engineering

Geoscience

Physics

Biology



NSF site decision on advice from a 22 member unanimous panel.

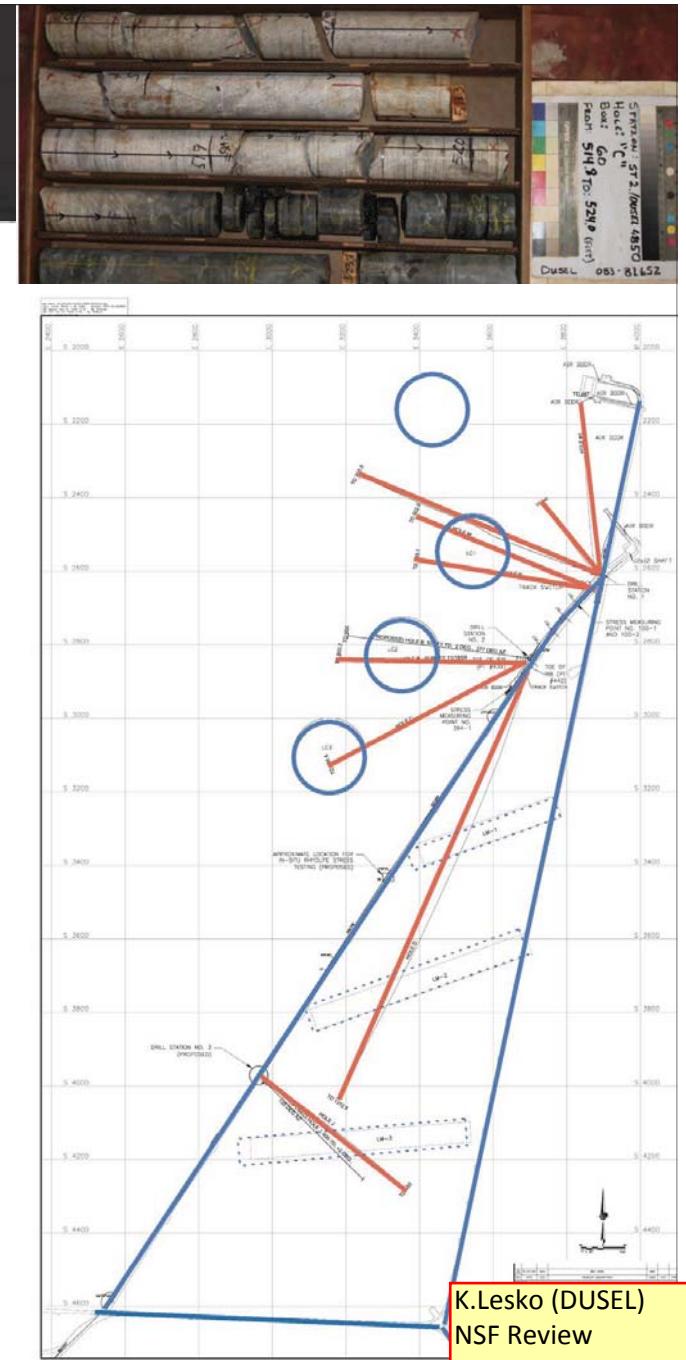


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# Completed Critical Geotechnical Investigations

- 4850 Level Mapping - Completed
  - Geological Model - Developed
  - Coring and Logging - Completed
    - holes 1, 2, 3: Sanford Lab
    - holes 3, M, N: LC 1
    - holes B, C: LC 2, LC3
    - holes D, J: 4850 Lab Modules
    - 4363.1 feet of core
  - *In situ* testing - Completed
  - Laboratory testing - Completed

# Good news: Little Water, Good to Very Good Rock Quality



# Challenges are Everywhere!

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Neutrino Beam capable of taking a 2 MW proton beam on target

- Target / Horn system
- Radiation Issues: material survivability, remote handling, ground water protection, tritium, . . .
- Underground construction
- Underground safety
- Etc.

Near Detector needs clever design

- Cannot just be miniature version of far detector
- Needs to be compact and cost effective
- Underground construction
- Underground safety
- Etc.

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## Water Čerenkov Detector

- Unprecedented size and number of PMTs
- Water pressure effects on PMTs
- Water tank and water system design
- Electronics and data handling
- All done underground
- Underground safety!
- Etc.

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## Liquid Argon Detector

- 50x scale-up from largest LAr TPC ever made.
- Argon purity at < ppb level over huge volume.
- Large cryogenic system deep underground.
- Electronics design and data handling!
- Event reconstruction from huge amount of information.
- Underground safety!!!
- Etc.

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## Underground Construction

- Complex Target Hall, Decay Pipe, and Hadron Absorber construction on Fermilab site.
- Near Detector hall at 400 feet depth.
- Large Cavity for water Čerenkov detector is of unprecedented size and depth.
- Underground safety!!!
- Etc.

# We are only just starting . . .

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. . . and need all the help we can get!

For more information, ask:

About the whole project: Gina Rameika, Elaine McCluskey or me

About the nu beam: Vaia Papadimitriou, Pat Hurh, Bob Zwaska

About water Čerenkov: Paul Mantch, Mark Kaducek (PMTs);  
Del Allspach, Tom Junk (water systems)

About Liquid Argon: Bruce Baller (overall), Rich Schmitt (cryogenics),  
Ray Yarema (electronics)

About Civil Construction: Tim Wyman (on-site);  
Chris Laughton (DUSEL)

# The fun has just begun!

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