



# Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment

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44 Institutions, 154 Scientists  
... and growing.

# 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:
  - Neutrinos from a supernova in (or near) our galaxy
  - Relic neutrinos from "all" past supernovas
  - From cosmic ray interactions in the atmosphere
  - Solar neutrinos

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

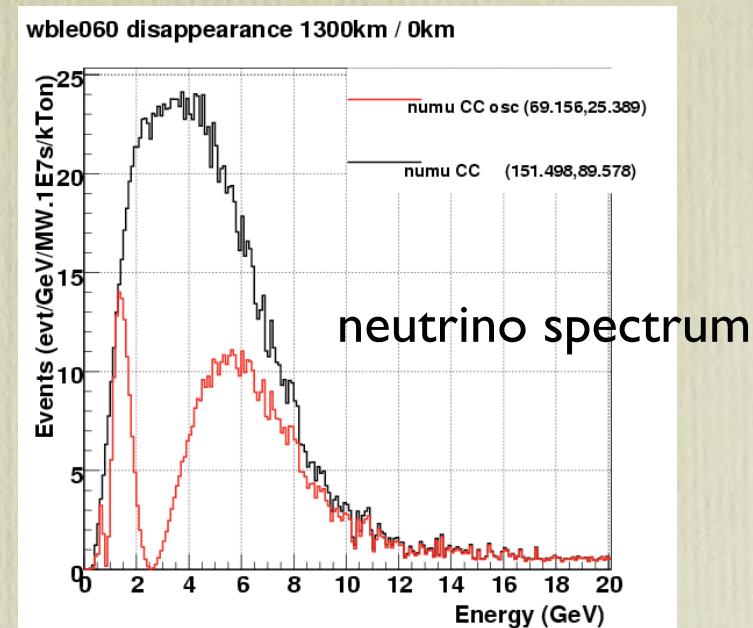
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- A long baseline neutrino beam:  $1000 \text{ km} < L < 1500 \text{ km}$   
(MINOS = 735 km, NOvA = 810 km, T2K (Japan) = 295 km)
- A very massive detector:  
300 kT water Čerenkov detector ( $12 \times$  Super-K) or  
50 kT LAr TPC ( $80 \times$  ICARUS)  
(NOvA = 15 kT, Super-K (Japan) = 25 kT)
- Detectors at great depth, for cosmic ray shielding, especially for the non-accelerator based physics:  
 $\geq 3000 \text{ mwe}$  for  $p \rightarrow K^+ \nu$ ;  $\geq 4300 \text{ mwe}$  for relic supernova neutrinos  
(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 MW, T2K = 0.7 MW)
- 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%)



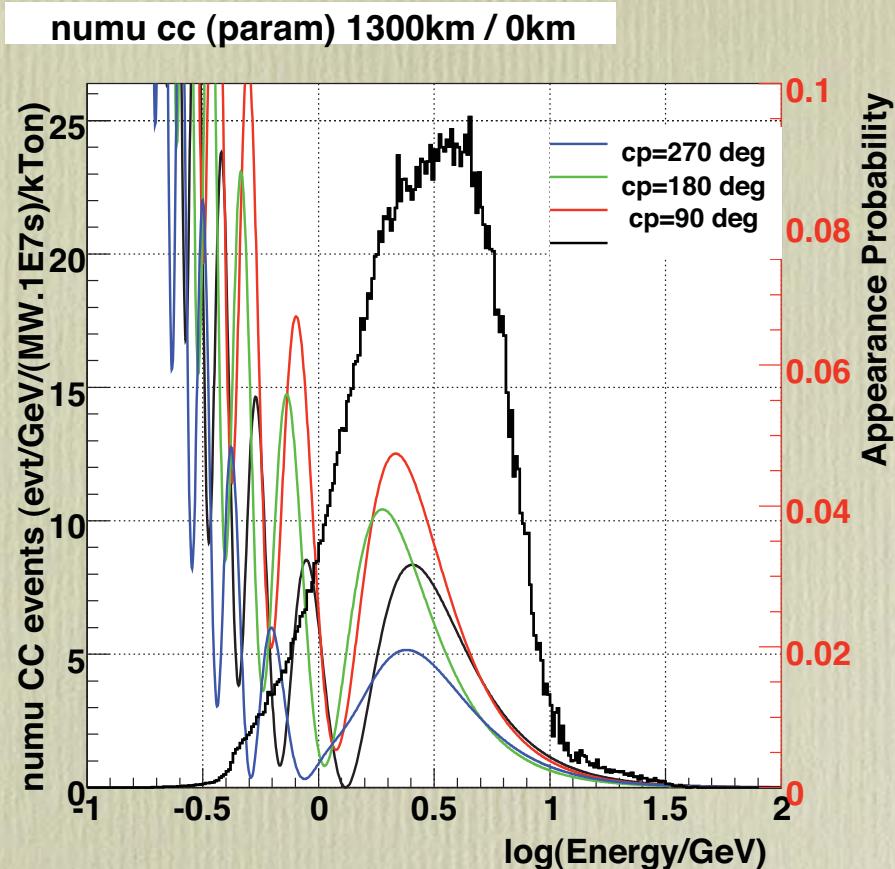
★  $\text{yr}^{-2} \times 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-1}$

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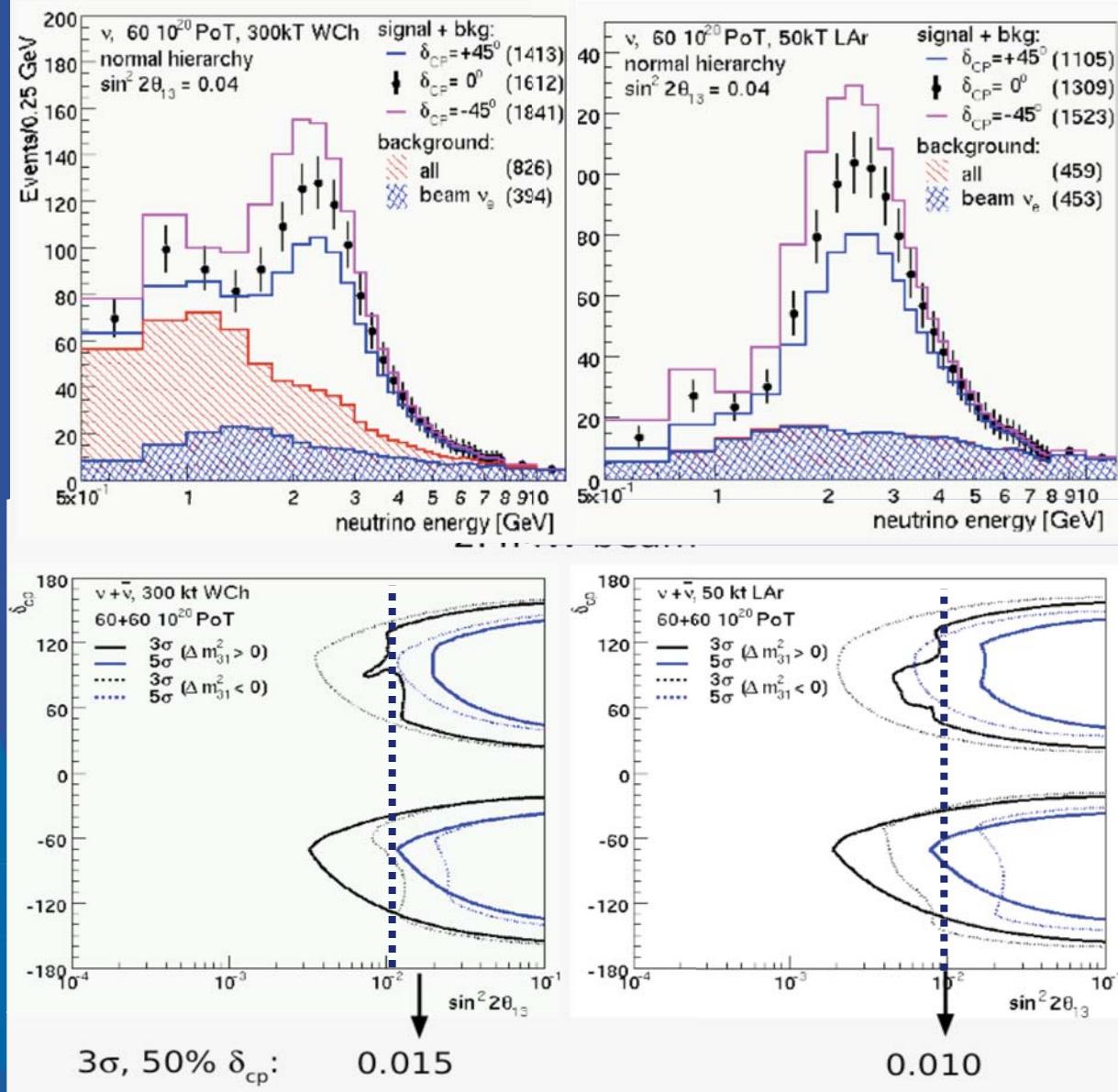
# Spectra FNAL to DUSEL (WBLE:wide band low energy)



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

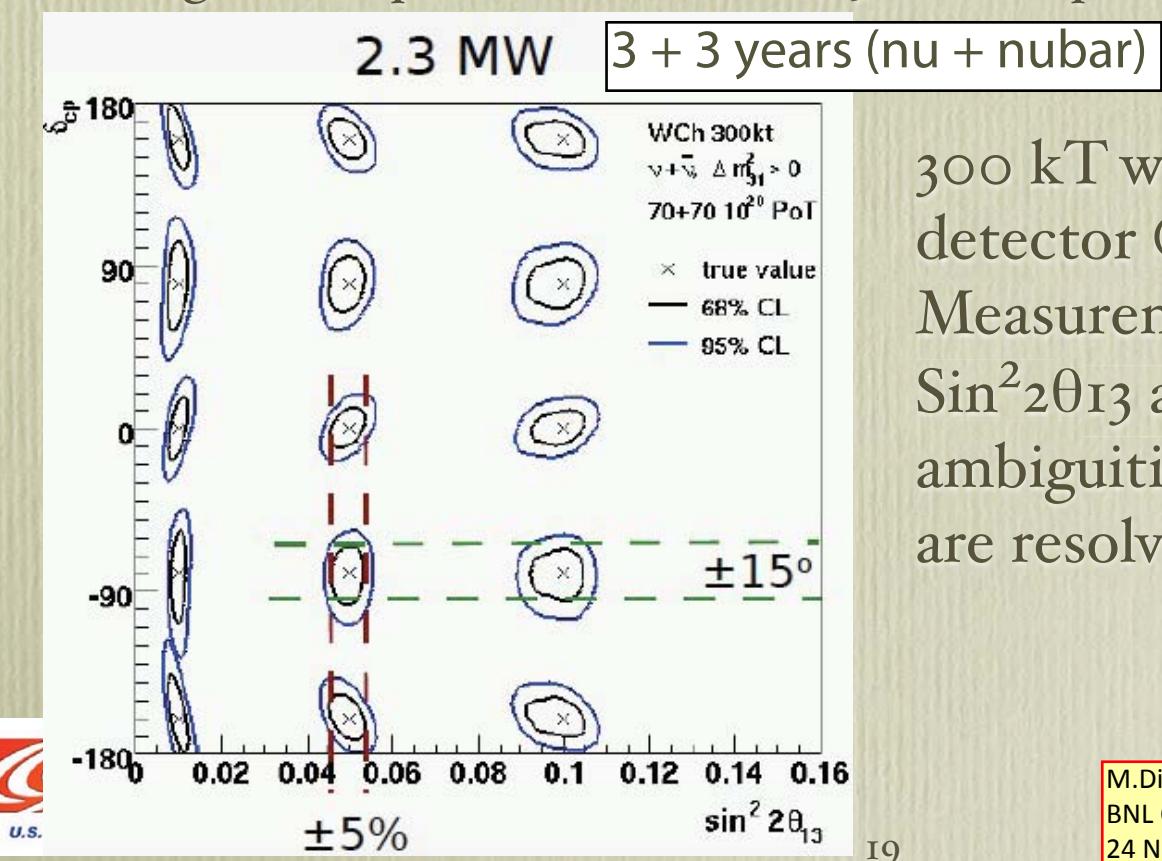


# Signals and backgrounds for WC vs. LAr



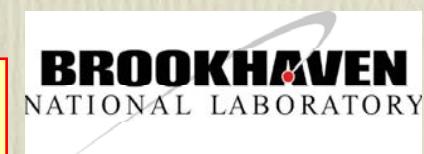
# Further science issues

- 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*

*=> x2 larger error bars . . .*

*or 4.5 x the running time to reach the same sensitivity*

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# Project Scope

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- WBS 1.1 - Project Management.
- WBS 1.2 - New neutrino beam at Fermilab:  
initial proton beam power = 0.7 MW, but facility to be capable of being upgraded to  $\geq 2$  MW.
- WBS 1.3 - Near detector capable of measuring neutrino beam properties and neutrino cross-sections with sufficient precision that the oscillation physics is limited by far detector statistics.
- A far detector complex of  $\geq 200$  kT Water Cerenkov equivalent:
- WBS 1.4 - Water Cerenkov far detector (100 kT "modules").
- WBS 1.5 - Liquid Argon TPC far detector ( $\sim 20$  kT "modules").
- WBS 1.6 - Conventional facilities:  
underground and surface facilities at the near and far sites.

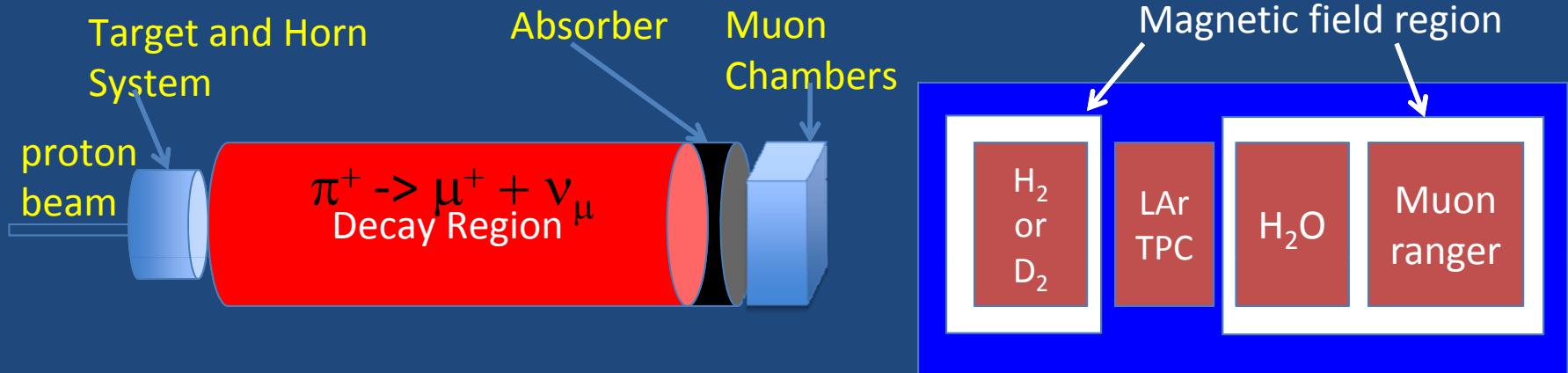
# The Neutrino Beam Facility at Fermilab

Start with a 700 kW beam, and then take profit of the significantly increased beam power (2.3 MW) available with Project X



Primary beam energy (protons from the Main Injector) from 60 to 120 GeV

# Near Detector Complex

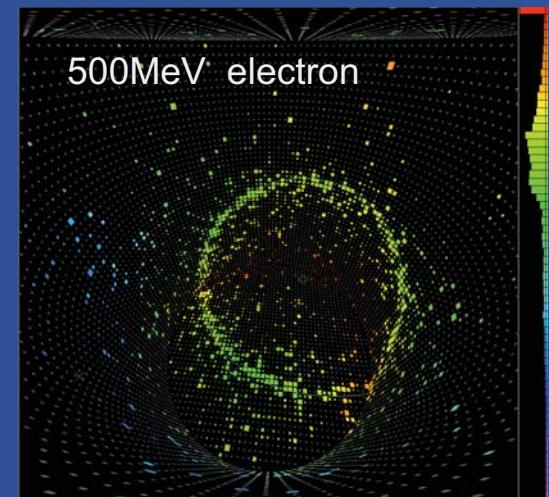
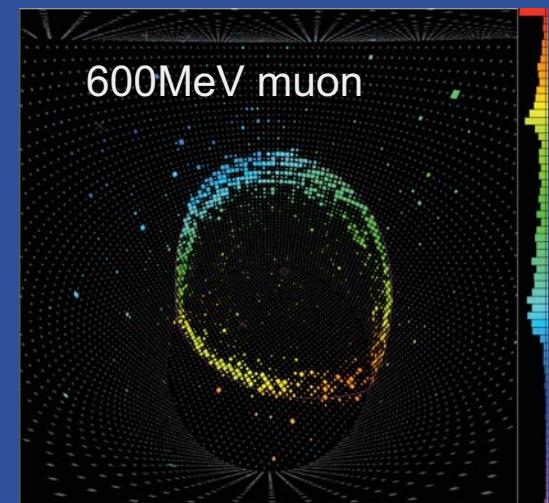
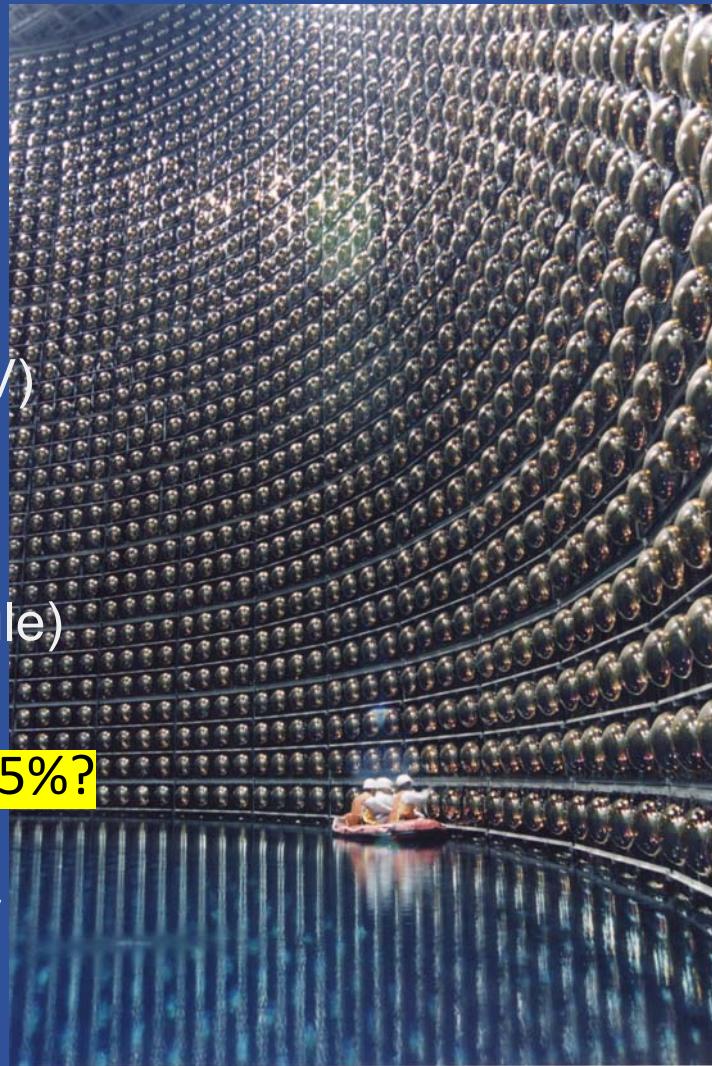


## Scope of Work

- Design a system of detectors and measurements to maximize the sensitivity of LBNE
  - Post-target hadron flux – extract neutrino flux
    - in-situ
    - external (eg MIPP, HARP, SHINE)
  - Post-absorber muon flux – neutrino flux information, spill-by-spill beam stability
  - Neutrino Hall
    - flux
    - interactions on same nuclear targets as far detector

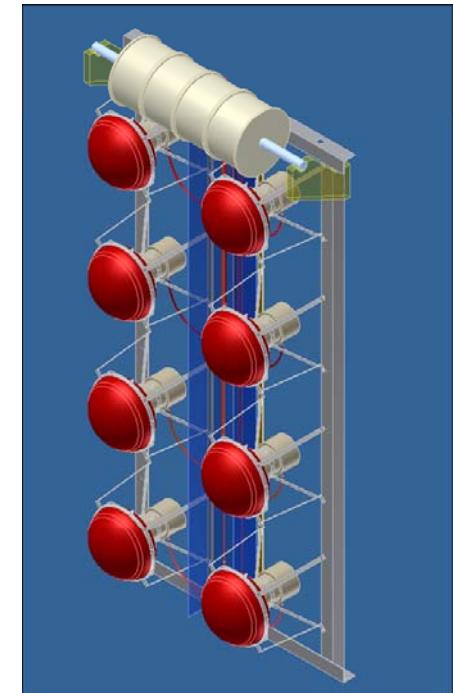
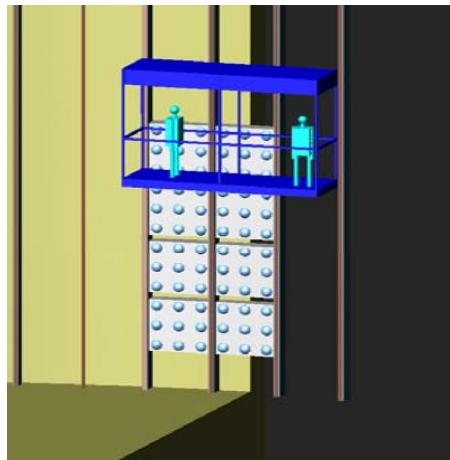
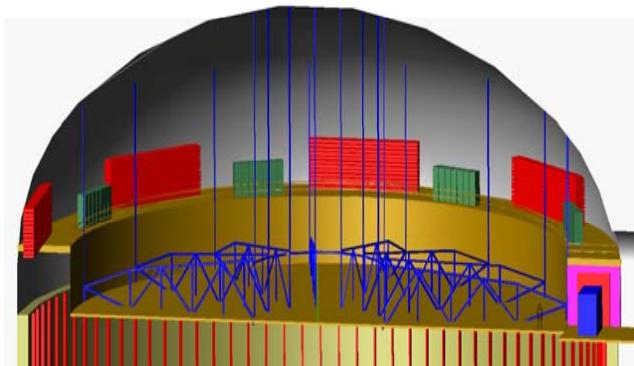
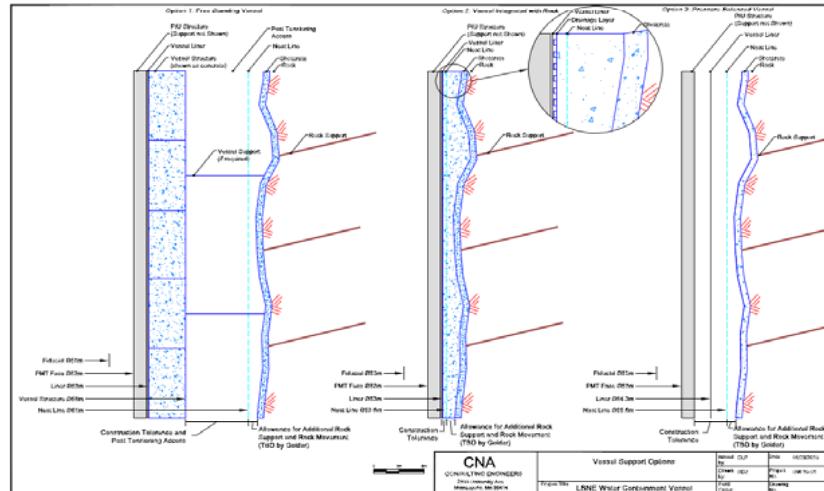
# Far Detector : Water Cerenkov

- Super-K
  - 13K 20" PMT
  - 40% coverage
  - 50 kT total mass (22 kT FV)
  - 39 m diameter
  - 42 m height
- LBNE (each module)
  - ~~60 K 10" PMT per 100kT FV module (25%)~~  
**36K?** **15%?**
  - ~55 m diameter
  - ~60 m height



## 1.4.2 Vessel/Liner (F. Feyzi and B. Paulos)

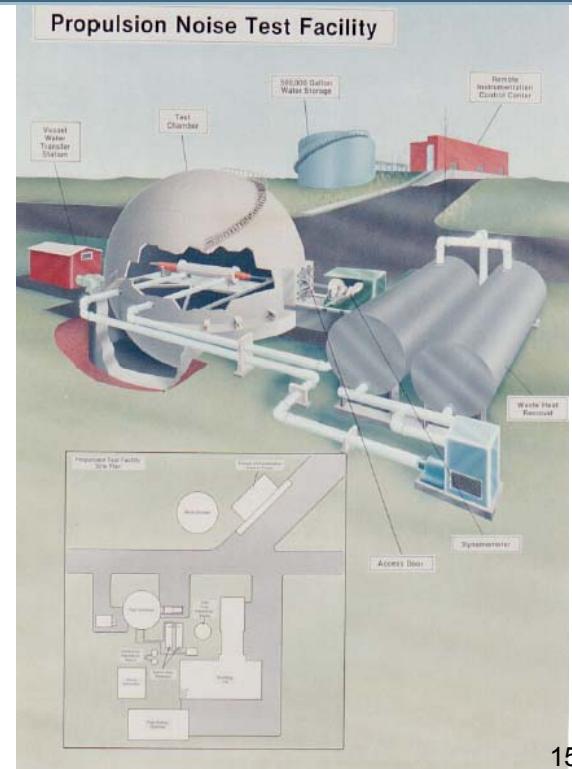
- Vessel: Consortium of A&E companies evaluating vessel options
  - Select primary option March 9-10
  - 4 months to develop design, cost, and schedule for CD-1
- Deck: Three concepts being developed
  - Select primary option in April
  - Need time after vessel option select
- PMT mounting
  - Numerous options
  - Select best and alternate in April
  - Depends on deck decision



PIU with Cable Spool

## 1.4.3 PMTs (P. Mantsch)

- PMT Procurement.
  - Request for Information RFI to photon detector vendor
    - 2 Vendors responded Hamamatsu and ETL
    - Source Selection Panel will be used for procurement
- Detailed plan for PMT testing and characterization under development.
- PMT protection.
  - Contract with Navy to bring testing facility online
    - $\frac{1}{2}$  Million gallon – 50' diameter tank
    - Will have engineering plan and proven test facility for CD-1
- Light collection studies in planning stage.
- PMT assembly plan developed at Wisconsin.



# Far Detector : Liquid Argon TPC

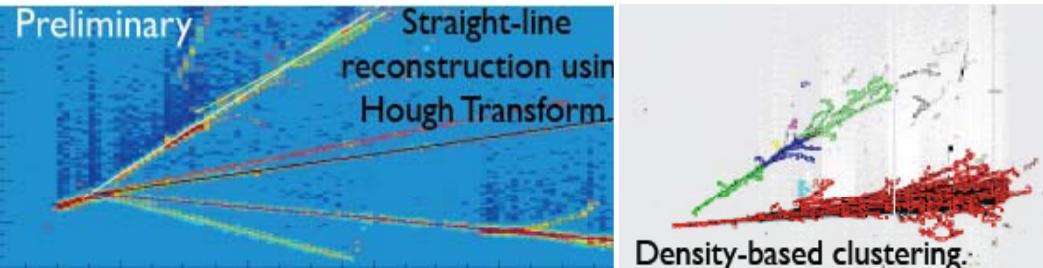
- LAr potential:
- Efficiency for  $\nu_e$  ~80%
  - $e / \pi^0 / \gamma$  identification - low NC bkgd

## Proof of Principle:

- ICARUS (600 T)

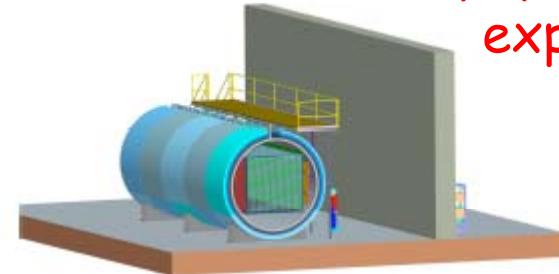


- ArgoNeuT: event reconstruction



## R&D program:

- MicroBooNE -  $\nu$  physics exp.



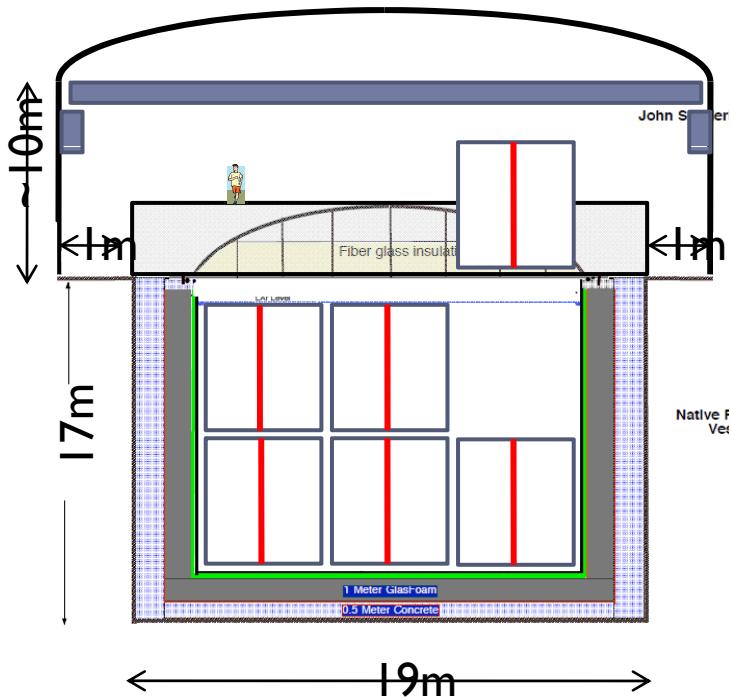
- LAr Purity Demonstrator



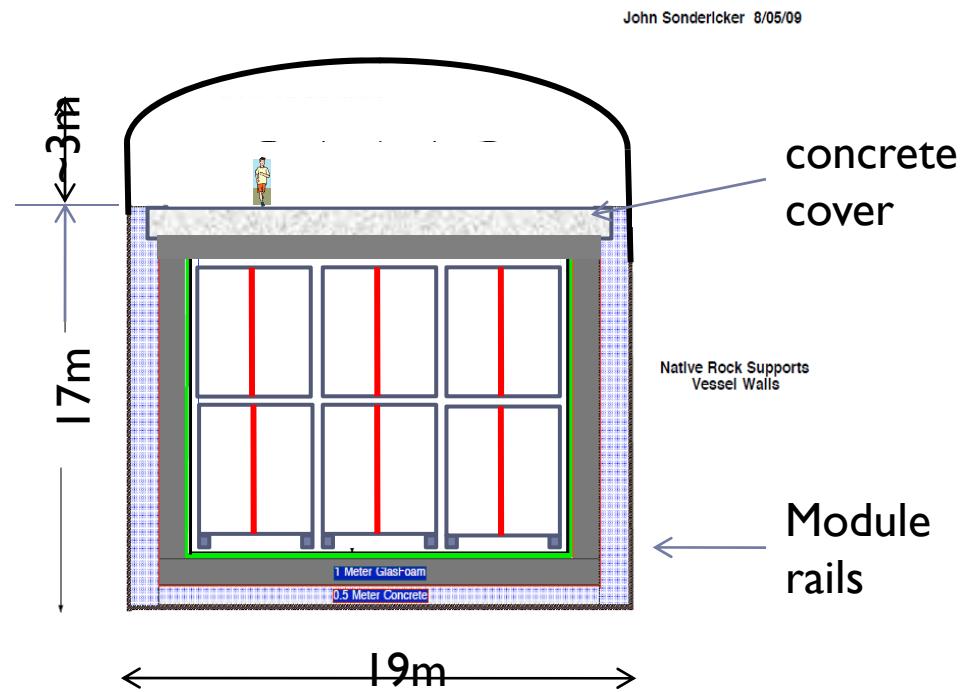
- And more

# Membrane Cryostat TPC Module/Cavern Concepts

Top Loading with Bridge Crane  
Deep Option



End Loading on Rails  
Shallow Option



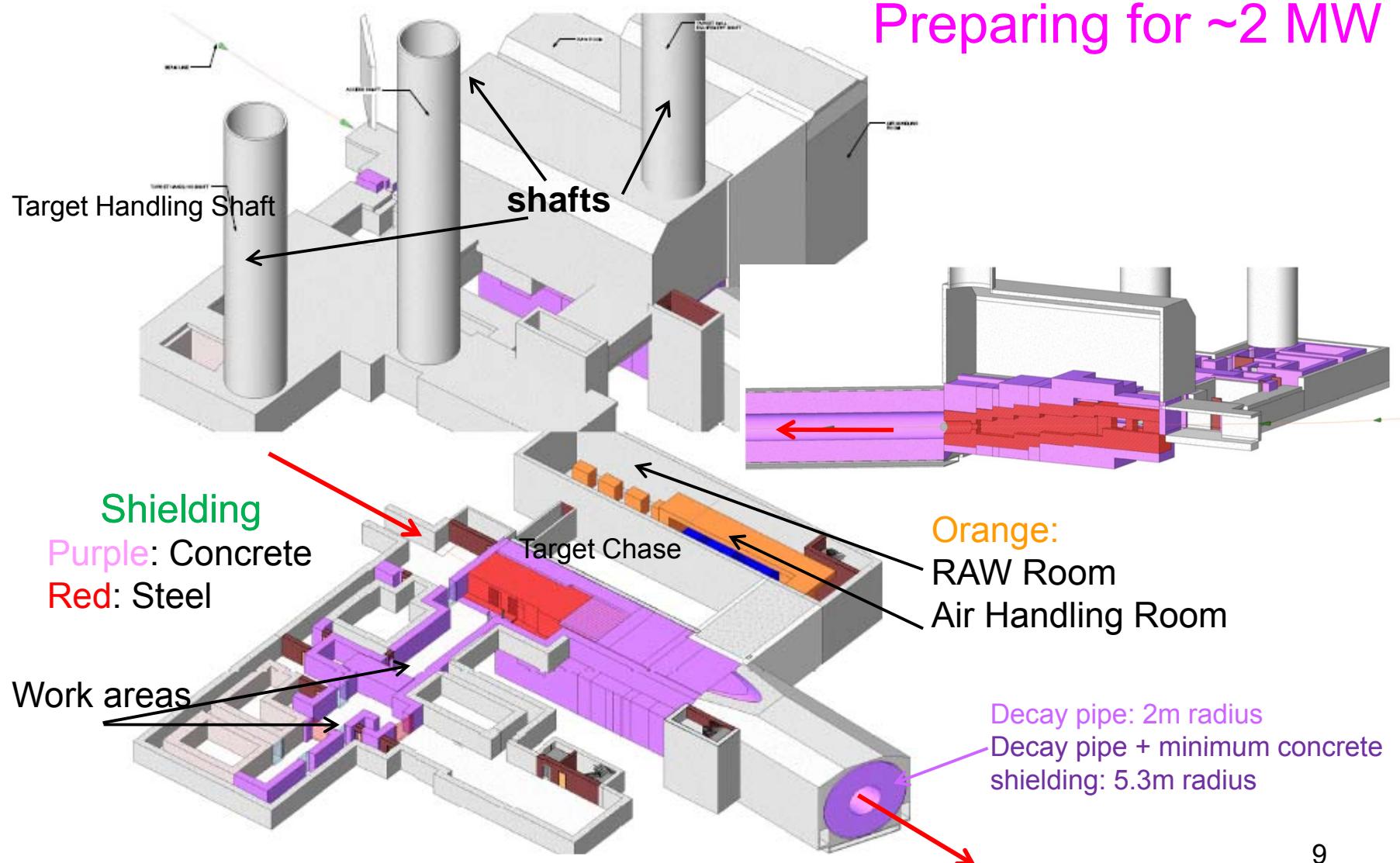
Reference Design Ia shown – Bo Yu will present other options

# Conventional Facilities Scope

- CF at Fermilab
  - Tunnel for Primary Beam
  - Target Hall complex
  - Decay Pipe and Absorber
  - Near Detector Hall
  - Surface Buildings and Infrastructure
- CF at Far Site
  - Caverns for WC and LAr detectors
  - Infrastructure and surface facilities as required

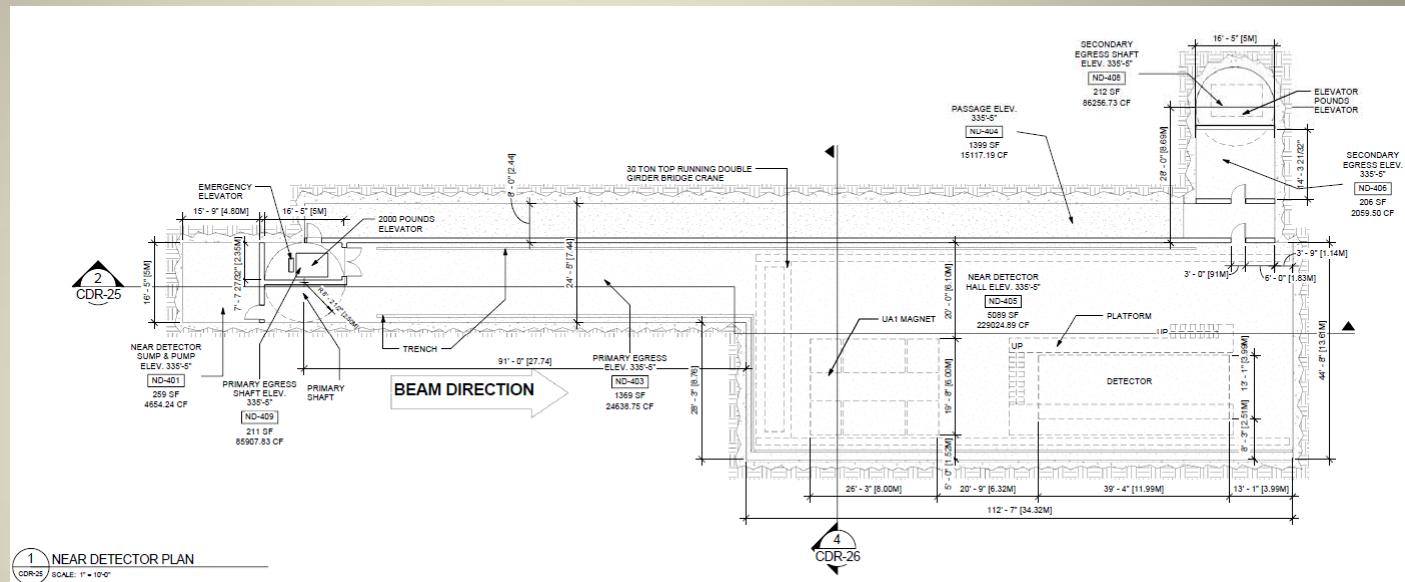
# Target Hall Isometric Views

Preparing for ~2 MW



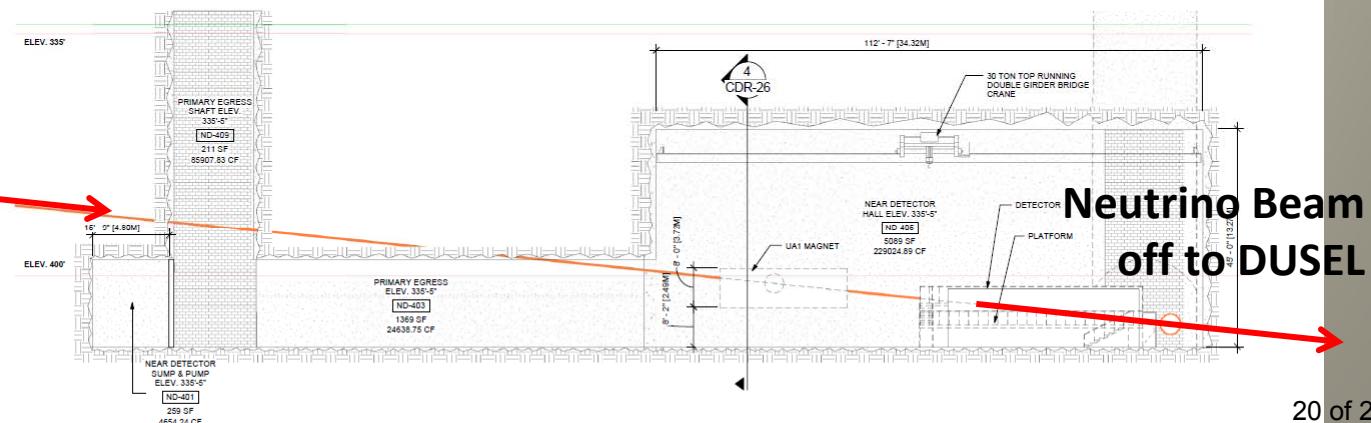


# Near Detector Hall



**LBNE**  
**Beamline**

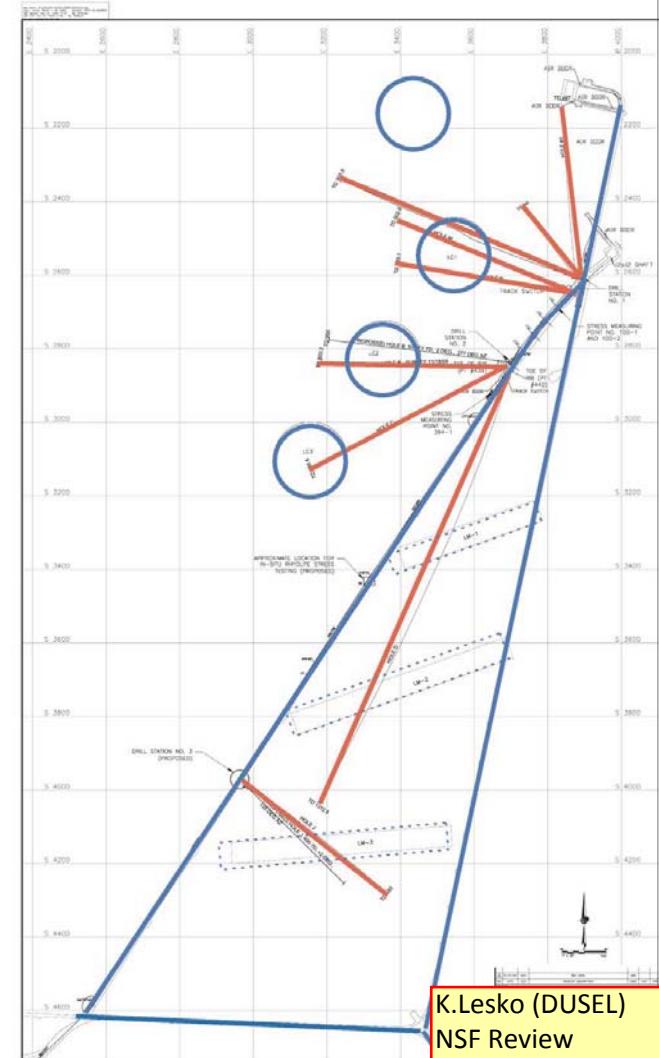
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# Completed Critical Geotechnical Investigations

- 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**

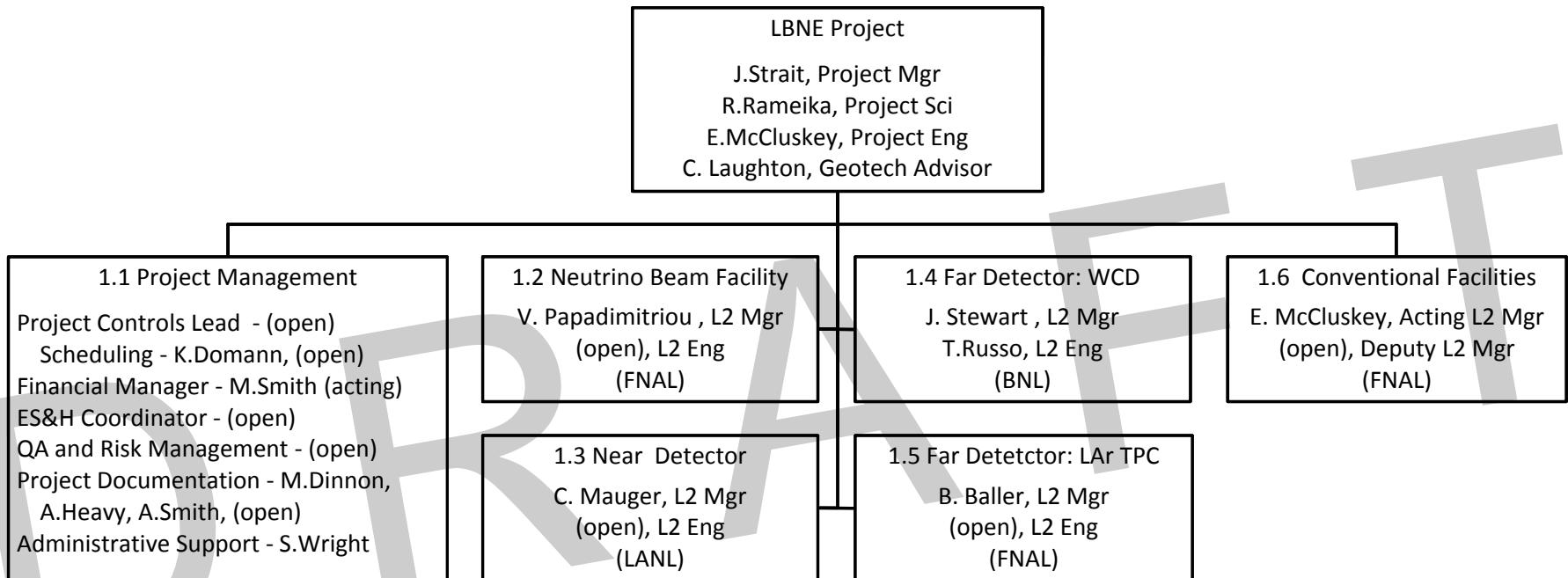


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# Conventional Facilities Issues

- Management and conceptual work for **CF @ Far Site** is not part of CD-1 budget plan.
- **CF at Far Site** is an LBNE responsibility (but an overlap of DUSEL MREFC scope) in DUSEL-owned area – will be working to answer: who is owner of facility, who leads design, who holds contracts, who's responsible for safety, who makes field decisions during construction?
- The challenge to describe **CF at Far Site** for all detector configurations under development, and be clear about scope, cost and schedule at CD-1.

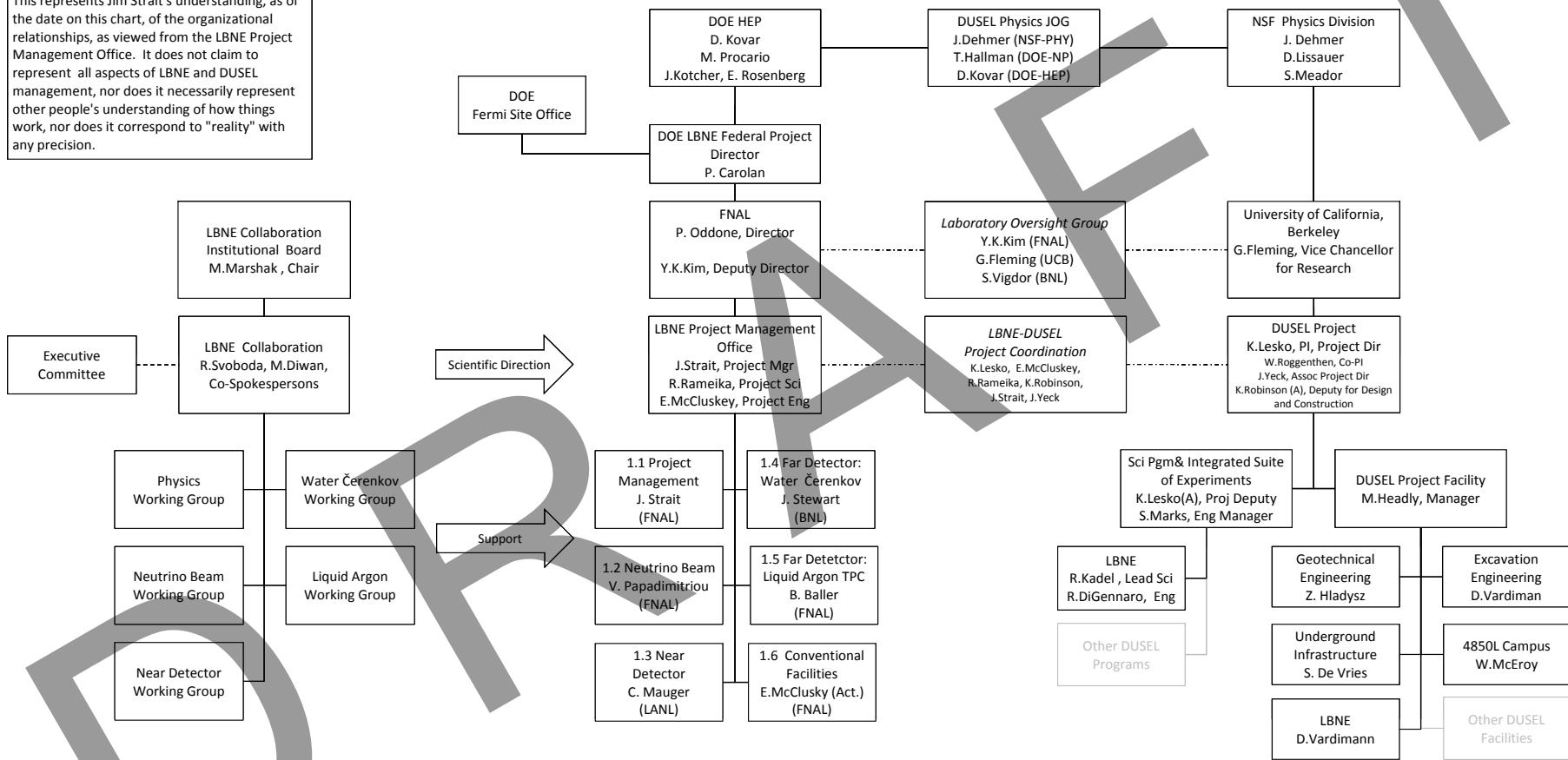
# LBNE Project Office Organization and Staffing



# Organizational Relationships and Interfaces (as I understand them)

## DISCLAIMER

This represents Jim Strait's understanding, as of the date on this chart, of the organizational relationships, as viewed from the LBNE Project Management Office. It does not claim to represent all aspects of LBNE and DUSEL management, nor does it necessarily represent other people's understanding of how things work, nor does it correspond to "reality" with any precision.



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# Preparing for CD-1

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We are aiming at a CD-1 Lehman Review in December 2010.

Conceptual design development is focused on the technical, cost and schedule drivers.

## Beam

- o Primary beam - conventional design, well understood
- o Neutrino beam
  - technically challenging, but at the same level as NOvA
  - challenge to design facility to be upgradeable to 2+ MW, without overdoing it.

## Near Detector

- o Still developing physics requirements to drive the design
- o Overall scale "1~2 x MINERvA" => not a cost or schedule driver
- o Will probably have several configuration options as of CD-1  
=> cost range

# Preparing for CD-1

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## Water Cherenkov Detector

- o Main drivers (technical, cost, schedule) are water tank, water system, and PMTs - conceptual designs and cost estimates are being developed with industrial consultants.
- o Electronics, DAQ, calibrations are getting less attention, but are not technical, cost or schedule drivers for the conceptual design.

## Liquid Argon TPC

- o Cryostat and cryogenic system designs are being developed with industrial consultants.
- o TPC and electronics are the focus of the lab and university groups
- o Trigger/DAQ, photon detectors getting less attention, but are not technical, cost or schedule drivers for the conceptual design.

# Preparing for CD-1

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## Conventional Facilities

- o Design of on-site (Fermilab) facilities proceeding rapidly.  
=> in good shape for Dec
- o Will rely on / start from work done by DUSEL for LC1;  
no serious work yet on LC2 and associated excavations and infrastructure.
- o Industrial contract in place to make conceptual designs for LAr cavity at 4850L or shallow depth.
- o Far site facilities are our major concern for reaching CD-1 quickly:
  - Just defining precisely what this job is for us . . . determining LBNE-DUSEL boundaries of responsibilities.
  - No L2 or L3 manager for this task yet.

## (Draft) Calendar of Events Towards CD-1

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- Detailed outline of CDR - 10 May
- Initial draft sub-project Resource Loaded Schedules - 25 June
- Intermediate draft CDR - 25 June
- Readiness check for CD-1 (internal review) - week of 12 July
- Subproject RLS delivered for compilation by PMO - 16 August
- Final draft CDR, ready for final editing - 13 September
- CD-1 Directors Design Review - week of 20 September
- CD-1 Directors Cost, Schedule and Management Review  
- week of 25 October

Lehman Review (IPR) - first half of December.

## Summary

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- LBNE is an ambitious experiment aimed at
  - discovering and measuring CP violation in the neutrino sector
  - proton decay and neutrino astrophysics
- A strong Physics Collaboration and a strong Project Team are being formed to build and execute this experiment, with Fermilab in a leadership position.
- We are aiming for a CD-1 Lehman Review at the end of this year.