

## **The DUNE Experiment**

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### The Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) and the Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)



A new generation long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment based on:

- $v/\overline{v}$  beam wide band ~ 1-10 GeV high intensity: 1.2 MW upgradeable to 2.4MW produced at FNAL
- Near Detector complex at Fermilab, 576 m from the neutrino source
- Far Detector
  - **1300 km** away from neutrino source
  - **1.5 km underground** at the Sanford Underground Neutrino Facility (SURF)

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4 modules 17 kt each Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers (LArTPCs)

## **DUNE: Physics Program**





- Long- baseline wide-band neutrino beam
  - Measurement of CP violation phase and determination of the neutrino mass ordering in a single experiment with spectral information
- Underground location  $\rightarrow$  access to astrophysical neutrinos
  - Supernova neutrino burst detection sensitive to the  $\nu_e$  component
  - Atmospheric neutrino capability of  $\nu_{\tau}$  identification
  - Solar neutrinos potential for detection of hep flux
- Massive detectors with excellent tracking and calorimetric information
  - Search for baryon number violating processes p  $\rightarrow \nu$  K+, n  $\bar{n}$
- Long baseline + higher energy neutrino beam
  - $\nu_{\tau}$  appearance, NSI searches
- Capable Near Detector Complex
  - Precise neutrino physics
  - BSM searches



### Neutrino oscillations: impressive progress since 1998

PMNS<sup>\*</sup> neutrino mixing matrix

\*Pontecorvo Maki Nakagawa Sakata







## **Open Questions and Unknowns**



	$\theta_{23}$	$ heta_{13}$	$ heta_{12}$	$\delta$
Leptons	$\sim 45^{\circ}$	$8.5^{\circ}$	$34^{\circ}$	?
Quarks	$2.4^{\circ}$	$0.20^{\circ}$	$13^{\circ}$	$69^{\circ}$

Is the  $\theta_{23}$  mixing maximal?  $\theta_{23} = 45^{\circ} \rightarrow |U_{\mu3}| = |U_{\tau3}|$ 



- What is the neutrino mass ordering? (Is  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  positive or negative?)
- Is there leptonic CP violation?
- Is  $\theta_{23}$  mixing maximal?
- Is the PMNS matrix unitary?
- What is the neutrino absolute mass scale?
- Are neutrinos Majorana particles?
- Can neutrinos explain the matterantimatter asymmetry in the Universe?



### LBL Oscillation Probabilities in the 3-neutrino framework

 $\nu_e$  appearance : mass ordering,  $\delta_{CP} \text{ , octant of } \theta_{23}$ 

$$P_{\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}, (\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_{e})} \approx 4 \sin^{2} \theta_{13} \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^{2} \Delta}{(1-A)^{2}} + \alpha^{2} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12} \cos^{2} \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^{2} A \Delta}{A^{2}} + 8 \alpha J_{CP}^{max} \cos(\Delta \pm \delta_{CP}) \sin \Delta A \frac{\sin \Delta (1-A)}{1-A}$$

$$J_{CP}^{max} = \cos \theta_{12} \sin \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{23} \sin \theta_{23} \cos^{2} \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{13}$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2} L}{4E_{\nu}} \quad A \equiv \frac{2E_{\nu} V}{\Delta m_{31}^{2}} \quad \alpha \equiv \Delta m_{21}^{2} / \Delta m_{31}^{2} \quad V_{C} = \sqrt{2}G_{F}n_{e}.$$
for  $\bar{\nu}$ 

$$(\alpha, \Delta, A = \alpha)$$
sensitive to the sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^{2}$ 

 $v_{\mu} \text{ disappearance:} \\
 |\Delta m_{32}^2|, \sin \vartheta_{23}^2, \\
 constrain octant$ 

$$P_{\nu\mu\to\nu\mu} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 L}{4E_{\nu}} \approx 1 - \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 (2\theta_{23}) \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E_{\nu}} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha, s_{13}^2)$$
  

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\mu\mu} = \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23},$$
  

$$\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2$$
  

$$+ \cos \delta_{\rm CP} \sin \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan \theta_{23} \Delta m_{21}^2$$



### DUNE's way to Mass Ordering and $\delta_{\rm CP}$



measurement of  $v_{\mu}$  unoscillated beam at the Near Detector : measurement of oscillated  $v_{\mu} \& v_{e}$  spectra at the Far Detector : Then repeat for antineutrinos – and compare oscillations of neutrinos and antineutrinos

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## **Sanford Underground Research Facility - SURF**

Previously known as the Homestake (gold) Mine in the Black Hills in South Dakota





### **Excavations at SURF completed**



North /South Caverns

#### 145 m L x 20 m Wx 28 m H





# Outfitting of North Cavern, South Cavern & Central Utility Cavern



### **LBNF Beamline**

120 GeV protons from the Main Injector at FNAL

from 0.7 MW to 1.2 MW LINAC upgrade → Proton Improvement Plan - PIP-II



Accelerator Complex Evolution (ACE) > 2 MW beam power

- Main Injector Cycle time shortening
- Target System upgrade



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### **LBNF** neutrino beam



- beamline at a slope of 5.8°
- 120 GeV proton beam onto a graphite target
- pulse duration: 10 µs
- 3 horn focusing system, water cooled, peak current of 300 kA
- Forward /Reverse Horn Current
- He filled decay pipe, 194 m long, 4 m  $\emptyset$
- wide band beam
- design optimized to CP violation sensitivity





**FHC** 

(**v-mode**)

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### **Neutrino Oscillations in DUNE**





### **DUNE Phased Construction**

Phase-II

40 kt fiducial

>2 MW

ND-LAr, ND-GAr, SAND

Impact

FD statistics

FD statistics

Systematics



Phase-I

20 kt fiducial

up to 1.2 MW

ND-LAr, TMS, SAND

options other than LAr for ND, FD Phase-II detectors being considered, not listed here



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Parameter

FD mass

Beam power ND configuration

## **Far Detectors (FD)**

2 (max 4) LAr TPCs, each 17 kt LAr (10 kt fiducial) FD Horizontal (charge) Drift FD Vertical (charge) Drift

Membrane cryostat with passive insulation Internal volume ~28'500 m<sup>3</sup> ~17.5 kt LAr







similar cryostats already constructed (protoDUNE, SBND)



## **Horizontal Drift**



Drift length ~ 350 cm  $\rightarrow$  180 kV on cathode

- 150 Anode Plane Assemblies (APAs)
- 384,000 readout wires

Photon detection: X-Arapuca modules (SiPM based light traps) embedded in APAs- 300,000 SiPMs

## **Vertical Drift**



- Drift length ~ 640 cm -> ~ 300 kV on cathode
- Charge Readout Planes -CRP: perforated PCB's
- Photon detectors on the field cage walls and on the cathode @ 300 KV; decoupling from HV, achieved with optical fibres for signal and power transmission



### **ProtoDUNE's @ the CERN Neutrino Platform (NP)**

The Neutrino Platform provides unique test beam infrastructure for the neutrino community



#### Two 750 t prototypes $\sim$ 8 x 8 x 8 m<sup>3</sup> (1:20 scale) Validation of all FD components at full scale

#### **NP02 : Single Phase Vertical Drift**



Cosmic Ray run in 2024

#### **NP04 : Single Phase Horizontal Drift**



2018-2020 runs: charged particle beams + CRs New charged particle beam run in 2024



## **Near Detector Facility**



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## Near Detector Complex Phase I



- Measure the neutrino beam rate & spectrum to predict un-oscillated event rates in the far detector
- Constrain systematic uncertainties (flux, cross sections, detector response) for oscillation measurements
- Independent physics program
- ND-LAr → measurement of neutrino-nucleus interaction with the same target as the Far Detectors (~100 t Lar segmented TPC w/ pixelated readout)
- **TMS**  $\rightarrow$  muon spectrometer for ND-LAr
- ND-LAr+TMS move up to ~29 m off-axis
- SAND System for on Axis Neutrino Detection



## **SAND in DUNE**

- on-axis, stationery
- superconducting magnet & Ecal from KLOE
- transparent target/tracker (CH2, C targets)
- **GRAIN** : a novel LAr detector **track imaging** with scintillation light
- > On axis v spectrum monitor : detect changes in the beam on a weekly basis
- $\succ$   $v_{\mu}$  ,  $\overline{v}_{\mu}$  ,  $v_{e}$  ,  $\overline{v}_{e}$  fluxes and energy spectra
- > Constrain systematics from nuclear effects by measuring v and  $\overline{v}$  cross sections on nuclei other than argon (carbon and hydrocarbons)
- Physics program besides oscillations exploiting high statistics



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### **Neutrino Energy Spectra at FD**



**Normal Ordering** 

**Oscillation Probabilites** 

#### 3.5 year (staged) exposure

 $v \cdot \overline{v}$  energy spectra (appearance, disappearance) convolution of oscillation probabilities with neutrino beam flux and cross sections and detector response

Oscillation sensitivities: simultaneous fit over 4 components of FD data (disappearance and appearance spectra ) with ND constraints



#### **DUNE Exposure vs time**



### **Mass Ordering**



## **CP** Violation

#### **Maximal CPV**



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- at > 3σ in Phase I if δ<sub>CP</sub> nearly maximal
- at  $5\sigma$  in 7 years with Phase II

### **Supernova Neutrino Burst**

#### unique sensitivity to $v_e$







#### 1000 nu for a SN 10 kpc from Earth.



Exploiting the directionality of  $\nu - e$  scattering events, direction of the supernova to  $\approx 5 \text{ deg}$ 

## **Solar neutrinos**

$$\nu_e + {}^{40}\mathrm{Ar} \to e^- + {}^{40}\mathrm{K}^*$$

$$u_{e,\mu,\tau} + e^- \rightarrow \nu_{e,\mu,\tau} + e^-,$$

#### DUNE can measure <sup>8</sup>B solar flux and observe hep flux Phase I: $>5\sigma$ sensitivity to hep flux





#### Phase II: DUNE can improve $\theta_{12}$ and $\Delta m^2_{21}$





## Conclusions

- LBNF/DUNE: the ultimate neutrino facility/observatory
- DUNE will enable very rich physics program in the next decades (LifeCycle 20 years):
  - Neutrino oscillations
  - Studies of MeV-scale neutrinos
  - Several BSM searches
- LBNF and DUNE making rapid progress on facility construction, detector design, and physics analysis







- 1400 collaborators
- 35 countries
- 215 institutions including CERN

#### DUNE Collaboration Meeting, CERN, May 2024





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