## **Status and Prospects of the DUNE Experiment**

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## **DUNE Collaboration**





## **DUNE Far Site**

### **SURF in Lead, South Dakota**

Cavern excavation completed Feb 1, 2024 - outfitting & receive cryostats 4850 ft underground, 8 soccer fields, 800 ktons of rock Could house up to four 17 kt LAr TPC far detector modules







## Flagship Program: long-baseline neutrino oscillation physics

### High precision measurements of neutrino mixing in a *single* experiment

- First year data taking: oscillated  $\nu_e$  approximately sum of T2K & NOvA
- Neutrino mass ordering: unambiguous discovery@66kt-MW-yr (<3yr)
- Observation and measurement of CPV in lepton sector
  - Max CPV:  $3\sigma$  evidence@100kt-MW-yr (<5yr, Nature kindness)
- Wide-band beam

  - Resolves degeneracies: non-max-CPV,  $\theta_{23}$  octant (anti-correlation to sin<sup>2</sup>2 $\theta_{13}$ ) • Offers 2nd oscillation peak: stronger CPV effect & lower E (separate measurement)
- Indirect and direct tests of the 3- $\nu$  paradigm (PMNS unitarity)
  - Direct test precision dominated entirely by  $\nu_{\tau}$  appearance data (possible with reoptimized high E beam)





### $\delta_{CP}$ resolution





# Low Energy Physics

### **Observatory for astrophysical neutrino sources**

- Solar
  - 5 $\sigma$  sensitivity to Hep flux in Phase I
  - Sensitive to <sup>8</sup>B flux
- Galactic supernova neutrino burst
  - Unique sensitivity to (thousands of)  $\nu_{e}$ , complementary to HK, JUNO ( $\bar{\nu}_{e}$  IBD)
  - Triggering: > 95% efficiency at 20 kpc
  - Pointing capability: 5-7 degrees at 68% coverage (40kt LAr)
- Diffuse supernova neutrino background (guaranteed signal!)
  - 22 33 MeV window
  - $2.2\sigma$  significance after 400kt-yr (assume 8.8% energy resolution)







### **BSM physics**

- Beyond  $3-\nu$  paradigm: sterile neutrino mixing
- Baryon number violating processes (400 kt-yr)
  - Unique at DUNE:  $p \rightarrow K^+ + \nu$ 
    - p lifetime > 1.3×10<sup>34</sup> yr (90% CL)
  - $n \bar{n}$  oscillation
    - Free n:  $> 5.53 \times 10^8$ s (90%CL)



## **BSM and More**

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### **BSM physics**

- World leading sensitivity on inelastic boosted dark matter at low mass in early years:
  - Capability to resolve low-energy electron/ proton tracks
- Neutrino trident production (ND)
  - New gauge boson probes gauged  $L_{\!\mu}-L_{\!\tau}$

### More...

- Atmospheric neutrino oscillation
- Non-standard neutrino interactions
- Non-unitary PMNS
- CPT and Lorentz violation
- Large-extra dimensions
- Heavy neutral leptons
- Neutrino magnetic moment
- Millicharged particles





## **DUNE Near Detector**

**ND** measurements shall be of sufficient precision to ensure that when extrapolated to predict the FD event spectra, the associated systematic error must not dominate the measurement precision

**Day 1:** 

- ND-LAr: 7x5 array of 1x1x3 m<sup>3</sup> LArTPCs
  - Active LAr 130t, expect ~50  $\nu$  events/10  $\mu$ s beam spill
- **TMS**: magnetized steel range stack to measure muons
- **SAND:** multi-purpose on-axis magnetized detector primarily for beam monitor
- Preliminary Design Review: late 2024 early 2025

### A special physics program: DUNE-PRISM

- Precision Reaction-Independent Spectrum Measurement
- NDLAr + TMS can move up to 28.5m off axis
- Measure a variety of neutrino energy spectra
  - Constrain standard oscillation analysis systematics
  - Linearly combine DUNE-PRISM data to predict the FD oscillated data allows any unknown or poorly modeled cross-section effects to be naturally included in the prediction







# **ND** prototypes

### NDLAr 2x2 demonstrator at NuMI neutrino beam

- Four TPC modules installed in former location of MINOS-ND
- Includes upstream/downstream trackers, repurposed from **MINERvA**
- Goals:
  - Demonstration of performance in a GeV neutrino beam
  - Develop neutrino signal analysis and reconstruction techniques
    - 3D signals, charge-light correlation, pileup, track matching
- Expect to run in FY2024





### A Full Scale Demonstrator (1x1x3 m<sup>3</sup>) at Bern

• 410k pixels, 3.7mm pitch, 30% optical coverage

### • Goals:

- Validate full-scale TPC assembly and integration
- Exercise ND-LAr component production and testing program
- Demonstrate design meets ND-LAr system-level requirements
- Inform ND-LAr Final Design Review
- Expect to run in August 2024







## **DUNE Far Detector 2**

### **FD2 features**

- First FD to be installed: cryostat install Q3 2024!
- The state-of-the-art: draws from the strengths of many liquid argon prototypes and experiments
- 6.5 m vertical drift distance, maximized active volume 14,190 ton
- Simplified charge readout plane (CRP) perforated PCB, reducing overall costs to FD1
- **Power-over-Fiber (PoF)** technology enables **photodetectors**







### **FD1 features**

- **3.5 m** horizontal drift distance (180 kV cathode), 4 drift volumes
- Active volume 13,661 ton
- Charge readout: wire planes (3 layers)
- Photodetectors (X-Arapuca) behind anode

Efficiency [%]

- PDE 2-3%
- Mean light yield ~30PE/MeV







## **FD Prototypes**

### **ProtoDUNE-HD (FD1)**

- Beam run 2024 July-August 8 weeks
- Topics: (More in Matthew's talk next)
  - Focus on negative polarity and lower energy beam (complement 2018 PD-SP program)
  - Precise measurement of hadron-argon cross sections
  - Dual calorimetry for PID and event reconstruction



### ColdBox (VD)

• Many prototypes before final design, fast turnaround (1 month)

### **ProtoDUNE-VD (770t LAr)**

- Cosmic run in Oct following LAr transfer from ProtoDUNE-HD
- Beam run expected early 2025
- Topics:
  - Neutron tagging (capture)
  - Xe-doping program
  - Light propagation



## **DUNE Phase II Scope**

### Phase I (day 1)

- FD (approved): two 17 kt (total) LAr TPCs one Horizontal Drift, one Vertical Drift.
- ND (baseline TBC and approve by 2025): NDLAr with TMS; DUNE-PRISM; SAND on-axis.

### **Phase II - open to new (non-DUNE) collaborators!**

- Two additional 17 kt FD modules
- More Capable Near Detector (MCND) including ND-GAr
- > 2MW beam (not covered in this talk)

### **Phase-II is not optional** - All necessary to complete the core CPV program of DUNE and more



## **DUNE Phase II FD**

### **FD3 vision**

- Similar in concept to FD2 optimized VD
- Proposed upgrades:
  - Major upgrade: light detection system APEX
  - Xe-doping
  - Modest optimization on charge readout
- Incremental background control
- Construction fully endorsed by the 2023 P5

### FD technically limited schedule

## Earliest installation:

FD3: 2029 FD4: 2030

### **Earliest completion:**

FD3: 2034 FD4: 2036



**FD4 vision** 

- Goal: push E threshold to MeV or lower
- **Baseline** concept: similar to FD2
  - Several options being explored: upgrade to pixelbased 3D charge readout or optical-based charge readout
  - Dedicated compact background shield design
- Alternative concept: water-based liquid scintillator
- Endorsed by P5 as a "Module of Opportunity" and recommended an accelerated/expanded R&D program in the next decade if budget scenarios are favorable



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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		North Courses	

## DUNE FD3 APEX (Aluminum Profiles with Embedded X-Arapucas): A fully integrated LArTPC field cage + photodetector system

### **Features**

- ~60% optical coverage of LAr (active) volume (**2000**  $m^2$  scaled-up surface PDS): 10 times of FD2 (cathode & behind FC)
- Min (avg.) light yield x6 (x4) times higher wrt FD2, higher uniformity
- Lower detection thresholds, better timing and energy resolution extend frontiers of neutrino oscillation and low energy astroparticle physics from GeV to MeV
  - Diffused supernova neutrino background
  - CPV in neutrino 2nd oscillation peak
  - Background tagging (e.g. neutron capture) and rejection
    - Enhance supernova & solar neutrinos sensitivity
  - BSM/dark matter





# **DUNE Phase II ND**

### Major upgrade: a gaseous argon detector (ND-GAr) will replace the Phase I muon tracker TMS • A high pressure (10 bar) gaseous TPC: Ar-based gas mixture

- **Dual readout**: charge (multiwire/GEMs/MicroMegas) + light (commercial Timepix3 cameras)
- ECAL (scintillator + lead sandwich): E&M (5% Eres @1GeV), neutron ToF (50% purity, 20-40% efficiency),  $\mu/\pi$  PID (hadronic interaction of pion in ECAL helps PID)
- Superconducting magnet **0.5T**: partial return yoke facing ND-LAr to reduce dead region
- Lower energy and tracking threshold + sub-mm spatial resolution + better PID and momentum resolution
- Address systematic challenges in oscillation physics by providing precise measurements
- **P5 endorsed construction** in baseline and favorable budget scenarios: construction timeline similar to FD3





### **DUNE** is a world-class neutrino experiment

- High precision measurements of neutrino mixing in a *single* experiment
- Observatory for astrophysical neutrino sources
- Offers many BSM physics topics

### Phase I - Day 1 FD: FD2 (2029) + FD1 (2030)

• FD prototypes: ProtoDUNE-HD (FD1), ProtoDUNE-VD (FD2) - both will run at CERN NP in 2024!!!

### Phase I - Day 1 ND: ND-LAr + TMS + PRISM + SAND (2031)

• ND prototypes: 2x2 demonstrator (FNAL), full scale demonstrator (Bern) - both expected to run 2024!!!

### **DUNE** Phase II is essential to DUNE core physics and received strong endorsement from P5

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## Summary