# The Homestake Underground Laboratory

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# Where is Homestake? & Is there a 'there there'\*?



Fly to Rapid
City, ~ 60 mi to
lively LeadDeadwood
Community
Railhead at

- Whitewood, ~ 15 mi away
- Interstate 90 (E-W) & US 85 (N-S)

#### \* apologies to Gertrude Stein

- 125 year history of mining at Homestake
- Well documented site (maintenance, geology, hydrology, mineralogy, geochemistry, ...)
- ~ 60 levels spanning the rock mass from the surface to 8150 feet below ground
- ► 600 km of drifts at roughly 150 ft intervals
- Interconnection by ramps, winzes, and shafts
- Drill Core Archive transferred in toto to SDSTA
  - ~ 500 acres of surface campus
- Extensive non-mineralized areas not penetrated by boreholes or drifts (virgin territory available)

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- Existing Infrastructure
- Well maintained hoisting system, ventilation, pumping
- systems, and office buildings
- Rock handling capability (~7000 tons/day)
- Locations for waste disposal
- skip to the surface
- dispose/store underground
- Water Permits Initiated
- > Attributes
- Mechanical stability
- Early access
- "Lots room to grow"
- Multiple egress (safety)
- Not encumbered by routine mining operations

> Attributes

– Well-characterized large volume of rock – only pleasant surprises

- Varied rock types *interesting*
- Low water inflow 700 gpm, ~1/2 to 2/3 from upper surface flows
- Low radioactivity air measured to be  $\sim 1 5 \text{ pCi/l}$
- Initial studies favorable for large cavities at depth
- Many existing cavities & rooms suitable for conversion to science applications early!

 Existing examples and additional studies using existing cores supporting that large cavities can be created at depth for long periods (decades) Expedient access to 32 cubic kilometers of rock mass, existing access to depths of 8150 feet, many existing spaces and excavations suited for science in the near term



# History of Homestake

- Mining for first 125 years
- Hosted world's first solar neutrino detector
- Proposed as NUSEL site Neutrino pre-town meeting, September 2000
- Endorsed by Bahcall Committee 2001 as prime site
- Mining Operations ceased 2001
- Nobel Prize Awarded to Davis and Koshiba 2002
- Capped and Sealed 2003
  - Clean up and and closure documentation by EPA representative (State's DENR)
  - Moth balled surface equipment, preserved many spares and infrastructure components: lifts, cages, transformers, surface buildings, pumps...
  - Pumping ceased







# Recent History (cont.)

- Accumulation of water in the mine started when pumping was stopped, Spring 2003, *current level* ~ 6800 level
- Ventilation of the mine altered to preserve infrastructure
- Selected by NSF siting report, May 2003, as the best site for a deep lab.
- Jan 2004, "Agreement in Principle" between Barrick and SDSTA to transfer mine
- Feb 2004, SD legislature enacts enabling and appropriation legislation to effectuate the transfer and provisions in the "Agreement"
- March 2004, New NSF 3 step process announced, previous siting report voided.

# Recent History (cont.)

- July 2004, SD funds \$14.3M to enable site transfer and operate the SDSTA
- Dec 2004, SDSTA Conversion Plan Vetted by panel of scientists and mining experts
- Feb 2005
  - SDSTA approves development of the Implementation Plan for 4850 lab
  - Barrick confirms 4850 lab satisfies the "Agreement"
  - SDSTA initiates application for water permits
  - S-2 proposal submitted

#### Near Future

- May 2005, 4850 Lab Implementation Plan to be submitted to the SDSTA Board
  - Defines/identifies initial candidates, re-entry plan, costs, operating costs, management structures, etc.
- June 2005
  - Plan to be accepted by SDSTA
- $\rightarrow$  LOIs to be requested for 4850 lab
- July 2005, Funds for 4850 lab to be confirmed
- Aug 2005, Water permits received, 1<sup>st</sup> round of S-2 workshops

# Near Future

- October 2005
  - Transfer of site to be completed
  - Begin work on site rehabilitation and 4850 lab access
- Jan 2006, 2<sup>nd</sup> round of S-2 workshops
- May 2006, 4850 lab ready for construction of new experimental chambers and tailored reuse of existing space
- Nov 2006, Complete modifications of 4850 lab and begin experiments.

### Further in the Future

- 2007 Completion of S-2 process
  - 2007 <u>Active</u> Scientific,
    Engineering, and Outreach Programs
    at Homestake: surface
    to 4850.
- 2008 S-3 process for creation of deep laboratory at 7400 and deeper at Homestake
- 2009 funding for DUSEL using 4850 lab as a beach head

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- Plan prepared by a well-respected, experienced mining engineering firm, Dynatec

# Six Options Examined

- 1-Series, basic access, essential maintenance
- 1a: safe access to 4850 and above, hold water ~ 5000 level
- 1b: safe access to 4850 and above, hold water at anticipated level ~ 6200
- 1c: safe access to 4850 and above, dewater the complete facility
- 2 Series, access with upgrades and improvements
- 2a: hold water at ~ 5000
- 2b: hold water at ~ 6200
- 2c: dewater the facility

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1c	21,237,000	1,400,000	22,637,000	13	4,100,000
2a	22,741,000	1,300,000	24,041,000	9	3,700,000
2b	28,904,000	1,300,000	30,204,000	15	4,100,000
2c	40,043,000	4,900,000	44,943,000	15	4,200,000

#### Current plan has <u>continued to be refined</u>:

Current Duration: ~ 12 Months Capital Costs: ~ \$10 to 15M (from SD controlled funds) Annual Operating Costs: ~ \$3M (SD controlled funds) Full Maintenance on a both shafts and cross on the 4850 Access and Beneficial Occupancy: surface to 4850 Initial focus stationary experiments on existing space Isolate future deep work from experimental areas Collect and eject upper water, begin work on deep water.

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NB: to complete the rehabilitation, including complete dewatering, providing safe access to 8000 feet: \$50 M 15 month Additional Room Construction: Competitively priced, would use fraction of original hoisting capacity of the mine (7000 T/day) Initial engineering studies support massive room construction feasible at 7400 level

Identified excavated rock disposal sites Water permits initiated

# Conversion Plan Review: Dec 2004

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority Review Committee Report

on the

Technical, Cost, Schedule, and Management Review

of the

HOMESTAKE UNDERGROUND LABORATORY CONVERSION

PLAN

December 2004

• The plan for Conversion Project is advanced and comprehensive. The steps to regain beneficial occupancy underground and to deal with the water are well understood, estimated and scheduled. ...

• A variety of options for obtaining access were evaluated. There is strong consensus that the Conversion Project should initially focus on developing access to the 4850-foot level and above. ...

• There exists an equally strong consensus that the Conversion Project should expeditiously address the flooding

of the mine and at least halt the advance of water at its level in the facility when access is gained and before the utility of the 4850-foot level is compromised. ...

• It is appropriate to begin planning in the near future for the integration of science, construction and operation of the facility at the 4850-foot level and establishing the necessary management and oversight functions from within the Authority and from the scientific community. ...

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# Science Underground

- The following is a short version of the very strong, very deep case for building DUSEL.
- Need to thank all the S-1 PIs and contributors for defining the science case
- I present here a few examples of the worldclass physics and earth science that Homestake will accommodate
- It is not meant to be the full justification nor the full spectrum of the investigations that would use DUSEL. 20





#### To get away from Backgrounds & People!



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# What is the Dark Matter?

- Compelling evidence for DM
  - Spiral Galaxy Rotational Curves
  - Galactic Cluster Velocities
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  - "Great Attractor" evidence within Large Clusters
  - CMBR Large Scale Structure
- Types of DM
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# Neutrino Physics ( $\nu$ Properties and affects on evolution of the Universe)

- Neutrino Masses & Neutrino Mixing
- Neutrinoless ββ decay
- Solar Neutrinos
- Atmospheric Neutrinos
- Long Base Line Experiments & Reactor Experiments
- Supernovae
- Potential CP violation and Leptogenesis

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Super-K

- Reduced v<sub>e</sub> MSW space by 7 orders of magnitude
- No dark side  $v_e$  (tan<sup>2</sup> $\theta$ 12<1) and non-maximal
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### Remaining Questions for Neutrinos

- Neutrino Mass Scale
- MNSP Matrix Elements
  - $\theta_{13}$  size of angle and possible CP violation
  - $\theta_{12}$  and other elements Unitarity, number of vs, solar physics
  - Mass hierarchy
  - Verify Oscillations
- Sterile Neutrinos (other types of v)?
- CP violation?
- Neutrino Nature
  - Majorana or Dirac



### Why Double Beta Decay?

### Neutrino Masses, Mixing, & Nature?

- Oscillation experiments indicate vs are massive, set relative mass scale, and minimum absolute mass.
- $\beta$  decay + cosmology set maximum for the absolute mass scale.
- One v has a mass in the range:  $45 \text{ meV} < m_v < 2200 \text{ meV}$
- $\beta\beta$  experiments can determine the absolute mass scale and only way to establish if neutrinos are Dirac or Majorana (their own anti-particle)



### Proton Decay and Long Baseline v Studies

At this point: PDK is (one of) the longest-lived, unanswered question in (non-accelerator) physics
Neutrino Oscillations and CP violation extremely interesting and exciting, focus of many National Studies



- Multipurpose detectors: PDK, v mixing, v mass, cosmic observation large physics output!
  Could be ready 5 years after start
- of a laboratory effort.
- Interest of many national labs and HEP community
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### Nuclear Astrophysics/ Nucleosynthesis

- A>60 formation in Supernovae, v interactions
- Sources of neutrons for s-, r- processes
- Details of Lower Mass Nucleosynthesis
- pp chain
- CNO

 ${}^{3}_{He}({}^{3}_{He},2p){}^{4}_{He}$  ${}^{3}_{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{7}_{Be}$  $D({}^{3}_{He},p){}^{4}_{He}$  $D(p,\gamma){}^{3}_{He}$  ${}^{7}_{Be}(p,\gamma){}^{8}_{B}$  ${}^{14}_{N}(p,\gamma){}^{15}_{O}$  ${}^{12}_{C}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{16}_{O}$ 



Bright Prospects for Domestic Program in Nuclear Astrophysics in an Underground Laboratory

- Complementary energy and current designs to existing facilities
- Deeper site enables a more ambitious experimental program

### Plan of 4850 level









### Initial Clean Campus



## Initial "Dirty" Campus

# Light Ion Accelerator **Gretina Detector** Heavy Ion Accelerator Control rooms Cleanroom Laboratories Manufacturing facility Cryogenic facility Low Background counters Utility rooms Transportation facility

### Additional Clean Campus



### Evolving Dirty Campus

**UNO Detector** and **Monolith Detector** 3M Detector array not shown Moon Detector **Minos Detector EXO Detector** Control rooms Cleanroom Laboratories Manufacturing facility Cryogenic facility Low Background counters Utility rooms Transportation facility

## **Evolving Campus with PDK**



# Evolving Campus with Multiple Chambers



### Who Can Use it?

Near Term:

**Cosmic Rays Studies** Low Level Counting Prototyping, Materials Production for Double Beta Decay Dark Matter Next Generation Dark Matter Next Generation Double Beta Decay **Nuclear Astrophysics** Begin work on Proton Decay & Long Baseline Longer Term: Continued operation of DM, DBD Solar Neutrinos **CP** violation Long Baseline PDK Supernovae monitors

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- Total length of rock core collected: ~ 15,000 m Operations person

and archives): ~ 50,000 sg. ft.

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### Use of Other Shafts and Layers

Seepage and Fracture Mapping
Mine-Scale Network of Seismic Stations (in a quite zone)



- Kilometer Loops as Antennas
- Cosmic Ray Imaging
- Low background counting / atmospheric sampling



### Earth Science Underground Testing

#### (Examples for Comparison)

Homestake Stripa - Swe. WIPP Yucca Mt.

Depth	8,000 ft	1,100 ft	2,000 ft	1,000 ft
Duration	~ 30 yr	2 - 10 yr	<b>3 yr.</b>	4 - 8 yr.
Rock	Metamorph	ic Granite	Salt	Tuff
Levels	~ 57	1 - 2	1	2
Mission	Research	Research	TRU	HLW Storage
Rep	ository			
Facility	Gold Mine	Iron Mine	New Shafts	New Ramps



### Precambrian Geology

- ~ 2 billion year old rock
- Metamorphic rocks
  - muscovite- and/or biotite phyllite/schist, dolomite
  - metaclastics, iron-formation, and amphibolite
- Metamorphic grade ranges from lower greenschist (western part) to middle amphibolite facies (eastern part).
- Complexly deformed geologic terrain.

### Geologic Events

- Intrusion rhyolites and phonolites ~53 my
- Regional uplift and erosion ~65 my
- Deposition beginning in middle Cambrian
- Uplift and erosion
- Metamorphism ~ 1.75 by
- Metamorphism~1.84 by
- Deposition ~ 1.9 by

**Environments of** deposition

#### **Poorman deposition**

base (Yates Member) metamorphosed tholeiitic
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### Who Can Use it?

Near Term:

Surface to 4850 hydrology, geology, geochemistry Rock deformation studies using drifts and shafts Studies of the cratonic crust through 20 km<sup>3</sup> Searches for life and exotic biology including initial microbial investigations Investigations of flow path delineation in heterogeneous geological settings & ground water studies/models Characterizations of facture mapping, stress measurements and ground water chemistry Thermal-mechanical-hydrological couplings across many orders of magnitude in scale

Longer Term:

Systematic searches for and characterizations of life Long term and large scale characterizations and expts. Carbon Sequestration

# What Would the Scientific Environment be Like?

- Science is the primary host: not mining, not making profit, not military, not residual waste disposal. Science sets the priorities.
- Facility will be developed to promote this function: safety, integrity of data, easy of construction and operation of long-lived experiments, provide special environments.
- Synergism with <u>many</u> other experiments at DUSEL
- The large site will be dynamic and evolve as the experimental needs evolve and expand.
- Significant Outreach & Education integrated into Lab

### What Would the Environment <u>not</u> be Like?

- Anecdote: SNO, installed 250,000 lbs. of PSUP. 1 tram/week, 1 side rail,
  - Limited product, limited personnel, limited response to surprises
  - Excellent safety, excellent relations between host and parasite, but it is clear who is the parasite
- Power outages
   Material + Safety
- Lost data fibers
  Bonus' establi
- Access restrictions
- Bonus' established by productivity

## How Big a Cavity? For Sure

- Precambrian uplift
  - Archean igneous and early Protozoic age sedimentary and volcanic rock
  - Low seismic activity (5 out of a scale of 1 to 5)
  - 100 years of geological "experience" extending from surface to 8000 feet.
  - Non-gassy environment (no methane)
  - Existing stable excavations at 4850, 7400,
    - and deeper
  - Homestake have experience with 16m stopes,
    - good ground stability record recently.
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### Large Room Stability Evaluations

#### Homestake

• Vertical Crater Retreat (45-61 m high) evaluations, Pariseau *et al.,* BOM, 1985

61 m dia. x 122 m cylinders, stable at 4850' and 6800', might not at 8000', Johnson and Tesarik, NIOSH, 2000 (3D models available in 2002)

Linear arrays of 50 m dia. x 50 m cylinders with 100 m spacing are stable at 4850', Callahan *et al.*, RESPECT, 2001

#### **Gran Sasso**



### Advantages enjoyed by Homestake

- Expedient access to depth: 4850 level by 2006, 8000 feet with additional ~ 1 or 2 years work.
- Competent Rock capable of supporting large rooms for decades.
- Wide spectrum of depths, much of which has been cored.
- Reduced risks and uncertainties
  - Core know much about the rock qualities already
  - History now what to expect
  - Existing access expedient use for science and engineering
- Massive campus potential above and below ground.
- Accommodate a huge spectrum of scientific and engineering problems of foremost interest.
- Excellent education and outreach opportunities.
- Truly extraordinary local support.

## Status of the Core

• Of immediate scientific use/interest

• Provides critical information about future designs/plans



- Core from west core shed moved to new site.
- Core slated for compression in east shed 90% complete.
- 20% of core from east shed is palletized and moved to new site.
- New metal shelves purchased and 15% of core re-racked.
- Current inventory comprises 700,000 feet of core from surface and underground.
- Description and protocols published on web site; core request form completed.
- Spreadsheet and inventory almost current with move.
- Available for immediate integration with DUSEL.

### Challenges facing Homestake

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- Water
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- Vertical Access
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### Dewatering Homestake

• Pumping of water is common in mining - natural & mining-introduced.

• Homestake's water inflow is well characterized,  $\sim$ 700 gpm is small in comparison to many mines,  $\sim$ 2/3 from above 5300 level. "Surface water"

• Pine Creek Tungsten mine, 5,200 gpm, crosses under a creek bed in granite. Other mines documented with even larger flows. 700 gpm is a "drop in the bucket".

<u>Concerns</u>: Addressed in the Conversion Plan and the Review: <u>Loss of Infrastructure</u> - near neutral pH, still water, Plan includes inspection and replacement of ground support, but a lot is not anticipated due to water intrusion.

Loss of Access - 4850 easily viable until 2008. With implementation of Conversion Plan and diversion of surface water, water would not reach 4850 until 2010 or later. Plan addresses how to dewater the entire facility (costs and schedule)

Loss of Science - water flow has been inward for the last century and will continue to be inward. It has always been the case that science would have to "drill out" of the effected cone. In fact, studies of biology along inflows is interesting in itself.

• *Distinguish* Differences between sudden catastrophic damages and gradual changes associated with pump stoppages.

• Examples:

• Orphan Girl Mine - Butte, Montana – 6 or more shut-downs between 1875-1956

• *Superior Copper* - Superior, Arizona – reopened 1989-1997 after 3-year flooding, planned 2014 reopening

• Agnico Eagle s Goldex Mine -Quebec - Dewatered a deep facility to reopen ore deposits

• West Driefontein 6 shaft - South Africa - after 1967 flood, dewatered and placed back in operation, used for microbiological coring and sampling











# Summary: Goals of Homestake

- Large, Comprehensive Laboratory
- Emphasize the synergistic benefits of situating fields together in a single site
- Emphasize the cost benefits of a single site tailored for science, engineering, & outreach and education
- Develop a campus that can evolve with the decades of science and engineering
- Emphasize the nature fit for education and outreach opportunities of such a campus at this ideal location.

# Summary: Why Homestake?

- Large Site: can accommodate nearly <u>all the science</u>
  - Deep, Large, Shallow, Heterogeneous
  - DM, Neutrinos, LBL, Geology, Engineering, Biology
  - Corresponding synergism and support
  - Earlier access than many (most) sites, plan to begin science and education and outreach before S-3
- Lower risks, long history and geology record
- Extraordinary local support
- EPSCoR State
- Potentially best time to science
- Long-term site for science
- Arguably lower capital costs

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## Summary: progress to date - 4850 Laboratory to be Established as part of Conversion Plan to *preserve* Homestake for NSF's DUSEL

- Establish upper "campus" at 4850 level and above
- Investigate hydrologic system at higher levels
- Begin some longer-term rock mechanics experiments
- Accommodate prototypes and common-use modules such as low background counting
- Accommodate physics experiments that are now ready for implementation
- Initial Education and Outreach efforts

Summary: Additional expansion of Homestake as part of DUSEL - Establish lower campus and upgraded facility as part of the NSF's DUSEL process

- Additional coring and engineering studies for deep lab
- Install deep experiments and programs
- Ongoing physics experiments at 4850
- Ongoing hydrologic investigations, coupled-processes experiments, geochemical investigations
- Searches for limits-of-life, geobiology
- Continued, expanded Outreach and Education efforts

#### You can find many of the documents briefly summarized here at:

#### http://neutrino.lbl.gov/Homestake

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