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Solicitation 1 process

Community-wide Site-Independent

S1 Mission
Deliverables and time table
Basic arguments, questions
Initial Suite of experiments

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Site Independent Study Mission

1) to unify the community

behind the idea of multidisciplinary, Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory in the U.S..

2) to develop a compelling scientific justification

for such a laboratory, cutting across our many disciplines

3) to specify the infrastructure requirements

for such a laboratory that will address the needs of a broad cross section of science over the next 20-30 years and complement other facilities worldwide.

S1 Deliverables

High Level Report directed at generalists (government+funding agencies) in the style of "Quantum Universe."

40 pages maximum, including graphics

The big science questions + generic first suite of experiments

Key infrastructure, modules and management requirements

Rising demand and international aspects. Why DUSEL in the U.S.?

Web-based technical synthesis directed at scientific community
in particular, experts in the subfield and the corresponding program monitors

10-15 pages per working group

Justifications and support the main report.

These reports may refer to additional web-based appendices.

External review

Both the main report and the technical reports

Time table

Technical reports: drafts end of November/ ready for review end of December + Infrastructure requirement/demand

High level document: making rapid progress. First draft early December

January discussions within community and with agencies

High level document and infrastructure requirement **frozen by end of Jan**

Roll out workshop early March

Basic Message

Exciting scientific frontier

One of the three frontiers to unravel the mysteries of the Quantum Universe (+ accelerators and astrophysical observatories)

Unique opportunity for Earth Sciences to get long term access to great depth and to large physical and time scales

Unique chance for Geo-microbiology to observe *in situ* organisms at large depth for a long time

Great synergy potential

Fast growth of these 3 fields worldwide

Why DUSEL in the US?

A (eventually multi-site) national laboratory with three missions

- Operate premier facilities with unique characteristics which support U.S. science
attract the best scientific projects worldwide
- Focus the national underground effort + coordinate it with other national initiatives (accelerators, Earth Scope, SecureEarth)
other underground labs internationally (in particular SNOLab)
- Maximize societal benefits
Interagency, industry, multidisciplinary collaborations
Education of the next generation of scientists and engineers
A better general understanding of science at the frontier

Difficult Questions

Why is SNOLab not sufficient?

Clear for Earth Sciences and Biology

Physics: not redundant

Expansion of the community: need to document (help from working groups)
<= excitement of the science + relatively cheap

SNOLab likely to be saturated by 2009 for \geq a decade

Exciting program in the 2012-2022: first suite of experiments

Complementarity to SNOLab and U.S. Facilities — coordination

In which way is DUSEL unique?

We have to make it unique / complementary to other facilities

Depth (>6000 m.w.e.)

Long term access (\geq 30 years)

Premier infrastructure: easiness of access 24h/day 365 days/yr

In particular size? ISO container $w=2.4$ m \times $h=2.6$ m \times $l=6.1$ m?

Dust, radon control

Local technical support, information infrastructure

Evolutionary: Additional cavities (e.g. Proton Decay/ Neutrino long base line)

Capability to address unconventional requirements (e.g. large cryogenic expt, fracture motion experiments)

Unique combination with accelerators ($L \geq 1000$ km)

Multidisciplinary synergies, intellectual atmosphere.

Initial Suite of Experiments (Draft)

Deep Campus

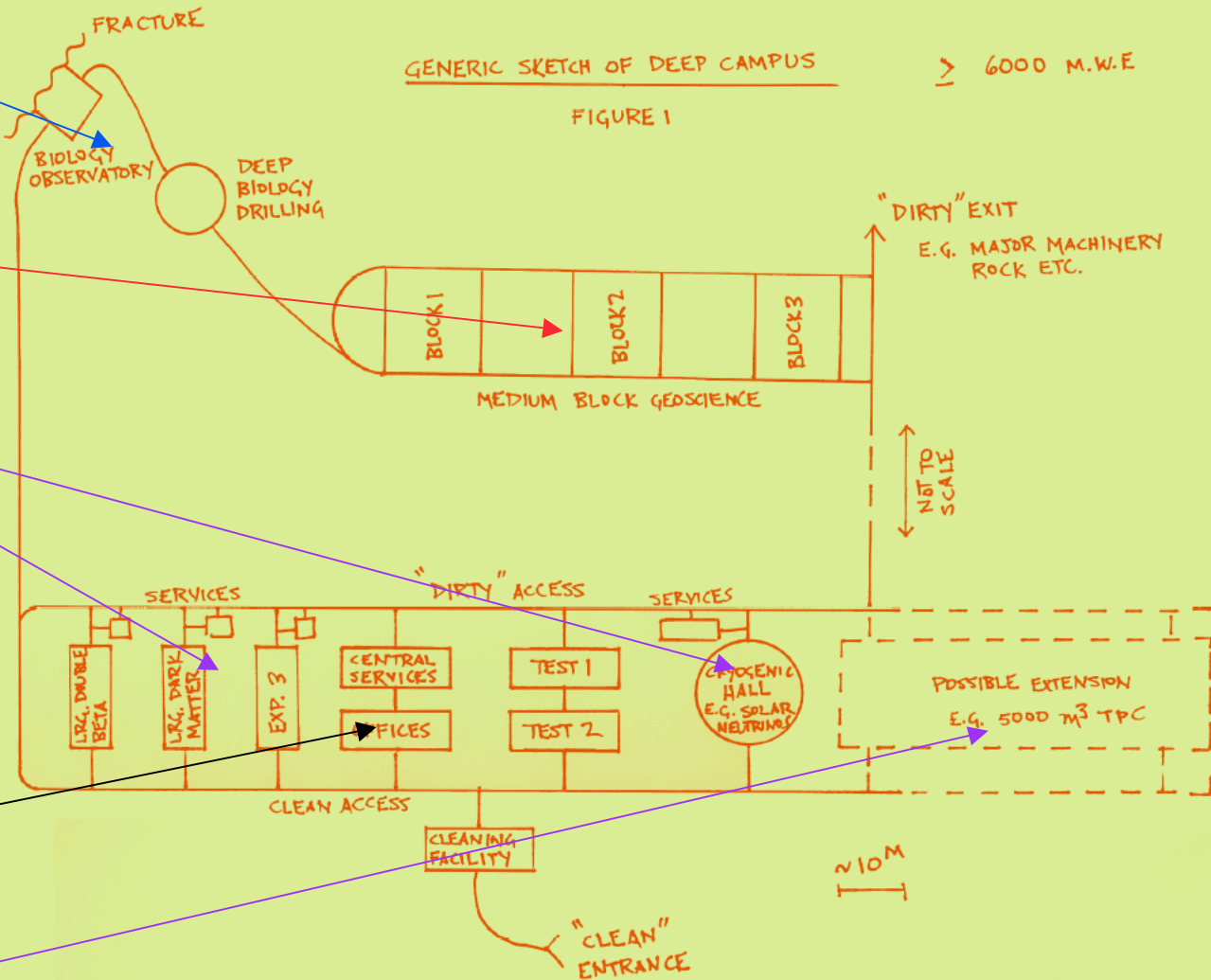
Biology observ.
Deep Biology
Drilling

3 Medium block
experiments

Dark Matter
Double beta
Exp. 3 TBD
Solar neutrino
2 test/small
expt areas

Central
services
Offices etc.

Possible
extensions
large hall e.g
for TPC



Initial Suite of Experiments (Draft)

Intermediate levels

- Low background counting
- Accelerator
- e.g. SN burst

- Underground fabrication facilities, Ge & Cu refining
- Outreach module

- Intermediate level block experiments
- Intermediate biology observatories

- Fracture motion experiment: Far

- Potential expansions:
 Megaton neutrino/proton decay

Dependence on depth
or evolution along a given feature

Conclusions

Close to the finishing line:

We have to be done by end of January 06

Help of working groups /community

Finish the technical documents **NOW**

Interactions with Infrastructure Group

Generic first suite of experiments: first draft to take apart!

Evolution of field and demand <= still need to specify form