

### Jaret Heise - Science Director

- 17 years SDSTA Science Director
- 22 years science management experience
- 29 years experience in underground science

Participation in **Sudbury Neutrino Observatory** (SNO) experiment (6800-ft level of active nickel mine, now SNOLAB), which resolved Solar Neutrino Problem first posed by Ray Davis Homestake Chlorine Experiment

- University of British Columbia PhD Student at SNO (detector construction, supernova neutrino search)
- Los Alamos National Lab Postdoctoral Researcher at SNO (led neutron detector installation)
- Queen's University SNO Detector Operations Manager (member of onsite management team)





## **SURF Science Program**

### **SURF** serves a diverse community:

#### Physics

 Low-background environment to study rare processes (cosmic-ray muons, vibrational noise)

### Biology

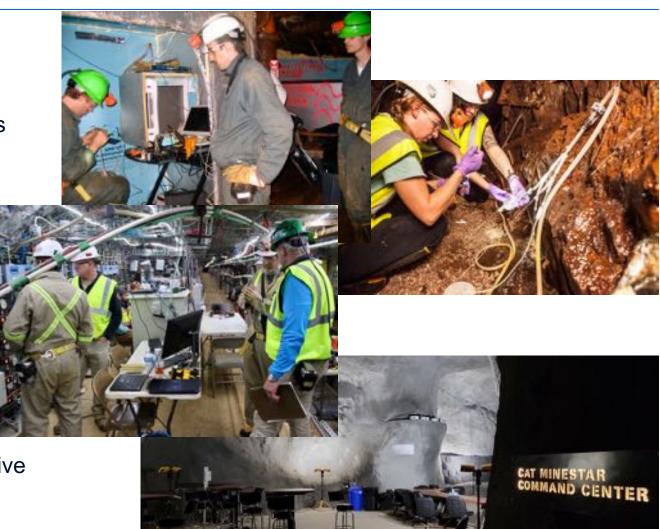
- Isolation from surface microorganisms
- Variety of environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, etc)
- Variety of niches (materials/rock geochemistry, water from different locations, trace gases, etc)

#### Geology

Variety of geologic environments / rock formations
 (permeability, porosity, chemistry); also drill core archive

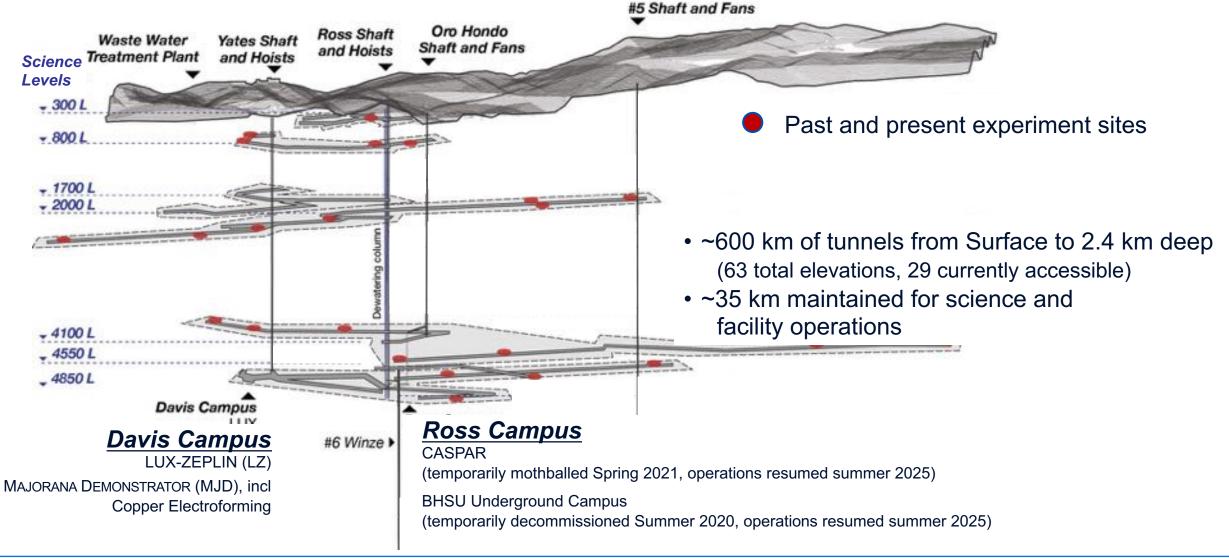
#### Engineering

- Real-world environments for technology development, mining, etc



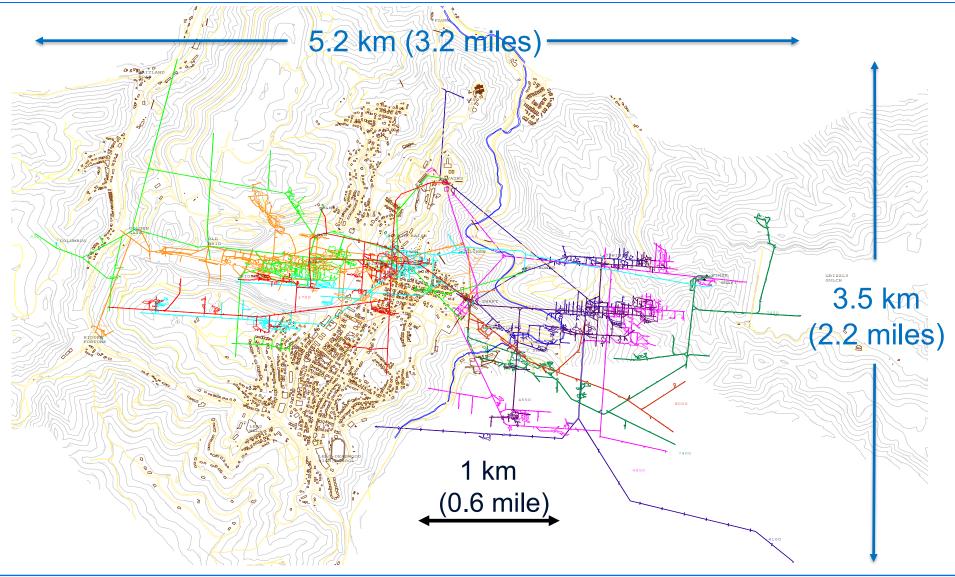
## **SURF Underground Lab Geography**

Yates & Ross Shafts + ventilation shafts, multiple levels for science



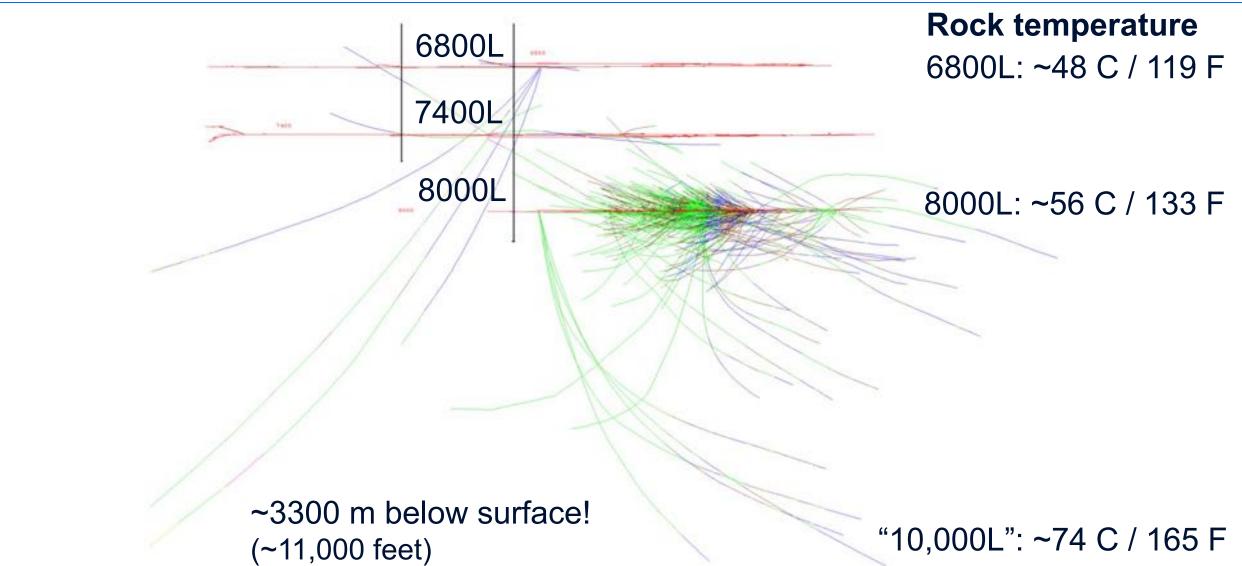
# **SURF Underground Lab Geography**

Significant underground footprint for science



# **SURF Underground Lab Geography**

Future possibilities to access existing deep holes?





### **SURF Science Program**

### Research activities ranging from surface to 1500+m underground

#### **Physics**

LZ – Dark matter, 2-phase Xe TPC

Majorana Demonstrator / LEGEND – Neutrinoless double-beta decay, Ge-76, Ta-180m, also Cu e-forming

CASPAR - Nuclear astrophysics with

1 MV accelerator

LBNF/DUNE - Neutrino properties, etc BHUC - BHSU Underground Campus, mainly material screening

Berkeley LBF – Low-bkgd counter (x3); also CUBED – Low-bkgd counter (x1) (possibly future Crystal Growth) nEXO – Low-bkgd counter (x1)

LLNL - Low-bkgd counter (x1)

SDSMT - Neutron bkgds

Total = 30 groups
20 Active Projects
71 Total Groups Since 2007

\* Denotes proprietary group

Significant interest from others (30 groups in 2025)

#### **Biology**

Astrobiology/DeMMO - In-situ culture, isolate DNA

2D Best - Biofilms

Biodiversity - Microbial communities

Biofuels - Extremophile bioprospecting

m-sense - Microbes and environment

Chemistry – Env characterization

Delavie Sciences\* - Extremophiles

DULIA-Bio/REPAIR - Yeast in low-radiation (multi-lab)

#### Geology

CUSSP - Geothermal

DEMO-FTES - Geothermal

3D DAS - Seismic monitoring using fiber

Core Archive\* - Mainly gold deposits

Hydro Gravity – *Gravity for water tables* 

BH Seismic - Global monitoring

Transparent Earth - Seismic arrays

#### **Engineering**

AMD (was Xilinx, Inc)\* - Chip error testing

Thermal Breakout – *In-situ stress* 

Shotcrete - Mining safety

Enviro Monitoring - Ventilation airflow

Caterpillar\* - *Mining technology* 

MAP - Microbe-assisted phytoremediation



## **SURF Science Program – Current Physics Highlights**

Strong and diverse program with exciting future



#### **LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ)**

- Direct search for dark matter using 10 tonnes xenon
- World-leading WIMP-search results announced July 2022 + Aug 2024



#### MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR (MJD)

- Investigate neutrinoless doublebeta decay using 44 kg Ge
- Ge-76 DBD and Ta-180 decay searches complete, decom underway



#### CASPAR

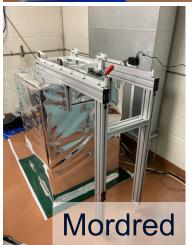
- Stellar fusion reactions to study **nucleosynthesis** using accelerator
- Initial phase 2015-2021, next phase started in 2025, last for 3+ years



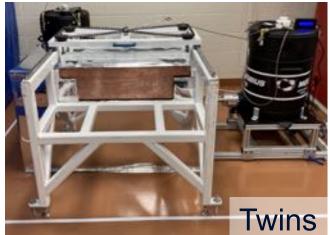
### **SURF Material Assay at BHUC**

Low-background counting capabilities serving national & international community













### **Geology: DEMO-FTES**

### **Demonstration of Fracture Thermal Energy Storage**

- Science Goal: Study enhanced geothermal system (EGS) and fracture thermal energy storage (FTES) effects.
- Collaboration: DEMO-FTES (12 members, 4 institutions) [DOE EERE, Geothermal Technology Office (GTO)]

#### • Status:

- Onsite starting Dec 2023 (other geothermal since Jun 2016).
- Leveraging 4100L site: 11 drill holes (180-265 m long) and some existing instrumentation (no new drilling).
- Electrical upgraded for water heater (source of stored heat).

#### • Future:

- DEMO-FTES activities at SURF expected through 2025.
- CUSSP geothermal project started in 2024, hoping for DOE funding ramp up.
- Other community interest in geothermal at SURF with DOE calls for proposals summer 2025.





**CUSSP** meeting at SURF

### **Biology: DeMMO**

### **Deep Mine Microbial Observatory**

- Science Goal: Explore and understand rock-hosted microbial ecosystems by performing long-term water sampling.
- Collaboration: DeMMO (7 members, 2 institutions);
   lead = Northwestern [institutional funding]

#### Status:

- Onsite since 2014.
- Initial NASA project w/ synergistic collaboration between biology, geology & physics (NASA funding 2014-2018).
- Outfitted 6 holes for long-term monitoring, 1 site impacted by 4850L Expansion waste rock.
- Drill core analysis incl JPL's in situ laser spectrometer SHERLOC, technology concept used on Mars Perseverance rover:
  - Recent news! <a href="https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/nasa-says-mars-rover-discovered-potential-biosignature-last-year/">https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/nasa-says-mars-rover-discovered-potential-biosignature-last-year/</a>

#### Future:

Continue sampling indefinitely (and somewhat infrequently).







### CAT

### Caterpillar Underground Research Center

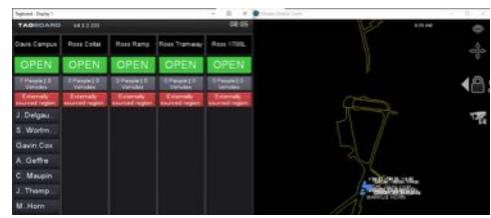
- Industrial Partnership Goal: Provide real-world, interactive environment for customer experiences, training and new product implementation.
- **Collaboration:** 12 core members (total of 334 ppl, incl customer groups), 50 institutions, lead = Caterpillar [institutional funding]; proprietary group requires full DOE cost recovery

#### • Status:

- Onsite since Aug 2020 (initial inspections Feb 2019).
- Former motor & loader barns (~925 m²), ~1000-m ramp.
   Total of 17,000+ rock bolts, 3000+ mesh panels, new rail.
- Over 1.5 km of MineStar tracking technology distributed throughout 1700L and ramp to 1550L.
- 6 utility vehicles currently UG at SURF using tracking technology.
- Tracking system operating (4850L, 1700L, surface), system optimization and expansion continues.

#### • Future:

10-year agreement through Sep 2030.







### **SURF High-Impact Science**

### Hundreds of papers have been published on science at SURF

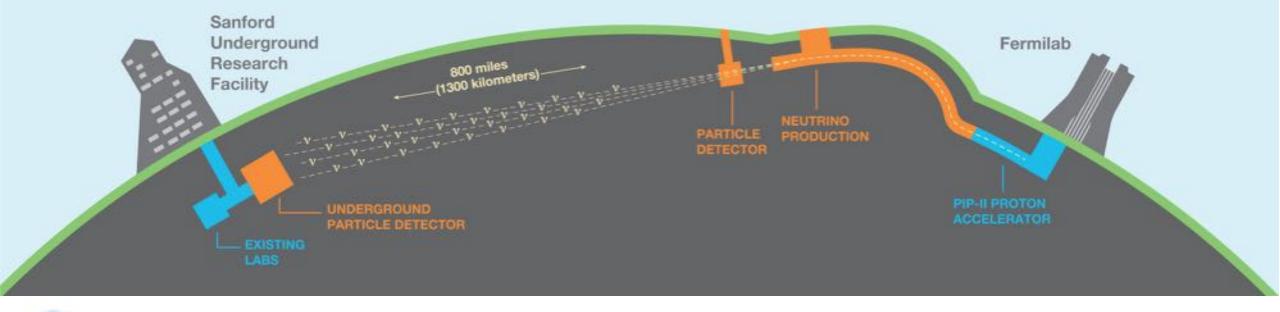
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# Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)

LBNF will host the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)

### **U.S. DOE's Flagship Neutrino Experiment**





**Origin of matter:** Investigate CP violation. Are neutrinos the reason the universe is made of matter?



**Supernova explosions and black hole formation:** Ability to observe neutrinos from supernovae events and neutron star (or possibly black hole!) formation in real time.

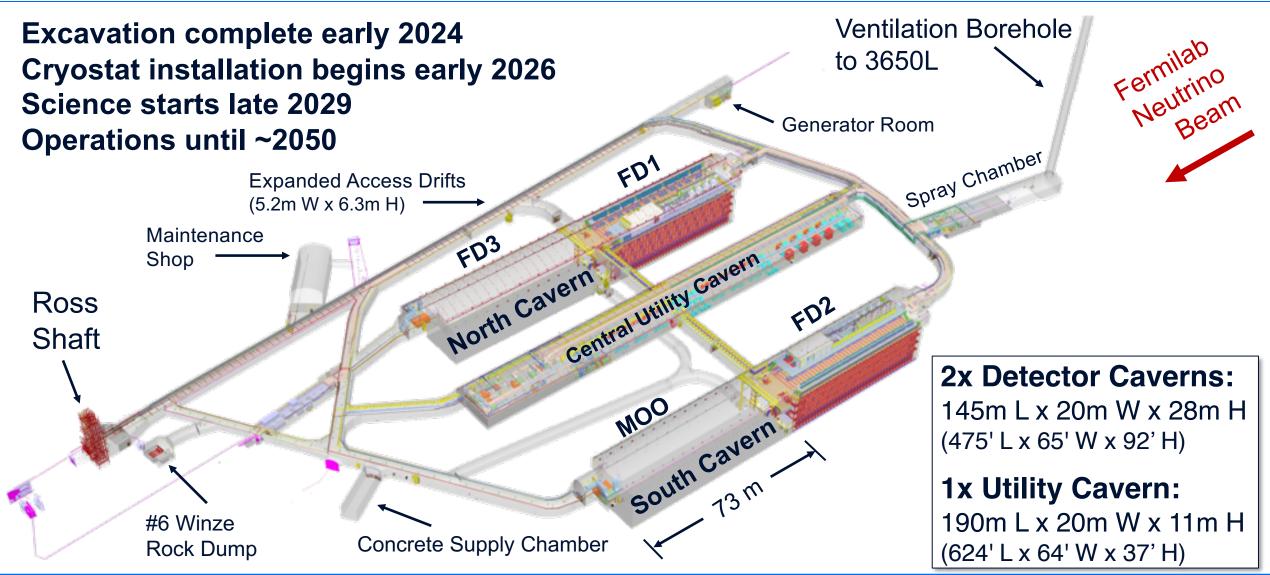


Unification of forces: Investigate nucleon decay, advance unified theory of energy and matter.



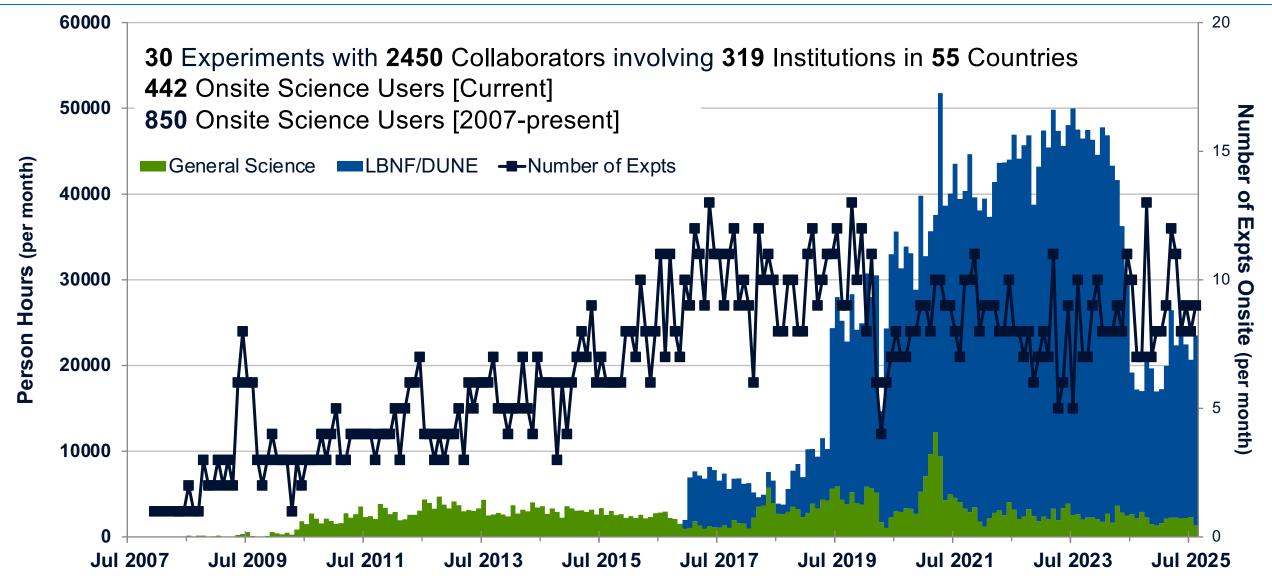
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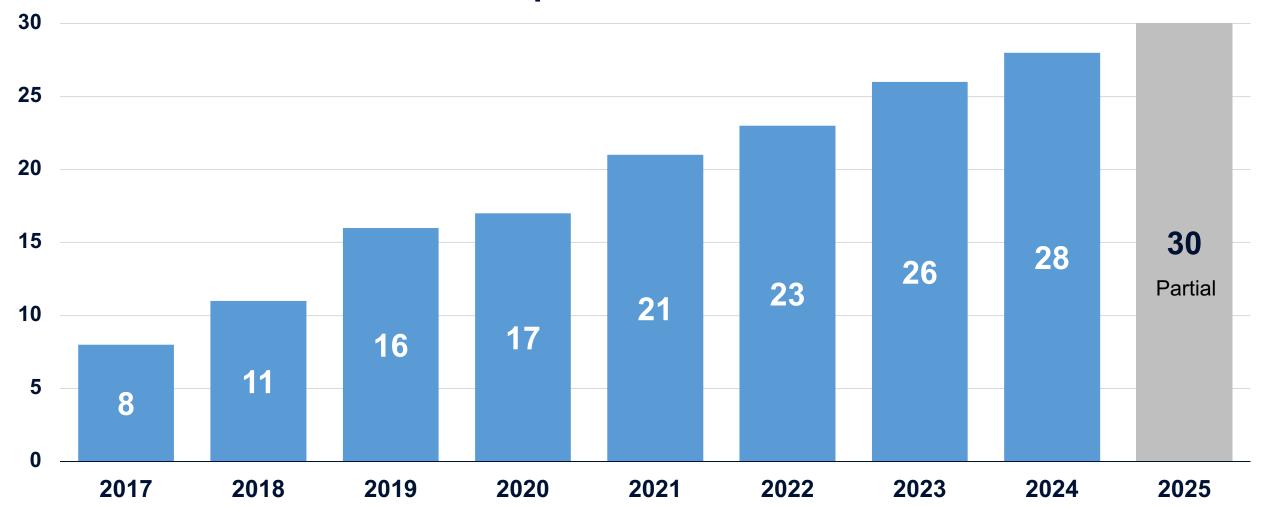
Hosting world-leading experiments and researchers from diverse scientific communities



## **SURF Science Program**

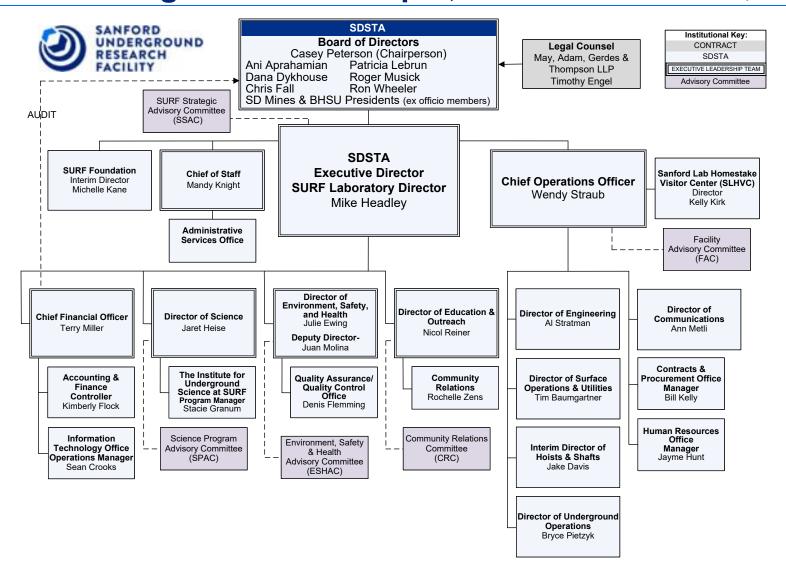
Growing interest from the underground science community

### **SURF Expressions of Interest**



### **SDSTA Organization**

### Robust organization: 9 depts, 5 offices + Institute, Visitor Center and Foundation



Staffing Area	Current FTE (%)	FY29 FTE (%)
Admin / Mgmt	31 (15%)	31 (13%)
Engineering	12 (5%)	12 (5%)
ESH	21 (10%)	23 (10%)
Outreach	23 (11%)	24 (10%)
Scientific	5 (2%)	6 (3%)
Technical / Operations	128 (58%)	142 (60%)
TOTAL	220	235

Current Science Direct Support = ~19 ppl



# SDSTA Organization – Science Staffing

Resources to enable safe and successful implementation of experiments

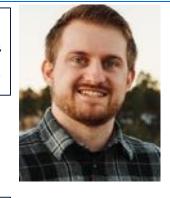


Markus Horn (PhD)
Sr Research Scientist
- Surface + UG Campuses

**SURF has robust organization:** 9 Depts + 5 Offices + Institute

Gavin Cox (MS)

Expt Support Scientist
- LZ Operations



Jaret Heise (PhD) - Director

- Manage dept and experiment implementation program



Mark Hanhardt (MS)
Expt Support Scientist

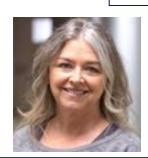
- Surface + UG Campuses



Julia Delgaudio (BS)

Expt Support Scientist

- LZ Operations





Robyn Weis - Lab Custodians (Surface + UG) - Dee Espinosa



**Doug Tiedt** (PhD) **Research Scientist**- Surface + UG Campuses

+ Many Others! Engineering, ESH, OPS...

Christopher Kreitzinger
Support Associate
- Admin, User Association





# **SURF Experiment Implementation & Support**

#### Main Science documents under IMS/ISO document control

#### **Experiment Implementation Program**

- Integral to the SDSTA institutional mission is advancement of compelling underground, multidisciplinary research
- EIP framework allows experiments to be implemented at SURF in effective and efficient manner
- References several key elements:
  - Experiment Planning Statement
  - User Agreement (was MOU)
  - Publication Policy
  - Experiment Decommissioning Statement

#### **Experiment Integration & Support**

- In partnership with research groups, SDSTA aims to maintain a robust organization with resources to promote safe and successful experiment operations at SURF
- References several key elements:
  - Several specific ESH Standards (incl Work Planning)
  - SURF Applications/Databases (TAP, SARF, etc)
  - Table of responsibilities (SDSTA and Experiment)
  - Perception Survey, Information for Researchers, etc





### **SURF User Association**

https://sanfordlab.org/surf-user-association (incl registration)

#### **Purpose**

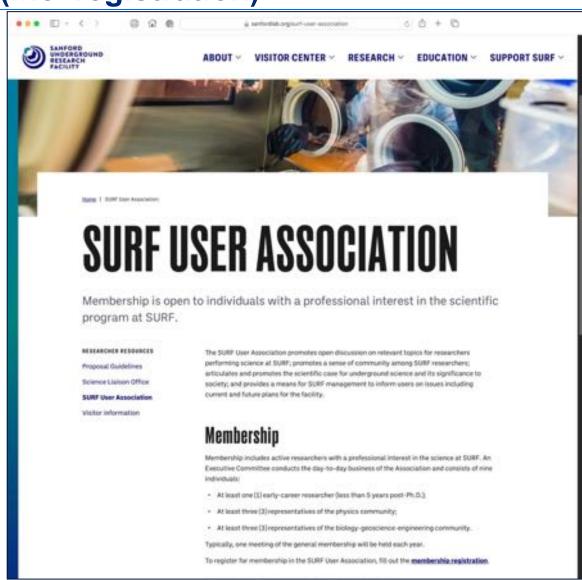
- Two-way communication on topics important to researchers.
- Promotes a sense of community amongst
   SURF experiments and researchers.
- Articulates and promotes scientific case for UG science and significance to society, provides channel for advocacy.

#### **Organization**

- Membership open to all UG science community.
- Executive Committee consists of 9 individuals across scientific disciplines, incl early career.
   Quarterly meetings with SURF Management.

#### **Meetings**

- General meetings typically held annually, last at CoSSURF 2024 (no CoSSURF 2026 planned).
- Topical workshops, incl community planning (e.g., Vision Workshop 2021). Next workshops in 2026.





# South Dakota Science & Technology Plan

High-priority research areas have strong links to SURF

#### Vision:

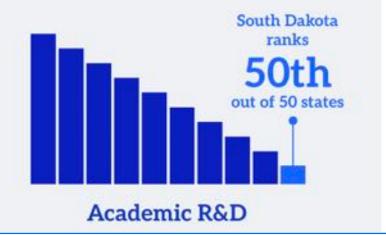
 South Dakota invests in research and commercialization to drive economic growth and diversification and to educate a highly prepared STEM workforce.

### **High-Priority Research Areas:**

- Computational Science
- Cybersecurity
- Fermentation & Bioprocessing
- Health, Food & Nutrition

- Environmental & Biological Sciences
- Materials
- Deep Underground Science













### **SURF Science Strategic Plan**

### Physics elements incorporated into organization long-term vision

#### Goals:

- Program: Attract world-leading scientists and experiments
- Facilities: Ensure SURF facilities support science program
- **Support:** Ensure organizational capabilities serve experiments
- Engagement: Establish strong SURF role in global UG science community

### Scope:

Organize science strategic plan in two parts: Physics and Non-Physics

#### **Physics** (closely aligned with top U.S. national priorities):

- DUNE support (Phase 1 and Phase 2)
- Generation 3 Dark Matter (XLZD and/or ARGO)
- 'Agile' Experiments / Low-Mass Dark Matter
- General R&D facility
- Generation 2 Dark Matter upgrade (LZ → HydroX, CrystaLiZe, etc)

### Non-Physics:

Several expert panel discussions so far, aim for report in late 2025

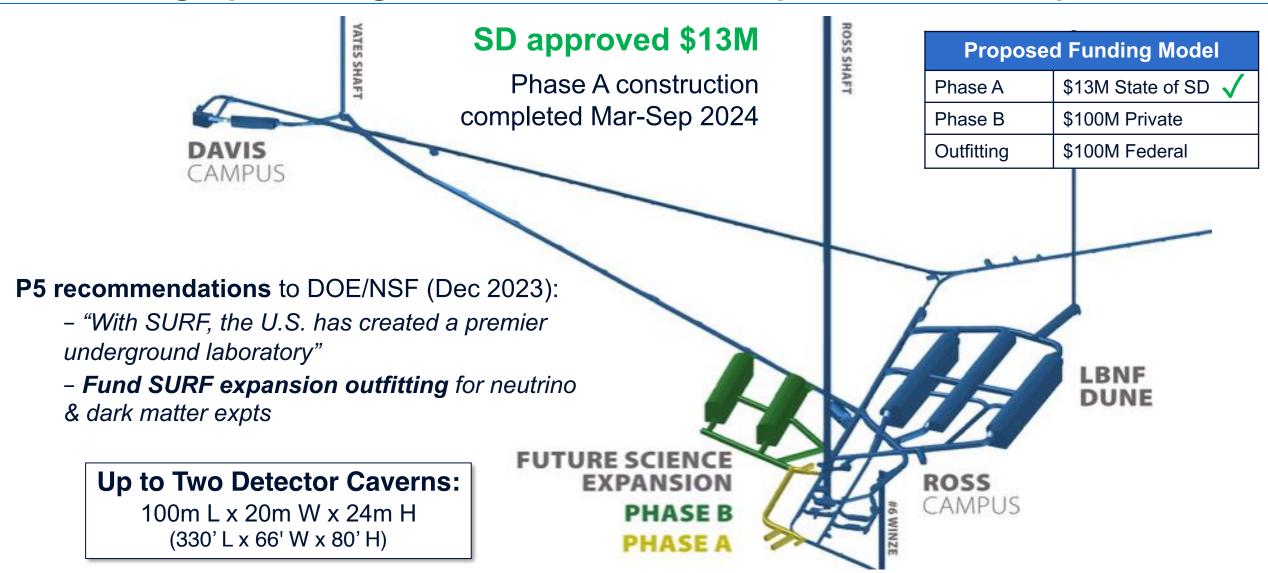


**Cryogenic User Facility** 

w/ dilution refrigerator

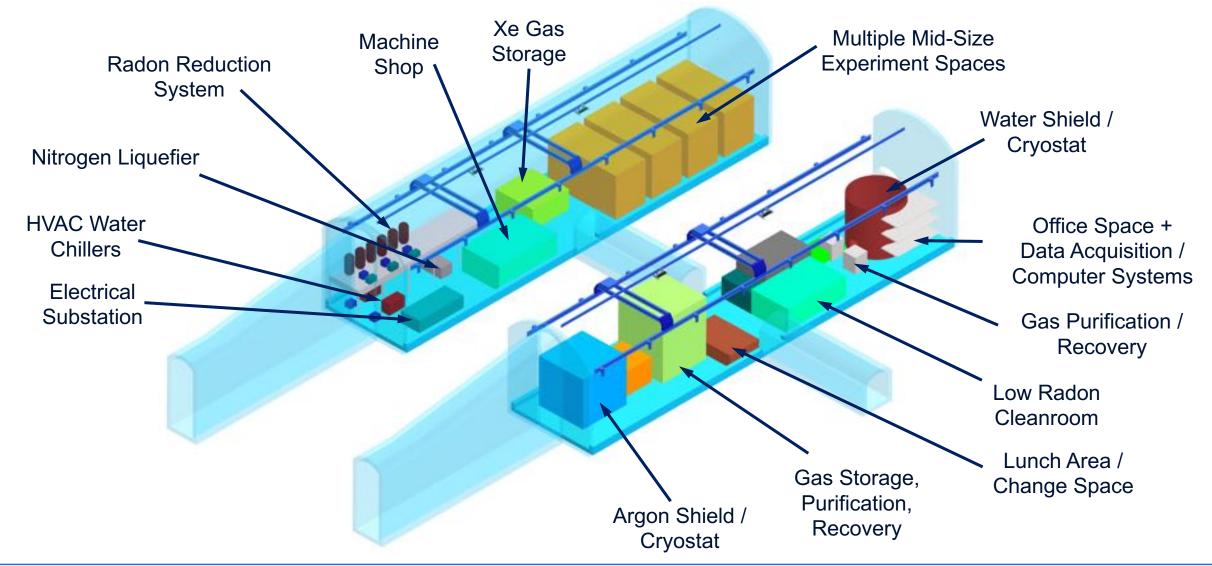
# 4850L Space Needed for Future Experiments

U.S. strategic plan recognized need for more UG space, endorsed expansion



## **Big Science at SURF**

Conceptual layout (2x 100m caverns), informed by DUSEL PDR, ARGO/XLZD, LZ



# South Dakota Support for Quantum Initiatives

Notable state investment attracting interest, also federal congressional support



2024 South Dakota Legislature

#### Senate Bill 45 ENROLLED

An Act

ENTITLED An Act to make an appropriation for the establishment of a Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$3,034,444 to the Board of Regents, for the purpose of establishing a Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology.

#### Gov. Noem signs bill to fund Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology



Governor Kristi Noem signed SB 45, which funds the establishment of a Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology.



Quantum Partnership Workshop (2024, 2025) https://indico.sanfordlab.org/e/QPW2024 / QPW2025

Growing community both within SD and beyond, ~50% increase in participation year-over-year

Save the Date for QPW2026: **Jul 22-24**, **2026** 



## **SURF Cryogenic User Facility Partners**

Many more expected once facility available





South Dakota





6 States,23 Members(incl SD)

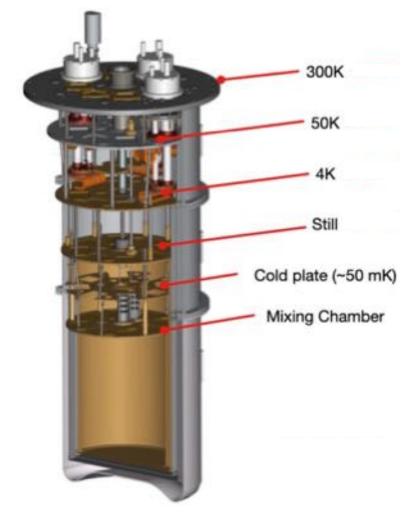


### **SURF Cryogenic User Facility**

### State investment to leverage federal funding and attract industry leaders

#### Multi-user, low-background, ultra-low temperature test facility

- Cryogenic User Facility at SURF will significantly bolster recent South Dakota quantum initiative
  - Center for Quantum Information Science & Technology incl DSU and SD Mines, interest from USD, SDSU and BHSU in facility at SURF
- Cryogenic User Facility at SURF will establish internationallycompetitive research resources in South Dakota
  - New facility at SURF will bring scientific staff and support development of novel detectors to address questions in fundamental science
  - Significant interest from U.S.-based groups
  - New facility at SURF will attract industry leaders (Google, IBM)
- No deep underground cryogenic facility currently exists in the U.S.
  - Due to strategic value, many other countries operate cryo facilities (Europe, Canada) or are planning to build them (several countries in Asia; LBNL currently working with Japan on a facility like this)



Several options for commercial dilution refrigerator that would meet facility needs

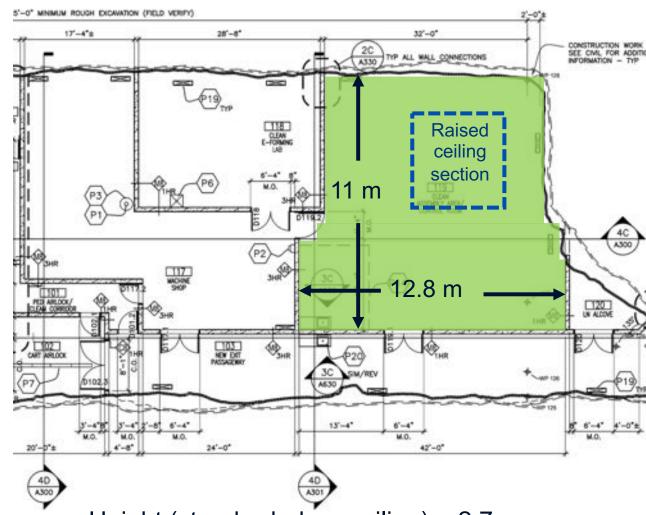


## **4850L Davis Campus**

### **MJD Detector Room space for Cryogenic User Facility**



Area (total =140  $m^2$ ): 11 m × 9.8-12.8 m × 2.7 m (H) Area (raised section): 5.9 m × 5.8 m × 3.2 m (H)



Height (standard, drop ceiling) = 2.7 m Height (raised section, 5.9 m × 5.8 m) = **3.2 m** 



### **SURF Potential Vertical Facility**

### Unique facility would serve broad range of science communities

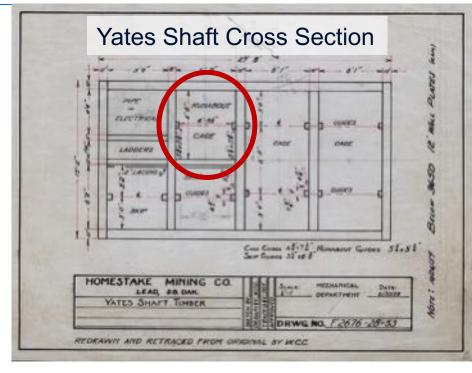
• **Science Goals:** Atom interferometry using quantum sensors (ultralight dark matter, gravitational waves), quantum network; also atmospheric cloud chamber, microgravity studies, isotope separation

#### Community Interest:

- Early interest at SURF related to vertical facility and atom interferometry (e.g., Vertical Facility workshop Fall 2008)
- SURF Vision Workshop Sep 2021 incl atom interferometry
- SURF Quantum Partnerships Workshop series incl interest in gravitational measurements and quantum networks/sensors
- SURF joined TVLBAI collaboration in Oct 2025 (50+ institutions)
- Expt Requirements (TVLBAI <a href="https://arxiv.org/pdf/2503.21366">https://arxiv.org/pdf/2503.21366</a>):
  - TVLBAI: **1.5-m diameter** <u>shaft</u> (minimum), **15-cm diameter** <u>pipe</u> for ultra-high vacuum; separate pipe for quantum network?
  - Aiming for initial technical discussions in 2026

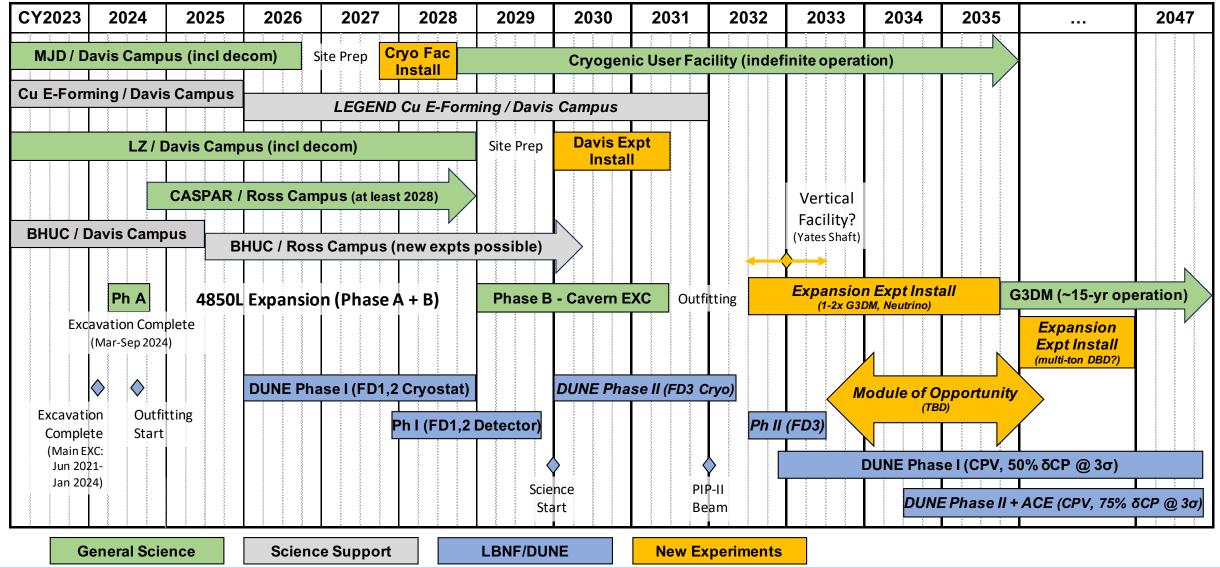
#### • SURF Facility:

- Initial shaft study completed March 2022, six legacy shafts potentially feasible (but challenging)
- Yates Shaft refurbishment DOE recognizes investment necessary to ensure safe and redundant access at SURF (especially for LBNF/DUNE); schedule ~2030s after related upgrades complete
- Potential for Yates Shaft to accommodate Vertical Facility, "Runabout" compartment 1.75m x 2.0m



# **SURF Science Strategic Planning**

#### **Timeline**



# Institute for Underground Science at SURF

Activities since June 2023, formally launched December 2023



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**CETUP\*** (2023, 2024, 2025)

https://indico.sanfordlab.org/e/CETUP2023 / 2024 / 2025

**Quantum Partnership Workshop** (2024, 2025)

https://indico.sanfordlab.org/e/QPW2024 / QPW2025

## **SURF Science & Education Opportunities**

#### **SURF Programs**

- Summer Internships (Bozied/Bauer/Headley)
  - Science, engineering, operations, environmental science and communications, includerrepresented groups <a href="https://sanfordlab.org/internships">https://sanfordlab.org/internships</a>
- Davis-Bahcall Scholars Program
  - Multidisciplinary studies at U.S. & European labs/industries <a href="https://sanfordlab.org/dbs">https://sanfordlab.org/dbs</a>

#### National Programs

- NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU):
  - BHSU multidisciplinary program since 2016 (physics, chemistry, biology) https://bhsu.edu/academics/programs/physics.html
  - **SD Mines Li-SMART** (Lithium, Mining, Recycling and Technology) started 2025 <a href="https://www.sdsmt.edu/news/releases/Li-SMART.html">https://www.sdsmt.edu/news/releases/Li-SMART.html</a>
- DOE Reaching a New Energy Sciences Workforce (RENEW):
  - **RENEW-Midwest:** From the Underground to the Cosmos, student diversity in STEM (BHSU, UMich, Benedictine) <a href="https://www.pathwaystoscience.org">https://www.pathwaystoscience.org</a>
  - NuPUMAS: Neutrino Physics for Undergraduate Minority Advancement in Science, student diversity in STEM (UHouston / Texas Physics Consortium) https://nupumas.physics.uh.edu

#### Other Opportunities

- BHSU Underground Campus: Promoting undergraduate research
- Local Researchers: SD Mines, BHSU, RESPEC; also USD, SDSU, DSU









Explore the modern world of STEM research on a four-week, once-in-a- lifetime, all-expense-paid opportunity that connects science-curious students with peers and mentors.



### **SURF Summary**

- SURF has strong relationship with DOE that benefits UG science community:
  - SURF has mandate to support experiments and ensure safe and reliable access for decades.
- SURF offers world-class service to the underground science community:
  - SURF attributes attract world-leading experiments and scientists from diverse scientific communities.
  - SURF has proven track record of enabling high-impact science by leveraging strong institutional partnerships.
- SURF is playing a strong role in the UG science community:
  - User Association serving as catalyst for community discussions: https://sanfordlab.org/surf-user-association.
  - Institute has had significant impact with initial programming, advancing intellectual community building.
- SURF wants to host future world-leading experiments:
  - LBNF excavation done, outfitting started in 2024. **DOE** "Module of Opportunity" expanded physics program.
  - Construction underway to increase underground laboratory space, plans advancing for new large caverns on 4850L on timeframe of next-generation experiments (~2030).
  - Call for Letters of Interest (LOIs) re-affirmed prospective experiments and identified new avenues.
     New facilities in planning (Cryogenic User Facility) and consideration (Vertical Facility).
  - SURF is deep laboratory site and offers largest footprint in the world for scientific pursuits.
     Many options to host future initiatives big or small!



## Sanford Underground Research Facility

#### Thank You!





#### **Agency Acknowledgement:**

The Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) is a federally sponsored research facility under DOE-SC HEP Award Number DE-SC0020216 (cooperative agreement)





### **SURF Mission:**

We advance world-class science and inspire learning across generations.

### **SURF Vision:**

The world's preferred location for underground science and education.

#### SURF serves the entire underground science community

SURF welcomes and encourages research from all disciplines that are able to take advantage of the unique attributes of our laboratory



#### **General summary**

**Site:** Deepest underground lab in U.S., largest footprint for scientific pursuits (former Homestake Gold Mine). Operations funded directly by U.S. Department of Energy (\$35M/yr). Robust org, total staff = 213 ppl.

#### **Science Program:**

- **Past:** Davis Solar Neutrino Experiment, LUX, MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR (0vββ, <sup>180m</sup>Ta), others (incl Deep Underground Gravity Lab, affiliated with LIGO collaboration)
- Current: LZ, CASPAR, Low-bkgd counting (BHUC), Geoengineering (esp. geothermal, seismic), Geomicrobiology, Industry/engineering (Caterpillar)
- Future (no funding/site decisions yet):
  - Dark Matter: Low-mass (SPLENDOR, HydroX), next-generation WIMP (XLZD, Argo), other (CrystaLiZe)
  - Neutrino: Water-based liquid scintillator (Theia), Multi-ton-scale 0vββ (LEGEND 6000), etc
  - QIS, atom interferometry gravitational waves, ultra-light dark matter (km-scale vertical or horizontal)

#### Facility:

- 4850L Existing: Davis Campus operating well, Ross Campus re-opened following LBNF blasting
- 4850L Cryogenic User Facility: Dilution fridge for QIS at Davis Campus (exploring SD funding)
- 4850L LBNF/DUNE: Excavation complete, "Module of Opportunity" for expanded science program (DOE)
- 4850L Expansion: Up to 2x caverns (100m L × 20m W × 24m H), complete in early 2030s (private/DOE?)
- Vertical Facility: Accommodate during Yates Shaft refurbishment, schedule TBD / ~2030s (DOE/other?)



### **Physical characteristics**

- **Property:** 1 km<sup>2</sup> (surface) with ~1600 m<sup>2</sup> storage (incl drill core) and 355 m<sup>2</sup> staging/assembly space; 31 km<sup>2</sup> (total underground) with ~600 km of tunnels extending to over 2450 m below ground.
- Access: Vertical; personnel and materials via one of two main shafts (Yates Shaft extensive maintenance campaign completed, DOE funding discussions for full refurbishment). Facility dedicated to science.
  - Yates Shaft: 1.39 × 3.77 × 2.58 m, 4.8 tonnes (lengths up to 7.3 m possible at reduced payload mass)
  - Ross Shaft: 1.40 × 3.70 × 3.62 m, 6.1 tonnes (lengths up to 8.2 m possible at reduced payload mass; new cage soon)
- **Depth:** Main UG level = 4850L (1480 m, 4300 mwe), muon flux =  $5.31 \times 10^{-5} \,\mu/m^2/s$  (4.6  $\mu/m^2/d$ ). Several other UG elevations for science: 300L, 800L, 1700L, 2000L, 4100L, 4550L.

#### Space:

- Surface (science space, as low as class 10-100): 210 m<sup>2</sup> (cleanrooms = 92 m<sup>2</sup> / 914 m<sup>3</sup>)
- 4850L (science space, as low as class 100): Davis Campus (1018 m<sup>2</sup> / 4633 m<sup>3</sup>), Ross Campus (920 m<sup>2</sup> /3144 m<sup>3</sup>)
- Radon-reduction: Surface = 2200x reduction @ 300 m<sup>3</sup>/h (Ateko), Davis = 700x reduction @ 150 m<sup>3</sup>/h (SD Mines)
- **Bkgds** (4850L): Radon\* = 180-402 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>, gamma = 1.9  $\gamma$ /cm<sup>2</sup>/s, neutron = 1.7×10<sup>-2</sup> n/m<sup>2</sup>/s.
- Utilities:

- \* Studies conducted Summer 2024, expect to reduce Rn concentration
- Power = 24,000 kW capacity (20,000 kW available now, 15,000 kW in FY27); Standby = 3 diesel generators (390 kW)
- Chilled water (2x 246 kW), purified water (37.8 lpm), compressed air (up to 1100 scfm, 140 scfm at Davis Campus)
- Network = 20 Gbps internally, 10 Gbps externally (100 Gbps planned), WiFi available surface + underground



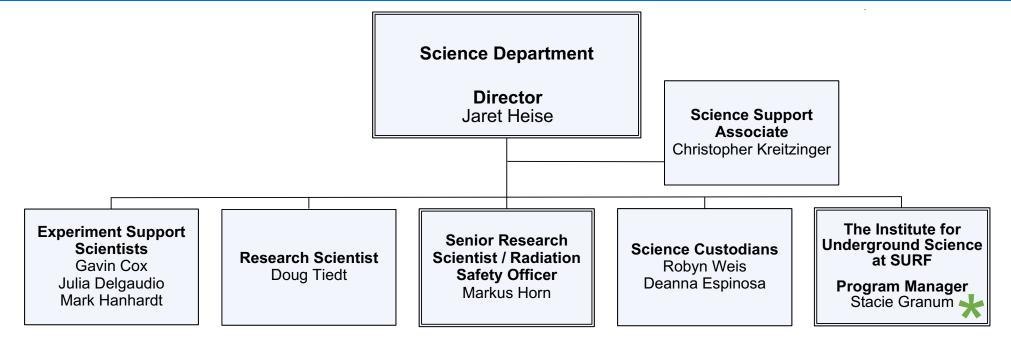
### **Capabilities**

- Unique environments for multi-disciplinary research: SURF has attracted world-leading experiments and scientists from diverse scientific communities.
  - **Overburden protection from cosmic-ray muons:** SURF is the deepest underground lab in U.S., one of deepest laboratories in the world (1500 m, 4300 mwe). SURF is expanding to meet the needs of next-generation experiments
- Local radiation shielding: Water tank and corresponding water purification system, steel shielding; also selection of low-activity facility construction materials/finishes (e.g., concrete, shotcrete)
- Assay capabilities: Low-bkgd counting serving national & international community (~10 µBq/kg U/Th)
- Material production/purification: One of only a few labs where UG Cu electroforming is performed (average U, Th decay chain ≤ 0.1 µBq/kg)
- Environmental control: Experience w/ HEPA filtration cleanrooms, dehumidifier, Rn-reduction systems
- **Implementation and operations support:** Robust organization with support for planning, execution and coordination of science program activities both planned and ongoing at facility. SURF has proven track record of delivering successful science.
- Community catalyst: User Association, incl Vision Workshop 2021. Science Program Advisory Cmttee.
   Both groups support upcoming SURF application to become DOE Office of Science User Facility



# Science Organization & Scope

Resources to enable safe and successful implementation of experiments



- Main point of contact for experiments and researchers
- Experiment implementation process management, incl coordination of review and authorization processes
- Scientific support, incl participation as collaboration members and technical experiment support

- Science facility support, incl lab coordination and oversight, specialized custodial support
- Represent SURF (facility and science), incl public presentations, scientific conferences, etc
- Build intellectual community





## SURF's Road to Multi-Disciplinary Science

#### **Broad science program right from the start**

- South Dakota and Black Hills Roots:
  - Agriculture is largest economic sector in state, many universities have strong biology departments & faculty
  - Locally, Black Hills region has strong ties to mining/geology; leveraged some industrial connections, also some early biology sampling during Homestake operations
  - Geographically near other interesting sites (e.g., Yellowstone National Park, well-known to researchers)

#### DUSEL Roots:

- Funding strategy for national UG lab was via National Science Foundation with **broad science mandate**
- Strong leadership from U.S. national laboratory, LBNL, with multi-disciplinary science portfolio

#### SURF Opportunities:

- Significant footprint with access to variety of environments (range of temperature and humidity, rock formations/materials, water, depth, etc)
- Drill core repository, access to underground drill holes (and expertise to modify), areas of isolated water

#### SURF Multi-Disciplinary Science:

- Biologists on SURF User Association (incl recent chair) and Science Program Advisory Committee
- Planning at least one biology/geology Research Scientist hire in next 2 years
- SURF Vision Workshop 2021: "No one has successfully created a true multi-disciplinary underground lab."
   SURF [and other laboratories] aspire to this goal!



## LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ)

### Large Underground Xenon - ZonEd Proportional scintillation in Liquid Noble gases

- Science Goal: Direct dark matter search using 10 tonnes xenon.
- Collaboration: 197 members, 36 institutions, lead = LBNL [DOE HEP].

#### Status:

- Onsite since Jul 2017 (as LUX since Nov 2009).
- Data taking started Dec 2021. Initial WIMP-search results 2022 (world-leading), latest 2024 results 10.1103/4dyc-z8zf (world-leading).
- WIMP-search data taking continuing (~65% of run goal).
- Nitrogen generator serving entire Davis Campus.

- Complete science data by early 2028, then decommission.
   SURF Xe inventory available through Sep 2028.
- Meetings with next-generation XLZD experiment (up to ~100 tonnes).
   Site TBD; SURF wants to host!
- Low-mass dark matter projects potential follow-ons to LZ.



## MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR (MJD)

### Also Large Enriched Ge Experiment for Neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ Decay (LEGEND)

- Science Goal: Neutrinoless double-beta decay using 44 kg Ge; also LEGEND R&D and rare decays (180mTa).
- Collaboration: 62 members, 20 institutions, lead = ORNL [DOE NP].

#### Status:

- Onsite at SURF since Nov 2010.
- Ge campaign finished (2015-2021), final result published 2023.
   Enriched Ge detectors to Gran Sasso.
- Ta-180m rare-decay search complete (2022-2025), world-leading results (2023).
- Decommissioning underway (some materials shipped to France),
   Cu electroforming and machining to continue.

- Decommissioning complete by Oct 2026.
- Cu e-forming expanding up to 8 baths (6 operating soon).
- Ton-scale: DOE review fall 2025 for LEGEND-1000 (nEXO paused).
- "Multi-ton-scale" experiment possible at SURF in 2040s.





### **CASPAR**

#### Compact Accelerator System for Performing Astrophysical Research

- Science Goal: Study of stellar nuclear fusion reactions using accelerator for protons or alpha particles.
- **Collaboration:** 26 members, 2 institutions, lead = SD Mines [NSF MPS/PHY].

#### Status:

- Onsite at SURF since mid-2015.
- Phase 1 (2017-2021): 8 targets investigated, 6 PhD graduates (SD Mines, Notre Dame).
- Laboratory shut down Apr 2021 due to LBNF construction.
- Phase 2: Operations resumed Summer 2025.

- Phase 1: 4-5 papers and 1 PhD student in queue.
- Phase 2 (2025-2028): First target data expected Fall 2025, incl <sup>19</sup>F
   (CNO solar neutrinos) and <sup>7</sup>Li, <sup>10</sup>B (complement JWST data).
- Phase 3: Proposed continuation of nuclear astrophysics program, with electrical upgrade optimizing low-energy measurements.



## **SURF Material Assay at BHUC**

### **Black Hills State University Underground Campus**

- Science Support Goal: Characterize radiopurity of experiment components; also multi-disciplinary science support at Ross Campus.
- Collaboration: 14 members, 7 institutions, lead = BHSU [institutional/expt funds

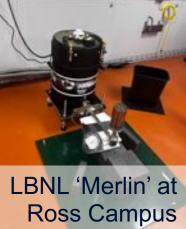
#### Status:

- Onsite starting Sep 2015 at Ross Campus (initial efforts 2013 at Davis Campus).
- Ross Campus operations Sep 2015 Jul 2020 (six detectors operating).
   Laboratory shut down Mar 2021 due to LBNF construction.
- Davis Campus operations Nov 2020 Jun 2025 (six detectors, five operating).
- Ross Campus operations Aug 2025 Present (six detectors, incl new LBNL detector; assays resumed!)
- Sample counting for global community, incl XLZD and DUNE.

- Troubleshooting continues for Ge-IV at Davis Campus.
- Additional detectors possible: 8<sup>th</sup> (UCLA) and 9<sup>th</sup> (AL/KY).
- Interest from small-scale detector R&D groups.



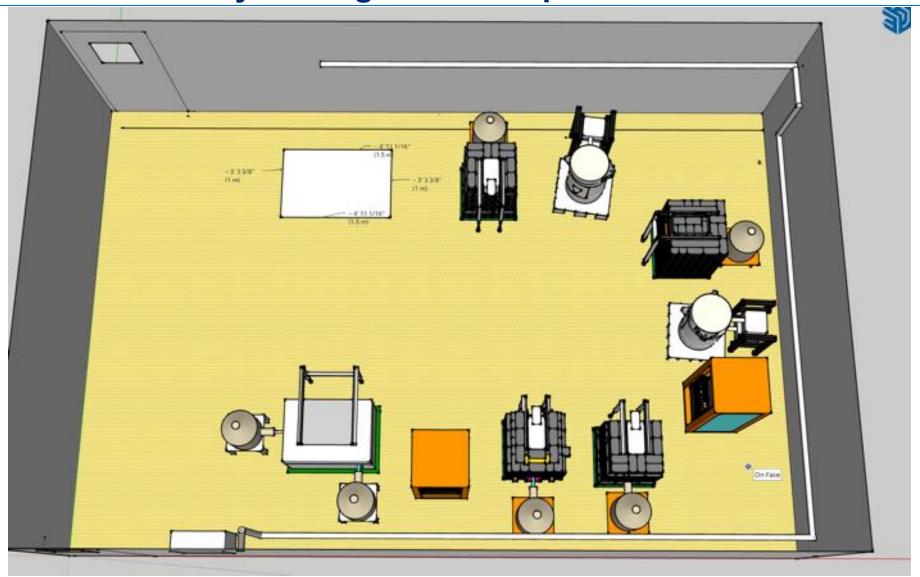






# **SURF Material Assay at BHUC – Back to Ross!**

**Black Hills State University Underground Campus** 



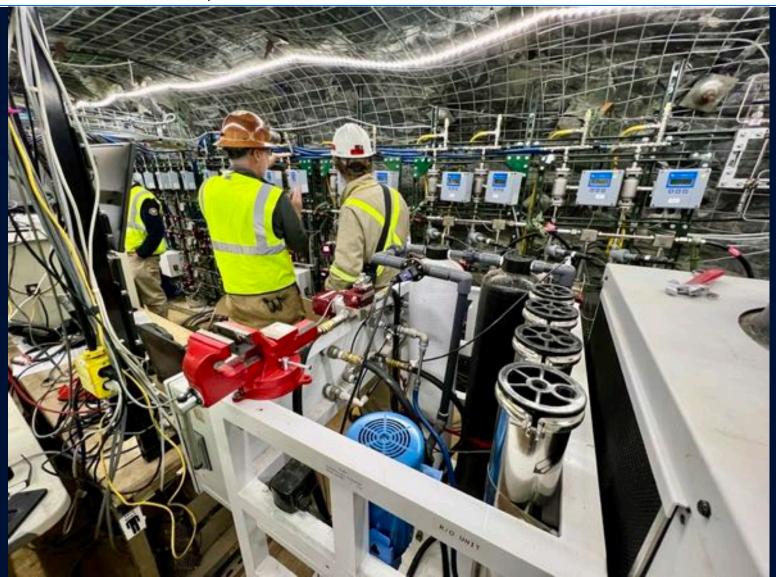
## **EGS Collab / SIGMA-V**

Research activities on 4850L, West Drift



### **Geothermal Testbed**

Research activities on 4100L, Yates area



### **SURF Past and Ongoing EGS-Related Projects**

#### kISMET (4850 Level)

permeability [k] and Induced Seismicity Management for Energy Technologies [EERE-GTO]

#### EGS Collab-SIGMA-V (4850 and 4100 Levels)

- Enhanced Geothermal Systems Stimulation Investigations for Geothermal Modeling Analysis and Validation [EERE-GTO]
- 4850L: 8x holes drilled (each 60 m long), 4100L: 2x initial holes (50-m vertical, 10-m horizontal) plus 9x holes (180-265 m long). Stimulation and flow studies completed at both sites, decommissioning / mothballing to be complete in Nov 2022. 2x 4850L holes could be re-used; 4100L testbed for re-use.

#### DEMO-FTES (4100 Level)

- Demonstration of Fracture Thermal Energy Storage [Geothermica (Intl) -> EERE-GTO]
- Near-term re-use of some of EGS/SIGMA-V 4100L infrastructure, onsite starting summer/fall 2023

#### Thermal Breakout (4850 and 4100 Levels)

- Development of thermal wellbore breakout technology for determining the maximum principal stress magnitude and direction [DOE Fossil Energy & Carbon Mgmt]
- 4850L: Tests performed in 2019 and 2020 using DUSEL geotechnical overcore holes. 4100L: Testing in existing EGS/SIGMA-V holes in 2021. Two new long 4100L holes drilled (15-cm diameter x 23 m long) and imaged in 2021, SURF completed 6 shallow holes (6-cm diameter x 4.5 m long). Heater testing in 2025.



# **SD Mines Biologists in Action**

**Biology / Geology / Engineering (Multiple Levels)** 



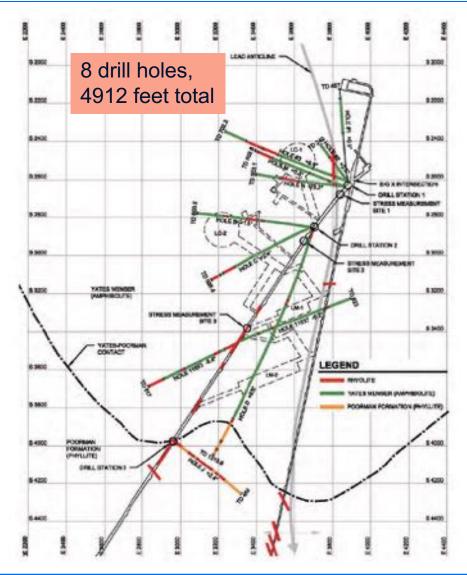
# **BHSU Biologists in Action**

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## **SURF Science Opportunities – Core Holes**

**Example: DUSEL Preliminary Design Core Holes** 



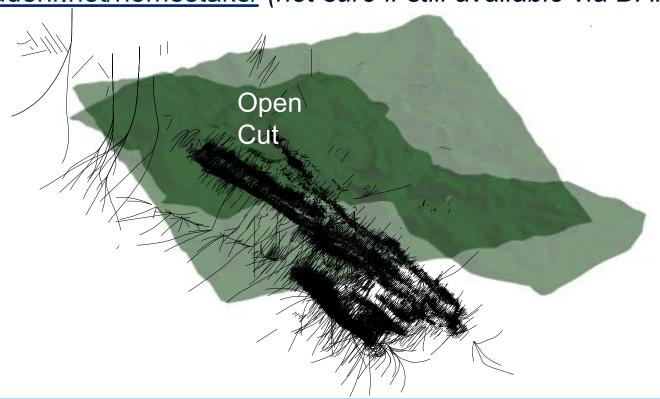


See DUSEL PDR: https://arxiv.org/abs/1108.0959

### **SURF Science Opportunities – Drill Core**

### **Core repository**

- Total of 27,870 drill holes (+ others) on Homestake property
- Portion of core retained and donated to SDSTA: 39,760 boxes of core for 2,688 drill holes (91 km!), SDGS initial help with stewardship
- SDGS database with 58,000+ entries, representing 1,740 drill holes: <a href="http://cf.sddenr.net/homestake/">http://cf.sddenr.net/homestake/</a> (not sure if still available via DANR)



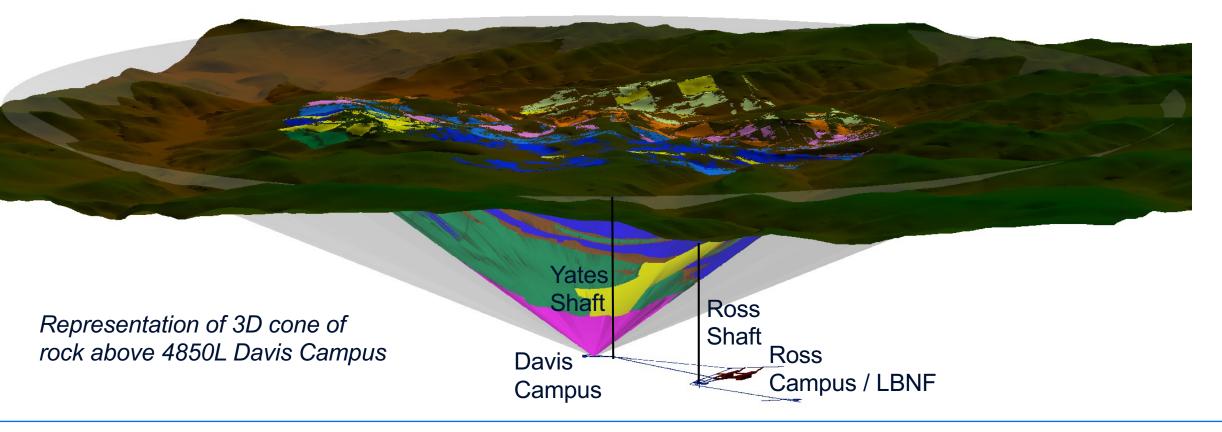




# **SURF Science Support – Geology Model**

### Site well understood, including drill core & logs

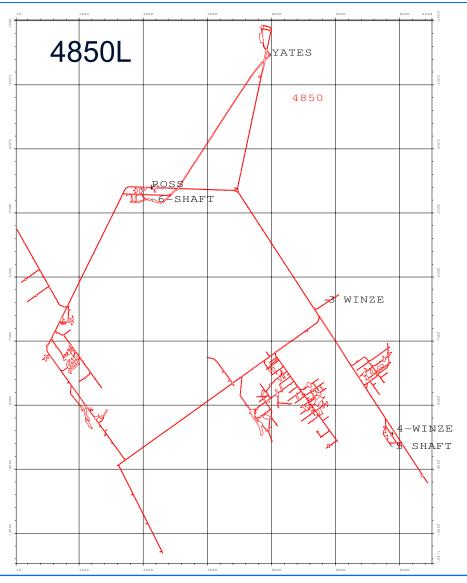
- 3D model of seven main rock formations + Rhyolite intrusives
- Detailed surface topology: Aerial survey for site performed 2011 (1' contours)
- Global coordinates: Survey performed summer 2016 (incl world's longest plumb bob)
- Rock density data: Hart, Trancynger, Roggenthen, Heise, SD Acad Sci 93, 33 (2014)

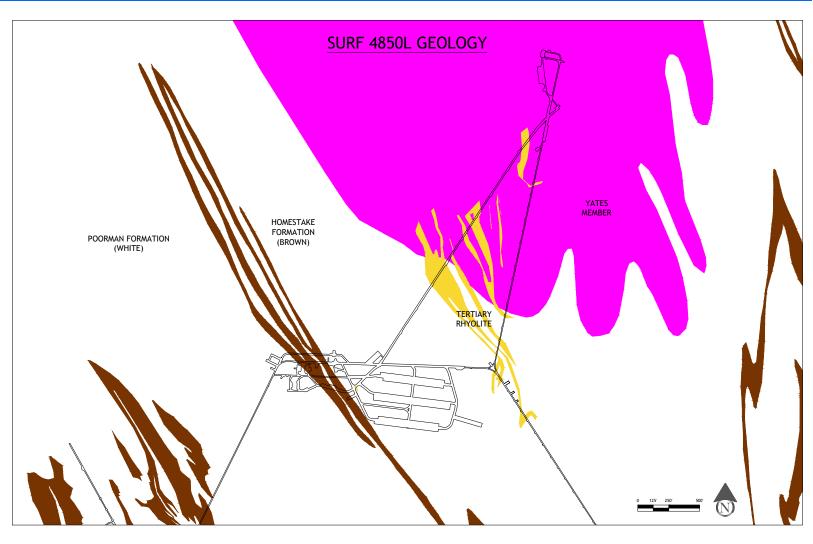




# **SURF Underground Lab Geography**

Generalized geology model – 4850L

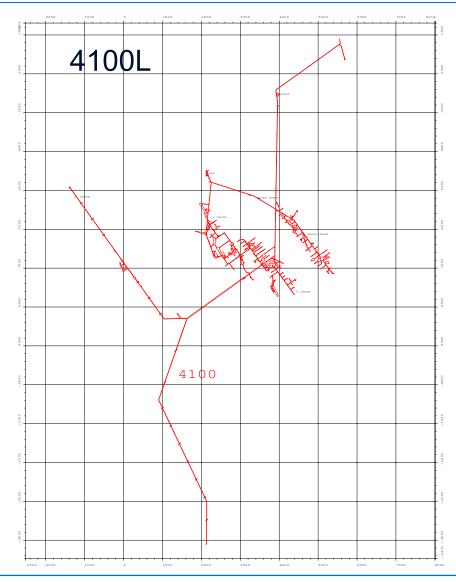


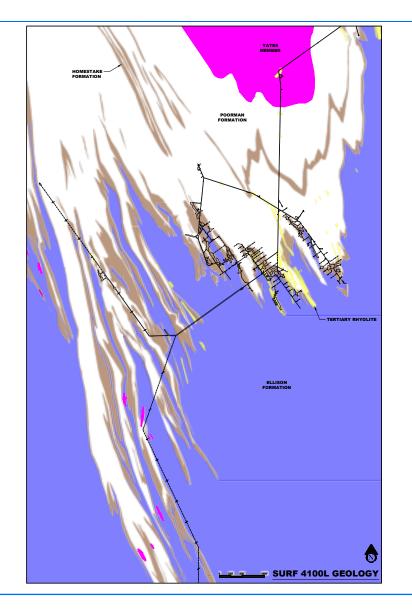




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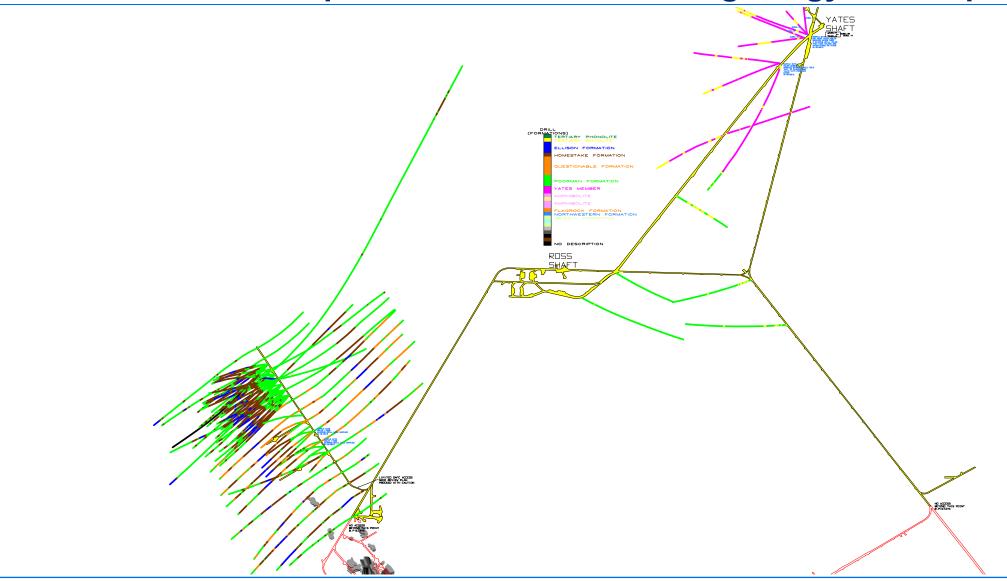
Generalized geology model – 4100L





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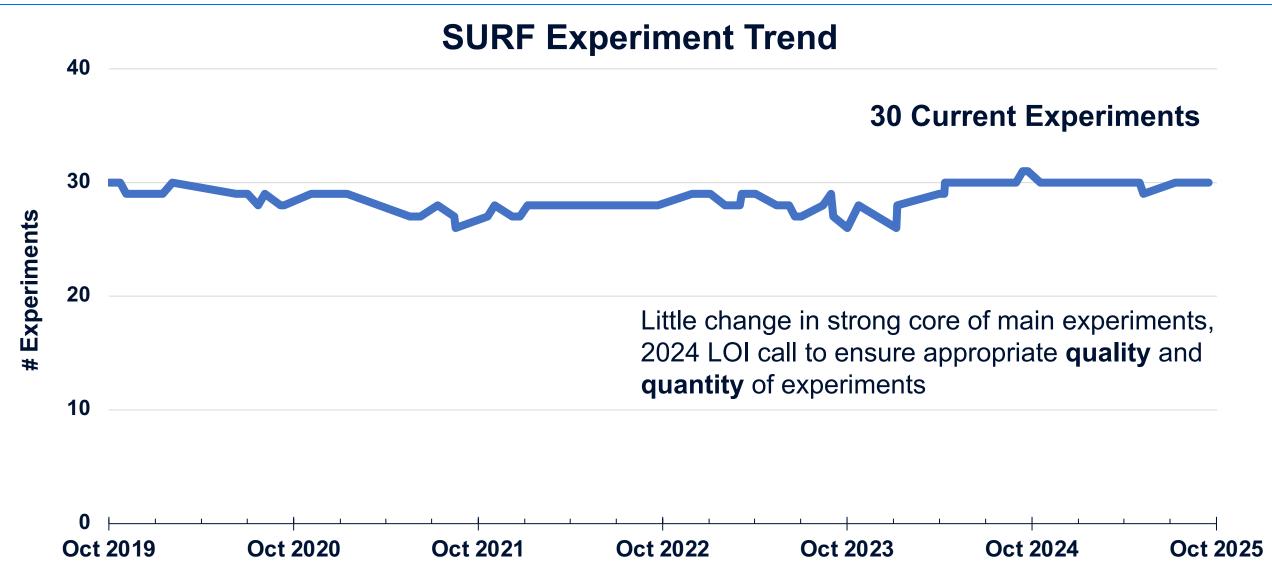
Other resources: Example: 4850L drill holes with geology and stopes





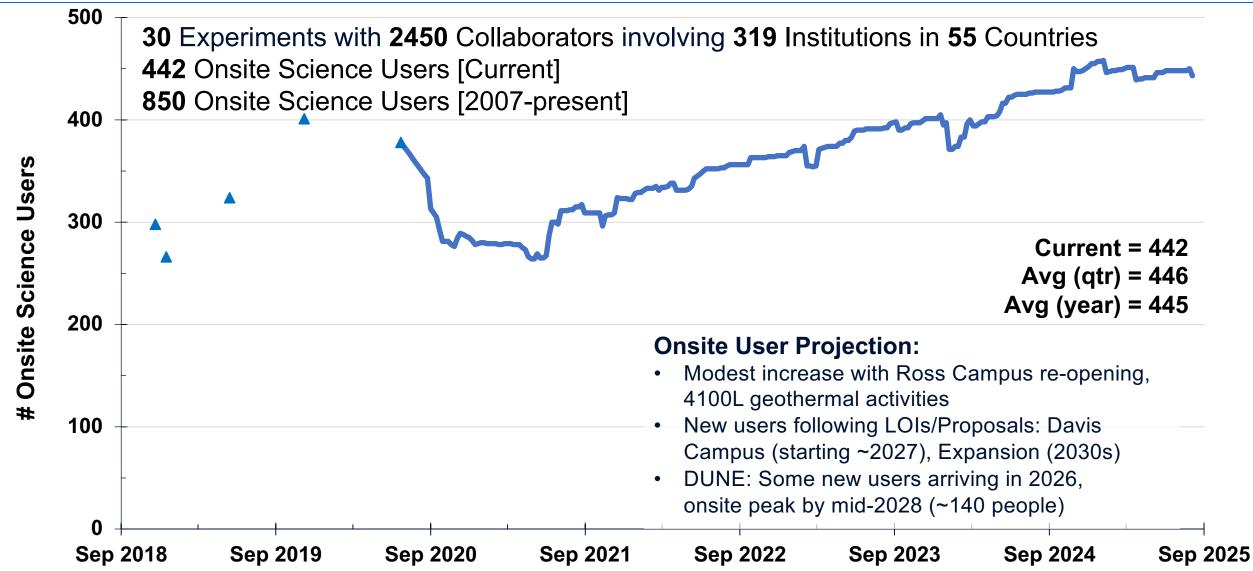
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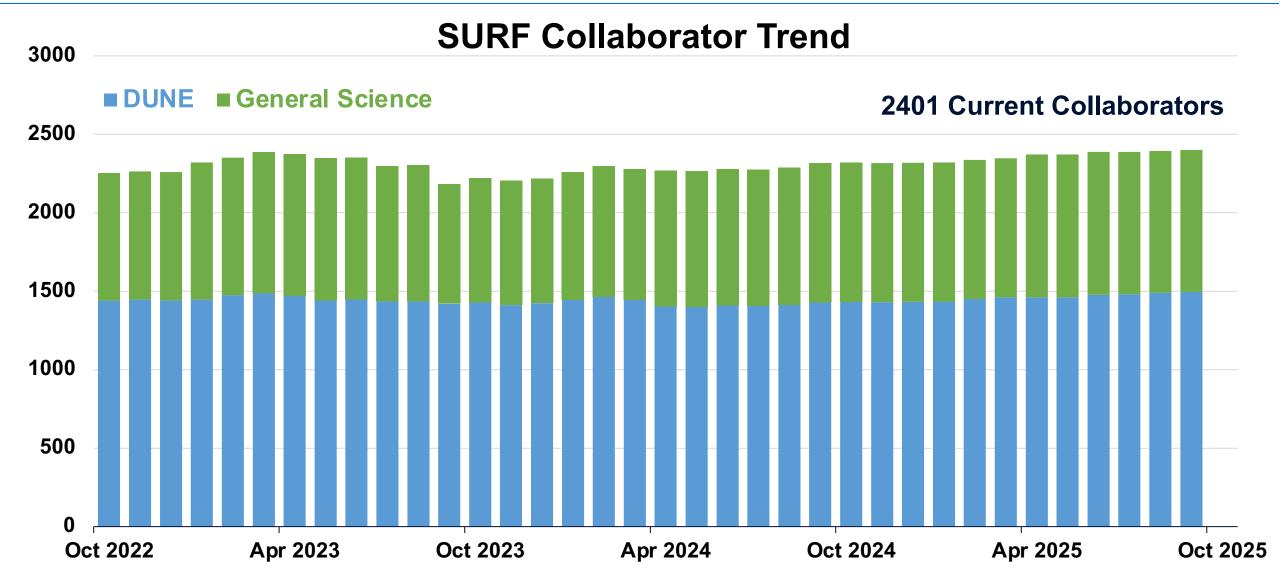
### **SURF Onsite Users**

### Significant user base, expect more engagement with UG science community



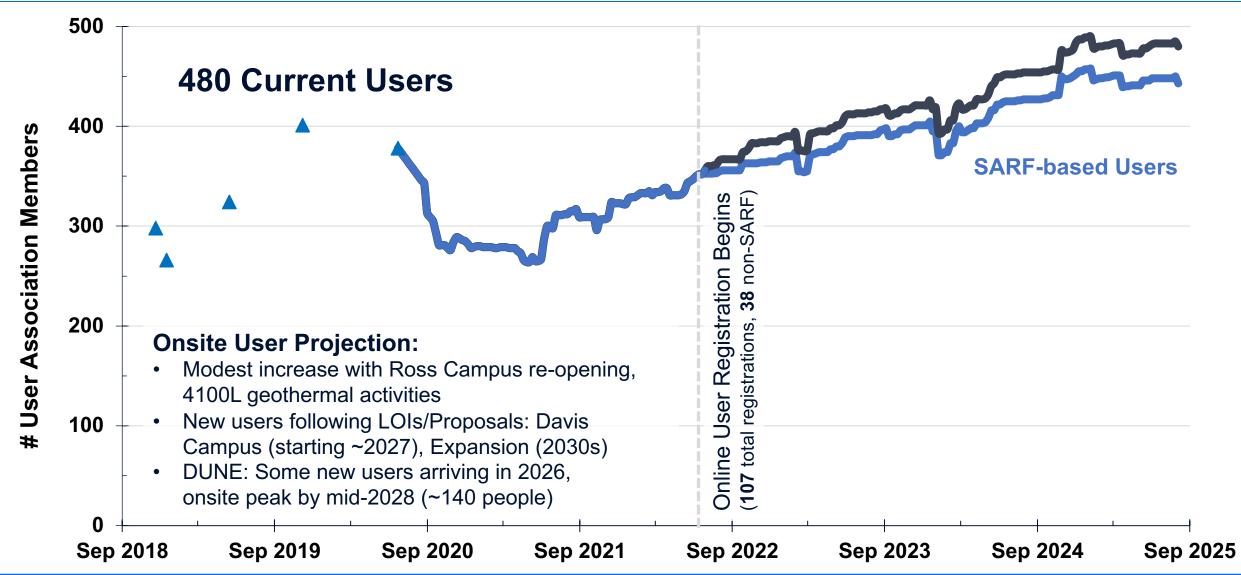
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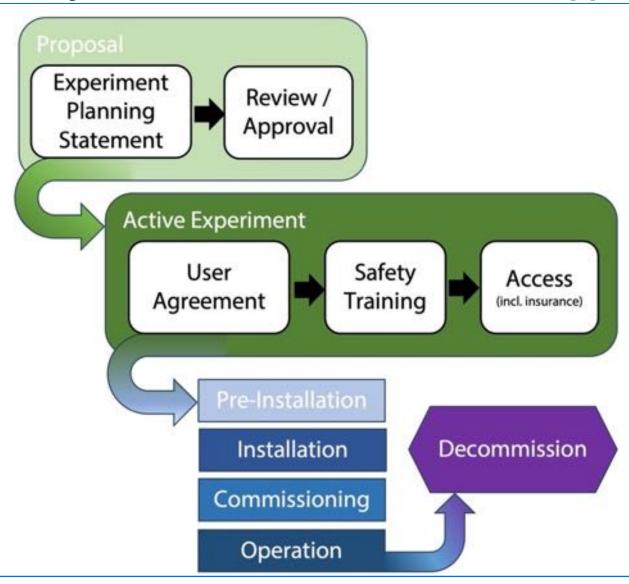
### **SURF User Association Members**

Significant user base, expect more engagement with UG science community

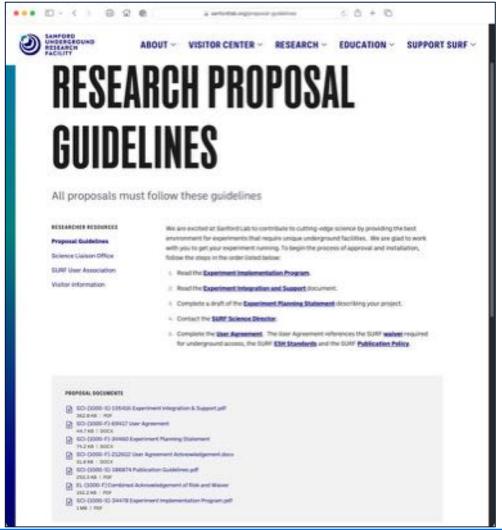


# **SURF Experiment Implementation Program**

Identify interfaces and hazards within approval framework



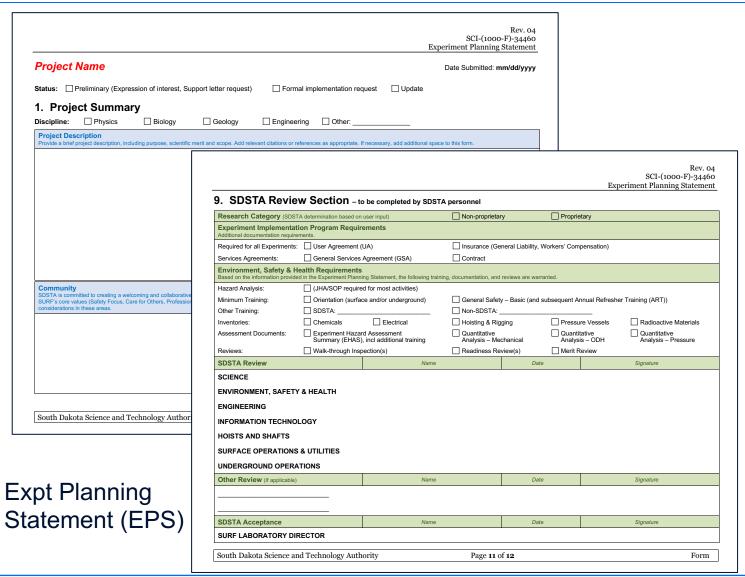
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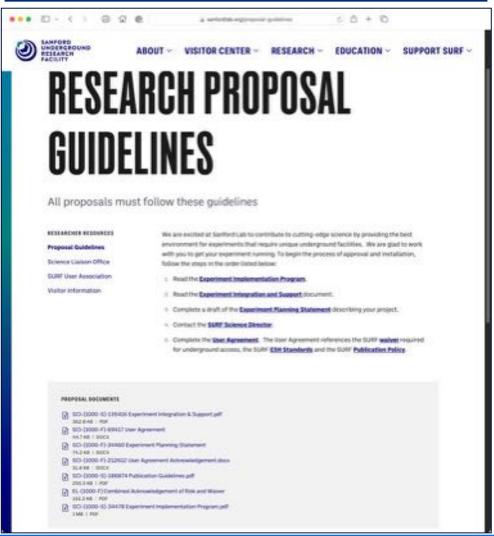


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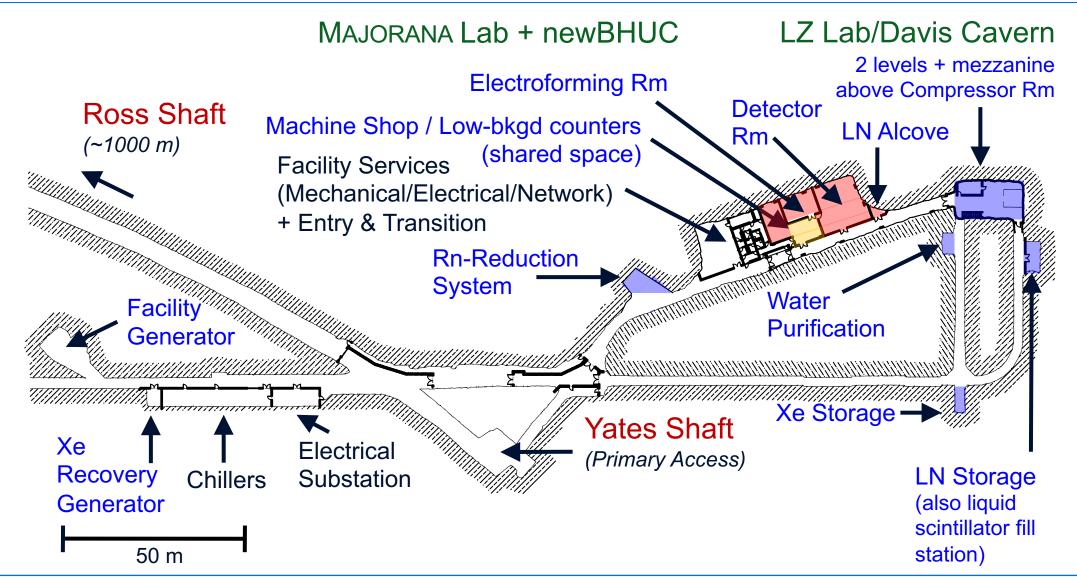
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# **4850L Davis Campus**

3,017 m<sup>2</sup> (Total) / 1,018 m<sup>2</sup> (Science)



## **SURF 4850L Davis Campus**

### **Examples of laboratory space**



**Detector Room (MJD):** 

Area = 140 m<sup>2</sup>, 11 m × 9.8-12.8 m × 2.7 m (H) (raised section:  $5.9 \text{ m} \times 5.8 \text{ m} \times 3.2 \text{ m}$  (H))



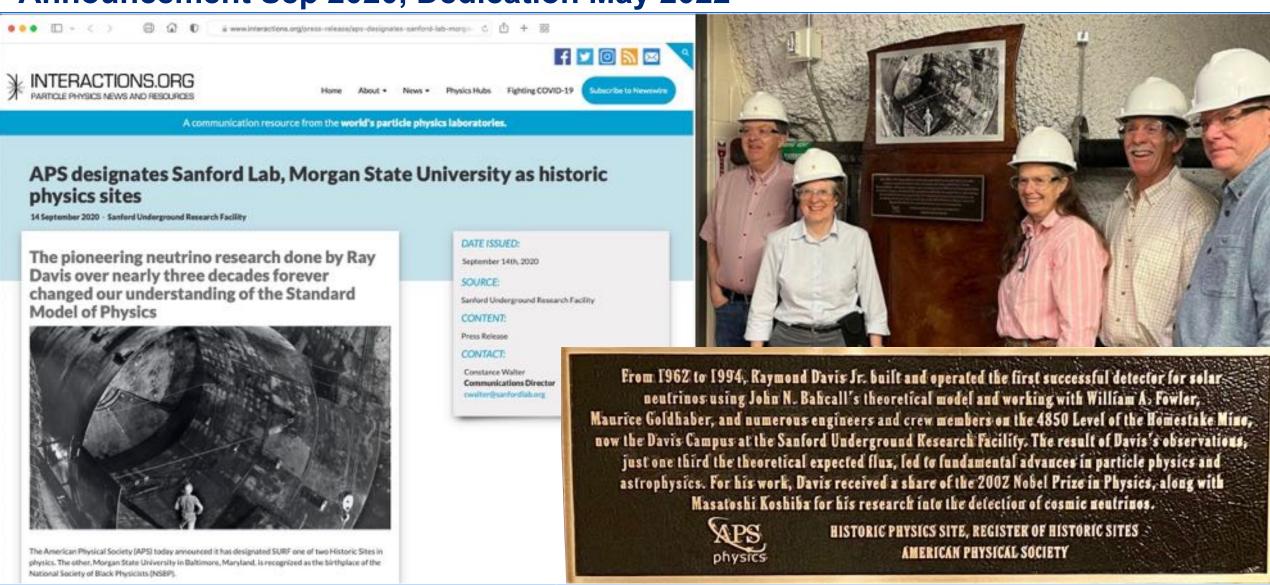
Davis Cavern, Lower (LZ):

Area = 142 m<sup>2</sup>, 13.7 m × 9.1 m × 6.4 m (H) (incl tank: 7.6 m dia. × 6.4 m H). Total Cavern H = 10.8 m



## **SURF Designated APS Historical Site**

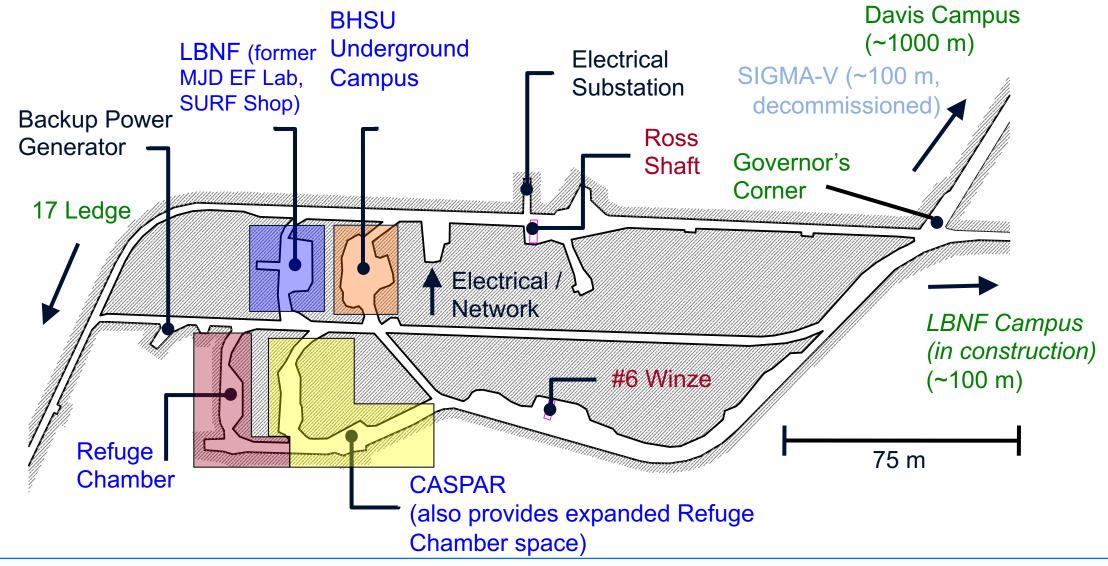
**Announcement Sep 2020, Dedication May 2022** 





## **4850L Ross Campus**

2,653 m<sup>2</sup> (Total) / 920 m<sup>2</sup> (Science)



# **SURF 4850L Ross Campus**

### **Examples of laboratory space**



#### Former MJD Electroforming:

Area = 228 m<sup>2</sup> (Cleanroom removed, current construction office)

#### **CASPAR Hall:**

Area = 236 m<sup>2</sup>, 30 m × 3 m (min) × 2.8 m (H)



#### **BHUC Cleanroom:**

Cavern Area = 268 m<sup>2</sup>, Cleanroom = 12.1 m  $\times$  6.1 m  $\times$ 2.4 m (H)

2015-2020, resumed 2025



## **SURF Plans to Become DOE User Facility**

#### **Benefits:**

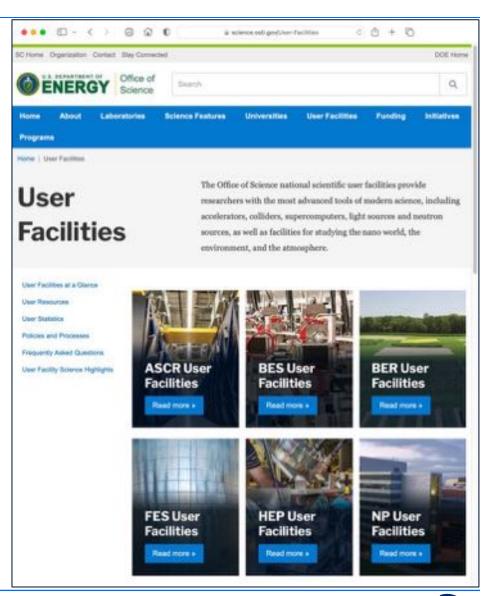
- Expands DOE User Facility portfolio to incl underground lab, raises SURF's stature within DOE community.
- Promotes underground science in U.S., increases funding opportunities.
- Enhances SURF's role in global science community.
- Communicates SURF is open to a broad range of science and users and that we have a standard process, accepted by DOE, for hosting science.

#### **Main Requirements:**

- Facility open to users regardless of nationality or institution.
- Allocation of facility resources determined by merit review.
- Facility resources for users to conduct work safely and efficiently.
- The facility supports a formal user organization.

#### **Status:**

- User Association and Science Program Advisory Cttee established.
- Application draft near final, expect DOE invitation to submit soon.



### **SURF Call for Letters of Interest**

### Ensuring SURF used to its fullest scientific potential

#### Significance of 2024 LOI Call:

- SURF's first formal call to UG science community since 2005!
- Initial calls selected strong physics anchors for Davis Campus:
   MJD and LUX (which led to current LZ)
- 2024 call is opportunity for SURF to advance scientific strategic plan goals, ensure strong science program continues

#### Overview of 2024 LOI Call:

- Open to all disciplines: Physics, Geology, Biology, Engineering
- Identifies specific existing space on 4850L and 4100L, other undeveloped areas may be available now
- 4850L Expansion started Mar 17, 2024, space available ~2030 (nominally two detector caverns: 100 m L x 20 m W x 24 m H, LOIs and subsequent discussions will inform final design)
- LOIs reviewed by SURF Science Program Advisory Committee
- Nominal deadline May 17, 2024, LOIs still being accepted
   15 responses received, initial SPAC review complete



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March 22, 2024

#### SURF Request for Letters of Interest 2024-01

Dear Researcher,

In support of our mission to advance world-class science, the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) is seeking input from the global underground science community to ensure that scientific priorities are bring accommodated and that SURF is being used to its fullest scientific potential.

SURF has a strong science program that currently comprises 29 experiment groups. Programs in some of our key 48500, laboratories are expected to complete in the next 1-4 years, which presents an opportunity to survey the community for new prospects. SURF is tremendously excited about new large laboratories that are being developed on the 4850C, with initial construction underway and space available on the timethane of -2050.



Leading into recent U.S. long-range planning, the SURF User Association held a Vision Workshop (https://indice.sandur/fish.org/e-Vision2021) and SURF participated in nuclear physics from hills and the particle physics Snowmans community input processes. As a result, SURF featured prominently in the strategic plans for both Nuclear (gg) and High Energy Physics (gg) communities. With the physics community long-range plans in-hand, SURF has set up a Steering Communities to distill apportunities and key elements relevant to the organization's science strategic plan (non-physics disciplines will also be addressed to inform the comprehensive strategic plan, but at a later date).

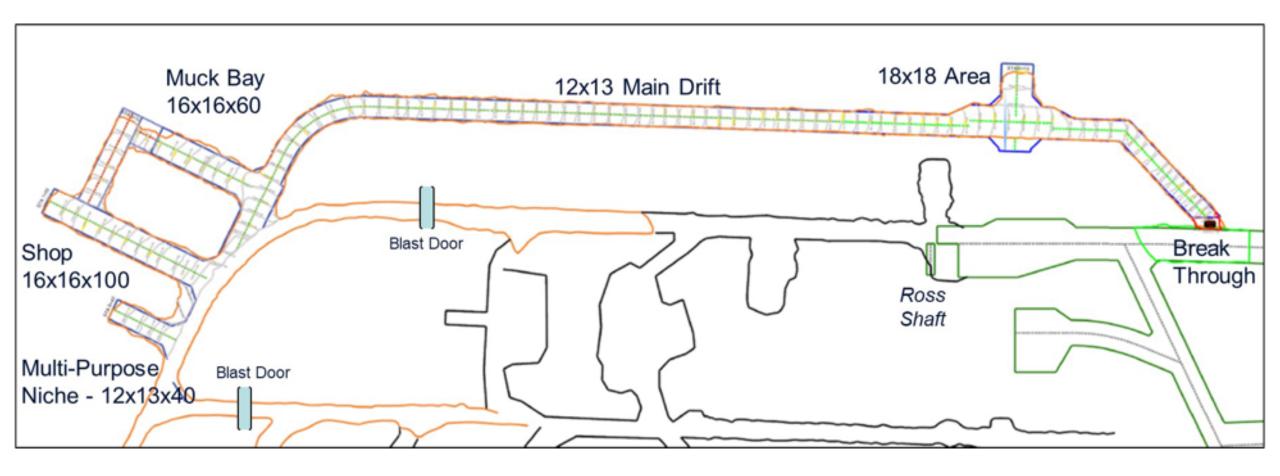
To help inform this process, we are inviting collaborations and scientists to submit short letters of interest (LOIs); maximum 3 pages. The information requested in the LOIs includes science goals, collaboration composition, facility requirements, access requirements, and timelines. Submitters are also invited to complete a SURF Experiment Planning Statement (EPS), supplemental to the LOI, that provides some additional experiment details as well as offering some SURF facility details:

https://sanfordlab.org/besentchers/proposal-guidelines.



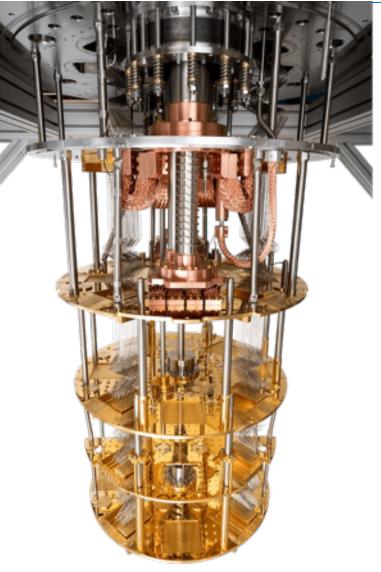
# **4850L Laboratory Expansion – Phase A Complete**

### **Bypass Drift layout**



## **SURF Cryogenic User Facility**

State investment to leverage federal funding and attract industry leaders

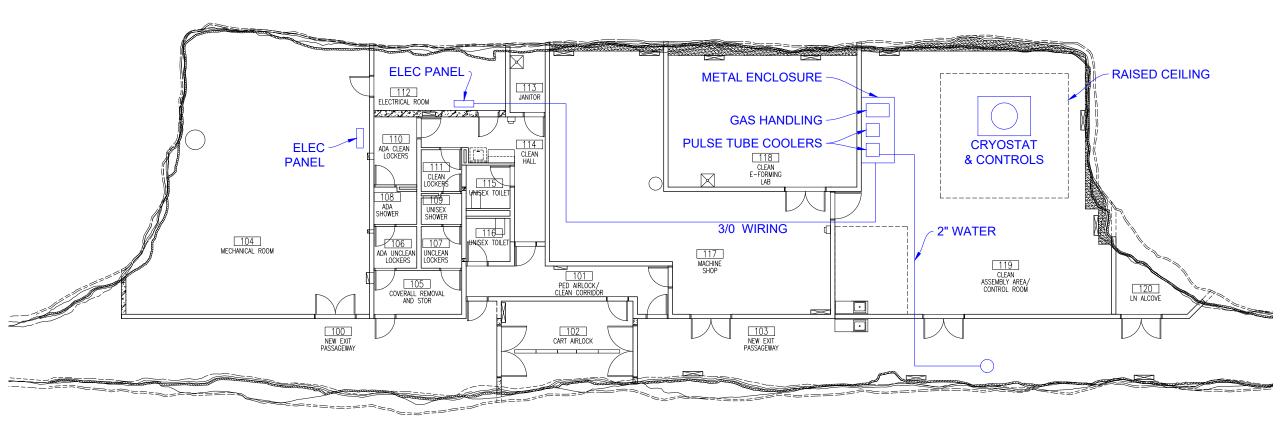


- Bluefors XLD1000SL dilution refrigerator, accommodates science detector/shielding; also appropriate for industry/quantum computing
- Cryogenic/Quantum Center strengthens case for becoming DOE scientific User Facility, with potential for increased funding for scientific infrastructure

XLD1000sI	Guaranteed	Expected
Base temperature	10 mK	8 mK
Cooling power at 20 mK	>30 µW	34 µW
Cooling power at 100 mK	>1000 µW	1100 µW
Cooling power at 120 mK	>1400 µW	1600 µW
MXC Flange Diameter	500 mm	

# **4850L Davis Campus**

### **Conceptual layout for Cryogenic User Facility**



### **SURF Current & Future Facilities**

Summary for various science campuses, including timelines

Location	Laboratory	Existing/ <i>Planned</i> Space		Available	Comments
		Area (m²)	Vol (m³)	(CY)	
Surface	Surface Lab (+ RRS)	210	600	2021	LZ use ~complete, allowing use by others
Davis Campus (4850L)	LZ Lab – Davis Cavern (2 levels)	372	1,956	~2028	LZ data complete early ~2028 + decommissioning
	MJD Lab – 3 Rooms (1 Rm for Cryo Facility)	300	1,279	2027 / ~2032	Ge-76 DBD + Ta-180m completed, decommissioning complete in 2026; Cu e-forming through ~2031
	Cutout Rooms (4)	100	412	~2028	LZ timeframe for most spaces
Ross Campus (4850L)	Former E-forming	228	742	?	LBNF use currently, likely unavailable for several yrs
	BHUC (BHSU cleanroom)	266	773	N/A	Low-bkgd counting operations resumed summer 2025. Indefinite use.
	CASPAR	395	1,130	2027+	Phase II program underway until at least 2028. Proposals for Phase III (Also expanded Refuge)
	Refuge Chamber	258	866	?	Long-term use TBD
LBNF (4850L)	LBNF	9,445	191,863	?	Excavation complete early 2024; MOO/FD4 available
4100L	Geoscience Lab	334	11 drill holes	2028	DEMO-FTES use 2023-2025, CUSSP 2025-2027
4850L	Expansion (2 proposed)	4,022	94,608	Earliest new: excavation 2029, complete ~2031	Each 20m (W) x 24m (H) x 100m (L)
7400L	New Labs (2 proposed)	4,178	42,440		Each 15m (W) x 15m (H) x 75m (L) + other supporting

## **SURF Electrical and Standby Power**

Current SDSTA + LBNF	Total Capacity	Available Capacity
Electrical Power [kW]	24,000	20,000
Standby Power [kW]	390	80

Future (FY27)	Total	Available
SDSTA + LBNF	Capacity	Capacity
Electrical Power [kW]	24,000	15,000

# LBNF/DUNE Operations = 5-6 MW (4 detectors)

- Nitrogen generators ~3 MW
- Chillers/cooling ~1.6 MW
- Detector power ~1.4 MW

