

Mauro Mezzetto

Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, Sezione di Padova

““Future experiments (III): Neutrino Factories.”

- The machine
- The demonstrators
- The physics
- Comparison among different facilities

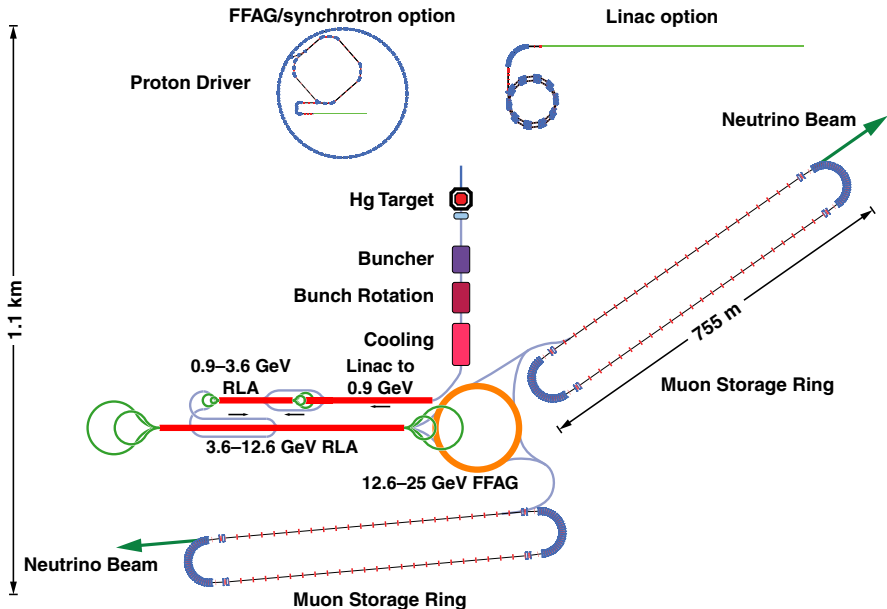
I borrowed slides from:

Ken Long talk at Neutrino Telescopes 2011

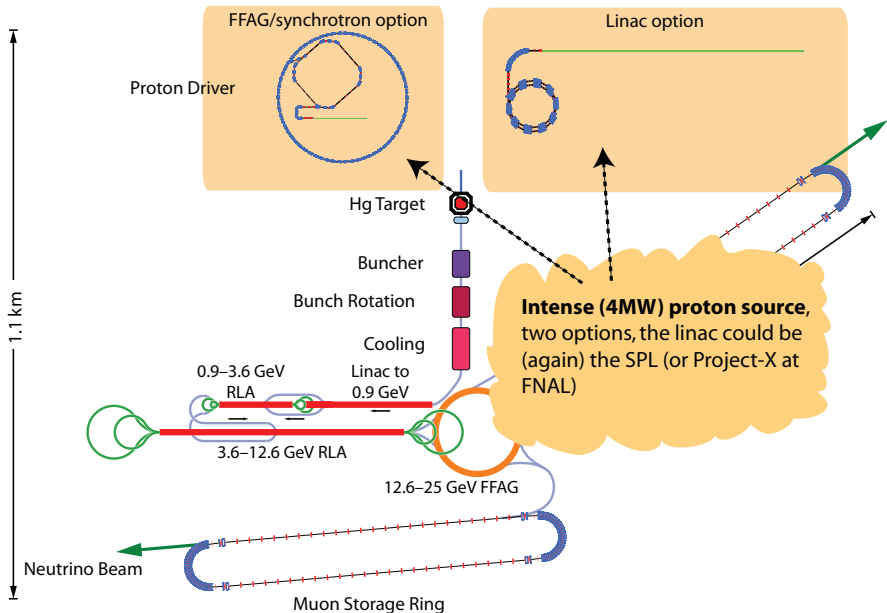
Steve Geer lesson at INSS 2010

JJ Gomez Cadenas lessons at INSS 2009

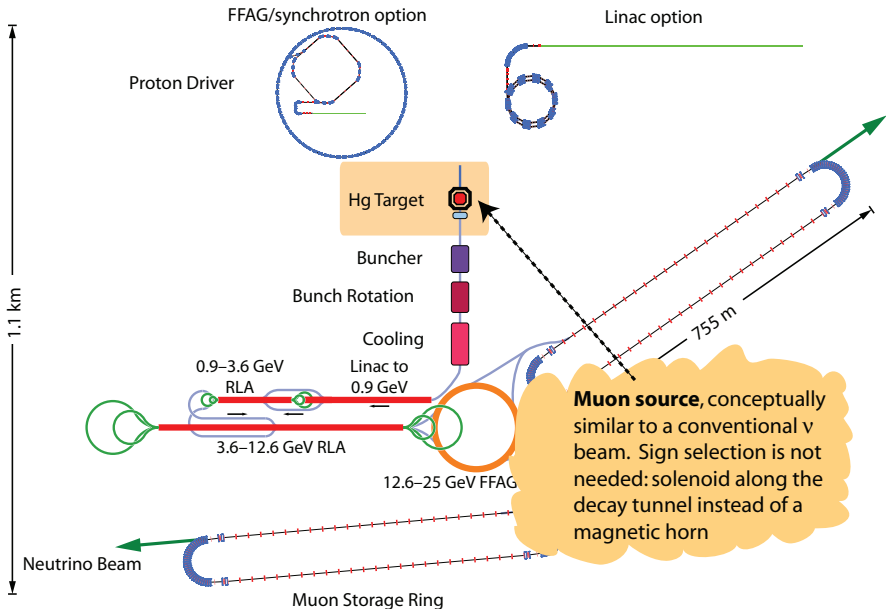
Layout of a Neutrino Factory



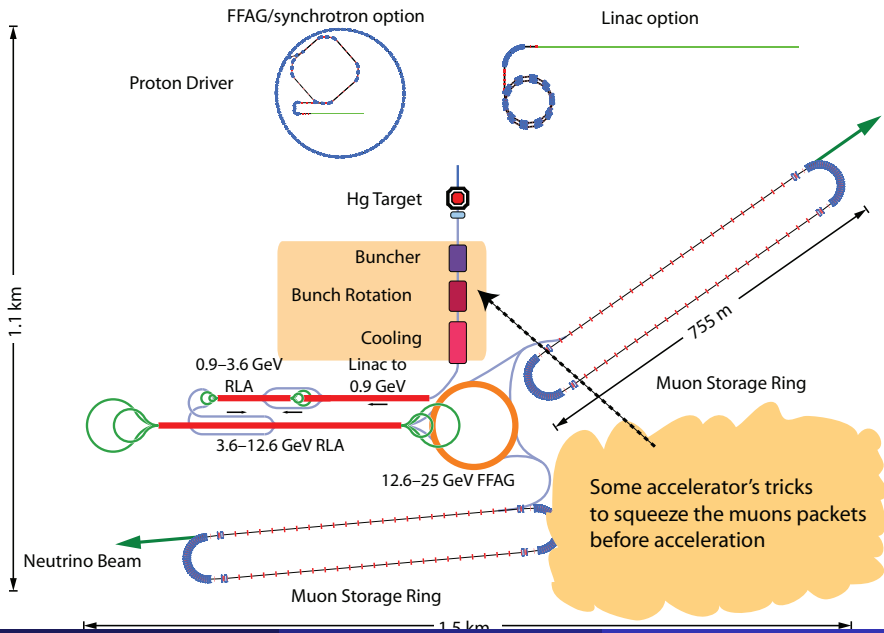
Layout of a Neutrino Factory



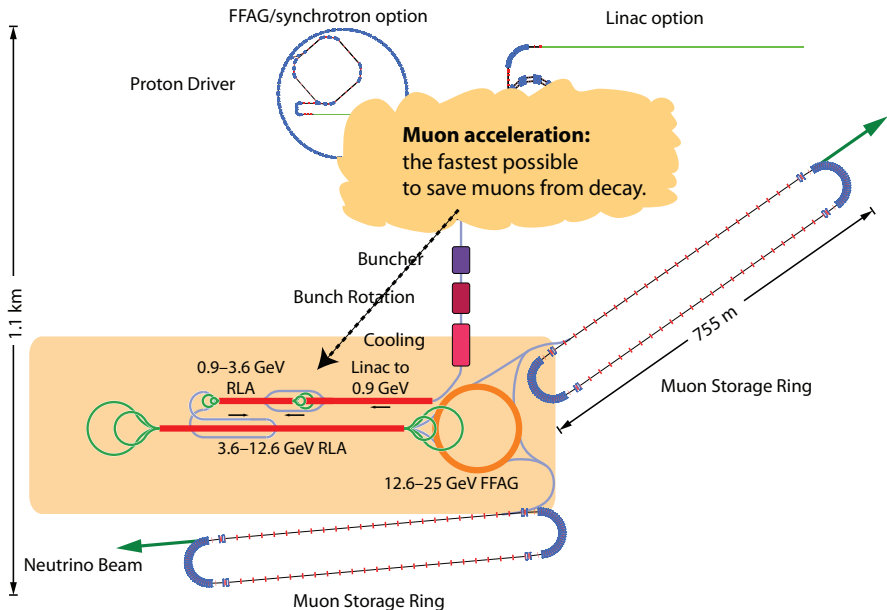
Layout of a Neutrino Factory



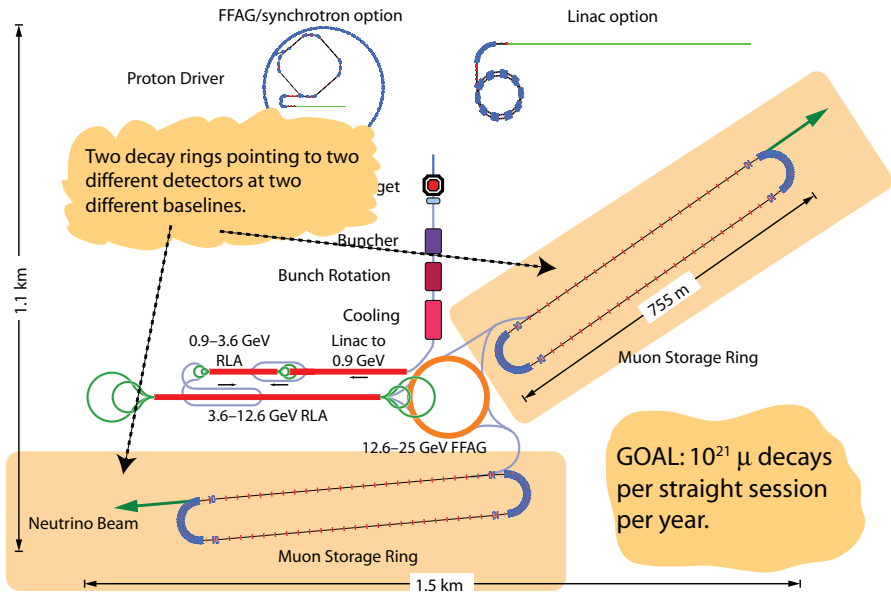
Layout of a Neutrino Factory



Layout of a Neutrino Factory



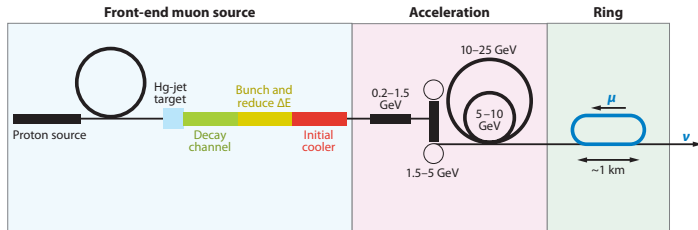
Layout of a Neutrino Factory



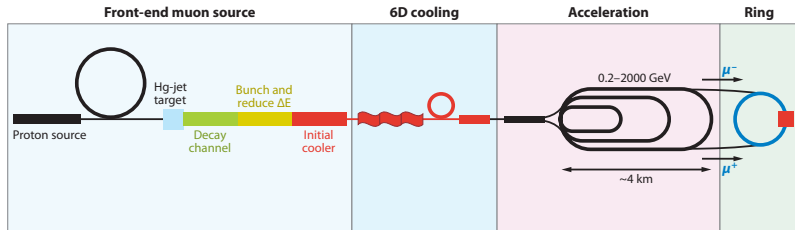
Neutrino Factory as a first stage of a Muon Collider

From S. Geer, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci.59:347-365,2009.

Neutrino factory

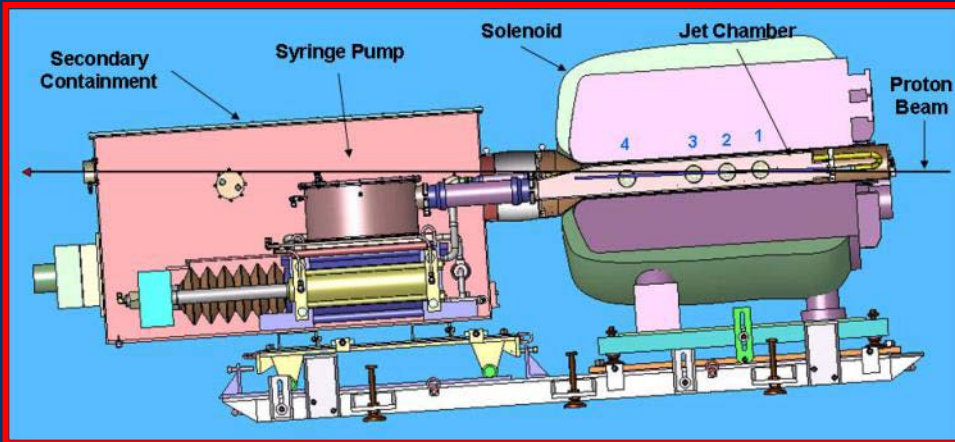


Muon collider



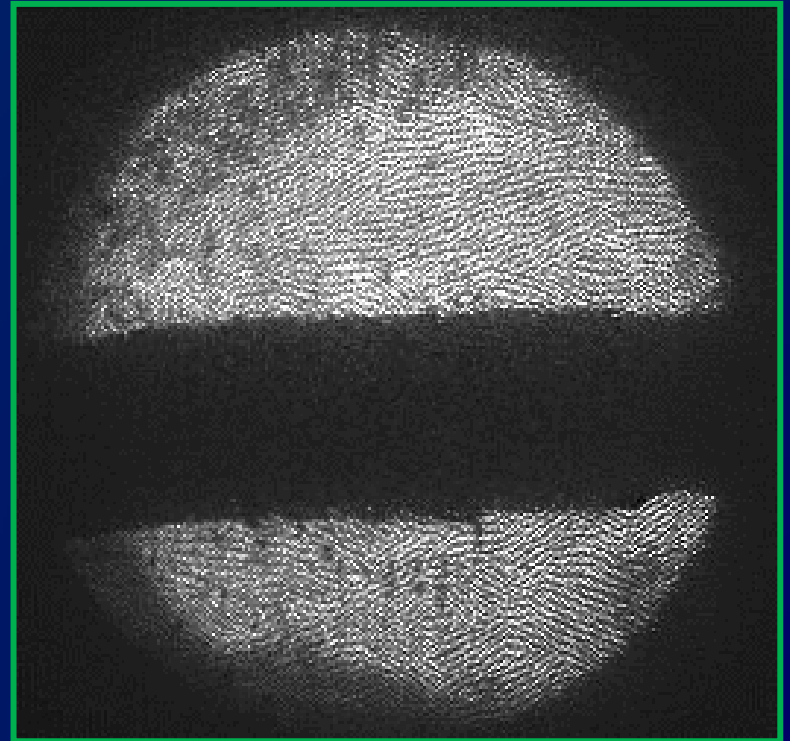
Baseline target: proof of principle: MERIT:

IPAC10: WEPE078



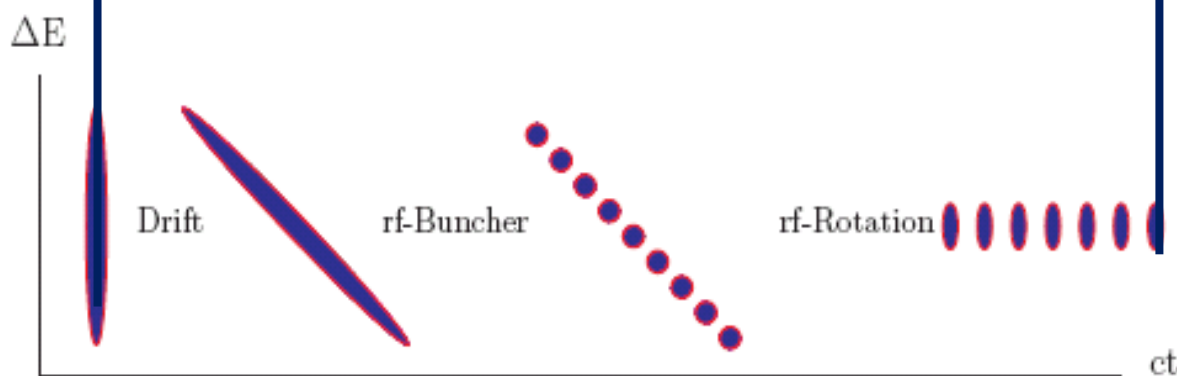
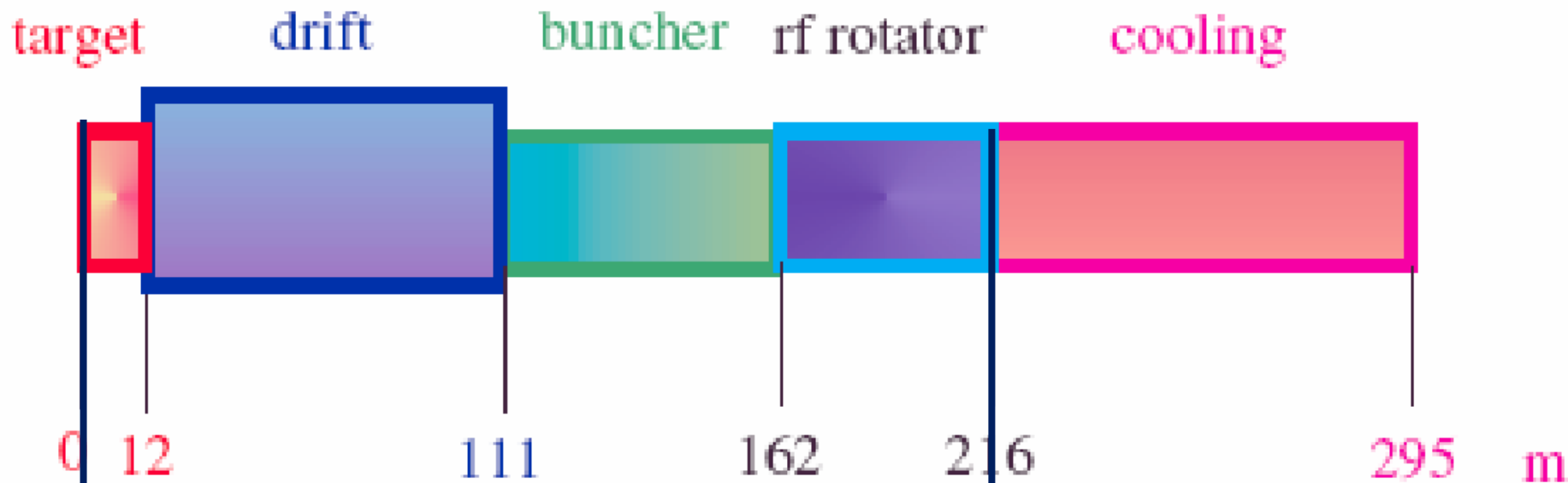
- 'Disruption length': 28 cm
- 'Refill' time: 14 ms
 - Corresponds to 70 Hz
- Hence:
 - Demonstrated operation at:
 - $60 \text{ kJ} \times 70 \text{ Hz} = 8 \text{ MW}$

- 20 m/s liquid Hg jet in 15 T B field
- Exposed to CERN PS proton beam:
 - Beam pulse energy = 115 kJ
 - Reached 30 tera protons at 24 GeV



Muon front-end:

IPAC10: WEPE050, WEPE051,
WEPE068, WEPE074, WEPE076



Key R&D:

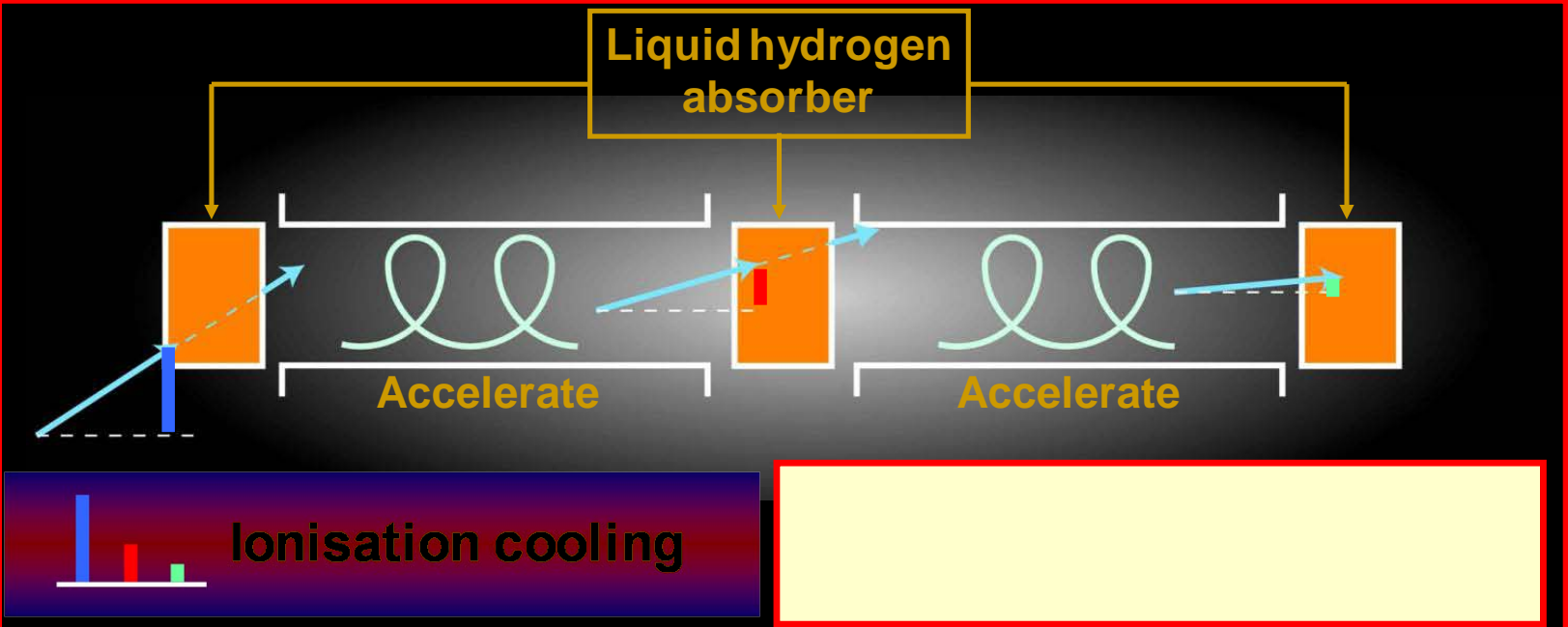
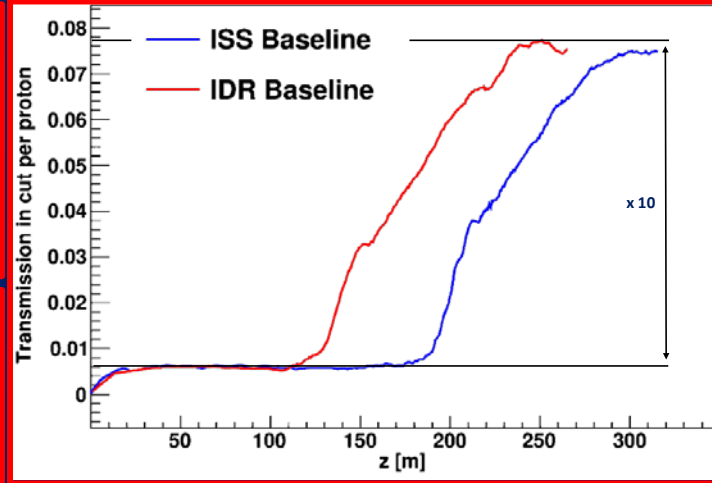
- Ionisation cooling:
 - MICE;
 - proof of principle
- RF in magnetic field:
 - MuCool in MTA at FNAL

Muon front-end:

- Optimised bunching, phase-rotator, and ionisation-cooling lattice is reduced

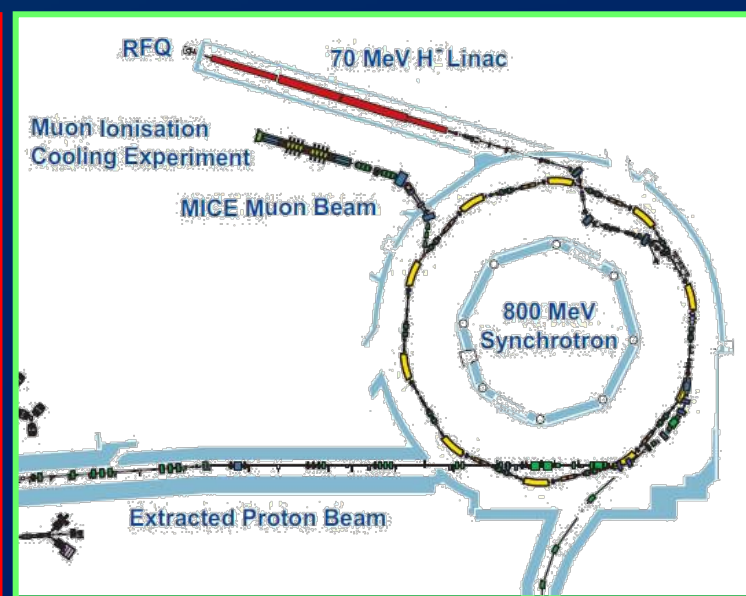
	Length [m]	Number of cavities	Frequencies [MHz]	Number of frequencies	Peak gradient [MV/m]	Peak power requirements
Buncher	33	37	319.6 to 233.6	13	4 to 7.5	1-3.5 MW/freq.
Rotator	42	56	230.2 to 202.3	15	12	2.5 MW/cavity
Cooler	75	100	201.25	1	15	4 MW/cavity
Total	150 m	193	319.6 to 201.25	29	1000 MV	550 MW

	Length [m]	Inner radius [m]	Radial thickness [m]	Current density [A/mm ²]	Number
Initial transport	0.5	0.68	0.04	47.5	180
Cooling channel	0.15	0.35	0.15	±107	100



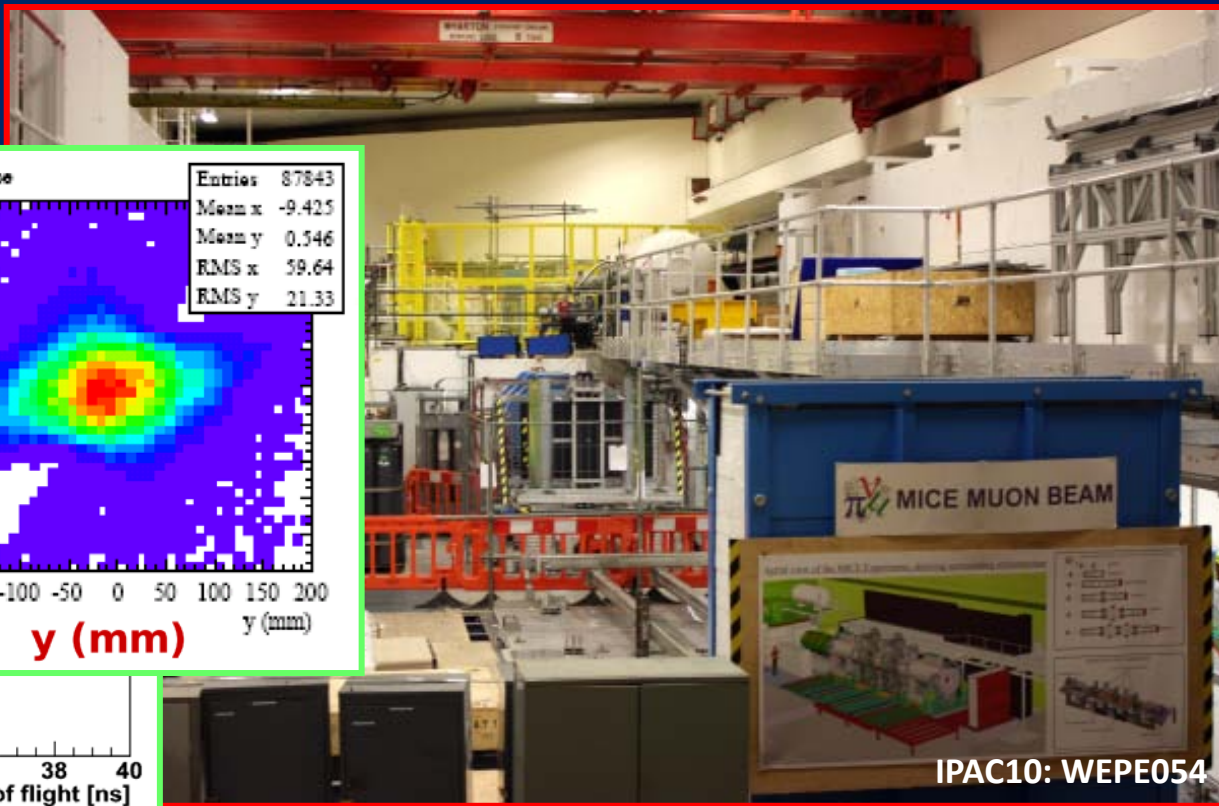
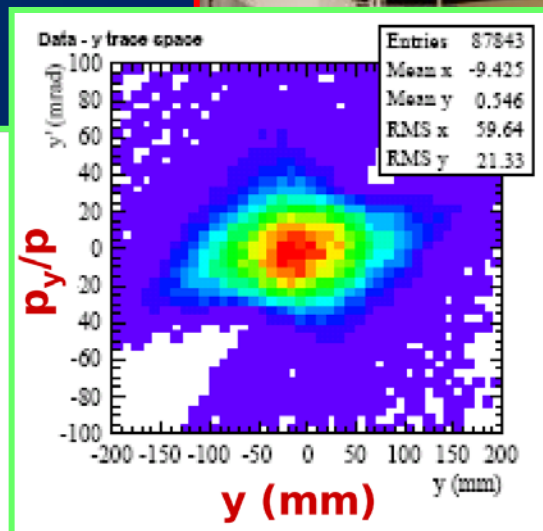
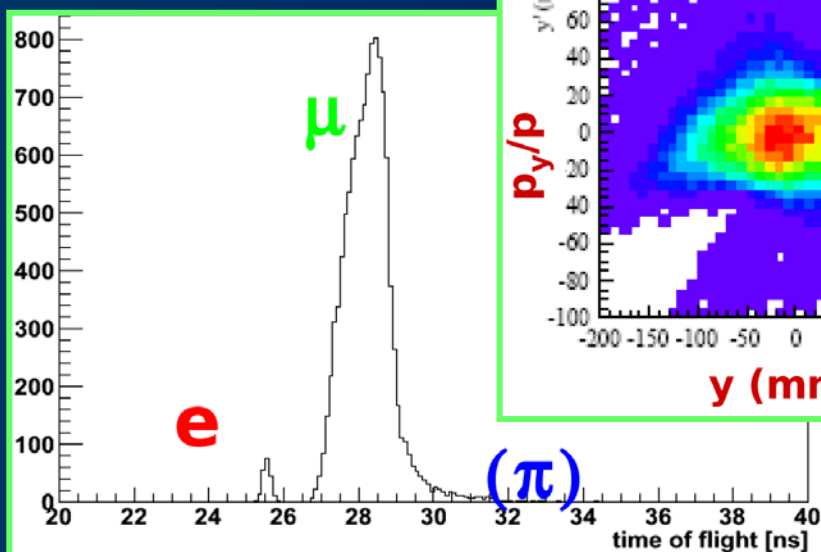
- **MICE: proof of principle:**

- Design, build, commission and operate a realistic section of cooling channel
- Measure its performance in a variety of modes of operation and beam conditions
 - Results will allow Neutrino Factory complex to be optimised



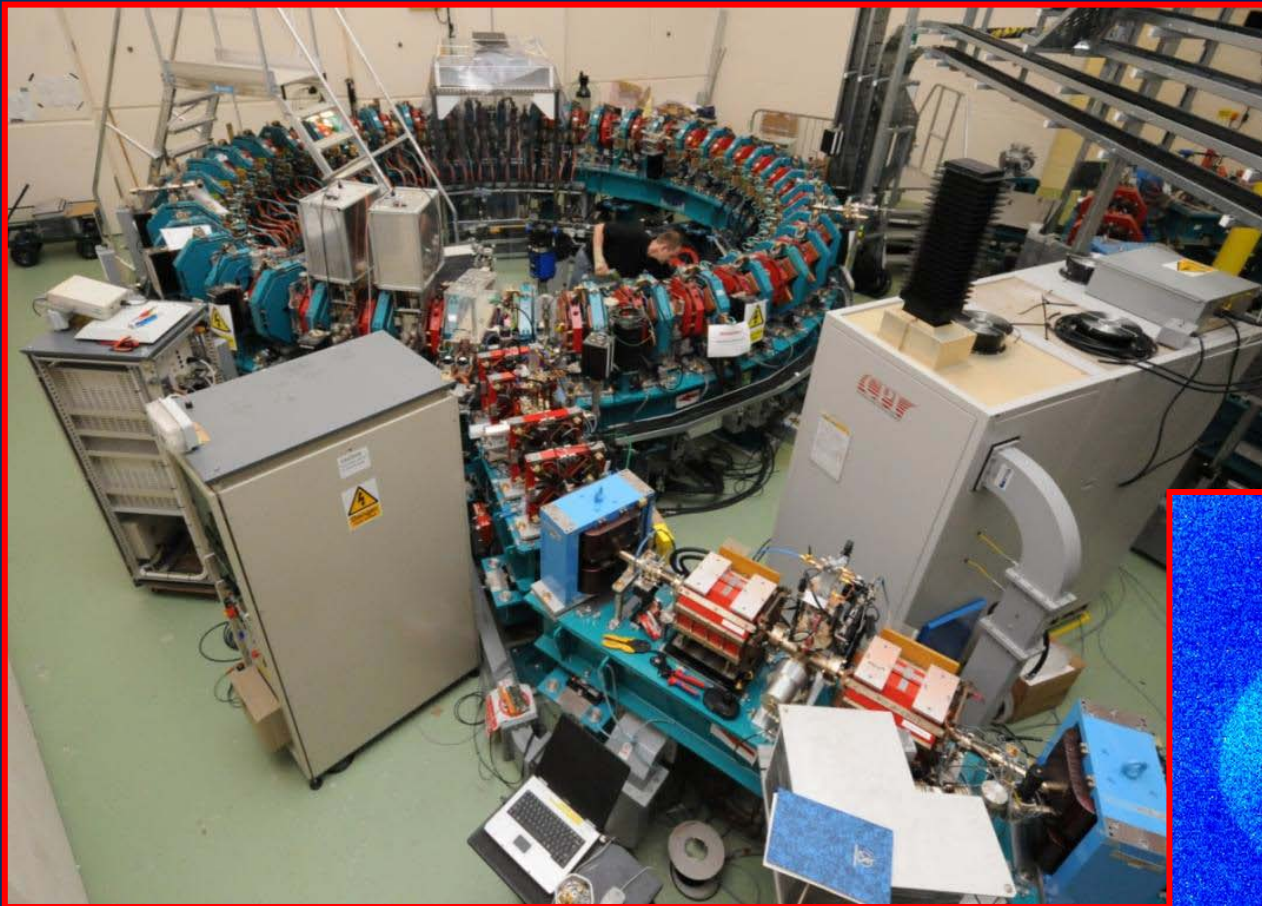
Step I complete!

See P. Hanlet poster for details

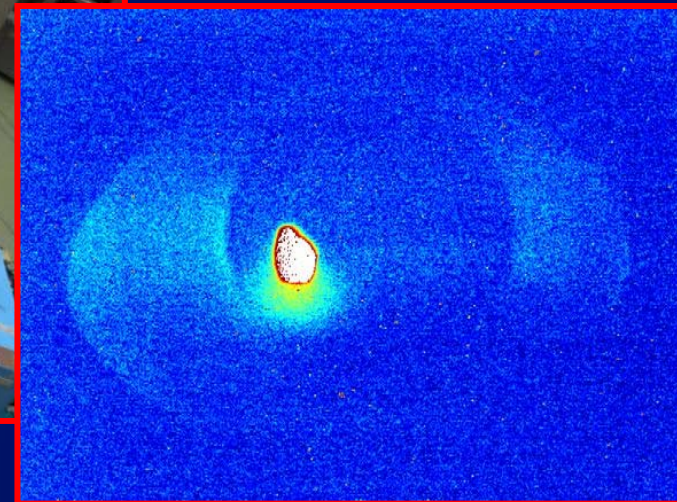


Muon acceleration: proof of principle:

- EMMA; almost complete at Daresbury Lab.
 - Electron Model of Muon Acceleration
 - Aka:
 - Electron Model of Many Applications



- Installation complete;
- Commissioning underway
- First extracted beam: 15Mar11



Beam Properties - 1

- Neutrino Factories produce n beams by storing muons in a ring with long straight sections → $O(10^{21})$ muon decays/year

- Muon decays produce a beam consisting of 50% $\nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e)$ & 50% $\bar{\nu}_\mu(\nu_\mu)$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu \Rightarrow 50\% \nu_e + 50\% \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \Rightarrow 50\% \bar{\nu}_e + 50\% \nu_\mu$$

- **Advantages c.f. conventional neutrino beams:**
 - well known beam flux & spectra (low systematic uncertainties)
 - can search for $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ oscillations with very low backgrounds (wrong-sign muon signature)
 - can measure spectra for events tagged by right-sign muons, wrong-sign muons, electrons, τ^+ , τ^- , or no leptons; and do all this when there are positive muons stored and when there are negative muons stored → a wealth of information.

Beam Properties - 2

Consider an ensemble of negatively charged muons. In the muon rest-frame:

$\mathbf{V}_\mu: \quad \frac{d^2N}{dx \, d\Omega_{\text{cm}}} \propto \frac{2x^2}{4\pi} [(3-2x) + (1-2x) P \cos \theta_{\text{cm}}]$	For μ^+ decays $P \rightarrow -P$
$\bar{\mathbf{V}}_e: \quad \frac{d^2N}{dx \, d\Omega_{\text{cm}}} \propto \frac{12x^2}{4\pi} [(1-x) + (1-x) P \cos \theta_{\text{cm}}]$	

$x = 2E_\nu/m_\mu$, θ is angle between the neutrino & muon spin, P is muon polarization.

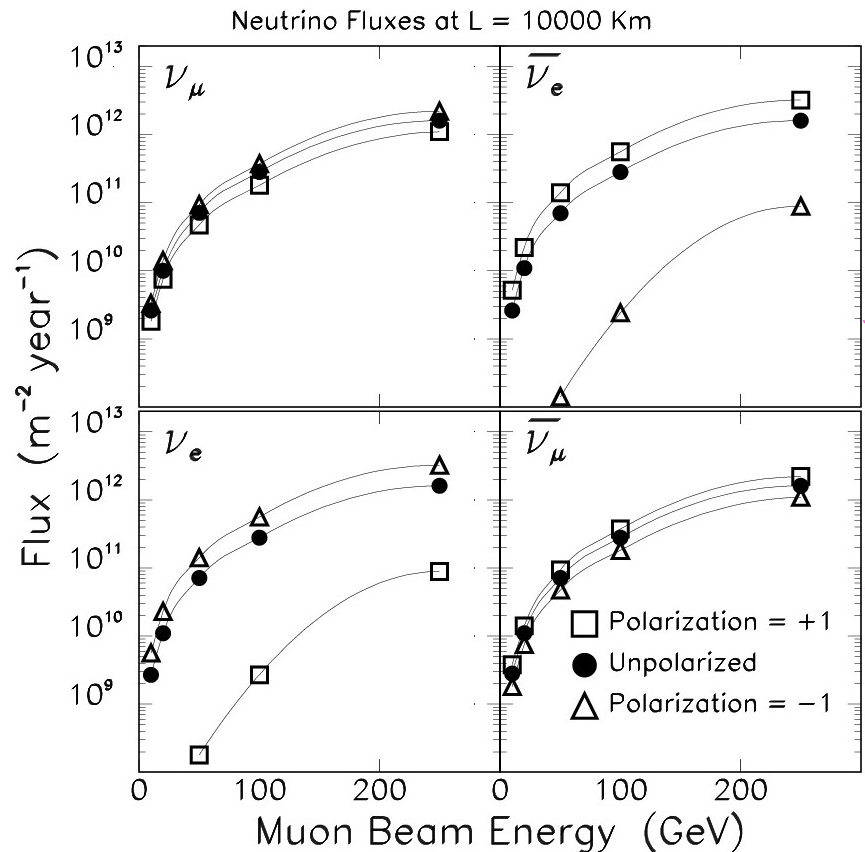
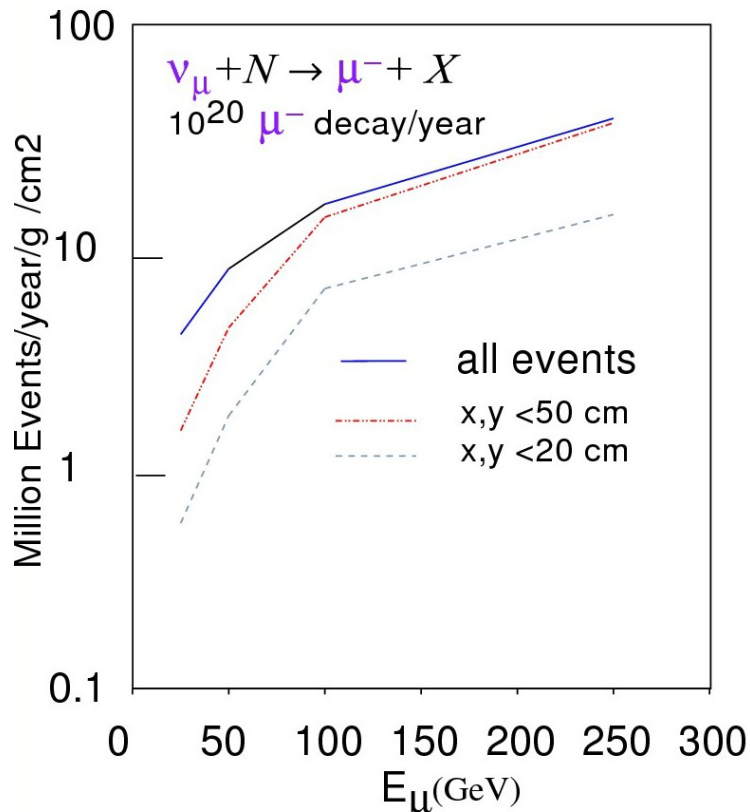
In the lab frame & forward direction ($\cos \theta_{\text{lab}} \sim 1$), $E_\nu = xE_{\text{max}} = x \gamma(1+\beta \cos \theta_{\text{cm}}) m_\mu/2$,

$\mathbf{V}_\mu: \quad \frac{d^2N}{dx \, d\Omega_{\text{lab}}} \propto \frac{1}{\gamma^2 (1-\beta \cos \theta_{\text{lab}})^2} \frac{2x^2 [(3-2x) + (1-2x) P \cos \theta_{\text{cm}}]}{4\pi}$
$\bar{\mathbf{V}}_e: \quad \frac{d^2N}{dx \, d\Omega_{\text{lab}}} \propto \frac{1}{\gamma^2 (1-\beta \cos \theta_{\text{lab}})^2} \frac{12x^2 [(1-x) + (1-x) P \cos \theta_{\text{cm}}]}{4\pi}$

Note that polarization can, in principle, be used to switch on/off the ν_e ($\bar{\nu}_e$) flux.

Beam Properties - 3

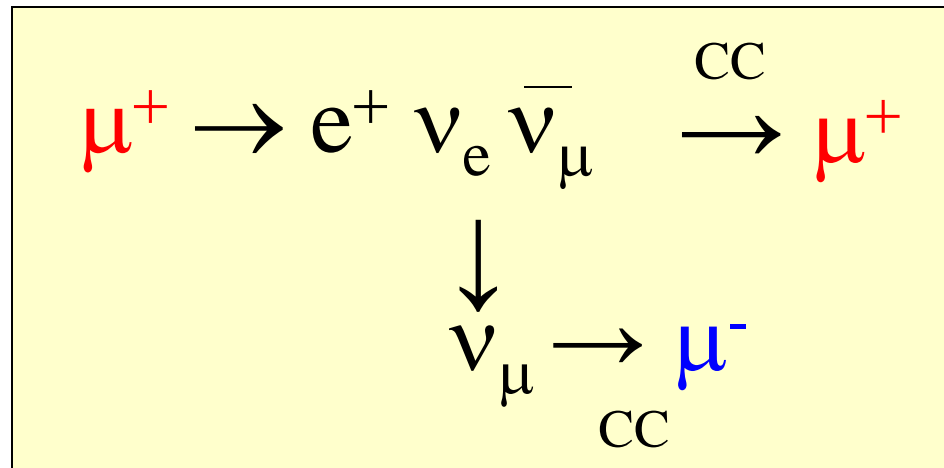
The neutrino flux provided by a Neutrino Factory is sufficient to produce millions of events/g in a near detector, and thousands of events/yr in a few kt detector on the other side of the Earth.



S. Geer, PRD 57 (1998) 6989

Key Experimental Signature

- The primary motivation for interest in neutrino factories is that they provide electron neutrinos (antineutrinos) in addition to muon anti-neutrinos (neutrinos). This enables a sensitive search for $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ oscillations.



$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ oscillations at a neutrino factory result in appearance of a “wrong-sign” muon ... one with opposite charge to those stored in the ring:

- Backgrounds to the detection of a wrong-sign muon are expected to be at the 10^{-4} level \rightarrow background-free $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ oscillations with probabilities of $O(10^{-4})$ can be measured !

Oscillation Channels at a Neutrino Factory

μ^- (μ^+) decay in $(\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_e)$ ($(\bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e)$).

Golden channel: search for $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ ($\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$) transitions by detecting wrong sign muons.

Default detector: 40-100 kton iron magnetized calorimeter (Minos like)

Silver channel: search for $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ transitions by detecting ν_τ appearance.

Ideal detectors: 4× Opera or 20 Kton LAr detector.

Oscillation Channels at a Neutrino Factory

Channel	μ charge	e charge	τ detection
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$		OK	
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$	OK		
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau$			OK
$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$	\sim OK	OK	
$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$	OK		
$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$			OK
	atmospherics θ_{13} CPV		degeneracies NSI

Most of the physics is done by the ν_μ channel, but from an ultimate facility you would also like to have

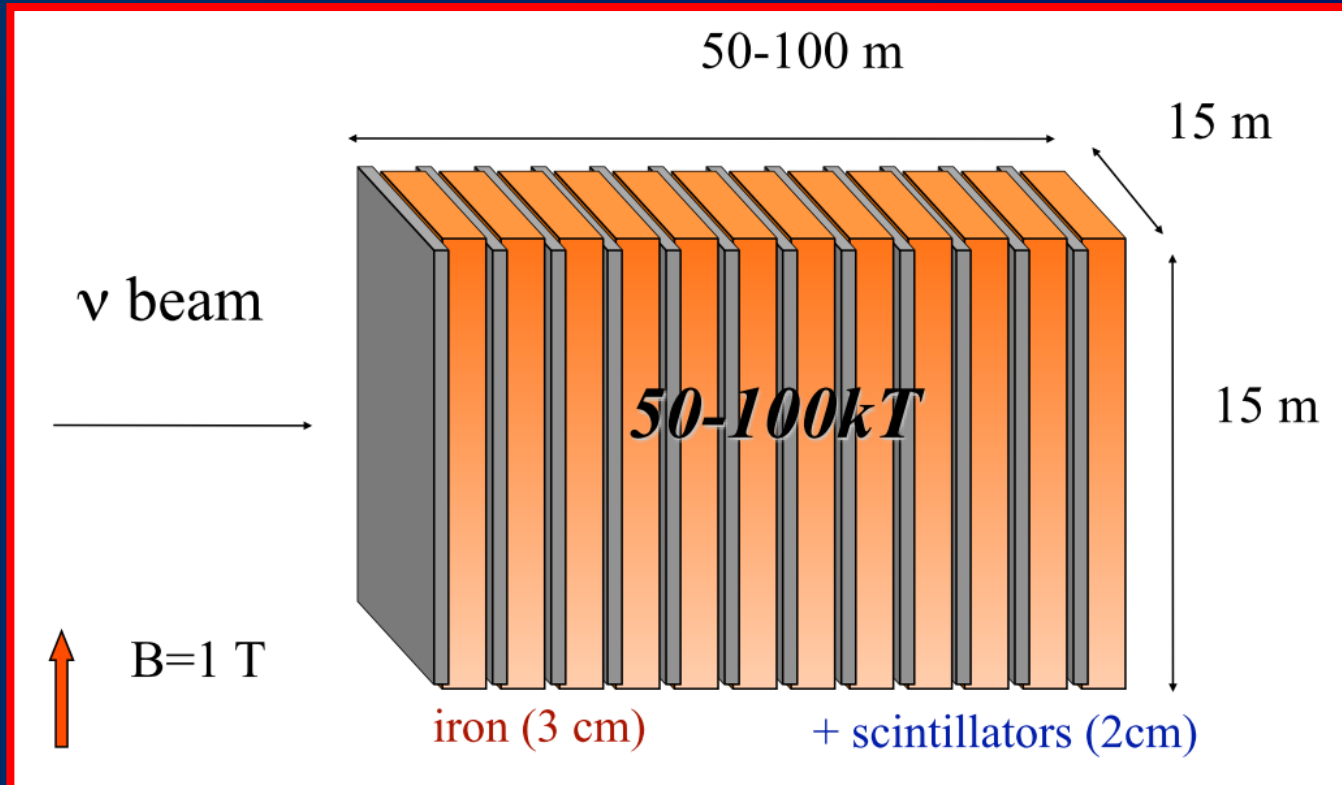
- Full control of degeneracies
- Unitarity of the mixing matrix
- Redundance, cross checks and surprises
- CPT
- NSI

Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detector (MIND):

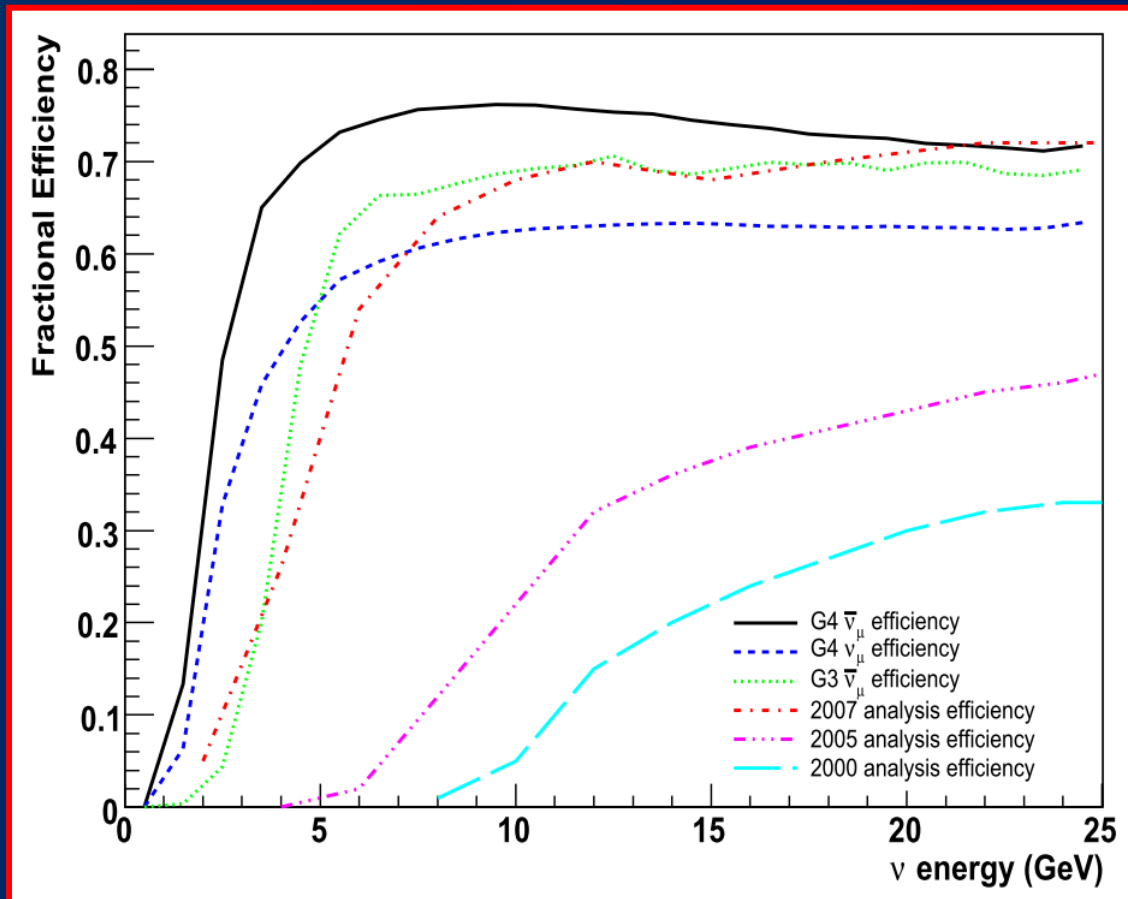
Cervera, Laing,
Martin-Albo, Soler

- **MIND:**

- Re-optimised sampling: Fe/Sci = 3 cm/2 cm
- Cuboid immersed in 1 T dipole field
 - More realistic field configuration in hand
- Detector mass:
 - Intermediate detector [2000—4000 km]: 100 kT
 - Far detector [7000—8000 km]: 50 kT



- **Threshold: 50% of plateau at ~ 2.25 GeV**
 - Improved by more than 2 GeV compared to start of IDS-NF [i.e. ISS Detector W/g report]

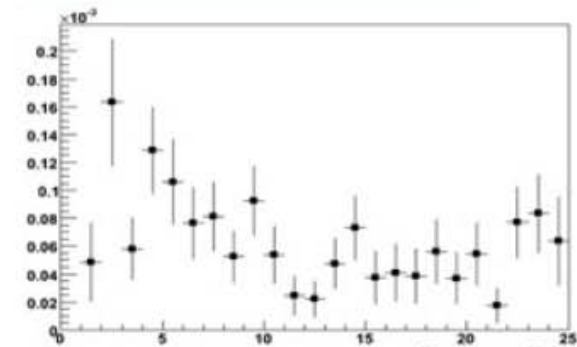
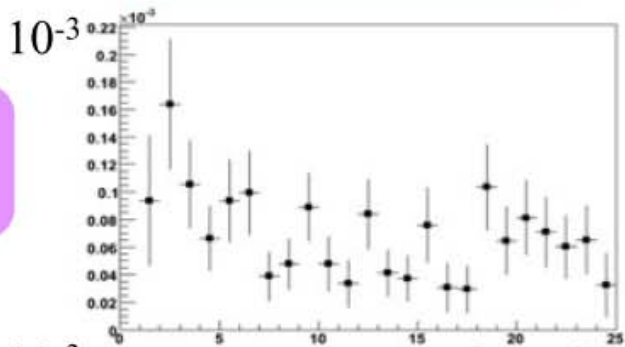


MIND: background rejection:

μ^- appearance

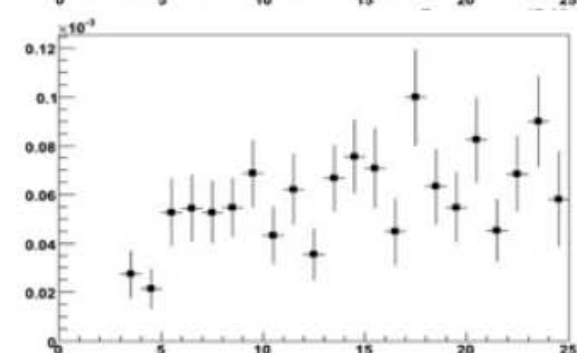
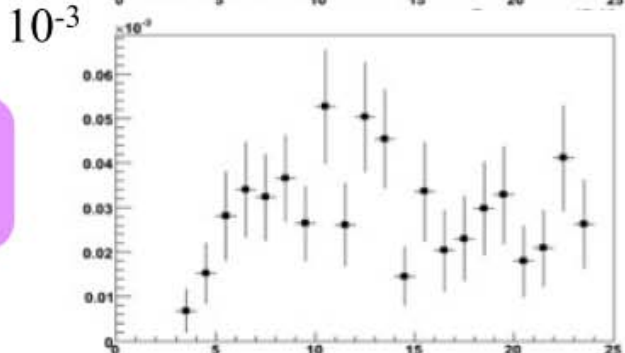
μ^+ appearance

ν_μ CC



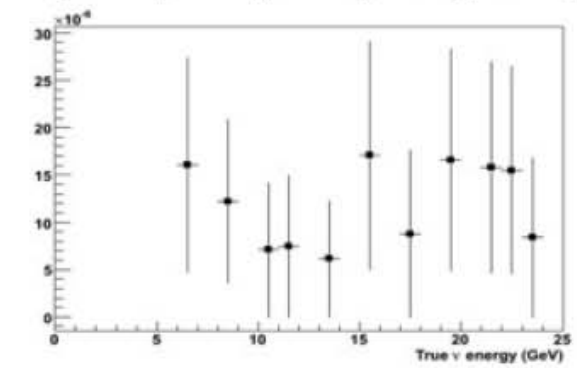
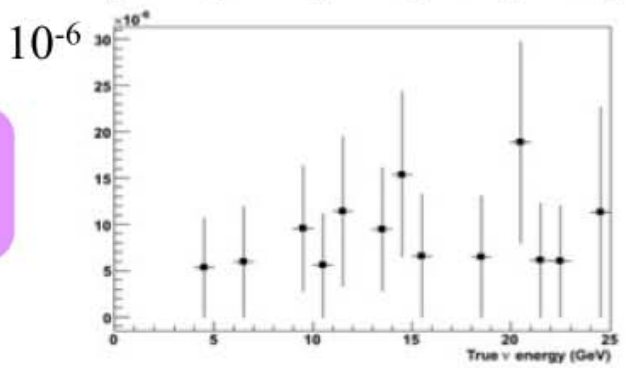
$\sim 10^{-4}$

NC



$< 10^{-4}$

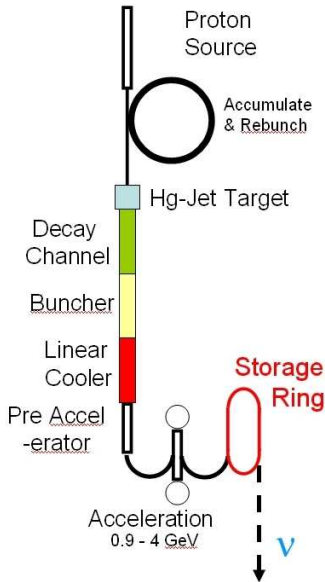
ν_e CC



$\sim 10^{-5}$

Overview of the low energy neutrino factory

- Create an **intense source of μ^\pm** .
- Cool the $\mu^\pm \Rightarrow$ 70% increase in flux.
- Accelerate them to energies of **$E_\mu \sim 5$ GeV**.
- Inject into a storage ring where the muons decay:
$$\mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \nu_e (\bar{\nu}_e) \bar{\nu}_\mu (\nu_\mu)$$
- Detect the neutrinos at a baseline of 1300 km (**FNAL to DUSEL**).



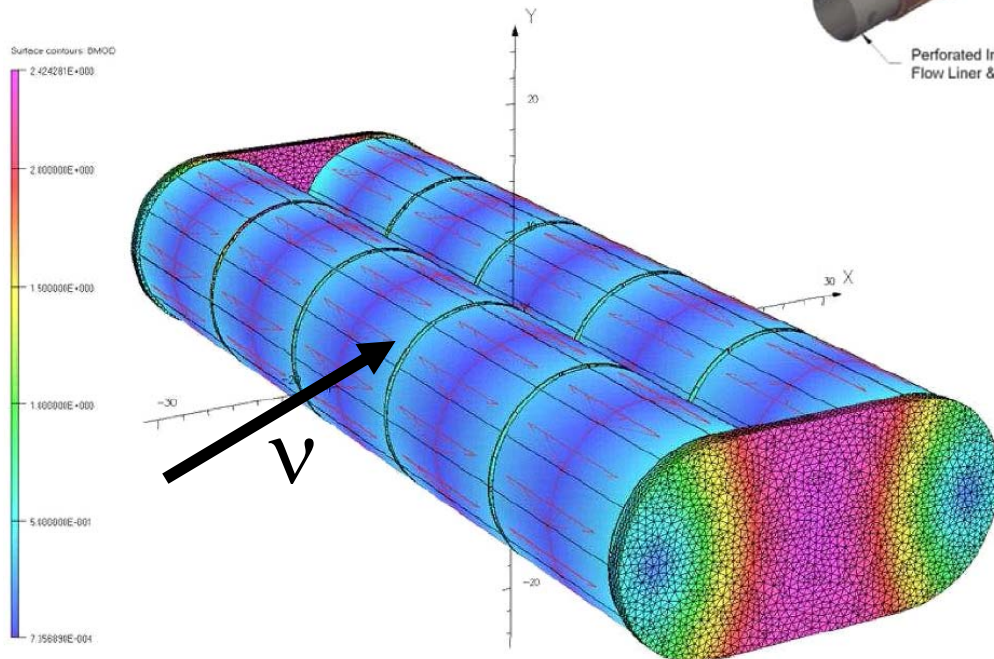
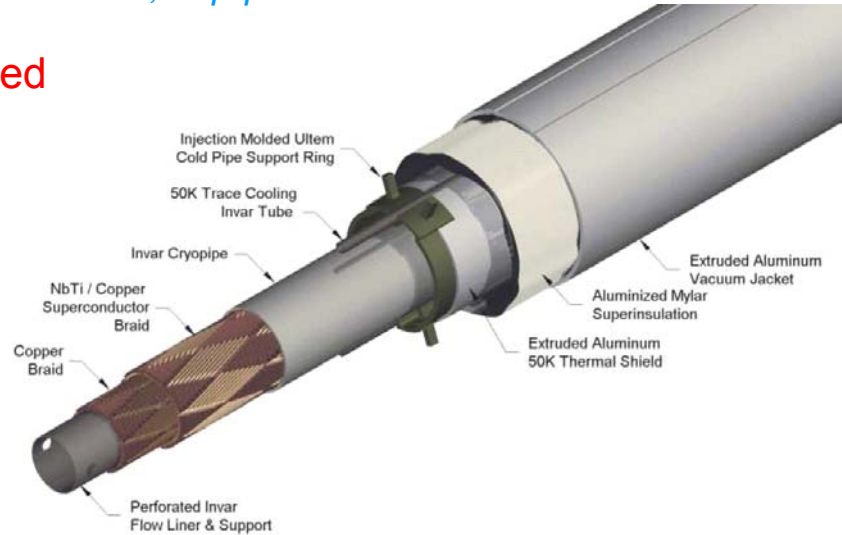
[A. Bross]



A Magnetic Hall for Large Neutrino Detectors

Bross, Ellis, Geer, Mena, & Pascoli, hep-ph arXiv:0709.3889

If we want to use a low Z detector, we need an affordable way to magnetize a large volume → Eliminate large (expensive) cryostat & vac loads by using superconducting transmission line concept developed for the VLHC – wrap it into a solenoid !



Build a magnetic cavern !

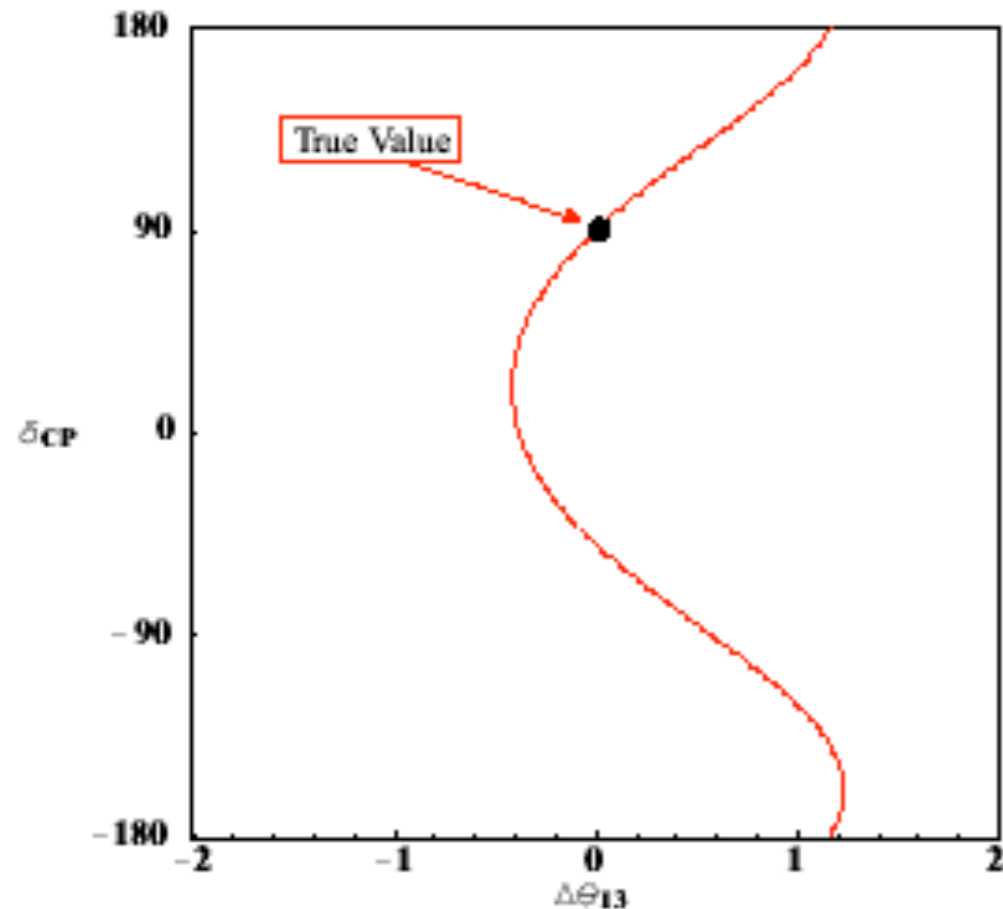
Example:

Build 10 solenoids, each 150 turns, 7.5km cable, $I = 50\text{kA}$, and 1m thick iron end-walls

V VECTOR FIELDS



DEGENERATE PHYSICS



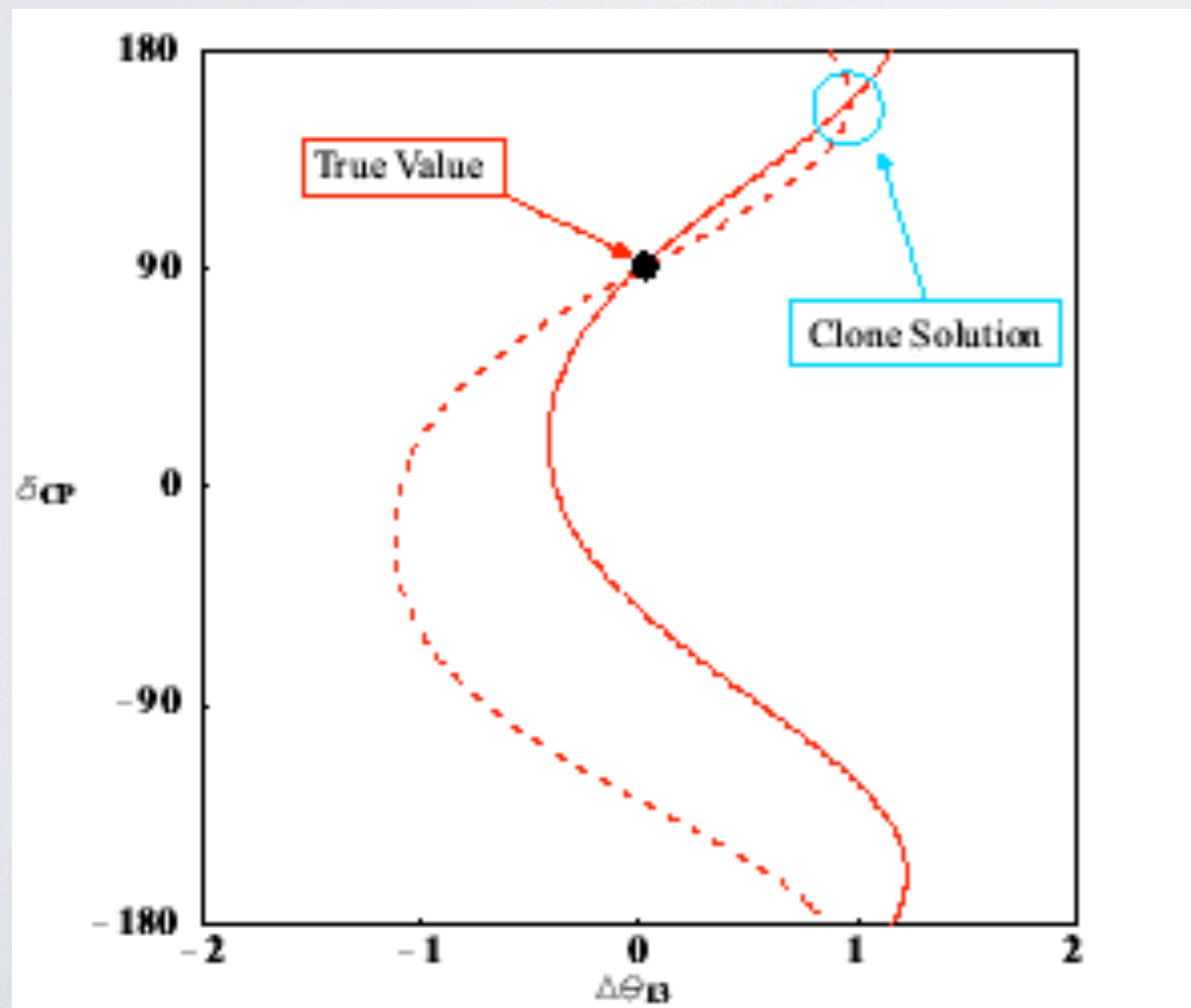
- We obtain a curve of equiprobability in the plane (θ_{13}, δ) . The true solution is one of a continuous set and cannot be obtained if we fix polarity, baseline and energy.

- But one can now repeat the experiment using antineutrinos...

DEGENERATE PHYSICS

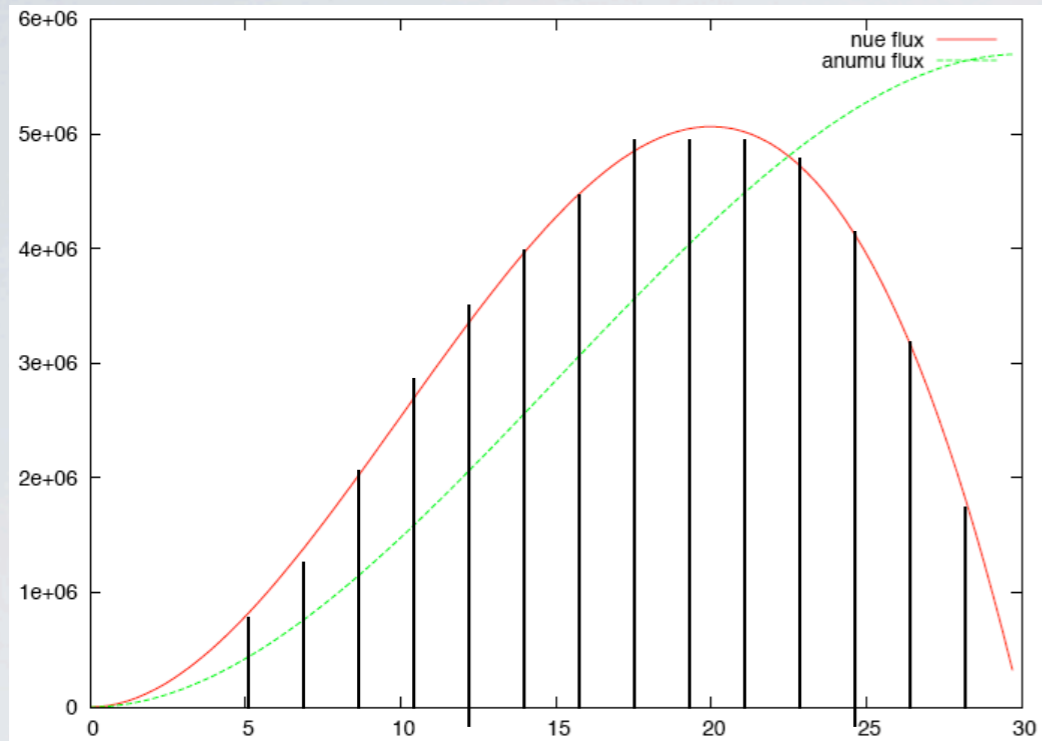
$$P_{\nu,L,E}(\bar{\theta}_{13}, \bar{\delta}) = \alpha_{\nu} \rightarrow \theta_{13}^{\nu} = -\frac{Y}{2X} \cos\left(\delta - \frac{\Delta_{23}L}{2}\right) \pm \left[\left(\frac{Y}{2X} \cos\left(\delta - \frac{\Delta_{23}L}{2}\right) \right)^2 + \frac{1}{X}(\alpha_{\nu} - Z) \right]$$

$$P_{\bar{\nu},L,E}(\bar{\theta}_{13}, \bar{\delta}) = \alpha_{\bar{\nu}} \rightarrow \theta_{13}^{\bar{\nu}} = -\frac{Y}{2X} \cos\left(-\delta - \frac{\Delta_{23}L}{2}\right) \pm \left[\left(\frac{Y}{2X} \cos\left(-\delta - \frac{\Delta_{23}L}{2}\right) \right)^2 + \frac{1}{X}(\alpha_{\bar{\nu}} - Z) \right]$$

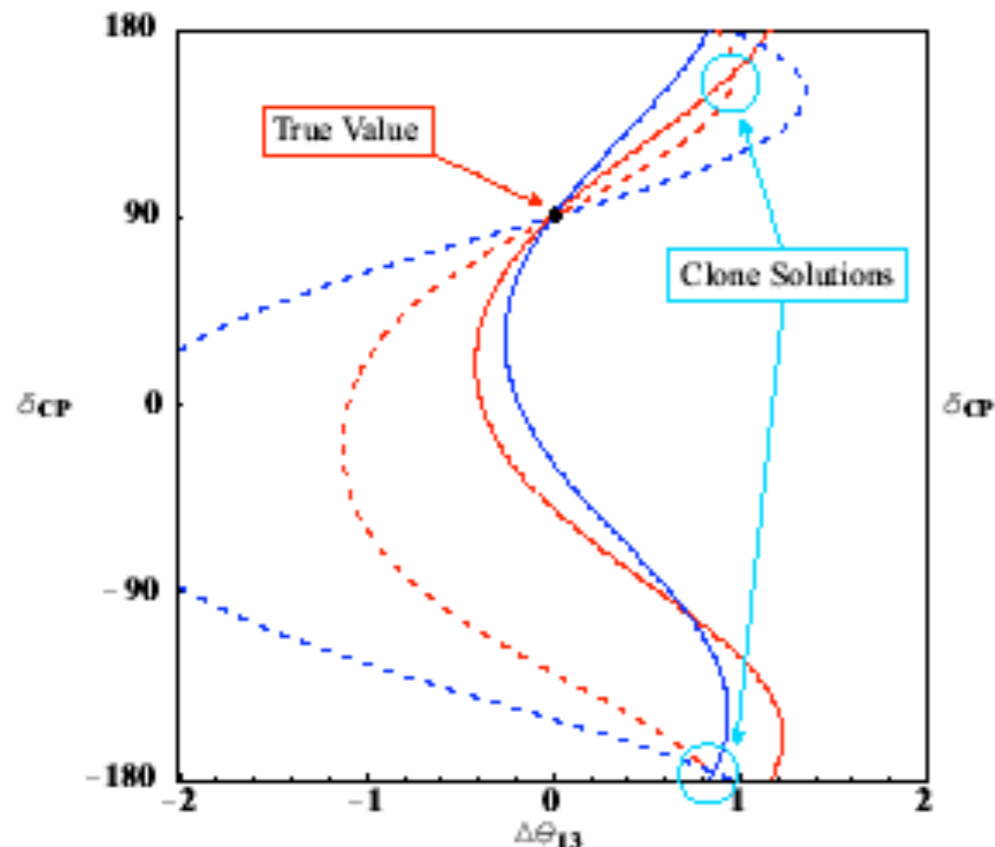


- In this case we obtain two curves which cross at the true point. But, alas, these are periodic equations. If they cross in one point, they must cross in a second point!
- Thus the outcome of the experiment is a true solution and a clone! That is we find a degeneration in the solution, which is called the intrinsic degeneracy.

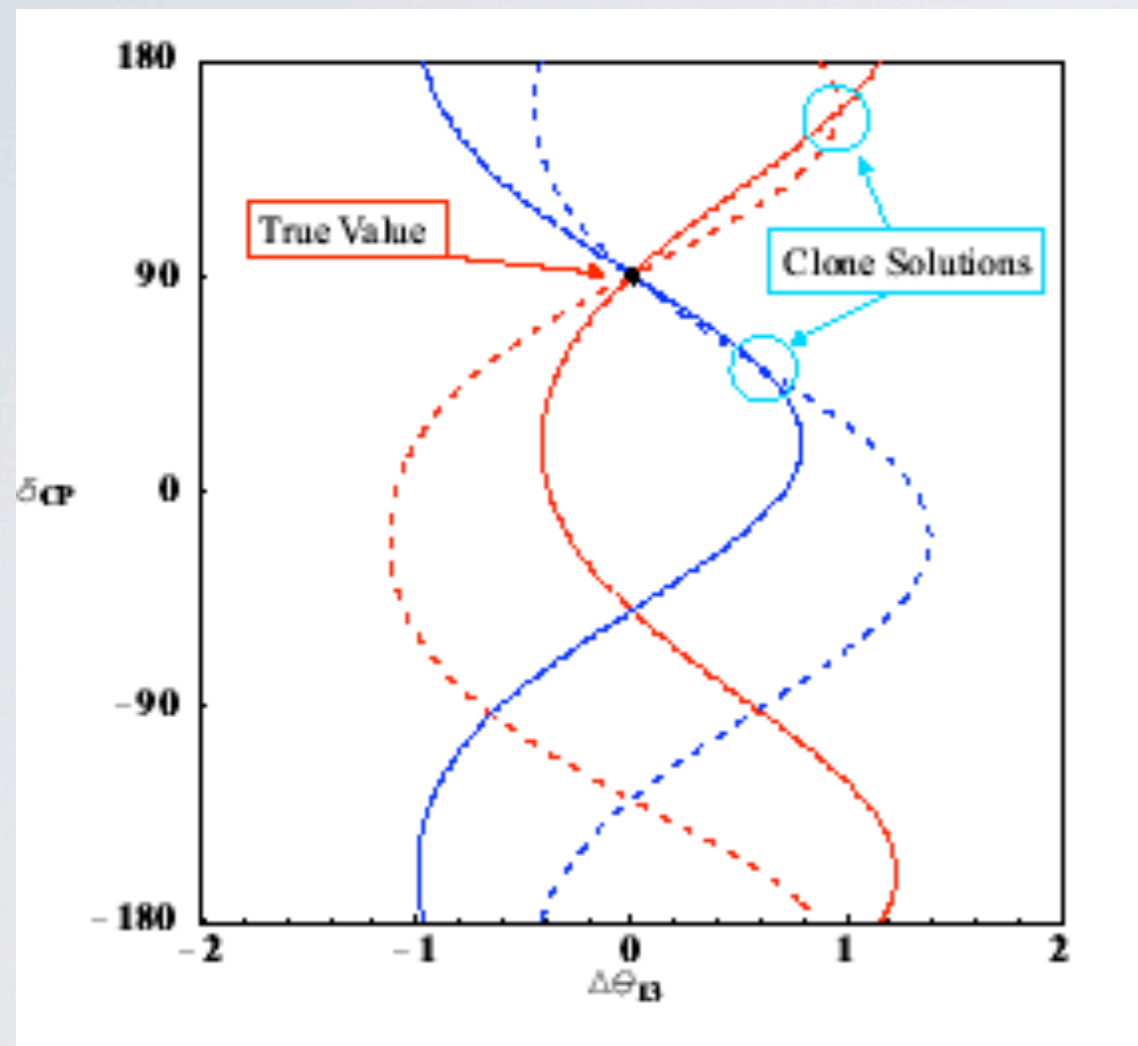
DEGENERATE PHYSICS



- Also (fortunately!) our beam is not monochromatic
- If we have good energy resolution, we can approximate our beam as a set of “monochromatic” beams.
- All monochromatic beam cross in the true point, but each one of them gives a different clone. Therefore, spectral analysis allows solving the degeneracy!



GOLDEN AND SILVER CHANNELS



- If one has a tau-capable detector then the combination of golden and silver channels, helps further the spectral analysis.
- Golden and Silver solutions cross in the true value and each one has a clone, but these are different clones! Thus one can solve the system and eliminate degeneracy.

The Magic Baseline

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\theta_{13}} &= \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2 \theta_{23}^2 \sin^2((\hat{A} - 1)\hat{\Delta})/(\hat{A} - 1)^2; \\
 p_{\sin \delta} &= \alpha \sin(2\theta_{13}) \zeta \sin \delta \sin(L\hat{\Delta}) \sin(\hat{A}\hat{\Delta}) \sin((1 - \hat{A})\hat{\Delta})/((1 - \hat{A})\hat{A}); \\
 p_{\cos \delta} &= \alpha \sin(2\theta_{13}) \zeta \cos \delta \cos \hat{\Delta} \sin(\hat{A}\hat{\Delta}) \sin(1 - \hat{A}\hat{\Delta})/((1 - \hat{A})\hat{A}); \\
 p_{\text{solar}} &= \alpha^2 \cos^2 \theta_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2(\hat{A}\hat{\Delta})/\hat{A}^2;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha = \text{Abs}(\Delta m_{21}^2/\Delta m_{31}^2); \quad \hat{\Delta} = \frac{L\Delta m_{31}^2}{4E} \quad \zeta = \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \quad \hat{A} = \pm a/\Delta m_{31}^2;$$

For $\rho L = \sqrt{2}\pi/G_F Y_e$ (Y_e is the electron fraction inside the earth) any δ_{CP} dependence disappears allowing $\text{sign}(\Delta m_{23}^2)$ effects to be measured without any degenerate solution. According to earth matter density profile, $L_{\text{magic}} \simeq 7690$ km, the resonance energy for matter effects would be:

$$E_{\text{res}} \equiv \frac{|\Delta m_{31}^2| \cos 2\theta_{13}}{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e} \simeq 7 \text{ GeV} \quad (1)$$

for $|\Delta m_{31}^2| = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ and $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$.

It is important to note that close to matter resonance, the flux of oscillated events at the detector roughly falls as a function of $1/L$ (against the $1/L^2$ fall of vacuum oscillations), which means that longer baselines might be preferred.

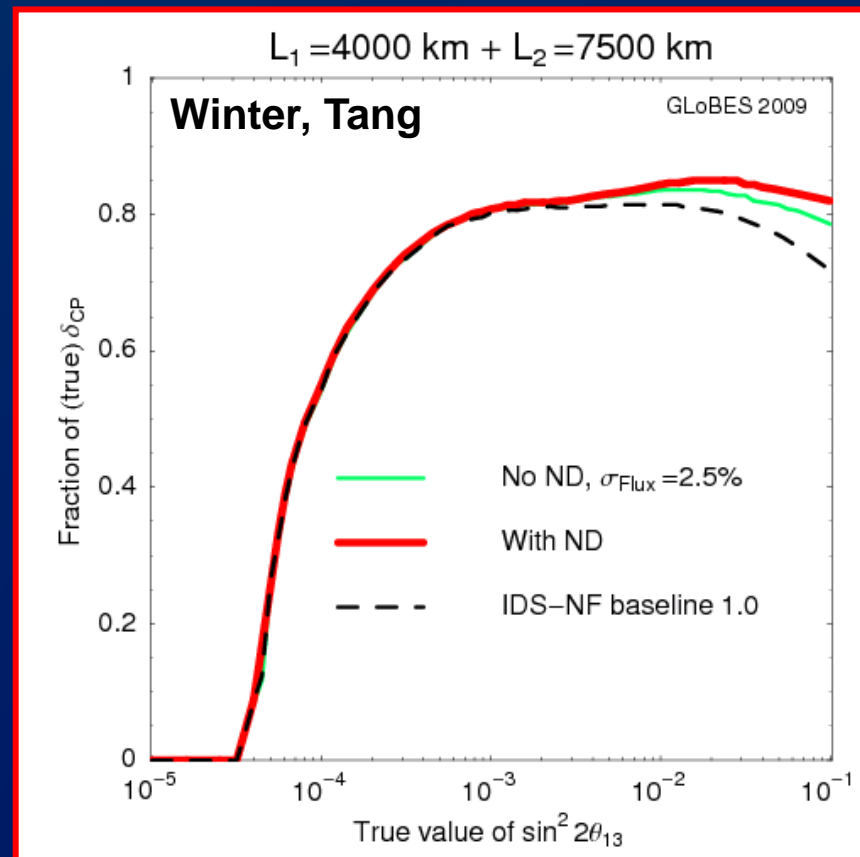
Near detector: motivation:

- Oscillation analysis:

- Direct measurement of neutrino flux
- Detailed study of charm cross sections
- Detailed study of neutrino-nucleon scattering
 - Including deep inelastic, quasi-elastic, and resonance scattering

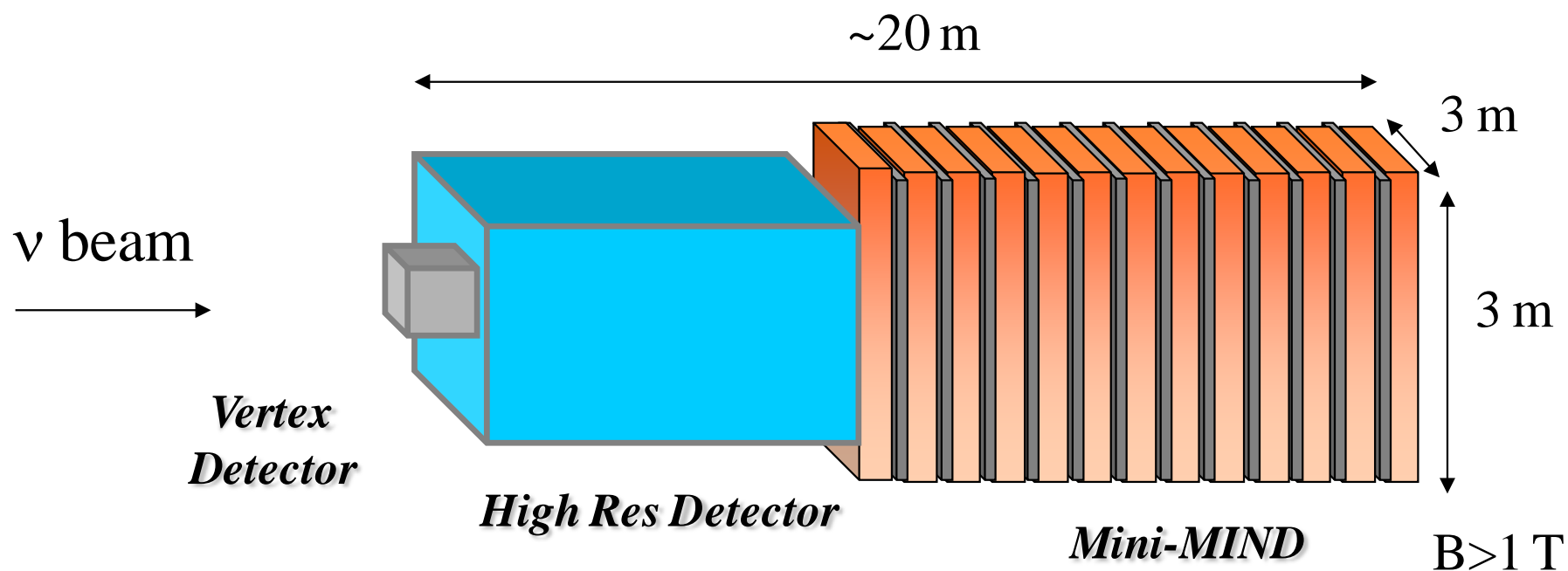
- Near detector physics programme:

- Search for non-standard interactions
 - In particular, require sensitivity to taus
- Neutrino physics:
 - Polarised (and unpolarised) structure functions
 - Determination of α_s
 - Electroweak physics: Weinberg angle
 - CP violation from D^0, \bar{D}^0 mixing, polarised Λ production, ...



Near detector: concept:

- No near detector specified in initial IDS-NF baseline [i.e. ISS Detector W/g report]:
 - **Known to be a shortcoming**
- IDS-NF near detector concept (baseline 2010/2.0)

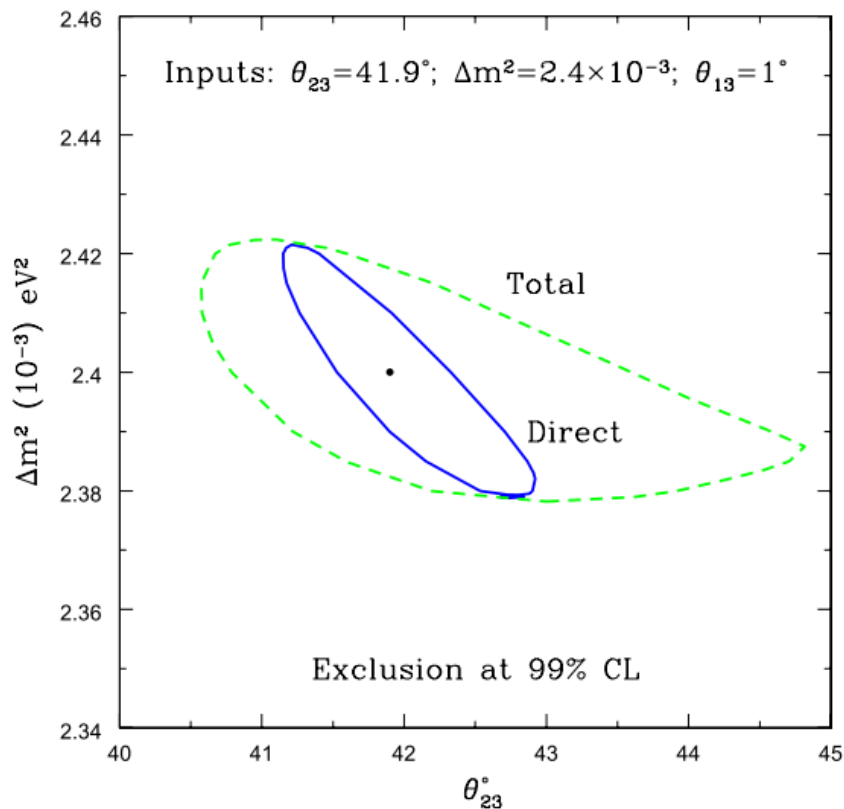


Neutrino Factory performance:

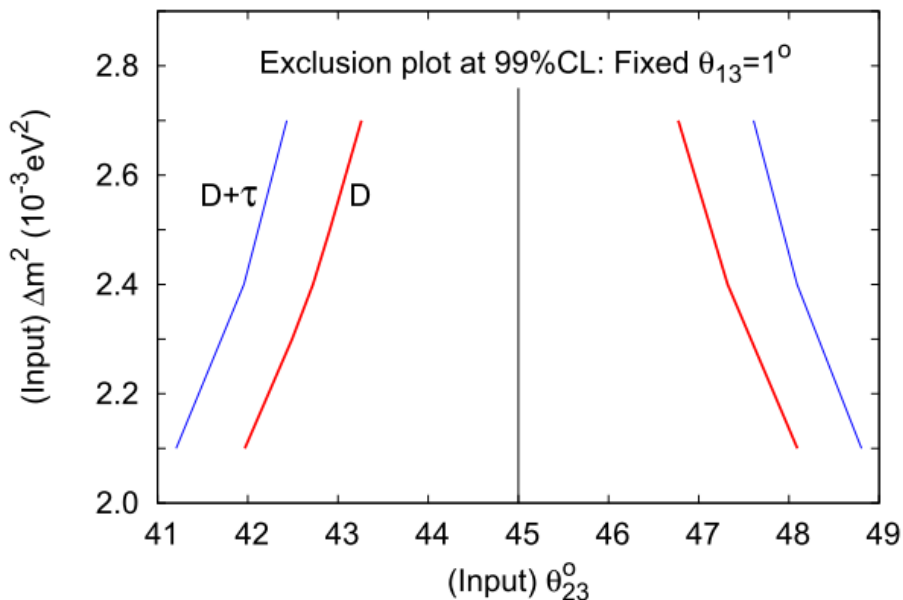
- Precision:

- Determination of deviation of θ_{23} from $\pi/4$:

- Uncertainty $\sim \pm 4^\circ$ at 99% C.L.



D. Indumathi and N. Sinha,
Phys. Rev. D80 (2009) 113012



Sensitivity Comparison

Based to arXiv:1005.3146, the EuroNu midterm physics report

WBB: Fermilab to Duse, 1 MW for ν running, proton energy: 120 GeV, 2 MW for $\bar{\nu}$ running (5+5 yr), 100 kton liquid argon detector, according to Barger et al, Phys. Rev. D76:053005, 2007 (hep-ph/0703029). This setup is different from the proposed LBNE experiment.

T2KK: J-Parc ν beam running at 4 MW. 270 kton WC detector at Kamioka (295 km) and 270 kton WC detector in Korea (1050 km), Barger et al, Phys. Rev. D76:053005, 2007 (hep-ph/0703029).

PS2-Slanic CERN-PS2 SuperBeam fired to 100 kton LAr detector at Slanic, as computed by A. Rubbia, arXiv:1003.1921.

SPL: Neutrino beam from CERN-SPL running at 3.5 GeV, 4 MW. 440 kton WC detector at Frejus (130 km). Campagne et al. JHEP **0704** (2007) 003 (hep-ph/0603172).

Beta Beam $\gamma = 100$ Eurisol Beta Beam to Frejus (440 kton WC detector). Campagne et al. JHEP **0704** (2007) 003 (hep-ph/0603172).

Beta Beam + SPL The combination of the above two.

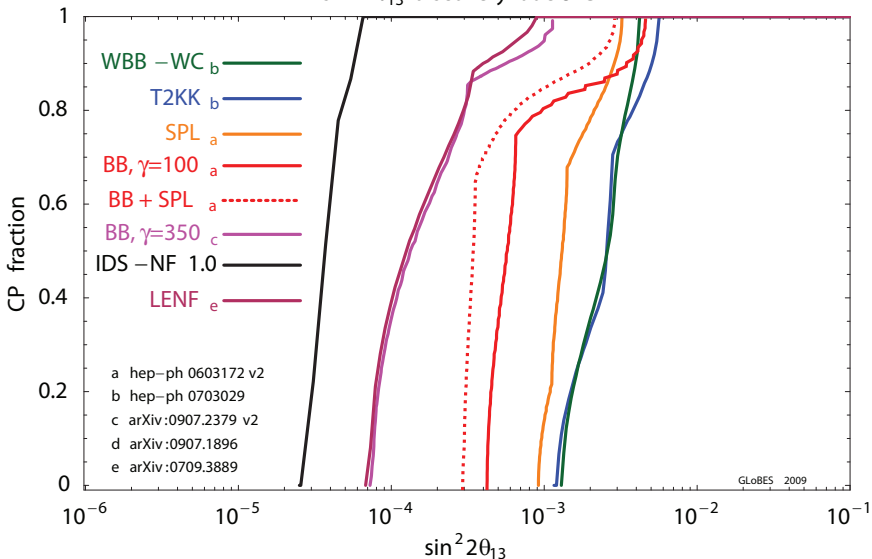
Beta Beam $\gamma = 350$ Beta Beam at $\gamma = 350$, running ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ at the same decay rates as the Eurosol Beta Beam. WC detector of 500 kton at Canfranc (650 km). S. Choubey et al., JHEP 0912:020,2009 (arXiv:0907.2379)

Low Energy Neutrino Factory (LENF) Neutrino Factory running at 4.12 GeV delivering 10^{21} muon decays/year for each sign, 30 kton No ν a like detector, fully magnetized (!) at 1480 km (Fermilab-Henderson mine). A. Bross et al, Phys.Rev.D77:093012,2008. (arXiv:0709.3889)

IDS 1.0 Neutrino Factory 25 GeV neutrino factory delivering $0.5 \cdot 10^{21}$ muon decays/year for each sign, a 50 kton iron magnetized detector and a 10 kton Emulsion Cloud Chamber, at 4000 km and a 50 kton iron magnetized detector at 7500 km.

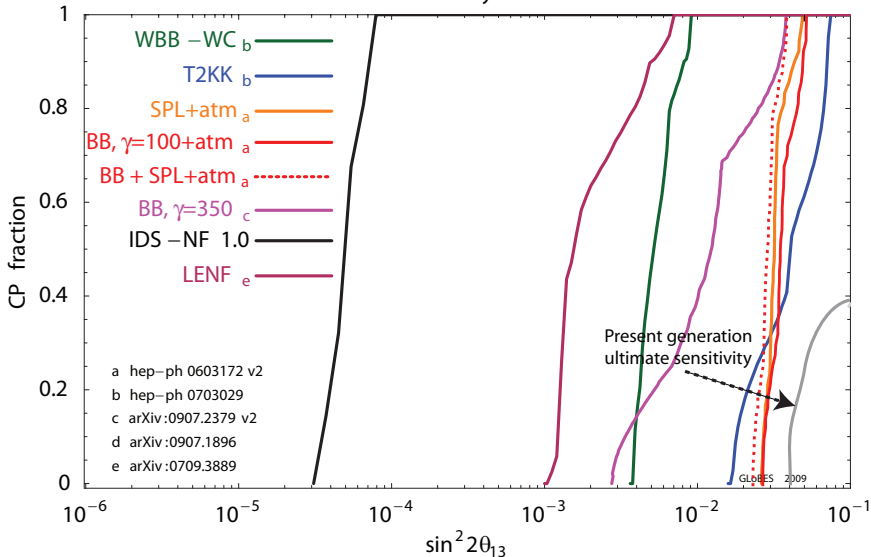
Sensitivity Comparison: θ_{13}

Elaborated from arXiv:1005.3146
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ discovery at 3σ CL



Sensitivity Comparison: $\text{sign}(\Delta m_{23}^2)$

Elaborated from arXiv:1005.3146
Mass hierarchy at 3σ CL



Sensitivity Comparison: LCPV

Elaborated from arXiv:1005.3146
CP violation at 3σ CL

