

# CP violation at the Neutrino Factory



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## International Design Study for the Neutrino Factory

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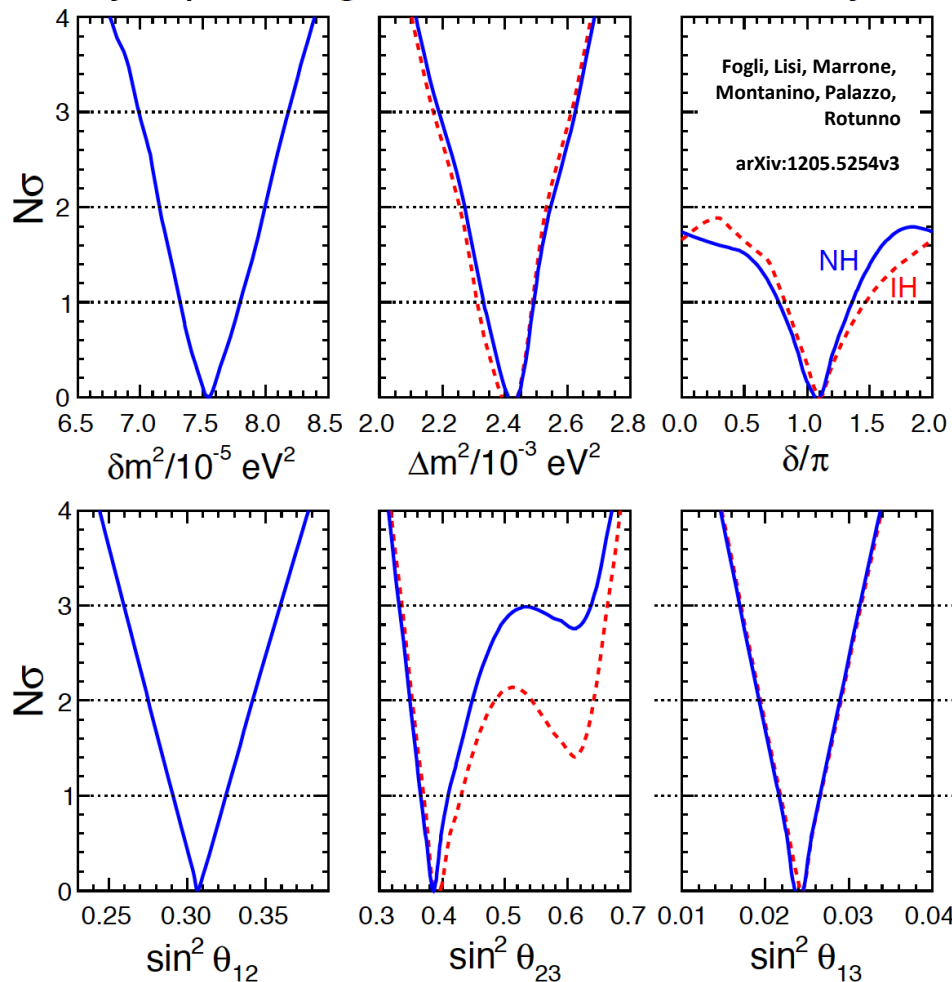
CP violation at the Neutrino Factory:

The  $\theta_{13}$  dividend

# Standard Neutrino Model:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Synopsis of global 3ν oscillation analysis



- Exciting new data!
- **Discovery of leptonic CP-violation is possible:**
  - **Best chance at the Neutrino Factory**
- Increases motivation for precision determination of the parameters and search for “non-standard effects”

# The case for exquisite sensitivity:

- Precision measurements are essential to:
  - Complete the “Standard Neutrino Model” (SvM):
    - Determine the mass hierarchy
    - Search for (and discover) leptonic CP-invariance violation
  - Establish the SvM as the correct description of nature:
    - Determine precisely the degree to which  $\theta_{23}$  differs from  $\pi/4$
    - Determine  $\theta_{13}$  precisely
    - Determine  $\theta_{12}$  precisely
  - Search for deviations from the SvM:
    - Test the unitarity of the neutrino mixing matrix
    - Search for sterile neutrinos, non-standard interactions, ...
- What determines the goal for sensitivity and precision?
  - Sensitivity:
    - Definitive discovery!
      - Must have sensitivity of at least “ $5\sigma$ ”
      - To resolve the LSND/miniBOONE “suite of anomalies” may set the bar higher!
  - Precision:
    - Field presently led by experiment;
      - Too many, or too few, theories;
    - Goal to determine parameters with a precision comparable to that with which the quark-mixing parameters are known

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**The IDS-NF baseline Neutrino Factory**

# Neutrino Factory:

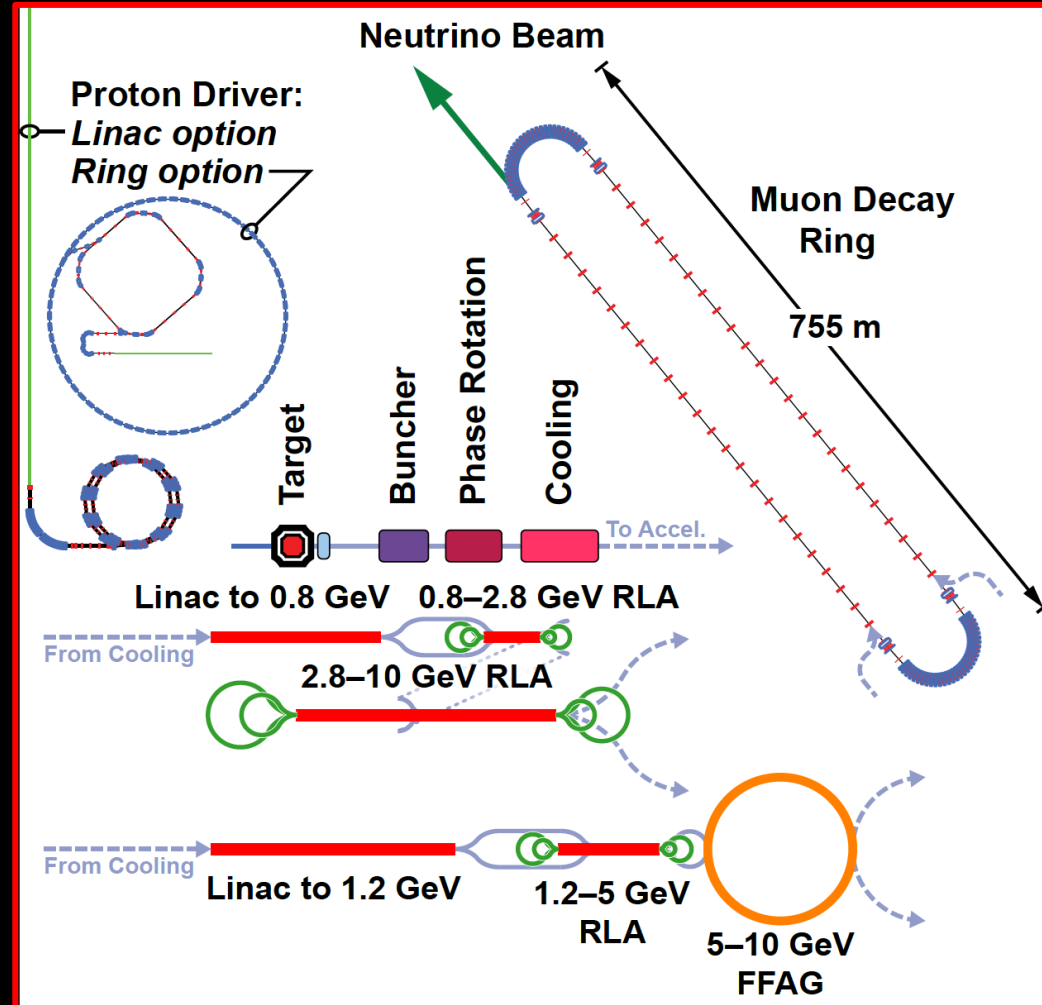
- Optimise discovery potential for CP and MH:

- Requirements:

- Large  $\nu_e$  ( $\bar{\nu}_e$ ) flux
  - Detailed study of sub-leading effects

- Unique:

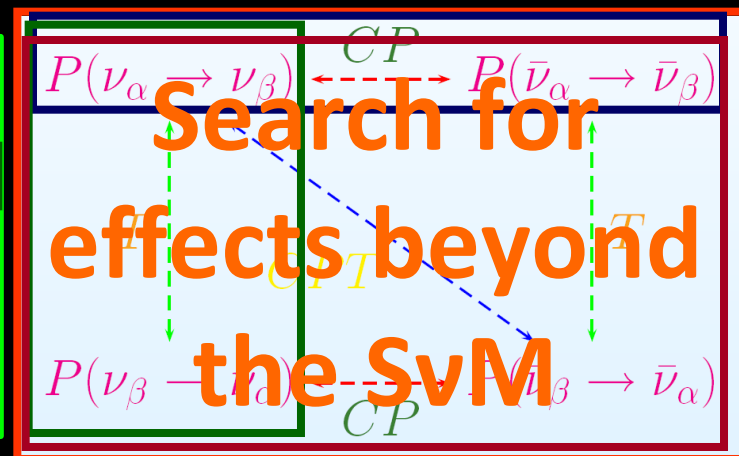
- (Large) high-energy  $\nu_e$  ( $\bar{\nu}_e$ ) flux
  - Optimise event rate at fixed  $L/E$
  - Optimise MH sensitivity
  - Optimise CP sensitivity





# Neutrino Factory concept:

$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$	
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$	Disappearance
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	Appearance (challenging)
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$	Appearance
$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$	$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	Disappearance
$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$	Appearance: “golden” channel
$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$	$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau$	Appearance: “silver” channel



## ■ IDS-NF baseline Neutrino Factory:

### ■ Accelerator facility:

- $10^{21}$  useful decays/yr
- 10 GeV stored-muon energy
- 2000 km source-detector baseline

### ■ Neutrino detectors:

- 100 kT magnetised iron neutrino detector (MIND)
- Near detector and ring instrumentation suite to:
  - Determine flux
  - Measure cross sections
  - Perform detailed neutrino-scattering physics programme

See P. Soler: IDS-NF accelerator facility; Track 14; Sat. 12:15  
K. Long: MICE status and progress; Track 14; Sat. 12:00  
P. Soler: MICE instrumentation; Track 13; Sat. 15:30

# Accelerator facility:

- **Proton driver:**
  - 4 MW;  $5 < E_p < 15$  GeV; bunch length 1—3 ns
  - Linac (CERN, FNAL) and ring (RAL, JPARC) options
- **Pion-production target:**
  - Baseline: liquid mercury jet
  - Options: powder jet or solid
  - Progress: particle shielding, magnetic lattice
- **Muon front end:**
  - Chicane (new) to remove secondary hadrons:
    - Bent solenoid transport & beryllium absorber
  - Buncher & rotator:
    - Progress: lattice revision in response to engineering study
  - Cooling:
    - Baseline: solenoid transport, LiH absorber
    - Options: bucked coils or high-pressure H<sub>2</sub>
    - Progress: lattice revision in response to engineering study
- **Rapid acceleration:**
  - Two options considered for acceleration to 10 GeV:
    - Linac, RLA I and RLA II;
    - Linac, RLA I and FFAG
  - Choice based on cost and performance estimates

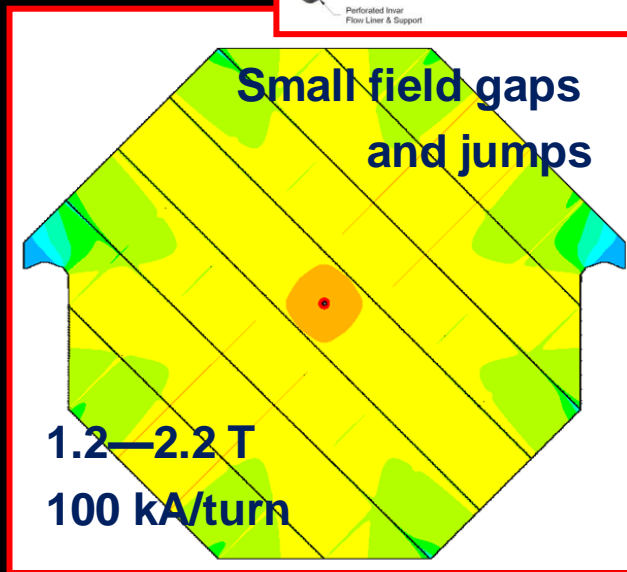
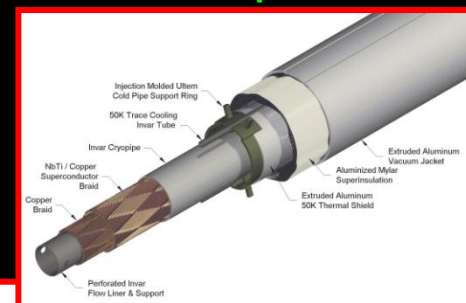
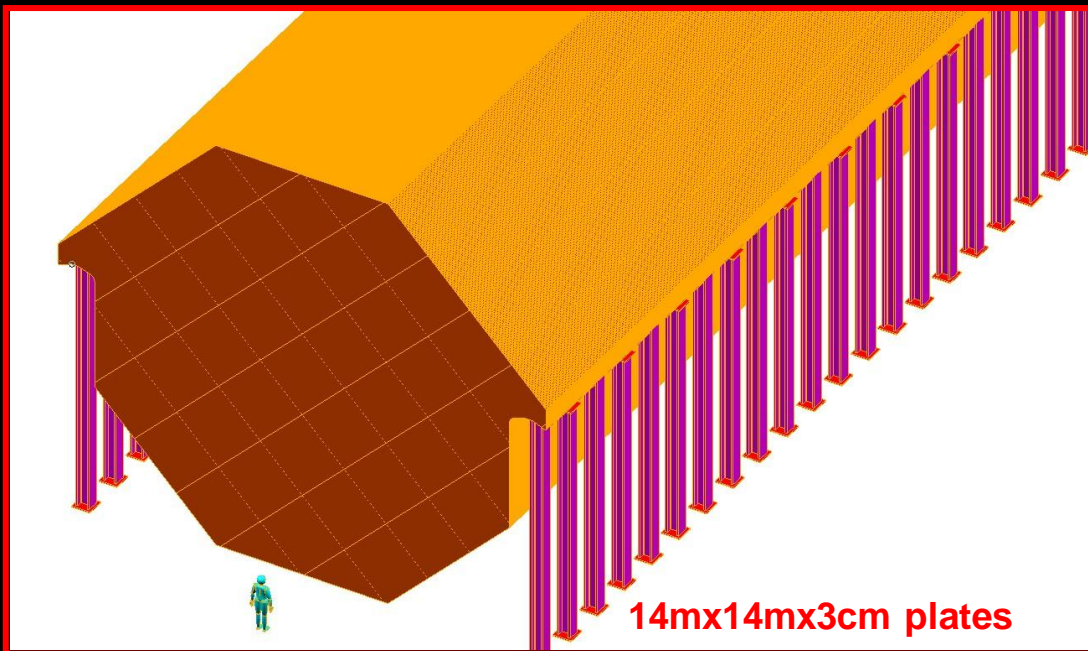
- **Proton driver:**
  - Development of high-power, pulsed proton source underway at proton labs
- **Pion-production target:**
  - MERIT experiment at CERN proved principle of mercury jet target
- **Muon front end:**
  - MuCool programme at FNAL:
    - Study of effect of magnetic field on high-gradient, warm, copper cavities;
  - MICE experiment at RAL:
    - Proof of principle of ionization-cooling technique
- **Rapid acceleration:**
  - EMMA experiment at DL:
    - Proof of principal of non-scaling FFAG technique;
      - Novel technology allows circular acceleration without magnet ramp

# Magnetized Iron Neutrino Detector (MIND):

- IDS-NF baseline:

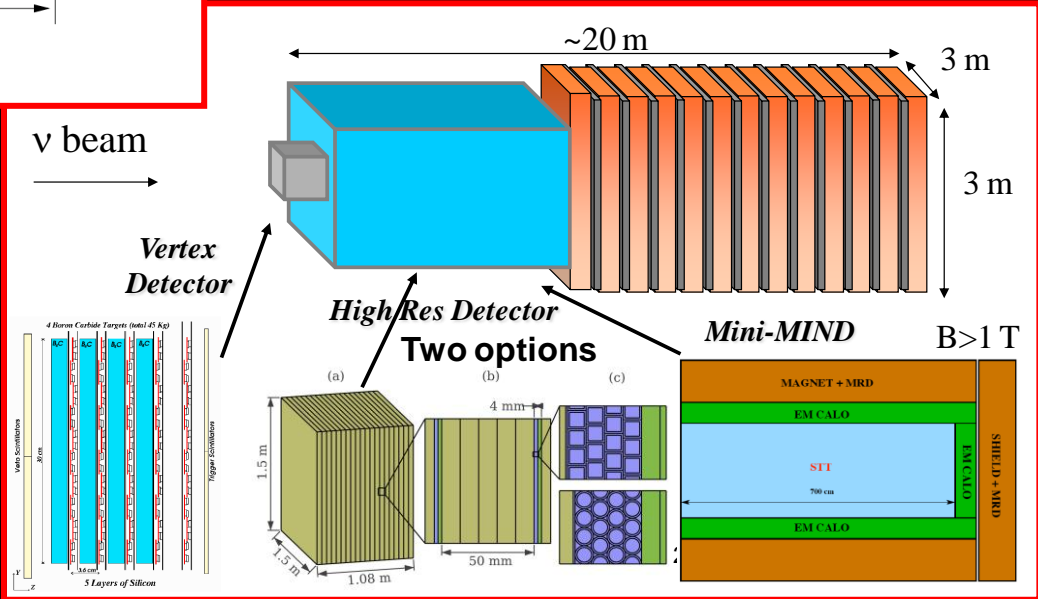
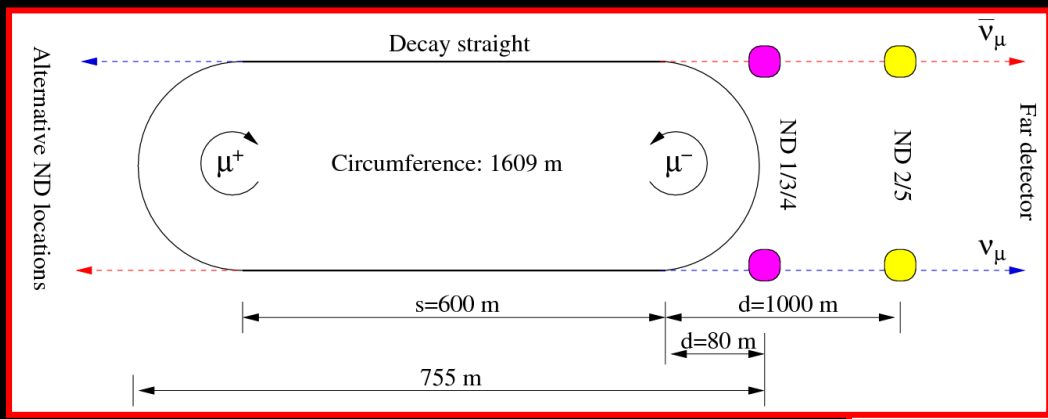
- Intermediate baseline detector:
  - 100 kton at 1500—2500 km
- Appearance of “wrong-sign” muons
- Toroidal magnetic field  $> 1$  T
  - Excited with “superconducting transmission line”

- Segmentation: 3 cm Fe + 2 cm scintillator
- 50-100 m long
- Octagonal shape
- Welded double-sheet
  - Width 2m; 3mm slots between plates



# Near detectors:

- Near detector missions:
  - Neutrino flux (<1% precision) and extrapolation to far detector
  - Charm production (main background) and taus for Non Standard Interactions (NSI) searches
  - Cross-sections and other measurements (ie PDFs,  $\sin^2\theta_w$ )

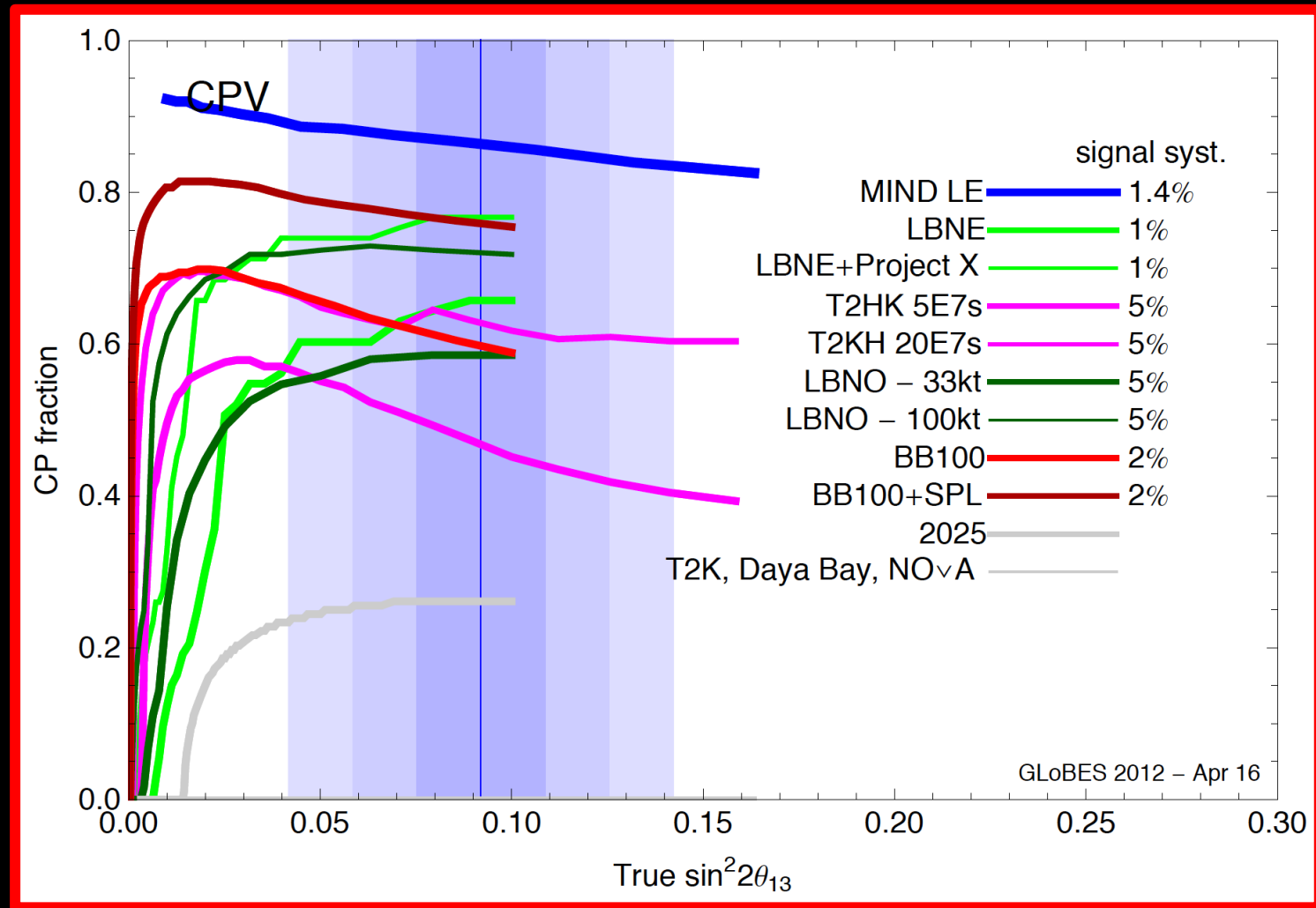


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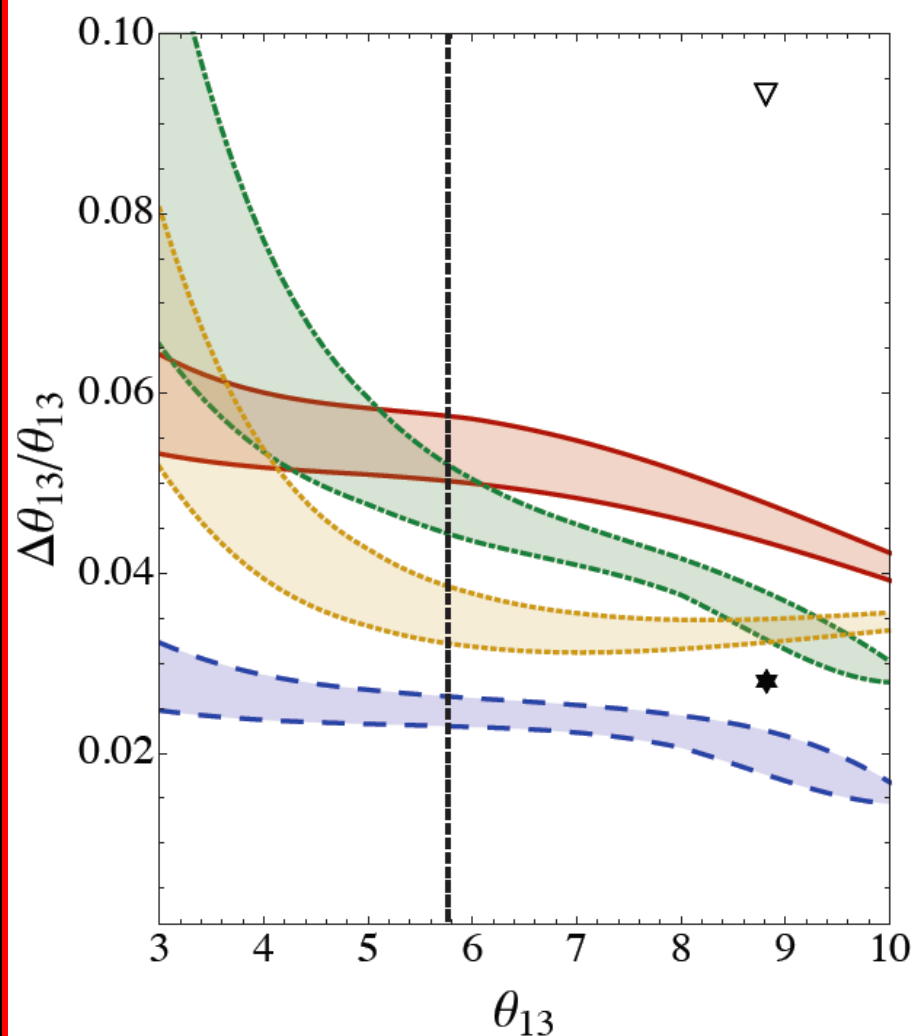
**Sensitivity and precision**

# Comparison:

- Discovery reach at  $3\sigma$ :
  - Neutrino Factory:** 85—90%
  - Beta beam and SPL: 70—80%
  - Super beam: 60—75%

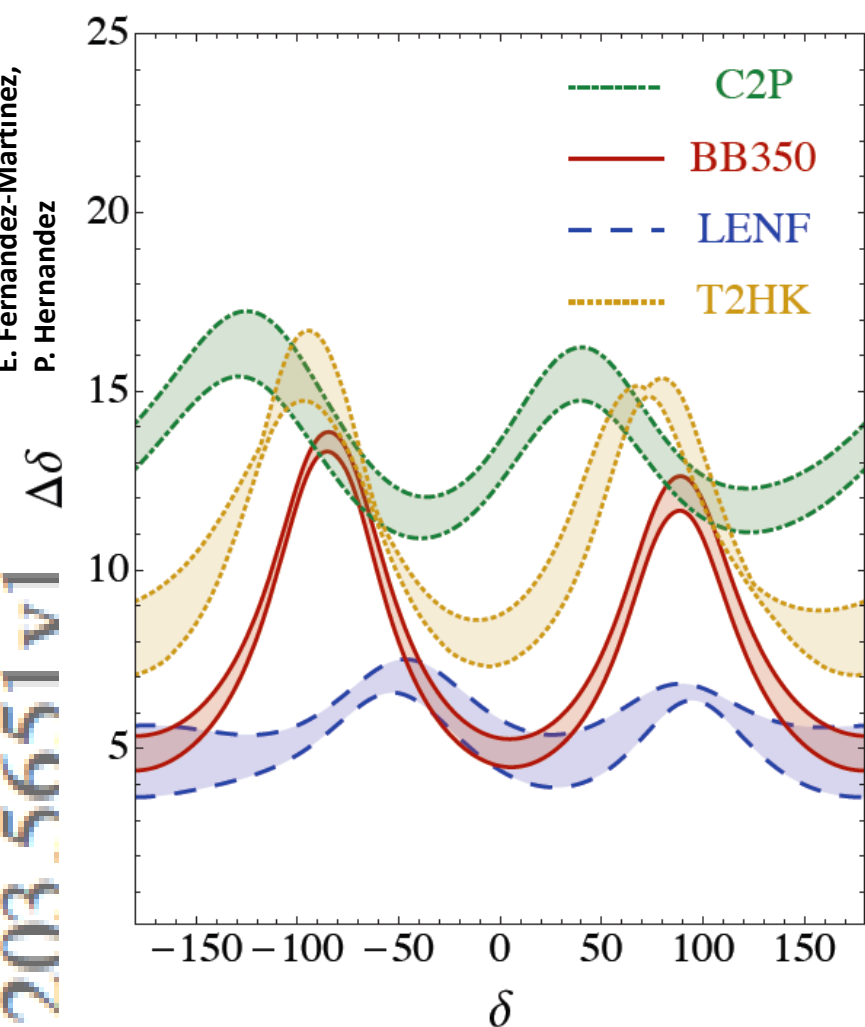


# Comparison with alternatives:

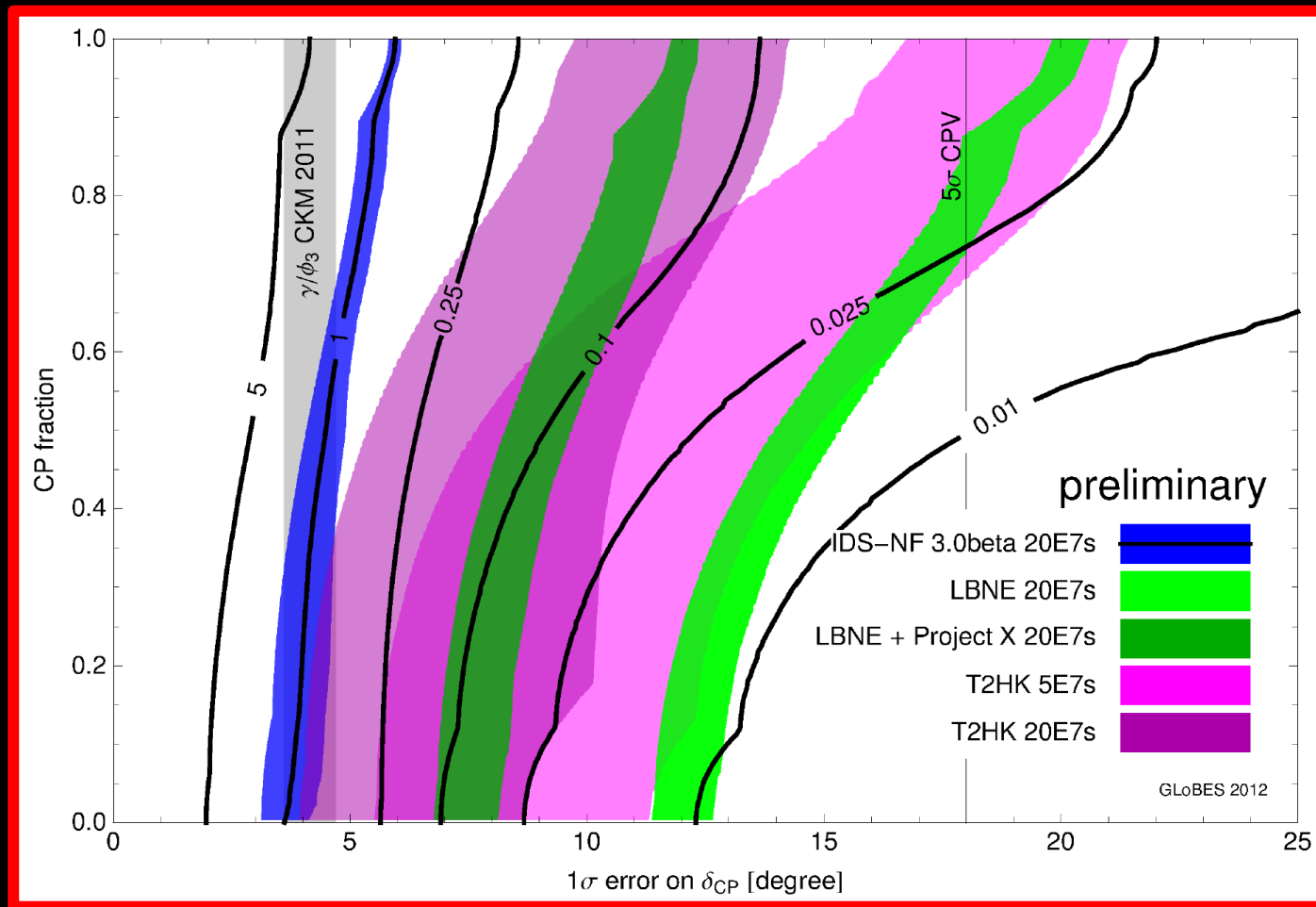


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- **Neutrino Factory offers best precision:**
  - **Issue now is control of systematic effects**



- **Benefit of luminosity:**
  - **Solid black lines show effect on precision of scaling luminosity from baseline  $10^{21}$  decays per year**
  - **Potential for definition of staged upgrade programme**



**CP violation at the Neutrino Factory:**

**Increments and implementation**

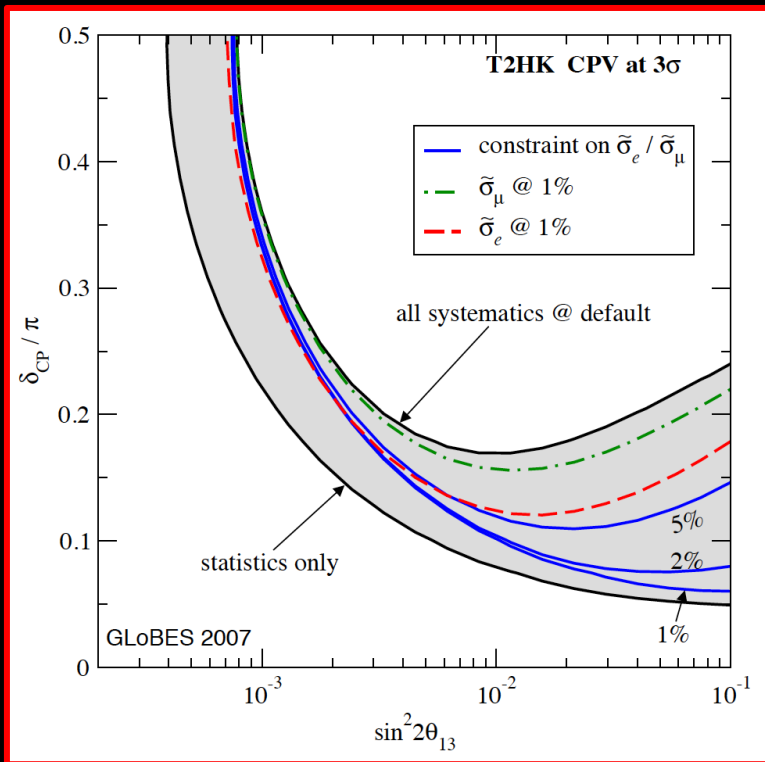
# Ambition:

- Large value of  $\theta_{13}$ , makes it likely that the next generation long-baseline experiments will determine the neutrino mass hierarchy;
  - However, sensitivity to CP violation will be limited;
- In the first instance, a combination of long-baseline (wide-band beam) experiments (e.g. LBNE/LBNO) and short baseline experiments (e.g. T2HK) may offer an attractive way forward:
  - In such an approach:
    - CP reach is limited by systematic effects;
    - Hints of CP violation would require follow up by the Neutrino Factory.
- The Neutrino Factory *is* the facility of choice, but, stored muon beams have not yet been shown to be capable of serving a world-class neutrino programme:
  - Require to push through R&D and complete IDS-NF, considering an incremental implementation in parallel; and
  - Establish a first, realistic, scientifically first-rate neutrino experiment based on a stored muon beam

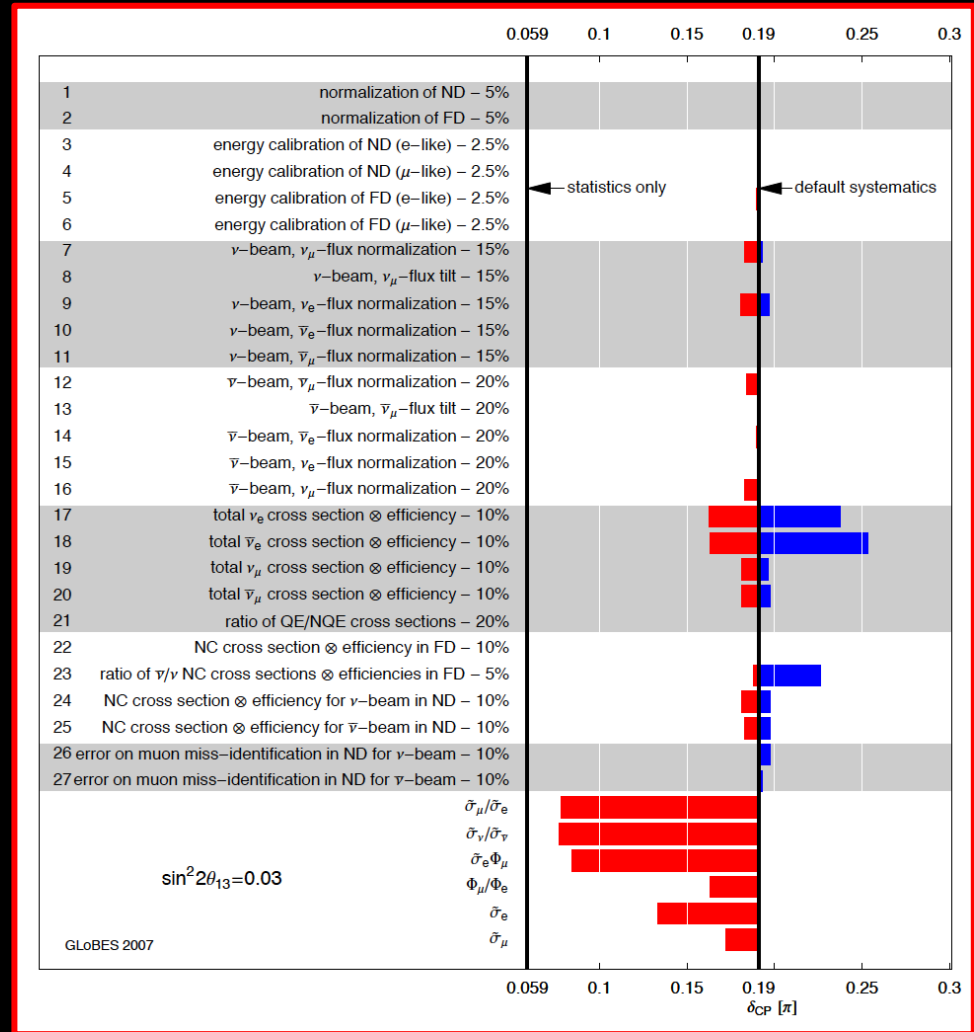
# Systematic uncertainties:

— critical at large  $\theta_{13}$

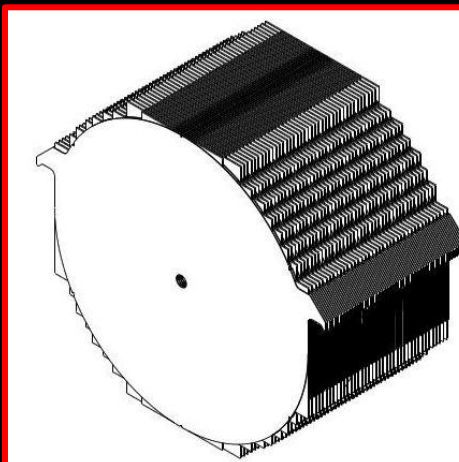
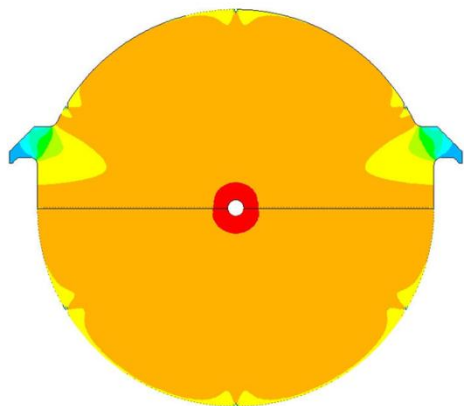
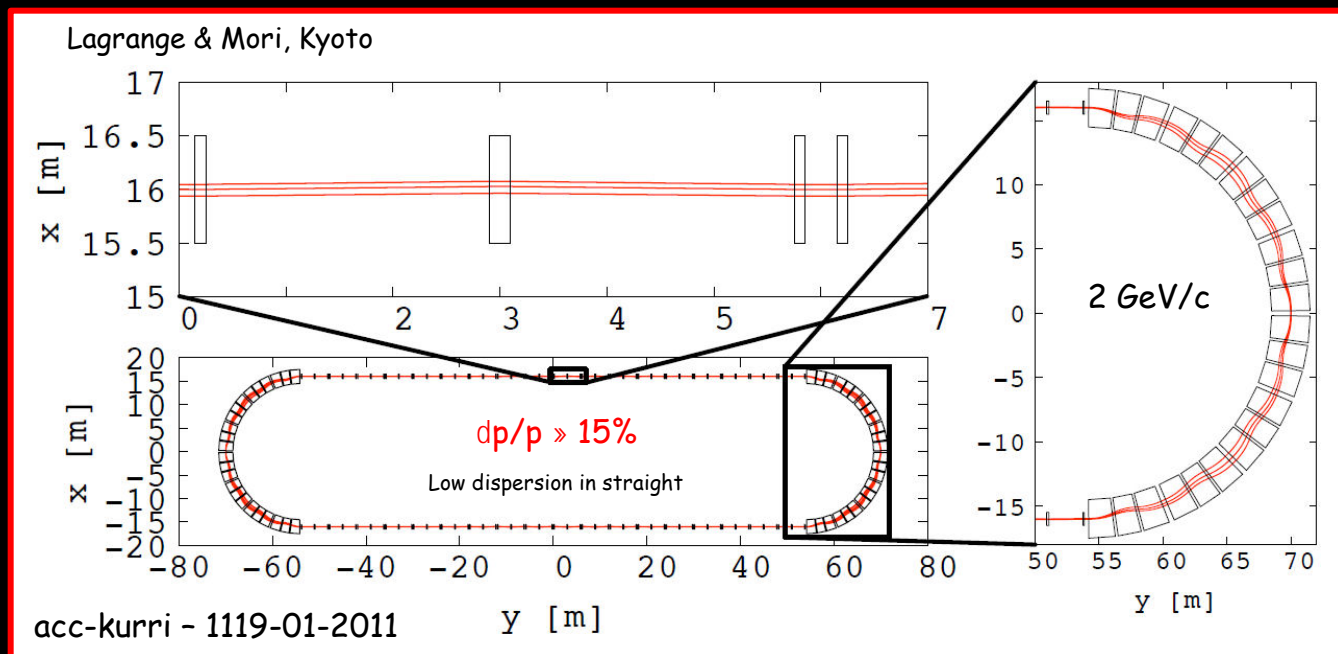
- T2HK, a case study:
  - Narrow-band beam
  - Near and far detector



Huber, Mezzetto, Schwetz,  
arXiv:0711.2950v2



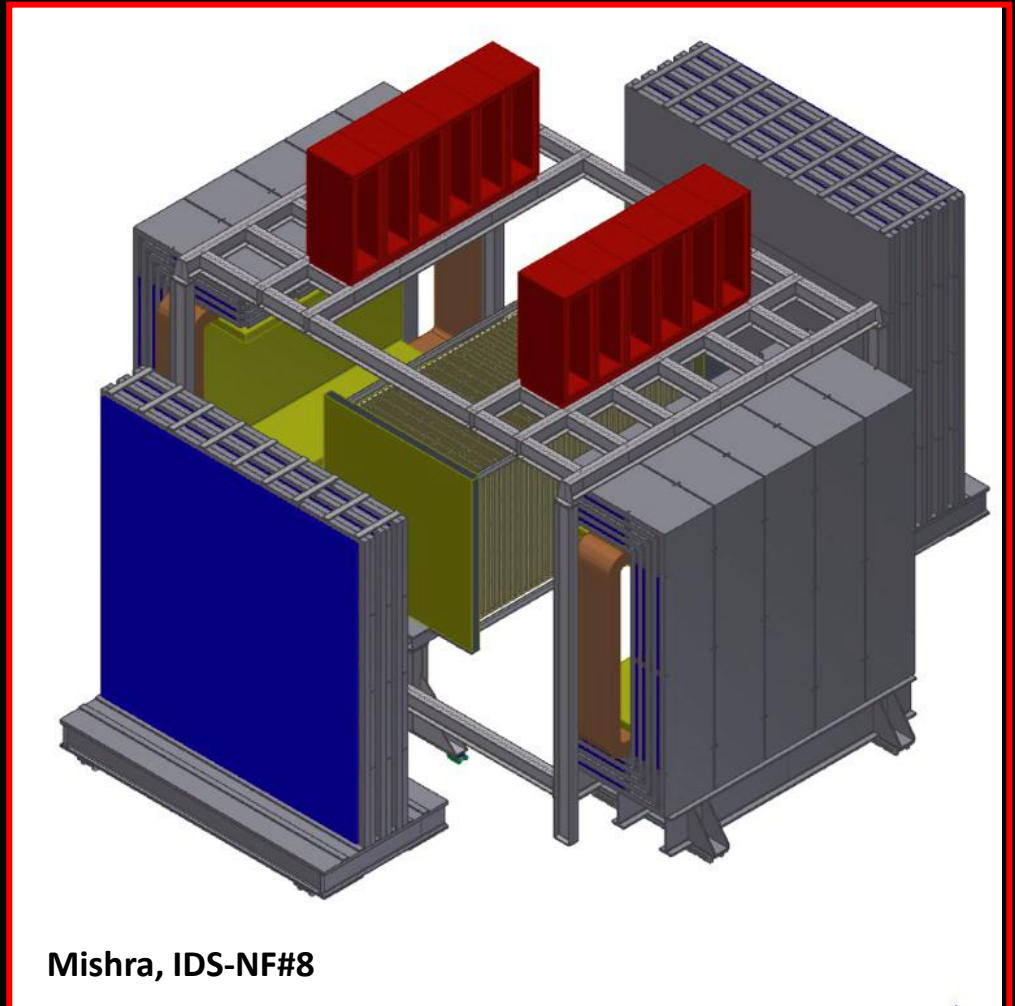
# nuSTORM: conceptual design:



- **Magnetized Iron**
  - **1 kT fiducial volume**
    - Following MINOS ND ME design
    - 1 cm Fe plate
    - 5 m diameter
  - Utilize superconducting transmission line for excitation
    - Developed 10 years ago for VLHC
  - Extruded scintillator +SiPM

# Cross sections:

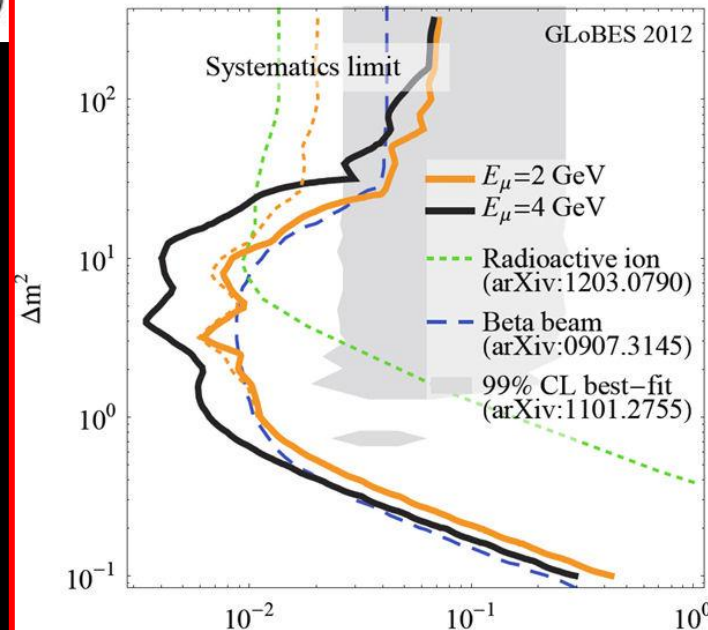
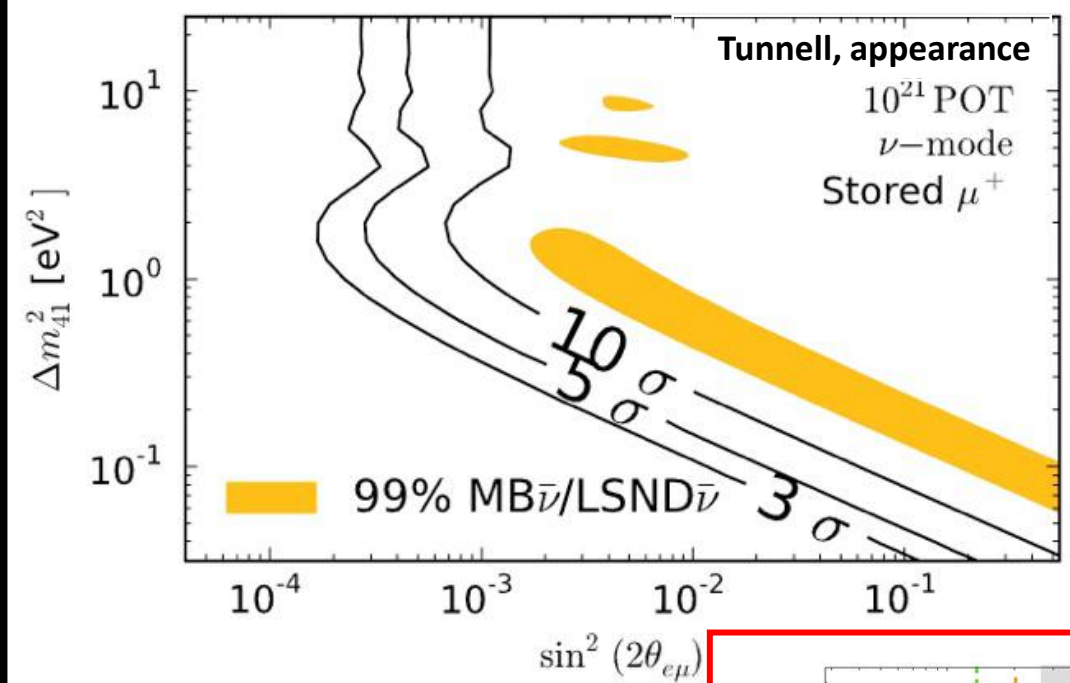
- Unique opportunity to measure electron-neutrino cross sections
- Also, measure muon-neutrino cross sections
- Full set of neutrino-scattering physics:
  - QCD
  - Structure functions & form factors
  - Electroweak
  - ...
- Concept for detector:
  - Straw tracker, EM Calor, TRD and  $\mu$  spectrometer
  - Meets all needs for ND
  - Detector technology exists
  - Costed



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# Sensitivity:

## Sterile neutrino search

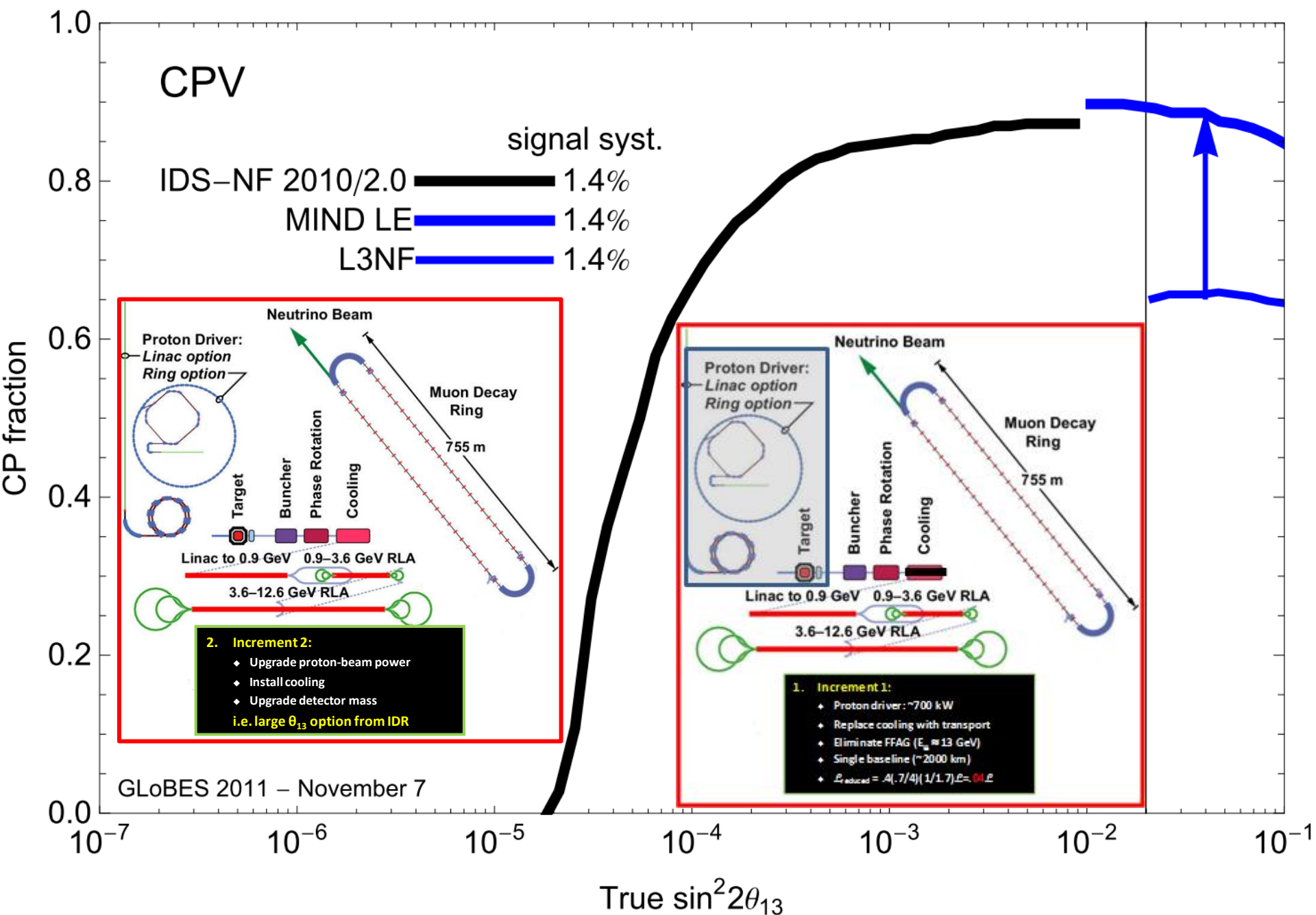


- Need either  $E_\mu = 4$  GeV or 10<sup>19</sup> useful muon decays/polarity to cover best-fit
- Highly competitive compared to alternatives  
( $\Rightarrow$  Sterile neutrino white paper)
- Can one improve on “systematics limit“?

Winter, disappearance  $\sin^2 2\theta$

(WW, arXiv:1204.2671)





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**Conclusions**



# Conclusions:

- Measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  emphasises:
  - **5 $\sigma$  discovery sensitivity:**
    - Mass hierarchy;
    - CP-invariance violation;
  - Precision measurement of neutrino oscillations
- Neutrino Factory:
  - Unique; meeting the “5 $\sigma$ ” sensitivity and precision goals;
  - Mature:
    - Key hardware issues addressed, or being addressed by R&D programmes;
    - Conceptual design documented in IDS-NF IDR
      - Costing in preparation for EUROnu final report and IDS-NF RDR
  - Outstanding opportunity to contribute in the short term: nuSTORM
    - Essential cross section measurements;
    - Sterile-neutrino search
  - Incremental approach to full Neutrino Factory conceivable
- Altogether, an exciting programme!