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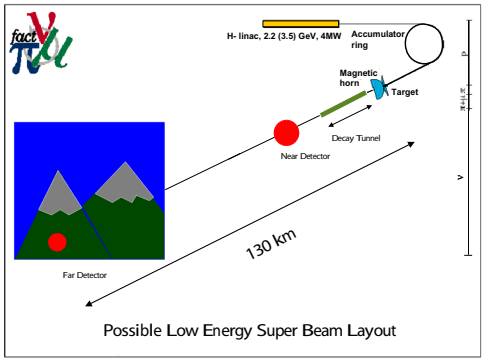
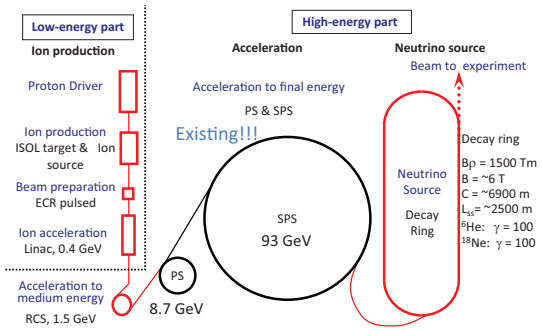
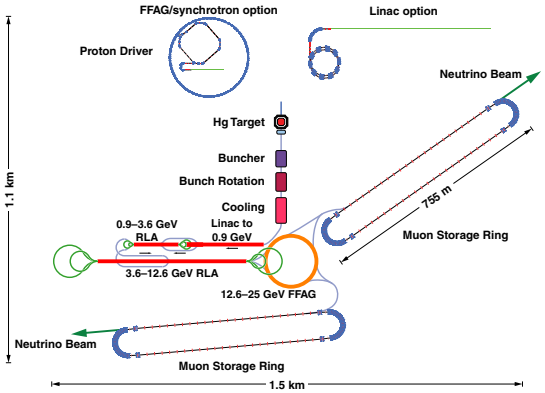
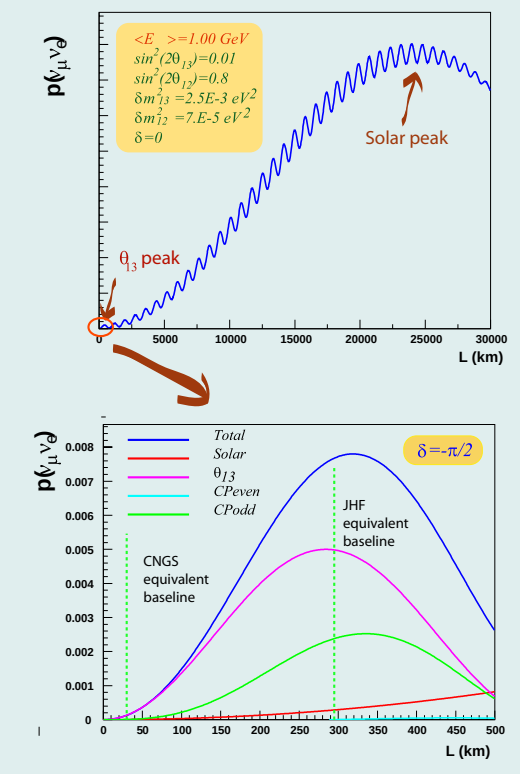






- What is left to measure in neutrino oscillations
- Experimental challenges in detecting leptonic CP violation
- Super Beams
- Beta Beams
- Neutrino Factories
- Some Comparison.

Sub leading $\nu_\mu - \nu_e$ oscillations



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Leptonic CP discovery requires

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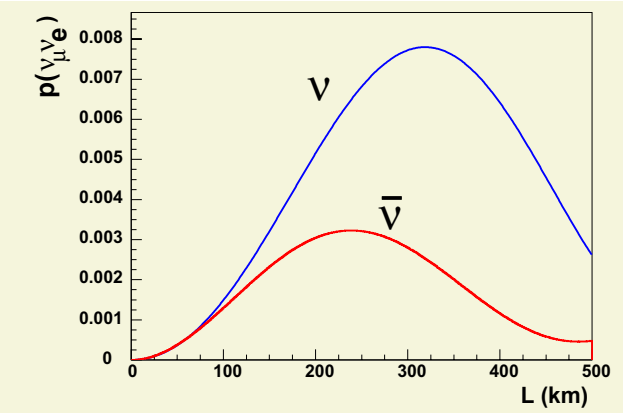

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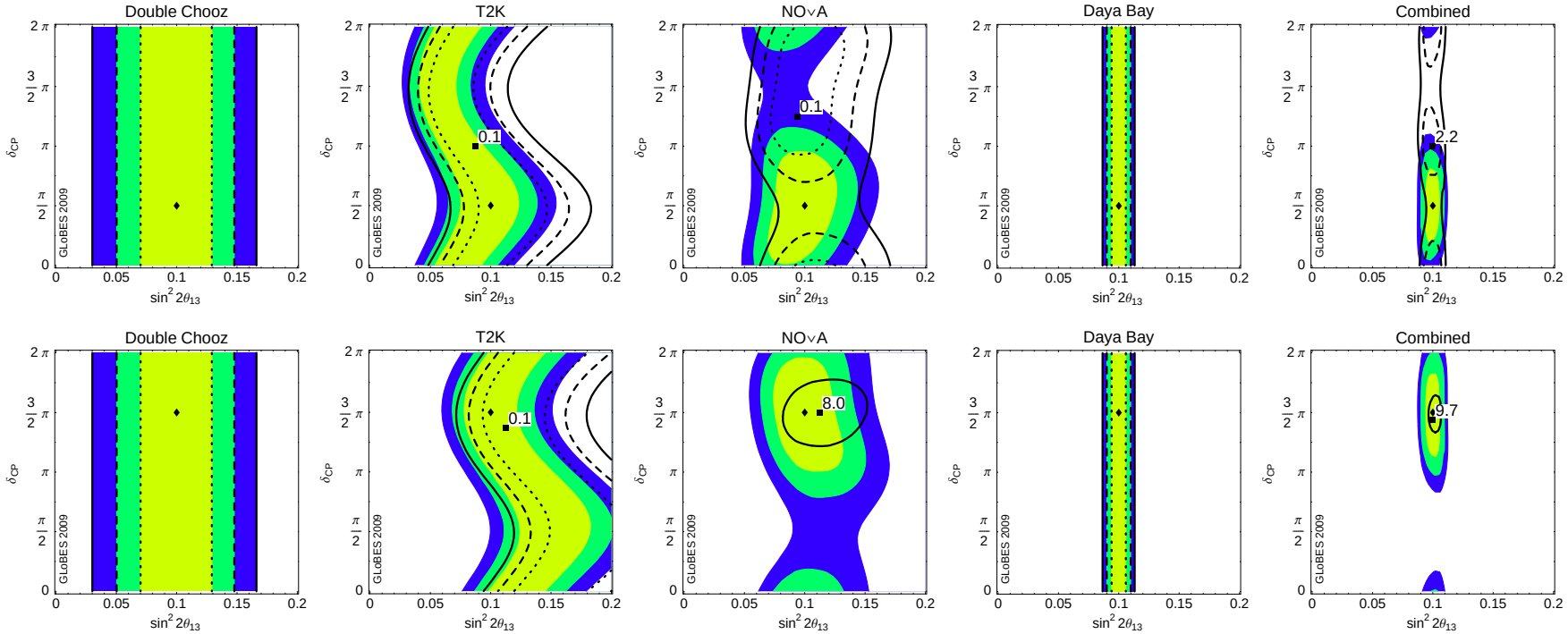
Reattori vs Acceleratori: 2018

Fit a $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$=0.1 (1,2,3 σ)



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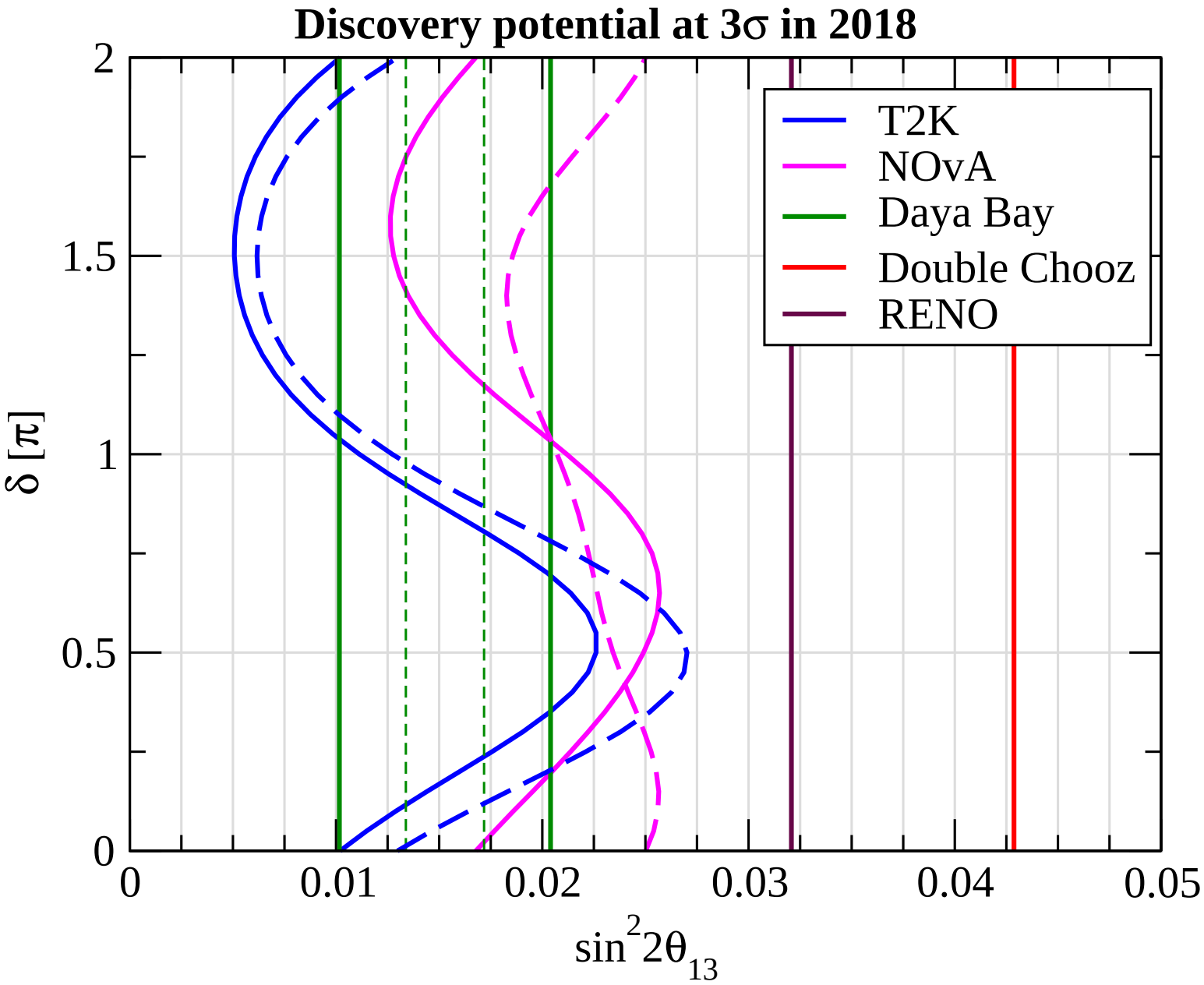

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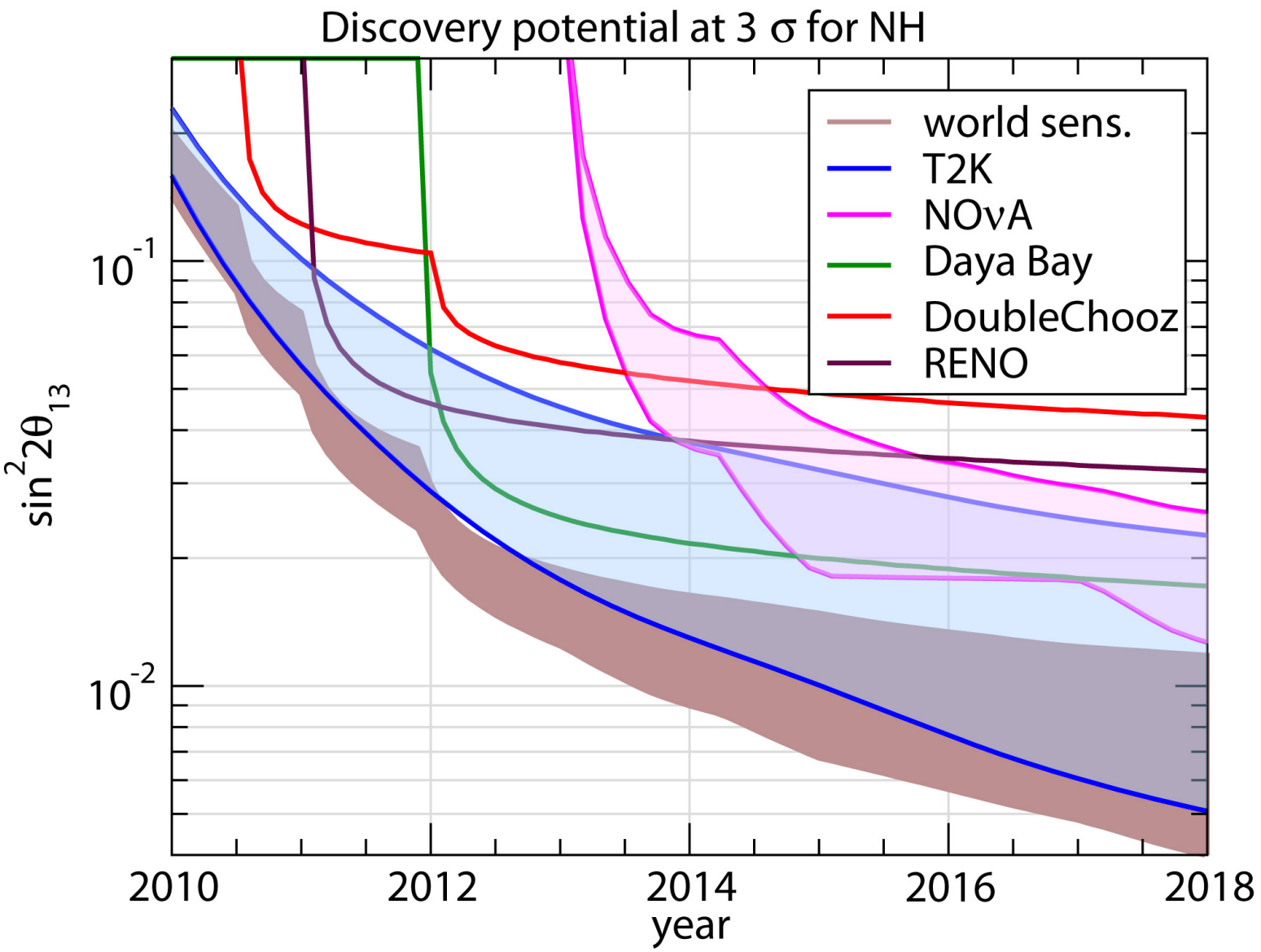

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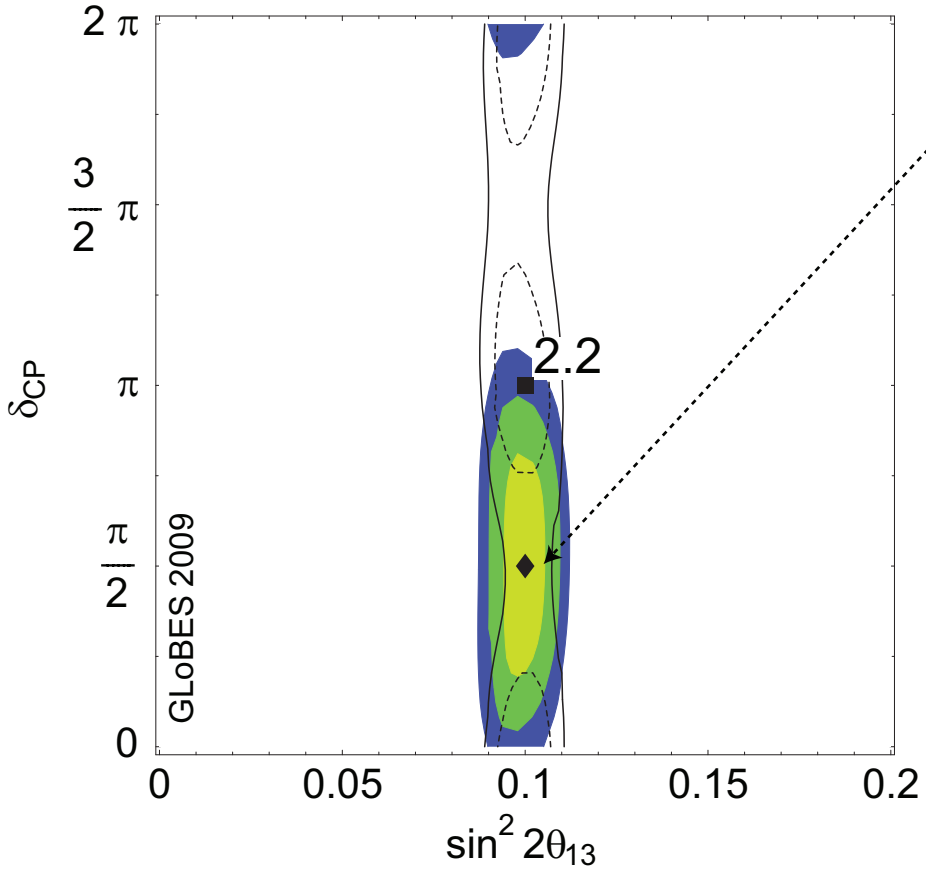

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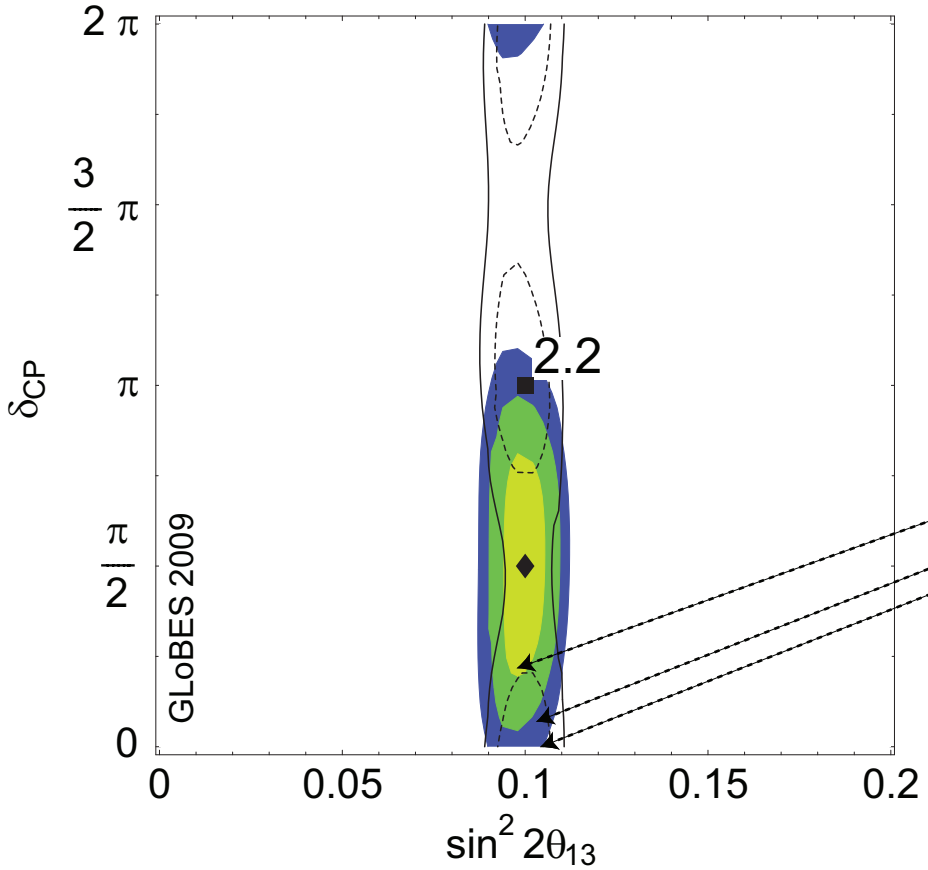

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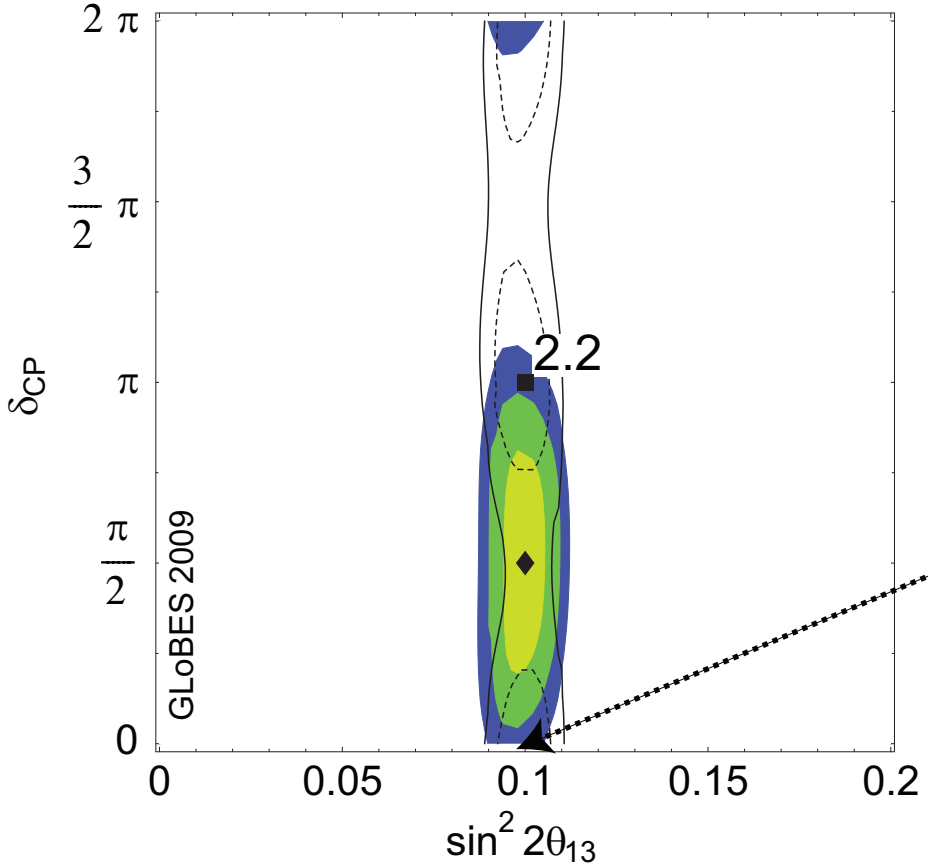

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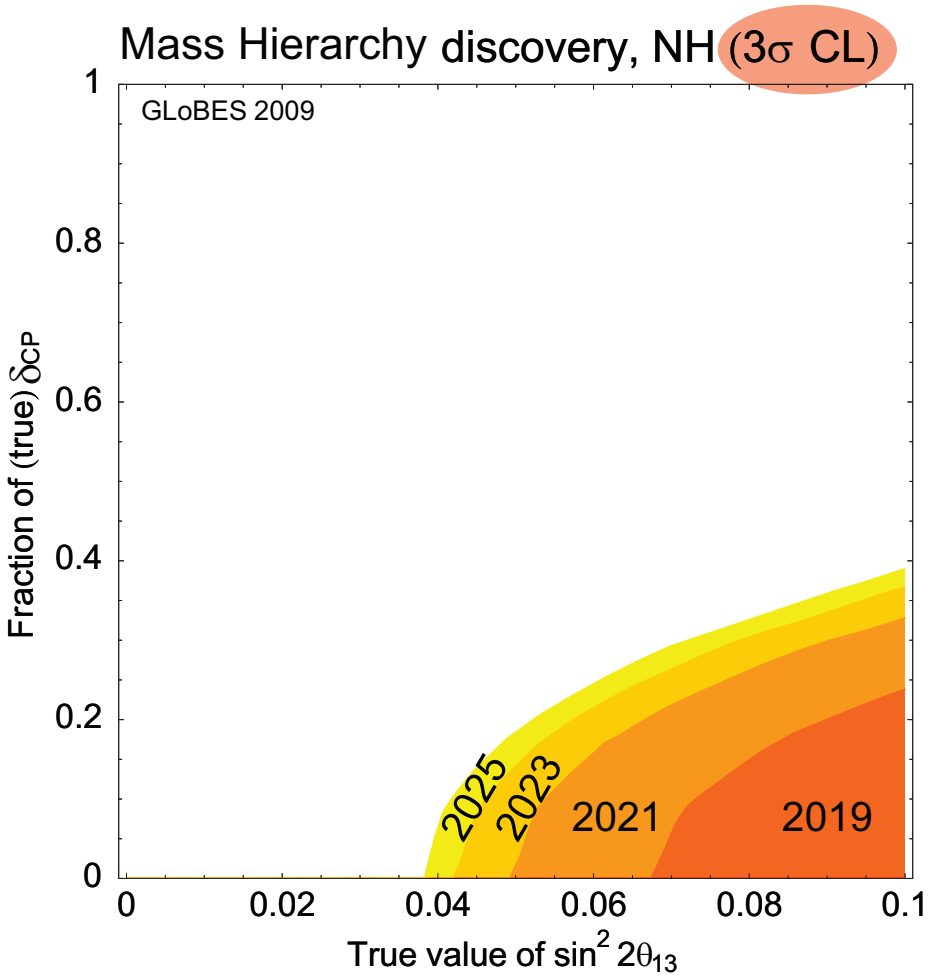

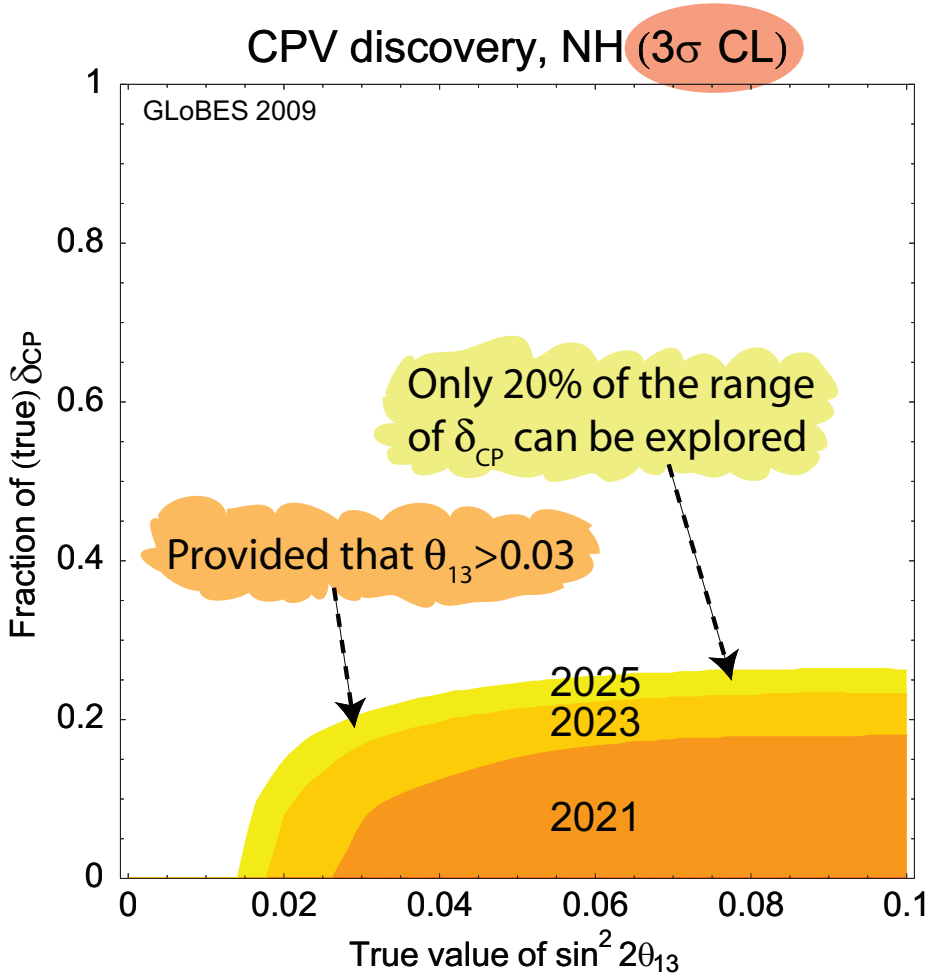

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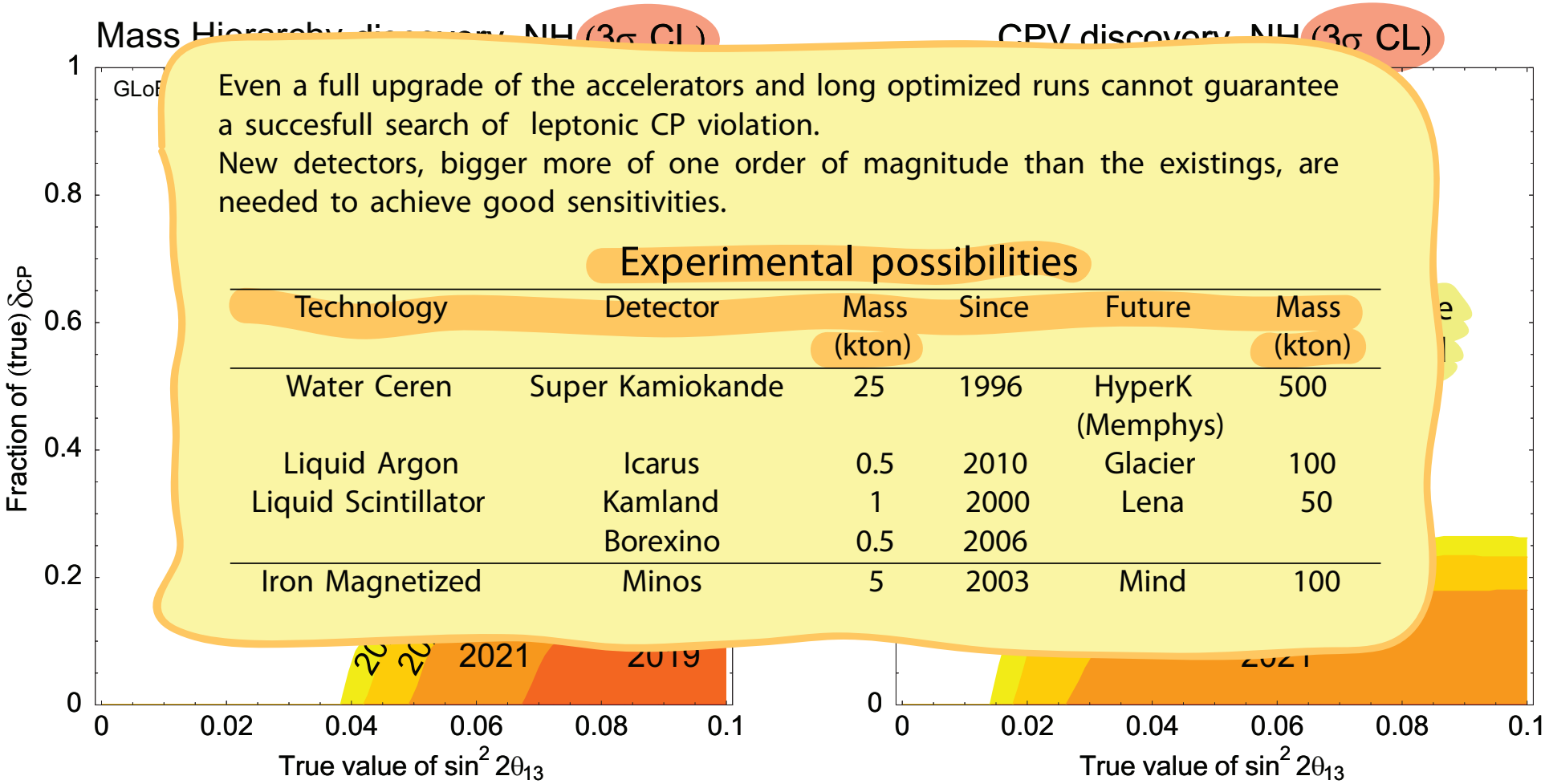

Even a full upgrade of the accelerators and long optimized runs cannot guarantee a succesfull search of leptonic CP violation.
New detectors, bigger more of one order of magnitude than the existings, are needed to achieve good sensitivities.

Experimental possibilities

Technology	Detector	Mass (kton)	Since	Future	Mass (kton)
Water Ceren	Super Kamiokande	25	1996	HyperK (Memphys)	500
Liquid Argon	Icarus	0.5	2010	Glacier	100
Liquid Scintillator	Kamland	1	2000	Lena	50
	Borexino	0.5	2006		
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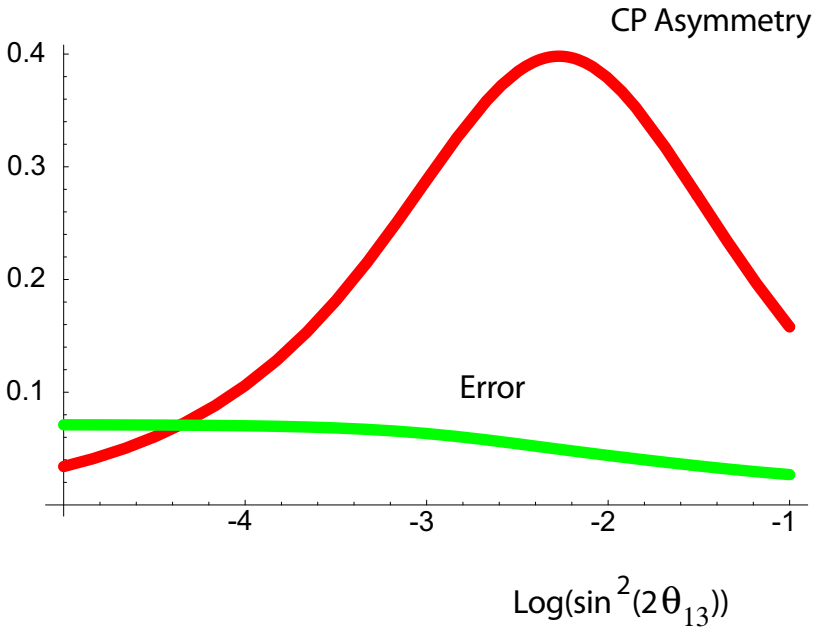

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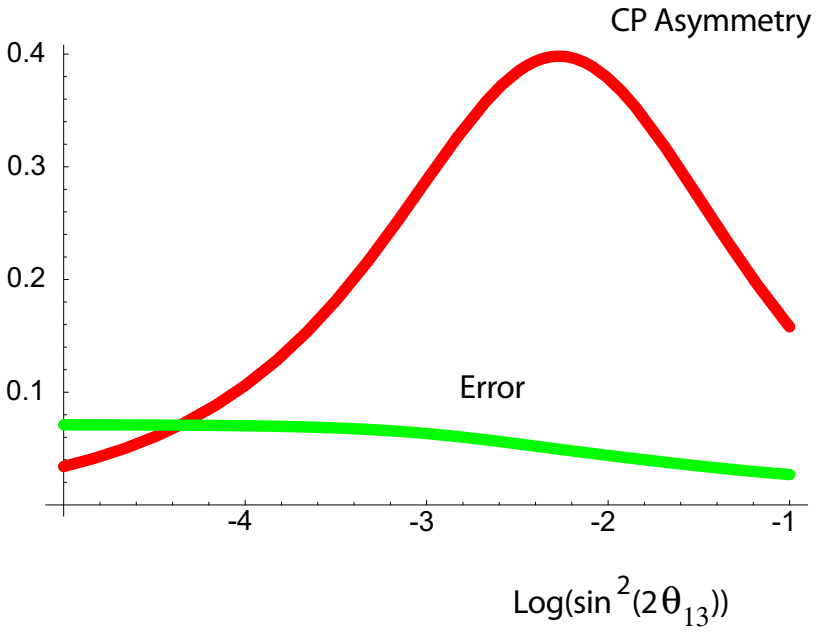

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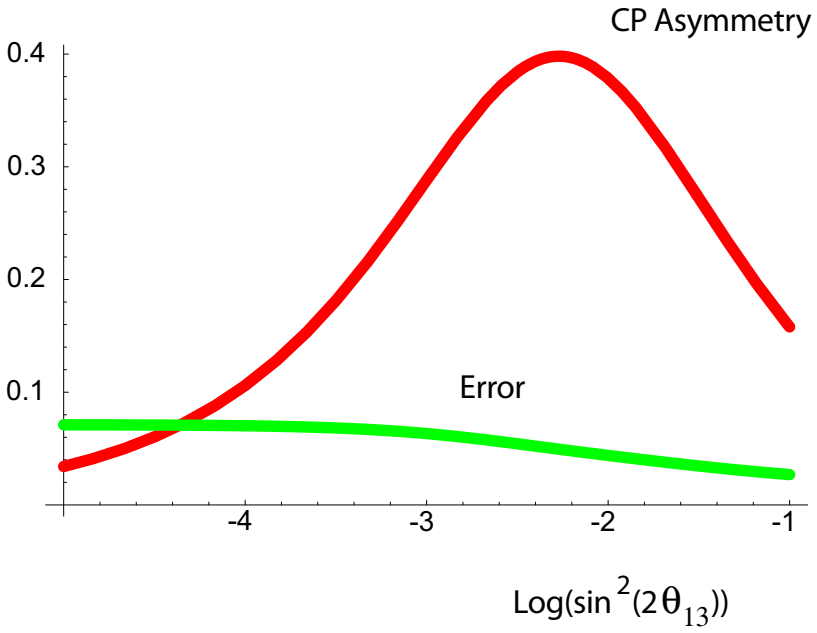

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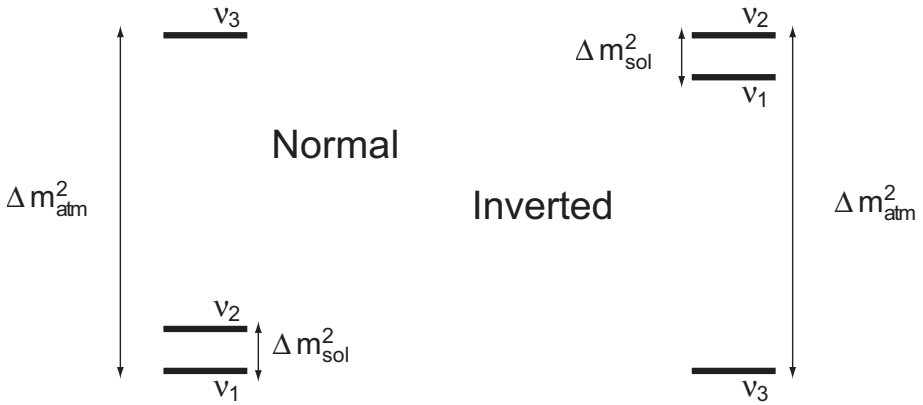
- Statistics and systematics play different roles at different values of θ_{13} $\Rightarrow$ impossible to optimize the experiment without a prior knowledge of θ_{13}
- Contrary to the common belief, the highest values of θ_{13} are not the easiest condition for LCPV discovery

Measuring mass hierarchy

An internal degree of freedom of neutrino masses is the sign of Δm^2_{31}: $\mathrm{sign}(\Delta m^2_{23})$.



This parameter decides how mass eigenstates are coupled to flavor eigenstates with important consequencies to direct neutrino mass and double beta decay experiments.

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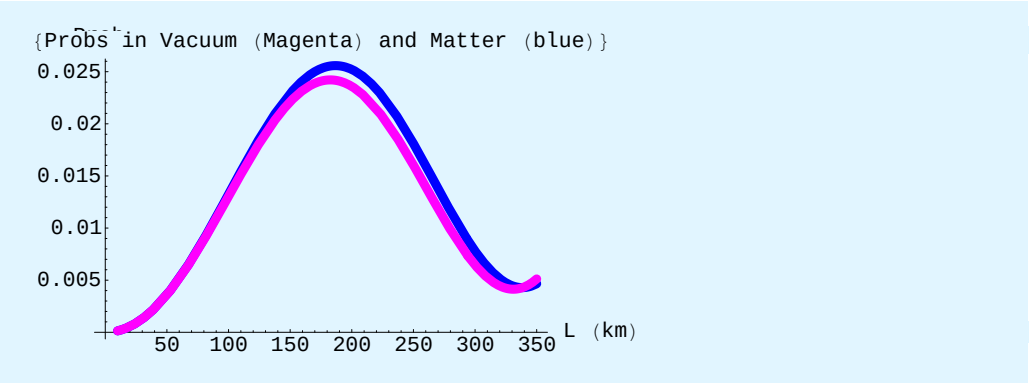

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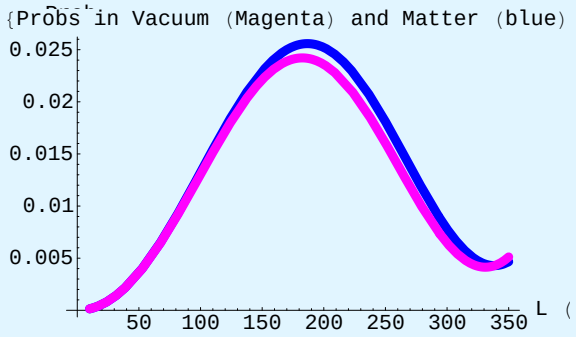

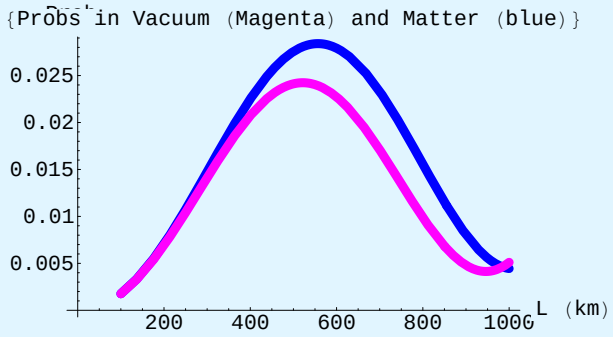

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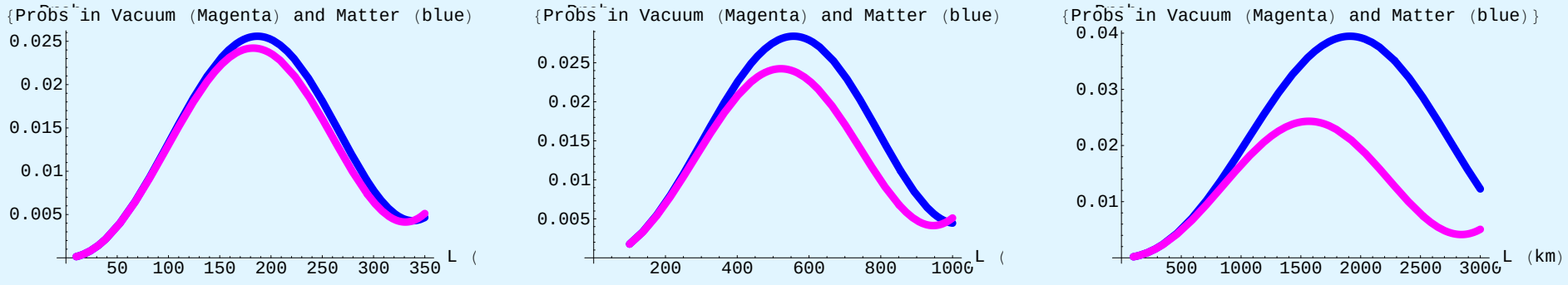

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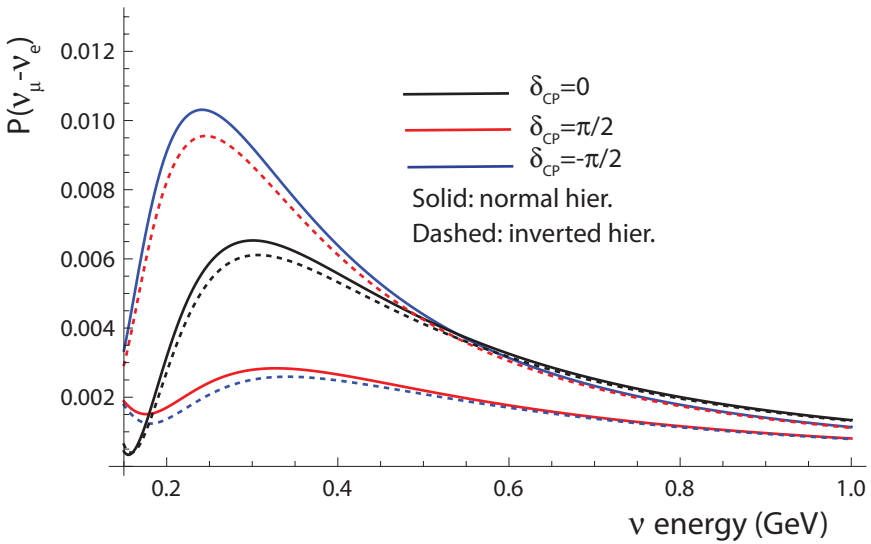

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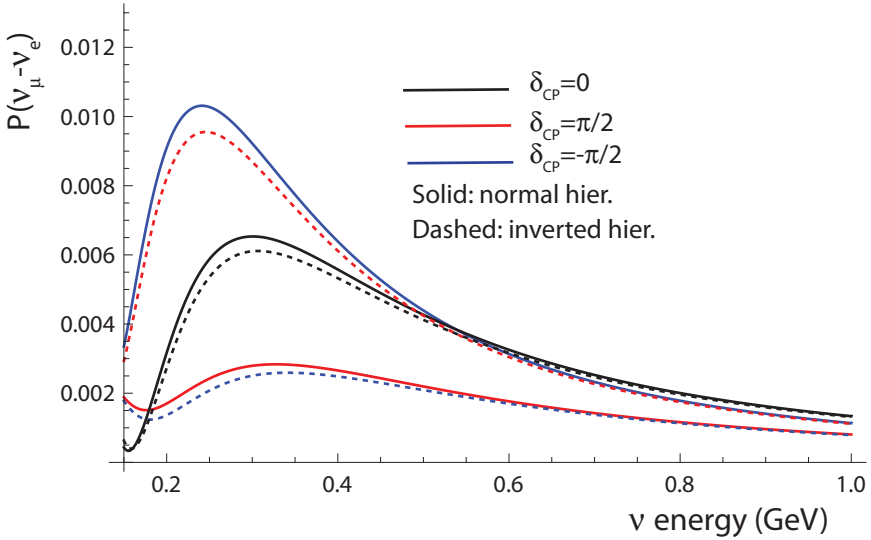
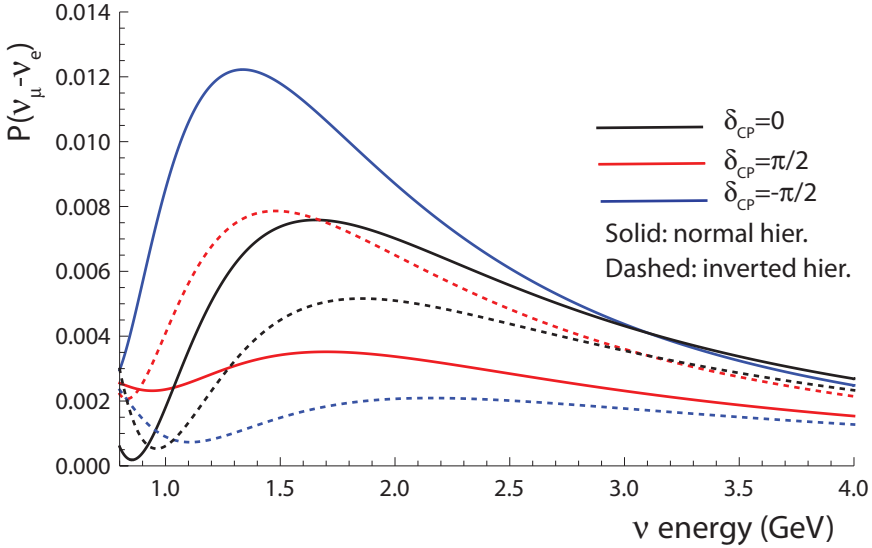


At 730 km matter effects are sizable. Probabilities differ.
Note however as the normal hierarchy $\delta_{\rm CP} = 0$ probability is very similar to inverse hierarchy $\delta_{\rm CP} = \pi/2$, $\Rightarrow$ very difficult to experimentally disentangle the two.



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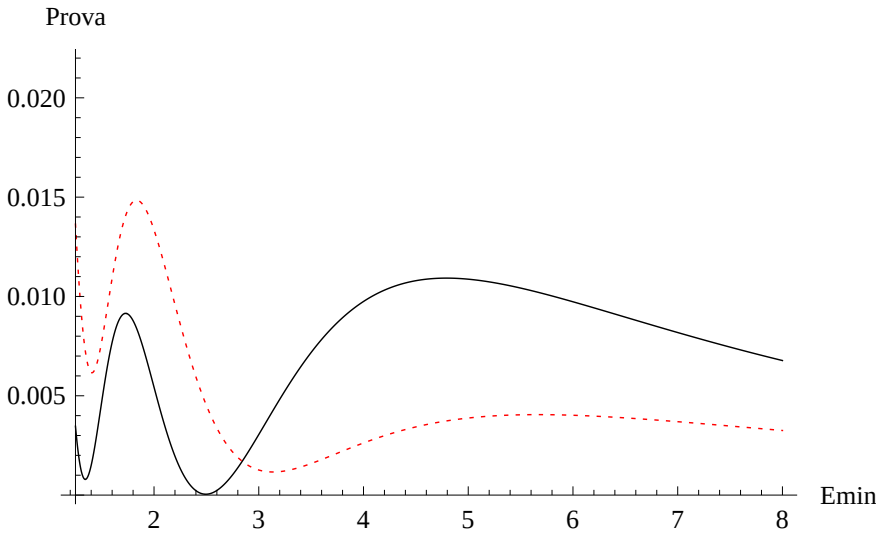

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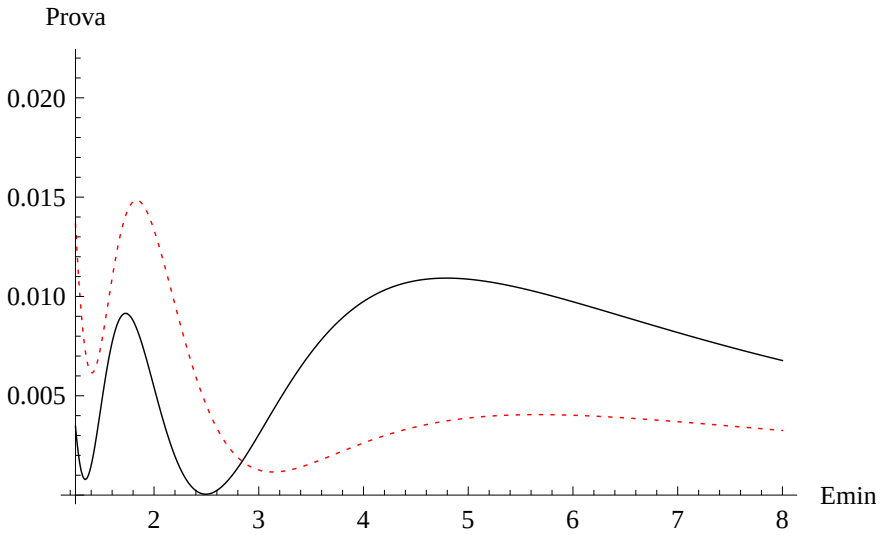
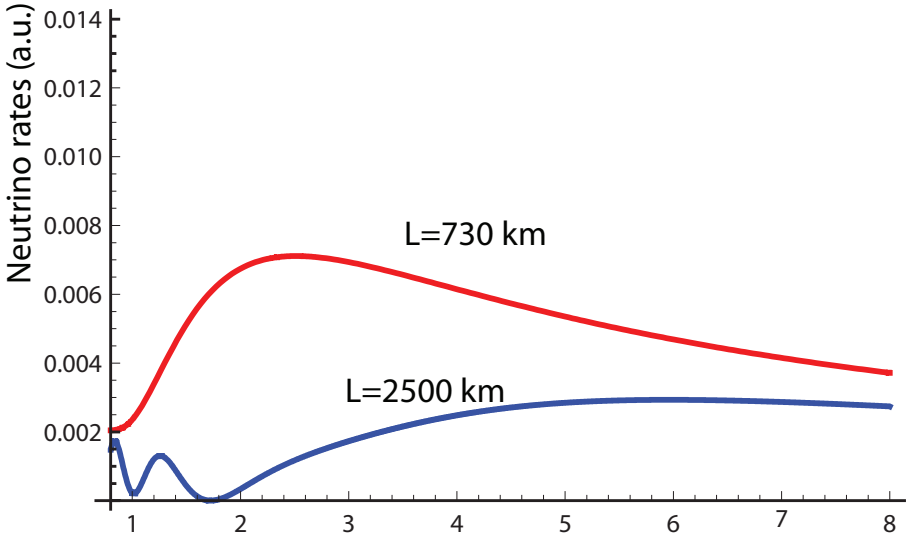
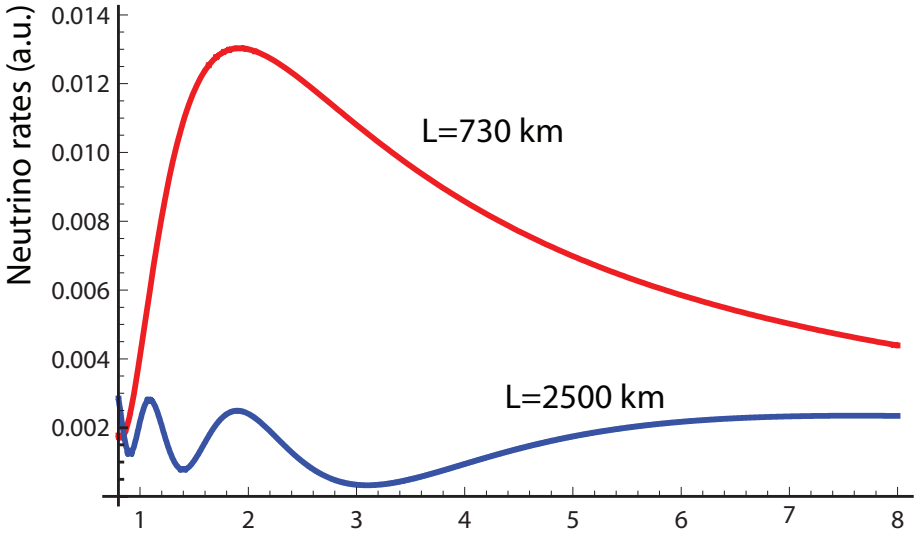


Any price for that? Of course yes. Fluxes go like $1/L^2$, $\Rightarrow$ ten time less flux at 2500 km. Partially recoverd by the rise of cross sections: $\sigma \propto E$ and the MSW resonance (if in the lucky hierarchy). Let's compare interaction rates $I \propto P \times \sigma \times L^{-2}$





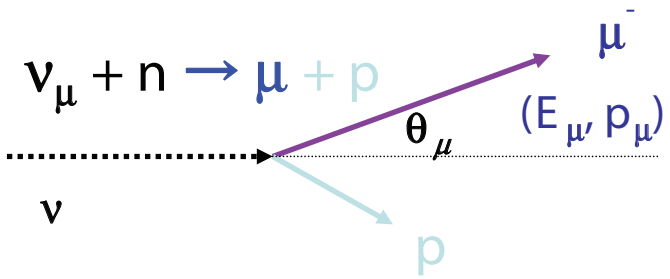
Experimental challenges

- Energy reconstruction
- Backgrounds
- Systematic errors
- Degeneracies

Energy reconstruction for beam neutrinos

The quasi elastic case

Select single ring events and assume they are Quasi Elastic

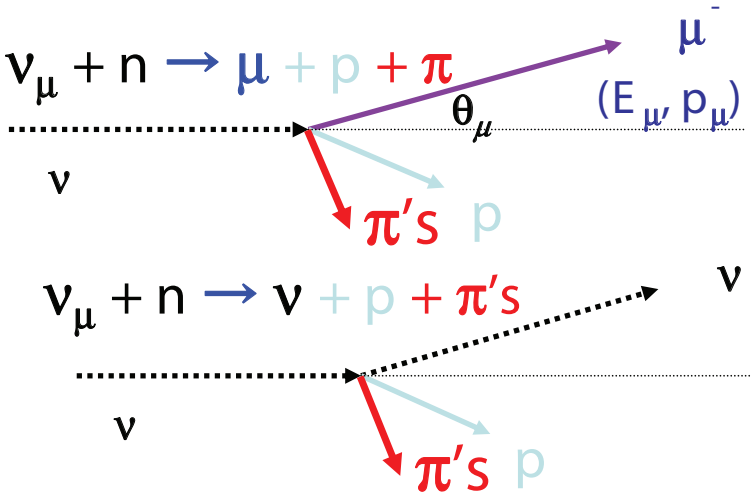


- **CC QE**
  - can reconstruct $E_\nu \leftarrow (\theta_\mu, p_\mu)$

$$E_\nu^{rec} = \frac{m_N E_\mu - m_\mu^2/2}{m_N - E_\mu + p_\mu \cos\theta_\mu}$$

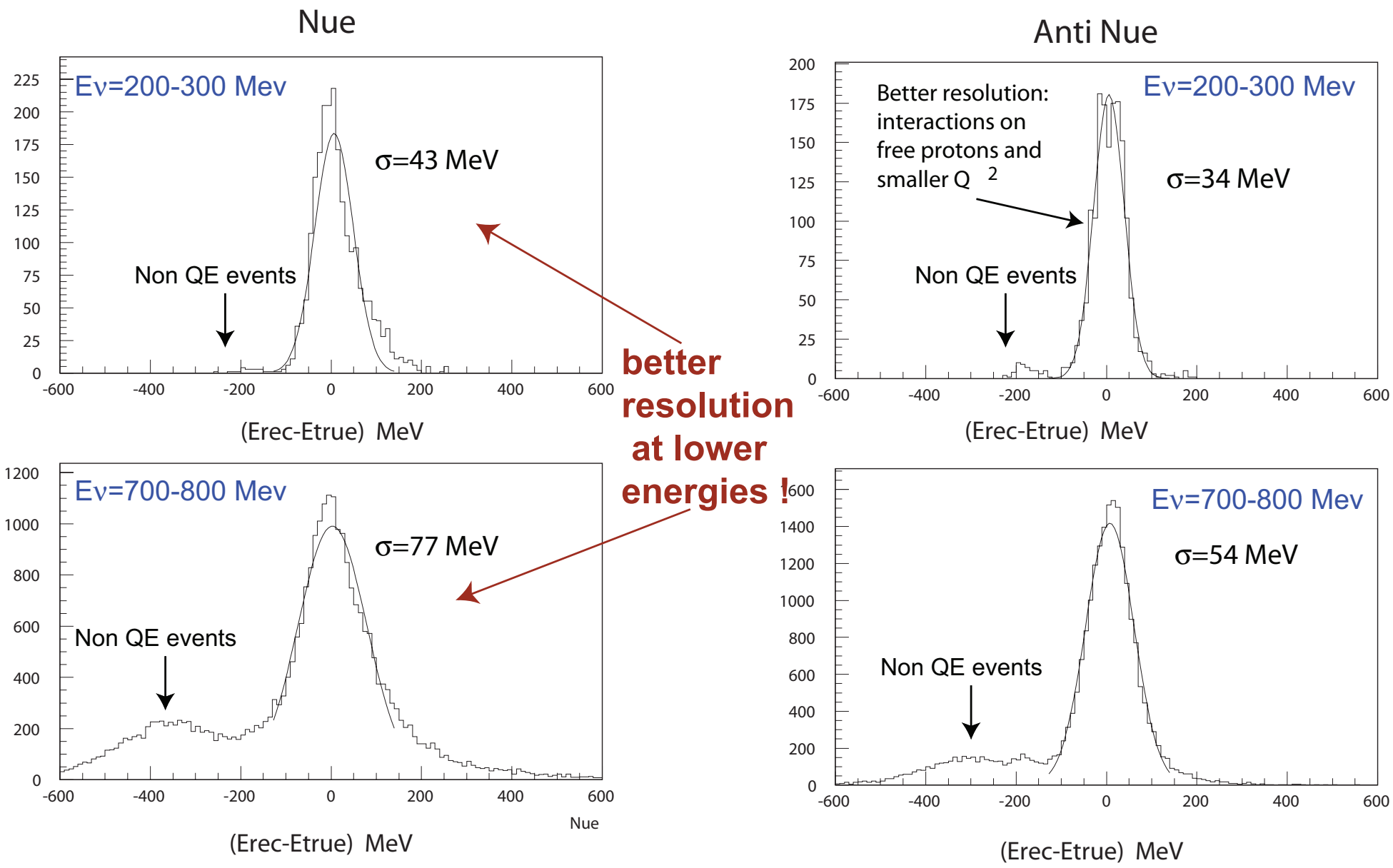
$\delta E \sim 60$ MeV $\quad \delta E/E \sim 10\%$

Single ring non Quasi Elastic are badly measured



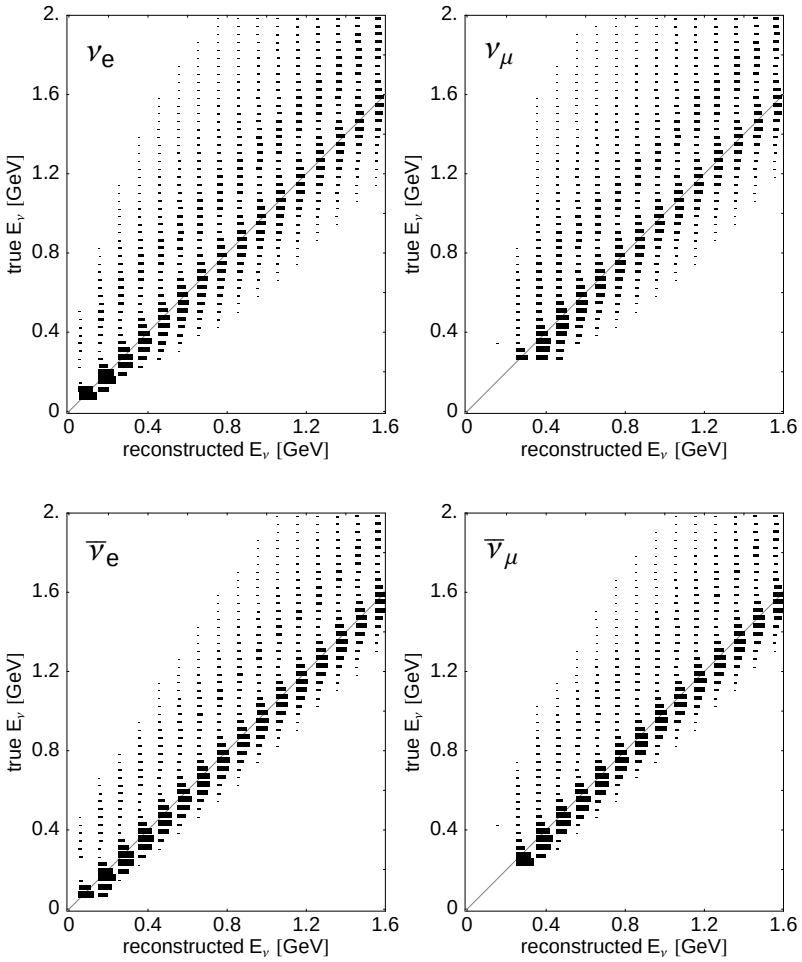
- bkg. for E_ν measurement
- High energy part
- bkg.for e-appearance

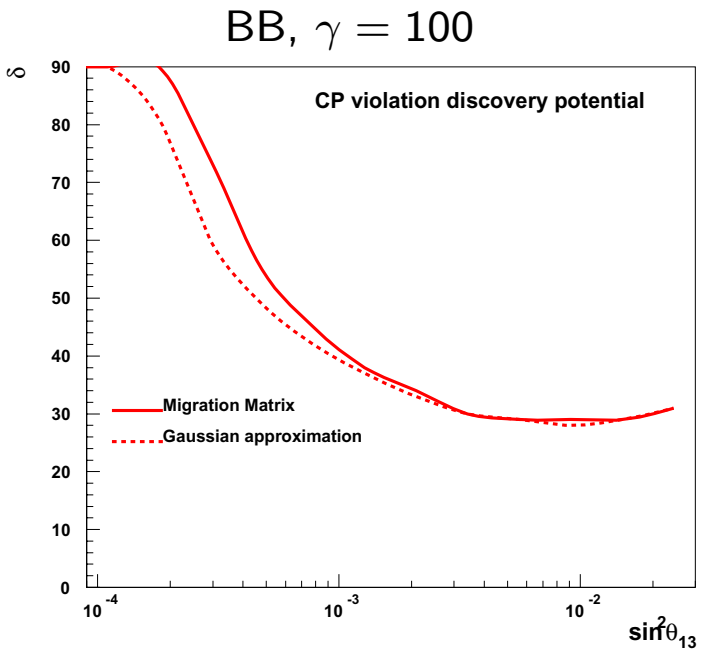
Goodness of energy reconstruction



Migration Matrixes

A gaussian assumption for energy resolution is a too crude approximation





N.B. DIS event reconstruction requires to precisely measure the hadronic shower $\rightarrow$ introducing again non-gaussianity of the energy resolution

Backgrounds

The ultimate limit for CPV and θ_{13} sensitivity are background rates and systematic errors.

In a Super Beam setup bacgkrounds come mainly from

- Intrinsic ν_e contamination: 0.5-1%
- π° produced by CC (the muon missed) and NC events. The rate depends from the quality of the detector.
- muons mis-identified as electrons. Again a detector background.

In leptonic CP violation searches the wrong helicity neutrino contamination is also an important source of backgrounds.

Beta Beams and Nufacts have no intrinsic backgrounds and the detector backgrounds are different. Discussed later.

Background events are dangerouse under many aspects:

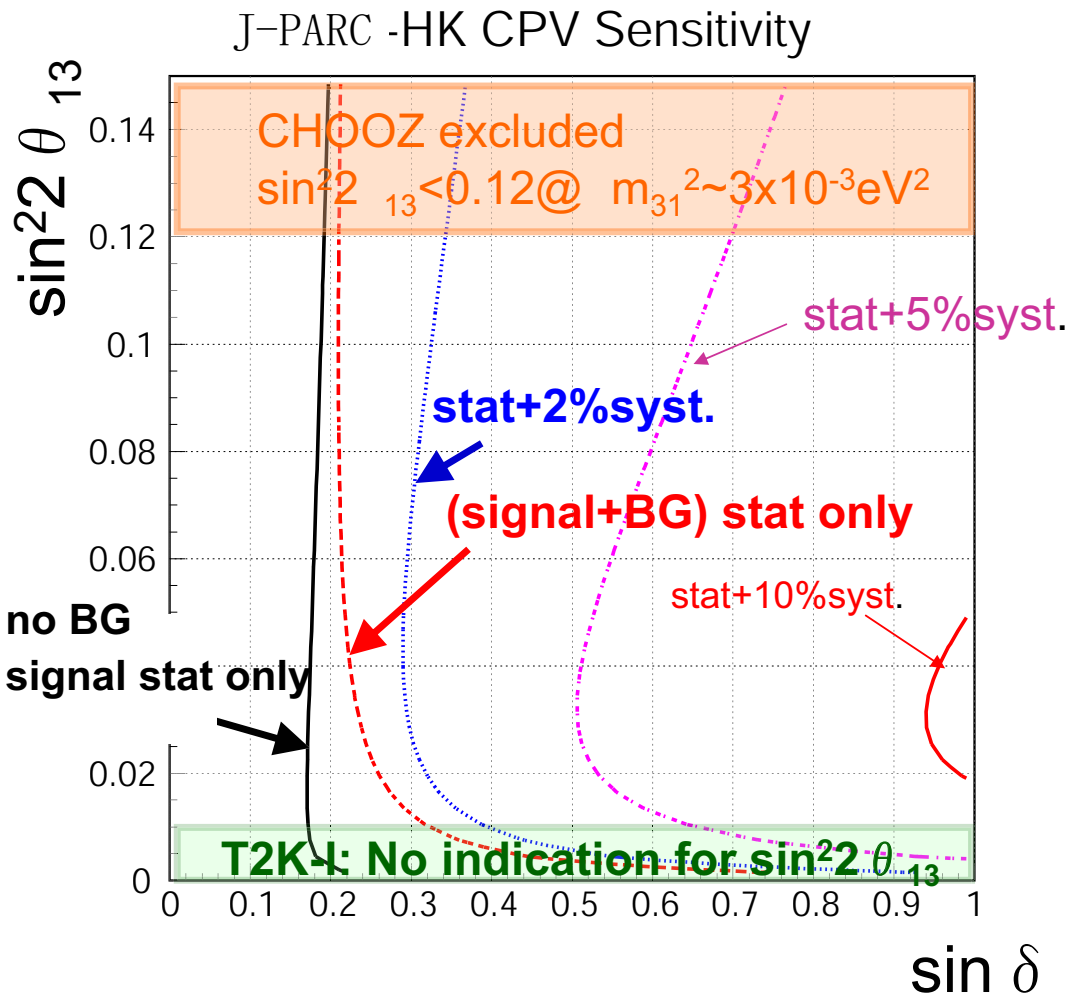
- Reduce the statistical significance of the (tiny) signals
- Fuzzy the energy shape of the detected signals, which is an important signature
- Confuse the close detector making difficult to disentangle the single components.

Systematic errors

They could completely destroy leptonic CP violation sensitivity.

Default value are often 5% for SuperBeams, 2% for Neutrino Factory and 2-5% for Beta Beams.

Are them realistic goals? Are close detectors powerful enough?



The general problem of close detectors in a SB experiment

SuperBeams

$$\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{far}}_{\mathrm{events}} = \left(\sigma_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\epsilon_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\mathrm{P}_{\nu_\mu\nu_\mathrm{e}} + \sigma^{\mathrm{NC}}_{\nu_\mu}\epsilon_{\mathrm{NC}} + \sigma^{\mathrm{CC}}_{\nu_\mu}\epsilon_{\mathrm{CC}}\mathrm{P}_{\nu_\mu\nu_\mu}\right)\phi_{\nu_\mu} + \sigma^{\mathrm{CC}}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\epsilon_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\phi_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}$$

$$\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{close}}_{\mathrm{events}} = \left(\sigma^{\mathrm{NC}}_{\nu_\mu}\epsilon'_{\mathrm{NC}} + \sigma^{\mathrm{CC}}_{\nu_\mu}\epsilon'_{\mathrm{CC}}\right)\phi'_{\nu_\mu} + \sigma^{\mathrm{CC}}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\epsilon_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\phi'_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}$$

- The close detector measures the product of fluxes $\times$ cross section $\times$ efficiency
- Reduced ν_e flux: small statistics to determine the cross section
- NC backgrounds must be separated from beam ν_e.

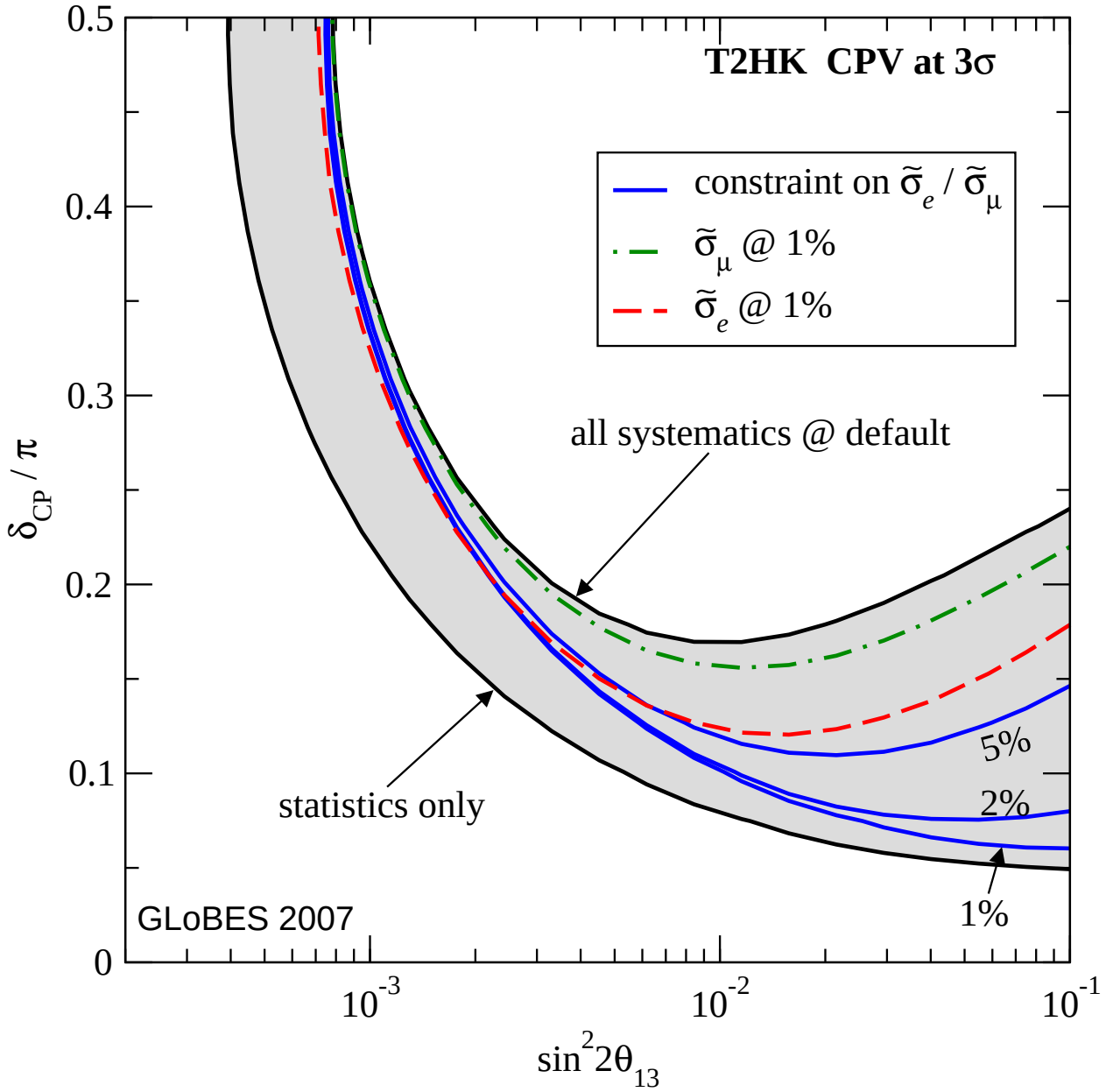
Beta Beams

$$\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{far}}_{\mathrm{events}} = \left(\sigma_{\nu_\mu}\epsilon_{\nu_\mu}\mathrm{P}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}\nu_\mu} + \sigma^{\mathrm{NC}}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\epsilon_{\mathrm{NC}} + \sigma^{\mathrm{CC}}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\epsilon_{\mathrm{CC}}\mathrm{P}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}\nu_\mathrm{e}}\right)\phi_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}$$

$$\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{close}}_{\mathrm{events}} = \left(\sigma^{\mathrm{NC}}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\epsilon'_{\mathrm{NC}} + \sigma^{\mathrm{CC}}_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}\epsilon'_{\mathrm{CC}}\right)\phi_{\nu_\mathrm{e}}$$

Flux known at priori, no intrinsic contamination (direct measure of NC backgrounds), no problems with the close-far extrapolation BUT no events to measure signal (ν_μ) cross sections.

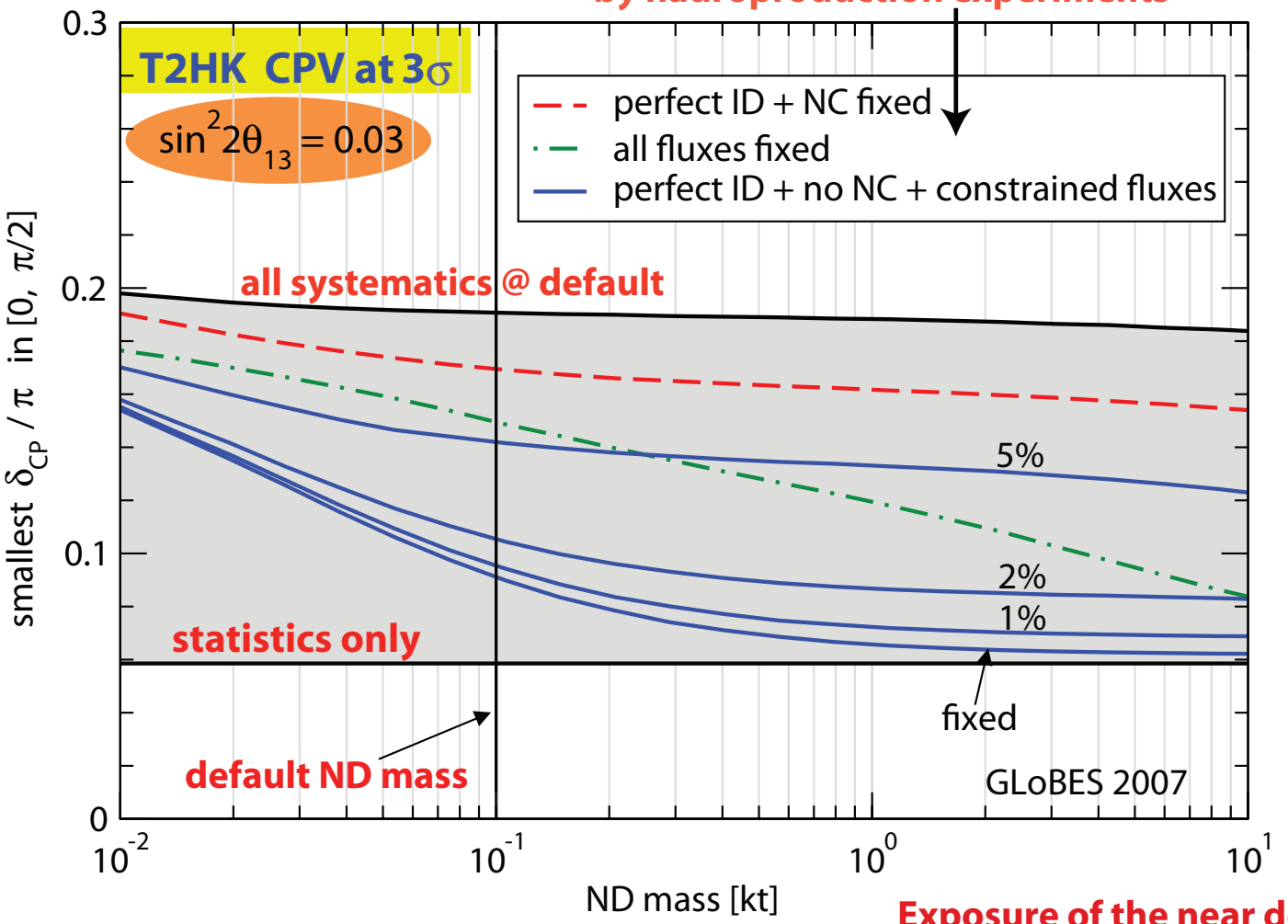
3 σ LCPV Sensitivity



Systematic errors, statistics in the close detector

From P. Huber, MM, T. Schwetz, JHEP **0803** (2008) 021 [arXiv:0711.2950 [hep-ph]].

Some hypothesis about near detector performances and ancillary data by hadroproduction experiments

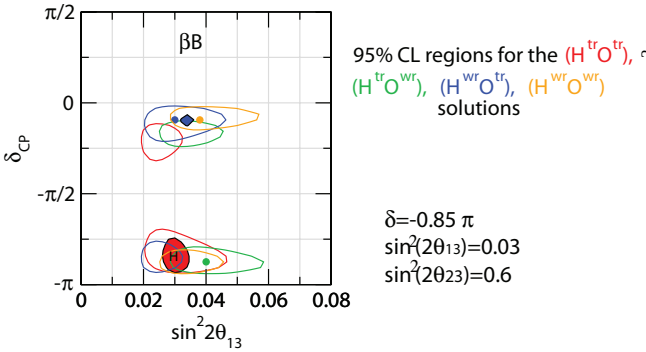


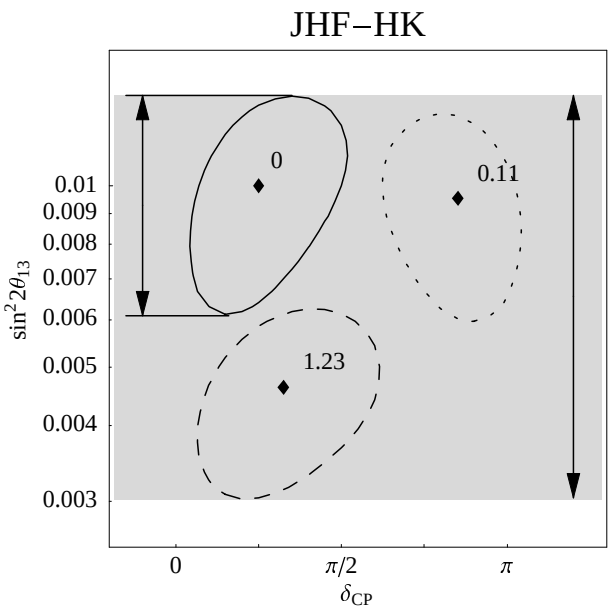
Exposure of the near detector

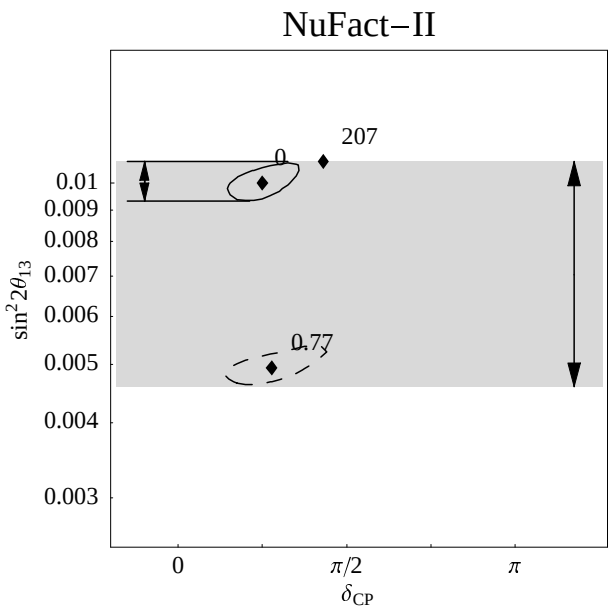
How to extract θ_{13} and $\delta_{\rm CP}$

The problem is not that simple

- The 3 ν oscillation formula contains all the mixing matrix parameters and Δm^2. The parameters already measured do have errors that will influence the extraction of the unknown parameters.
- Several parameters still unknown: θ_{13}, $\delta_{\rm CP}$, sign(Δm^2) (hierarchy), the octant of θ_{23}. Different combinations of the above unknowns can fit the same data: $\Rightarrow$ **The eightfold degeneracy**



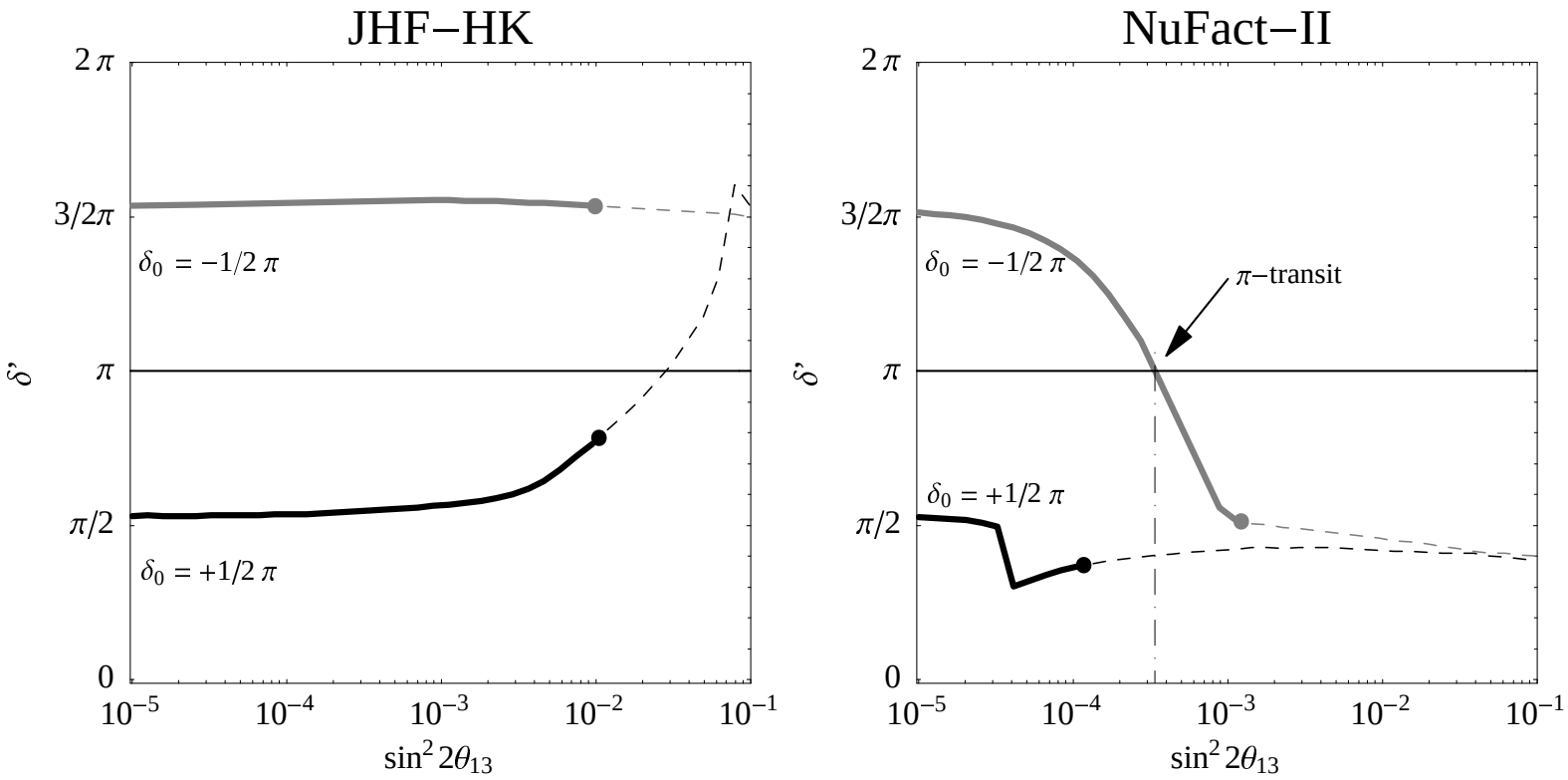




The π-transit problem

From Huber, Lindner, Winter, Nucl. Phys B645:3-48, 2002

The $\mathrm{sign}(\Delta m^2_{23})$ degenerate solution could show up at $\delta_{\mathrm{CP}} = \pi$ destroying any CPV sensitivity. Its position is function of θ_{13} and depends from the baseline.



Degeneracies (cont.)

To solve degeneracies:

- A single experiment, single channel, can't get rid of degeneracies.
- The combination of different channels in the same detector can solve degeneracies, i.e. first a second oscillation maxima measurement in LBNE or at Okinoshima.
- Different signals in the same detector can also do the job, i.e. beta beams and atmospheric neutrinos.
- A third possibility is to combine the information of different detectors along the same neutrino beam, as exploited by several proposed neutrino factory configurations.
- Of course the combination of the above combinations can also measure all the unknown parameters: can we define an optimal strategy?

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- Push accelerators power to their ultimate limits
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This should bring to the factor 100 in neutrino statistics that is roughly needed to bring the T2K sensitivity to the level of sensitive discovery potential of leptonic CP violation.

The SuperBeam way

T2K $\Rightarrow$ **T2HK** or **T2KK** or **T2OK**.

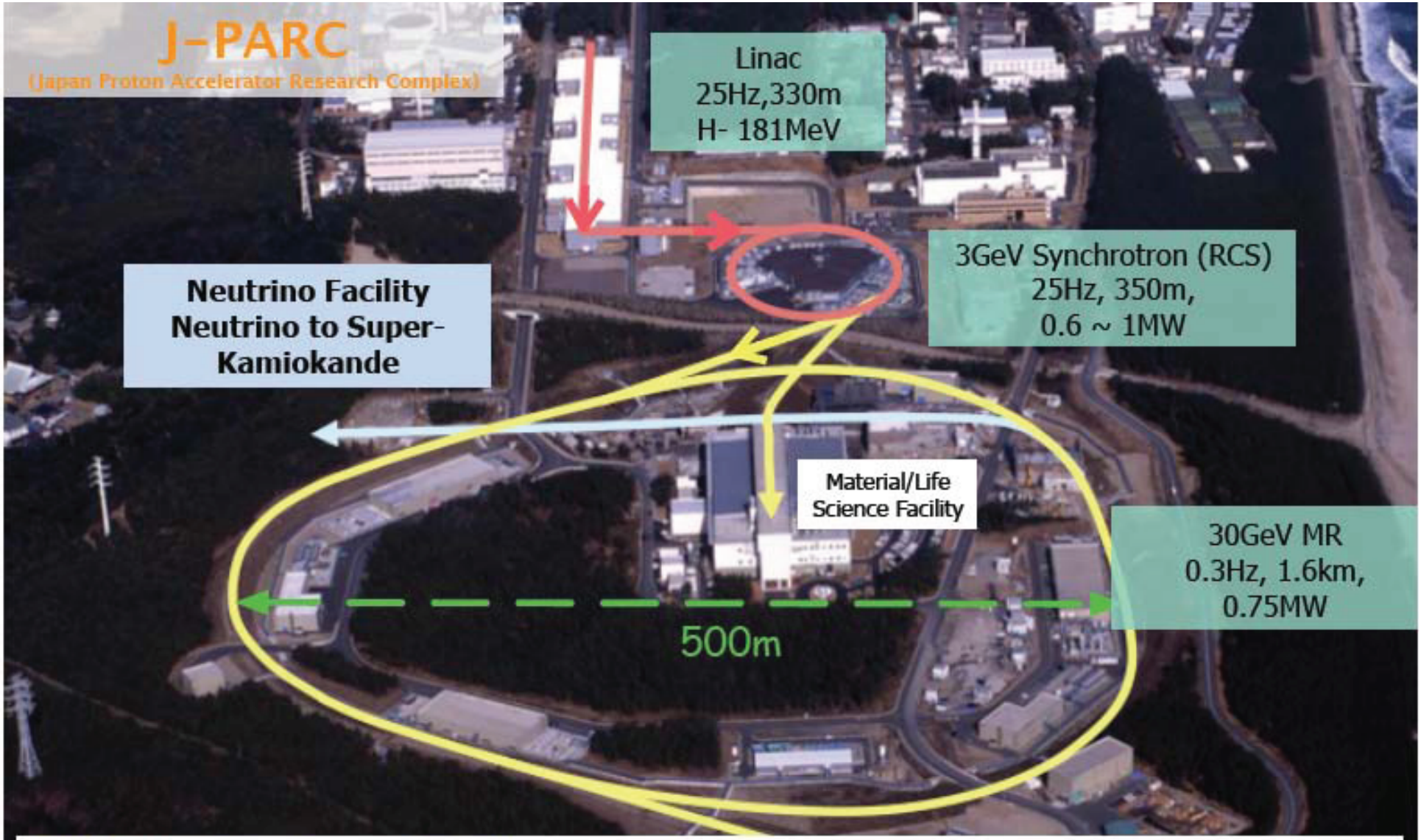
NOνA $\Rightarrow$ **Super NOνA** (abandoned)

Wide band beam fired from Fermilab to a gigantic water Cerenkov detector at Dusel (**LBNE**).

CNGS $\Rightarrow$ **ModulAr** off-axis CNGS fired on 20 kton liquid argon detectors (almost abandoned for what concerns CPV: CNGS cannot scaled up in intensity)

CERN-SPL (HP-SPL R&D still funded at CERN)

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

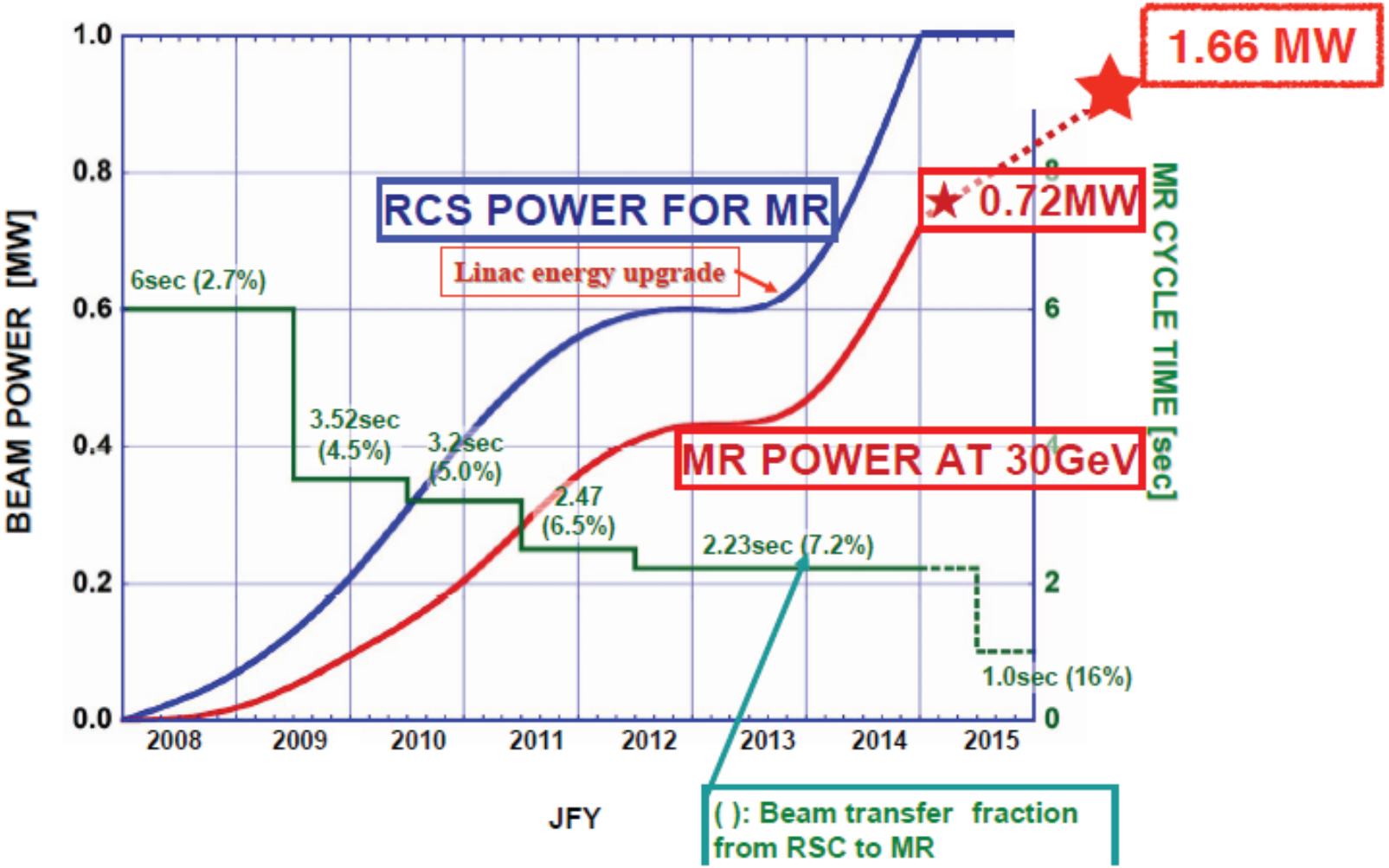


MR & Neutrino beam facility operation :

- ~0.05 MW continuous operation
  → next step is beyond 0.1MW toward 0.75MW after this summer shut down
- beam loss control is in progress toward high power operation

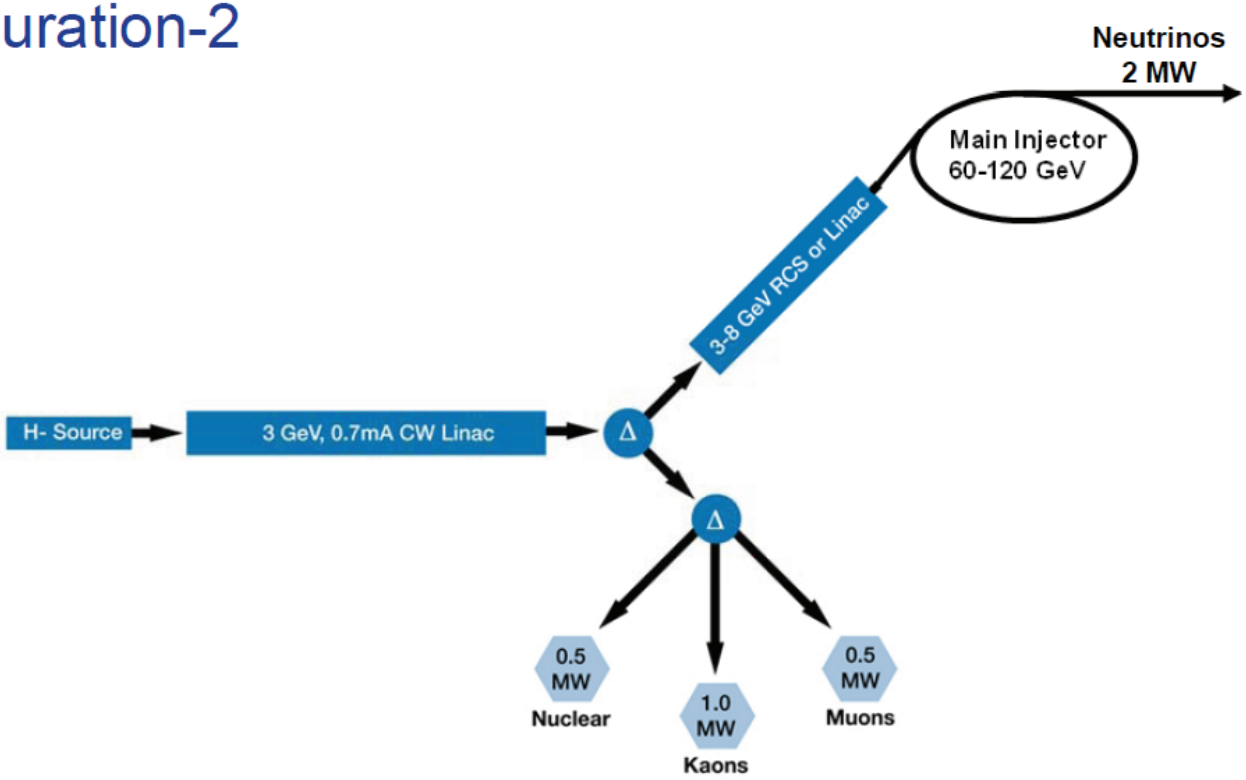
MR Power Improvement Scenario

Increase rep. rate and/or increase # of protons toward high power (~1.66MW)



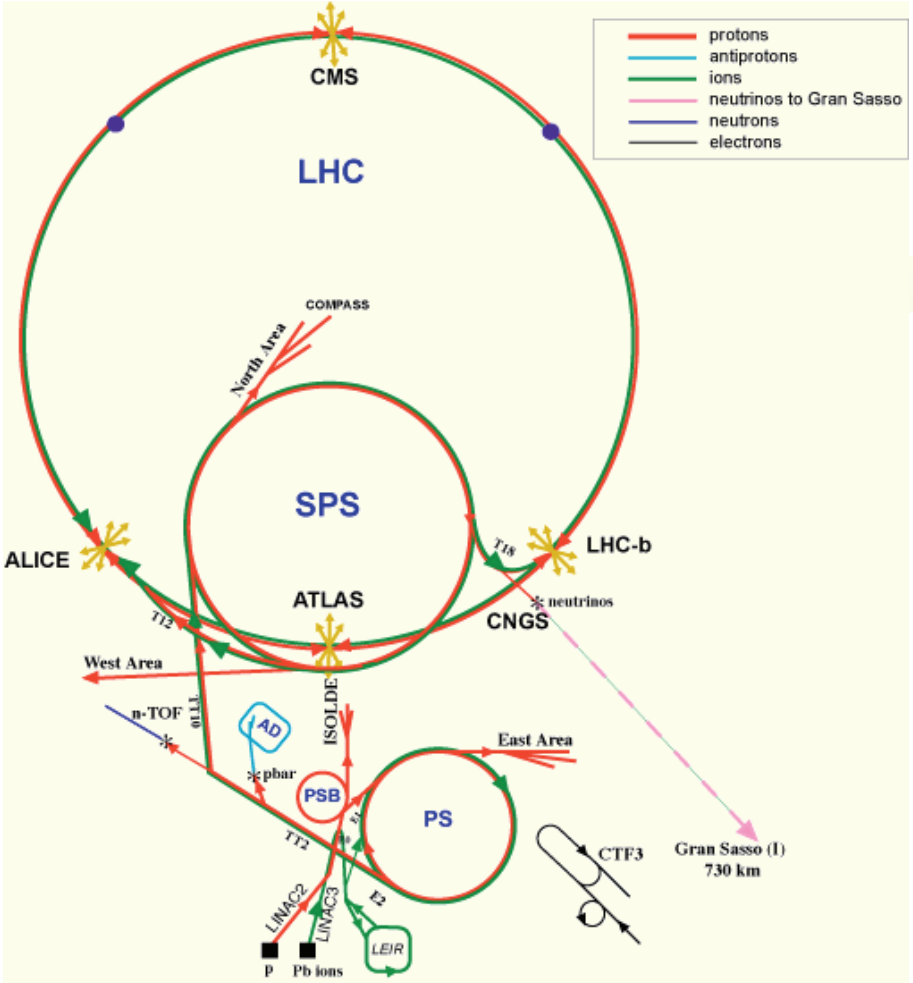
Fermilab and Project X

- Initial Configuration-2



- Current configuration:
  - >2 MW at 60-120 GeV, simultaneous with 3 MW at 3 GeV
  - Flexibility for supporting multiple experiments
  - CW linac is unique for this application, and offers capabilities that would be hard/impossible to duplicate in a synchrotron
- Project X could be constructed over the period ~2015 - 2019

Present accelerator complex



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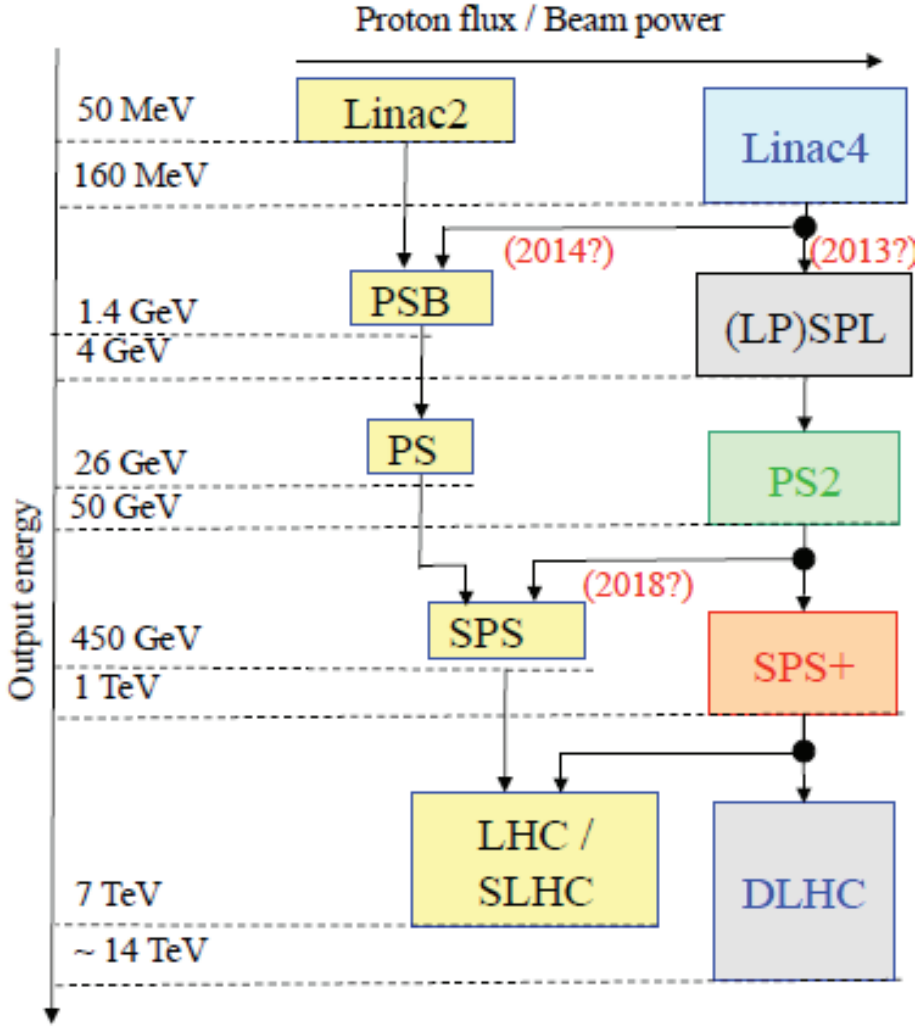

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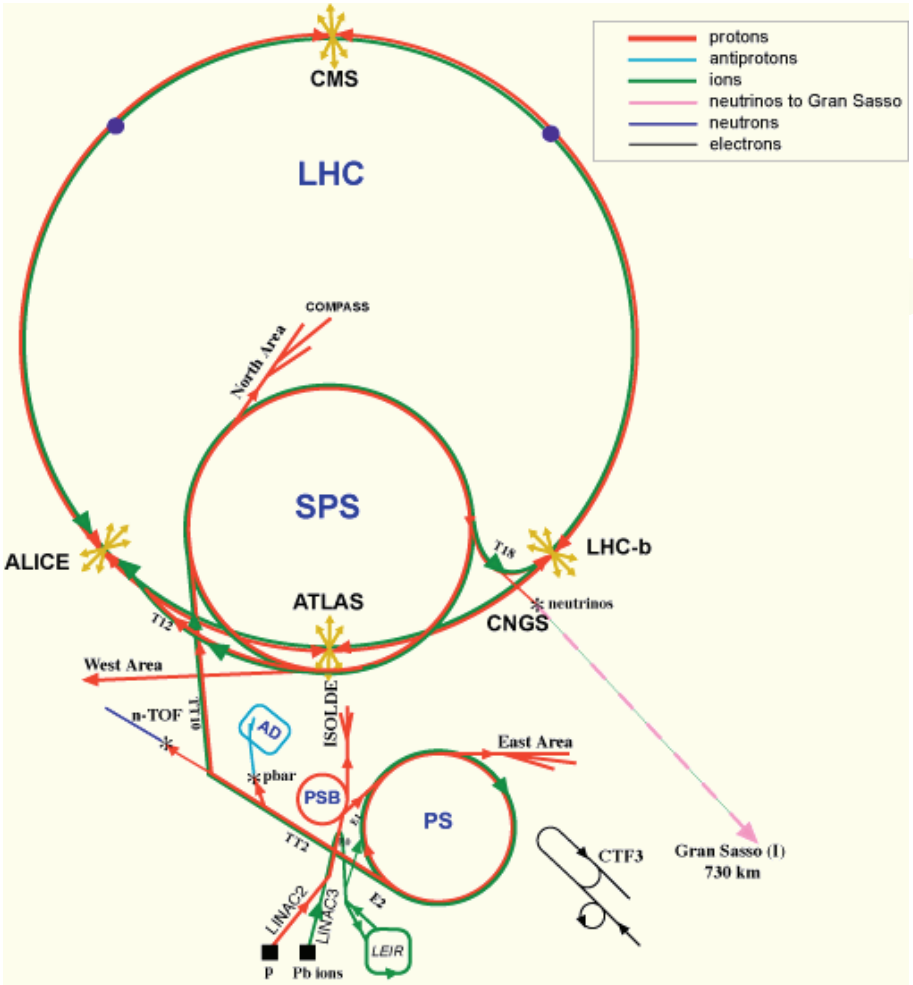

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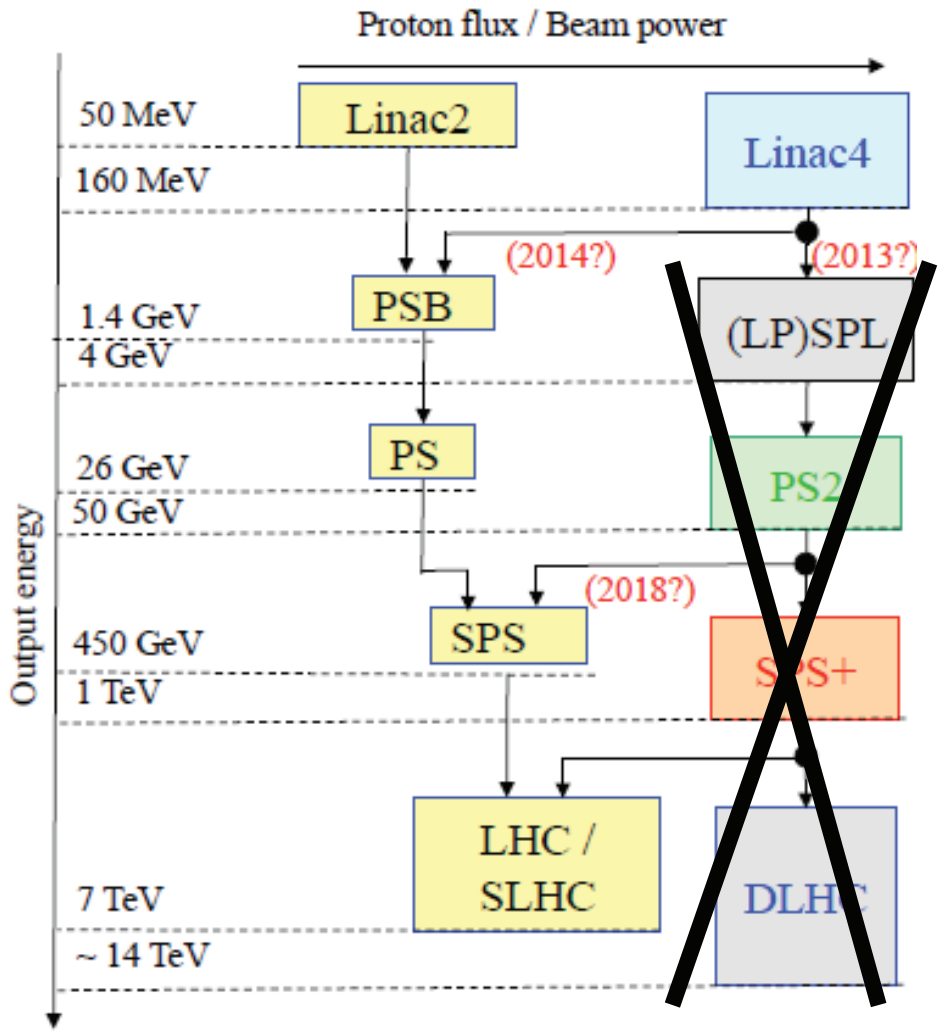
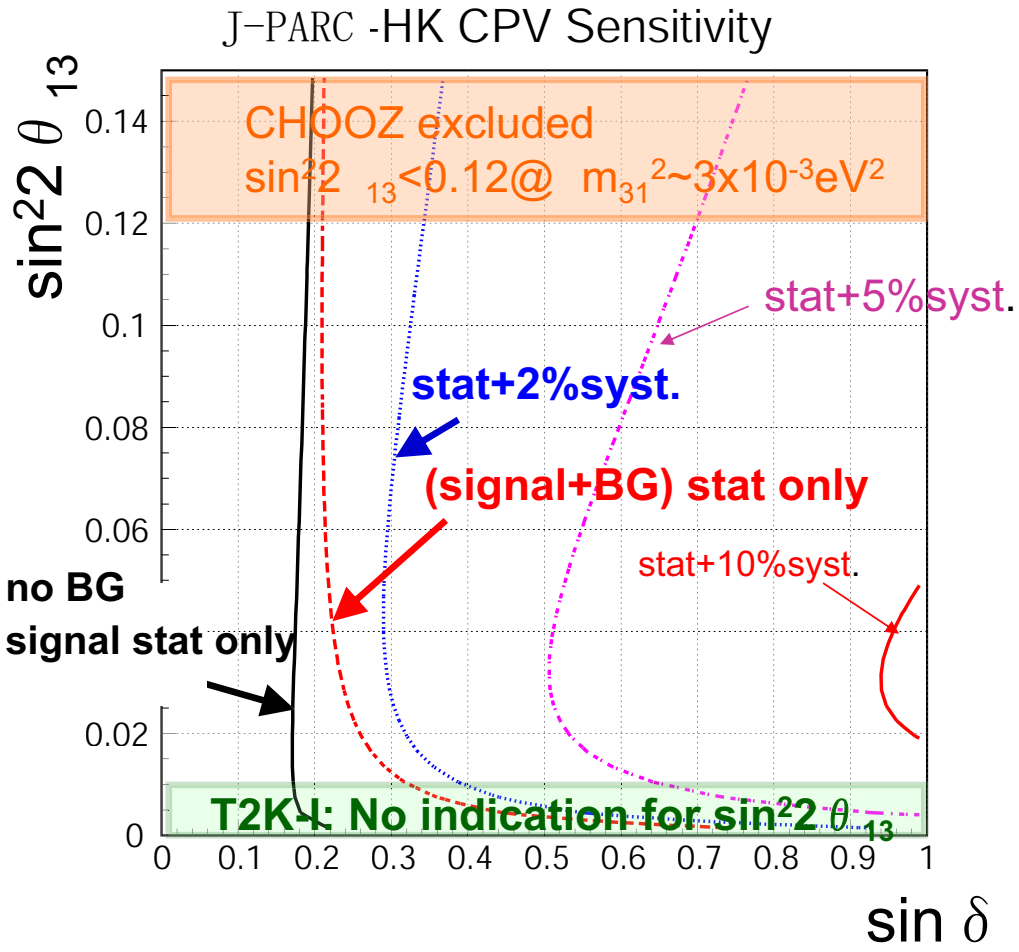


SuperBeams - J-PARC phase 2 (T2HK)

Upgrade the proton driver from 0.75 MW to 4 MW
Upgrade SuperKamiokande by a factor $\sim$ 20 $\Longrightarrow$ HyperKamiokande
Both upgrades are necessary to address leptonic CP searches.

The detector would have valuable physics potential in proton decay, SN neutrinos, solar neutrinos.
Its cost: $\sim$ 0.5 G$
Systematics at 2% are difficult
4 MW at 50 GeV/c are difficult
Targetry and optics at 4 MW are difficult and will probably require some compromise

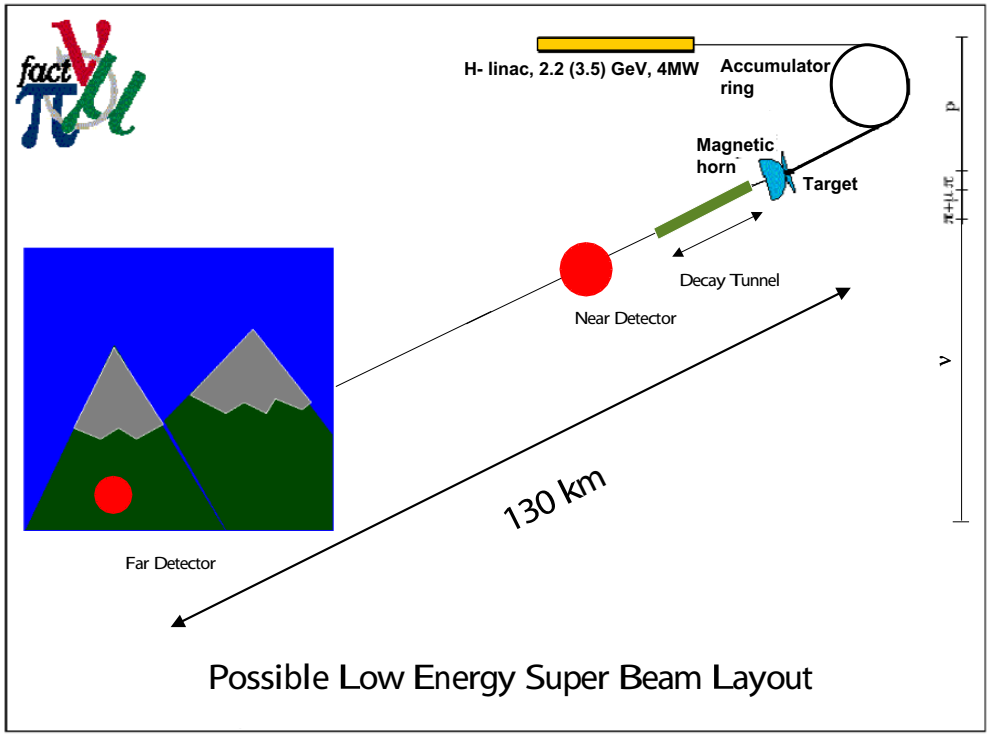
T. Kobayashi, J.Phys.G29:1493(2003)



Super Beam ideas in Europe

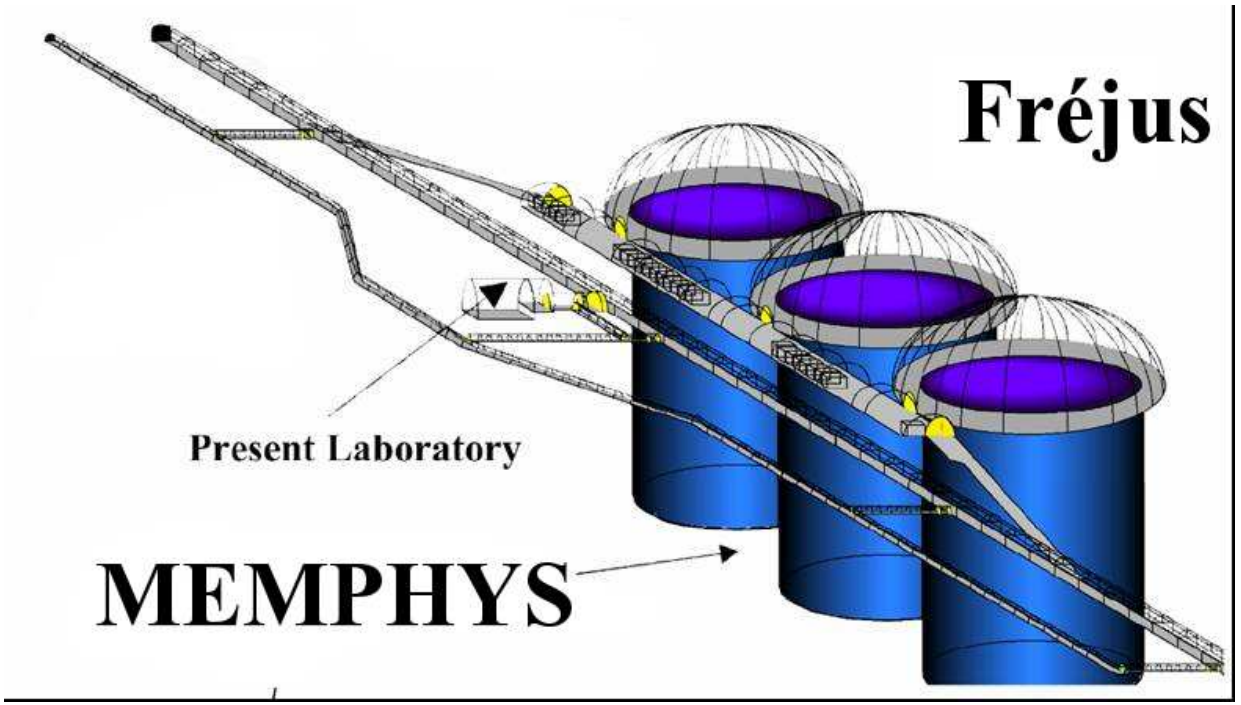
- Super Beams based on the SPL.
- Super Beams based on the SPS: CNGS upgrades. To match the required sensitivity of next generation exeriments need $10\times$ more pot/year than CNGS at present. This appears not very much realistic.
- Super Beams based on the PS2.

SuperBeams - SPL ν beam at CERN



- A 3.5 GeV, 4MW Linac: the SPL.
- A target station capable of managing the 4 MW proton beam. R&D required.
- A conventional neutrino beam optics capable to survive to the beam power, the radiation and the mercury. Already prototyped.
- Up to here is the first stage of a neutrino factory complex.
- A sophisticated close detector to precisely measure signal and backgrounds.
- A megaton class detector under the Frejus, L=130 km: Memphys.

The Memphys detector (hep-ex/0607026)



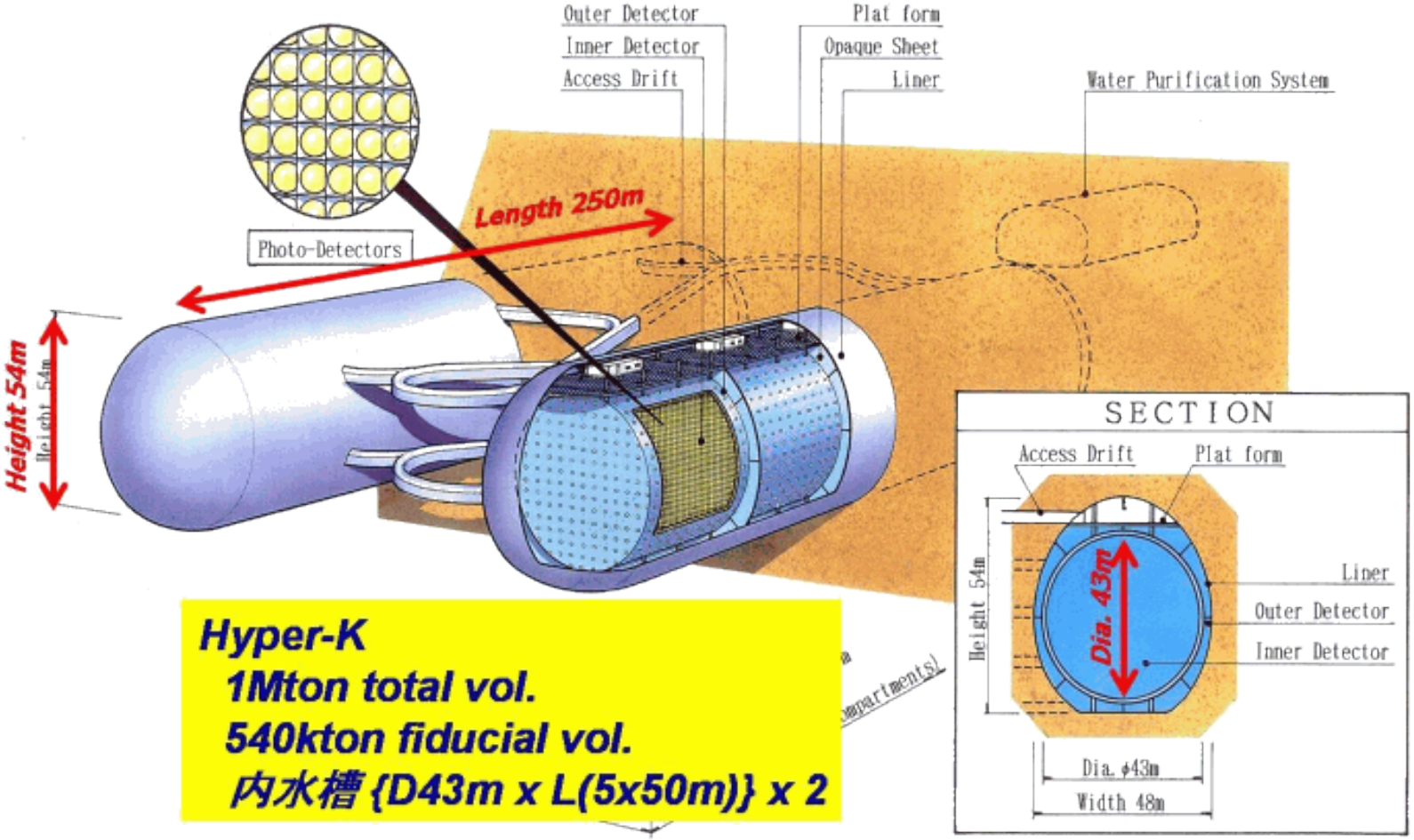
In the middle of the Frejus tunnel at a depth of 4800 m.w.e a preliminary investigation shows the feasibility to excavate up to five shafts of about 250,000 m^3 each ($\Phi = 65\,m$, full height=80 m).

Fiducial of 3 shafts: 440 kton.

30% coverage by using 12" PMT's from Photonis, 81k per shaft (with the same photostatistics of SuperKamiokande with 40% coverage)

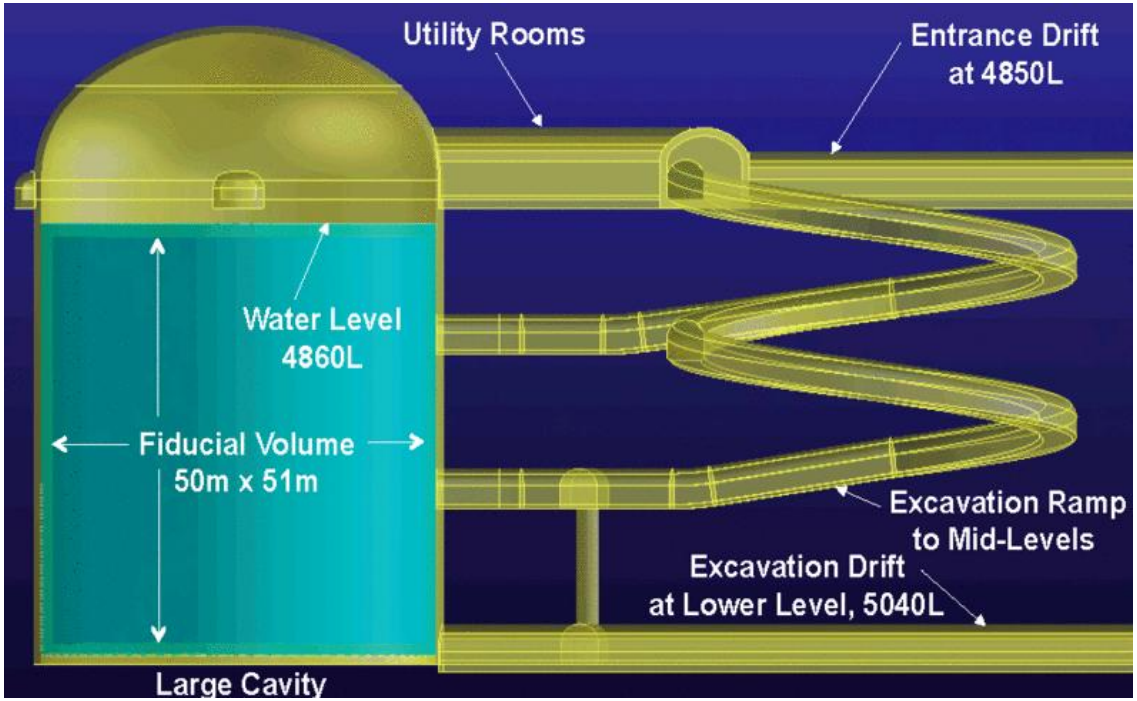
Hyper-Kamiokande

- Total 1Mton (FV 540kt)
- Site study is on-going at Tochibora mine in Kamioka
- Design report is under preparation



LBNE: Water Cherenkov Detector

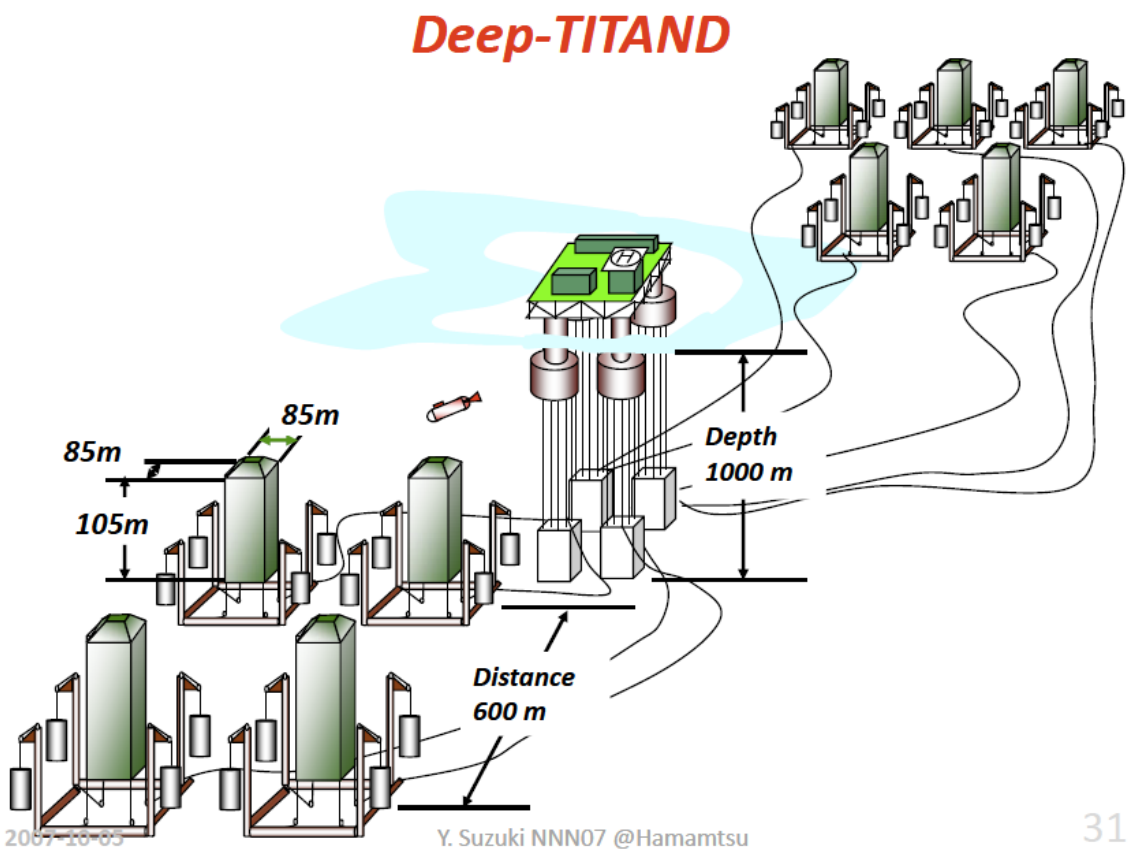
- Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiment http://lbne.fnal.gov/
- Project started in 2008
- DUSEL at Homestake
- Total 300kt water (or more)
- A large water Cherenkov detector and a large liquid-argon detector are under study



Deep-TITAND

http://www-rccn.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/workshop/NNN07/Oct5/01-suzuki-TITAND.pdf

- ~1000m depth, under the sea
- FV 5Mt (85m x 85m x 105m, 9units)
- Energy threshold: several MEV



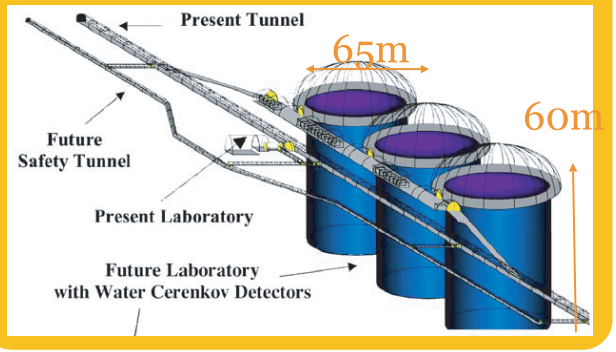
Laguna

A coordinated European effort aimed towards conceptual designs for European large underground detectors.Physics focus: proton decay, low energy neutrino astronomy, long baseline neutrino beam. Funded as a EU FP7 design study. Three detection techniques are investigated:

- Water Cerenkov imaging, $\sim$ 500 kton, with synergy with HK (Japan) and UNO (USA).
- Liquid argon time-projection chamber, $\sim$ 100 kton. Technology pioneered in Europe by the ICARUS R&D programme.
- Liquid scintillator, $\sim$ 50 kton connected to Borexino R&D programme

Feasibility studies for site excavation are mandatory to build the required infrastructure ho host these very large detectors, also under contrlled cost boundaries.

MEMPHYS



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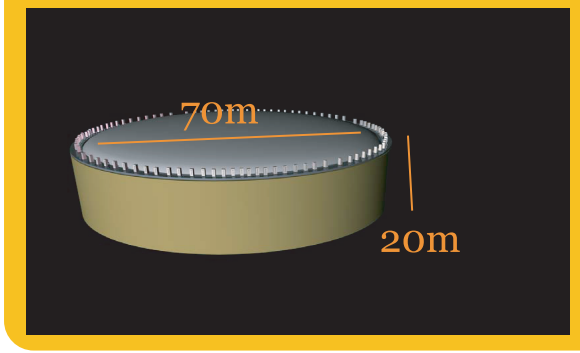

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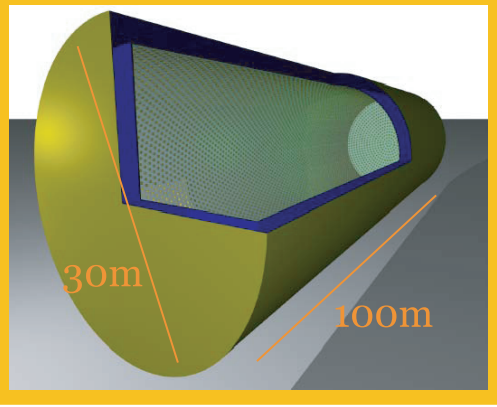
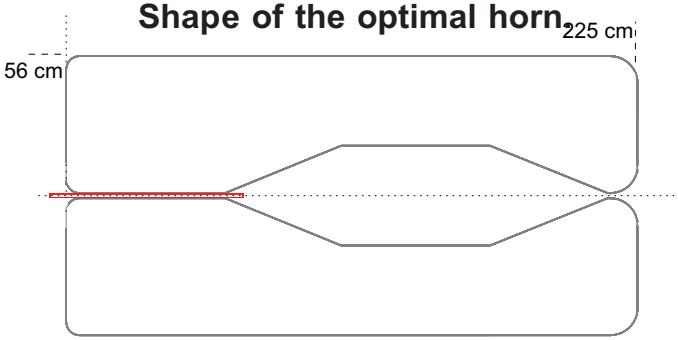


SPL revised (A. Longhin, paper in preparation)

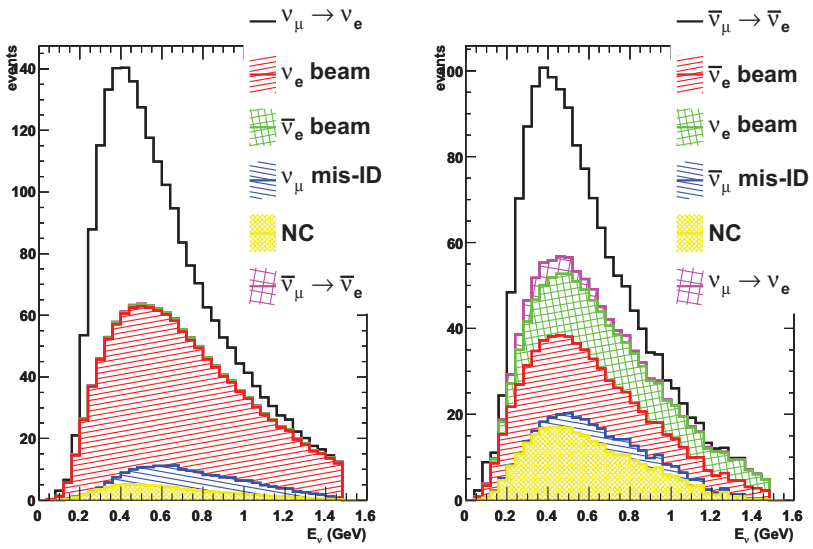
Shape of the optimal horn



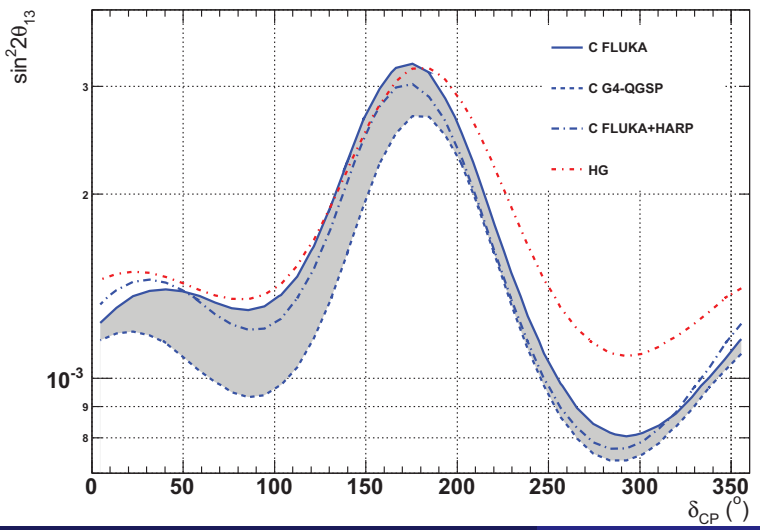
L_1	58.9	$r_1 = r_2$	10.8
L_2	46.8	R_1	1.2
L_3	60.3	$R_1 + R_2 + R_3$	56.2
L_4	47.5	$R_1 + R_2$	20.3
L_5	1.08	z_0^{tg}	-6.8
L^{tg}	78	R^{tg}	1.5
L^{tun}	2500	R^{tun}	200

Parameters of the optimized system expressed in cm.

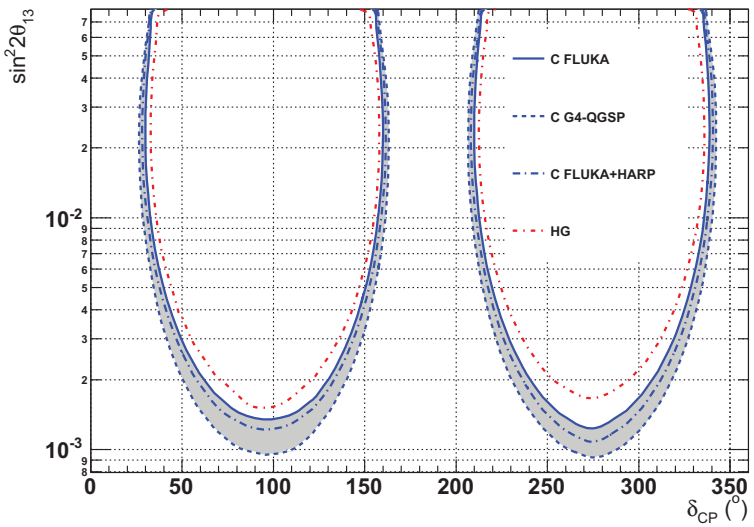
Event rates in MEMPHYS for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.01$ and $\delta_{CP} = 0$.



θ_{13} discovery at 3 σ ($\Delta\chi^2 = 9$). 5% sys.



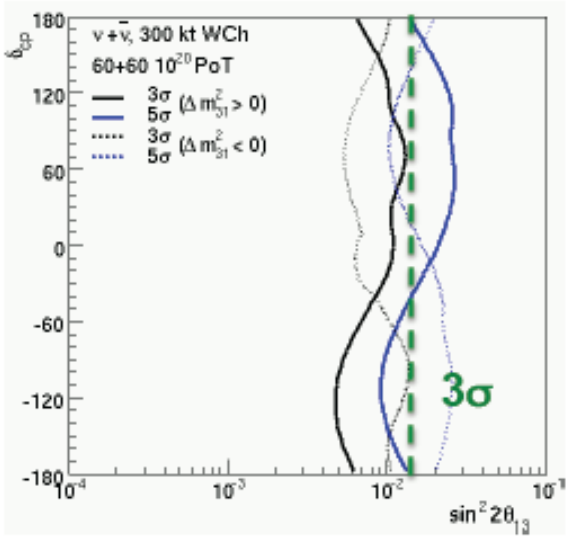
CP violation discovery at 3 σ ($\Delta\chi^2 = 9$). 5% sys.



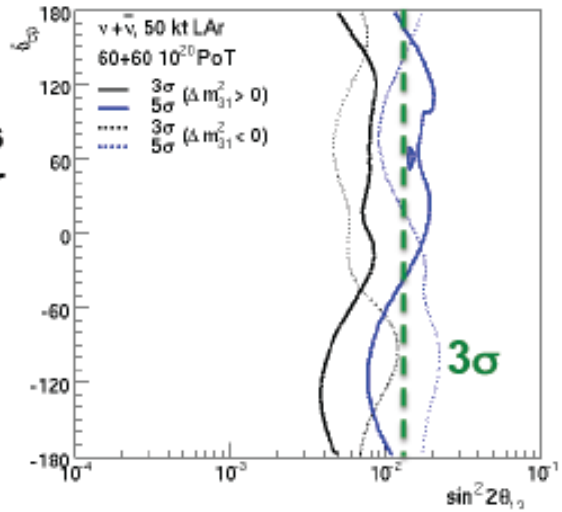
FNAL possibilities

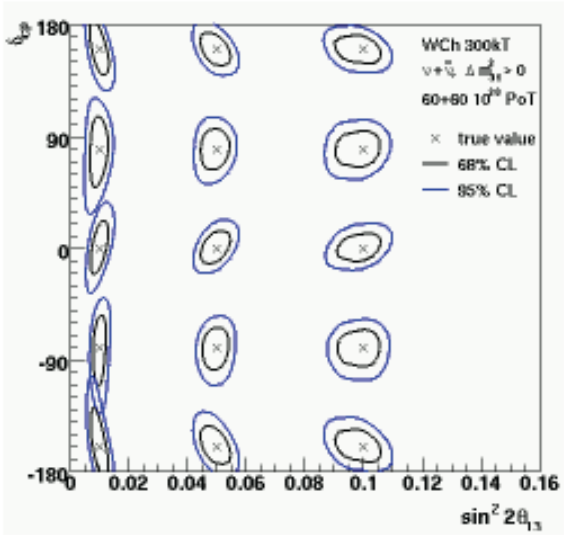
FNAL-DUSEL potential

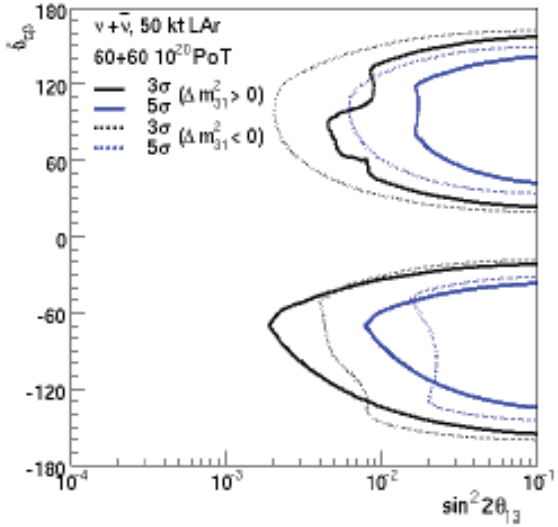
Sensitivity to CPV and Hierarchy



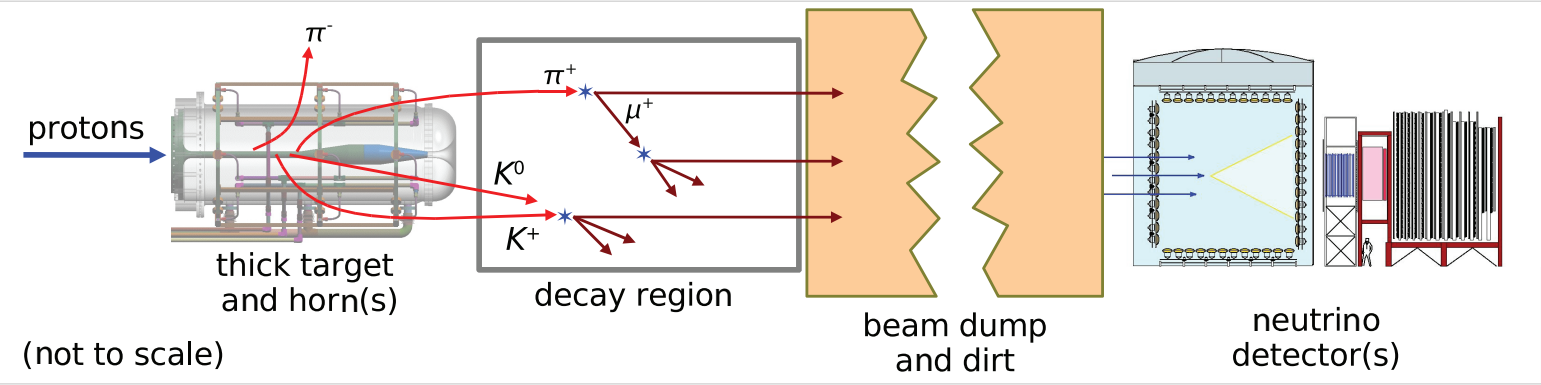
700 kW
8+8 years
2x10⁷ s/yr
120 GeV







Conventional neutrino beams are going to hit their ultimate limitations.



In a **conventional neutrino beam**, neutrinos are produced SECONDARY particle decays (mostly pions and kaons).
Given the short life time of the pions ($2.6 \cdot 10^{-8}$s), they can only be focused (and charge selected) by means of magnetic horns. Then they are let to decay in a decay tunnel, short enough to prevent most of the muon decays.

- Besides the main component (ν_μ) at least 3 other neutrino flavors are present ($\overline{\nu}_\mu$, ν_e, $\overline{\nu}_e$), generated by wrong sign pions, kaons and muon decays. ν_e contamination is a background for θ_{13} and δ, $\overline{\nu}_\mu$ contamination dilutes any CP asymmetry.
- Hard to predict the details of the neutrino beam starting from the primary proton beam, the problems being on the secondary particle production side.

All these limitations are overcome if secondary particles become primary

Collect, focus and accelerate the neutrino parents at a given energy. This is impossible within the pion lifetime, but can be tempted within the muon lifetime **(Neutrino Factories)** or within some radioactive ion lifetime **(Beta Beams)**:

- Just one flavor in the beam
- Energy shape defined by just two parameters: the endpoint energy of the beta decay and the γ of the parent ion.
- Flux normalization given by the number of ions circulating in the decay ring.
- Beam divergence given by γ.

Beta Beam (P. Zucchelli: Phys. Lett. B532:166, 2002)

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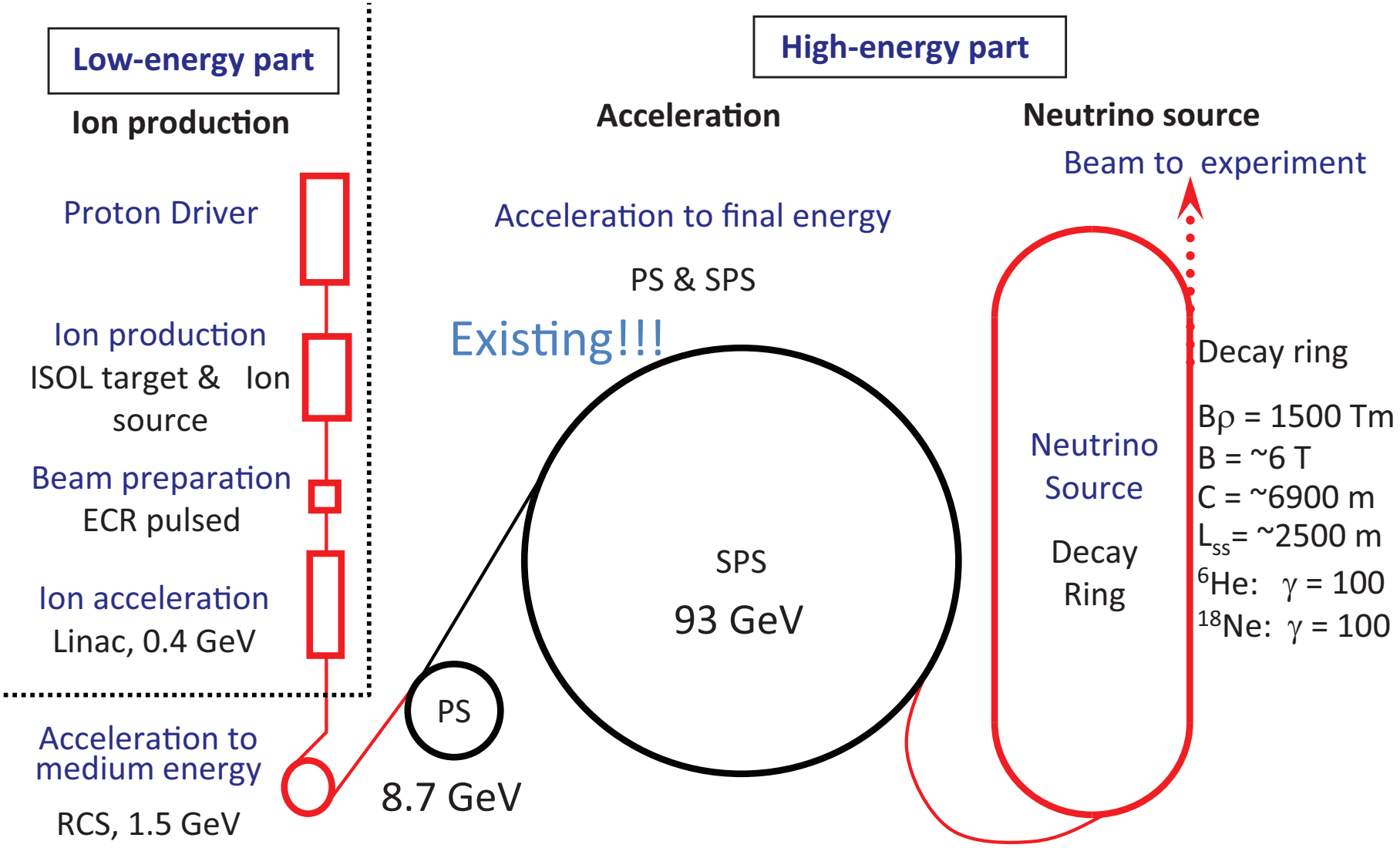

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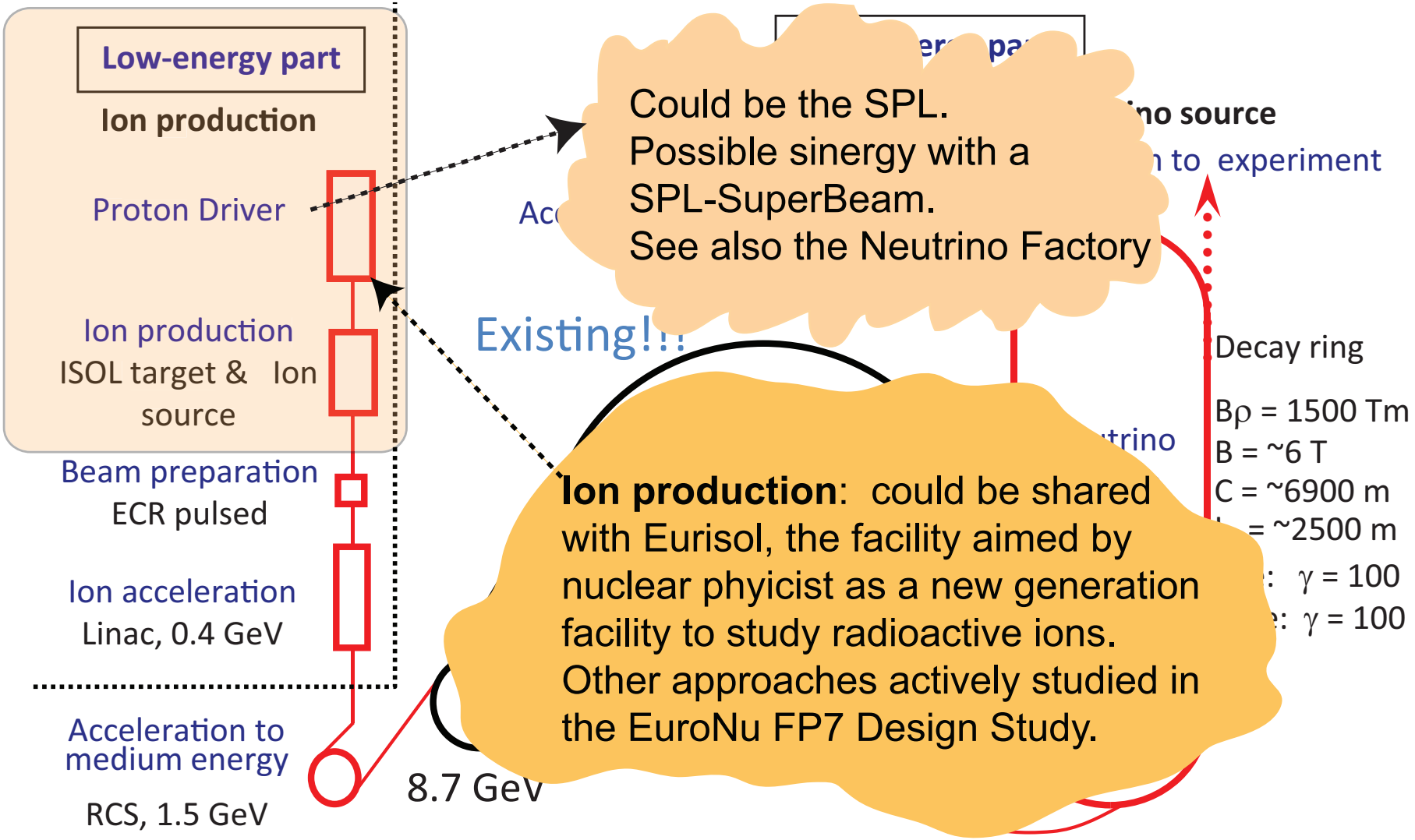

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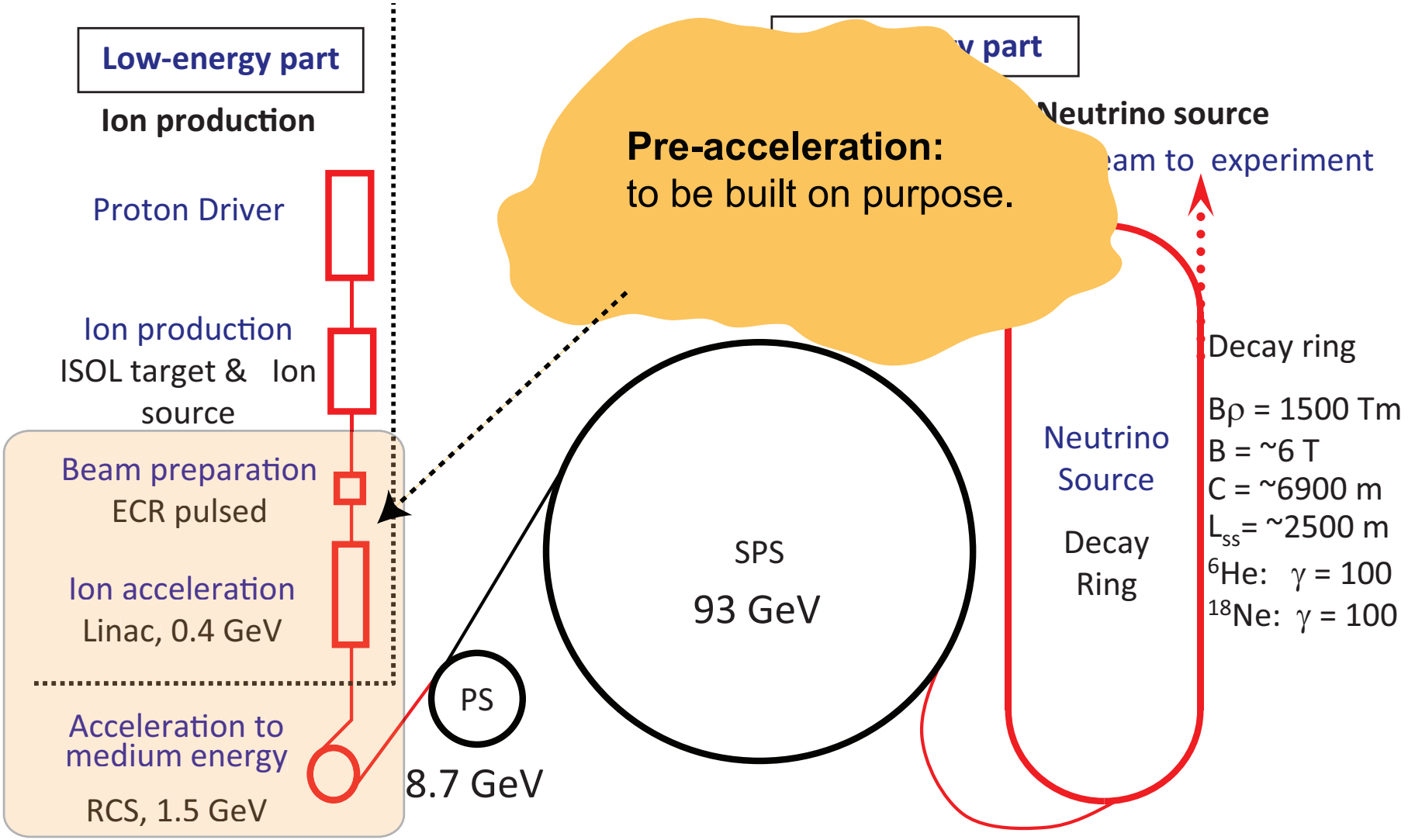

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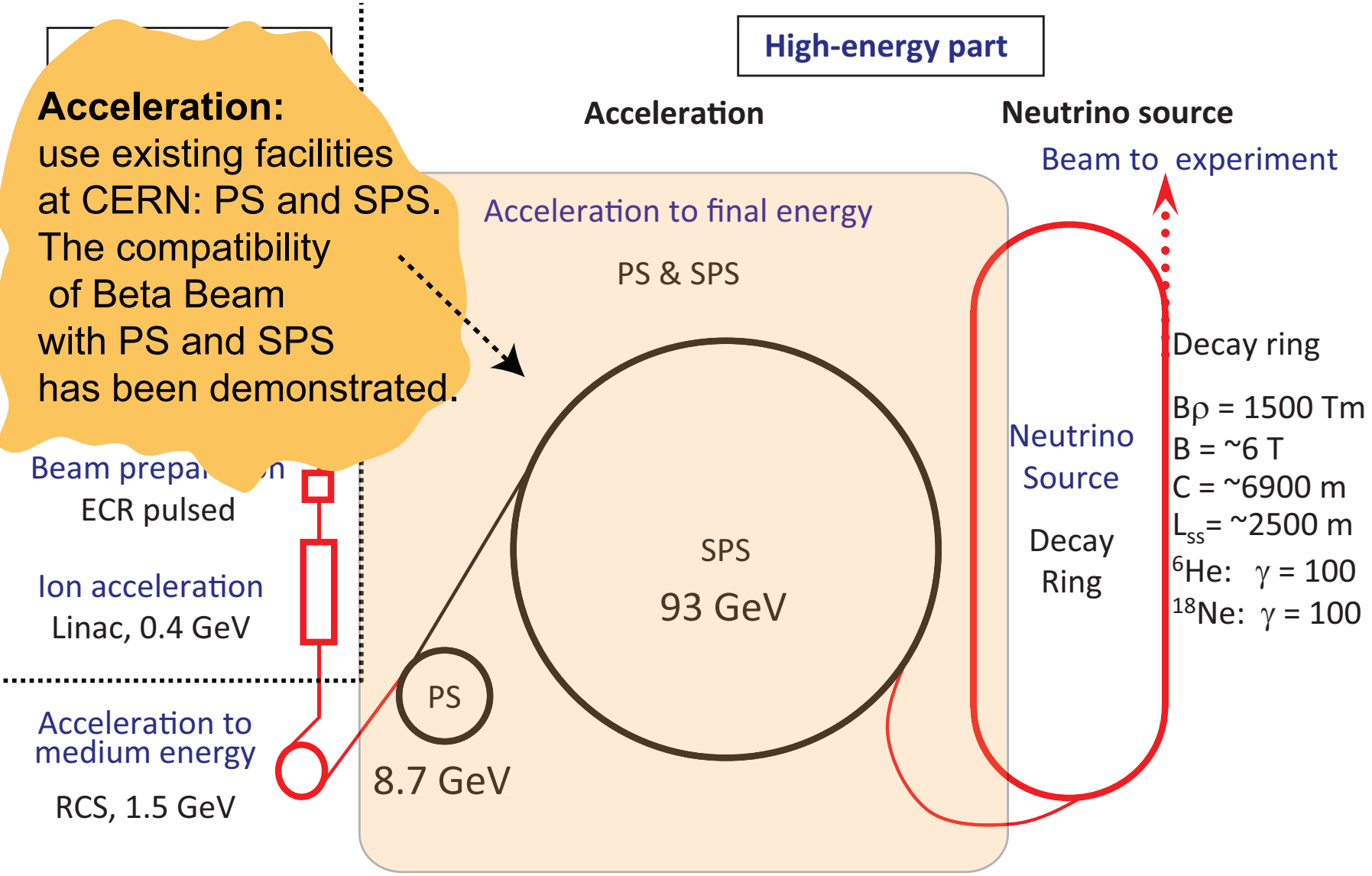

Acceleration:
use existing facilities at CERN: PS and SPS. The compatibility of Beta Beam with PS and SPS has been demonstrated.

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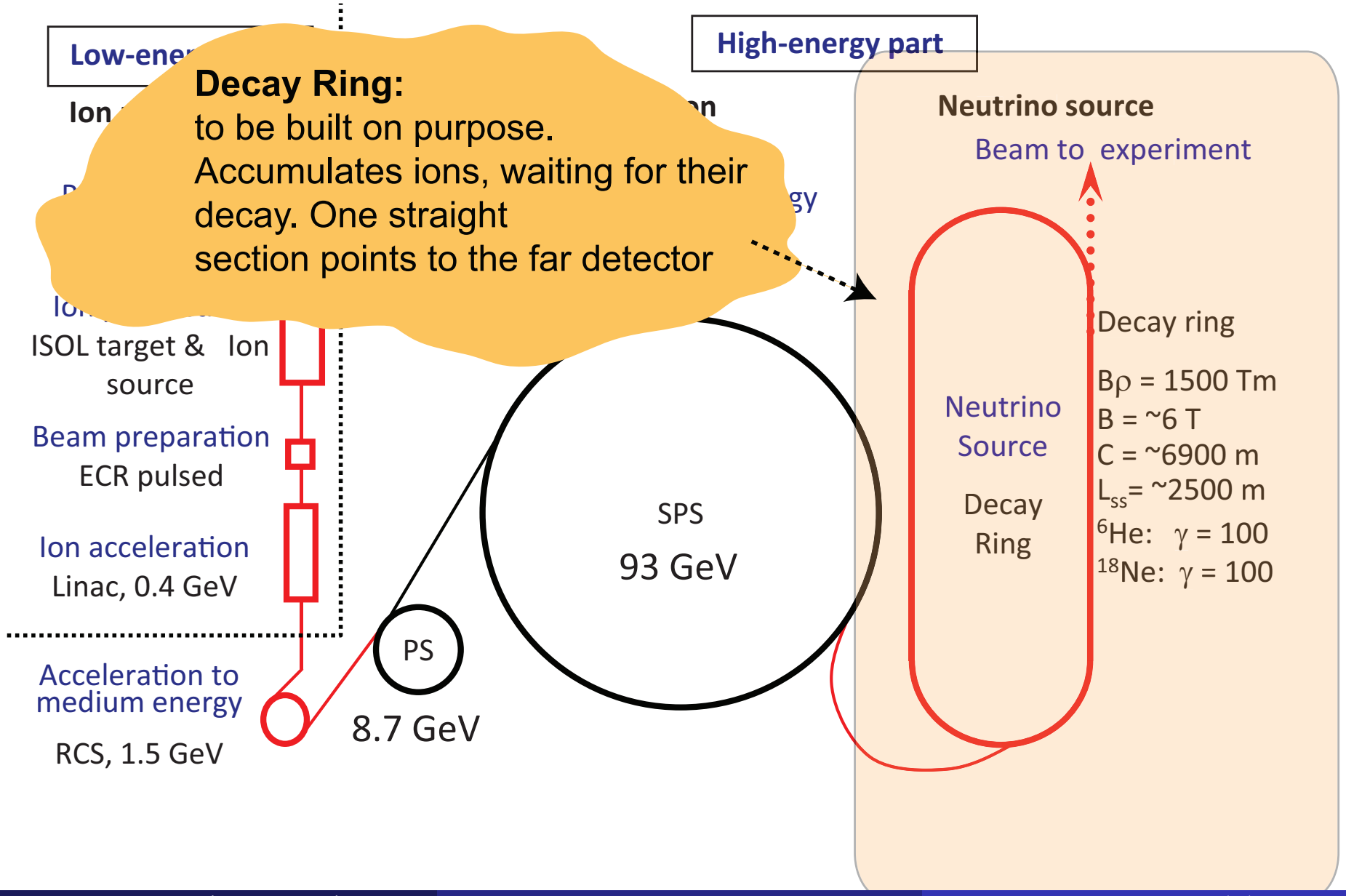

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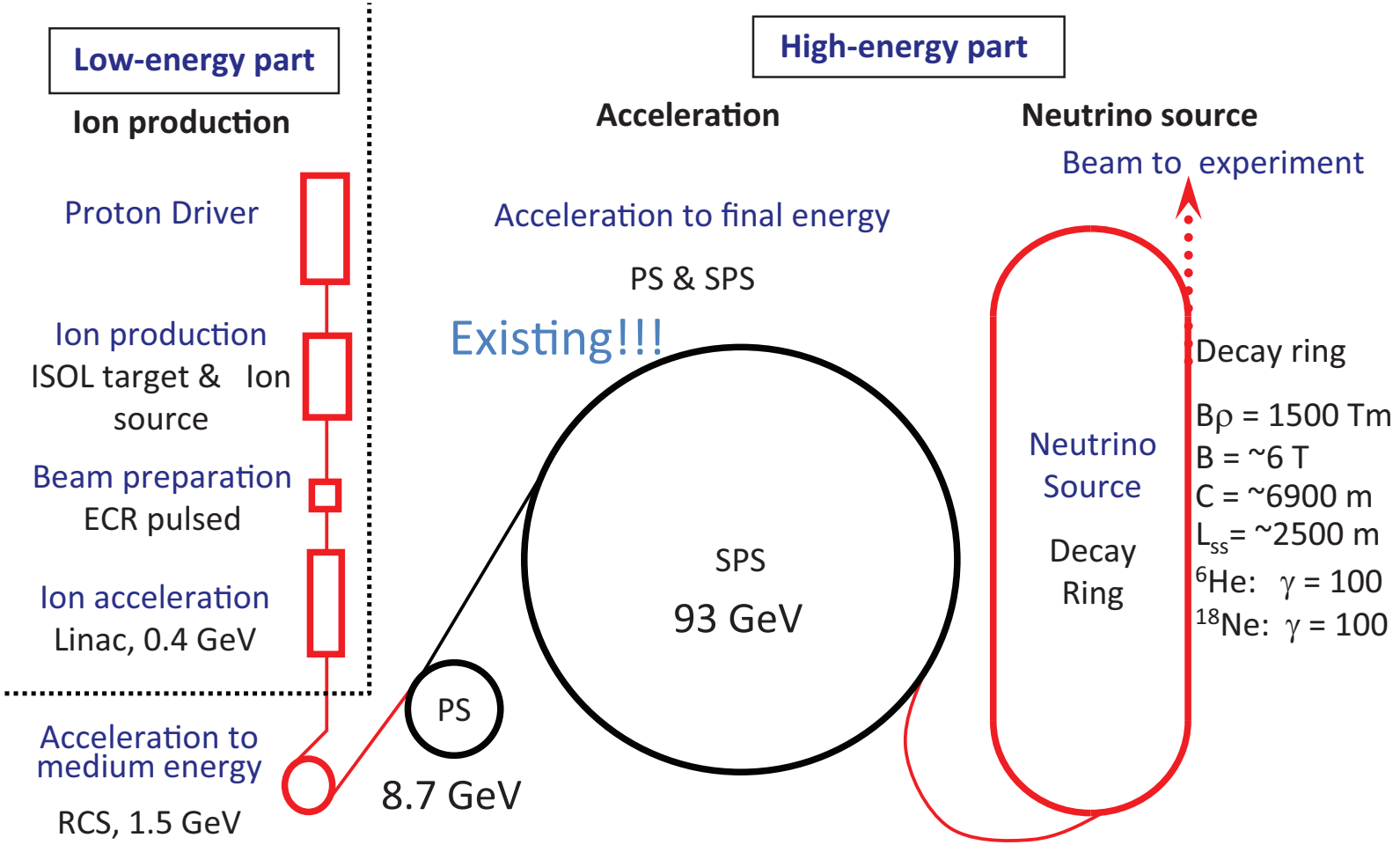
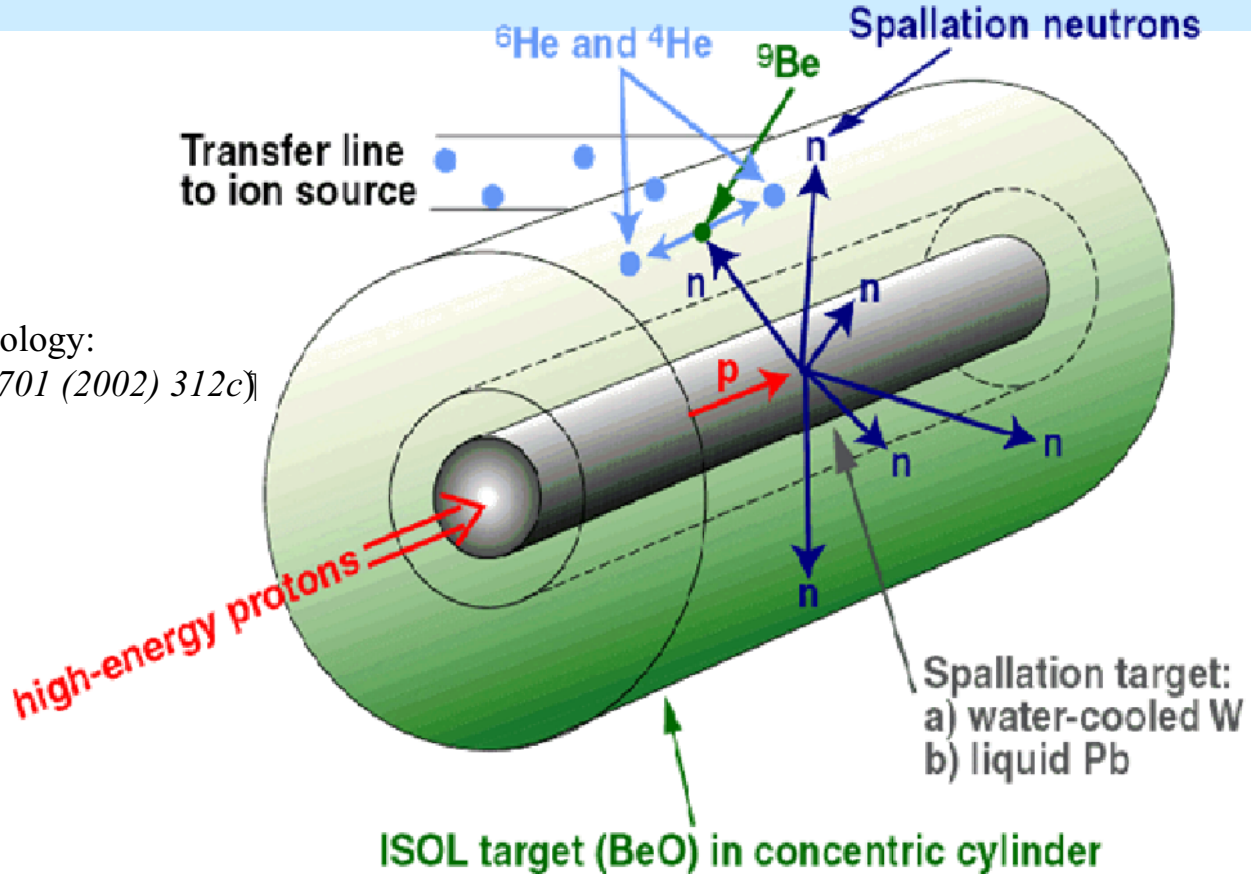


- $\overline{\nu}_e$ generated by He^6, 100 μA, $\Rightarrow 2.9 \cdot 10^{18}$ ion decays/straight session/year.
- ν_e generated by Ne^{18}, 100 μA, $\Rightarrow 1.1 \cdot 10^{18}$ ion decays/straight session/year.

^{6}He production from ^{9}Be(n,α)

Converter technology:
(*J. Nolen, NPA 701 (2002) 312c*)



- **Converter technology preferred to direct irradiation (heat transfer and efficient cooling allows higher power compared to insulating BeO).**
- **^{6}He production rate is ~2x10^{13} ions/s (dc) for ~200 kW on target.**

Beta-beam team

Possible β^- emitters ($\bar{\nu}_e$)

Isotope	Z	A	A/Z	$T_{1/2}$	$Q_{\beta\ (gs>gs)}$	$Q_{\beta\ eff.}$	$E_{\beta\ av.}$	$E_{\nu\ av.}$	<E_LAB> (MeV)
				s	MeV	MeV	MeV	MeV	(@ 450 GeV/p)
6He	2	6	3.0	0.807	3.5	3.5	1.57	1.94	582
8He	2	8	4.0	0.119	10.7	9.1	4.35	4.80	1079
8Li	3	8	2.7	0.838	16.0	13.0	6.24	6.72	2268
9Li	3	9	3.0	0.178	13.6	11.9	5.73	6.20	1860
11Be	4	11	2.8	13.81	11.5	9.8	4.65	5.11	1671
15C	6	15	2.5	2.449	9.8	6.4	2.87	3.55	1279
16C	6	16	2.7	0.747	8.0	4.5	2.05	2.46	830
16N	7	16	2.3	7.13	10.4	5.9	4.59	1.33	525
17N	7	17	2.4	4.173	8.7	3.8	1.71	2.10	779
18N	7	18	2.6	0.624	13.9	8.0	5.33	2.67	933
23Ne	10	23	2.3	37.24	4.4	4.2	1.90	2.31	904
25Ne	10	25	2.5	0.602	7.3	6.9	3.18	3.73	1344
25Na	11	25	2.3	59.1	3.8	3.4	1.51	1.90	750
26Na	11	26	2.4	1.072	9.3	7.2	3.34	3.81	1450

From P..Zucchelli talk at Nufact 03. Table compiled by U. Koster

Possible β^+ emitters (ν_e)

Isotope	Z	A	A/Z	$T_{1/2}$	$Q_{\beta\ (gs>gs)}$	$Q_{\beta\ eff.}$	$E_{\beta\ av.}$	$E_{\nu\ av.}$	<E_LAB> (MeV)
				s	MeV	MeV	MeV	MeV	(@450 GeV/p)
8B	5	8	1.6	0.77	17.0	13.9	6.55	7.37	4145
10C	6	10	1.7	19.3	2.6	1.9	0.81	1.08	585
14O	8	14	1.8	70.6	4.1	1.8	0.78	1.05	538
15O	8	15	1.9	122.2	1.7	1.7	0.74	1.00	479
18Ne	10	18	1.8	1.67	3.4	3.4	1.50	1.86	930
19Ne	10	19	1.9	17.34	2.2	2.2	0.96	1.25	594
21Na	11	21	1.9	22.49	2.5	2.5	1.10	1.41	662
33Ar	18	33	1.8	0.173	10.6	8.2	3.97	4.19	2058
34Ar	18	34	1.9	0.845	5.0	5.0	2.29	2.67	1270
35Ar	18	35	1.9	1.775	4.9	4.9	2.27	2.65	1227
37K	19	37	1.9	1.226	5.1	5.1	2.35	2.72	1259
80Rb	37	80	2.2	34	4.7	4.5	2.04	2.48	1031

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Some scaling laws in Beta Beams

β^+ emitters			β^- emitters		
Ion	$Q_{\rm eff}$ (MeV)	Z/A	Ion	$Q_{\rm eff}$ (MeV)	Z/A
^{18}Ne	3.30	5/9	^{6}He	3.508	1/3
^{8}B	13.92	5/8	^{8}Li	12.96	3/8

- Proton accelerators can accelerate ions up to Z/A $\times$ the proton energy.
- Lorentz boost: end point of neutrino energy $\Rightarrow 2\gamma Q$
- In the CM neutrinos are emitted isotropically $\Rightarrow$ neutrino beam from accelerated ions gets more collimated $\propto \gamma^2$
- Merit factor for an experiment at the atmospheric oscillation maximum: $\mathcal{M} = \frac{\gamma}{Q}$
- Ion lifetime must be:
  - As long as possible: to avoid ion decays during acceleration
  - As short as possible: to avoid to accumulate too many ions in the decay ring

  $\Rightarrow$ optimal window: lifetimes around 1 s.
- Decay ring length scales $\propto \gamma$, following the magnetic rigidity of the ions.
- Two body decay kinematics : going off-axis the neutrino energy changes (feature used in some ECB setup and in the low energy setup)

Beta Beam baseline scenario

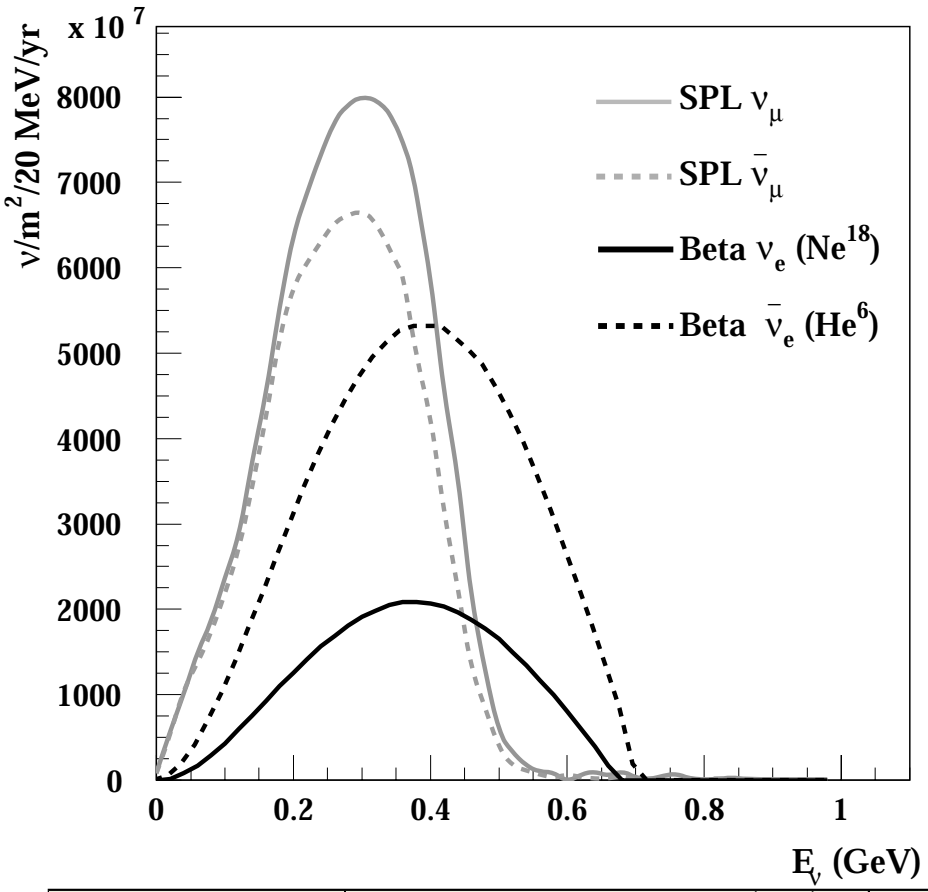
Boundary conditions:

- CERN SPS can accelerate $^6\mathrm{He}$up to $\gamma = 150 \Rightarrow E_\nu \simeq 0.5 GeV$ $\Rightarrow$ baselines within 300 km.
- The only viable candidate to host a megaton detector is Frejus lab, 130 km away from CERN

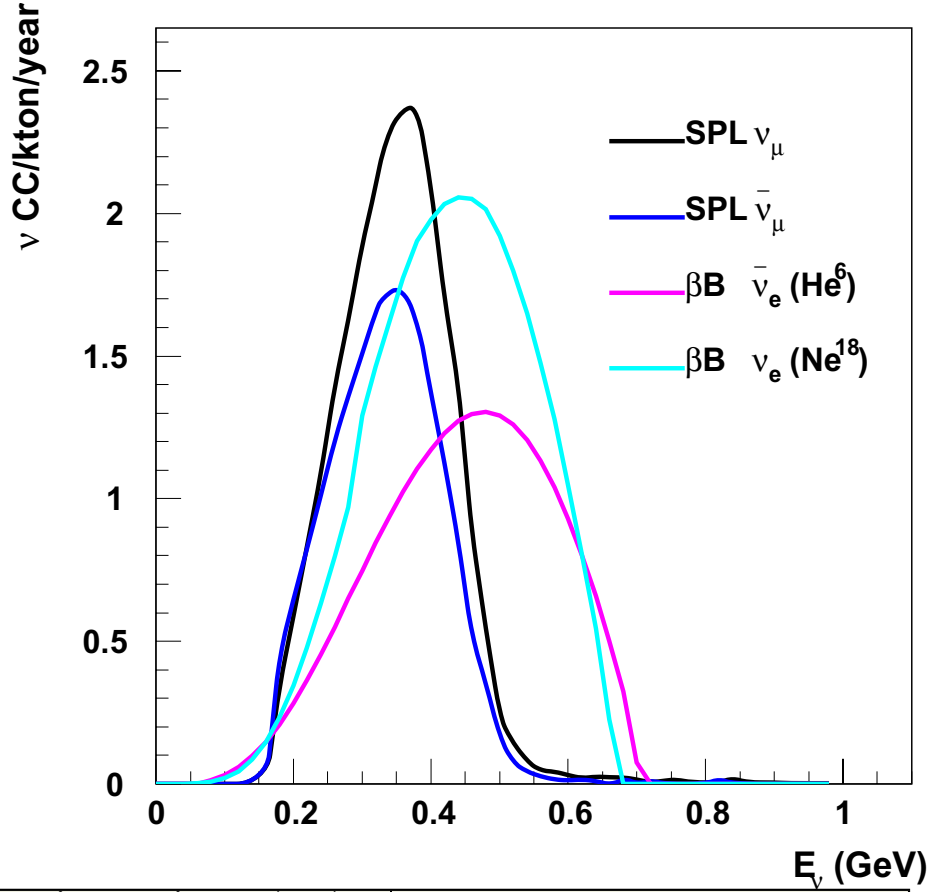
Optimal γ: $\gamma = 100$.

This is the option studied by the Eurisol design study and now by the EuroNu design study

Yearly Fluxes



CC rates, 440 kton/yr



	Fluxes @ 130 km $\nu/m^2/yr$	$\langle E_\nu \rangle$ (GeV)	CC rate (no osc) events/kton/yr	$\langle E_\nu \rangle$ (GeV)	Years	Integrated events (4400 kton/yr)
SPL Super Beam						
ν_μ	$11.80 \cdot 10^{11}$	0.29	121.7	0.36	2	107127
$\overline{\nu}_\mu$	$9.66 \cdot 10^{11}$	0.28	23.1	0.35	8	81164
Beta Beam						
$\overline{\nu}_e(\gamma = 100)$	$10.92 \cdot 10^{11}$	0.40	46.0	0.46	5	101262
$\nu_e\ (\gamma = 100)$	$4.06 \cdot 10^{11}$	0.38	65.4	0.44	5	143887

Experimental strategy

Beta Beam signal is ν_μ appearance.
To profit of the no-background beam, detector backgrounds should be taken at minimum:

- ν_e events mis-identified as ν_μ events
- Charged pions from NC and NC-like ν_e interactions mis-identified as muons.
- Atmospheric neutrinos

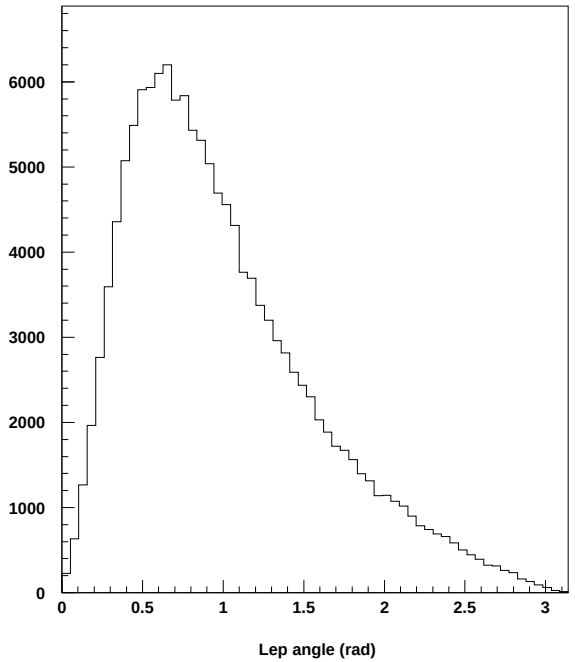
Atmospheric neutrino background

Why are they dangerous?

Atmospheric neutrinos come in two flavors: ν_e and ν_μ so they can fake any signal.

Their energy spectrum fully covers Beta Beam spectrum.

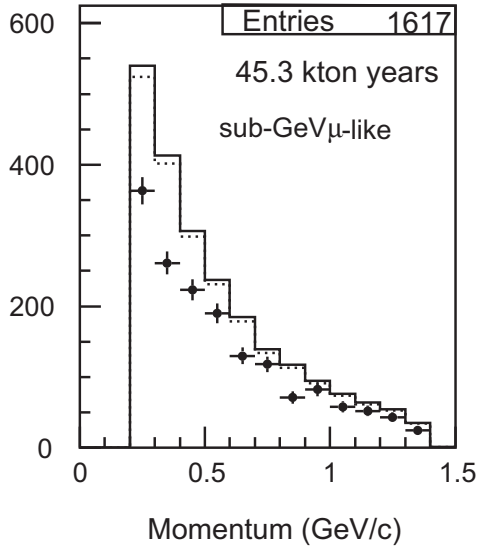
They don't necessary come from the decay ring, but outgoing lepton direction is loosely correlated with the neutrino energy direction in QE events.



The only viable tool to keep them at a negligible rate is to keep very short the live time of the neutrino beam. This is a tight requirement for the Beta Beam accelerator complex.

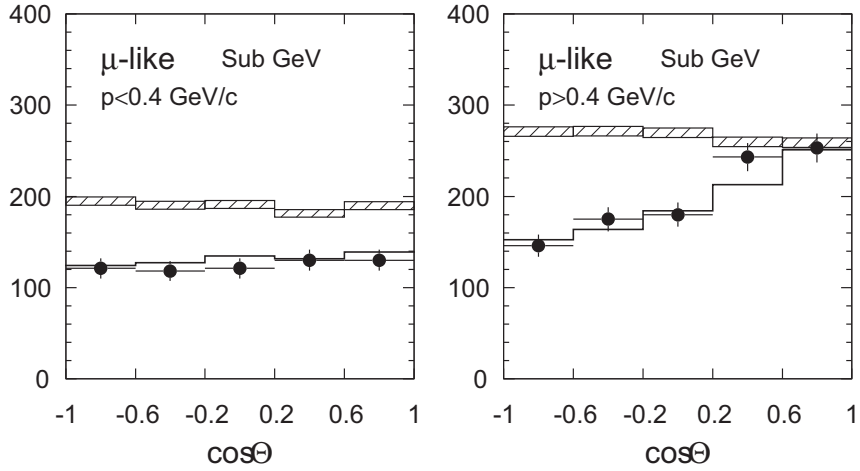
Question: why atmospherics are not a great concern at T2K phase 1, that has much smaller signal neutrino fluxes?

Atmospheric neutrino background

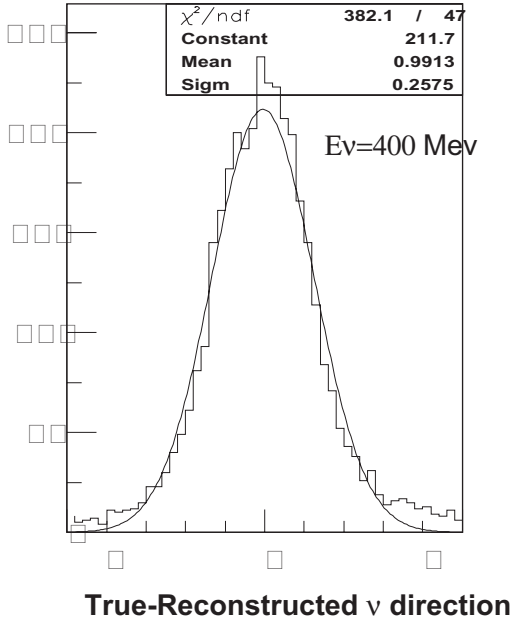


Sub-GeV μ-like events in SK integrated over the solid angle. 45.3 kton year exposure

Sub-GeV μ-like events zenithal distribution



Event direction resolution at 400 MeV. Take $\pm 2\sigma$ as acceptance, equivalent to $\pm 40°$. Solid angle reduced to 1/8

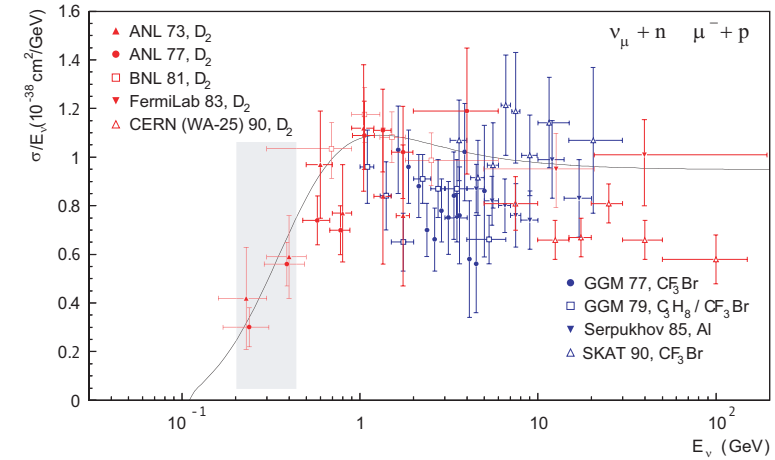


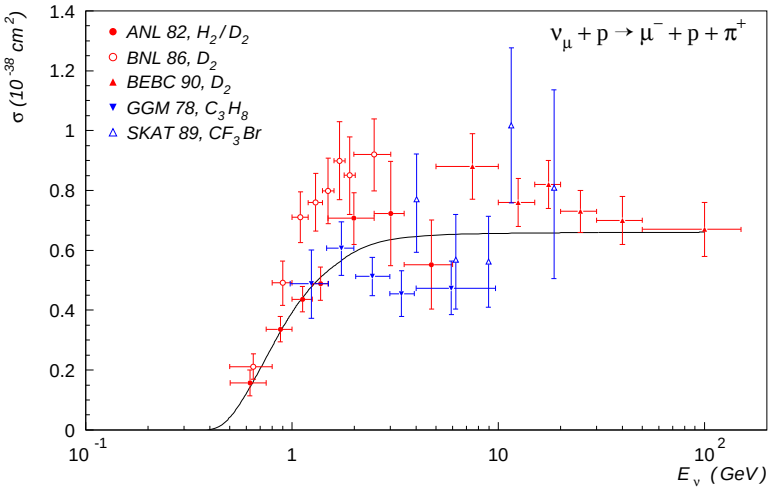
Kamioka to Frejus flux correction: + 20%

Signal efficiency with respect to standard SK algorithms: 54% (flat in energy)

A duty cycle of 1% would keep the atmospheric background rate below the pion bkg rate (Eurisol DS duty cycle: 0.45%).

The cross sections problem





Neutrino cross-sections are poorly measured around 300 MeV.
Nuclear effects are very important at these energies.
No surprise that different MonteCarlo codes predict rates with a 50% spread.

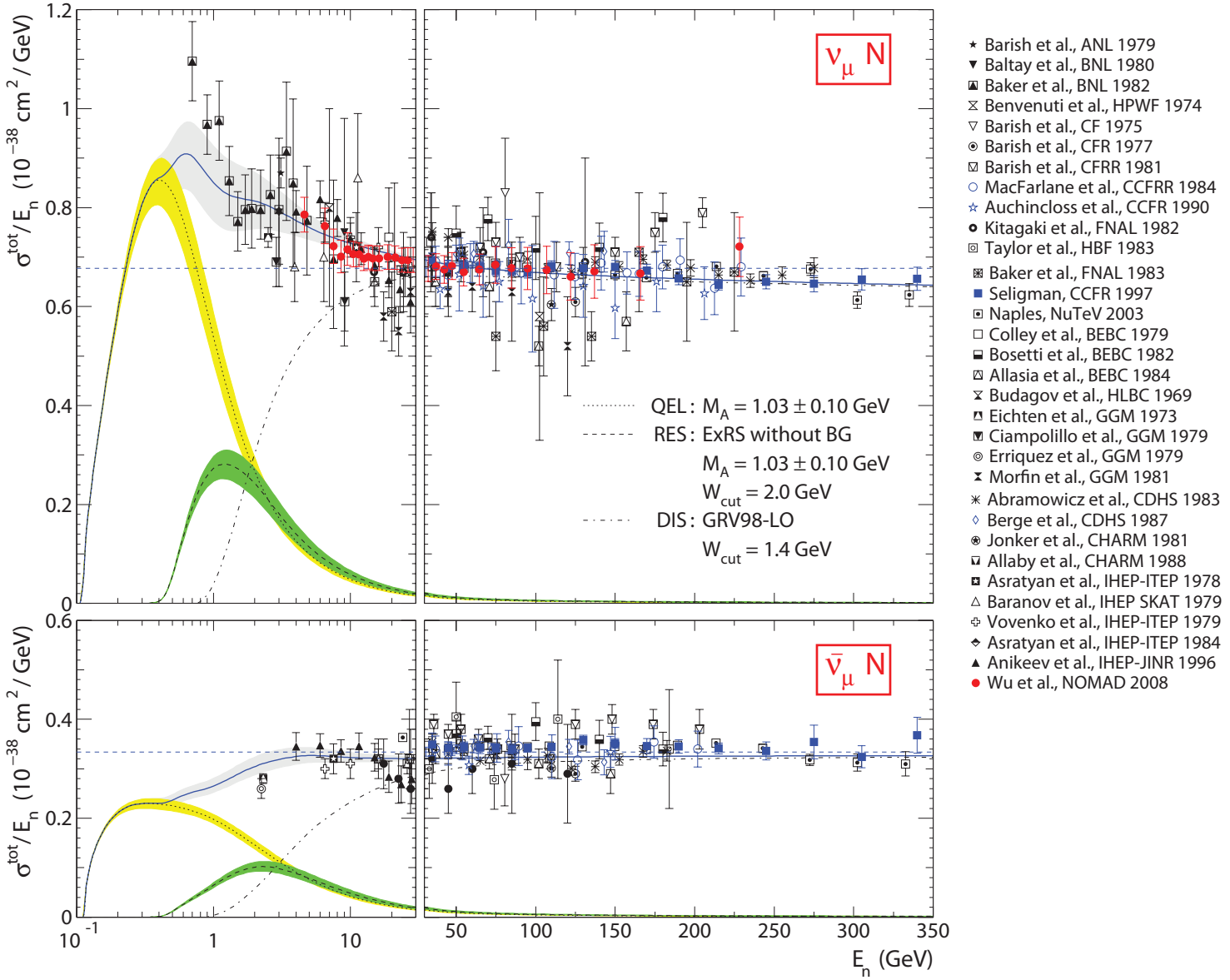
On the other hand: Beta Beam is the ideal place where to measure neutrino cross sections

- Neutrino flux and spectrum are completely defined by the parent ion characteristics and by the Lorentz boost γ.
- Just one neutrino flavour in the beam.
- You can scan different γ values starting from below the Δ production threshold.
- A close detector can then measure neutrino cross sections with unprecedent precision.

A systematic error ranging from 2% to 5% both in signal and backgrounds is used in the following

Neutrino Cross Sections

From: NOMAD Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C **63** (2009) 355 [arXiv:0812.4543 [hep-ex]].



The Beta Beam - SPL Super Beam synergy

MM, Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. **149** (2005) 179.

A Beta Beam has the same energy spectrum than the SPL SuperBeams and consumes 5% of the SPL protons.

The two beams could be fired to the same detector ⇒ LCPV searches through CP and T channels (with the possibility of using just neutrinos).

Access to CPTV direct searches.

Cross measurement of signal cross section in the close detectors

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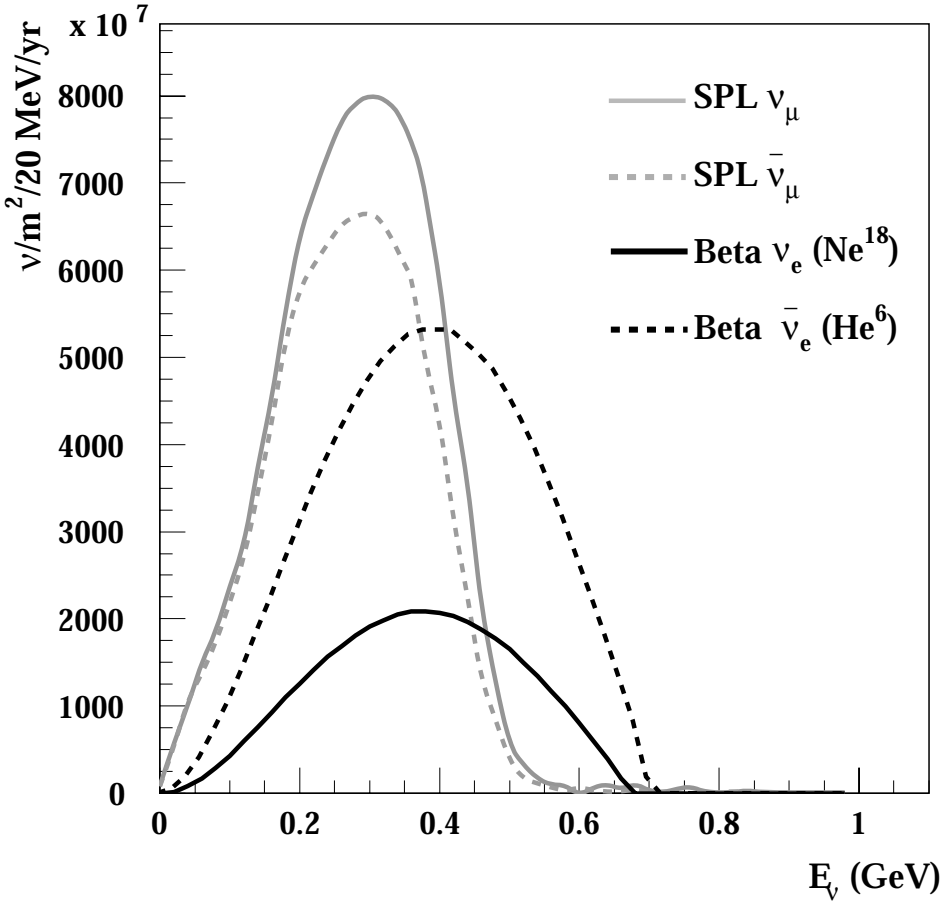


The synergy with atmospheric neutrinos

P. Huber et al., Phys. Rev. D 71, 053006 (2005): Combining Long Baseline data with atmospheric neutrinos (that come for free in the megaton detector):

- Degeneracies can be canceled, allowing for better performances in θ_{13} and LCPV searches
- The neutrino mass hierarchy can be measured
- The θ_{23} octant can be determined.

The main reasons are:

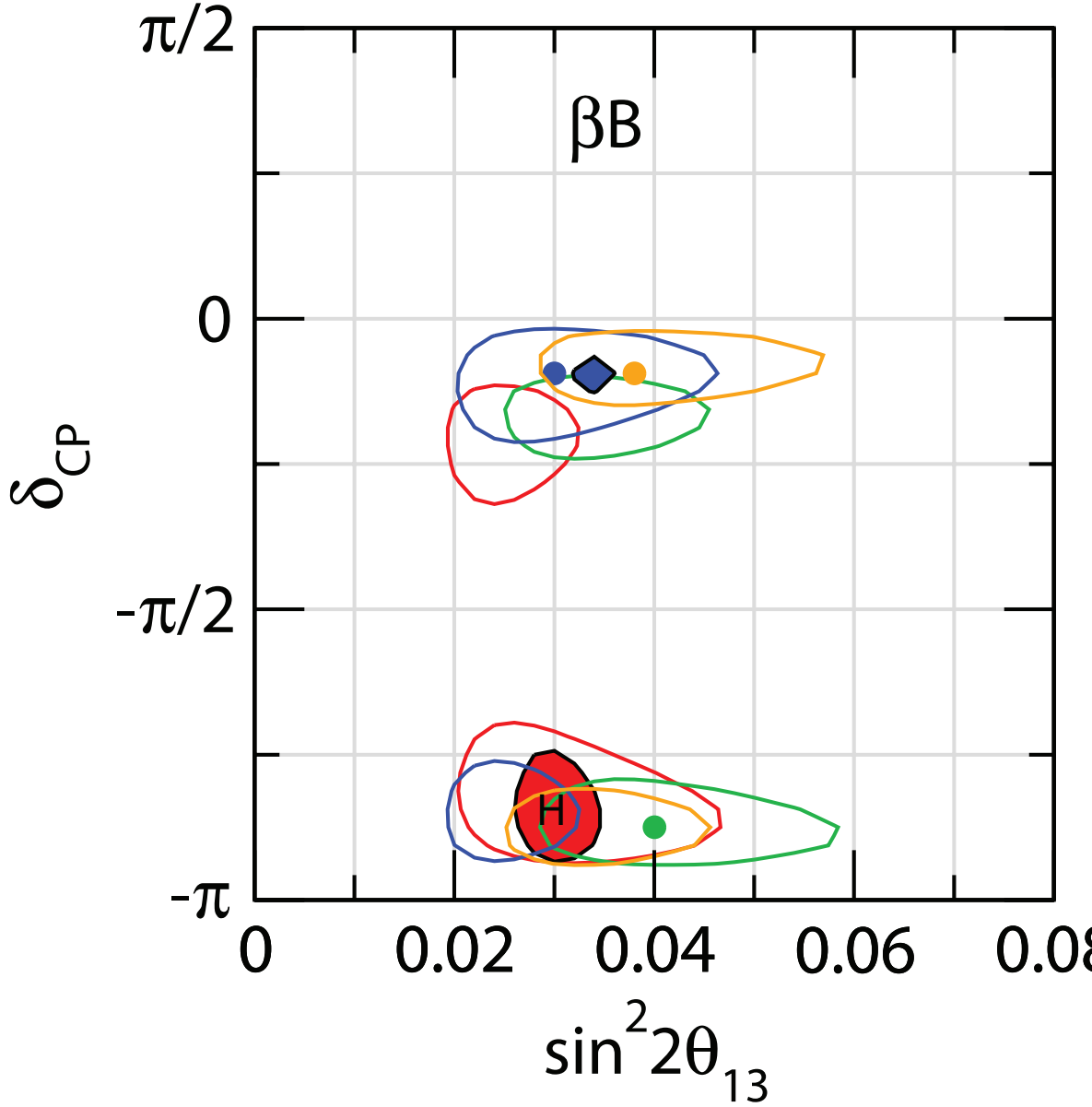
- **Octant** e-like events in the Sub-GeV data is $\propto \cos^2 \theta_{23}$
- **Sign** e-like events in the Multi-GeV data, thanks to matter effects, especially for zenith angles corresponding to neutrino trajectories crossing the mantle and core where a resonantly enhancement occurs.

NOTE: LBL and atmospherics are a true synergy. They add to each other much more that a simple gain in statistics. Atmospherics alone could not measure the hierarchy, the octant, θ_{13} and LCPV. While the Beta Beam at short baselines could not measure the hierarchy as well as the octant.

Synergy with atm. neutrinos: degeneracy removal

J.E.Campagne, M.Maltoni, M.M., T.Schwetz, JHEP **0704** (2007) 003

The red region is what is left after the atmospheric analysis.
Note how degeneracies were not influencing LCPV sensitivity too much.



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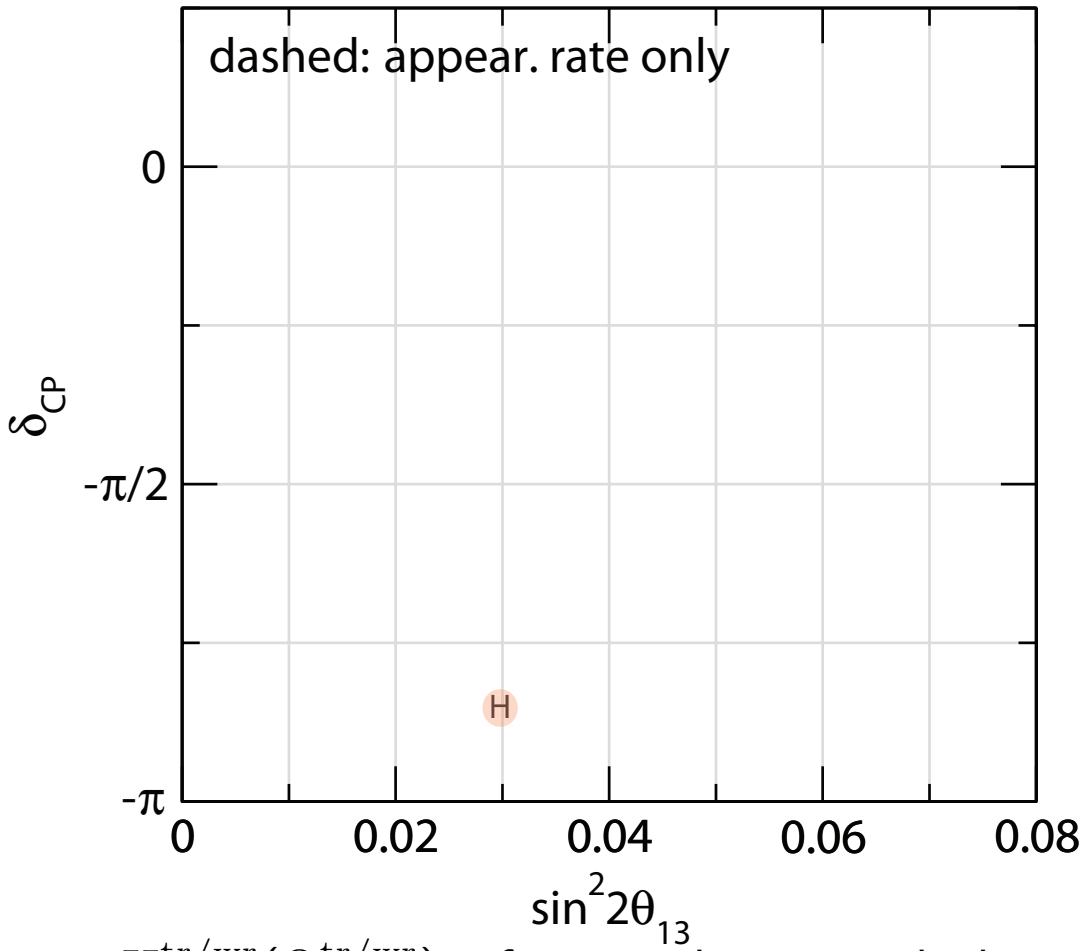

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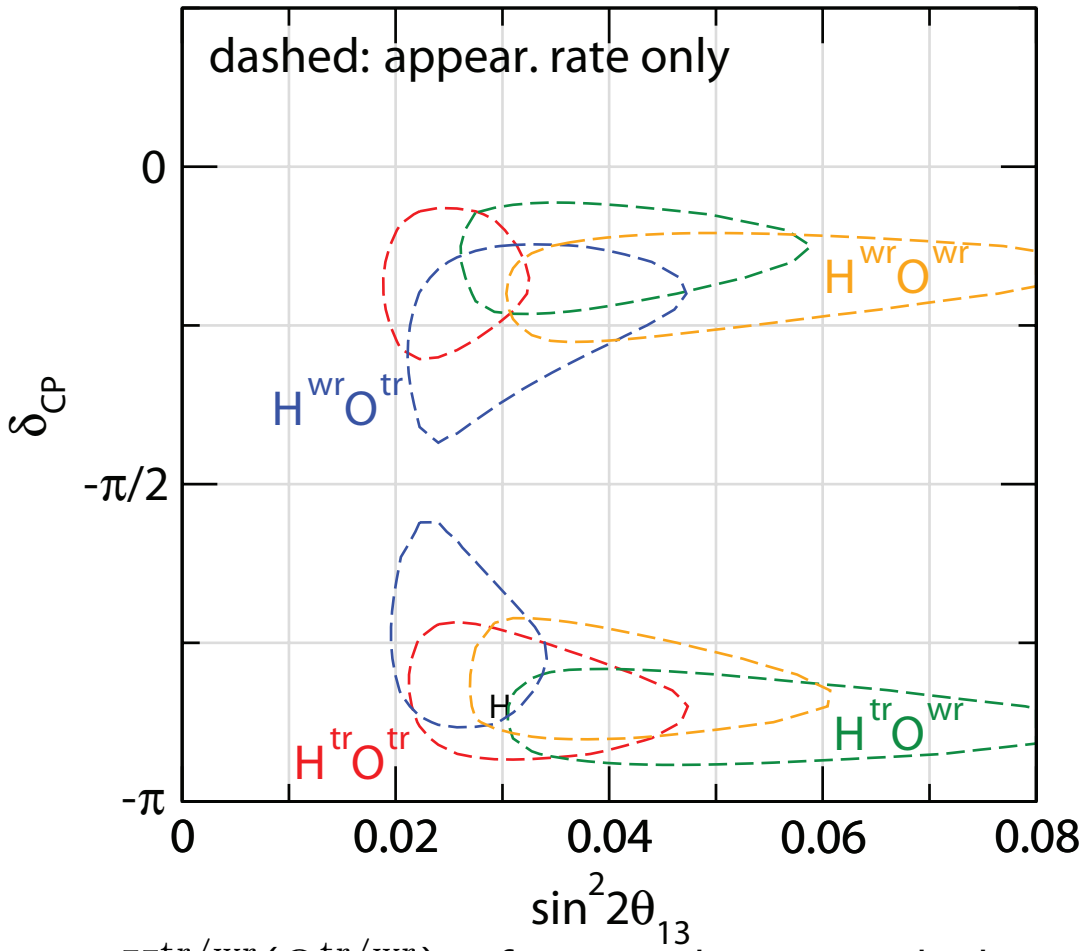

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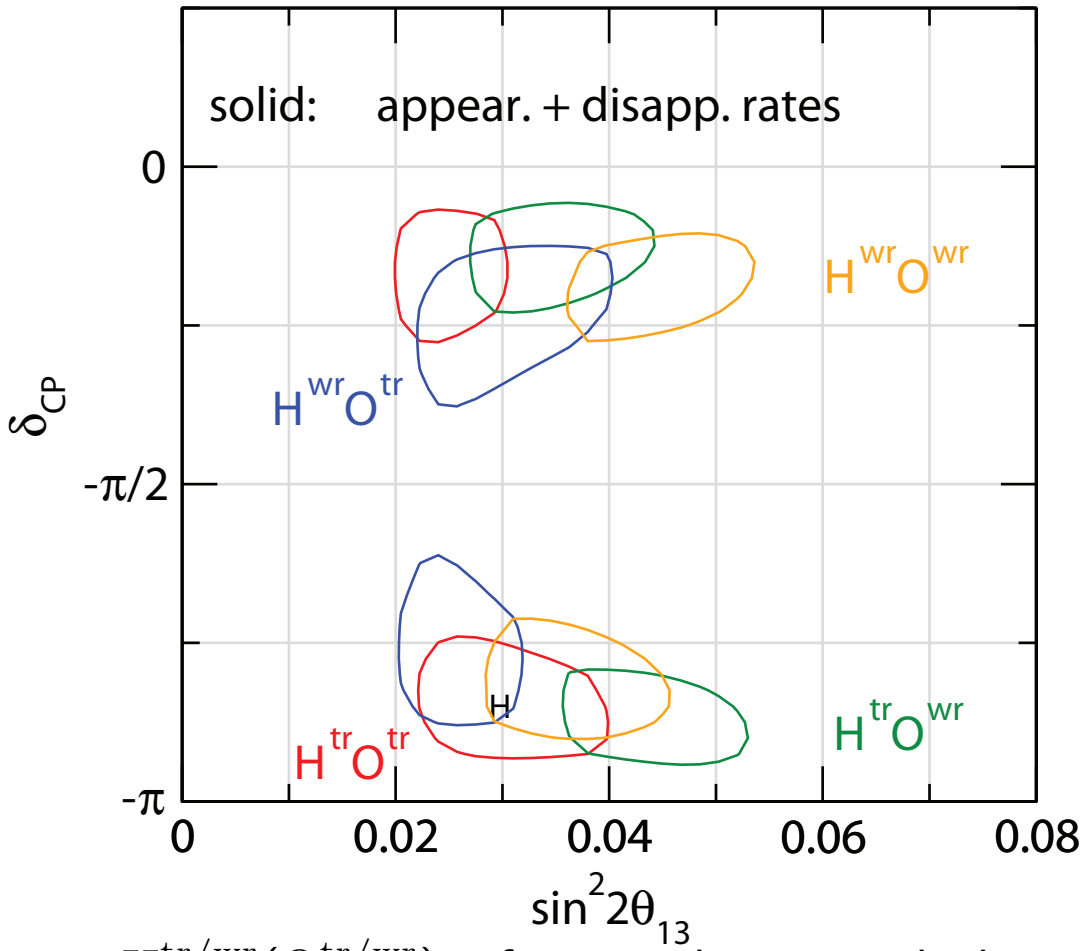

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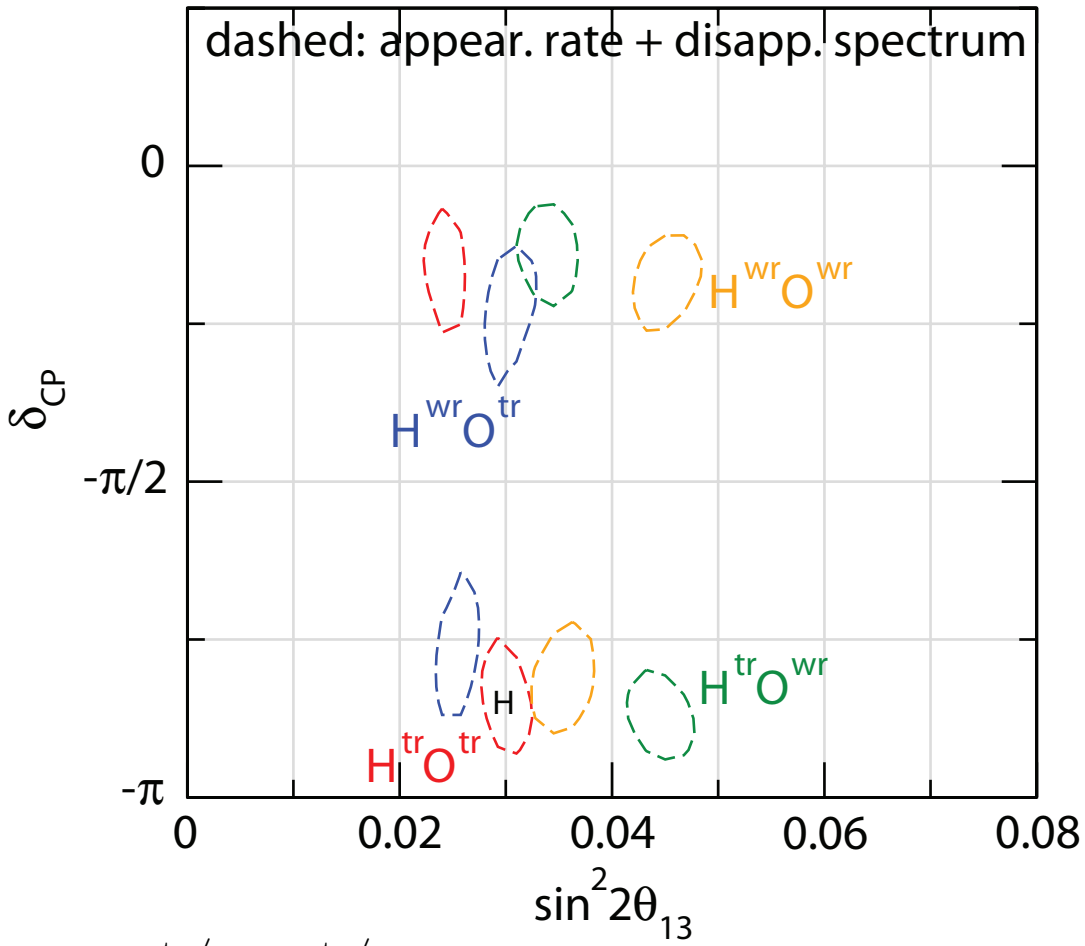

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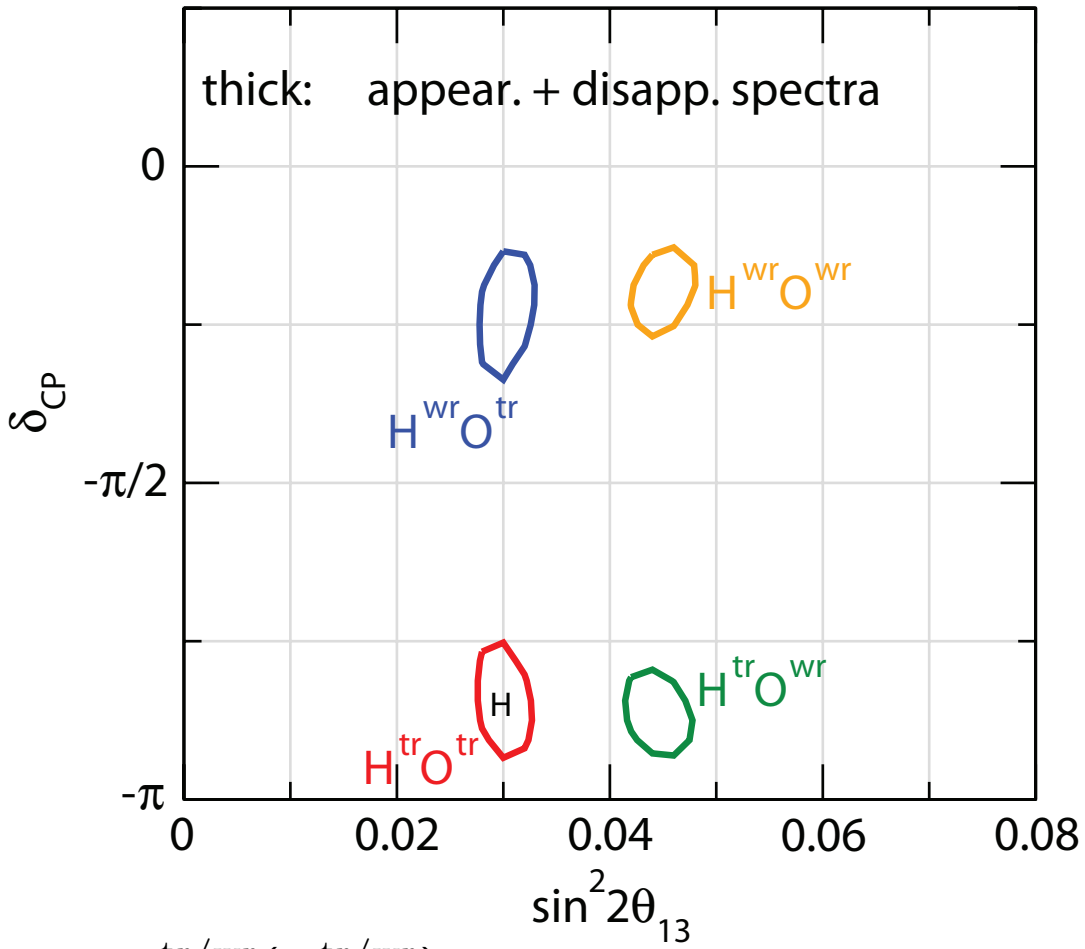

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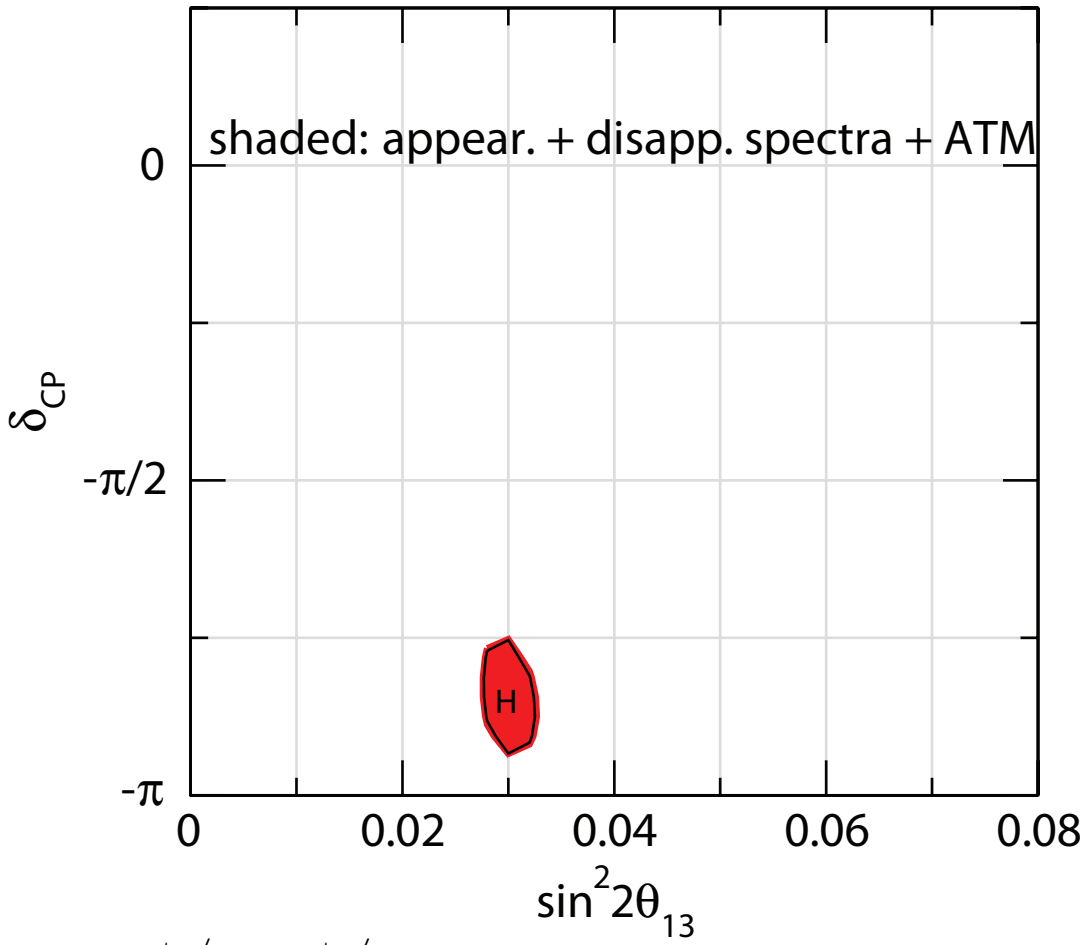

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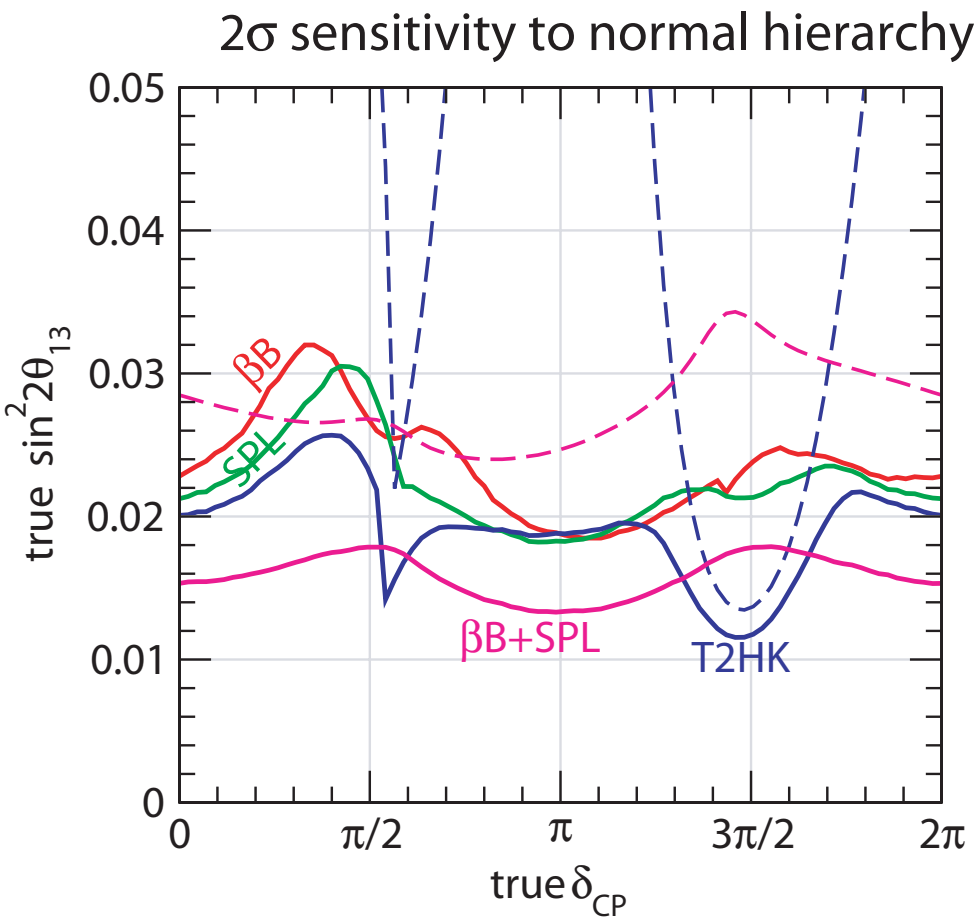
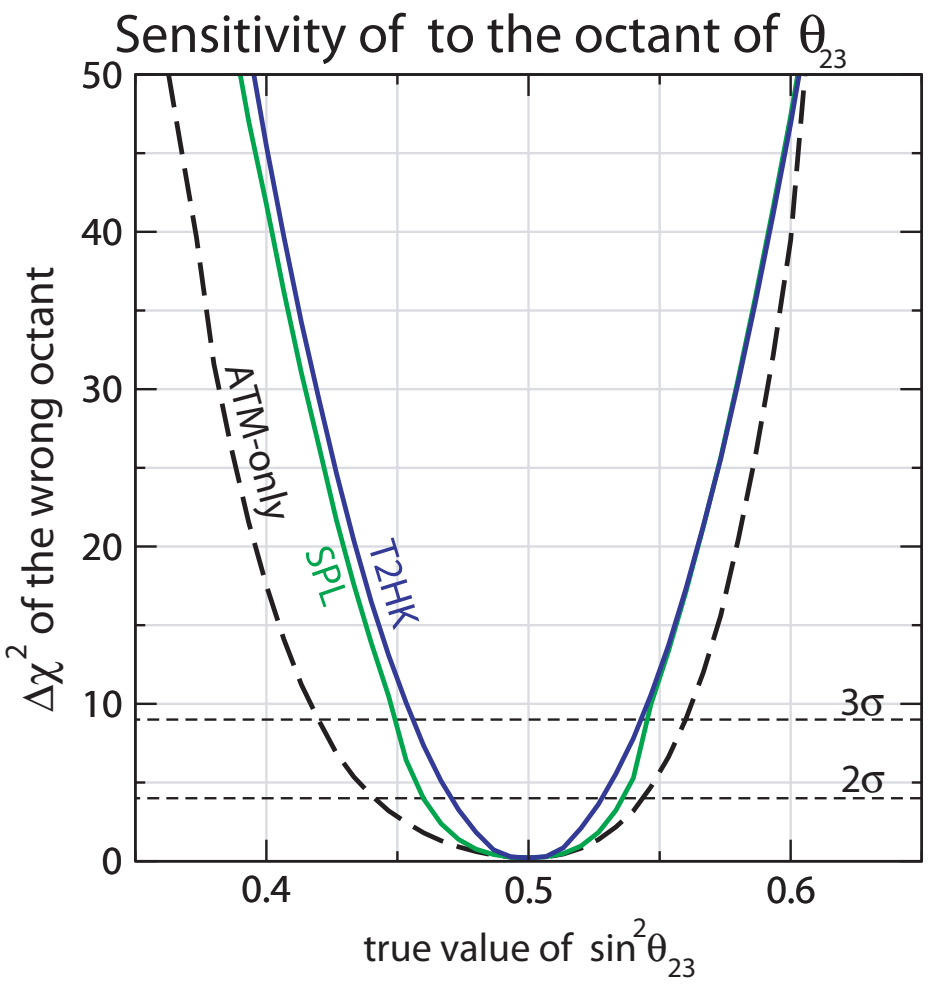
Beta Beam plus atmo: determining mass hierarchy and the octant





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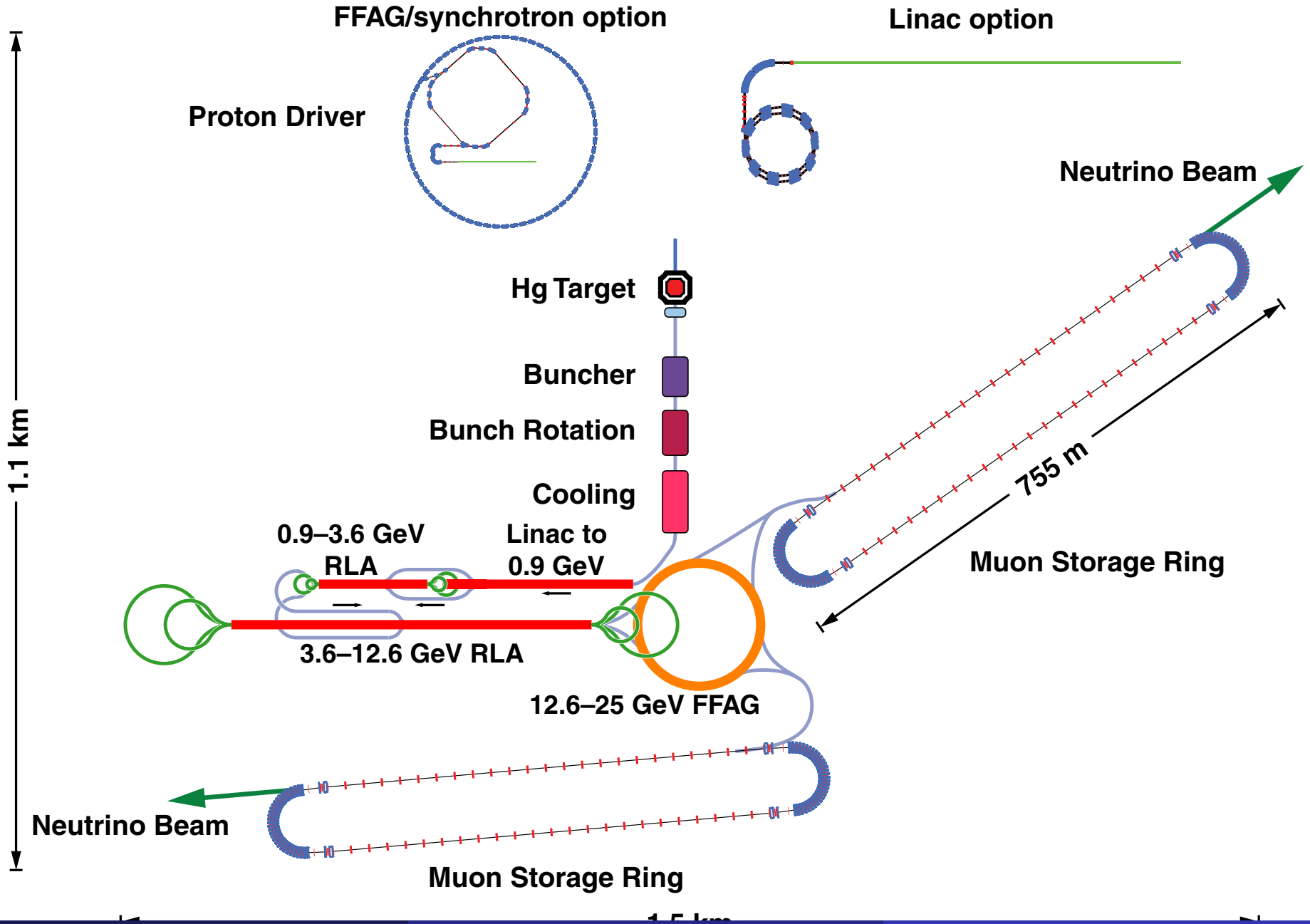

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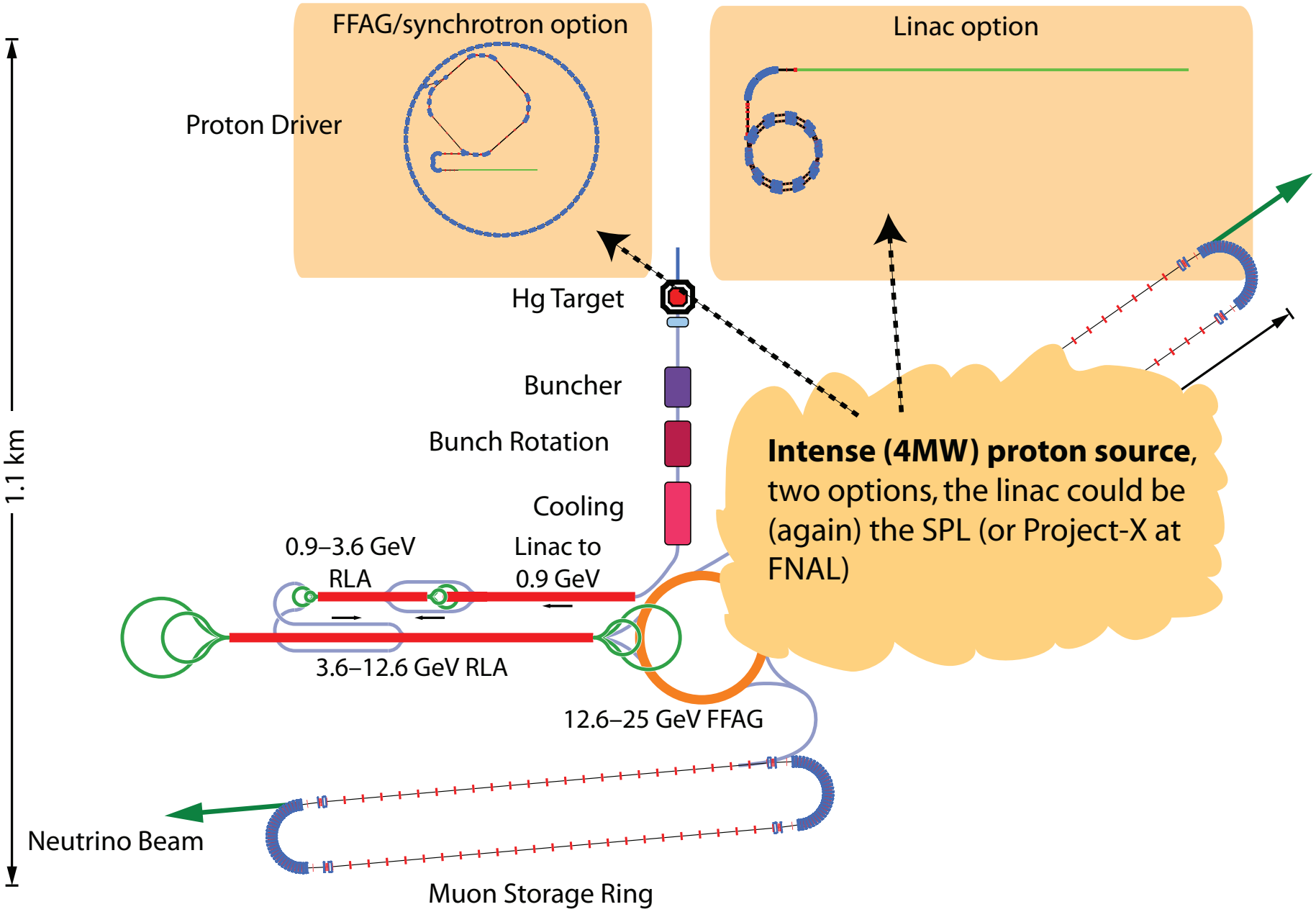

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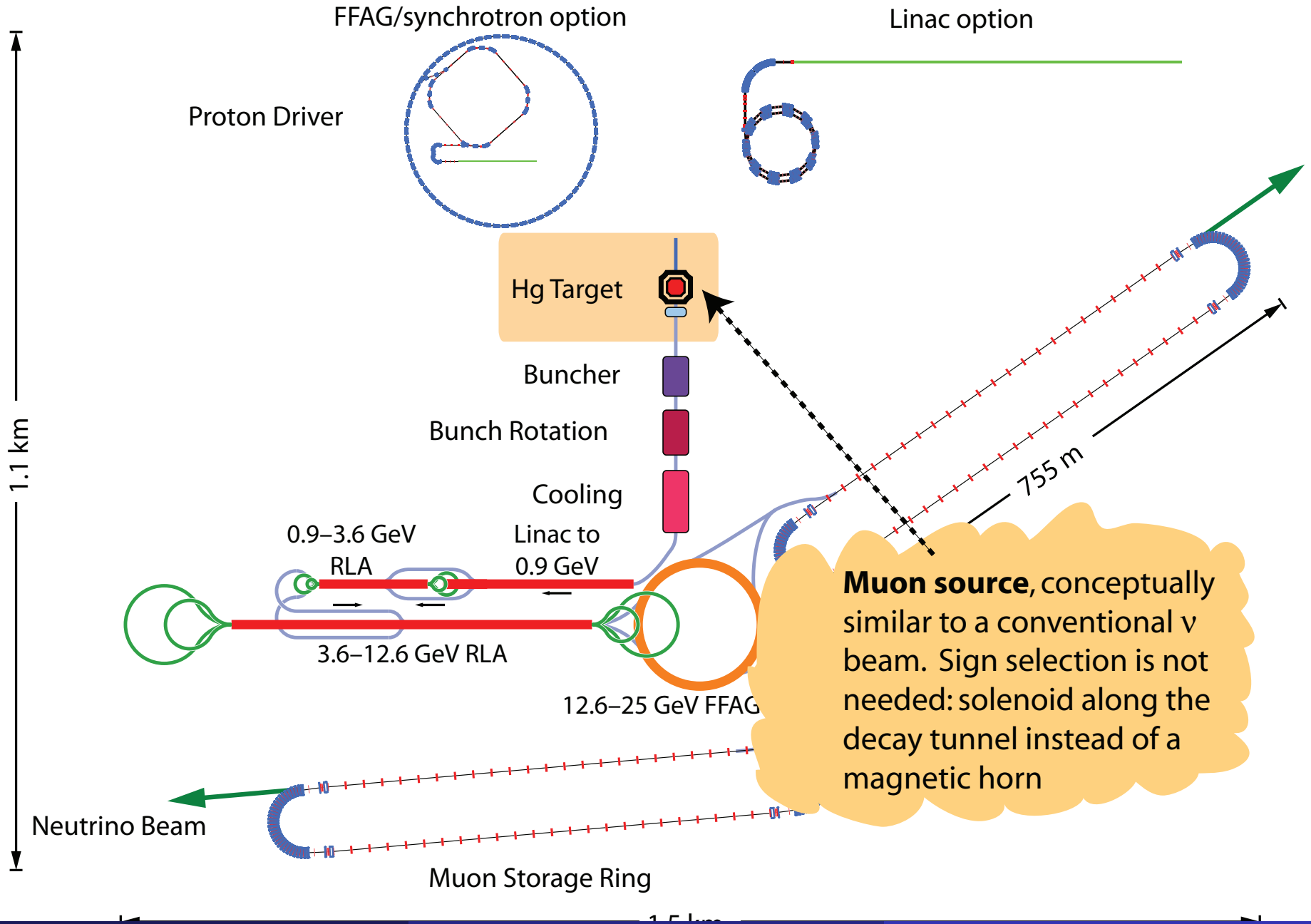

Muon source, conceptually similar to a conventional ν beam. Sign selection is not needed: solenoid along the decay tunnel instead of a magnetic horn

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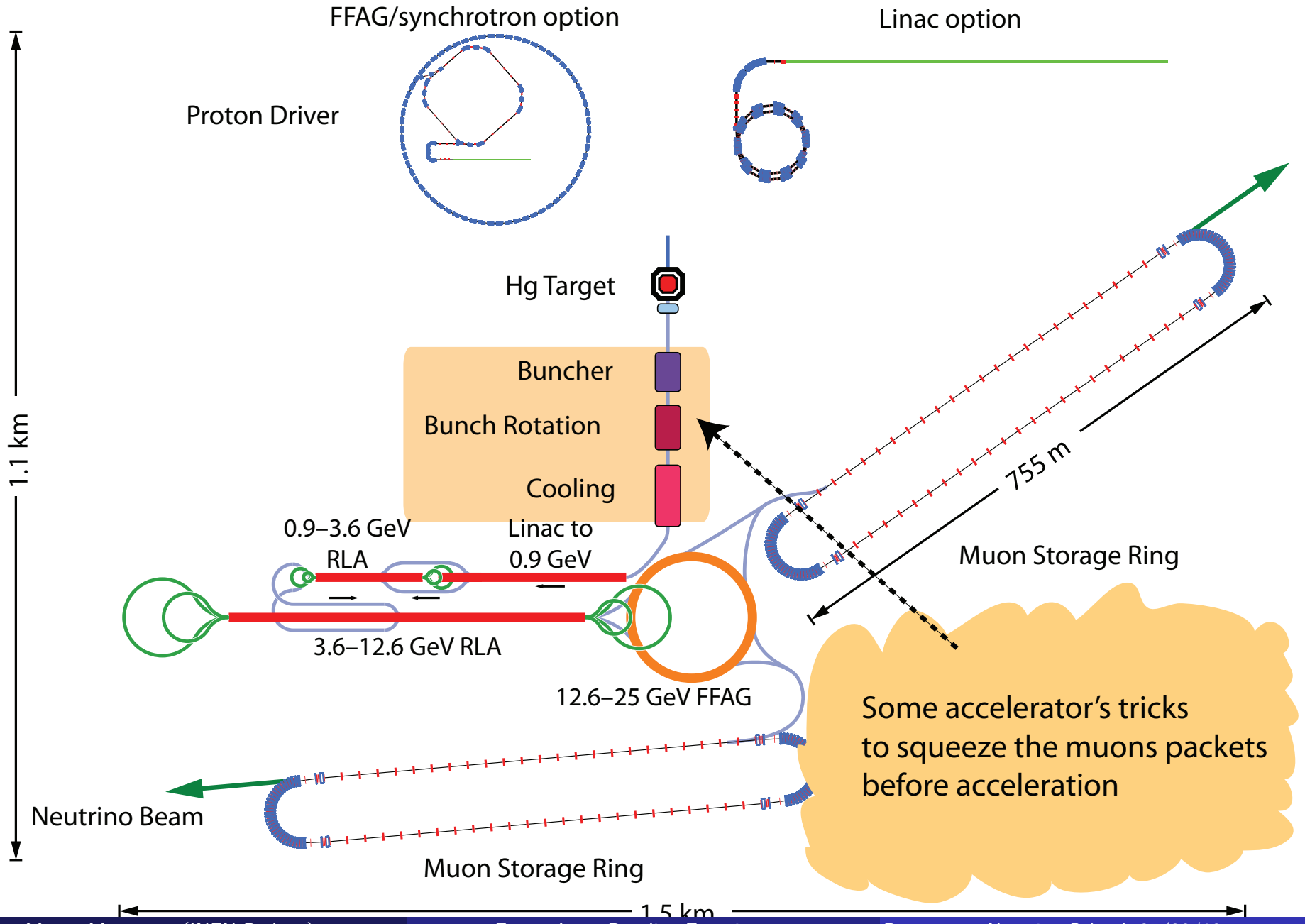

Some accelerator's tricks
to squeeze the muons packets
before acceleration

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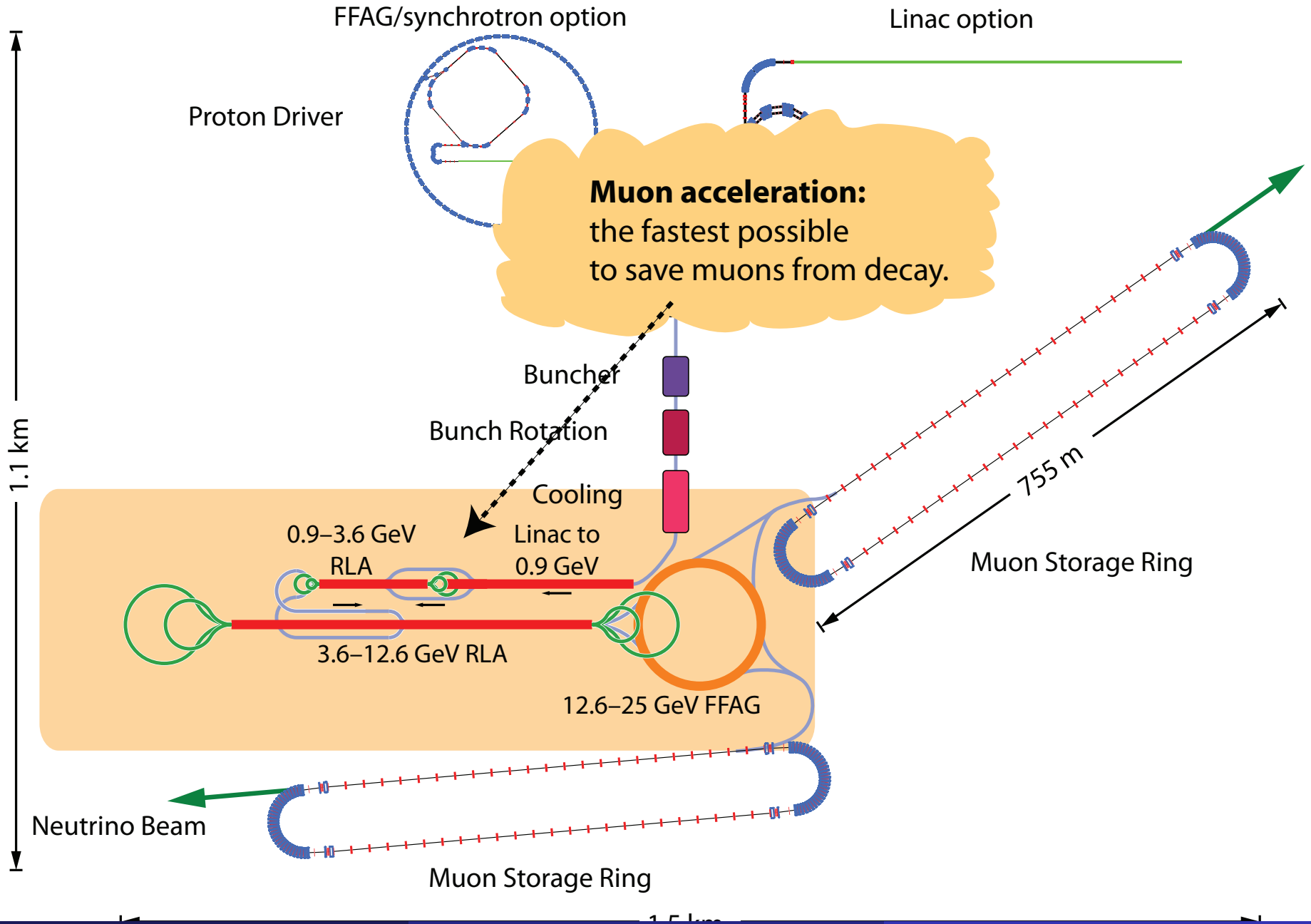

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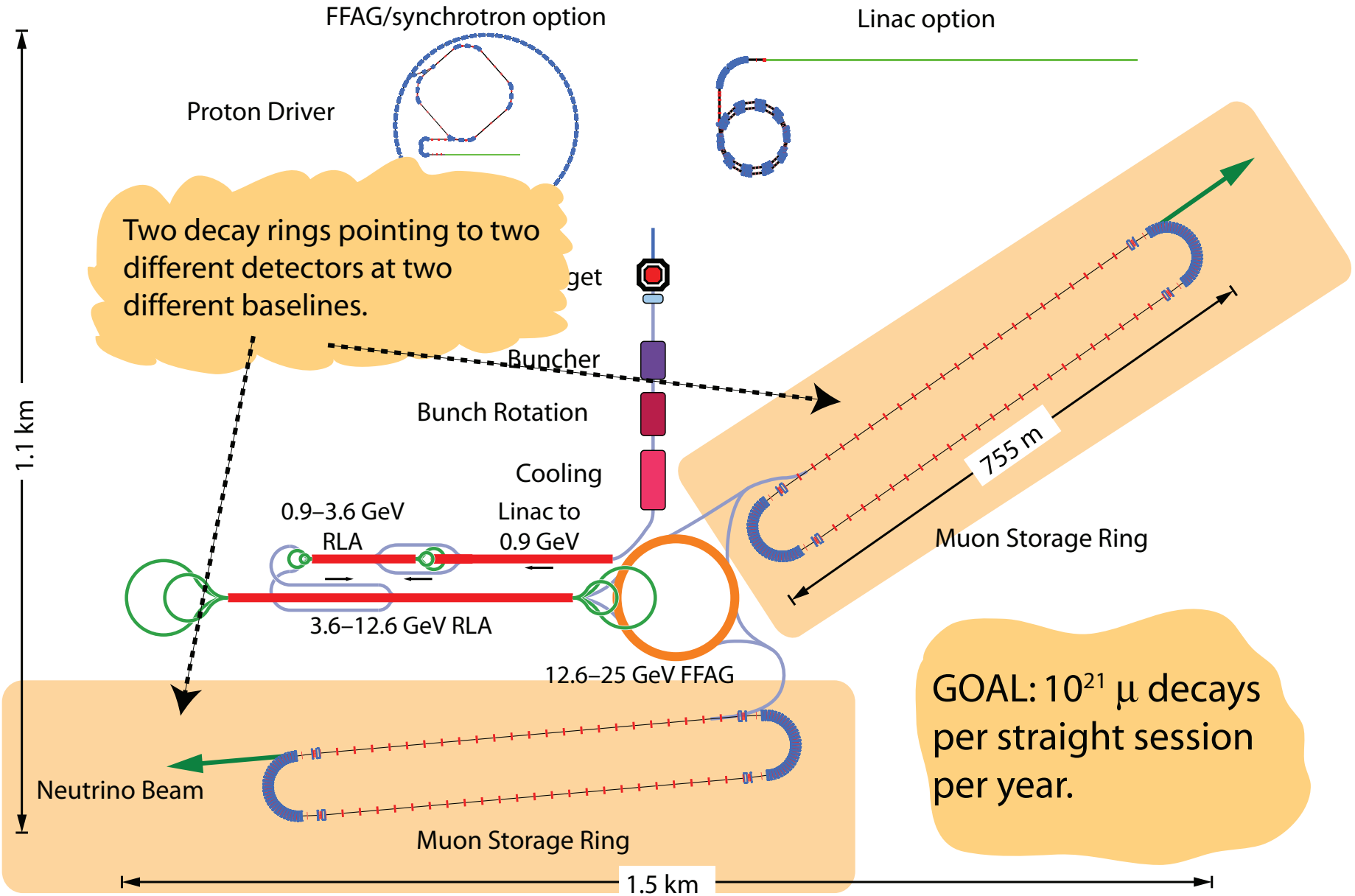
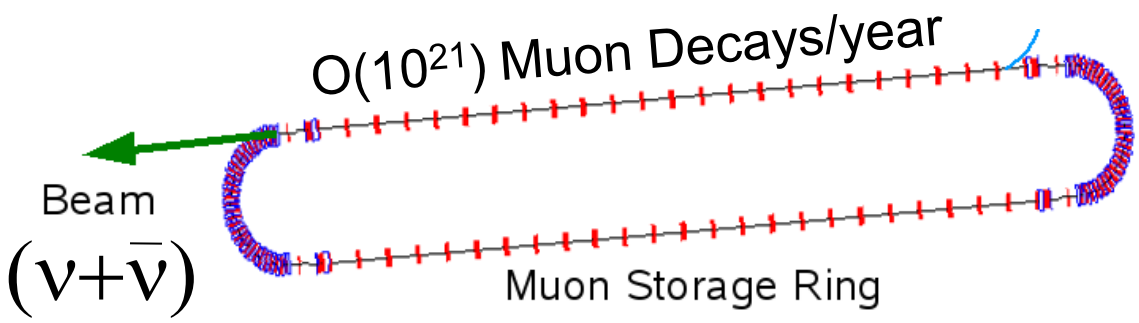


GOAL: 10^{21} μ decays per straight session per year.

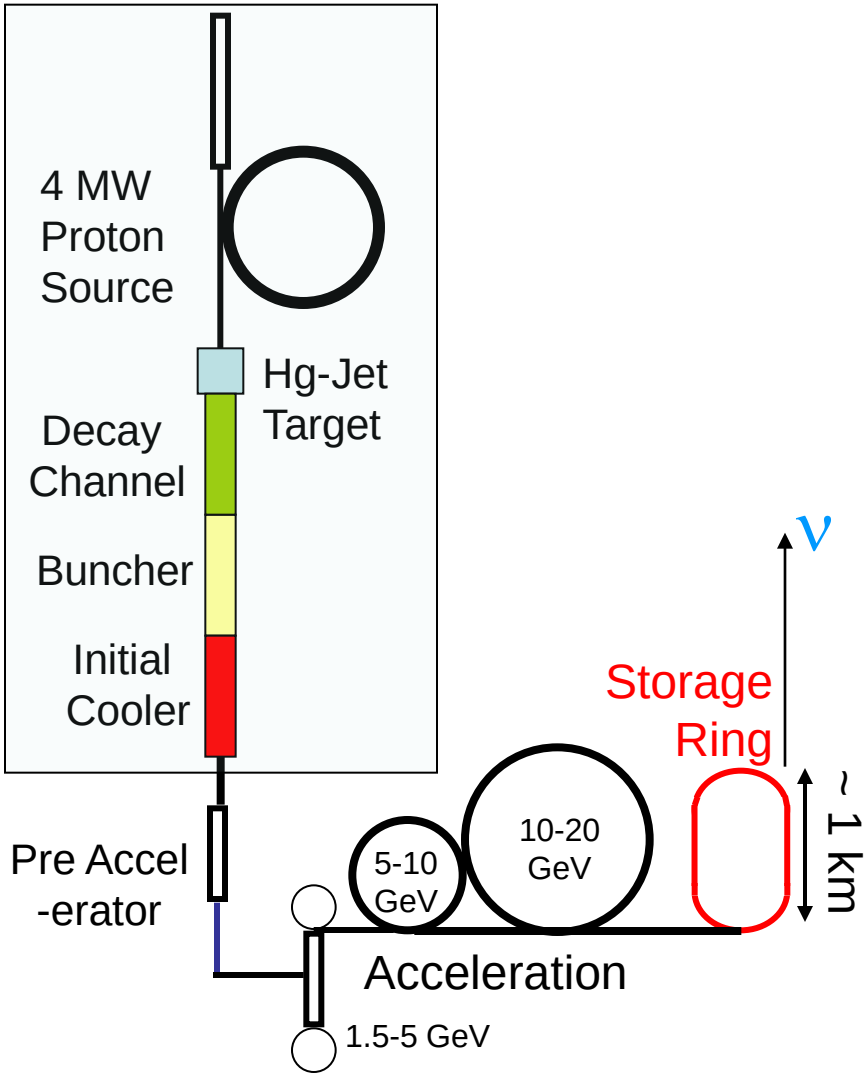
A New Tool

- We desire precision for the long-term neutrino oscillation program → exploit muon decays.
- Muons live a "long" time (τ_0 = 2μs) … to be efficient, a straight muon decay channel would have to be impractically long.
- Solution: inject muons into a storage ring with long straight sections; L(straight) / circumference ~ 1/3
- NEUTRINO FACTORIES: muons decaying in the straight section of a storage ring create a neutrino beam with unique properties for precision neutrino oscillation measurements.



HIGH-INTENSITY MUON SOURCE

- Proton Source
  - Beam power ≥ 4MW
  - E ≥ few GeV
  - Short bunches (≤ 3ns)
- Target, capture & decay
  - Create $\pi^{\pm}$, decay into $\mu^{\pm}$
- Bunching & Phase Rotation
  - Capture into bunches
  - Reduce ΔE
- Cooling
  - Use Ionization Cooling to reduce transverse emittance to fit within an accelerator



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:

$$\nu_\mu : \quad \frac{d^2N}{dx\ d\Omega_{cm}} \propto \frac{2x^2}{4\pi} [\ (3-2x) + (1-2x)\ P \cos\theta_{cm}]$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e : \quad \frac{d^2N}{dx\ d\Omega_{cm}} \propto \frac{12x^2}{4\pi} [\ (1-x) + (1-x)\ P \cos\theta_{cm}]$$

For μ^+ decays
$P \rightarrow -P$

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

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

$$\nu_\mu : \quad \frac{d^2N}{dx\ d\Omega_{lab}} \propto \frac{1}{\gamma^2 (1-\beta \cos\theta_{lab})^2} \frac{2x^2}{4\pi} [\ (3-2x) + (1-2x)\ P \cos\theta_{cm}]$$

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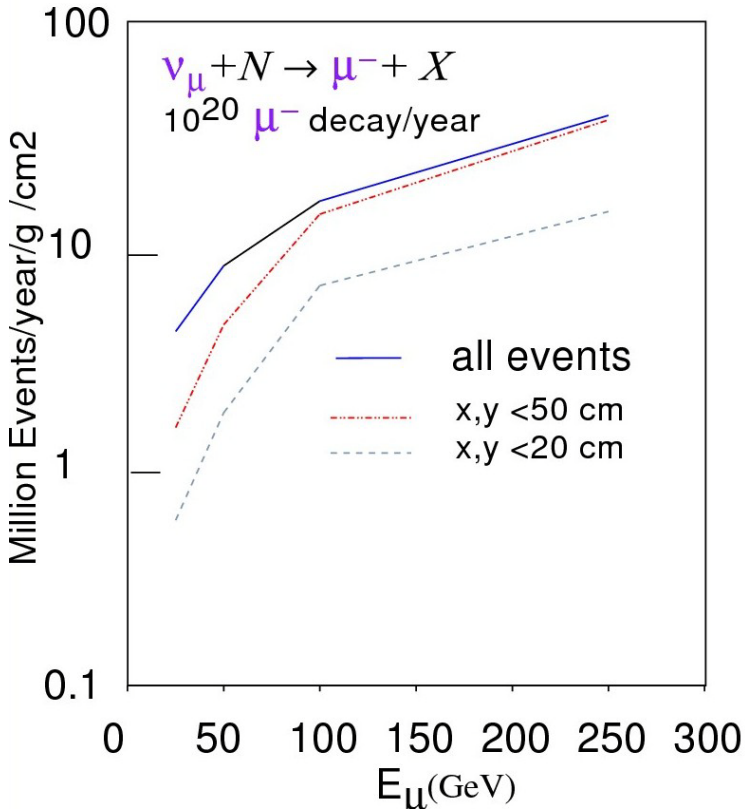
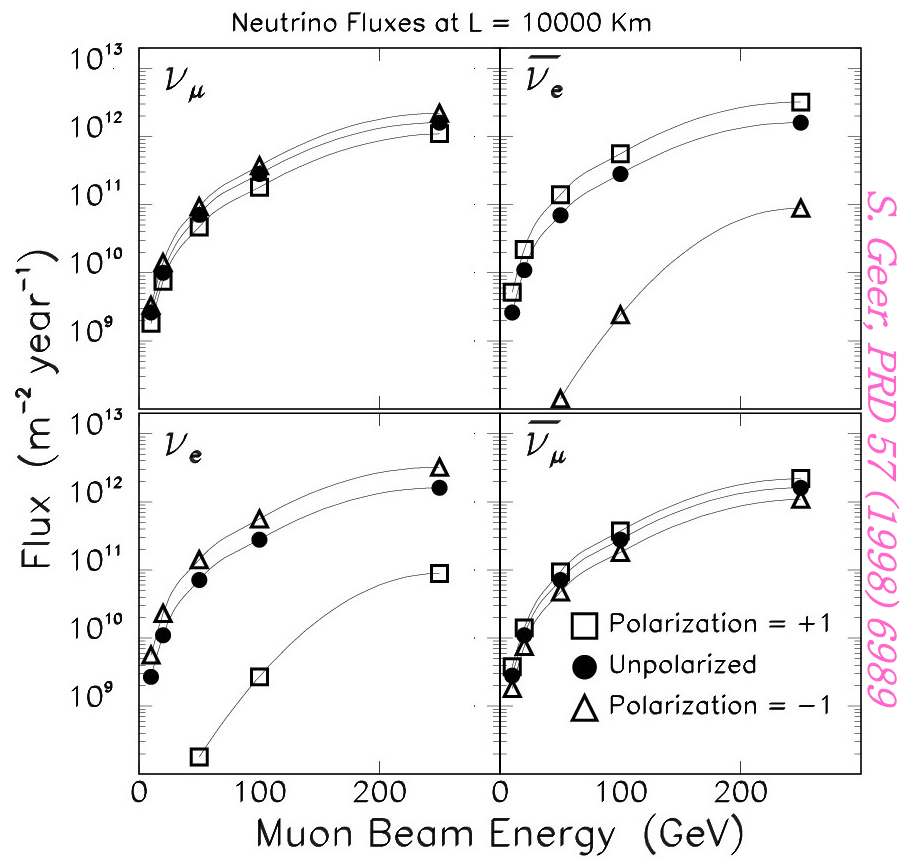
Note that polarization can, in principle, be used to switch on/off the ν_e ($\bar{\nu}_e$) flux.

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.





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.

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu \xrightarrow{CC} \mu^+$$

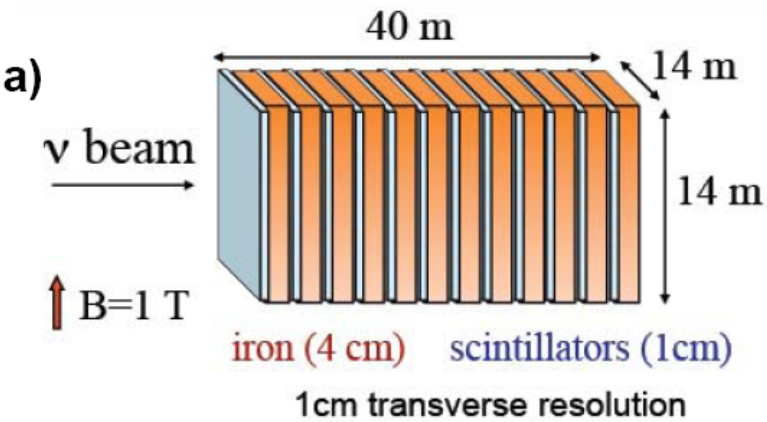
$$\downarrow$$

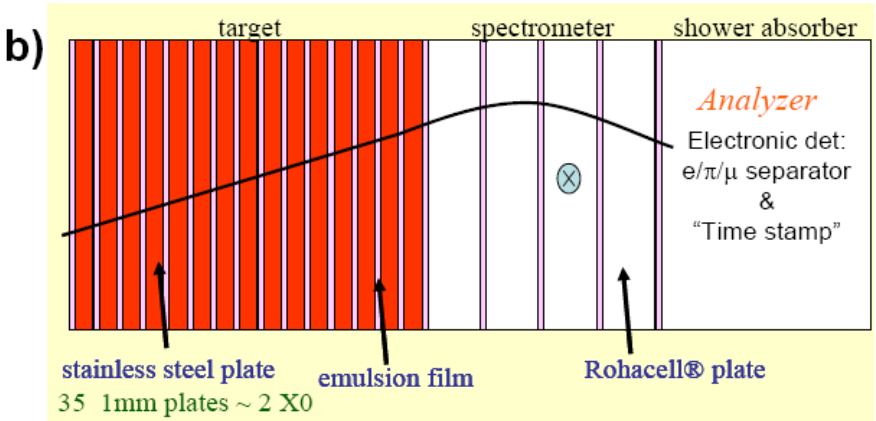
$$\nu_\mu \xrightarrow[CC]{} \mu^-$$

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ 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 $\longrightarrow$ background-free $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ oscillations with probabilities of $O(10^{-4})$ can be measured !

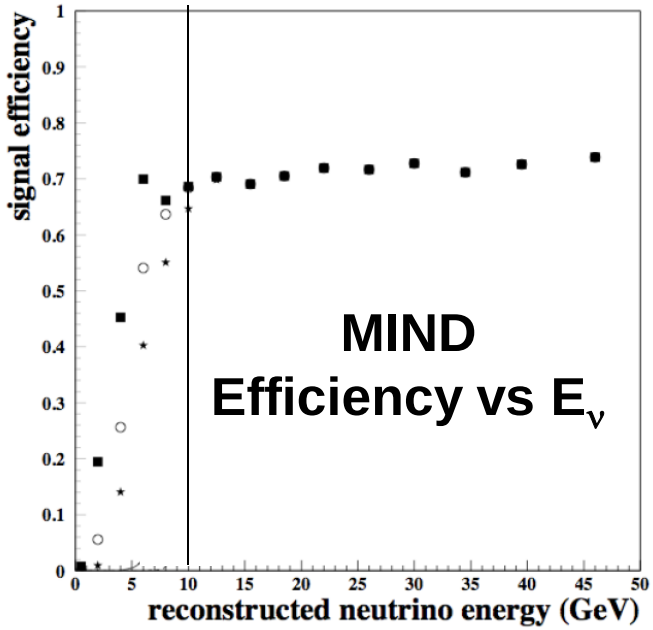
“High Energy” Neutrino Factory Detector





- Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detector (MIND) at each location, M=50KT. Efficiency good for CC neutrino interactions with $E_\nu \geq$ ~10 GeV

- Magnetised Emulsion Cloud Chamber at intermediate baseline for tau detection



Neutrino Factory as a first stage of a Muon Collider

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

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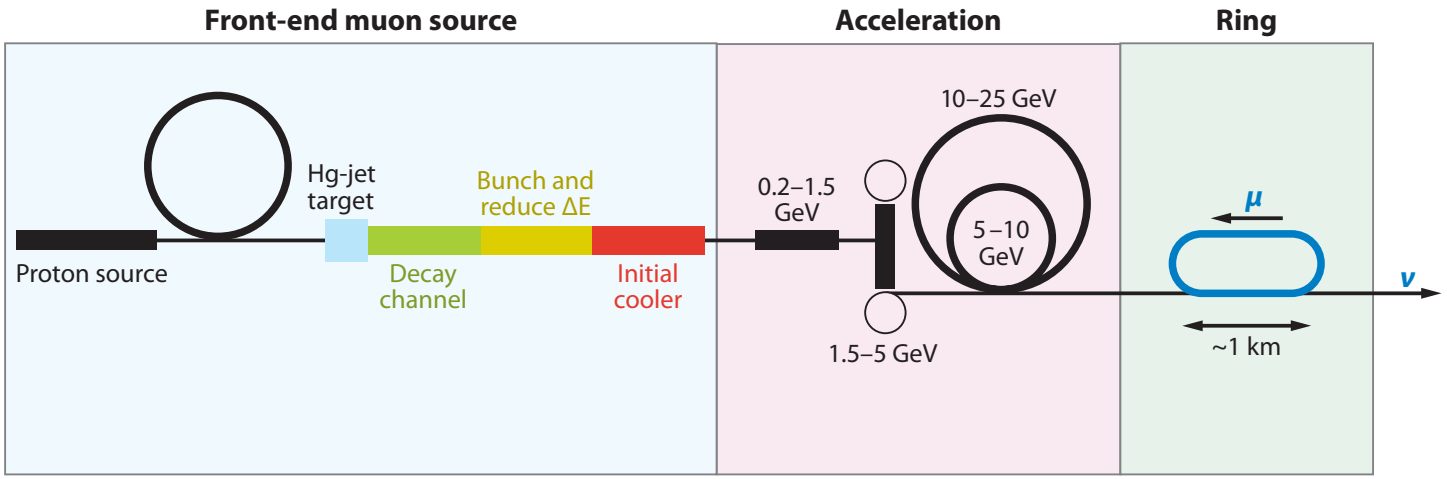

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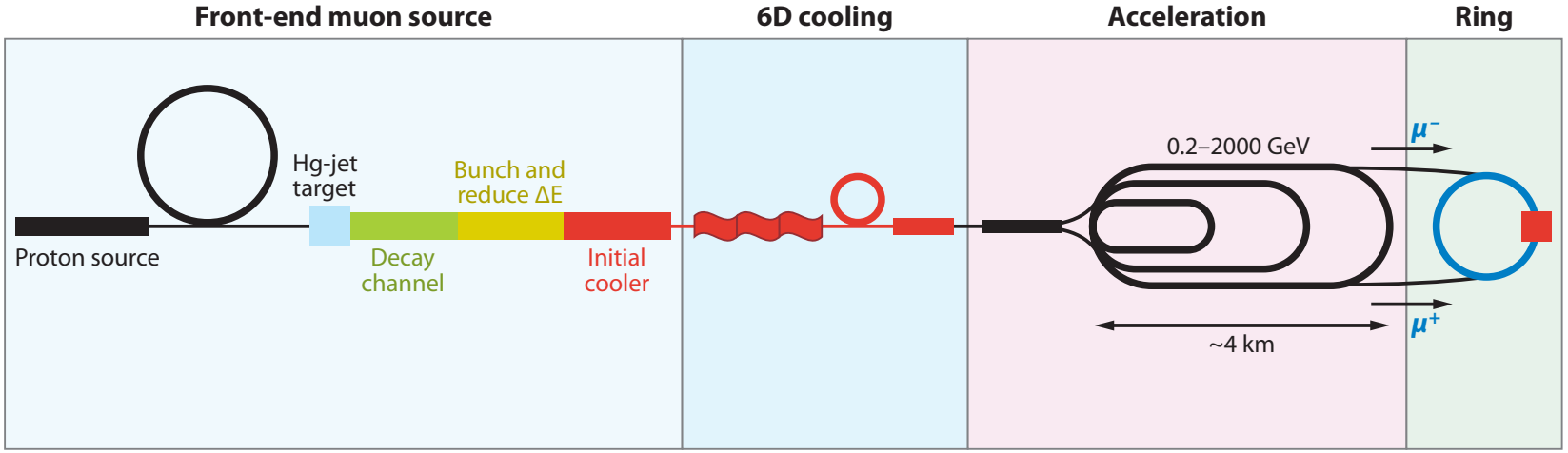

Oscillation signals at the neutrino factory

μ^- (μ^+) decay in (ν_μ, $\overline{\nu}_e$) (($\overline{\nu}_\mu$, ν_e)).

Golden channel: search for $\nu_e \to \nu_\mu(\overline{\nu}_e \to \overline{\nu}_\mu)$ transitions by detecting wrong sign muons.
Default detector: 40-100 kton iron magnetized calorimeter (Minos like)

Silver channel: search for $\nu_e \to \nu_\tau$transitions by detecting ν_τ appearance.
Ideal detectors: 4$\times$ Opera or 20 Kton LAr detector.

Sensitivity Comparison

Based to arXiv:1005.3146, the EuroNu midterm physics report

WBB: Fermilab to Dusel, 1 MW for ν running, proton energy: 120 GeV, 2 MW for $\overline{\nu}$ 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 $^{6}\mathrm{He}$ and $^{18}\mathrm{Ne}$ 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 Noνa 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.

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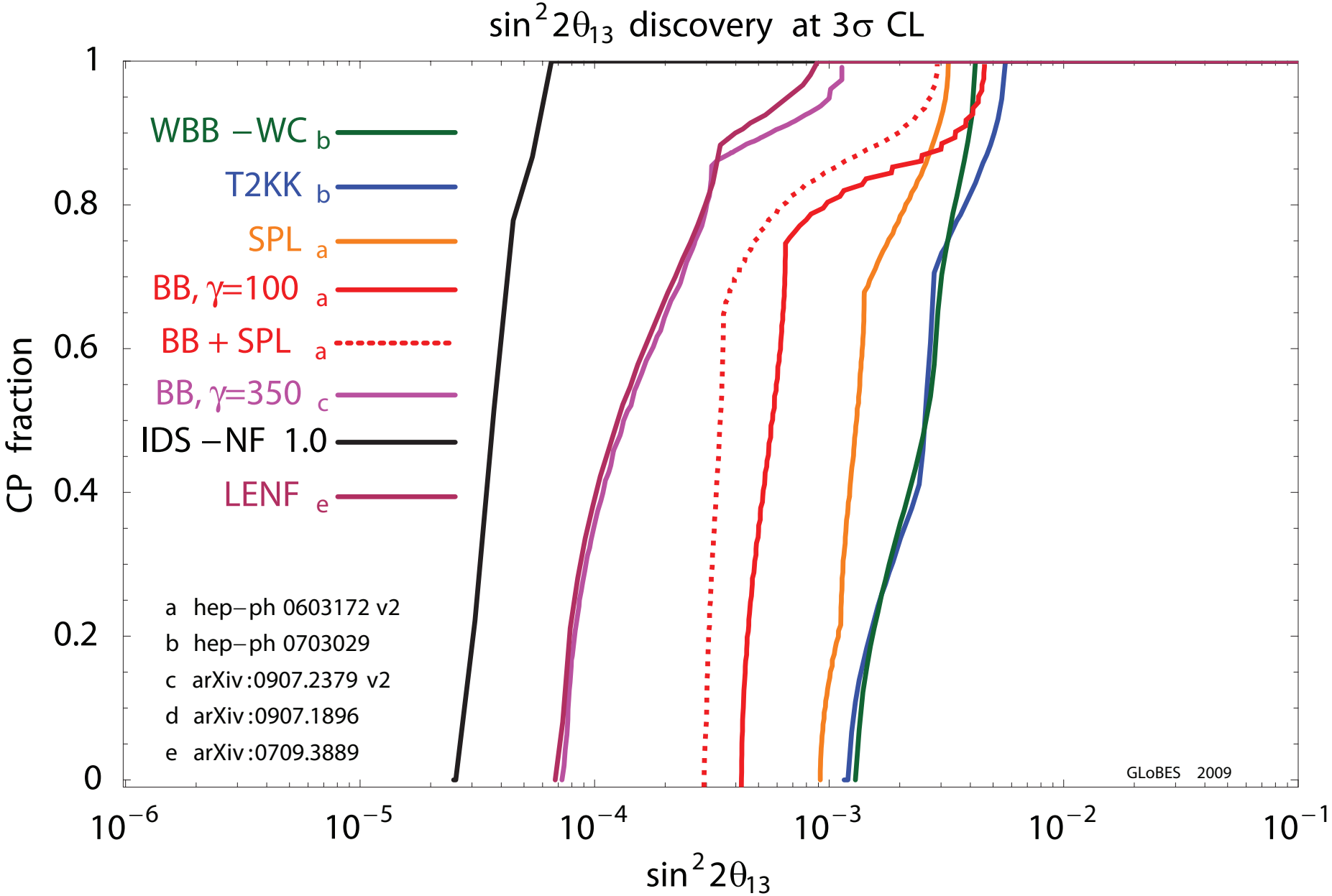

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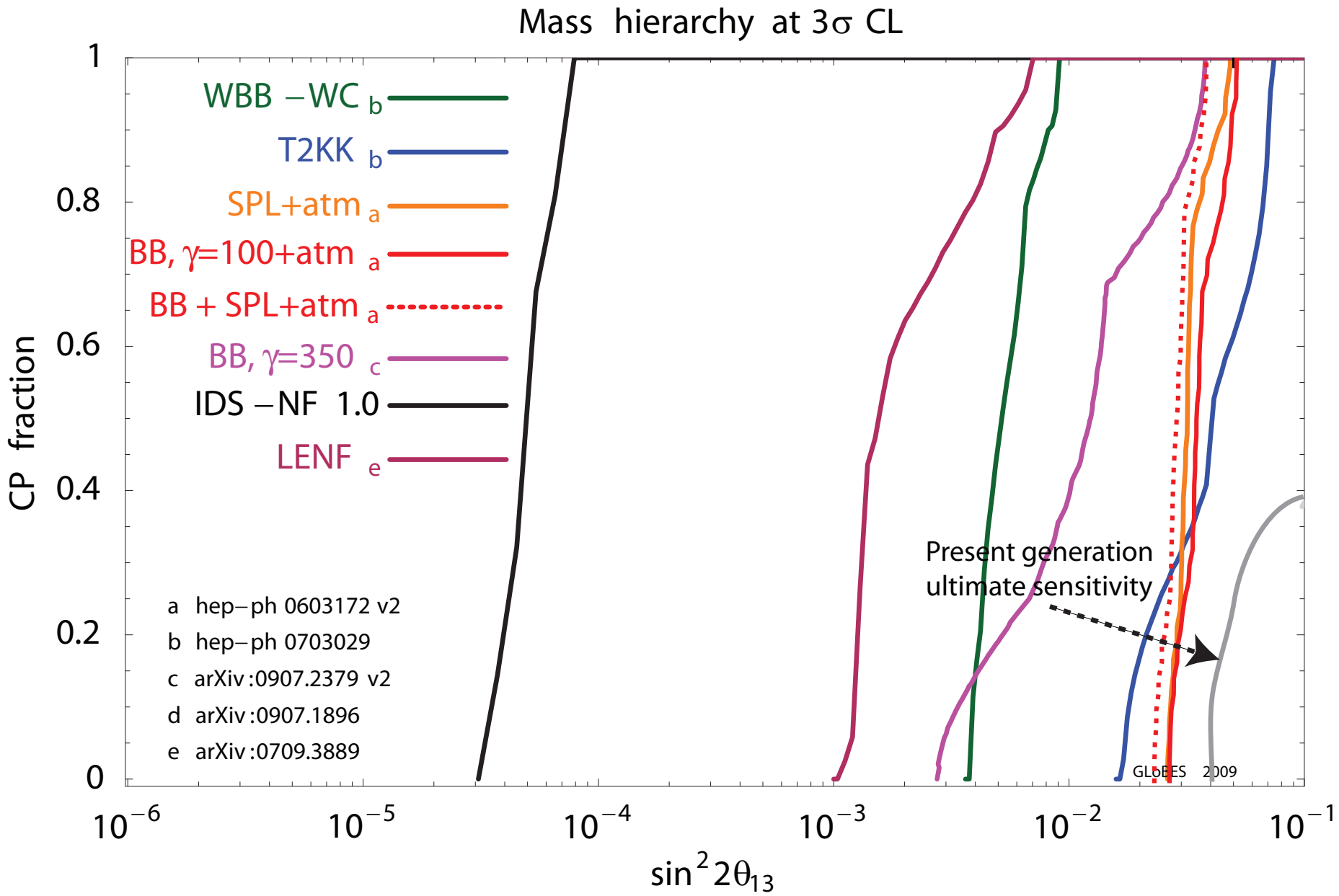

Sensitivity Comparison: LCPV