

Neutrino Factories

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Introduction

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1. Neutrino Factory R&D is an international endeavor, with active groups in the US, Europe, and Japan
2. In the US the R&D is being pursued by the (Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider Collaboration (Muon Collaboration) which consists of 130 particle- and accelerator-physicists and engineers from 6 US Labs, 16 US Universities, and 11 foreign institutions.
3. The accelerator R&D is driven by physics ... we are excited by neutrino oscillations !

What is Known

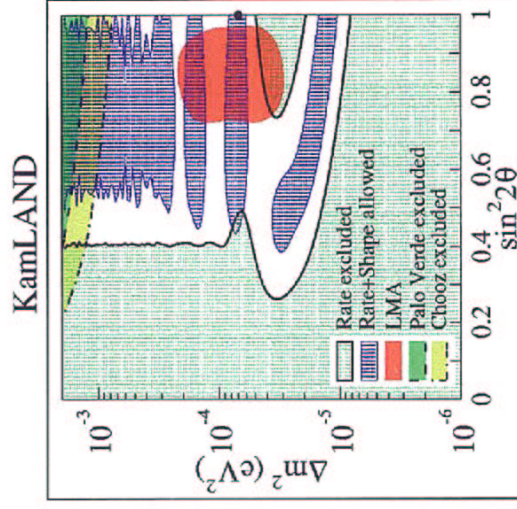
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Within the framework of three-flavor mixing neutrino oscillations are described by 3 mixing angles (θ_{12} , θ_{23} , θ_{13}), one complex phase (δ), and two independent mass splittings (Δm_{21}^2 , Δm_{32}^2).

We already know the approximate values of the parameters that describe the oscillations:

1. $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sim 1$ (≥ 0.9 at 90% CL)
2. $|\Delta m_{32}^2| = |m_3^2 - m_2^2| \sim 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
3. $\Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 \sim (6 - 9) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ (at 2σ)
(if LMA-1 confirmed)
4. $\sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sim 0.87$
5. $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.14$ (at 2σ)

... but there is a lot we don't know



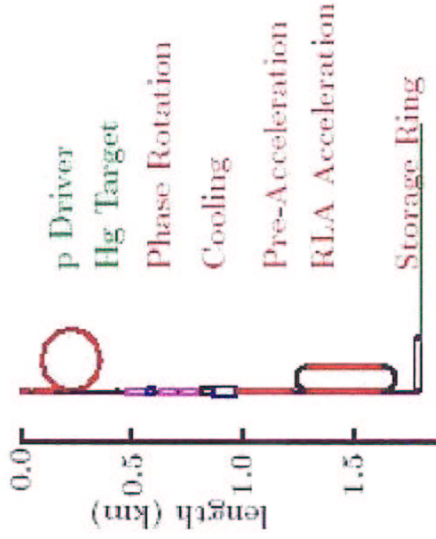
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What is NOT Known

1. Does three-flavor mixing provide the right framework or are there contributions from: additional (sterile) neutrinos, neutrino decay, CPT-Violation, extra dimensions,?
2. Is $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ small or tiny (or zero) ?
3. Is δ non-zero (Is there CP-violation in the lepton sector) ?
4. What is the sign of Δm_{32}^2 (pattern of neutrino masses) ?
5. Is $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ maximal (= 1) ?

The answers to these questions may lead us towards an understanding of the origin of flavor ... but getting the answers will require the right tools.

Neutrino Factory Design



- Fall 1997: Neutrino Factory Idea
- 1999: Muon Collaboration shifted emphasis to Neutrino Factories
- Spring 2000: Completed Feasibility Study I – demonstrated feasibility of concepts and consolidated R&D plans, but failed intensity goal by a factor of 6.
- Spring 2001: Completed Feasibility Study II: Improved design & met intensity goal.

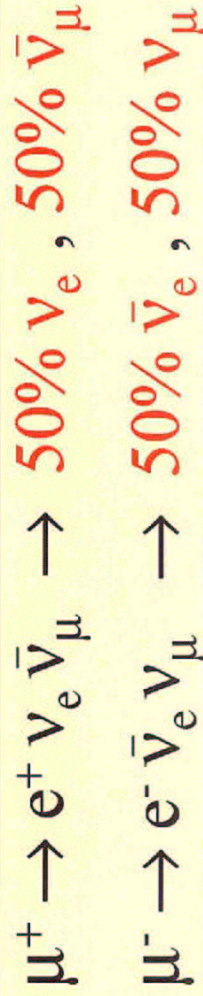
2×10^{20} muon decays / year in one straight section

Muon Energy: 20 – 50 GeV with 20 GeV preferred since acceleration is a cost-driver.

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Beam Properties at a Neutrino Factory

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Decay kinematics well known \rightarrow minimal systematic uncertainties in:

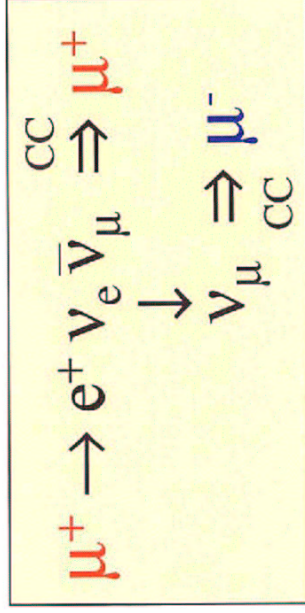
1. Spectrum
2. Flux
3. Comparison of neutrino with antineutrino results

... but, most important, there are ν_e as well as $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ in the initial beam.

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Electron Neutrinos & Wrong-Sign Muons

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 the 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 amplitudes as small as $O(10^{-4})$ can be measured !

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Signal Rates & Signal/Background

Note: backgrounds for $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ measurements (wrong-sign muon appearance) are much easier to suppress than backgrounds to $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ measurements (electron appearance).

Many groups have calculated signal & background rates. Recent example

Hubner, Lindner & Winter; hep-ph/0204352

JHF-SK:	Beam = 0.75 MW,	$M_{\text{fid}} = 22.5$ kt,	$T = 5$ yrs
JHF-HK:	Beam = 4 MW,	$M_{\text{fid}} = 1000$ kt,	$T = 8$ yrs
Entry-Level NUFACT:	Beam = 1×10^{19} decays/yr,	$M_{\text{fid}} = 100$ kt,	$T = 5$ yrs
High-Performance NUFACT:	Beam = 2.6×10^{20} decays/yr,	$M_{\text{fid}} = 100$ kt,	$T = 8$ yrs

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = 0.003 \text{ eV}^2, \Delta m_{21}^2 = 3.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1, \sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1, \sin^2 2\theta_{12} = 0.8, \delta = 0$$

	Superbeams		Neutrino Factories	
	JHF-SK	JHF-HK	Entry Level	High Performance
Signal	140	13000	1500	65000
Background	23	2200	4.2	180
S/B	6		360	

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Sin²θ₁₃ Reach - 1

In a long baseline experiment the $\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu$ oscillation probability is approximately proportional to the amplitude parameter $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$:

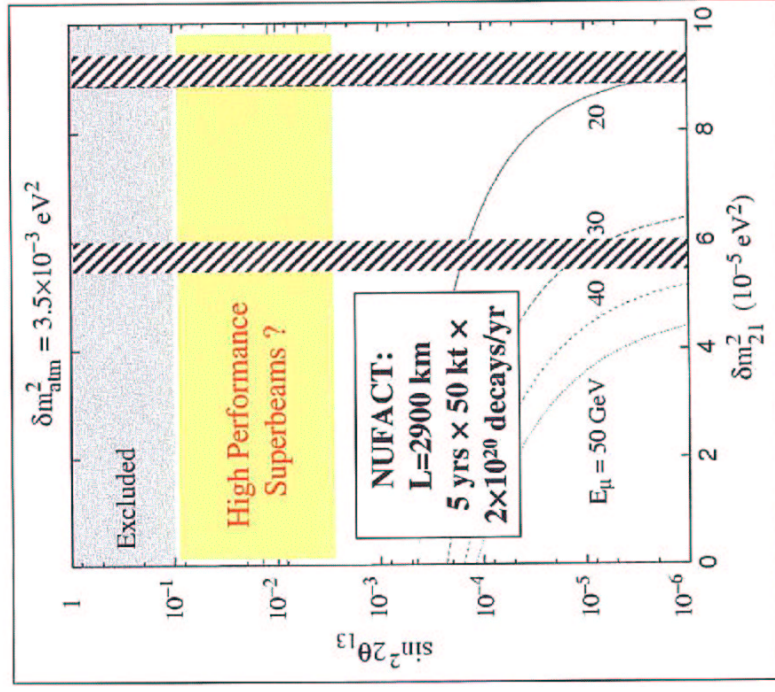
$$P(\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx \underbrace{\sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13}}_{\sim 0.5} \sin^2(1.267 \Delta m_{32}^2 L / E)$$

From the CHOOZ reactor ν_e disappearance search we know that at 90% CL: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < O(0.1)$. Therefore we need to be able to measure very small oscillation probabilities.

In the absence of background and systematic uncertainties, to a first approximation the $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ reach improves linearly with the event statistics.

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Sin²θ₁₃ Reach - 2



Neutrino Factory experiments are so sensitive that the signal rates depend upon the sub-leading $|\Delta m_{21}^2|$ scale.

Sensitive to variations in $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ down to values as small as $O(10^{-4})$!

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Sin²θ₁₃ “Predictions”

Lots of GUT models, but very few explicit predictions for parameter values that are consistent with the LMA solar neutrino solution

Prediction 1 : *Naturalness*

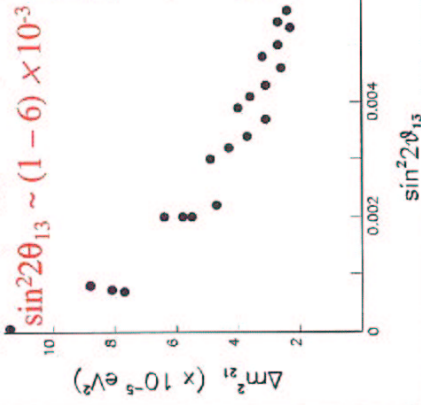
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > m_2 / m_3 \sim 0.01$ (will this suffer the same fate as small mixing angles ?)

Prediction 2: *SO(10) with*

$U(1) \times Z_2 \times Z_2$ flavor symmetry

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sim (1 - 6) \times 10^{-3}$

Albright & Geer, hep-ph/0108070



Prediction 3 : *Phenomenological Model for charged lepton mass matrix; Bi & Dai, hep-ph/0204317*

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sim 10^{-4}$

Prediction 4 : *L_e-L_μ-L_τ symmetry broken by Planck-scale effects; Babu & Mohapatra, hep-ph/0201176*

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sim 10^{-3}$

Conclude that predictions are all over the map → measurements/constraints can reject models !

Maybe if Superbeam experiments tell us that

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$ we should keep on searching ?!

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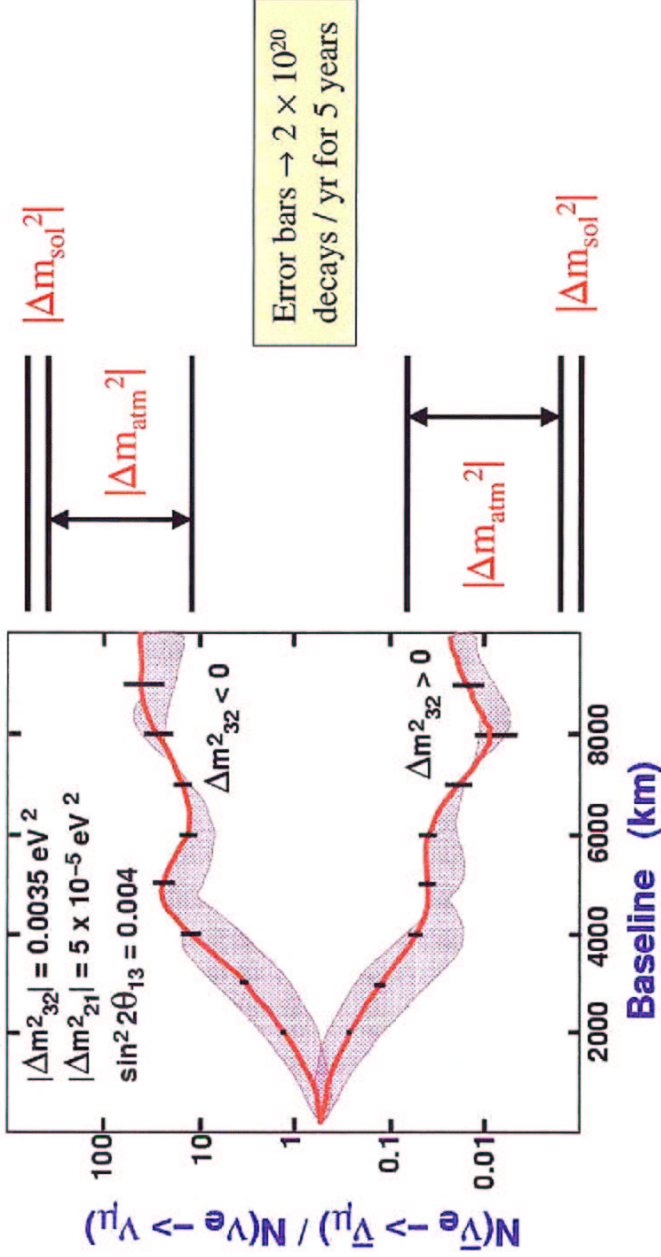
CP-Violation & the pattern on neutrino masses

The signature for CP violation would be an inequality between $P(\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu)$ and $P(\bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)$ → Measure wrong-sign muon rates for μ^+ and μ^- running.

If the baseline is a few × 1000 km, matter effects can also produce an inequality between $P(\bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)$ and $P(\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu)$ which depends upon the sign of Δm_{32}^2 → the pattern of neutrino masses.

CP-Violation & the pattern on neutrino masses

Barger, Geer, Raju, Whisman, PRD 62, 073002
 S. Geer, hep-ph/0008155



Correlations & Ambiguities

Extracting precise & unambiguous values for all of the three-flavor oscillation parameters ($\Delta m_{32}^2, \Delta m_{21}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{23}, \sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \delta = 0$) will be challenging :

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) &\approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{(1-\hat{A})^2} \\
 &\pm \sin \delta_{CP} \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})} \\
 &+ \cos \delta_{CP} \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})} \\
 &+ \alpha^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Fits prone to correlations between the parameters & to degenerate (false) solutions

$$\alpha = \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2, \Delta = \Delta m_{31}^2 L / 4E, A = 2VE / \Delta m_{31}^2, V = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

Note: (i) For $\nu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}, A \rightarrow -A$, (ii) The sign of A depends on the sign of Δm_{32}^2

Oscillation Measurements at a Neutrino Factory

There is a wealth of information that can be used to eliminate false solutions in parameter space & minimize correlations between fitted parameter values

Oscillation parameters can be extracted using events tagged by:

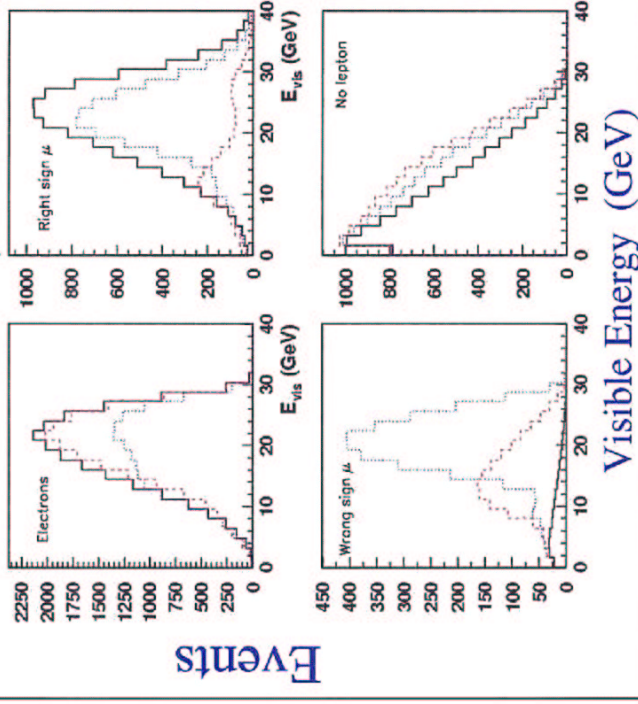
- right-sign muons
- wrong-sign muons
- electrons/positrons
- positive τ -leptons
- negative τ -leptons
- no leptons

$\times 2$ (μ^+ stored and μ^- stored)

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Bueno, Campanelli, Rubbia; hep-pf/00050007

Simulated distributions for a **10kt LAr detector** at **$L = 7400$ km** from a **30 GeV** nu-factory with **$10^{21} \mu^+$ decays**.



Fighting Correlations & Ambiguities

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Winning Strategies:

- Combine Neutrino Factory and high-performance Superbeam data.
- Use two Neutrino Factory baselines (bowtie shaped ring) with at least one of the baselines very long.
- Use all of the data from the Neutrino Factory (not just right-sign & wrong-sign muons, but all 12 distributions).
- ALL of the above.**

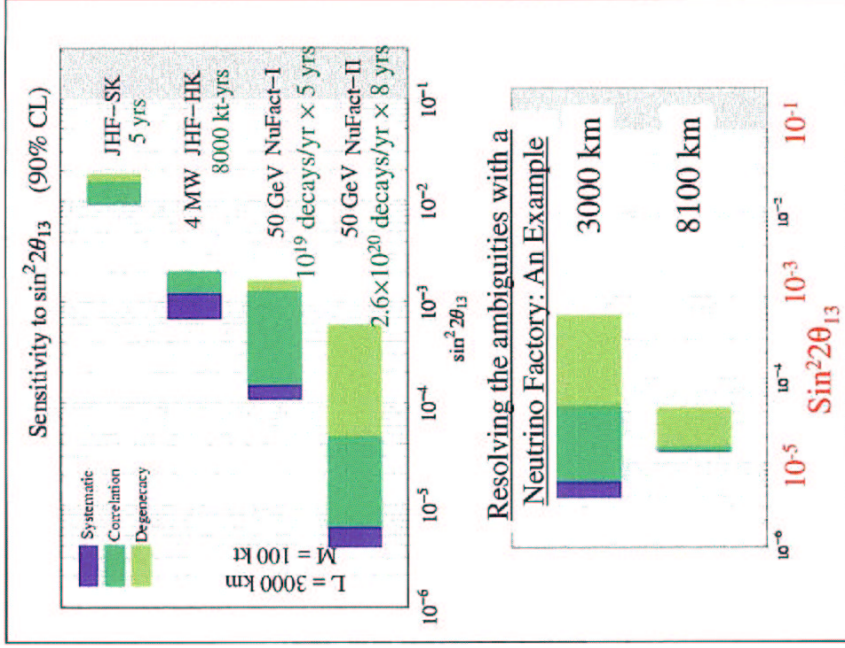
Several groups have studied how to fight correlations & ambiguities \rightarrow encouraging results. Simultaneously fitting the 12 Neutrino Factory distributions $\times 2$ baselines + combined Superbeam results has not yet been done ... we don't yet know the bottom line.

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Impact on $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$
sensitivity of choosing
a very long baseline

Hubner, Lindner & Winter, hep-ph/0204352

With a 50 GeV Neutrino Factory, we may be able to see a signal for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ as small as a few $\times 10^{-5}$!



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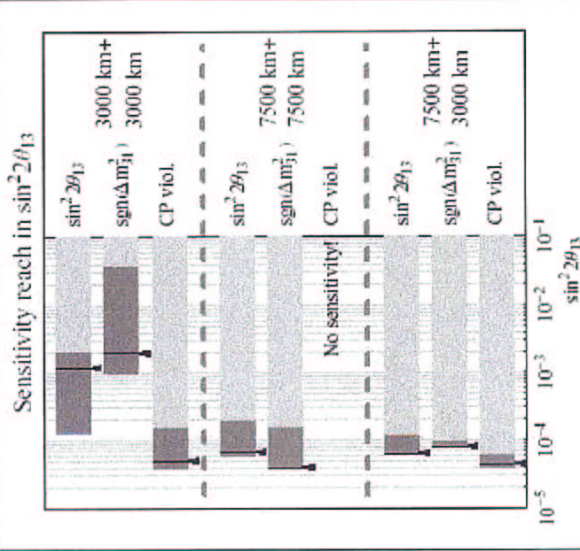


FIG. 3: The sensitivity reaches as functions of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ itself, the sign of $\Delta m^2_{31} > 0$, and (maximal) CP violation $\delta_{CP} = \pi/2$ for each of the indicated baseline-combinations. The bars show the ranges in $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ where sensitivity to the corresponding quantity can be achieved at the 3σ confidence level. The dark bars mark the variations in the sensitivity limits by allowing the true value of Δm^2_{21} to vary in the 3σ LMA-allowed range given in Ref. [13] and of θ_{13} ($\Delta m^2_{21} \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 - 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$). The arrows/lines correspond to the LMA best-fit value.

Impact of Two Baselines on the $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$, sign Δm^2_{32} & CPV Sensitivity

Huber & Winter, hep-ph/0301257

With two carefully chosen baselines, the correlations & ambiguities can be overcome at a Neutrino Factory.

The calculated $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ reach (3σ) is below 10^{-4} for all three physics goals (measuring $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$, determining the mass hierarchy, & observing maximal CPV) !!

For the right baseline choice, the physics reach is not sensitive to Δm^2_{21} (variation within dark grey bands).

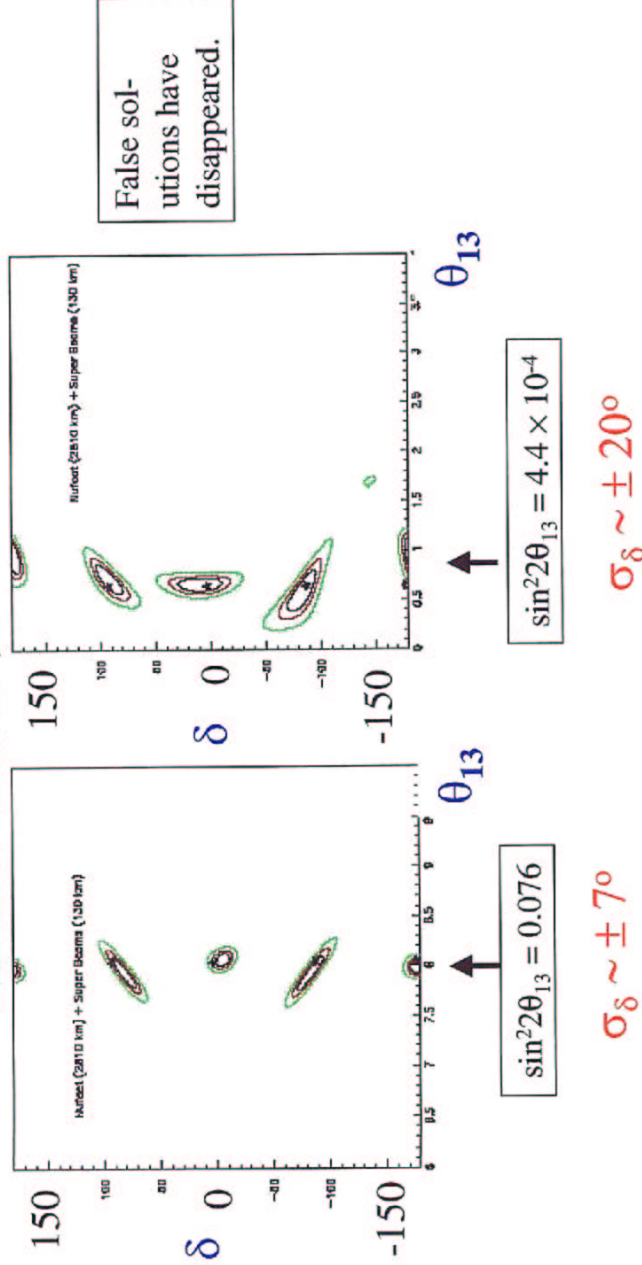
The calculations are for a 50 GeV Neutrino Factory.

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Impact of combining Superbeam & Neutrino Factory Data

Burguet_castell, Gavela, Gomez-Cadenas, Hernandez, Mena; hep-ph/0207080

NuFact: L = 2810 km, SB: L = 130 km



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Impact of using $\nu_e - \nu_{\tau}$ channel at a Neutrino Factory

Donini, Meloni & Migliozi, hep-ph/0206034

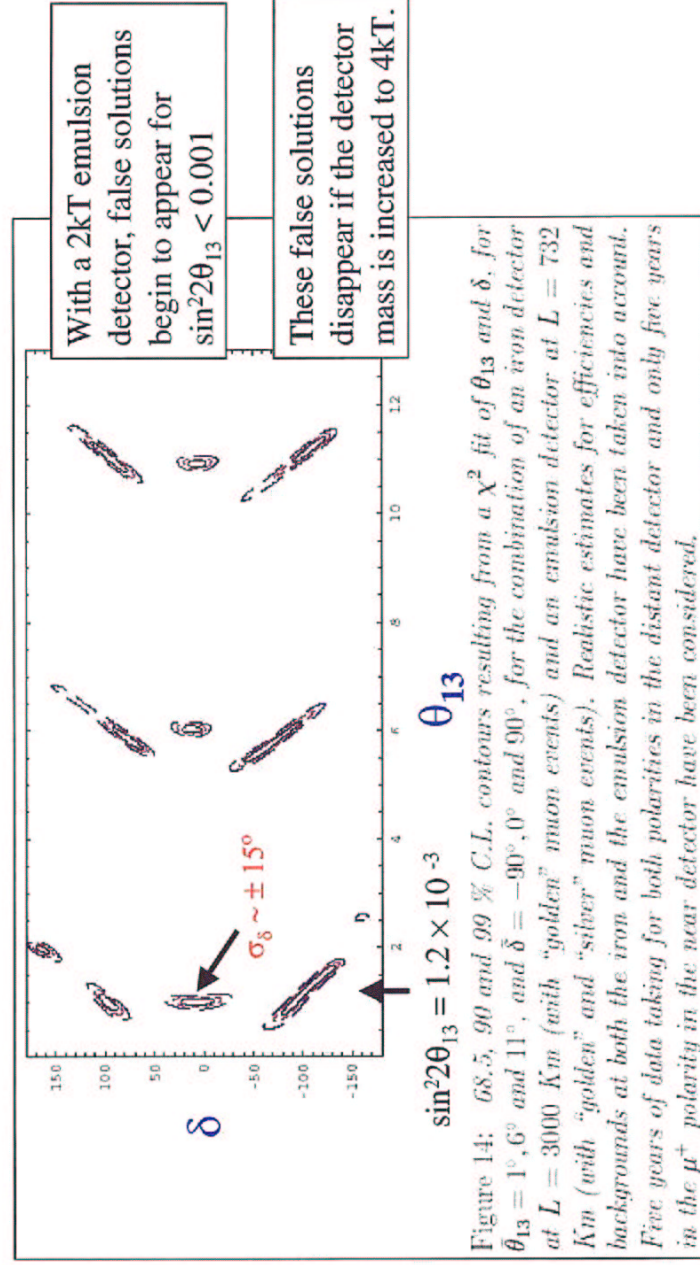


Figure 14: 68.5, 90 and 99 % C.L. contours resulting from a χ^2 fit of θ_{13} and δ , for $\theta_{13} = 1^{\circ}, 6^{\circ}$ and 11° , and $\delta = -90^{\circ}, 0^{\circ}$ and 90° , for the combination of an iron detector at L = 3000 Km (with "golden" muon events) and an emulsion detector at L = 732 Km (with "golden" and "silver" muon events). Realistic estimates for efficiencies and backgrounds at both the iron and the emulsion detector have been taken into account. Five years of data taking for both polarities in the distant detector and only five years in the μ^+ polarity in the near detector have been considered.

Sensitivity to the Neutrino Mass Hierarchy & CP Violation

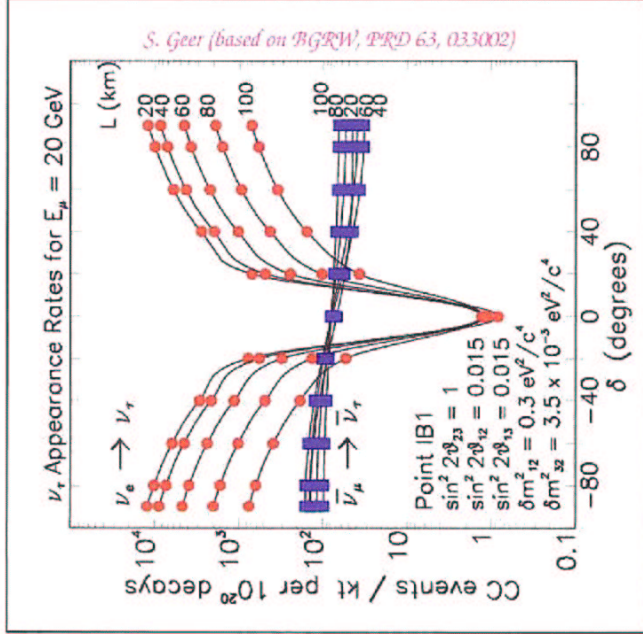
Tentative conclusions:

1. With a Neutrino Factory & Superbeam, using all of the available information, we should be able to determine the sign of Δm_{32}^2 and see maximal CP-Violation provided $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ exceeds $O(10^{-4})$.
2. If $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ is not far below the current bound & CPV is maximal, Neutrino Factories will enable a first observation of CPV (at a Superbeam) to be confirmed, the parameter values established with sufficient redundancy to check the phenomenological framework, & the precision of the CPV measurements to be improved by at least a factor of a few (perhaps much better than this if all the available information is used).

Possibility	Accomplished by SuperBeam	Goals of Neutrino Factory
<u>Not 3-Flavor Mixing</u>	Establish not 3-Fl. &/or confusion	Establish framework Measure parameters Search for CPV
<u>3-Flavor Mixing</u> $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.01, \sin \delta_{CP} \ll 1$	θ_{13} limit only	Search for finite θ_{13} , sign of Δ , & CPV
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.01, \sin \delta_{CP} \sim 1$	θ_{13} limit only	Search for finite θ_{13} , sign of Δ , & CPV
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0.01, \sin \delta_{CP} \ll 1$	θ_{13} & sign of Δ (may be ambiguous solutions)	Search for CPV
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0.01, \sin \delta_{CP} \sim 1$	First (3σ ?) evidence for CPV but no precise measurements	Precise measurement of all parameters including δ_{CP}

If Oscillations at the LSND Scale are Confirmed 23

We must be prepared to respond to surprises. If the LSND result is confirmed, then perhaps CPT is violated, or **perhaps there are light sterile neutrinos:**



Searching for $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ becomes important \rightarrow Neutrino Factory

CP Violation might be observed with a low intensity Neutrino Factory ... perhaps as low as 10^{18} decays / year !

In the LSND-confirmed scenario it might even be possible to motivate a learning Neutrino Factory with a limited physics program delivering only 10^{17} decays / year ???

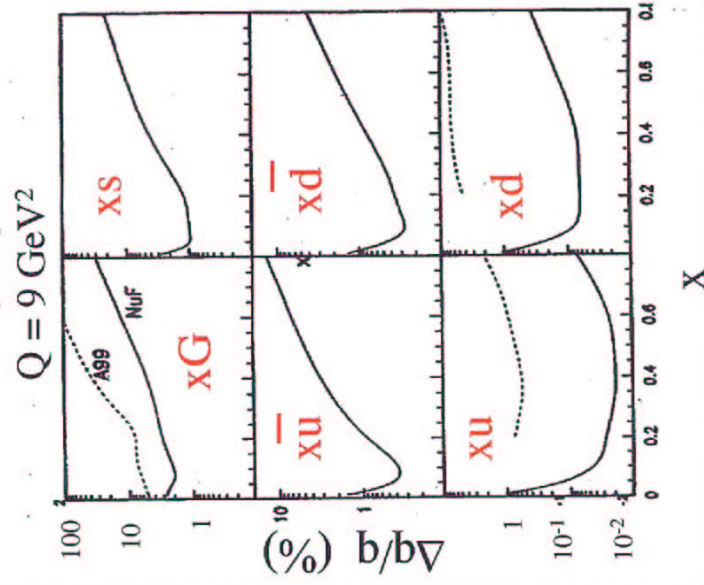
Neutrino Interaction Experiments 24

50 GeV ν -Fact: $10^6 - 10^7$ events/kg/year

Broad program – many experiments

1. Precise $\sigma(\nu)$ measurements
2. Structure Funs (no nuclear corrections) \rightarrow individual quark flavor parton distributions
3. Precise α_s measurements (from non-singlet str. Funs.)
4. Study of nuclear effects (e.g. shadowing) for, separately, valence & sea quarks
5. Spin structure functions
6. Single tagged charm mesons & baryons (1 ton detector $\rightarrow 10^8$ flavor tagged charm hadrons/year) $\rightarrow D^0\text{-}\bar{D}^0$ mixing
7. Electroweak tests $\rightarrow \sin^2\theta_W$ & $\sigma(\nu\text{-}e^-)$
8. Exotic interaction search (clean initial state)
9. Neutral heavy leptons (10-100 MeV/c²)
10. Anomalous ν interactions in EM fields

One Example



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Neutrino Factory Community

Although difficult to estimate, we might expect a Neutrino Factory Facility to support a community of about 1000 scientists.

Example:

Long baseline Osc. Expt. 1	250
Long baseline Osc. Expt. 2 (possibly superbeam)	250
Neutrino Interaction Expt. 1	100
Neutrino Interaction Expt. 2	100
Neutrino Interaction Expt. 3	50
Kaon/Muon/Neutron Beam Expt. 1	100
Kaon/Muon/Neutron Beam Expt. 2	50
Accelerator R&D (for Muon Collider ?)	100
TOTAL	1000

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Neutrino Factory R&D – Critical Path

1. The technical R&D needed for a Neutrino Factory has been going well – the reports from the last two annual external technical reviews have been glowing.
2. There are two critical path things that have been identified that we need to accomplish in the next few years, before a Neutrino Factory could be proposed:
 - i) A muon ionization cooling demonstration experiment.
 - ii) Feasibility Study III – focused on a cost effective Neutrino Factory design

Neutrino Factory Hardware R&D - 1



201 MHz SCRF
Cavity for Acceleration
- Cornell



High-Gradient RF Tests in
High Magnetic Field
- FNAL



Studied dark current &
X-rays from cavity with
various detectors



5T Cooling Channel
Solenoid - LBNL
& Open Cell NCRF
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Lab G - FNAL



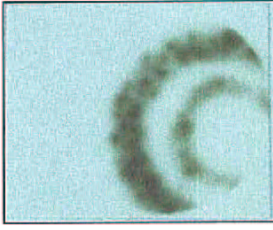
Single cell cavity with
Be windows - LBNL



High pressure seal
test for high-pressure
RF studies - Muons Inc

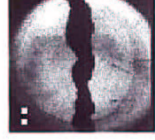


Tested Be-Windows
for RF Cavities
- LBNL



Dark current ring
measurements on
glass plate -
ANL/FNAL/IT

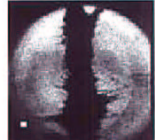
Neutrino Factory Hardware R&D - 2



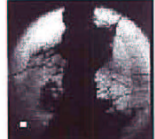
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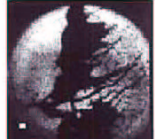
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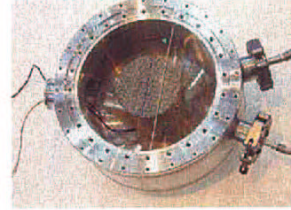


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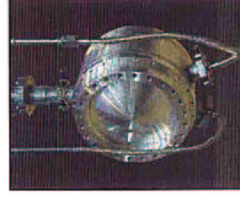
Hg jet beam tests - Target experiment



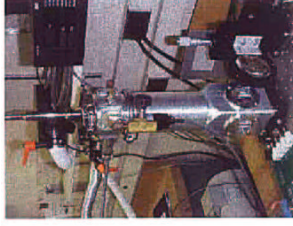
Thin absorber windows
Tested - new technique
- ICAR Universities



Liq.H Absorber with
central heater- KEK



Liq.H Absorber
- KEK
To be tested
at FNAL



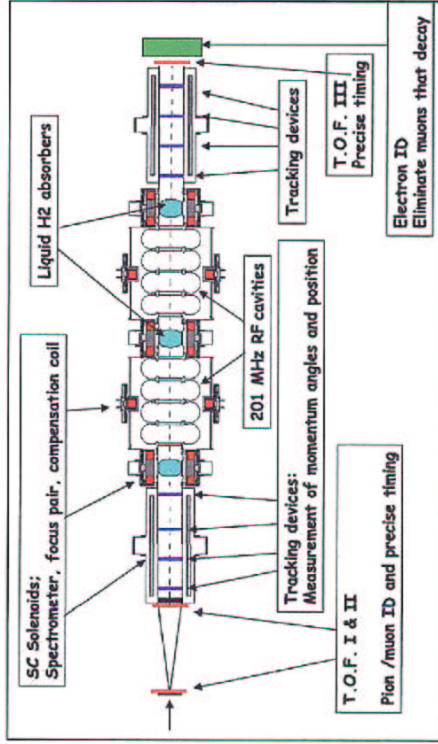
Bolometer detectors
for Window Beam
profile - cryogenic
setup- U. Chicago



Window burst tests
- ICAR Universities

Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment: MICE

Our external technical review committee said that: *"The cooling demonstration is the key systems test for a Neutrino Factory"*



Strong international collaboration has been assembled to propose a muon cooling experiment. LoI submitted to RAL early 2002 had a favorable review. Full proposal submitted in February ... under review.

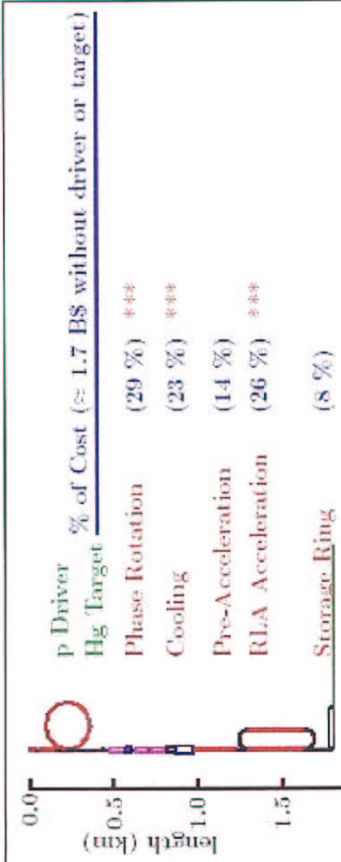
RAL has assembled a project team to help.

We have a strong international team, a good experimental design, & a laboratory interested in hosting the experiment. Now is the time to move ahead.

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Study III and Cost Reduction

Study II focused on achieving the desired Neutrino Factory performance with sufficient engineering for a serious cost estimate – but did not focus on cost reduction. Having achieved the desired performance the next step is to improve the design to reduce costs.



*** Reasons for substantial savings on these items

Detailed cost estimate based on Feasibility Studies II. Direct costs (no overhead or contingency)

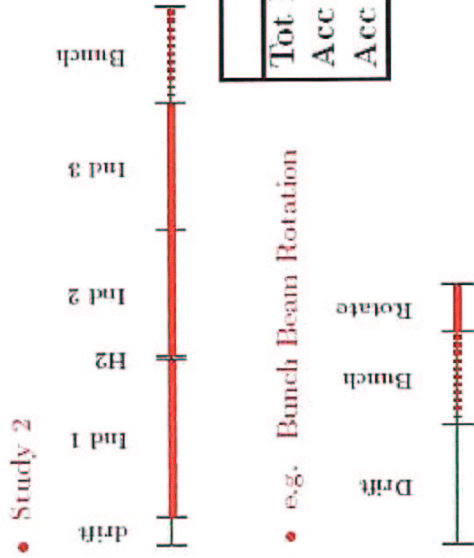
We think we will be ready for Study III in about 2 years, & it will probably be an international endeavor

Since Study II we have developed concepts that look as if they might substantially reduce the costs of the three most expensive sub-systems (which account for ¾ of the total cost). We will not know the cost reduction until we have completed Feasibility Study III.

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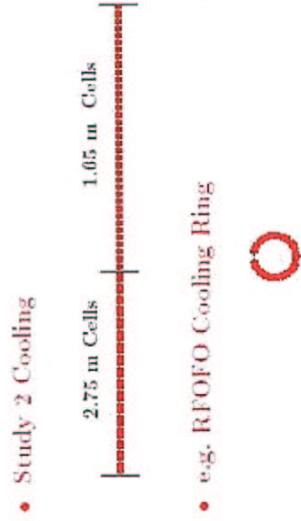
Phase Rotation – Progress towards Cost Reduction



	Study 2	Now	Factor
Tot Length (m)	328 ¹	166	51 %
Acc Length (m)	269 ²	35	13 %
Acc Type	Induction ³ Warm RF		

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Cooling Channel – Progress towards Cost Reduction



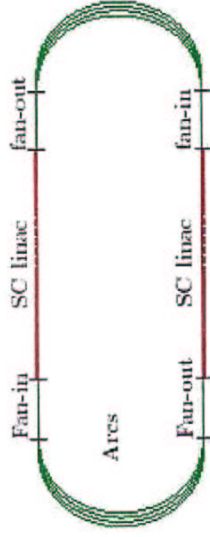
	Study 2	Now	Factor
Tot Length (m)	108	33	30 %
Acc Length (m)	54	37	21 %
Acc Grad	16 MV/m	12 MV/m	66 %

- Similar transmission
- Similar Trans emittance
- Less Long Emittance

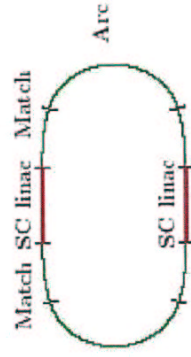
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Acceleration – Progress towards Cost Reduction

- Study 2 RLA



- e.g. Racetrack FFAG



	Study 2	Now	Factor
Vac Length ¹	3261	1094	34 %
Tun Length ²	1494	1094	49 %
Acc Length ³	288	102	35 %
Acc Grad.	16	8	50 %
Acc Type	SC RF	SC RF	

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Summary

1. Neutrino Factories have the right characteristics to do the job:
 - (i) high statistics
 - (ii) low systematics (for neutrino-antineutrino comparisons in particular),
 - (iii) low background rates,
 - (iv) high energy neutrinos that permit very long baselines
 - (v) both muon- and electron- neutrinos & antineutrinos
2. **Sensitive to a finite θ_{13} , the sign of Δm_{32}^2 & CPV for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ down to $\sim 10^{-4}$**
3. If θ_{13} just below current limit & if CPV maximal, would allow confirmation of the first observation of CPV at a Superbeam, a test of the phenomenological framework, unambiguous determination of all the parameters, and an improvement in the precision of the determination of δ_{CP} by at least a factor of a few.
4. Neutrino oscillation experiments, together with neutrino interaction experiments & experiments using intense kaon, muon, or neutron beams, and accelerator R&D (for a muon collider ?) would probably support a Neutrino Factory user community of about 1000 scientists – a broad & exciting scientific program.
5. **The R&D is going well but we need adequate support to bring the required Neutrino Factory R&D to a successful conclusion.**