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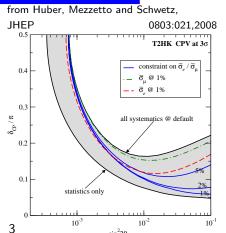
Ultimate neutrino beams will be very challenging ...

Searches for Leptonic CP Violation will require neutrino beams with:

- The highest possible intensity
- Very few or no intrinsic backgrounds
- Very good control of systematics

... and probably they will hit their intrinsic limitations

- Neutrino come from the decay of SECONDARY particles
- Secondary particle production is known with not great precision.
- At least four neutrino flavours in any beam configuration



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

About the close detectors

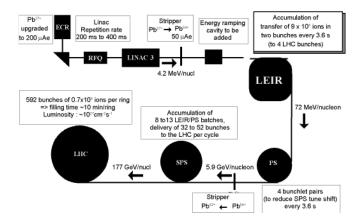
SuperBeams

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{N}_{\text{events}}^{\text{far}} &= \left(\sigma_{\nu_{e}} \epsilon_{\nu_{e}} \mathbf{P}_{\nu_{\mu}\nu_{e}} + \sigma_{\nu_{\mu}}^{\text{NC}} \eta_{\text{NC}} + \sigma_{\nu_{\mu}}^{\text{CC}} \eta_{\text{CC}} \mathbf{P}_{\nu_{\mu}\nu_{\mu}} \right) \phi_{\nu_{\mu}} + \sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{\text{CC}} \epsilon_{\nu_{e}} \phi_{\nu_{e}} \\ \mathbf{N}_{\text{events}}^{\text{close}} &= \left(\sigma_{\nu_{\mu}}^{\text{NC}} \eta_{\text{NC}}' + \sigma_{\nu_{\mu}}^{\text{CC}} \eta_{\text{CC}}' \right) \phi_{\nu_{\mu}}'' + \sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{\text{CC}} \epsilon_{\nu_{e}} \phi_{\nu_{e}}' \\ \mathbf{Beta Beams} \\ \mathbf{N}_{\text{events}}^{\text{far}} &= \left(\sigma_{\nu_{\mu}} \epsilon_{\nu_{\mu}} \mathbf{P}_{\nu_{e}\nu_{\mu}} + \sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{\text{NC}} \eta_{\text{NC}} + \sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{\text{CC}} \eta_{\text{CC}} \mathbf{P}_{\nu_{e}\nu_{e}} \right) \phi_{\nu_{e}} \\ \mathbf{N}_{\text{events}}^{\text{close}} &= \left(\sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{\text{NC}} \eta_{\text{NC}}' + \sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{\text{CC}} \eta_{\text{CC}}' \right) \phi_{\nu_{e}} \end{split}$$

- No need to disentangle NC from u_{μ} events at the close detector
- No need of a hadroproduction experiment with its associated errors
- No problems on the close-far detector extrapolation
- BUT: no events in the close detector to measure signal (u_{μ}) cross sections

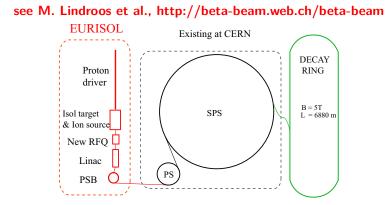
Heavy ion production and acceleration is very well known at CERN

A beta beam facility would share many features (and much equipment) with the heavy ion programme at LHC.



Beta Beams

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

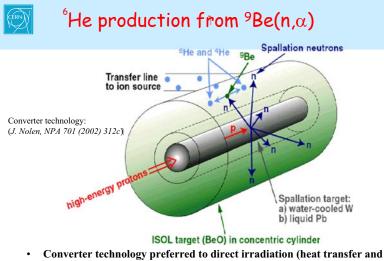


- 1 ISOL target to produce He⁶, 100 μ A, $\Rightarrow 2.9 \cdot 10^{18}$ ion decays/straight session/year. $\Rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{e}$.
- 1 ISOL target to produce Ne¹⁸, 100 μ A, \Rightarrow 1.1 \cdot 10¹⁸ ion decays/straight session/year. $\Rightarrow \nu_e$.

Some scaling laws in Beta Beams

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

- \bullet 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 $\propto \gamma$.
- Two body decay kinematics : going off-axis the neutrino energy changes (feature used in some ECB setup and in the low energy setup)



- efficient cooling allows higher power compared to insulating BeO).
- 6He production rate is ~2x10¹³ ions/s (dc) for ~200 kW on target.

Beta-beam team

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lsotope	Method	Rate within reach
		ions/second
¹⁸ Ne	ISOL at 1 GeV and 200 kW	$< 8 imes 10^{11}$
⁶ He	ISOL converter at 1 GeV and 200 kW	$< 5 imes 10^{13}$
¹⁸ Ne	Direct production (20 MeV, 2 MW) ¹⁶ O(³ He,n) ¹⁸ Ne	$< 1 imes 10^{13}$
⁶ He	ISOL converter at 40 MeV Deuterons and 80 kW	$<$ 6 $ imes$ 10 13
⁸ Li	Production ring through ⁷ Li(d,p) ⁸ Li	$< 1 imes 10^{14}$

The merits of the "short baselines"

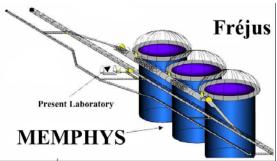
SPS can accelerate ⁶He up to $\gamma = 150 \Rightarrow$ baseline up to 300 km. Frejus is the only realistic possibility to accomodate a Megaton detector, 130 km away from CERN. The CERN-Frejus scenario, not necessarely the optimal one, is for $\gamma = 100$ and L = 130 km.

- Absolutely negligible matter effects: the cleanest possible environment for direct leptonic CP violation and θ_{13} searches.
- Almost all the events are quasi elastics.
- Reasonable energy shape information.
- Degeneracies don't influence θ_{13} and LCPV discovery potential.

On the other hand

- Mass hierarchy cannot be directly measured. A not trivial sensitivity on $\operatorname{sign}(\Delta m_{23}^2)$ can however been recovered combining accelerator neutrino signals with the atmospherics' (see the following).
- Small cross sections, loosely known and with important influence of nuclear effects.

The Memphys detector (hep-ex/0607026)



At a depth of 4800 m.w.e at the Frejus tunnel.

It's possible to excavate up to five shafts of about 250,000 m³ each (ϕ = 65 m, full height=80 m).

Fiducial of 3 shafts: 440 kton.

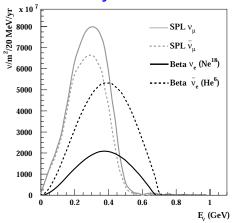
30% coverage by using 12" PMT's from Photonis, 81k per shaft (equivalent in photostatistics to SK)

The synergy with SPL Super Beam

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

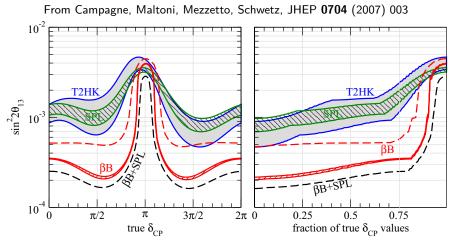
The two beams could be fired to the same detector \Rightarrow LCPV searches through CP and T channels (with the possibility of using just neutrinos).

Access to CPTV direct searches.

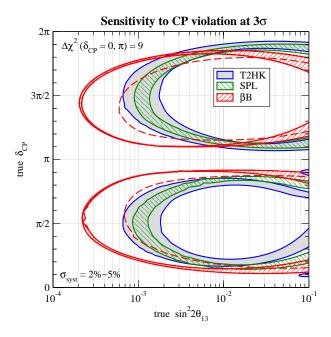


Yearly Fluxes

$heta_{13}$ sensitivity at 3 σ



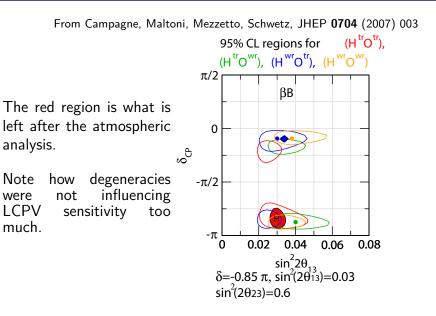
Line width: 2% and 5% systematic errors.



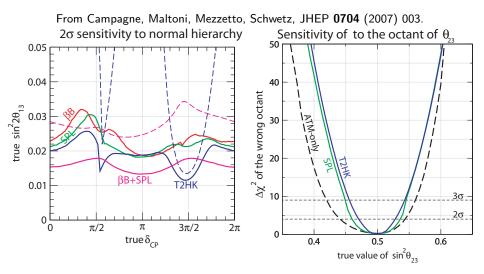
Huber, Maltoni, Schwetz, Phys. Rev. D 71, 053006 (2005)

Thomas Schwetz talk this morning

β B plus atmospherics: degeneracy removal



β B plus atmospherics: mass hierarchy and octant



Other Beta Beam options

Several different beta-beam setups have been proposed in literature.

Chronologically:

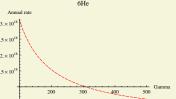
- High Energy Beta Beams
- Electron capture Beta Beams producing monochromatic neutrino beams
- \bullet Beta Beams based on $^8\mathrm{B}\,/^8\mathrm{Li\,ions}$
- High Energy ${}^{8}\mathrm{B}/{}^{8}\mathrm{Li}\,\mathrm{Beta}$ Beams

The high energy options

J. Burguet-Castell et al., Nucl. Phys. B **695**, 217 (2004), Nucl. Phys. B 725, 306 (2005) F. Terranova et al., EPJC 38 (2004) 69. A. Donini et al., EPJC 48 (2006) 787.

- P. Huber, M. Lindner, M. Rolinec and W. Winter, Phys. Rev. D 73,053002, 2006
- S. Agarwalla, S. Choubey, A. Raychaudhuri, Nucl. Phys. B 771 (2007) 1
- D. Meloni, O. Mena, C. Orme, S. Palomares-Ruiz and S. Pascoli, arXiv:0802.0255 [hep-ph].
- W. Winter, arXiv:0804.4000 [hep-ph].
 - Need a proton machine of 1 TeV energy (LHC cannot be used at such high fluxes), only possible candidate: SPS+: an upgrade of SPS studied in view of a possible energy upgrade of LHC.

Assume the same ion decay rates of 3×10^{11} the SPS option. Requiring an improved 25×10^{10} decay ring configuration, otherwhile 2×10^{10} decay rates scale inversely to the ion γ 15×10^{10}



• The decay ring length rises linearly with $\gamma \rightarrow$ high energy Beta Beams require developments of high field, big aperture, radiation hard superconducting magnets to keep short the decay ring.

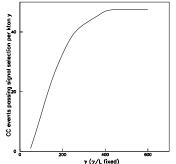
The high energy options (cont.)

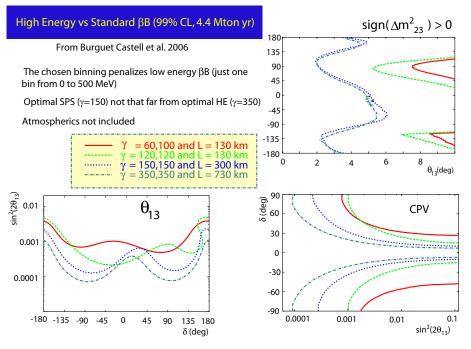
Greater γ for the same ion decay rate/yr \rightarrow increase ν rates $\propto \gamma$. (Merit factor: $\mathcal{M} = \frac{\gamma}{Q}$)

A water Čerenkov detector properly reconstructs the energy only for QE events \rightarrow the fraction of badly reconstructed events scales with energy \rightarrow kind of saturation of performances at high γ s.

Other detector technologies as iron magnetized detectors, totally active scintillators and liquid argon have been considered in literature for high energy beta beams.

from J. Burguet-Castell et al., Nucl. Phys. B 725, 306 (2005)





Another high energy option

"High" energy ν_{μ} events can be efficiently detected by an iron-RPC detector.

A. Donini et al., EPJC 48 (2006) 787 (see also, F. Terranova, A. Marotta, P. Migliozzi and M. Spinetti, Eur. Phys. J. C **38** (2004) 69.) studied the case of a 40 kton iron detector (4 cm thick iron slabs interleaved with glass RPCs) to be placed at 732 km from a $\gamma = 350$ Beta Beam.

This detector can be hosted inside an existing LNGS hall.

A full detector simulation shows that the main limiting factor of this setup are backgrounds from NC events. Fraction of NC backgrounds: $5.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$ @ $\gamma = 350$. $8.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$ @ $\gamma = 580$. CERN-Frejus has $2 \cdot 10^{-3}$, other studies on magnetic detectors assume NC background at 10^{-4} for $\gamma \geq 350$.

Overall performances (slightly) worse than the CERN-Frejus scenario (but better $sign(\Delta m_{23}^2)$ sensitivity)

Electron capture beams

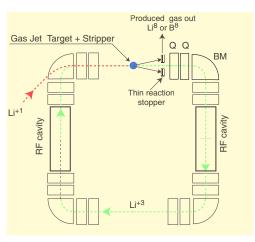
Radioactive ions can produce neutrinos also through electron capture. Monochromatic, single flavor neutrino beams!

J. Bernabeu, J. Burguet-Castell, C. Espinoza and M. Lindroos, JHEP 0512, 014 (2005) [arXiv:hep-ph/0505054]. J. Bernabeu and C. Espinoza, arXiv:0712.1034 [hep-ph].
J. Sato, Phys. Rev. Lett. 95(2005)131804. M. Rolinec and J. Sato, JHEP 0708, 079 (2007) [arXiv:hep-ph/0612148].

- The same complex could run either beta or electron capture beams.
- No way to have $\overline{\nu}_e$ beams (possible wayout: bound state β decays, see A. Fukumi et al. arXiv:hep-ex/0612047)
- lons should be partially (and not fully) stripped. Technologically challenging.
- Ion candidates are much heavier than beta candidates and have longer lifetimes (far more difficult to stack them in the decay ring)

$^8\mathrm{B}\,/^8\mathrm{Li}\,$ Beta Beams

- C. Rubbia et al., NIM A568 (2006) 475
- Y. Mori,NIM A562 (2006) 591
- C. Rubbia hep-ph/0609235
- D. Neuffer, FNAL NFMCC-doc-516 (2007)



- It could deliver up to two order of magnitudes more radioactive ions than the Eurisol targets.
- If realistic, this production method could bring to a completely different Beta Beam optimization scheme.
- Specific aspects of this innovative technology will be studied within the EuroNu design study, funded by EU and by the European funding agencies.

⁸B /⁸Li Beta Beams (cont.)

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Can produce a neutrino beam 4.7 times more energetic than ${}^{6}\mathrm{He}/{}^{18}\mathrm{Ne}$, with a shorter decay ring. \Rightarrow cover longer baselines with the same accelerator. For a given baseline, they provide a smaller flux $\propto 1/Q^2$ (since $\mathcal{M} = \frac{\gamma}{Q}$) For a given accelerator, optimal baseline, a smaller flux $\propto (Z/A)/Q$

C. Rubbia, 2006: ⁸B /⁸Li β B based on the Fermilab Main Injector, (γ (⁸B) = 80 and γ (⁸Li) = 48) and a 50-100 kton liquid argon detector at Soudan (732 km baseline)

A. Donini, E. Fernandez-Martinez Phys.Lett. B641, 432 (2006): possibility of mixing $^{6}\mathrm{He}\,/^{18}\mathrm{Ne}\,\mathrm{ions}$ to $^{8}\mathrm{B}\,/^{8}\mathrm{Li}\,\mathrm{ions}$ \Rightarrow neutrinos at the first and at the second oscillation maximum in the same detector \Rightarrow not competitive with $^{6}\mathrm{He}\,/^{18}\mathrm{Ne}\,\mathrm{high}$ energy beta-beam.

High Energy ⁸B /⁸Li Beta Beams

S. K. Agarwalla, S. Choubey and A. Raychaudhuri, Nucl. Phys. B **771**, 1 (2007), Nucl. Phys. B **771**, 1 (2007) and arXiv:0711.1459 [hep-ph].

S. K. Agarwalla, S. Choubey, A. Raychaudhuri and W. Winter, JHEP 0806 (2008) 090

P. Coloma et al. arXiv:0712.0796 [hep-ph].

For $L = \sqrt{2}\pi/G_F Y_e$ any δ_{CP} dependence disappears from $P_{e\mu}$ allowing to measure $\operatorname{sign}(\Delta m_{23}^2)$ effects without any degenerate solution.

 $L_{\rm magic}\simeq 7690$ km. The resonance energy for matter effects is:

$$E_{\rm res} \equiv \frac{|\Delta m_{31}^2|\cos 2\theta_{13}}{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e} \simeq 7 \; {\rm GeV}$$

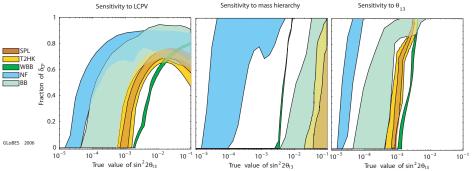
 $(|\Delta m_{31}^2| = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1).$

In this regime flux of oscillated events scales as 1/L and not $1/L^2$, merit factor to be revised in favor of high Q ions.

Proposed by the India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO), where a 50 kton iron magnetized calorimeter (ICAL) is set to come up (S. Goswami talk) CERN-INO baseline: 7152 km.

Comparison made within the International Scoping Study (ISS) framework, arXiv:0710.4947 [hep-ph]. (Not including ${}^{8}B/{}^{8}Li\beta B$) See K. Long talk.

Line widths reflect different possible assumptions about machin configurations, neutrino fluxes, detector performances, systematic errors.



Other comparisons

The following two tables compare beta-beams with neutrino factories under the following hypothesis

• Green field beta beam with two iron detectors at the oscillation maximum and at the magic baseline compared with the optimized Neutrino Factory set-up with two improved golden detectors (50 kton each) placed at 4000 km & 7500 km respectively. $E_{\mu} = 20$ GeV & total 5×10^{21} decays for μ^- & μ^+ each. Computed at the nominal beta beam ion decay rate and at 10 times the nominal fluxes.

From S. K. Agarwalla, S. Choubey and A. Raychaudhuri, arXiv:0711.1459 [hep-ph].

• "Minimal" beta beam configuration in case of large θ_{13} (in the reach of Double Chooz capable of measuring i) $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0$ at 5σ , ii) mass hierarchy at 3σ for any value of $\delta_{\rm CP}$ and iii) LCPV at 3σ for 80% of the allowed values of $\delta_{\rm CP}$. From W. Winter, arXiv:0804.4000 [hep-ph].

Green Field Beta Beams vs Neutrino Factory

Set-up	Mass Ordering (3σ) NH (True)			ivity (3σ) True)	$\sin^2 2 heta_{13}$ Sensitivity (3 σ)		
	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.1 \times 10^{18} \\ & \& \\ 2.9 \times 10^{18} \end{array} $	1.1×10^{19} & 2.9×10^{19}	1.1×10^{18} & 2.9×10^{18}	1.1×10^{19} & 2.9×10^{19}	1.1×10^{18} & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &	1.1×10^{19} & 2.9×10^{19}	
$\begin{array}{l} {\sf CERN-INO} \\ \gamma = 650, 7152{\sf Km} \end{array}$	4.7×10^{-4} (4.9 × 10 ⁻⁴)	9.4×10^{-5} (1.2 × 10 ⁻⁴)	Not possible	Not possible	1.14×10^{-3}	1.76×10^{-4}	
CERN-LNGS $\gamma = 575, 730 \text{ Km}$	3.89×10^{-3} (9.23 × 10^{-3})	1.58×10^{-3} (4.48 × 10 ⁻³)	1.6×10^{-4} (1.8 × 10 ⁻⁴)	1.97×10^{-5} (2.03 × 10^{-5})	1.78×10^{-3}	8.59×10^{-5}	
$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{CERN-BOULBY} \\ \gamma \ = \ 575, \ 1050 \ \mbox{Km} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.49 \times 10^{-3} \\ (7.87 \times 10^{-3}) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.19 \times 10^{-4} \\ (4.1 \times 10^{-3}) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.85 \times 10^{-4} \\ (2.02 \times 10^{-4}) \end{array}$	1.99×10^{-5} (2.04 × 10^{-5})	1.41×10^{-3}	$1.45 imes 10^{-4}$	
$\begin{array}{c} CERN\text{-}LNGS\\ \gamma = 575, 730\;Km\\ +\\ CERN\text{-}INO\\ \gamma = 650, 7152\;Km \end{array}$	2.7×10^{-4} (3.58 × 10 ⁻⁴)	$\substack{4.64\times10^{-5}\\(5.45\times10^{-5})}$		1.78×10^{-5} (1.88×10^{-5})	5.46×10^{-4}	5.26×10^{-5}	
$\begin{array}{c} CERN\text{-}BOULBY\\ \gamma = 575,1050\;Km\\ +\\ CERN\text{-}INO\\ \gamma = 650,7152\;Km \end{array}$	${}^{2.67\times10^{-4}}_{(3.37\times10^{-4})}$	$_{(5.17\times10^{-5})}^{4.57\times10^{-5}}$	$^{1.63\times10^{-4}}_{(1.76\times10^{-4})}$	1.8×10^{-5} (1.87×10^{-5})	6.1×10^{-4}	6.69×10^{-5}	
Optimized	4.5 × 10 ⁻⁵		1.5×10^{-5}		4.5×10^{-5}		
Neutrino Factory	(100% of δ_{CP}	(true) coverage)					

In case of large $heta_{13}$

	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.04$			$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.08$				
Setup \downarrow Baseline [km] \rightarrow	730	810	1050	1290	730	810	1050	1290
Beta beams								
(18 Ne, 6 He) to WC, $\mathcal{L}=1$	220	230	290	350	200	210	240	230
(¹⁸ Ne, ⁶ He) to TASD, $\mathcal{L}=1$	-	300	370	430	300	310	340	380
$(^{18}$ Ne, 6 He) to WC, $\mathcal{L}=5$	190	190	190	230	140	140	140	140
$(^{18}$ Ne, 6 He) to TASD, $\mathcal{L}=5$	200	200	220	230	180	180	170	180
(⁸ B, ⁸ Li) to WC, $\mathcal{L} = 5$	-	-	100	130	80	80	100	110
(⁸ B, ⁸ Li) to TASD, $\mathcal{L} = 5$	-	-	150	190	-	-	190	190
(⁸ B, ⁸ Li) to WC, $\mathcal{L} = 10$	70	70	90	110	60	70	80	90
$(^{8}B,^{8}Li)$ to TASD, $\mathcal{L}=10$	-	100	130	140	110	110	120	130
Superbeam upgrades								
T2KK	-			\checkmark				
NOvA*	-			-				
WBB-120 <i>s</i>	-			\checkmark				
Neutrino factories								
IDS-NF 1.0				-				
Low-E NF	-			\checkmark				
Hybrids								
NF-SB	\checkmark			\checkmark				

Conclusions

Leptonic CP violation searches will require substantial upgrades of the next generation Long Baseline experiments.

The difficulty of these searches makes innovative concepts on neutrino beams welcome.

Beta Beams can offer the ideal conditions for such searches: single flavor, perfectly predictable neutrino beams.

The great interest rised by Beta Beams in the neutrino physicists community is producing a wide range of conceptual setups, at different levels of feasibility.

Following the support of several EU networks (BENE, Eurisol, EuroNu), Beta Beams should be ready to be proposed as a next to next generation neutrino facility by 2010.