

European Strategy for Neutrino Oscillation Physics -- II

A neutrino town meeting to prepare the input to the European Strategy for particle physics

Dear Colleagues involved in Neutrino Oscillation Physics,

We have the pleasure to invite you to a 3-day workshop that will take place at CERN on May 14-16 2012 to consider the future of neutrino oscillation physics in Europe. The aims of the workshop will be to prepare the input to the CERN strategy process that will happen in September 2012 – early Summer 2013. The workshop is organized jointly by the CERN Management, and the leaders of the ongoing development effort and neutrino experiments. This workshop continues the effort of the workshop that was held at CERN on October 1-3, 2009 [1].

We recall the conclusions of the European Strategy for Particle Physics in 2006:

“4. [...] it is vital to strengthen the advanced accelerator R&D programme; a coordinated programme should be intensified, to develop the CLIC technology and high performance magnets for future accelerators, and to play a significant role in the study and development of a high-intensity neutrino facility.

6. Studies of the scientific case for future neutrino facilities and the R&D into associated technologies are required to be in a position to define the optimal neutrino programme based on the information available in around 2012; Council will play an active role in promoting a coordinated European participation in a global neutrino programme. (CERN strategy document, 2006)”

Much new information is now at hand. In order to define a possible common strategy in Europe the following points should be discussed, taking stock of the results from the design studies (EUOnu, LAGUNA, LAGUNA-LBNO) and recent results of neutrino experiments.

1. The European strategy process will consider the long term view, but will give guidelines for the next 5-6 years. Neutrino oscillation physicists should come up with a vision in European neutrino oscillations physics that encompasses a concrete short term plan. Are we in a position to propose such a vision and such a plan? Can it lead to a realistic facility with top level objectives, yet broad use and long term possibilities of development?

2. CERN is the established world leader in the high energy investigation. Nevertheless, Europeans have unique strengths to offer in neutrino oscillation physics and the physics is important enough to be addressed in different ways and places. In this context there should be space for a meaningful accelerator-based neutrino program in Europe. Do we have something realistic to propose that would allow a practical realization?

The output of the workshop will be a 3-4 pages summary statement supported by a roadmap document. Information can be best given in advance by contributed documents by interested groups or individuals.

The program committee will meet on April 2-3 2012 to work on a first preparatory document based on your input. In order to ease the preparation of a draft summary and of the roadmap, documents should be uploaded by March 26 2012 on the workshop's website http://indico.cern.ch/event/neutrino_town.

The workshop is open to everyone but registration is required for organizational reasons. The slides presented at the workshop will be assembled to form Proceedings. Your suggestions for the organization or program of the workshop are highly welcome.

Alain Blondel for the Local Organizing committee

Some references:

1. [CERN Yellow report 2010-003 \(Proceedings of 2009 Neutrino Town Meeting\)](#)
2. [NUFACT11 Workshop](#)
3. [NNN11 workshop](#)
4. [Workshop on Fundamental Physics at the Intensity Frontier](#)
5. [R. Edgecock: “Future R&D Experiments for SB, NF & BB” at NUFACT 11](#)
6. [I. Efthymiopoulos: “Present and possible future nu-beams at CERN” at NNN 11](#)
7. [A. Rubbia: “Long-baseline Neutrino Beam Options at CERN” at NUFACT 11](#)
8. [C. Tourmanis: “Status of LAGUNA / LAGUNA-LBNO” at NNN 11](#)
9. [CERN Yellow report 2004-002 \(ECFA/CERN Studies of a european neutrino factory complex\)](#)
10. [IDS-NF interim report](#)
11. [ISS reports](#)
12. [Beta Beam: Elena Wildner at NNN11](#)
13. [SuperBeam at Frejus and the MEMPHYS project](#)
14. ECFA neutrino panel review: [talk](#) and [report](#)

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